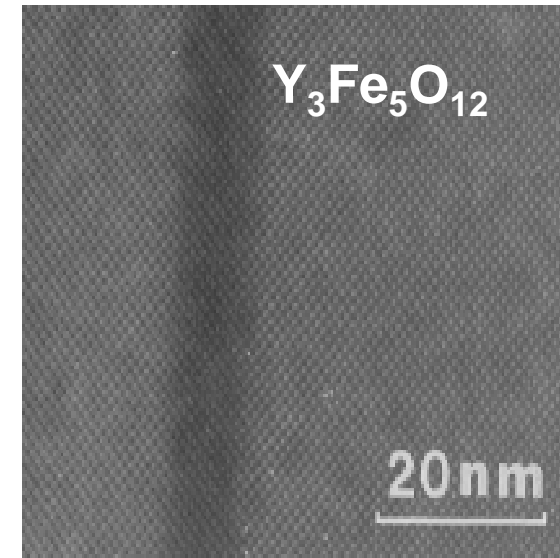
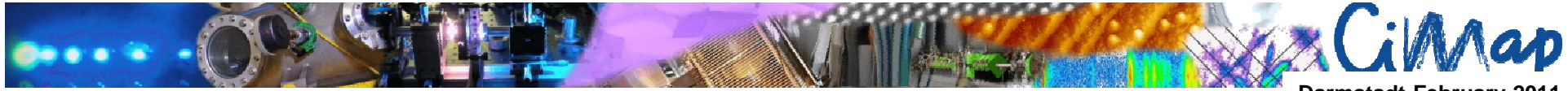


## Swift heavy ions and particles tracks in materials

- 1) Introduction: why radiation effects with swift heavy ions
- 2) MF/GSI and CIMAP Laboratories
- 3) Electronic energy deposition by swift heavy ions
- 4) Material sensitivity
- 5) Velocity effect and sputtering
- 6) Inelastic thermal spike model (i-TS model)
  - Metallic materials
  - Insulators
  - Amorphous materials
- 7) Complex oxides

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## Radiation Effects

in nuclear materials

Two Damage Sources

Fission fragments: **electronic excitation**

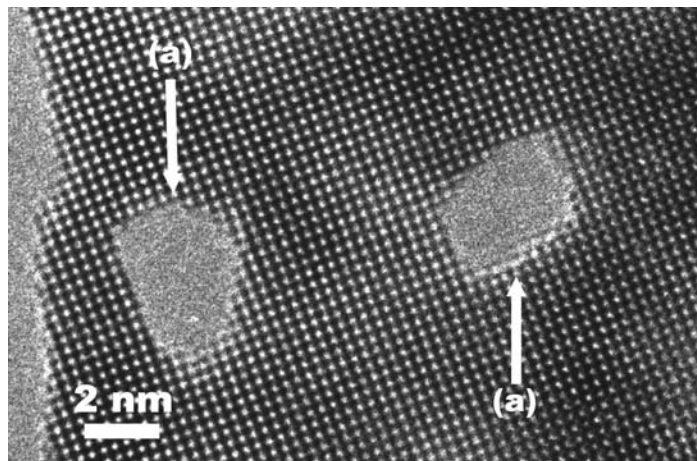
Alpha Decay (nuclear excitation)

In high energy accelerators: **electronic excitation**

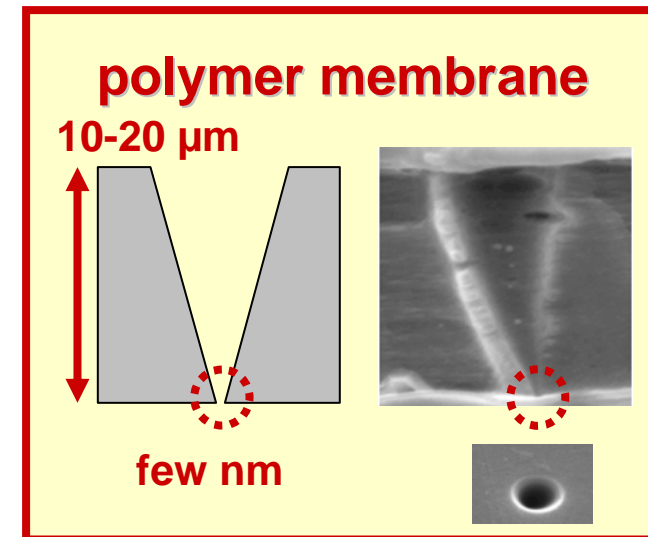
In space: **electronic excitation**

Basic physics:  $\sim 10^{15}$  Watt/cm<sup>2</sup> (~Petawatt laser) in a nanometer volume

Applications:



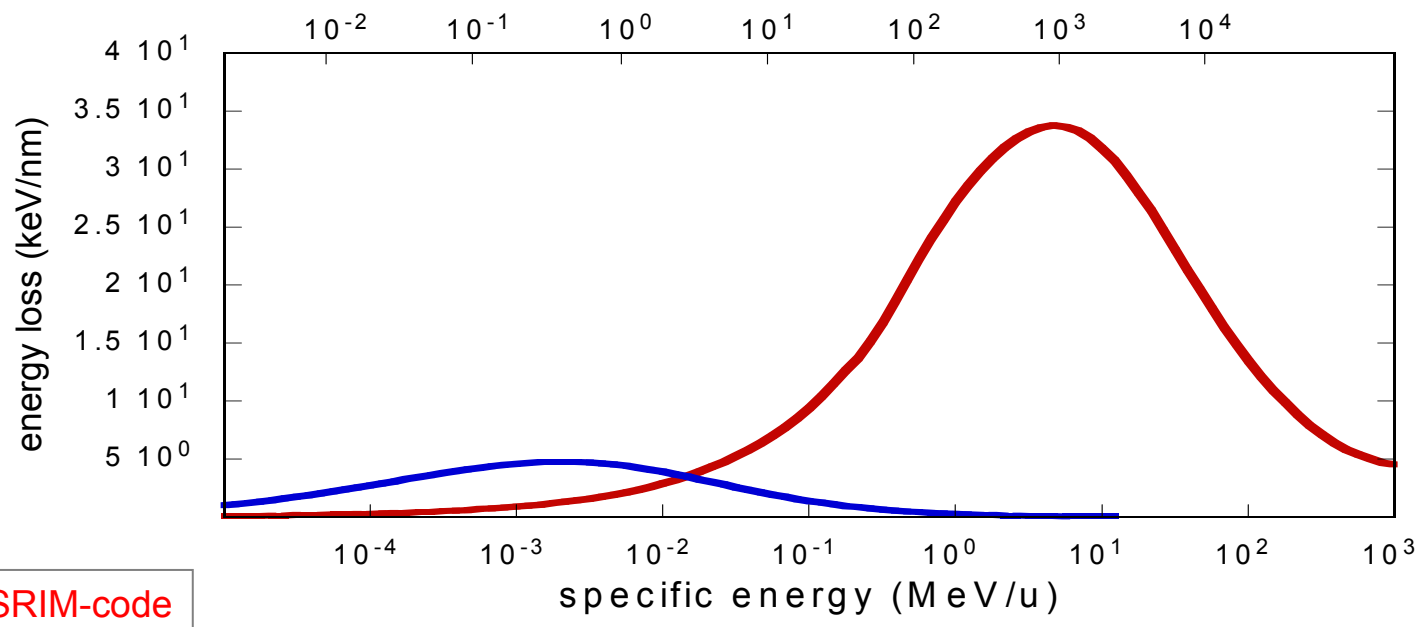
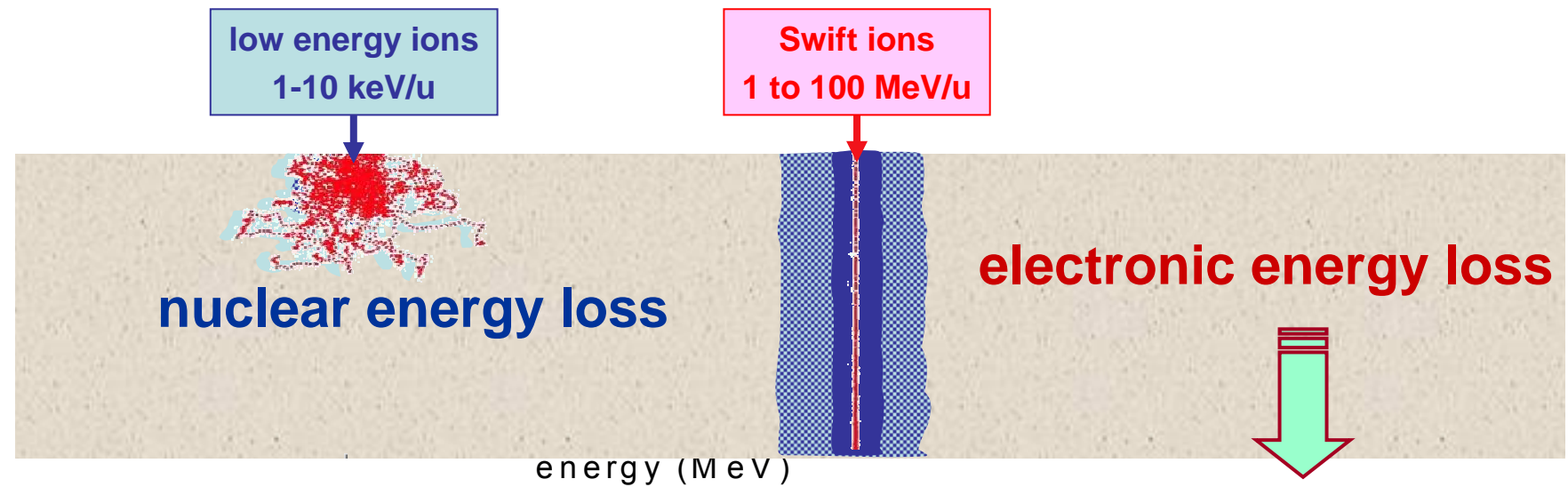
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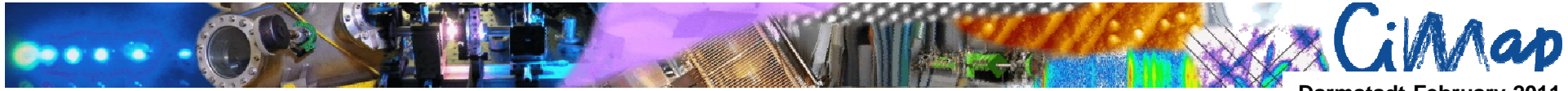
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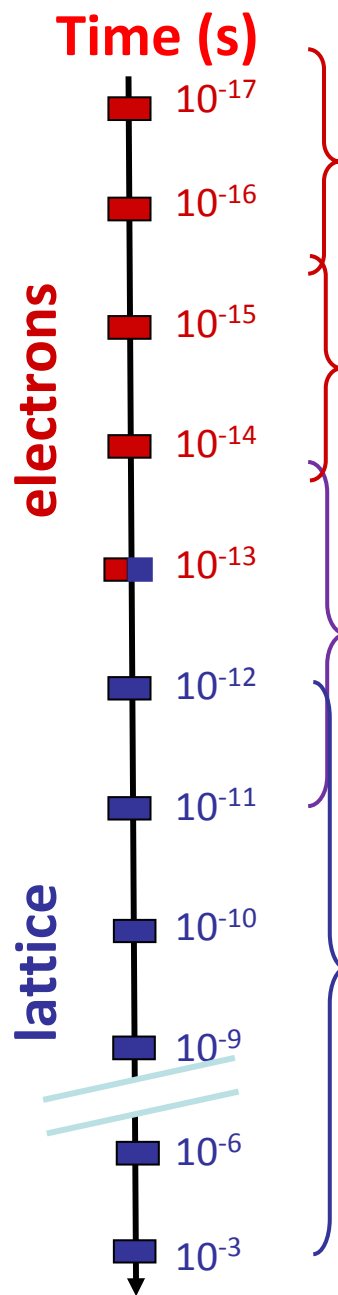
# Scheme of energy deposition of an ion in matter



SRIM-code



**Attosecond deposition in nm scale**  
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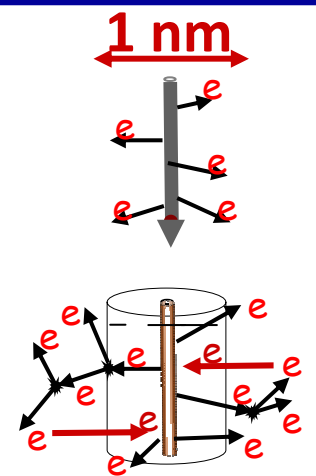


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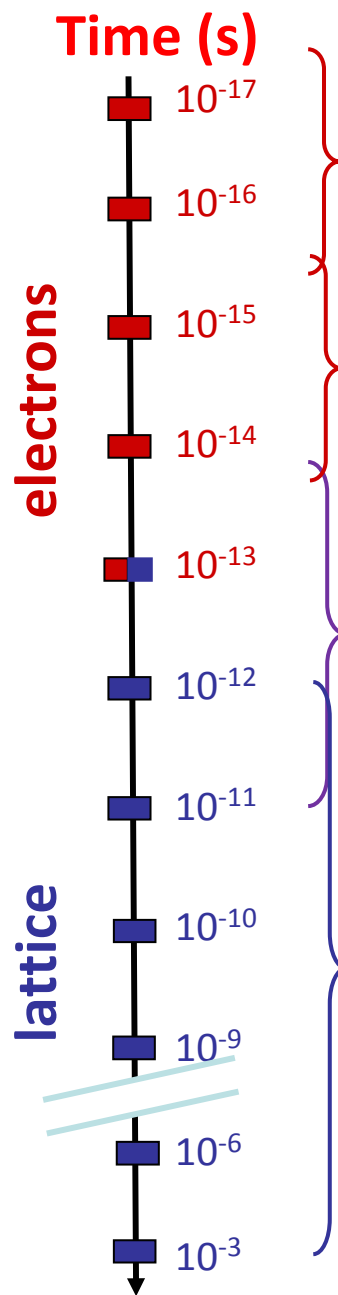
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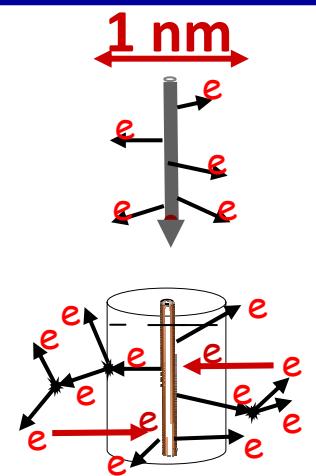


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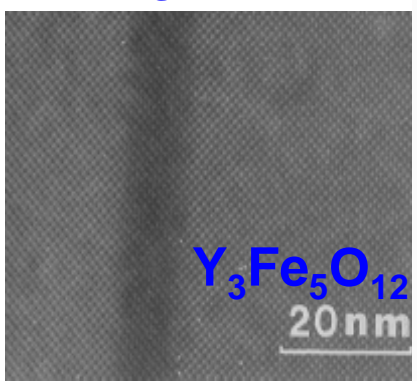
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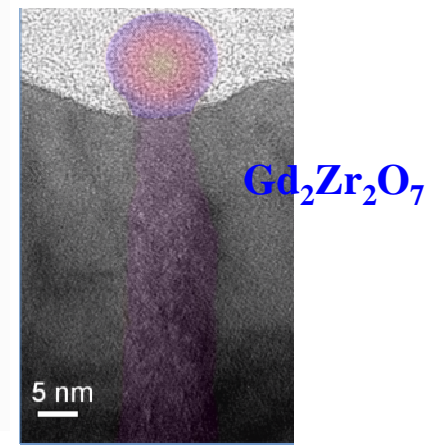


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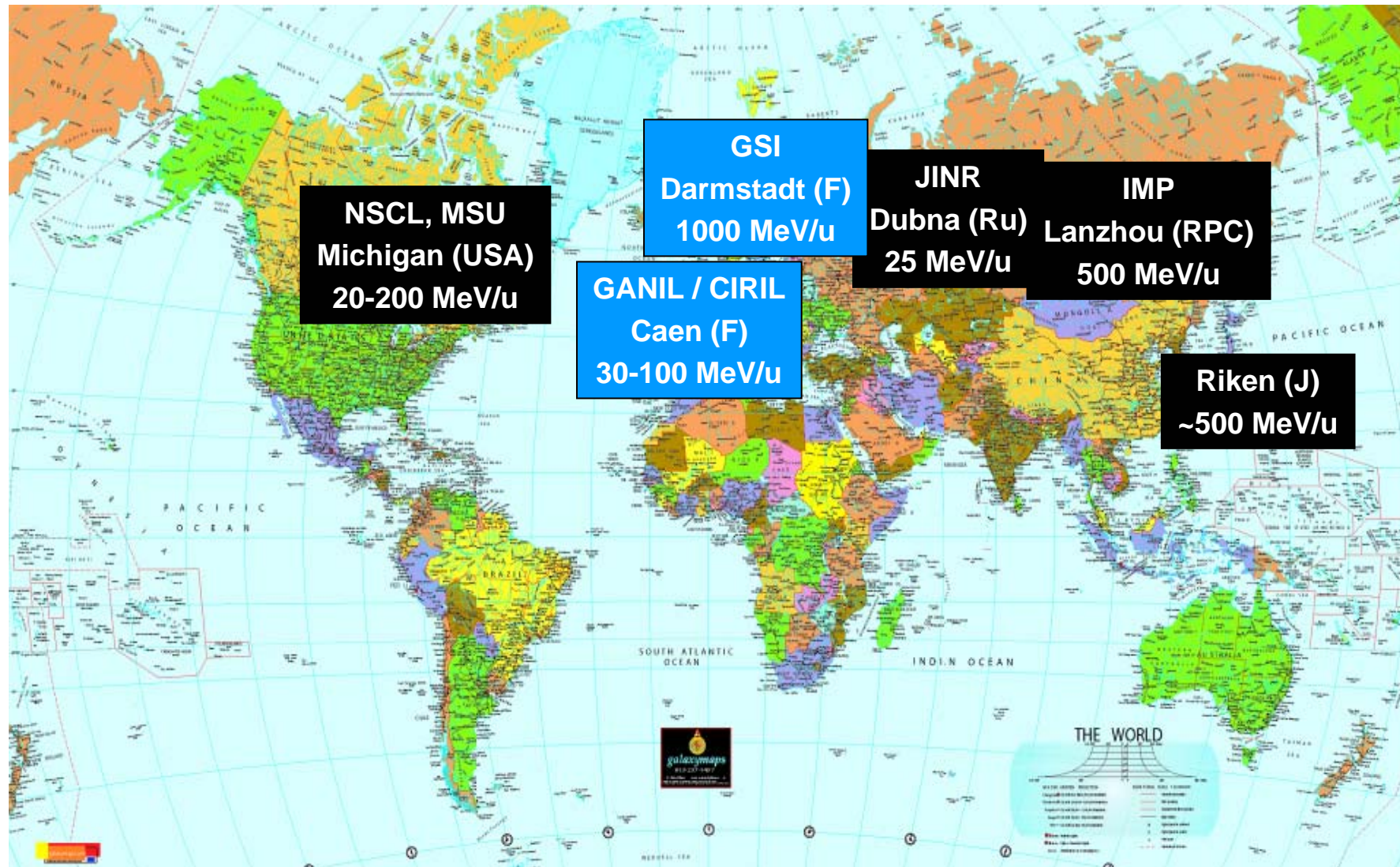
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**Jiamin Zhang et al.**  
*AP105(2009)113510*



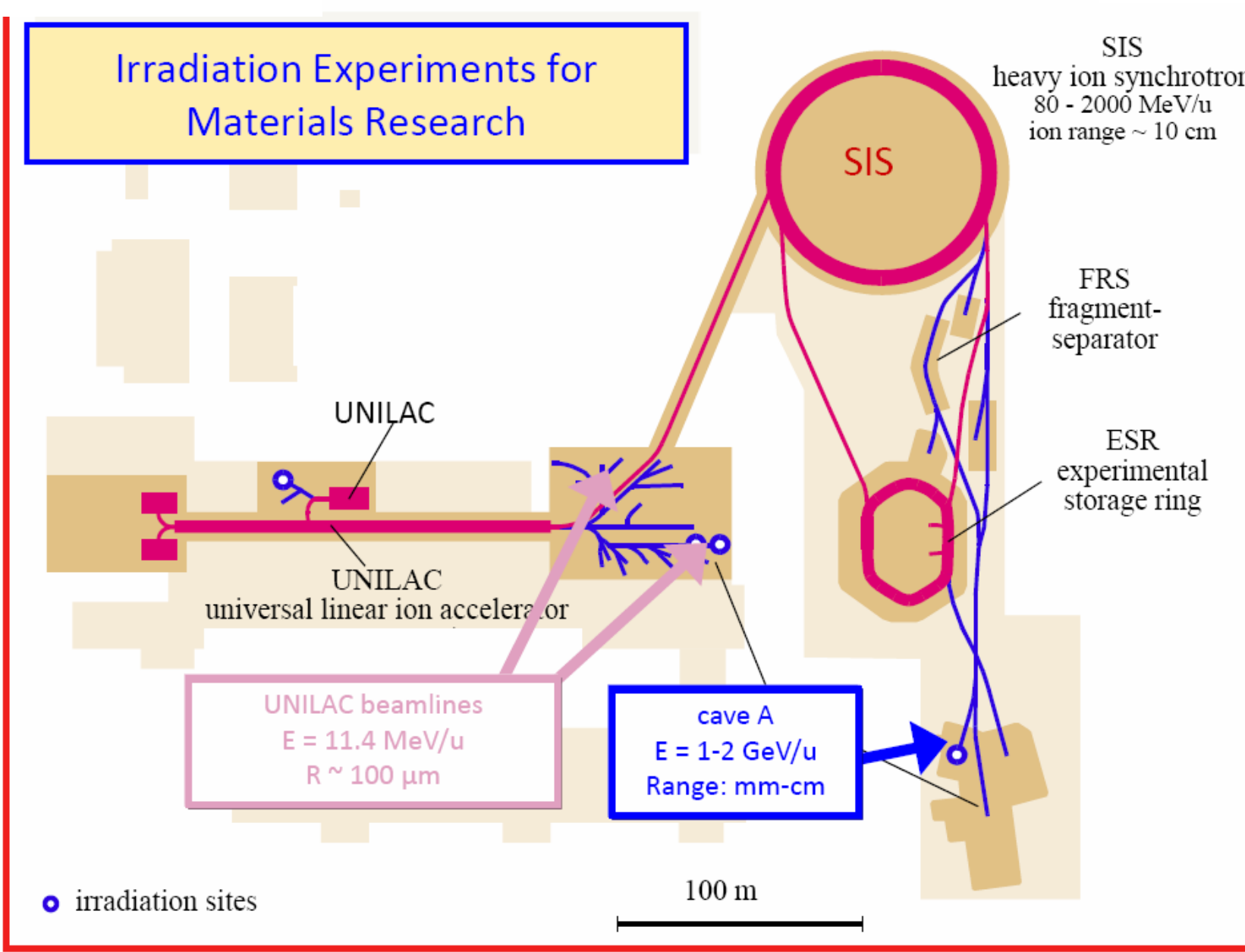


*Large accelerator facilities with materials research activities*





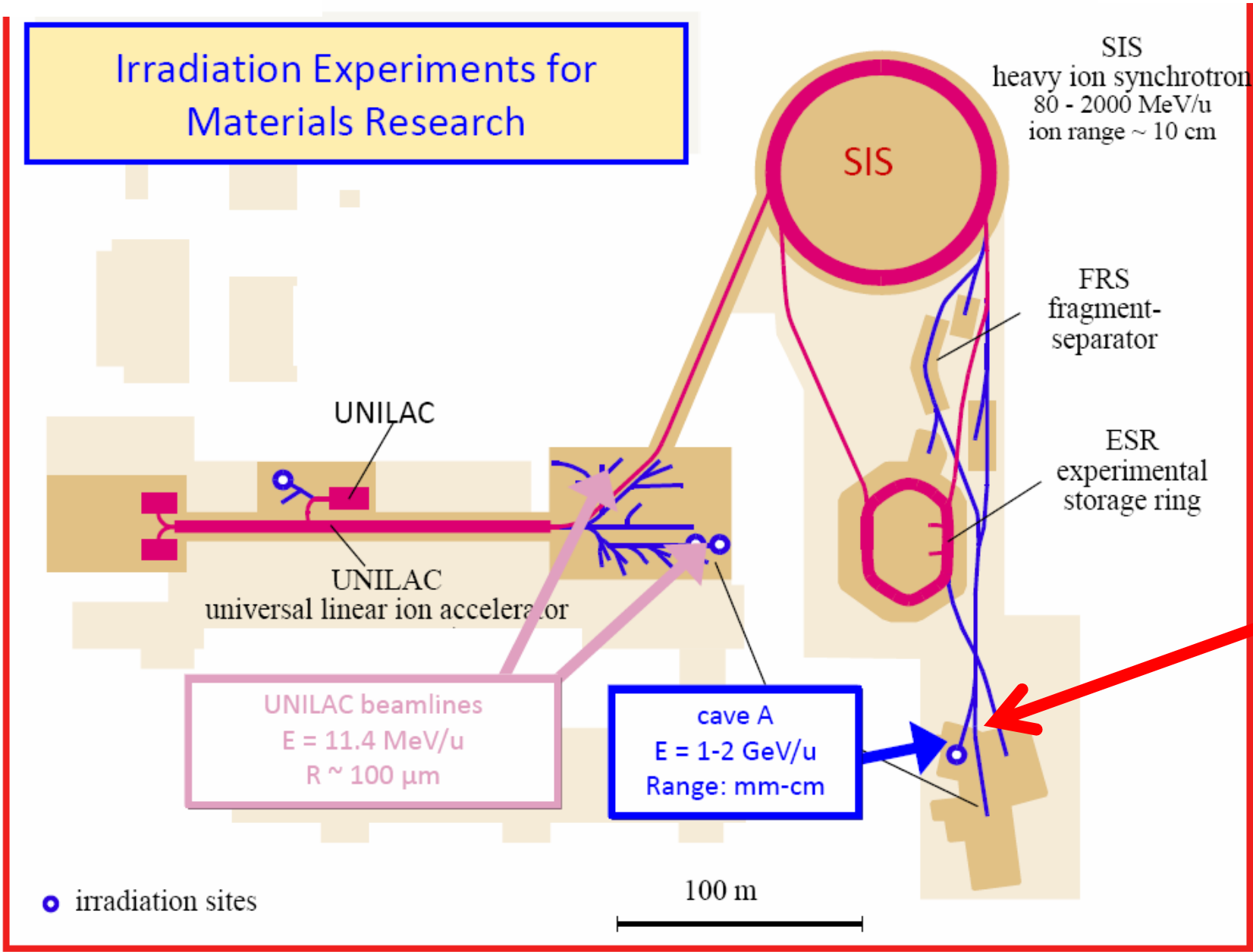
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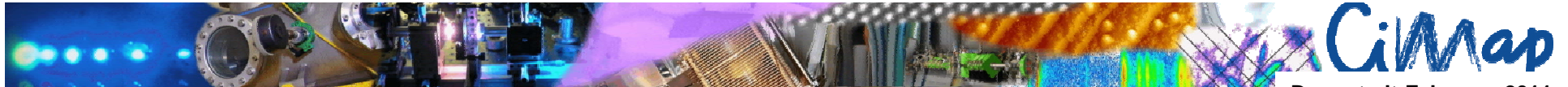




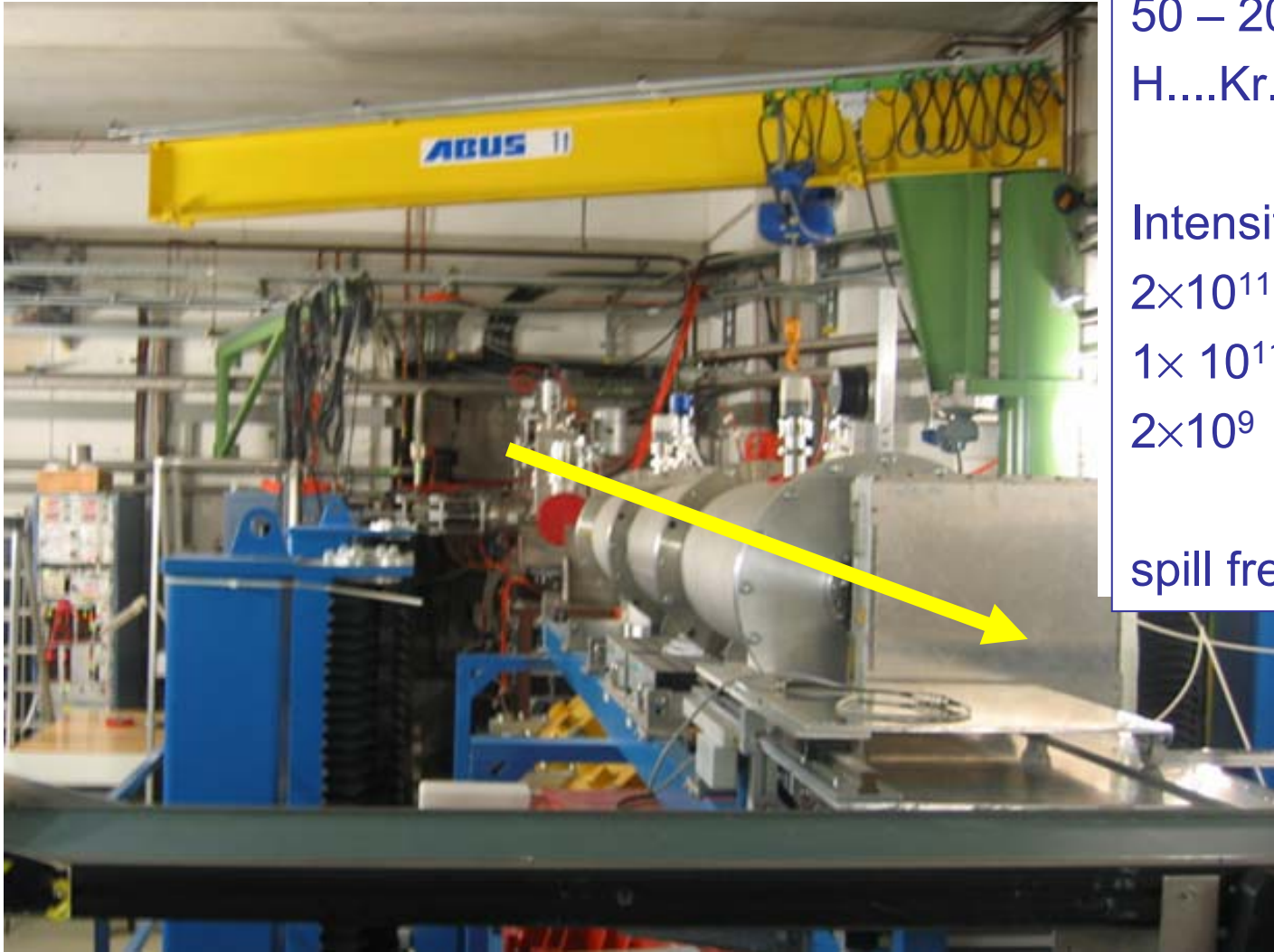


# GSI- Darmstadt





# Cave A @ Synchrotron SIS



50 – 2000 MeV/u  
H...Kr...Xe...U

Intensities

$2 \times 10^{11}$	Ne / spill
$1 \times 10^{11}$	Ar / spill
$2 \times 10^9$	U / spill

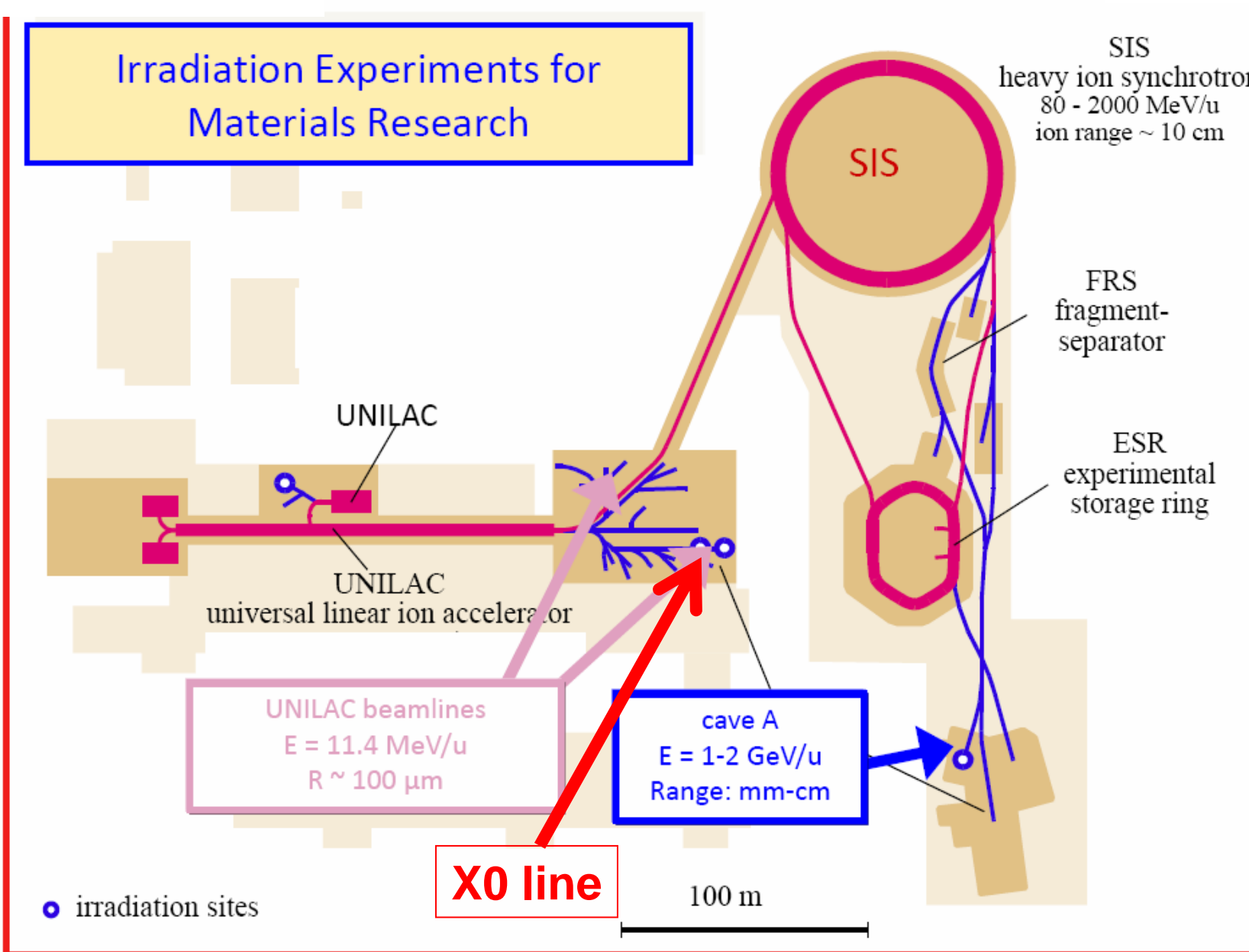
spill frequency < 1 Hz

cave shared by Biophysics, Atomphysics, and Materials Research



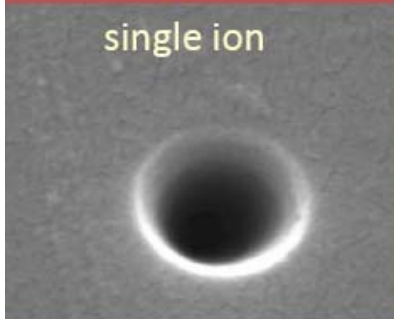
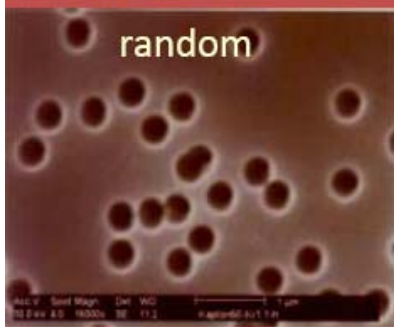


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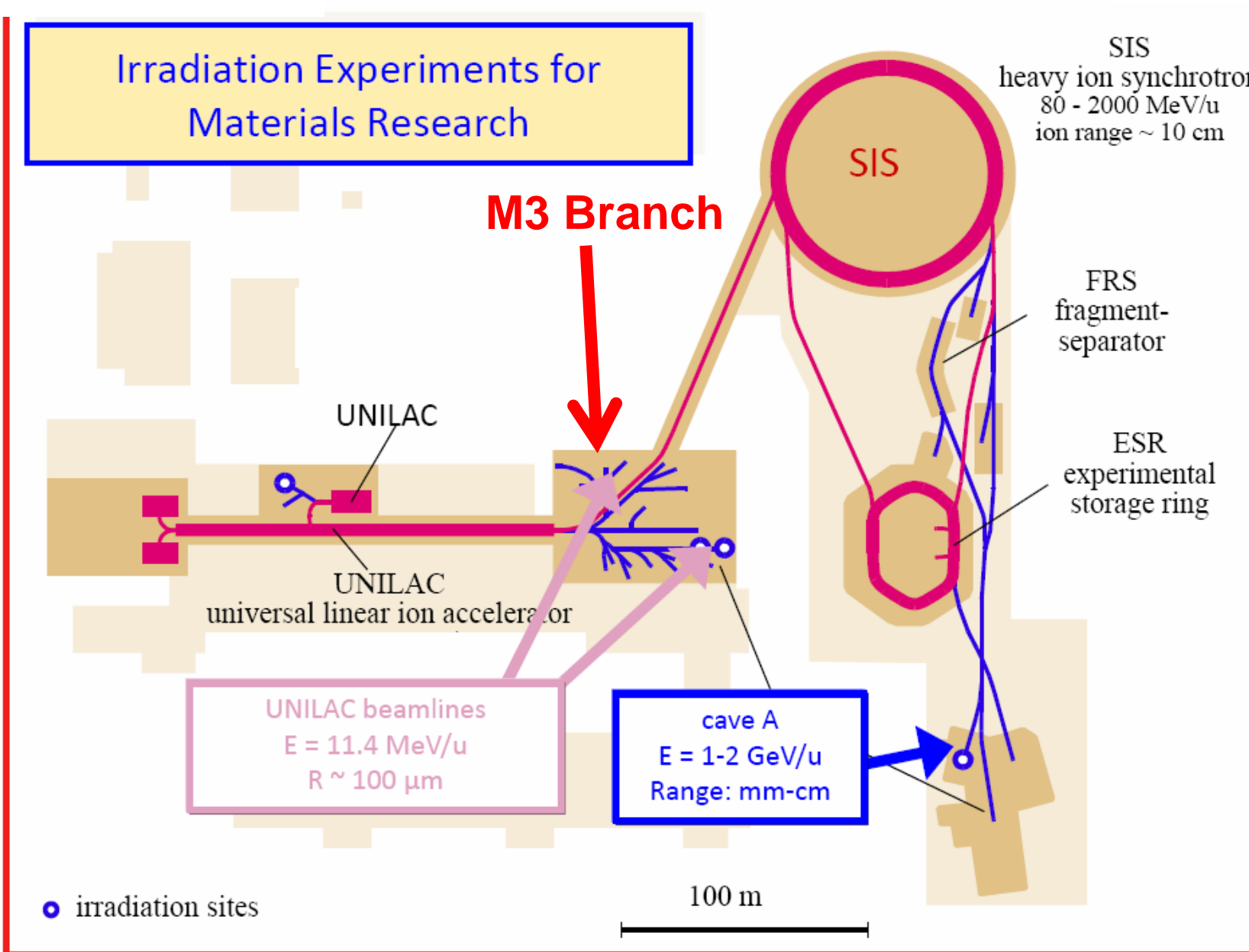


microprobe





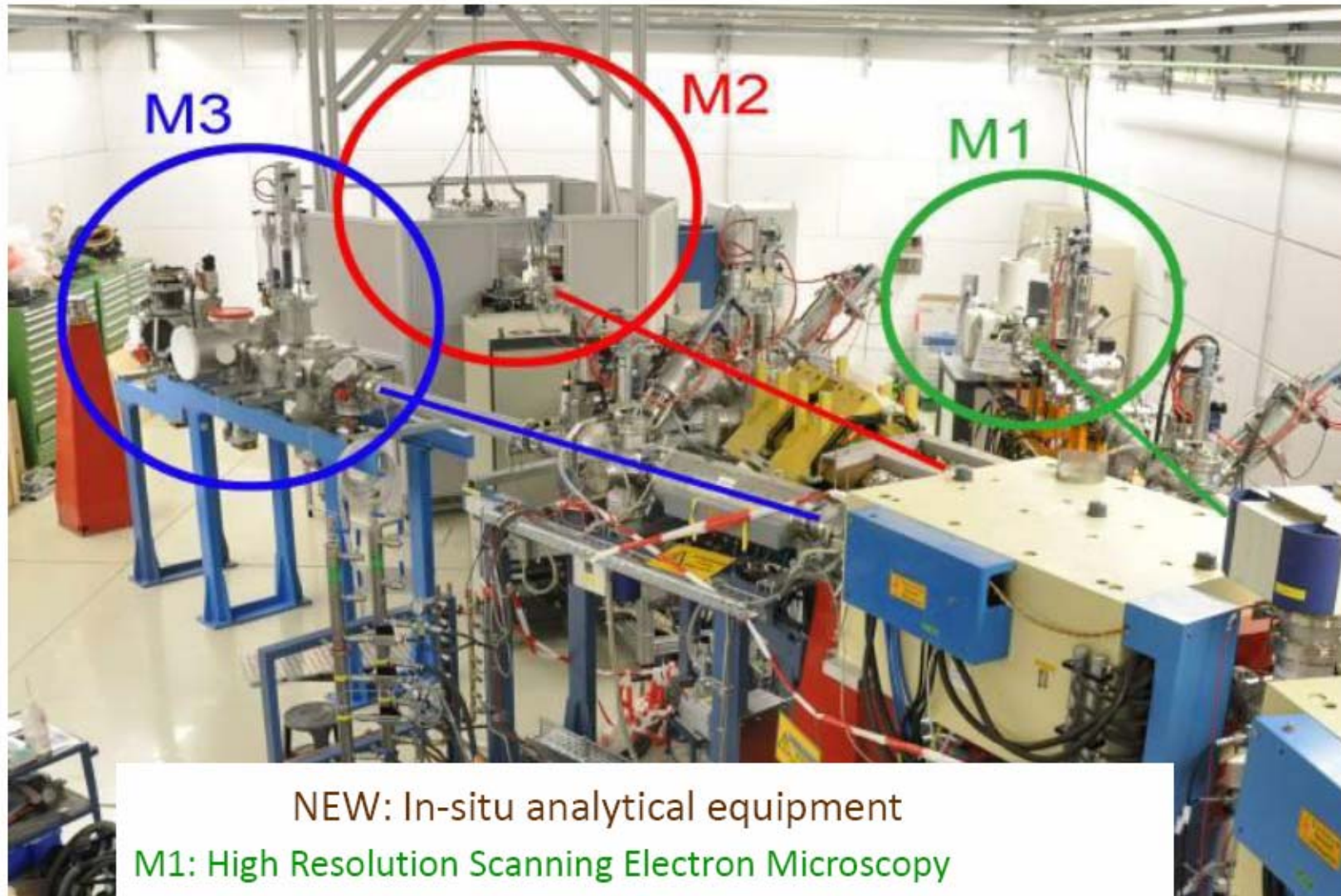
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## M- Branch



- NEW: In-situ analytical equipment
- M1: High Resolution Scanning Electron Microscopy
  - M2: 4-circle X-Ray Diffraction
  - M3: Spectroscopy (IR, UV/Vis, luminescence, RGA, ...)



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CiMap

CIMAP

Centre de recherche sur les Ions, les MATériaux et la Photonique

<http://www.cimap.ensicaen.fr/>

Photonics

Ion-matter interaction

*Ciril*  
**GANIL**  
 GRAND ACCELERATEUR NATIONAL D'IONS LOURDS  
 Welcome for GANIL



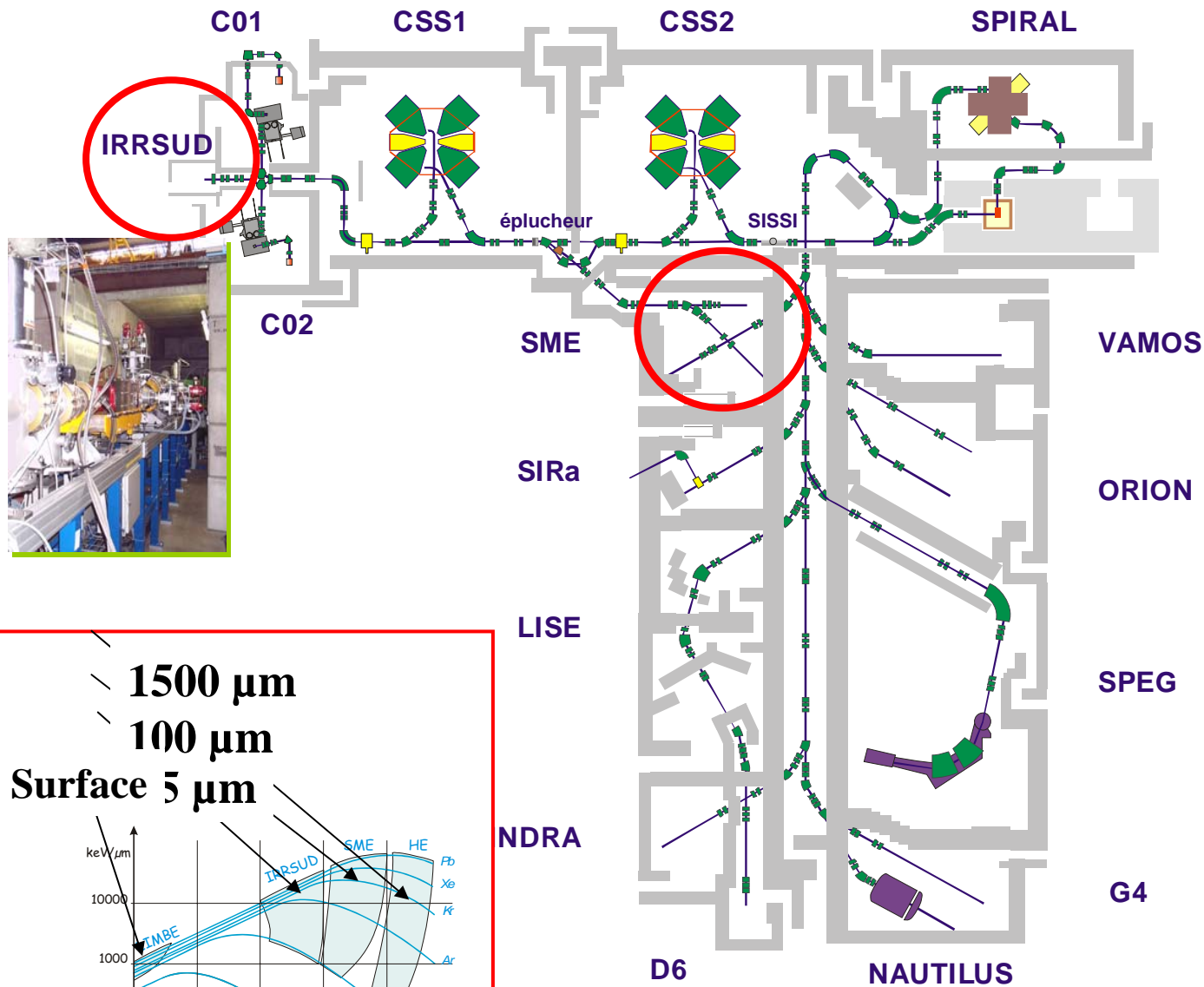




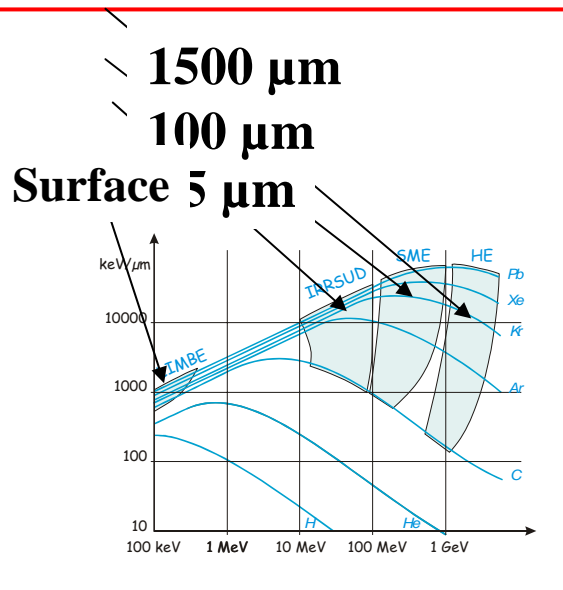
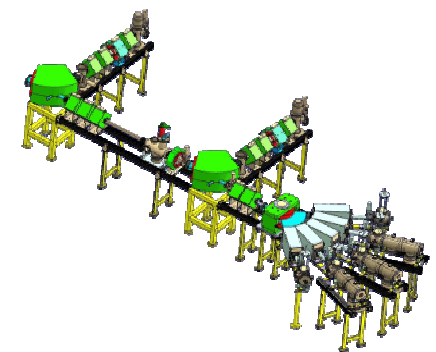
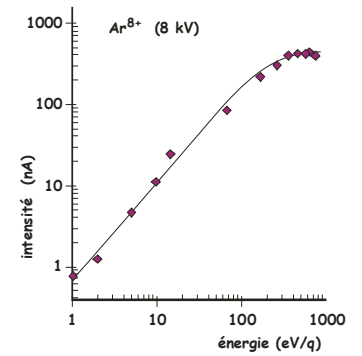
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5 theory (DTDFT)

15 atomic physics  
23 photonics and material science



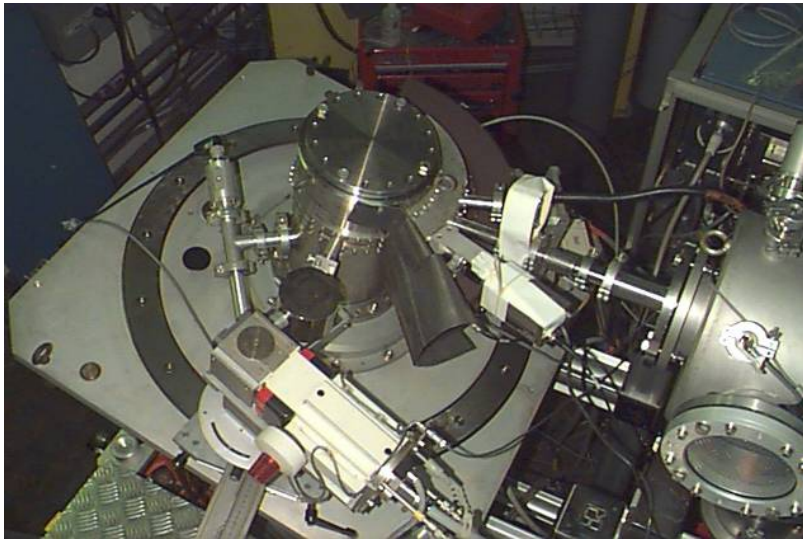
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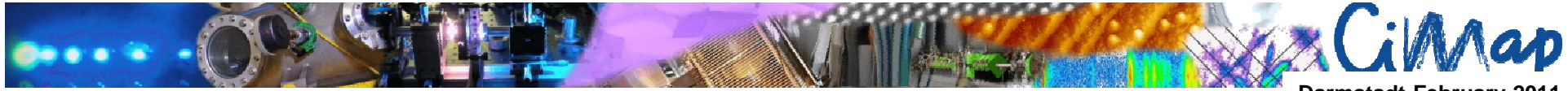
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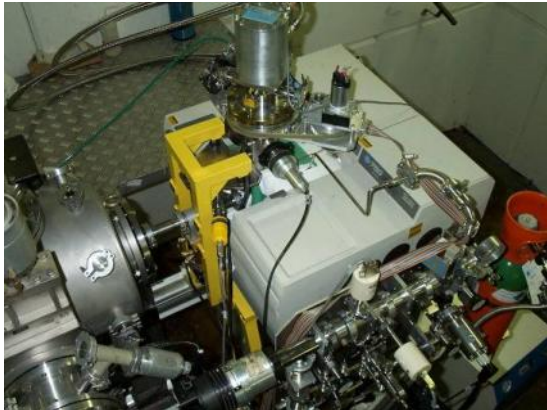
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*On-line AFM*  
Duisburg-Essen / CIRIL



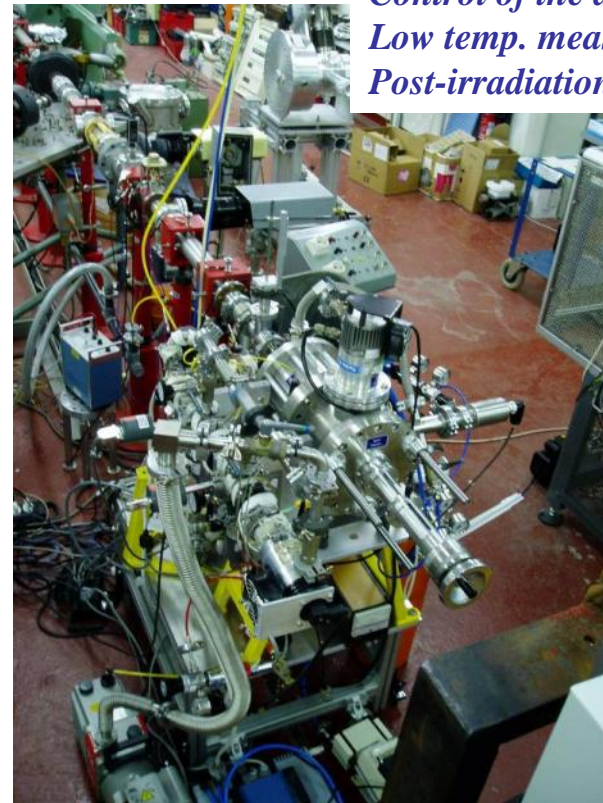
# On-line measurements of chemical modification



**CASIMIR** *Irradiation in-situ FTIR measurements at 8 K*



*On-line FTIR films et gas*



*Radioxidation  
Oxygen consumption*

*Control of the atmosphere  
Low temp. measurements  
Post-irradiation effects*





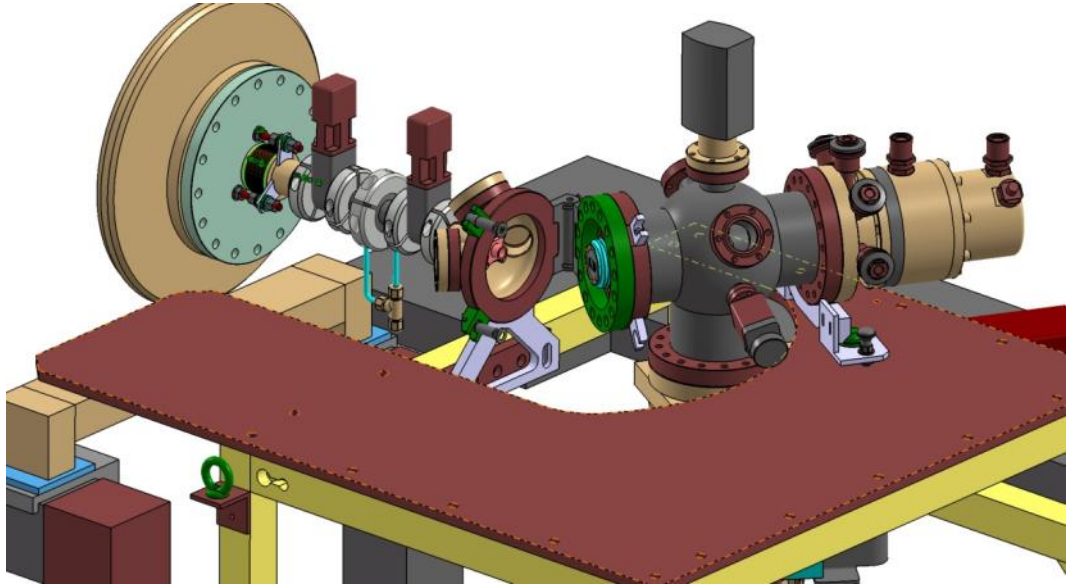
**SPORT:**  
**Spectroscopie Optique Résolue dans le temps**

On line on

IRRSUD ( $\approx 0.5 - 1$  MeV/A C to U)  
SME ( $\approx 5 - 13$  MeV/A C to U)

Chamber:  
Cryo cooler 10 K – RT  
Good vacuum  $10^{-8} - 10^{-9}$  mbar

Spectrographs  
Two CP 140 in parallel  
Horiba Jobin Yvon  
« low resolution » 17 nm/channel  
Simultaneous full range  
190 -780 nm



Timing  
200 ps – ms  
Single ion single photon for ns- $\mu$ s range  
Bunch mode possible for  $\mu$ s-ms mode

Electronics  
32 channels  
Fast amplifiers  
CFD  
TDC multi stops

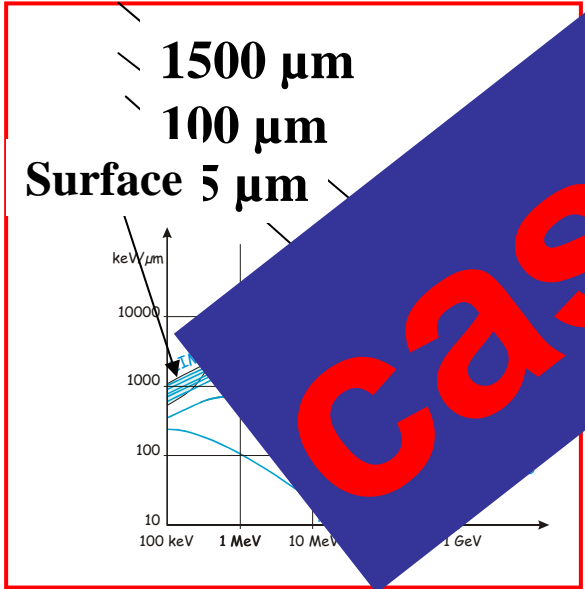
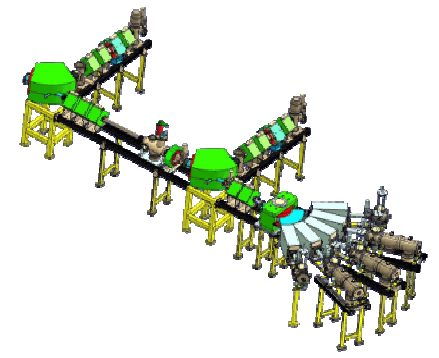
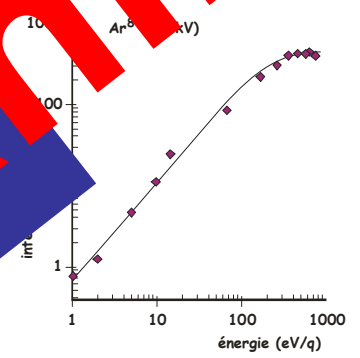
Detectors  
Two, 16 channels  
Hamamatsu PM

*First tests June 2011*





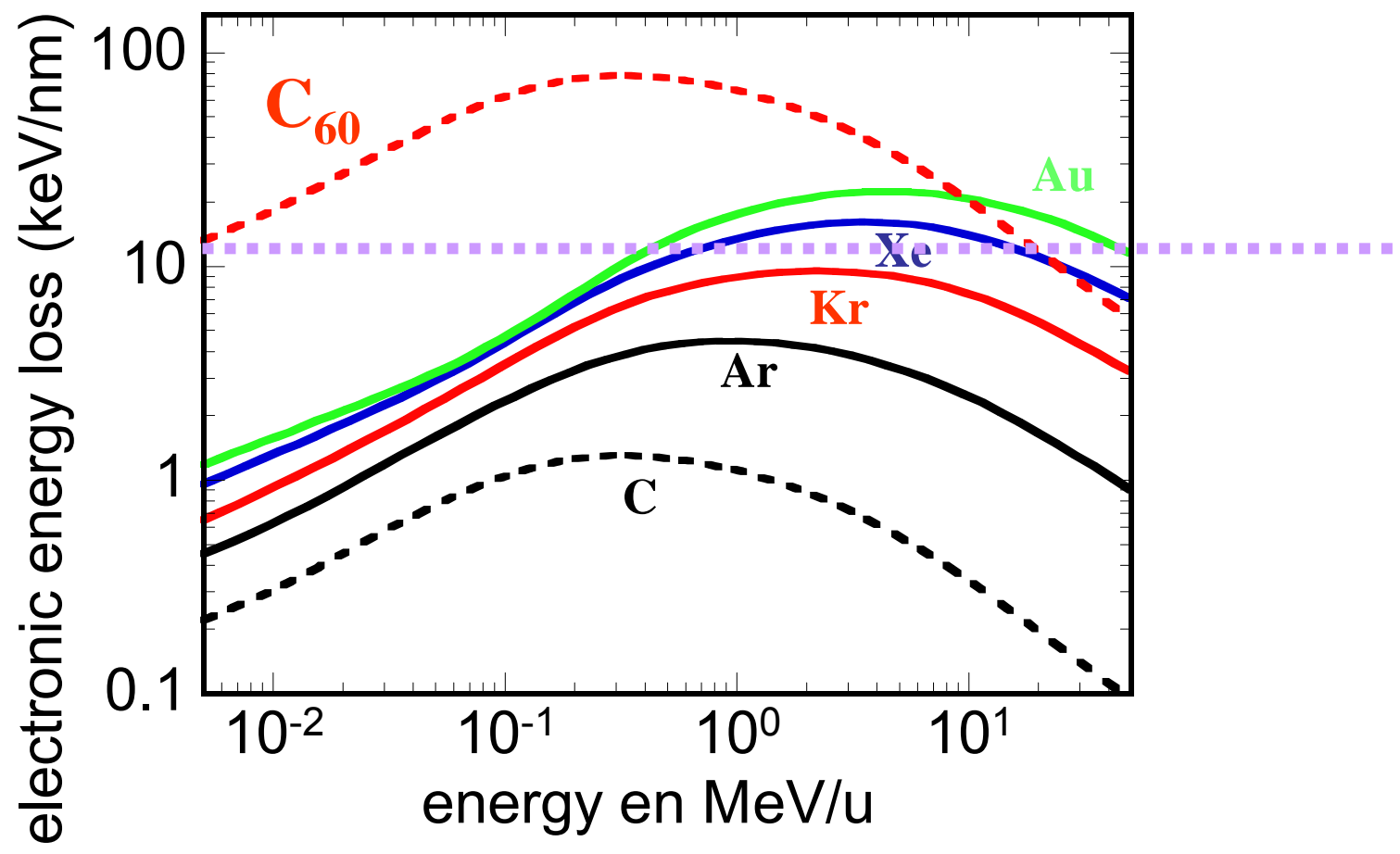
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# Energy deposition

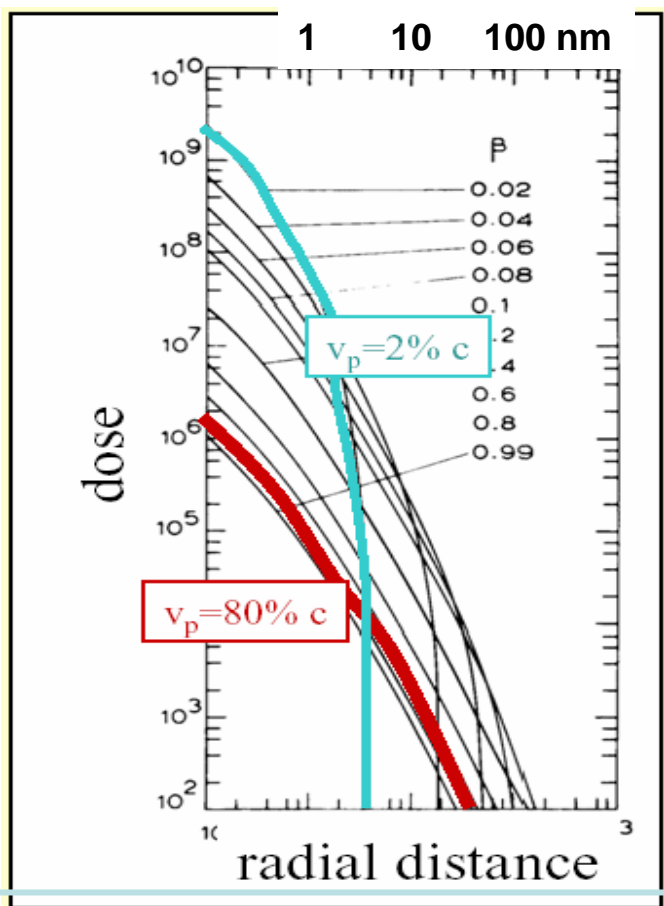


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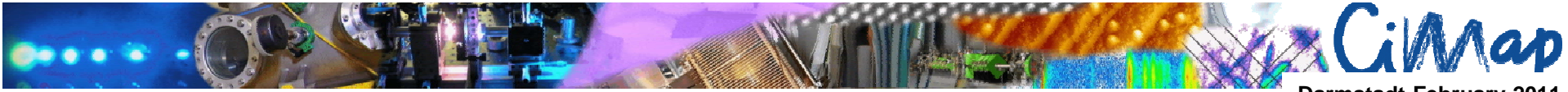


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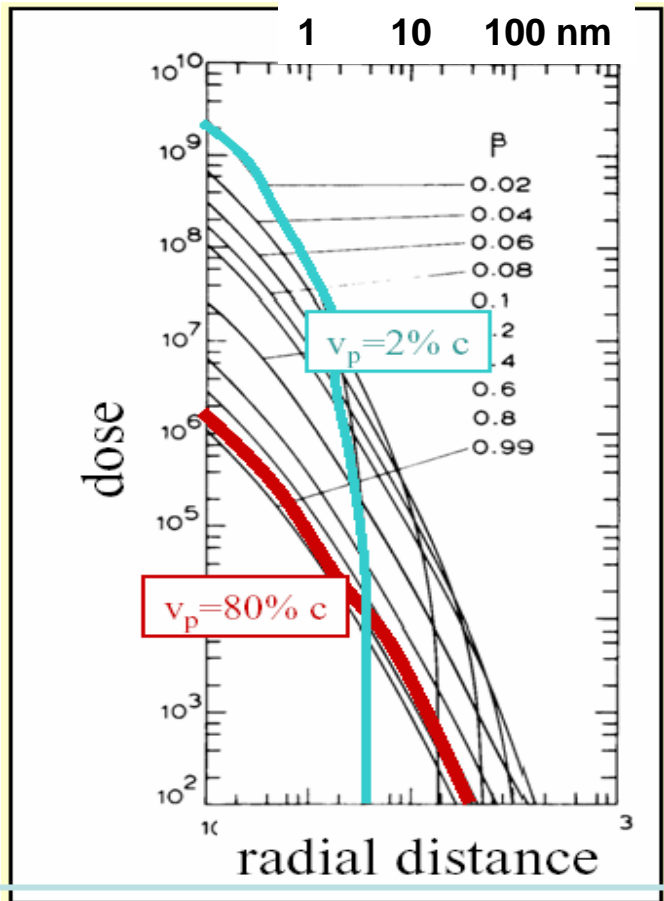


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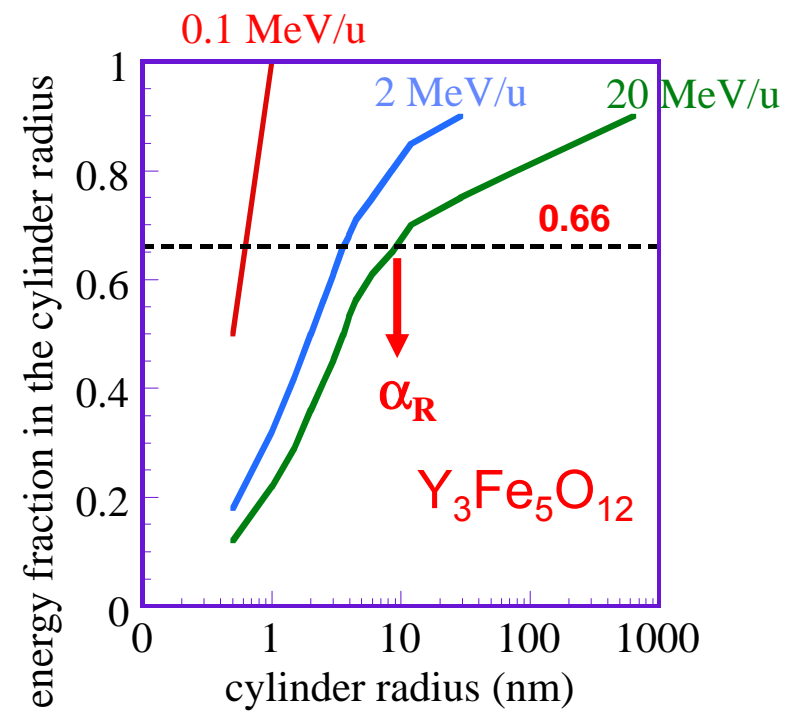
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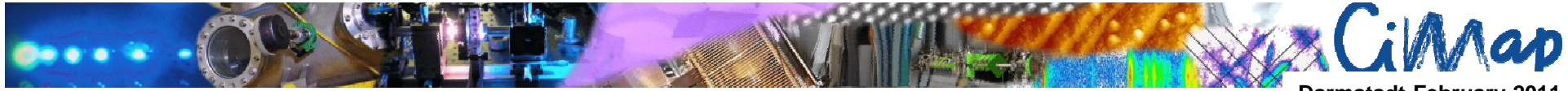


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## Mean absorption radius $\alpha_R$



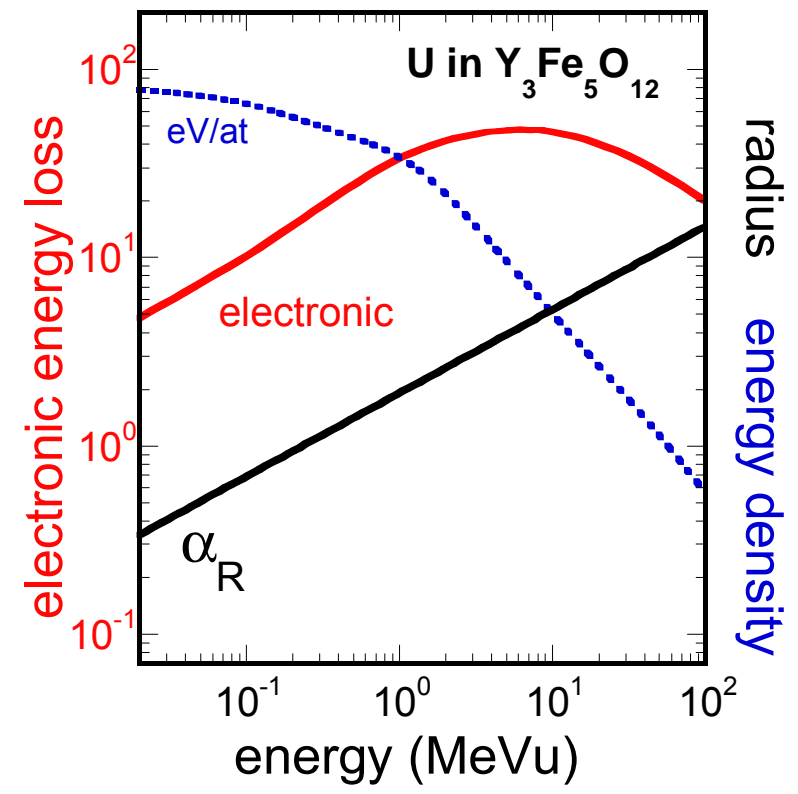
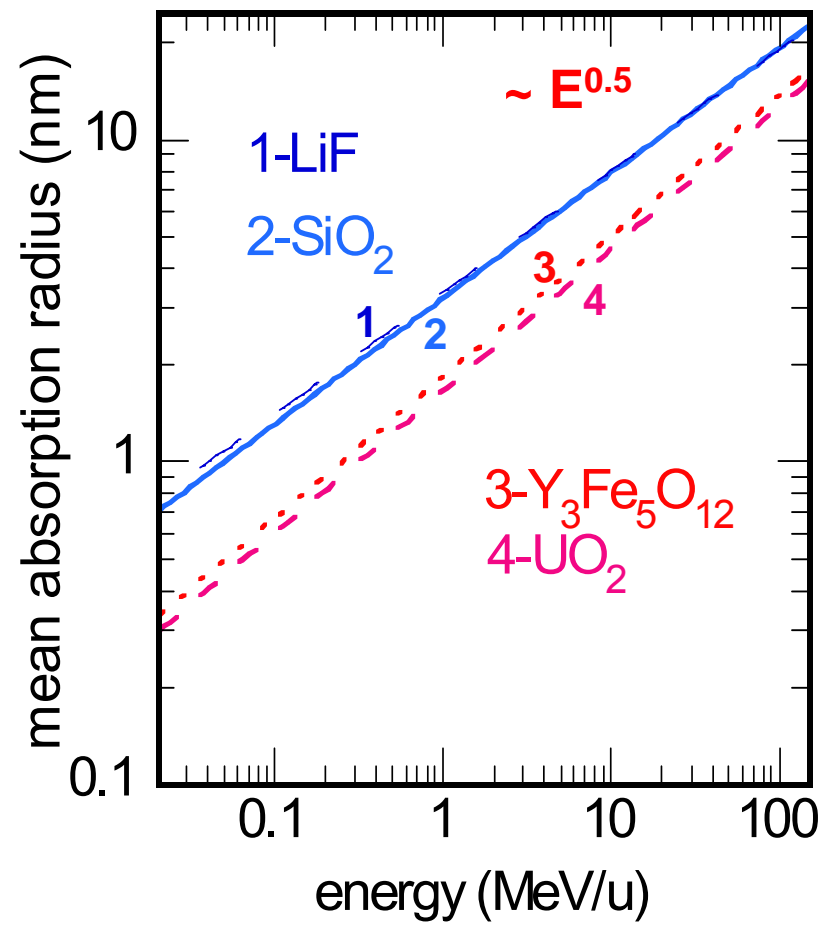
$R < \alpha_R$	$R > \alpha_R$
10-100 eV/at	0.01-0.1 eV/at



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Mean absorption radius  $\alpha_R$  in different materials



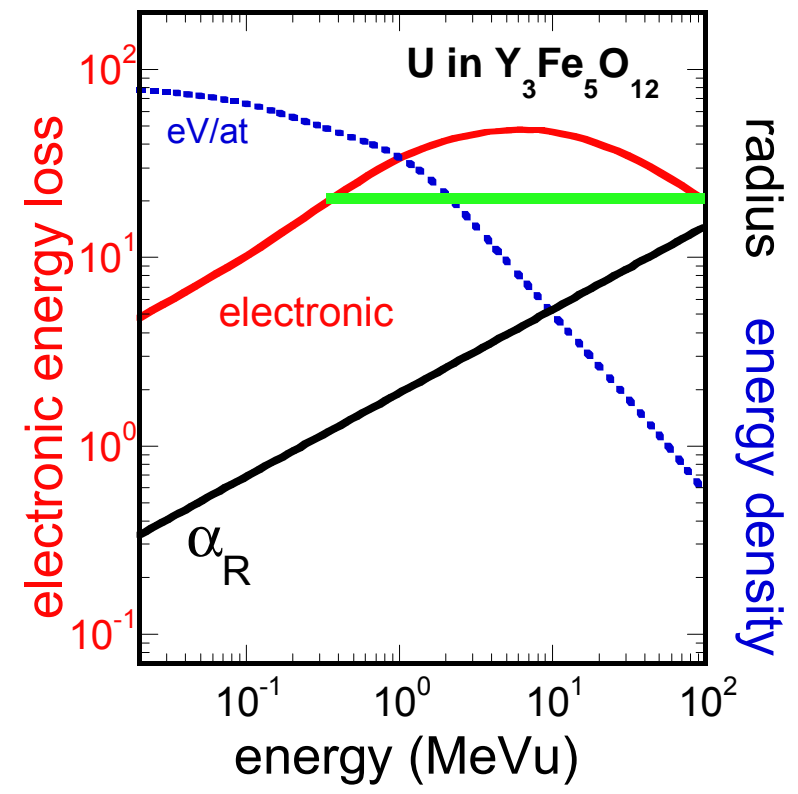
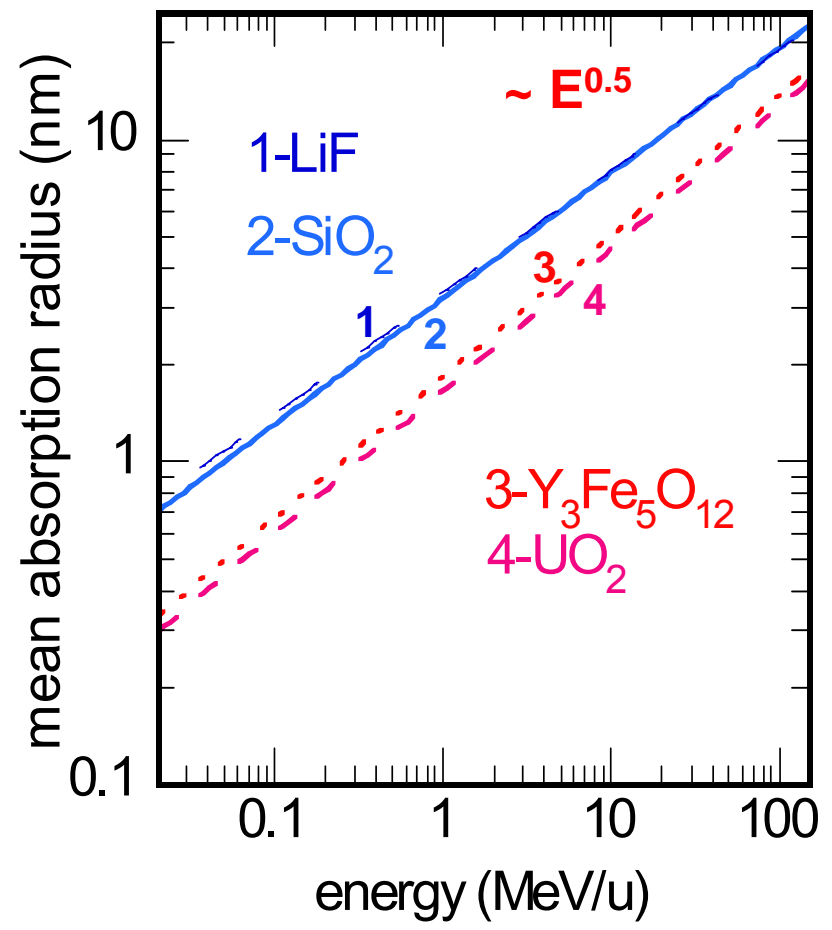




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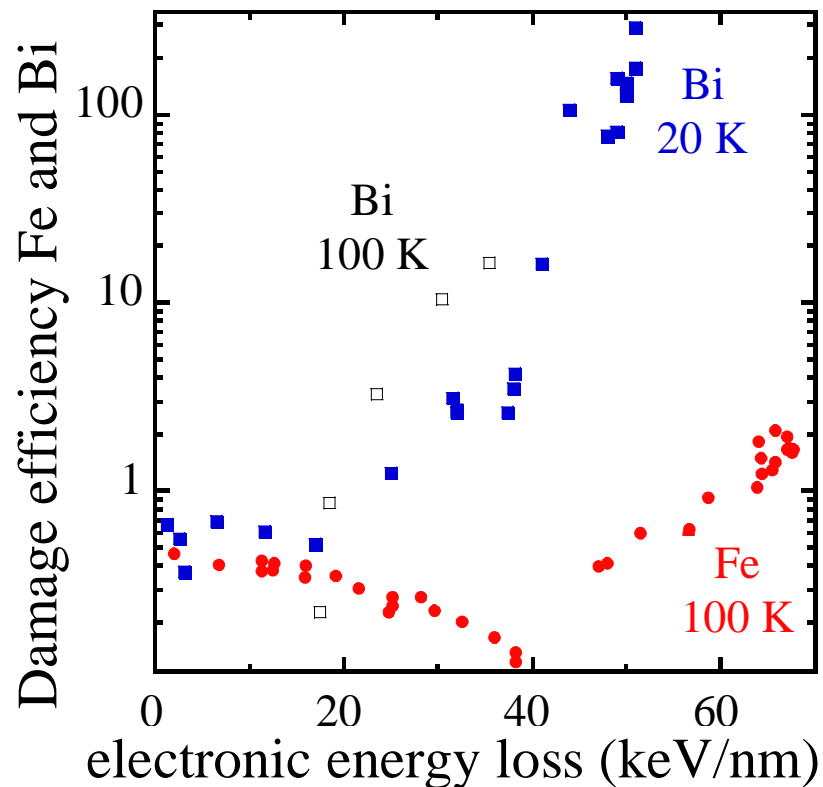
# Materials sensitivity



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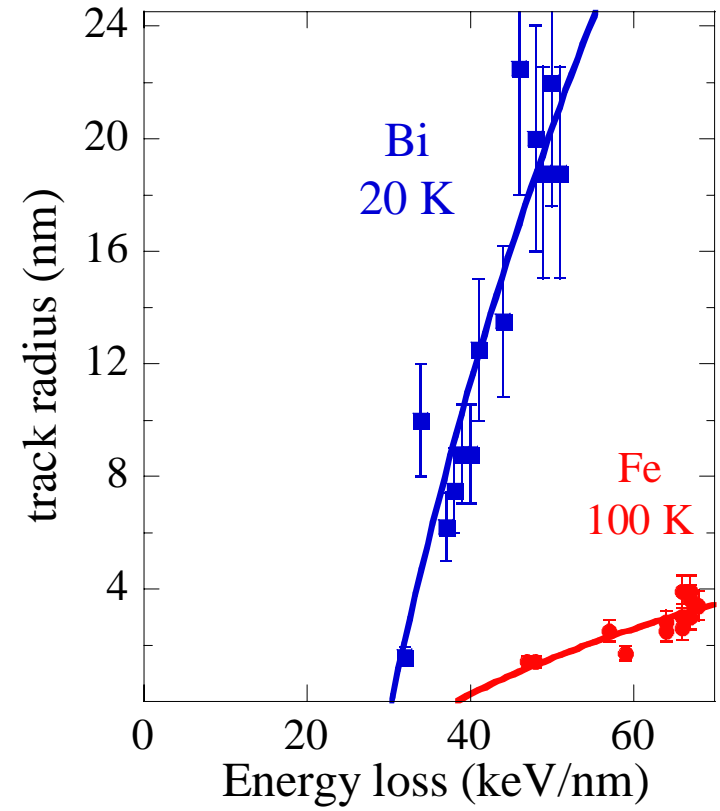
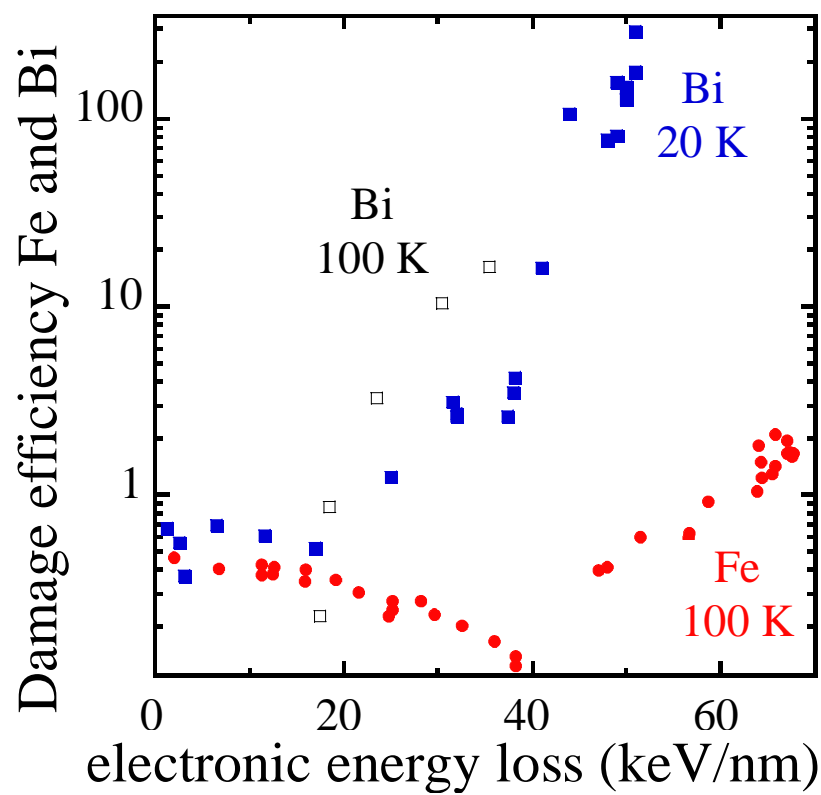




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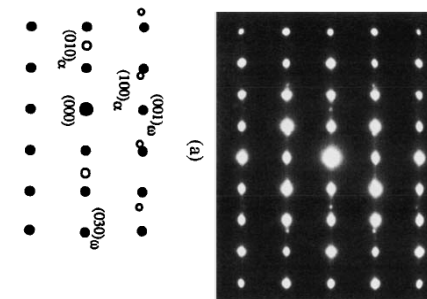
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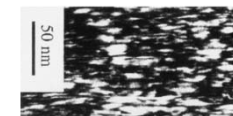
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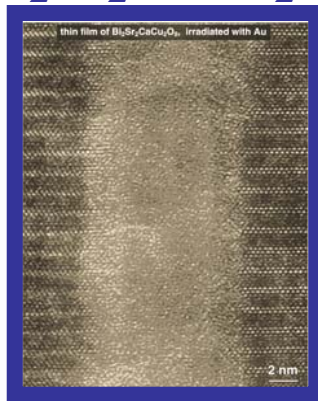


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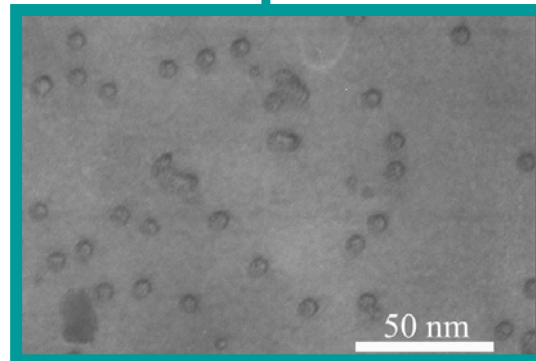


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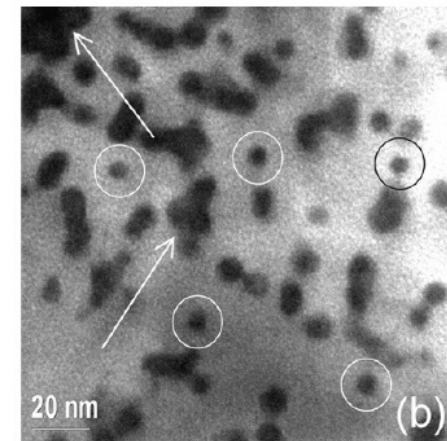
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## Graphite



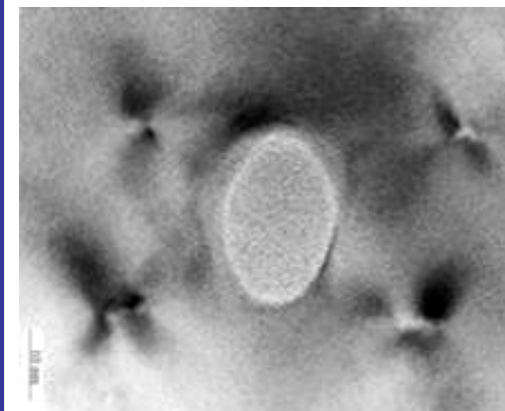
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## InP



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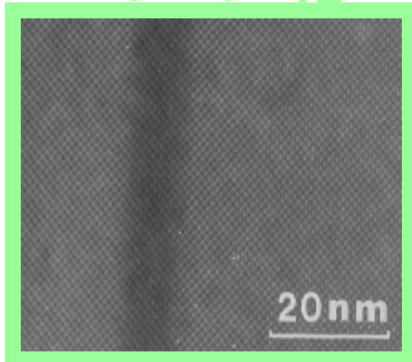
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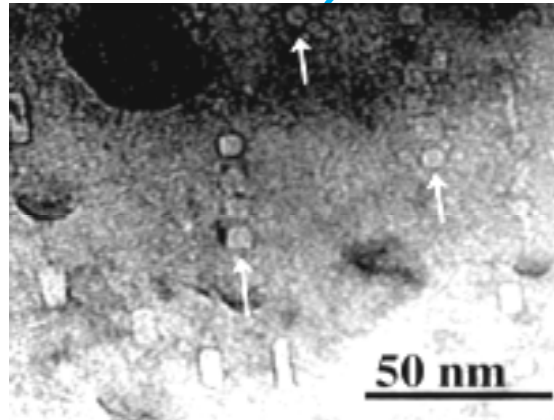
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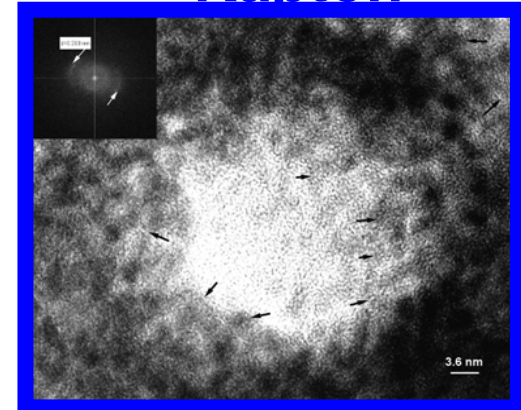
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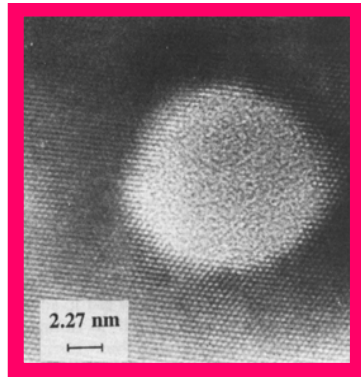
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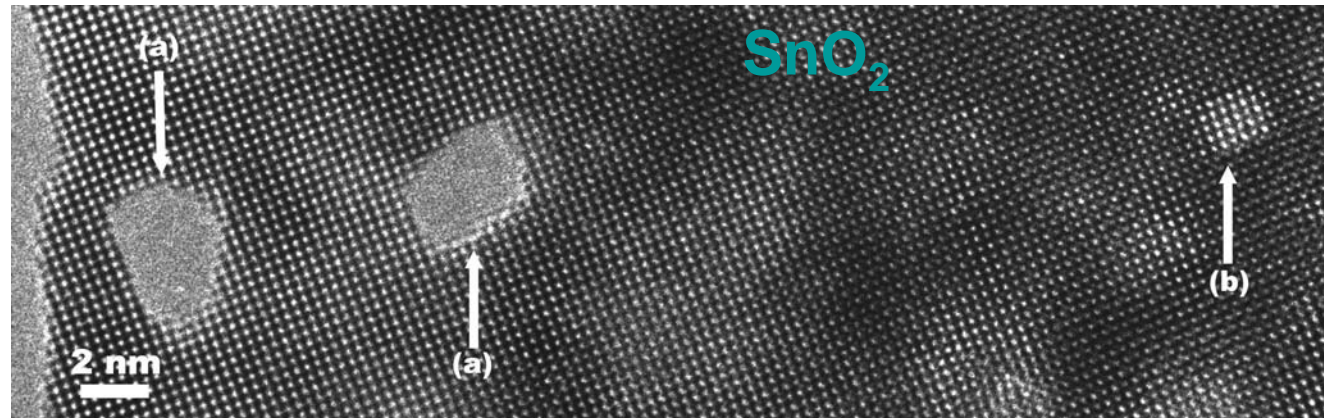
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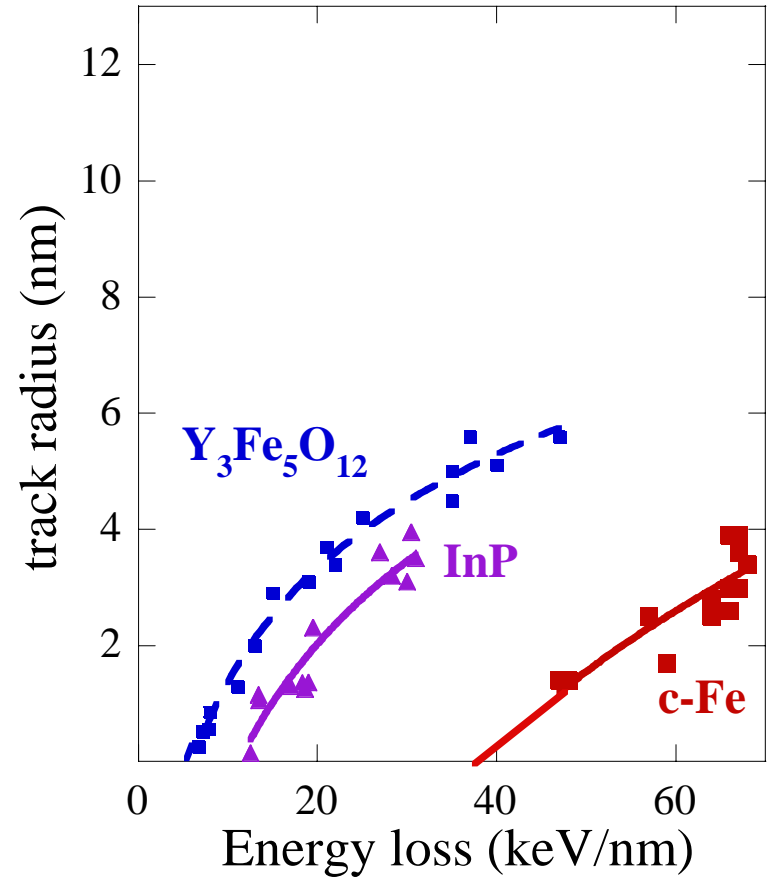
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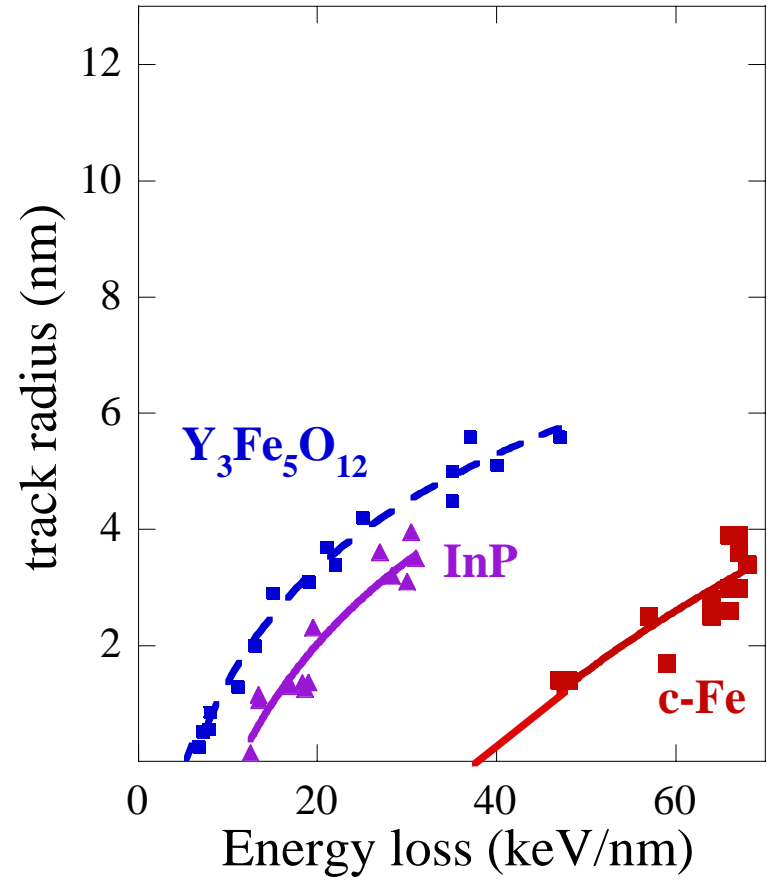
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## insulators

YES polymers, ionic crystals,  
oxydes (SiO<sub>2</sub>), etc...

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## semiconductors

YES GeS, InP, Si<sub>0.5</sub>Ge<sub>0.5</sub>  
NO Si >26[?], Ge >30 keV/nm

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## metals

YES Fe, Bi, Ti, Co, Zr  
NO Cu, Ag, Pt, Ni, Nb

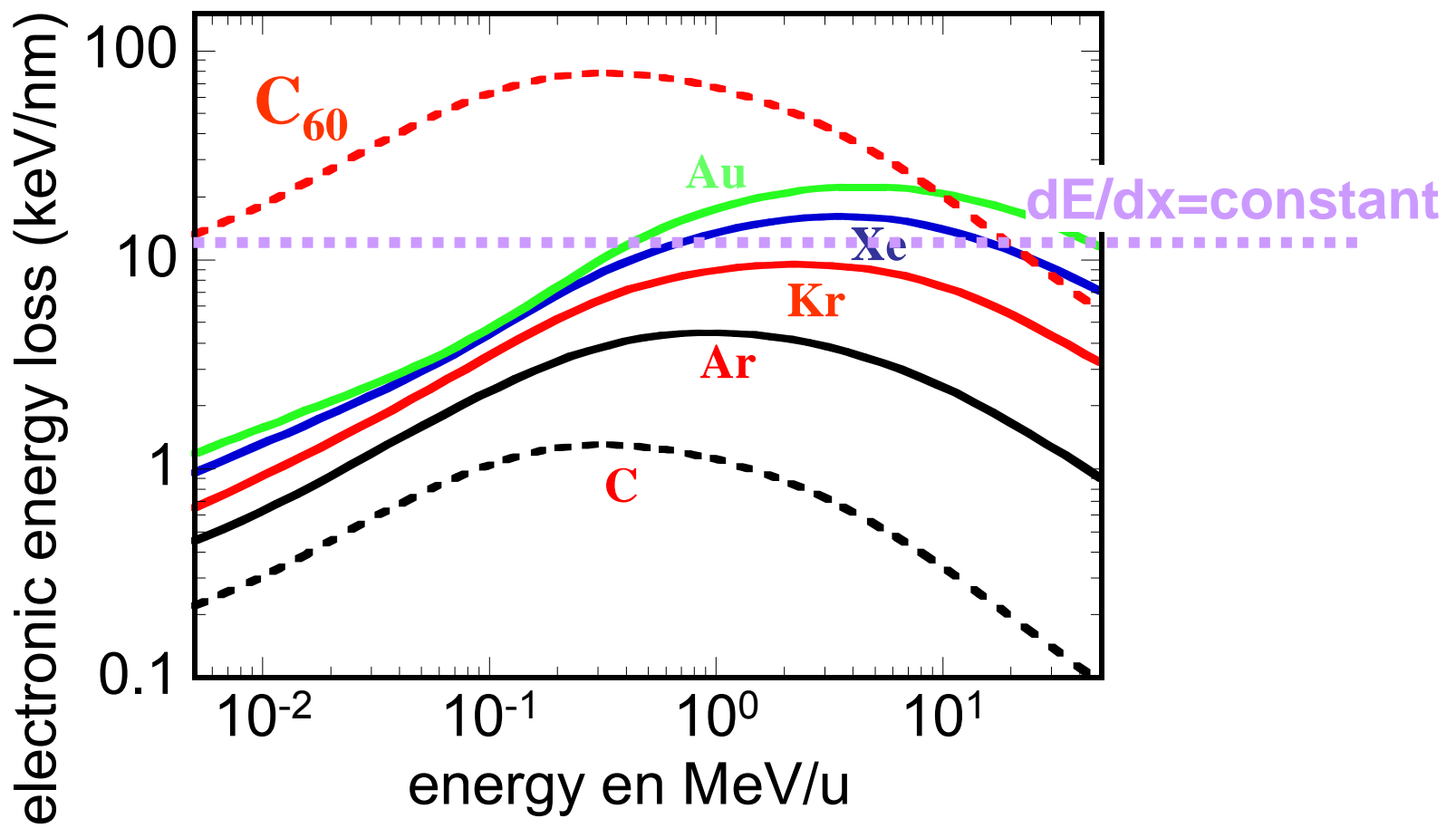
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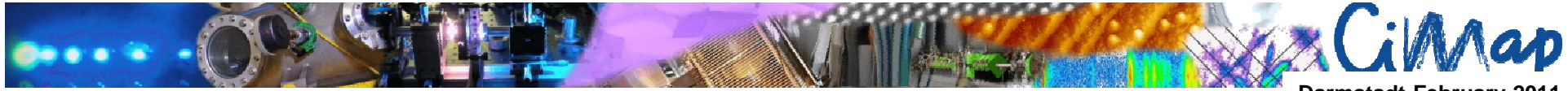


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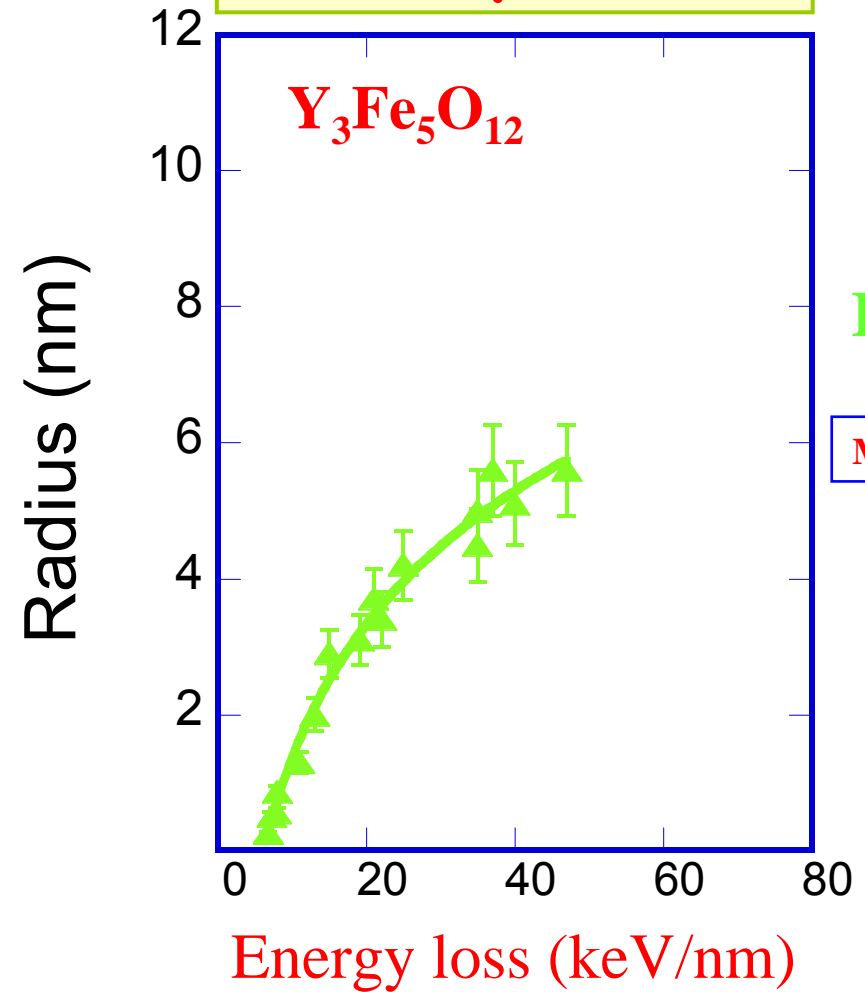
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**Velocity effect**



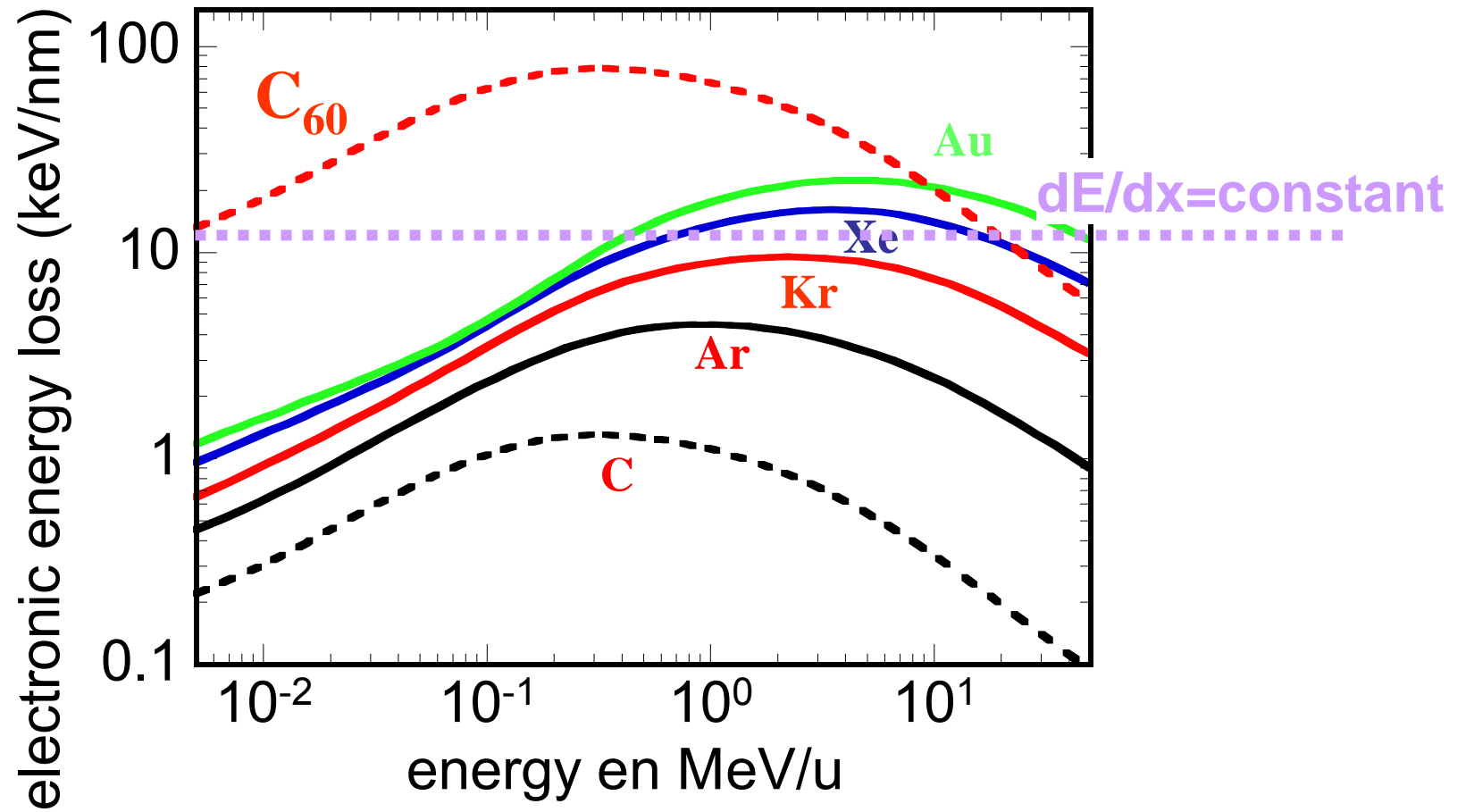
Ions at 15 MeV/u

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<u>Deposited energy density</u>	
MeV/u	<b>15</b>
$\alpha_R$ (nm)	<b>6</b>
eV/at	<b>1.2</b>



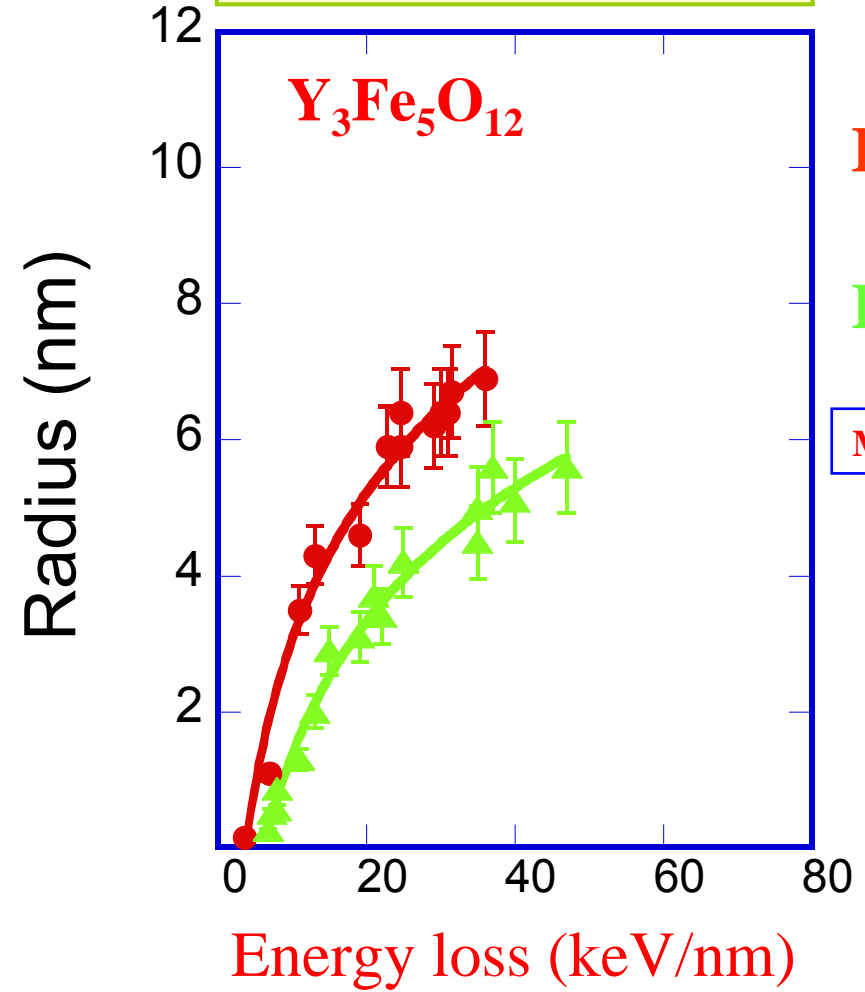
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**Velocity effect**



**Ions at 1 MeV/u**

**Ions at 15 MeV/u**

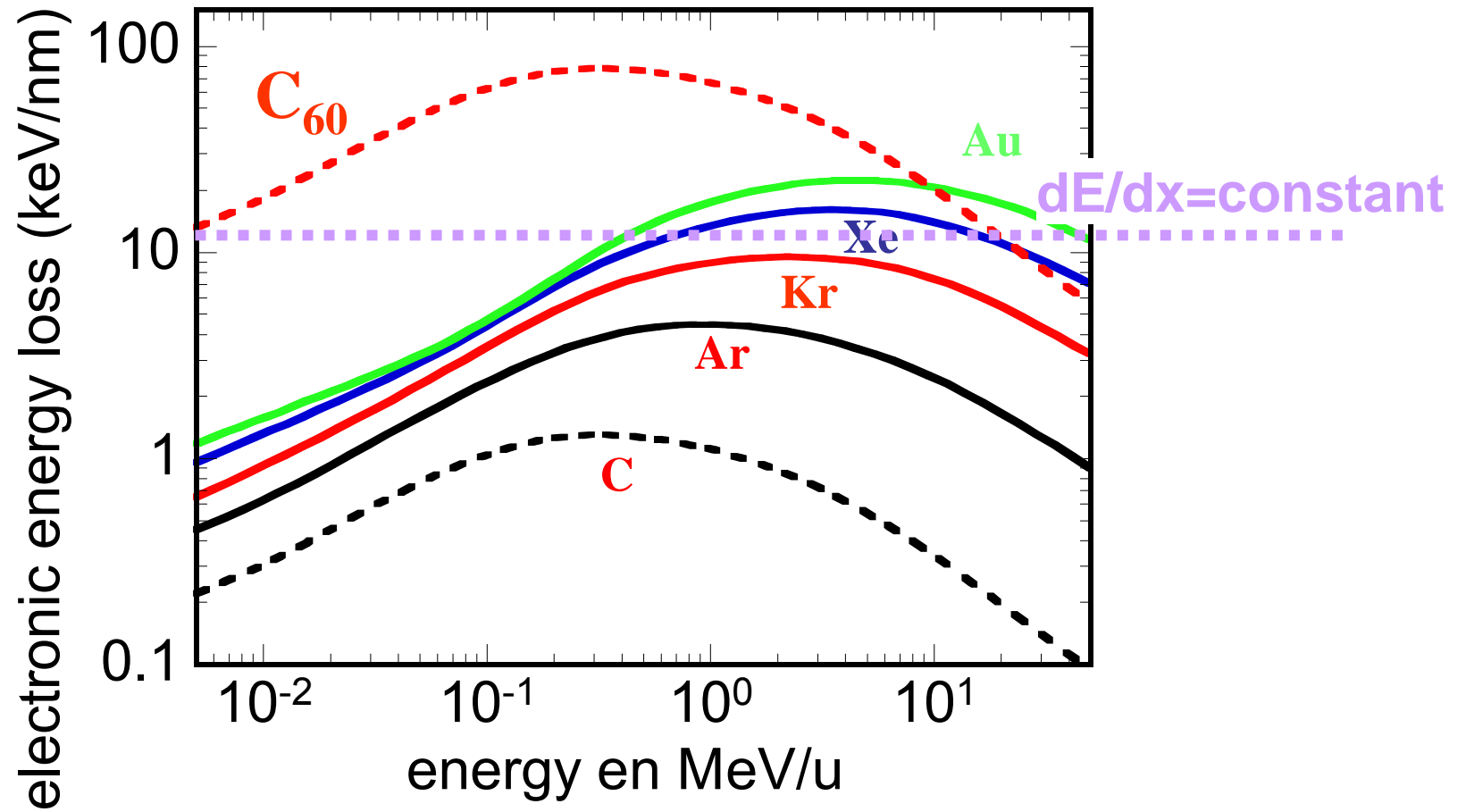
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<u>Deposited energy density</u>		
MeV/u	15	1
$\alpha_R$ (nm)	6	2
eV/at	1.2	11

Energy loss threshold goes from **7 to 4 keV/nm** from **15 to 1 MeV/u**



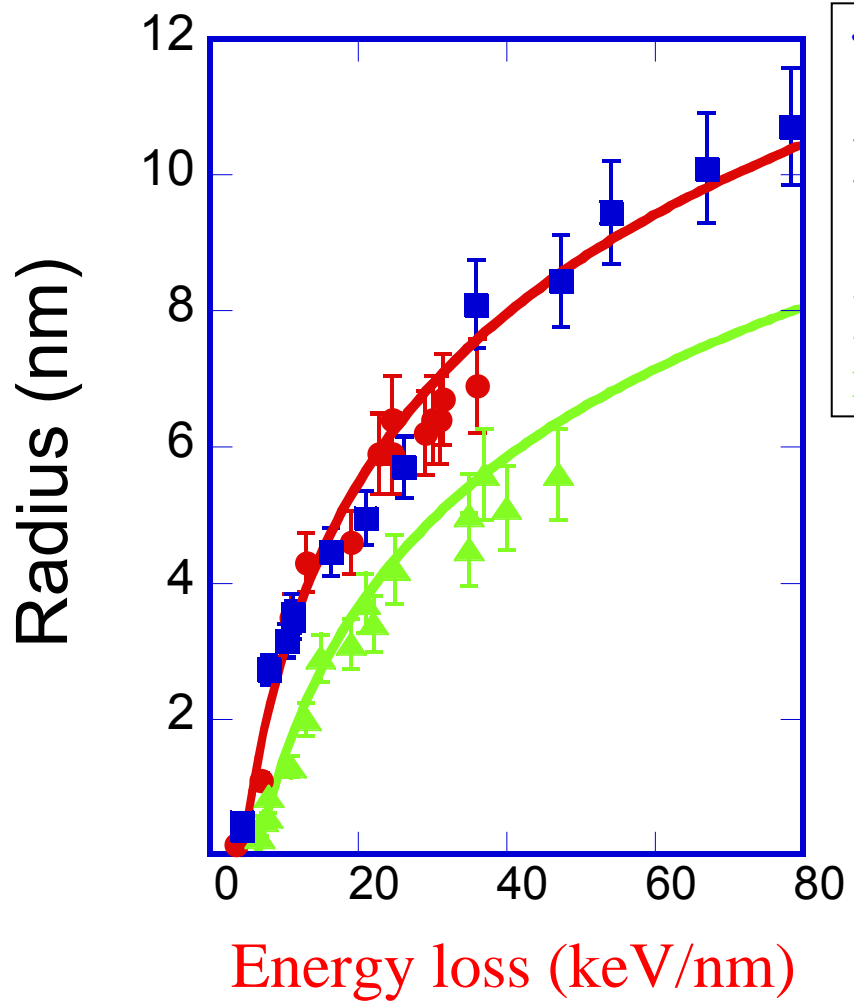
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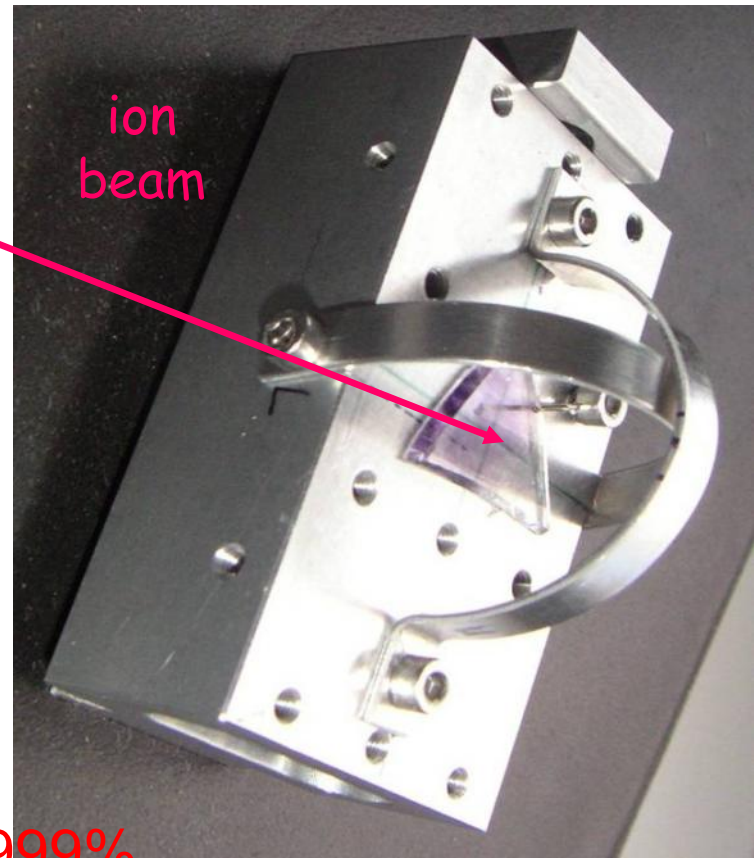
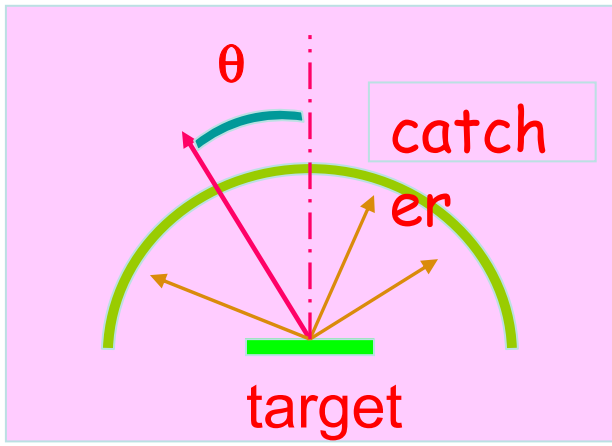
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**C<sub>60</sub> beam (~0.05 MeV/u)**  
**Ions at 1 MeV/u**  
**Ions at 15 MeV/u**  
 Meftah et al. Phys. Rev. B B48(1993)920

<u>Deposited energy density</u> for $dE/dx=15 \text{ keV/nm}$			
MeV/u	15	1	<b>0.07</b>
$\alpha_R$ (nm)	6	2	<b>0.6</b>
eV/at	1.2	11	<b>120</b>

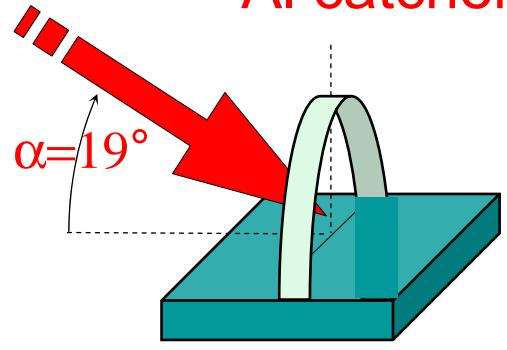


# Correlation between track and sputtering ???

## 1. Scheme



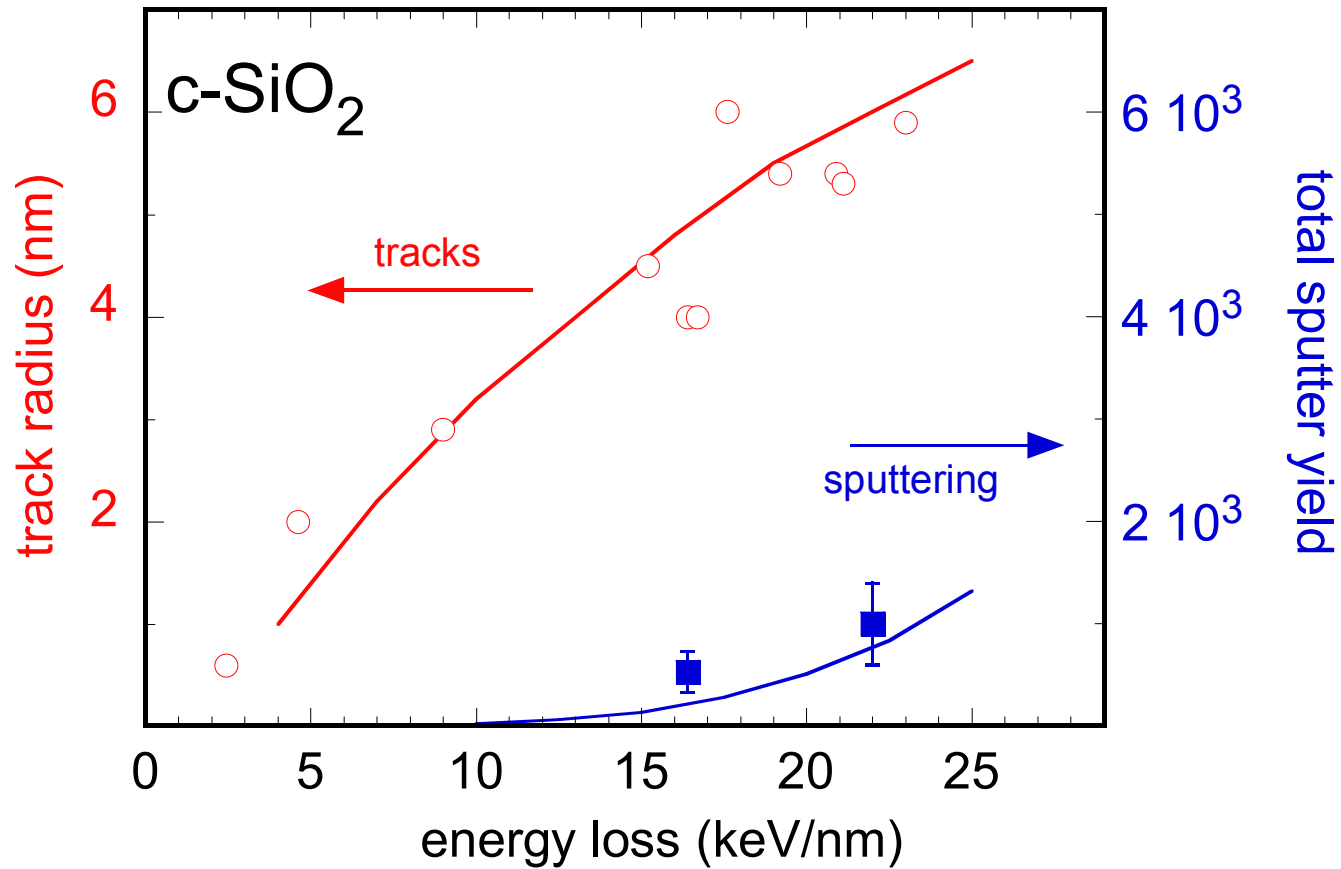
Al catcher (20  $\mu\text{m}$ ) at 99.999%



sample and catcher arcs  
Flux  $10^{10}\text{p}/\text{cm}^2/\text{s}$   
Fluence  $10^{12}\text{p}/\text{cm}^2$

# SiO<sub>2</sub> Quartz

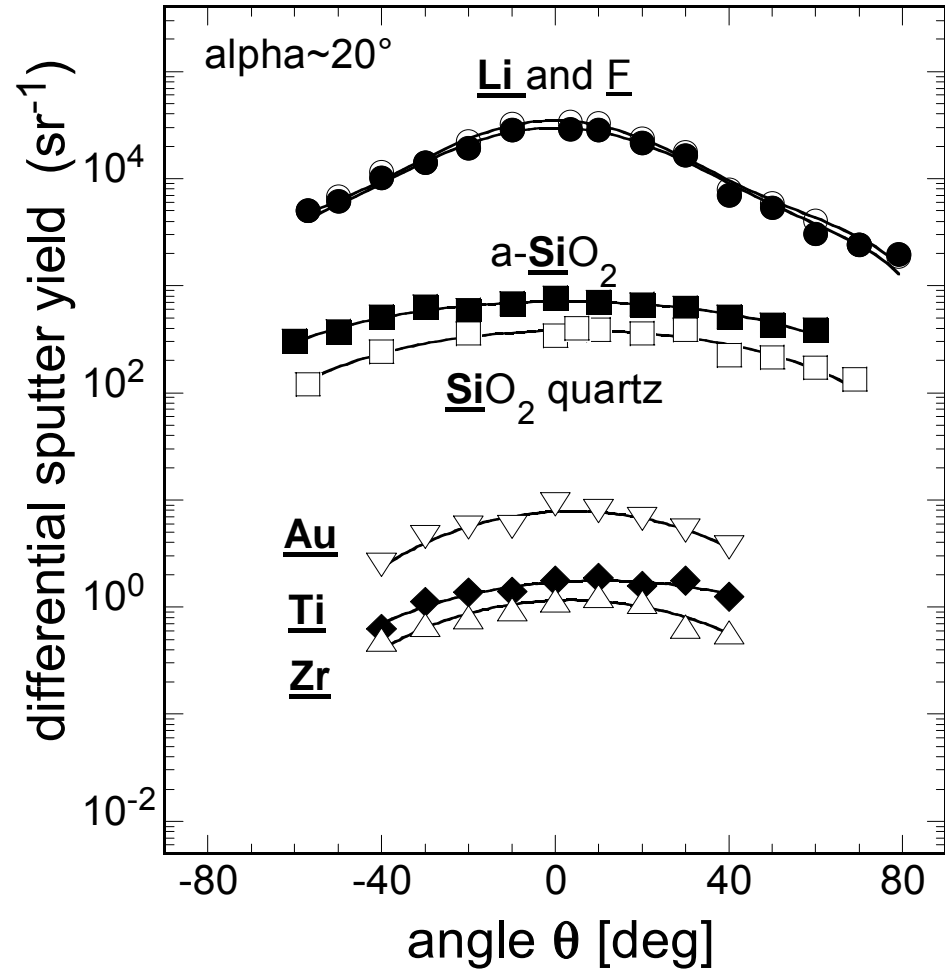
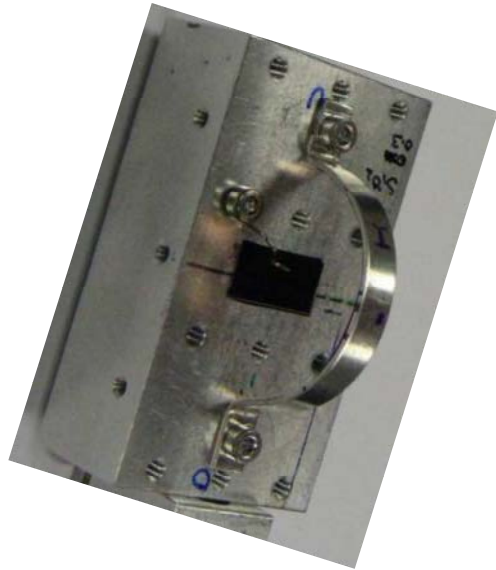
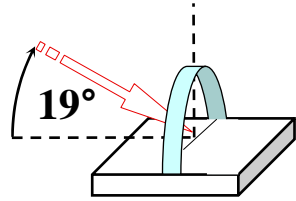
## tracks and sputtering



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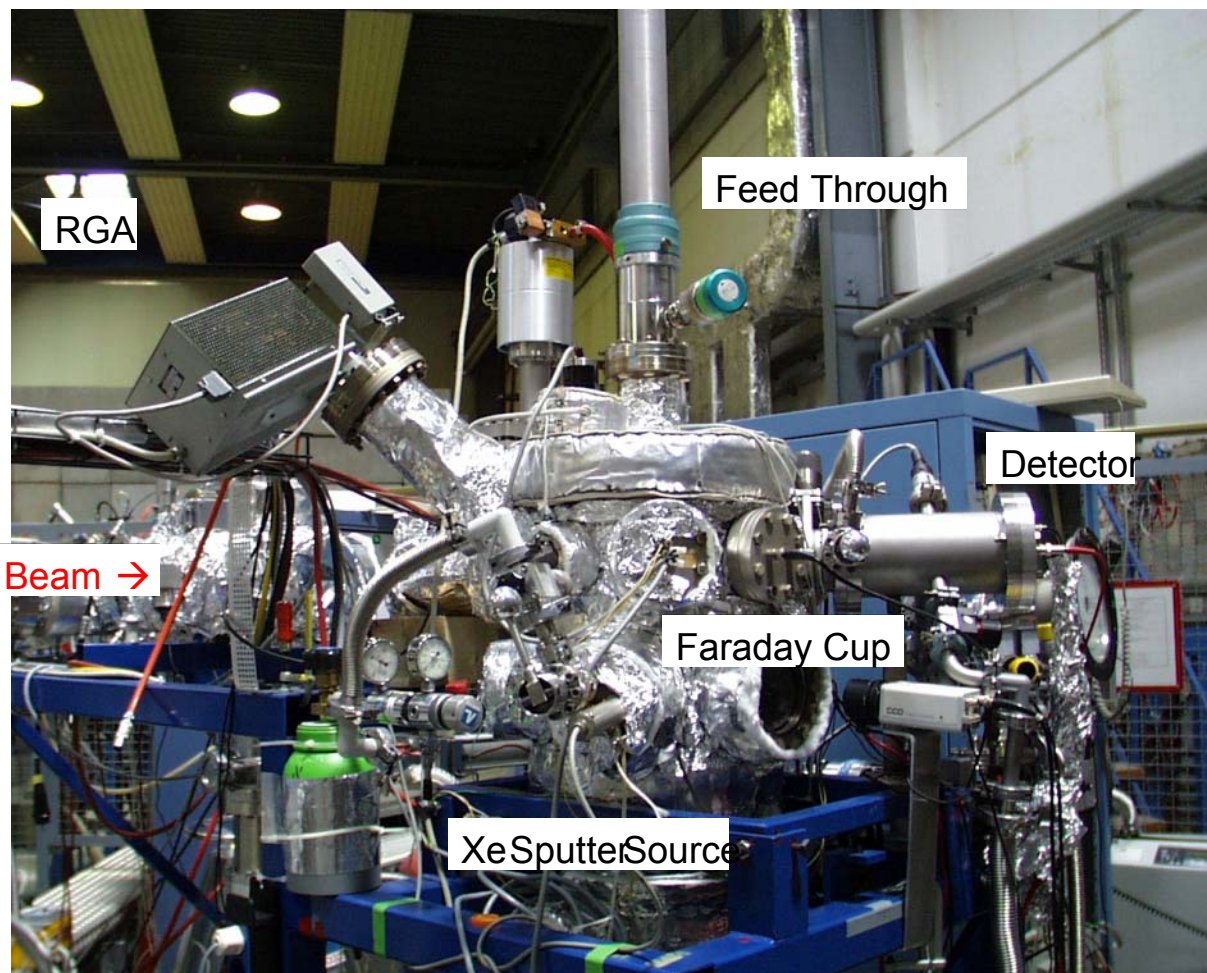
# Sputtering



Assmann et al. Top. Appl. Phys. 110(2007)401,  
 Toulemonde et al. Nucl. Instr. Meth. B212 (2003) 346  
 Trautmann et al. Nucl. Instr. Meth. 164/165(2000)365



# Desorption of surface molecules



collision system	experiment
1.4 MeV/u Xe --> <b>Cu</b>	290...360
1.4 MeV/u Xe --> <b>Au</b>	90
1.4 MeV/u Xe --> <b>Rh</b>	915...1286
1.4 MeV/u Xe --> Cu <sub>2</sub> O	1530
1.4 MeV/u C --> Cu	10
1.4 MeV/u Cr --> Cu	150
1.4 MeV/u Pb --> Cu	800
4.2 MeV/u Pb --> Au	800

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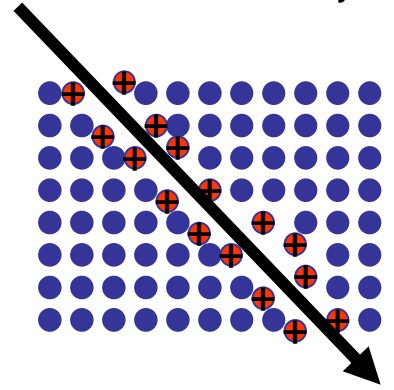
# Track formation models

## macroscopic

**Coulomb explosion:** screening by return electrons ( $\sim 10^{-13}$  s)

Few qualitative descriptions

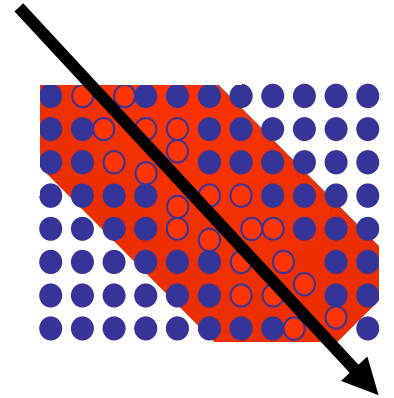
- [Fleischer et al. J. Appl. Phys. 36(1965)3645]
- [Lesueur and Dunlop Rad. Eff. Def. Sol. 126(1993)135]
- [Schiwietz et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 69(1992)628]
- [Rosmej et al. SHIM 2008 neutralisation in  $10^{-14}$  s]



**Thermal spike:** energy deposited on electrons, electron-phonon coupling  
local melting and quenching

transient thermal processes

- [Seitz and Köhler Sol. St; Phys. 2(1956)305]
- [Lifshitz et al. J. Nucl. Ener. A12(1960)69]
- [Dufour et al. J. of Phys. Cond. Matt. 5 (1993)4573]



## microscopic

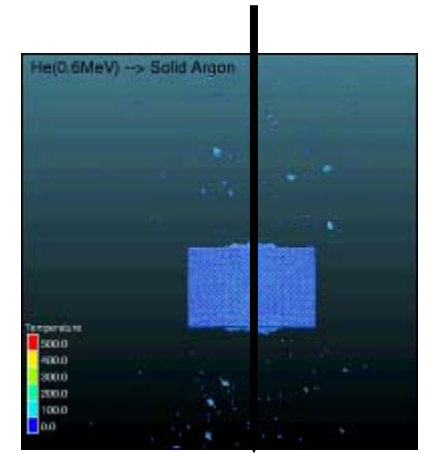
**Molecular Dynamic calculations:** ab initio lattice calculations

Interatomic potential  
Large computer times

- [Urbassek et al. Phys. Rev. B49(1994)786]

continuous electron subsystem included

- [Beuve et al. Phys. Rev. B68(2003)125423]
- [Kluth et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 101(2008)175503]



# Inelastic thermal spike (i-TS) or 'two temperatures' Model

[Seitz and Köhler Sol. St. Phys. 2(1956)305, Lifshitz et al. J. Nucl. Energy A12(1960)69]

Electrons  $C_e(T_e) \frac{\partial T_e}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[ r K_e(T_e) \frac{\partial T_e}{\partial r} \right] - \underline{g}(T_e - T_a) + A(r [\alpha_R], t)$

Atoms  $C_a(T_a) \frac{\partial T_a}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[ r K_a(T_a) \frac{\partial T_a}{\partial r} \right] + \underline{g}(T_e - T_a)$

**Electron-phonon coupling**

**Metals**

Dufour et al. J. of Phys.:Condens. Matt. 5(1993)4573

Wang et al. J. of Phys.:Condens. Matt. 6(1994)6733,7(1995)2525

**Insulators**

Toulemonde et al. Nucl. Instr. Meth. B166-167(2000)903 and Meftah et al. Nucl. Instr. Meth. B 237(2005)563

Toulemonde et al. Mat-Fys-Medd-52(2006)293

**Critical examination:**

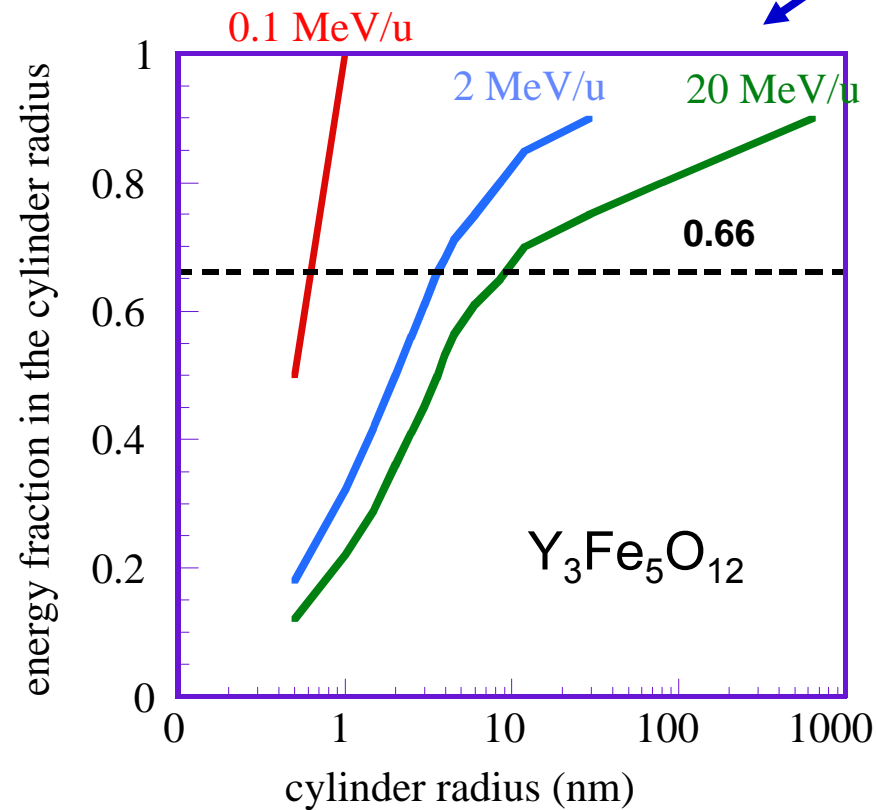
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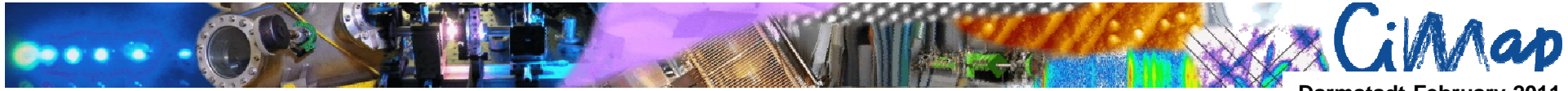


# Energy generation on electrons

[Waligorski et al. Nucl. Tracks Rad. Meas. 11(1986)309, B. Gervais PhD Thésis(1994), Caen ]

$$C_e(T_e) \frac{\partial T_e}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[ r K_e(T_e) \frac{\partial T_e}{\partial r} \right] - g(T_e - T_a) + A(r[\alpha_R], t)$$





# LATTICE PARAMETERS

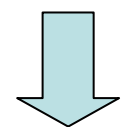
## ELECTRON SUBSYSTEM

$$C_e(T_e) \frac{\partial T_e}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[ r K_e(T_e) \frac{\partial T_e}{\partial r} \right] - g(T_e - T_a) + B(r, t)$$

## LATTICE SUBSYSTEM

$$C_a(T_a) \frac{\partial T_a}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[ r K_a(T_a) \frac{\partial T_a}{\partial r} \right] + g(T_e - T_a)$$

- Lattice specific heat  $C_a(T_a)$
- lattice thermal conductivity  $K_a(T_a)$   
whatever it is an insulator or a metal
- Melting temperature and latent heat of fusion :  
energy necessary to melt
- Vaporisation temperature and the latent heat of vaporisation  
energy necessary to vaporize  
=Sublimation energy  $U_s$



**from experimental measurements  
at equilibrium**





Parameters for electron energy diffusion:  
 Quasi-free electron gas model: Au metal as reference  
 Dufour et al. and Wang et al., J. Phys. Condens. Matter (1993 and 1994)

$$C_e(T_e) \frac{\partial T_e}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[ r K_e(T_e) \frac{\partial T_e}{\partial r} \right] - g(T_e - T_a) + A(r[\alpha_R], t)$$

Electronic specific heat :

$$C_e(T_e) = \gamma T_e \quad \gamma = n_e (\pi^2 k_B^2 / 2 \epsilon_F)$$

$\epsilon_F$  Fermi energy  
 $k_B$  Boltzmann constant  
 $n_e$  the number of valence electrons

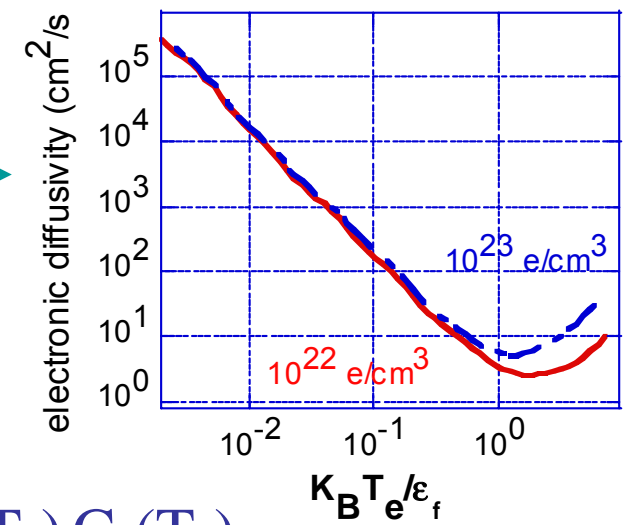
$$C_e(T_e) = 1.5 n_e k_B \quad \text{for } T_0 > 1.5 n_e k_B / \gamma$$

Electronic diffusivity :

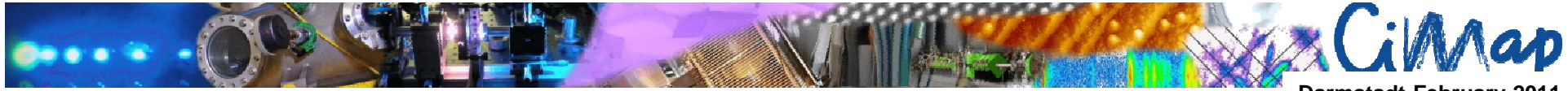
[Martynenko and Yavlinskii Sov. Phys. -Dokl28(1983)39]

$$D_e = 0.33 (v_F^2 m_e) / (n_e e^2 \rho)$$

$v_F$  Fermi velocity,  
 $m_e$  effective mass of electrons  
 $e$  electron charge  
 $\rho$  electrical resistivity of Au



Electronic thermal conductivity :  $K_e(T_e) = D_e(T_e) C_e(T_e)$



## Electron phonon coupling for metals

Kaganov et al. Sov. Phys. JETP(1957)173 and Allen Phys. Rev. Lett. 59(1987)1460  
Dufour et al. Nucl. Instr. Meth. B107(1996)218

$$g \sim \pi^4 (k_B n_e v_s)^2 / (18 K(T_a))$$

$v_s$  sound velocity which decreases with increasing masses  
 $K(T_a)$  the measured thermal resistivity of the considered metal.

$\lambda$  the electron mean free path       $\lambda^2 = D(T_e) * C(T_e) / g = D(T_e) * \tau$

From thermal conductivity since  $K(T_a)$

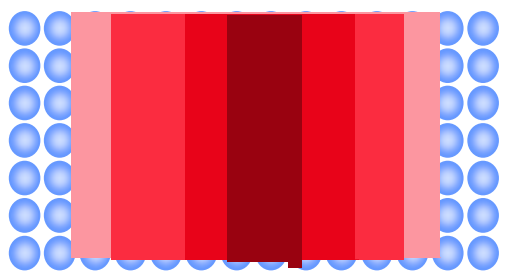
	Cu	[Bi]	Fe	Ti	Graphite	at 300 K
$g$	0.12	[0.2]	1.3	2.6	30	<u><math>10^{12} \text{ W K}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-3}</math></u>
$\lambda$	34	[26]	10	7	2.2	<b>nm</b>
$\tau$	3300	[2000]	310	150	13	<b><math>10^{-15} \text{ s}</math></b>

In a first approximation  $g$  is known for crystalline metallic materials



# Energy diffusion and transfert

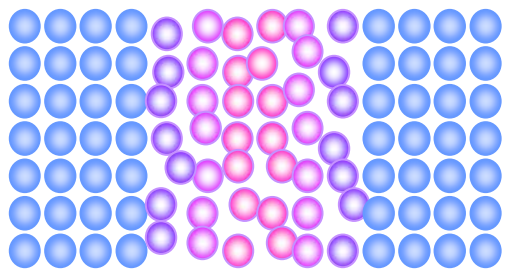
**electronic subsystem**



$$C_e(T_e) \frac{\partial T_e}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r K_e(T_e) \frac{\partial T_e}{\partial r} \right) - g \cdot (T_e - T) + A(r, t)$$

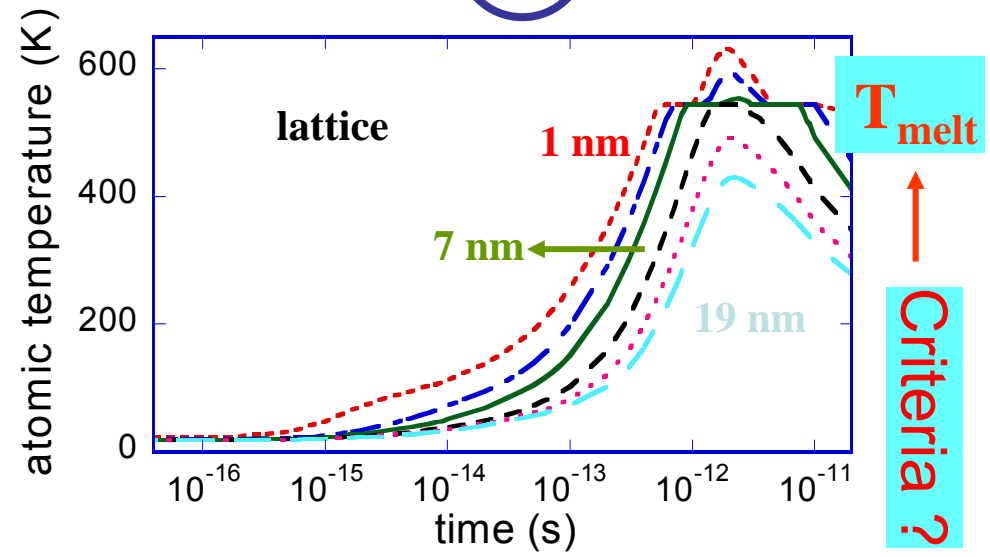
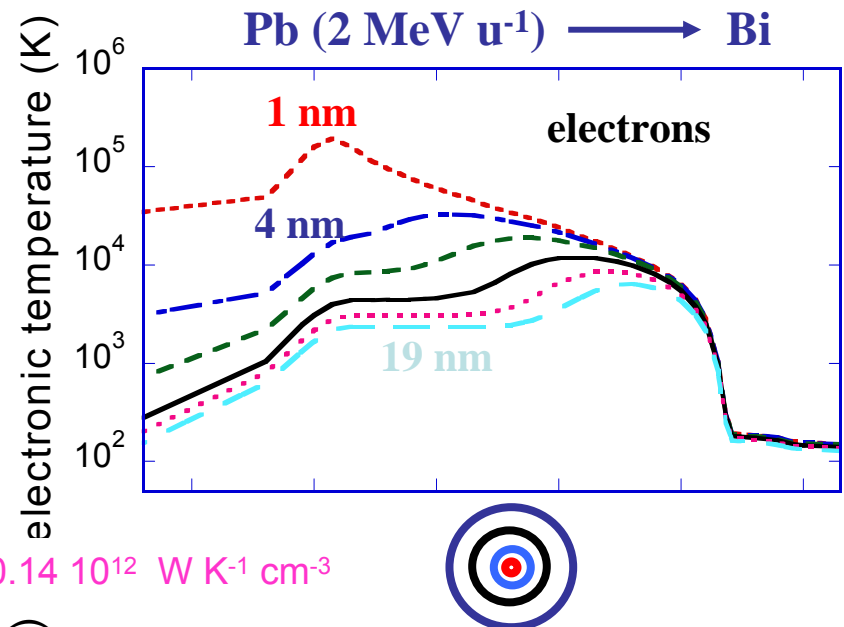
electron- phonon interaction

$$C(T) \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( K(T) \frac{\partial T}{\partial r} \right) + g \cdot (T_e - T)$$



**atomic subsystem**

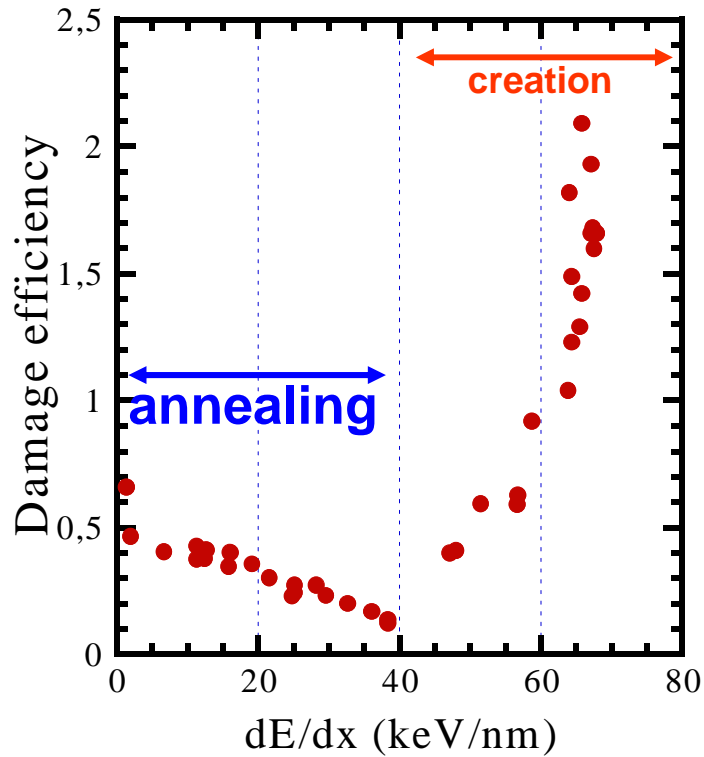
[C. Dufour et al. Euro Phys. Lett. 45(1999)585]





# Defect annealing in Fe

## Damage efficiency



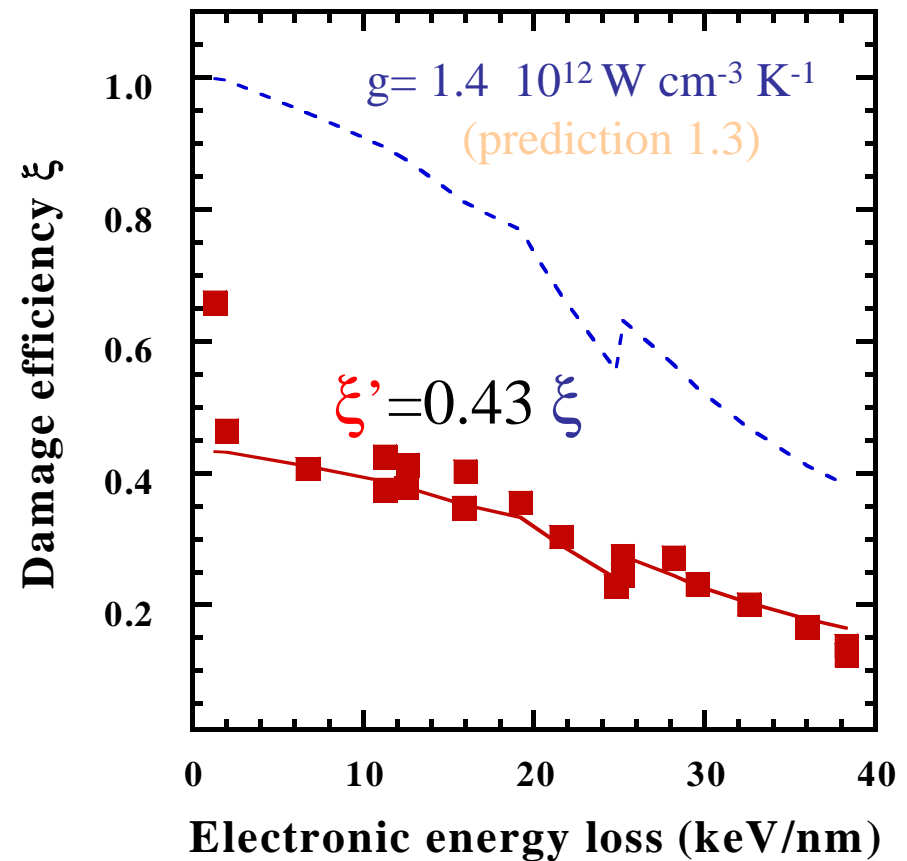
[Dunlop et al. Nucl. Instr. Meth. B90(1994)330]

Ni  
Iwase et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 58(1987)2450  
 $g = 10^{12} \text{ W K}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

## Probability of defect annealing:

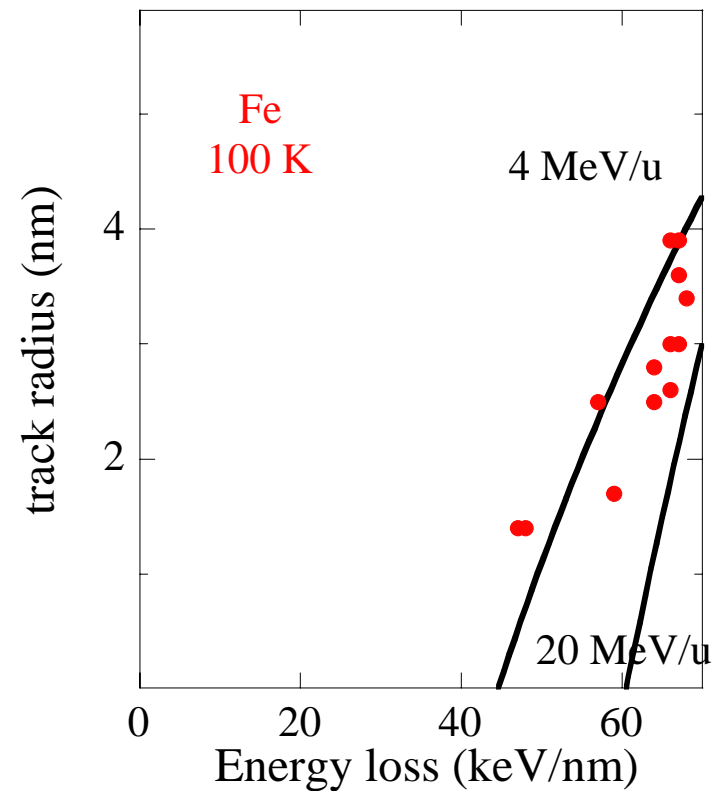
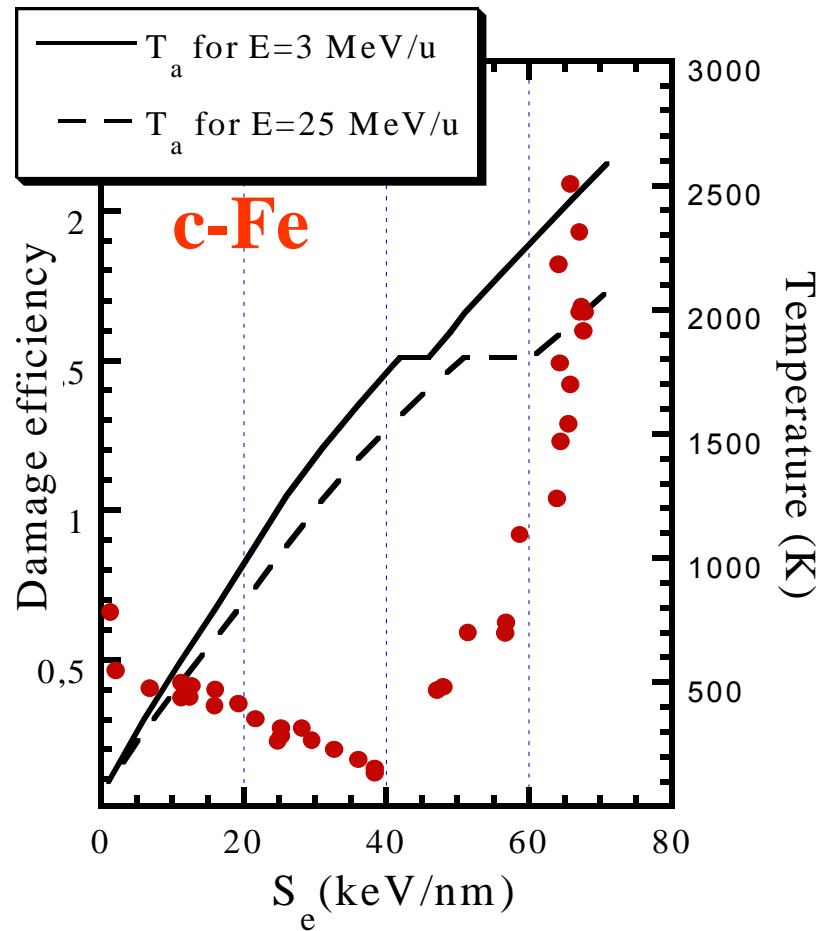
$v(T_a(t,r)) = v_0 \exp(-E/kT_a(t,r))$  with  $v_0 = T_D k_B / h$   
[Wang et al. Nucl. Instr. Meth. B115(1996)577]

Target: Iron at 20 K



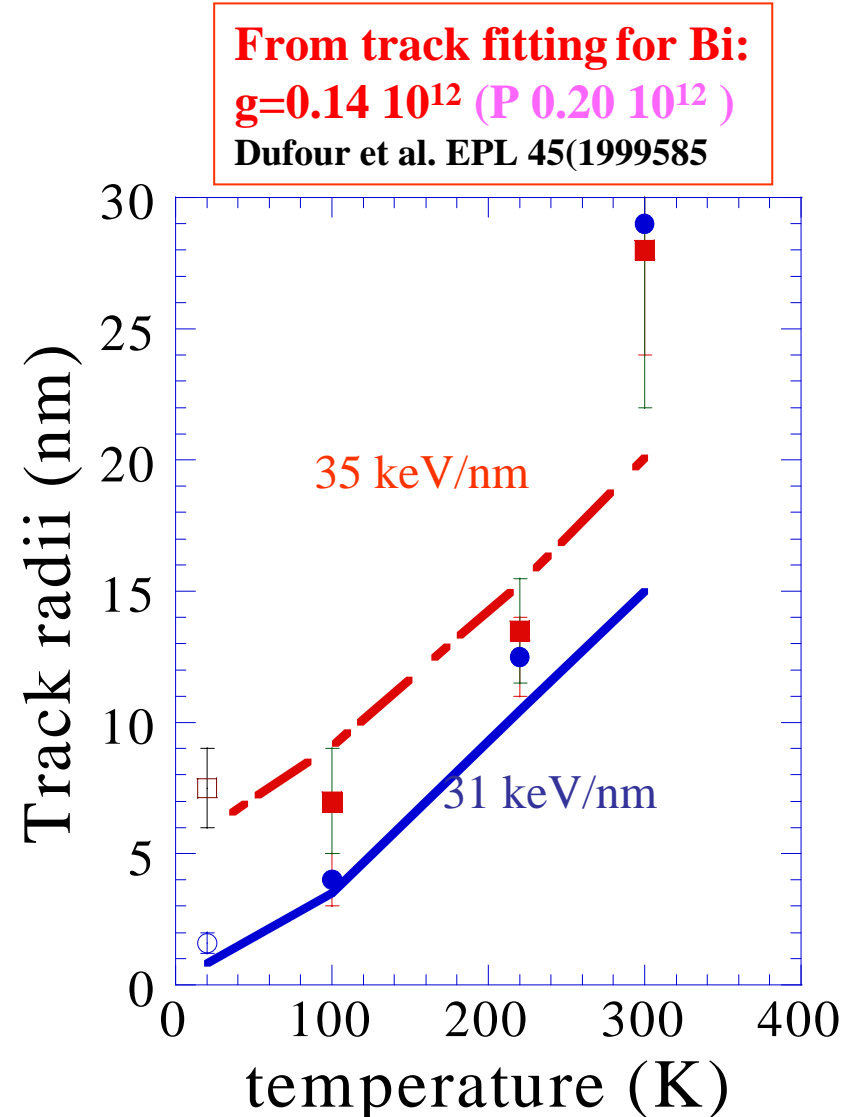
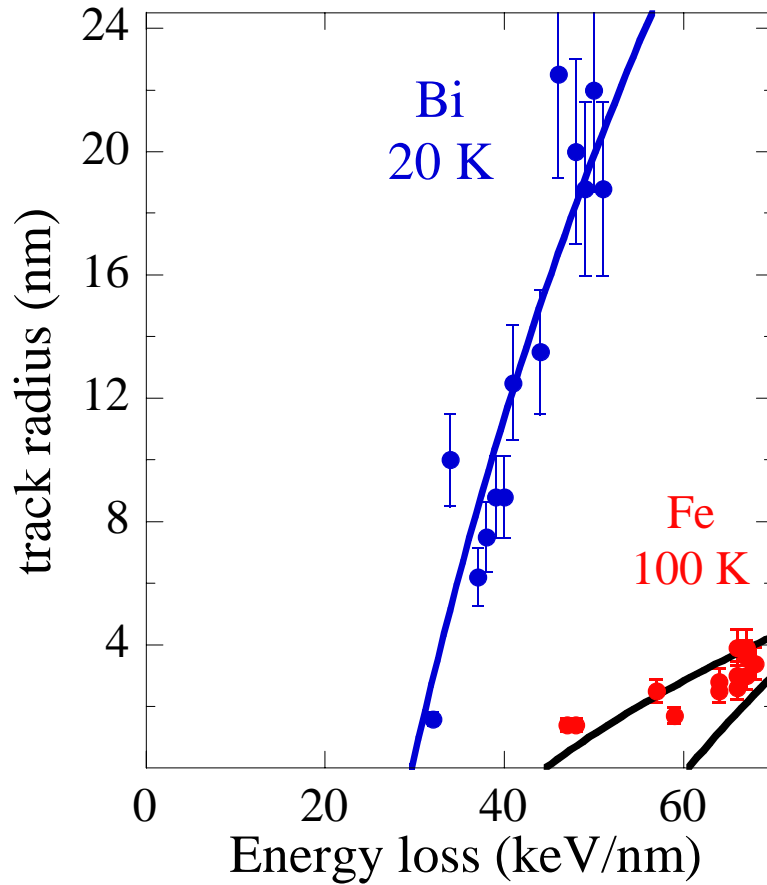


Application for **c-Fe** and **a-Fe<sub>85</sub>B<sub>15</sub>** (Unit of  $g: W cm^{-3} K^{-1}$ )

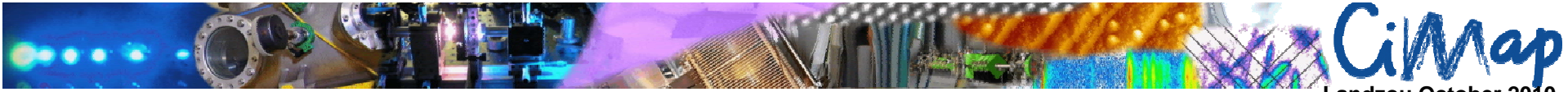


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[Dufour et al. Bull. Mater. Sci. 22(1999)671]

# Bi theory and temperature effect

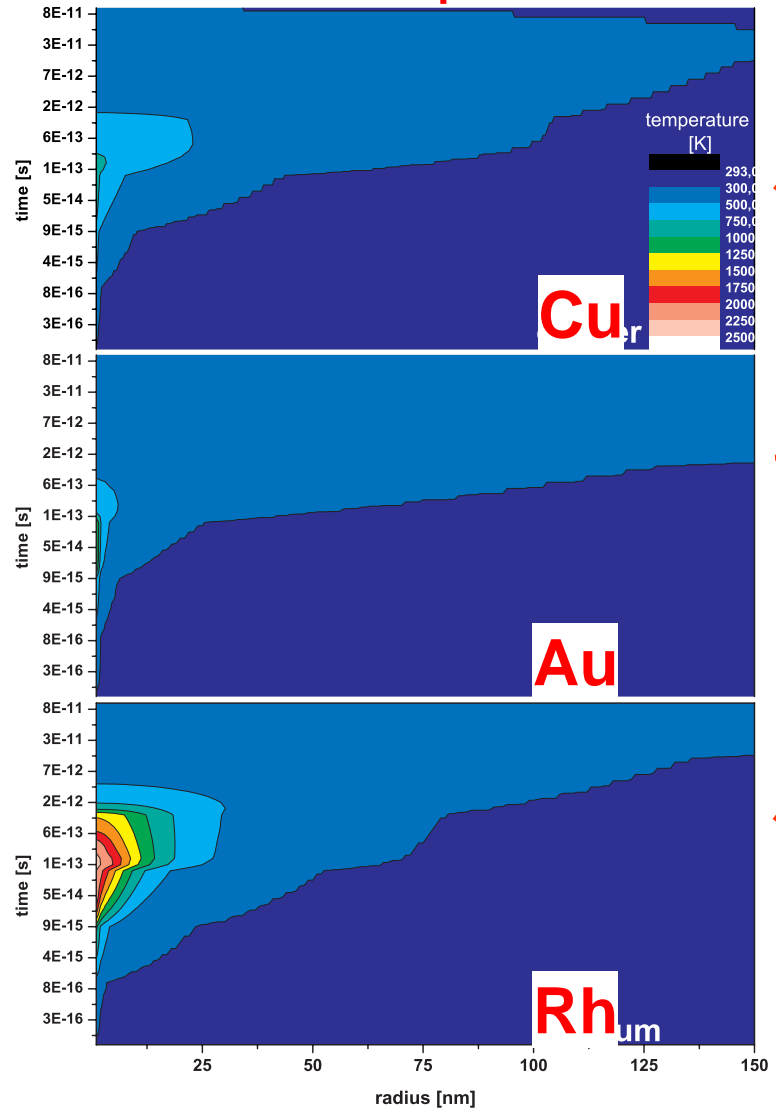


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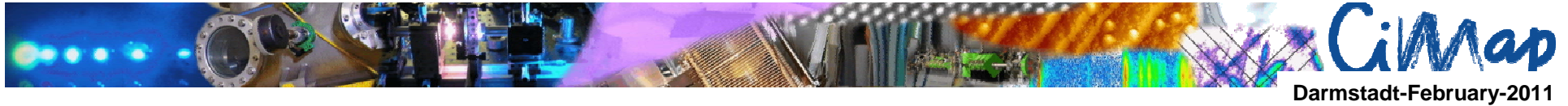
# Desorption of surface molecules

## Atomic temperature



collision system	experiment	calculation
1.4 MeV/u Xe --> <b>Cu</b>	290...360	185
1.4 MeV/u Xe --> <b>Au</b>	90	165
1.4 MeV/u Xe --> <b>Rh</b>	915...1286	3400
1.4 MeV/u Xe --> Cu <sub>2</sub> O	1530	10000
1.4 MeV/u C --> Cu	10	5
1.4 MeV/u Cr --> Cu	150	40
1.4 MeV/u Pb --> Cu	800	525
4.2 MeV/u Pb --> Au	800	675

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## FOR INSULATORS

Parameters for electron energy diffusion:

As suggested by [Katin et al. Sov. Techn. Phys. Lett. 13(1987)276]  
Hot electrons in the conduction band of an insulator  
behave like hot electrons in metals

Electronic specific heat :  $C_e(T_e) = 1 \text{ J cm}^{-3} \text{ K}^{-1}$

Thermal diffusivity:  $D_e(T_e) = 2 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$

Electronic thermal conductivity :  $K_e(T_e) = D_e(T_e) C_e(T_e) = 2 \text{ W cm}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$

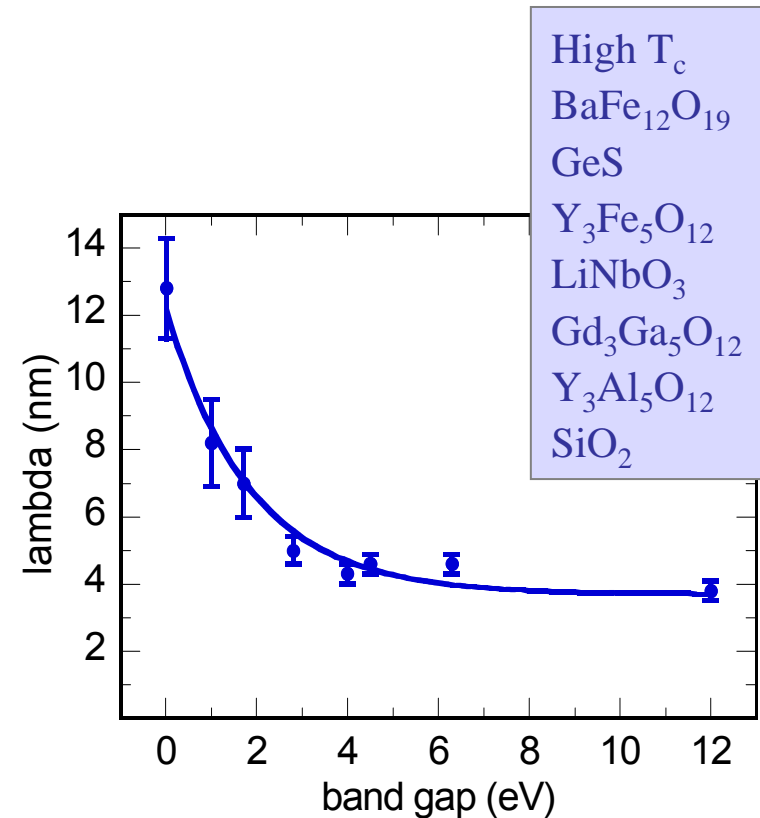
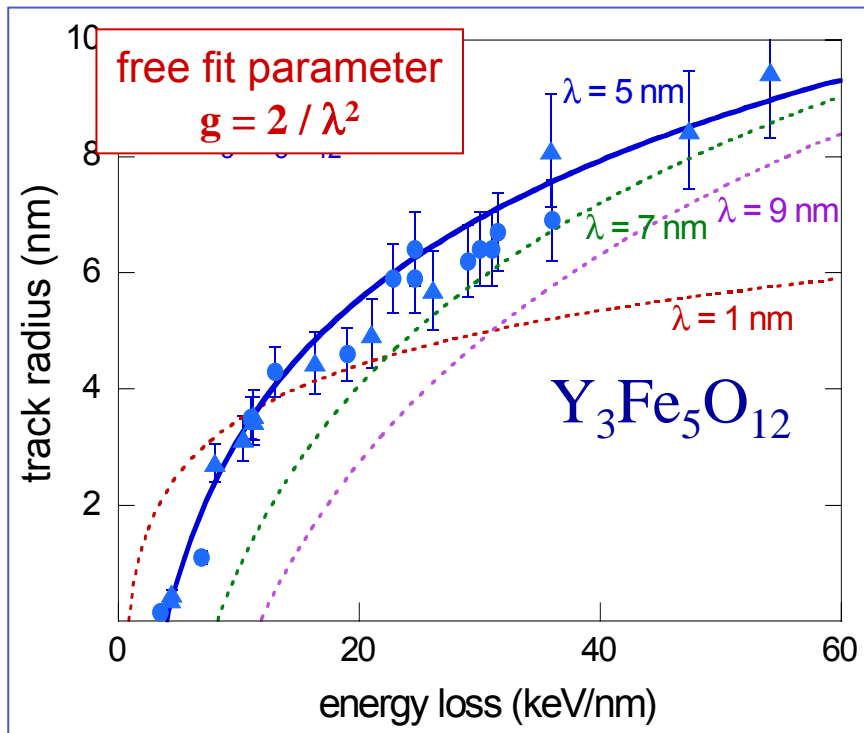
Electron phonon mean free path:  $\lambda^2 = 2/g$   
 $\lambda$  will be the free parameter  
and electrons cooling is inhibited when  $T_a > T_e$





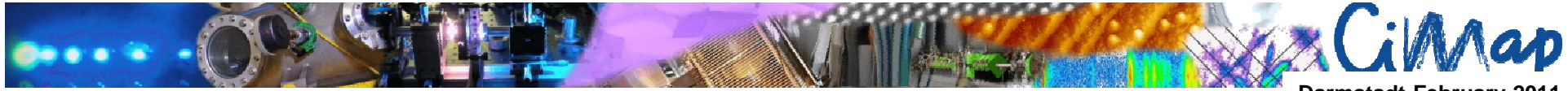
# Thermal spike in insulators

## Electron-phonon mean free path

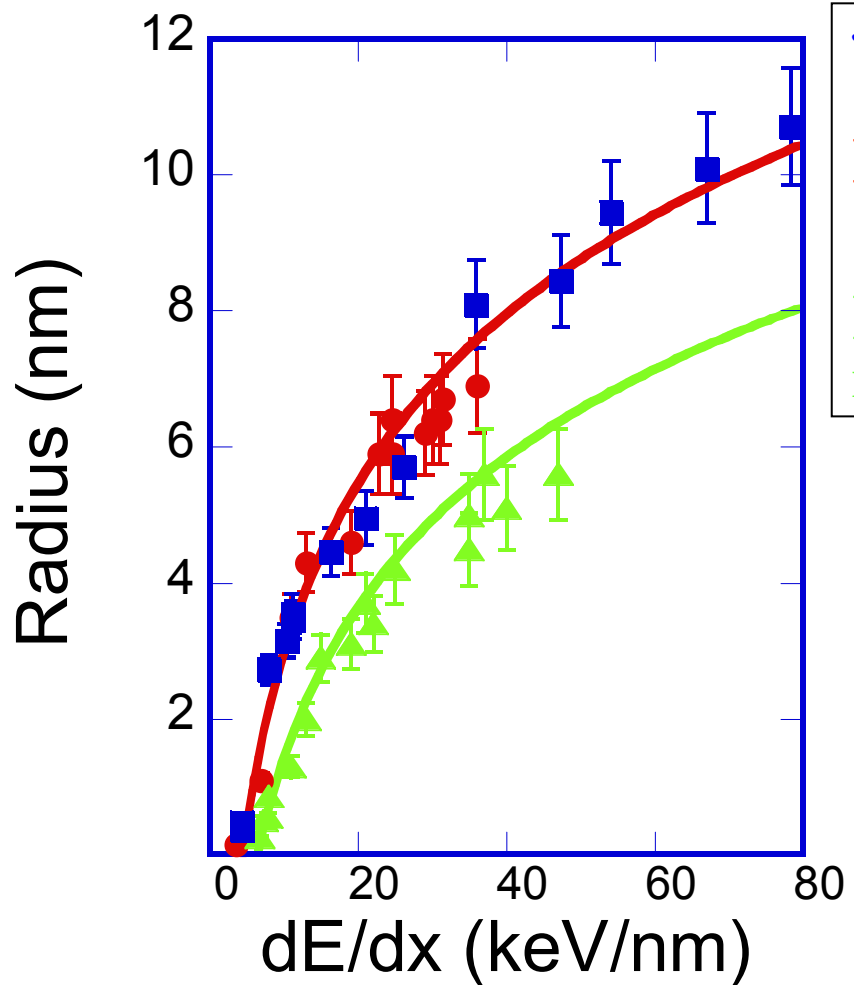


Meftah et al. Nucl. Instr. Meth. B237(2005)563  
Toulemonde et al. Nucl. Instr. Meth. B166/167(2000)903

**Electron-phonon mean free path  $\lambda$   
scales with band gap**



# Velocity effect in $\gamma_3\text{Fe}_5\text{O}_{12}$

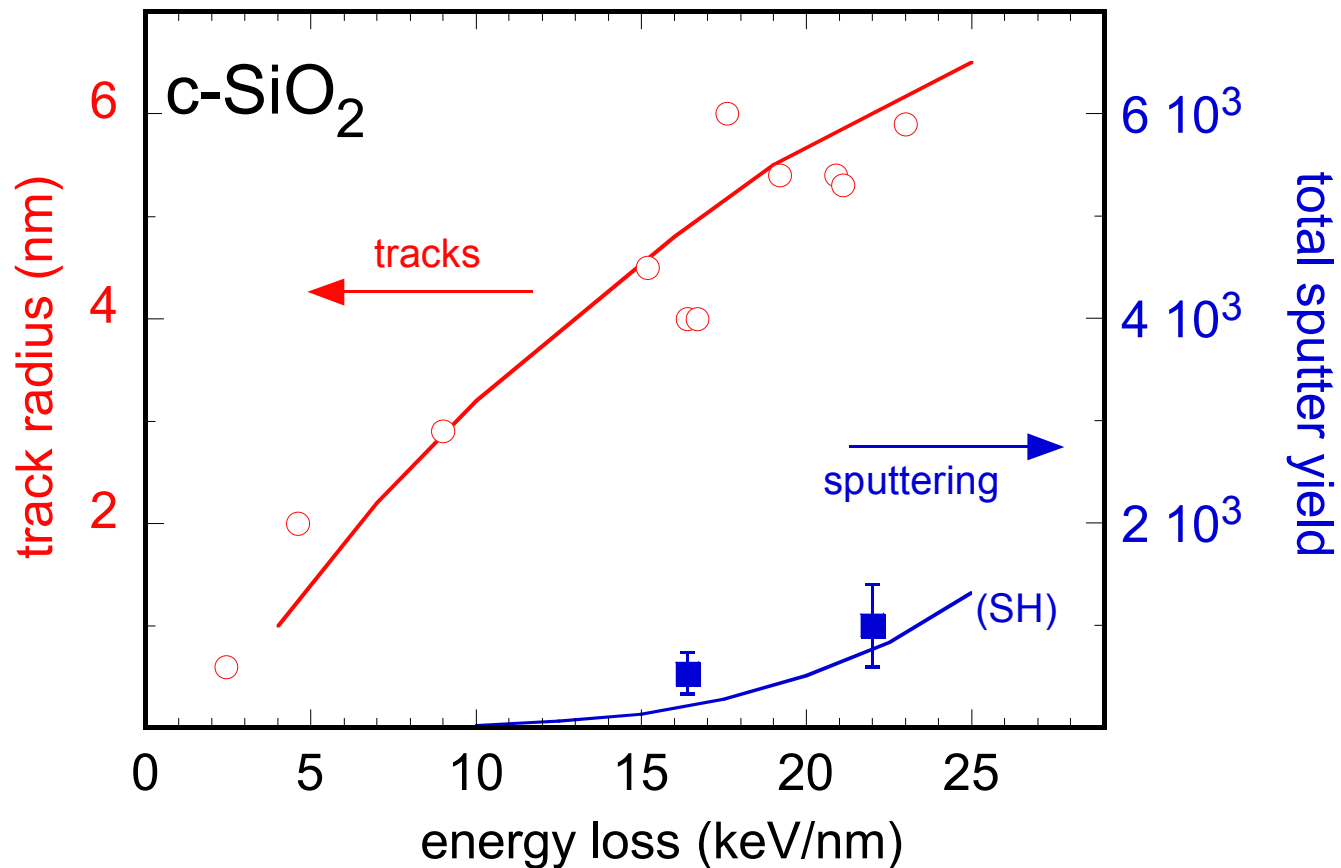


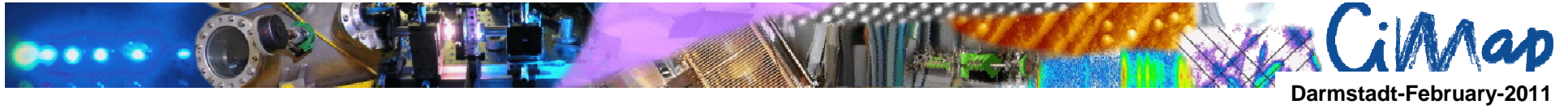
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From the i-thermal spike  
 $\lambda = 5 \text{ nm}$

Deposited energy density			
MeV/u	15	1	0.07
$\alpha_R$ (nm)	6	2	0.6

**SiO<sub>2</sub> Quartz**  
 Calculation made at 1 MeV/u  $\lambda=3.8$  nm





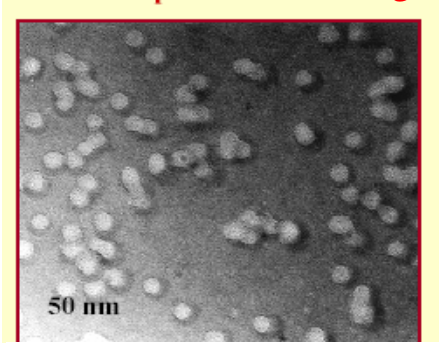
# Amorphous materials



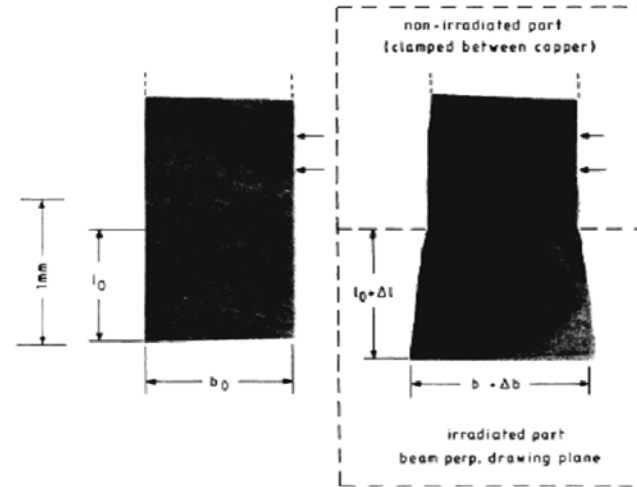
# Amorphous metallic alloys

1983. Anisotropic growth of amorphous metallic alloys after incubation fluence

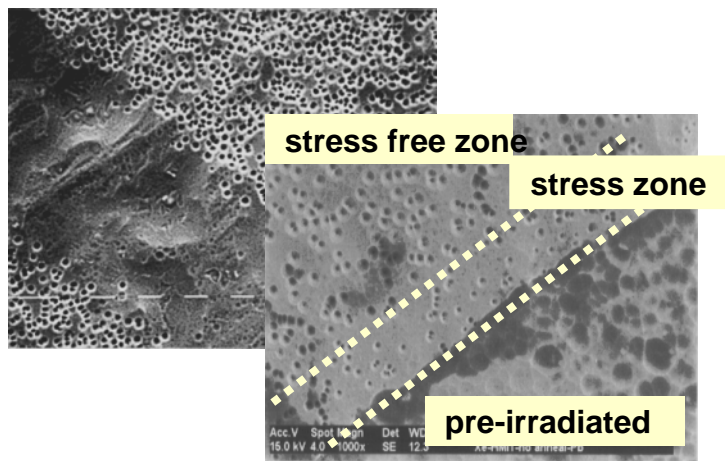
## Amorphous Ni<sub>3</sub>B



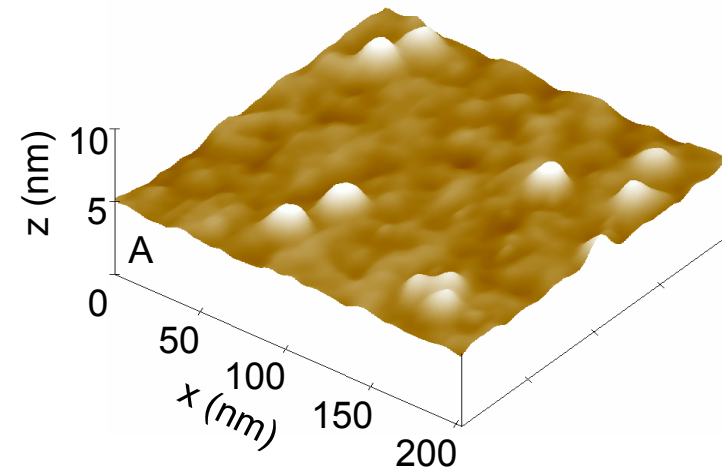
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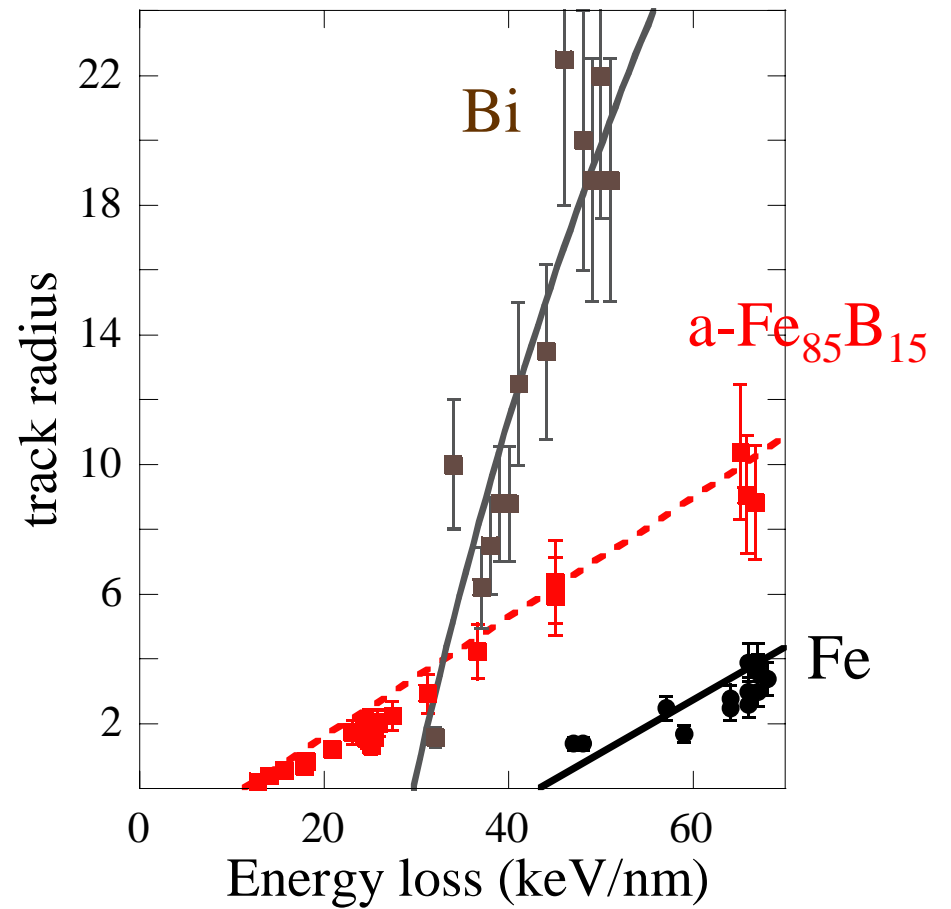
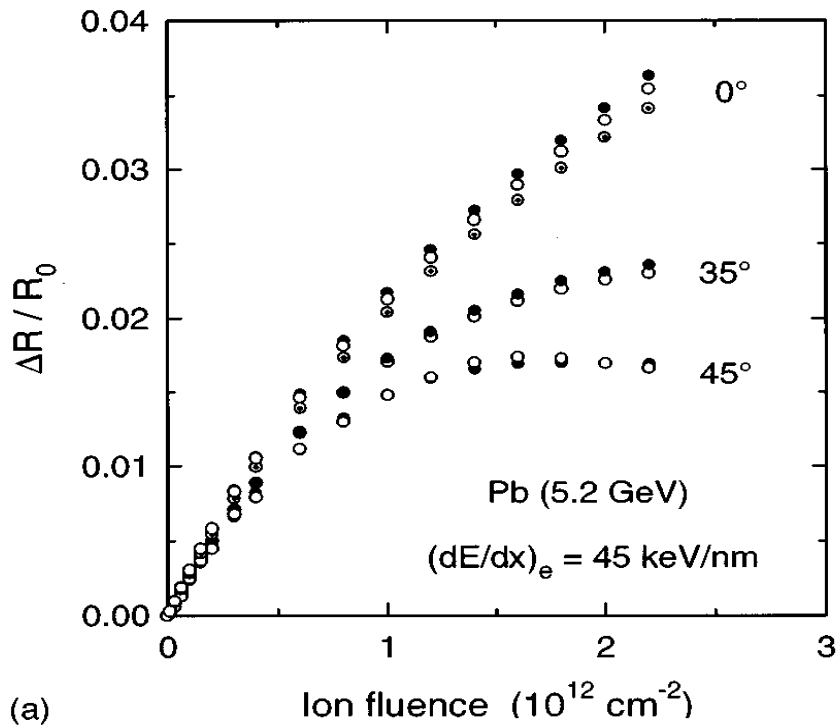
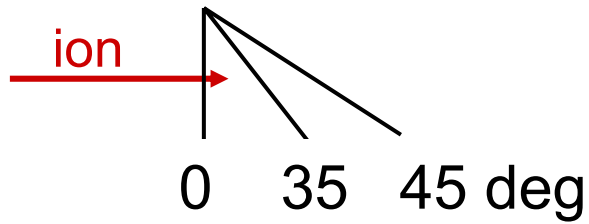


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Europhys. Lett. 40(1997)527



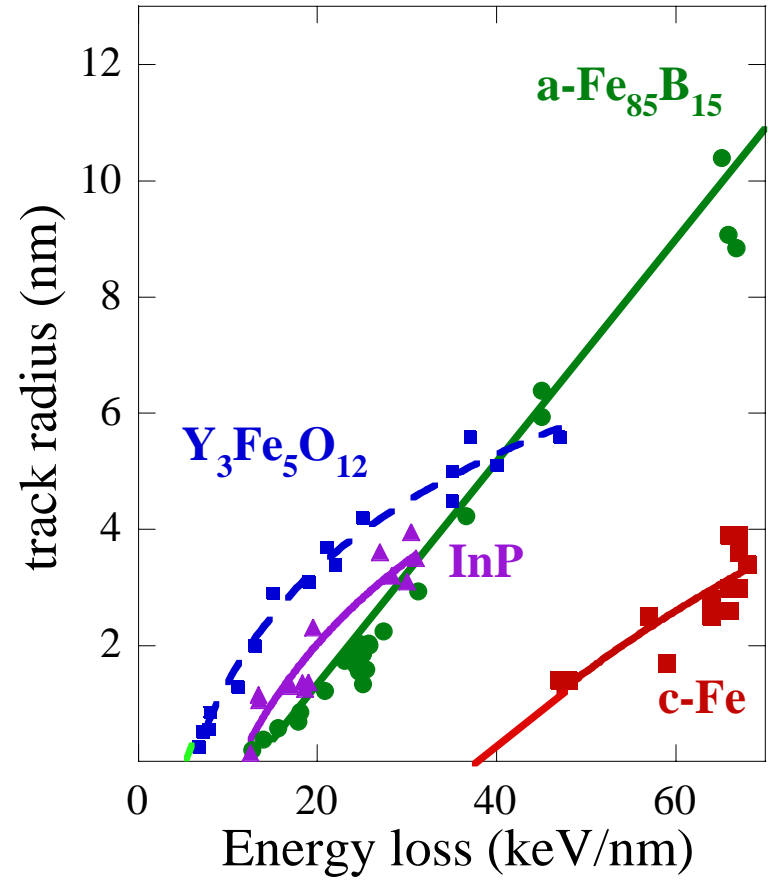
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samples





# Track formation in bulk



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a-Fe <sub>85</sub> B <sub>15</sub>	Audouard et al. J. Phys. Cond. Mat. 5(1993)995

insulators

YES polymers, ionic crystals,  
oxydes (SiO<sub>2</sub>), etc...

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semiconductors

YES GeS, InP, Si<sub>0.5</sub>Ge<sub>0.5</sub>  
NO Si >26[?], Ge >30  
keV/nm

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metals

YES Fe, Bi, Ti, Co, Zr  
NO Cu, Ag, Pt, Ni, Nb

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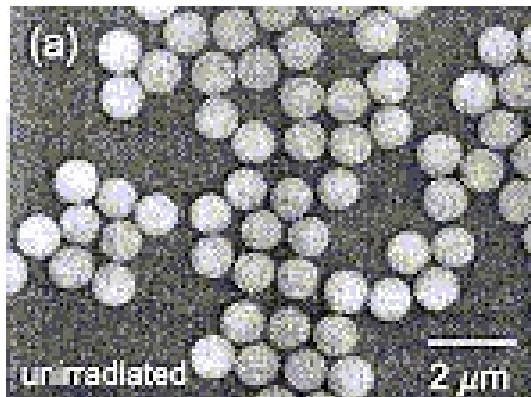
YES all amorphous alloys

# Vitreous SiO<sub>2</sub>

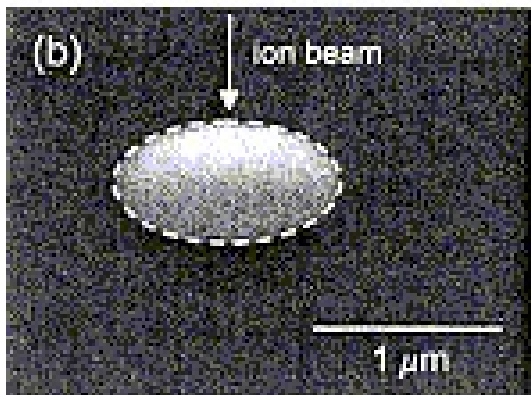


# Anisotropic growth

a-SiO<sub>2</sub> – balls



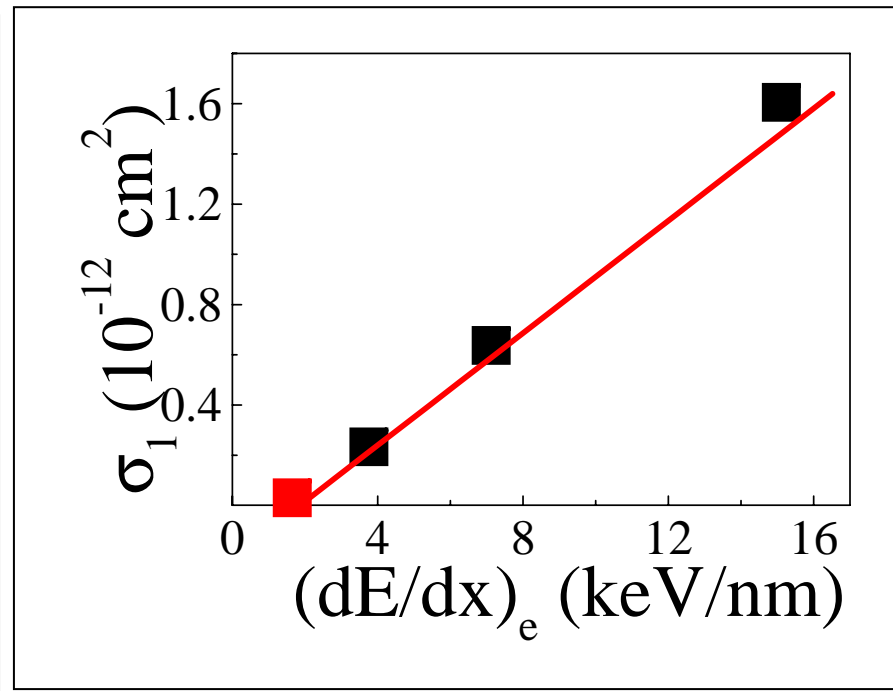
Threshold :  
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(at 0.025 MeV/u)

T van Dillen et al., Nucl. Instr. Meth. B 175-177 (2001) 350

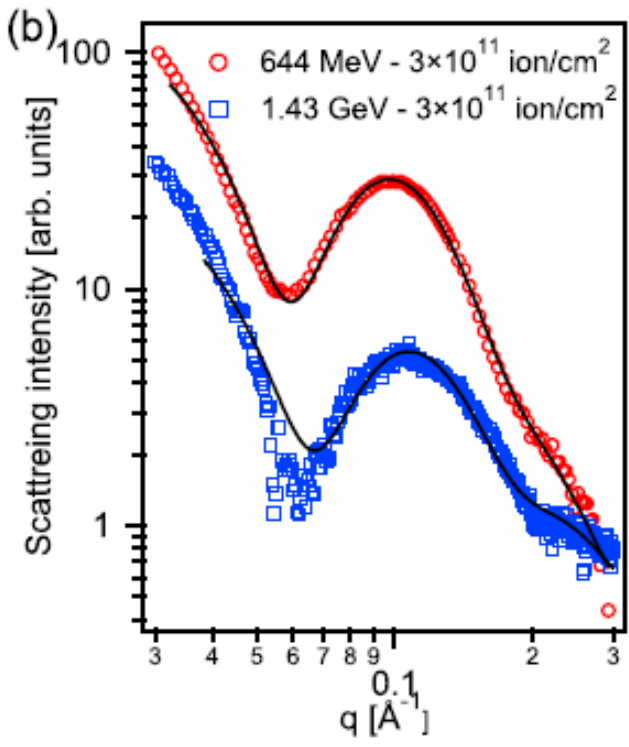
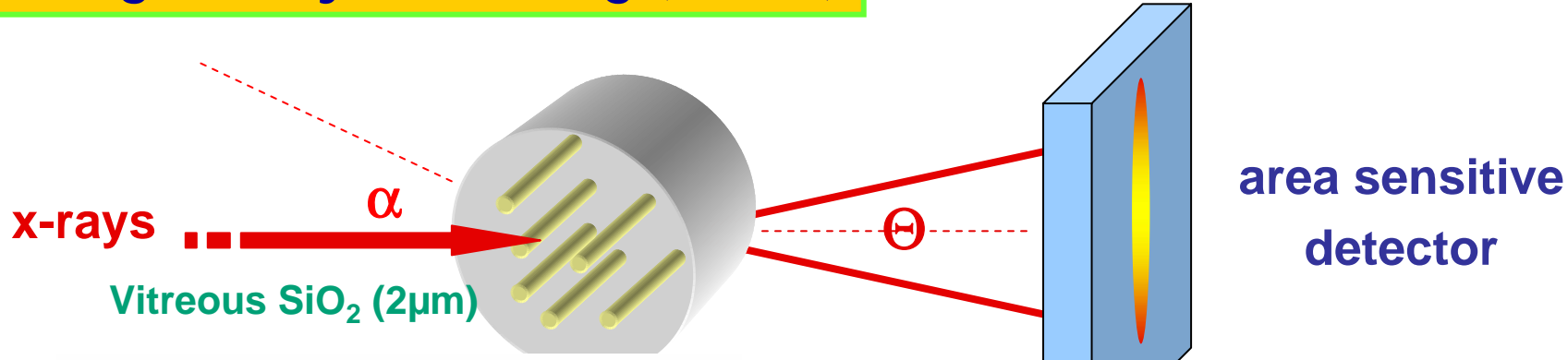
a-SiO<sub>2</sub> bulk



Threshold : 2 keV/nm  
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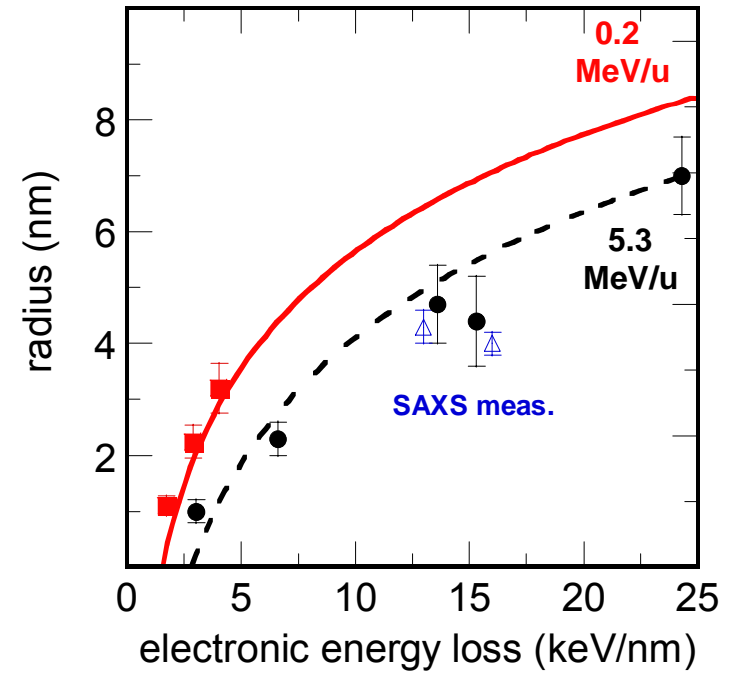
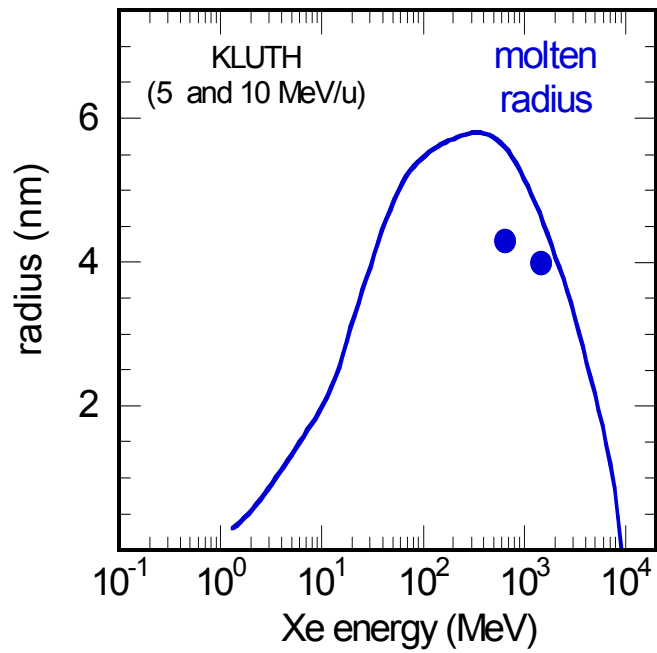
A. Benyagoub et al. Nucl. Instr. Meth. B 65 (1992) 228

# Small-angle x-ray scattering (SAXS)



Kluth et al. Phys Rev. Lett. 101 (2008)175503

SiO<sub>2</sub> amorphous  $\lambda=3$  nm

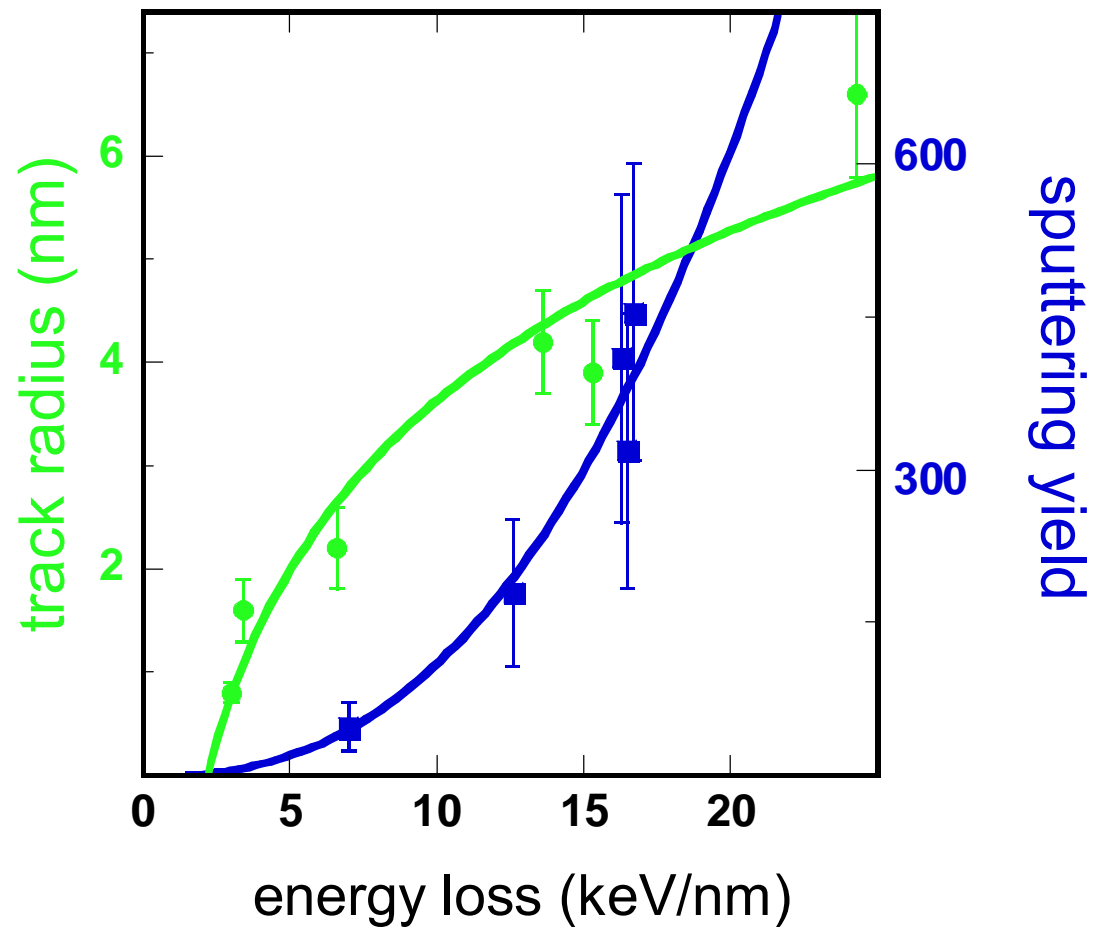


Rotaru et al. To be published in NIMB

Kluth et al. Phys Rev. Lett. 101 (2008)175503



SiO<sub>2</sub> amorphous  $\lambda=3$  nm

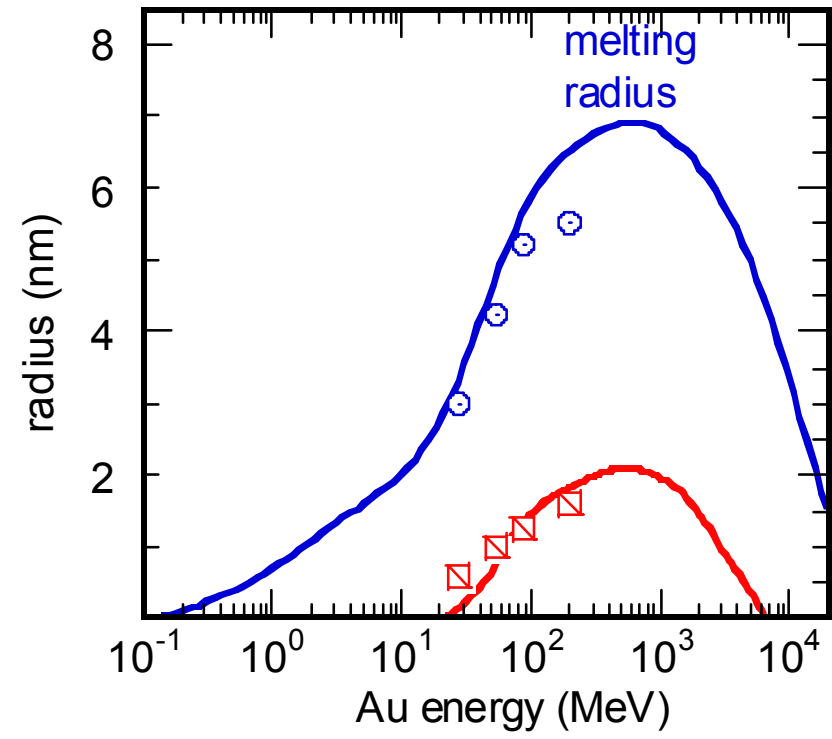
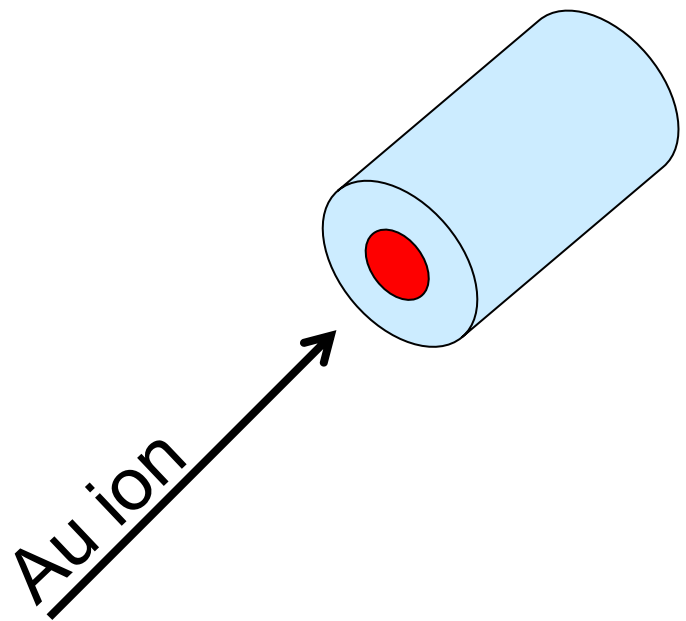


Tracks: Rotaru to be published in NIMB al.  
Sputtering: Assmann, Toulemonde, Trautmann unpublished data

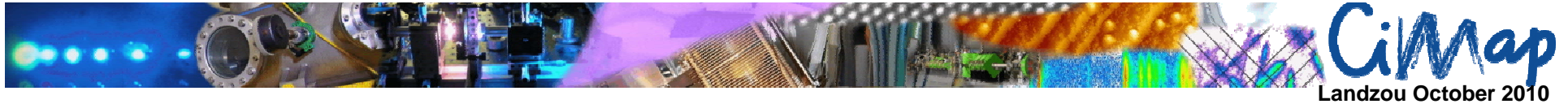




SiO<sub>2</sub> amorphous  $\lambda=3$  nm



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# Complex Oxides at Extreme Conditions

## ► **BASIC SCIENCE: Solid at Extreme Conditions**

- complex phase diagram • unique disordering mechanism  
**effect of irradiation, pressure, and temperature?**

## ► **NUCLEAR ENGINEERING: Structural Modifications**

- energy-relevant materials • enhanced radiation stability  
**internal structure of swift heavy ion tracks?**

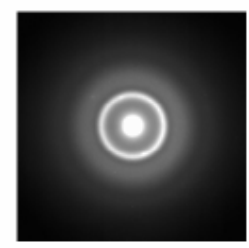
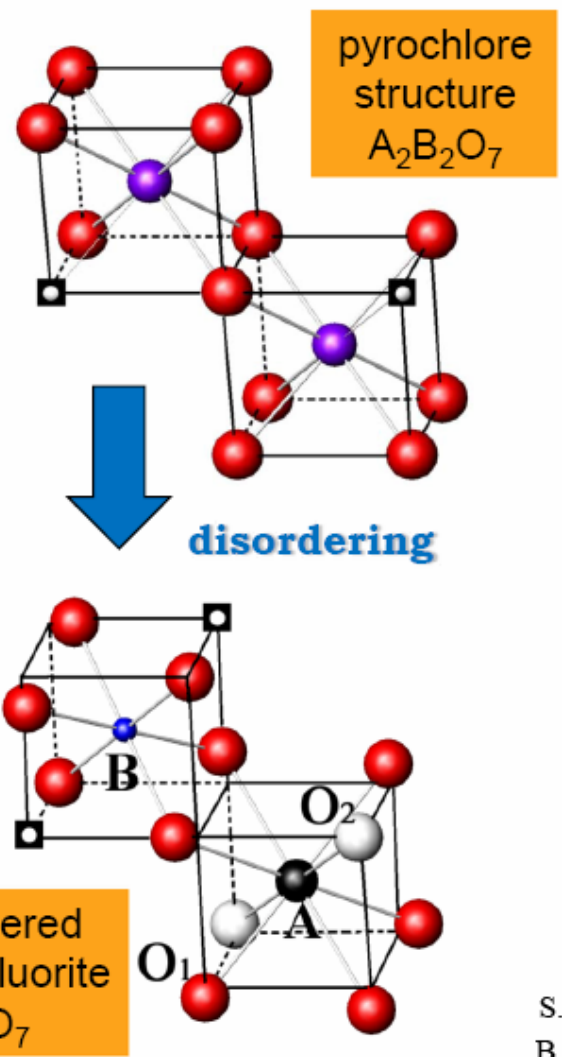
## ► **APPLICATION: Nanoscale Phase Transitions**

- flexibility in structure and composition • numerous industrial applications  
**novel materials with unique properties?**

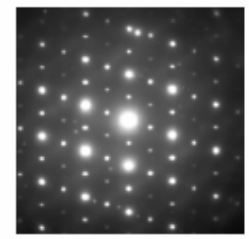


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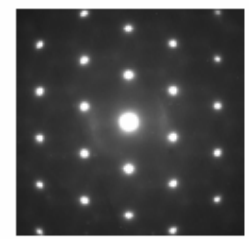
M.A. Subramanian, G. Aravamudan and G.V.S. Rao, *J. Solid State Chem.* (1983).



amorphous



pyrochlore



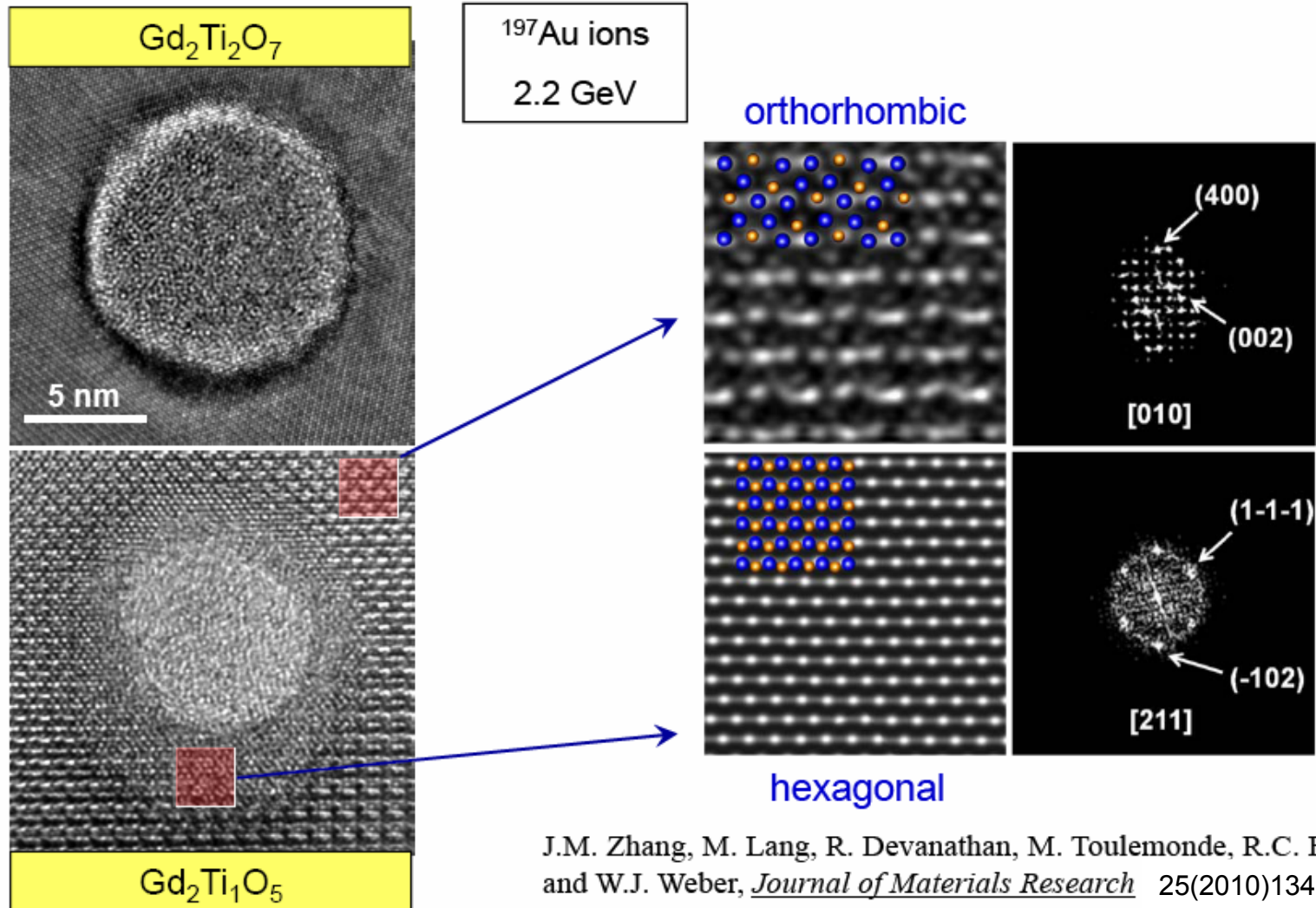
defect fluorite



S.X. Wang *et al.*, *J. Mater. Res.* (1999).  
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# Effect of Material Composition

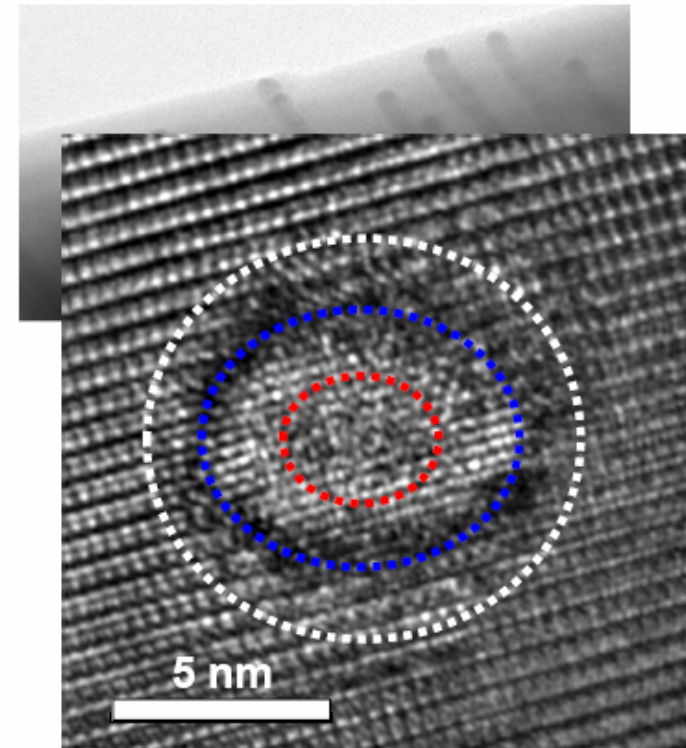
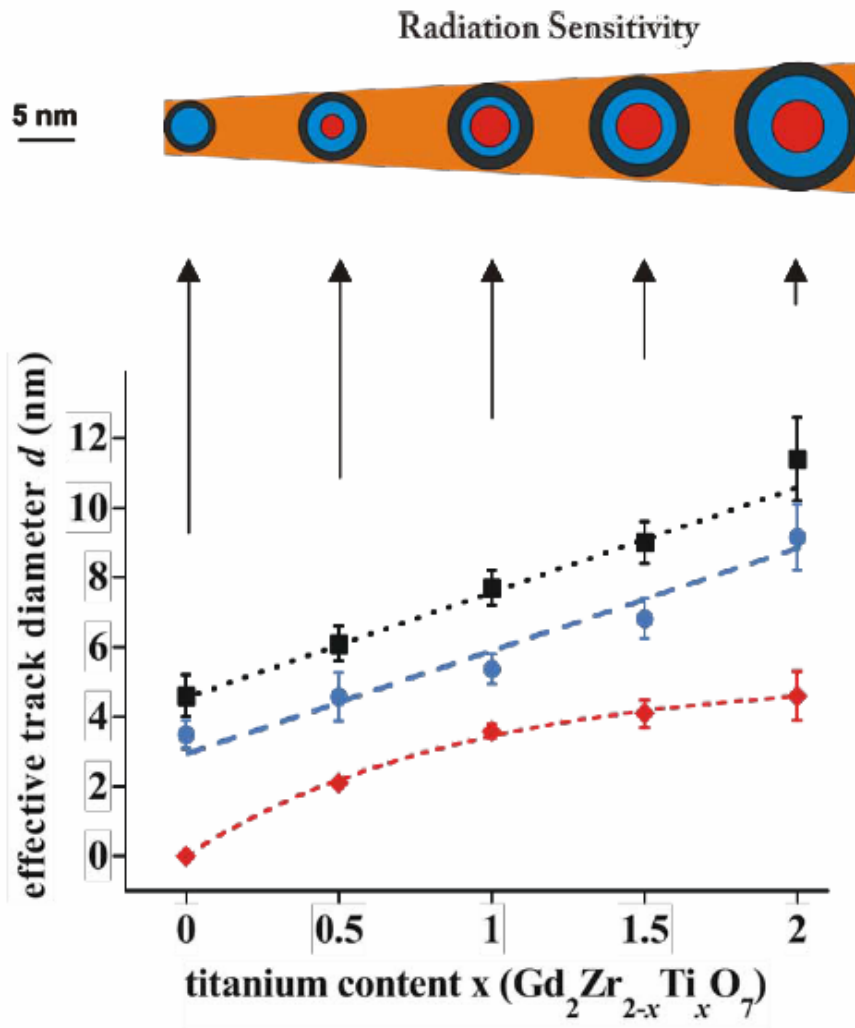


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# Single Ion Tracks: Damage Morphology



$\text{Gd}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$

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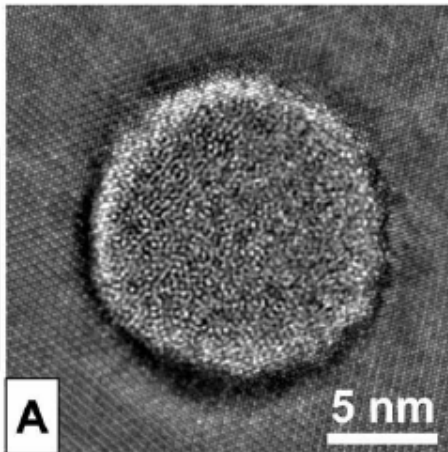




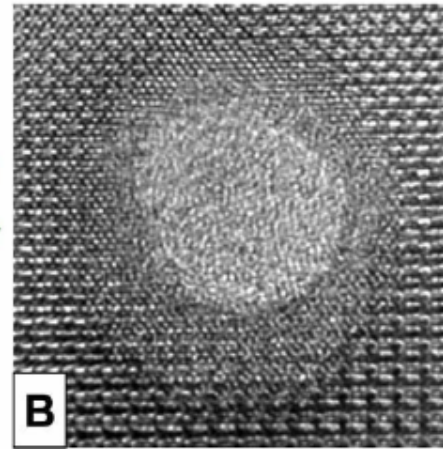


# Nanoscale Material Manipulation

$Gd_2Ti_2O_7$   
2.2-GeV  $^{197}Au$   
300 K



Changing  
Composition  
→

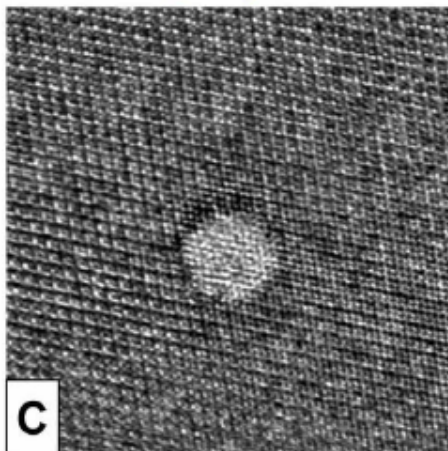


$Gd_2Ti_1O_5$   
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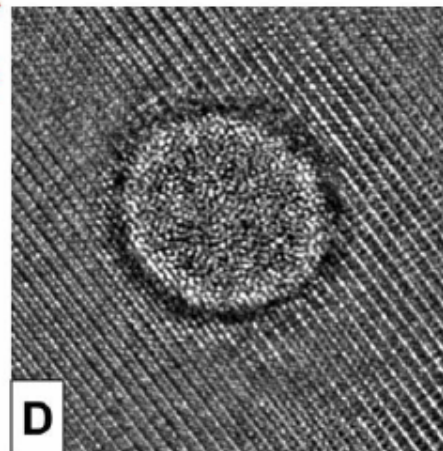
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Decreasing  
Energy  
Density  
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$Gd_2Ti_2O_7$   
1.1-GeV  $^{101}Ru$



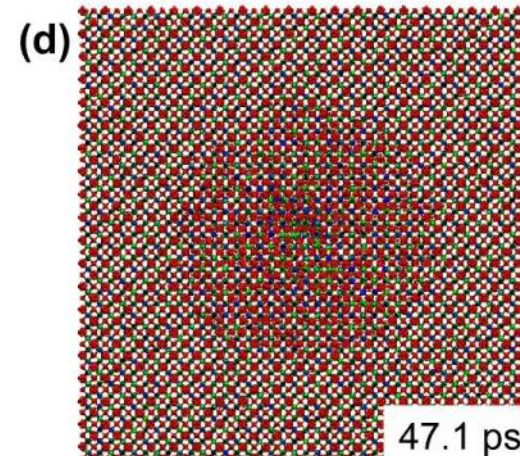
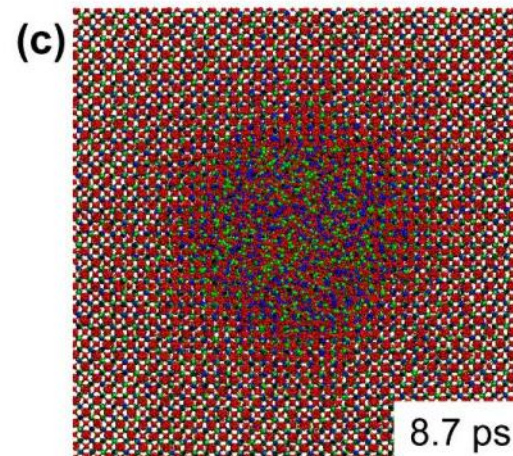
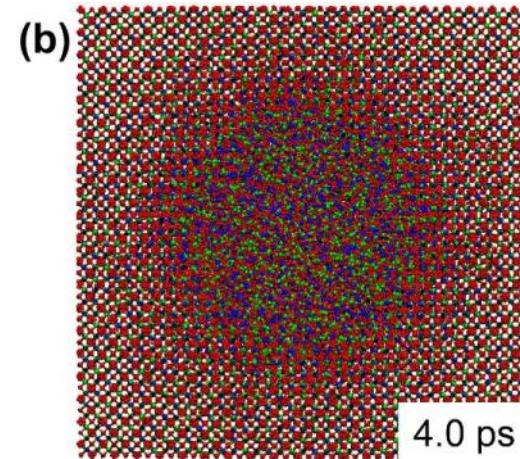
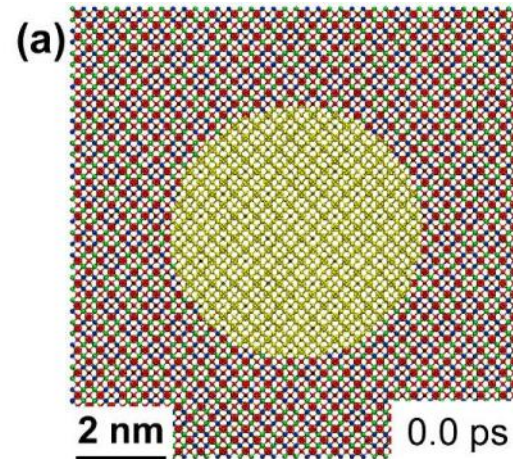
Decreasing  
Temperature  
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$Gd_2Ti_2O_7$   
2.2-GeV  $^{197}Au$   
8 K

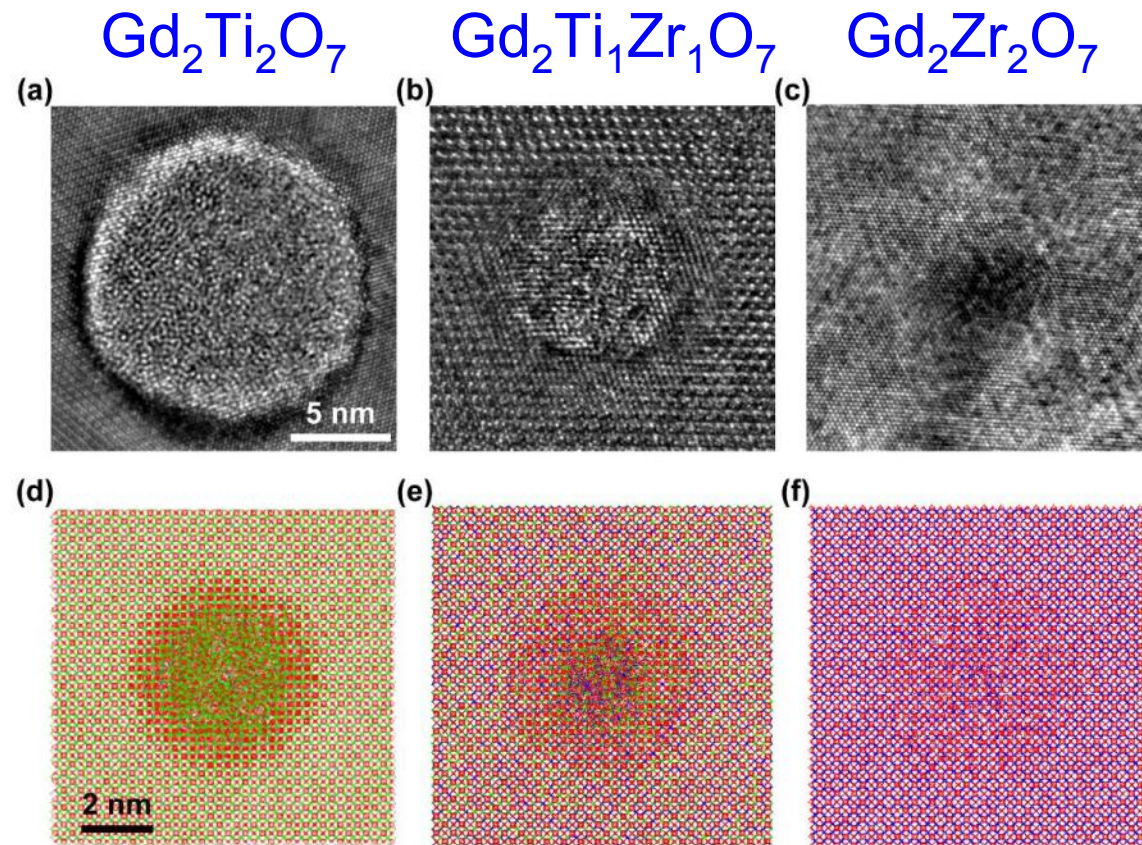


## Comparison with MD calculations





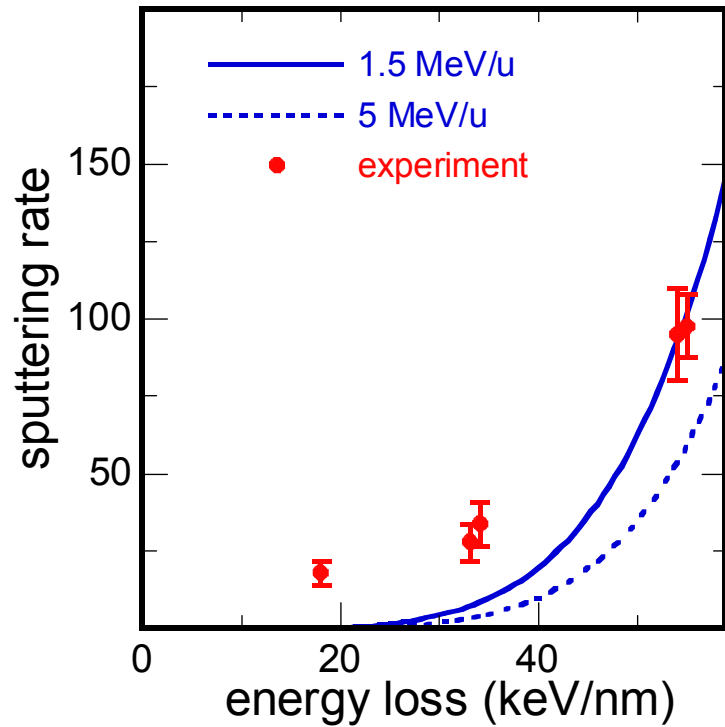
## Comparison with MD calculations





# Non amorphisable oxide crystal: $UO_2$

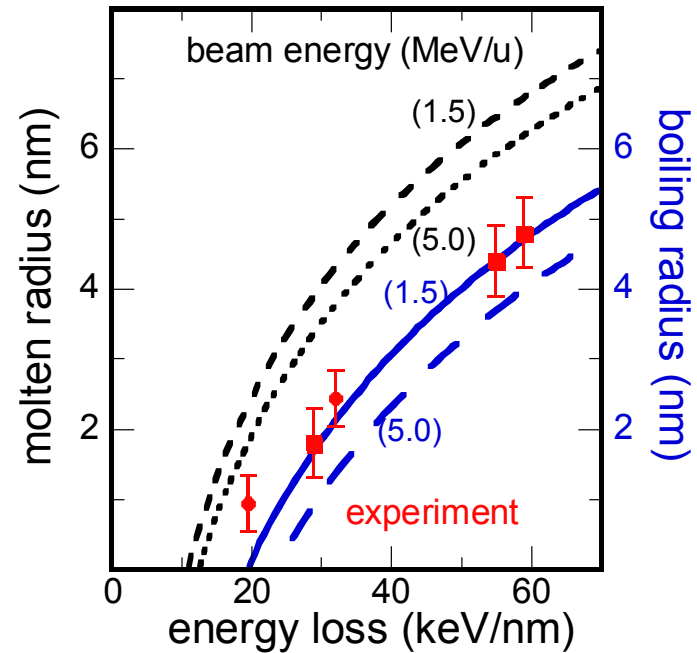
## Sputtering



S. Schlutig PhD Thesis Caen (2001)

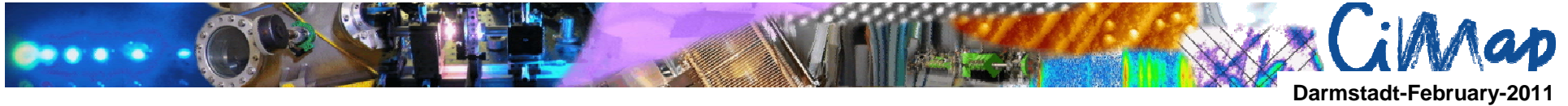
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## track



Wiss et al. NIMB 122 (1997) 583

Sonoda et al. NIMB 250 (2006) 114



# Conclusions

Electron-phonon coupling  $\lambda$  seems to be the main parameter whatever is the material :  
insulators or metallic

Defect annealing and defect creation in c-Fe

A criteria for track formation: overcomes the energy necessary to melt.

Temperature effect in Bi

Mixing at interface (Ni/Ti)

Track and sputtering in c-SiO<sub>2</sub> associated to melt phase and vapor phase respectively

Energy distribution on electrons compared to  $\lambda$  velocity effect

Open questions:

- Some uncertainties on the  $g$  value for metallic materials....
- Meaning of  $\lambda$  for insulators ?
- Semi-conductors (Ni/Si)
- Transient thermal processes: validity in such short time?
- A second threshold of damage creation by vapor phase (a-SiO<sub>2</sub>)?
- Non-amorphisable insulators??

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