



**In situ and in operando structural studies by  
Leibniz IFW Dresden scientists at PETRA III.**

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# Overview

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## Research topics:

- Materials for electrochemical energy storage
- Solidification and phase transformations
- Additive manufacturing
- Short-range order in liquid and amorphous state

## Experimental techniques:

- X-ray diffraction & absorption spectroscopy
- Predominantly in situ and operando studies
- Development of experimental setup

# Materials for electrochemical energy storage

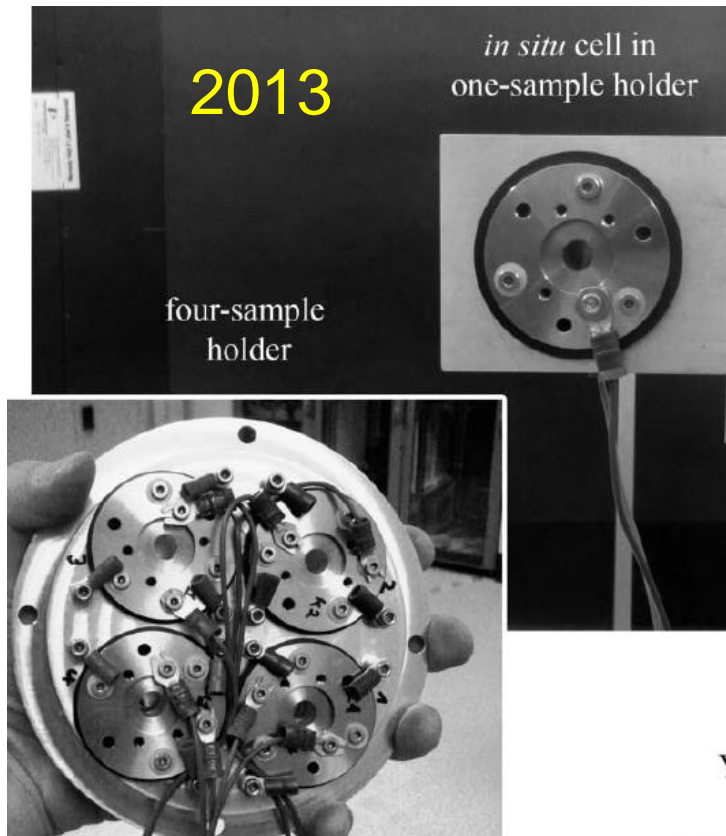
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## In operando studies of structural transformations and reaction mechanisms during charging and discharging

- XRD measurements at P02.1
- X-ray absorption spectroscopy at P64 & P65
- Instrumentation development:
  - high-resolution powder diffractometer at P02.1
  - sample holders

# Materials for electrochemical energy storage

## Instrument design at IFW Dresden: electrochemical cells & cell holders

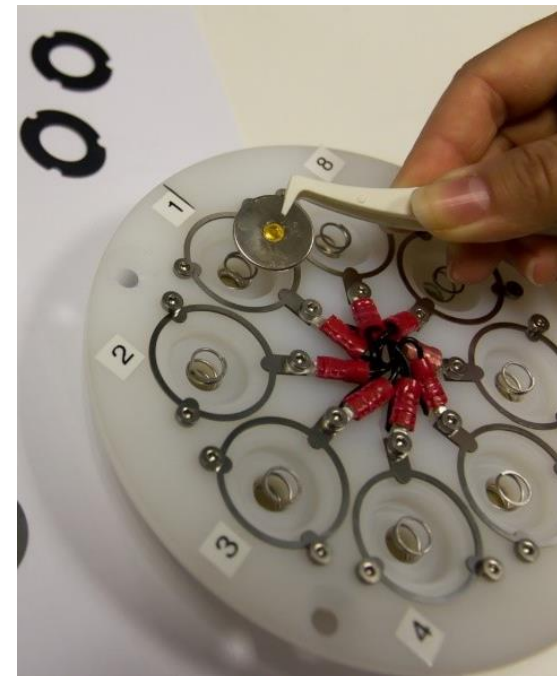


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## Advances in *in situ* powder diffraction of battery materials: a case study of the new beamline P02.1 at DESY, Hamburg

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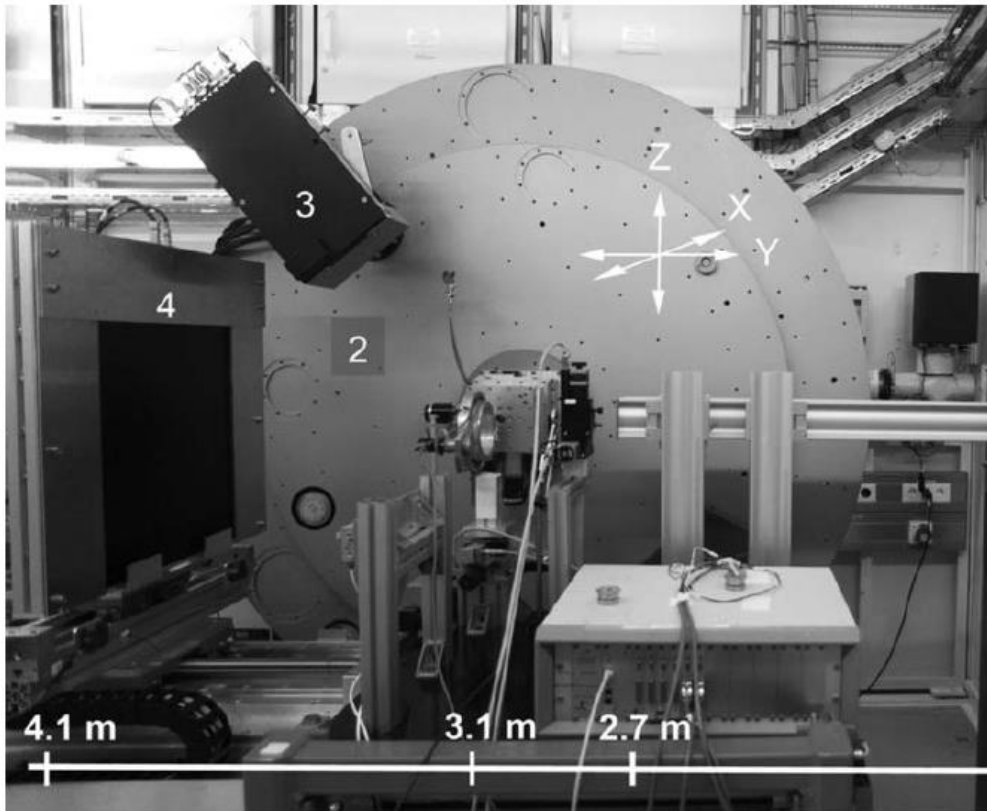
eight cells holder  
(2023)

# Materials for electrochemical energy storage

## Instrument design at IFW Dresden:

2 – three-axis goniometer at P02.1

3 – multi-channel high-resolution detector with 10 analyzer crystals

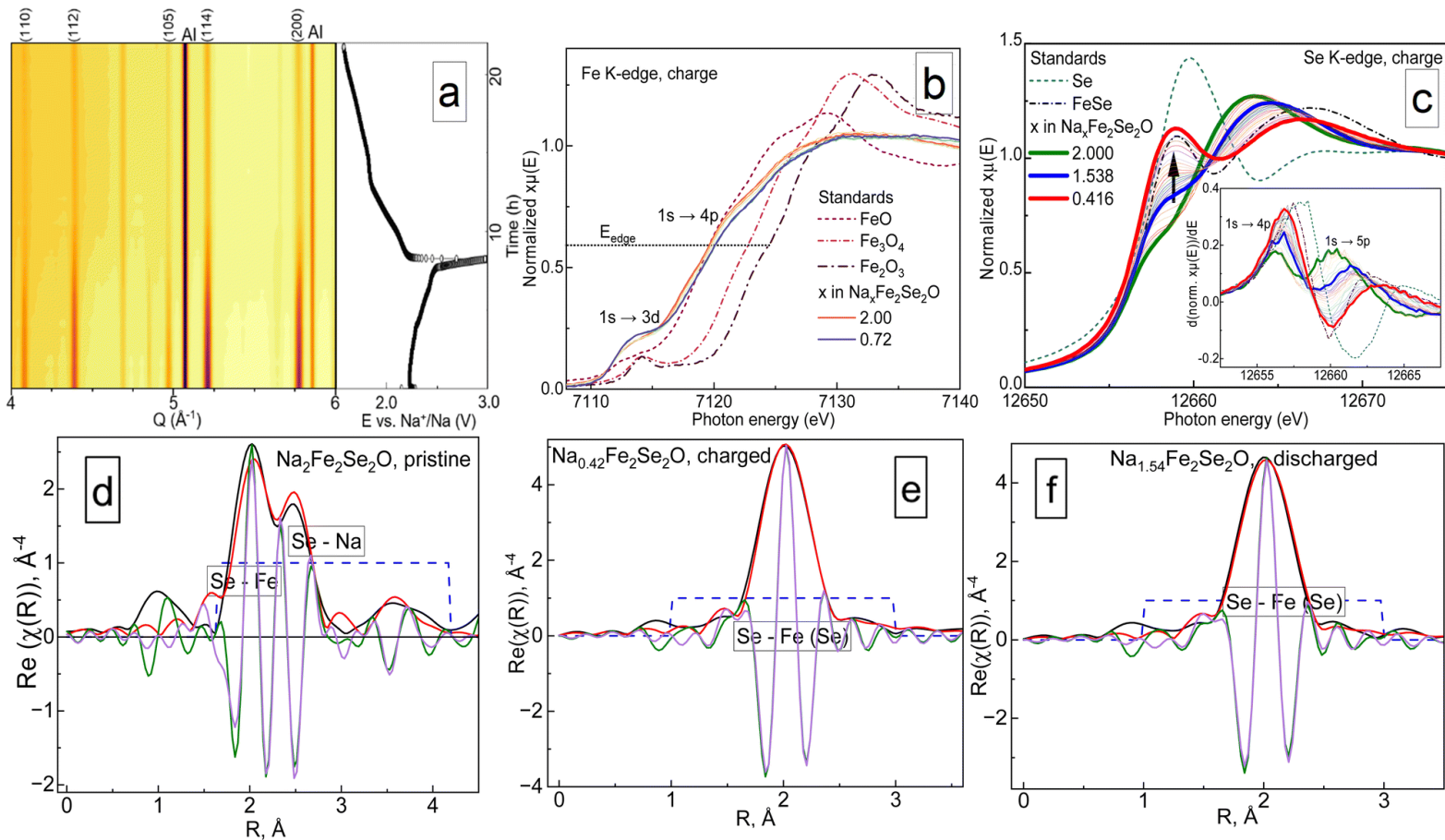


## Multi-analyser detector (MAD) for high-resolution and high-energy powder X-ray diffraction

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# Materials for electrochemical energy storage

## Na<sub>2</sub>Fe<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>2</sub>O double anti-perovskite: XRD at P02.1 & XAS at P64



(a) XRD contour plots measured during charge-discharge cycle

(b) Fe and Se edges XAS spectra

(c,d,f) Se-edge K<sub>Si</sub>(R)-curves for pristine, charged and discharged state

# Solidification of undercooled metallic melts



**Levitated metallic sample**

## Scope:

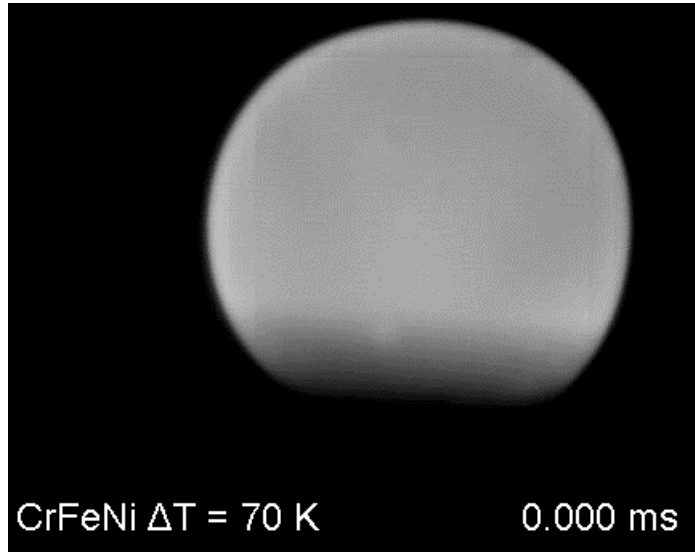
- Effect of melt undercooling on phase formation sequence
- Solid state transformations during cooling
- Crystal growth in dependence on undercooling

## Electromagnetic levitation:

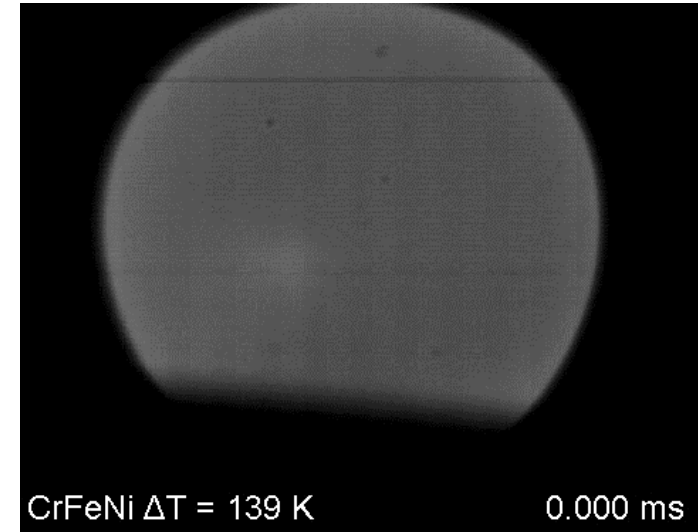
- inductive heating → high temperatures can be reached
- no crucible → no reaction, no heterogeneous nucleation

# Solidification of undercooled metallic melts

High-speed videos taken from CrFeNi at 50.000 fps



**small undercooling (70 K):**  
only one crystalline phase is observed



**large undercooling (139 K)**  
there is a secondary phase

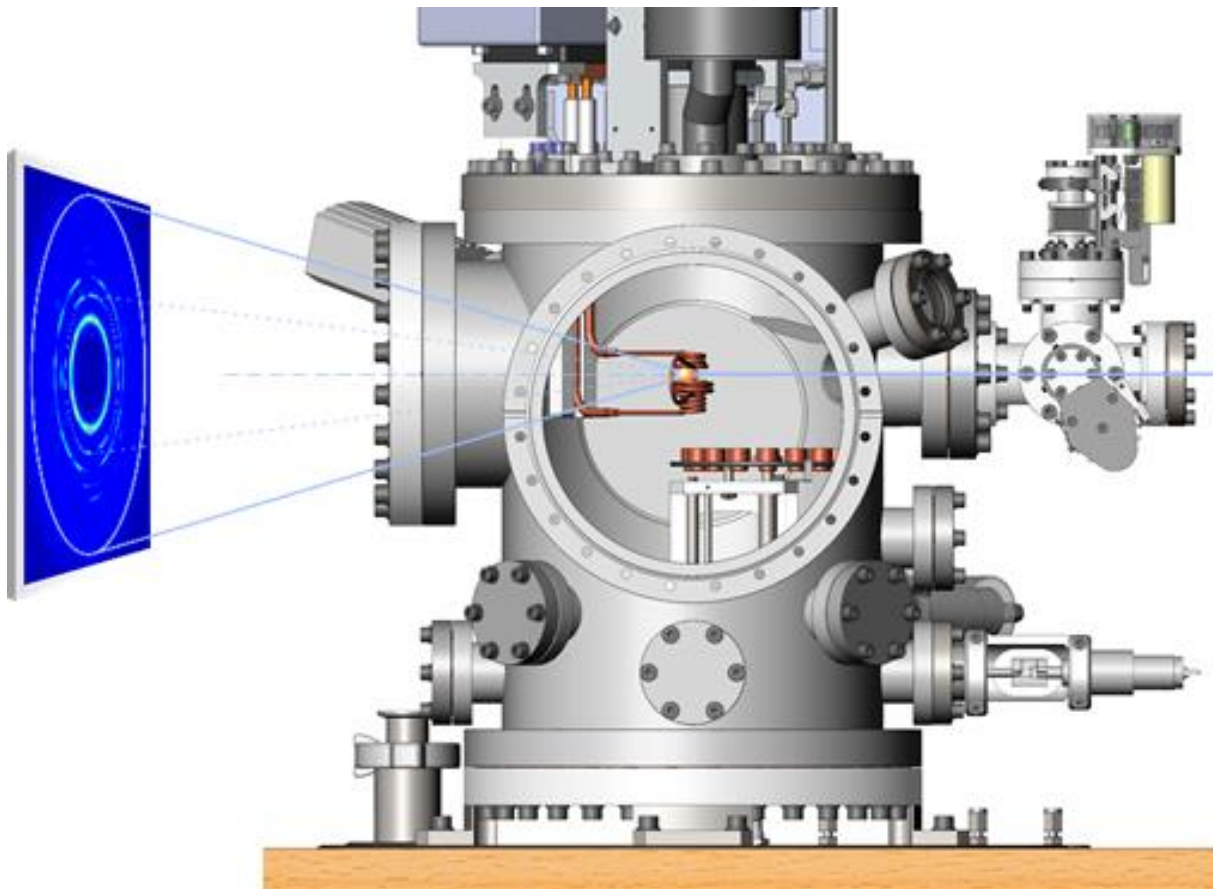
high-speed video → crystal growth rate

What are the crystalline phases?



# Solidification of undercooled metallic melts

EML facility of IFW Dresden



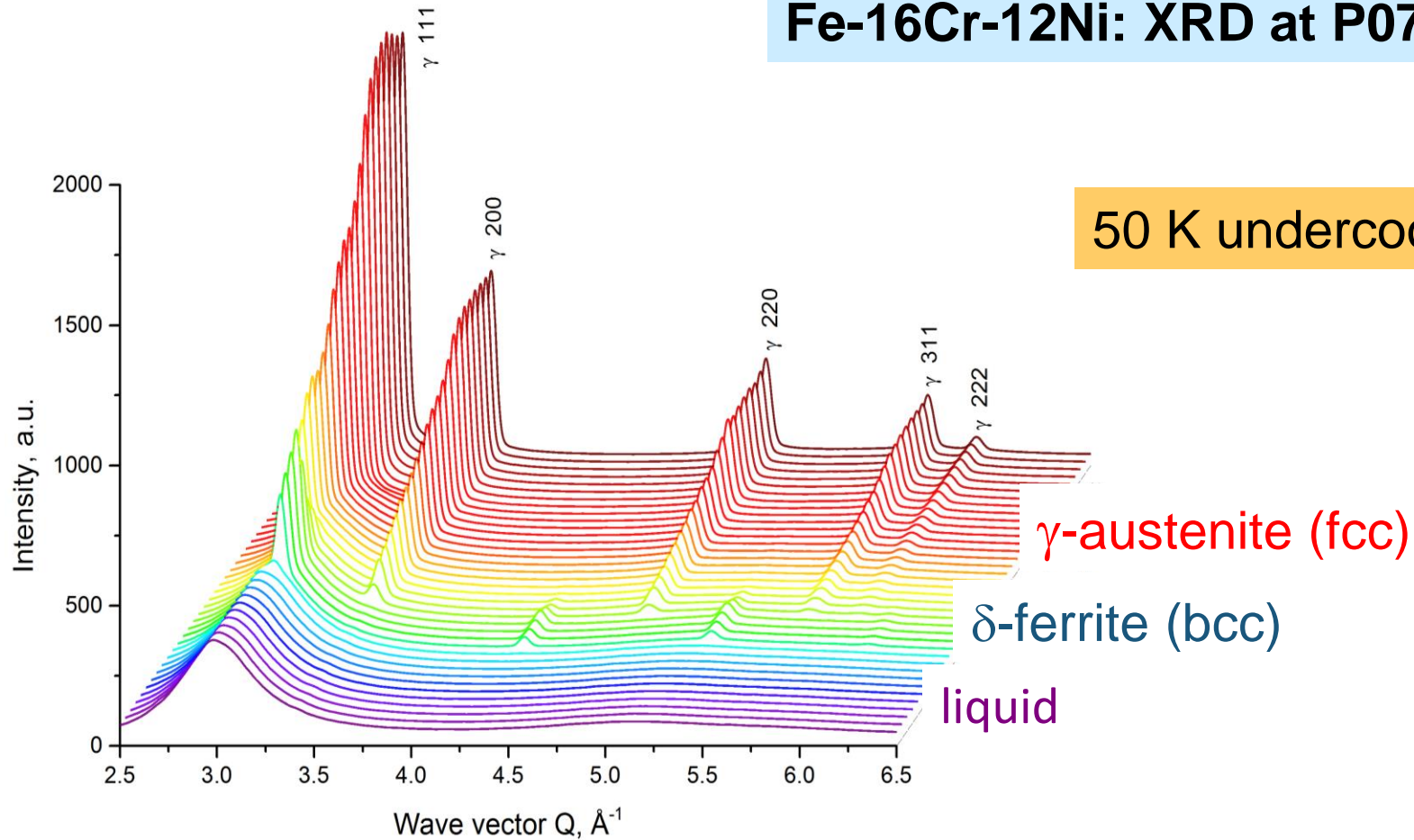
**HE XRD**

In situ measurements:

→ structure, phase formation and transformations

# Solidification of undercooled metallic melts

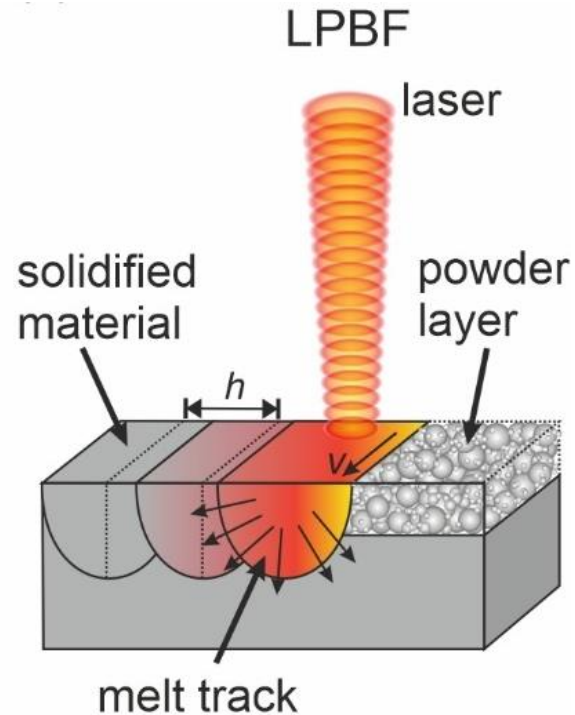
Fe-16Cr-12Ni: XRD at P07, PILATUS detector



50 K undercooling: primary phase  $\delta$ -ferrite

D. Matson et al. JOM 2017

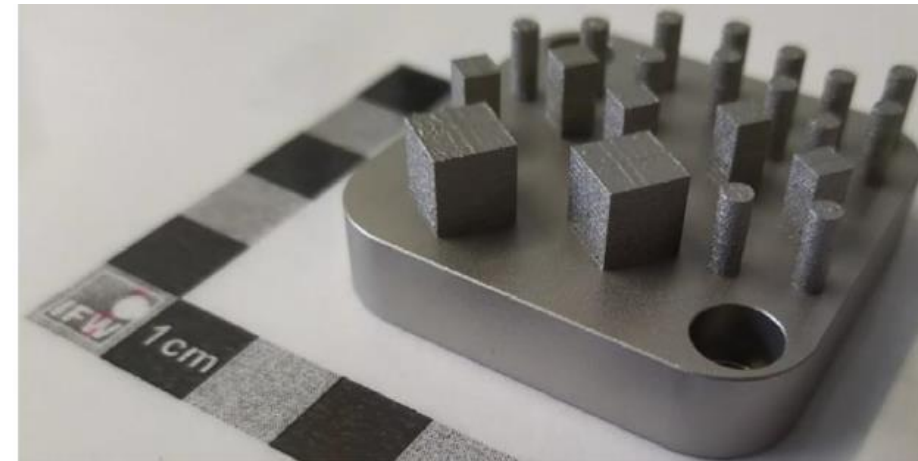
# Additive manufacturing



**Schematic of LPBF processing**

## Laser powder bed fusion

- Interplay of different physical and chemical phenomena
- Microstructure & properties depend on powder processing and solidification conditions in molten pool

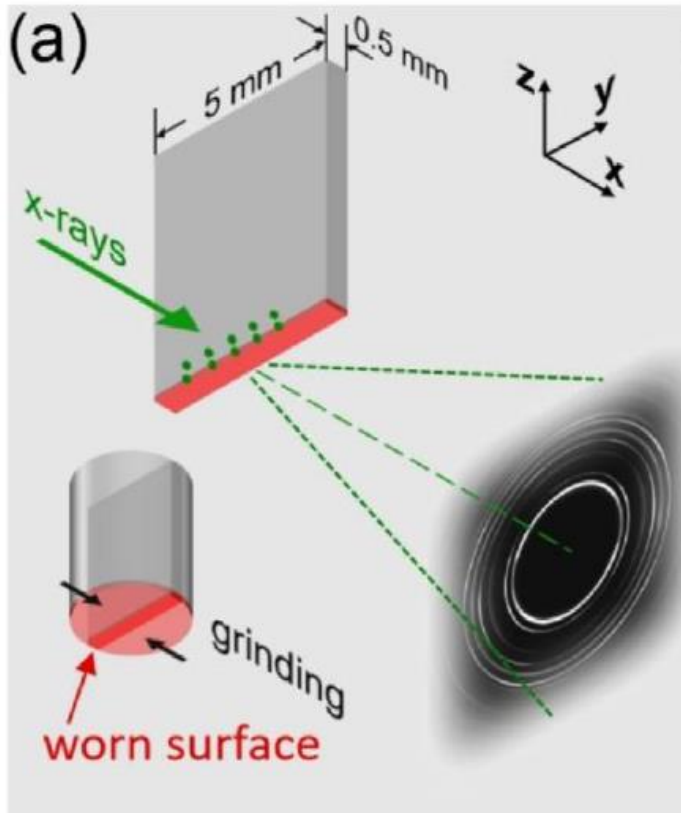


**3D printed Fe<sub>85</sub>Cr<sub>4</sub>Mo<sub>1</sub>V<sub>1</sub>W<sub>8</sub>C<sub>1</sub> samples**

K. Kosiba et al., JMST, 2023

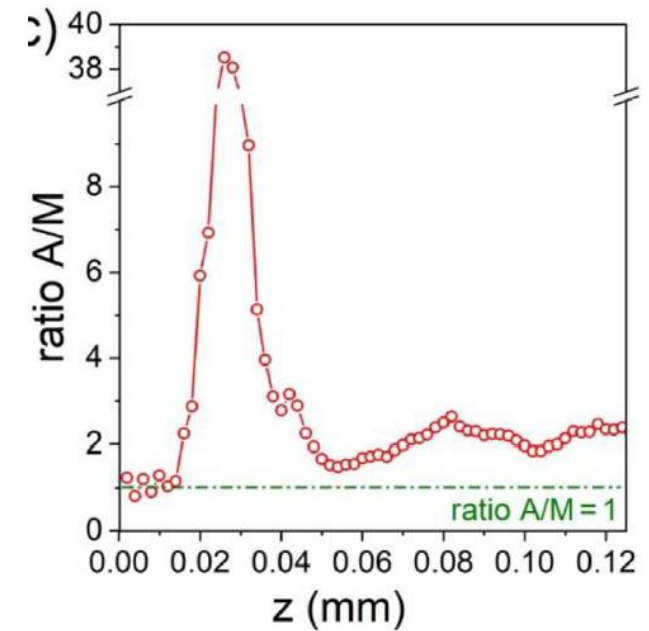
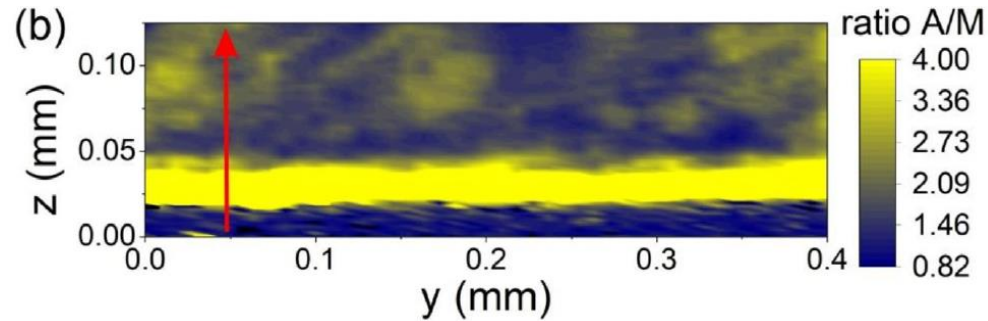
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## XRD micro-mapping of LPBF-fabricated Fe<sub>85</sub>Cr<sub>4</sub>Mo<sub>1</sub>V<sub>1</sub>W<sub>8</sub>C<sub>1</sub> sample after wear test



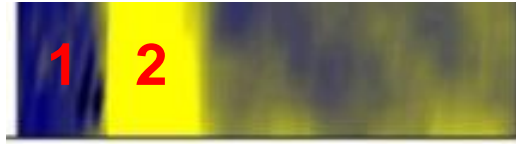
Beamline: P21.2

Beam size:  $2 \times 9 \mu\text{m}^2$



Ratio of austenite and martensite in the sample near worn surface

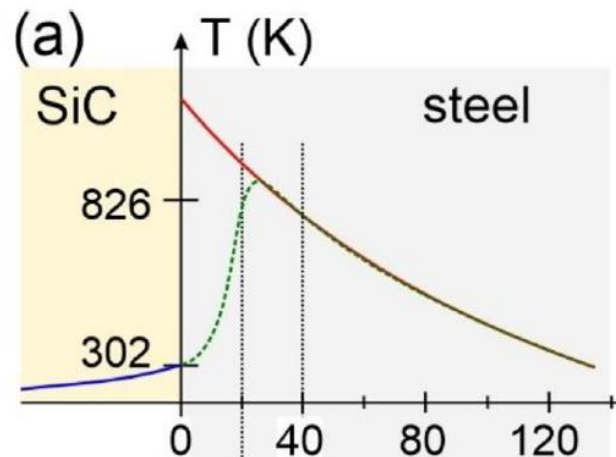
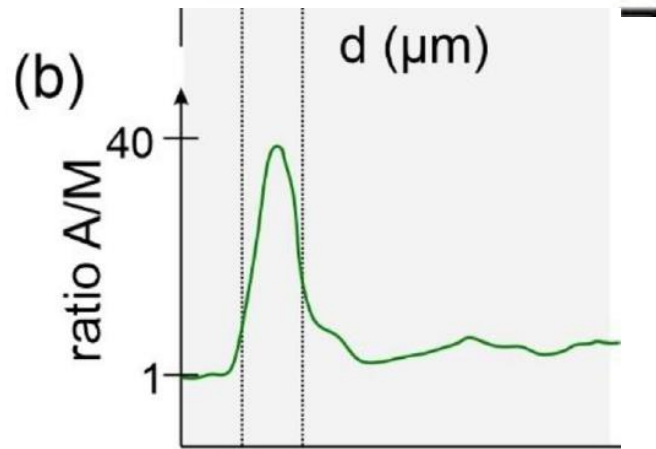
# Additive manufacturing



## Transformation mechanisms

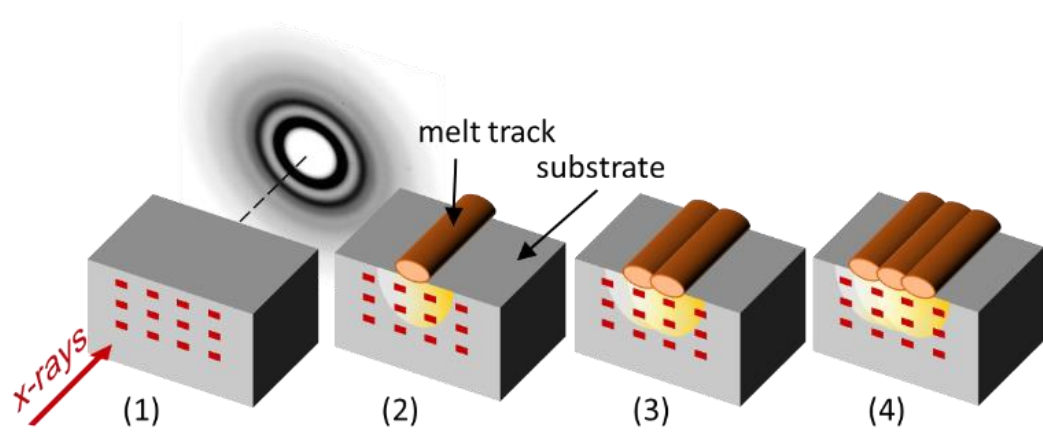
**Region 1:** Wear or friction-induced transformation of retained austenite into martensite near worn surface.

**Region 2:** M-A transformation in the region of elevated temperature



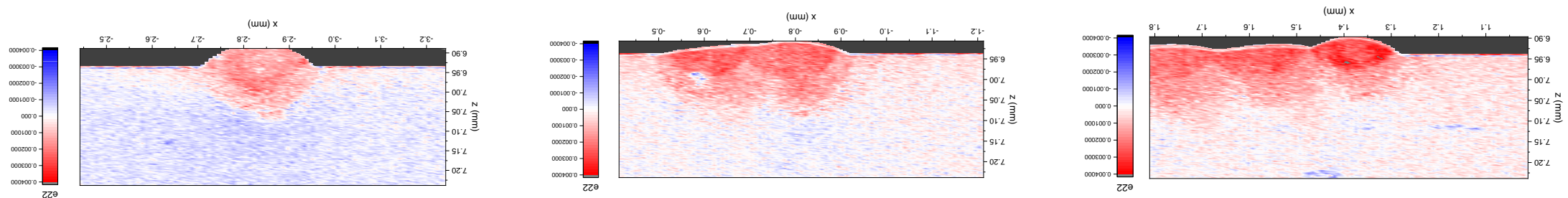
Possible temperature profile in the sample during wear test

# Additive manufacturing



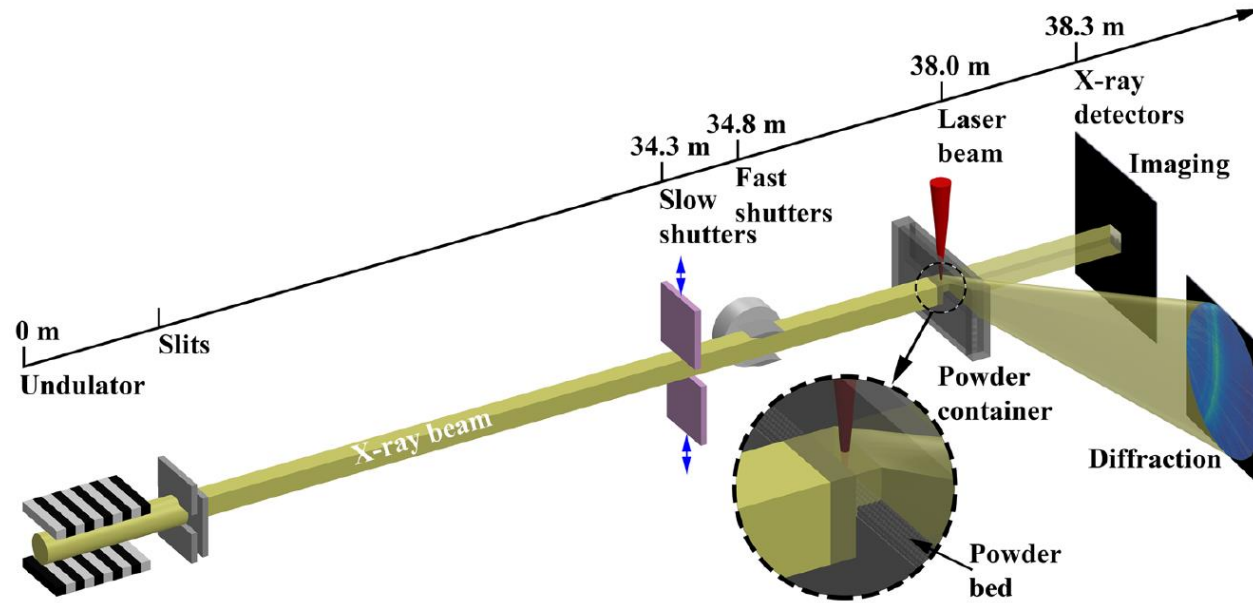
## Cumulative effect of melt tracks on residual stress

➤ HE XRD studies at P21.2 (unpublished)



**Ex situ** strain mapping of Zr-based BMG with increasing number of tracks

# Additive manufacturing



## Future goals (wishes) for PETRA III:

- wide angle XRD
- small angle X-ray scattering
- X-ray imaging
- computed tomography (RAC project submitted)

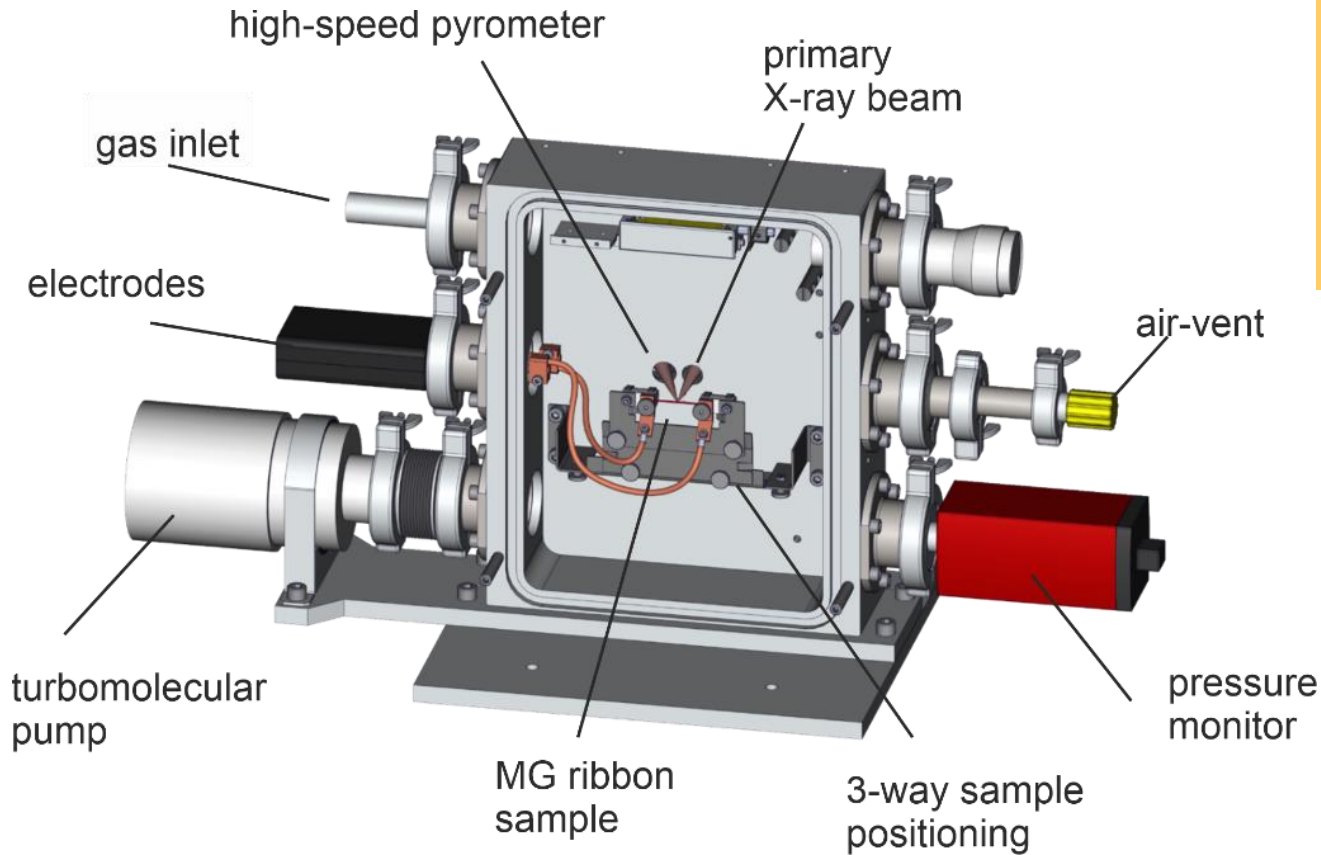
**X-ray imaging and diffraction measurements during 3D printing at Advanced Photon Source, USA [C. Zhao et al., Sci. Rep. 2017].**

# Contact at IFW Dresden

- Dr. D. Mikhailova (electrochemical energy storage )
- Prof. Dr. J.K. Hufenbach, Dr. K. Kosiba, Dr. S. Scudino (additive manufacturing)
- Dr. I. Kaban (solidification, phase transformations)



# Phase transformations upon rapid annealing



- Resistance
- Temperature (pyrometer or thermocouple)
- Structure (high-energy XRD & fast detector)

## Key parameters:

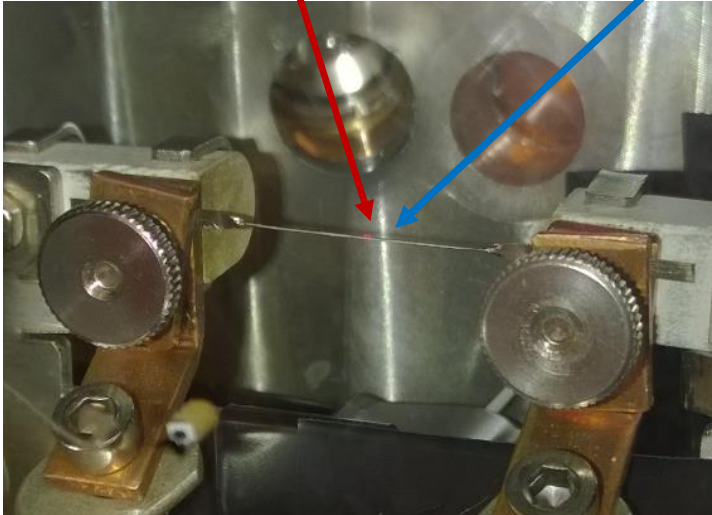
Vacuum ( $5 \times 10^{-4}$  mbar) or inert gas (Ar, He)

Heating rate:  $\sim 10^1 - 10^5$  K s<sup>-1</sup>

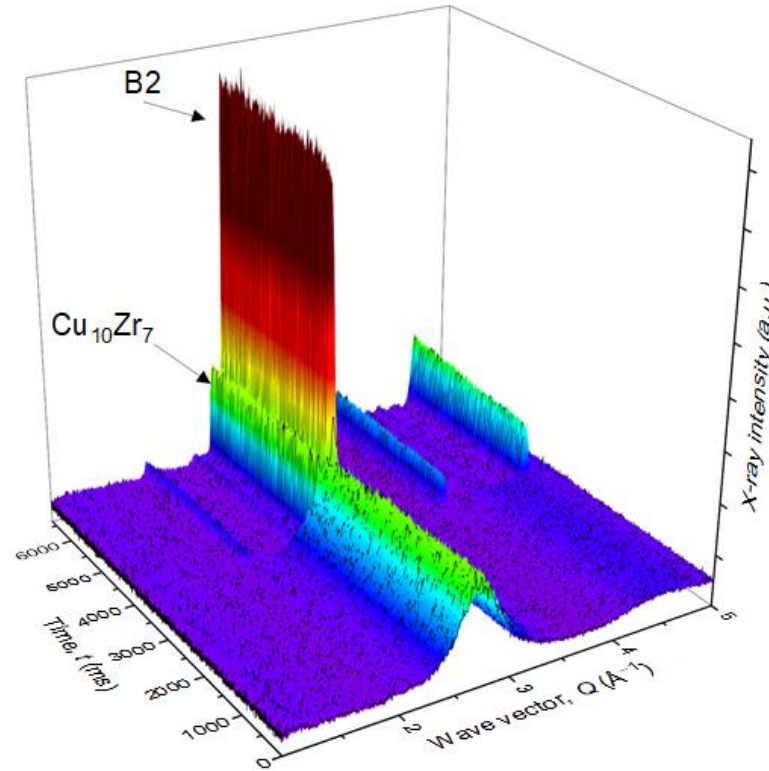
Cooling rate:  $10^2 - 10^3$  K s<sup>-1</sup> (in He)

# Phase transformations upon rapid annealing

pyrometer X-ray beam

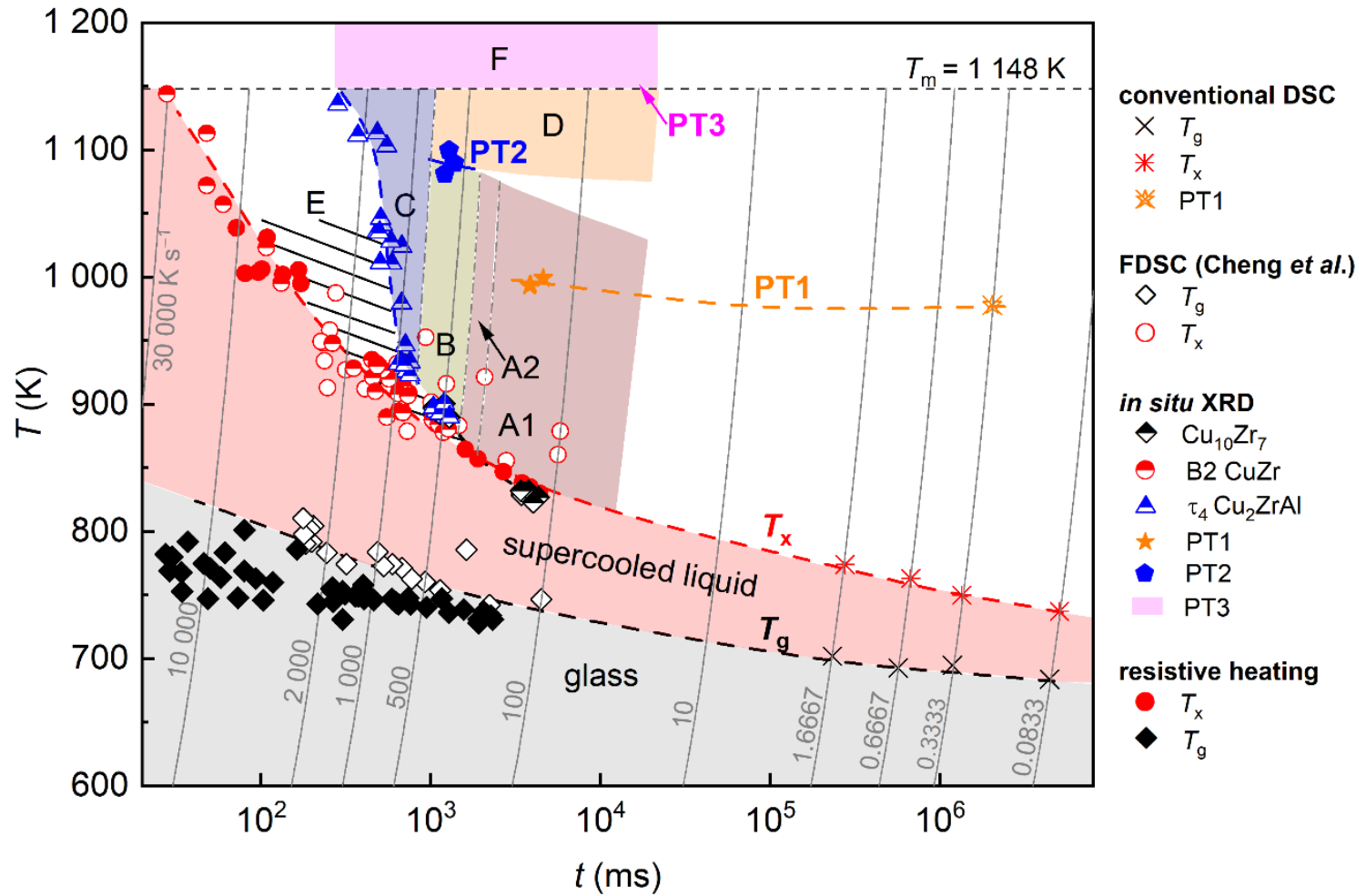


Rapid heating of  $\text{Cu}_{47.5}\text{Zr}_{47.5}\text{Al}_5$  metallic glass (150 K/s)



# Phase transformations upon rapid annealing

## CHT diagram for $\text{Cu}_{47.5}\text{Zr}_{47.5}\text{Al}_5$ metallic glass



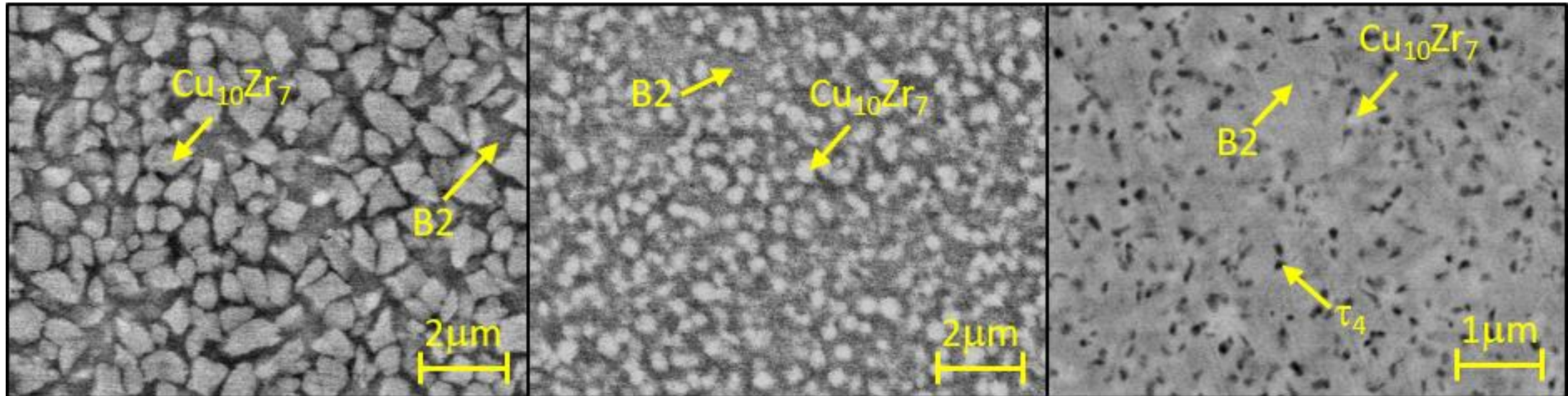
PT1:  $\text{Cu}_{10}\text{Zr}_7 \rightarrow \text{B2 CuZr}$

PT2:  $\text{Cu}_{10}\text{Zr}_7 \rightarrow \tau_4$

PT3:  $\text{B2} + \tau_4 \rightarrow \tau_3 + \text{L}$

# Phase transformations upon rapid annealing

Tailoring microstructure by rapid heating of  $\text{Cu}_{47.5}\text{Zr}_{47.5}\text{Al}_5$  MG to a given temperature



$T_x$ : MG  $\rightarrow$   $\text{Cu}_{10}\text{Zr}_7$  + B2 CuZr

PT1:  $\text{Cu}_{10}\text{Zr}_7 \rightarrow$  B2 CuZr

PT2:  $\text{Cu}_{10}\text{Zr}_7 \rightarrow \tau_4$