

Supplementary Information for

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Supporting Information Text

Thickness Series Tomographic Quantification

 [S1](#page-4-0) presents a schematic diagram showing the methodology for the thickness series tomographic unmixing. Different X-ray energy dispersive spectroscopy (EDS) signals are recorded depending on the beam trajectory and sample tilt. Volume-mixed

 spectra are recorded at each pixel of the tilt series depending on sample orientation. The mixed spectra recorded can be described symbolically as,

21 $\Gamma_{tot}(x, y, \theta, E) = t_A(x, y, \theta) \Gamma_A(E) + t_B(x, y, \theta) \Gamma_B(E)$ [1]

²² where Γ_{tot} is the recorded spectral signal as a function of position (x, y), sample tilt-angle *θ*, and energy E. The total signal is assumed to be a linear combination of signals arising from phase A and phase B, denoted Γ*^A* and Γ*B*. Given the thickness of ²⁴ each phase t_A and t_B the system of equations can be solved for the phase-specific spectra. There are then two unknowns at each energy which becomes overdetermined for more than two dissimilar trajectories. In the experimental case, many more trajectories are recorded resulting in a highly overdetermined system. The thickness map unmixing approach used here assumes

the sample is adequately described as comprised of two homogeneous phases.

Additional Atom Probe Tomography Data Summary

 The results of eight atom probe tomography (APT) experiments performed on various regions of the cloudy zone, tetrataenite rim and the kamacite lamella are summarized in Table [S1.](#page-2-0) For the final composition of averages for the cloudy zone we do not include dataset TazeAPT05 due to large thermal tails in the mass spectra.

 The raw APT data (Fig. [S2\)](#page-5-0) is a dense data set capturing the spatial positions of all the elemental species evaporated. It is not possible to render all of the atoms captured, so the IVAS software (3.6.12) renders a representative subset. Our method for

³⁴ determining the composition of the tetrataenite particles and matrix phase are schematically shown in Fig [S3.](#page-6-0) By selecting

 cylindrical volumes that are fully contained within the selected phase this results in a more accurate determination of the pure composition of the phase, at the expense of counting statistics since smaller volumes of atoms are counted.

We present reconstructions of the APT data which are not present in the main text in Fig. [S2](#page-5-0) through [S9.](#page-12-0)

Proportion of each <100> phase from SPED cluster analysis

The fuzzy means cluster analysis was performed on SPED data collected on a TEM lamella initially cut parallel to the [110]

direction and tilted onto a <100> zone axis. Tilting of the lamella has the effect of increasing the effective sample thickness

 resulting in each pixel being a mixture of at least tetrataenite and matrix. Over 98% of the pixels in the resulting SPED orientation maps become classified as one of the three possible c-axis orientation directions. The proportion of each tetrataenite

orientation are summarized in Table [S2.](#page-3-0)

Kinematic Diffraction data

Ideal crystal structures for tetrataenite, and ordered Fe3Ni were created using CrystalMaker 9. Kinematic diffraction patterns

 were then simulated for these ideal structures using SingleCrystal 2.3. In Fig. [S10](#page-13-0) we present the three <100> directions ⁴⁷ showing three distinct superlattice peaks associated with each unique c-axis direction. Figure [S11](#page-14-0) presets the two unique diffraction patterns and real space lattice structures for the [112] and <121> -type directions. Here, only the [112] posses

49 unique superlattice reflections. Finally, Fig. $S12$ presents the diffraction data and crystal models for Fe₃Ni along the $\langle 100 \rangle$ and the <112> directions. Here we observe the presence of the unique <100> superlattice reflections which resemble the combination of all three $\langle 100 \rangle$ from tetrataenite.

Microstructural Coarsening

We present a schematic depiction of the the grain coarsening process described in the discussion of the main text in Fig. [S13.](#page-16-0)

Supplemental Tables and Figures

Table S1. Compositions reported in at % for each of the metallurgical phases in the Cloudy Zone (CZ) samples as well as pure kamacite and tetrataenite. The volume fraction for coarse cloudy zone is not fully representative, since in 3d-EDS and APT complete tetrataenite precipitates are not recovered. All errors reported are equal to two standard deviations based on counting statistics. All APT compositional data might be inaccurate due to excessive thermal noise in the mass spectrum.

Table S2. Areal density of <100> SPED orientation maps for three different regions of the cloudy zone. High tilt angle makes resolving independent matrix component impossible.

Fig. S1. Schematic depiction of the spectrographic unmixing method. a-c, Illustration of a two-phase square model object. The two phases A and B are color-coded as orange and black, respectively. The resultant spectra Γ are reasonably approximated as linear mixtures. d, A thickness map of an experimental sample, derived from segmentation of a three-dimensional volume reconstruction. Here the thickness of the two phases is coded as magenta (matrix) or green (tetrataenite).

75 nm

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Fig. S2. A 3D output of the APT showing the positions of the detected atoms (Sample Medium CZ 1 from the table [S1\)](#page-2-0). The red and blue dots represent individual Fe and Ni atoms respectively. Only few % of all atoms recorded are shown to avoid clutter. Even in this raw output image clustering of Ni atoms is noticeable.

Fig. S3. An example of cylindrical ROIs placed inside the tetrataentite particles and the matrix for composition determination. The wire mesh represents 41 at% Ni isosurface and shows the edges of the tetrataenite particles. This is a sample of a coarse cloudy zone (sample Coarse CZ 3 in table [S1\)](#page-2-0).

Fig. S4. Small region of the coarse cloudy zone studied using 3D-EDS. Due to oxidation, tip fractured shortly after evaporation began. However, it is possible to observe the presence of a secondary precipitate in the large tetrataenite island captured in the reconstitution (sample TazeAPT1 in table [S1\)](#page-2-0). Isosurfaces are shown at 32.5 at% Ni concentration.

Fig. S5. A sample of the medium cloudy zone. Only 44 at% Ni isosurface is shown marking the locations and shapes of the tetrataenite particles. This sample corresponds to sample Medium CZ 1 in the table [S1.](#page-2-0)

Fig. S6. Samples of pure kamacite (left) and tetrataenite (right). Kamacite is shown as a raw output with dots representing atoms in the whole volume of the needle. Tetrataenite sample is shown a 1.5 nm thick slice with all atoms detected shown. Red, blue and green dots represent Fe, Ni and Co atoms respectively. Vertical features of higher and lower atom density in the tetrataenite indicate the sample has been well aligned along a crystallographic pole, (100) in this case.

Fig. S7. A sample of the coarse cloudy zone shown from 4 different viewing angles at right angles to each other. The sample captures parts of two tetrataenite particles. 7-12 nm thick layer of matrix separates the two islands in the lower part of the sample. Secondary precipitates can be seen inside the upper tetrataenite particle. Red and blue dots represent Fe and Ni atoms respectively. The isosurface is drawn at 37.5 at% Ni. This sample corresponds to sample Coarse CZ 2 in the table [S1.](#page-2-0)

Fig. S8. A sample of the medium cloudy zone shown from 4 different viewing angles at right angles to each other. Secondary precipitates were not detected in this sample. Red and blue dots represent Fe and Ni atoms respectively. The isosurface is drawn at 37 at% Ni. This sample corresponds to sample Medium CZ 2 in the table [S1.](#page-2-0)

Fig. S9. A sample of the fine cloudy zone showing 5-10 nm size particles with 40.4 at% Ni isosurface shown (left). 45 at% Ni isosurface (blue) combined with 2 at% Co isosurface (green) (right). Red, blue and green dots correspond to Fe, Ni and Co atoms respectively.

Fig. S10. Kinematic diffraction patterns and model structures for tetrataenite when viewed along the three principle crystallographic directions, *<*100*>*.

Fig. S11. Kinematic diffraction patterns and model structures for tetrataenite when viewed along the [112] or the <121> (this includes the [121] and [211]-like directions.

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Fig. S12. Kinematic diffraction patterns and ideal structures for Fe3Ni when viewed along the principle crystallographic directions, <100>, as well as the <121> directions. Due to the symmetry of the $L1_2$ structure there is one pattern for each of the two families of directions.

Fig. S13. Schematic drawing showing grain coarsening process of the cloudy zone as a function of time.

- **Movie S1. Volume render of nickel concentration of the coarse cloudy zone. (Arbitrary units)**
- **Movie S2. Volume render of nickel concentration of the medium cloudy zone. (Arbitrary units)**

 Movie S3. Proxigram showing isosurfaces defined by 32.5 at % Ni content in the fine cloudy zone. Upper half of APT data set collected.

 Movie S4. Proxigram showing isosurfaces defined by 32.5 at % Ni content in the fine cloudy zone. Lower half of APT data set collected.

Movie S5. Volume mesh for three particles extracted from the medium cloudy zone.

 Movie S6. Hysteresis behavior for the red particle in [S5](#page-17-1) simulated individually. These depict the magnetic behavior as the uniaxial anisotropy was set to the major (left), intermediate (center), and minor axis of the particle. These start at the remanence state and proceed towards saturation.

 Movie S7. Hysteresis behavior for the white particle in [S5](#page-17-1) simulated individually. These depict the magnetic behavior as the uniaxial anisotropy was set to the major (left), intermediate (center), and minor axis of the particle. These start at the remanence state and proceed towards saturation.

 Movie S8. Hysteresis behavior for the blue particle in [S5](#page-17-1) simulated individually. These depict the magnetic behavior as the uniaxial anisotropy was set to the major (left), intermediate (center), and minor axis of the **particle. These start at the remanence state and proceed towards saturation.**

 Movie S9. Hysteresis behavior for the thee particles simulated together as non-interacting (left) and inter-acting particles (right) starting from the remanence state and proceeding towards saturation.

 Movie S10. Movie showing the change in magnetic state as the particles changes from the high temperature taenite to low temperature tetrataenite.

Movie S11. Movie showing the motion of a sharp domain wall in response to the applied magnetic field.