# Microstructural features of pre- and post-BD RF- tested samples: facts and questions

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#### EDM wire cutting machine at CERN workshop:

#### Structure just after cutting:



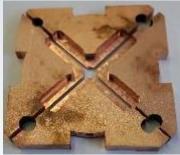


#### Structure ready for SEM after degreasing:

US of the cells:







Iris #22

DS of the cells:





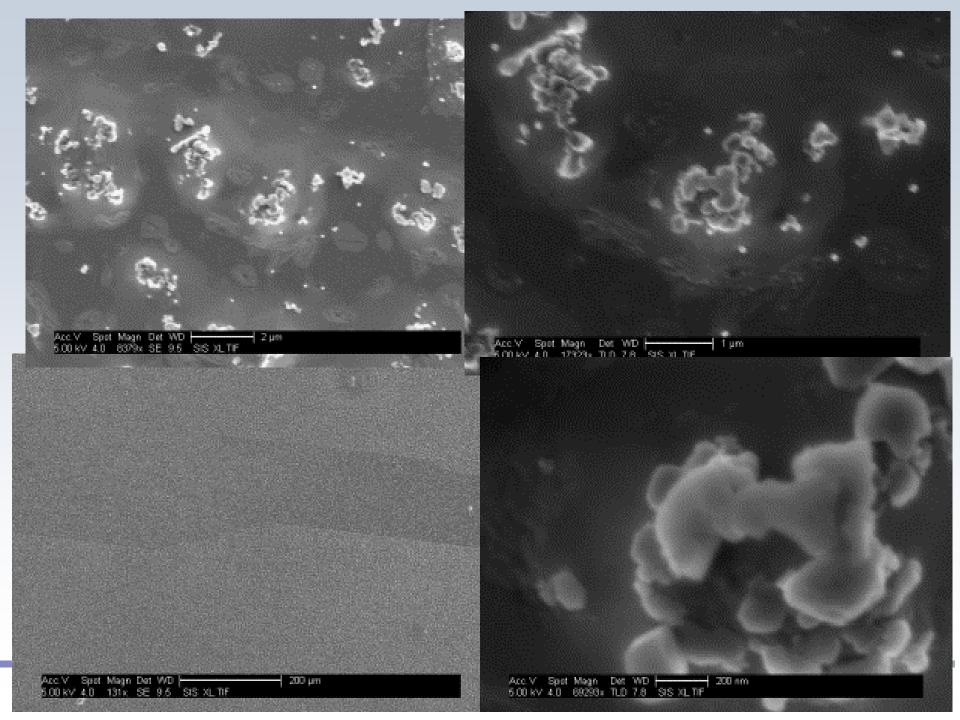
Iris #4 Iris #6 Iris #23 Iris #5

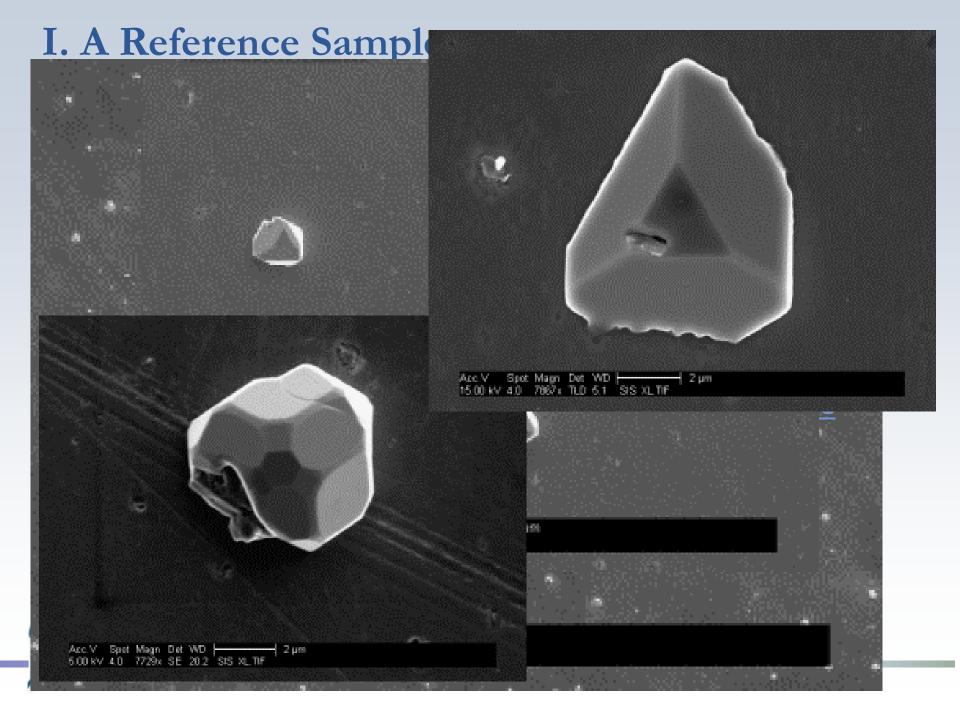
# The samples:

- Reference disk
- RF tested disk#22
- RF tested disk#23

#### The task:

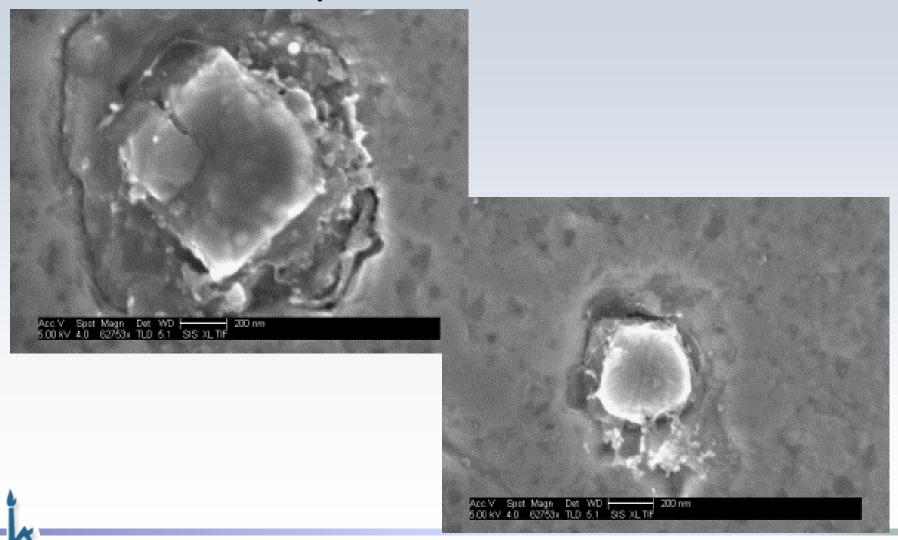
- To identify the microstructural features related to pre-BD structure
- - to distinguish between post-production and post-RF-test features
- --- to identify the defect structure of RF-tested samples (dislocations, clusters of vacancies, etc)

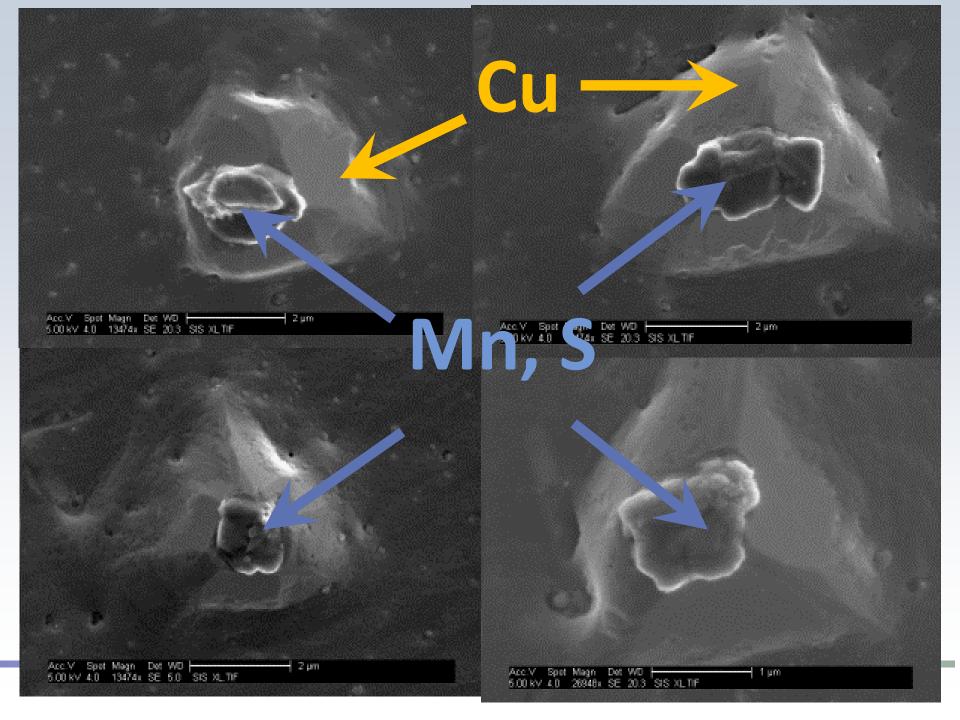




# I. A Reference Sample

- fine non-conductive particles - oxides



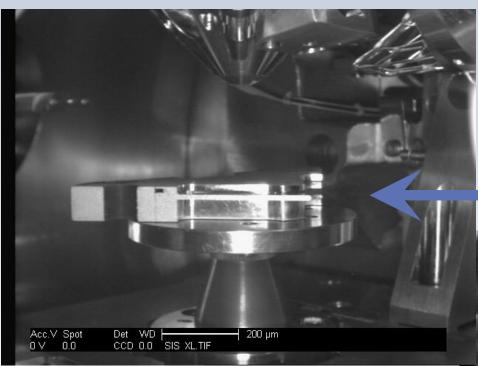


# I. A Reference Sample

- ✓ A reference sample was not suitable to answer the task questions
- ✓ If not occasional, this is a problem of raw OFE Cu quality or uniformity

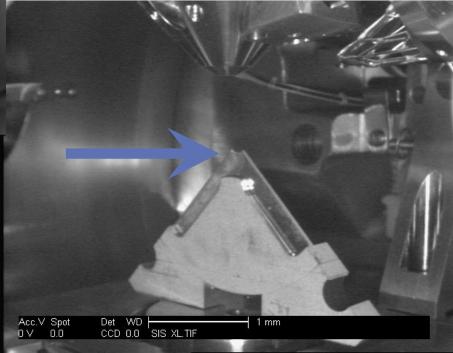
! After-production - Cu is extremely soft = almost fully relaxed closed to equilibrium microstructure = low density of dislocations





We analyzed iris

Nothing resembling BDs

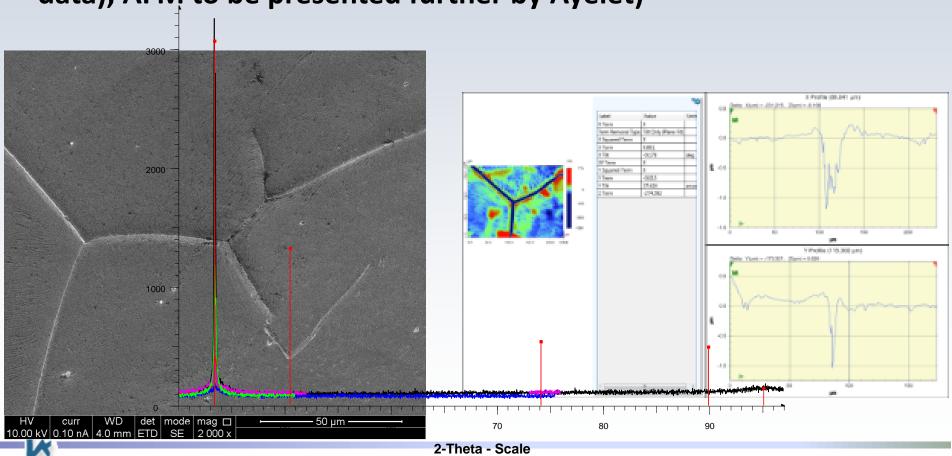


RF-tested disks MUST be analyzed as they are

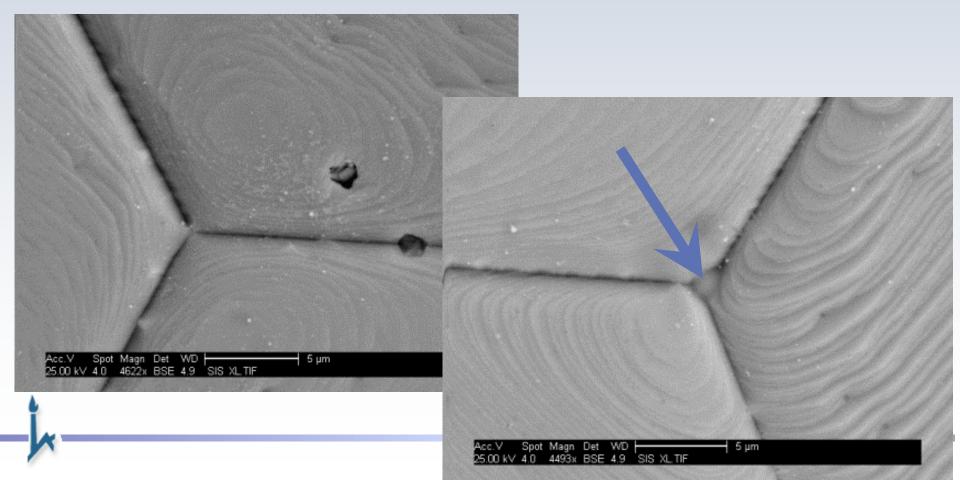


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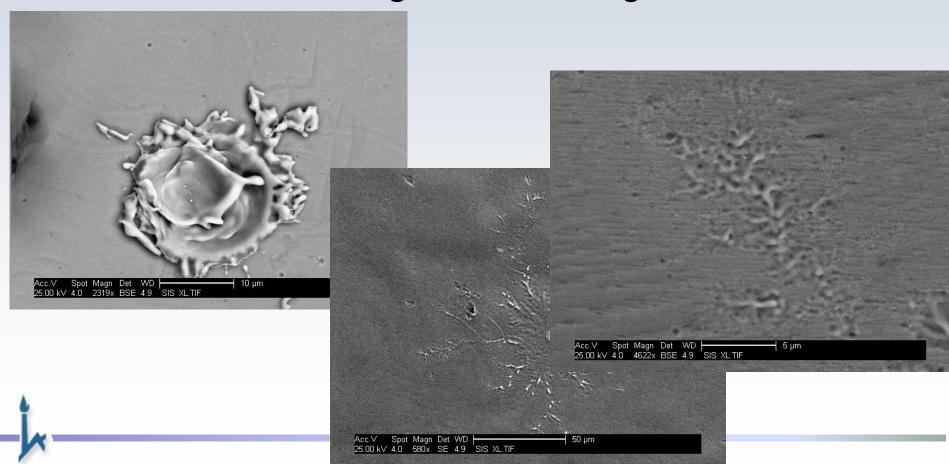
- Huge submillimeter grains
- The majority of the grains are <111>- oriented (XRD data)
- Micron-depth grain boundary grooves (optical profylometer data), AFM to be presented further by Ayelet)



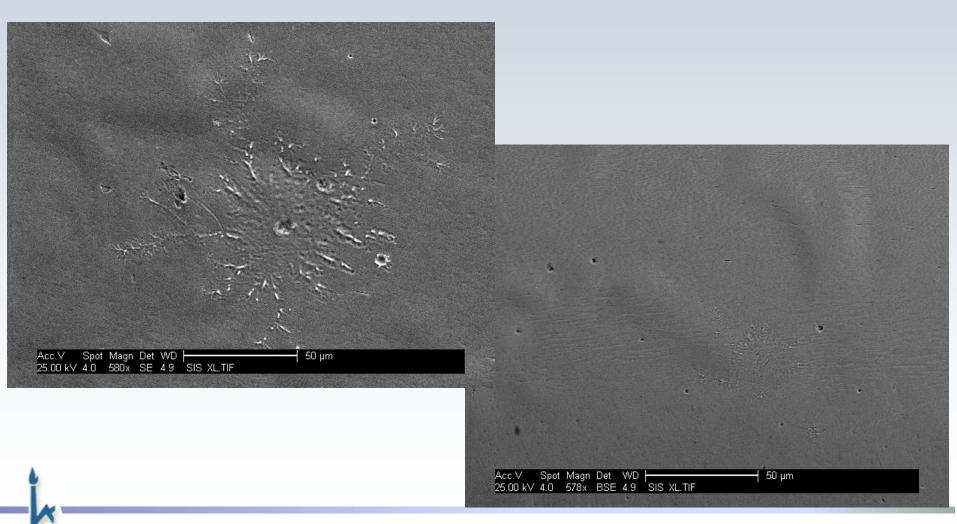
- Facetted grain surface (terraces of 5-50 nm height)
- Equilibrium grain boundary structure: 120 deg triple junctions
- Non-metallic inclusions



- Spark sites/splashes similar to BDs observed in DC-tested samples
- "New features" dendrite-like and symmetrical
- Holes of various sizes in grain bodies and grain boundaries



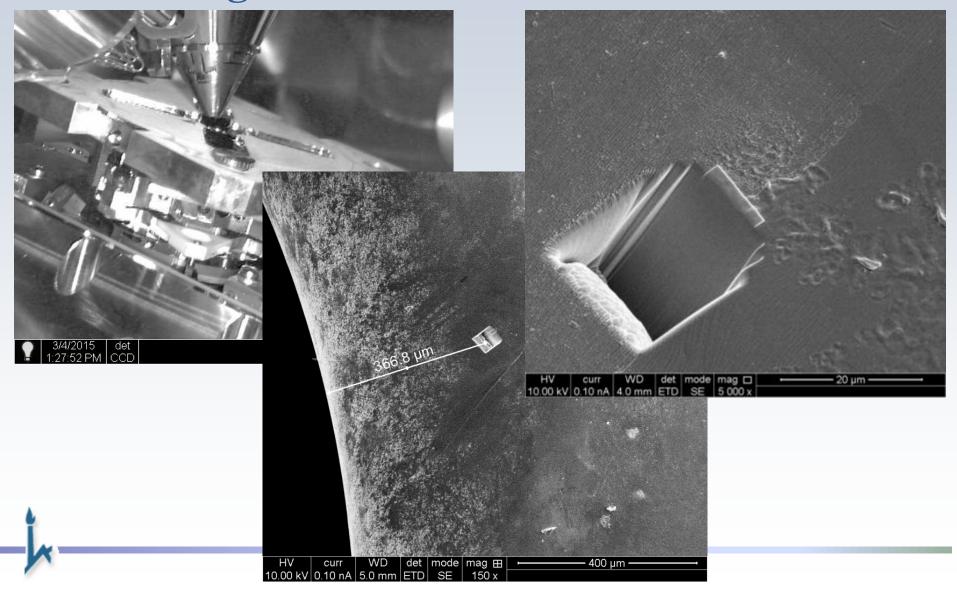
- Surface deformation – "skeleton" observed better when a sample is tilted



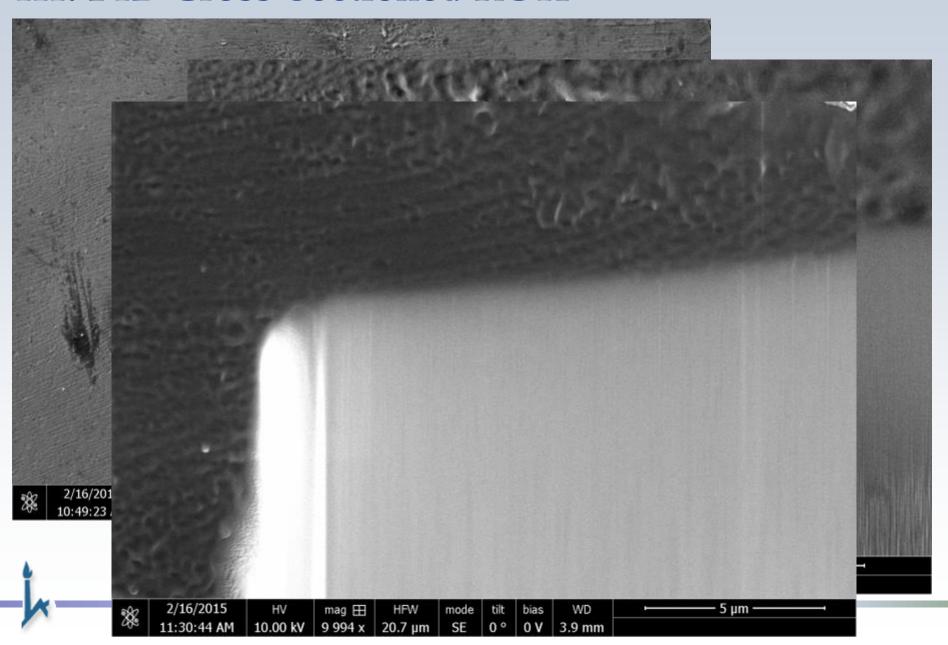
- ✓ Defects containing W and C machining of soft Cu
- ✓ Surface oxidation
- ✓ Surface organic contamination always presents

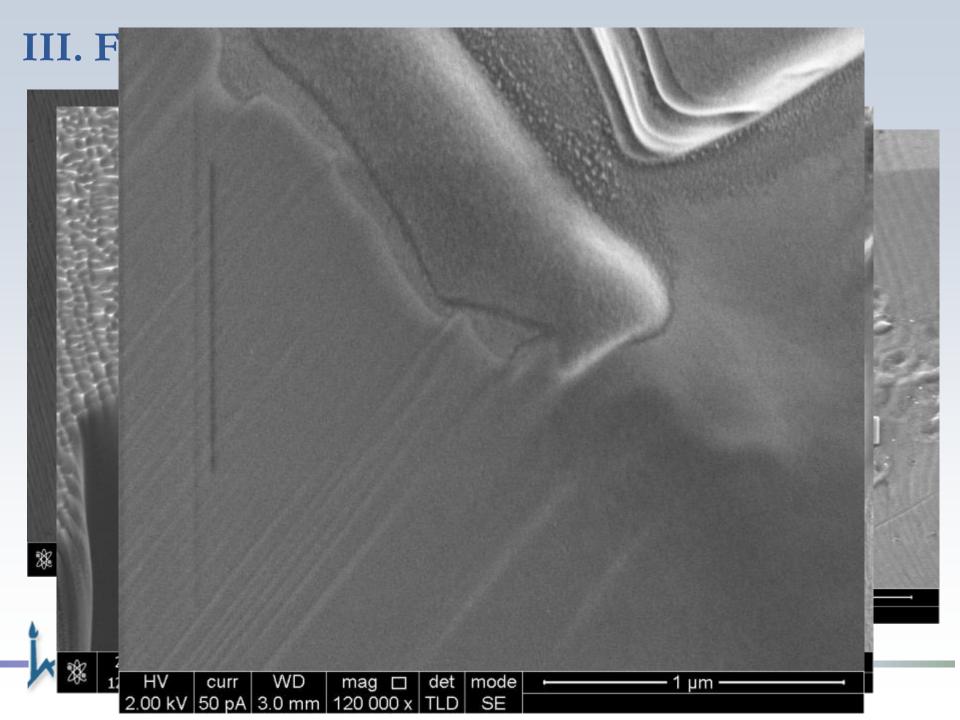


# III. RF-tested disk#23 – Cross-sectioning FIB milling across the "new features and GBs



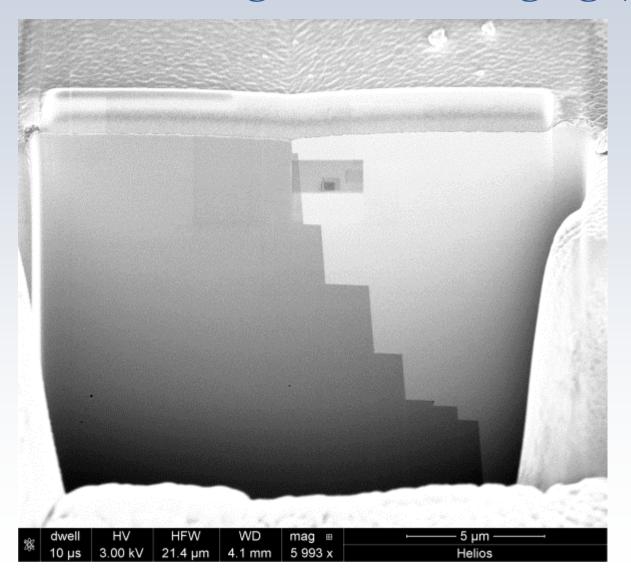
## III. FIB Cross-Sectioned ROI1



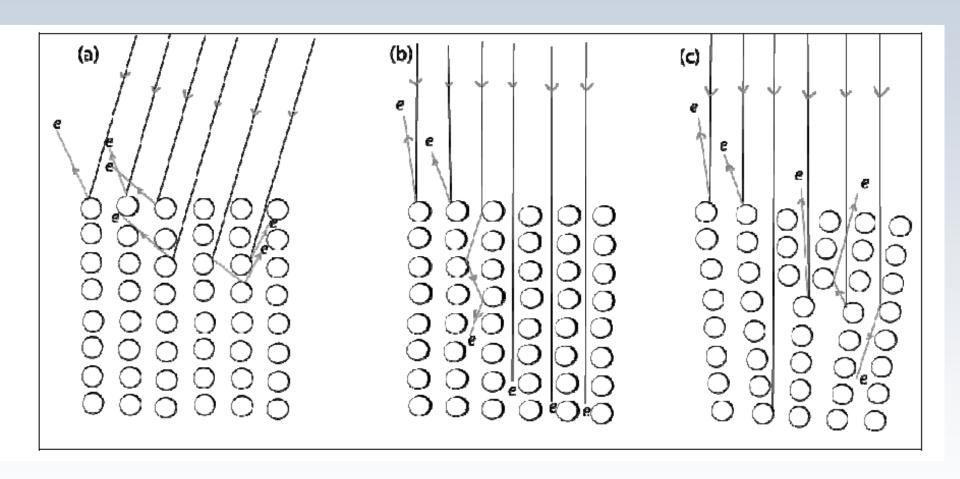


# III. FIB Cross-sectioning +

+ Electron Channeling Contrast Imaging (ECCI)



# Electron Channeling Contrast Imaging (ECCI)



"Closed" channel

"Open" Channel

Edge dislocation "closes" the open channel

# The reported ECCI of dislocation

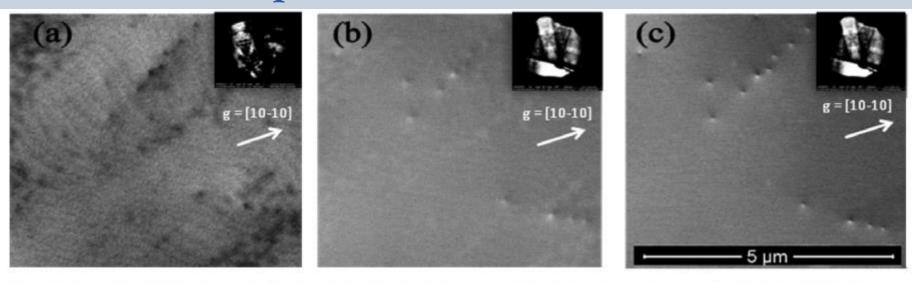


Fig. 3 ECCI micrographs showing diffraction contrast of screw dislocations in GaN (0002) at (a) 5kV (b) 10kV (c) 20kV.

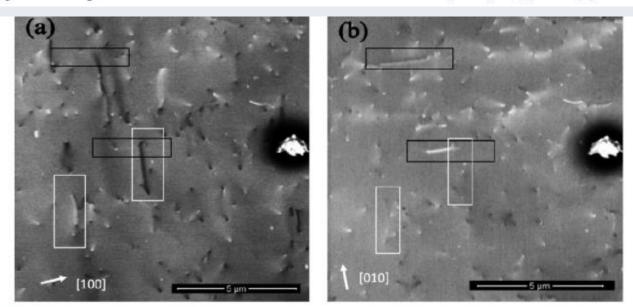
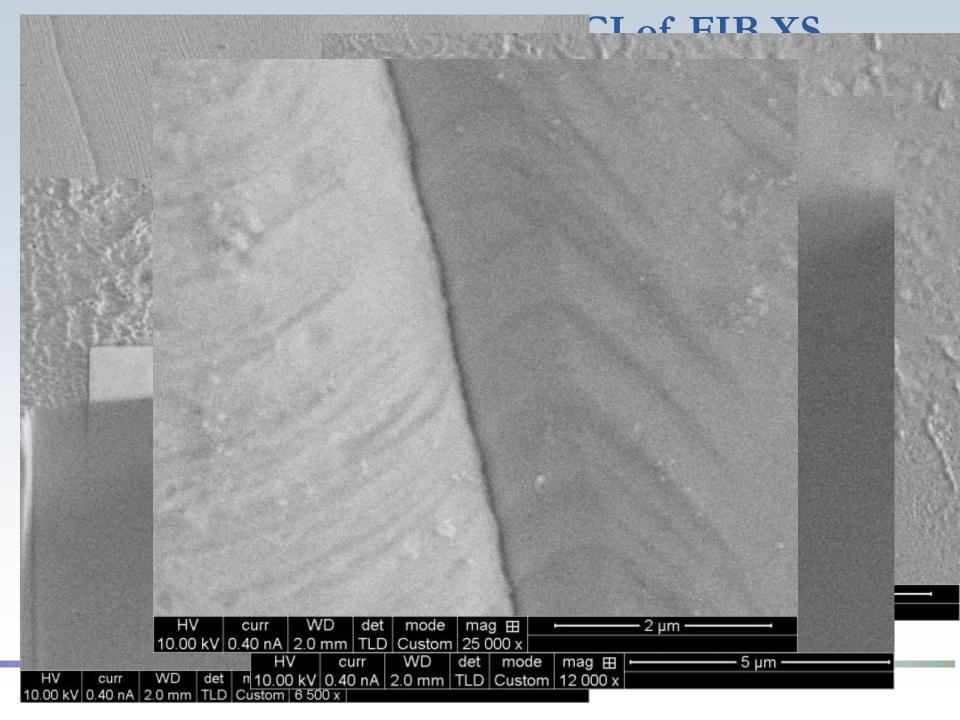


Fig. 6: ECCI micrographs of  $SrTiO_3$  (001) recorded in a backscatter geometry with (a)  $\mathbf{g} = 100$  and (b)  $\mathbf{g} = 010$ . White rectangles denote dislocation lines visible in (a) and invisible in (b). Black rectangles denote dislocation lines visible in (b) and invisible in (a).



# Questions to conclude & steps to be done:

- ✓ Microscopic study is intrinsically non-statistical => still at least a few good reference (post-production) samples must be analyzed in order to distinguish between the as-manufactured and RF-tested microstructures.
- ✓ Can we identify the pre-BD region in RF tested samples?
  Not now, but helpful idea is under the test.
- ✓ Is BD phenomenon related to generation/movement of dislocations?

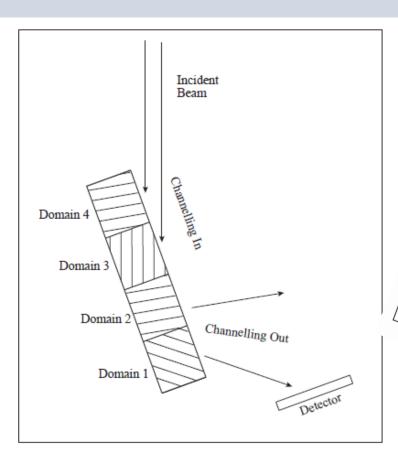
More structural information is needed (ECCI, EBSD, TEM to be applied)

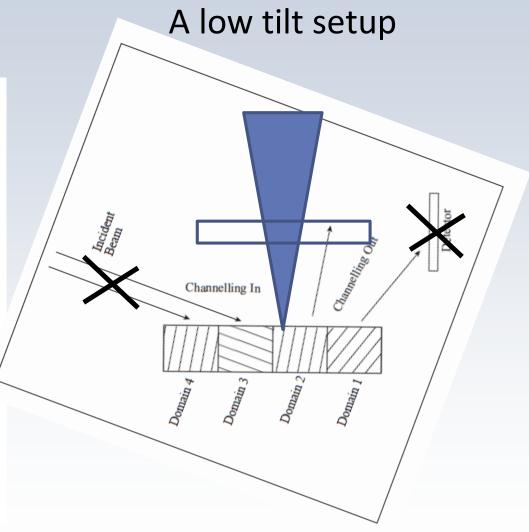
- ✓ Is BD-phenomenon surface confined?
- ✓ What is the role of surface oxidation, carbon contamination, nano-scale relief?

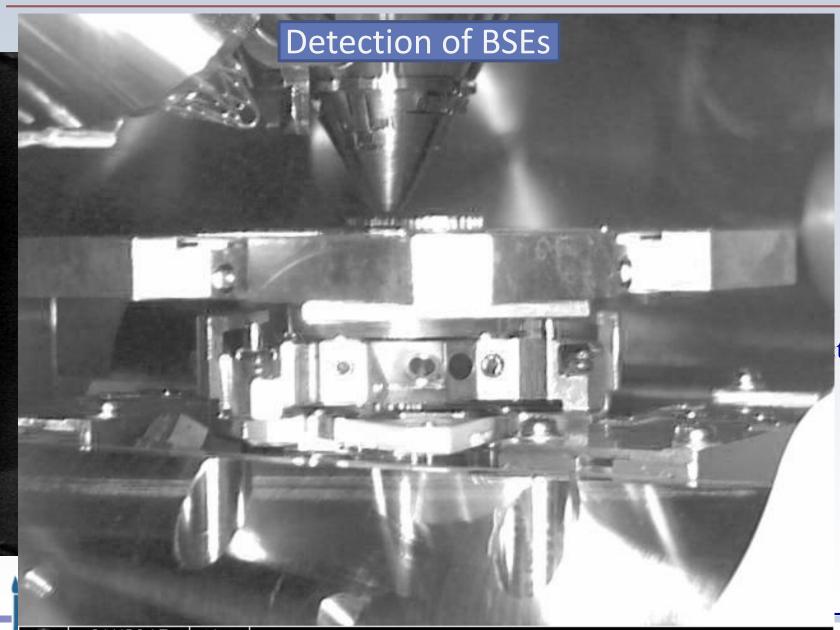


# Electron Channeling Contrast Imaging (ECCI)

A high tilt setup

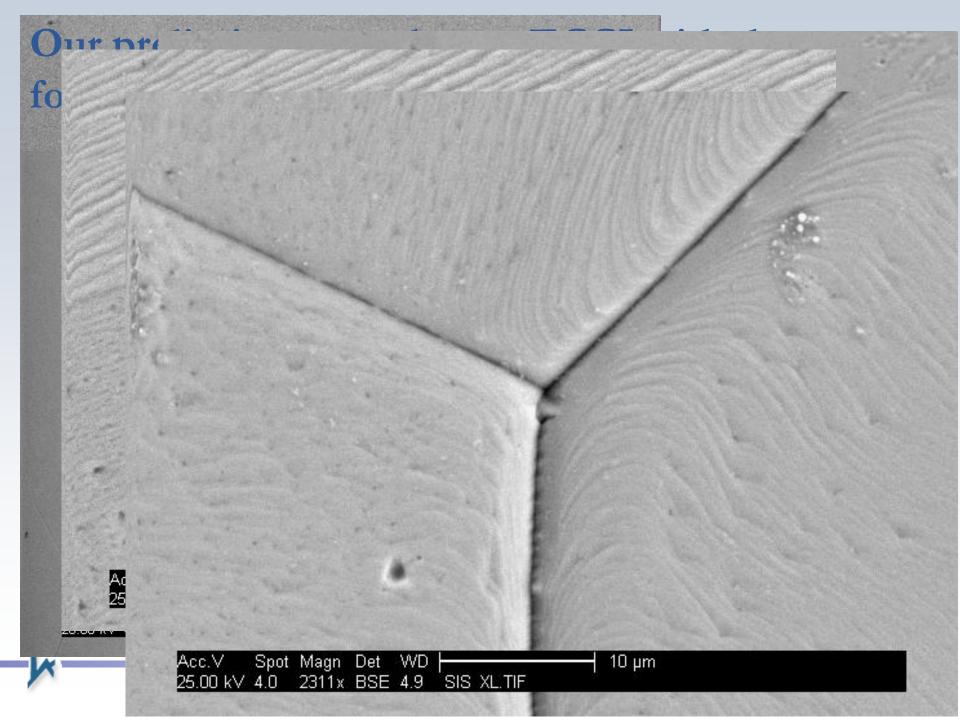






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# Our preliminary results on ECCI of FIB XS with BSE mode of TLD

