

Class Introduction

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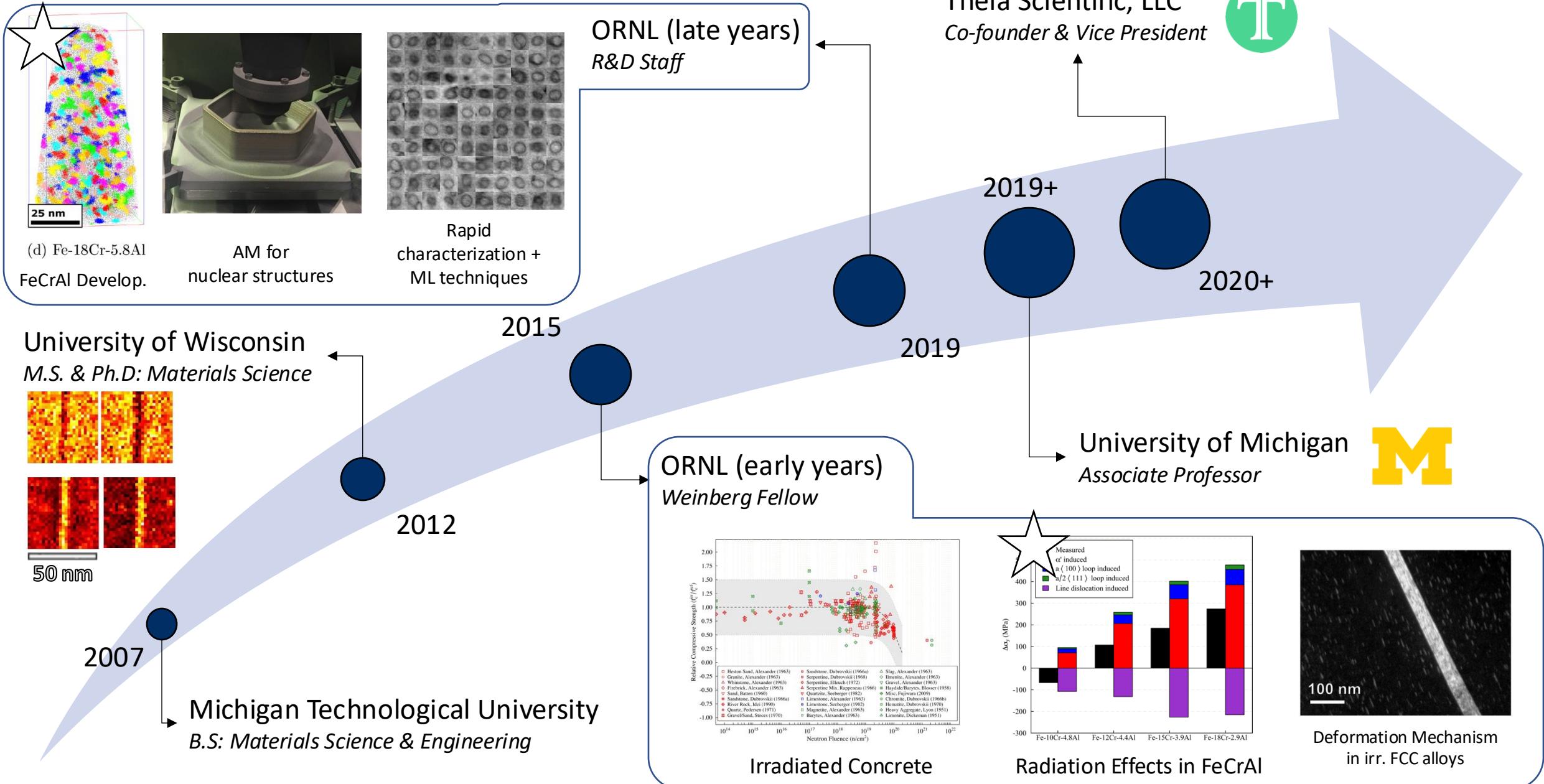
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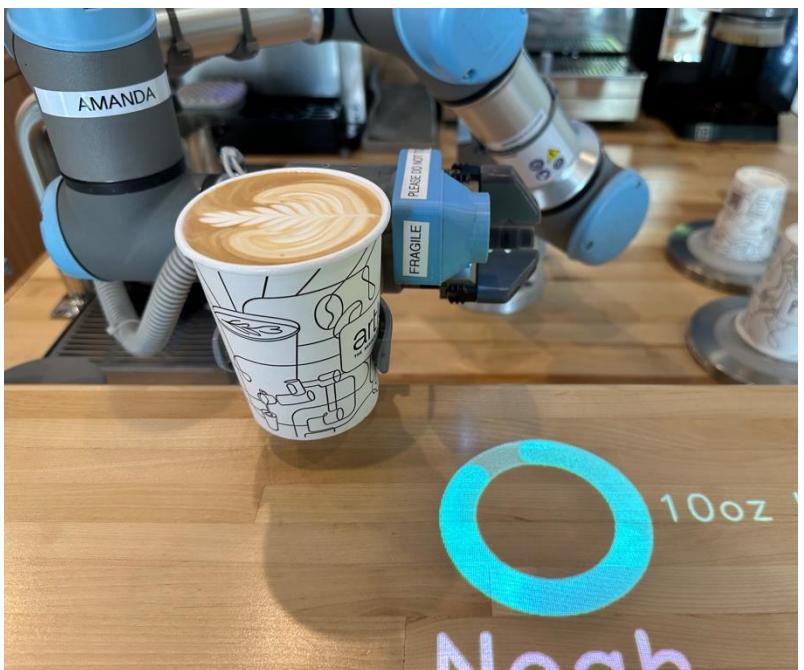
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About Prof. Field:





About you - introductions

Minimum amount of information to divulge:

- Name (Given + Family)
- Undergraduate school
- Undergraduate major

Optional:

- Something interesting about your hometown(s)

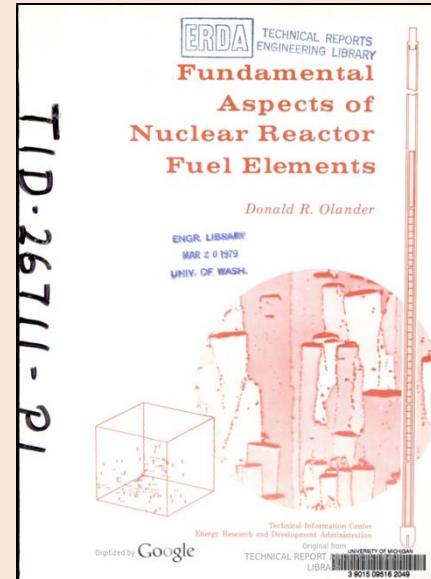
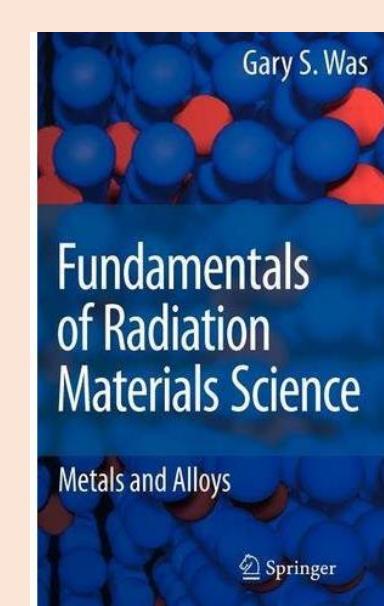
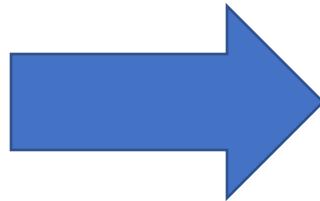
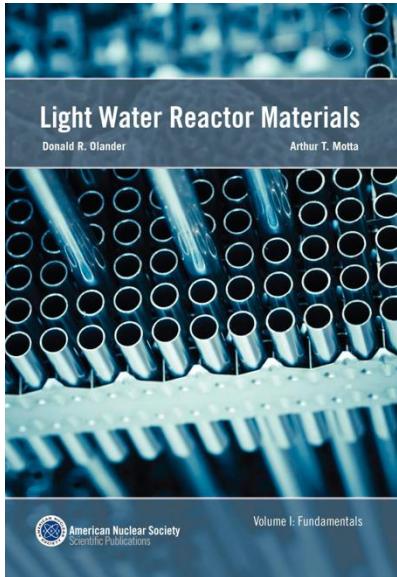


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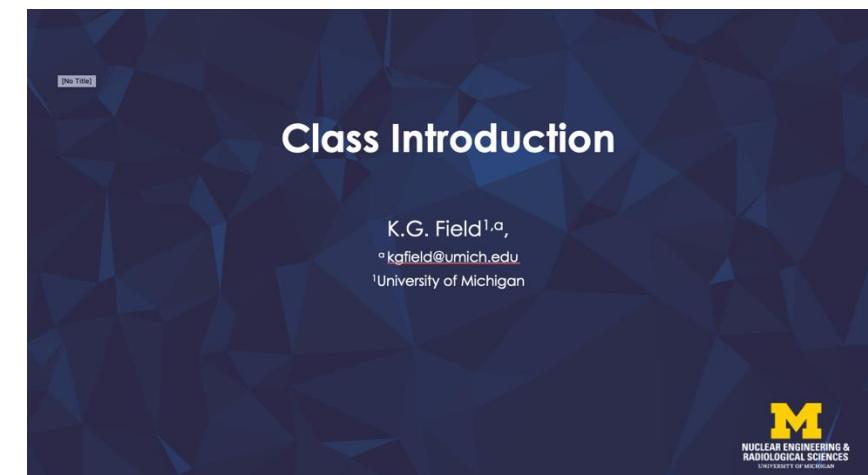
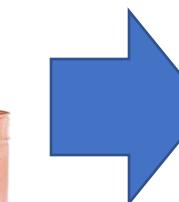
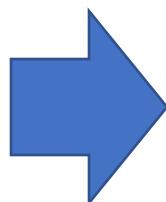
Course Materials:



Available Online (see syllabus)

Basics, good resource if you need to familiarize with base concepts

Other books, chapters, papers, lectures, etc.



Half-time!

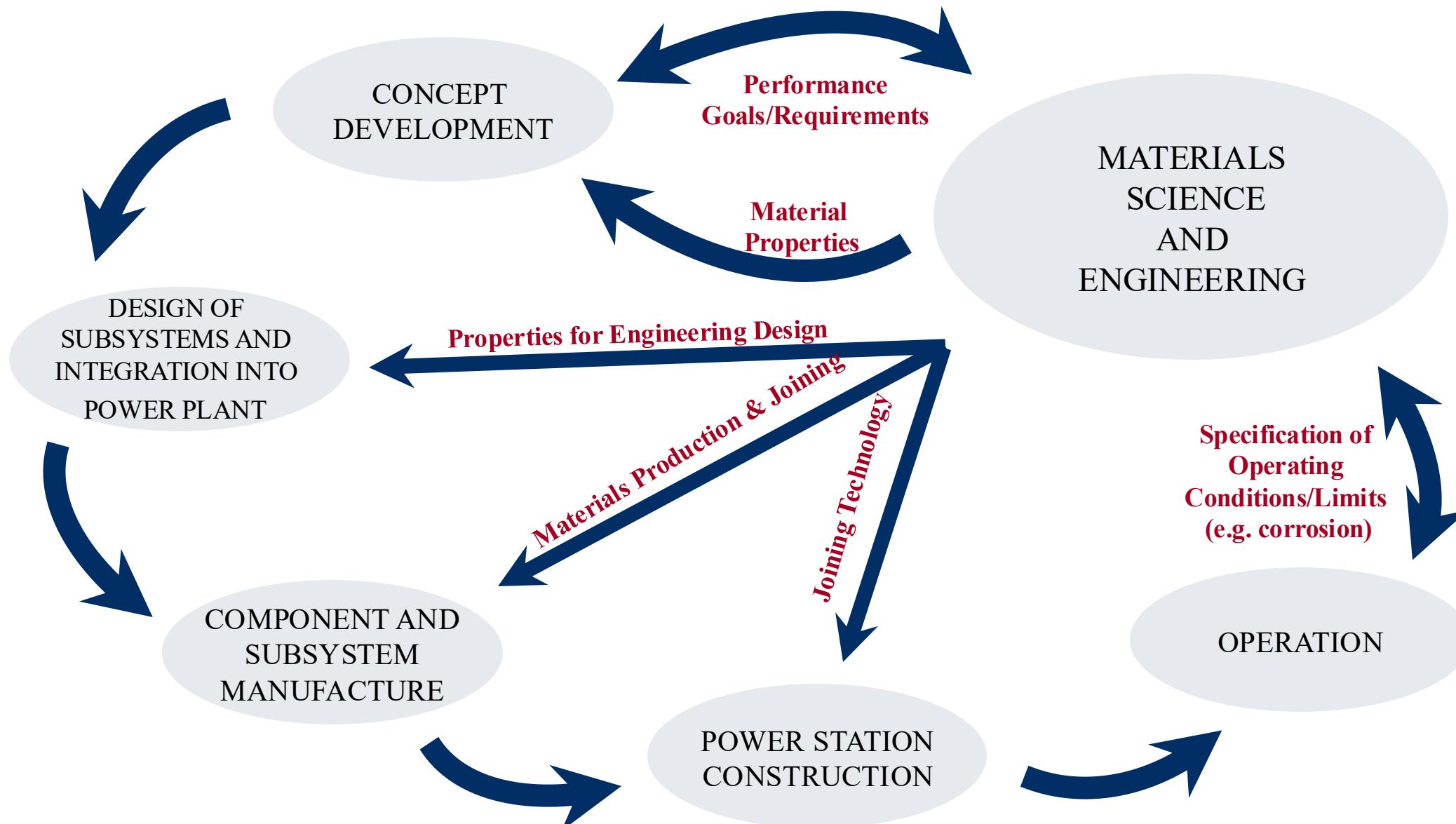


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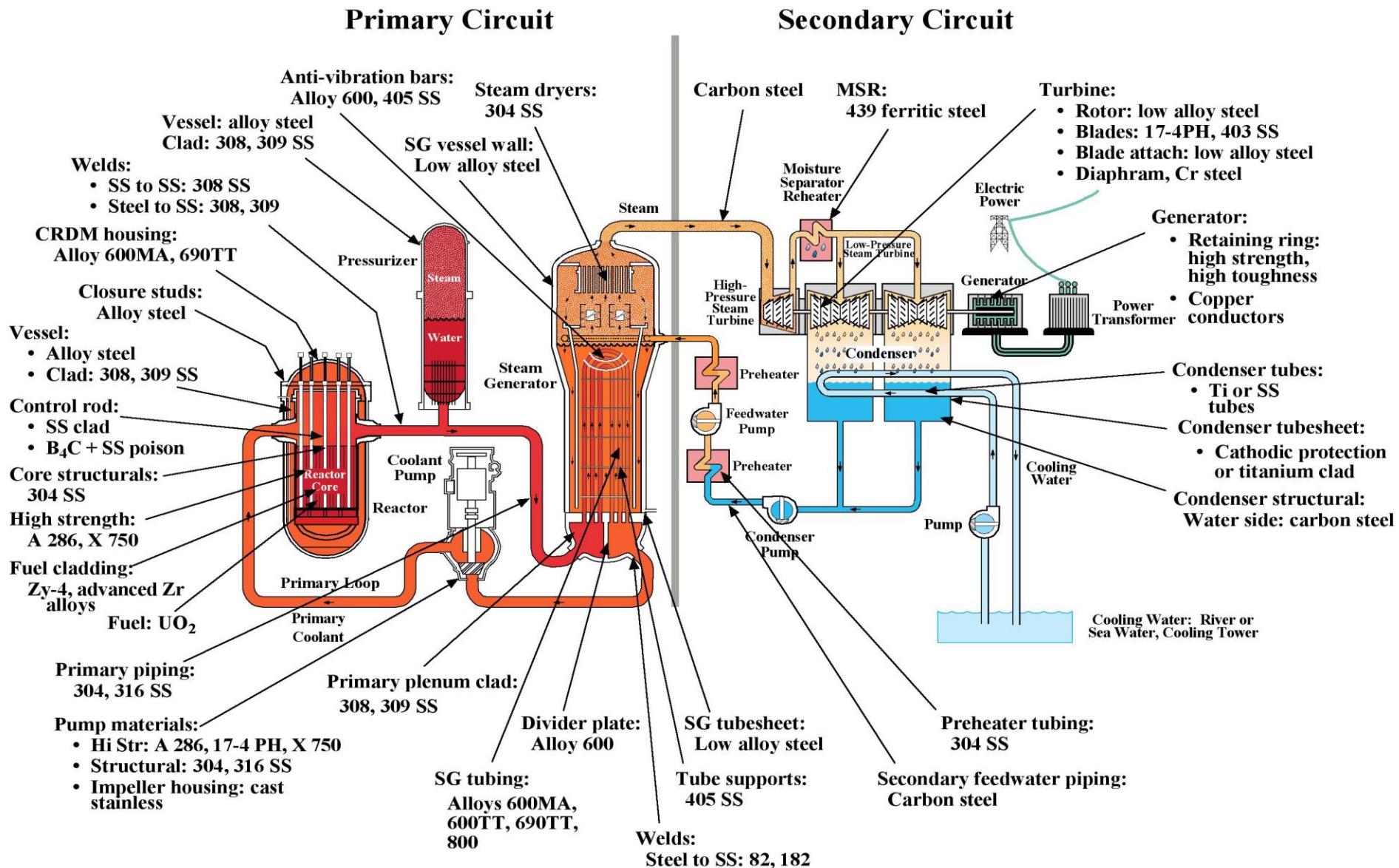


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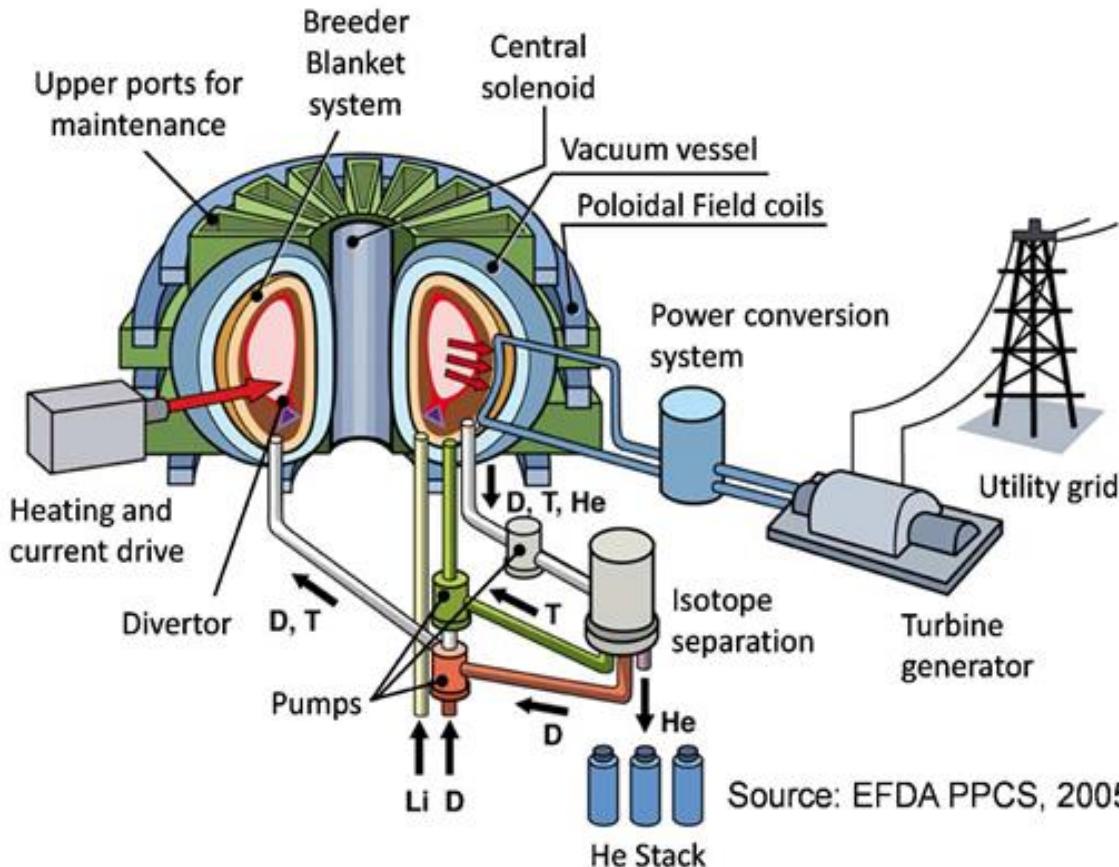


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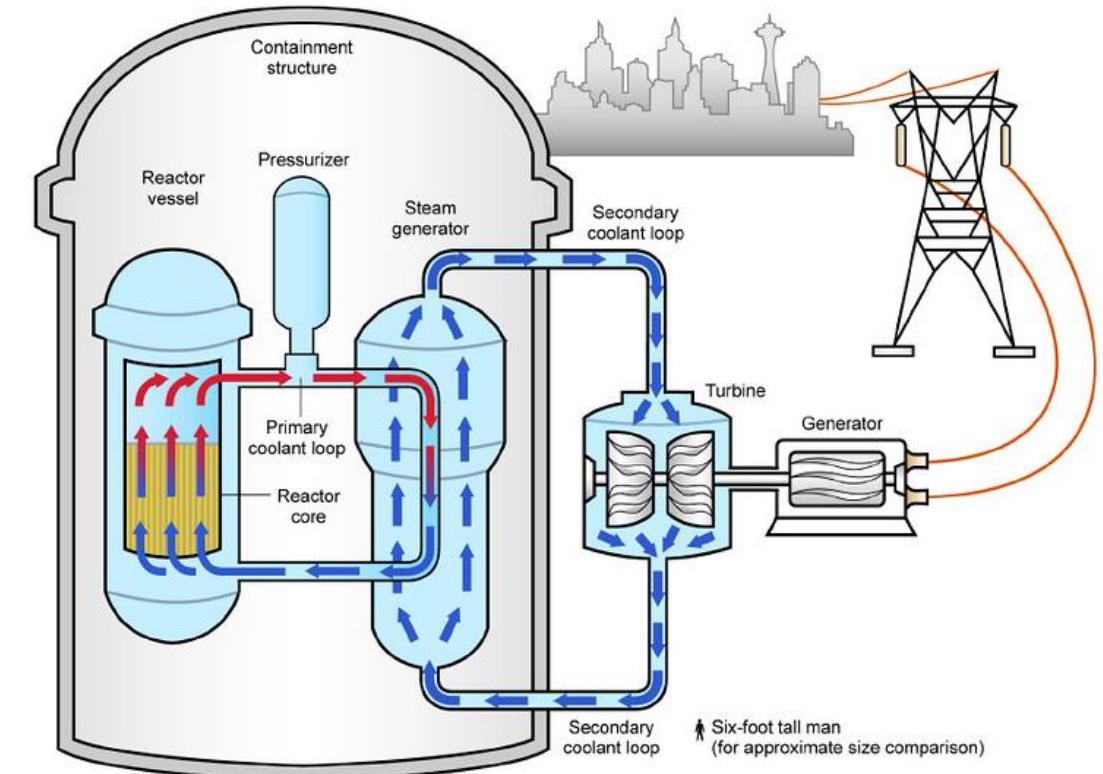


Radiation Materials Science is Applicable to Both Fission and Fusion Power:

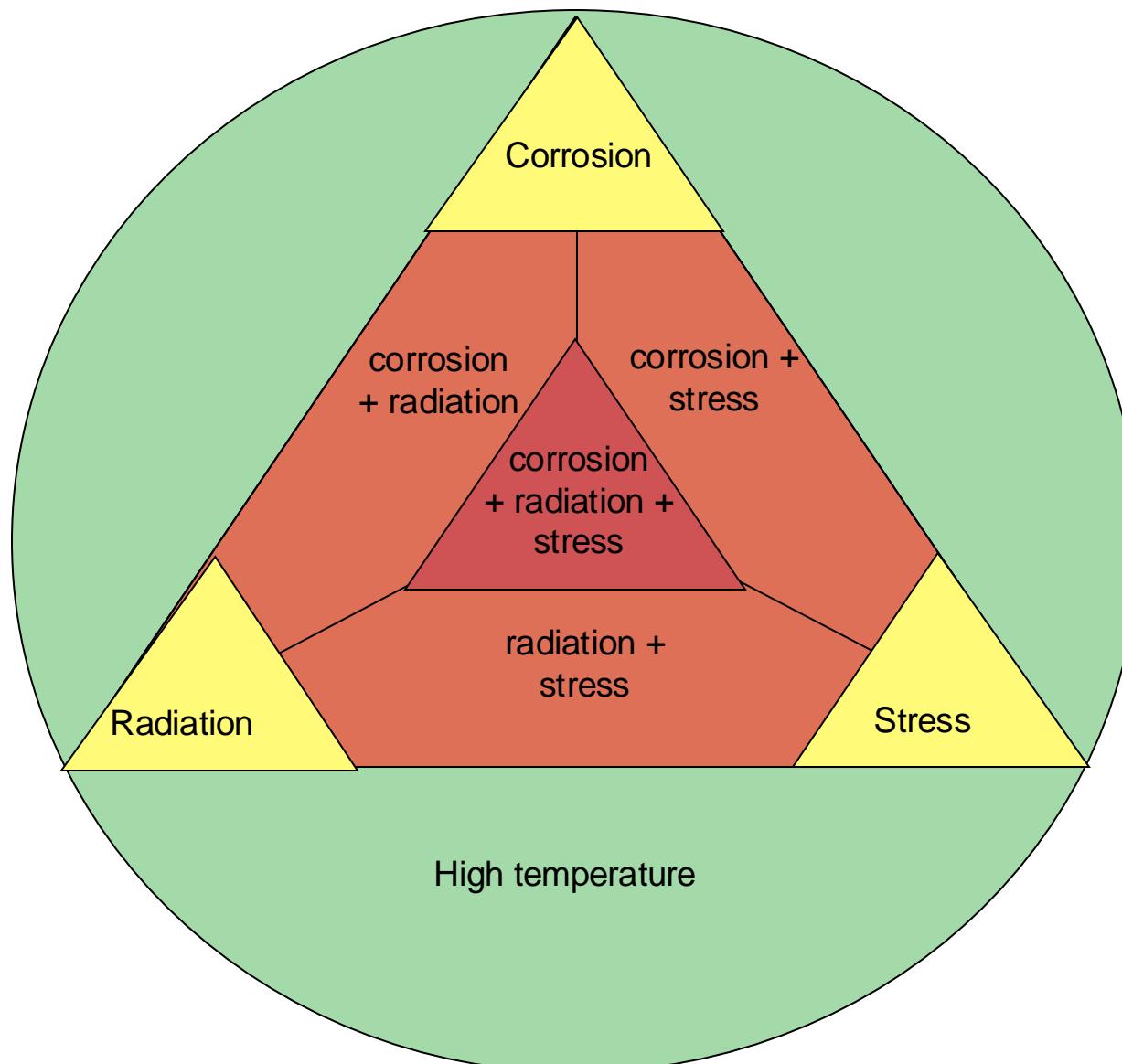
Fusion Power Plant:



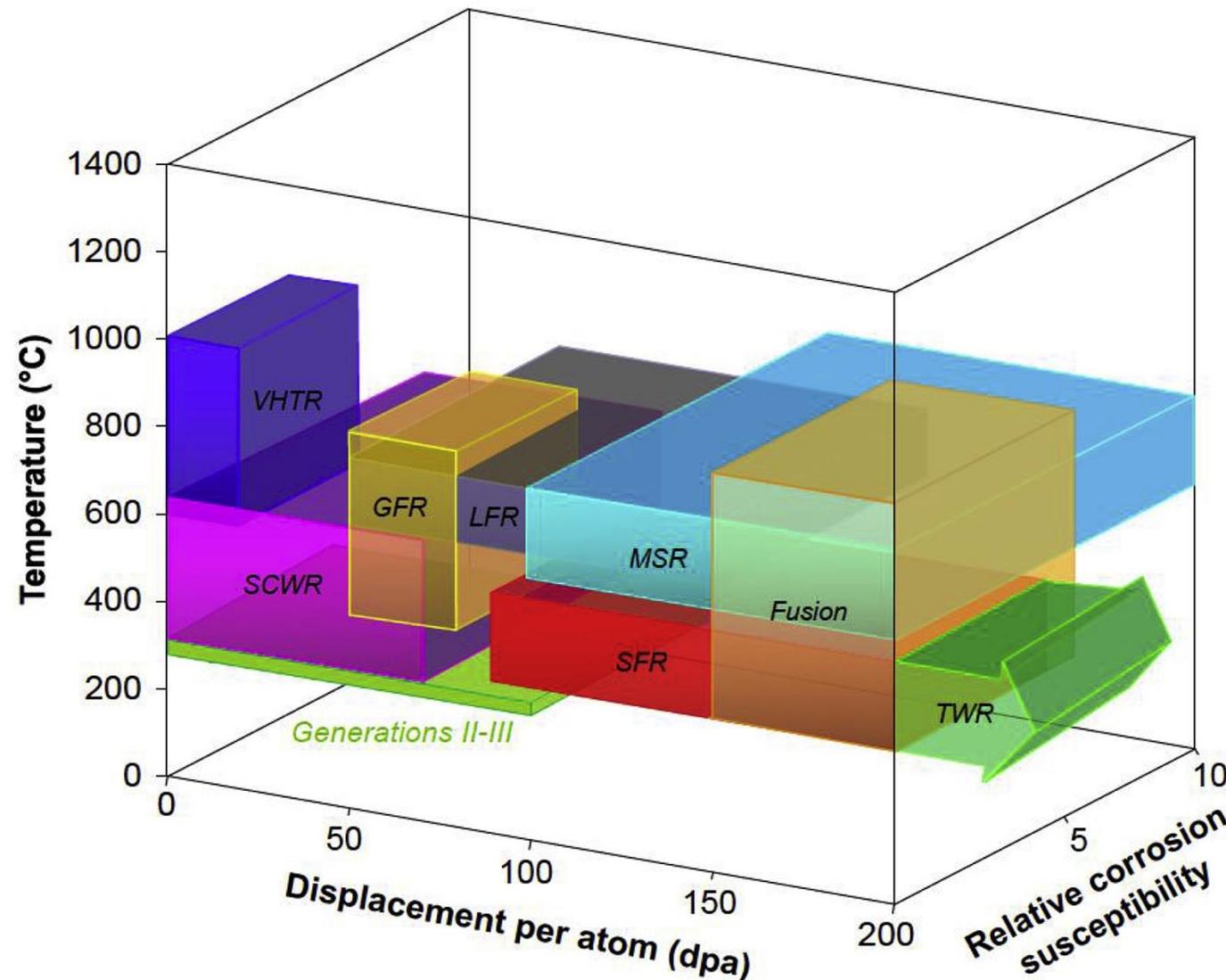
Fission Power Plant:



Materials “stressors” in nuclear reactor systems



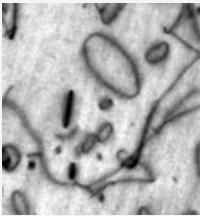
Materials “stressors” on a per reactor basis



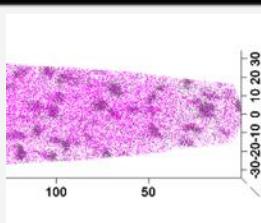
Reactor Type	Inlet Temp ($^{\circ}\text{C}$)	Outlet Temp ($^{\circ}\text{C}$)	Maximum Dose (dpa)	Pressure (Mpa)	Coolant
PWR	290	320	100	16	Water
SCWR	290	500	15-67	25	Water
VHTR/F HR	600	1000	1-10	7	Helium, Salt
SFR*	370	550	200	0.1	Sodium
LFR*	600	800	200	0.1	Lead
GFR*	450	850	80	7	Helium/ SC CO ₂
MSR	700	1000	200?	0.1	Molten Salt

Consequences of microstructural changes on mechanical performance

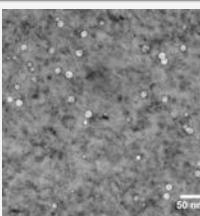
Dislocation loops



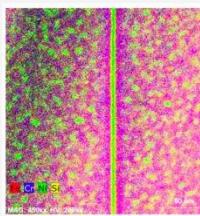
Radiation-Induced Precipitation (RIP)



Cavities, He bubbles, etc.

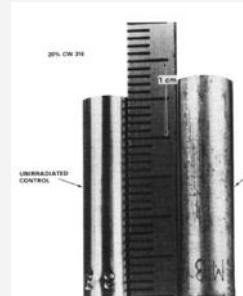


Radiation-Induced Segregation (RIS)



Hardening
Irradiation creep
Deformation localization
Embrittlement

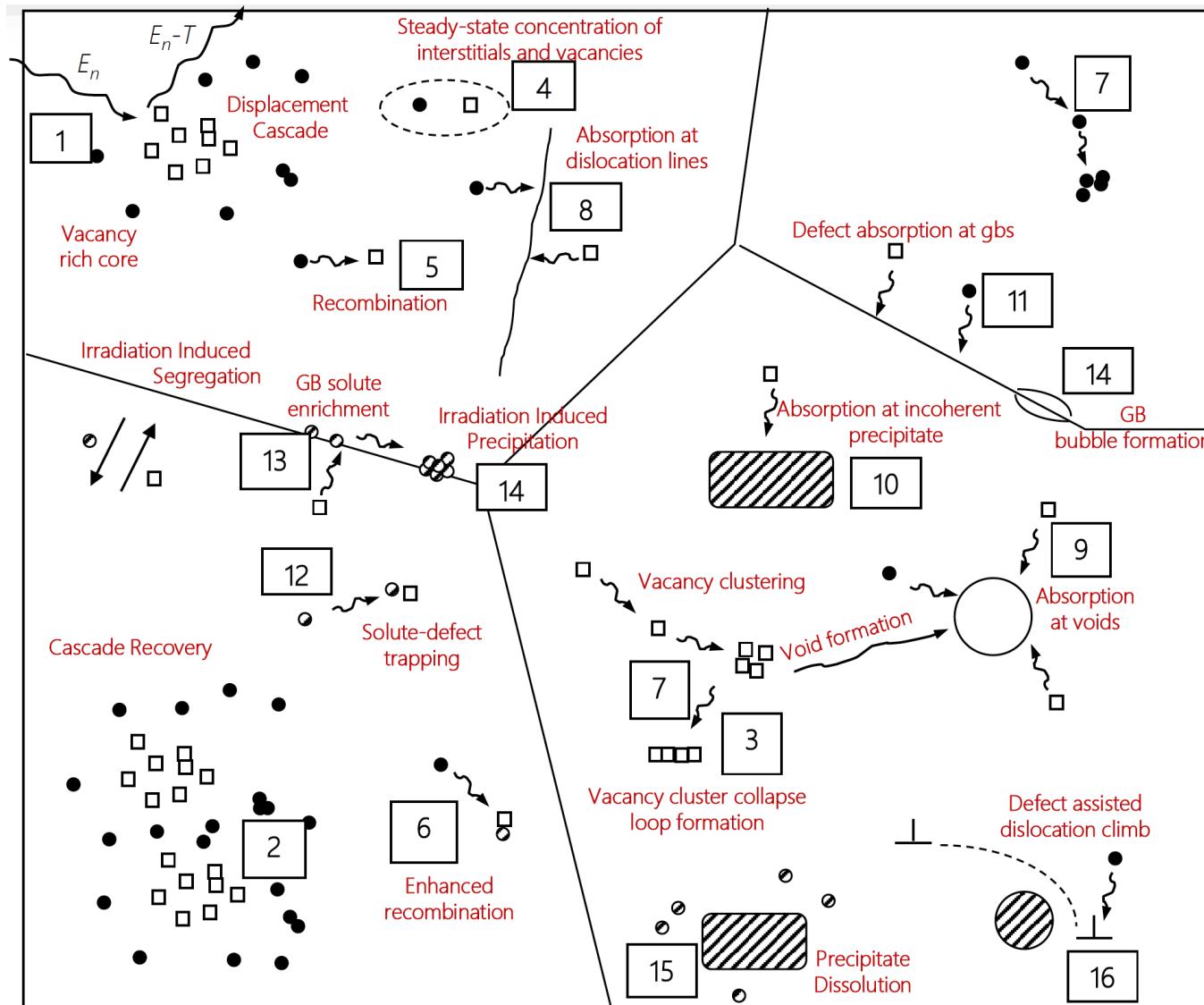
Swelling



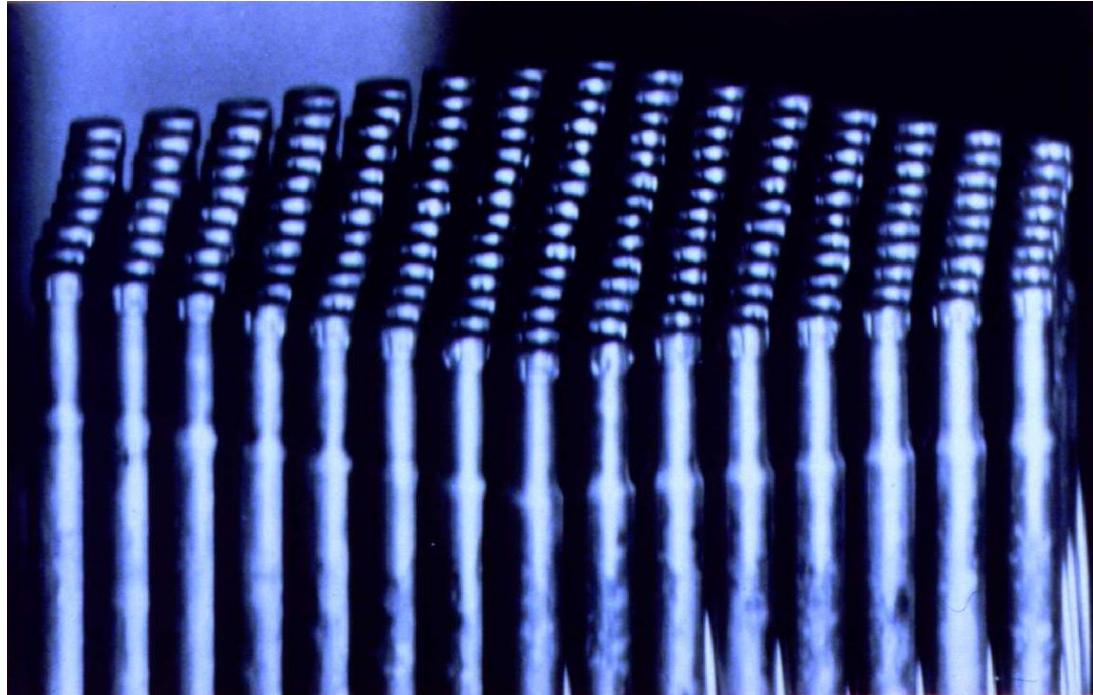
Increased sensitivity to SCC (IASCC)



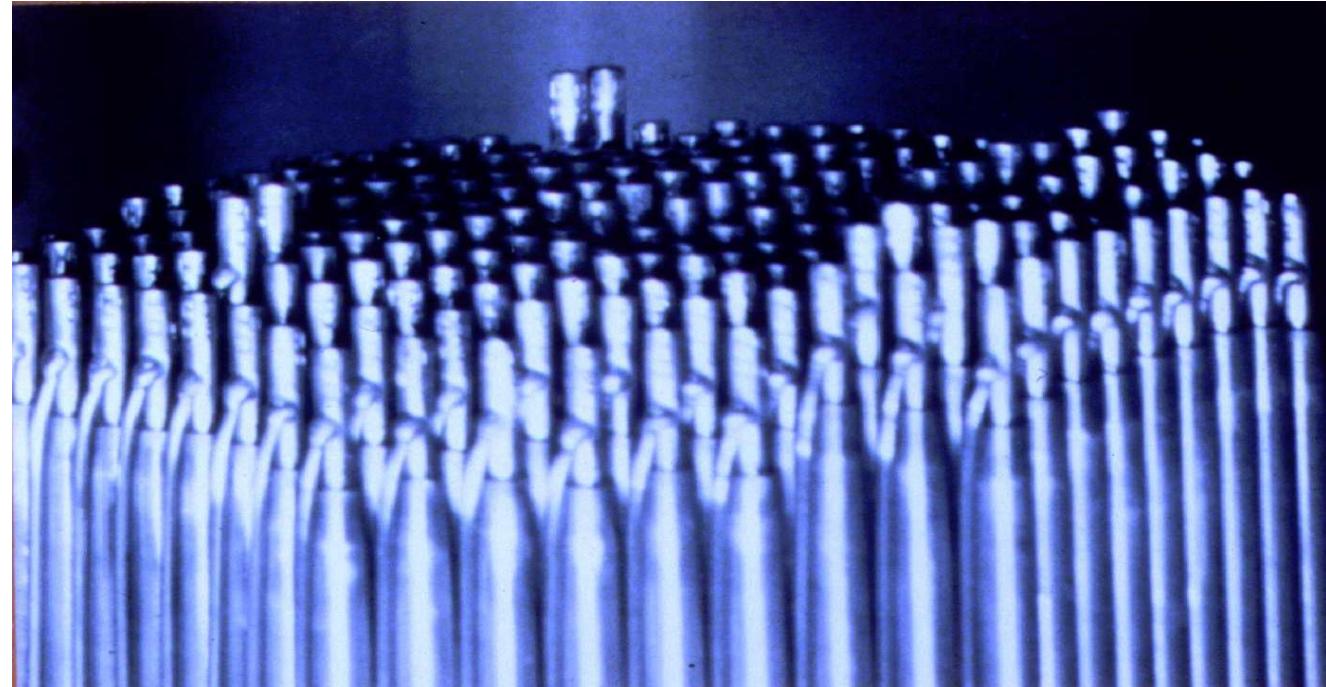
Radiation Effects at the Grain Scale



Radiation damage effects materials differently



HT-9, no swelling



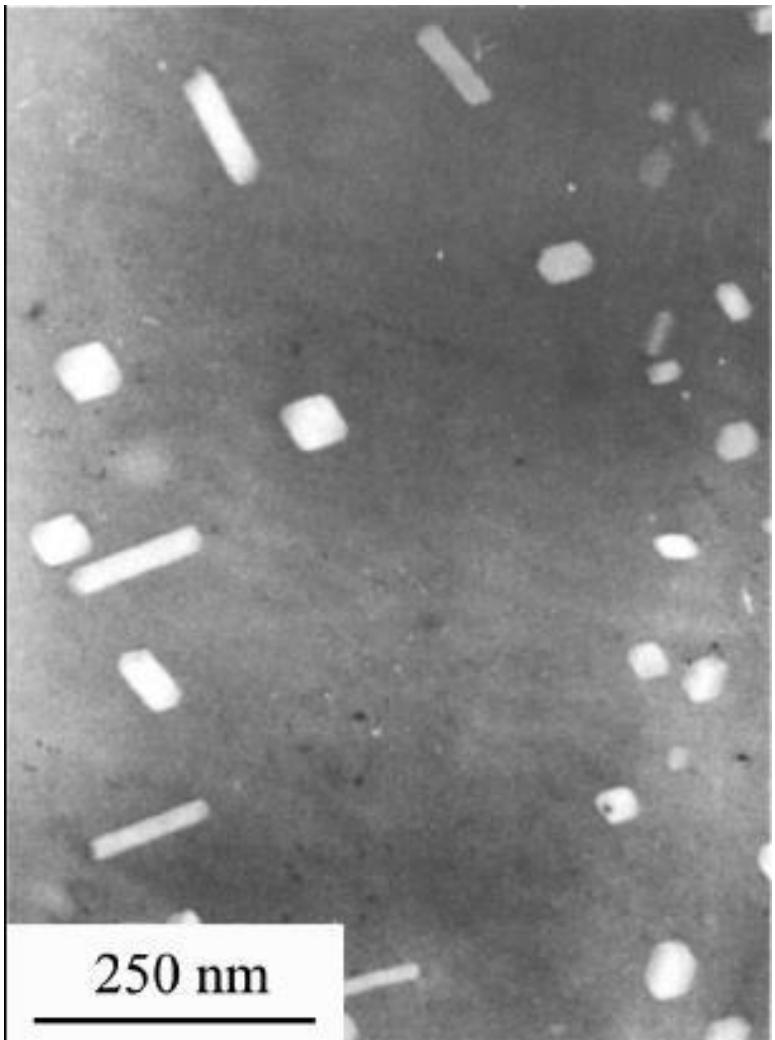
316-Ti stainless, swelling

Source: F. Garner

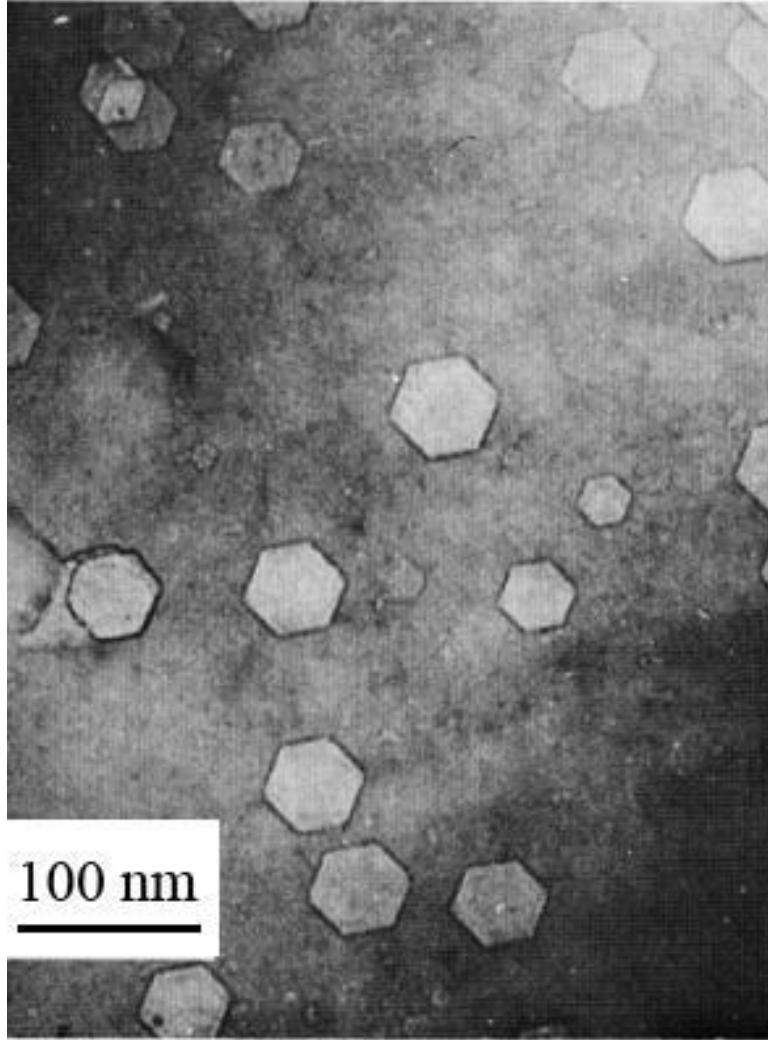


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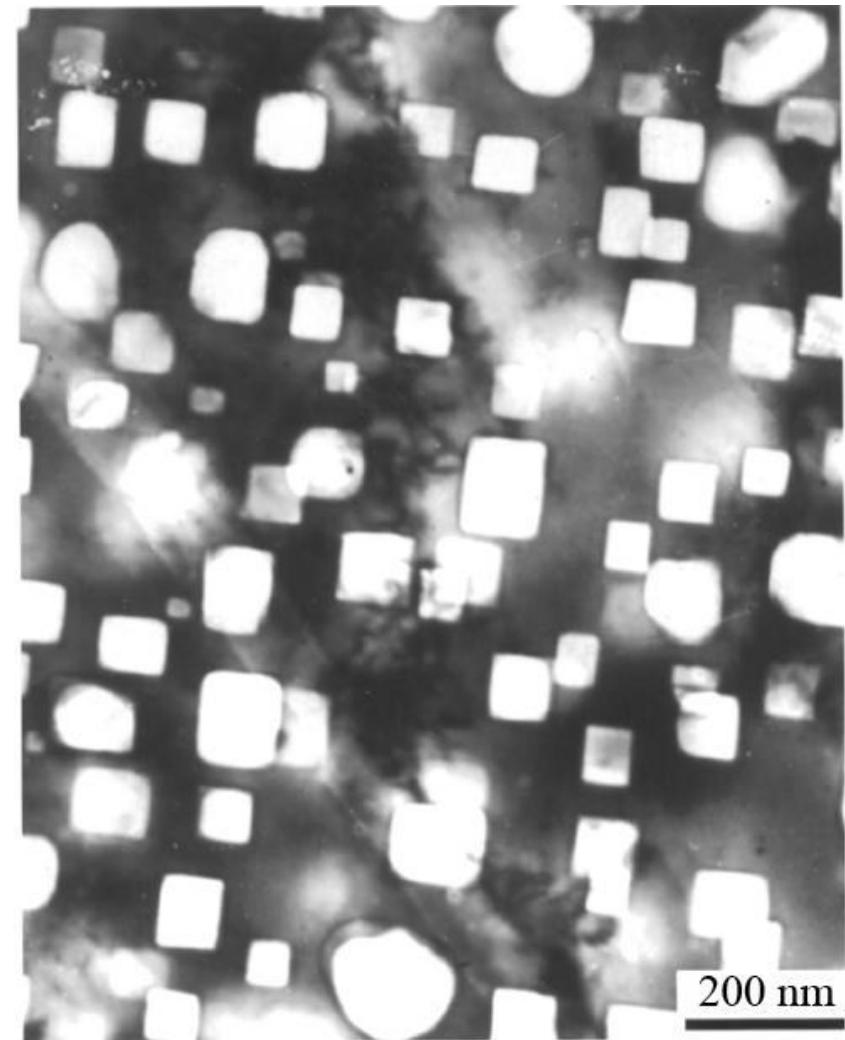
Examples of voids in various materials



Stainless Steel



Aluminum



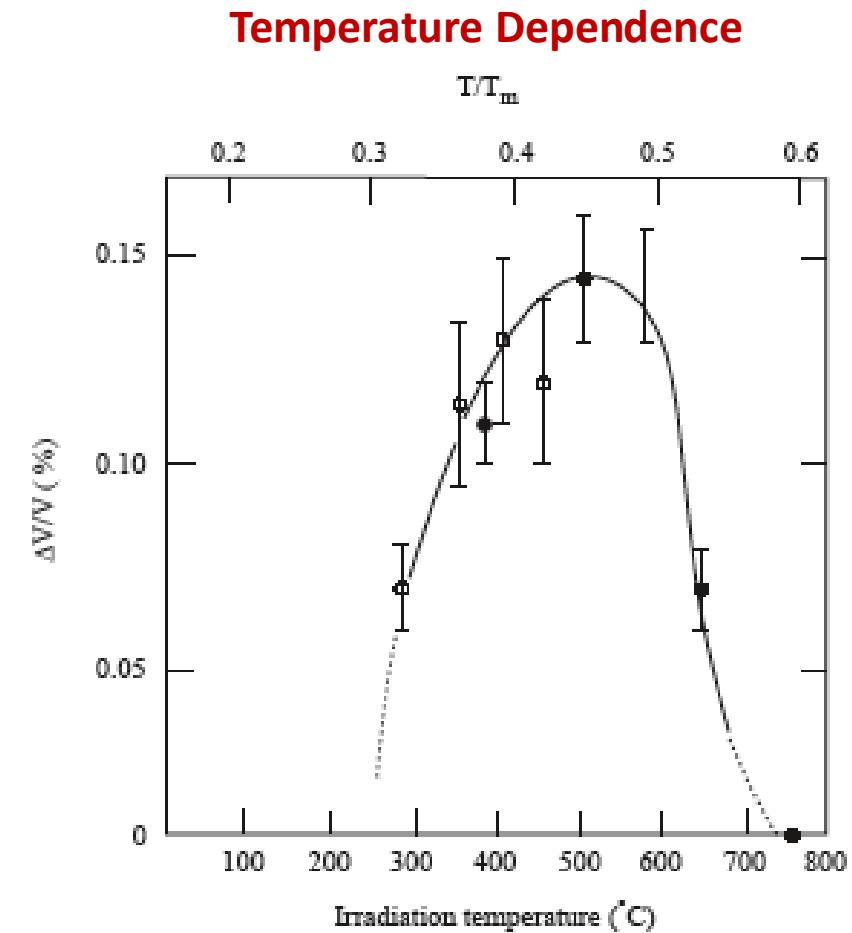
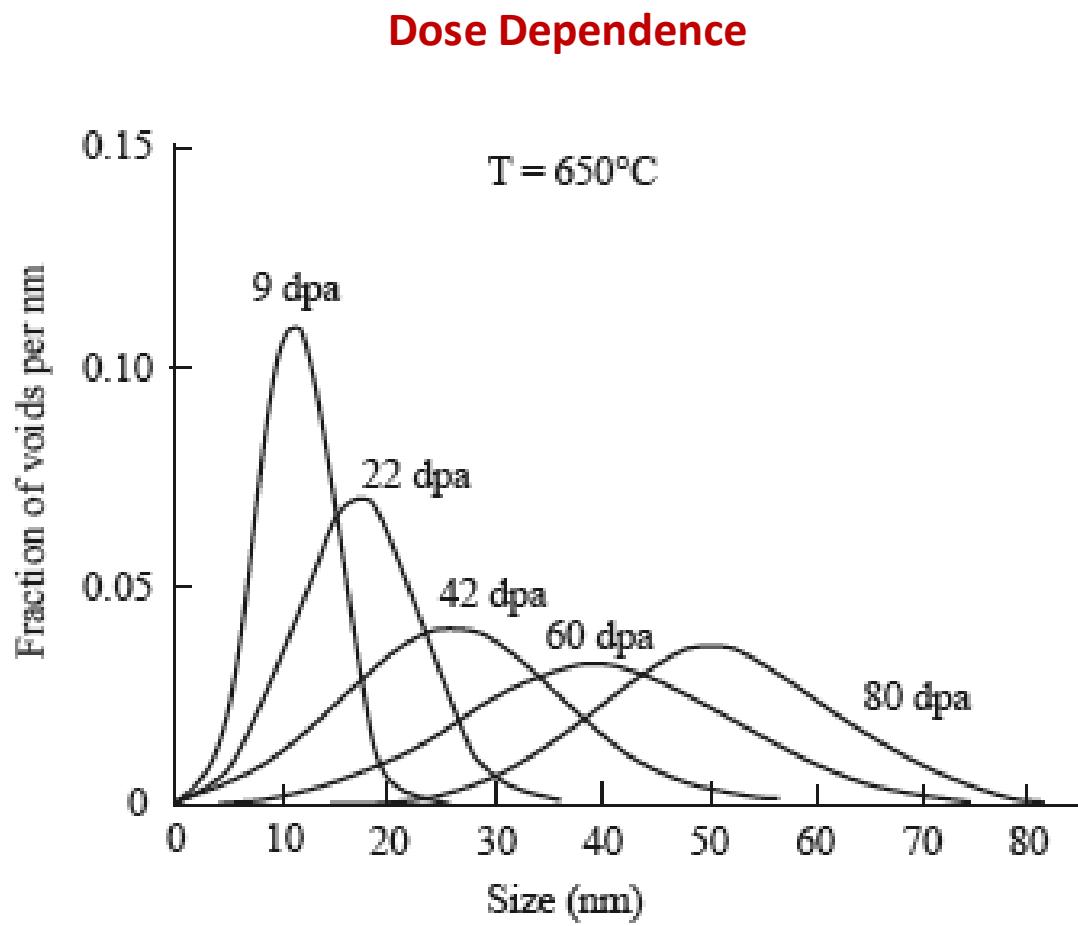
Magnesium

M. L. Jenkins, M. A. Kirk, *Characterization of Radiation Damage by Transmission Electron Microscopy*, Institute of Physics Publishing, Philadelphia, 2001.
U. Adda, Proc. International Conference on Radiation Induced Voids in Metals, CONF-710601, National Technical Information Service, 1972, p. 31.



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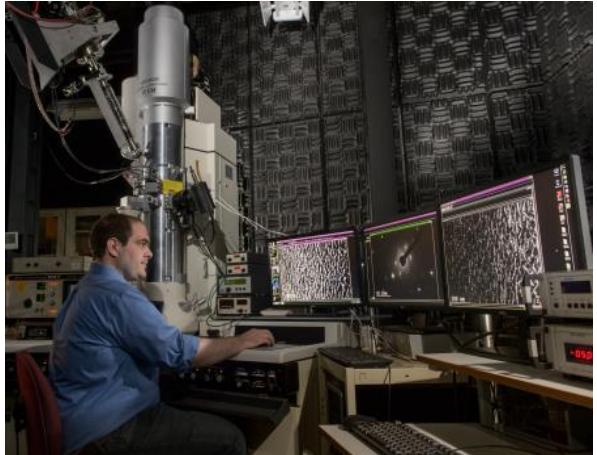
Cavity formation as a function of dose and temperature



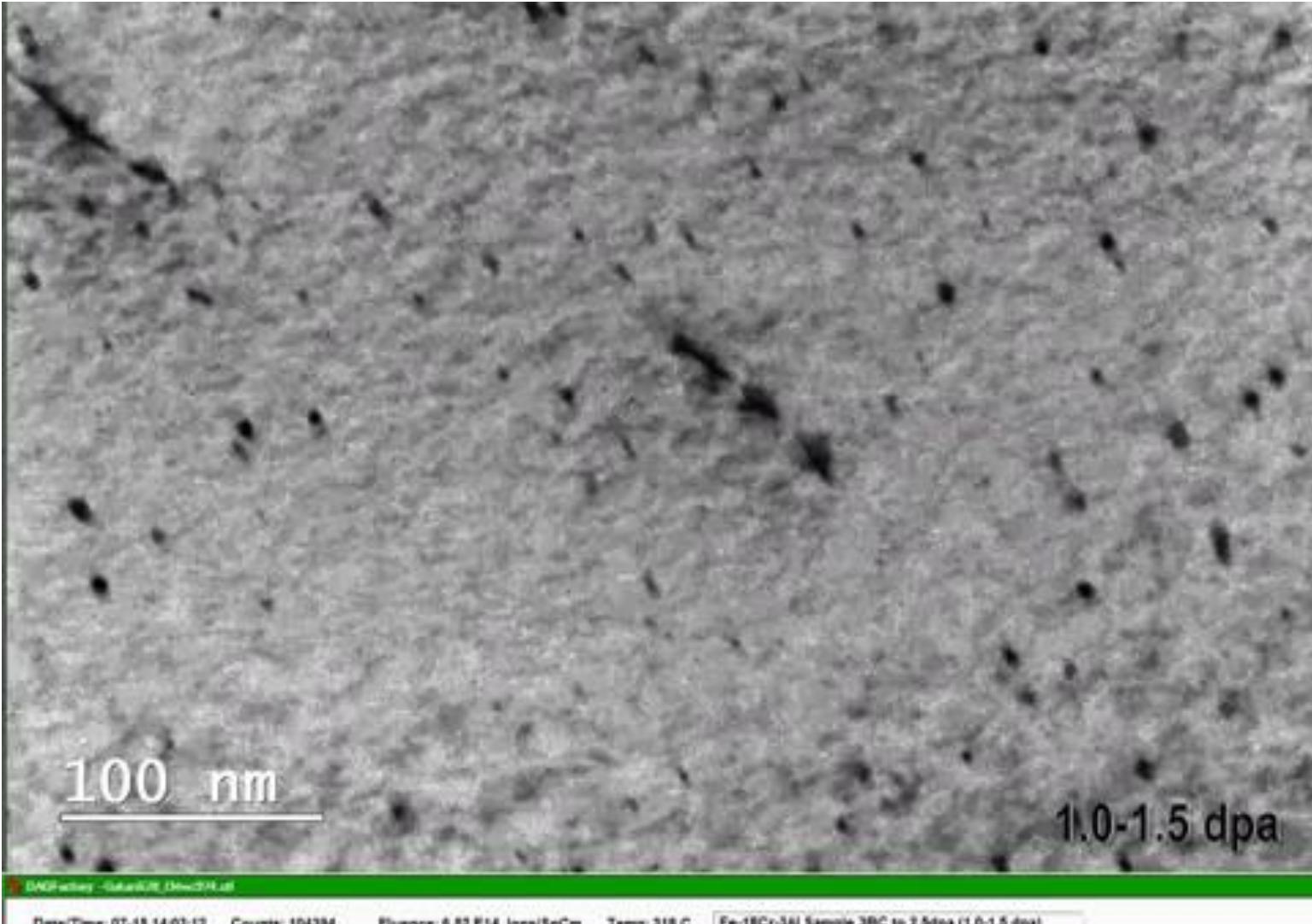
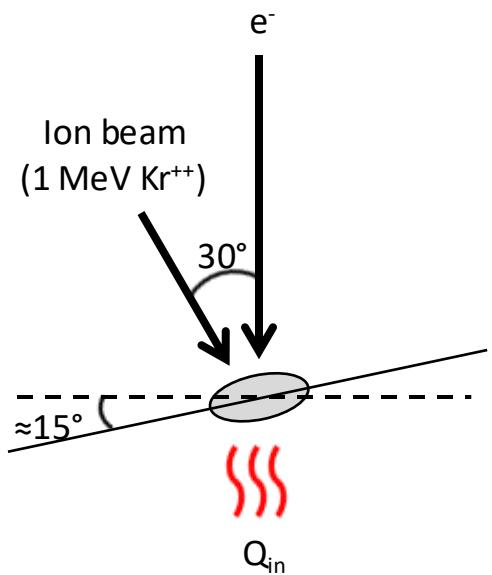
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C. Abromeit, J. Nucl. Mater. 216 (1994) 78-96.

Example data on in-situ ion irradiation of a FeCrAl alloy at 320°C



Argonne's IVEF facility

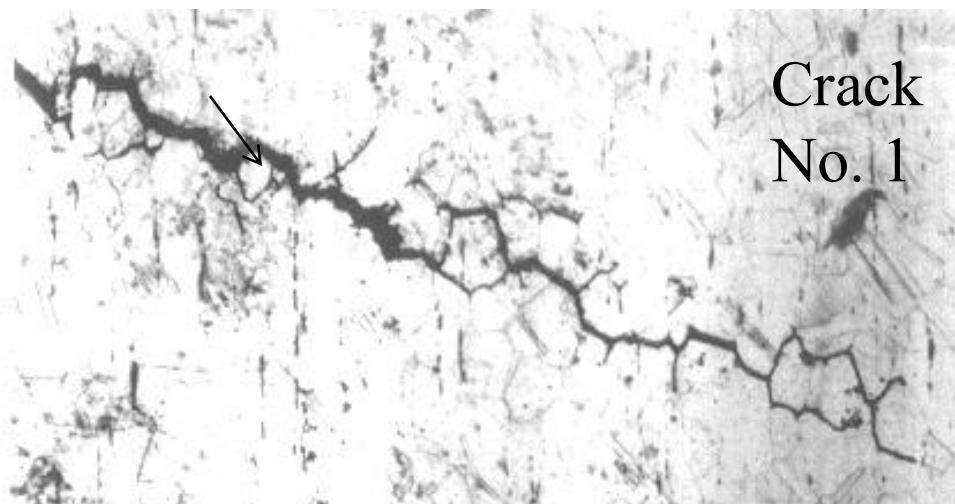
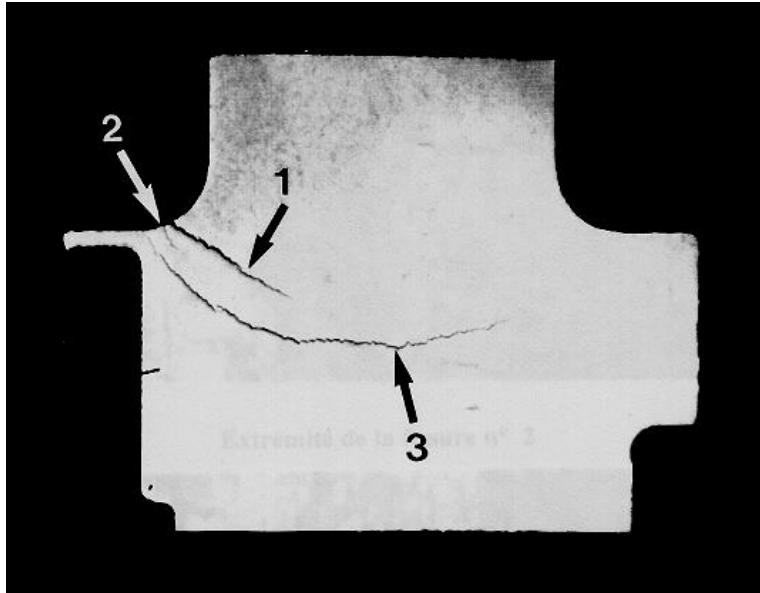
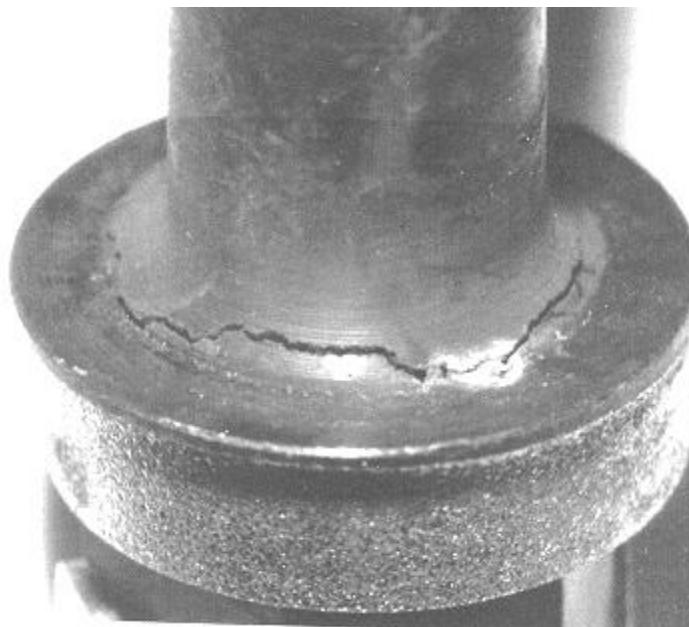


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Radiation damage can enhance degradation

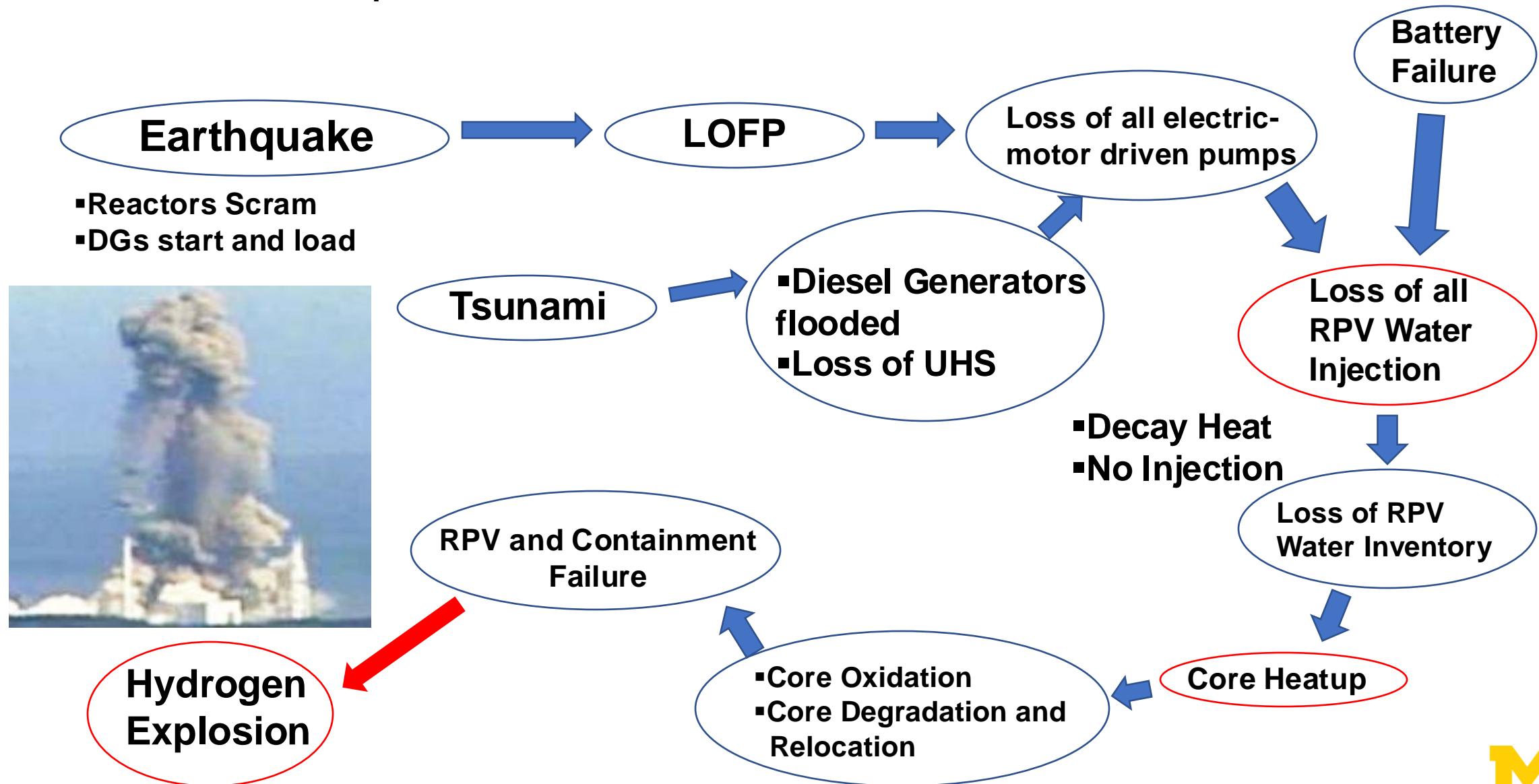


Classical example of
Irradiation Assisted
Stress Corrosion
Cracking in baffle
former bolts for a PWR

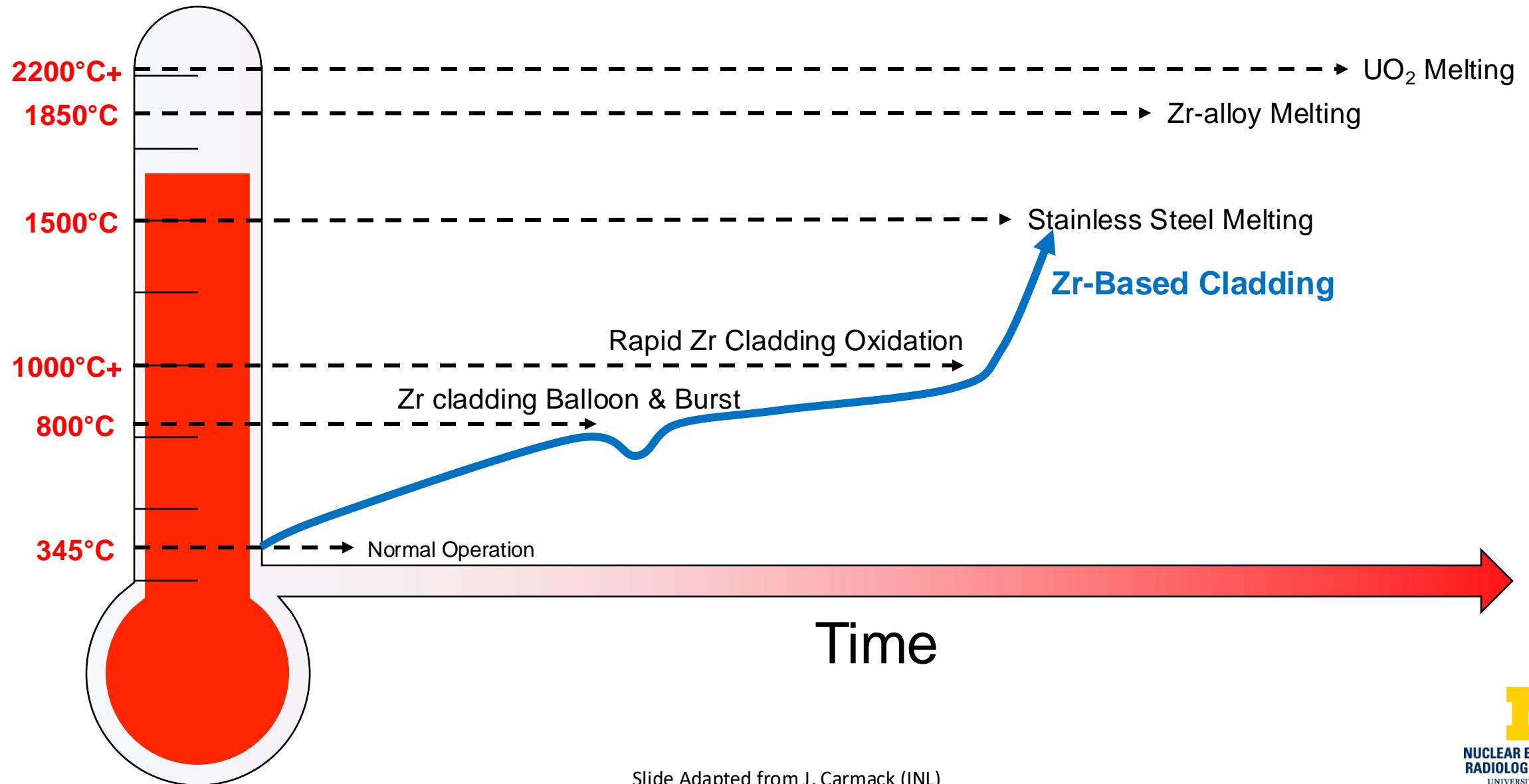


A Recent Real-World Example

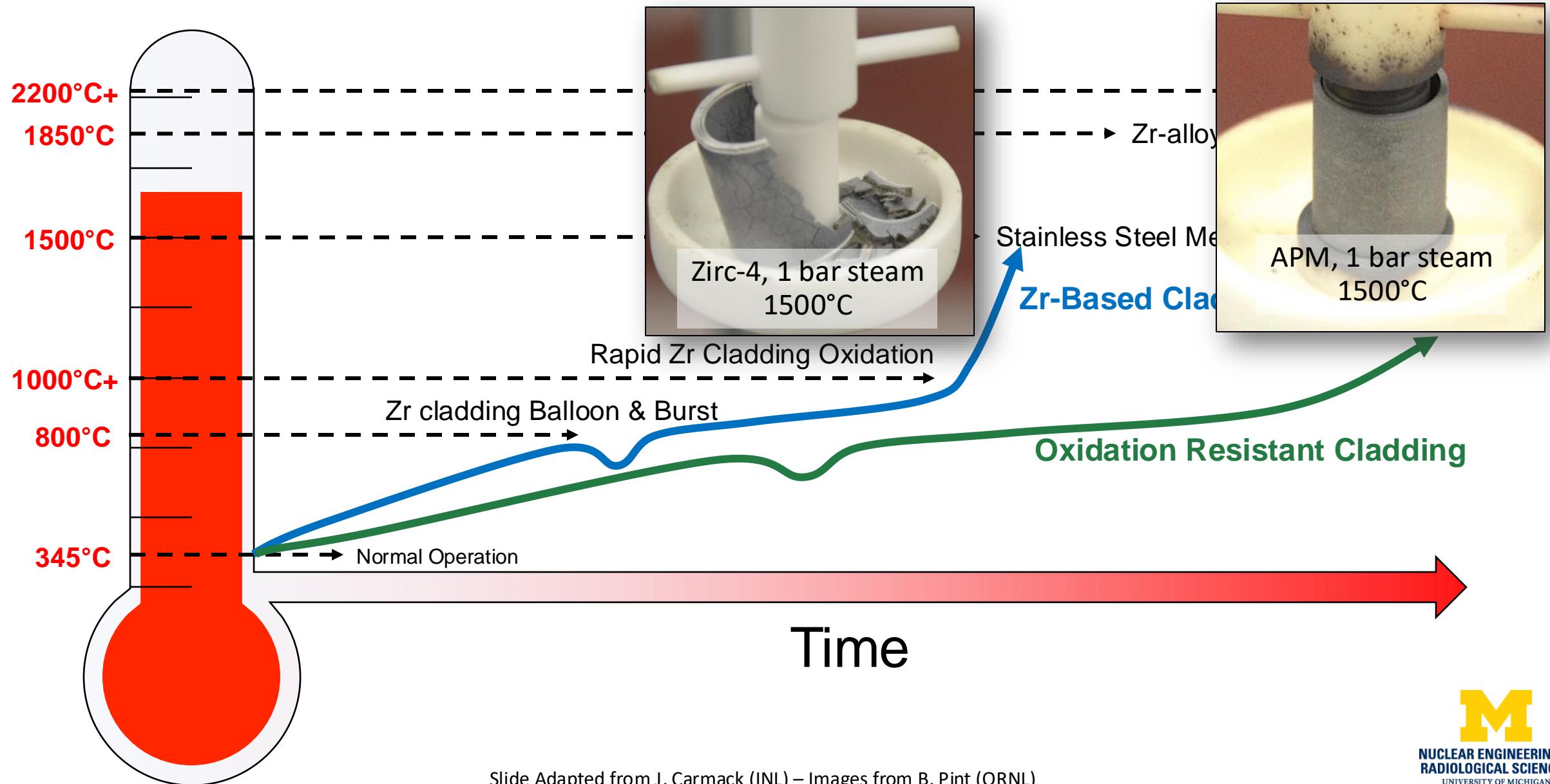
Modern Example: GE's IronClad ATF solution



Oxidation of cladding is key towards core degradation during a coolant-limited accident scenario



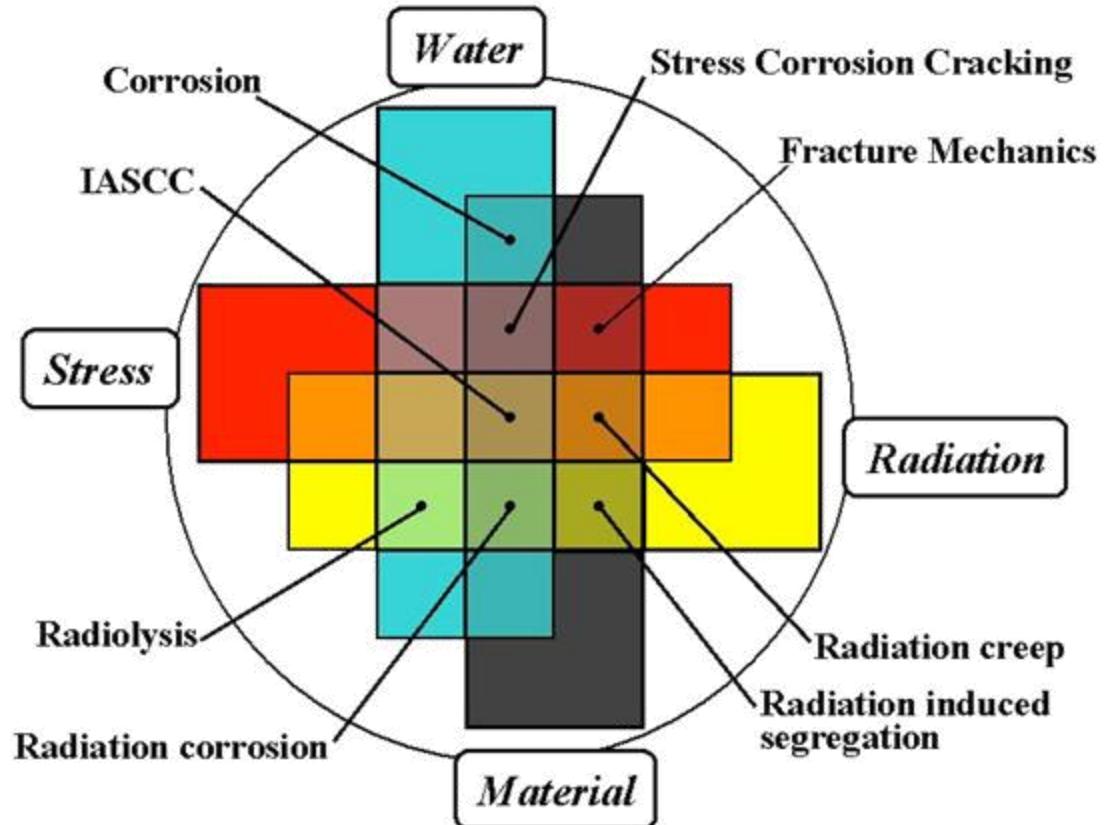
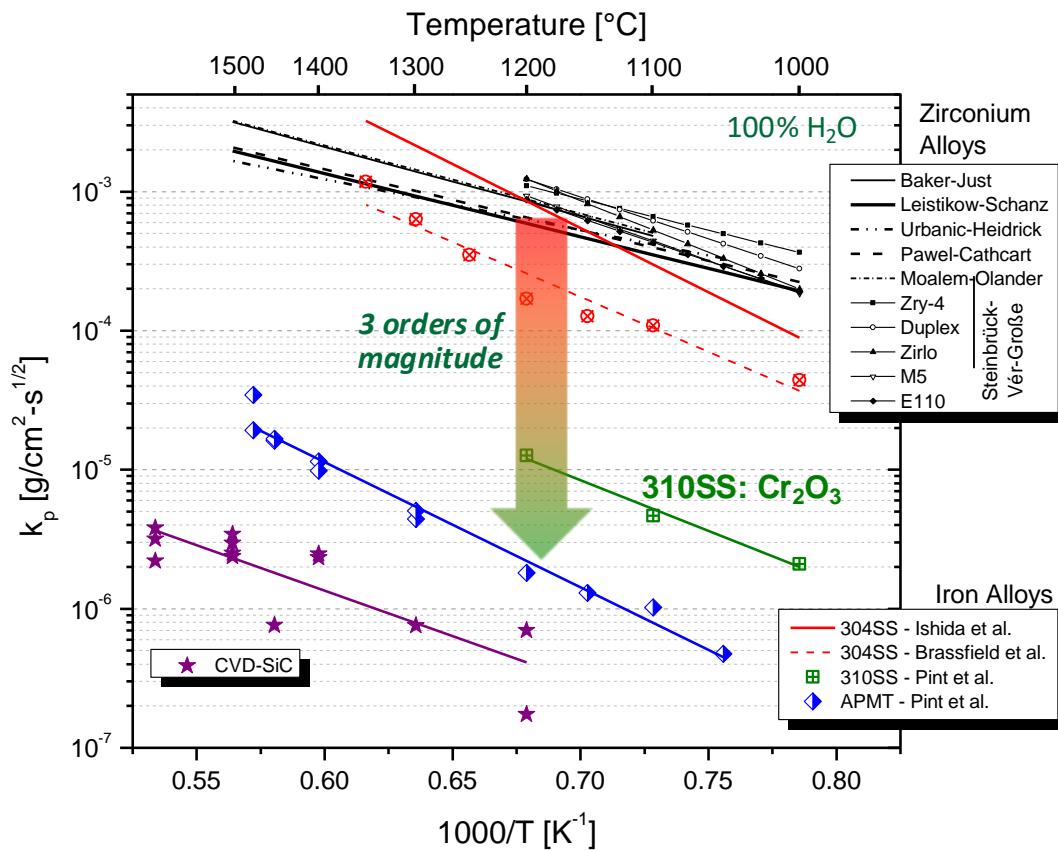
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Slide Adapted from J. Carmack (INL) – Images from B. Pint (ORNL)

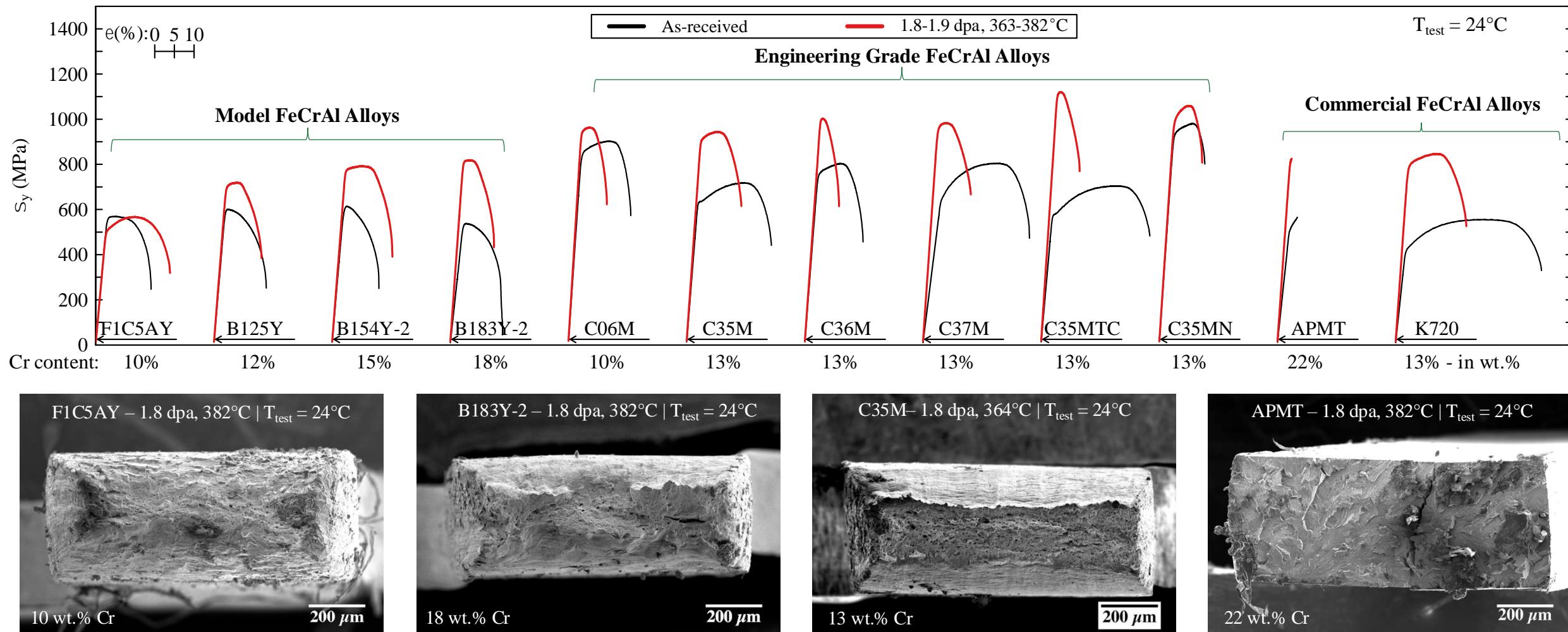


Finding oxidation resistance alloys that increase safety is easy...



...but, understanding how they perform in a LWR is not

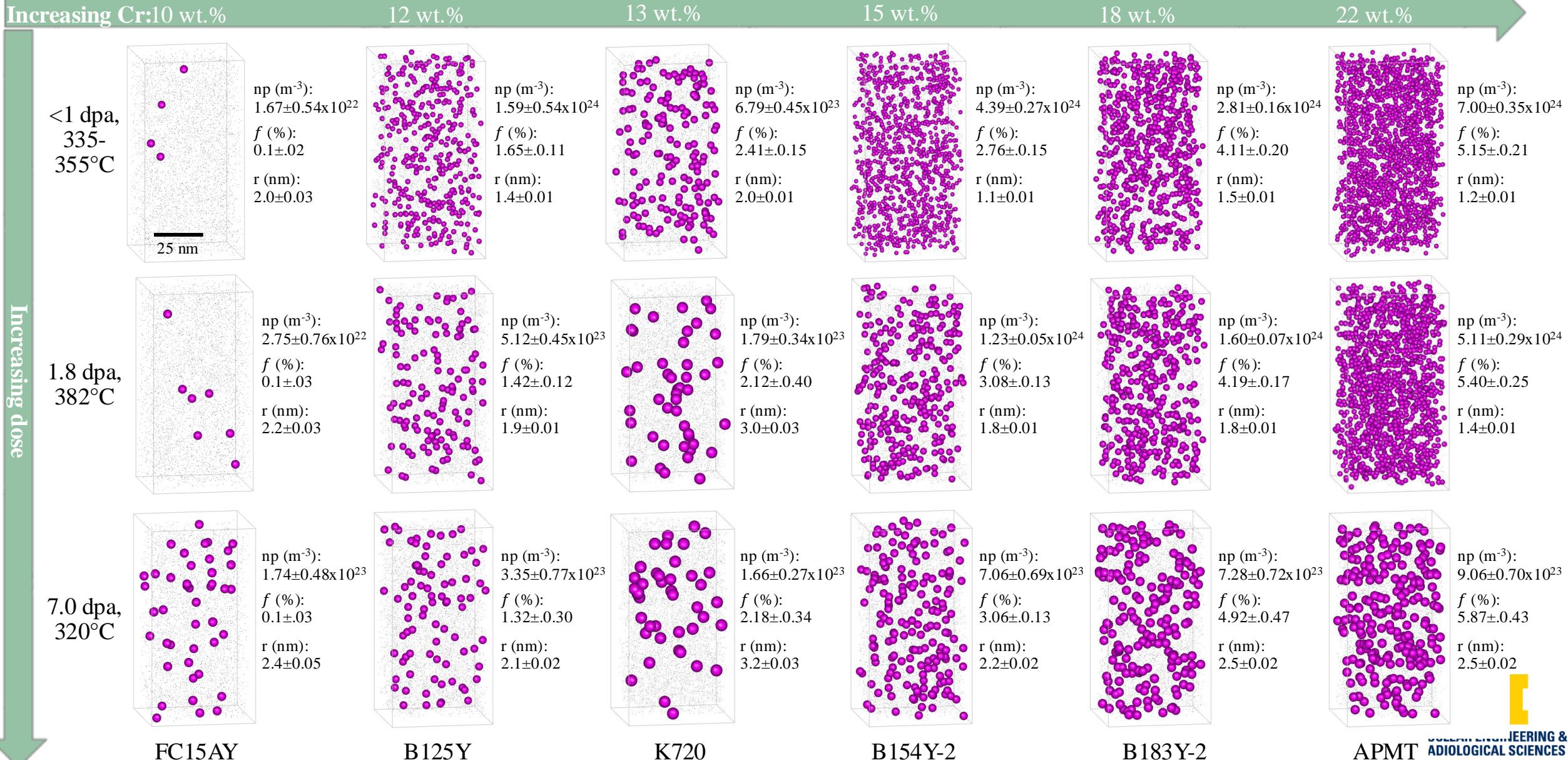
All wrought FeCrAl alloys studied showed typical radiation-induced hardening for high Cr ferritic alloys



- [1] Field, et al. / *Journal of Nuclear Materials* 465 (2015)
[2] Field, et al. / *Journal of Nuclear Materials* 489 (2017)

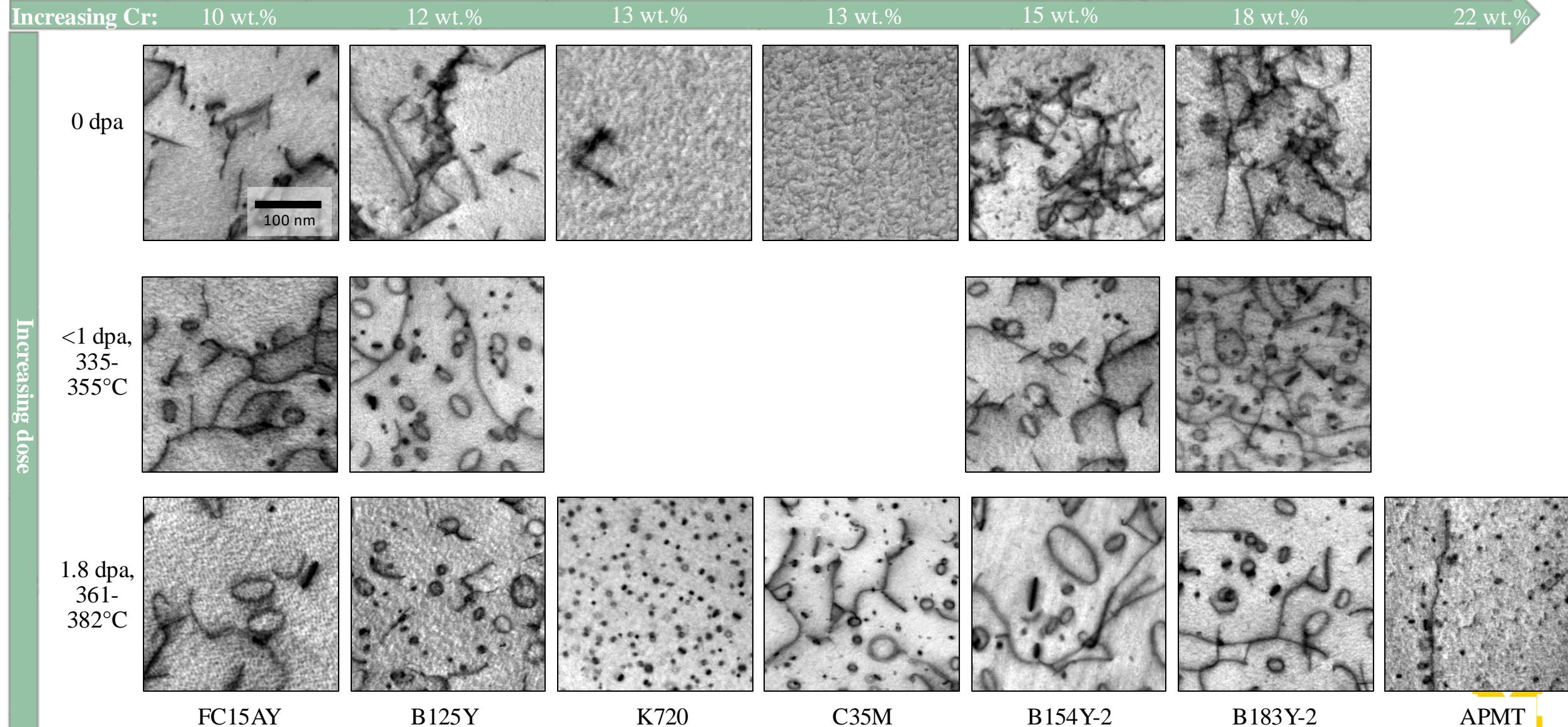


Trends in precipitation of Cr-rich a' in FeCrAl alloys

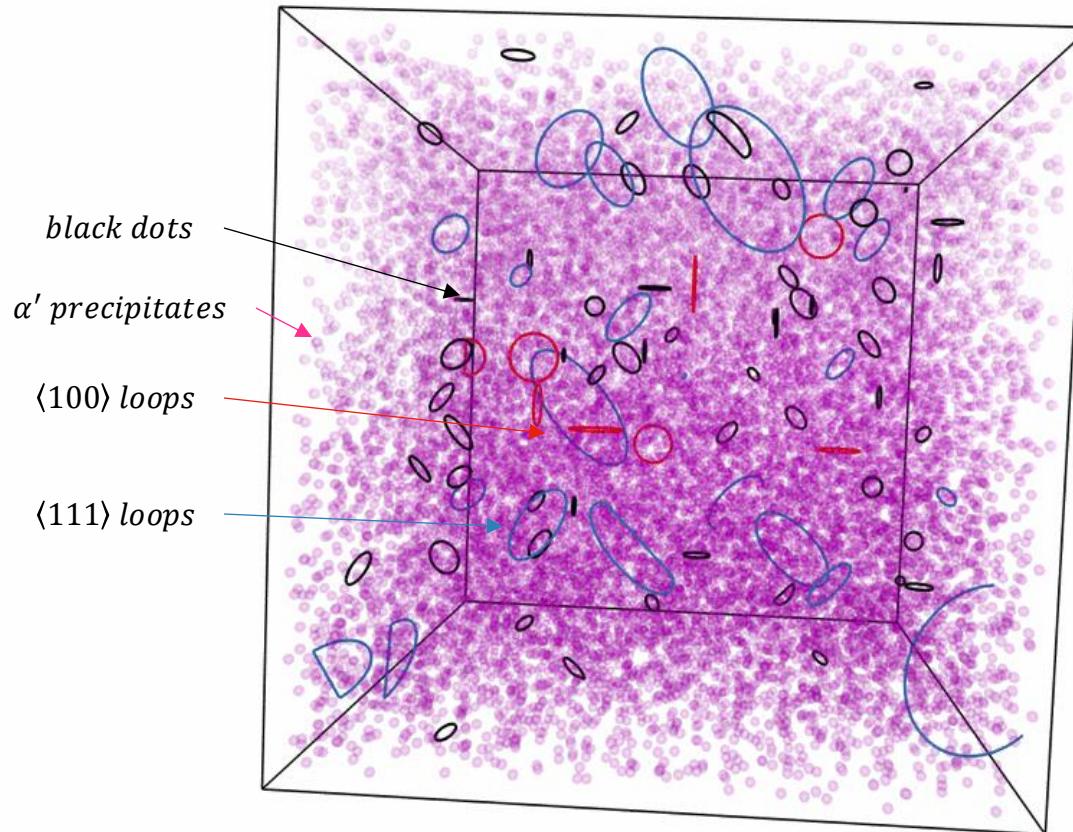


Trends in dislocation loops in FeCrAl alloys

*All images to same scale

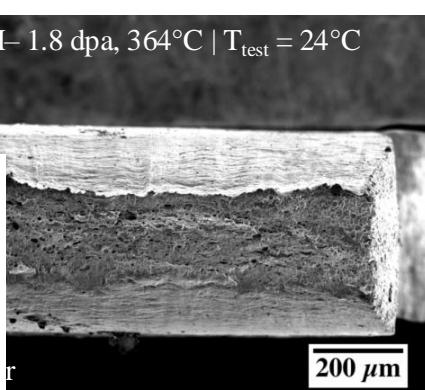
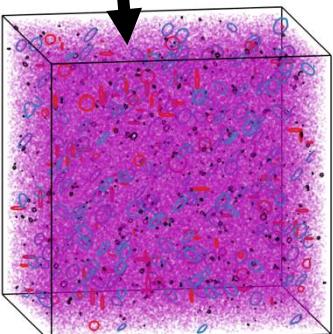
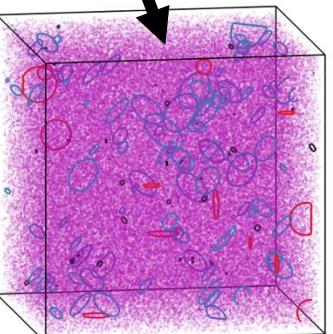
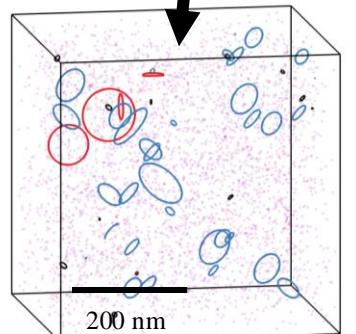
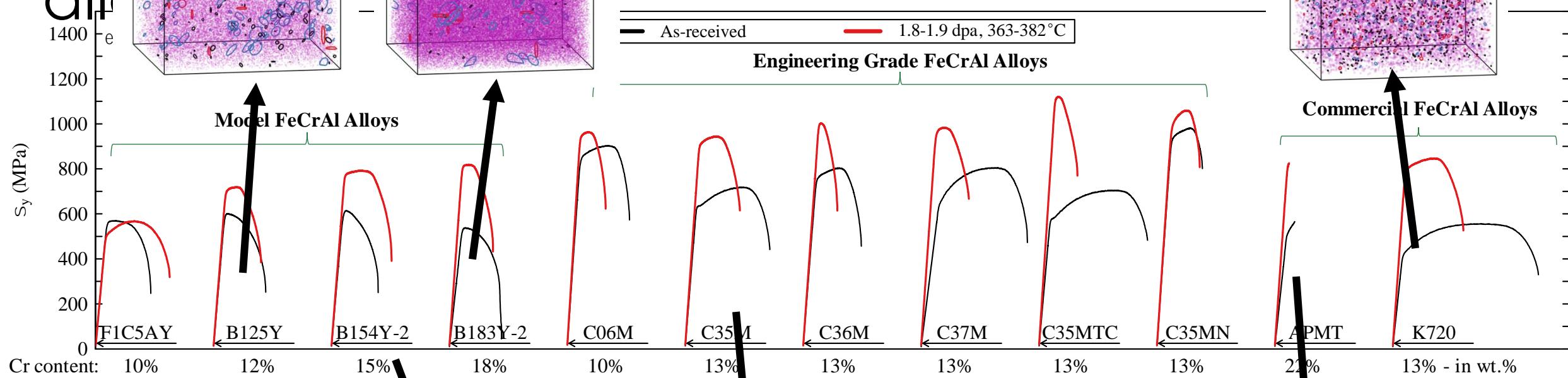


Putting the two together and visualizing:

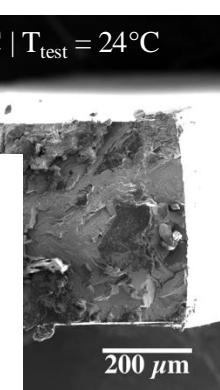
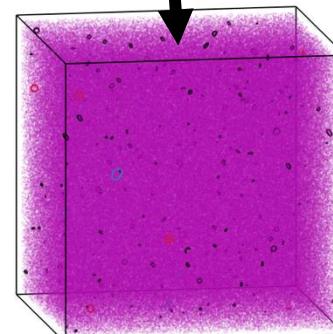


1.8 dpa, 382°C Fe-18Cr-Al synthetically
rendered microstructure (300X300X300 nm)

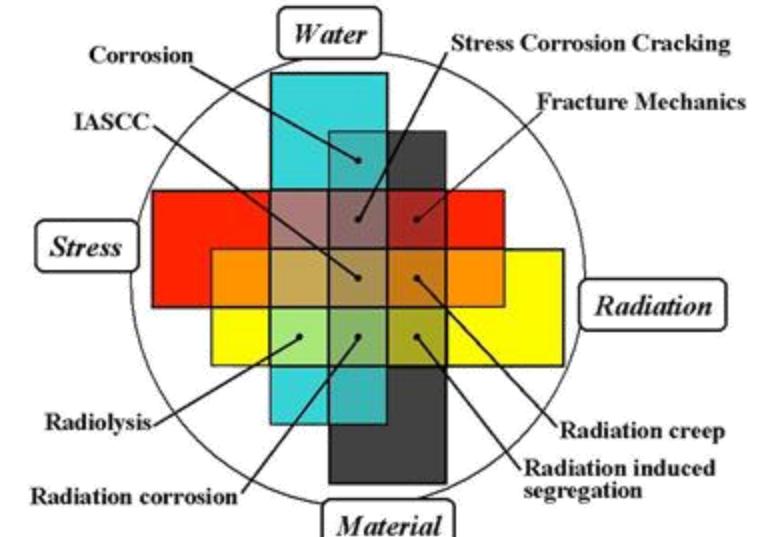
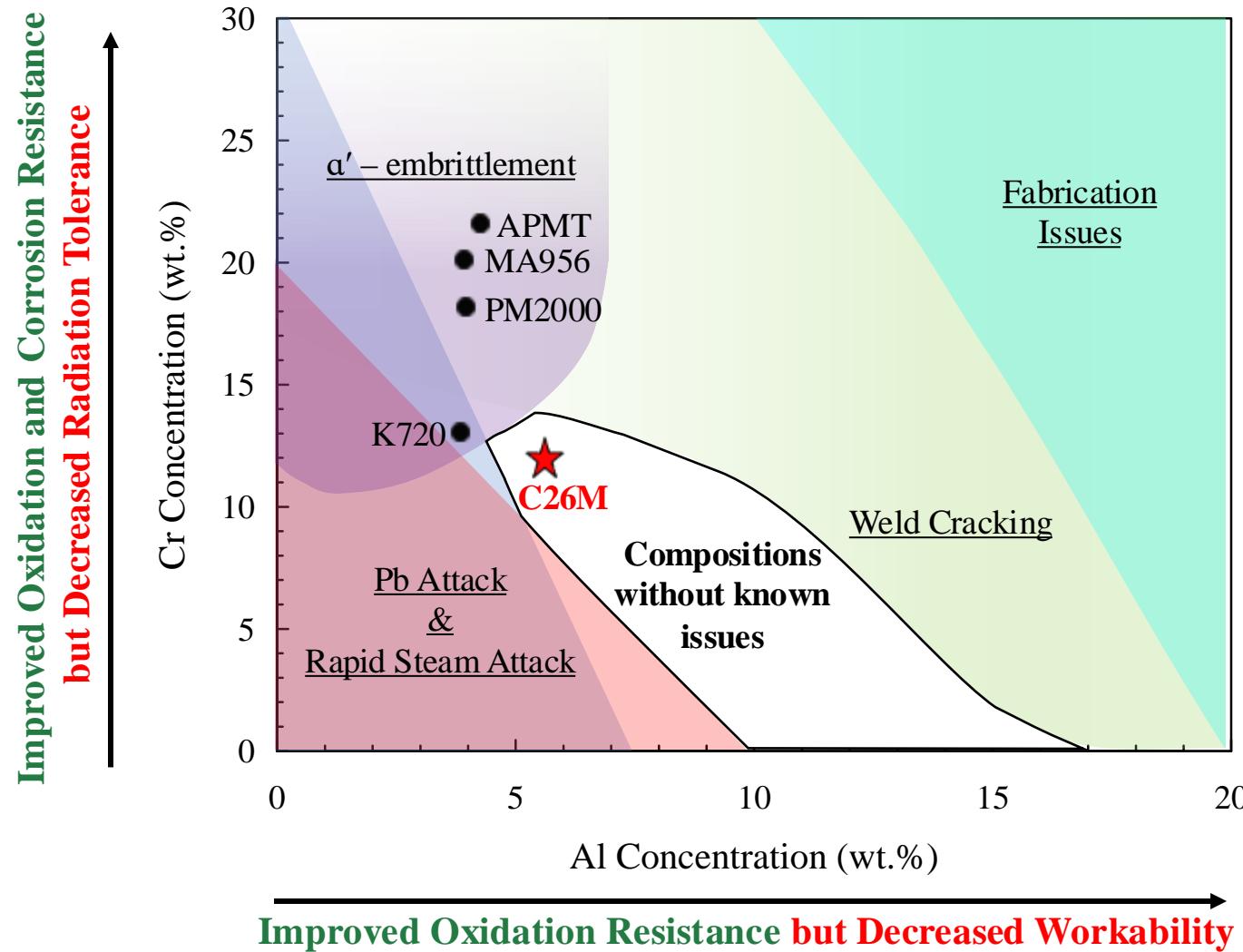
All
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alloys studied showed hardening for high Cr fe

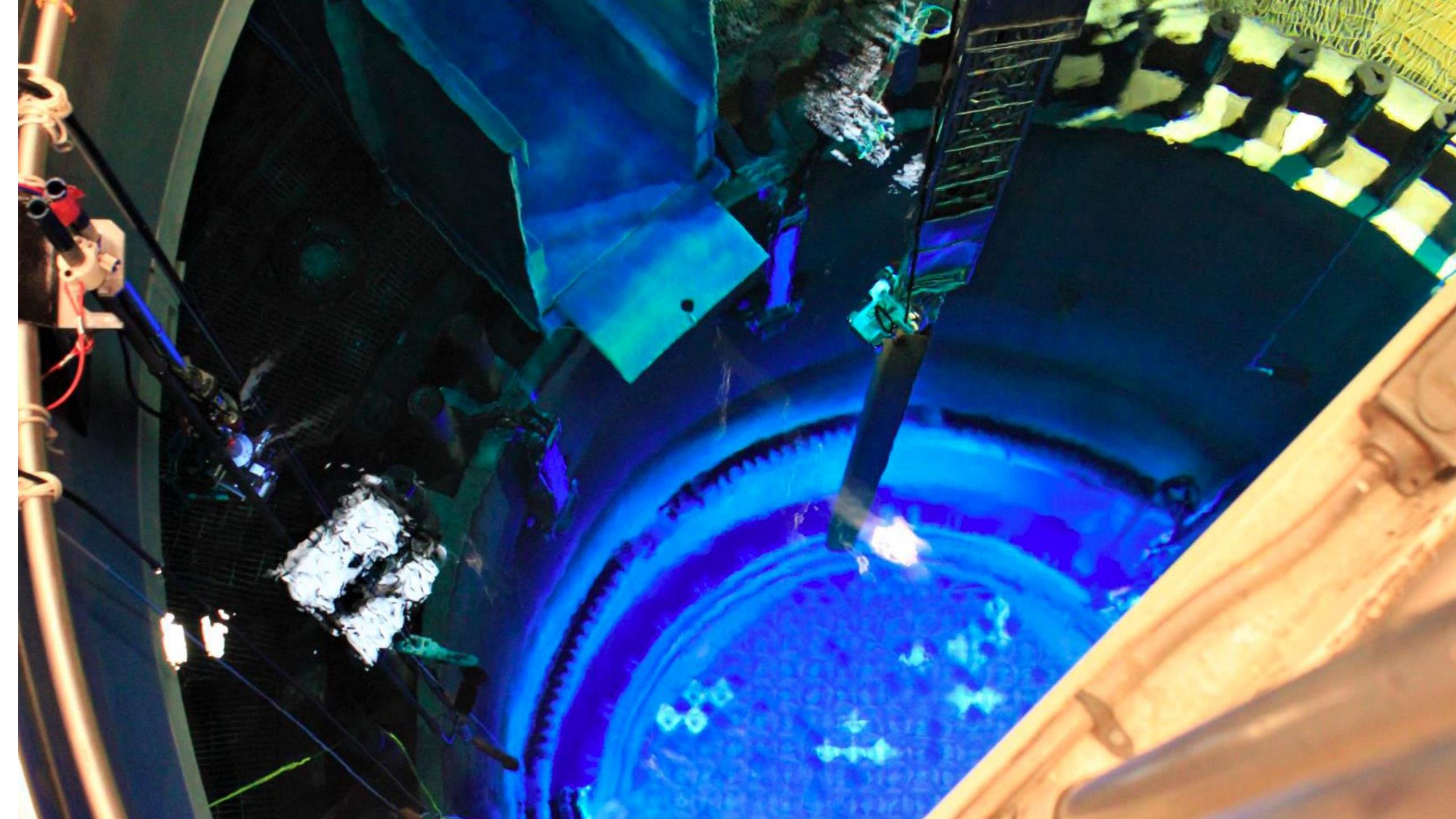


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Weldability and radiation tolerance define the upper bounds on Al and Cr content of FeCrAl alloys¹





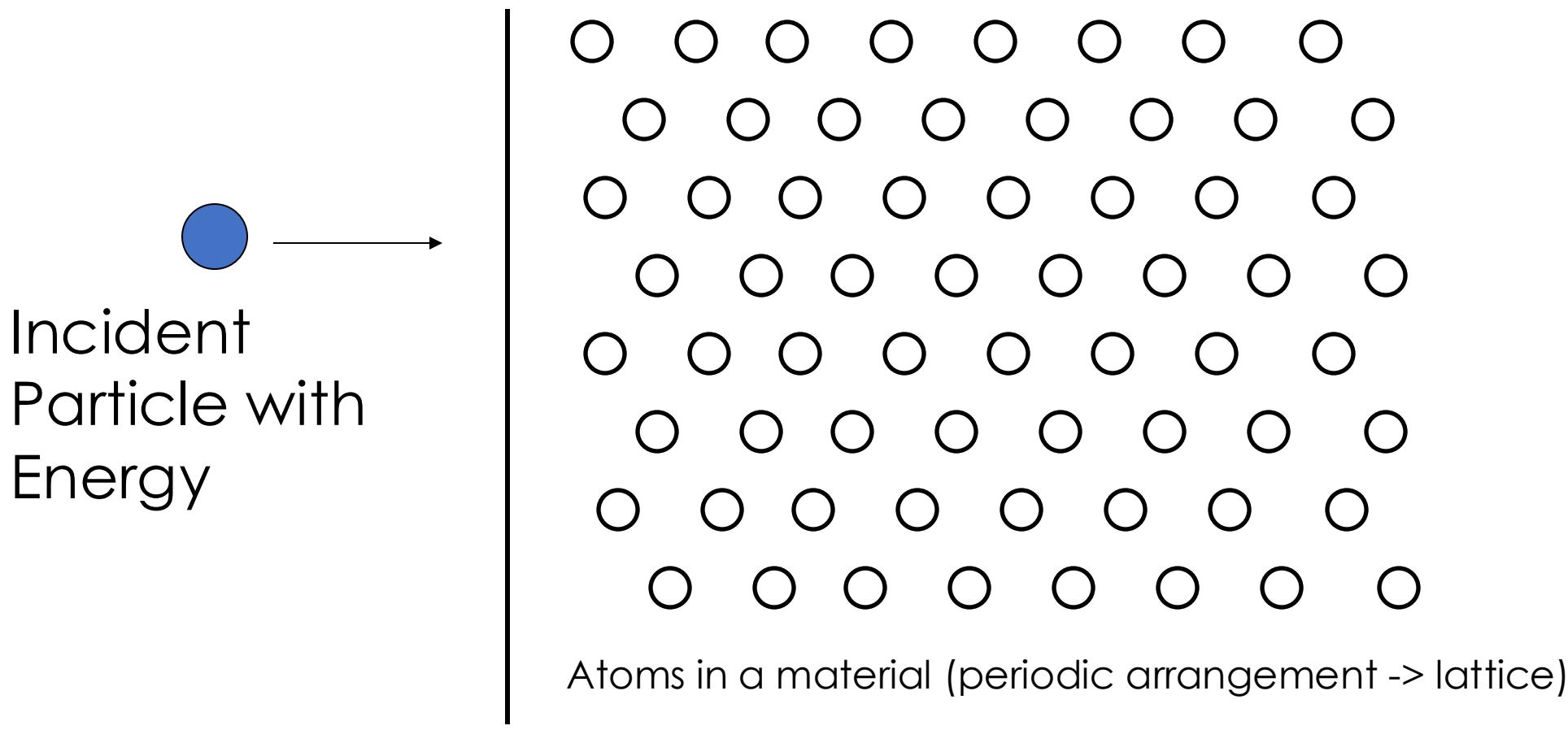
Lecture Break



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Radiation Damage: the basics

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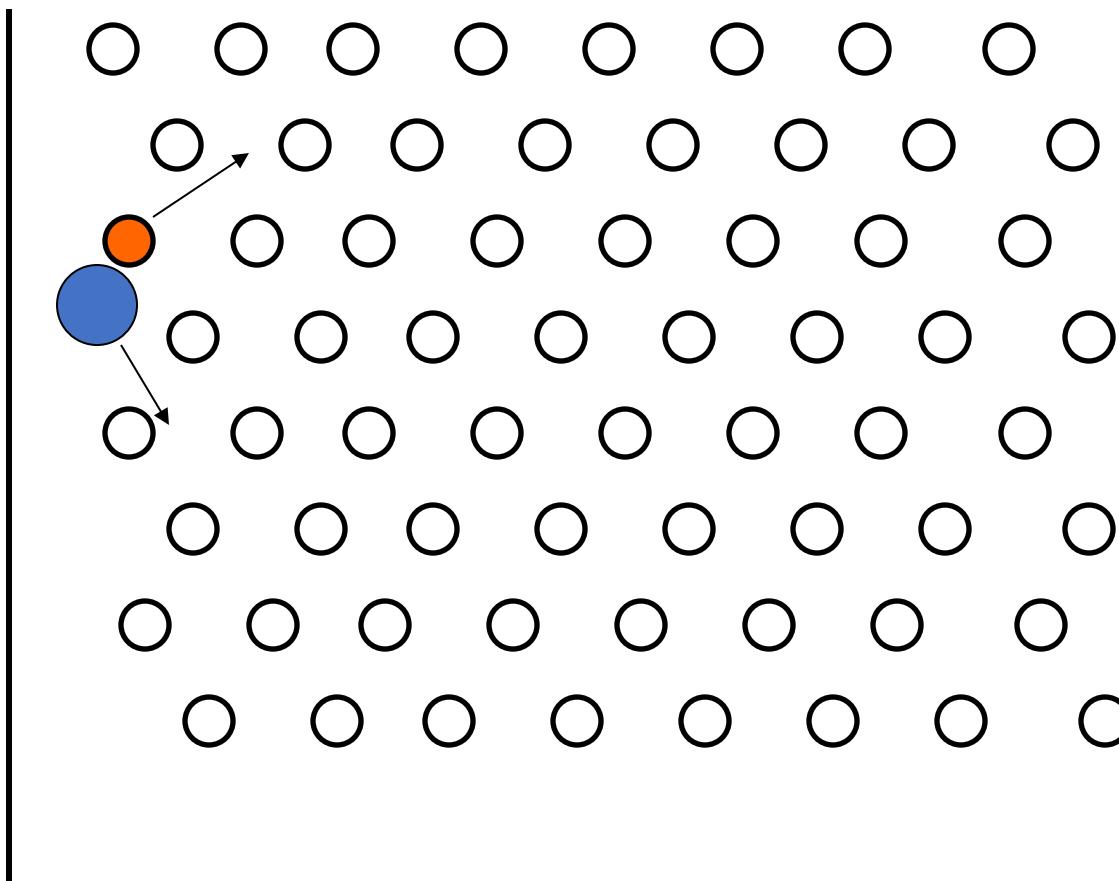


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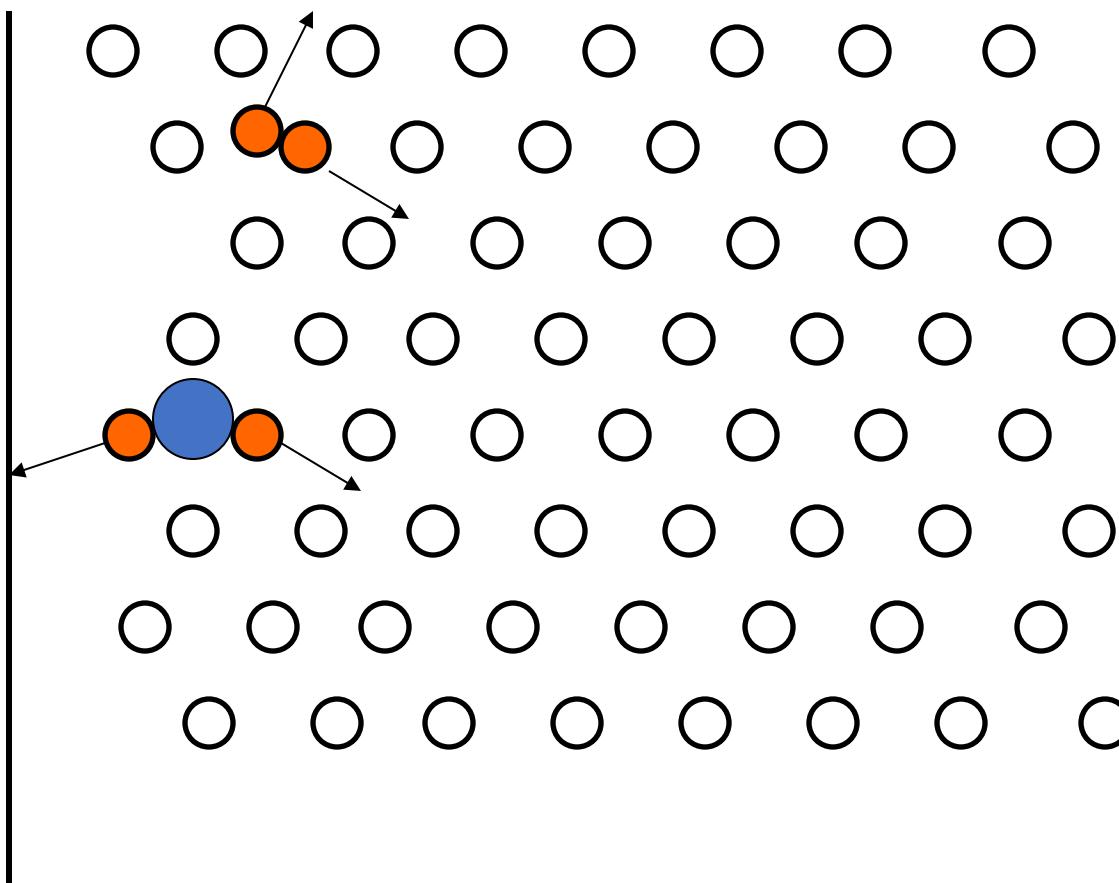
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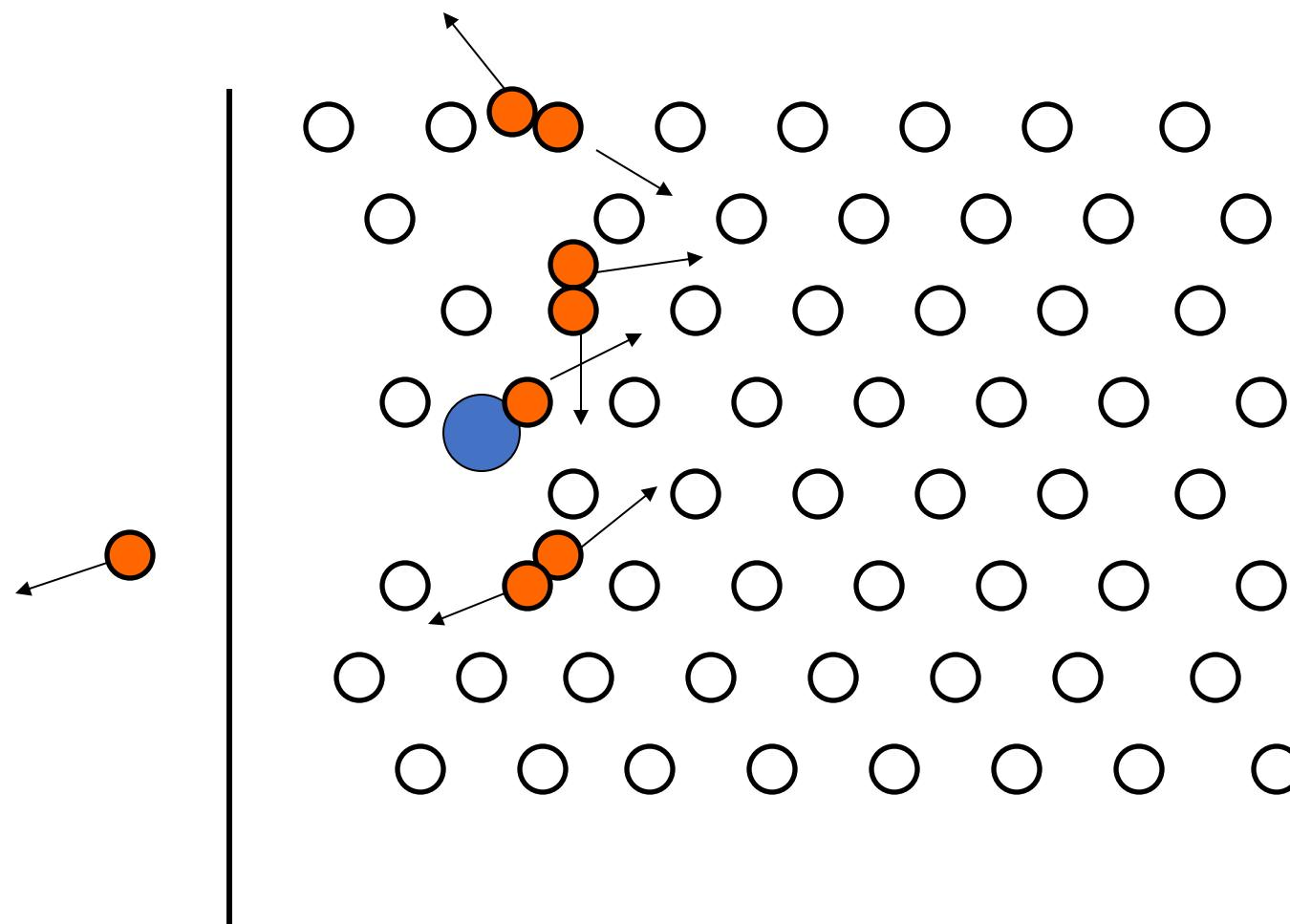


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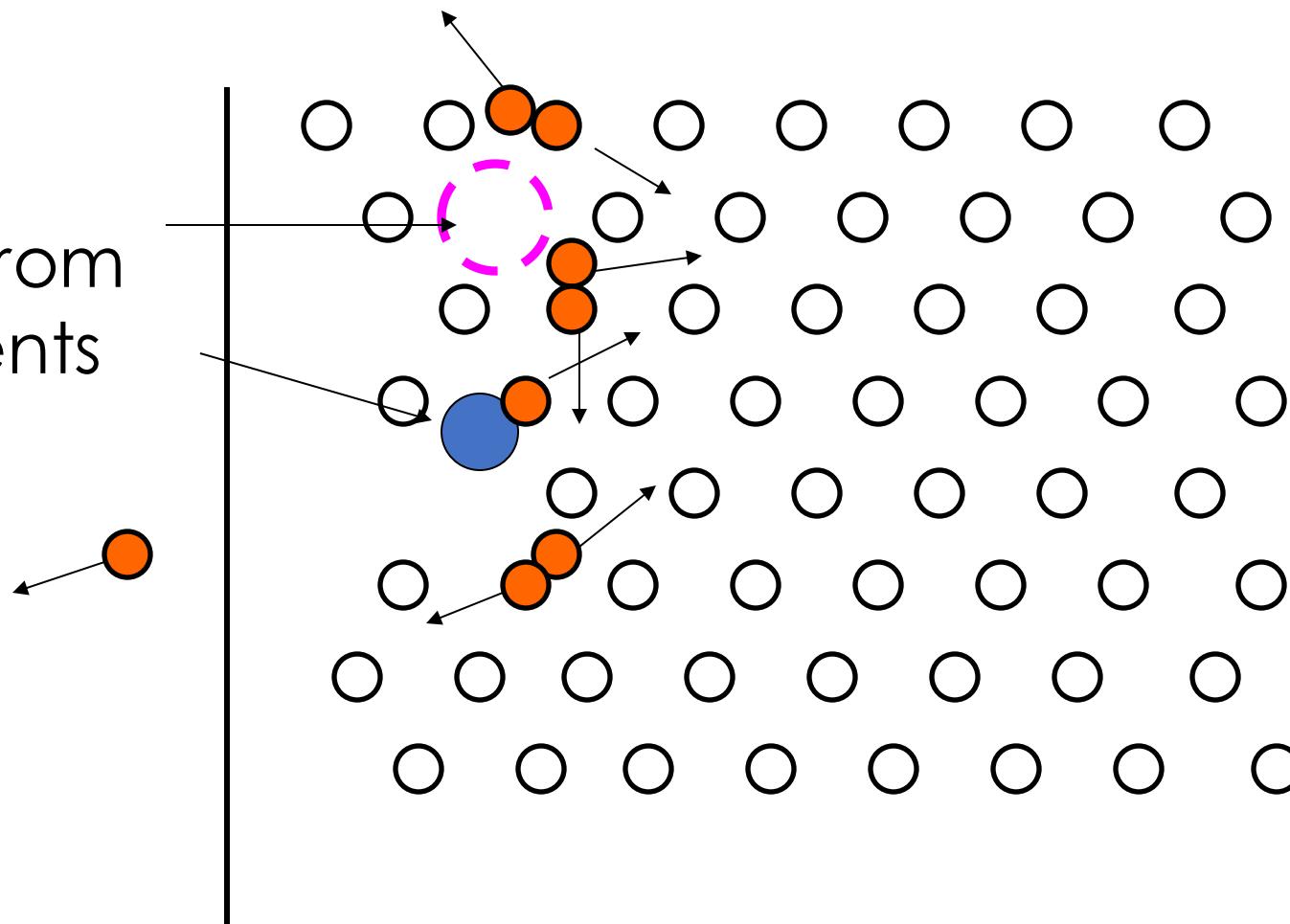
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Defects
produced from
displacements

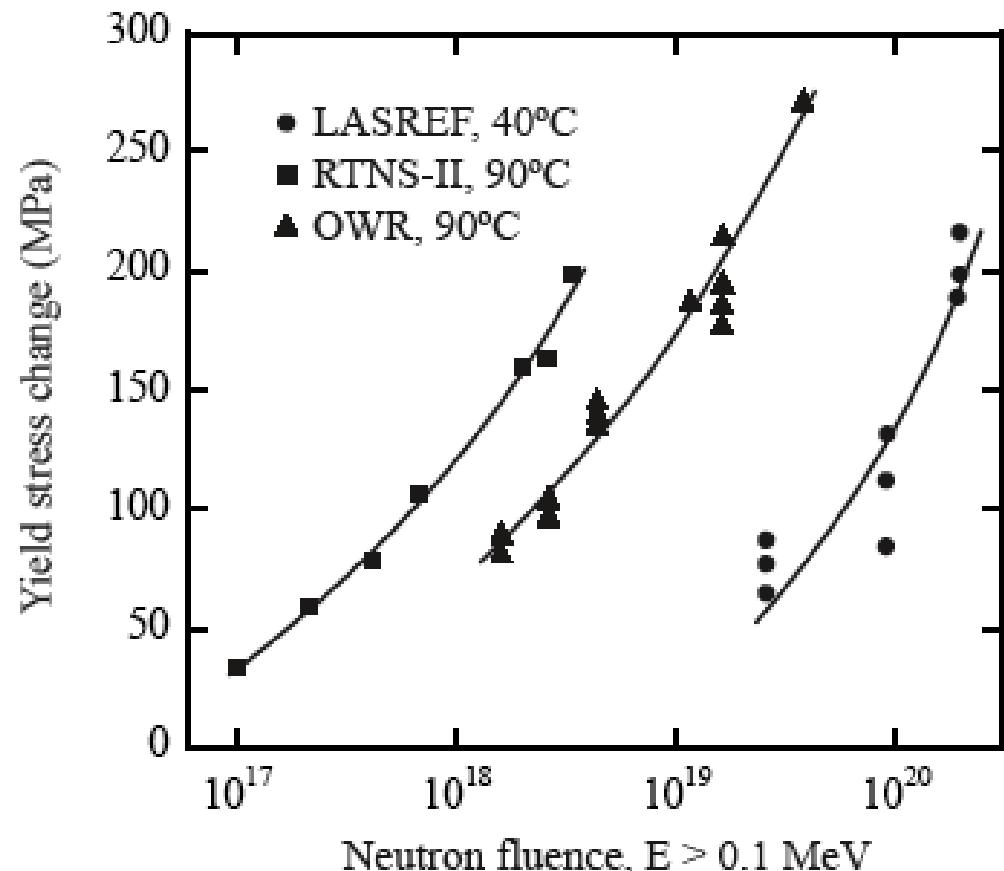


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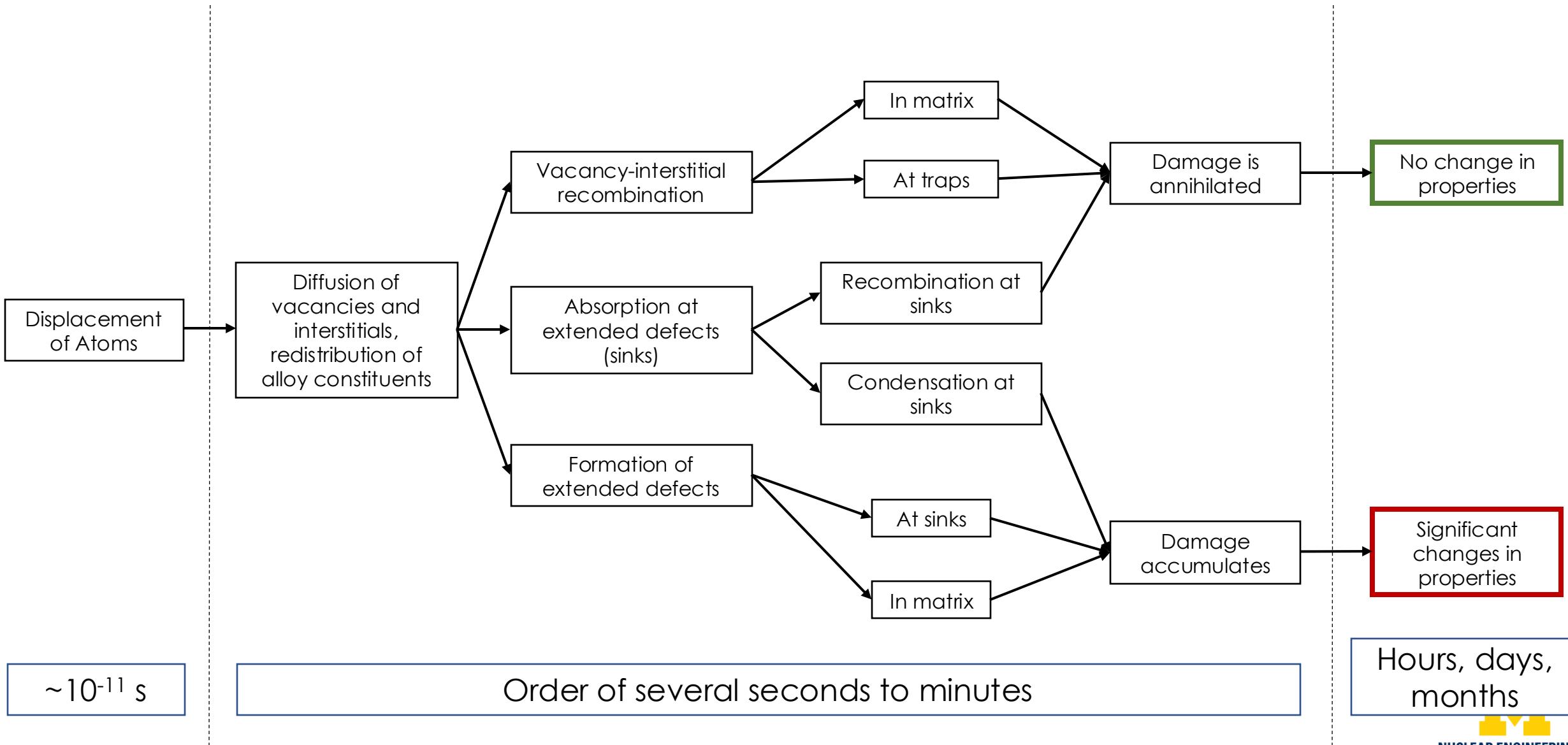
Importance of displacement versus fluence for this class



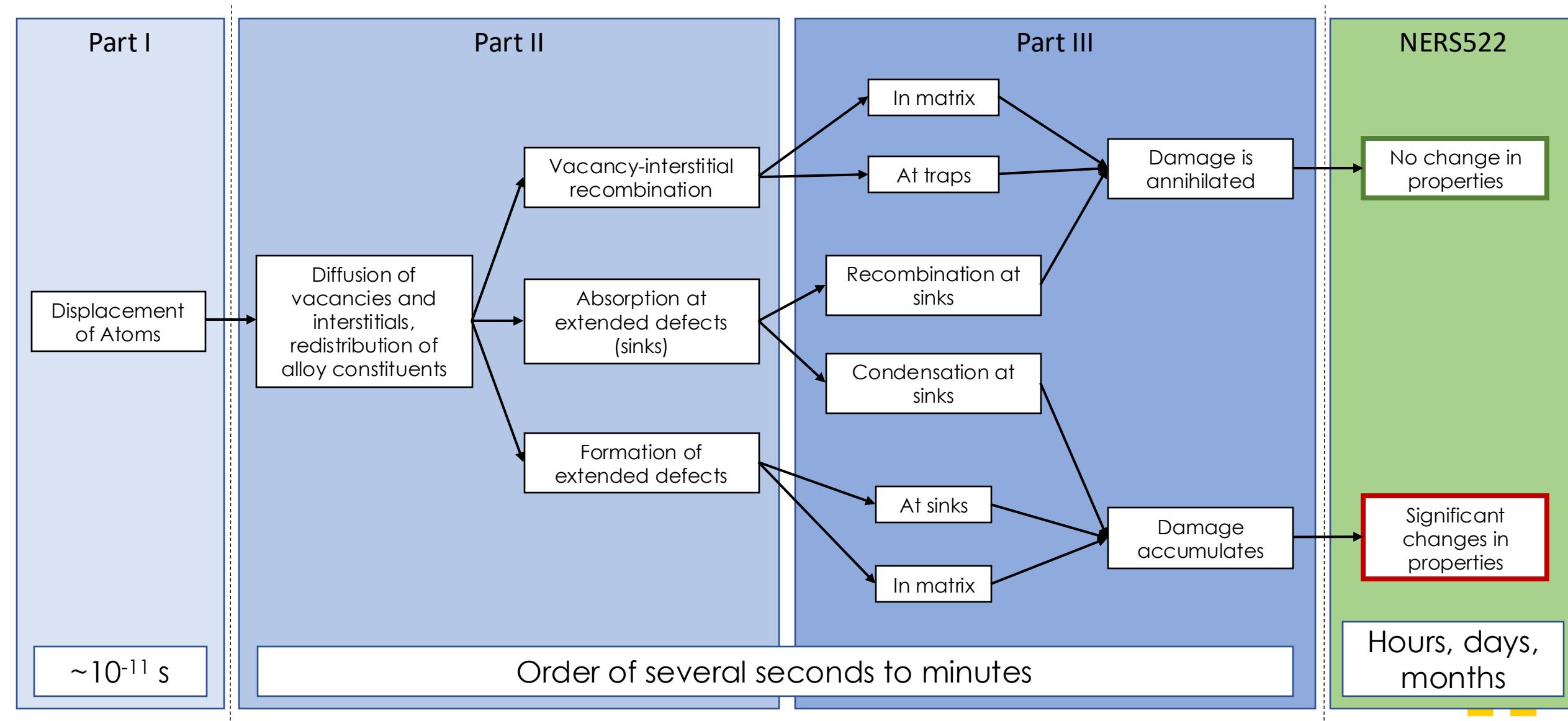
Flow chart for radiation damage



Flow chart for radiation damage



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Displacement of Atoms in Detail

Part I

Displacement
of Atoms
(Radiation
Damage
Event)

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→ Displacement of atoms is primarily evaluated as the **radiation damage event** which is composed of the following sequence of events:

1. The interaction of an energetic particle with a lattice atom
2. The transfer of kinetic energy to the lattice atom resulting in the primary knock-on atom (PKA)
3. The displacement of the lattice atom from it's lattice site
4. The passage of the displaced atom through the structure and the potential accompanying creation of additional knock-on atoms
5. The production of a displacement cascade
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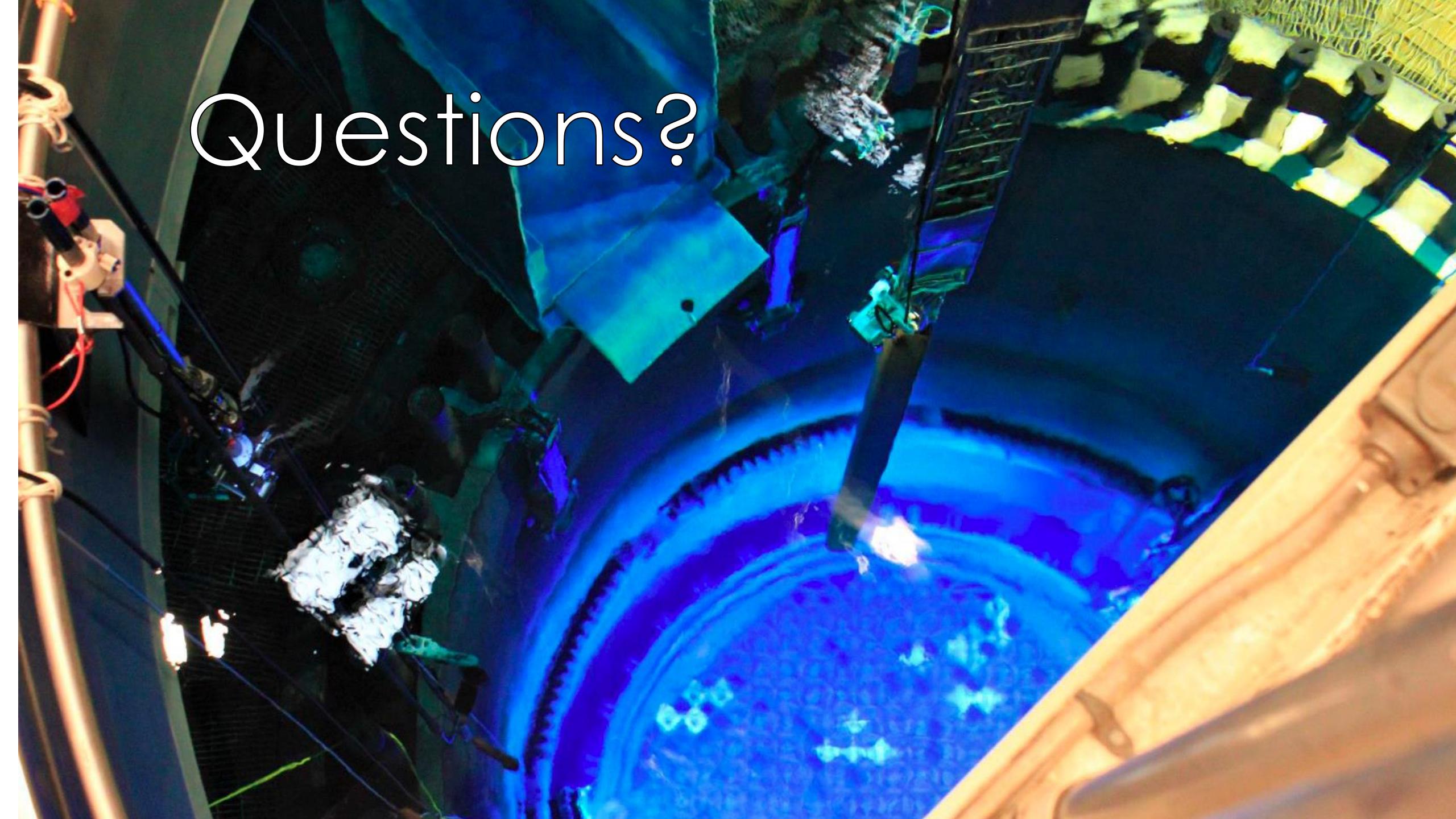
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Next two lectures

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Questions?