

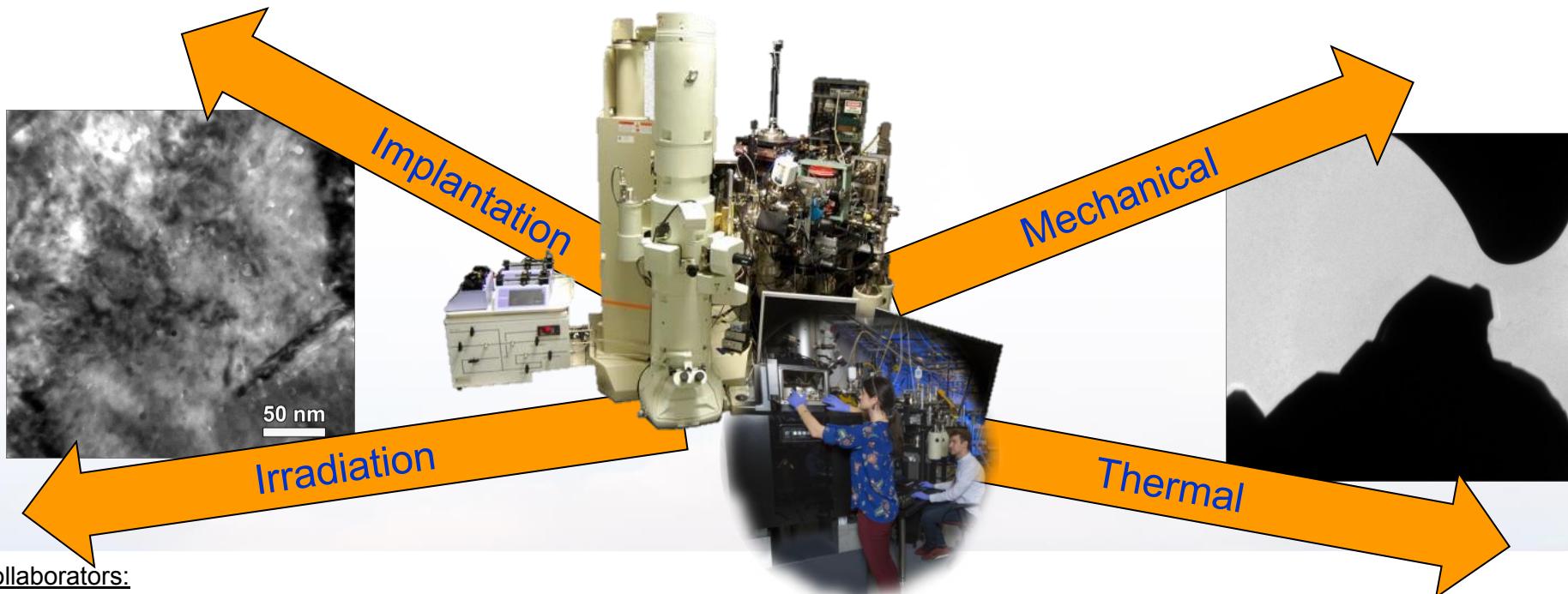
Irradiation Creep and Fatigue Observed via In-situ Electron Microscopy

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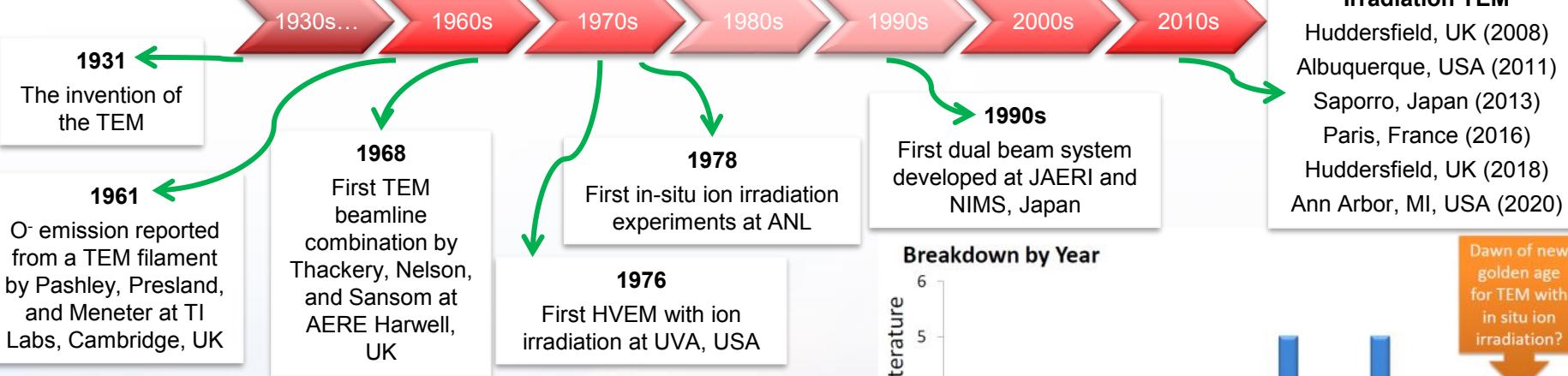
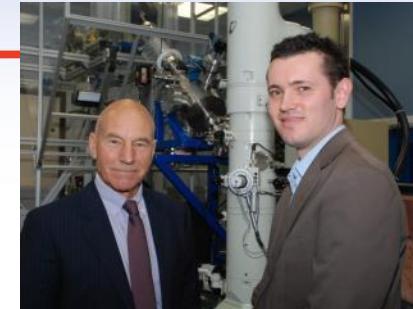
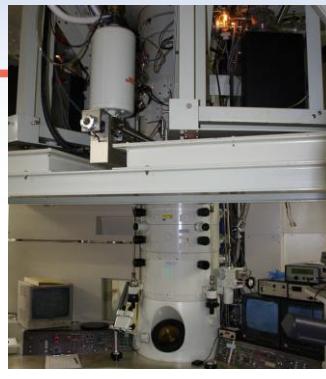
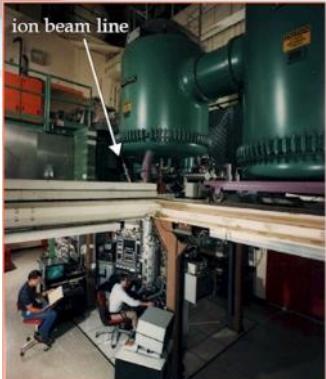
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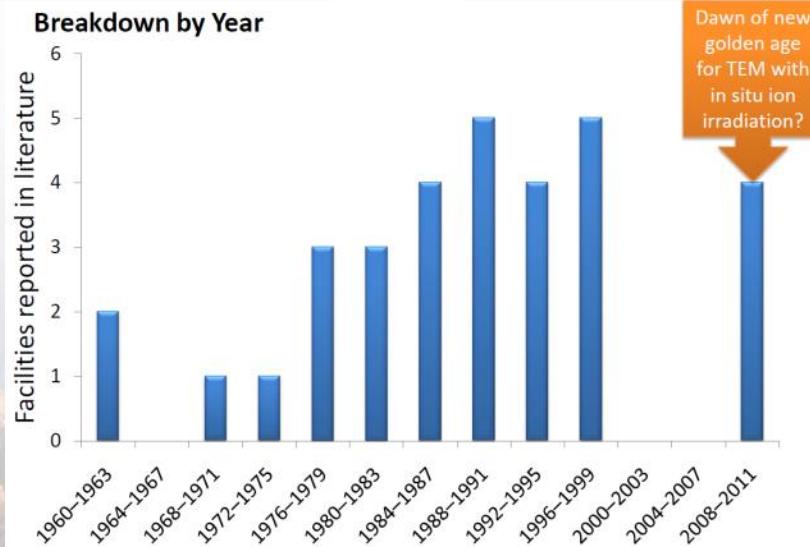
History of *In situ* Ion Irradiation TEM



“The direct observation of ion damage in the electron microscope thus represents a powerful means of studying radiation damage”



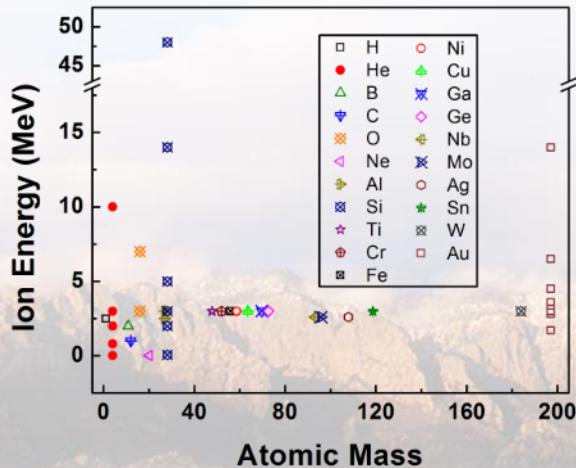
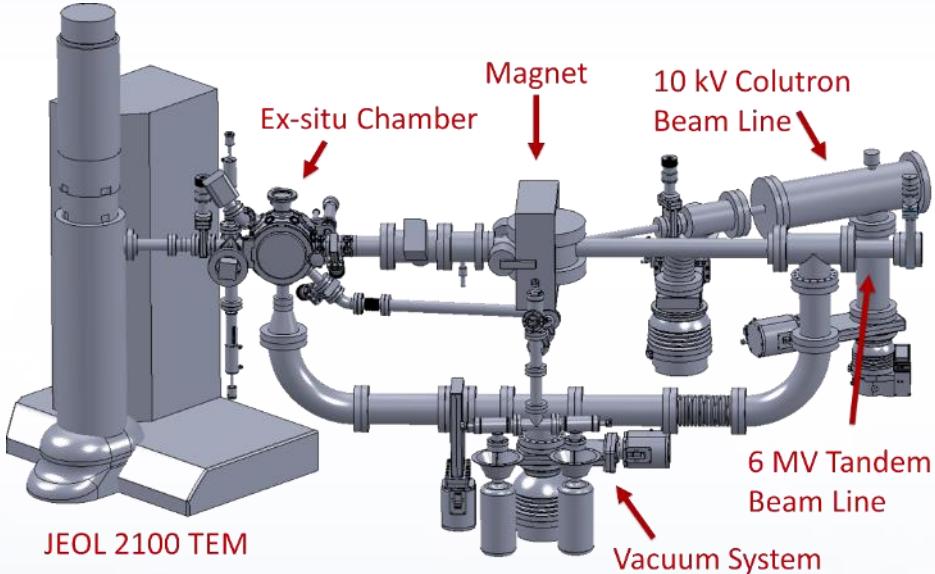
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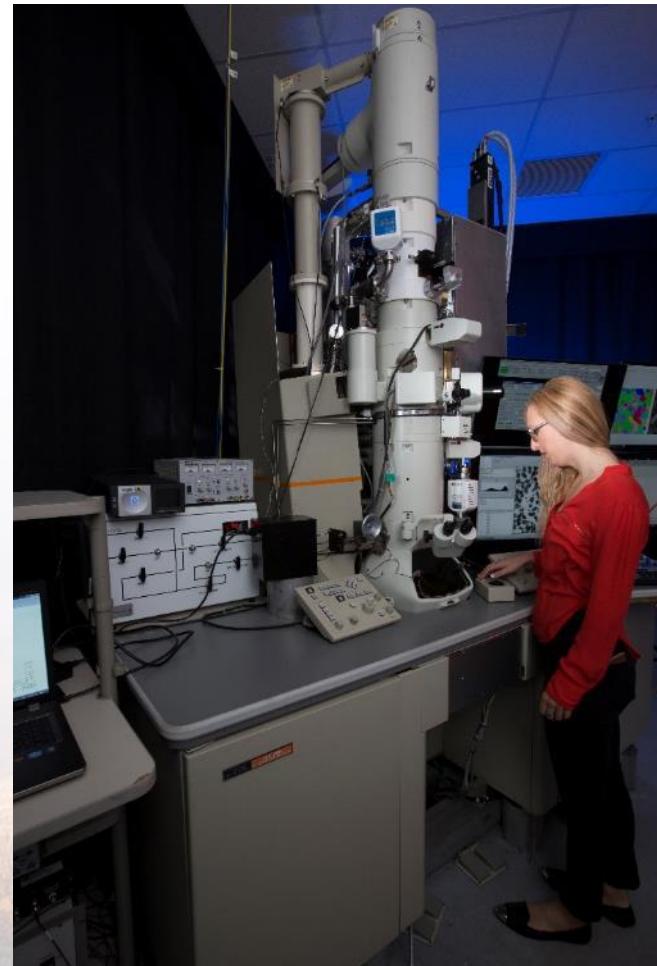
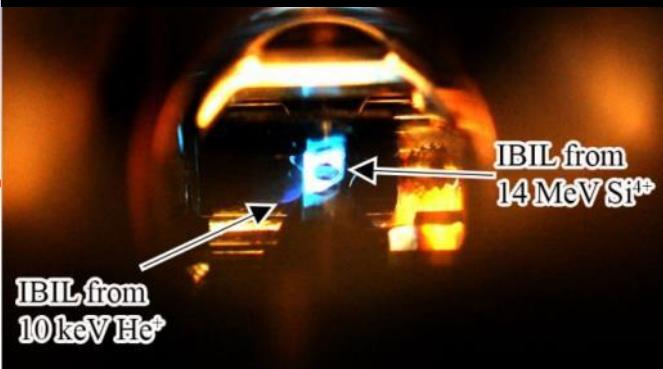
Sandia's Concurrent *In situ* Ion Irradiation TEM Facility

Collaborator: D.L. Buller

10 kV Colutron - 200 kV TEM - 6 MV Tandem



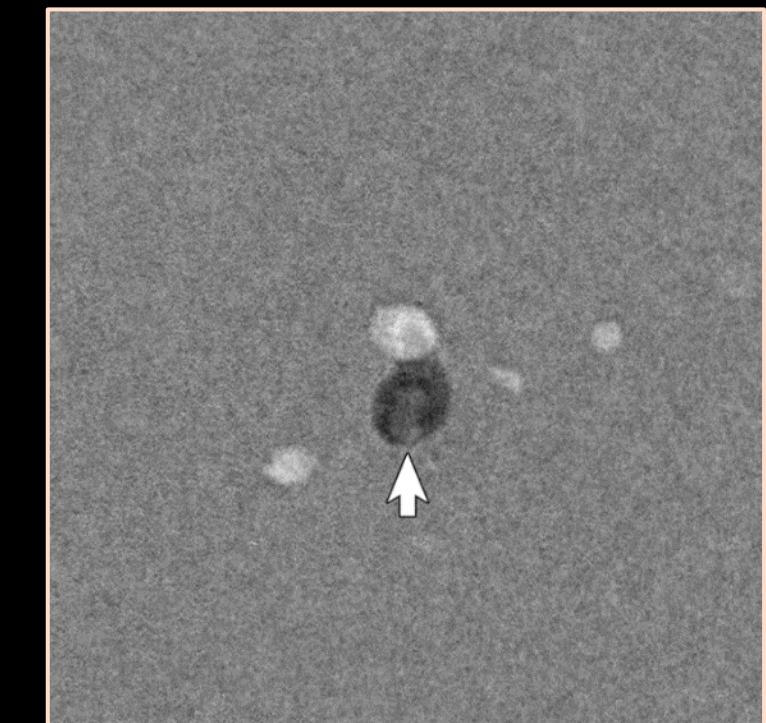
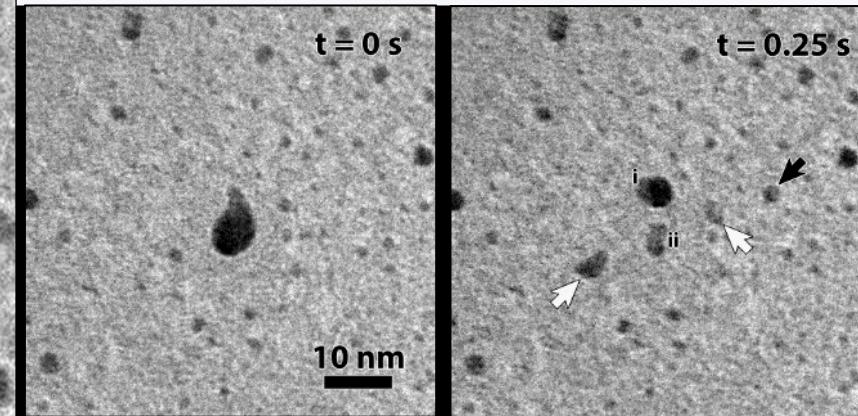
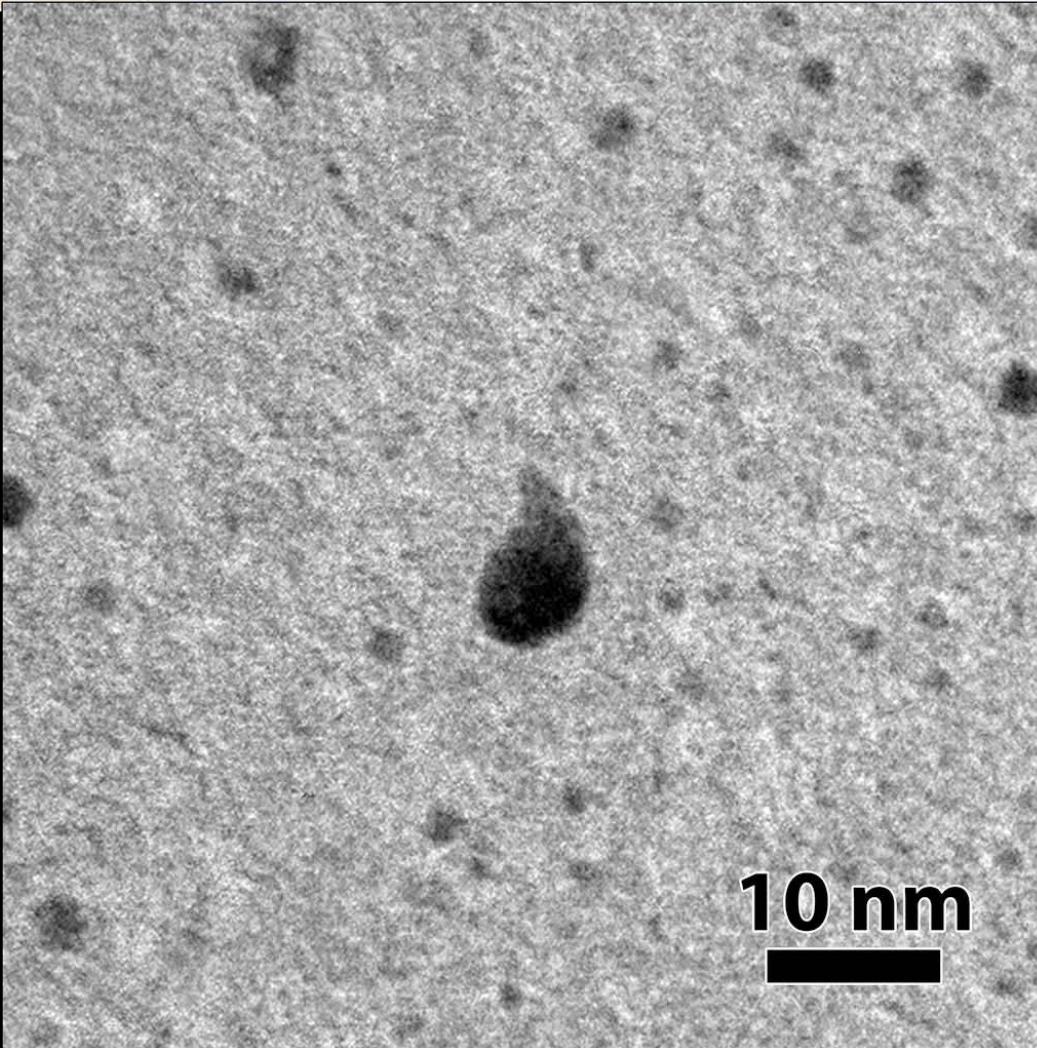
IBIL from a quartz stage inside the TEM





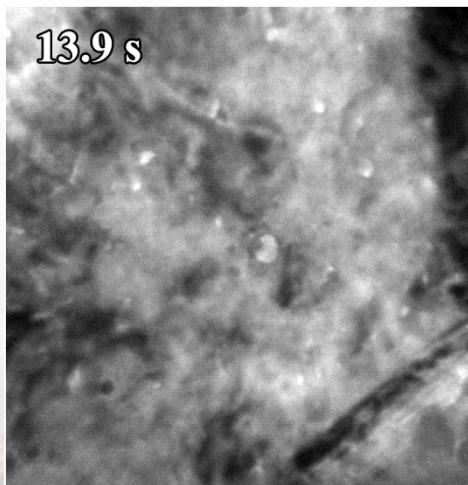
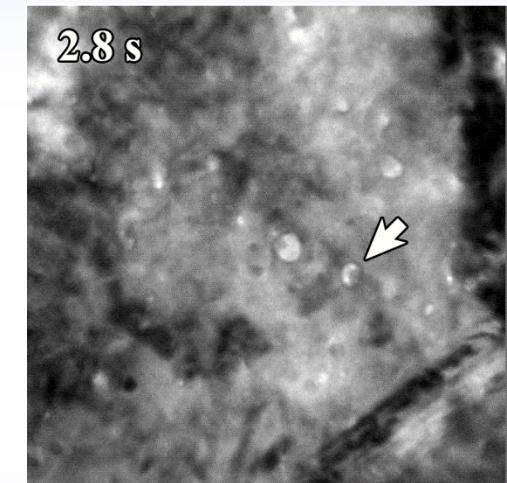
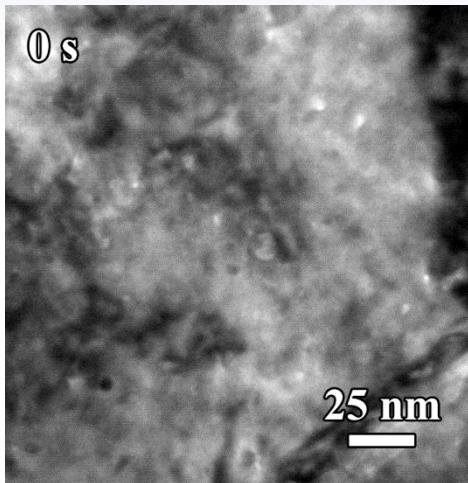
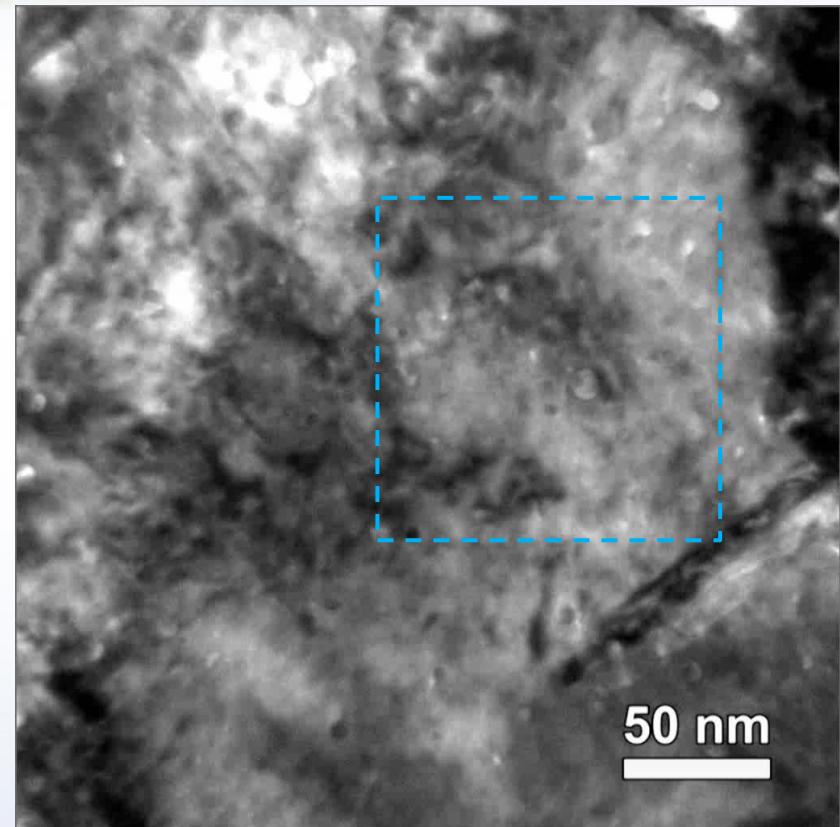
Single Ion Strikes: 46 keV Au¹⁺ ions into ~5 nm Au nanoparticles

Collaborator: D.C. Bufford



Simultaneous *In situ* TEM Triple Beam: 2.8 MeV Au⁴⁺ + 10 keV He⁺/D₂⁺

Collaborator: D.C. Bufford



- **Approximate fluence:**
 - Au 1.2×10^{13} ions/cm²
 - He 1.3×10^{15} ions/cm²
 - D 2.2×10^{15} ions/cm²
- **Cavity nucleation and disappearance**

In situ triple beam He, D₂, and Au beam irradiation has been demonstrated on Sandia's I³TEM! Intensive work is still needed to understand the defect structure evolution that has been observed.

Speed
x1.5



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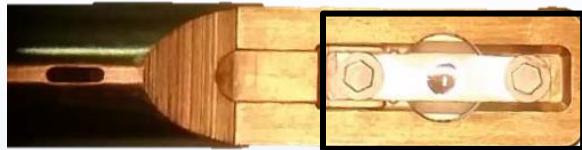
In situ Qualitative Mechanical Testing

Collaborators: C. Barr

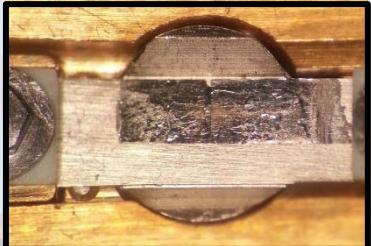
Gatan straining TEM Holder

- Minimal control over displacement and no “out-of-box” force information
- Successful in studies in observing dislocation-GB interactions/mechanisms
- Ideally both grains have kinematic BF 2-beam conditions: challenging in ST holder

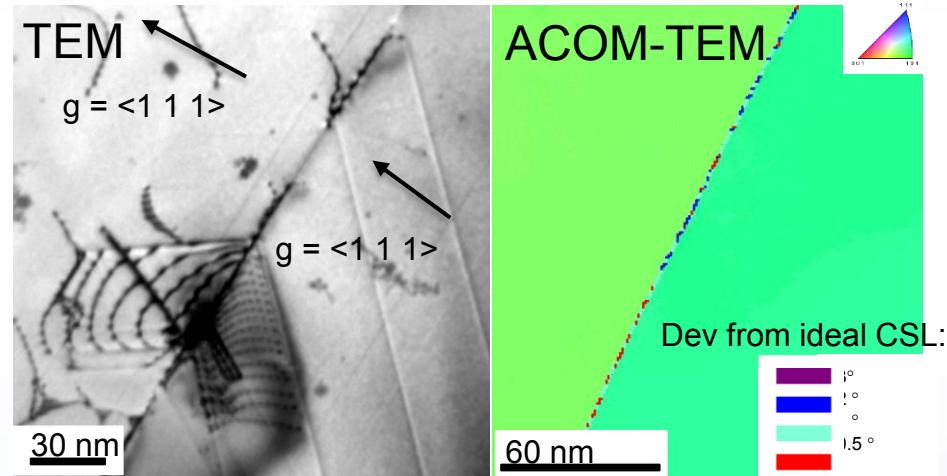
Traditional Gatan Heating and Straining Holder



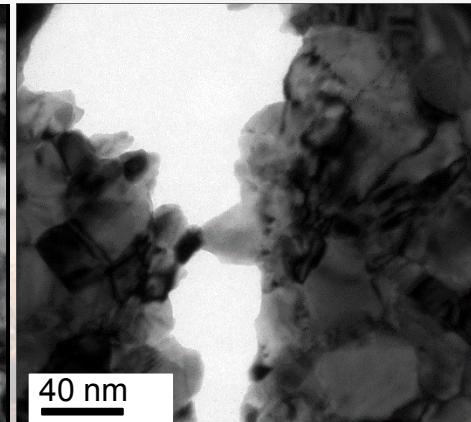
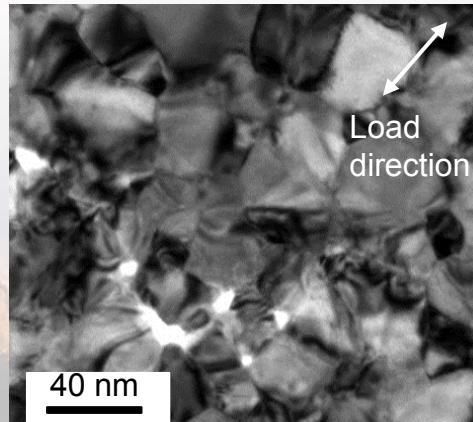
Thin film tension “jig”: Jet thinned disk:



Dislocation interactions as a function of GB character ($\Sigma 3$ twin GB below):



Observe deformation mechanisms in nanocrystalline metals during tensile straining:



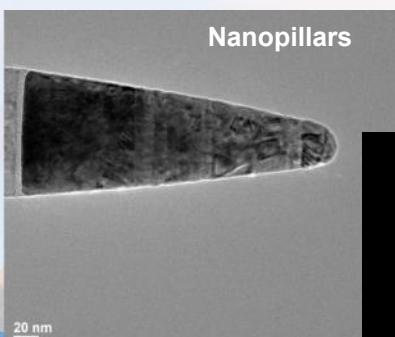
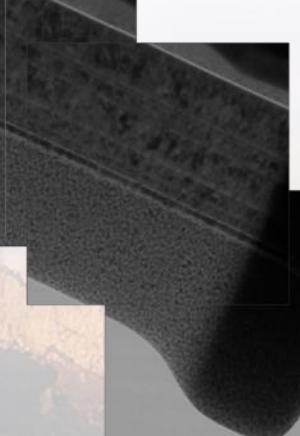
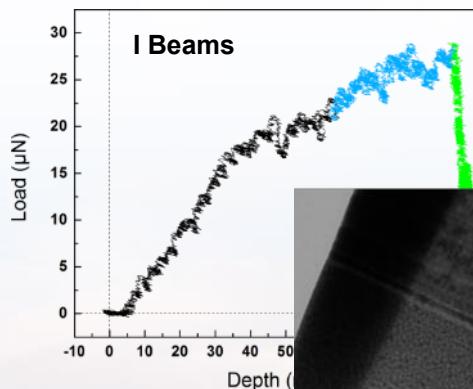
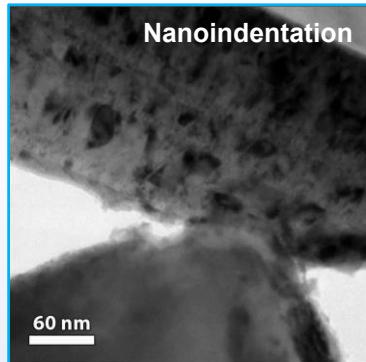
In situ Quantitative Mechanical Testing

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Hysitron PI95 *In Situ* Nanoindentation TEM Holder

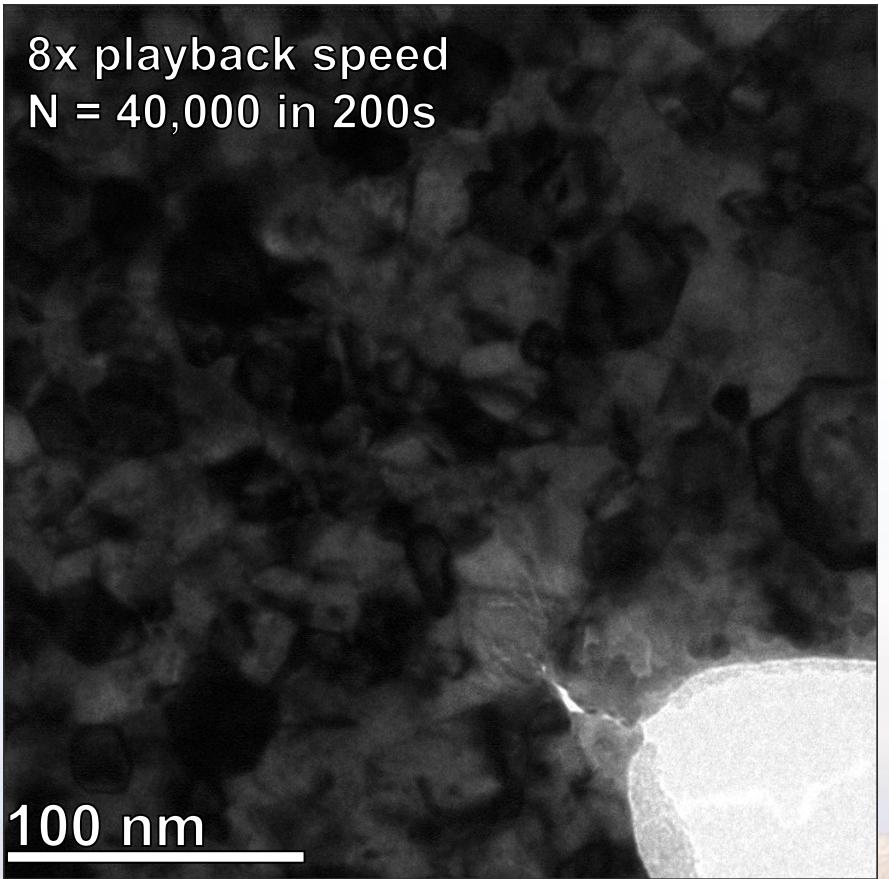
- Sub nanometer displacement resolution
- Quantitative force information with μN resolution
- **Concurrent real-time imaging by TEM**



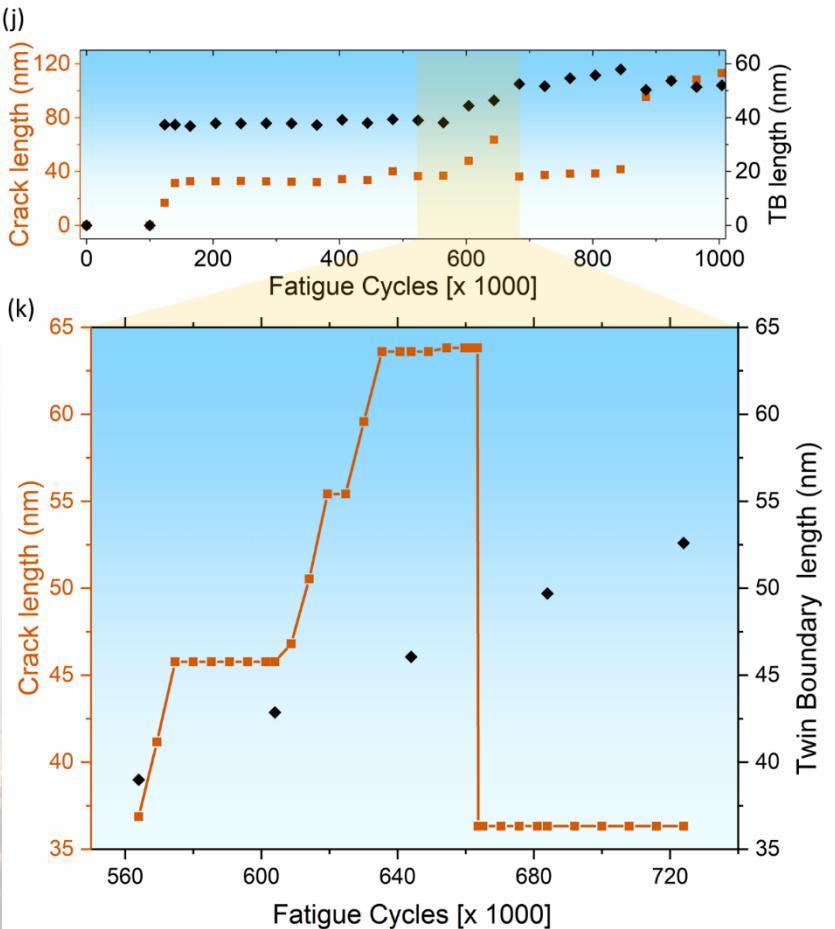
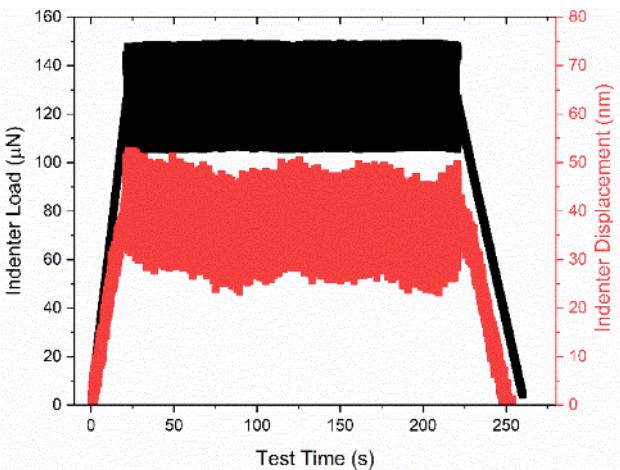
Fatigue Failure in Real Time?

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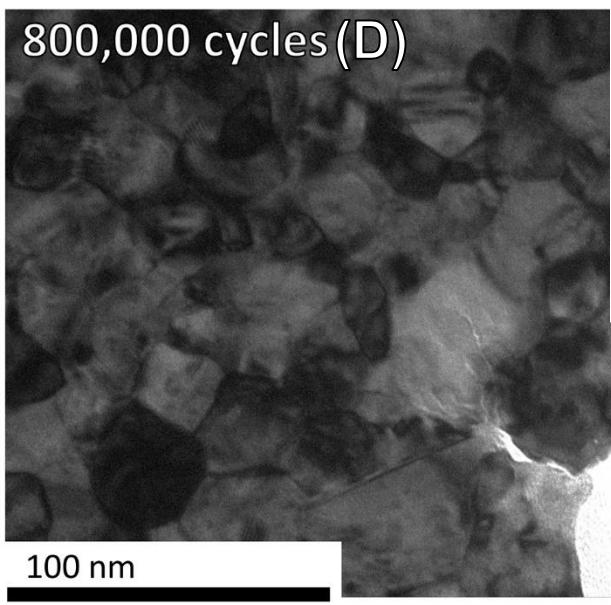
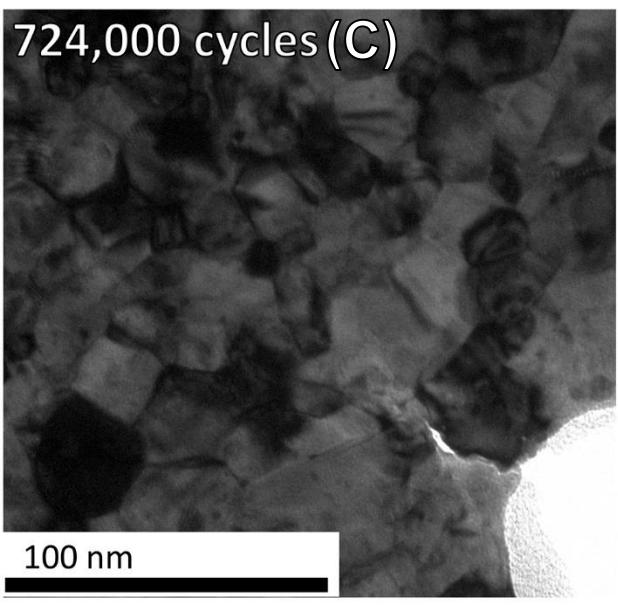
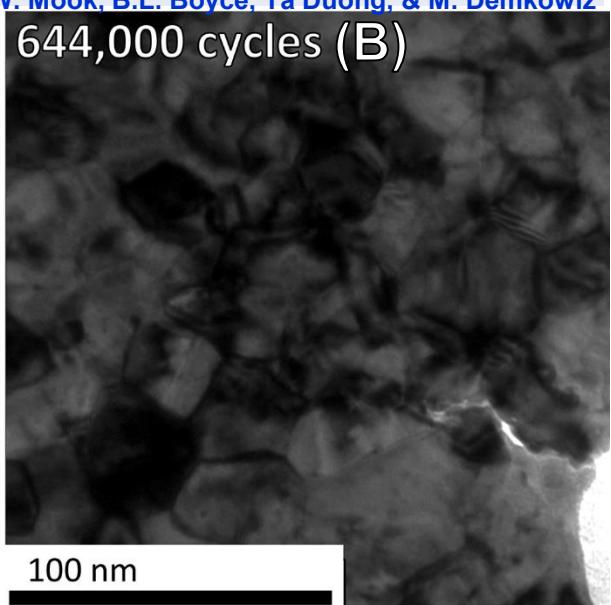
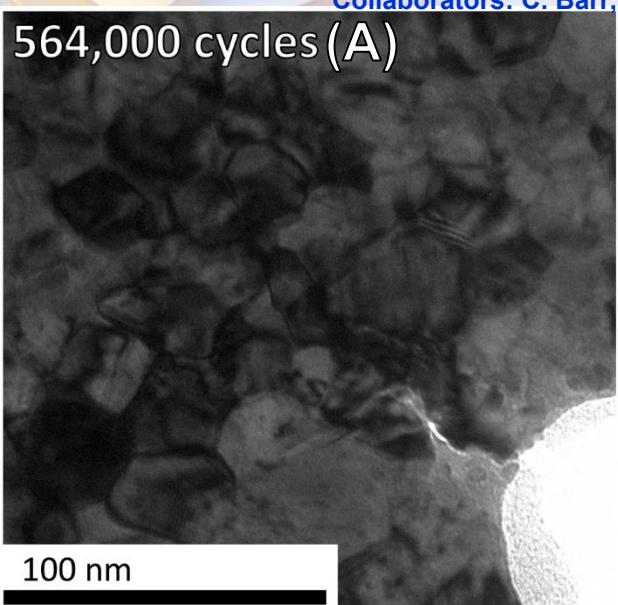
- Mean load: 135 uN; Amplitude load: 35 uN
- 200 Hz, 200s test (15 fps 1k x 1k camera)



- $da/dN = 1.7 \times 10^{12} \text{ m/cycle}$
- Non-linear crack extension rate
- Crack propagation path changes “direction”

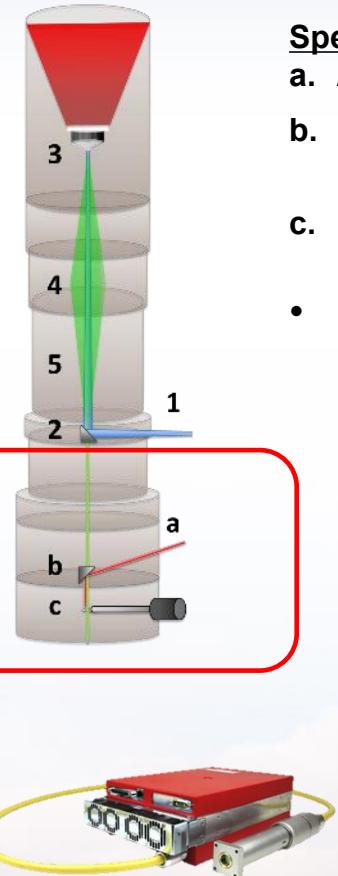
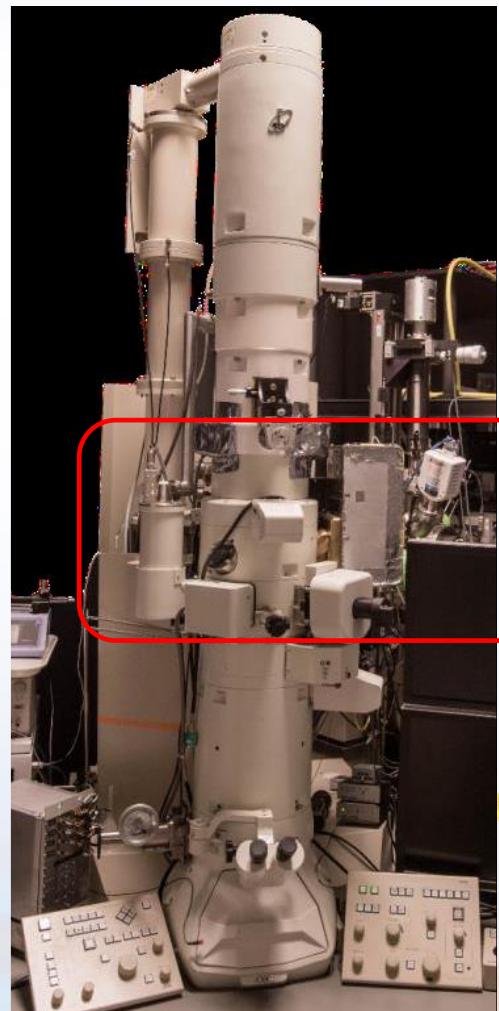


Crack Propagation, Closure, and Re-Direction



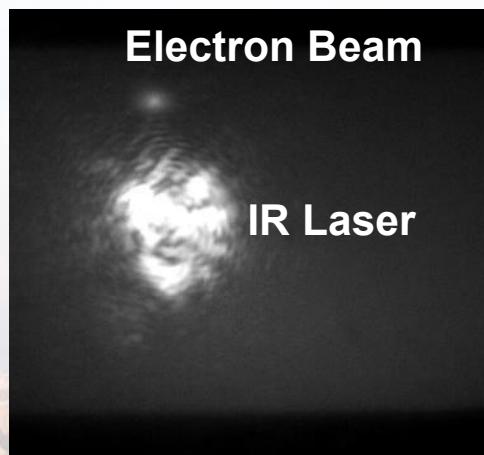
In-situ Specimen Drive Laser System

Collaborator: P. Price, A. Monterrosa, D. Adams, M. Abere, & IDES Inc.



Specimen Drive Laser

- a. Adjustable power 1064 nm infrared specimen (IR) drive laser
- b. IR laser is reflected directly onto the specimen with metal mirror
- c. Heat specimens in *in situ* holders, which otherwise would not be possible
 - Laser capabilities:
 - 2-20 Watts
 - Pulsed or continuous operation
 - 50 μ m diameter spot size
 - Positioning mirror, which can be used during laser operation



Laser Alignment TEM Holder

- Phosphor screen
- Borescope
- CCD camera
- Precise alignment of the laser to the electron beam

IDES INTEGRATED DYNAMIC ELECTRON SOLUTIONS

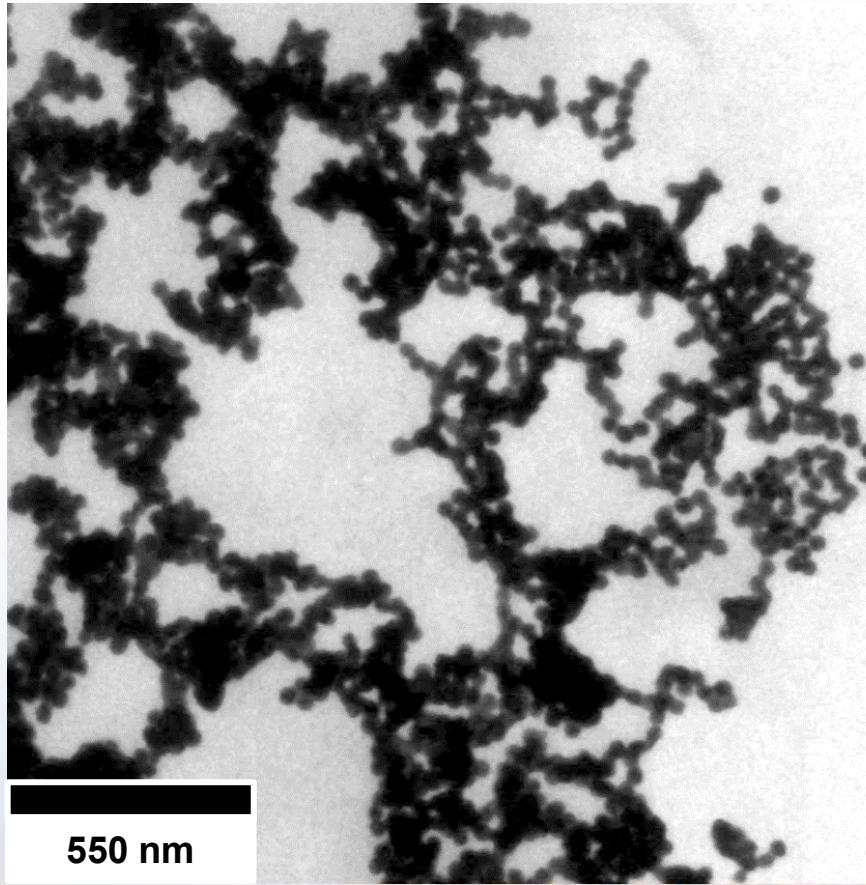


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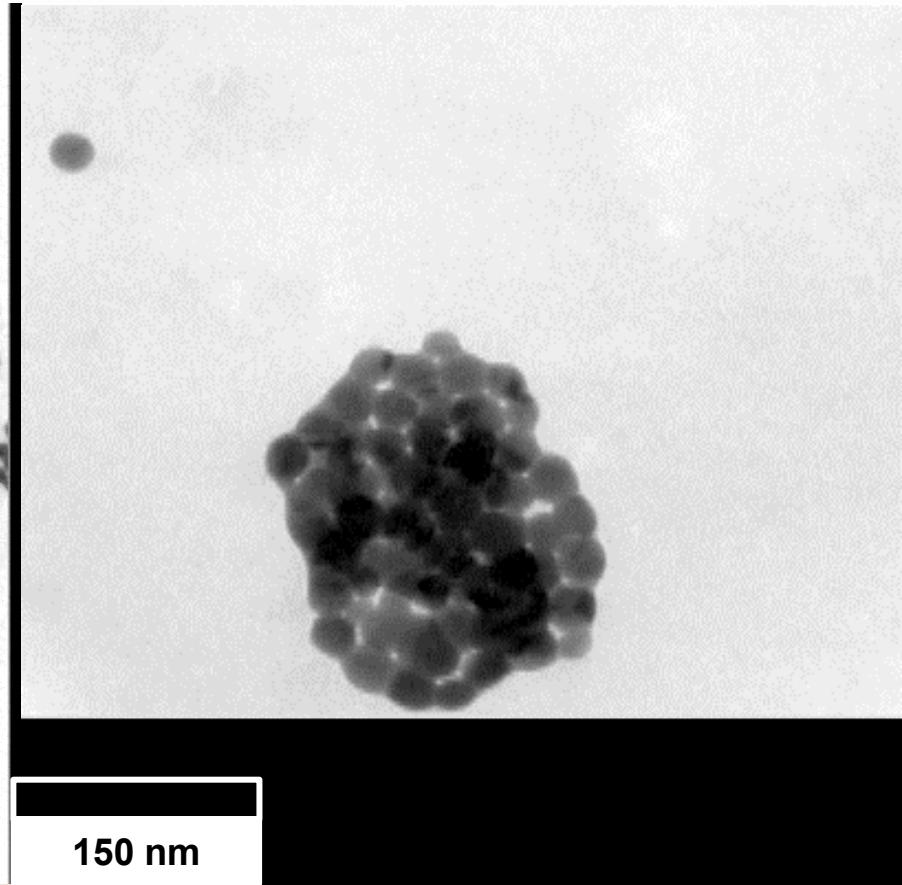


Complex Interaction Au NPs Exposed to Laser Irradiation

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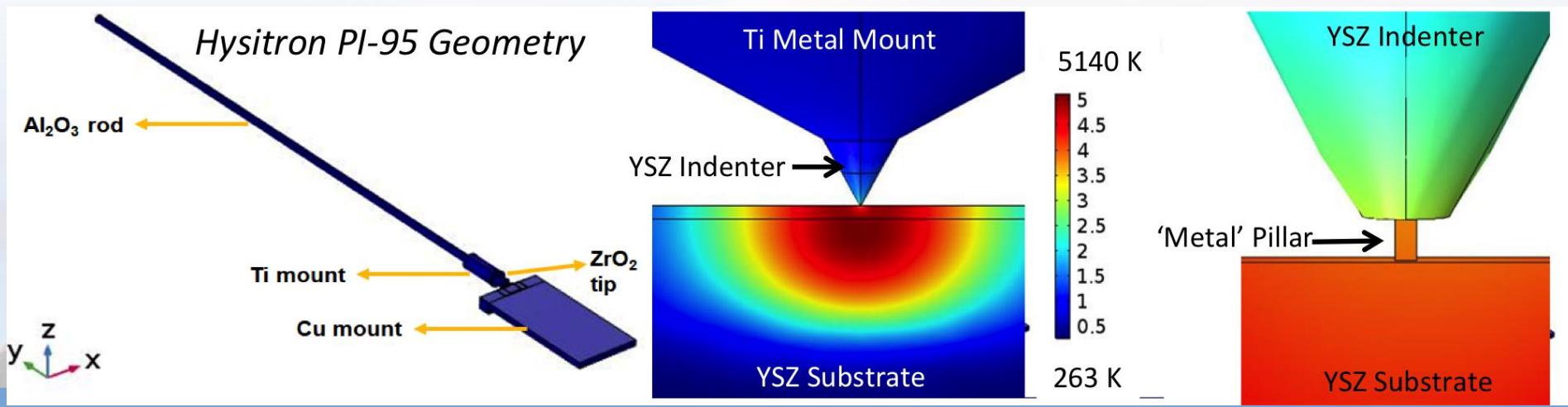
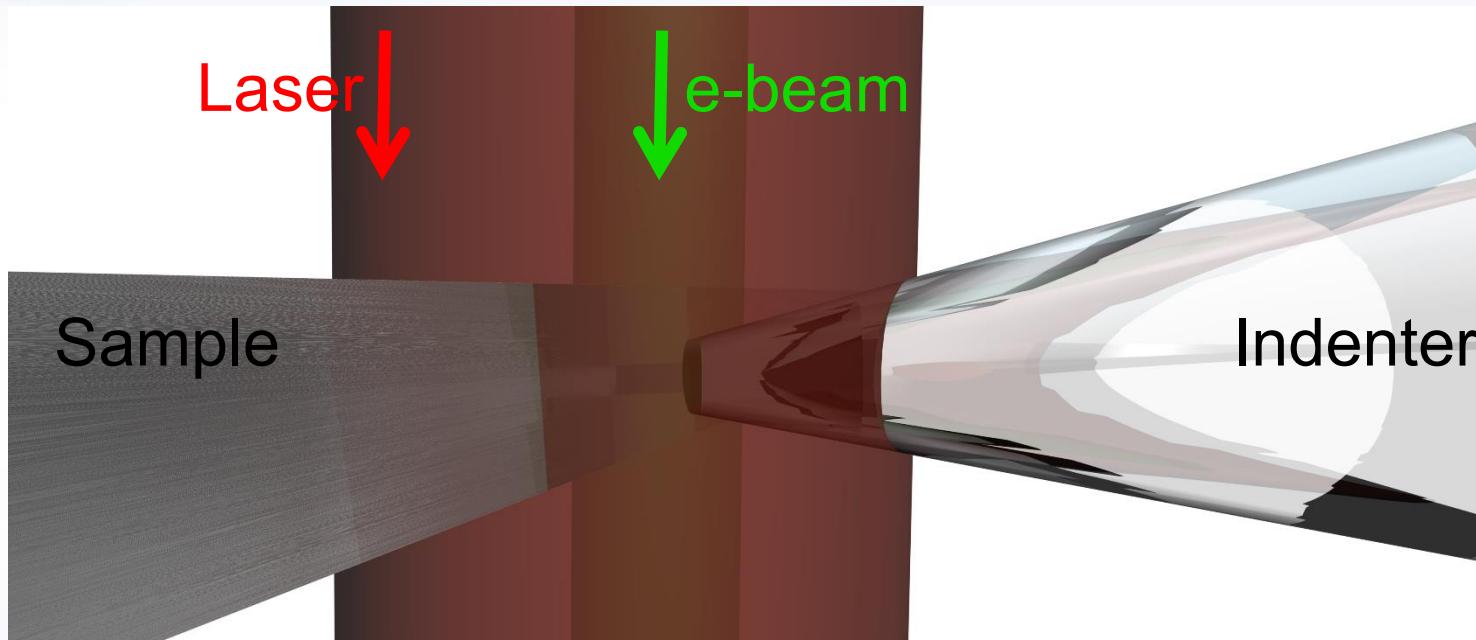
Speed = 2.5x



A Complex Combination of Sintering, Reactions, and Ablation Occurs

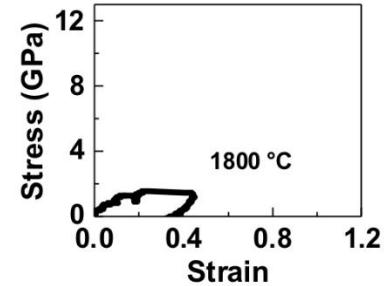
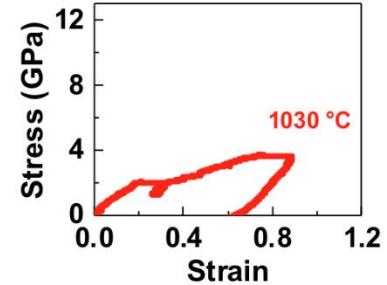
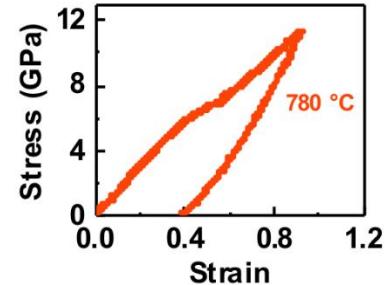
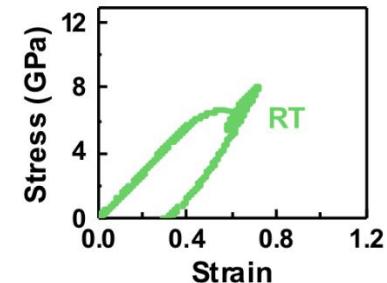
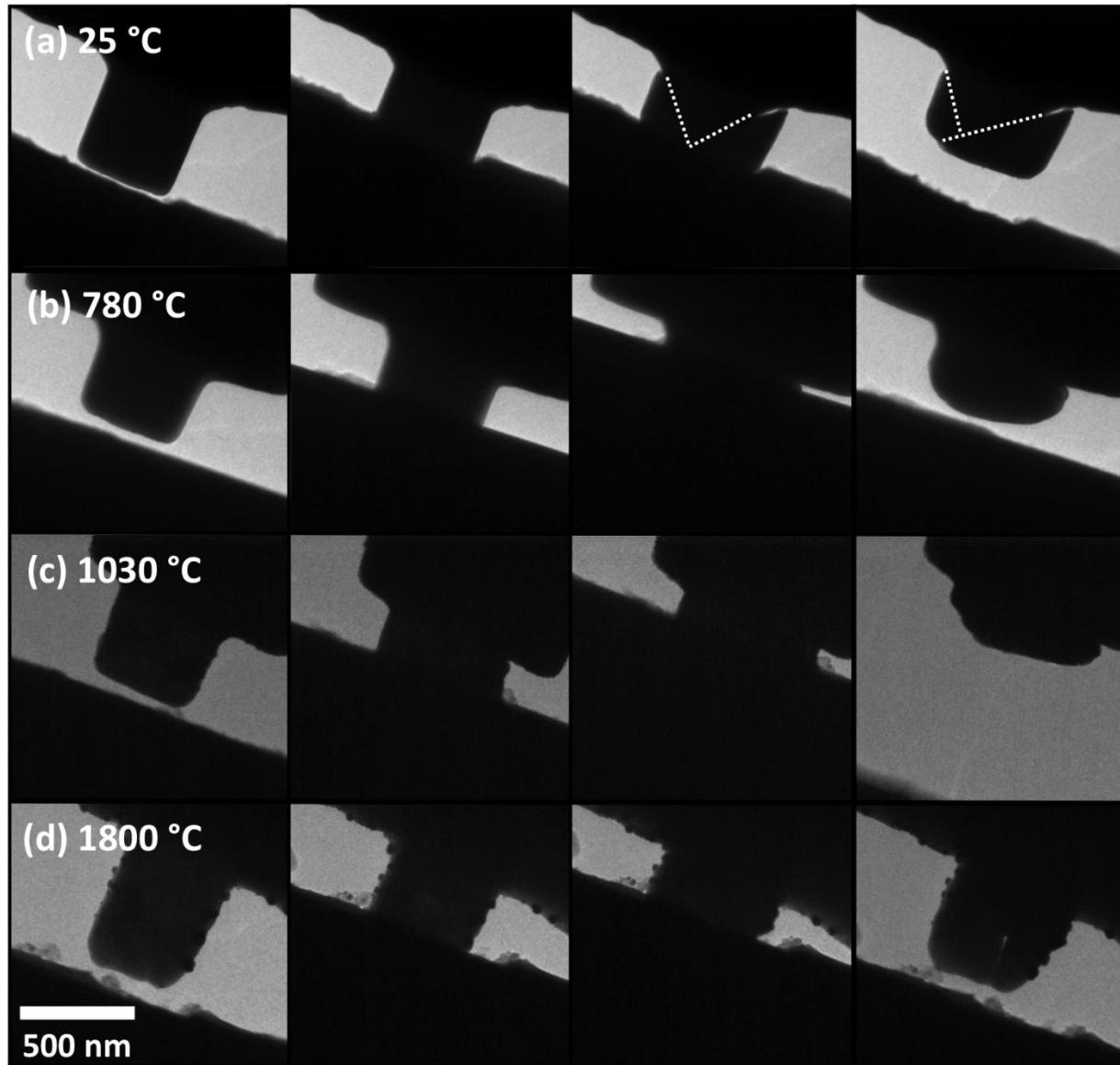
Can we Combine Laser Heating with Mechanical Testing?

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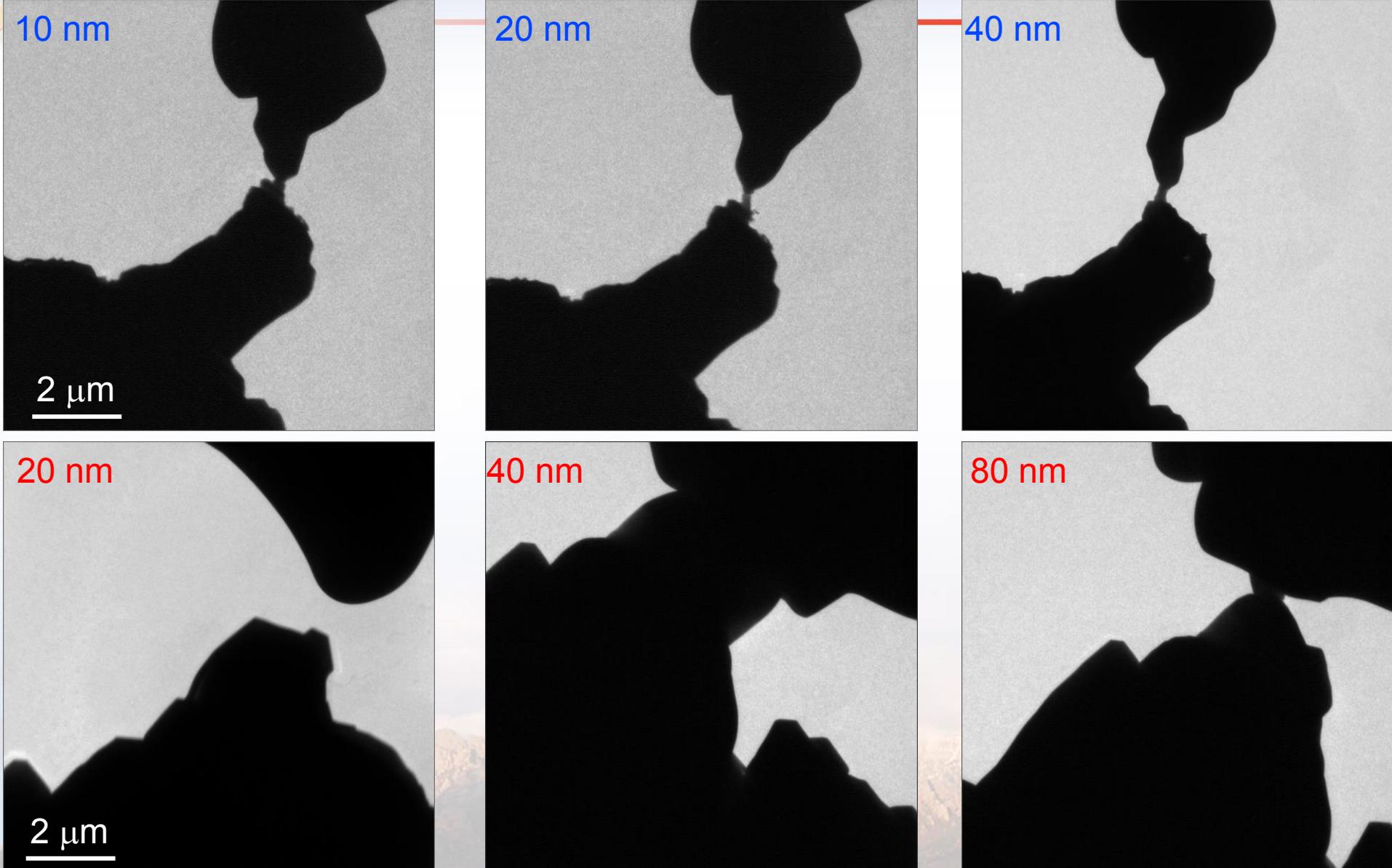
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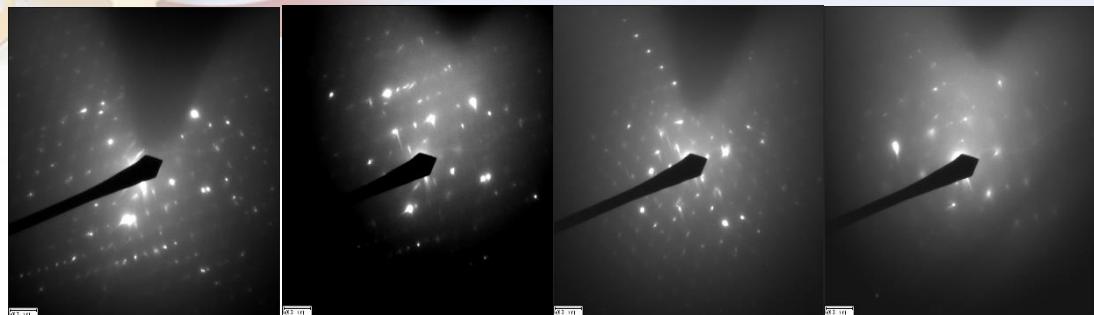


Pushing the Laser Limit – 1604 °C and 2056 °C ScSZ-ScSZ

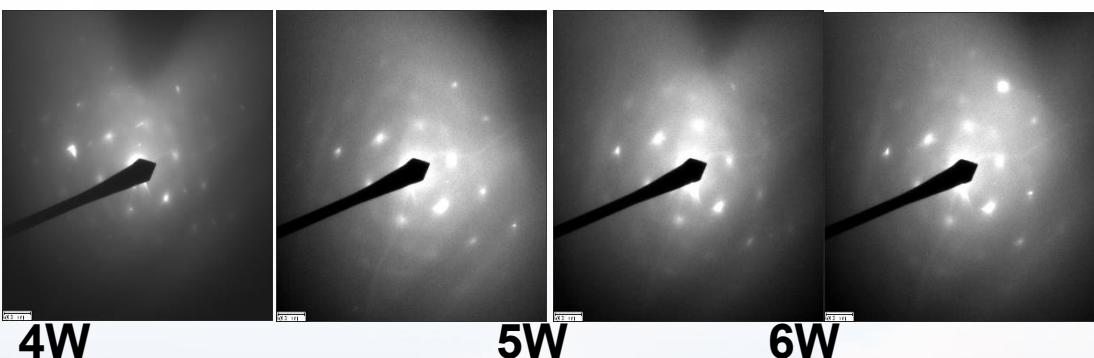
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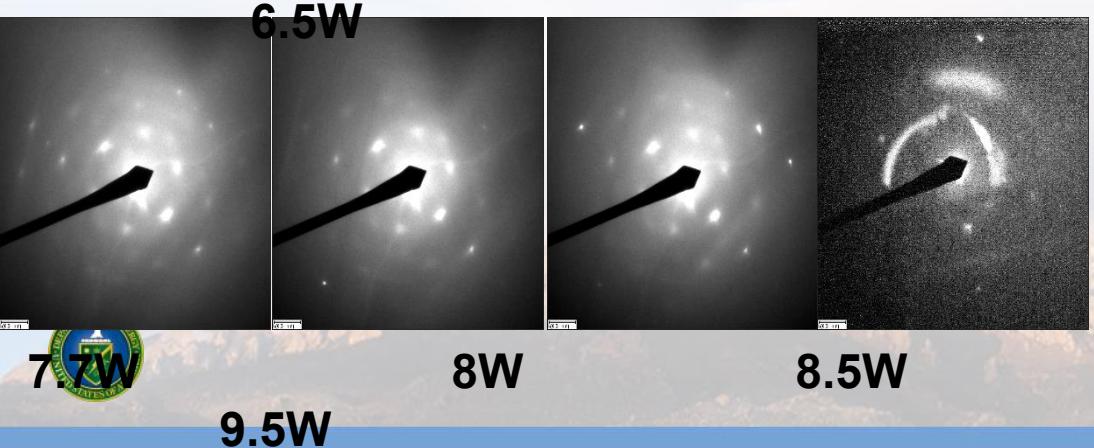
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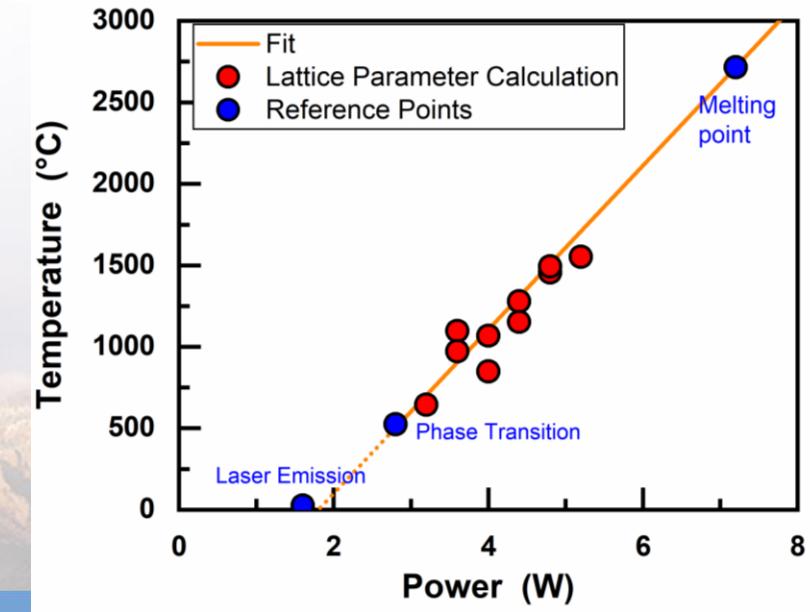
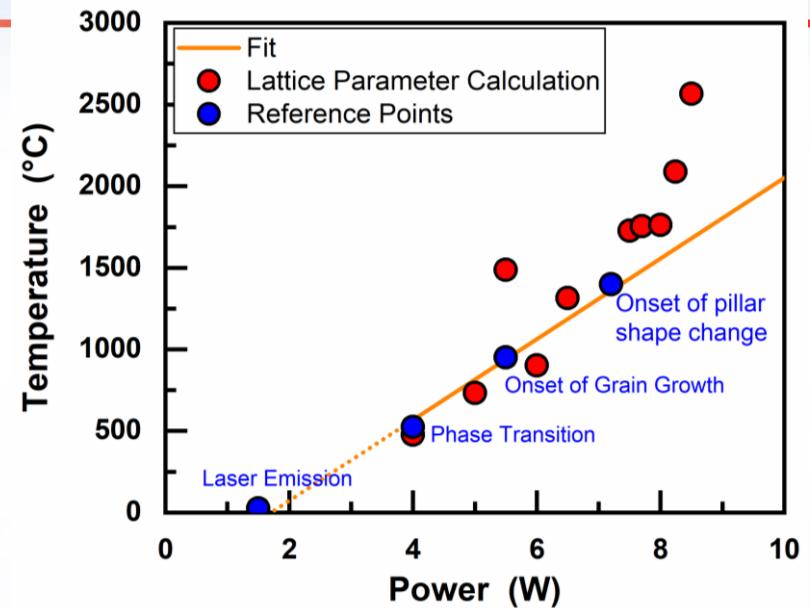
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4W 5W 6W 6.5W



9.5W

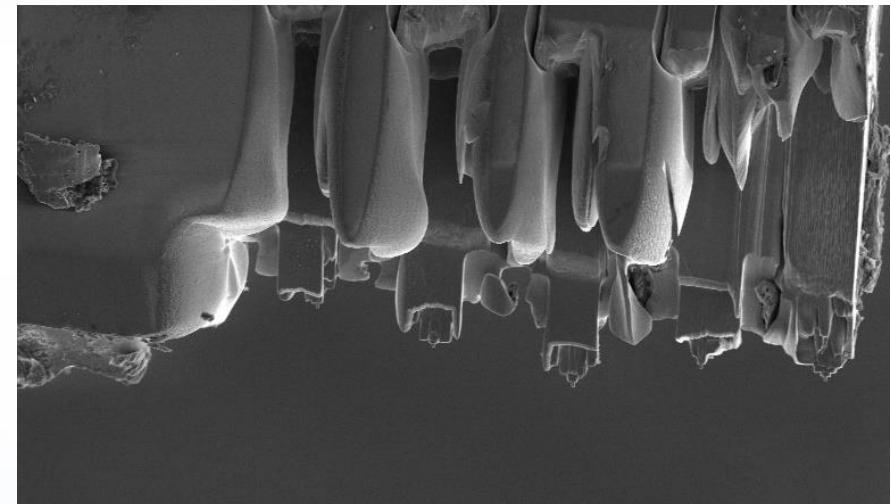
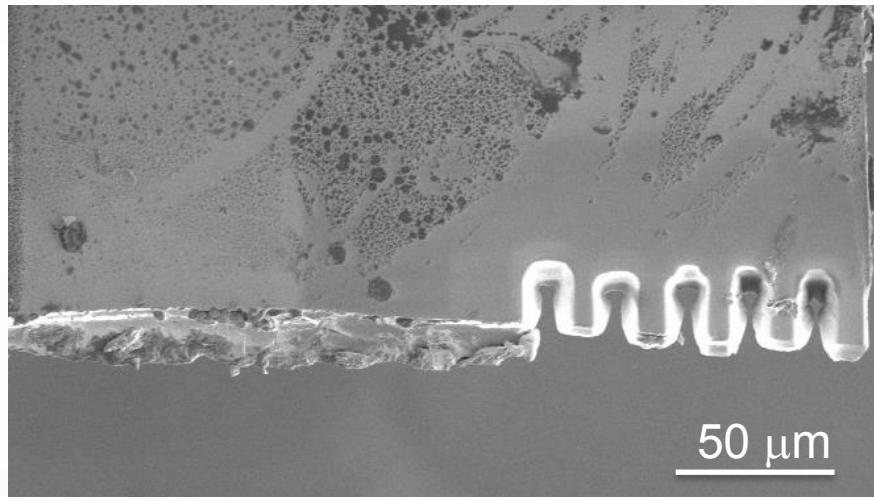




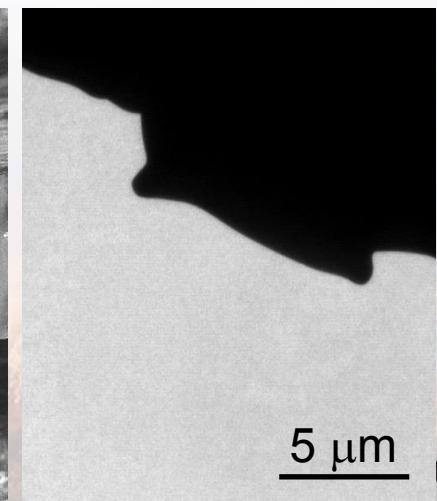
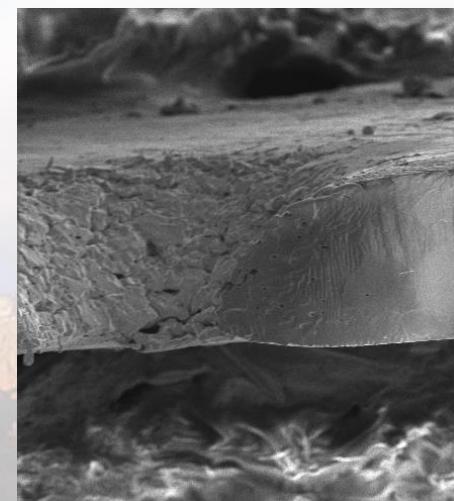
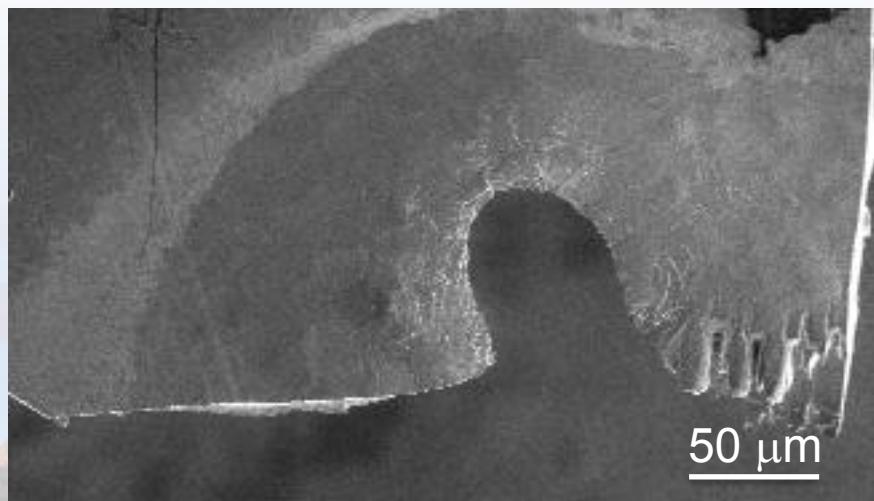
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Before

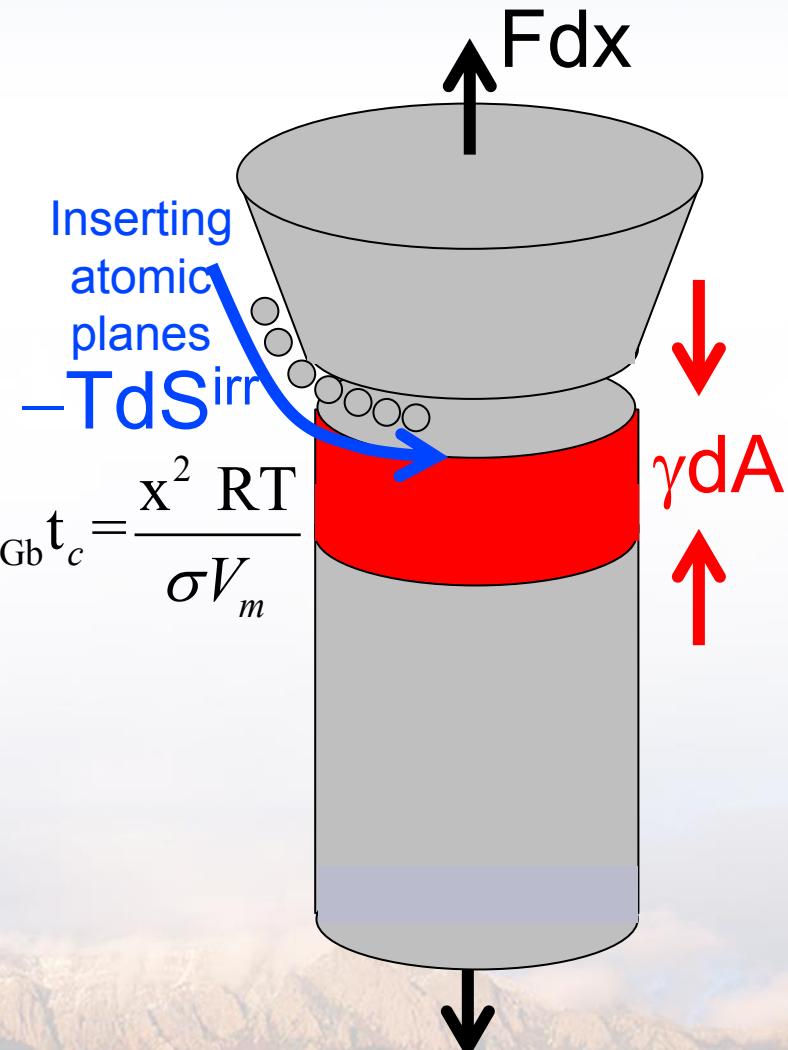
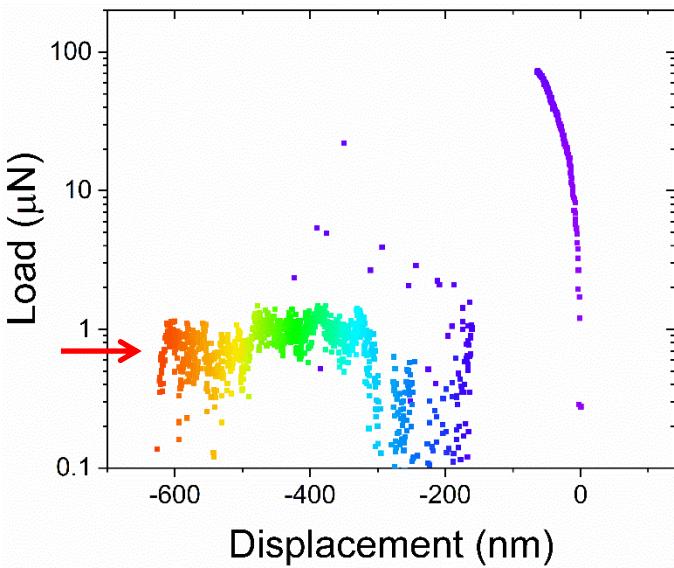
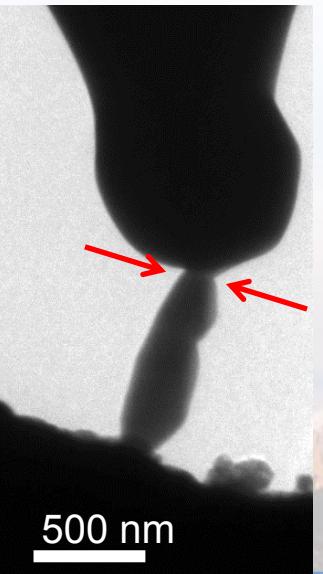
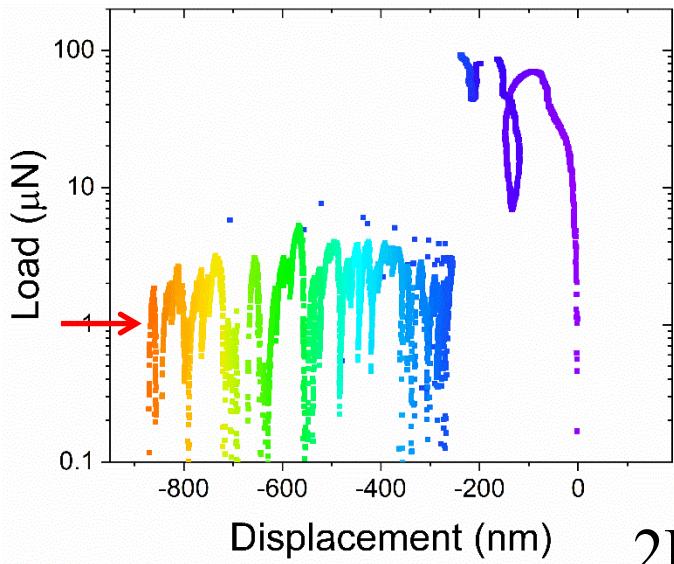
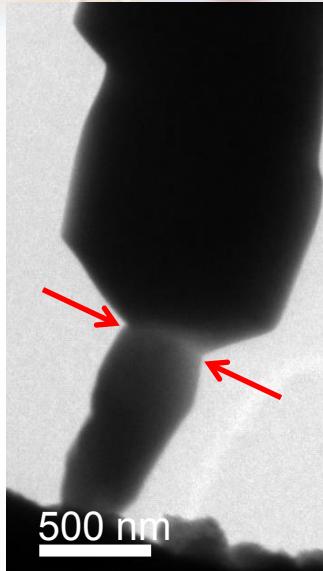


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Mechanism for Fiber Growth

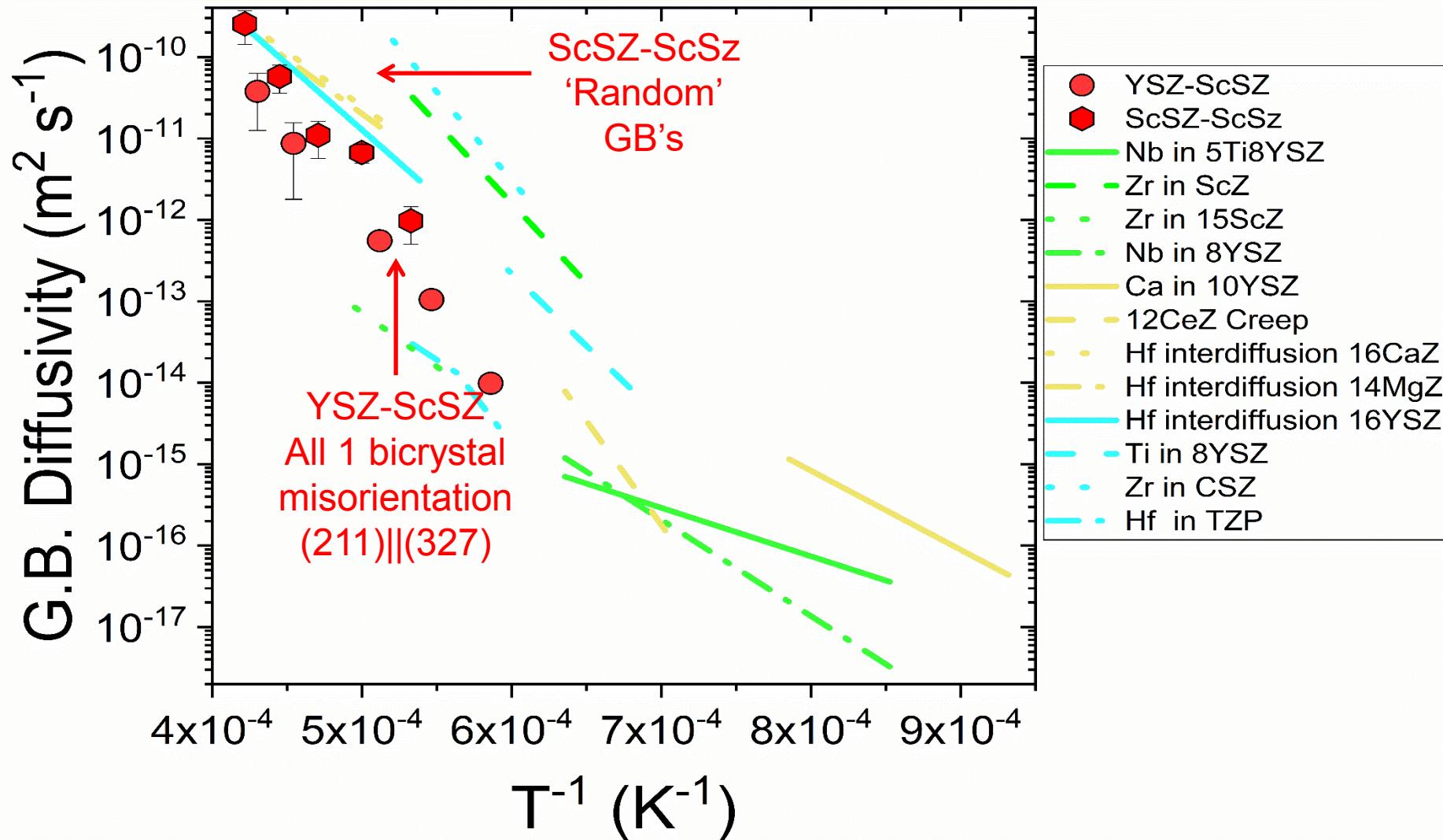
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Calculated G.B. Diffusivity Compared to Literature

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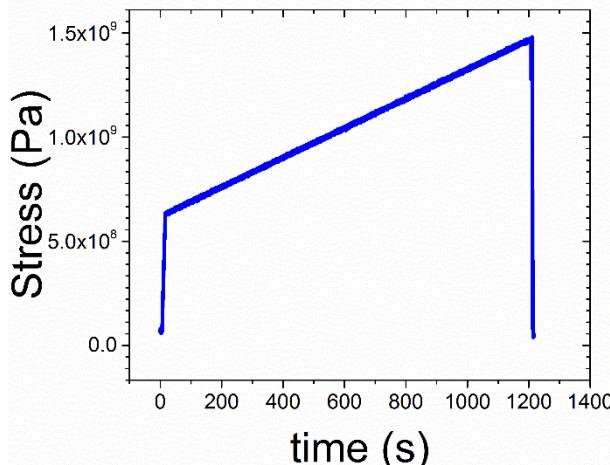


In situ TEM Ion Irradiation + Mechanical Testing = *In situ* TEM Irradiation Creep

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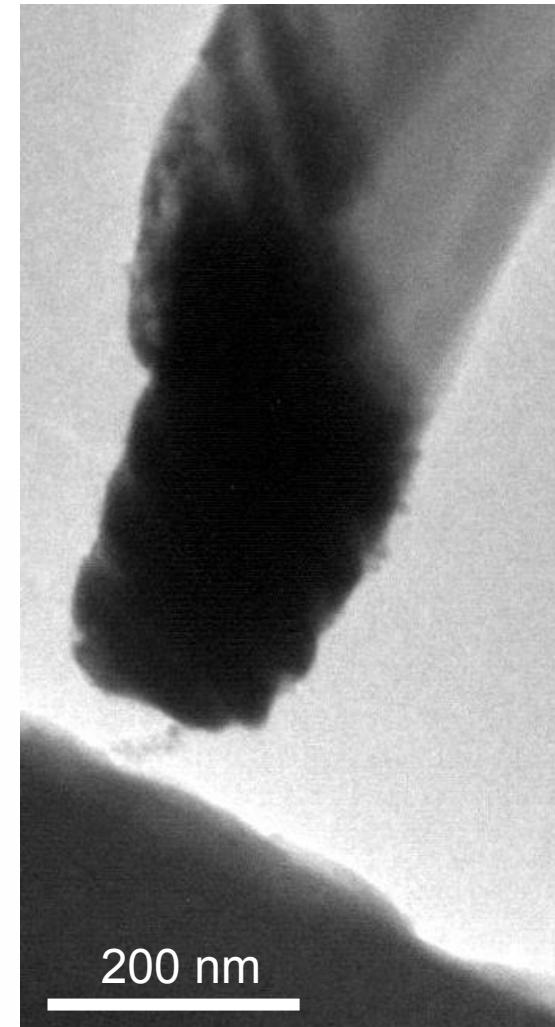
Controlled Loading Rate Experiments

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10⁻² DPA/s

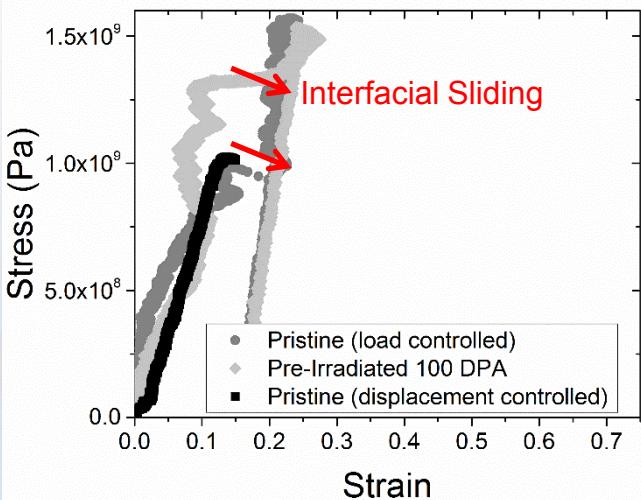


In-situ TEM
radiation
creep is
feasible!

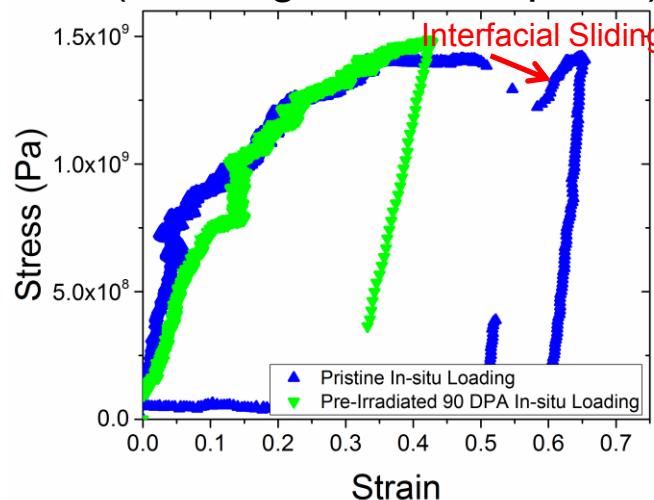
50 nm Cu-W multilayer
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No Irradiation
(Loading rate 0.6 Mpa s⁻¹)

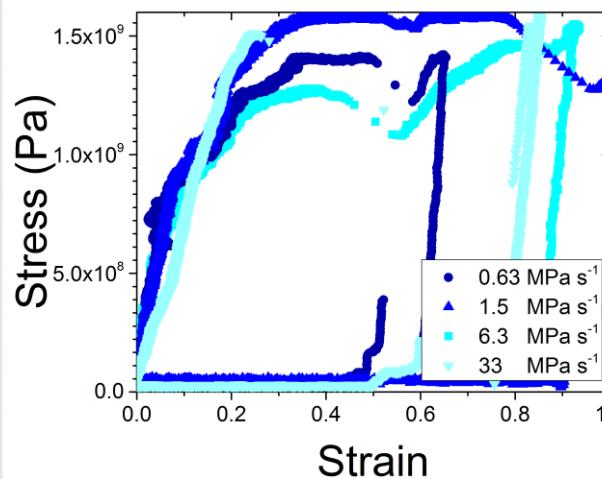


Irradiation Creep
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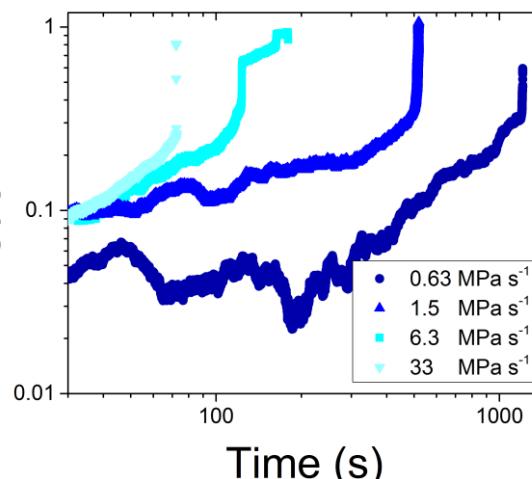


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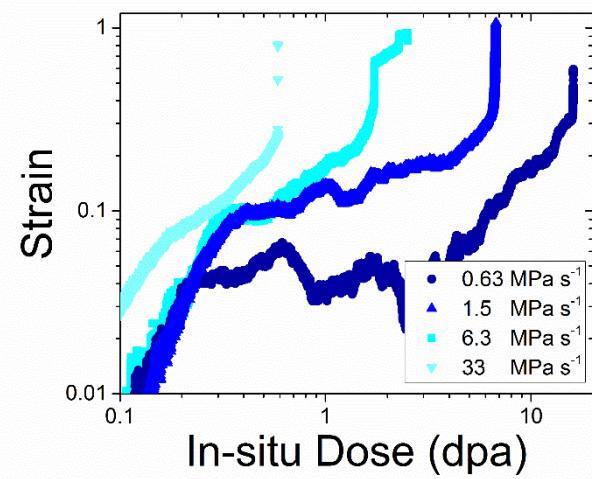
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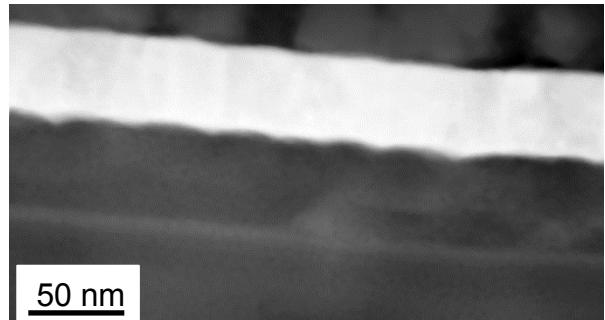
Time (s)



In-situ Dose (dpa)

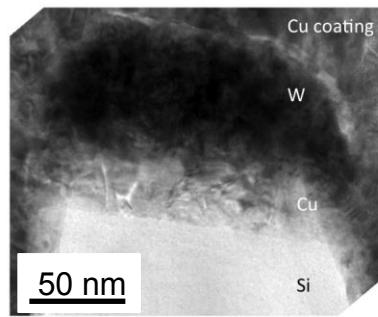
Significant creep observed at a fraction of the bulk yield strength

As-deposited Sample
ADF-STEM

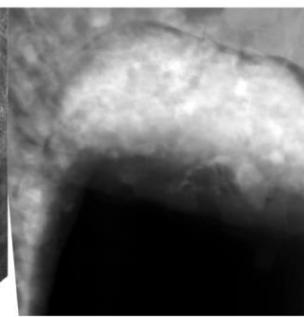


Post Creep Characterization

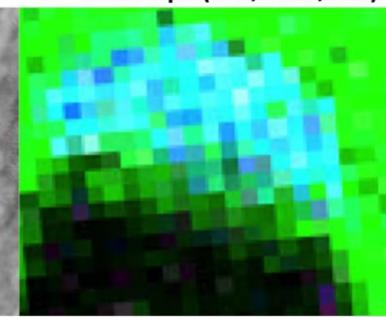
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ADF-STEM



EDS Map (W, Cu, Si)

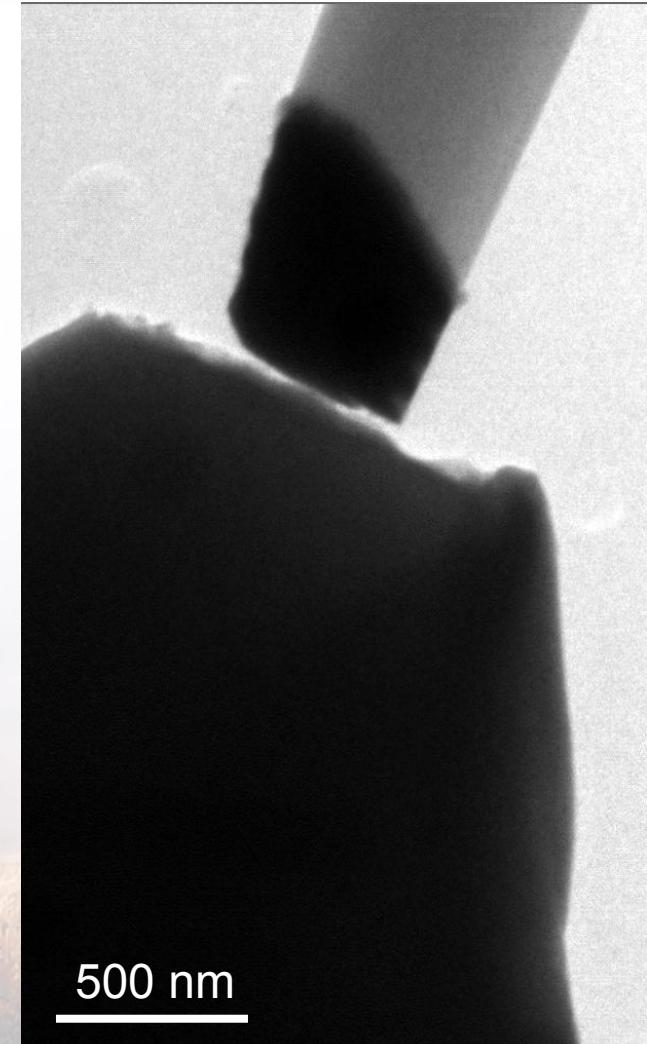
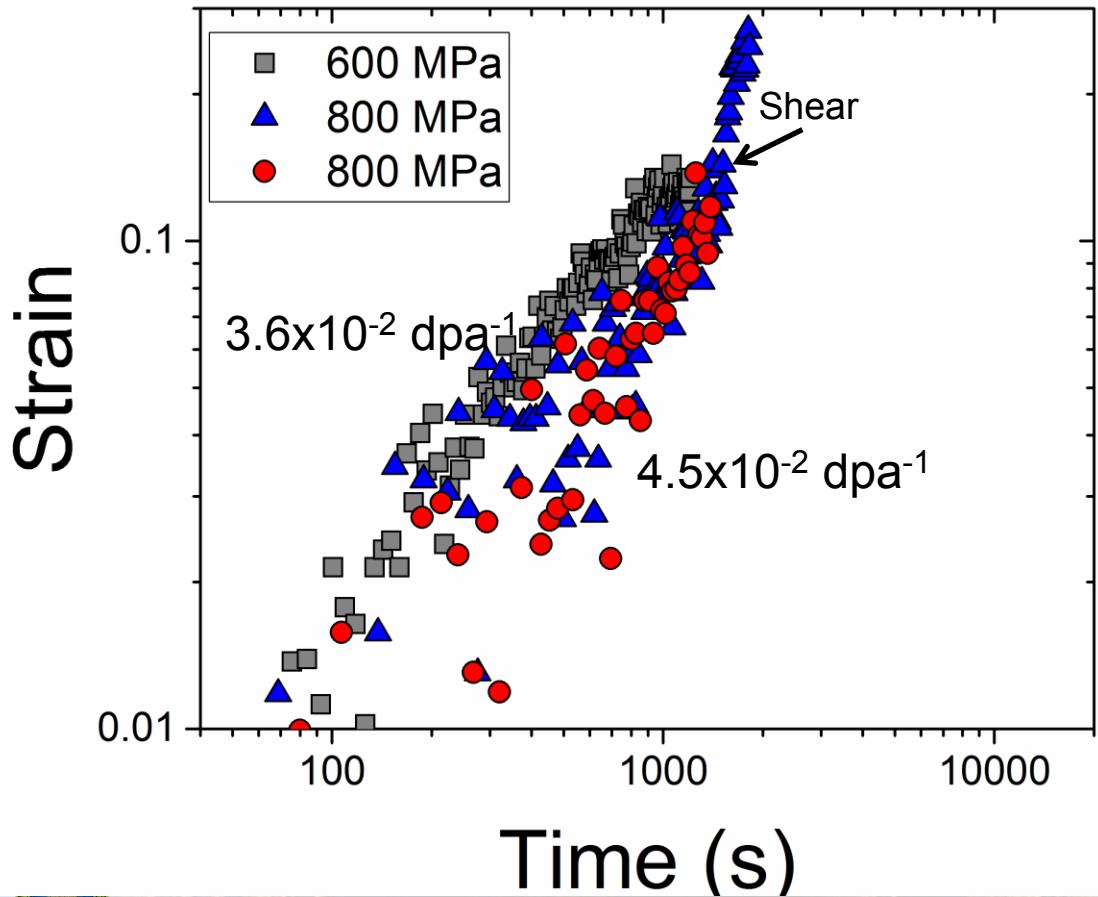


Compression (creep) only observed in Cu layer

Steady-State Irradiation Creep at Constant Load Cu-W

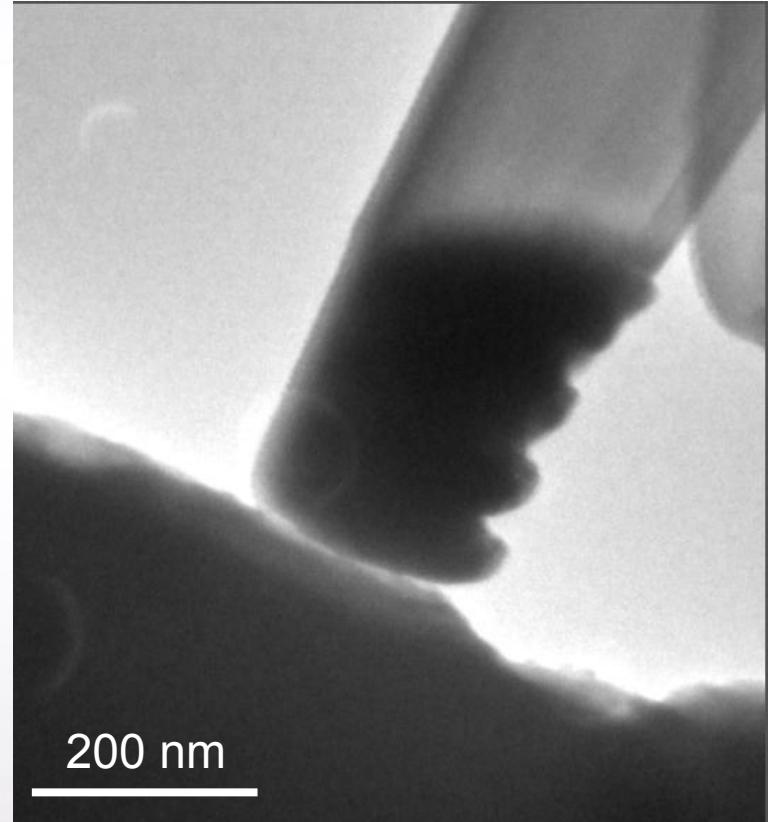
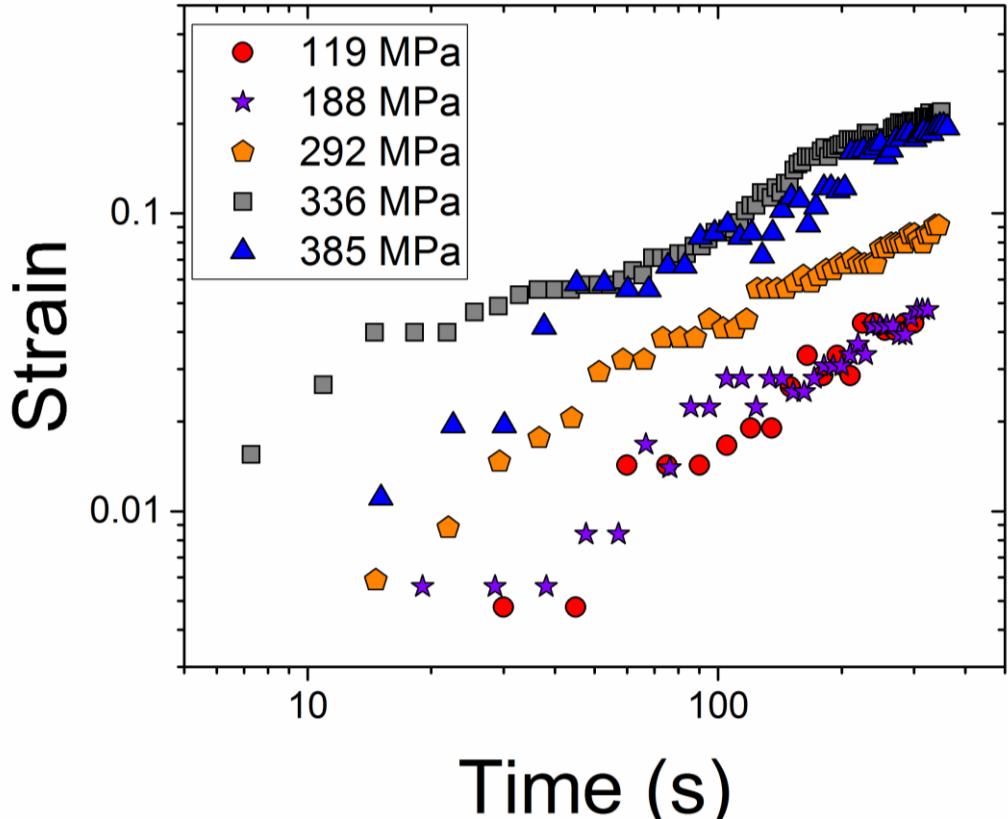
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Irradiation Creep (Constant Load)



Ni-Ag Multilayer Irradiation Creep at Constant Load

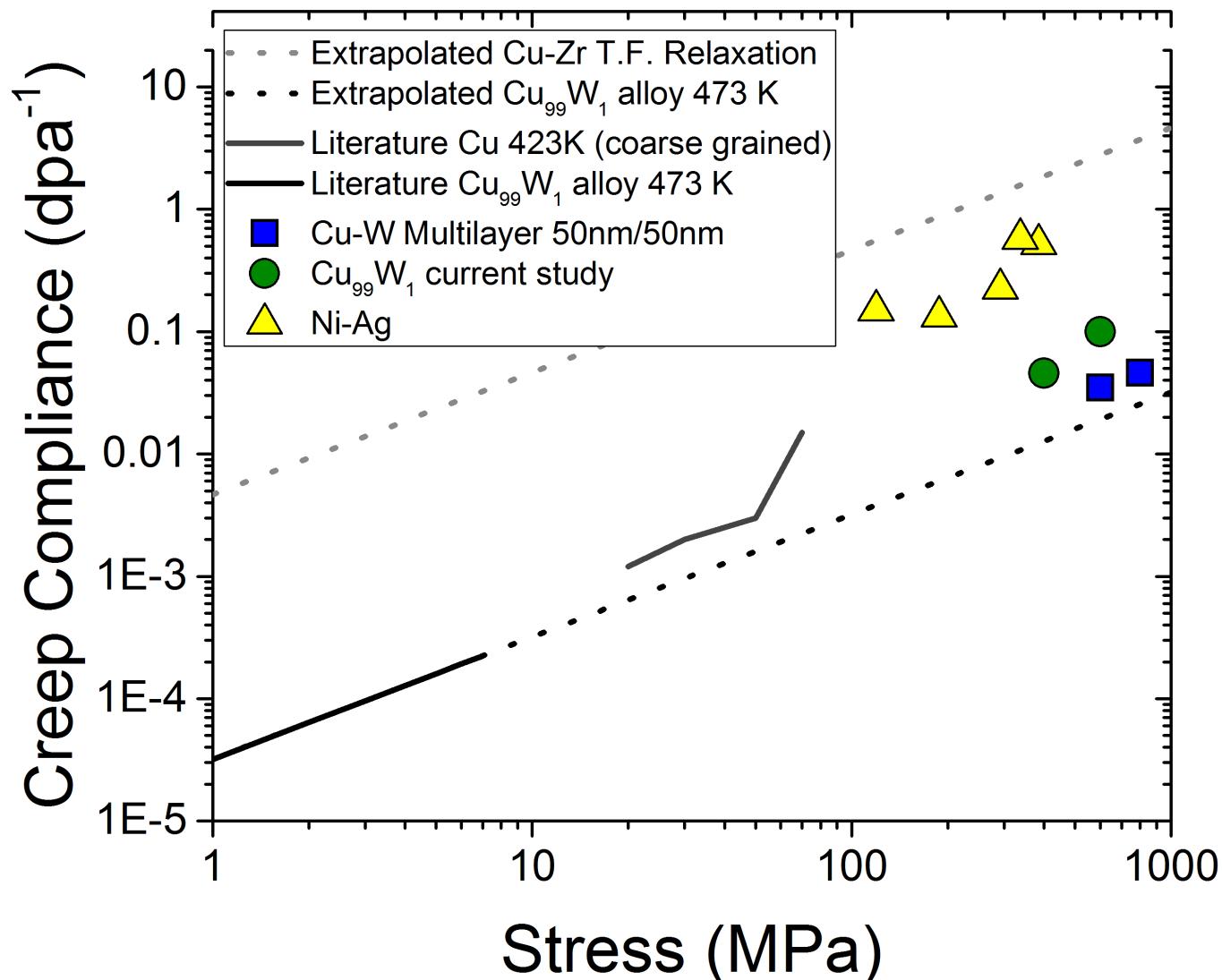
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Comparison of Creep Data

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Ex situ Mechanical Testing End Station

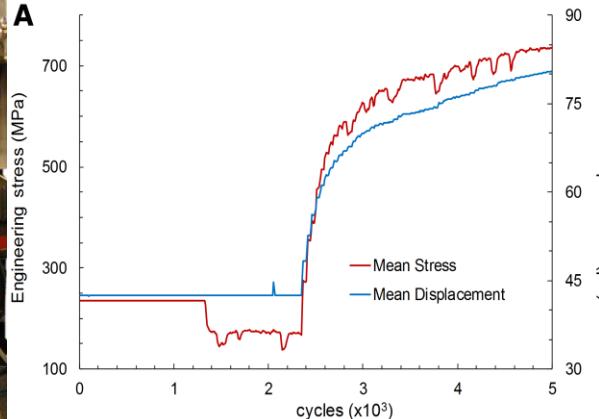
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- Combined three individual mechanical testing in tandem beamline end station
- Limited (optical, IR only) imaging capabilities
- Have successfully collected preliminary data using this system

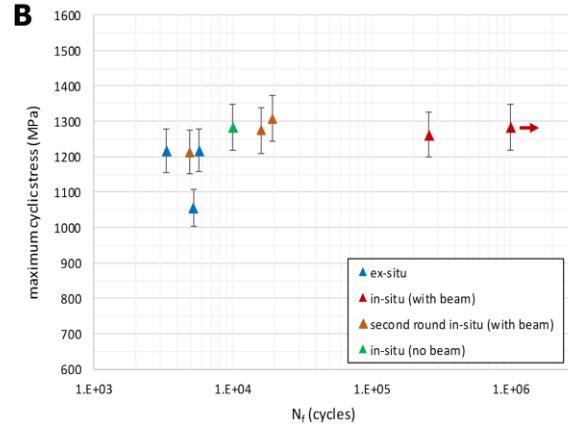
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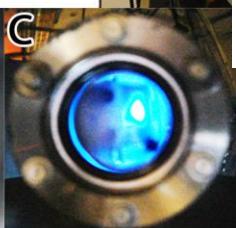
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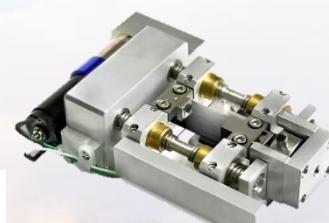
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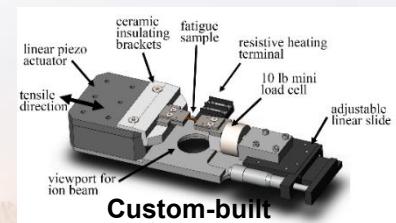
Gatan Cryostage



Hysitron PI85
Nanoindenter



MTI Fullam
Straining Heating



Custom-built
Piezo Fatigue
tester



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In situ Ion Irradiation SEM (I³SEM) Vision

Collaborators: D. Buller, B. Boyce, J. Carroll, P. Price, C. Taylor, B. Muntifering, S. Briggs, N. Heckman, J.A. Scott

In situ SEM by Design

- Field Emission Gun
- Energy 500 eV to 30 keV
- Resolution:
 - 30 kV 1.5 nm
 - 1 kV 4nm
- Mag 5x to 600kx
- Pressure 10-150 Pa
- Sample dimension: 200 mm diameter x 80 mm height
- 90 tilt and 360 rotation
- 12 Ports
- Hysitron PI-85
- MTI/Fullham Heating Straining Stage
- Custom Piezo Fatigue Stage

Proposed Future Capabilities

- Low Pressure BSED
- Heating Stage
- Peltier cooled Cryo stage
- High Speed EBSD
- High Speed EDS
- Low energy ion source
- PL/CL/IBIL
- FIB
- Hot/Warm Cell capability
- TKD/STEM detector
- 3D measurement software
- Liquid environments
- Gas injection
- Electron Lithography



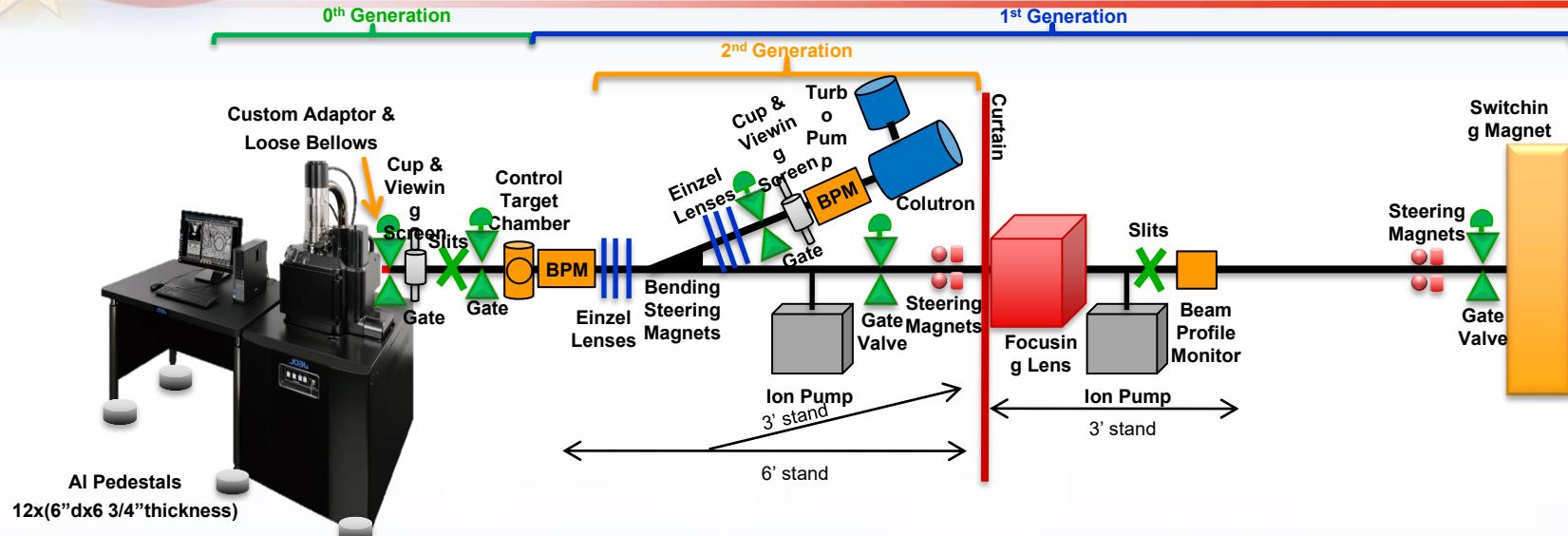
We are designing this to be the world's best *in situ* SEM for overlapping extreme environments



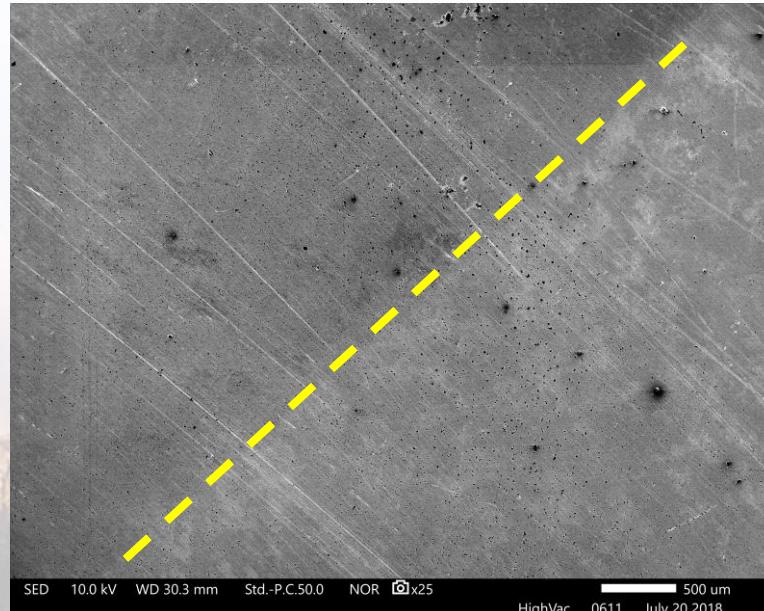
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Heavy Ion Design and Proof of Concept

Collaborators: D. Buller, B. Boyce, J. Carroll, P. Price, C. Taylor, B. Muntifering, S. Briggs, N. Heckman, J.A. Scott



Al Pedestals
12x(6"dx6 3/4"thickness)



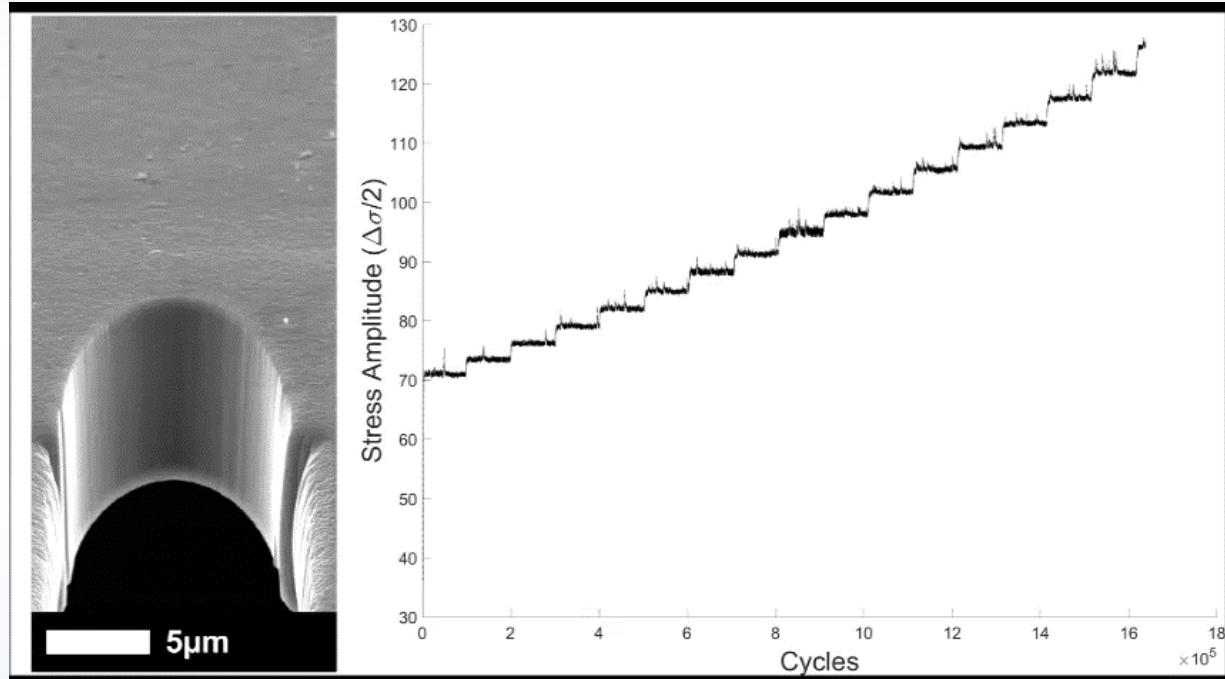
I³SEM planned for multiphase development. Ultimate plan is for multiple accelerators being attached for dual or triple beam experiments.



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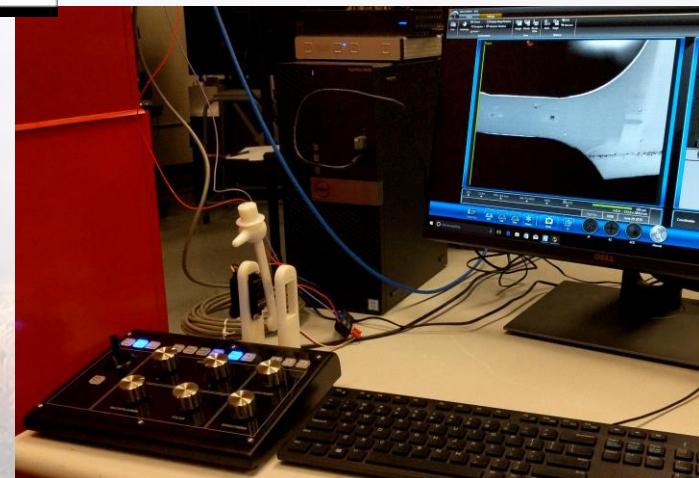
In situ High-cycle Fatigue

Collaborators: N. Heckman, B.L. Boyce,



- Nanocrystalline Ni-40Fe, 10-60 nm grain size, 10 μm notch, imaged at 60°
- Cycled at 30 Hz, 4000 cycles between images

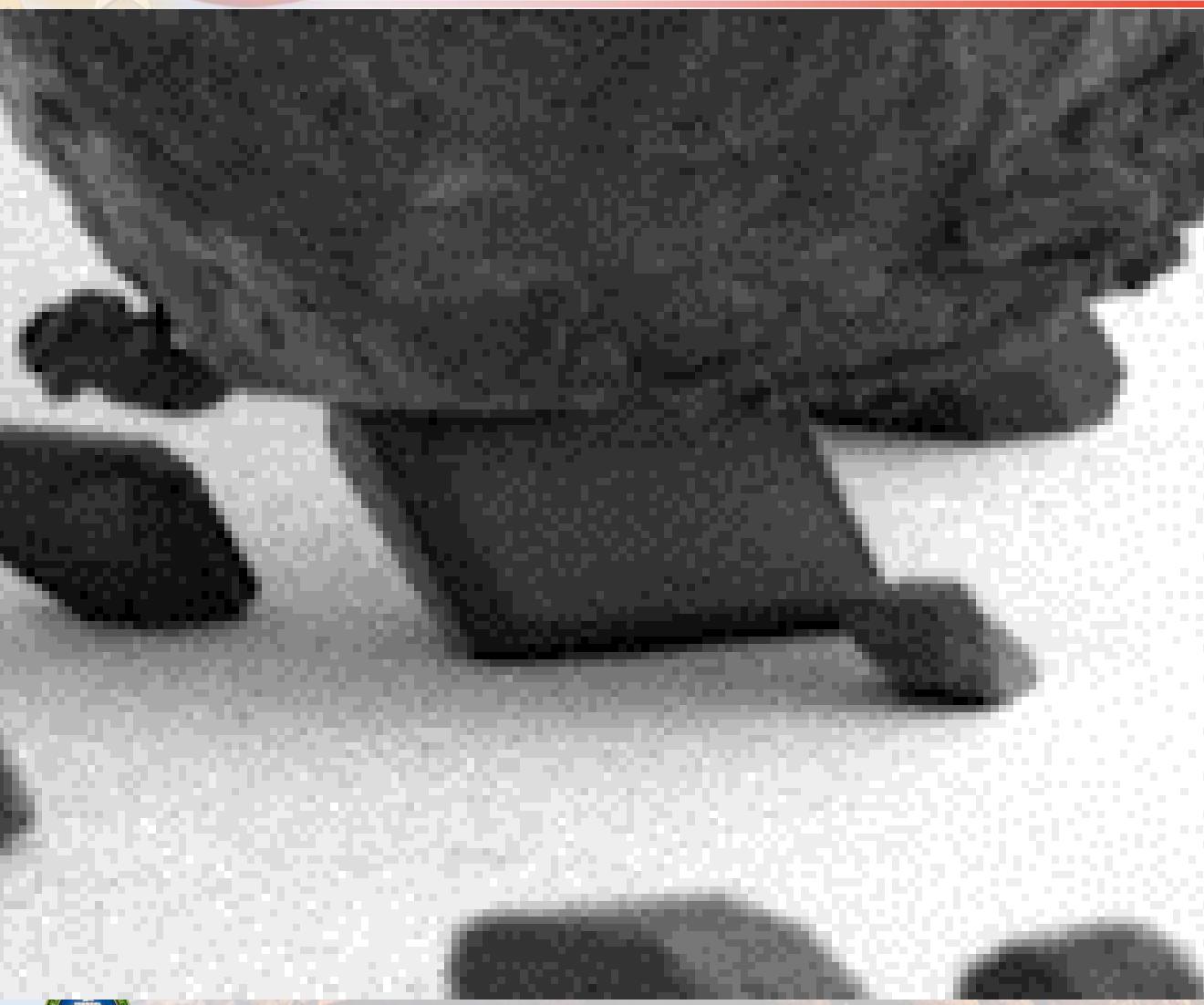
Direct insight into crack propagation and failure during cyclic loading



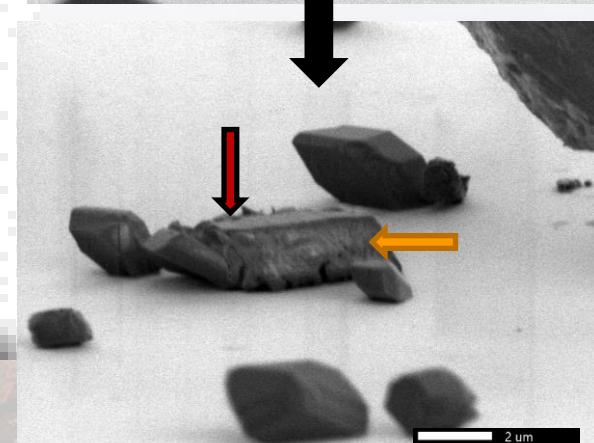
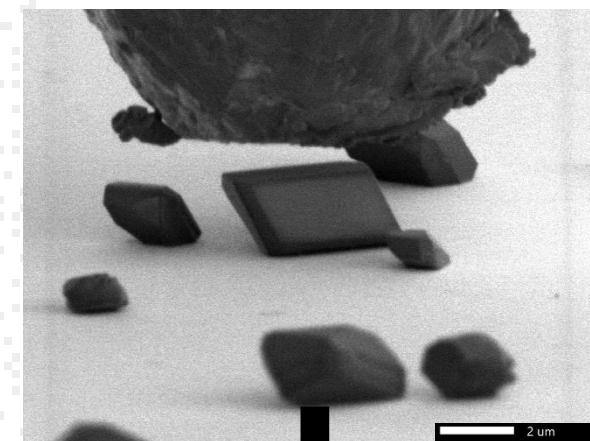
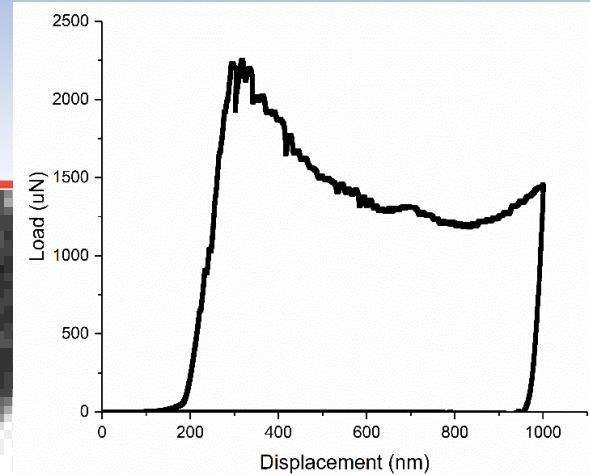


In situ Compression: Molecular Crystals

Collaborators: C.M. Barr, M. Cooper, D.C. Bufford, and J. Lechman



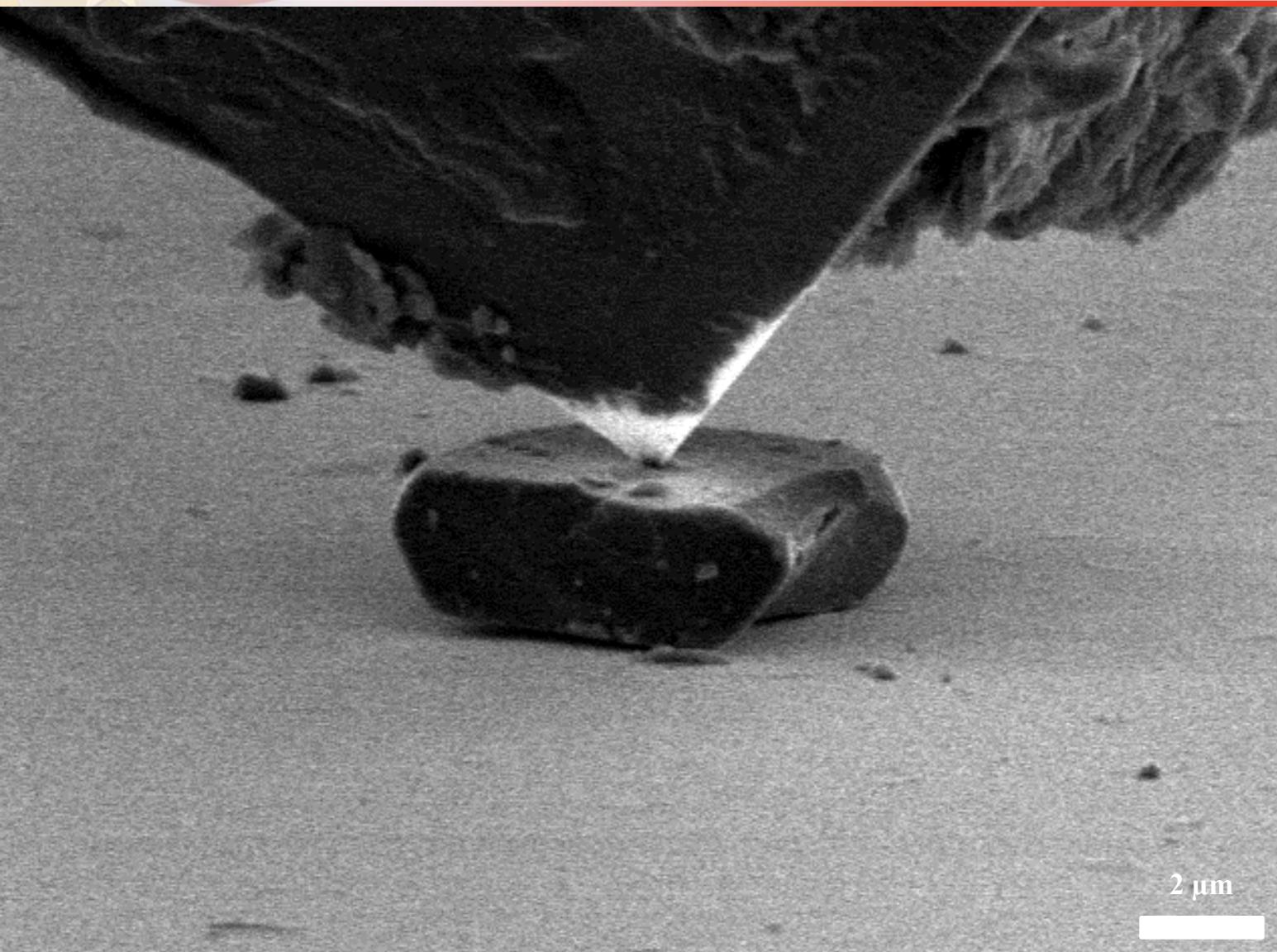
Displacement controlled fracture of molecular crystal





In situ Indentation: Ceramics

Collaborators: N. Heckman, B.L. Boyce,

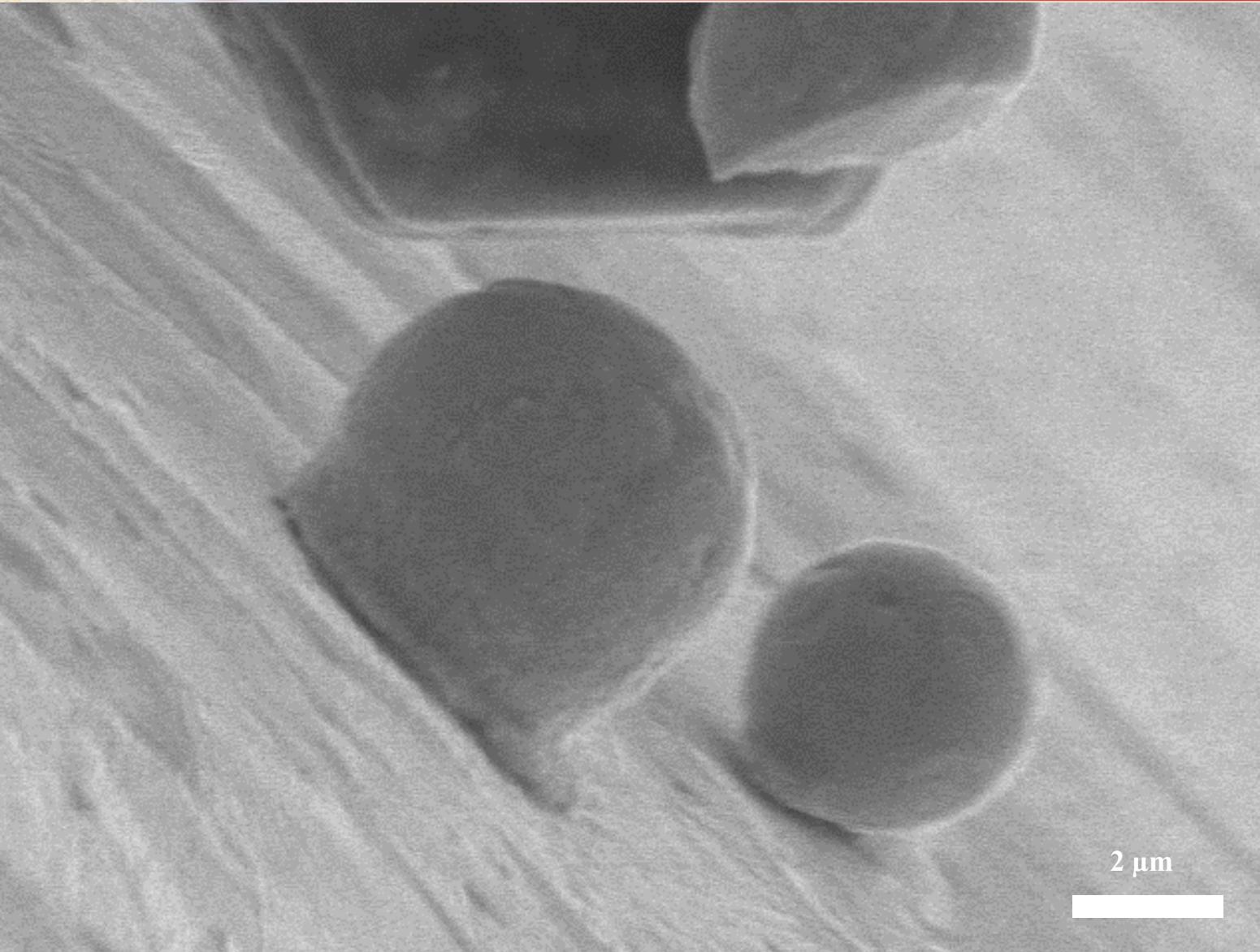


Alumina
30 mN peak
load
3 mN/s load
rate
1x speed



Angled *In situ* Compression: Steels

Collaborators: N. Heckman, B.L. Boyce, B. Muntifering



Kovar
5 micron
displacement
0.5 micron/s
1x speed

Recently Installed High Speed EBSD and EDS

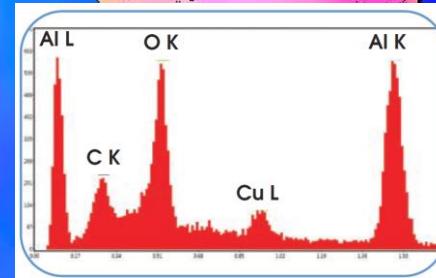
- EDAX Velocity™ EBSD Camera
 - Capable of fast acquisition (> 3000 indexed points per second)
 - High signal-to-noise ratio, phosphor screen optimized for high speed collection

Enables study of grain growth/evolution during irradiation, heating and straining experiments



45 um

- EDAX Octane Elite EDS System
 - High light element sensitivity
 - High count & throughput rates



Allows for analysis of precipitates, solute segregation, and phase ID



Future Vision: Testing Greater Extremes in the TEM

Hydrothermal Vents



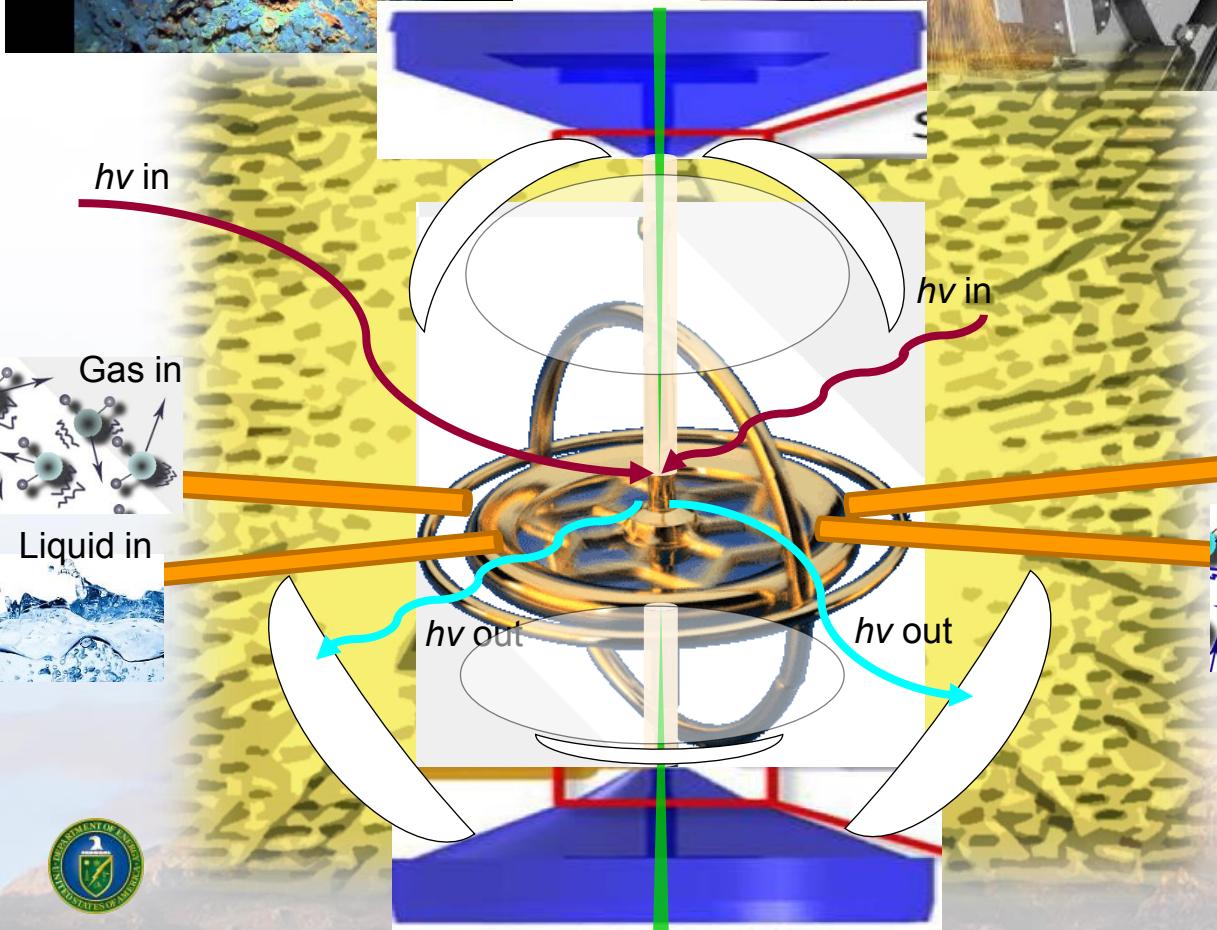
Advanced Manufacturing



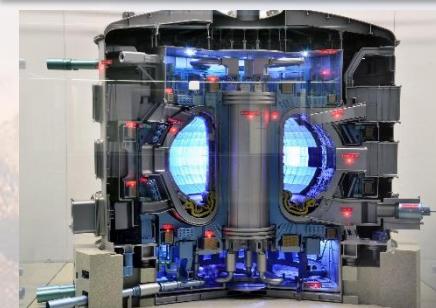
Volcanic Activity



Explosions



Fusion Reactor



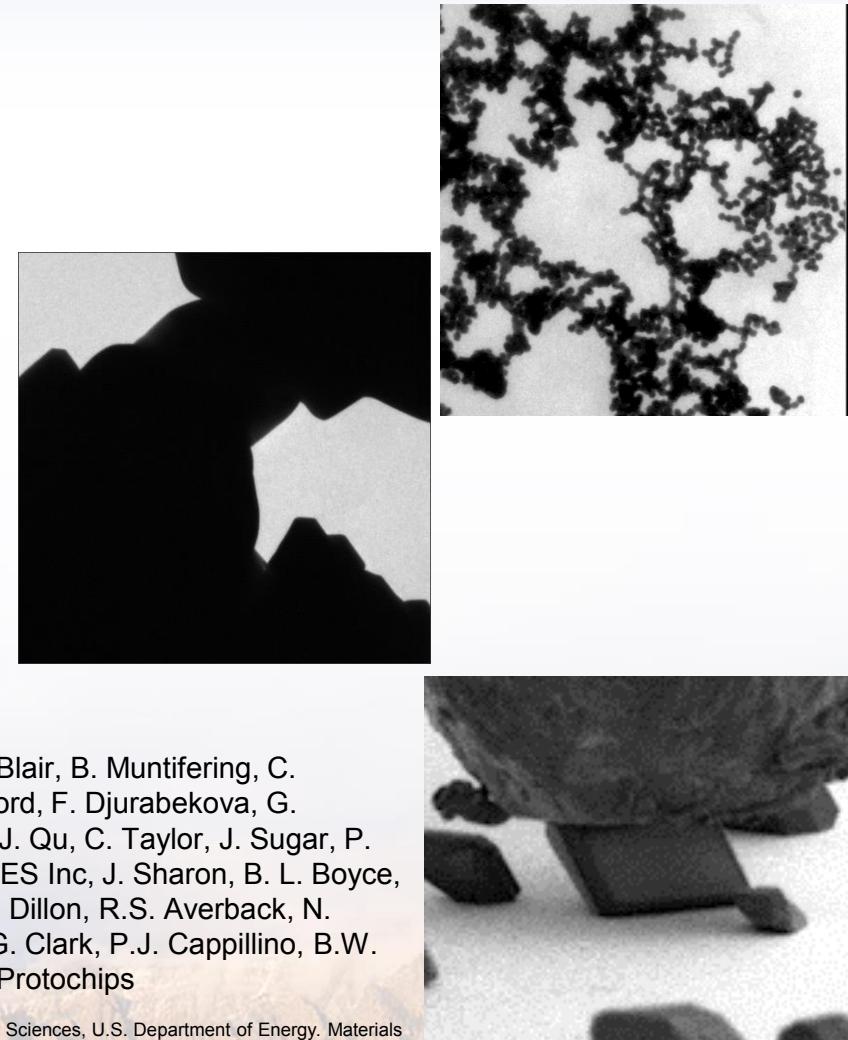


Unconventional *In situ* Microscopy Creates a Wealth of Possibilities



- Plethora of extreme environments that have not been fully explored.
- Utilizing the TEM as an experimental chamber provides a range of nanoscale extreme environments.
- Combining extreme conditions opens up the ability more complex real world applications.
- ACOM and other analytical techniques coupled with *in situ* observations provides a nice bridge to MD and mesoscale modeling.
- If you would like to hear about the I³SEM let me know

**The future is bright and fastly
approaching for coupled *in situ* TEM**



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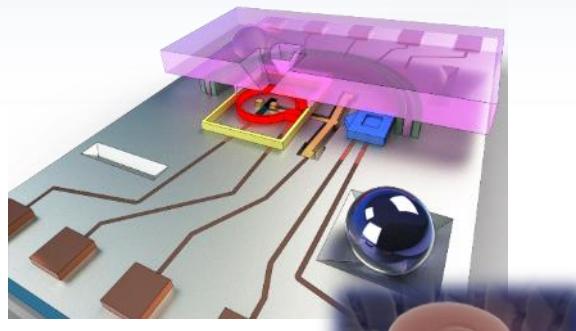
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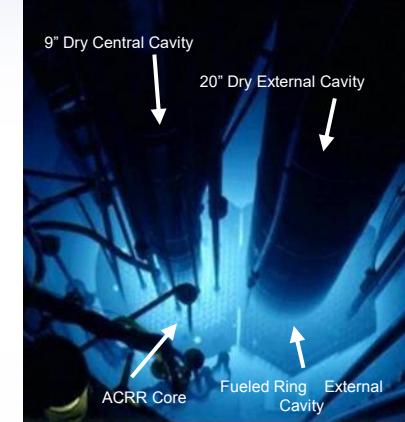
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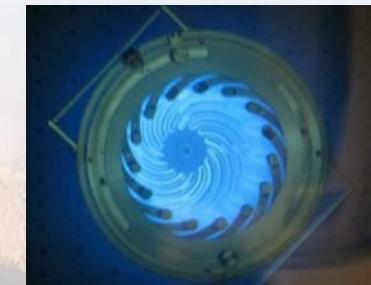


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