

Elevated temperature iron-based hard-facing deformation

A correlative microscopy study

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Influence of tribology on global energy consumption, costs and emissions

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– The largest short term energy savings are envisioned in transportation (25%) and in the power generation (20%) while the potential savings in the manufacturing and residential sectors are estimated to be ~10%. In the longer terms, the savings would be 55%, 40%, 25%, and 20%, respectively.

– Implementing advanced tribological technologies can also reduce the CO₂ emissions globally by as much as 1,460 MtCO₂ and result in 450,000 million Euros cost savings in the short term. In the longer term, the reduction can be 3,140 MtCO₂ and the cost savings 970,000 million Euros.

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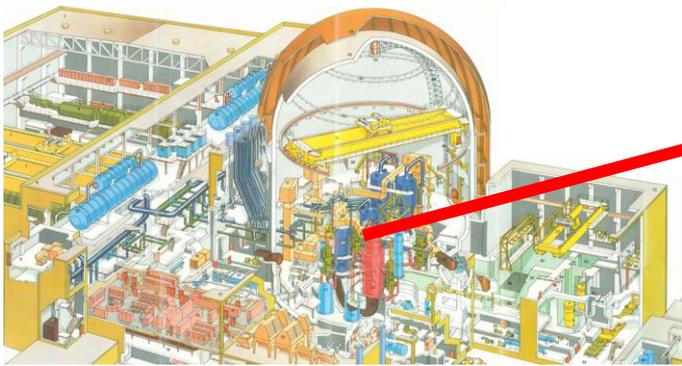
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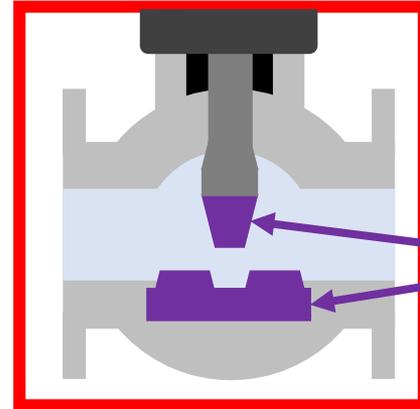
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Pressurised water reactor



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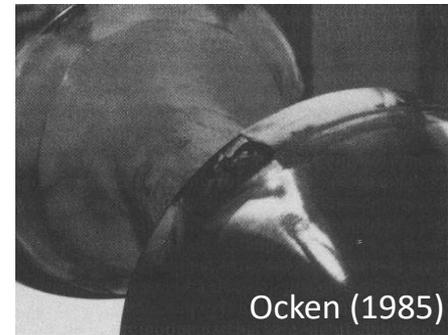


Hard facings

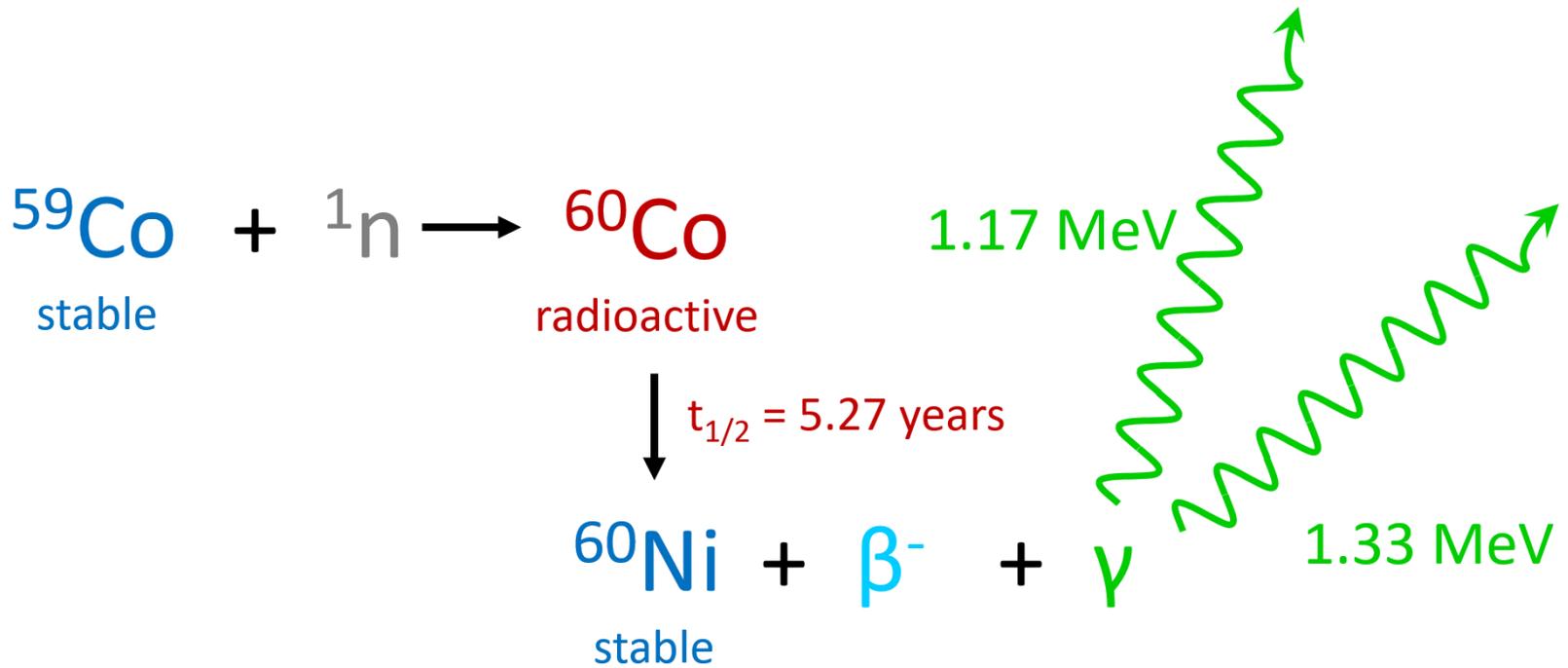


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Galling



Ocken (1985)

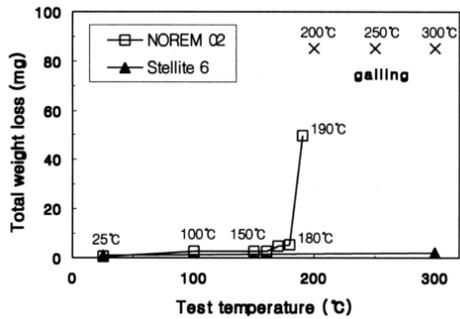


- Choosing materials to reduce activated corrosion products (mainly cobalt isotopes).

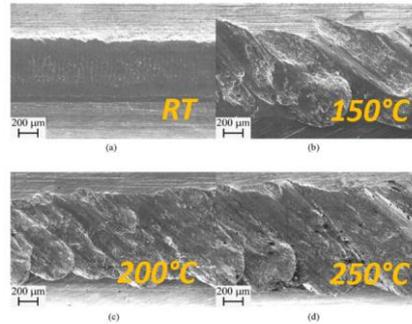
4.1.1.4.1 Cobalt Reduction

86 In many nuclear power plants (NPPs), activated corrosion products in the primary coolant increase dose rates through activation of cobalt-59 to cobalt-60 in the Stellite™ content of hard facings, and activation of nickel-58 to cobalt-58 in inconel 690 alloys and some stainless steels; cobalt-58 and cobalt-60 typically account for over 80% of equivalent dose rates associated with the primary coolant.

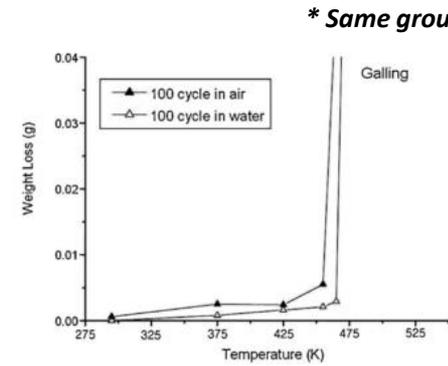
360. The other significant usage of Stellite™ in UK ABWR is within valves. Ref. 81 provides information on the different types and locations of valves. The vast majority (> [REDACTED]) is within the CFDW and MS systems. Hitachi-GE estimates that these valves are the greatest source of cobalt release into the coolant of UK ABWR, accounting for around [REDACTED] (again, noting that I consider that this is potentially underestimated due to wear releases). Hitachi-GE's approach is that the choice of valve seat hard facing material is based on multiple factors such as size, nuclear safety significance, location, fluid property, fluid temperature, valve type and frequency of use. It is widely acknowledged, including by Hitachi-GE that cobalt-base hard facing materials generally offer superior performance and reliability compared to nickel- or iron-base alternatives. This is a reasonable starting point for reviewing if further reductions are possible.



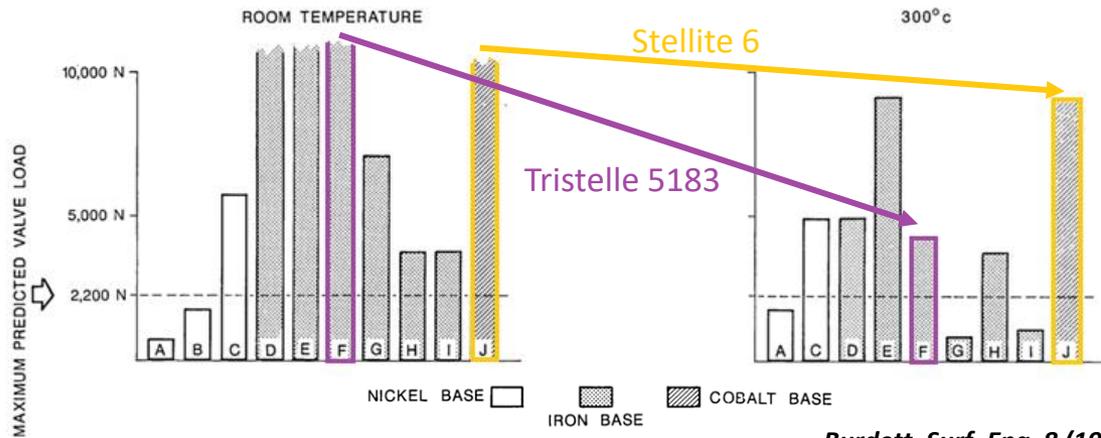
Kim & Kim, Wear 237 (2000)
Button-on-block in air



Persson et al., Wear 255 (2003)
Linear sliding in air



Lee et al. *, Wear 262 (2007)
Button-on-block in air and in
pressurised water NOT PWR chemistry



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Why do iron-based hard-facings fail at elevated temperature?

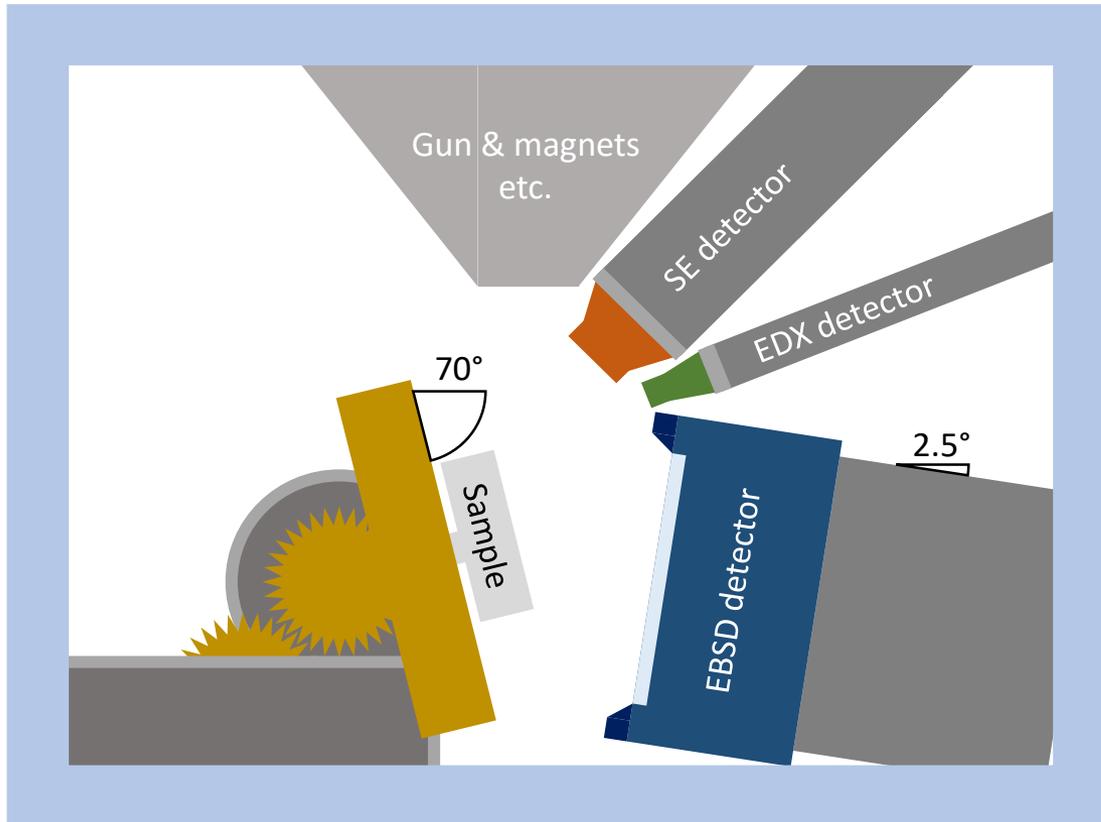
Technique 1: A very brief introduction to EBSD



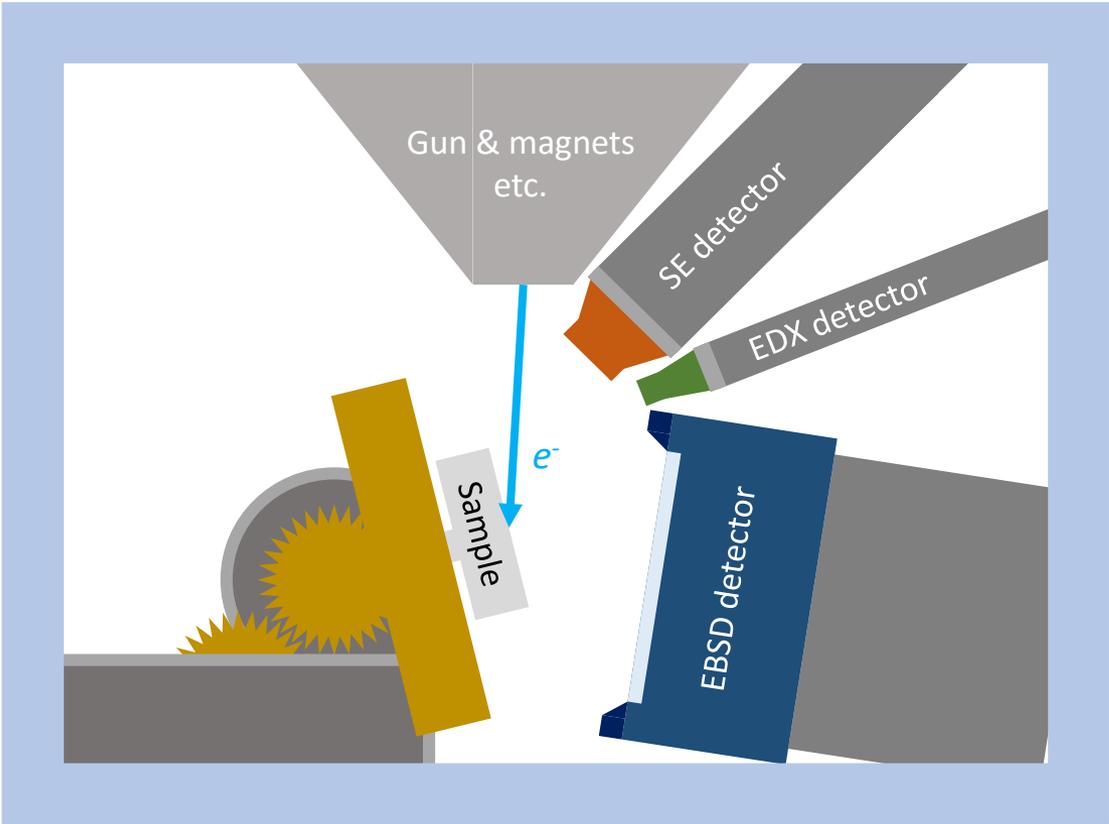
My colleagues: Zeiss Sigma 300 & Bruker e-flash HD

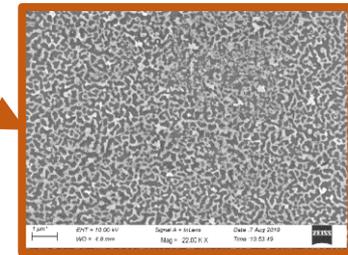
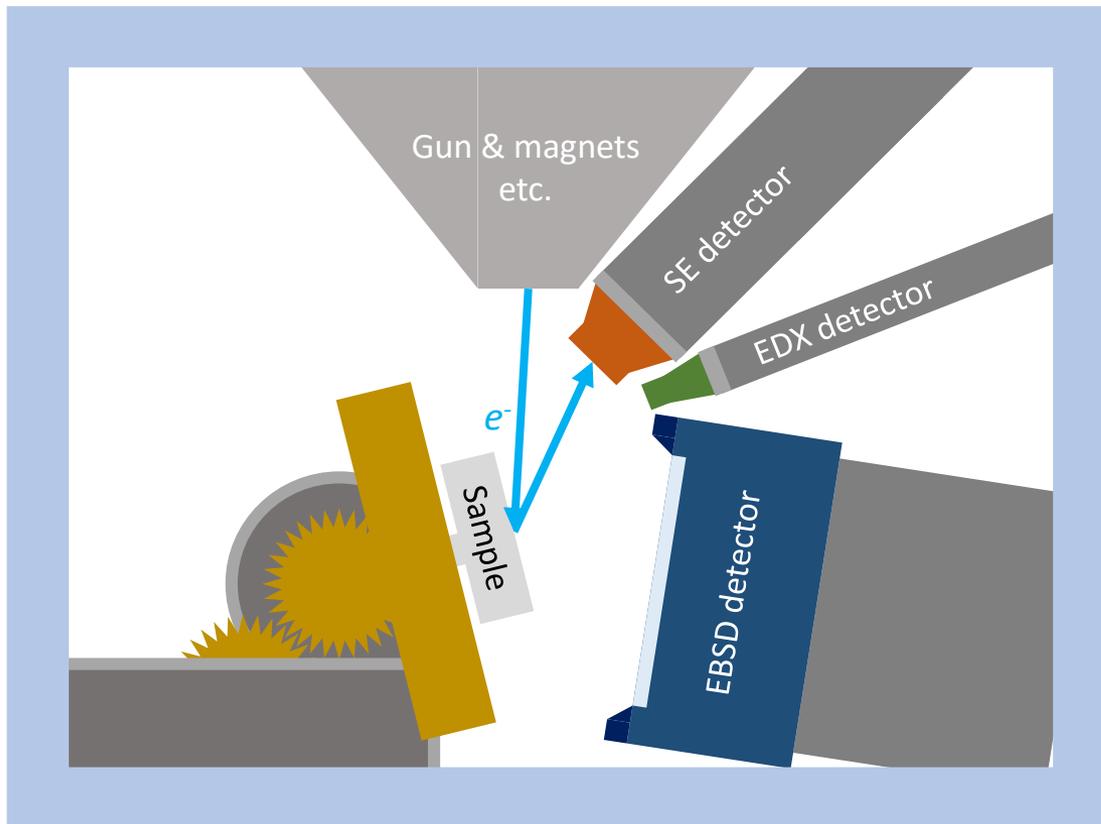
- Electron **backscatter** diffraction
- Gives rich microstructural maps full of...
 - Orientations
 - Grains – shapes, size (distributions)
- With a bit more care we can measure...
 - Strains
 - Dislocations densities



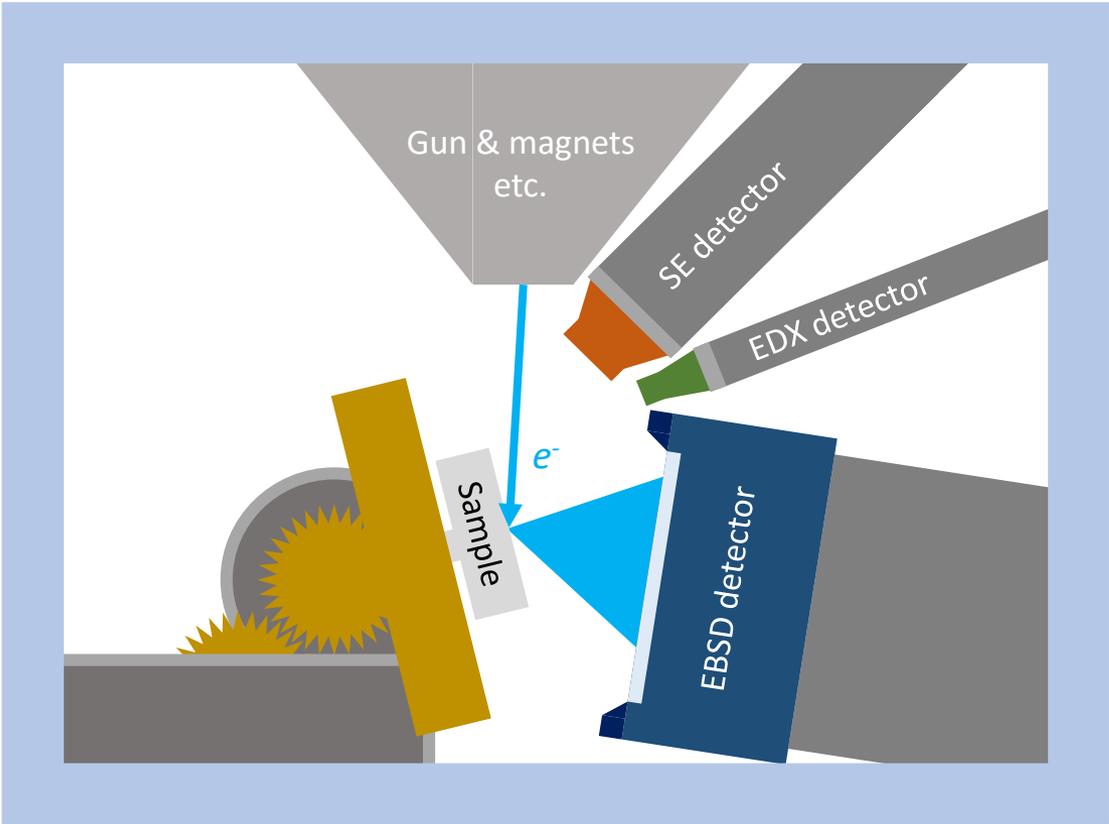


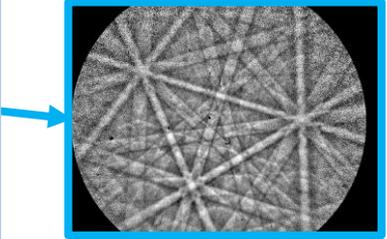
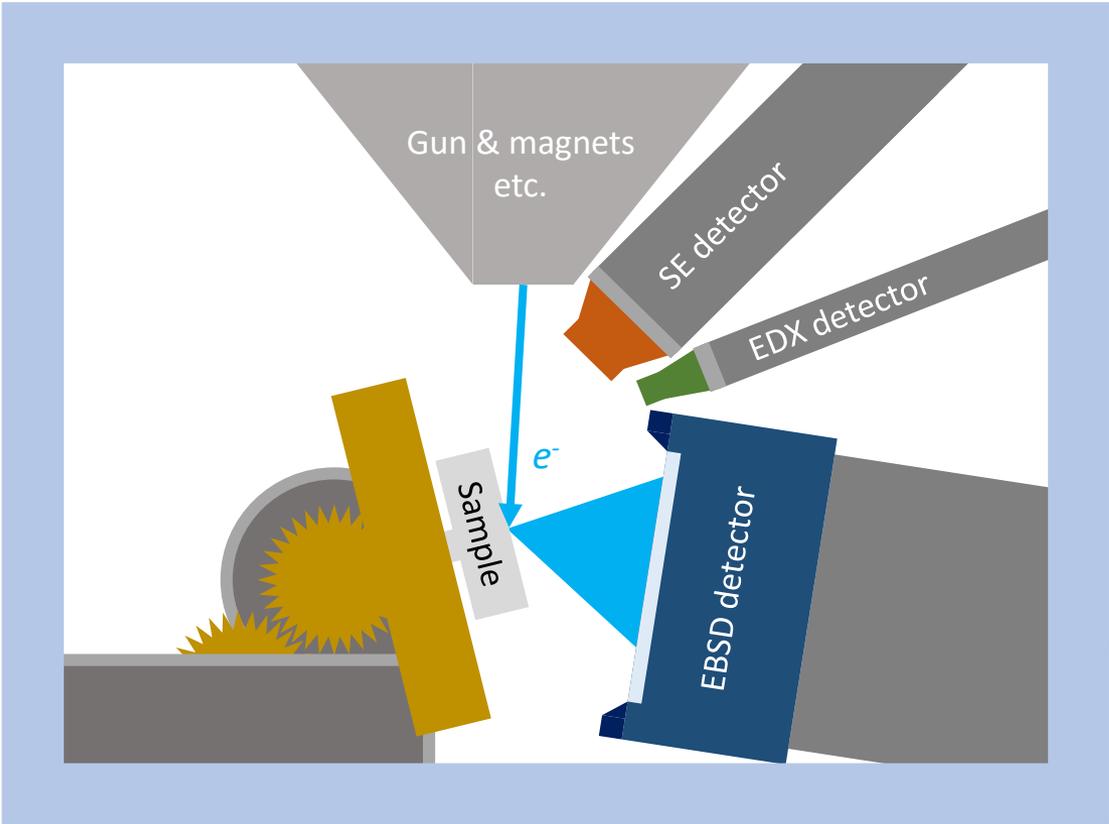
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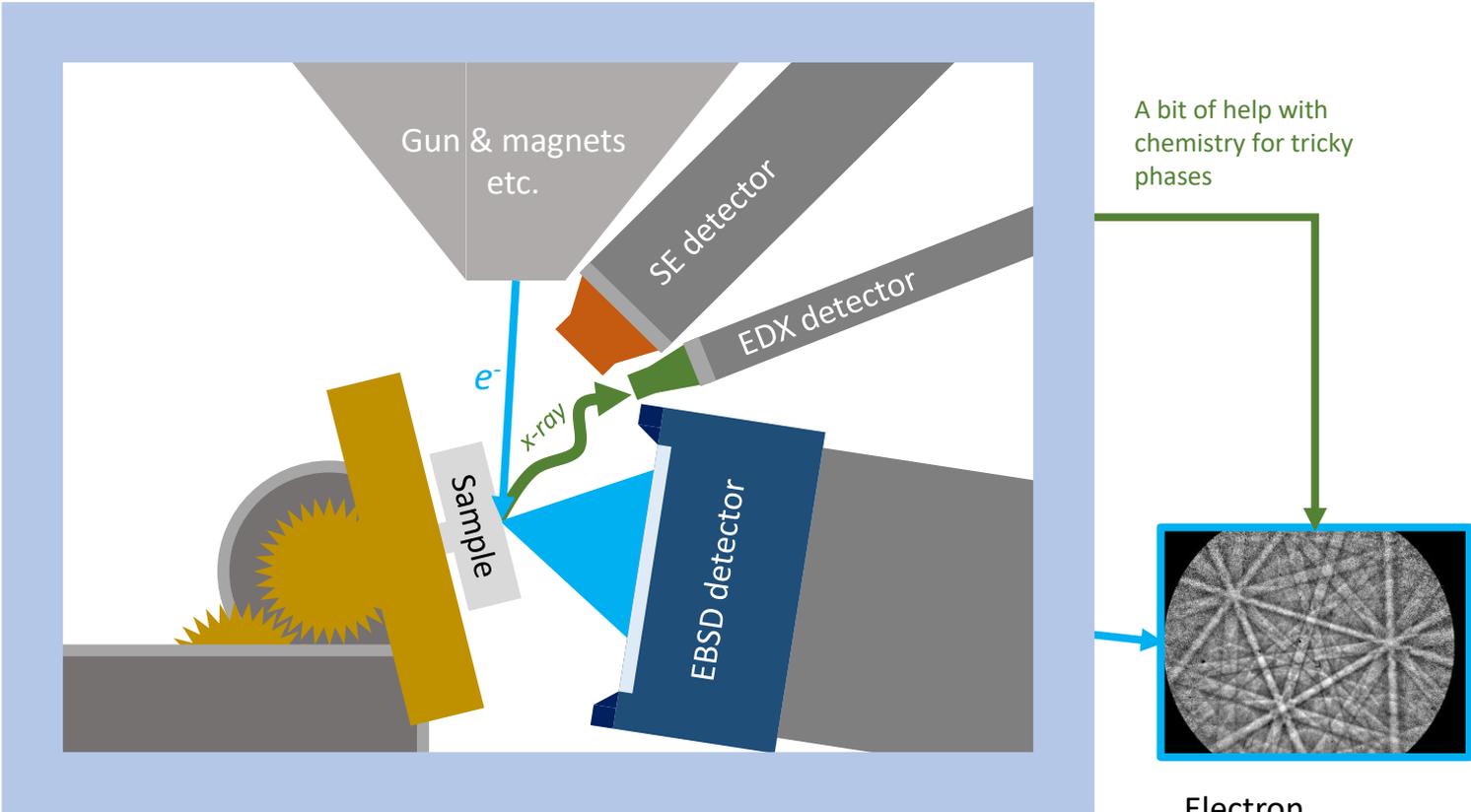


Normal imaging
(secondary electron)

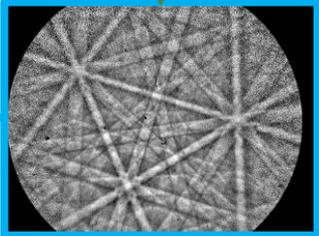




Electron
backscatter
diffraction pattern

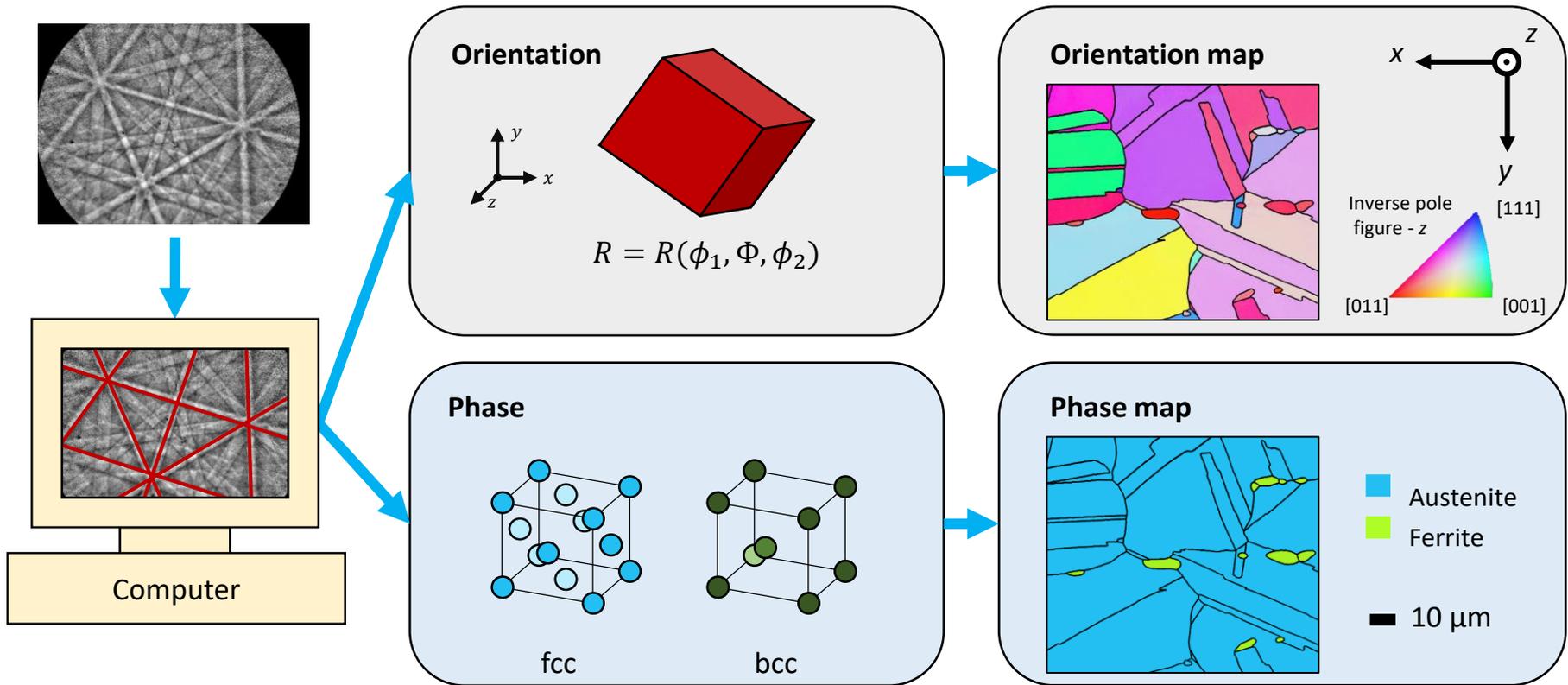


A bit of help with chemistry for tricky phases

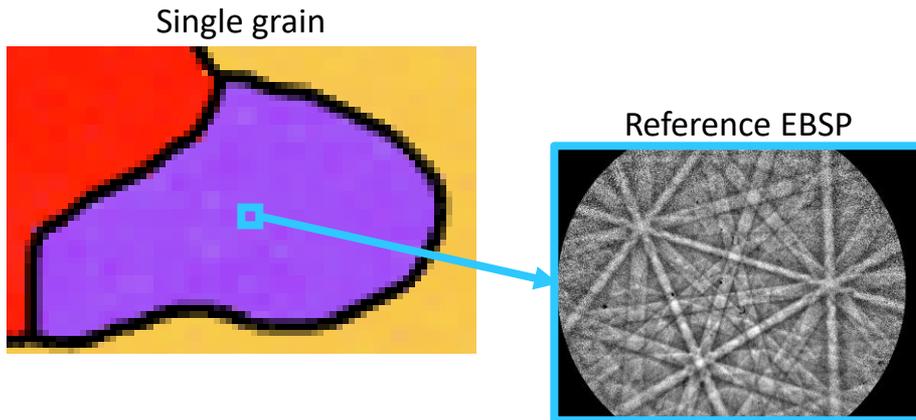


Electron backscatter diffraction pattern

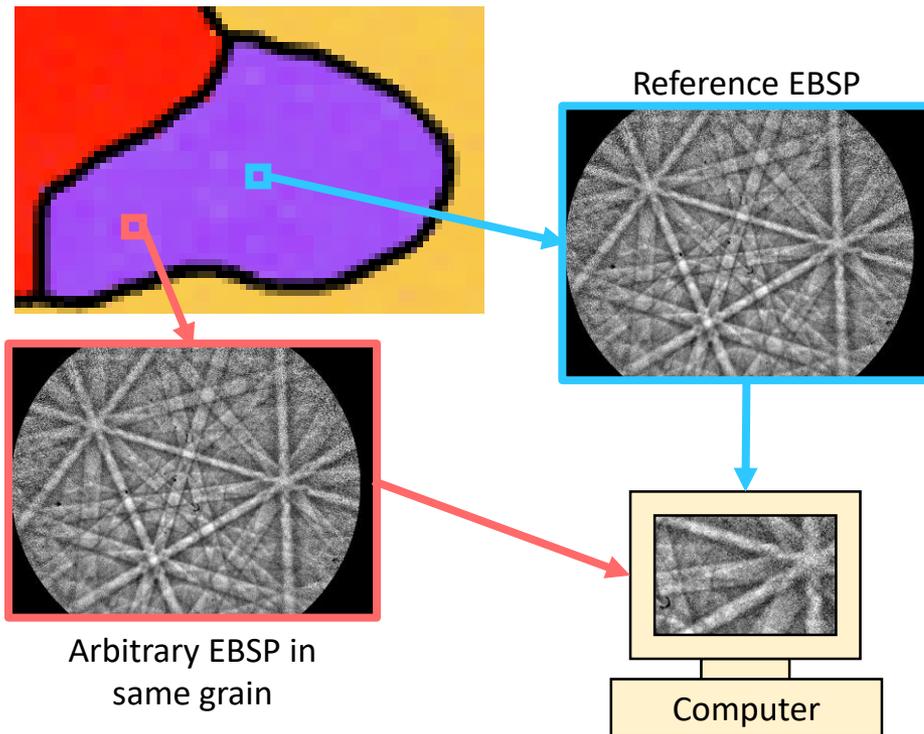
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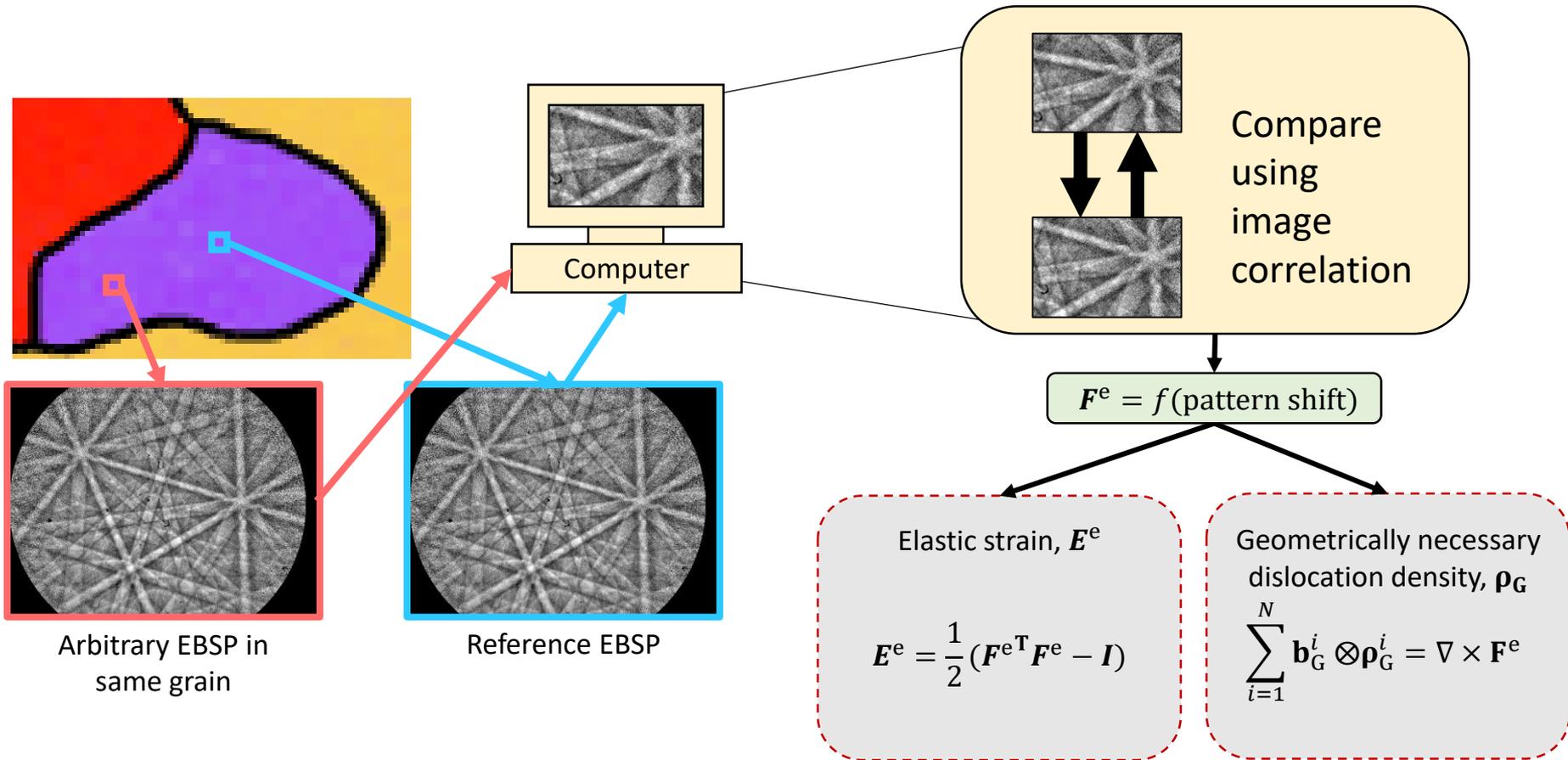
High-angular resolution EBSD



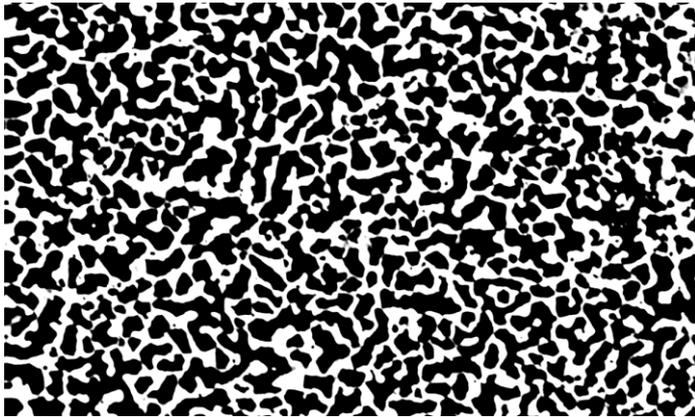
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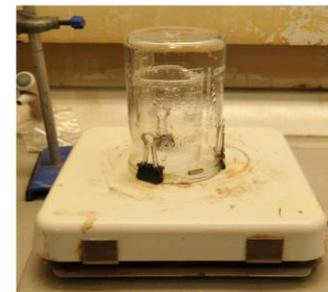
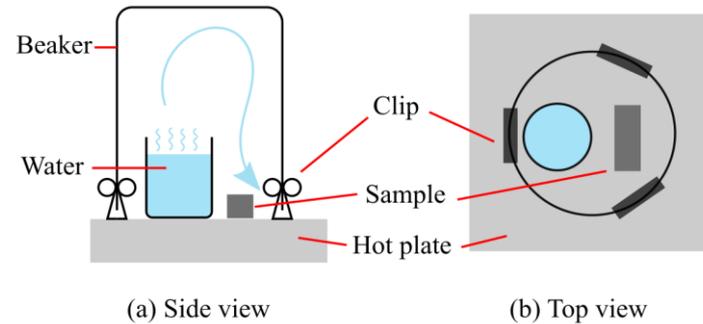
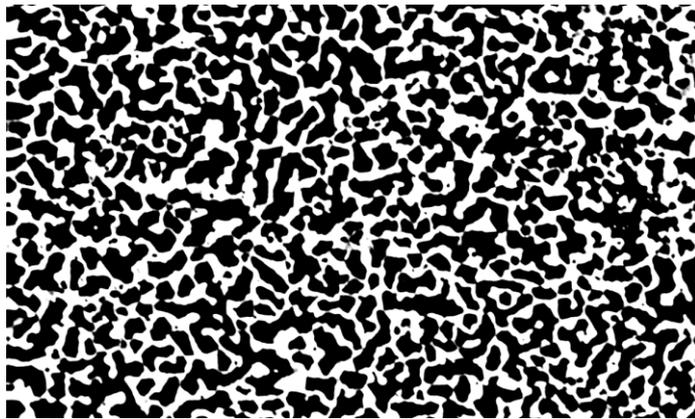
Technique 2: A very quick introduction to DIC



1 μm

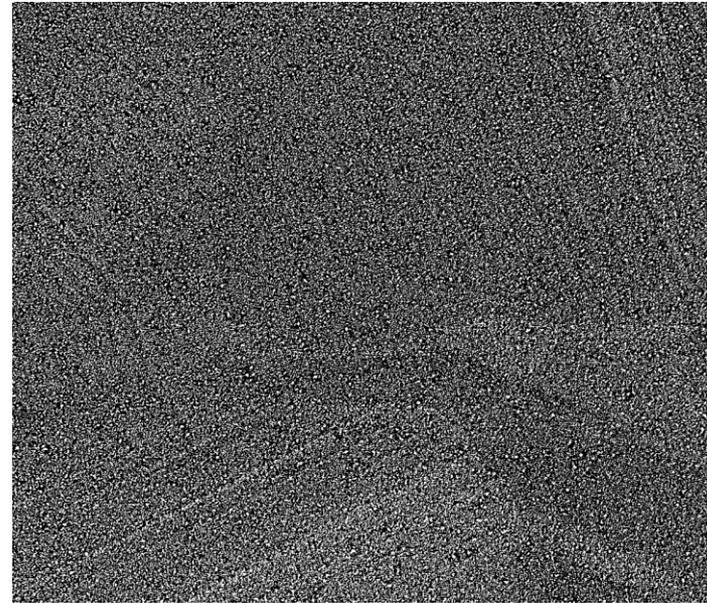
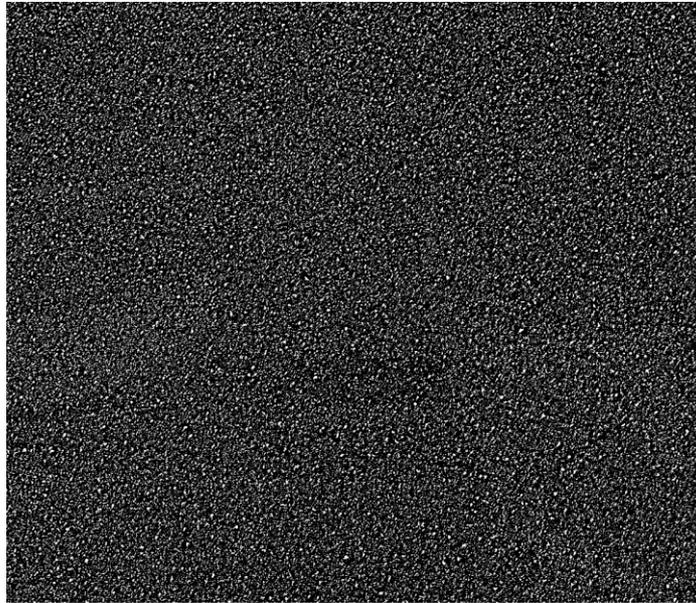
- Digital image correlation
- Pattern sample
- Track motion of pattern
- Calculate strains/rotations

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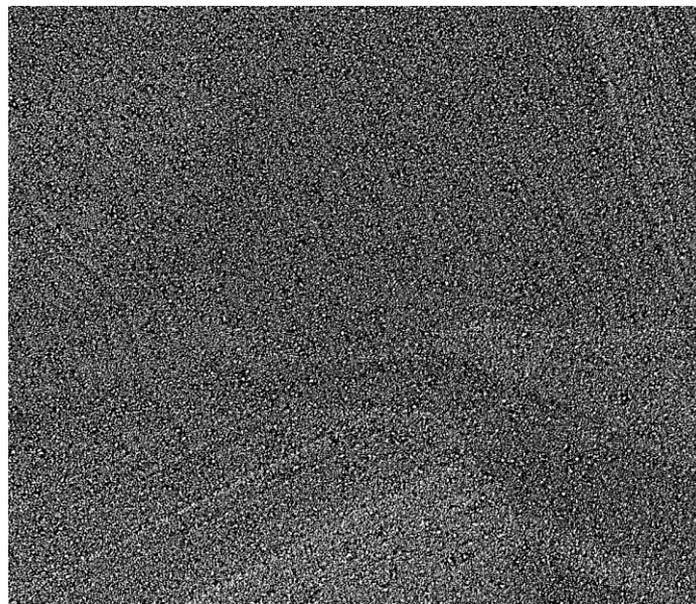
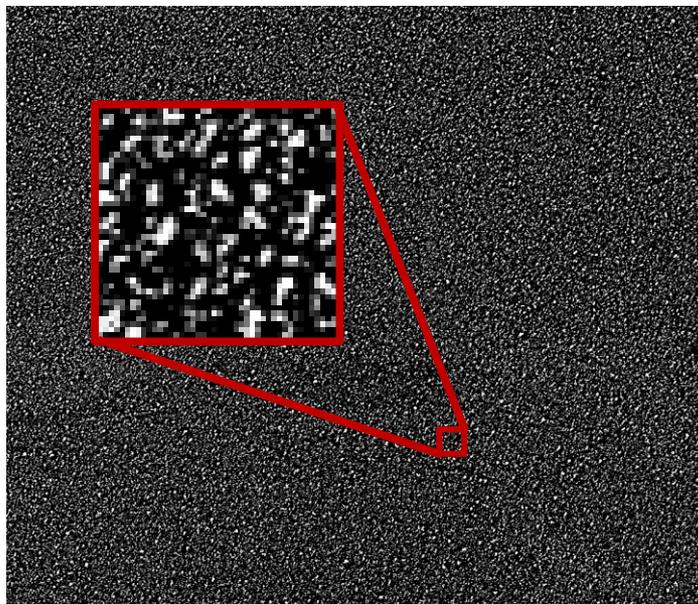


(c) Photograph

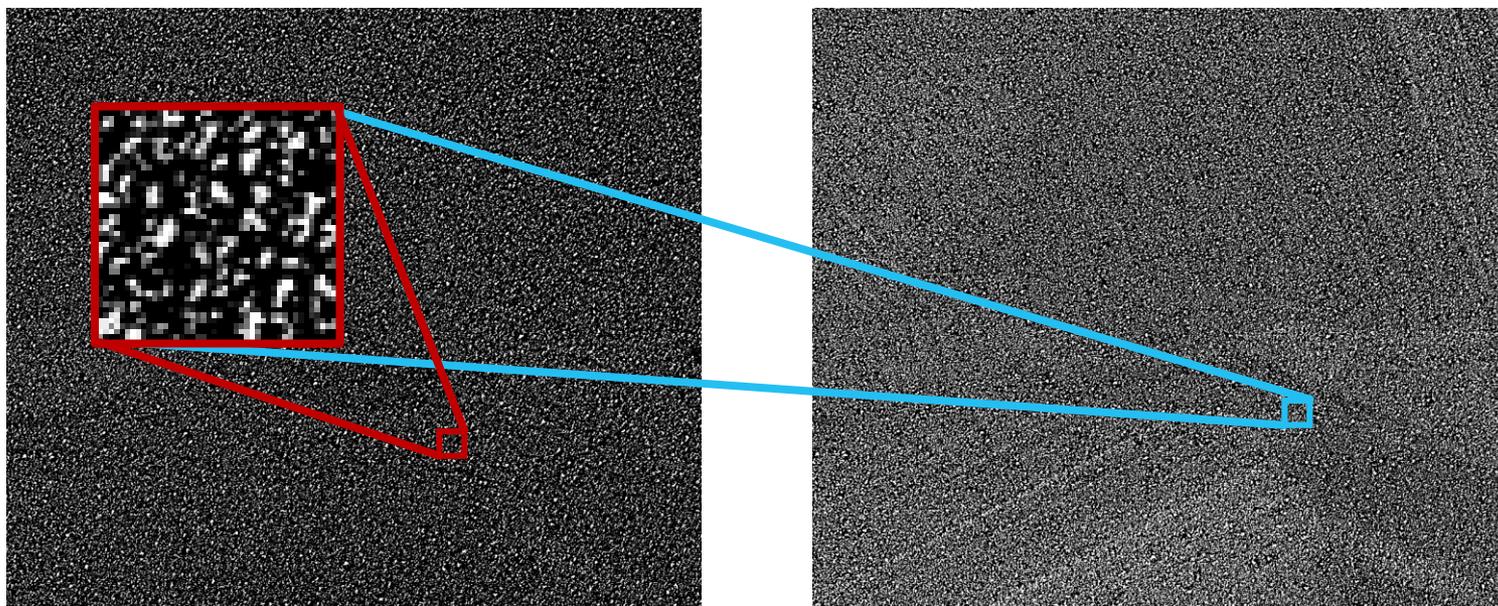
Pre- and post-deformation images



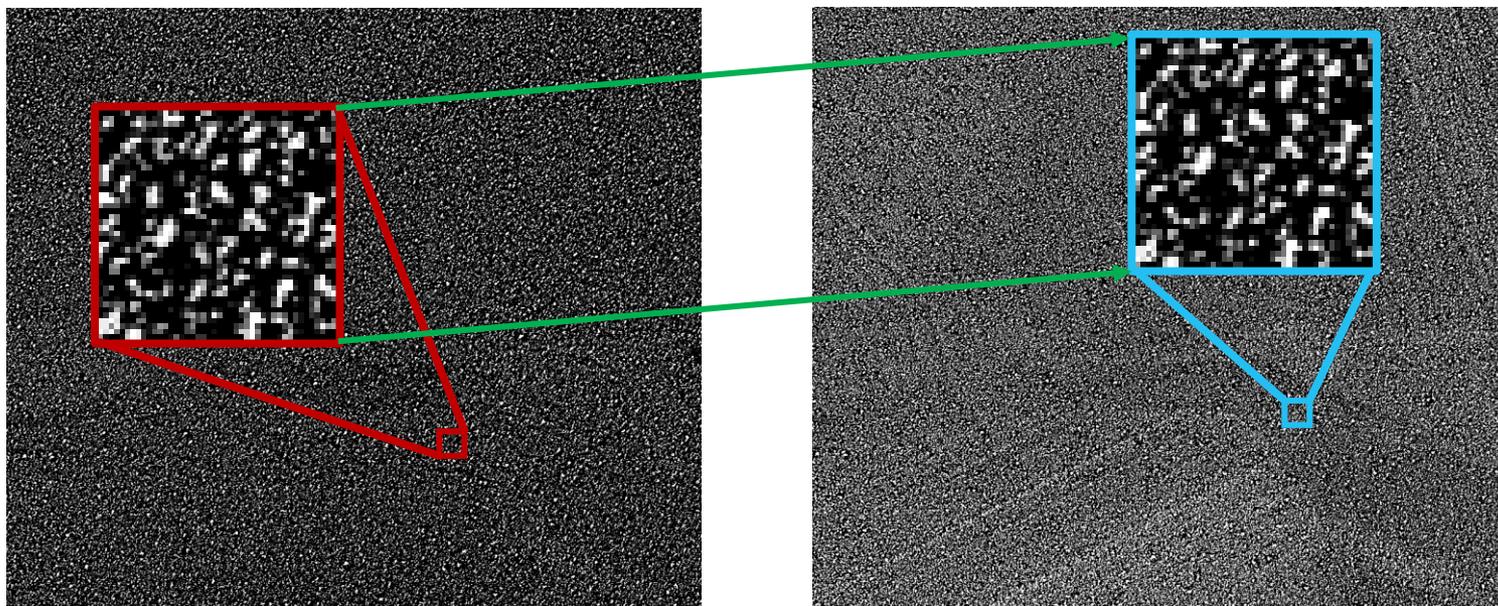
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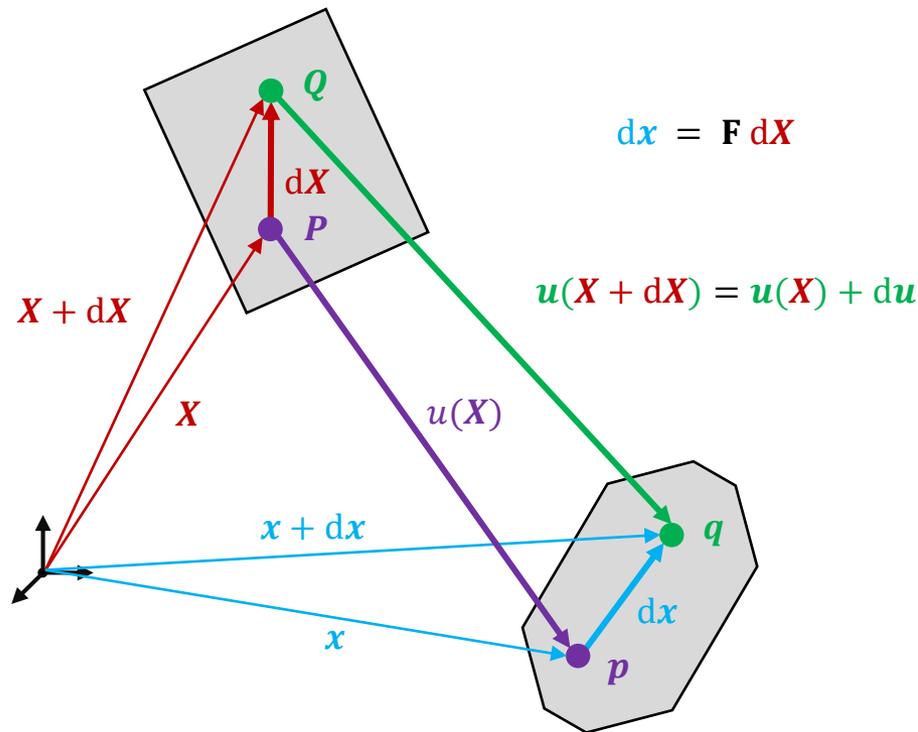
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Compare and calculate shifts



Convert the shifts into strain



$$\mathbf{F} = \begin{pmatrix} F_{11} & F_{12} & F_{13} \\ F_{21} & F_{22} & F_{23} \\ F_{31} & F_{32} & F_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

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Total strain, \mathbf{E}

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{F}^T \mathbf{F} - \mathbf{I})$$

Effective strain, E_{eff}

$$E_{\text{eff}} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3} \mathbf{E} : \mathbf{E}}$$

Recapitulation

HR-EBSD

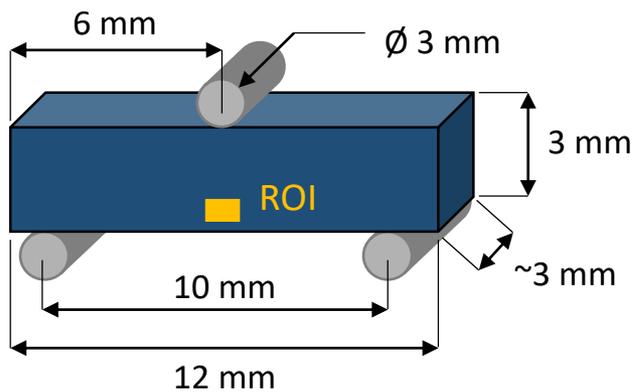
- Ex-situ
- Elastic residual strains - \mathbf{E}^e
- Geometrically necessary dislocation density - ρ_G

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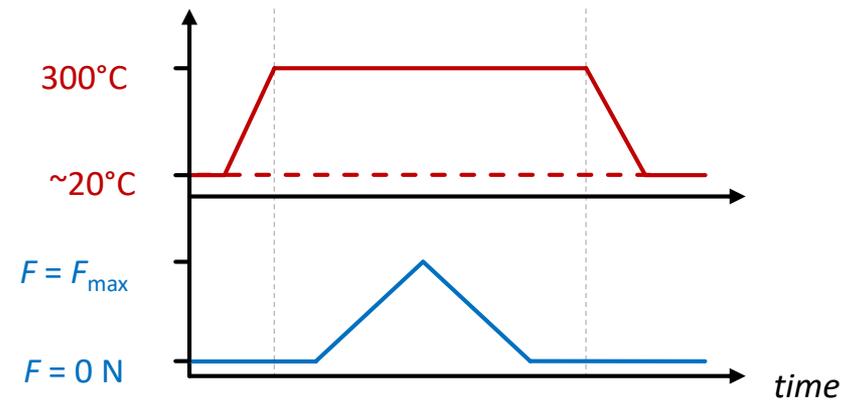
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Loading conditions

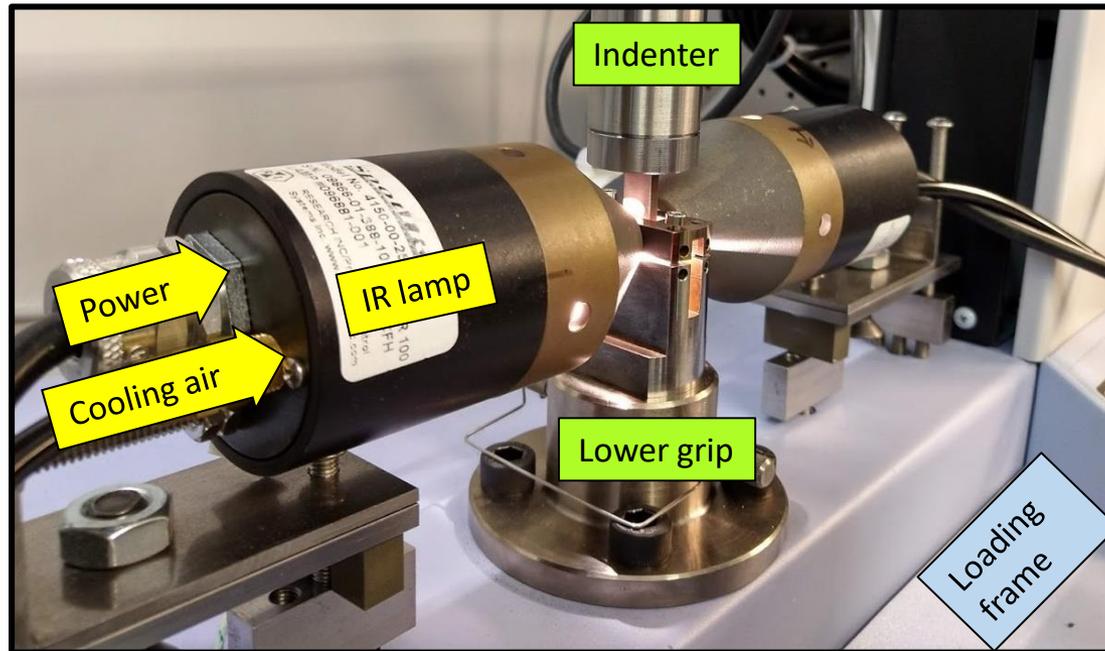
Specimen for small scale three point bend



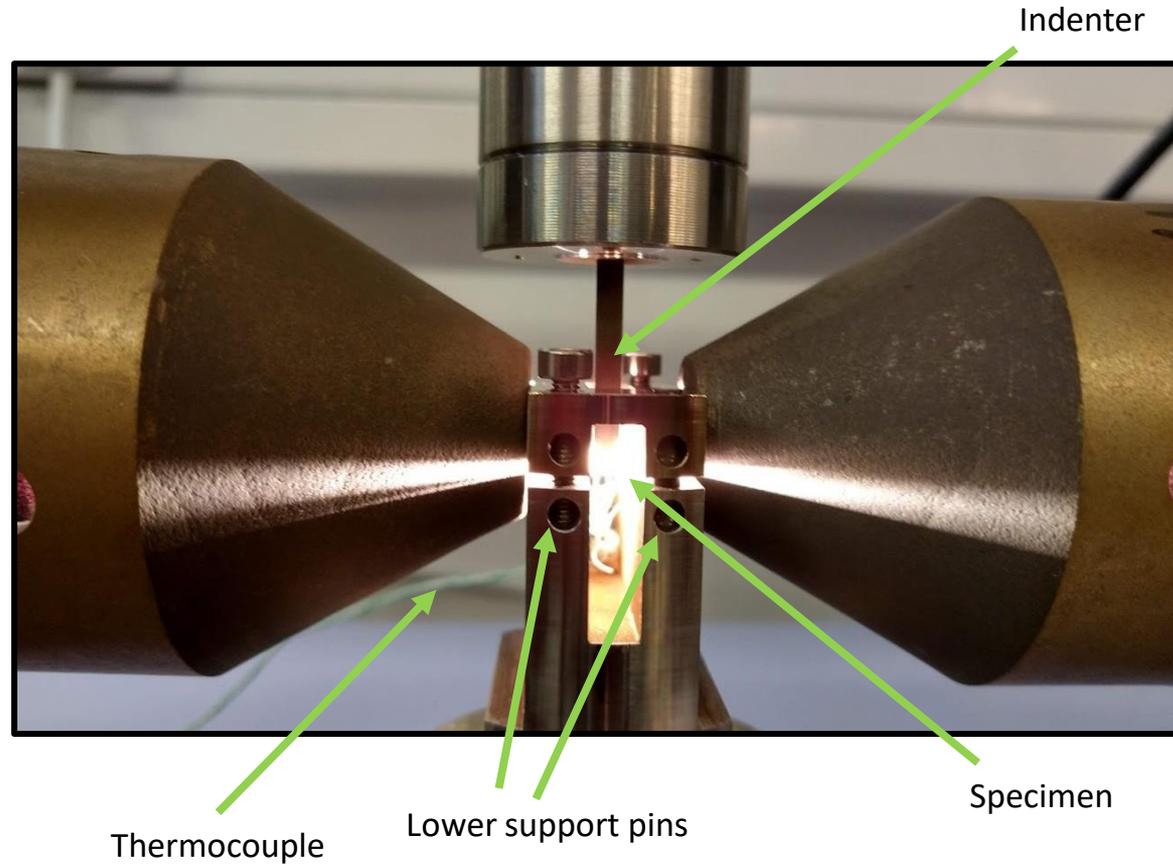
Force and temperature loading conditions



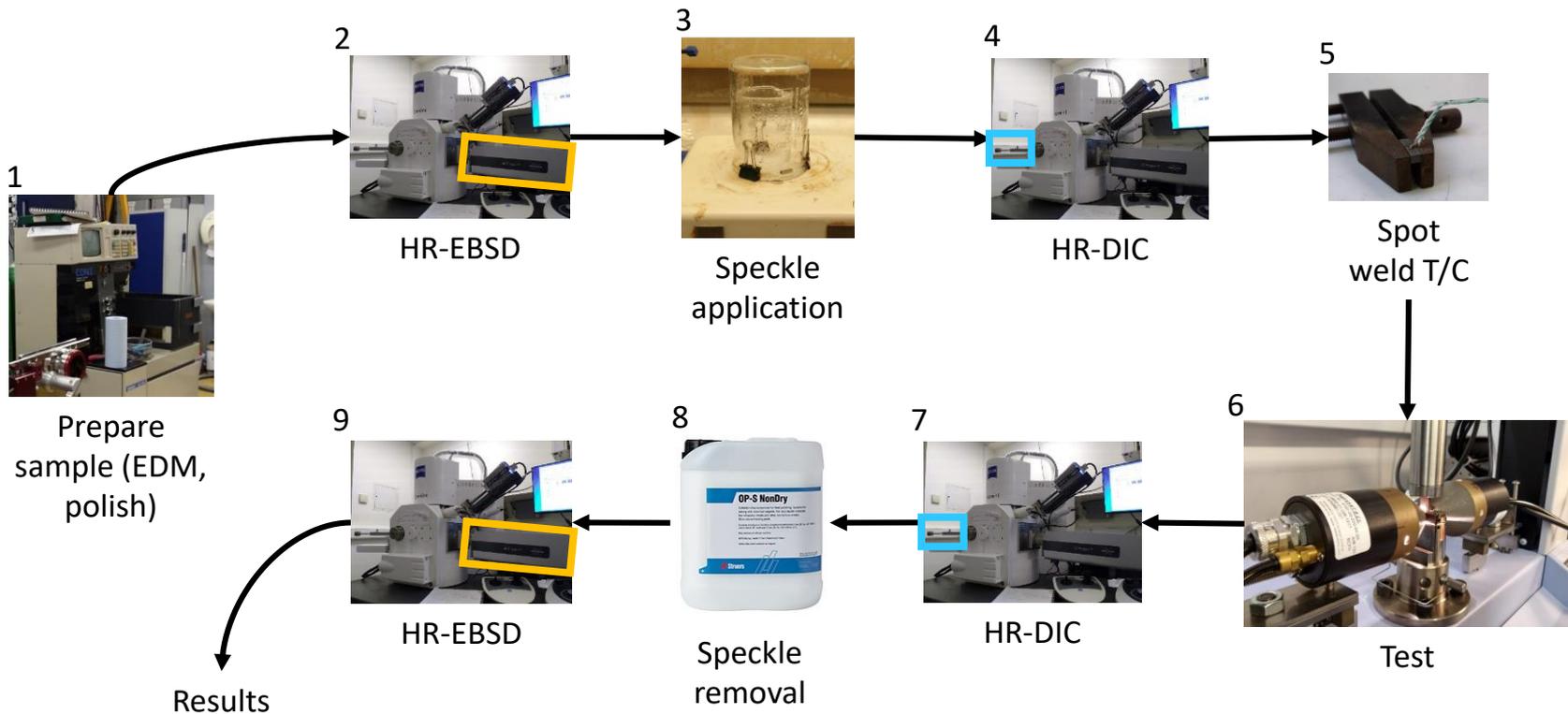
Bending hot pieces of metal



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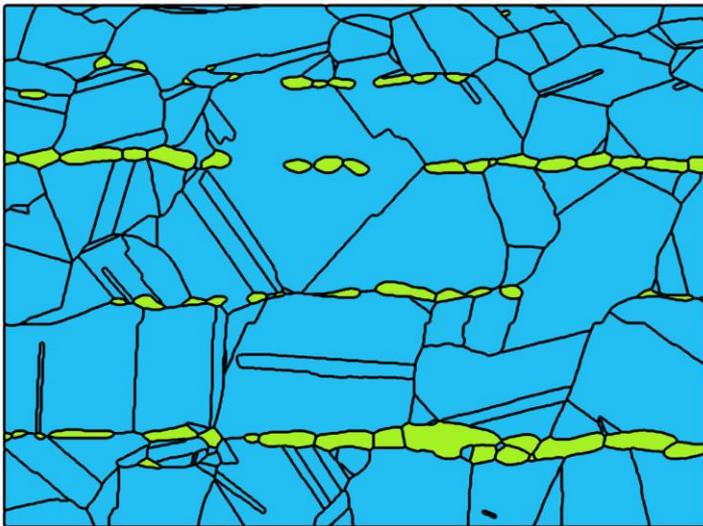
Experimental workflow



Materials

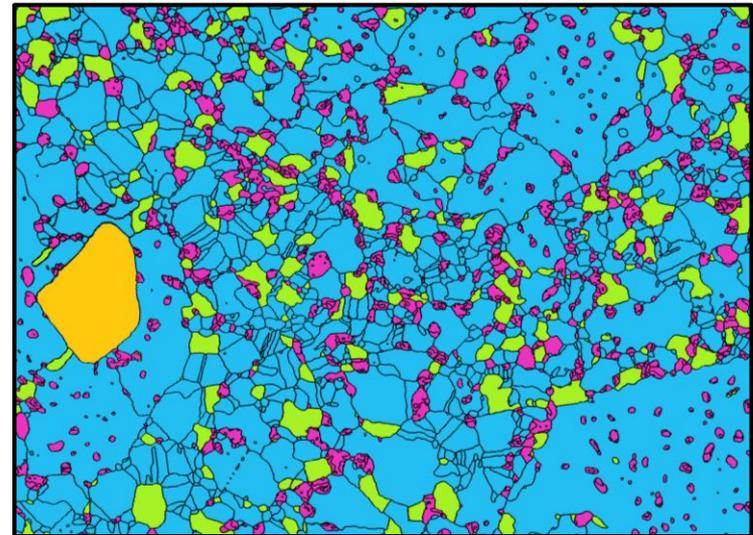


Nitronic 60 - Cast and extruded rod

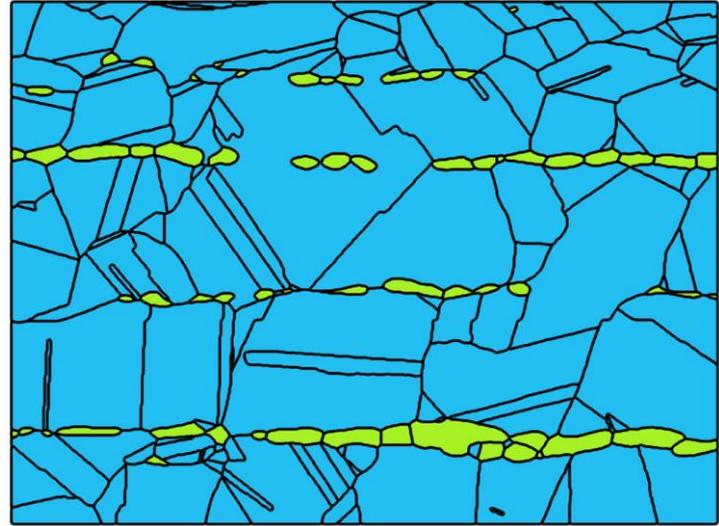


100 μm

Tristelle 5183 – Powder HIPed



30 μm

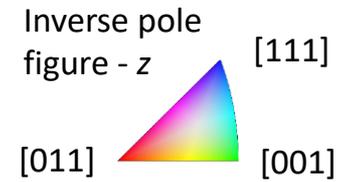


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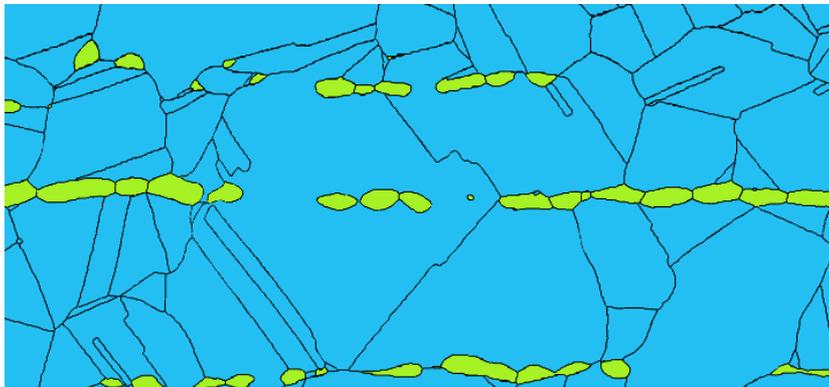
Nitronic 60

A simple microstructure with simple micromechanics?

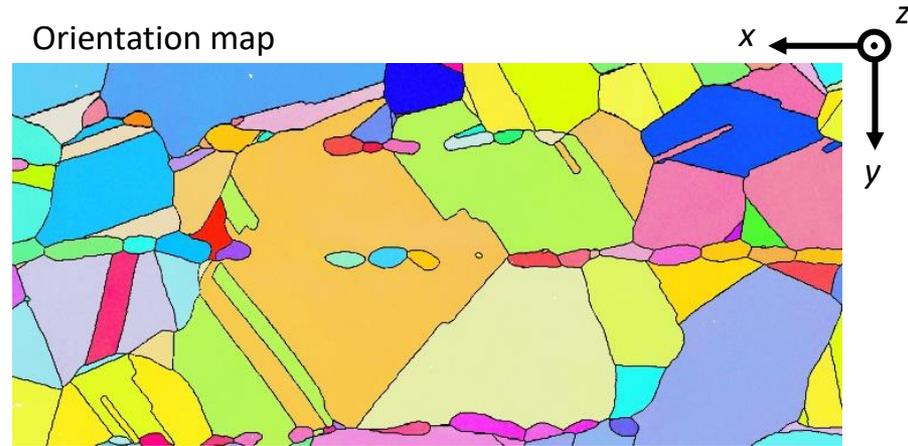
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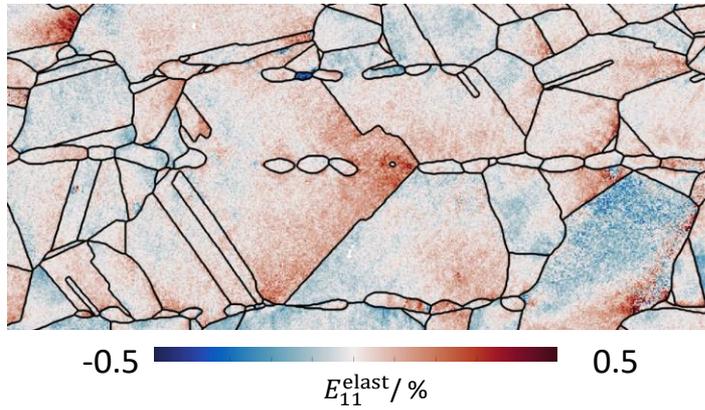
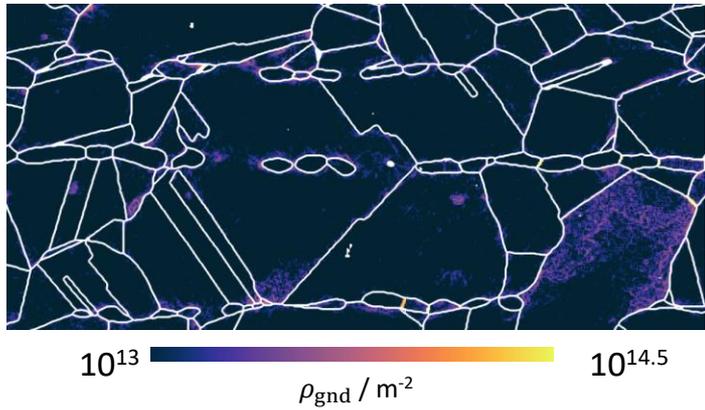


Phase map

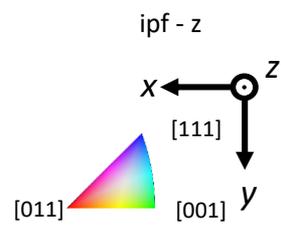
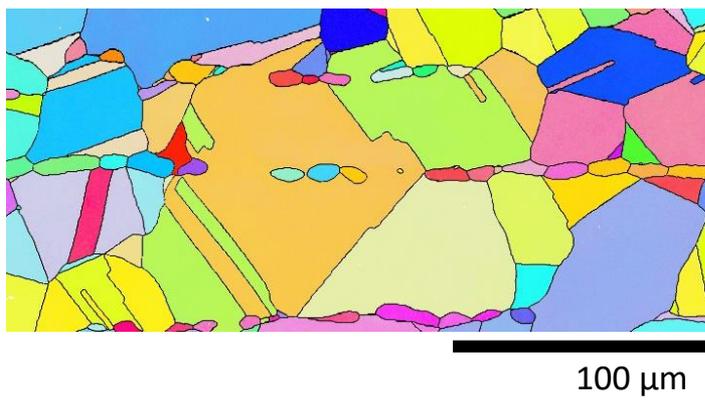


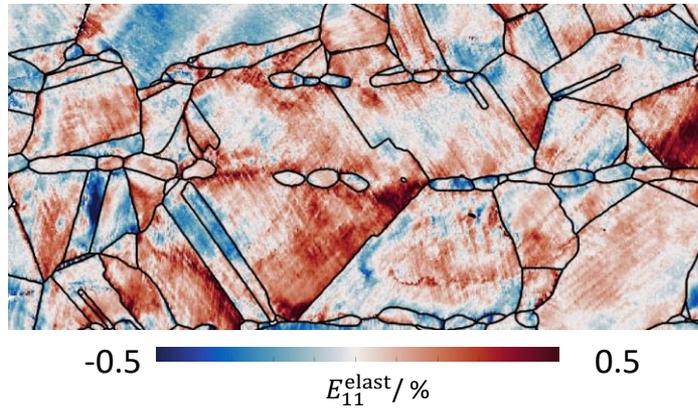
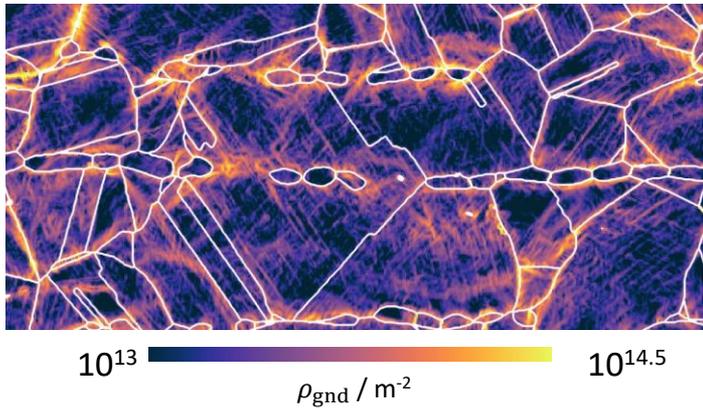
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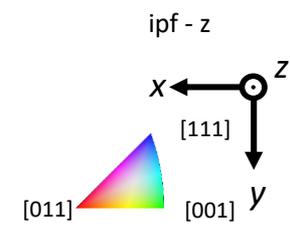
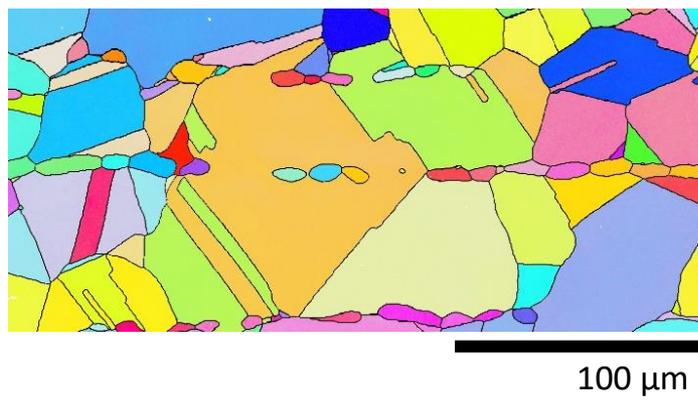
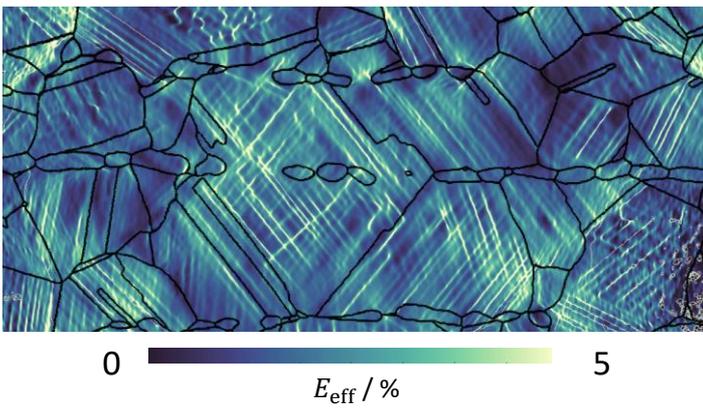


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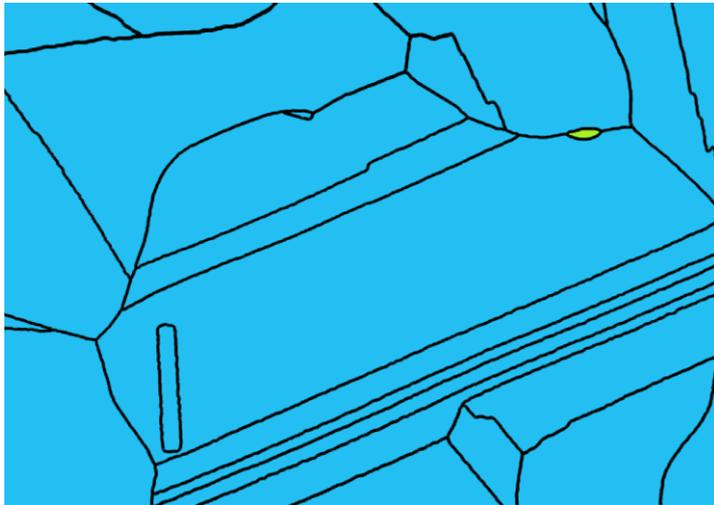


*The apparent drift is due to extremely long (~15 h) EBSD scans



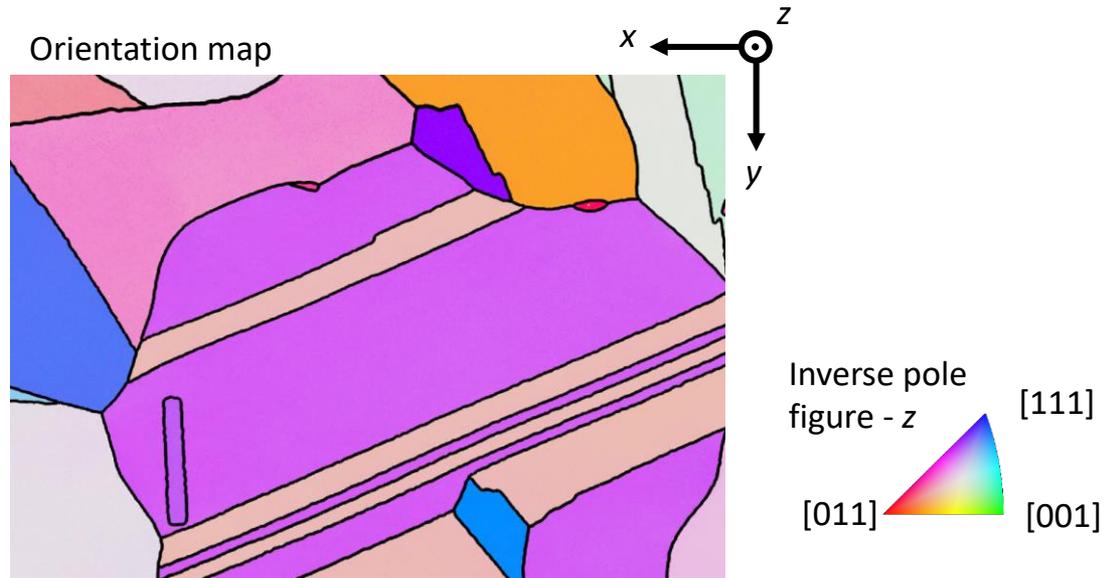
300°C - specimen 1

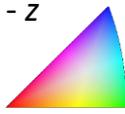
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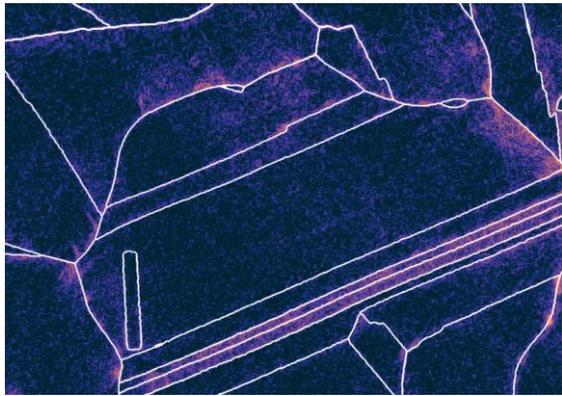


 Austenite  Ferrite  10 μm

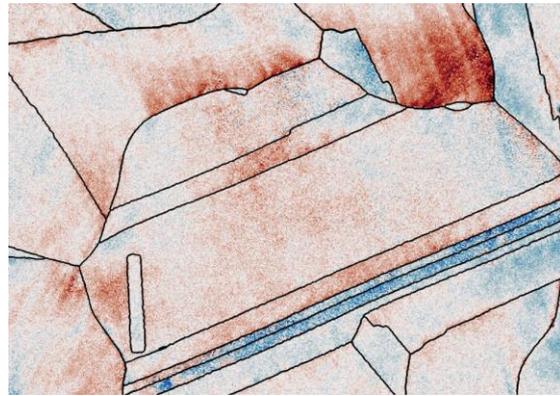
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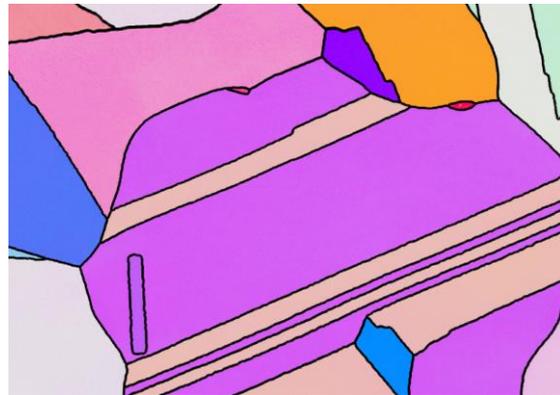
Inverse pole figure - z

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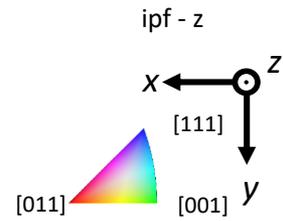
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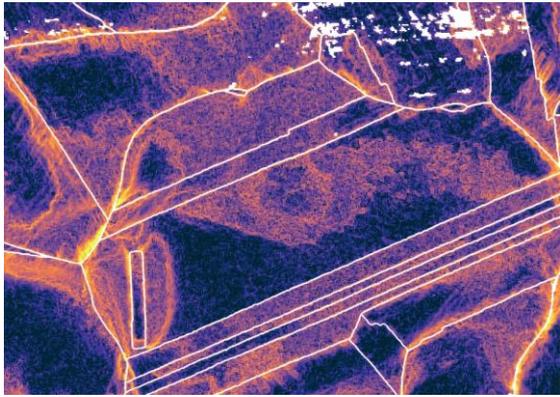


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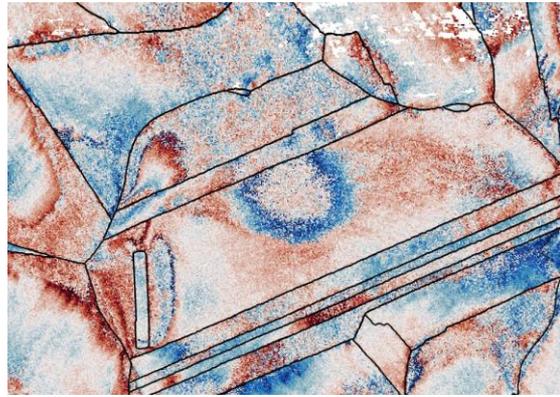


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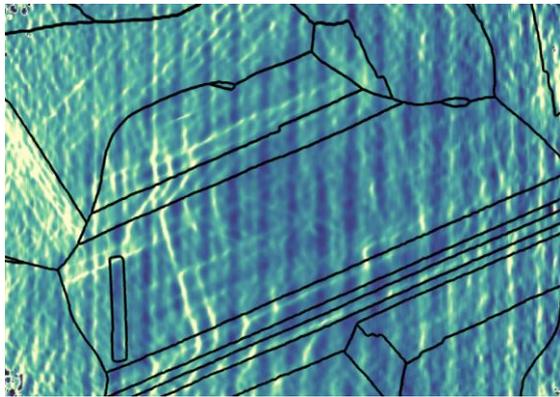




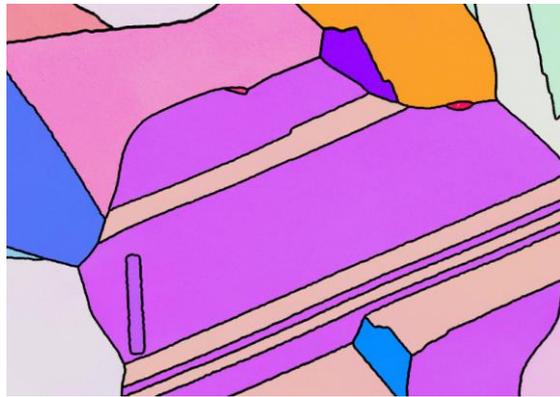
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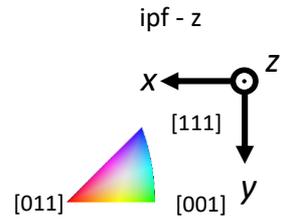
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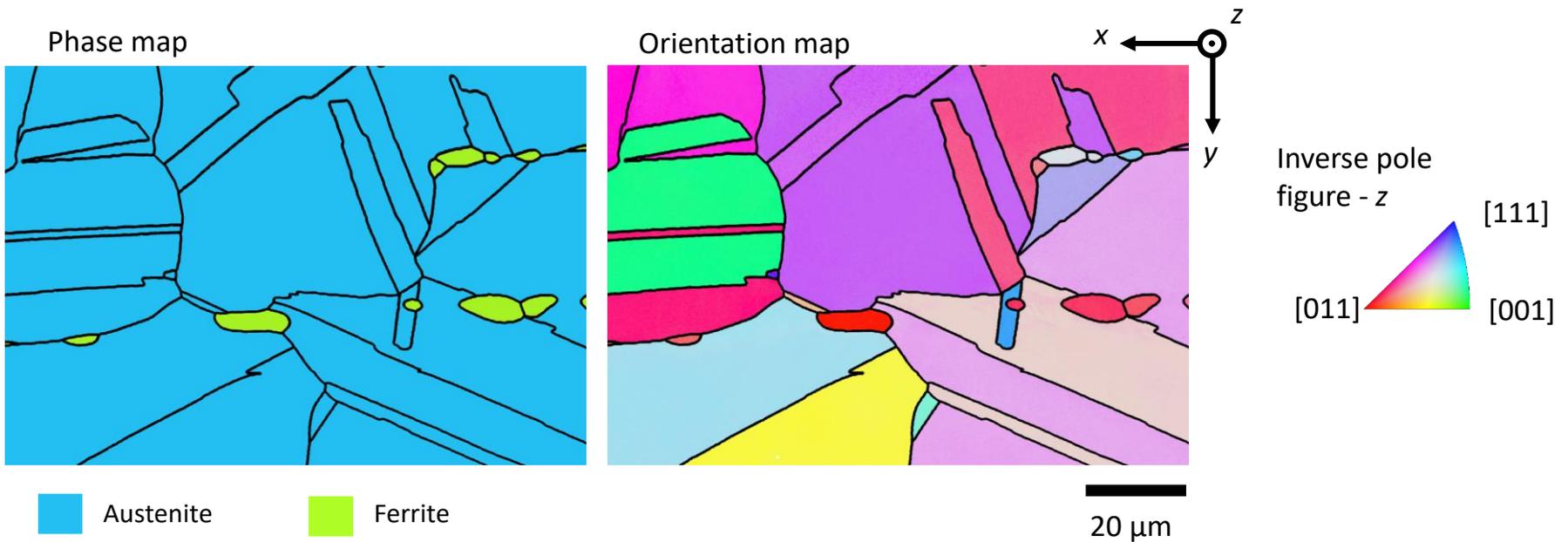
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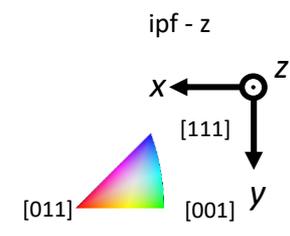
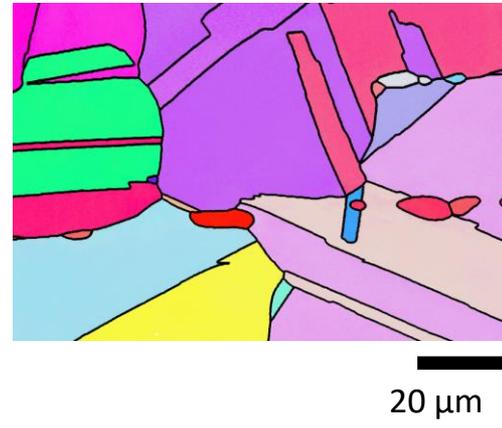
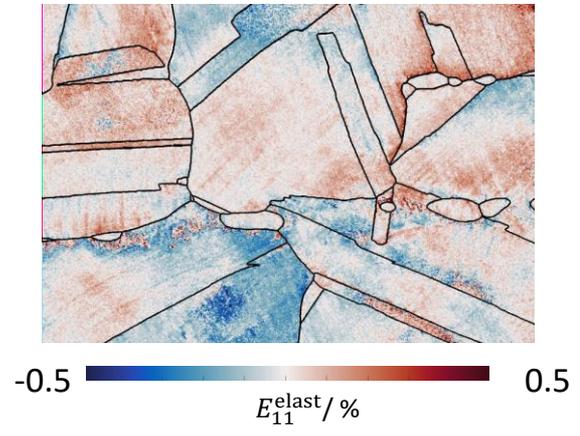
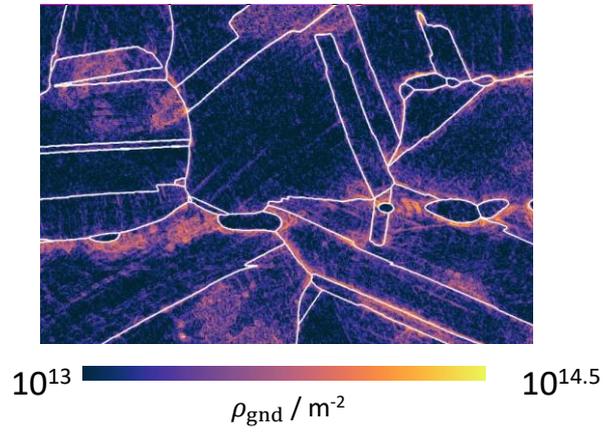
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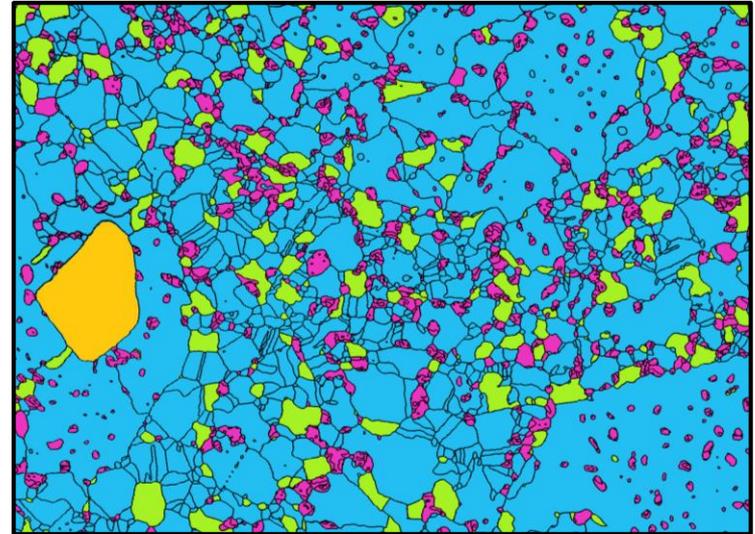


300°C - sample 2



~Tension



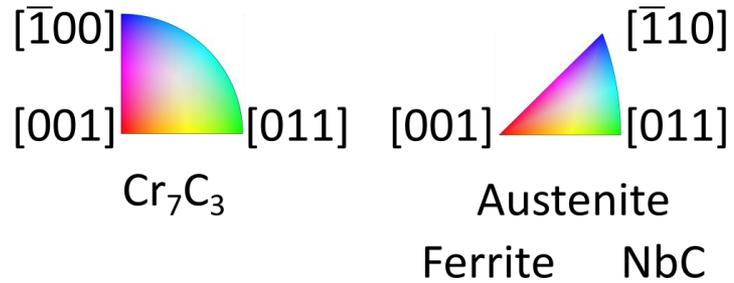
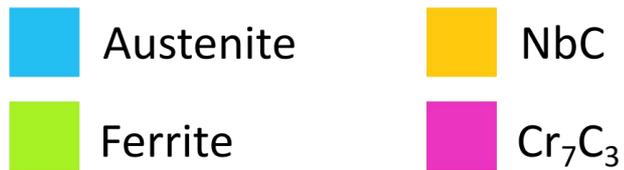
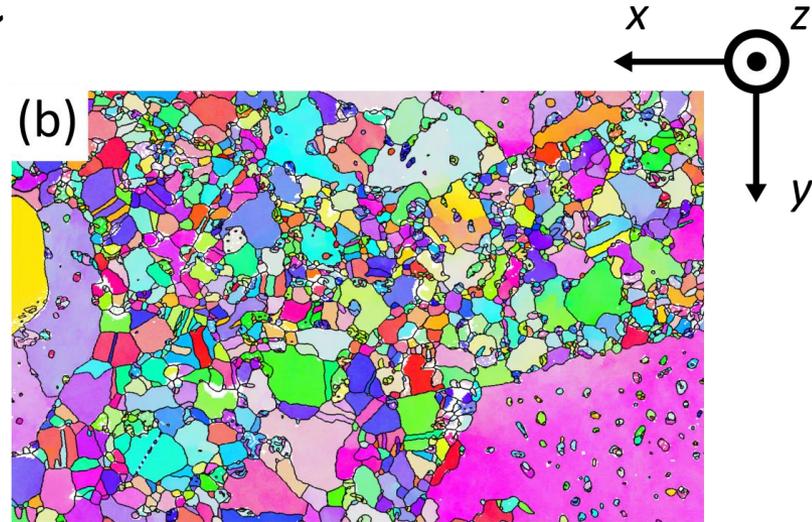
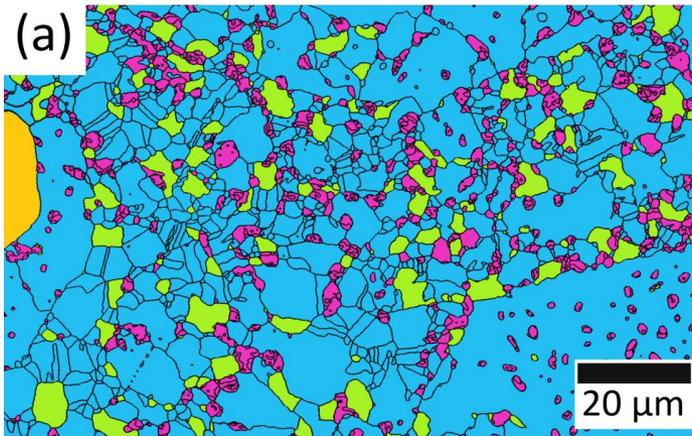


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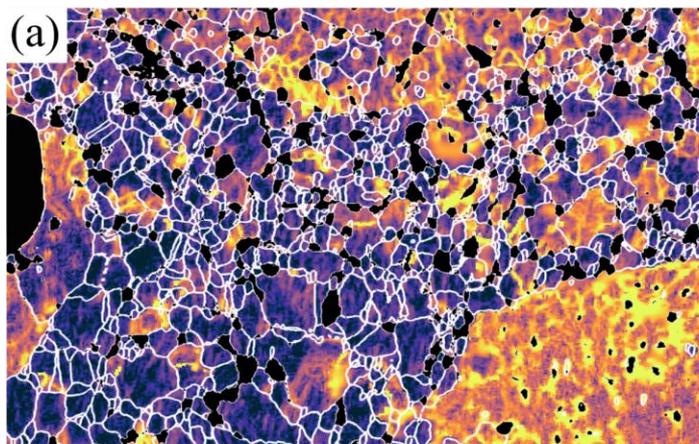
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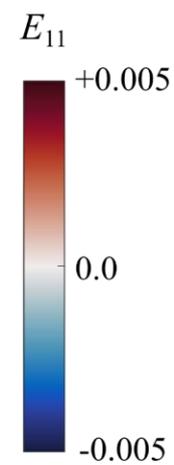
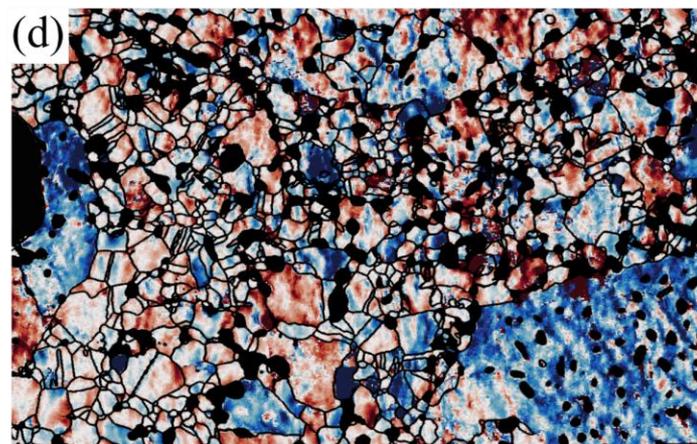
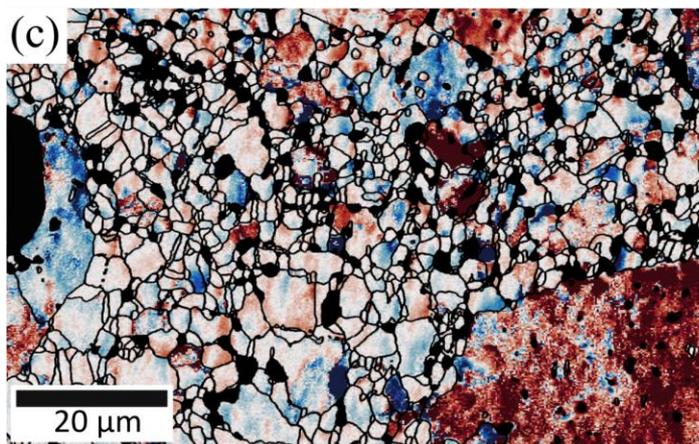
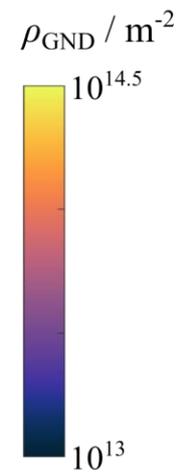
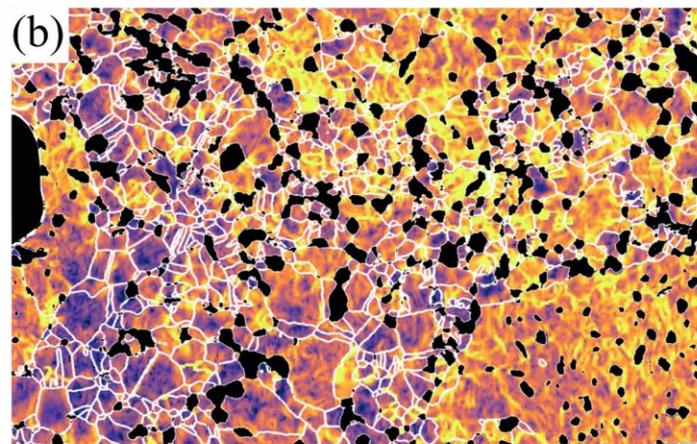
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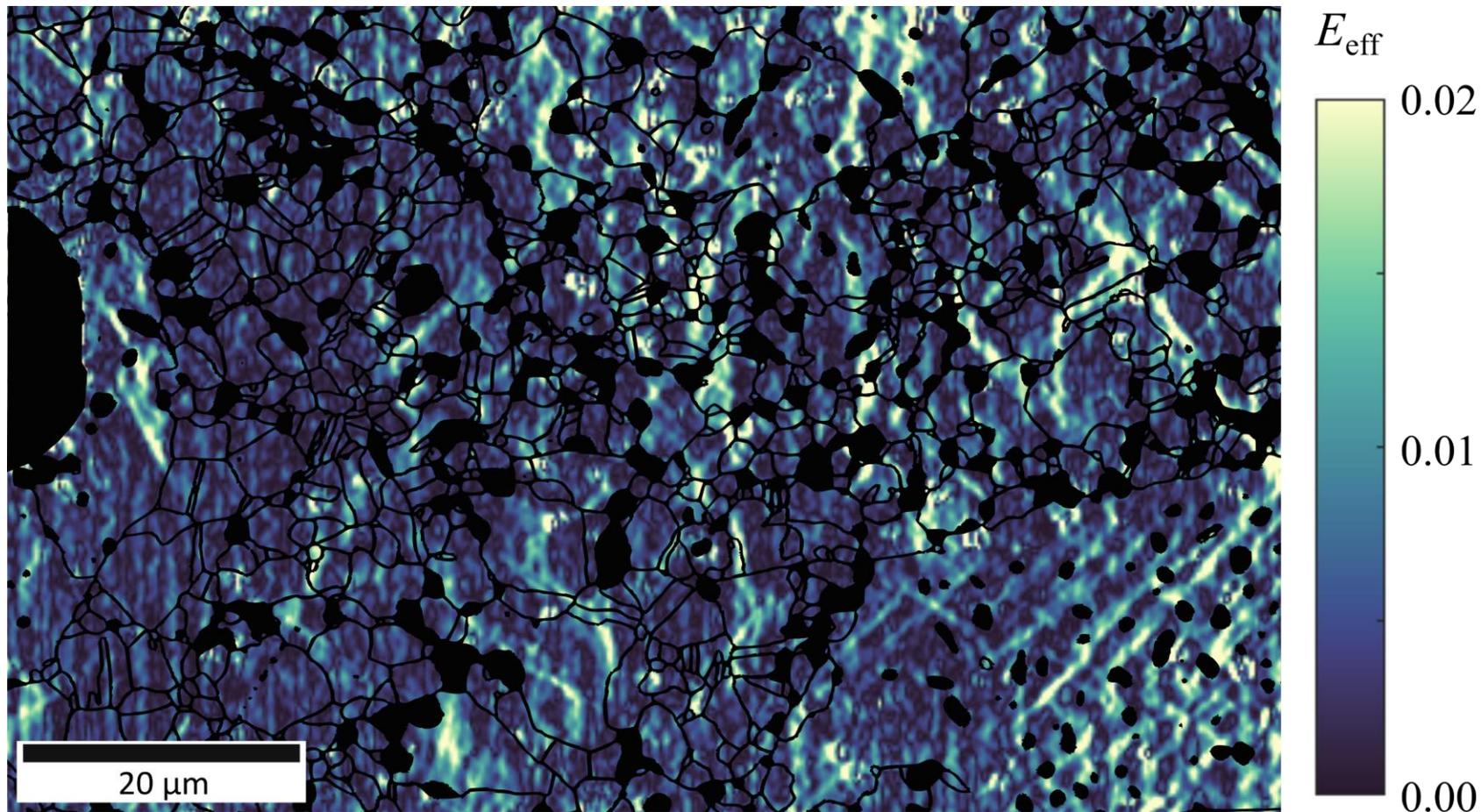


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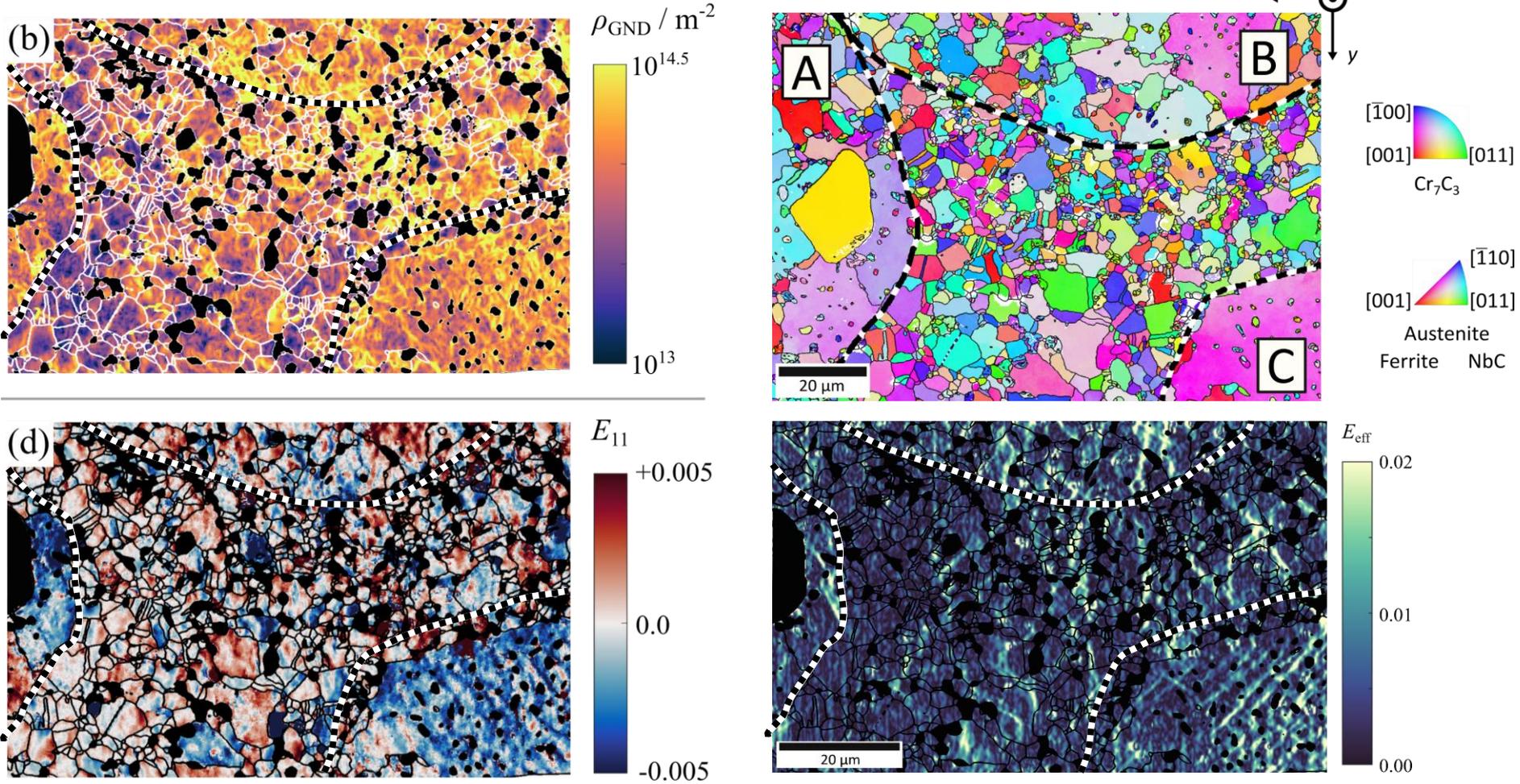
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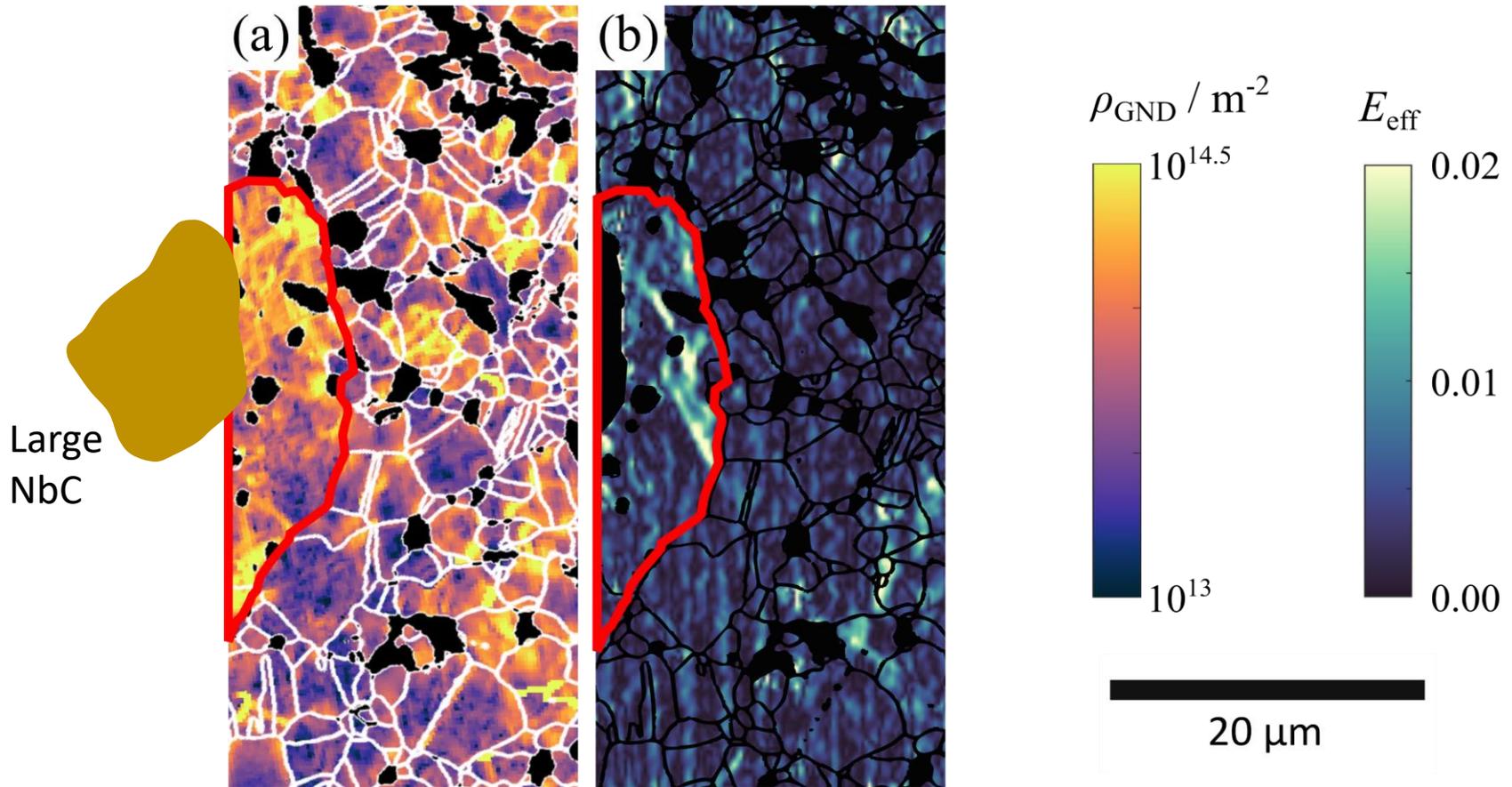




Focus on large grain regions

Post-deformation





What are the implications on wear and galling performance?

Conclusions – Nitronic 60

- Highly heterogeneous deformation owing to large grains
 - Cross-hardening and GND accumulation main hardening mechanisms
 - Trends and mechanisms nearly identical at RT and 300°C
 - Slight increase in strain with temperature
- ❖ Key point: results all show little change from room temperature

Conclusions – Tristelle 5183

- Complex microstructure → complex micromechanics!
- Fine grains with dispersed ferrite/carbides beneficial
- Large austenite grains deleterious

❖ Key point: results all show little change from room temperature⁺

⁺ RT results not shown here, see Zhao et al. "A comparative assessment of iron and cobalt-based hard-facing alloy deformation using HR-EBSD and HR-DIC." *Acta Materialia* 159 (2018): 173-186.

So what's causing the change?

Change in material properties?	Somewhat
Micromechanical matrix deformation?	Somewhat
Internal heat generation?*	No
Frictional heat generation?*	No
Oxide/contaminant layers?	?
Particle pull-out	?

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