

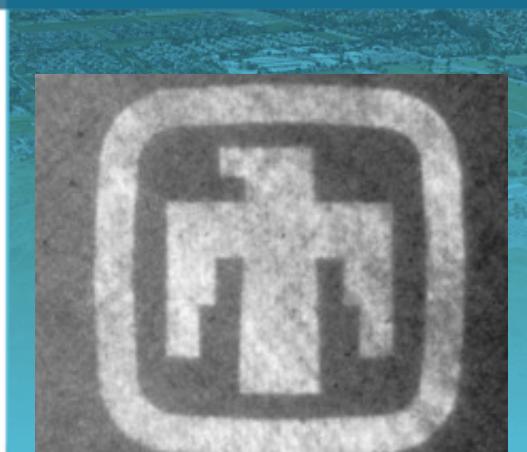


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Expanding the Energy Range from eV to MeV and Fabrication of Sources Enabling Novel Focused Ion Beam Nanofabrication and Modification

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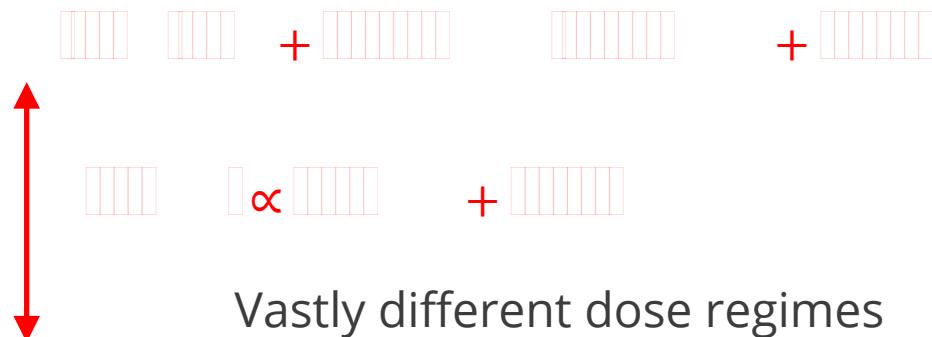
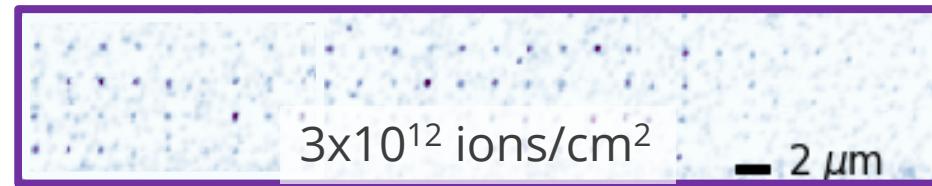
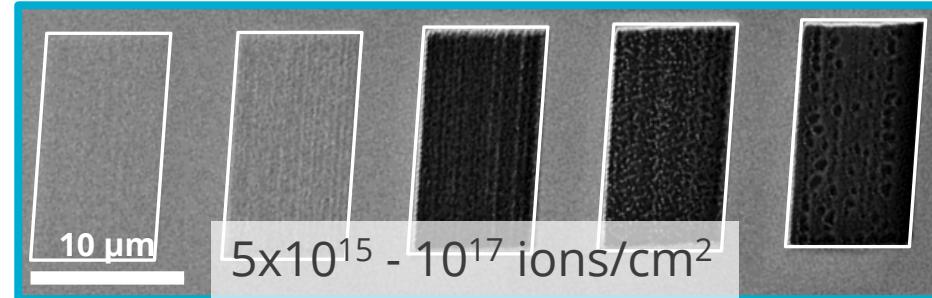
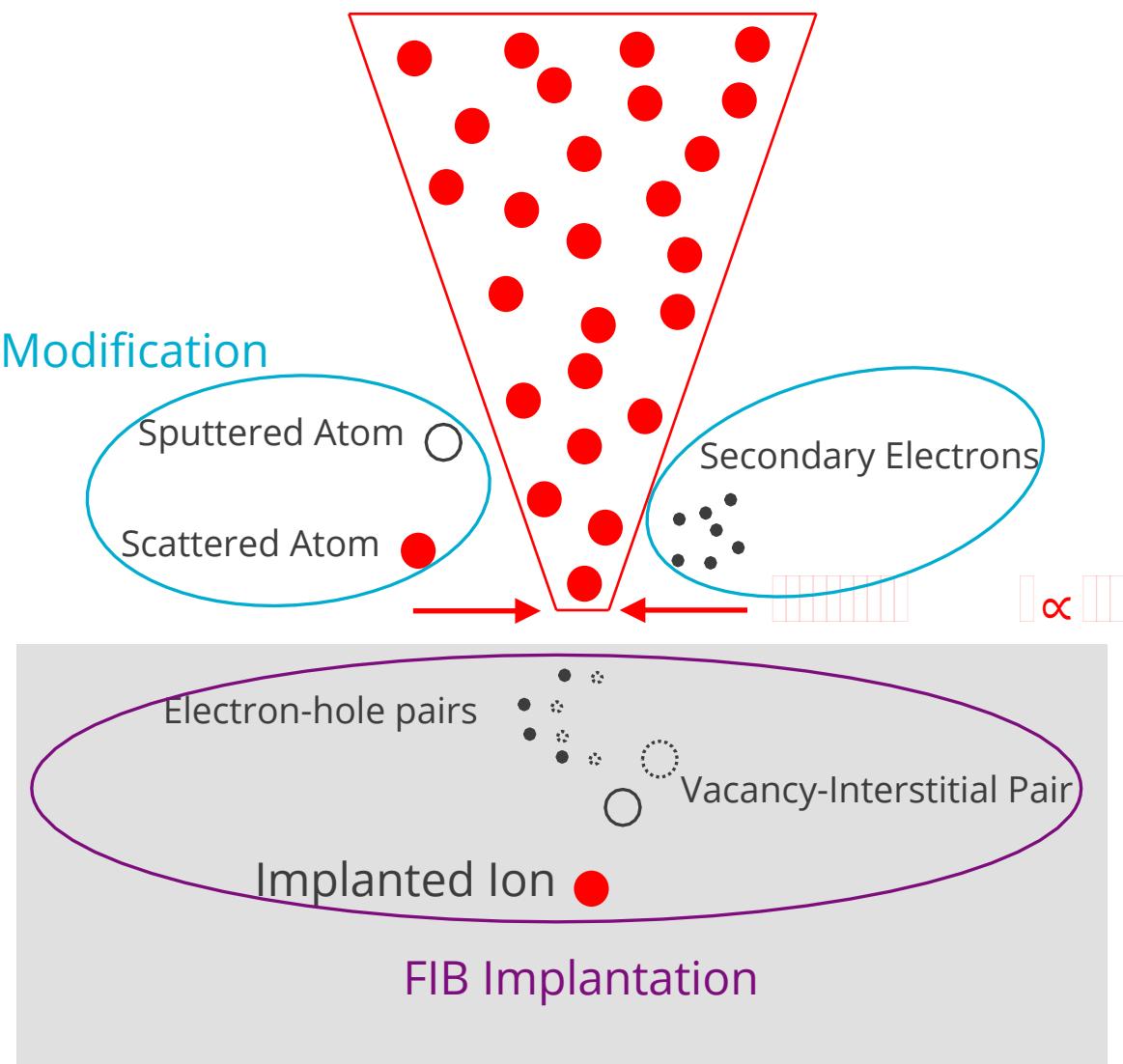
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Outline



- Overview of the Sandia Ion Beam Laboratory
 - Focused Ion Beam Capabilities
- Expanding the Energy Range for Ion Implantation
 - High Energy Range (≥ 1 MeV)
 - Medium Energy Range (10 – 200 keV)
 - Low Energy Range (< 10 keV)
- Conclusion

Ion Beam Modification versus Ion Implantation

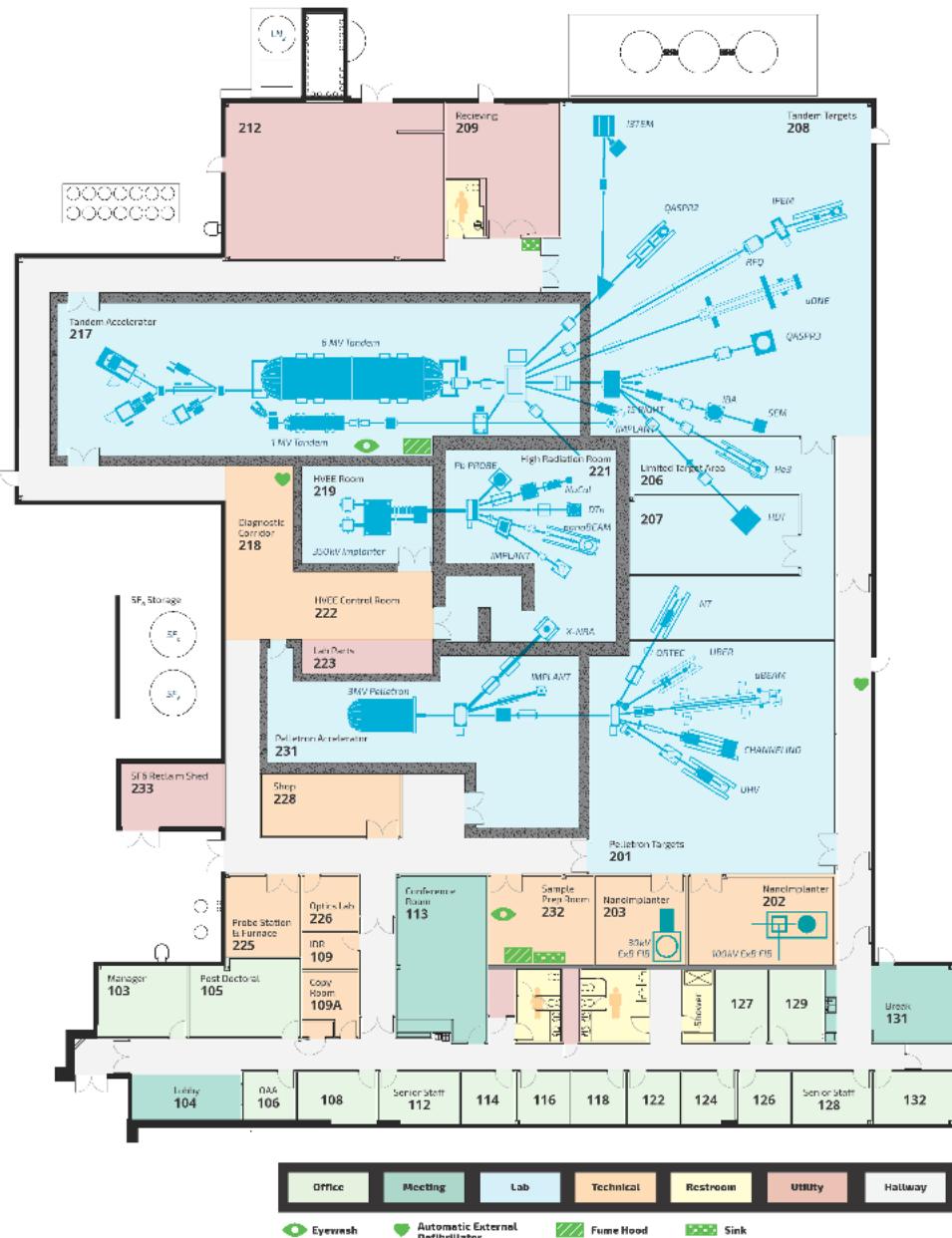


Vastly different dose regimes

- Single atom devices
- (almost) No beam current



Sandia's Ion Beam Laboratory (IBL)



7 Operational Accelerators and >25 end-stations

(including *in-situ* DLTS, PL, TEM, SEM, 1200°C heating, etc...)

Operational

- (1) 6 MV Tandem Accelerator
- (2) 3 MV Pelletron Accelerator
- (3) 1 MV Tandem Accelerator
- (4) 350 kV HVEE Implanter
- (5) 100 kV ExB FIB nanolimplanter
- (6) 35 kV ExB FIB Raith Velion
- (7) 35 kV Zeiss HelM

Installing

- (8) 35 kV Plasma FIB

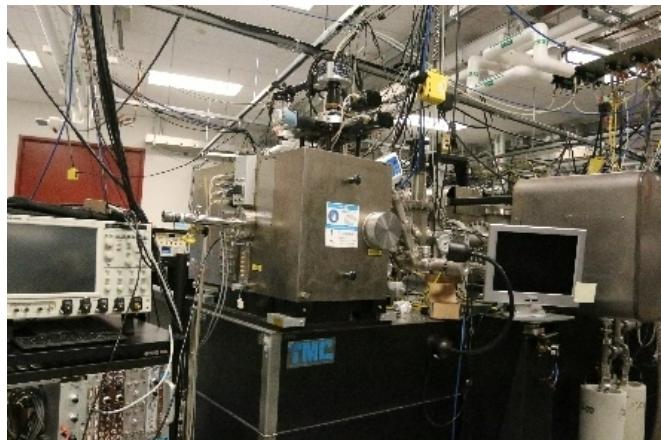
High energy
focused
micobeams
1 μ m

Low energy
focused
nanobeams
<1 to 20 nm

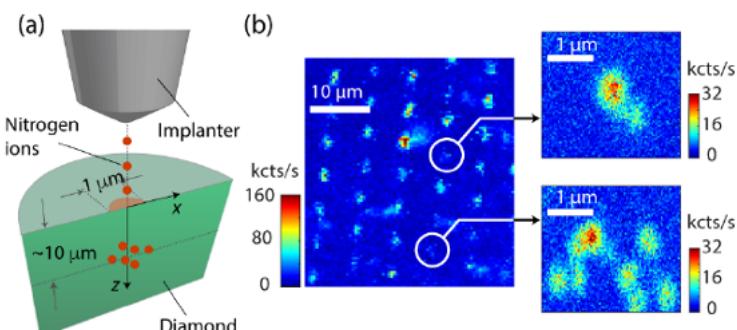
High Energy Focused Microbeams $\sim 1 \mu\text{m}$ Spot Size



- 6 MV Tandem microbeam (microONE)

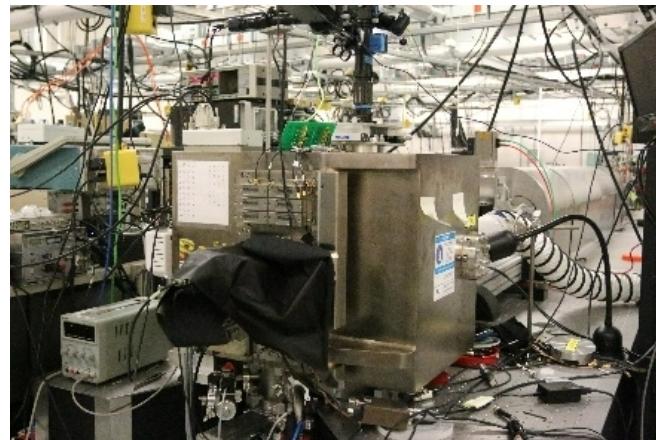


- High resolution laser stage
- Spot size $<1 \mu\text{m}$
- Energy 0.8 – 70 MeV
- H to Au

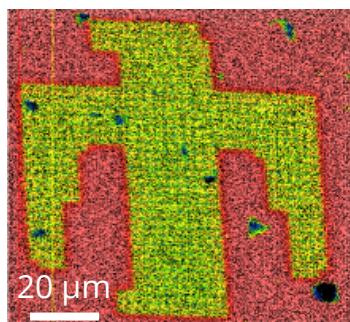


A. Lozovoi et al., Nat. Electron., 4, 717 (2021)

- 3 MV Pelletron microbeam (Light Ion Microbeam)

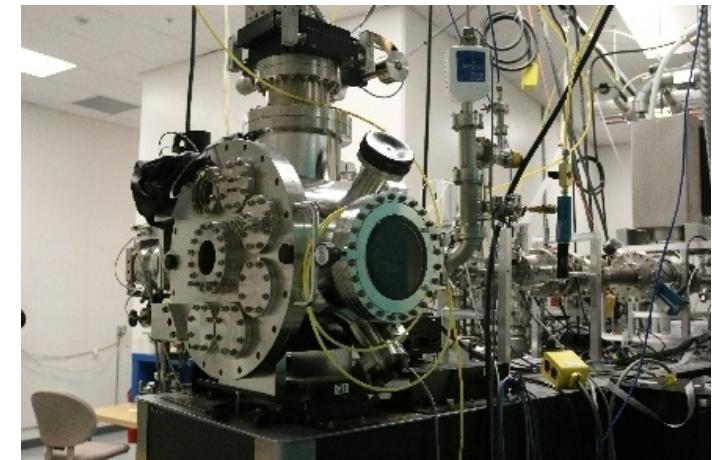


- High resolution laser stage
- Spot size $<600 \text{ nm}$ (H)
- Energy 0.25 – 3 MeV
- H, He, N, Ar, Xe, ...

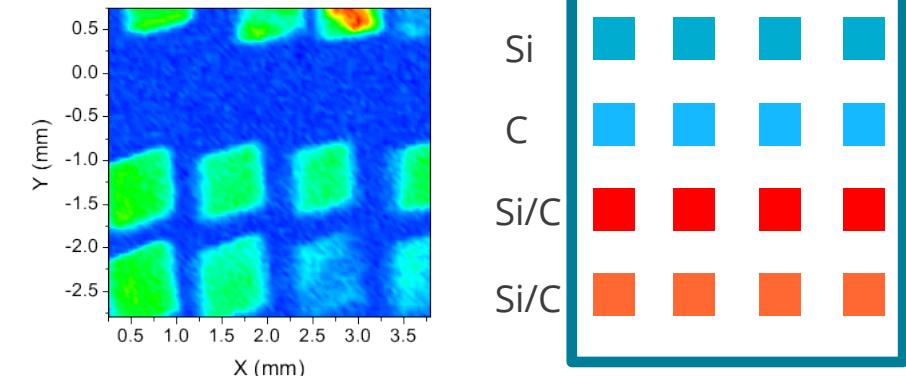


IBIC on PIN diode

- 350 kV HVEE microbeam (NanoBeamLine)



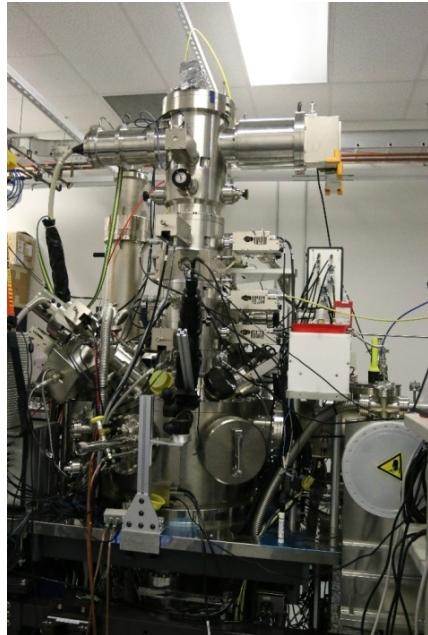
- Piezo stage
- Spot size $<1 \mu\text{m}$
- Energy 20 – 350 keV
- H to Au



Low Energy Focused Nanobeams < 1 nm – 20 nm Spot Size



- 100 kV A&D FIB100NI
(nanolimplanter)

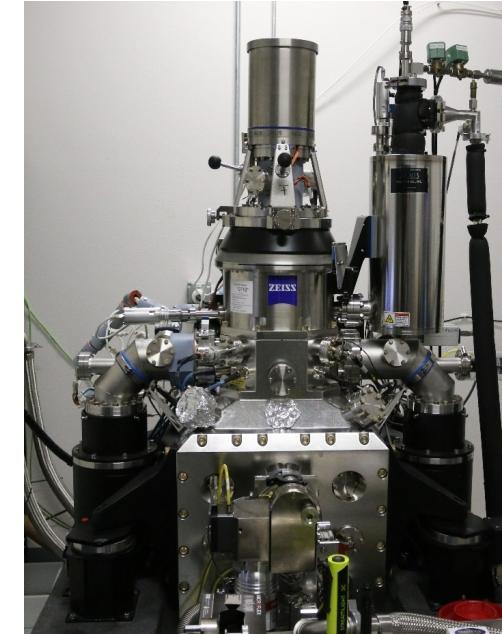


- 35 kV Raith Velion
(Velion)



- High resolution laser stage
- Spot size <10 nm (Ga)
- Energy 10 – 200 keV
- 1/3 periodic table

- 35 kV Zeiss Orion Plus
(HeLM)

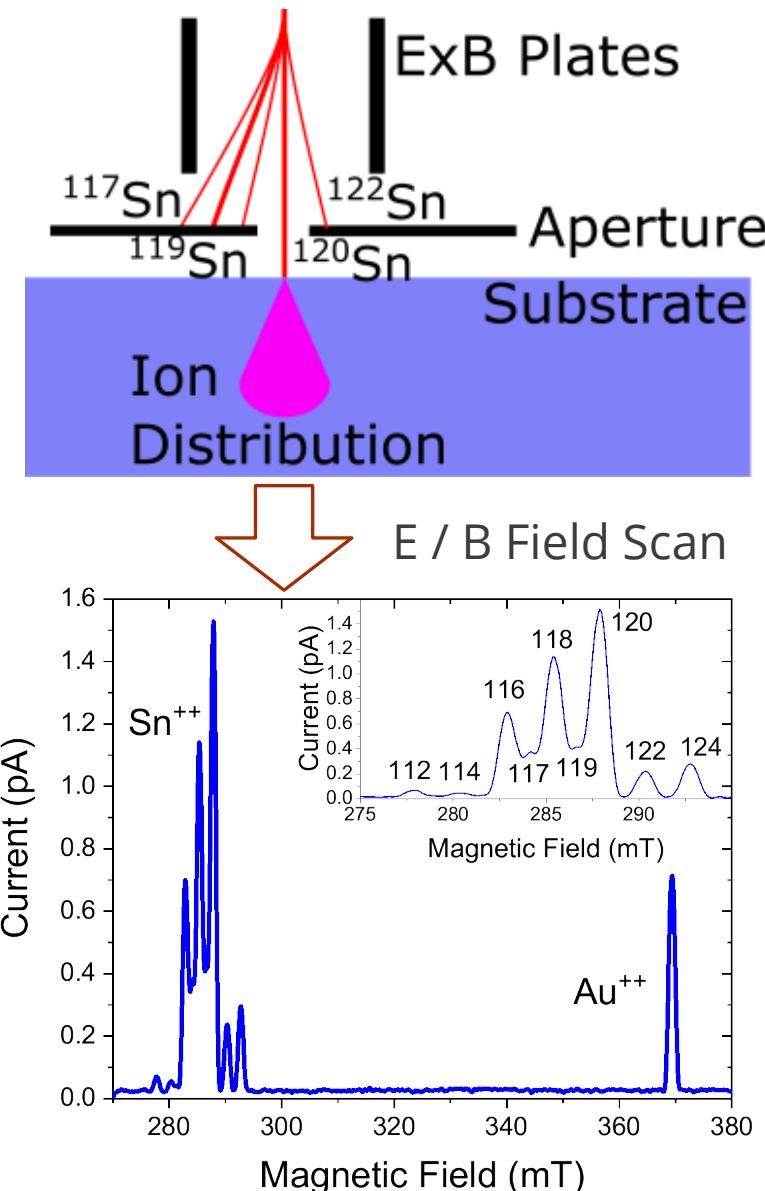


- High resolution laser stage
- Spot size <6 nm (Ga)
- Energy 1 – 70 keV
- 1/3 periodic table

- Piezo stage
- Spot size <1 nm
- Energy 10 – 35 keV
- He

All equipped with Lithography Software for Patterning

Liquid Metal Alloy Ion Sources – Available Ions



Added 8 new elements over past 3 years

The periodic table highlights the availability of various elements. The legend indicates:

- Green:** Demonstrated at SNL
- Purple:** Attempting at SNL
- Yellow:** Demonstrated at other lab

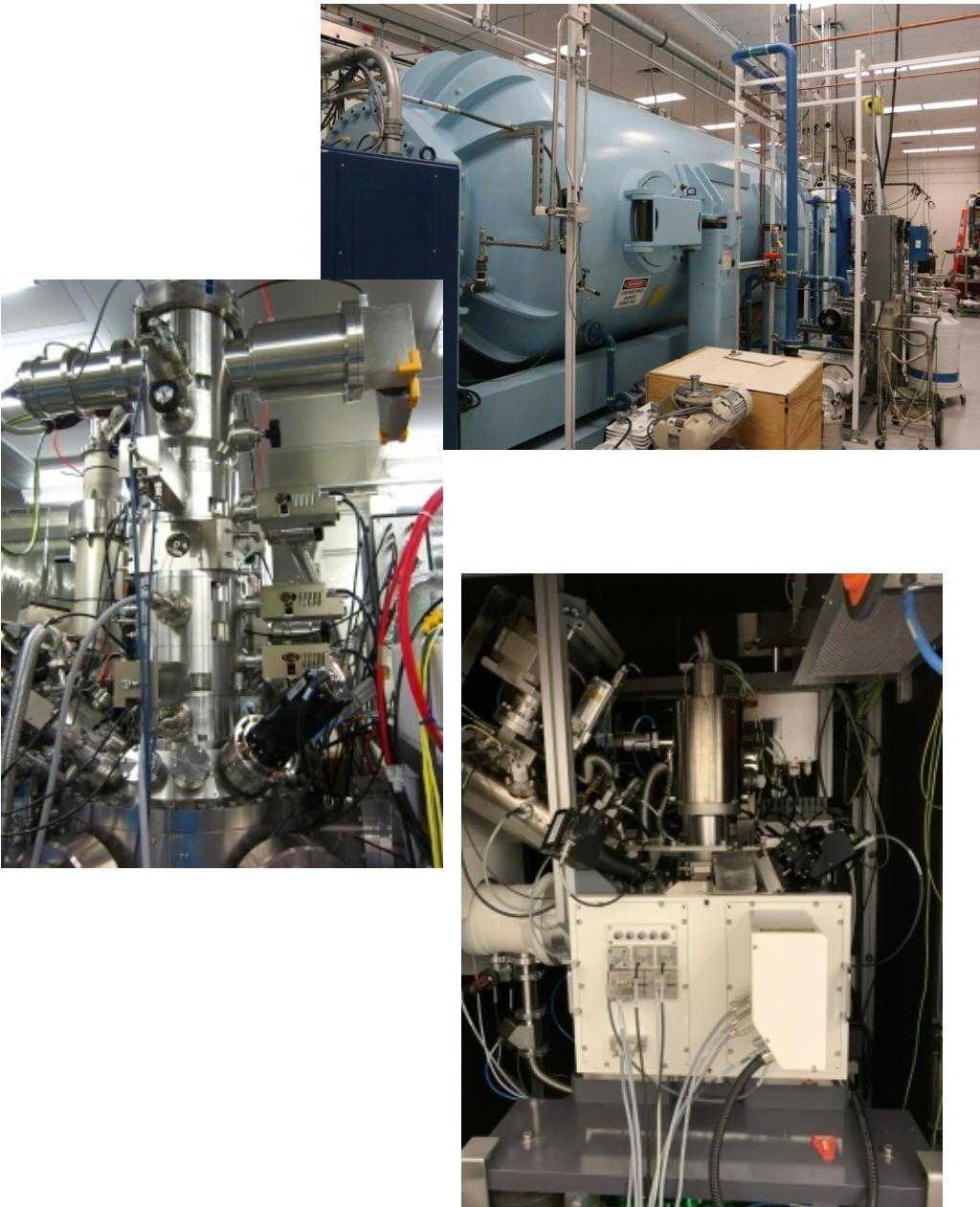
The table includes elements from Hydrogen (H) to Oganesson (Og), with some elements marked with an asterisk (*) indicating they are not naturally occurring.

Adapted from L. Bischoff et al.,
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Energy Ranges for Focused Ion Beam Implantation



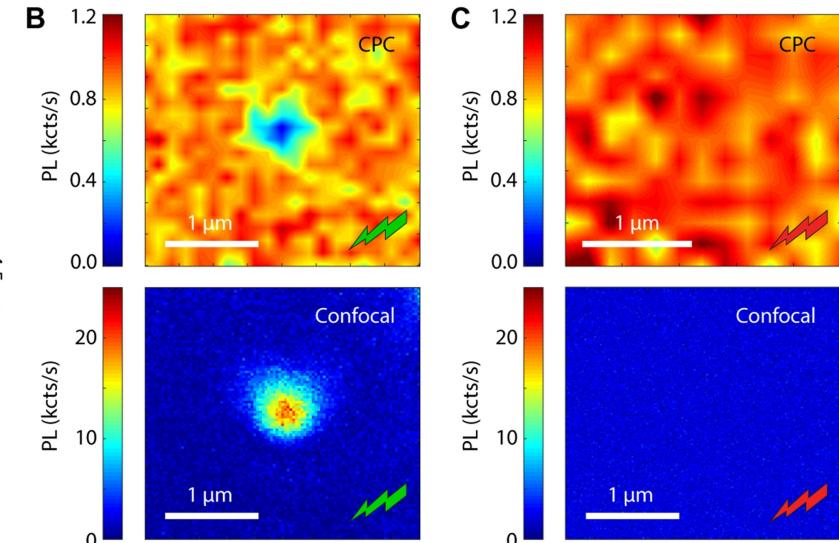
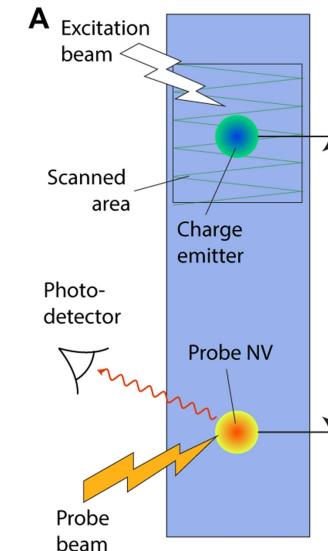
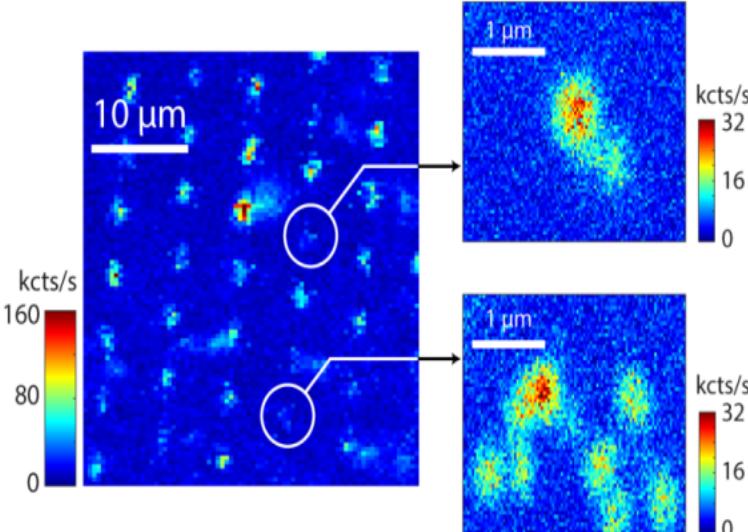
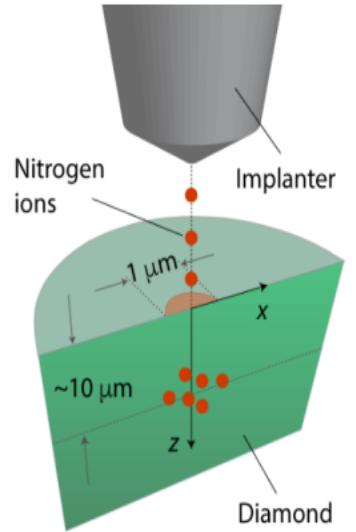
- High Energy (> 1 MeV)
 - Specialized high energy ion accelerators
 - Best achievable spot sizes $\sim 1\mu\text{m}$
- Medium Energy (10 – 200 keV)
 - Where FIB systems like to run
 - SED imaging / Single ion counting possible
 - Best achievable spot sizes $\sim 10\text{ nm}$
- Low Energy (< 10 keV)
 - Using FIB in non-standard energy regime
 - Targeting single (few) atomic layers
 - Targeting resolution ?
 - How to get there



Example of High Energy Ion Implantation – NV Quantum Sensing



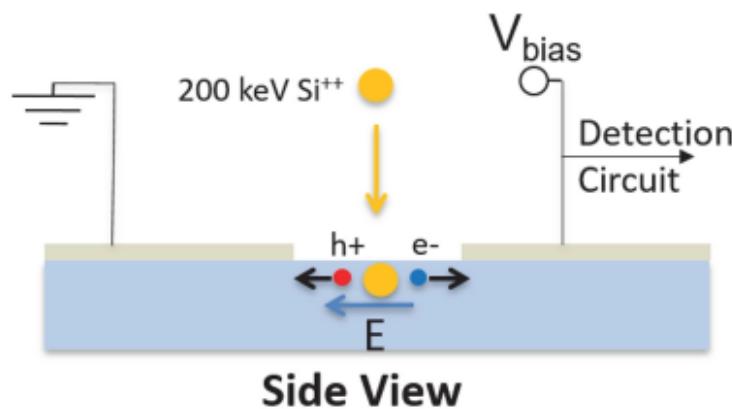
- 20 MeV N ions
- Microbeam on 6 MV Tandem



Deep Implantation to shield the implanted ion from surface noise
 → NV sensing its crystal environment

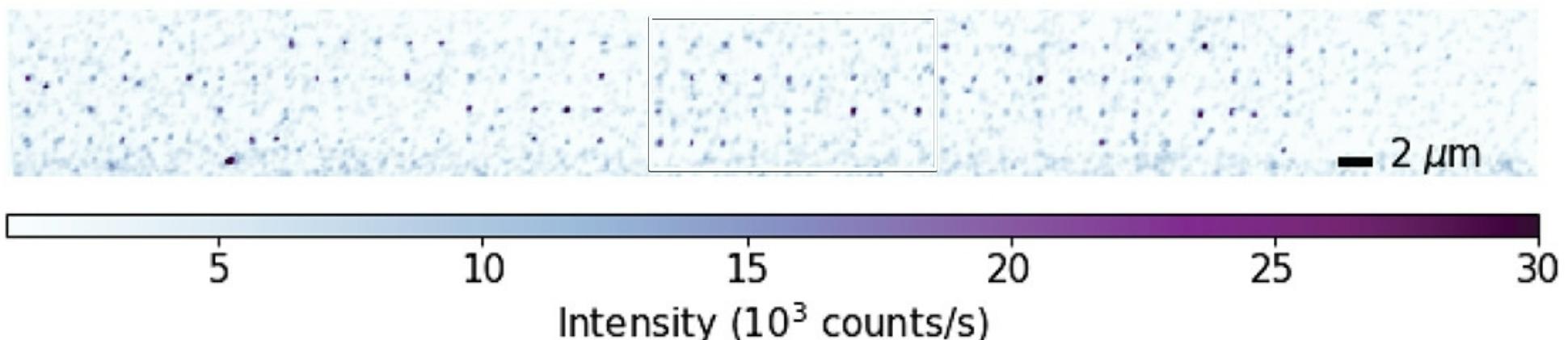
Example of Medium Energy Implantation – Single Ion Counting

- 200 keV Si⁺⁺
- 100 kV A&D nanoImplanter



- Deterministic placement of single ions
- +4/-1 % error bar on ion #
 - < 40 nm targeting resolution

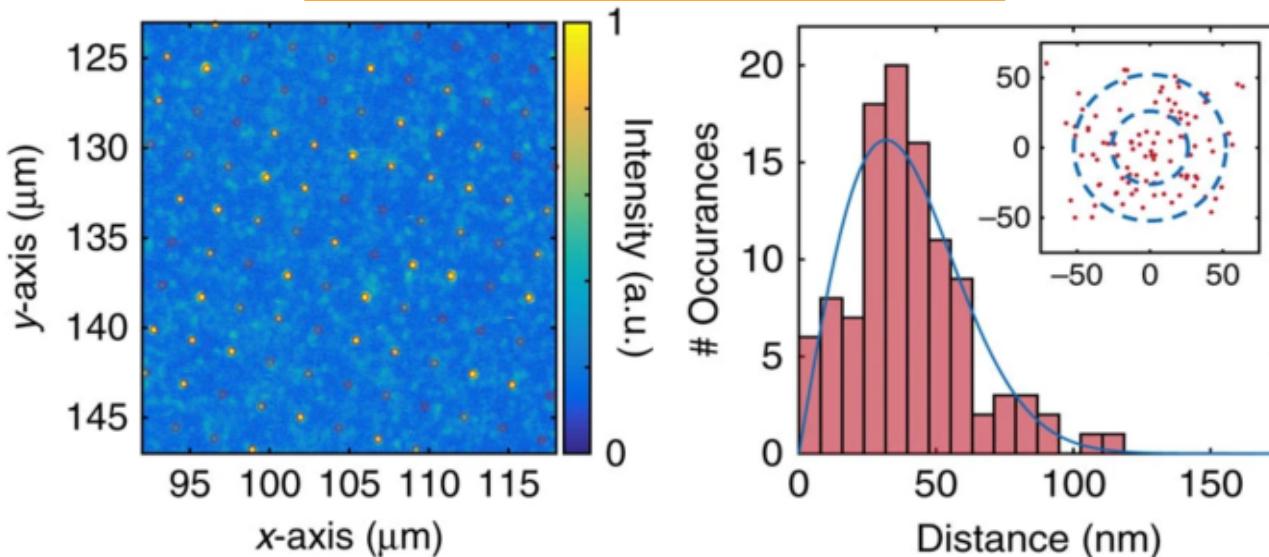
Pathway to creating
scalable single
photon emitters



FIB Enabled Quantum Optics

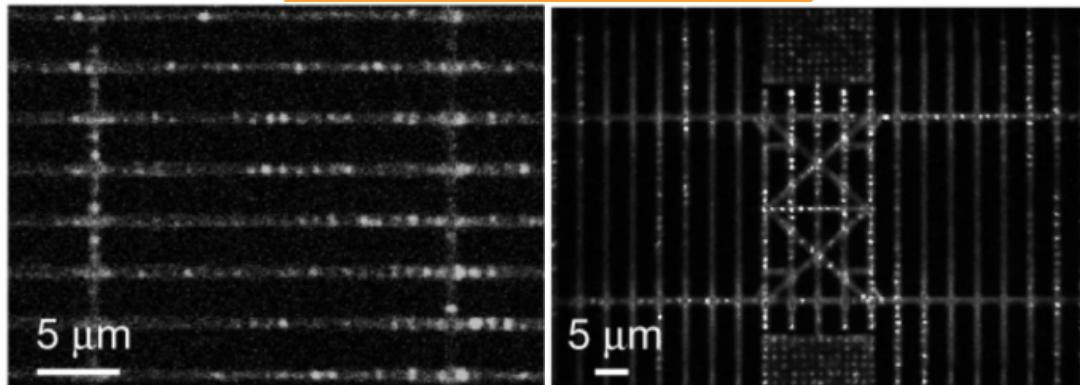


< 50 nm Targeting Resolution



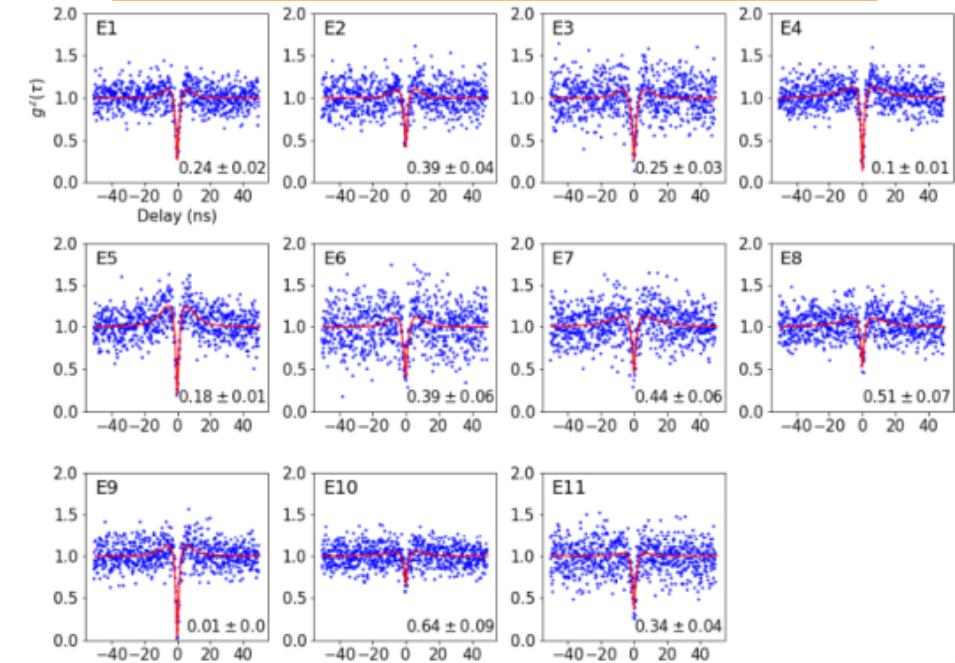
T. Schroder et al., Nat. Commun., 8, 15376 (2017)

Scalable Implantation



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

Forming Single Photon Emitters

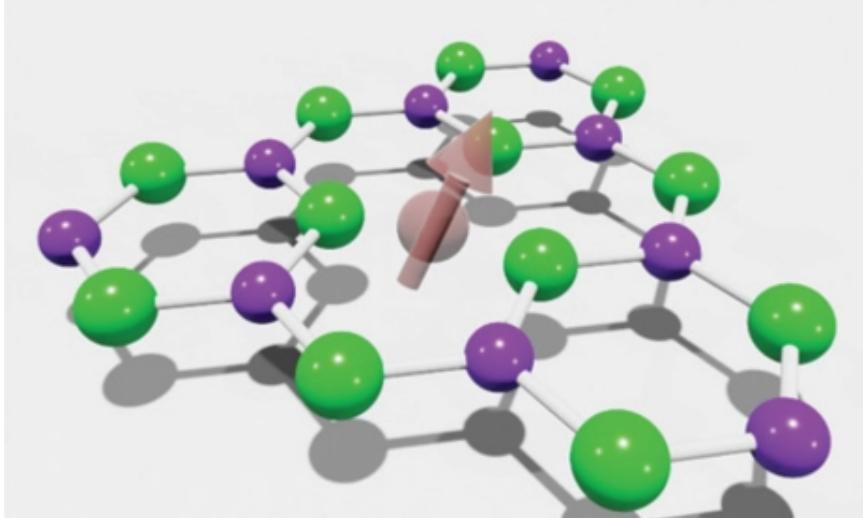


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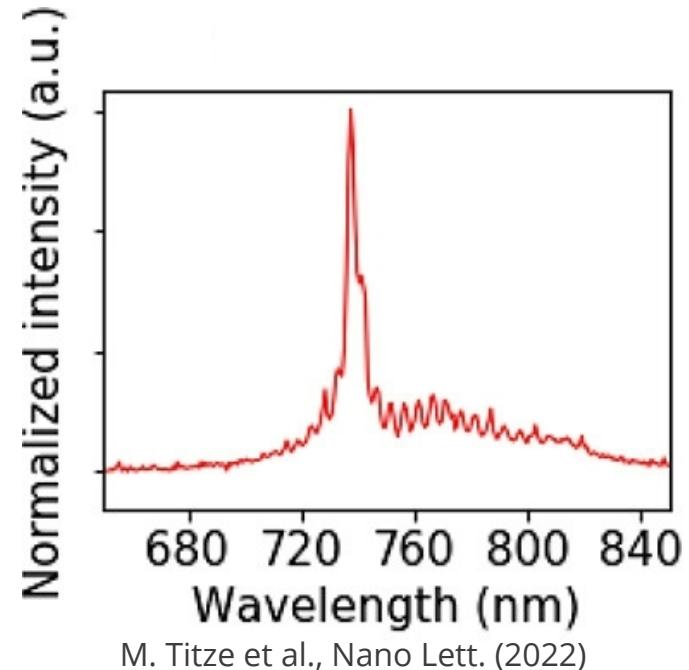
Low Energy Implantation - Motivation



- 2D materials are attractive material class for CMOS-integrable quantum optics
- Deterministic placement of **impurity**-type emitters is challenging
 - Stopping in single atomic layer
 - Minimize damage to surrounding lattice
 - Introduce non-native atom

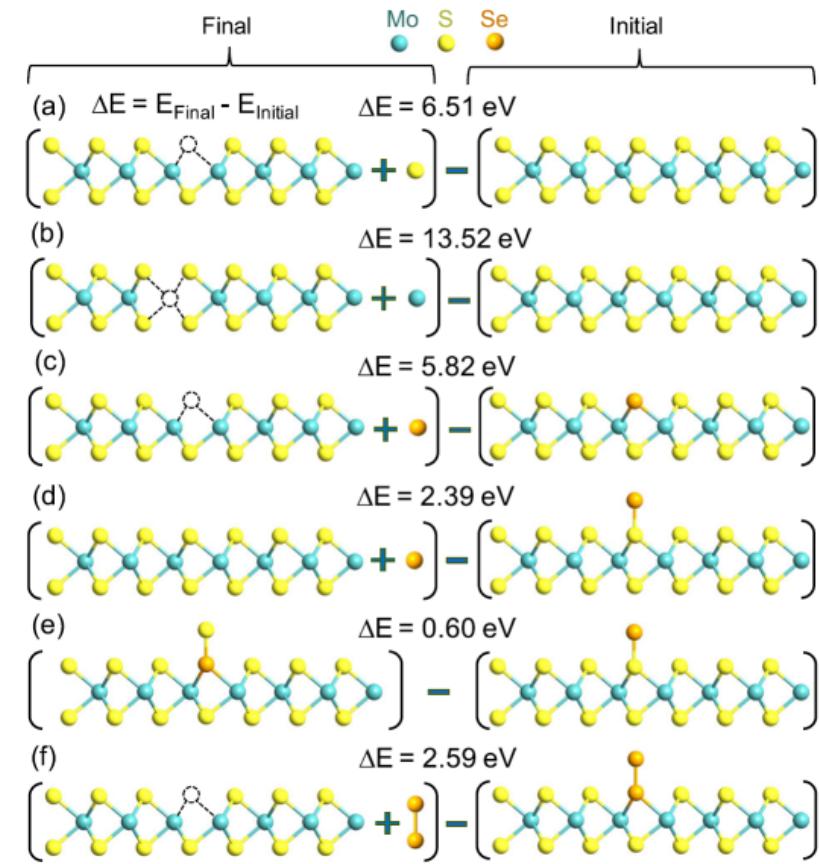
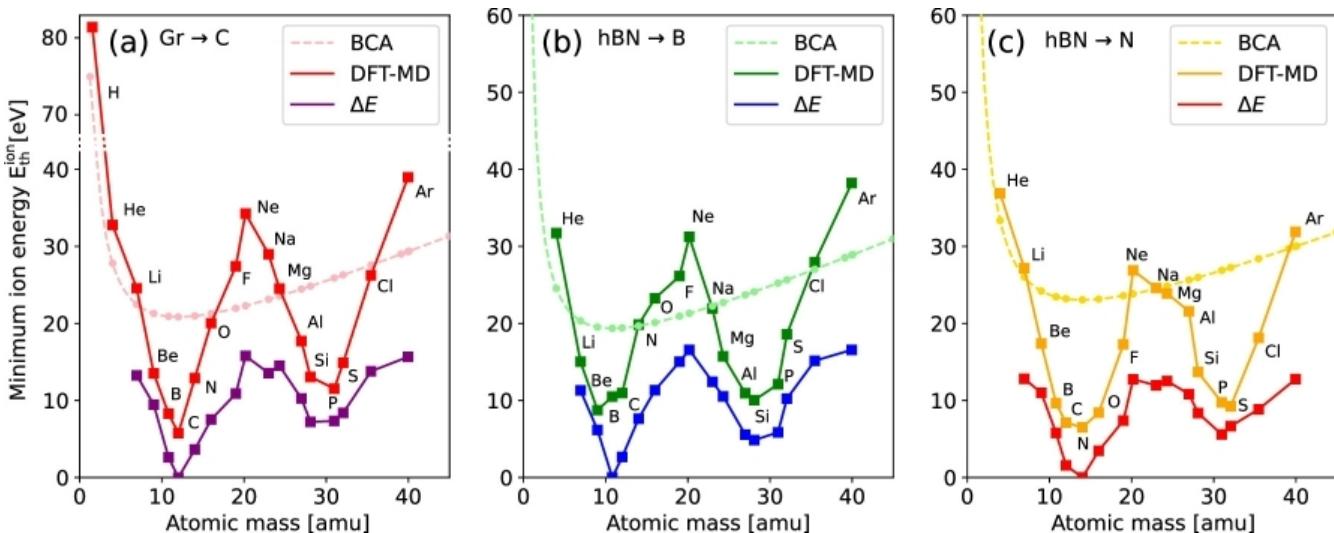


N. Mendelson et al., Adv. Mater., 34, 2106046 (2022)



Ion Implantation into 2D Materials

- Formation of vacancies depends on ion energy
 - Incorporation of impurities requires ultra-low energy
 - Deterministic Placement by Focused Ion Beam Implantation
- Theory predicts a range of energies for incorporation



M. N. Bui et al., NPJ 2D Mater. Appl., 6, 42 (2022)

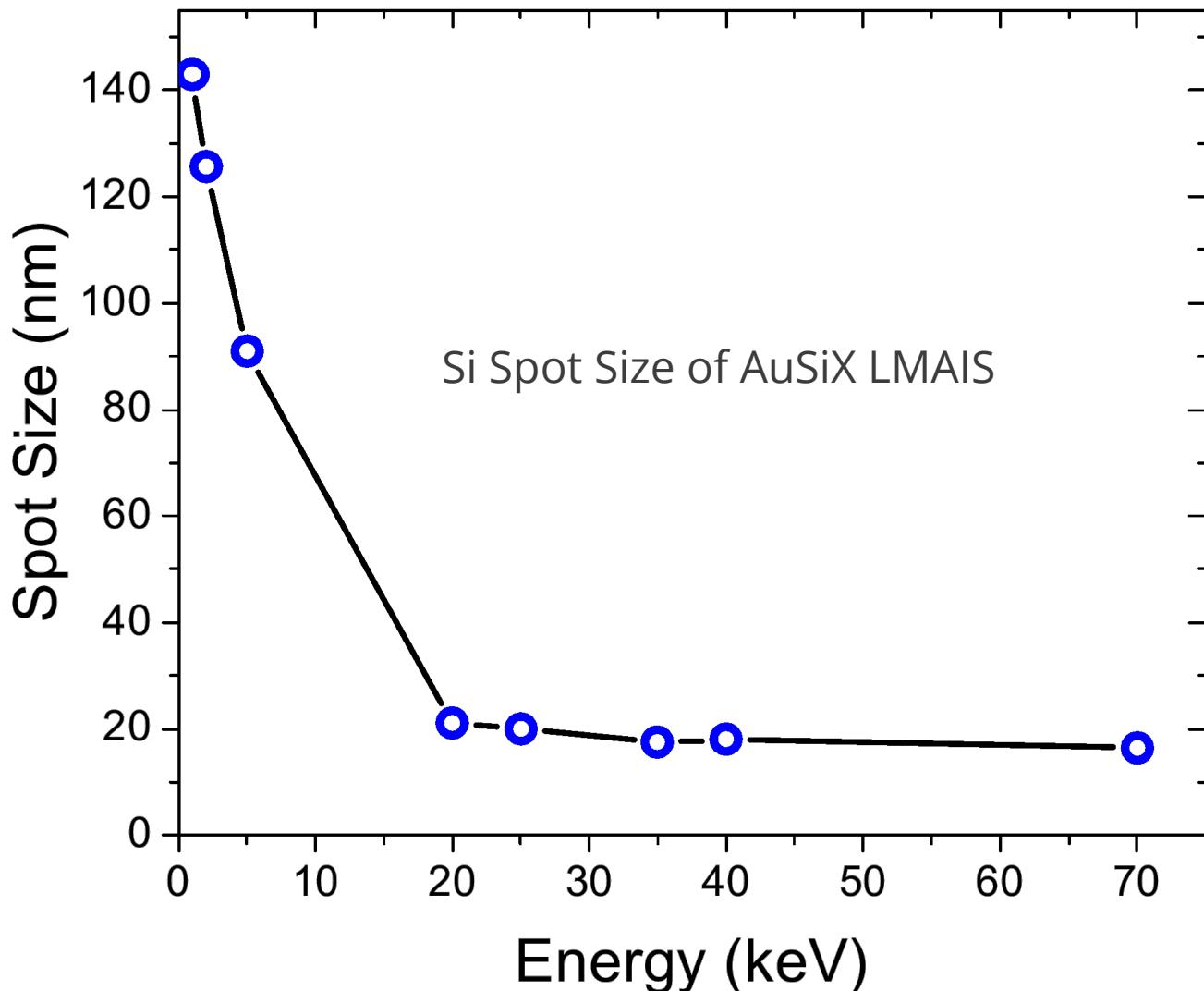
Challenges with FIB-Based Ultra-Low Energy Ion Implantation

- Spot Size increase due to chromatic abberations
- Range Prediction vs Experiment
- How to reduce Energy to stop in atomic monolayer

Caveats of Low Energy Focused Ion Beam Implantation



- Spot Size
- Range Prediction vs Experiment
- How to reduce Energy to stop in atomic monolayer
 - Chromatic aberrations become more prominent for lower energy ions
→ Increased spot size
 - LMAIS have ~15 eV energy spread
→ Landing energy \gg 15 eV
 - Imaging becomes more difficult with low energy ions, since fewer e-h pairs



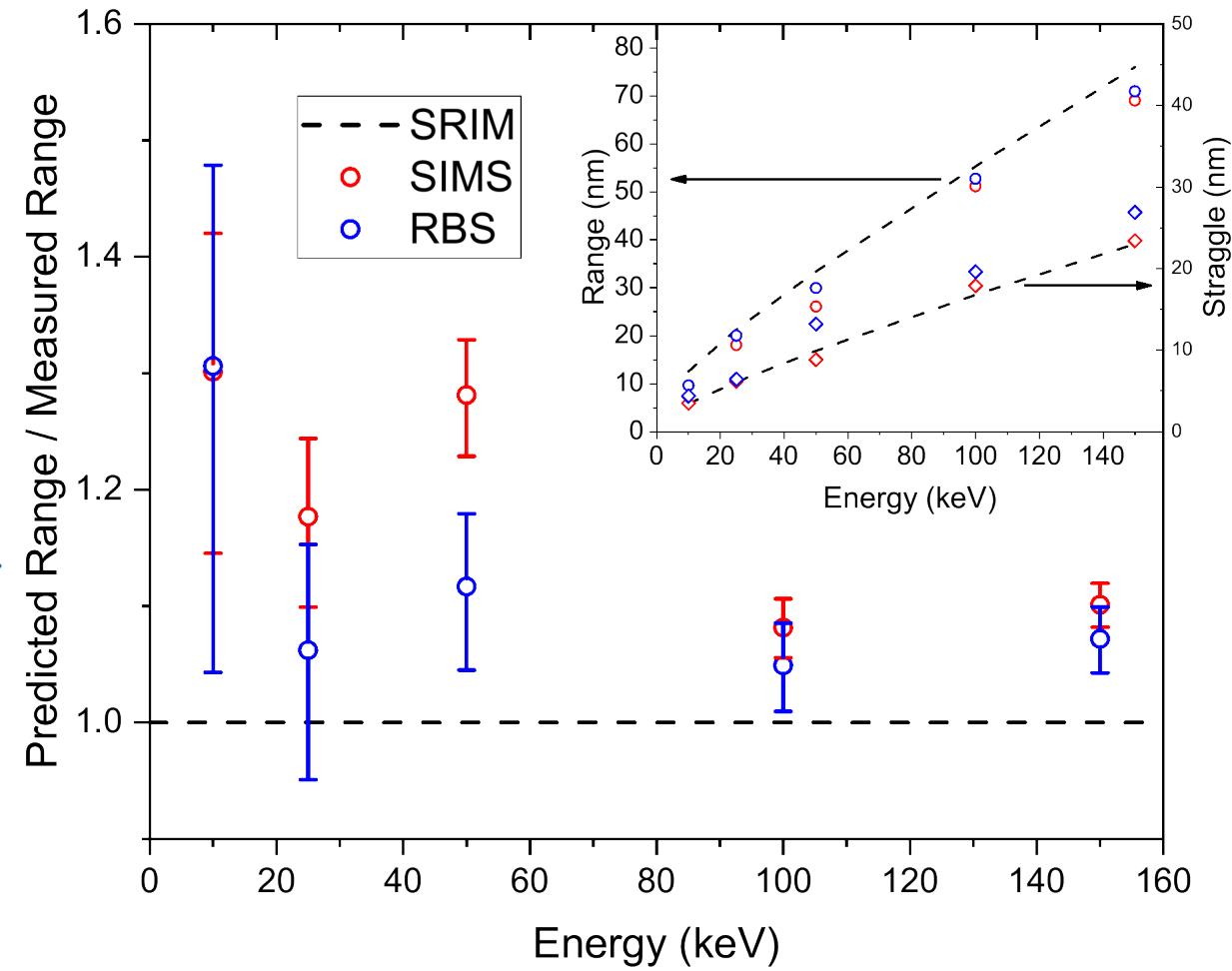
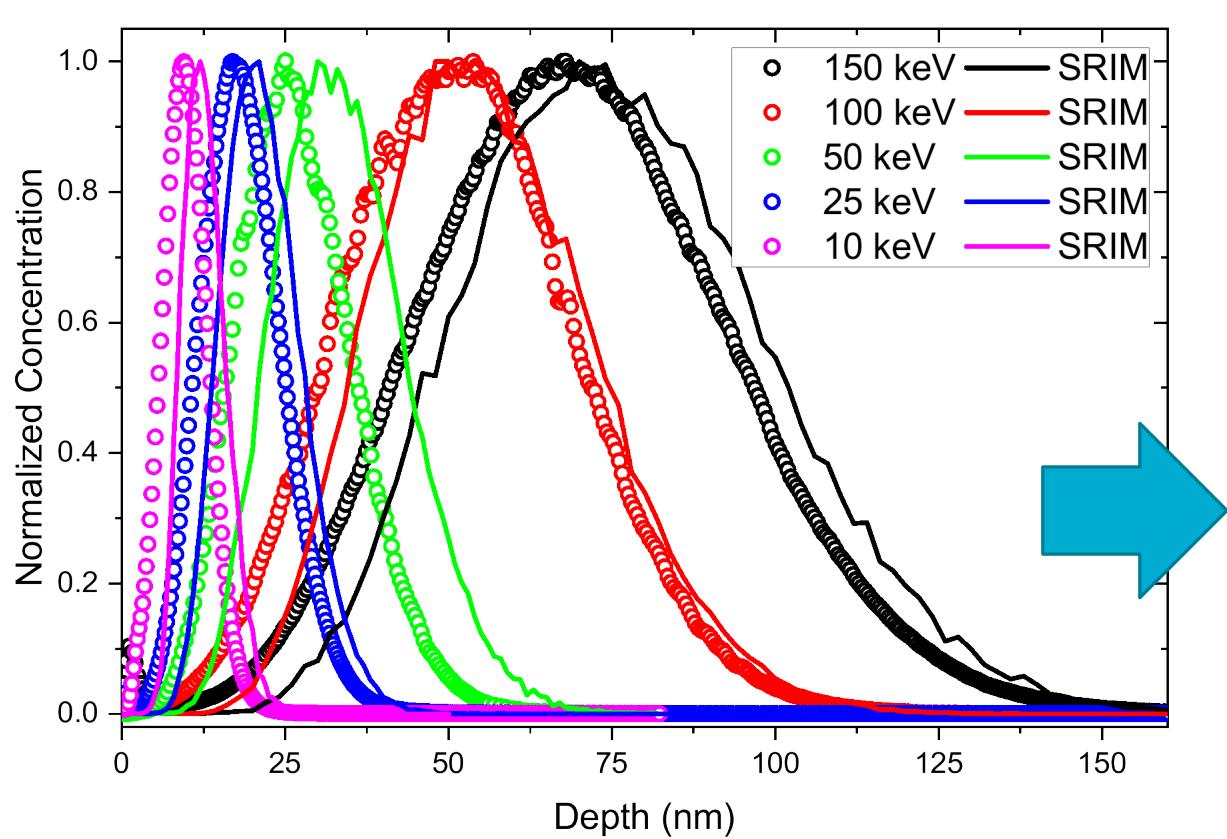
Binary Collision Approximation and Experiment - Range Comparison



- Spot Size
- Range Prediction vs Experiment
- How to reduce Energy to stop in atomic monolayer
 - Three characterization techniques of ion range
 - Secondary Ion Mass Spectrometry (SIMS)
 - Rutherford Backscattering Spectrometry (RBS)
 - Atom Probe Tomography (APT)

Technique	Sample Requirements	Depth Resolution	Sensitivity	Probe Technique
SIMS	Best for Si	2 nm	1 ppm	Sequential (sputtering)
RBS	Any planar sample	2 nm	1 monolayer	Full depth (~50 um)
APT	Sharp tip geometry	2 Å	1 monolayer	Sequential (field extraction)

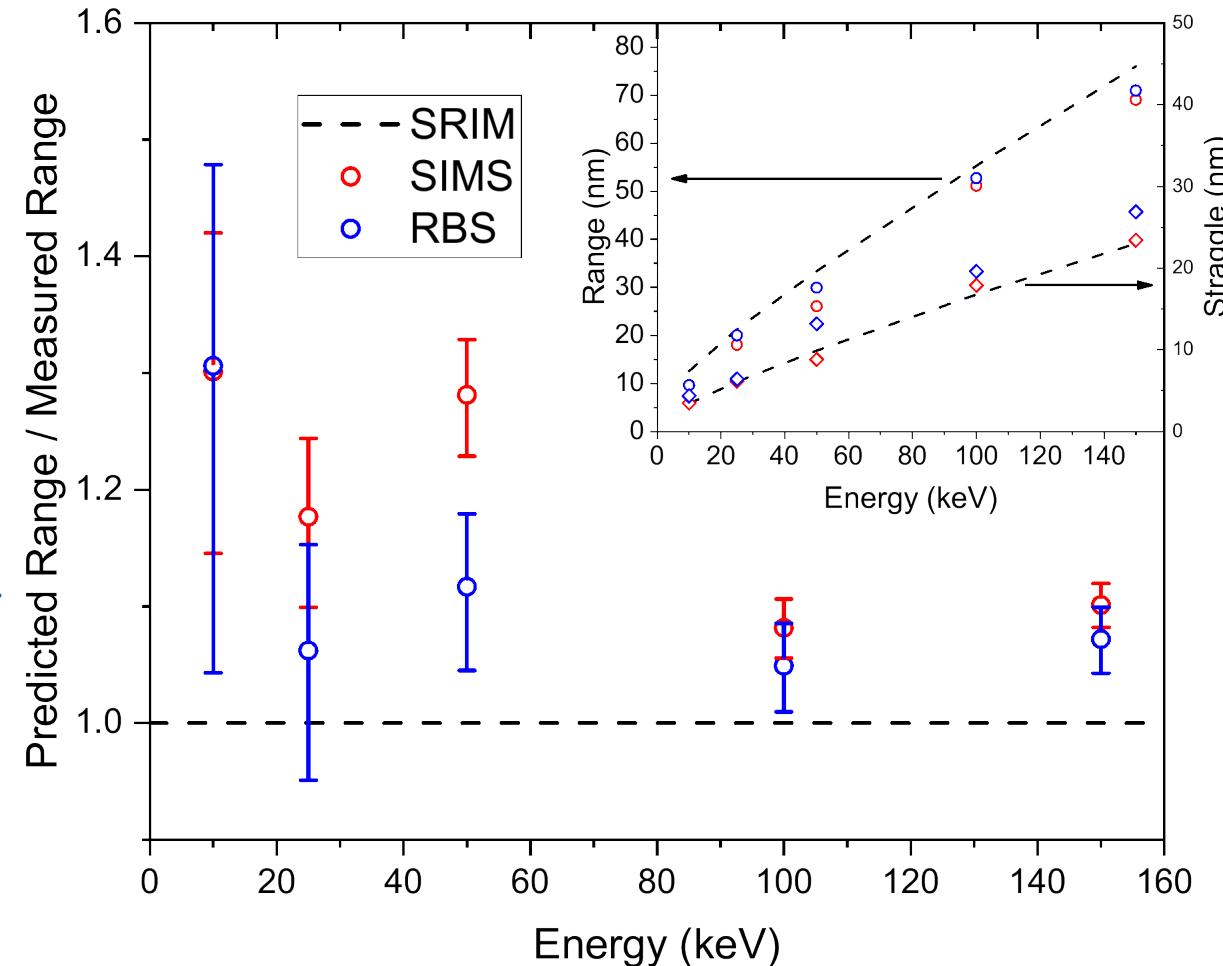
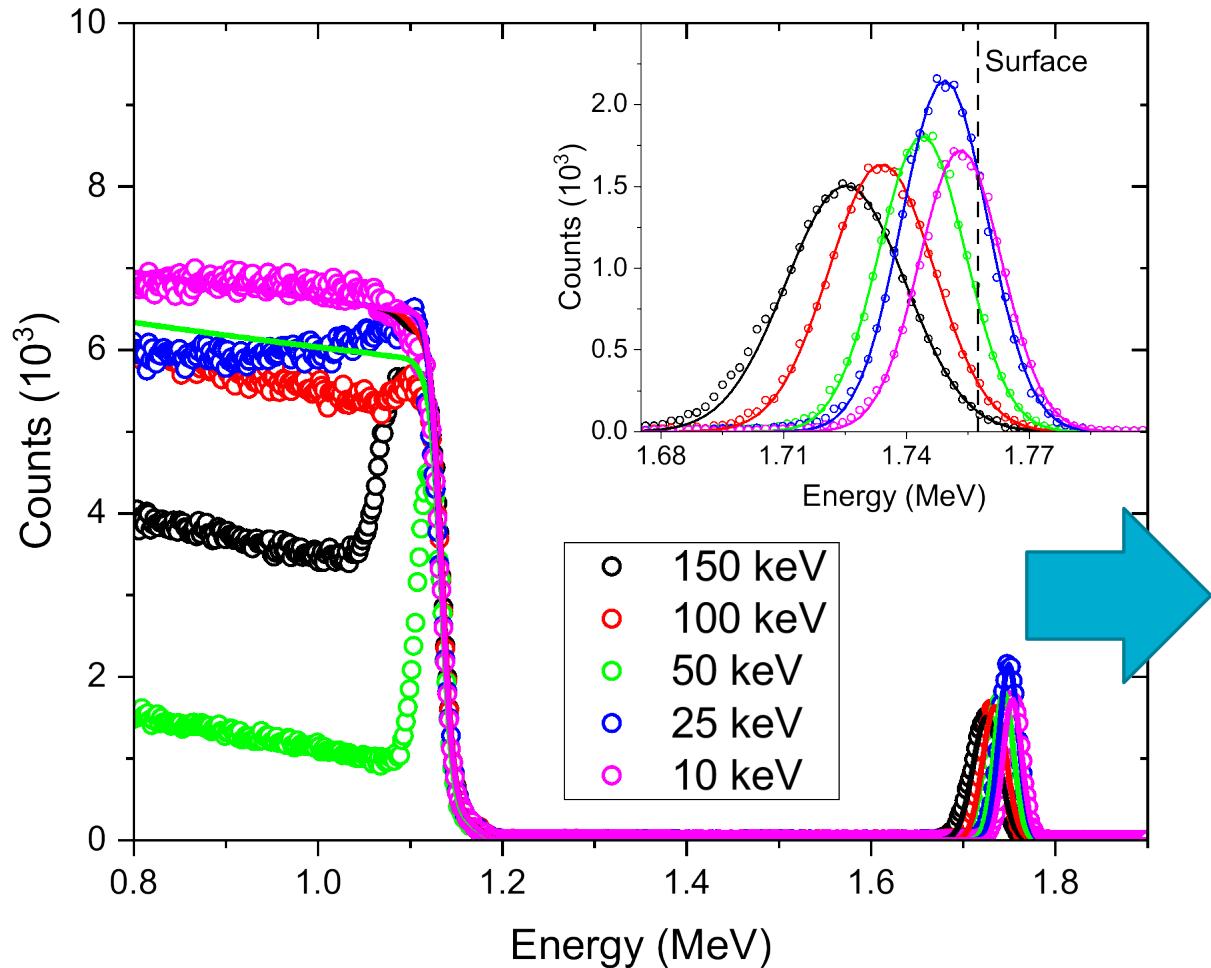
Implant Depth Determination - SIMS



Implant Depth Determination - RBS



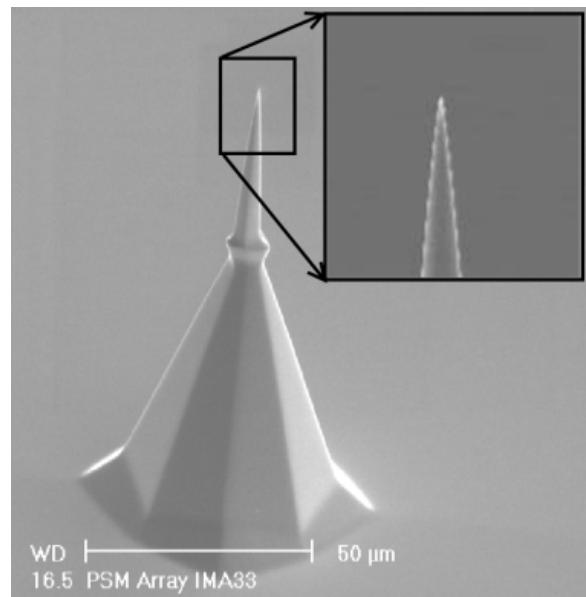
2 MeV 1024 ch. He RBS → Need high resolution data to achieve 2 nm depth resolution



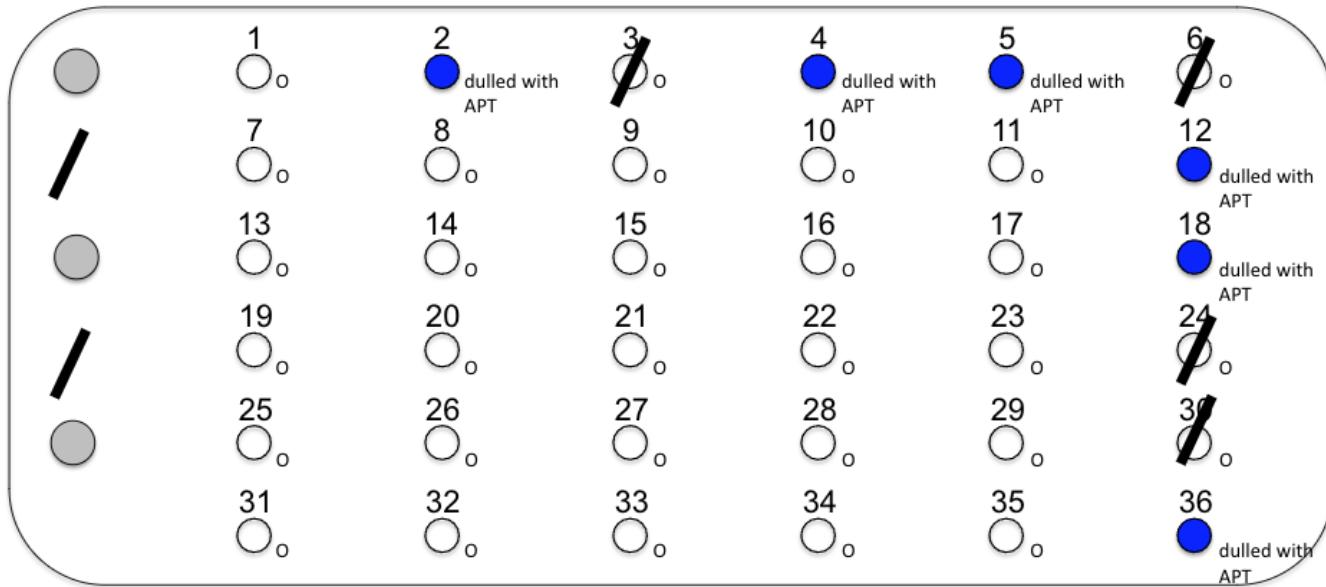
Sample Preparation for Ultra-Low Energy Ion Implantation



- Start out with APT tip
- Pre-dull tip with APT
- Implant with low-energy Au



Implant Plan



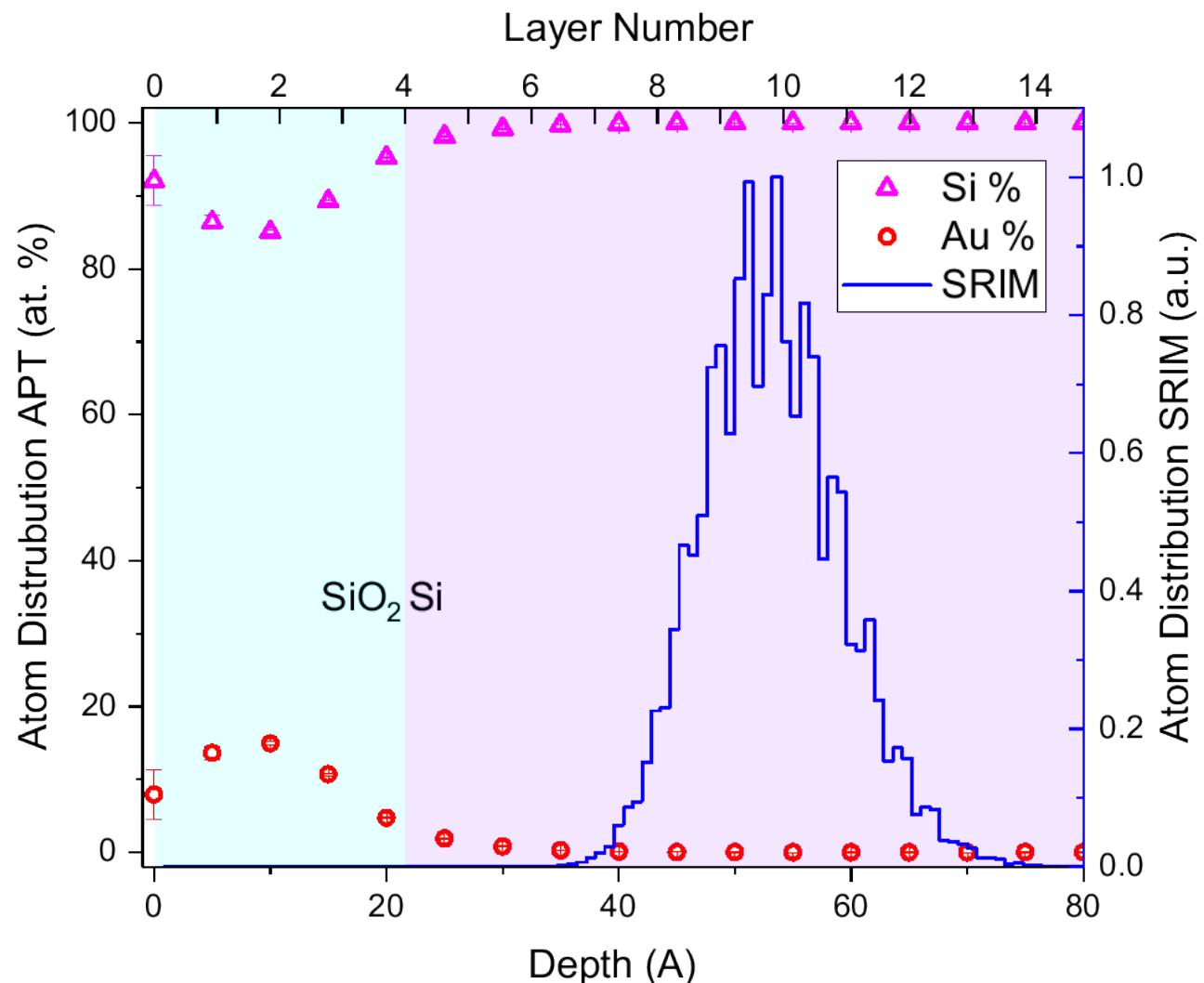
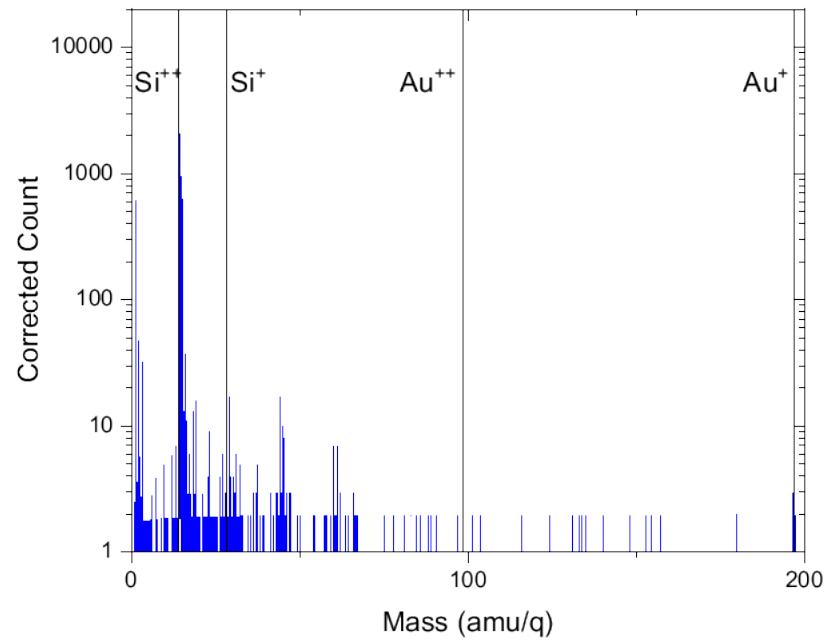
Tip #	Energy
2	25 keV
4	10 keV
5	5 keV
12	3 keV
18	2 keV
36	1 keV

APT Measurements done by Jonathan Poplawsky at ORNL

Atom-Probe Tomography on Ultra-Low Energy Implanted Sample



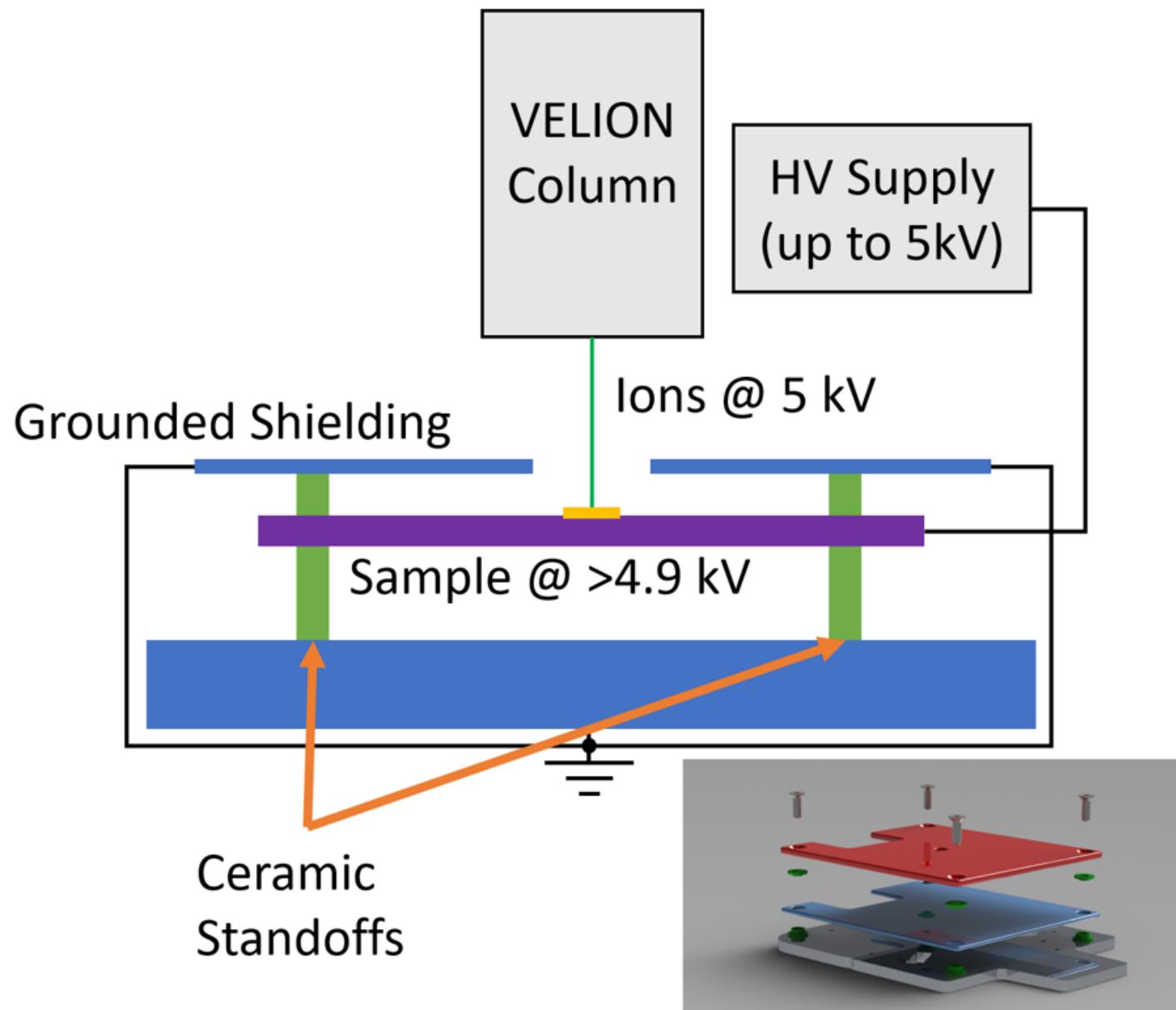
- APT needs to be run in Voltage-mode
- SRIM overestimates range by **6X**
- Indicates that 100s of eV will be sufficient to target single atomic layers
 - Can do (at cost of spot size) with ~15 eV energy spread



Expanding the Energy Range Further



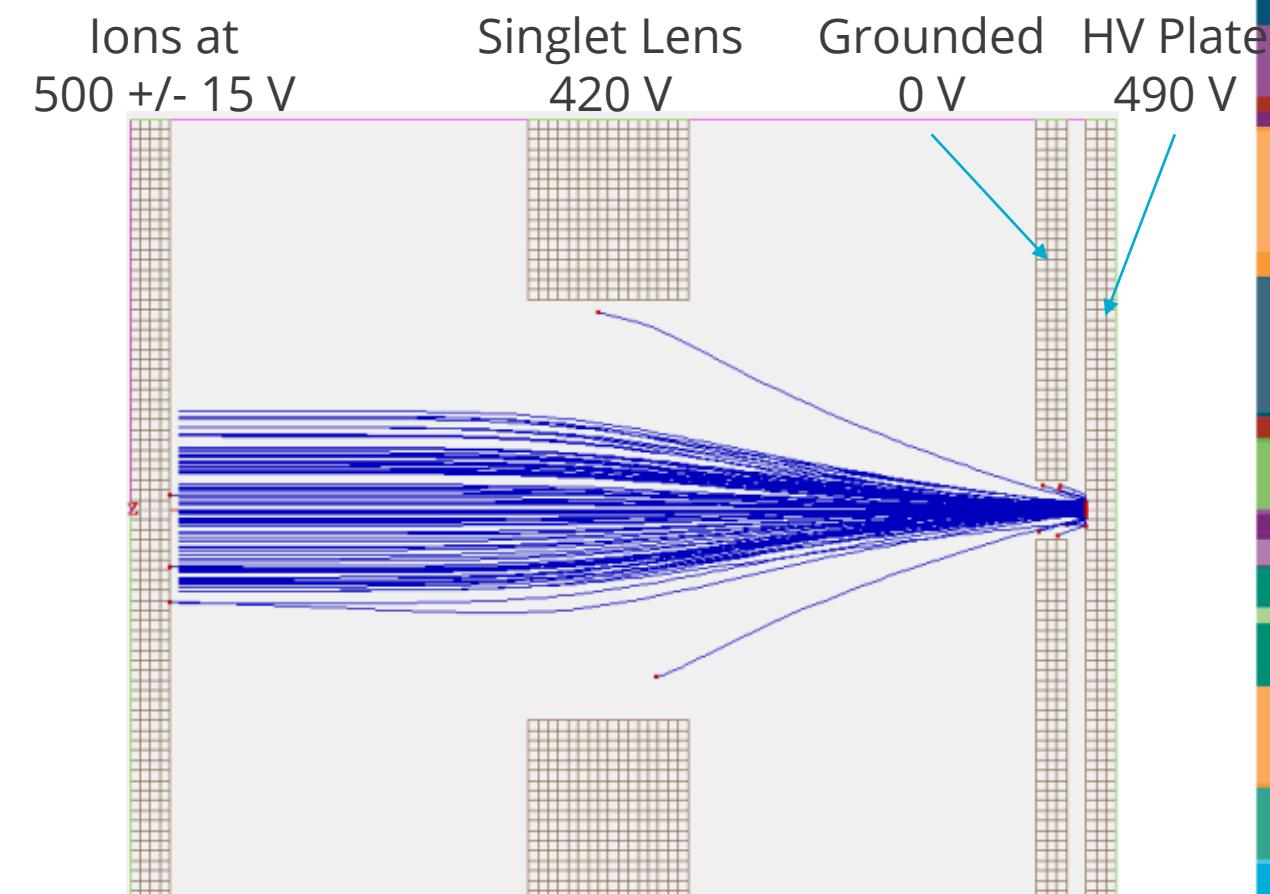
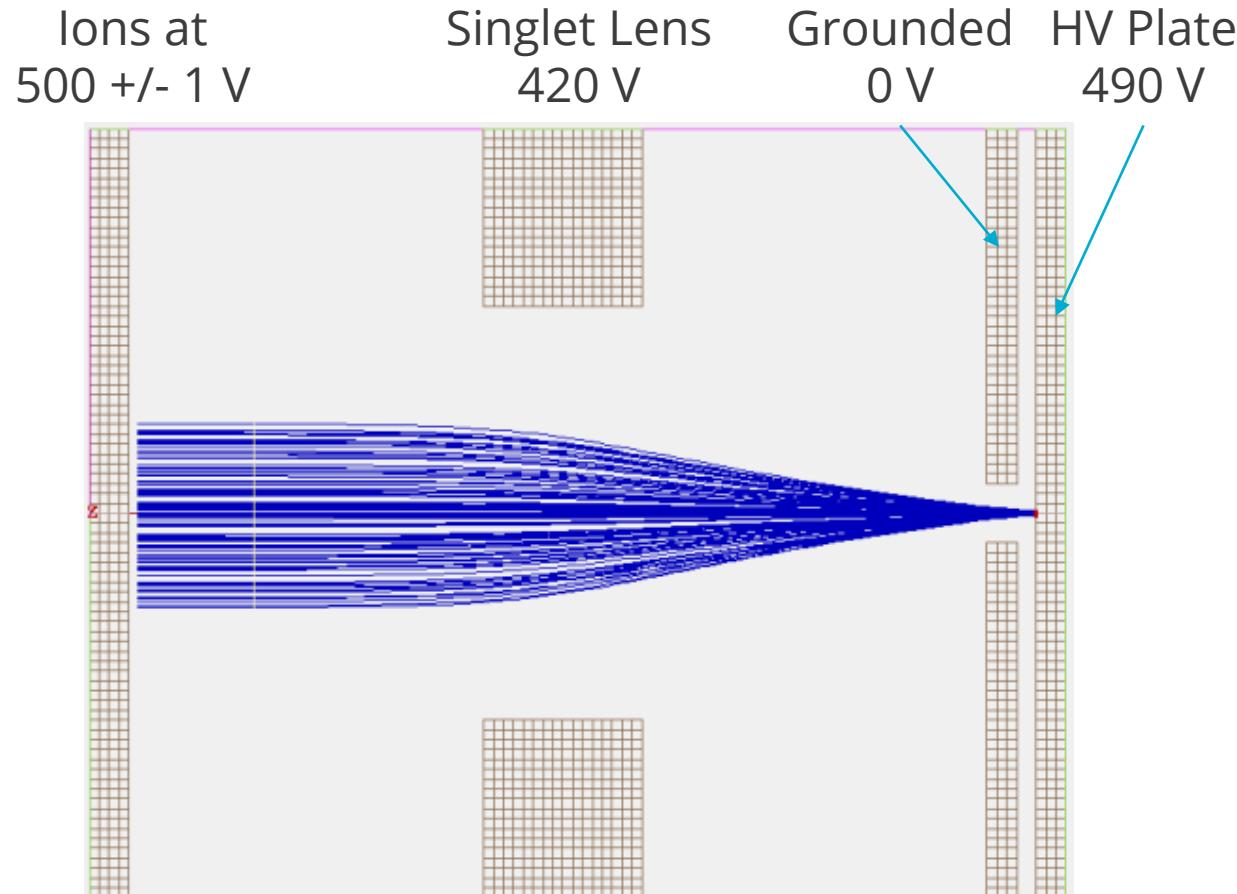
- Spot Size
- Range Prediction vs Experiment
- How to reduce Energy to stop in atomic monolayer
 - 1 keV Au stops within 4 atomic layers of SiO_2
 - To target atomic layers of 2D materials
 - Stopping in a single layer
 - Lower mass ions interesting for their optical properties
- Need even lower energy
 - Biased sample holder to decelerate ions



Ion Source Energy Spread Disallows Focusing

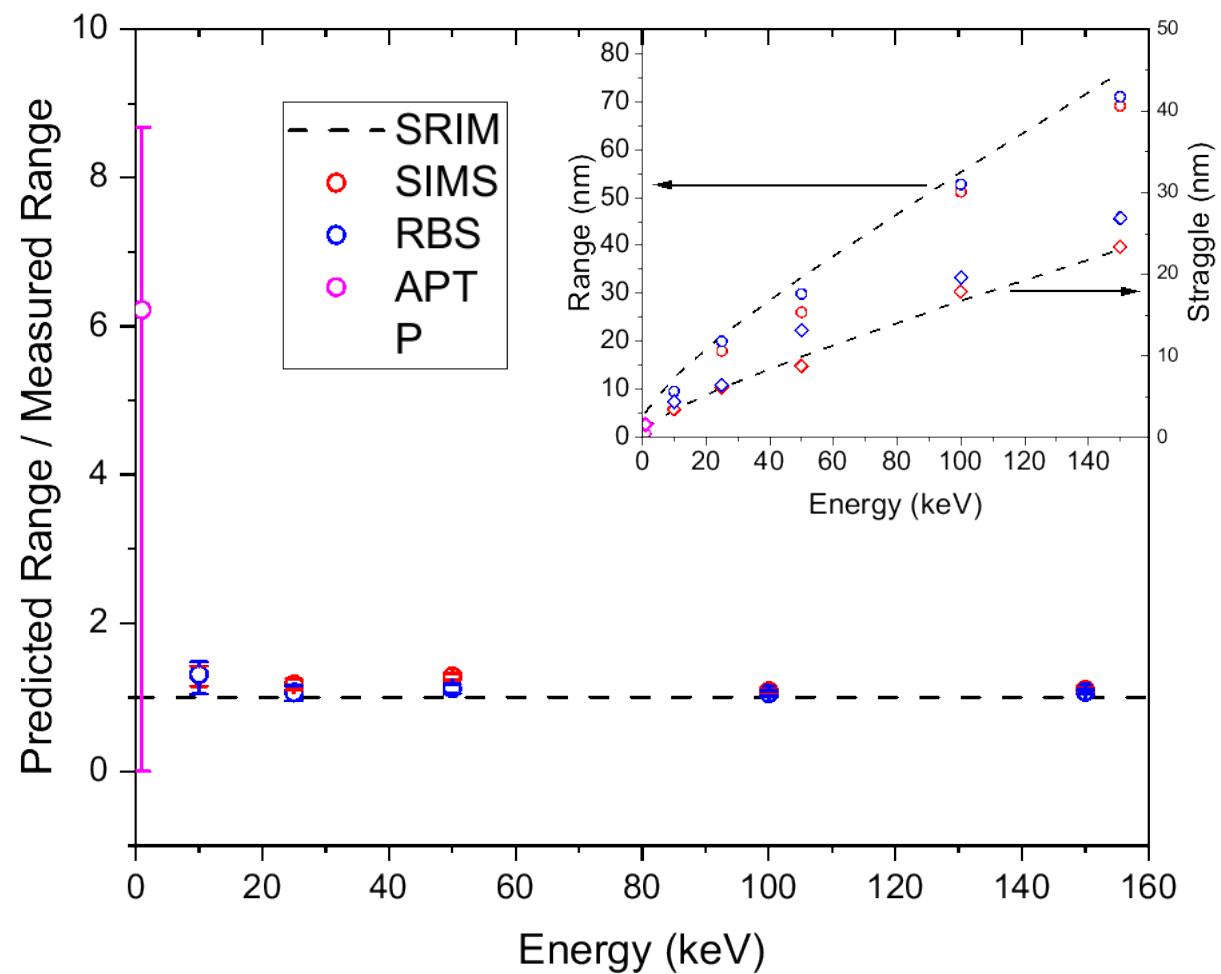


- SIMION Simulations show the ion deceleration leads to increased spot size
- When landing energy \sim energy spread ions get reflected + spot size increases

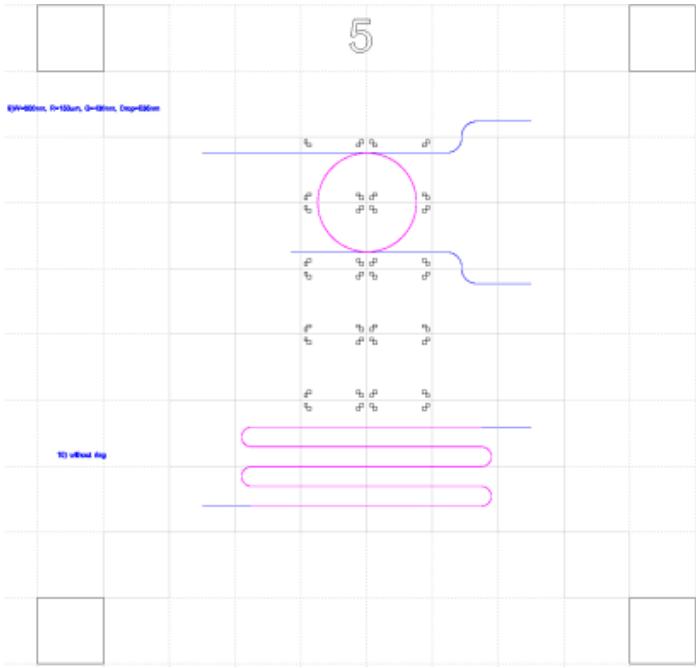


Conclusion

- FIB implantation can likely be performed into single atomic layers
- Source energy spread main contributor to spot size
- SRIM is off 6X at 1 keV (vs. 30 % error at 10 keV)

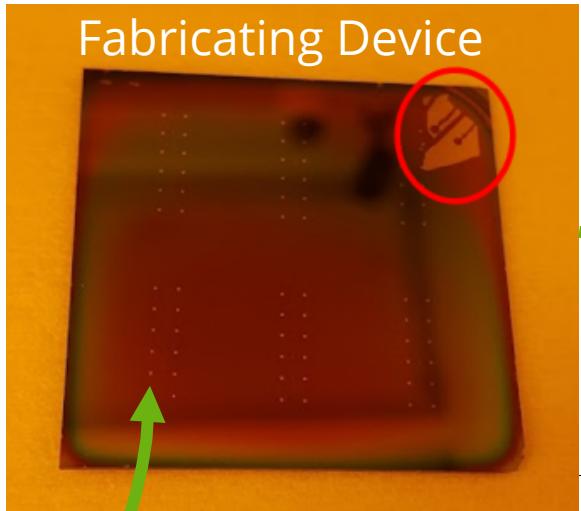


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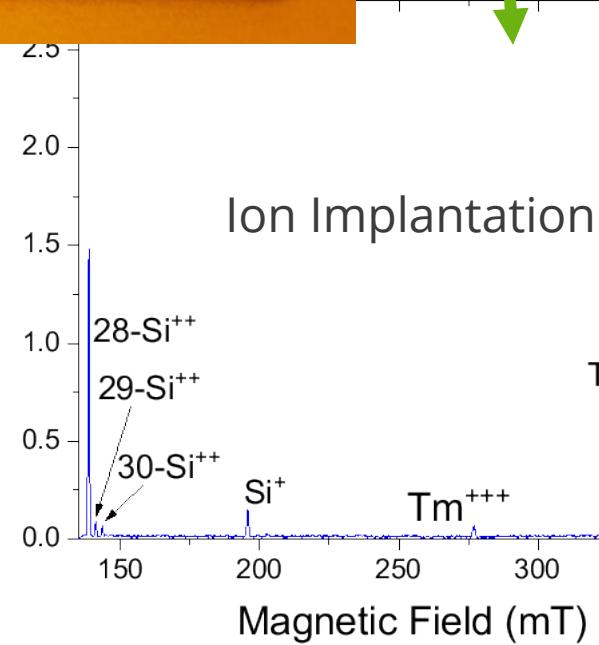


Discussion of design feasibility

Fabricating Device

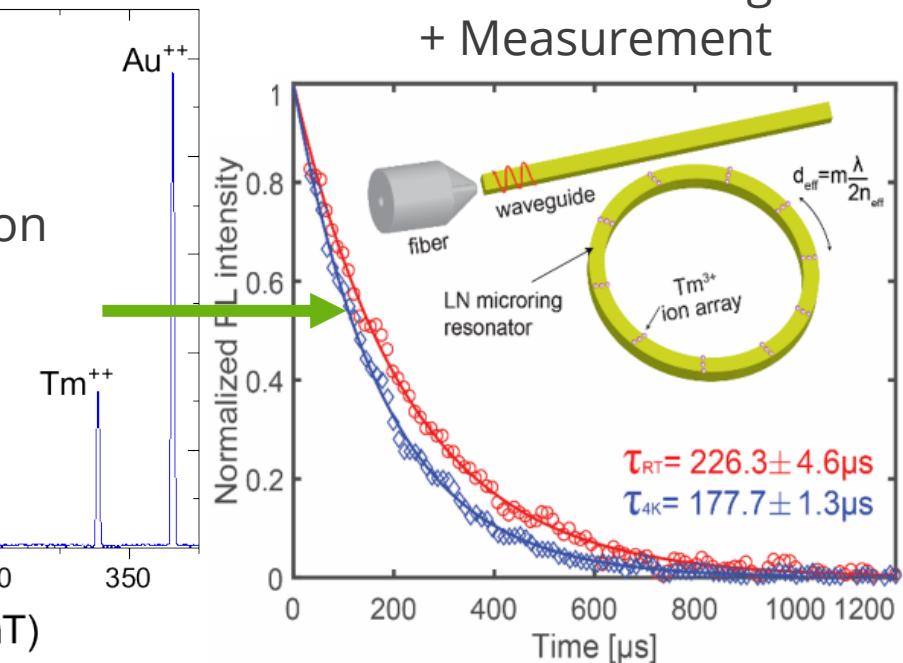


Current (pA)



Tm for LiNbO₃ Photonics

Post-Processing + Measurement



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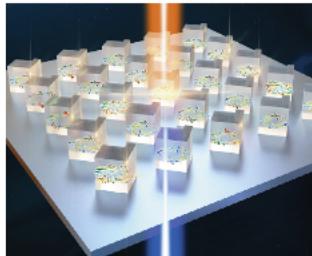
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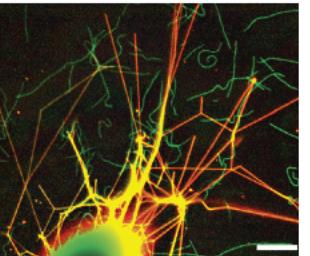
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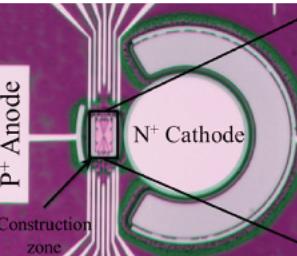
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