

### A Multimodal Approach:

How to Apply Synchrotron X-ray Characterization and Beyond to Tackle YOUR Research Challenges?

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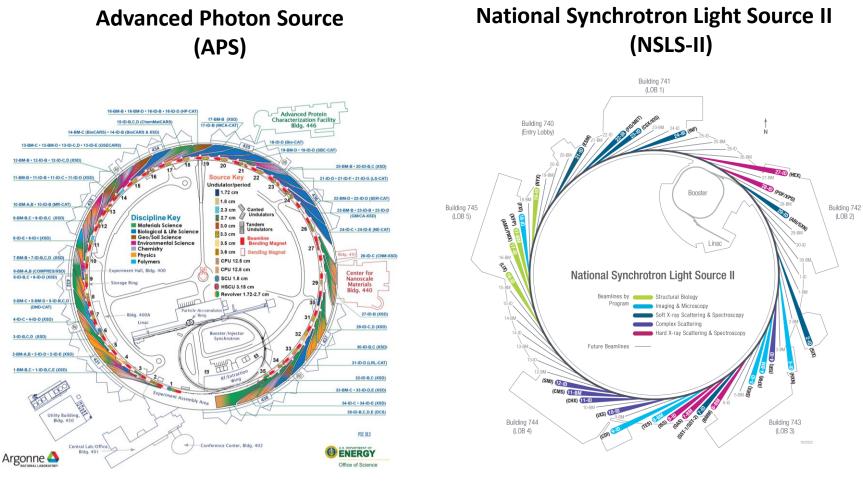
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## A suite of cutting-edge characterization tools!



https://www.aps.anl.gov/Beamlines/Beamlines-Map

https://www.bnl.gov/nsls2/about-nsls-ii.php





## A good reference: 2020 Workshop Report

 "Multimodal Synchrotron Approach: Research Needs and Scientific Vision" <u>Yu-Chen Karen Chen-</u> <u>Wiegart</u>, Iradwikanari Waluyo, Andrew

Kiss, Stuart Campbell, Lin Yang, Eric Dooryhee, Jason R. Trelewicz, Yiyang Li, Bruce Gates, Mark Rivers, Kevin G. Yager Synchrotron Radiation News (2020) DOI: 10.1080/08940886.2020.1701380





Multimodal Synchrotron Approach: Research Needs and Scientific Vision

#### Introduction

This report summarizes the outcome of a workshop, "Multimodal Synchrotron Approach-Research Needs and Scientific Vision," held during the National Synchrotron Light Source-II (NSLS-II)/Center for Functional Nanomaterials (CFN) 2019 Users' Meeting at Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL) on May 22, 2019. Multimodal approaches are defined by the convergence of multiple measurement probes to tackle a single scientific problem. In a synchrotron light source context, this may manifest as the usage of multiple synchrotron beamlines or multiple detection techniques on the same beamline to probe a single sample or system. The synchrotron multimodal approach may be achieved by incorporating ancillary probes into synchrotron beamlines, by exploiting other measurement modalities-such as the electron-based and optical imaging methods-to augment synchrotron datasets, or even by exploiting theory and modeling to complement measurements

Multimodal approach as a holistic approach offers deeper understanding in complex, heterogeneous systems, critical for increased scientific impact and technological applications. As a facility, NSLS-11, a U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Science User Facility located at BNL, recognizes both the challenges and opportunities, and thus identifies multi-

#### Scientific needs and vision of multimodal approach Spectroscopic multimodal research—

applications to catalysis: Professor Bruce Gates, University of California, Davis, presented "Atomically Dispersed Supported Metal Catalysts: Synthesis, Structural Characterization, and Catalyst Performance," in which he discussed the importance of multimodal research in heterogeneous catalysis. Gates investigated atomically precise metal catalysts dispersed on uniform crystalline supports. Various experimental techniques were used to characterize these materials to reveal complementary information. For example, aberration-corrected scanning transmission electron microscopy (STEM) shows that the metals in well-made samples are atomically dispersed and infrared (IR) spectroscopy shows the uniformity of the metal sites. Synchrotron techniques like extended X-ray absorption fine structure (EXAFS) and X-ray absorption near edge structure (XANES) spectroscopy provide structural and chemical information such as evidence of metal oxidation state and metalligand bonding, respectively. Challenges in this field include improving the performance of catalysts and understanding the nature of metal-ligand bonding. Opportunities exist in applying other synchrotron techniques, such as ambient-pressure X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy, high-energy-resolution fluorescence

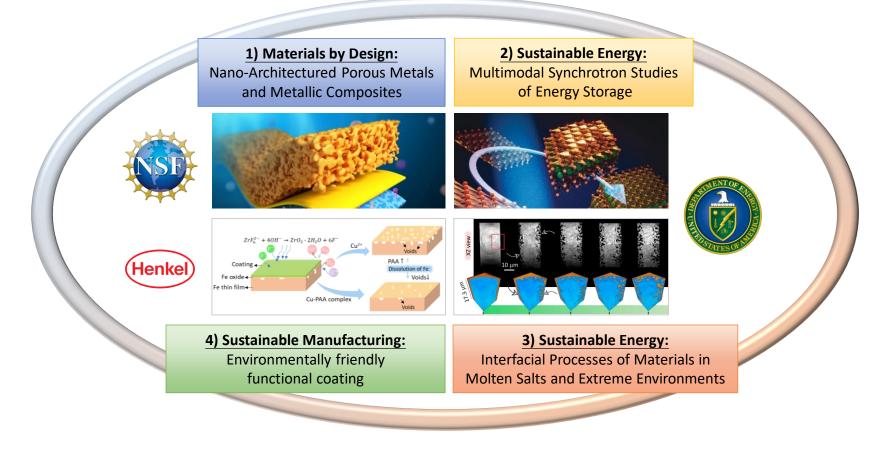
an extensive range of materials. The power of the combined-technique RMC approach was illustrated by Levin through the study of the classical relaxor ferroelectric PbMg<sub>1/3</sub>Nb<sub>2/3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (PMN) perovskite. This case study involved simultaneous fitting of 3D X-ray diffuse scattering from a single crystal of PMN with both X-ray and neutron total scattering measured on a PMN powder. X-ray absorption fine structure (XAFS) spectroscopy characterizing Pb and Nb was also included in the fitting process to improve chemical resolution.

Correlative microscopy and tomography application in materials science: Dr. Yiyang Li, Sandia National Laboratory, presented work on the subject of "Visualizing Electrochemistry through Multimodal Microscopy for Batteries and Neuromorphic Computing. Li presented the results of studies showing how multimodal synchrotron microscopy enabled detailed visualization and understanding of electrochemistry for batteries: combining soft X-ray scanning transmission X-ray microscopy (STXM), hard X-ray transmission X-ray microscopy (TXM), X-ray diffraction (XRD), STEM (including correlative electron microscopy), Auger electron spectroscopy, and ptychography. Li explained how coupling between electrochemistry and imaging at multiple length-scales with various contrasts could drive the development and understanding in materials science for neuromorphic ing Li highlighted the acientific mot





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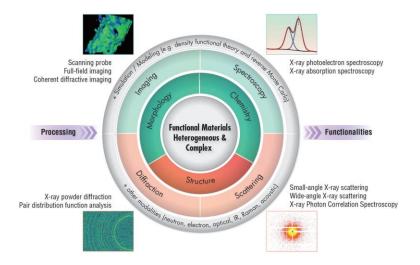






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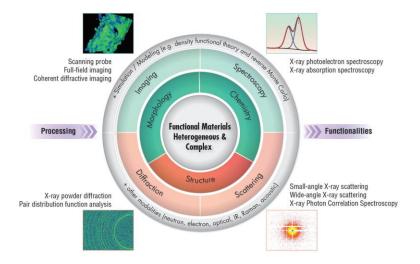


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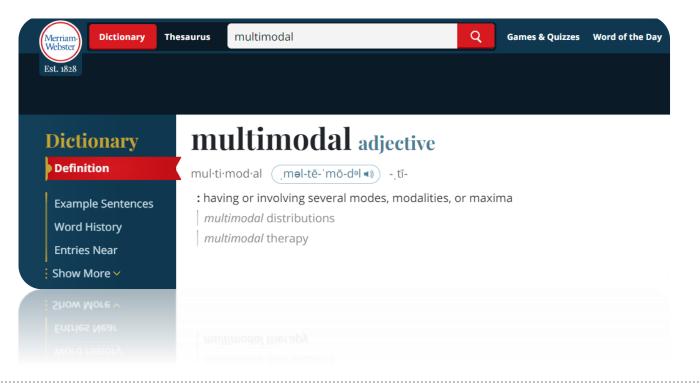




## What is multimodal?

## • Dictionary definition:

<u>https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/multimodal</u>

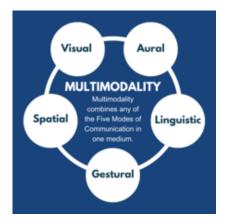




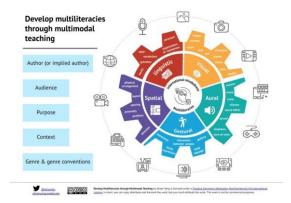


## **Multimodality everywhere!**

### Multimodal Pedagogy/Teaching

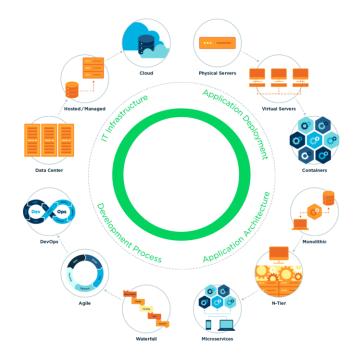


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https://alisonyang.com/multimodal-teaching/

#### **Multimodal IT**



https://www.suse.com/c/the-rise-of-multimodal-it-and-what-it-means-to-you/





#### **Multimodal Customer Experience**



https://www.uniphore.com/blog/what-s-amultimodal-customer-experience/

#### **Multimodal Transport**



Multimodal transport, also known as combined transport, is a transport system that involves the movement of goods using multiple modes of transport such as trucks, rail, air and ships.

https://www.morethanshipping.com/what-is-multimodal-transport/





### **Multimodal Artificial Intelligence!**



### https://www.aimesoft.com/multimodalai.html

Multimodal AI is a new AI paradigm, in which various data types (image, text, speech, numerical data) are combined with multiple intelligence processing algorithms to achieve higher performances. Multimodal AI often outperforms single modal AI in many real-world problems.

### Ecosystem!!

What is the ecosystem of synchrotron (and neutron) characterization?



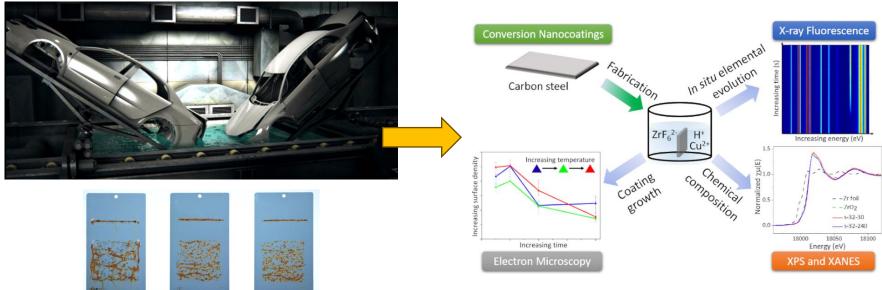


## Multimodality - In the context of scientific research

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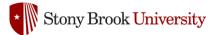
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We have already been applying multimodal characterization from the beginning!



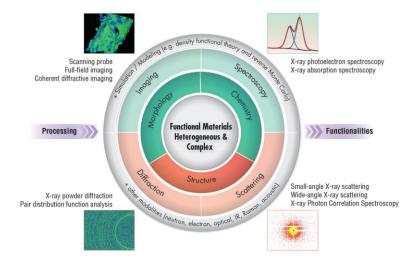
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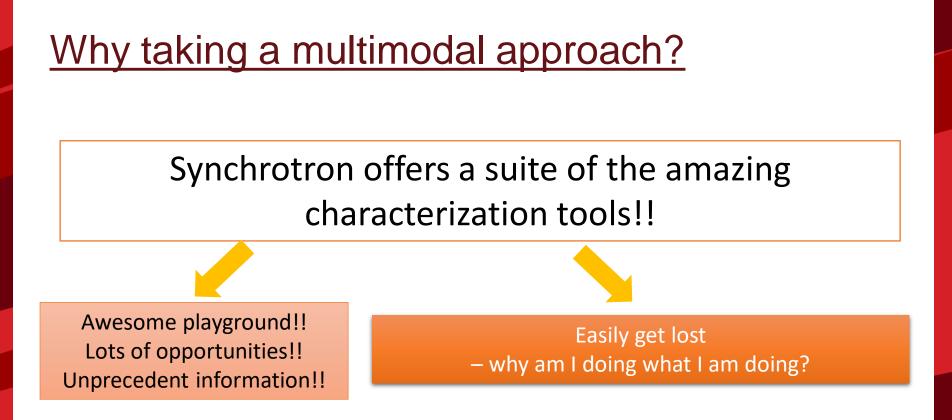
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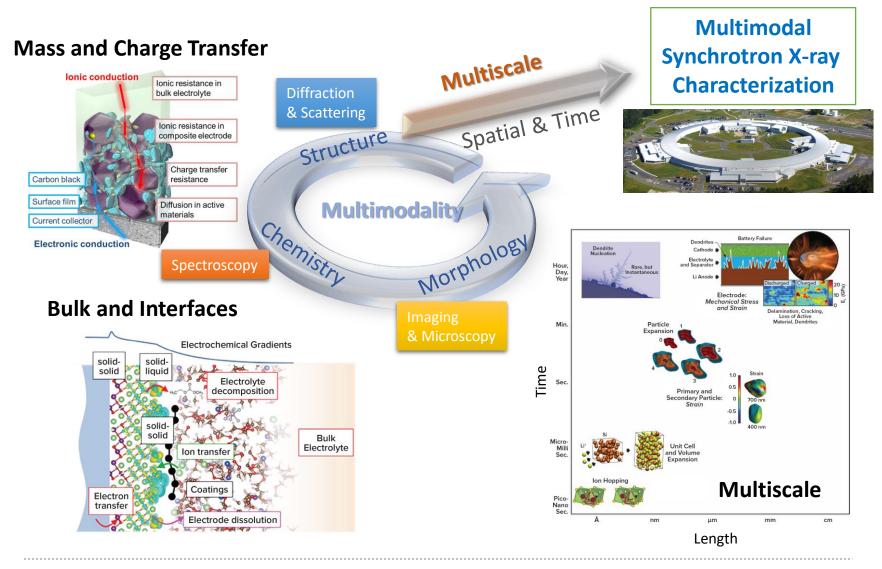


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### Research challenges complex, heterogeneous systems





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Basic Research Needs for Next Generation Electrical Energy Storage (2017)

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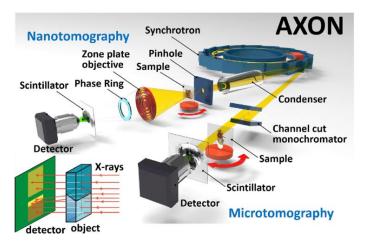
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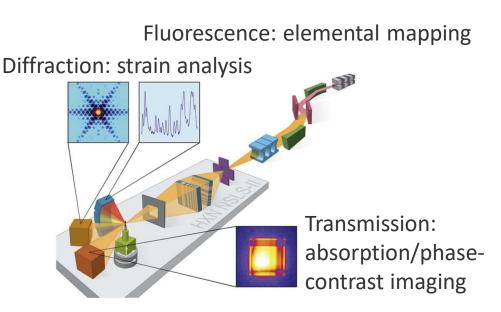


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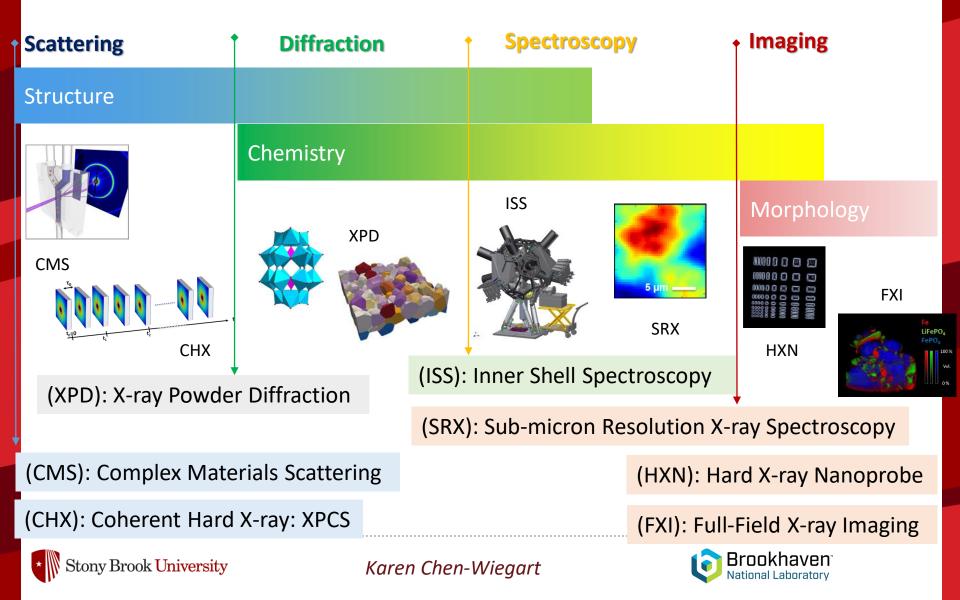
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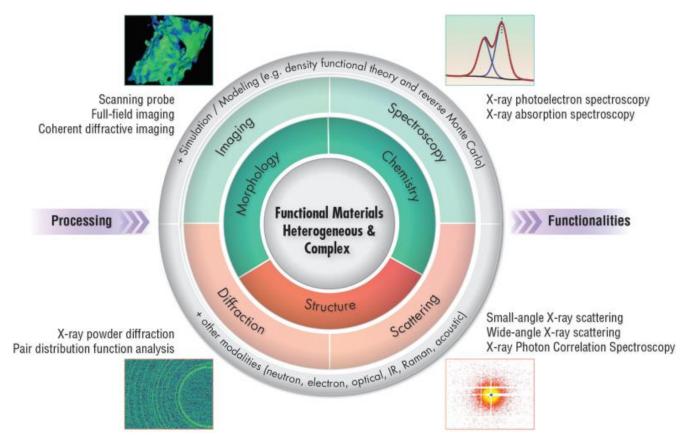
## Why using different beamlines?

Suite of beamlines with complementary techniques - enabling timeresolved, operando, multi-modal and multi-dimensional studies



#### What is the processing – structure – property relationship? (How do we control the properties?)

### 2. How do the materials' morphology, chemistry and structure evolve as a function of time and processing/operating conditions?



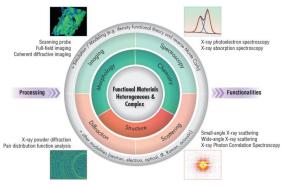
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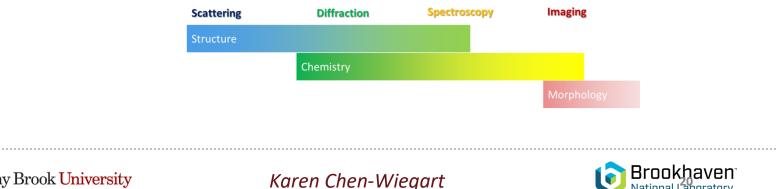


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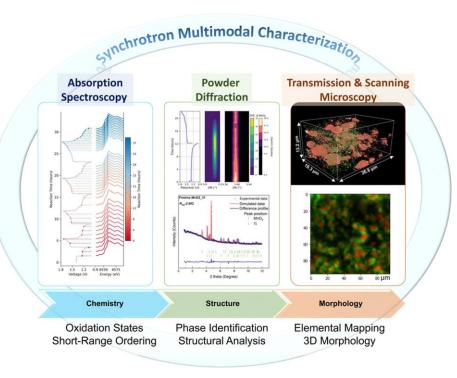
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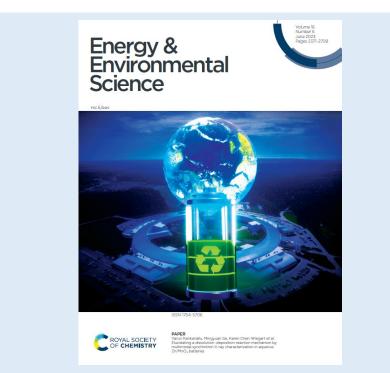
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Towards better understanding of reaction mechanism by *operando* multi-modal X-ray synchrotron characterization







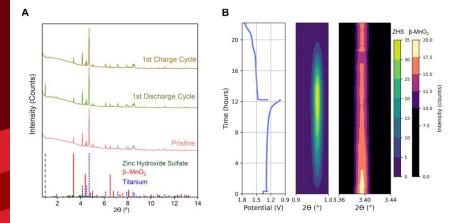
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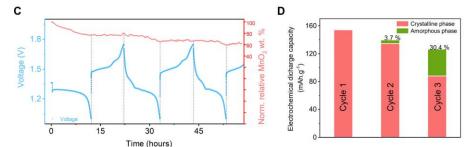


# *Operando* X-ray diffraction: Phase evolution





- Phase evolution of the  $\beta$ -MnO<sub>2</sub> electrode at the pristine, half-cycle and full-cycle states.
- The galvanostatic discharge–charge profile for the first cycle and its corresponding waterfall plot indicate the formation and disappearance of the zinc hydroxy sulfate (ZHS) phase and gradual reduction in MnO<sub>2</sub> peak intensity.



- Normalized relative MnO<sub>2</sub> weight percentage vs. the electrochemical potential for the first ~ 3 cycles.
- Relative capacity contribution by the amorphous phase in the 2nd and 3rd cycles.

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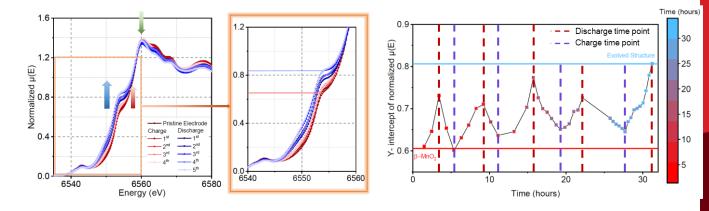




### Operando X-ray Absorption Spectroscopy (XAS): Gradual conversion of $\beta$ -MnO<sub>2</sub> structure

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- *Operando* X-ray absorption near edge structure (XANES) vs. the electrochemical potential and reaction time.



- Selected spectra points taken at the end of discharge and charge profiles: the variation in the pre-edge feature
- The Y-intercept of normalized XAS spectra near the pre-edge feature indicating the evolution of structure

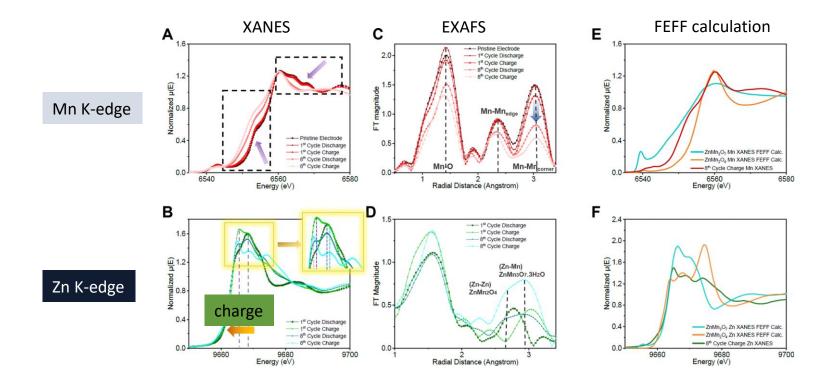
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### Ex situ XAS of first and eight cycle: discharge and charge

XANES & Extended X-ray Absorption Fine Structure (EXAFS)



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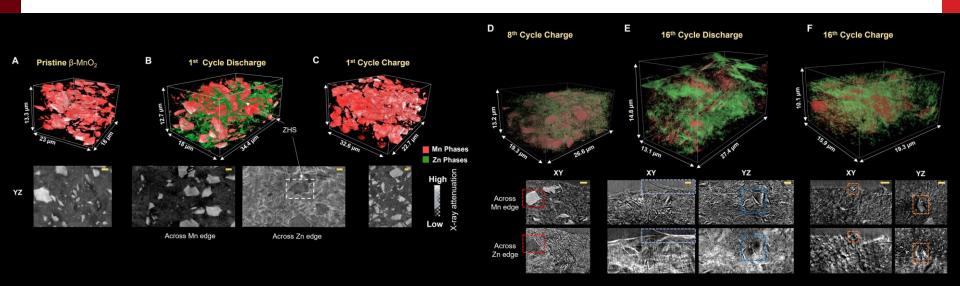
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### Key morphological features of β-MnO2 electrodes



- 1<sup>st</sup> cycle discharge: A dense growth of ZHS precipitate  $\rightarrow$  reversible upon charge
- 8th cycle charge: partial dissolution of β-MnO<sub>2</sub> particles and the Zn–Mn amorphous complex phase
- **16th cycle:** discharge and charge: dissolution of  $\beta$  -MnO<sub>2</sub> and dense growth of Zn phases throughout



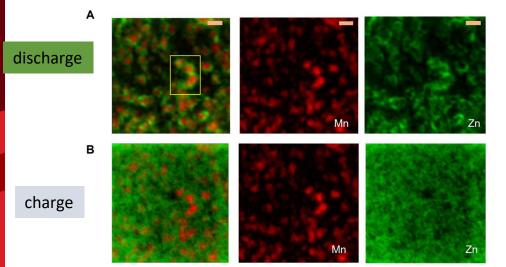
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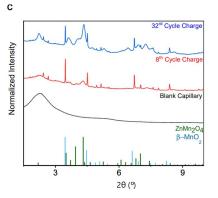
### Colocalization of the Zn and Mn phase around the electrode

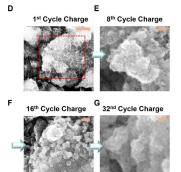




 Colocalization of the Zn phase over the MnO<sub>2</sub> particles (scale bar = 5 micron): ZHS phase formation and reversibility

- Growth of the ZnMn<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> phase obtained at the end of 8<sup>th</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup> cycle.
- SEM of 1<sup>st</sup> cycle at the charged state having a flower like deposition over the MnO<sub>2</sub> particle.
- Growth of spherical round feature, (scale bar = 500 nm, for D = 100 nm)





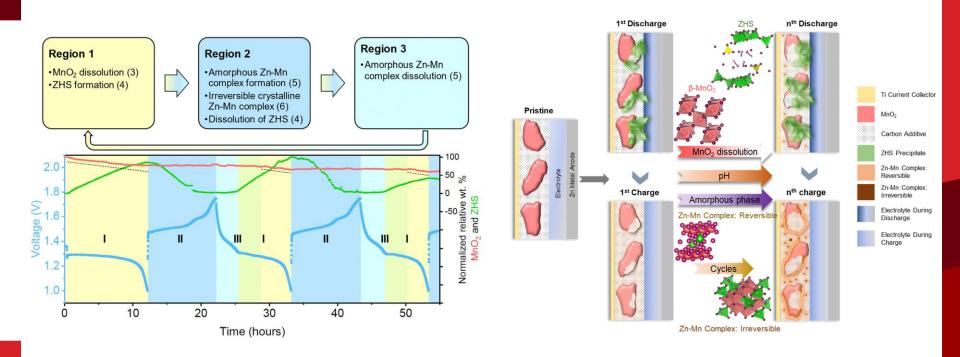
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## Proposed reaction mechanism





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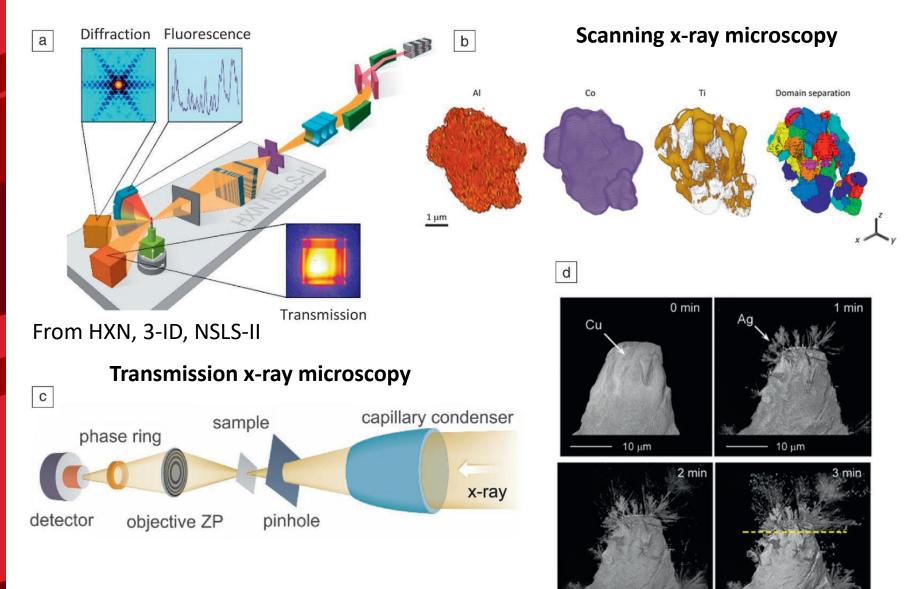




## How about for one type of technique?







2020 MRS Bulletin, Nanoscale x-ray and electron tomography, Hanfei Yan , Peter W. Voorhees , and Huolin L. Xin , Guest Editors

From FXI, 18-ID, NSLS-II

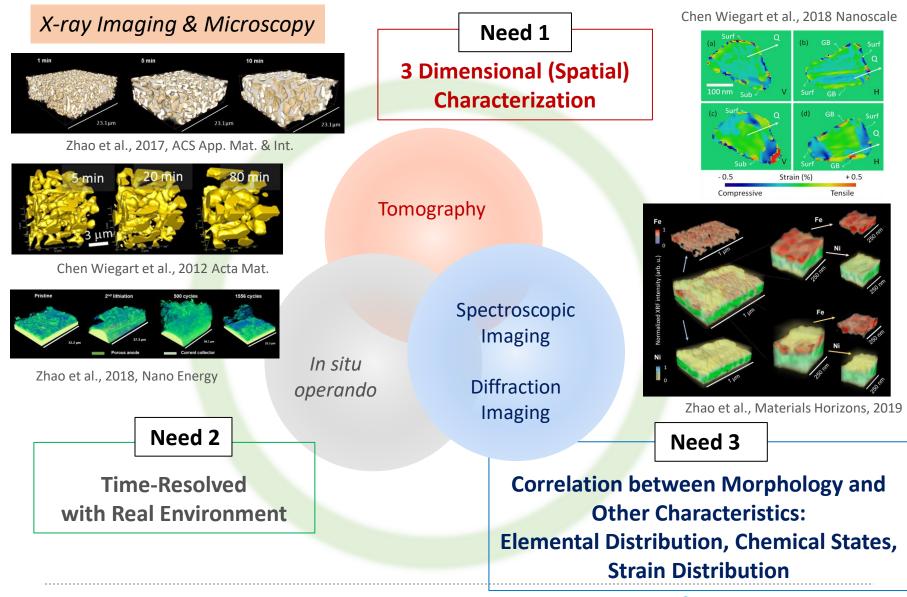
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### Modern X-ray Imaging: Multi-dimensional

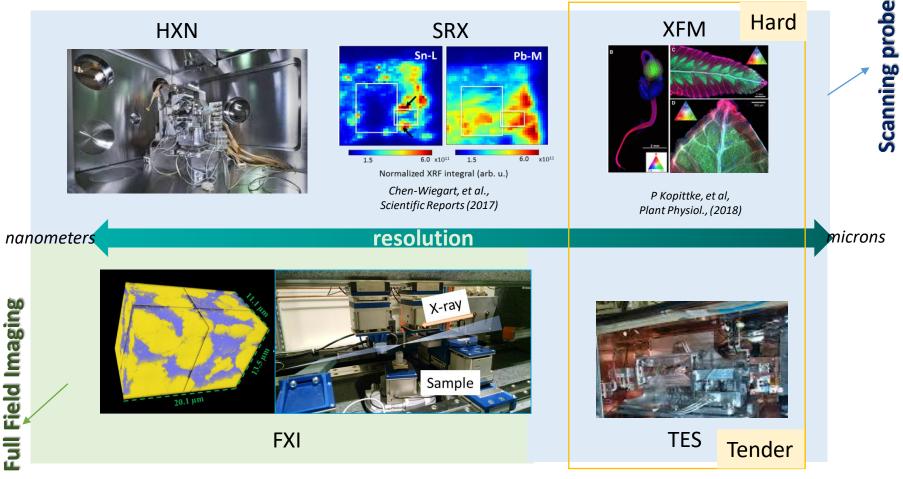


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### X-ray Microscopy at NSLS-II: A Suite of Tools for Scientific Discovery



Complementary in resolution, field of view, energy range
Combination w/ spectroscopy and diffraction analysis

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- 5) Think of other techniques that you may be using in the future that you learned during the X-ray and neutron summer school?



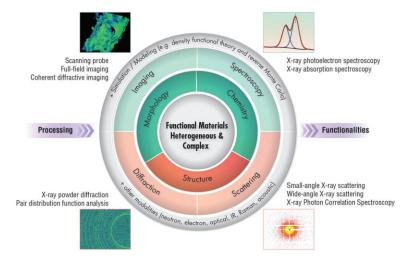


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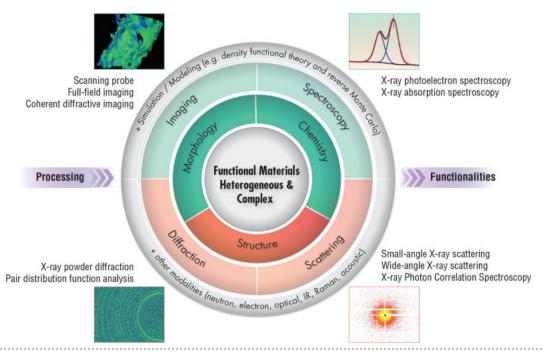






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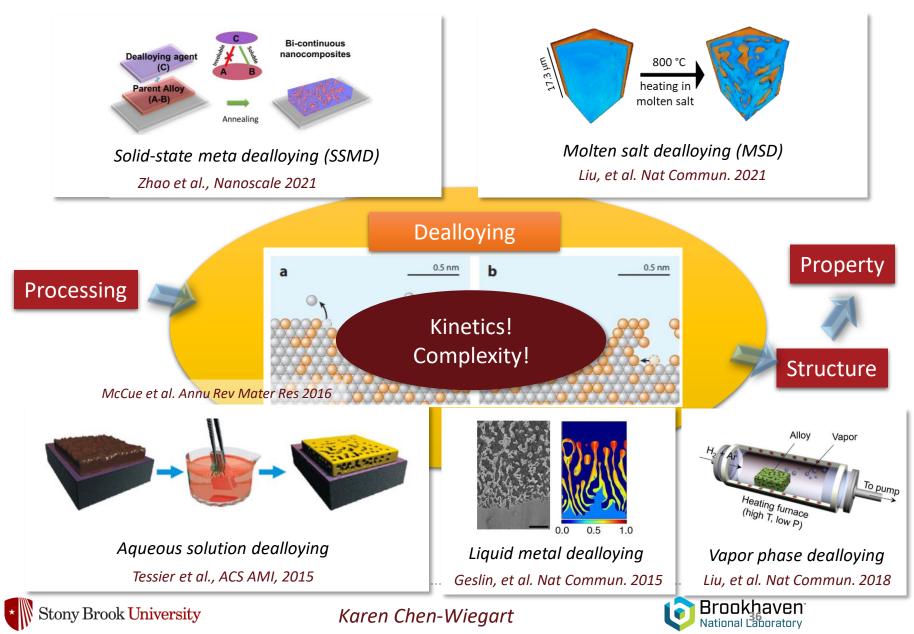
## Now broaden it a bit from synchrotron!

- How do I complement my synchrotron studies?
- Lab-based techniques?
   Pre-characterization?
   Ex-situ studies to complement the in-situ study?
- Other advanced characterizations?
   E.g. imaging: TEM, Atom-probe, etc.?
- Simulation/modeling/theory?

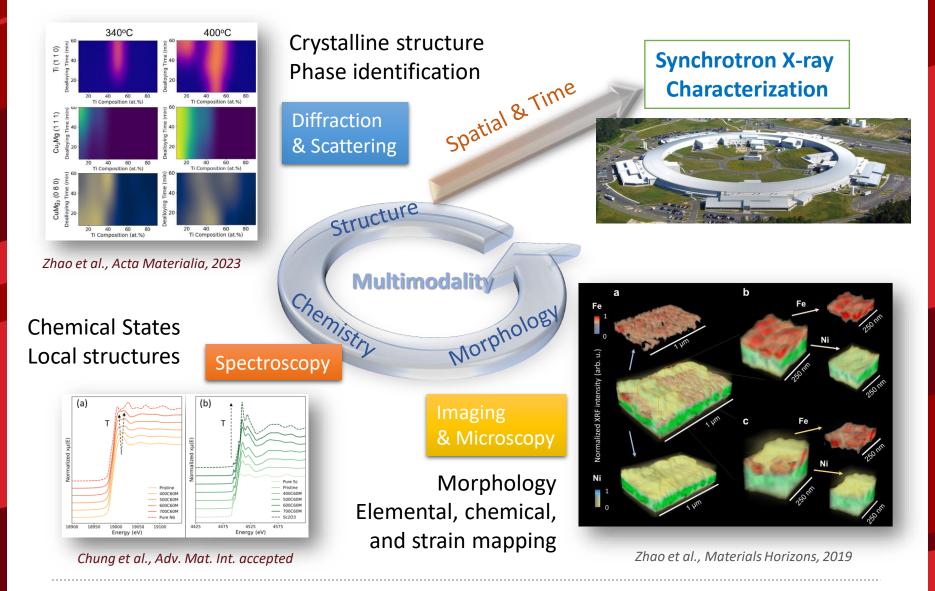




## **Dealloying with different media**



# Synchrotron X-ray Characterization



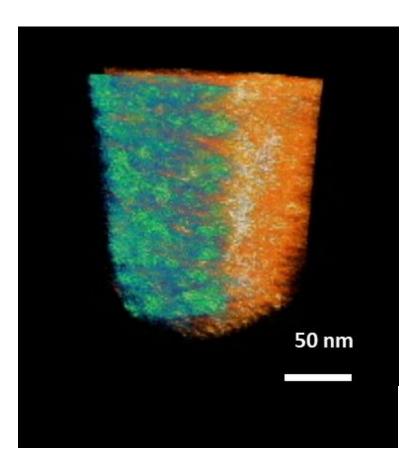
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### Thin Film Solid-State Metal Dealloying (SSMD): Ti-Cu/Mg System: 3D Morphology

#### Volueria 13 Normine 42 13 November 2008 Frages Officieria Nanoscale Ti Separating Mixing Mg Cu Mixing NCNST (a) (b) STEM tomography Synchrotron X-ray XRF nanotomography 30 nm Ti Cu (c) **XRF Nano-tomography FIB Lift-out** Electron dealloyed region Ti/Ta 500 nm Cu/Ta 500 nm STEM tomography Normalized XRF Intensity (arb. u.



STEM (Talos), CFN

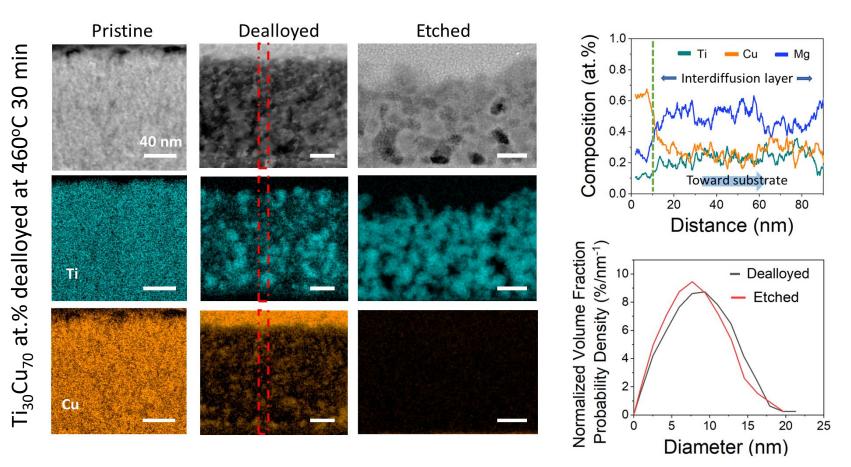
#### Hard X-ray Nanoprobe (HXN) 3-ID, NSLS-II



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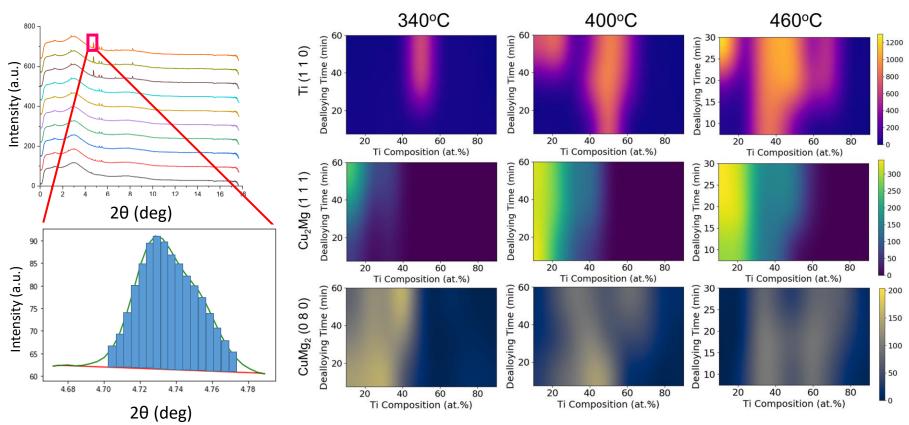
### Thin film SSMD Ti-Cu/Mg System: Nanoporous Structure



- Creating a nanoporous structure by the thin-film SSID.
- The Ti ligament size is ~5-15 nm, quite fine for structures created by metal dealloying.
- Consistent morphology observed in the etching process



### Thin film SSMD Ti-Cu/Mg: Structural Evolution with Time, Temperature and Composition



- The dealloying rate varies with the parent alloy composition.
- The CuMg<sub>2</sub> phase  $\rightarrow$  Cu<sub>2</sub>Mg at 400°C

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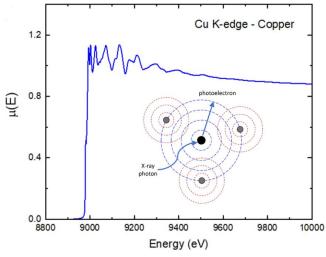
• Crystallization sequence: CuMg<sub>2</sub>,Cu<sub>2</sub>Mg first, followed by Ti

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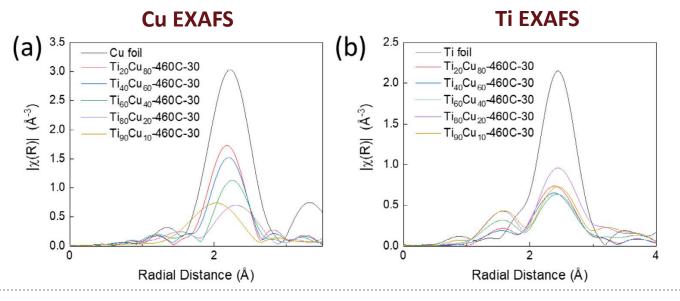


### Thin film SSMD Ti-Cu/Mg: Local Bonding Formation

- Bonding: Cu-Cu, Cu-Ti, Cu-Mg; Ti-Ti, Ti-Cu, Ti-O
  - Bond length and coordination numbers
- XRD: The order of crystalline phase formation: CuMg<sub>2</sub> , Cu<sub>2</sub>Mg, and Ti
- EXAFS: The **Ti phase first shows selfreorganization during dealloying**, earlier than the crystallization process.



Sanson, Microstructures 2021

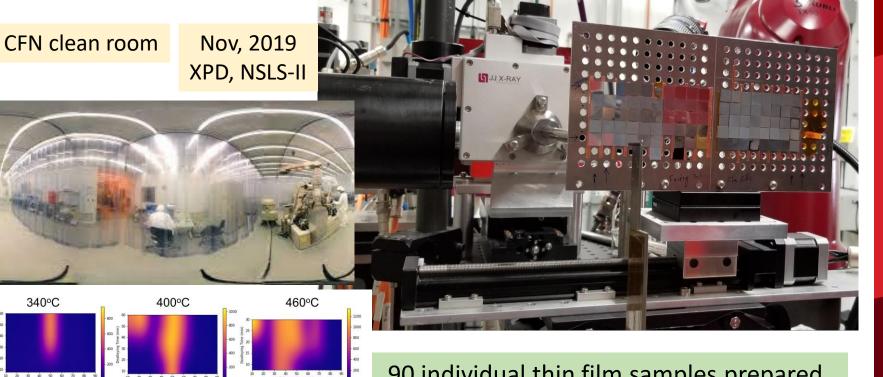


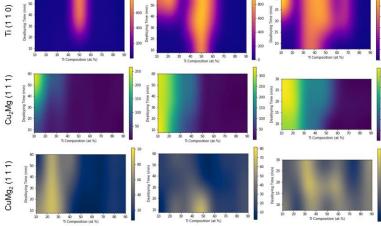
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### .....A heroic but unsustainable act!





90 individual thin film samples prepared from different alloy compositions, dealloying time and temperature!

For just one (Ti-Cu) system!!



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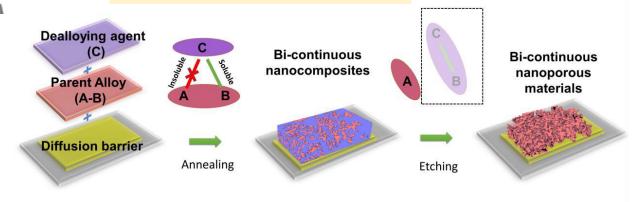


### The challenge that we're all facing as experimentalists...

### Large parameter space!

I want to understand how to control / design the materials!

### Solid State Metal Dealloying



#### Engineering Processing parameters

- Materials composition
- Materials thickness
- Processing time
- Processing temperature

#### Science Physical / chemical parameters

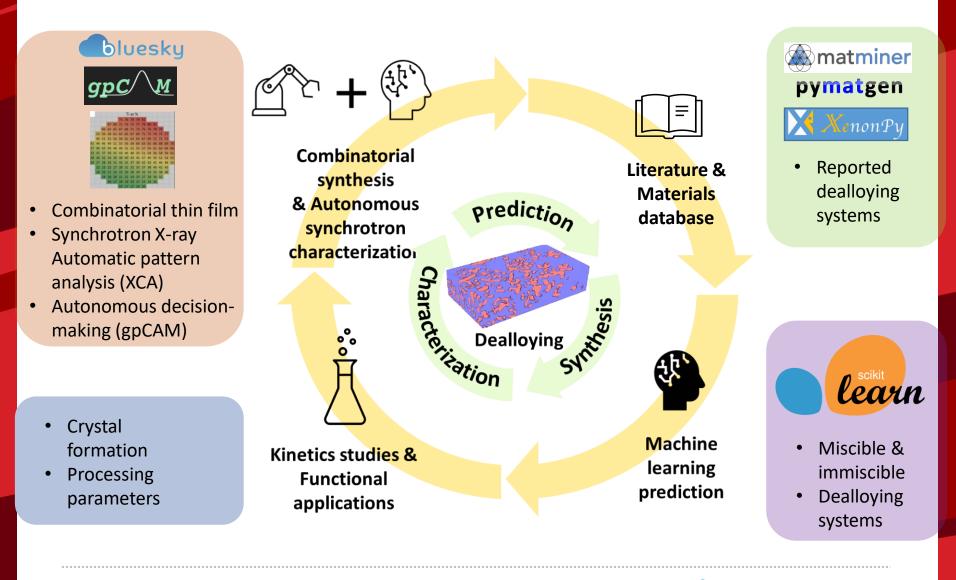
- Elemental properties, valence shell attributes, ionicity attributes
- Alloy mixing enthalpy & entropy
- Atomic configuration
- Kinetics pathways / mechanisms





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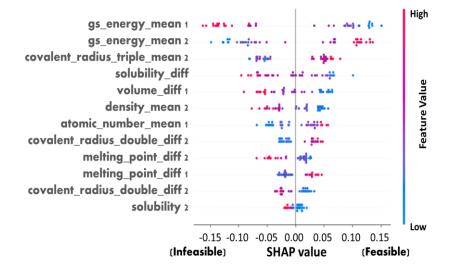
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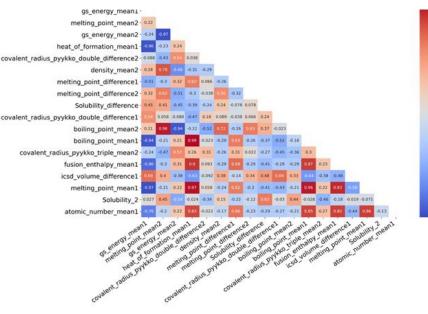
# Relevant parameters

#### Variables which are ranked by their impacts on differentiating the dealloying agent from the parent alloy



(sorted by the random forest method.)

**The correlation matrix:** top key variables from each of the three ML methods, total of 18 variables.



6 valuables with r > 0.8 were removed

\*Variables ending with 1 represent the properties of the first two elements in a ternary system, and those ending with 2 represent the properties of the last two elements.

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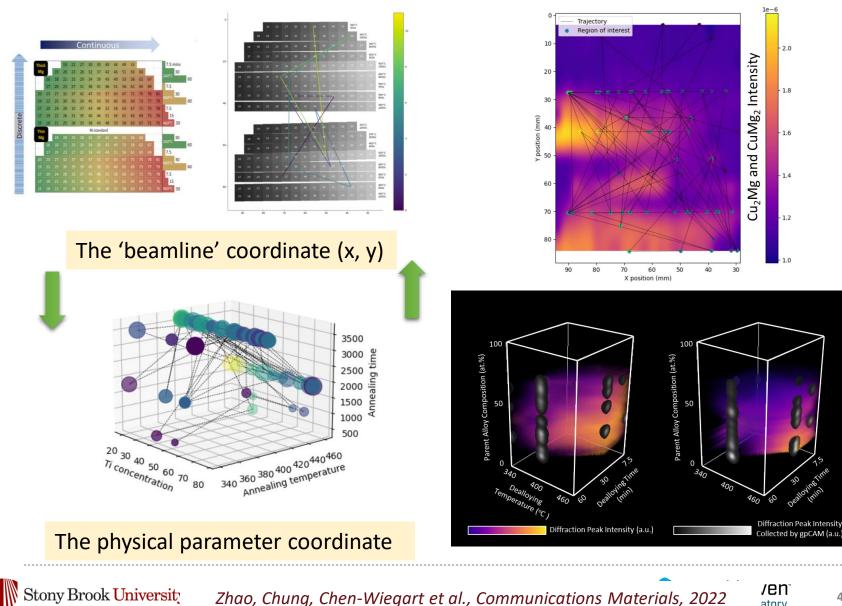
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### Autonomous synchrotron analysis



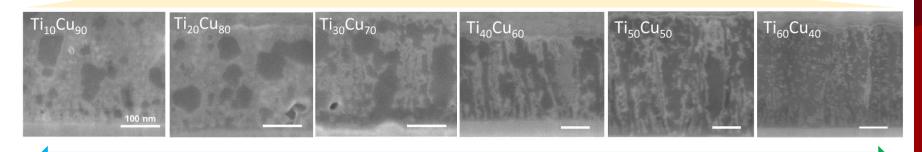
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# Beyond phase determination...

How about the morphology & chemical speciation?

**Applications XRD** XAS **SAXS Dealloying agent** C (C) **Bi-continuous Bi-continuous** nanocomposites nanoporous **Parent Alloy** materials no-Au Easture (A-B) **Diffusion barrier** Annealing Etching Seker et al., Nanoscale, 2016



#### Bubble

#### Lamella

#### Bicontinuous

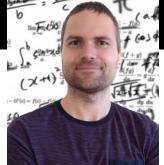


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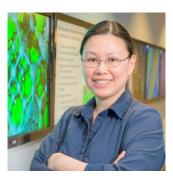


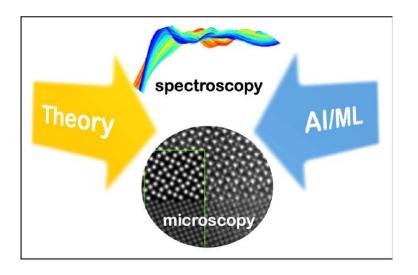


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