



# *Spatio-temporal dynamics of charge transport in LGAD probed with focused ion beams*

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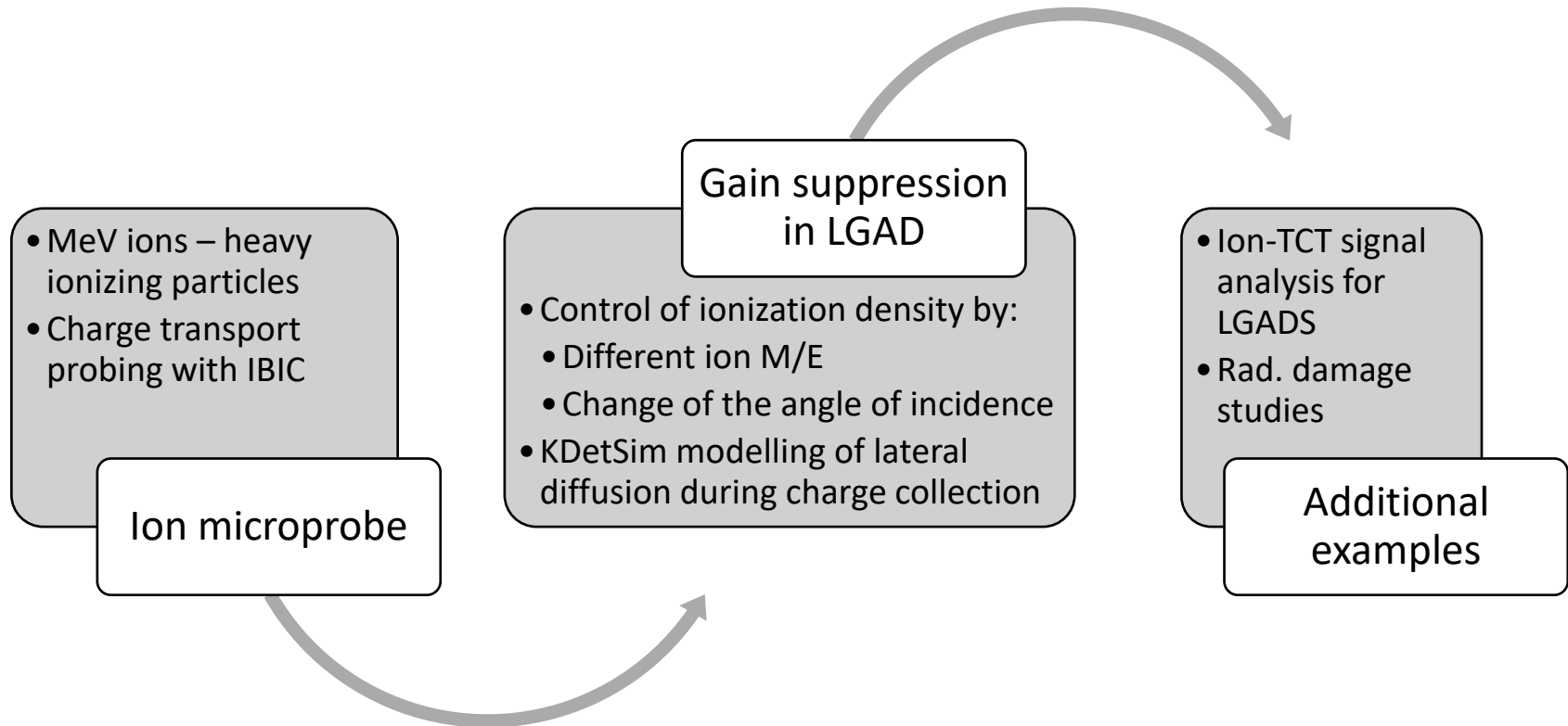
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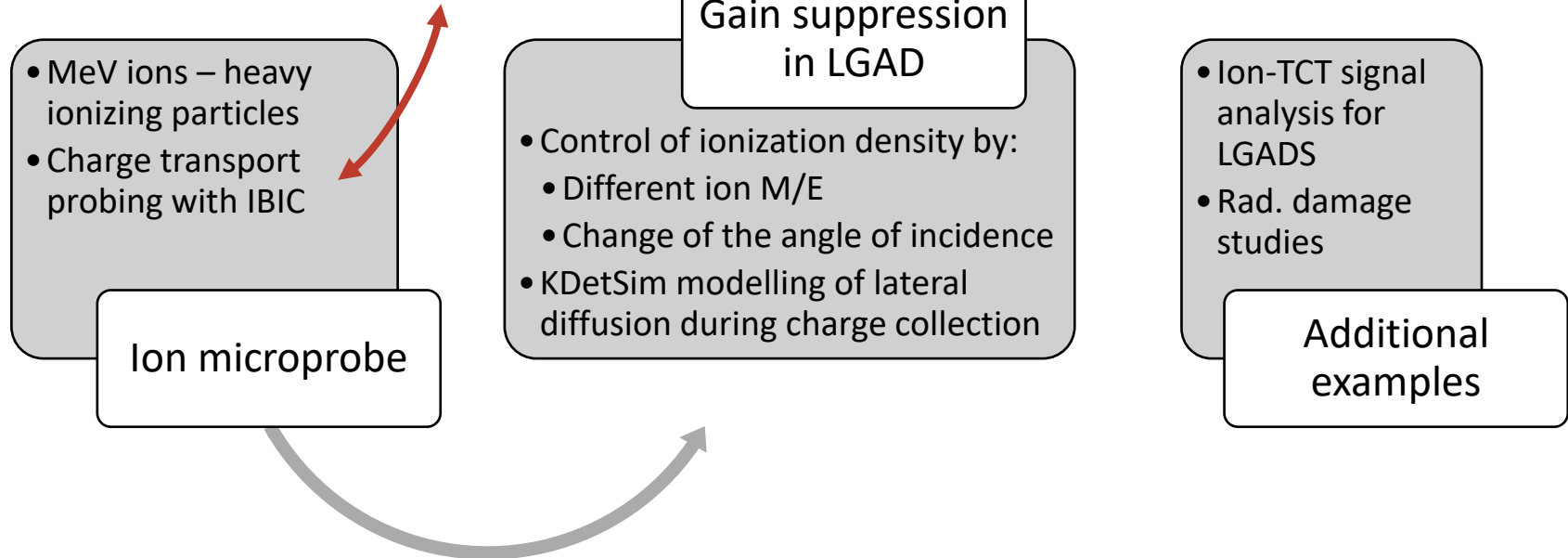
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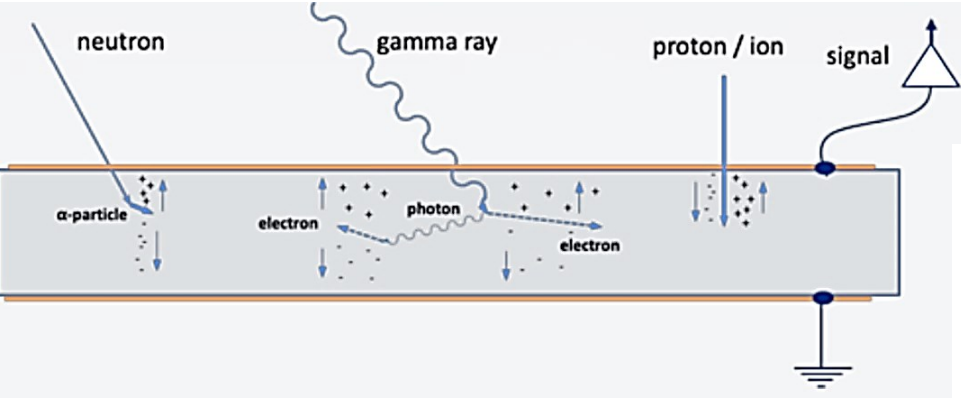
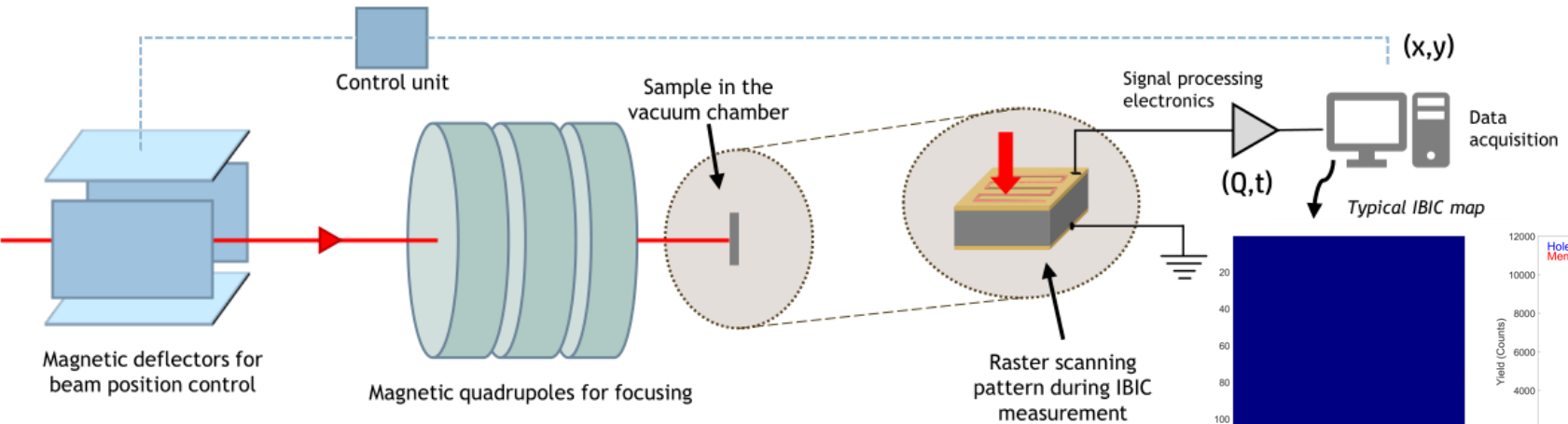


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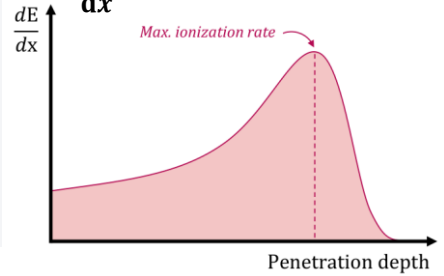


# Ion microbeam – semiconductor charge transport probing

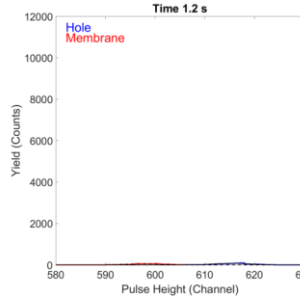


IN THIS STUDY:

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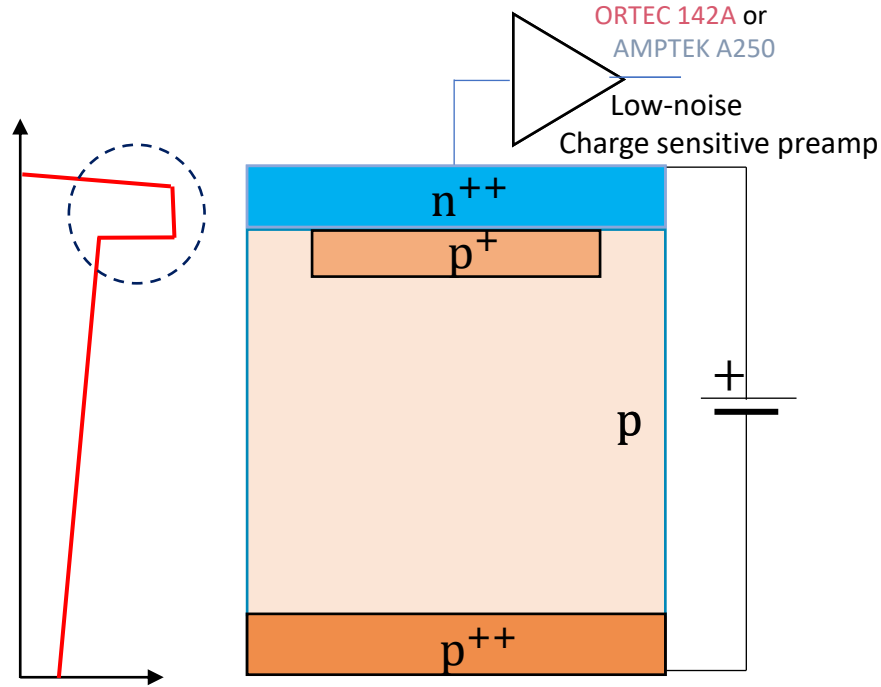


- Spatial mapping
- Depth probing and ionization density
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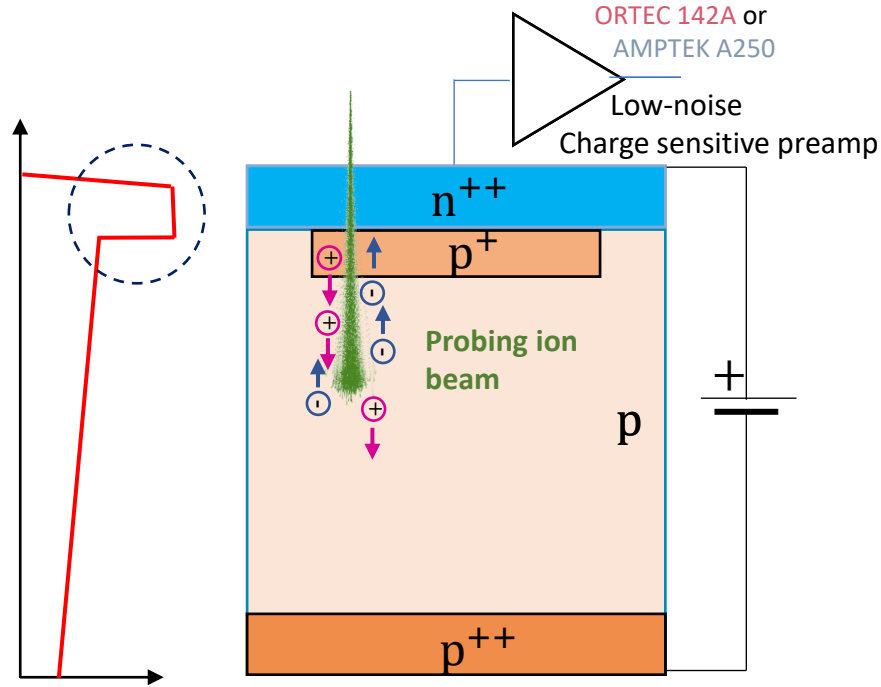
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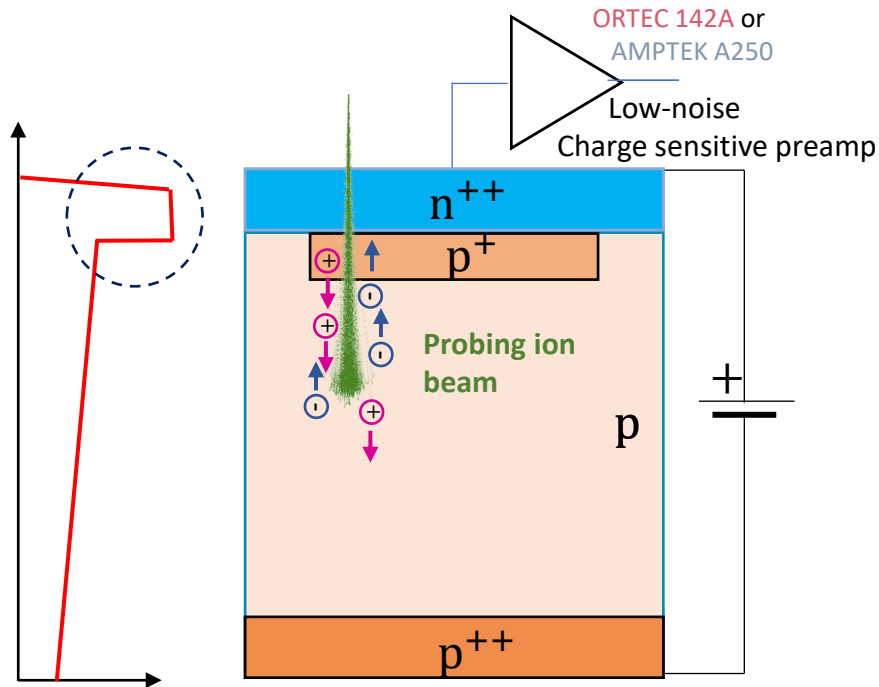
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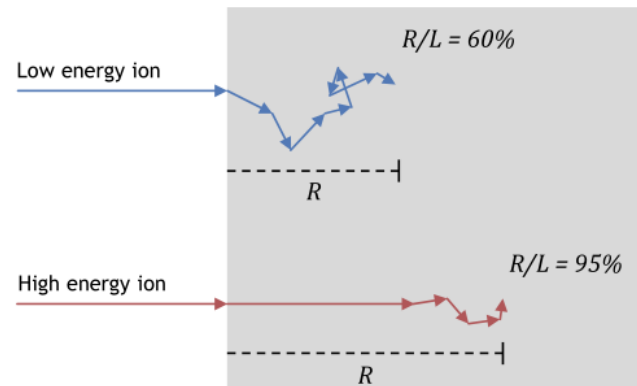
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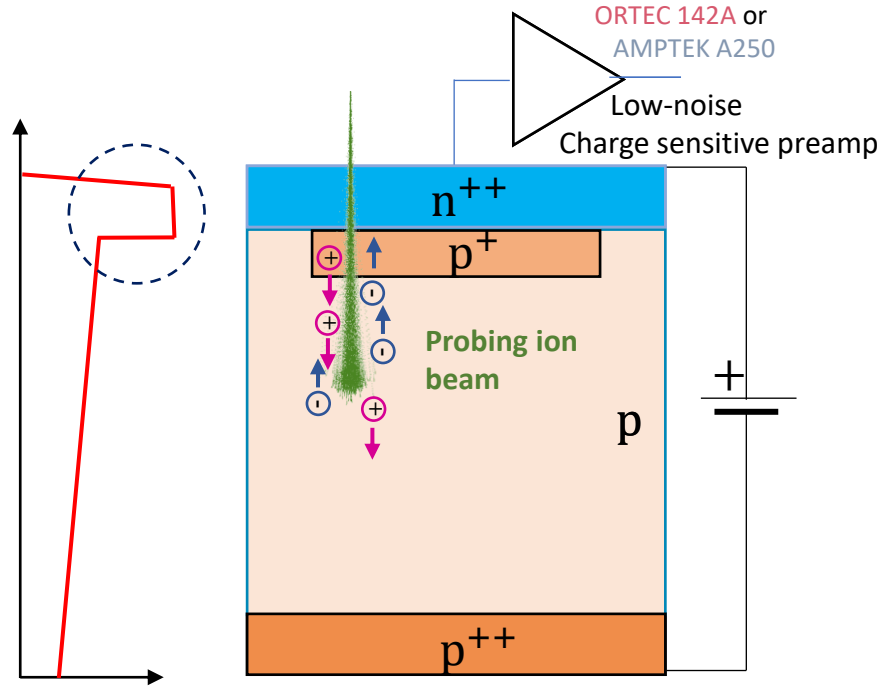
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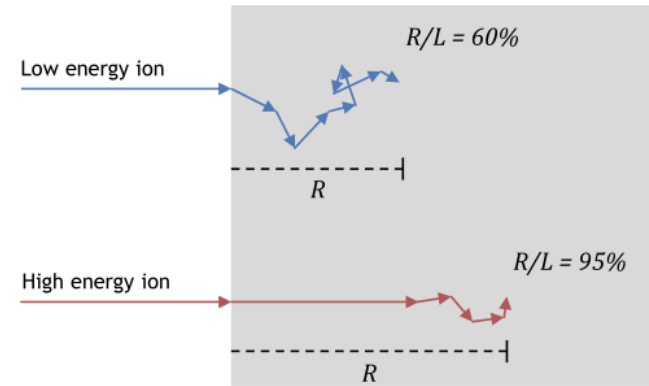
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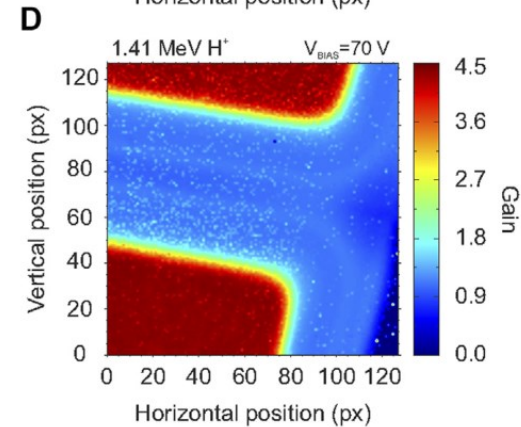
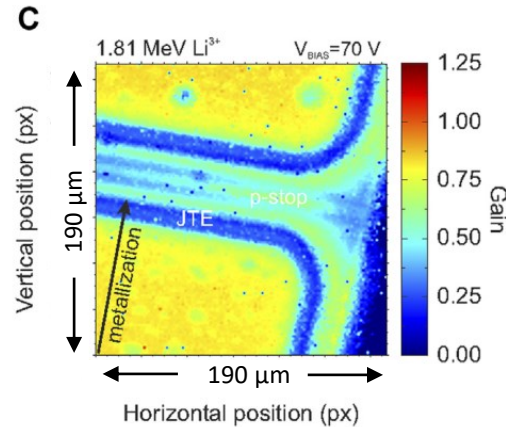
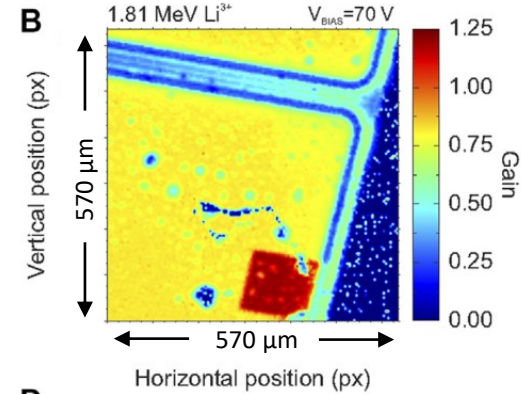
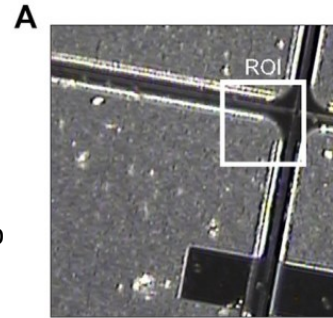
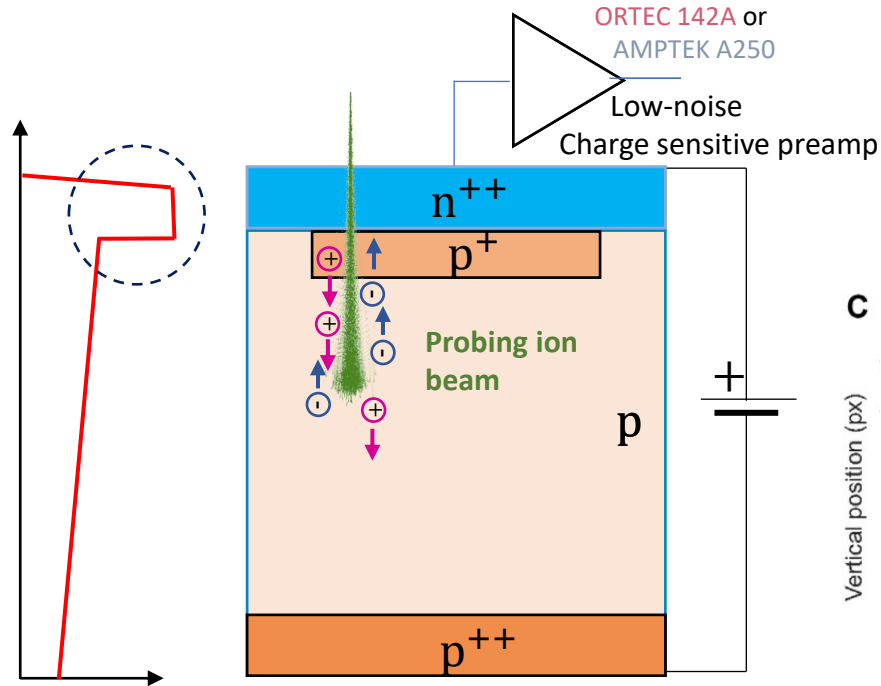


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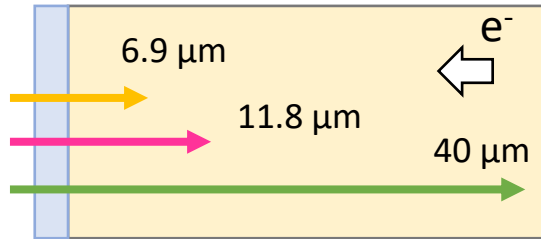
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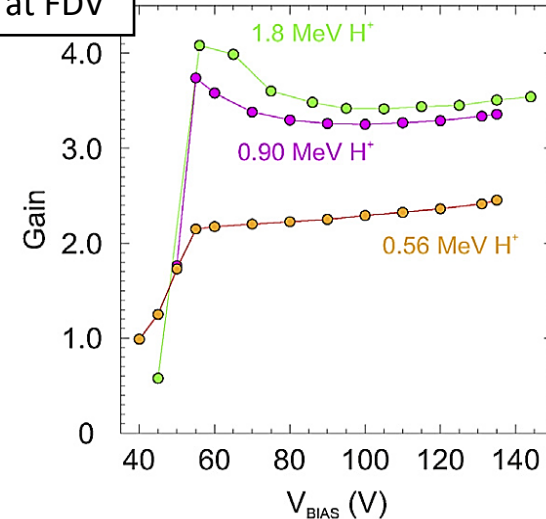
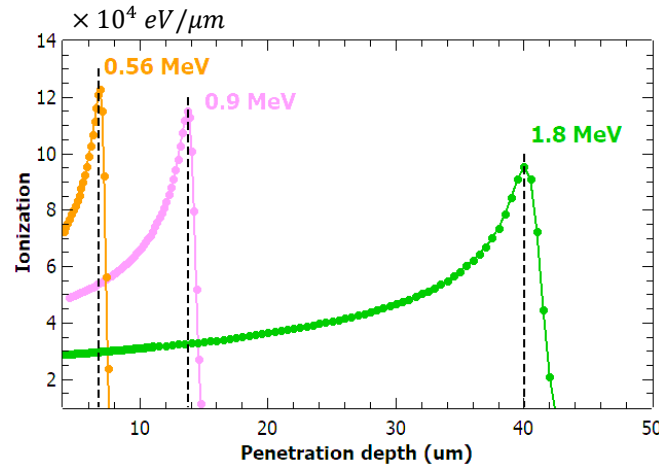
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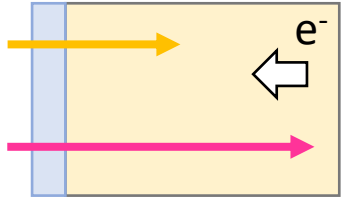
Max. ionization at different depths

For deep protons -> peak gain at FDV



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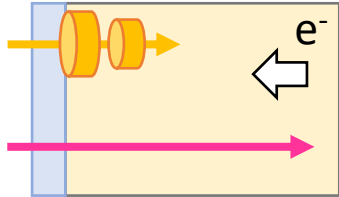
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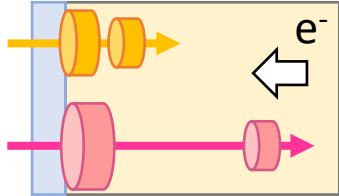
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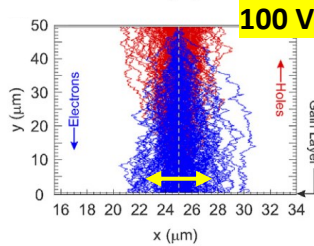
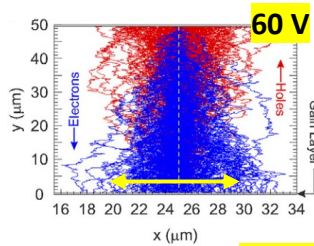
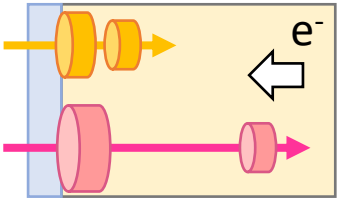
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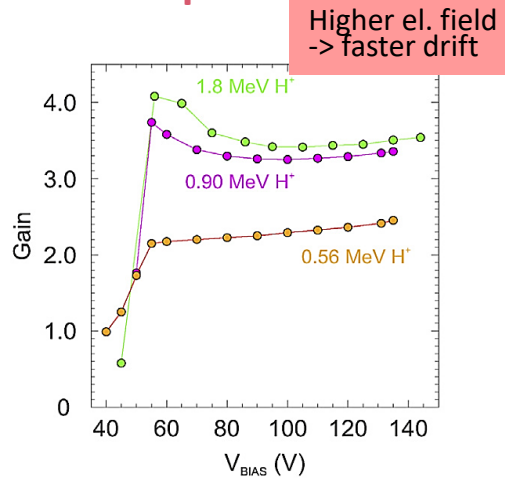
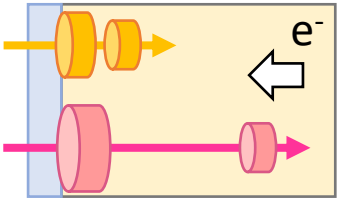


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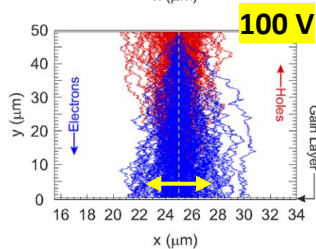
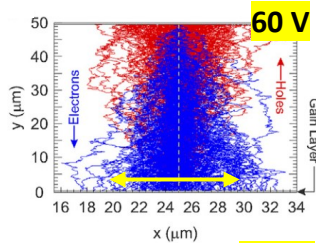


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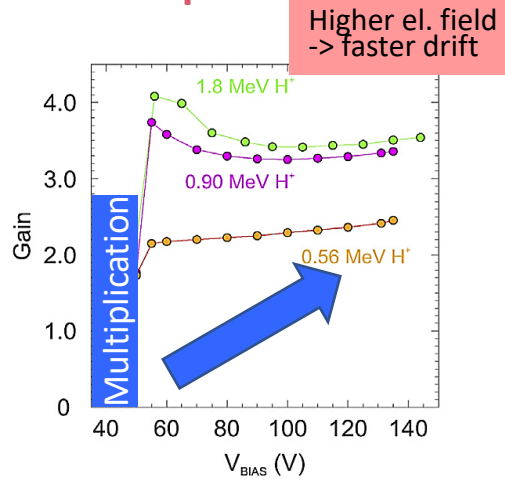
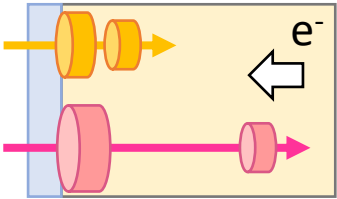


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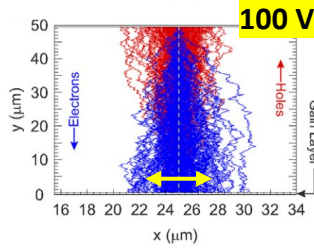
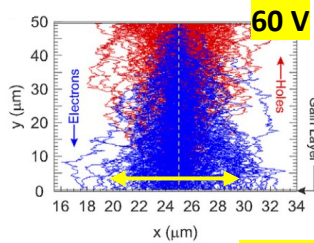


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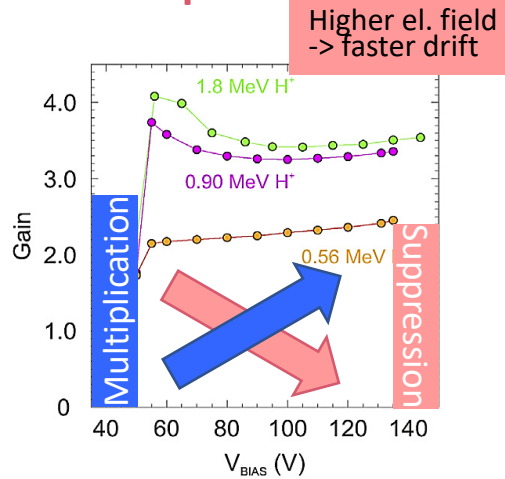
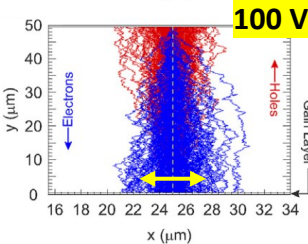
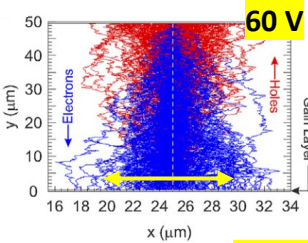
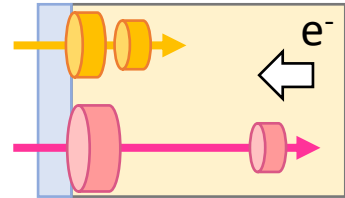
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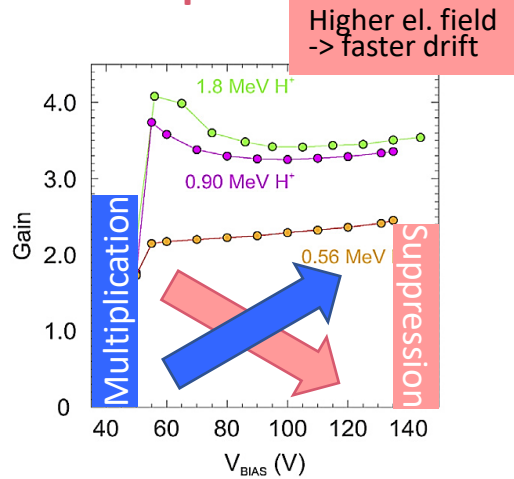
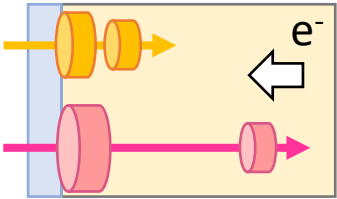
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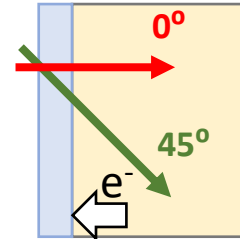
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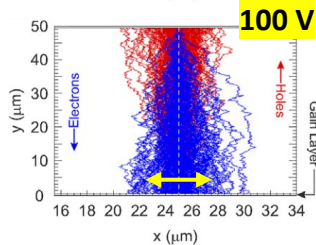
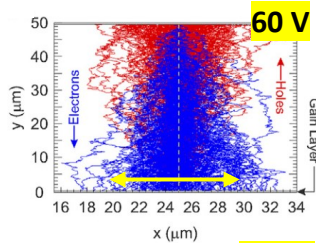
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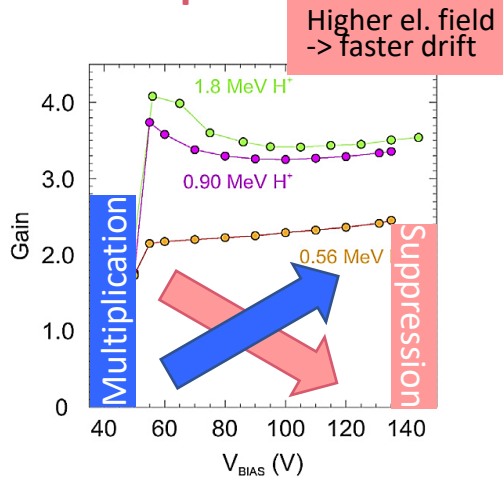
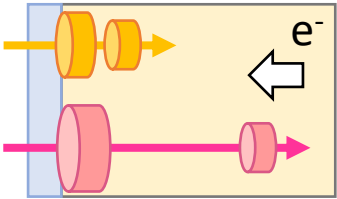
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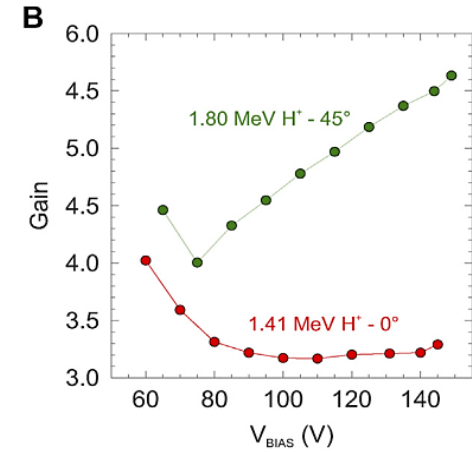
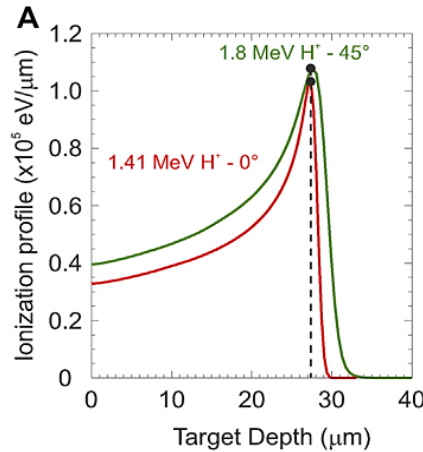
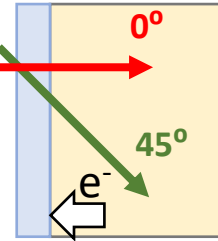
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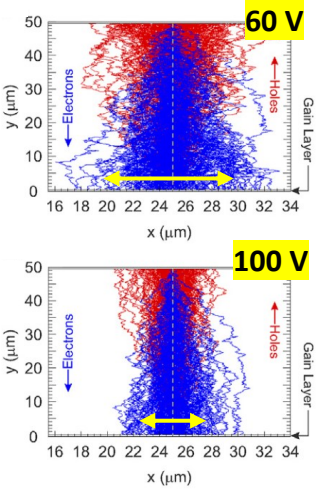


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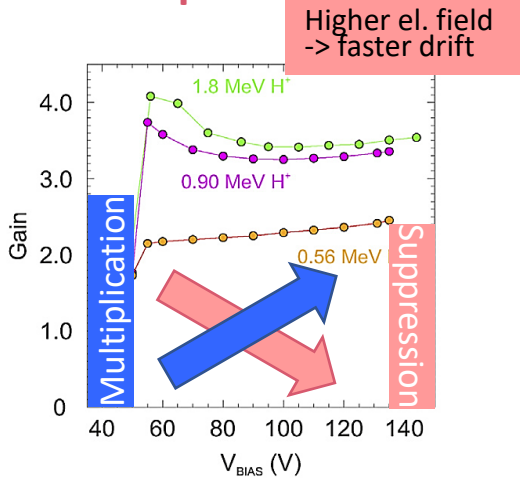
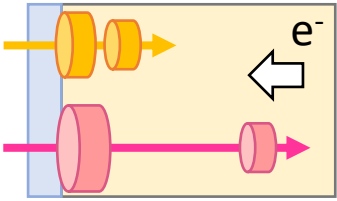
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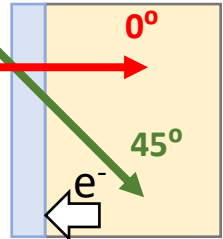
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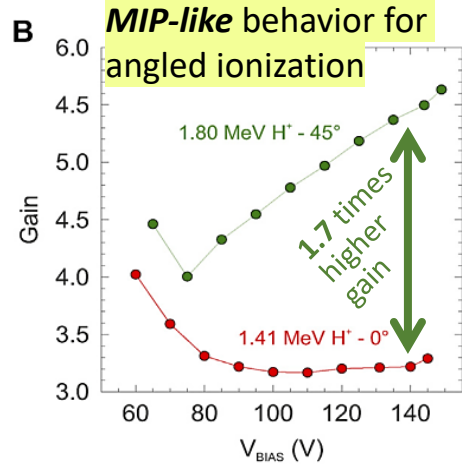
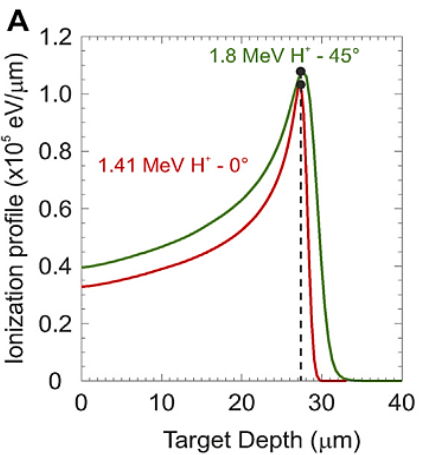
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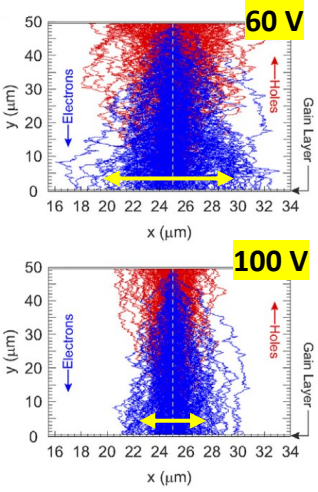


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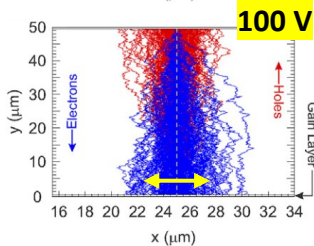
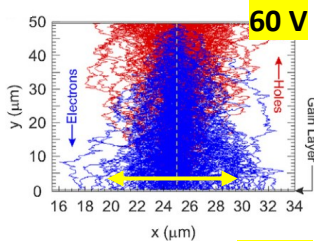
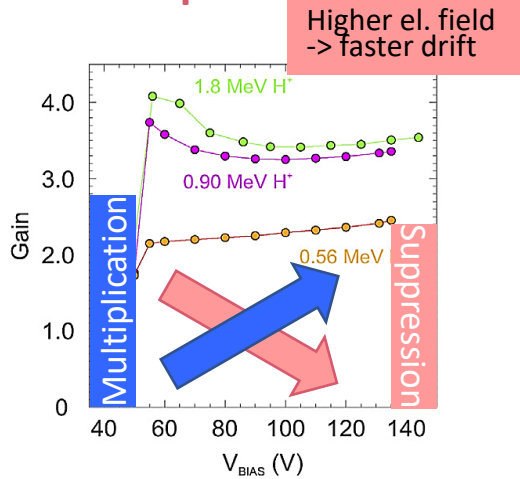
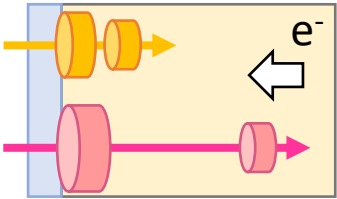


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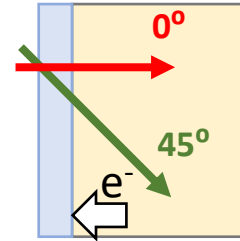
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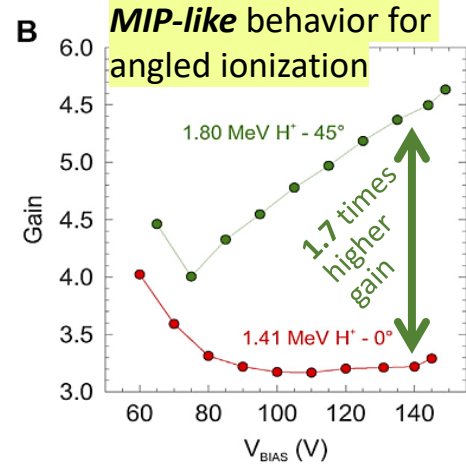
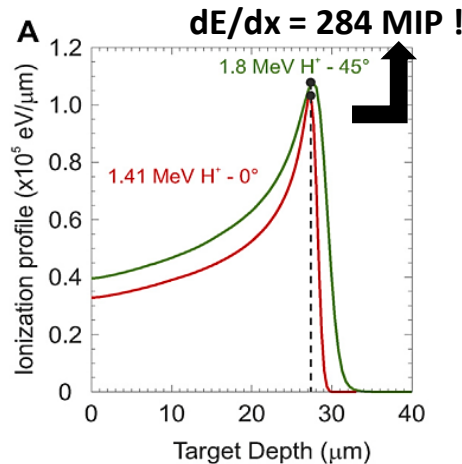
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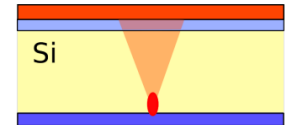
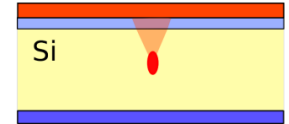
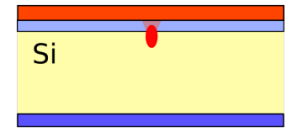


## Influence of a broadening charge carrier density

- Charge carrier density broadens during drift towards collecting electrode
  - Lowers the charge carrier density that arrives at the gain layer
  - Deeper deposition → longer drift time → higher influence of broadening → less gain reduction / higher gain
- Needed to compare measurements from different deposition depths

**Side note:**

For high enough charge carrier densities plasma arises, which prolongs the collection time (influence of plasma on the charge carrier density shape is not considered).  
 → The drift time measured at a low laser intensity is taken to model diffusion for all laser intensities



*Please see previous reports from the Seville group:*

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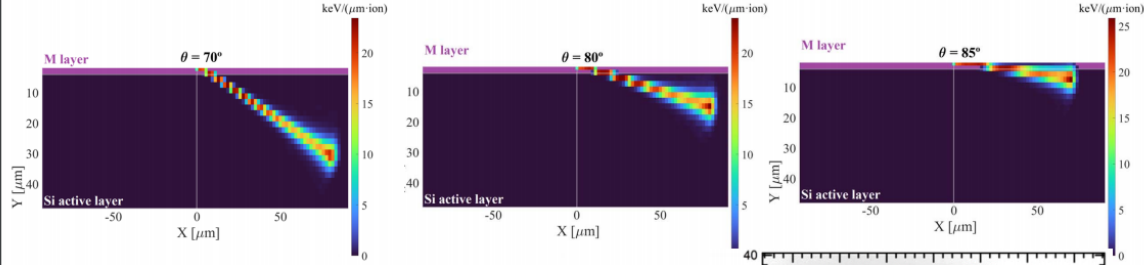
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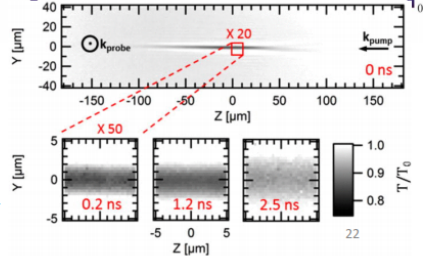
# Gain layer suppression when the Bragg peak is in the active volumen

- Between 70° and 85° the number of the electrons created closer to the anode becomes larger. The multiplication factor grows exponentially with the distance travelled by the electrons within the multiplication layer.



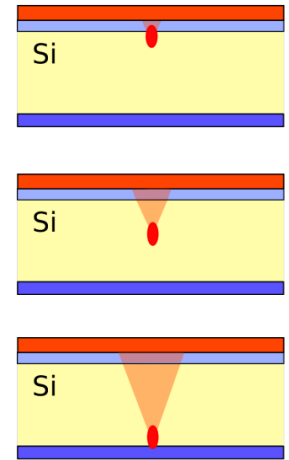
- Due to ambipolar diffusion, the closer the Bragg peak is deposited to the gain layer, the higher the ionization density because the carriers have less time to diffuse in the direction perpendicular to the electric field.

**Appl. Phys. Lett. 108, 041107 (2016)**  
 FIG. Direct observation of free-carrier diffusion inside silicon. A microplasma induced by two-photon ionization with a focused femtosecond laser pulse. High-resolution images acquired for different delays between pump and probe (bottom images) reveal directly the expansion of the microplasma by free-carrier diffusion.



## Increasing charge carrier density

towards  
 moves at the gain layer  
 → higher  
 production / higher gain



*Please see previous reports from the Seville group:*

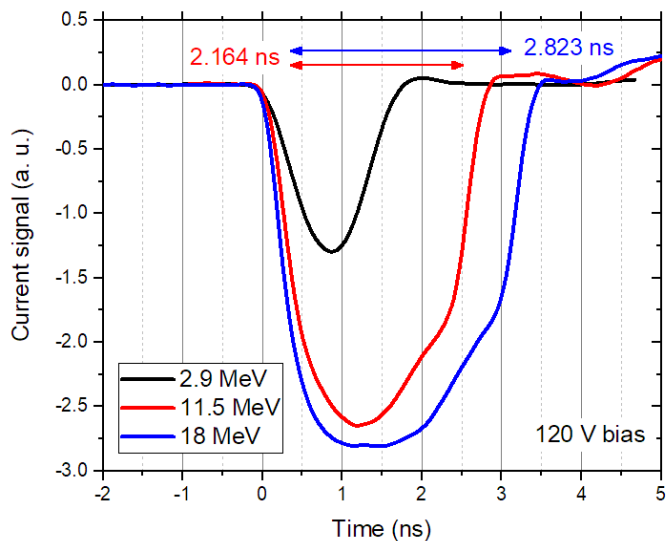
**Sebastian Pape - 40<sup>th</sup> meeting**  
**Maria Del Carmen Jimenez Ramos – 38<sup>th</sup> meeting**

- Needed to compare measurements from different deposition depths

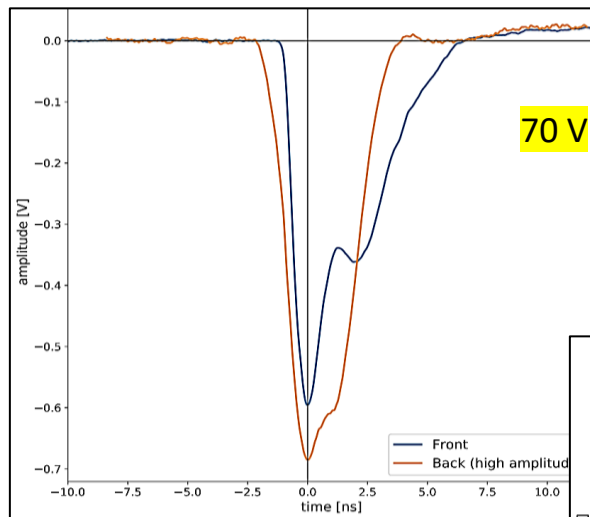
**Side note:**  
 For high enough charge carrier densities plasma arises, which prolongs the collection time (influence of plasma on the charge carrier density shape is not considered).  
 → The drift time measured at a low laser intensity is taken to model diffusion for all laser intensities

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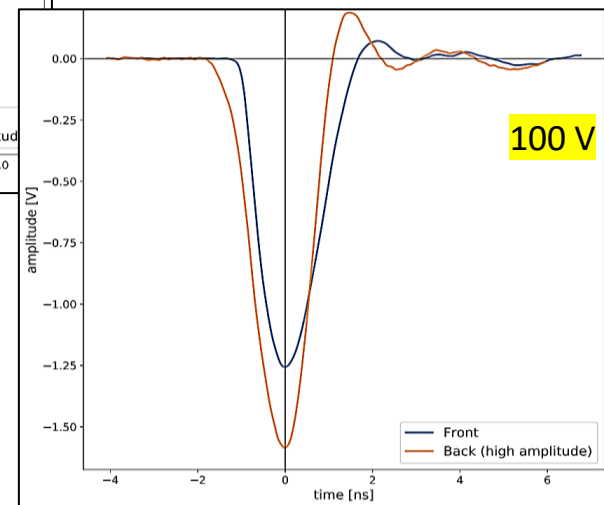
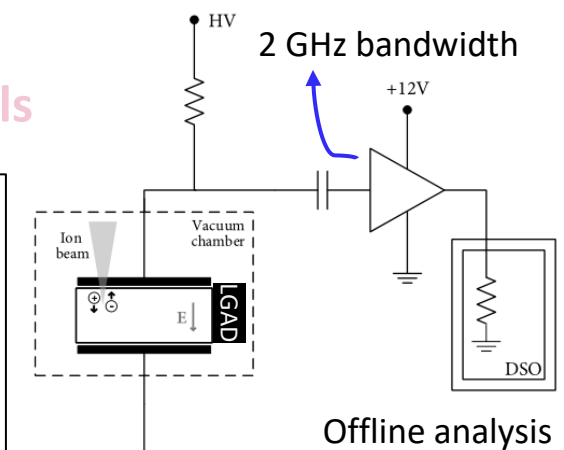
Carbon ions of different energy (injected from the top electrode)



## Analysis of Ion – TCT signals



4 MeV protons, injected from the top or the back electrode



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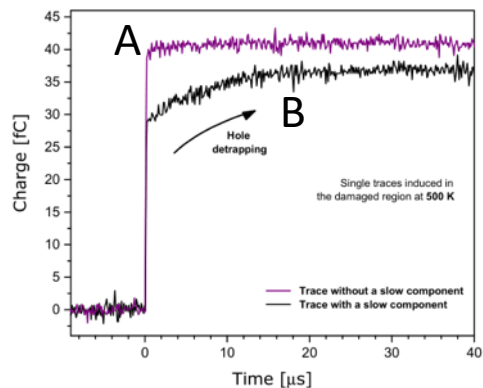
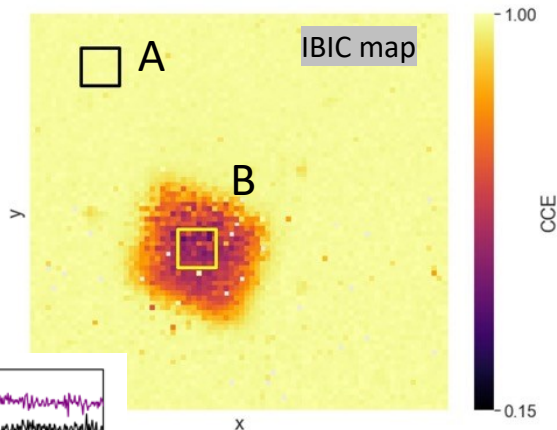


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Comparison of  
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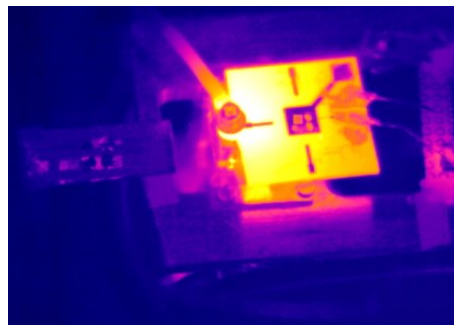
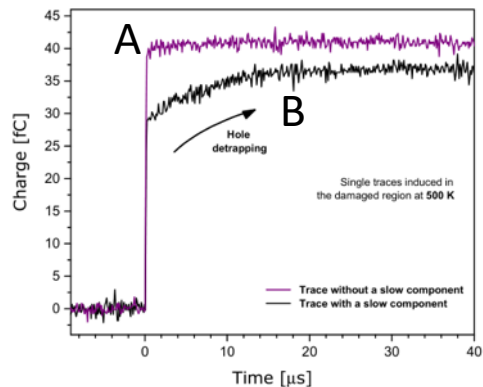
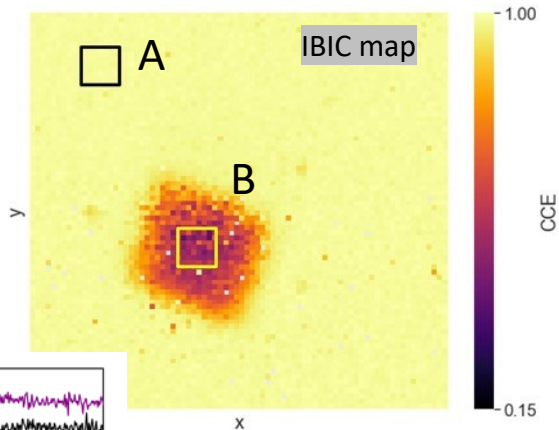
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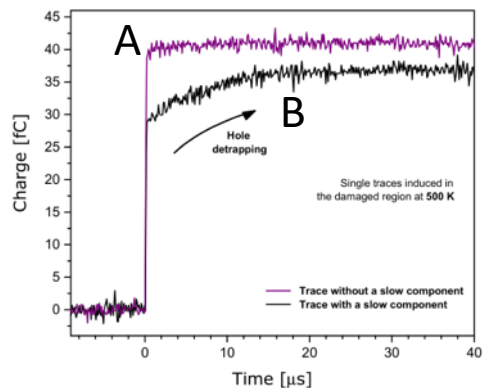
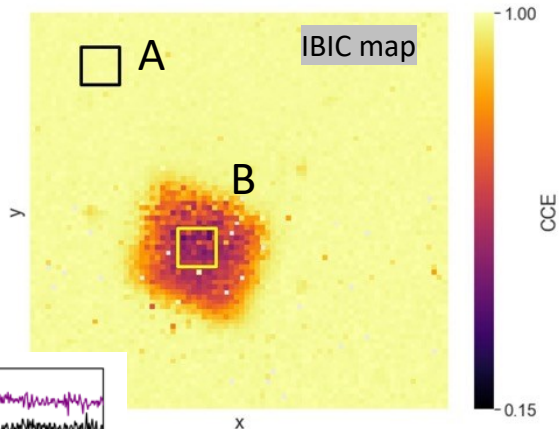
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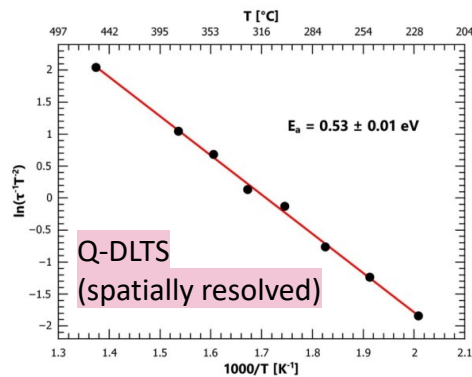
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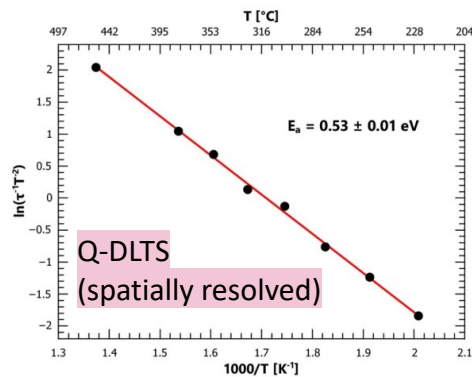
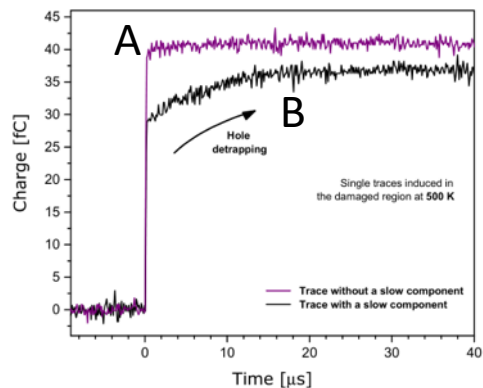
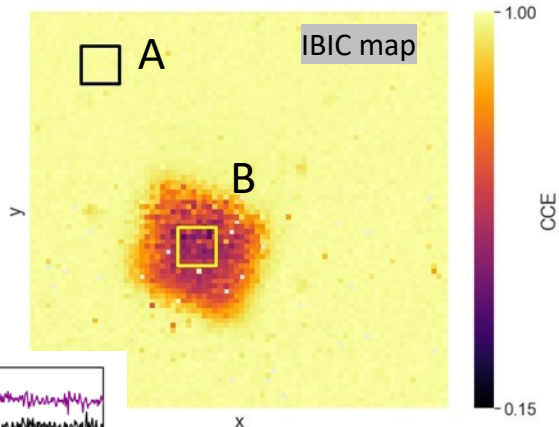
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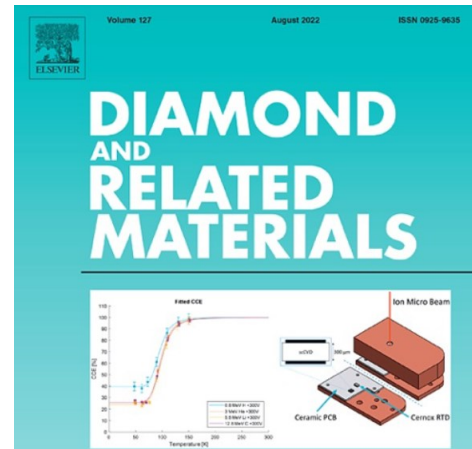
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Sample heating and cooling (40 K – 1000 K)



Charge collection efficiency of scCVD diamond detectors at low temperatures

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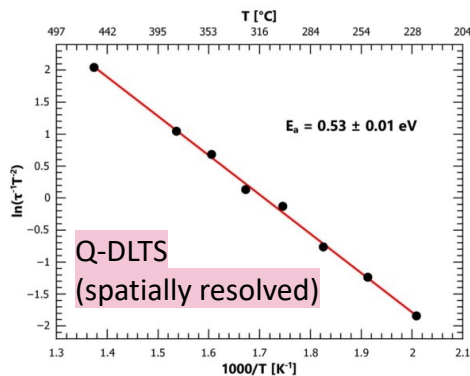
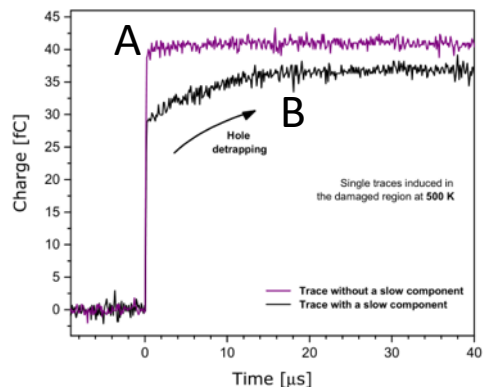
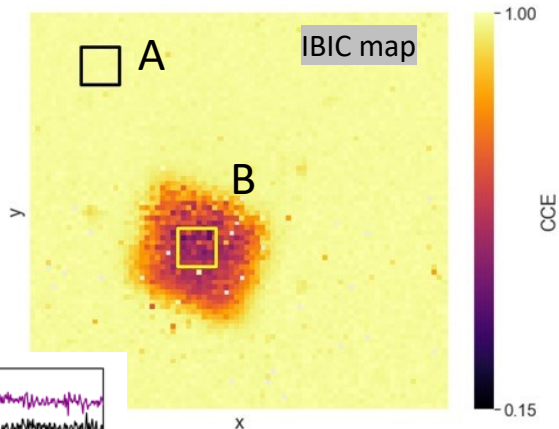
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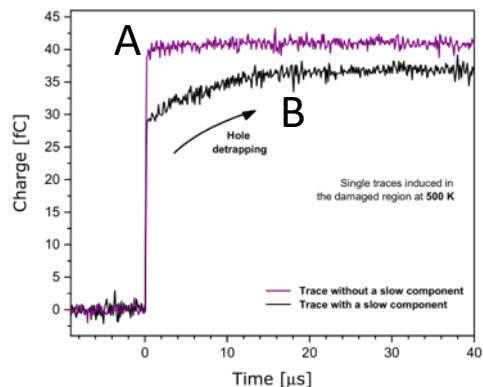
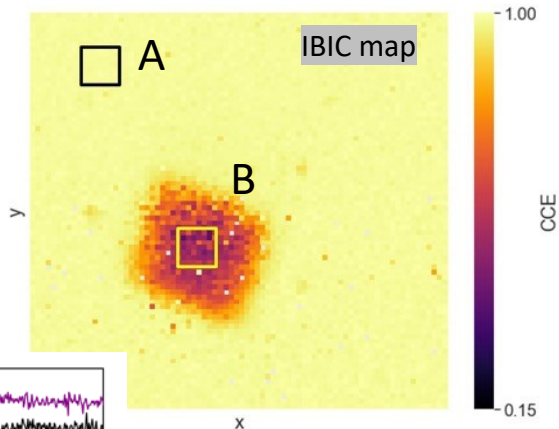
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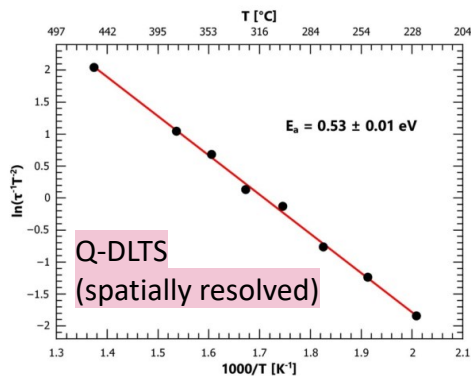
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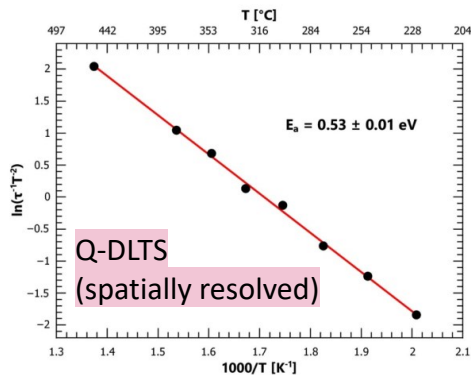
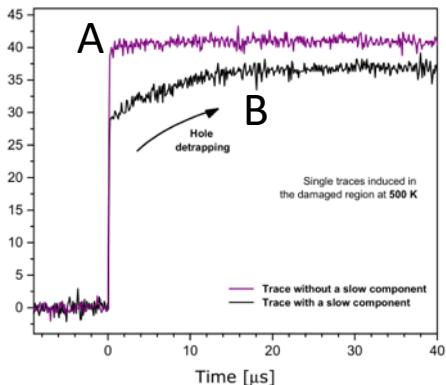
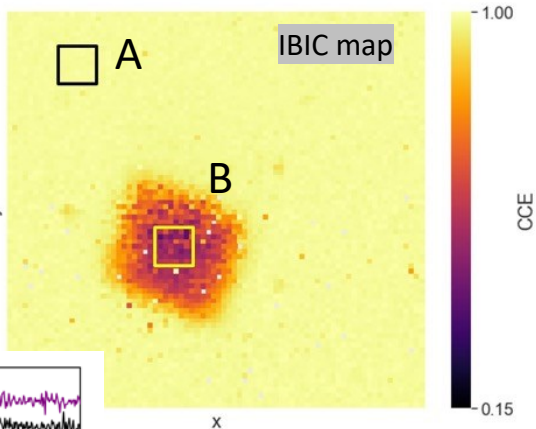
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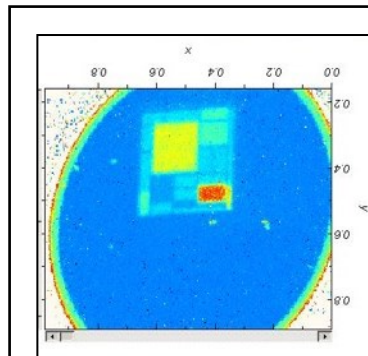
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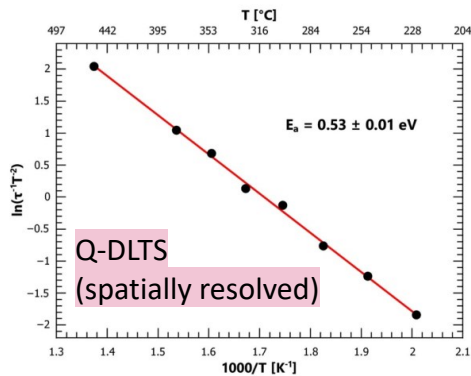
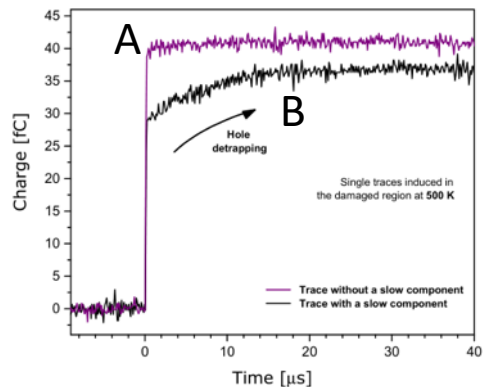
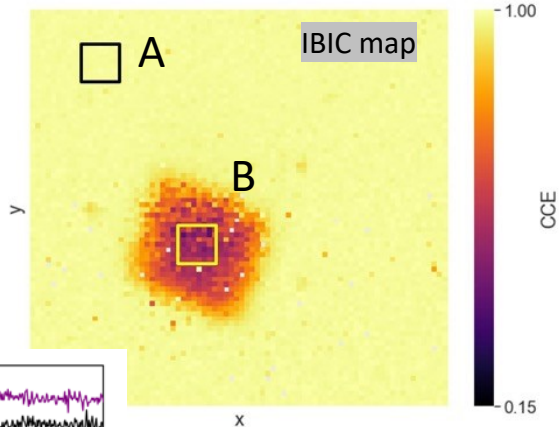
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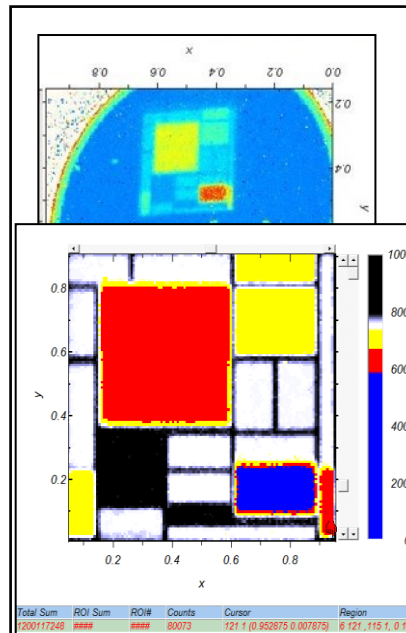
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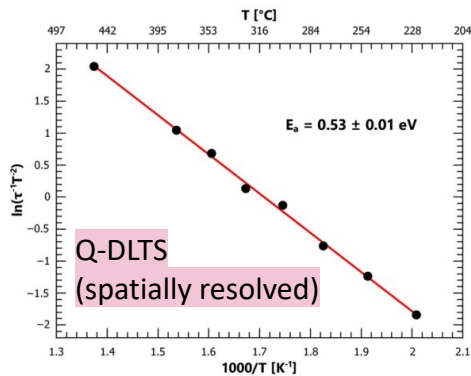
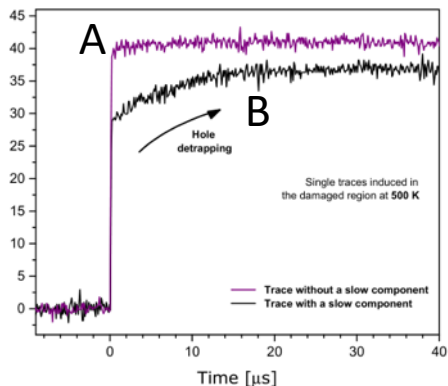
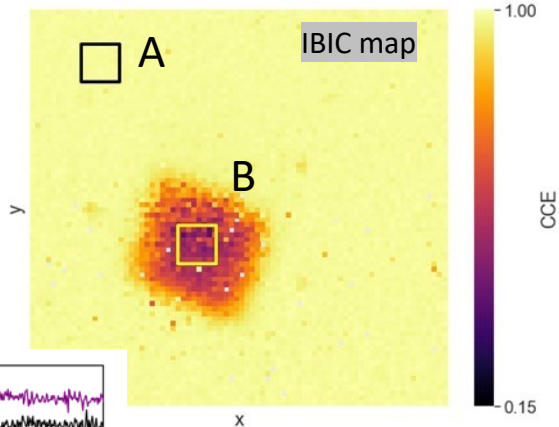
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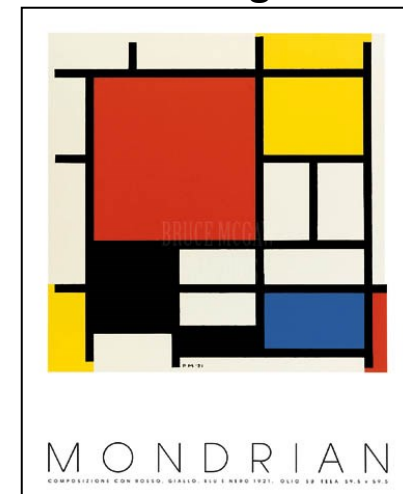
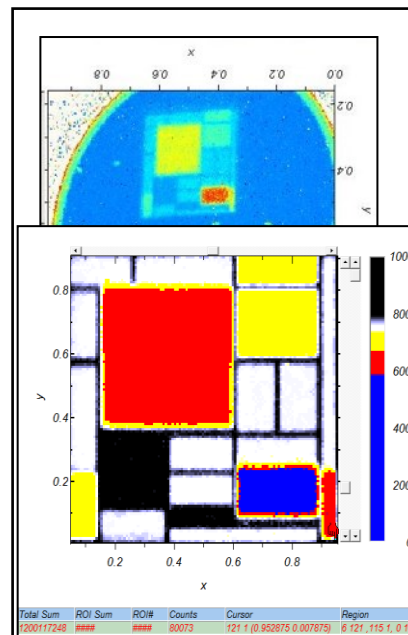
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# Summary

- MeV ions injected in LGAD samples to induce high ionization and study gain suppression physics
- Deeply penetrating protons experience lower gain suppression with increasing electric field as compared to shallow penetrating protons – diffusion of the charge cloud
- Probing with frontal and 45° ion beam with similar ionization profile demonstrates critical influence of ionization density on gain performance
- Ion-TCT signals induced by ions injected from the top and the back side – shape analysis
- Additional ion microprobe capabilities:
  - Selective introduction of the radiation damage
  - Online monitoring of the accumulated fluence

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# Trans-national access to RBI facility



Collaborations from the last 6 years regarding detector testing  
Through the **AIDA2020** and **RADIATE** (more than 20 experiments)

- > **AIDA-2015-1**, Study of radiation damage in scCVD diamond, Jerzy Pietraszko, GSI, **Germany (26-30.10.2015.)**
- > **AIDA-2015-2**, Diamond Membranes for Radioisotope Batteries, Michal Pomorski, CEA, **France (15-19.2.2016.)**
- > **AIDA-2015-4**, 3D diamond, Alexander Oh, University of Manchester, **UK (11-15.4.2016.)**
- > **AIDA-2016-1**, Single crystal diamond Shottky diodes for microdosimetry, Claudio Verona, **Italy (24-28.10.2016.)**
- > **AIDA-2016-2**, Microbeam tests of silicon telescope for dosimetry, G. Magrin, **Austria (18-20.1. and 9-10.2.2017.)**
- > **AIDA-2017-1**, Diamond Membrane Microdosimeter, M. Pomorski, CEA, **France (2-5.5.2017.)**
- > **AIDA-2017-4**, CVD diamond Time of Flight detector with interdigitated electrodes, W. Cayzac, **France (6-10.11.2017)**
- > **AIDA-2017-5**, Polycrystalline 3D Diamond IBIC and TRIBIC characterisation, A. Oh, Manchester, **UK (27.11.-2.12.2017.)**
- > **AIDA-2017-2**, Analysis of graphite pillars buried in sc-CVD diamond, G. Conte, **Italy (12-14.9.2017. and 20-21.3.2018)**
- > **AIDA-2018-1**, Single event upsets in CMS pixel ROC, Wolfram Erdmann, PSI **Switzerland (2.7.-6.7.2018.)**
- > **AIDA-2019-1**, IBIC of monolytic pixel detectors, Rogelio Pinto, University of Sevilla, **Spain (19.8.-23.8.2019.)**

- > 1. **E. Vittone, Italy**, Differential IBIC analysis for the measurement of carrier lifetime in silicon pin diodes **(20.-22.5.2020)**
- > 2. **M. Pomorski, France**, 3D scCVD diamond membrane microdosimeter for quality assurance in hadron therapy **(24.-27.8.2020)**
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- > 4. **R. Pinto, Spain**, Response in monolithic particle detector for the RD50 collaboration **(14.-18.6.2021)**
- > 5. **C. Verona, Italy**, Characterization of  $\Delta E$ -E single crystal diamond based telescope for microdosimetry application **(5.-9.7.2021)**
- > 6. **E. Vittone, Italy**, Hydrogen thermal donors in silicon **(22.-24.2.2022)**
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- > 10. **M. Camarada, Switzerland**, Study of high temperature charge transport response of SiC **(planned for 19.-23.9.2022)**

## New applications – EuroLABS (2022 – 2026)

This proposal brings together for the first time in Europe the three communities engaged in Nuclear Physics and Accelerator/ Detector technology for High Energy Physics.

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