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## **Structuring and Visualizing Microgravity Material Science Data in a Topic Maps Ontology**

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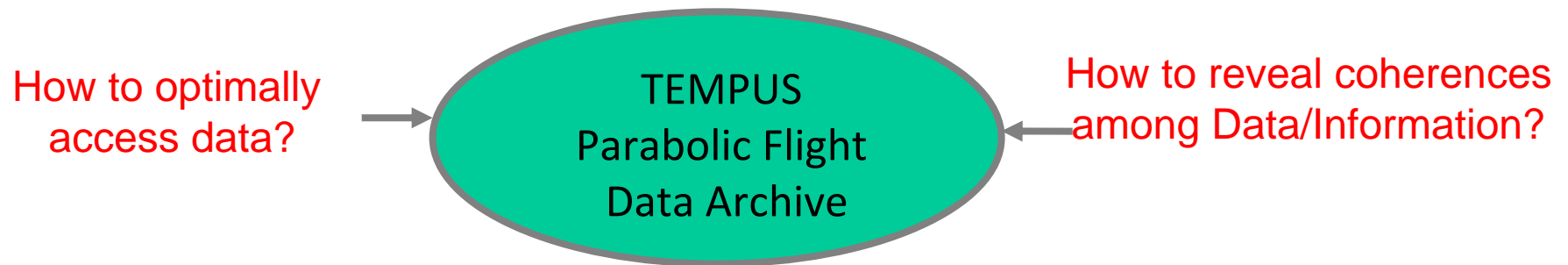
# Roadmap

- o Motivation
- o The TEMPUS Hypertest Data Management System
- o A Semantic Approach with Topic Maps
- o The Hypergator Application
- o Conclusion and Outlook

# Motivation

- o Increasing amount and versatility of data for various projects  
→ Hypertest Data Archive (Werum/DLR since 2005)

## Example:



- o Enhance the data archive using semantic techniques (since 2008)
- o Triggered by upcoming FP7 ULISSE Project (Launch 2009)

# TEMPUS

## (Containerless Electromagnetic Processing under Microgravity)

- Developed by DLR for Spacelab Experiments
- Parabolic Flights since 1988
- Since 2001 min. 1 Parabolic Flight per year with A300 Zero G



- Semi-automatic Data Ingestion into Hypertest Data Archive
- Manual Metadata Description



# Metadata in the TEMPUS Hypertest Instance

**Show TEMPUS Folder Parabola15\_20080408**

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Folder Name: Parabola15\_20080408

Data Storage Name: pf2008 (file:/mnt/httempus/pf2008)

Path:

TeVi Relevance:  Relevant Default path (relative to Data Storage) for files in this container

Data / Document Type: TeVi-Data      Category: Data

Principal Investigator: MPI      Sample Material: NiAl-Re1,25

Campaign: Parabolic Flight 2008      Day / Experiment: Day 1

Parabola: 

| Parabola # | Comment |
|------------|---------|
| 15         |         |

      Date Current Version: 2008-04-23

Organization:

Author:

Title: Parabola15\_20080408

Identifier:  -  - TeVi -  -

Issue:       Revision:

Process Atmosphere: Ar+He.quench      Camera Radial: Highspeed 200 Hz (608...      Camera Axial: Loglux 150 Hz (352 x 352 Pixel)

Sample Size: 6.5      Pyrometer Radial:       Pyrometer Axial: ZPY

TLimit:       Melting Point: 1668      Emissivity: 0.25

Keywords:

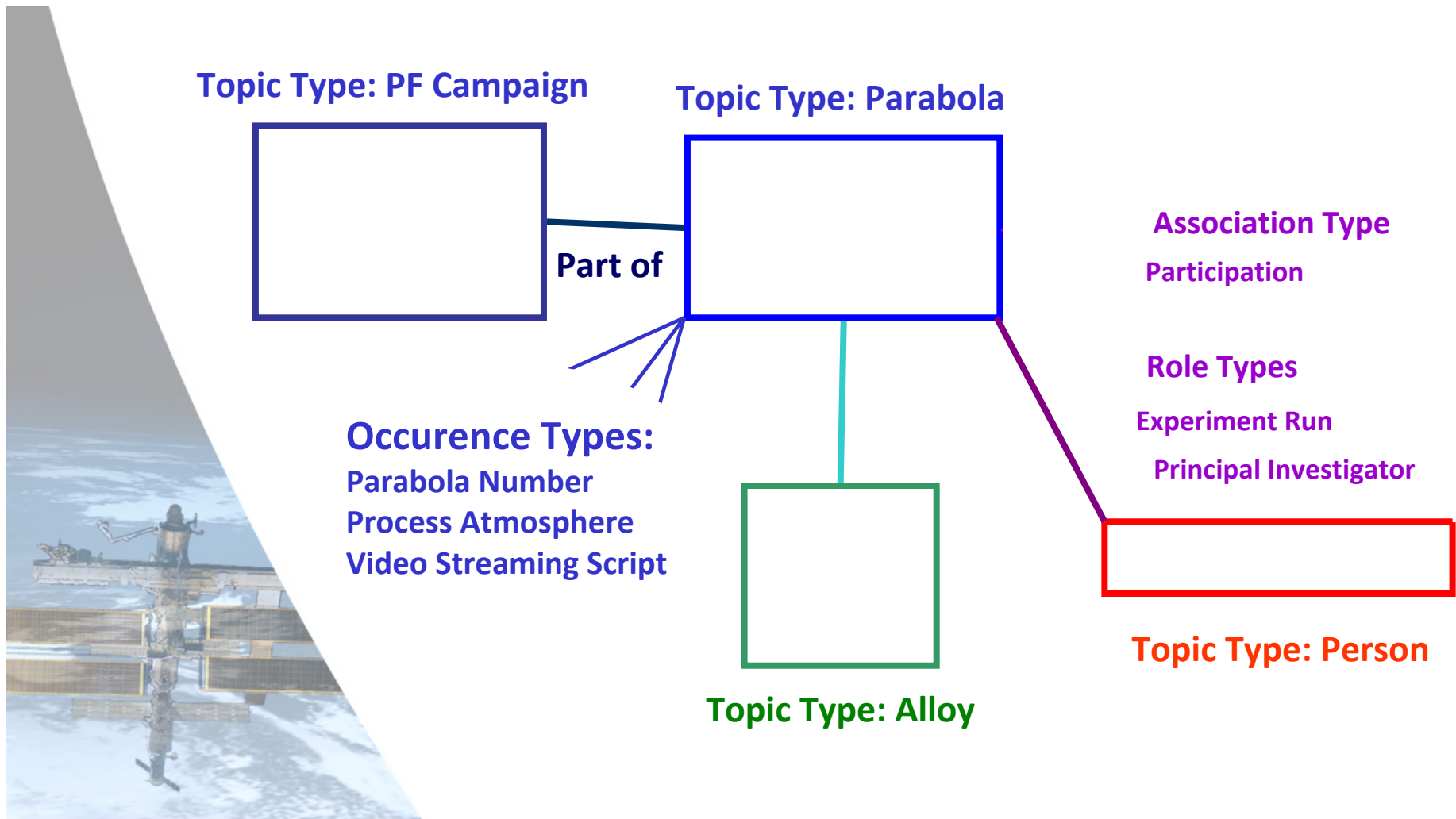


## Questions

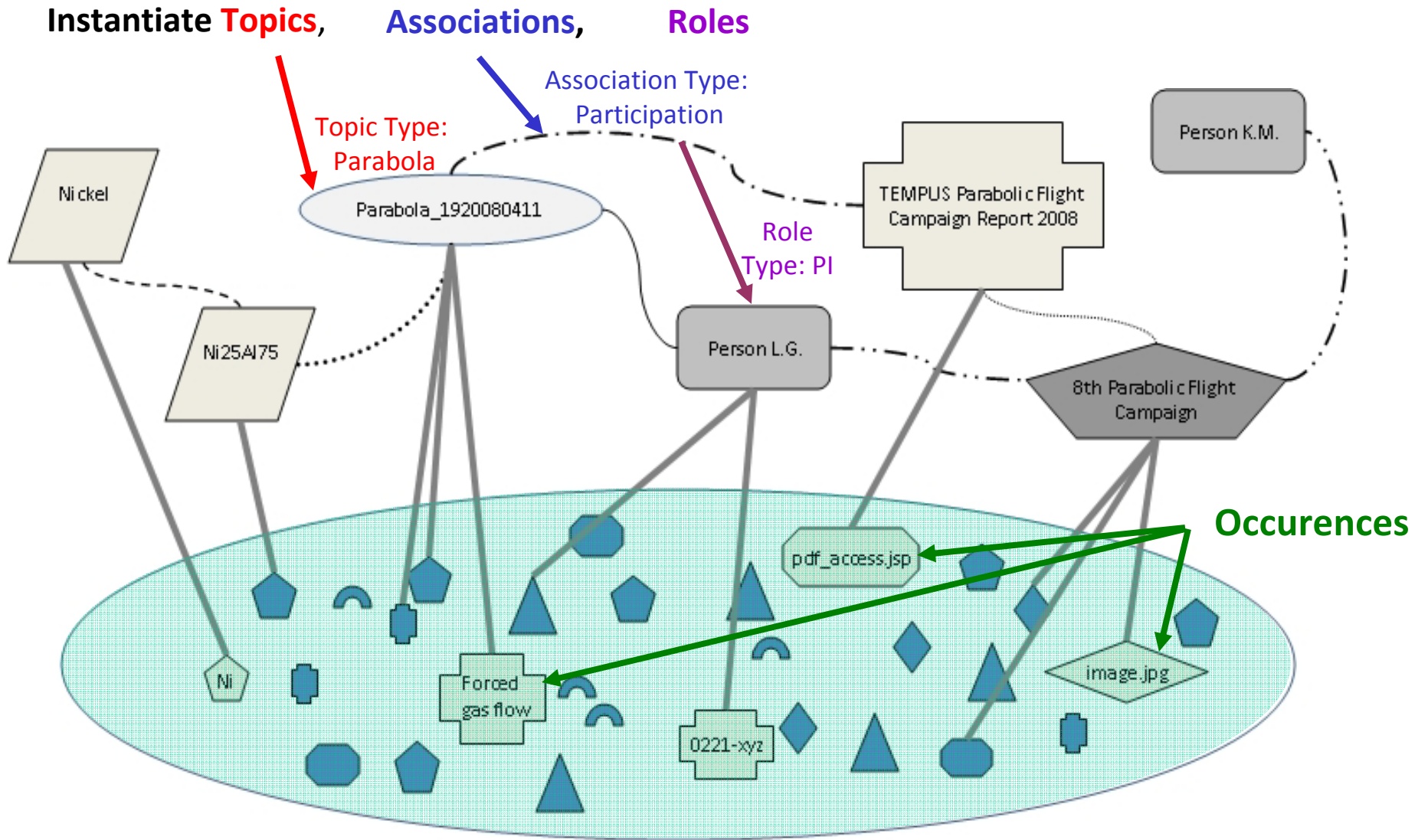
- What about Navigation ?
- What about Metadata Extension ?
- What about Including External Data / Information ?
- What about Information Interconnection?

**→ Organise Available Data in Topic Maps  
and Merge Additional Information**

# Topic Maps Ontology



# Populating the TEMPUS Topic Map





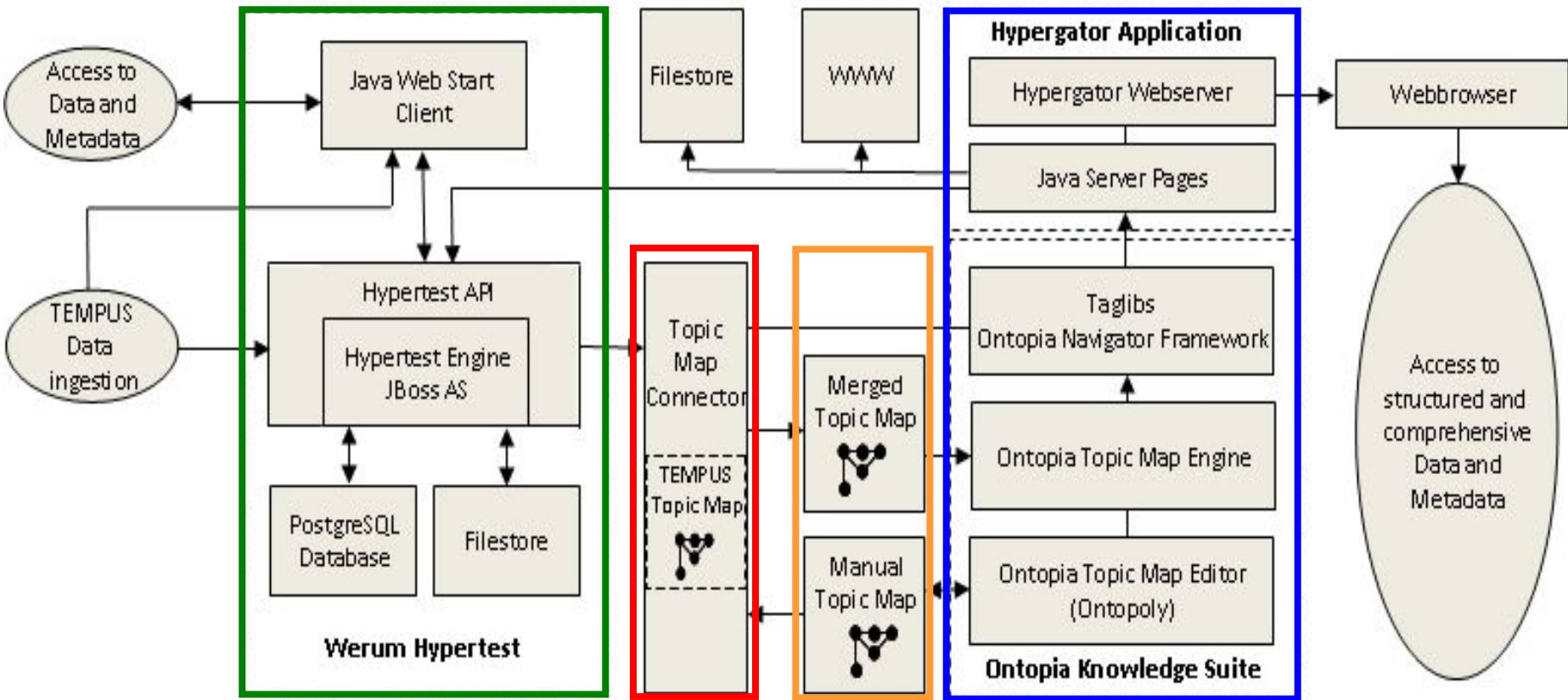
# The Hypergator System Architecture

**TEMPUS Hypertest System**

**Hypergator Application**

Previously established solution

Semantically enriched solution



**Populate Topic Map**  
and **Merge Information**



## The Hypergator Application

- Browsing the scientific content via an intuitively usable Web-Frontend
- Accessing and Describing “tacit knowledge” by browsing associations
- Knowledge domain contained in XTM Topic Map
- Topic Map Occurrences represent resources on external data sources
- Access to original data sources via JSP Servlets
- Access to the Topic Map via the Ontopia Knowledge Framework
- Querying the knowledge domain with the “tolog” query language

# The Hypergator User Frontend

The screenshot displays the Hypergator user frontend interface. At the top, it features logos for ISS USOC, MUSC MICROGRAVITY USER SUPPORT CENTER, and DLR. The main content area is divided into three sections:

- Navigation area:** A sidebar on the left titled "Select a TEMPUS Topic" containing a hierarchical list of categories such as Campaign, Dataset, Experiment, Experimental Quantity, File, Material, Organisation, Parabola, Person, and Scientific Programme.
- Detail data:** A central panel titled "Parabola00\_20040915" showing "Item data" with fields for Video preview, emissivity, parabola number, process atmosphere, and sample size. Below this is a large window titled "Access to original data source" displaying a video player with axial and radial images and a graph of P in [bar] vs Time.
- Semantic connectivity:** A panel on the right titled "Further information" showing "Associations" and "Indirect Associations" as hierarchical tree structures.



## Looking at a use case

Which Copper based materials have been used so far in DLR Parabolic Flight Campaigns?



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**HYPERGATOR**  
THE TEMPUS CONTENT NAVIGATOR

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### Welcome to the Hypergator-Project!

### Introduction

Hypergator has been developed to navigate the content of the TEMPUS Hypertest database not only to gain information in a very intuitive way but also to discover hidden knowledge by visualising cross-references between different topics. Hypergator is based on the Ontopia Knowledge Suite and relies on the flexibility and scalability of the knowledge-management and -discovery concept of topicmaps.

For further information about the project please read the related paper ([HypergatorPaper.pdf](#)) or contact the authors:  
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## Material



## Further information

### Instances of Material

- 2RD99 Sandvik
- Al
- Al92Fe8
- AlSiCu
- AlSiMg
- Alstom IN 738
- Alstom MM247 LC
- Aluminium
- Cobalt
- Copper
- Corus low carbon steel
- Corus1
- Corus2
- Cu-based (Cu8)
- Cu-based (CuSnP)
- Cu25Ni75+Ta205
- Cu42Co58
- Cu50Ni50+Ta205
- Cu55Ni44 Constantan
- Cu58Co42
- Cu61,8Co38,2
- Cu75Co25
- Cu75Co25(separated)
- Cu75Ni25+Ta205
- Cu84Co16
- Cu89Co11
- Cu...

[Hypergator] Copper - Mozilla Firefox

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[Hypergator] Copper

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### Copper

#### Item data

- chemical sign:
  - Cu



**All these Copper based materials have been used so far !**

#### Further information

##### Associations

- Copper
  - material composition (Alloy)
    - AlSiCu
    - Cu-based (Cu8)
    - Cu-based (CuSnP)
    - Cu25Ni75+Ta2O5
    - Cu42Co58
    - Cu50Ni50+Ta2O5
    - Cu55Ni44 Constantan
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    - CuAl
    - CuCo
    - CuNb
    - CuSnP Wieland
    - CuSnTi Wieland
    - Ni10Ag50Cu40

##### Indirect Associations

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[Hypergator] Cu25Ni75+Ta205 PDF Server 2.0

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## Cu25Ni75+Ta205



**All these Tantalium based Materials have been used so far !**

### Further information

#### Associations

- Cu25Ni75+Ta205
  - material composition (Metal)
    - Copper
    - Nickel
    - Tantalium
      - material composition
        - Cu25Ni75+Ta205
        - Cu50Ni50+Ta205
        - Cu75Ni25+Ta205
        - NiTa
        - NiTa+Ta203
        - NiTa+Ta205
        - TiAl-Ta
  - sample material of/for (Experiment)

#### Indirect Associations



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## Cu25Ni75+Ta205



**In which parabola(s) has  
Cu25Ni75+Ta205 been used?**



### Further information

#### Associations

- Cu25Ni75+Ta205
  - material composition (Metal)
    - Copper
    - Nickel
    - Tantalium
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  - day 2
- **emissivity:**
  - 0.12
- **melting point:**
  - 1400
- **parabola number:**
  - 16
- **process atmosphere:**
  - Ar+He.quench

### Further information

#### Associations

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  - + Principal Investigation (PItempus)
  - + experiment run of/for (Experiment)
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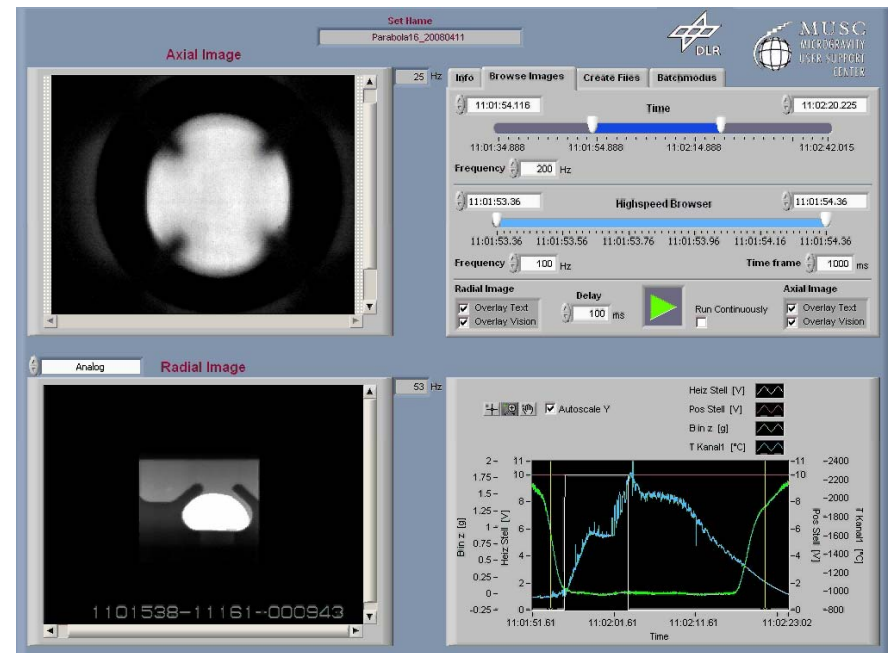
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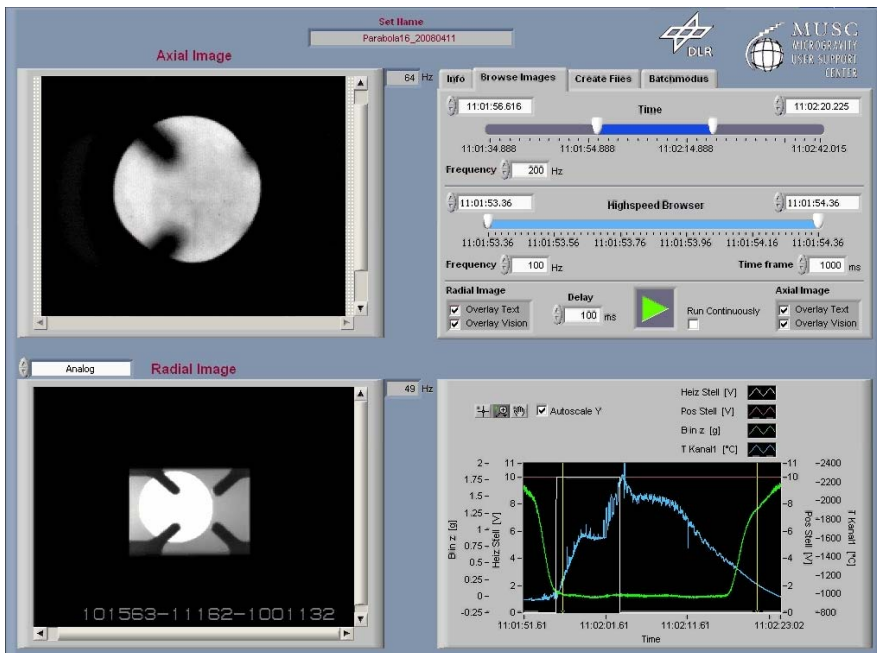
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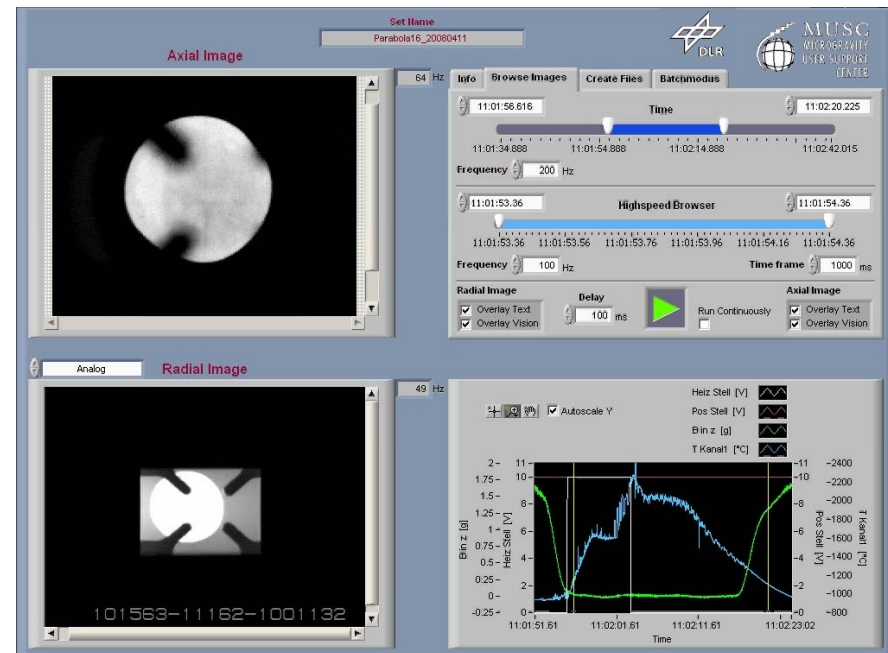
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## Kolbe\_CuNi\_2008

Kolbe\_CuNi\_2008: Interaction of Particels with an Advancing Dendritic Solidification Front during Parabolic Flights using the TEMPUS Facility

### Abstract

In the framework of the ESA-MAP project "Metastable Solidification of Composites: Novel Peritectic Structures and In-Situ Composites" (AO 98/99-114) the proposing team is studying metallic peritectics, transparent peritectic model systems and the interaction of solid particles with an advancing solidification front. Whereas experiments are planned on board of the ISS using the SQF and the DIRSOL facility, respectively, for the investigations at low velocities of the solidification front, the present experiments are steps to the preparation of experiments on board of the ISS in the MSL-EML facility. The aim is to melt, undercool and solidify samples of a metallic matrix containing ceramic particles and to study the interaction of the particles with an advancing solidification front. In the TEMPUS facility the value of undercooling can be varied widely and thus the velocity of the solidification front, convective effects are reduced compared to experiments on ground. Analysis of the solidified microstructure gives information on the interaction of particles and solidification front. In previous campaigns, several sample systems, e.g. Ni98Ta2 + Ta2O5 particles, have already been processed successfully in TEMPUS. Material's properties have been optimized: the porosity is low and undercooling of the samples was achieved. Isolated engulfed and entrapped submicron particles were found in cluster-free regions and particle size distributions have been determined. Following the investigation in the TEMPUS Parabolic Flight Campaign 2007, in which Cu50Ni50 + Ta2O5 were investigated, this experiment varies the alloy composition of the system to (i) 1 sample of Cu25Ni75+ Ta2O5 particles and (ii) 1 sample of Cu75Ni25+ Ta2O5 particles.

### Scientific purpose

The experiment shall show the influence of a variation of the alloying elements on the pushing and engulfment behaviour. Increasing the Cu content decreases the wetting of the Ta2O5 particles. This means, the experiments aim at the influence of the wetting conditions on the pushing and engulfment behaviour of ceramic particles, that is: (i) The particles are pushed forward by the solidification front and segregate with the last solidifying liquid (particle pushing). (ii) The solidification front engulfs the particles and they are embedded randomly into the metal (particle engulfing).

### Further information

- #### Associations
- Kolbe\_CuNi\_2008
    - + Co-Investigation (Co-Investigator)
    - + Principal Investigation (PI)
    - + experiment run of/for (TEMPUS experiment run)
    - + partOf (ensemble)
    - + related documents (Document)
- #### Indirect Associations



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Which organizations have participated in that experiment?

## Further information

### Associations

- Kolbe\_CuNi\_2008
  - + Co-Investigation (Co-Investigator)
  - + Principal Investigation (PI)
  - + experiment run of/for (TEMPUS experiment run)
  - + partOf (ensemble)
  - + related documents (Document)

### Indirect Associations





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# Conclusion and Outlook

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