

Sandia and Ion Accelerators

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Radiation-Solid Interactions



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Why an Ion Beam Laboratory?

On a Diffuse Reflection of the α -Particles.

By H. GEIGER, Ph.D., John Harling Fellow, and E. MARSDEN, Hatfield Scholar, University of Manchester.

Proc. Royal Soc. 82(557) 495-500 (1909)

LXXIX. *The Scattering of α and β Particles by Matter and the Structure of the Atom.* By Professor E. RUTHERFORD, F.R.S., University of Manchester*.

Phil. Mag 21(125) 669-688 (1911)

- Ions have been at the heart of understanding the properties of matter since the invention of the atom!
- Natural α sources were quickly deemed insufficient

Where did they get α particles?

- “Radium emanations” were the α source of choice in 1909 (well, only source)
- Radium was announced by the Curies in 1898.
- Marie Curie received the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1911 for discovery of radium and polonium and study of them
 - Her second after Physics in 1903
 - First to get 2 Nobel’s in different fields
 - Who was the other person?
 - Name the 2-time Physics winner and the 2-time Chemistry winner
 - John Bardeen (transistor, superconductivity theory)
 - Frederick Sanger (protein and DNA sequencing)
- What if you want something besides α ’s?



Wikipedia

Have to invent the ion accelerator:

- Cockroft and Walton invented a high voltage supply in 1930
- Van de Graaff in 1929
- Ions besides α now where possible

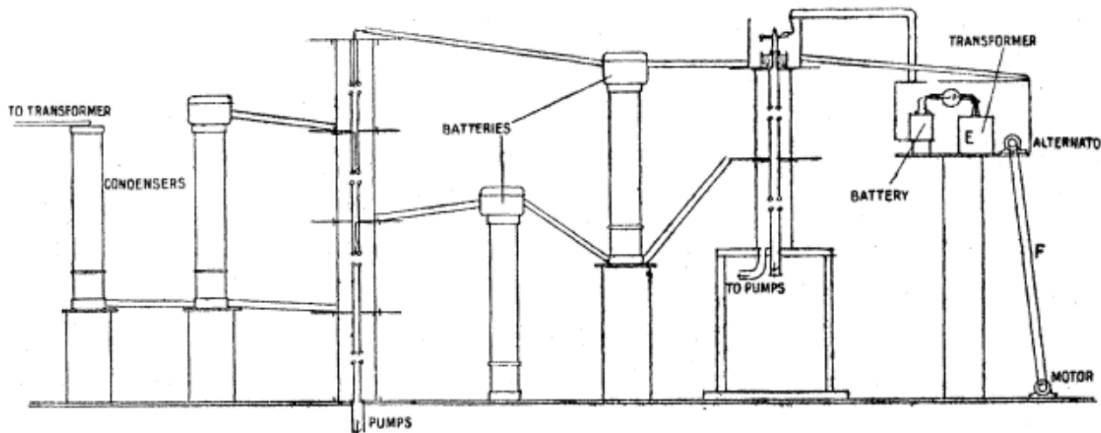
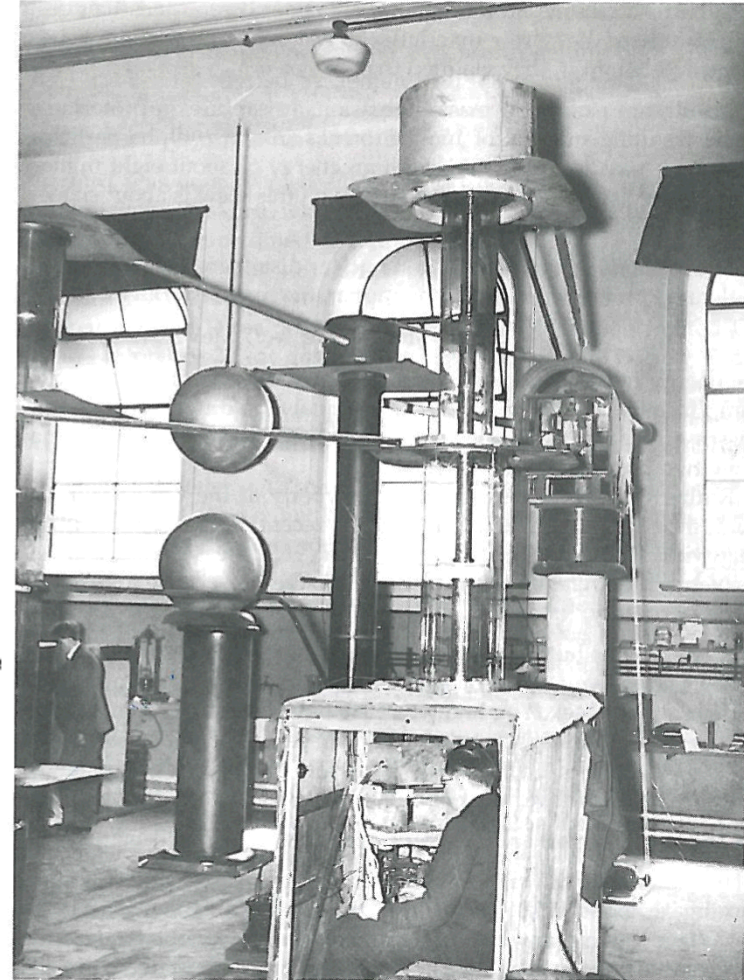


FIG. 6.



In Nuclear Transmutation to Nuclear Fission, PF Dahl, CRC Press (2002), from The Cavendish Laboratory

(1) A direct line from Rutherford

Experiments with High Velocity Positive Ions.

By J. D. COCKCROFT, Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge, and E. T. S. WALTON, 1851 Overseas Student.

(Communicated by ██████████ P.R.S.—Received August 19, 1930.)

[PLATE 21A.]

1. *Introduction.*

It would appear to be very important to develop an additional line of attack on problems of the atomic nucleus. The greater part of our information on the structure of the nucleus has come from experiments with α -particles and if we can supplement these with sources of positive ions accelerated by high potentials we should have an experimental weapon which would have many advantages over the α -particle. It would, in the first place, be much greater in intensity than α -particle sources, since one microampere of positive ions is equivalent, so far as numbers of particles is concerned, to 180 grams of radium equivalent. It would in addition have the advantage of being free from penetrating β and γ rays which are a complication in many experiments, whilst the velocity would be variable at will.

Proceedings of the Royal Society of London. Series A, Containing Papers of a Mathematical and Physical Character, Vol. 129, No. 811 (Nov. 3, 1930), pp. 477-489

First Intentional Nuclear Reaction

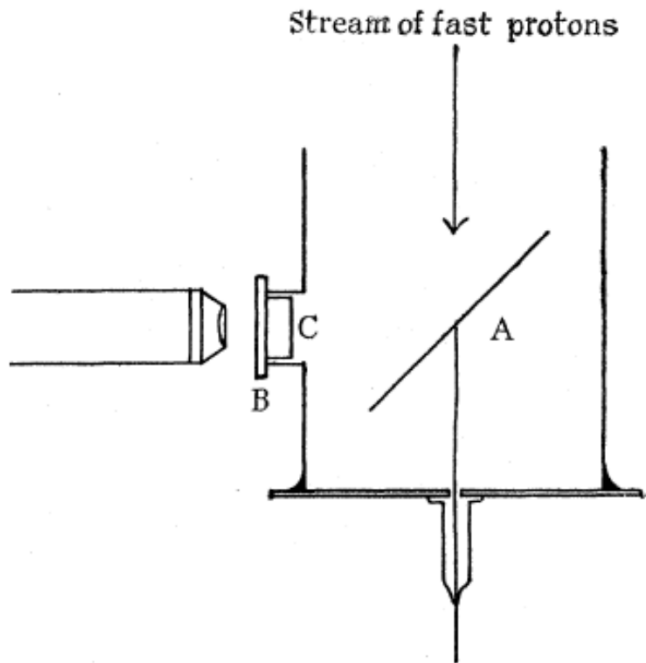
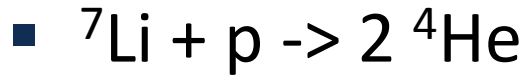


Fig. 1.

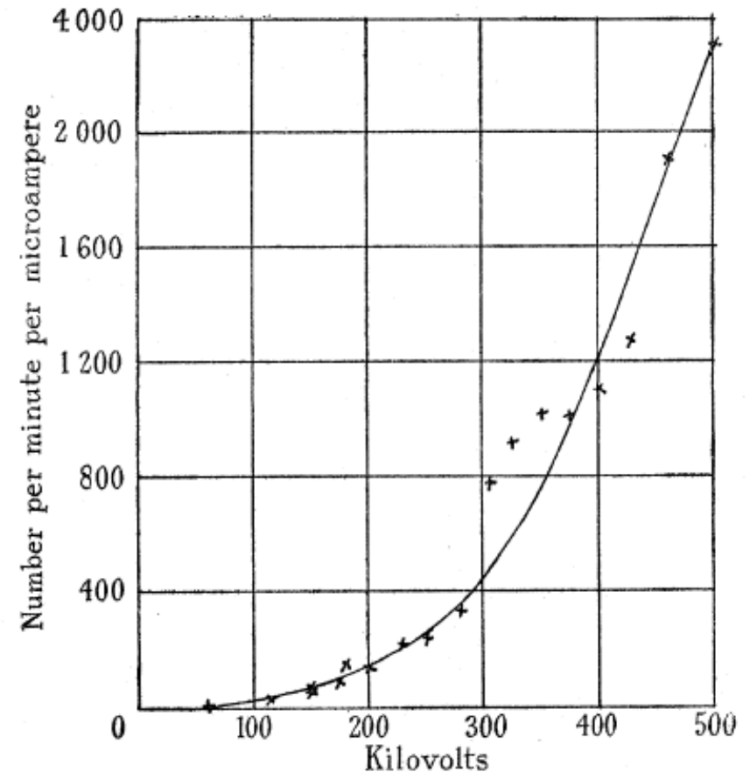


FIG. 4.

J.D. Cockcroft and E.T.S. Walton, Proceedings of the Royal Society of London. Series A, Containing Papers of a Mathematical and Physical Character, Vol. 137, No. 831 (Jul. 1, 1932), pp. 229-242

Human Induced Nuclear Reaction

4. The Interpretation of Results.

We have already stated that the obvious interpretation of our results is to assume that the lithium isotope of mass 7 captures a proton and that the resulting nucleus of mass 8 breaks up into two α -particles. If momentum is conserved in the process, then each of the α -particles must take up equal amounts of energy, and from the observed range of the α -particles we conclude that an energy of [redacted] would be liberated in this disintegration process. The mass of the Li_7 nucleus from Costa's determination is 7.0104 with a probable error of 0.003 . The decrease of mass in the disintegration process is therefore $7.0104 + 1.0072 - 8.0022 = 0.0154 \pm 0.003$. This is equivalent to an energy liberation of $(14.3 \pm 2.7) \times 10^6$ volts. We conclude, therefore, that the observed energies of the α -particles are consistent with our hypothesis. An additional test can, however, be applied. If momentum is conserved in the disintegration, the two α -particles must be ejected in practically opposite directions and, therefore, if we arrange two zinc sulphide screens opposite to a small target of lithium as shown in the arrangement of fig. 5, we should observe a large proportion of coincidences in the time of appearance of the scintillations on the two screens. The lithium used in the experiments

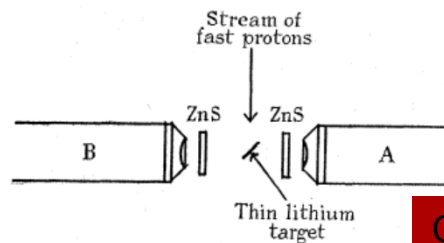


Fig. 5.

Current accepted value: 17.3468MeV

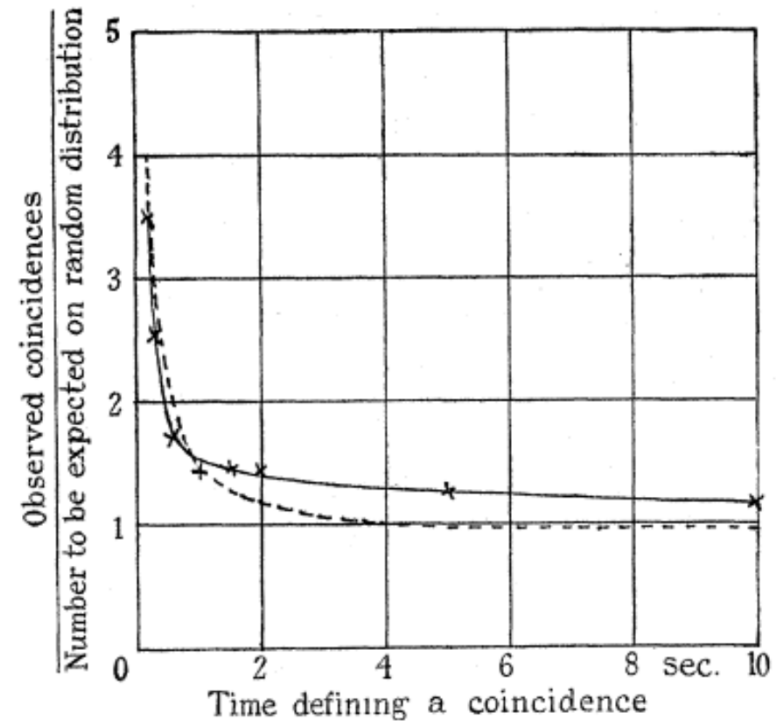


FIG. 6.

(First observed was $^{14}\text{N}(\alpha,p)^{17}\text{O}$ in 1919, only explained in 1925. P.M.S. Blackett looked through 23000 cloud chamber pictures with 415000 alpha tracks to find 8 such events)

(2) A second approach:

- “It was while at Oxford that Van de Graaff conceived of his belt-charged electrostatic, high voltage generator after reading the 1927 anniversary address on St Andrew’s Day by Rutherford to the Royal Society on the need for accelerated subatomic particles”
 - From Nuclear Transmutation to Nuclear Fission, PF Dahl, CRC Press (2002)
- Van de Graaff was at Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar

Robert J. Van de Graaff (1901-1967)

- BS/MS (Mech E.) University of Alabama
- Alabama Power Company (one year)
- Studied at the Sorbonne
- PhD Oxford University 1928 (Rhodes Scholar)
- 1929-31 Princeton University
 - First generator (80kV)
- 1931-1960 MIT
- WWII directed the High Voltage Radiographic Project at MIT
- APS T. Bonner Prize in Nuclear Physics (1966)



Robert J. Van de Graaff demonstrating his 1.5 MV electrostatic generator to Karl T. Compton in 1931. (from D. Allen Bromley, Nucl. Instr. Method. 122, 1-34 (1974))

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The Electrostatic Production of High Voltage for Nuclear Investigations

R. J. VAN DE GRAAFF,* K. T. COMPTON AND L. C. VAN ATTA, *Massachusetts Institute of Technology*

(Received December 20, 1932)

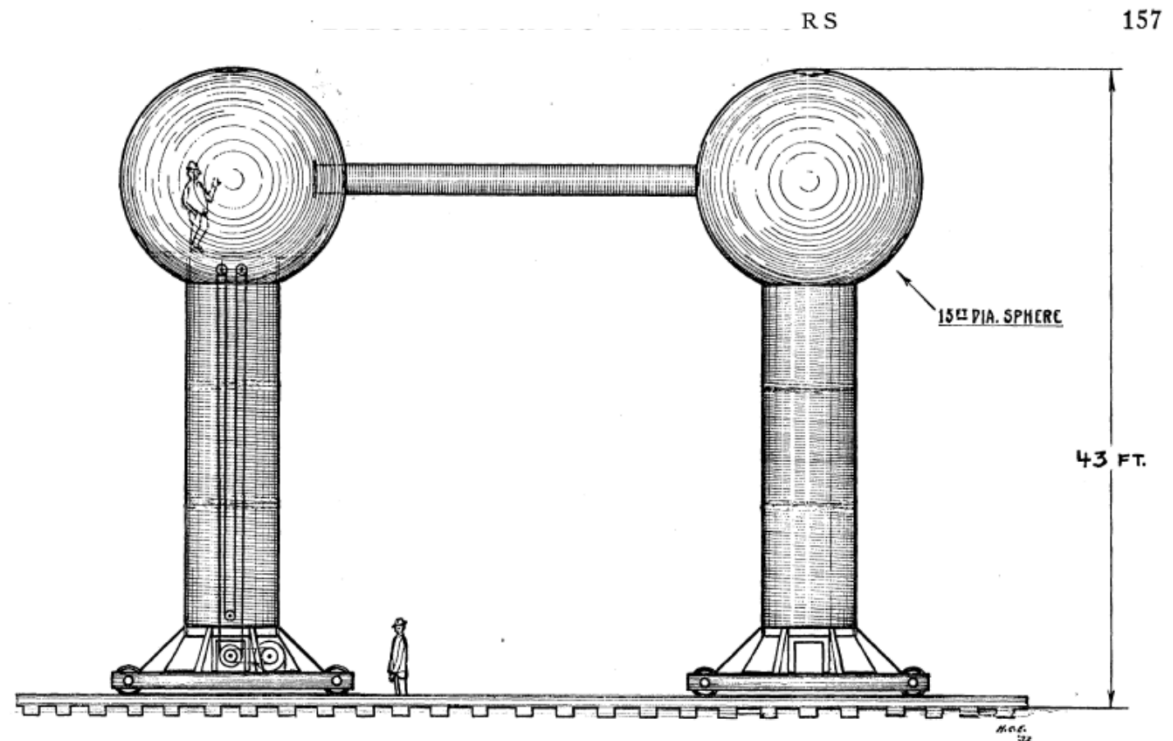


FIG. 4.

Van de Graaff thought big!

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The Design, Operation, and Performance of the Round Hill Electrostatic Generator

L. C. VAN ATTA, D. L. NORTHRUP, C. M. VAN ATTA* AND R. J. VAN DE GRAEFF, *Massachusetts Institute of Technology*

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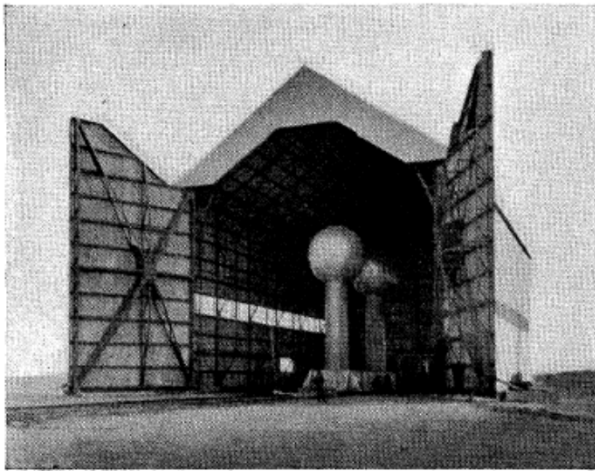
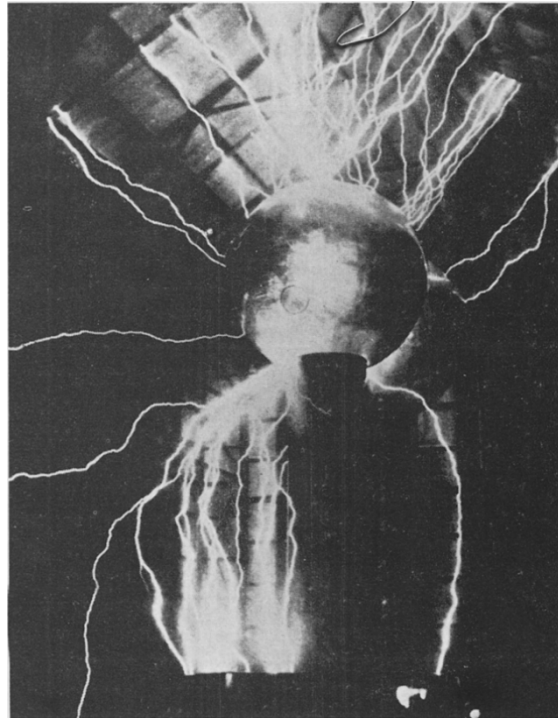
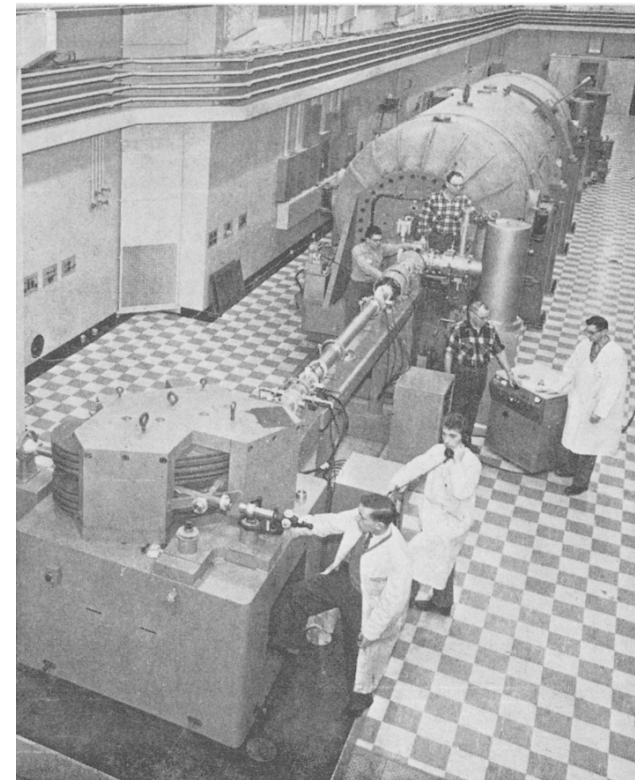


FIG. 1. Electrostatic generator and housing.



Robert J. Van de Graaff's in-air machine reached up to 5.1MV between two spheres. Construction in a large airship hanger resulted in the 'pigeon effect' shown here,



The first HVE EN Tandem at Chalk River, 1958. The High Voltage Engineering Corp. was founded by Robert Van de Graaff in 1946.

Design of a Million-Volt X-Ray Generator for Cancer Treatment and Research

By J. G. TRUMP AND R. J. VAN DE GRAAFF
*Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Cambridge, Massachusetts*

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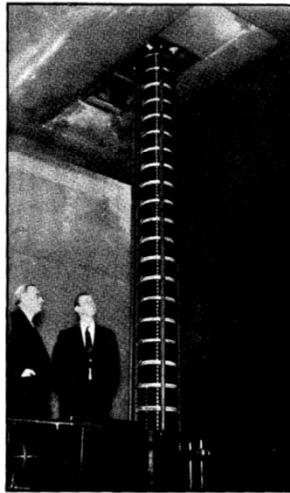


FIG. 2. Cascade type x-ray tube.

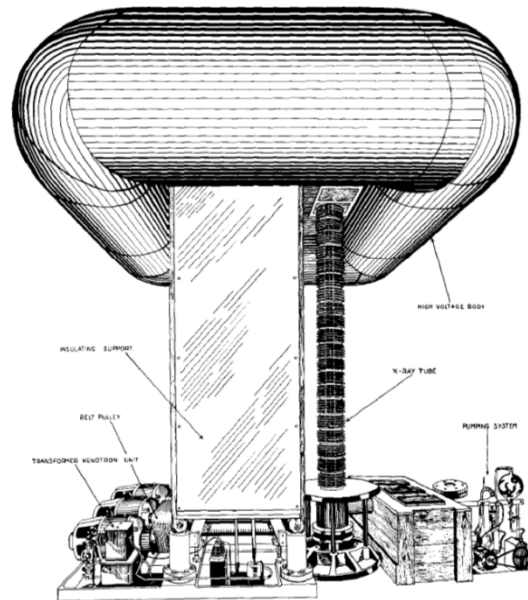
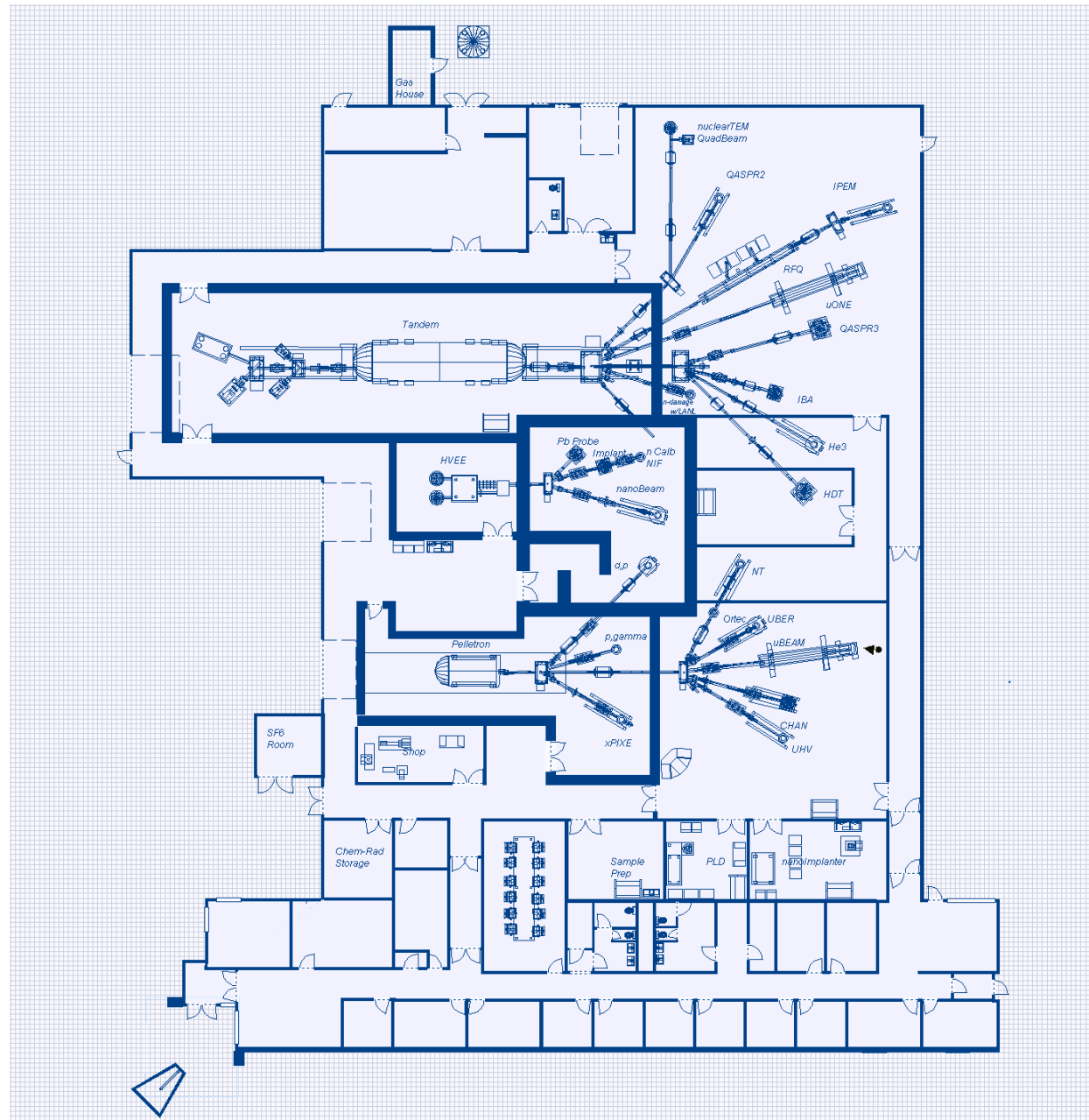


FIG. 1. General arrangement of the million-volt x-ray generator and tube. The bottom cover is shown removed.



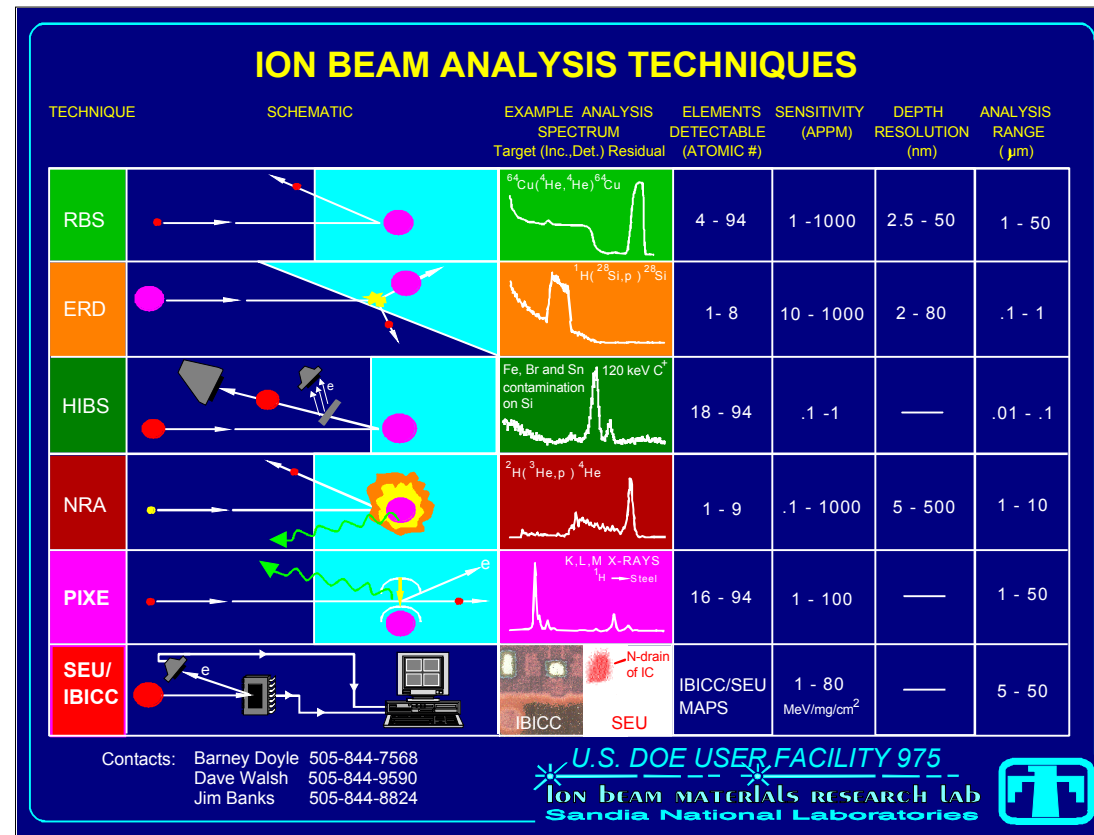
FIG. 4. Treatment room which is completely free from high voltage apparatus.

- Sandia's Ion Beam Lab:
- 4 Major Accelerators
- Unique Capabilities
- In Support of NNSA and other national security applications



Ion Beam Analysis at the IBL

- RBS – Rutherford BackScattering
- ERD - Elastic Recoil Detection
- HIBS – Heavy Ion BackScattering
- NRA - Nuclear Reaction Analysis
- PIXE - Proton Induced X-ray Emission
- SEU/IBIC – Single Event Upset and Ion Beam Induced Current Imaging



Microbeam IBA experiments in the IBL

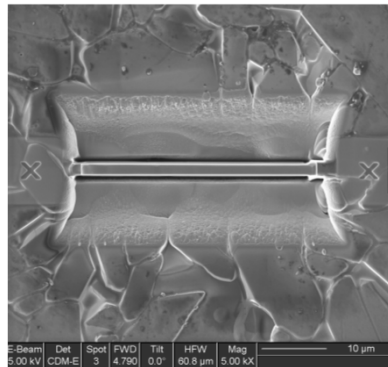
- Elemental concentration distributions in 3D
- TEM samples can be analyzed
- H profiling using uERD
- Sintered Ceramics
 - H₂O well known to modify volatilization behavior of common commercial glasses
 - Where is H₂O (i.e. H) localized?
- microERD used to map H
- microRFS performed at same time to measure sample thickness variations

Sample prep by Gary Bryant 1819

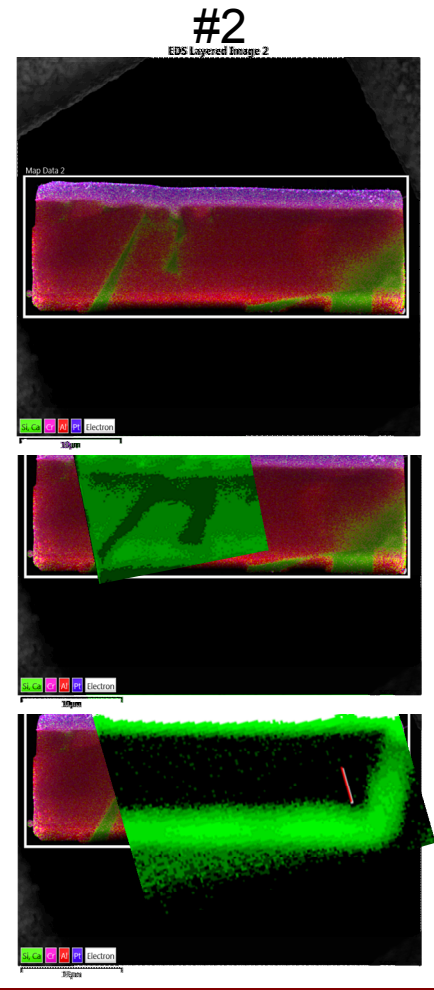
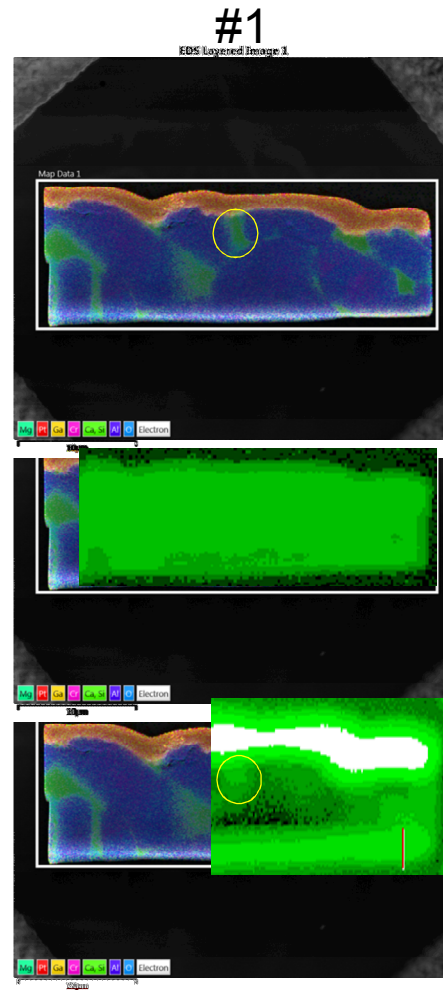
SEM

RFS

ERD



Ceramic Samples



2,787,564

**FORMING SEMICONDUCTIVE DEVICES BY IONIC
BOMBARDMENT**

**William Shockley, Madison, N. J., assignor to Bell Tele-
phone Laboratories, Incorporated, New York, N. Y.,
a corporation of New York**

Application October 28, 1954, Serial No. 465,393

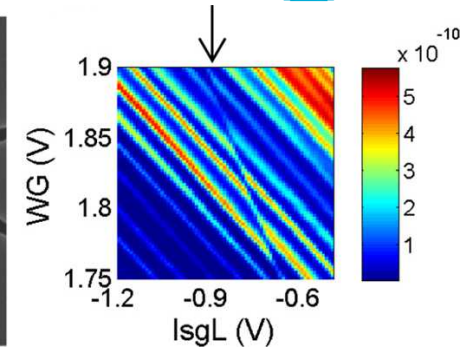
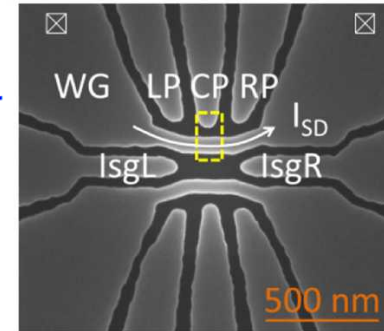
- Alloys have been known for millennia (e.g. bronze)
- Controlled introduction of elements fundamental to semiconductor devices – Shockley invented ion implantation for transistors only 5 years after their invention.

Single Ion Implant

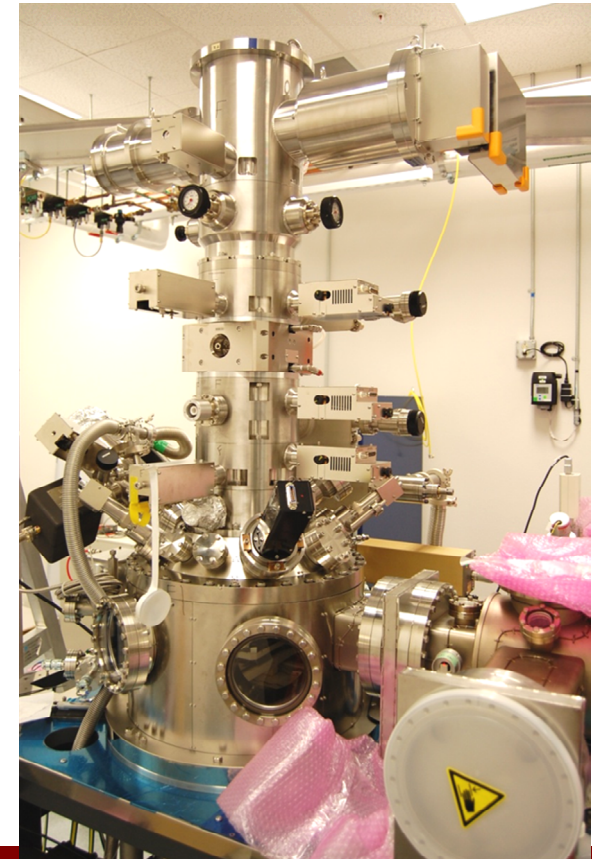
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Electrostatically defined silicon quantum dots with counted antimony donor implants

M. Singh,^{1,2,a)} J. L. Pacheco,¹ D. Perry,¹ E. Garratt,¹ G. Ten Eyck,¹ N. C. Bishop,¹
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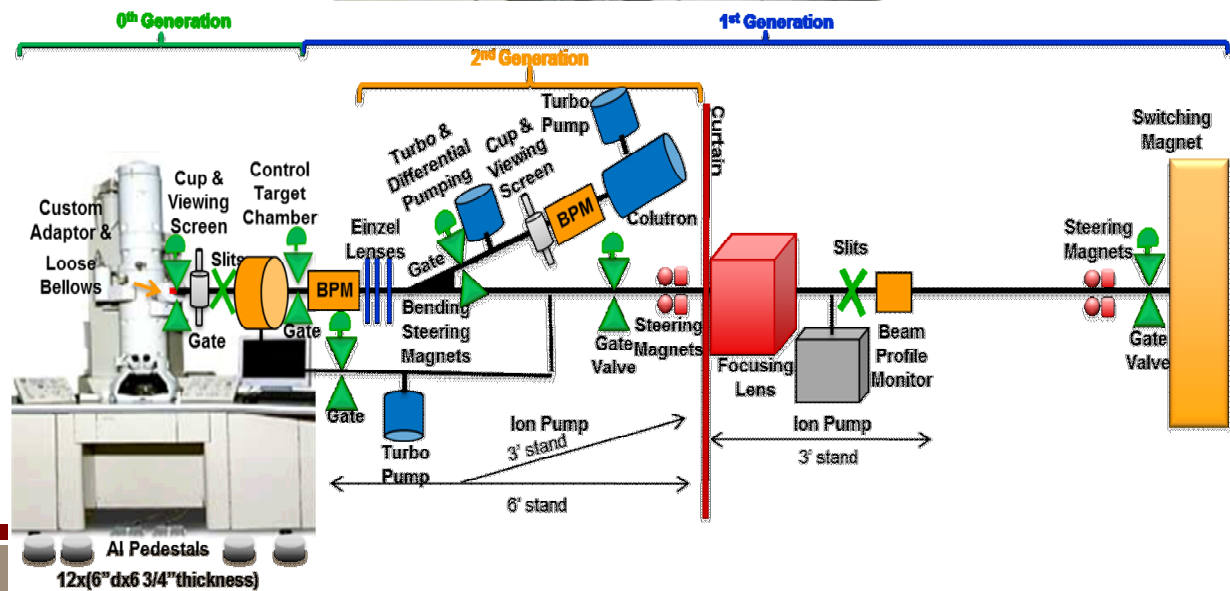
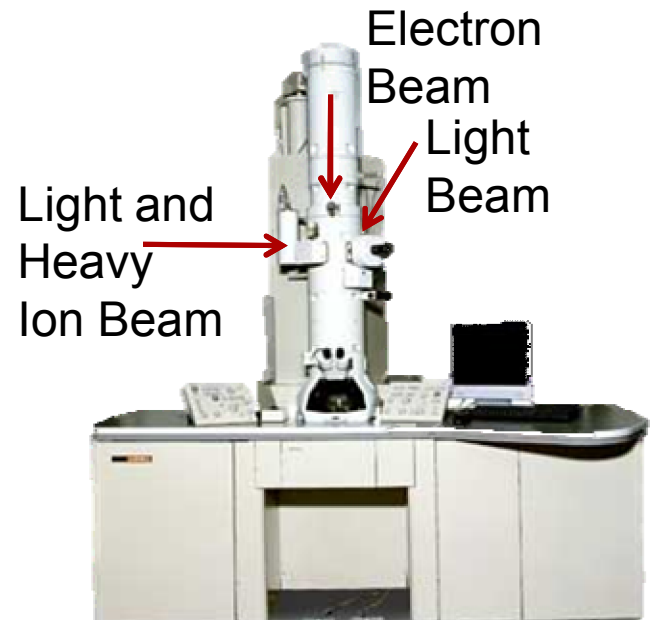
- The extreme limits of ion beam modification: One atom at a time
- One single Sb ion (a donor) put in the right place in a SET
- Quantum bit formation demonstrated



In situ Ion Irradiation TEM Facility

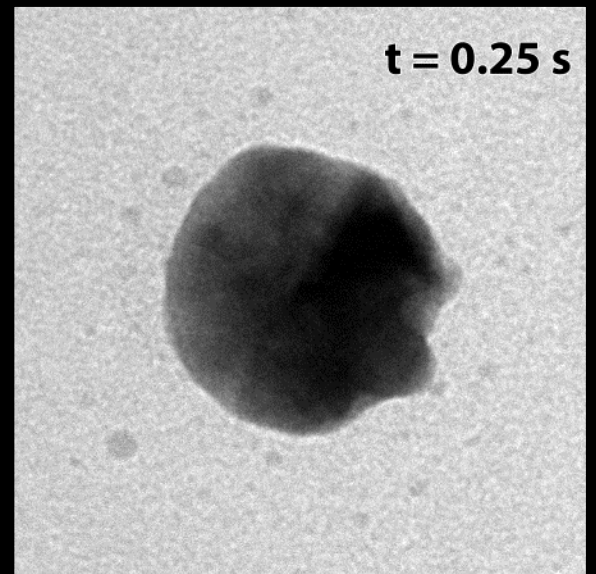
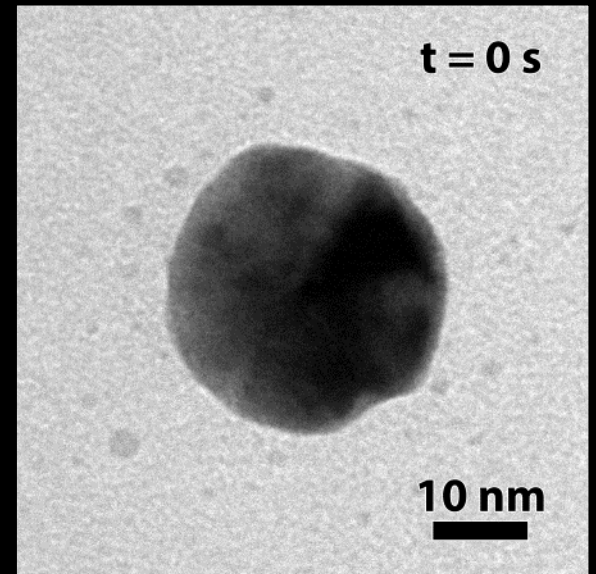
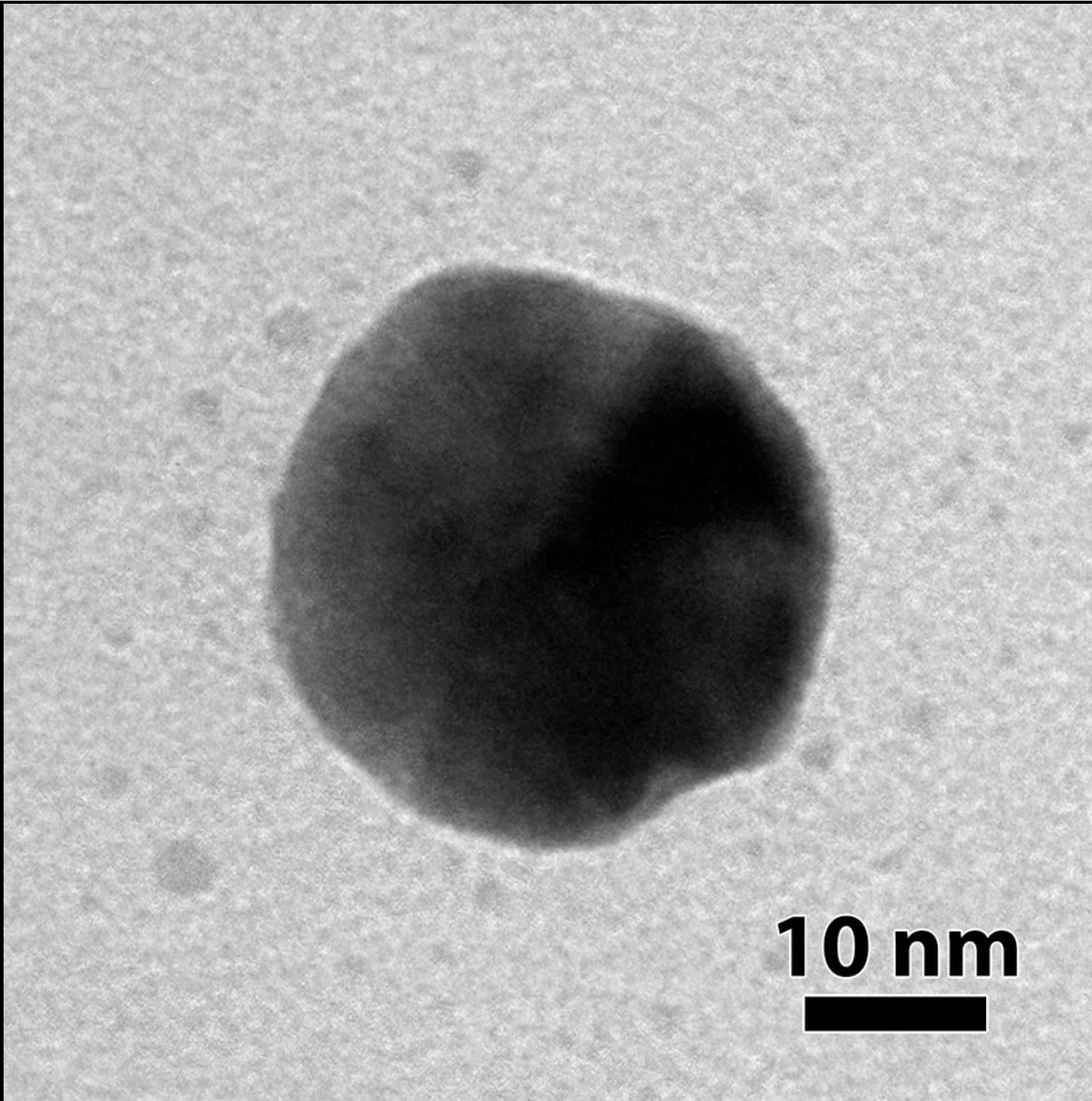
Capabilities:

- 200 kV LaB₆ TEM
- Ion beams used:
 - Range of Sputtered Ions from Tandem
 - 10 keV D₂⁺
 - 10 keV He⁺
 - (Simultaneous D₂+He)
- All beams hit same location
- Nanosecond time resolution (DTEM)
- Procession scanning (EBSD in TEM)
- In situ CL, and IBIL, and PL
- In situ vapor phase stage
- In situ liquid mixing stage
- In situ heating
- Tomography stage (2 axis)
- In situ straining stage
- In situ cooling stage
- In situ electrical bias stage



46keV Au ions (range $\sim 7\text{nm}$) in Au

Khalid Hattar and D.C. Bufford



Neutron vs Ions in Semiconductors

- With care we can simulate FBR neutron response using a fast-pulsed ion beam
- Replicate time response of transistor gain
- Replicate remaining defect population
- Replicate minority carrier lifetime change
- With ions we can probe much earlier in the response
 - No coincident gammas

