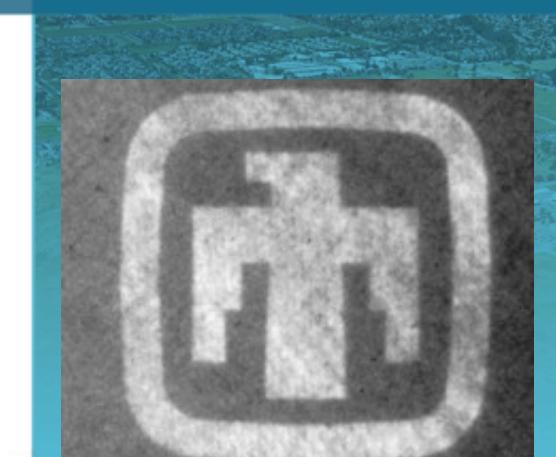




# Atomic Focused Nitrogen Ion Beam from a Liquid-Metal Alloy Ion Source



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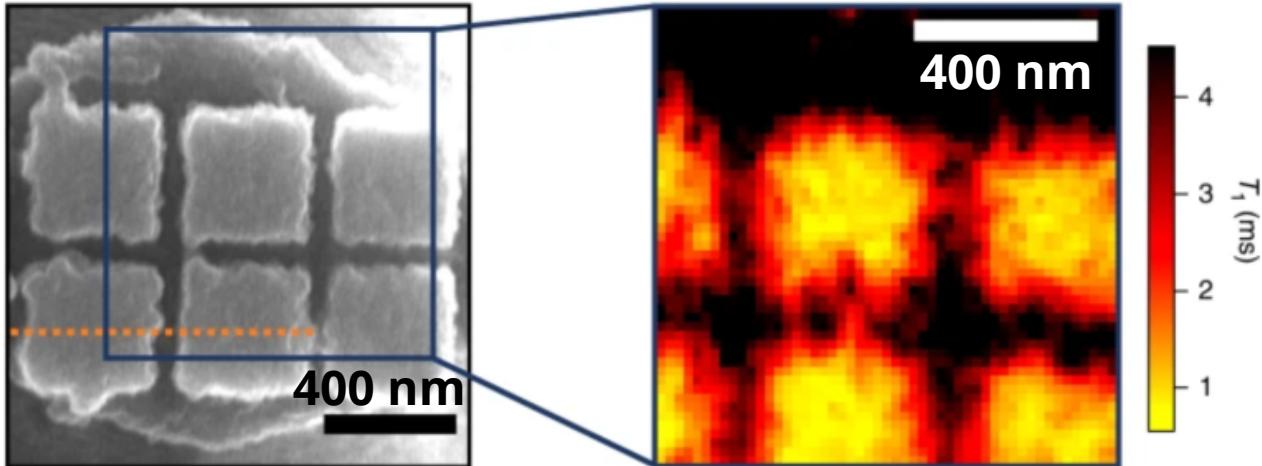
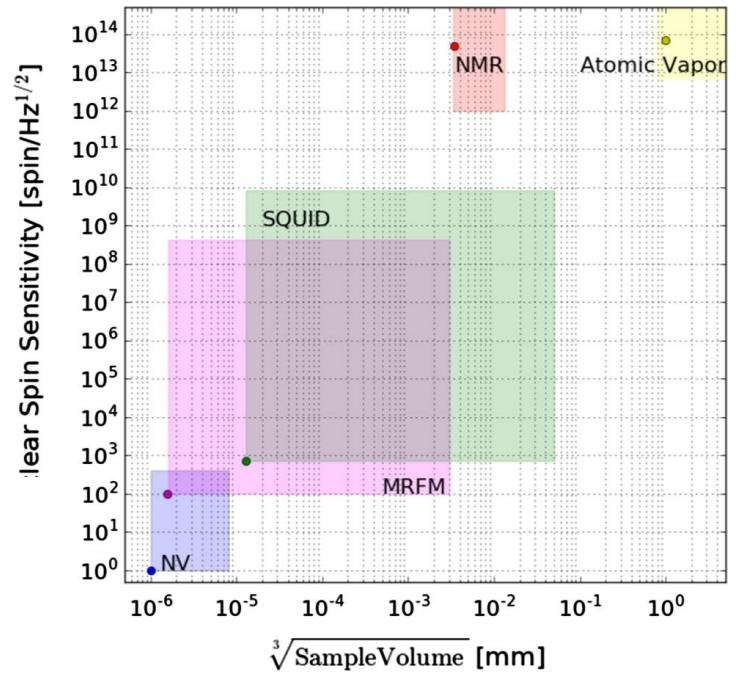
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# Nitrogen-Vacancy Color Centers in Diamond

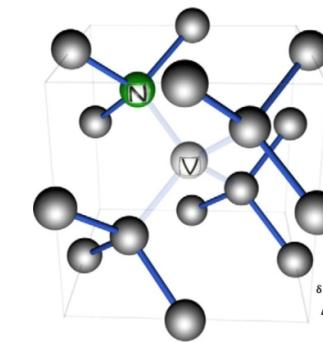


## Quantum Sensing

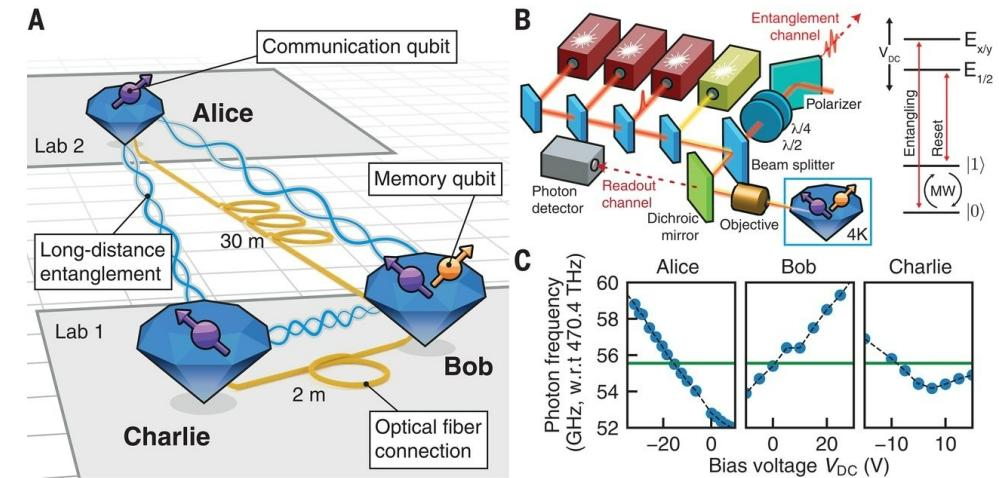
J. Wrachtrup, A. Finkler,  
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## Quantum Networking

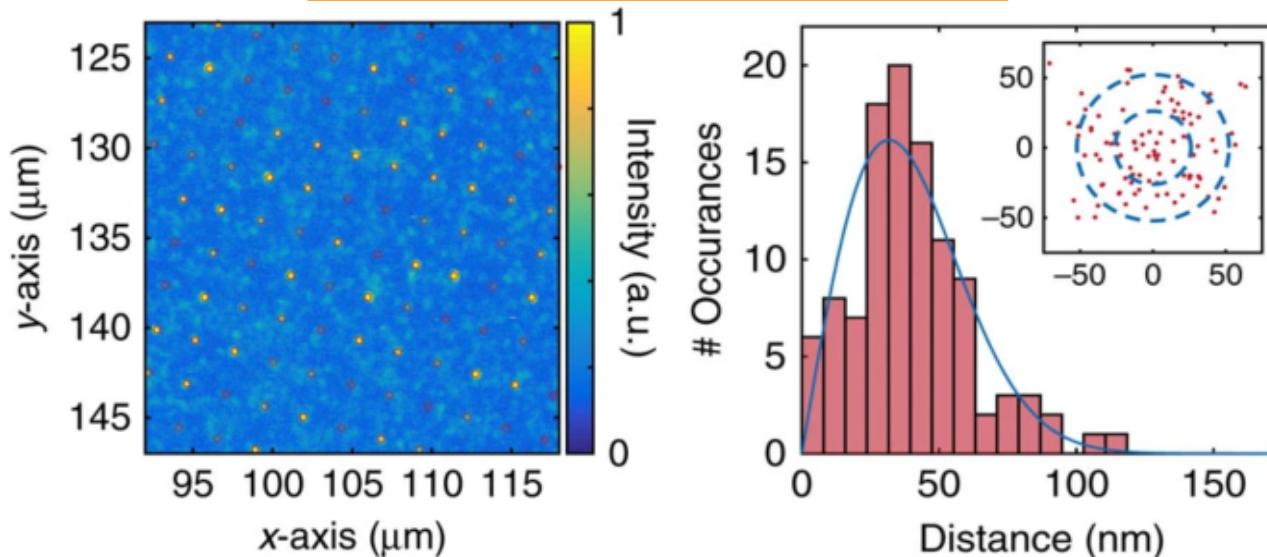


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# Focused Ion Beam Implantation Enables Precision Placement

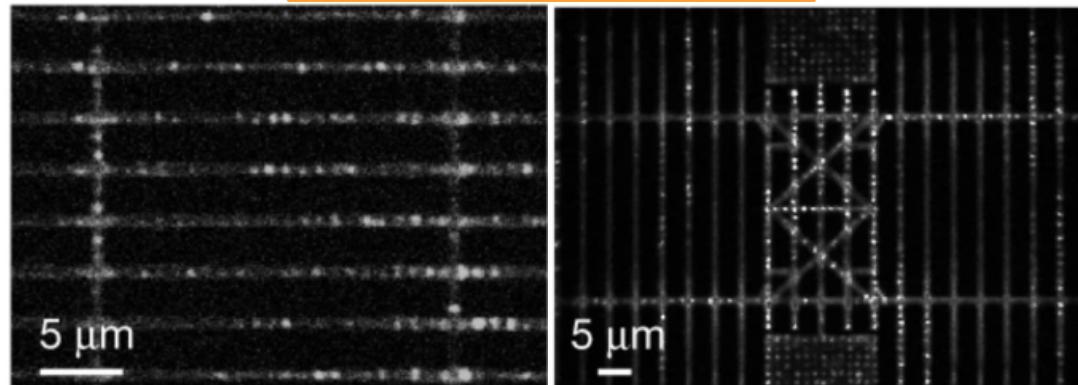


< 50 nm Targeting Resolution



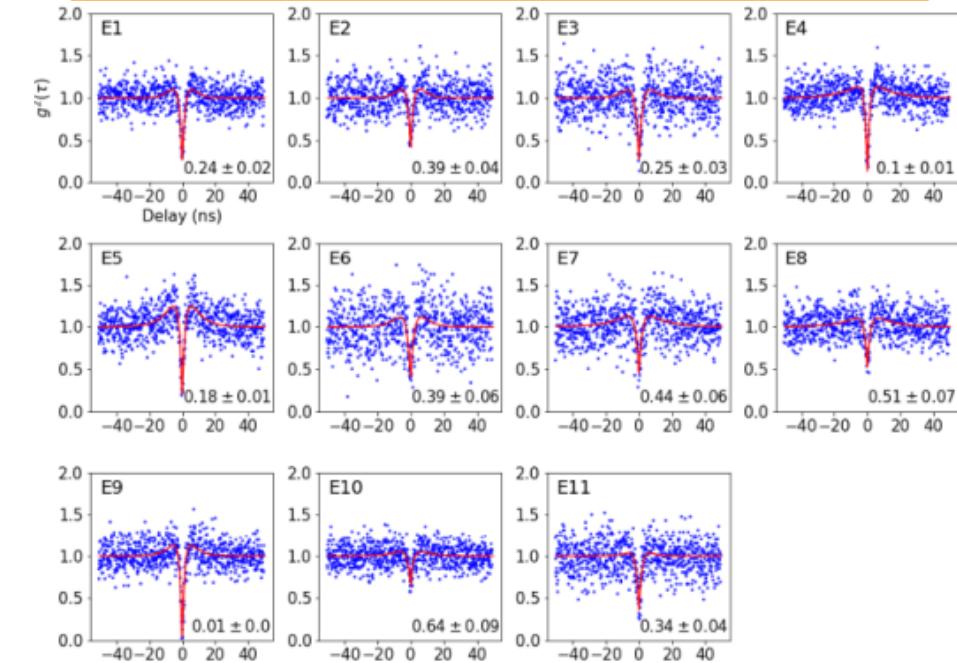
T. Schroder et al., Nat. Commun., 8, 15376 (2017)

Scalable Implantation



N. Wan et al., Nature, 583, 226 (2020)

Formation of Single Photon Emitters



M. Titze et al., arXiv:2112.02049  
(accepted Nano Letters)

! All done with SiV in Diamond, not NV !

# Liquid Metal Alloy Ion Sources – Available Ions



- Material needs to form a low melting point liquid metal alloy → Nitrides do not apply

1 H	2 He
3 Li	4 Be
11 Na	12 Mg
19 K	20 Ca
37 Rb	38 Sr
55 Cs	56 Ba
87 Fr	88 Ra
40 Zr	41 Nb
72 Hf	73 Ta
104 Rf	105 Db
60 Nd	61 Pm
90 Th	91 Pa
21 Sc	22 Ti
74 W	75 Re
106 Sg	107 Bh
23 V	24 Cr
42 Mo	43 Tc
76 Os	77 Ir
108 Hs	109 Mt
25 Mn	26 Fe
44 Ru	45 Rh
78 Pt	79 Au
109 Mt	110 Ds
27 Co	28 Ni
46 Pd	47 Ag
77 Ir	78 Pt
48 Cd	49 In
80 Hg	81 Tl
111 Rg	112 Cn
62 Sm	63 Eu
94 Pu	95 Am
64 Gd	65 Tb
95 Am	96 Cm
66 Dy	67 Ho
97 Bk	98 Cf
68 Er	69 Tm
99 Es	100 Fm
101 Md	102 No
70 Yb	71 Lu
13 Al	14 Si
15 P	16 S
32 Ge	33 As
50 Sn	51 Sb
34 Se	35 Br
52 Te	53 I
84 Po	85 At
86 Rn	118 Og
17 Cl	18 Ar
29 Cu	30 Zn
31 Ga	32 Ge
33 As	34 Se
35 Br	36 Kr
36 Kr	37 Rb
38 Sr	39 Y
41 Nb	42 Mo
43 Tc	44 Ru
45 Rh	46 Pd
47 Ag	48 Cd
49 In	50 Sn
51 Sb	52 Te
52 Te	53 I
53 I	54 Xe
54 Xe	55 Cs
56 Ba	57 La
70 Yb	71 Lu
71 Lu	72 Hf
72 Hf	73 Ta
73 Ta	74 W
74 W	75 Re
75 Re	76 Os
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83 Bi	84 Po
84 Po	85 At
85 At	86 Rn
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107 Bh	108 Hs
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110 Ds	111 Rg
111 Rg	112 Cn
112 Cn	113 Nh
113 Nh	114 Fl
114 Fl	115 Mc
115 Mc	116 Lv
116 Lv	117 Ts
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Adapted from L. Bischoff et al.,  
Appl. Phys. Rev., 3 (2016)

Green: Demonstrated at SNL

Purple: Attempting at SNL

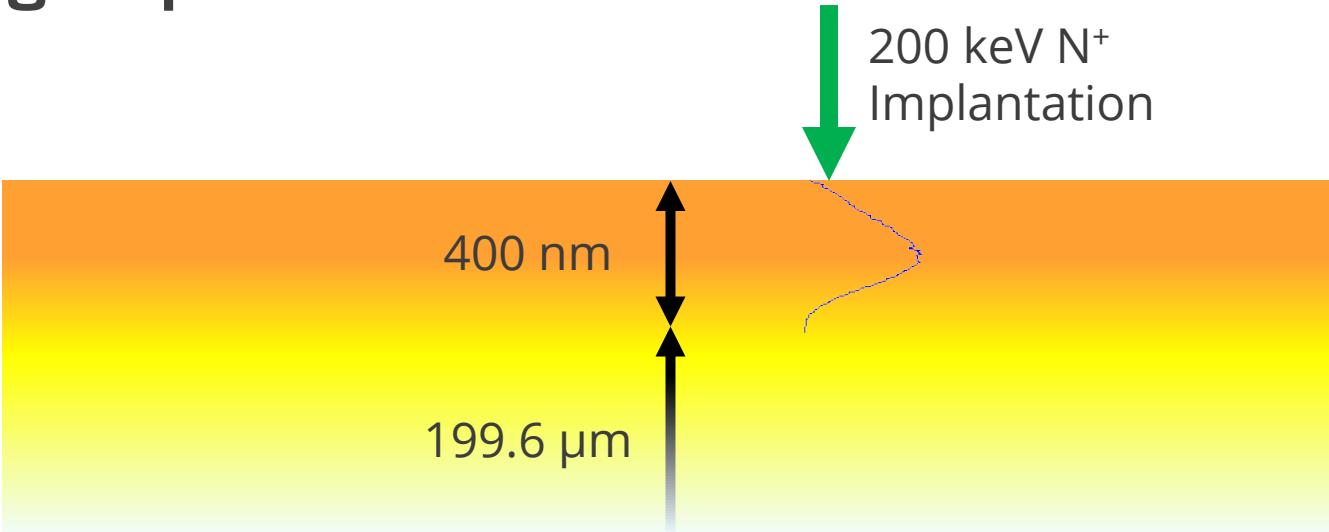
Yellow: Demonstrated at other lab

# Fabrication of a N Containing Liquid Metal



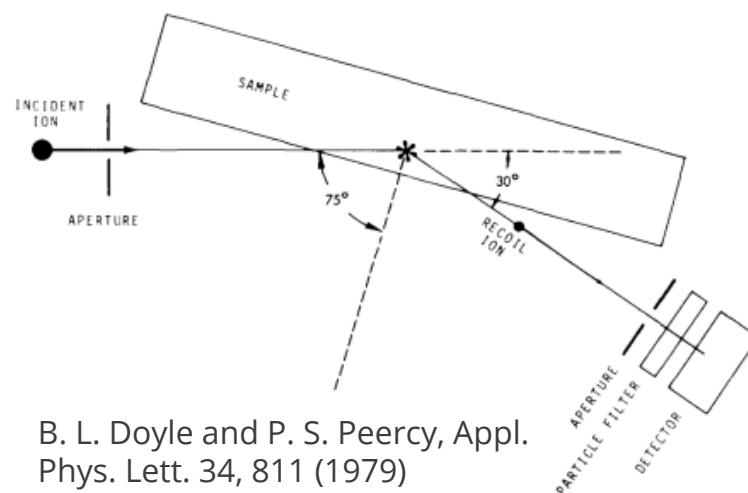
## Implantation

- Implanted a  $\text{Au}_{80}\text{Sn}_{20}$  200  $\mu\text{m}$  thick foil with N to  $5 \times 10^{17}$  ions/ $\text{cm}^2$ 
  - Level based on solid-solubility limit for H

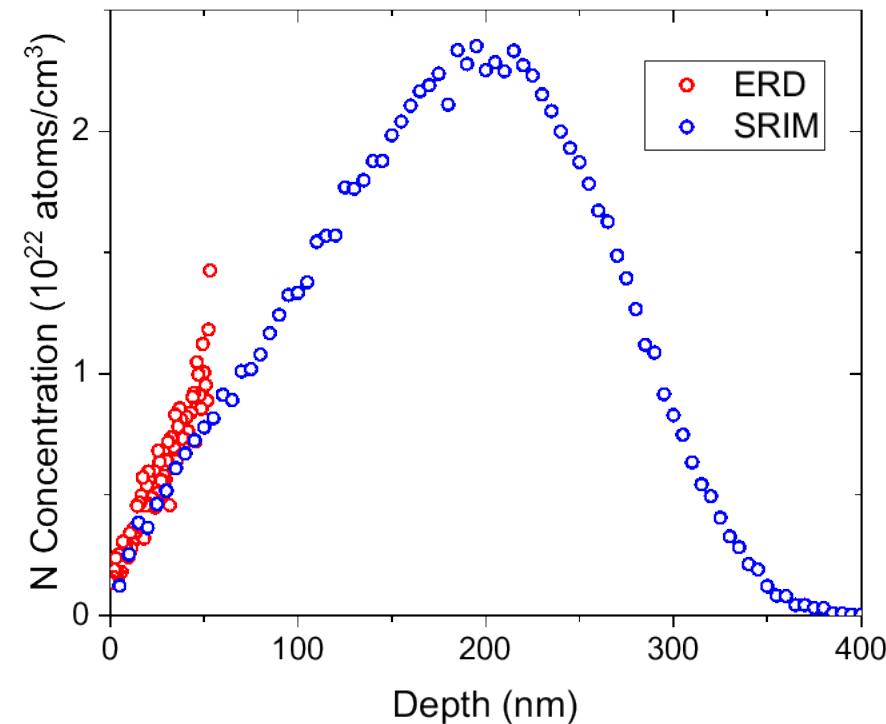


## Characterization

- Elastic Recoil Detection (ERD):
  - 50 nm of foil as expected
  - Cannot interrogate deeper due to multiple scattering of deep ions



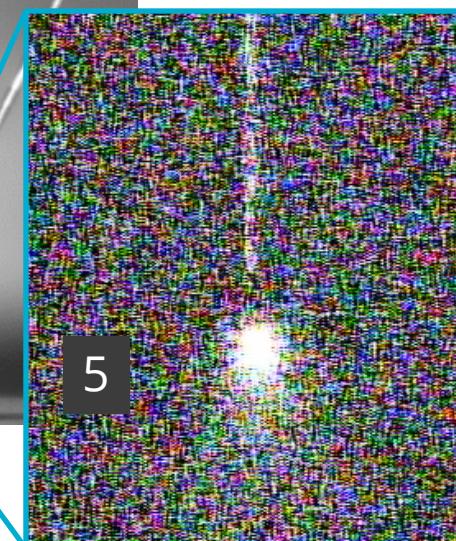
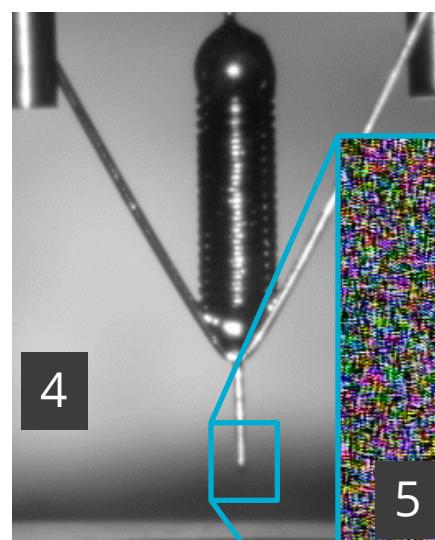
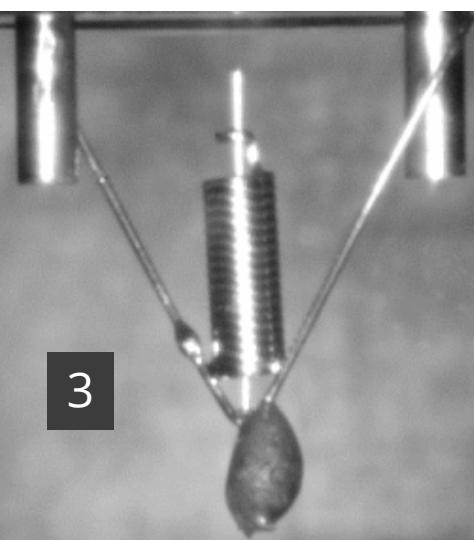
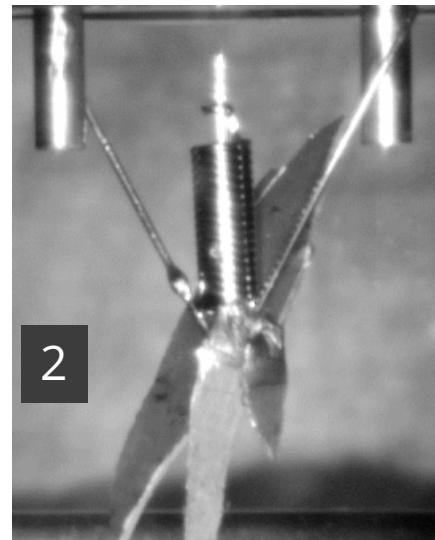
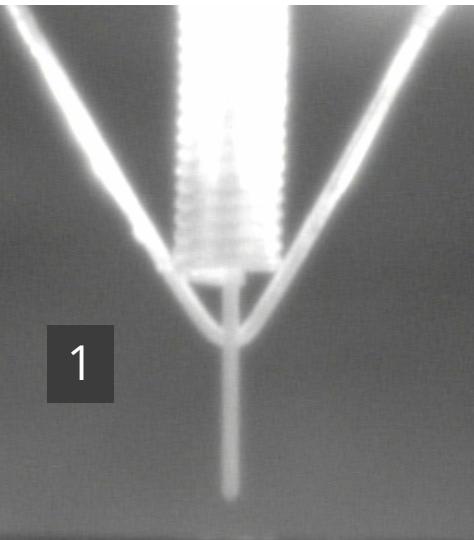
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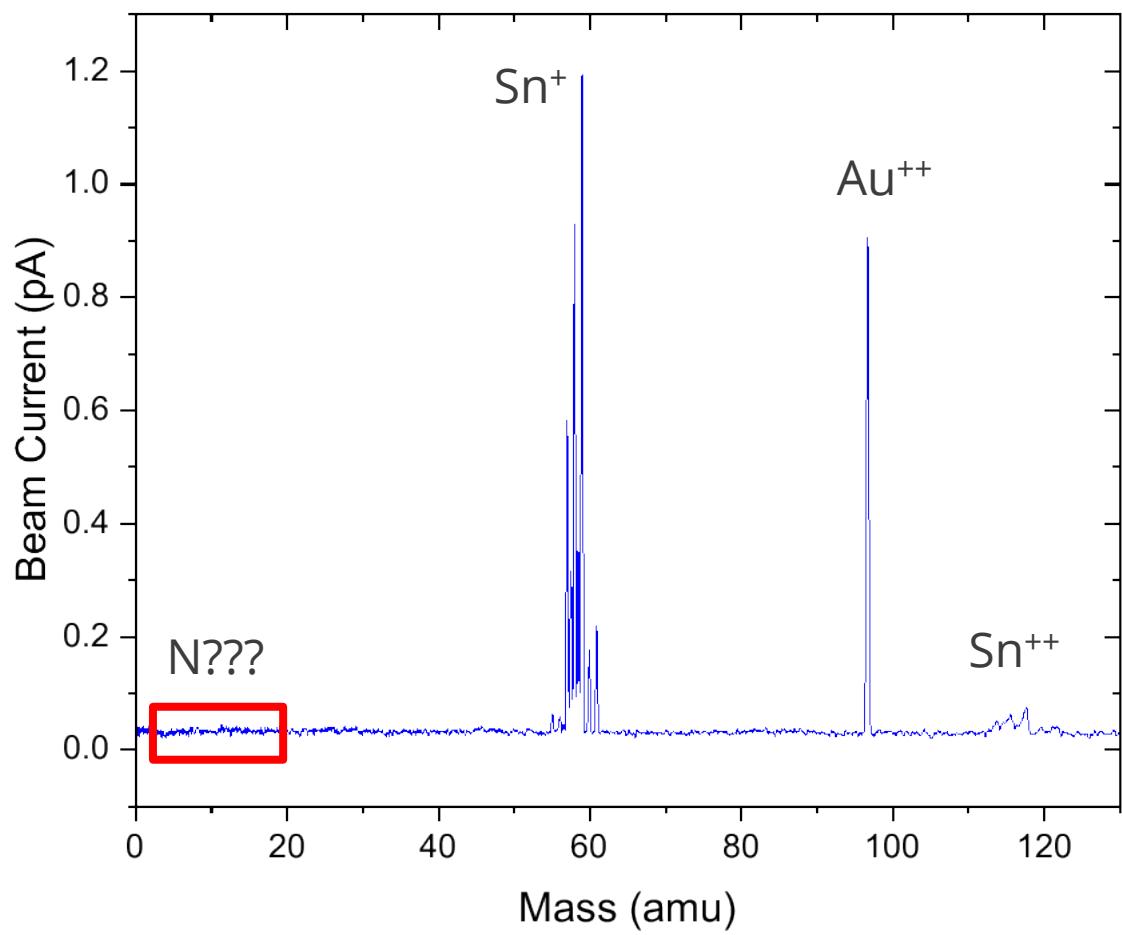
# Tip Fabrication from AuSnN foil



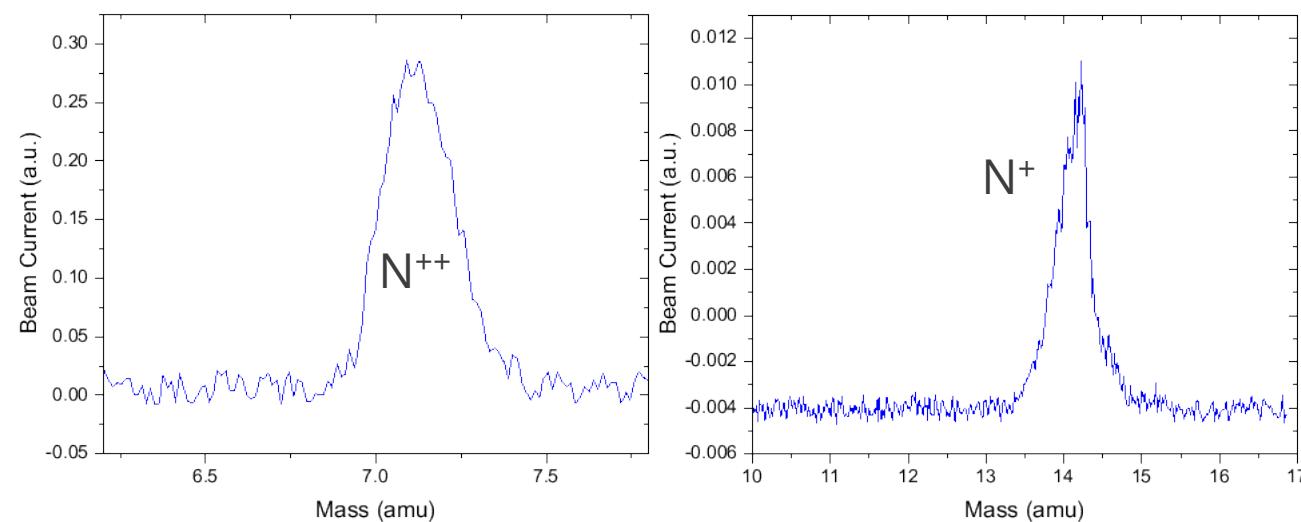
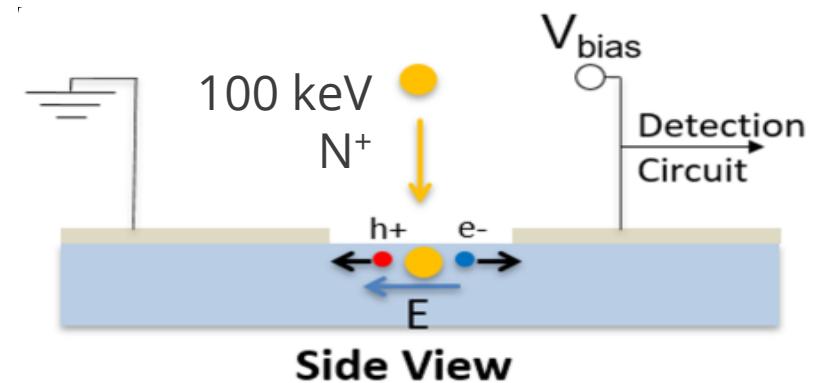
1. Heat W tip to remove surface contaminants
2. Tack weld foil to the tip
3. Heat tip to melt foil onto tip
4. Repeat steps 2. + 3. until tip + parts of reservoir is filled
5. Test tip emits
6. Install tip into nanolimplanter



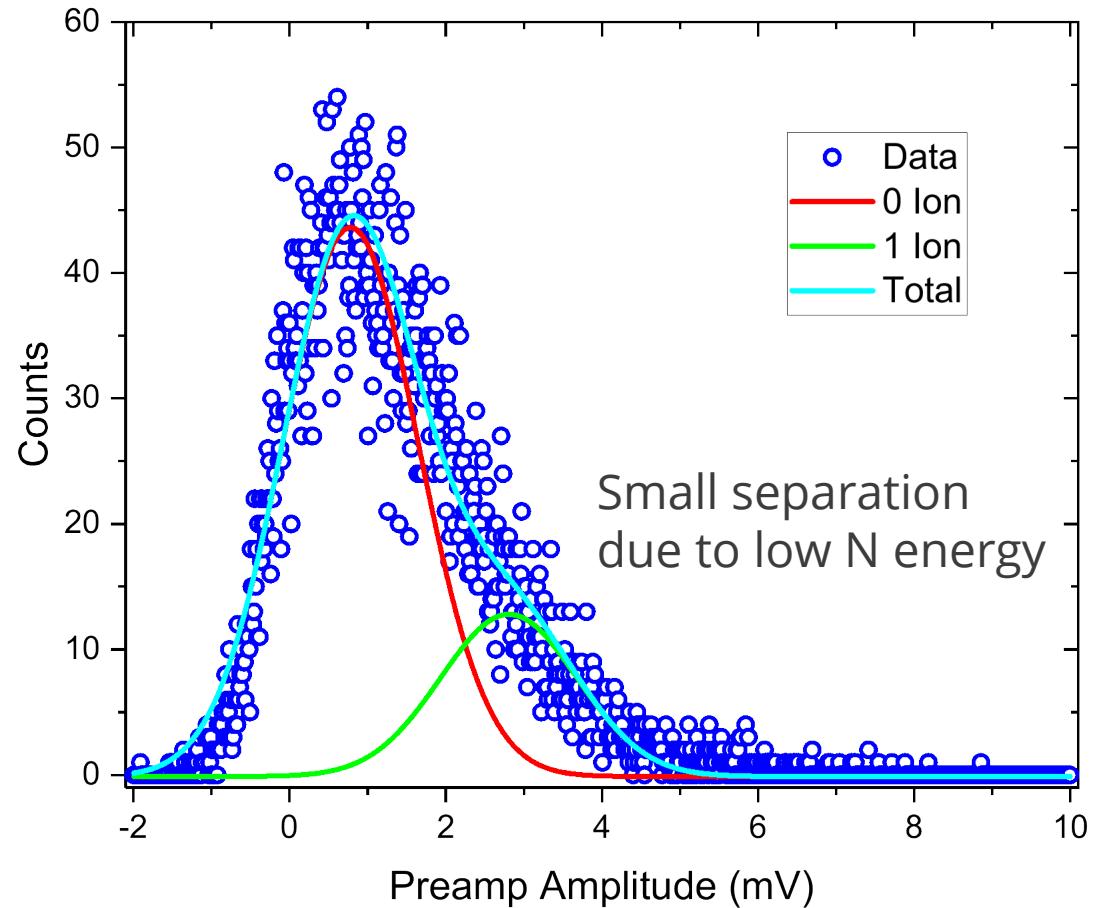
# Characterization – Mass Spectrum via IBIC



Ion Beam Induced Charge (IBIC) to measure N beam



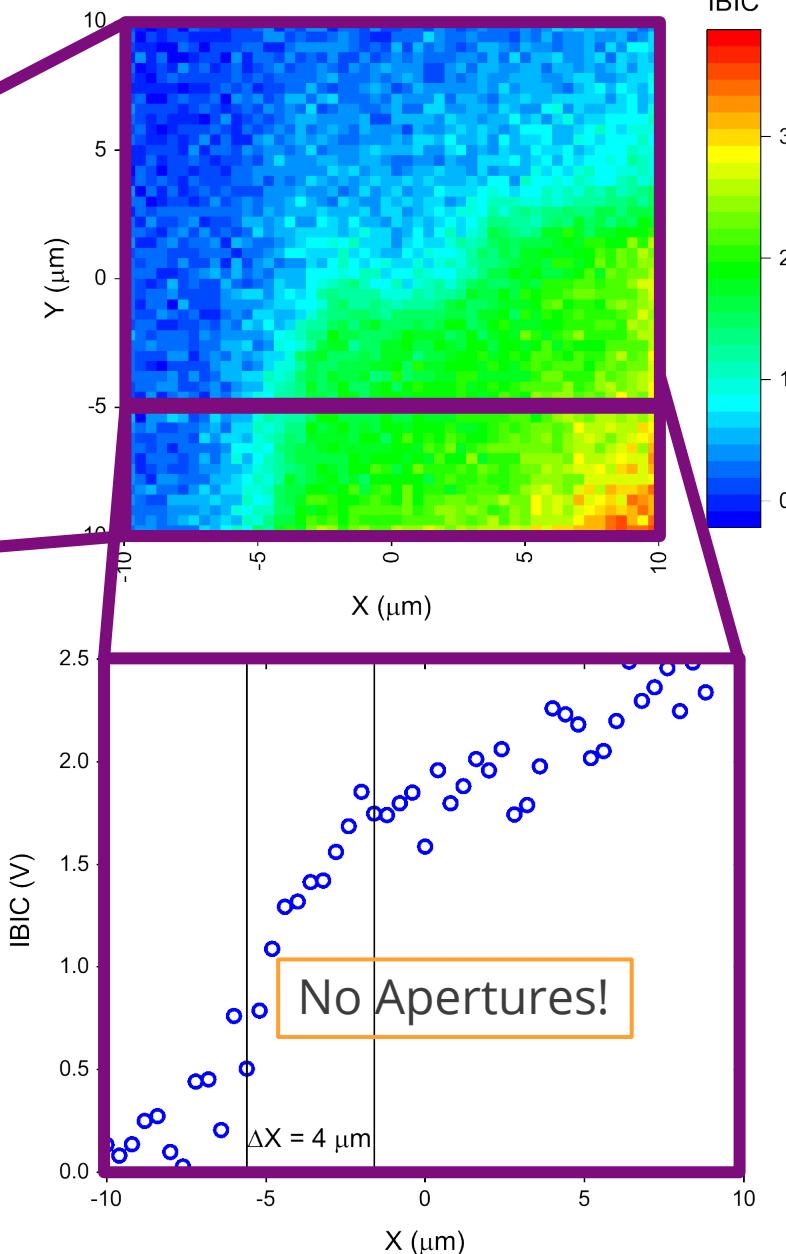
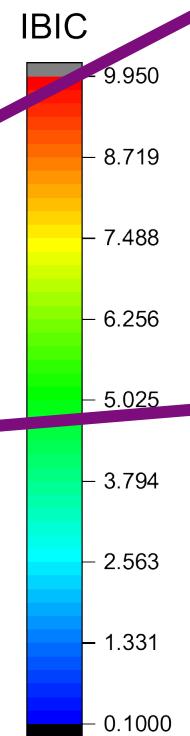
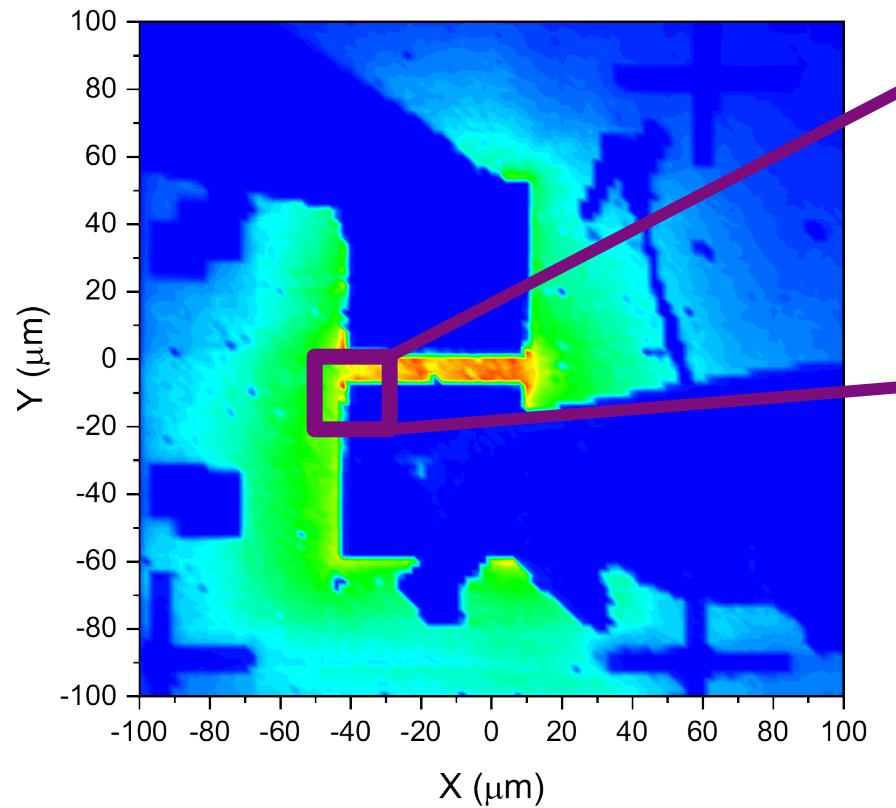
# Characterization – Beam Current measured via IBIC



1. Fit peak to Gaussians
2. Area under peak corresponds to likelihood of event

$\langle 1 \rangle$  ion every  $50 \mu\text{s} \equiv 20 \text{ k ions/s}$

# Characterization – Spot Size via IBIC

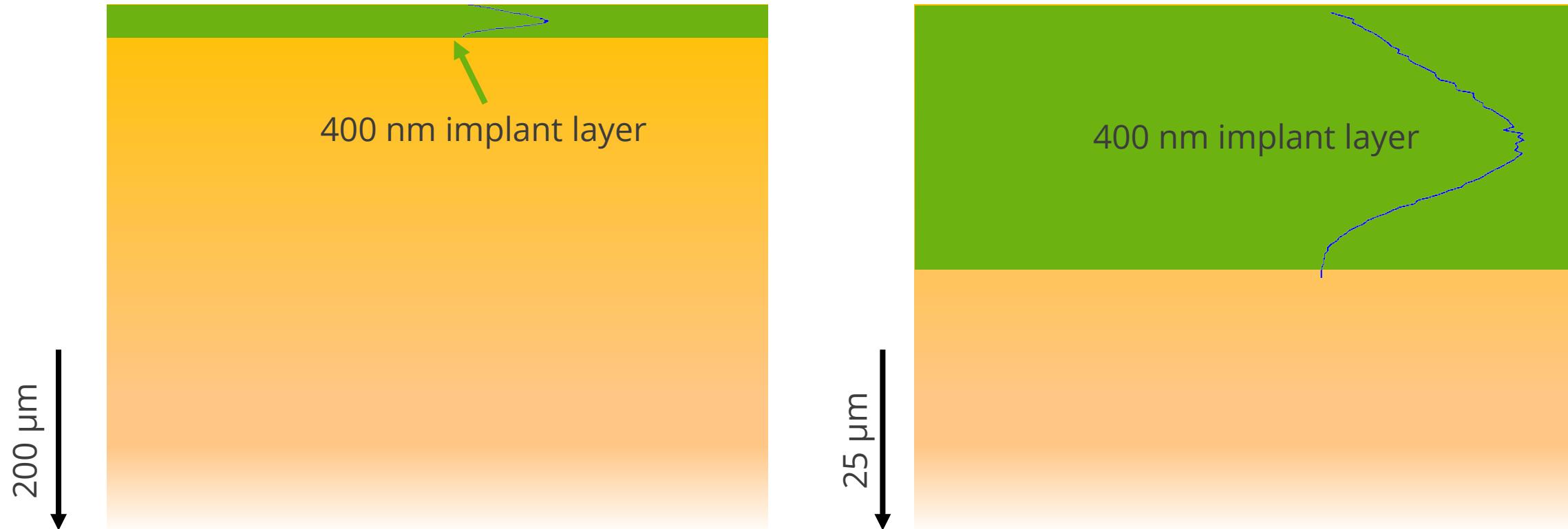


# N Source – Improvements



Higher beam current

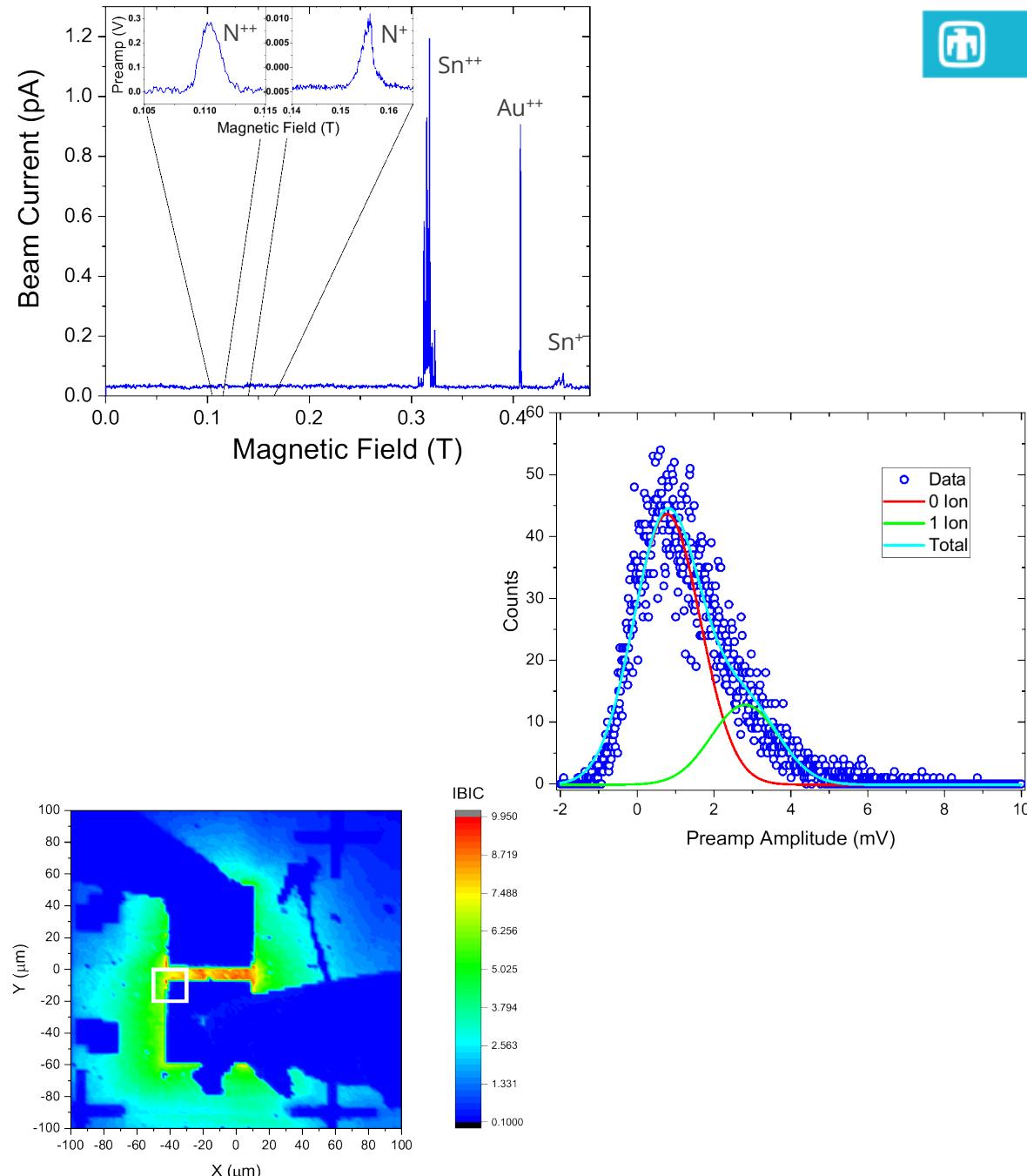
- Thinner foil to same fluence → higher overall concentration
- Fabrication in N atmosphere → additional N absorption



# Conclusions

- An atomic N source for FIB enables deterministic placement of NVs
- Ion implantation of N in a AuSn eutectic foil leads to incorporation of N confirmed by ERD
- N source behaves like other LMAIS, but low N current
  - Ion counting to measure mass spectrum, beam current and spot size
- Improved N emission will enable better N source focus + emission current

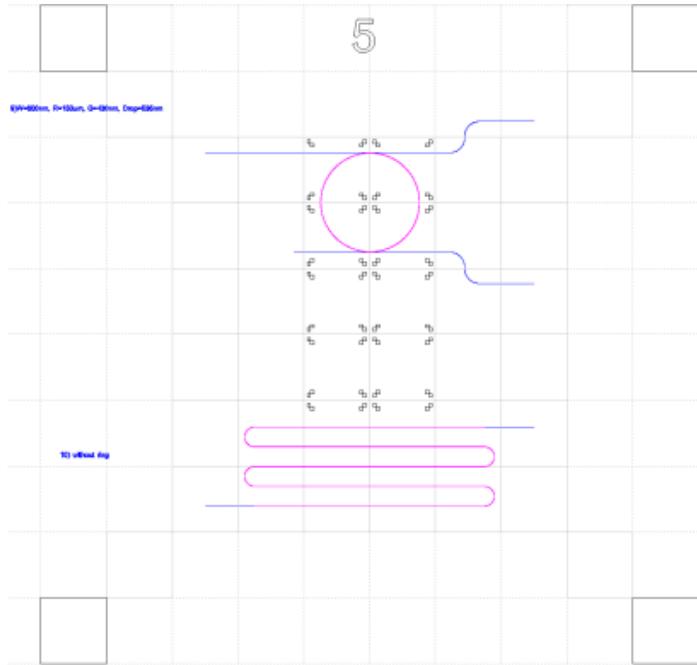
In total, 6 sources fabricated to date  
4 successfully characterized



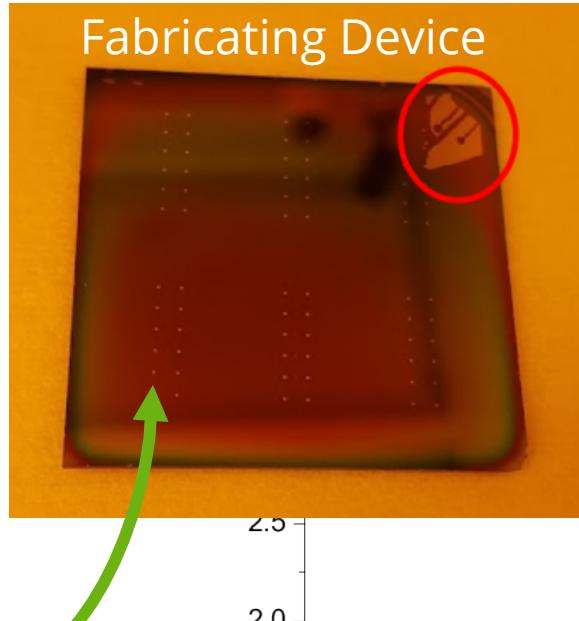
# Interaction with CINT Users – Design to Manuscript



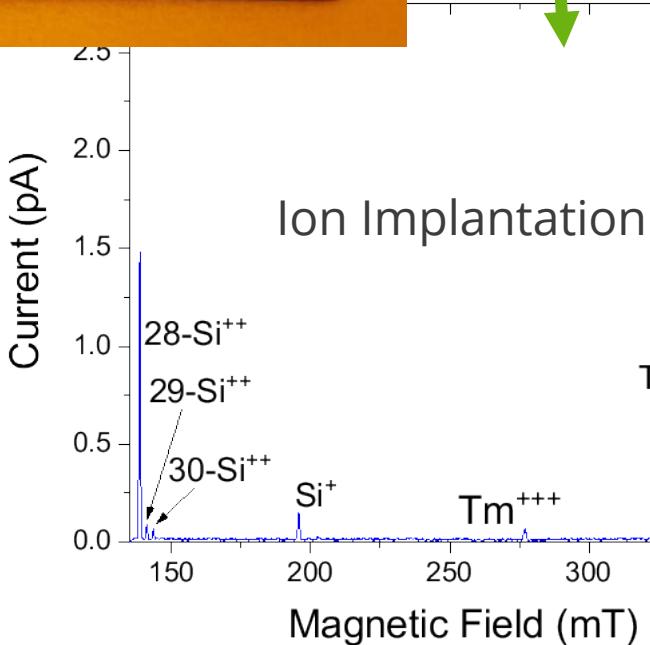
M. Hosseini @ Purdue



Discussion of design feasibility

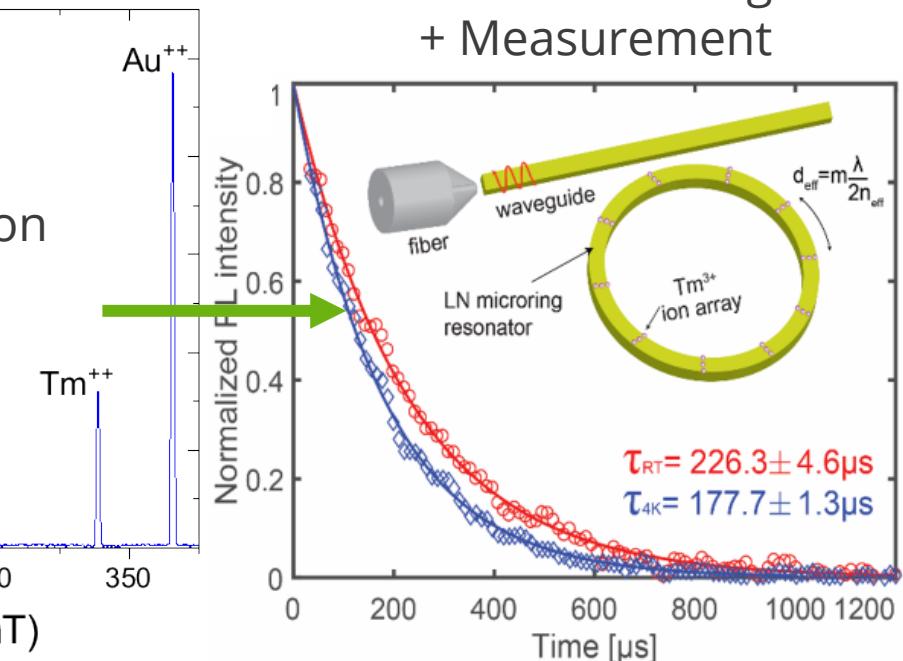


Ion Implantation



Tm for LiNbO<sub>3</sub> Photonics

Post-Processing + Measurement



# How can YOU access these capabilities? CINT User Proposal



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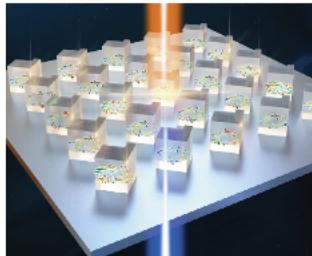
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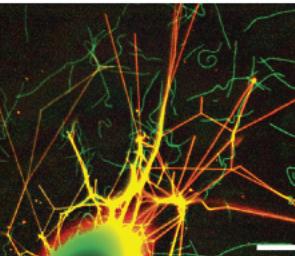
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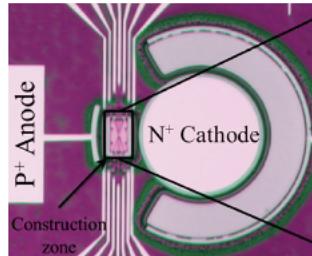
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