

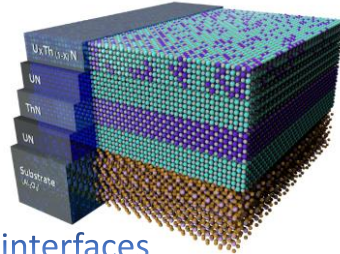
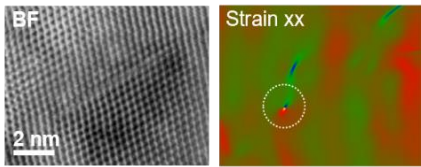
# Center for Thermal Energy Transport under Irradiation (TETI)

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**MISSION:** To accurately predict, from first principles, thermal energy transport in actinide materials in extreme environments.

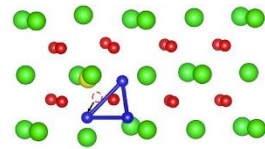
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Strain Fields



Hetero-interfaces

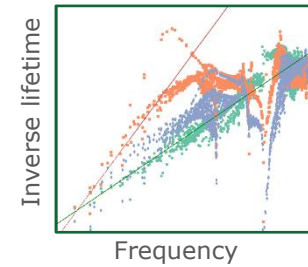
Defect evolution



Electron correlation

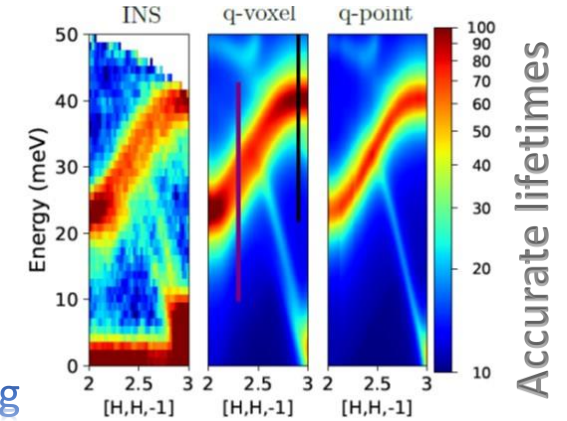
Temperature extremes

Electron-phonon coupling



First Principles

$$\kappa_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{V k_B T^2} \int_0^\infty \langle J^\alpha(0) J^\beta(t) \rangle dt$$



Accurate lifetimes

## RESEARCH PLAN

Thermal energy transport in nuclear fuel is directly related to fuel performance, safety margins, and fuel longevity. The aim of TETI is to develop a first principles understanding of electron and phonon transport in advanced nuclear fuels that will provide the necessary tools to enhance thermal transport by tailoring defects and microstructure.