

# **Tailored precipitation strengthened compositionally complex FeMnCoCrAl alloy**

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# MOTIVATION

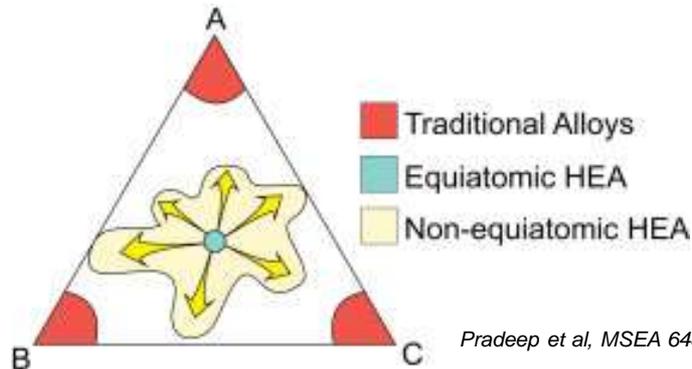
**Efficient and sustainable energy generation**

**Ultra super critical turbines (> 750° C)**

- **High temperature creep resistance**



*Alstom power Ltd.*



*Pradeep et al, MSEA 648, 2015*

- **Ni, Co based superalloys**
- **Ferritic based superalloys (Fe, Al)**
- **High entropy alloys = ?**

- Single and dual phase microstructure (stable > 750° C)**
- Controlled B2, L2<sub>1</sub> precipitation**
- Low density (Al)**

# FeMnCoCrAl THIN FILM HEA

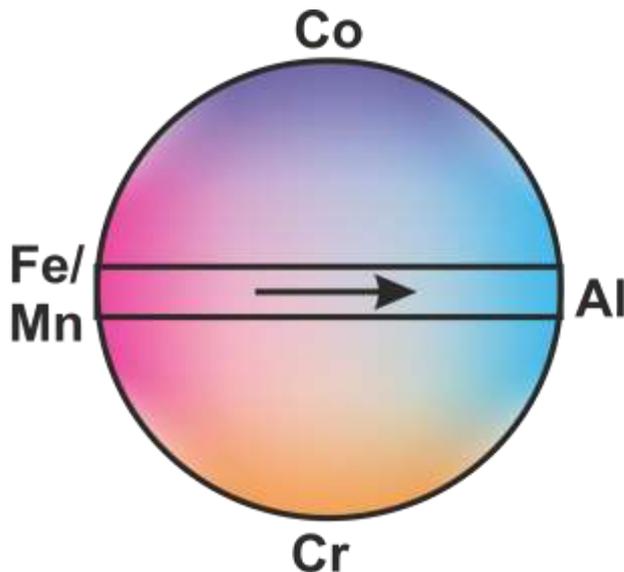


□ FeNiCoCrAl (B2 matrix + BCC precipitate)<sub>[1]</sub>

□ FeMnCoCrAl (BCC)<sub>[2]</sub>

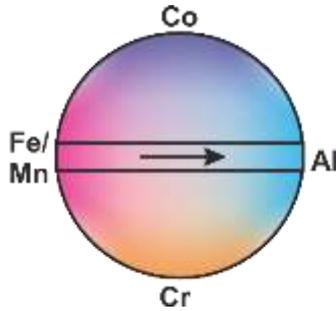
□ BCC matrix + B2 precipitate = ?

## Combinatorial synthesis

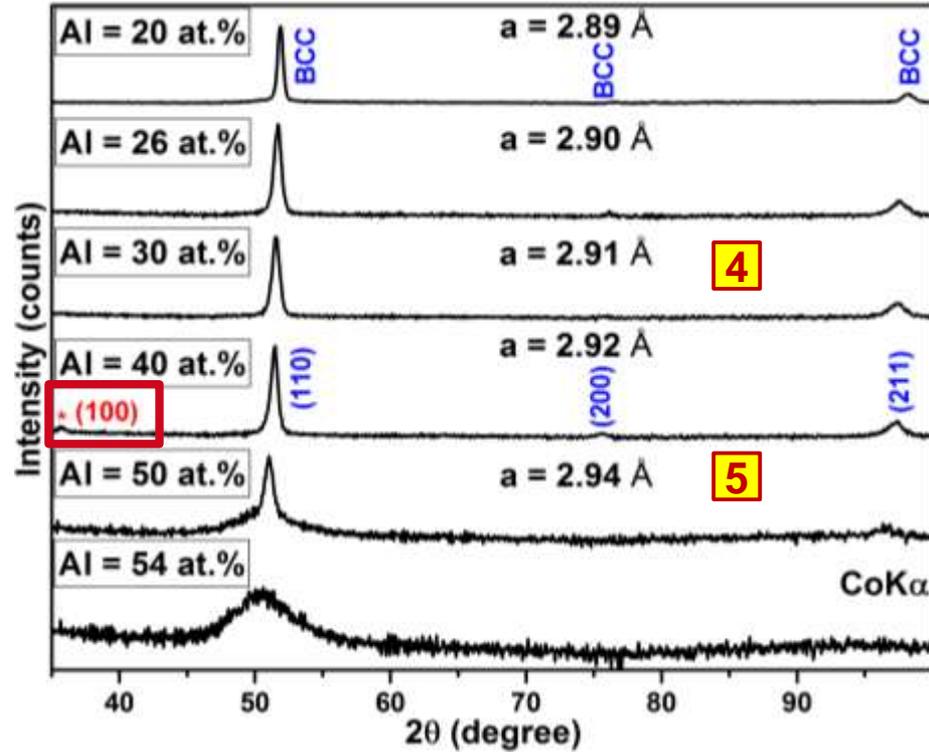
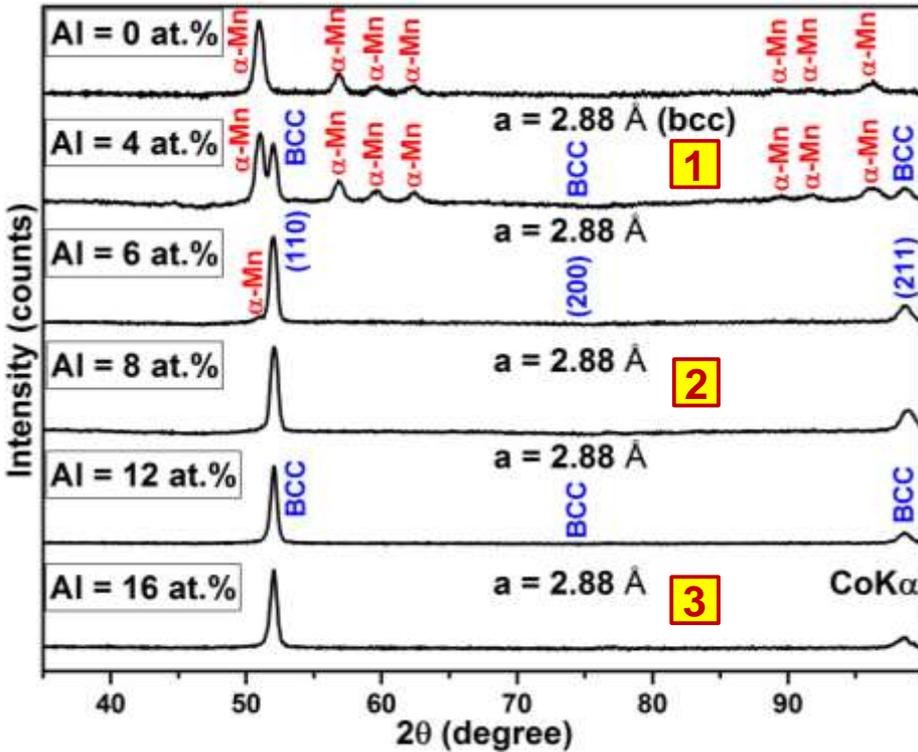


	Al [at.%]	→		
1)	3.5		(FeMn) <sub>50-Al</sub> Co <sub>-24</sub> Cr <sub>-24</sub> Al	08
2)	9.0		(FeMn) <sub>58-Al</sub> Co <sub>-21</sub> Cr <sub>-21</sub> Al	16
3)	17		(FeMn) <sub>60-Al</sub> Co <sub>-20</sub> Cr <sub>-20</sub> Al	26
4)	27		(FeMn) <sub>68-Al</sub> Co <sub>-16</sub> Cr <sub>-16</sub> Al	42
5)	43		(FeMn) <sub>74-Al</sub> Co <sub>-13</sub> Cr <sub>-13</sub> Al	59

# High-throughput XRD



Al [at.%]	Chemical Formula	Sample ID
1) 3.5	(FeMn) <sub>50-Al</sub> Co <sub>24</sub> Cr <sub>24</sub> Al	08
2) 9.0	(FeMn) <sub>55-Al</sub> Co <sub>21</sub> Cr <sub>21</sub> Al	16
3) 17	(FeMn) <sub>60-Al</sub> Co <sub>20</sub> Cr <sub>20</sub> Al	26
4) 27	(FeMn) <sub>68-Al</sub> Co <sub>19</sub> Cr <sub>19</sub> Al	42
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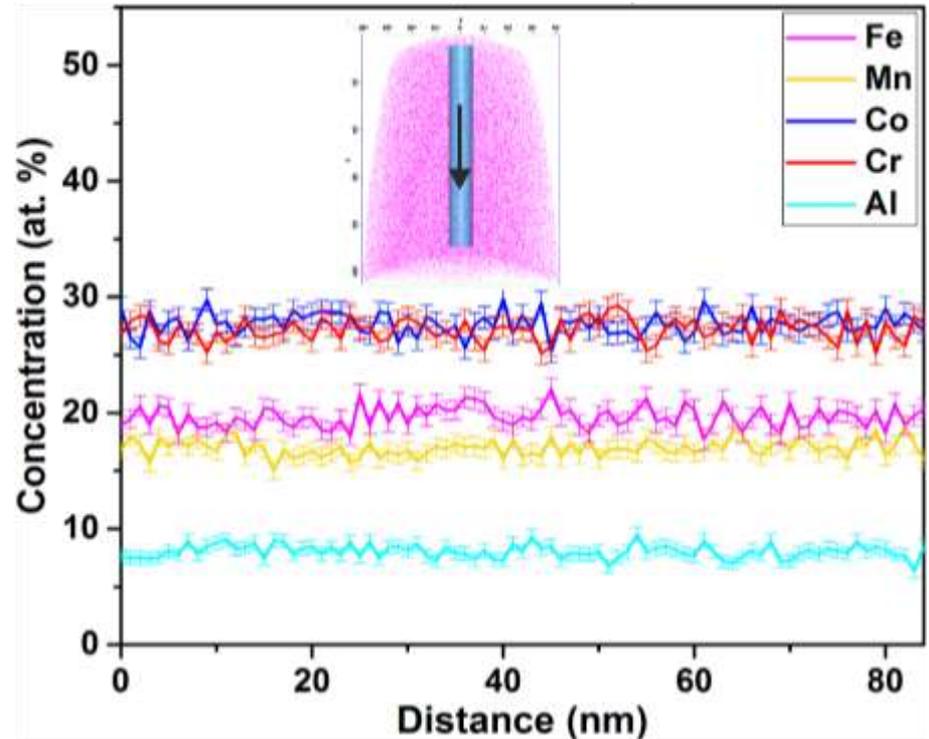
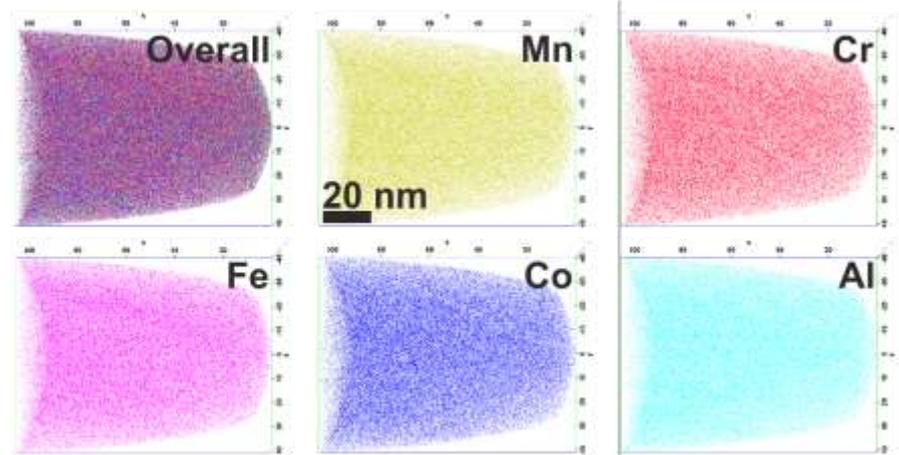
# FeMnCoCr-8Al APT

XRD:

(at.% Al)



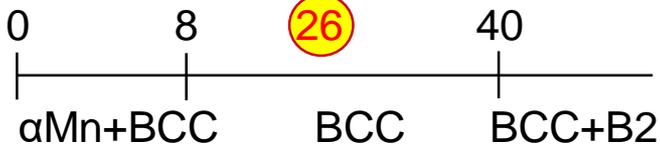
- 20 at.% Al → homogenous distribution



# FeMnCoCr-26Al APT

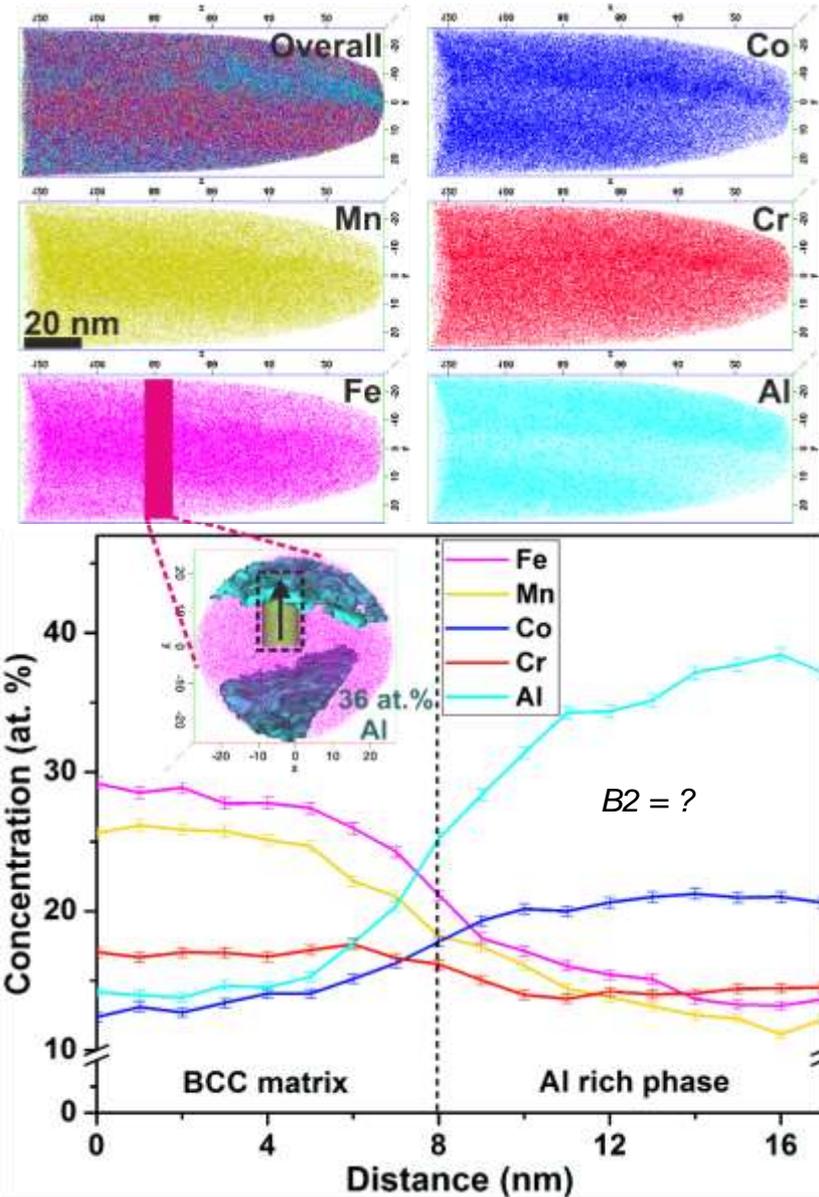
XRD:

(at.% Al)



- Al-Co  $\rightarrow$  large negative  $\Delta H_{\text{mix}}$

- B2 = ? (TEM)



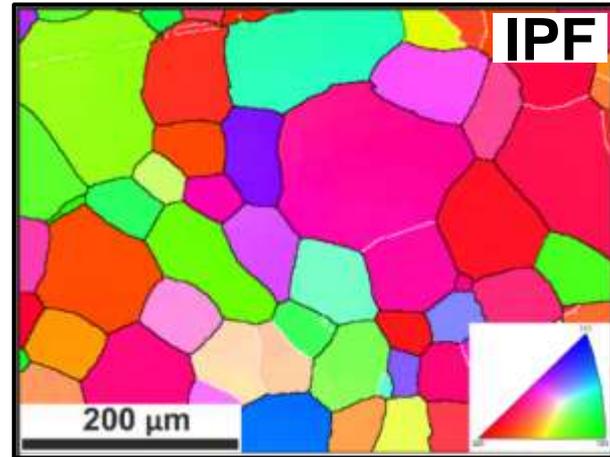
# FeMnCoCrAl EQUIATOMIC HEA

$10^2$  K/sec

Cooling  
rate

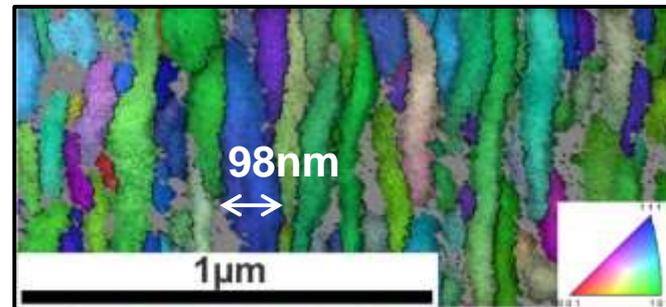
## □ FeMnCoCrAl bulk HEA

- Arc melted, casted.
- Equiaxed grain ( $81.3 \pm 5 \mu\text{m}$ )
- Low cooling rate



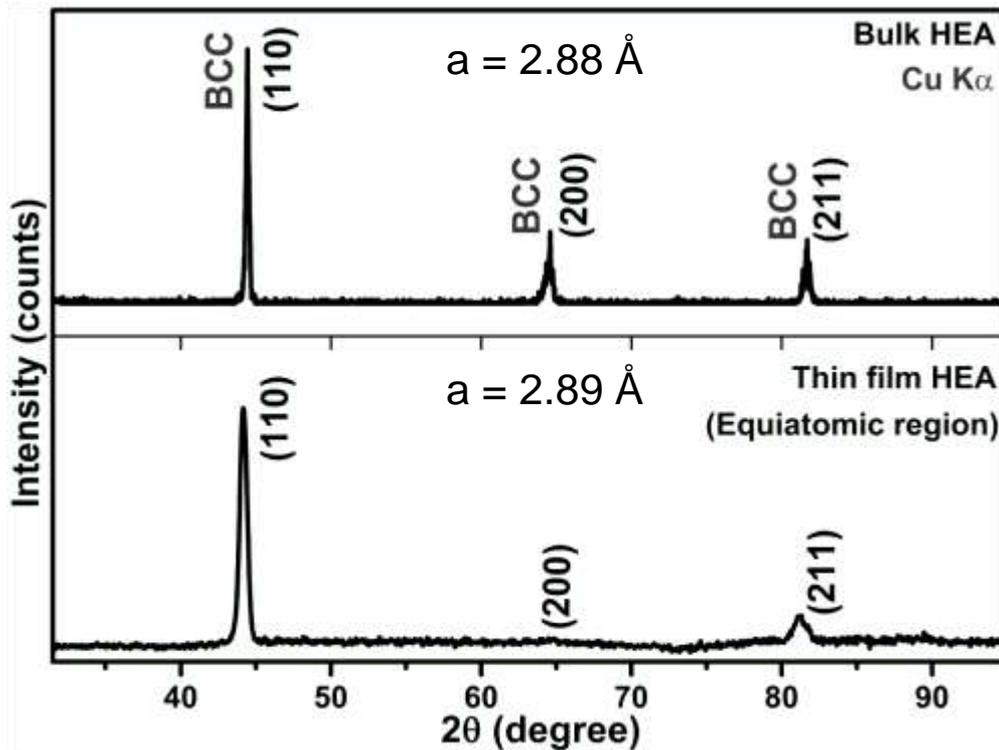
## □ FeMnCoCrAl thin film HEA

- Sputtered thin film HEA
- High cooling rate

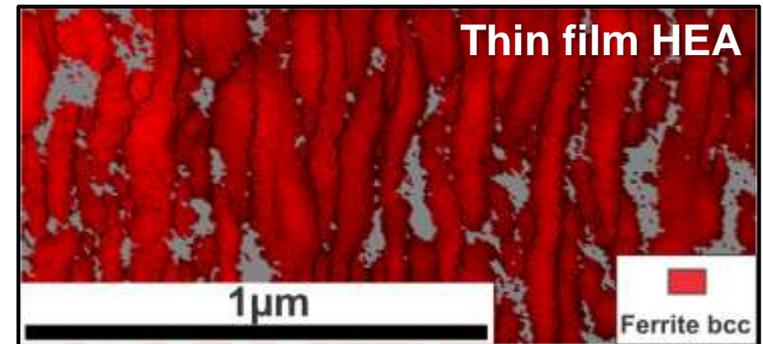
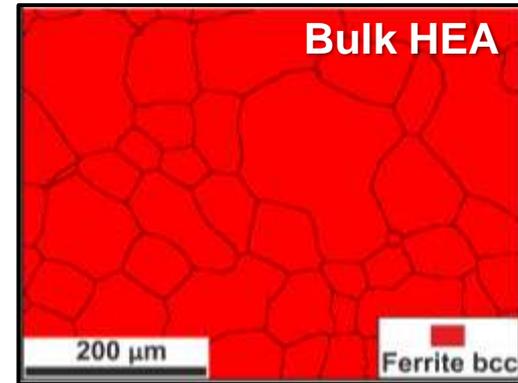


# FeMnCoCrAl EQUIATOMIC HEA

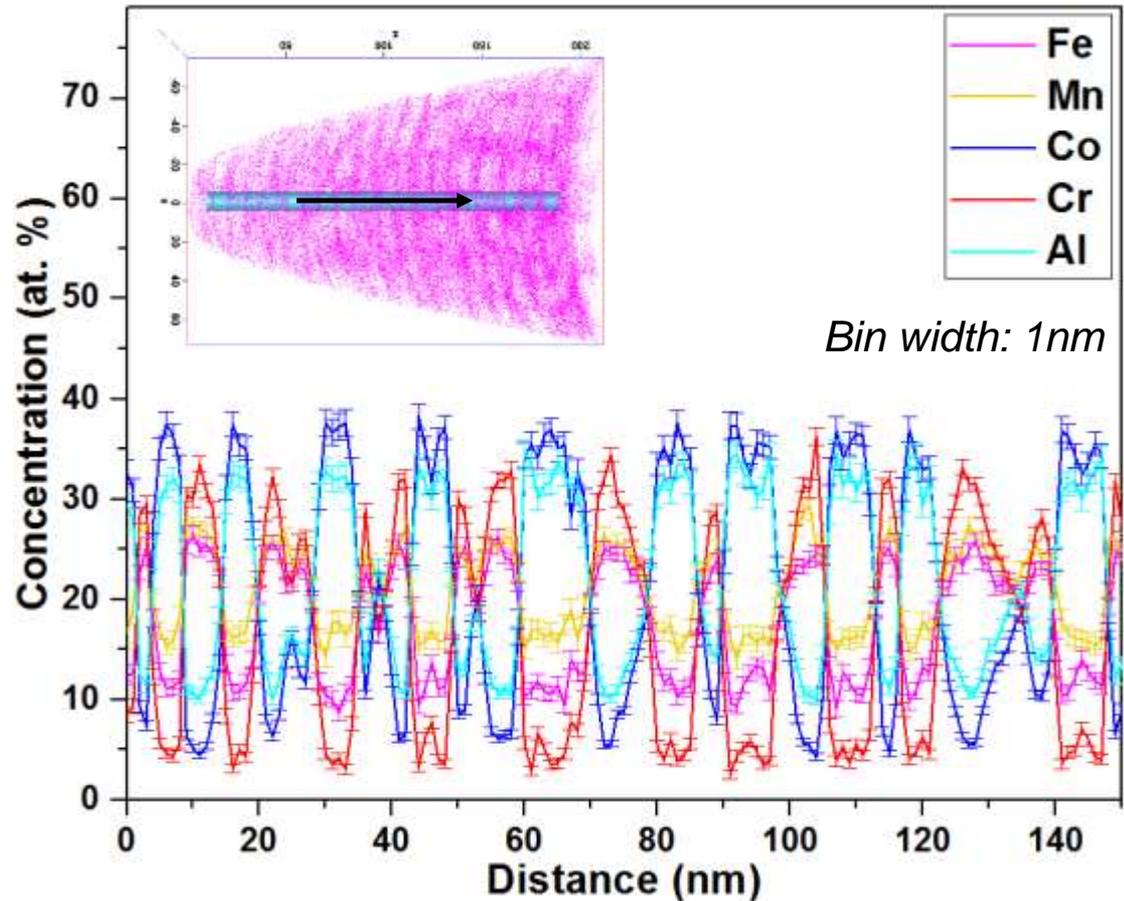
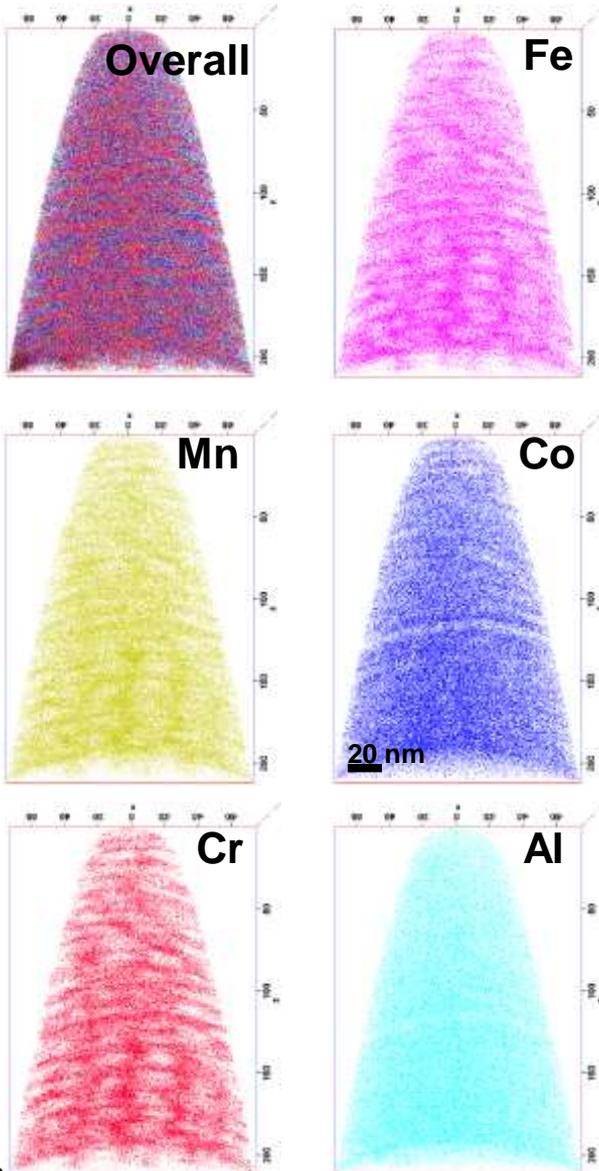
## XRD



## EBSD phase mapping



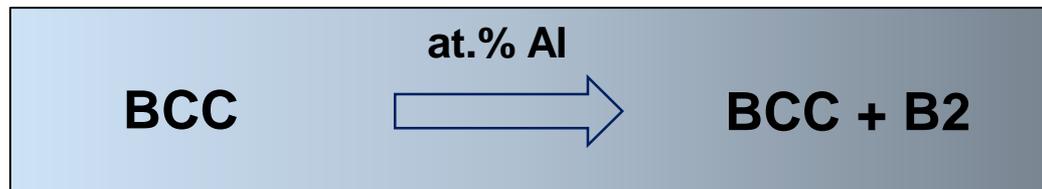
# Bulk HEA - APT



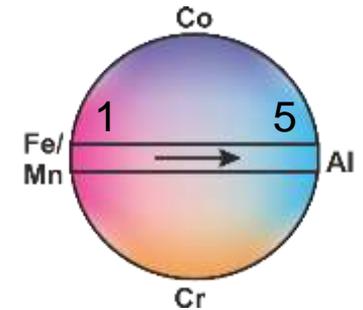
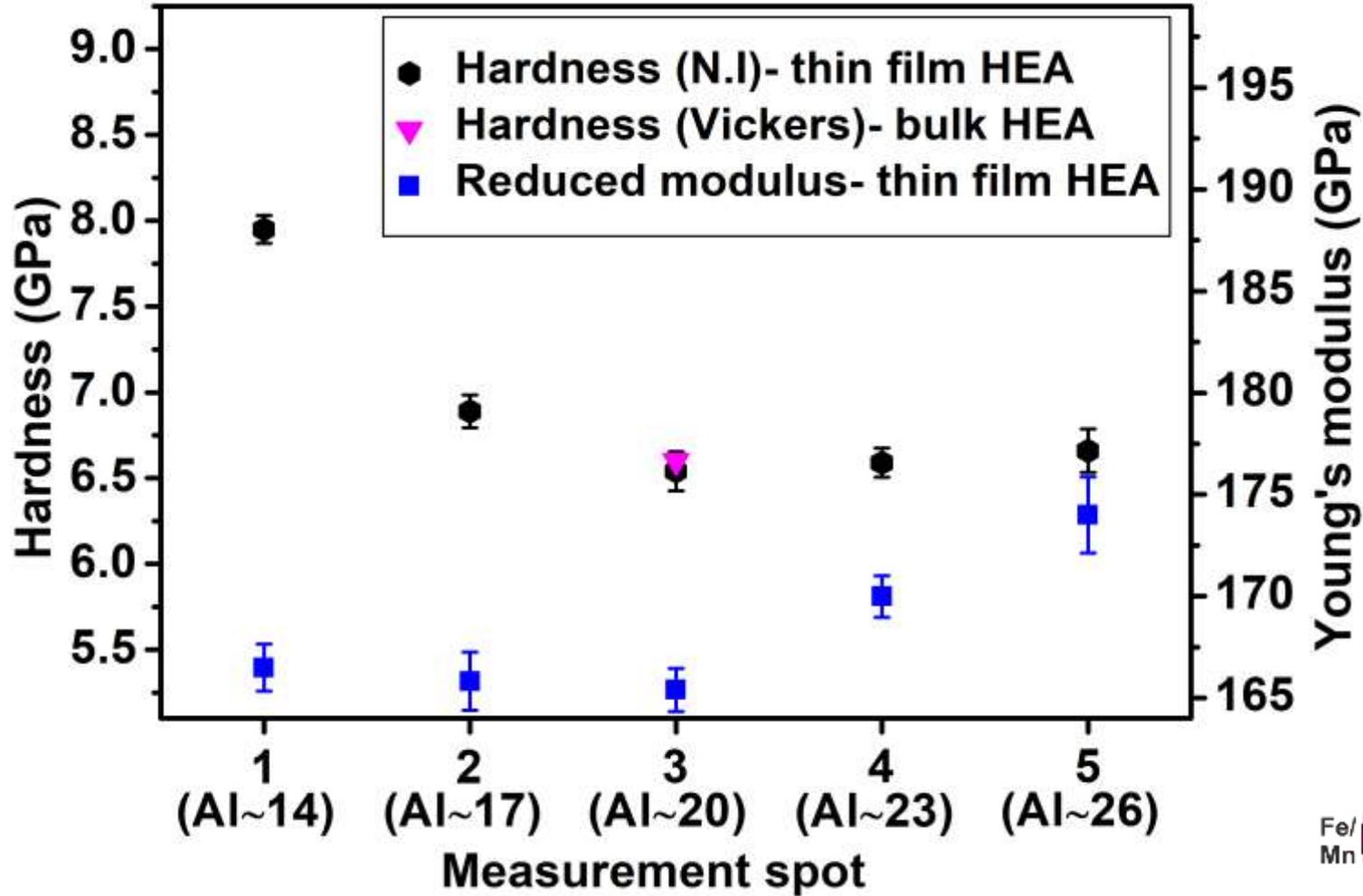
- **Co-Al  $\leftrightarrow$  Cr-Fe-Mn anti-correlated fluctuations**
- **Separation similar to 26 at.% thin film HEA**

# FeMnCoCrAl PHASE FORMATION

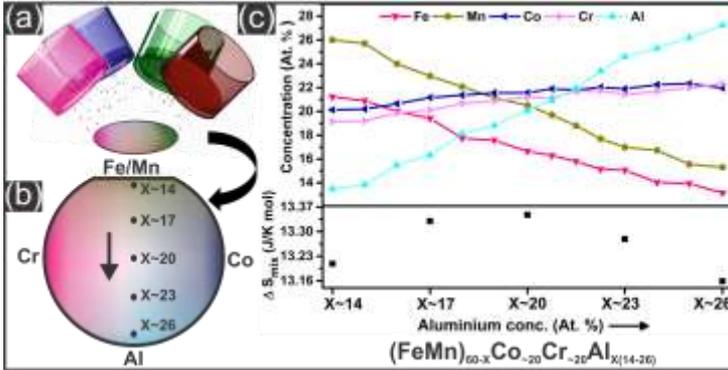
Al (at.%)	< 8	20 (thin film)	20 (bulk)	26	40
XRD	BCC + $\alpha$ Mn	Single BCC	BCC + (B2)	BCC + (B2)	BCC + B2
APT	-	Random	Co-Al	Co-Al	Co-Al



# PROPERTIES



# RWTH



# WORK PLAN

## MPIE



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Combinatorial synthesis  
**FeCrAl (Mn, Co, Ni, Ti)**



Bulk HEA

STEM, APT  
**(before, after deformation)**



Bulk mechanical testing, Creep

BCC + B2 (AlCo)  
**FeMnCoCrAl**

BCC + L2<sub>1</sub> = ?  
**FeCrAlNiTi**

*Thank you*