



## High-Power Targetry R&D for Next-Generation Accelerator Target Facilities

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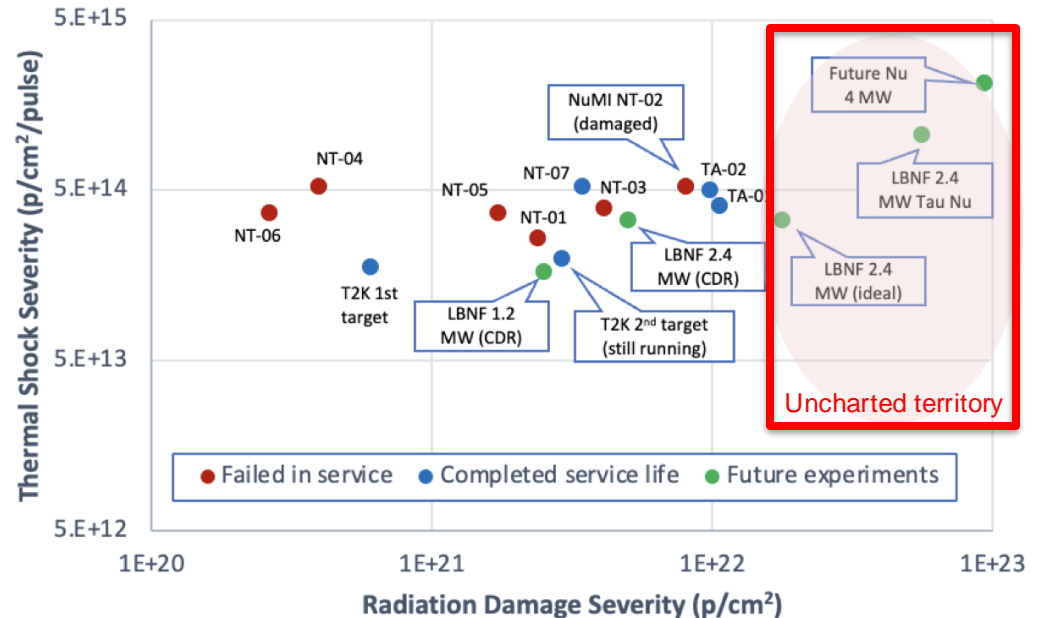
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# High-power targetry (HPT) challenges

Next gen. multi-MW particle production accelerators expect  $\approx 10X$  proton fluence & power density increase

- Target survivability concerns have led several facilities to limit beam power
  - NuMI-MINOS, FNAL (2010-11): faulty welds
    - Reduced beam power (-10% to -40%)
  - MLF, J-PARC (2015-16)
    - Early replacement of target/limited beam power
  - SNS, ORNL (2013-14)
    - Reduced beam power (-15%) frequently
- Radiation damage and thermal shock are the primary material challenges
- HPT critical for maximizing particle production efficiency

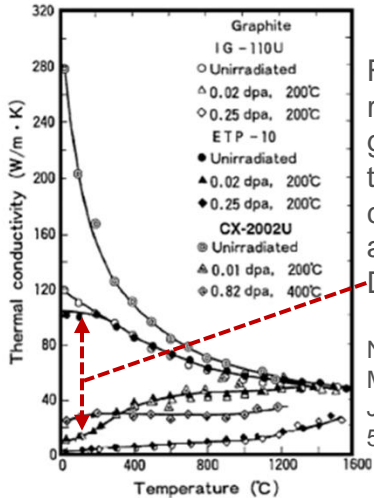
## Neutrino HPT R&D Materials Exploratory Map



# Radiation damage & thermal shock effects

## Radiation damage:

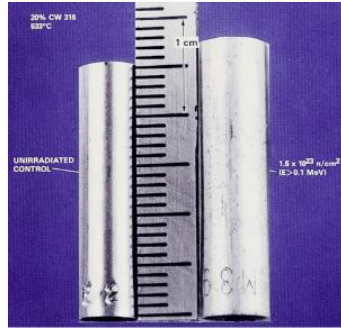
- Hardening/embrittlement/creep
- Lattice expansion/void formation/bulk swelling
- Fracture toughness reduction
- Thermal/electrical conductivity reduction
- Coefficient of thermal expansion
- Modulus of elasticity
- Accelerated corrosion



Factor of 10 reduction in graphite thermal conductivity after 0.02 DPA.

N. Maruyama, M. Harayama, JNM, 195, 44-50 (1992)

D.L. Porter and F. A. Garner, J. Nuclear Materials, 159, p. 114 (1988)



Void swelling in 316 stainless steel, reactor dose of  $1.5 \times 10^{23} \text{ n/cm}^2$

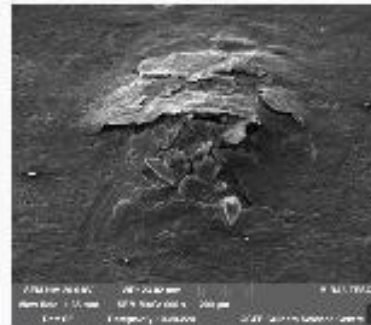
## Pulsed beam thermal shock

- $E$  dep.  $\rightarrow \Delta T \rightarrow$  dynamic stress wave
  - 1 MW target: 250 K in 10  $\mu\text{s}$  ( $2.5 \times 10^7 \text{ K/s}$ )
  - Plastic deformation, cracking, fatigue failure

## Material response dependent on:

- Specific heat ( $\Delta T$ )
- Coefficient of thermal expansion (strain)
- Modulus of elasticity (stress)
- Flow stress behavior (plastic deformation)
- Strength (yield, fatigue, fracture toughness)

Sigraflex target tested at CERN's HiRadMat facility

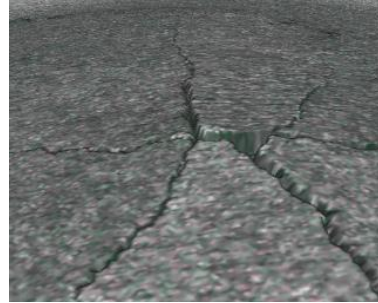
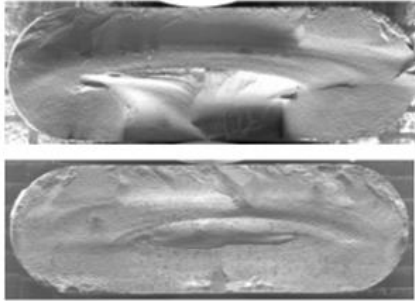


Test Iridium target irradiated at CERN's HiRadMat

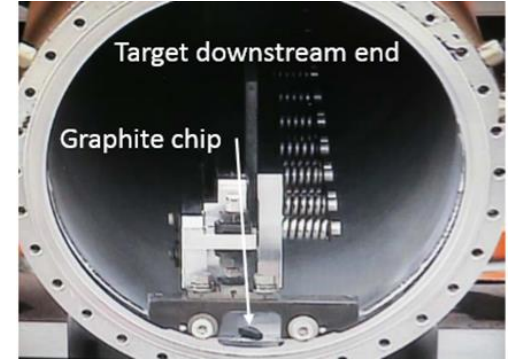
# What We Want to Avoid...



MINOS NT-02 target failure: radiation-induced swelling (FNAL)



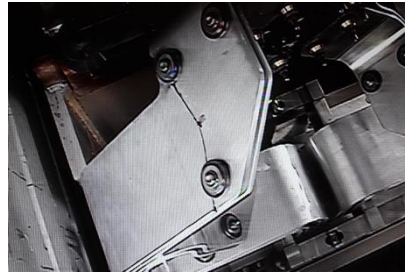
Be window embrittlement (FNAL)



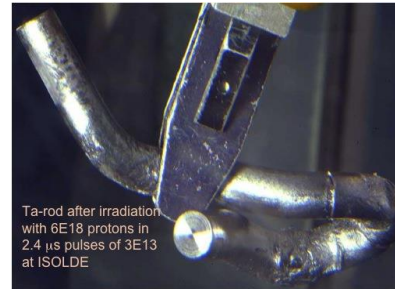
NOVA MET-01 target fin fracture (FNAL)



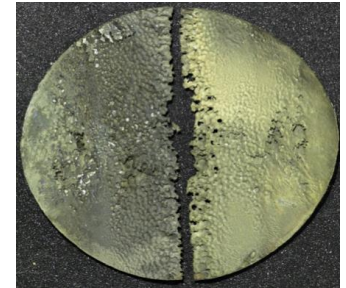
MINOS NT-01 target containment water leak (FNAL)



Horn stripline fatigue failure (FNAL)



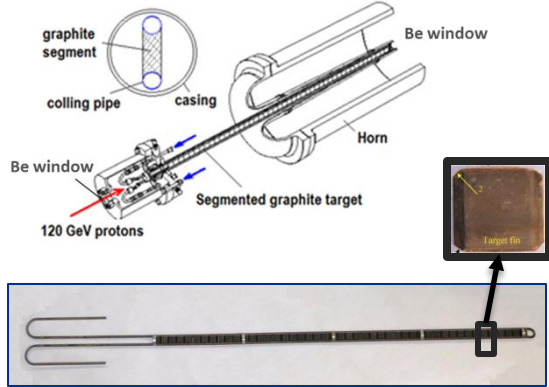
ISOLDE target (CERN)



Target containment vessel cavitation (ORNL - SNS)

# Neutrino Targets

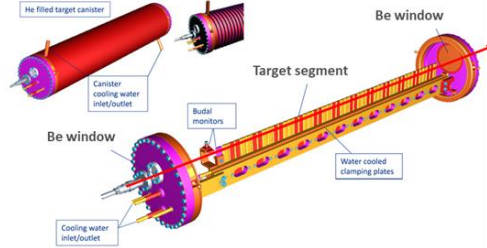
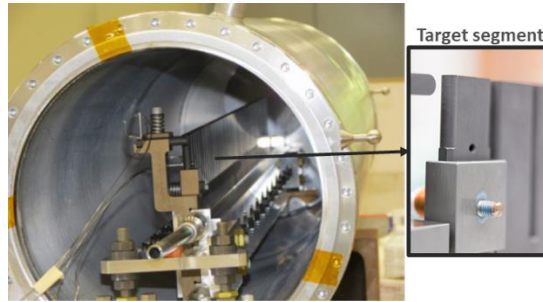
## MINOS (400 kW)



- Helium atmosphere
- Beryllium windows
- Water cooled graphite core

MINOS	
Graphite fins	47 x 20 mm x 6.6 mm
Beam energy [GeV]	120
p/pulse	3.37E+13
Power [kW]	340
$\sigma$ [mm]	1.1
Peak Temp. [°C]	330
QS Temp [°C]	60
POT	6.55E+20
Peak dpa	0.63
Peak He [appm]	2270

## NOvA (0.7 – 1 MW)

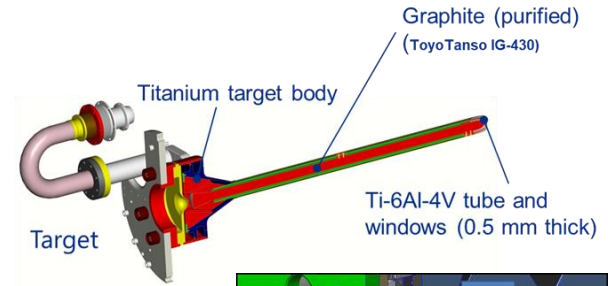


**1 MW achieved (3 hr)!**

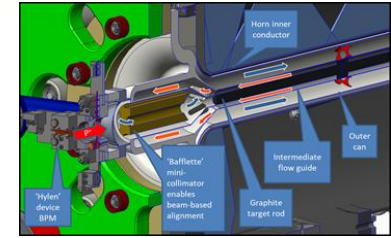
- Helium atmosphere
- Beryllium windows
- Water cooled aluminum pressing plates
- Graphite core

	NOvA	AIP
Graphite fins	50 x 24 mm x 7.4 mm	50 x 24 mm x 9 mm
Beam energy [GeV]	120	120
p/pulse	4.90E+13	6.50E+13
Power [kW]	700	1000
$\sigma$ [mm]	1.3	1.5
Peak Temp. [°C]	670	1000
QS Temp [°C]	390	890
POT	1.10E+21	1.28E+21
Peak dpa	1.10	0.96
Peak He [appm]	5580	3600

## LBNF-DUNE (1.2 – 2.4 MW)



**Concept 1.2 MW design**



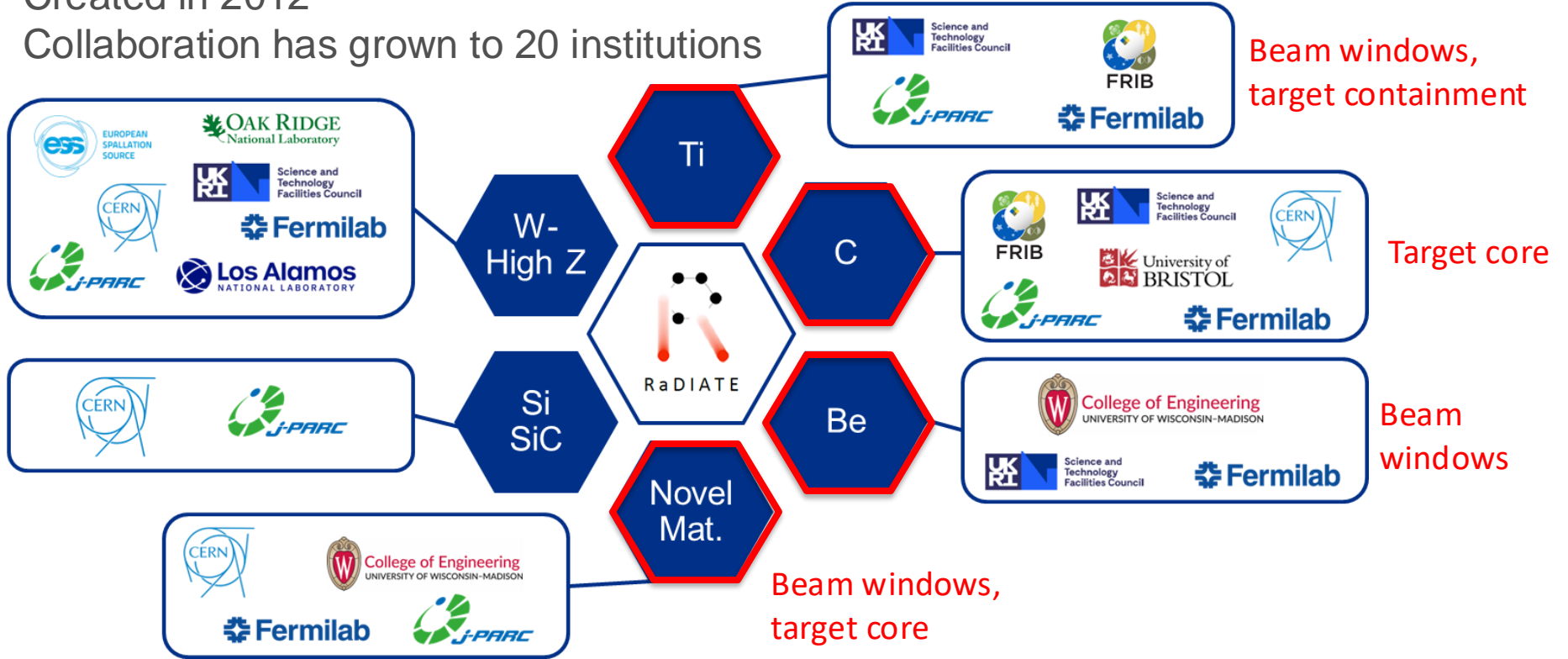
- Helium atmosphere
- Titanium target containment windows
- Helium gas cooled graphite core

DUNE	
Graphite fins	TBD
Beam energy [GeV]	60-120
p/pulse	7.50E+13
Power [kW]	1200-2400
$\sigma$ [mm]	2.67
Peak Temp. [°C]	TBD
QS Temp [°C]	TBD
POT	2.54E+21
Peak dpa	0.73
Peak He [appm]	400

# RaDIATE Collaboration

Created in 2012

Collaboration has grown to 20 institutions

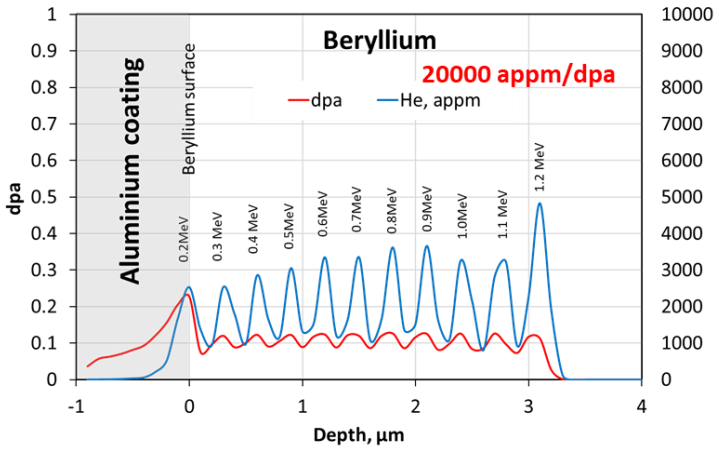


# Research Approach - Prototypic irradiation to closely replicate material behavior in accelerator target facilities



- **Analysis of in-beam accelerator components** to directly test effects of high-energy, pulsed proton beams
- **High-energy proton irradiation** of material specimens at BNL-BLIP facility in partnership with the RaDIATE collaboration
  - **Post-Irradiation Examination (PIE)** at participating institution with hot-cell facilities (PNNL)
  - **In-beam thermal shock experiment** at CERN's HiRadMat facility including pre-irradiated (BLIP) and non-irradiated specimens
- **Low energy ion irradiation** to achieve high damage levels on short timescales and without activation

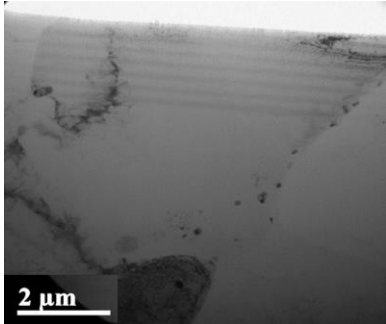
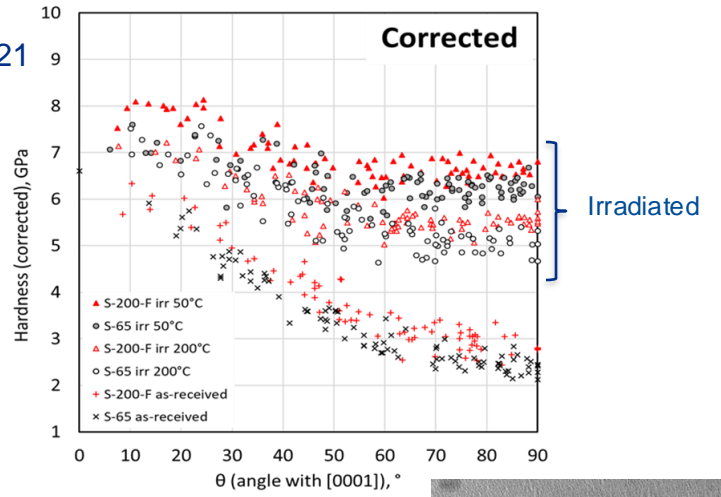
# He implantation of Beryllium



S. Kuksenko et al., J. Nuclear Materials, vol. 555, 15130, 2021

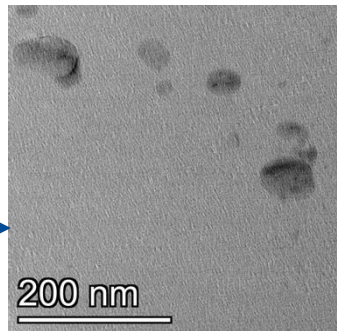
← 3  $\mu\text{m}$  damage layer  
 $T_{\text{irrad}}$ : 50 and 200  $^{\circ}\text{C}$   
 0.1 DPA, 2000 appm He

Hardness of He-ion irradiated vs. non-irradiated Be samples →



He implantation peaks

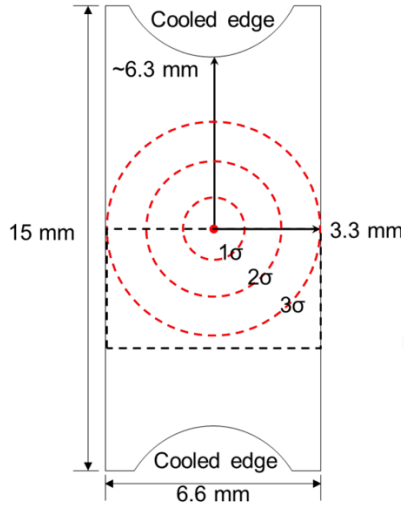
- Helium produced at high rates in Be with high energy proton beams (~3000 appm/DPA)
- Low temperatures: He atoms do not diffuse
- High temperatures: He atoms become mobile  
 → fill vacancy clusters & form damaging He bubbles
- He bubbles observed in NuMI Be window after **annealing** at 360  $^{\circ}\text{C}$
- However, higher temperatures are generally desired to anneal displacement damage (see hardness plot above)



S. Kuksenko, RaDIATE Collaboration Meeting, 2019

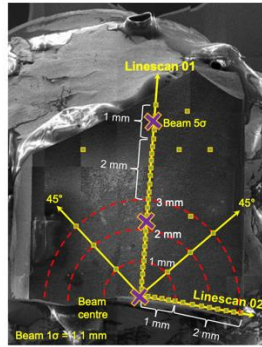


# NuMI target (NT-02) autopsy and failure analysis

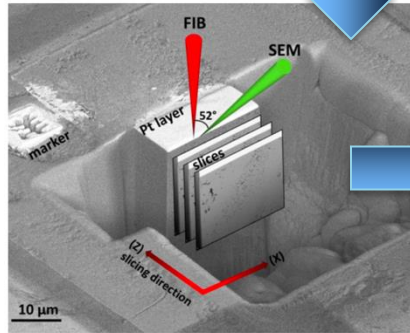


Beam Gaussian  $1\sigma$  radius = 1.1 mm

- 340 kW, 120 GeV pulsed proton beam
- $\Delta T \sim 300^\circ\text{C}$  over  $10\ \mu\text{s}$
- Temperature gradient:  $\sim 370^\circ\text{C}$  (beam center)  
 $\sim 60^\circ\text{C}$  (cooled edge)

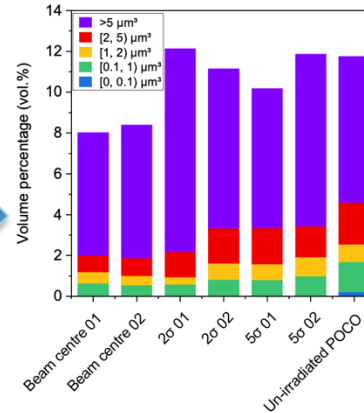
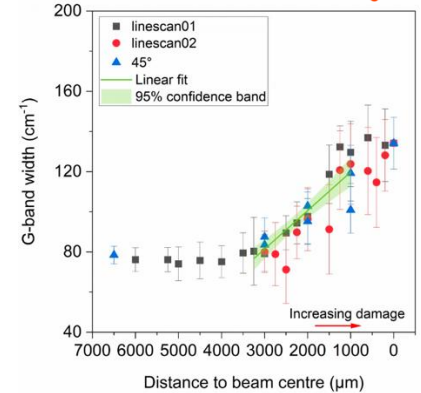
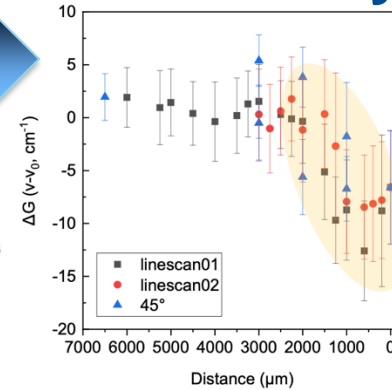


Stitched SEM image showing top-down view



- **Raman mapping sites**  
48 maps across linecan01, linecan02 and  $45^\circ$  directions. Each map contains at least 100 points.

- ✗ **FIB-SEM tomography sites**  
Beam centre  
Beam  $2\sigma$   
Beam  $5\sigma$



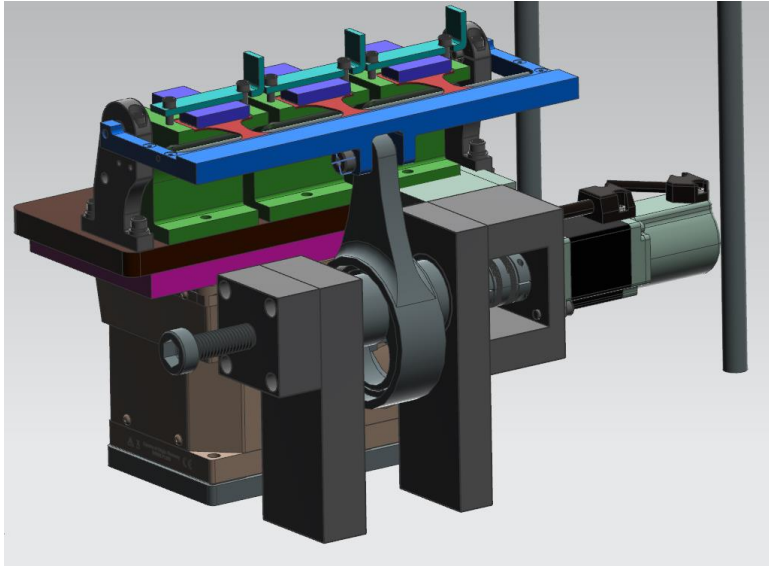
- D, G-band broaden at beam center
- 2D-band gradually disappears
- $I(D)/I(G)$  ratio stops increasing at high damage levels, broadens at higher damage level
- **Crystallite disorder → amorphization**
- Total pore volume decreased from  $\sim 12$  vol.% to  $\sim 8$  vol.%
- Reduction of pores greater than  $0.1\ \mu\text{m}^3$  (bulk swelling)

M. Jiang et al., Carbon 213 (2023) 118181

# High-Cycle Fatigue Testing of Irradiated Ti Alloys

Proton-irradiated fatigue life data crucial in evaluating component lifetime

- First high-cycle fatigue testing of irradiated Titanium at Fermilab
- Design of 3<sup>rd</sup> generation fatigue testing machine under development
- Complement prev. tensile tests on irradiated Ti



# HRMT60 – RaDIATE experiment



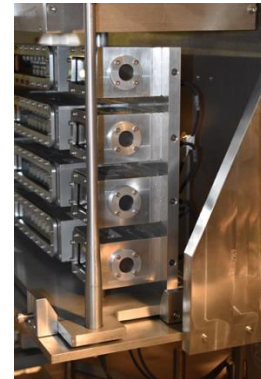
## ~120 material specimens tested:

- Graphite, Ti alloys, Beryllium, Nanofiber mats, High-Entropy alloys, Sigraflex, TFRG tungsten, SiC/SiC composite
- Understand single-shot thermal shock response and limits
- Explore novel advanced materials
- Assess the performance of various grades of conventional materials
- Compare the behavior of non-irradiated to pre-irradiated materials
- Directly measure beam-induced dynamic effects to validate simulation

Beam Parameters	
Beam energy	440 GeV
Max. bunch intensity	$1.2 \times 10^{11}$
No. of bunches	1 – 288
Max. pulse intensity	$3.5 \times 10^{13}$ ppp
Max. pulse length	7.2 $\mu$ s
Gaussian beam size	$1\sigma$ : 0.1 – 2 mm

## Preliminary results:

- Visual inspection and high-resolution pictures of specimens
- Most of the samples didn't show track of beam damage except nanofiber specimen
- Predicted through heat transfer simulations in nanofiber media.

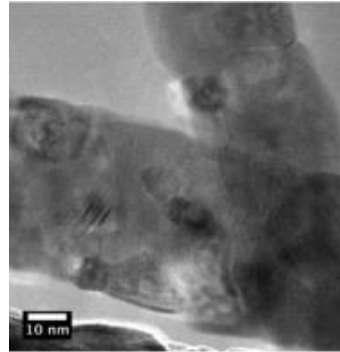


# Nanofibers as production targets

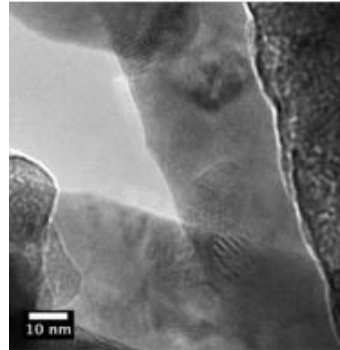
## Inherent resistance to radiation damage/thermal shock

- Radiation tolerance
  - Nanopolycrystalline grain structure
    - Absorb defects
  - In-situ ion irradiation & TEM: Argonne National Lab IVEM to 5 DPA
    - No observed damage
- Thermal shock
  - Discrete at microscale
  - Reduced temperature gradient (1D)
  - Heat dissipation in gas (high surface area & porosity)
  - Absorb/dampen stress waves
  - Survived test CERN's HiRadMat facility

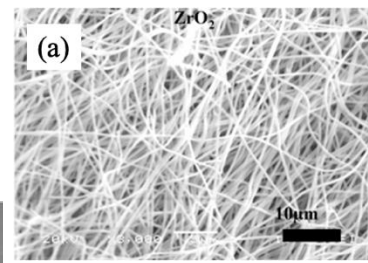
(Bidhar et al., PRAB, 24, 2021)



TEM before irradiation.



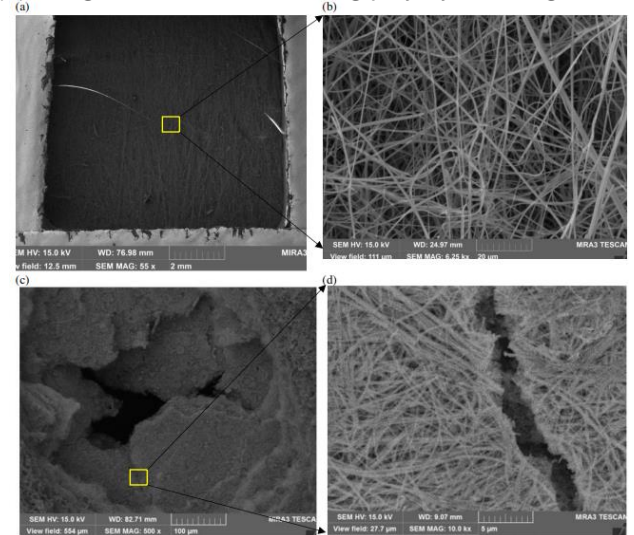
TEM after irradiation.



Zirconia nanofibers produced at Fermilab

(a) Bulk nanofiber mat

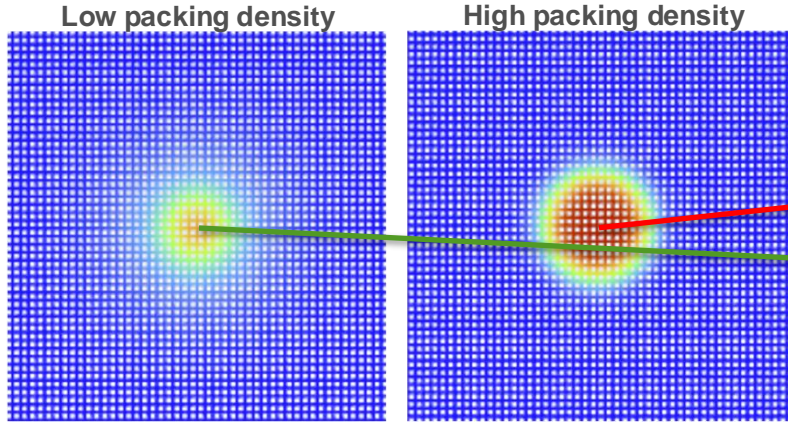
(b) Single nanofibers revealing polycrystalline grains



- Low packing density samples survived
- Holes, crack in higher density samples

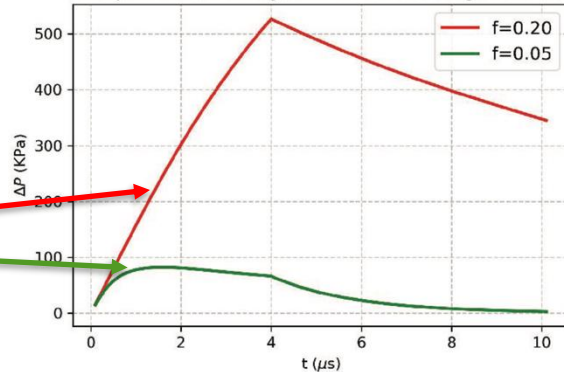
# Multiphysics Simulations of HRMT-43/60 Nanofiber Mats

Mesoscale ANSYS FLUENT simulation



Pressure distribution at end of beam heating

Comparison of Gauge Pressures at Target Center



$$k_{\text{eff}}(T) = k_0 + \frac{k_g - k_0}{1 + \frac{f}{1-f} \left[ 1 + \frac{5k_g - k_0}{6k_g + k_0} \right]}$$

Will Asztalos (MS/PhD work, IIT)

Rapid heating

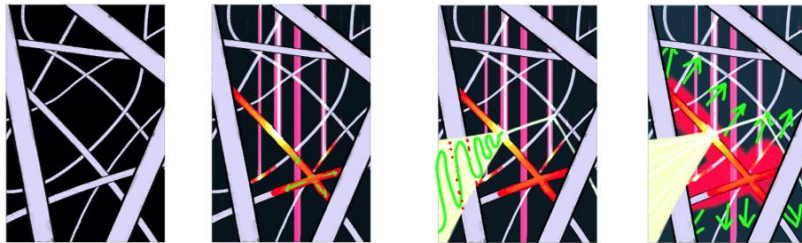
- Pressure wave for high packing dens.

Higher packing density

- Reduced airflow

- Greater pressure on fibers

Asztalos, W., et al. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2405.19496* (2024)



1. Start!

2. Beam hits: fibers instantly heat and conduction starts

3. Radiation is emitted from hot fibers

4. Helium around fibers heat, starts convection

**Porous Media Models:** three modes of heat transfer

- **Conduction:** introduce effective thermal conductivity  $k(T)$  (Bhattacharyya and Daryabeigi)
- **Convection:** Darcy's Law to simulate fluid flow, include energy equation in simulations
- **Radiation:** Mie Theory to solve scattering off infinite cylinder exactly, feed into model due to Lee

# Pure W Nanofiber Fabrication

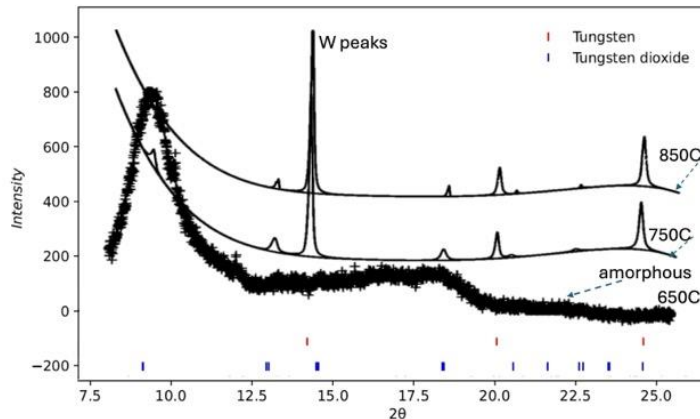
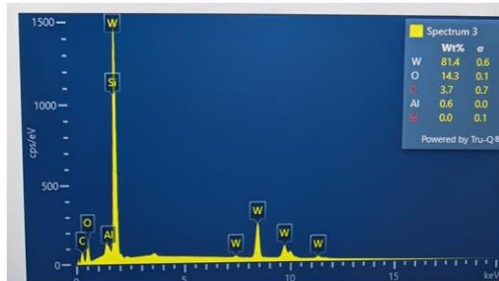
## Initial SEM/EDS studies

- Presence of Oxygen (8 ~14 wt%)
- Also showed the presence of Carbon (black color)

## Increased heat treatment temperature

- Reduced oxide formation
- Oxygen wt% dropped from 14% to 1.35%
- XRD analysis ongoing to evaluate crystal parameters, phase and structure

### High $T$ furnace with N<sub>2</sub> gas flow



In-situ XRD of tungsten nanofibers during heat treatment (IMSERC facility – Northwestern University)

Element	Line Type	Apparent Concentration	k Ratio	Wt%	Wt% Sigma	Standard Label
C	K series	0.02	0.00022	16.43	5.99	C Vit
N	K series	0	0	0.33	4.18	BN
O	K series	0	0.00001	1.35	2.38	SiO <sub>2</sub>
Al	K series	0	0.00001	0.35	0.52	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
Si	K series	0	0.00003	0.52	1.13	SiO <sub>2</sub>
W	L series	0.44	0.00443	81.02	7.06	W
Total:				100		

EDS atomic composition results



# HEA properties and compositions

## Microstructure to combat radiation damage

- Sluggish atom diffusion
- Reduce defect segregation, increase recombination
- Phase stability

## CALPHAD: CALculation of PHase Diagrams

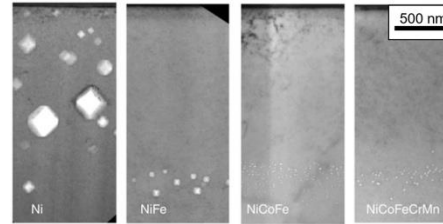
- Broad range: single-phase BCC
  - B2 precipitates: strengthening
- Low Z → reduce density
  - Decreased energy deposition and scattering

## 4 Gen. 1 compositions

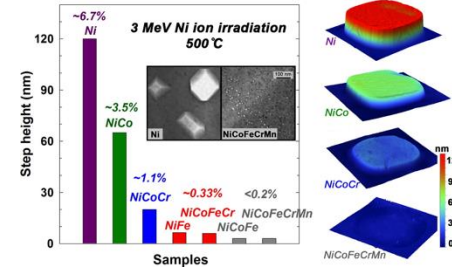
- Varying number of alloying elements:
  - CrMnV → AlCoCrMnTiV

## 8 Gen. 2 compositions

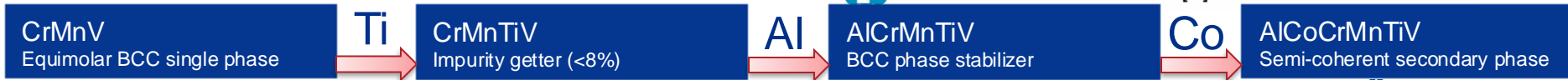
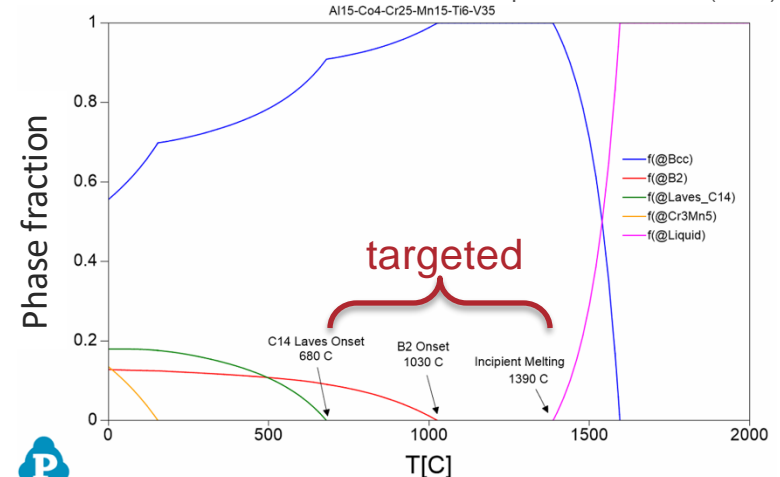
- Study effects of different relative atomic concentrations



Void swelling lessened in more complex alloys (3-MeV Ni<sup>+</sup>, 5 x 10<sup>16</sup>/cm<sup>2</sup>, 773 K), Lu et al., Nature Comm., 2016

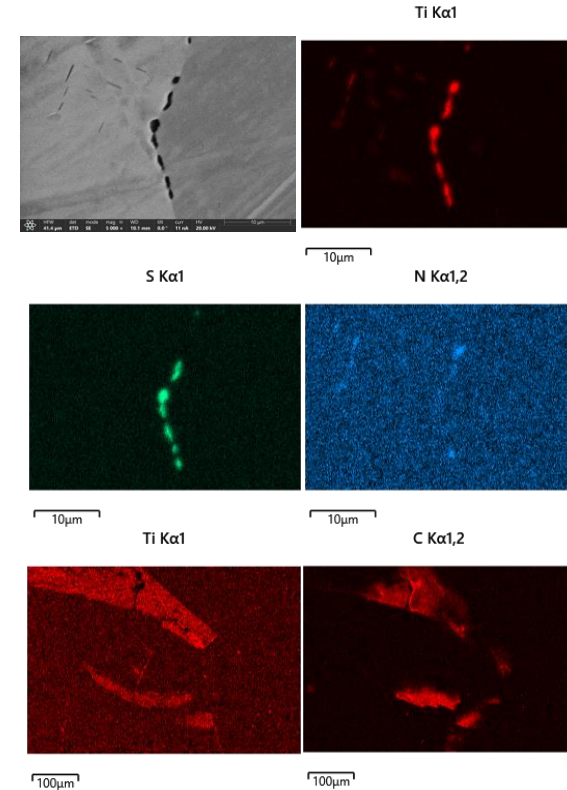
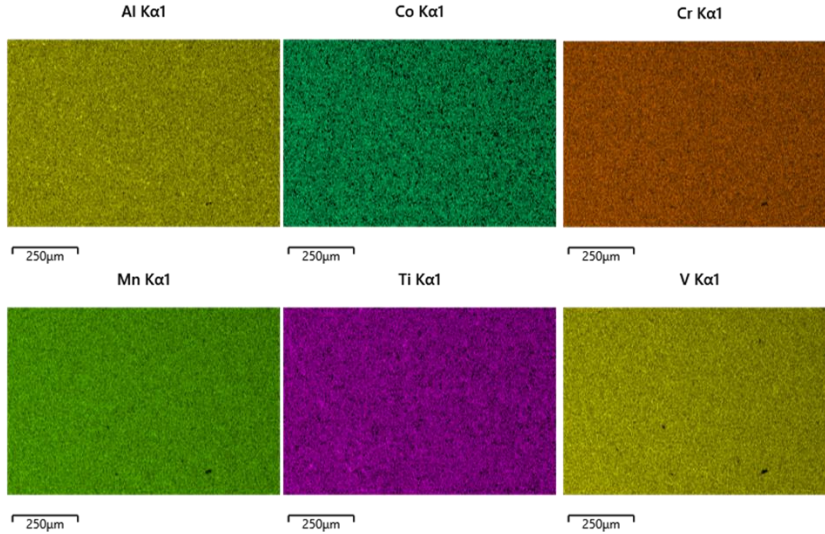
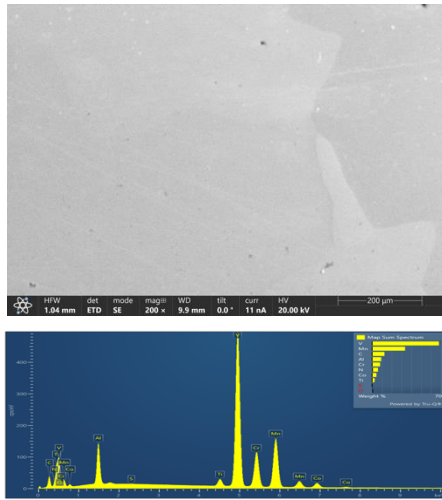


Swelling of increasingly complex alloys under ion irradiation, Jin et al., Scripta Materialia 119 (2016)



# HEA homogeneity & impurity distribution

AlCoCrMnTiV



## Energy Dispersive X-ray Spectroscopy (EDS)

- High degree of homogeneity observed in principal elements
- Ti working well as impurity getter
  - Captures C, N, O, S, predominantly at grain boundaries

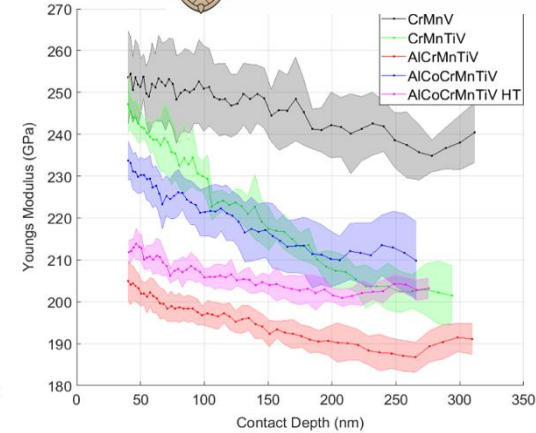
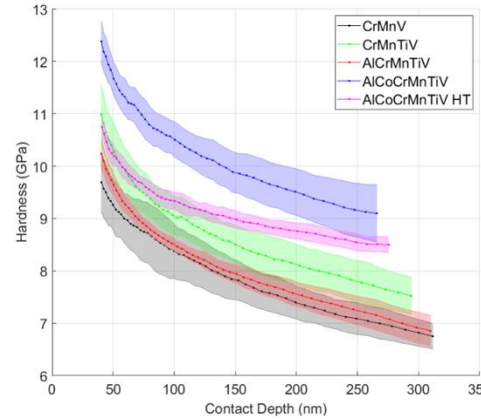


# Nanoindentation studies

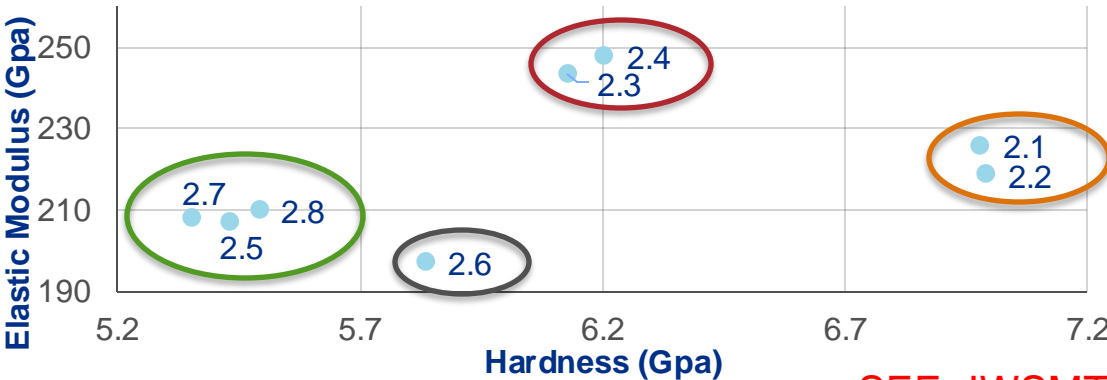
N. Crnkovich, UW-Madison

## Gen. 1

- Significant hardness increase with increased complexity (right)
  - Mitigated by heat treatment
- Signs of ductility
  - Stiffer than Ti-64 ( $E = 110$  GPa)
  - Less stiff than Beryllium ( $E = 303$  GPa)



## 2nd Gen. micromechanical properties



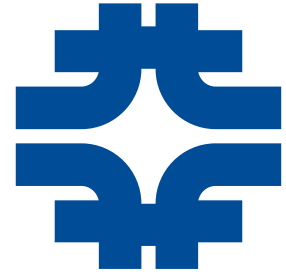
- High Al/V, median Ti, no Cr
- Low Al, median Ti
- Median Al, low Ti/V
- Low Al/Cr, high V

## Gen. 2

- Lower hardness compared to Gen. 1
  - Increased ductility for high V content alloys
- Low dose 36 MeV Ar ion irradi. to 0.45 DPA
  - Irradiation induced softening observed

SEE: IWSMT16 presentation in October

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- Illinois Institute of Technology: W. Asztalos, Y. Torun
- Work being done in the framework of the RaDIATE Collaboration (<https://radiate.fnal.gov>)
  - 80+ participants from 20 institutions worldwide
- Funded by DOE Early Career Award (Kavin Ammigan)

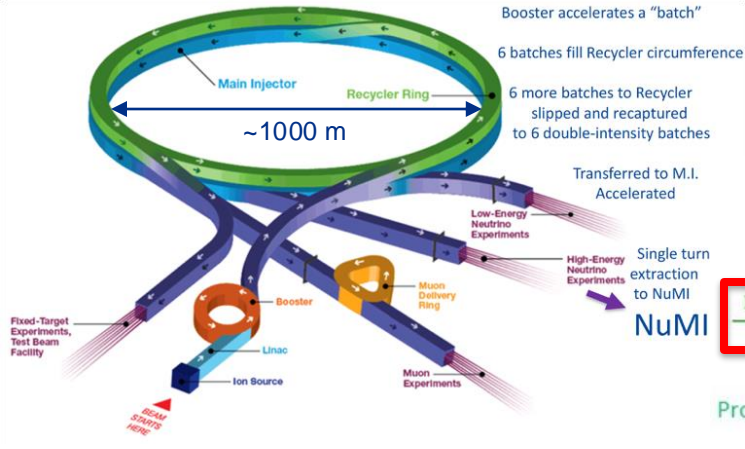


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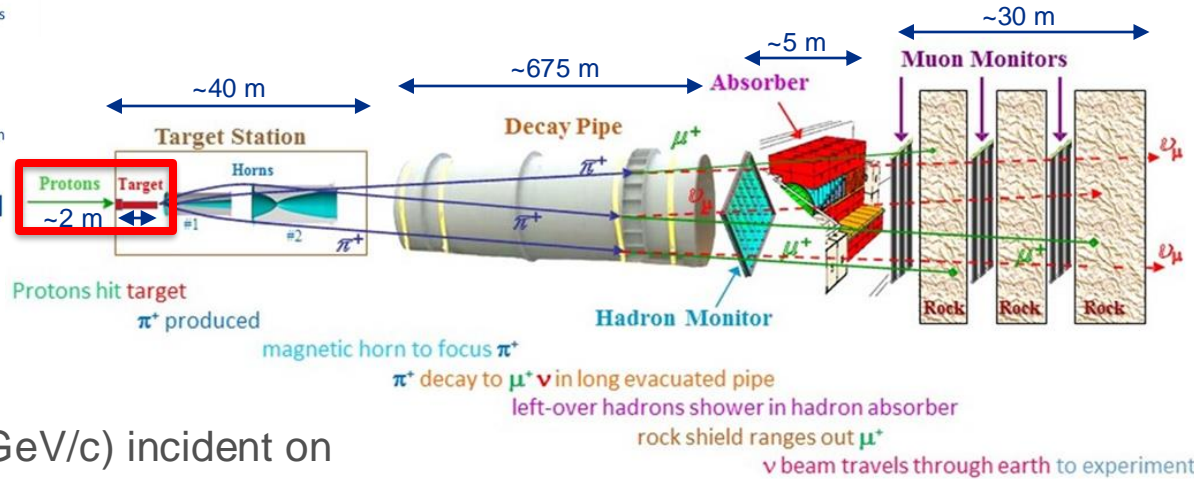
# Bonus slides

# The NuMI Beam



Target station able to operate with 1-MW proton beam since FY21

- Future LBNF operation at 2.4+ MW

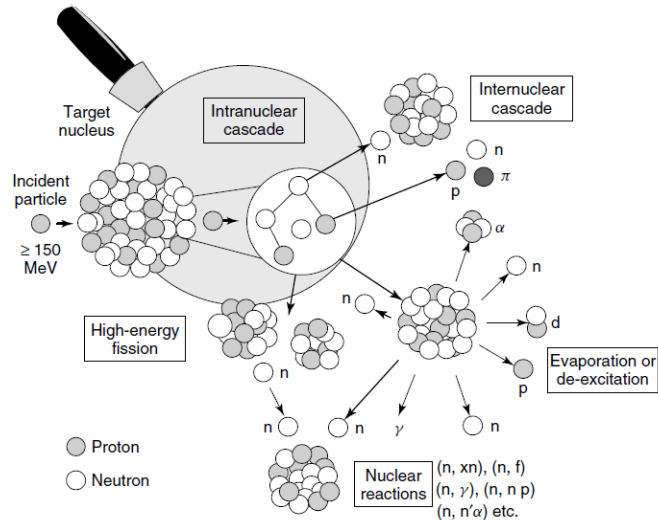


- Main injector proton beam (120 GeV/c) incident on 1.2 m graphite target to create charged pions and kaons.
- Pions focused in horns decay into muons/muon neutrinos in decay pipe to produce neutrinos.
- Beam detectors downstream of the decay pipe monitor the neutrinos produced and residual charged particles for the experiments.

# Radiation damage process

## Beam-induced damage

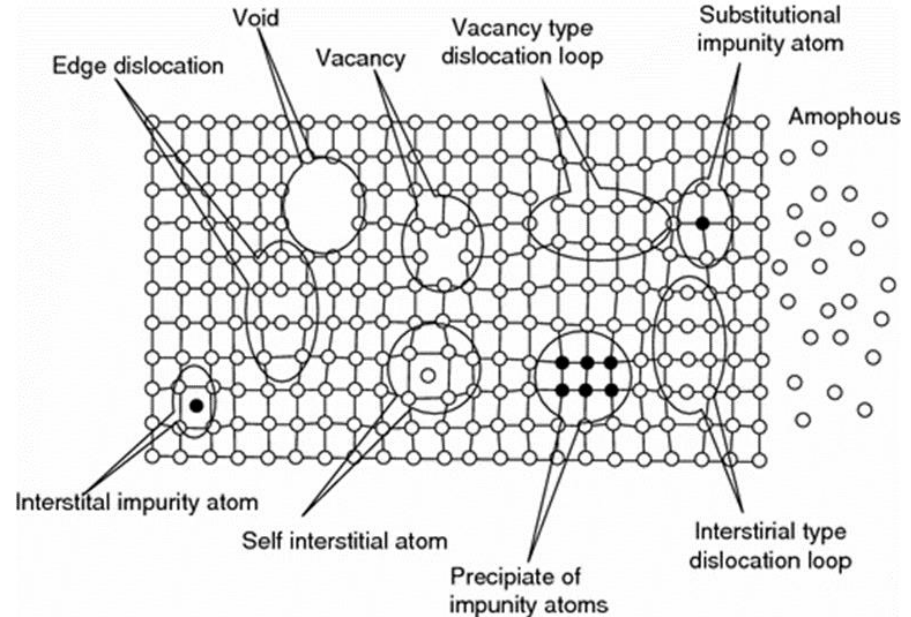
- Incident proton displaces target atoms
  - Causes damage cascade
  - Accumulated damage measured as Displacements Per Atom (DPA)



From D. Filges, F. Goldenbaum, in: Handb. Spallation Res., Wiley-VCH Verlag GmbH & Co. KGaA, 2010, pp. 1–61.

## Microstructure effects

- Creation of point defects (interstitial/vacancy)
- Transmutation products (H and He production)



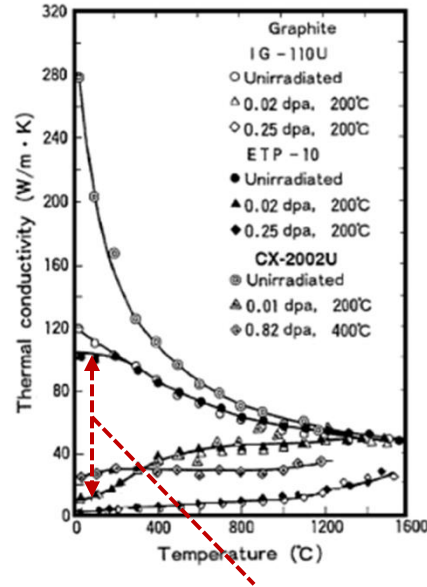
From V. Verma, K. Katovsky, Radiation Damage and Development of a MC Software Tool, in: Spent Nuclear Fuel and Accelerator-Driven Subcritical Systems, Springer, 2019.

# Radiation damage bulk effects

## Bulk effects:

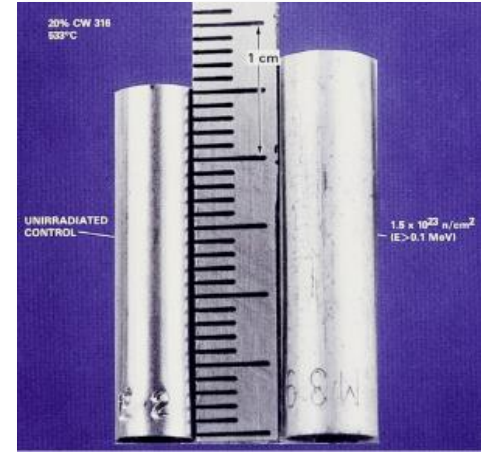
- Hardening/embrittlement
- Creep
- Lattice expansion and bulk swelling
- Fracture toughness reduction
- Thermal/electrical conductivity reduction
- Coefficient of thermal expansion
- Modulus of elasticity
- Accelerated corrosion
- Void formation and embrittlement (due to transmutation)

N. Maruyama and M. Harayama, Journal of Nuclear Materials, 195, 44-50 (1992)



Factor of 10 reduction in thermal conductivity of graphite after 0.02 DPA

D.L. Porter and F. A. Garner, J. Nuclear Materials, 159, p. 114 (1988)



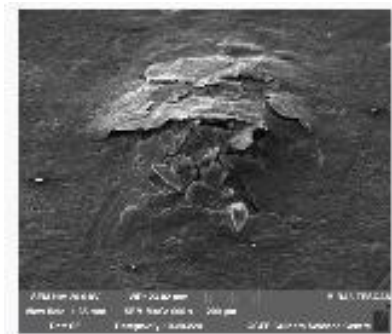
Void swelling in 316 stainless steel tube exposed to reactor dose of  $1.5 \times 10^{23}$  n/cm<sup>2</sup>

# Thermal shock & stress waves

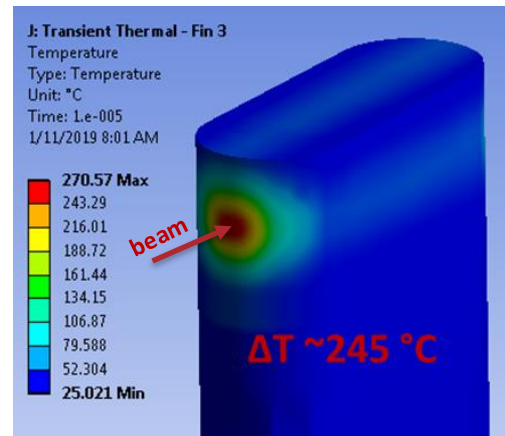
Pulsed beams: prompt  $E$  dep.  $\rightarrow \Delta T \rightarrow$  dynamic stress wave

- Localized compressive stress
  - Fast expansion of material within cooler surrounding
  - 1 MW target: 250 K in 10  $\mu$ s ( $2.5 \times 10^7$  K/s)
- Stress waves move at sonic velocities
- Can result in
  - Plastic deformation
  - Cracking
  - Fatigue failure

Sigraflex target tested at CERN's HiRadMat facility



Test Iridium target irradiated at CERN's HiRadMat



1 MW NuMI target simulation by K. Ammigan

## Material response dependent on:

- Specific heat ( $\Delta T$ )
- Coefficient of thermal expansion (strain)
- Modulus of elasticity (stress)
- Flow stress behavior (plastic deformation)
- Strength (yield, fatigue, fracture toughness)

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\rho E} \cdot \alpha \cdot L \cdot \frac{\Delta T}{\Delta t}$$

Initial stress wave amplitude

$$c = \sqrt{\frac{E}{\rho}}$$

Elastic wave speed

# Nanofibers as production targets

Inherent resistance to radiation damage and thermal shock

- Radiation tolerance
  - Nanopolycrystalline grains → absorb defects
- Thermal shock
  - Discrete at microscale
  - Reduced temperature gradient (1D)
  - Heat dissipation in gas (high surface area & porosity)
  - Absorb/dampen stress waves (discontinuity)

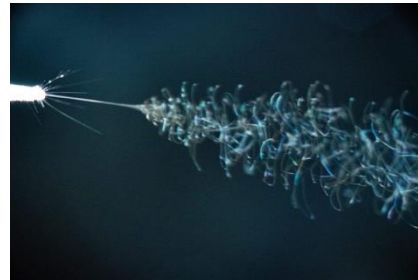
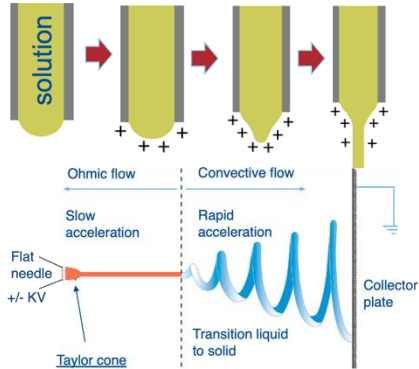
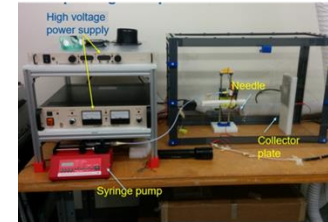


Photo: Reidar Hahn, FNAL

Electrohydrodynamic production of nanoscale fiber mats

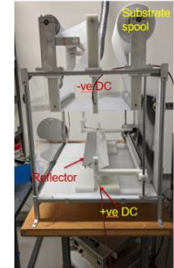
- Electrostatic repulsion > surface tension
  - Droplet stretched
  - Jet elongated
- Zirconia nanofiber production in place
- Tungsten nanofibers under development



(a)



(b)



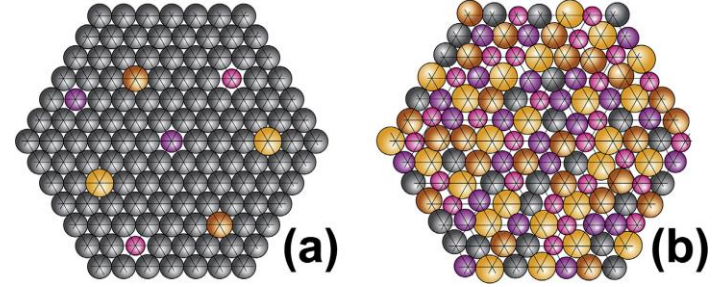
(c)

FNAL electrospinning setup: (a) Power supply and electrospinning setup, (b) high-temperature furnace for nanofiber heat treatment, (c) roll-to-roll nanofiber fabrication technique

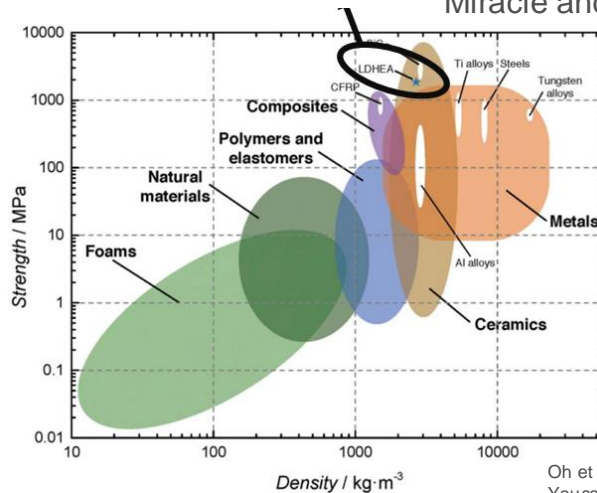
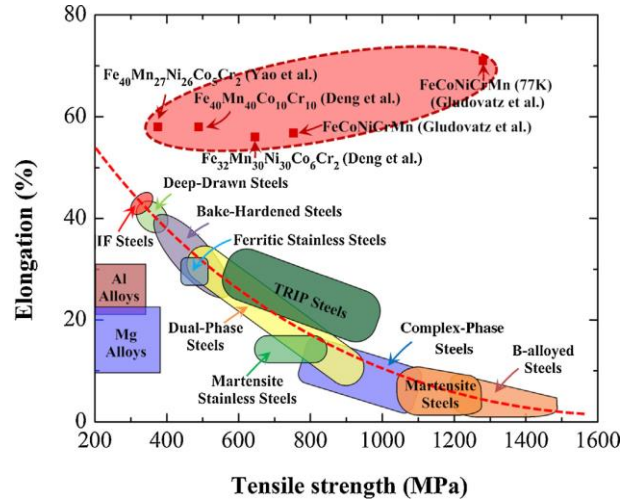


# High entropy alloys (HEAs) for beam windows

- Alloy with 3+ principal elements
- Near equi-atomic compositions
- Primarily a solid-solution matrix with distorted crystal lattice (atomic size difference)
- Large composition space (adjustment of atomic ratios)



(a) Conventional Alloy, (b) High-entropy alloy  
Miracle and Senkov, Acta Materialia 122 (2017) 448-511



Many HEAs exhibit:

- Good ductility & high-temperature strength
- High strength to density ratio (specific strength)
- Fatigue, fracture, corrosion, oxidation resistance

Oh et al., Nat Comm. 10, 2090 (2019)

Youssef et al., Materials Research Letters, 95-99 (2015)

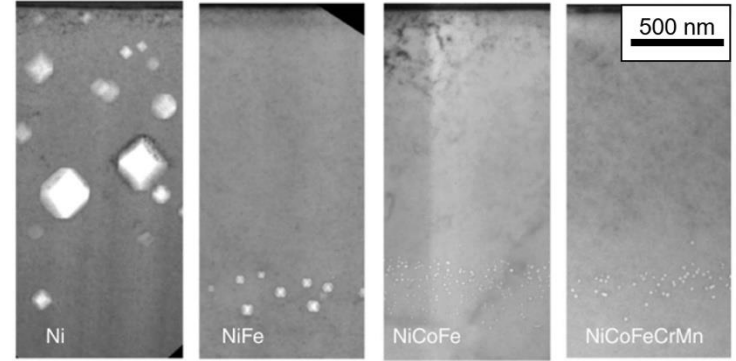
# HEA radiation damage resistance

## HEAs: microstructure to combat radiation damage

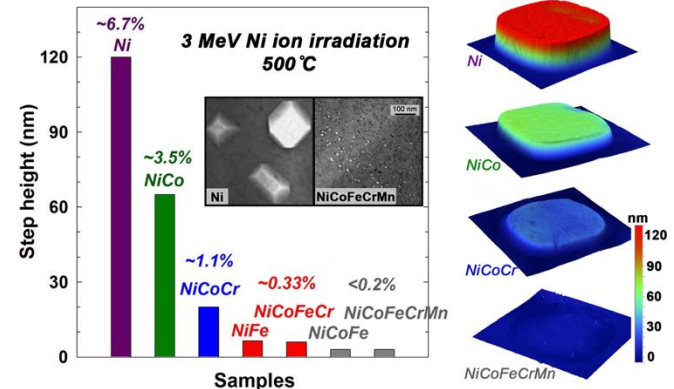
- Sluggish atom diffusion
  - distortion & size mismatch
  - Reduced segregation and defect clustering
  - Increased in-cascade recombination
- Phase stability
  - reduce grain coarsening and void swelling

## Reduced defect segregation + increased recombination:

- Minimizes void formation & swelling (right, top)
- Reduces bulk swelling effects (right, bottom)
- Increasing # of elements → greater effects
  - vs. pure materials/traditional alloys
- Phonon scattering/migration energies



Void swelling shown to be less pronounced in more compositionally complex alloys upon heavy-ion irradiation (3-MeV Ni<sup>+</sup> ions to  $5 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-2}$  at 773 K), Lu et al., Nature Com., 2016



Swelling of increasingly complex alloys under ion irradiation, Jin et al., Scripta Materialia 119 (2016)

# Simulations to determine HEA compositions

## CALPHAD: CALculation of PHase Diagrams

Select compositions with:

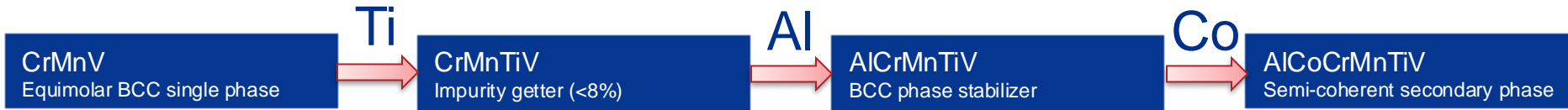
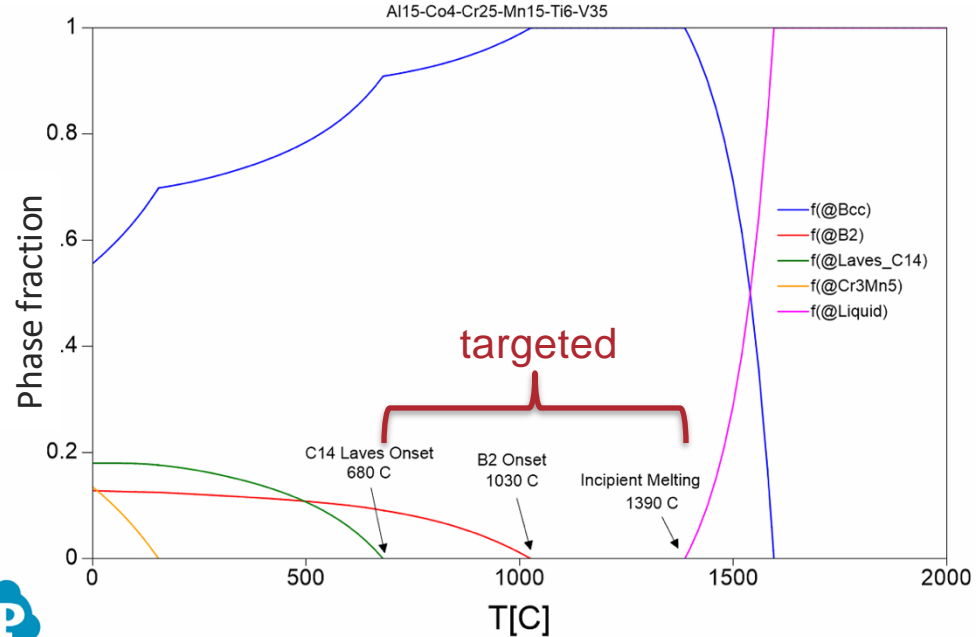
- Broad range: single-phase BCC
  - Increased ductility/machinability
  - B2 precipitates: strengthening
- Low Z → reduce density
  - Decreased energy deposition and scattering
  - Minimize beam loss in window

## 4 Gen. 1 compositions

- Varying number of alloying elements:
  - CrMnV → AlCoCrMnTiV

## 8 Gen. 2 compositions

- Study effects of different relative atomic concentrations



# HEA Synthesis

## 4 Gen. 1 HEA compositions

- Varying number of alloying elements:
  - CrMnV: Equimolar with single BCC phase
  - CrMnTiV: Ti as impurity getter
  - AlCrMnTiV: Al to stabilize BCC phase
  - AlCoCrMnTiV: Co for B2 precipitates



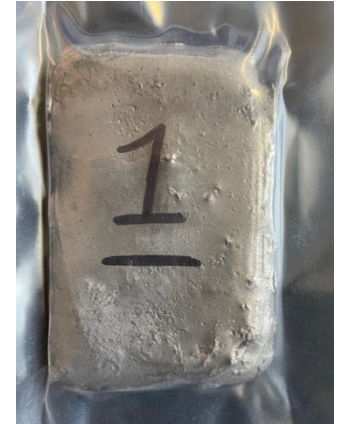
Sectioned arc-melted ingots (UW-Madison)



HEA samples sealed in quartz under vacuum before heat treatment (UW-Madison)

## 8 Gen. 2 compositions from Sophisticated Alloys to study effects of relative concentration

- 5 AlCoCrMnTiV compositions to study:
  - Varied Ti concentration as impurity getter
  - Varied Co concentration → secondary B2 phase
- Increased Al content without Cr
  - BCC phase stability
- Absence of Co
  - Al as B2 phase enhancer



Gen. 2 plate from Sophisticated Alloys

# Grain structure and orientation

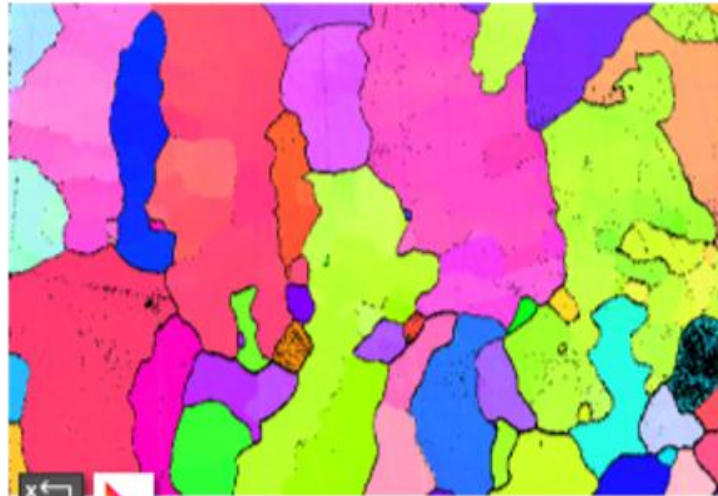
## Electron backscatter diffraction (EBSD)

- Mapping to determine grain sizes
- EBSD map shows grain sizes  $D \approx 150 - 500 \mu\text{m}$  up to  $> 1\text{mm}$
- Future study: nanoindentation orientation dependence

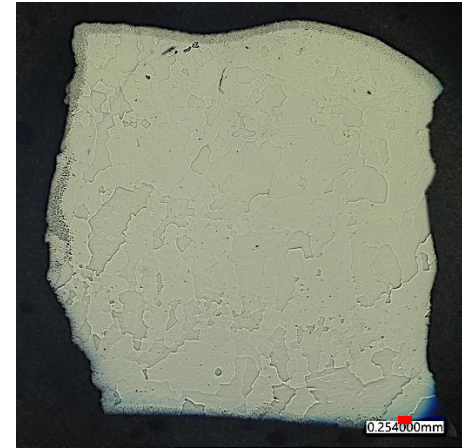
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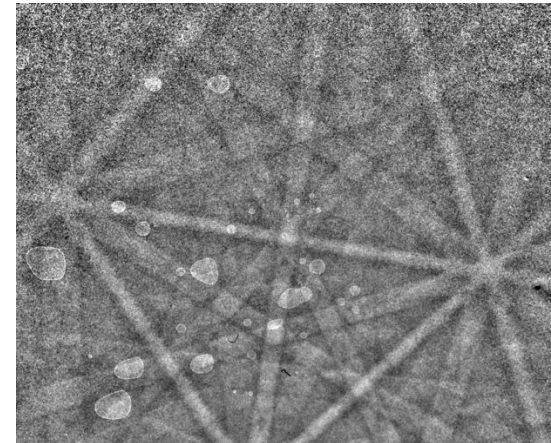
Helios 5 CX  
at FNAL



EBSD map of  $\text{Al}_{12}\text{Co}_3\text{Cr}_6\text{Mn}_{27}\text{Ti}_2\text{V}_{50}$

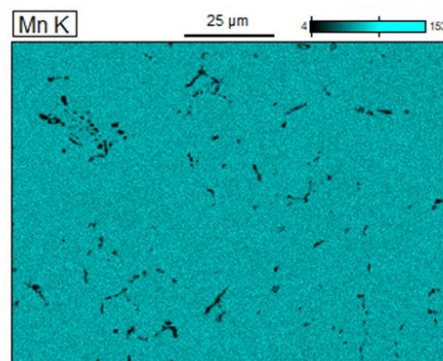
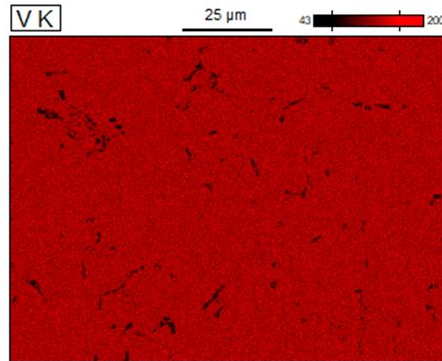
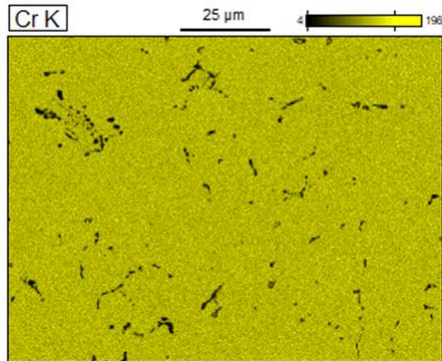
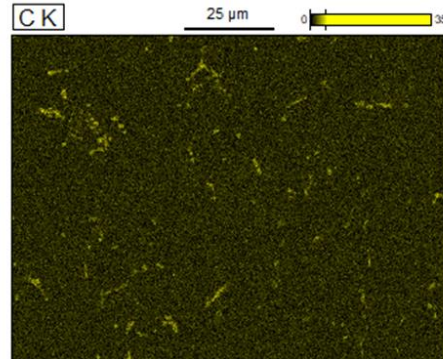
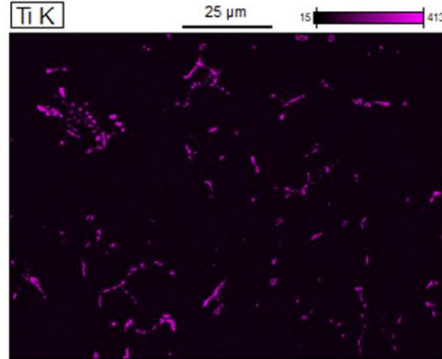
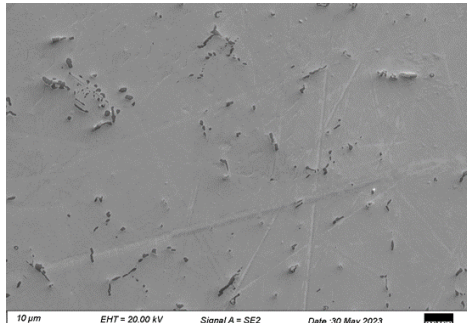


$\text{Al}_{12}\text{Co}_3\text{Cr}_6\text{Mn}_{27}\text{Ti}_2\text{V}_{50}$   
20X optical



EBSD  
Kikuchi  
pattern

# Elemental composition: Gen. 1



Energy dispersive spectroscopy (EDS) of CrMnTiV alloy

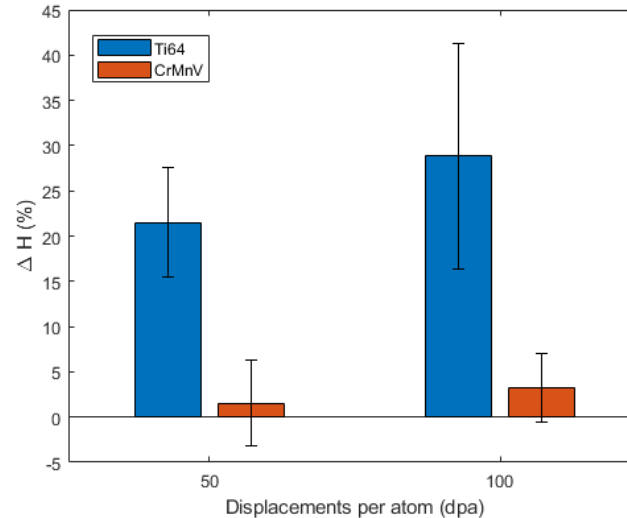
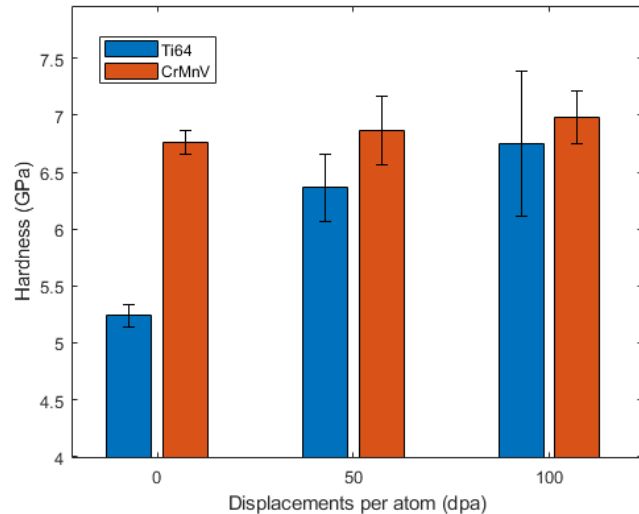
- Ti precipitates capture C impurities
- Cr, Mn, V show a very homogenous distribution

(N. Crnkovich, UW-Madison)

# Mechanical properties following irradiation

Minimal hardening of CrMnV (< 5% at 100 DPA)

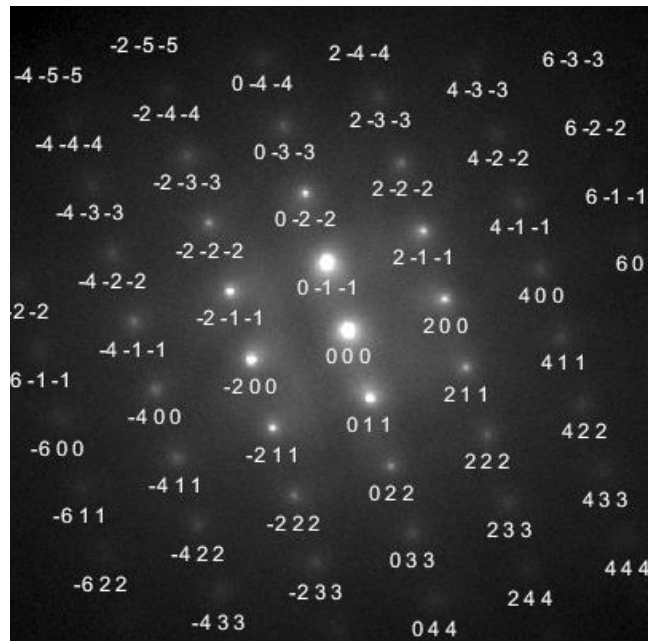
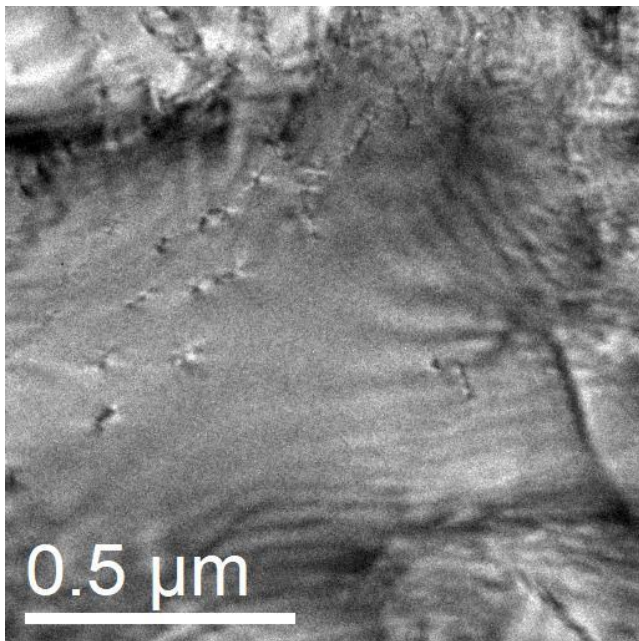
- Hardening of up to 30% in Ti-6Al-4V at 100 DPA
- Likely due to observed irradiation-induced voids and dislocations from TEM analysis



(N. Crnkovich, UW-Madison)

# Crystal lattice structure and spacing

TEM completed on Gen. 1 alloys using FEI Tecnai TF-30 TEM  
(Nick Crnkovich, UW-Madison)



CrMnV: single phase BCC with  $d = 0.301$  nm

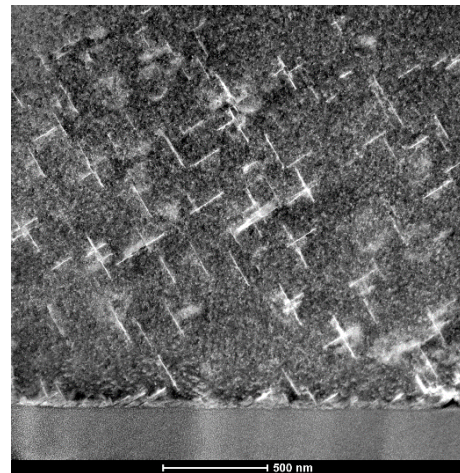
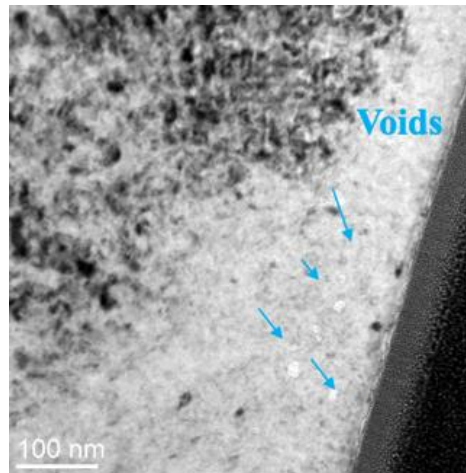
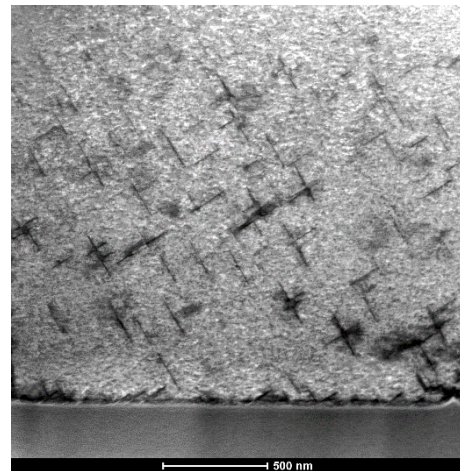
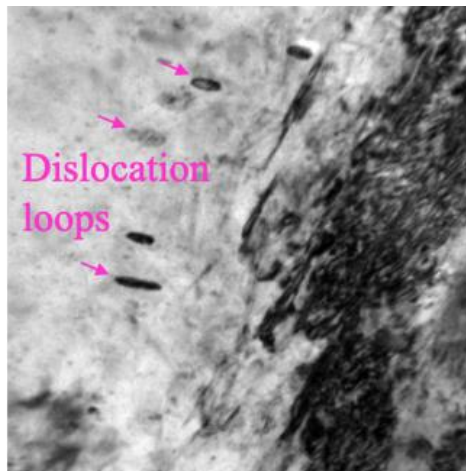


# Irradiation resistance testing

## Post-irradiation TEM examination of Gen. 1 alloys (Nick Crnkovich, UW-Madison)

- 50 and 100 DPA irradiated specimens
- Comparison to Ti-64 reference material

Ti-64 (left): many voids/dislocation loops observed at 50 DPA  
→ not observed in CrMnV at 50 DPA (right)  
- Needle morphology of CrMnV shows no chemical segregation

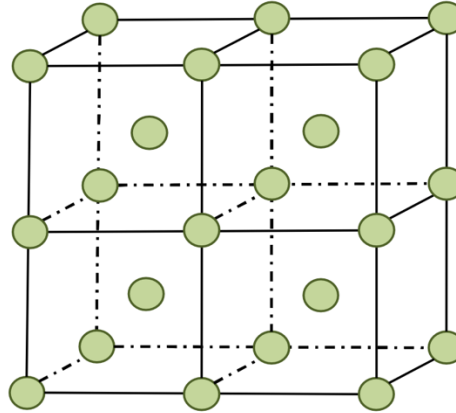


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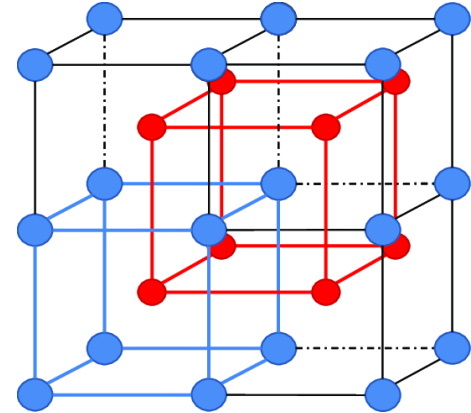
Transmission electron microscopy (TEM) at UW-Madison

## Properties of interest

- Lattice spacing/expansion
  - Body centered cubic (BCC)
- B2 precipitates
  - Strengthening through dislocation pinning
- Transmission EDS
  - Composition of precipitates
- Irradiation induced defects



**BCC**



**B2**

Lindahl, B. B., Burton, B. P., & Selleby, M. (2015). Ordering in ternary BCC alloys applied to the Al-Fe-Mn system. *Calphad*, 51, 211-219.

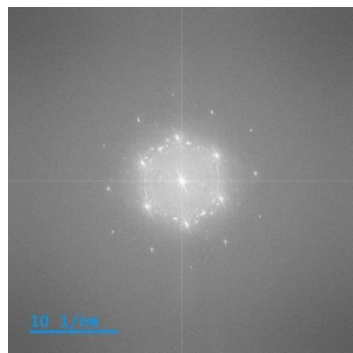
# Precipitate identification in Gen. 2 HEAs

## Gen. 2 TEM ongoing at UW-Madison

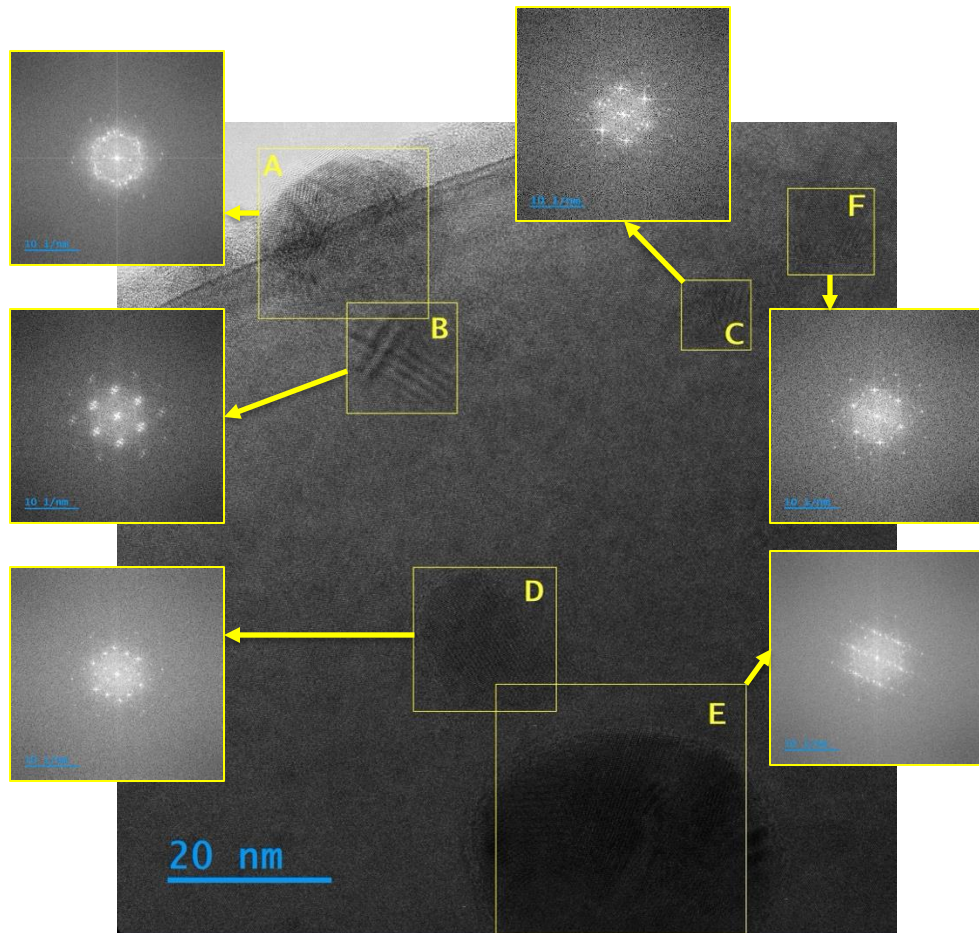
- Pristine samples initially
- 0.15, 0.30, 0.45, 5, and 10 DPA in future

## $\text{Al}_{10}\text{Co}_4\text{Cr}_{25}\text{Mn}_{26}\text{Ti}_1\text{V}_{34}$ shown to right

- 10 – 30 nm precipitates observed
- Indexing to confirm phases awaits higher resolution images



Diffraction pattern (FFT) of entire micrograph to right





# R a D I A T E Collaboration

## Radiation Damage In Accelerator Target Environments

RaDIATE collaboration created in 2012, with Fermilab as the leading institution. The collaboration has grown up to 20 institutions over the years.

### Objective:

- Harness existing expertise in nuclear materials and accelerator targets
- Generate new and useful materials data for application within the accelerator and fission/fusion communities

### Activities include:

- Analysis of materials taken from existing beamline as well as new irradiations of candidate target materials at low and high energy beam facilities
- In-beam thermal shock experiments

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