

Critical corrosion phenomena in combustion of biomass and waste in combined heat and power boilers

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Project aim:

*carry out research on high temperature corrosion during **combustion** of **biomass and waste** in order to **help solve a number of corrosion problems** which restrict the development of **more energy efficient processes** and technologies.*

*increasing the **predictability** of corrosion attacks and **component life**.*



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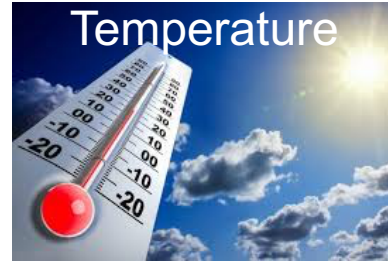
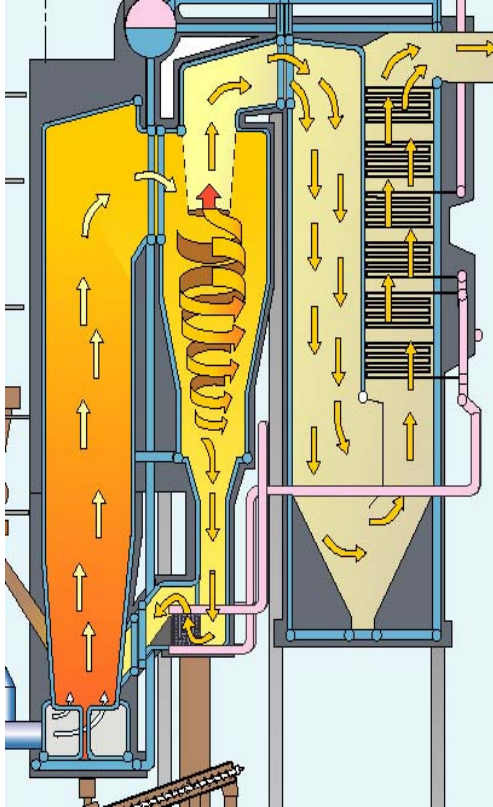
Three pillars for Sweden's energy policy

The future role of Bioenergy

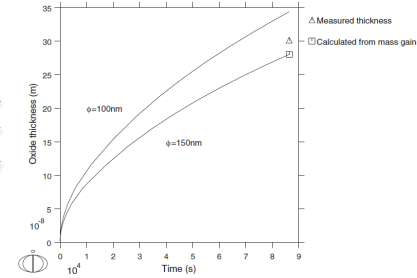
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Life time of component

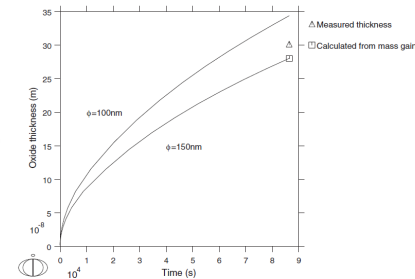


Corrosion rate

Kinetic modelling



Life time of component



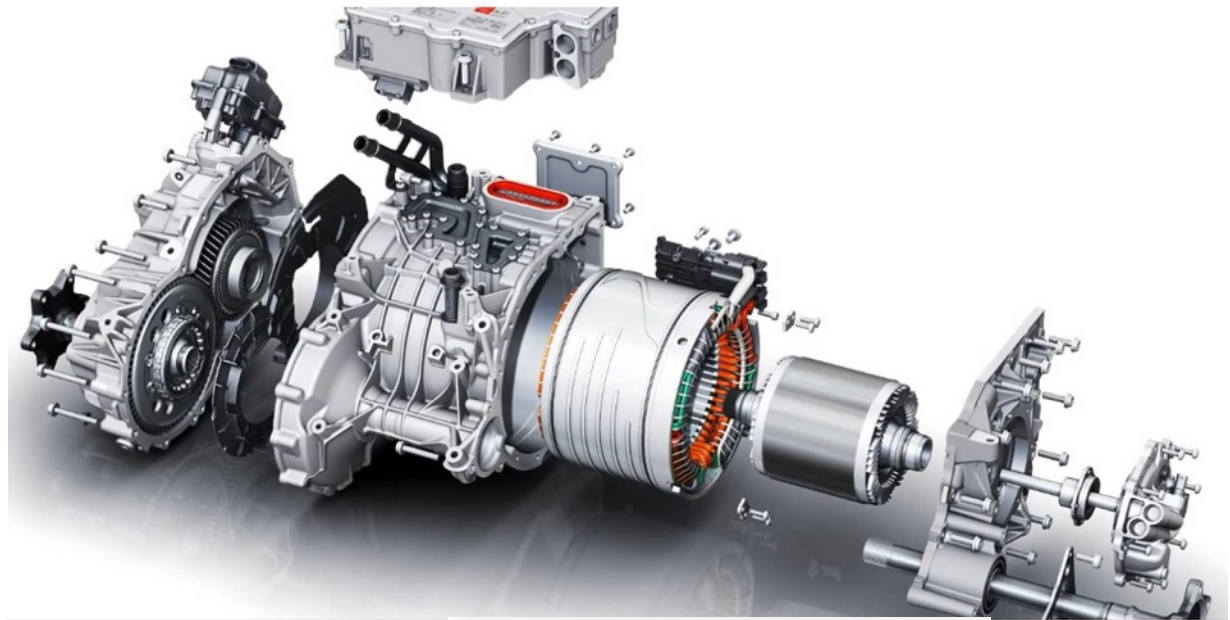
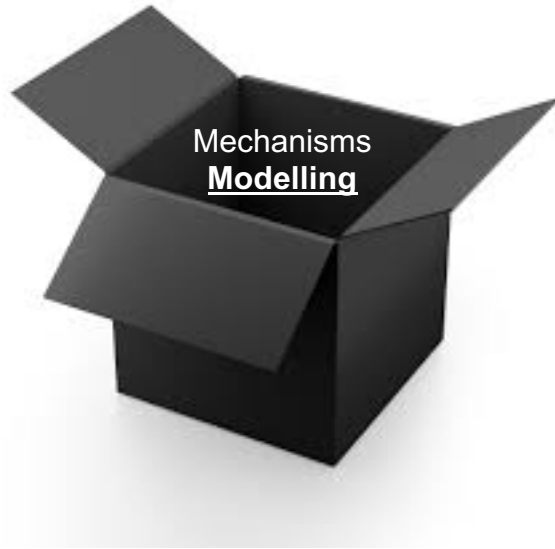
Corrosion rate

Fuel

Temperature

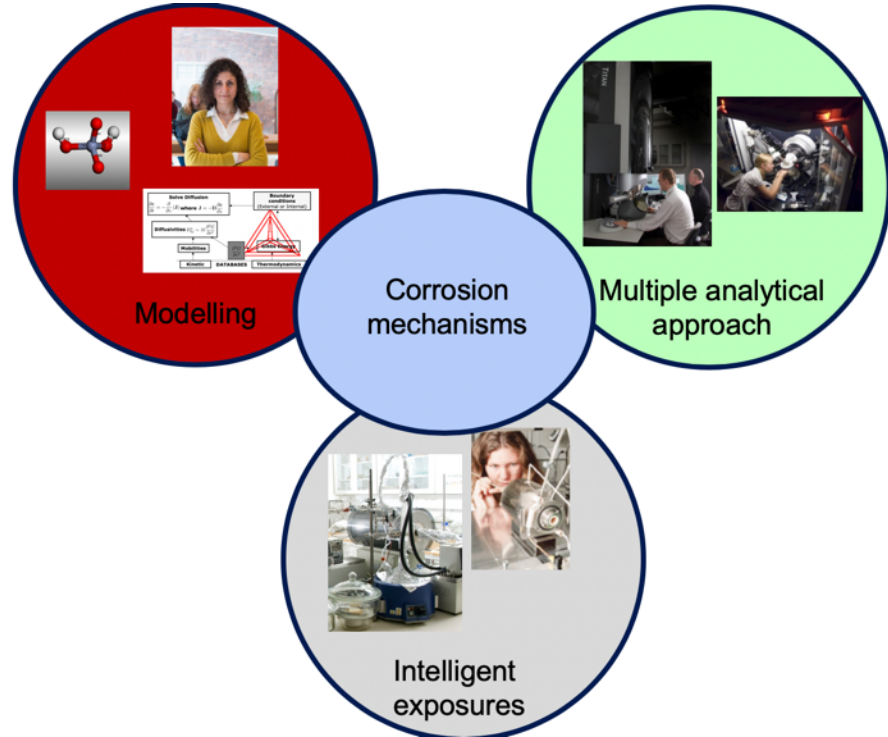
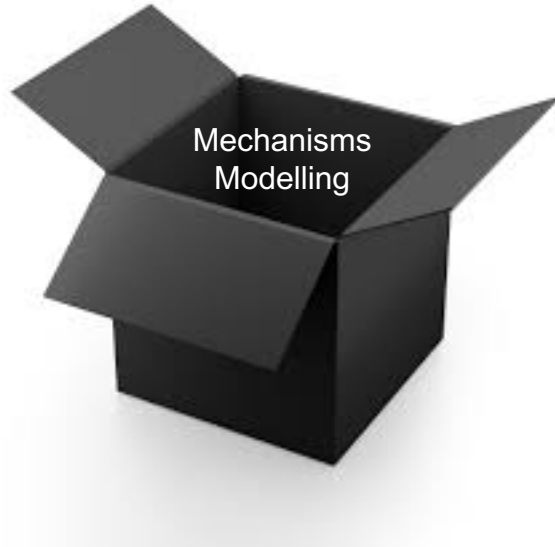
Material

Kinetic modelling – the engine

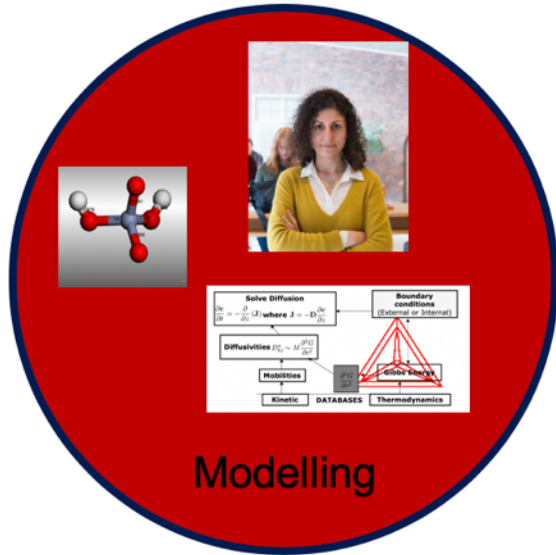


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Approach – corrosion prediction based on mechanisms



The engine – *kinetic modelling*



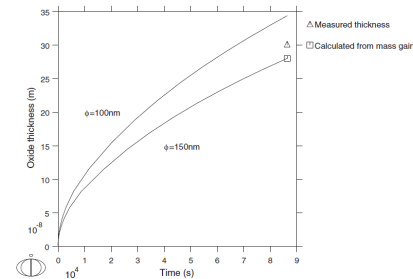
- Thermodynamic *kinetic* modelling
- Model alloys – systematic studies of different oxidation modes
- Microscopy – mechanisms AND input to modelling



Temperature
Environment
Material

Oxidation
mode

Corrosion rate



Life time of component

Primary regime

Primary protection

Protective

Break down

Self healing



Secondary regime

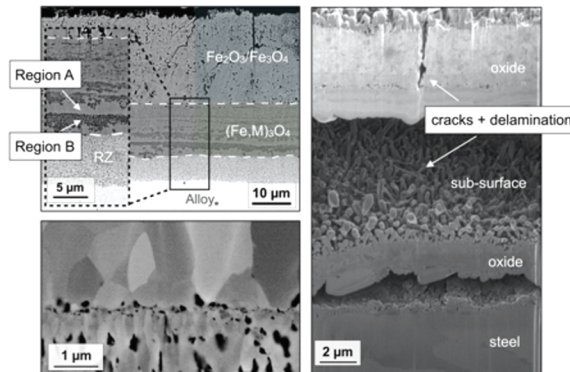
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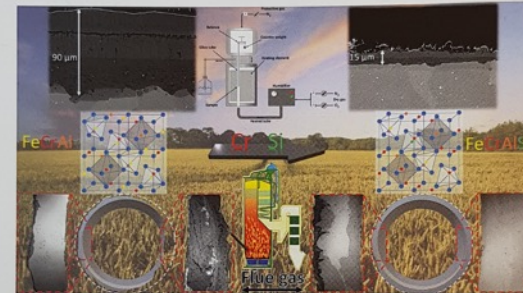
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PHD THESIS



High Temperature Corrosion of FeCrAl Alloys in Biomass- and Waste-fired Boilers

*The Influence of Alloying Elements in Prediction and
Mitigation of Corrosion in Harsh Environments*

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Primary regime

Primary protection

« Tertiary » regime

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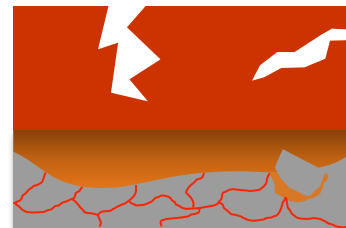
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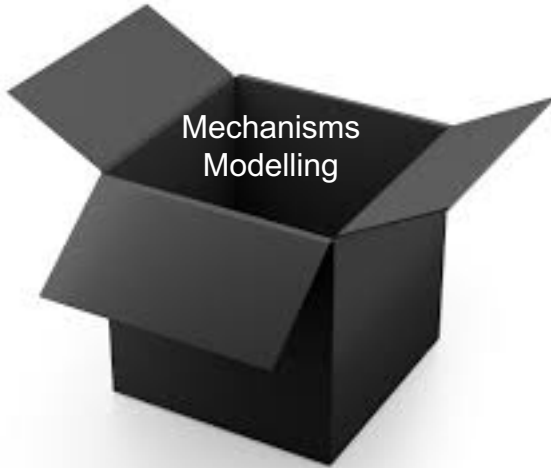
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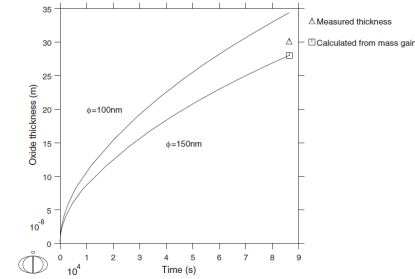




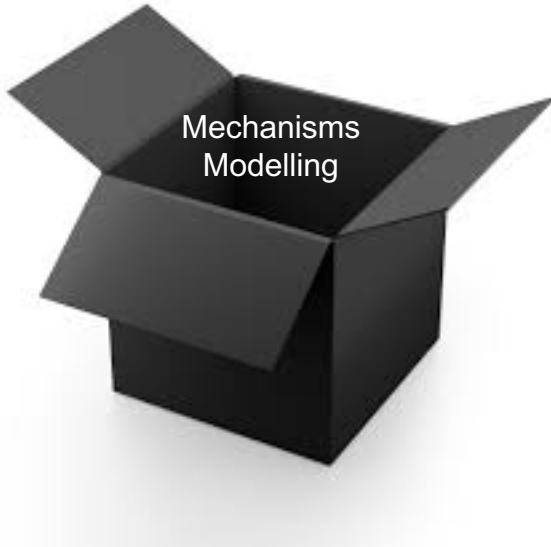
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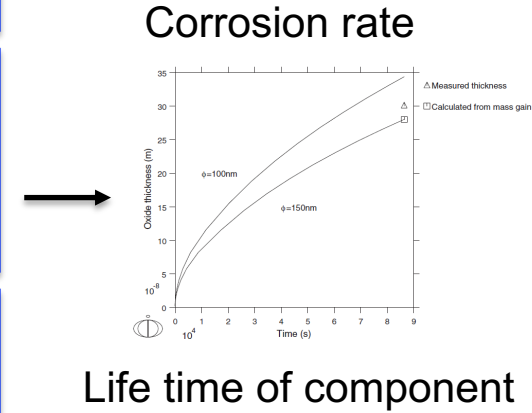
Primary ✓

Secondary ✓?

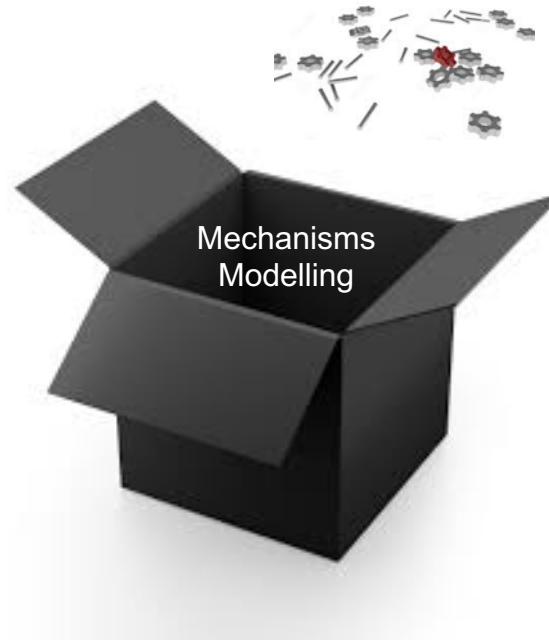
Tertiary ✓?

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*Utilizing 3DFIB and TEM in order to investigate the mechanism behind steel grain boundary corrosion attack – **Julien Phother***



✓
Primary

✓?
Secondary

✓?
Tertiary

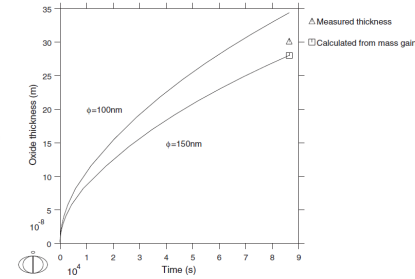
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Generic approach



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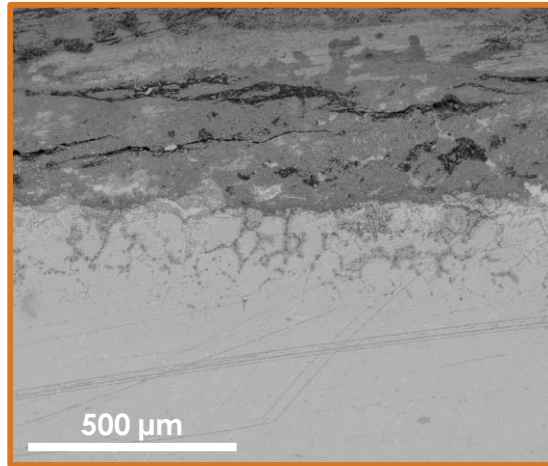


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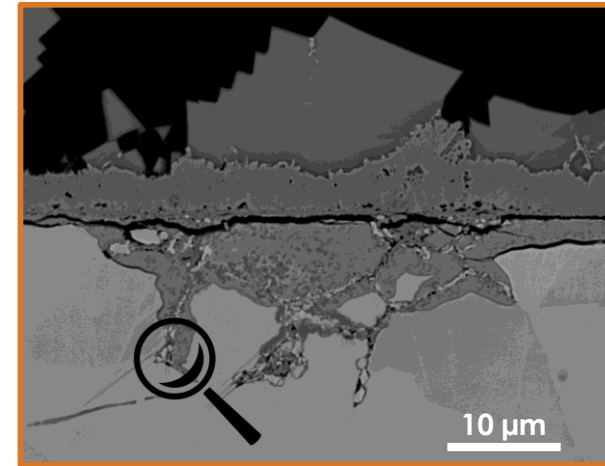
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3D tomography

Morphology
(Pores, widths, etc etc.)



TEM

Oxides composition
Depletion zones
Chlorine detection



New insights into intergranular corrosion in stainless steels



304L

10 wt.% Ni
19.9 wt.% Cr

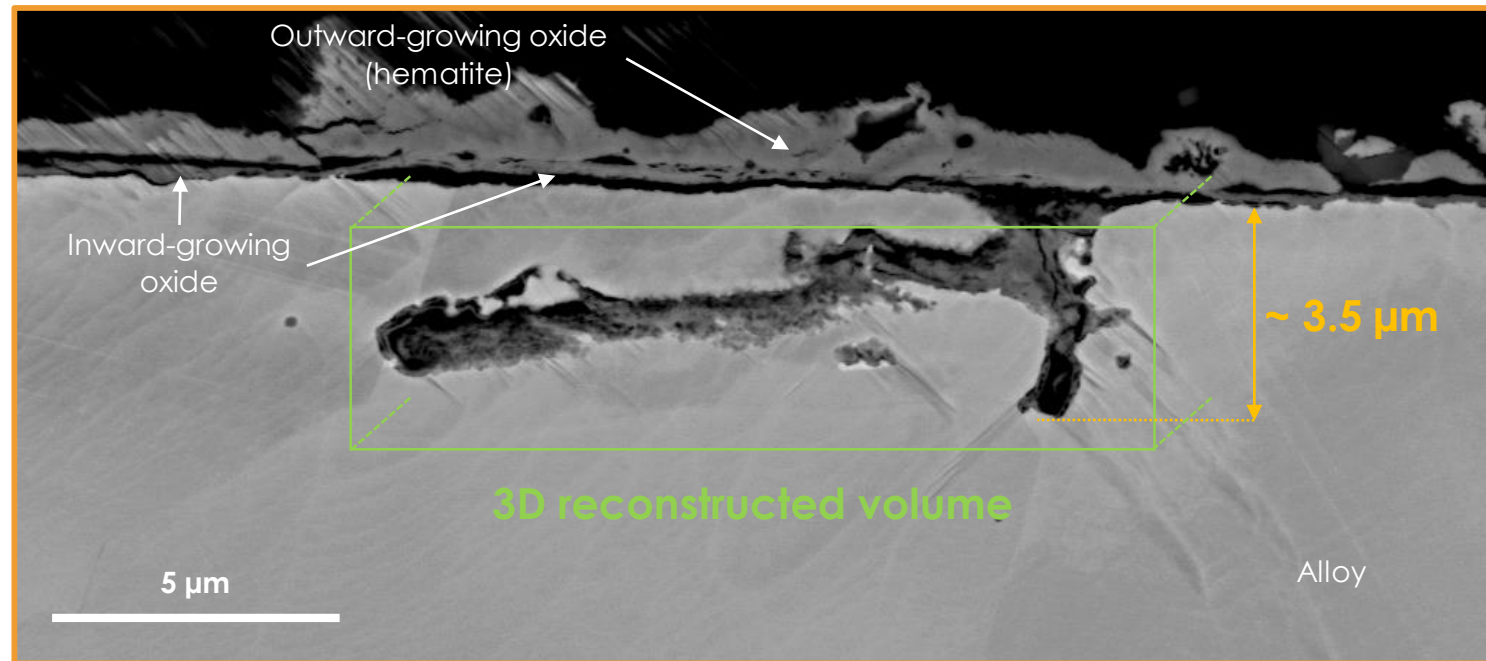


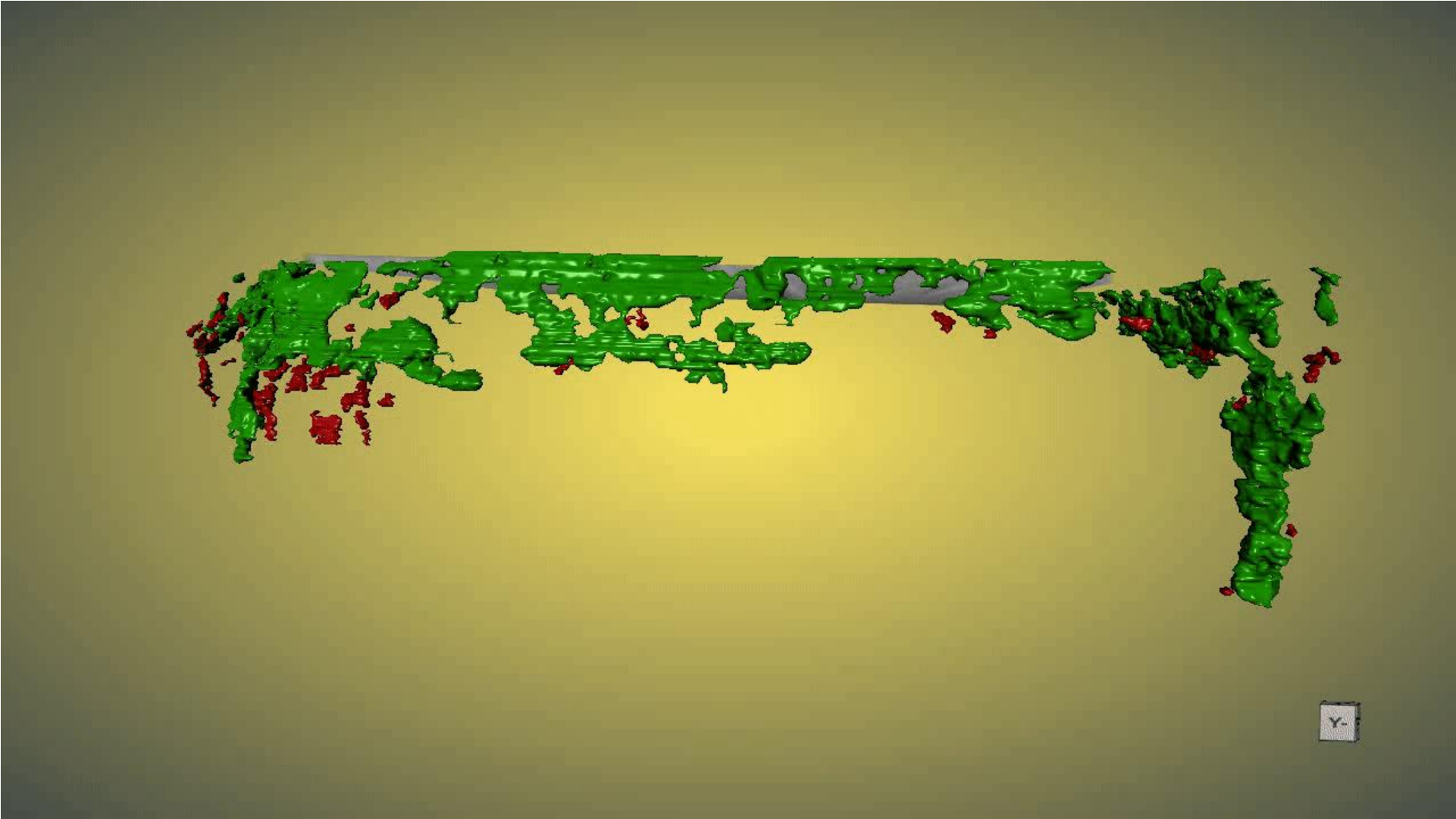
1 & 24 hours at 600 °C



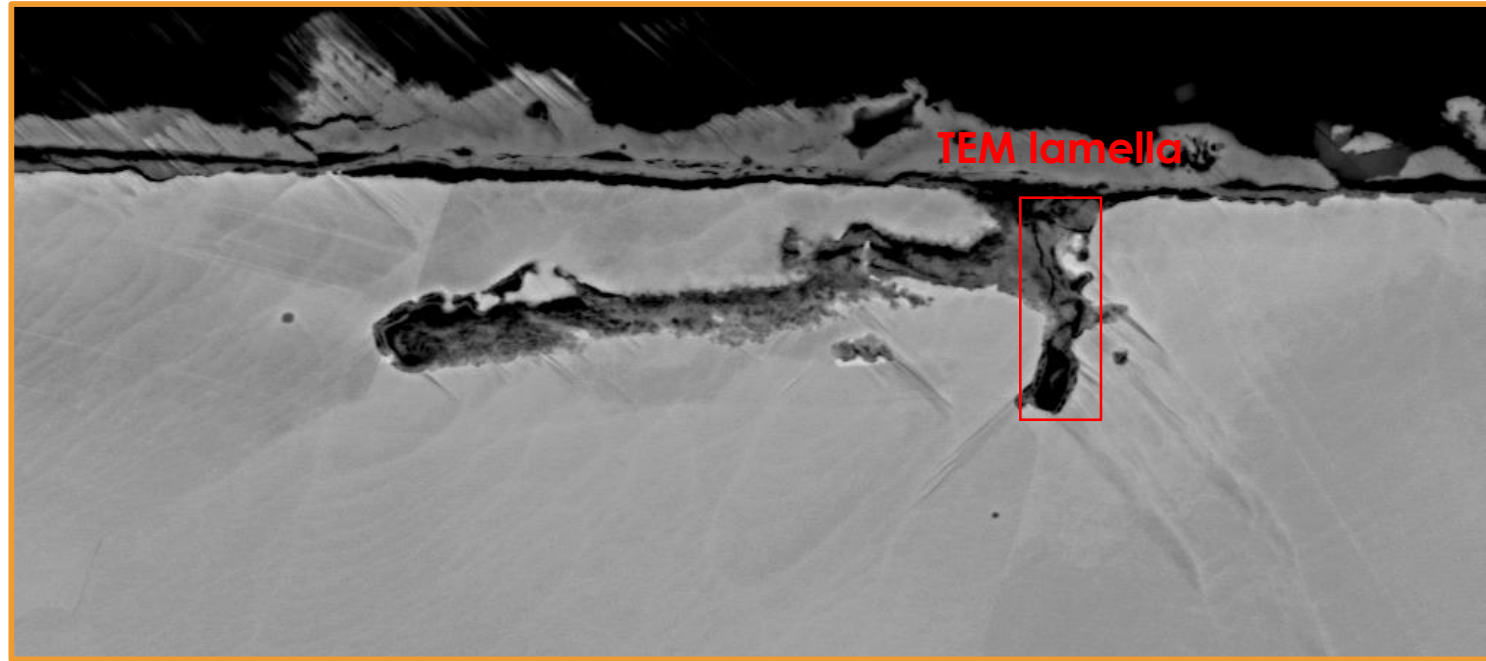
5% O₂ + 20% H₂O + N₂ (bal) + continuous KCl deposition

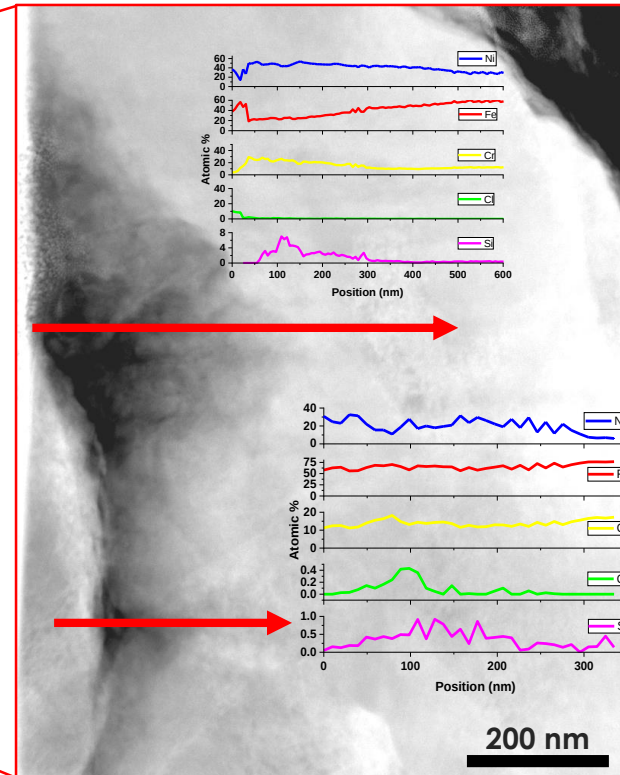
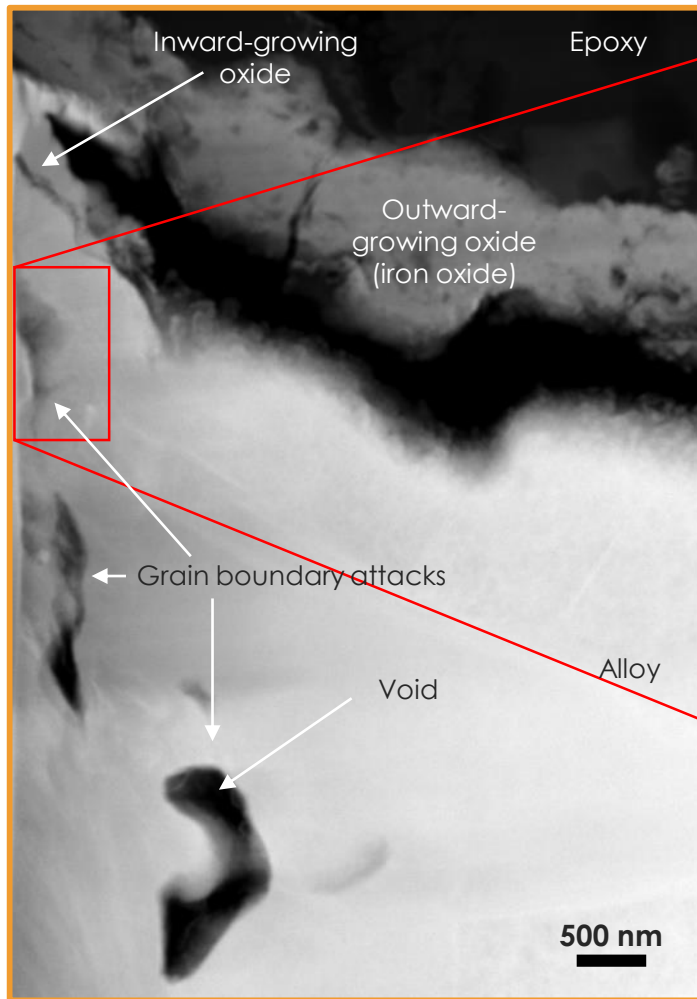
Initiation of a grain boundary attack (1-hour exposure)



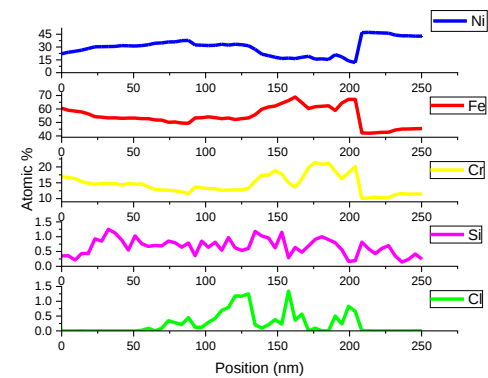
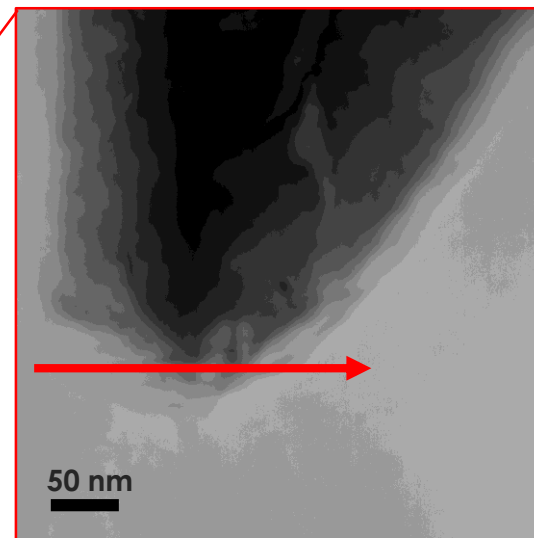
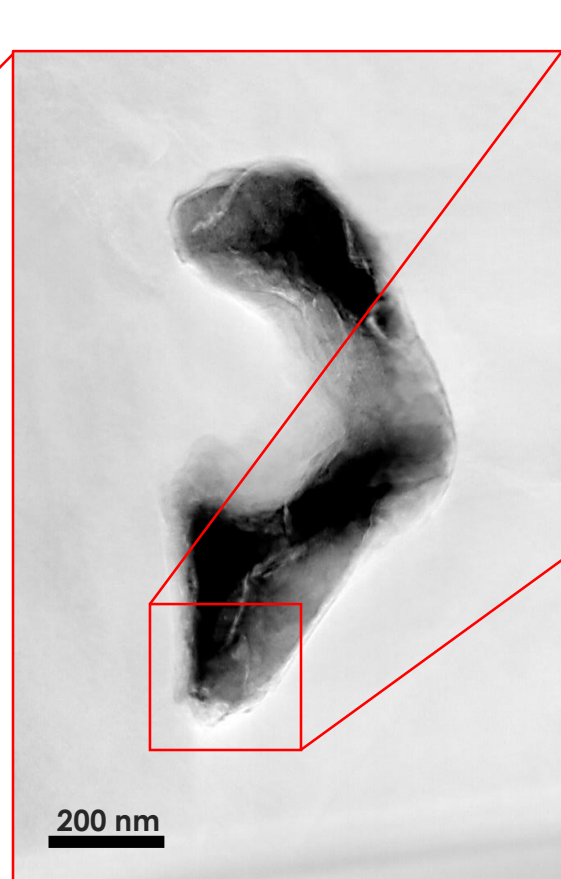
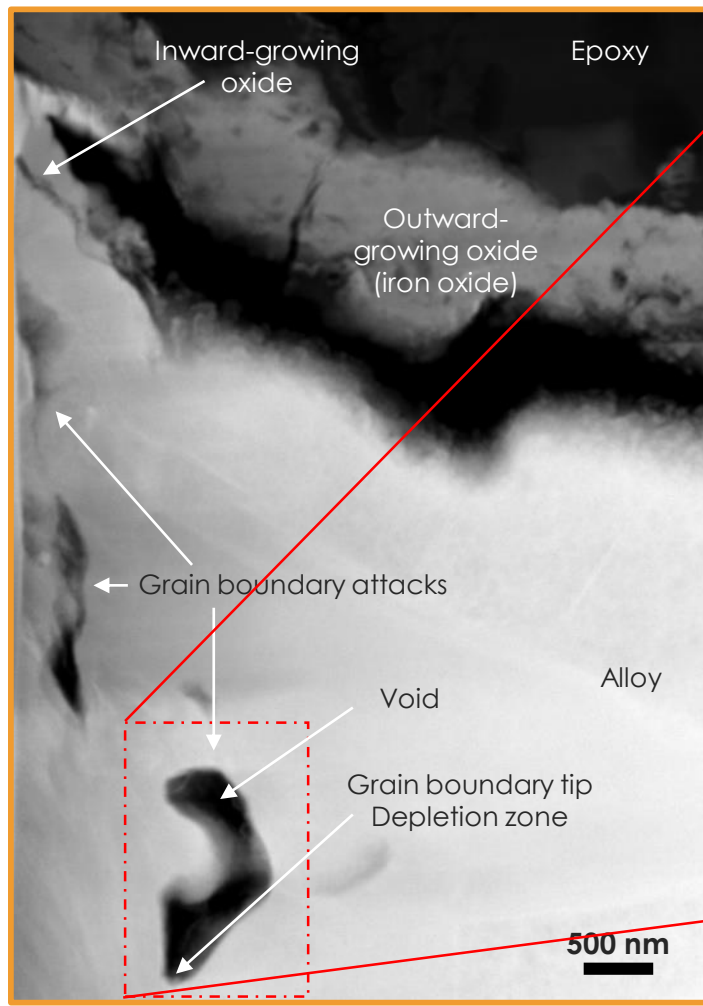


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300 – 600 nm depletion zones of Fe and Cr
Small levels of chlorine detected

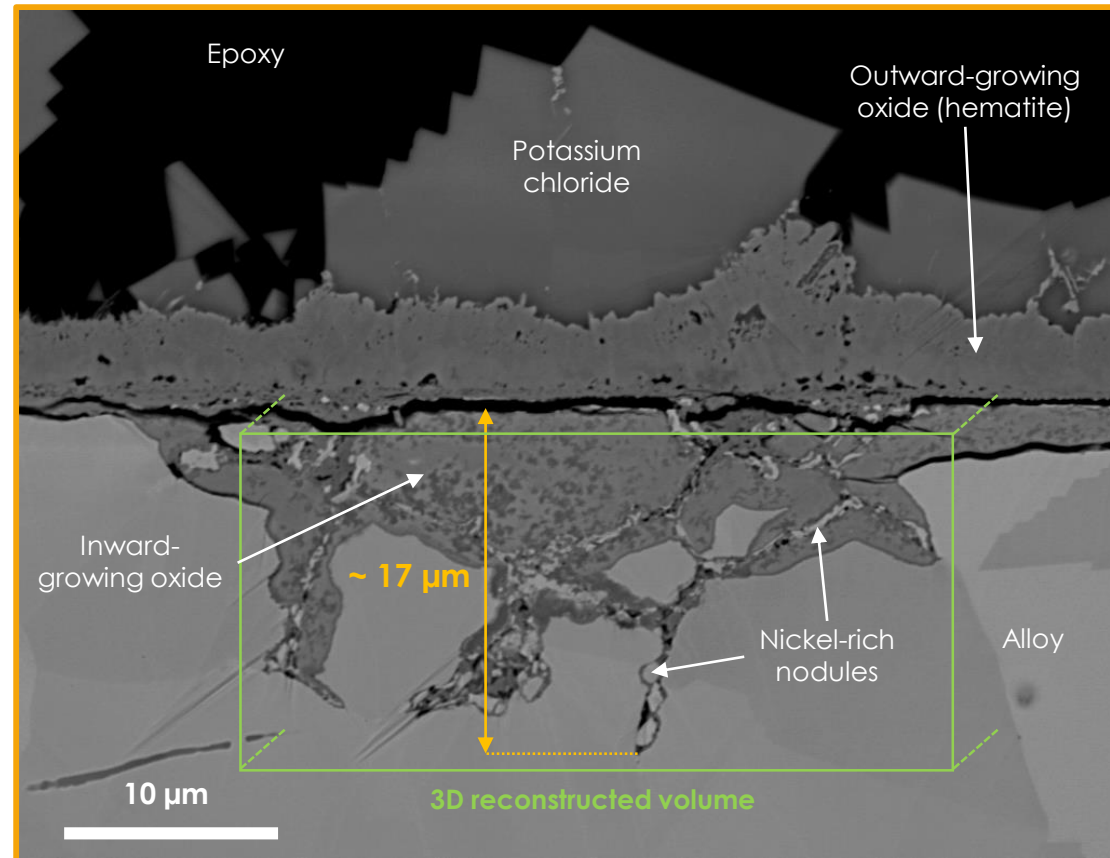


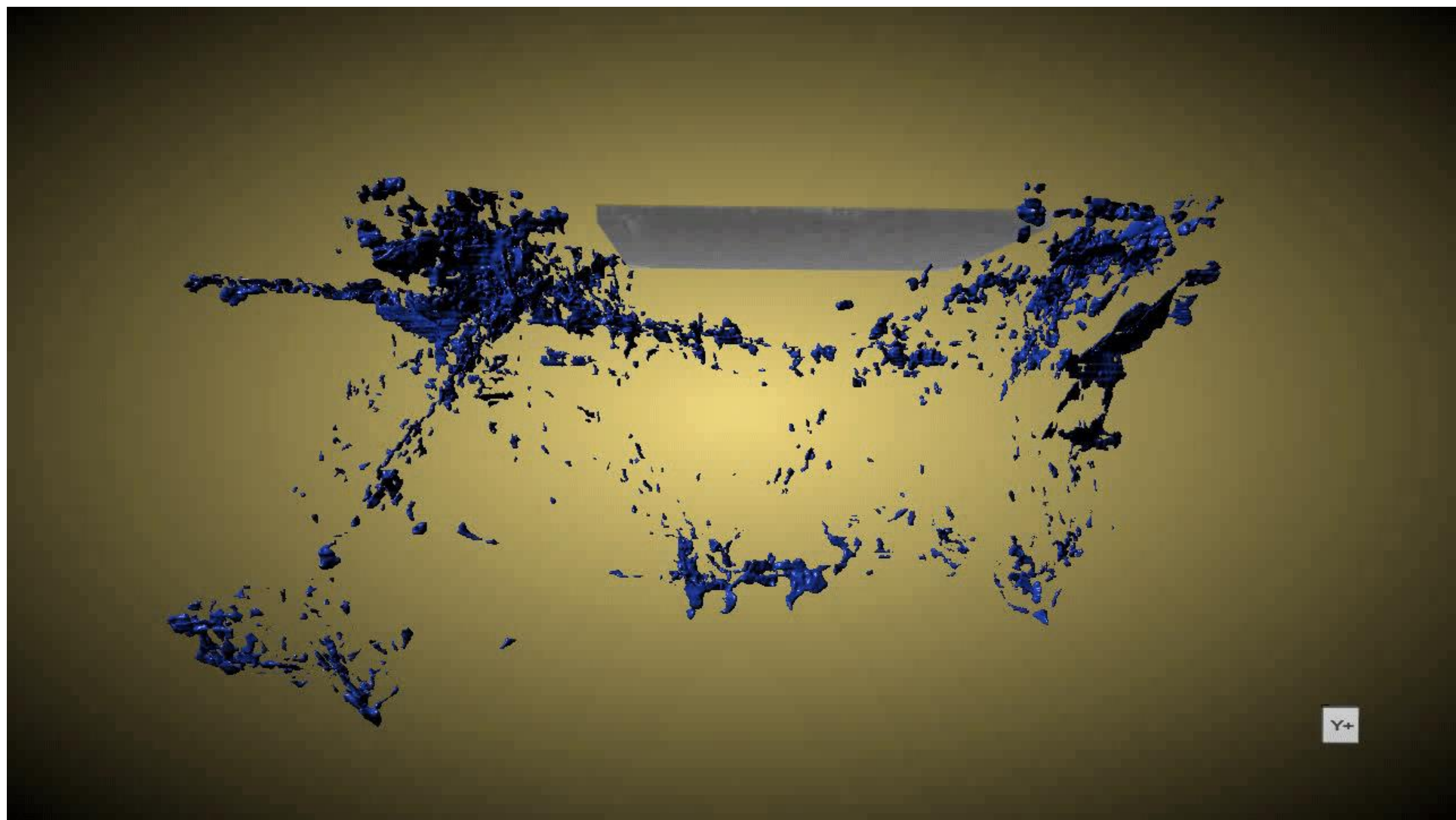
Suggestion of interpretation of results

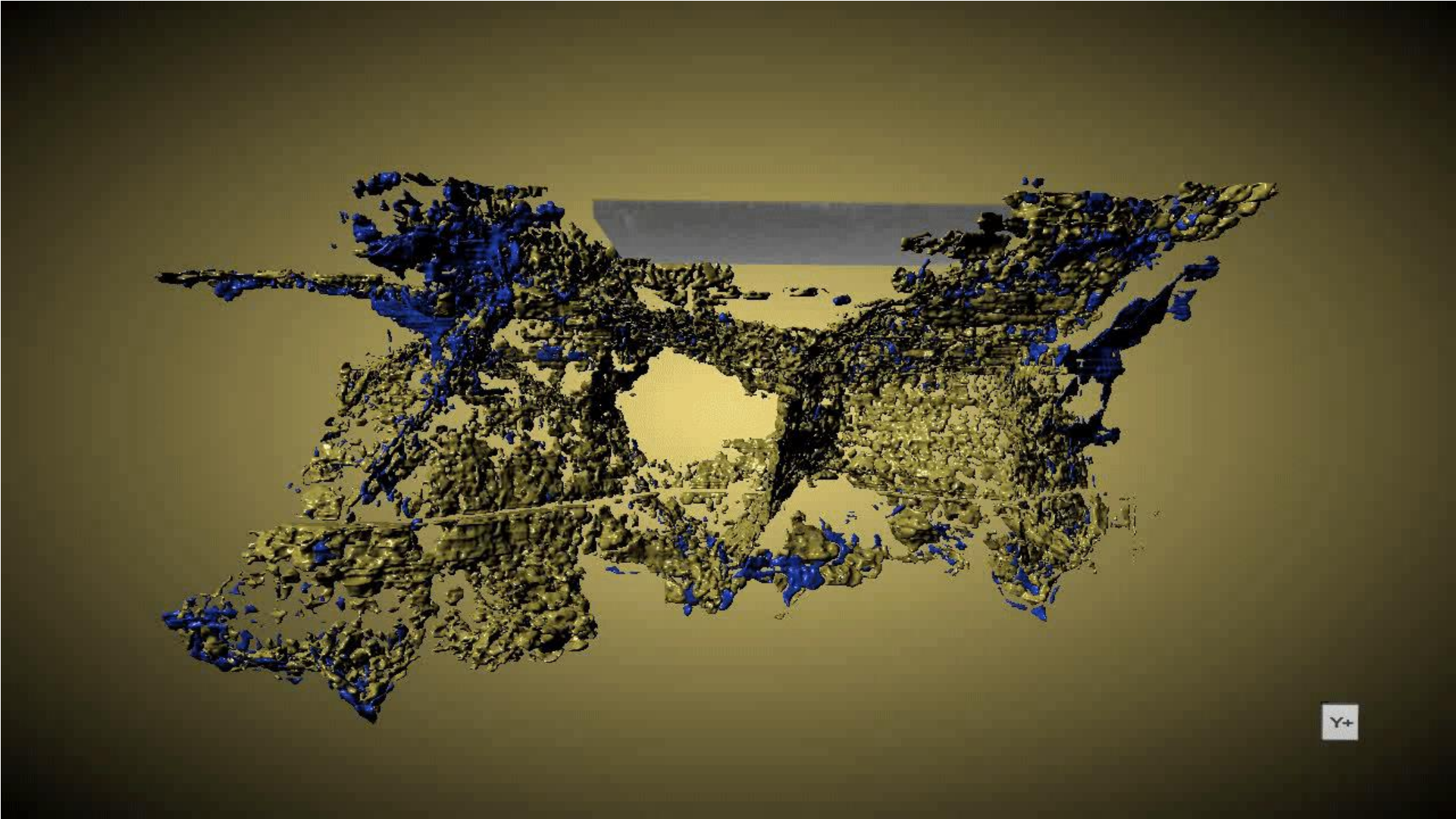
- Connected pores: fast pathways.
- Bulk diffusivity of Cr in 304L at 600 °C predicted to be ~ nm after 1 hour.
- Depletion zones of 100 – 600 nm.
- Small levels of chlorine detected on the surface of voids.

Local enrichment of Cl at the grain boundary regions may increase the diffusivity of alloying elements

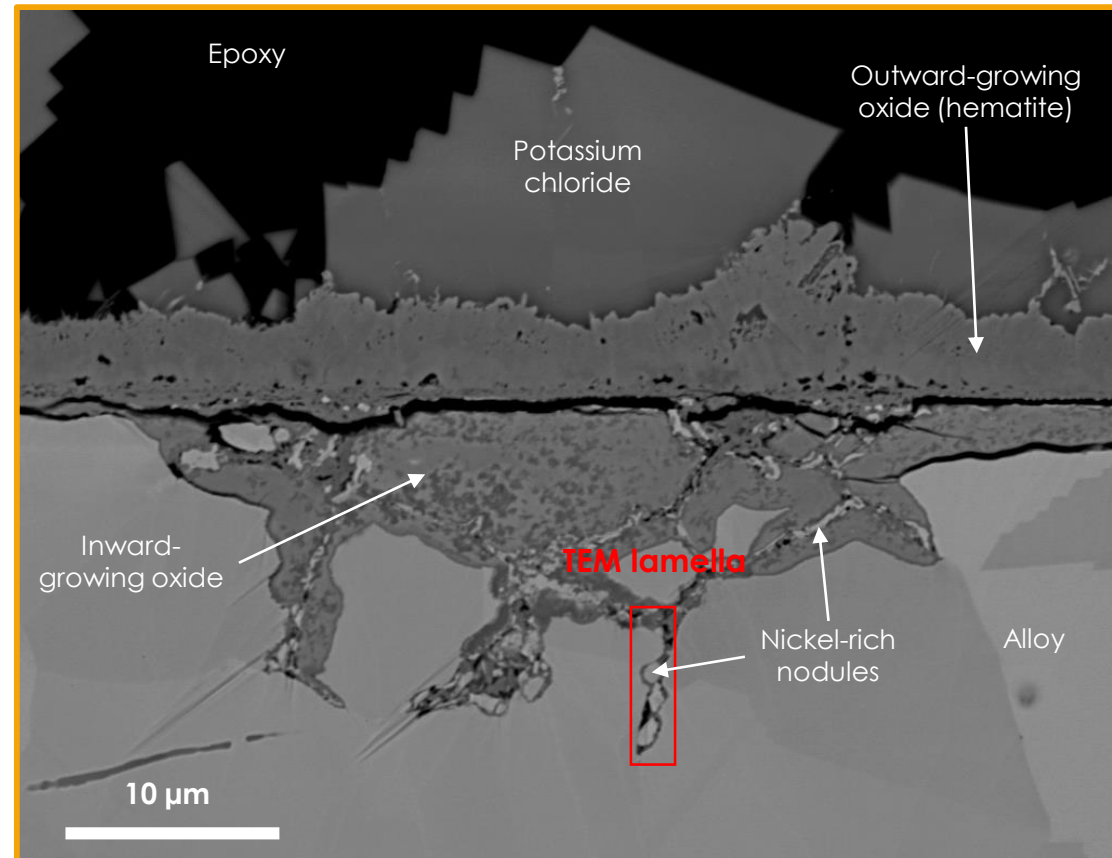
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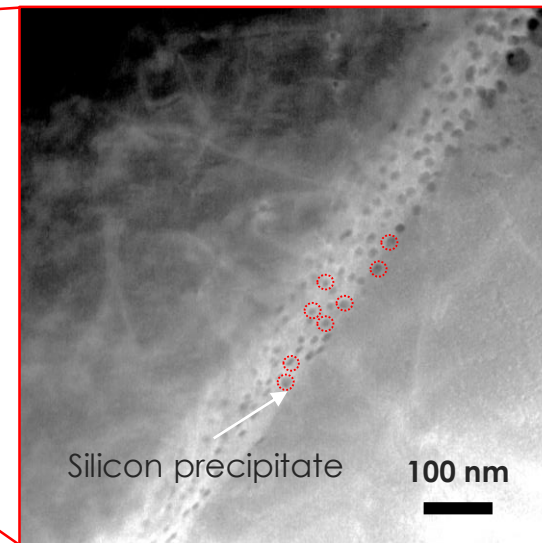
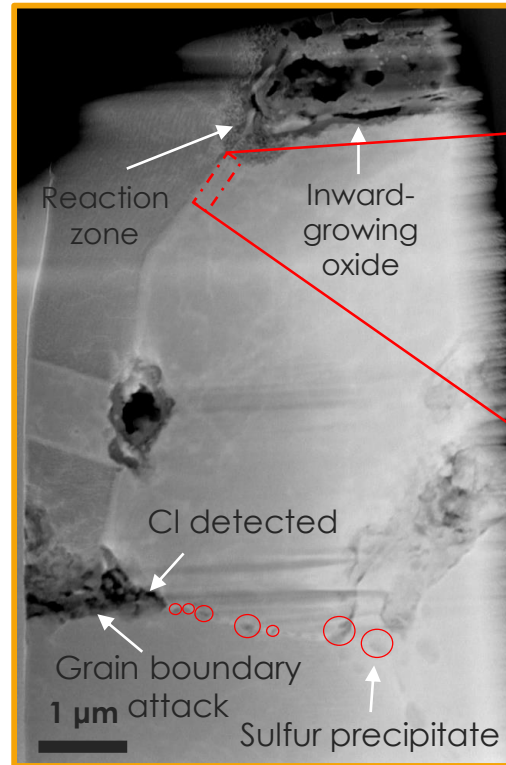






Propagation of a grain boundary attack (24-hour exposure)





Suggestion of interpretation of results

- Unconnected pores: similar fast pathways as 1-hour exposure not possible.
- Large amount of interfaces at the grain boundaries.
- Lingering presence of chlorine at the grain boundaries.
- Trace elements segregation might increase the diffusivity at the grain boundaries.

Increased diffusivity of alloying elements



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