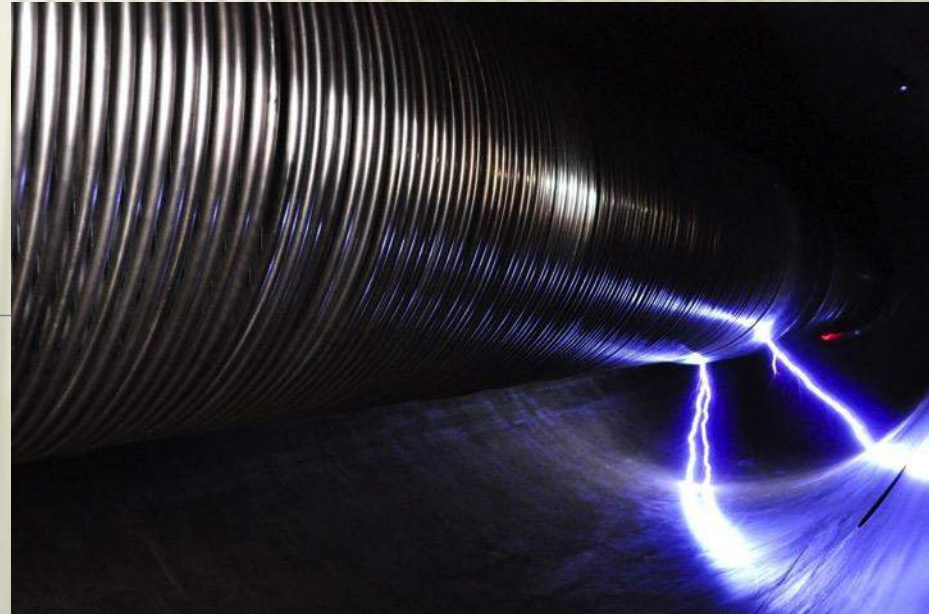


# INTRODUCTION to ION BEAM TECHNIQUES

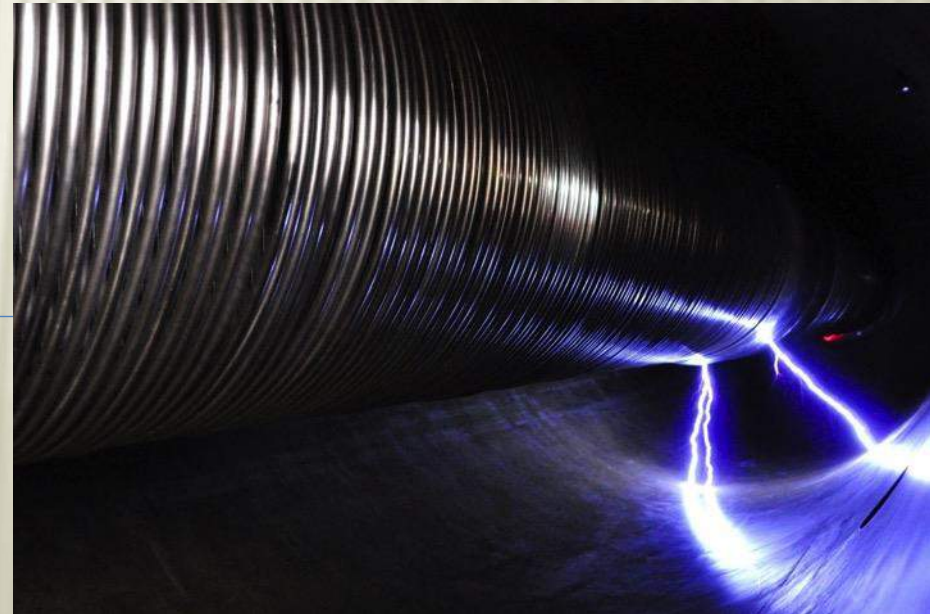
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# INTRODUCTION to ION BEAM ANALYSIS (IBA) TECHNIQUES (a.k.a. NUCLEAR ANALYTICAL METHODS)

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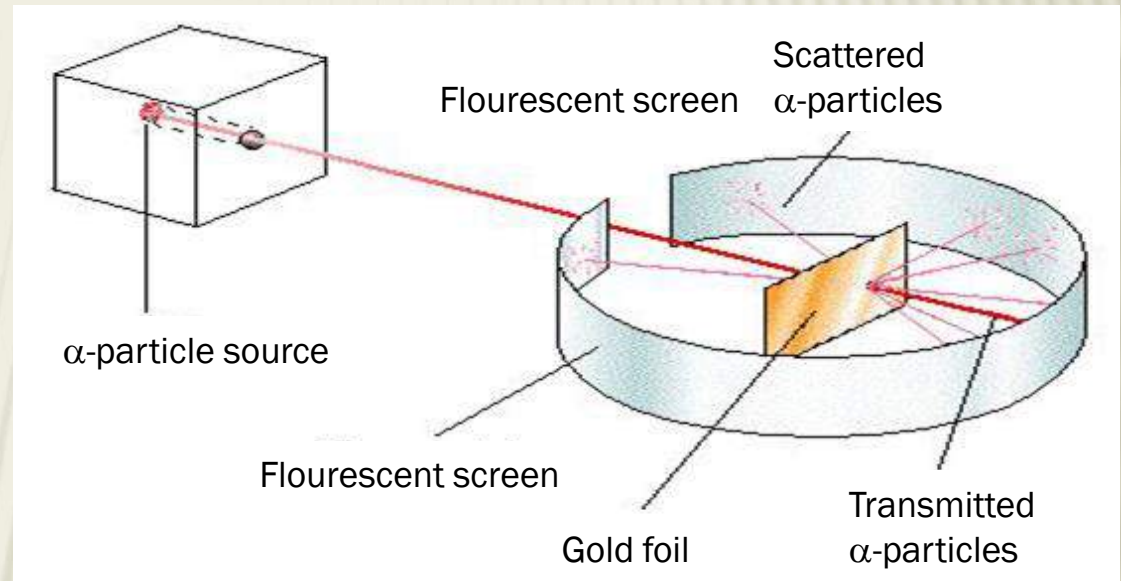
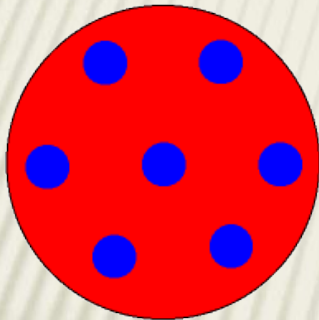
- Electrostatic accelerators
- Ion beam analysis with examples
  - RBS
  - ERDA
  - PIXE
  - Nuclear microprobe
- Materials modification



# ELECTROSTATIC ACCELERATORS

## The first ion probe – Rutherford experiment

Plum Pudding Model  
of Atomic Structure

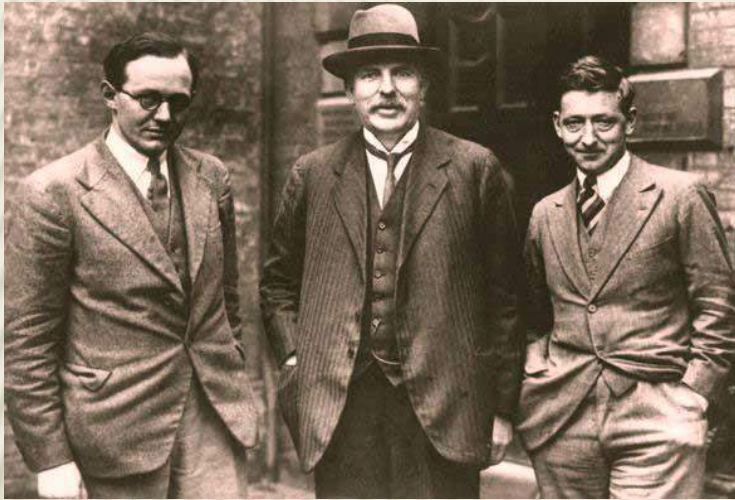


## ERNEST RUTHERFORD

- 1909 –  $\alpha$ -particle scattering experiment on gold foil
- 1911 – theory of nuclear atom
- had called for "a million volts in a soapbox" to advance nuclear research!

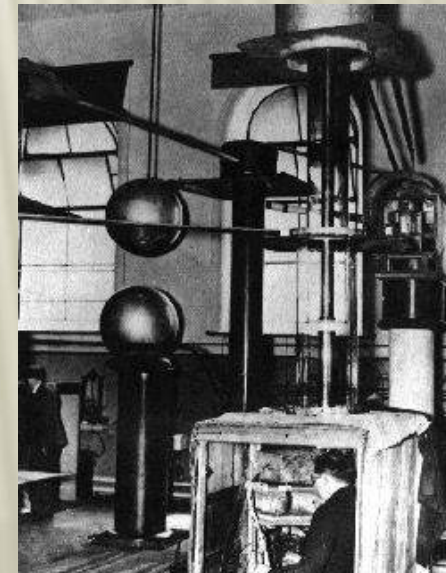
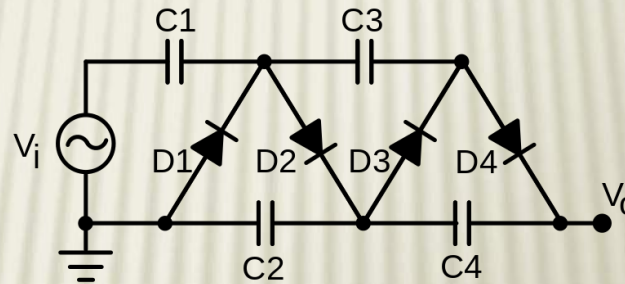
# ELECTROSTATIC ACCELERATORS

## Cockroft and Walton



John Cockcroft, Sir Ernest Rutherford and Ernest Walton

*Working in a vacant room at Rutherford's Cavendish Laboratory at Cambridge University, Englishman Cockcroft and Irishman Walton used spare parts to build the world's first nuclear-particle accelerator in 1929*



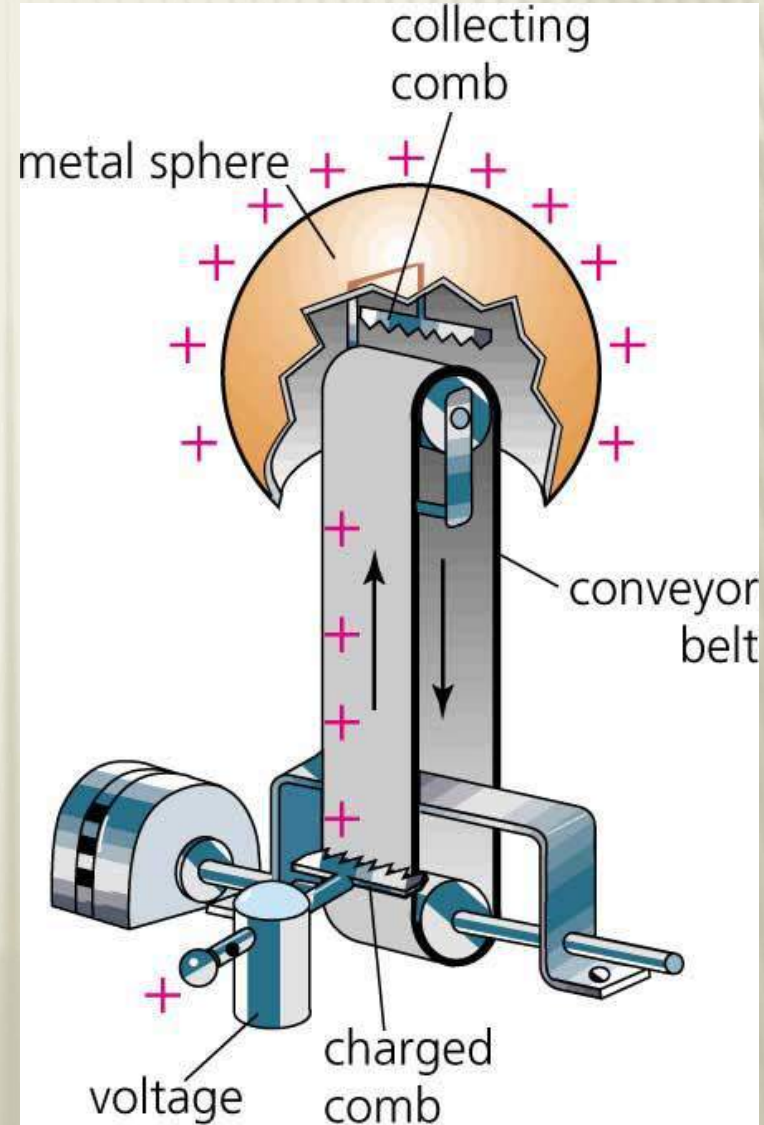
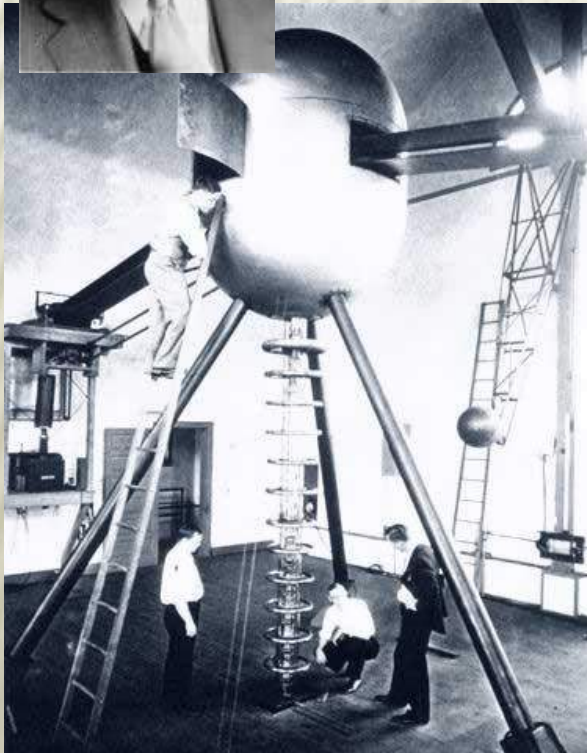
- high voltage obtained by cascade voltage multiplier
- 1932 the first artificial nuclear reaction  $p + \text{Li}^7 \rightarrow \text{He}^4 + \text{He}^4$
- Nobel prize 1951

# ELECTROSTATIC ACCELERATORS

## Robert J. Van de Graaff

Princeton University; MIT Boston

- 1929 80 kV
- 1931 7 MV
- after the WWII he founded HVEC – High Voltage Engineering Corporation

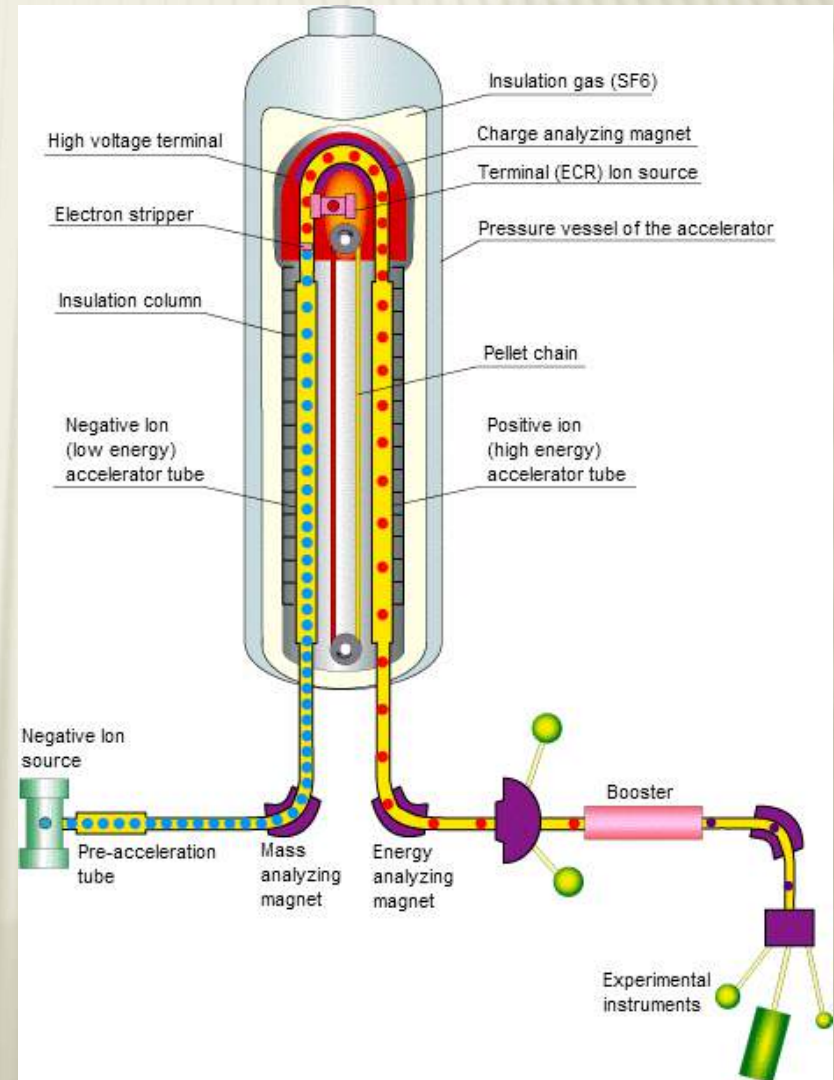


# ELECTROSTATIC ACCELERATORS

Luis W. Alvarez



- WWII – Manhattan project
- Berkeley 1951 – concept of tandem accelerator
- Nobel prize in physics 1968 (bubble chamber)
- Alvarez Hypothesis 1980



# ACCELERATORS TODAY



Aprox. 20.000 accelerators:

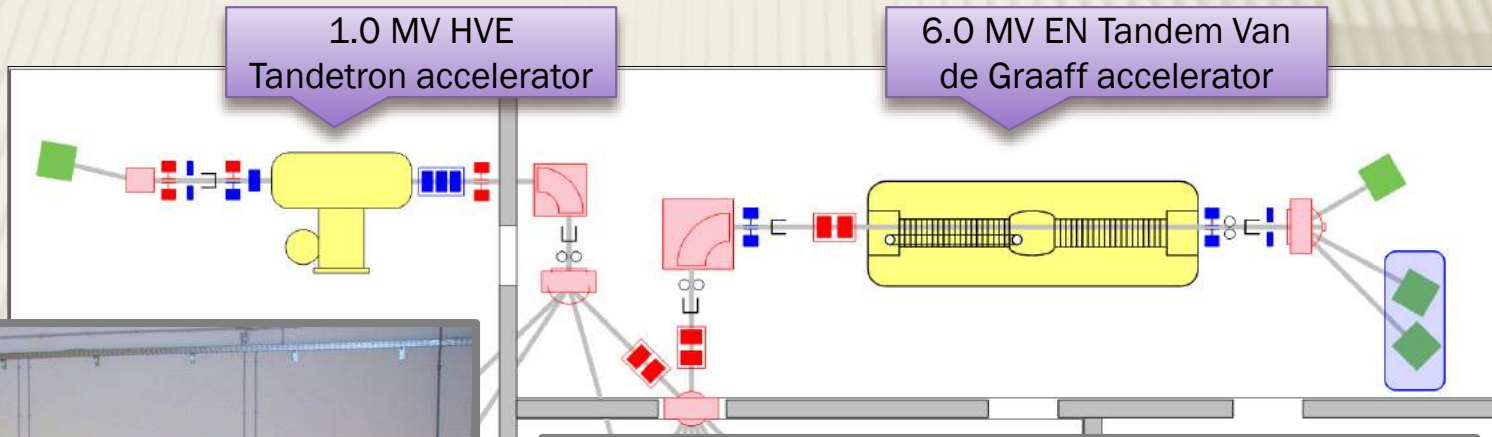
- **90% medicine & industry**
  - Medicine
    - Diagnostics (isotope production)
    - Radiation treatment
  - Industry
    - Ion implanters
    - Electron accelerators for radiation processing (e.g. polimer crosslinking, sterilisation...)
- **10% research and education**
  - Large scale facilities (e.g.CERN, GSI, etc.)
  - Synchrotron light sources
  - Cyclotrons
  - Electrostatic accelerators (including implanters)

# ELECTROSTATIC ACCELERATORS

RBI-AF, Zagreb, Croatia

1.0 MV HVE  
Tandetron accelerator

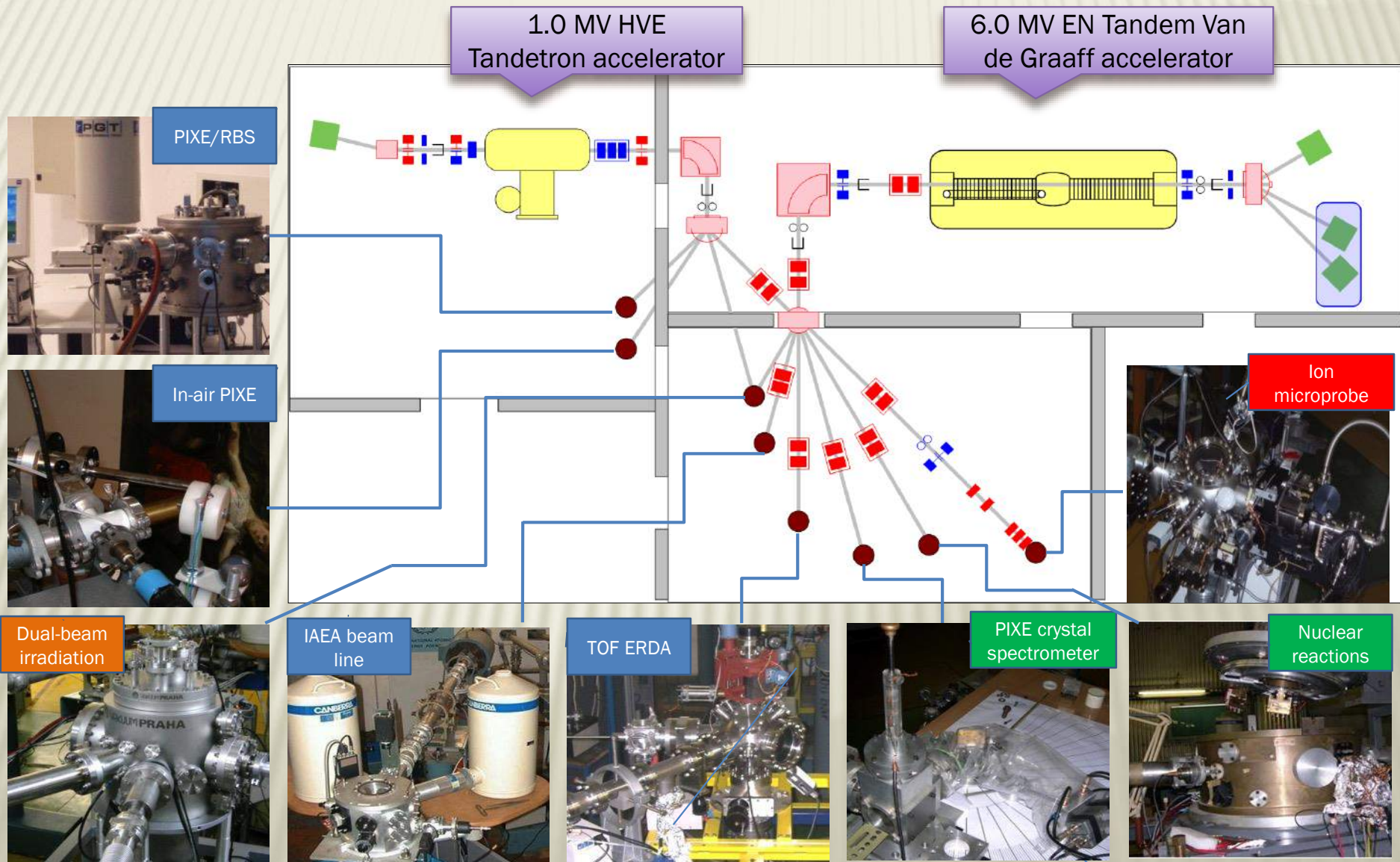
6.0 MV EN Tandem Van  
de Graaff accelerator



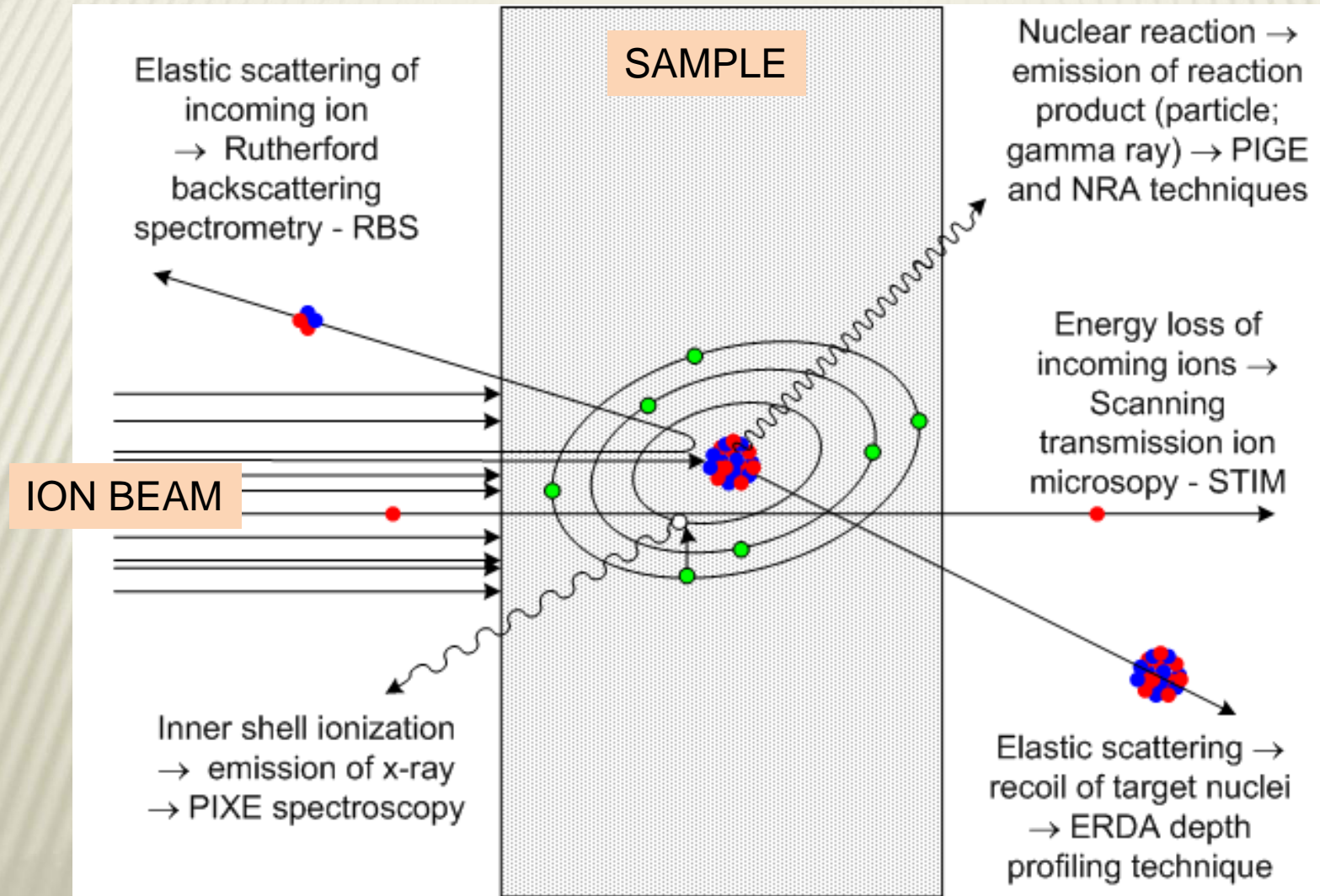
- 100 keV – 40 MeV
- p, He, Li, C, O, Si, Cl, I, Au....



# RBI-AF, Zagreb, Croatia



# ION BEAM ANALYSIS



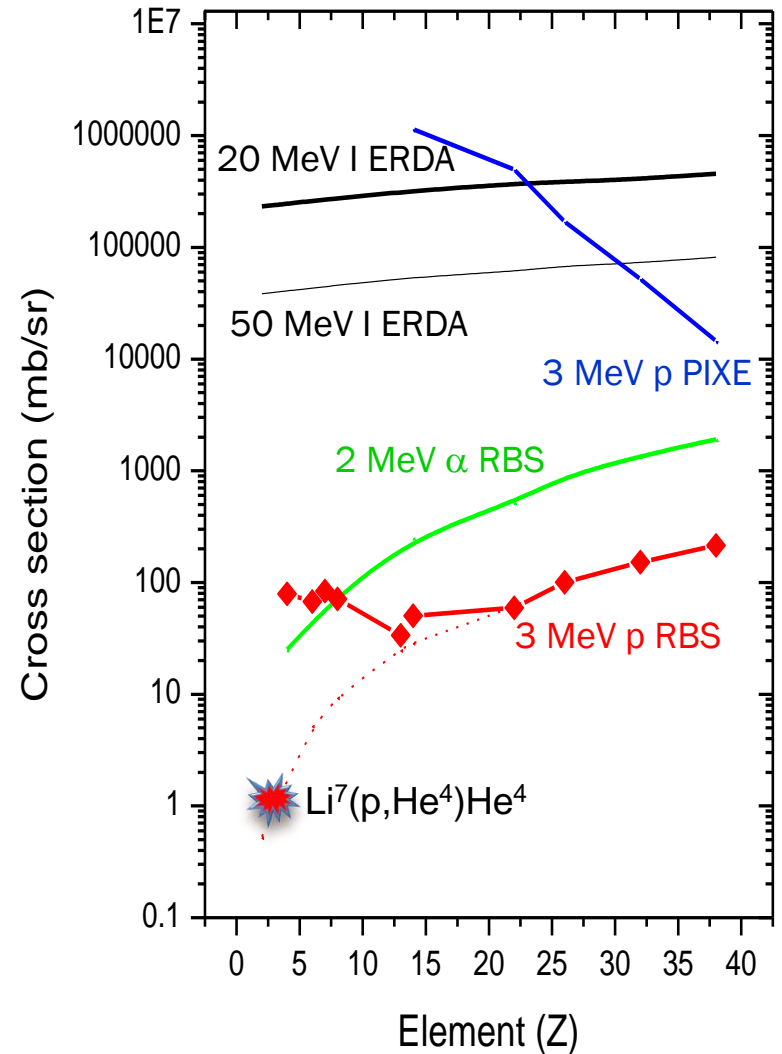
# ION BEAM ANALYSIS

Non-destructive techniques  
(most of the time...)

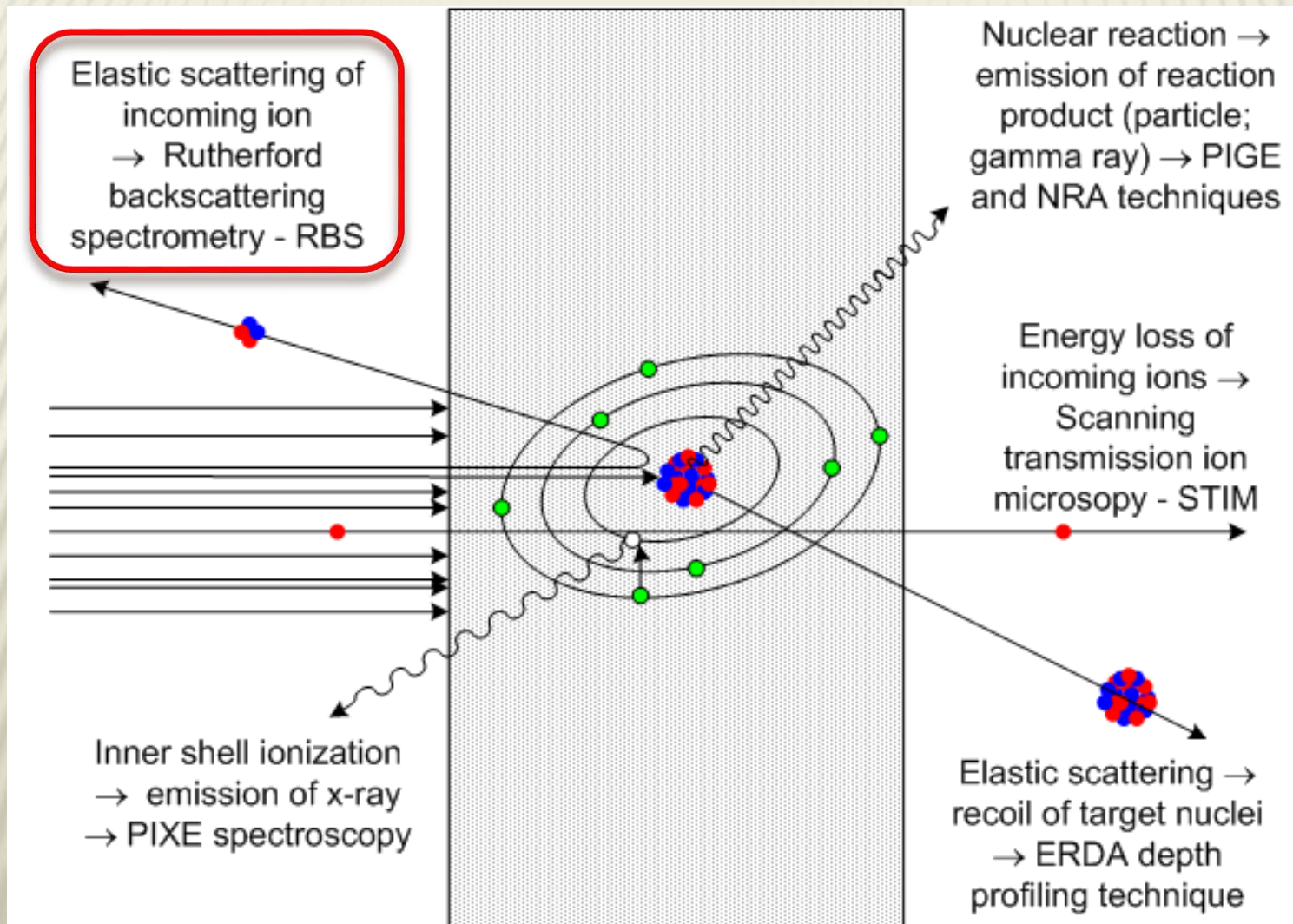
1 BARN (b) =  $100 \text{ fm}^2$

1 fm =  $10^{-15} \text{ m}$

typical size of the nucleus



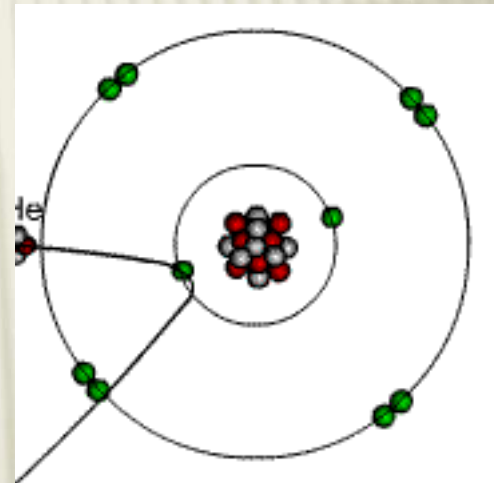
# RUTHERFORD BACKSCATTERING SPECTROMETRY



# RUTHERFORD BACKSCATTERING SPECTROMETRY

$$K = \frac{E_{scattered}}{E_{incident}} = \left[ \frac{\left( 1 - \left( \frac{M_1 \sin \theta}{M_2} \right)^2 \right)^{1/2} + \frac{M_1 \cos \theta}{M_2}}{1 + \frac{M_1}{M_2}} \right]^2$$

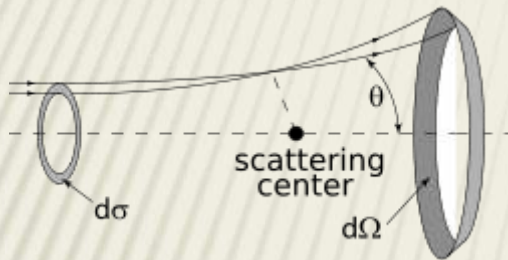
$E$  Ion energy  
 $M_1$  Mass of incident ion  
 $M_2$  Mass of target atom  
 $\theta$  Scattering angle



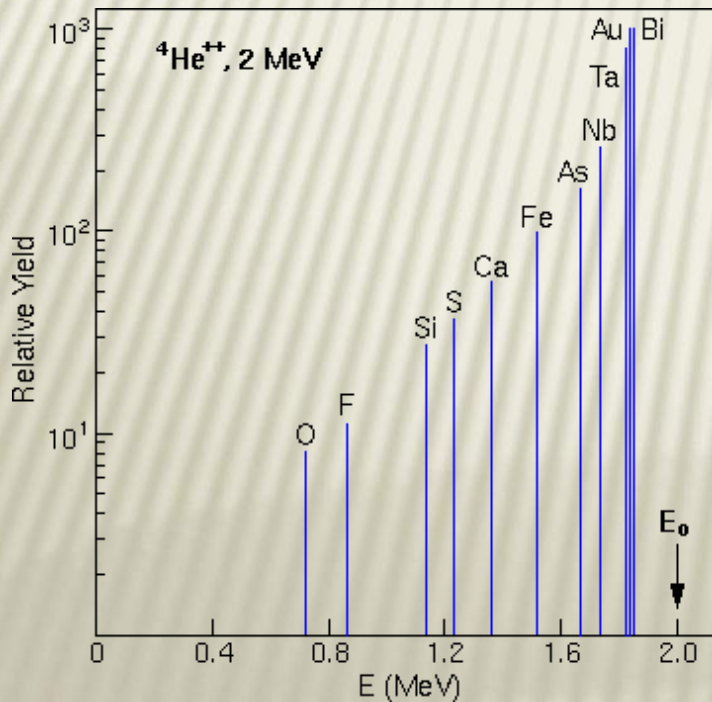
For a given scattering angle  $\theta$ , known projectile energy  $E_{inc}$  and mass  $M_1$  (eg. 2 MeV  $\alpha$ ),  $E_{sc}$  can be measured and therefore unknown mass  $M_2$  can be determined

# RUTHERFORD BACKSCATTERING SPECTROMETRY

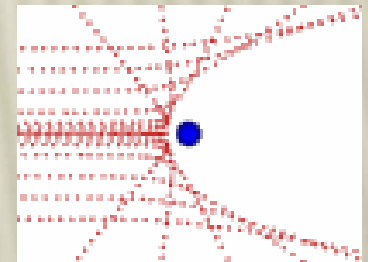
## cross section



$$\frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial \Omega} = \left[ \frac{Z_1 Z_2 e^2}{4E} \right]^2 \cdot \frac{4}{\sin^4 \theta} \cdot \frac{\left[ \sqrt{1 - \left[ \frac{M_1 \sin \theta}{M_2} \right]^2} + \cos \theta \right]^2}{\sqrt{1 - \left[ \frac{M_1 \sin \theta}{M_2} \right]^2}}$$

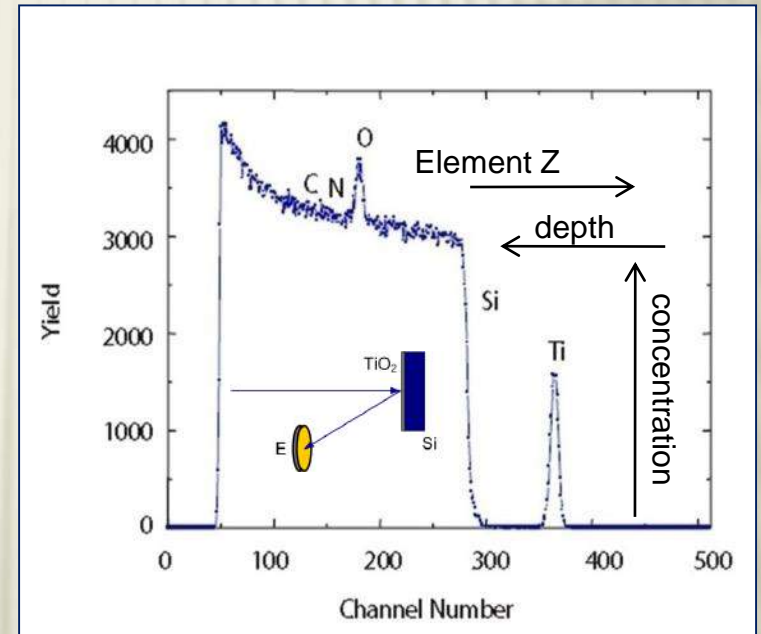
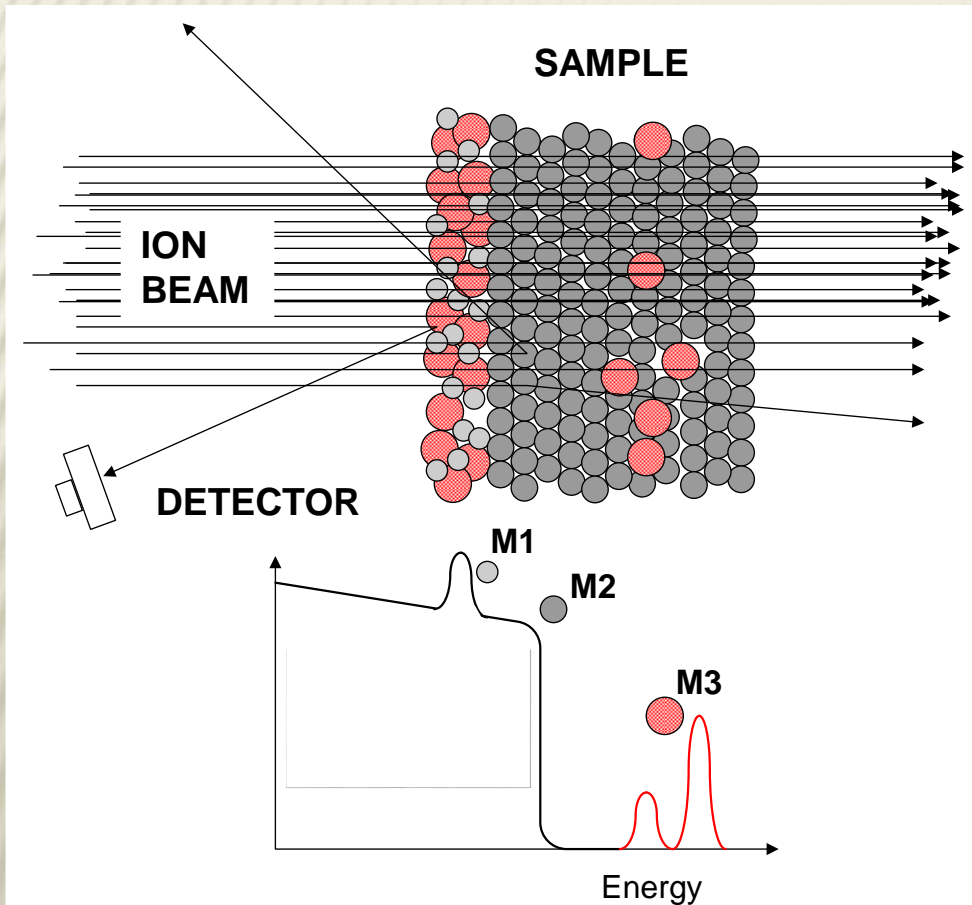


- $Z_1$  Atomic number of incident ion
- $Z_2$  Atomic number of target atom
- $E$  Energy of incident ion
- $M_1$  Mass of incident ion
- $M_2$  Mass of target atom
- $\theta$  Angle of incidence



# RUTHERFORD BACKSCATTERING SPECTROMETRY

## DEPTH PROFILING

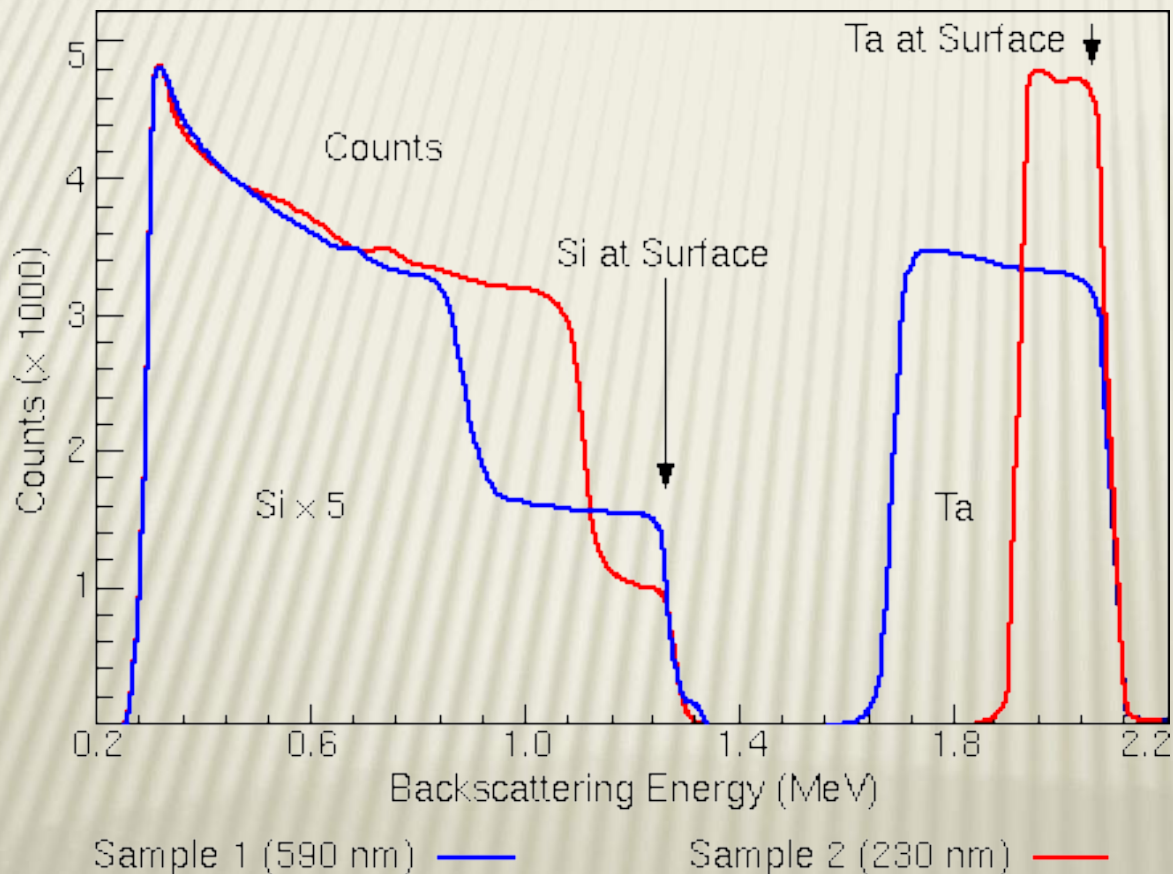


Proton beam (2 MeV)  
Detector positioned at  $\Theta=165^\circ$ ,

Sample: thin  $\text{TiO}_2$  film on Si substrate

# RUTHERFORD BACKSCATTERING SPECTROMETRY

## DEPTH PROFILING



TaSi layers of 590 and 230 nm deposited on Si substrate as seen by 2 MeV alpha RBS

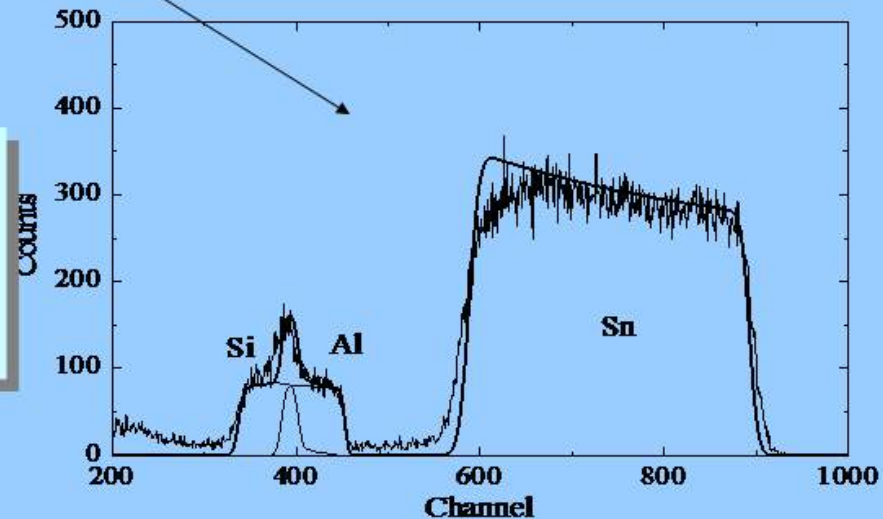
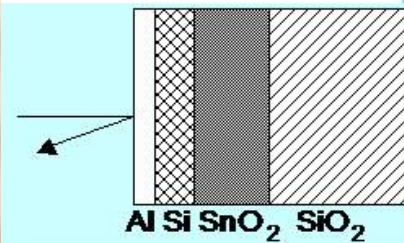
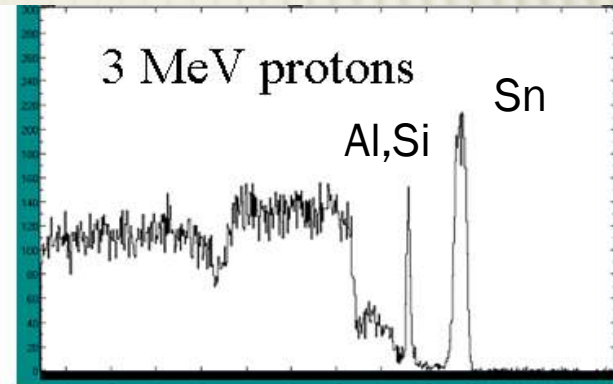


# RBS - EXAMPLES

Sample:  
thin film a-Si solar cell  
(amorphous silicon)

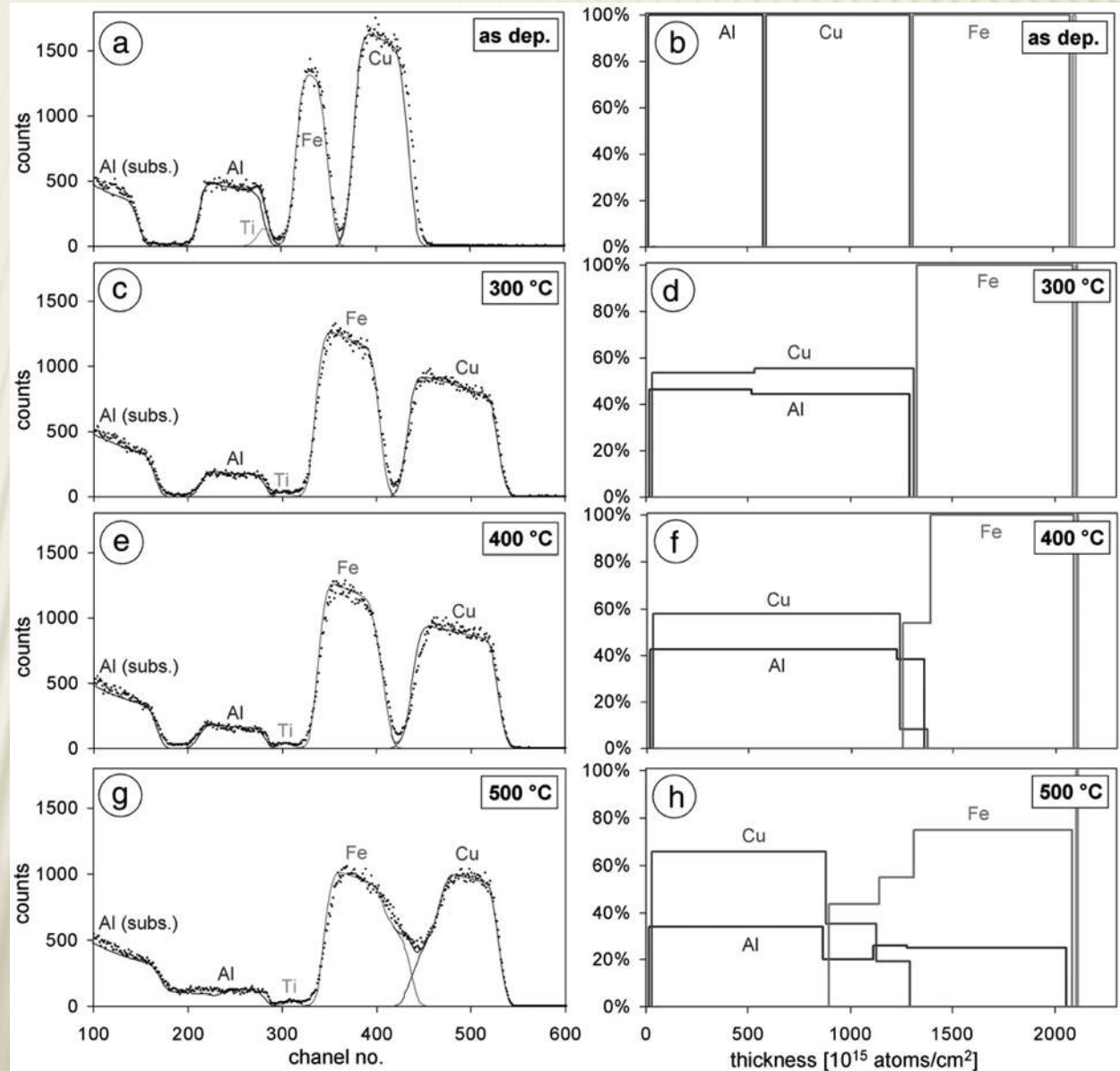
5.1 MeV  $\text{Li}^{2+}$  beam

$\Theta = 170^\circ$



# RBS - EXAMPLES

In situ RBS:  
Ion beam: 2 MeV  $\text{Li}^7$   
Sample: AlCuFe thin film  
Observation of layer  
intermixing

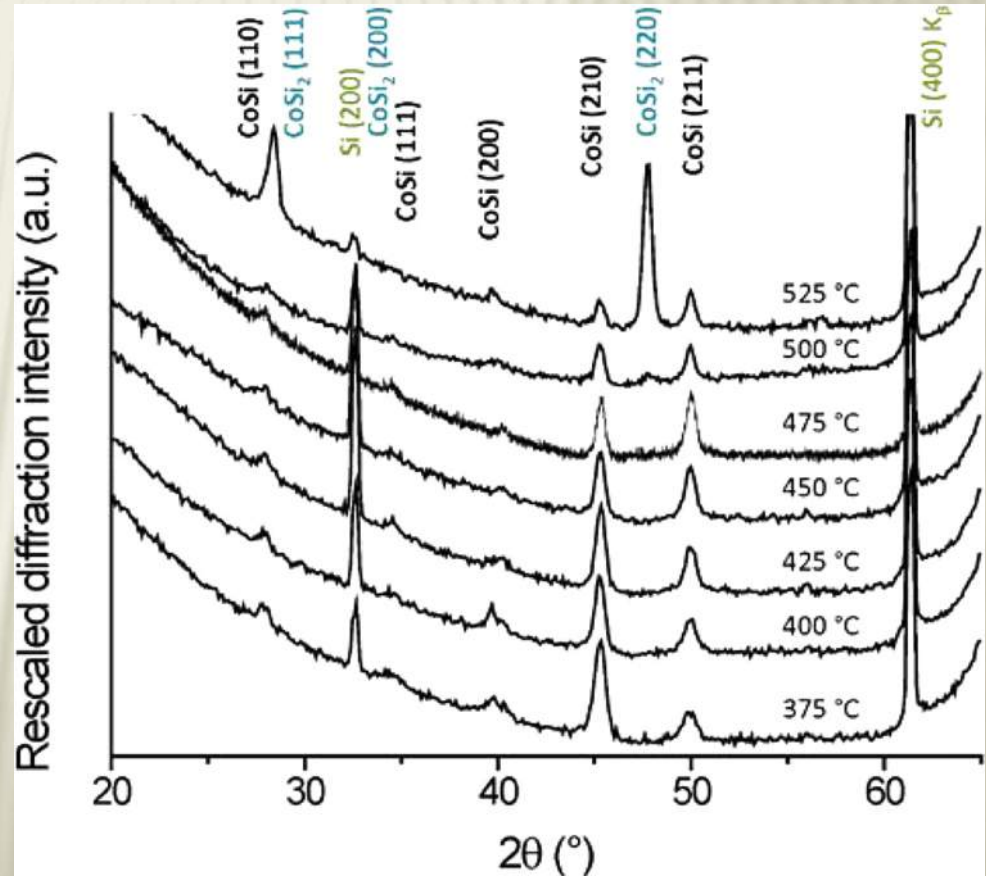
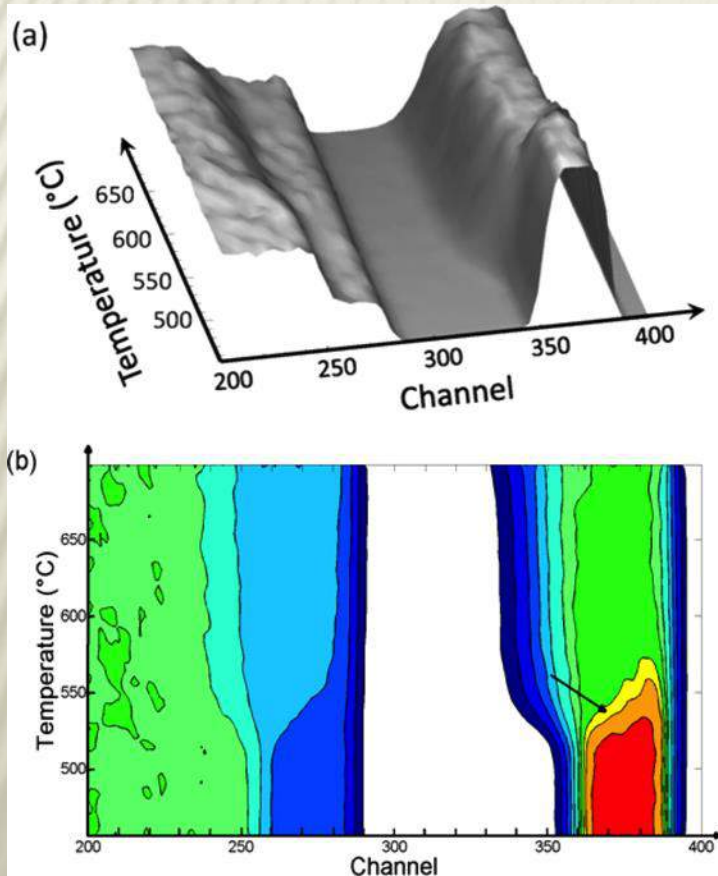


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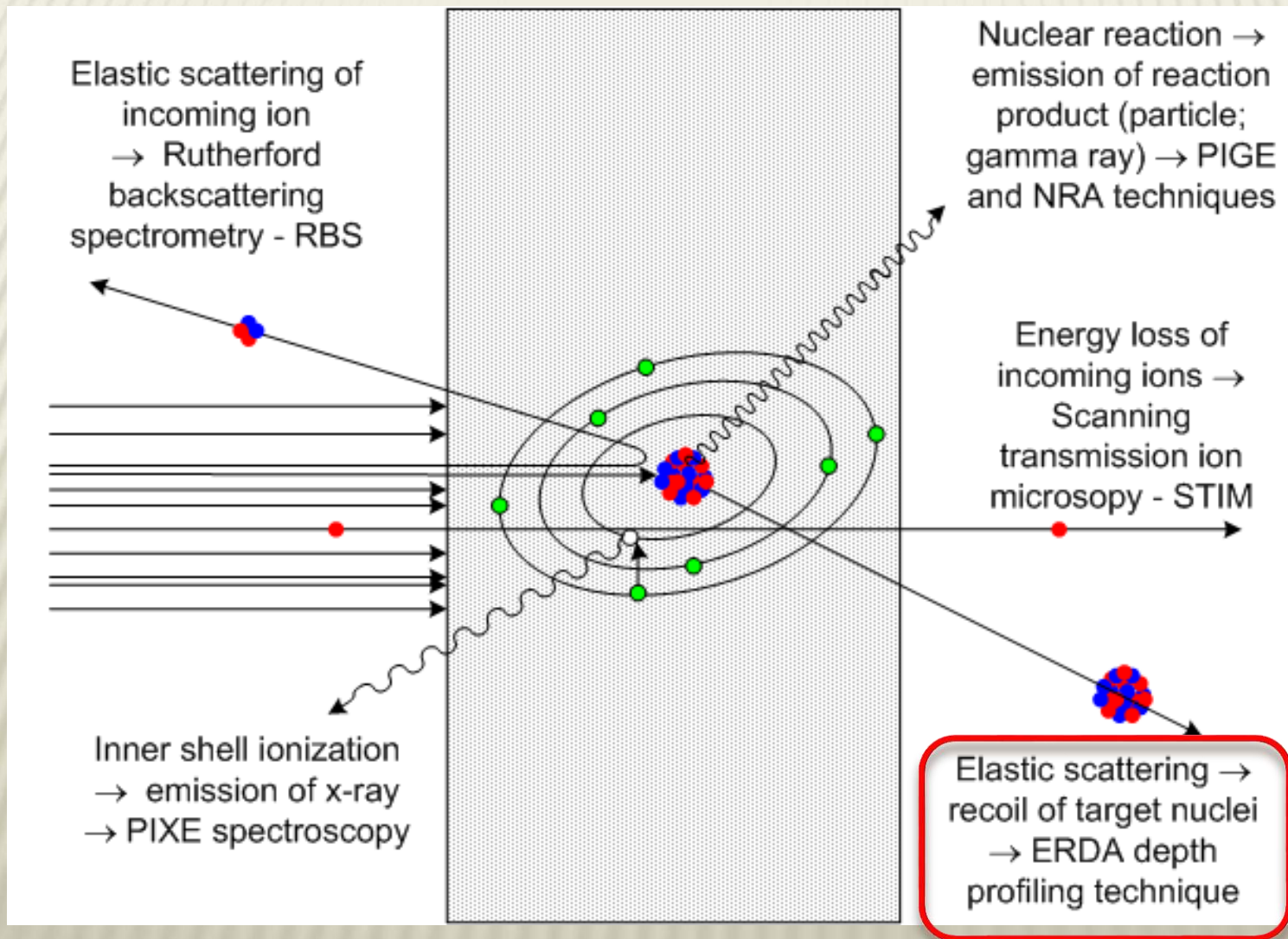
Effect of high temperature deposition on CoSi<sub>2</sub> phase formation

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- Identification of phase transition from CoSi to CoSi<sub>2</sub>



# ERDA - ELASTIC RECOIL DETECTION ANALYSIS



# ERDA - ELASTIC RECOIL DETECTION ANALYSIS

Geometry: transmission (problems due to energy straggling) or reflection (small sampling depth)

**Experimental setup:**

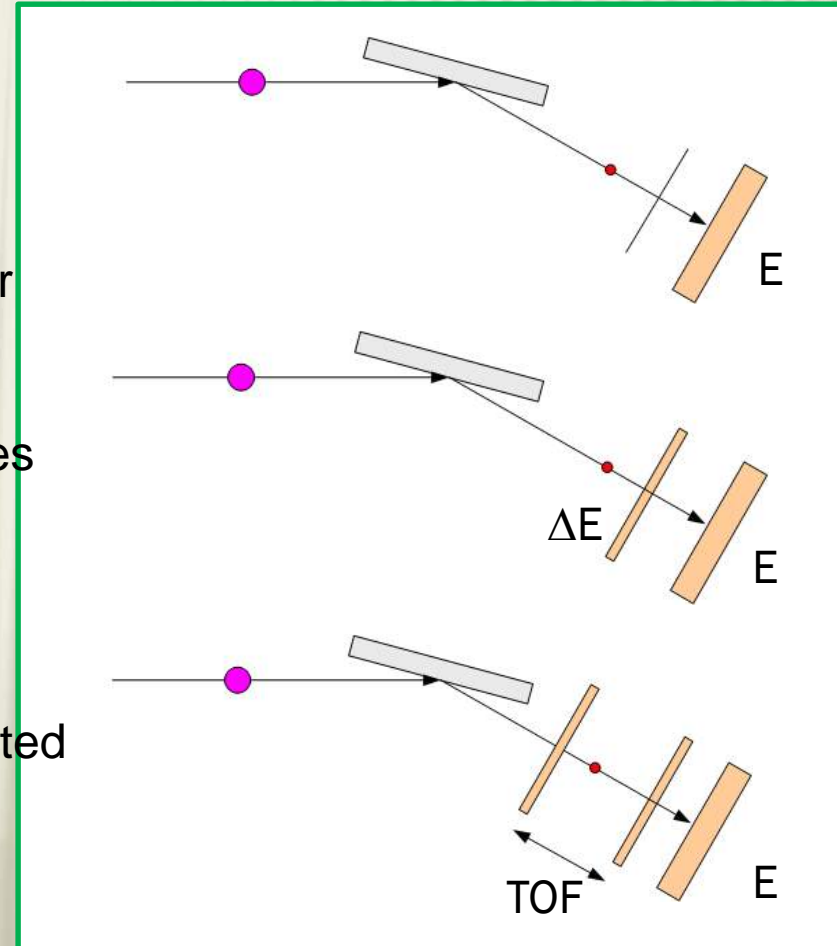
Stopping foil – by selection of appropriate thickness, system is optimized for one particular element (e.g. Hydrogen using He ion beam)

$\Delta E$ , E detector: - scattered and recoiled particles are discriminated by different  $dE/dx$ ! (energy straggling ?)

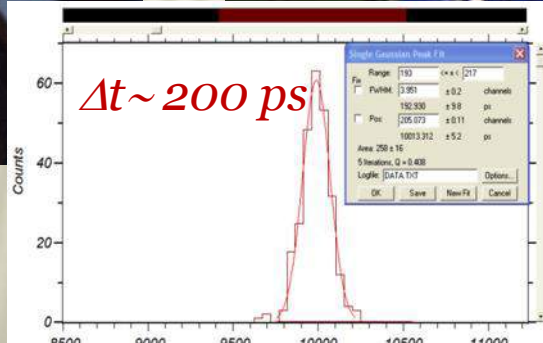
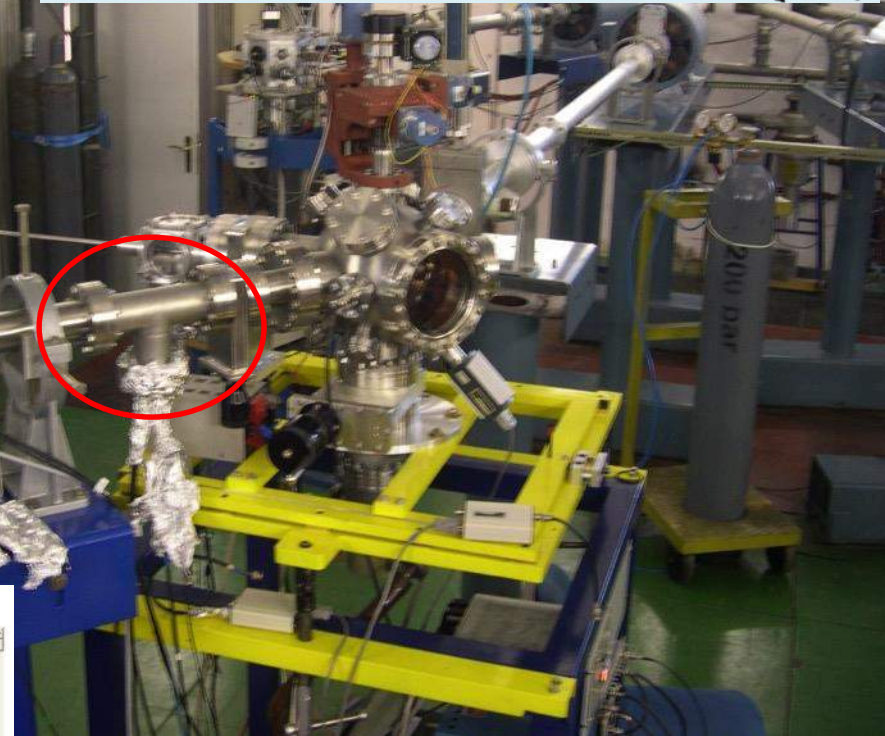
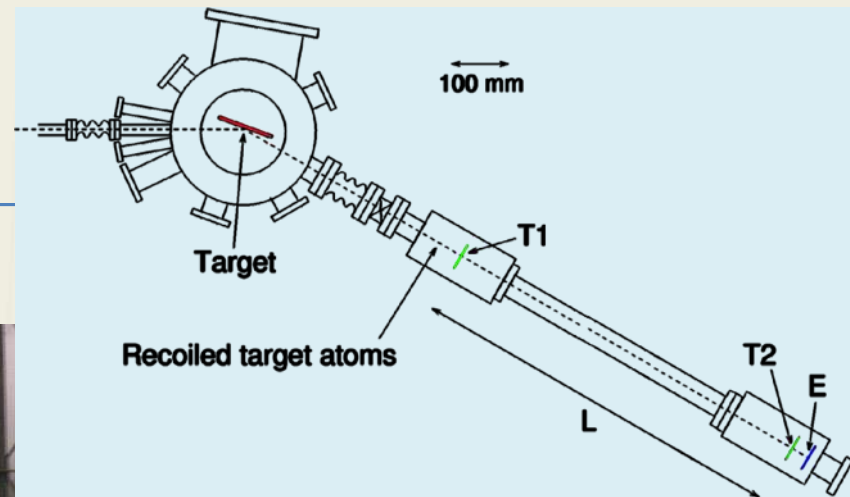
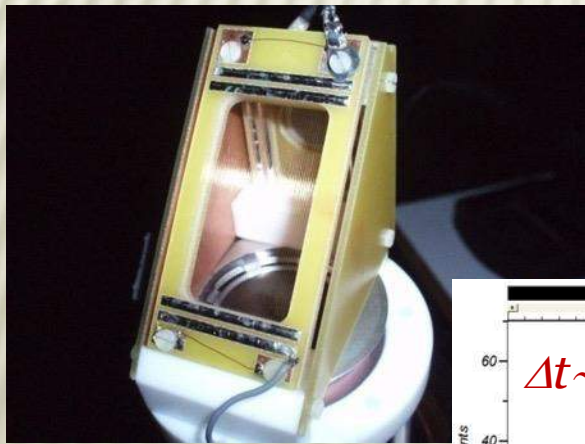
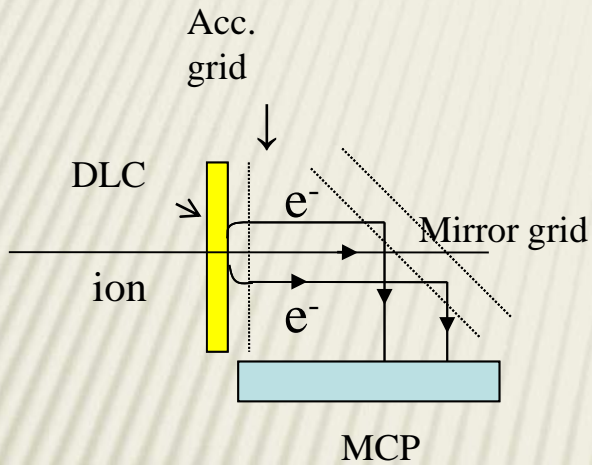
TOF, E detector:

- scattered and recoiled particles are discriminated by measurement of time of flight (with minimal straggling) – best depth resolution

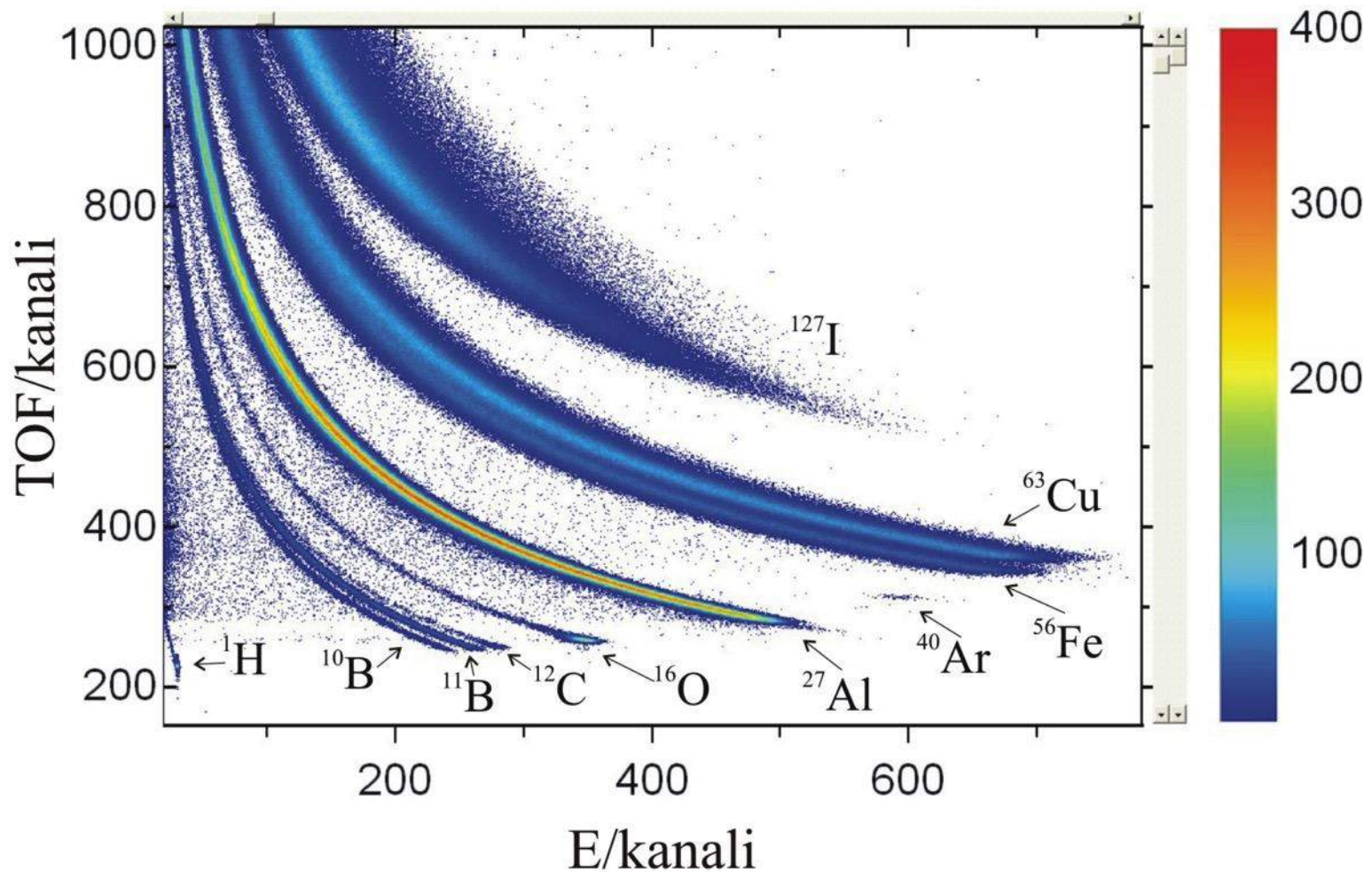
+ Magnetic spectrometer (expensive)



# TOF - ERDA



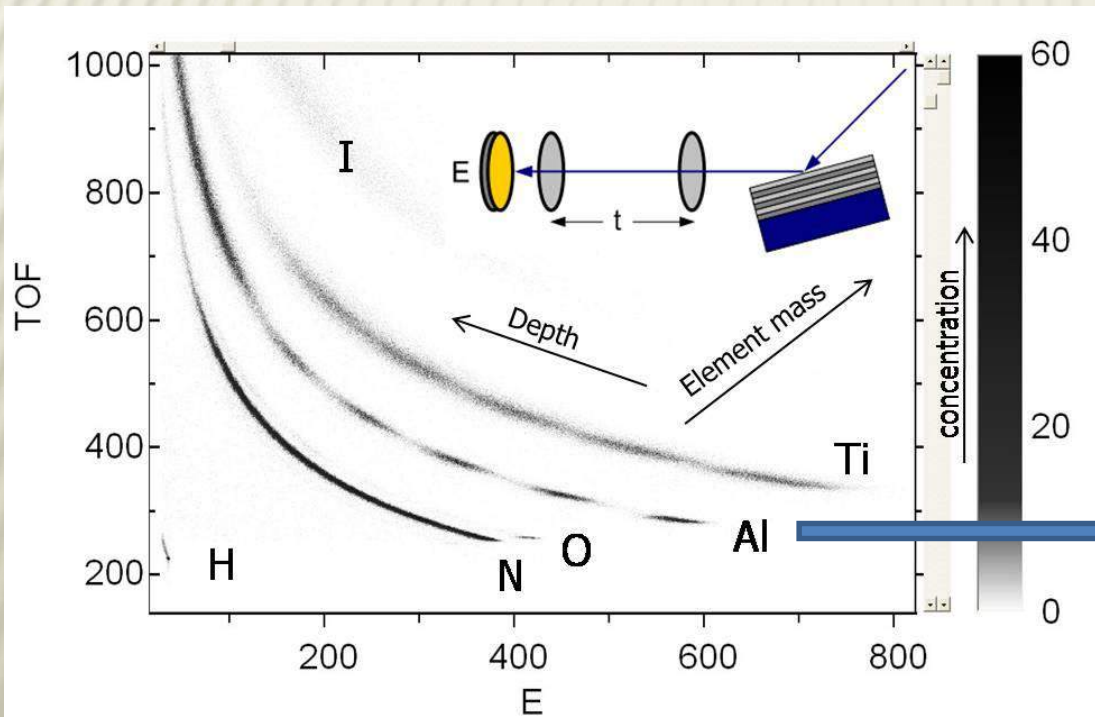
# TOF - ERDA



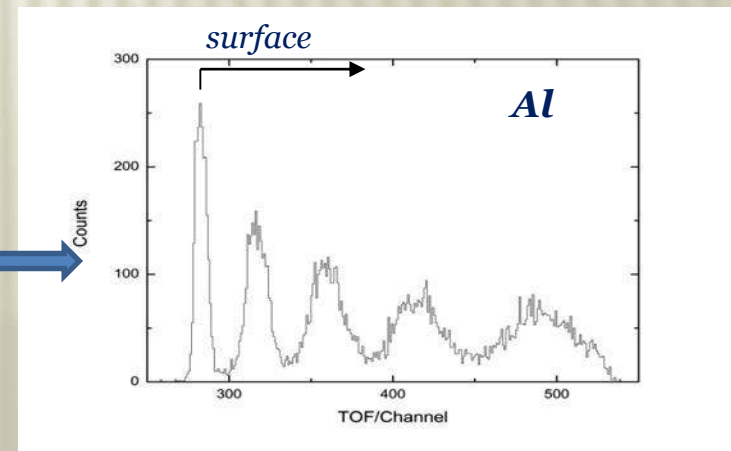
# TOF - ERDA

Heavy ion beam - e.g. 20 MeV Iodine ions

- sensitivity  $10^{15}$  /cm<sup>2</sup>
- 5 nm depth resolution, up to 500 nm probe depth
- all elements are resolved

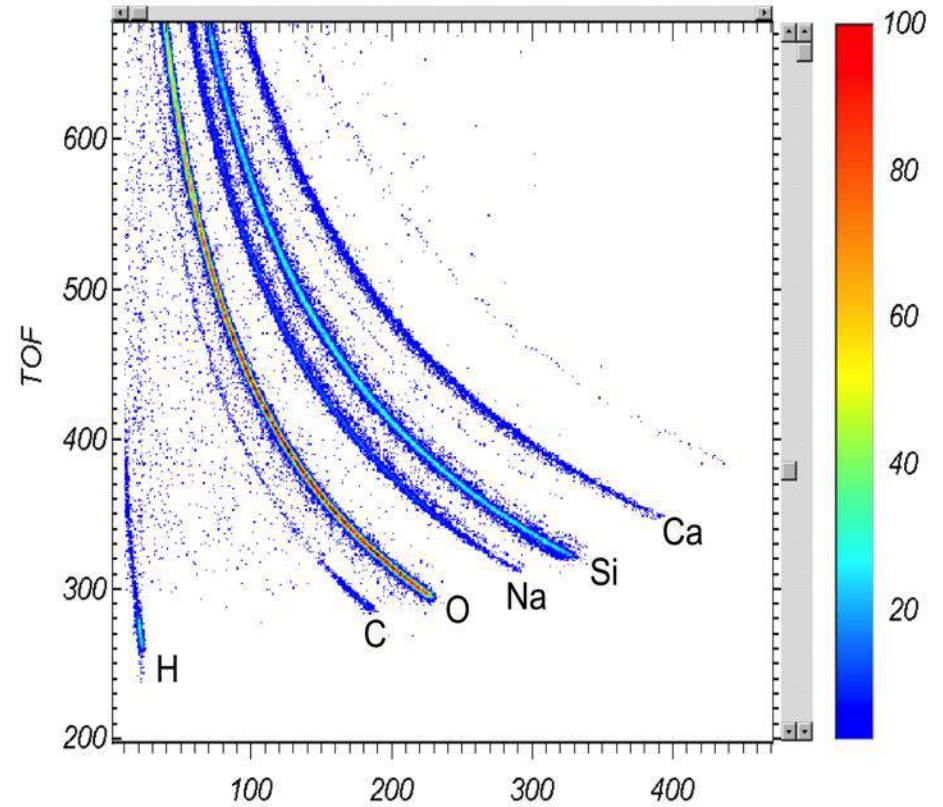
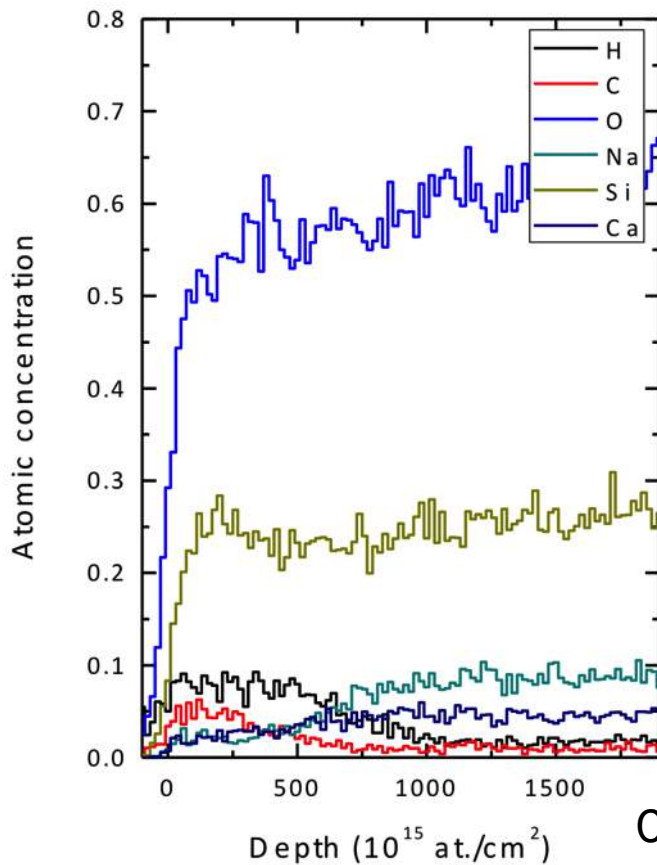


Sample:  
20 nm multilayers TiN/AlN



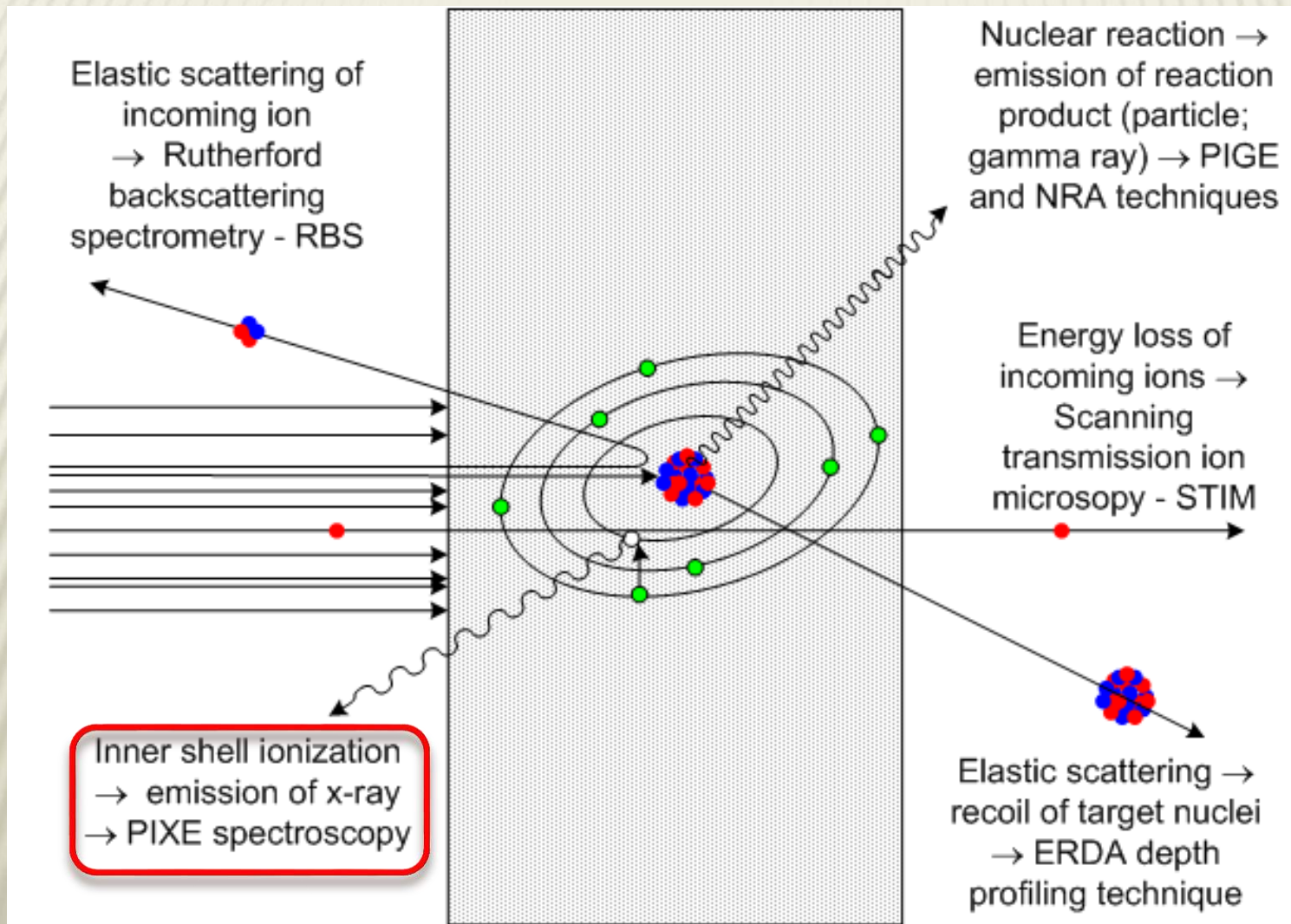


# TOF - ERDA



Corrosion of ancient glass found at the fort Sokol (close to Dubrovnik airport)

# PARTICLE INDUCED X-RAY EMISSION SPECTROSCOPY

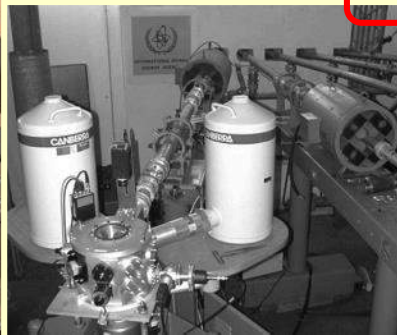
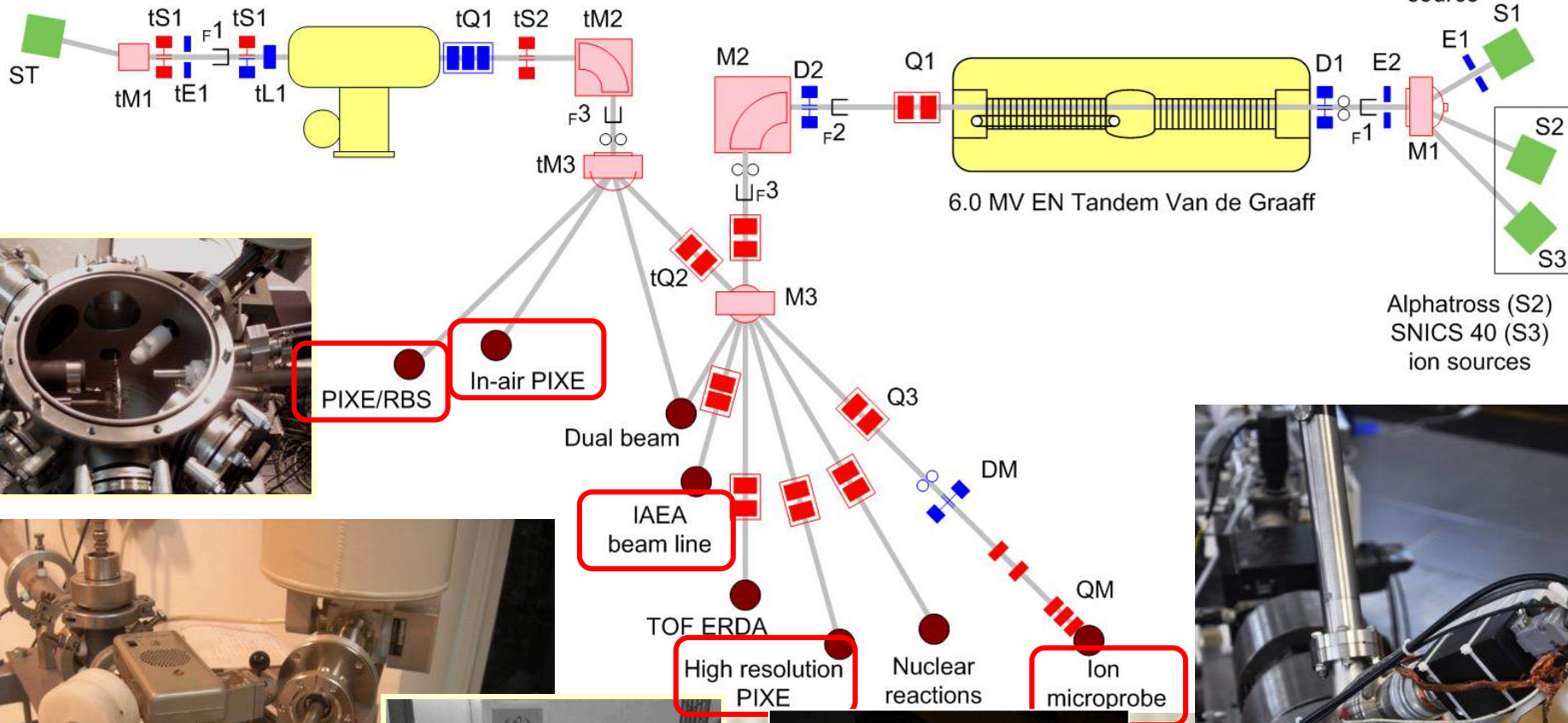


# PIXE

Direct extraction  
duoplasmatron

1.0 MV HVE Tandetron

Sputtering ion  
source



# PIXE

## Simple quantification for thin targets:

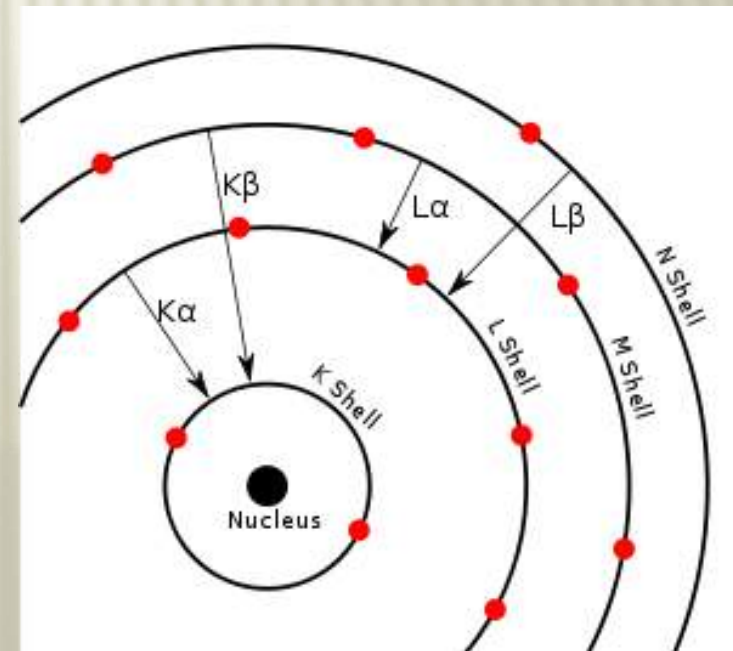
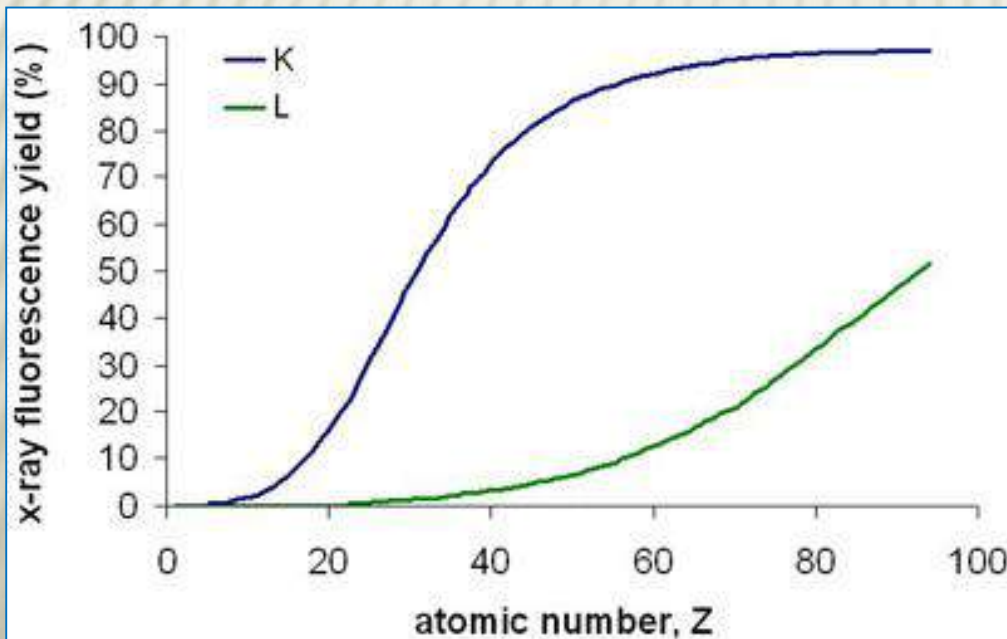
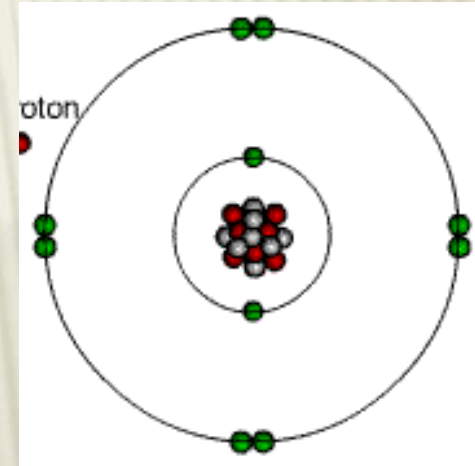
$$Y_i = Q/e C_i \Omega \epsilon \sigma_i$$

$Q/e$  – fluence

$\Omega \epsilon$  – detector solid angle and efficiency

$\sigma_i$  – production cross section

$\sigma_i = \sigma_{ii} \omega$ , where  $\sigma_{ii}$  is ionization cross section and  $\omega$  fluorescence yield



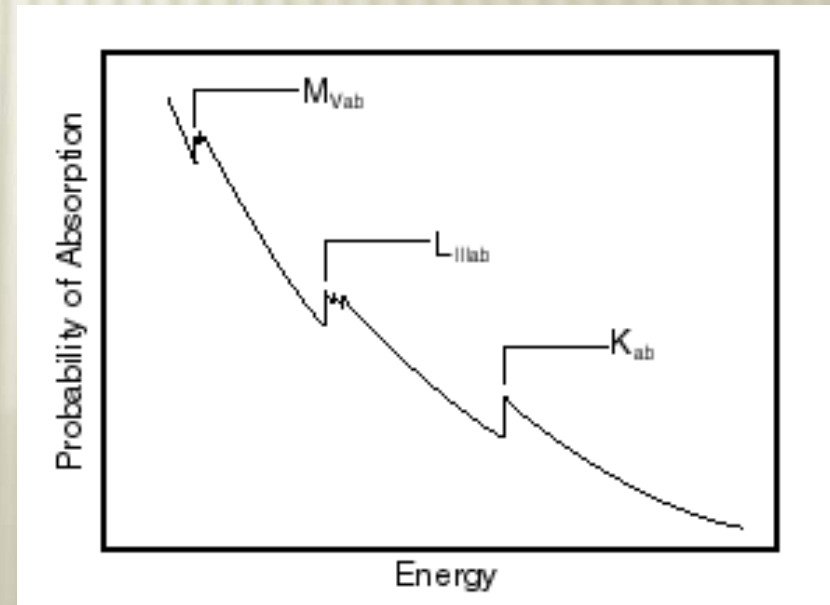
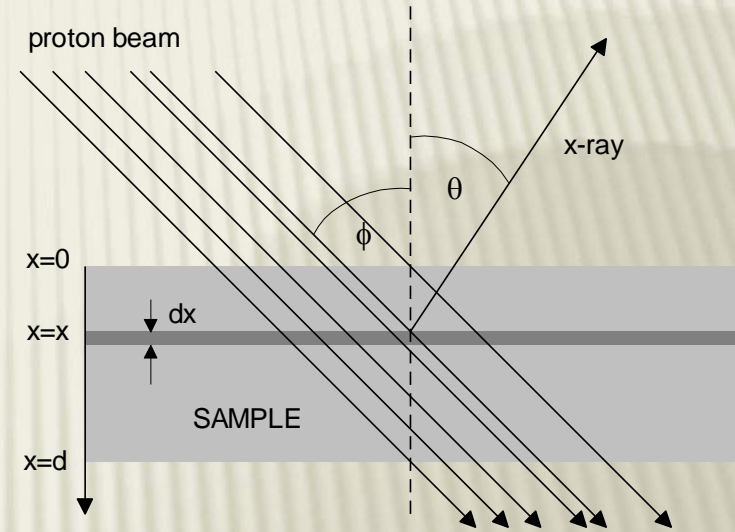
# PIXE

For thick targets, quantification is becoming more complicated !!

$$Y_i = \frac{Q}{e} \int_0^d c(x) \sigma_i(E(x)) e^{-\mu x / \sin \vartheta} dx$$

Yield depends on composition due to ion stopping & x-ray absorption:

- Iterative procedure, or
- Matrix composition from other techniques (RBS) !!



# PIXE ANALYSIS

## air pollution monitoring



Nucleopore Track-Etched Membrane

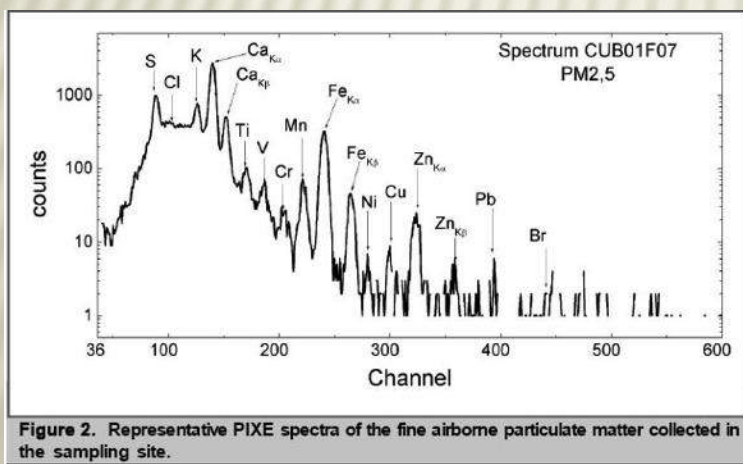
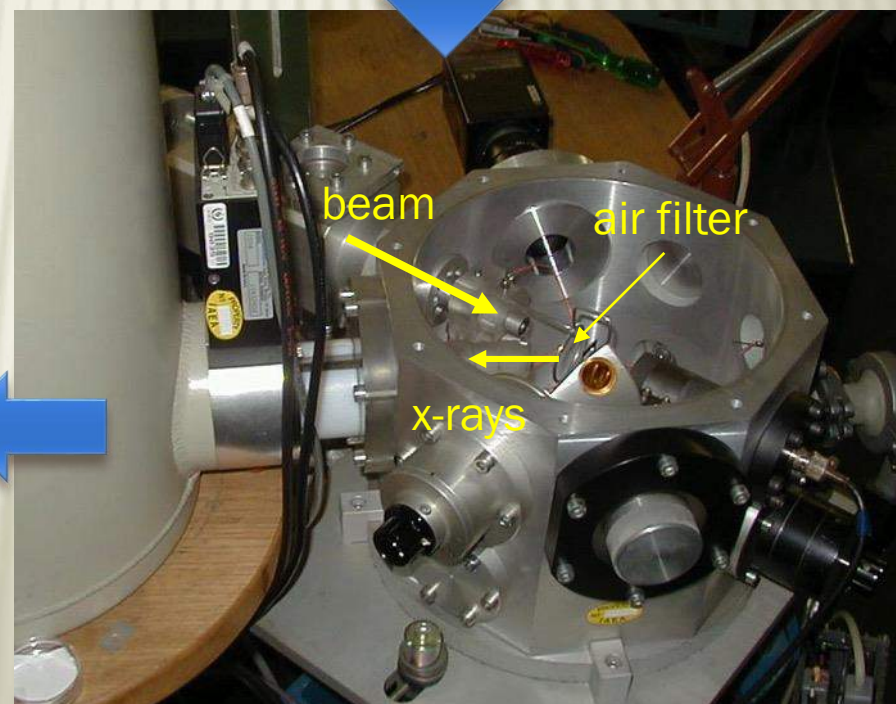
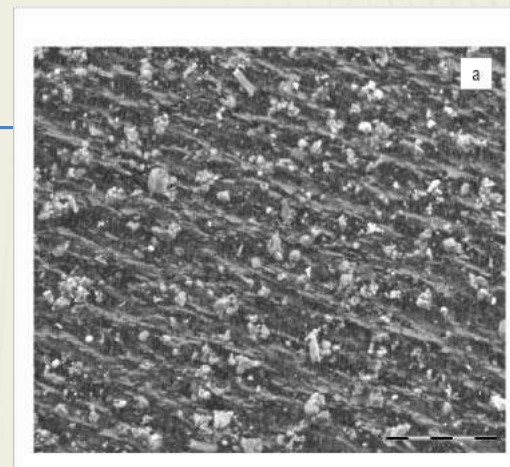


Figure 2. Representative PIXE spectra of the fine airborne particulate matter collected in the sampling site.

# PIXE ANALYSIS

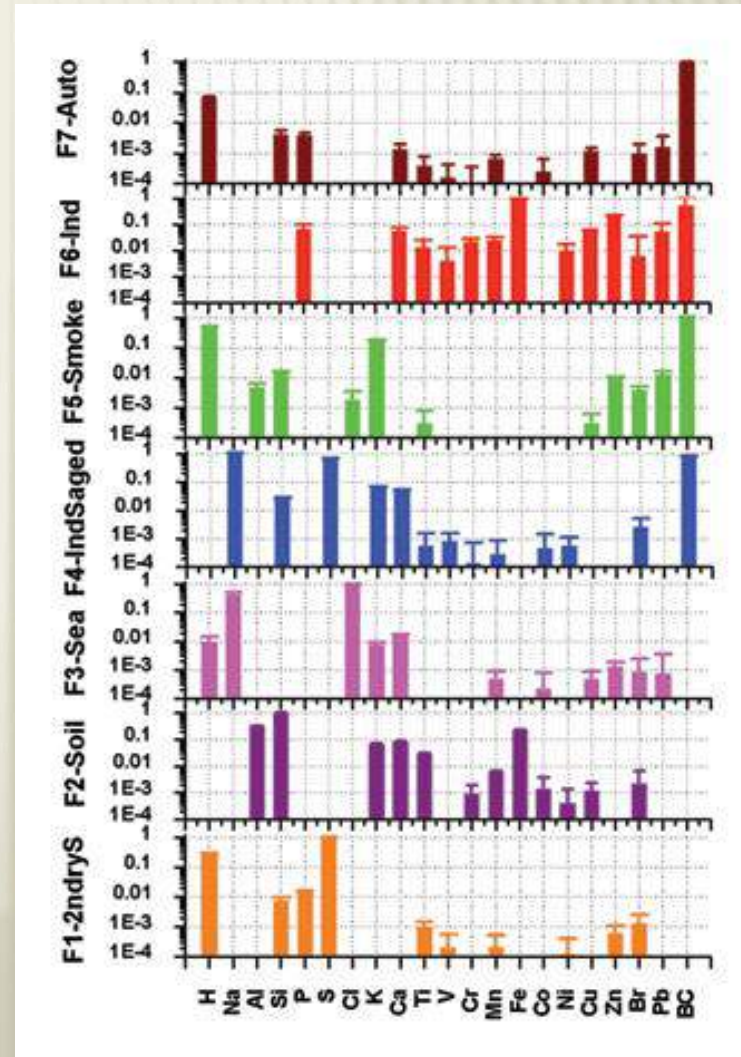
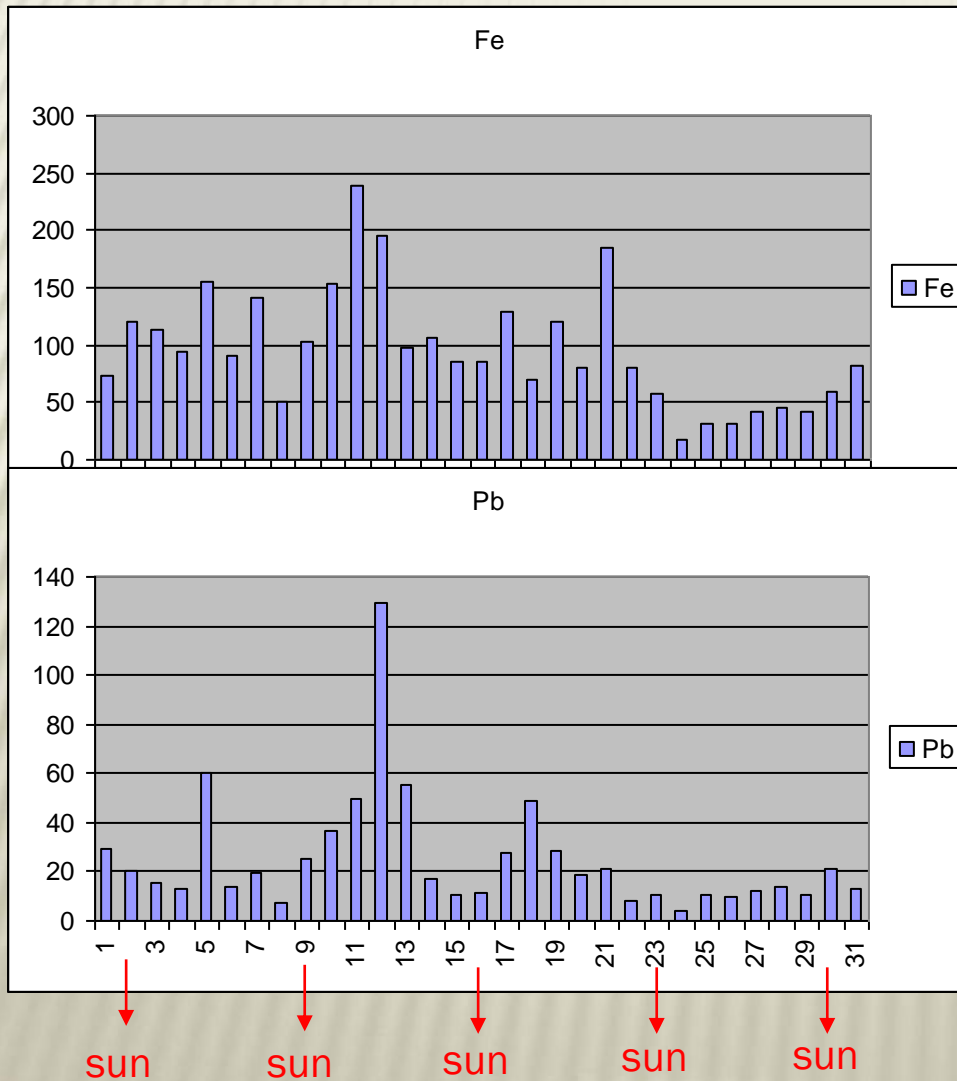
## air pollution monitoring

	MDL	No01	No02	No03	No04	No05	No06	No07	No08	No09	No10	No11	No12	No13	No14	No15
Ca	5.3			29.2	33.2	62.9	17.5	34.9	75.0		27.2	115.8			24.1	35.1
Ti	2.8	4.0		3.6								5.0	4.8	4.0		
V	2.0	2.0		2.6	2.9	4.3		3.9	3.2	2.9	4.3	8.2	15.7	5.3	2.6	
Cr	1.5					2.2						2.0	2.7		1.7	
Mn	1.3	6.2	7.3	7.0	6.8	11.0	6.7	9.1	2.7	6.0	7.9	28.0	17.2	8.7	7.0	4.5
Fe	0.9	72.5	119.6	113.2	93.8	154.9	90.7	140.8	50.9	102.3	152.9	239.2	196.1	98.5	105.8	86.2
Ni	0.8	2.0		2.4	1.7	2.5	0.9	2.5	2.0	1.8	2.6	4.8	8.4	3.7	1.0	1.1
Cu	0.6	22.2	10.7	6.4	6.4	10.5	5.1	8.0	2.9	6.1	15.5	20.5	20.3	12.6	7.1	5.4
Zn	0.8	28.9	18.1	15.7	19.5	64.5	25.9	34.9	13.0	22.7	36.9	62.1	121.2	75.7	25.2	19.8
As	1.6										1.8	2.3	2.4			
Br	0.8	5.7	4.8	5.9	0.8	1.3		1.7				1.1	0.9			1.4
Rb	0.9					1.1						2.2	2.7	2.6	1.2	
Sr	1.1	10.2														
Zr	1.3															
Mo	2.1															
Ba	11.2															
Pb	2.7	29.4	20.0	15.4	12.7	60.5	14.0	19.5	7.4	25.2	36.6	49.4	129.8	55.1	16.9	10.5

	No16	No17	No18	No19	No20	No21	No22	No23	No24	No25	No26	No27	No28	No29	No30	No31
Ca	31.9	99.9	49.0		55.0	78.8	98.6	42.4	31.8	59.5	95.7	59.5	23.6	12.6	98.2	15.9
Ti		3.5				3.4					2.9					2.9
V		8.8	5.9	5.6	5.7	4.3						3.0				6.0
Cr					1.6											
Mn	4.2	7.9	5.3	8.2	5.5	11.6	5.2	3.5	1.7	1.7	2.5	3.2	3.9	4.1	5.2	5.7
Fe	85.5	129.2	69.7	120.5	81.1	184.3	80.4	56.8	17.9	32.1	31.8	42.2	44.7	42.0	60.1	82.6
Ni		3.8	4.0	3.8	2.5	1.1		0.9						1.1	2.6	2.9
Cu	5.3	12.1	5.3	7.7	6.3	9.2	4.8	3.2	0.9	1.9	2.0	3.5	2.6	4.9	9.7	5.0
Zn	18.4	53.9	45.4	35.7	31.0	36.1	17.4	14.3	10.6	23.5	30.2	28.7	37.9	30.6	39.7	24.5
As		1.9	1.7												1.7	0.0
Br	1.1	5.2	2.5	3.0	2.4	4.4	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.7	0.9	2.3	1.9	0.8	3.0	5.0
Rb			1.3		1.3	1.2						0.8		1.3	1.1	1.0
Sr																
Zr																
Mo																
Ba																
Pb	11.1	27.6	48.8	28.3	18.4	20.9	8.2	10.6	4.2	10.6	9.9	11.9	13.6	10.7	21.3	12.8

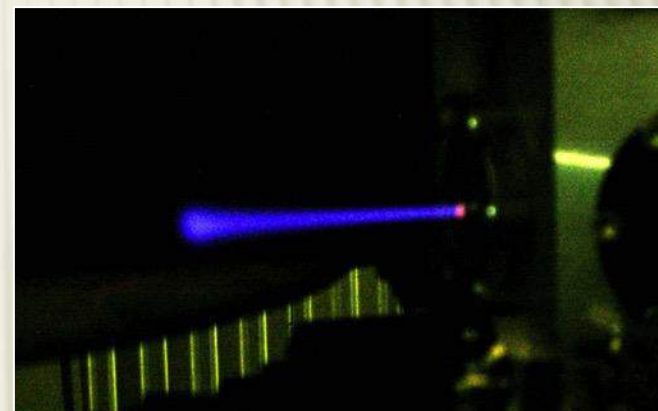
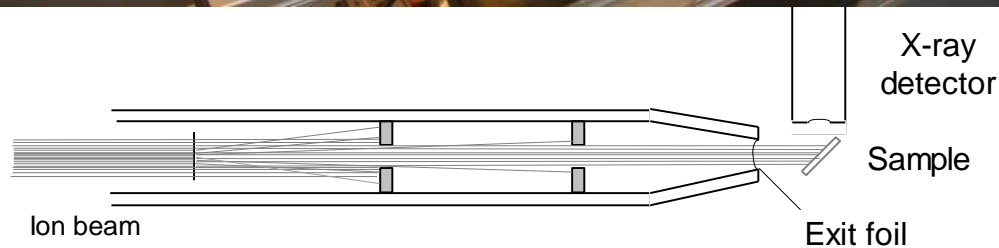
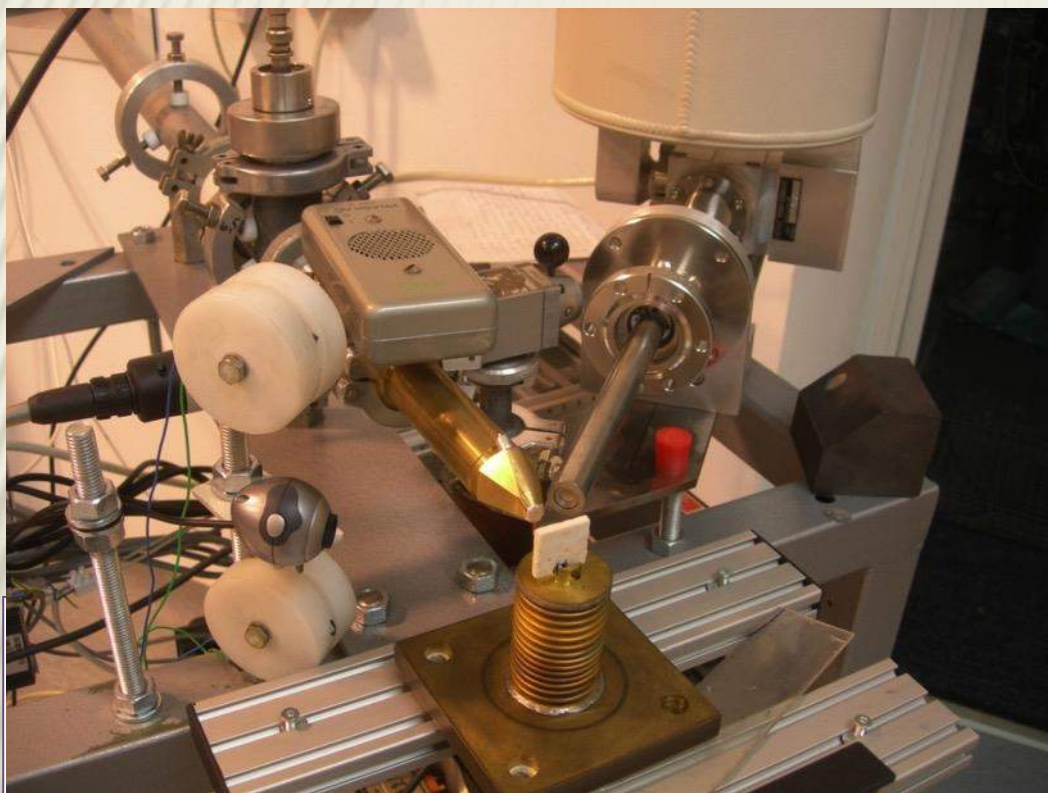
# PIXE ANALYSIS

## air pollution monitoring





# In air PIXE ANALYSIS



ion/energy	range in air (mm)
p, 1 MeV	23.25
p, 2 MeV	71.25
<b>p, 3 MeV</b>	<b>140.52</b>
$\alpha$ , 1 MeV	5.21
$\alpha$ , 2 MeV	10.24
$^{12}\text{C}$ , 3 MeV	5.21
$^{28}\text{Si}$ , 6 MeV	6.27

# PIXE APPLICATIONS – CULTURAL HERITAGE

## Analysis of helmet



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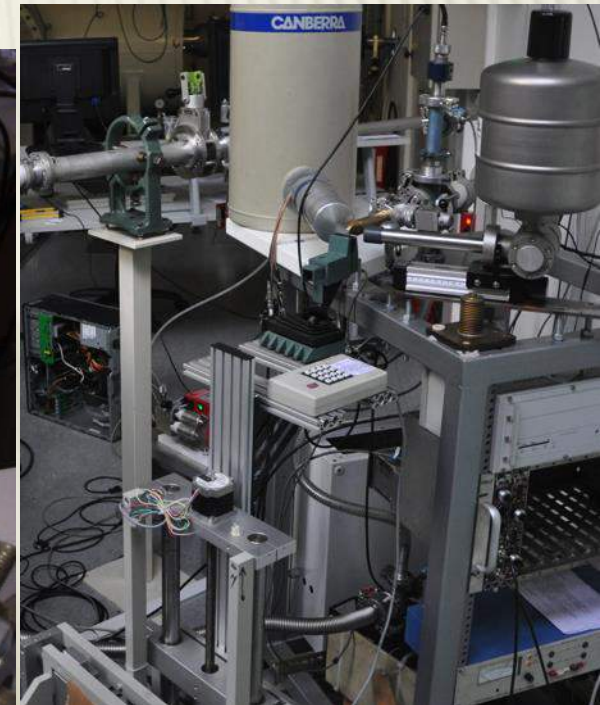
705231 Kaptol-G. T-6 kaciga  
705232 Kaptol-G. T-6 PN80 drška mača (crvenkasta površina)  
705233 isto (zelenkasta površina)  
705234 Kaptol-G. T-6 korice mača  
705235 štrb.13.06.05. PN3, SJ1/2, B48, vjerG.104, pixe, A, 1,20g  
705236 4029-SI.Brod, SEOM KNEMIDA

Spektar	Si	P	S	Cl	K	Ca	Fe	Cu	Sn	Pb
705231	1		0.4	0.2			0.9	73.8	17	3.2
705232	1.6			1			2.1	57.6		34.4
705233	6.2	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.5	5.6	71.2	0.9	10.3
705234	1.9		0.3	0.4			0.1	78.0	15.0	1.5
705235	5.3	9.0	2.7			5.2	1.4	6.4	29.0	32.8
702356	1.4	1.6	0.2	0.8			0.3	66.5	25.0	1.6

# PIXE APPLICATIONS – CULTURAL HERITAGE



X-ray  
detector



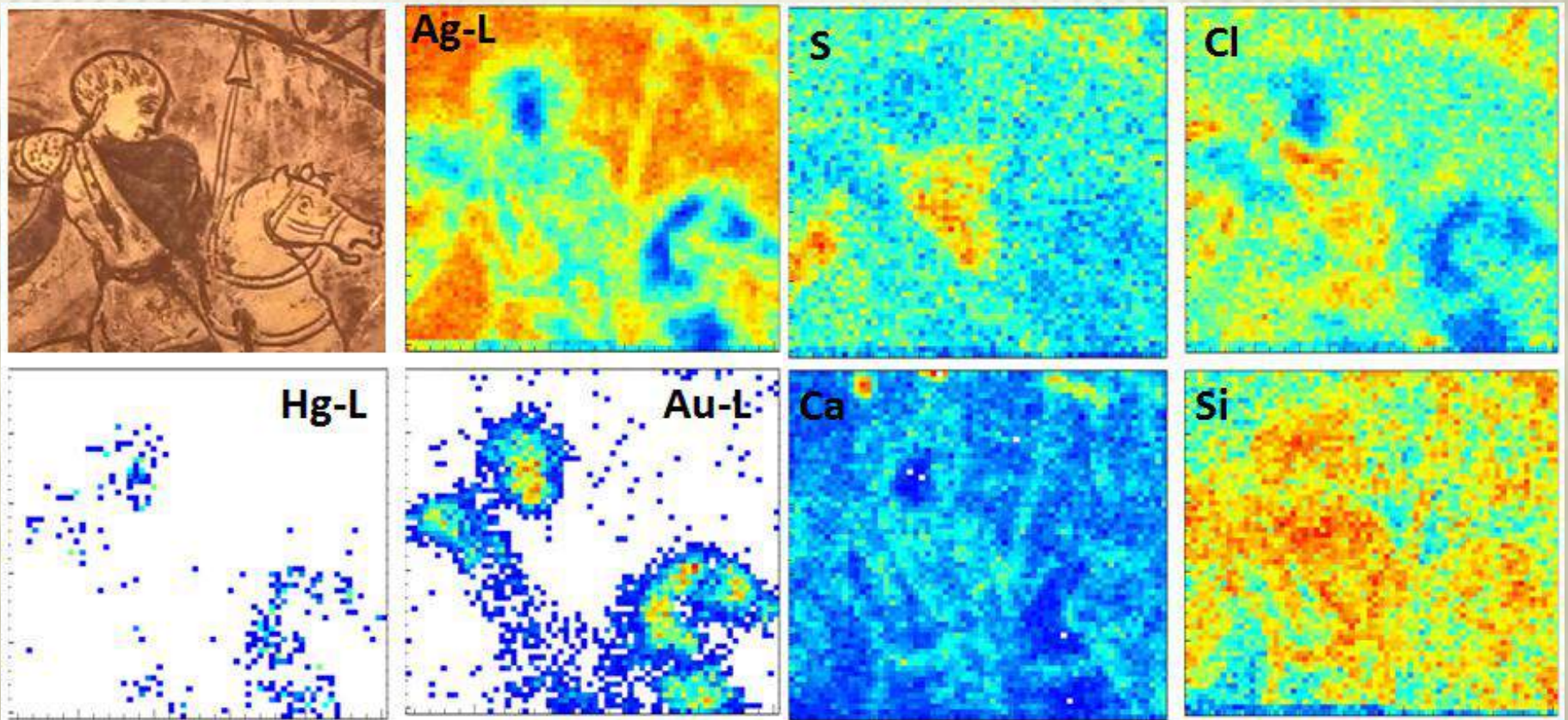
Ion beam  
(1 mm diameter)

Simple external beam setup:

- Robust Al foil exit window
- No additional vacuum pump required
- Classical Si(Li) detector
- Computer controlled XYZ table

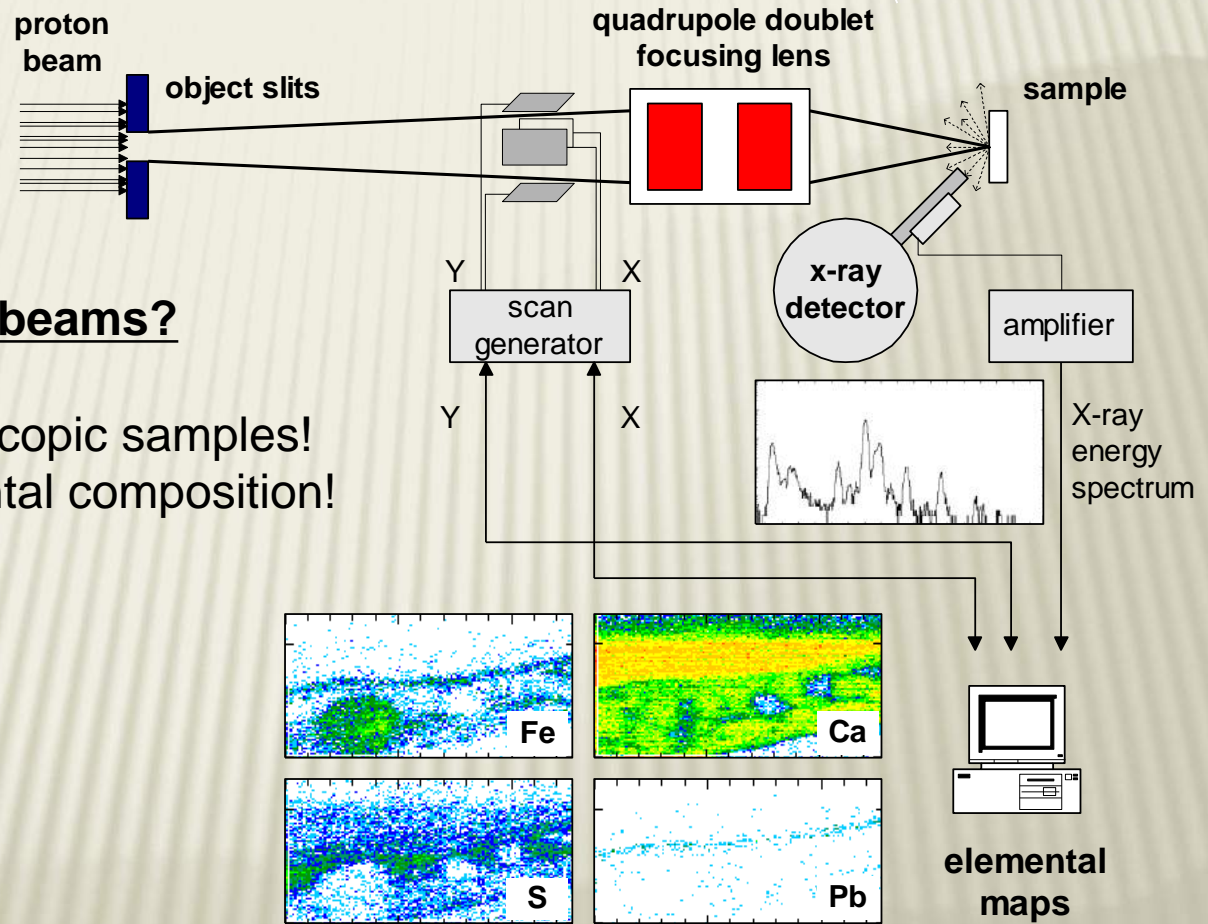
# PIXE APPLICATIONS – CULTURAL HERITAGE

Analysis of technology used to make Roman silver plate  
(found recently in town Vinkovci, Croatia)



Proton beam collimated to  $\phi < 1$  mm; Scanned area 3 x 3 cm

# NUCLEAR MICROPROBE



## Why we need microbeams?

- Analysis of microscopic samples!
- Imaging of elemental composition!

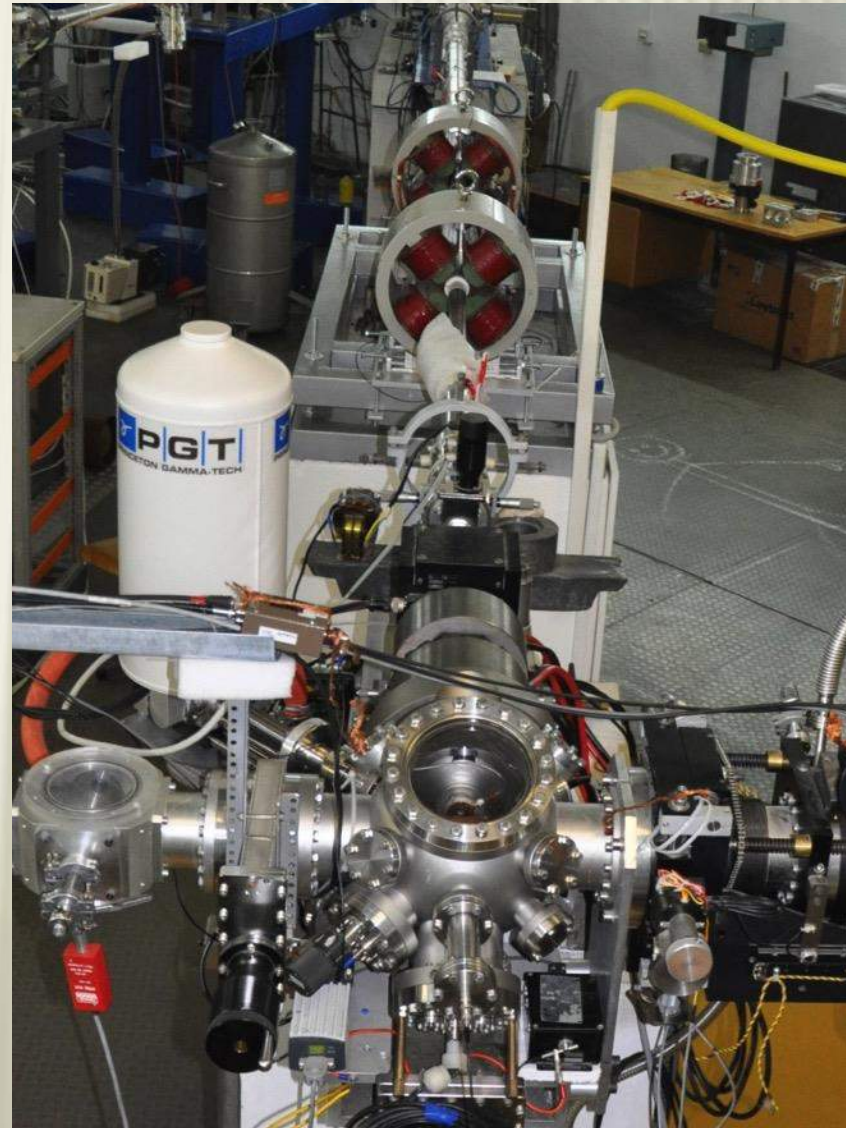
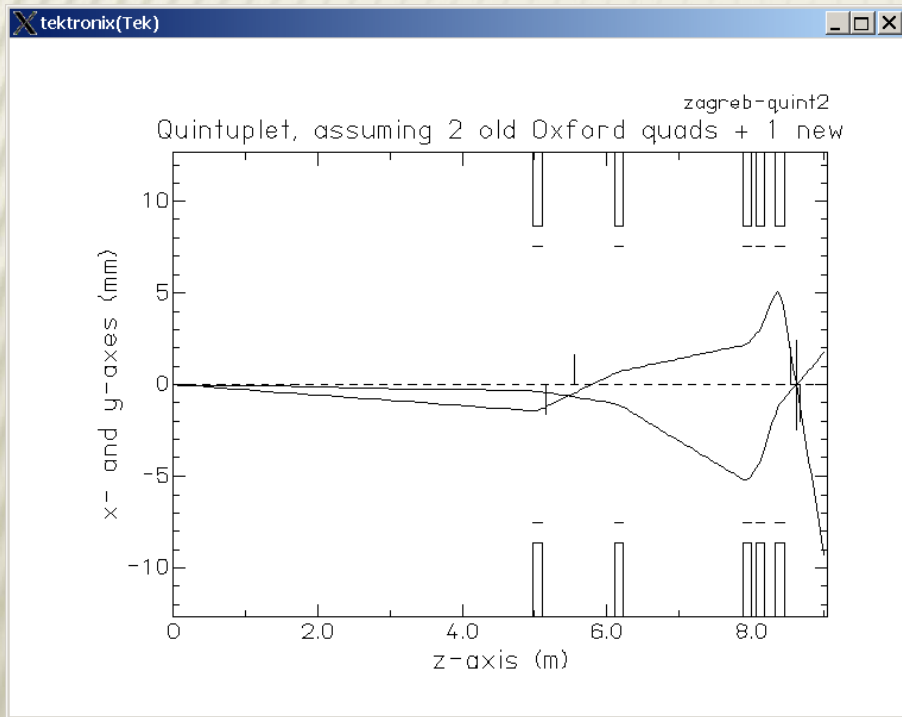
# NUCLEAR MICROPROBE

Available configurations at RBI:

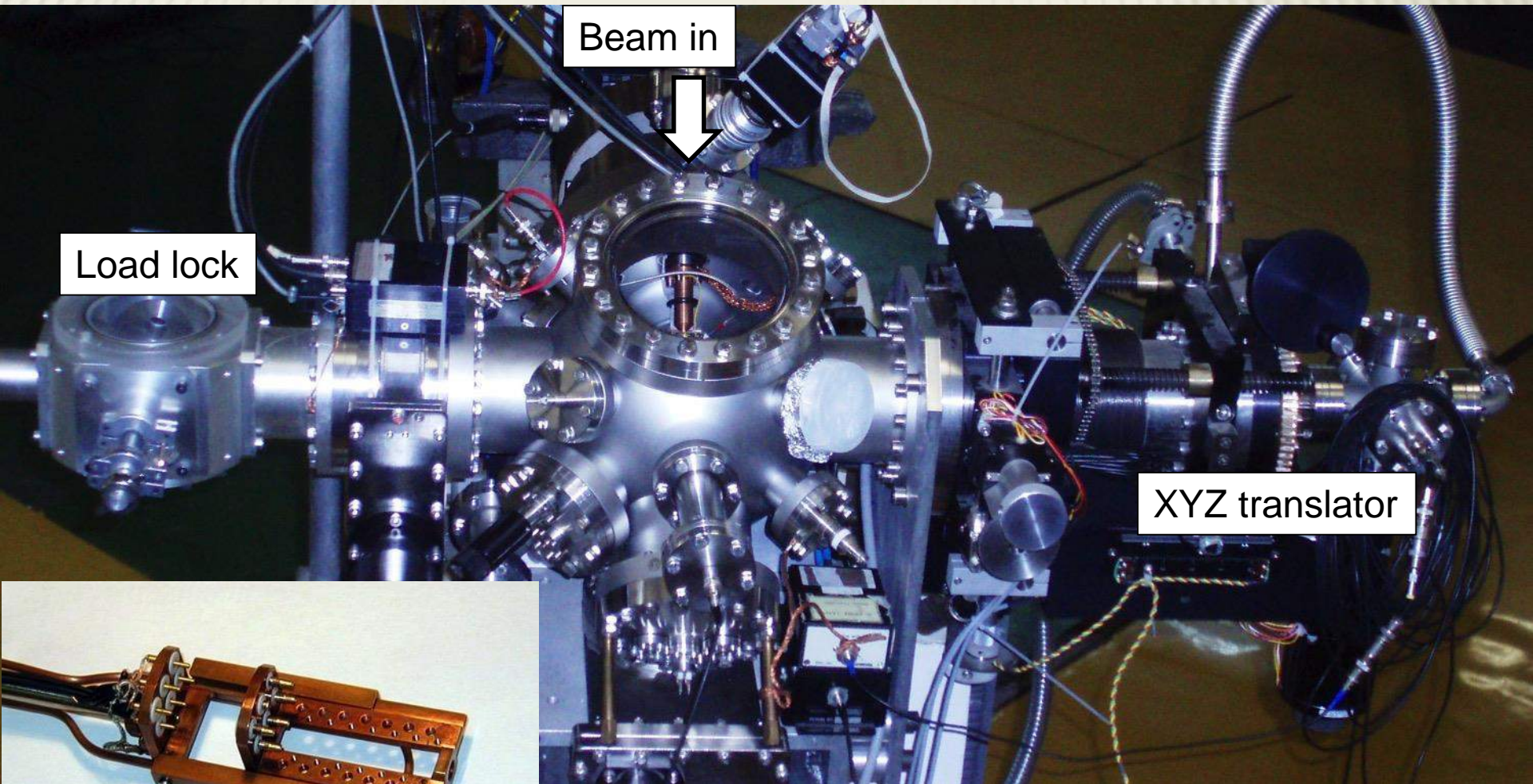
Doublet ( $D_x = 11$   $D_y = 67$ )

Triplet ( $D_x = 30$   $D_y = 102$ )

Quintuplet ( $D_x=90$   $D_y=110$ )



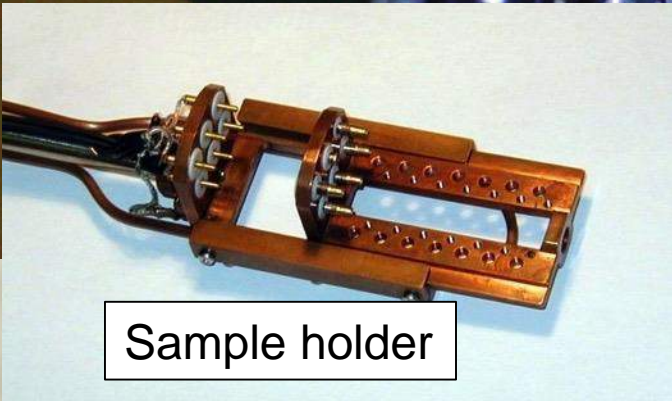
# NUCLEAR MICROPROBE



Load lock

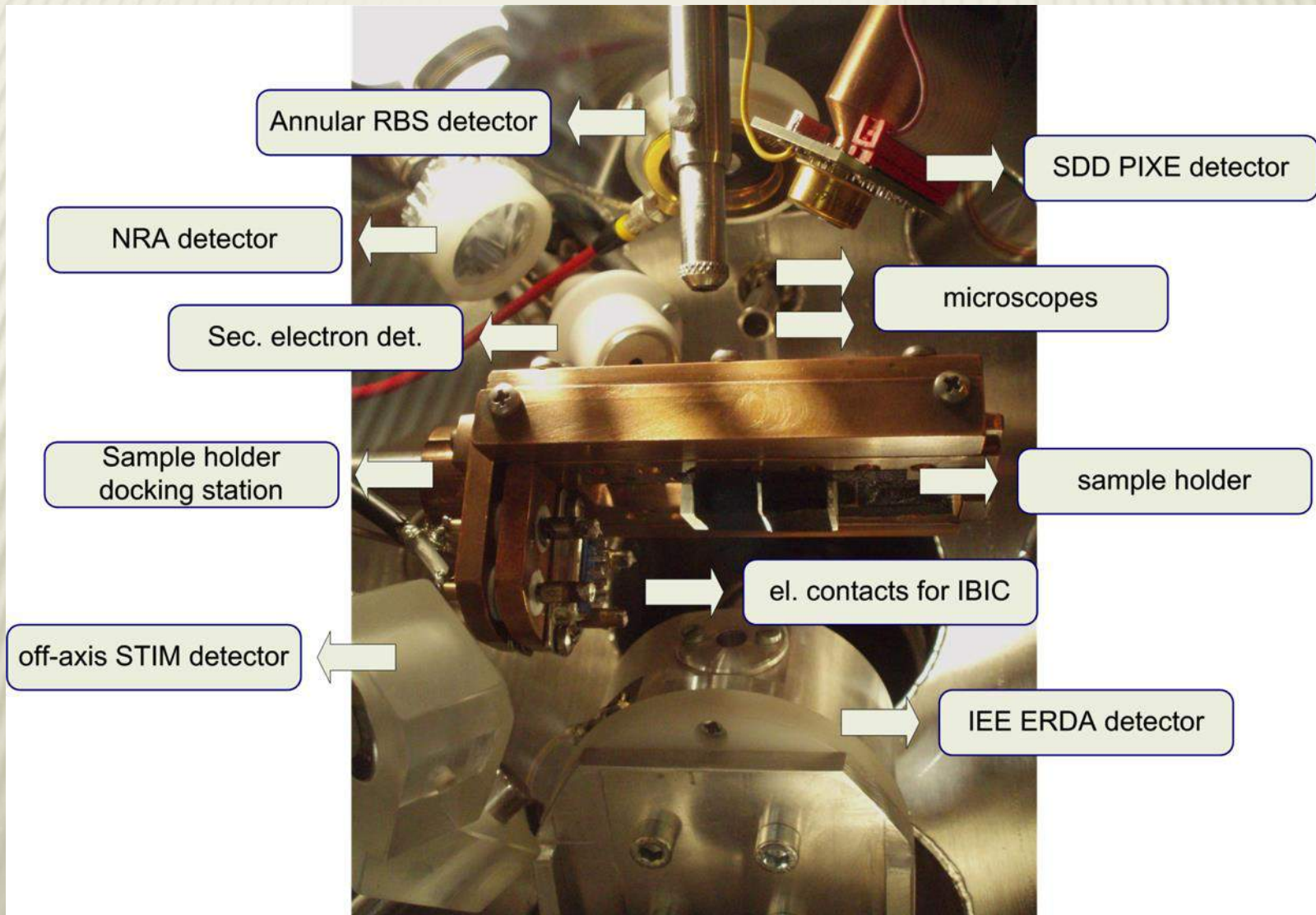
Beam in

XYZ translator



Sample holder

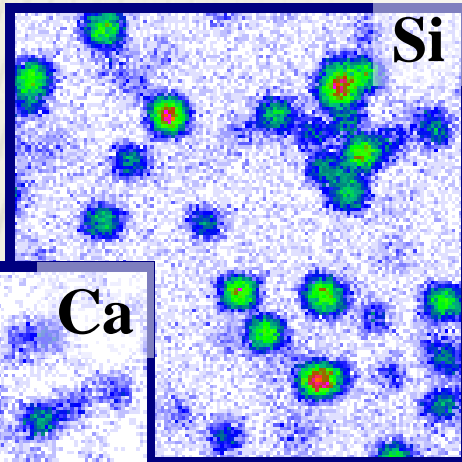
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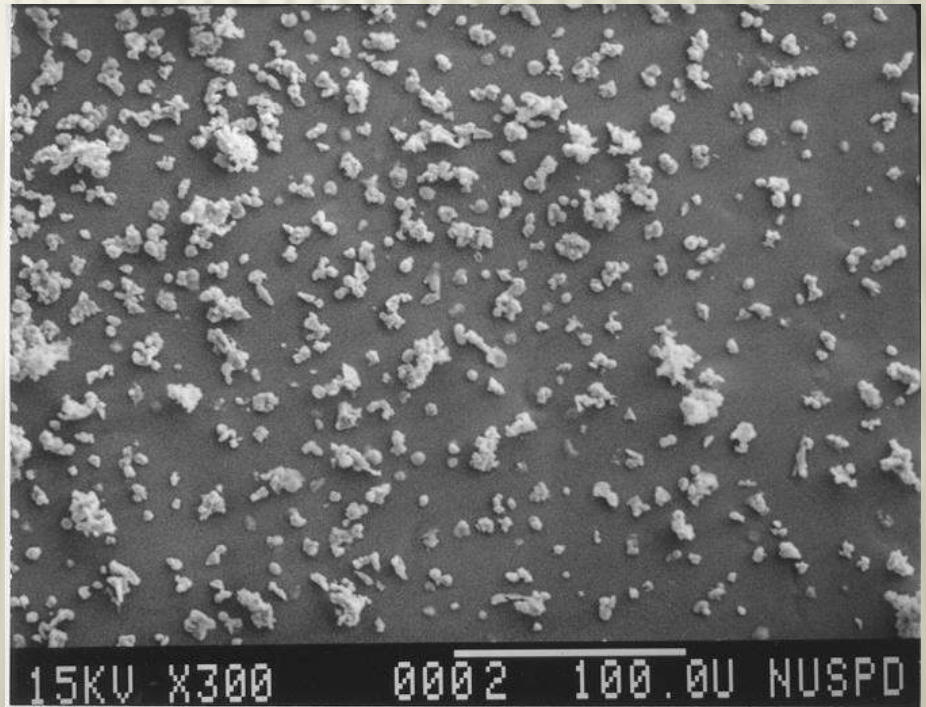
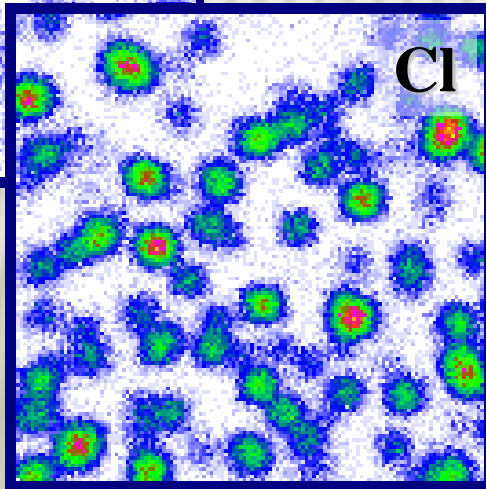
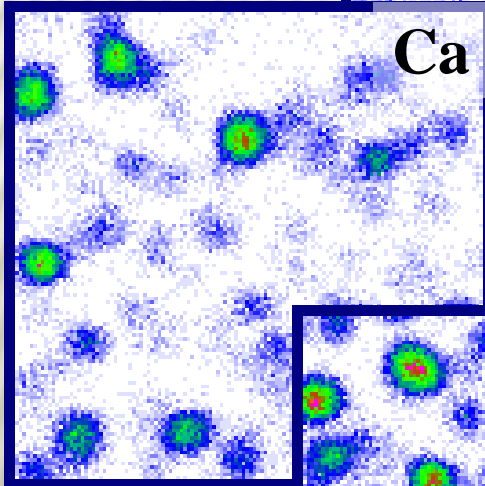


# NUCLEAR MICROPROBE – PIXE APPLICATIONS

## environment

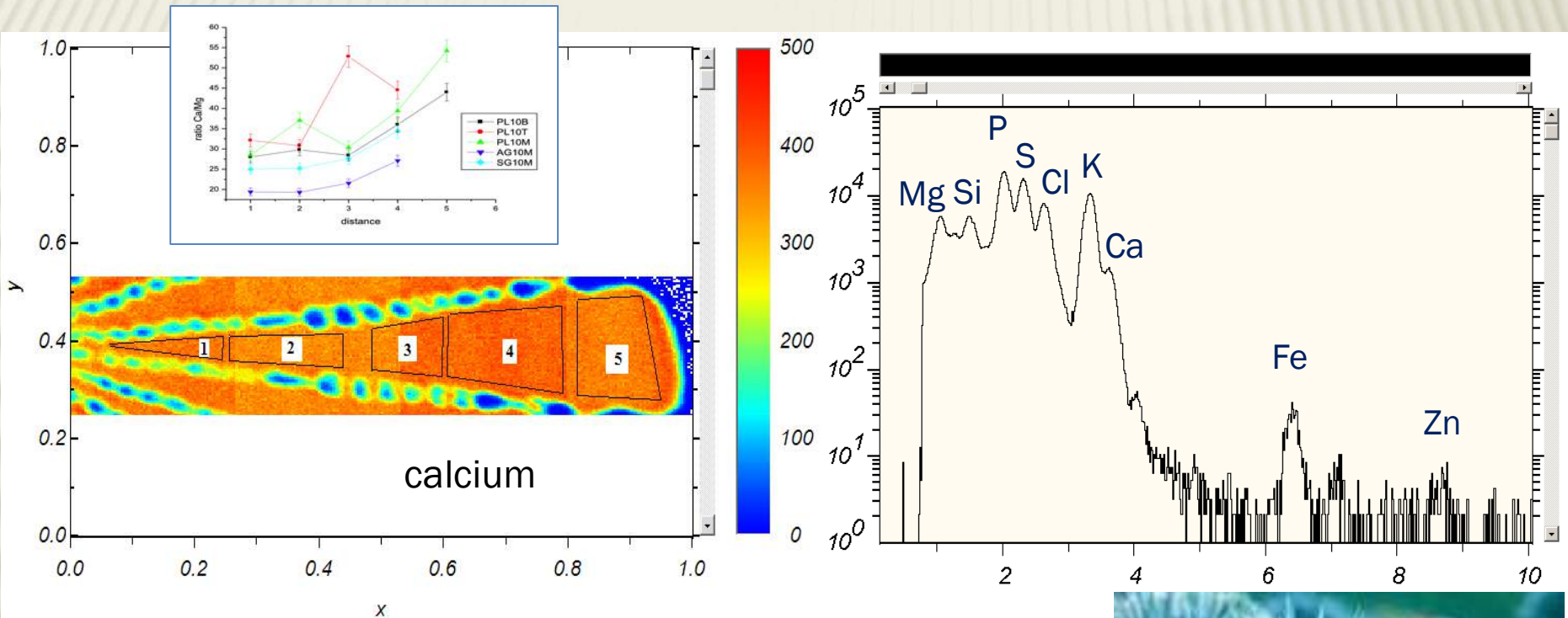


Analysis of single air particulates for identification of sources of pollution: Na, Cl – sea salt



# NUCLEAR MICROPROBE – PIXE APPLICATIONS

## environment



Total Sum	ROI Sum	ROI#	Counts	Cursor
905328	#####	#####	0	10 (0.122522)

Seawater pollution influence on sea-urchin  
(microbeam PIXE imaging)

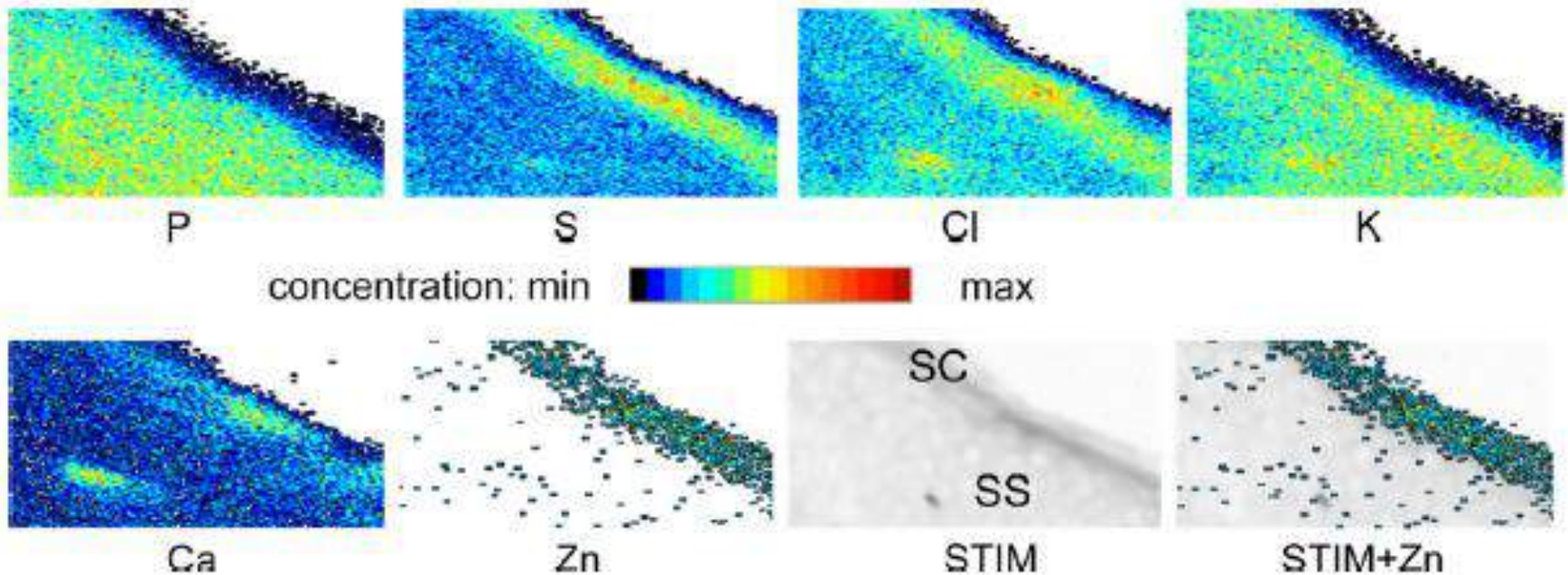


# NUCLEAR MICROPROBE – PIXE APPLICATIONS

medical

PIXE and STIM maps of a skin section treated with ZnO nanoparticles

*Z. Sziksai et al., NIM B 269 (2011) 2278*



# NUCLEAR MICROPROBE – PIXE APPLICATIONS

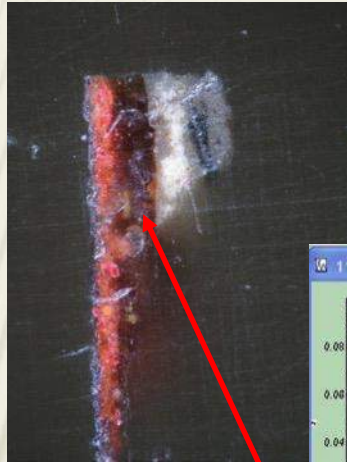
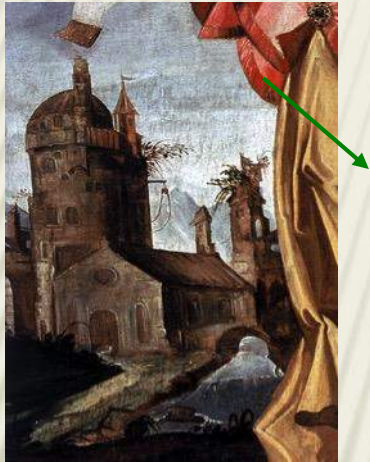
## cultural heritage



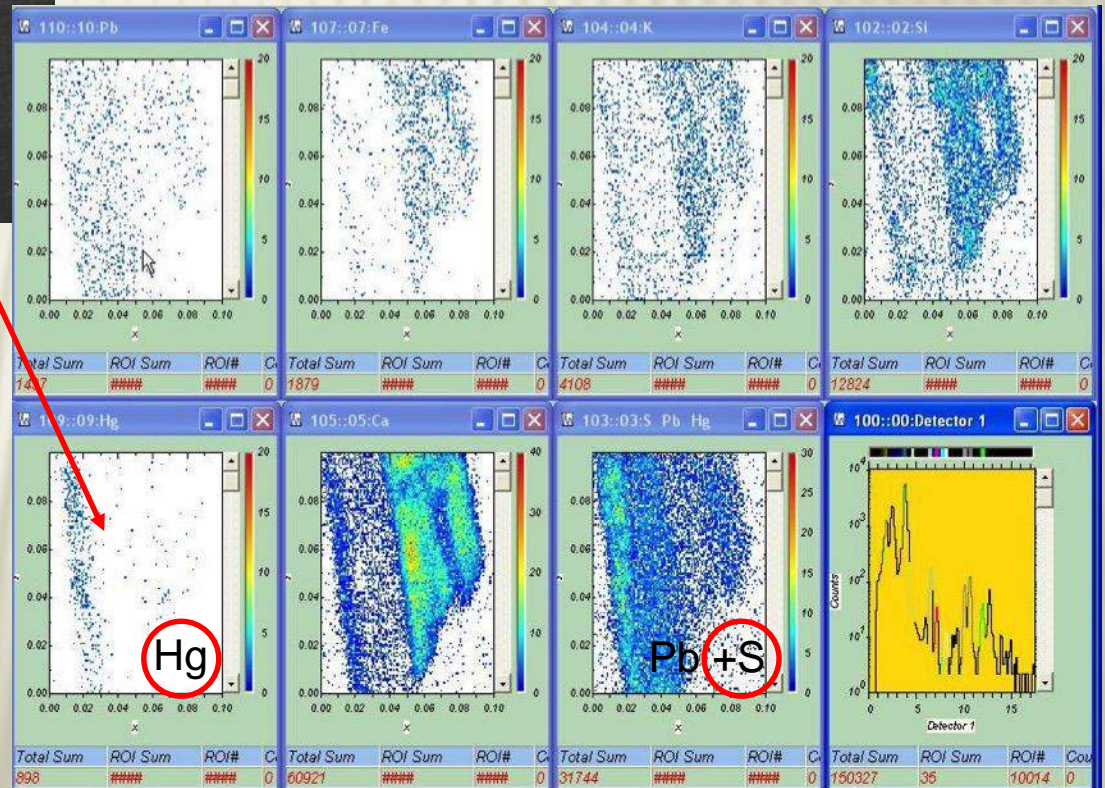
Painting by Hans Georg Geiger from the St. Mihael Ch., Gracani

# NUCLEAR MICROPROBE – PIXE APPLICATIONS

## cultural heritage

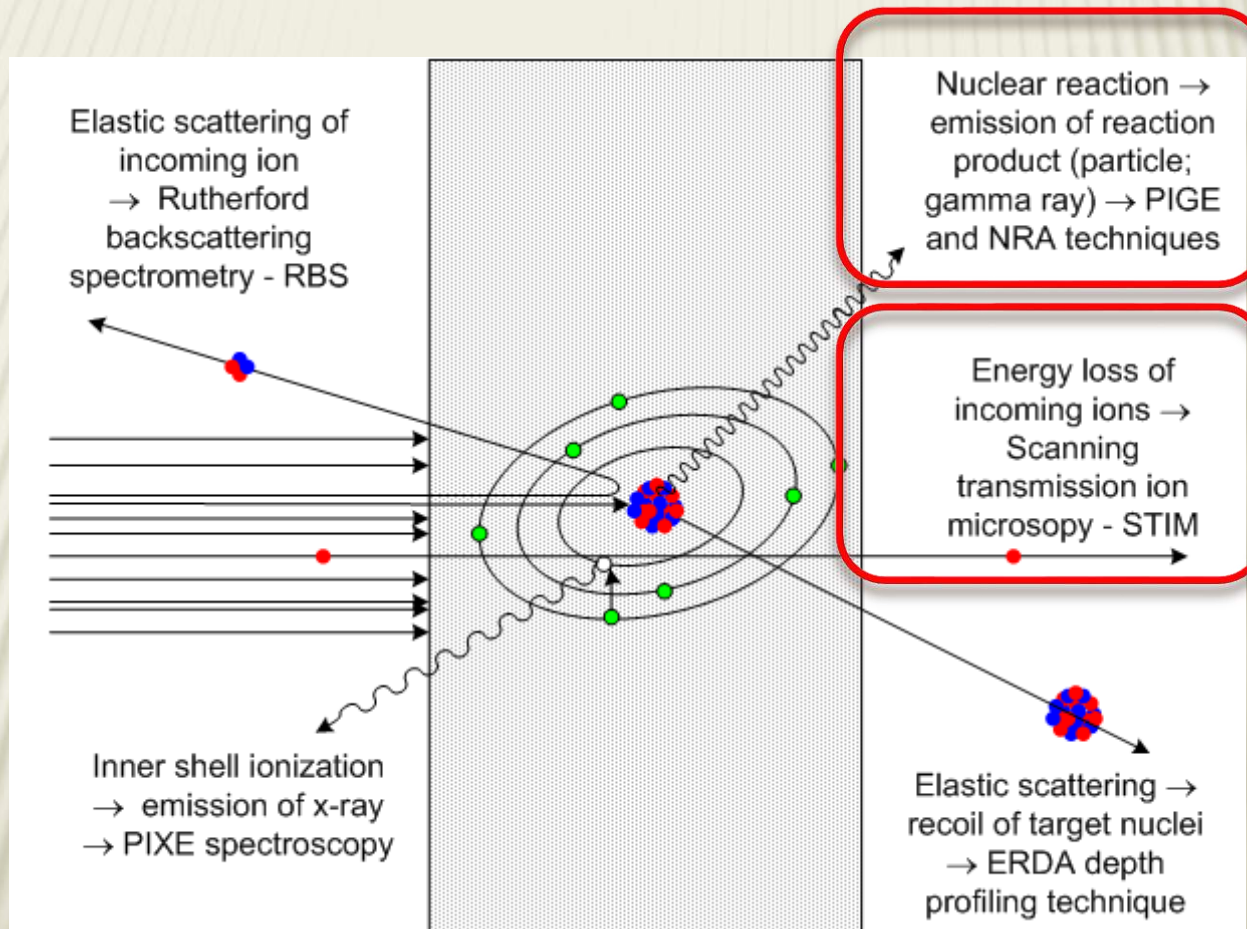


2D element distribution of the pigment cross section sample taken from the red area of the painting.



The **light red** layer exhibits high Hg and S concentrations (HgS – cinnabar), while the **dark red** layer beneath shows presence of Pb, Al, Ca, but without Hg (either minium, or carmine).

# OTHER IBA TECHNIQUES



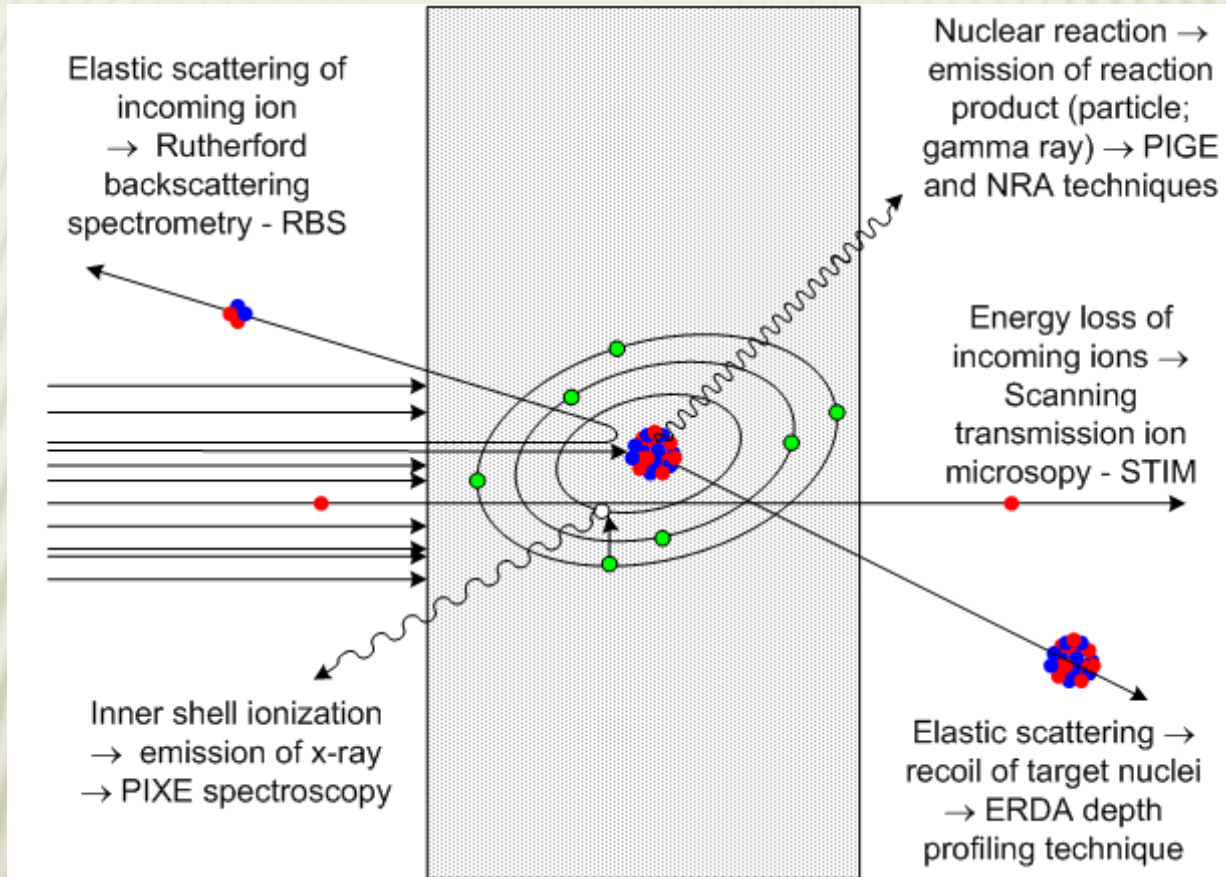
# OTHER IBA TECHNIQUES

RBS in channeling (RBS/c)

Secondary electrons SE imaging

Ionoluminescence (IL)

High resolution HR-PIXE



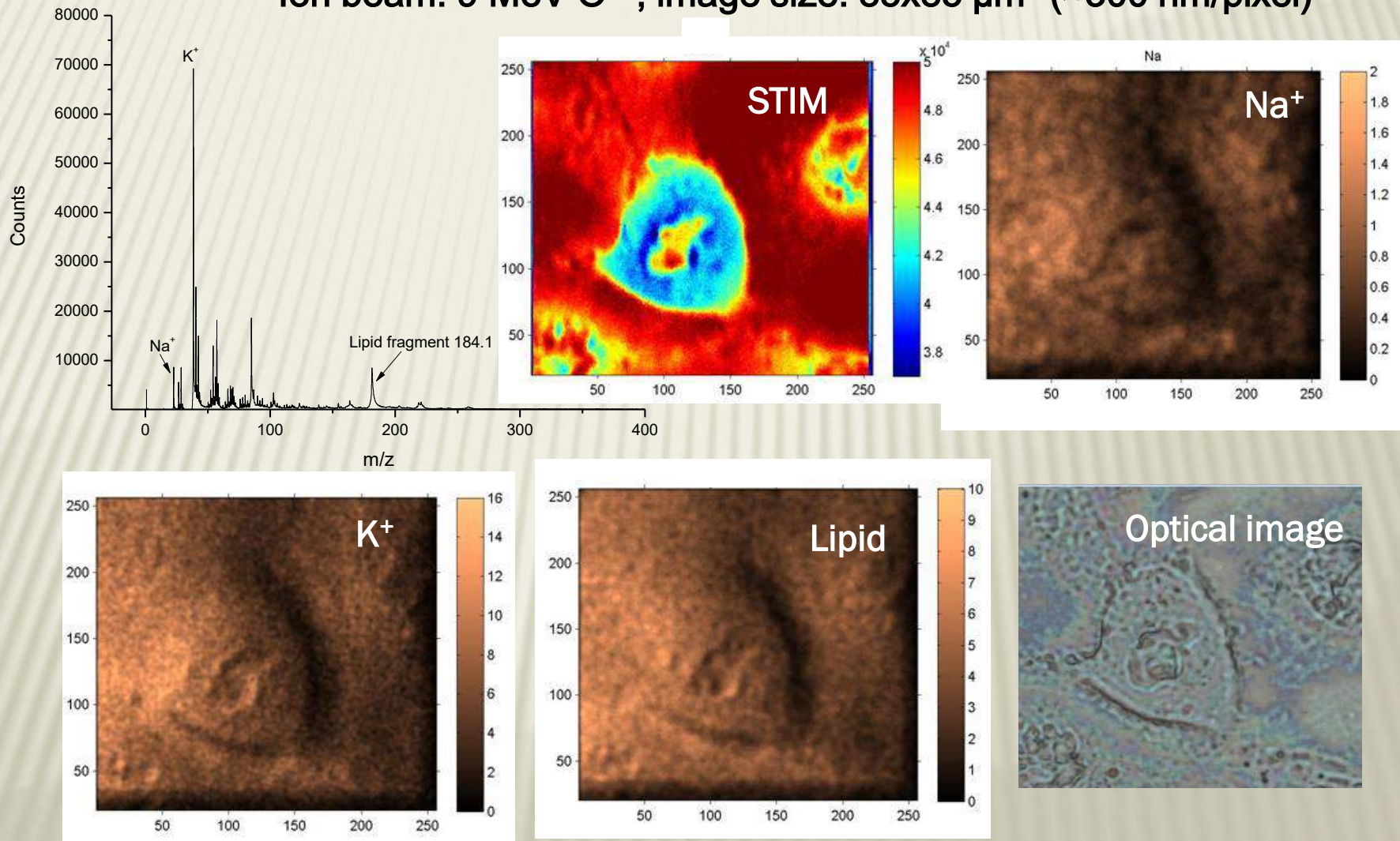
MeV-SIMS

Ion beam induced charge (IBIC)

P-p & C-C scattering

# STIM & MeV-SIMS

Ion beam: 9 MeV O<sup>4+</sup>, image size: 85x85 μm<sup>2</sup> (≈300 nm/pixel)



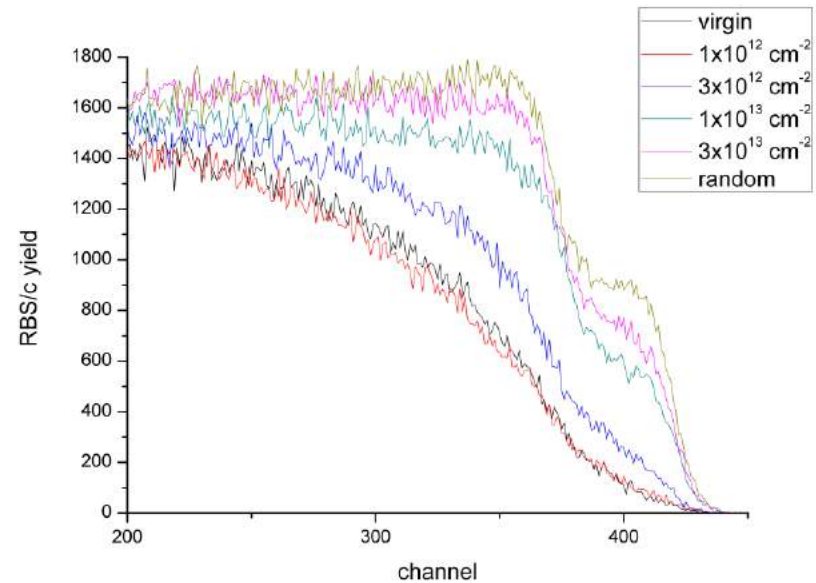
Z. Siketić et al., *Appl. Phys. Lett.* (2015)



# DUAL BEAM FOR *in situ* RBS/C ANALYSIS



5 MeV Si  $\Rightarrow$  SiO<sub>2</sub> quartz  
RBS/c: 1 MeV protons



*M. Karlušić et al., unpublished*

# MATERIALS MODIFICATION USING ION BEAMS

## Ion implantation:

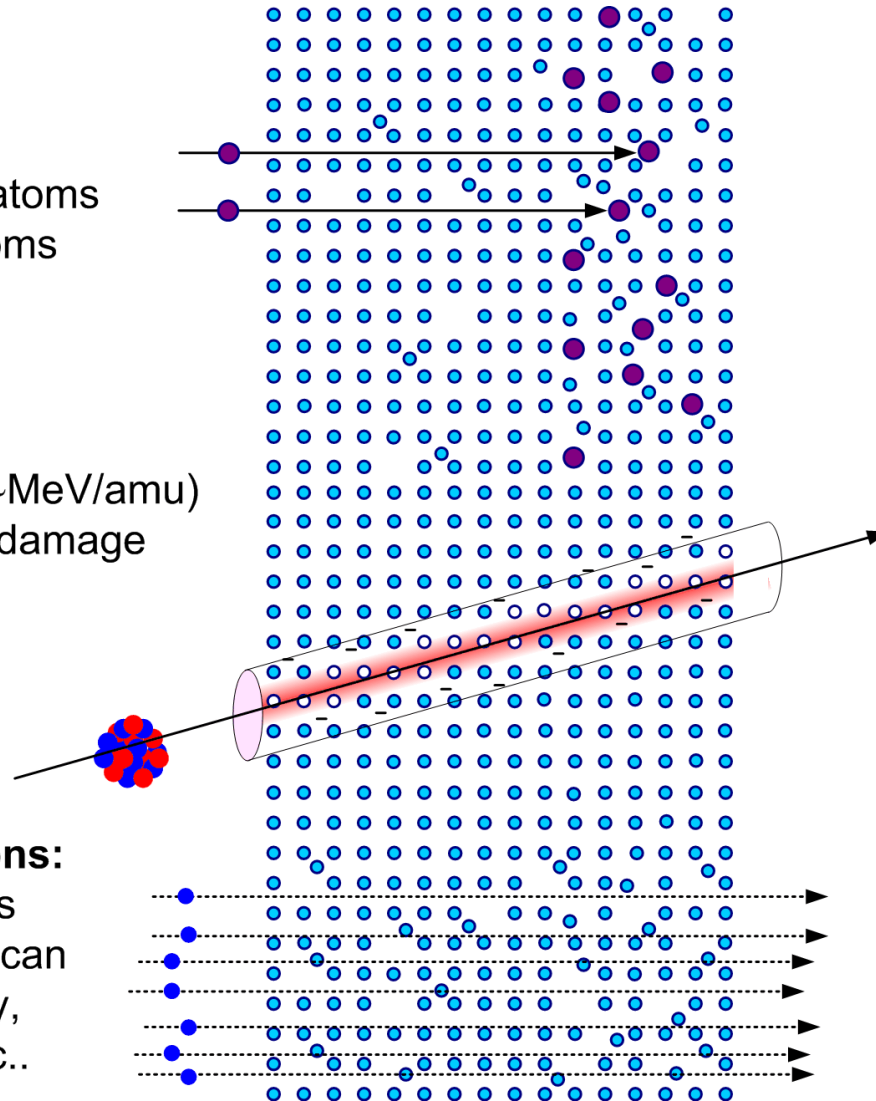
- a) Injection of foreign atoms
- b) Displacement of atoms

## Single ion tracks:

Fast and heavy ions ( $\sim$ MeV/amu) create latent tracks of damage used as a template in nanostructuring

## Irradiation with protons:

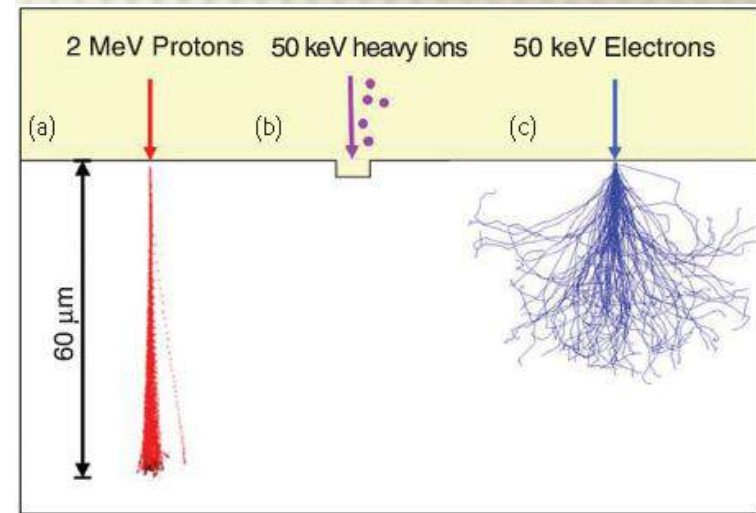
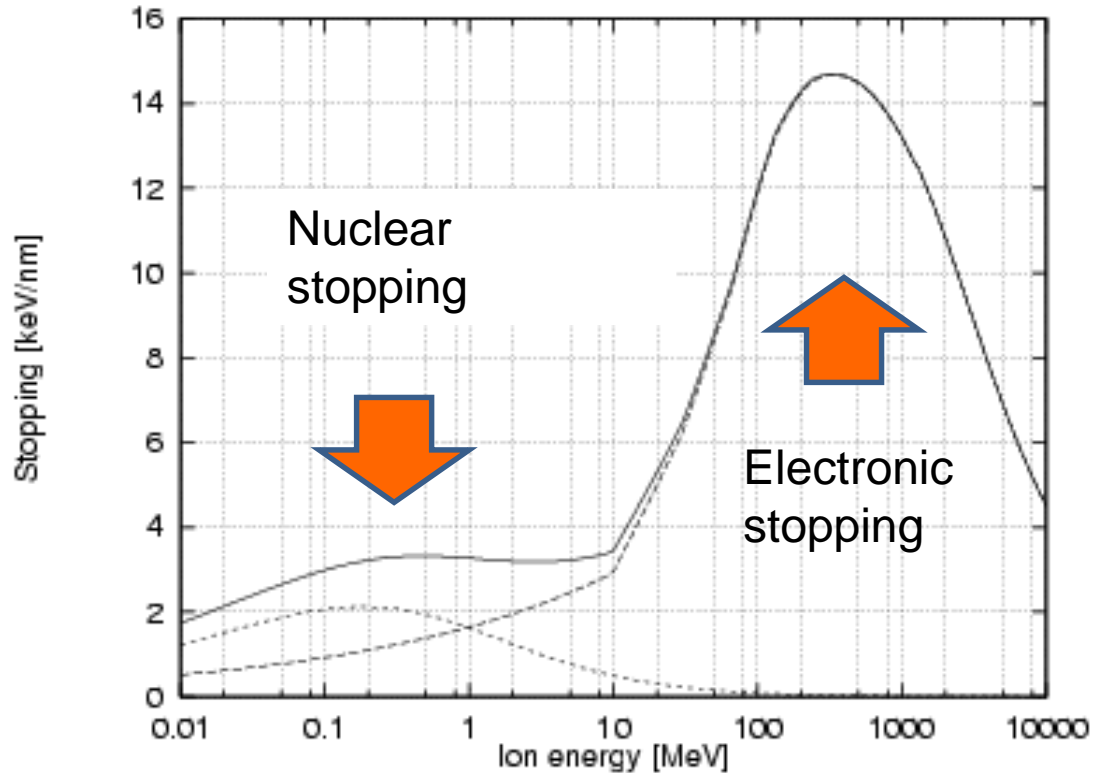
Produce homogeneous radiation damage that can be used for lithography, defect engineering, etc..



# ION ENERGY LOSS

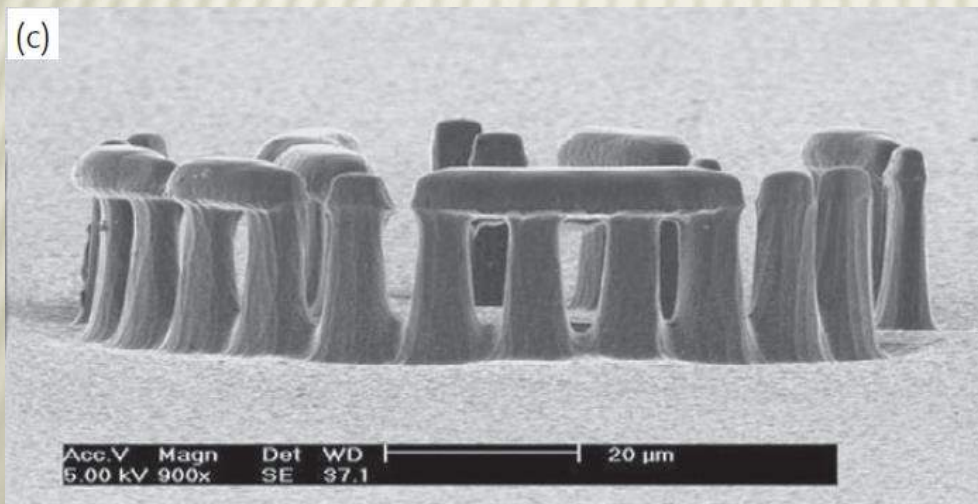
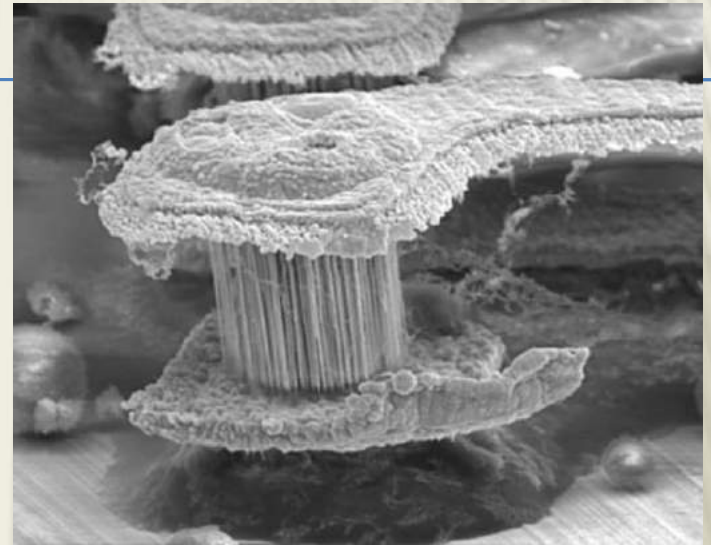
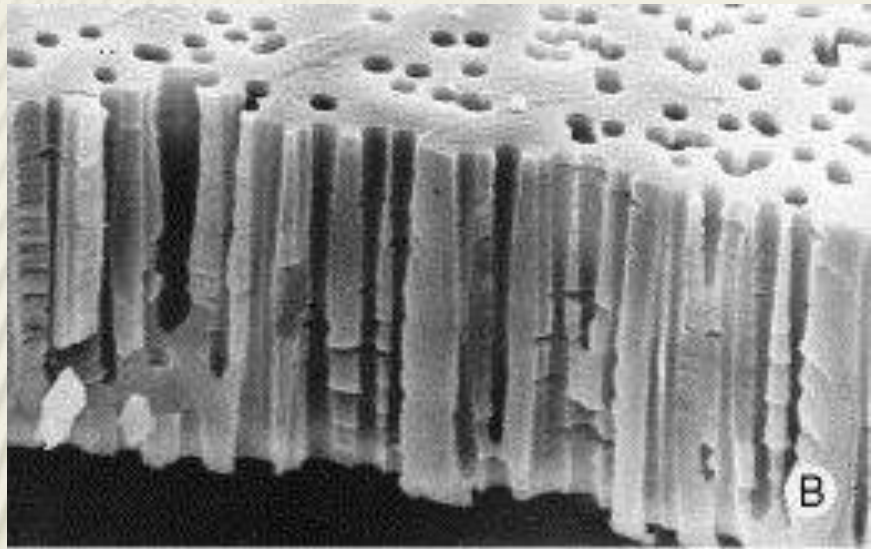
$$-\frac{dE}{dx} = \frac{4\pi n z^2}{m_e v^2} \cdot \left(\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0}\right)^2 \cdot \left[\ln\left(\frac{2m_e v^2}{I}\right)\right]$$

Bethe - Bloch formula



Energy loss of Xe ion in silicon (SRIM)

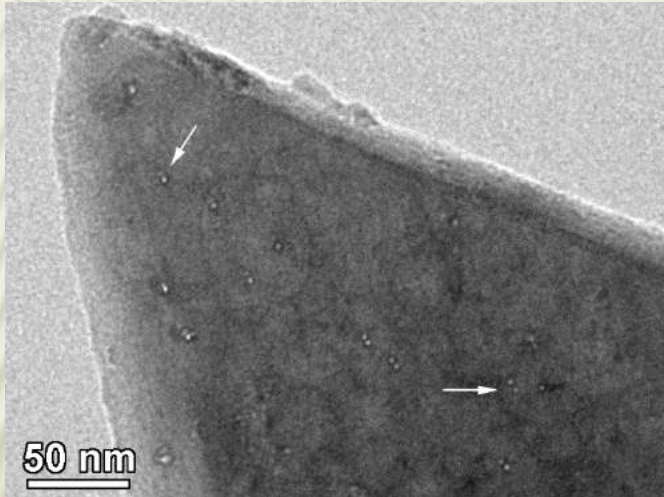
# APPLICATIONS



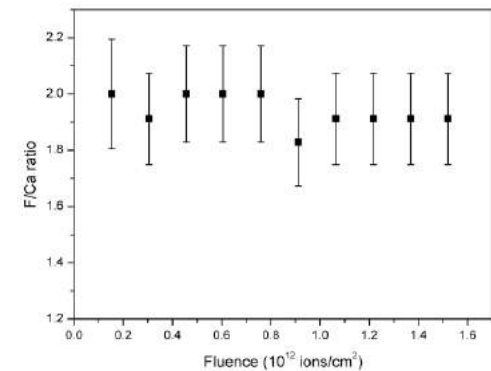
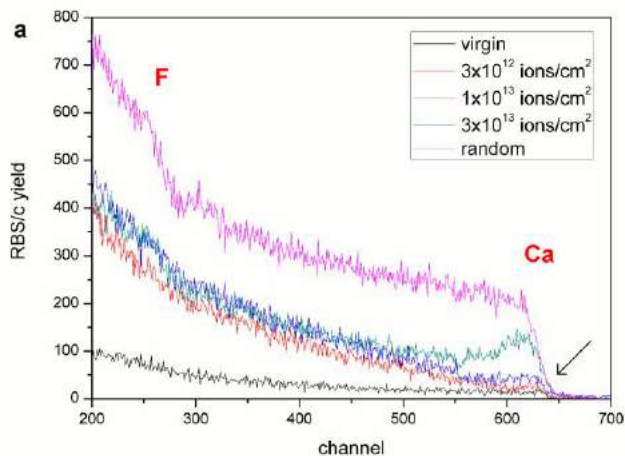
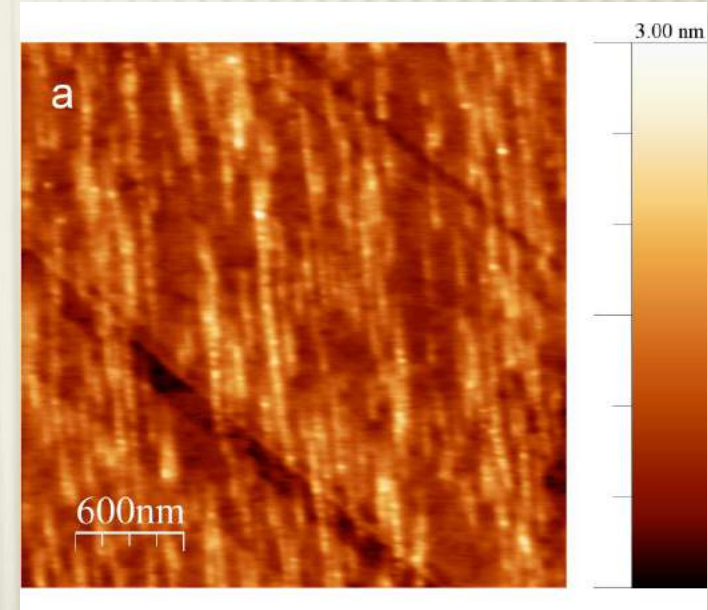
# RADIATION DAMAGE IN $\text{CaF}_2$



- Multitechnique approach to analyse nanoscale radiation damage!

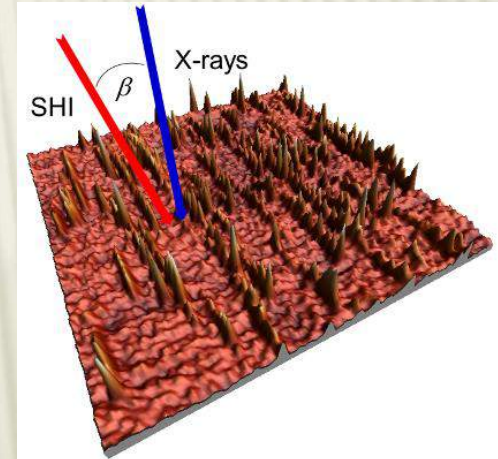
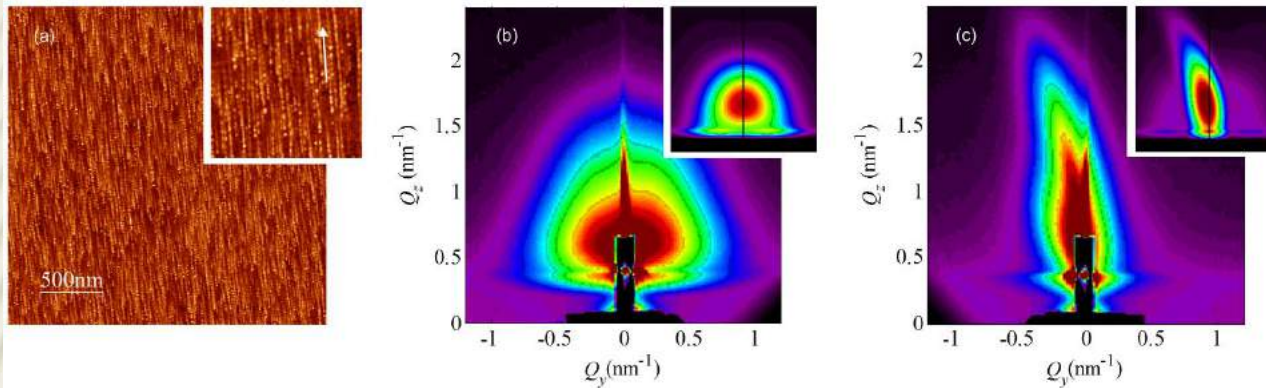


**TEM,  
RBS/c,  
AFM &  
ERDA**



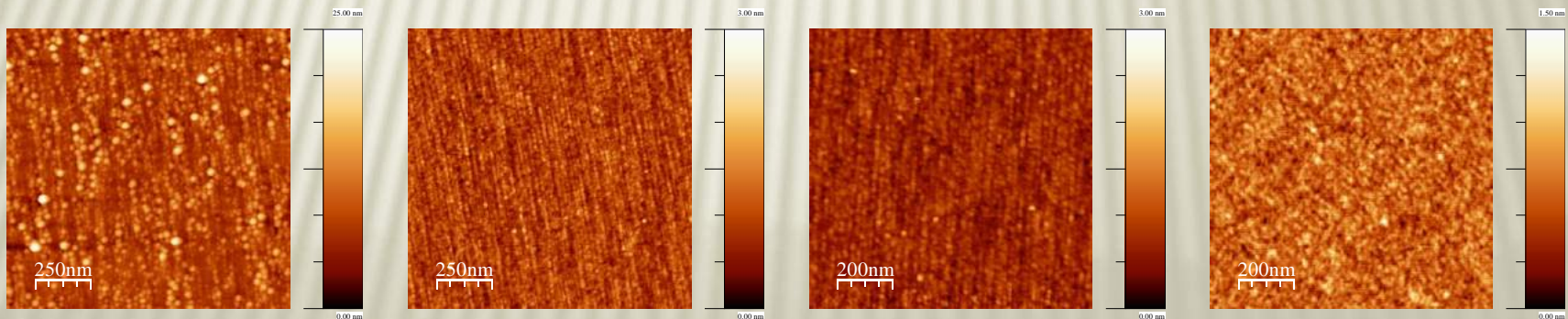
M. Karlušić et al.,  
New J. Phys. (2017)

# RIPPLES BY GRAZING INCIDENCE SHI



M. Karlušić et al., J. Appl. Cryst. (2016)

## AFM & GISAXS



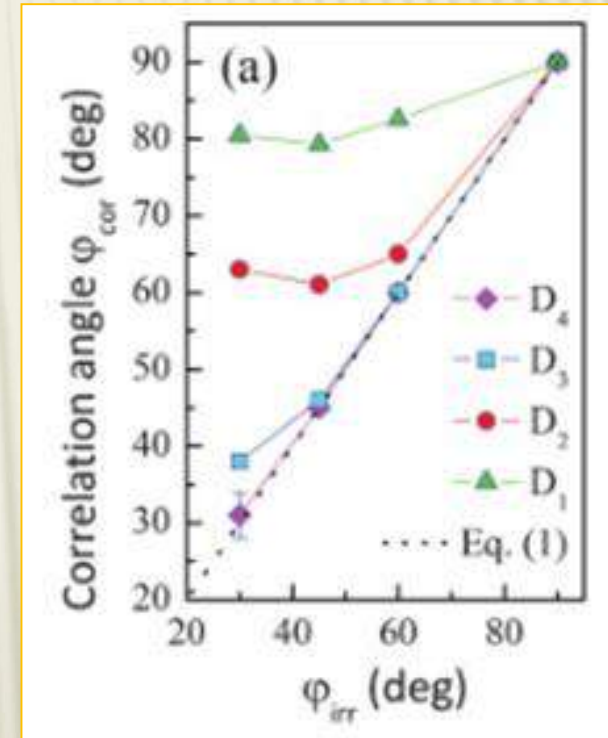
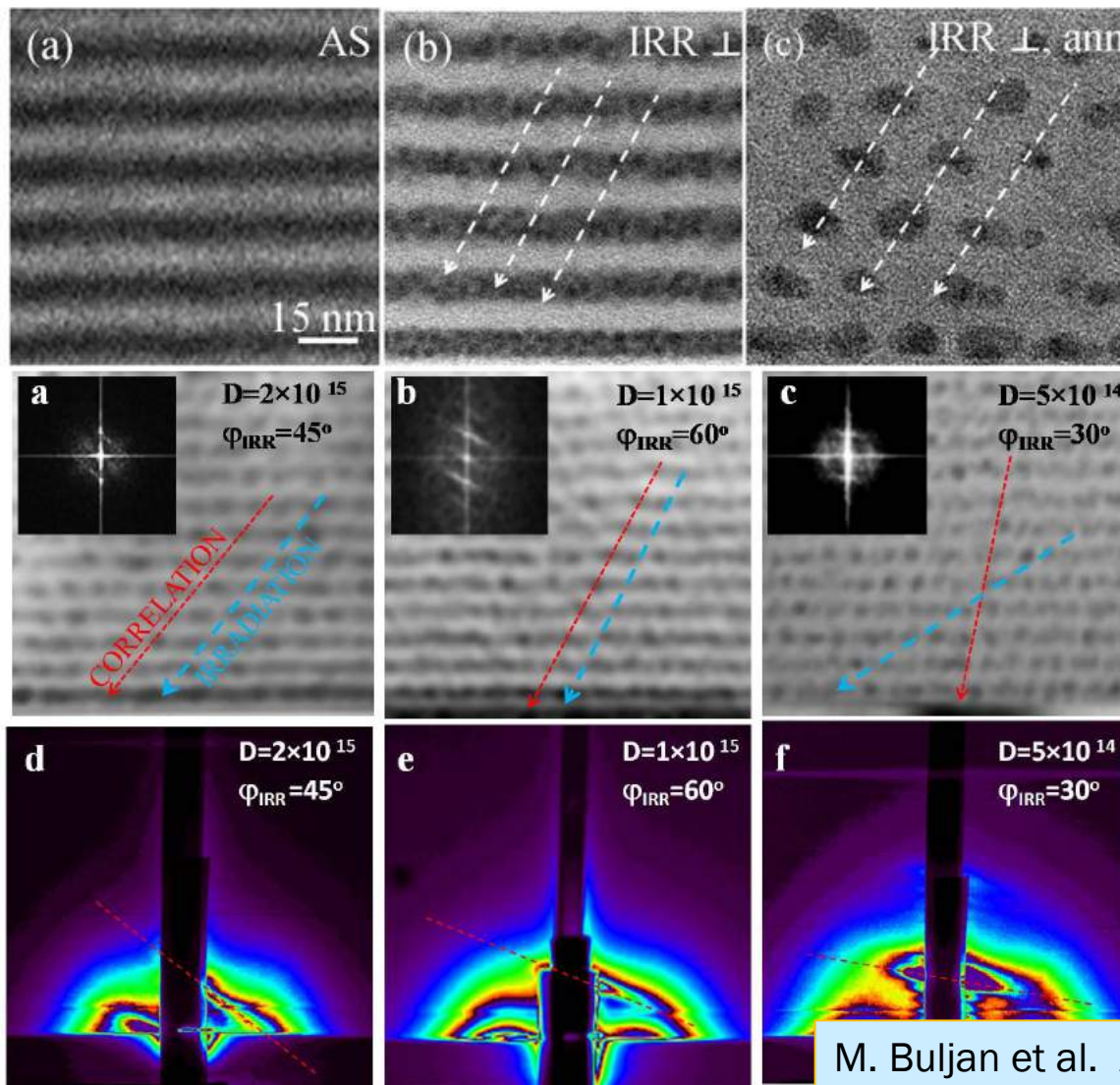
23 MeV I

15 MeV Si

6 MeV Si

3 MeV O

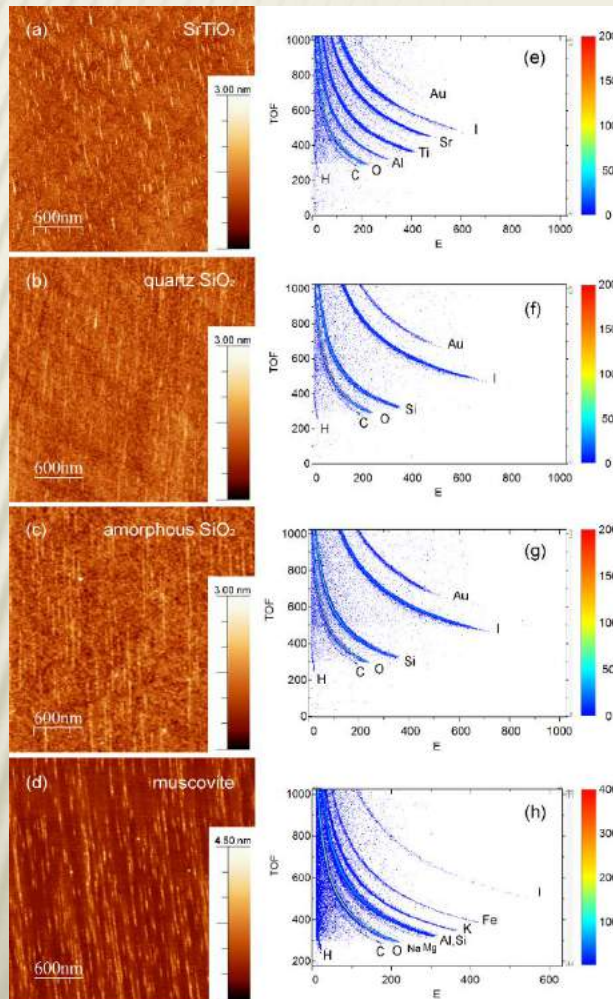
# ION BEAM ASSISTED ORDERING OF QDs



## TEM & GISAXS

M. Buljan et al. Appl. Phys. Lett. **95** 063104 (2009).  
 M. Buljan et al. Phys. Rev. B **81** 085321 (2010).  
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# *In situ* ToF-ERDA ANALYSIS OF ION TRACKS



## AFM & ERDA

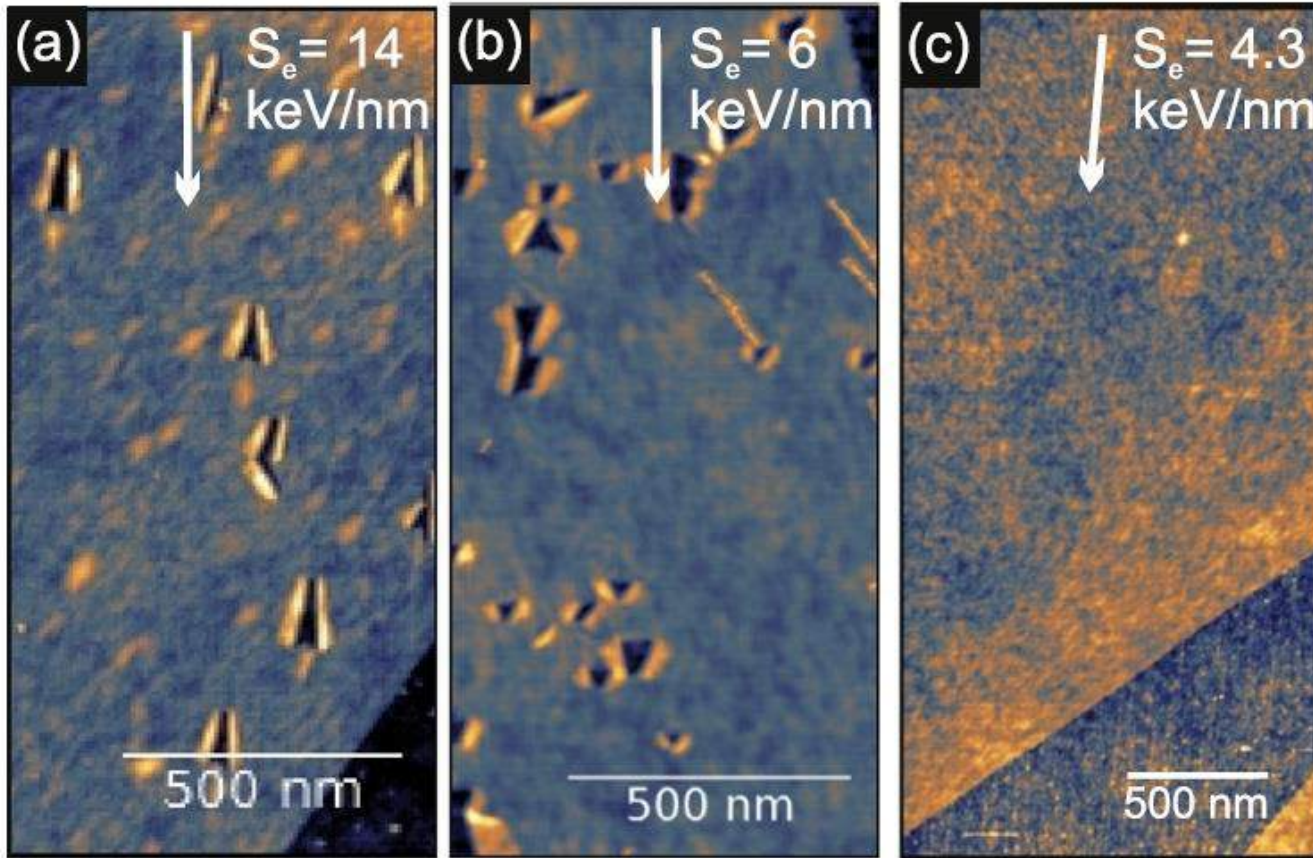
GaN: J. Phys. D: Appl. Phys. (2015)

TiO<sub>2</sub>: J. Appl. Cryst. (2016)

CaF<sub>2</sub>: New J. Phys. (2017)



# PERFORATING GRAPHENE



## AFM & Raman

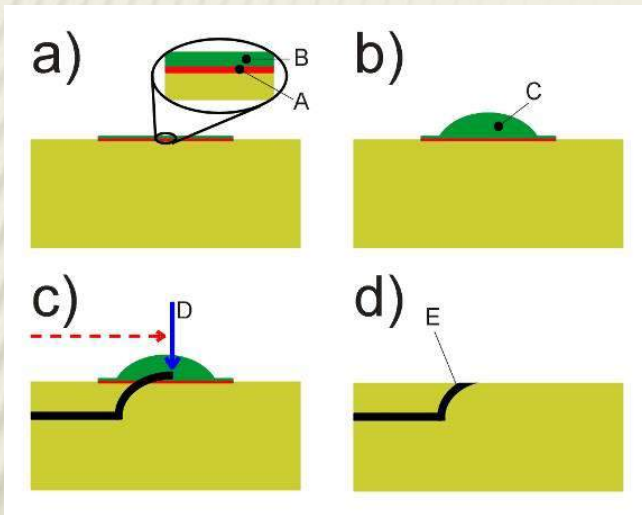
O. Ochedowski et al.,  
Nanotechnology  
(2015)

GANIL  
84 MeV Ta

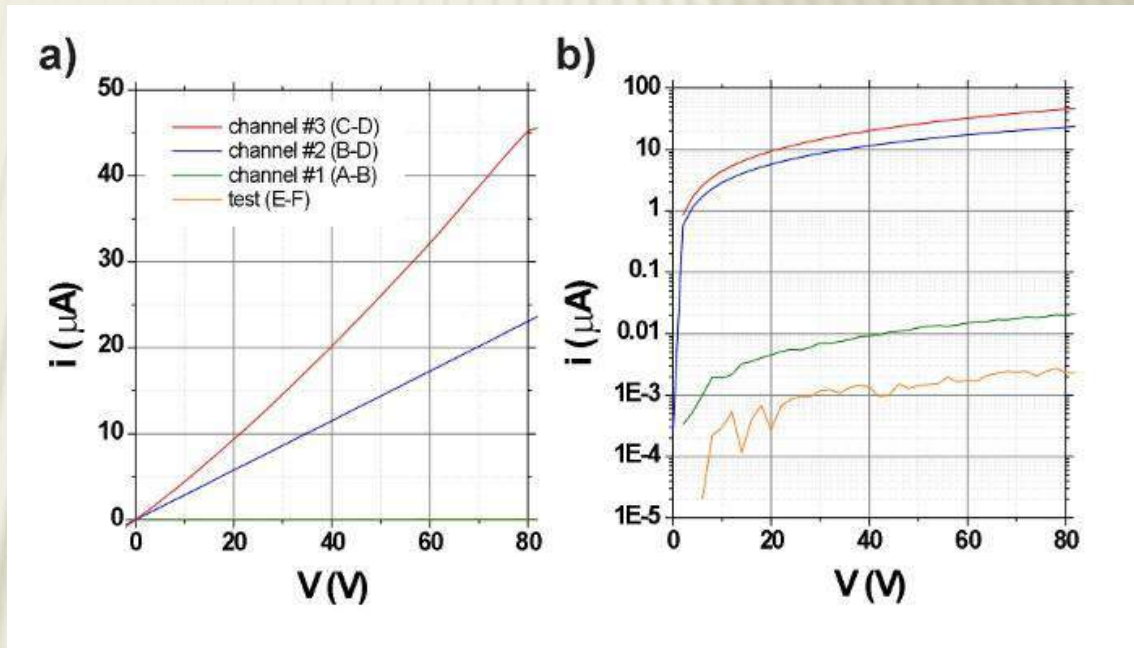
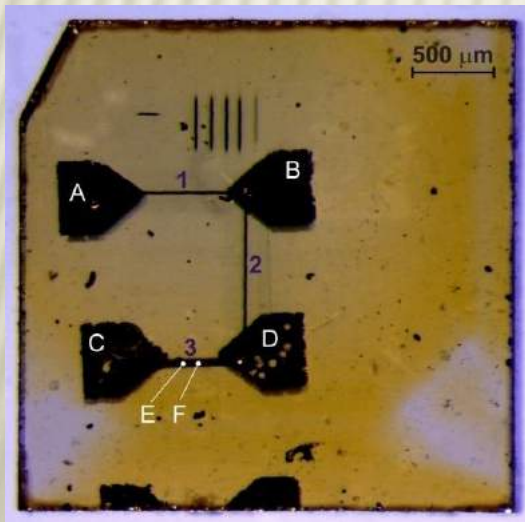
RBI  
23 MeV I

RBI  
15 MeV Si

# CONDUCTIVE CHANNELS IN DIAMOND



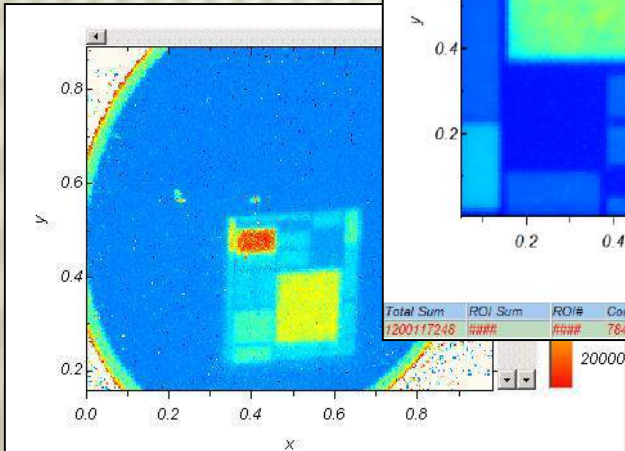
Implantation with three-dimensional masking



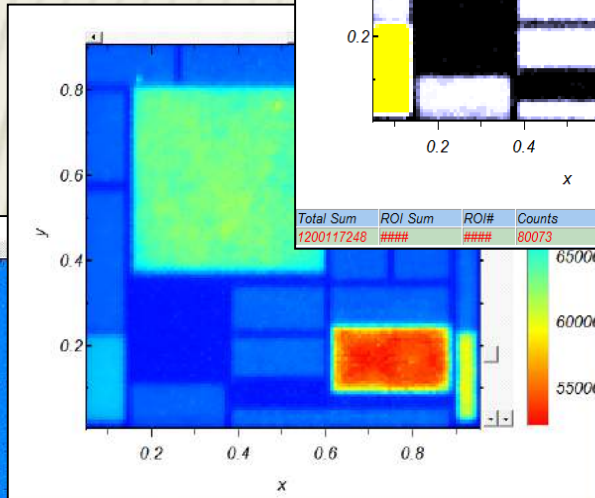
After thermal annealing (900 °C) damaged regions are becoming conductive  
 Problem: How to make reliable connection?

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

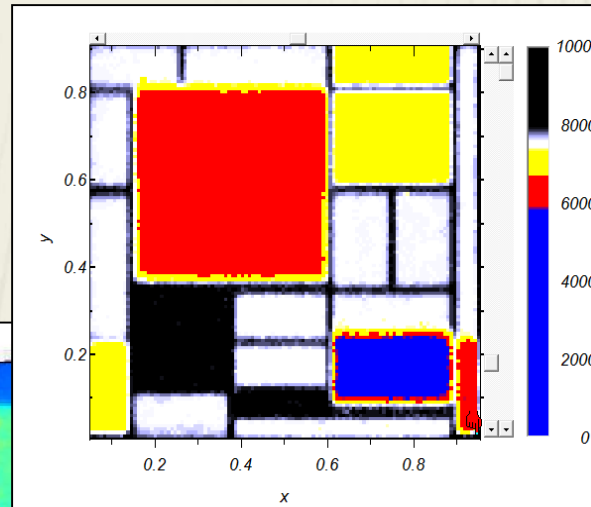
Si pin diode



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