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# IN SITU ION IRRADIATION ELECTRON MICROSCOPY CAPABILITIES AT THE SANDIA ION BEAM LAB

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## 2 GENERATING EXTREME ENVIRONMENTS AT THE IBL



### Operational

- (1) 6 MV Tandem Accelerator
- (2) 3 MV Pelletron Accelerator
- (3) 350 kV HVEE Implanter
- DD – 2.45 MeV n
- DTn – 14 MeV n
- (4) 100 kV ExB FIB nanoplant
- (5) 35 kV ExB FIB Raith Velion
- (6) 35 kV Zeiss HeIM

Ion Beam Analysis

Radiation Effects

Nanofabrication

### Installing

- (7) In-Situ X-ray Photoelectron Spectrometer

Radiation Effects

**25 end-stations including:**  
*in-situ* TEM, SEM, PL, LN<sub>2</sub> cooling, ≤1200°C heating

Virtual tour on Sandia website: [https://tours.sandia.gov/ibl\\_info.html](https://tours.sandia.gov/ibl_info.html)



### 3 OVERVIEW

#### JEOL JEM-2100 TEM (I<sup>3</sup>TEM)

- In-situ *nanoscale* structural characterization under combined extreme environments
- Fundamental mechanisms, localized phenomena

#### JEOL IT300-hr SEM (I<sup>3</sup>SEM)

- In-situ *microscale* structural characterization under combined extreme environments
- Application-relevant length scales & sample prep





# IN-SITU TEM FOR EXTREME ENVIRONMENTS RESEARCH

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## Available Holders

1. Heating (1000 °C)
2. Heating + Gas Flow
3. Heating + Straining
4. Cryo (LN<sub>2</sub>)
5. Heating + Gas Flow
6. Liquid Cell
7. Liquid Cell + Heating
8. Biasing
9. Tomography
10. Nano-Mechanical\*

\*Holder operational, redevelopment needed

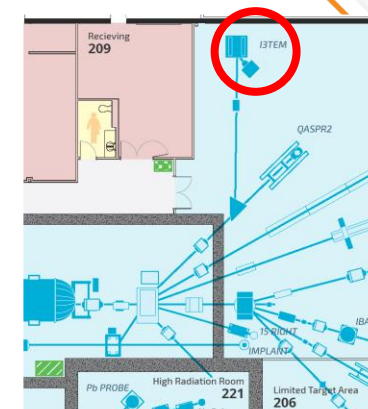
## Additional Capabilities

1. User Adjustable Pole Piece
2. Precession Electron Diffraction (PED)
3. Waviks gas manifold

## Ion Accelerators

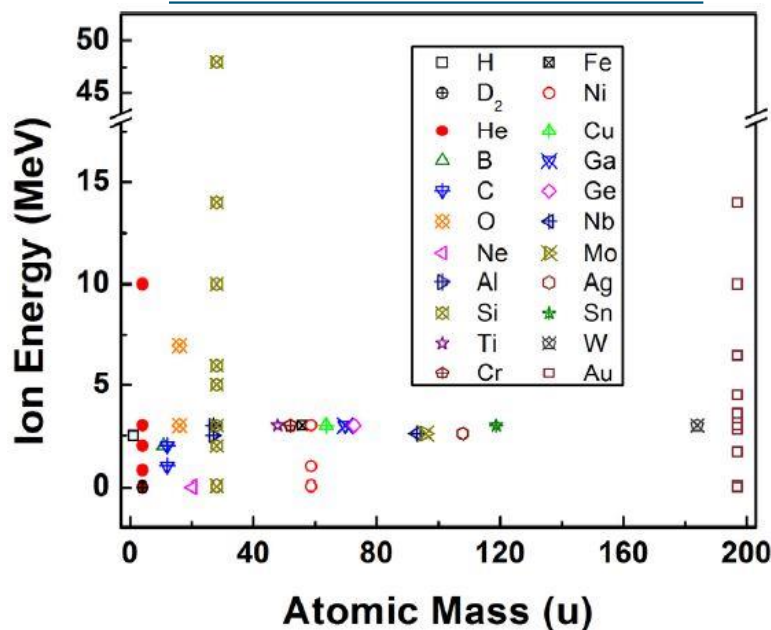
1. 6 MV Tandem / 1 MV Tandem\*\*
2. 0.5 kV – 10 kV Colutron Accelerator

\*\*Redevelopment needed



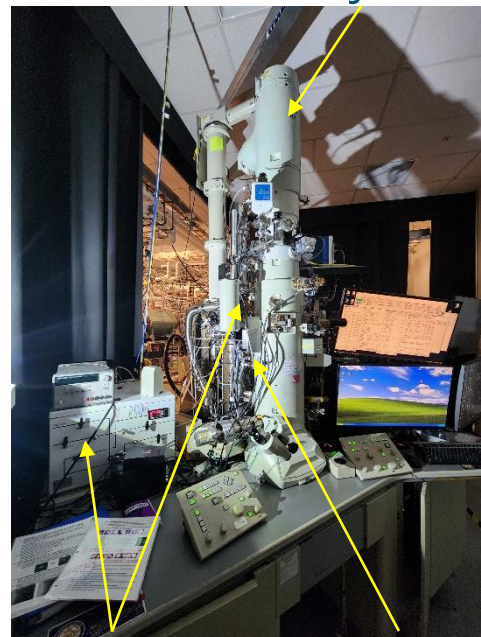
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## Ion Beams into TEM to Date

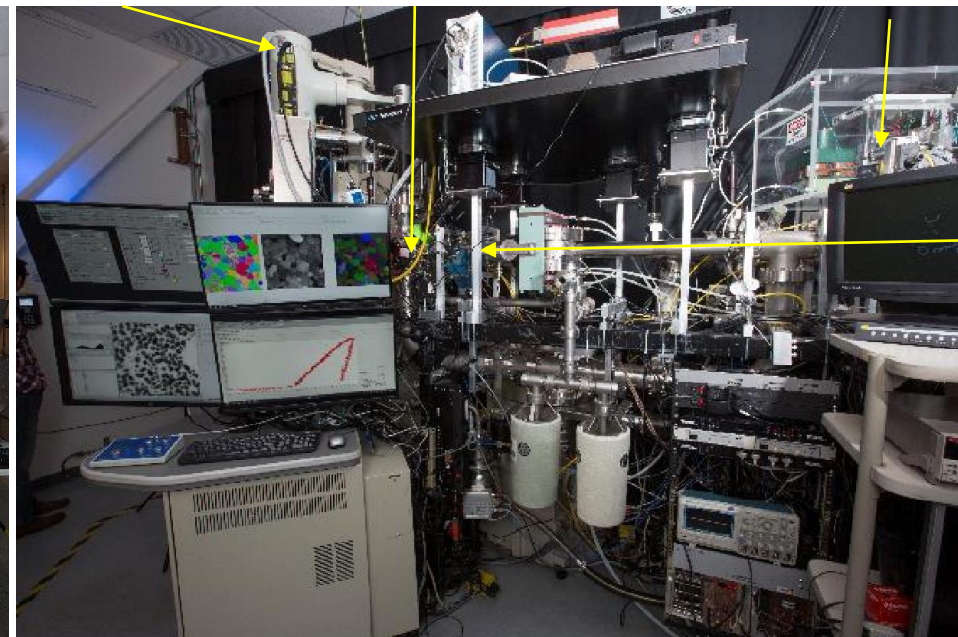


JEM-2100 TEM

Ex-Situ Chamber



Waviks Gas Manifold User-Adjustable Pole Piece



6 MV Tandem Accelerator Beamline

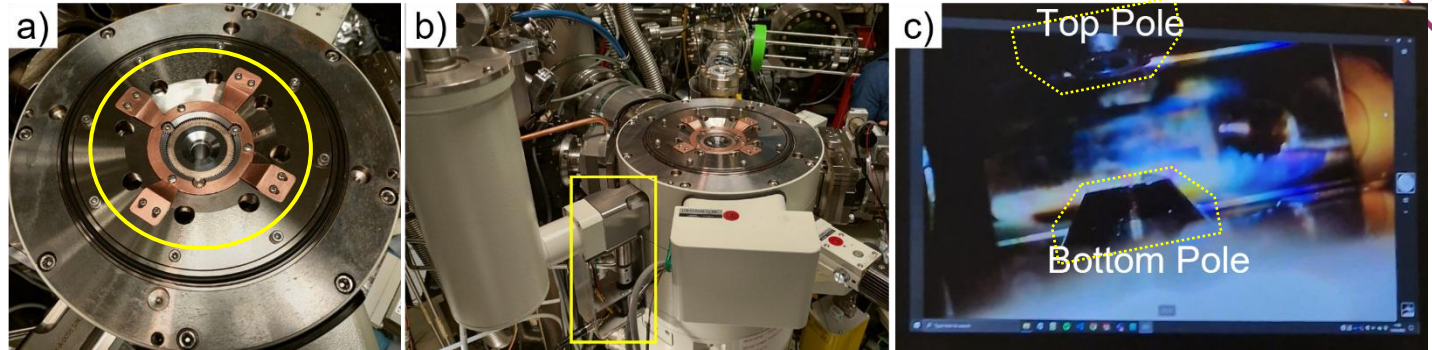
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# 5 CAPABILITY DEVELOPMENT: I<sup>3</sup>TEM USER-ADJUSTABLE POLE PIECE

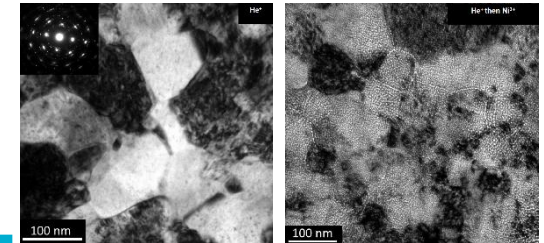
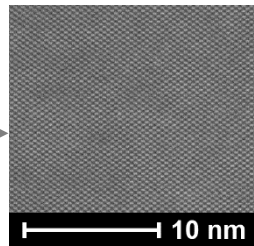
## Motivation for UAP Development

- UAP enables unprecedented microscope functionality, making it possible to switch between high resolution imaging (small pole piece gap) and low resolution in-situ imaging (large pole piece gap) within the same experiment on the same TEM
- **Typically would need multiple microscopes to accomplish this**

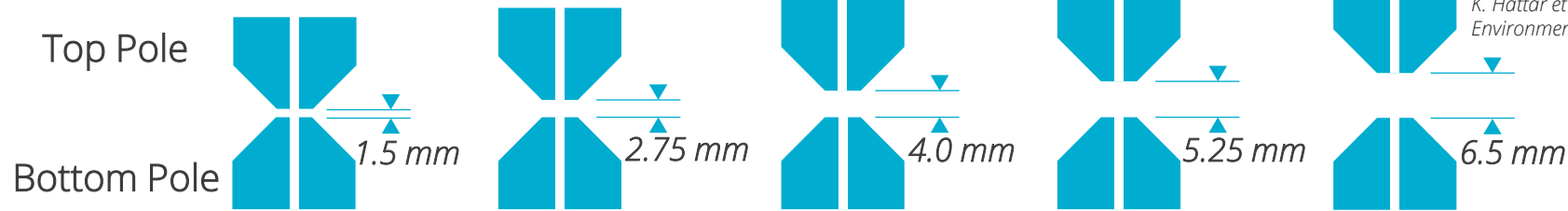


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Image not representative of current JEM-2100 imaging capability



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## Collaborators:

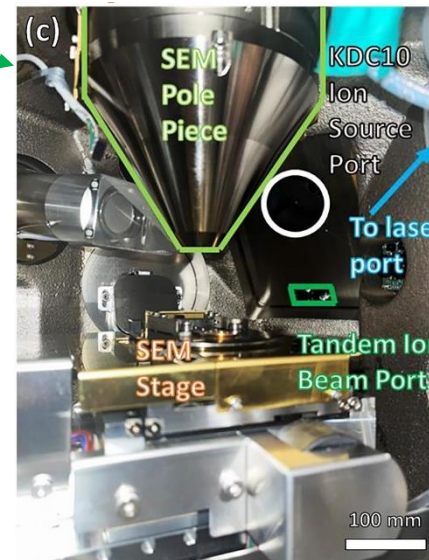
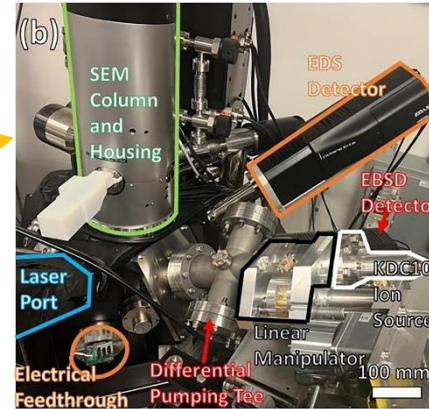
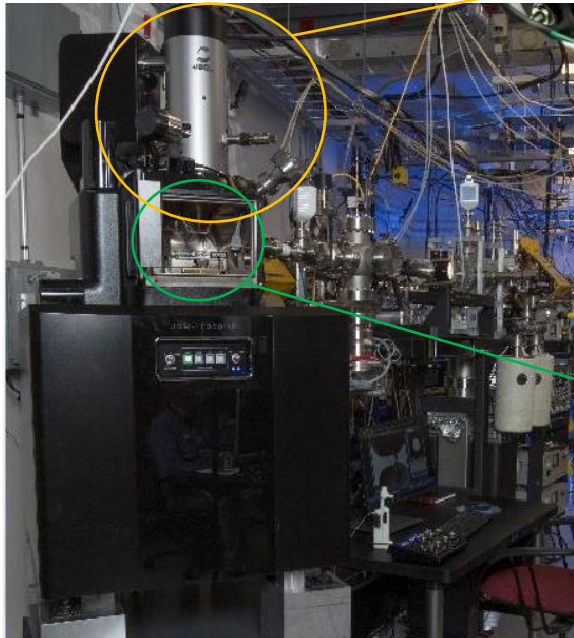
- Kevin McIlwrath (JEOL)
- Doug Medlin (SNL-CA), Stephen House (SNL-NM)
- Lewys Jones (Trinity College Dublin)



# 6 IN-SITU MICROSCOPY FACILITIES AT THE SNL IBL: I<sup>3</sup>SEM

*In collaboration with B. Boyce (SNL-NM)*

## JEOL IT300hr In-Situ SEM Facility



### System Capabilities

- 6 MV Tandem Accelerator
- EDAX APEX EDS Detector
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- Electron Beam Induced Current (EBIC) electrical measurement
- 1064 nm laser (sample heating)\*
- KDC10 1 kV Ion Source\*

*\*Modular equipment, must be reinstalled for use*



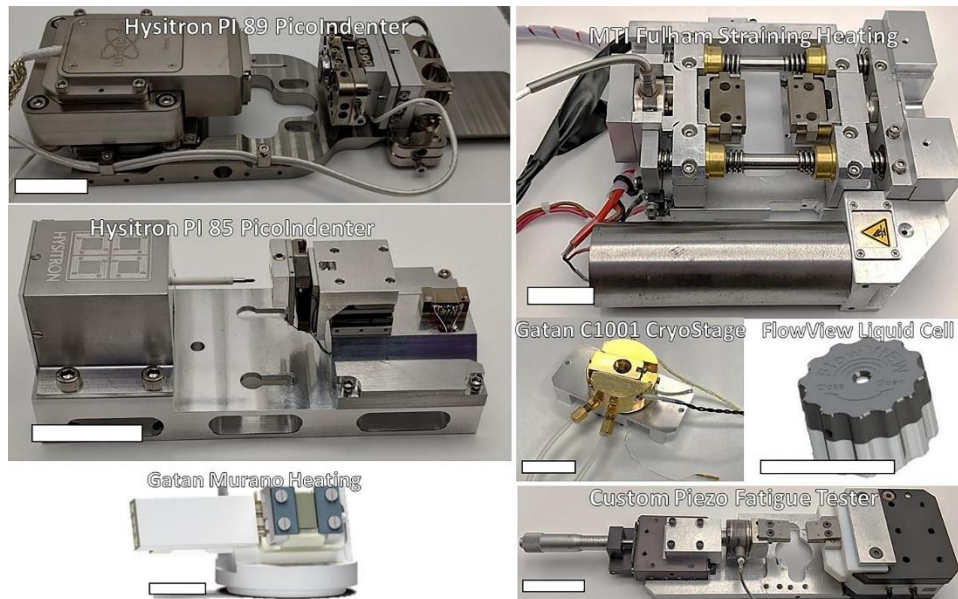
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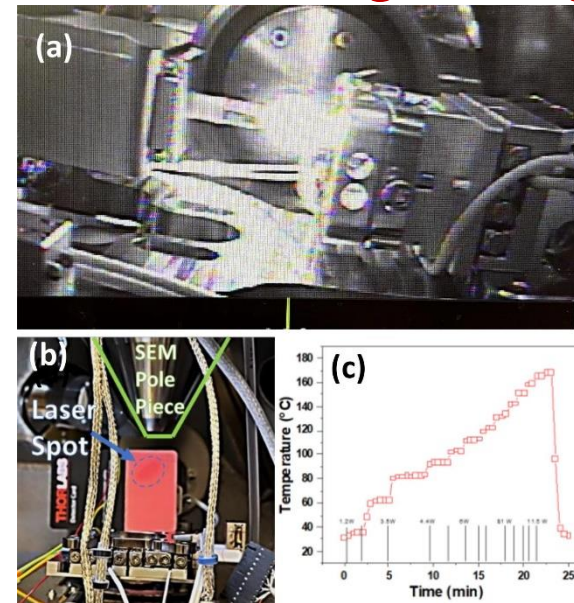
## Specialty In-Situ Holders

- Gatan C1001 Cryo
- Gatan Murano Heating
- FlowView Liquid Cell
- Hysitron PI89 PicoIndenter\*
- MTI Fulham Straining Heating\*

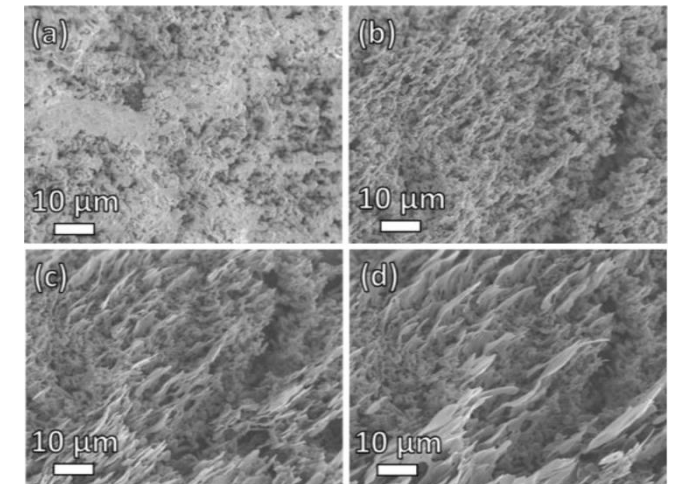
*\*Holders operational, redevelopment needed*



## In-Situ Straining Heating



## In-Situ Ion Irradiation



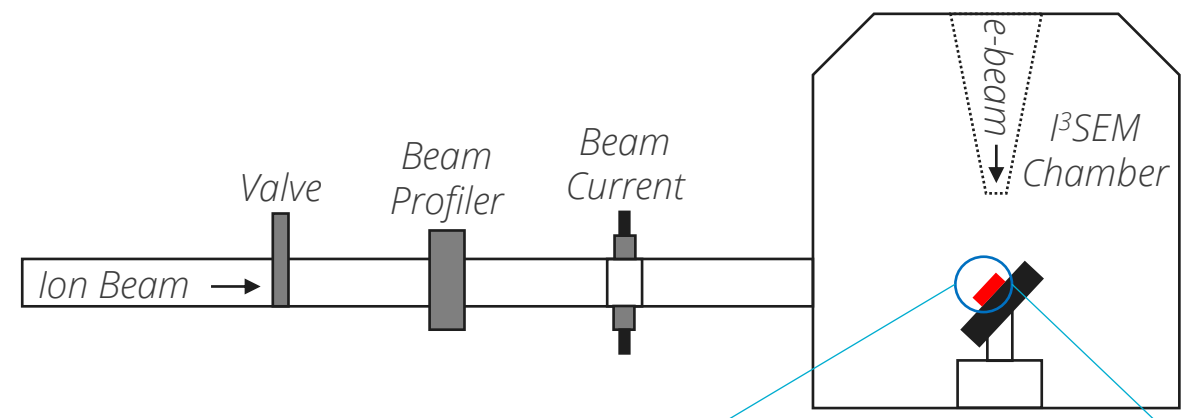
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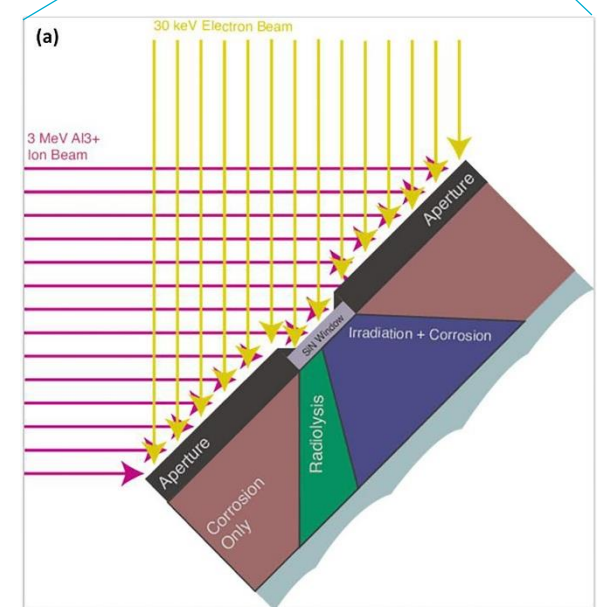
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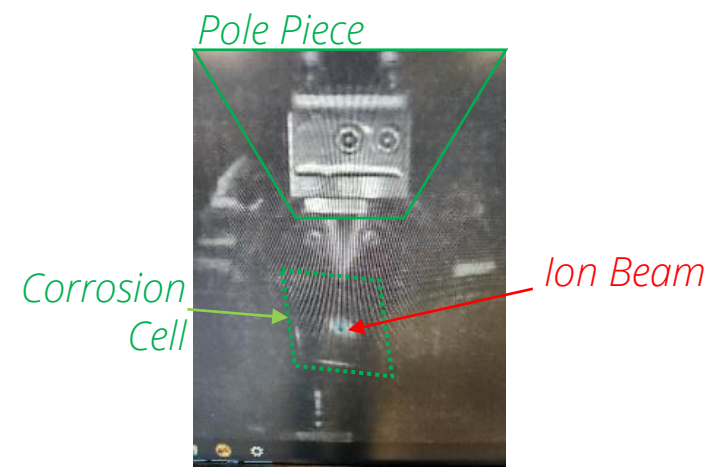
## FlowCell Liquid Cell for in-situ ion irradiation and corrosion research



### FlowCell Liquid Cell



### Aligning ion and electron beams in the SEM



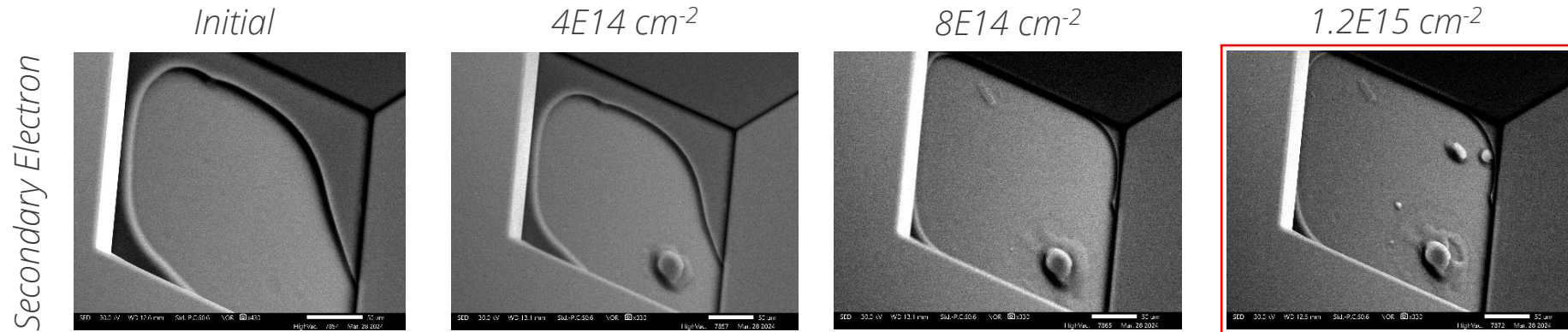




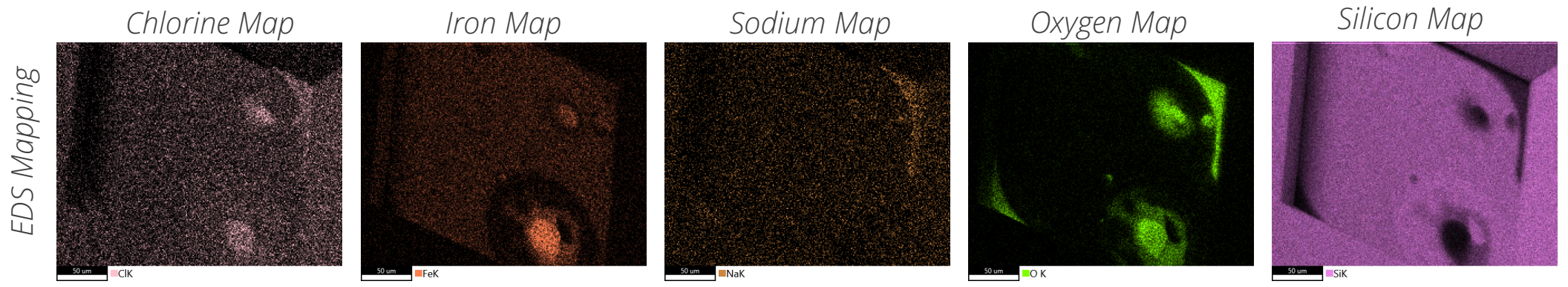
# 9 CHARACTERIZING ION BEAM EFFECTS ON IRON CORROSION

*In collaboration with B. Derby, T. DeForest (LANL)*

In-Situ ion irradiation, imaging, and chemical mapping in a liquid corrosion cell



After  $1.2E15 \text{ cm}^{-2}$  irradiation

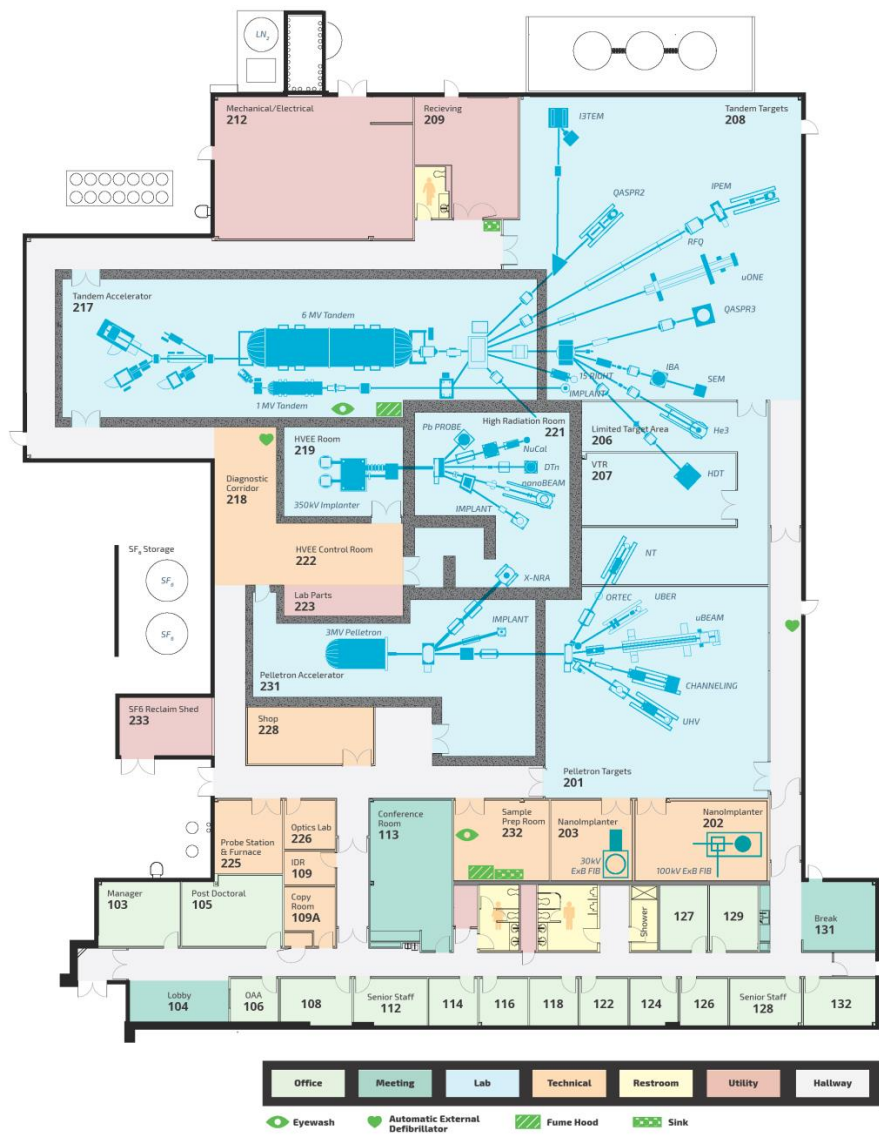


**Future Development: In-Situ Molten Salt Corrosion and Irradiation in the SEM**

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# 10 THESE AND OTHER IBL CAPABILITIES AVAILABLE THROUGH NSUF



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