

Investigation of Novel Radiation Hard and Fast Scintillator for Heavy Ions Detection

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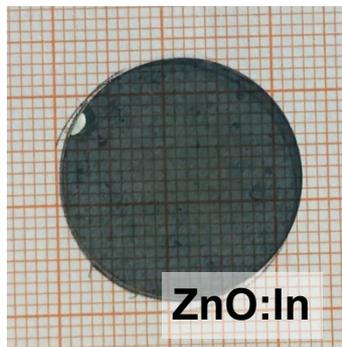
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- ZnO scintillator for particles counting at HEBT in GSI
- ZnO response to 300 MeV/u heavy ions
- ZnO scintillation and transmission properties investigated with 4.8MeV/u ^{48}Ca
- Summary

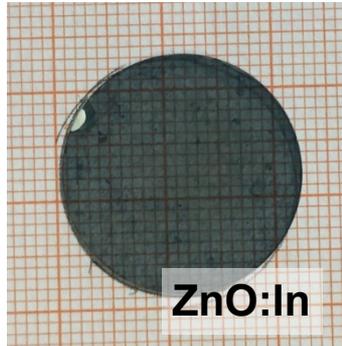
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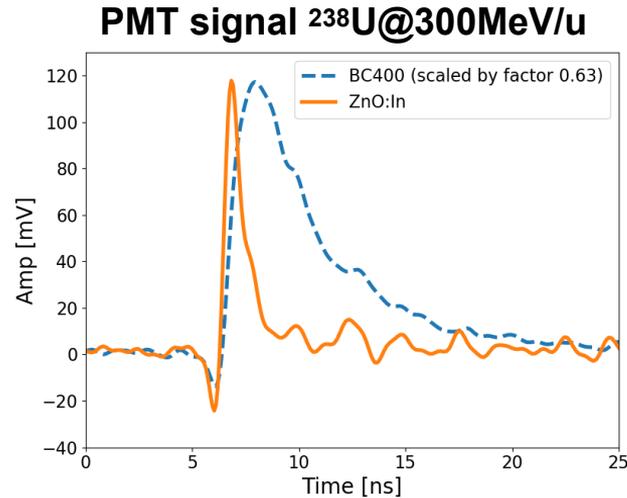
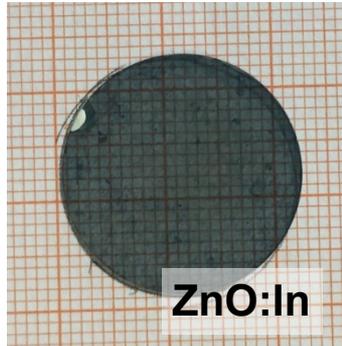
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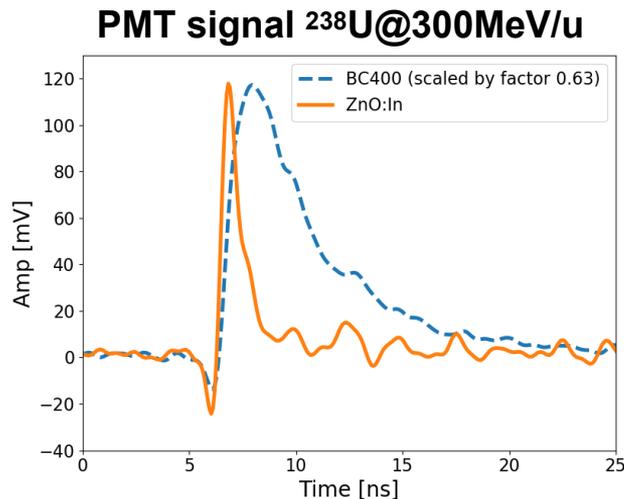
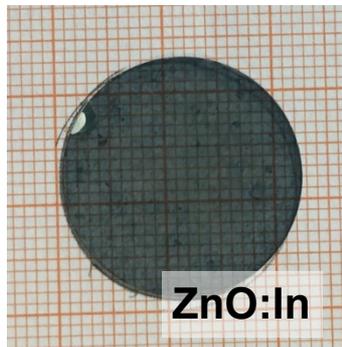
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Characteristics of interest:

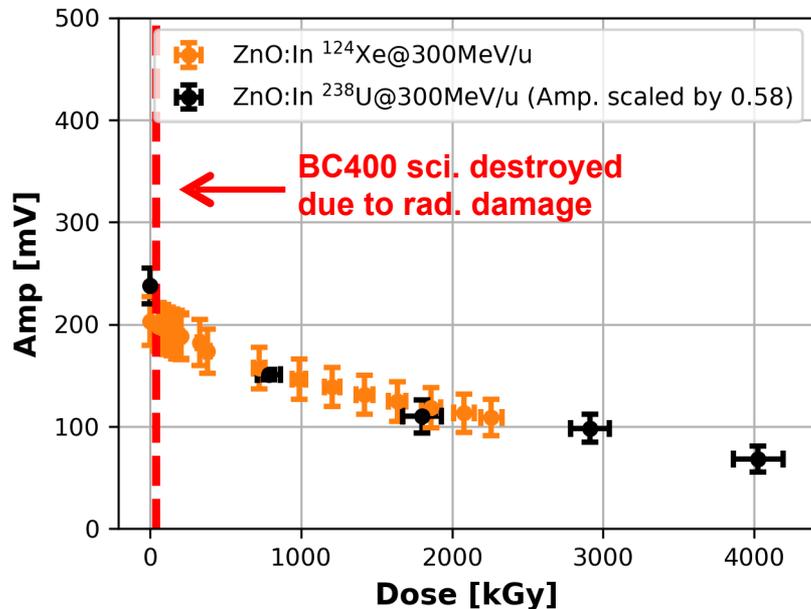
- Light output
- Light spectrum
- Rise and decay time
- Radiation hardness

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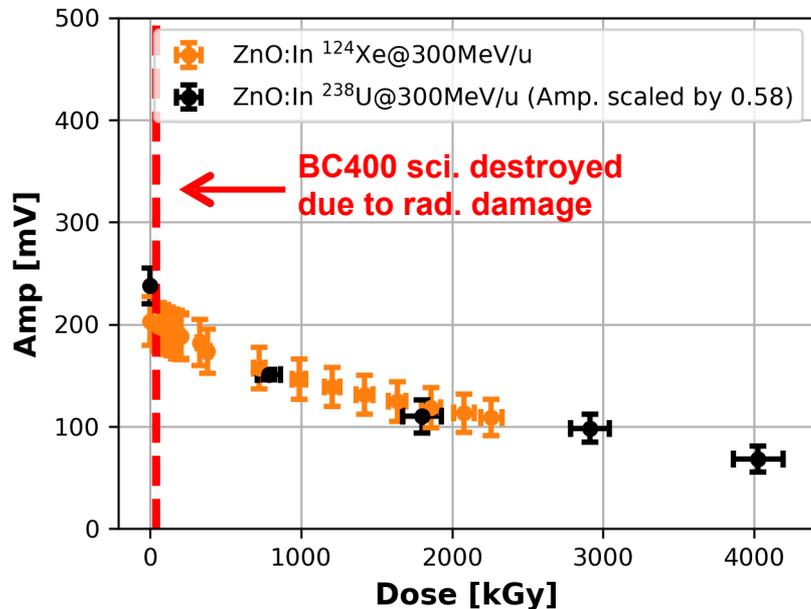
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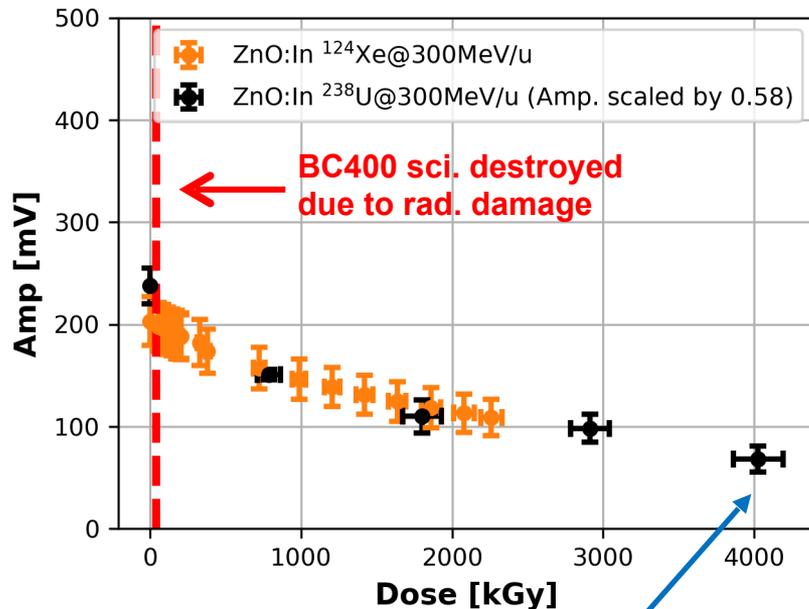


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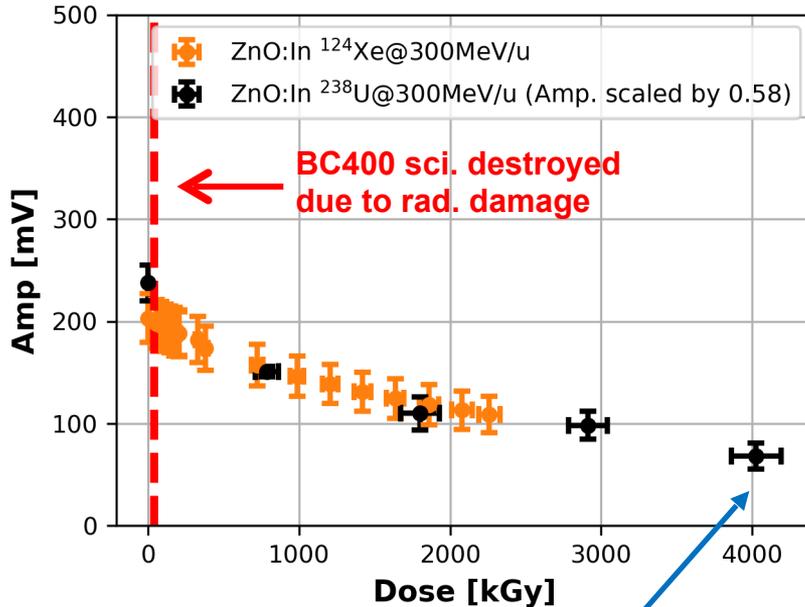
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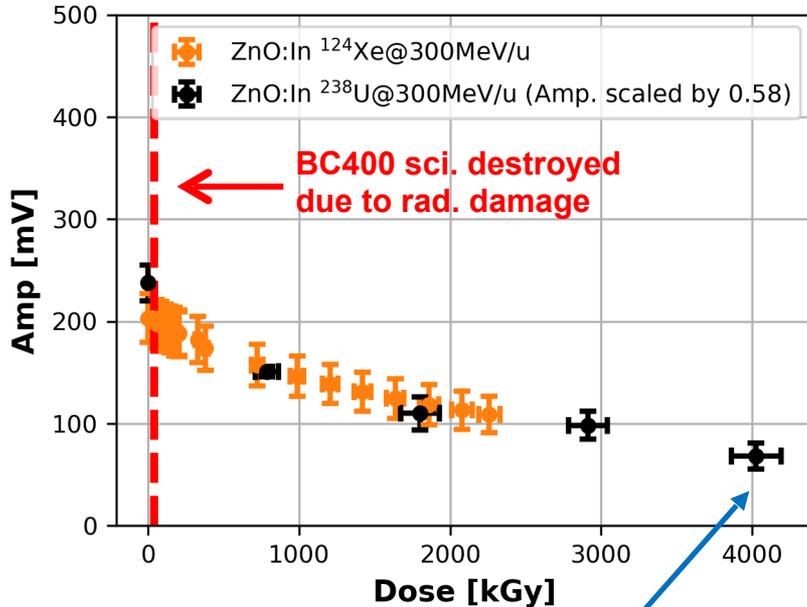
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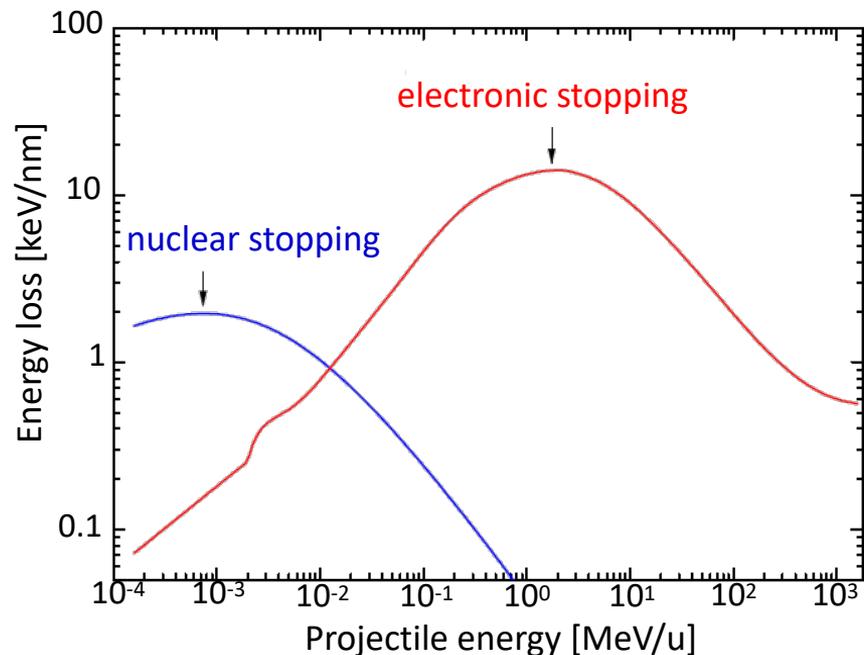
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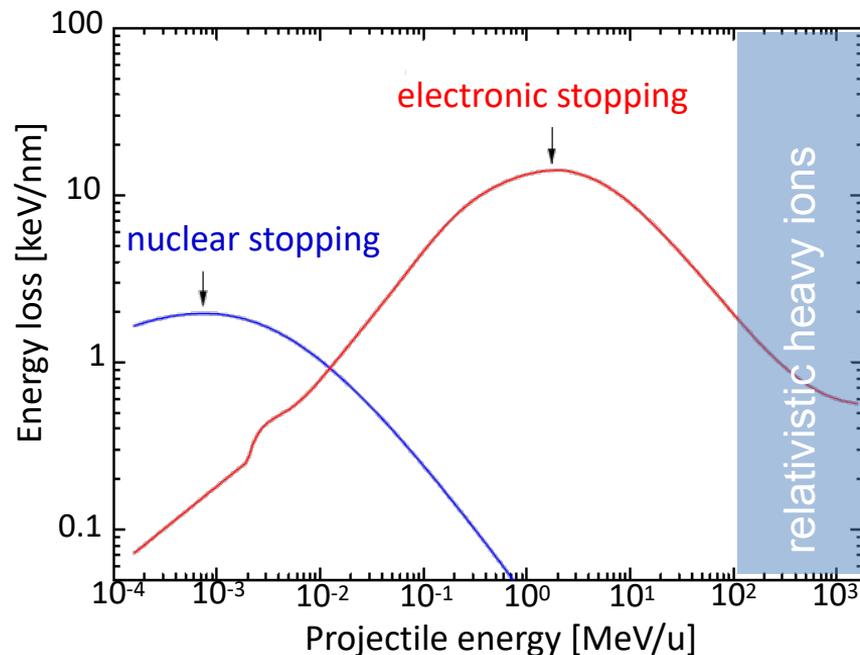
Experiment time ~16 h to reach 4000 kGy with Uranium
Not easy to get beam time @300MeV/u

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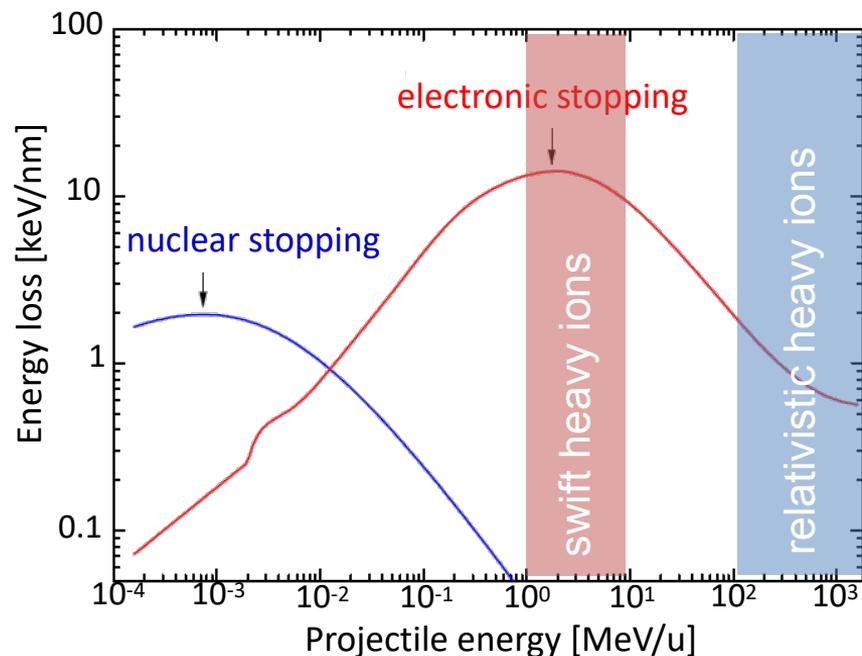
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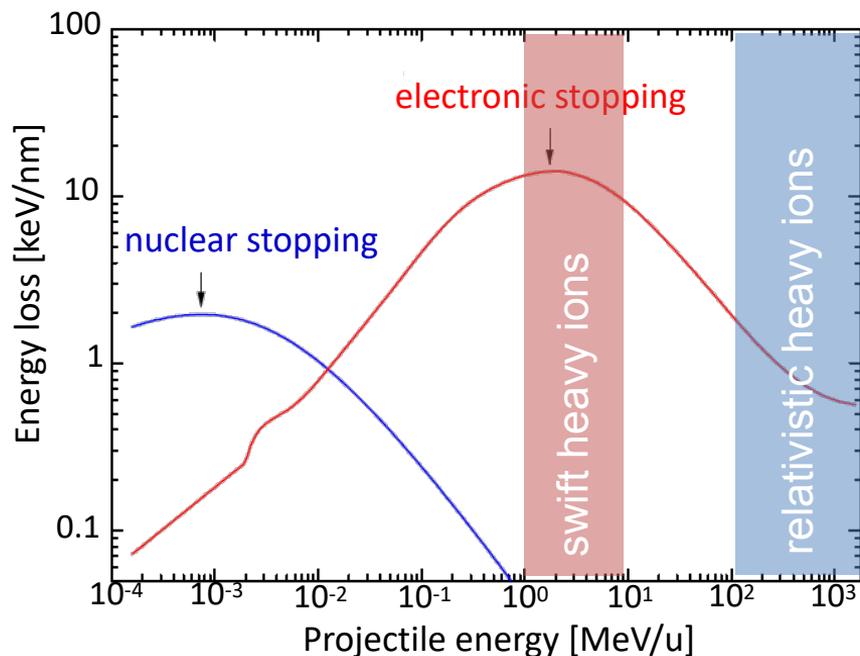
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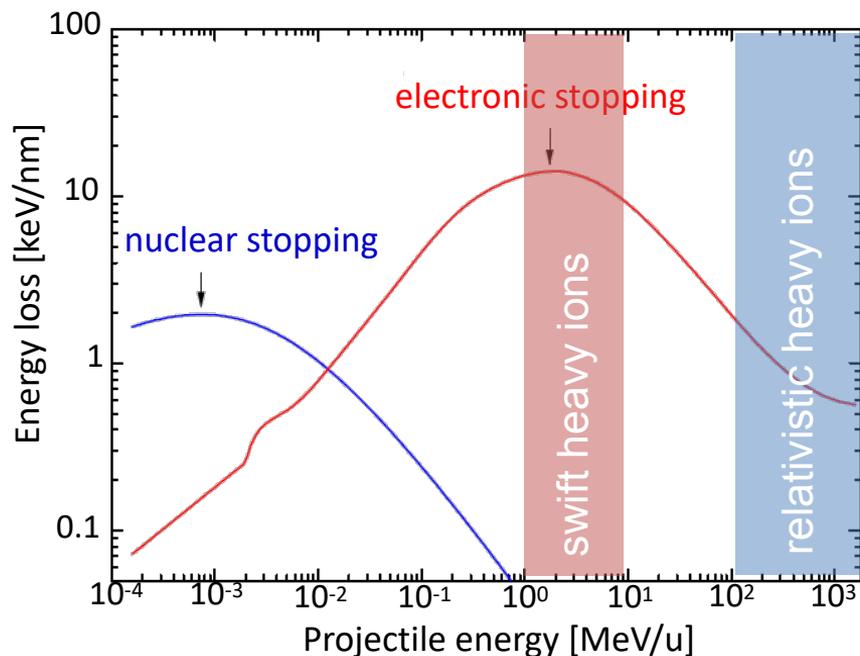


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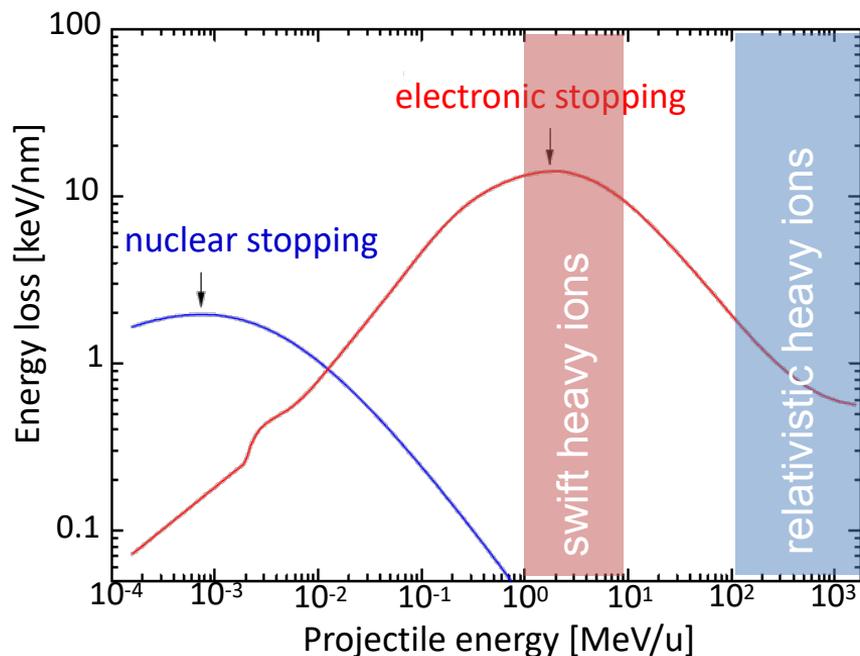
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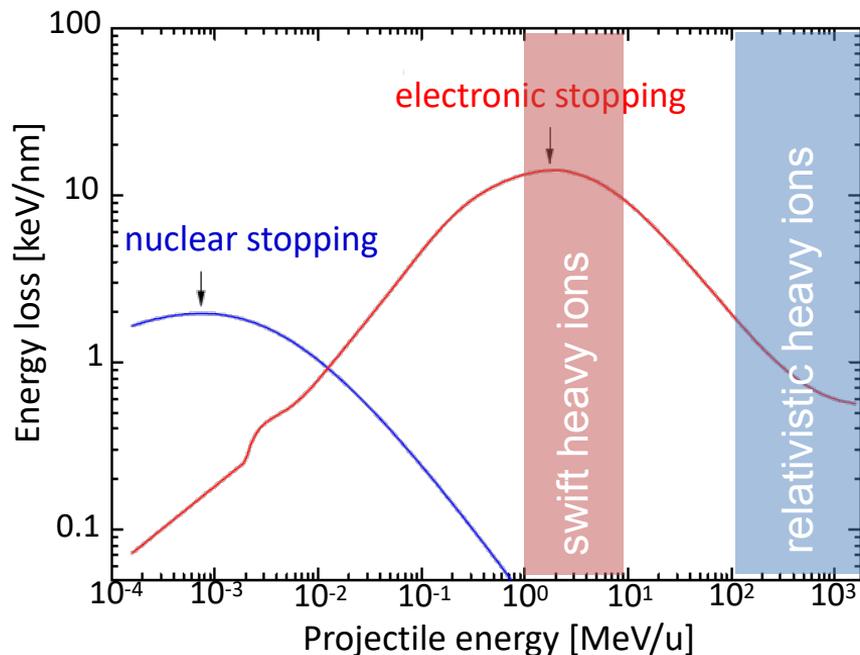
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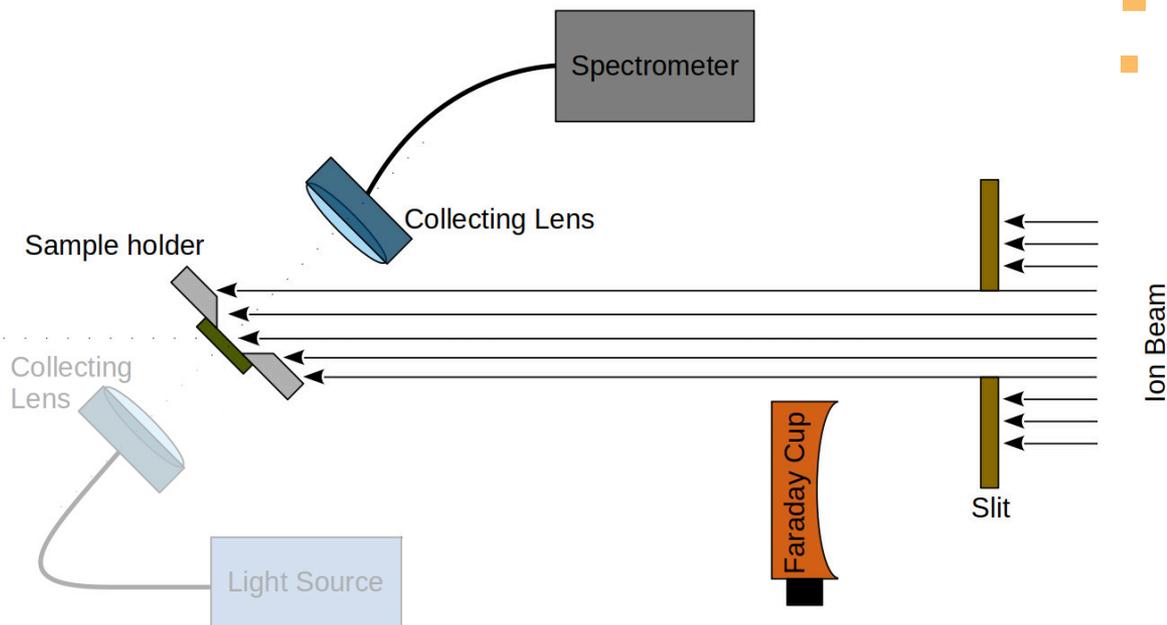
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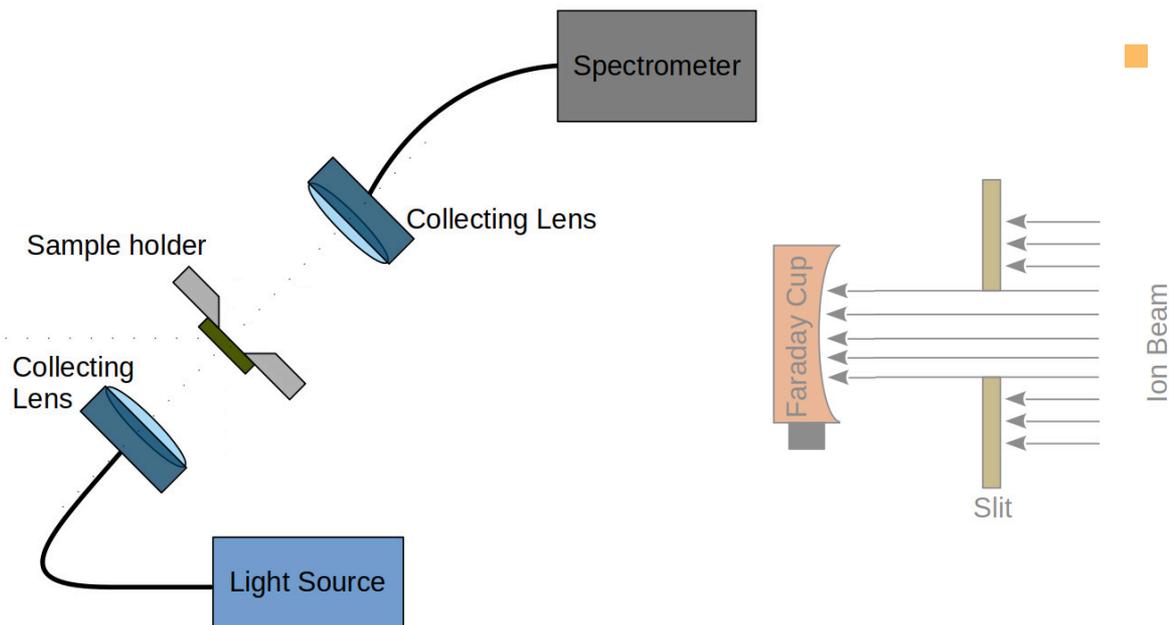
- Different ion range
- Different energy density
- Damage efficiency is different

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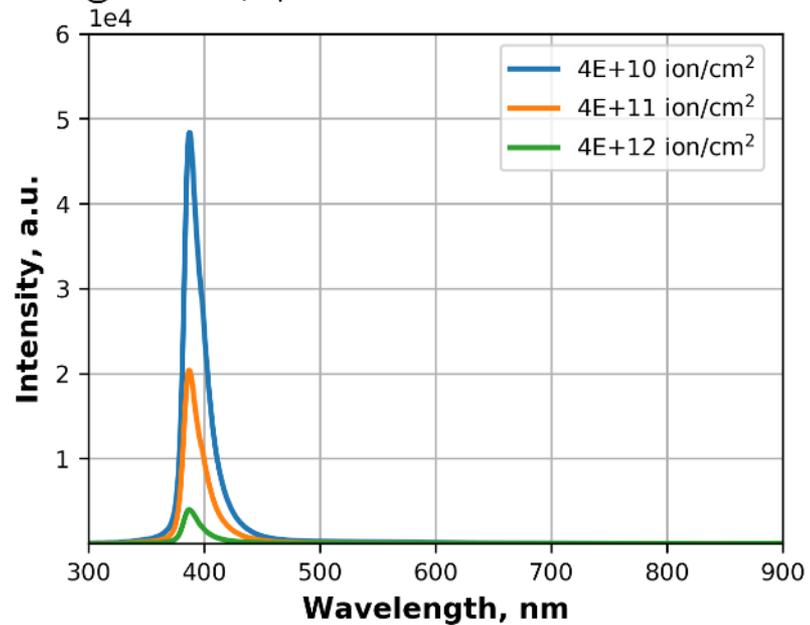
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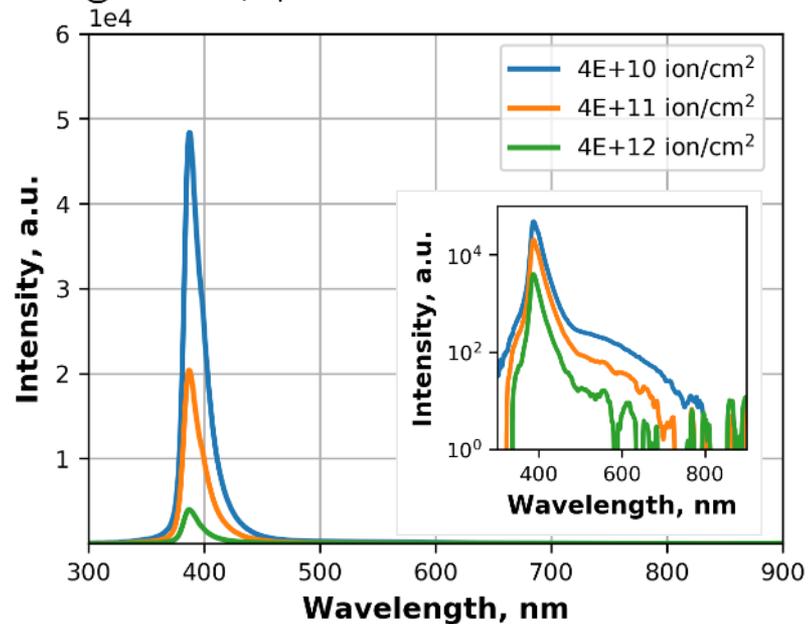
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Sample thickness ~400 μm
Ion range ~30 μm

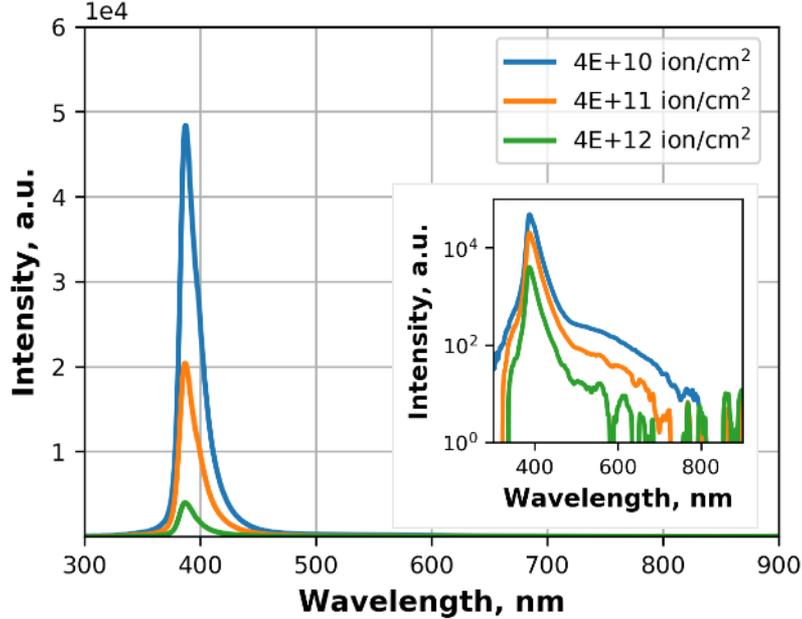
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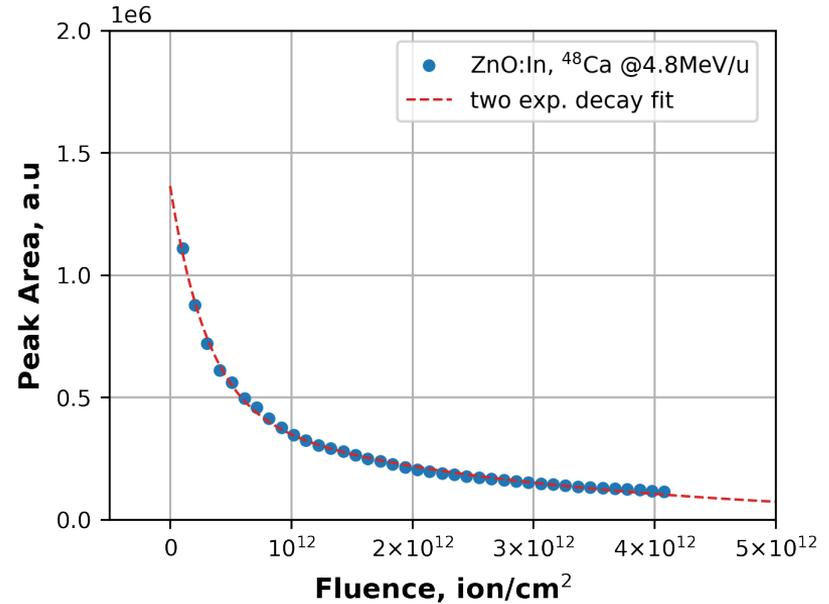
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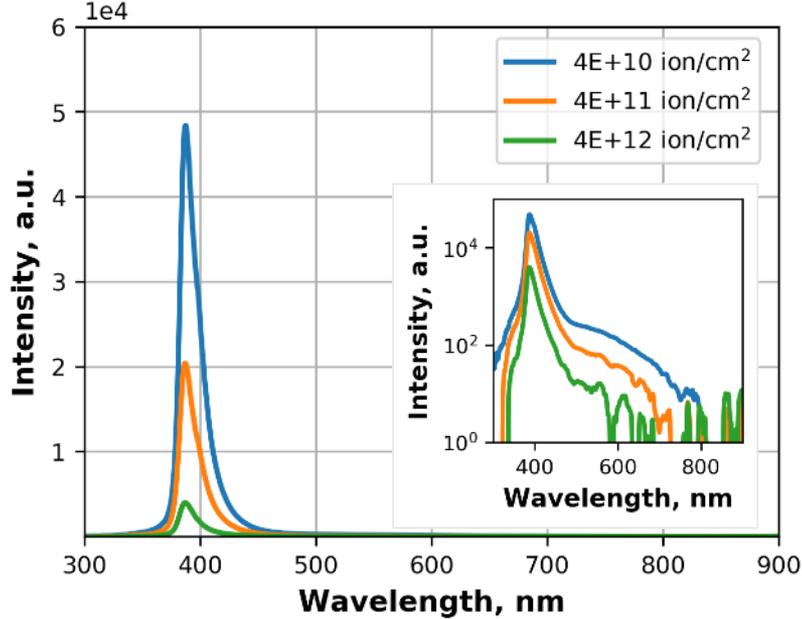
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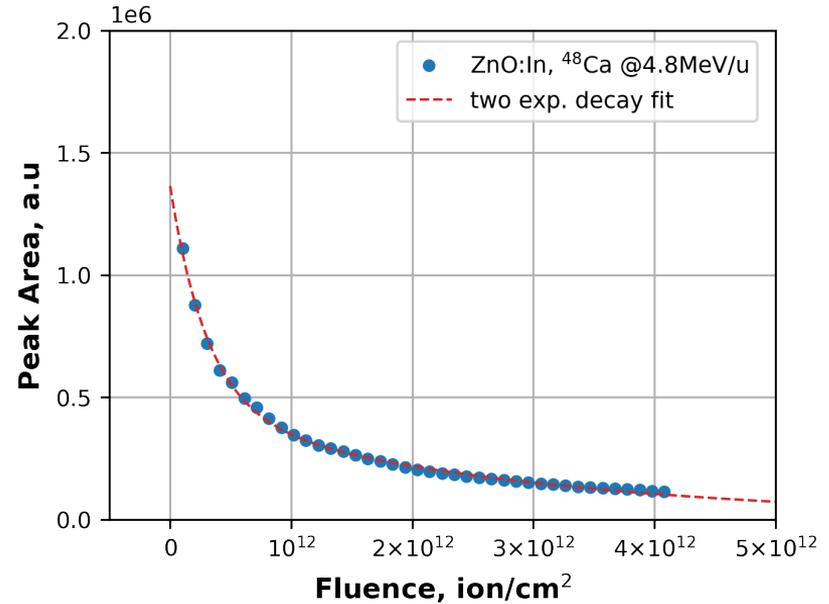
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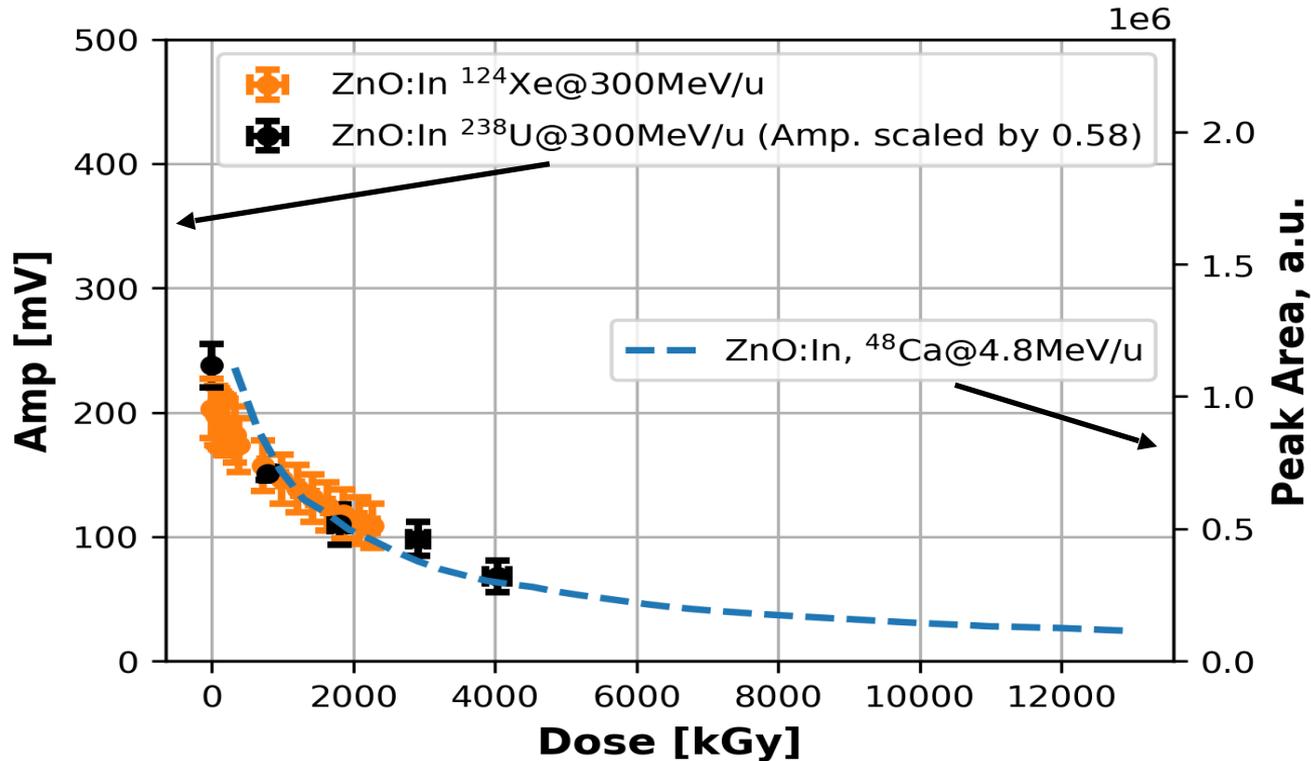


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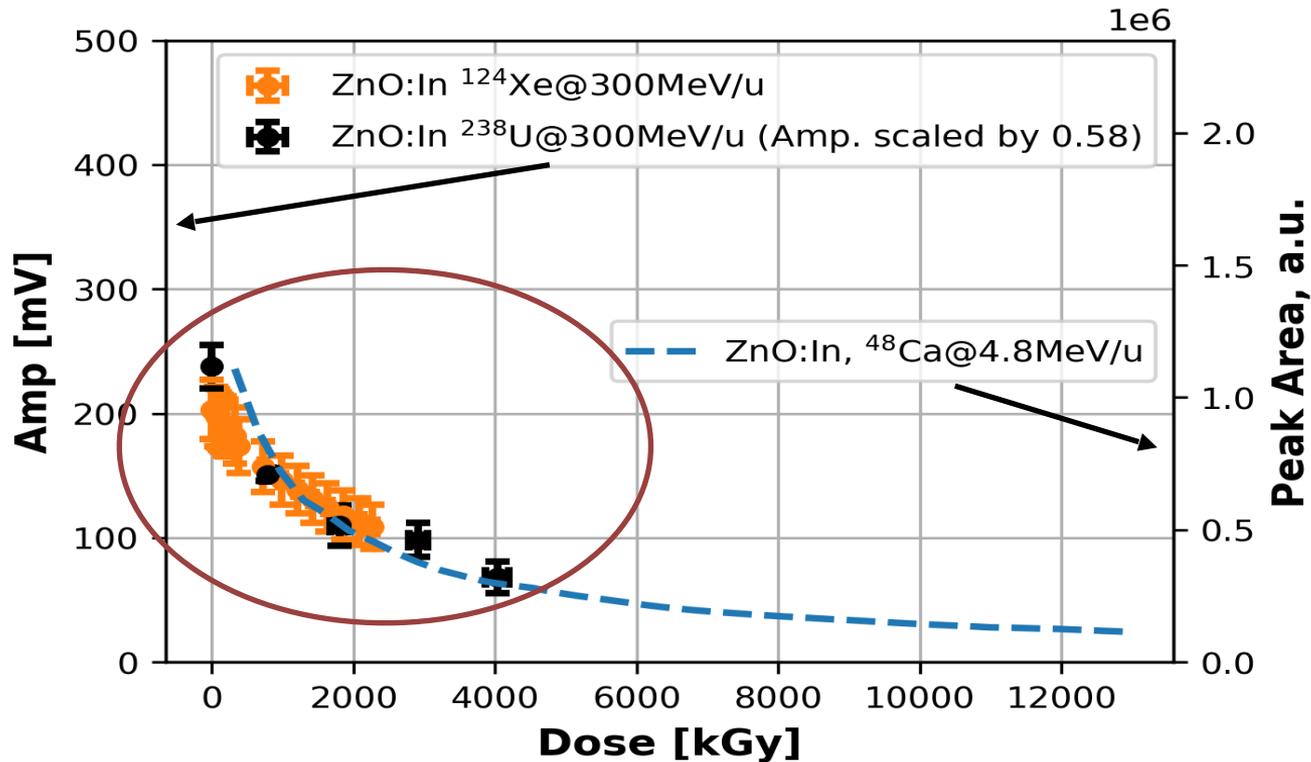
**Peak area is reduced 5 times at 2×10^{12} ion/cm²
~ after 2 hours of irradiation**

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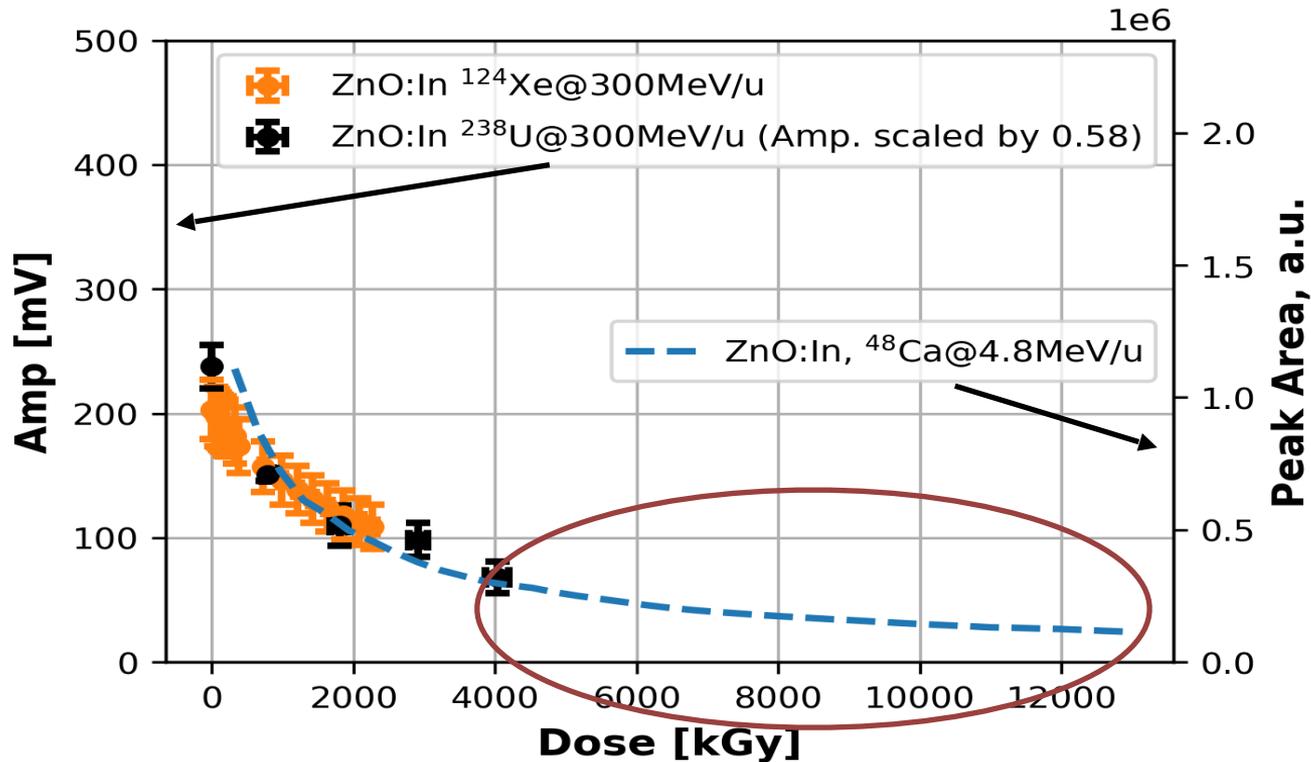
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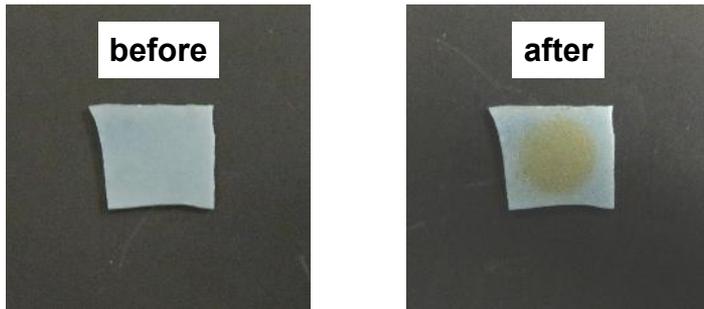
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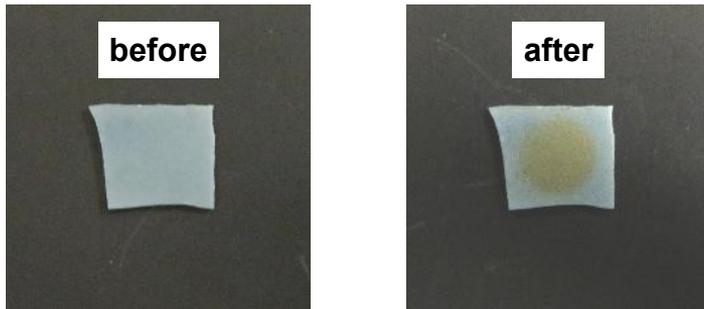
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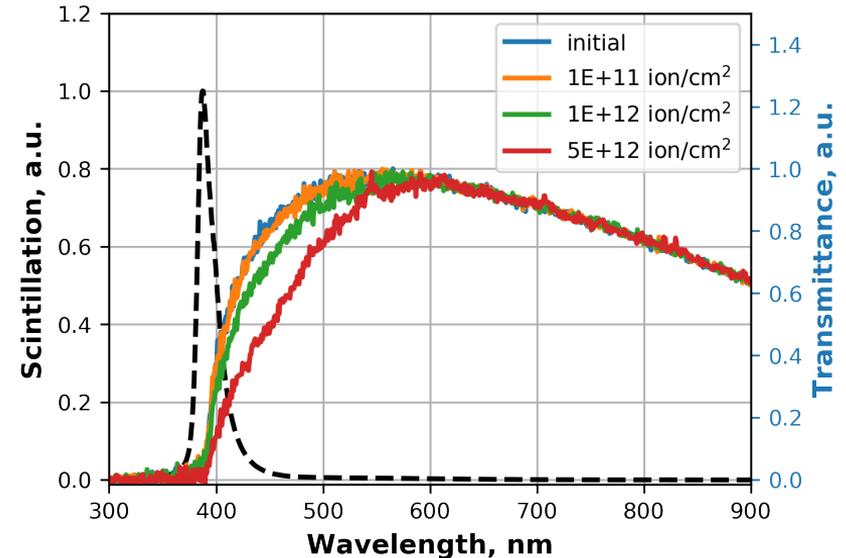


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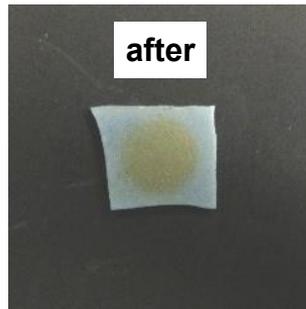
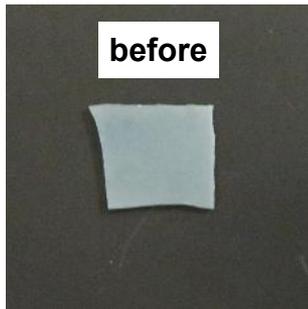


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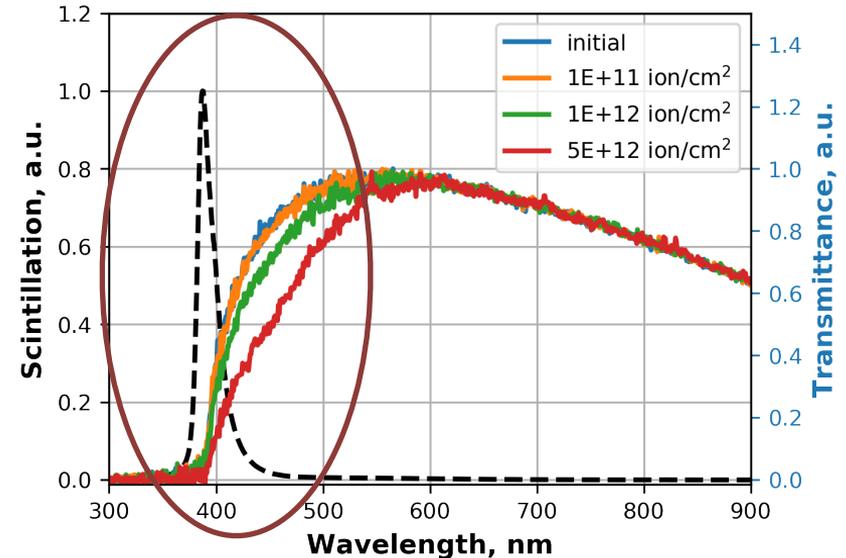


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Scintillation light is at the edge of transmission of ZnO:In

- Scintillation properties of ZnO:In have been studied with ^{48}Ca @4.8MeV/u
- Scintillation light and transmittance spectra were measured as a function of fluence
- ZnO:In emitted light spectrum exhibit one peak near 386 nm
- Radiation damage leads to loss of light output and transmittance in UV/Vis range
- The loss of light output vs. dose measured with ^{48}Ca @4.8MeV/u irradiation follows the same trend as the data for heavy ions @300MeV/u
- ZnO:In light output falls 5 times at 6500 kGy during ^{48}Ca @4.8MeV/u irradiation, which corresponds to $\sim 5\text{E}+12$ $^{124}\text{Xe}/\text{cm}^2$ and $\sim 1.7\text{E}+12$ $^{238}\text{U}/\text{cm}^2$ @300MeV/u

Thank you for watching!!!



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