



# Heating Rate Dependent Microstructural Evolution of Worked Titanium Alloys: AKA How to Bring Your Windows Laptop to Its Knees.

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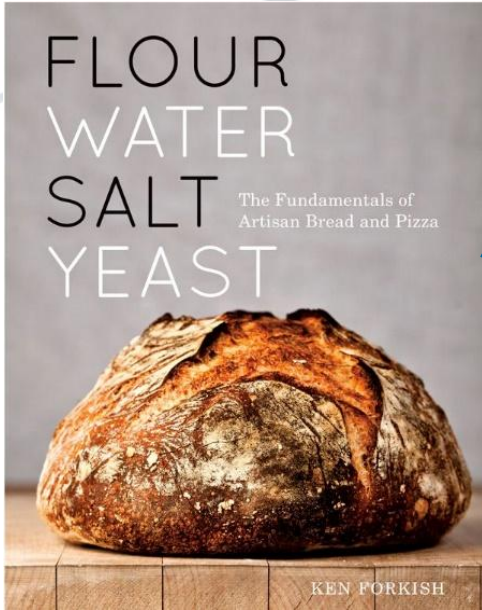
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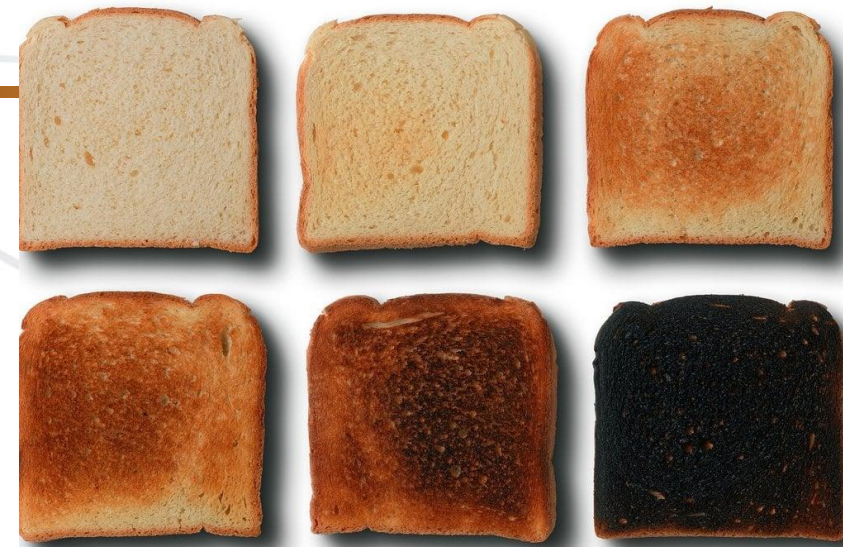
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# Microstructure Matters!



Process



Post processing heat treatment

Aging



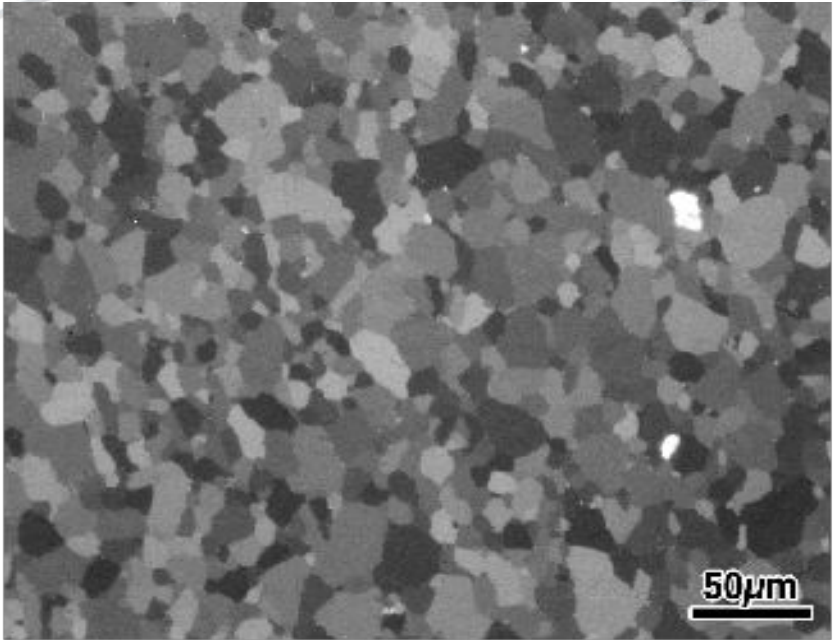
The ingredients are the same, the Properties are different. These are set by the Processing.



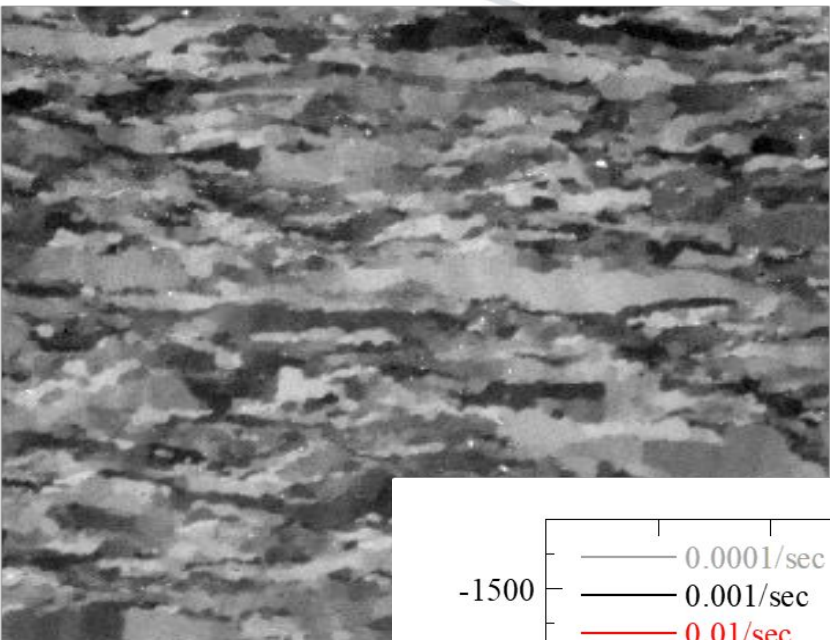
Highly Recommended



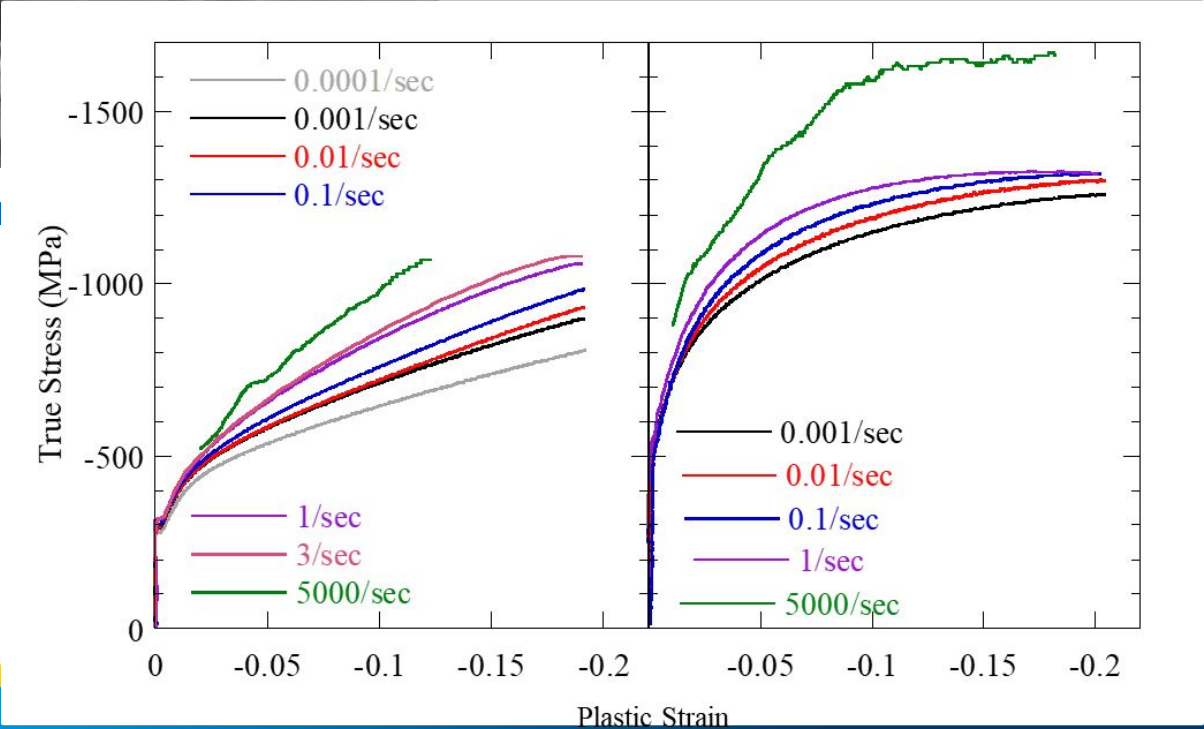
**In Materials, We Call This The Process/Structure/Property Relationship.**



**Hot-Pressed Beryllium**

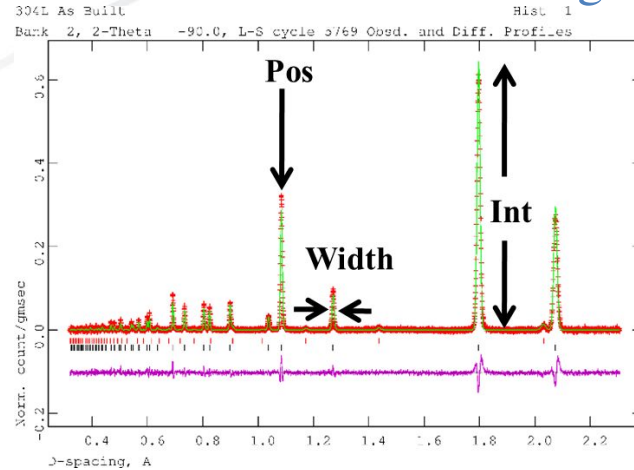


**Rolled (wrought)**

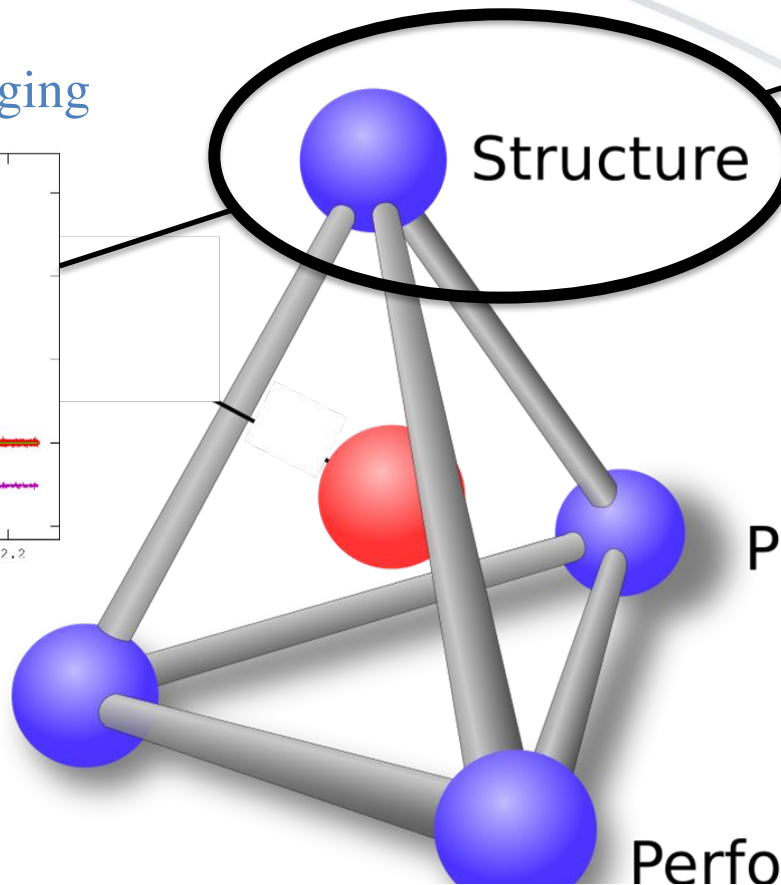


# The Goal of My Team is to Provide Experimental Support of Model Development Across the PSPP Relationship

## High Energy X-ray and Neutron Diffraction/Imaging



Processing



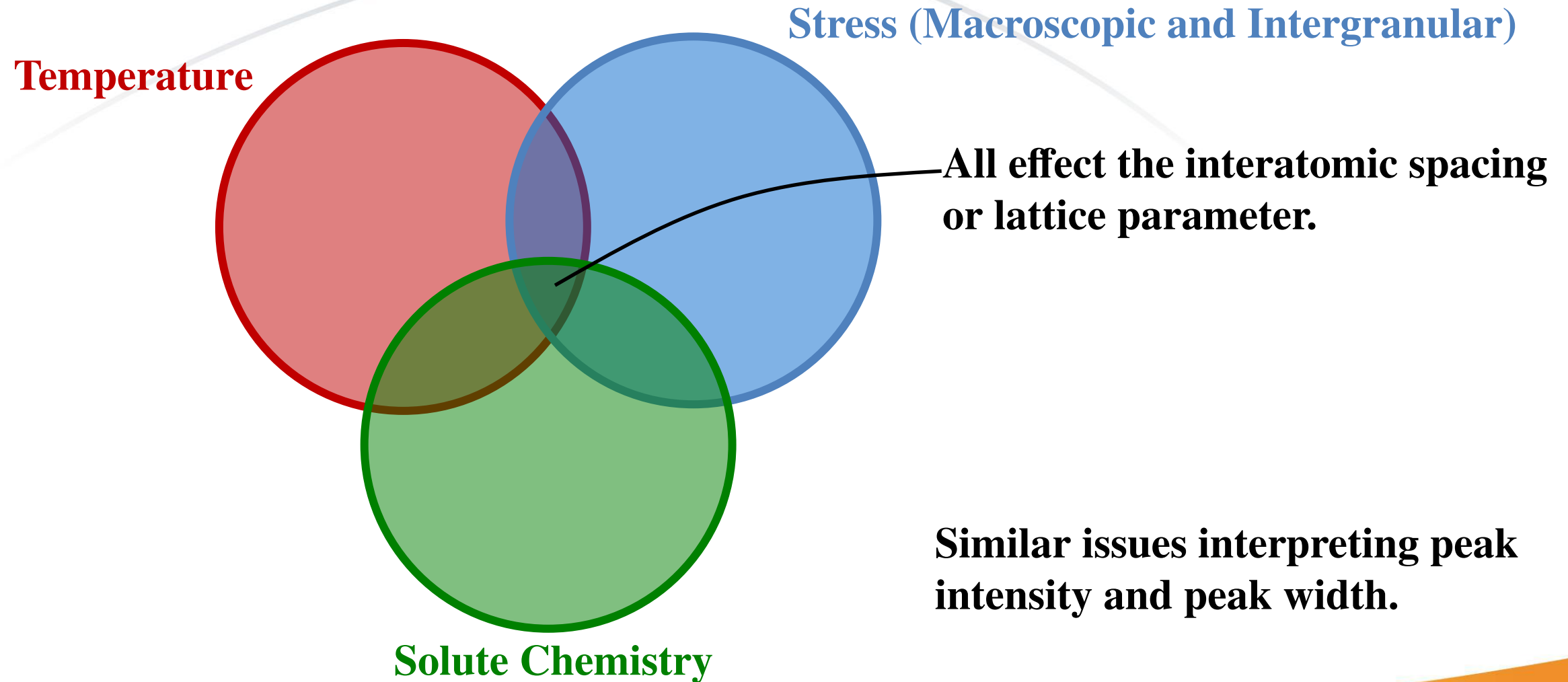
1. Phase
2. Defects
3. Texture
4. Internal Stress
5. Chemistry

Properties

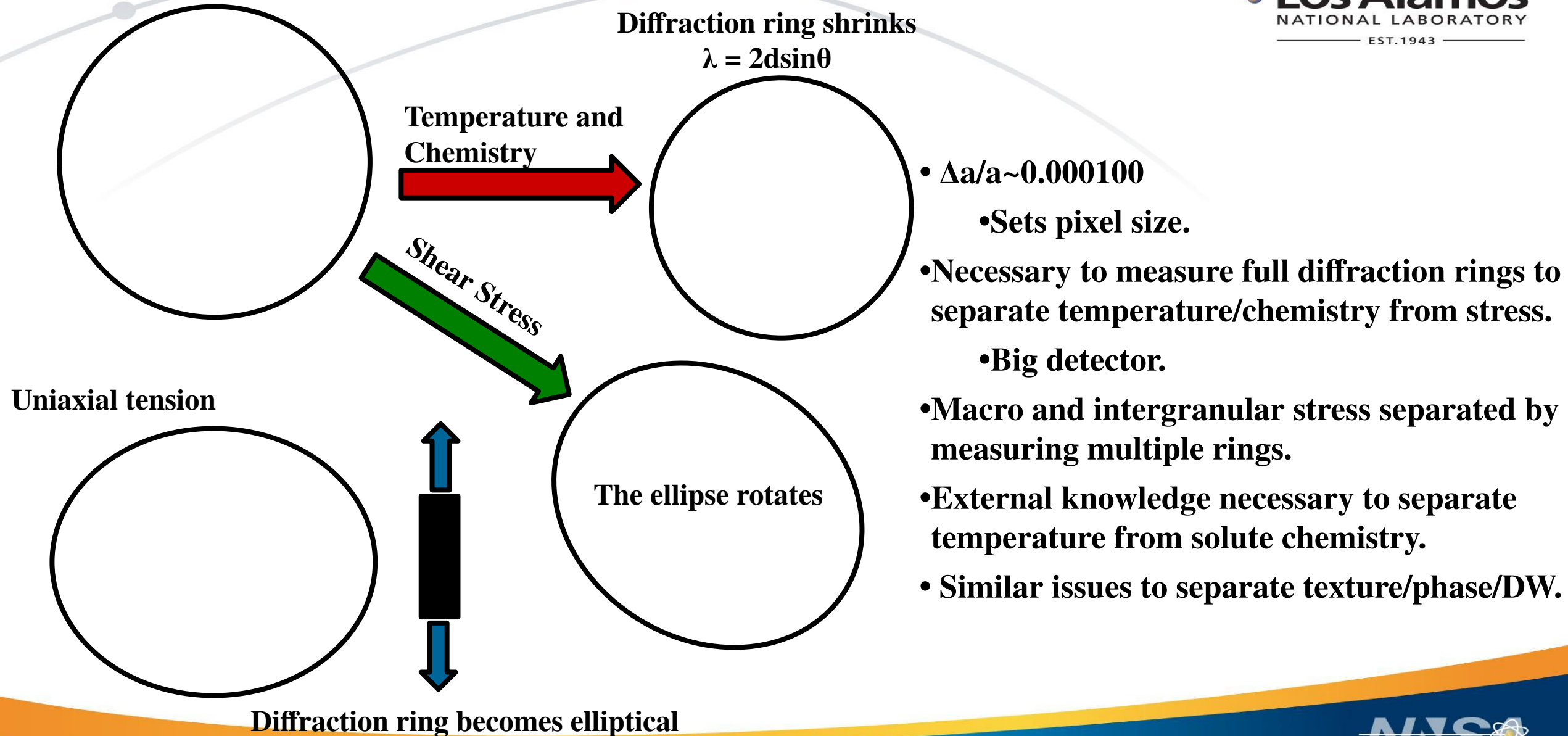
Performance

- Our mission is to provide quantitative microstructural features under relevant conditions.
  - For the development and validate of predictive process/performance models.
  - Models and data must bridge length and time scales.

# It is Difficult to De-Convolute Multiple Microstructural Features on Parameters Derived From Diffraction Patterns.



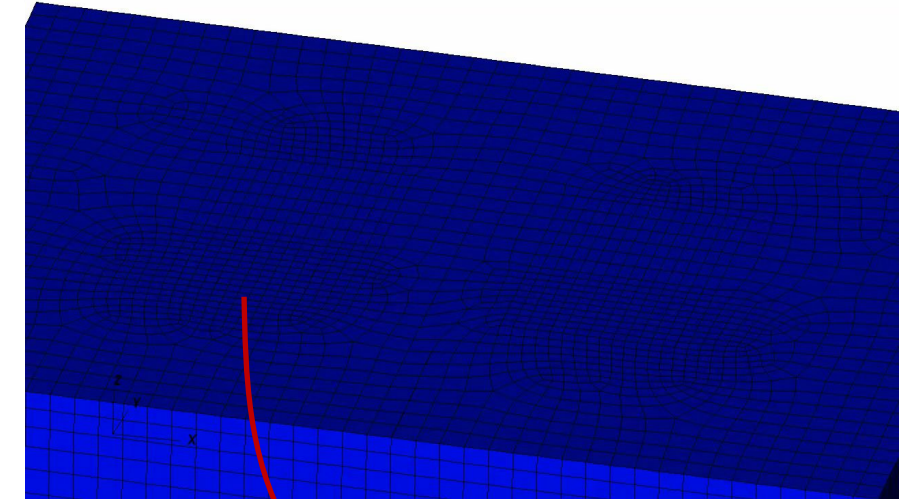
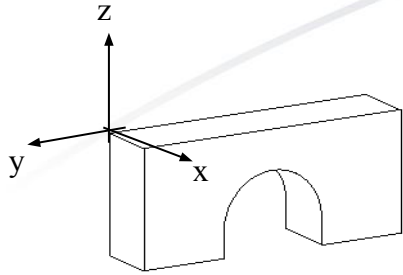
# Need to be Quantitative Places Demands on Detectors



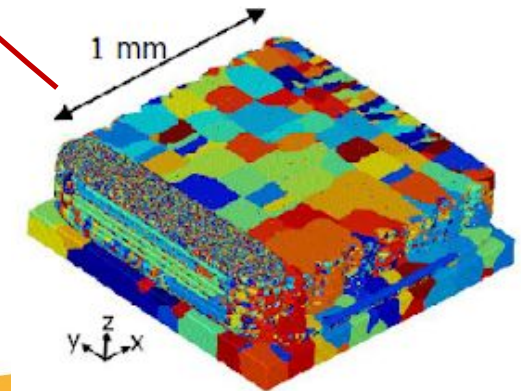


# Ti-6Al-4V (Ti64) is a Popular Materials for Additive Manufacture (Powder Bed Fusion)

Heavily utilized in aerospace industry,  
expensive, large buy/fly ratio.



- A1: continuous scan, aligned with x-axis, 90 degree rotation between layers
- A2: continuous scan, at 45 degree to x-axis, 90 degree rotation between layers
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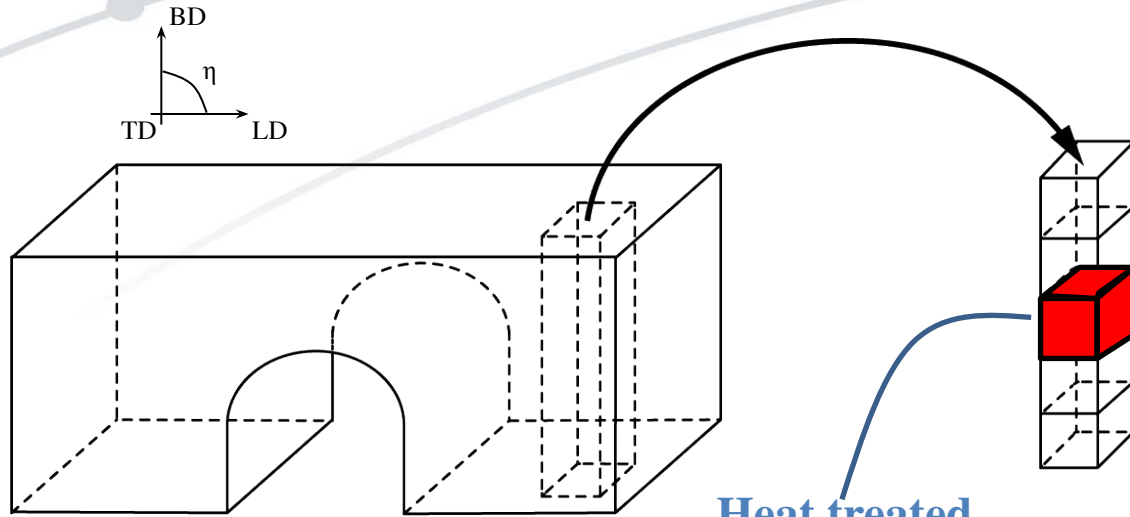


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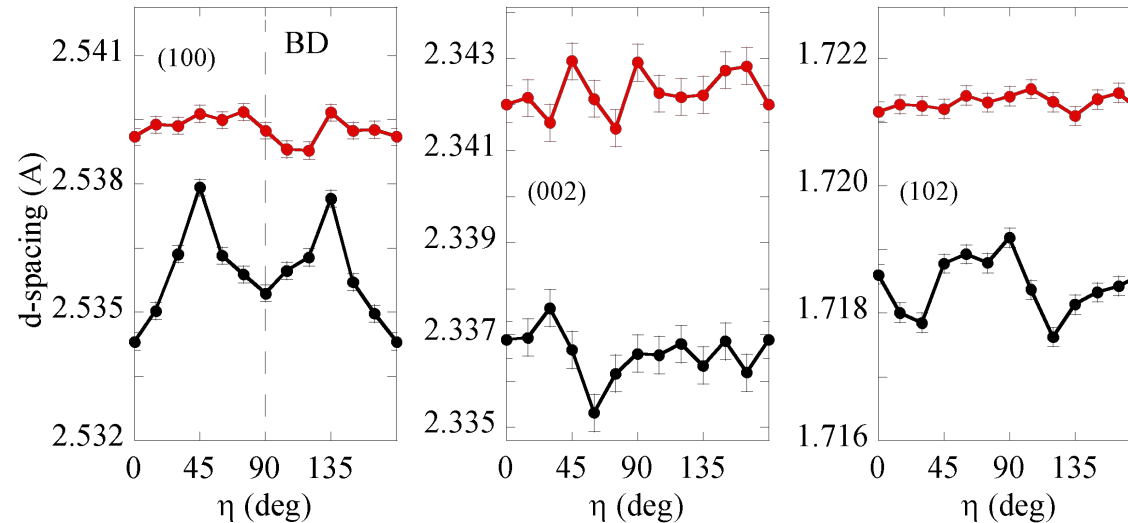
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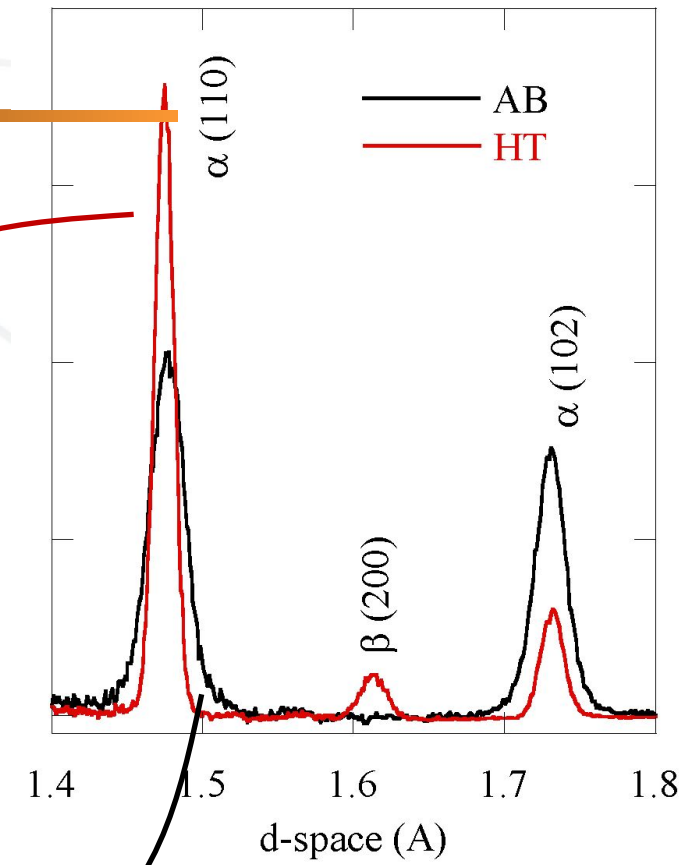
# The As-Built Material Has a High Energy, Metastable Microstructure That Evolves During Heat Treatment



Heat treated  
4 h at 780 °C



Heat-Treated

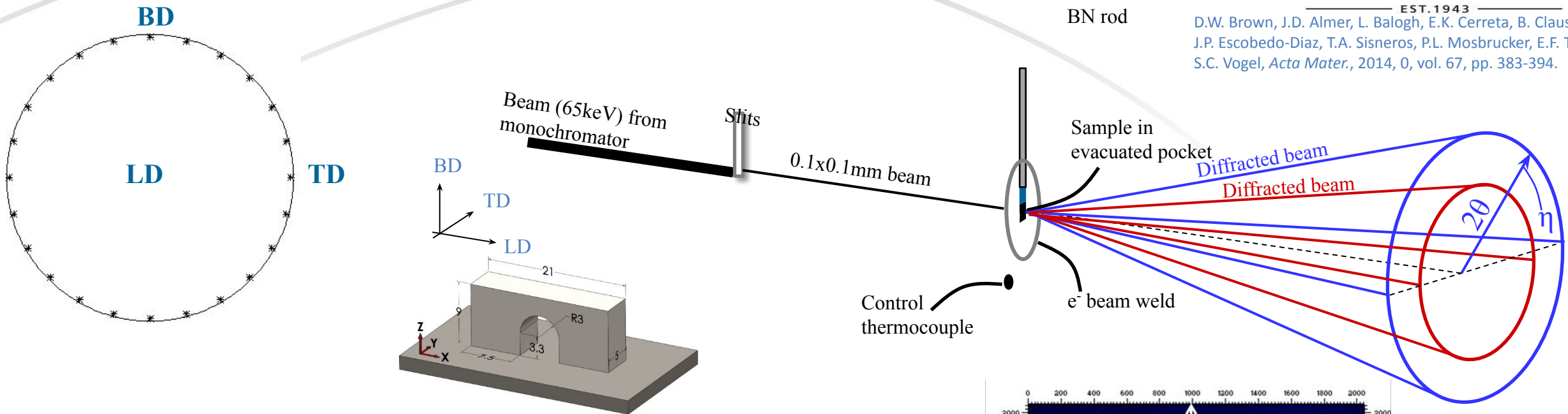


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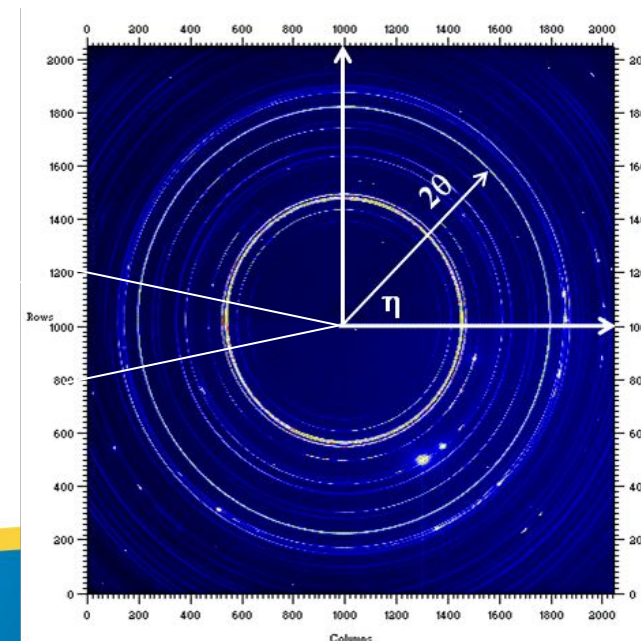
- Phase transformation
- Dislocation recovery
- Intergranular residual stress
- Solute chemistry distribution



# Residual Stress Measurements Motivated In-Situ High Energy X-Ray Diffraction Measurements During Heat Treating

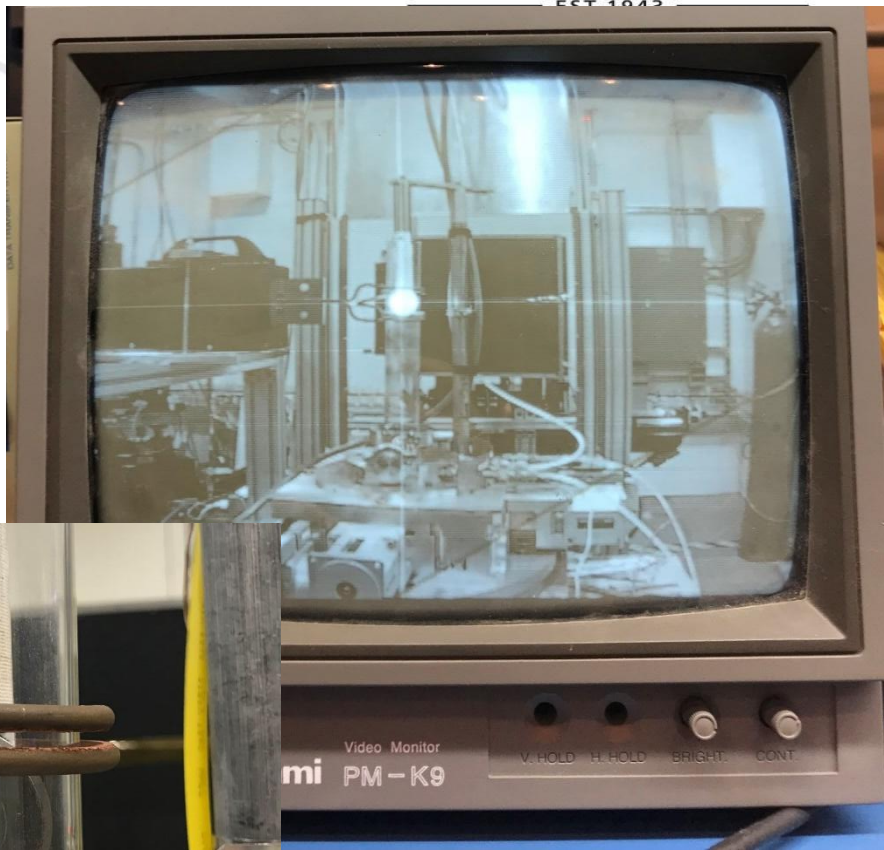
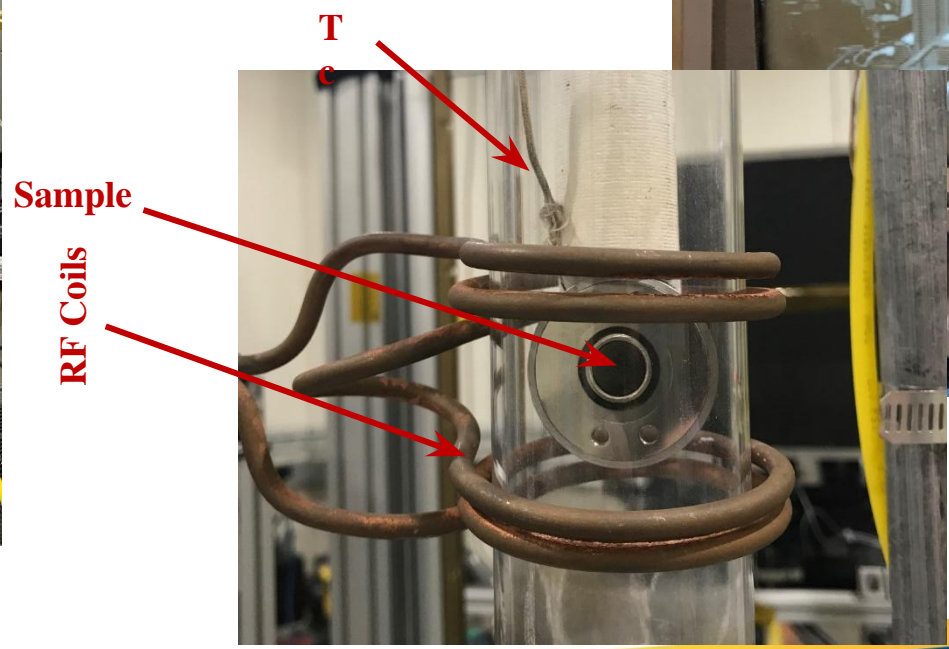
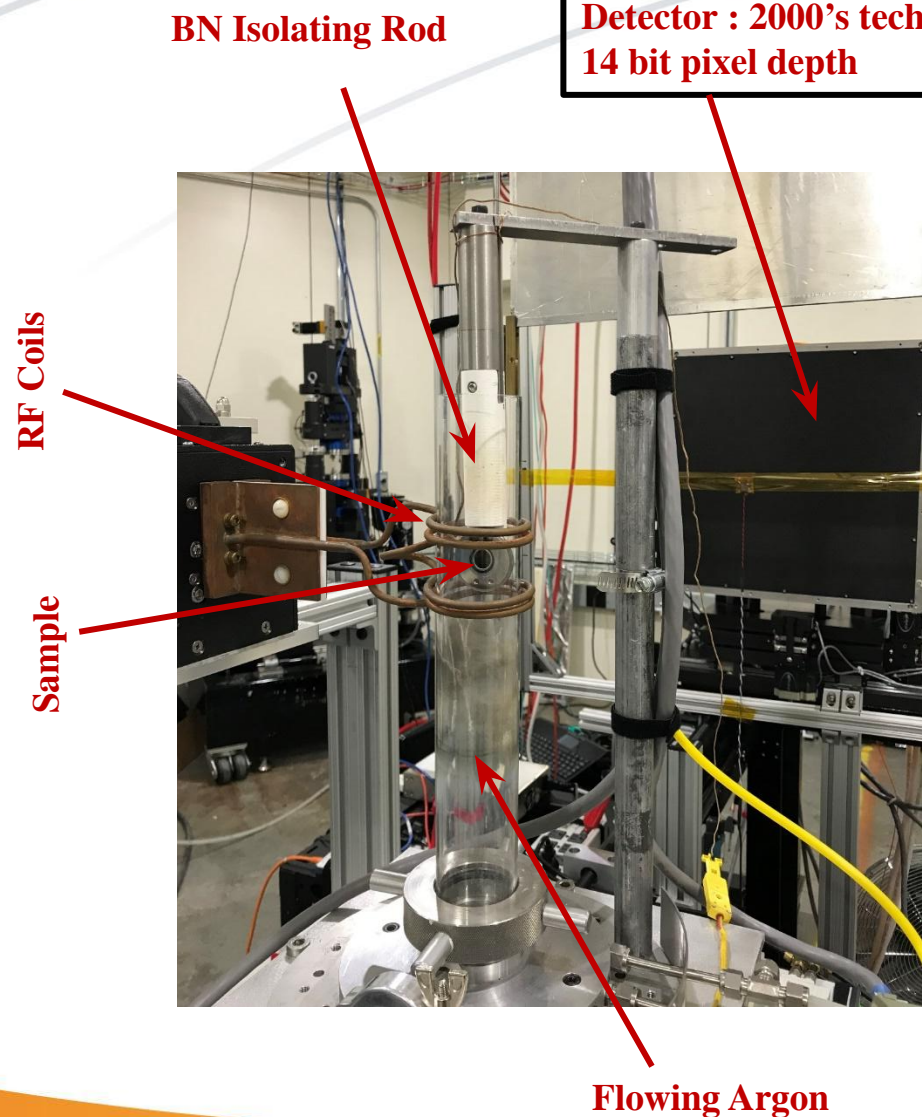


- Debye cones provide diffraction vectors nearly normal to the incident beam.
- Integrate rings to get an average response.
- Bin (cake) the data over twenty-four 15deg intervals to provide orientation dependence.
- Lattice parameter of container used to determine temperature.



# This is What it Looks Like For Real

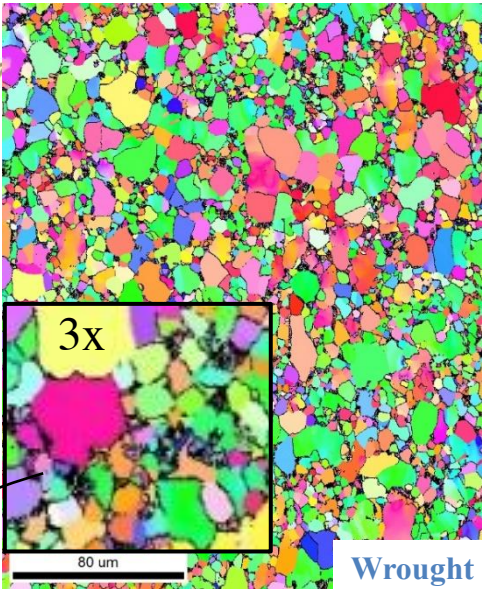
**Detector : 2000's technology, 8Hz (200 images),  
14 bit pixel depth**





# Our First Experiments Focused on Industrial Heat Treatment Processes

- Wrought Material: Hot-rolled and annealed followed by an air cool.
- Equilibrium microstructure, 6%  $\beta$  phase  
V mostly in  $\beta$ .



$\beta$

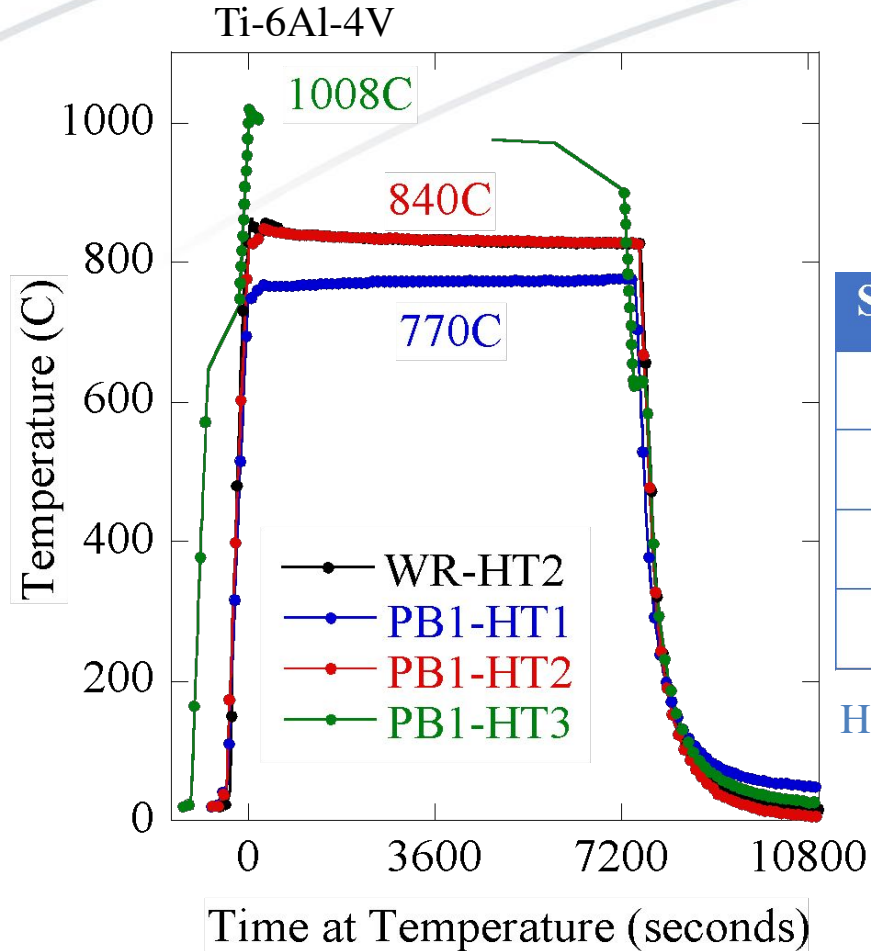
Wrought

PBF

No- $\beta$

3x

80  $\mu$ m



Sample Name	Material	T(C)
WR-HT2	Wrought	840
PB1-HT1	PBF	770
PB1-HT2	PBF	840
PB1-HT3	PBF	1008

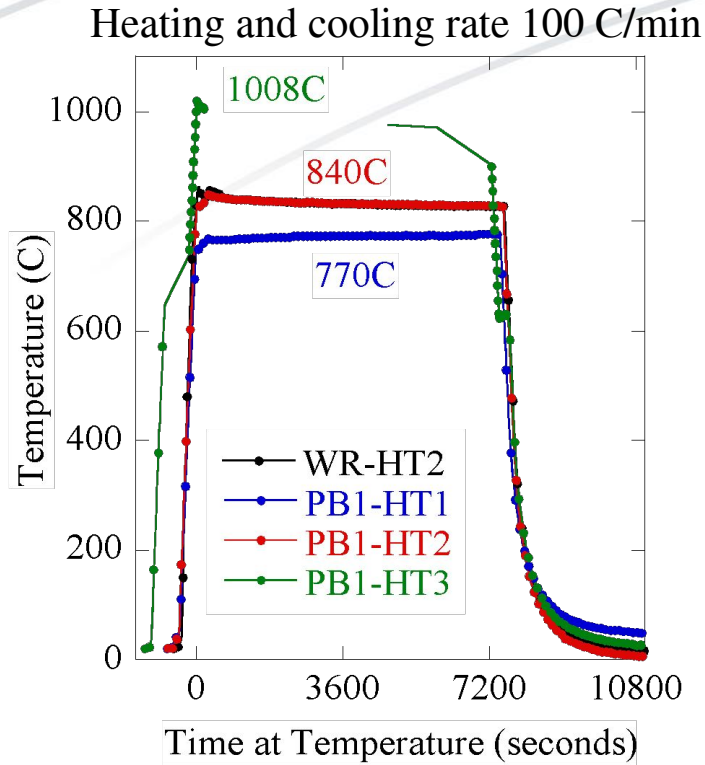
Heating and cooling rate 100 C/min

- PBF Material:  $10^6$ C/min quench.
- Metastable microstructure, single phase  $\alpha$   
V trapped in  $\alpha$ .

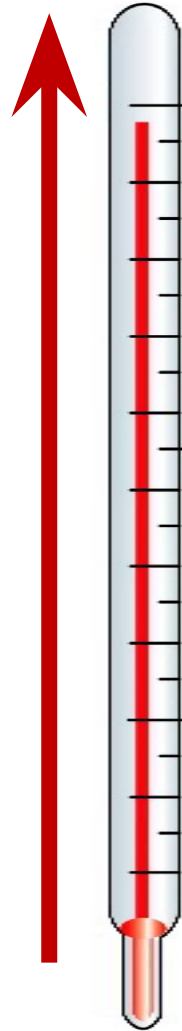
Physics and measurement rate were consistent.



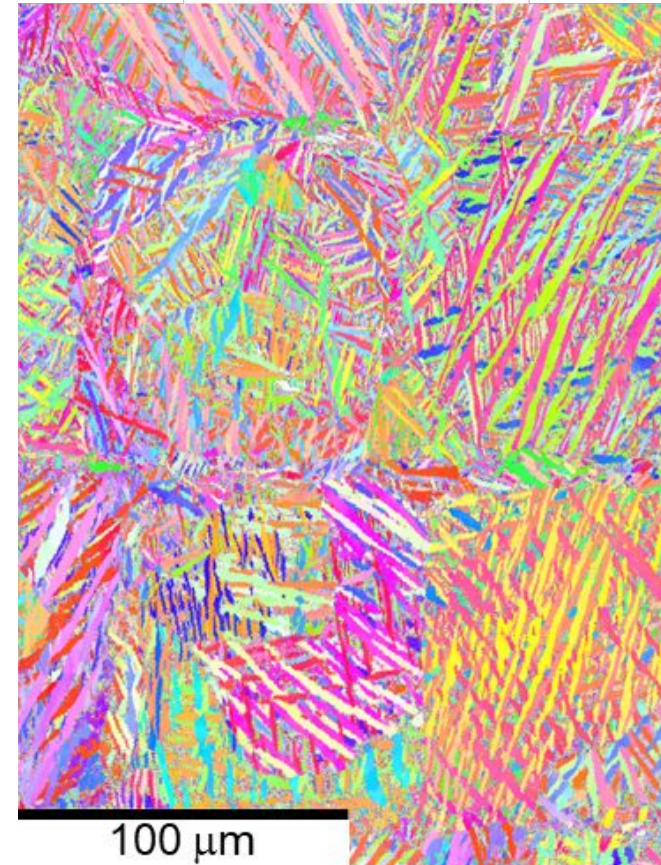
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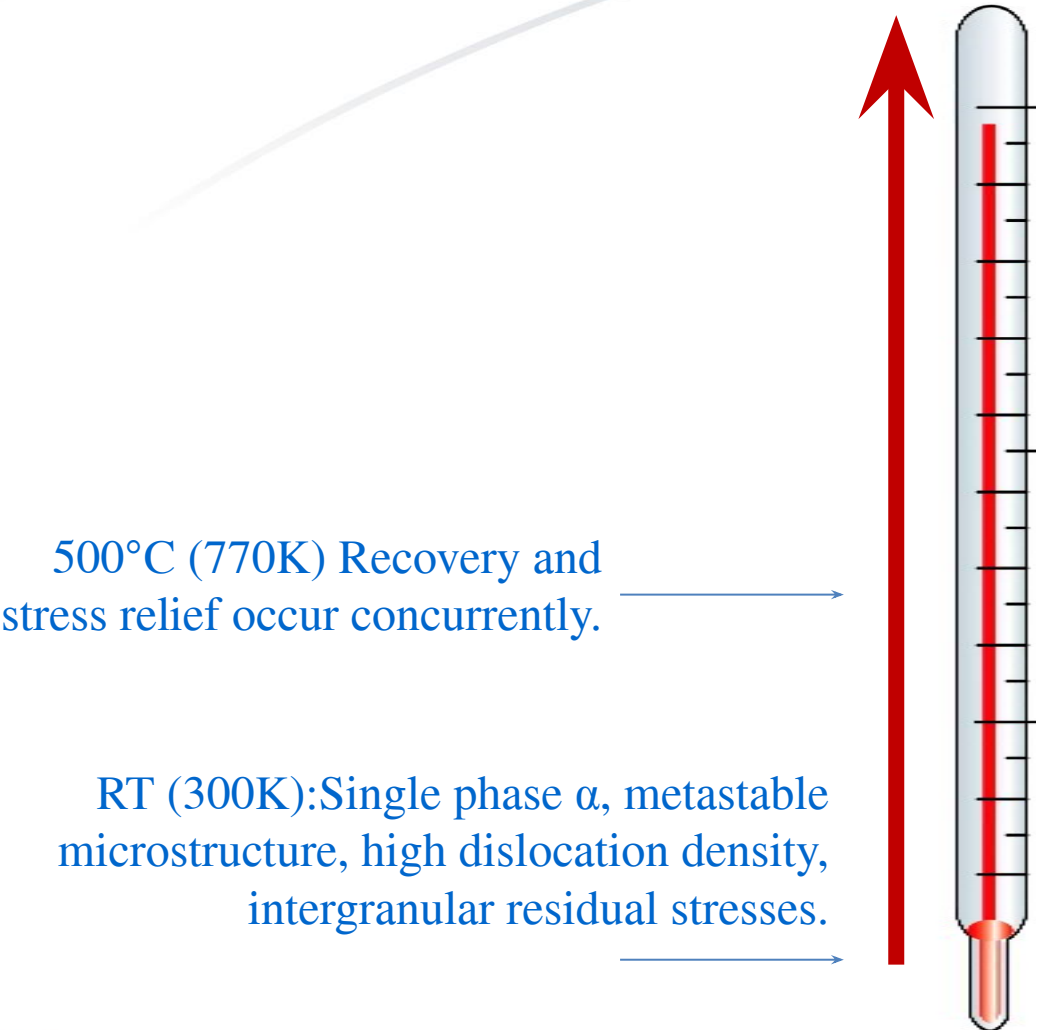
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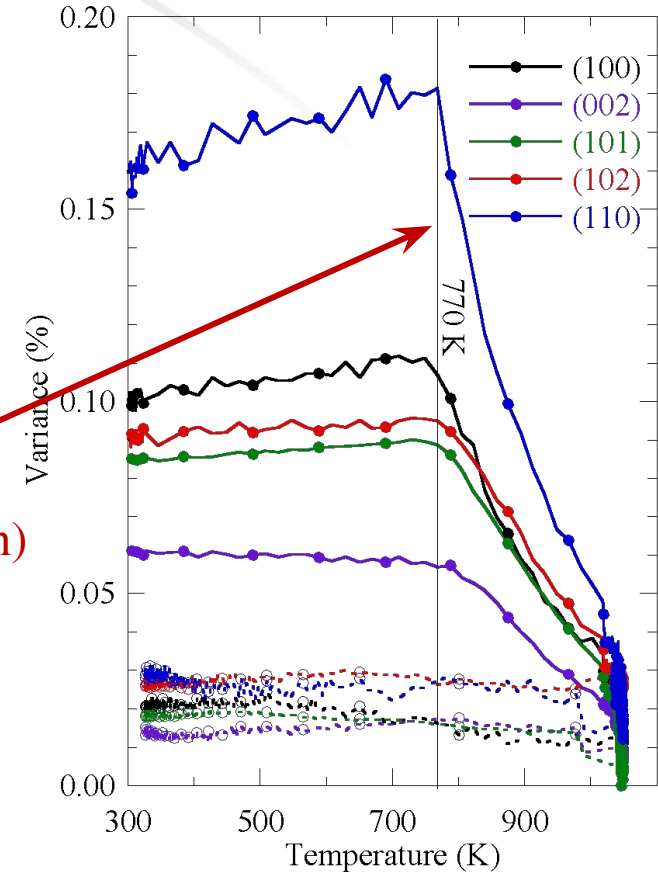
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Recovery  
(dislocation annihilation)

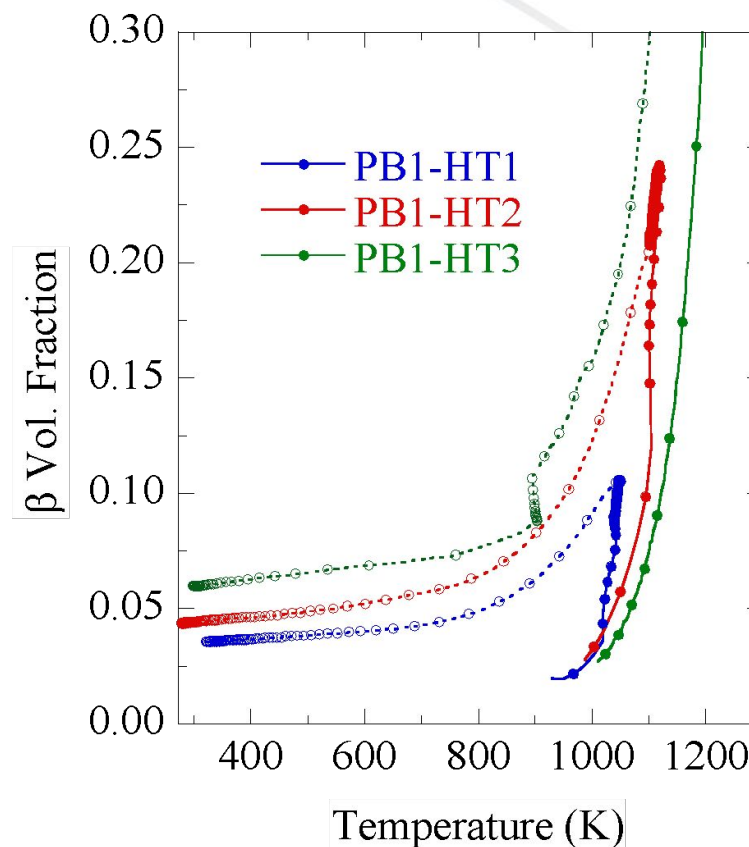
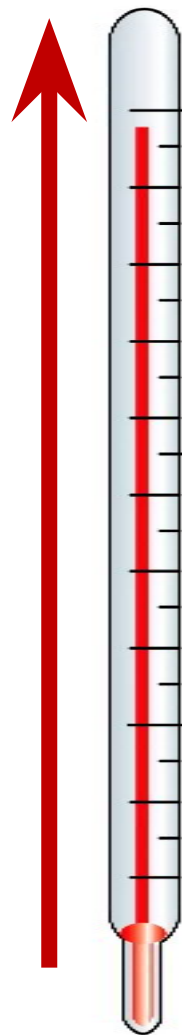


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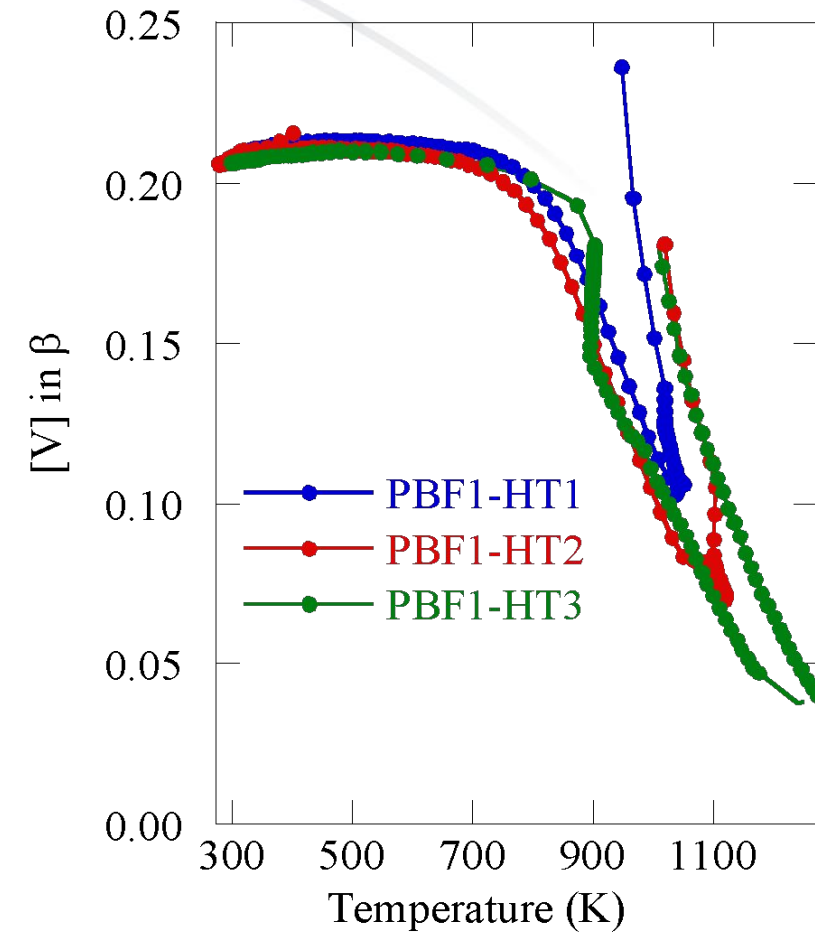
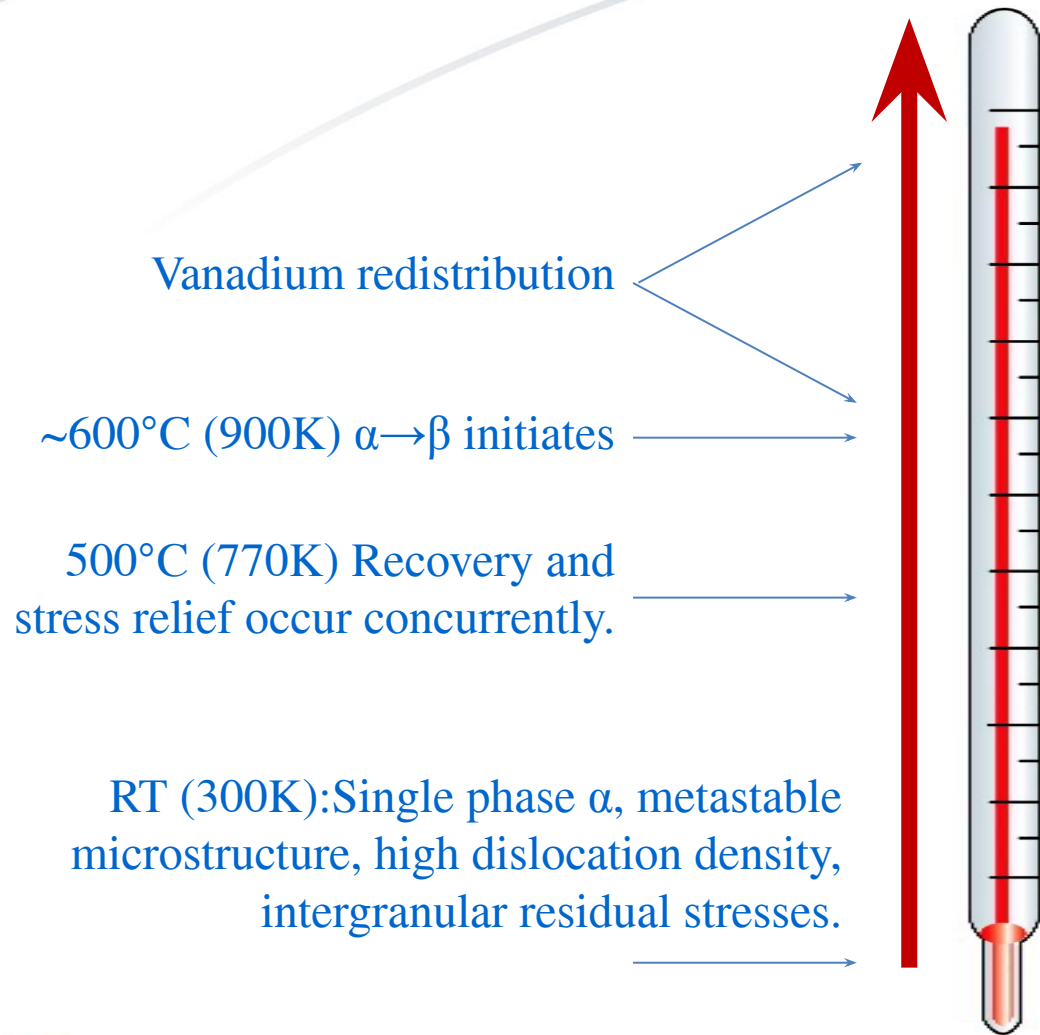
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1008°C (1281K)  $\beta$  Transus

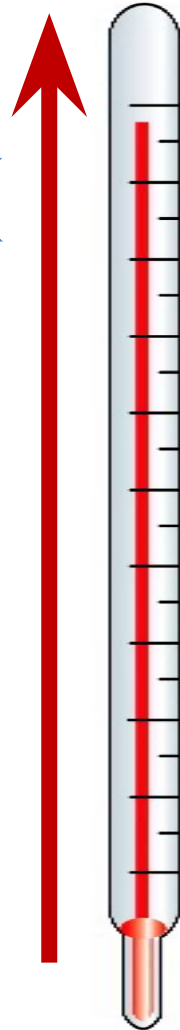
Grain/Lathe Growth

Vanadium redistribution

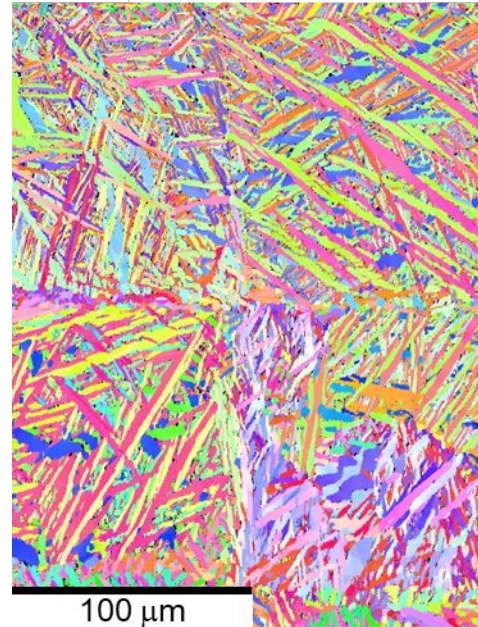
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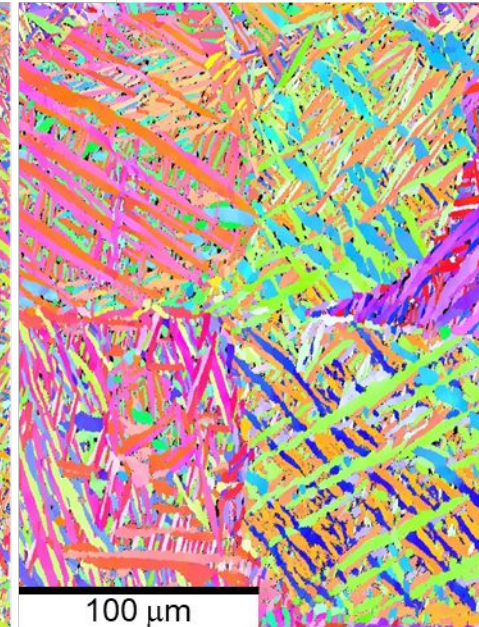
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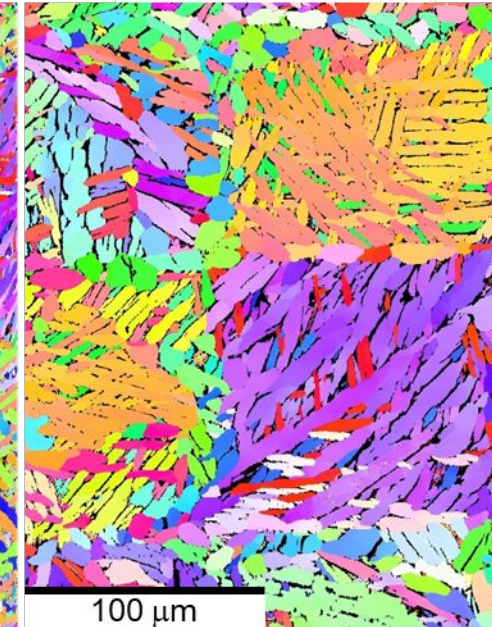
**HT-1:770C**



**HT-2:840C**

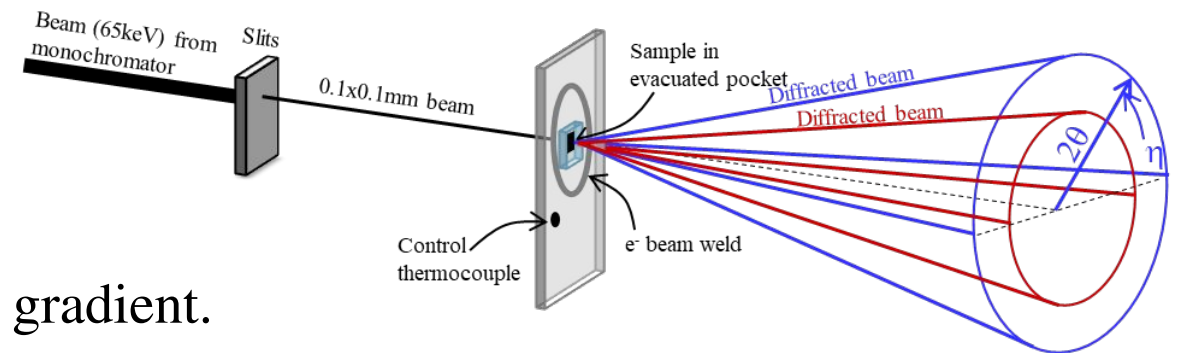


**HT-3:1008C**



# Data Rate (Detector Readout and Incident Flux) Set the Target Heating Rate

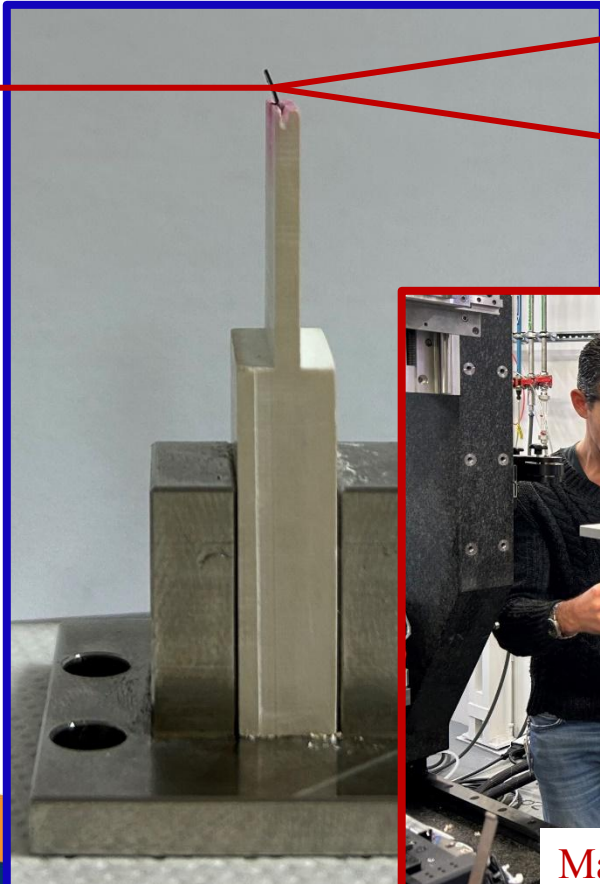
- Our target lattice parameter uncertainty (relative) is 100ppm (100 $\mu$ e)
  - Enables stress analysis, solute chemistry determination and line profile analysis
- CTE of most metals is  $\sim 10$ ppm/ $^{\circ}$ C.
- We can tolerate  $\sim 10^{\circ}$ C of blur through  $dT/dt$  or  $dT/dx$  without worsening our resolution.
  - 1kHz data rate = 10,000 $^{\circ}$ C/sec.
- Ok, how do we 1.) heat that fast (with acceptable surface/center thermal gradient) and 2.) how do we monitor temperature ( $\pm 10^{\circ}$ C) that fast?
  - Answer to 2.) is we cannot.
- Choices for heating...
  - High energy electron beam.
  - Direct current through sample.
  - **Induction.**
  - Laser.
- Surface heating limits sample thickness to control gradient.
  - 0.2mm thick (per Travis).
  - Limits coupling for induction.



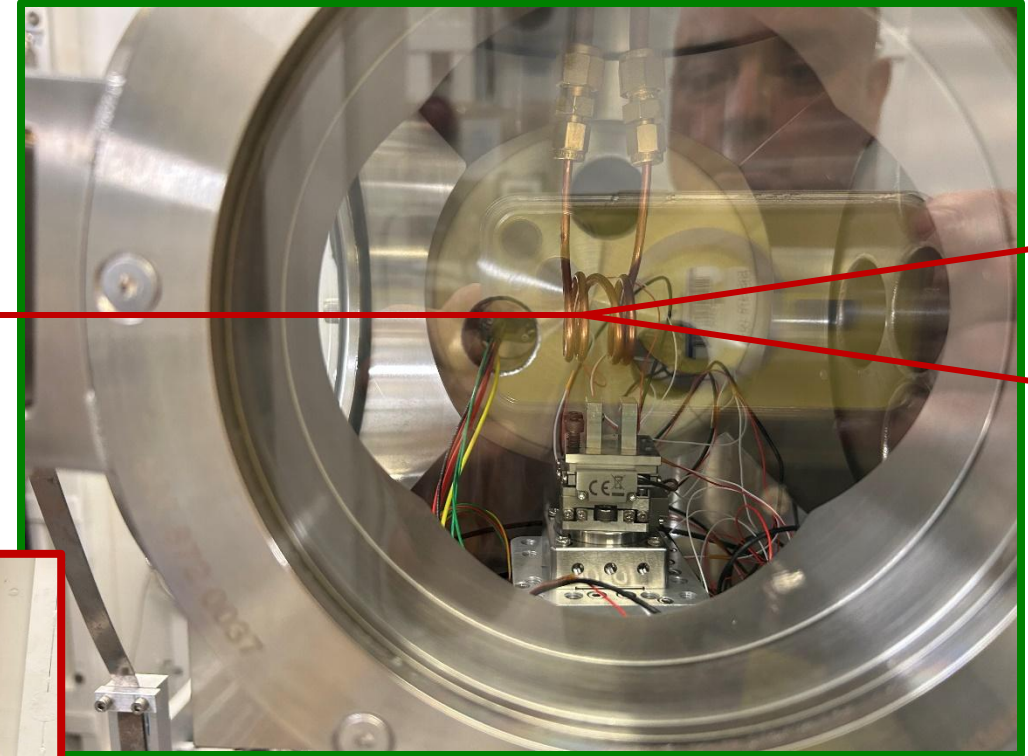


# Rapid Heating Requires Modification of the Sample and the Environment

- Target 10,000 C/sec
- 3 x 4 x 0.2 mm Ti64 Sample
- Thin sample to minimize thermal gradient
  - $\Delta T < 10^\circ\text{C}$  from surface to center
- No external temperature measurement



Marco DiMichiel and Travis Carver



- Induction heating supplies rapid power increase.
- Surface heating, drives gradient in beam direction
- Small sample, poor conductivity resulted in maximum heating rate of 1500 C/sec (in Ti).
- e-gun was preferred heating method (volumetric), but could not get it in time.



# Collecting Data at 1kHz Creates Its Own Problems

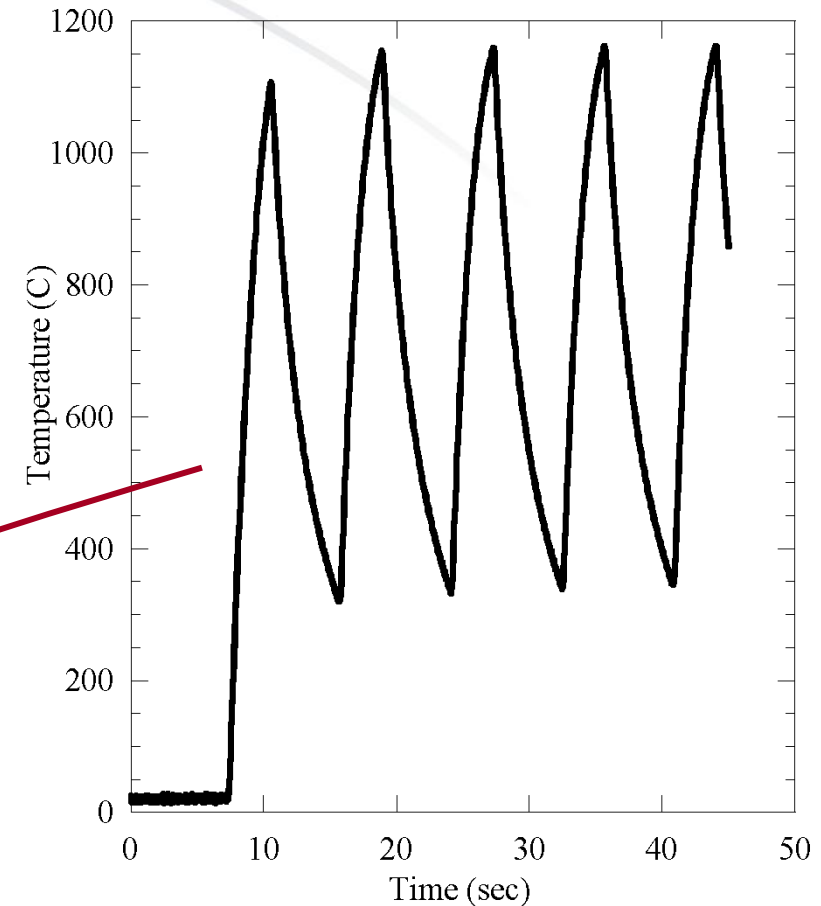
- Detector speed determined by requirements:
  - $\Delta q/q$  (FWHM)  $\sim 0.1\%$
  - $\Delta d/d$  (peak center)  $\sim 100\text{ppm}$
  - Need  $\sim 5$  complete rings to separate microstructural effects (e.g. texture and phase).
- 4 Ti64 Samples: 0.5 C/sec, 5 C/sec, 50 C/sec, 500 C/sec
  - 75,000 2D diffraction images on 500 C/sec sample.
  - Caked into 24 1D patterns/image
- 2 Cycling samples
- Corresponding samples with cp Ti (heated faster).
- Some other stuff
- Total of  $\sim 1\text{M}$  Diffraction Images.
- GSAS on my laptop takes  $\sim 7$  seconds to refine 1 pattern.



Stefano Checchia and Eric Peterson

# Completed 5 Cycles on AM Ti64 With Max Heating Rate of ~500C/sec

- 22000 Diffraction images in 50 Sec.
- Also completed 10 cycles with power decreasing 5%/cycle to simulate repeated deposition (DED).
- But this data belongs to someone else !



Temperature determined from lattice parameter and known (?) thermal expansion of Ti64.

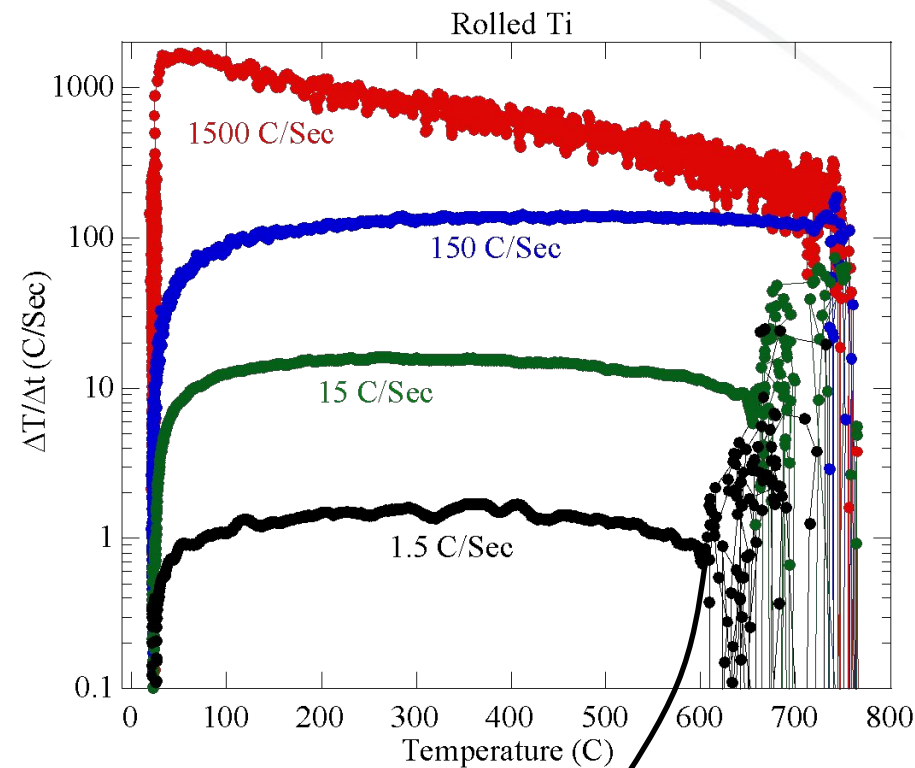
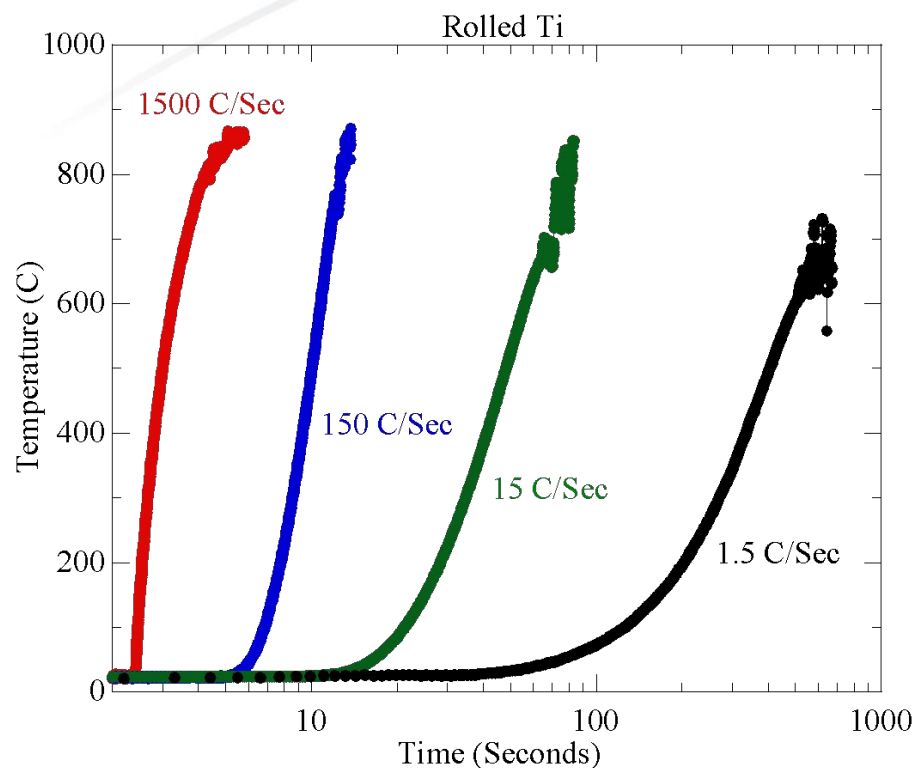


# Microstructure Evolution as a Function of Heating Rate

- Temperature determined by lattice parameter and known CTE [1].
- Heating rate varied over 4 orders of magnitude.

Rolled CP-Ti Grade 1[2] (Goodfellow)

Grade	C	O	N	H	Fe	Other (total)
1	0.08	0.18	0.03	0.015	0.2	0.4



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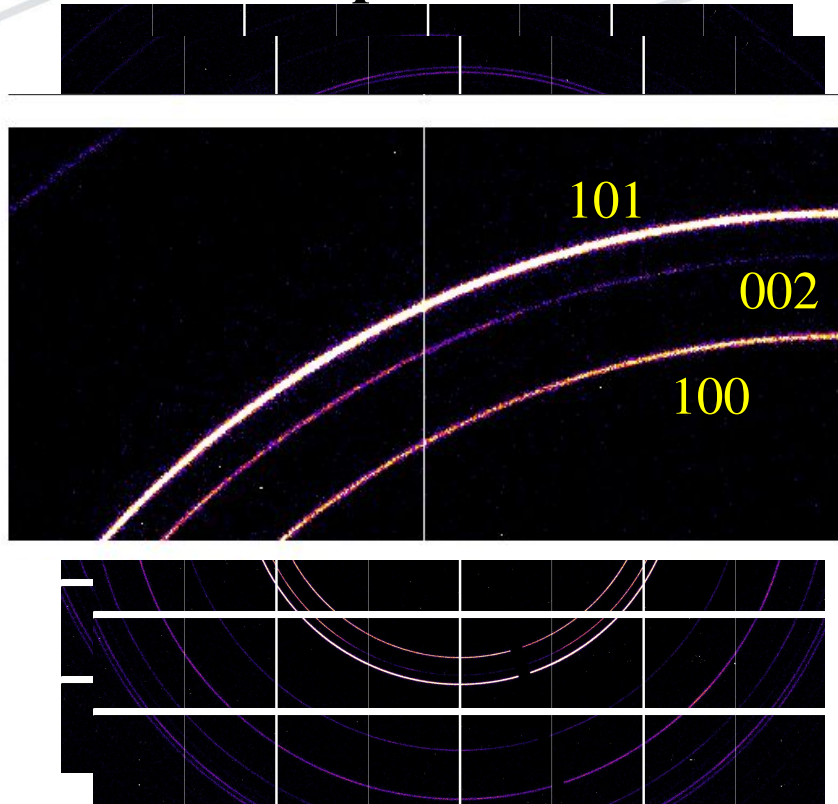
Lattice parameter fit becomes unstable.

Function of heating rate

Well below  $\beta$  Transus.

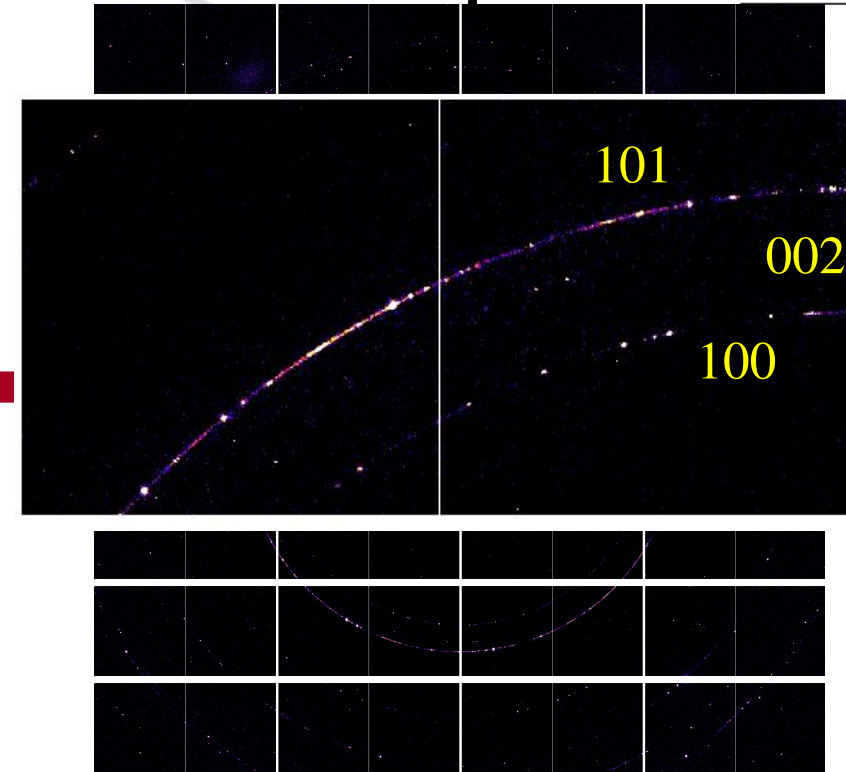
# Diffraction Rings Become “Spotty” at High Temperature

## Room Temperature



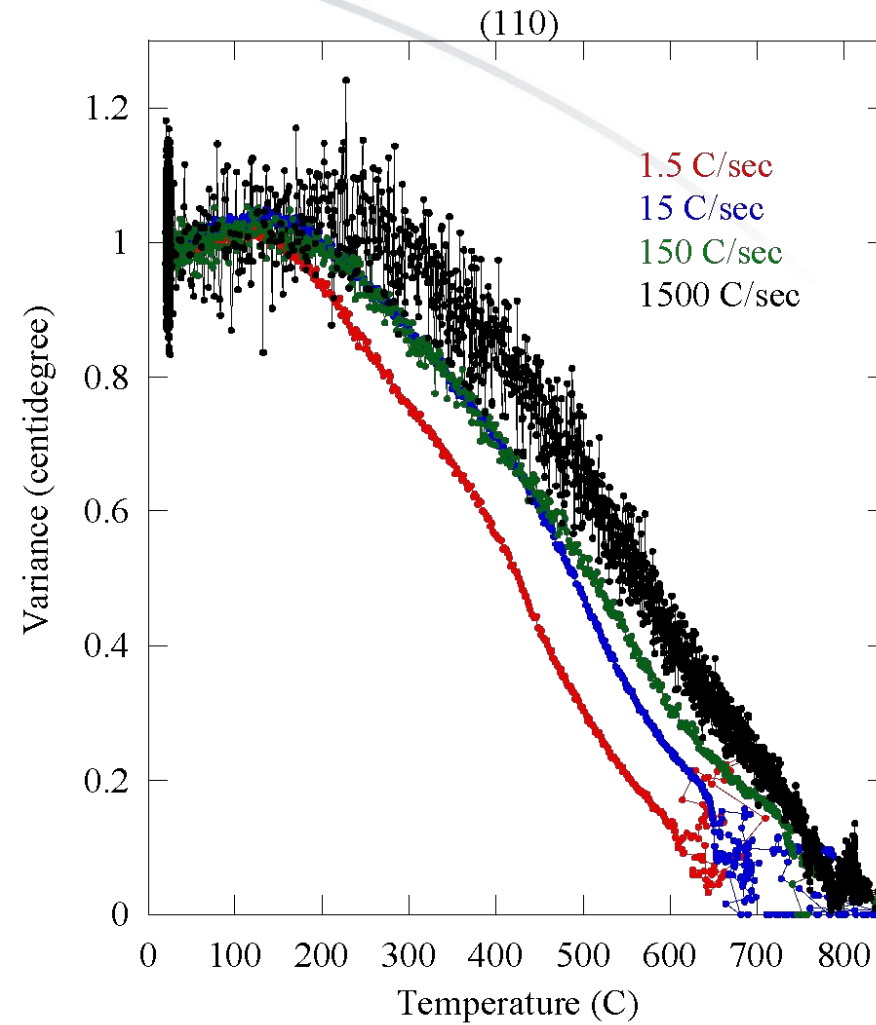
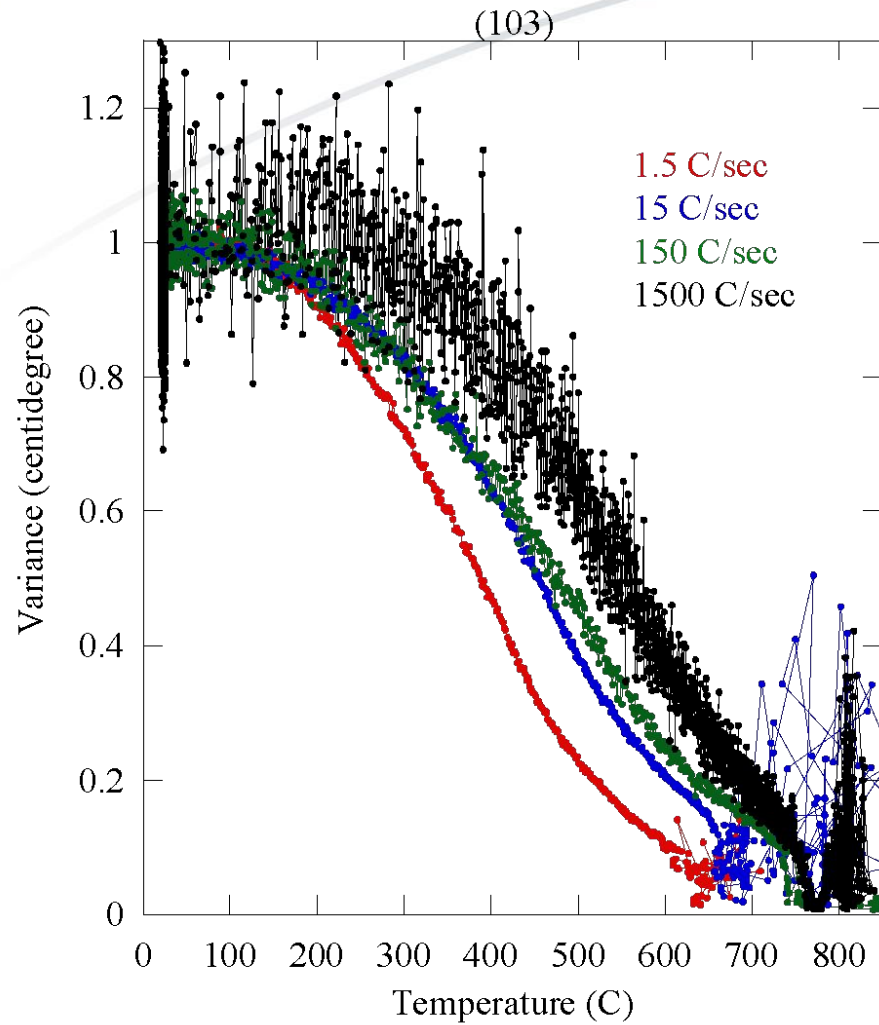
Heat Pulse

## Elevated Temperature



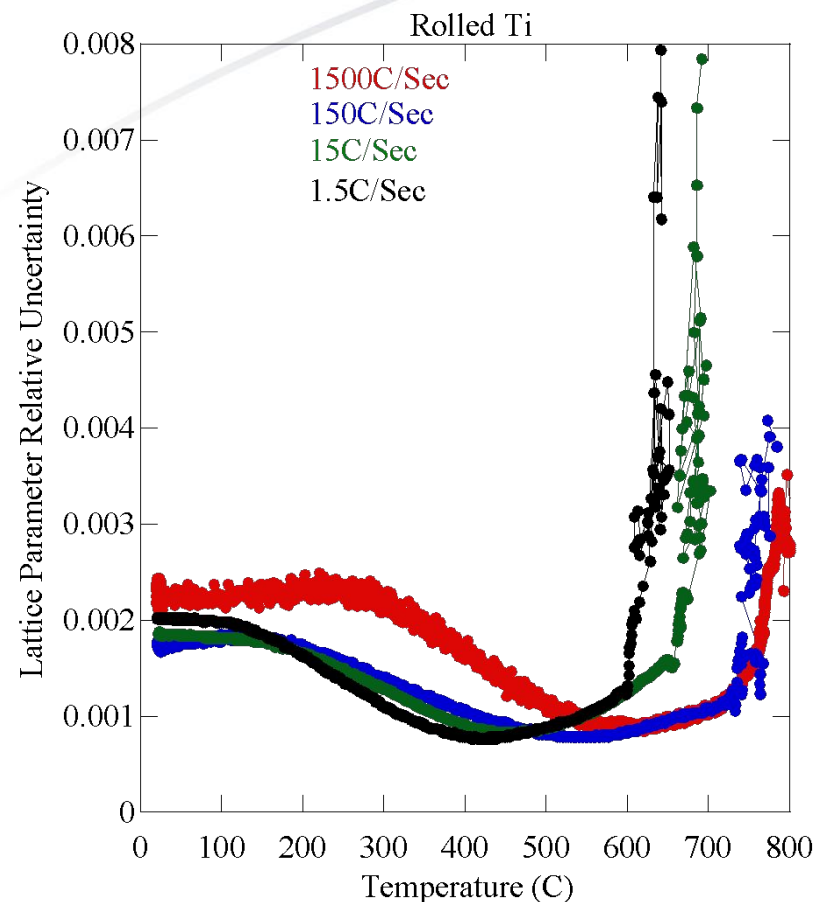
- Spottiness caused by 2 things...
  1. Grain growth
  2. Decrease in mosaicity
- We will associate it with recrystallization.

# Dislocation Recovery is Heating Rate Dependent



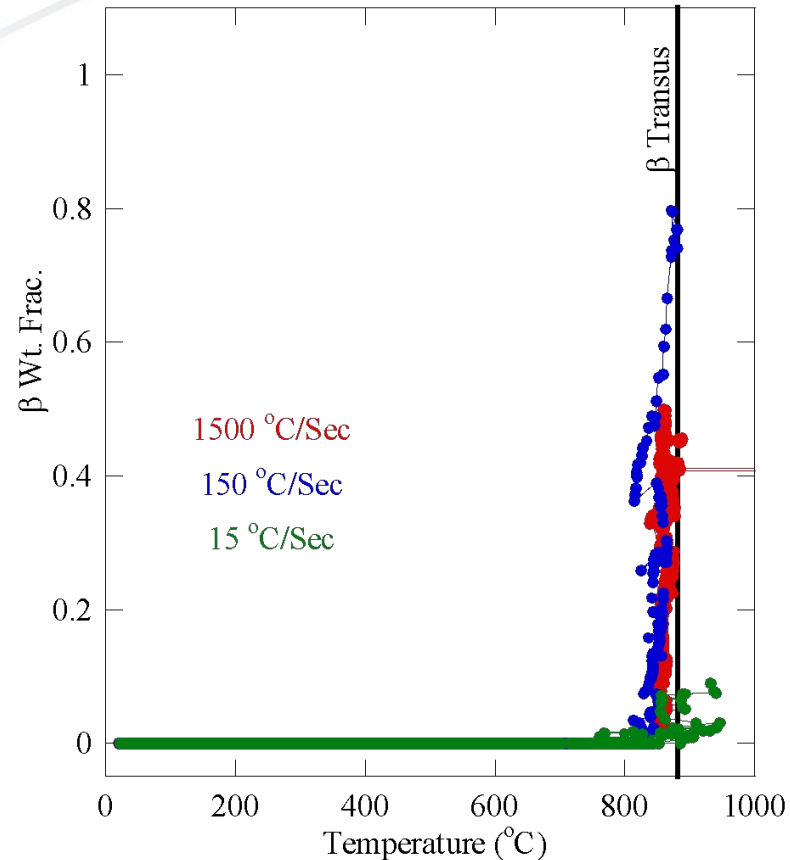


# Recrystallization is Observed to Be Heating Rate Dependent



- The rapid increase in lattice parameter uncertainty is a result of the rings getting “spotty”.
- If we associate this with RX, then the obvious conclusion is that RX is heating rate dependent.
- Working to define a statistical function to quantify this effect (Matt, I might need another 6 months!).

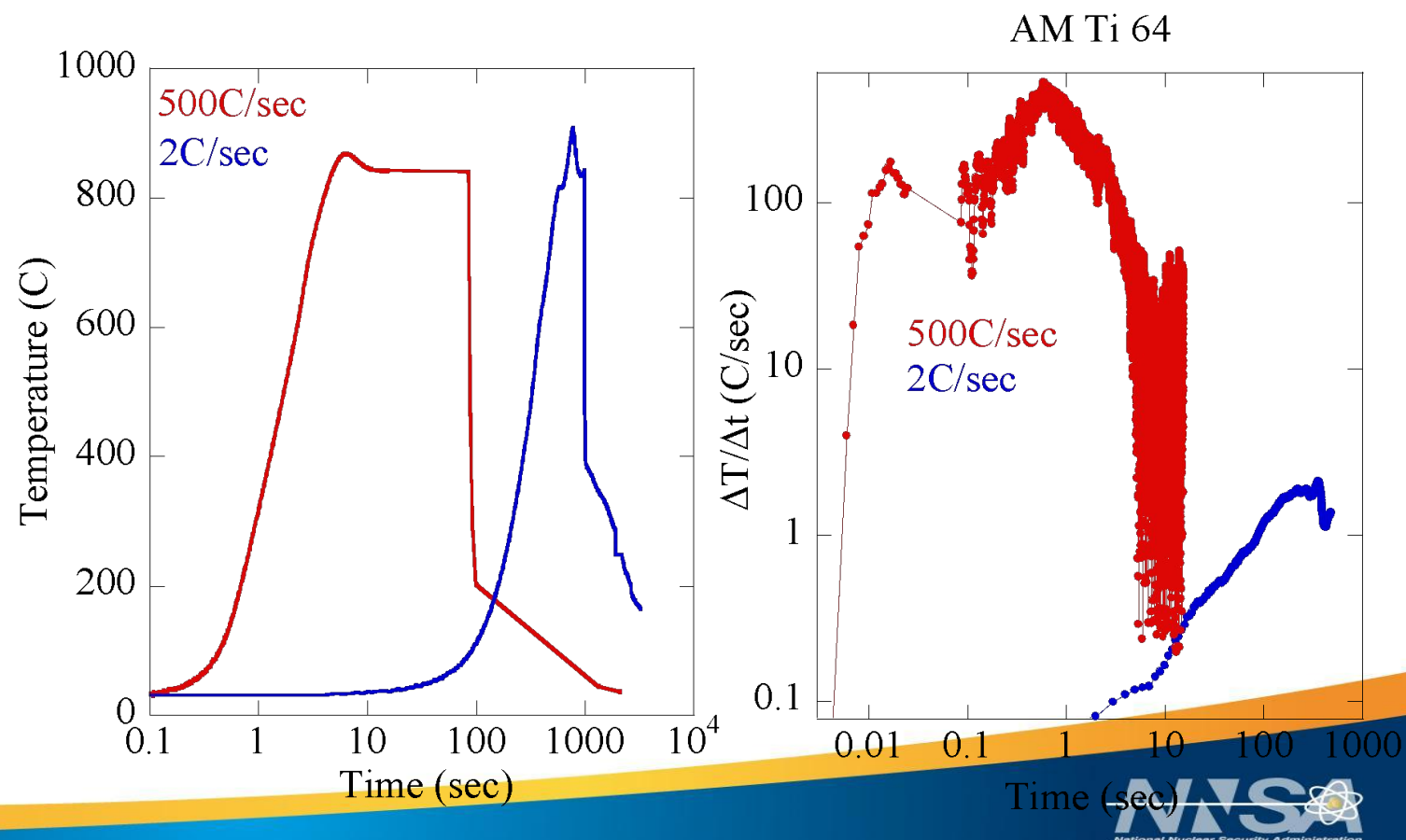
# Transformation To $\beta$ Is Not Heating Rate Dependent (At All)



- This is expected for a nominally pure material.
- Absolute phases fractions should not be believed.
- Provides a check on temperature calibration.

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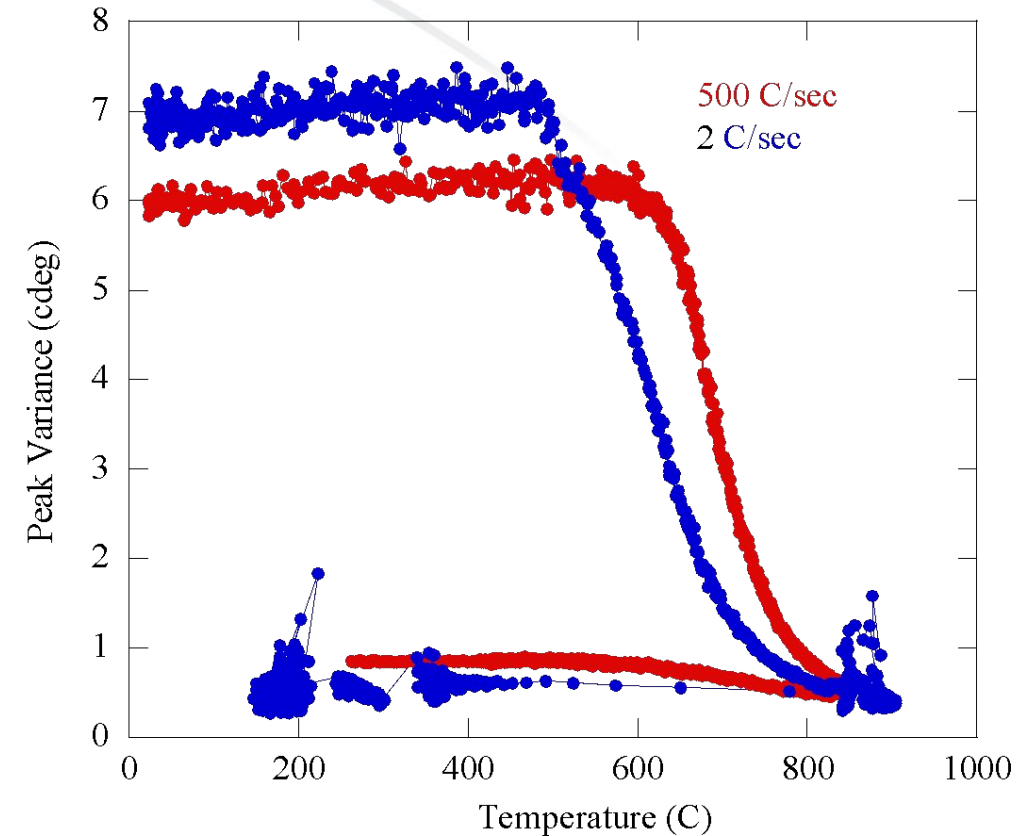
- Heating rates over 4 orders of magnitude.
- Monitor dislocation density, internal stress, phase, and Vanadium concentration.
- Preliminary analysis at this point.
- Cannot ignore solute chemistry !





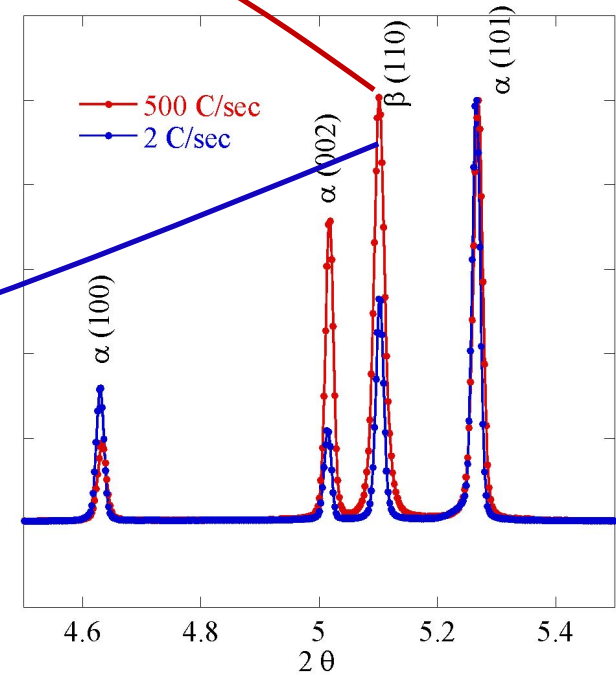
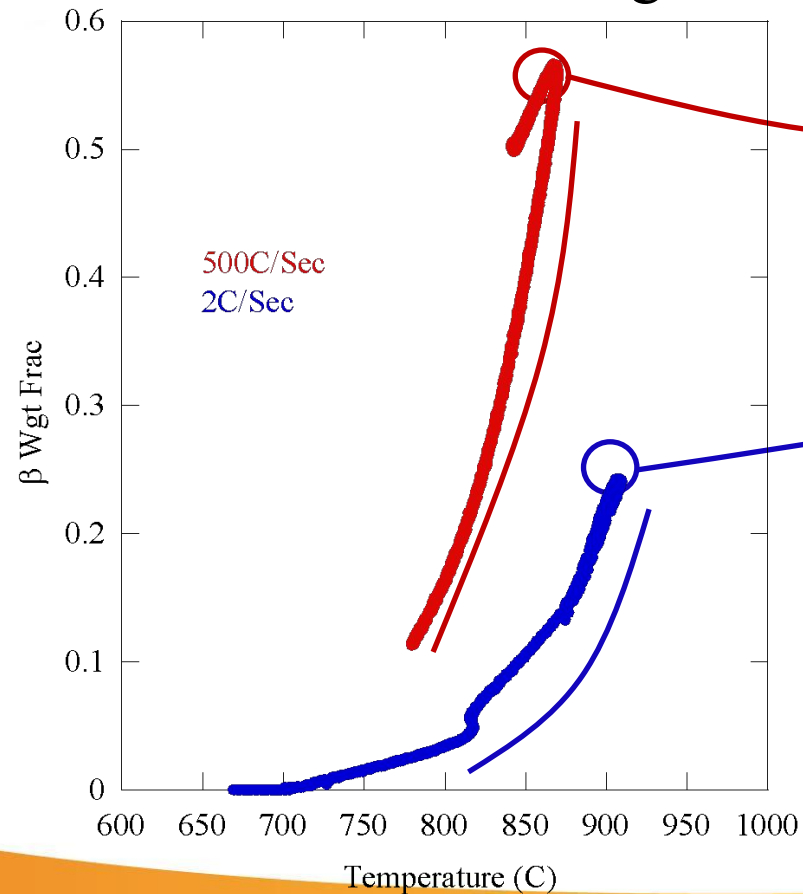
# Rate Dependence of Dislocation Recovery is as Expected

- Dislocation motion is governed by diffusion.
- Lags when heated quickly, delaying recovery.



# Phase Transformation Does Not Behave as Expected

- Expect V diffusion to control phase transformation, again delaying it.
- But observation does not agree with that.



- Reminder, preliminary analysis!

# Conclusions

- High-energy X-ray (and neutron) diffraction can be used to monitor microstructural evolution during simulated processing.
  - AM, post-build heat treating, welding, forging, machining...
  - Phase, texture, dislocation density, internal stress, temperature...
- New developments in x-ray sources and detection enable experimental data rates up to and exceeding 1kHz (with sufficient q- or d-resolution).
- Rolled cp-Ti
  - Dislocation recovery and RX are observed to be heating rate dependent.
  - $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$  transformation is not (over 3 orders of magnitude dT/dt)
- Powder Bed Fusion Ti-6Al-4V (preliminary analysis)
  - Dislocation recovery is heating rate dependent.
  - $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$  transformation is not as expected.
- The results can be used to design processing route or, if coupled with mechanical testing, to advance understanding of the process/structure/properties relationship.
- Currently pushing experiments to ever higher data rates and faster kinetic processes.



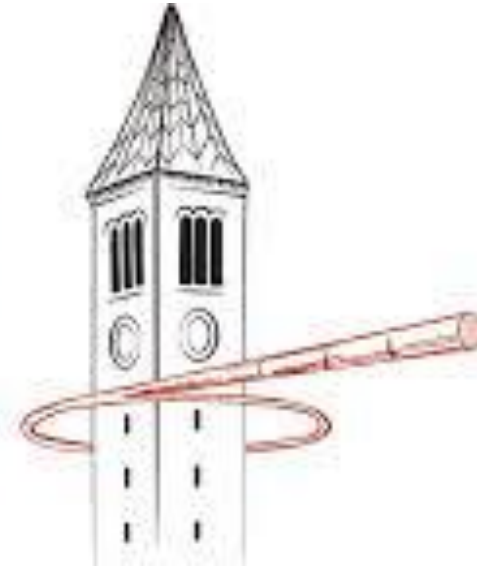
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- Powder Bed Fusion Ti-6Al-4V
  - Initial meta stable microstructure is vanadium supersaturated single phase  $\alpha'$  with fine laths, high internal stress and dislocation density.
  - Dislocation recover and stress relief happen concomitantly from 770K to 870K (500°C-600°C).
  - $\beta$  phase becomes significant at 940K (613°C), increases to 100% at transus temperature of 1281K (1008°C).
  - Vanadium expelled from  $\alpha$  to  $\beta$  as  $\beta$  phase grows.
  - Returns to near equilibrium  $\beta$  content and vanadium distribution at RT.
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# Even Though We Own a Neutron Source, We Choose to Use the Best Tool to Solve the Problem at Hand

Means frequent trips to x-ray sources, e.g. CHESS.

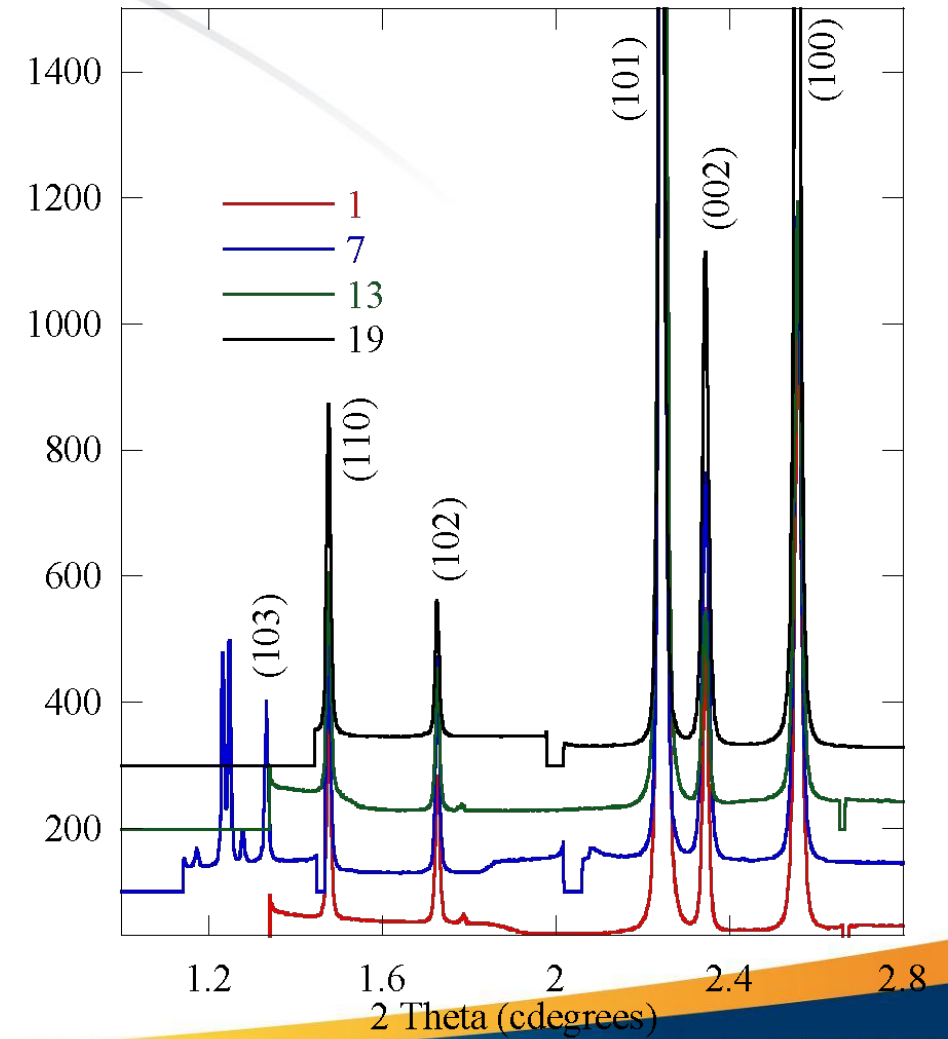
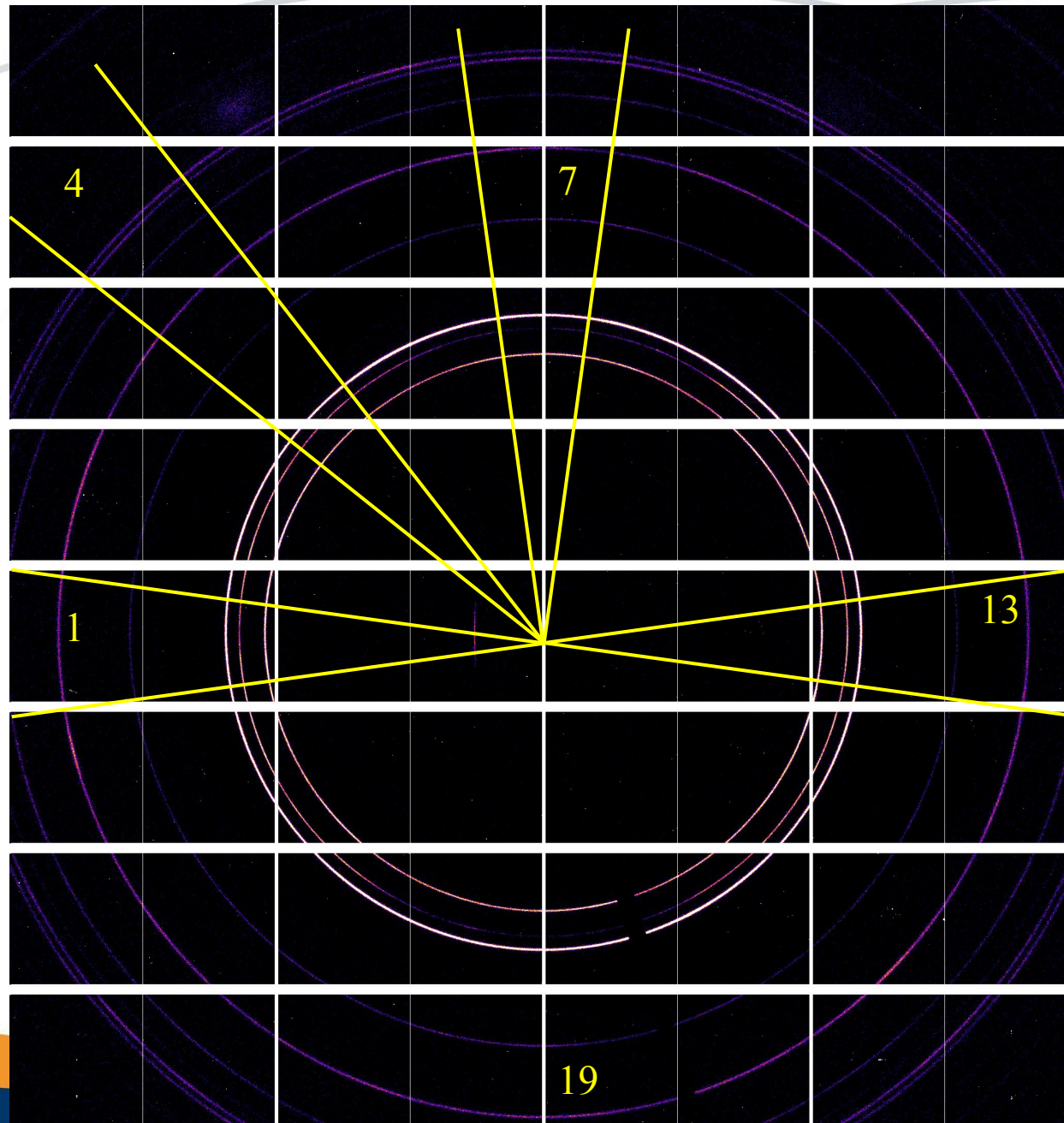
**CHESS**  
CORNELL HIGH ENERGY  
SYNCHROTRON SOURCE





# We Are Probing Several hkl's Along 1 Sample Direction

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# The Eiger 2 XE CdTe Detector Enables the Collection of High-Resolution Diffraction Data at Rates Relevant for Manufacture and Performance Environments.

## Characteristics...

- 1) 32cm x 32cm Area coverage
- 2) 75um x 75um pixel pitch (18.1M)
- 3) ~1000 Hz frame rate (16M version)  
(Continuous readout, full area)
- 4) 20-bit pixel bin depth
- 5) Optimized for 20keV-100keV X-Rays
- 6) Count Rate:  $10^7$  ph/s/pixel
- 7) External User Gating
- 8) Arrived at LANL in July, en route to

