



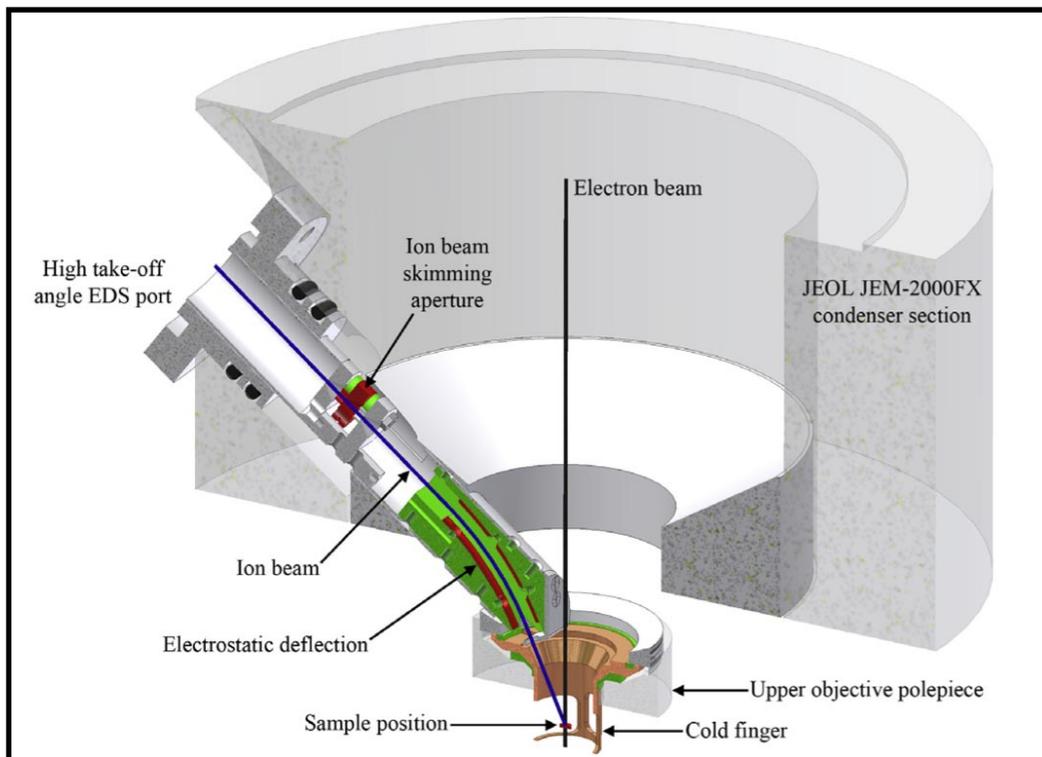
# MIAMI Facilities

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# In-situ TEM / ion accelerator facilities



Experimental systems combining one or more ion-accelerators with a transmission electron microscope (TEM) enabling observation of ion-beam induced radiation damage at high magnification in real time.

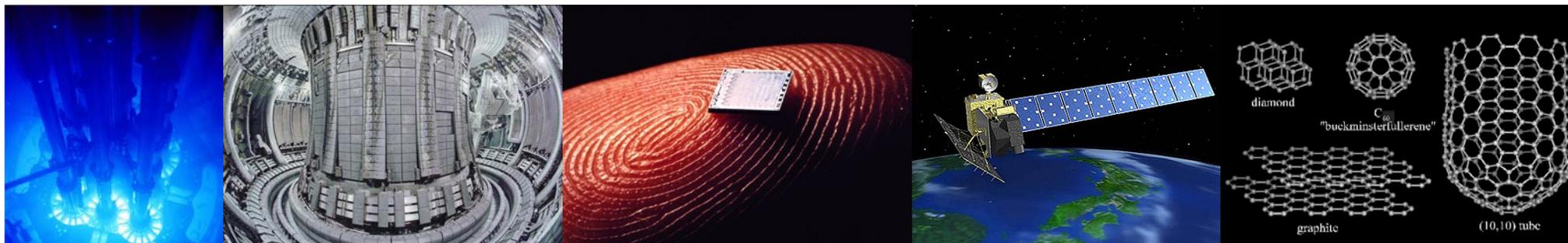
Permit study of the formation and development of defects at the nanoscale during ion irradiation, often providing insights into fundamental properties and processes that are difficult to obtain by other means.



# Applications

Investigations into any materials subjected to radiation damage from energetic particles:

- Materials for nuclear fission (current and Gen IV), nuclear fusion (especially for plasma facing components) and glasses and ceramics for nuclear waste storage;
- Semiconductor processing and damage to microelectronic devices used in irradiating environments;
- Materials for space;
- Nanotechnology – e.g. effects of ion irradiation on nanostructures; use of ion beams for nano-patterning.



# In-situ TEM / ion accelerator facilities



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Argonne, USA



Hokkaido, Japan



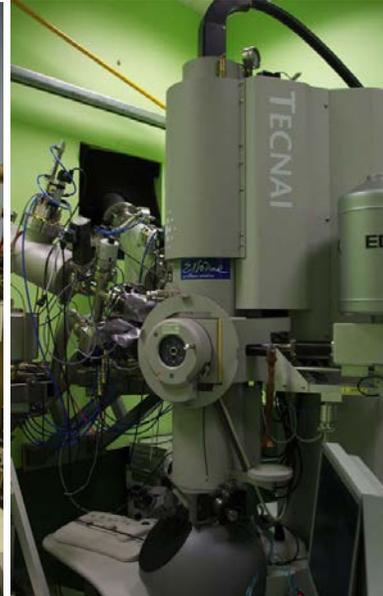
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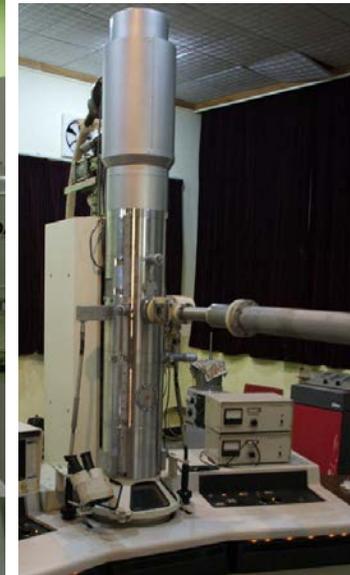
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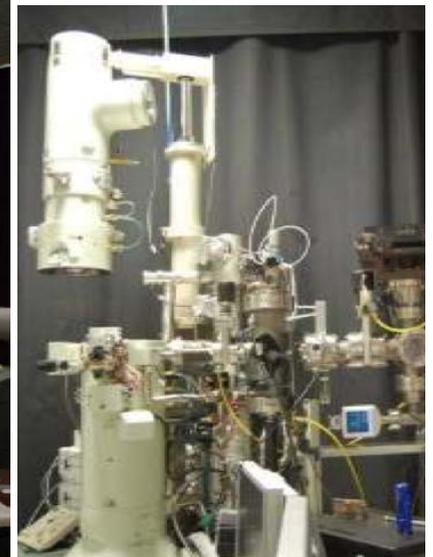
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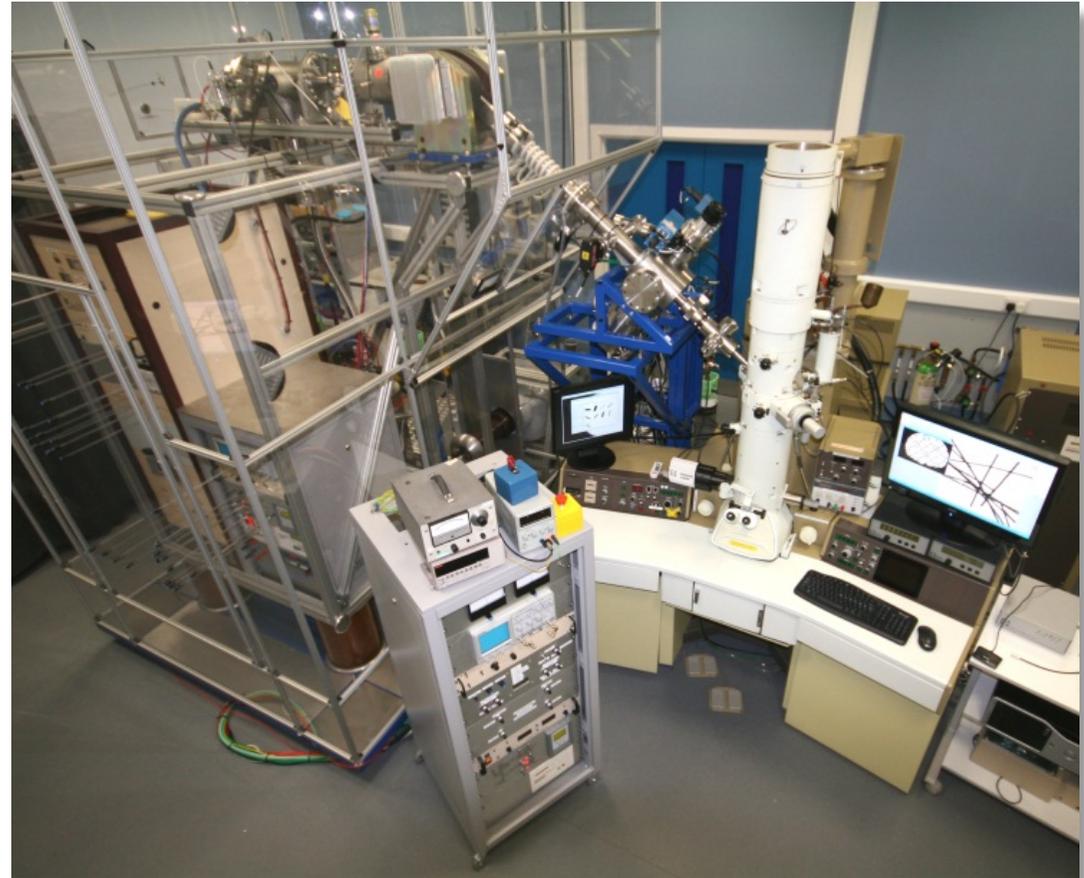
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Sandia, USA

# MIAMI-1

Specifications	
TEM	JEOL JEM-2000FX
e-Beam Accelerating Voltage	80 to 200 kV
Ion Beam Accelerating Voltage	1 to 100 kV
Ion Species	Most ions from H to W at all energies (limited by bending magnet)
Ion Flux	Fluxes of up to $1.5 \times 10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ for 6 kV He (for example)
Angle between Ion and Electron Beams	30°
Temperature	100 to 380 K or RT to 1270 K
Image Capture	Gatan ES500W Wide Angle CCD Gatan Orius SC200 (4 Megapixels)



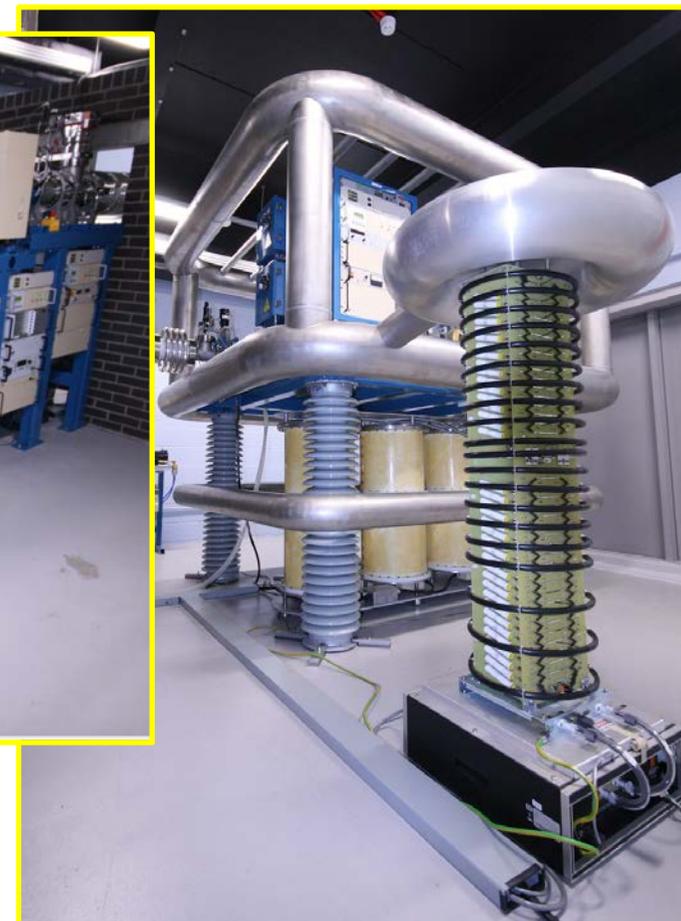
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MIAMI-1 has been running, initially at the University of Salford and now at the University of Huddersfield, since about 2008. A particular focus has been irradiation with beams of low-energy inert-gas ions (particularly He).

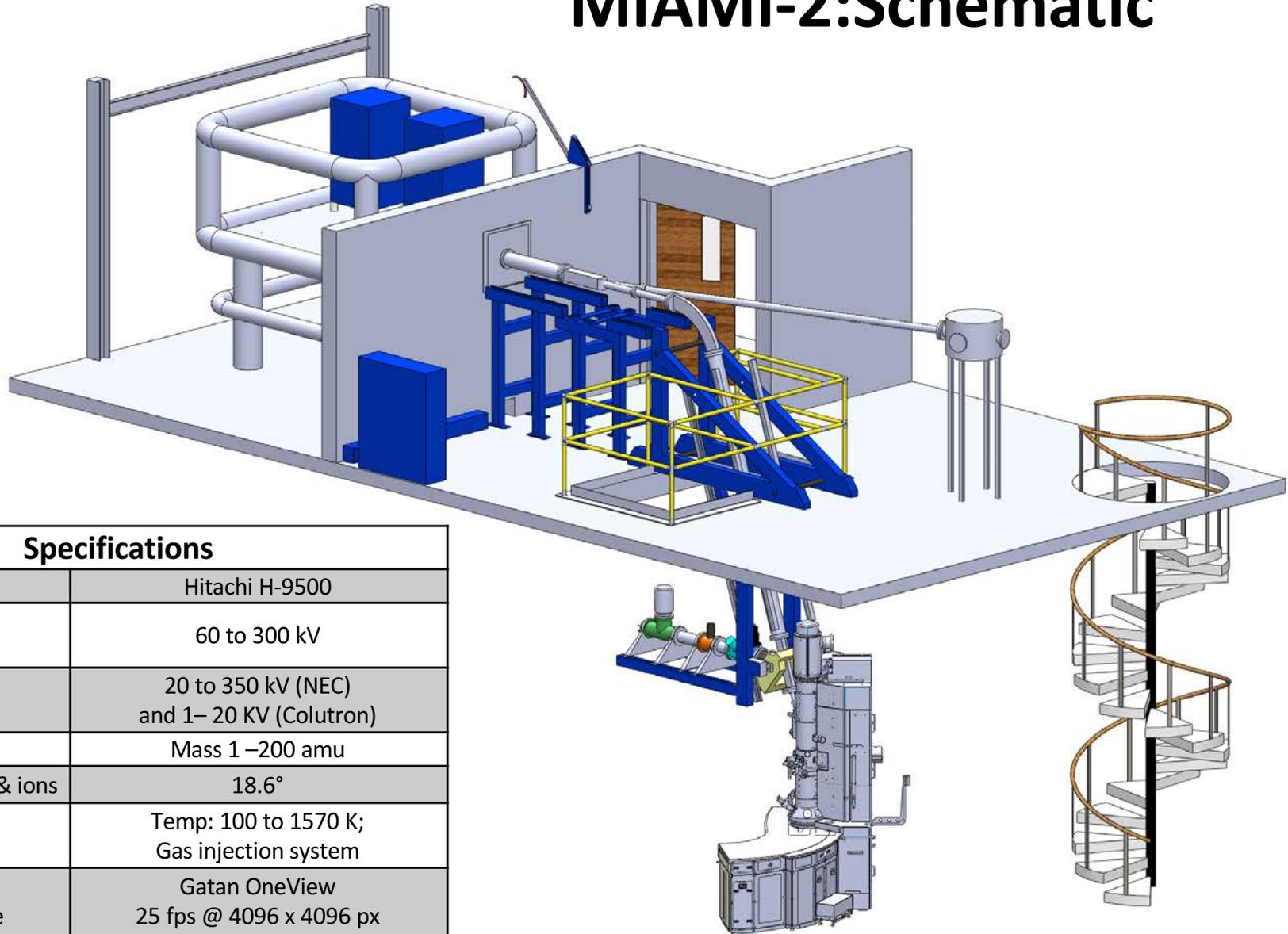


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# MIAMI-2



# MIAMI-2:Schematic



Specifications	
TEM	Hitachi H-9500
e-Beam Acc. Voltage	60 to 300 kV
Ion Beam Acc. Voltage	20 to 350 kV (NEC) and 1– 20 kV (Colutron)
Ion Species	Mass 1 –200 amu
Angle between e <sup>-</sup> s & ions	18.6°
Environment	Temp: 100 to 1570 K; Gas injection system
Image Capture	Gatan OneView 25 fps @ 4096 x 4096 px 300 fps @ 512 x 512 px
Analysis	EELS (Gatan Imaging Filter) and Bruker EDS
Tomography	Tomography holder and software

# MIAMI-2: Holders and Analysis

## Holders:

- Hitachi Single tilt holder x 1
- Hitachi Double tilt holder x 1
- Hitachi Faraday cup holder x 1
- Gatan 628.TA single tilt heating holder x 2
- Gatan 652.MA double tilt heating holder x 2
- Gatan 636.MA double tilt liquid N<sub>2</sub> cooling holder x 1
- Gatan 901 temperature controller x 2
- Gatan 654.MA straining holder + 902 controller x 1
- Gatan 650 analytical tilt-rotate holder x 1

Heating up to 1300°C  
Cooling down to ≈ 100°C  
Straining

## Analysis:

GATAN Imaging Filter (Quantum SE)



Bruker Quantax 400 EDS



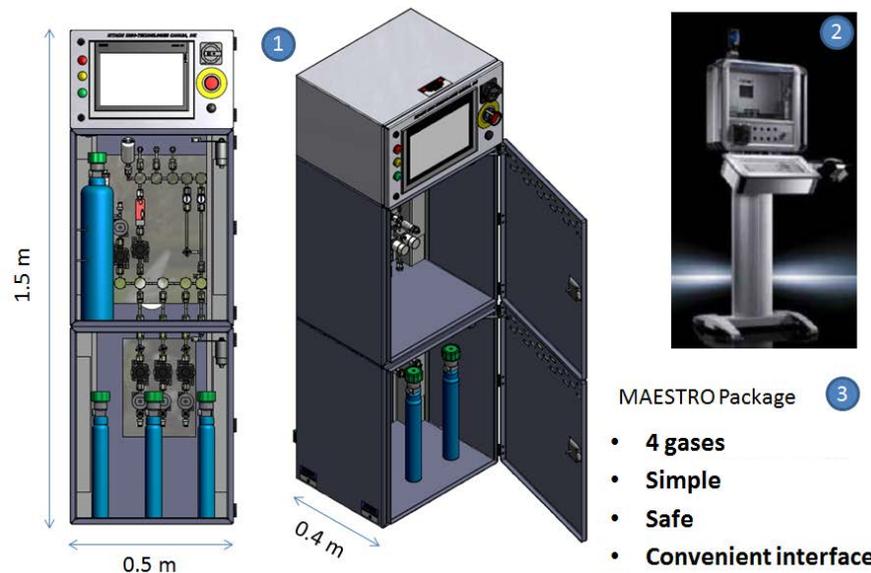
# MIAMI-2: ETEM Capability

- Differentially-pumped specimen region;
- Can be used with any holder;
- Pressures to 1 Pa ( $10^{-2}$  mbar);
- Up to 4 gases.

## 3-2 Technologies Developed by HTC

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### Gas Handling System 3.0: standard



- 4 gases
- Simple
- Safe
- Convenient interface



- Up to 4 gases
- Ultimate safety: hardware and software
- Convenient user interface
- Reliable and easy to use
- Integrated with MAESTRO



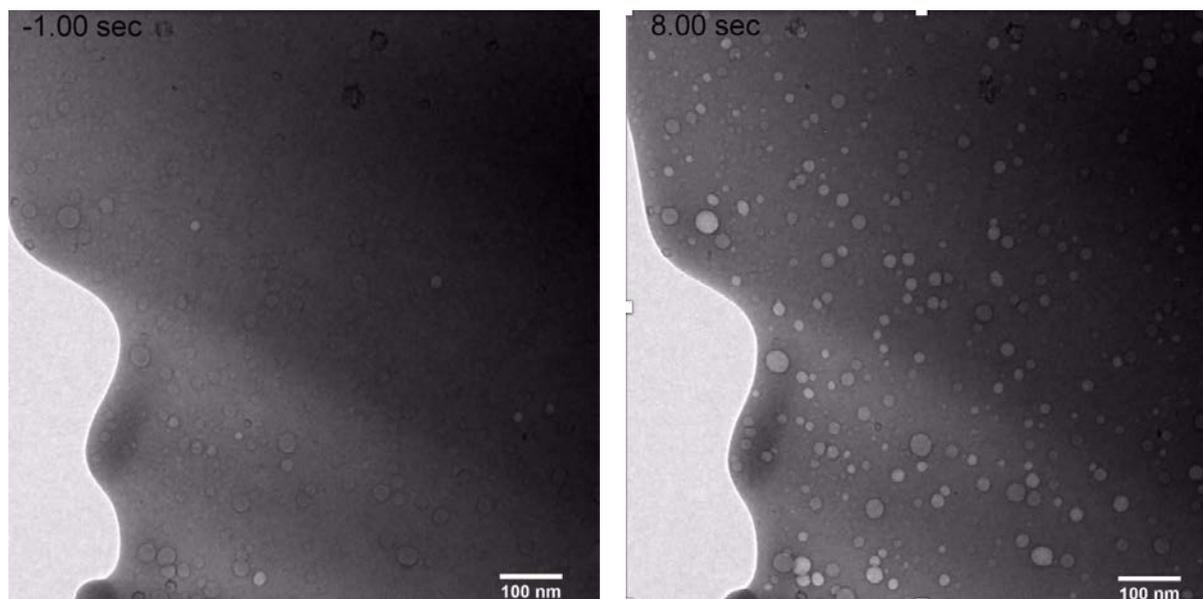
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# **Examples of Experiments using MIAMI**



# Xe irradiation of SiO<sub>2</sub>

40 keV Xe ion irradiation (1080 K)  
(pre-irradiated and saturated at 300 K already)



- Xe ion energy = 40 keV (@30 degree)
- Range  $\sim 27 \pm 6$  nm
- Electron energy = 200 keV
- Flux  $\sim 1.3 \times 10^{13}$  ions.cm<sup>-2</sup>.s<sup>-1</sup>
- Defocus  $\sim 12.16$   $\mu$ m

Frames from video clip shown during presentation.  
Cavities “light-up” during irradiation. We believe  
that the enhanced contrast results from ion impacts  
removing Xe from cavities

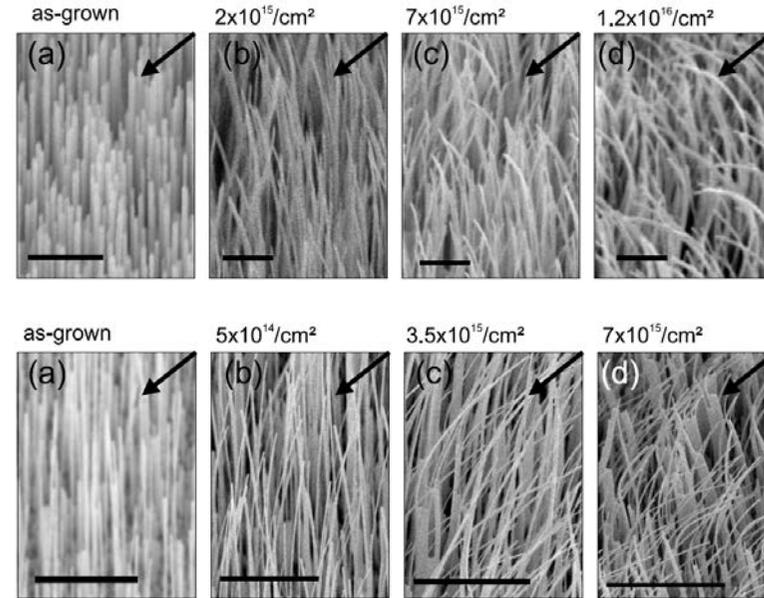
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by Inamul Mir*

# Ion-Beam-Induced Bending of Nanowires

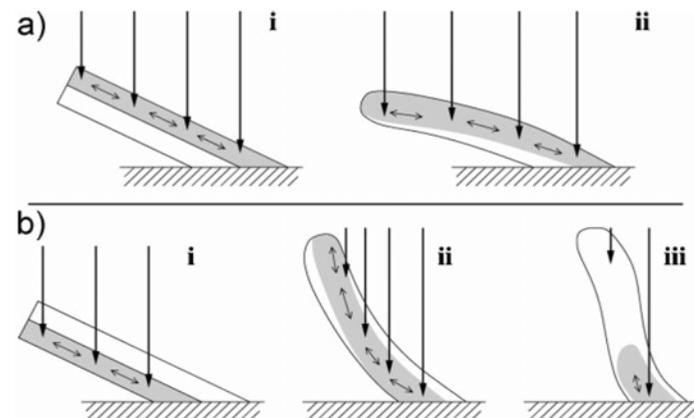


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- Phenomenon reported in literature mainly in semiconductors nanowires (Si, Ge, GaAs, ZnO) but also Pt and W
- Various models have been proposed in the literature but the prevailing explanation is volume change due to damage accumulation
- Other mechanisms have been suggested including electronic-energy loss, thermal expansion and sputtering
- A general trend is observed that irradiation conditions with shallower damage profiles lead to bending away from the ion beam and deeper profiles cause bending towards the ion beam.



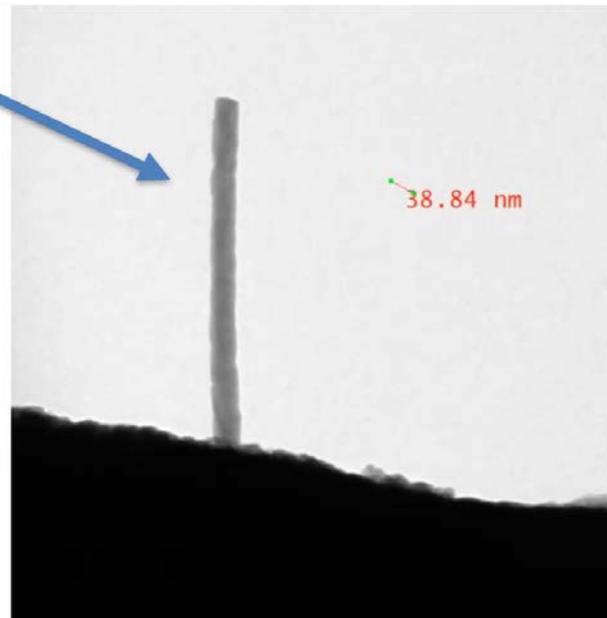
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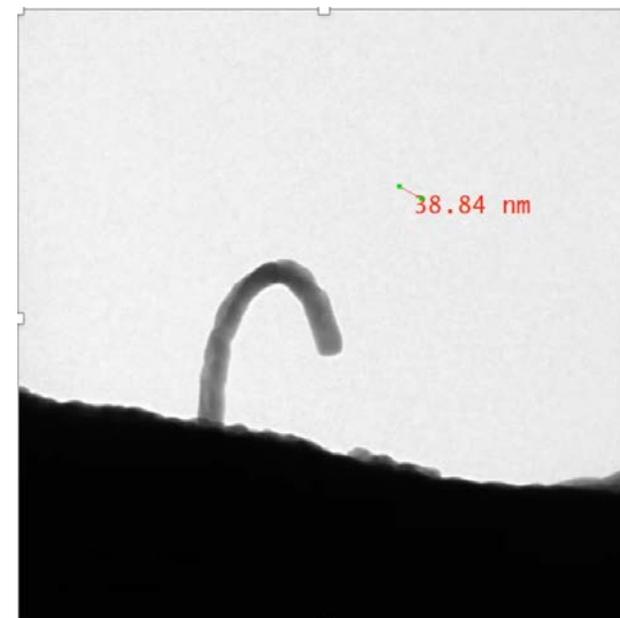
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# Bending of Ge Nanowire under Irradiation with 30 keV Xe Ions

Before irradiation



During irradiation

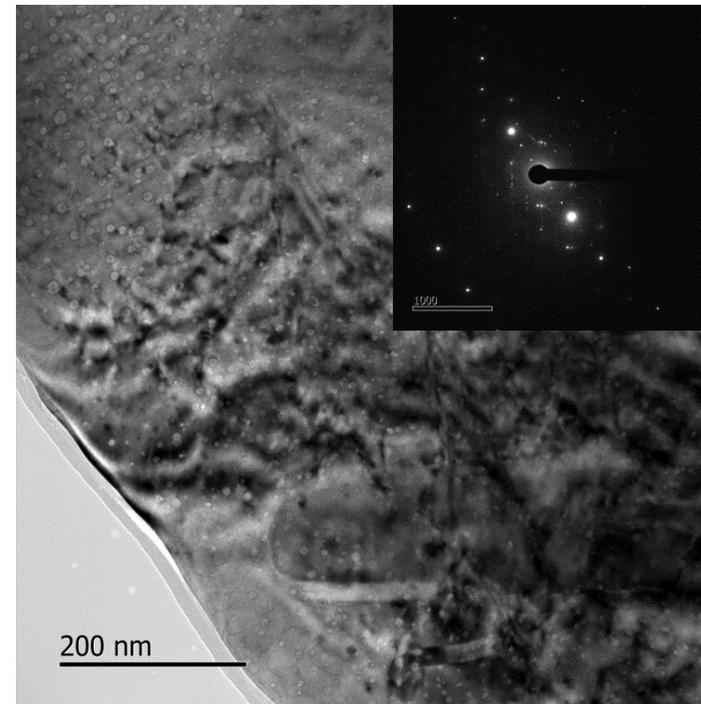
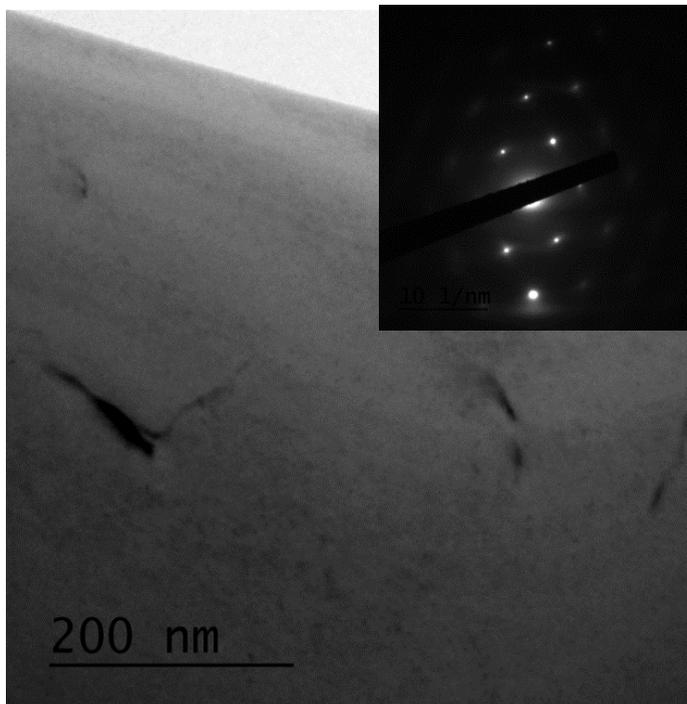


Temperature  $\approx 20^\circ\text{C}$ . Flux  $1.68 \times 10^{13}$  ions/cm<sup>2</sup>/s

*NW bending is PhD project work of Imran Hanif (Si) and Osmane Camara (Ge).*

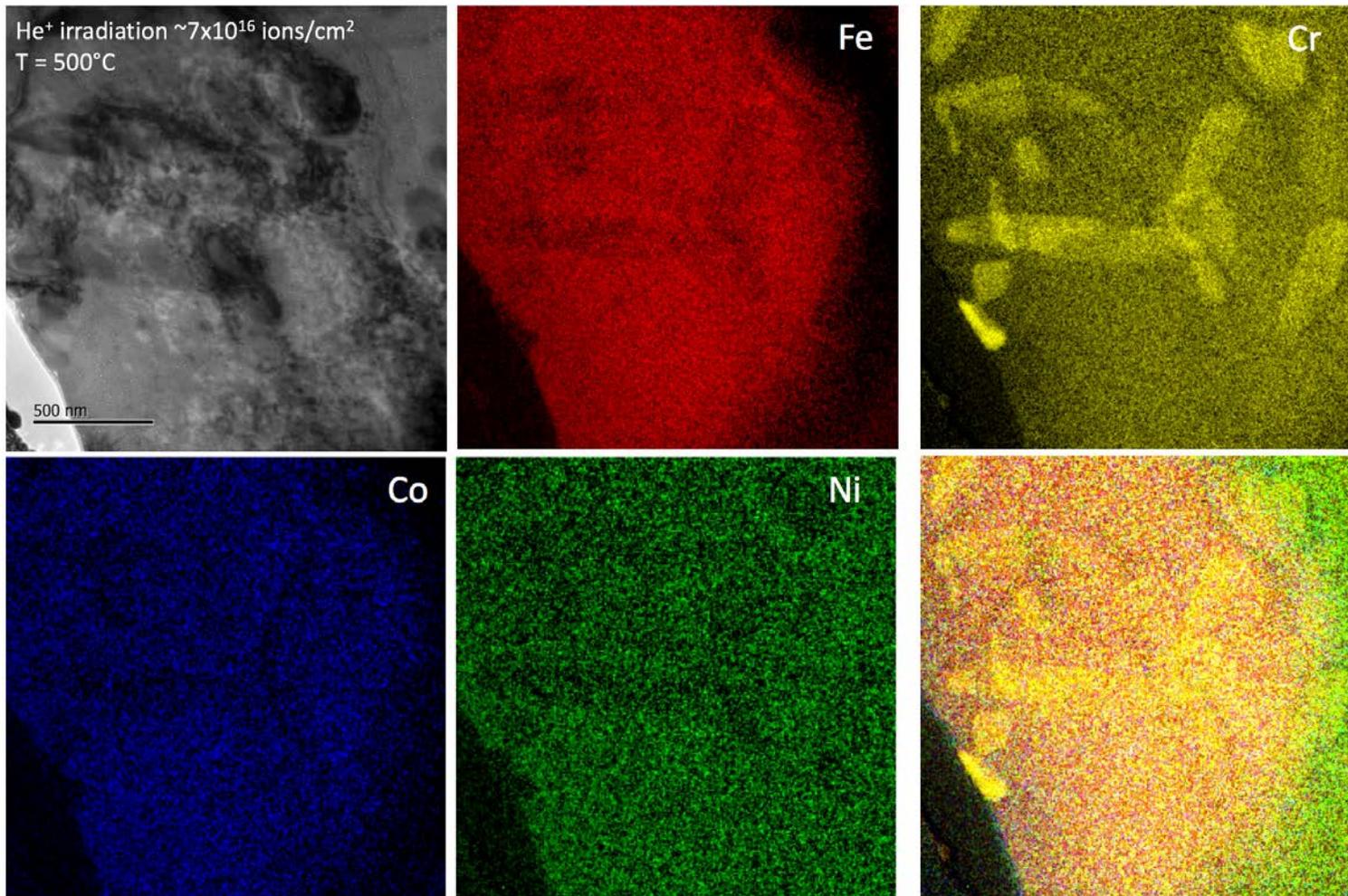
# He ion irradiation of High Entropy Alloy (HEA)

- HEAs are potential candidates for use in nuclear power plants as fuel clad materials
- They are equiatomic alloys with 4 or more components
- FeCrCoNi HEA irradiated with 6 keV He ions in MIAMI-1 at 500°C to fluence of  $7 \times 10^{16}$  ions/cm<sup>2</sup>
- Before irradiation material is single crystal and single phase (FCC)
- After irradiation He bubbles present and SADP indicates phase decomposition (polycrystalline and multiple phases)



# He ion irradiation of High Entropy Alloy (HEA)

- Energy Filtered TEM (EFTEM) on MIAMI-2 used for further analysis of phase decomposition of HEA.
- Showed large amounts of Fe depletion and Cr precipitation after irradiation

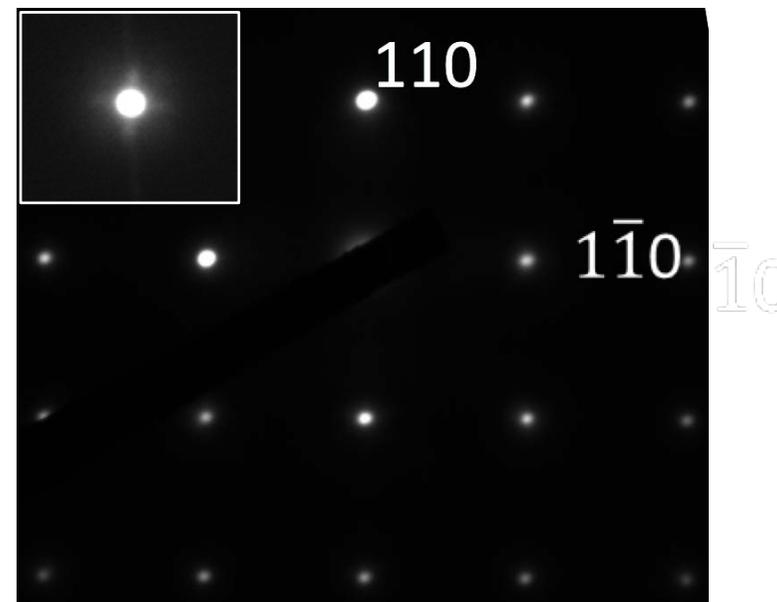
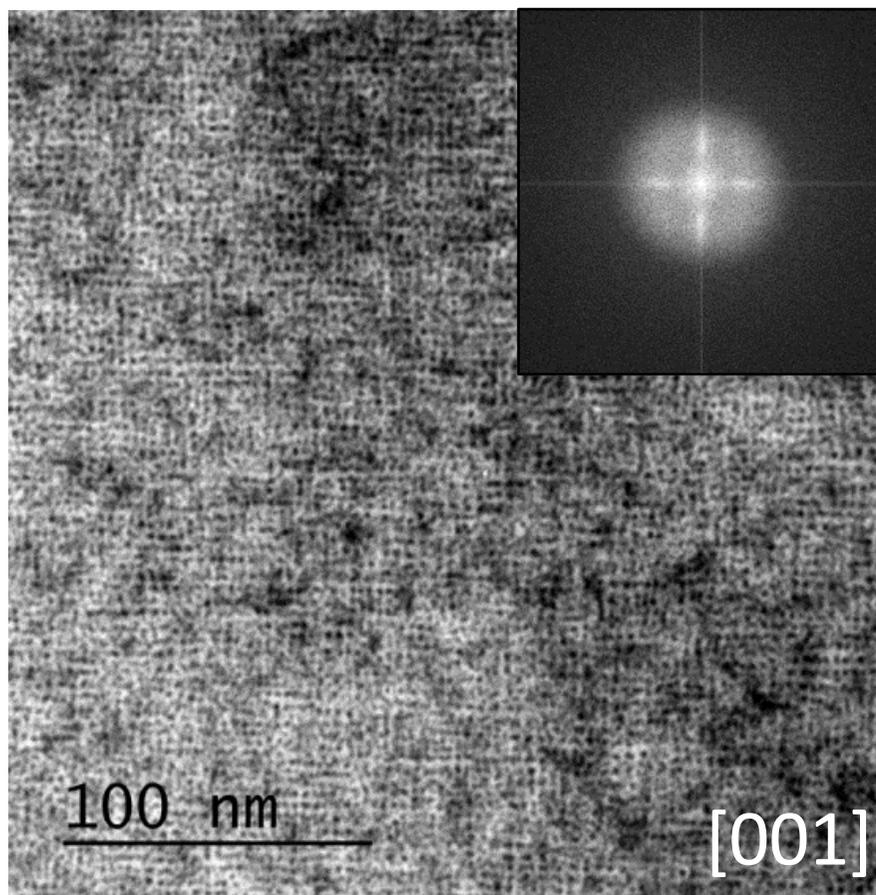


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## He Bubble Superlattices in W

W: 15 keV He<sup>+</sup>, T = 500°C. He appm/DPA ratio ~40,000



Lattice constant of helium bubble lattice,  
 $a = 4.6 \pm 0.2$  nm

Bubble density =  $2.3 \times 10^{19}$  He bubbles/cm<sup>3</sup>



# Xe Ion Impacts on Au Nanorods

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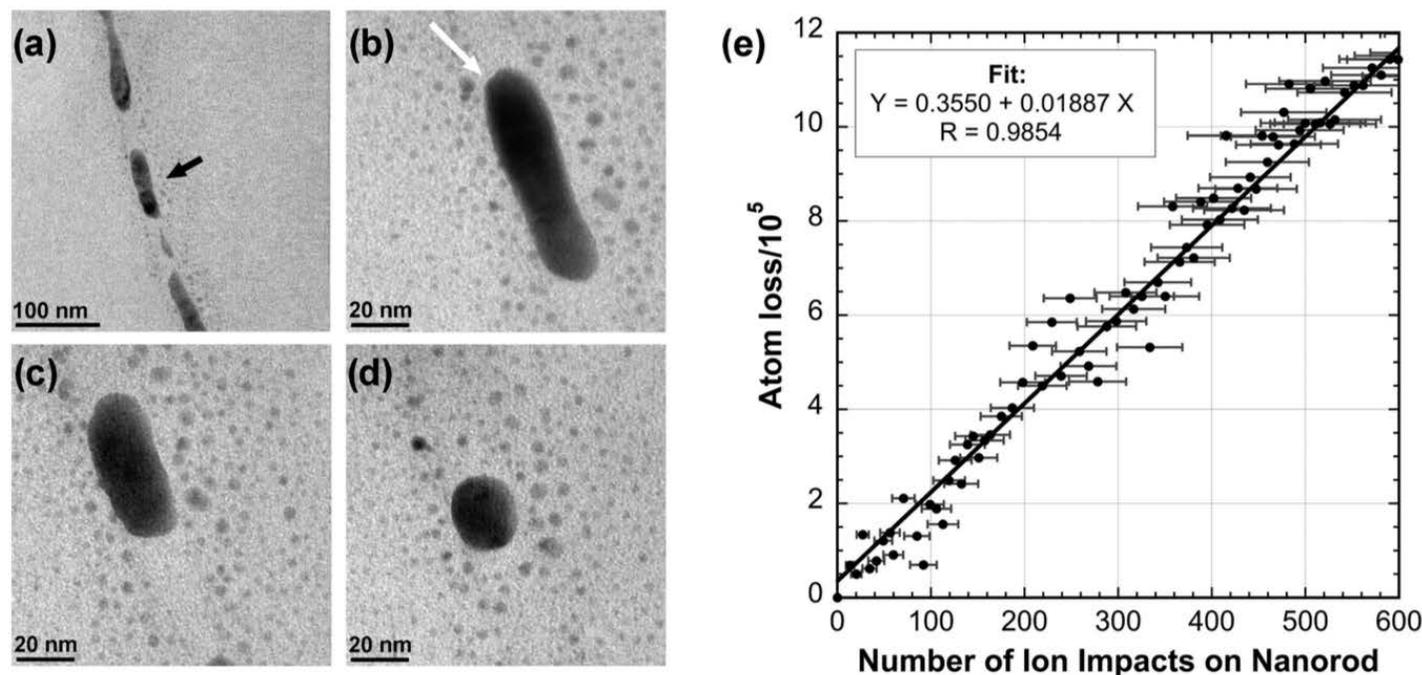
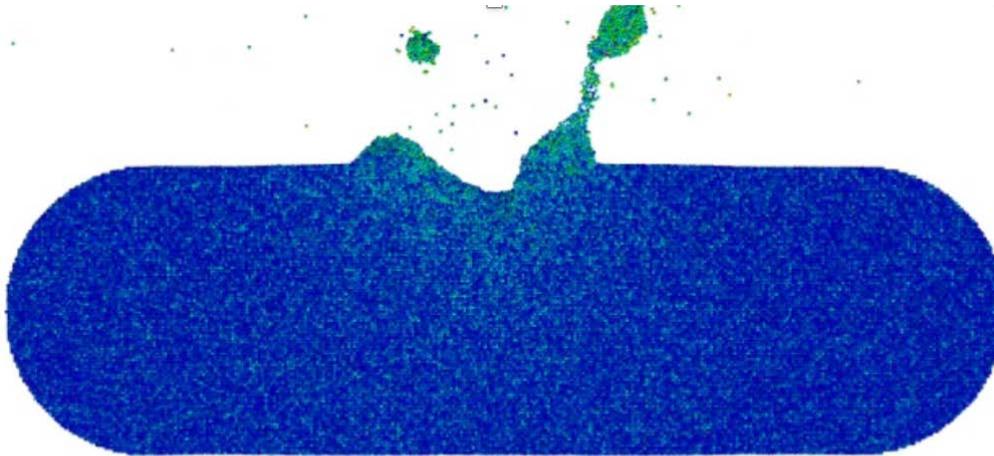


FIG. 1. Changes to Au nanowire due to irradiation with 80 keV Xe ions. (a) Segmentation due to “necking” and breaking of nanowire at grain boundaries following irradiation to a fluence of  $2.1 \times 10^{14}$  ions  $\text{cm}^{-2}$ . (b) Nanorod at starting point for volume measurements—white arrow indicates projected direction of the ion beam which was incident at  $60^\circ$  to the specimen plane. (c) Nanorod following irradiation to (additional) fluence of  $1.6 \times 10^{13}$  ions  $\text{cm}^{-2}$  ( $\approx 227$  impacts on nanorod). (d) Nanorod following irradiation to (additional) fluence of  $5.5 \times 10^{13}$  ions  $\text{cm}^{-2}$  ( $\approx 316$  additional impacts on nanorod). All are bright field TEM images. (e) Plot of atom loss versus ion impacts for Au nanorod shown in panels (b) to (d).

# MD Simulation of Xe Ion Impacts on Au Nanorods



“Explosive” cluster emission is additional to ballistic and thermal components of sputtering yield

**Sputtering yield from impact shown:  $S=2560$  atoms/ion**

About 100 atoms sputtered due to “normal” ballistic and thermal processes – the rest due to cluster emission.





# CONCLUSIONS

Studies of radiation damage carried out in-situ in a TEM can yield significant insights into dynamic process that are difficult to obtain by other means. Areas of particular relevance include the formation and evolution of extended defects and overall morphological changes to nanostructures (shrinkage, bending).

With the installation of MIAMI-2 we add the following features:

- Dual ion beams and energies of up to 350 keV (singly charged);
- Electron Energy Loss Spectroscopy and Energy-Filtered TEM;
- Energy Dispersive X-Ray Spectroscopy;
- Environmental TEM
- Temperatures to 1300°C

This gives us a greatly enhanced capability and, in particular, the addition of EDS and EFTEM enables us to follow radiation-induced phase-changes, and changes to the chemical composition and electronic properties of materials.

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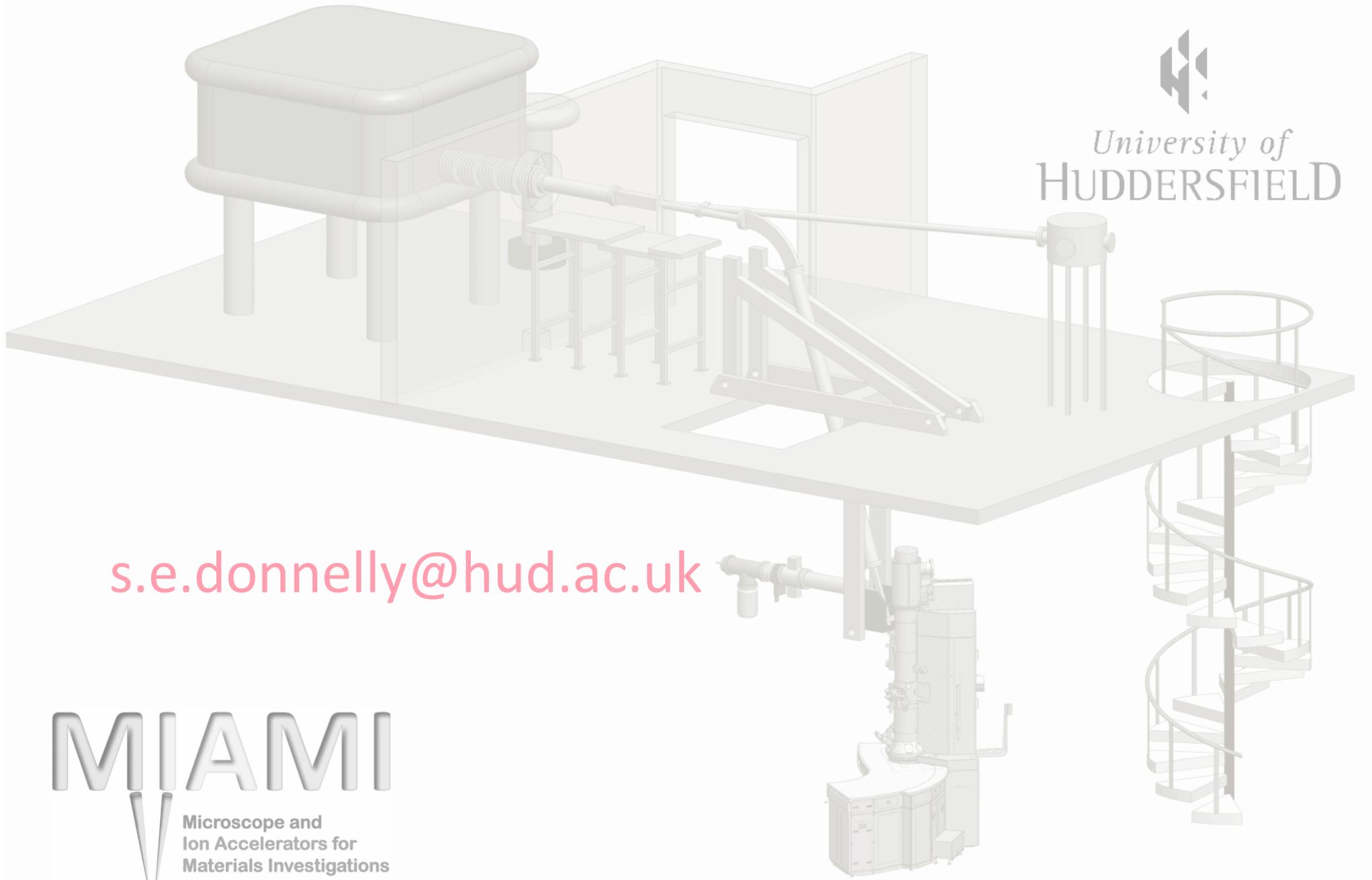


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