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**"Workshop on Ion Beam Studies of Nanomaterials:
Synthesis, Modification and Characterization"**

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Creation of nano structuring by ion beams

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Introduction

Nano structuring by low energy ions

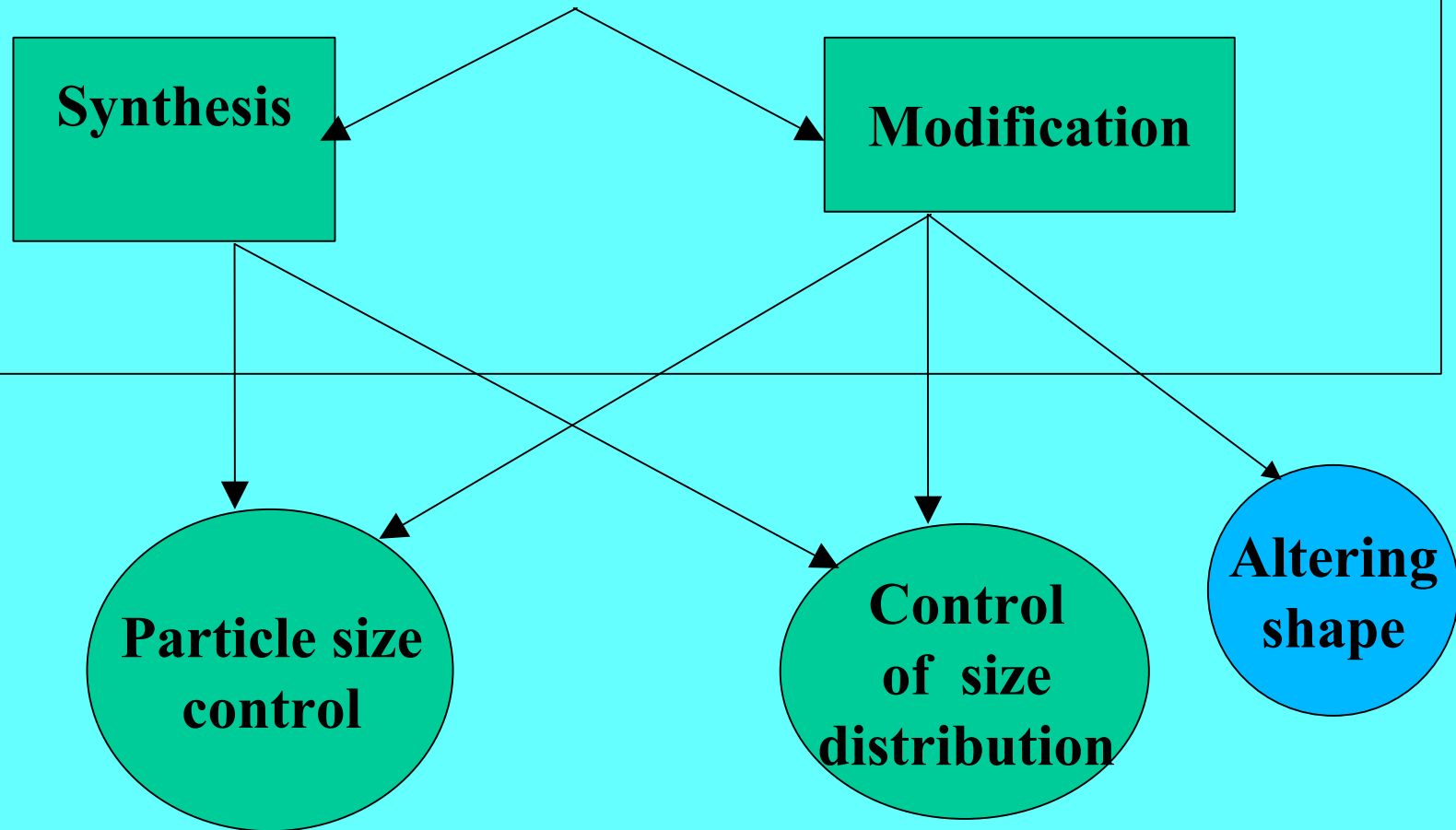
- (i) Atom beam co sputtering**
- (ii) low energy ions (0.5 to a few keV) co-sputtering**
- (iii) Ripple formation at surface by keV ions**
- (iv) Ion implantation**

Nano structuring by swift heavy ions

Influence of SHI on nano particles

Summary

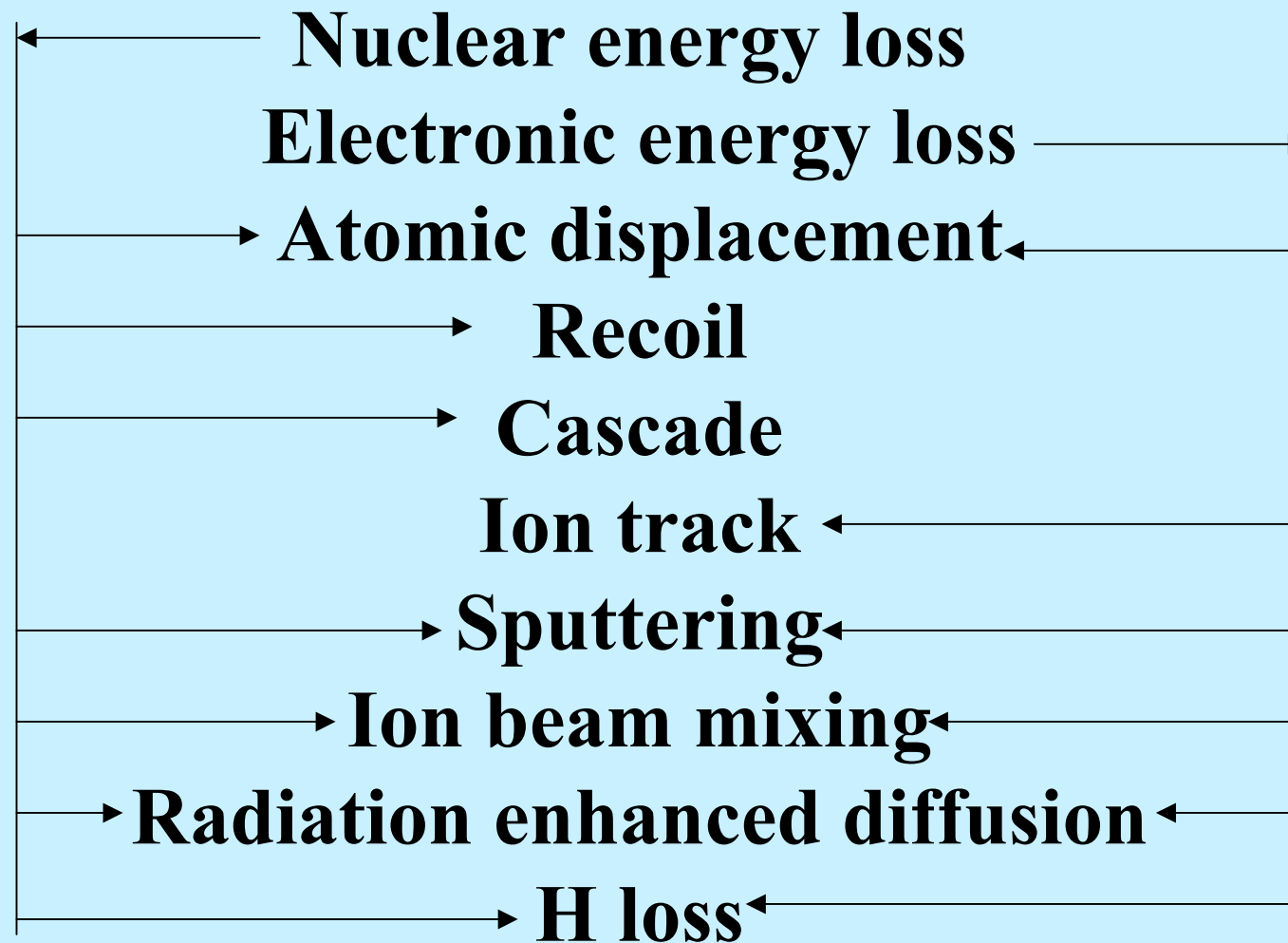
Role of energetic ion beams in nano materials



Energetic ion beams (keV to a few MeV):

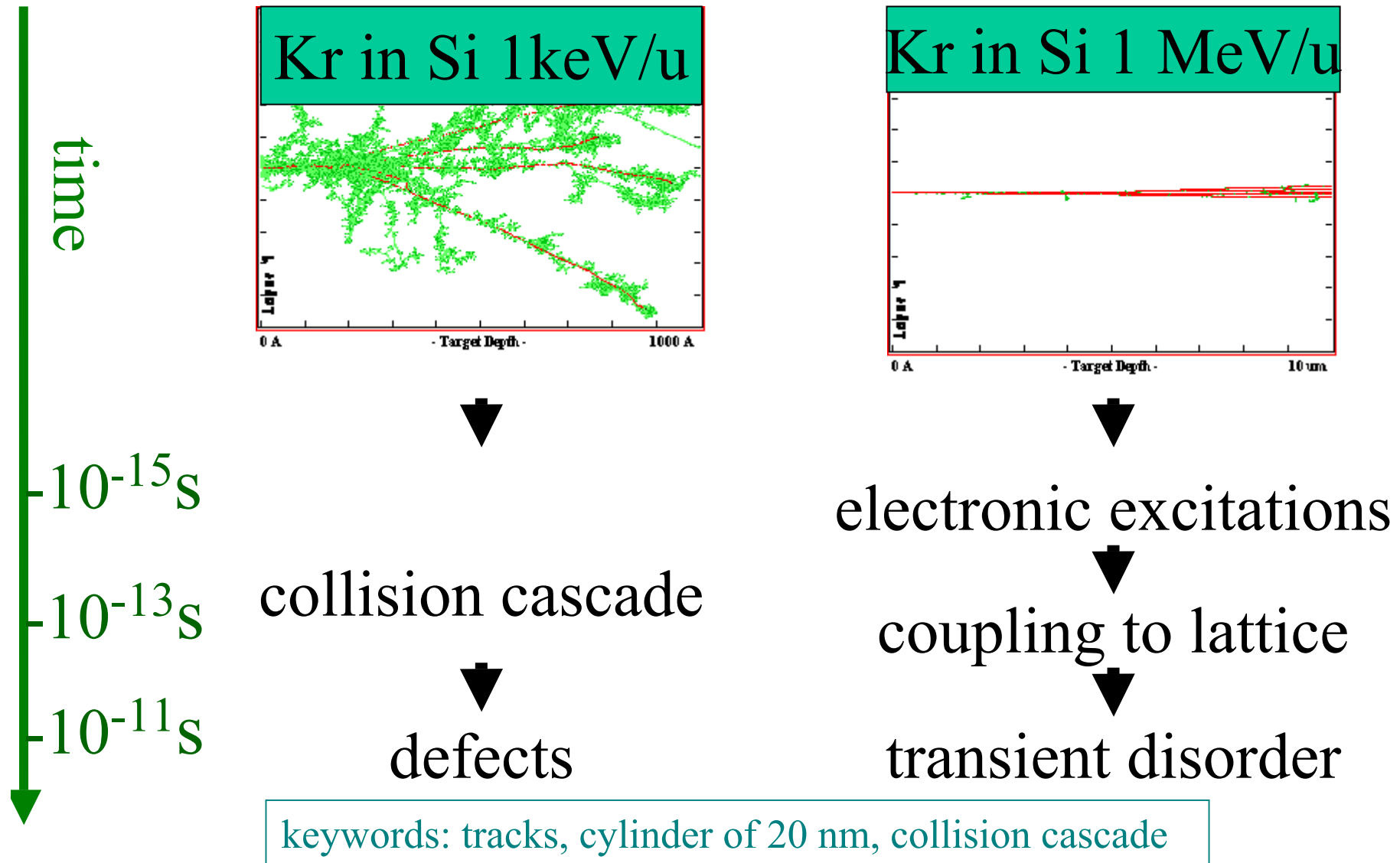
- **Up to a few keV ions are used**
 - *To sputter the target material and the sputtered atoms re-assembles at suitable surface to form nano particles**
 - * To generate nanostructures at surface which acts as template to grow nanostructure**
- **Up to a few MeV are used for:**
 - * Creating nanostructures by ion implantation and subsequent annealing**
 - * Creating nanostructures by irradiation**

Basic ion beam interaction and phenomena



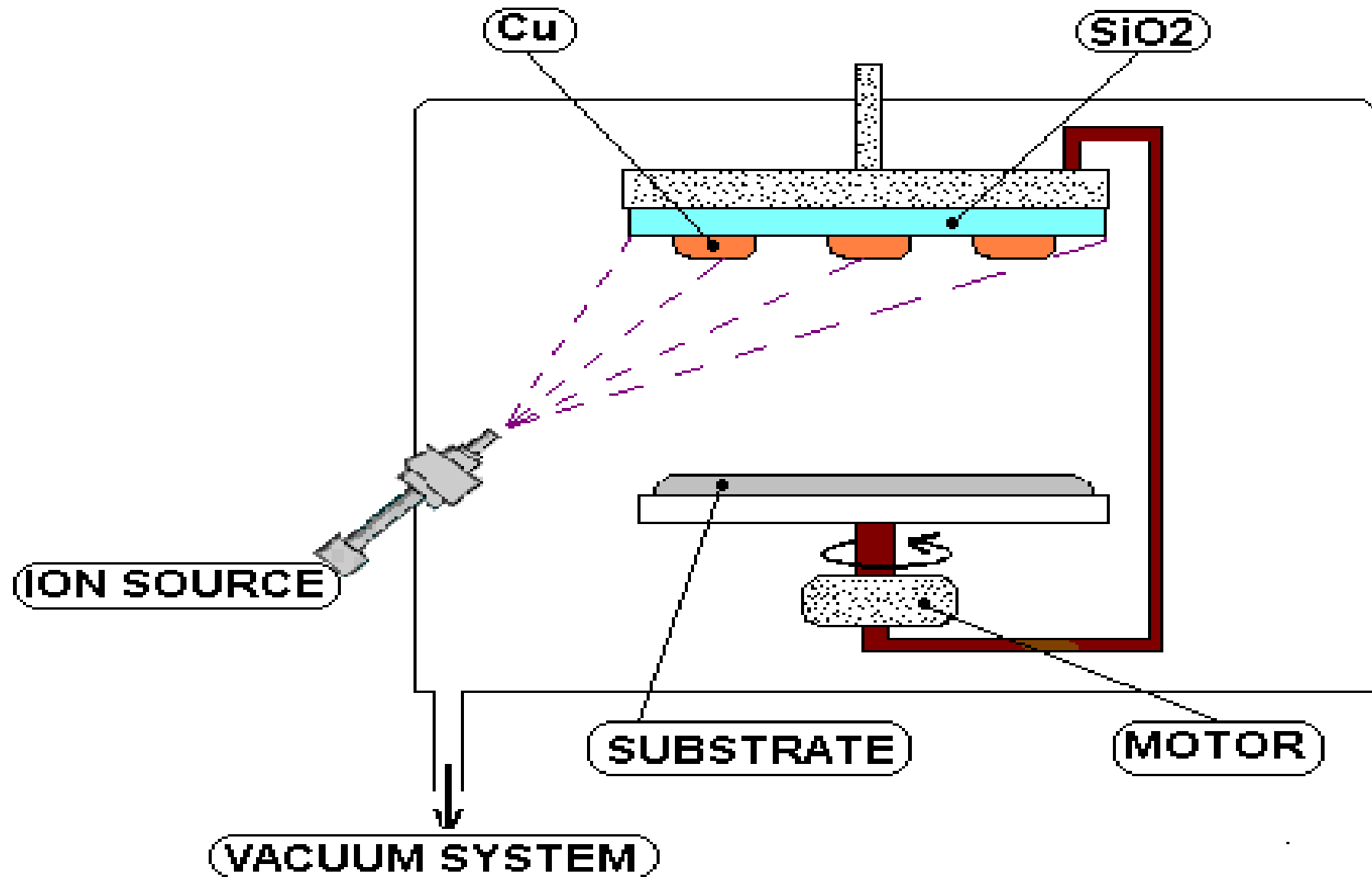
Specific features of ion beams

increasing energy →

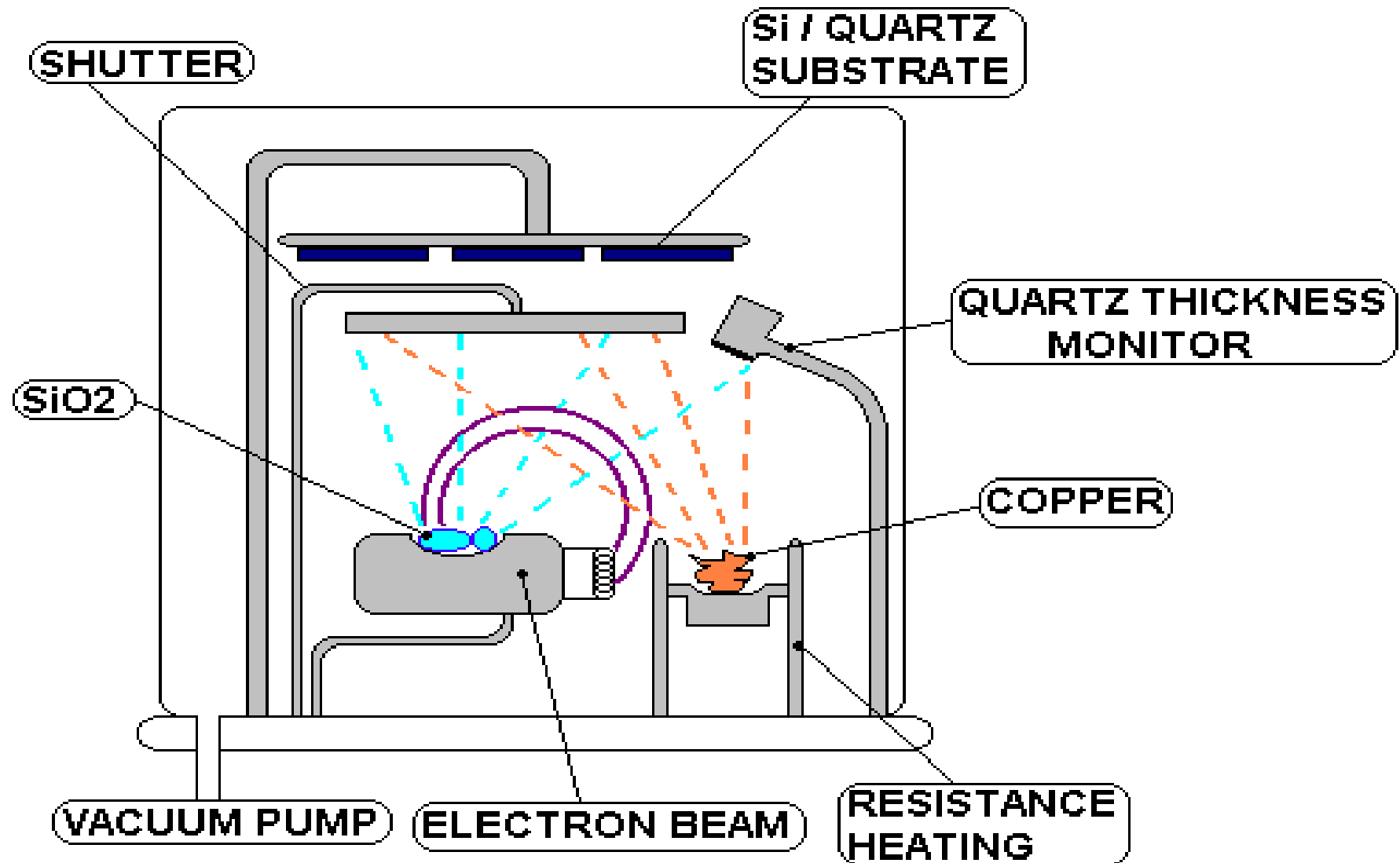


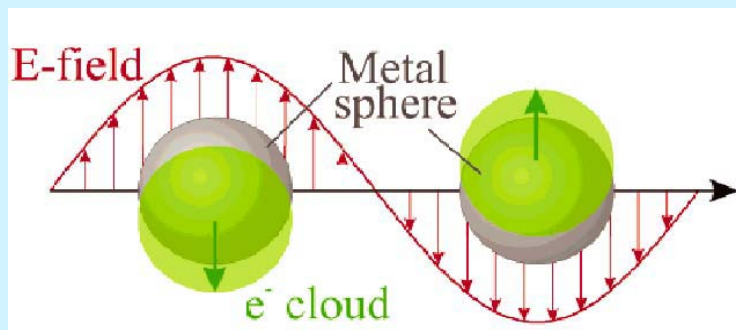
Nano structuring by low energy ions

Growth of nano particles by ion beam co-sputtering



Growth of nano-particles in silica by co deposition





ω_{plasmon} tuned by:

- nature of metal
- cluster size, shape, separation
- dielectric matrix

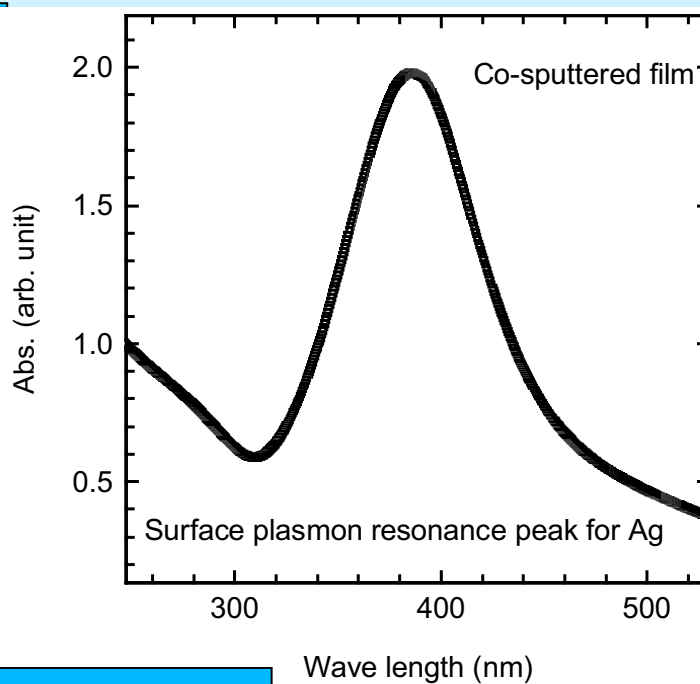
Atom beam co-sputtering

Thermal co-deposition

SPR peak observed without annealing

Uniform concentration of Ag in silica seen by RBS

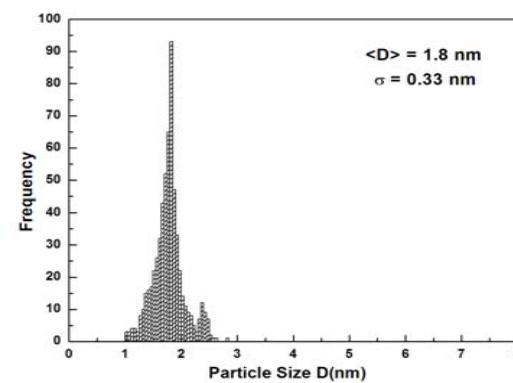
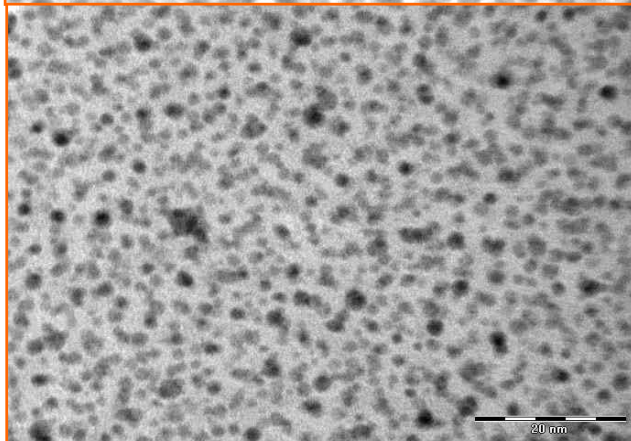
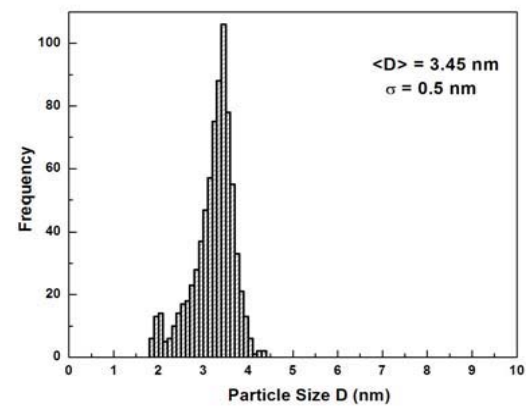
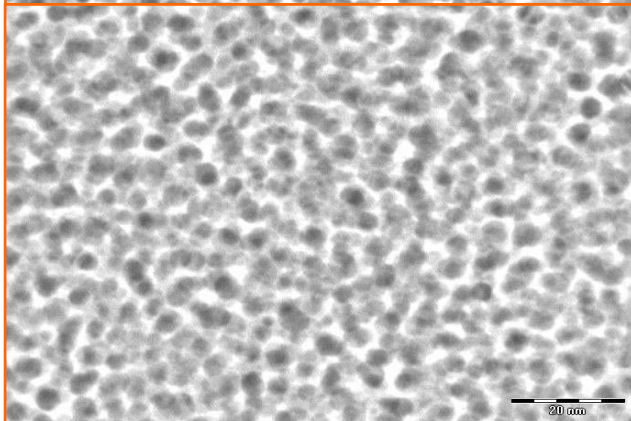
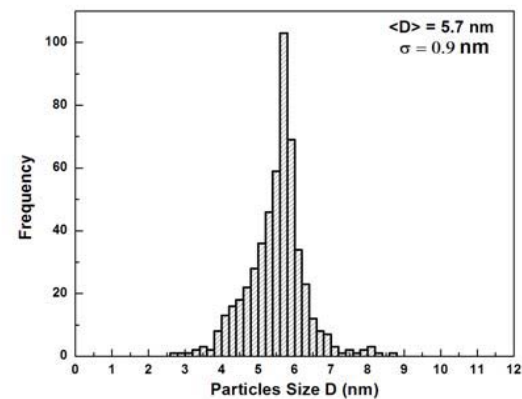
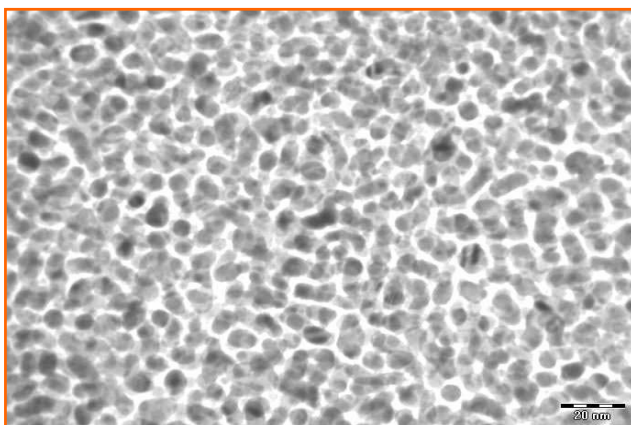
Kabiraj et al, NIM B244 (2006)100



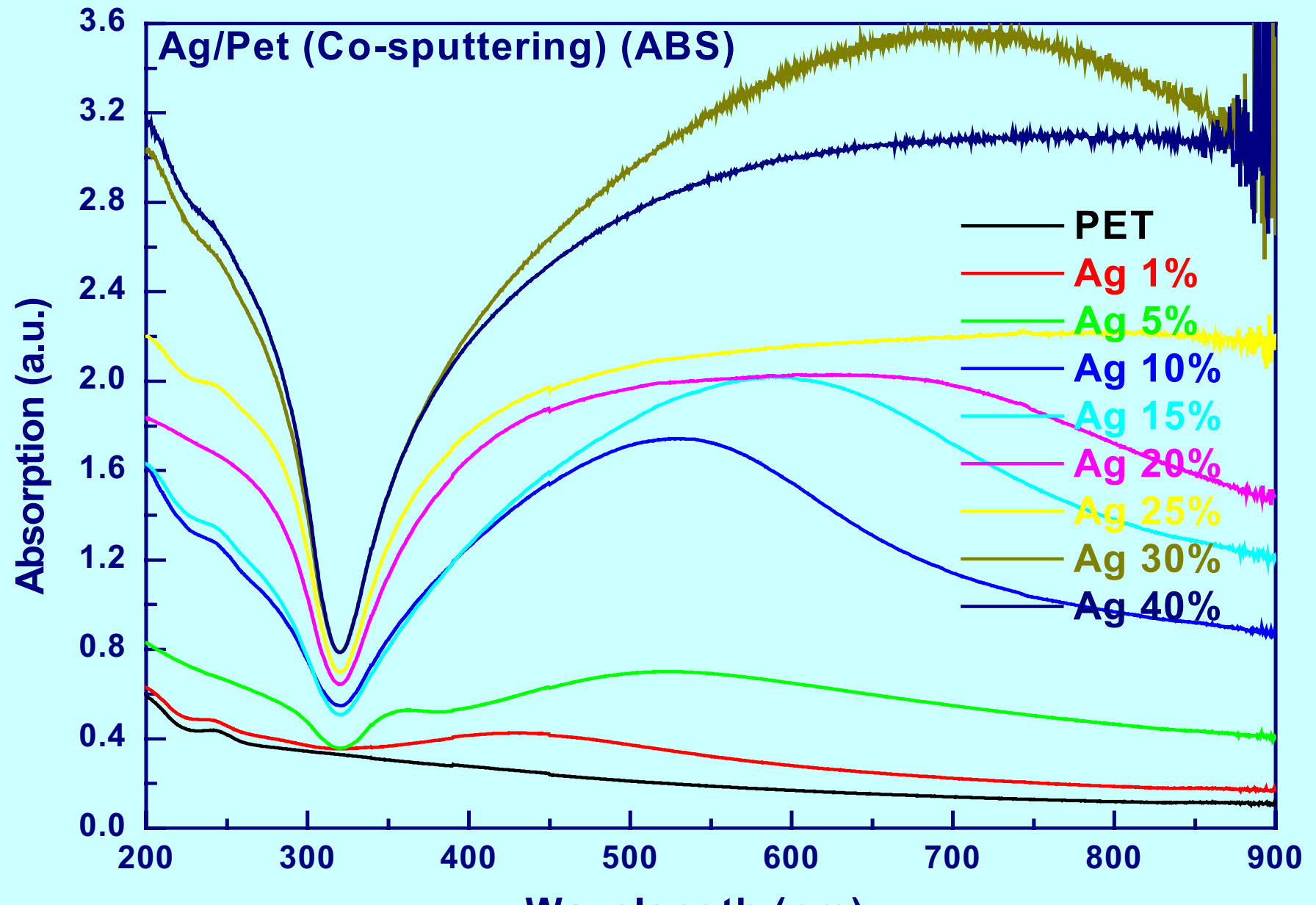
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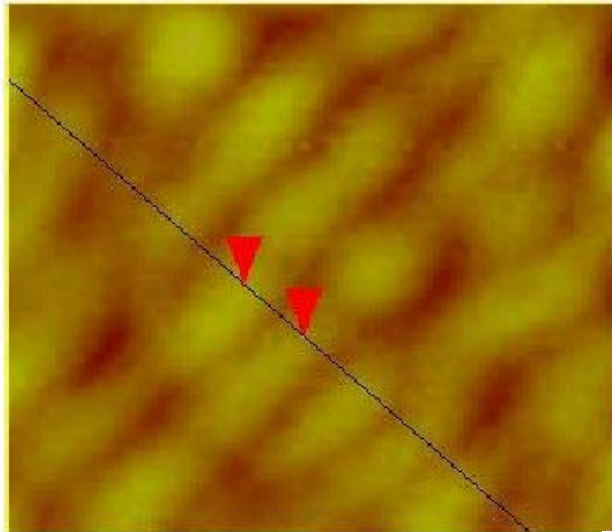
Au nanoparticles by co-sputtering



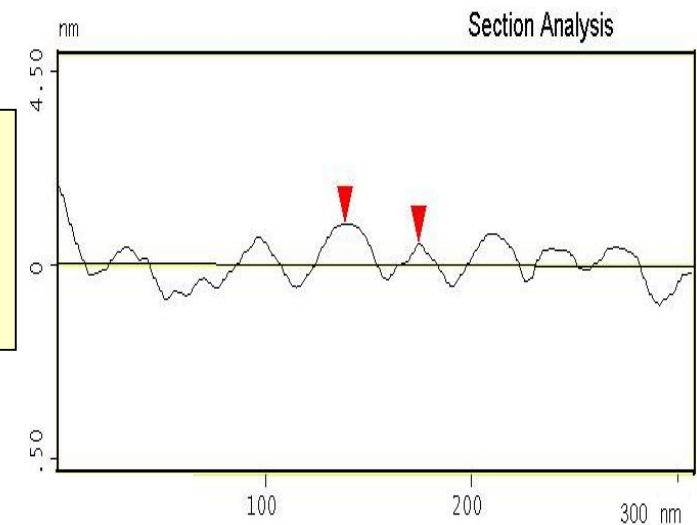
Application of metal polymer nanocomposite as band pass filter



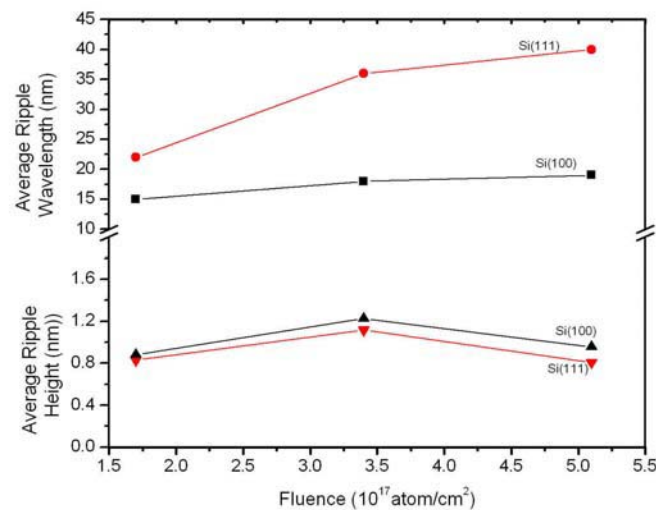
Ripple formation in Si by 1.5 keV Ar atom beam



**Kulriya et al, NIM
B 244(2006)95.
IUAC Delhi**

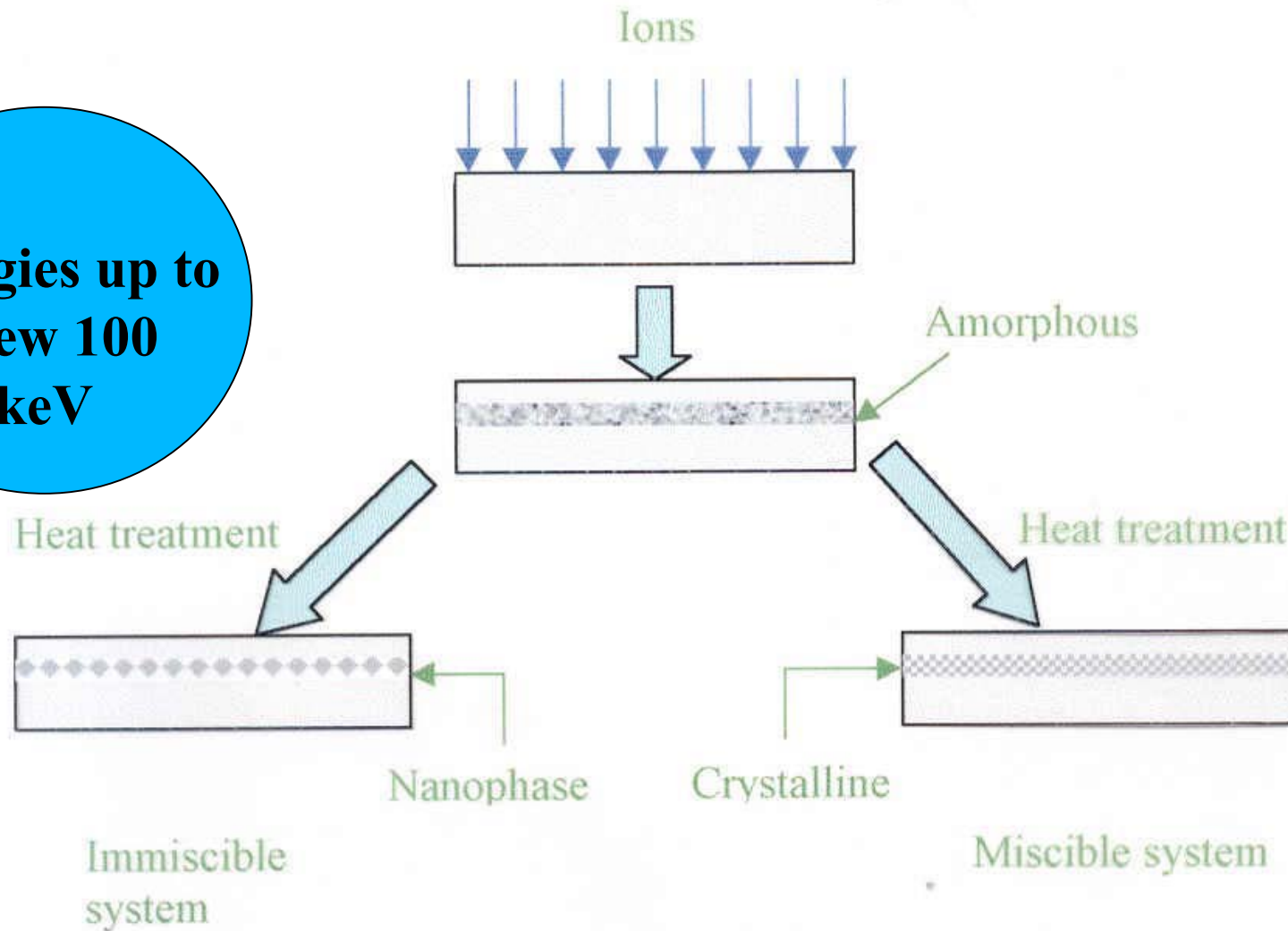


**Erosion and surface
diffusion resulting
in surface ripples**

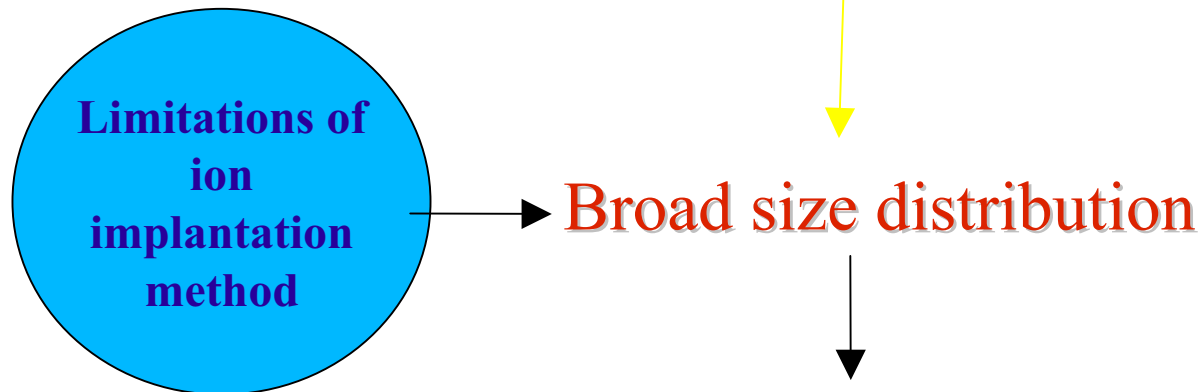


Synthesis by ion implantation

Energies up to
a few 100
keV



Ion implantation followed by high temperature thermal annealing which leads to Ostwald ripening



This problem may be over come using Swift Heavy Ion (SHI) Irradiation

Implantation of 200 keV Si on SiO₂

Annealed at 1050 °C

Nanophase formation

SHI irradiated using 70 MeV Si

Annealing at
900 °C

For nanoprecipitation

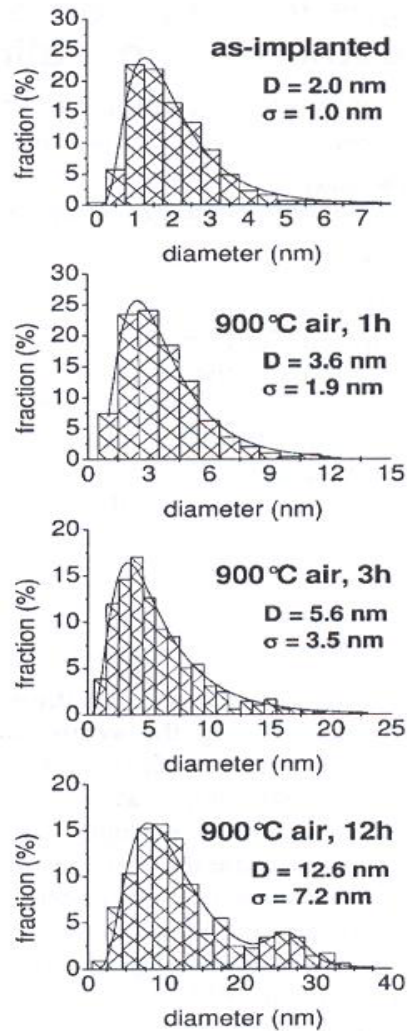
Characterization

- ♦ Photoluminescence
- ♦ UV-Visible Absorption

*T.Mohanty et al,
Nanotechnology 15 (2004) 1620*

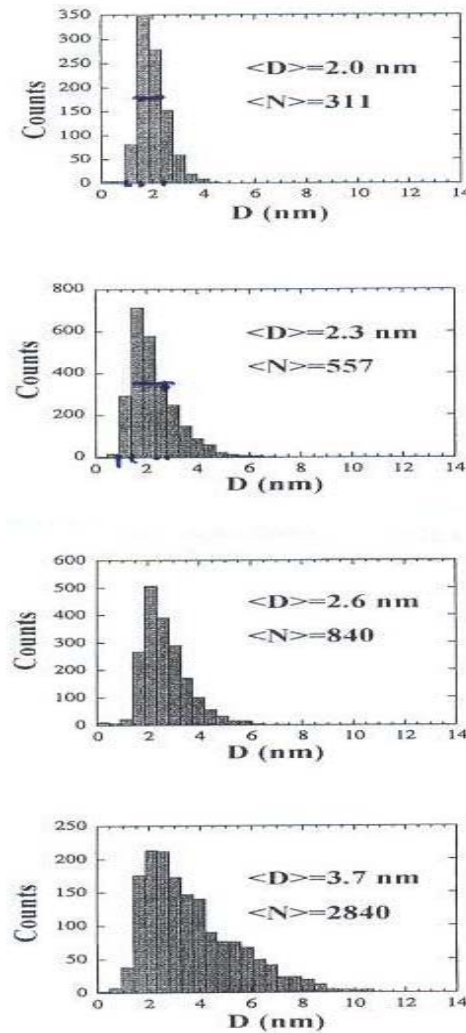
Size distributions of Au nanoparticles achieved from different techniques

Ion Implantation



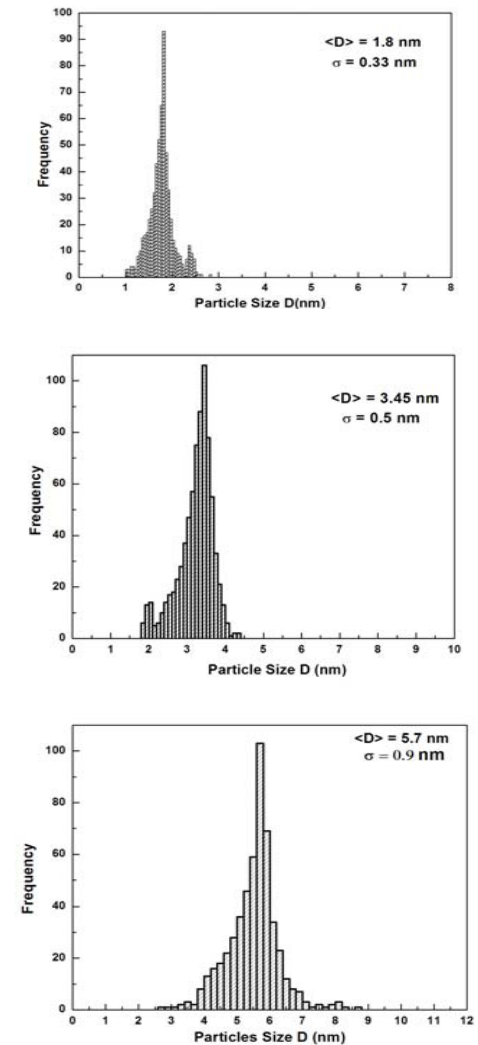
G. D. Marchi, JAP, 92, 4249 (2002)

Pulse Laser Deposition



B. Palpant, PRB, 57, 1963 (1998)

Atom Beam Sputtering

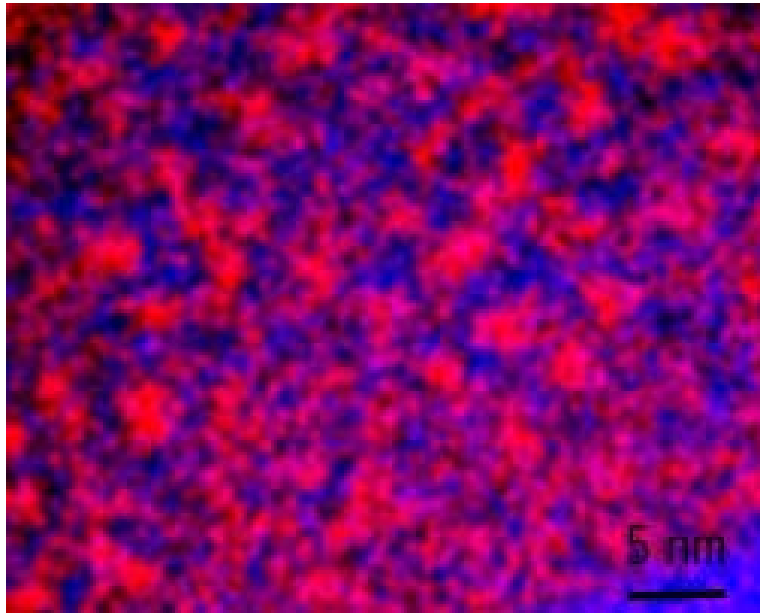


Nano phase by low energy ions

The C precipitation is characterized by TEM and a strong red luminescence

TEM image with energy filtering:
electrons scattered by C in red,
by Si in blue

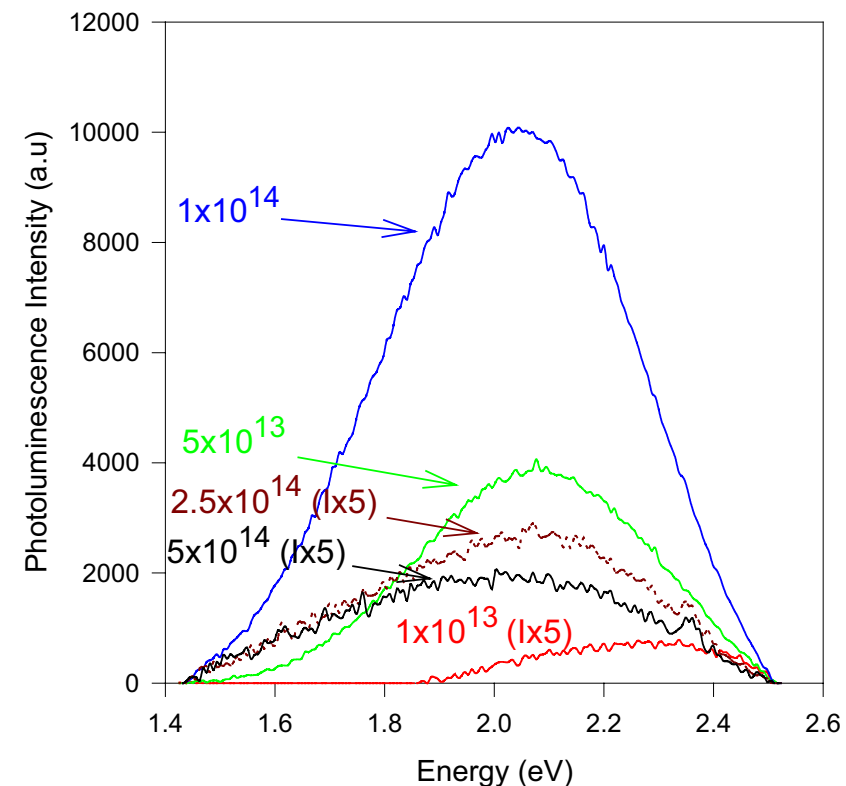
example: MTES+ 10^{14} Au 3 MeV



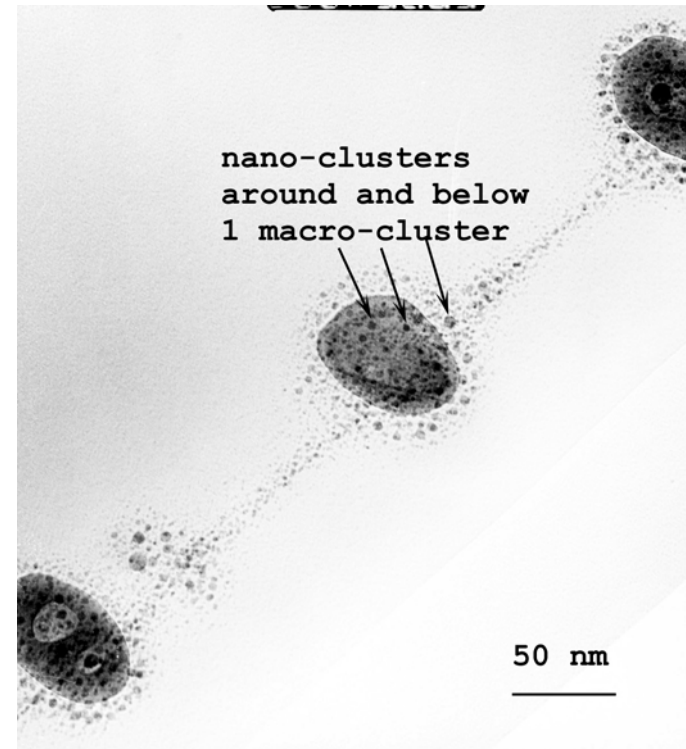
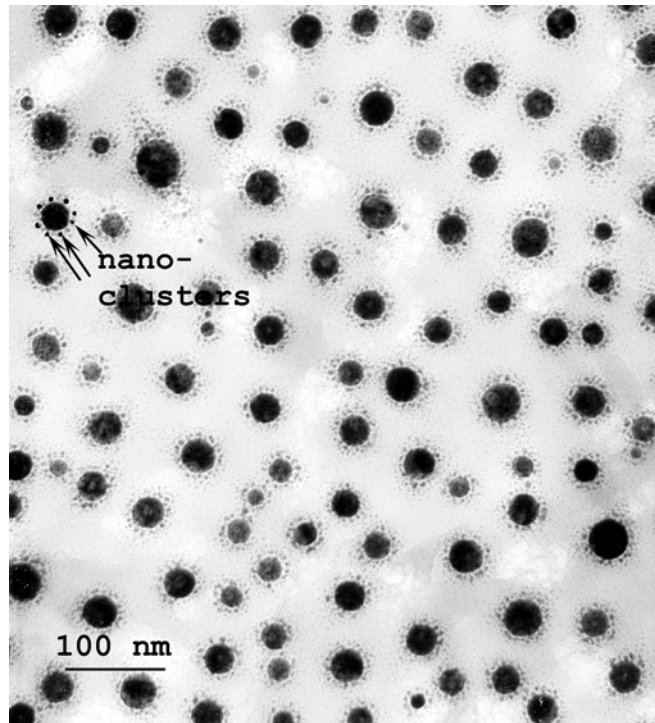
CSNSM Orsay/NSC Delhi
Indo French Project
NIMB 236 (2005) 73.

Clusters grow and become graphitic
(like in thermally treated films) with
increasing fluence ϕ

example : MTES + 3 MeV Au



Particles formed by mixing-reprecipitation



2 sets of Ag particles formed by (a) spheroidization and (b) mixing + reprecipitation from a 8 nm layer under 4 MeV Au irradiation ($10^{16}/\text{cm}^2$)

•Pivin et al (2002) *European Physical Journal D* 20 , 251

Nano structuring by swift heavy ions

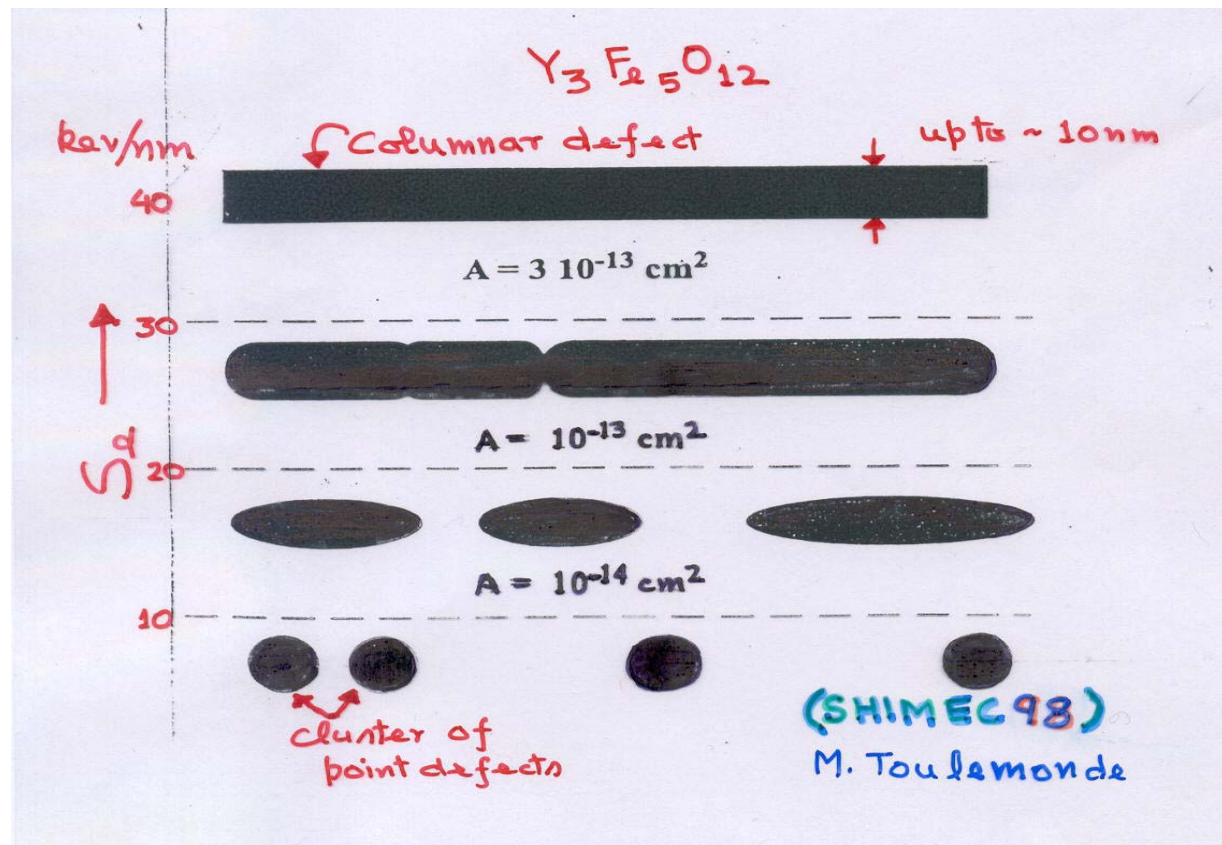
- **Engineering of defects by ion beams**

Ion mass and Energy : S_e

Type of defects

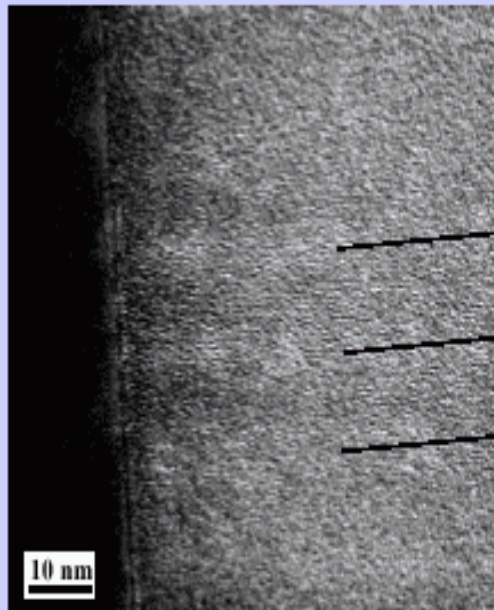
Fluence (ions / cm^2)

No. of defects

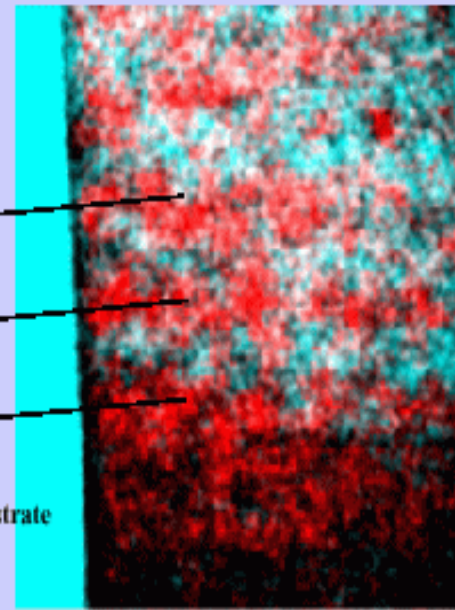


Nano phase generation by swift heavy ion beam

HPCS films, irradiated with 2×10^{12} Au ions at 100 MeV



TEM image



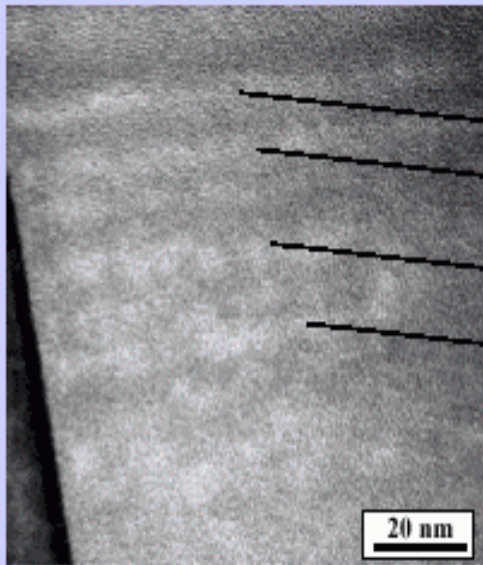
Si substrate

EELS image
(red: carbon, turquoise: silicon)

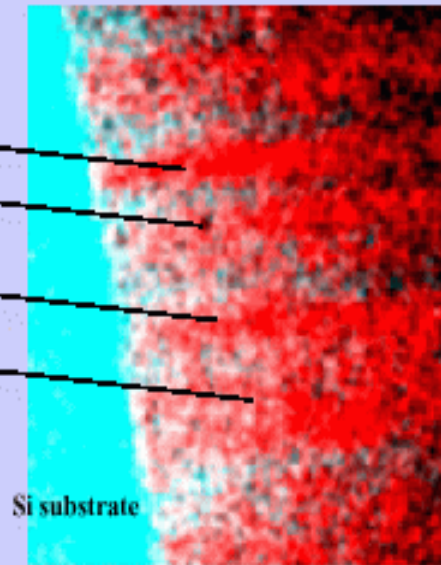
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Nano phase generation by SHI

HPCS films, irradiated with 5×10^{12} Au ions at 100 MeV



TEM image



EFTEM image
(red: carbon, turquoise: silicon)

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S.K. Srivastava et al, Nanotechnology (in press)

Low energy & SHI irradiation of Si based polymers

Low energy ion
irradiation

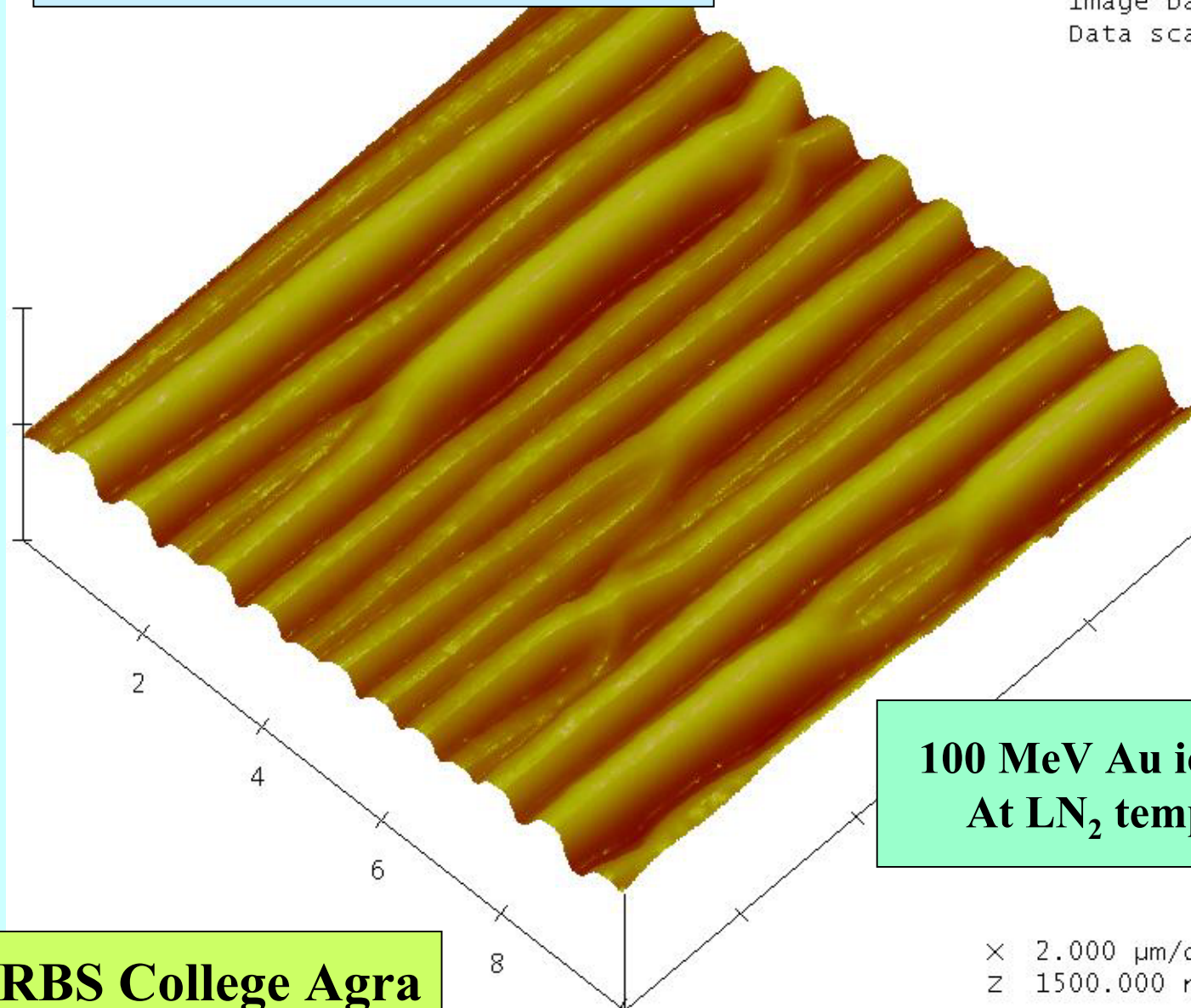
Nano particles
Size dependent on fluence

High energy
ion
(SHI)
irradiation

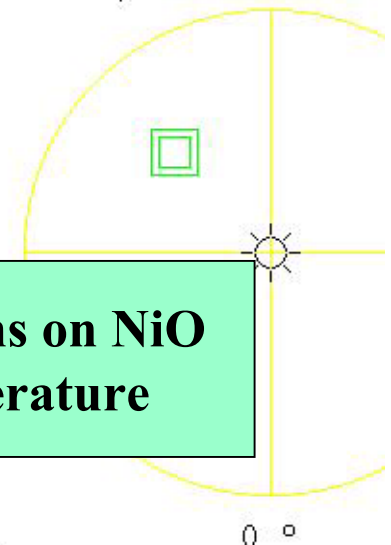
Clusters aligned in narrow columns
Resembling Nanowire

Ripples at surface by SHI

Digital Instruments NanoScope
Scan size 10.00 μm
Scan rate 1.507 Hz
Number of samples 256
Image Data Height
Data scale 1.500 μm



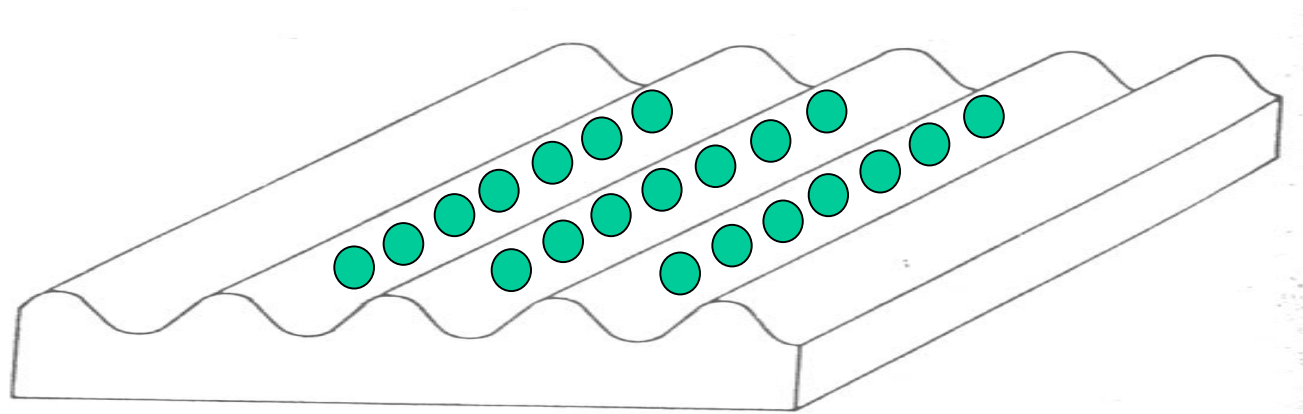
□ view angle
⊙ light angle



**100 MeV Au ions on NiO
At LN₂ temperature**

× 2.000 $\mu\text{m}/\text{div}$
z 1500.000 nm/div

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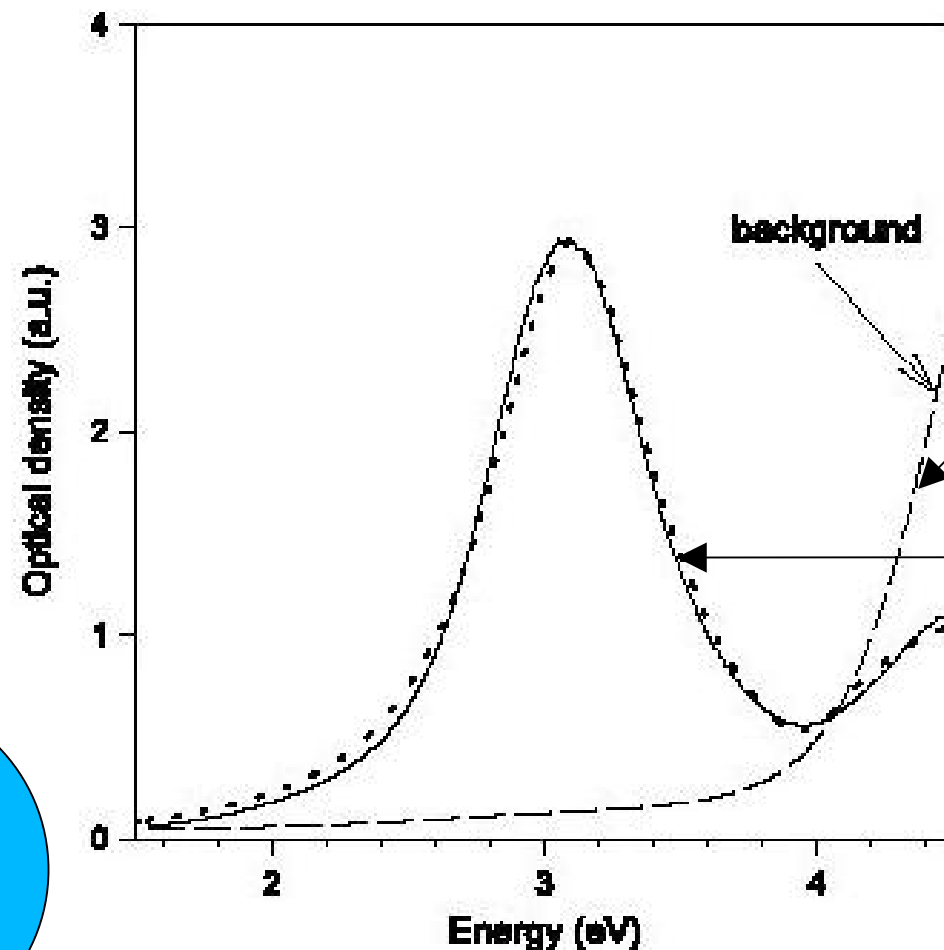


Potential applications



- Strain-free patterned substrates for heteroepitaxial growth of quantum dots or wires in nanotechnology
- Templates

Pivin et al
NIM B 215
(2004)
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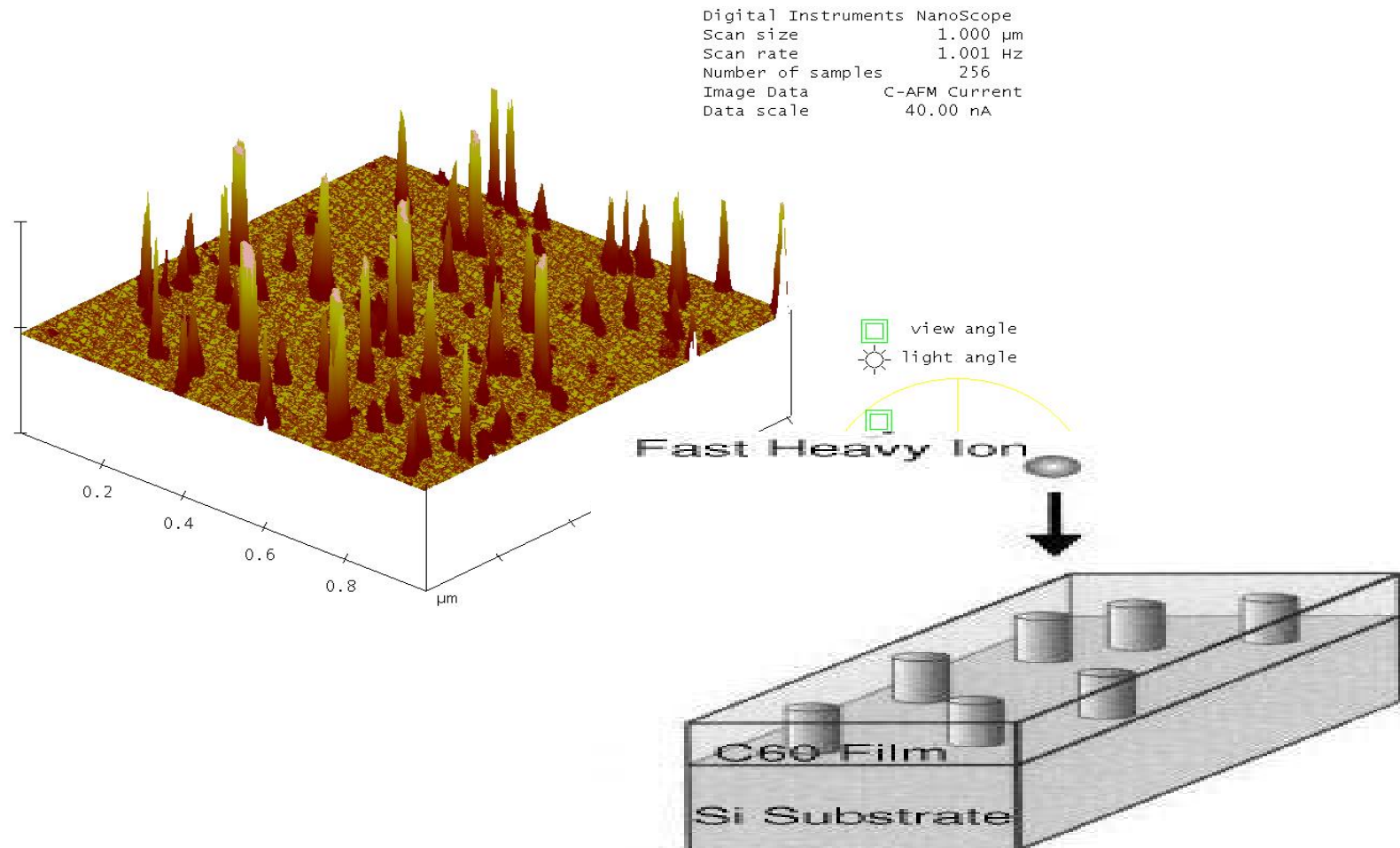
Ag dissolved
in glass

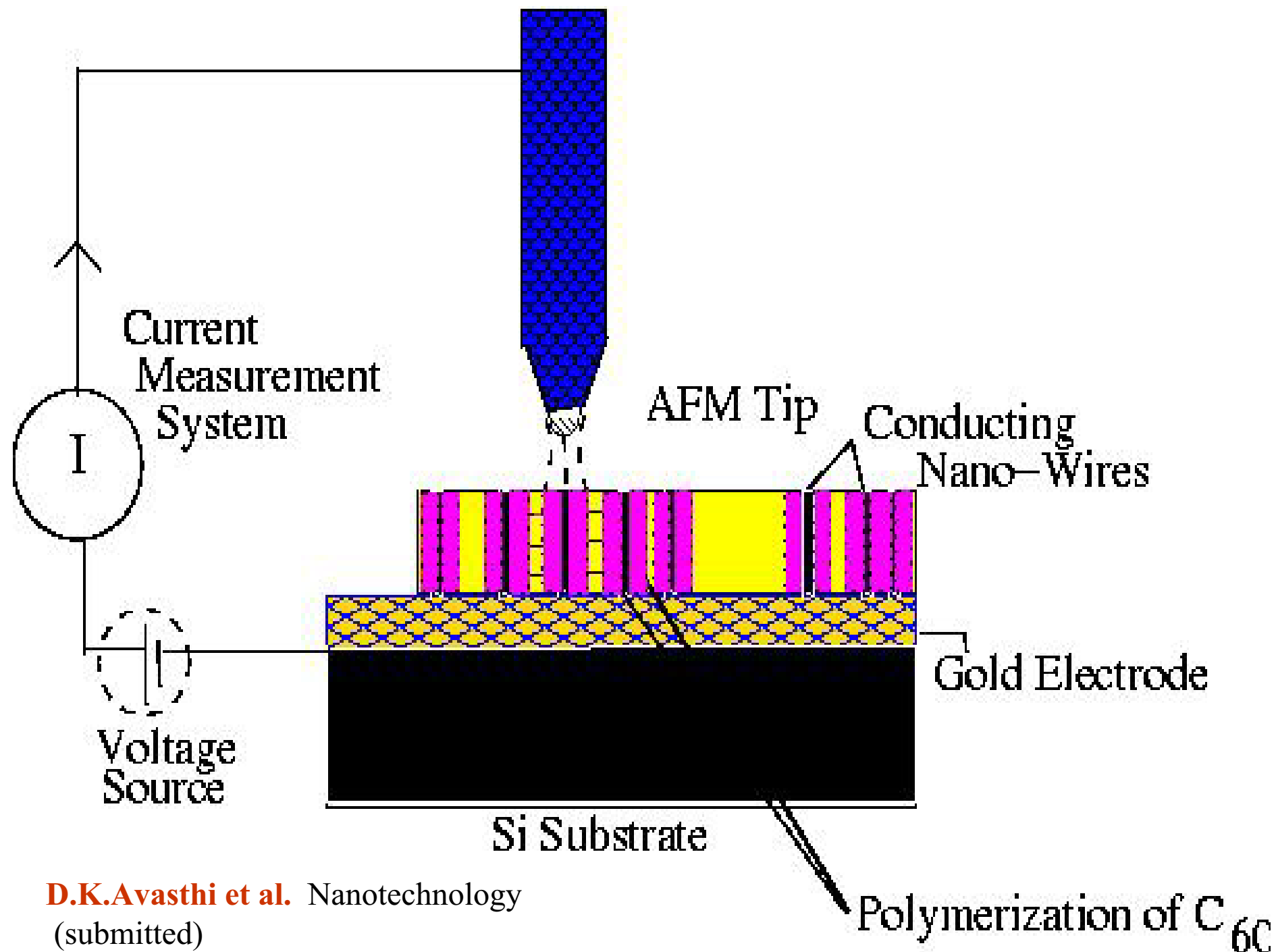
Ag dissolved
in glass + He
irradiation
at 10^{16} ions/cm²

Fig. 1. Optical density of Ag clusters in a glass exchanged for 2 days in a bath containing 0.04 mol% AgNO₃ and irradiated with 10^{16} He/cm². The cluster size used in the fit (dotted line) is of 1.075 nm and the matrix refractive index that of pure silica. The matrix contribution (dashed line) has been subtracted for obtaining the resonance peak shown with the continuous line.

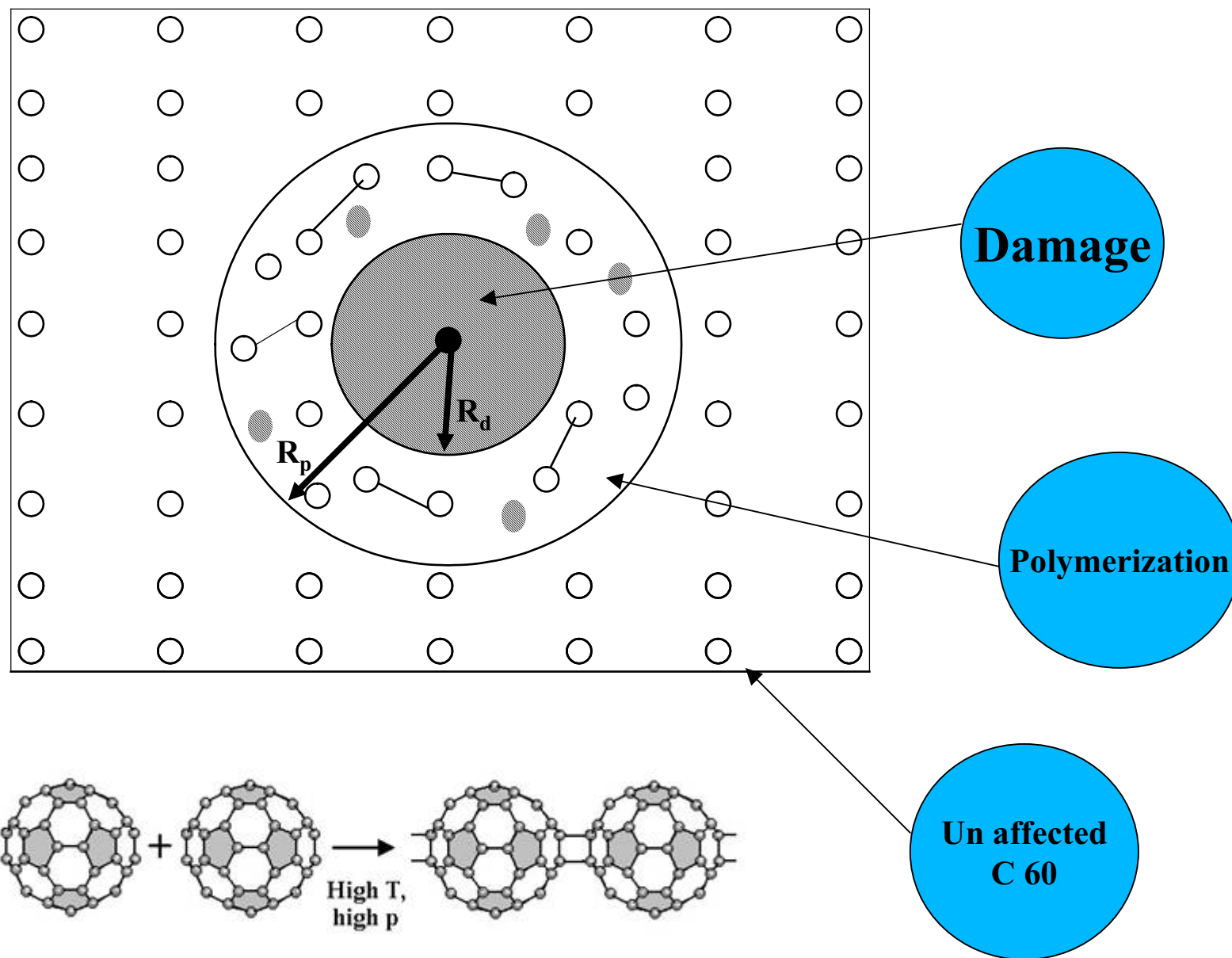
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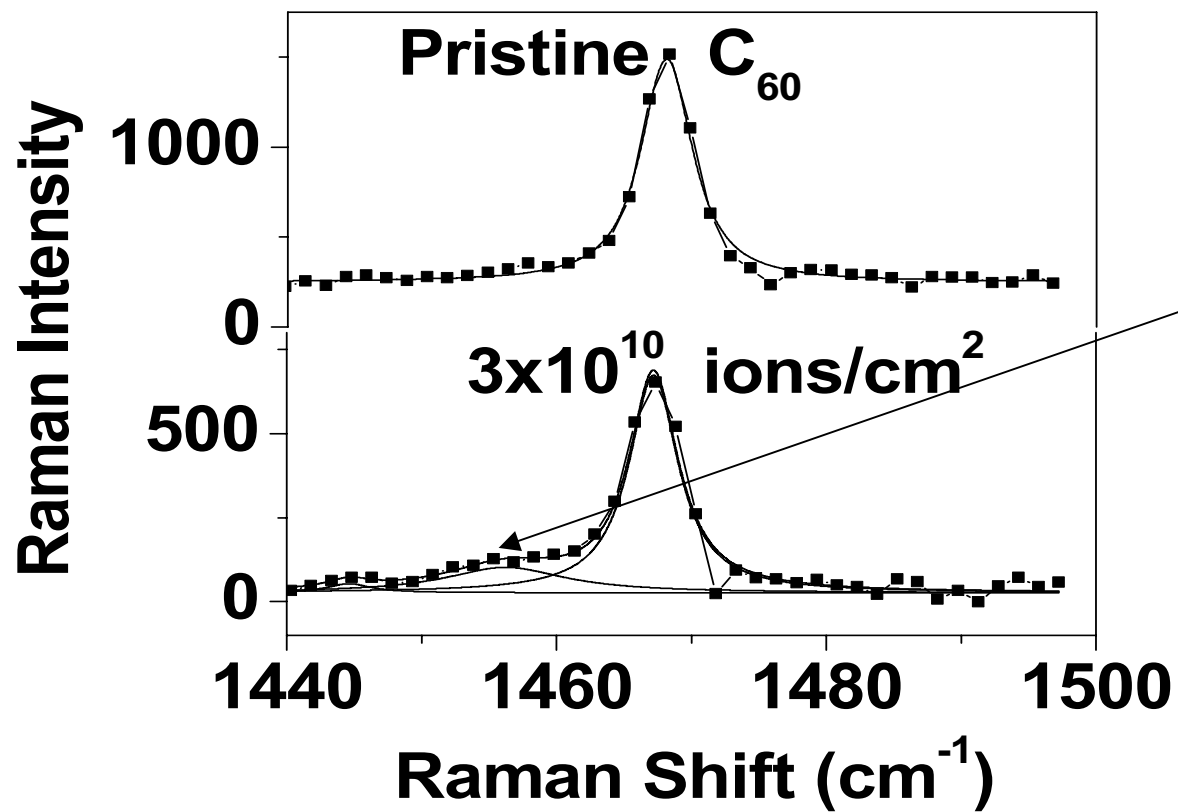
Creation of conducting carbon channels in fullerene film by irradiation of 120 MeV Au ions: Evident by conducting atomic force microscopy



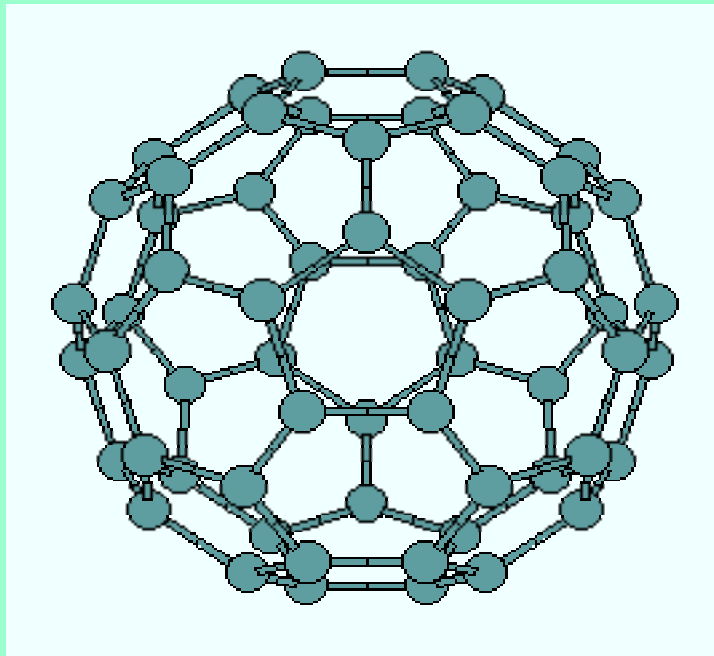


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(submitted)





Fullerene pentagon pinch mode vibrations



C atoms forming 12 pentagons & 20 hexagons

Density - $1.65 \text{ (g cm}^{-3}\text{)}$

Diameter of Molecule - $10 \text{ \AA}$

Length of C-C - $1.46 \text{ \AA}$

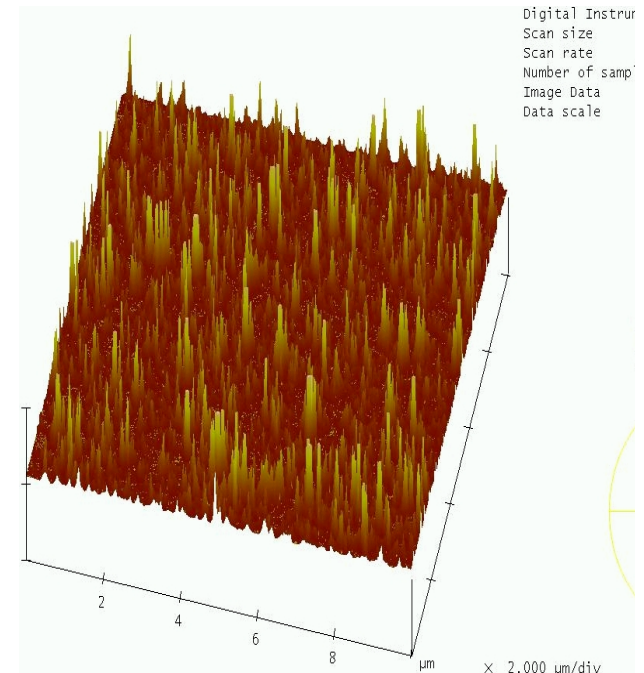
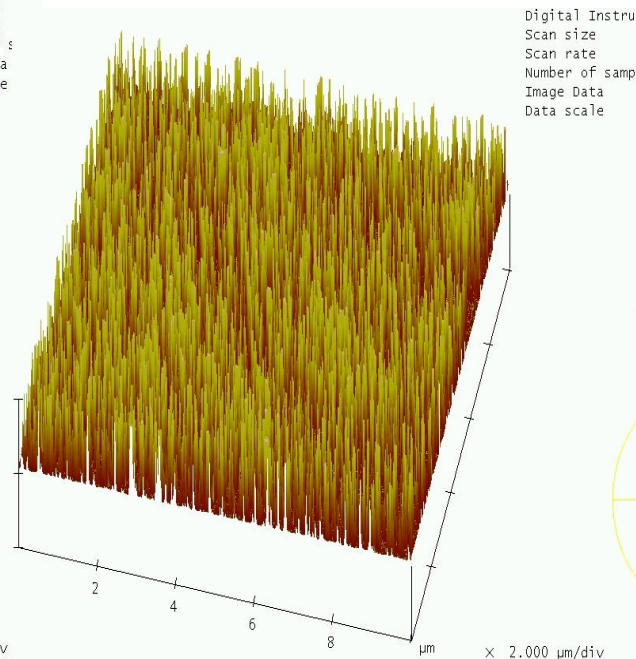
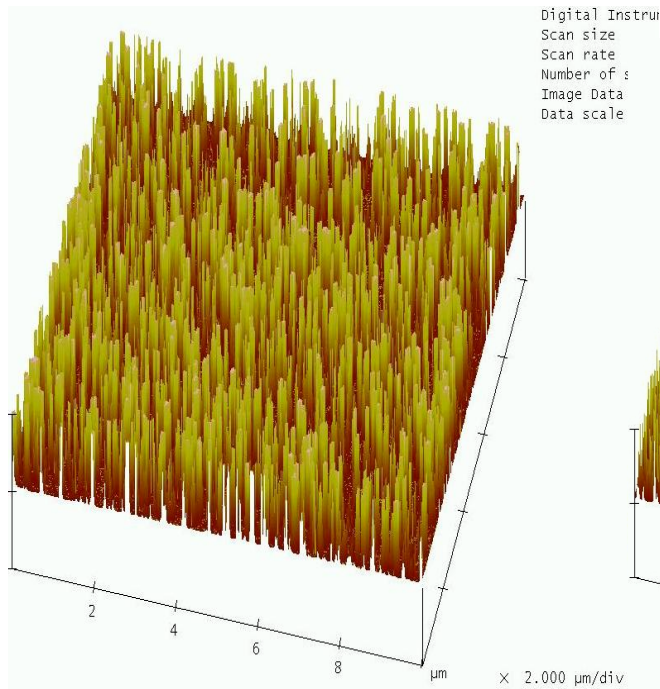
Role of Electronic Energy Deposition on conducting channels

**200 nm C60/Au/Si films were irradiated
(Fluence: 6×10^{10} ions/cm²) with different energy region ions**

120 MeV Au ion
Applied Bias: 0.5 V
Se: 1300 eV/A
Sn: 15.3 eV/A

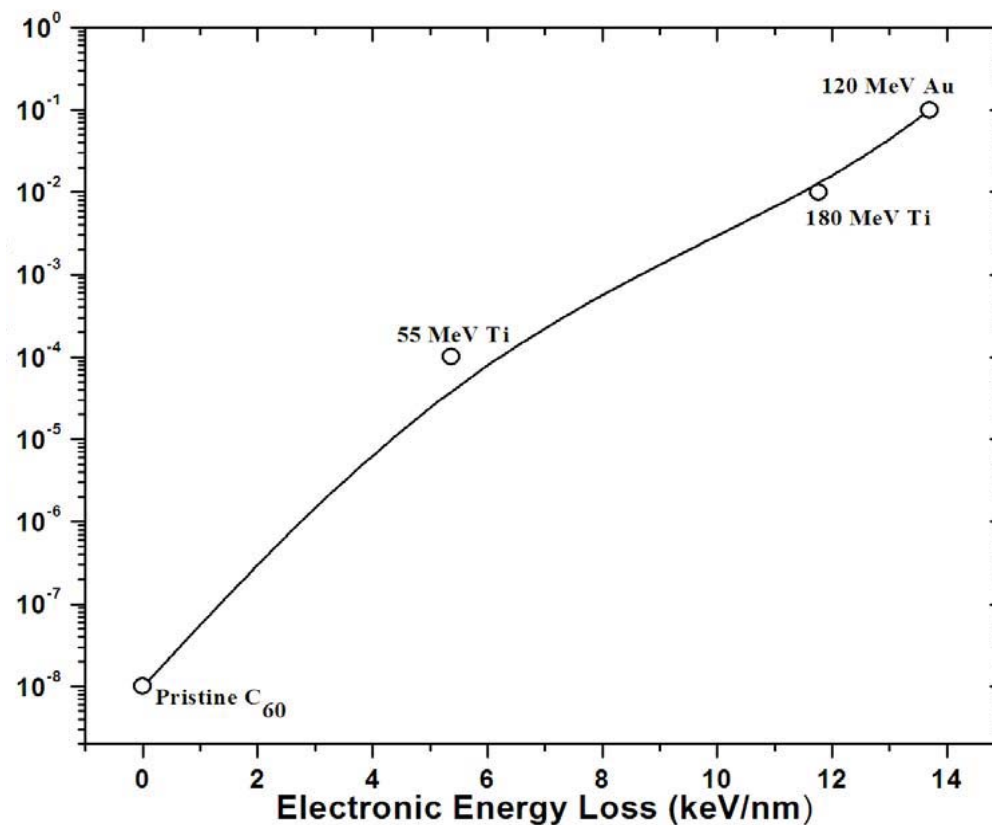
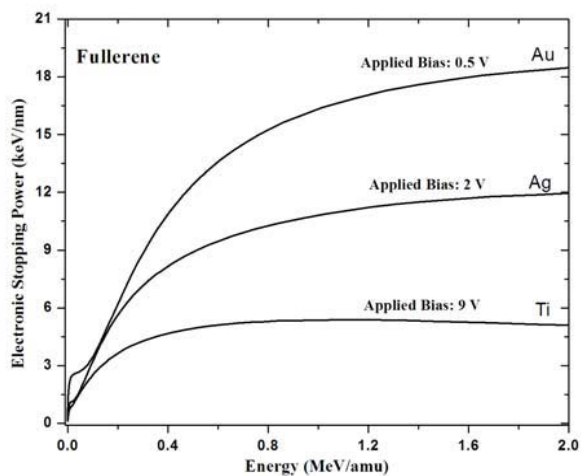
180 MeV Ag ion
Applied Bias: 2 V
Se: 1100 eV/A
Sn: 2.7 eV/A

55 MeV Ti ion
Applied Bias: 9 V
Se: 505.5 eV/A
Sn: 0.8 eV/A

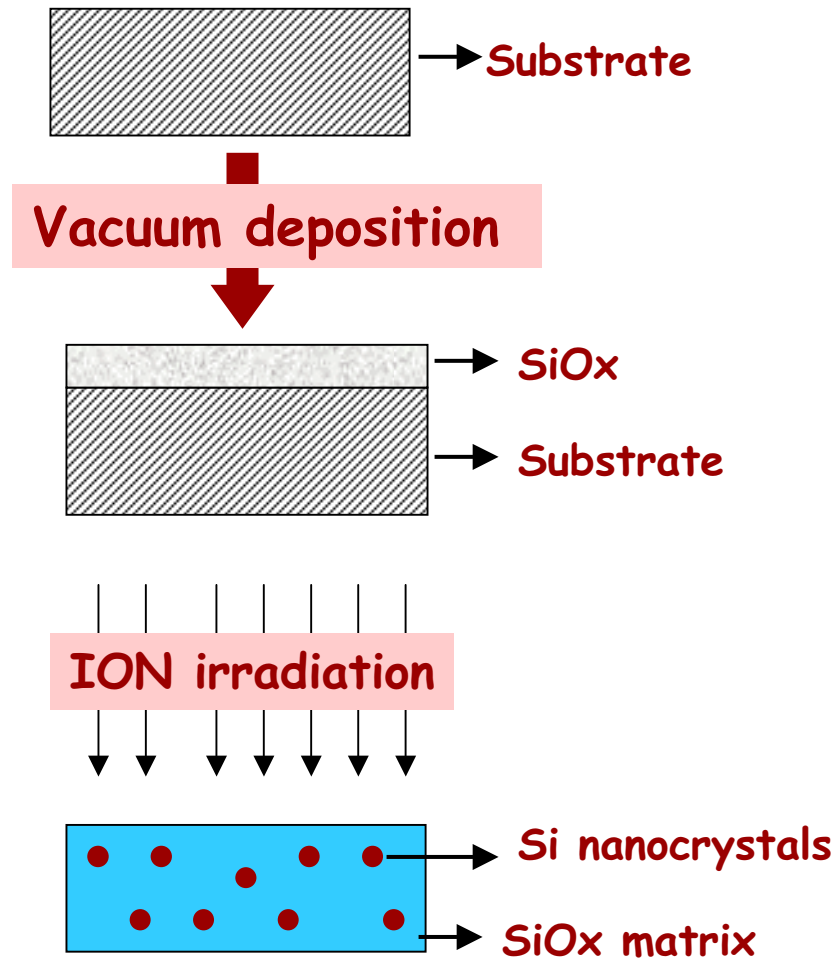


Electrical conductivity variation with electronic energy deposition

Electronic Energy loss in fullerene Matrix



Synthesis by SHI irradiation



S.V. Bhoraskar
Pune University
JAP 93(2004)3486

**Influence of SHI
on
nano particles**

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graph TD; A["Influence of SHI on nano particles"] --> B["Interaction processes<br/>Aligning particles along the ion path<br/>Tilting the plane of magnetization"]; B --> C(["Nano engineering"]);
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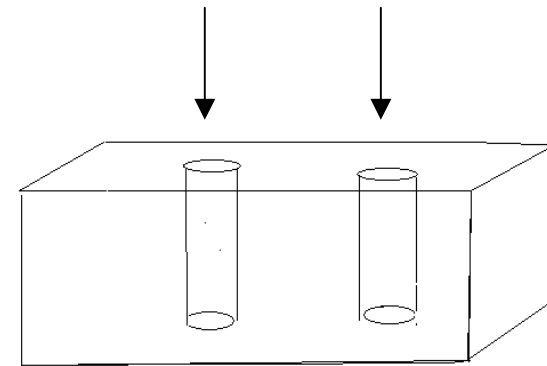
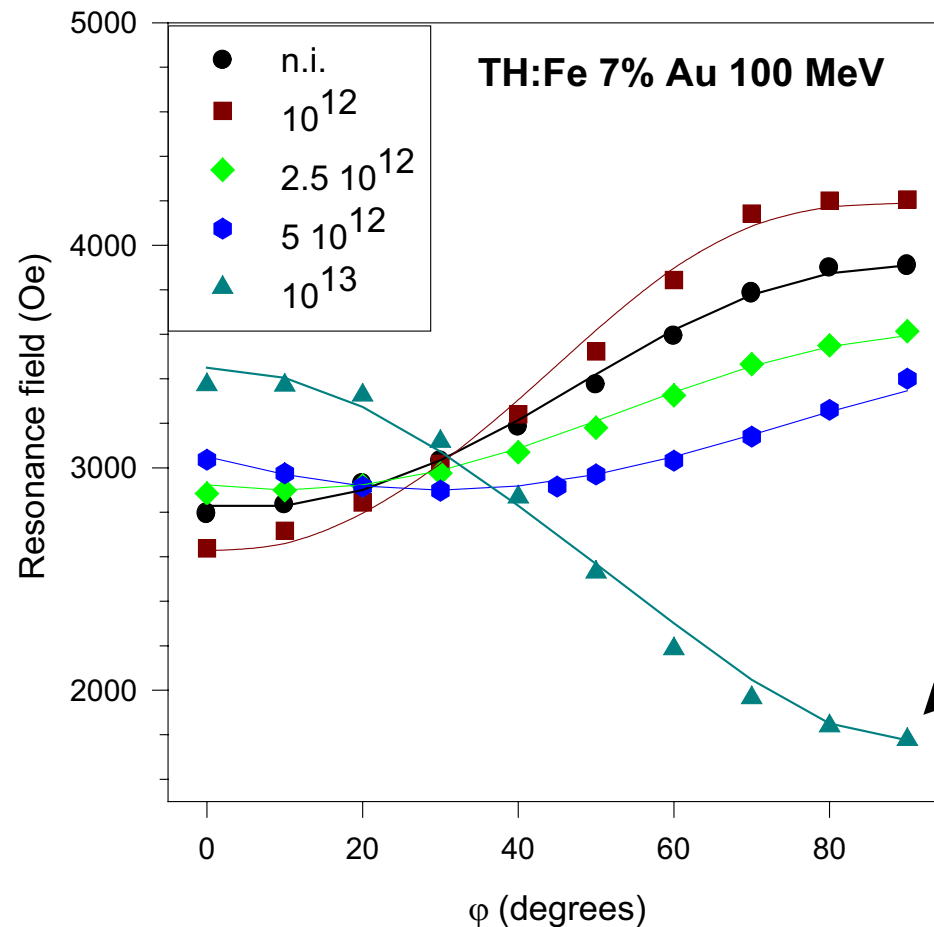
Interaction processes

Aligning particles along the ion path

Tilting the plane of magnetization

Nano engineering

Tilt of the magnetization easy axis of Fe nanoparticles by SHI



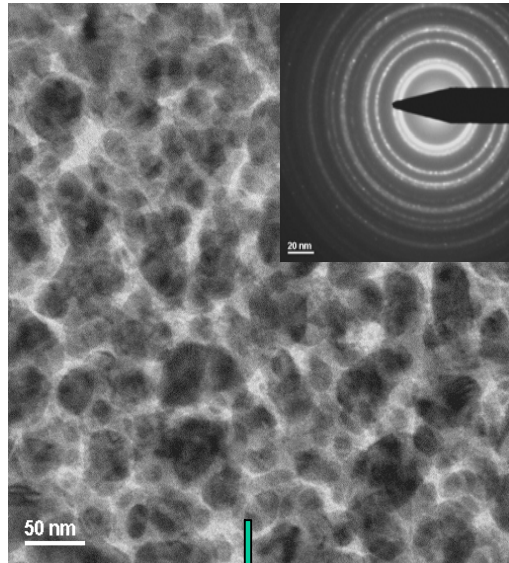
Minimum resonance
field $\Leftrightarrow$ easy magnetization

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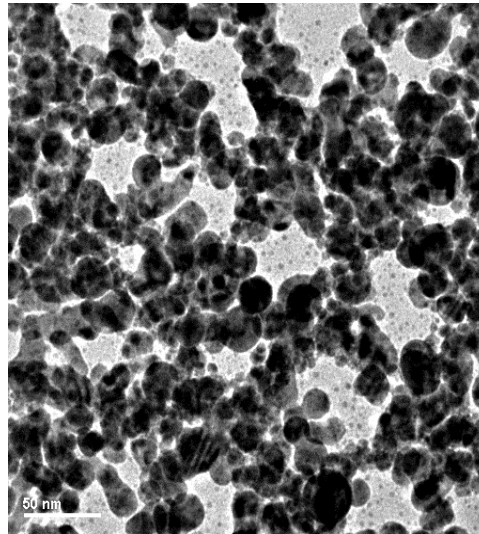
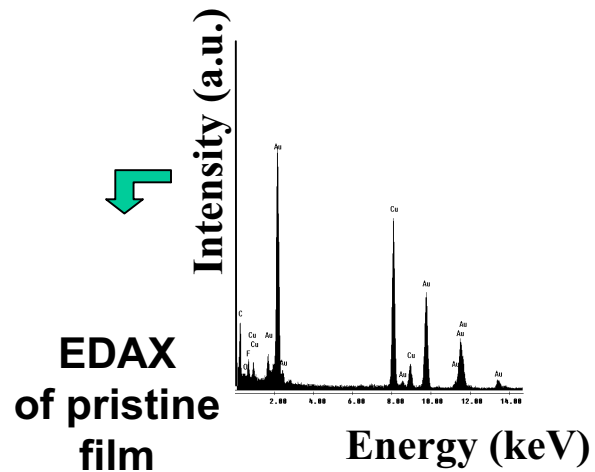
Application: perpendicular magnetic recording

Tandem deposited Teflon AF/Au nanocomposite irradiated by 120 MeV Au beam at different ion fluences (Kiel Univ./NSC)

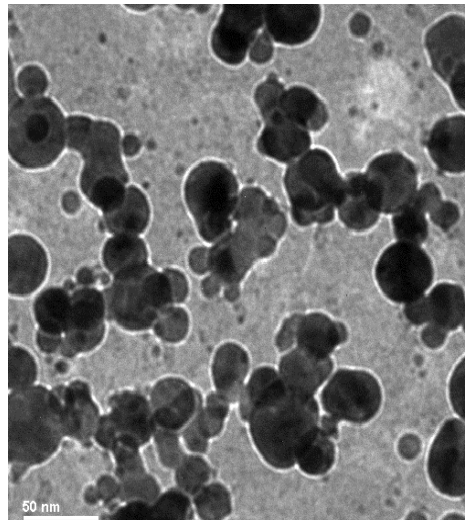
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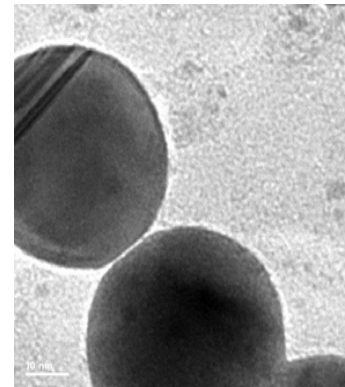
Unirradiated film



→ 10^{11} ions/cm²



→ 3×10^{12} ions/cm²

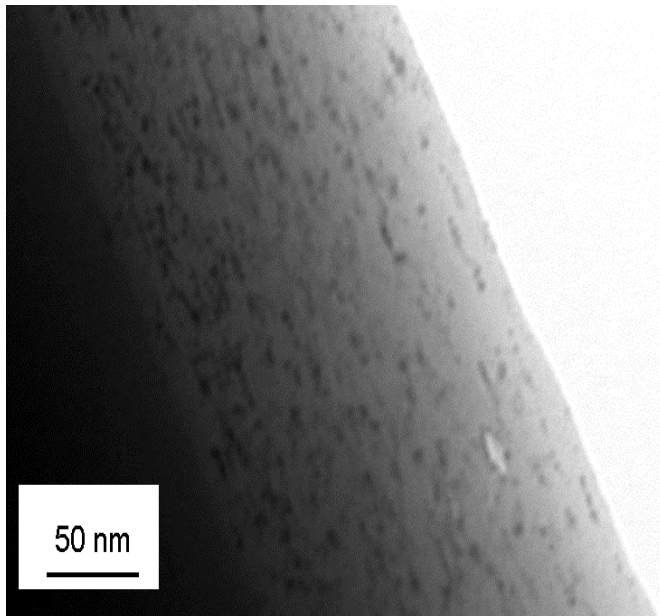


Close view of irradiated clusters

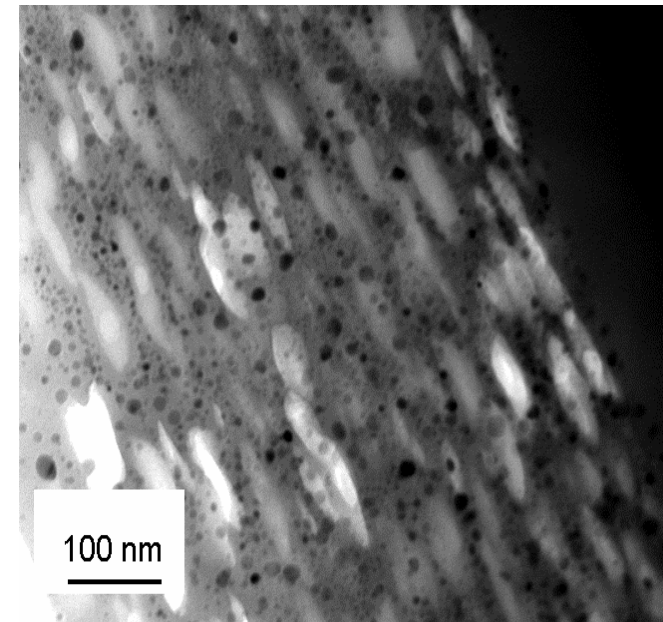
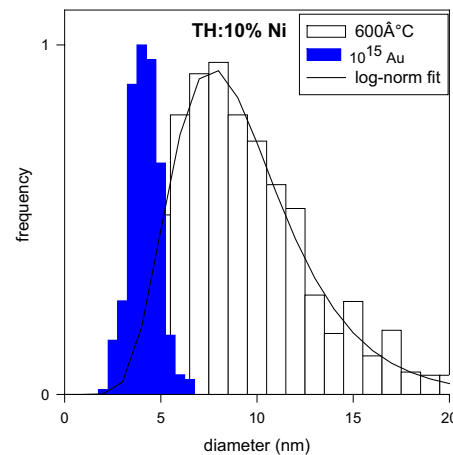
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Achieving narrow particle size distribution in 3d magnetic metals in triethoxysilane by ion irradiation

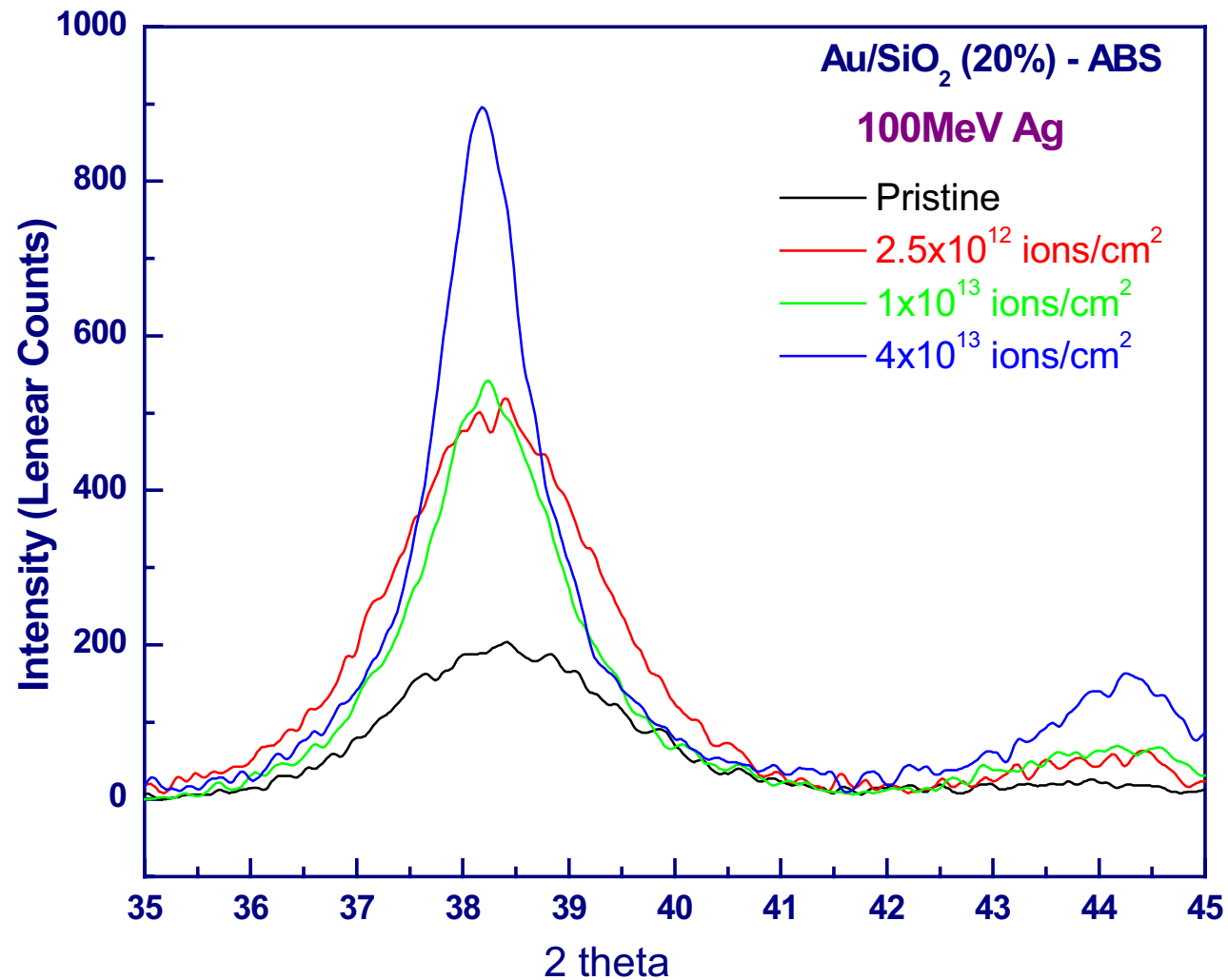
TH-3%Ni irradiated 10^{15} Au:
gaussian, mean $D=4.0$ nm



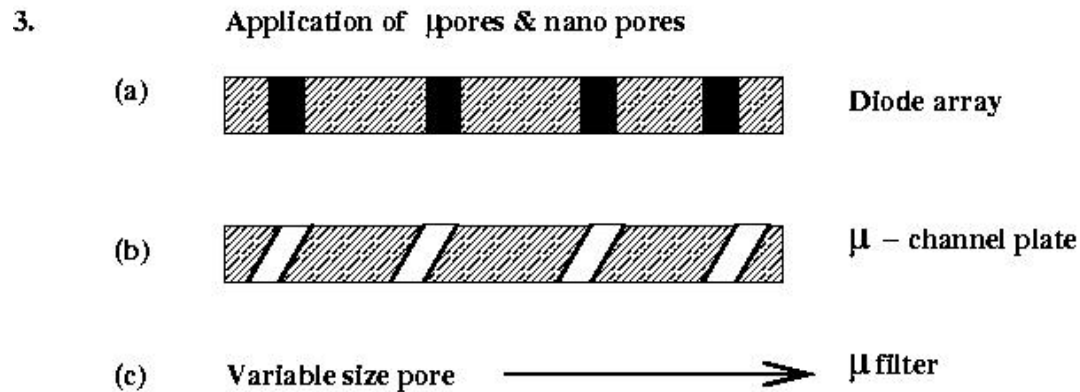
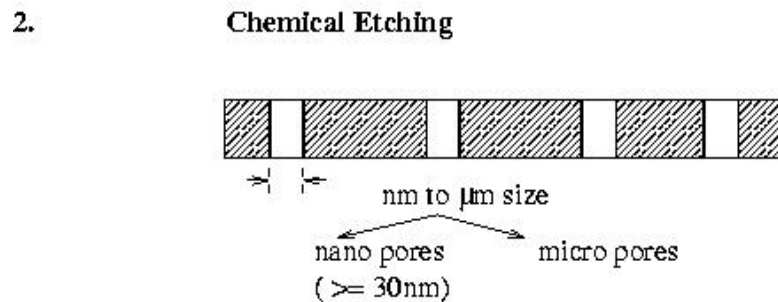
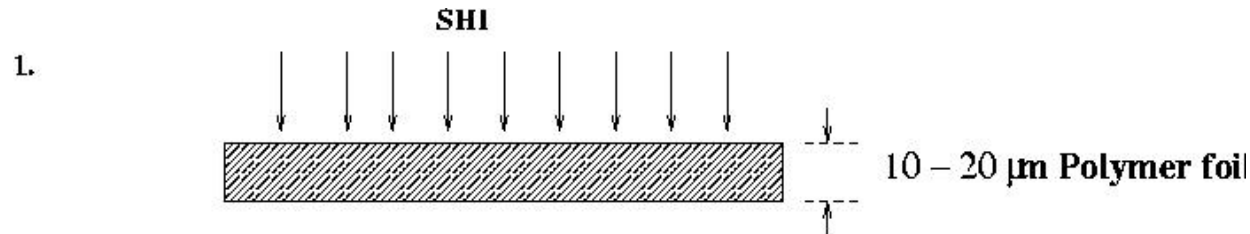
TH-3%Ni annealed 1h at 1000°C in vacuum:
log-normal, mean $D=5.5$ nm, and porosities



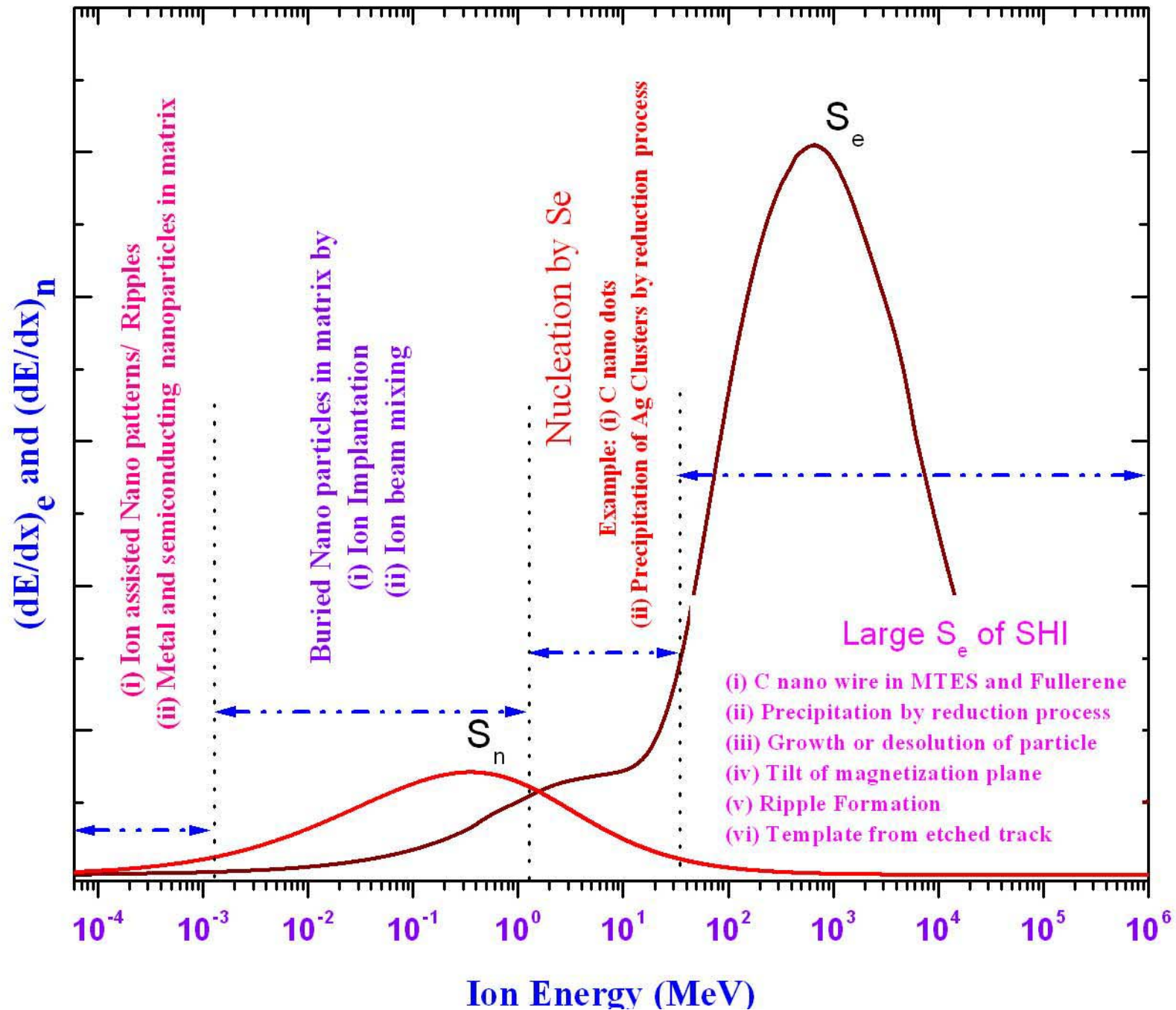
Growth of Au particle size in silica matrix by SHI

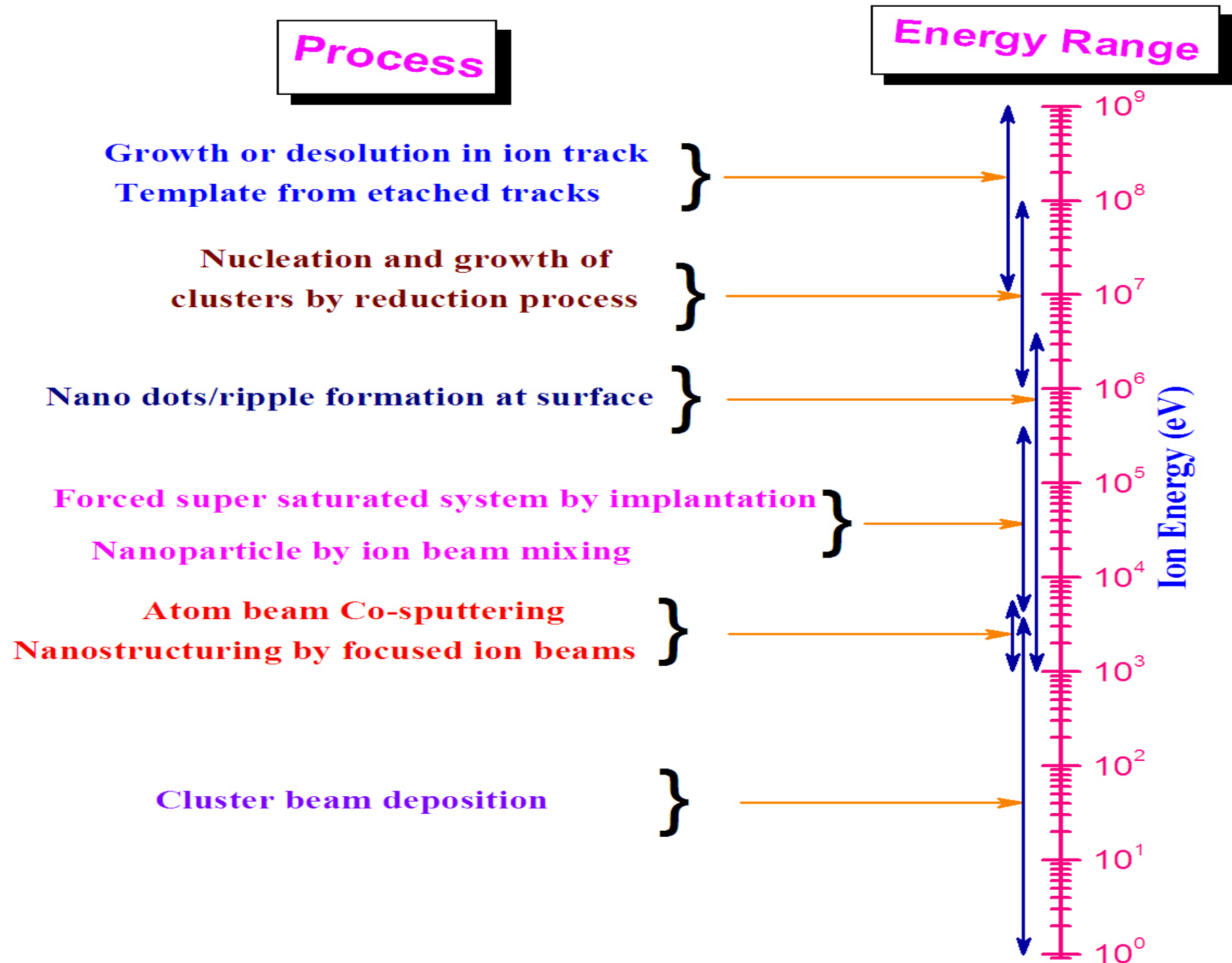


SHI for creating submicron pores in polymer



**Micropores used
for controlled
drug delivery
Mangalore/
IUAC**





Possible Applications

Antibacterial effects

Localized heating by SPR

Bio sensor

Gas sensor

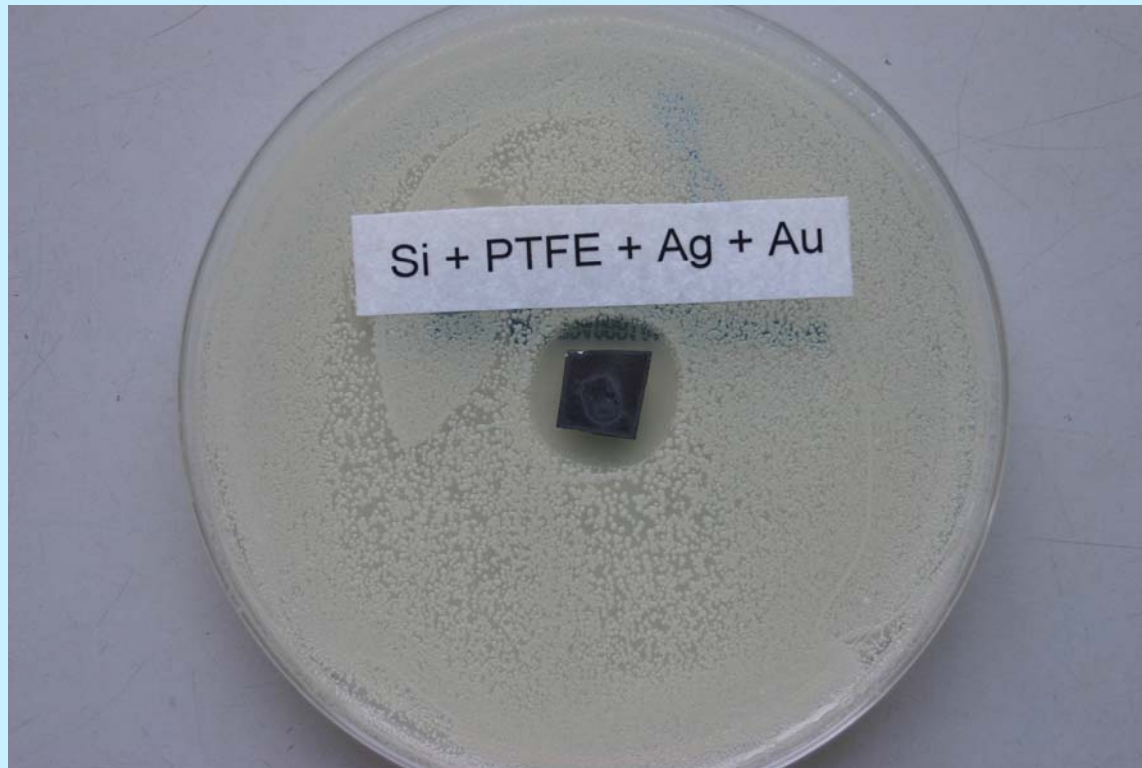
Magnetic recording

Flat panel display

Field emission

High frequency applications

The influence of Au and Ag particles embedded in PTFE with Si as substrate on growth of bacteria



**Kiel Univ
Inst. Of
Virology**

**Jaypee Univ.
Noida**

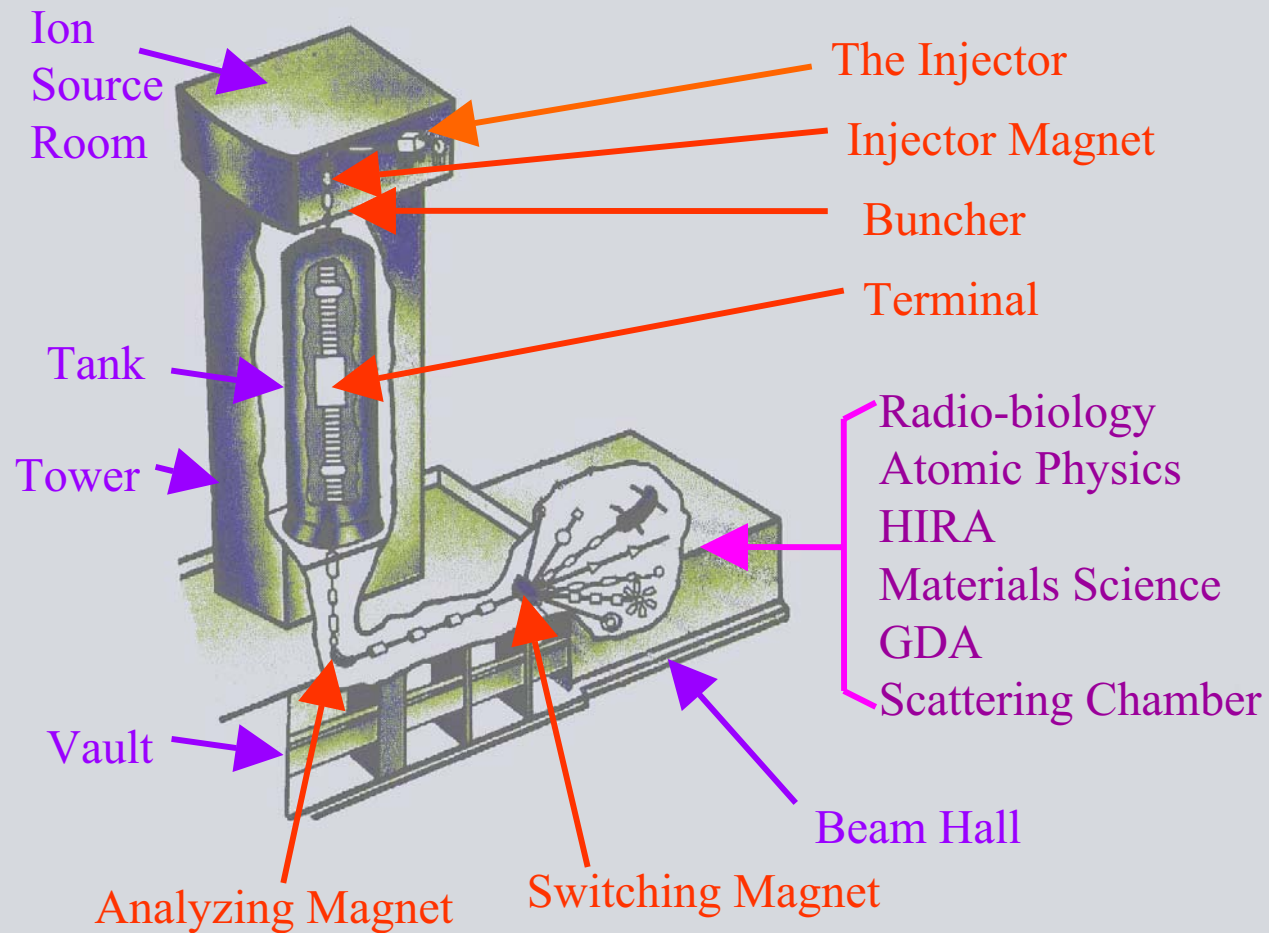
The Pelletron Accelerator

Tank ht: 26.5 m
Diameter: 5.5 m
Pressure: 86 PSI
of SF₆ gas

Ions accelerated:
H to Au beams

Ion Currents:
Typically
5 - 50 pA

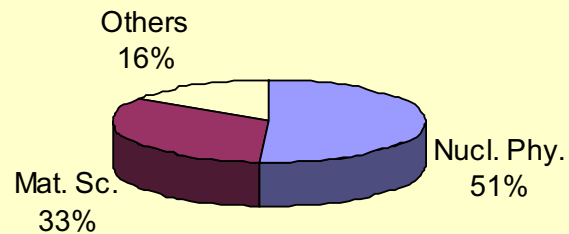
Energy : 30 -
250 MeV



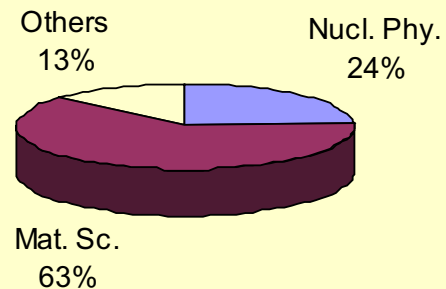
USER COMMUNITY OF NSC

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**FIELDWISE BREAKUP
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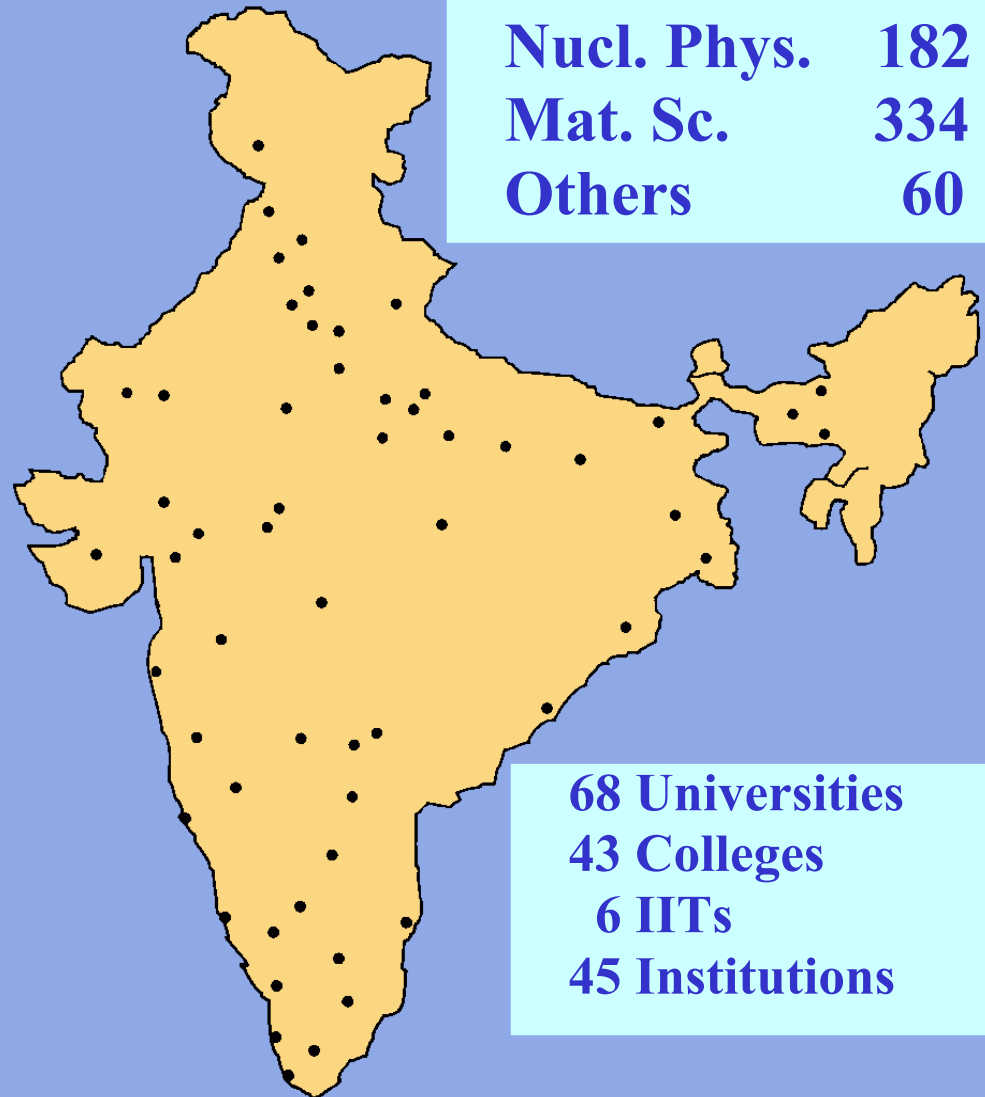


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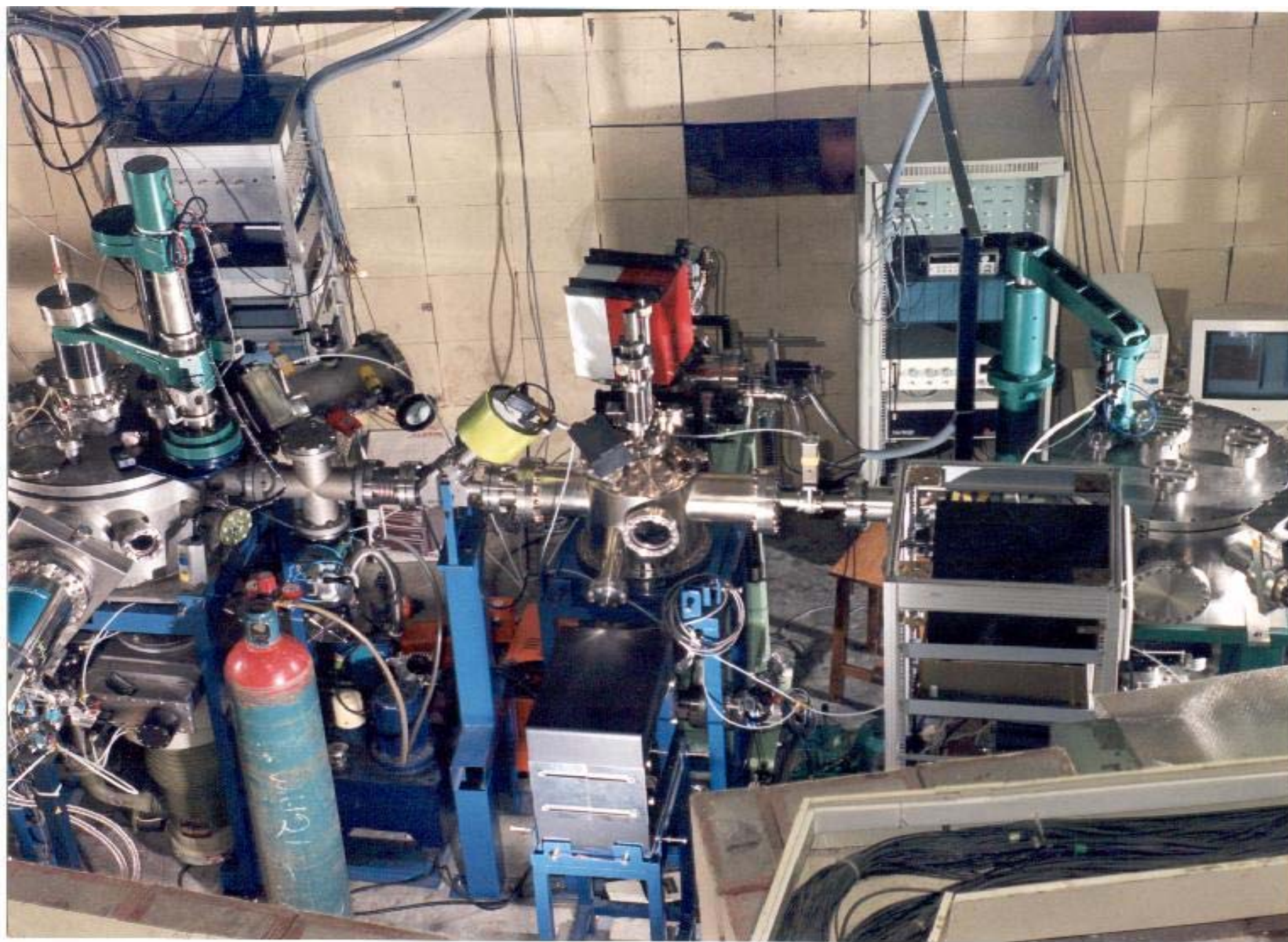


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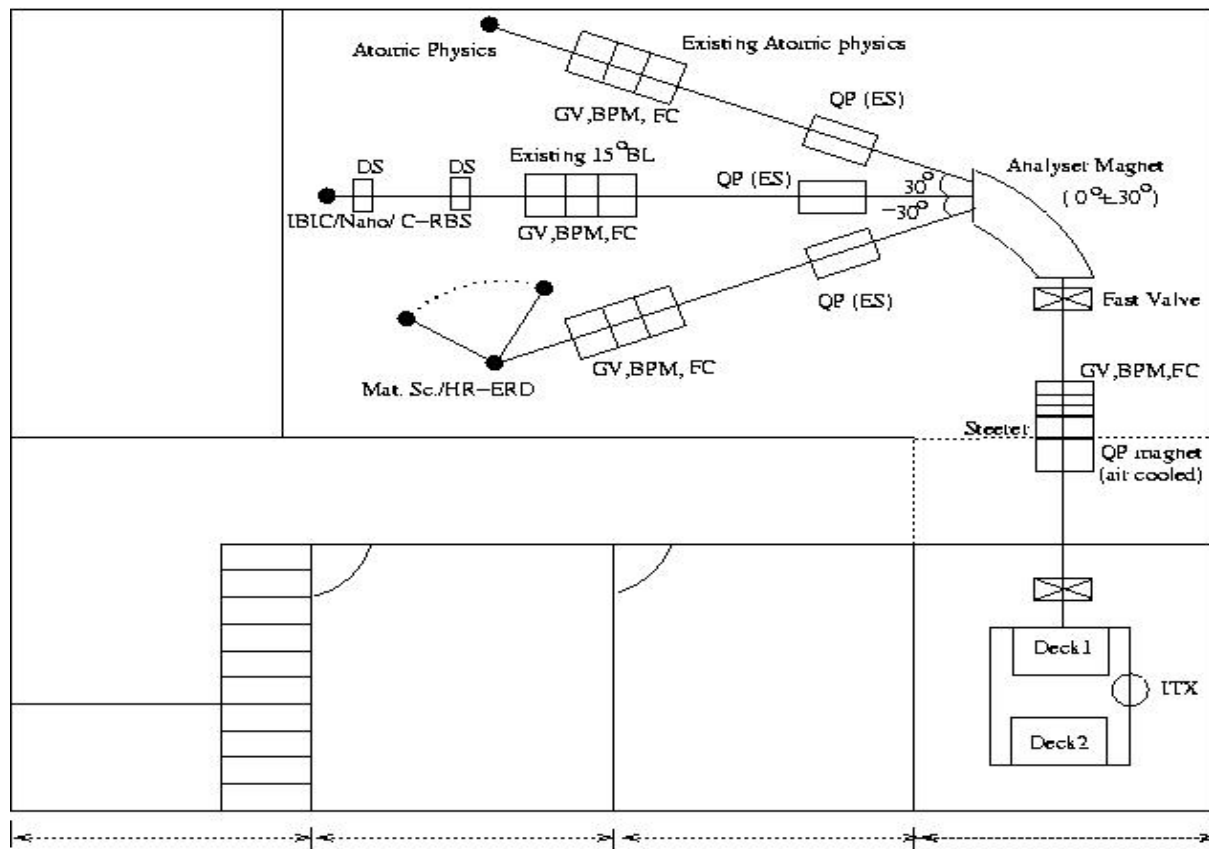
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LEIBF with HR Spectrometer



New Materials Science building: Low energy ion beams from 200 kV deck potential with ECR source. High resolution ERD/RBS, implantation based work.



**In-situ XRD
set up in phase
II beam line**



Conclusion

Nano structure synthesis

Atom beam co-sputtering: Ag particles in silica

Low energy ion irradiation: Ripple formation
Si particles in silica

Swift heavy ion irradiation:

Conducting C tracks in fullerene

C clusters along ion path in Si based polymers

Ripple formation at surface in Ni oxide films

Influence of SHI on nano particles

Metal particles in insulating matrix

Tilt of plane of magnetization

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