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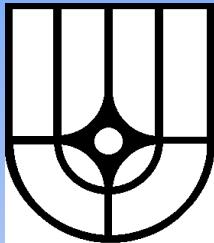
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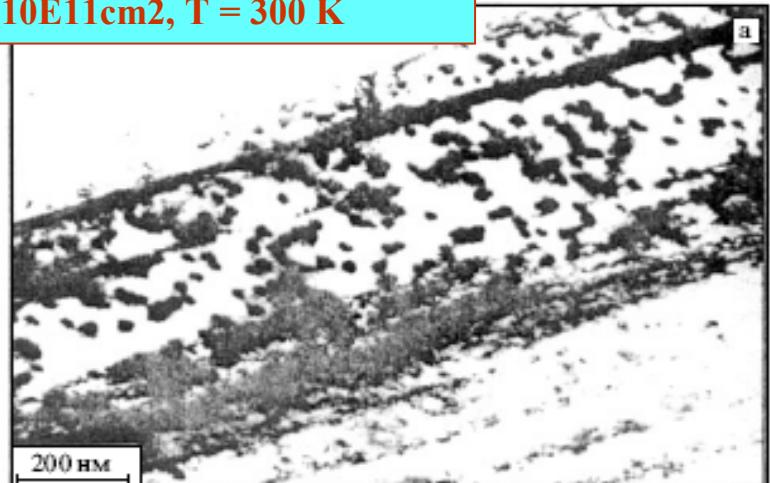
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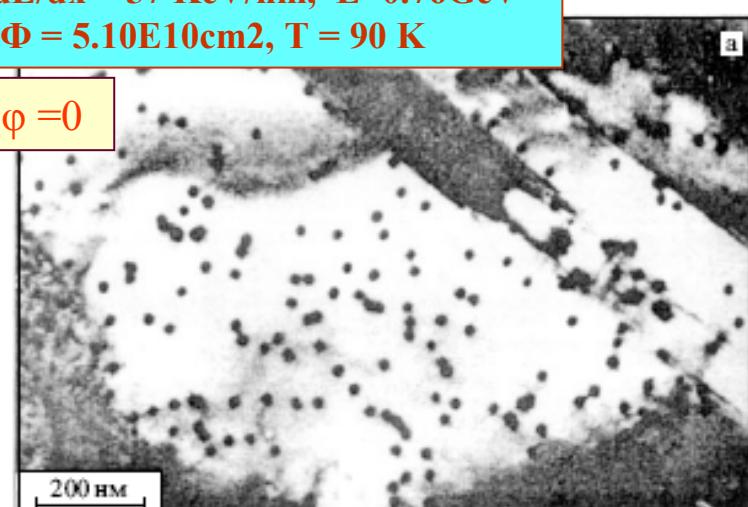
# Track formation in NiTi irradiated by U ions with the energy E= 0.84-0.76 GeV

$dE/dx = 52 \text{ KeV/nm}, E=0.84 \text{ GeV}$   
 $\Phi = 10E11 \text{ cm}^2, T = 300 \text{ K}$

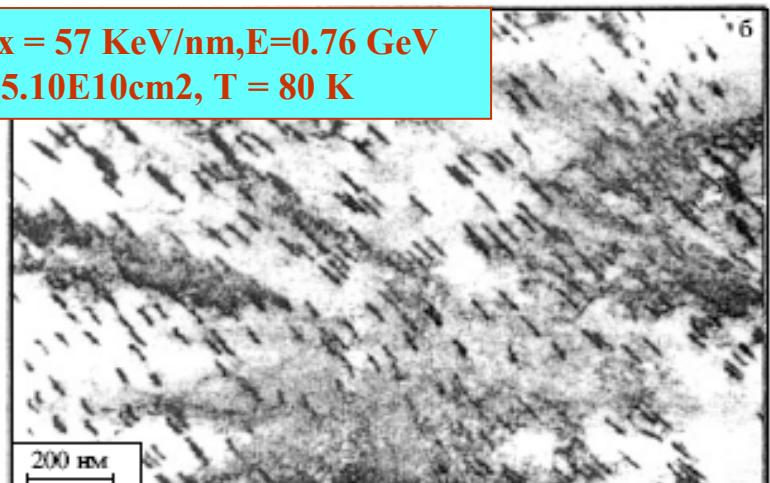


$dE/dx = 57 \text{ KeV/nm}, E=0.76 \text{ GeV}$   
 $\Phi = 5.10E10 \text{ cm}^2, T = 90 \text{ K}$

$\varphi = 0$

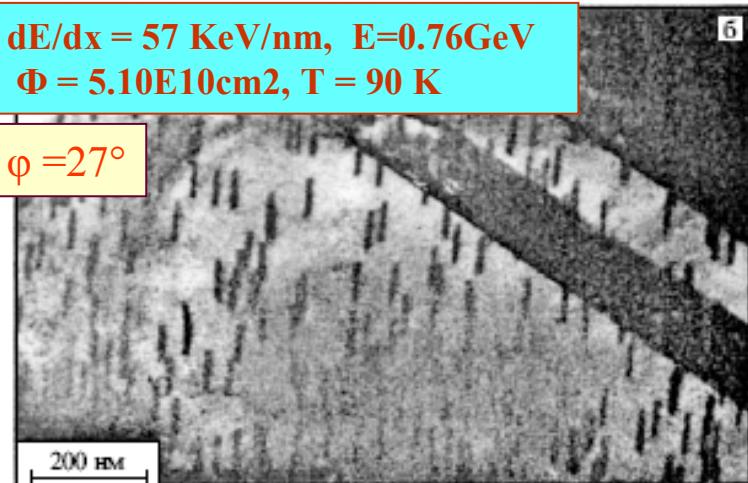


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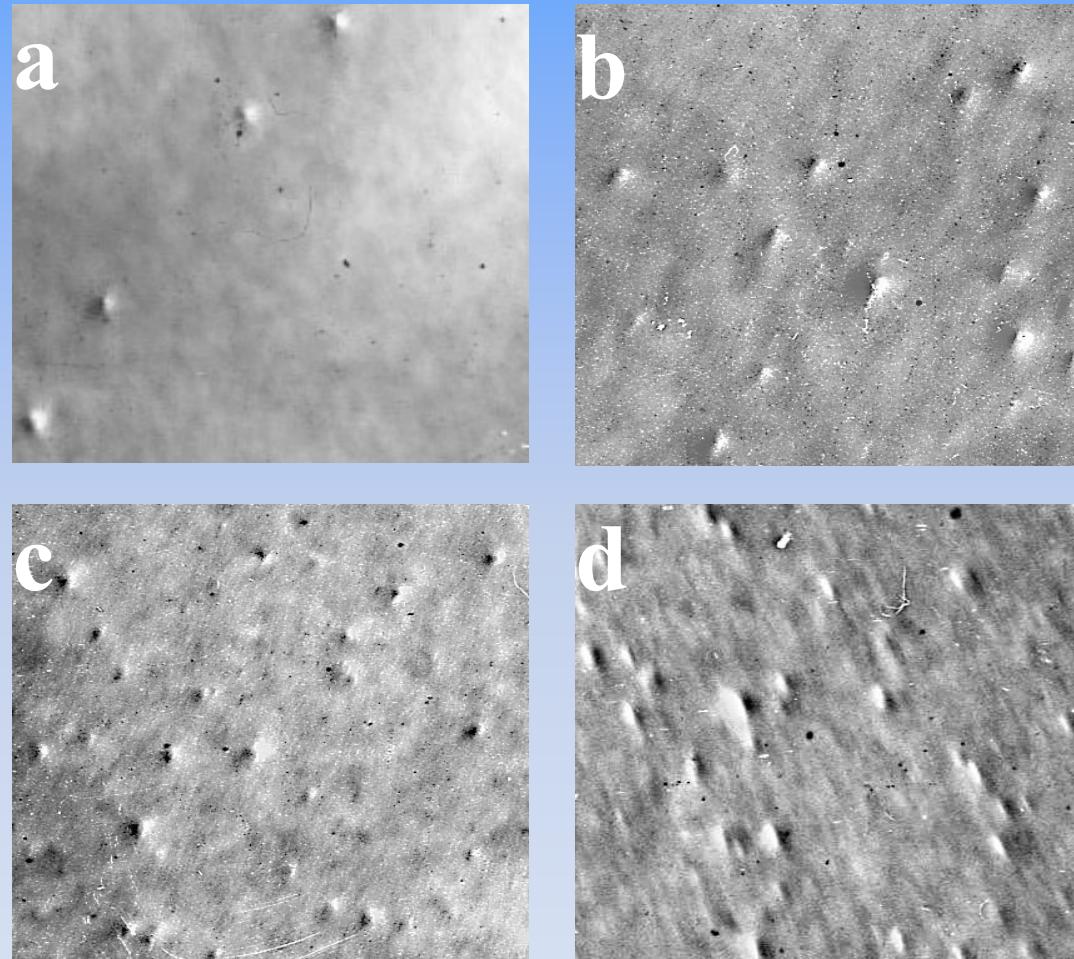


$dE/dx = 57 \text{ KeV/nm}, E=0.76 \text{ GeV}$   
 $\Phi = 5.10E10 \text{ cm}^2, T = 90 \text{ K}$

$\varphi = 27^\circ$

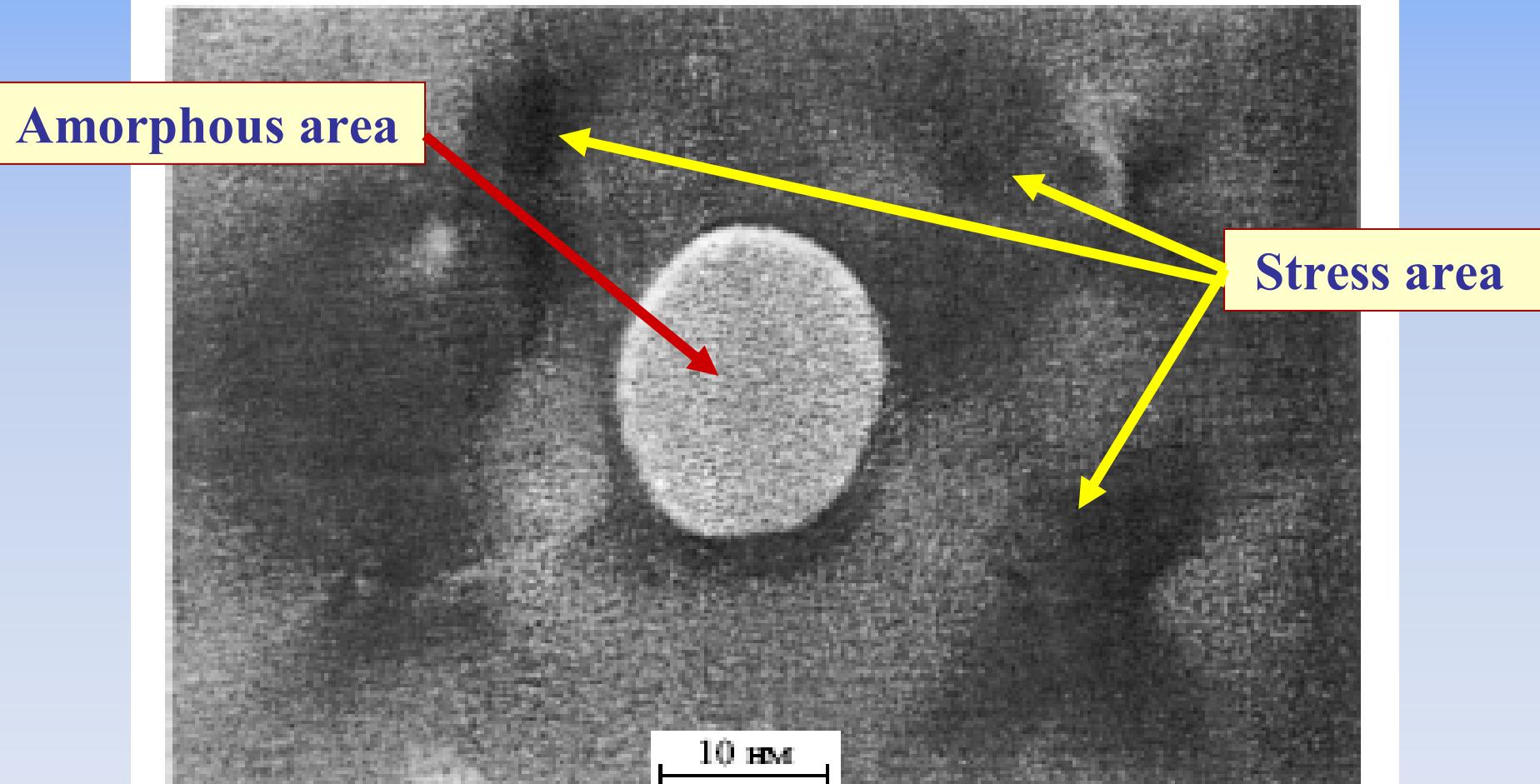


## Transmission Electron Microscopy in Si Irradiated by heavy ions.

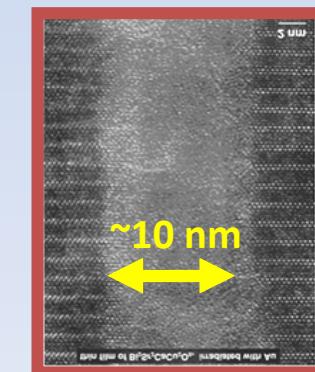
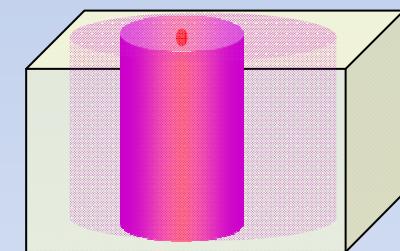
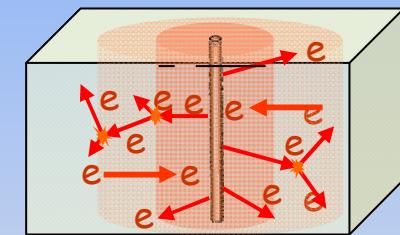
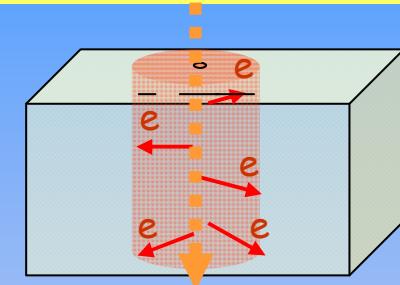
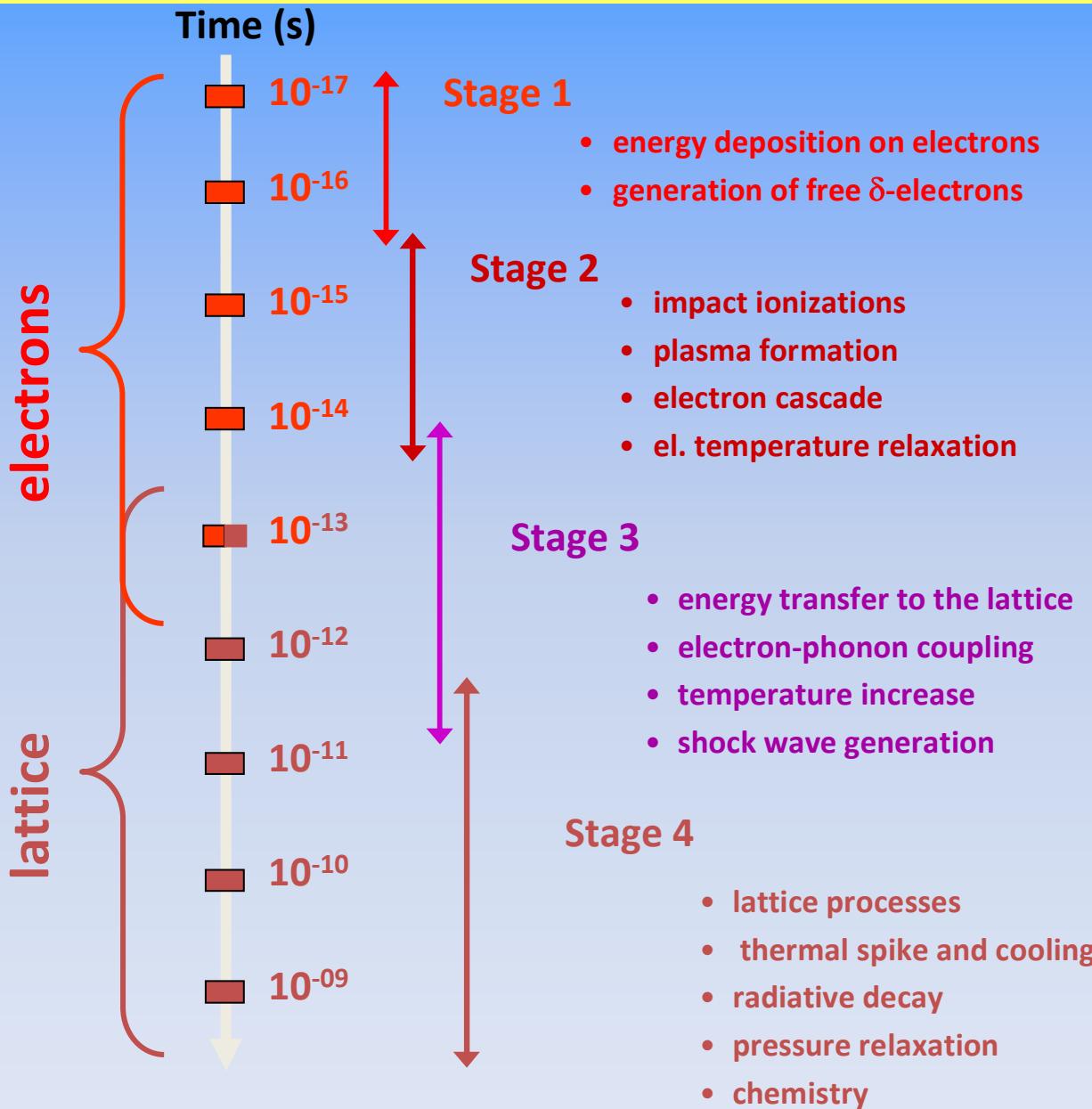


TEM results in Si after swift heavy ion irradiation by Bi<sup>+</sup>ions with the energy of 710 MeV at different doses:  
a)  $-10^{10}\text{cm}^{-2}$ , b)  $-10^{11}\text{cm}^{-2}$ , c)  $-10^{12}\text{cm}^{-2}$ , d)  $-2 \times 10^{12}\text{ cm}^{-2}$

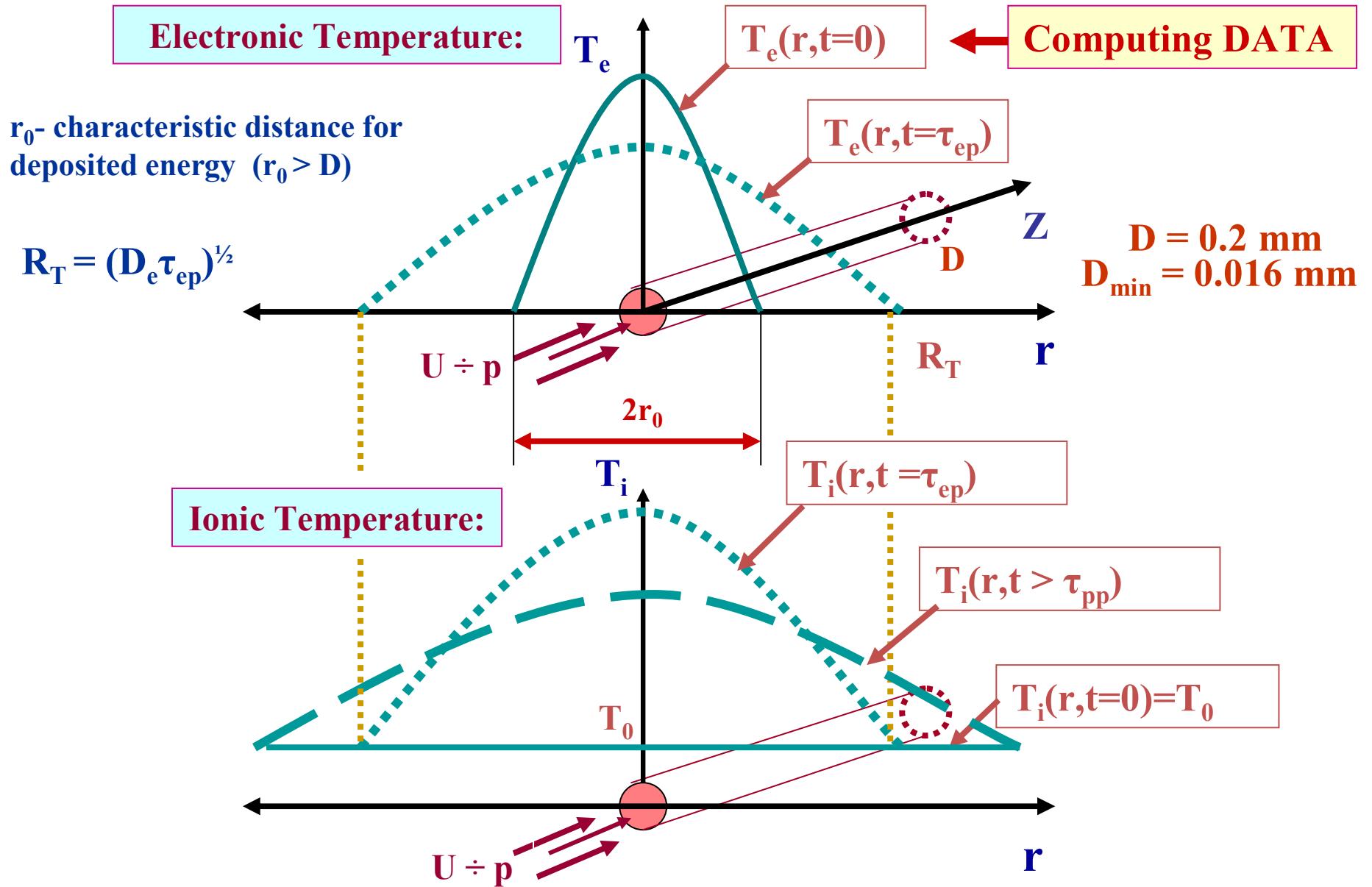
# Track relaxation in GeS irradiated by U ions with the energy $E = 5,6 \text{ MeV/n}$



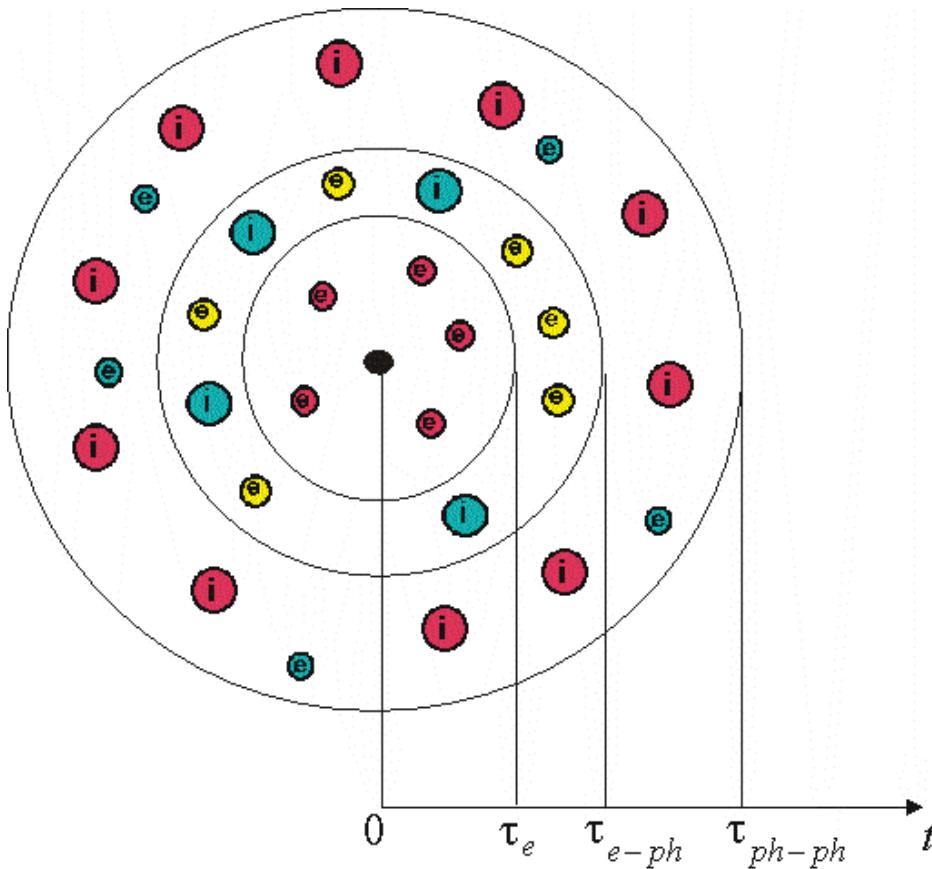
# Ultra short timescales → electronic and atomic processes



# «Thermal Spike » Model



## Characteristic times in «Thermal spike » model:



$\tau_e \sim 10^{-16} \text{ s}$  - characteristic time of the electron - electron interaction;

$\tau_{e-ph} \sim 10^{-13} \text{ s}$  - characteristic time of the electron - phonon interaction;

$\tau_{ph-ph} \sim 10^{-12} \div 10^{-11} \text{ s}$  - characteristic time of phonon - phonon interaction;

$\tau_{cool} \sim 10^{-12} \div 10^{-3} \text{ s}$  - characteristic time of cooling

## Main Equations for “Thermal Spike” Model: Cylindrical Geometry:

$$C_e \frac{\partial T_e}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[ r K_e \frac{\partial T_e}{\partial r} \right] - \gamma [T_e - T_i] + A_e(r, t)$$

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$K_i$  is the thermal conductivity of ionic subsystem,

$K_e$  is the thermal conductivity of electronic subsystem,

$C_i$  is the thermal capacity of ionic subsystem,

$C_e$  is the thermal capacity of electronic subsystem,

$A(r, t)$  is the effective energy source in electronic subsystem

## Initial and Boundary Conditions in “Thermal Spike”

$$T_e \Big|_{r \rightarrow \infty} = T_i \Big|_{r \rightarrow \infty} = T_{matr}$$

$$\frac{\partial T_e}{\partial r} \Big|_{r=0} = \frac{\partial T_i}{\partial r} \Big|_{r=0} = 0$$

$$T_i(t=0) = T_{matr}$$

$$A(r,t) = \begin{cases} t < 2t_0 : C_1 \cdot \left( \frac{dE}{dz} \right)_e \cdot \exp \left( -\frac{r}{r_0} - \frac{(t-t_0)^2}{2\sigma_t^2} \right) \\ t > 2t_0 : 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T_e(r, t=0) &= 0 \\ A(r, t) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

(C. Dufour, “ Commissariat L’energie atomique, Service de documentation et D’édition multimédia ”, France, CEA-R-5638)

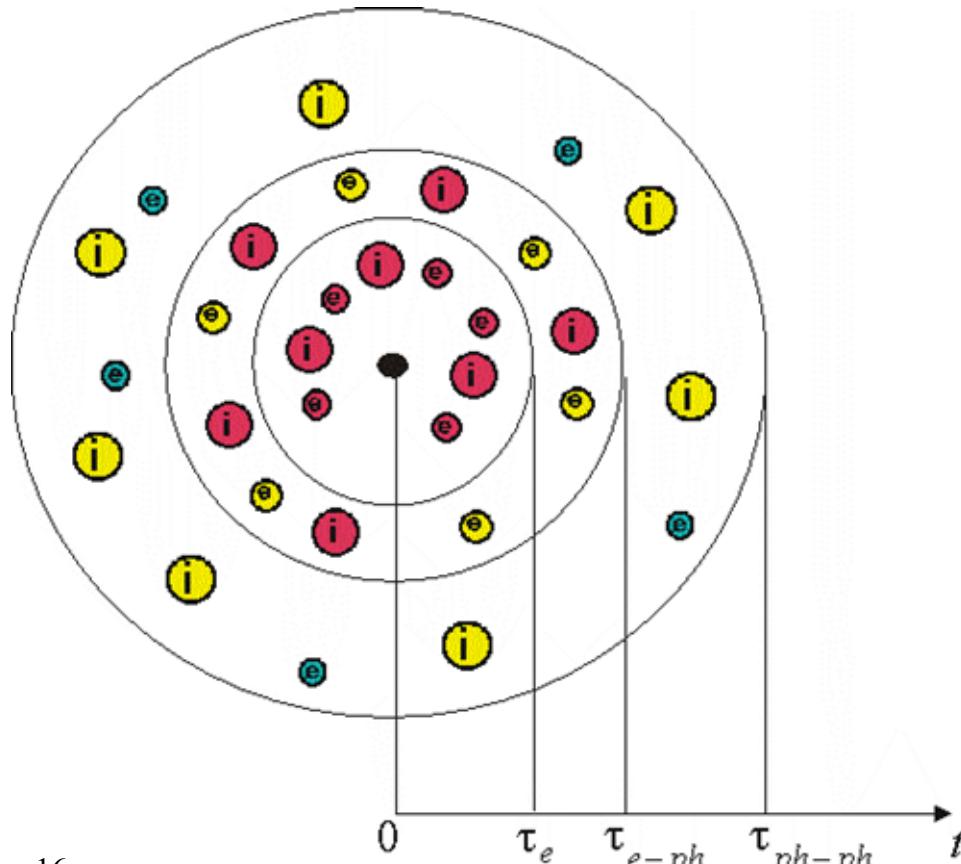
$$\int_0^{T_e(r, t=0)} C_e(T) dT = \frac{Q}{4\pi\sigma^2} \exp \left( -\frac{r^2}{4\sigma^2} \right) + \int_0^{T_{MATR}} C_e(T) dT$$

(K. Yasui, Nucl. Instr. Meth. Ph. Res.B 90, 1994, p.409-411)

$$\left( \frac{dE}{dz} \right)_e = Q \quad \text{is the electronic energy loss}$$

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## “Ion Coulomb Explosion” Model

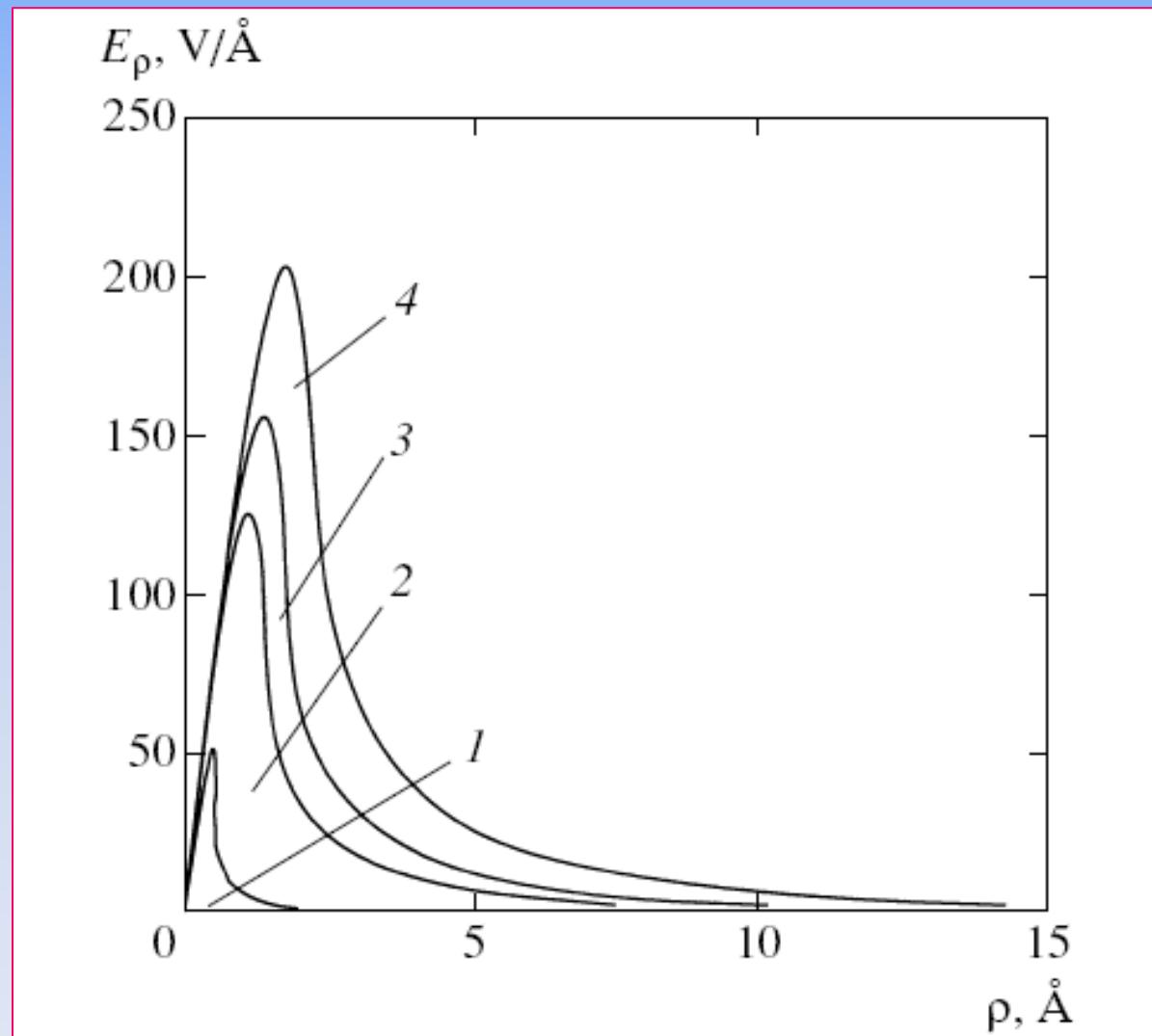


$\tau_e \sim 10^{-16} s$  is the characteristic relaxation time of electronic subsystem;

$\tau_{e-ph} \sim 10^{-13} s$  is the characteristic time of electron-phonon coupling;

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**Spatial profiles of the electrical field generated in Cu at  $t = tr$  by various ions with  $Z_1=8$  (1), 36 (2), 54 (3) and 92 (4) incident with an energy 10 MeV/nucl.**



## Initial and Boundary Conditions in “Ion Coulomb Explosion” Model

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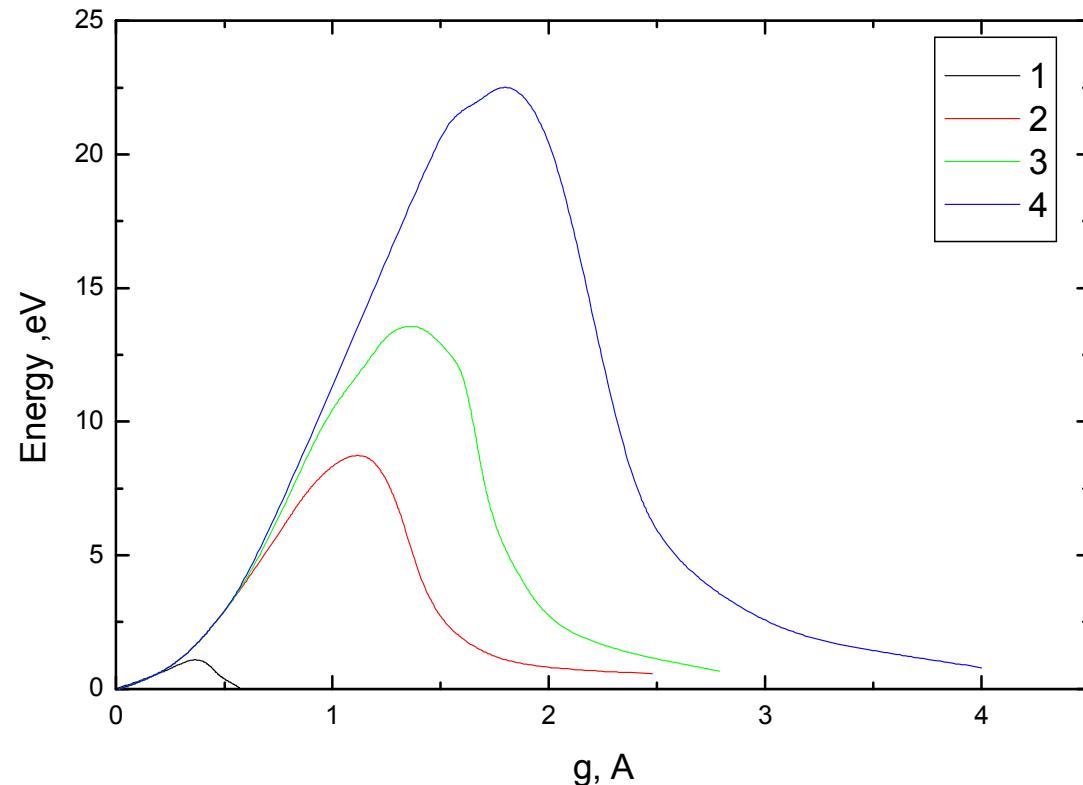
$$\frac{\partial T_e}{\partial r} \Big|_{r=0} = \frac{\partial T_i}{\partial r} \Big|_{r=0} = 0$$

**Approximation of initial electronic and ionic temperatures:**

$$T_e(r, t = 0) = \Delta \varepsilon(r) = \frac{(\Delta p)^2}{2m} = \frac{(eE_\rho t_r)^2}{2m} \sim 500 \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{(r - 0.8)^2}{0.1}\right) (eV)$$

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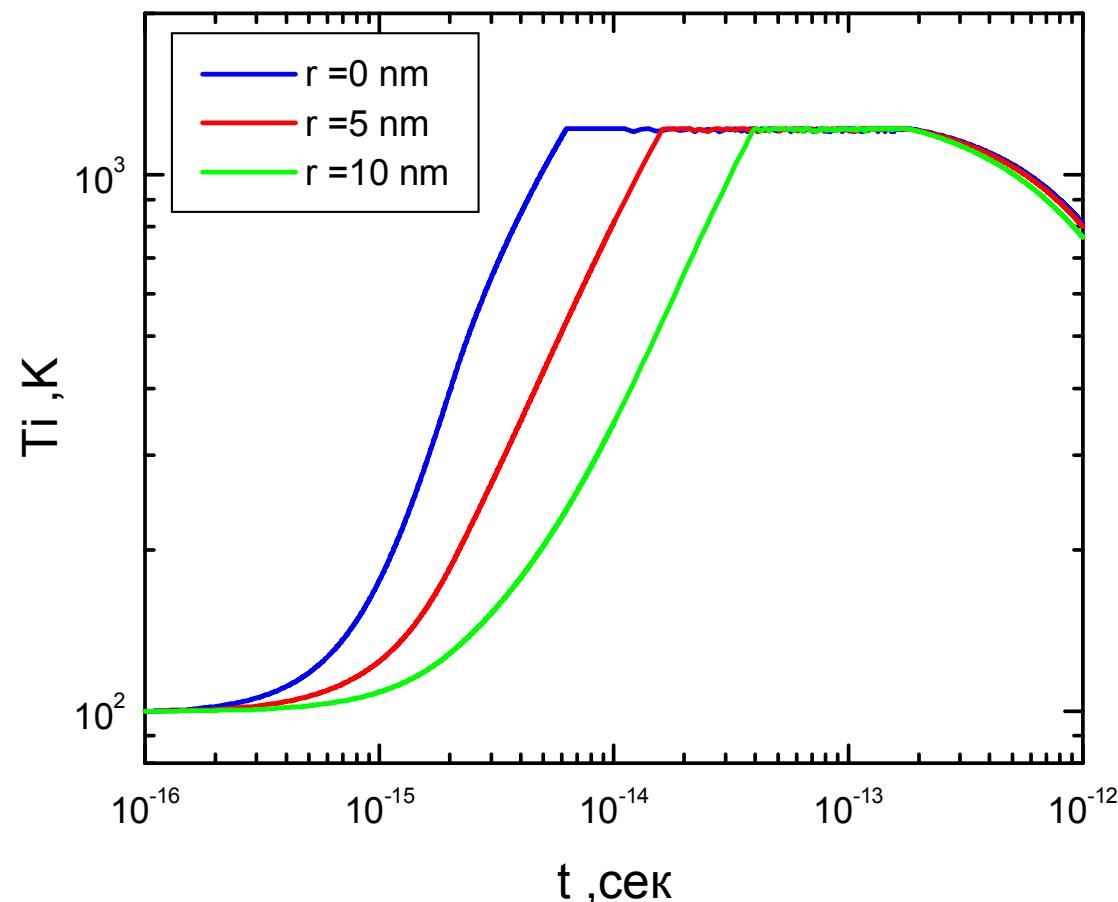
# Energy distribution (initial ionic temperature) in “Ion Coulomb Explosion” Model



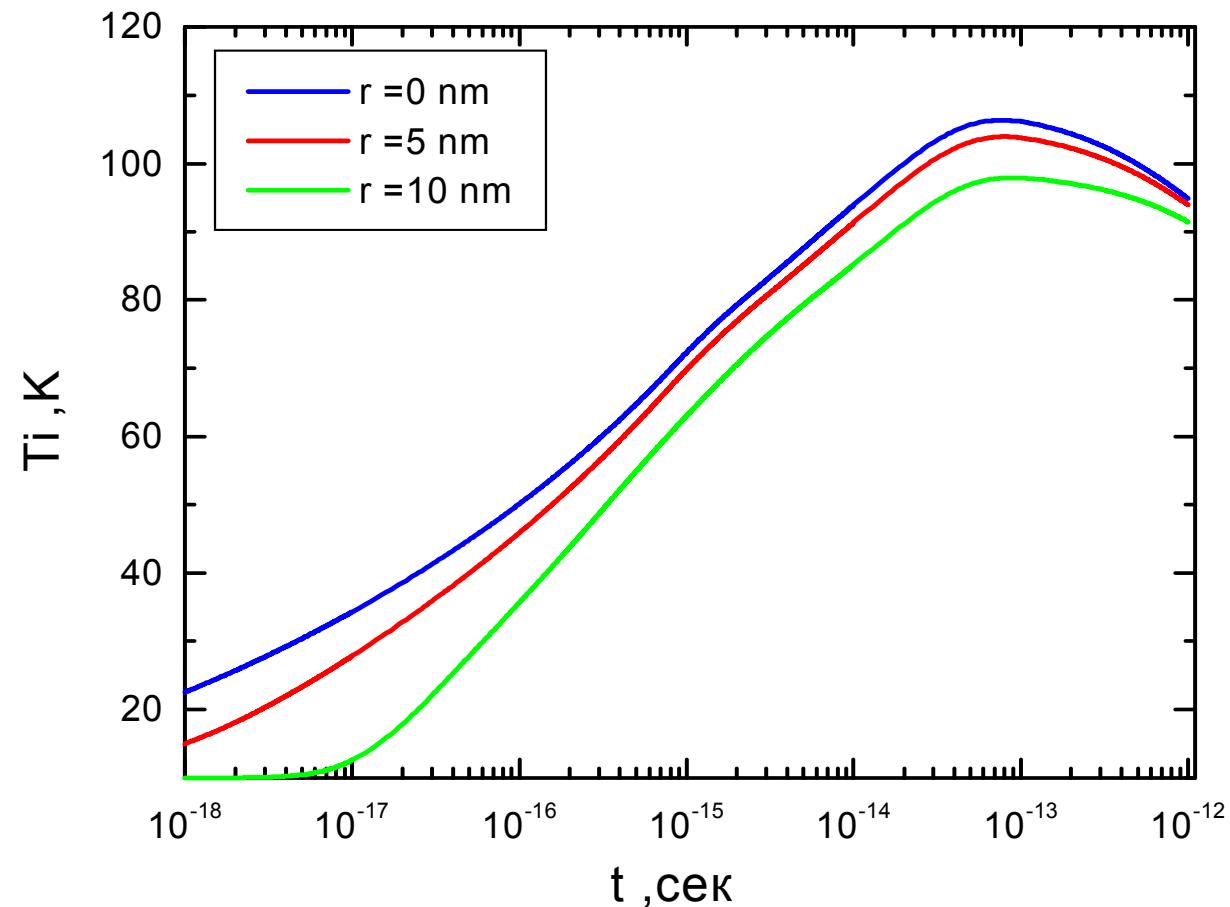
Spatial distribution of the energy obtained by the lattice ions during “Coulomb Explosion” under Fe irradiation by different ions: 1.  $Z = 8$ , 2.  $Z = 36$ , 3.  $Z = 54$ , 4.  $Z = 92$  with the energy  $E = 10$  MeV/nucl (E.V. Metelkin, A. I. Ryazanov, JETPh, v.90 (2000) 370).

Temperature dependence of ionic subsystem under irradiation of Fe85B15 by heavy ions  $z=36$  with the energy  $E=10$  MeV/nucl on different distances from track center:  $r = 0, 5, 10$  nm using “Thermal Spike” model.

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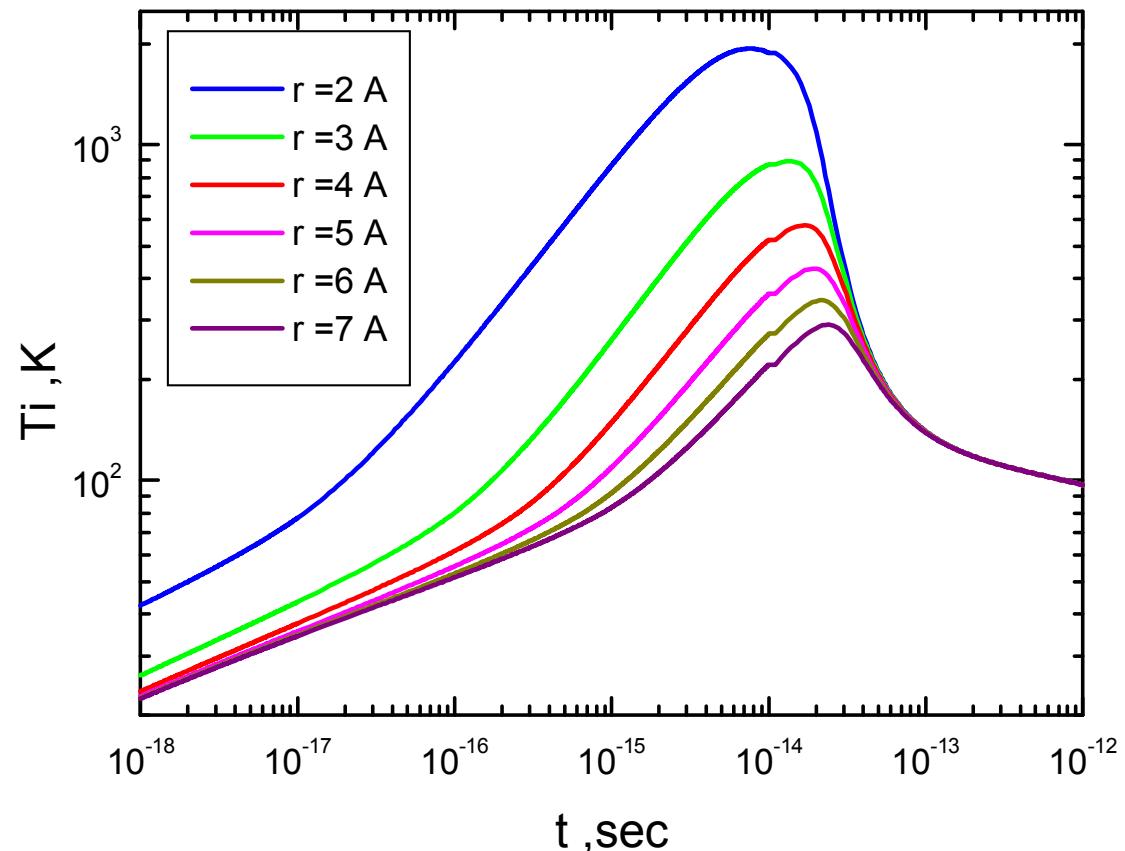


Temperature dependence of ionic subsystem under irradiation of Cu by heavy ions z=36 with the energy E=10 MeV/nucl (Q=100 keV/nm) on different distances from track center: r= 0, 5 ,10 nm using “Thermal Spike” model.

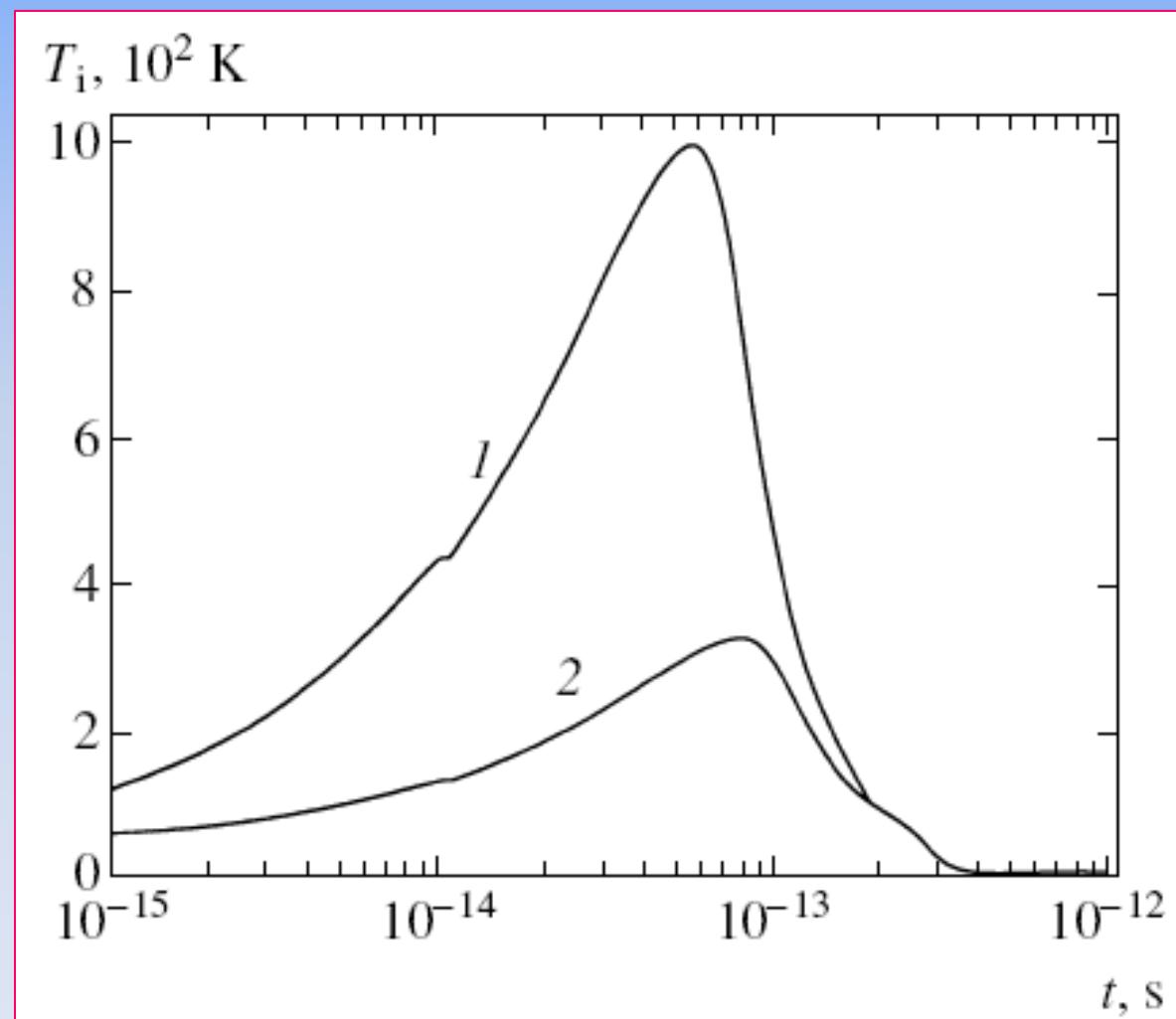


Temperature dependence of ionic subsystem under irradiation of Cu by heavy ions  $z=36$  with the energy  $E=10\text{MeV}/\text{nucl}$  ( $Q=100 \text{ keV}/\text{nm}$ ) on different distances from center of track using “Thermal spike” model for electronic subsystem and “Coulomb Explosion” model for ionic subsystem.

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**Time variation of the ion subsystem temperature in track region of Cu irradiated by heavy ions  $z=36$  with the energy  $E=10$  MeV/nucl on different distances from track center: for  $r=5$  nm (1) and  $10$  nm(2) using “Coulomb Explosion” model for ionic subsystem with the electron temperature assumed to be equal (100 K).**



## Investigations of shock wave formation in Cu under heavy ion irradiation with the energy E=10 MeV/nucl (Q=100 keV/nm) on the different distances in track area using “Thermal Spike” model

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} (\rho u_k) = 0 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\rho u_k) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_l} (\rho u_l u_k) + \frac{\partial p}{\partial x_k} = 0 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\rho \varepsilon_i) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} (\rho \varepsilon_i u_k) + p_i \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial x_k} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \left( K_i \frac{\partial T_i}{\partial x_k} \right) + c_{ei} (T_e - T_i) \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\rho \varepsilon_e) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} (\rho \varepsilon_e u_k) + p_e \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial x_k} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \left( K_e \frac{\partial T_e}{\partial x_k} \right) + c_{ei} (T_i - T_e) + A \\ p = p_i + p_e \\ \varepsilon = \varepsilon_i + \varepsilon_e \end{cases}$$

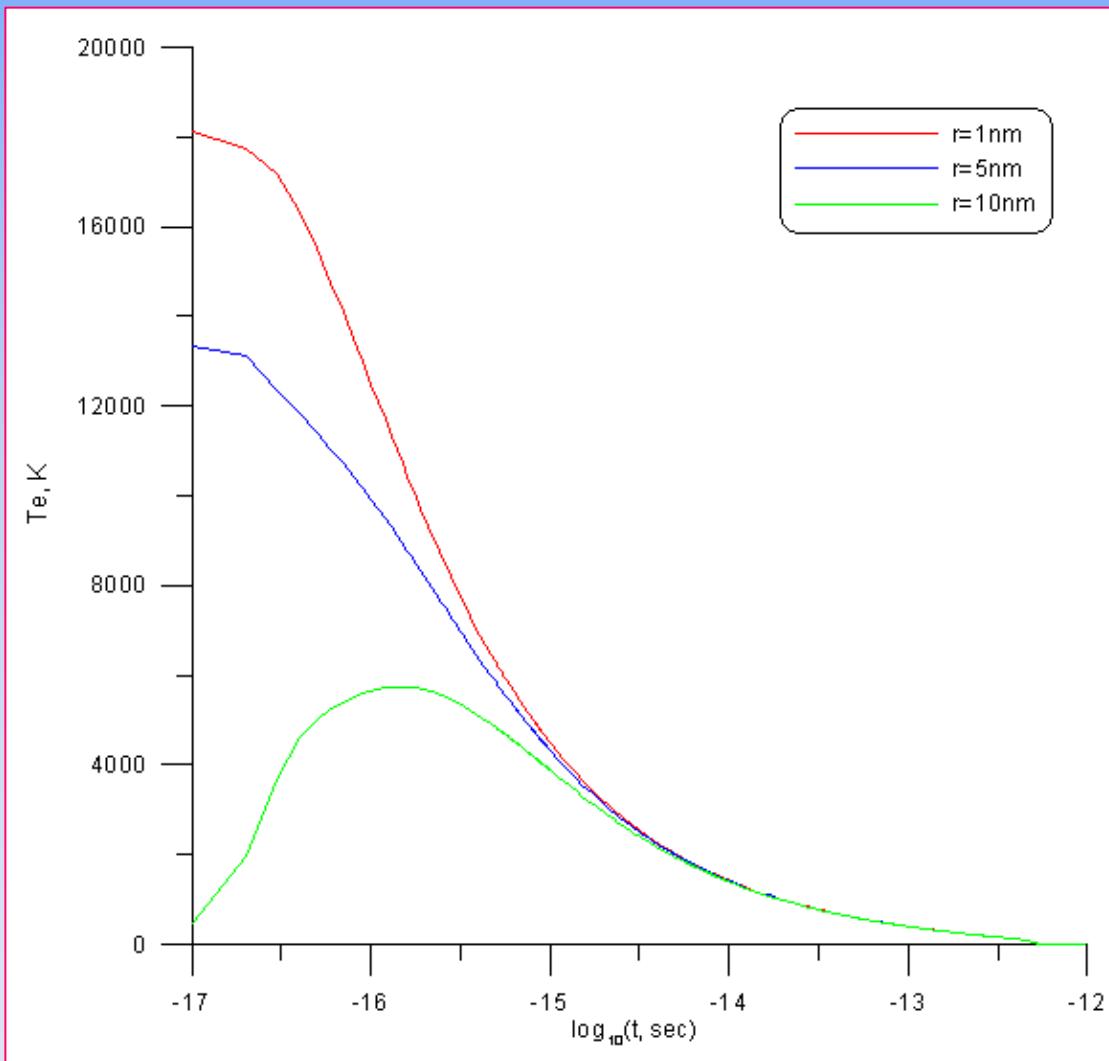
$\rho$  Is the density of material

$u_k$  Is the velocity of ions in material

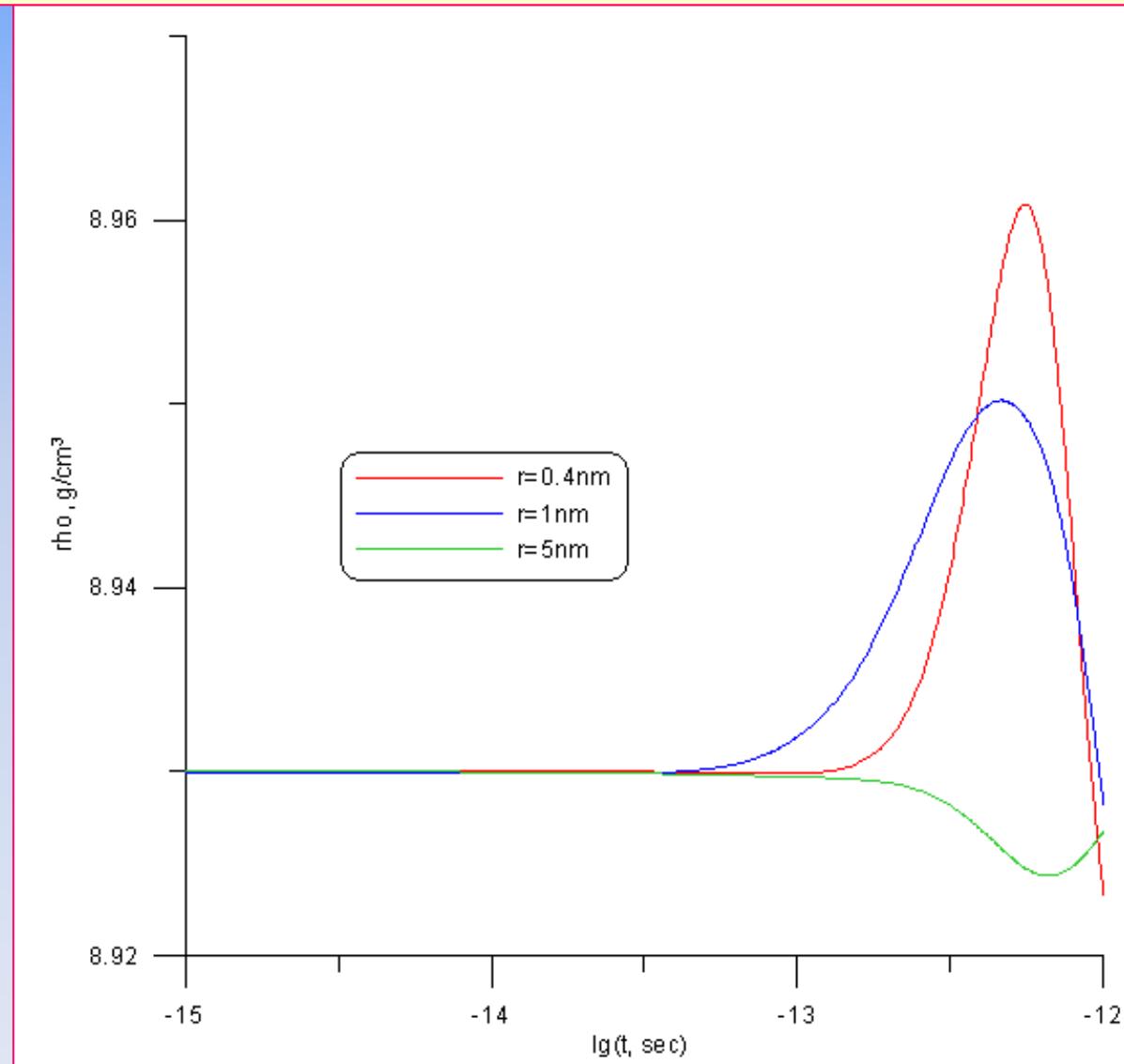
$p_i, p_e$  are the ionic and electronic pressures in material

$\varepsilon_i, \varepsilon_e$  are the energies of ionic and electronic subsystem of material

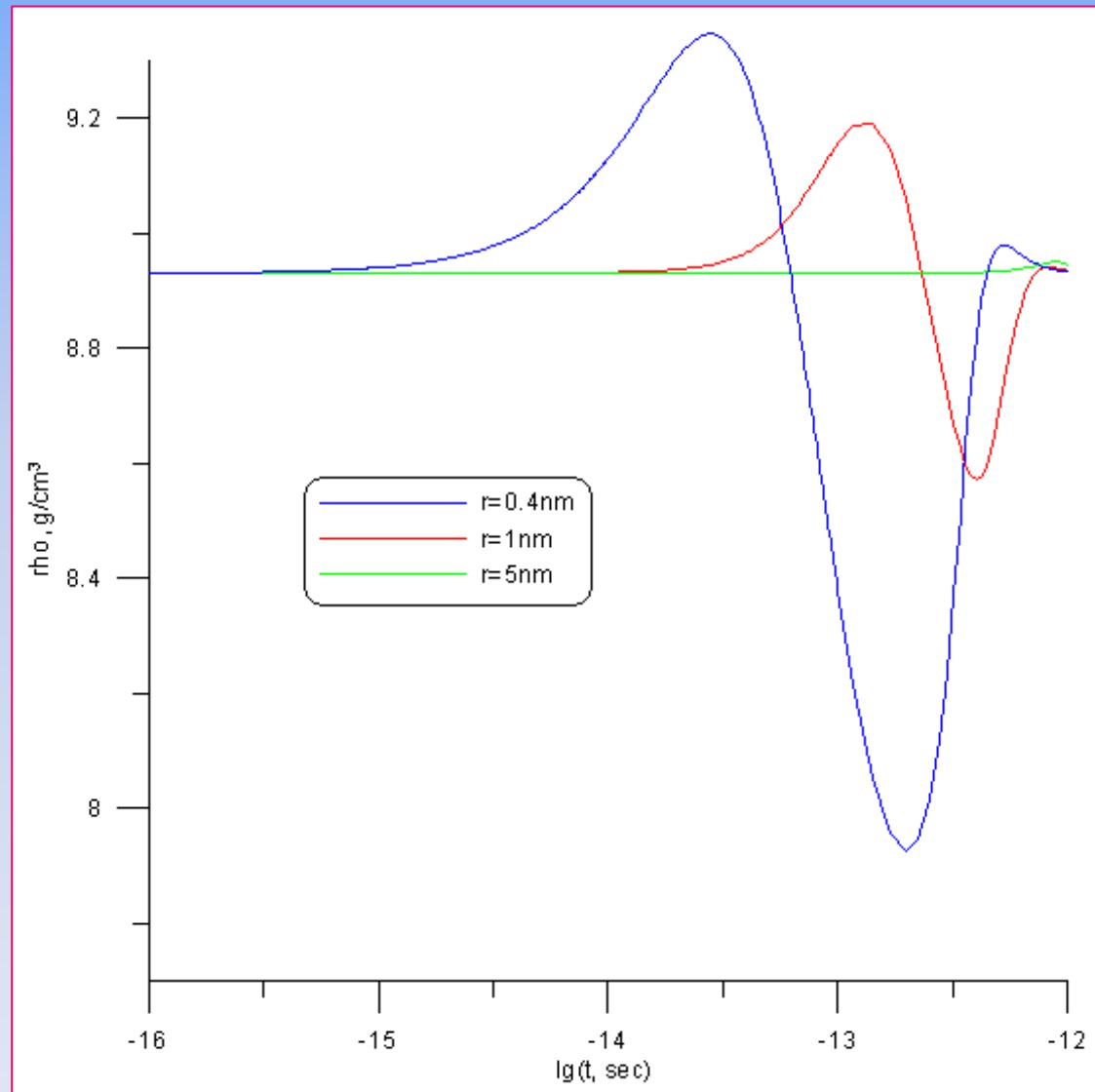
# Distribution of electronic temperature in Cu under heavy ion irradiation E=10 MeV/nucl (Q=100 keV/nm) on different distances in track area using “Thermal Spike” model



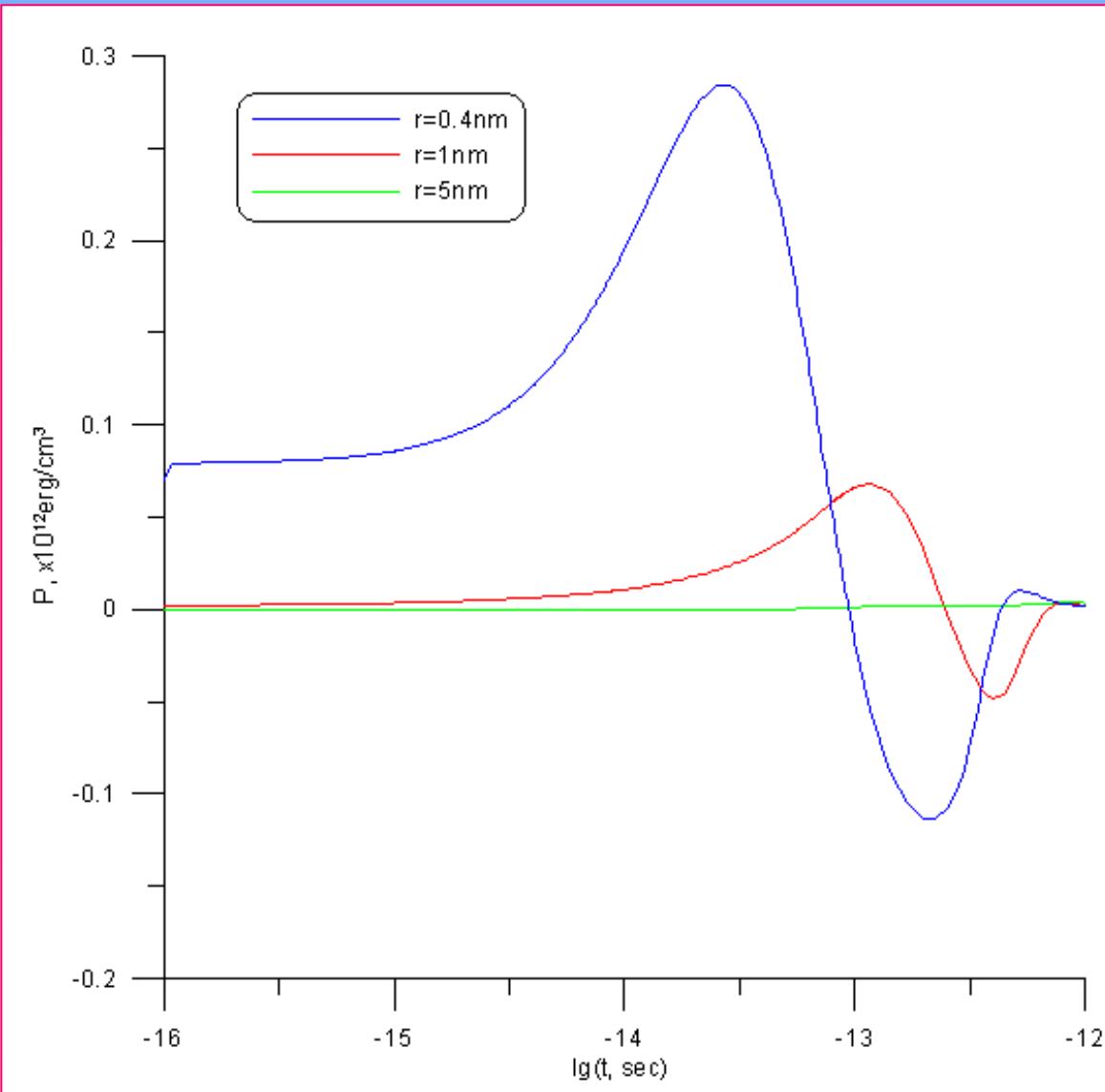
**Distribution of density in Cu under heavy ion irradiation with the energy E=10 MeV/nucl (Q=100 keV/nm) on different distances in track area using “Thermal Spike” model**



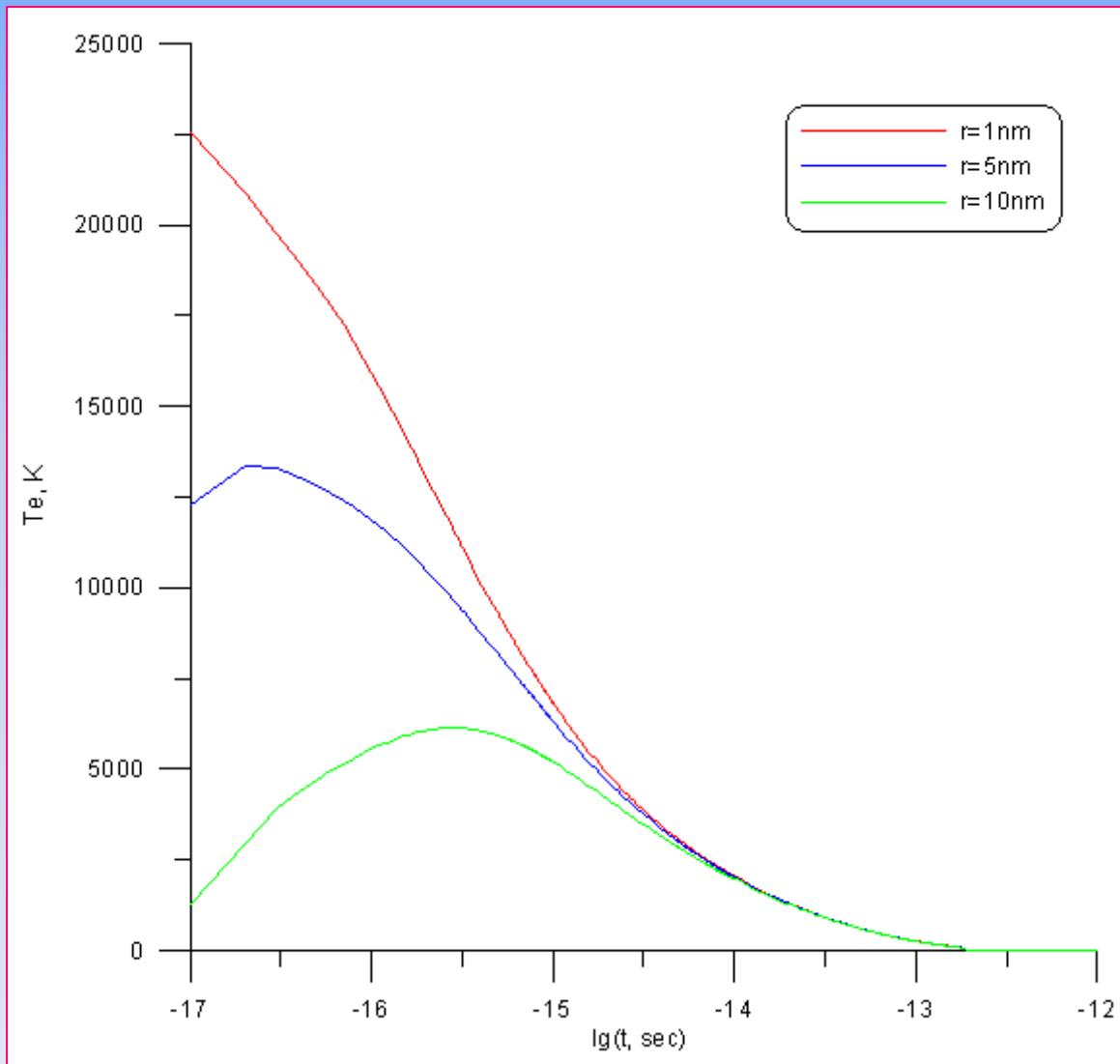
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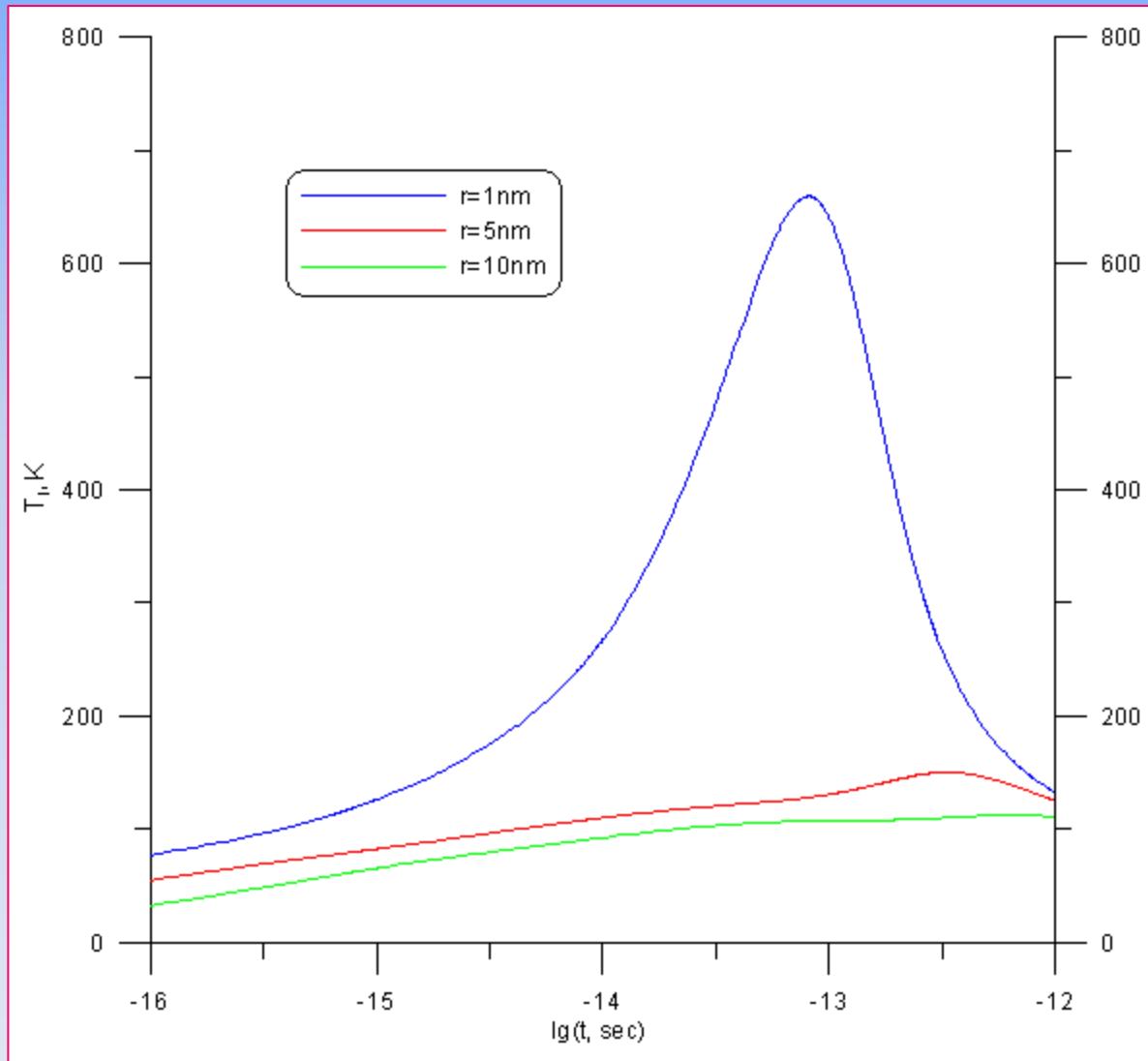
# Distribution of pressure in Cu under heavy ion irradiation with the energy E=10 MeV/nucl (Q=100 keV/nm) on different distances in track area using “Coulomb Explosion” model



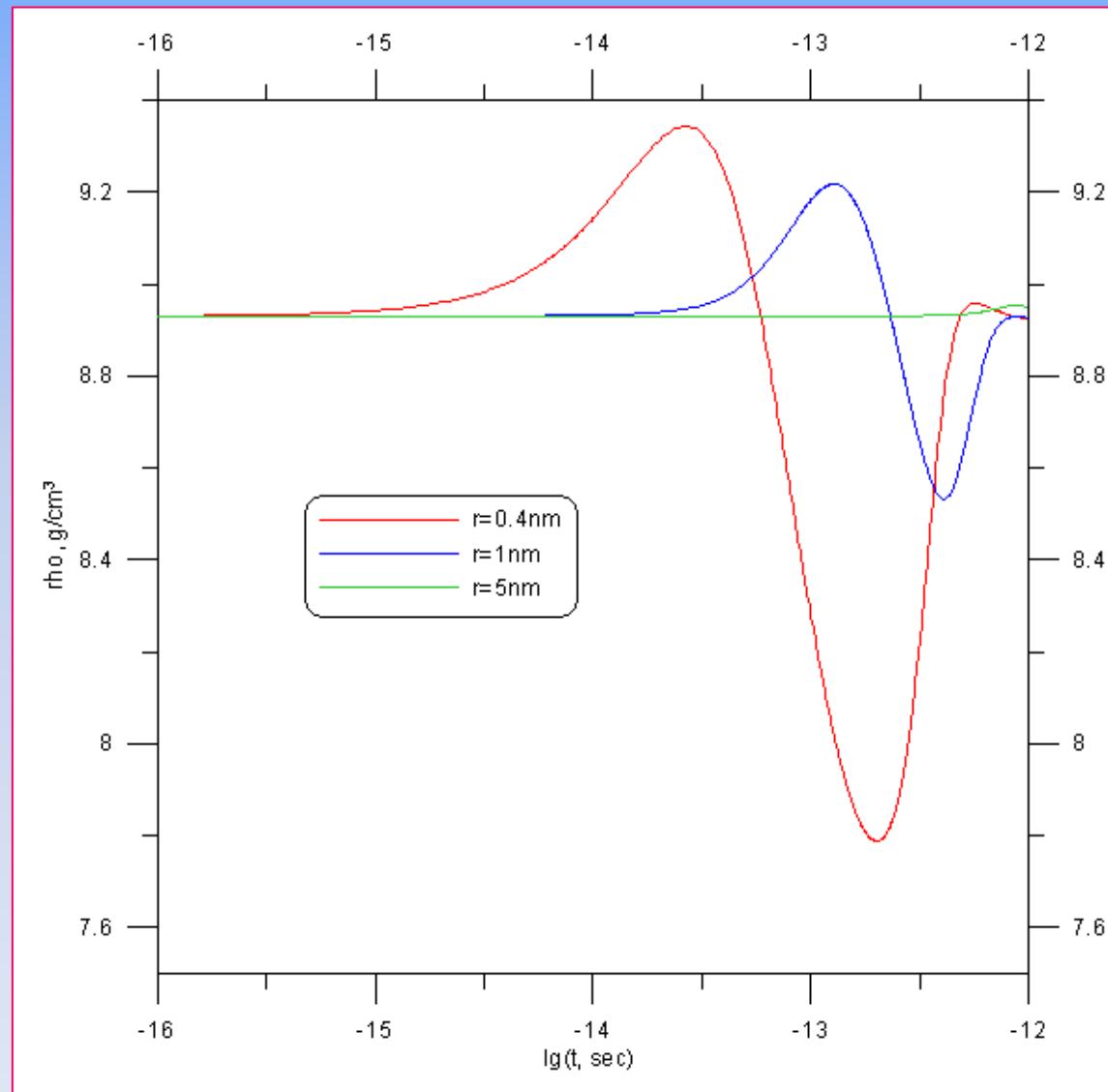
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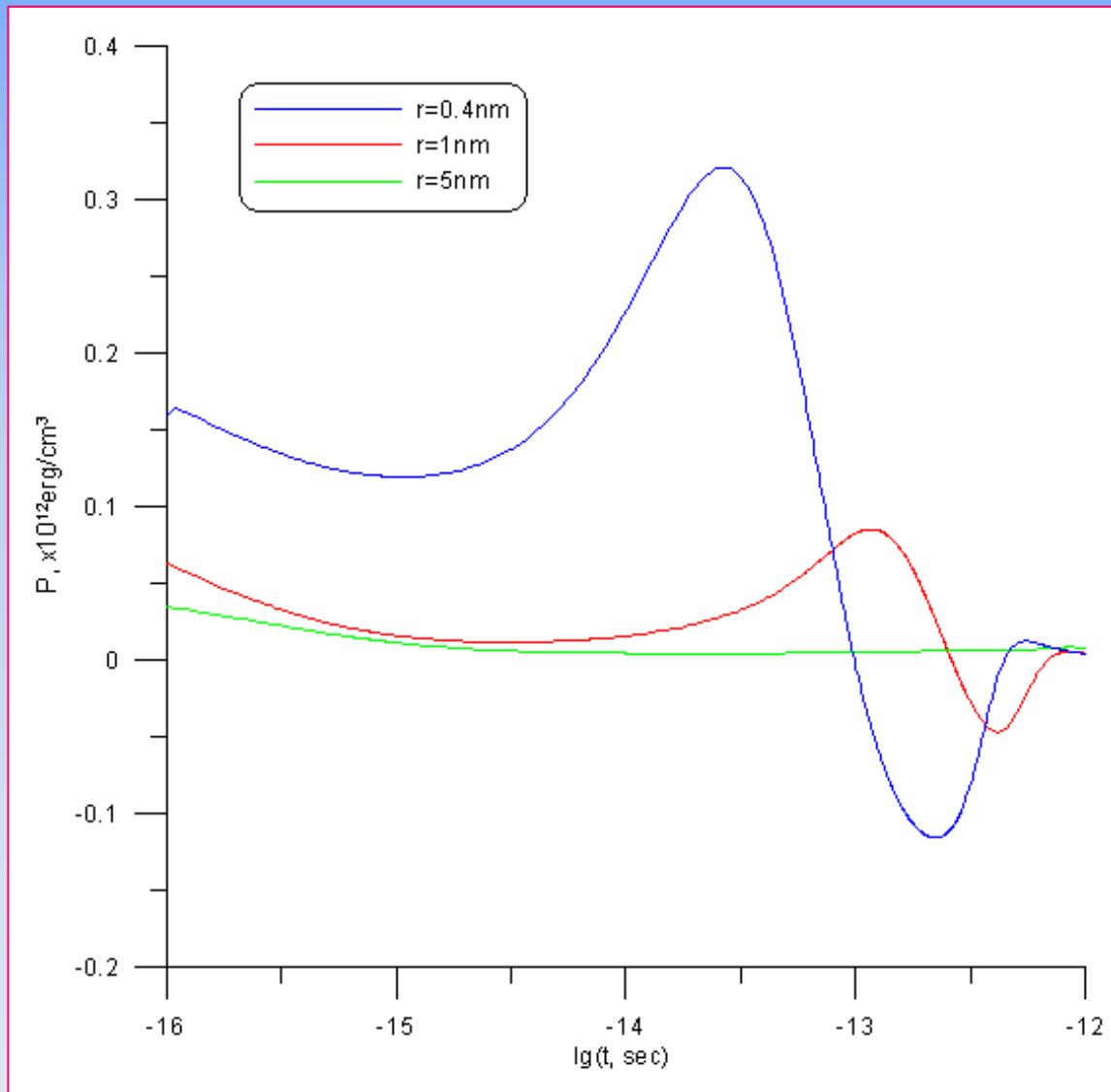
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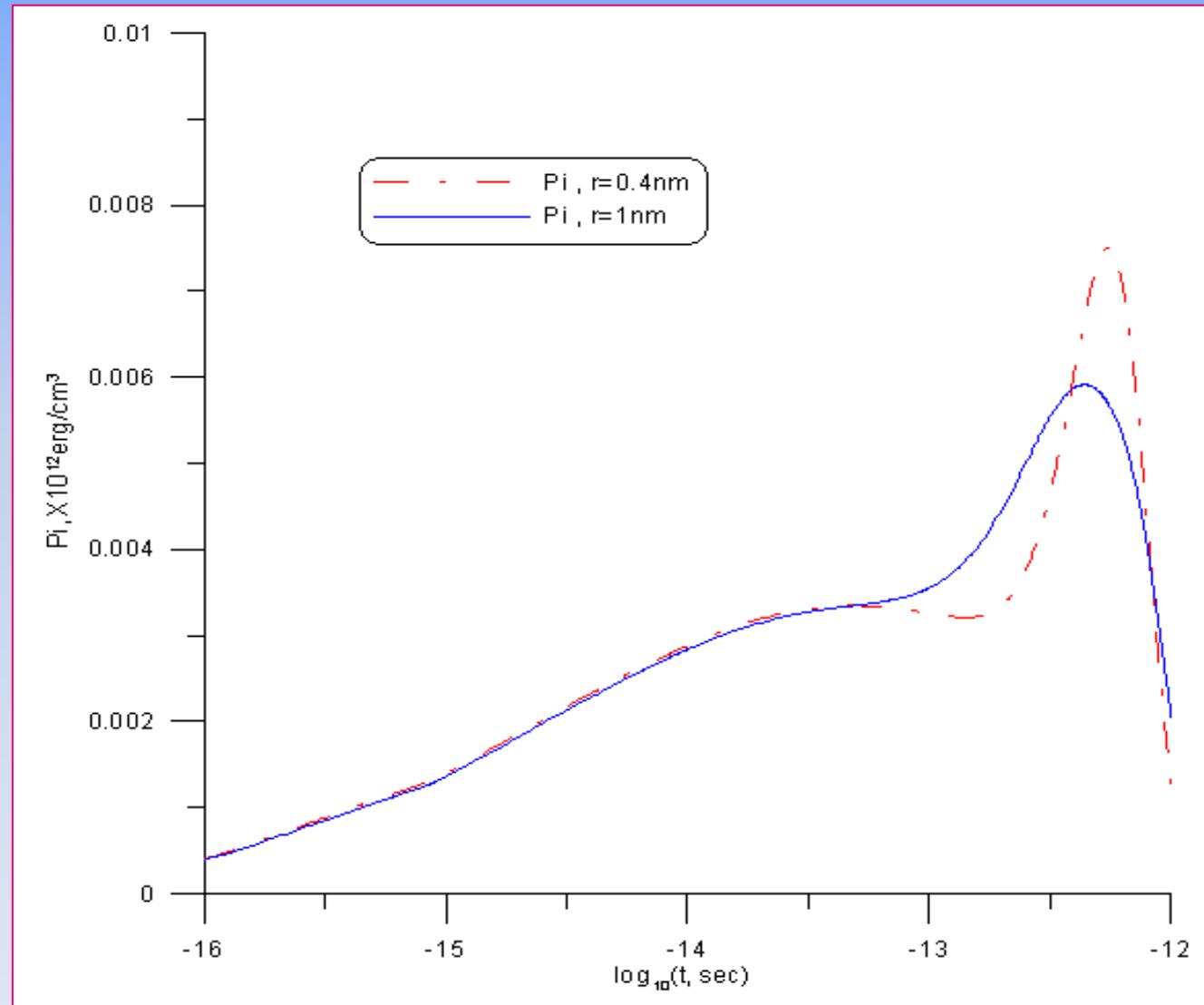
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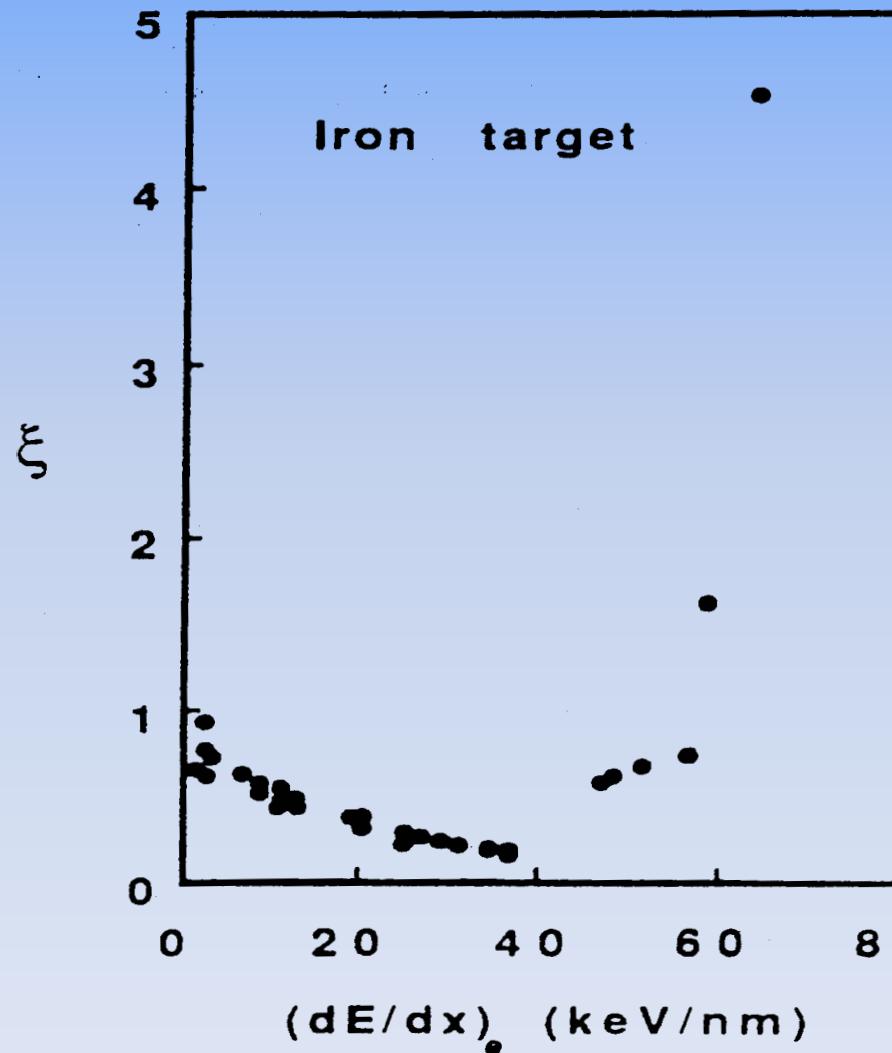
# Distribution of pressure in Cu under heavy ion irradiation with the energy E=10 MeV/nucl (Q=100 keV/nm) on different distances in track area using “Thermal Spike” model



## Summary

The obtained numerical results of ionic temperature distribution in crystal lattice near track area based on the combination of “Thermal spike” and “Ion Coulomb explosion” models. It was shown that the calculations based on the “Ion Coulomb explosion” model result in the stronger temperature rise of irradiated materials by swift heavy ions comparing with the previous calculations used only “Thermal spike” model.

# Evolution of damage production efficiency in Fe as a function of deposited energy in electronic excitation



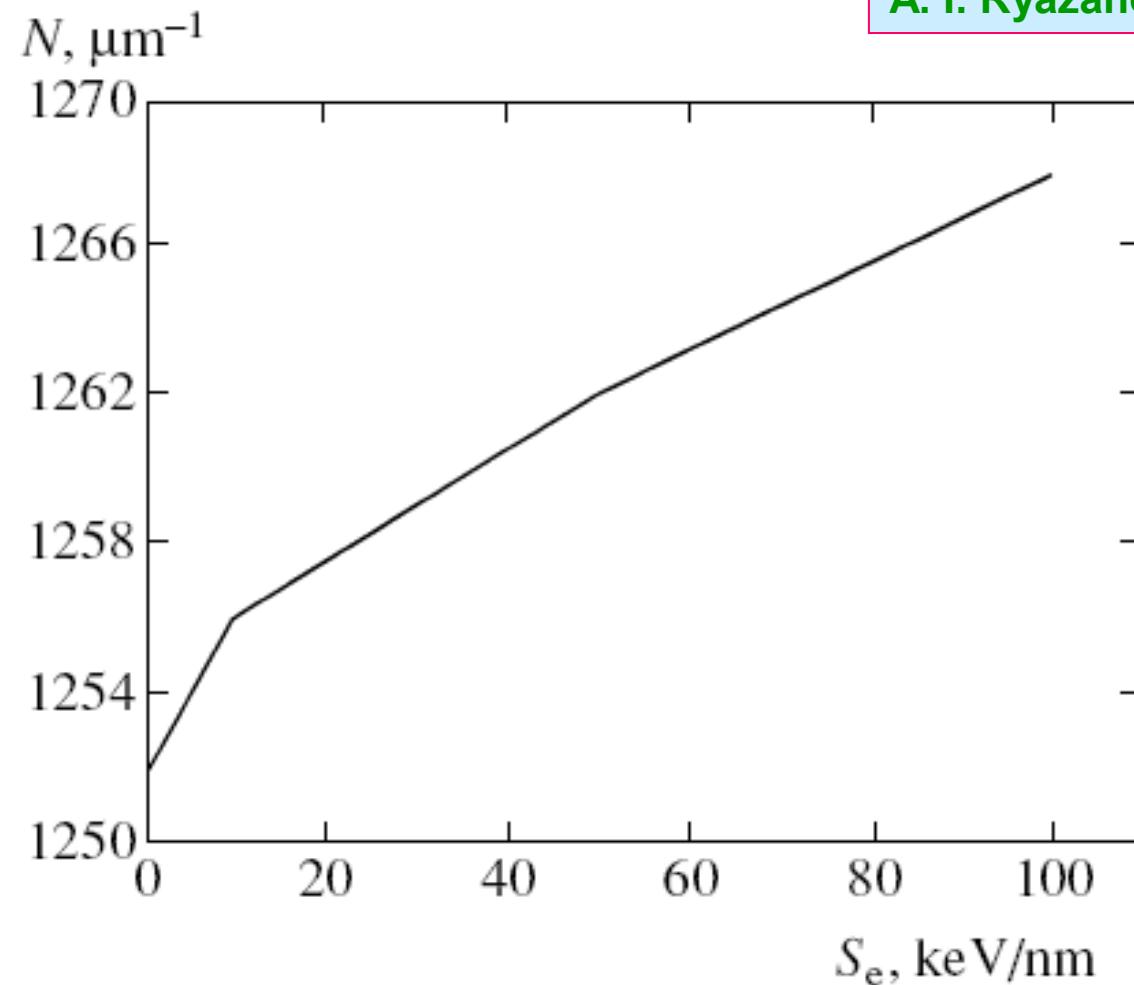
A. Dunlop et.al.(1989)

# **Production of point defects in materials under heavy ion irradiation**

- **Elastic collisions give much less generation rate for point defects comparing with obtained experimental data.**
- **Inelastic collisions can produce point defects due to the following mechanisms.**
  1. Thermal fluctuations due to high temperature rise and following fast cooling.
  2. Shock waves can produce point defects.

The total number of point defects per unit ion range versus electron drag losses for a single heavy ion  $E=10$  MeV/nucl in the track region of Cu calculated using “Coulomb Explosion” model.

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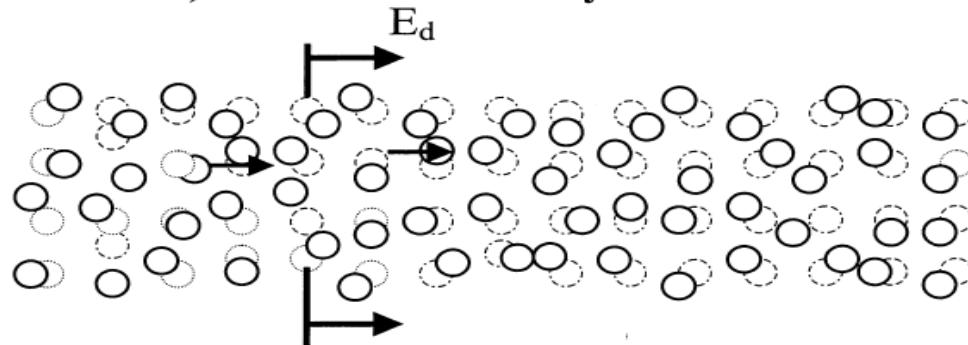
Experiment:  
 $N \sim 1000 1/\mu\text{m}$   
at  $S_e = 100 \text{ KeV/nm}$   
(A.Iwase,J.Ph.Soc.Jp. 61 (1992) 3878)

Theory:  
“Coulomb Expl.”:  
 $N_c \sim 1.3 \times 1000 1/\mu\text{m}$

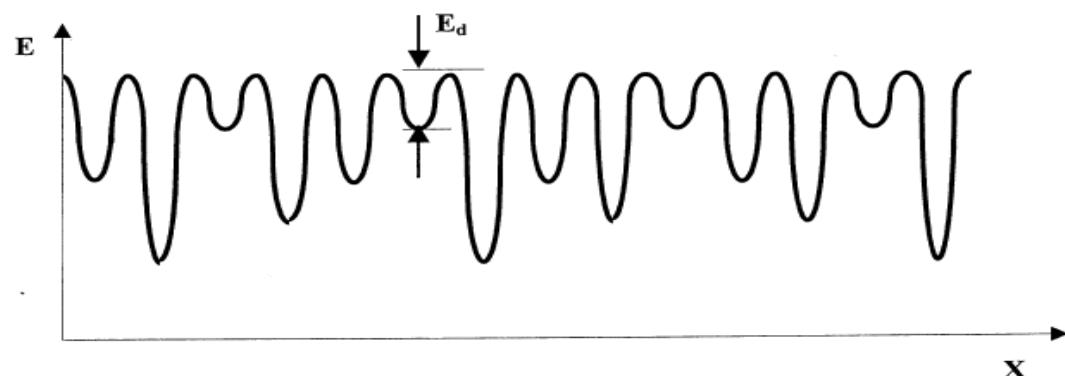
“Thermal Spike”:  
 $N_T \sim 1.3 \times 1/\mu\text{m}$   
 $N_c / N_T \sim 1000$

The characteristic threshold energy barriers  $E_d$  for irreversible displacement of atoms from equilibrium positions in non-ideal (heated) crystal lattice (a) as a function of atom location in crystal lattice (b)

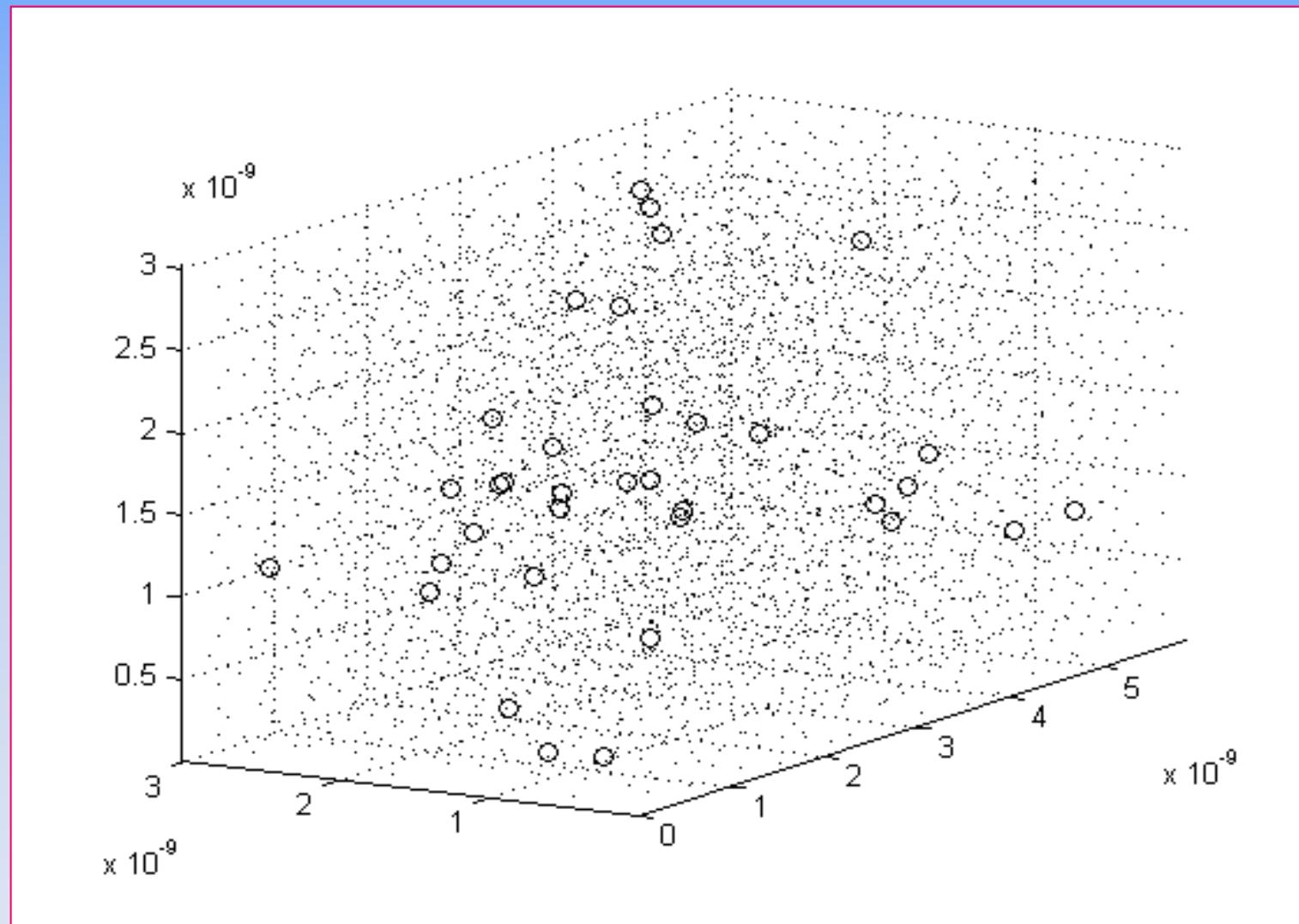
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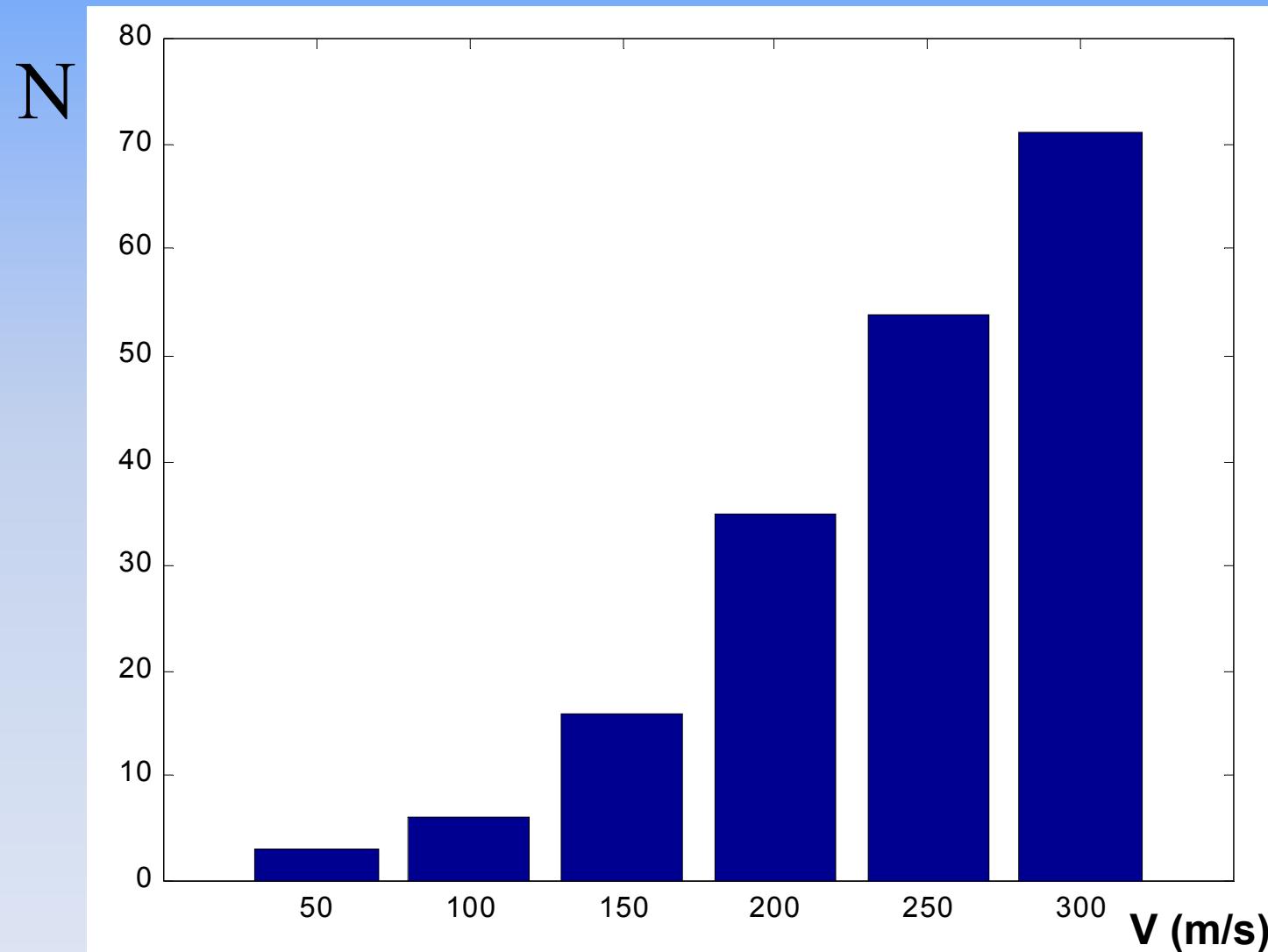
b) Energy barriers for atomic displacements



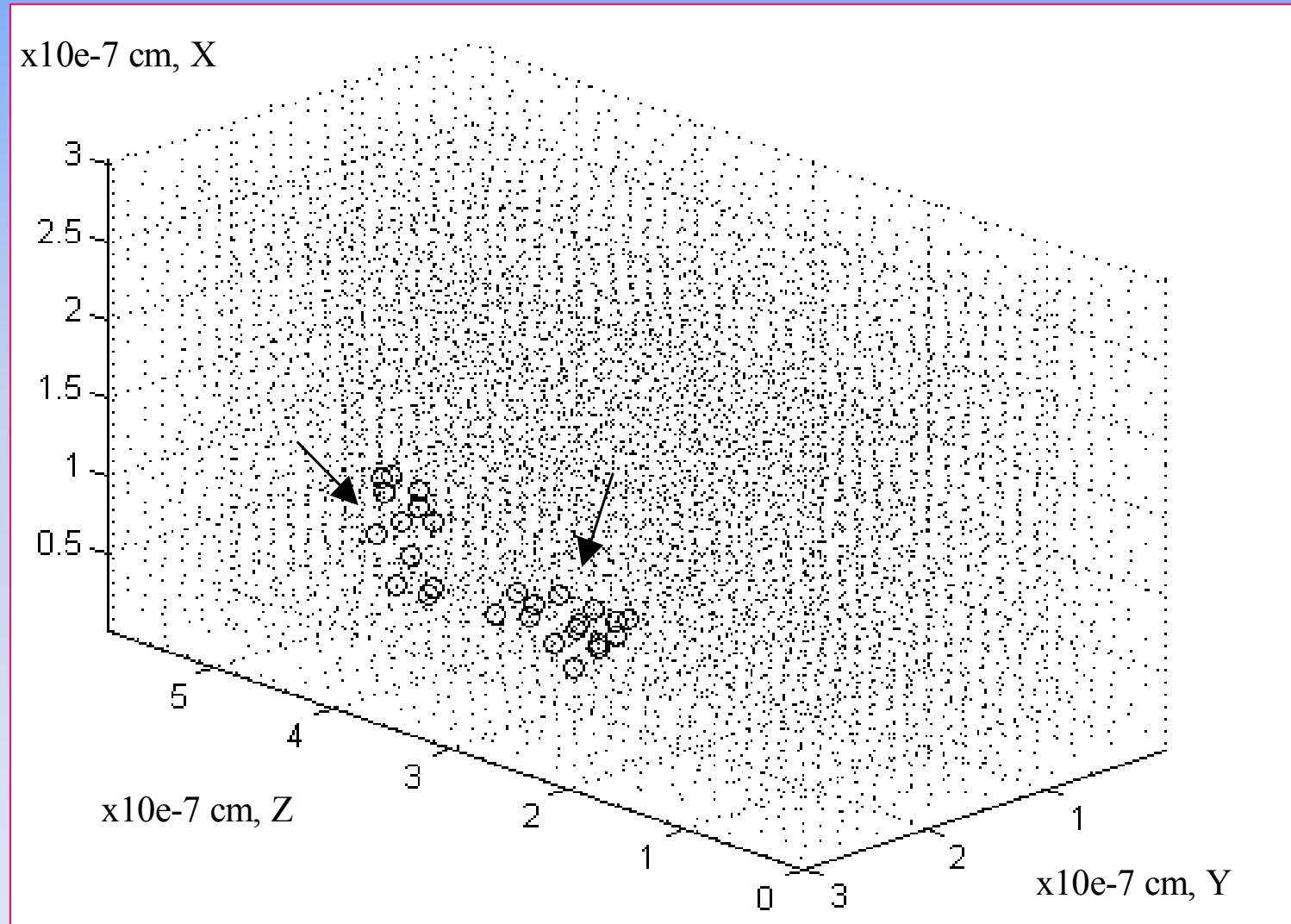
The changes of initial glass-like microstructure obtained by fast cooling of copper crystal lattice from 3000K up to 300K after the penetrating of shock wave having the average ion velocity behind shock wave  $V=20\ 000$  cm/s.



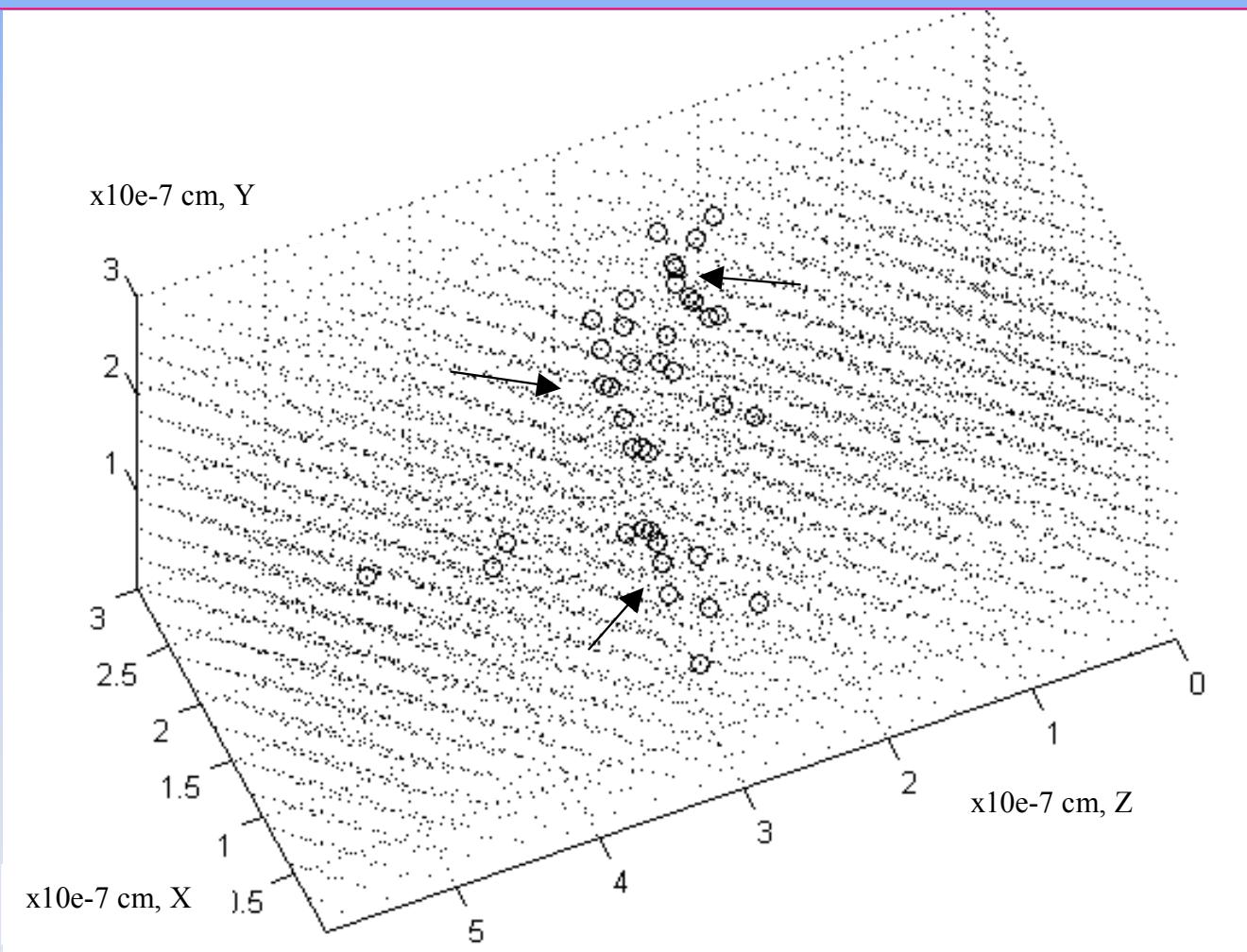
The dependence of number of displaced atoms as a function of average ion velocity behind shock wave in the initial glass-like microstructure obtained by fast cooling of copper crystal lattice from 3000K up to 300K.



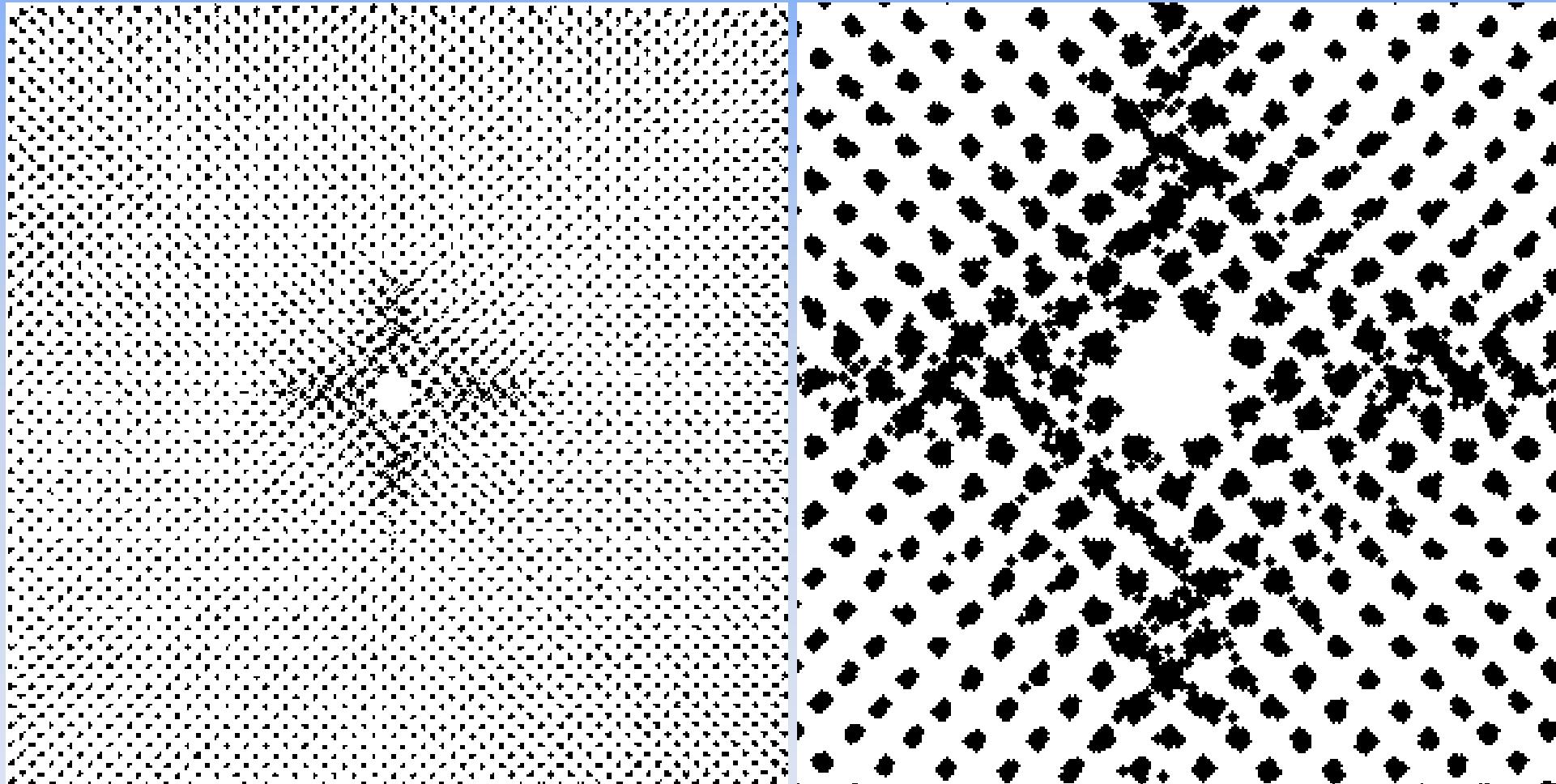
The changes of heated crystal-like microstructure at the temperature  $T_{in} = 800K$  after the penetratiting of shock wave having the average ion velocity behind shock wave  $V = 200$  m/s. The circles show the displaced atoms.



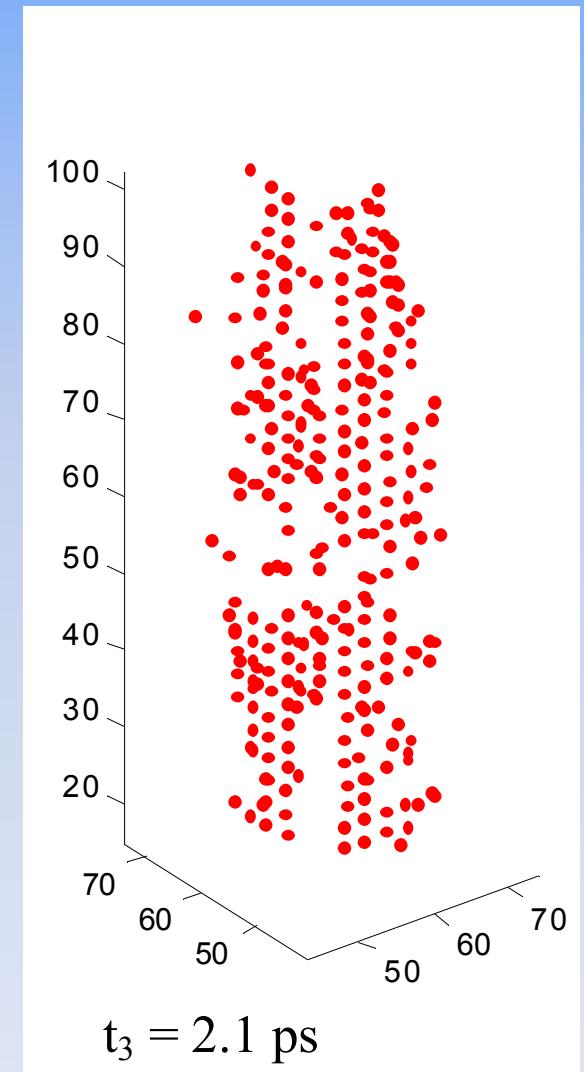
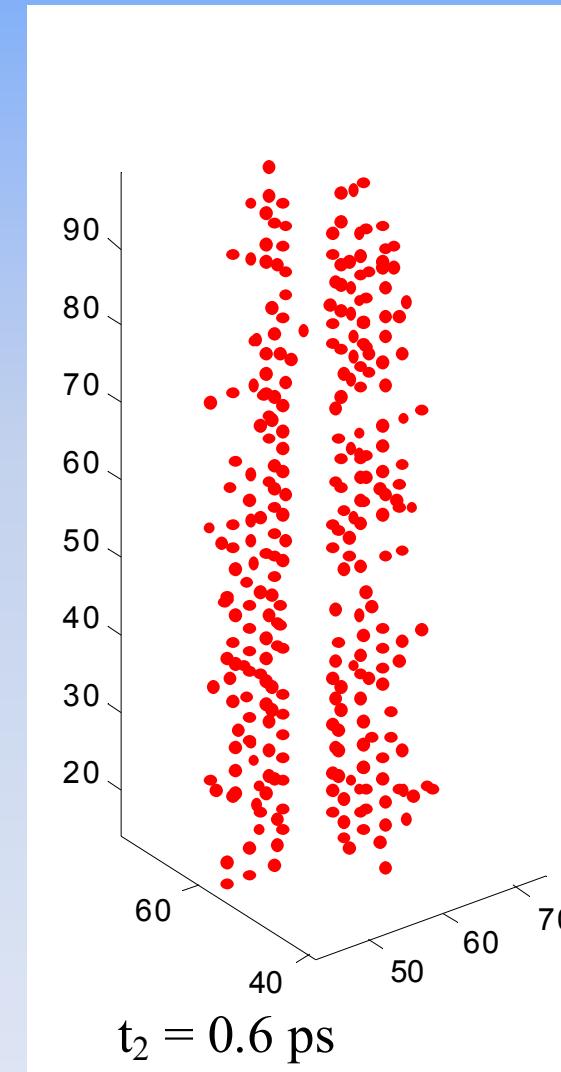
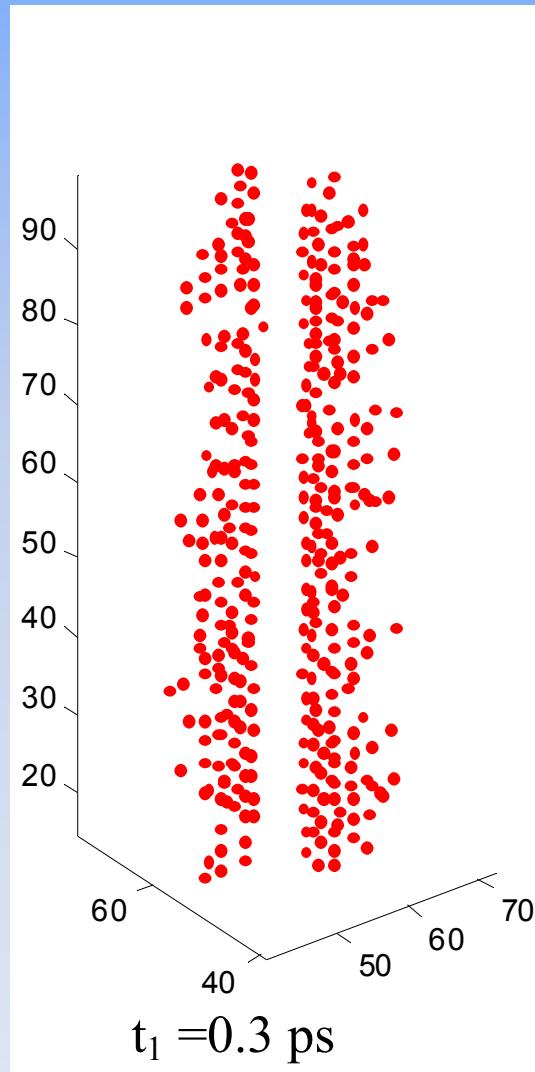
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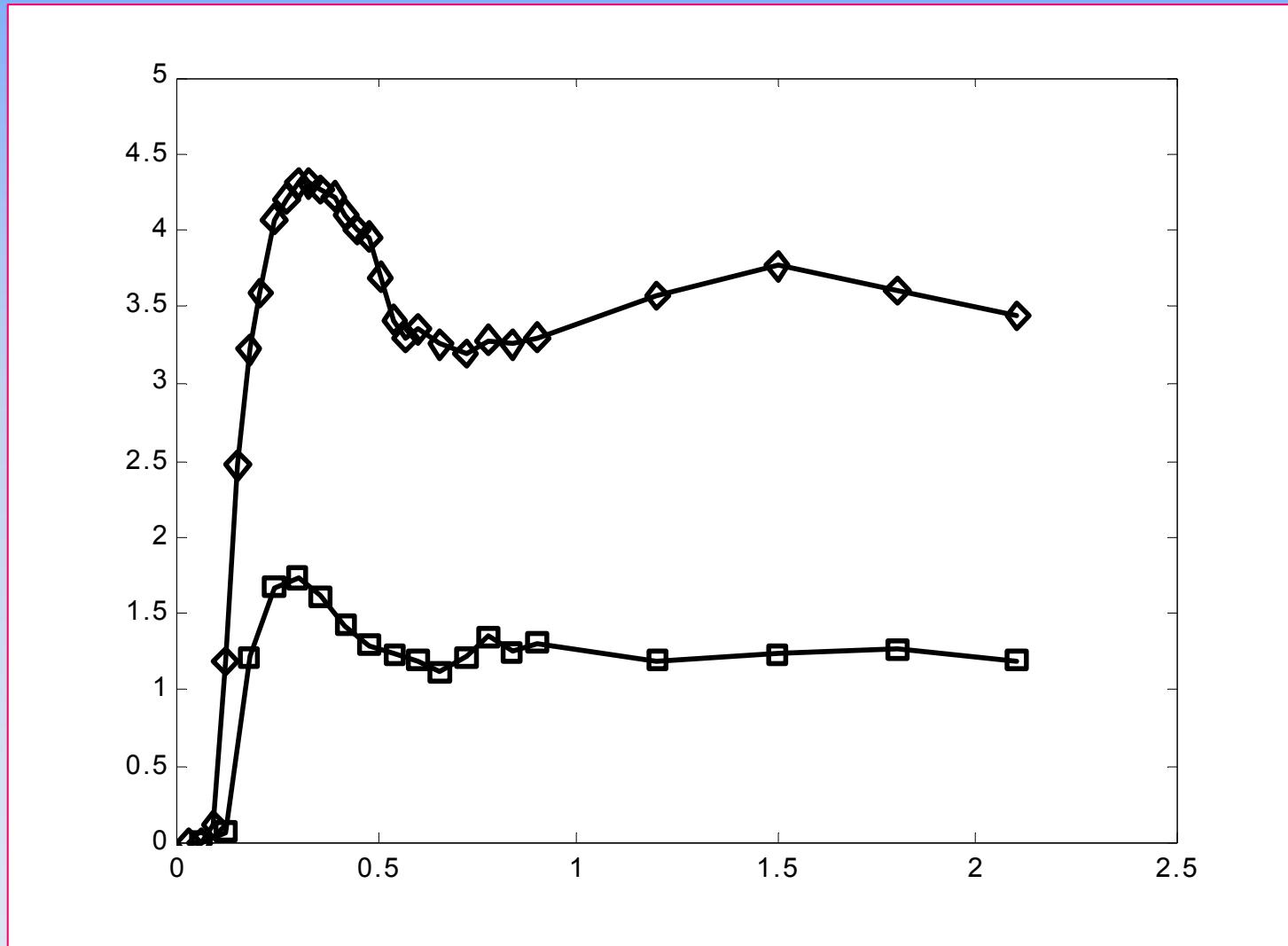
**Formation of channel produced by the shock wave initiated by swift heavy ion U ( $Z_1=92$ ) with the energy  $E = 10 \text{ MeV/nucl}$  in track area of iron crystal lattice at the temperature  $T = 300 \text{ K}$  at the simulation time  $t_1 = 0.3 \text{ ps}$ .**



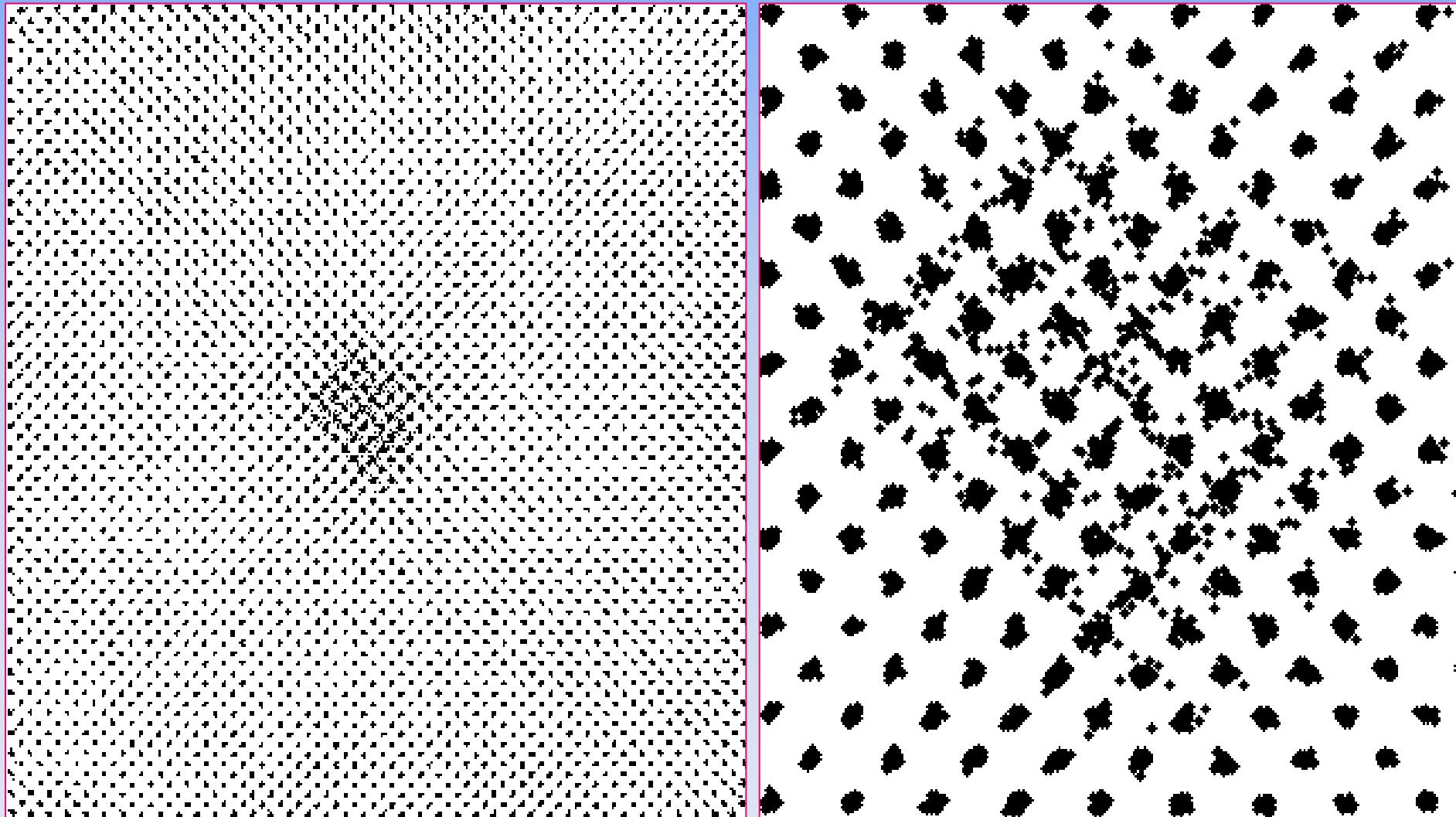
The results of numerical simulations for the spatial distribution of displaced atoms produced in track area by the shock wave initiated by swift heavy ion U ( $Z_1=92$ ) with the energy  $E = 10$  MeV/nucl in Fe at the temperature  $T = 300K$  at the three different simulation times:  $t_1 = 0.3$  ps,  $t_2 = 0.6$  ps and  $t_3 = 2.1$  ps.



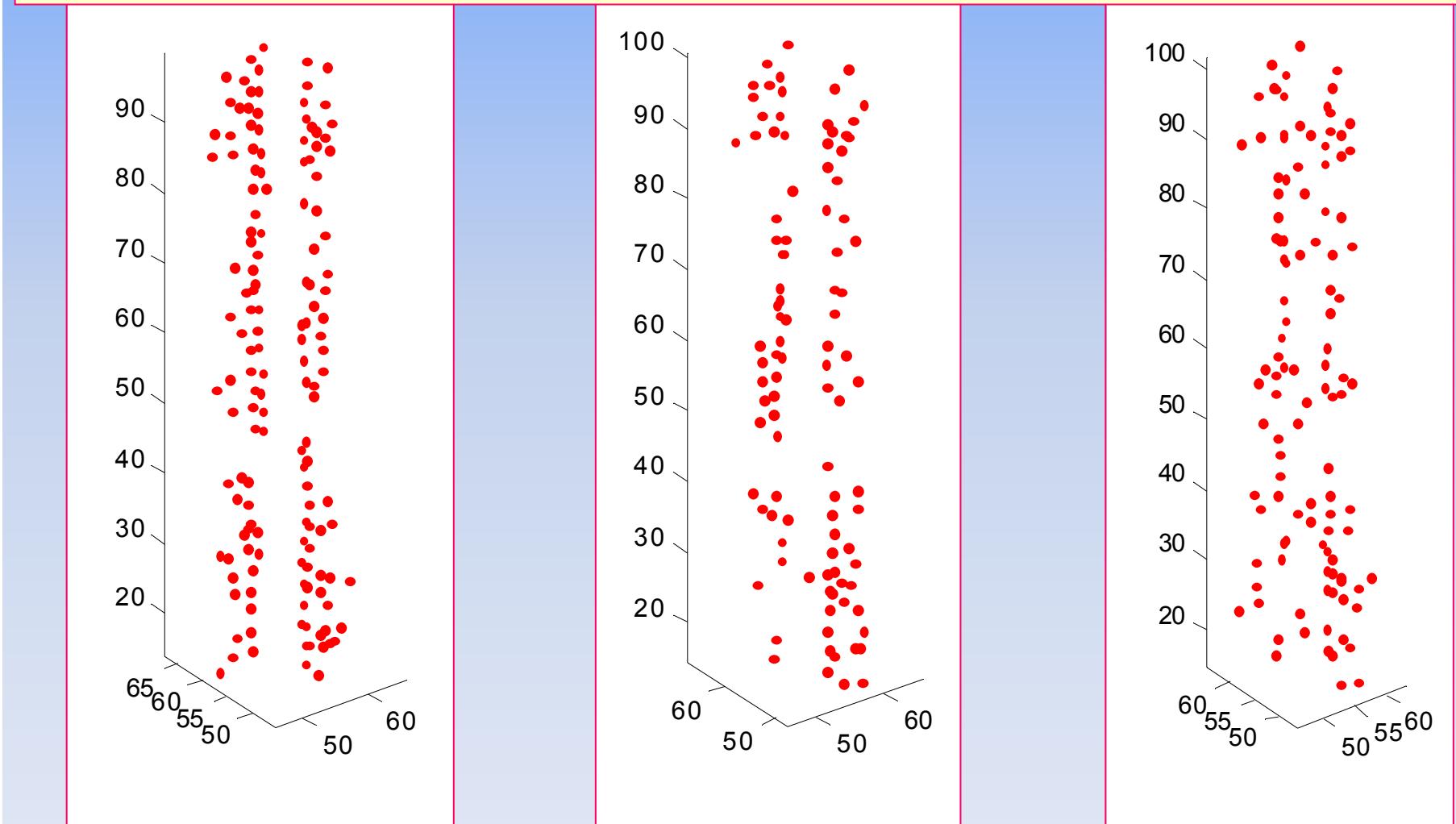
**Comparison of the production of displaced atoms per unit length in the iron crystal lattice by the shock waves initiated by two types of ions: 1) U ( $Z_1=92$ ) ion ( $\diamond$ ) and 2) Xe ( $Z_2=54$ ) ion ( $\square$ ) with energies  $E = 10 \text{ MeV/nucl}$  at the temperature  $T = 300 \text{ K}$  as a function of simulation time.**



**Microstructure of displaced atoms produced by the shock wave initiated by Xe ( $Z_2=54$ ) ion with energy  $E = 10 \text{ MeV/nucl}$  in the iron crystal lattice at the temperature  $T=300 \text{ K}$  and at the simulation time  $t = 2.1 \text{ ps}$ .**

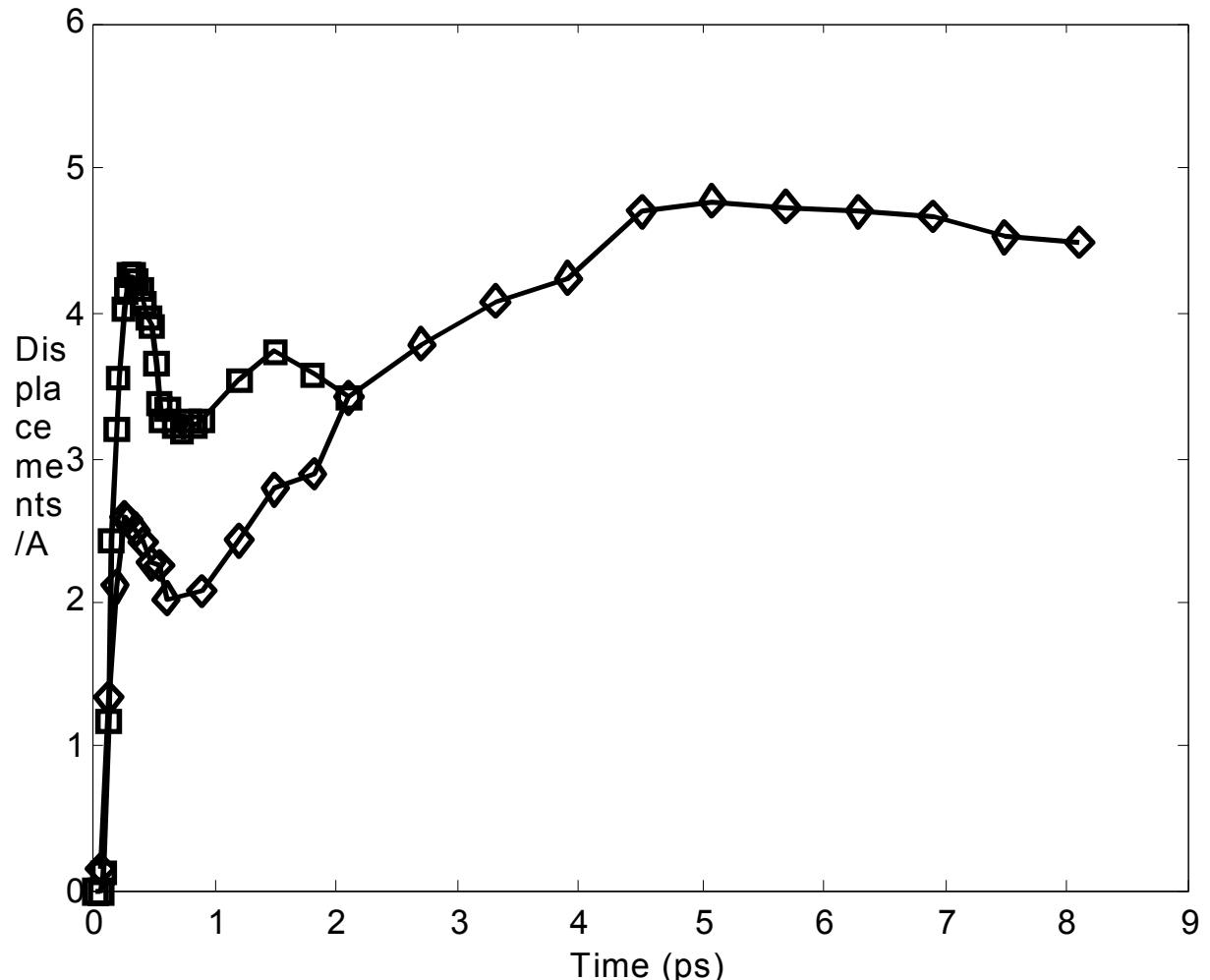


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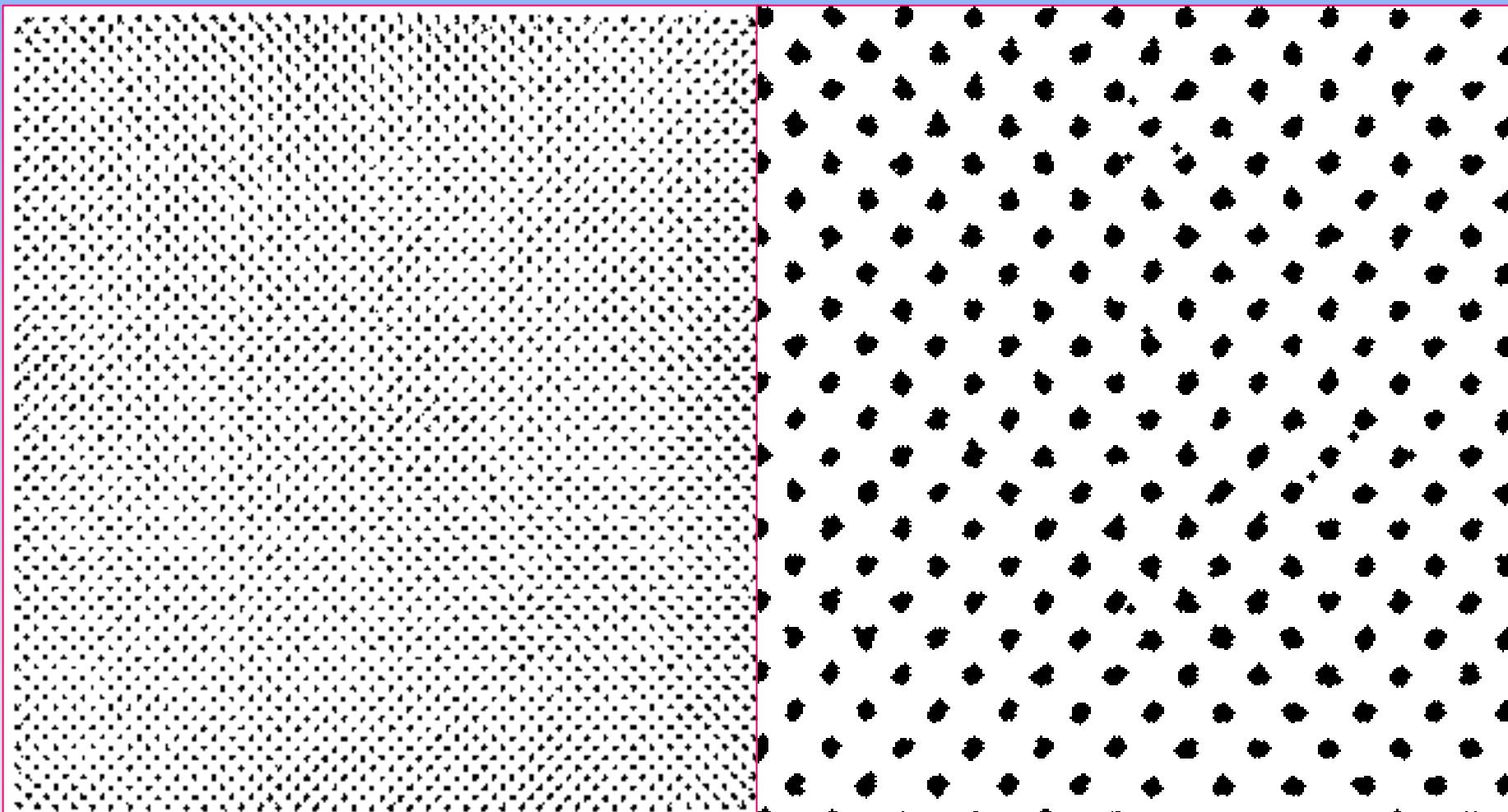


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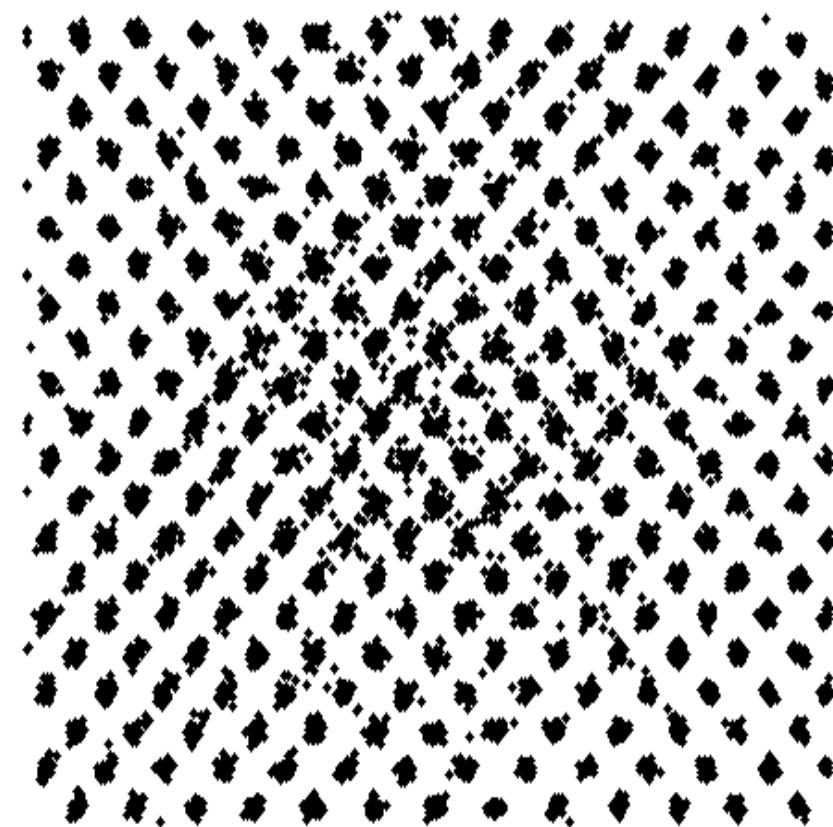
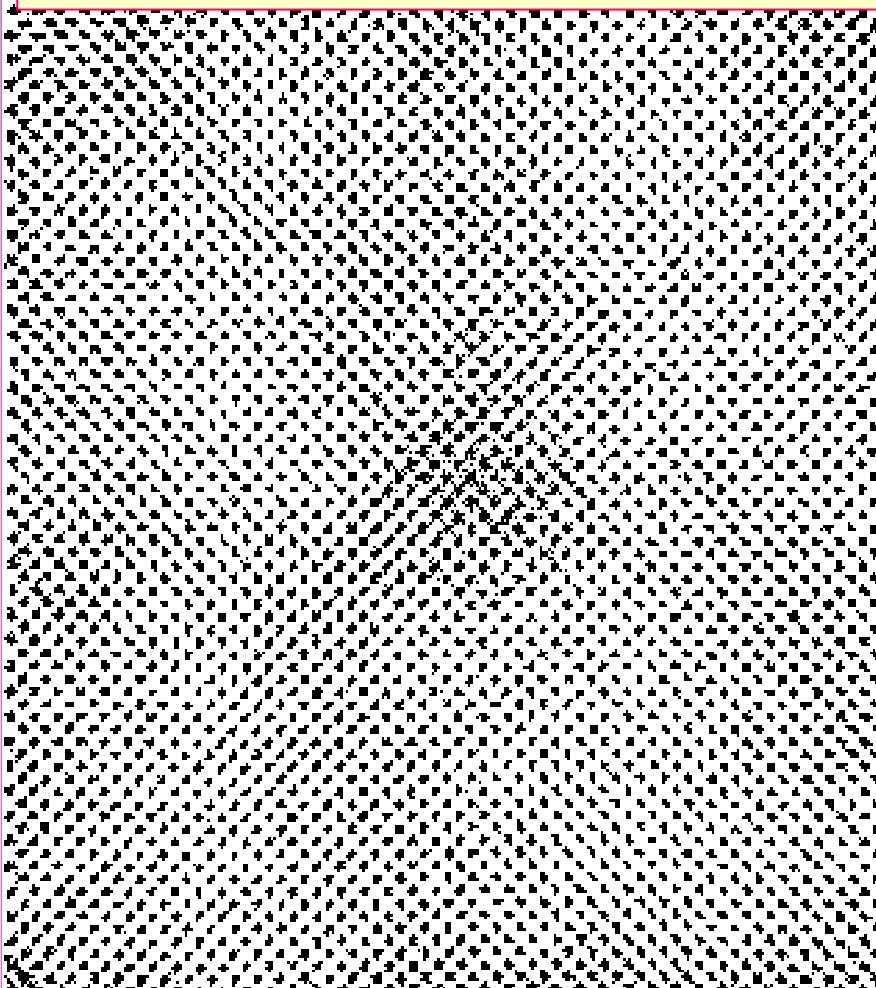
**1)  $T_1 = 273$  K (□) and 2)  $T_2 = 873$  K (◊) as a function of simulation time.**



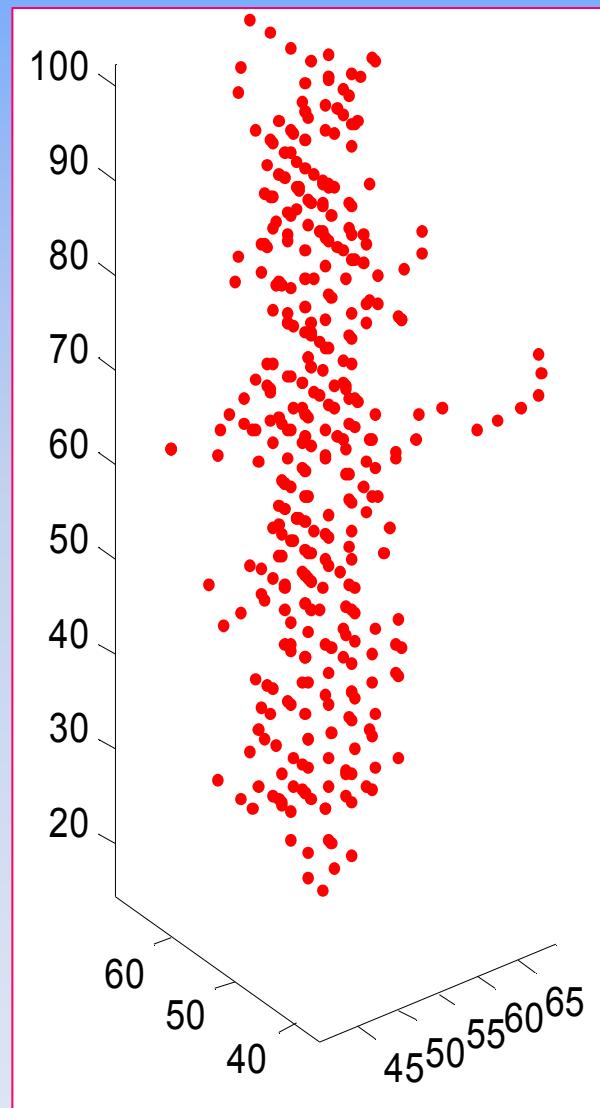
The results of numerical simulations of atomic microstructure in iron crystal lattice after the penetrating of fast particle Kr ( $Z_1=36$ ) with the energy  $E = 10 \text{ MeV/nucl}$  at the temperature  $T=300\text{K}$  at the simulation time  $t = 8 \text{ ps}$ .



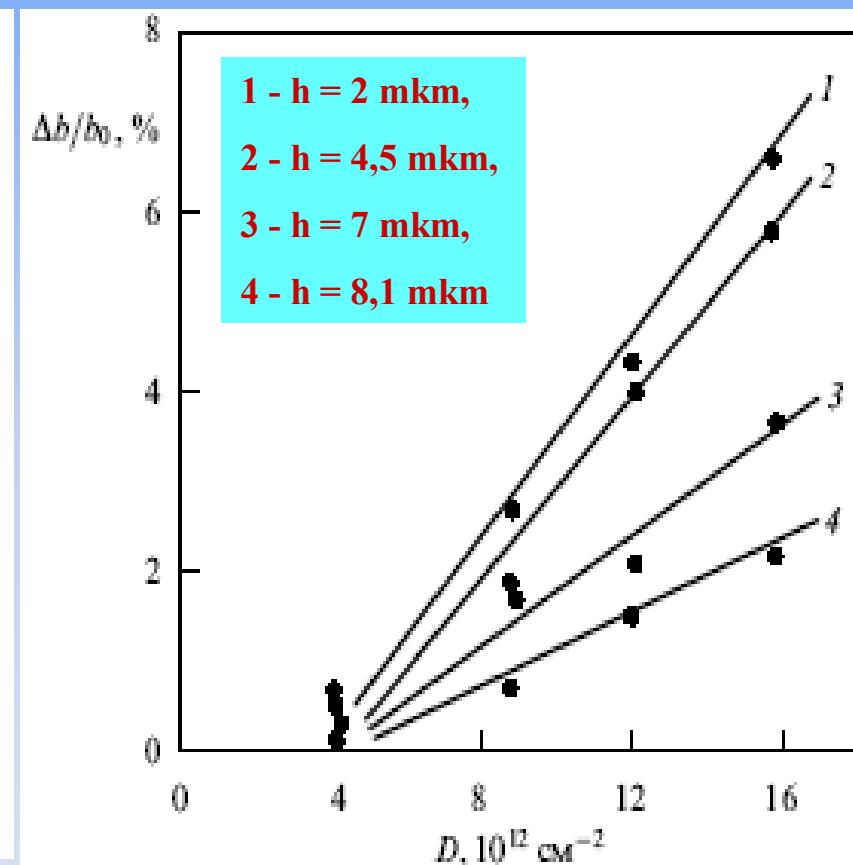
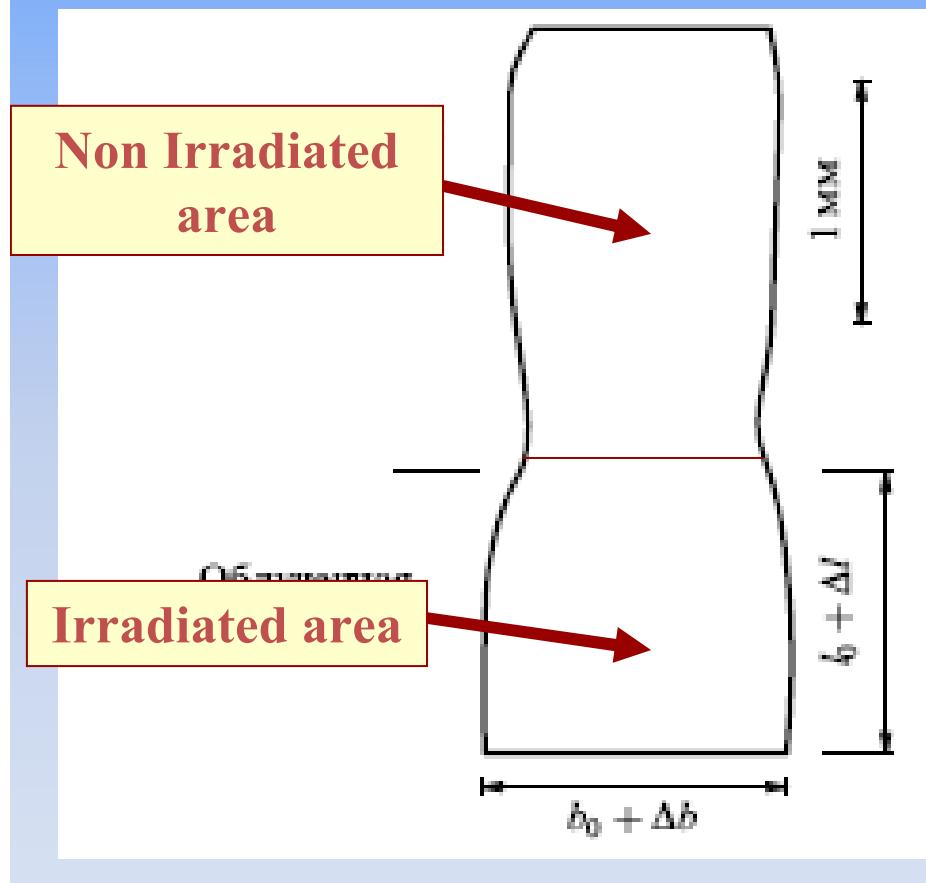
**The results of numerical simulations of atomic microstructure in Fe after the penetrating of fast particle U ( $Z_1=92$ ) with the energy  $E = 10 \text{ MeV/nucl}$  at the temperature  $T = 870 \text{ K}$  at the simulation time  $t = 8 \text{ ps}$ .**



Displaced atoms produced by the shock wave initiated by swift heavy ion U ( $Z_1=92$ ) with the energy  $E = 10 \text{ MeV/nucl}$  in Fe at the temperature  $T=870 \text{ K}$  at the relaxation (simulation) time  $t = 8 \text{ ps}$ .



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Amorphous alloy irradiated by Xe ions with  
the energy  $E = 1,34 \text{ MeV/n}$

