

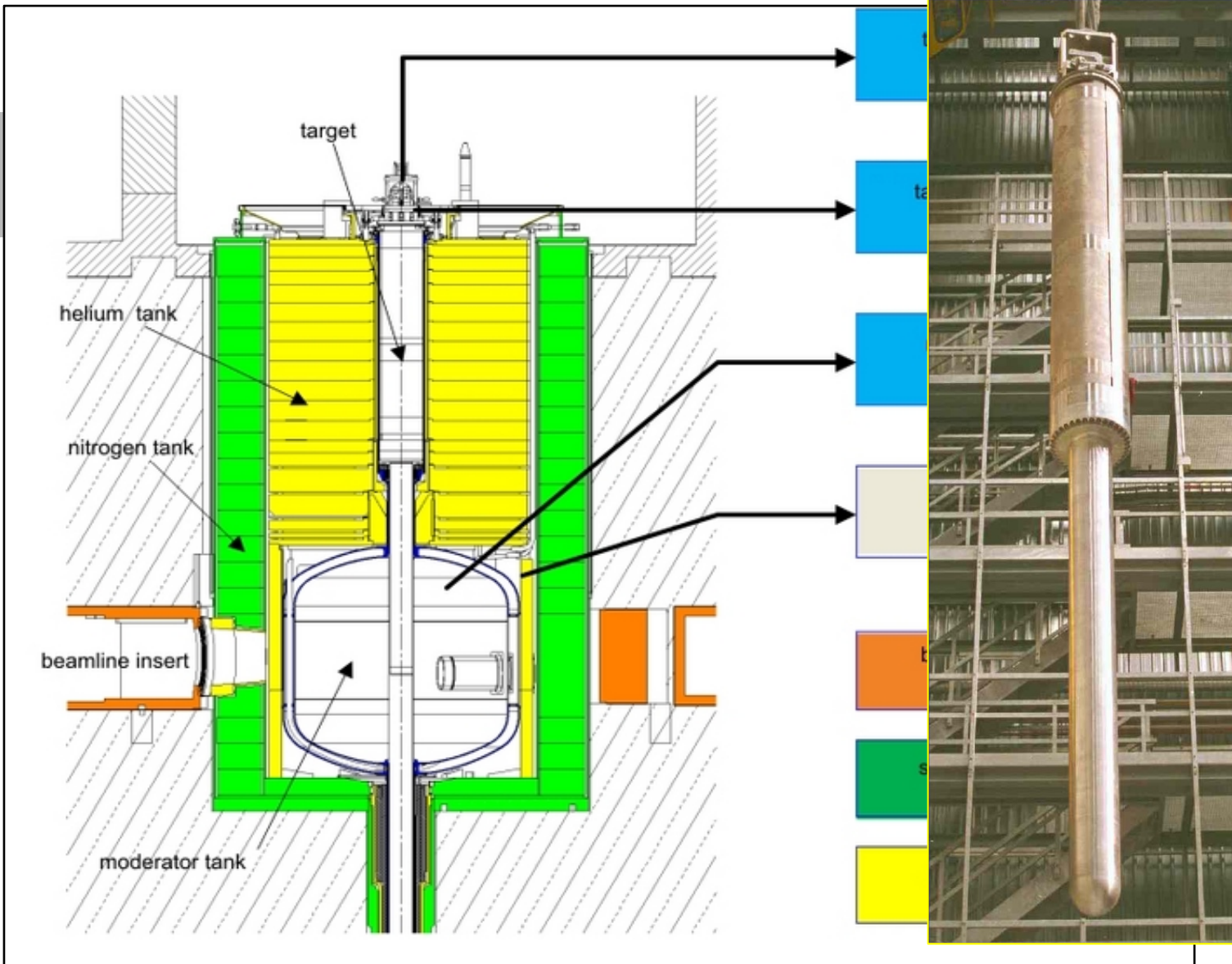


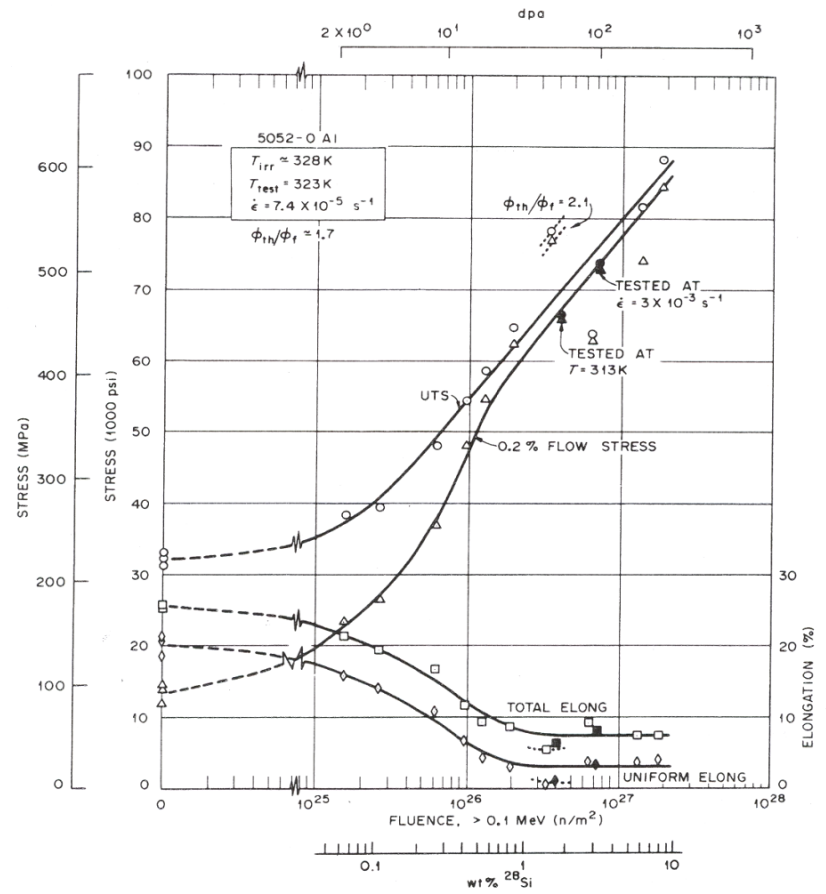
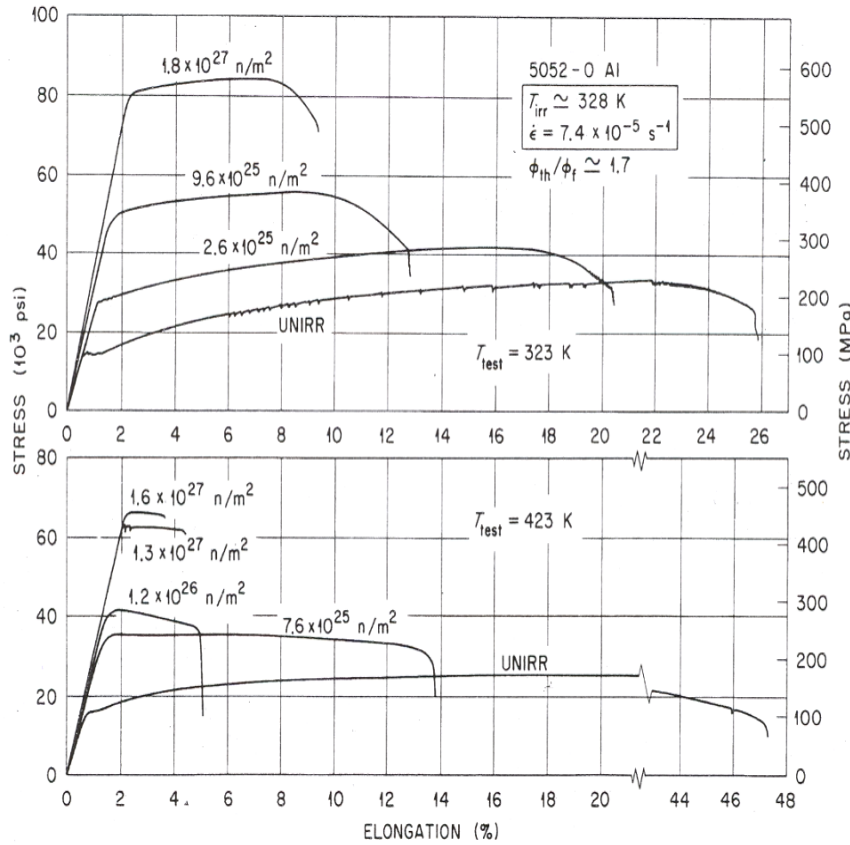
The behaviour of AlMg₃ after irradiation at high proton and neutron fluences

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Aluminium and Al-alloy are known having good thermal conductivity, low neutron absorption, and super radiation damage resistance.

Al-alloy 5052 (has a lot of data of neutron irradiation (up to 2×10^{27} n/m², which shows Al5052 has very good resistance to cavity formation and swelling compared to the other Al alloys

The composition of Al5052 is close to AlMg₃.

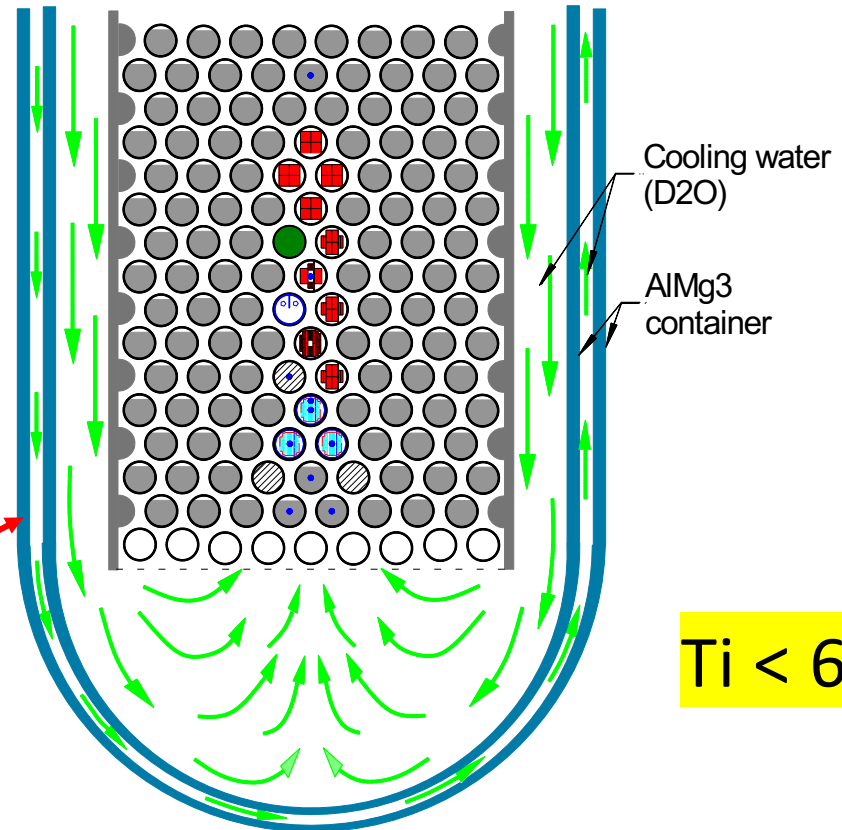
Composition of AlMg₃

Al	Si	Fe	Cu	Mn	Mg	Cr	Ti	Zn
bal.	0.30	0.25	0.03	0.35	2.72	0.04	0.01	0.04

SINQ Target Safety Hull

Convex Type

Applied to Targets 1 – 7, 10



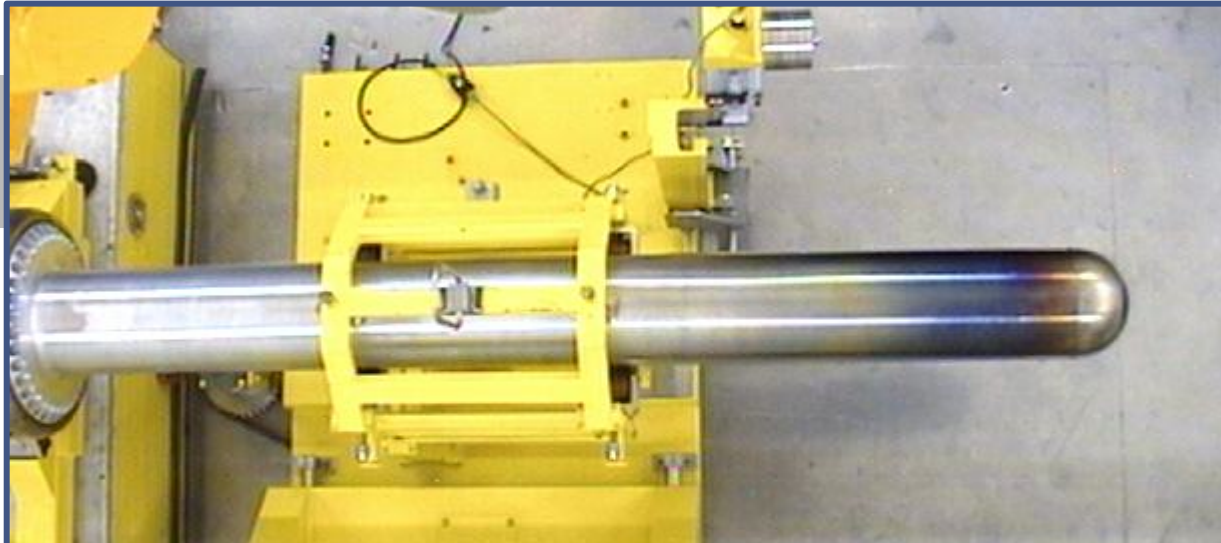
Ti < 60°C

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Convex Type

Target 4

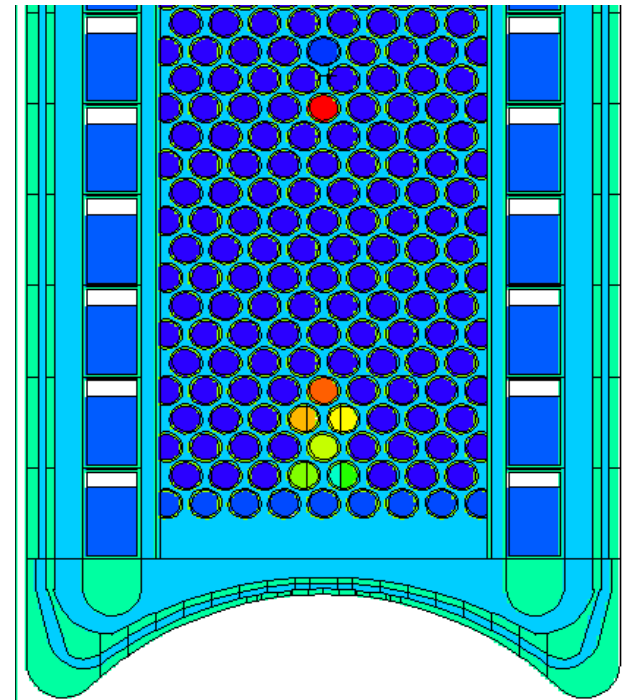
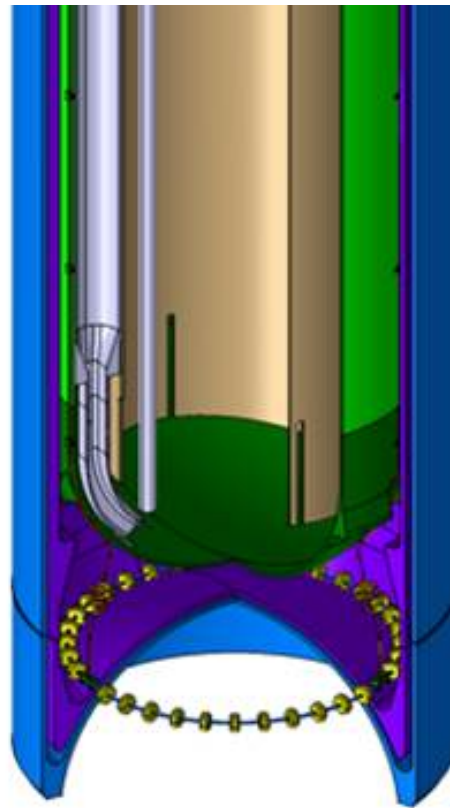
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Concave Type

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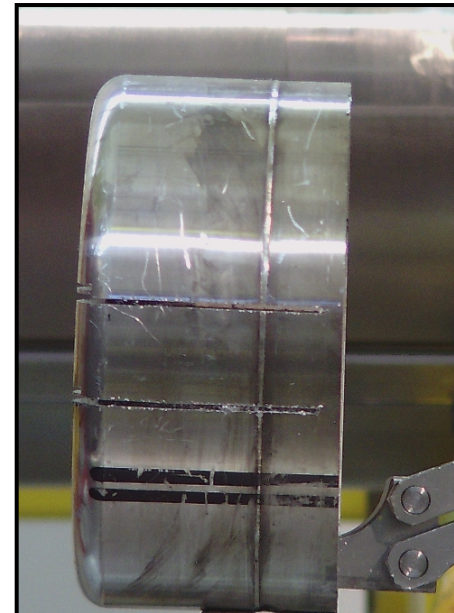
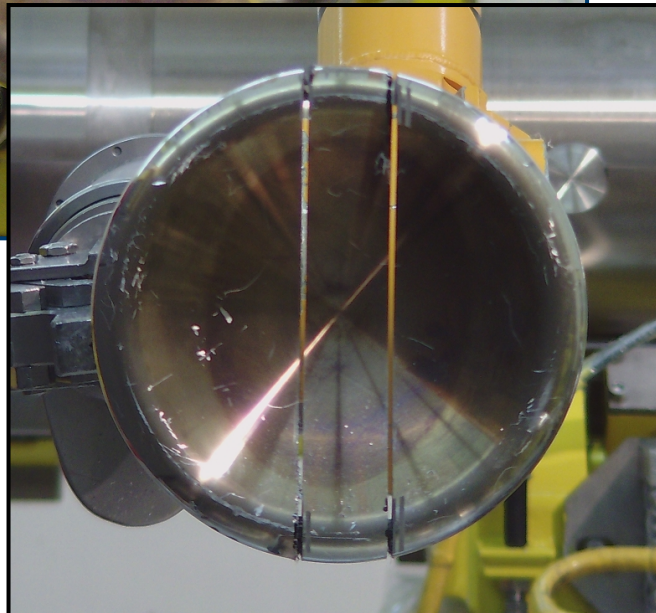
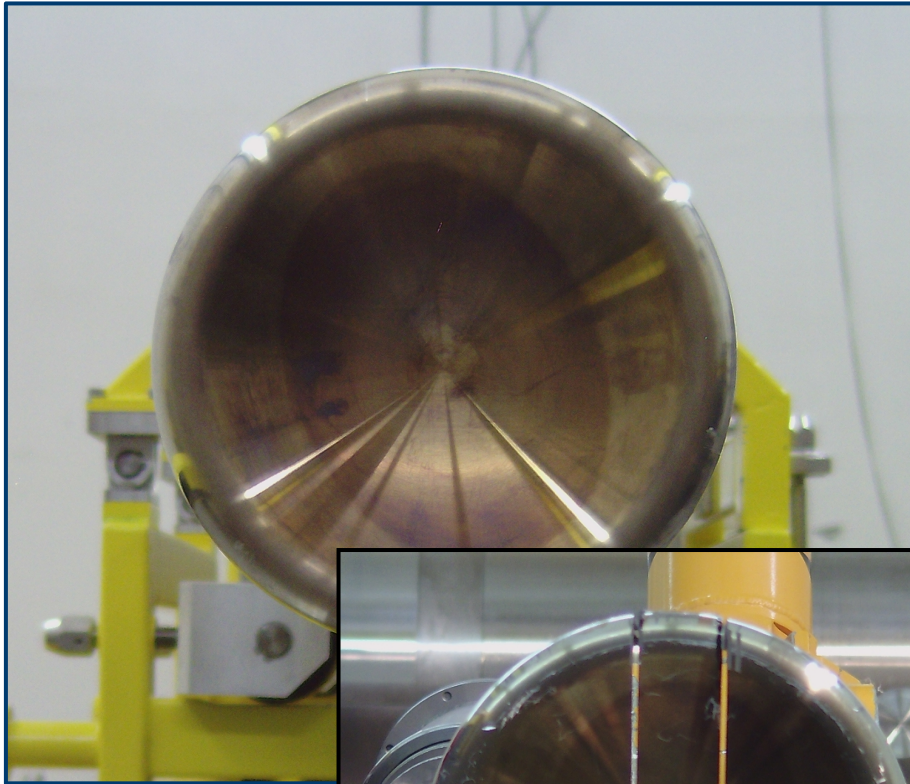


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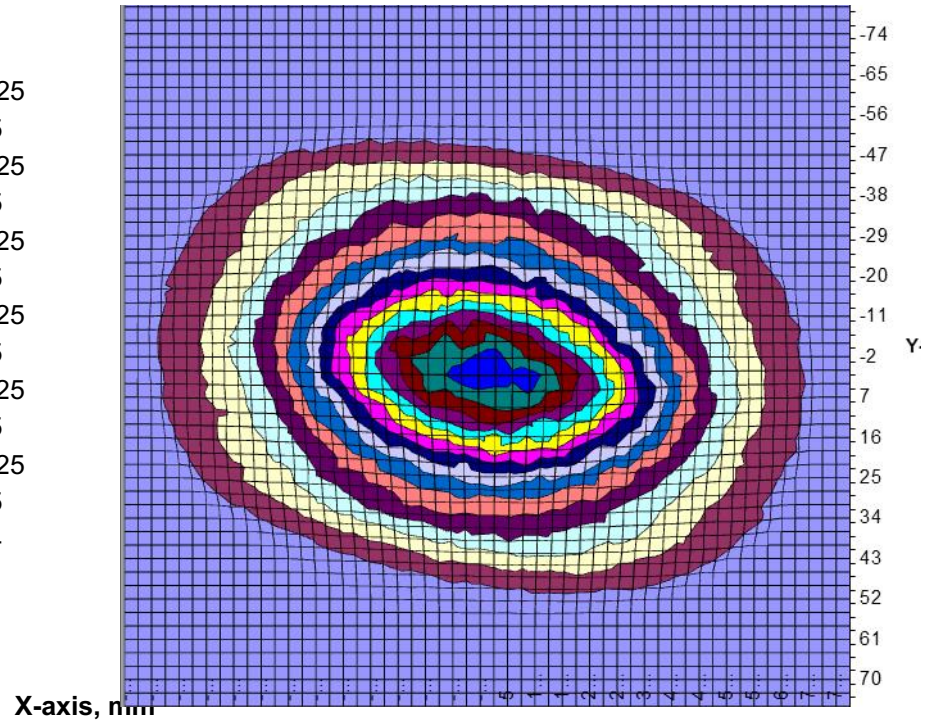
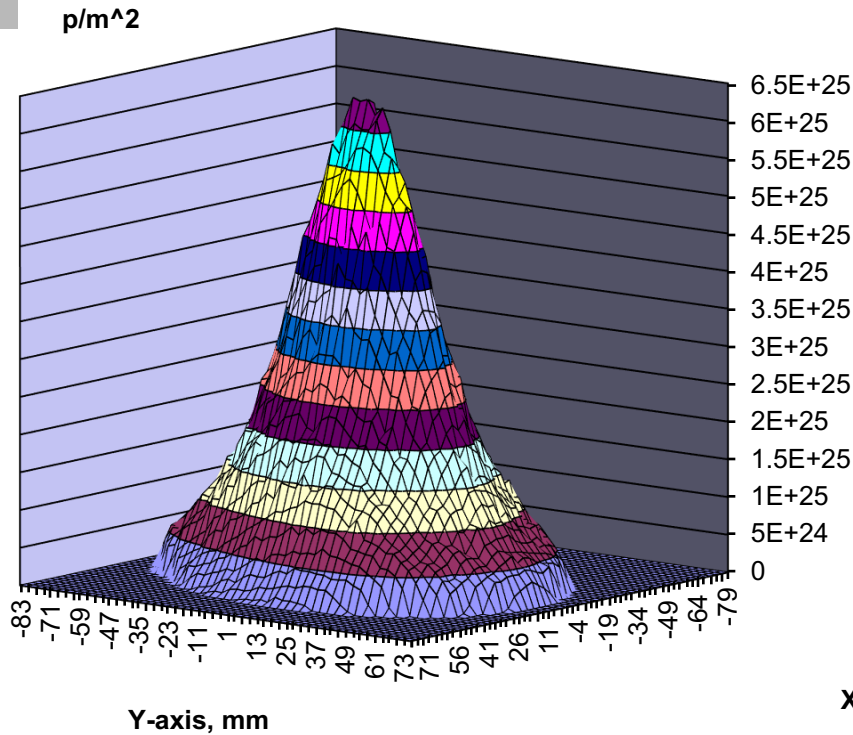
Target 9

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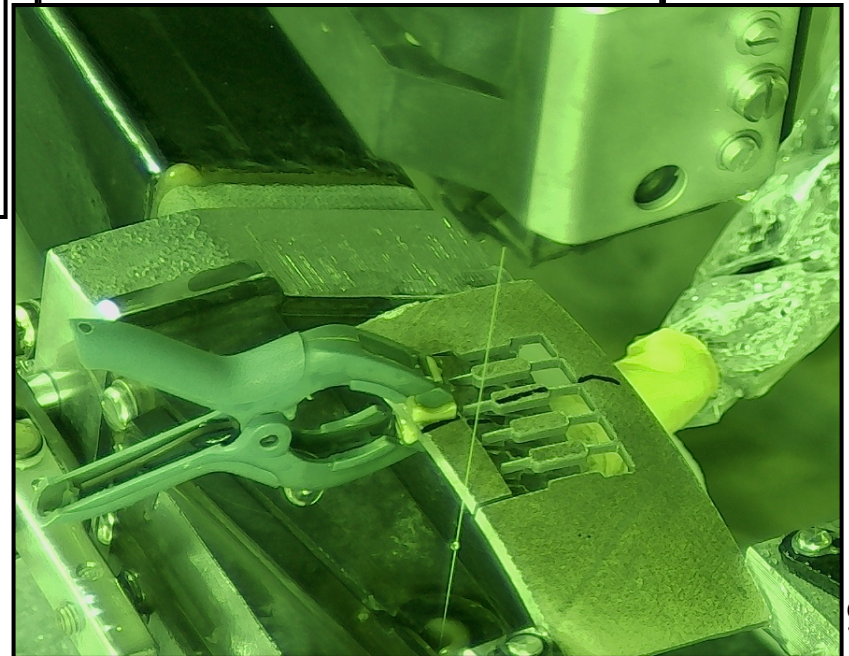
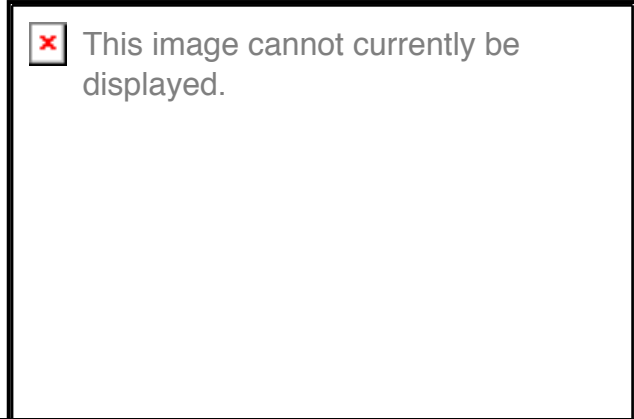
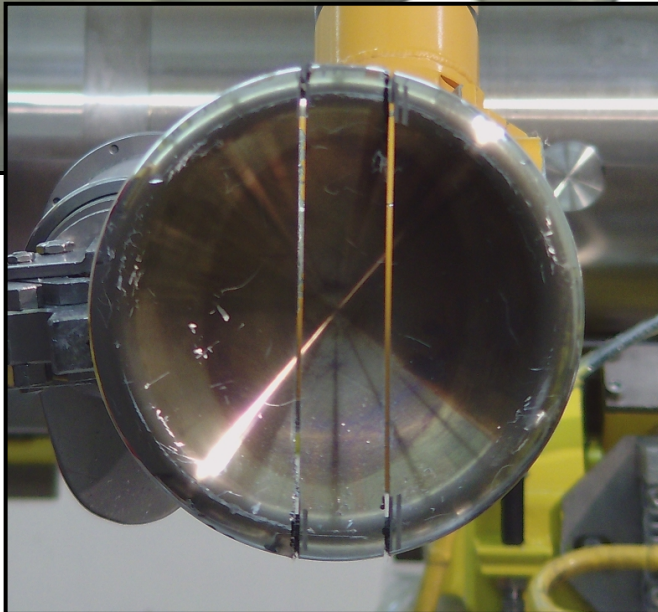
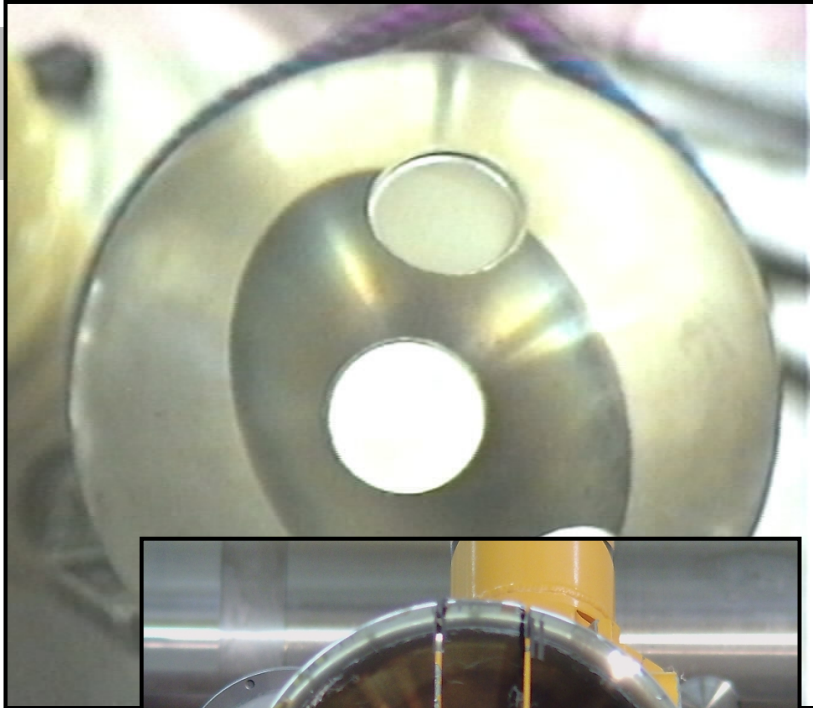
Gamma mapping

Proton fluence distribution of STIP-II, Target-4

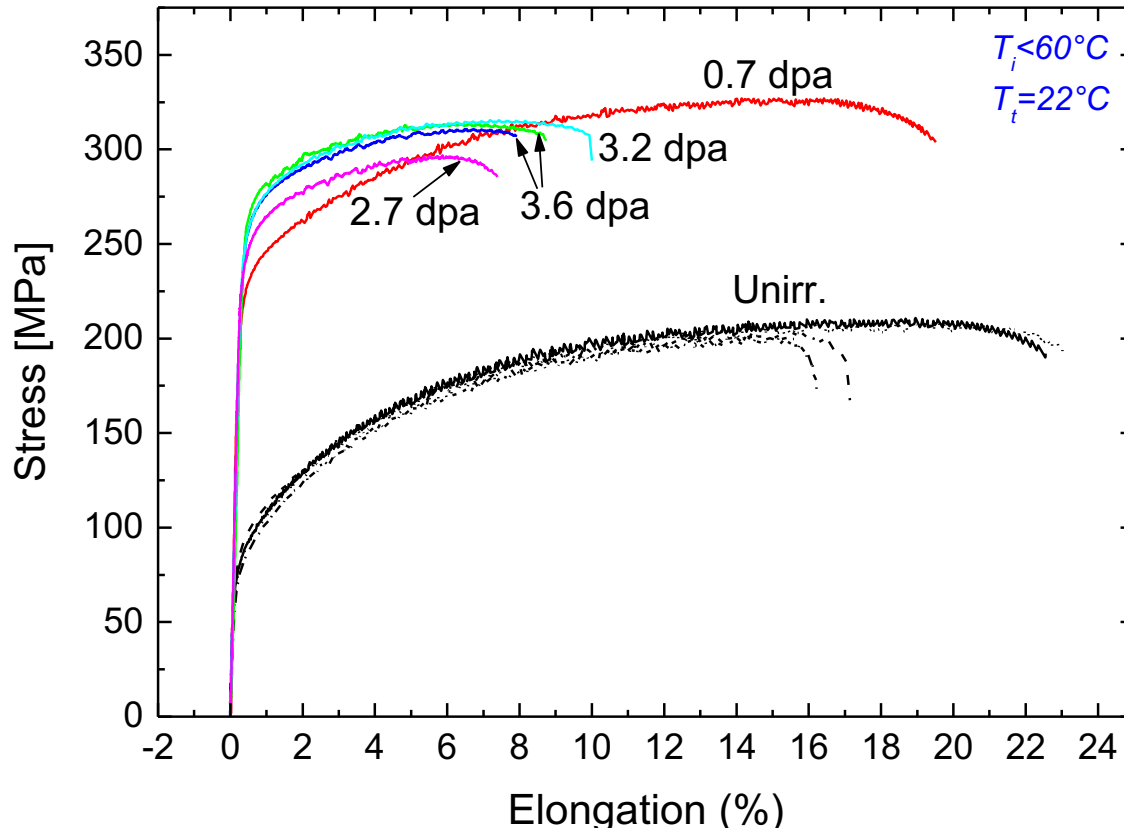


SINQ Target Safety Hull

Sample extraction



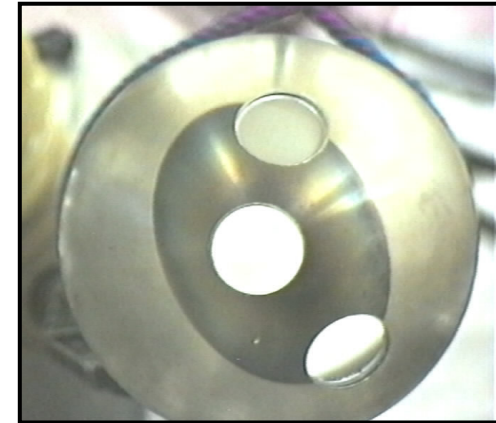
Mech properties of AlMg3 after irradiation



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Target 3

6.68Ah p+

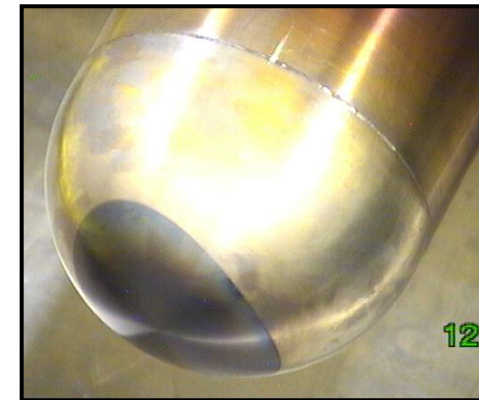
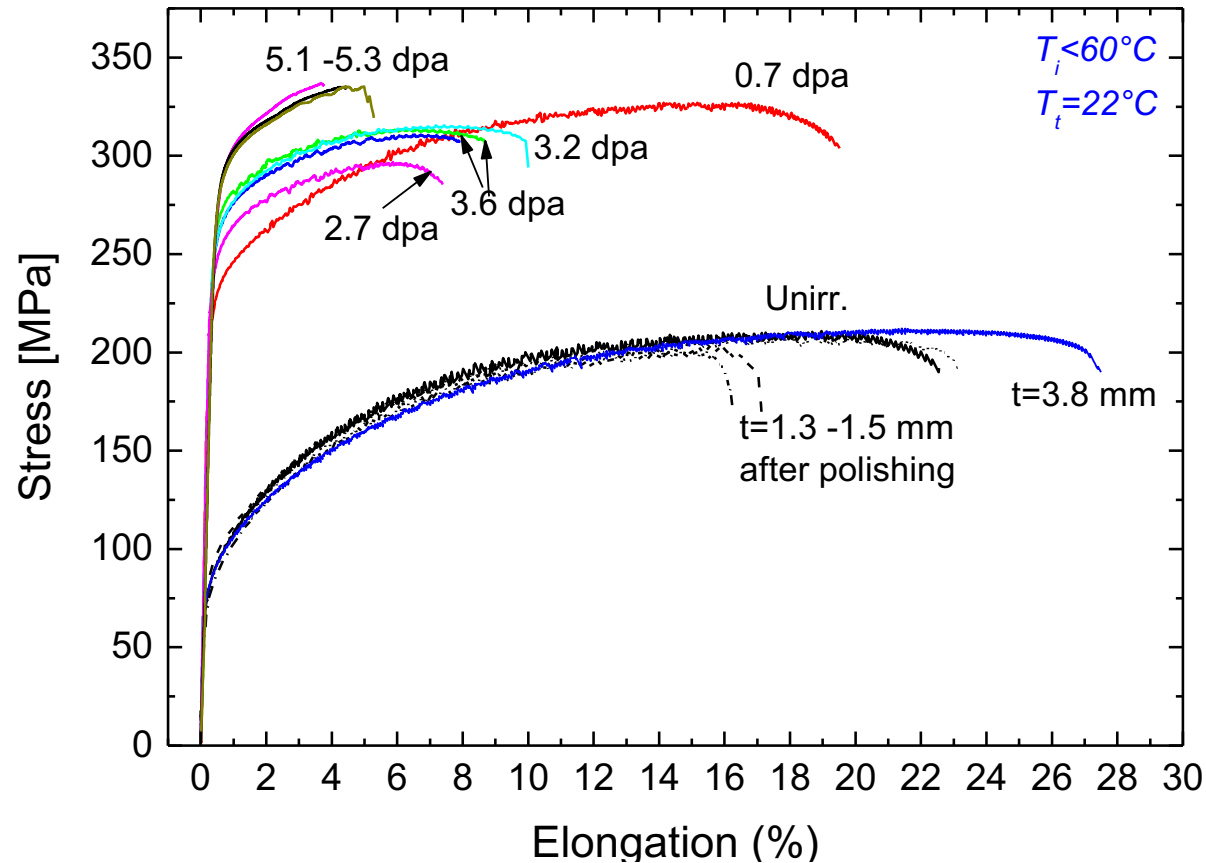


⇒ **Safety hull is SAFE after one-year irradiation!**

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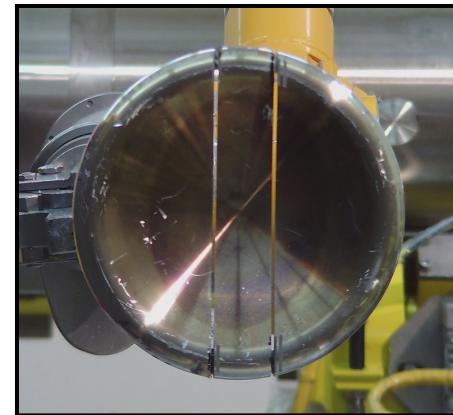
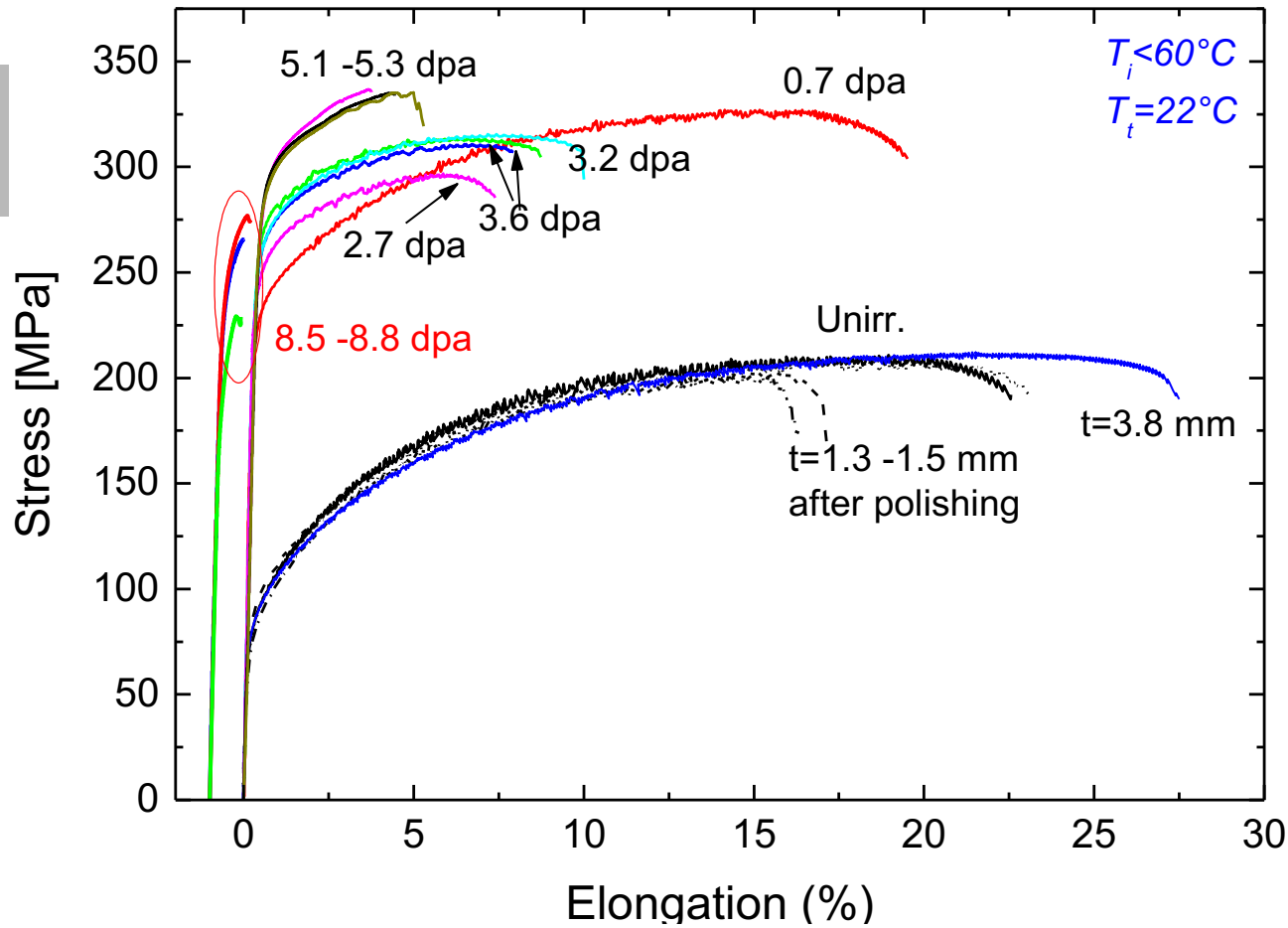
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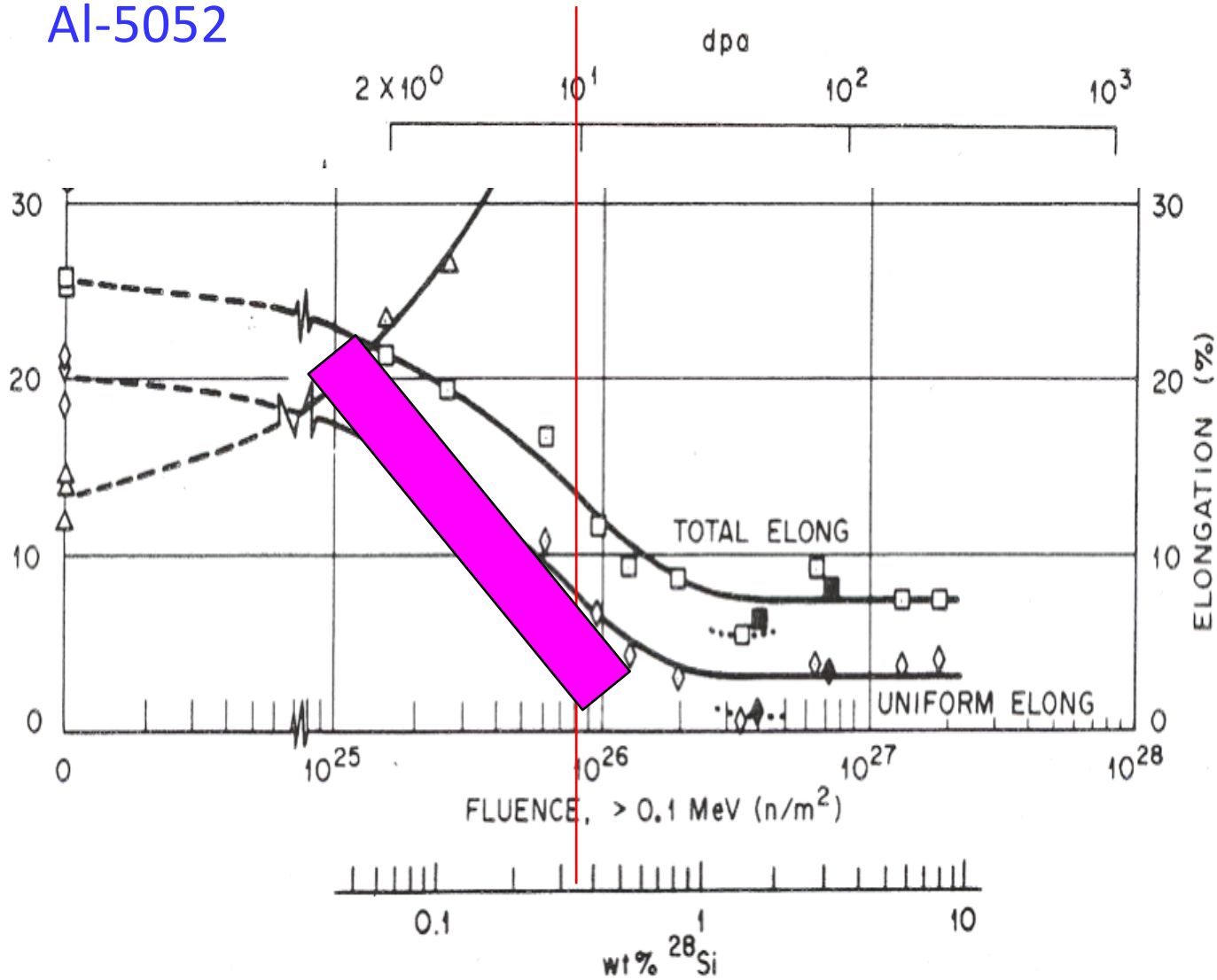
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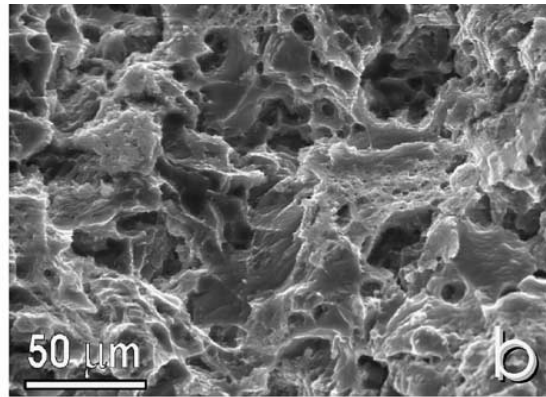
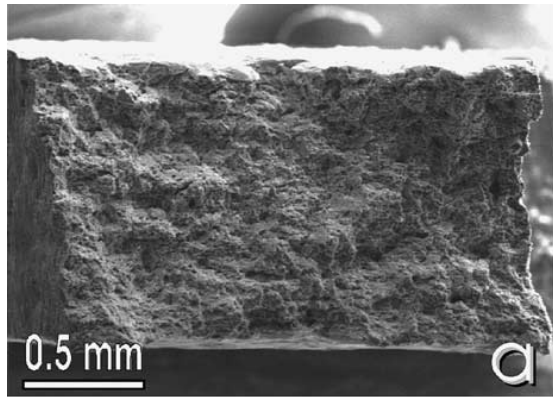


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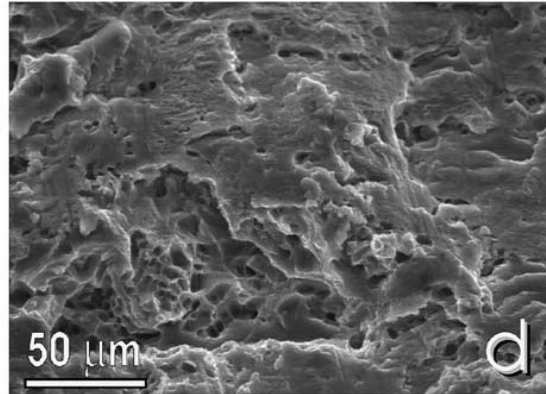
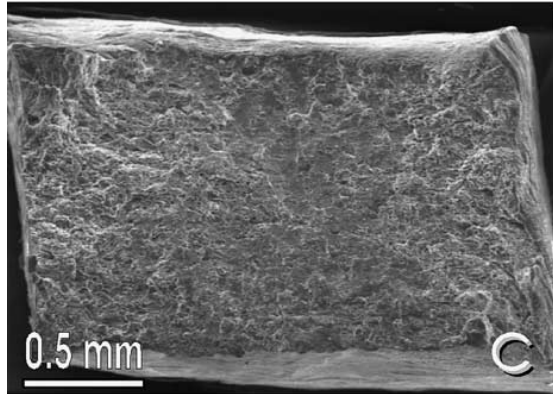
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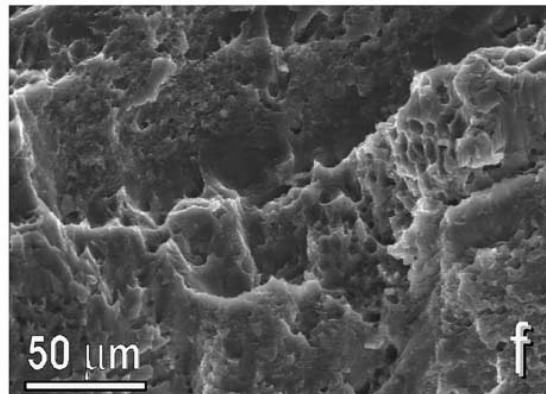
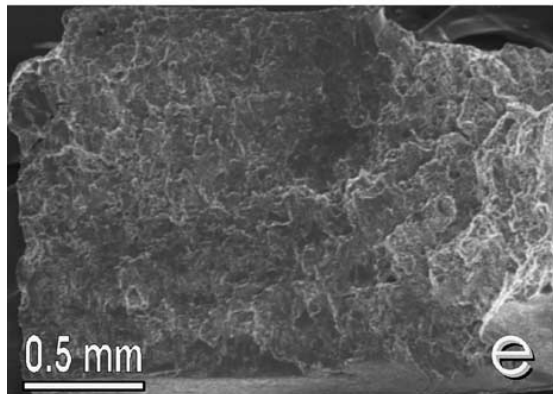
Fracture behavior of AlMg3 after irradiation



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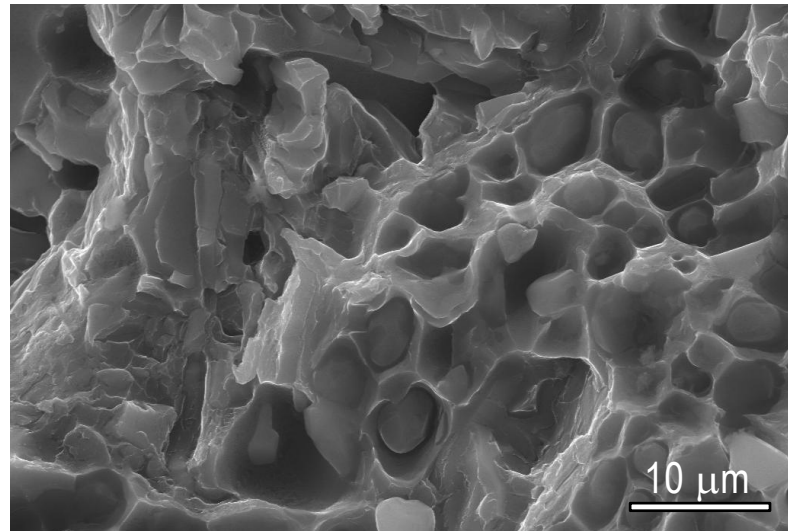
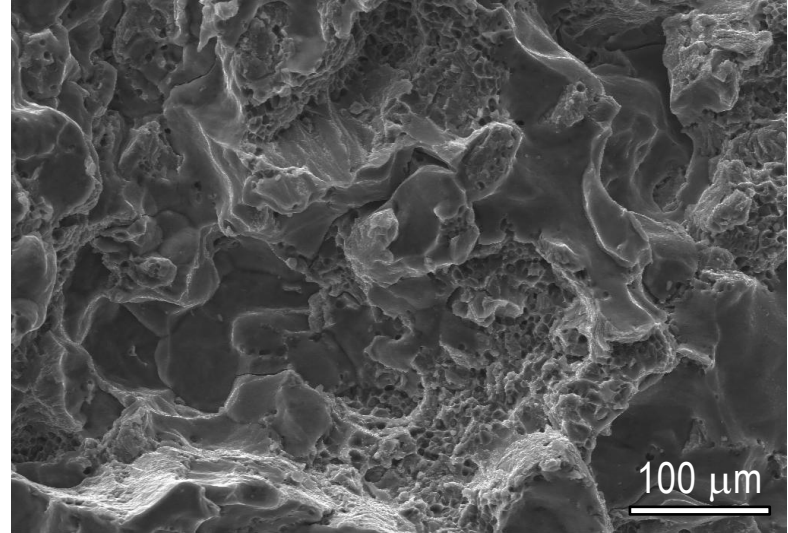
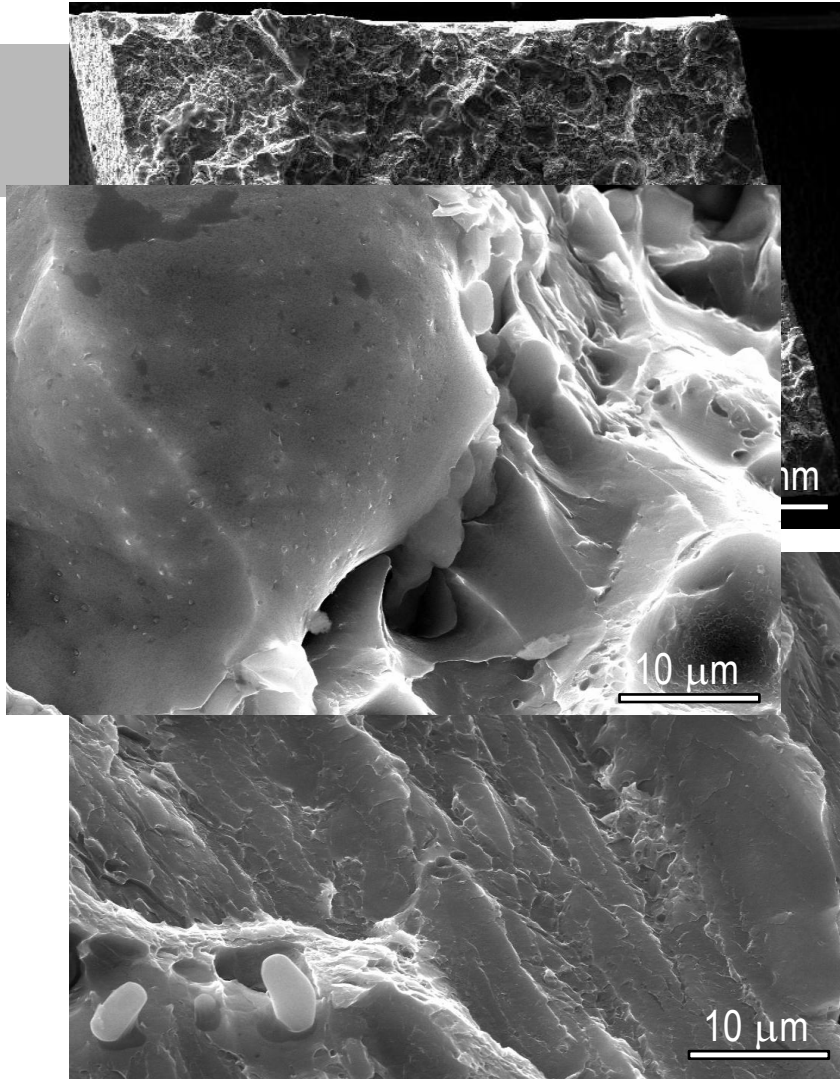
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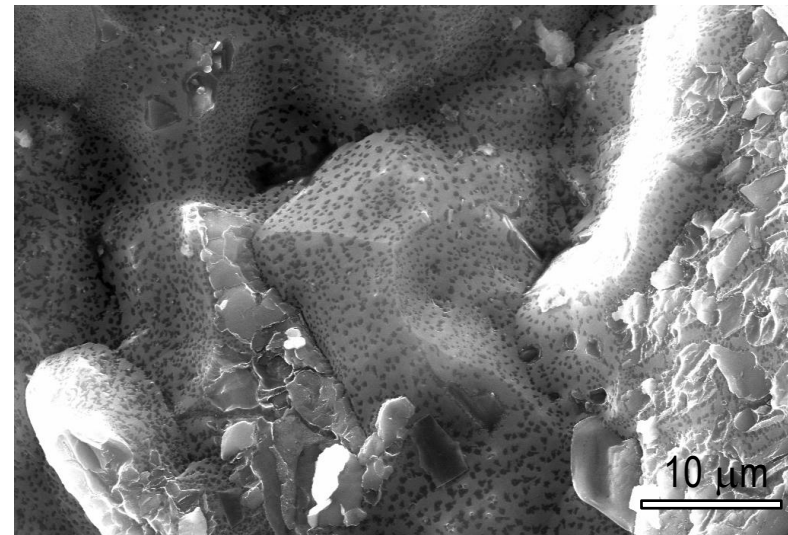
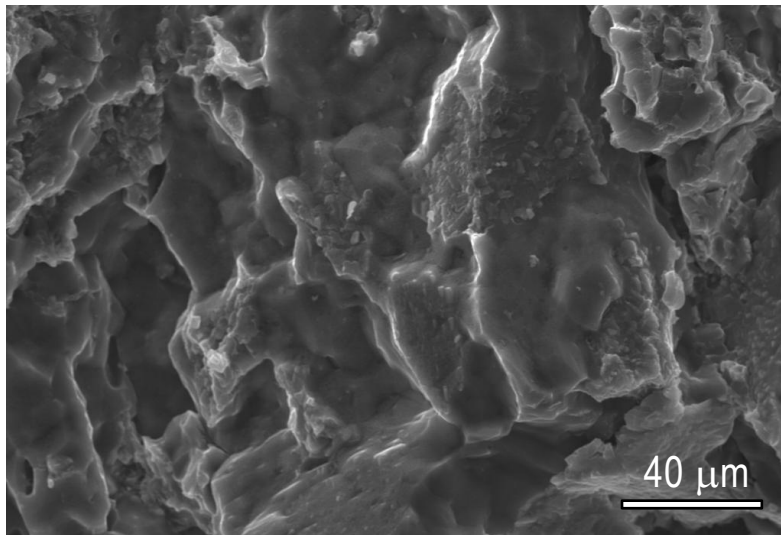
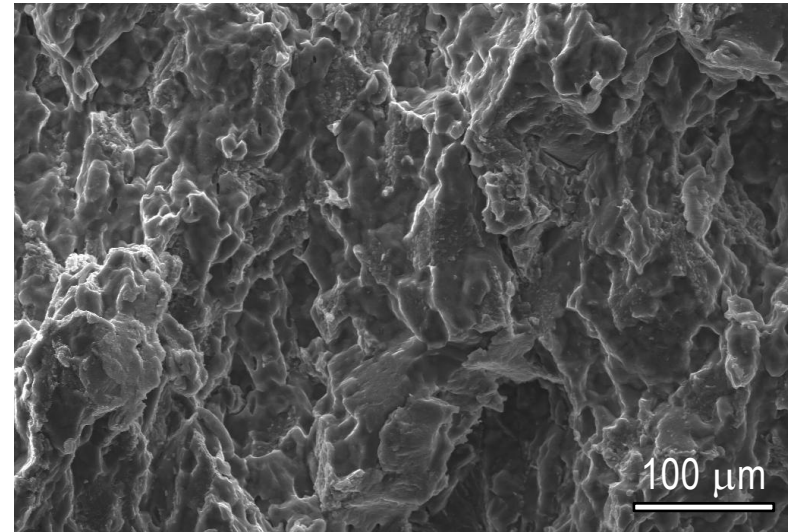
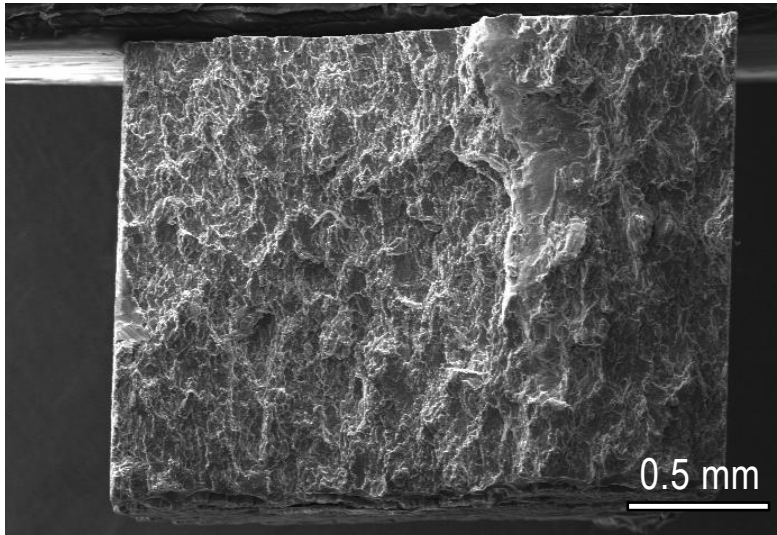
Fracture behavior of AlMg3 after irradiation

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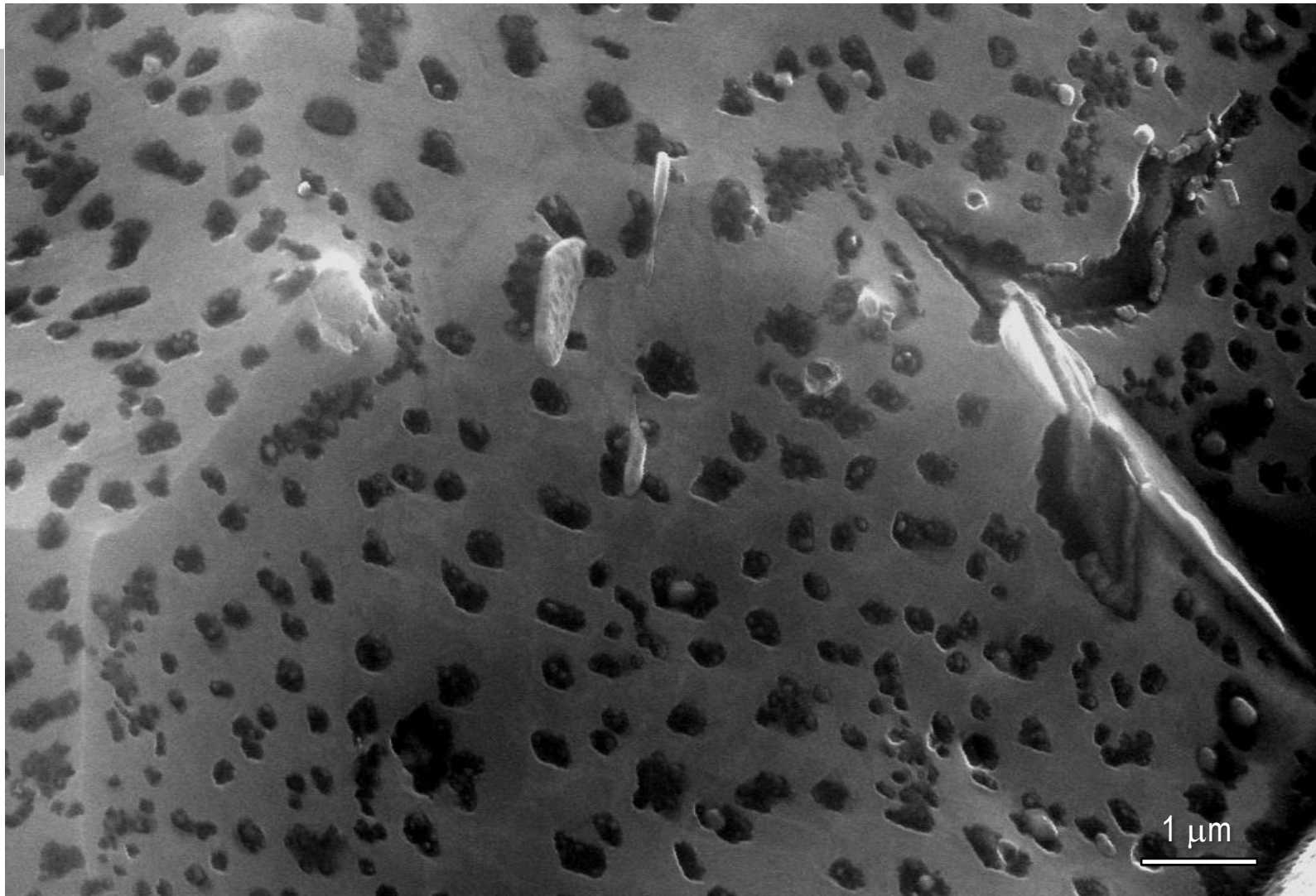


Fracture behavior of AlMg₃ after irradiation

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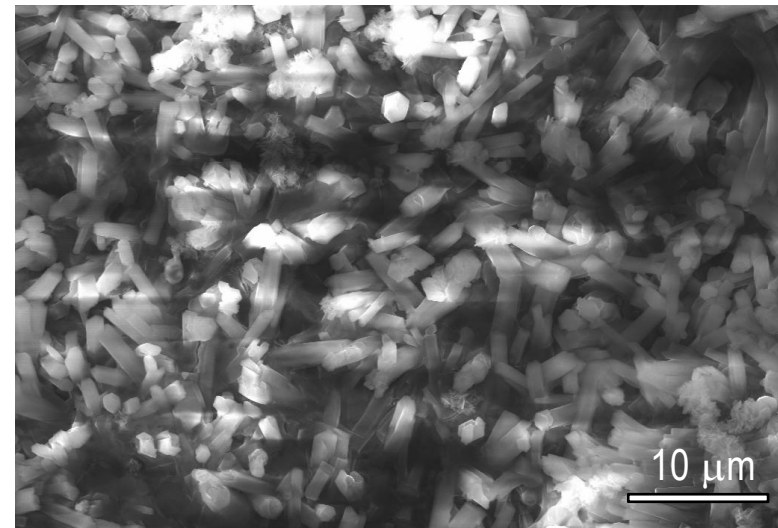
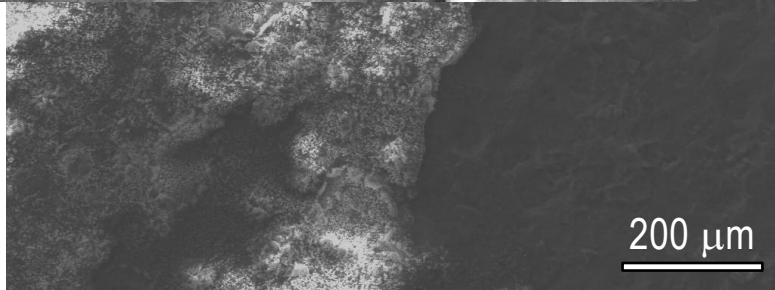
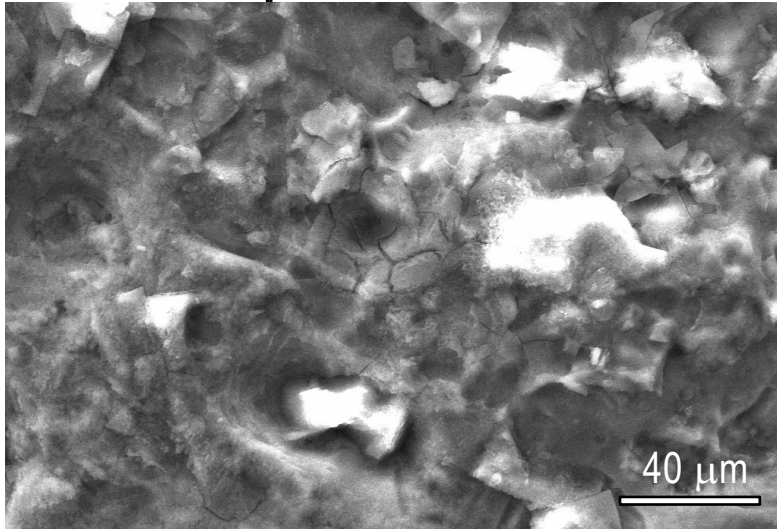
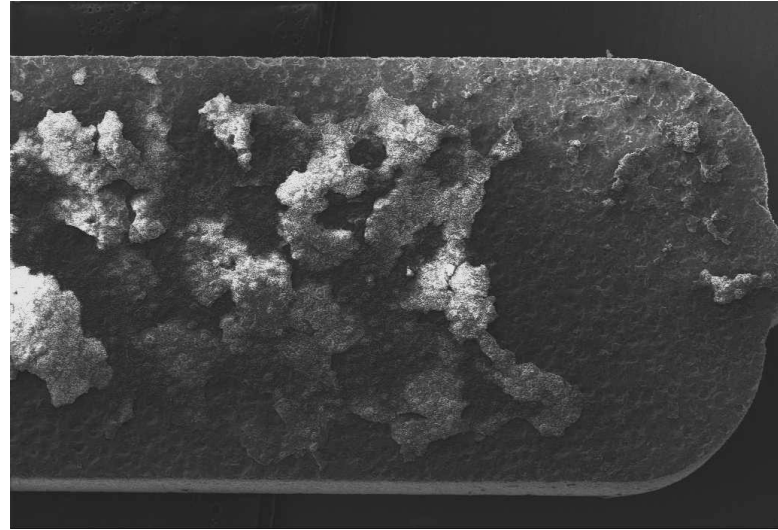
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Water corrosion of AlMg₃ during irradiation

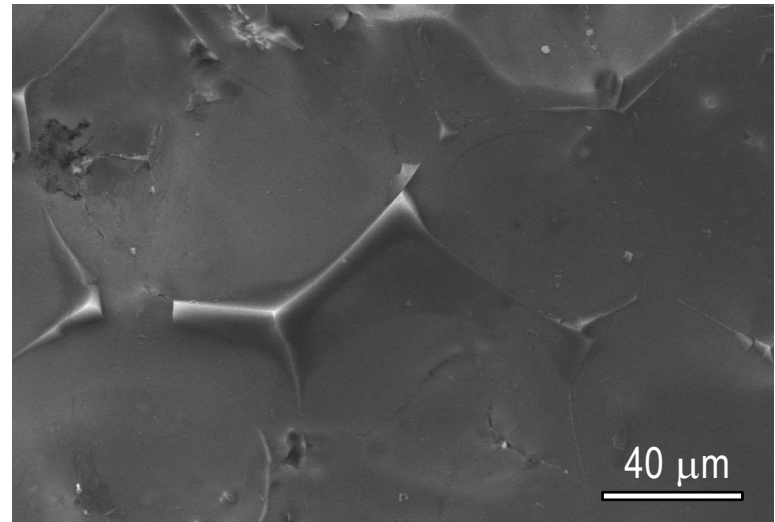
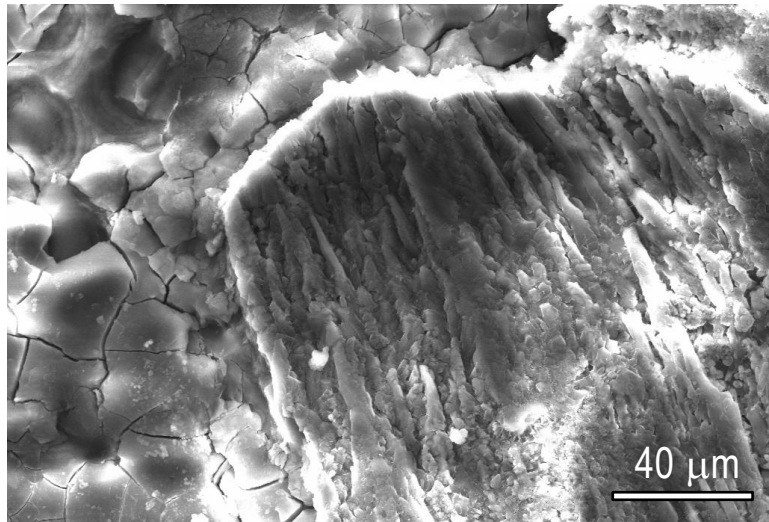
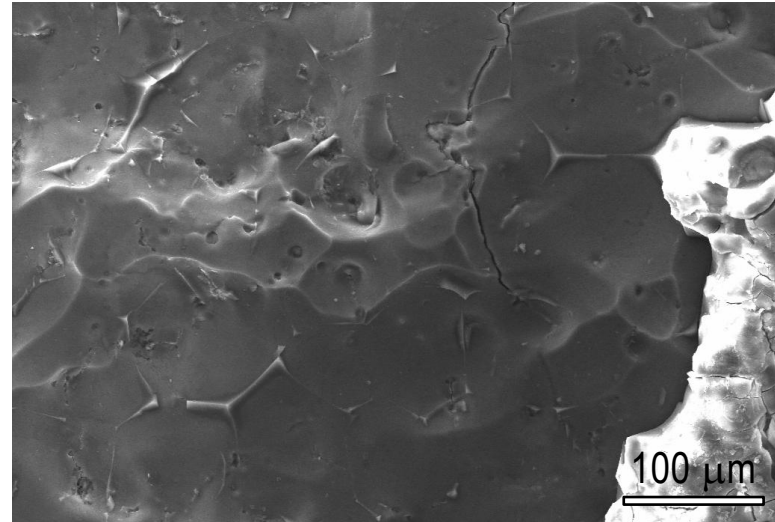
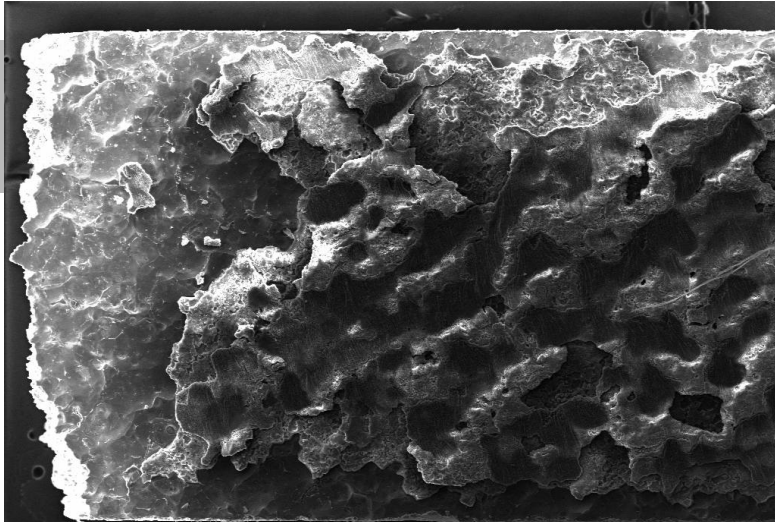
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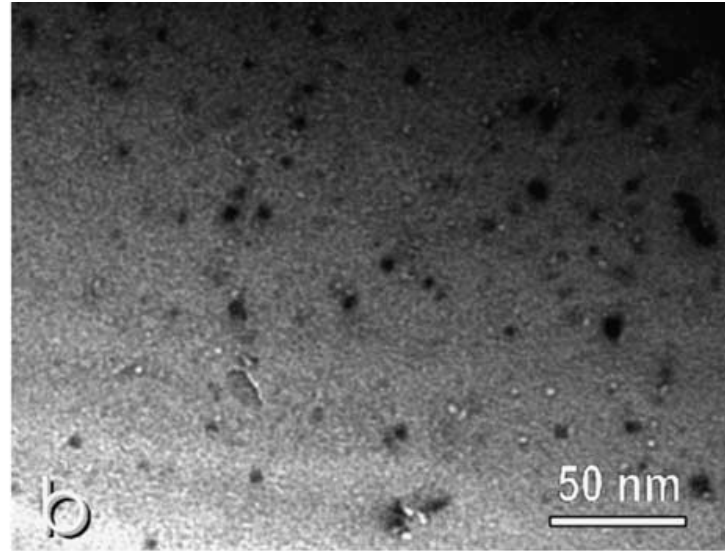
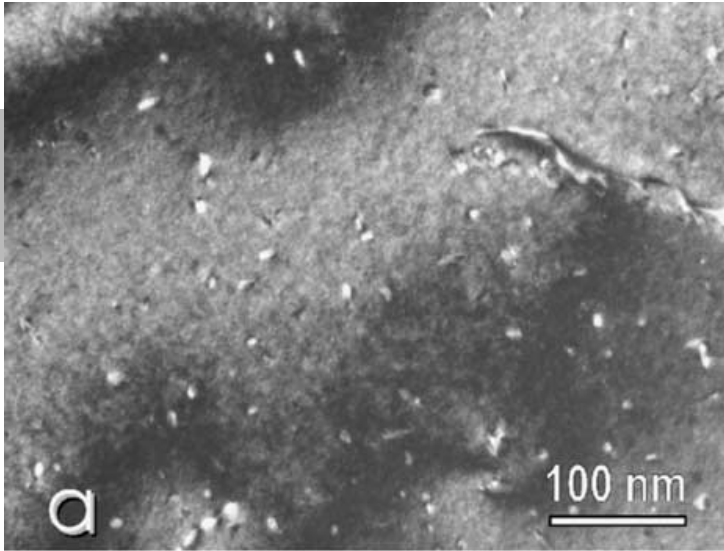
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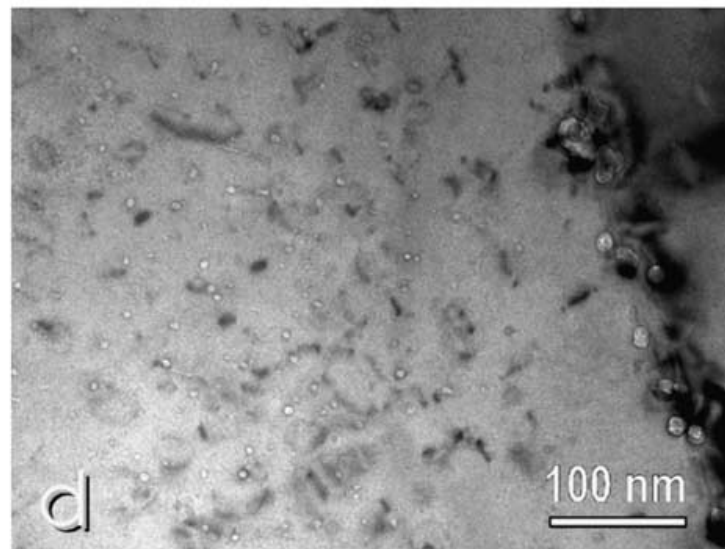
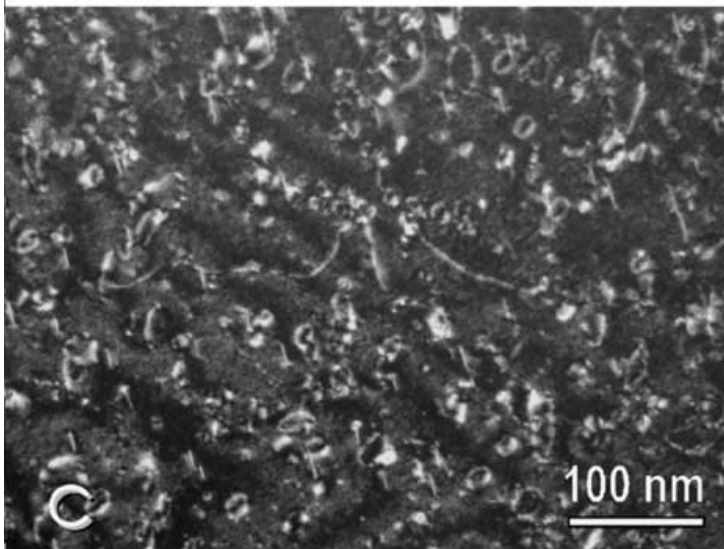
Preliminary conclusion:

The maximum proton charge acceptable for the AlMg3 safety-hull of the SINQ target is about 10 Ah, which is corresponding to 2-year operation at about 1.2 mA proton beam current at SINQ target.

Outlook: microstructural analysis



0.7 dpa



3.6 dpa

Thank you!

