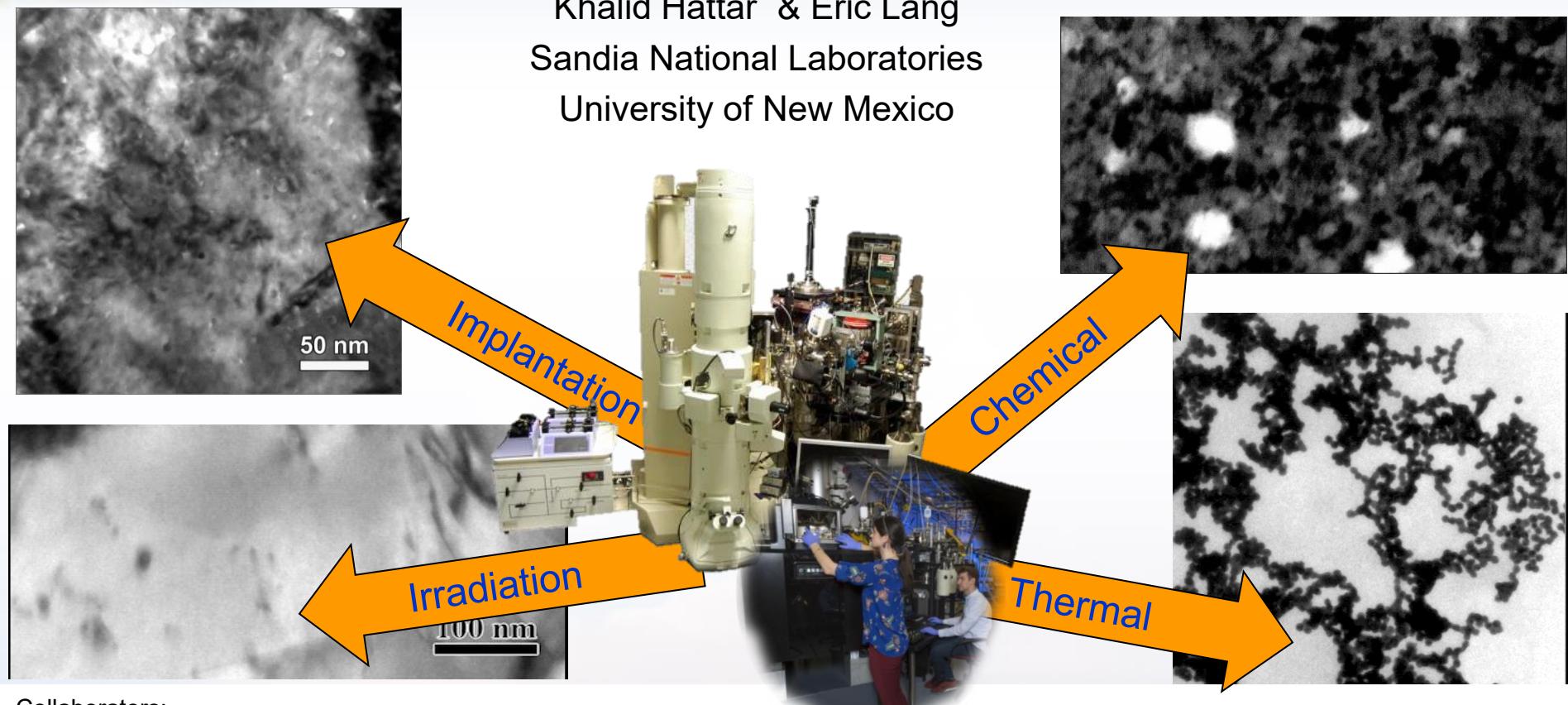


# Exploring Phase and Microstructural Stability through *In situ* SEM and TEM

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# Testing Greater Extremes in the TEM

## Hydrothermal Vents



## Advanced Manufacturing



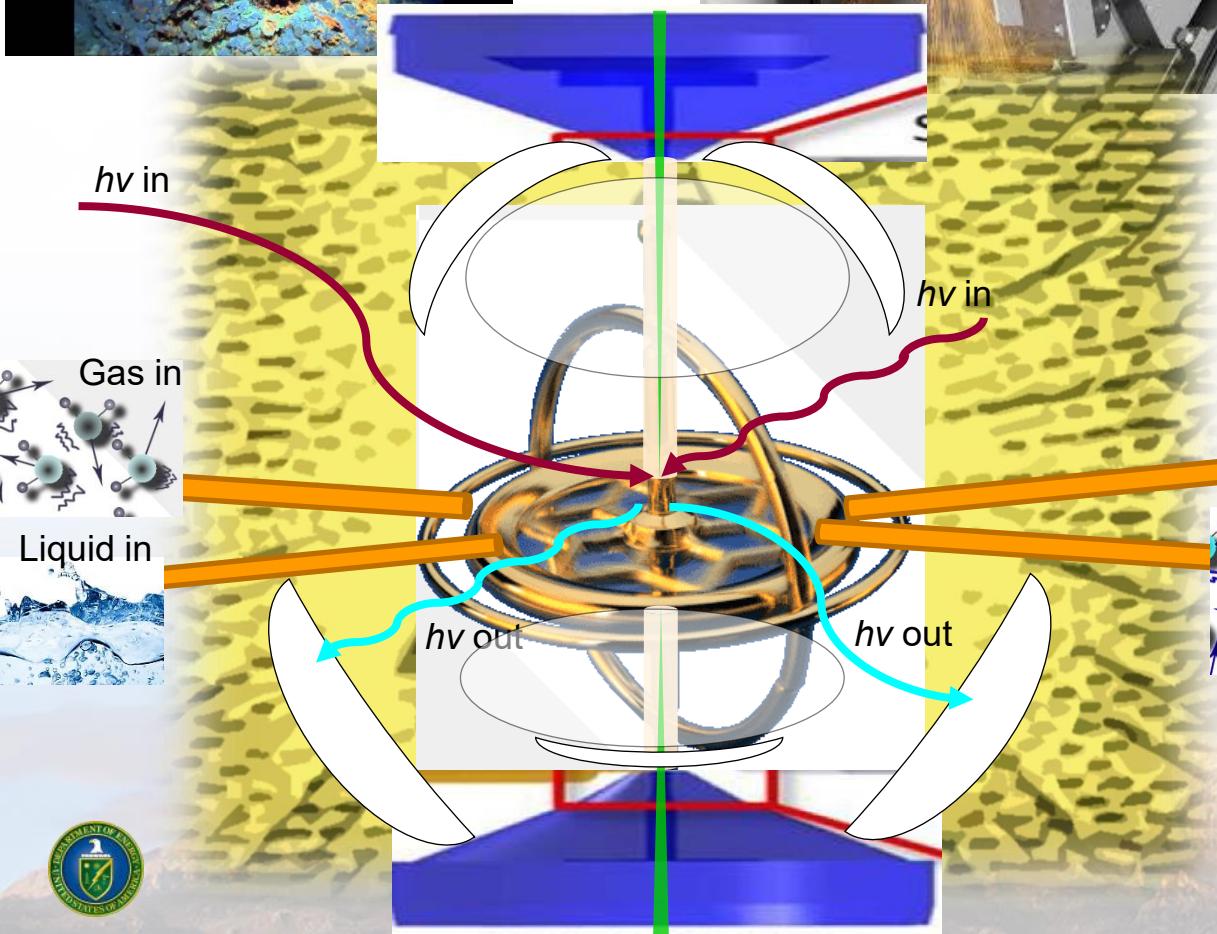
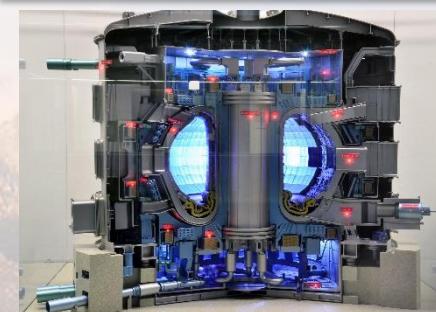
## Volcanic Activity



## Explosions



## Fusion Reactor



# Benefits & Limitations of *in situ* TEM

## Benefits

1. Real-time nanoscale resolution observations of microstructural dynamics

## Limitations

1. Predominantly limited to microstructural characterization
  - Some work in thermal, optical, and mechanical properties
2. Limited to electron transparent films
  - Can often prefer surface mechanisms to bulk mechanisms
  - Local stresses state in the sample is difficult to predict
3. Electron beam effects
  - Radiolysis and Knock-on Damage
4. Vacuum conditions
  - $10^{-7}$  Torr limits gas and liquid experiments feasibility
5. Local probing
  - Portions of the world study is small

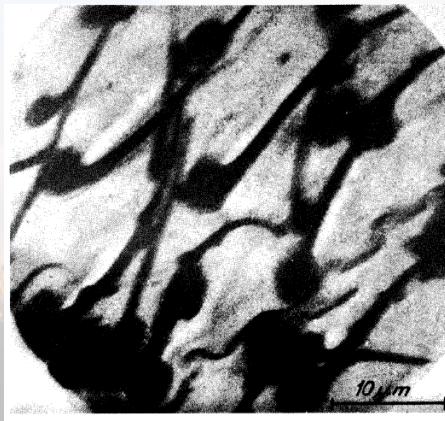


Fig. 6: Wing surface of the house fly.  
(First internal photography,  $U = 60$  kV,  $M_s = 2200$ )  
(Driest, E., and Müller, H.O.: Z. Wiss. Mikroskopie 52, 53-57 (1935))

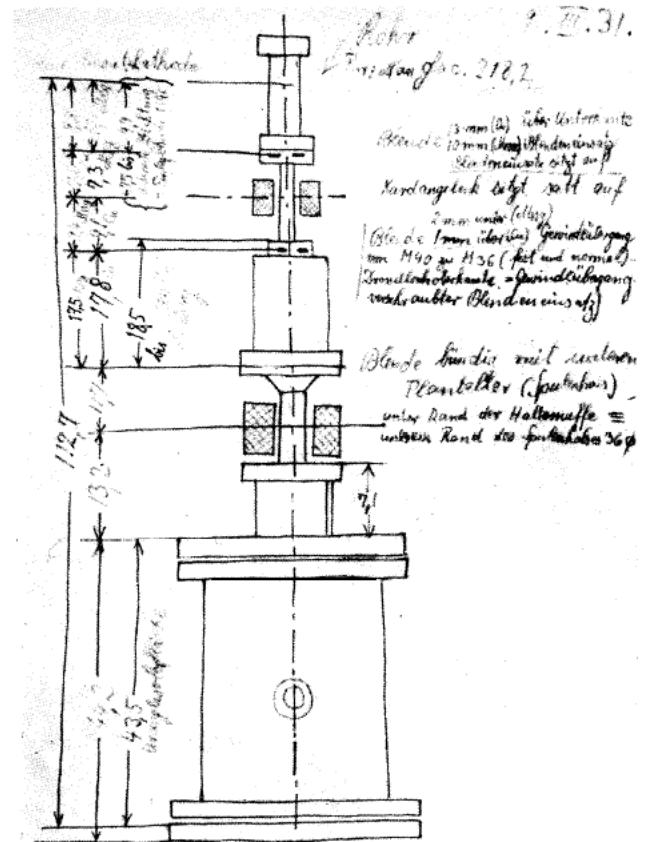


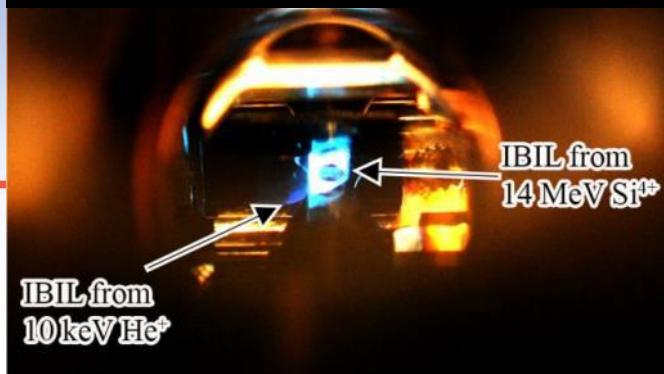
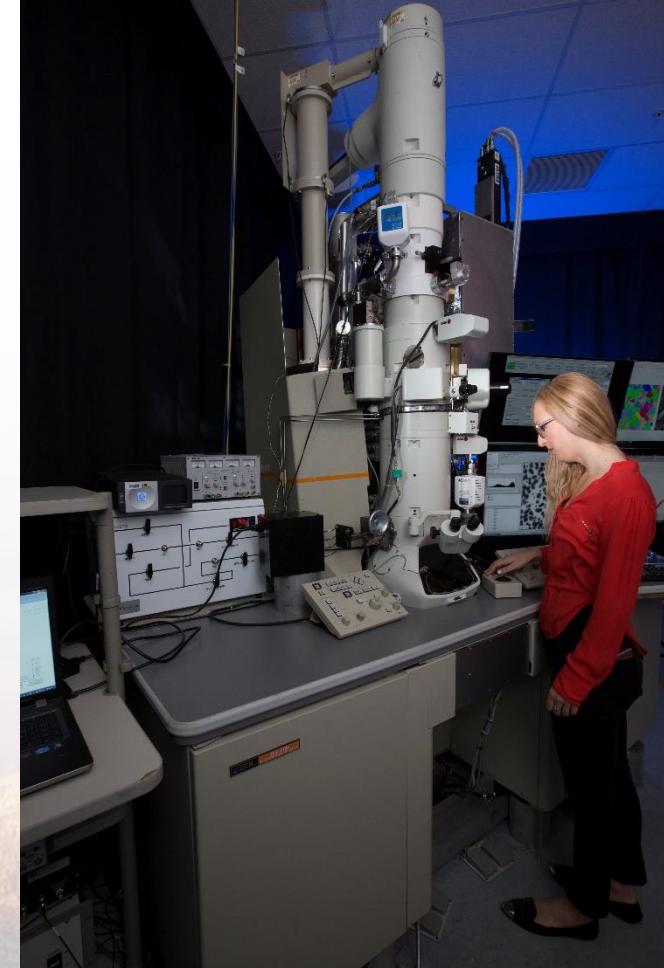
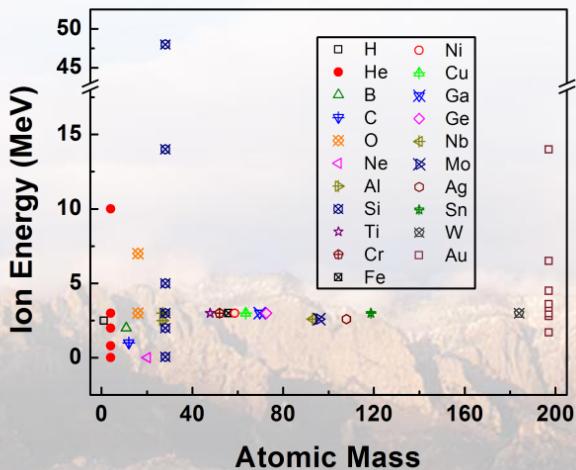
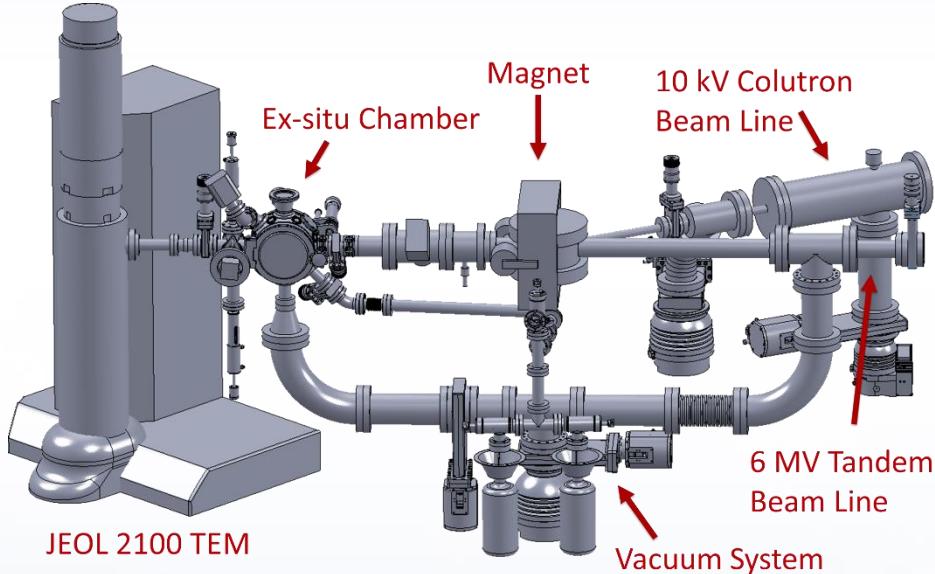
Fig. 2: Sketch by the author (9 March 1931) of the cathode ray tube for testing one-stage and two-stage electron-optical imaging by means of two magnetic electron lenses (electron microscope) [8].



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

Collaborator: D.L. Buller

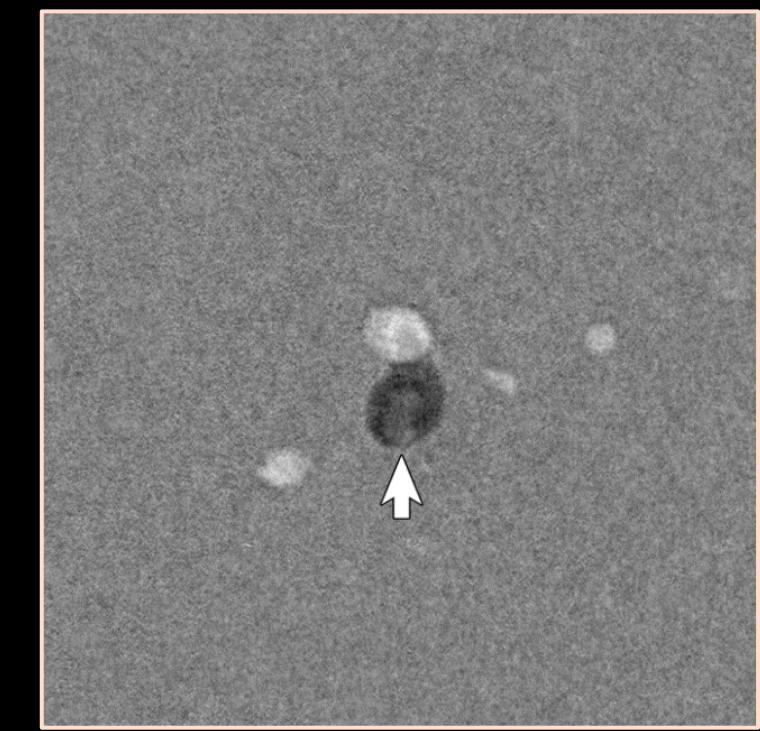
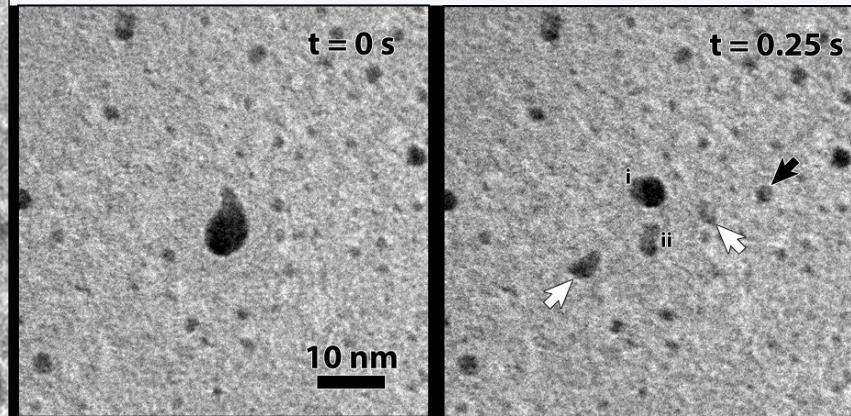
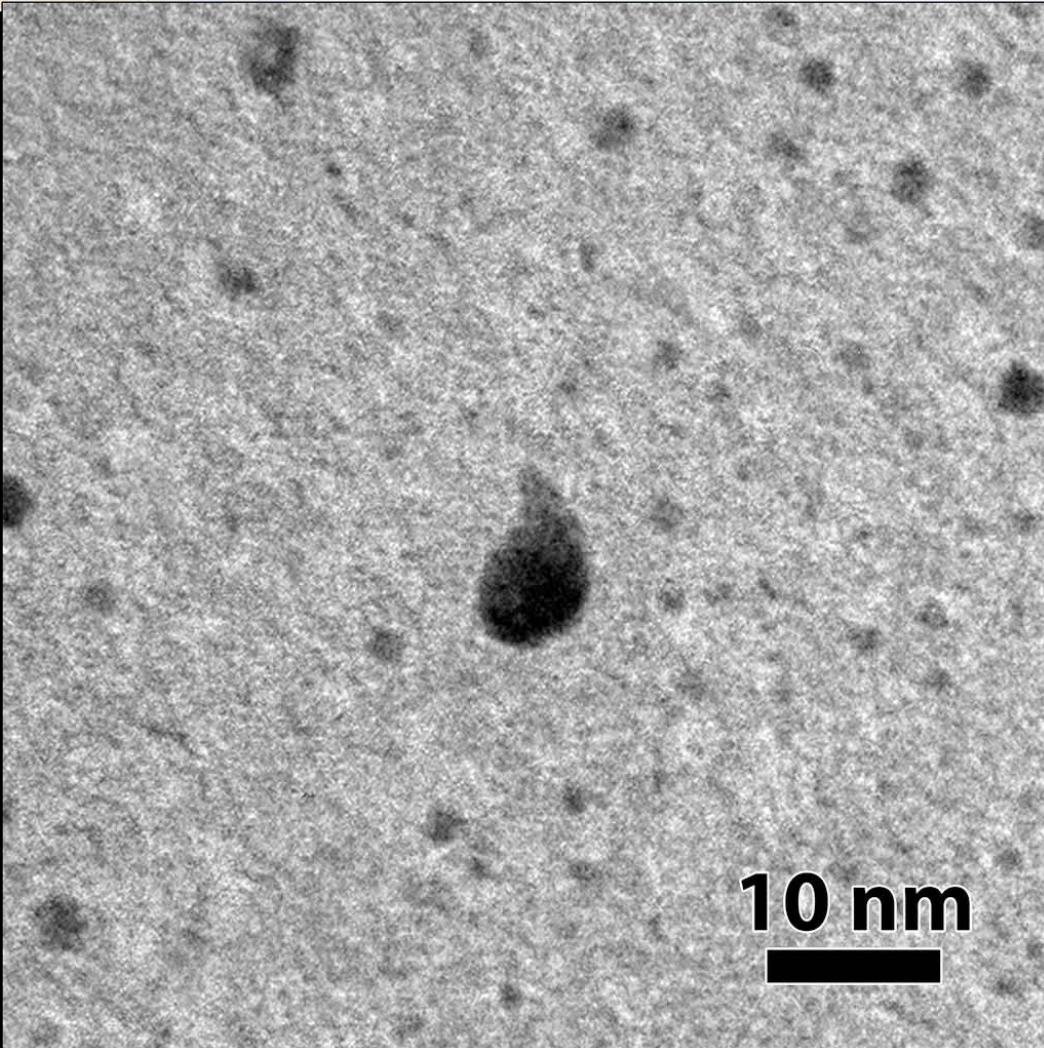
10 kV Colutron - 200 kV TEM - 6 MV Tandem





# Single Ion Strikes: 46 keV Au<sup>1+</sup> ions into 5 nm Au nanoparticles

Collaborator: D.C. Bufford



# Radiation Tolerance in Phase Change Memory

Contributors: Trevor Clark, Eric Lang, Ethan Scott, and David Adams



- **90 nm-thick GST with 0-20% C**

- **Plan View:**

- Anneal (5 °C/min)
- RT irradiation (4dpa)
  - Anneal (5 °C/min)
- 100 °C hold & irradiation (4dpa)

- **Cross section FIB lift-outs:**

- RT Irradiation
- 200 C & 300 C Hold

- **Irradiation Conditions**

- 2.8 MeV Au<sup>4+</sup> up to 4 dpa

No irradiation

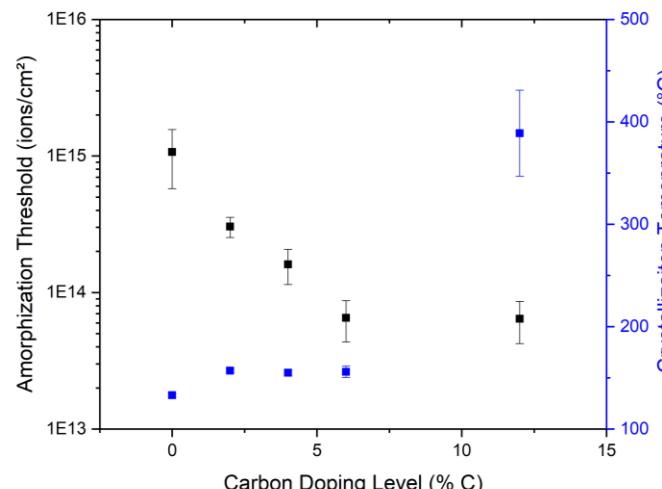
4 dpa

GST 0 %C

Anneal 5°C/min from 100-150 °C

200 nm

15x speed



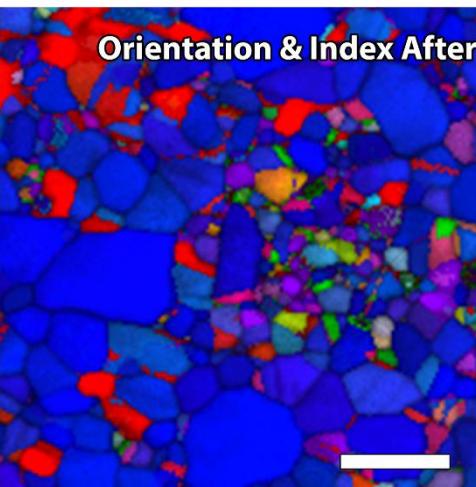
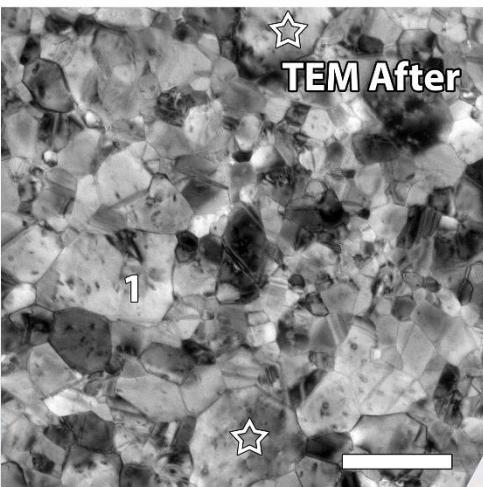
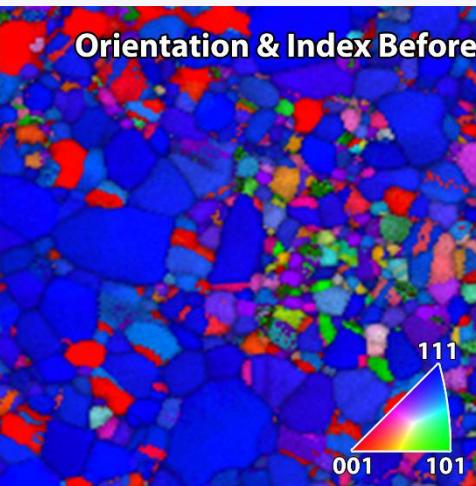
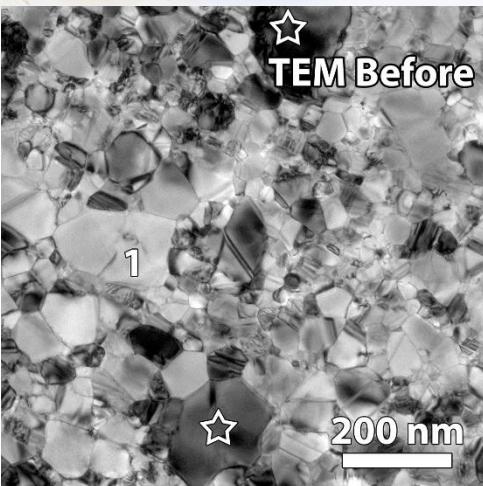
Amorphization and crystallization temperature are carbon dependent



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# Quantifying Grain Boundary Radiation Stability of Nanocrystalline Au

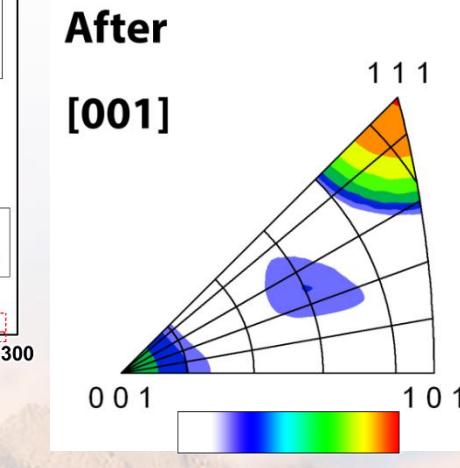
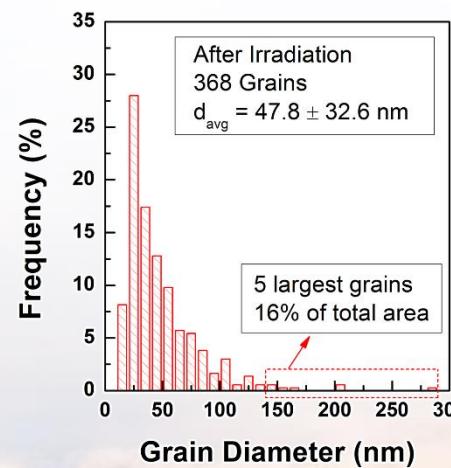
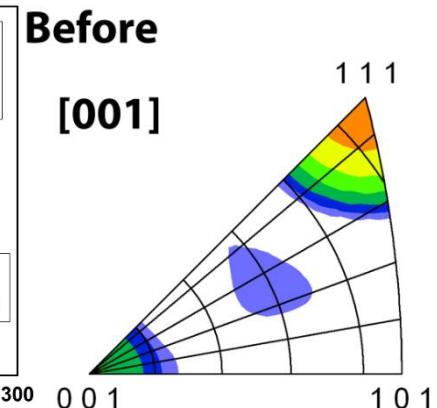
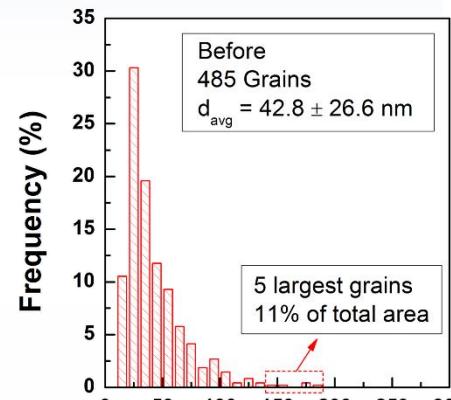
Collaborators: D.C. Bufford, F. Abdeljawad, & S.M. Foiles



10 MeV Si



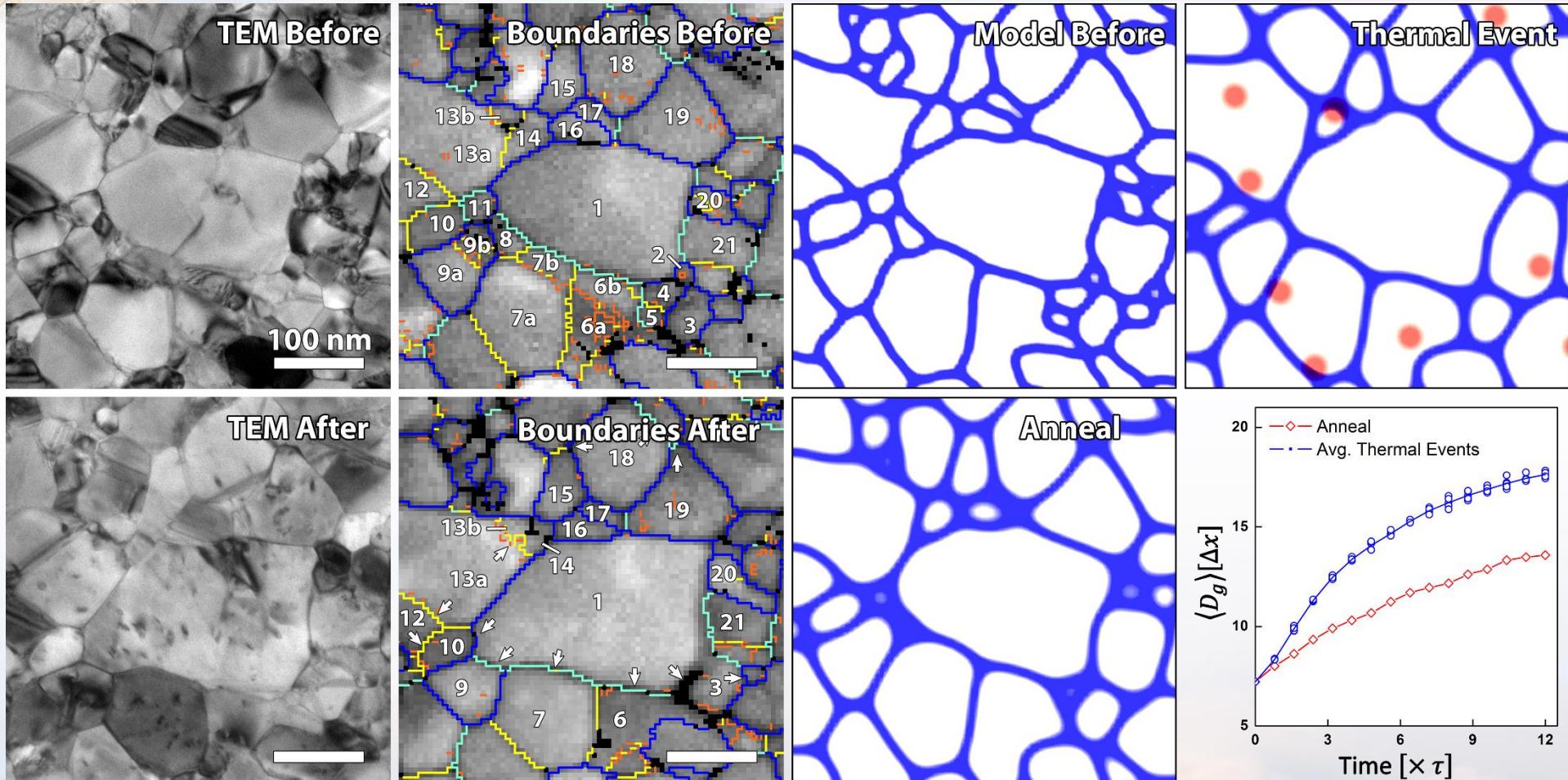
Any texture or grain boundary evolution can be directly observed and quantified



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# Direct Comparison to Mesoscale Modeling

Collaborators: D.C. Bufford, F. Abdeljawad, & S.M. Foiles



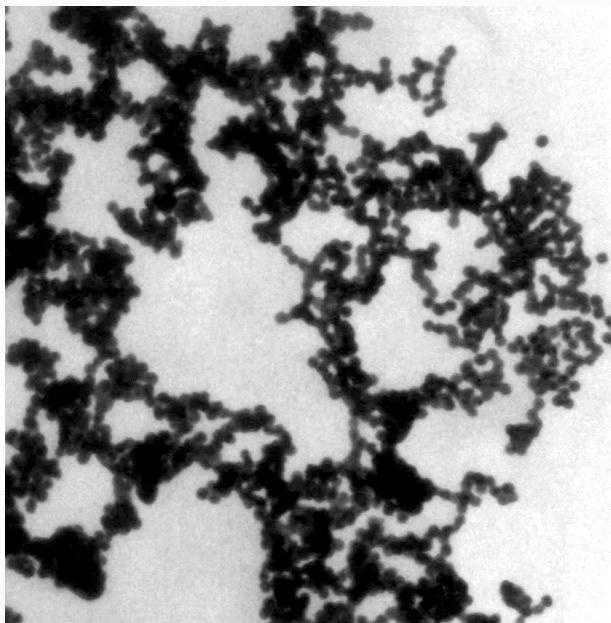
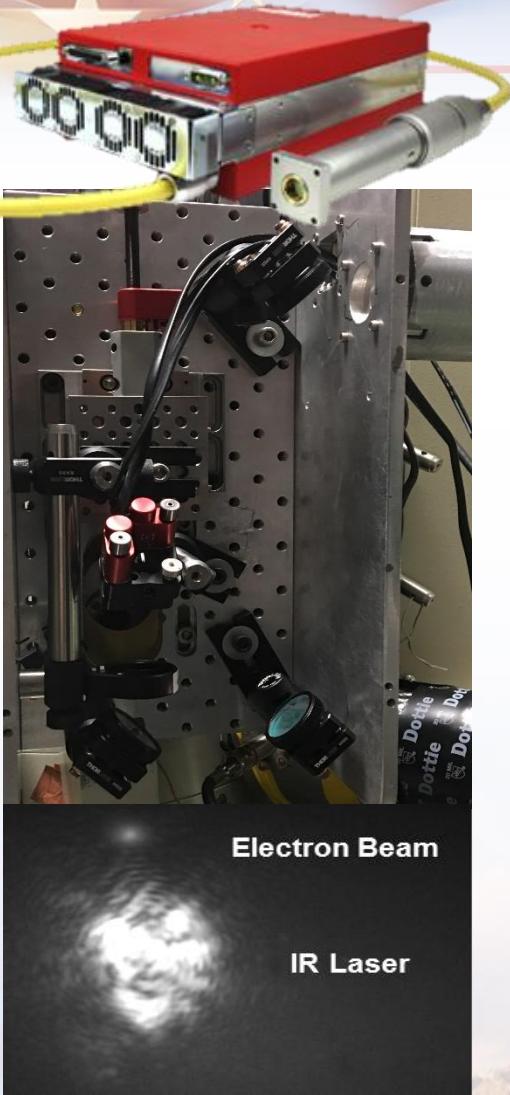
Because of the matching length scale, the initial microstructure can serve as direct input to either MD or mesoscale models & subsequent structural evolution can be directly compared.



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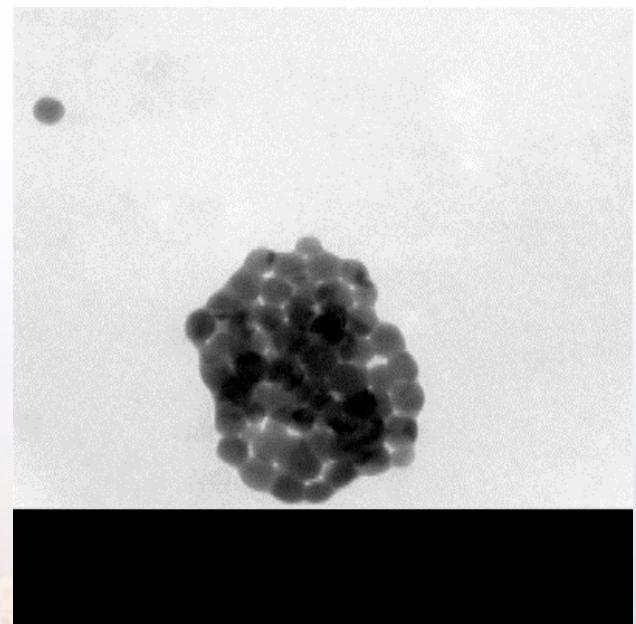
# Initial Laser Heating Observations

Collaborator: P. Price, C.M. Barr, D. Adams, M. Abere



We can now introduce  
rapid thermal heating  
with any TEM stage or  
ion beam conditions

A Complex Combination of  
Sintering, Reactions, and  
Ablation Occurs



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# In situ Quantitative Mechanical Testing

Contributors: J. Sharon, B. L. Boyce, C. Chisholm, H. Bei, E.P. George, P. Hosemann, A.M. Minor, & Hysitron Inc.



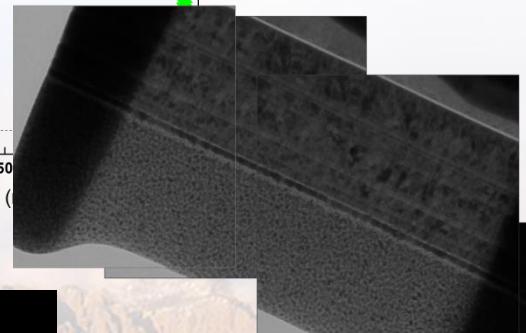
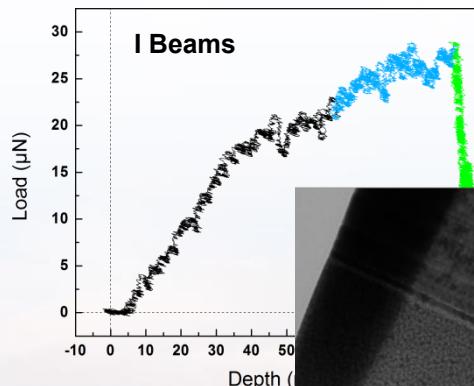
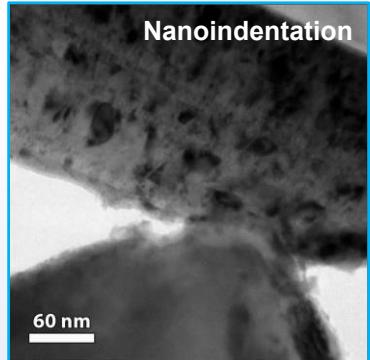
Hysitron PI95 *In Situ* Nanoindentation TEM Holder

- Sub nanometer displacement resolution
- Quantitative force information with  $\mu\text{N}$  resolution
- **Concurrent real-time imaging by TEM**

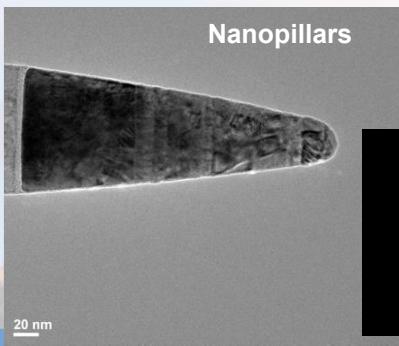
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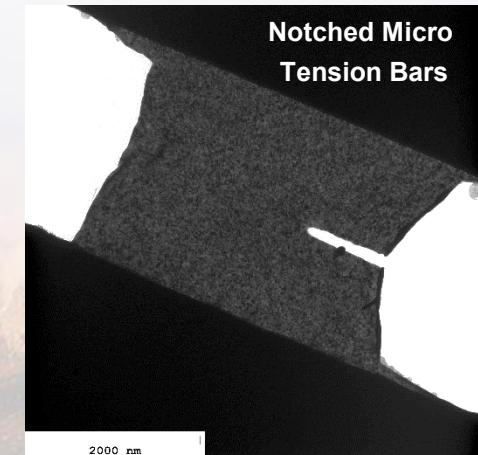
Nanoindentation



Nanopillars

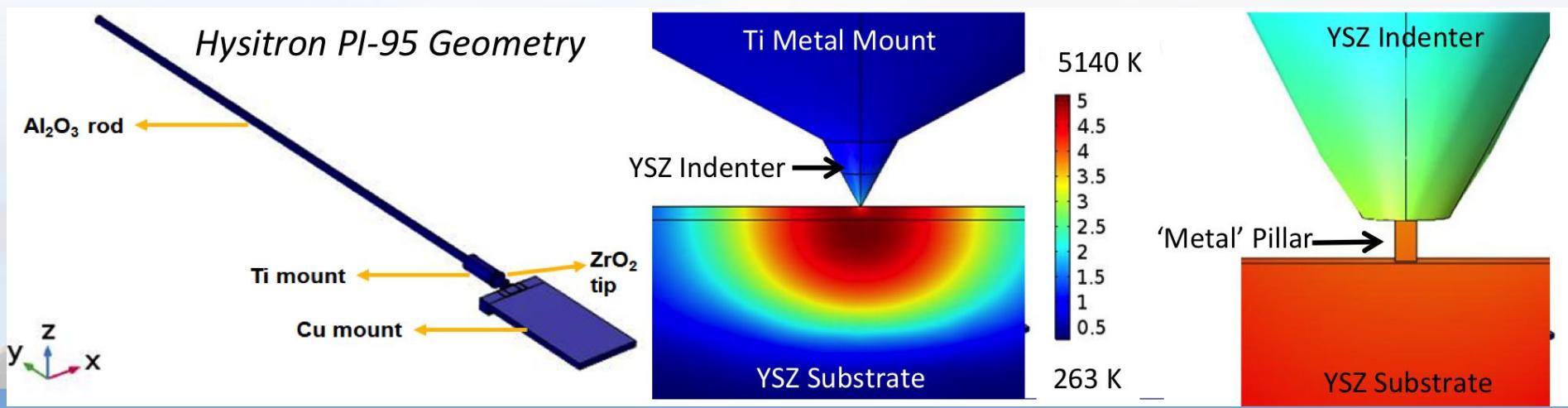
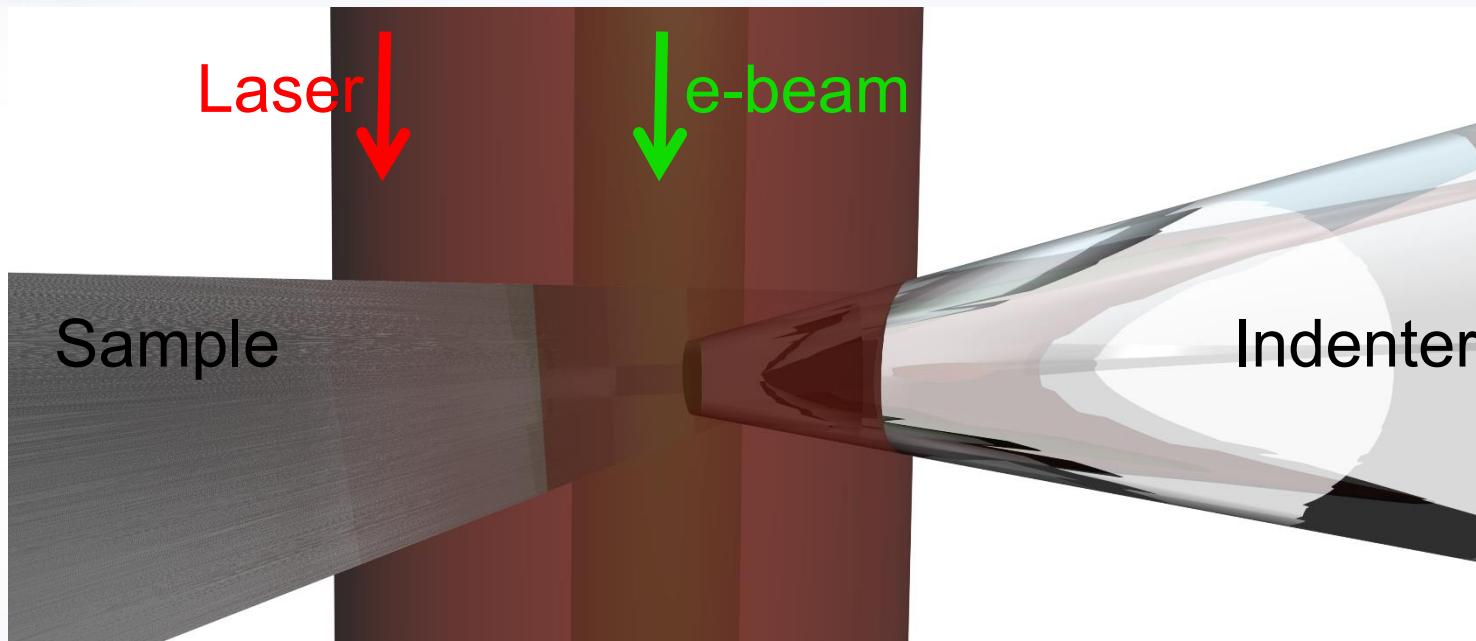


Notched Micro Tension Bars



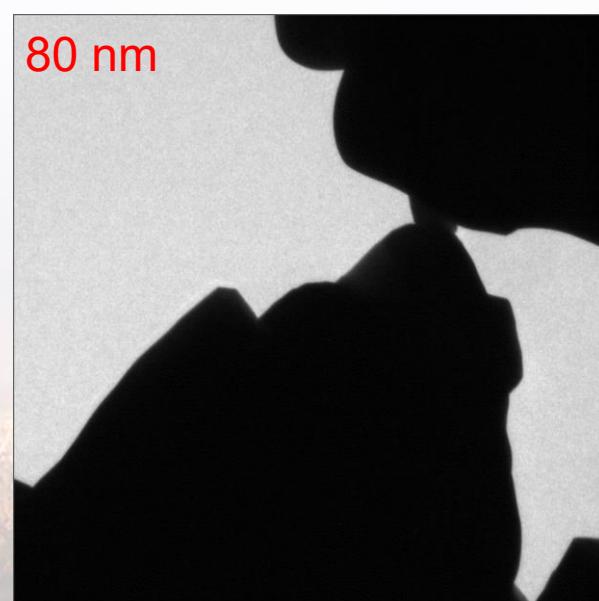
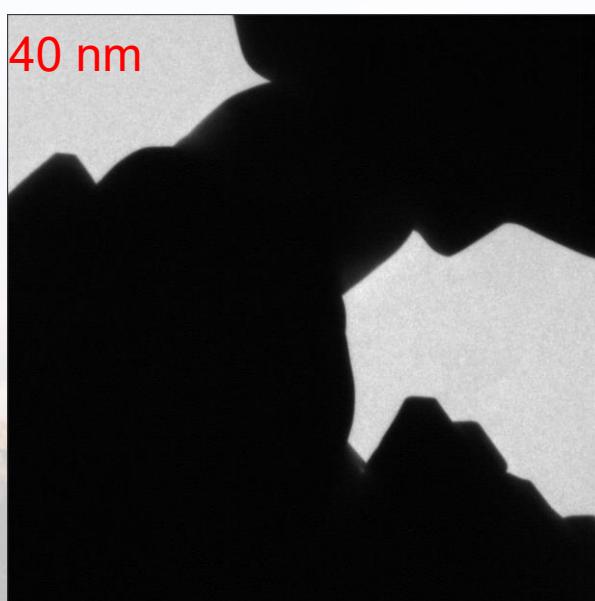
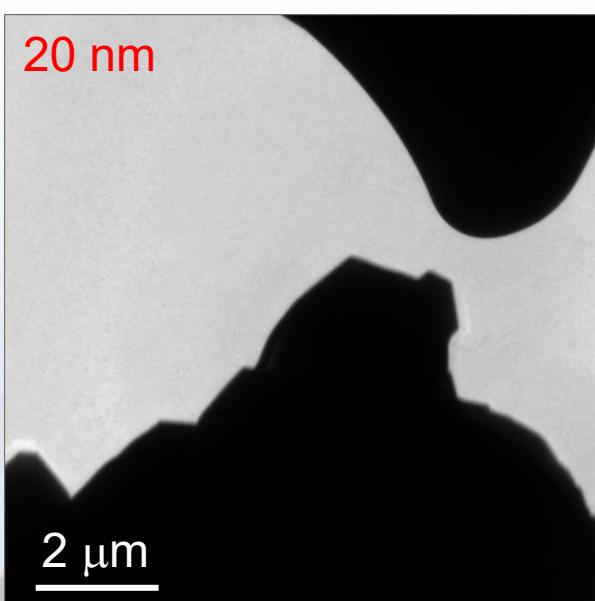
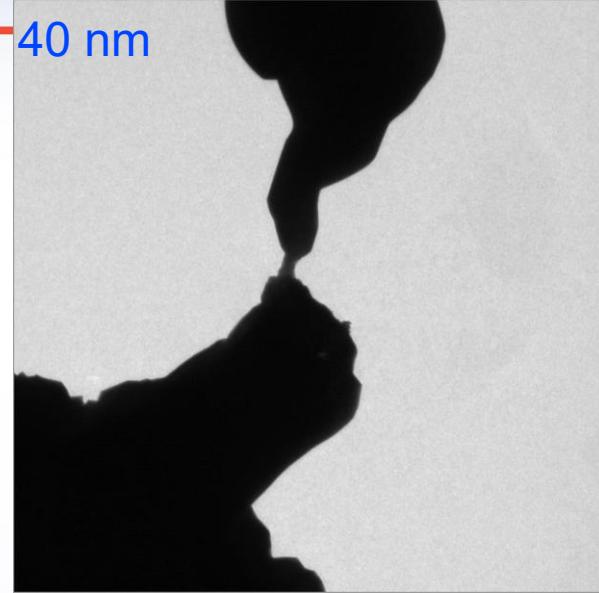
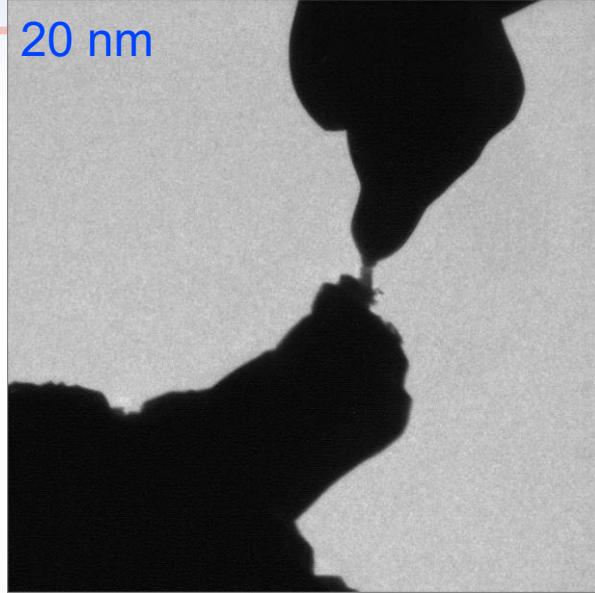
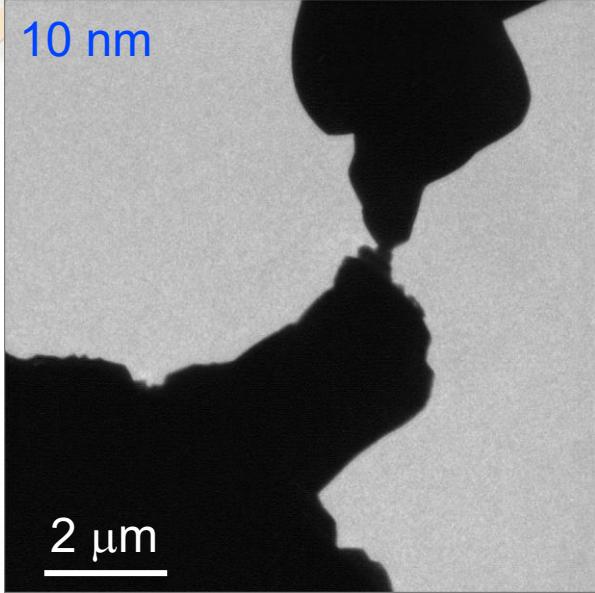
# Can we Combine Laser Heating with Mechanical Testing?

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

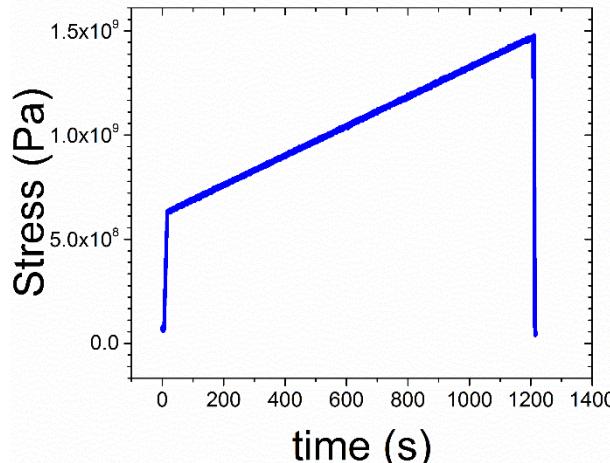
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# Irradiation Creep (4 MeV Cu<sup>3+</sup> 10<sup>-2</sup> DPA/s)

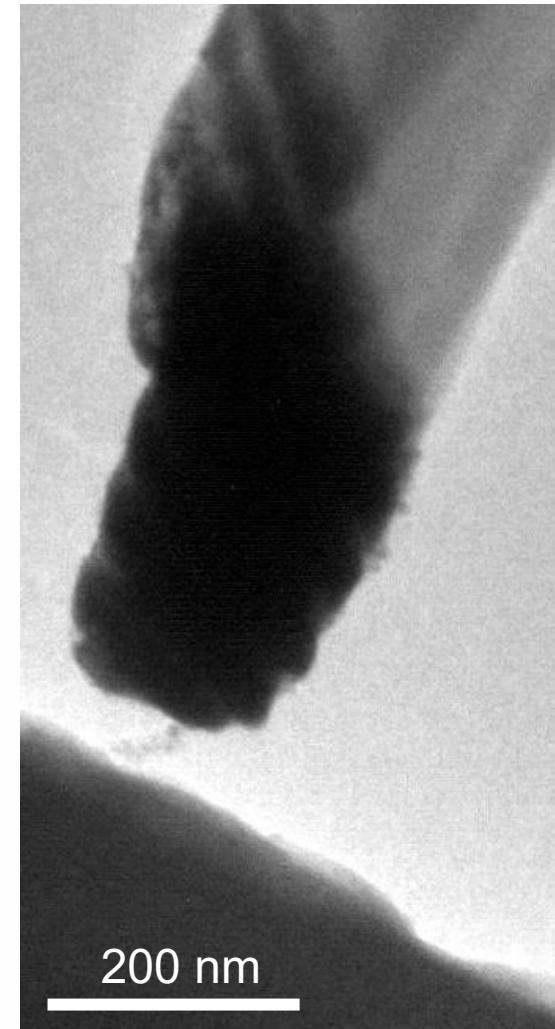
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## Controlled Loading Rate Experiments

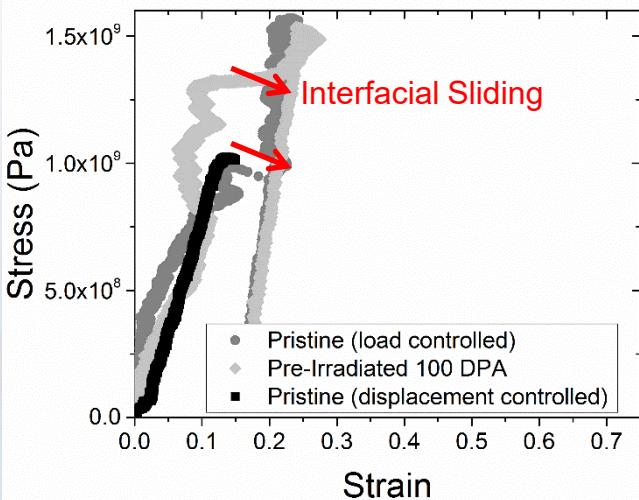


In-situ TEM  
radiation  
creep is  
feasible!

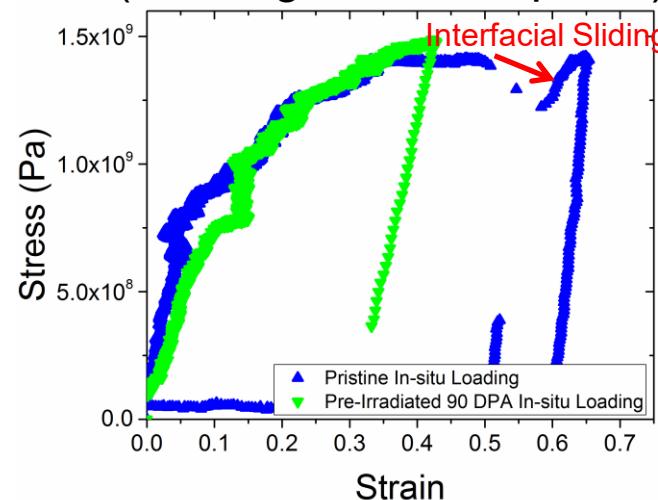
50 nm Cu-W multilayer  
20 Min



No Irradiation  
(Loading rate 0.6 Mpa s<sup>-1</sup>)



Irradiation Creep  
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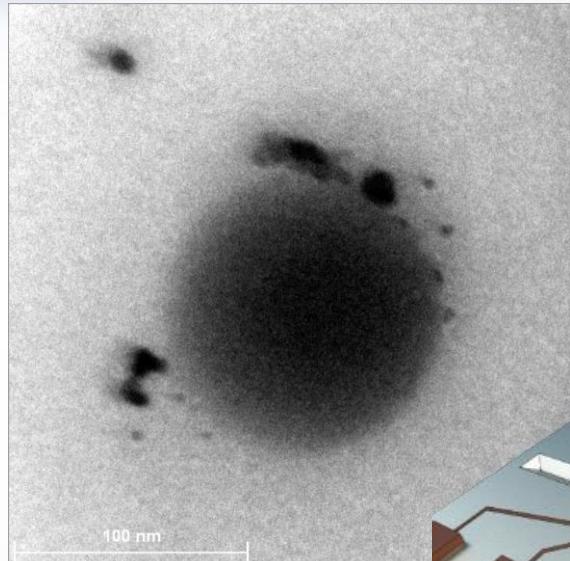


# Phase Stability in Microfluidic Environment

## Protocell Drug Delivery

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E. Carnes,  
J. Brinker

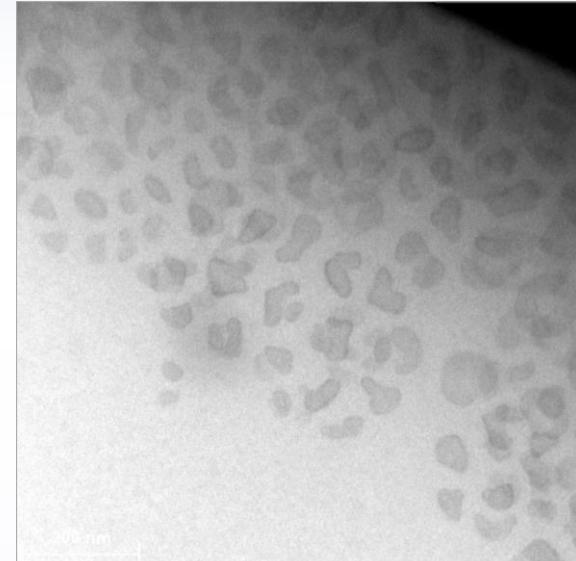
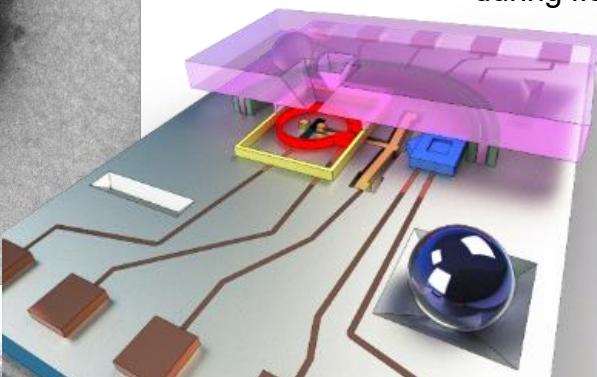
Liposome  
encapsulated  
Silica  
destroyed by  
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beam



## BSA Crystallization

S.H. Pratt

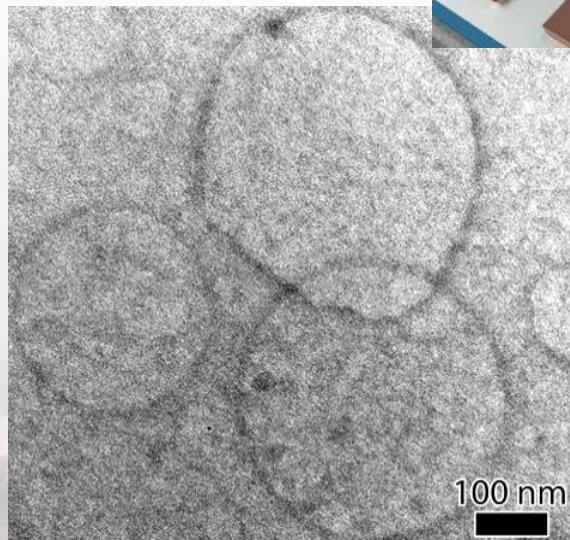
Crystallization of  
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Serum Albumen  
during flow



## Liposomes in Water

S.H. Pratt,  
D. Sasaki

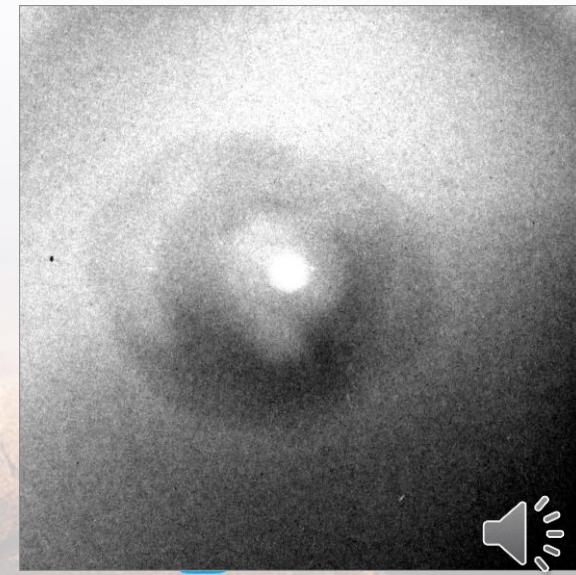
Liposomes  
imaged in  
flowing  
aqueous  
channel



## La Structure Formation

S.H. Pratt,  
T. Nenoff

La  
Nanostruct  
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from  $\text{LaCl}_3$   
 $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  in wet  
cell due to  
beam



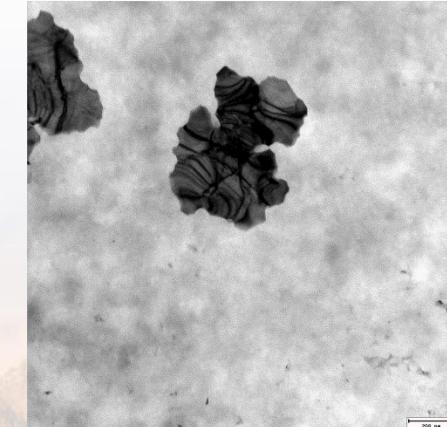
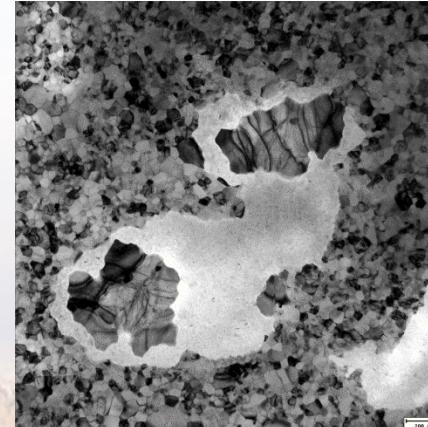
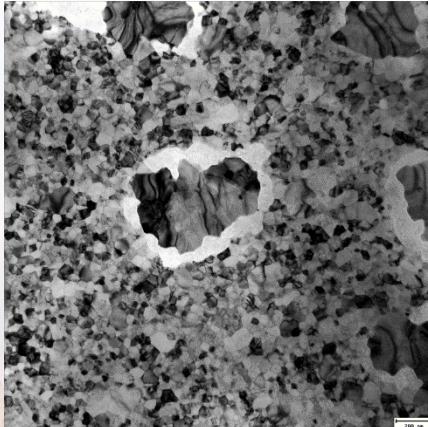
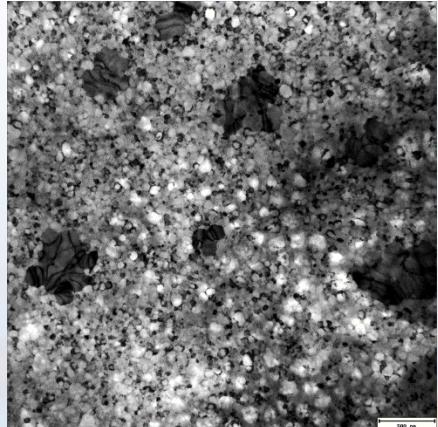
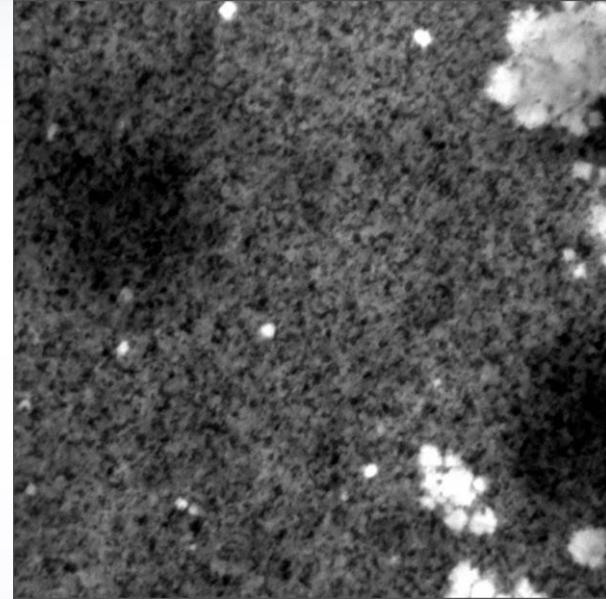
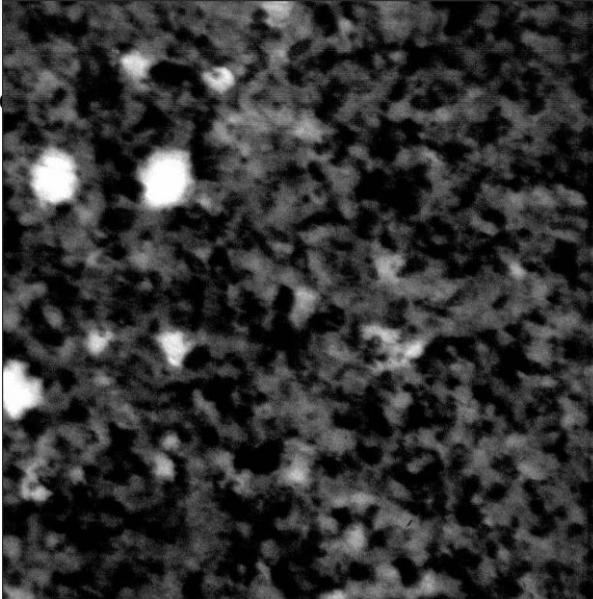
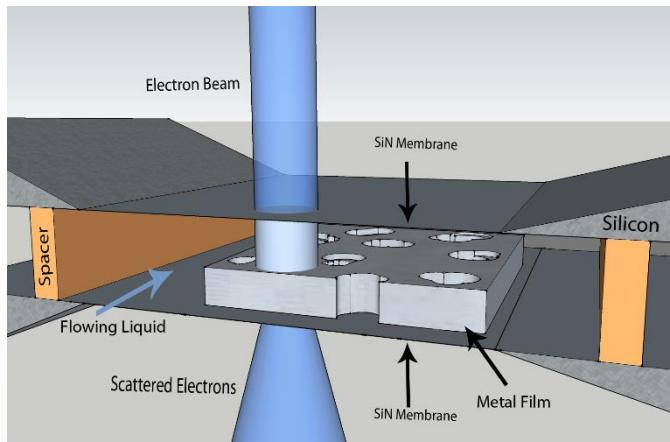


# Can We Gain Insight into the Corrosion Process through *In situ* TEM?

Contributors: D. Gross, J. Kacher, I.M. Robertson & Protochips, Inc.

## Microfluidic Stage

- Mixing of two or more channels
- Continuous observation of the reaction channel



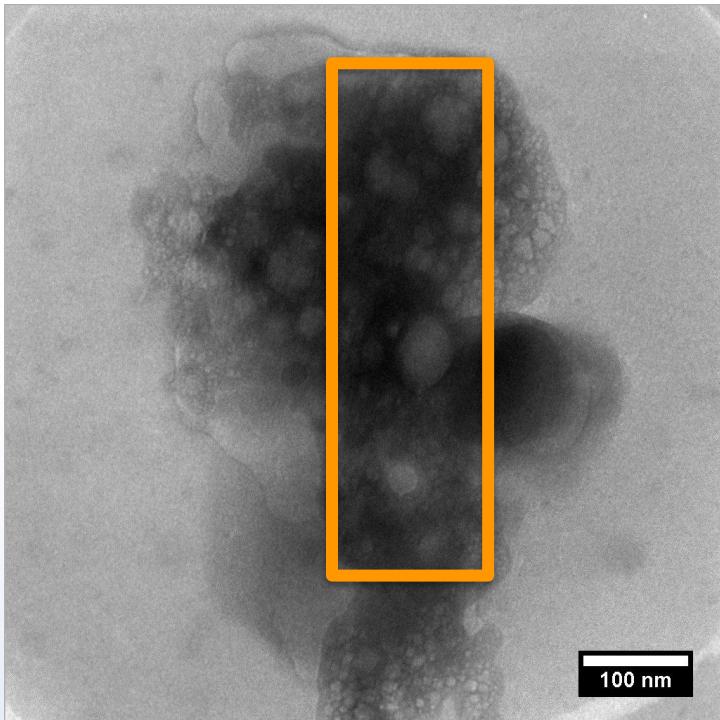
Pitting mechanisms during dilute flow of acetic acid over 99.95% nc-PLD Fe involves many grains.  
Large grains resulting from annealing appear more corrosion tolerant

# PED in Liquid Cell Environment

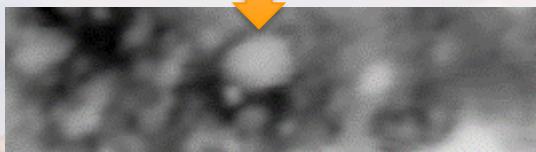
Contributors: C. Taylor, S. Pratt, & T. Nenoff

$\text{LaCl}_3 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O} : 10\text{ H}_2\text{O} : \text{PED}$

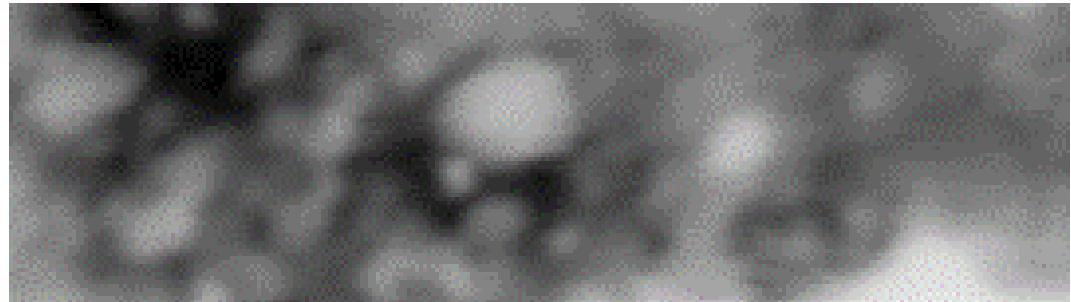
TEM Image



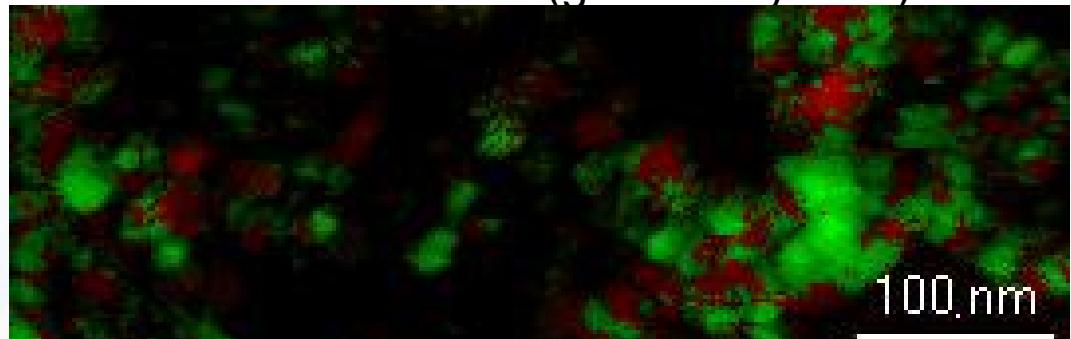
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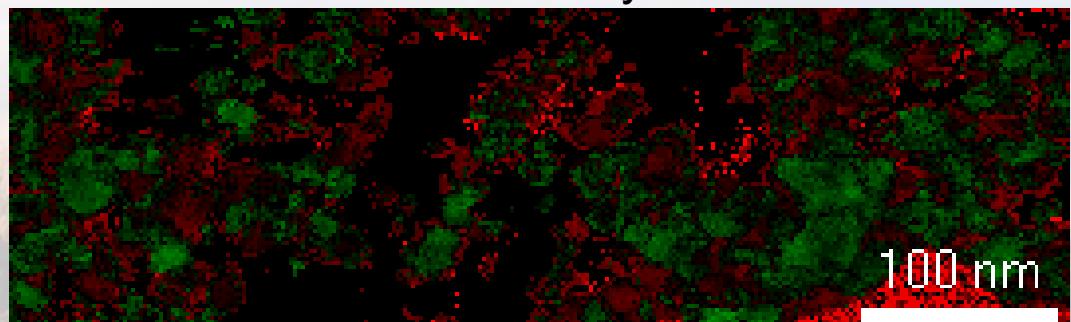
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Index + Phase (green = hydride)



Phase Reliability + Phase



# Ex situ Mechanical Testing End Station

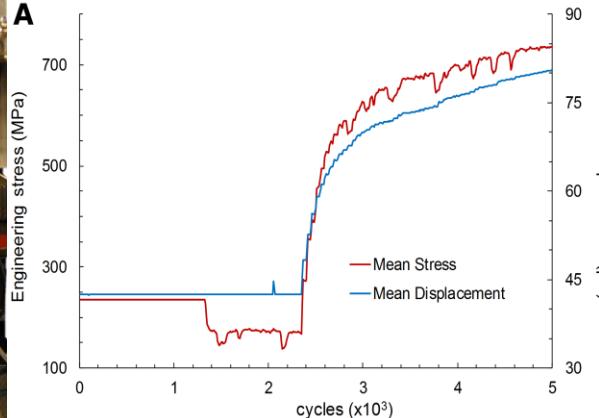
Collaborators: D. Buller, B. Boyce, J. Carroll, P. Price, C. Taylor, B. Muntifering, S. Briggs, N. Heckman, J.A. Scott

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

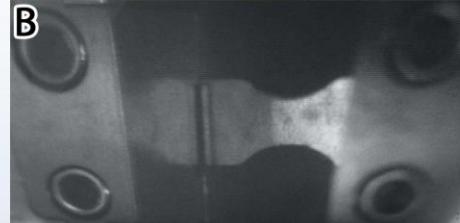
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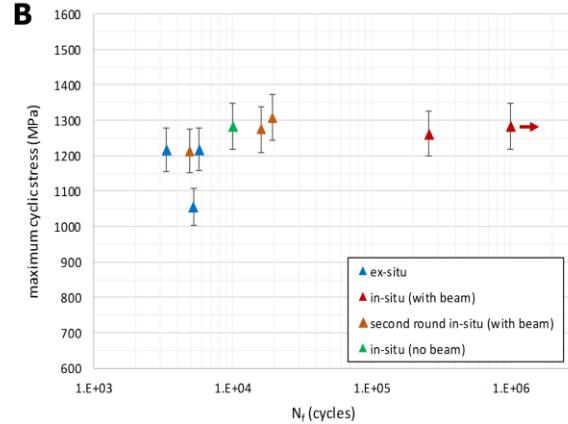
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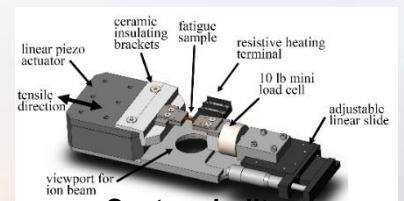
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Nanoindenter



MTI Fullam  
Straining Heating



Gatan Cryostage



Custom-built  
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tester

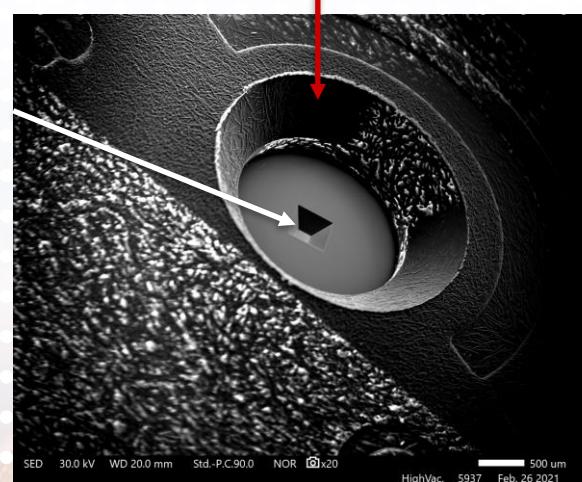
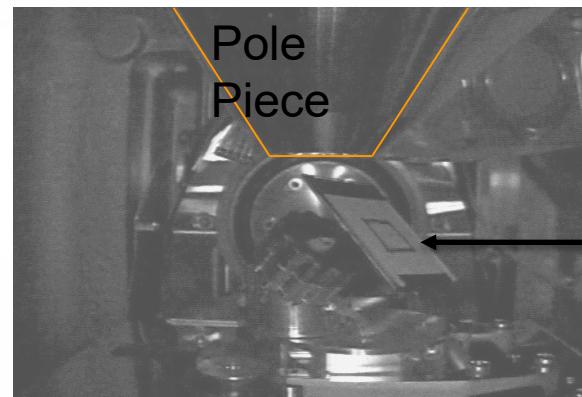
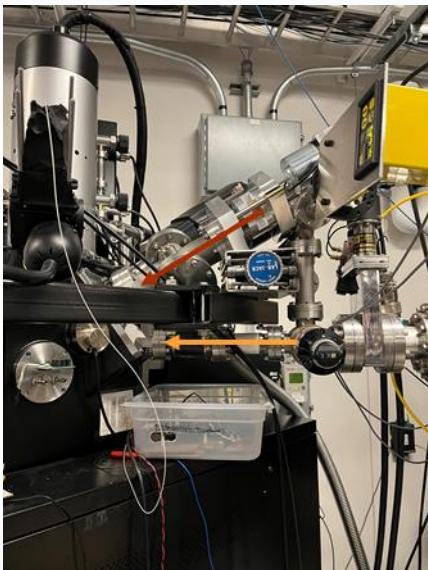


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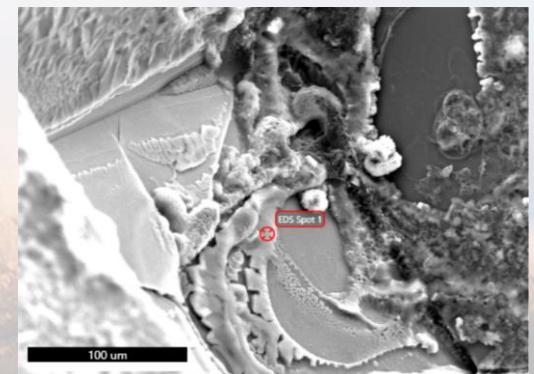
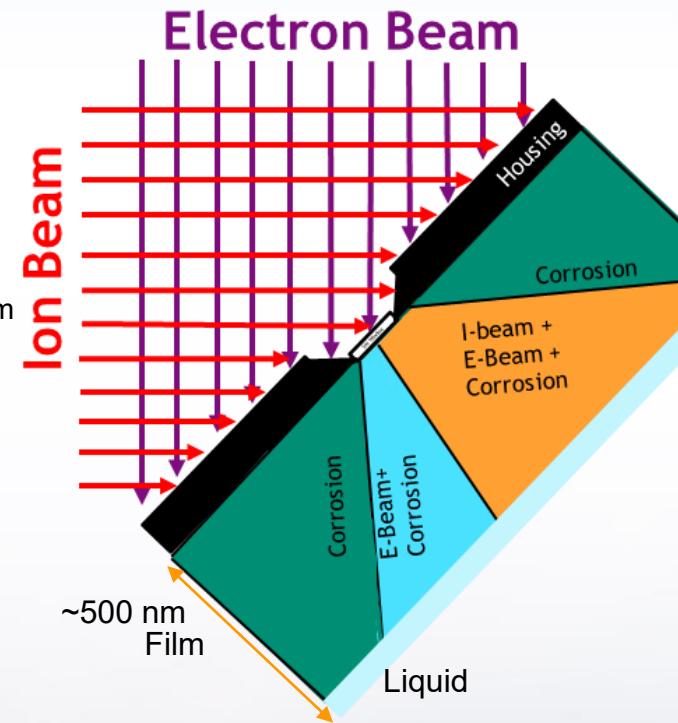


# *In situ* Extreme SEM

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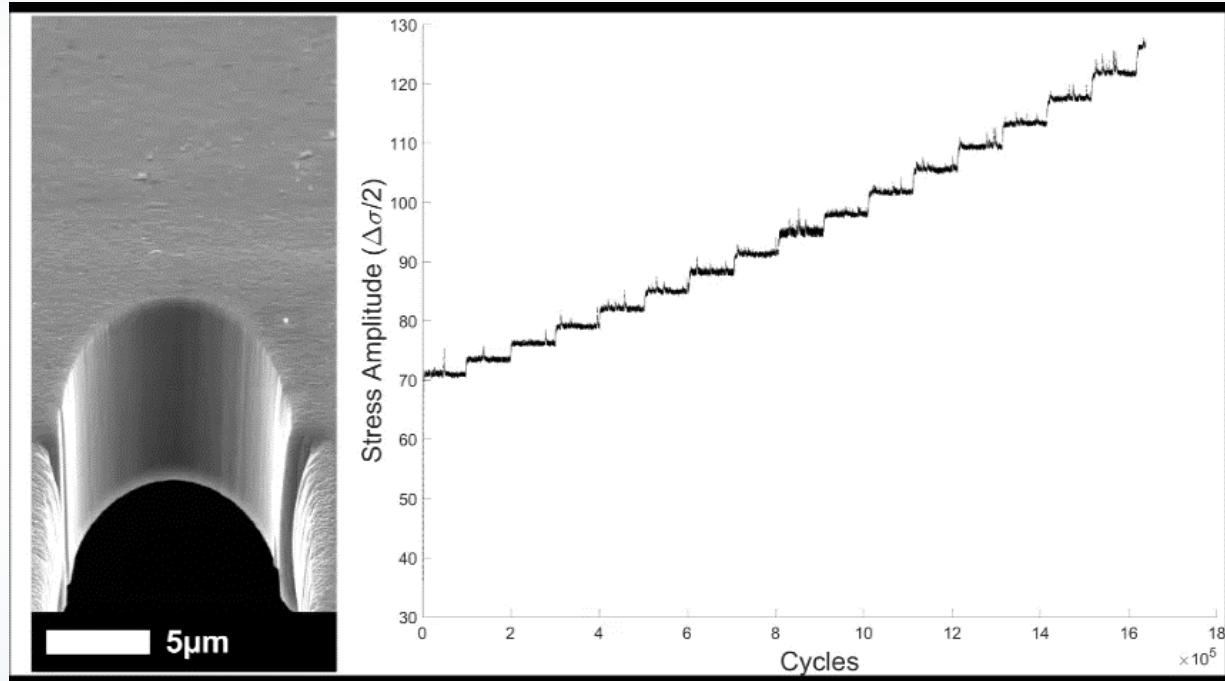


We can now perform in-situ SEM heavy ion irradiation, ion implantation, corrosion, creep, and fatigue.



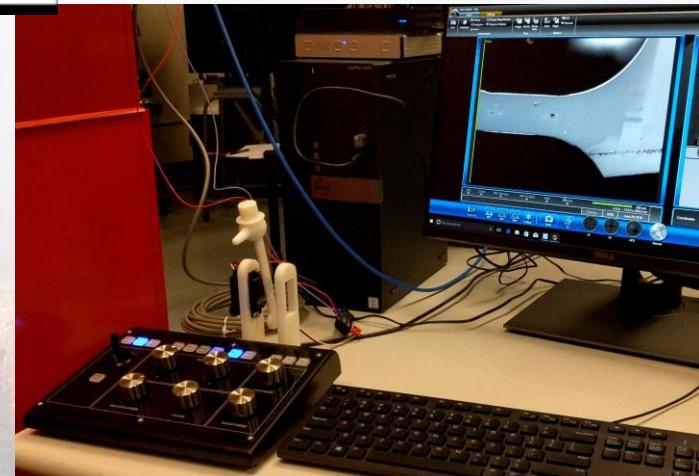
# *In situ* High-cycle Fatigue

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- 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



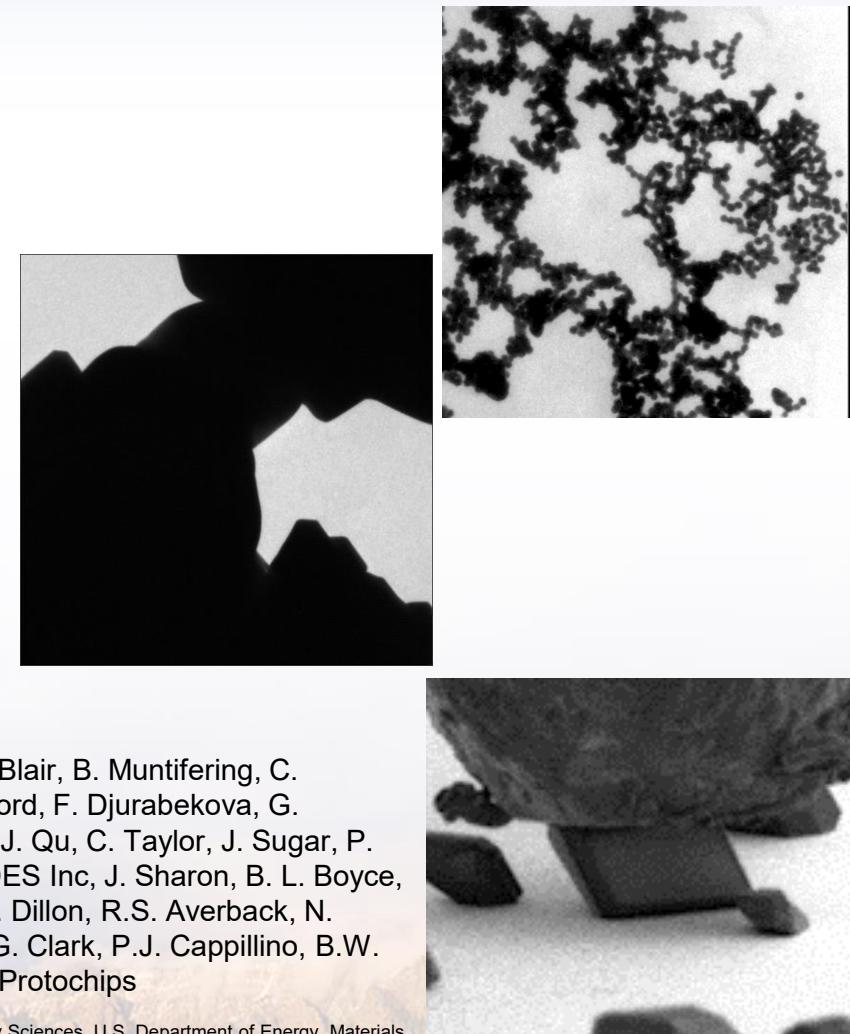


# Unconventional *In situ* Microscopy Creates a Wealth of Possibilities



- 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 I<sup>3</sup>SEM let me know

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



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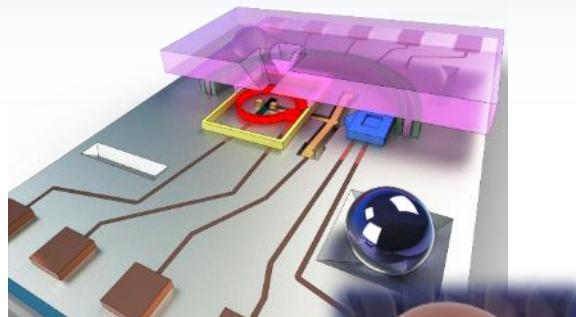
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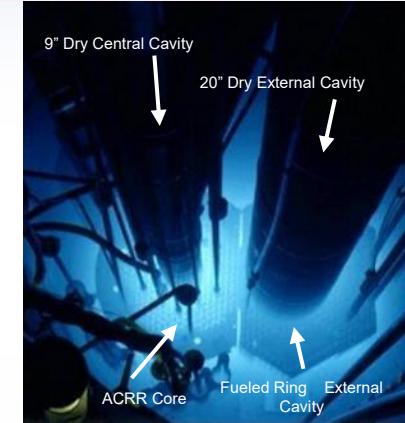
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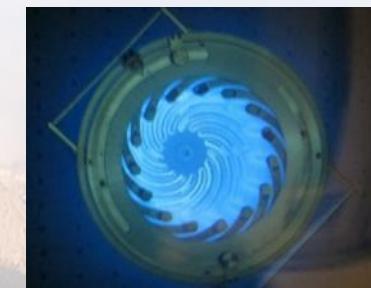


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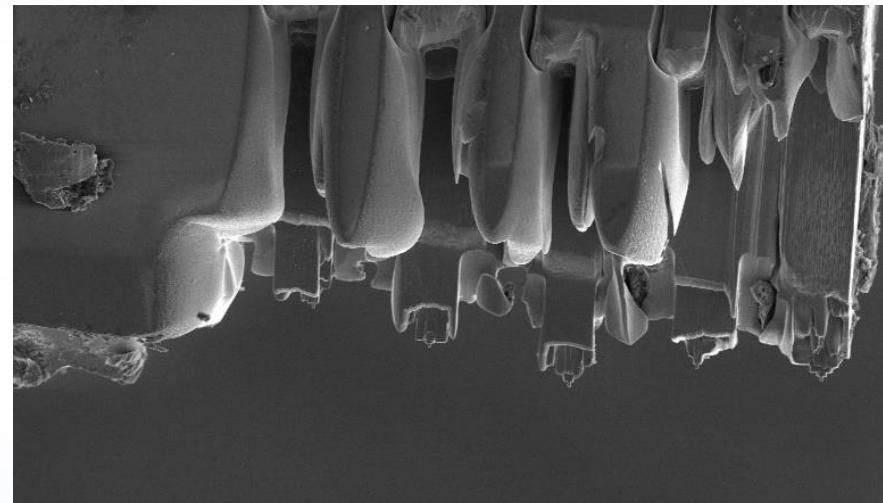
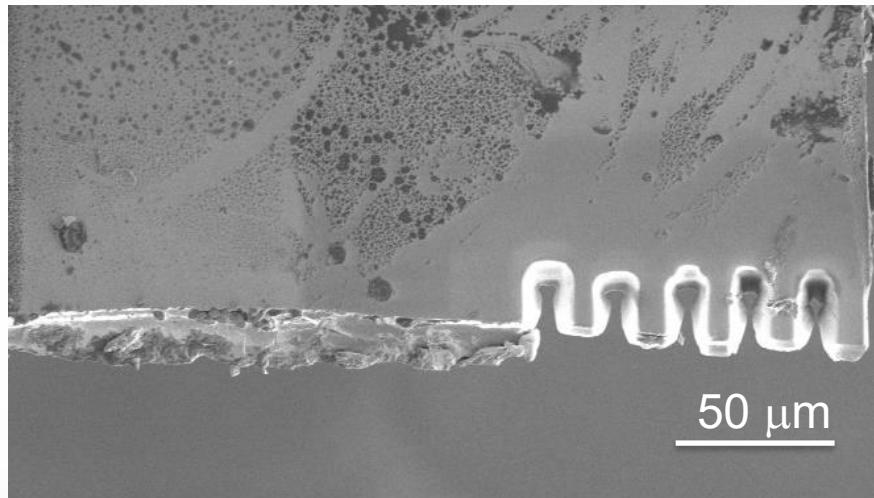
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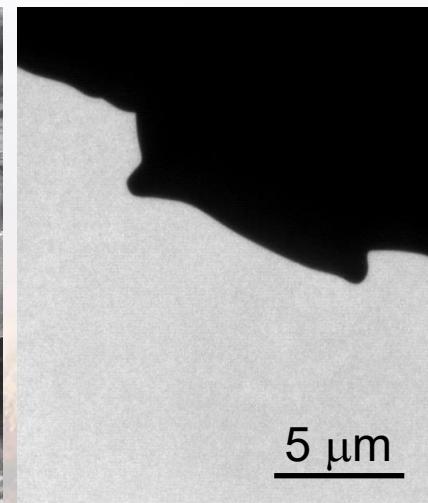
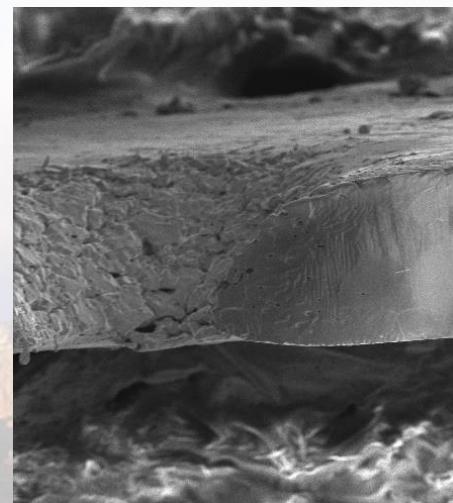
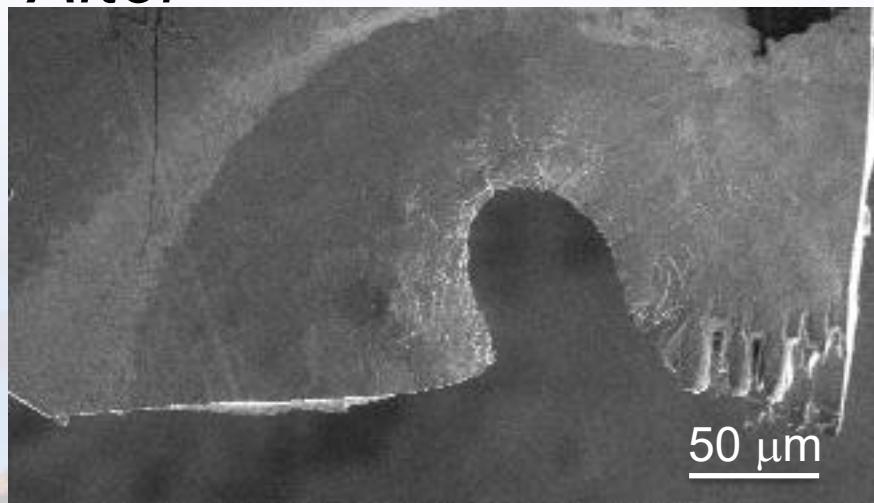
# Temperature Upper Bound

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Before



After



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# Diffraction for Temperature Calibration

