

# Latest Developments in 2D and 3D TOF-SIMS Analysis

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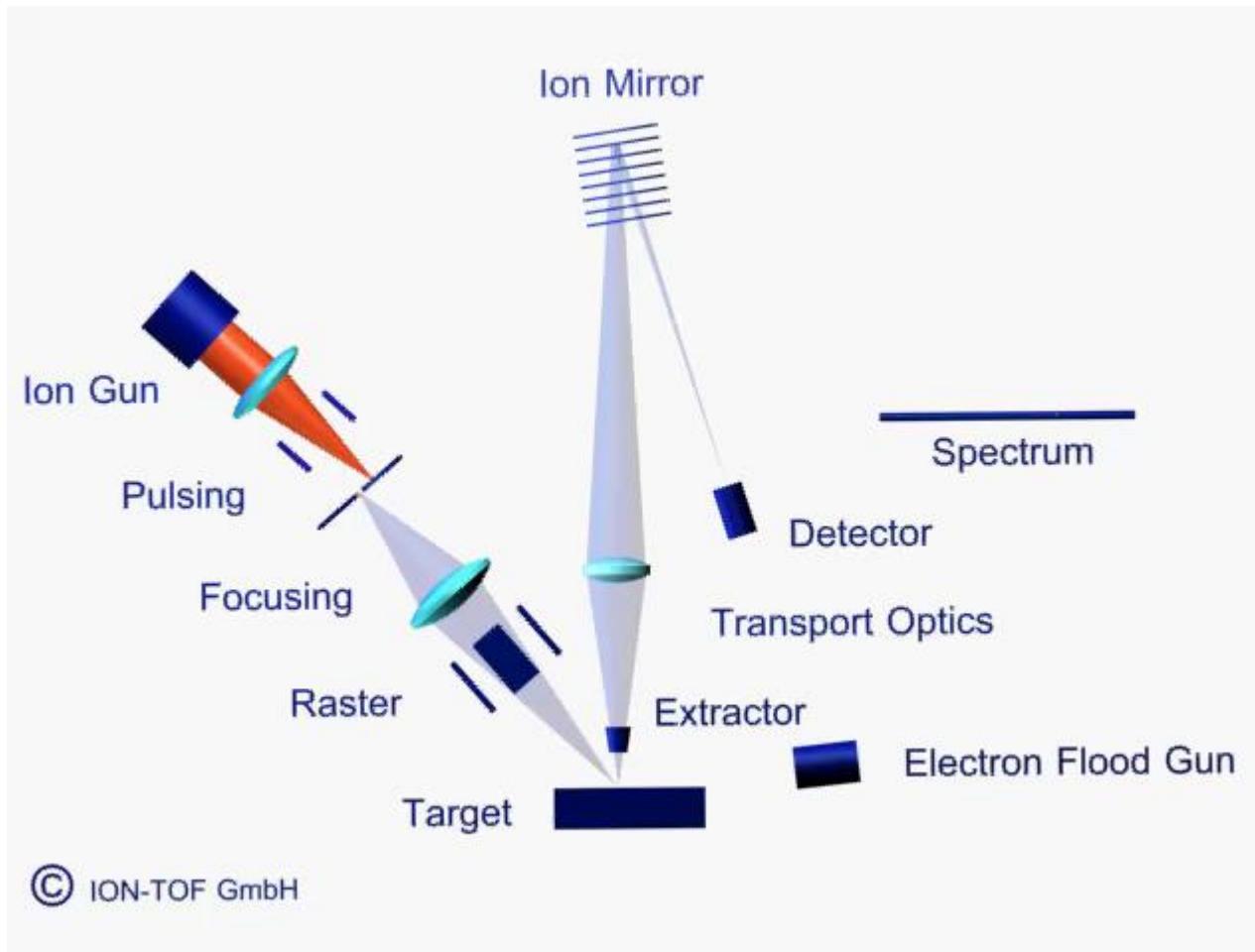
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# Secondary Ion Mass Spectrometry



# Modes of Operation

quasi non-destructive surface analysis of the outer monolayers  
elemental and molecular information  
ppm/ppb sensitivity

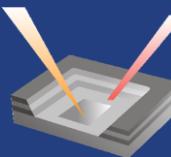


Surface Spectrometry

chemical mapping of the surface  
lateral distribution of elements and molecules  
lateral resolution down to 50 nm  
parallel acquisition of all images

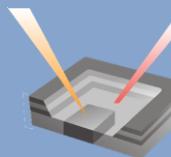


Surface Imaging



Depth Profiling

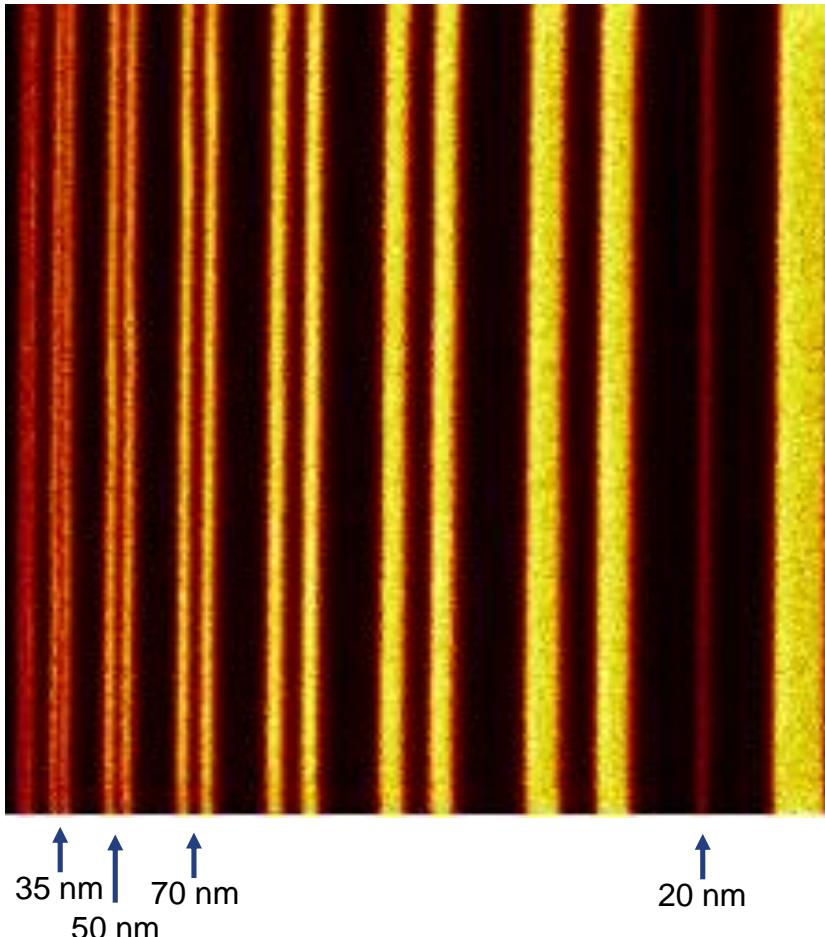
analysis of the in-depth distribution  
elemental and molecular information  
depth resolution < 1 nm  
from a few nm to several  $\mu\text{m}$



3D Analysis

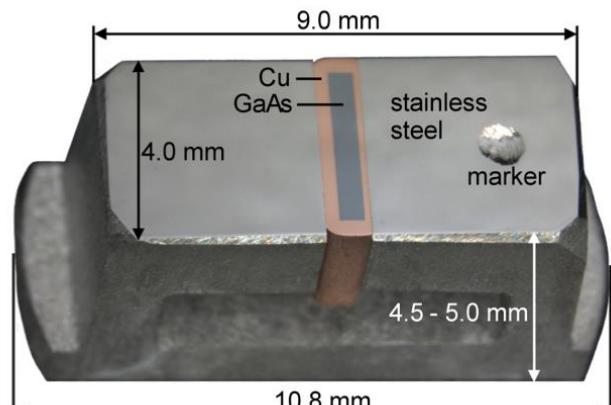
combination of imaging and in-depth information  
elemental and molecular information

# Ultimate 2D Imaging Resolution



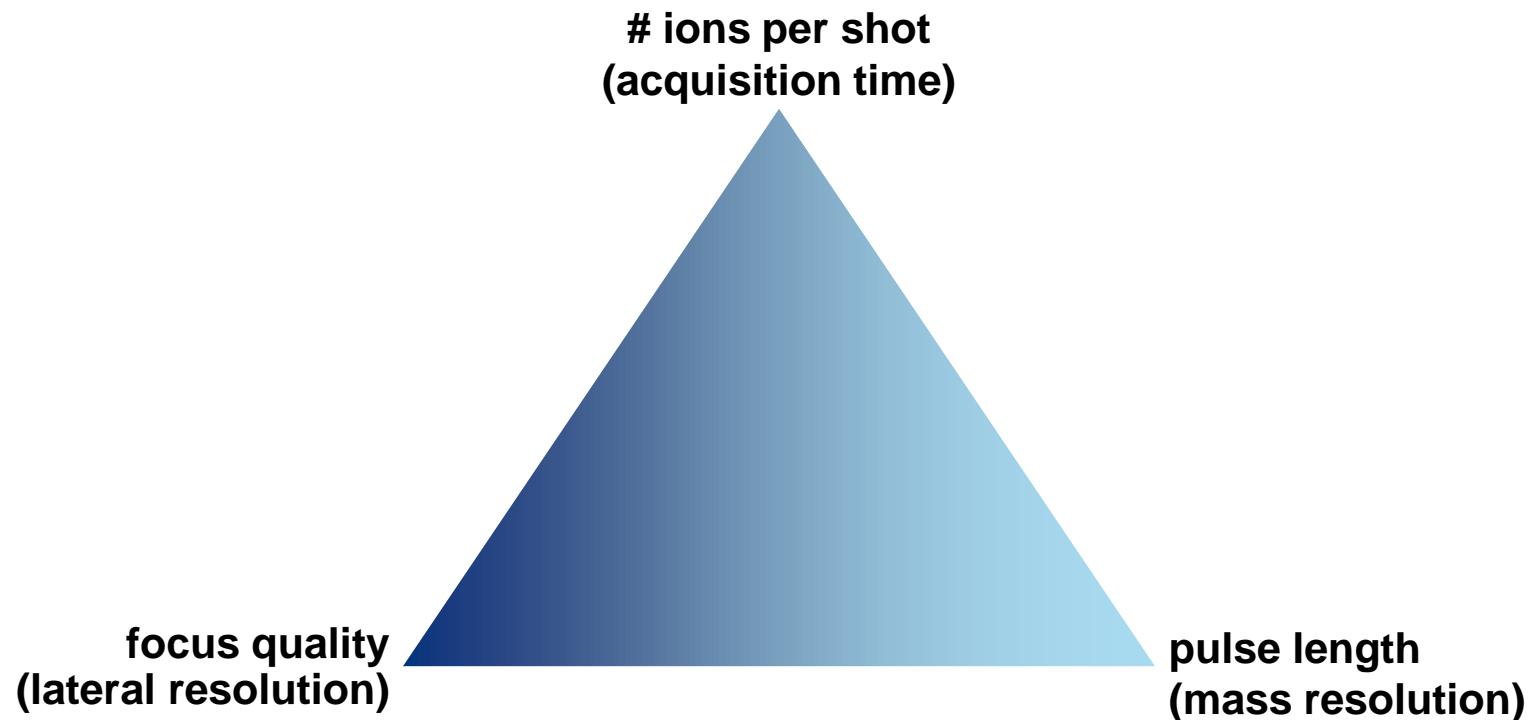
Primary ion:  $\text{Bi}_1^+$   
Field of view:  $5 \times 5 \mu\text{m}^2$   
Pixel resolution:  $512 \times 512$  pixel

**Resolution:**  $< 50$  nm



BAM test sample L-200

# Mass Resolution vs. Lateral Resolution



Detector



## Static Extraction

$m_1$

$m_1 < m_2$

$m_2$

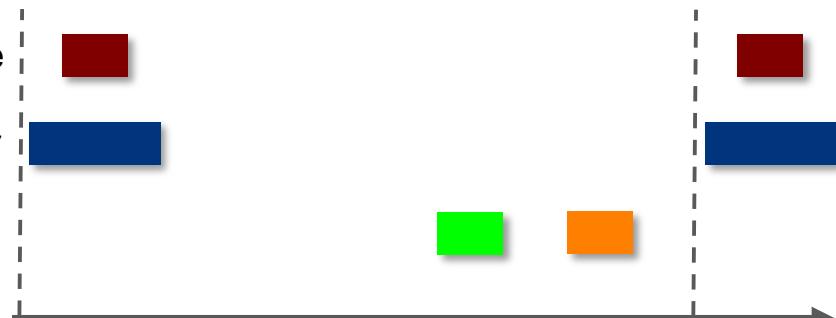
Extractor

Primary Ion Beam

Primary Ion Pulse

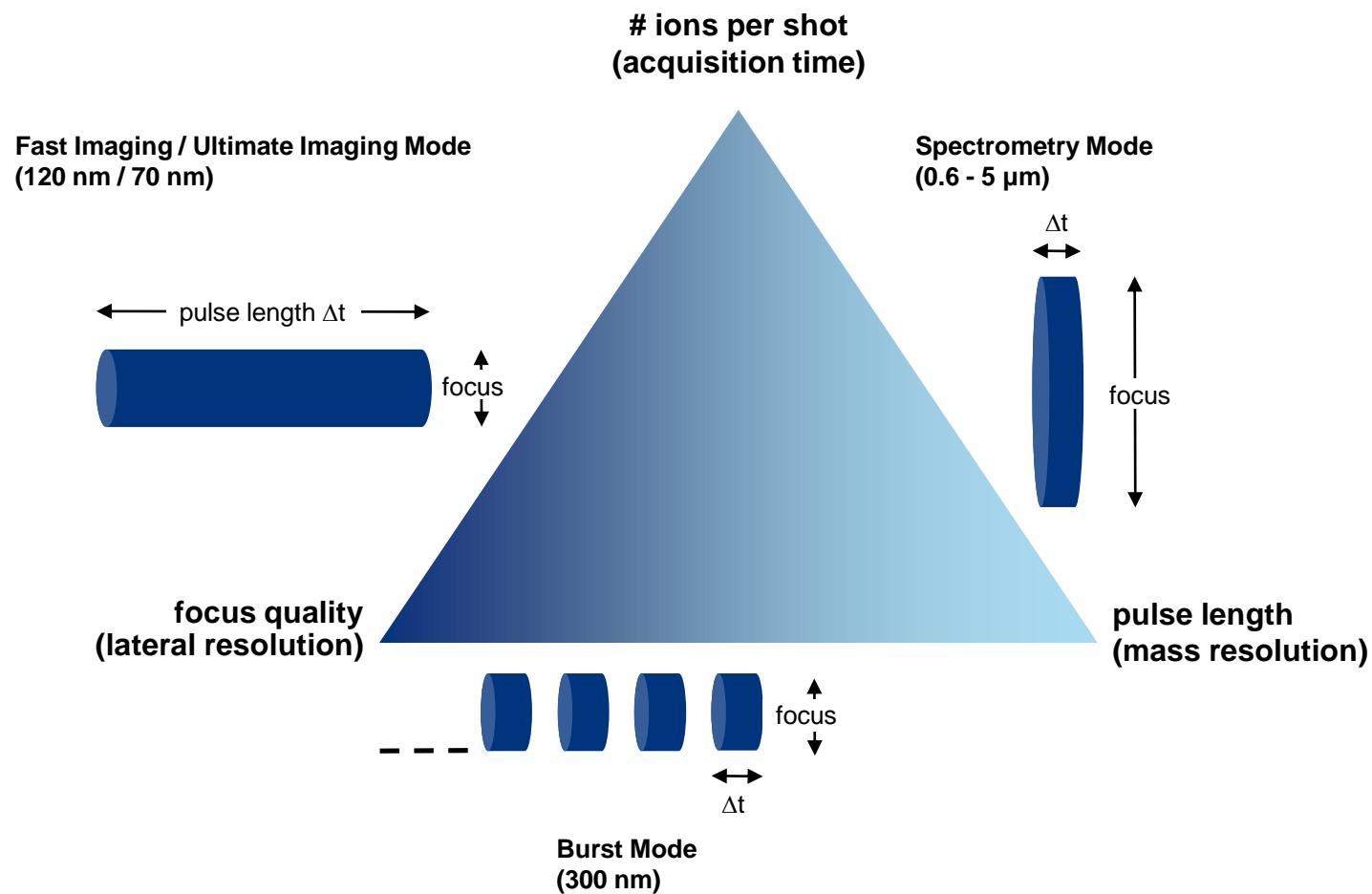
Extractor

Secondary Ions  
at Detector

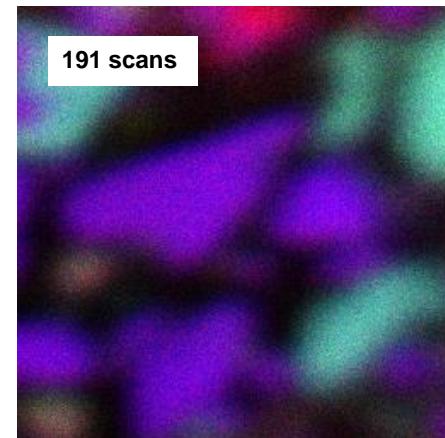
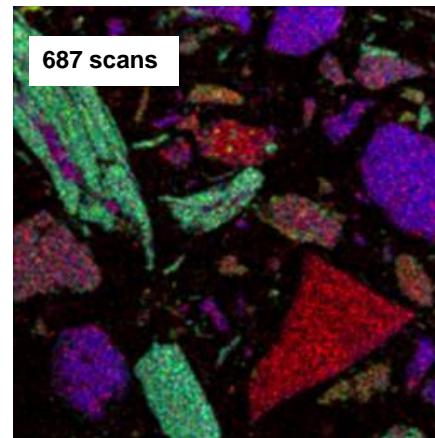
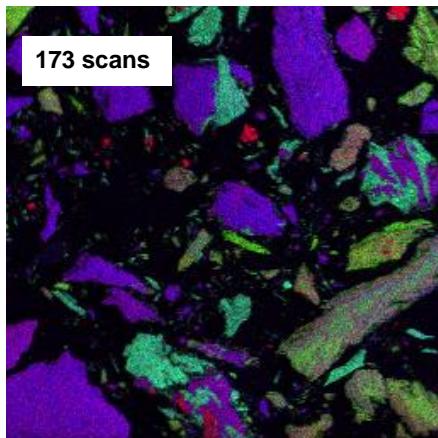
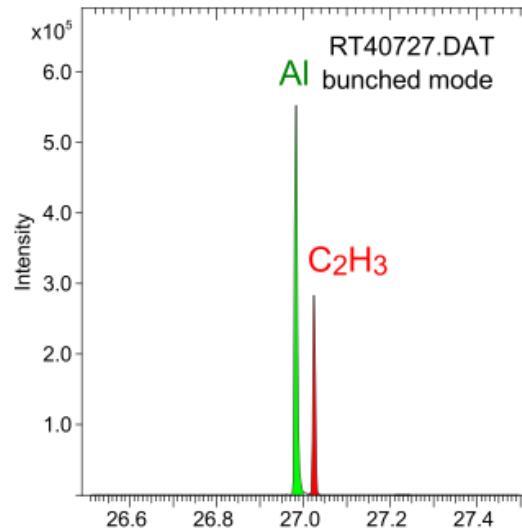
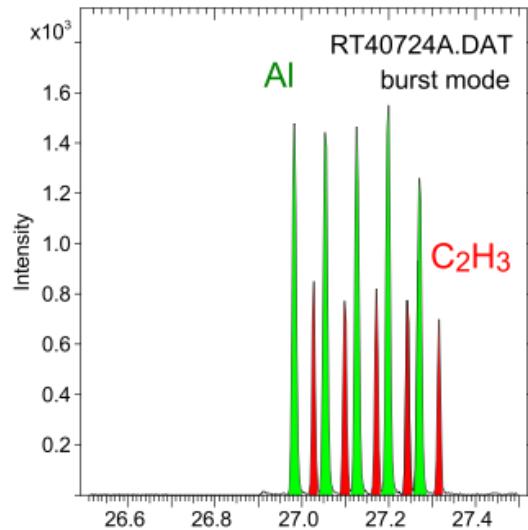
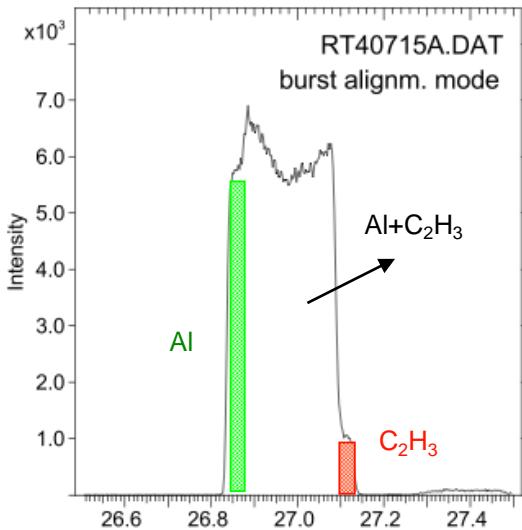


- > High mass resolution requires short primary ion pulses

# Modes of Operation



# Mass Resolution vs. Lateral Resolution



# Separating Mass and Lateral Resolution

Detector



$m_1 < m_2$

$m_2$

Extractor

## Static Extraction

Primary Ion Pulse

Extractor

Secondary Ions  
at Detector



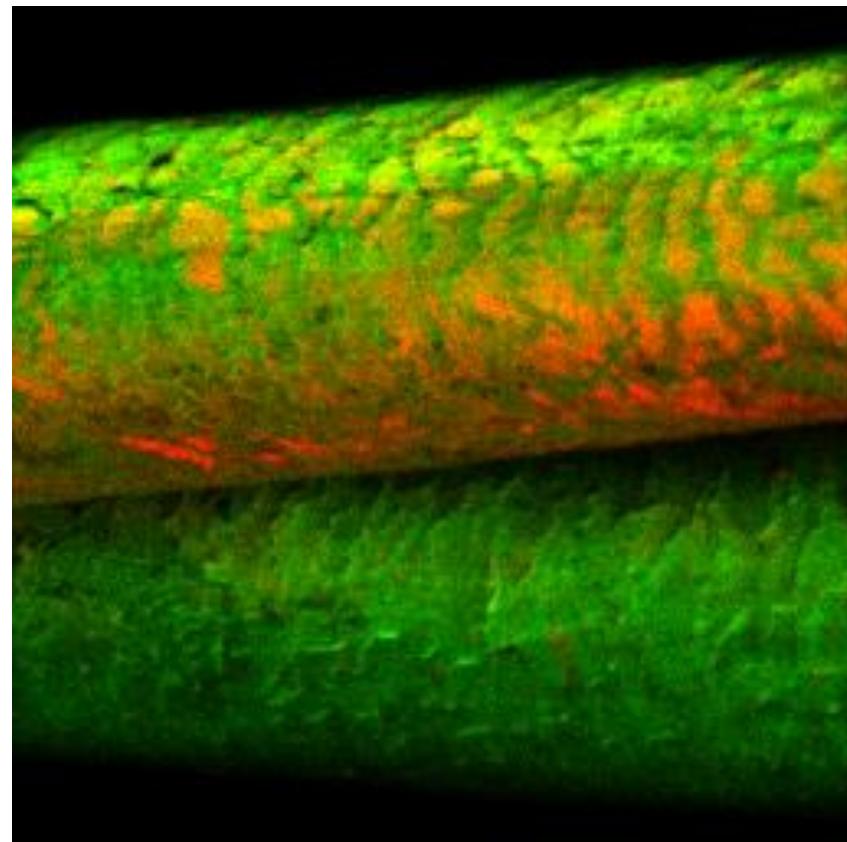
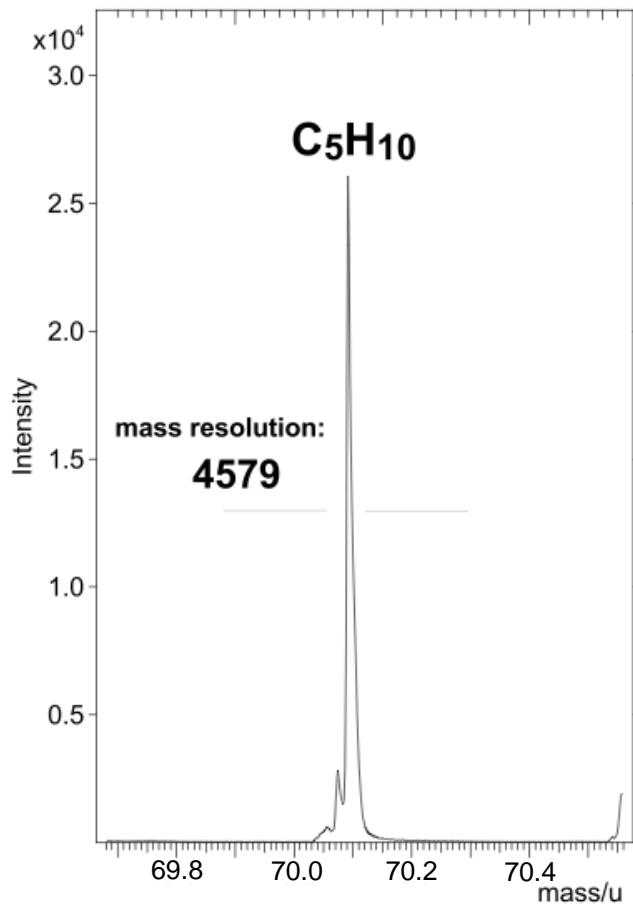
Primary Ion Pulse

Extractor

Secondary Ions  
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## Delayed Extraction

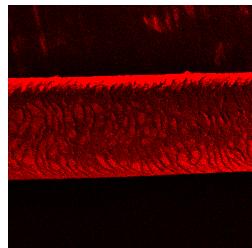
# Hair Sample



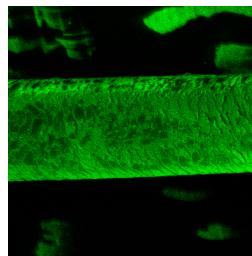
# Human Hair Sample

238 x 238  $\mu\text{m}^2$

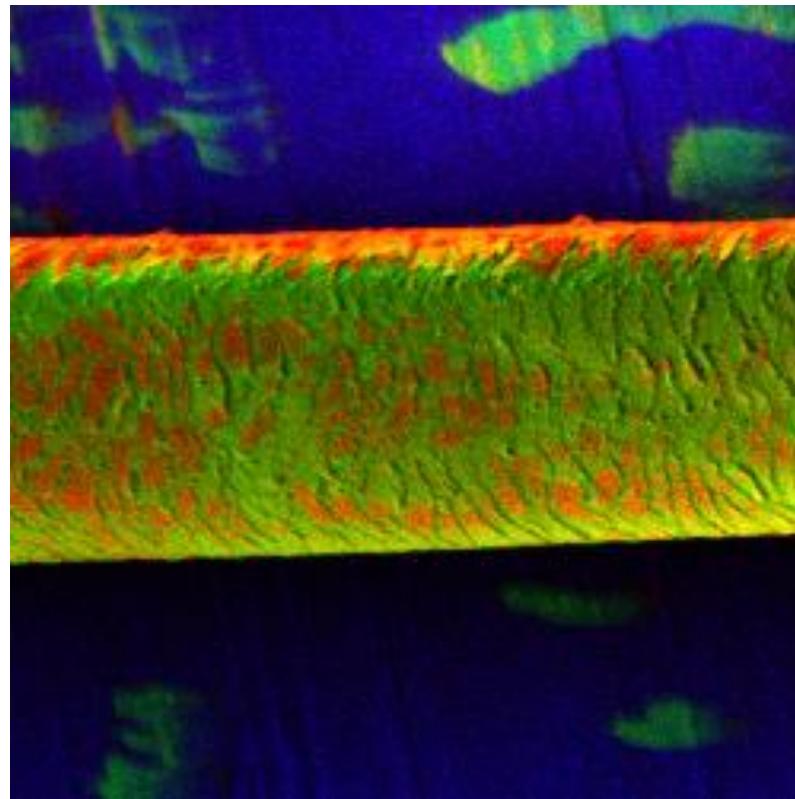
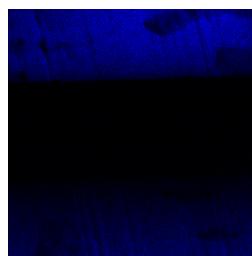
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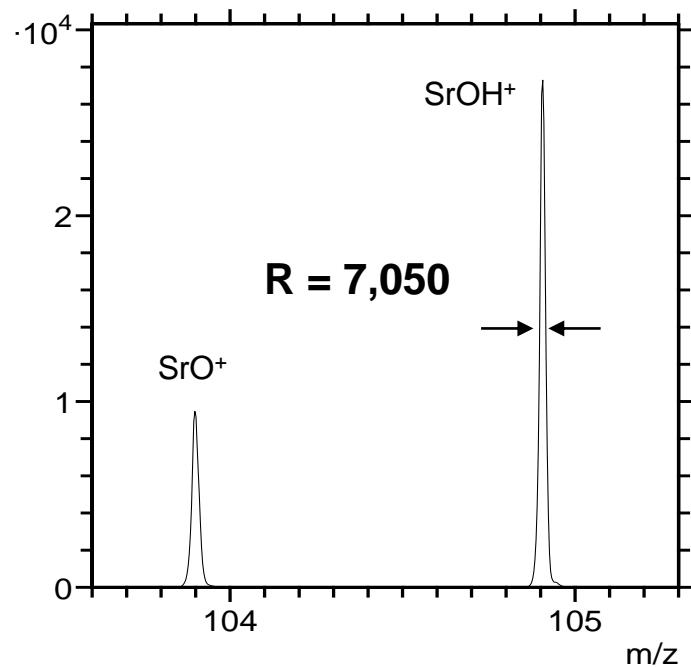
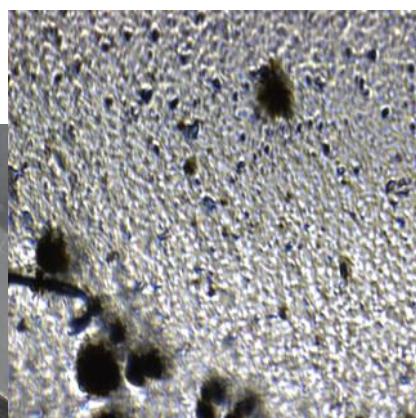
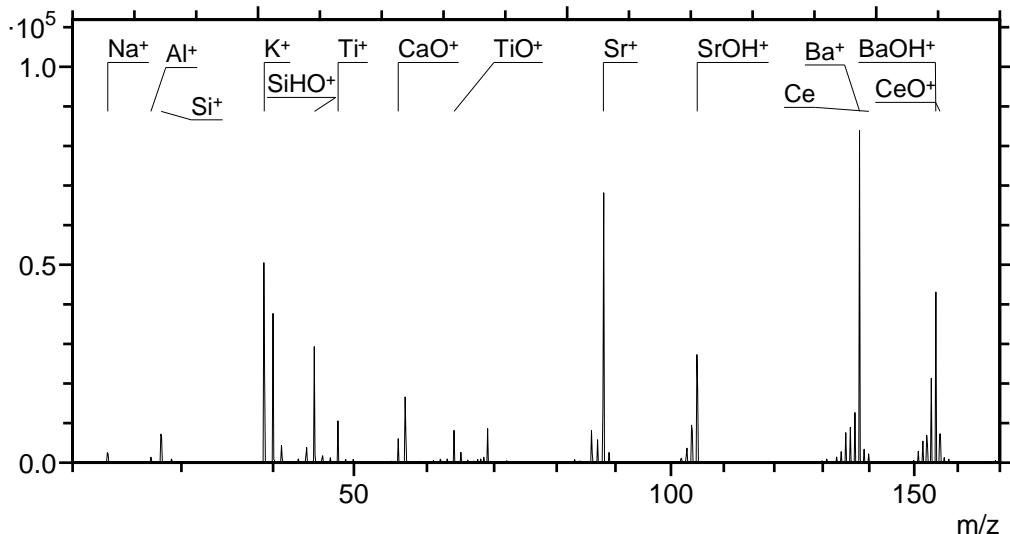
K+



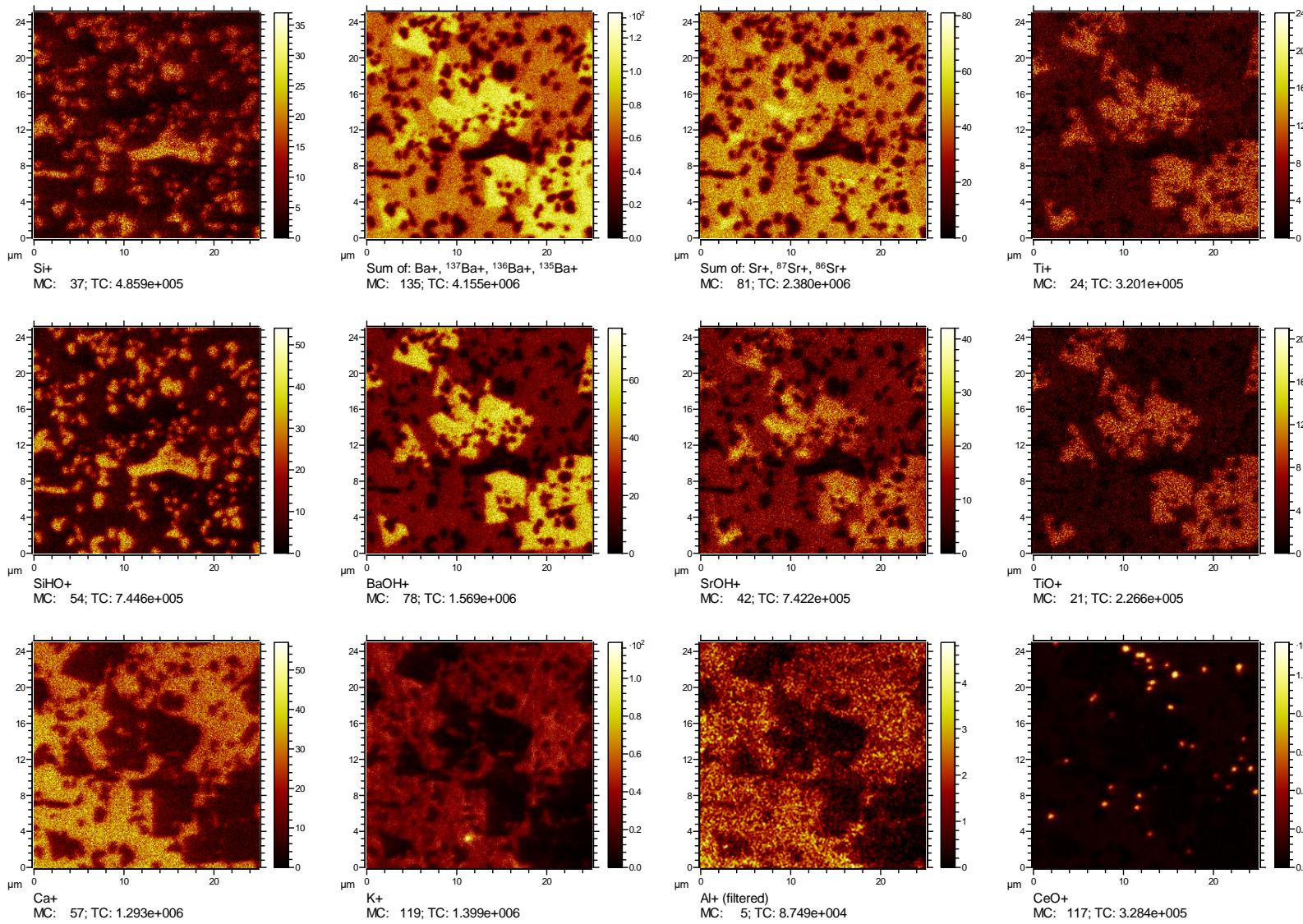
$\text{Al}_x\text{O}_y\text{H}_z^+$



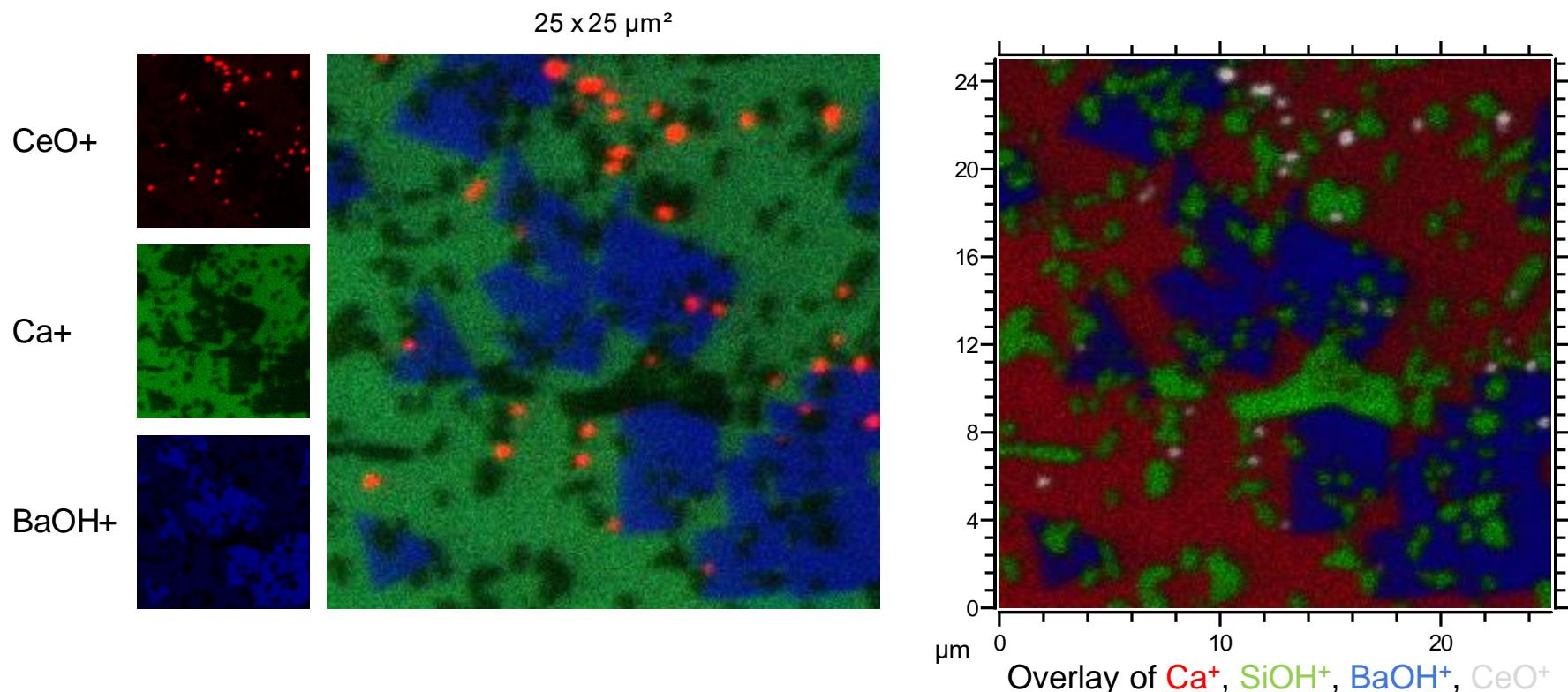
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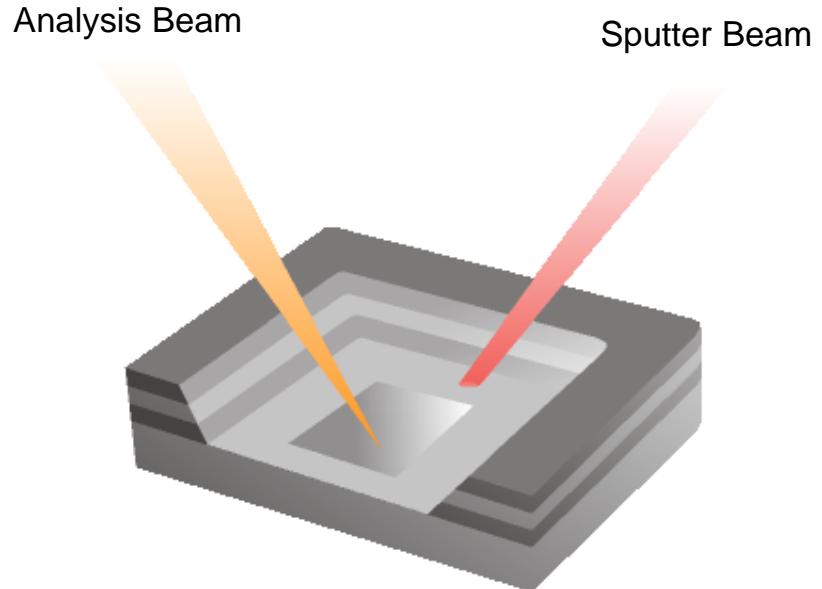


# Glass Ceramic, FoV 25 x 25 $\mu\text{m}^2$



# Dual Beam Depth Profiling

- > Sputter beam and analysis beam conditions are optimised independently
- > Analysis is performed by a short pulse length and small spot size ion beam for high mass and lateral resolution
- > Sputtering is achieved by a beam of reactive species( $O_2$  or  $Cs$ ) or clusters ( $Ar_{1500}$ ) at low energy for increased sensitivity, high depth resolution, and short transients

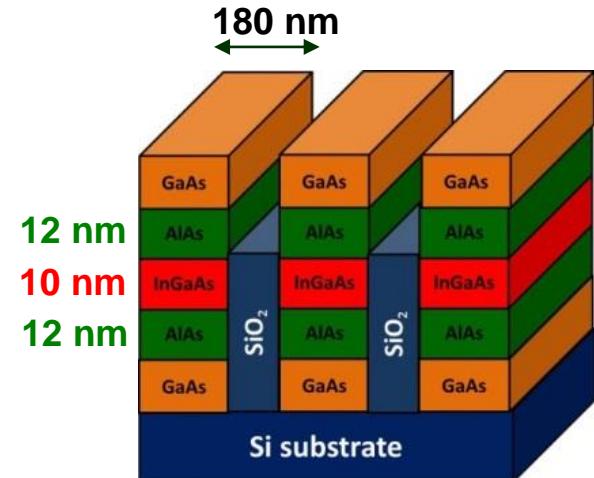
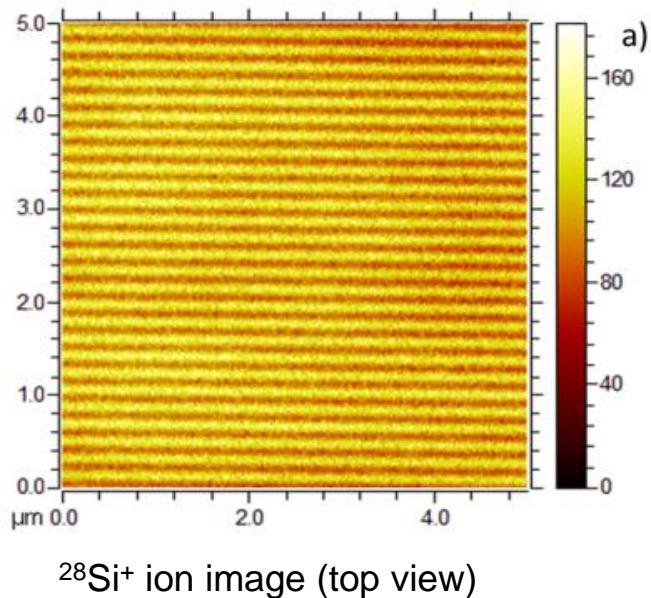


# Micro Area Profiling of III-V Trenches

## 3D analysis of patterned InGaAs QWs

Example provided by CEA LETI: V. Gorbenko et al.,  
presented at 9th SIMS Europe 2014

Analysis:  $\text{Bi}_3^{++}$  60 keV energy,  $5 \times 5 \mu\text{m}^2$   
Sputtering:  $\text{O}_2^+$  at 500eV,  $200 \times 200 \mu\text{m}^2$ .

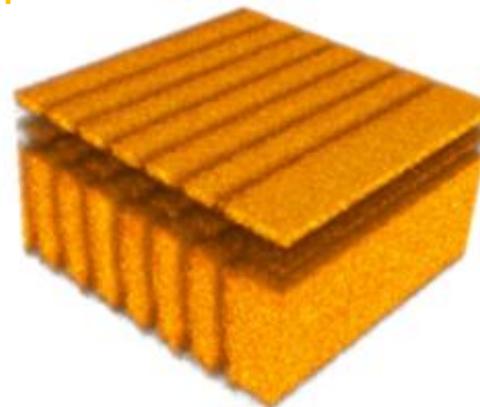


# Micro Area Profiling of III-V Trenches

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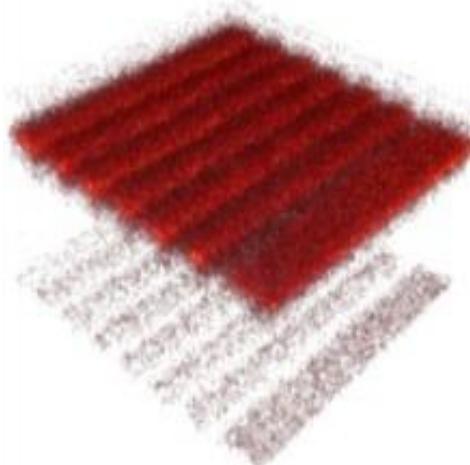


**Ga<sup>+</sup>**



**10 µm x10 µm x 200 nm**

**In<sup>+</sup>**



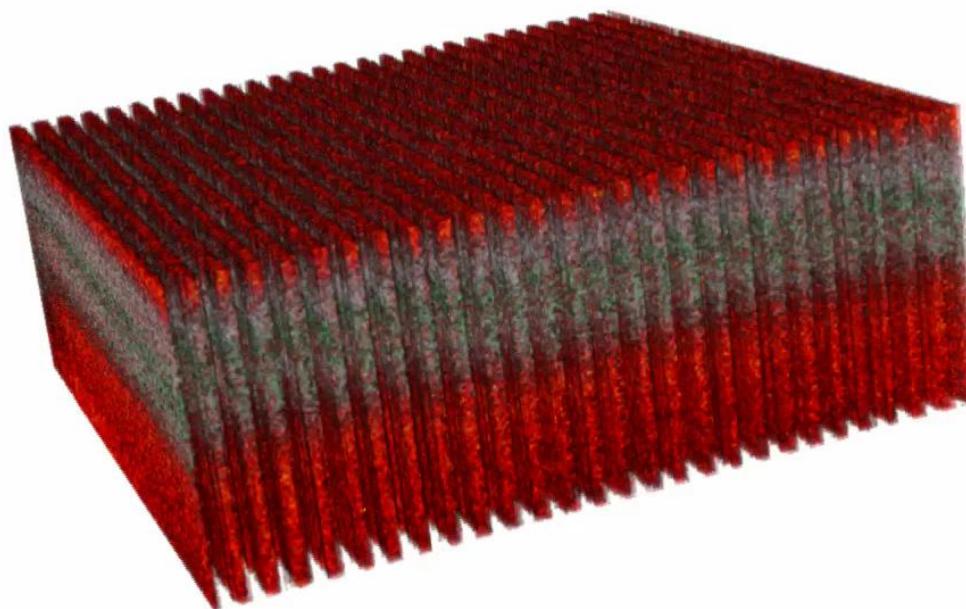
**Si<sup>+</sup>**



**128 x 128 pixels (78,1 nm/pixel)**

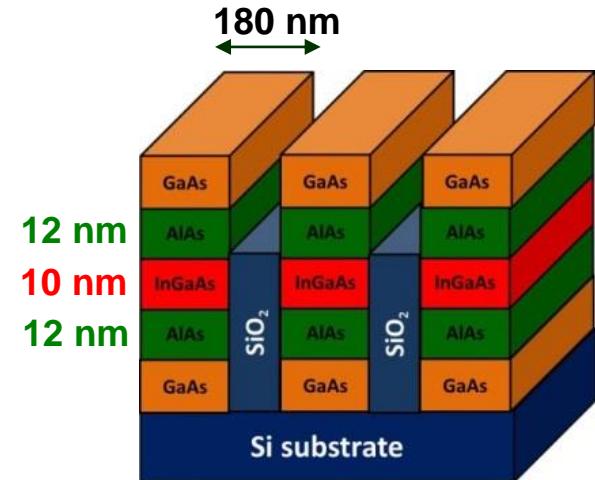
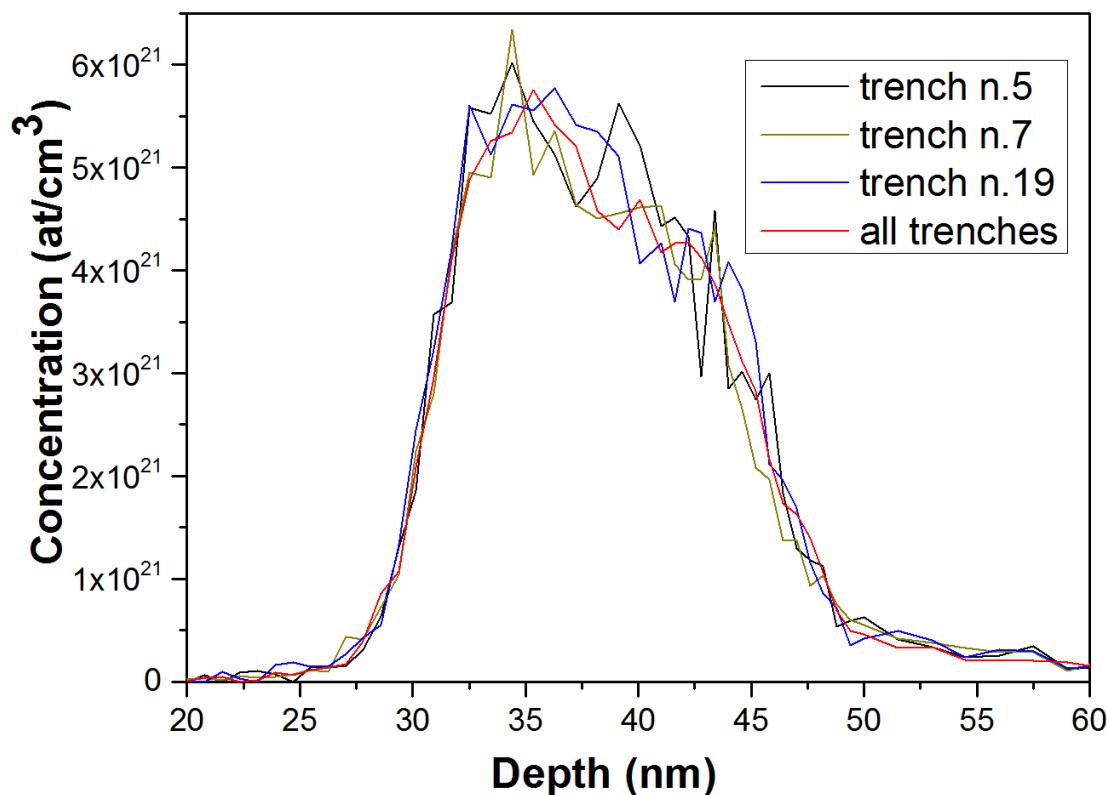
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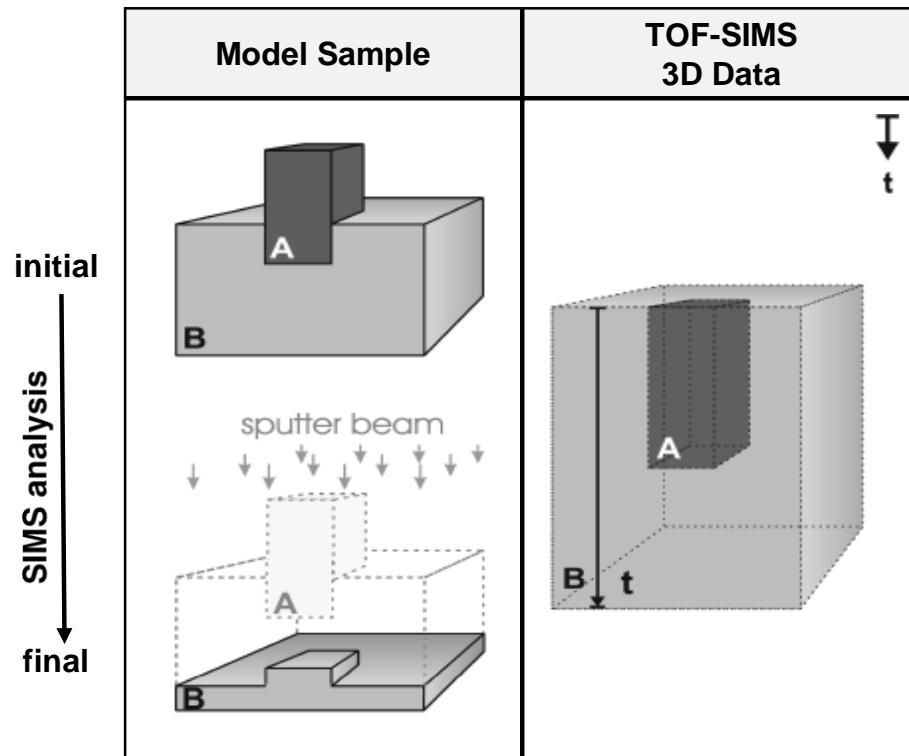


# Micro Area Profiling of III-V Trenches

Quantification of individual QWs without contribution from  $\text{SiO}_2$



# Influence of Topography and Sputter Rates

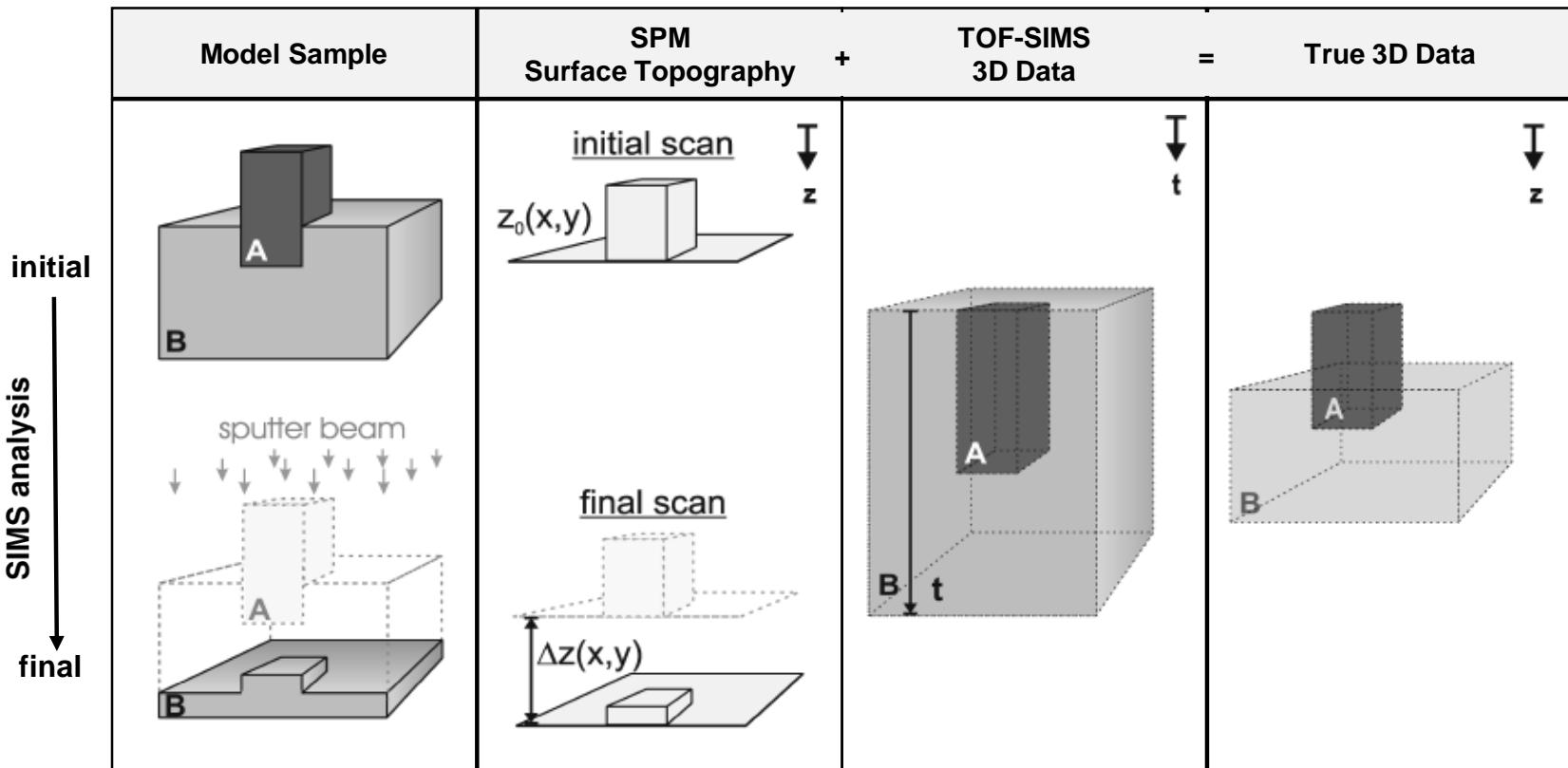


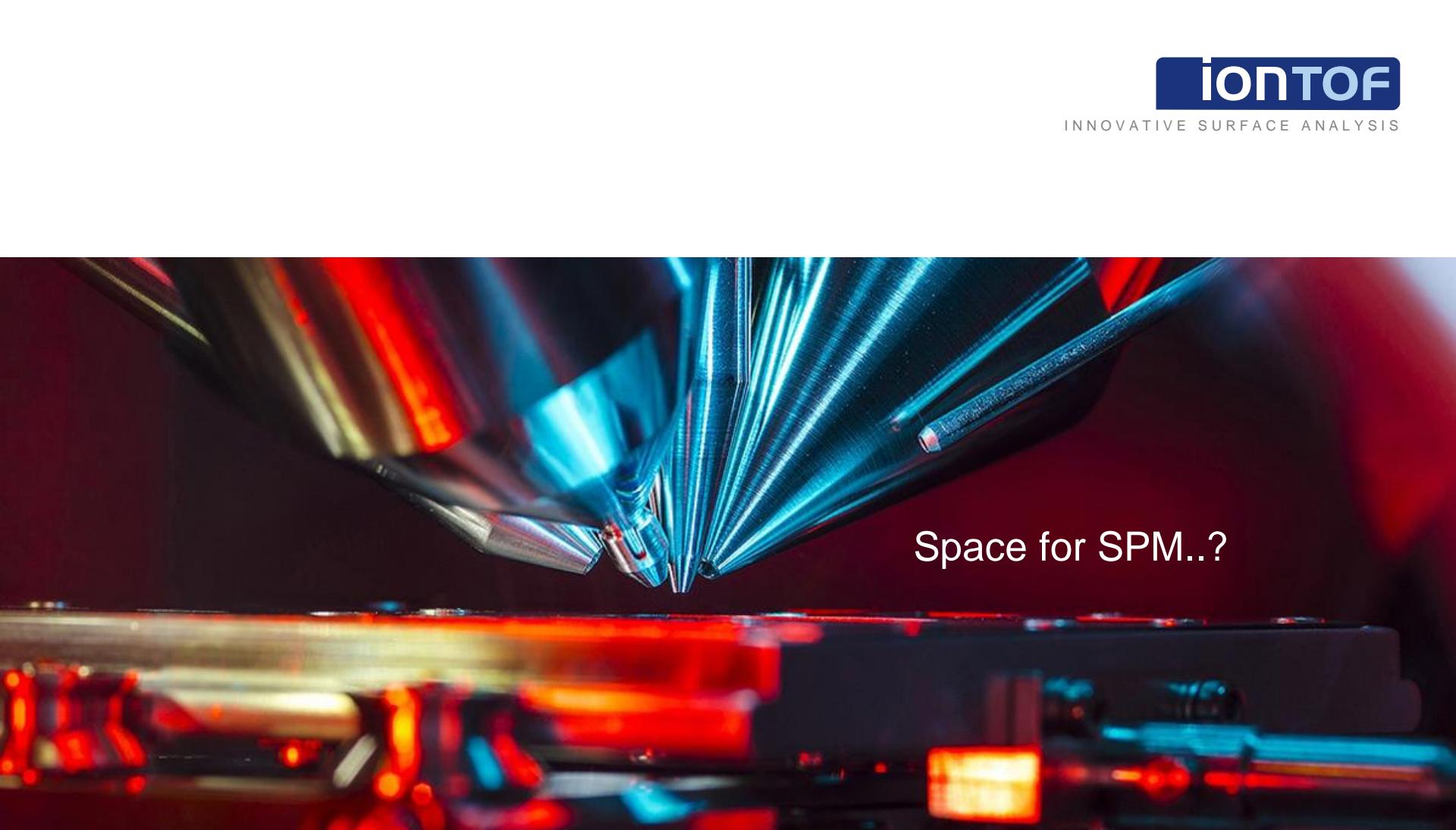
SIMS does not provide any information about ...

...the topography or...

...the changes of the topography due to different sputter rates

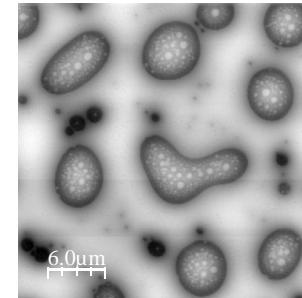
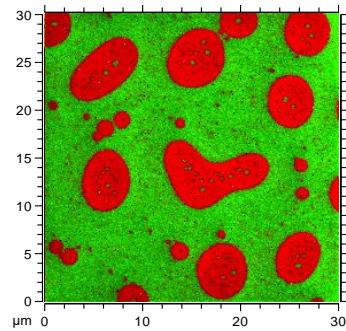
# Concept of the Combined Instrument



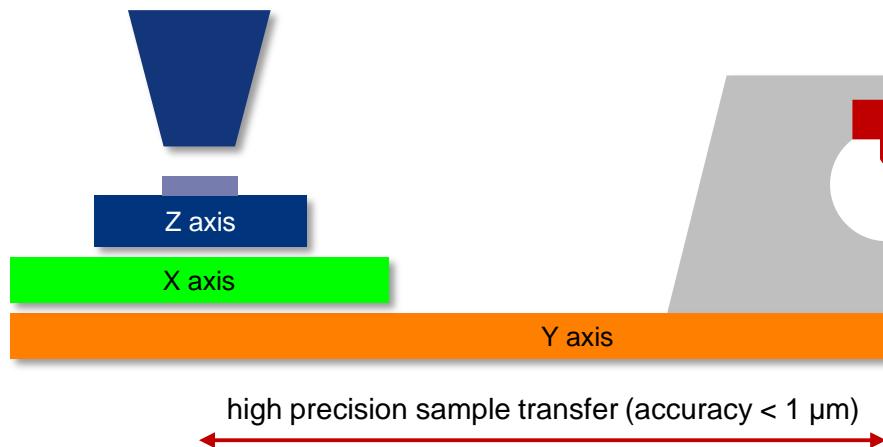


Space for SPM..?

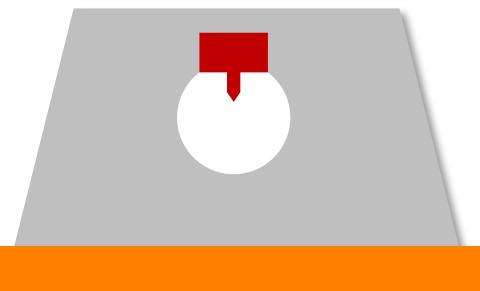
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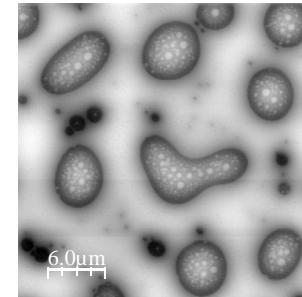
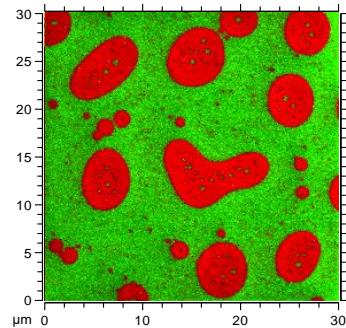
TOF-SIMS Module



SPM Module



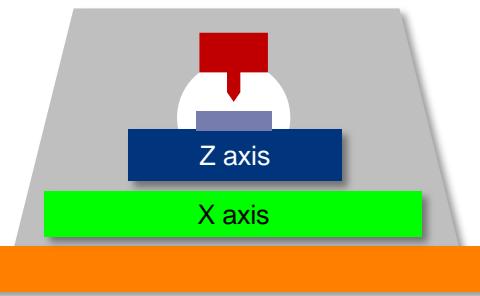
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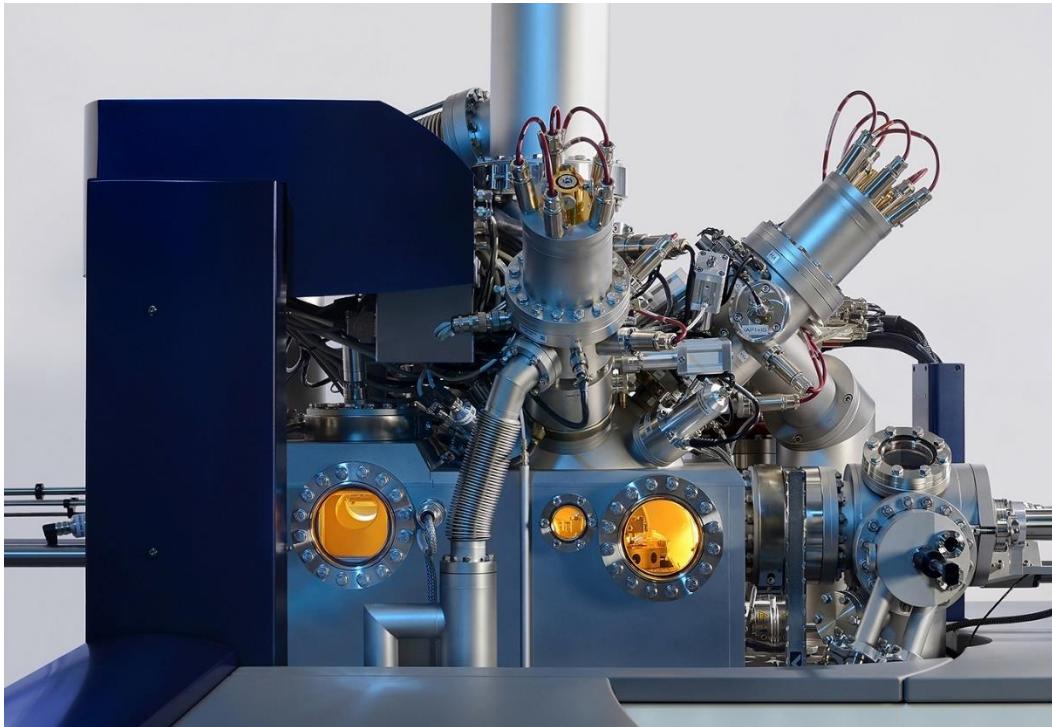
SPM Module



high precision sample transfer (accuracy < 1 μm)



# Combined TOF.SIMS – SPM Instrument



## NanoScan UHV SPM module

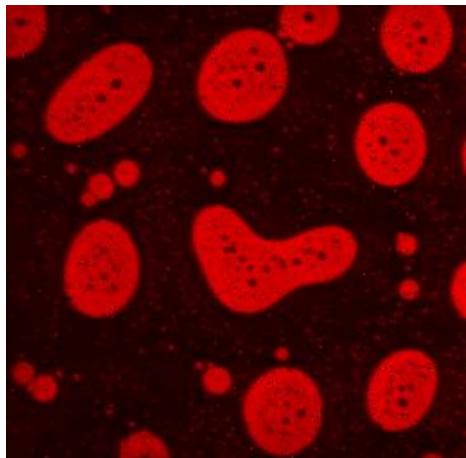
- > Flexure stage scanner with  $80 \times 80 \times 10 \mu\text{m}^3$
- > 4-axes high precision piezo stage (XYZR)
- > Various static and dynamic SPM modes
- > Fast cantilever exchange (storage of 4)



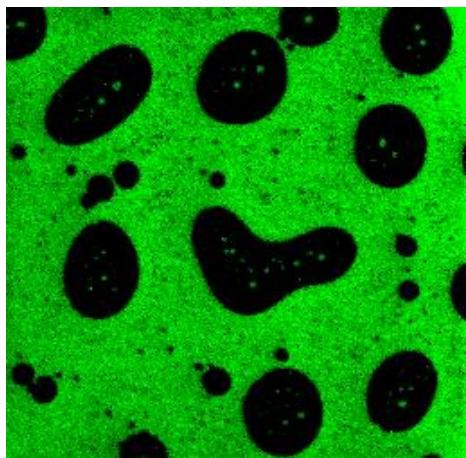
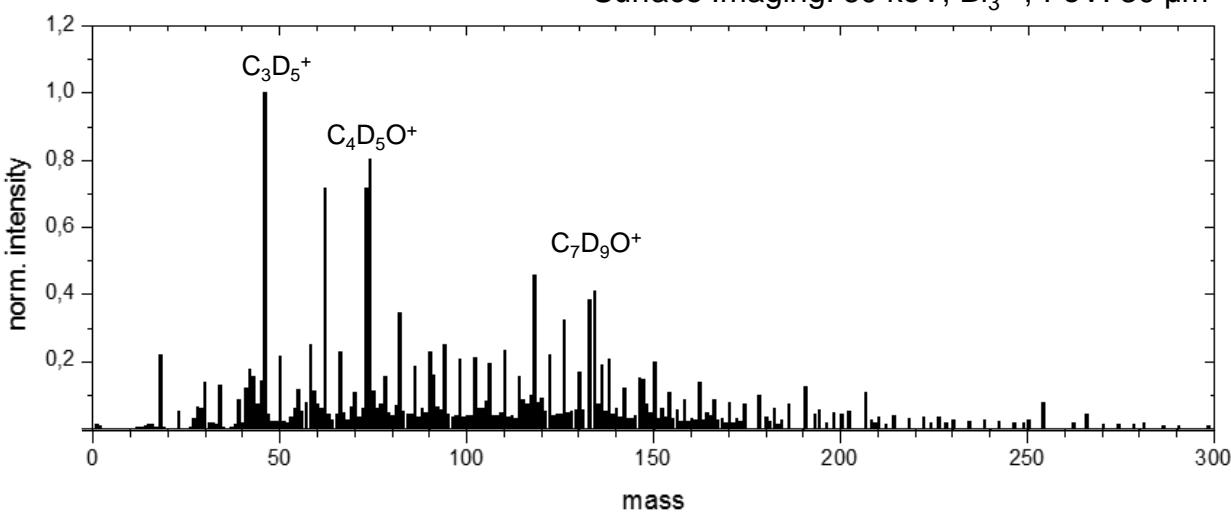
## High precision piezo stage (XYZR)

- > speed: 10 mm/s
- > encoder resolution: 10 nm
- > positioning accuracy: < 1  $\mu\text{m}$

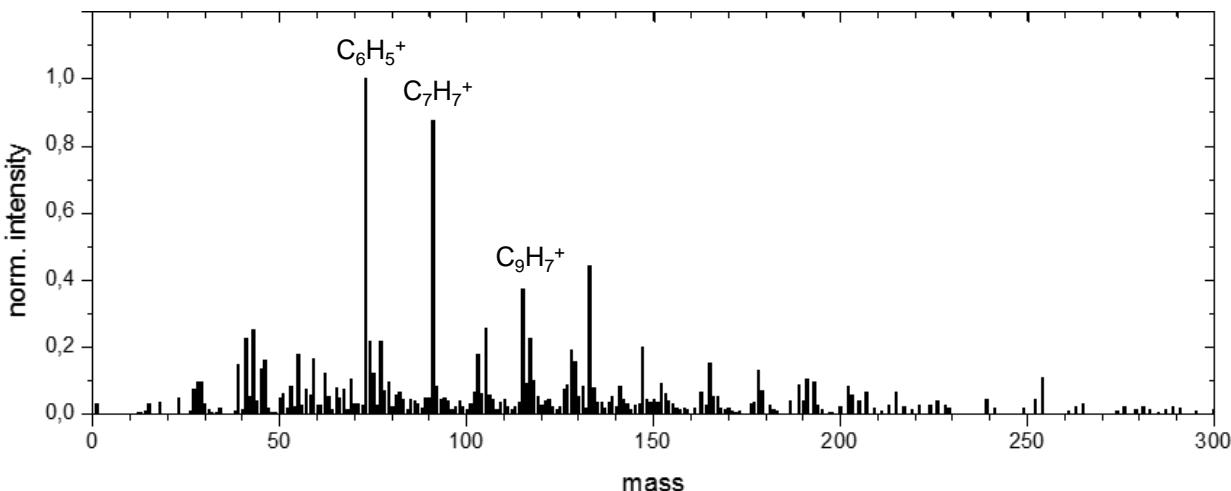
# PMMA / PS Polymer Blend

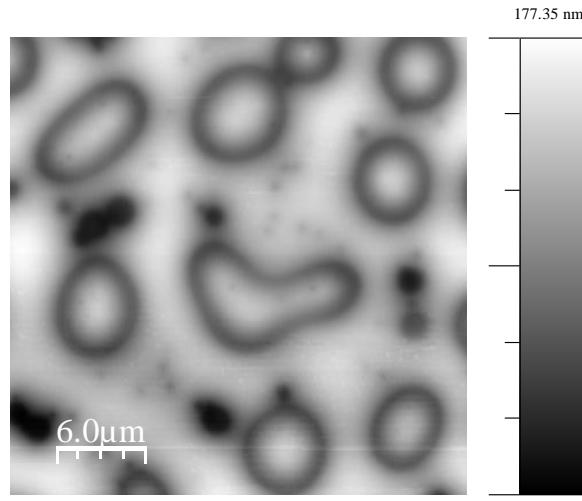


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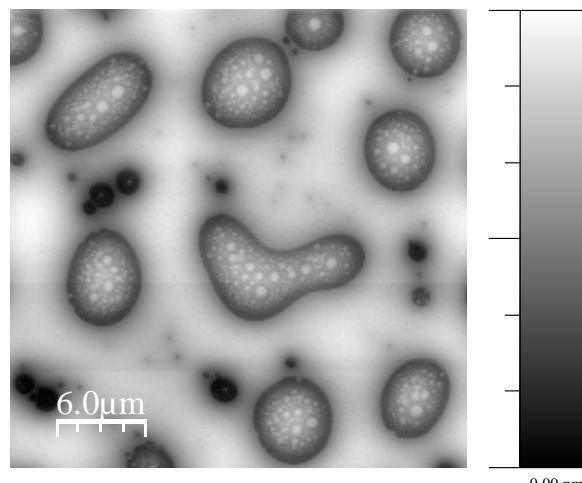


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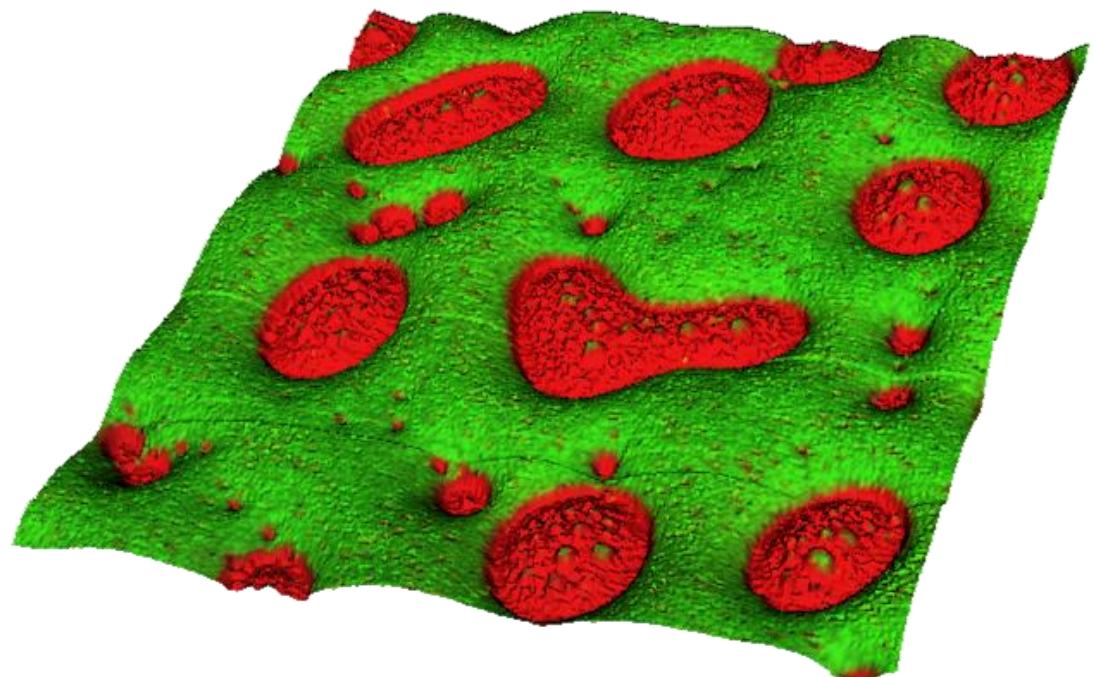


SPM: before TOF analysis



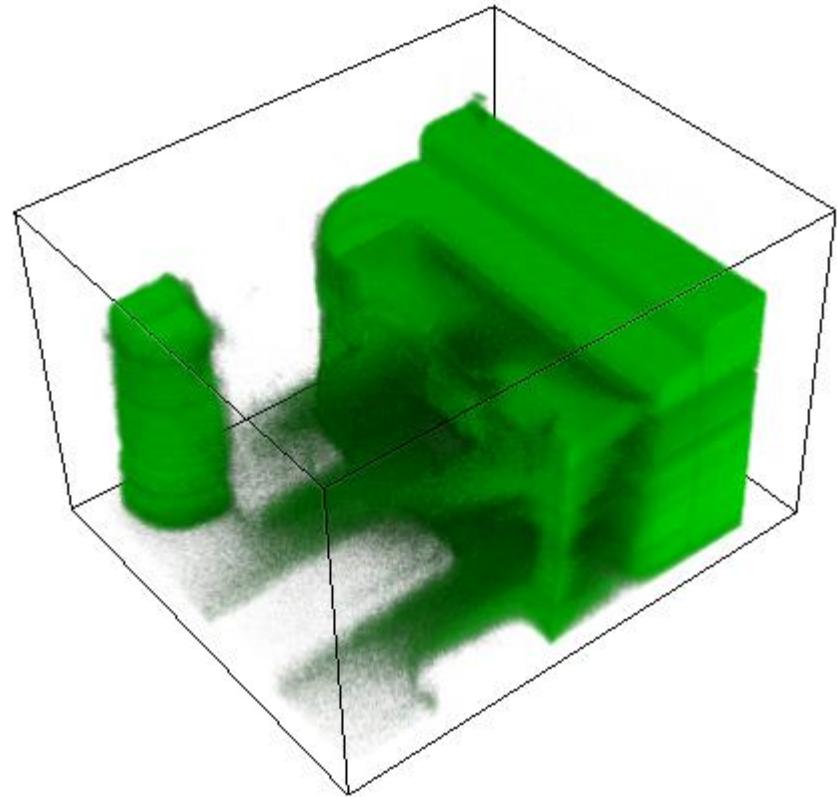
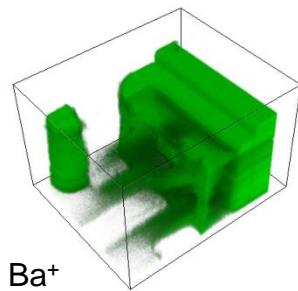
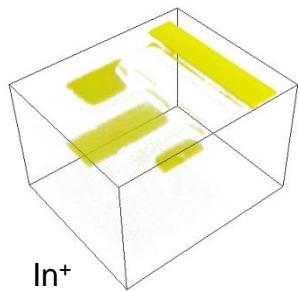
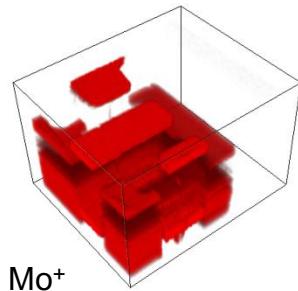
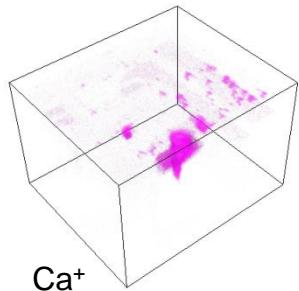
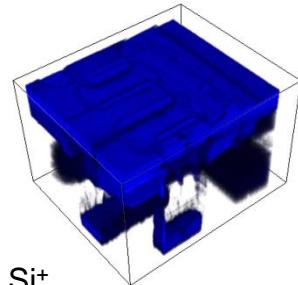
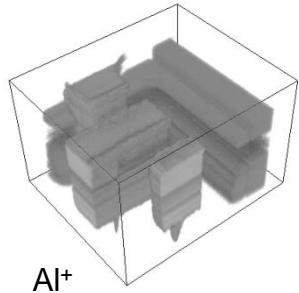
SPM: after TOF analysis

## Combined TOF-SIMS / SFM 2D analysis: Topography and chemical information

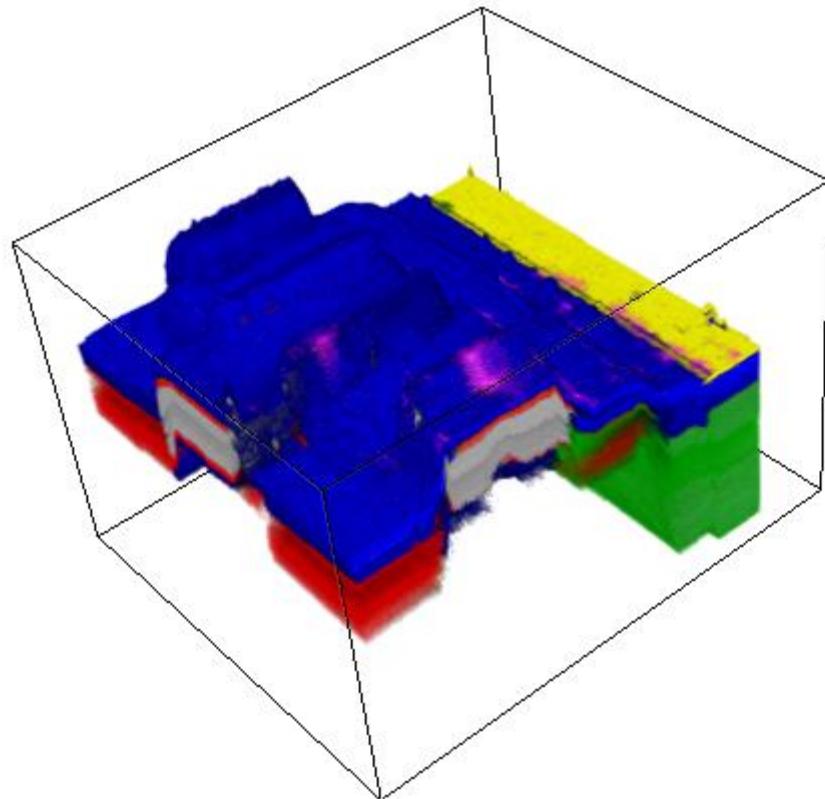
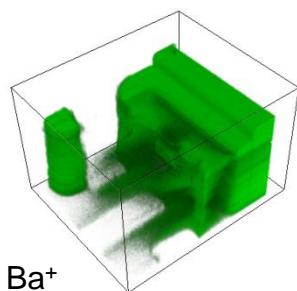
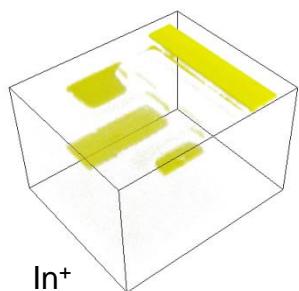
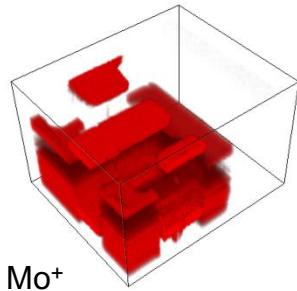
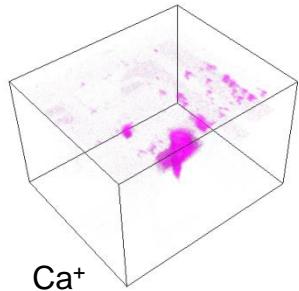
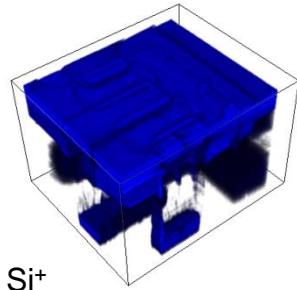
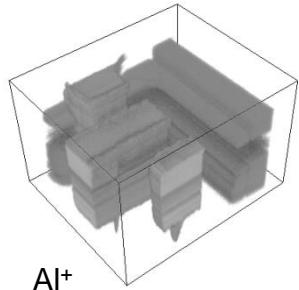


Overlay: PS + PMMA

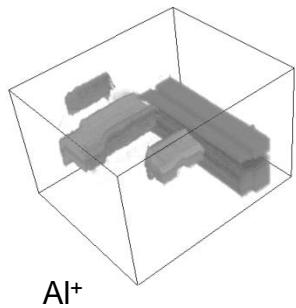
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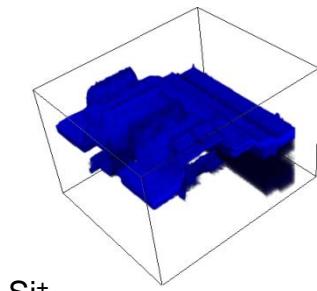
# 3D Volume Plot vs. 3D Image



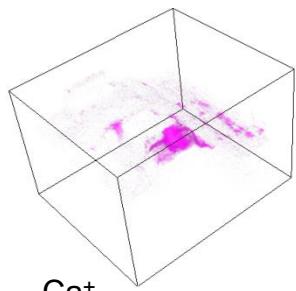
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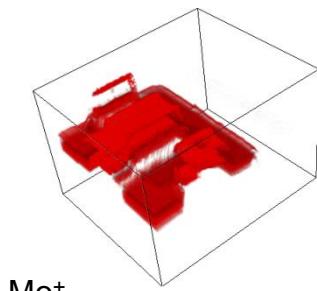
$\text{Al}^+$



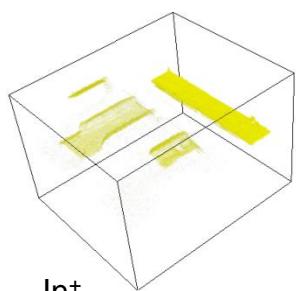
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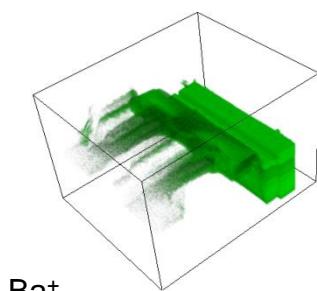
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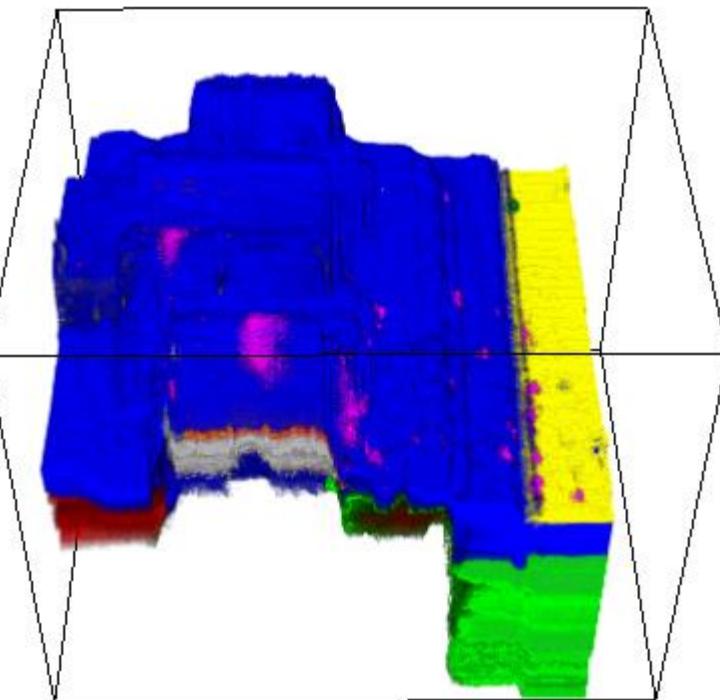
$\text{Mo}^+$



$\text{In}^+$



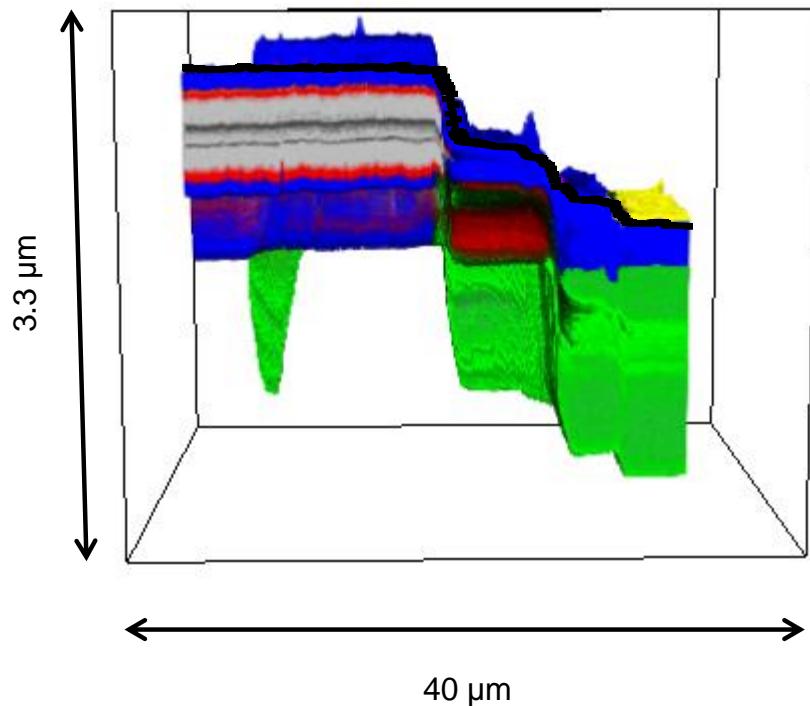
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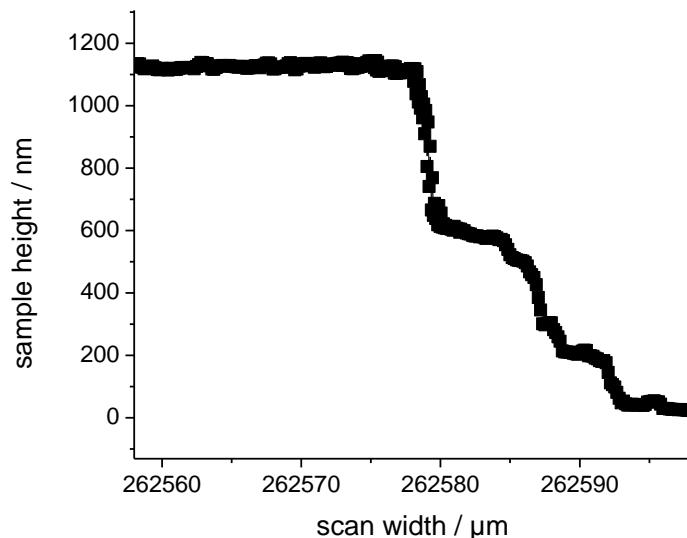
**Combination of TOF-SIMS + SPM data**

# Topography: Data Evaluation

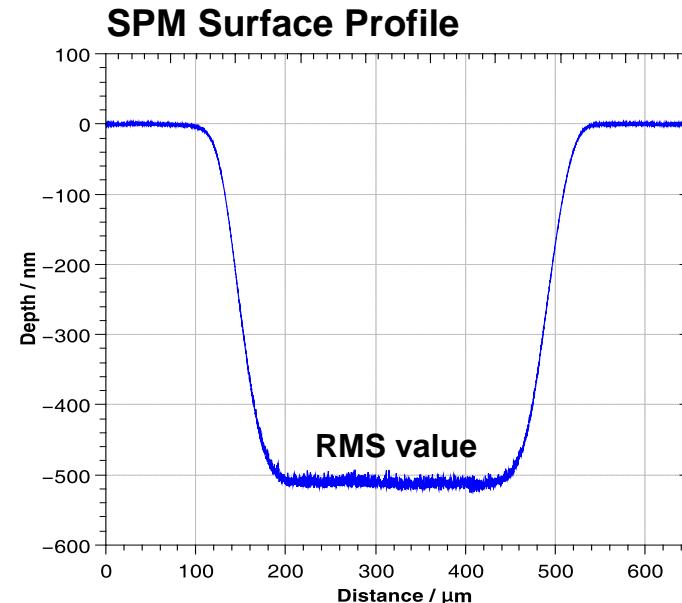
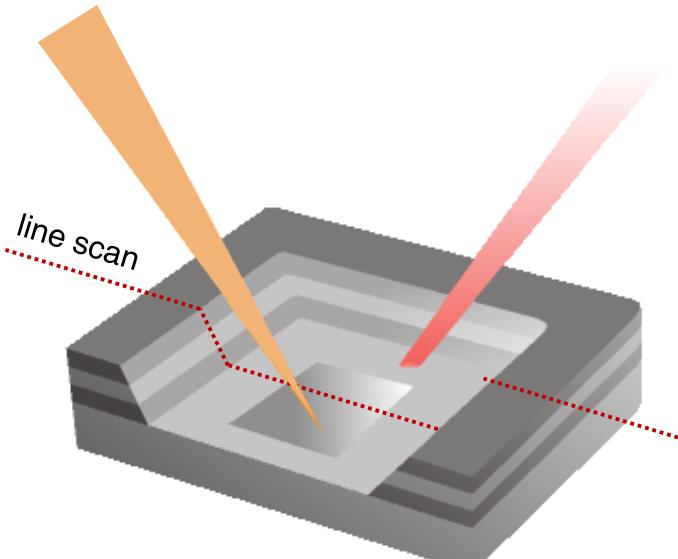
Cross section:



Height profile:



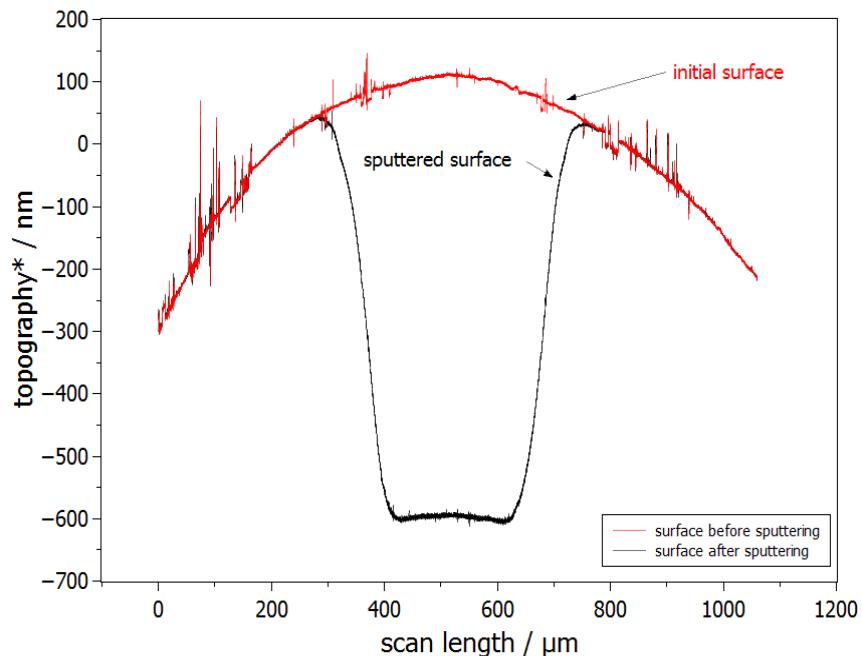
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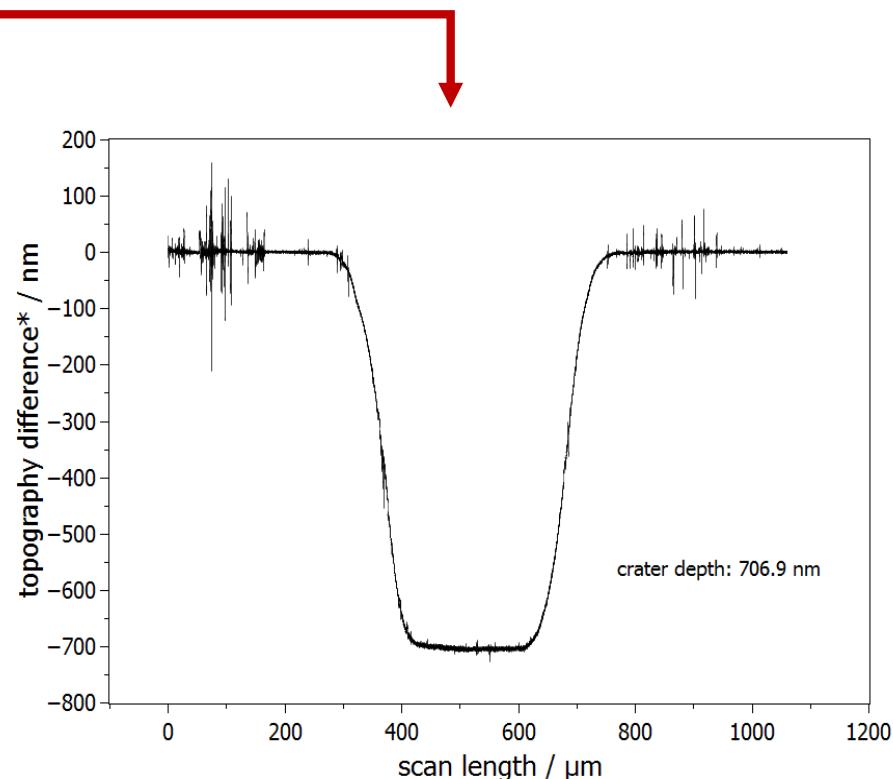
## SPM Profiler Mode

- > Depth profiles and 3D data sets need depth calibration ( $t \rightarrow z$ )
- > Crater depth needs to be measured relative to the initial surface
- > Typical SIMS crater dimensions: 200 - 500  $\mu\text{m}$
- > Limited SPM scan range: 80  $\mu\text{m}$

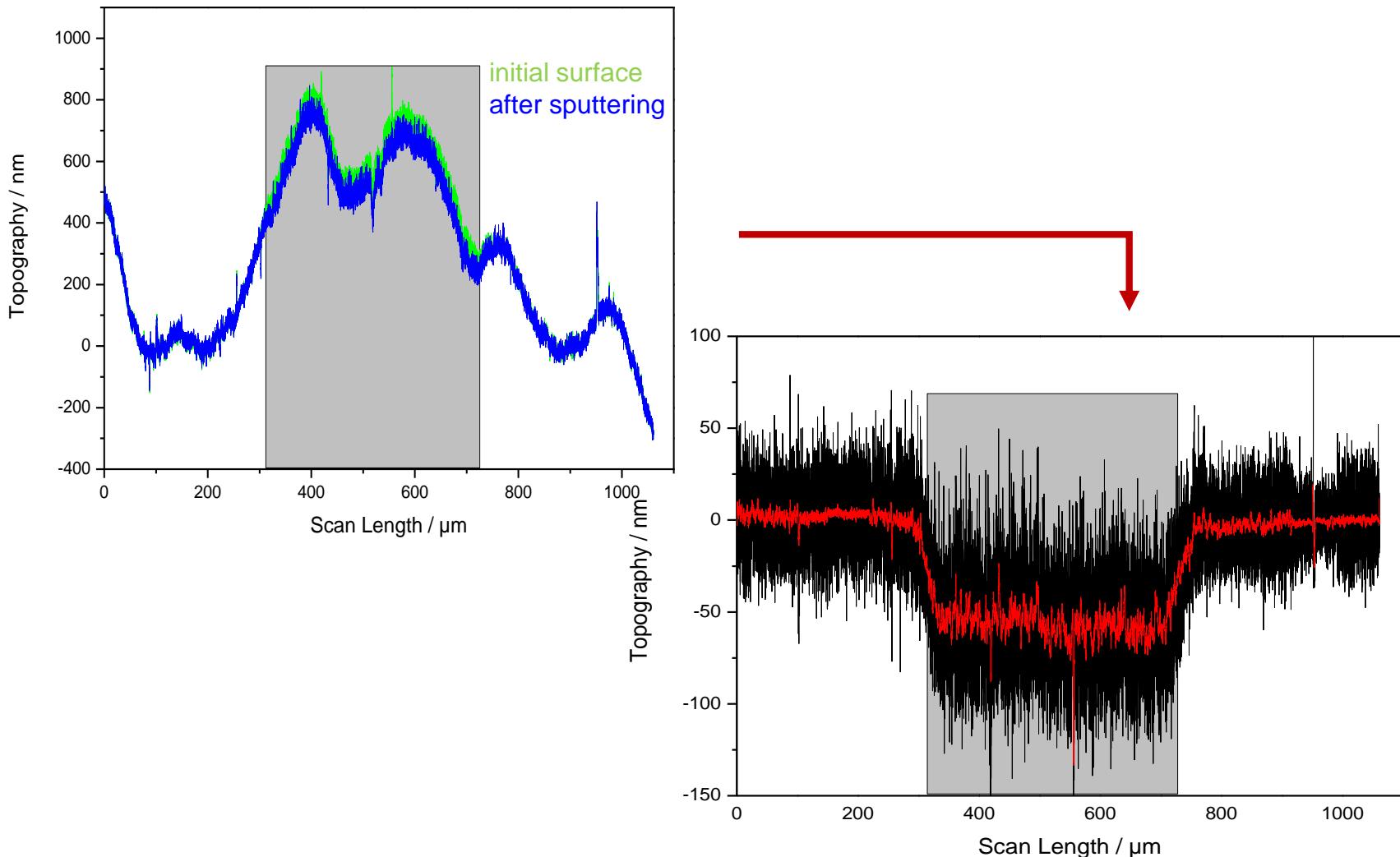
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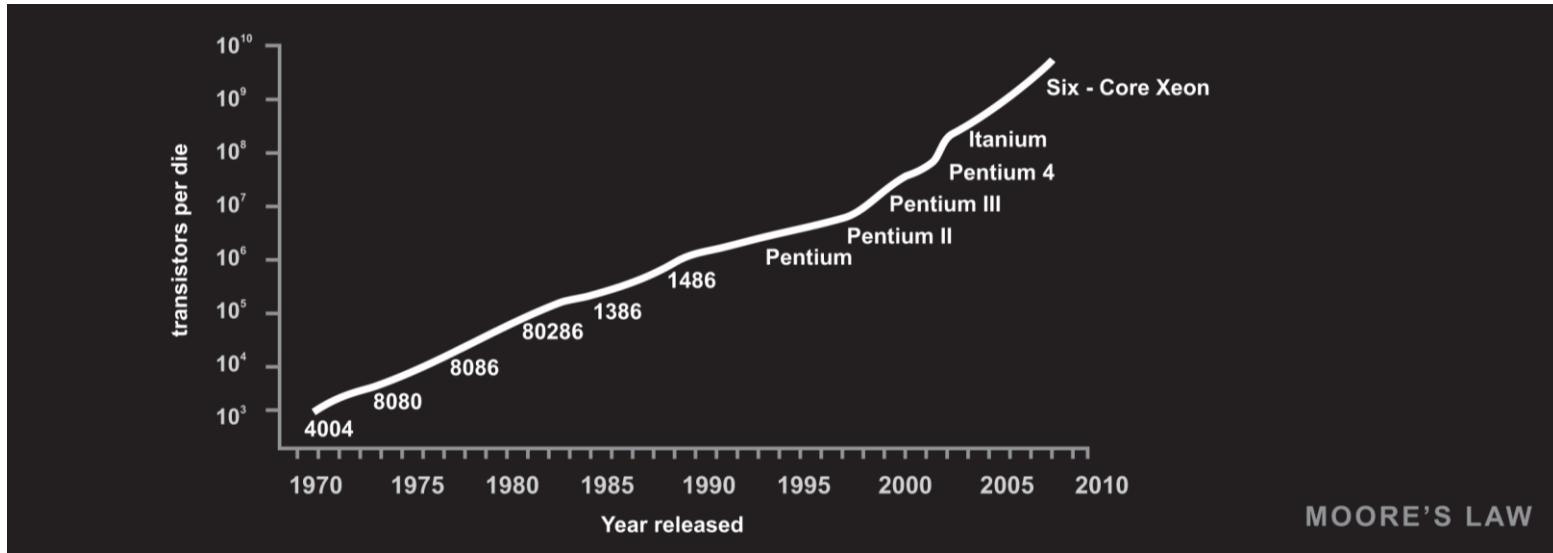
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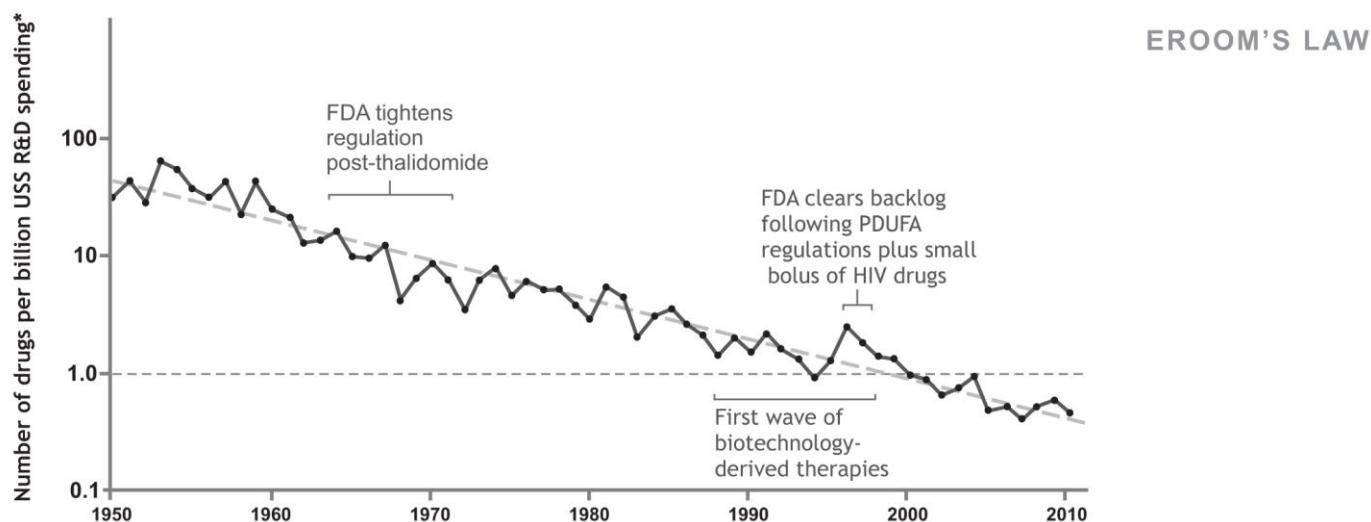
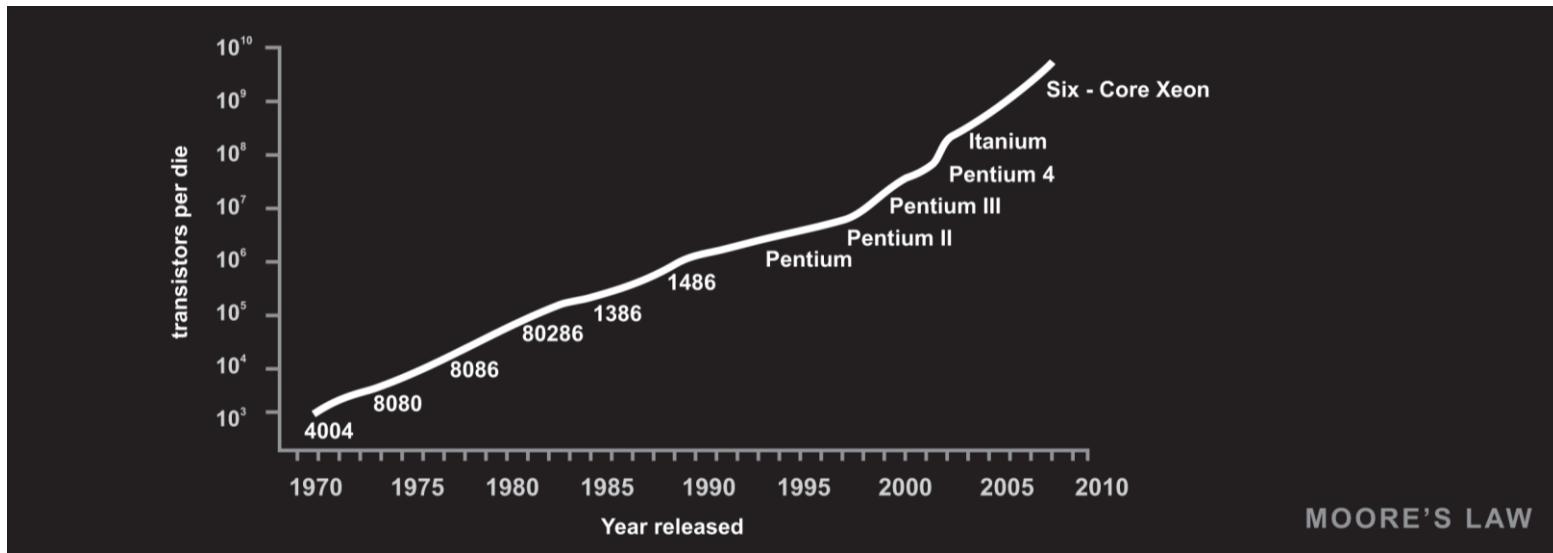
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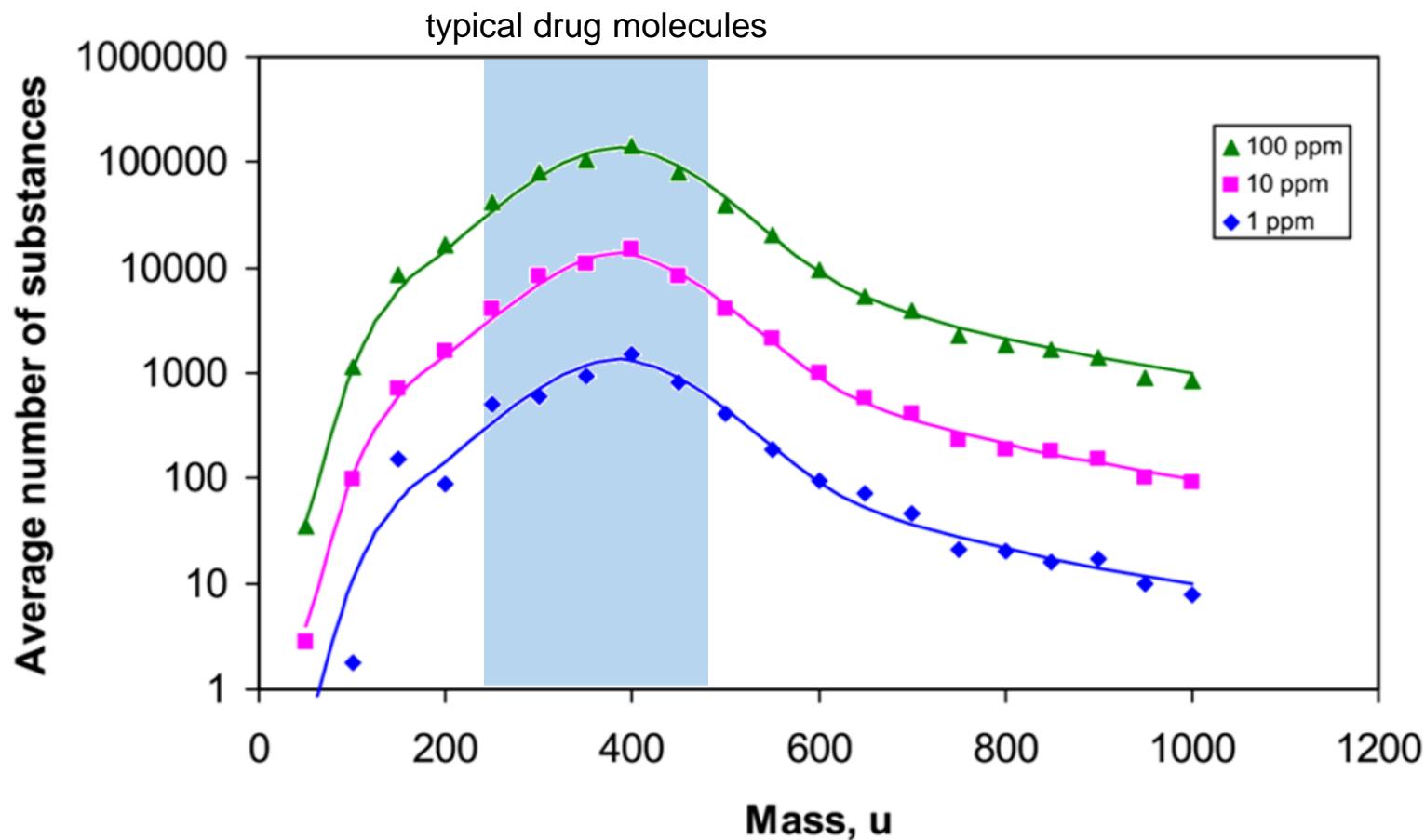
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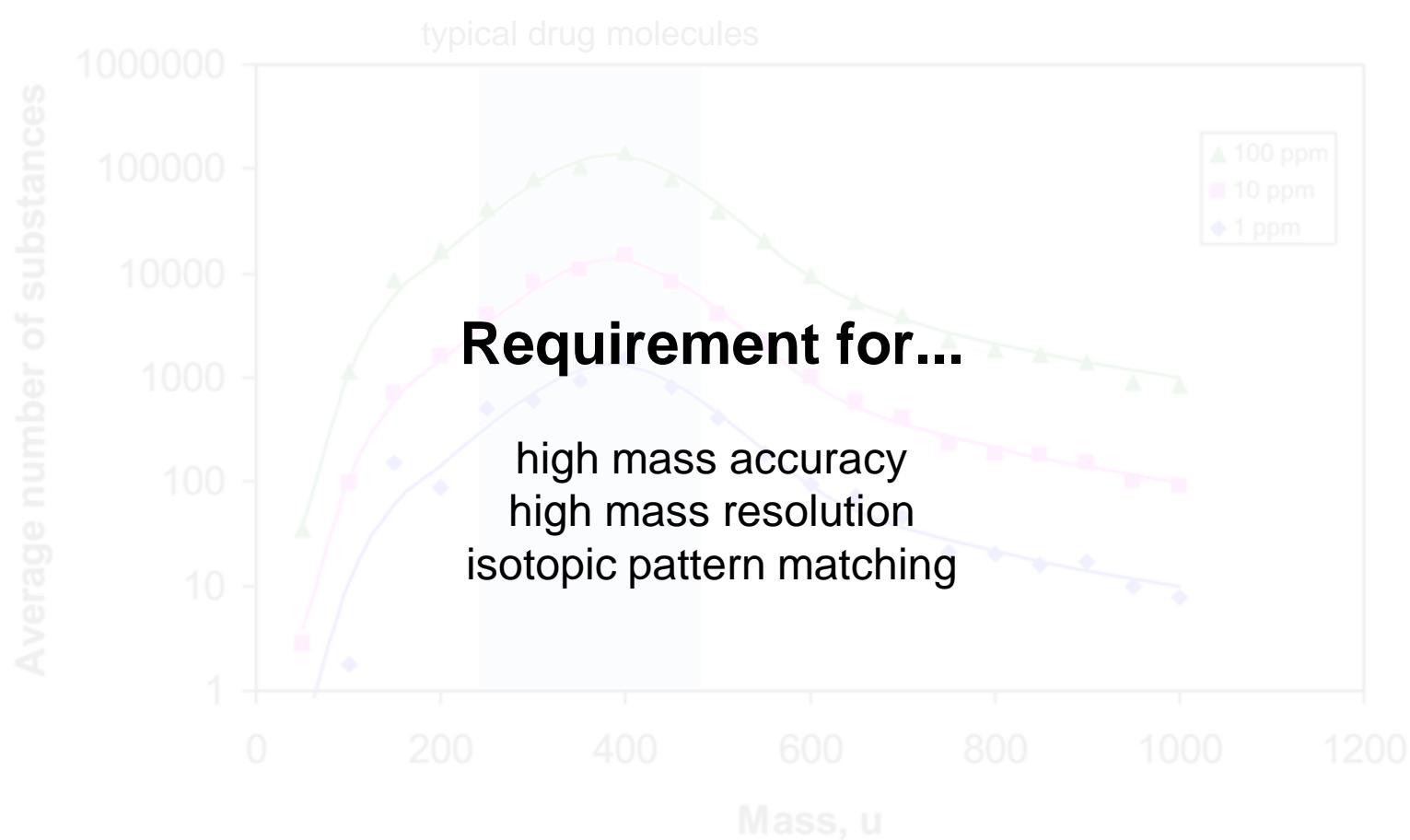


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## Hybrid SIMS Instrument

- > Dual analyser configuration with ToF and Orbitrap™
- > Pulsed and DC mode operation
- > Single and dual beam analysis modes

## Thermo Scientific™ Q Exactive™ HF

- > Mass resolution 240,000 @ m/z 200
- > Scan rate up to 18 Hz
- > Mass accuracy < 1 ppm
- > MS/MS with precise precursor selection, full mass resolution and mass accuracy

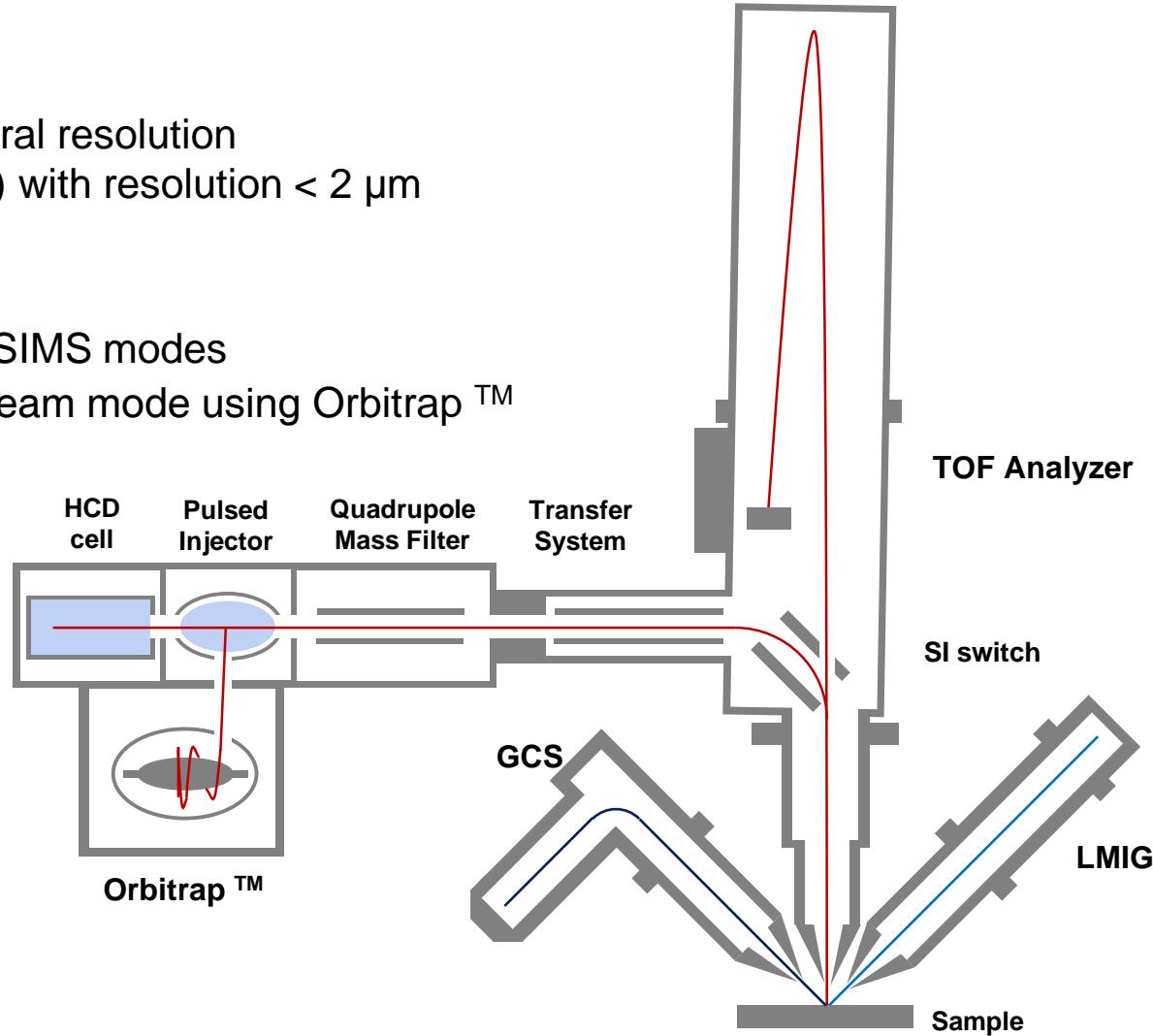


## Hybrid SIMS Instrument

- > TOF.SIMS 5 platform
- > Bi Nanoprobe for highest lateral resolution
- > Ar Gas Cluster Source (GCS) with resolution < 2 µm

## Operational modes

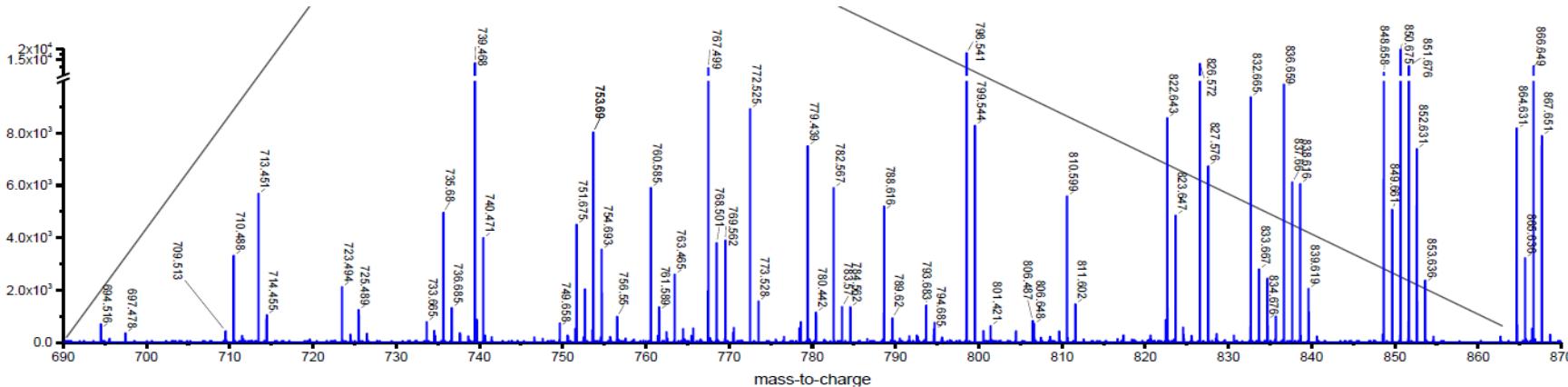
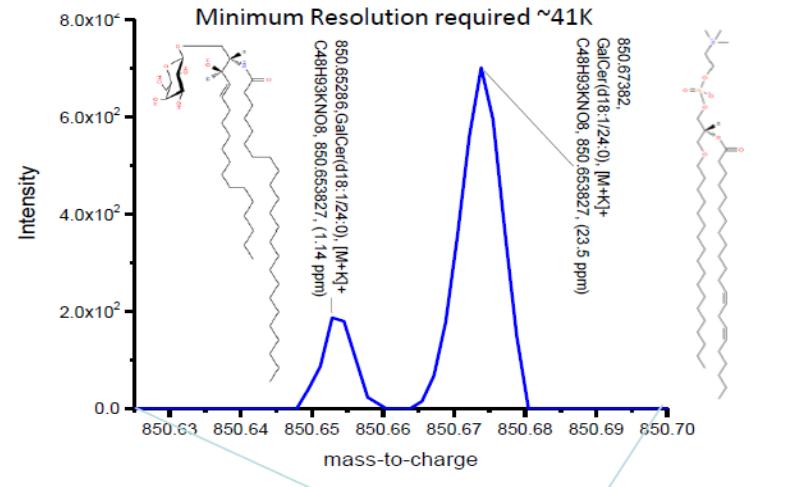
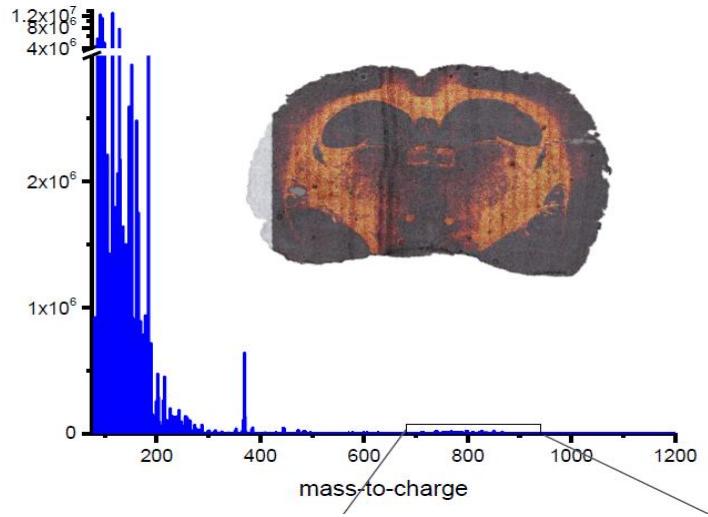
- > all conventional pulsed ToF-SIMS modes
- > “DC” operation with single beam mode using Orbitrap™



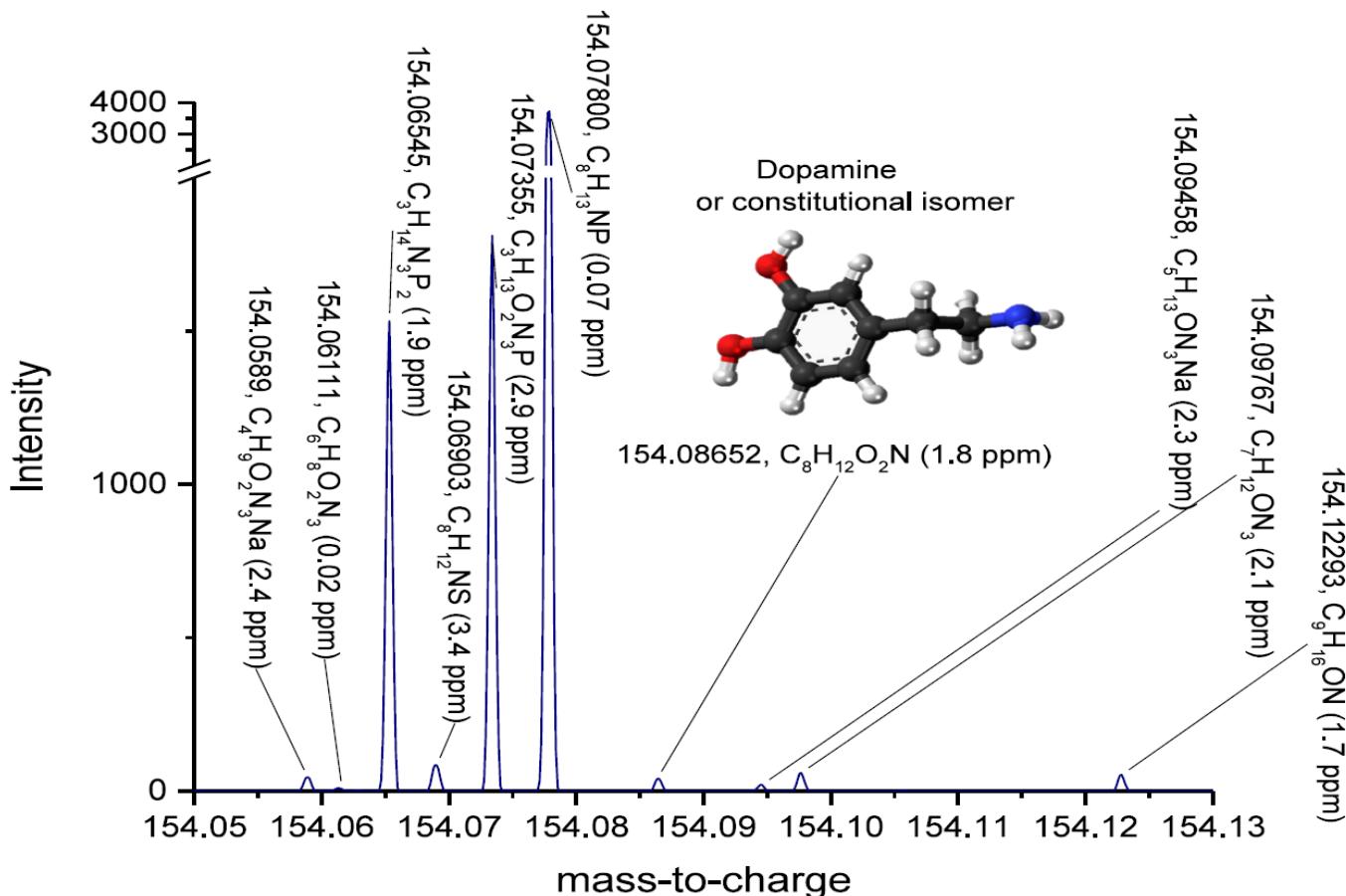
# Ultra High Mass Resolution Lipidomics

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INNOVATIVE SURFACE ANALYSIS

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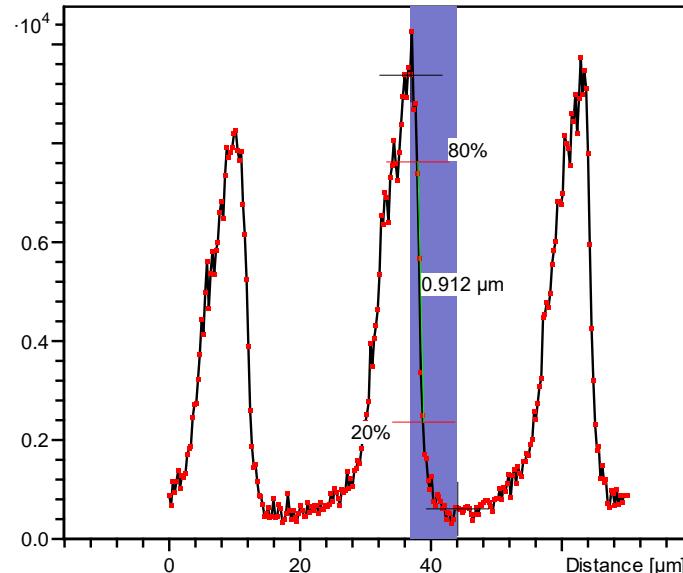
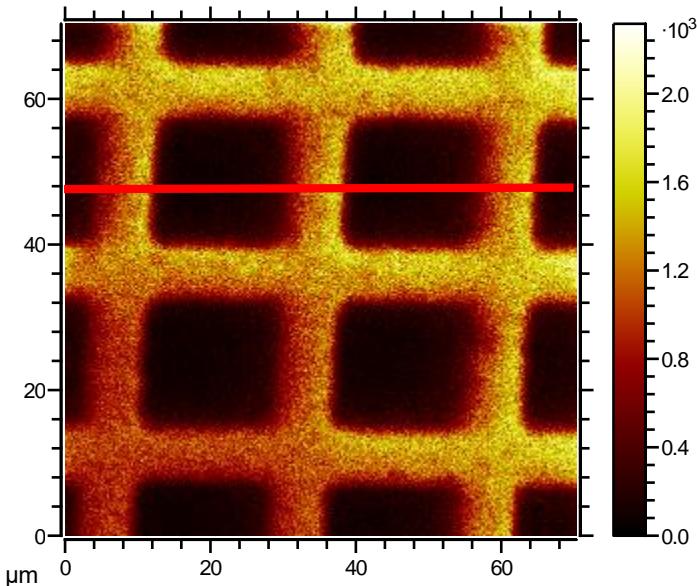


# Detection of Neurotransmitter Dopamine



# High Resolution Gas Cluster Source

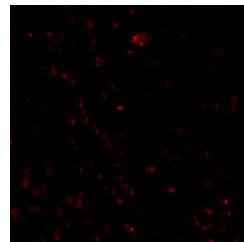
Total ion image



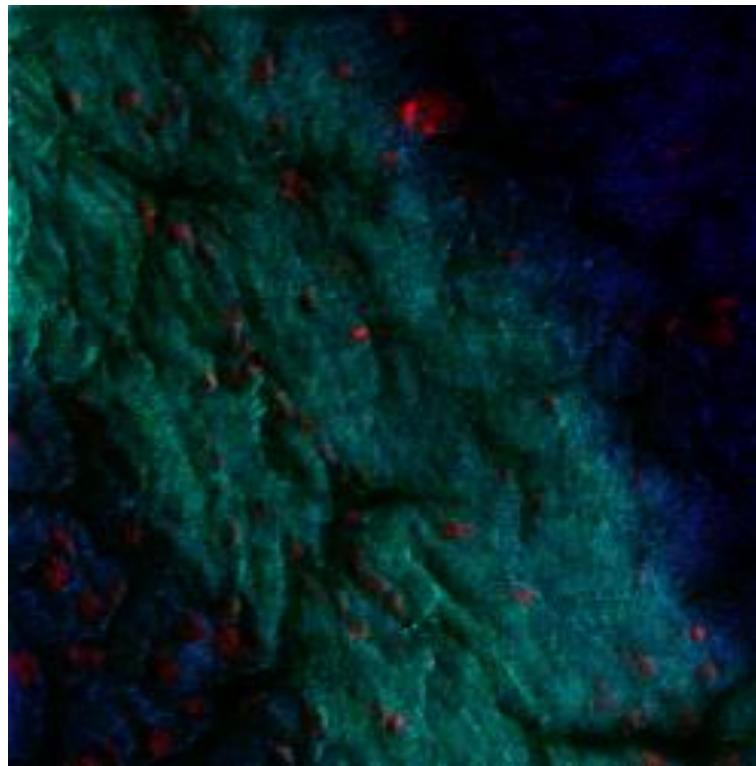
- > Ion source: Ar Gas cluster ion source
- > Beam energy: 20 keV
- > Pulsed target current: 6 pA
- > Lateral resolution: < 1 μm

# Submicron Argon Gas Cluster SIMS Imaging

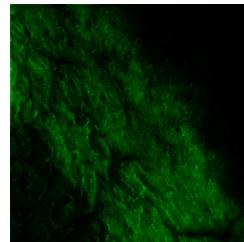
$C_5H_4N_5^-$   
Adenine



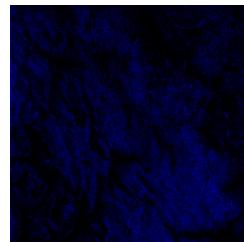
250 x 250  $\mu\text{m}^2$



$C_{48}H_{90}NSO_{11}^-$   
C24:1 Sulfatide

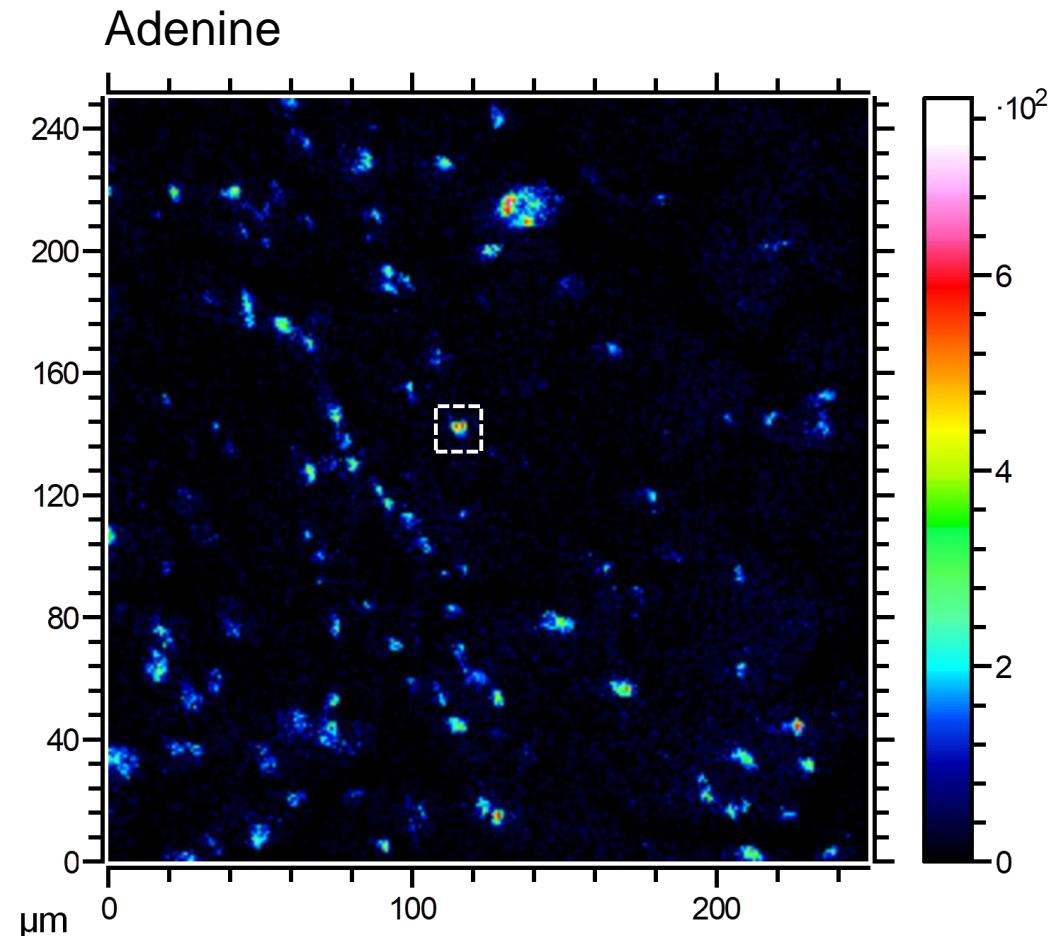
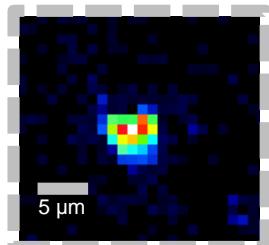


$C_6H_{10}PO_8^-$   
PI headgroup  
fragment

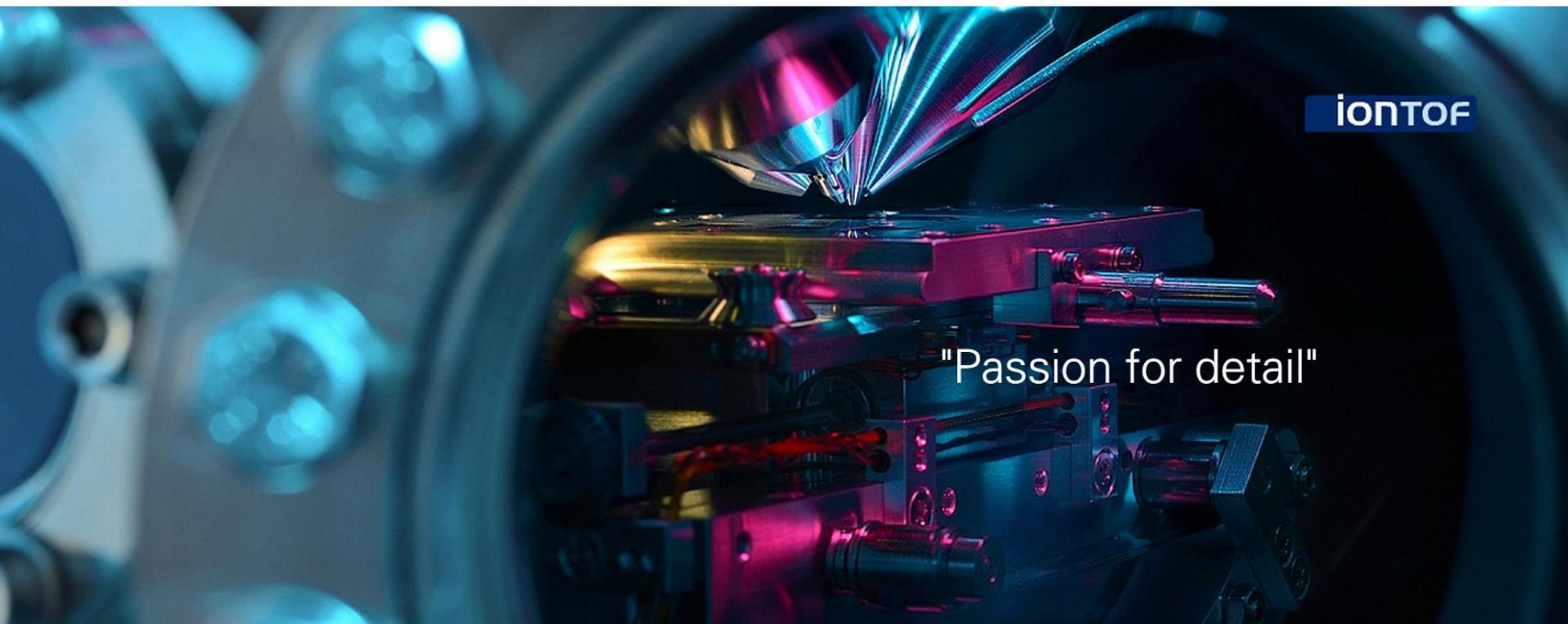


# Submicron Ar Cluster SIMS Imaging

FOV: 250 µm  
Raster size: 250x250  
PI current: 3.67 pA  
Dose density: 1.94E15 PI/cm<sup>2</sup>



Thank you for your attention!



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