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A collage of materials analysis instrumentation. On the left, a green arrow labeled  $e^-$  points downwards towards a circular diagram. In the center, a purple arrow labeled  $\gamma$  points to the right towards a series of spectral peaks. The background features a periodic table with various elements highlighted, a map of a meteorite labeled "Meteorite Campo del Cielo" with a 3000  $\mu$ m scale bar, a large blue sphere with a grid pattern, and several technical terms: "EDS", "Micro-XRF", "XFlash® Technology", "TXRF", and "EBSD". A small 3D crystal lattice model is visible in the bottom right corner.

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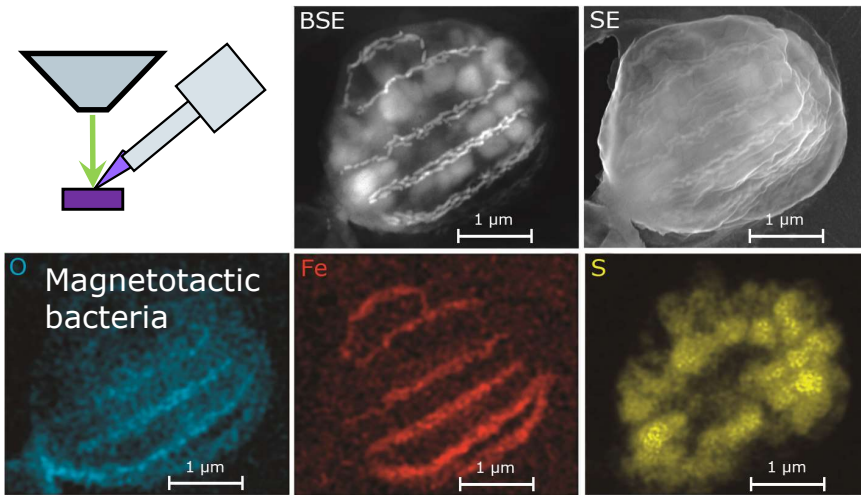
A collage of materials analysis techniques and data. On the left, a periodic table is shown with a green arrow labeled  $e^-$  and a purple arrow labeled  $\gamma$  pointing towards a circular pattern labeled TKD and a triangular pattern labeled EBSD. In the center, there are two purple arrows labeled  $\gamma$  pointing towards a series of spectral peaks. To the right, there is a map of a meteorite labeled "Meteorite Campo del Cielo" with a scale bar of 3000  $\mu$ m, a large blue sphere with a grid pattern, and a diagram of a crystal lattice. The background features the text "Micro-XRF", "XFlash® Technology", "TXRF", and "EBSD".



# Bruker Nano GmbH, Instrumentation for Materials Analysis (mm to $\mu\text{m}$ )

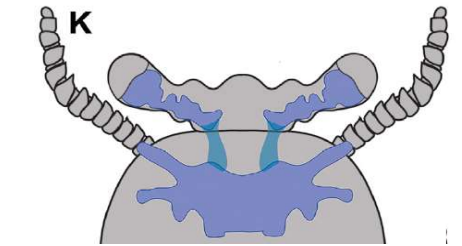


## Single/multiple EDS

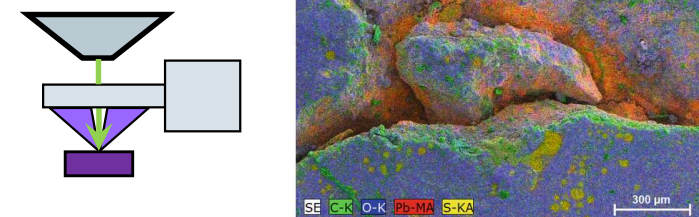


## Annular EDS, FlatQUAD

Ma et al., 2015, Current Biology 25, 2969–2975  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.cub.2015.09.063>  
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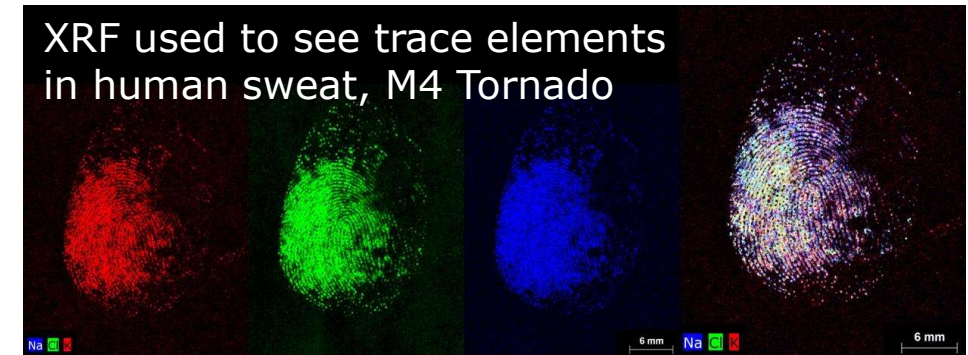
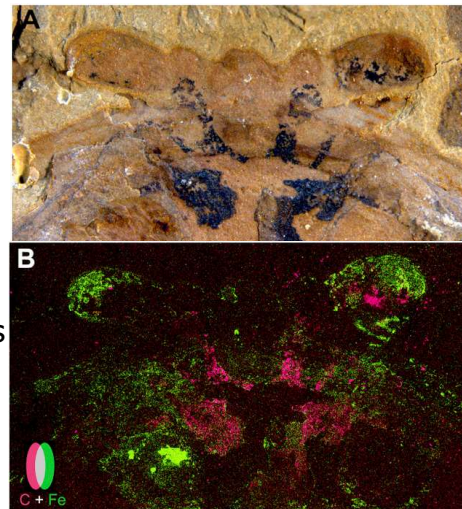


Composite net intensity map of a Mocs meteorite specimen: a cracked surface with lead deposits (red) within the cavities

**K:** Interpretive drawing of a Cambrian arthropod fossil

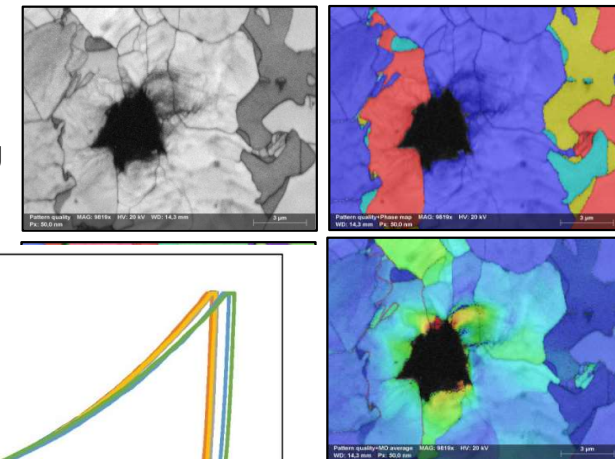
**A:** Carbon-traces in direct illumination

**B:** EDS of **C, Fe**



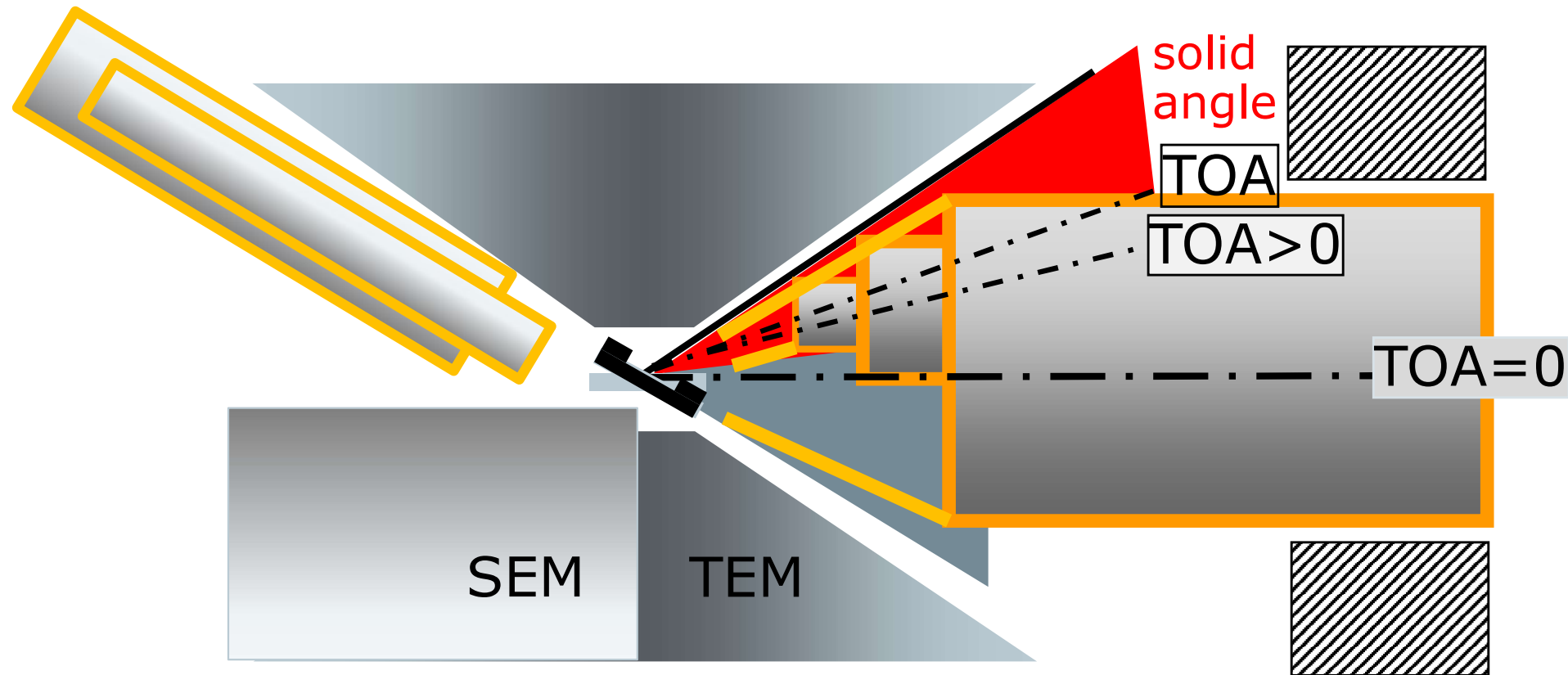
## EBSD +

Indentation etc. experiments and orientation mapping In Duplex steel



TKD Available as well on/off axis

Geometric constraints in SEM and TEM:  
aiming for the nm scale and below,  
Solid and take-off angle are important to consider!



# Windowless high collection angle EDS with 100mm<sup>2</sup> oval silicon drift detector and All advantages of the ESPRIT analysis software



## XFlash<sup>®</sup>6-100 oval for SEM



- Compatible to all types of SEM, FIB-SEM incl. STEM in SEM (T-SEM)
- Accelerating voltage up to 30 kV
- Optimized for each microscope geometry
- Solid angle of up to 0.4 sr

## XFlash<sup>®</sup>6T-100 oval for STEM

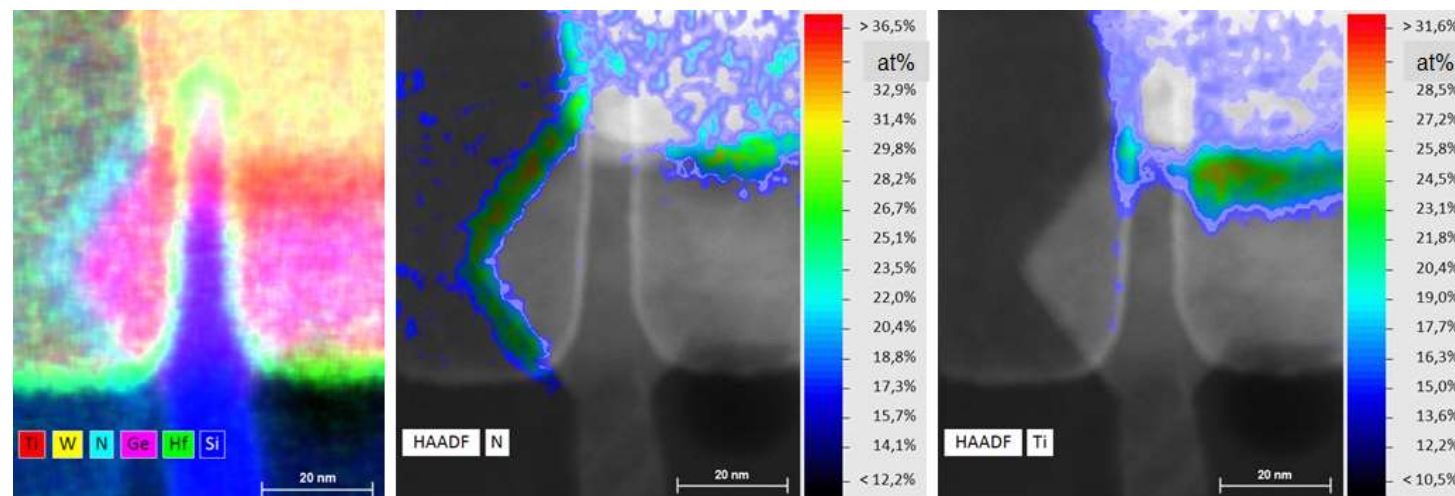
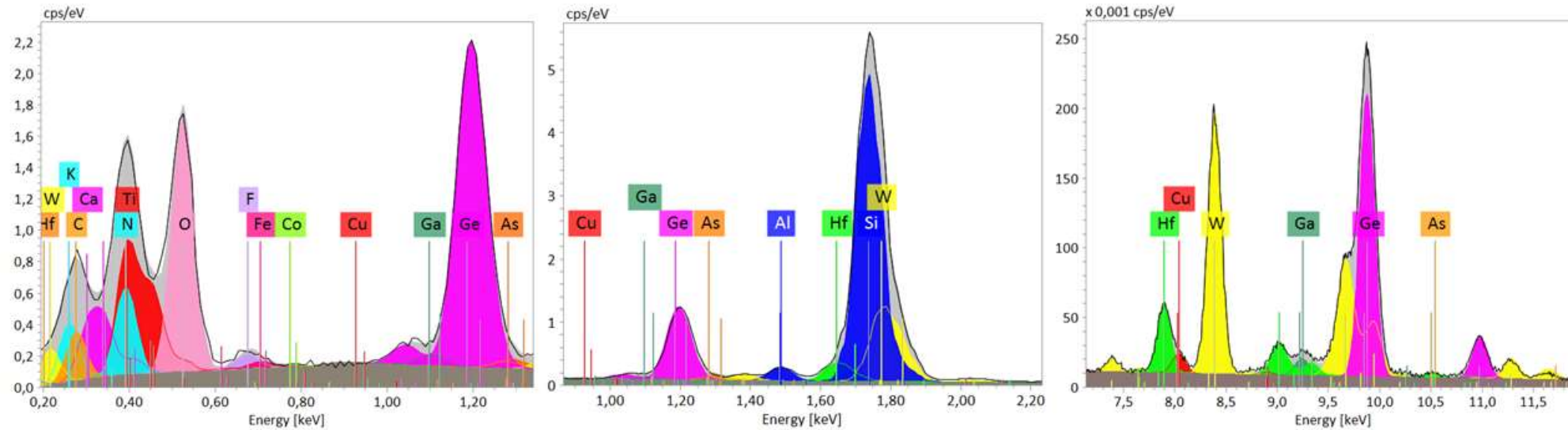
- Tailored to individual pole piece geometry
- Accelerating voltage up 300 kV, UHV compatible
- Solid angle up to 0.7 sr or e.g. 0.4 sr
- Take-off angle up to 13.4° , adaptations vary





# Example of STEM EDS using XFlash®6T-100 oval on TFS Titan: Quantitative Element Mapping of Semiconductor Nanostructures

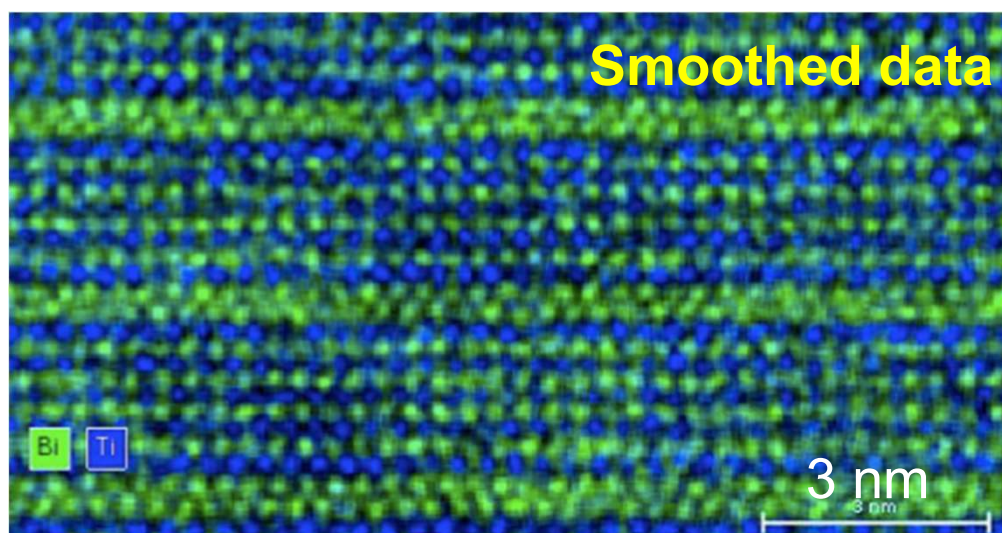
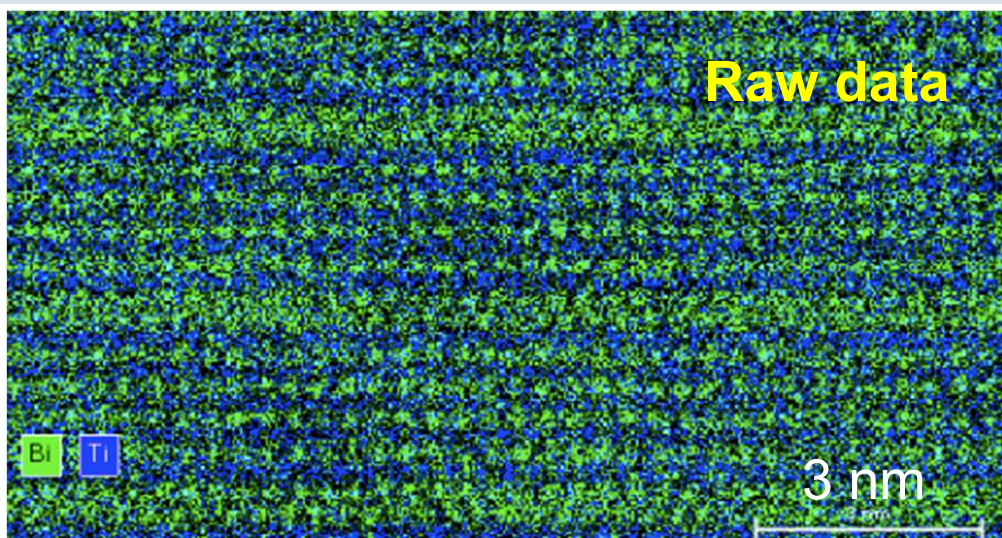
## Deconvolution and Quantification Result



# Example of STEM EDS using XFlash<sup>®</sup>6T-100 oval Nion UltraSTEM: Element Mapping of Multiferroic Bi<sub>6</sub>Ti<sub>x</sub>Fe<sub>y</sub>Mn<sub>z</sub>O<sub>18</sub>



TCD (Trinity College Dublin)  
Nion UltraSTEM200XE 200 kV,  
Dedicated STEM, CFEG;  
 $\Omega \sim 0.7\text{sr}$ , TOA > 13°



432x225 pixels,  
4.1 msec/pix => 400 sec for map.  
No drift correction.  
Bi = green, Ti = blue.

*courtesy Lynette Keeney, Clive Downing and Valeria Nicolosi. TCD, Ireland.*

Specimen:  
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See:

*“Direct atomic scale determination of magnetic ion partition in a room temperature multiferroic material” Scientific Reports 7, Article number: 1737 (2017) open access*



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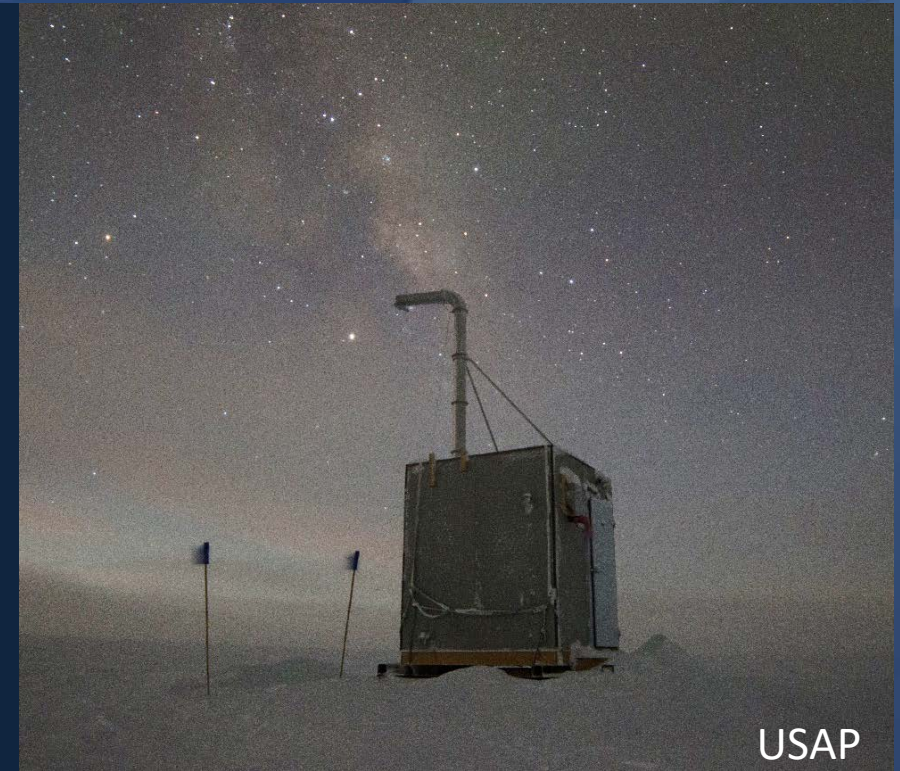
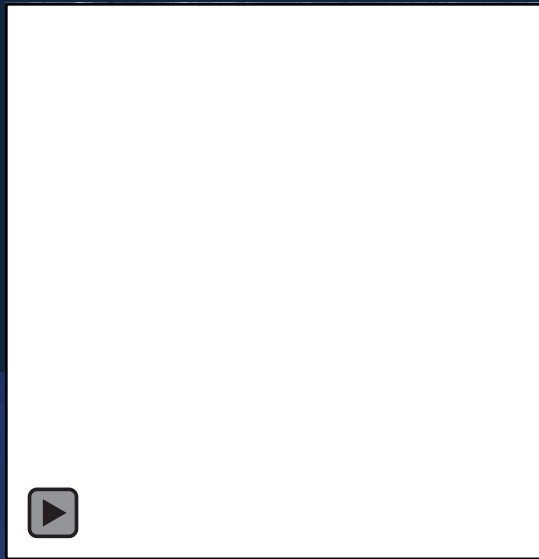


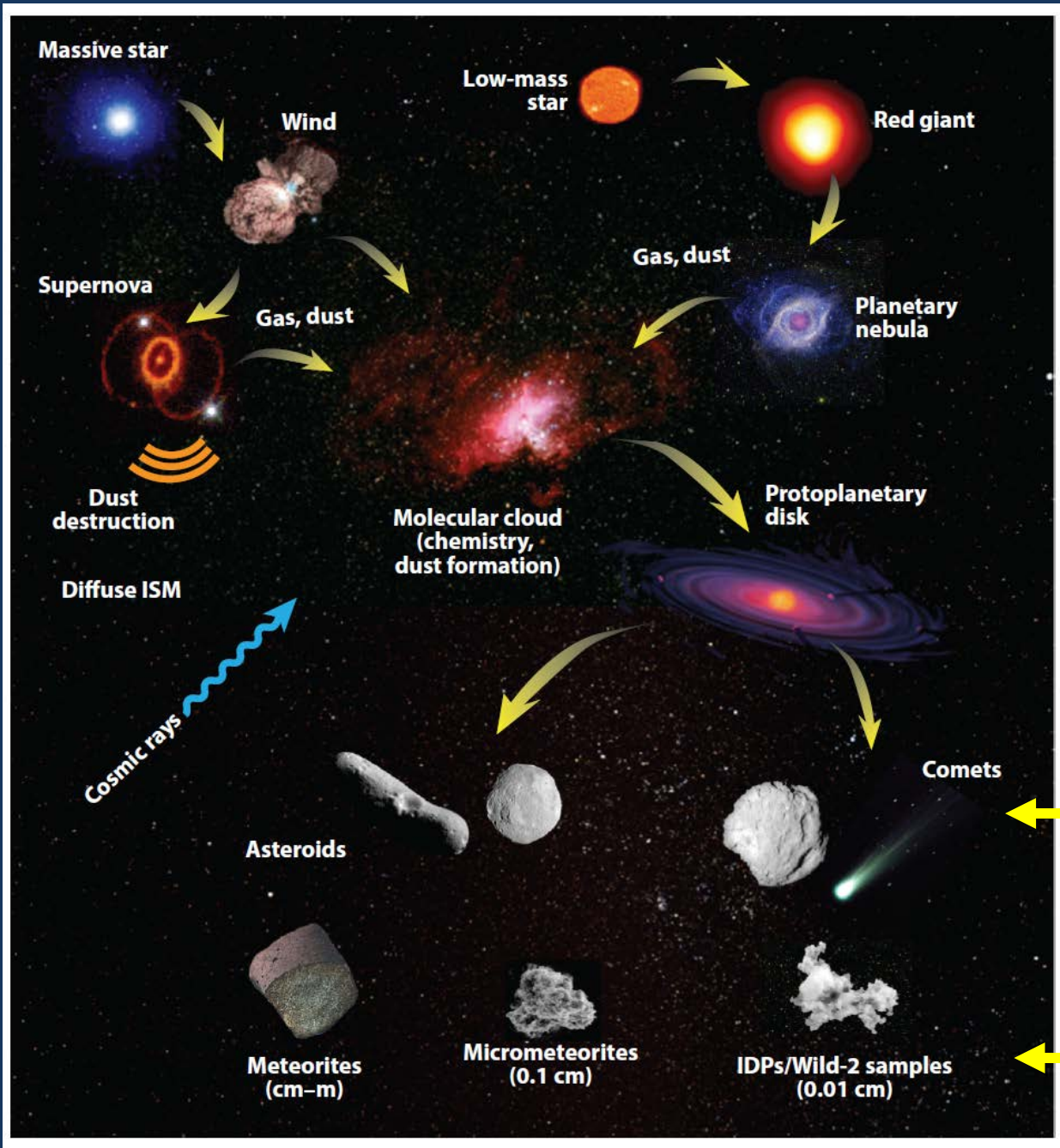
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Solar systems  
origins written in  
gas and dust

Fossils of  
Early Solar System

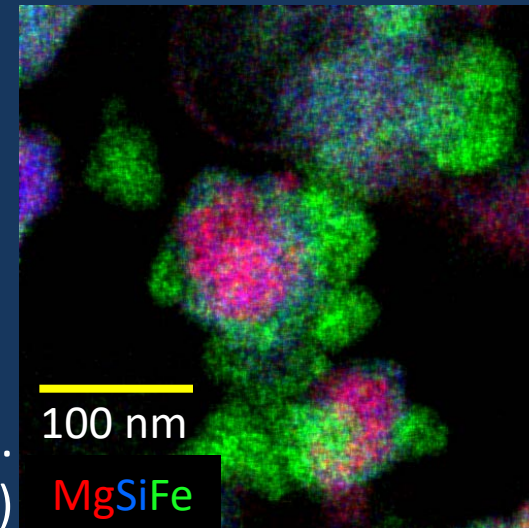
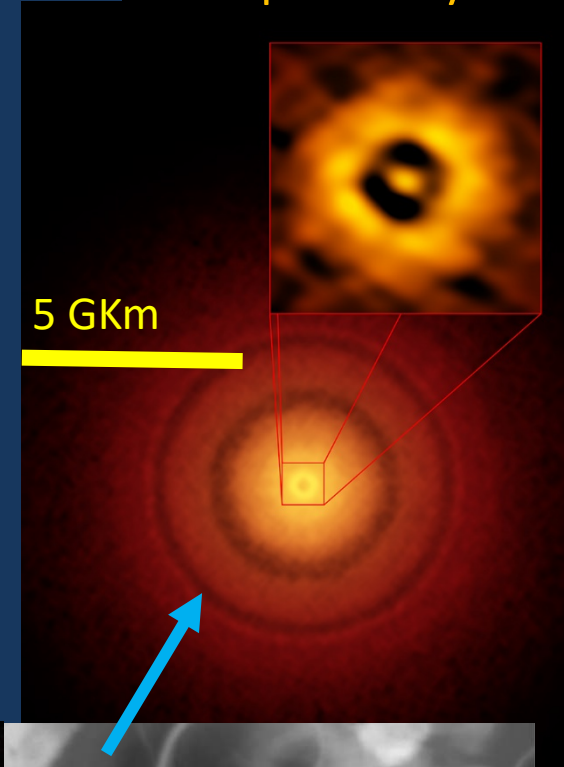
Laboratory  
Samples



# Secrets of the Early Solar System *to be* Revealed by Laboratory Analysis

- Essential Science
  - What were the original ingredients of our solar system?
  - Why life on Earth? Where else?
  - Are there technologically useful materials in the cosmos?
- Coordinated Microanalysis provides answers
  - SEM + SIMS + FIB + STEM + XANES

ALMA Image of  
Protoplanetary disk



Nittler et al.  
Nature Astronomy (2019)



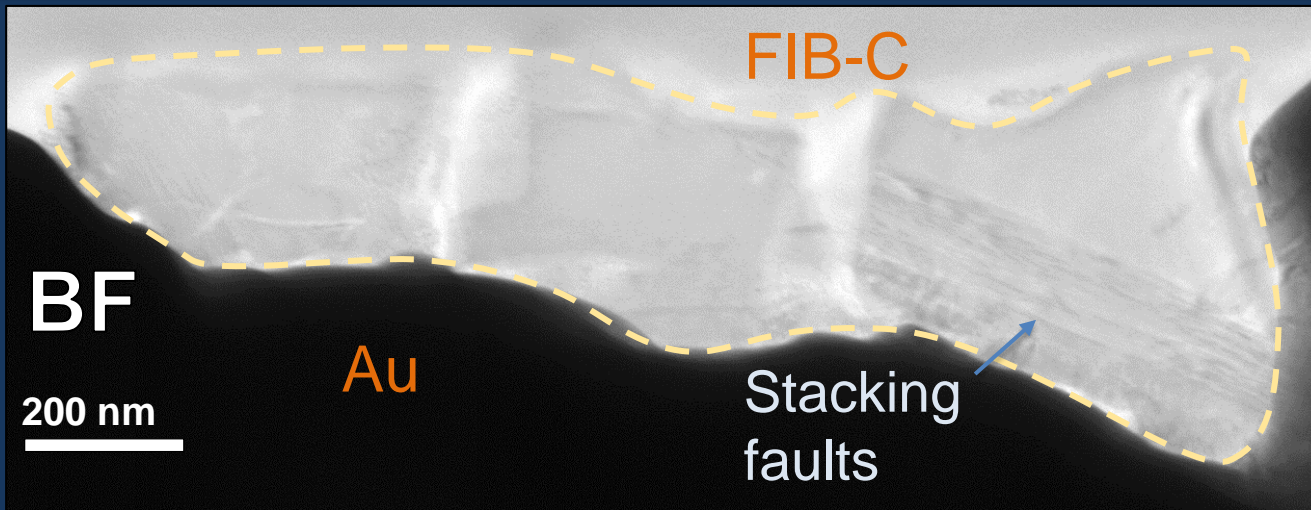
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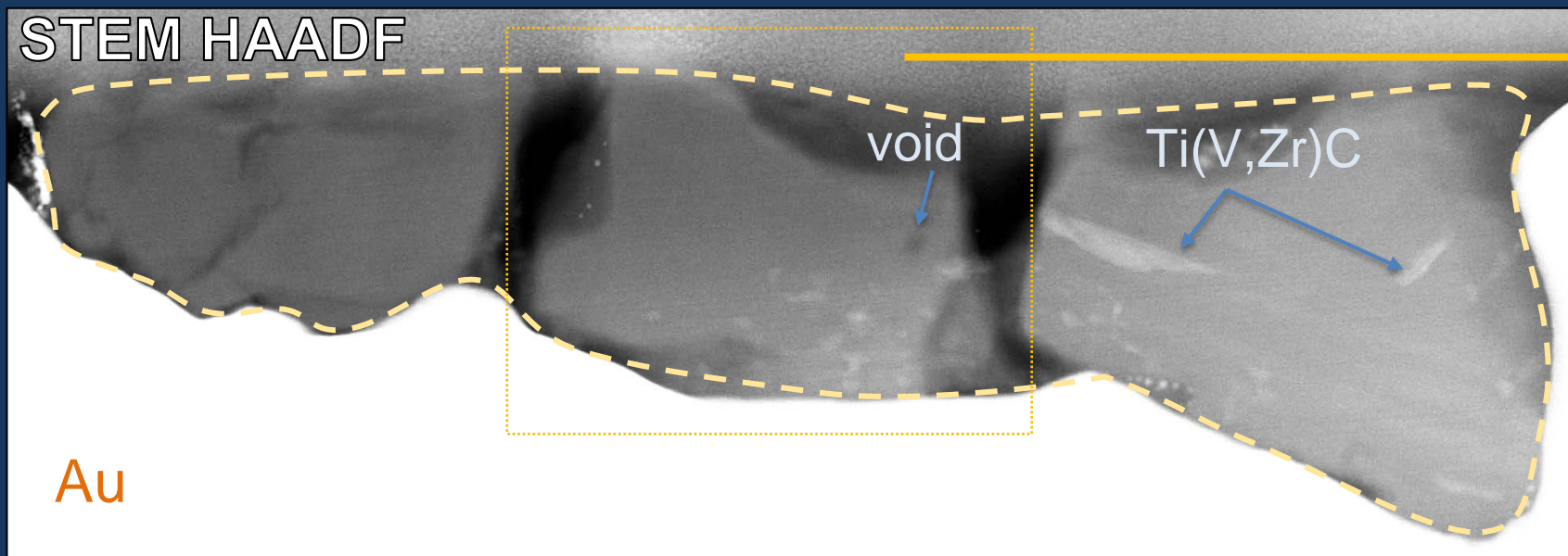


Nion UltraSTEM 200-X  
0.7 sr Bruker SDD Xflash 100  
Gatan Enfinium ER

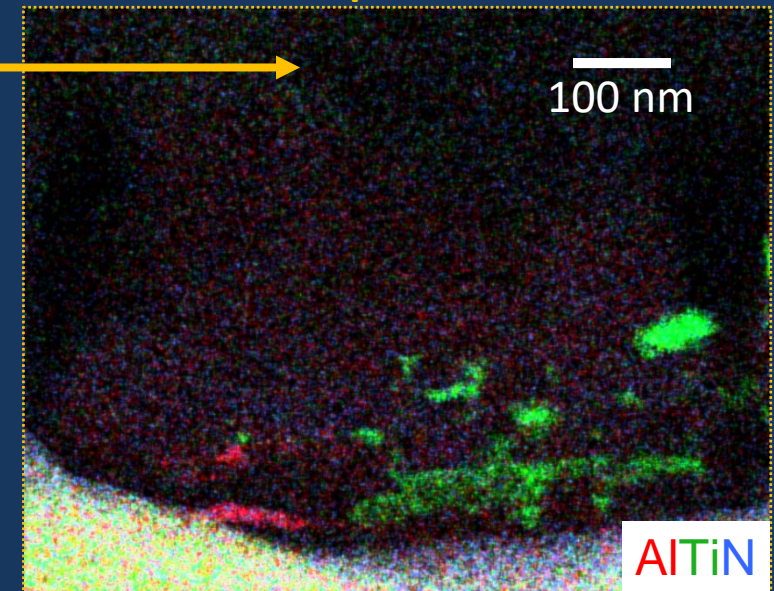
# STEM-EDS of SiC from an AGB Star *Singerling et al., in review*



Internal structure reveals complex condensation history from > 4.5Gy ago

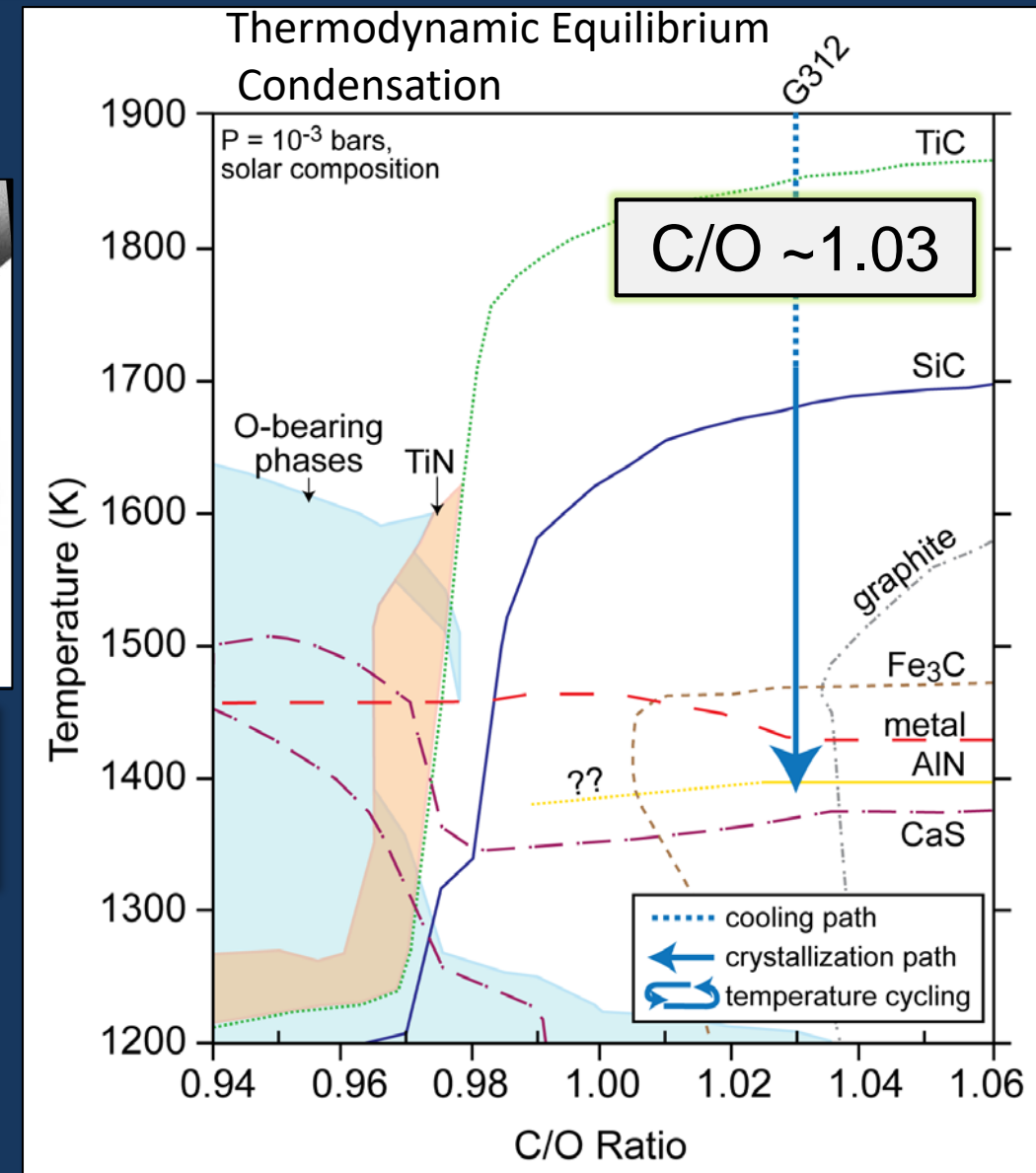
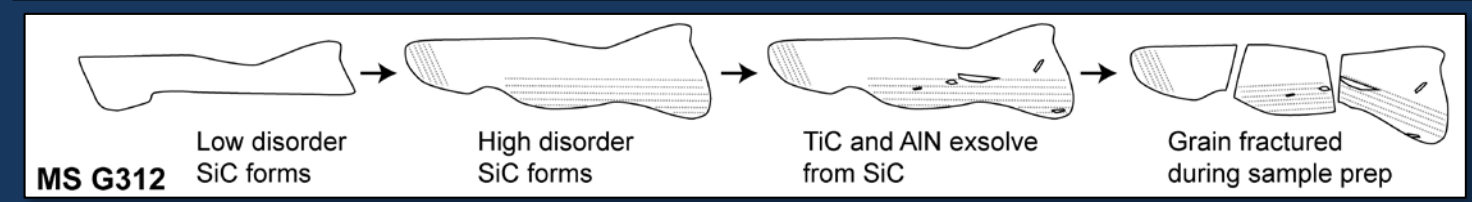
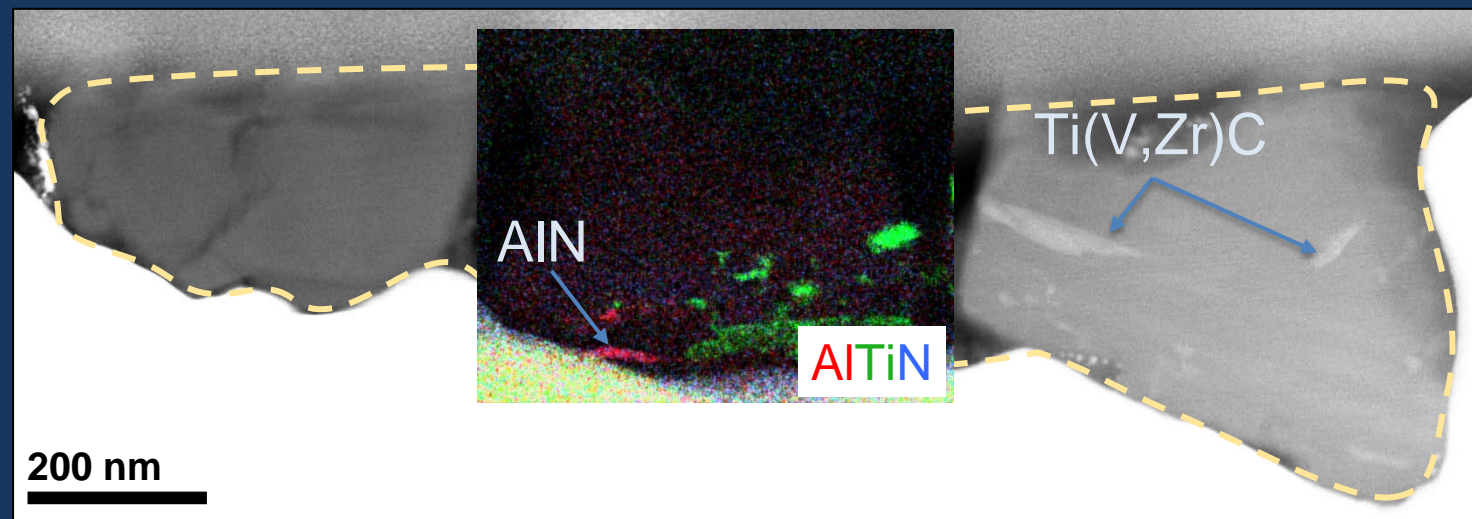


RGB Al-Ti-N Map



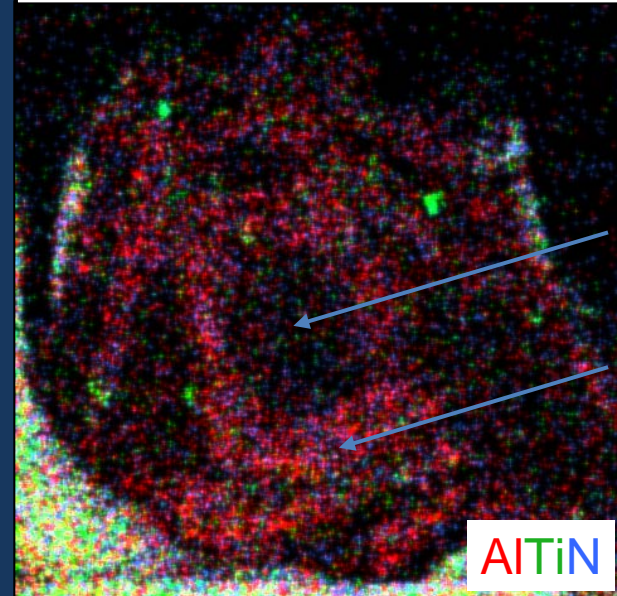
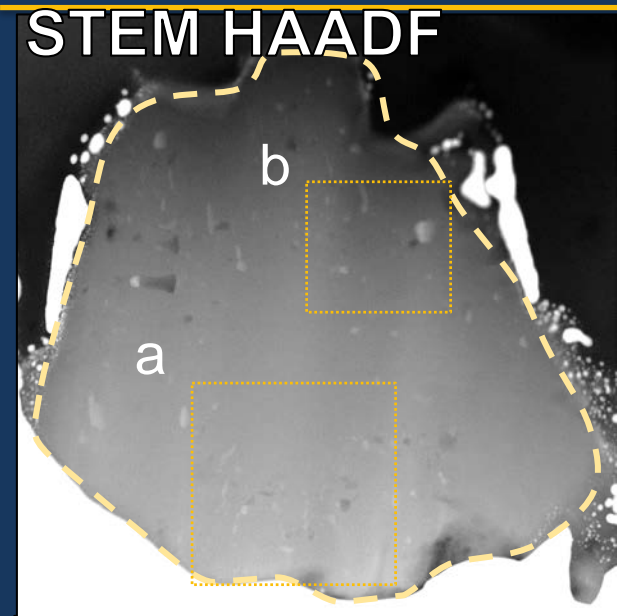


# Implications for Circumstellar Conditions



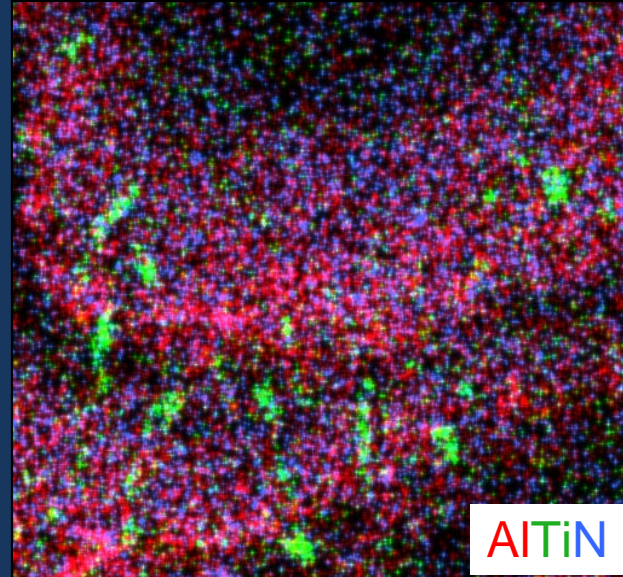
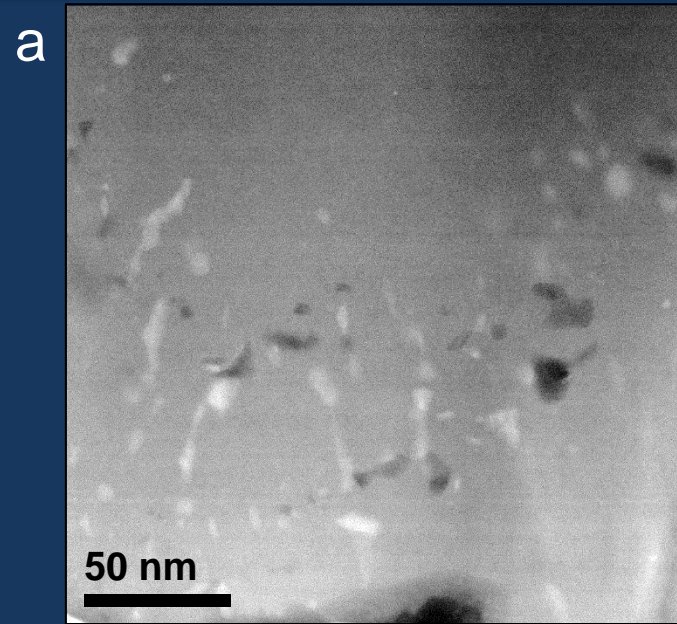


# SiC Stardust from another AGB star

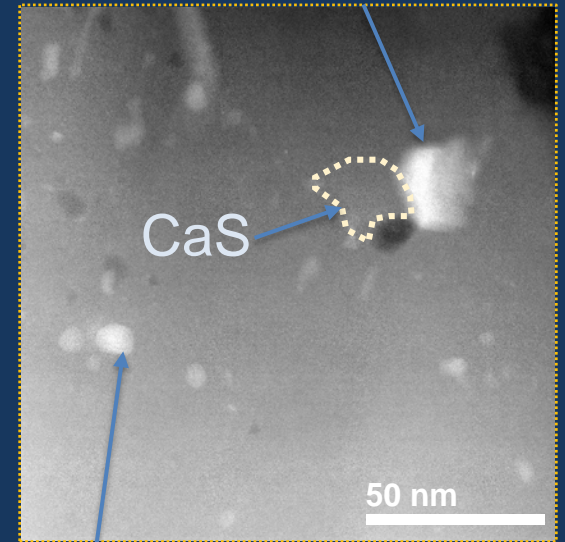


0.11 at% Al  
0.52 at% N

2.1 at% Al  
3.0 at% N

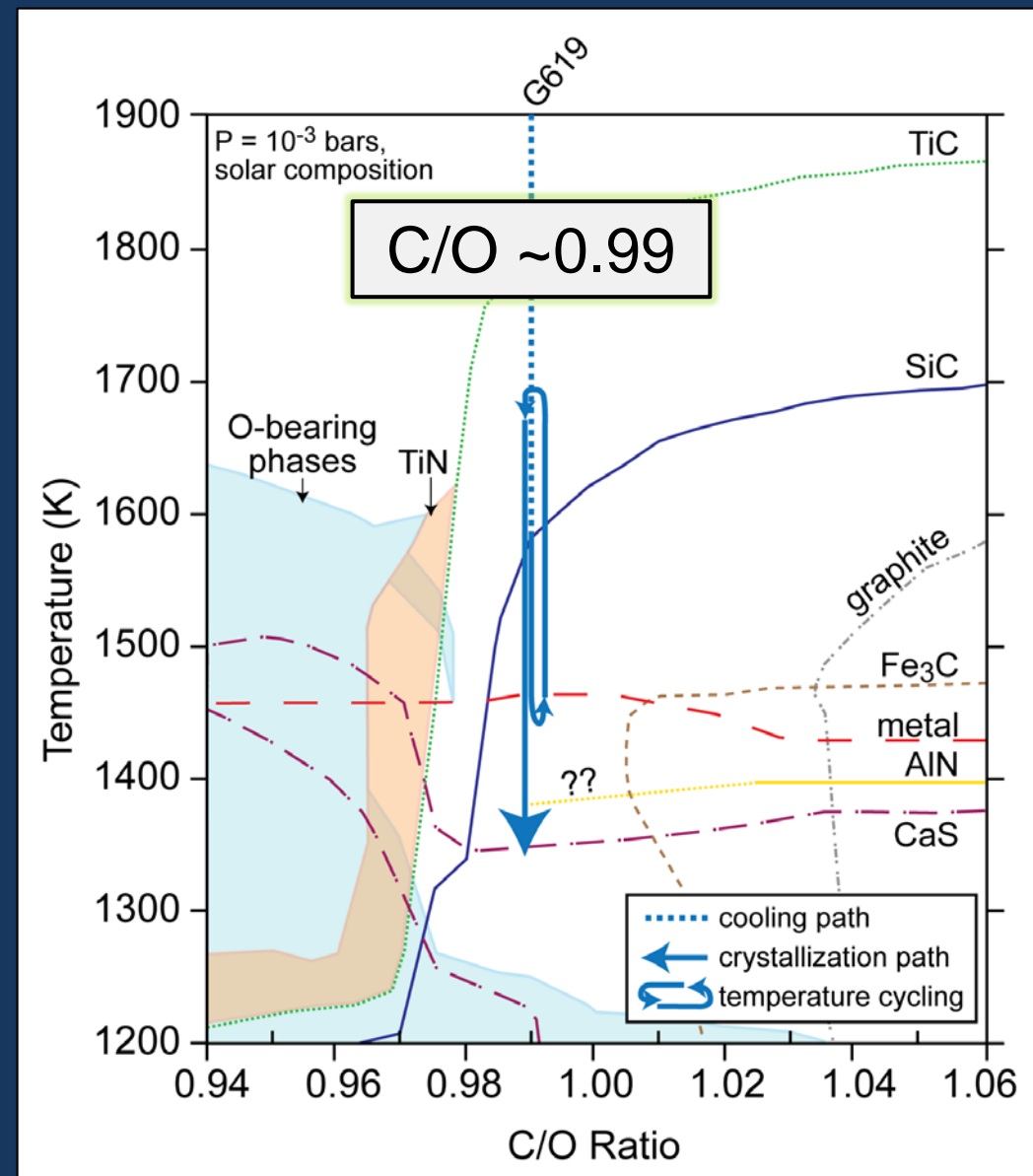
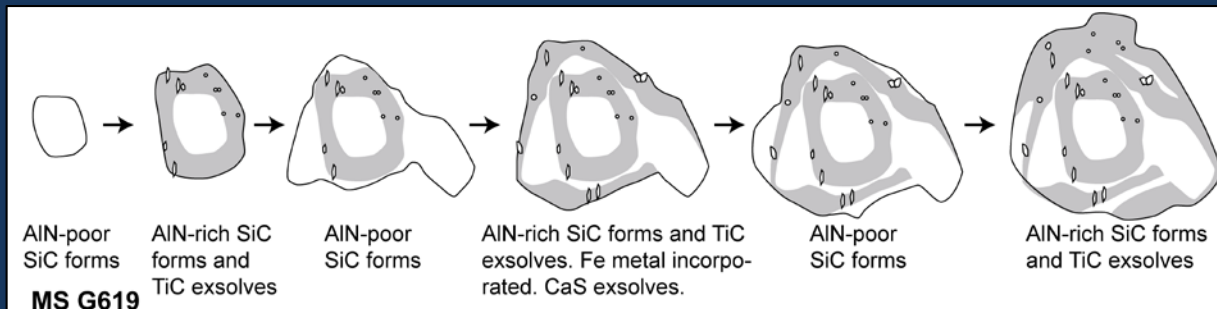
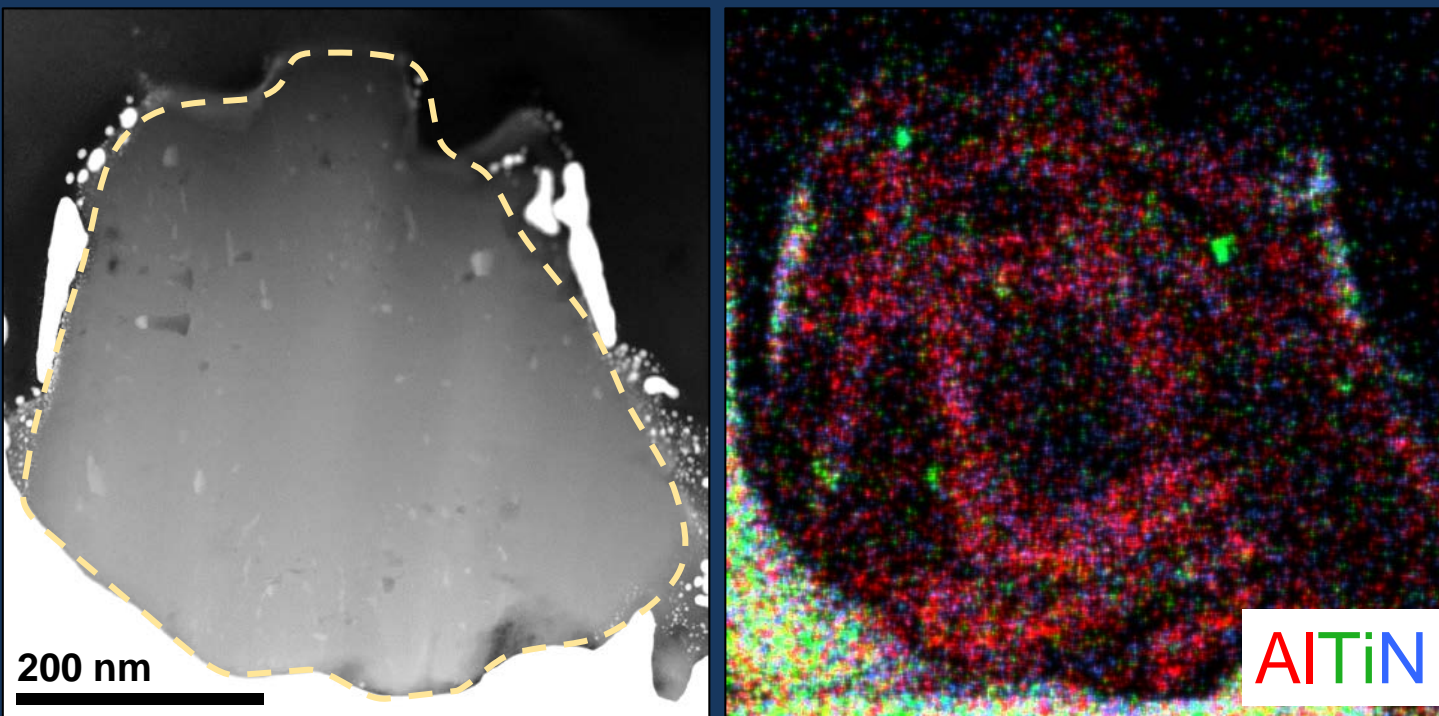


b Ti(V,Zr,Fe,Mo,Ni)C



Ti(Zr,V,Fe,Ni,Mo)C

# Different Circumstellar Conditions

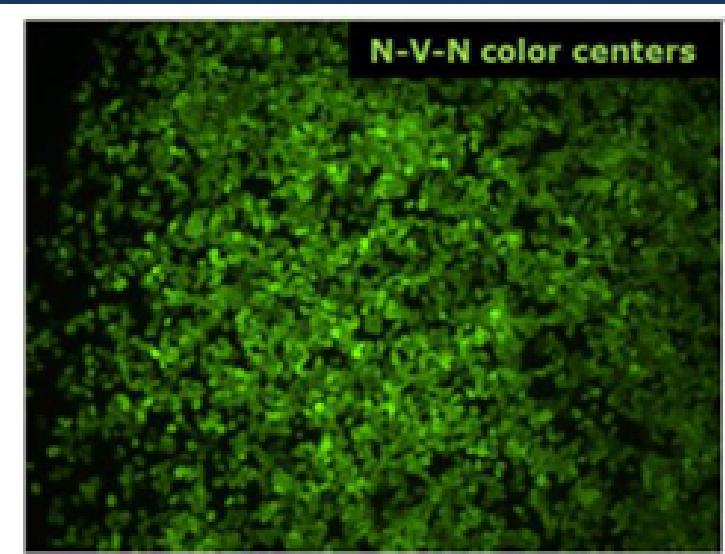
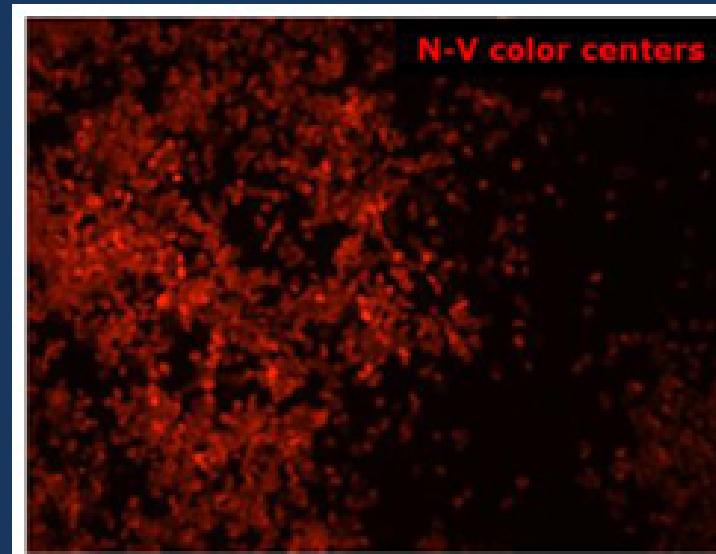




# Nanodiamonds - from q-bit to stardust

- Nanodiamonds are broadly scientifically important
  - Common polishing compound, wear-resistant coatings
  - Biocompatible, functionalizable surface
  - Nitrogen and Si vacancy complexes for photoluminescence, spintronics / quantum computing

Commercial  
irradiated nanodiamonds  
Sigma-Aldrich

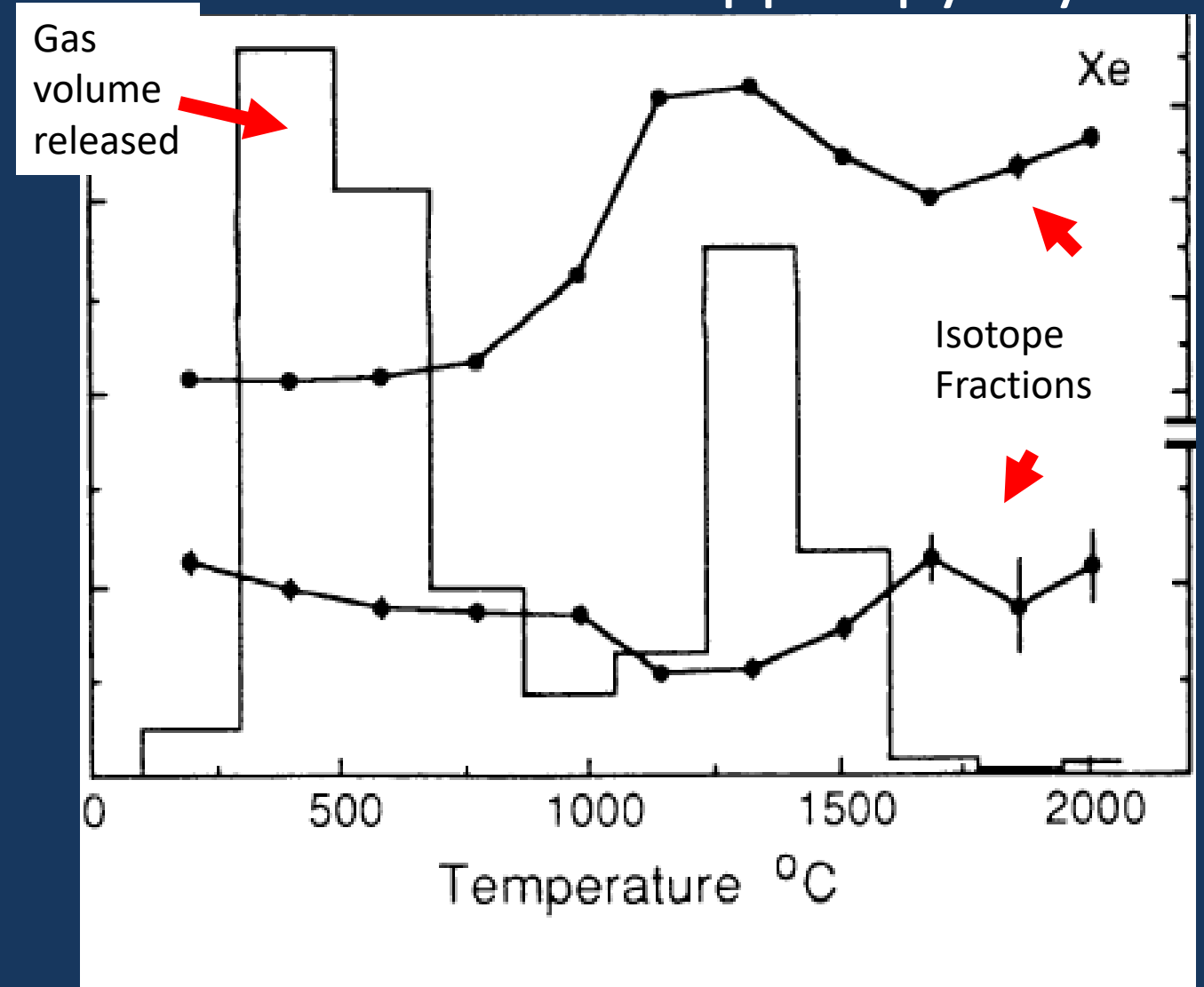




# Cosmic Nanodiamonds

- Nanodiamond residue prepared by acid dissolution of meteorite
- First phase found in meteorites with an isotopic signature of extrasolar origin
  - Kr and Xe isotopes indicative of supernova origin, Lewis et al., *Nature* (1987)
- But only  $\sim 1$  Xe per  $10^5$  nanodiamonds, and solar C and N isotopic composition
- Most nanodiamonds could have formed in Solar System

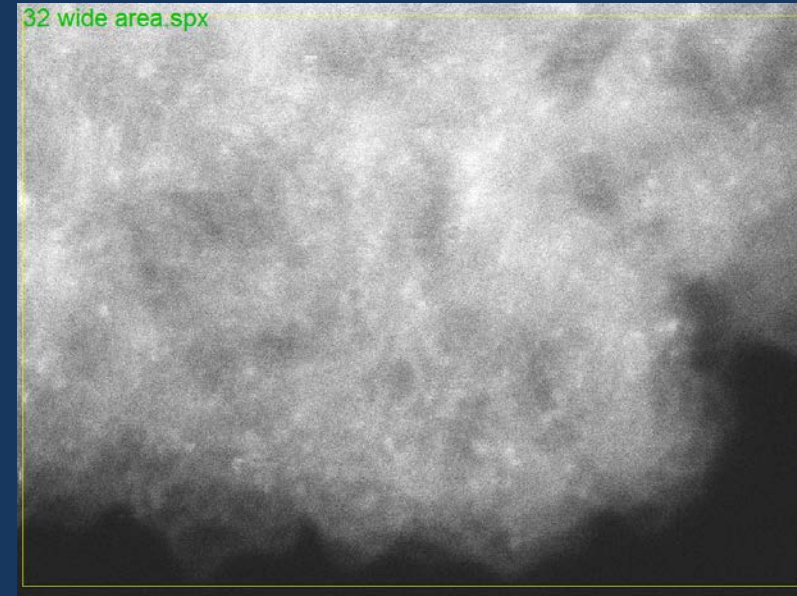
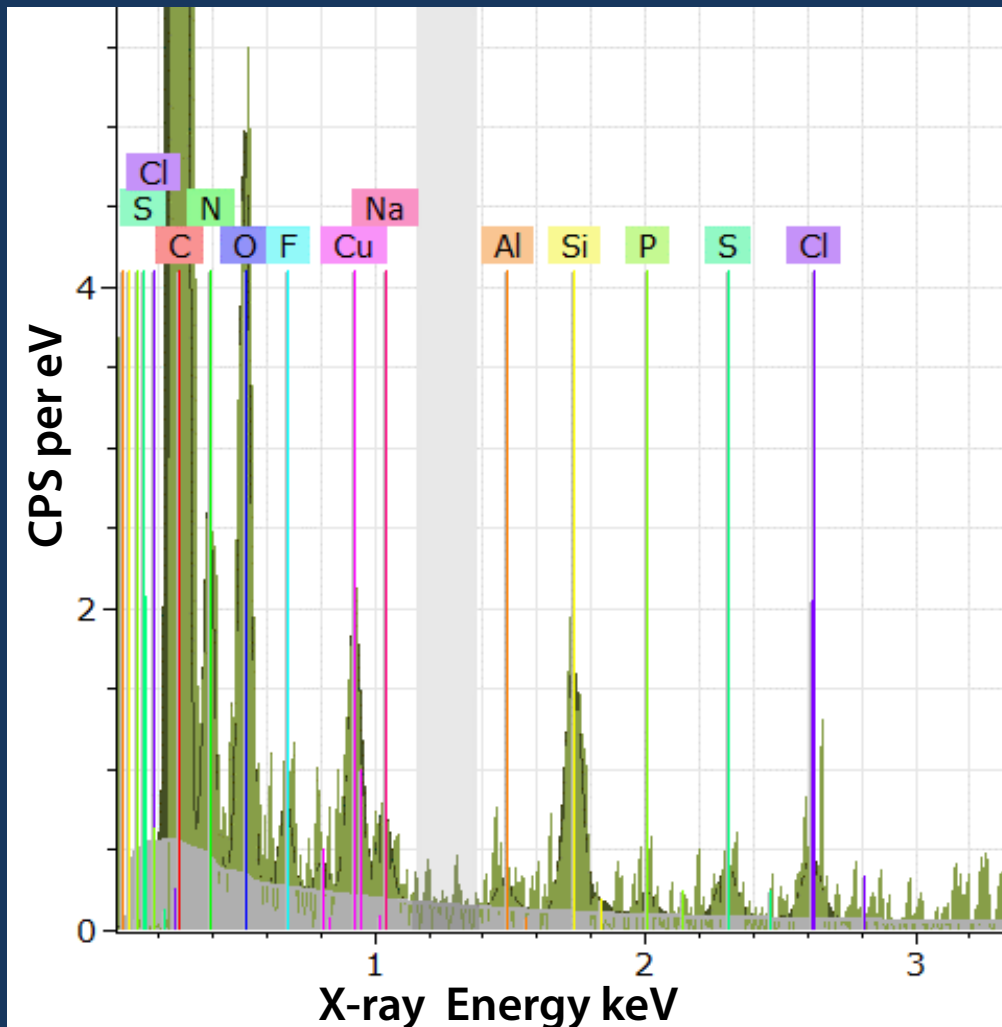
stepped pyrolysis



Huss and Lewis, MAPS (1994).

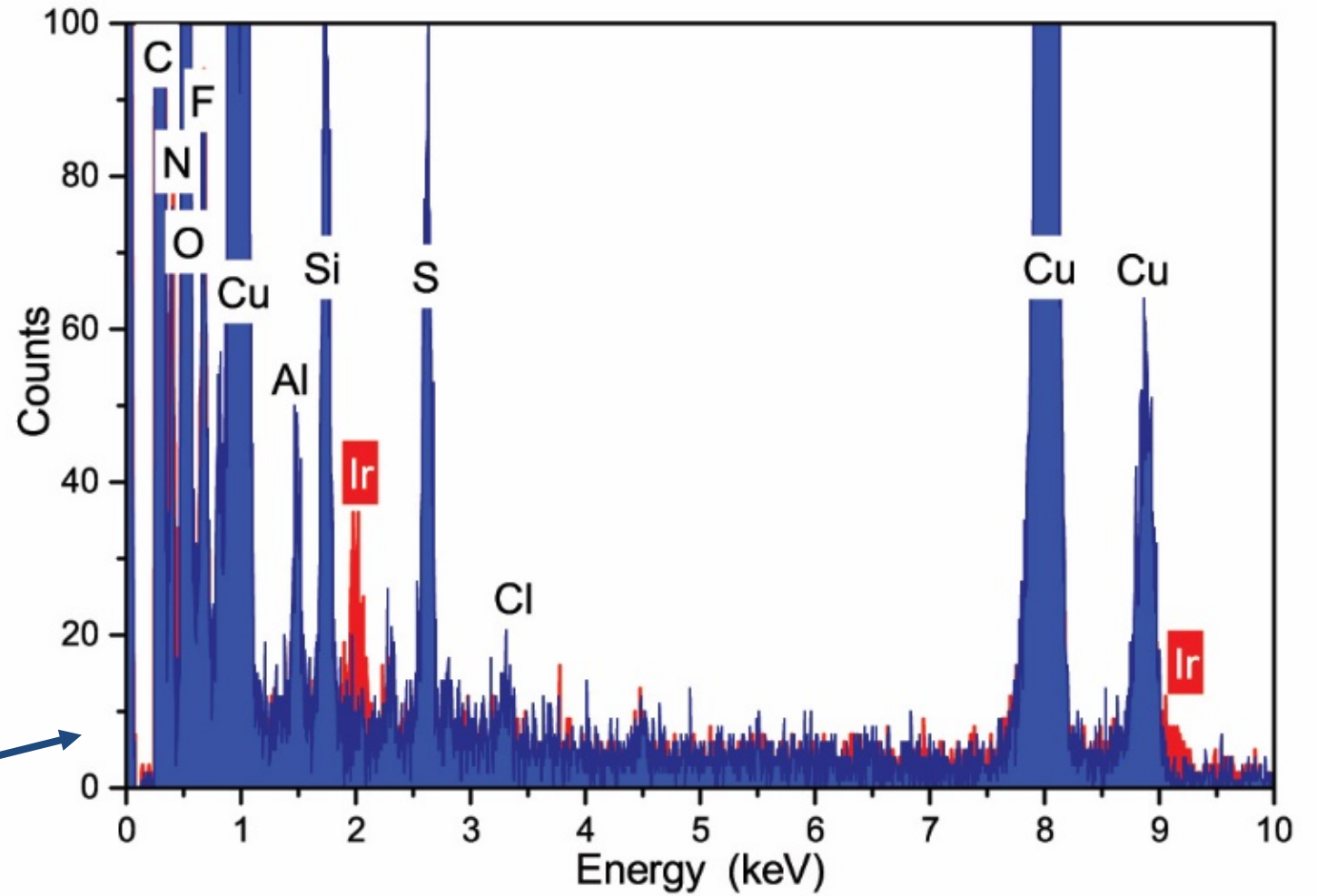
# EDS "Average" Nanodiamond Composition ( $\sim 9 \times 12 \text{ nm}^2$ )

C (at.%)	N	O	F	Cu	Na	Al	Si	P	S	Cl
96.75	0.84	1.45	0.16	Sys.	0.11	0.05	0.4	0.04	0.08	0.11



# EDS of individual impurity particles

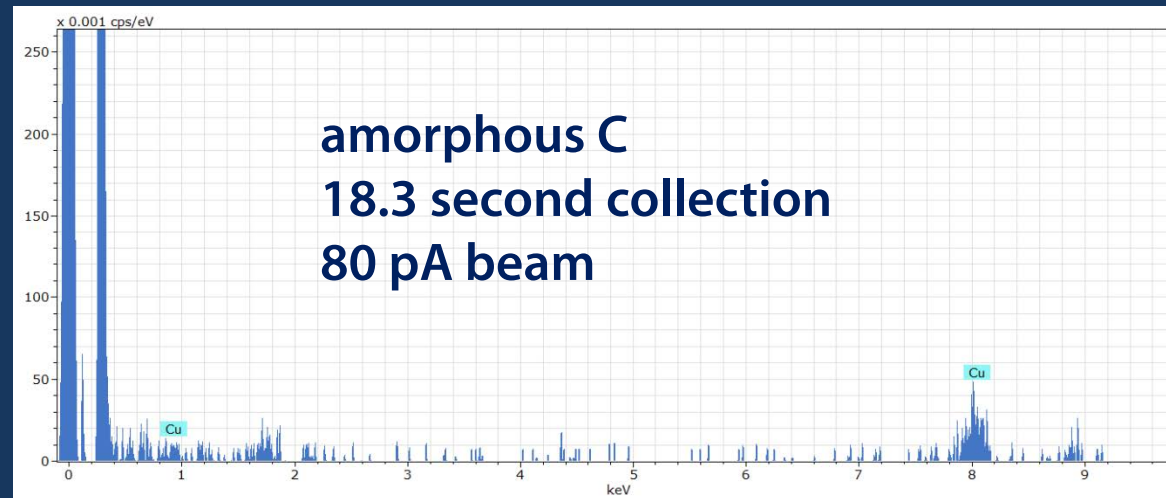
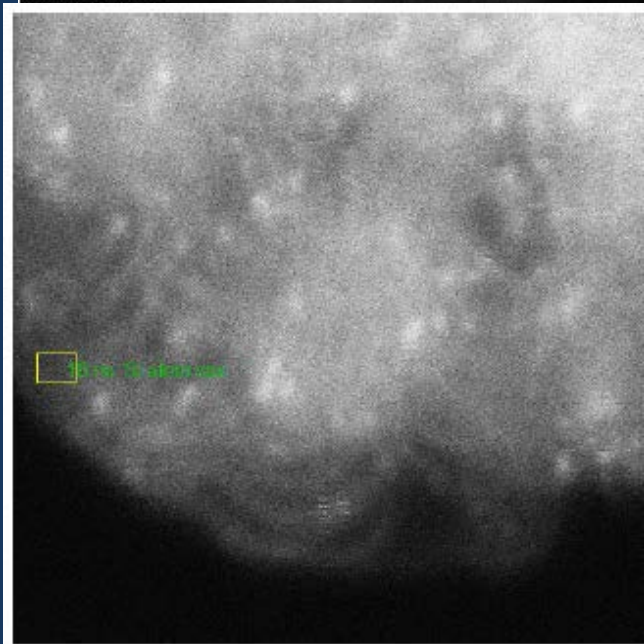
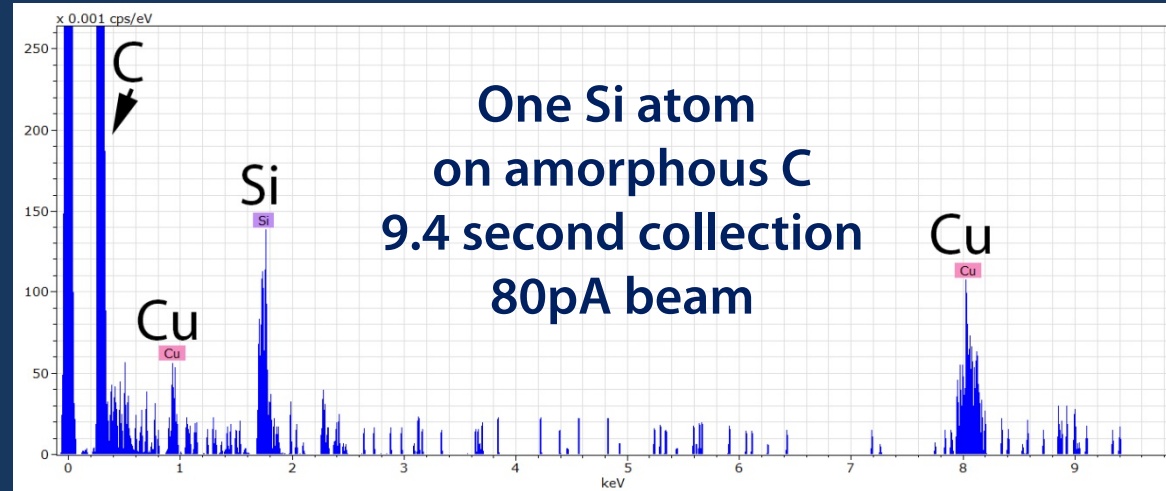
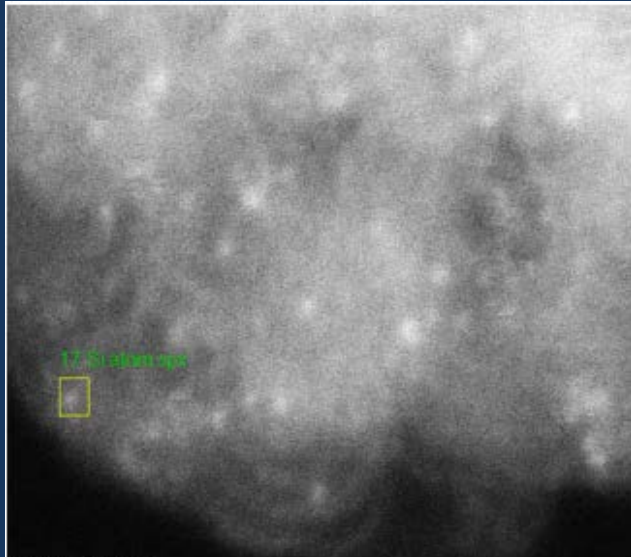
5 nm



0.8 nm Ir particle



# EDS on and off a Si atom

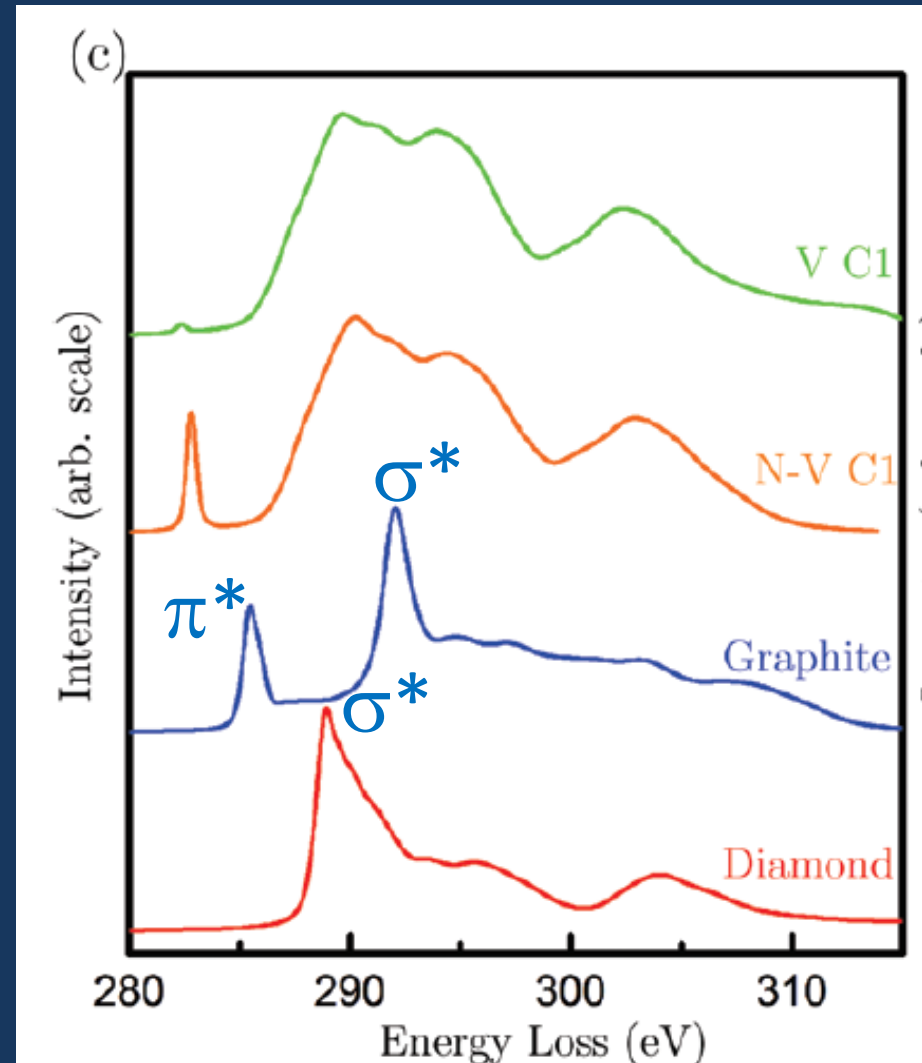
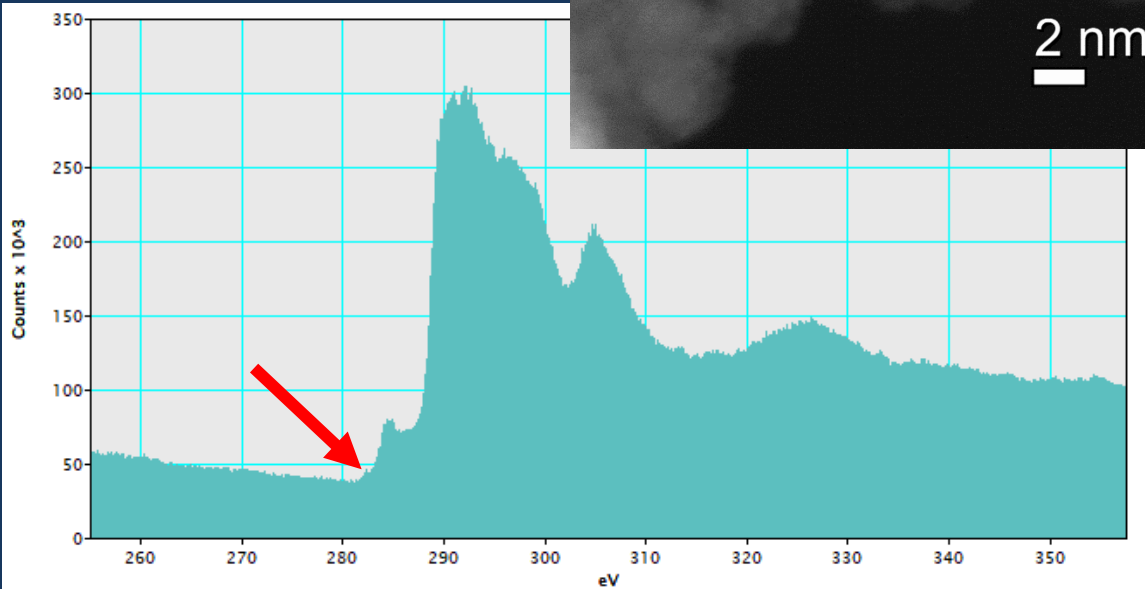
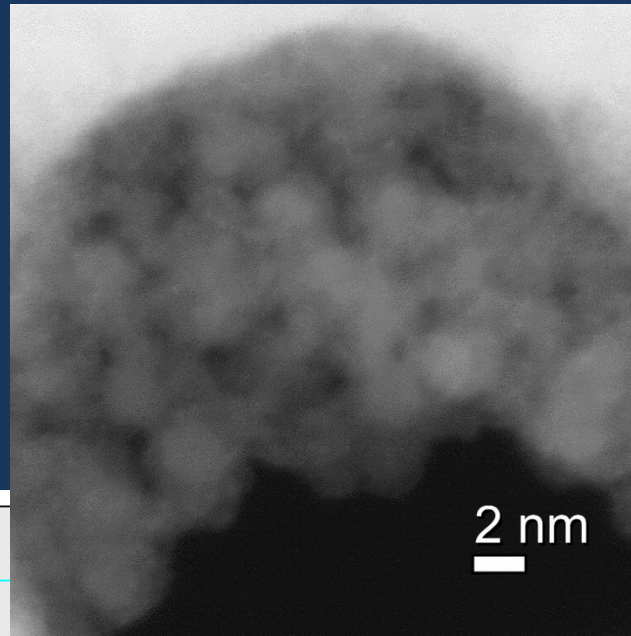


Stroud et al., Applied Phys. Lett. (2016)

# Identification of Vacancy Centers in Diamond with EELS

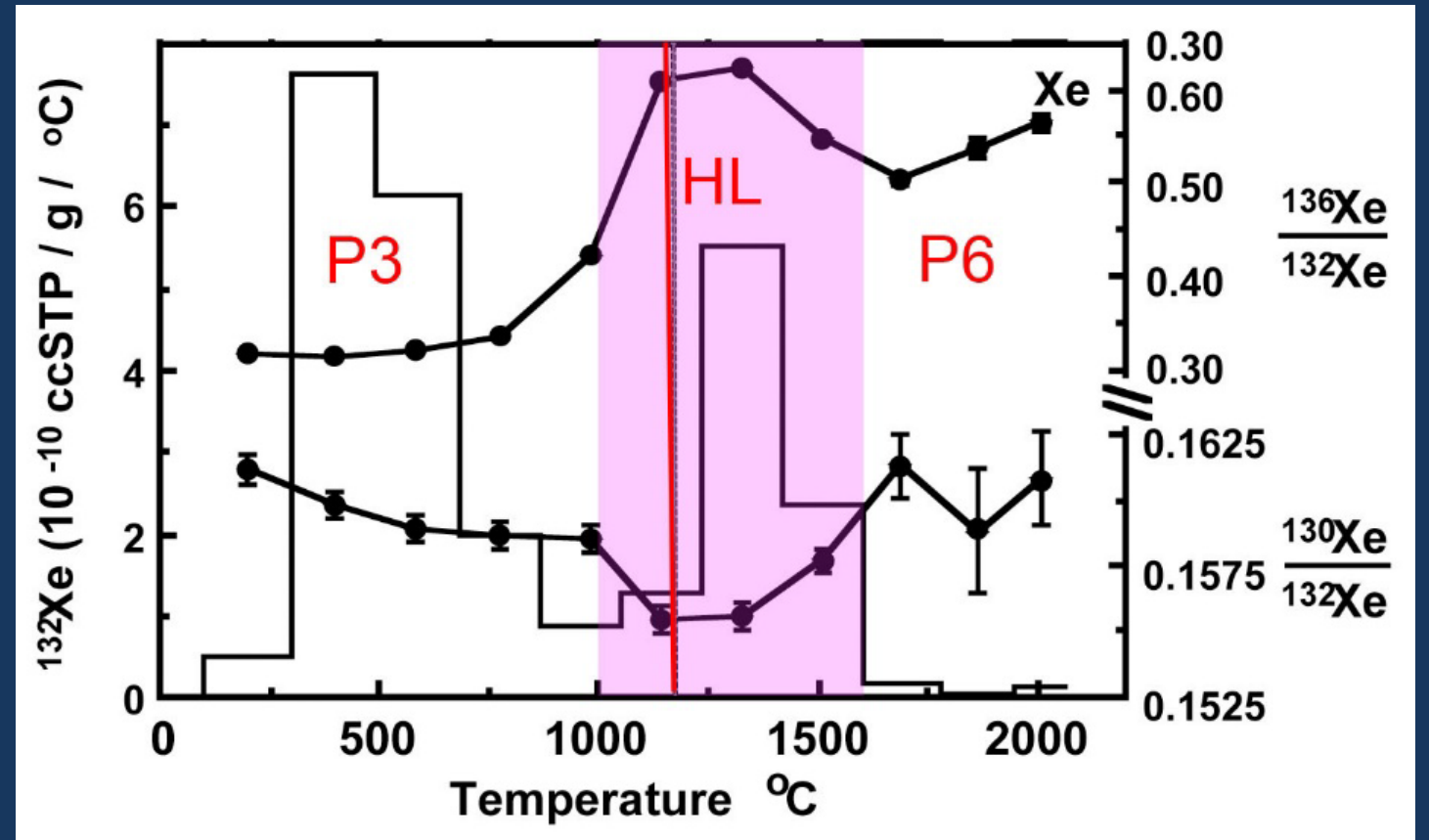
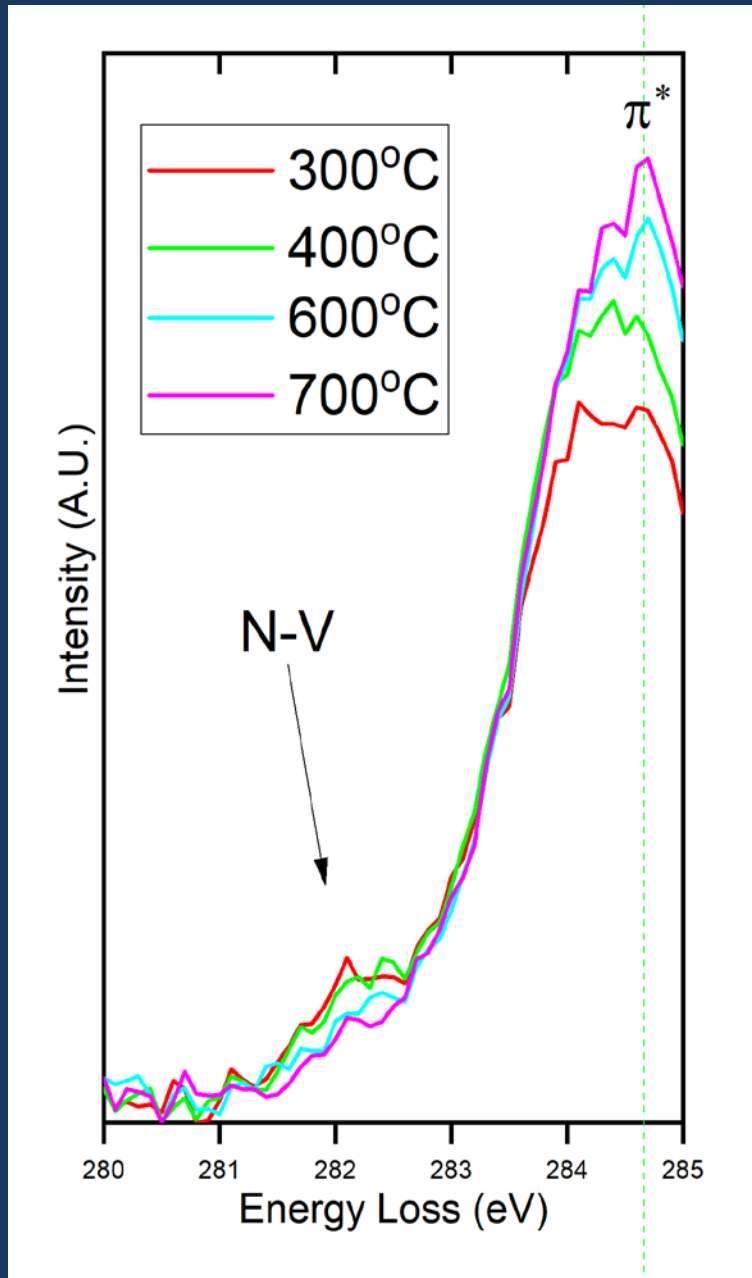
Calculated C-K edge spectra

Meteoritic ND



Chang et al., Nanoscale 2016

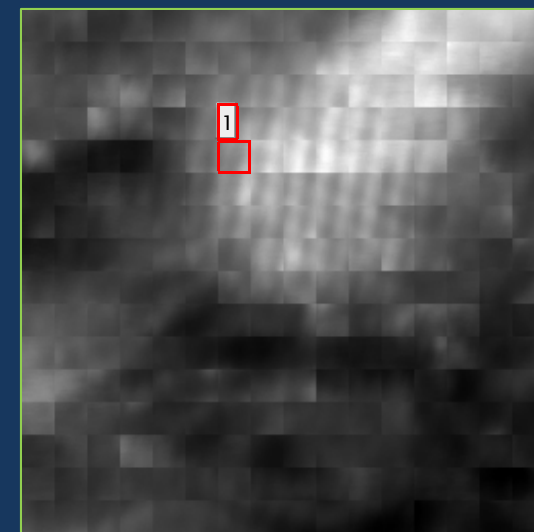
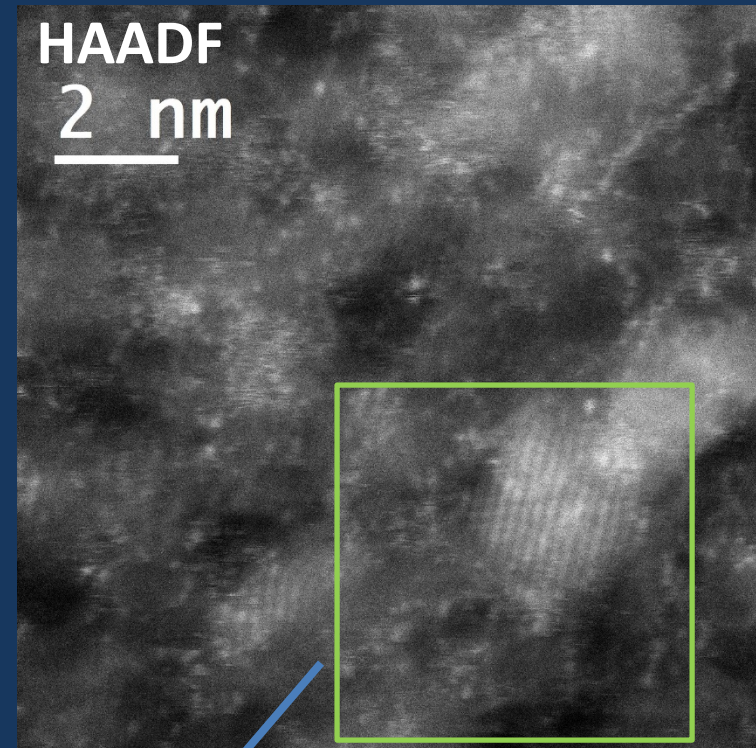
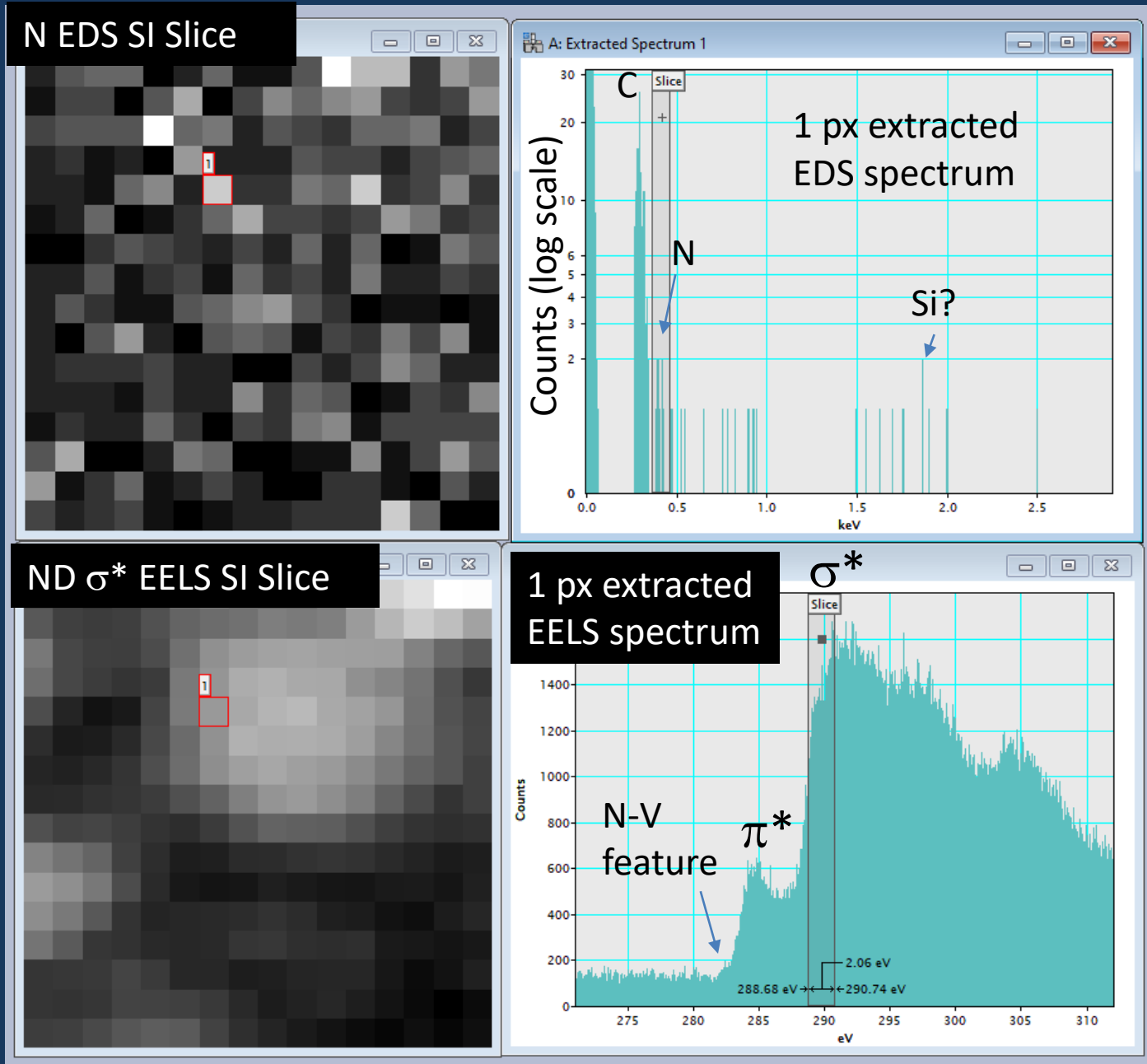
# Hot stage STEM-EELS Comparison with Stepped Pyrolysis



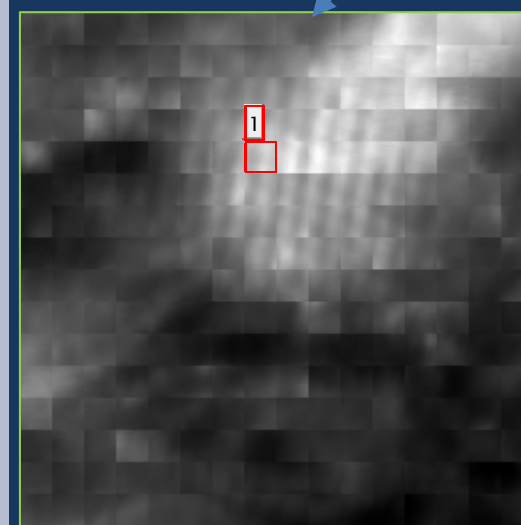
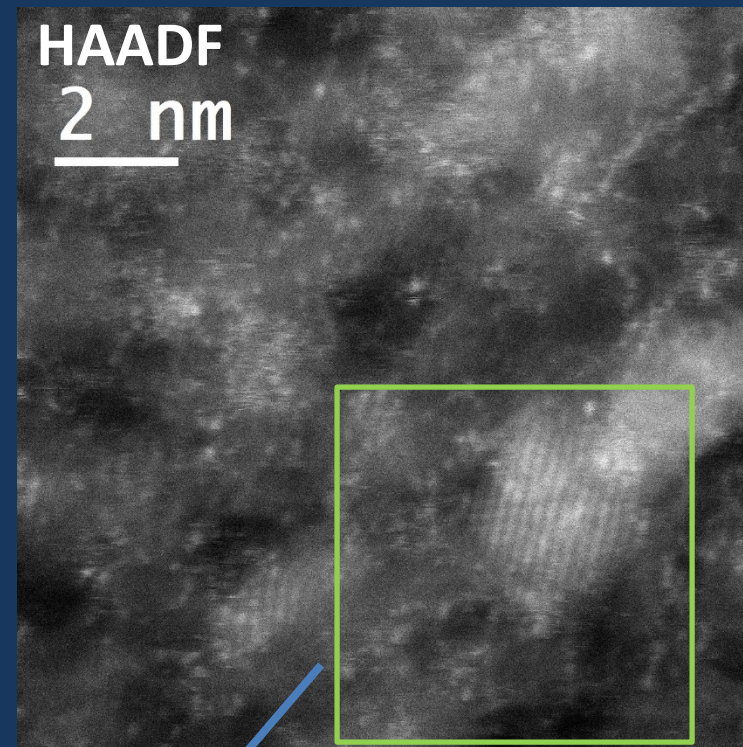
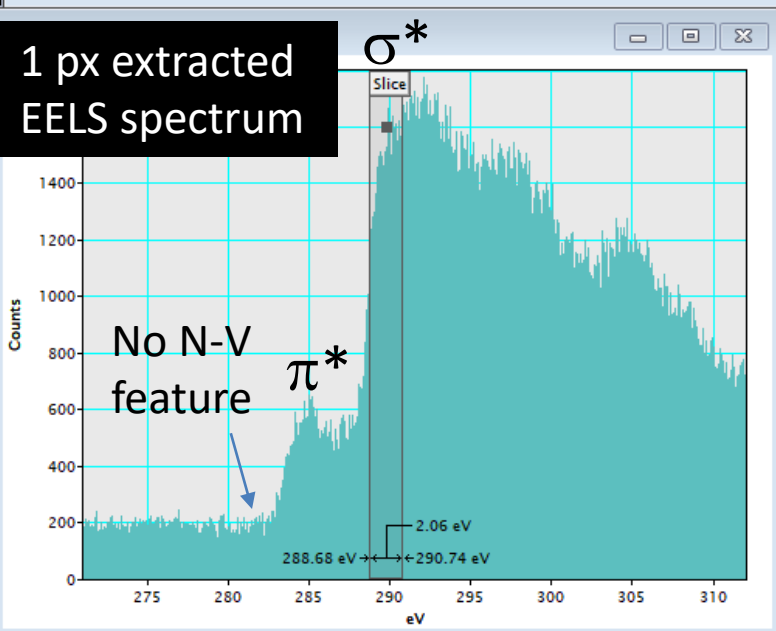
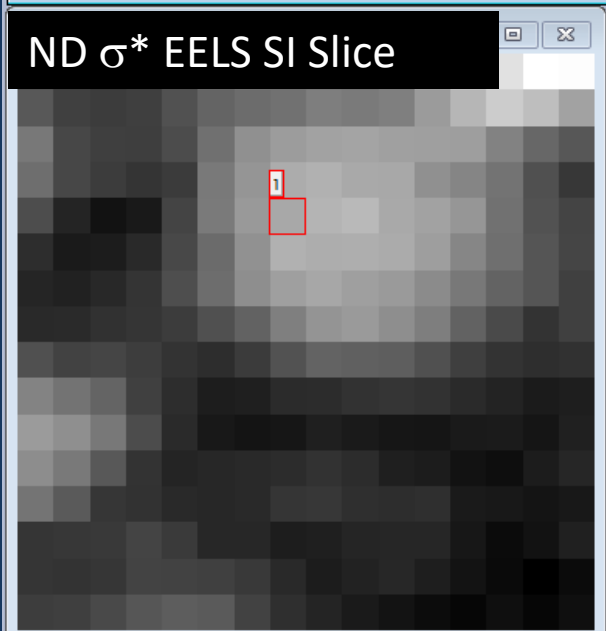
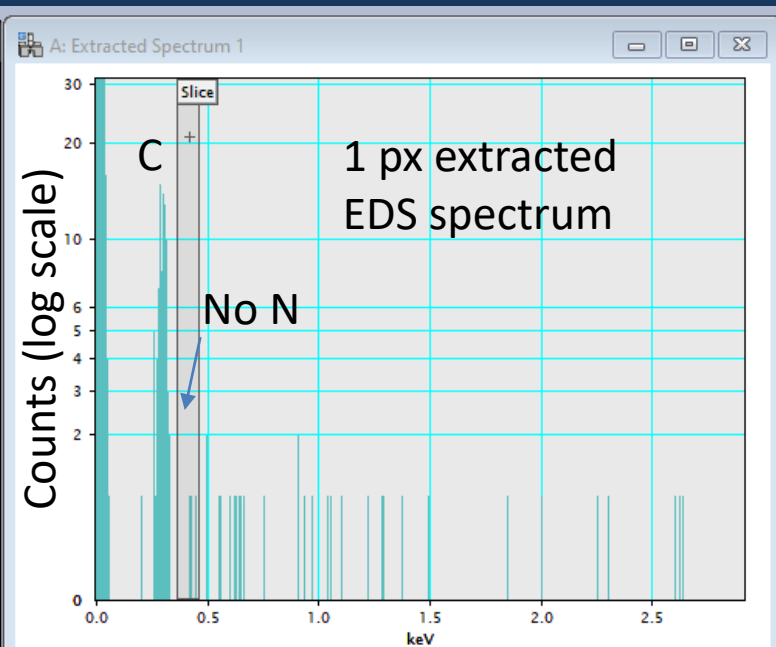
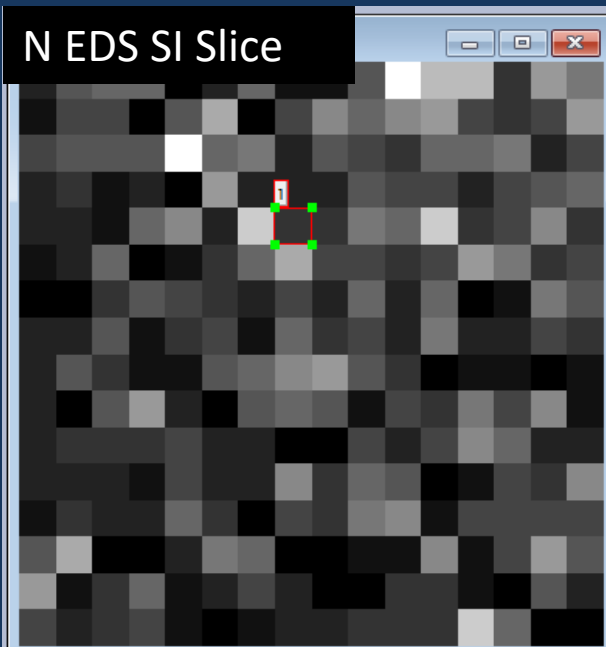
Nitrogen released from diamonds in “P3” temperature range, i.e., most likely solar system formed



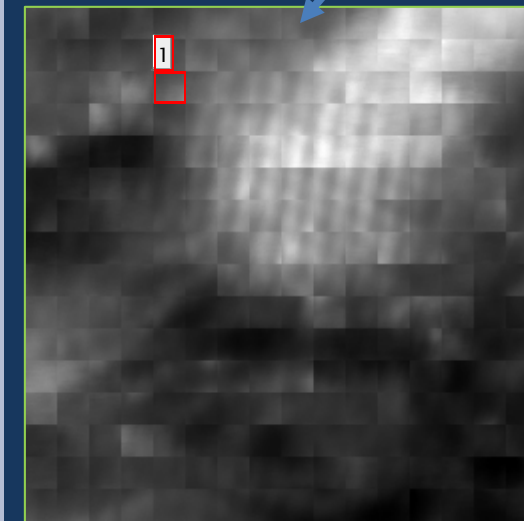
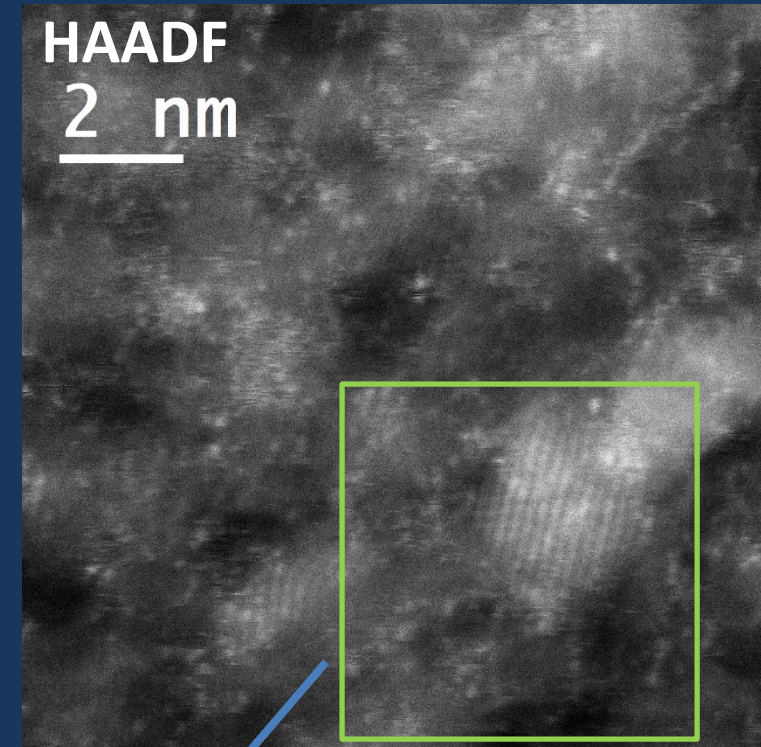
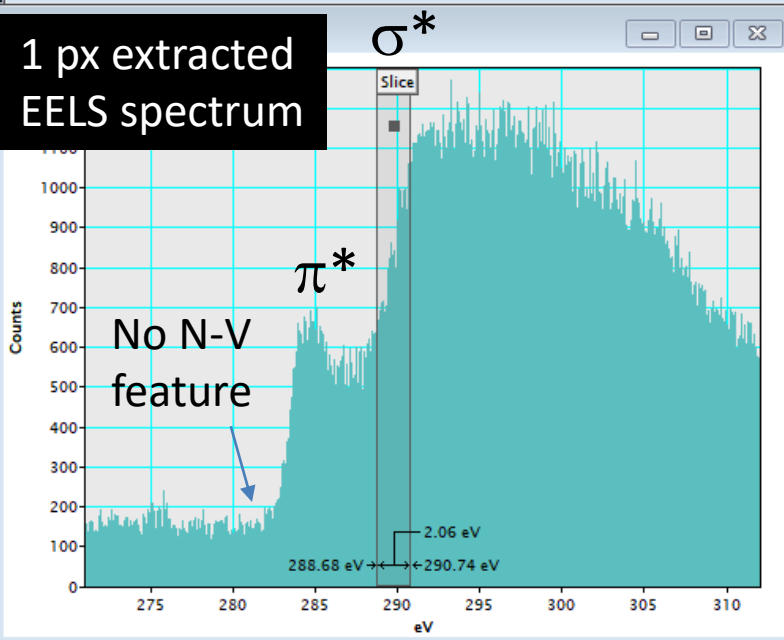
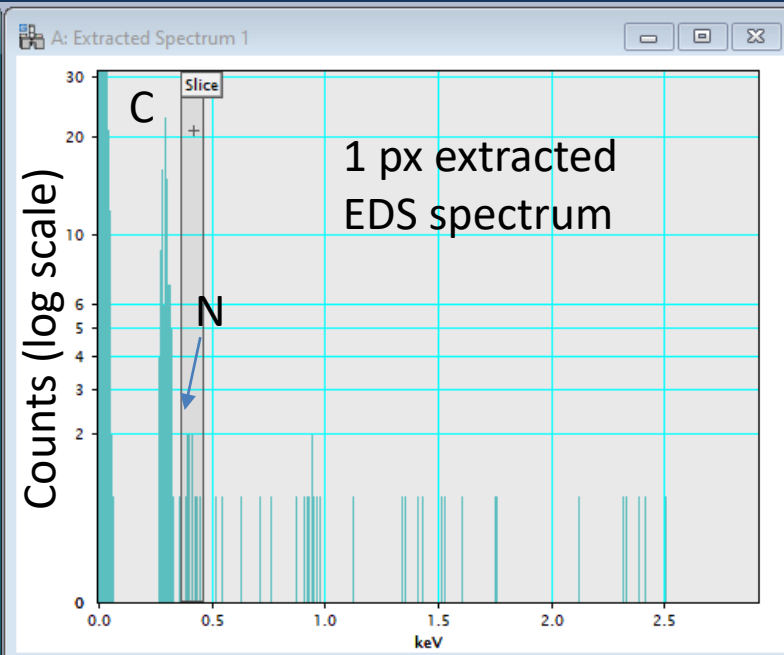
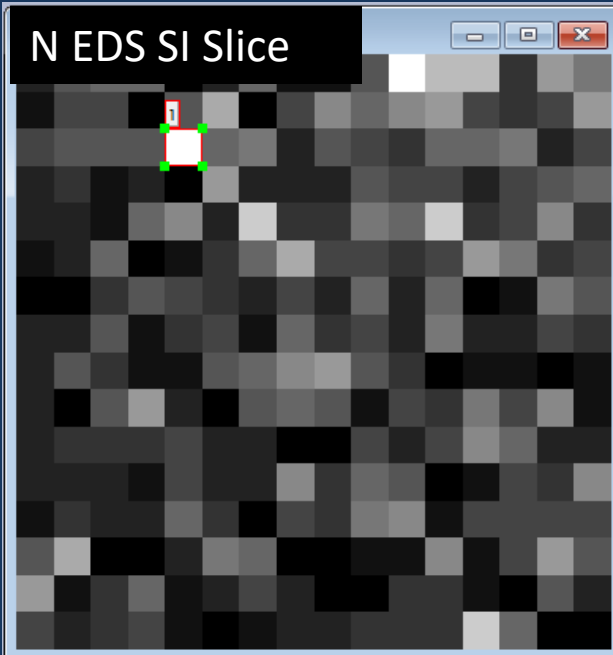
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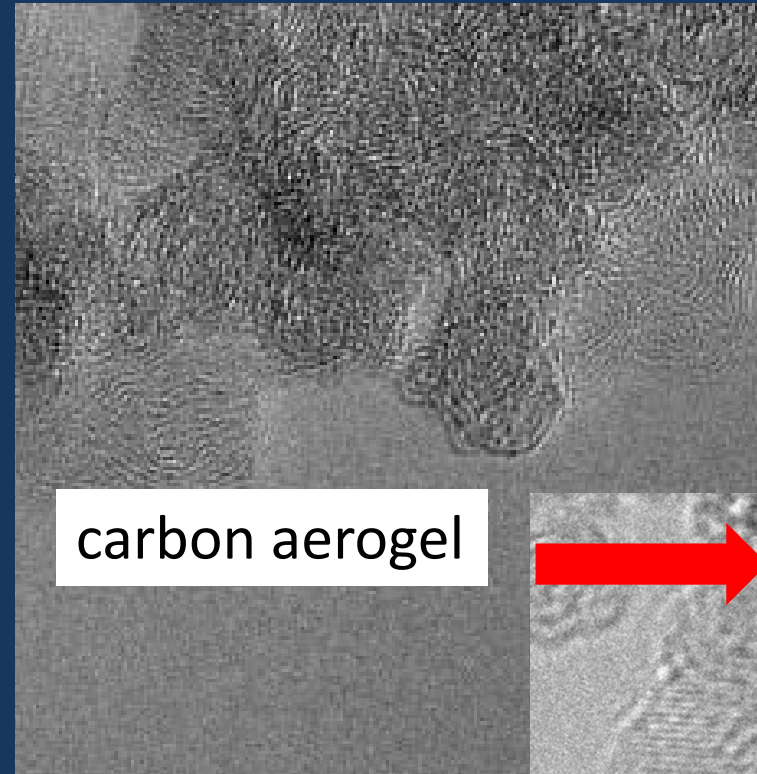
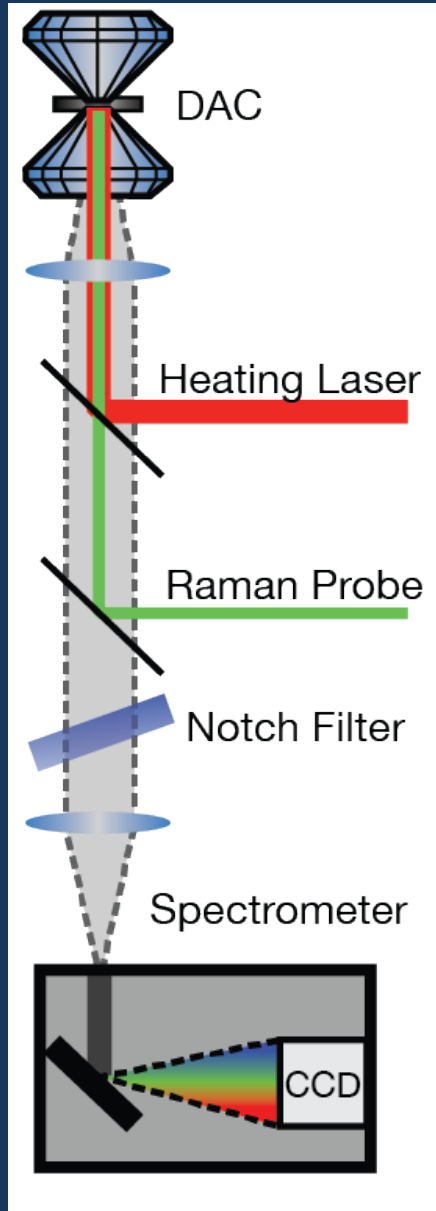


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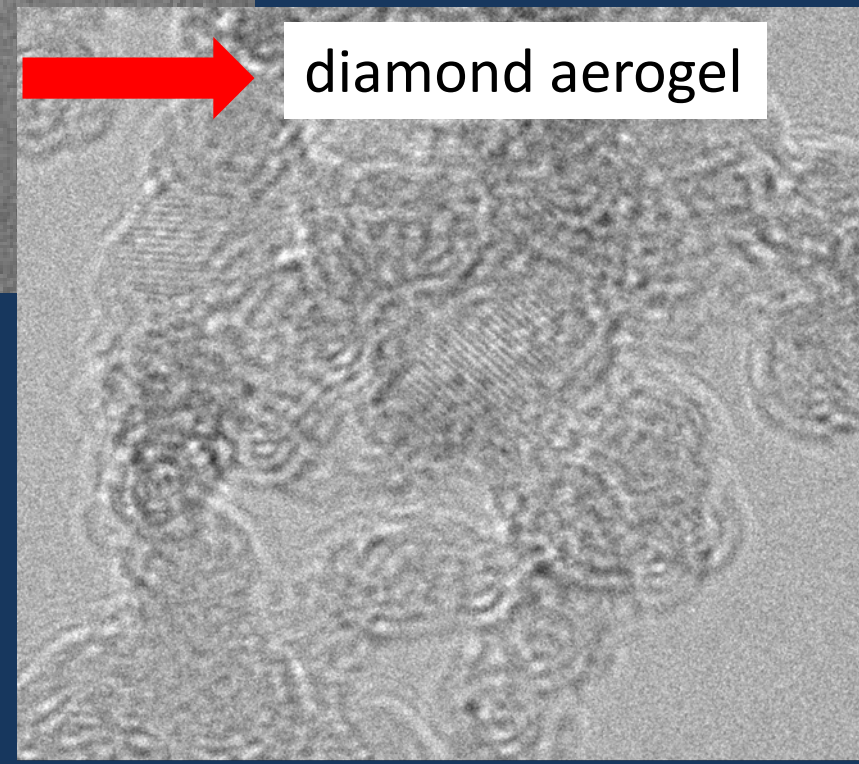


# Diamond anvil cell synthesis of nanodiamond aerogel



Pauzauskie et al.  
*PNAS* (2011)

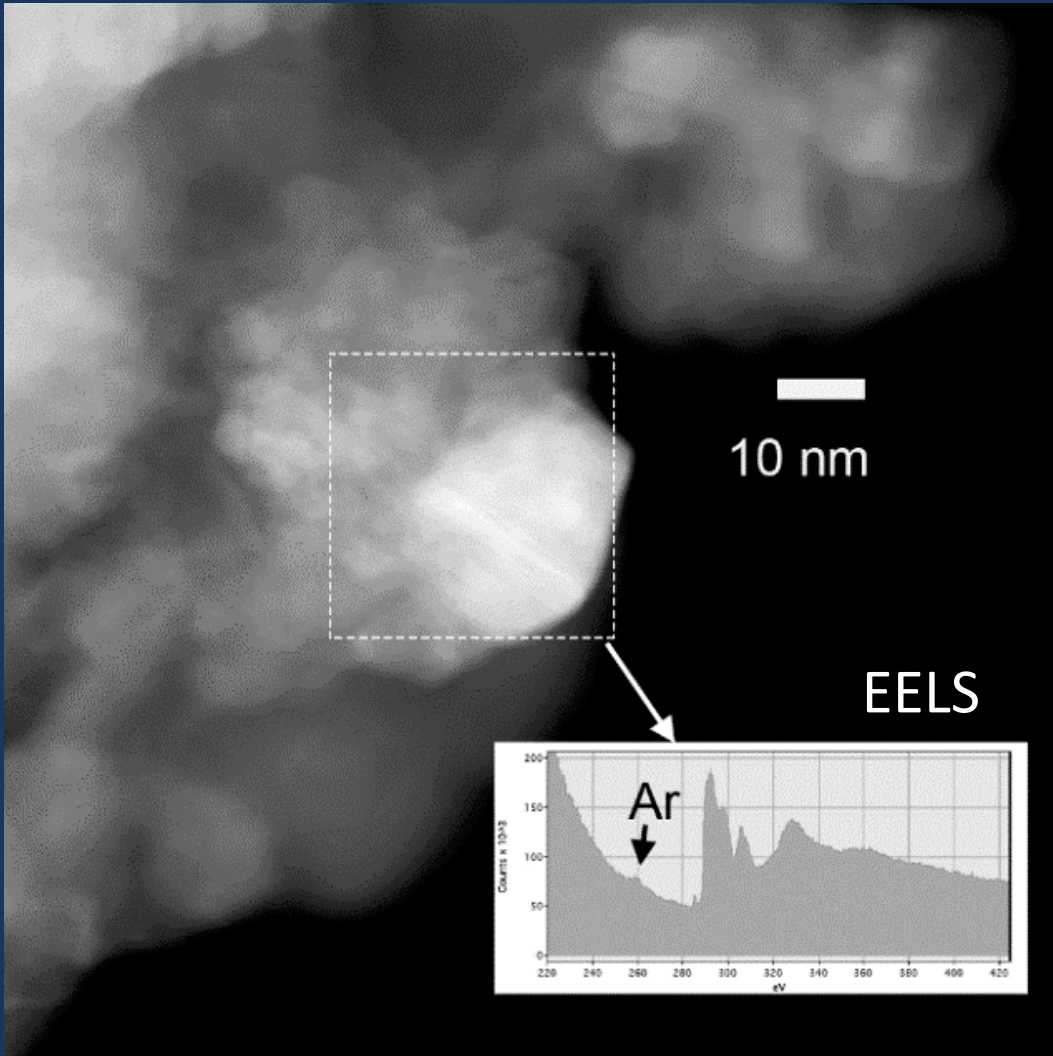
T = 1800 K  
P = 16.3 to 25 GPa



5 nm

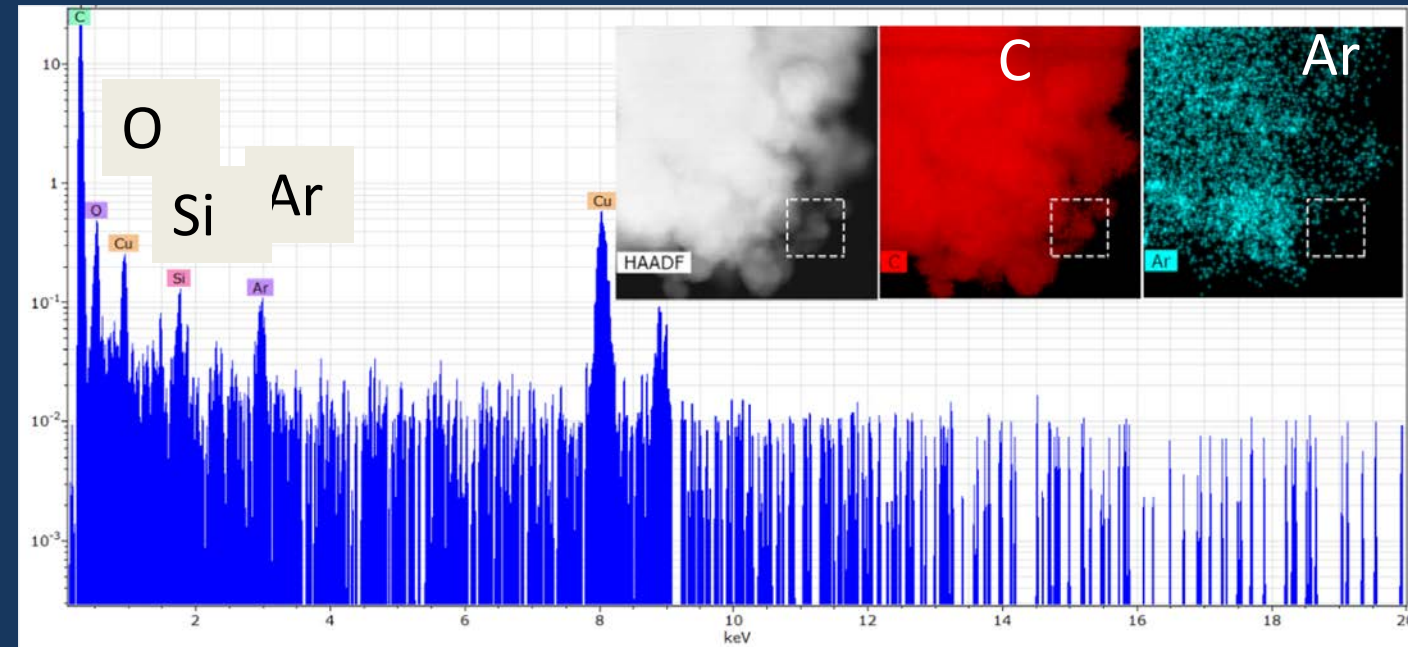
# STEM-EELS-EDXS of High Pressure / High Temperature Nanodiamond with incorporated Ar

HAADF



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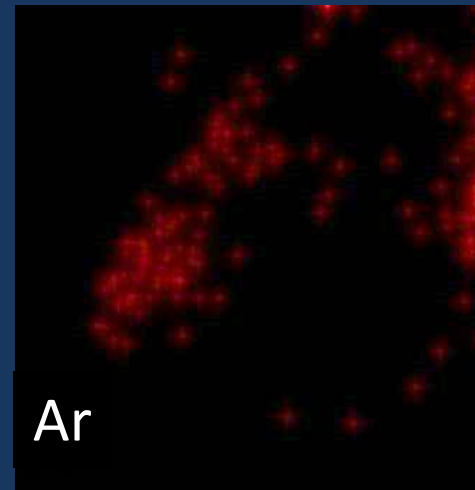
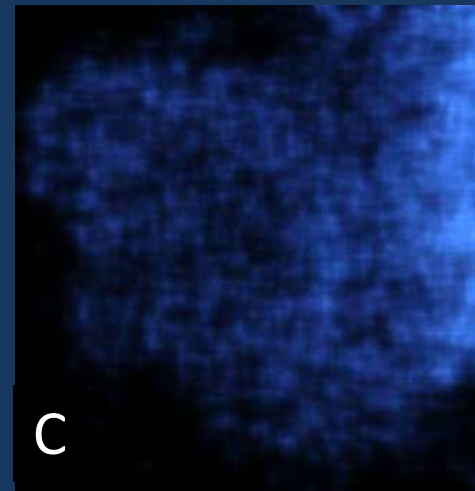
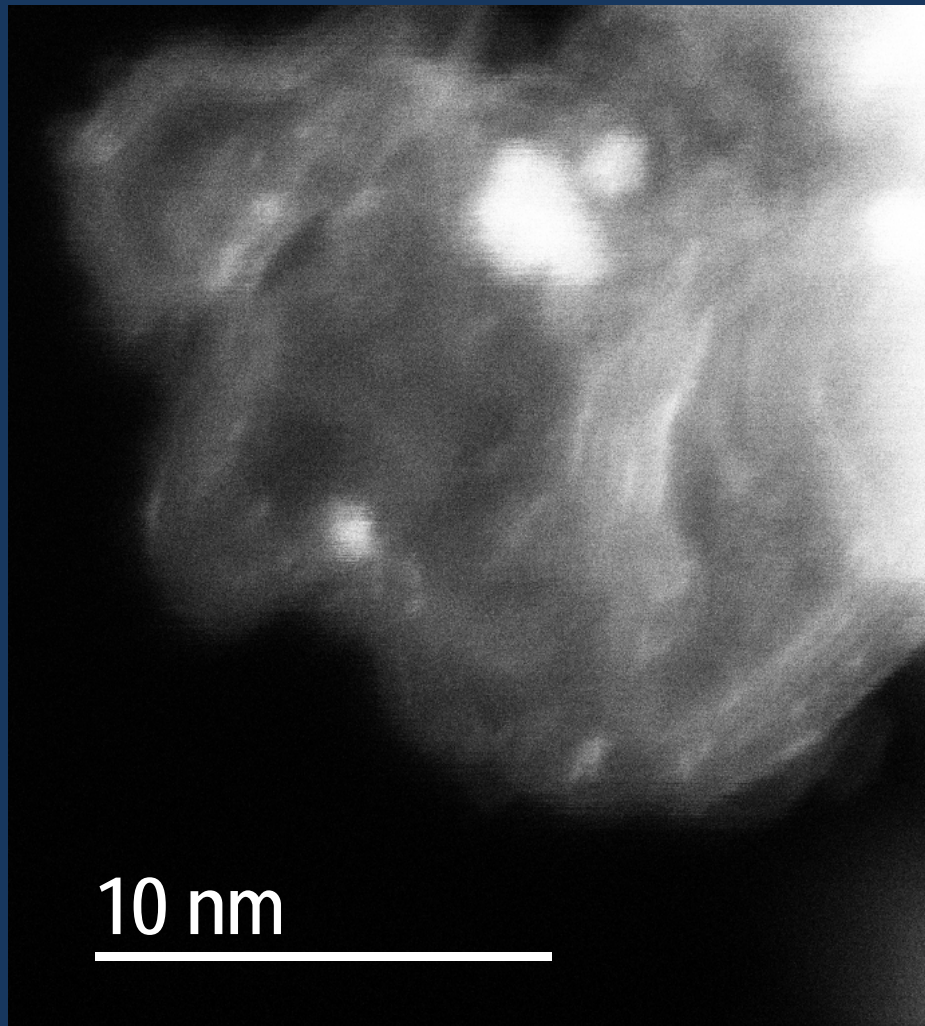
EDS Spectrum Imaging



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# EDS Mapping of HPHT Graphitic Onion C with Incorporated Ar



Some areas with up to 40% Ar observed

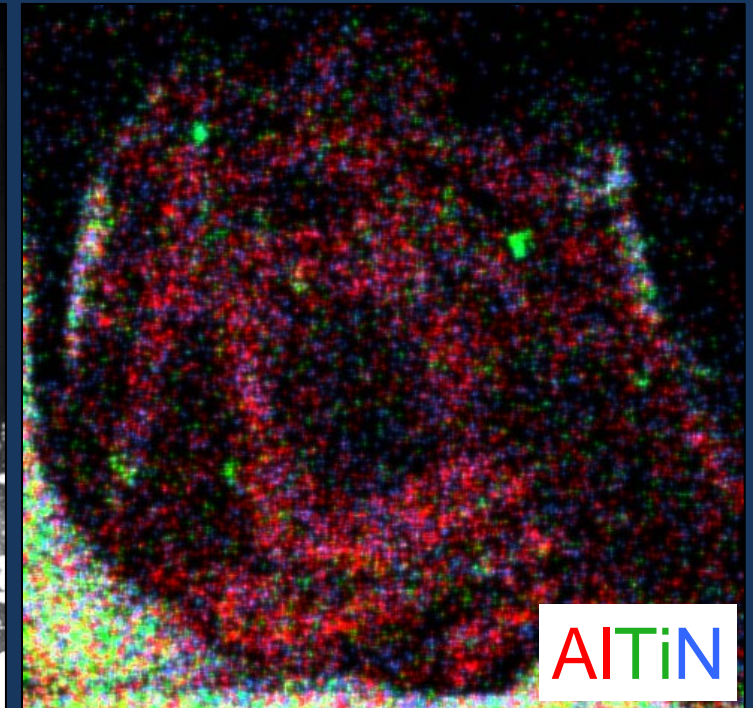
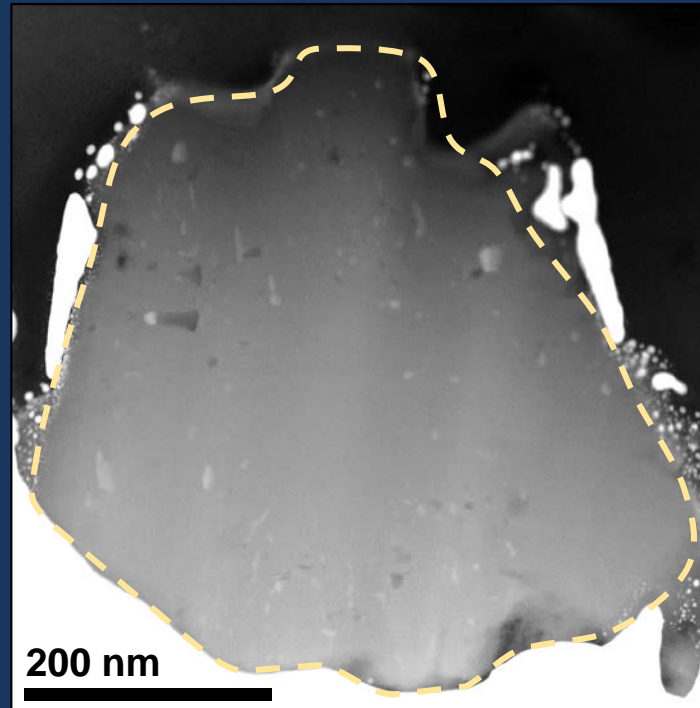
Potential mechanism for archival gas storage over billions of years



# Summary

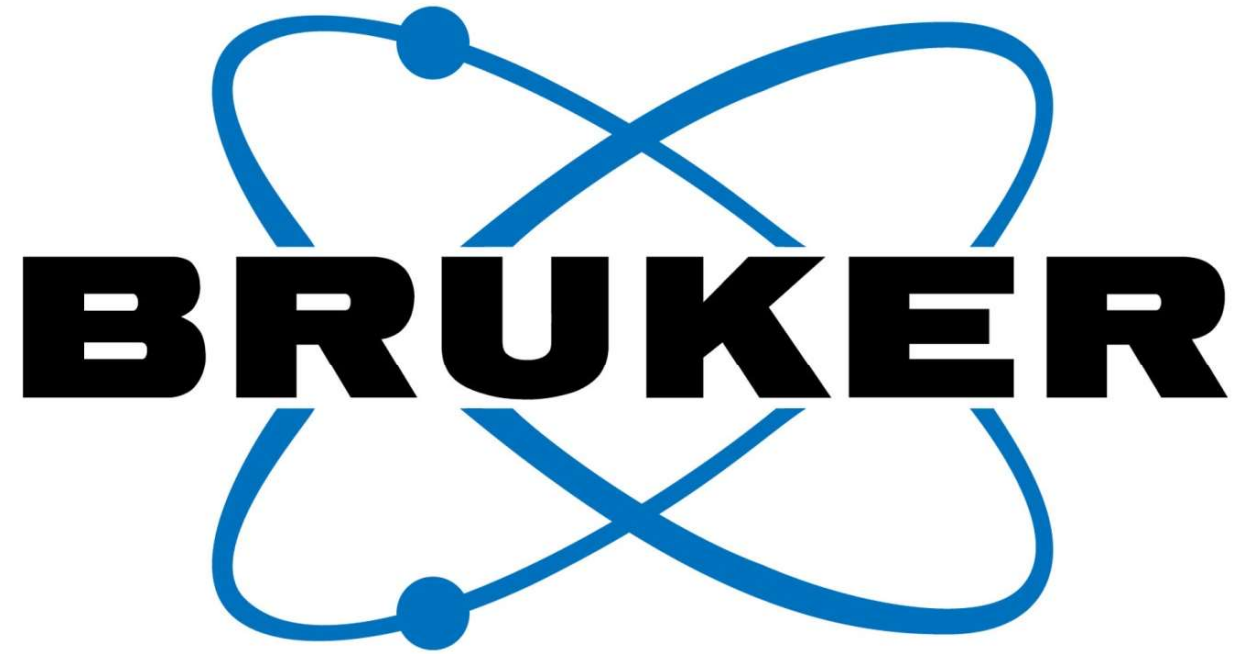
- Physics and chemistry of materials are the same in space as on Earth
- Nanomaterials are as old as the stars
- Atomic-scale structure key to materials growth, history, & properties

> 4.5 billion year old SiC



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