

Status Report: Experimental investigation of beryllium. 9 October 2014

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Experiments:

Investigation of the as-received Be

Investigation of the existing proton Be windows

- “real” GeV proton irradiation;
- irradiated volume is big enough for microstructural investigations and micromechanical tests

Simulation with ion irradiation experiments

- flexibility of irradiation conditions
- observations of the evolution of the microstructure;
- reasonable correspondence of He/dpa ratio.

Low energy in-situ irradiation:

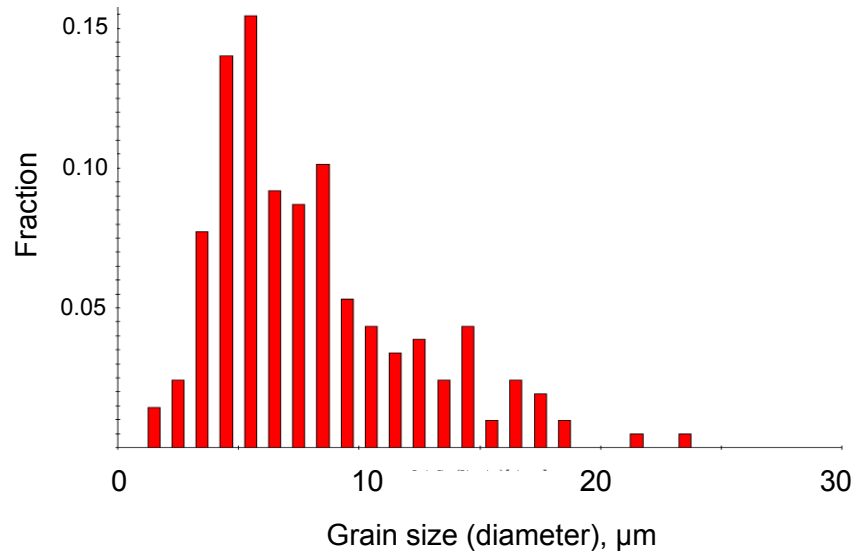
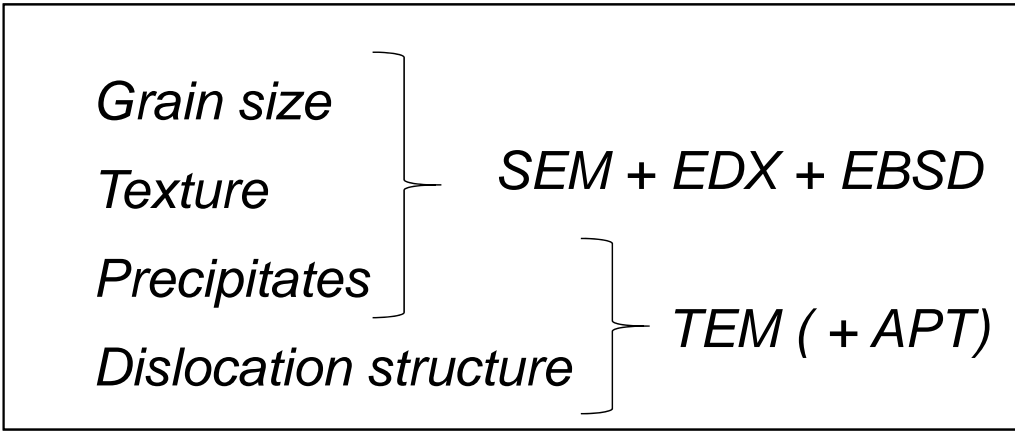
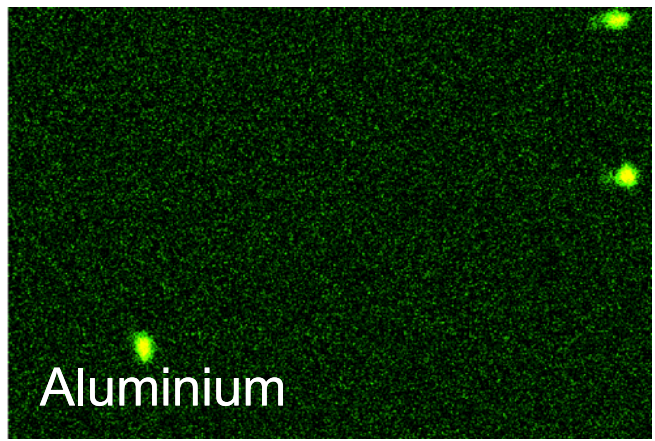
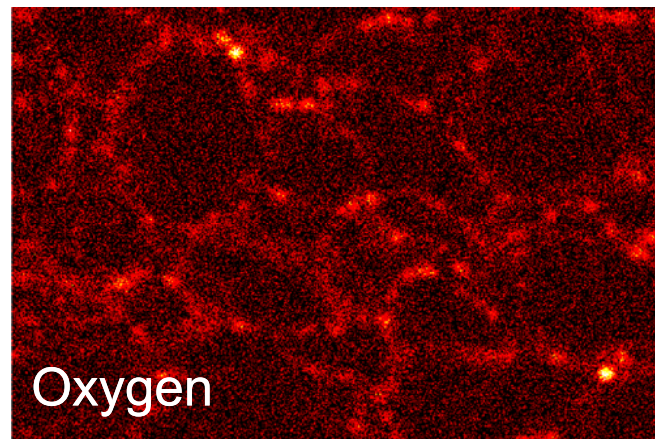
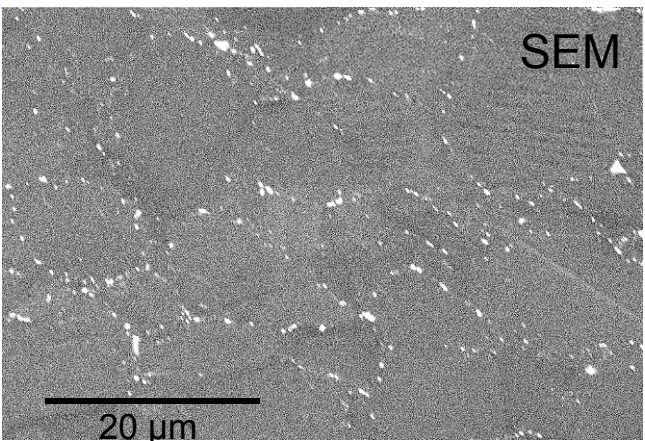
- easy variation of irradiation parameters;

High-energy irradiation + PIE

- microstructural and micromechanical tests data will be available

Characterisation of as-received Be

PF-60/VHP



Samples preparation

- Mechanical polishing lab is organised.
- Polishing procedure up to “EBSD quality” is developed.
- PF60 – 4 samples are polished.
- S200F – 4 samples are polished.

EDX and EBSD

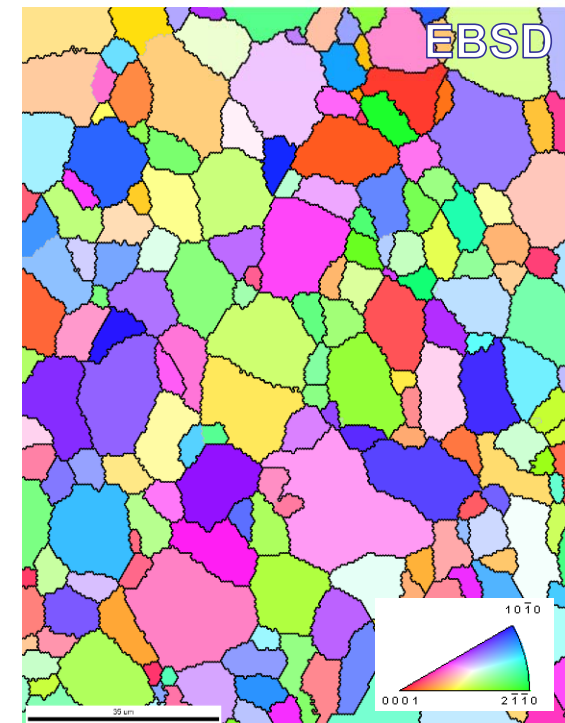
- PF60 – experiment are made. Quantification of the obtained results should be finished.
- S200F – will be characterised after the surface contamination test result.

TEM and APT – FIB at CCFE should be used.

- FIB trainings are finished. “Driving test” is next week.
- Be sample will be transferred to CCFE next week for the contamination test.
- Plan to start FIB of Be in late October – beginning of November

Nanoindentation

will be made after the nano-indenter repairing



35 μm

300 kW NuMI beam window

(MARS calculations of Brian Hartsell, Fermilab)

- 120GeV proton beam
- about 3×10^{13} protons per pulse, 0.5 Hz
- 1.57×10^{21} protons during its lifetime
- 1.1mm beam sigmas, X and Y
- $T \approx 70^\circ\text{C}$



300 kW NuMI beam window

The window can be accepted by the University. Will be shipped from Fermilab soon

- 1) to determine the exposed area by the dosimetry film.
- 2) SEM + EDX characterisation.
- 3) nano-indentation (nano-indenter doesn't work now).

Then – transfer to CCFE for FIB samples preparation.

This year

December-January?

Low energy ion irradiation:

- FIB samples preparation at CCFE should be started.
- Be sample will be transferred to CCFE next week for the contamination test.
- Next step: preparation of samples. This year.

High energy ion irradiation:

- mechanical polishing procedure is developed;
- irradiation conditions are determined (multi-energy implantation).
- aluminium coating of the test sample (non-toxic) is delayed due to the technique failure. No updates since mid of September.