

Probing beneath the surface without a scratch
A *non-destructive* method for bulk elemental analysis

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Outline

- Introduction
- Past Examples
- Current developments and recent results



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Elemental analysis

- Determine the composition of a material
- Techniques commonly used are:
 - X-Ray fluorescence
 - Scanning tunnelling microscope
 - Laser ablation
 - Mass spectrometry
 - Neutrons
- Some techniques are destructive
- Some are only surface sensitive

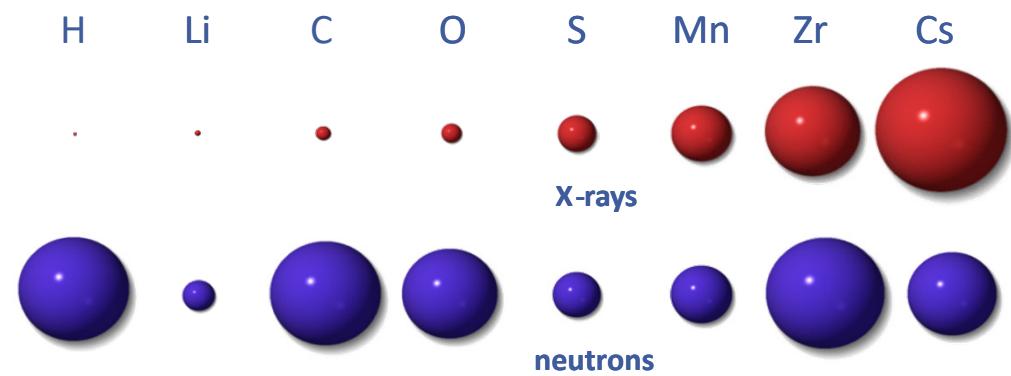
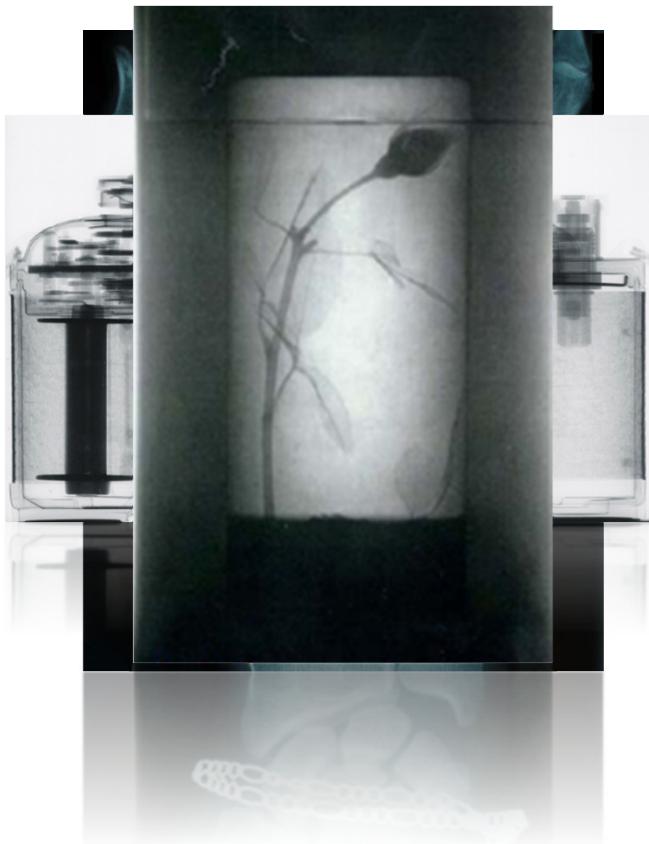


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Different probes

Different probes ‘see’ materials differently, complementary



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Muon properties

Muons:

- fundamental, charged particles
- heavy electrons
- spin 1/2
- magnetic moment $3.2 \times m_p$
- mass $0.11 \times m_p$
- produced from pion decays
- lifetime $2.2 \mu s$ (+'ve but varies for -'ve)
- decay into a positron or electron (+ 2xv)



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Non destructive probing

Need a method to probe inside materials

- For example, neutrons are highly penetrating
- Neutrons can be used as non-destructive probes



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Neutrons in Cultural Heritage

- inorganic material analysis
- metals, ceramics, rocks, pigments
- movable objects

Why?

Non-destructive analysis

Ancient/historic fabrication techniques

Authenticity

Provenance

State of corrosion



Boettger Stoneware
Staatliche Kunstsammlungen
Dresden, C. Neelmejer



"Striding Nobleman" 16th century,
Rijksmuseum Amsterdam
R. vanLangh



Eneolithic copper axe
Bolzano Museum,
G. Artioli, Padova



16th century gold coins, M. Jones
Mary Rose Trust, Portsmouth



Greek coins 1-3 cAD; KHM Vienna;
R Traum; M Griesser



Bronze Age swords from Austria
1500-1000 BC; M. Moedlinger



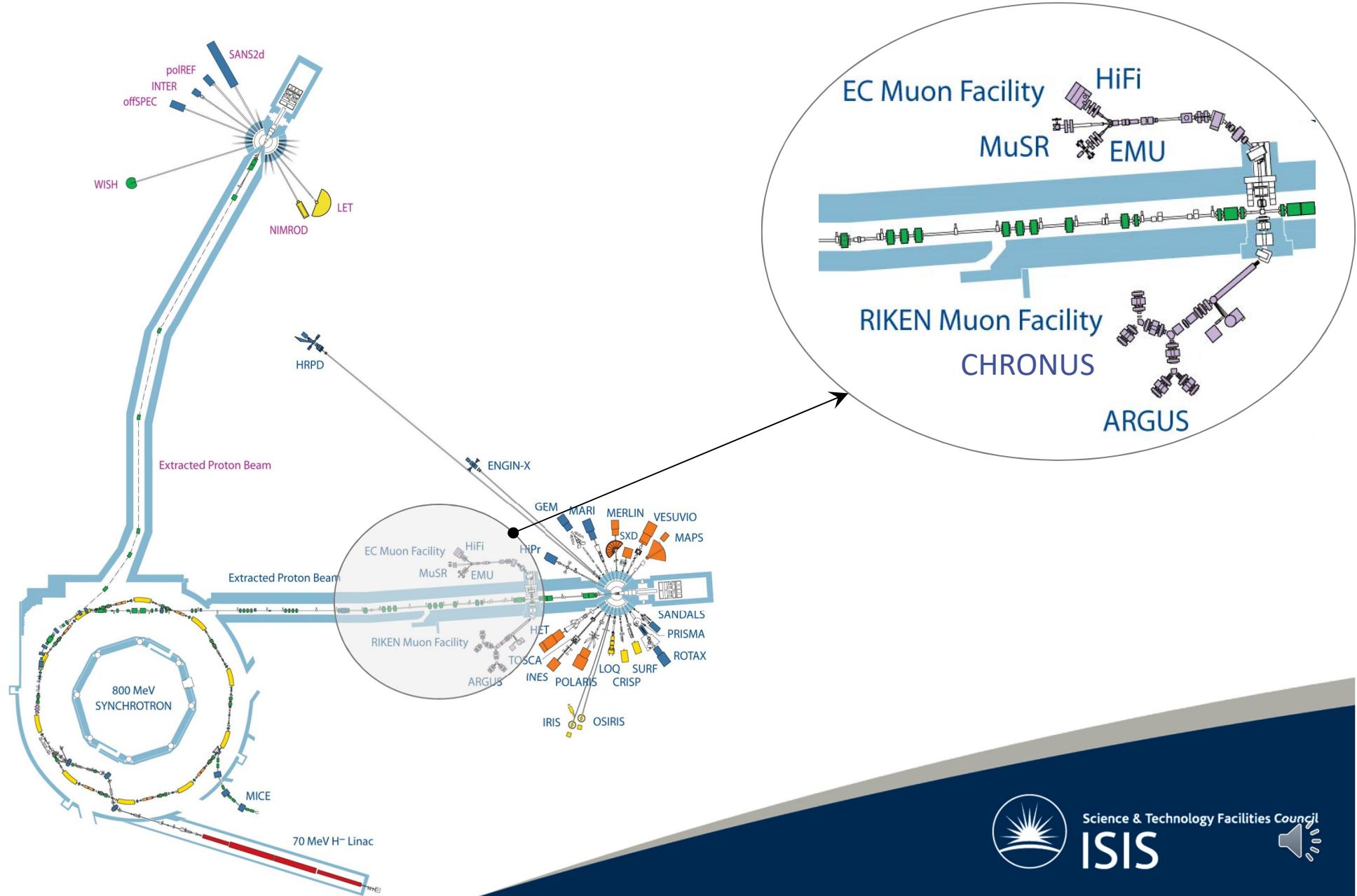
Kite Age swords; 1000-1500 AD
Stibbert Museum Florence; F Grazzi



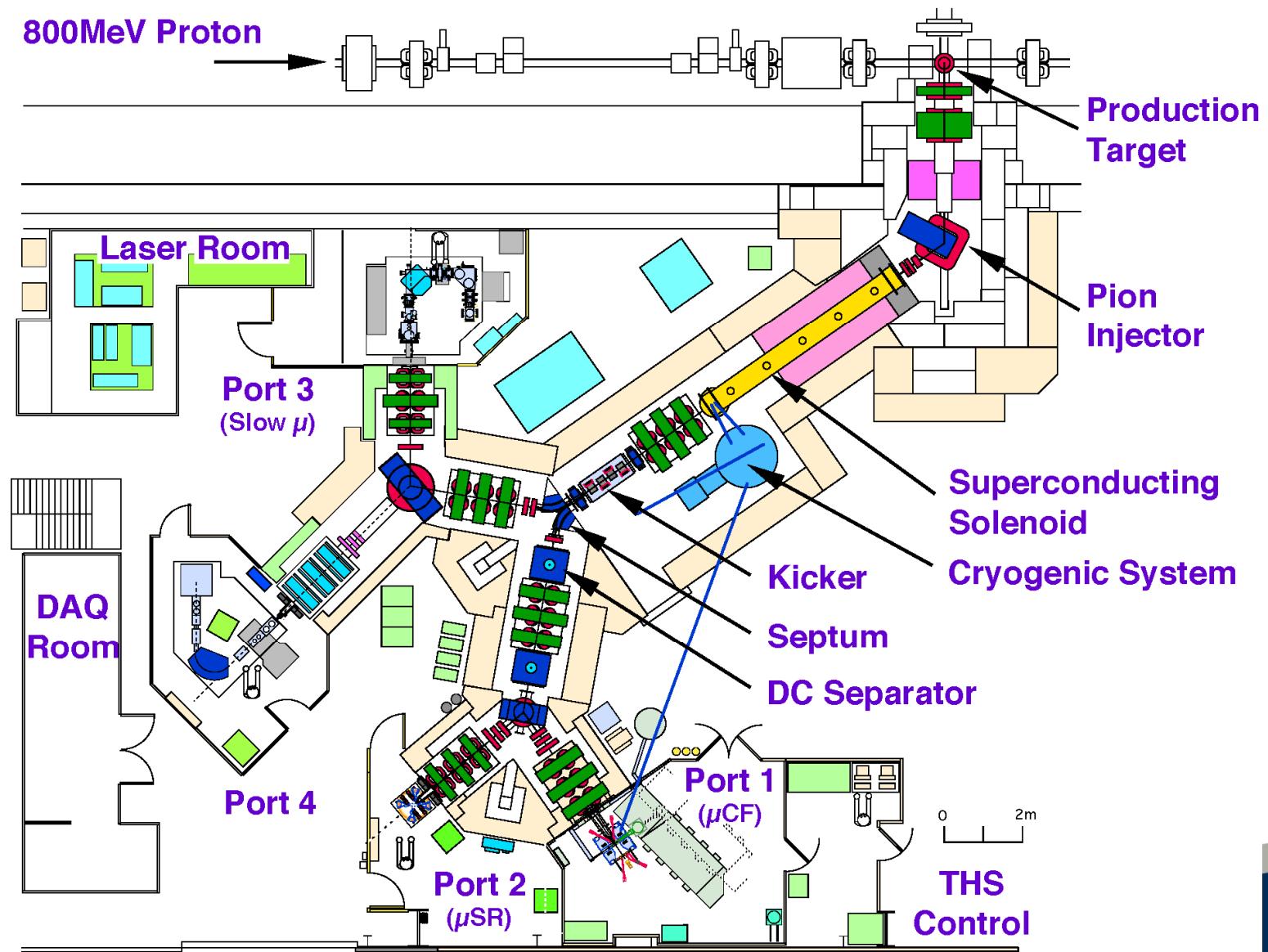
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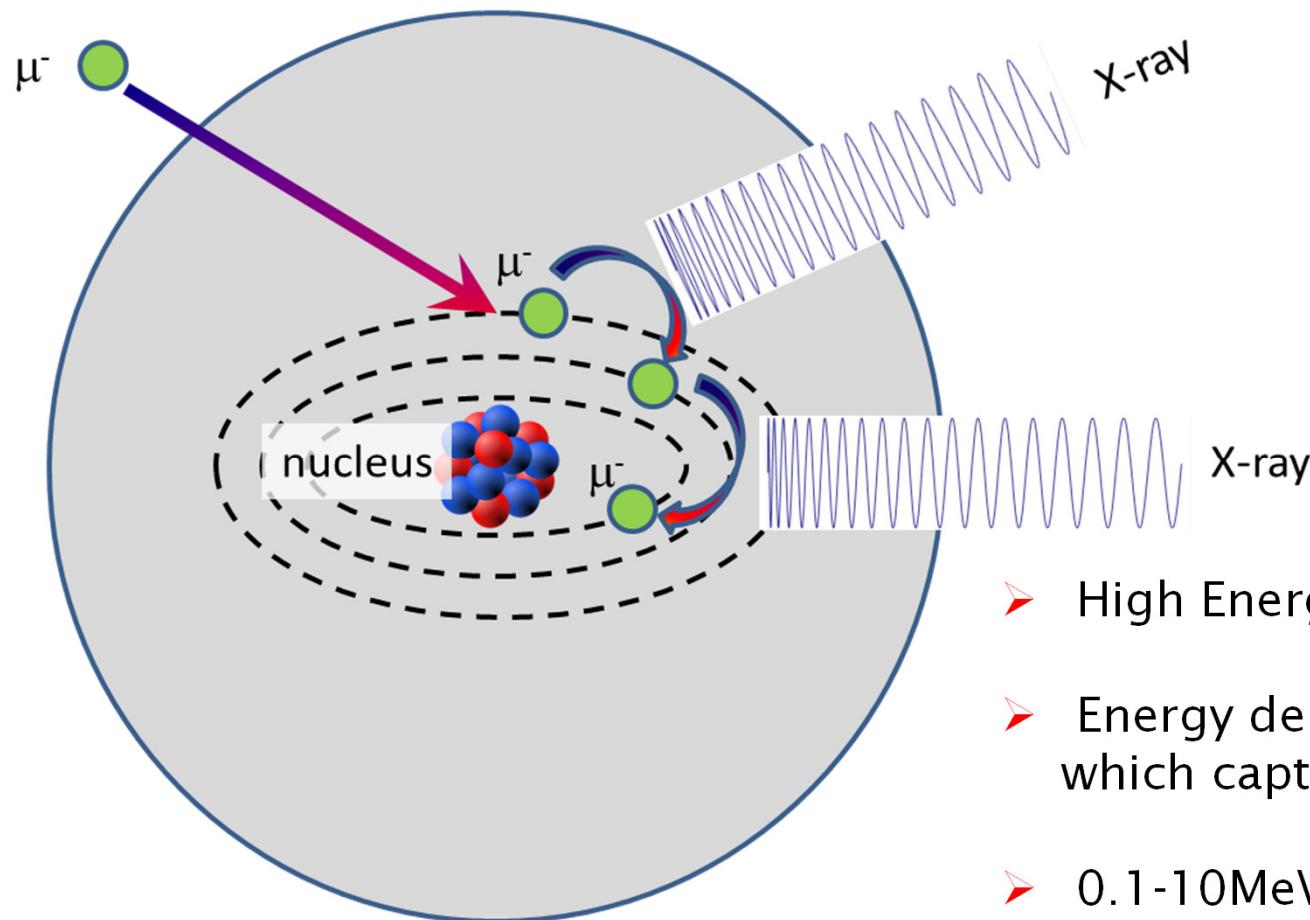
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Negative muons



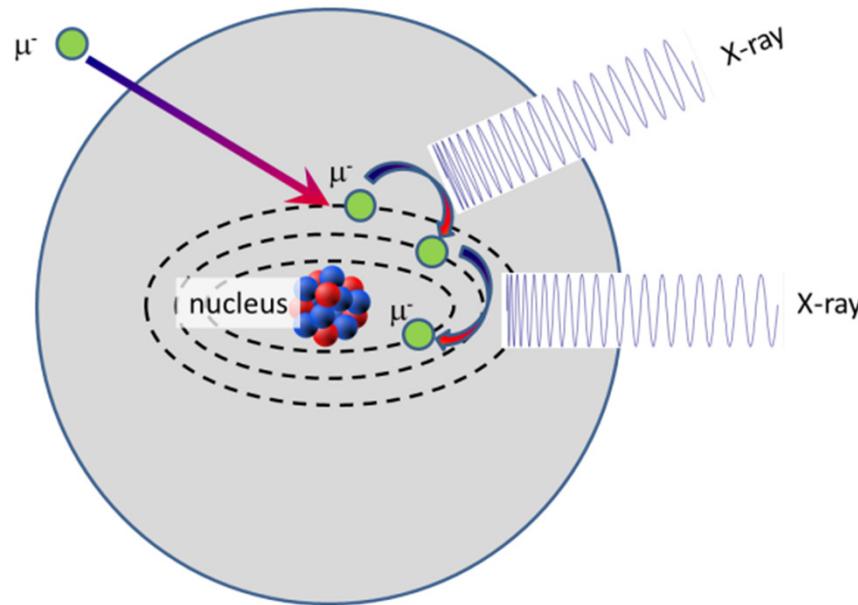
- High Energy X-rays emitted
- Energy dependent of the atom which captures the muon
- 0.1-10MeV - mass of the muon is 200x that of the electron



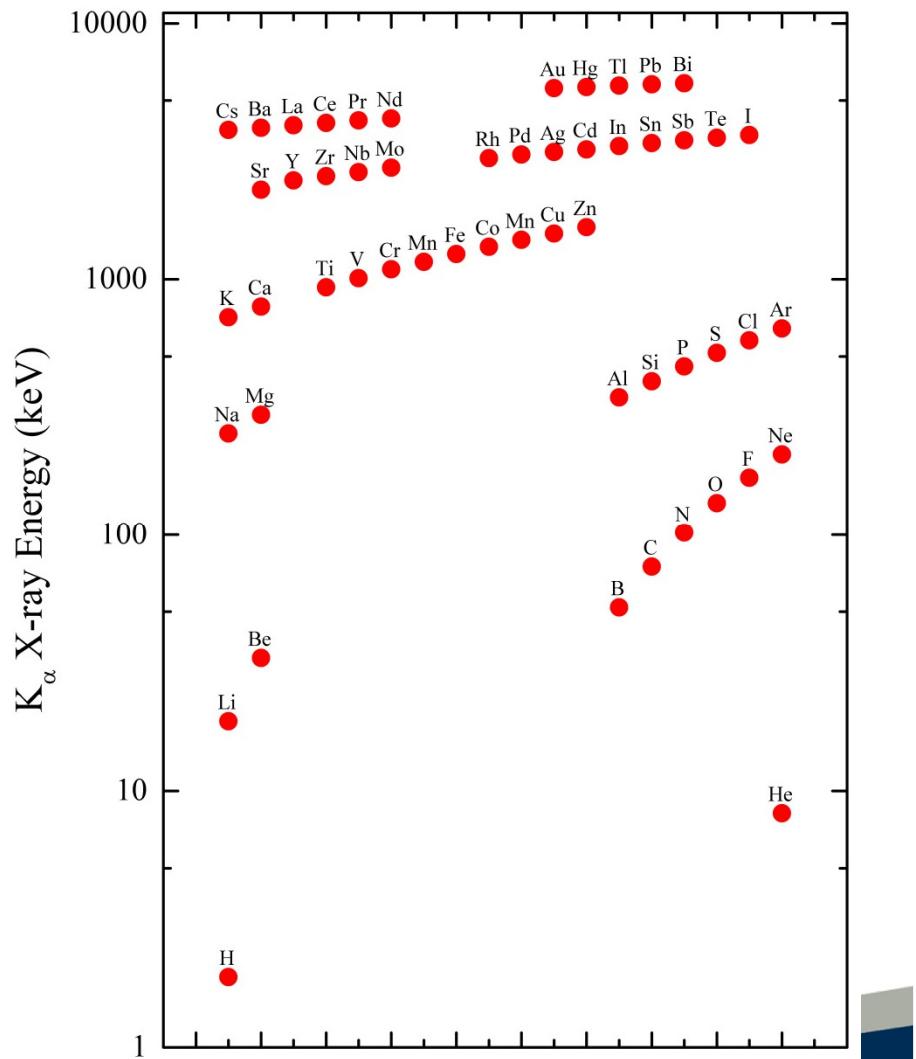
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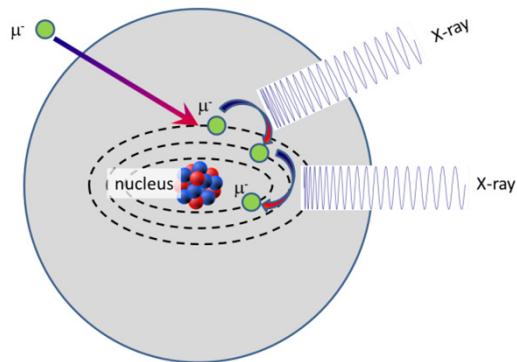
- High Energy X-rays emitted
 - 0.1-10MeV
- Transition Energies are known from measurement and calculation



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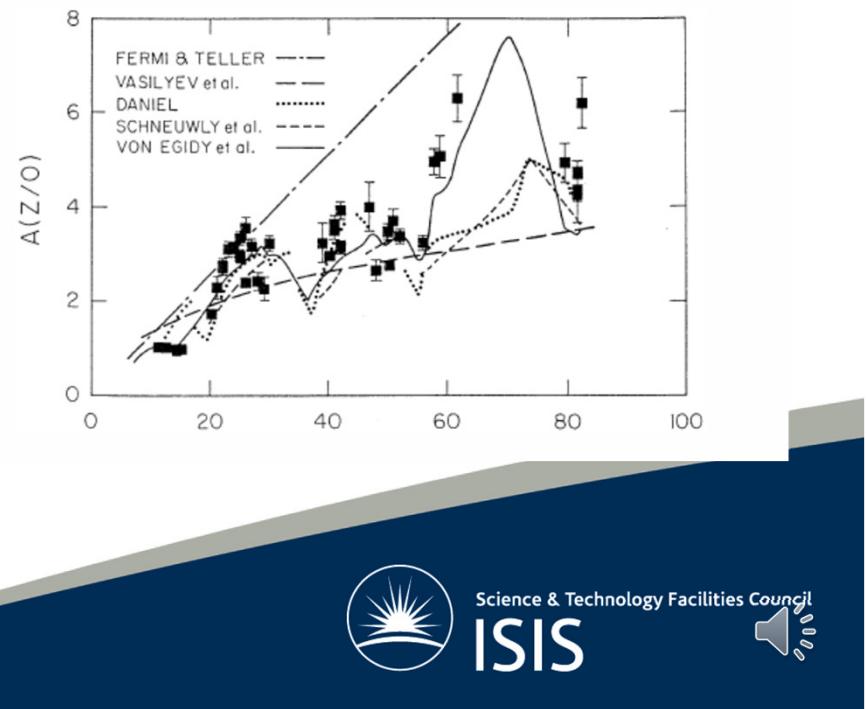
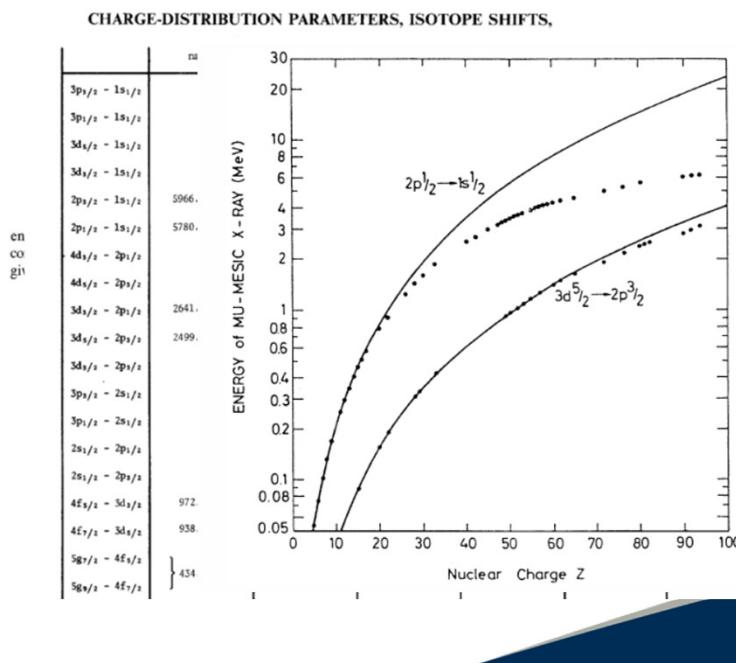


Negative muons



- High Energy X-rays emitted
 - 0.1-10MeV
- Transition Energies are known from measurement and calculation
- Probability of capture known

ATOMIC DATA AND NUCLEAR DATA TABLES 14, 509-597 (1974)



Potential applications for negative muons

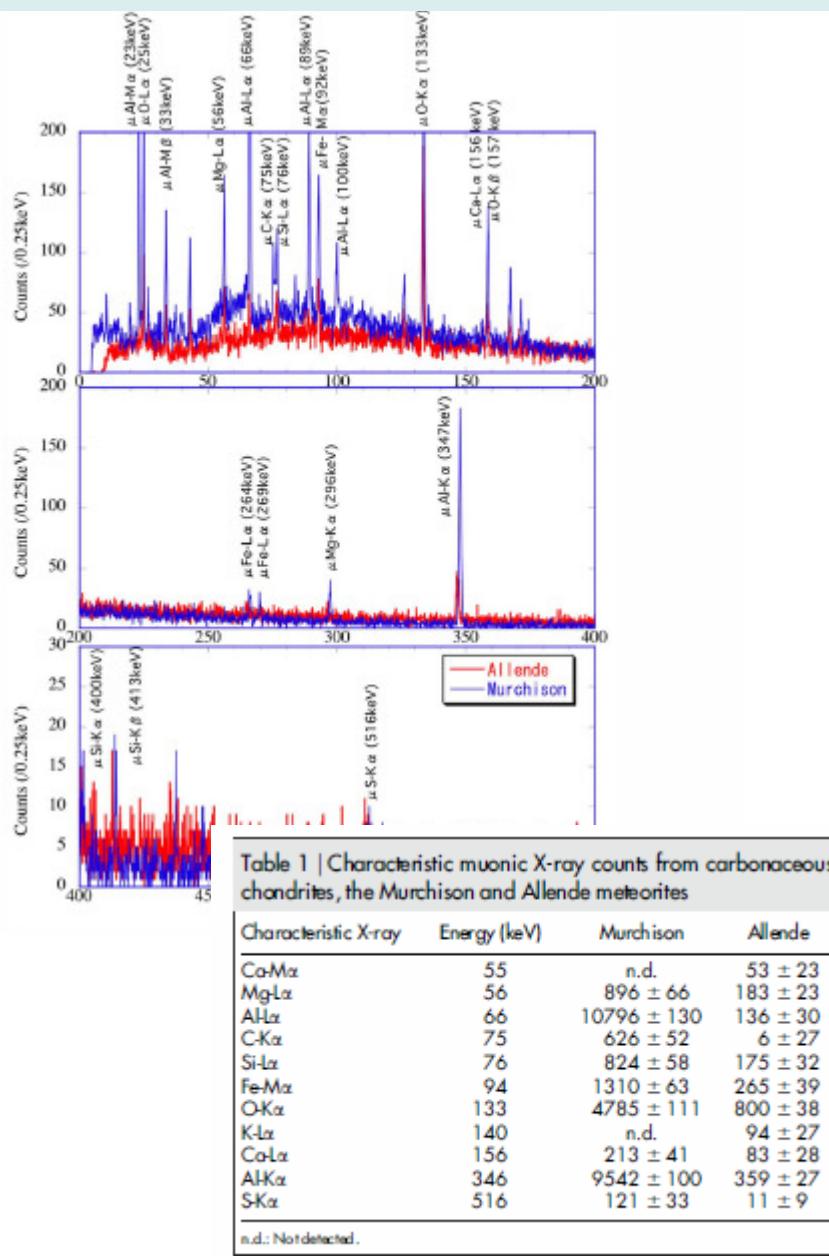
- Meteorites
- Energy materials
- Biomaterials
- Welds in Engineering
- Geological samples
- Cultural heritage, coins, arrowheads, mirrors, swords
- Or whatever you would like to know the composition of



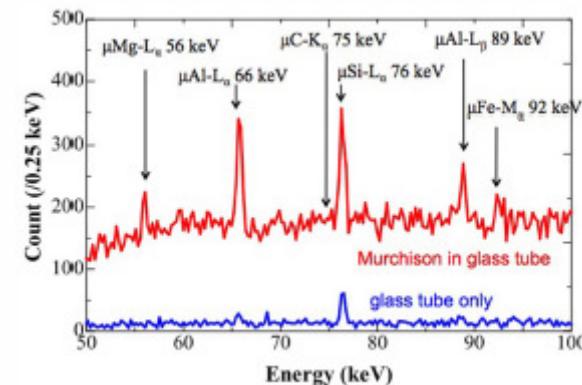
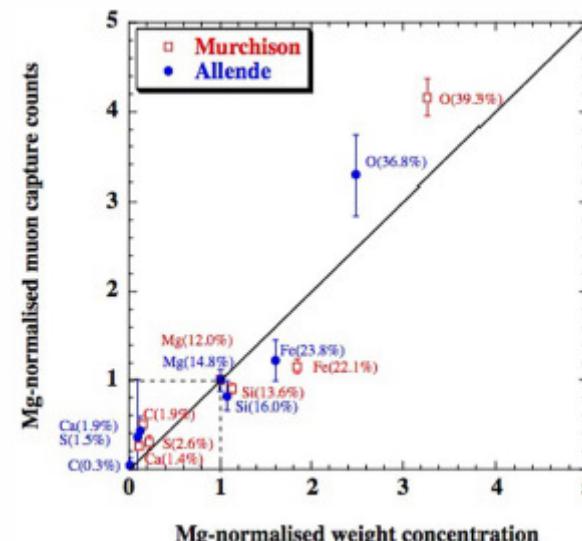
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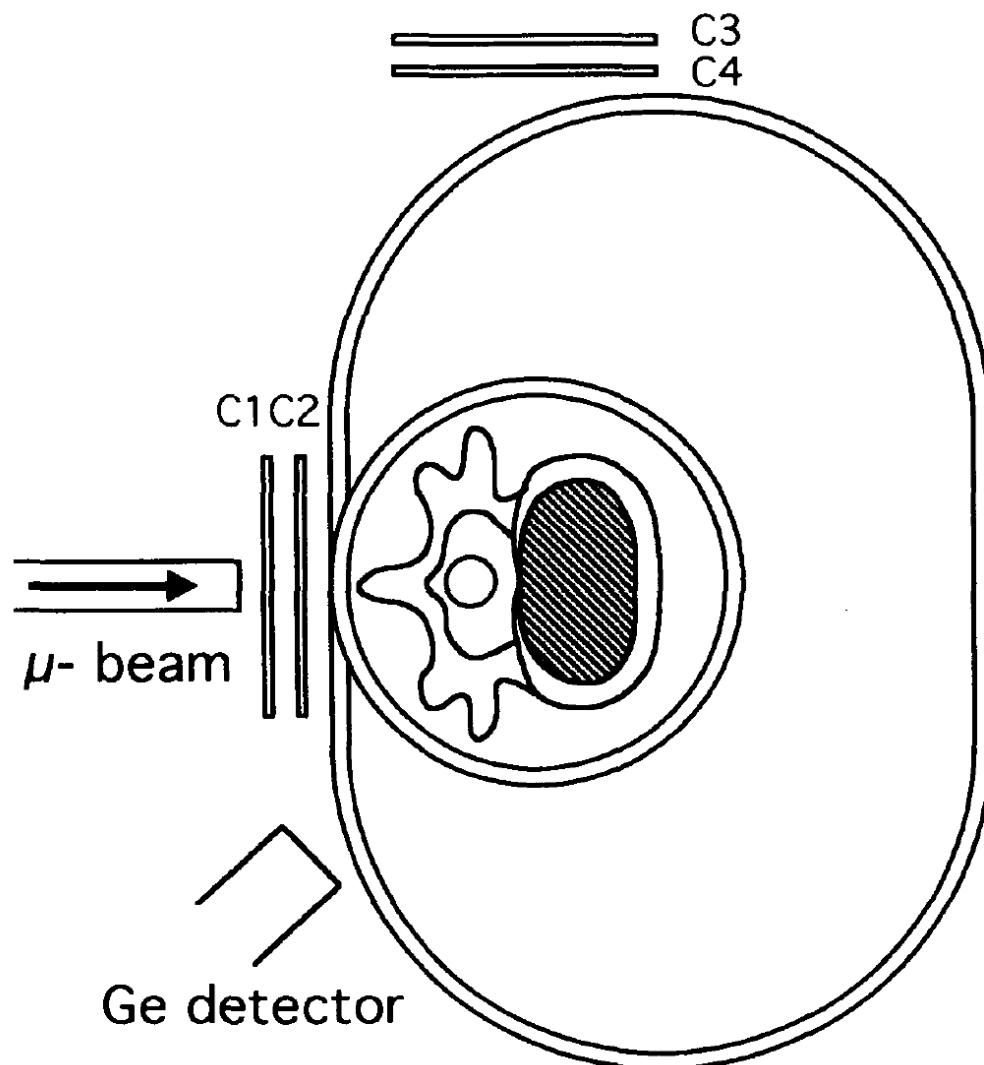
Examples - meteorites



Terada et al Sci. Rep. 4 5072 (2014)



Examples - bones



Hosoi et al, Radiology, 68, 1325 (1995)

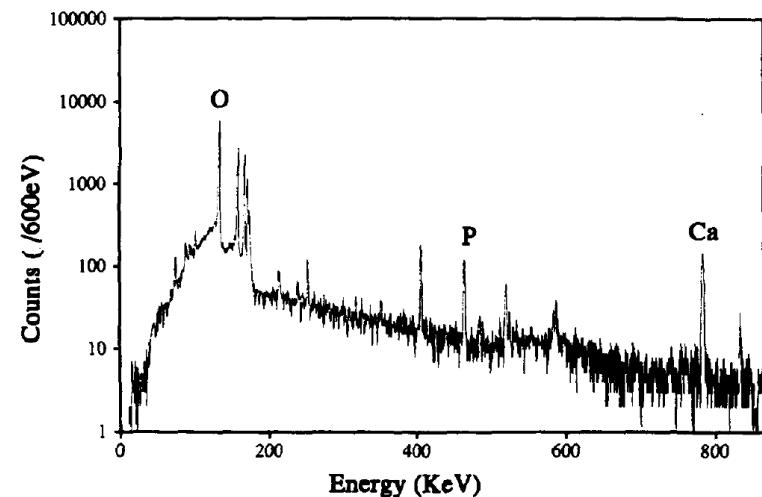


Table III. Elemental composition of bone phantoms

Bone phantom	Ca (mg cm^{-3})	P (mg cm^{-3})
Centre of vertebral body in sample A ^a	70.7	25.7
Centre of vertebral body in sample B ^a	39.3	14.3
Centre of vertebral body in sample C ^a	19.6	7.1
Centre of vertebral body in sample D ^a	0.0	0.0
Non-central portion of vertebral bone A-D ^b	154.9	70.0



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Examples - biomaterials

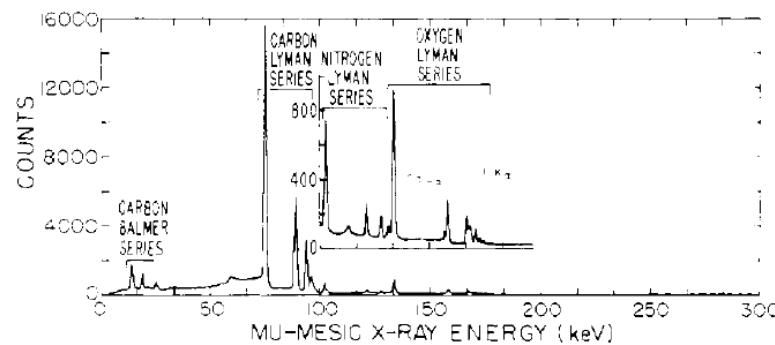


Figure 2. Partial muonic x-ray spectrum from the tissue equivalent plastic sample (Shonka plastic, A-150)

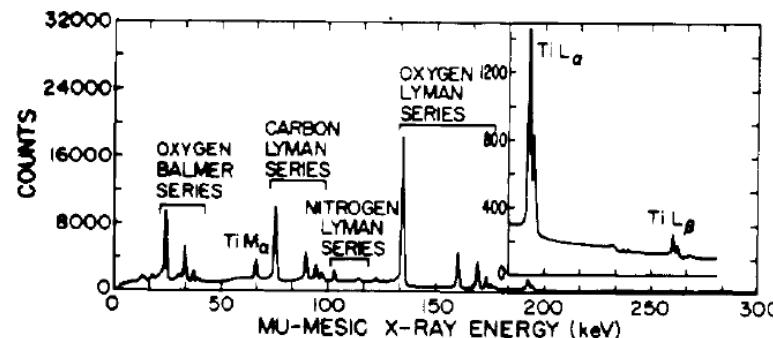


Figure 3. Partial muonic x-ray spectrum from the tissue equivalent liquid sample

Table I. Relative Muonic X-ray Intensities

Element	Transition	Intensity, % ^a
Shonka plastic		
C	2p-1s	55
	3p-1s	20
	4p-1s	11
	5p-1s	3.3
	6p-1s	0.85
N	2p-1s	2.3
	3p-1s	0.76
	4p-1s	0.38
	5p-1s	0.24
O	2p-1s	3.7
	3p-1s	1.3
	4p-1s	0.94
	5p-1s	0.40
F	2p-1s	0.57
Ca	3d-2p	0.30
	2p-1s ^b	0.38
TE-liquid		
C	2p-1s	8.5
	3p-1s	3.5
	4p-1s	1.8
	5p-1s	0.87
N	2p-1s	2.2
	3p-1s	1.1
	4p-1s	0.34
O	2p-1s	48
	3p-1s	14
	4p-1s	12
	5p-1s	5.4
	6p-1s	1.8

^a See text for a discussion of the uncertainties.

^b Ca(2p-1s) intensity deduced from Ca(3d-2p) intensity; the uncertainty in this value is approximately 20%.

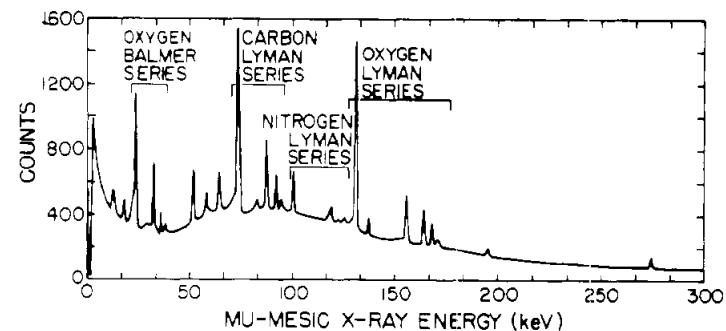


Figure 4. Partial muonic x-ray singles spectrum from a tissue sample, calf liver (singles)



Examples - Chinese Coins

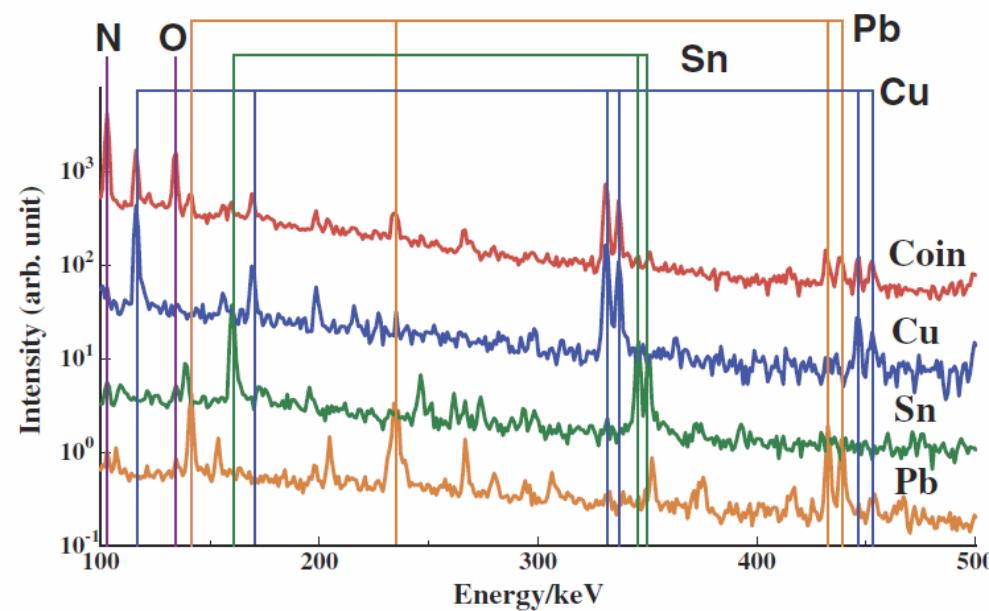


Figure 2. Muonic X-ray spectra measured with the ancient Chinese coin, Cu, Sn, and Pb samples. Muonic X-ray peaks in these spectra originate from muon capture in Cu, Sn, and Pb atoms. In the coin sample, intense N and O muonic X-rays were detected comparing other samples. Because the size of the coin is smaller than the distribution of the muon beam, many muons were stopped in air.

Examples - Chinese Artifacts

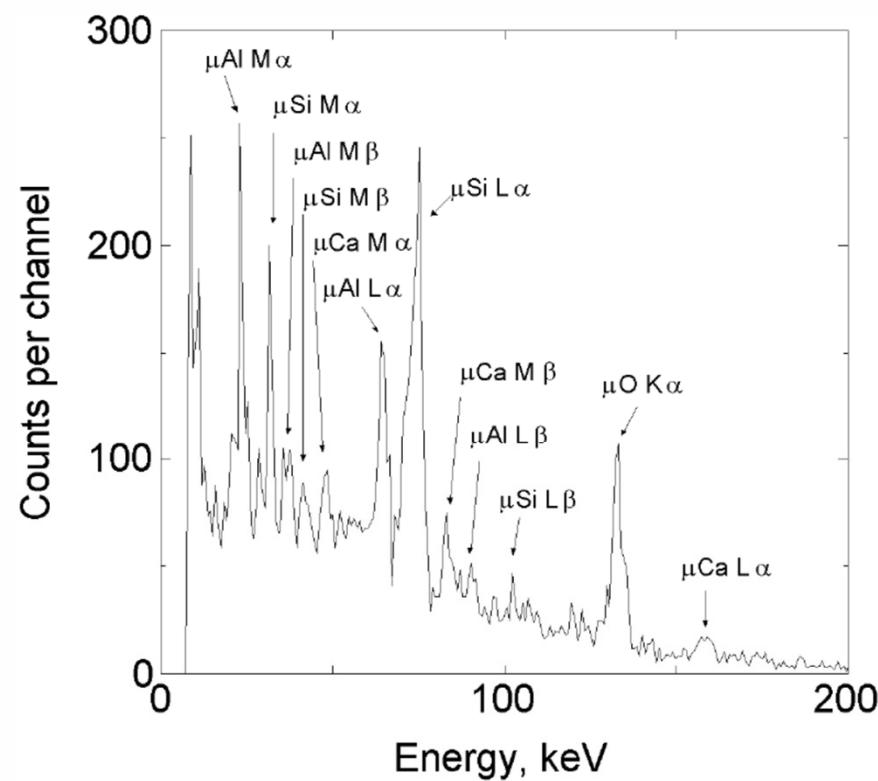


Fig. 4. Muonic X-ray spectrum recorded using a CZT detector of a model Tang San Cai horse

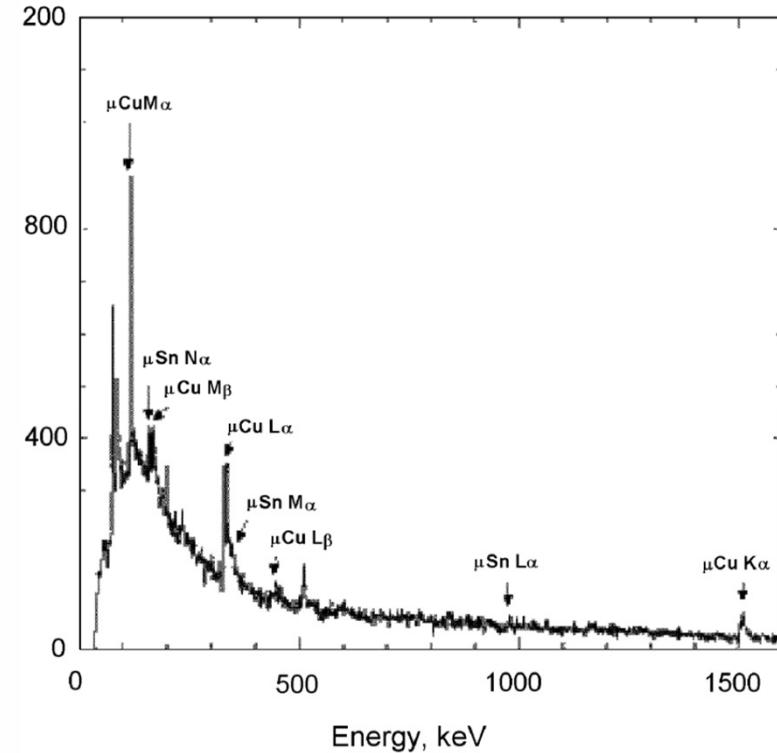
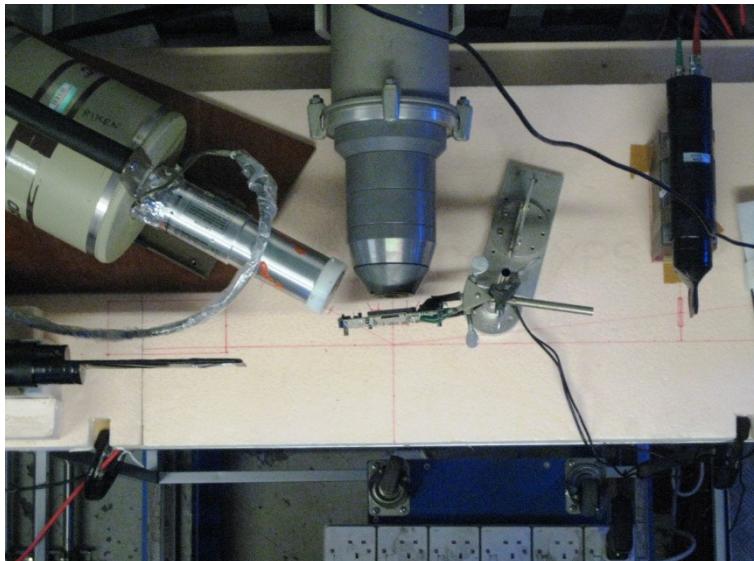


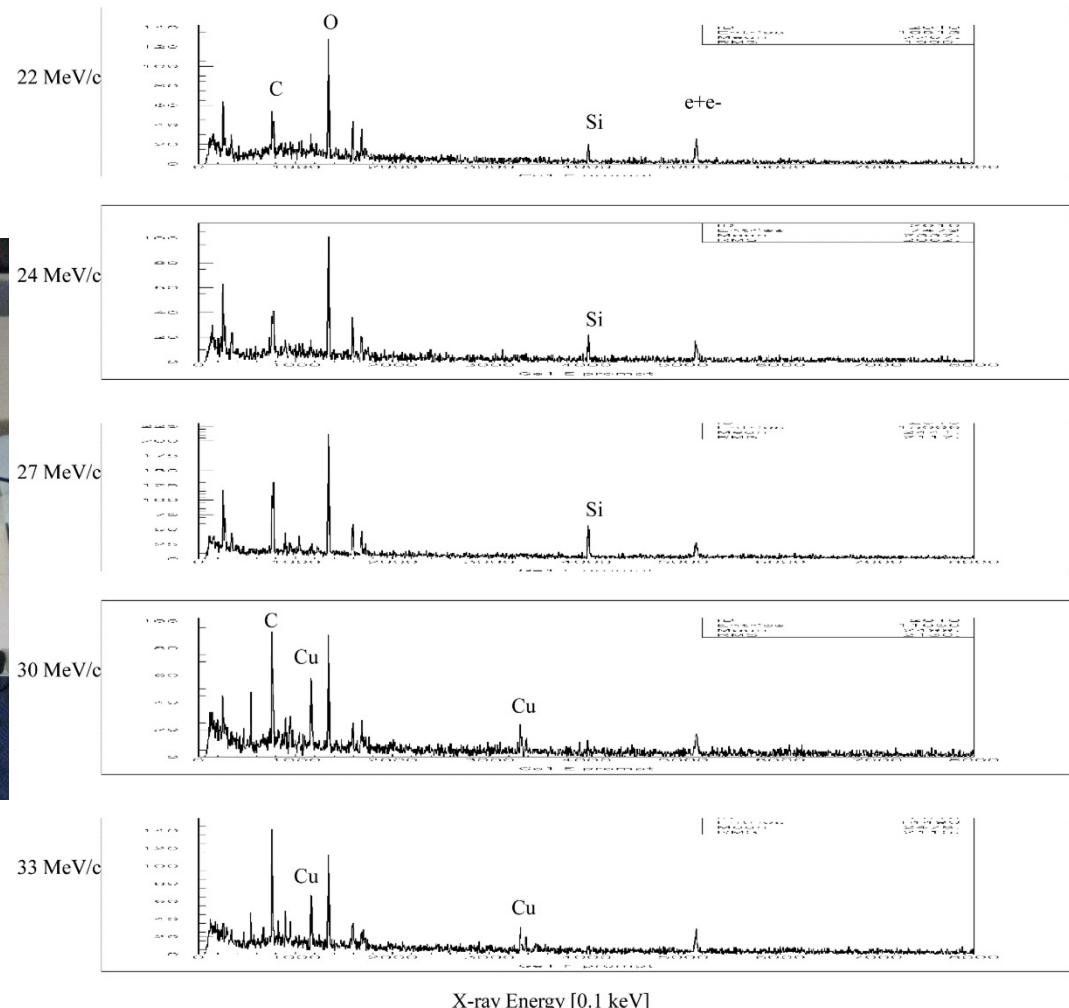
Fig. 2. Muonic X-ray spectrum of an ancient Chinese bronze mirror

Test Experiment

In collaboration with
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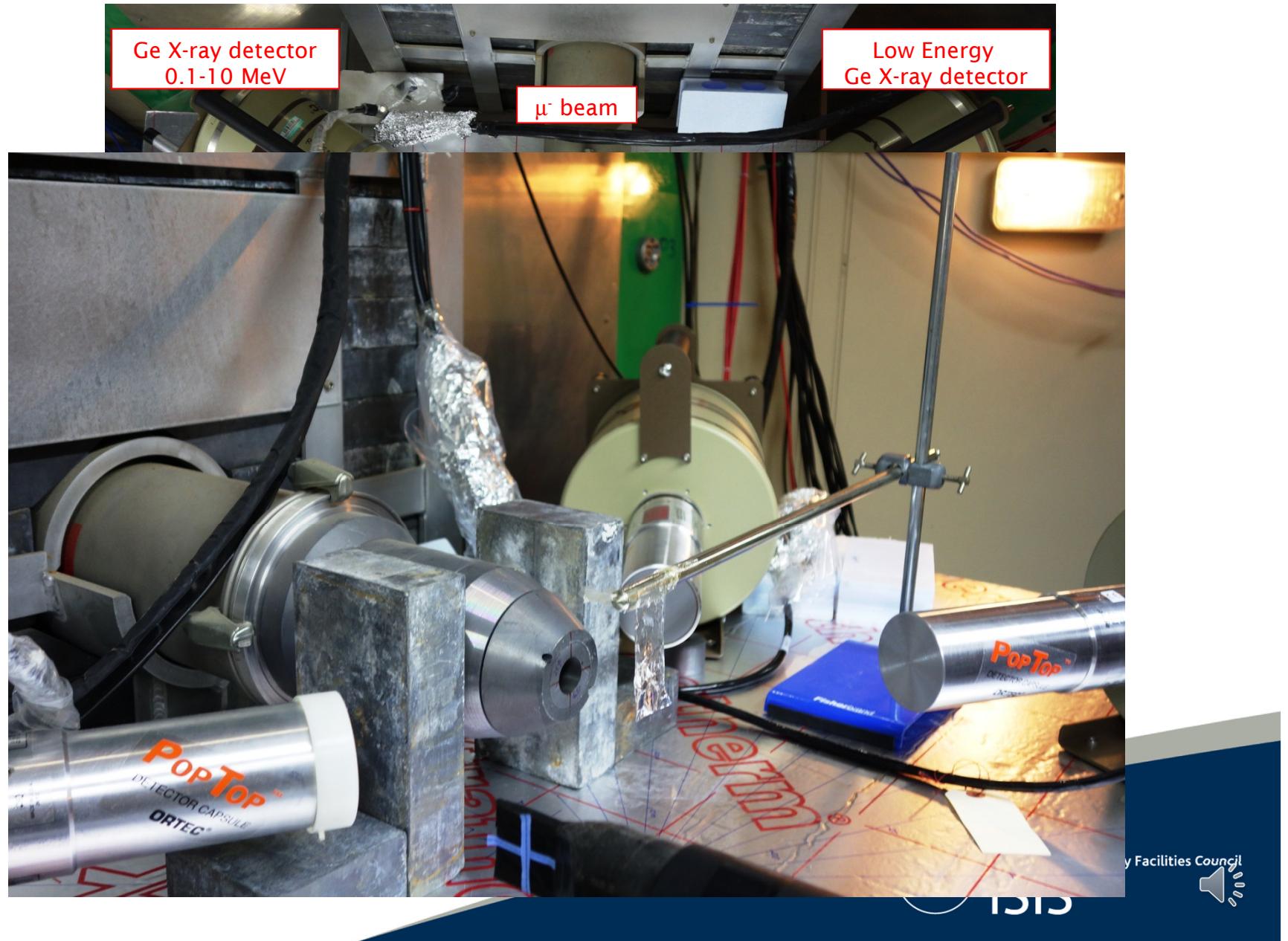
We can use negative
muons for elemental
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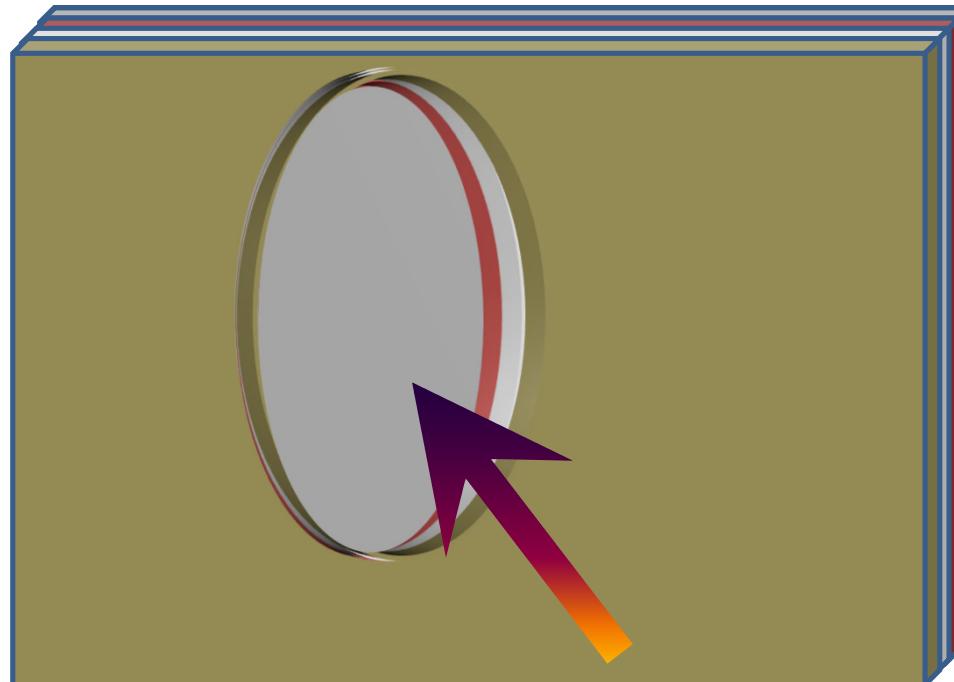
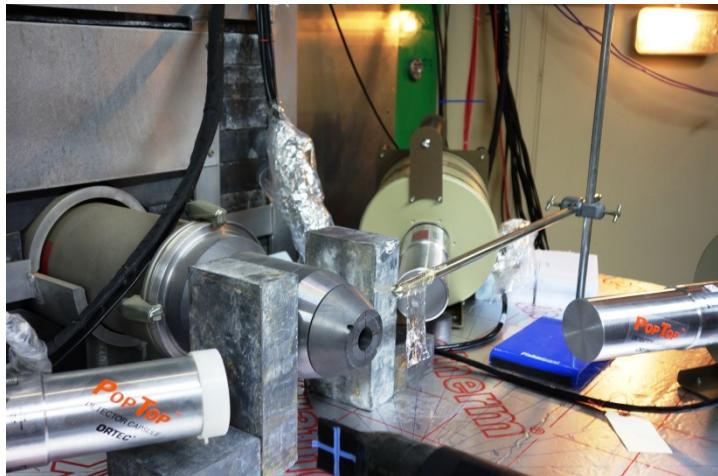
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New setup



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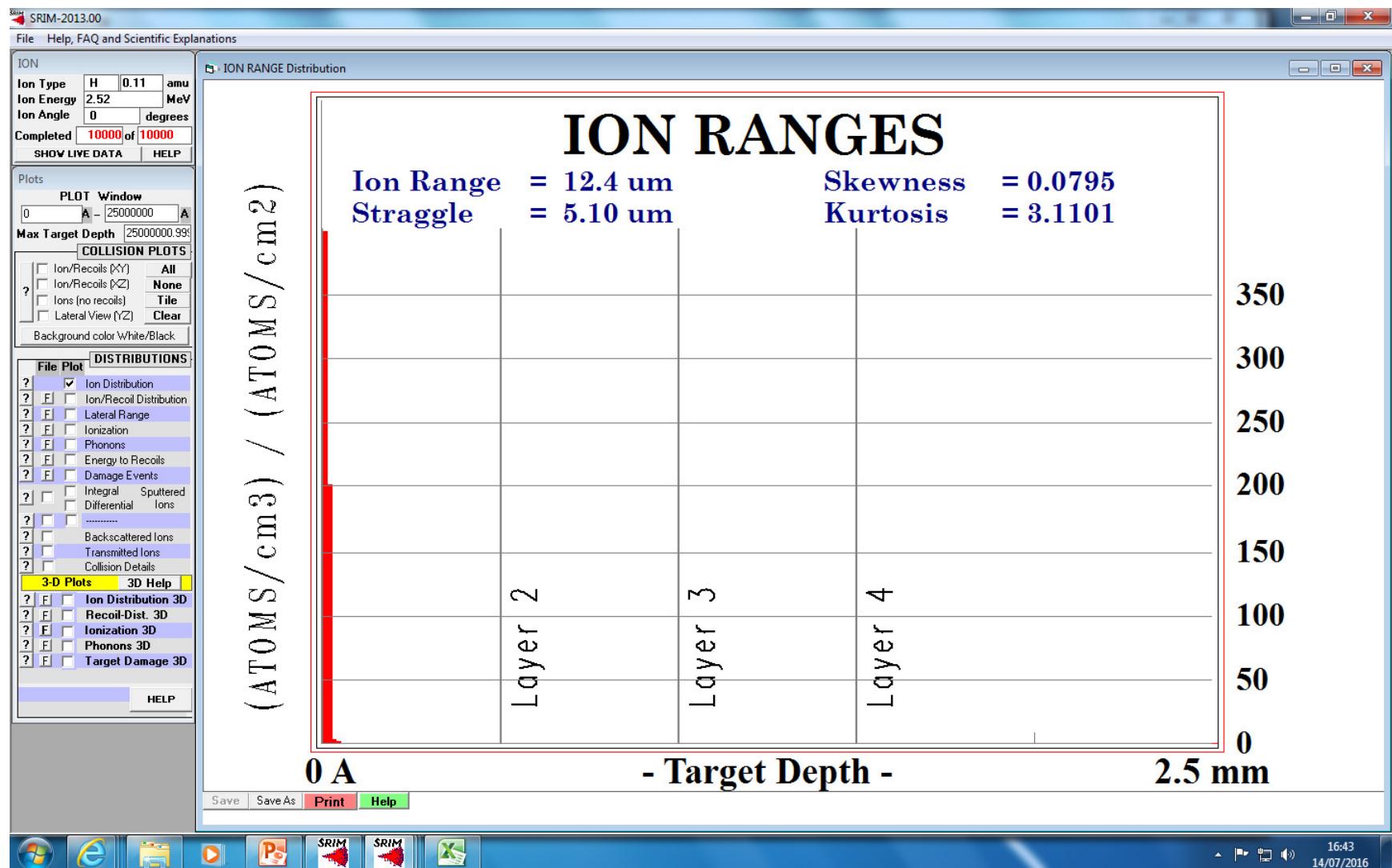
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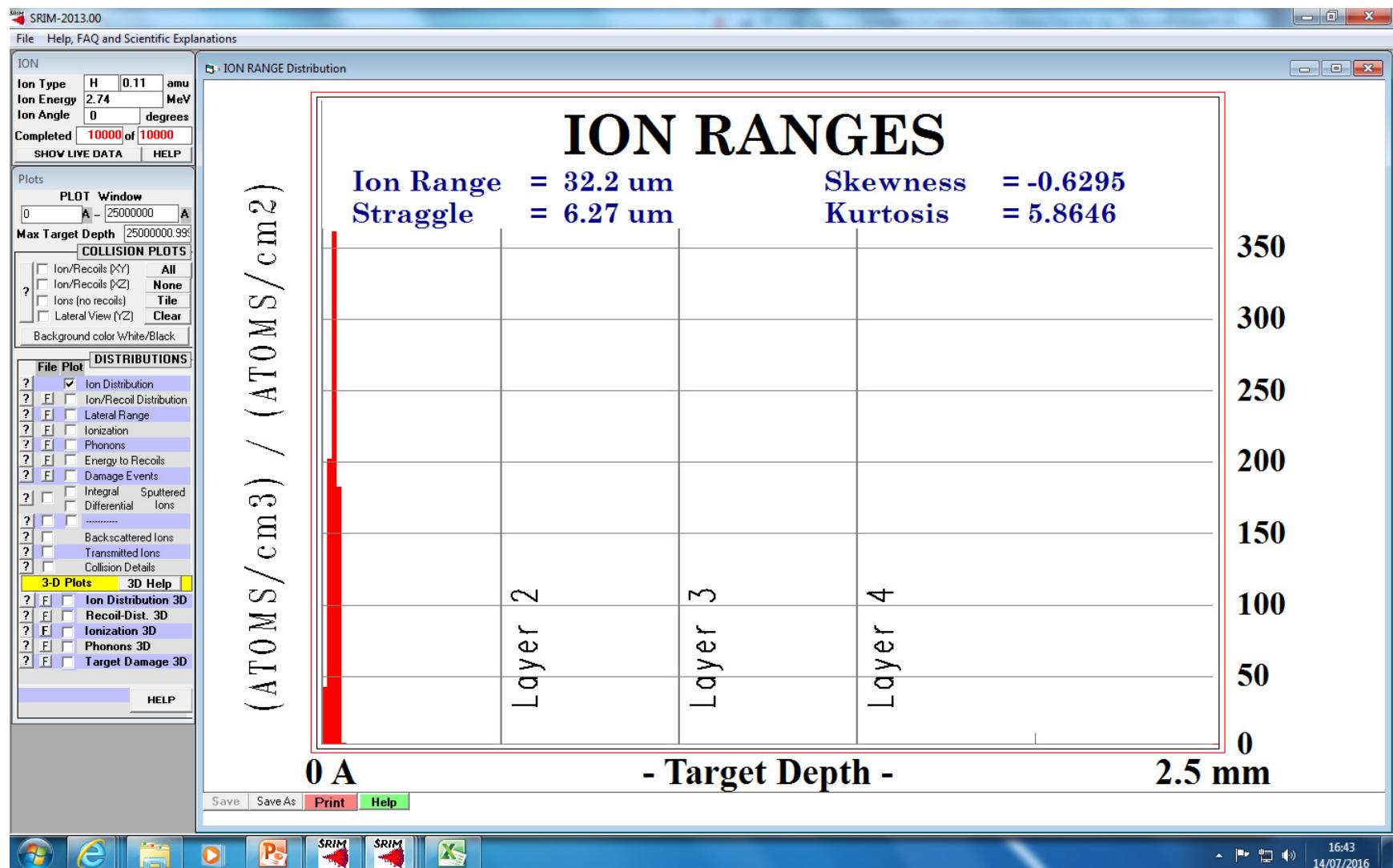
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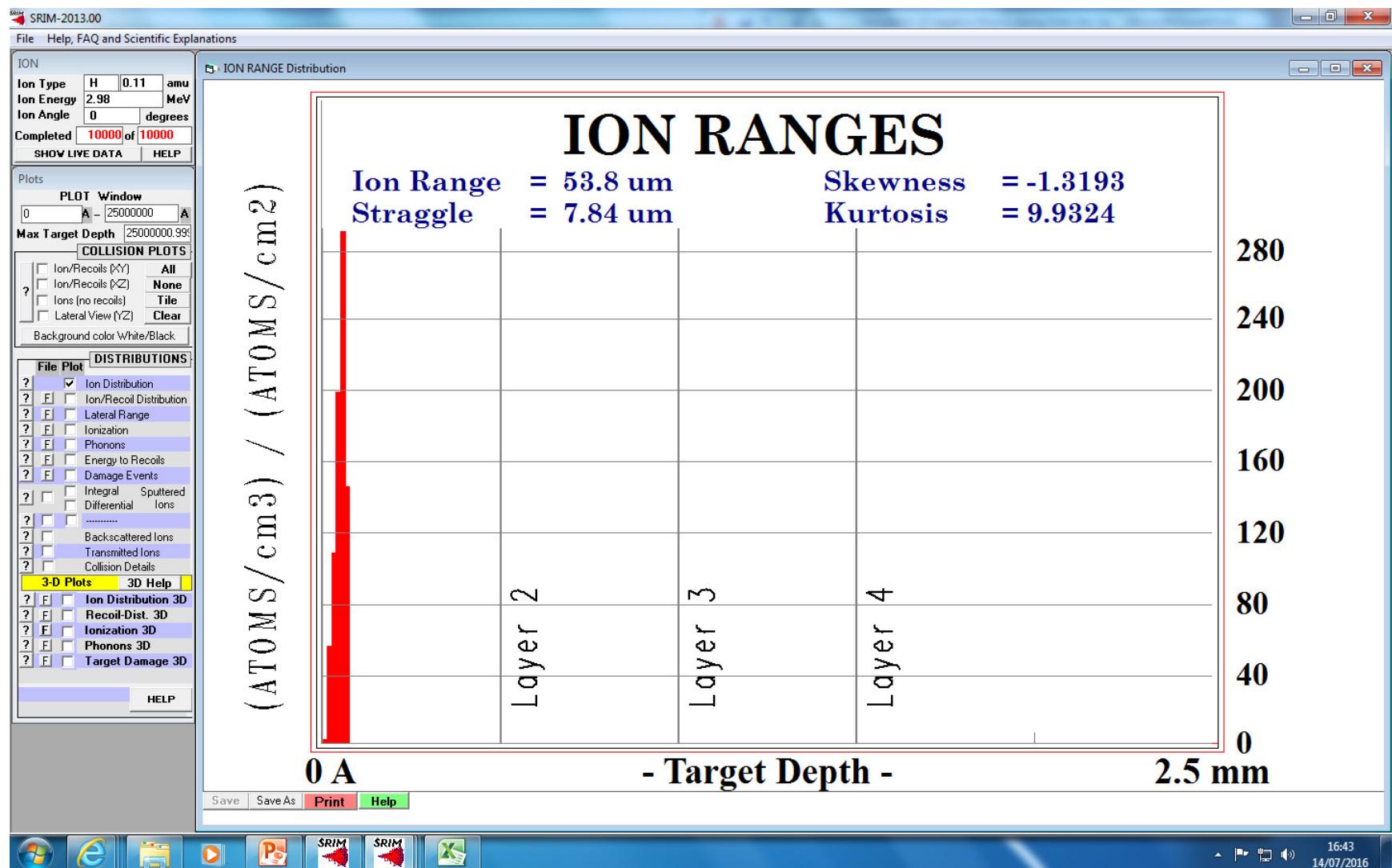


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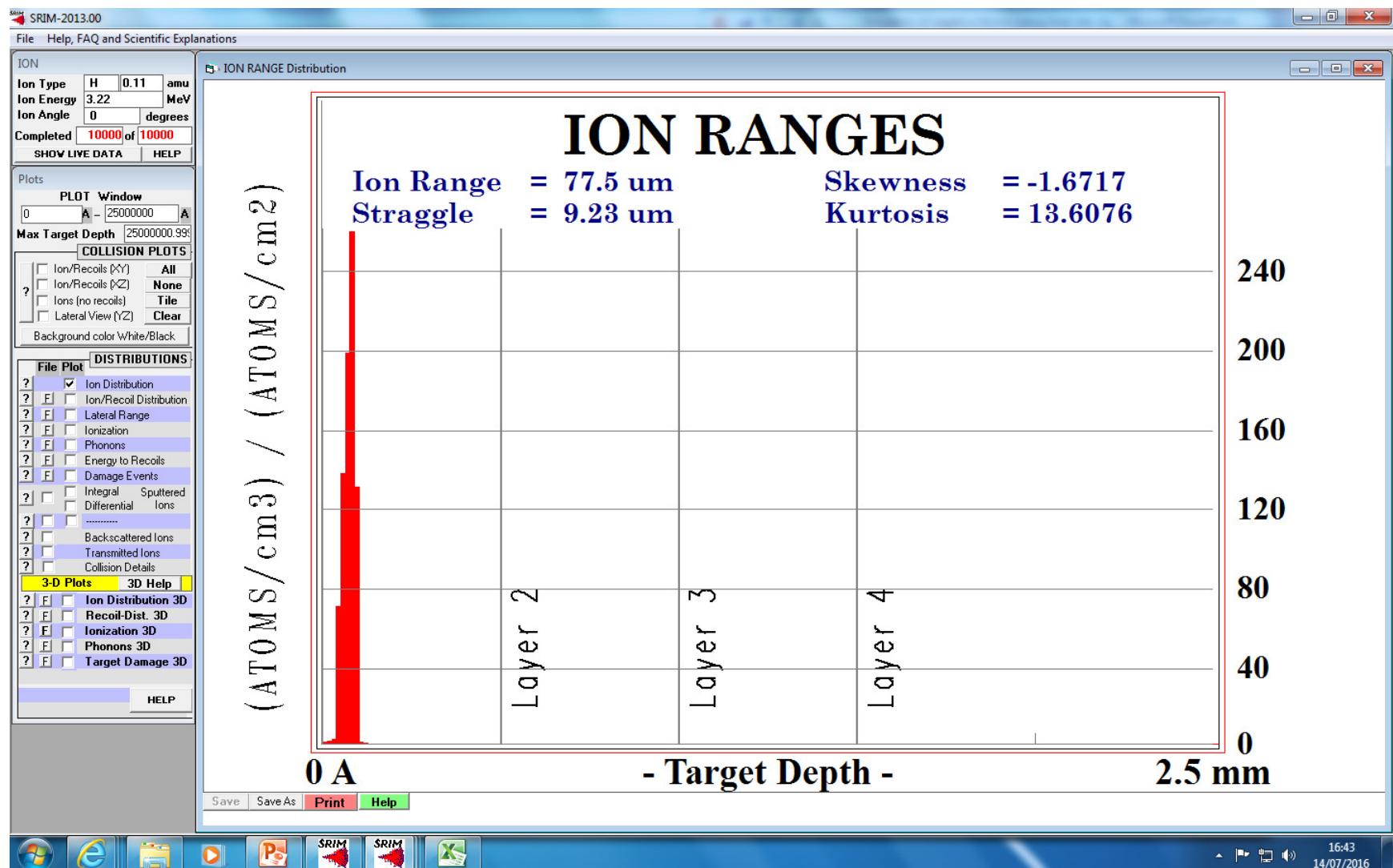
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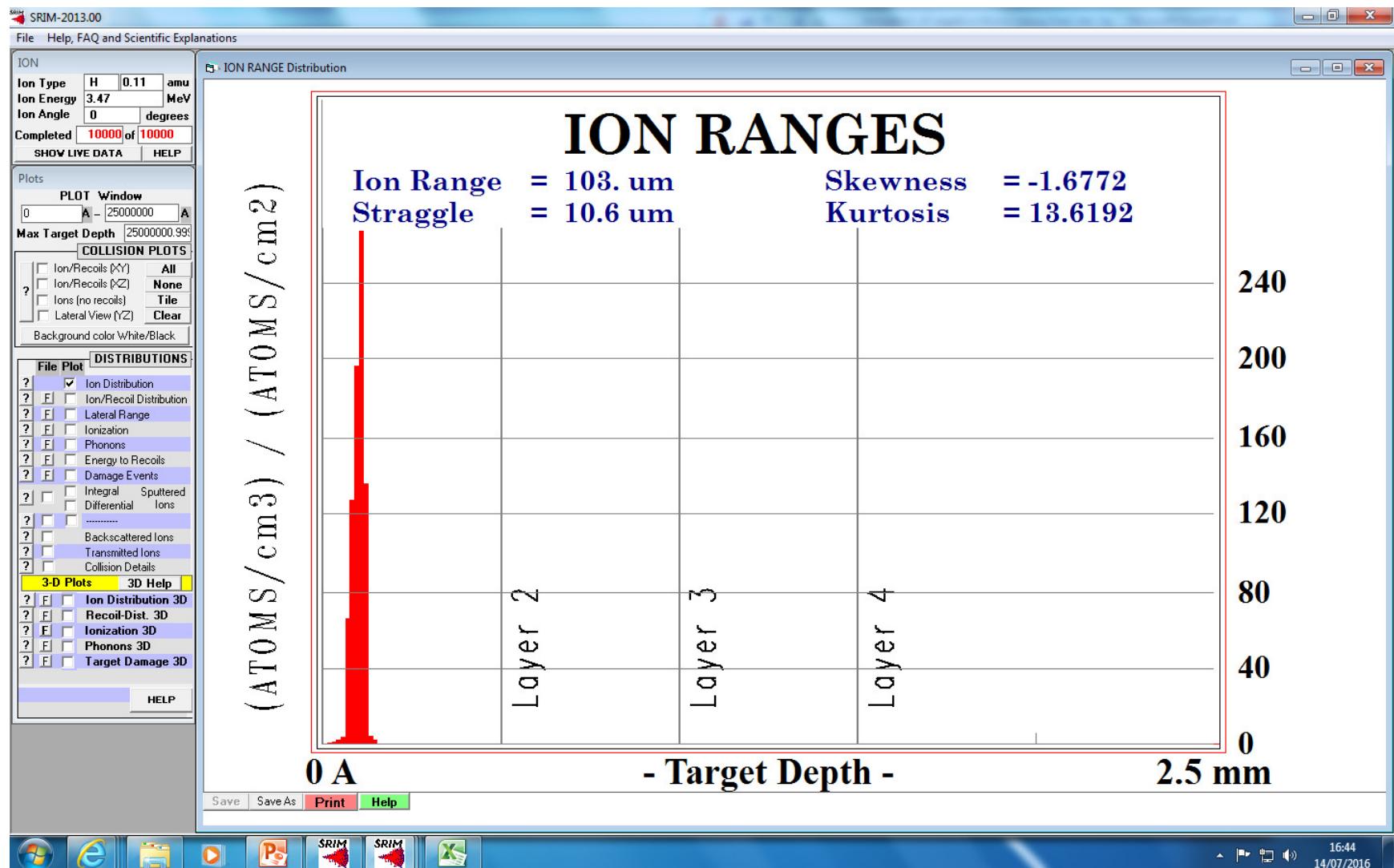
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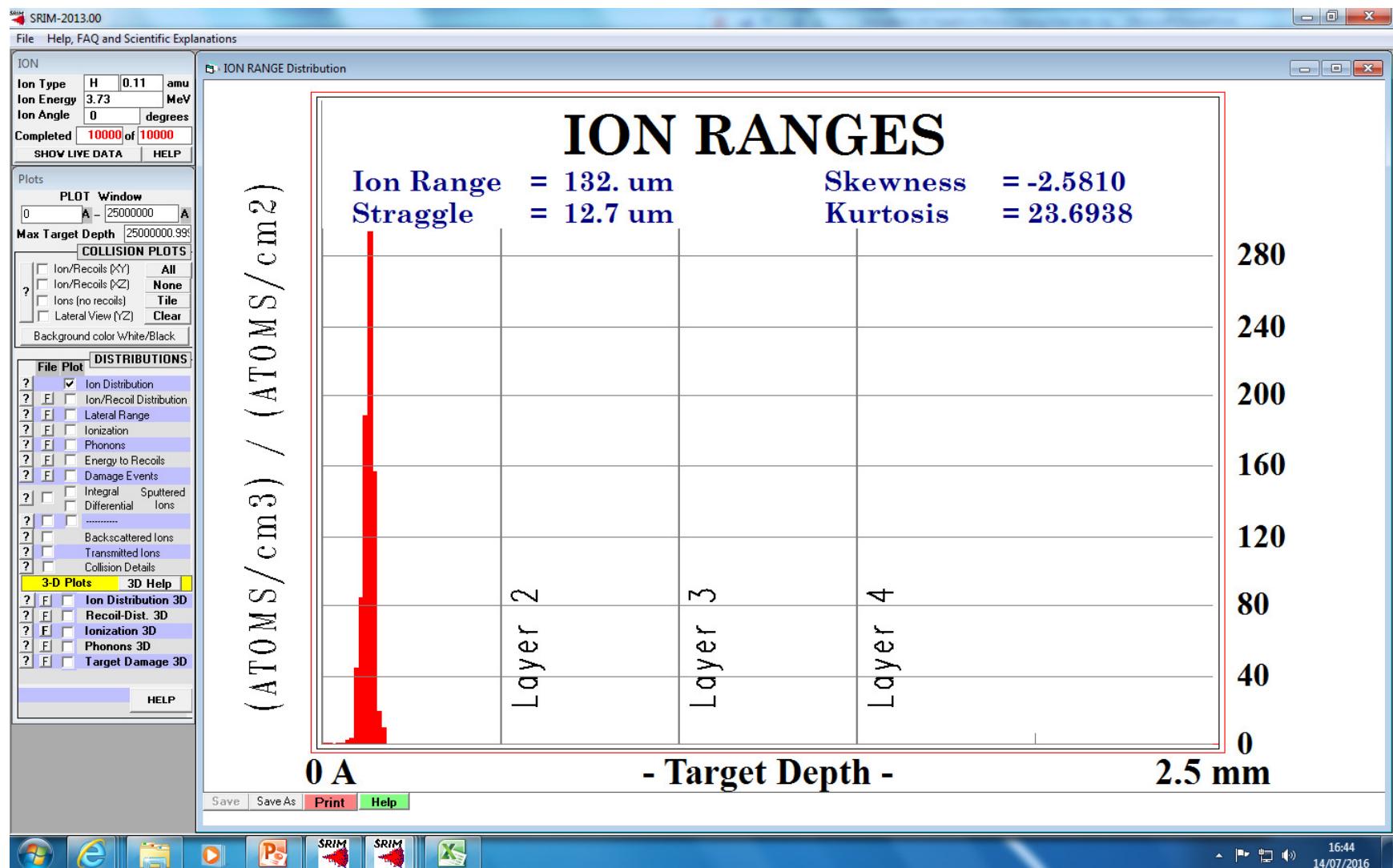
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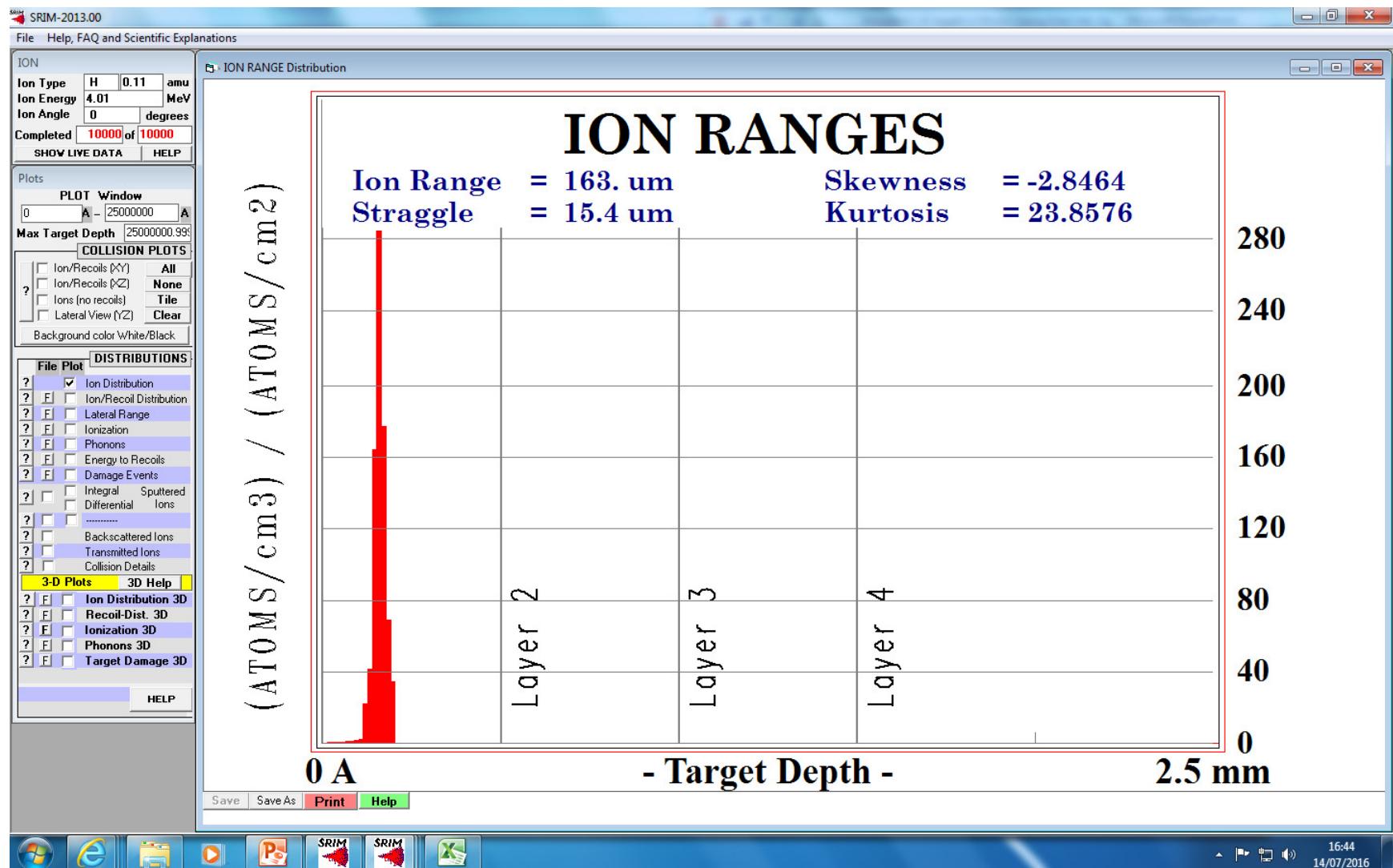


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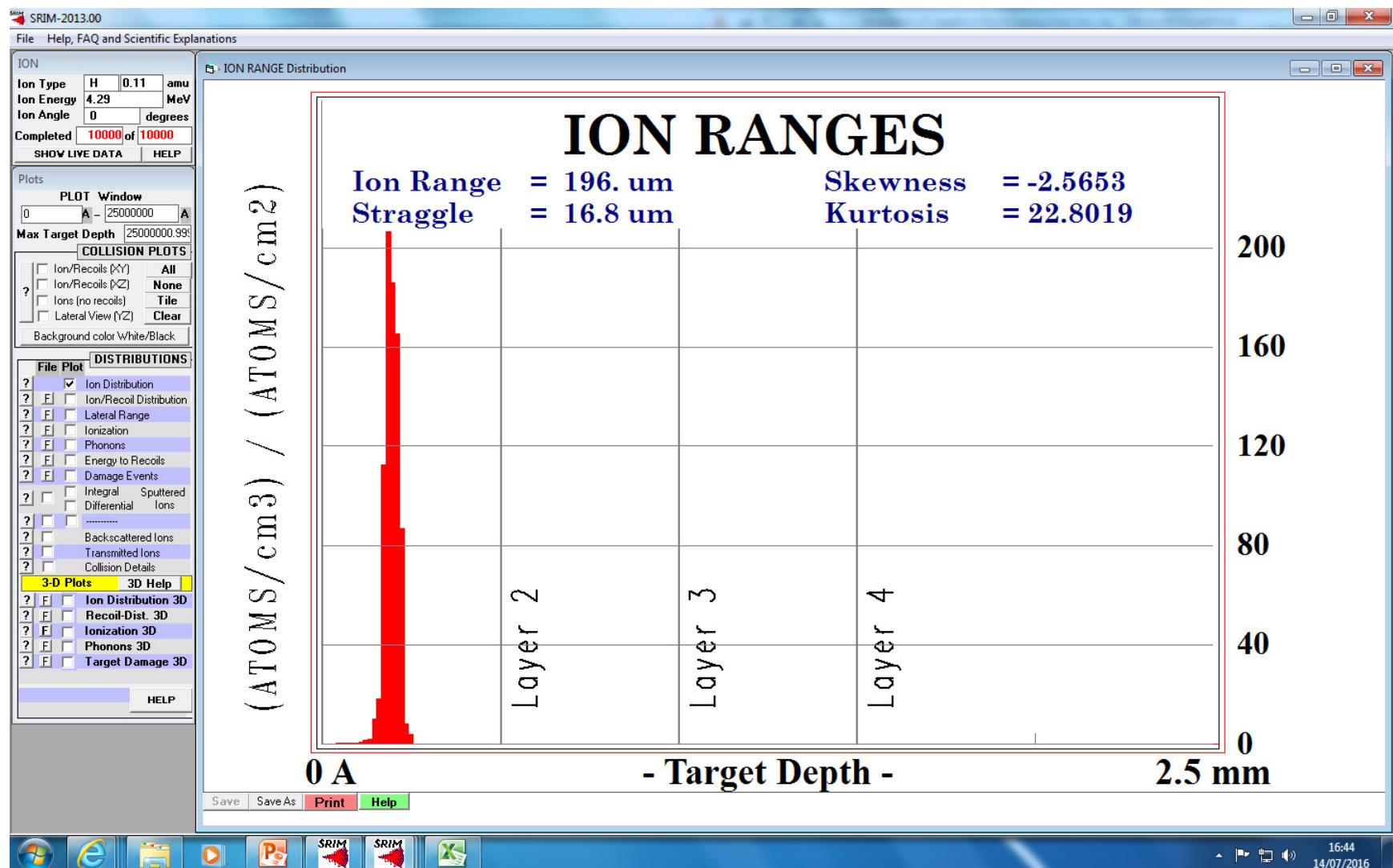


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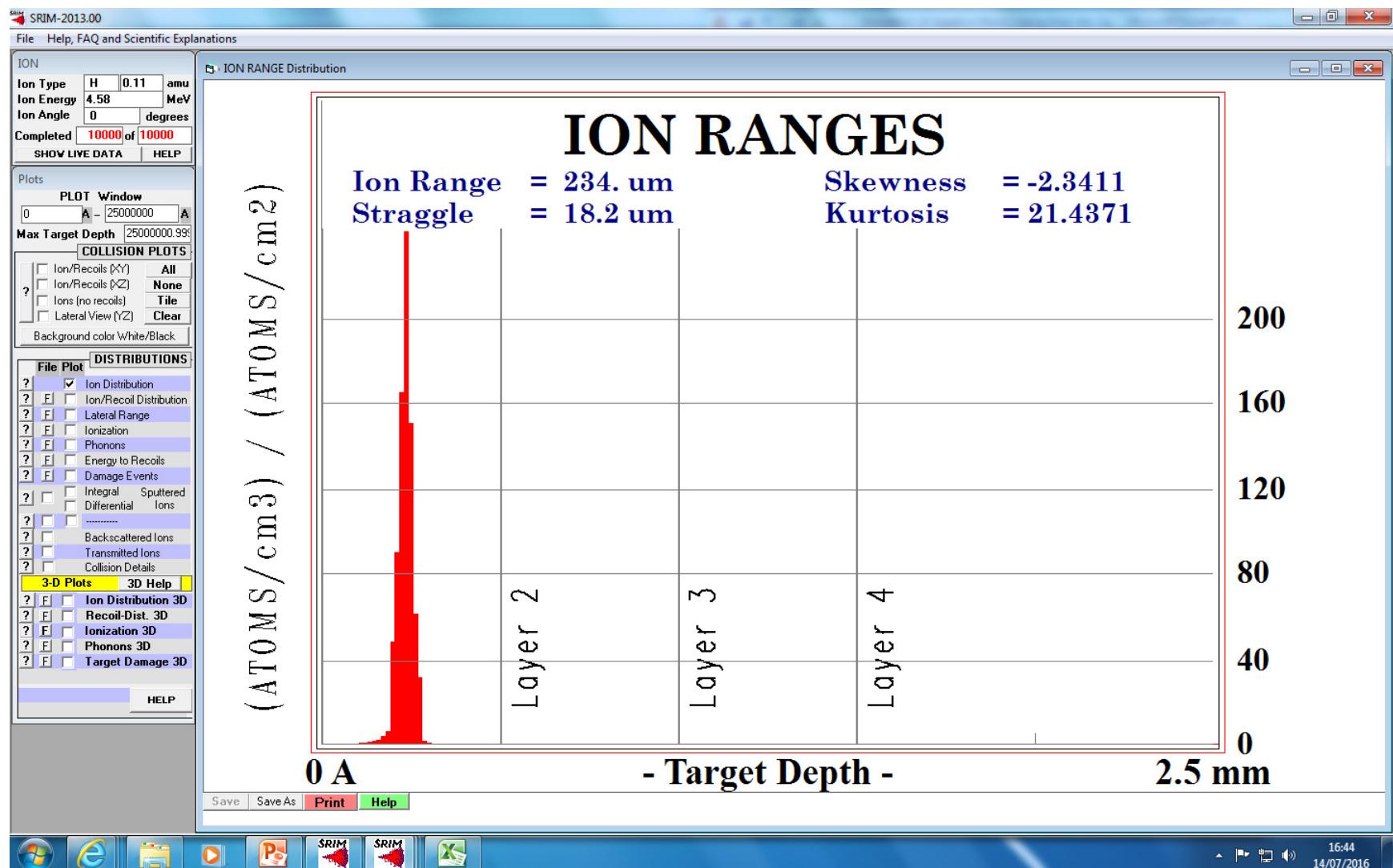
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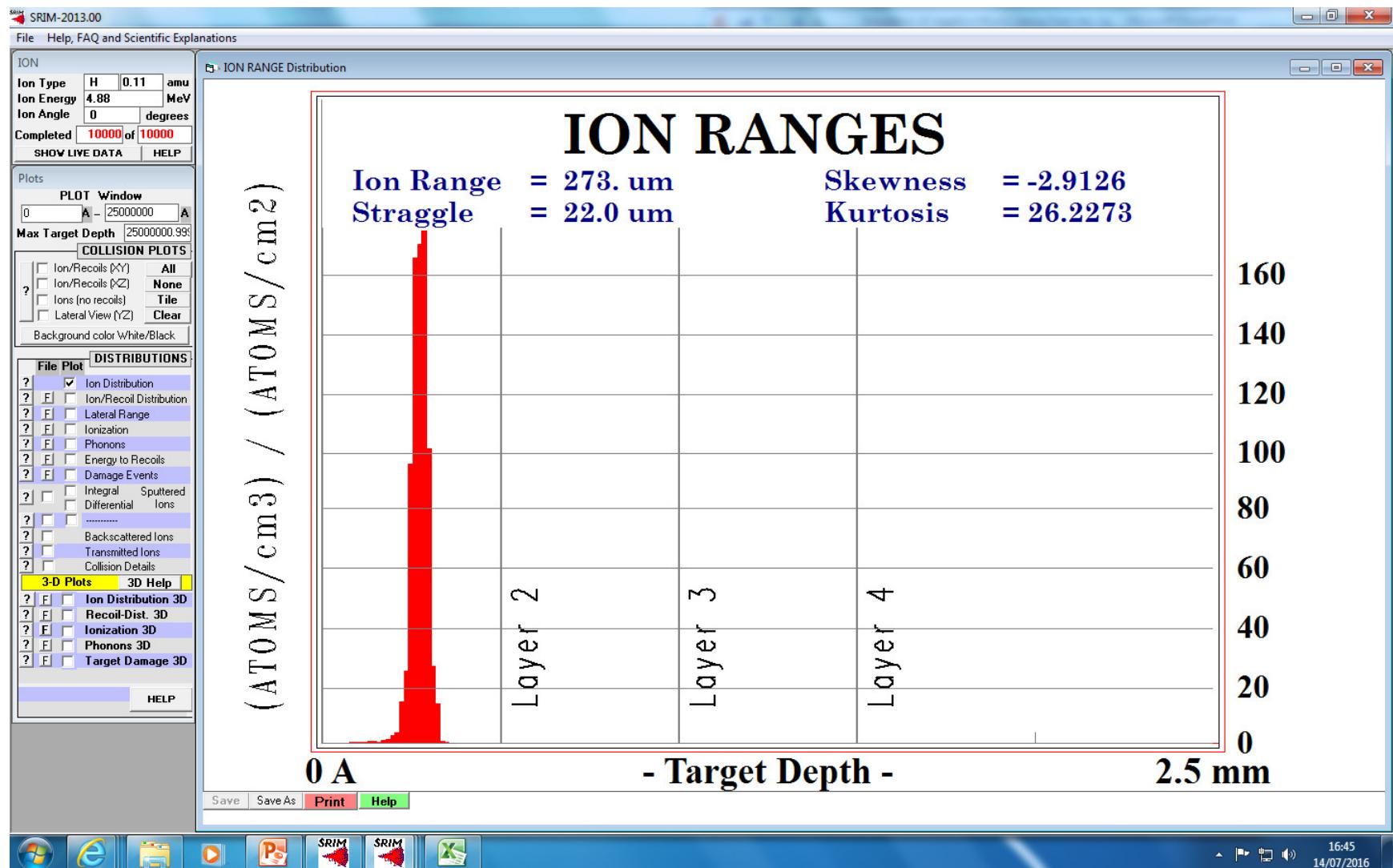
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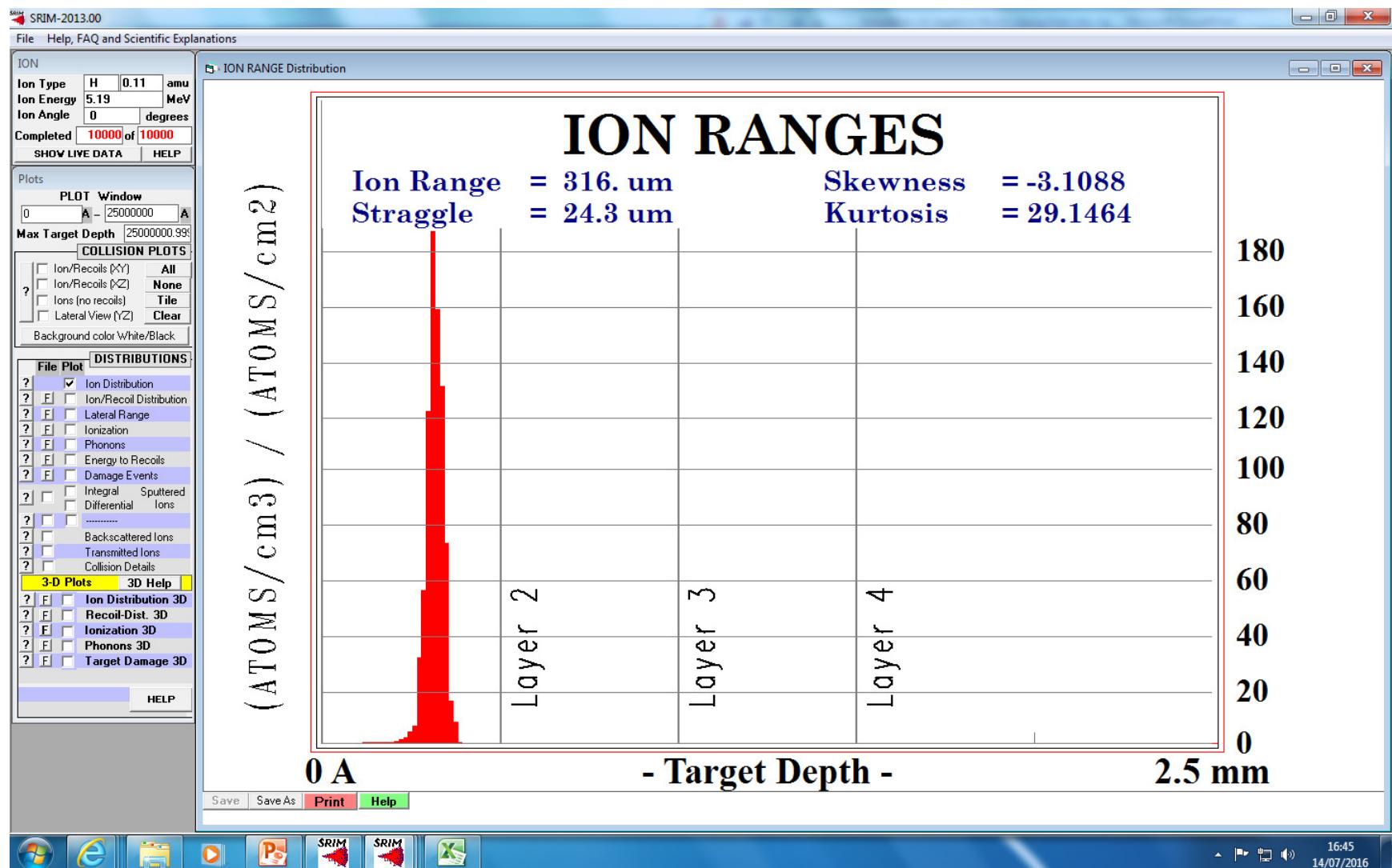
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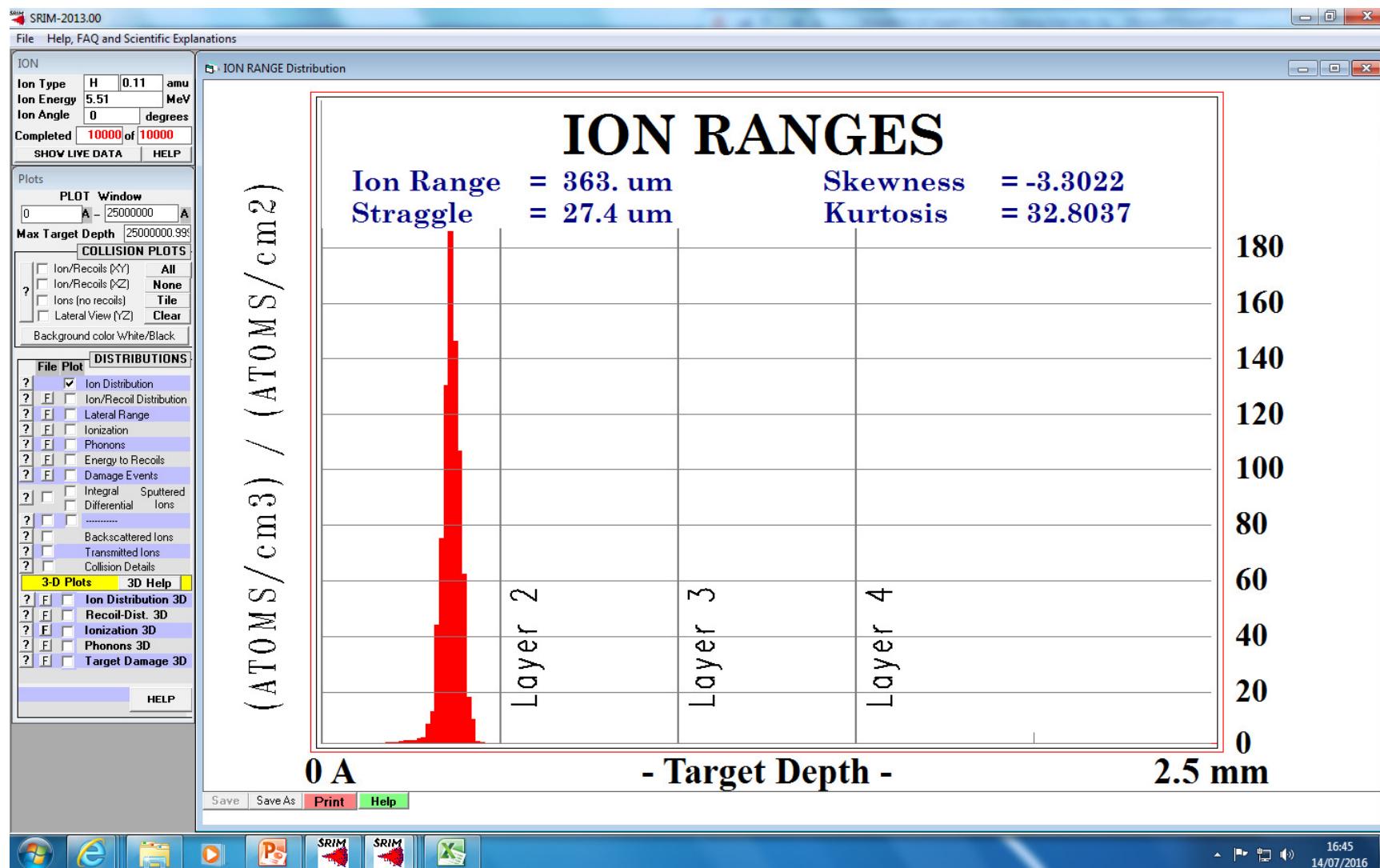
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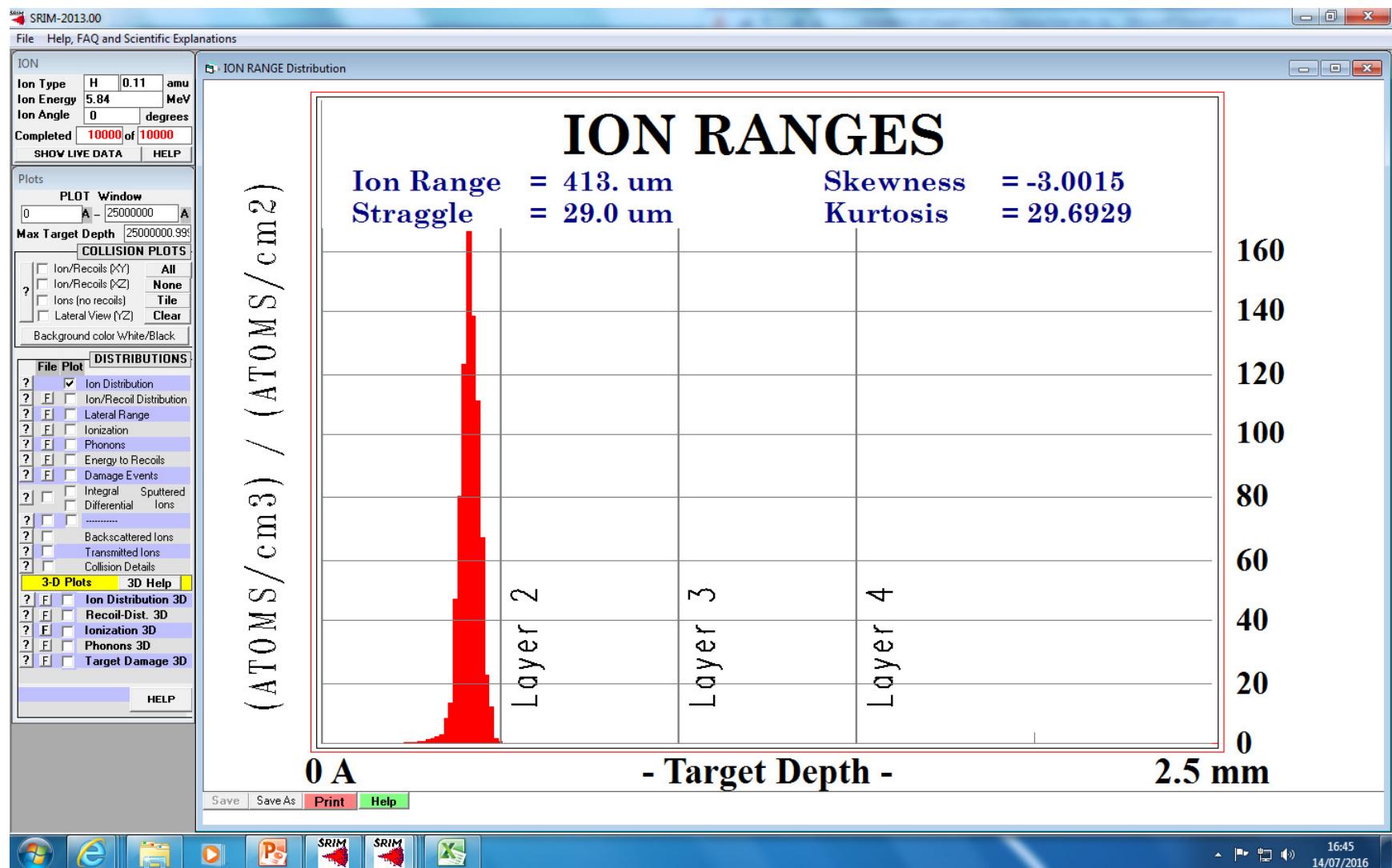
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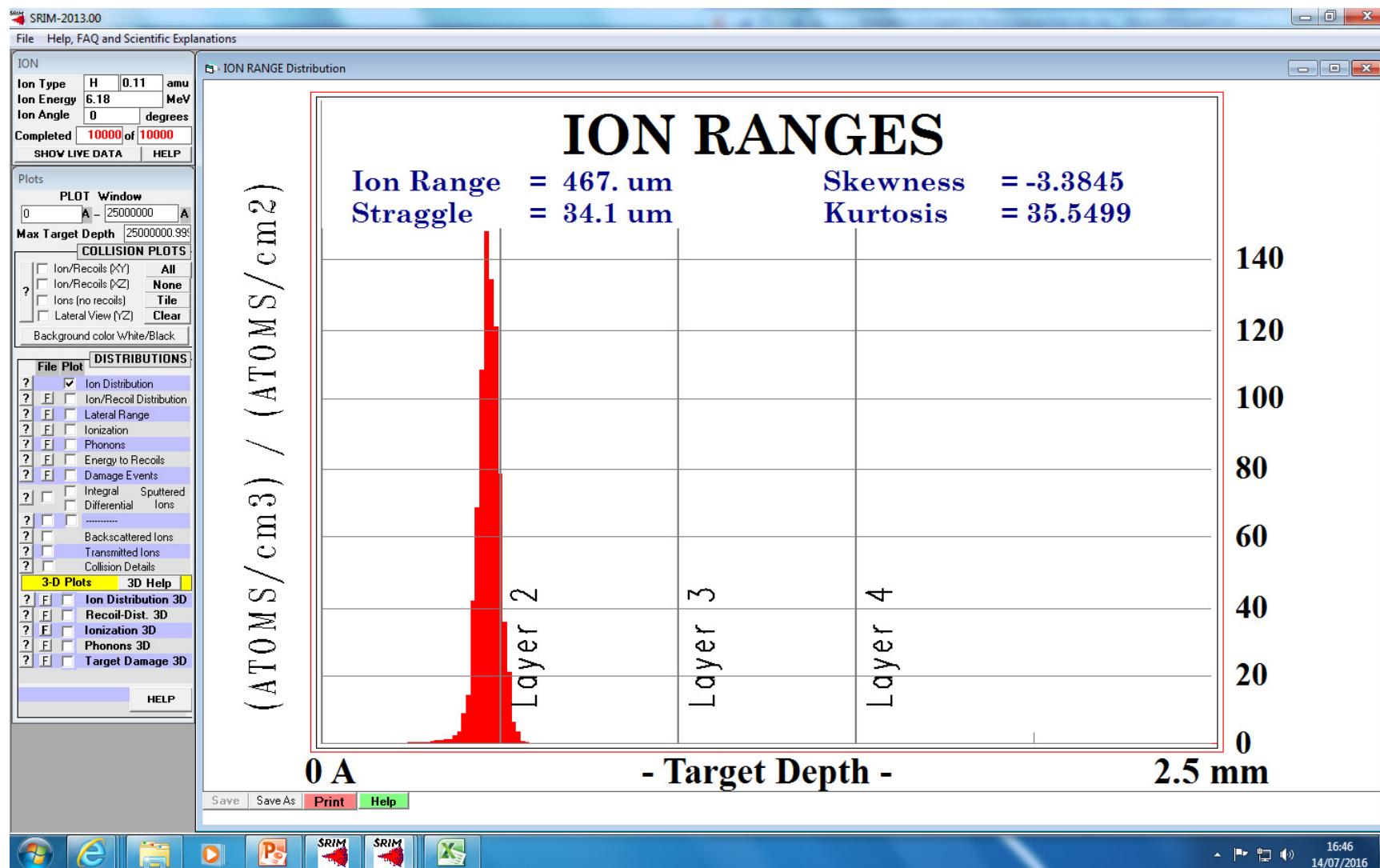
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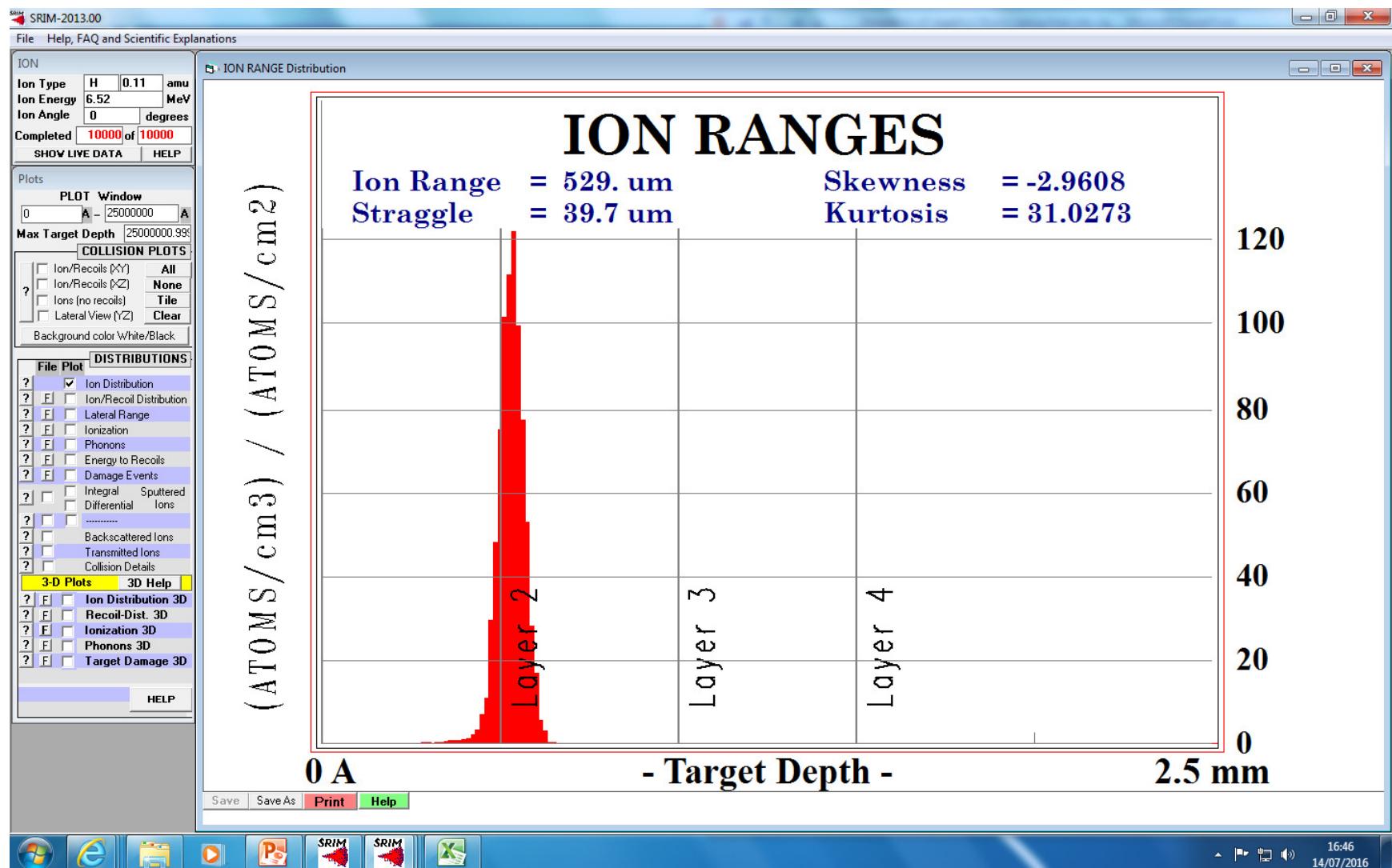
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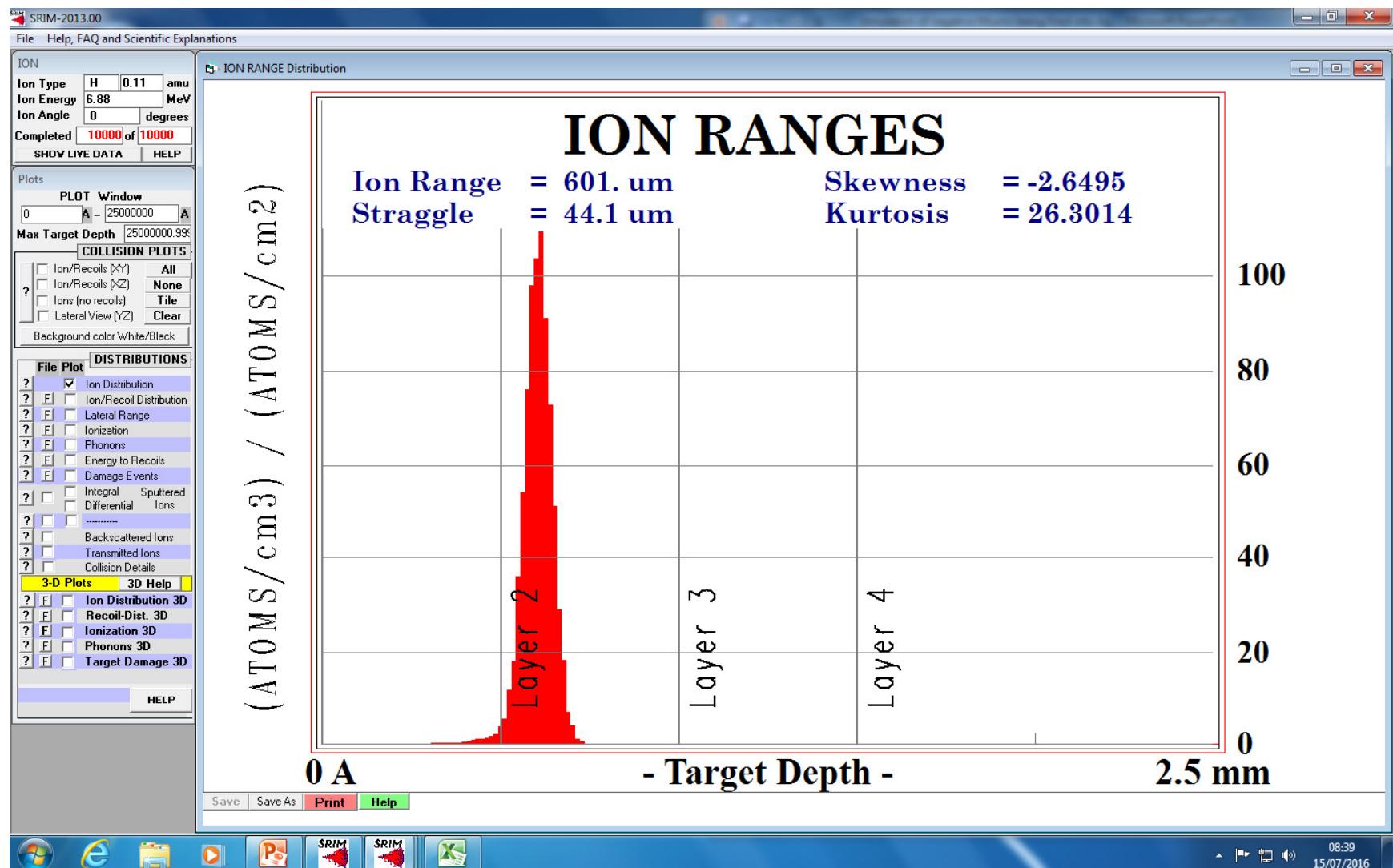
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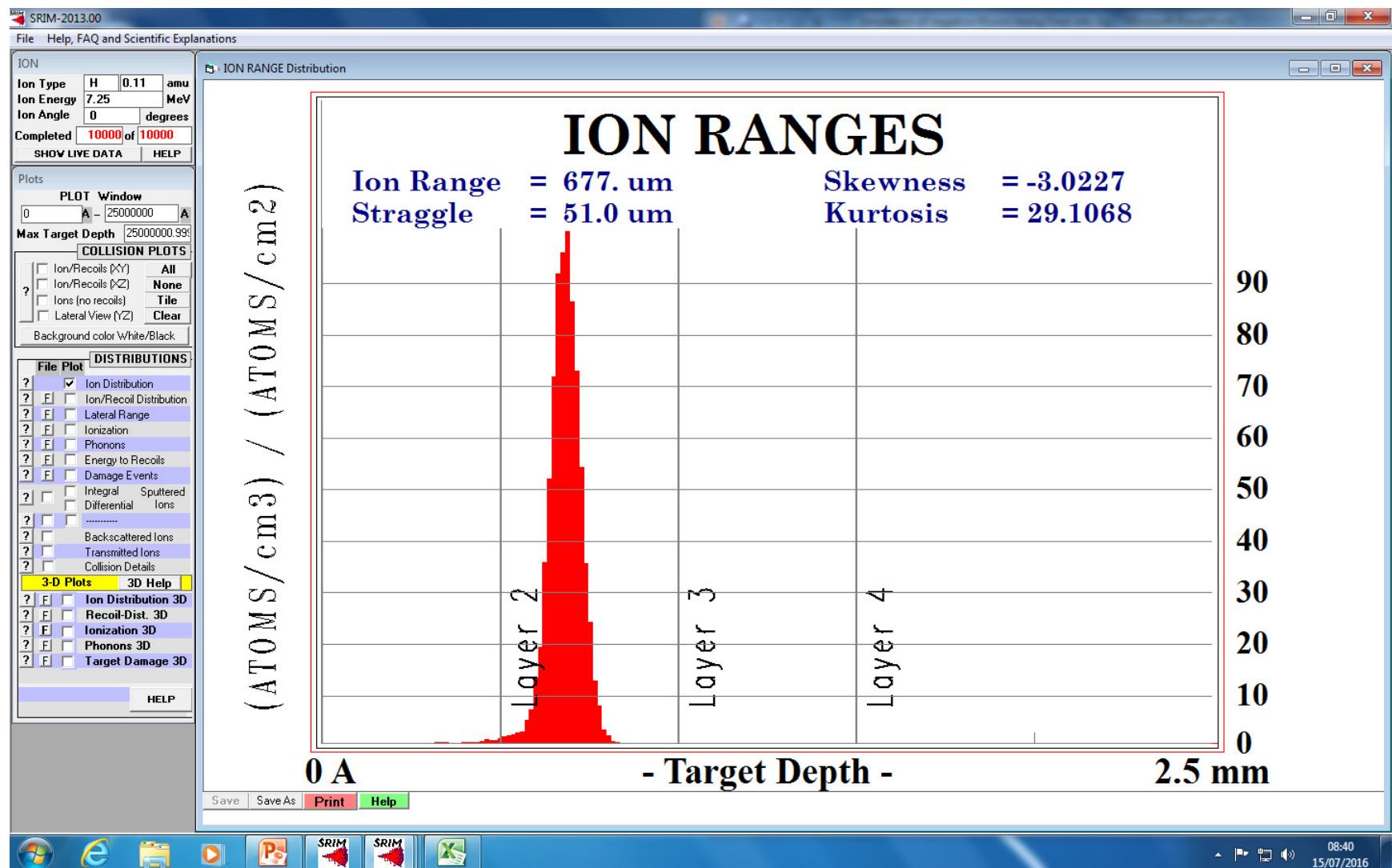
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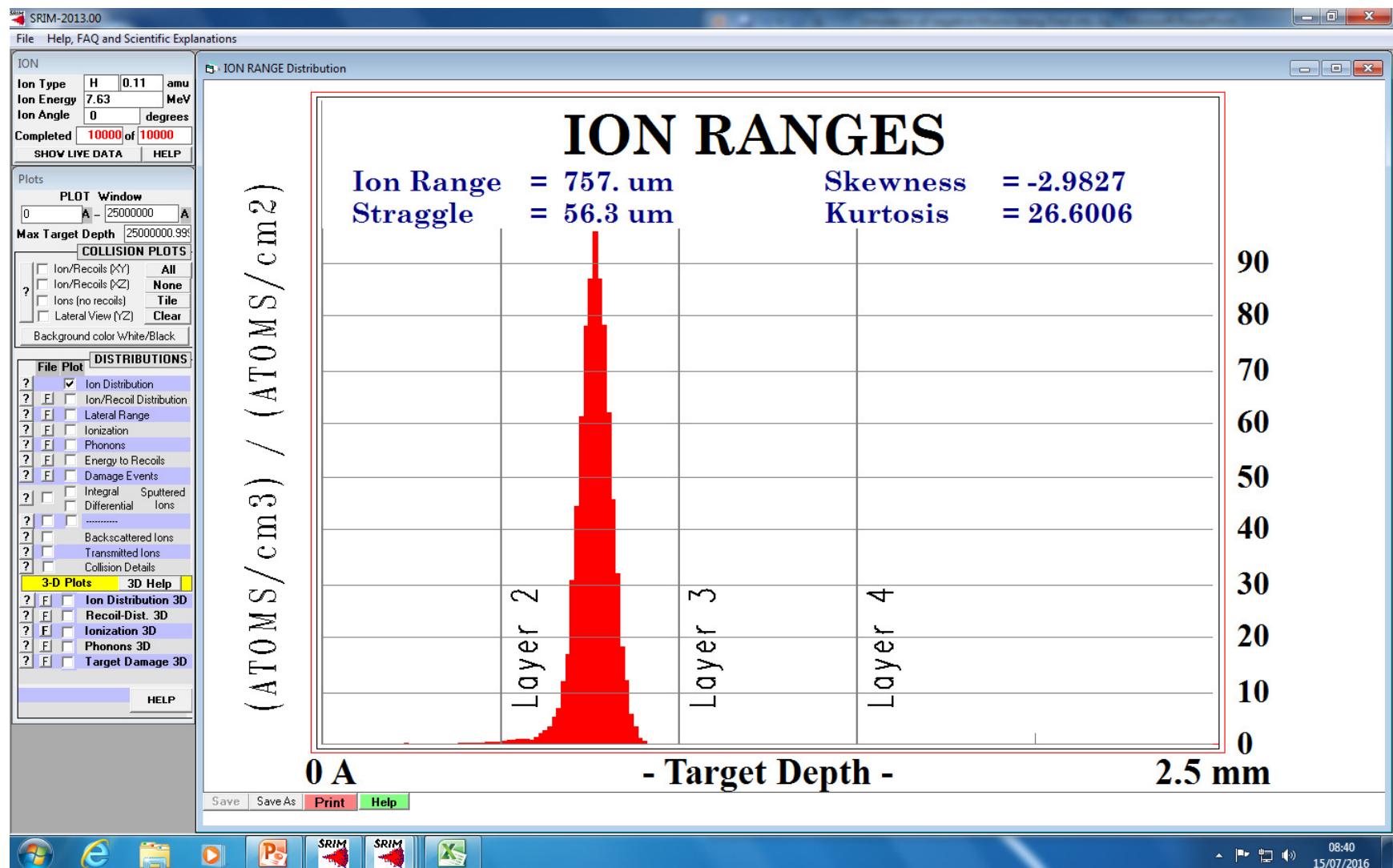
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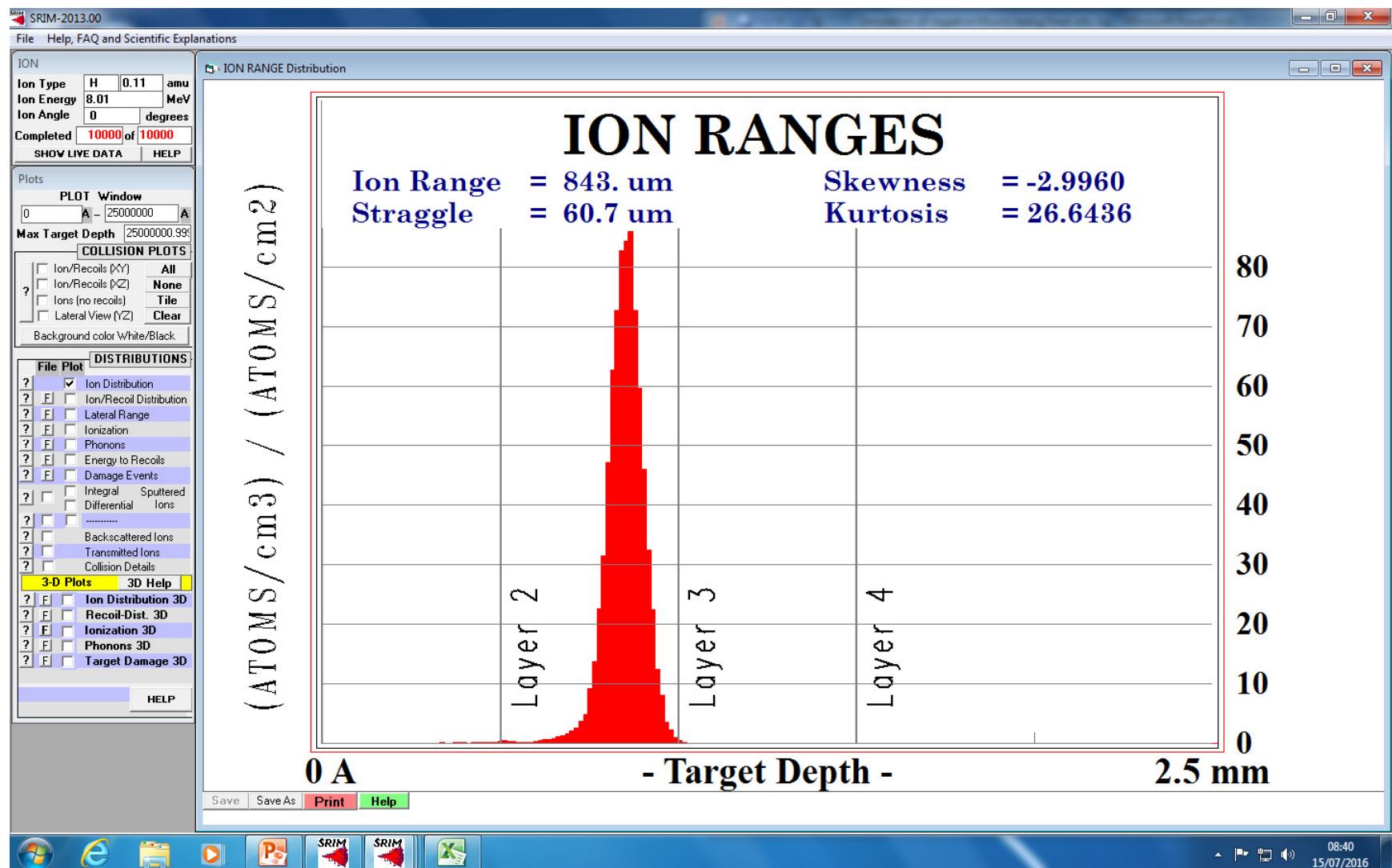
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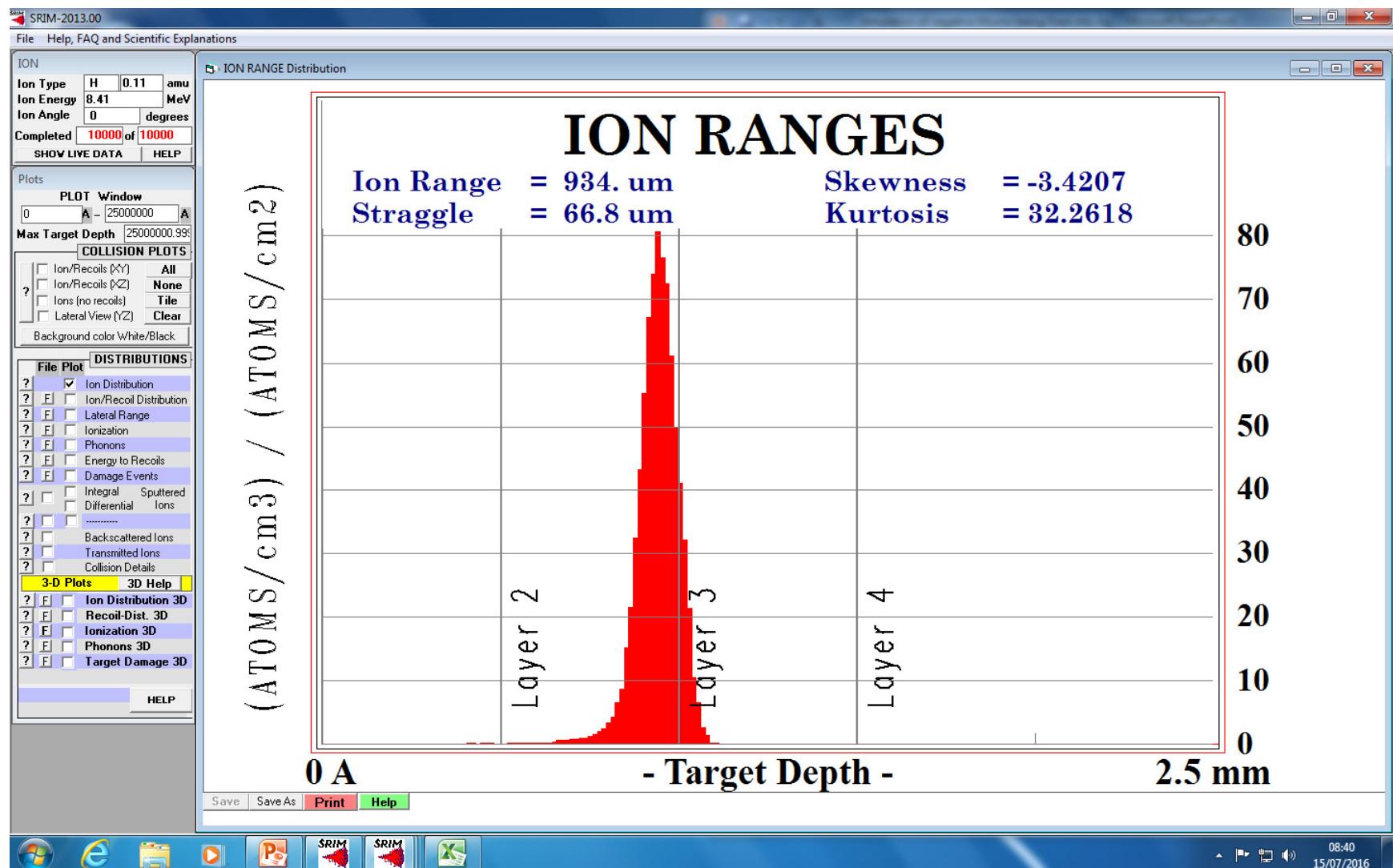
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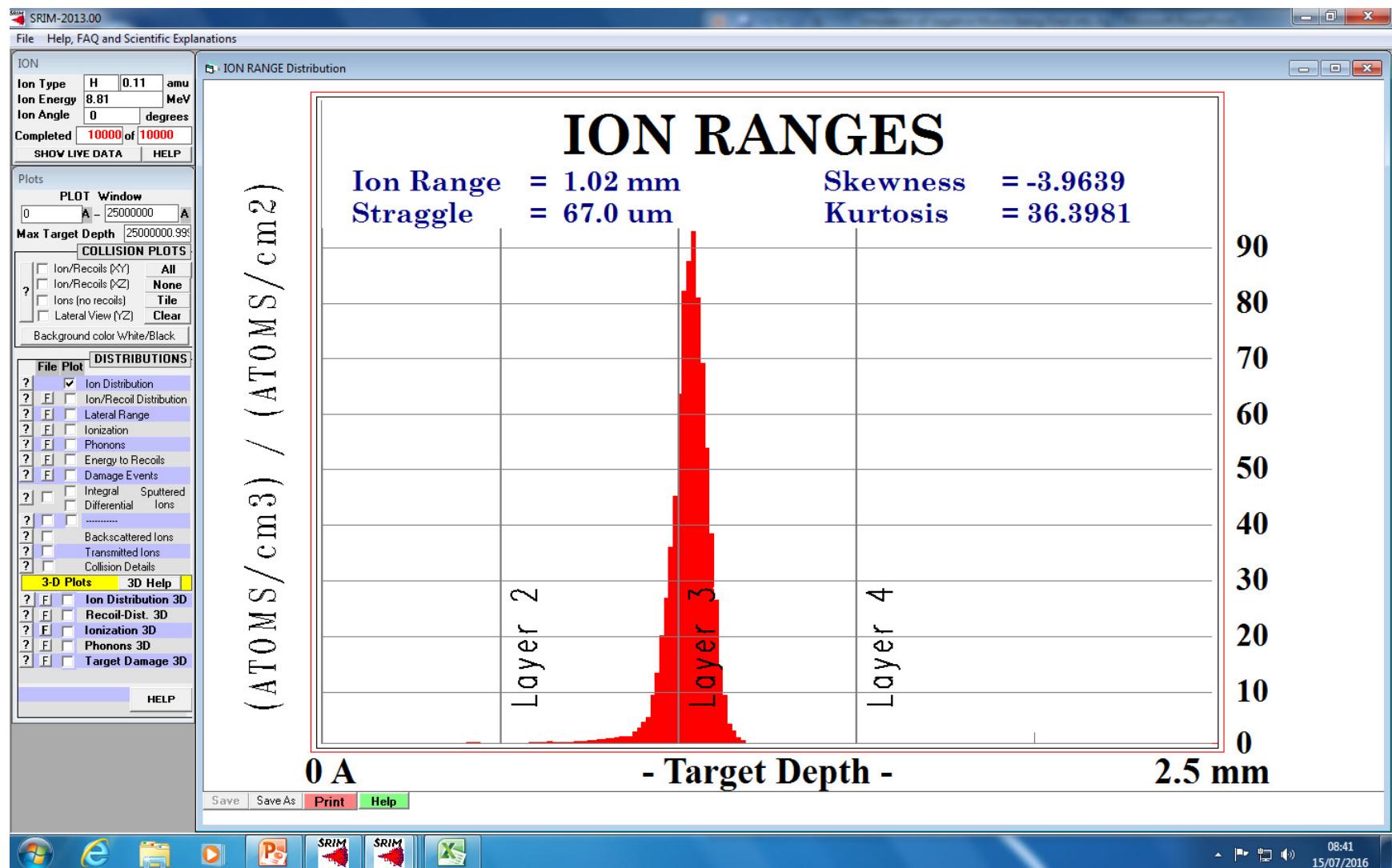
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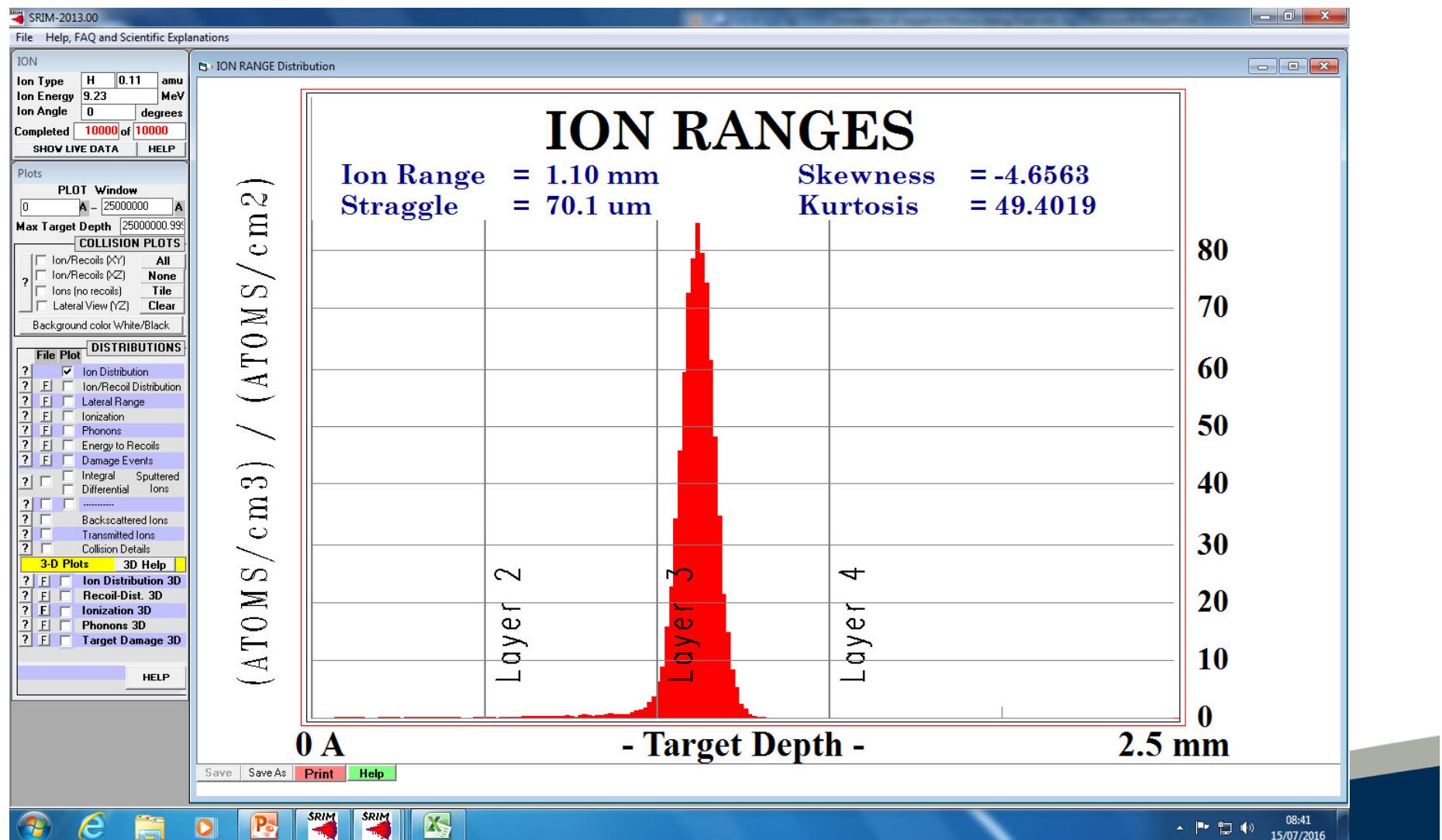
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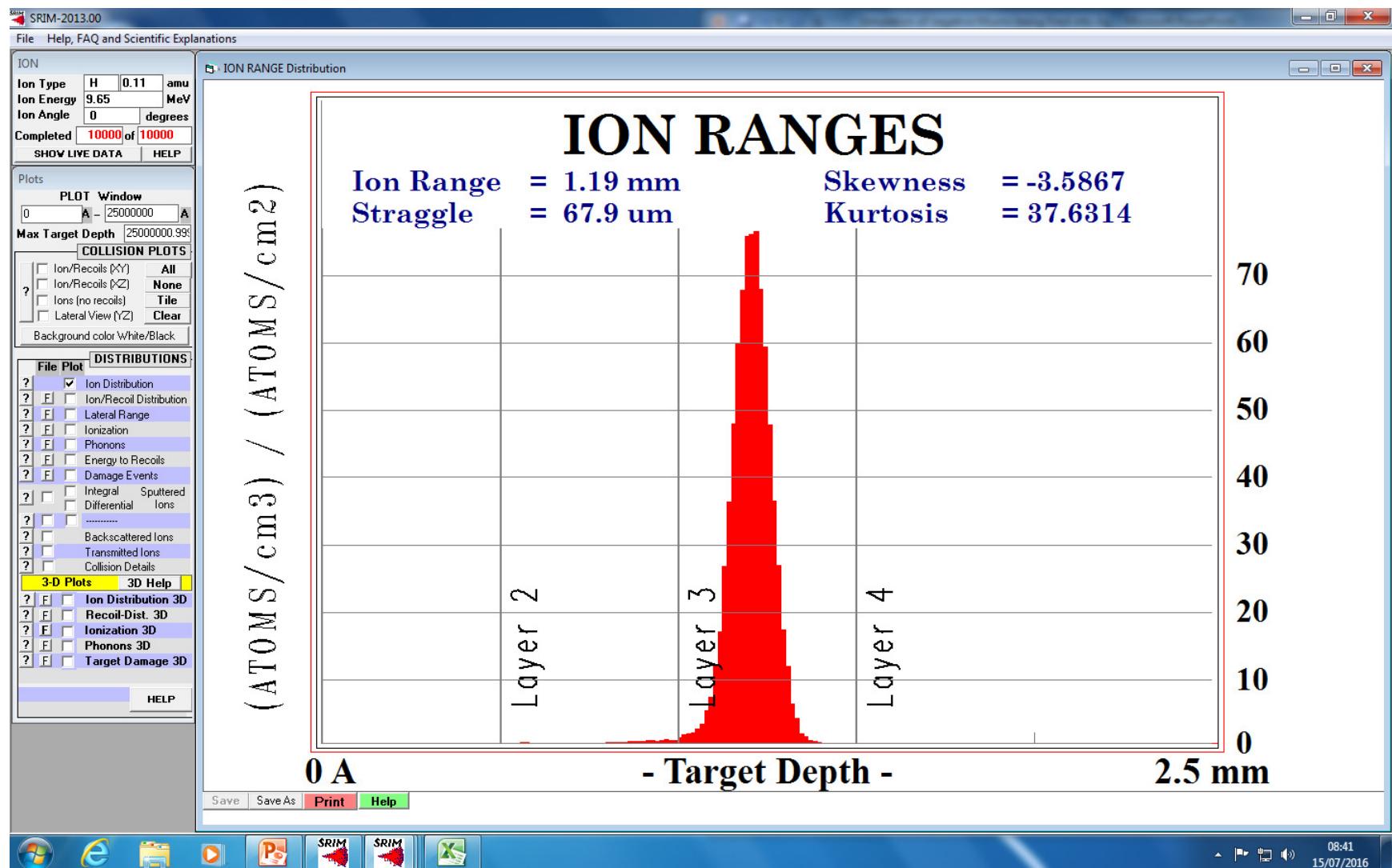
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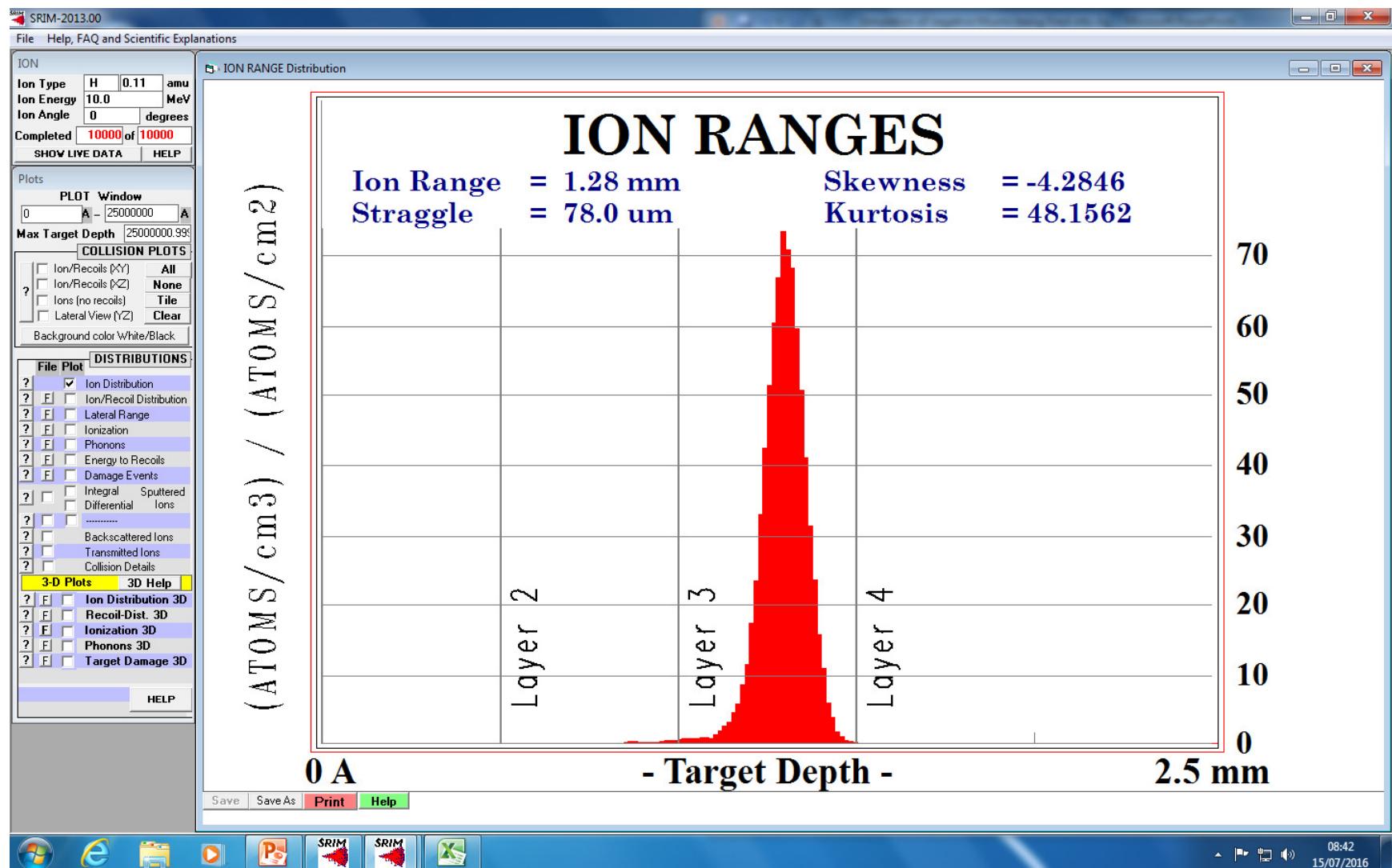
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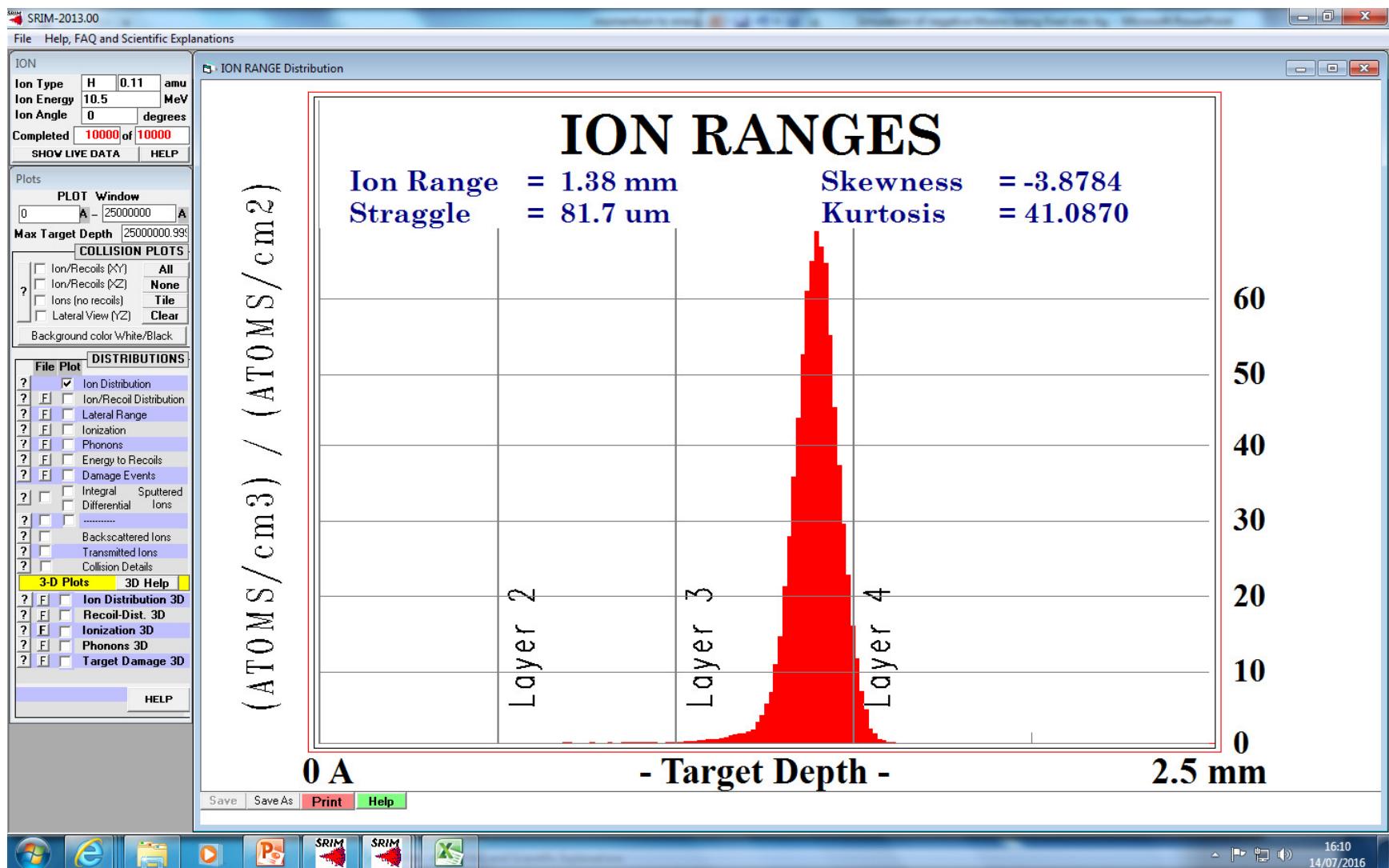
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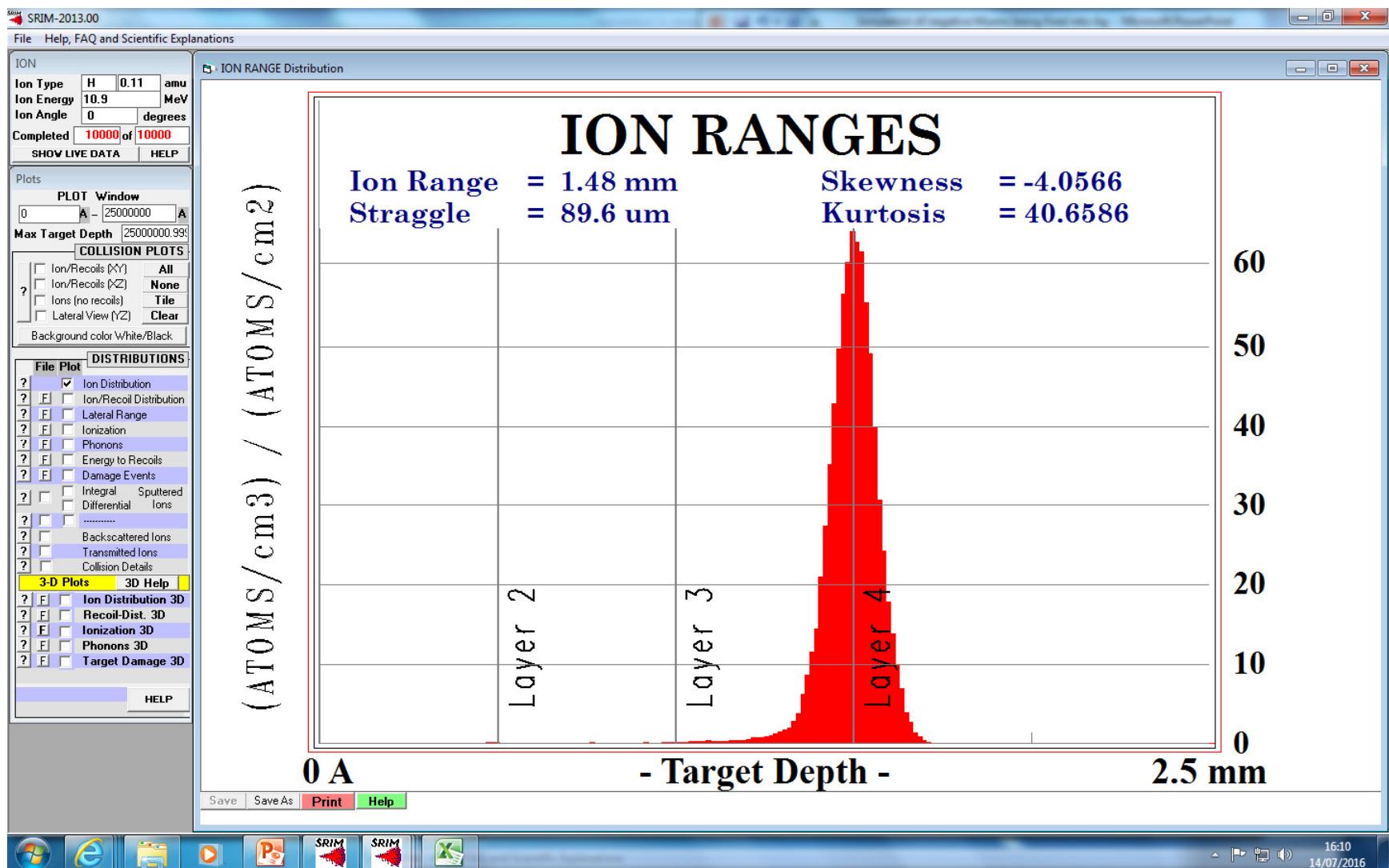


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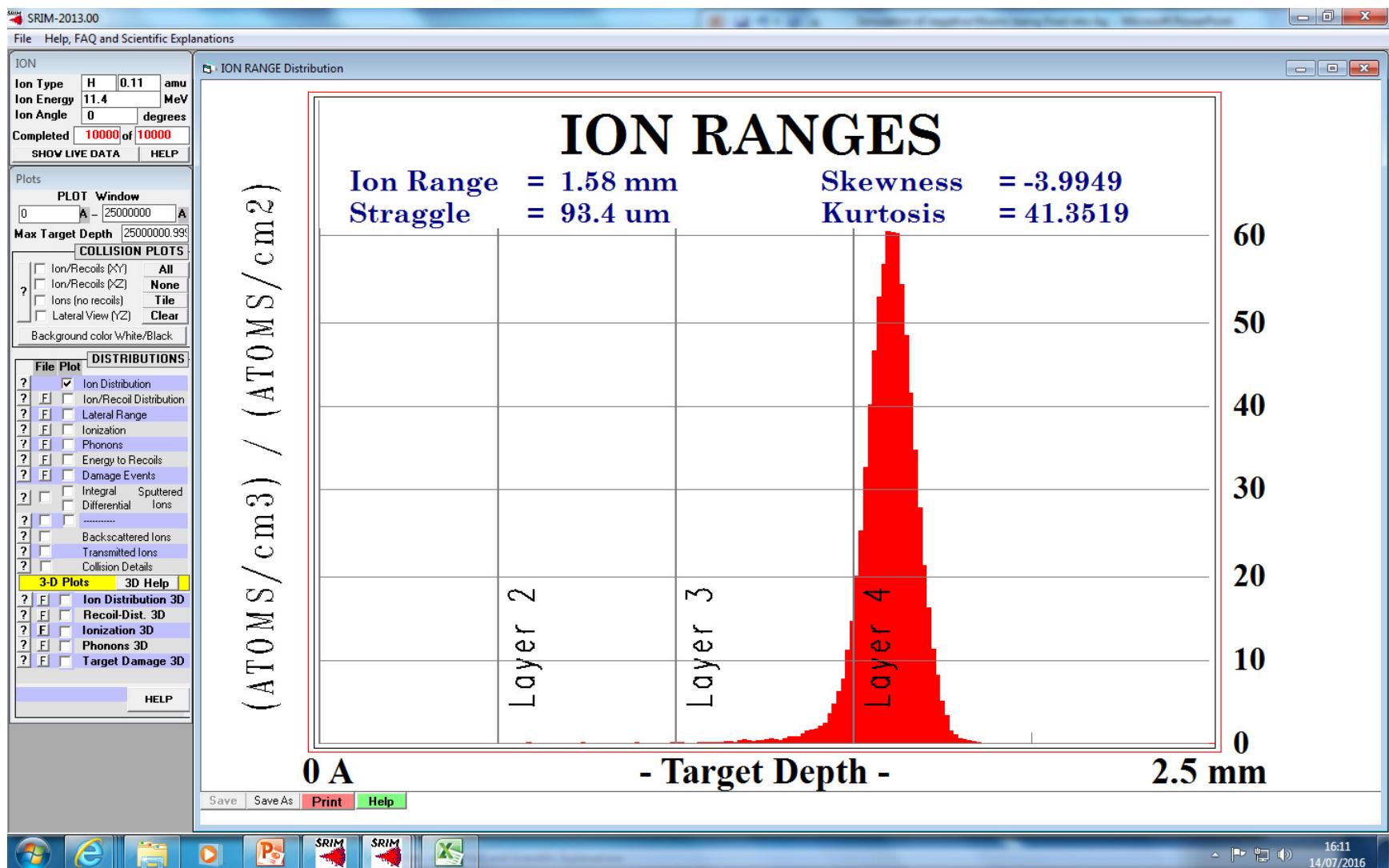
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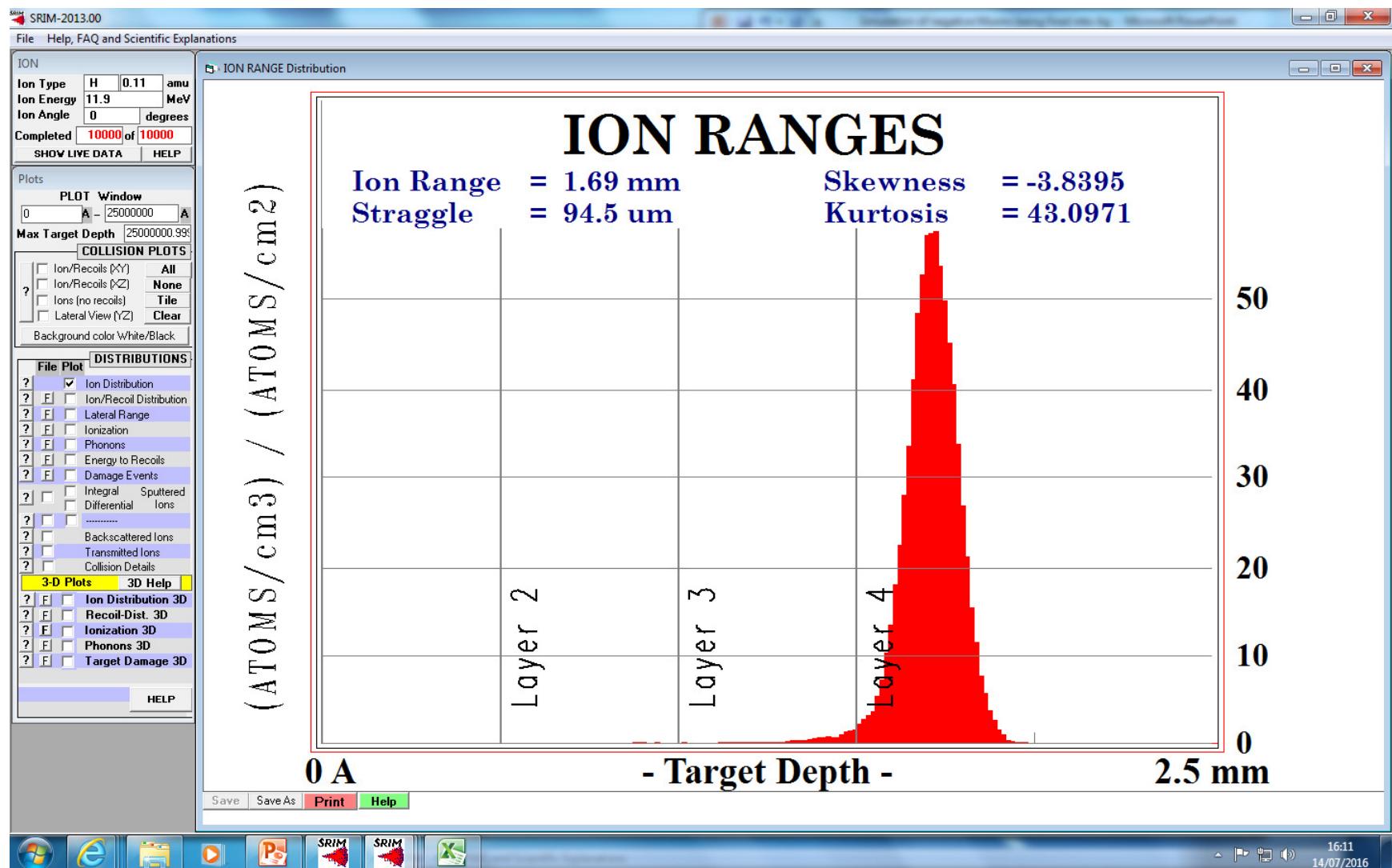


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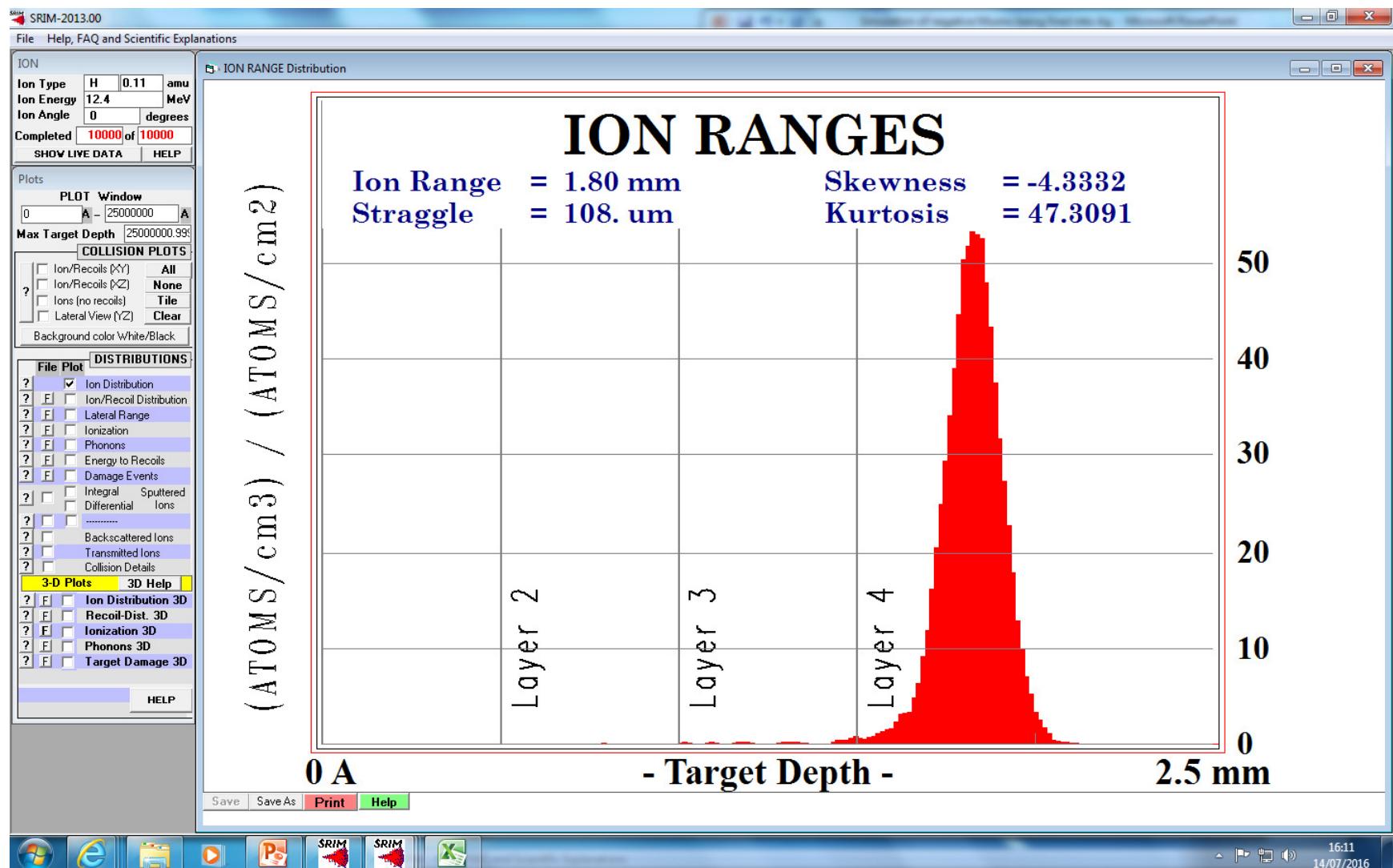


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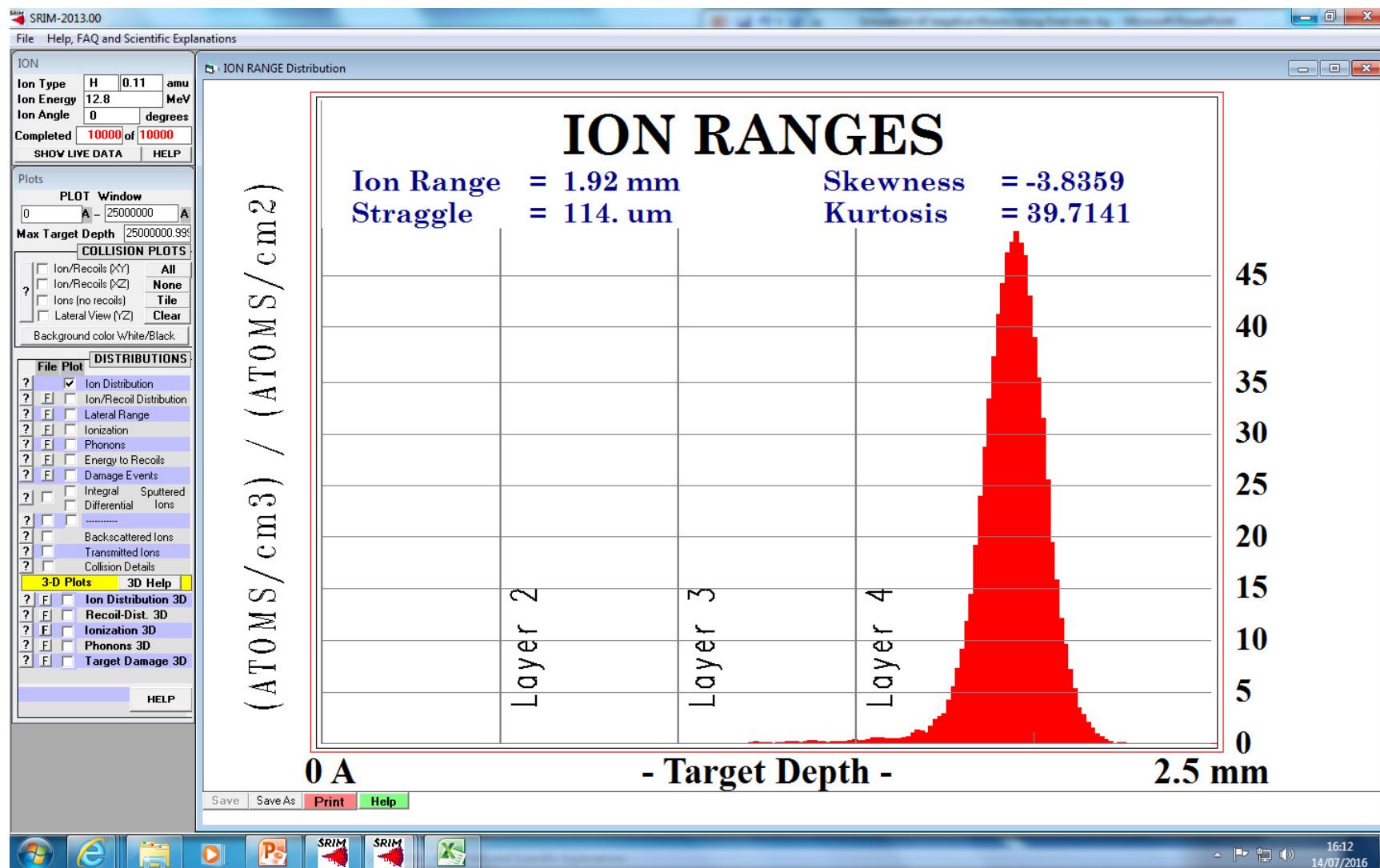
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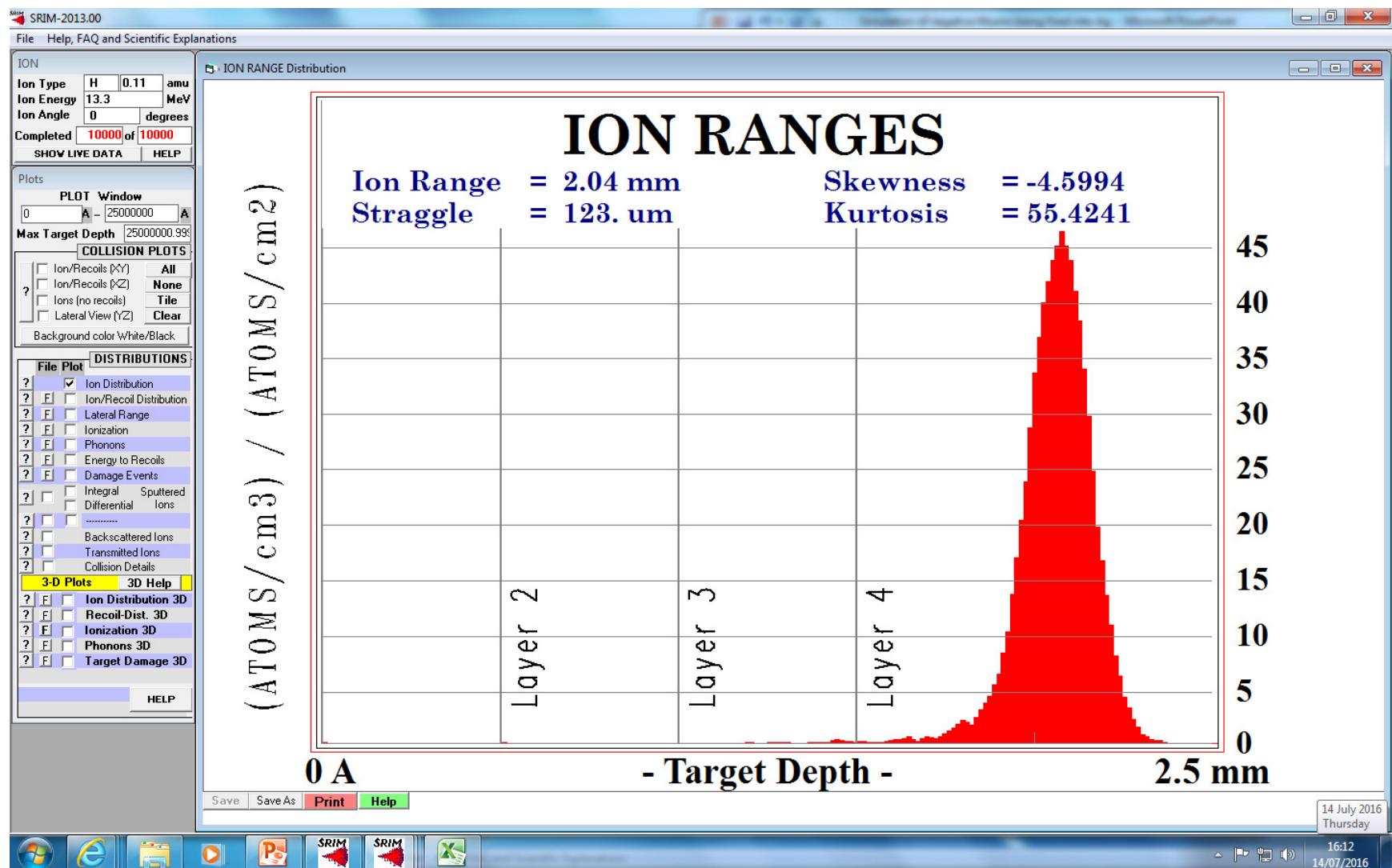
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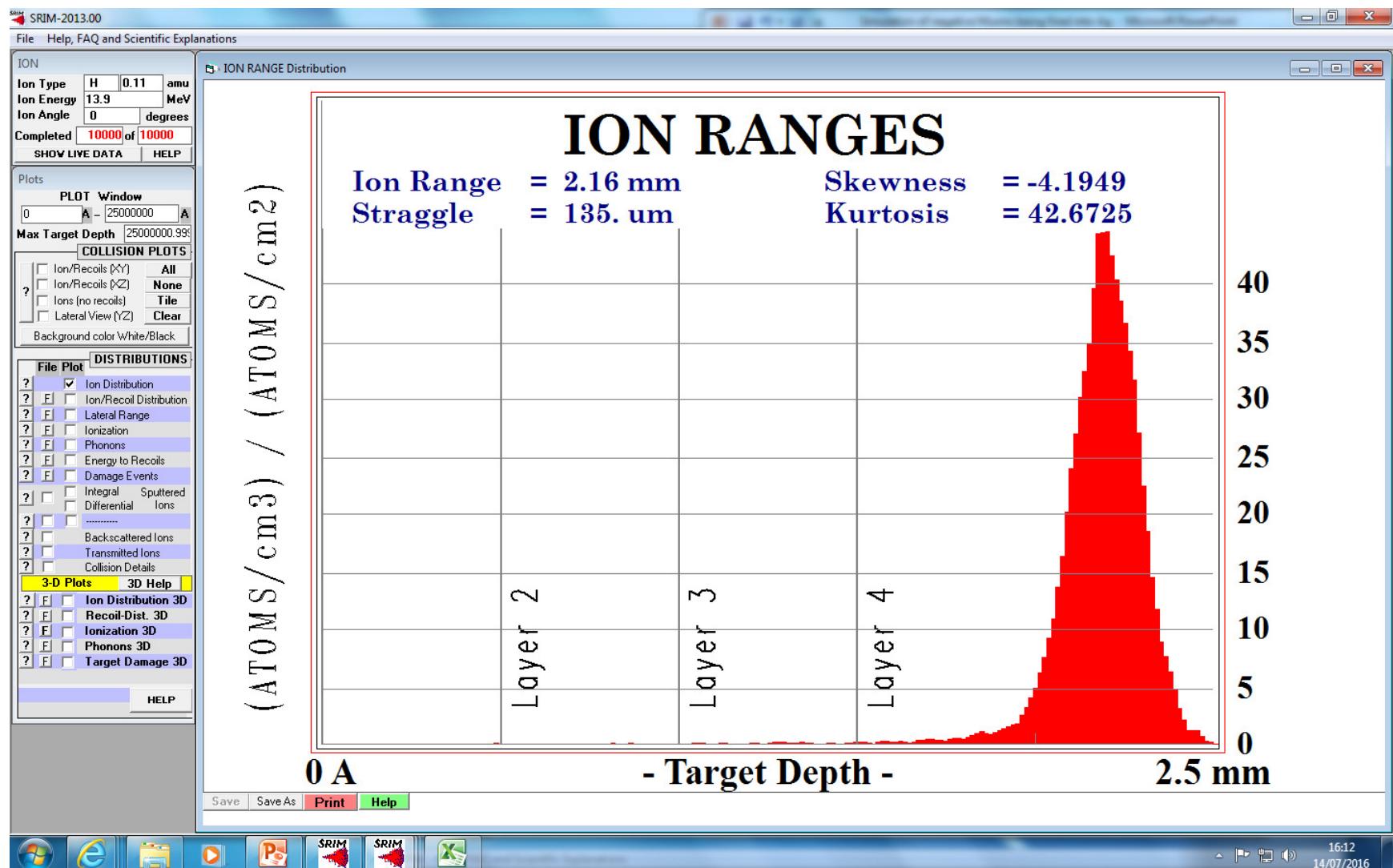
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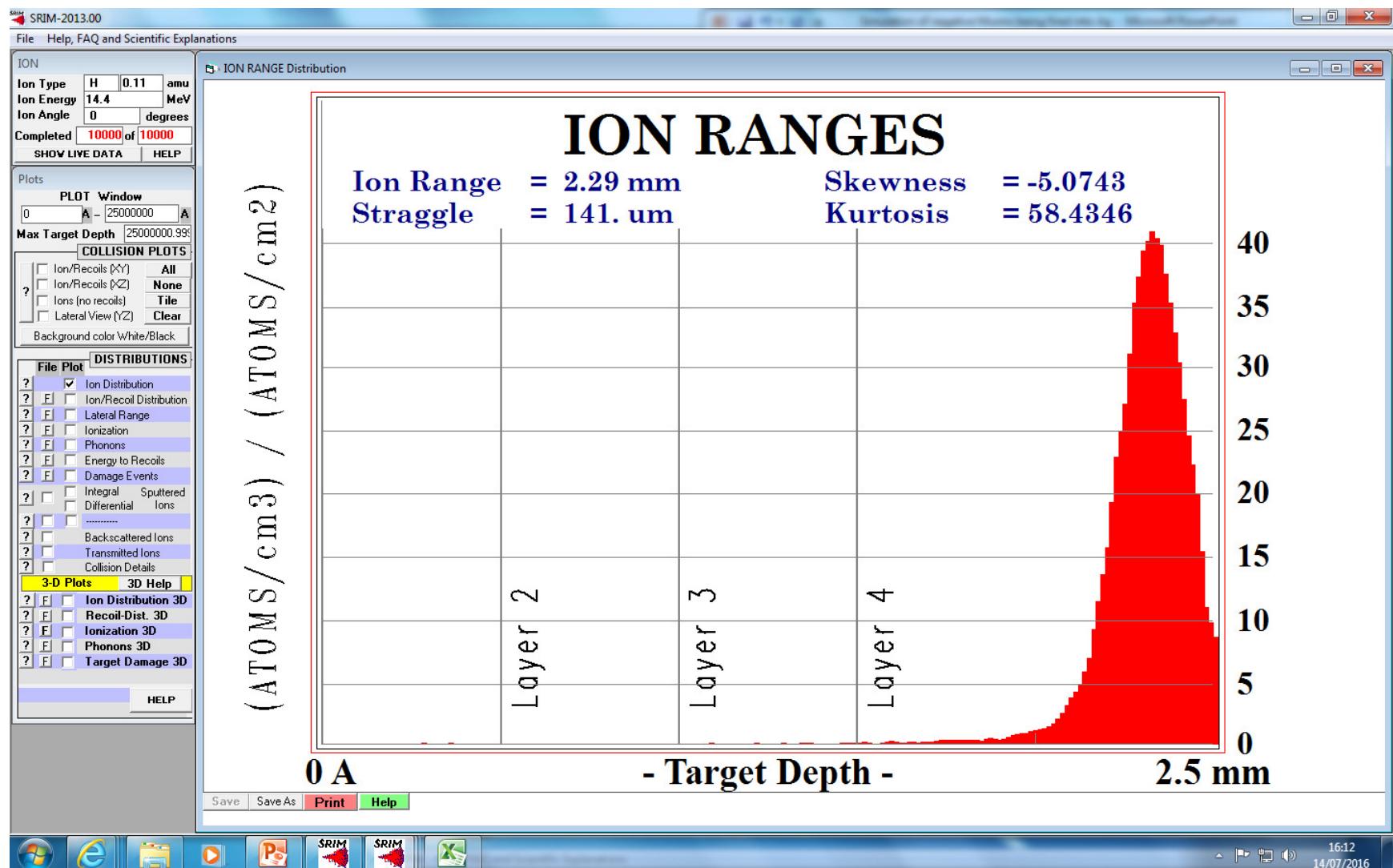
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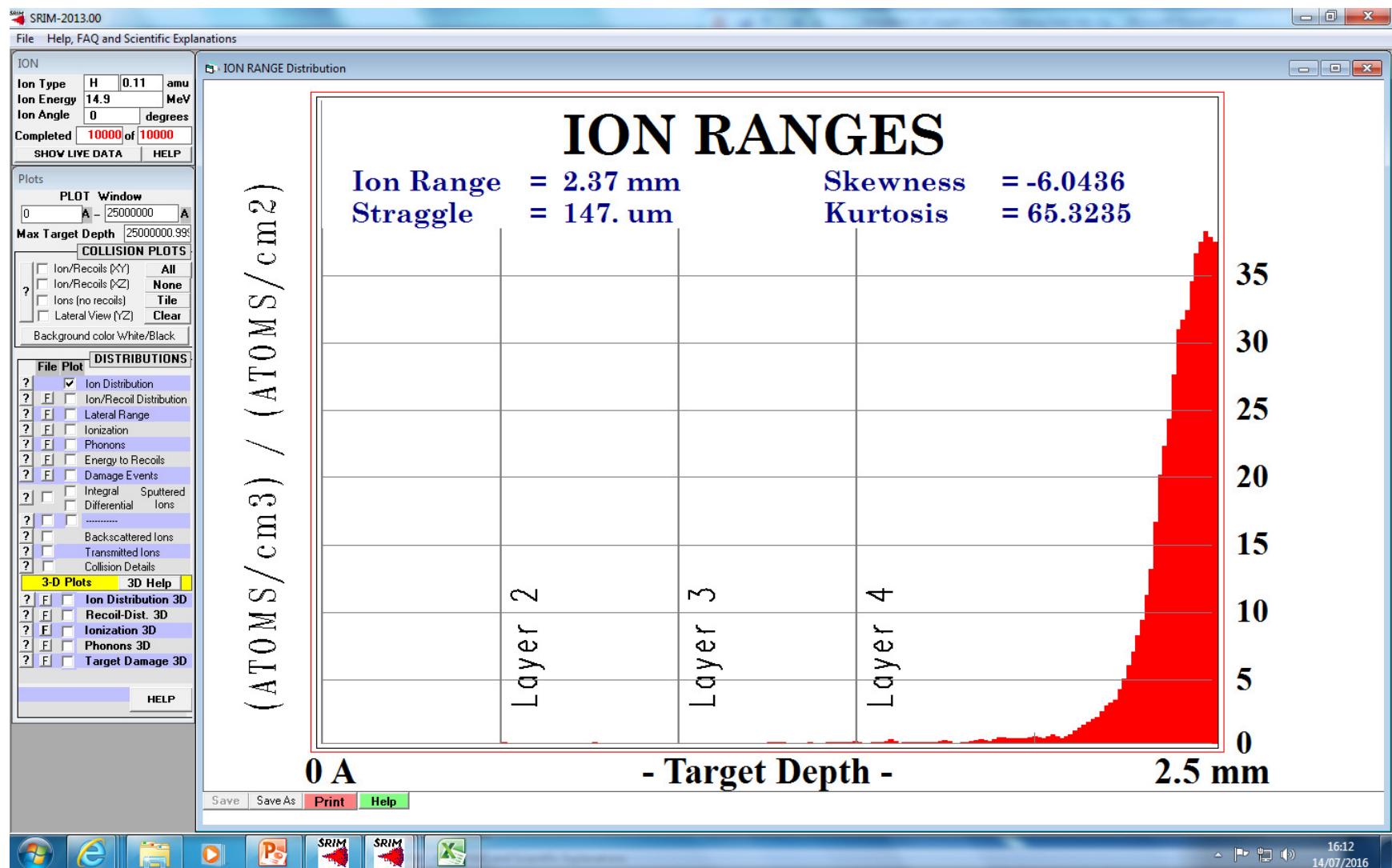
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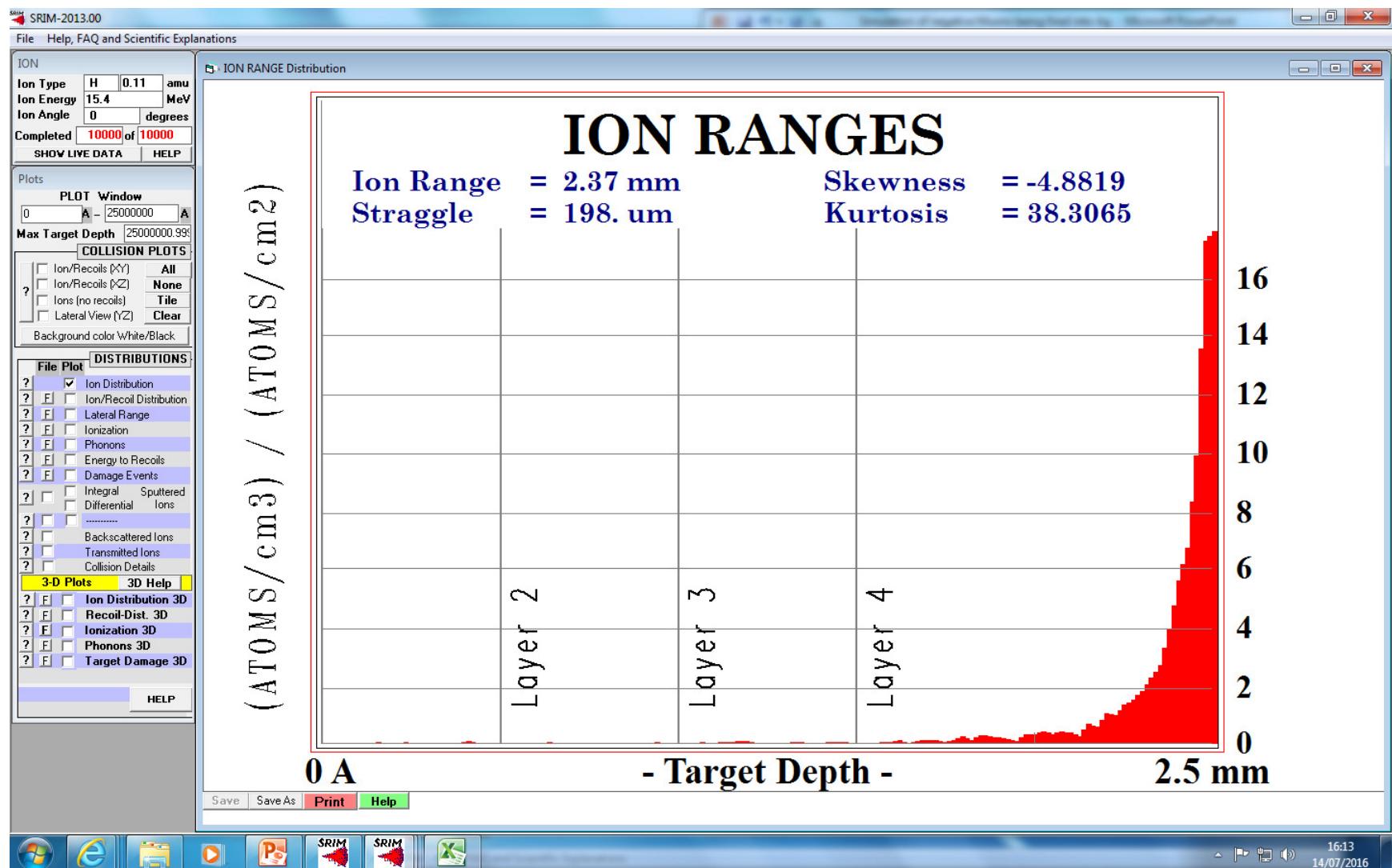
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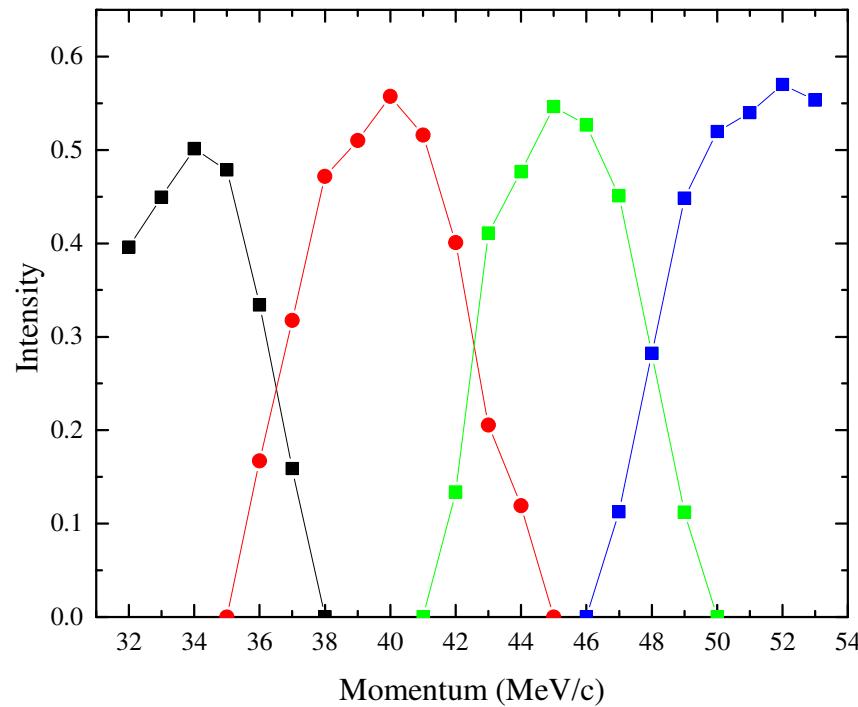
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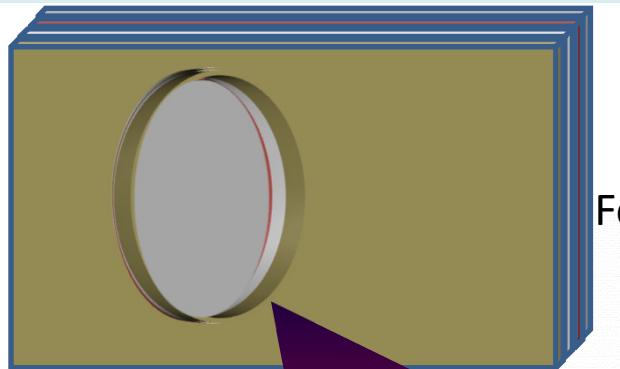
Amount of muons in each layer for a given momentum



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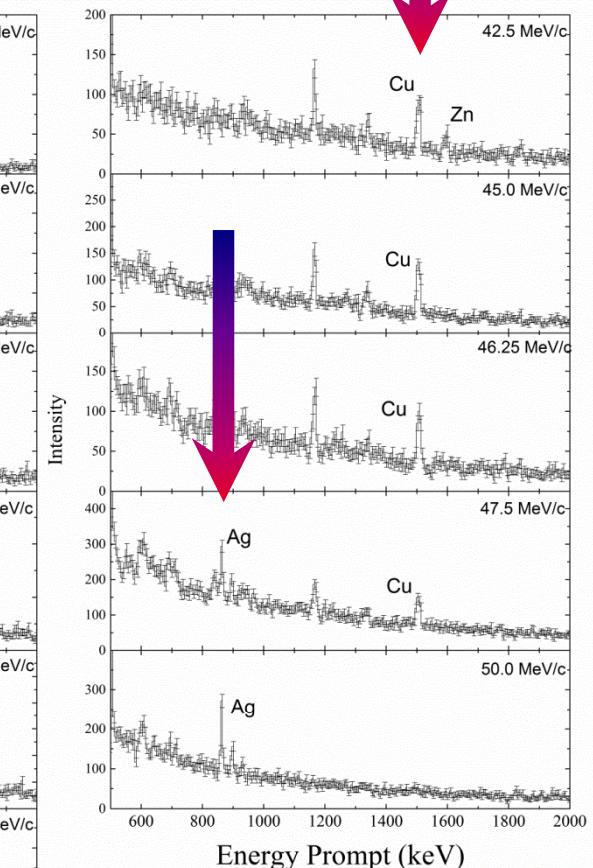
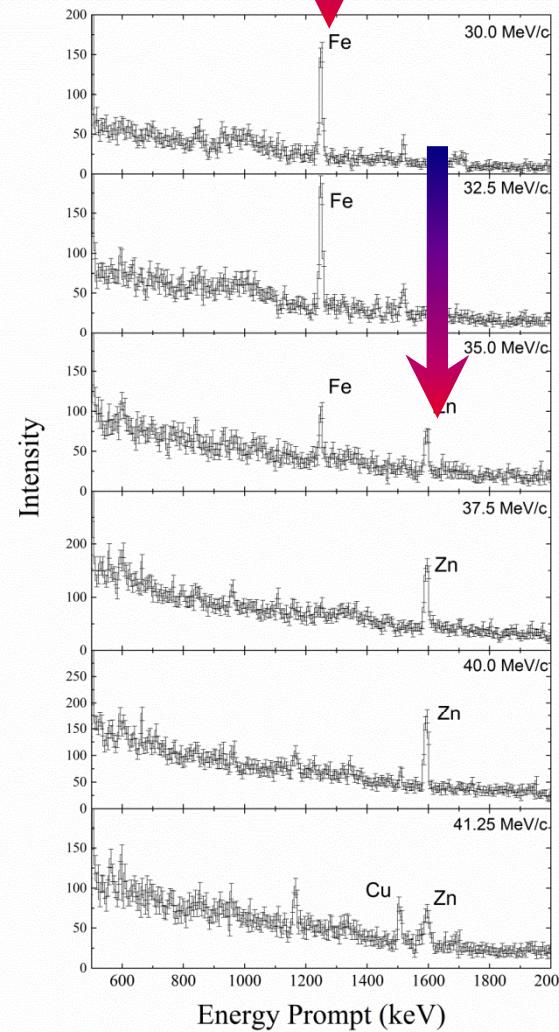


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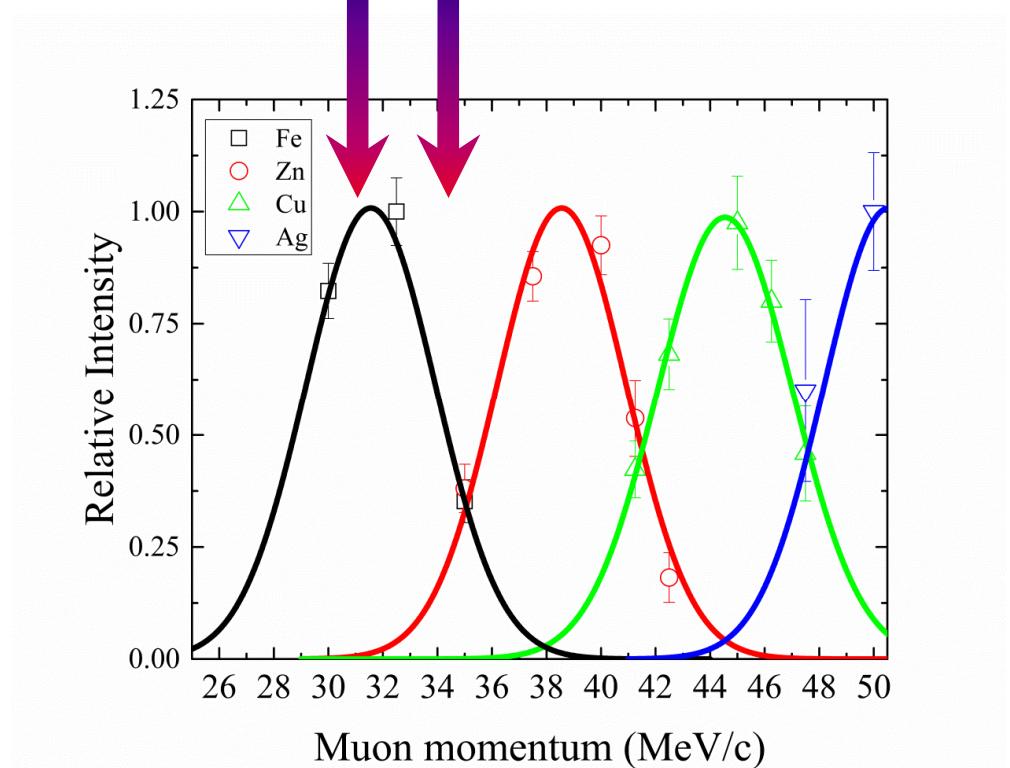
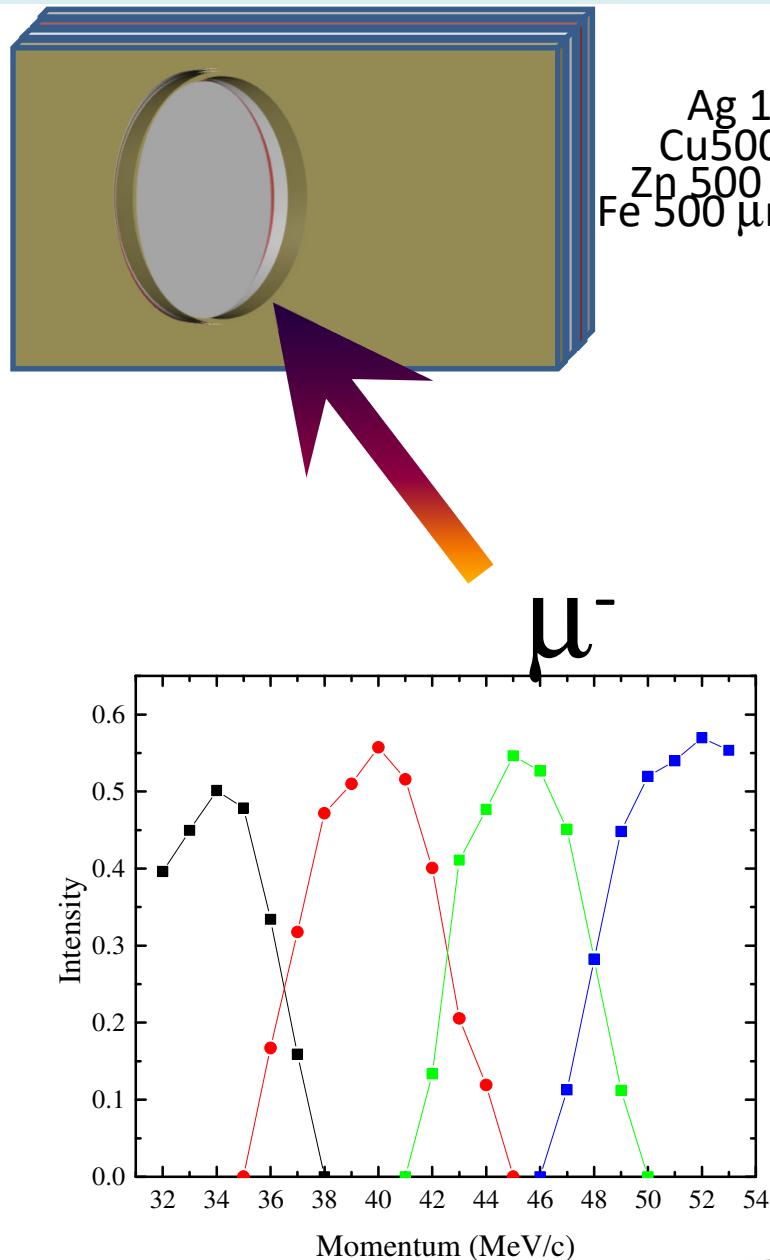


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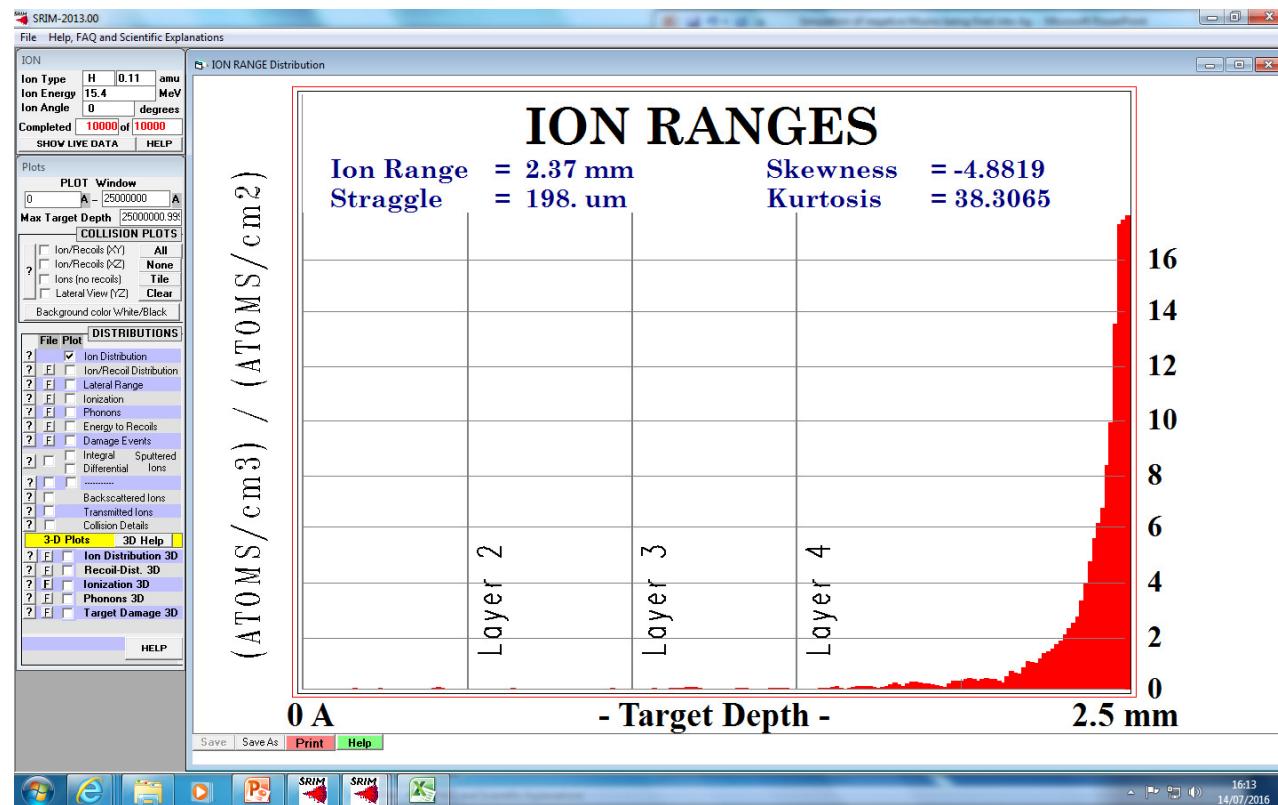
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Depth Profiling - Simulations



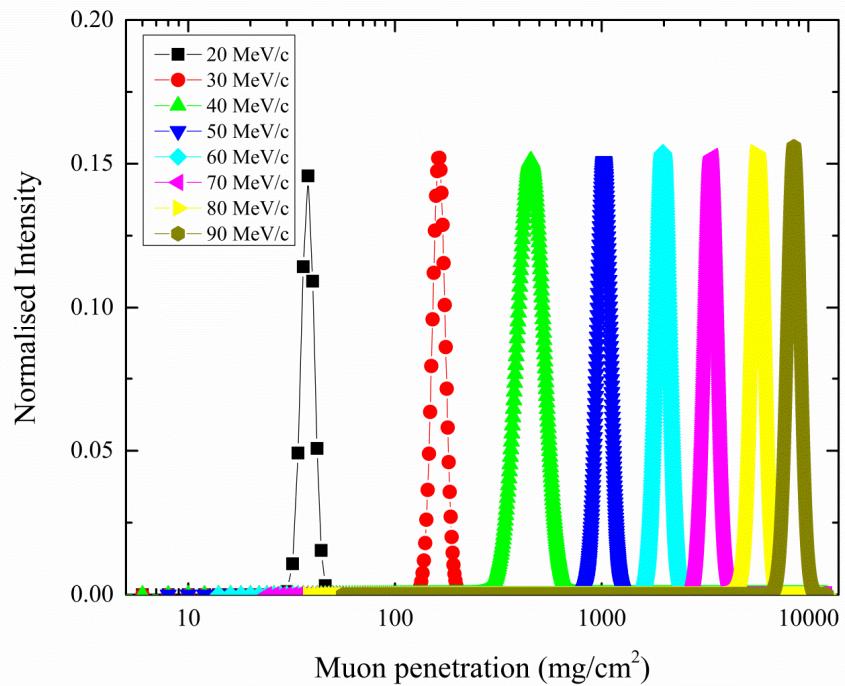
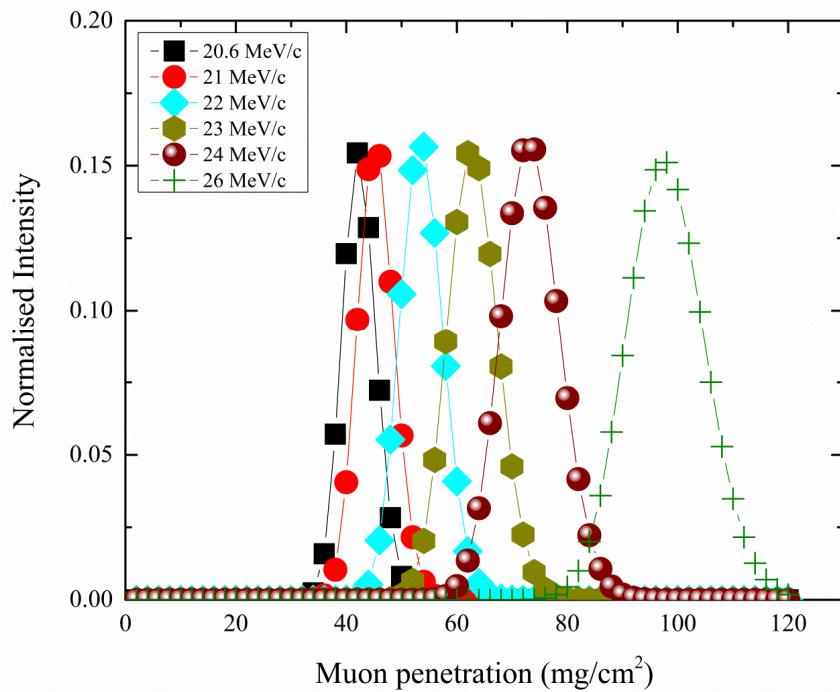
Implantation Energy 15.4 MeV, Max available 38 MeV



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Depth Profiling



Stopping range is momentum and density dependent

Max available is $\sim 8.5 \text{ g}/\text{cm}^2$

In Cu $\sim 1 \text{ cm}$

In Ag $\sim 0.8 \text{ cm}$

In Fe $\sim 1.1 \text{ cm}$,

In C $\sim 3.8 \text{ cm}$

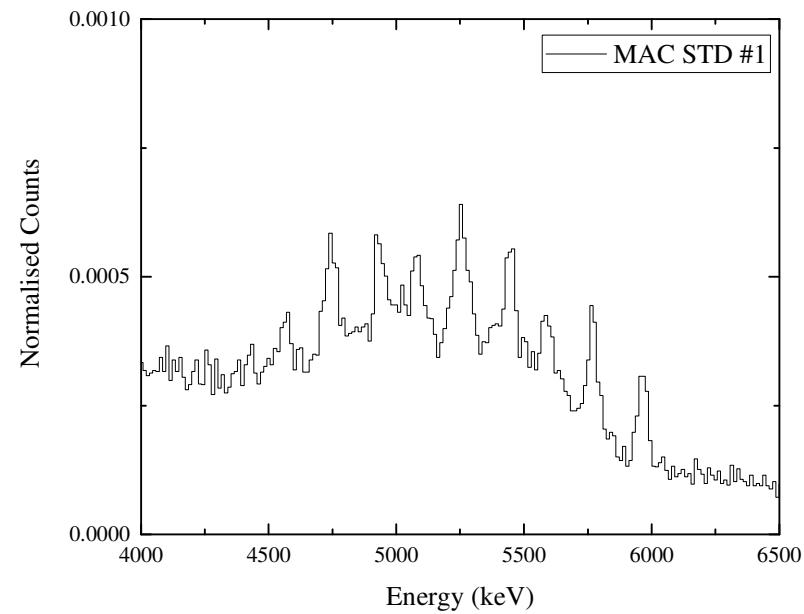
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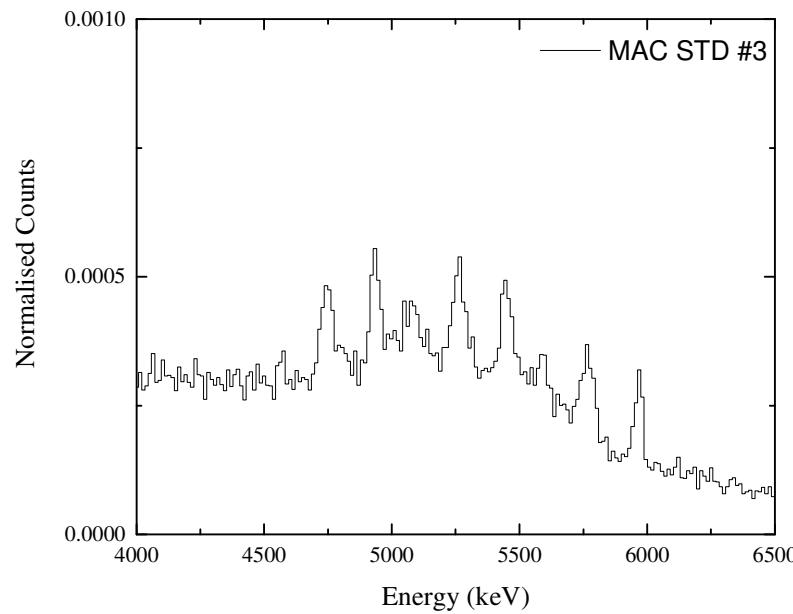
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Au Standards



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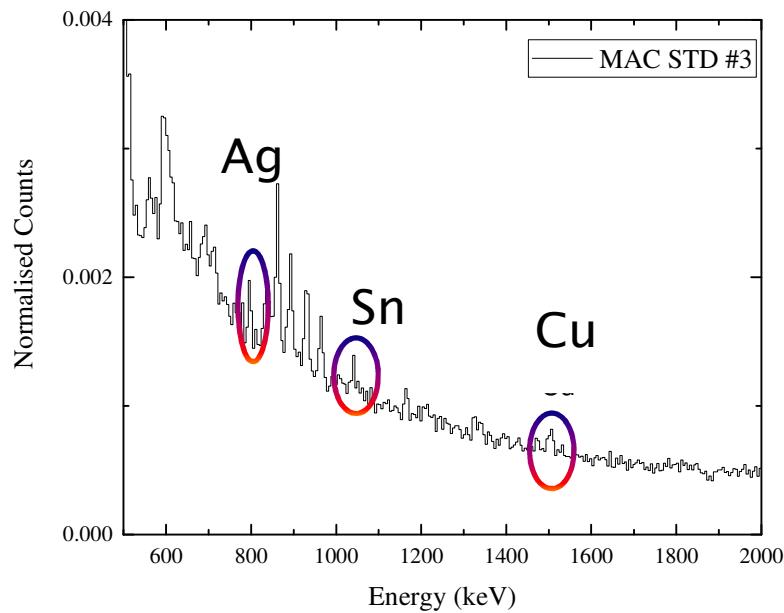
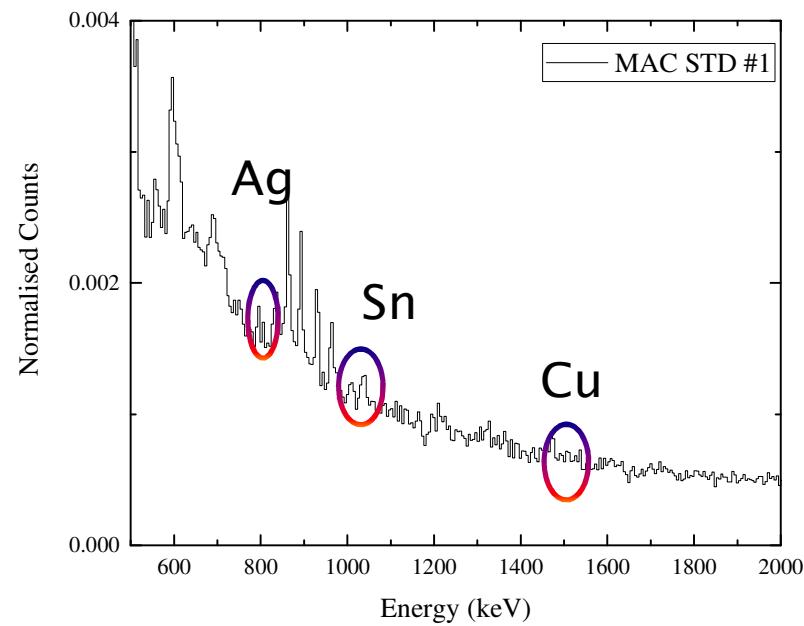
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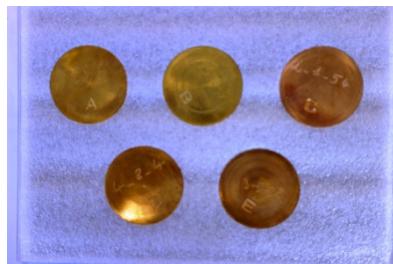
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Bronze Standards



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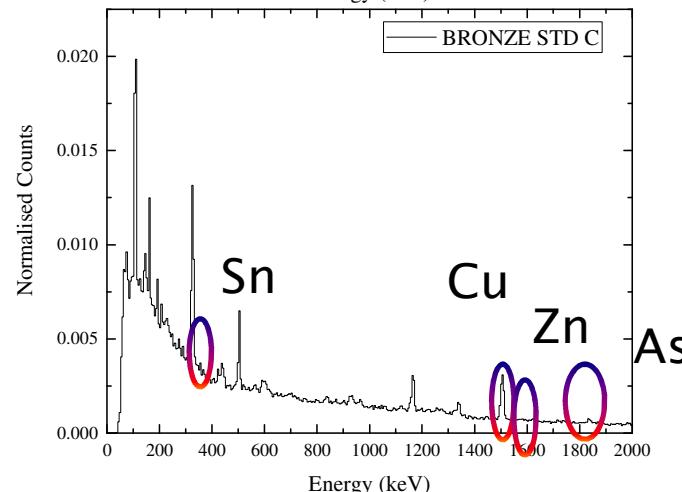
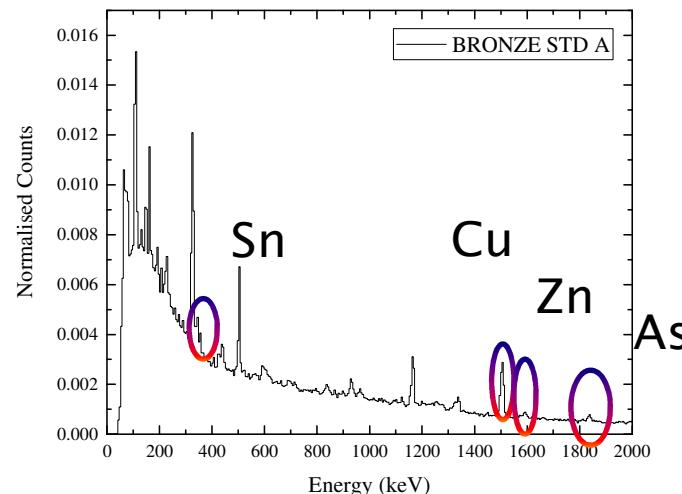
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Certified values and uncertainties ($k \cdot u_c$) for BCR 691 in g.kg⁻¹

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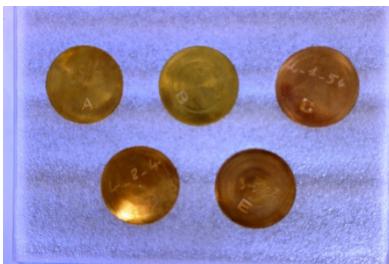
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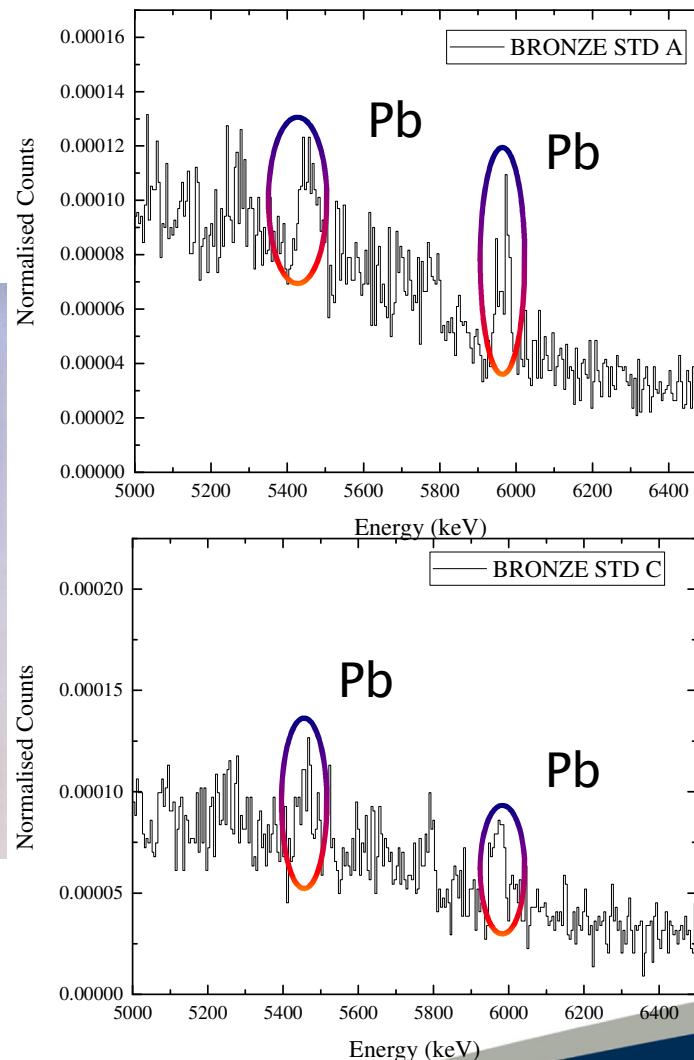
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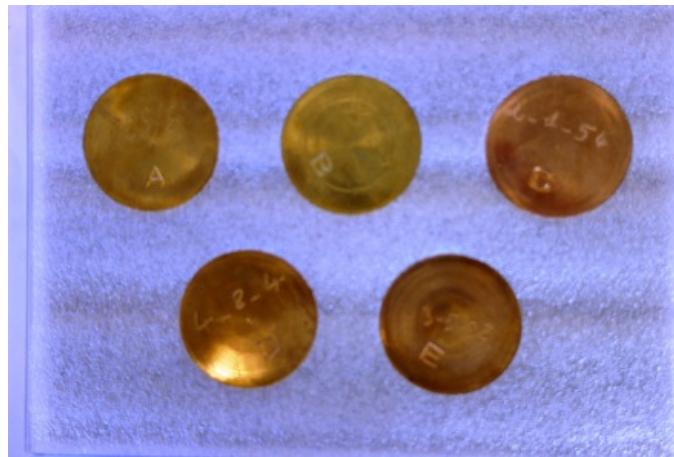
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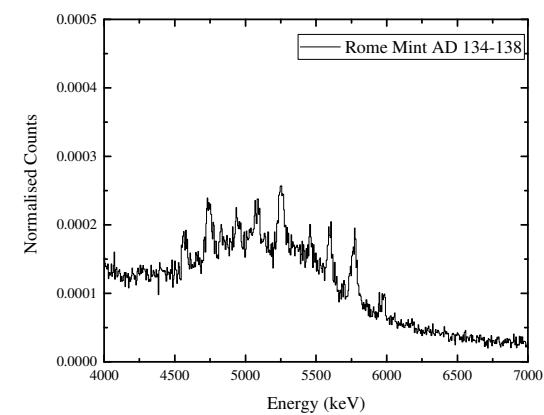
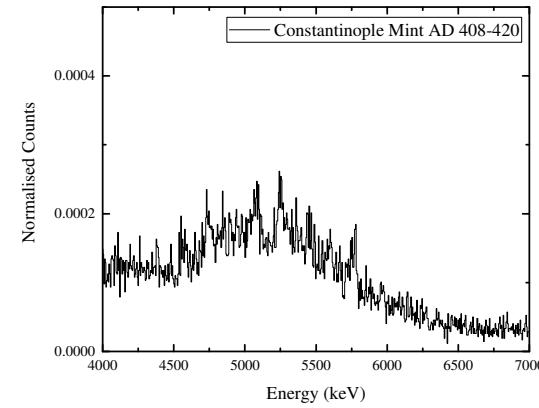
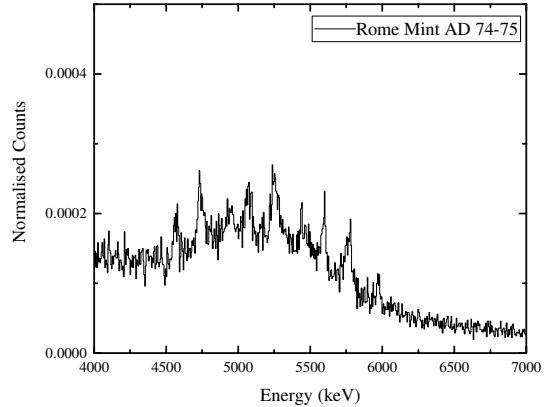
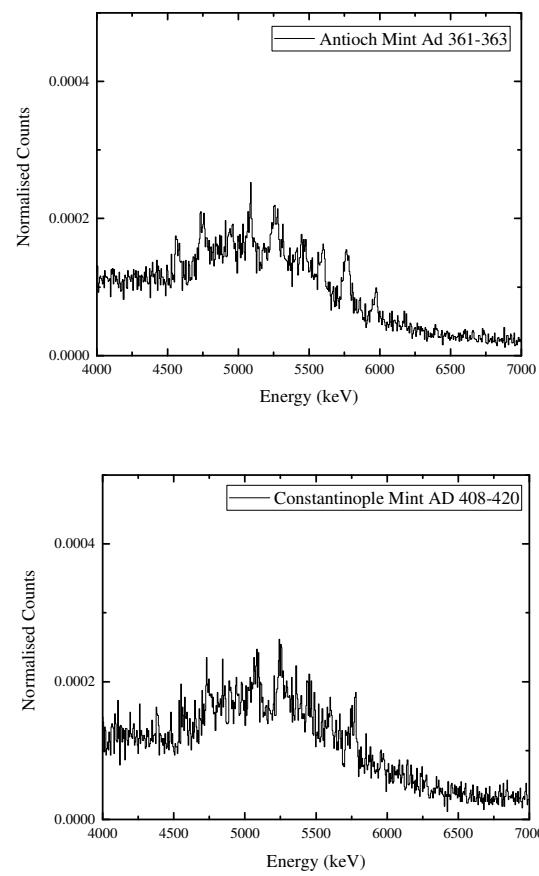
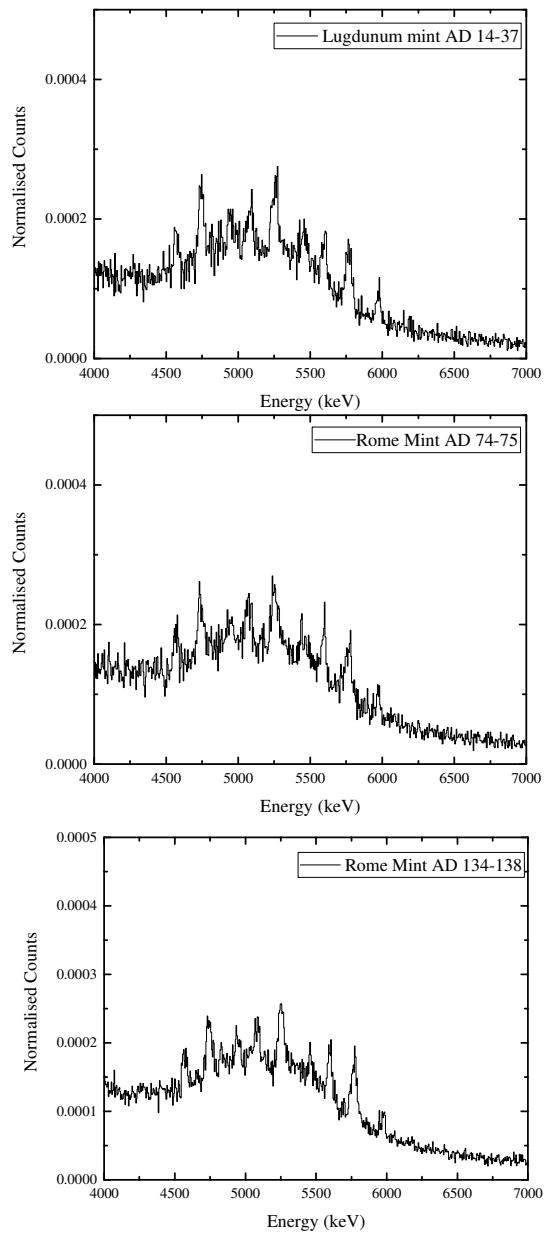
Bronze Standards



Element	Standard A		Standard C	
	Certified composition (%)	Ratio of peak intensity to Cu (%)	Certified composition (%)	Ratio of peak intensity to Cu (%)
As	0.194 ± 0.1	0.5 ± 0.3	4.60 ± 0.27	4.4 ± 0.5
Pb	7.9 ± 0.7	n.c.	0.175 ± 0.014	n.c.
Sn	7.16 ± 0.21	7.5 ± 0.5	0.202 ± 0.029	0.6 ± 0.3
Zn	6.02 ± 0.22	6.1 ± 0.5	0.055 ± 0.005	n.d.

Table 1: The certified composition for the two bronze standards. The ratio of the peak intensities from the muonic X-rays. This shows a remarkably good agreement. The abbreviations n.d. indicates not detected and n.c. not calculated. This is due to the potential contamination of the data due to the lead beam snout.

Roman Coins - High Energy X-rays



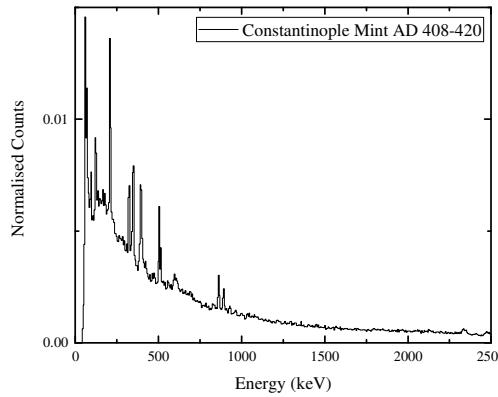
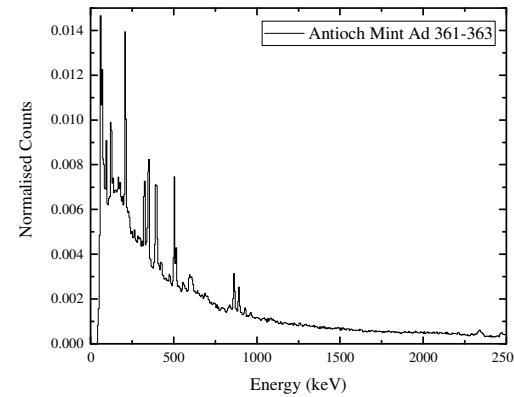
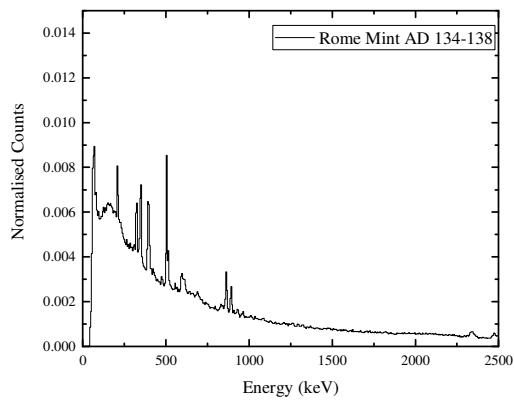
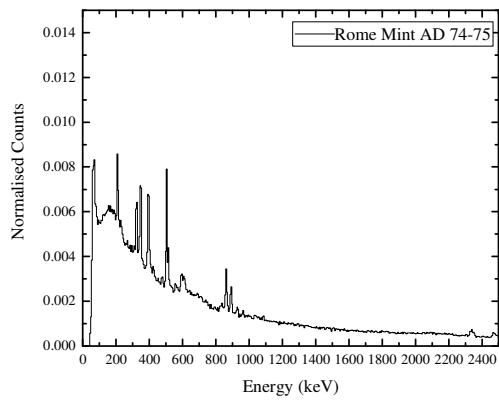
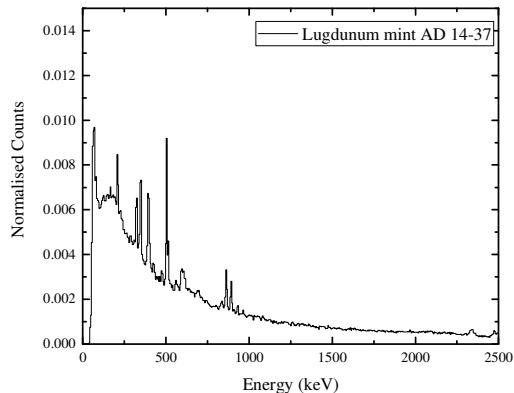
Au peaks
Peaks clearer on the earlier coins



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Roman Coins - Low Energy X-rays



Early coins appear to be high purity

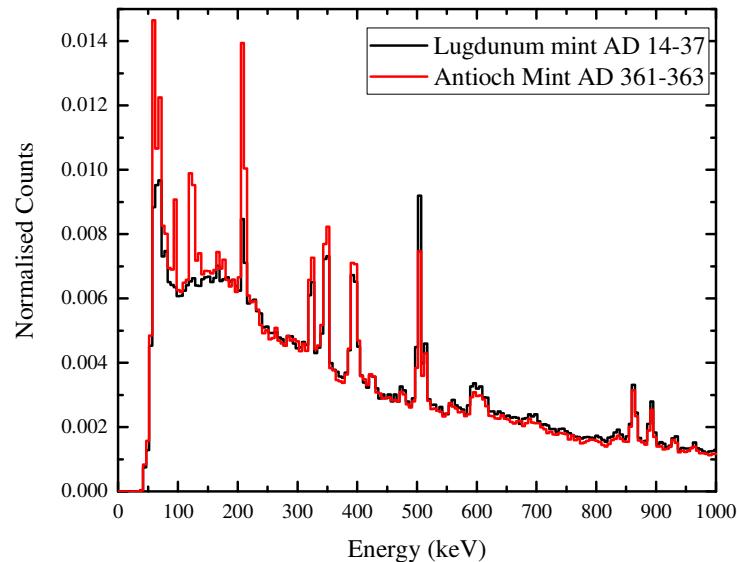
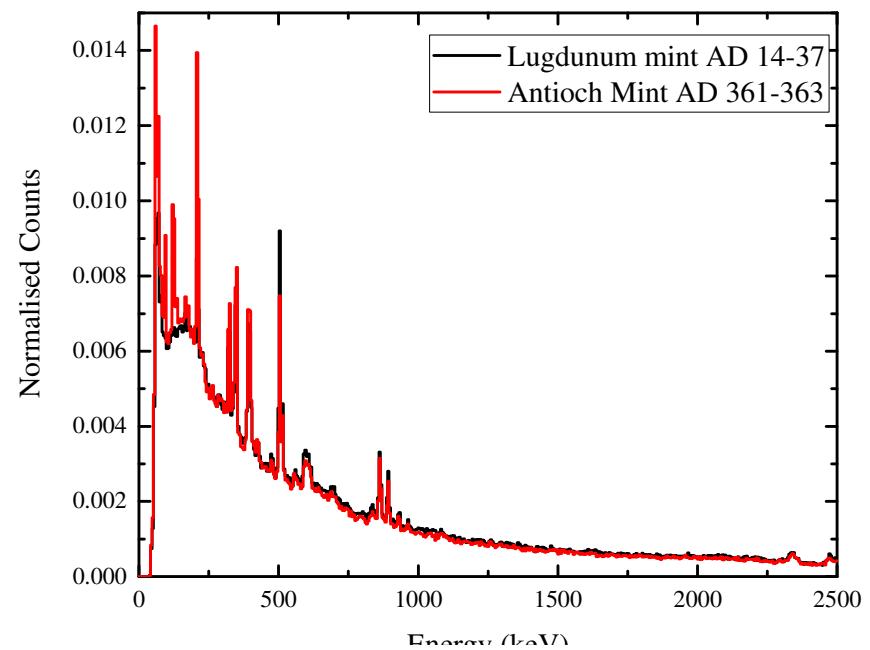
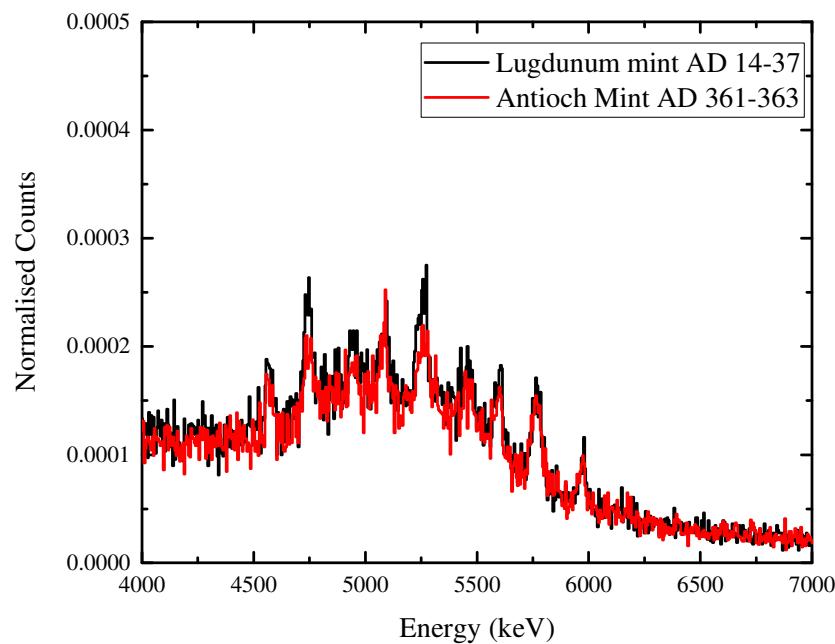
Later coins have additional peaks



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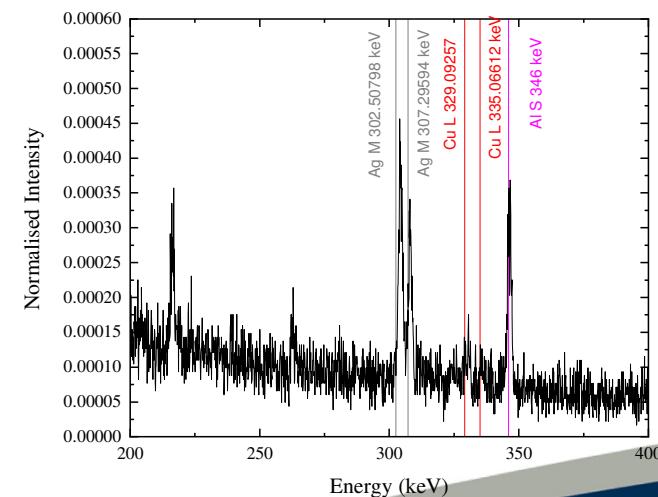
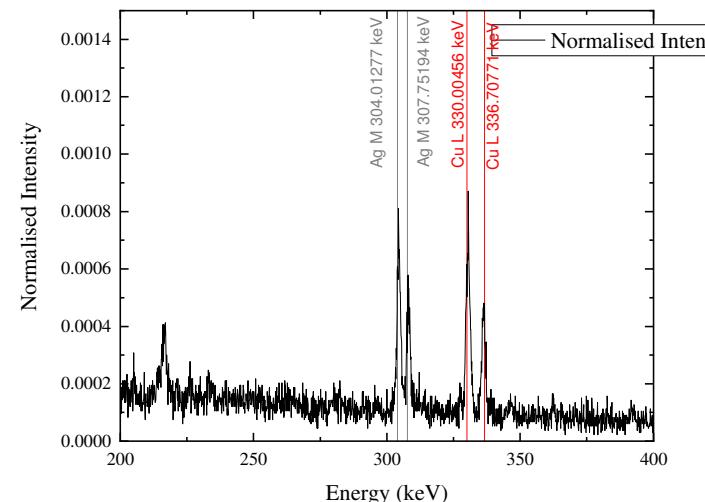
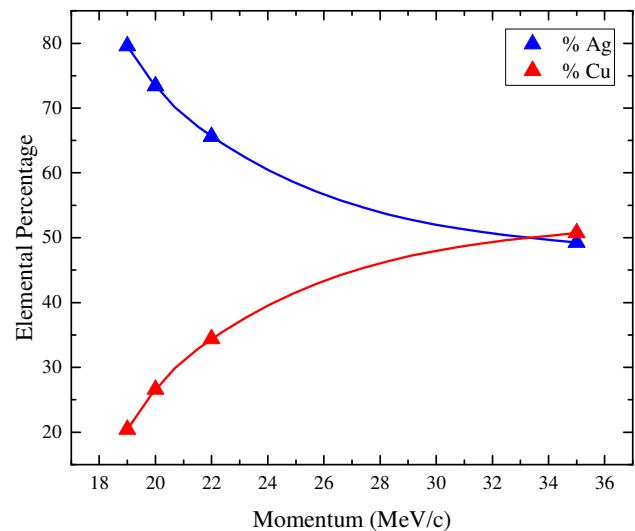
Roman Coins - the differences



Roman Coins - debased silver coin



Julia Domna – 3rd Century



Islamic Silver Coins



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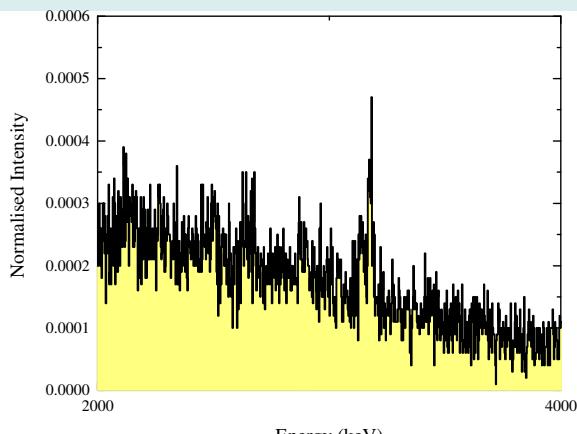
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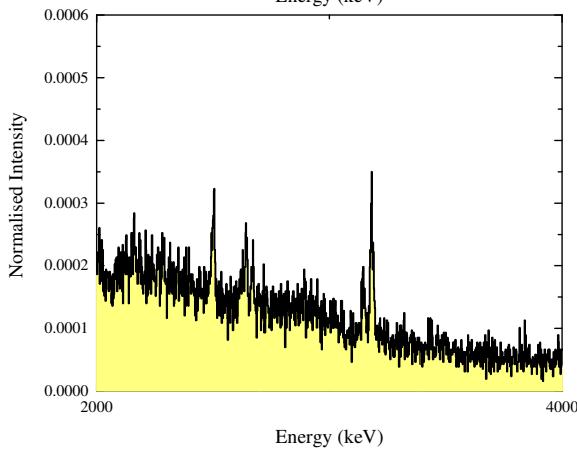
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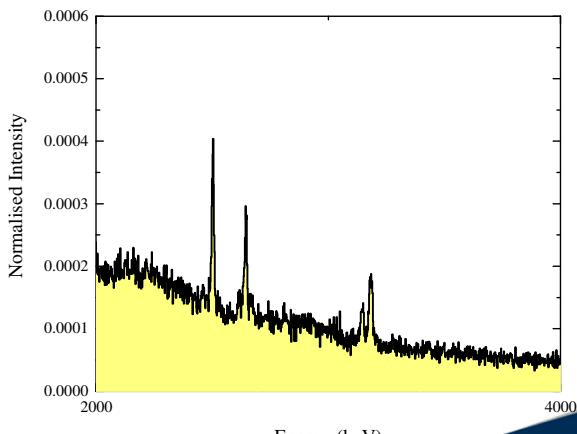
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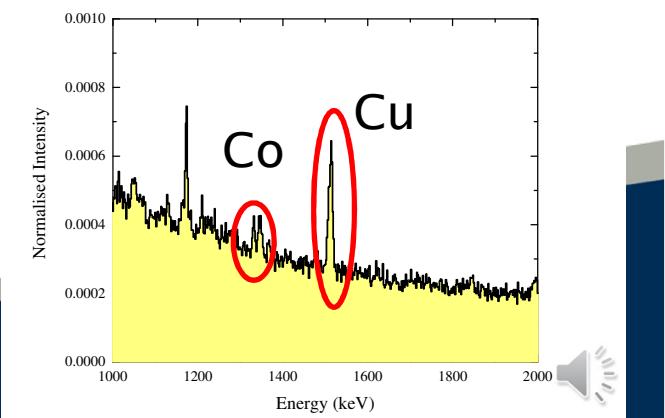
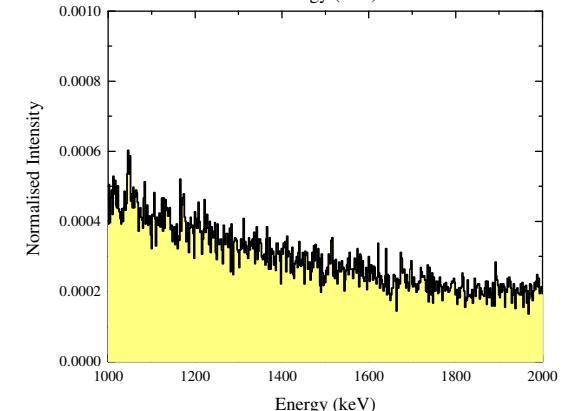
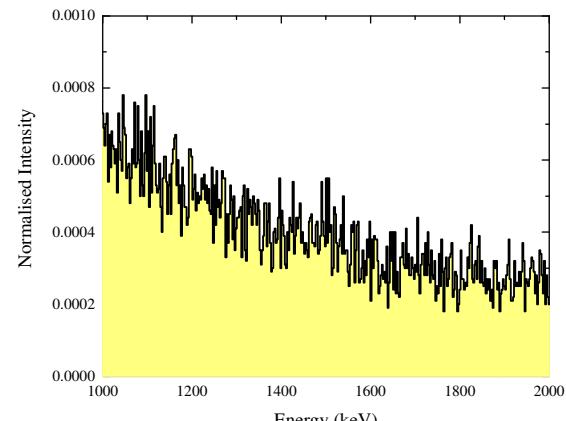
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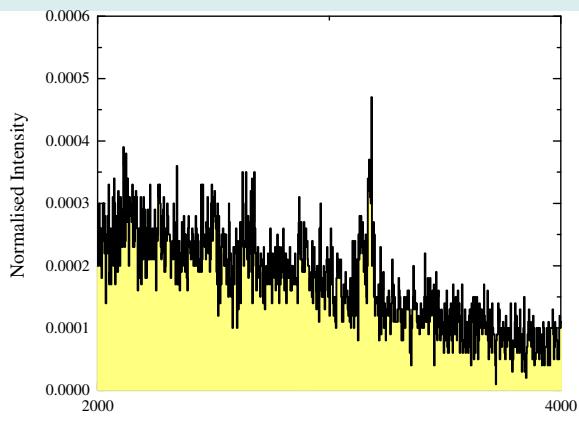
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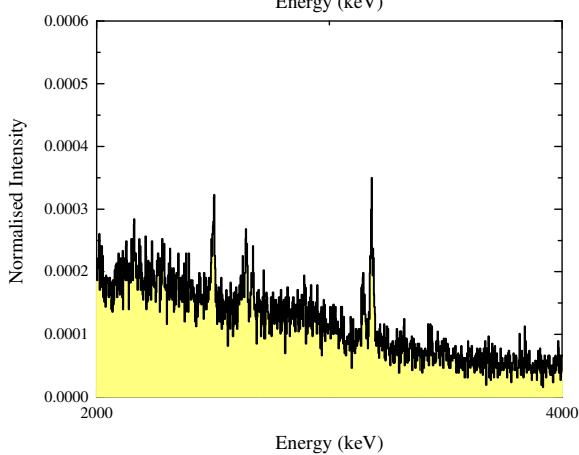
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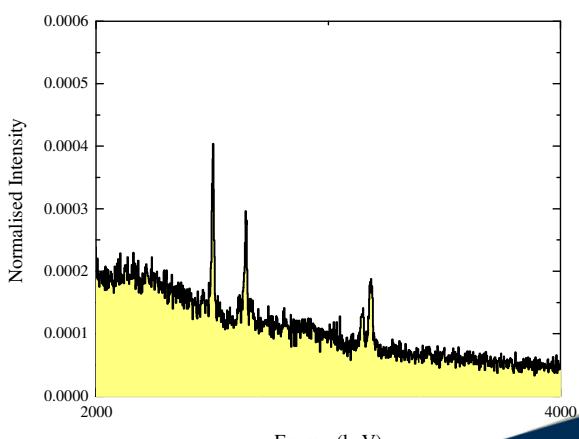
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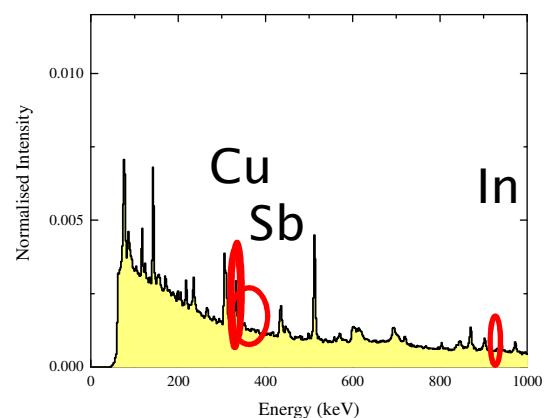
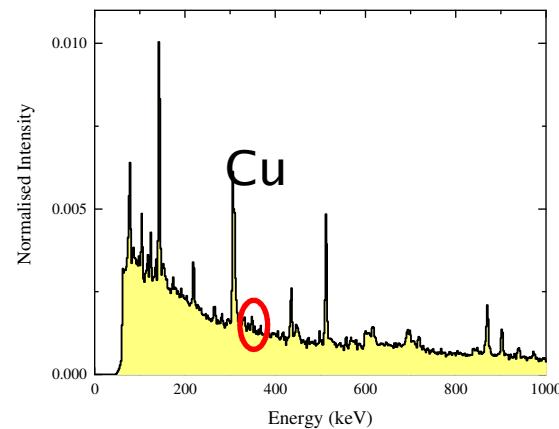
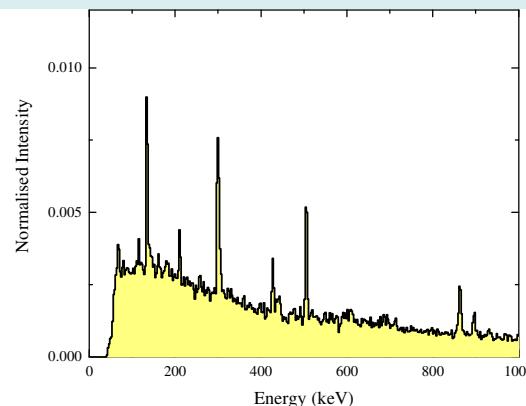
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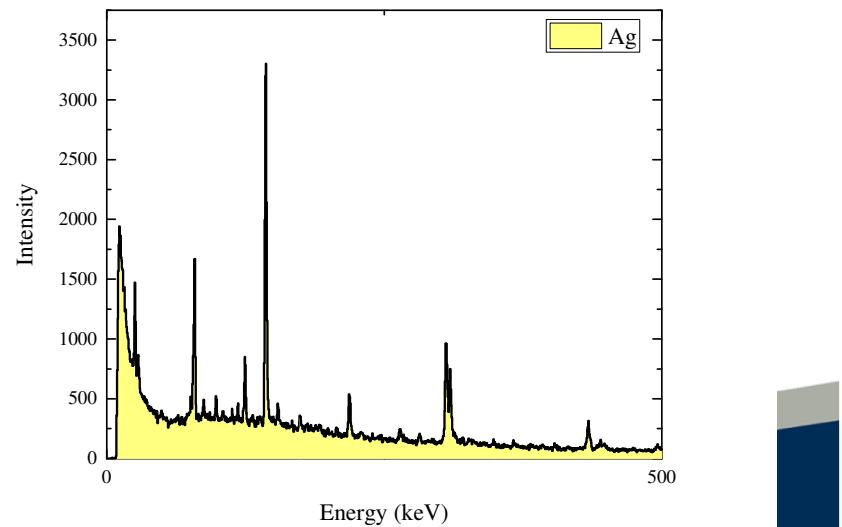
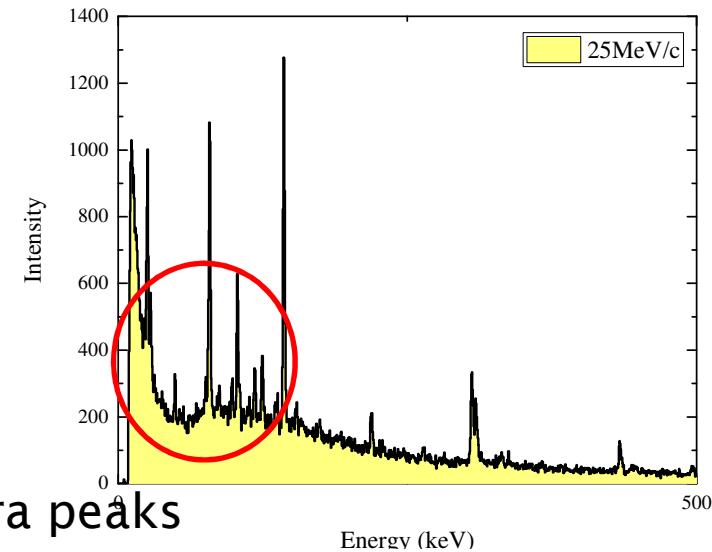
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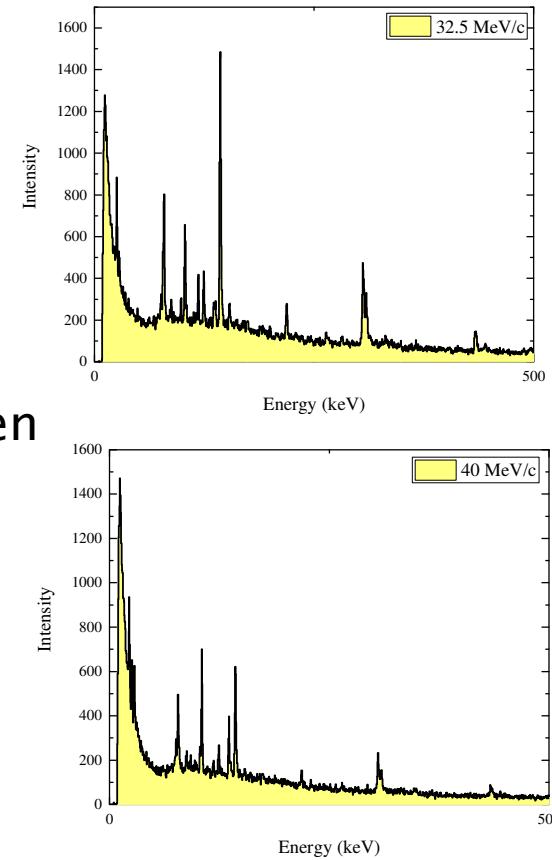
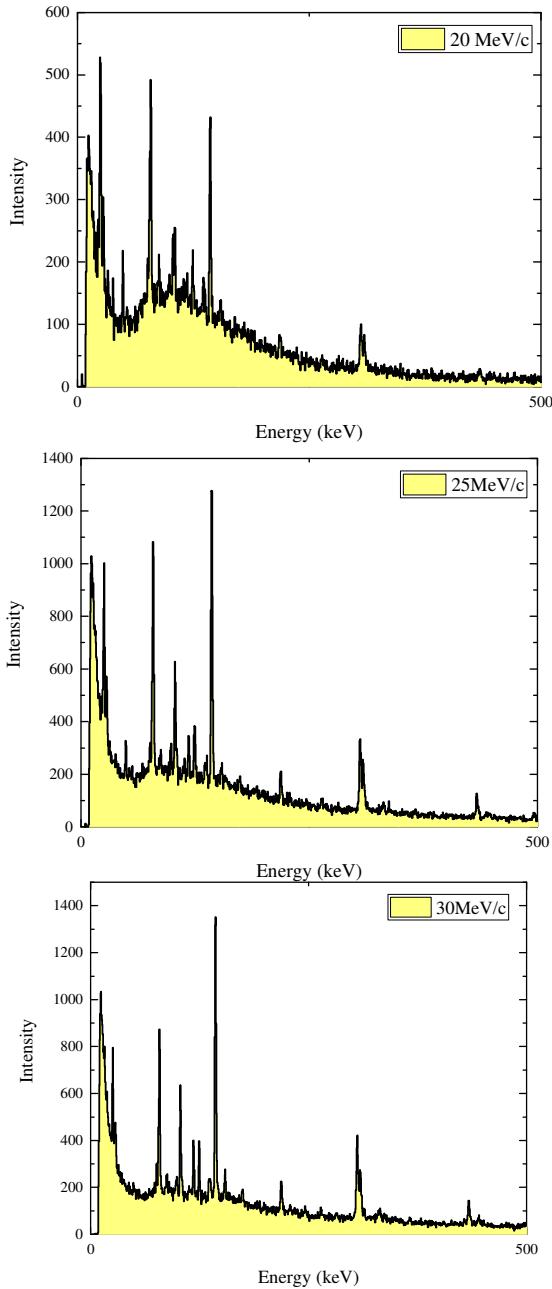
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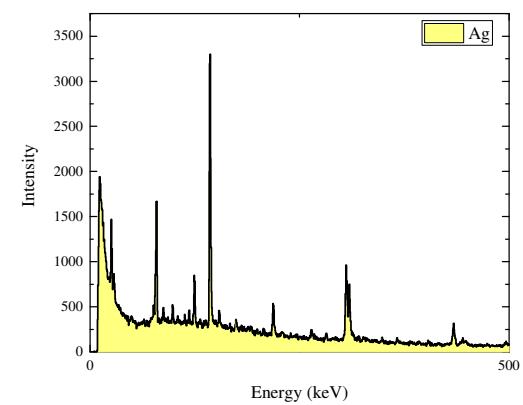
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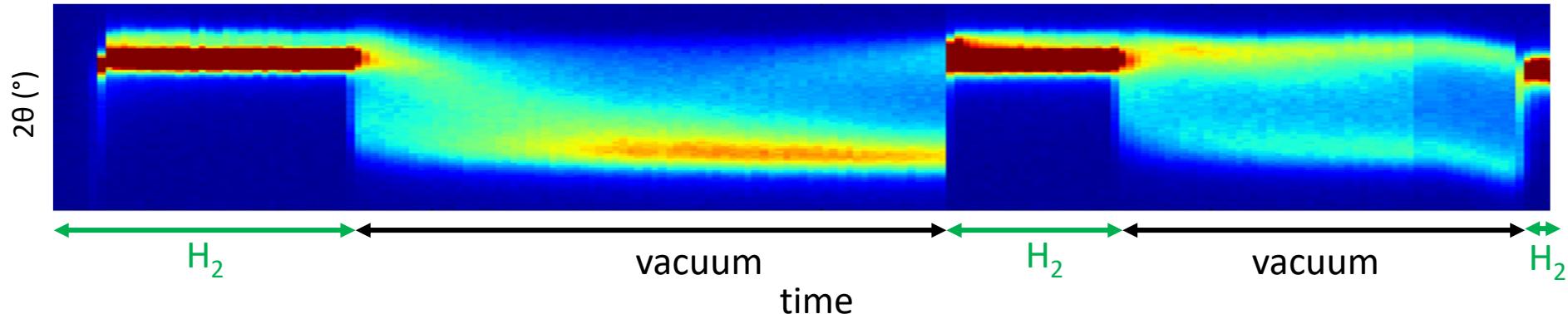


Extra peaks seen
Copper?
Nitrogen
Oxygen
Carbon



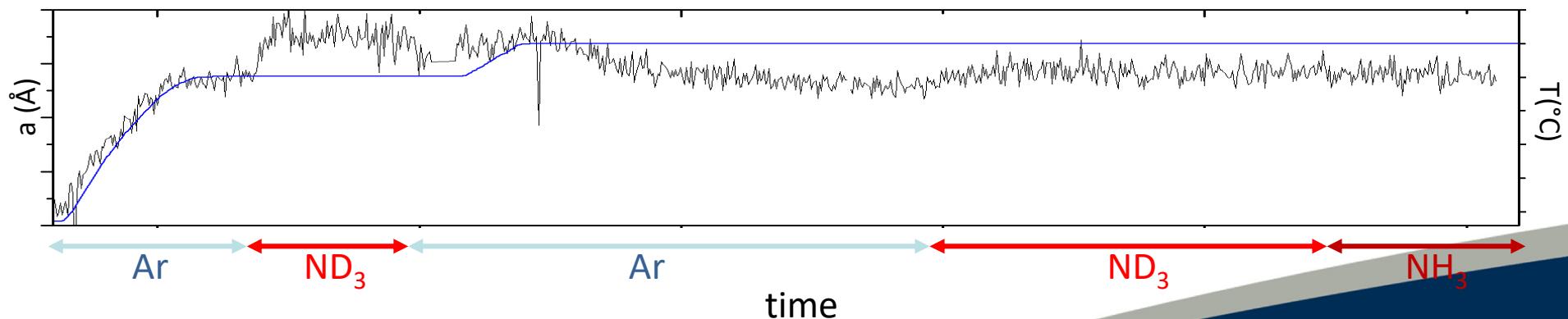
Lithium amide imide (LiNH_2 - Li_2NH)

HYDROGEN STORAGE: $\text{LiNH}_2 + \text{LiH} \leftrightarrow \text{Li}_2\text{NH} + \text{H}_2$



Synchrotron X-ray powder diffraction shows hydrogen release occurs via range of intermediate stoichiometry values – key to easily reversible hydrogen storage

AMMONIA CRACKING: $2\text{NH}_3 \rightarrow \text{N}_2 + 3\text{H}_2$ using Li_2NH



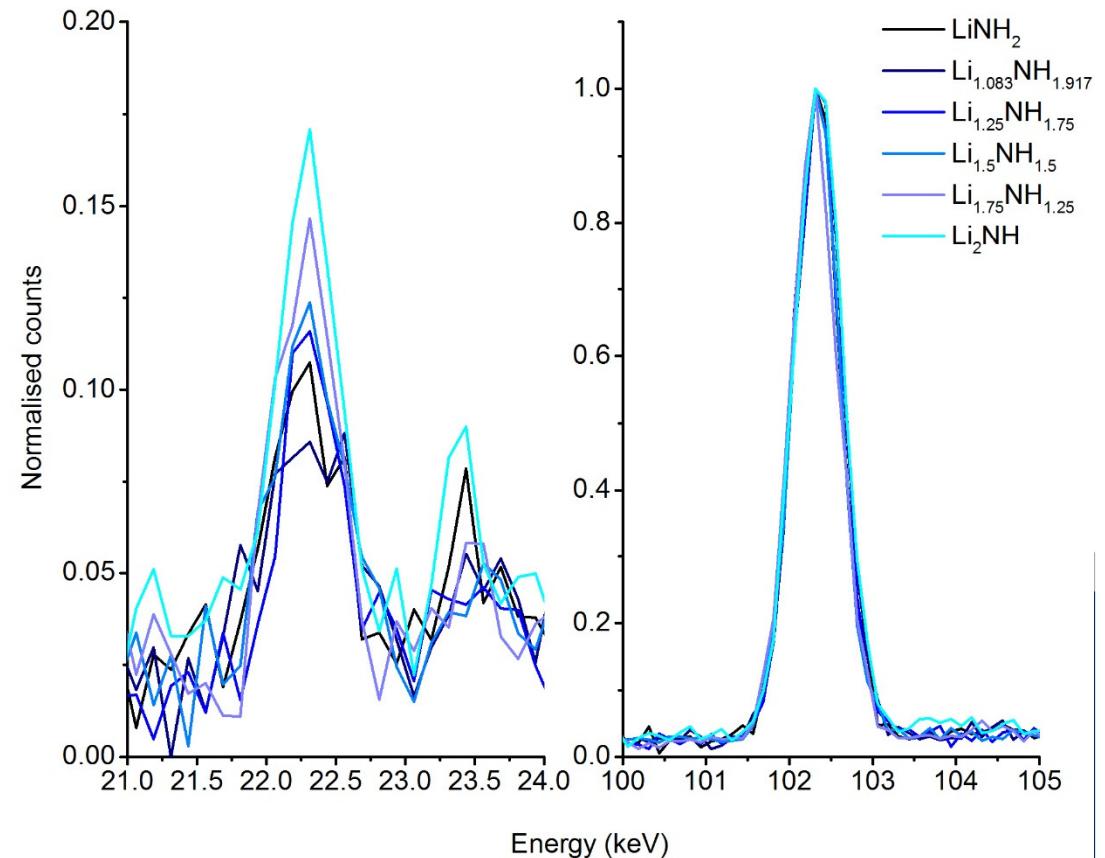
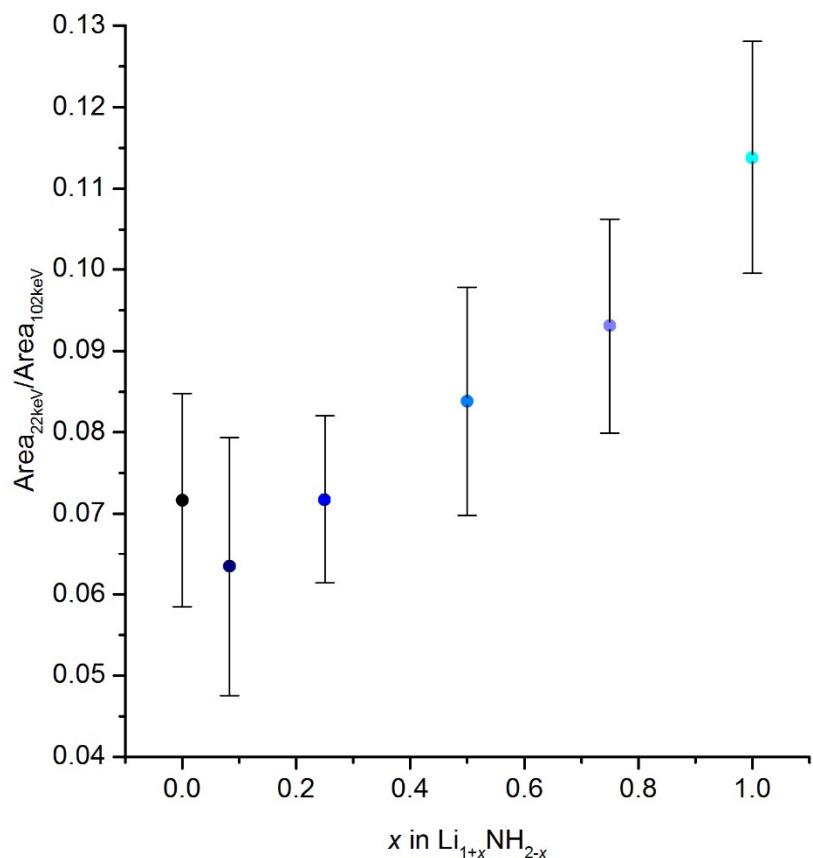
Variation in lattice parameter of Li_2ND on exposure to ND_3 indicates non-stoichiometry during ammonia decomposition reaction – active form of the catalyst is non-stoichiometric

Lithium amide imide (LiNH_2 - Li_2NH)

Quantifying the stoichiometry is difficult. By diffraction the scattering (both X-ray and neutron) is dominated by the nitrogen.

QUANTIFYING STOICHIOMETRY WITH NEGATIVE MUONS

Synthesised a series of lithium amide-imide samples with varying stoichiometry:



Ferro-electric relaxor

Different Structure in surface and bulk:

PHYSICAL REVIEW B 70, 172204 (2004)

Direct observation of the near-surface layer in $\text{Pb}(\text{Mg}_{1/3}\text{Nb}_{2/3})\text{O}_3$ using neutron diffraction

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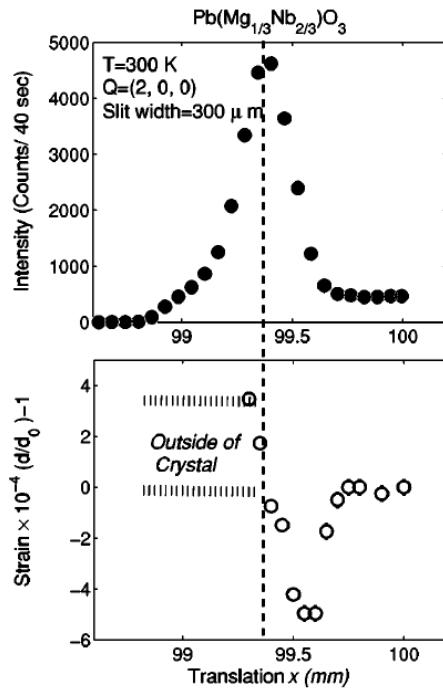
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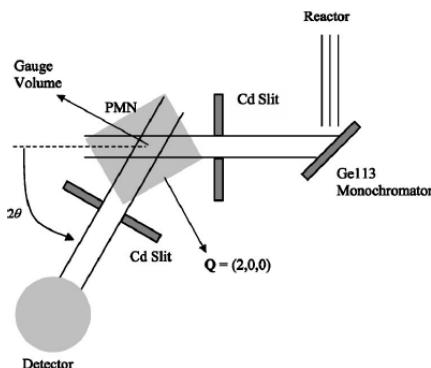
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Relaxors display different properties in the bulk and surface – strain (neutrons) and x-rays (32 keV/surface and 67 keV/bulk)



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Ground state of the relaxor ferroelectric $\text{Pb}(\text{Zn}_{1/3}\text{Nb}_{2/3})\text{O}_3$

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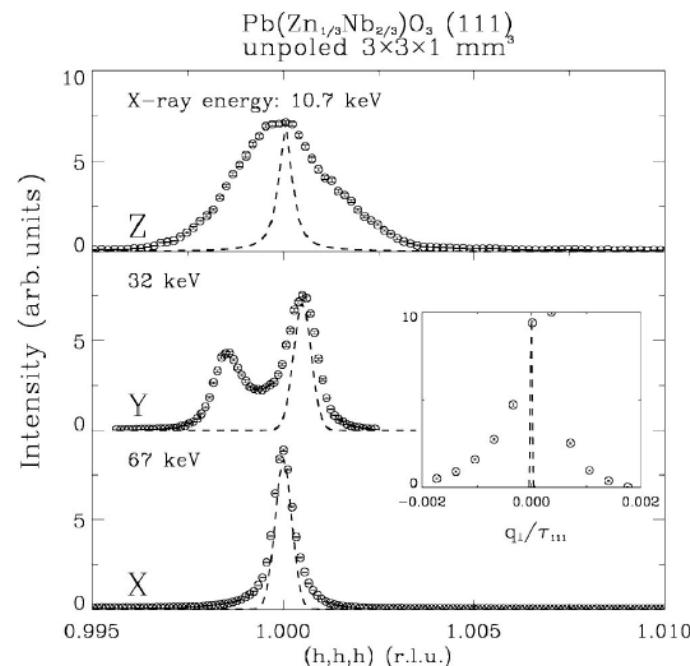
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Ferro-electric relaxor

Chemical Homogeneity near surface?

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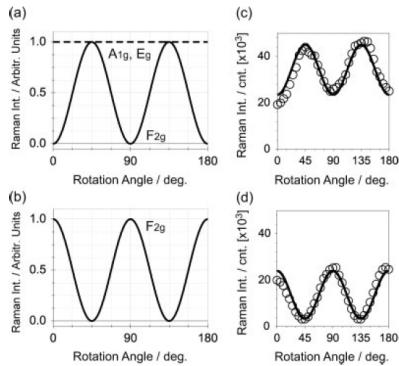
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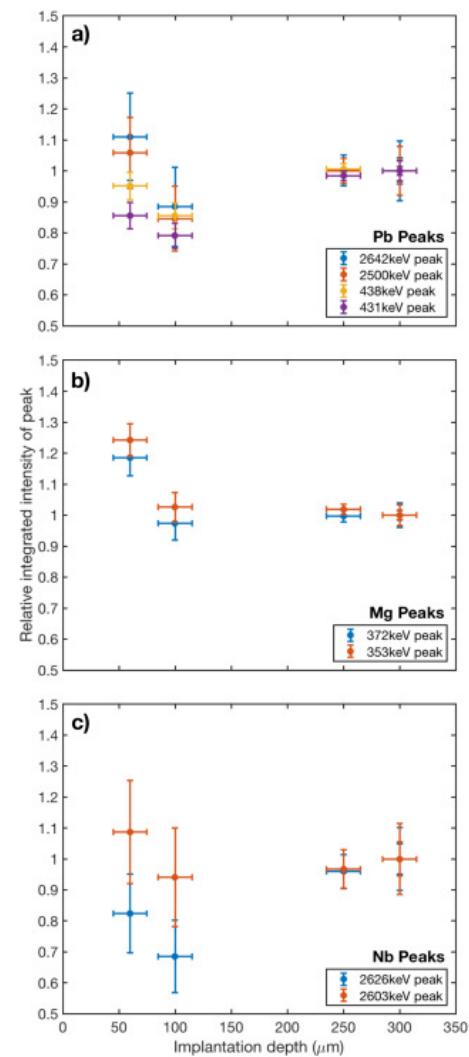
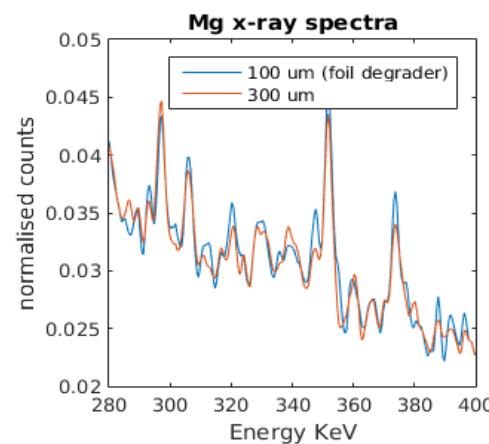
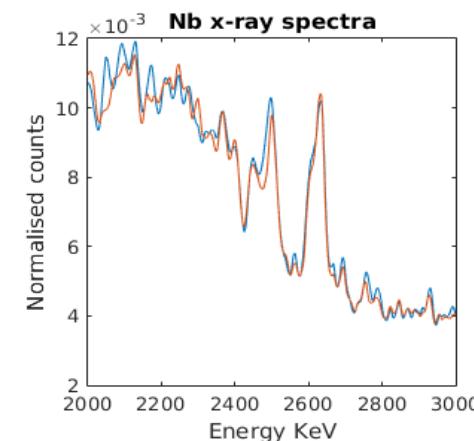
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Raman scattering study of the soft mode in $\text{Pb}(\text{Mg}_{1/3}\text{Nb}_{2/3})\text{O}_3$

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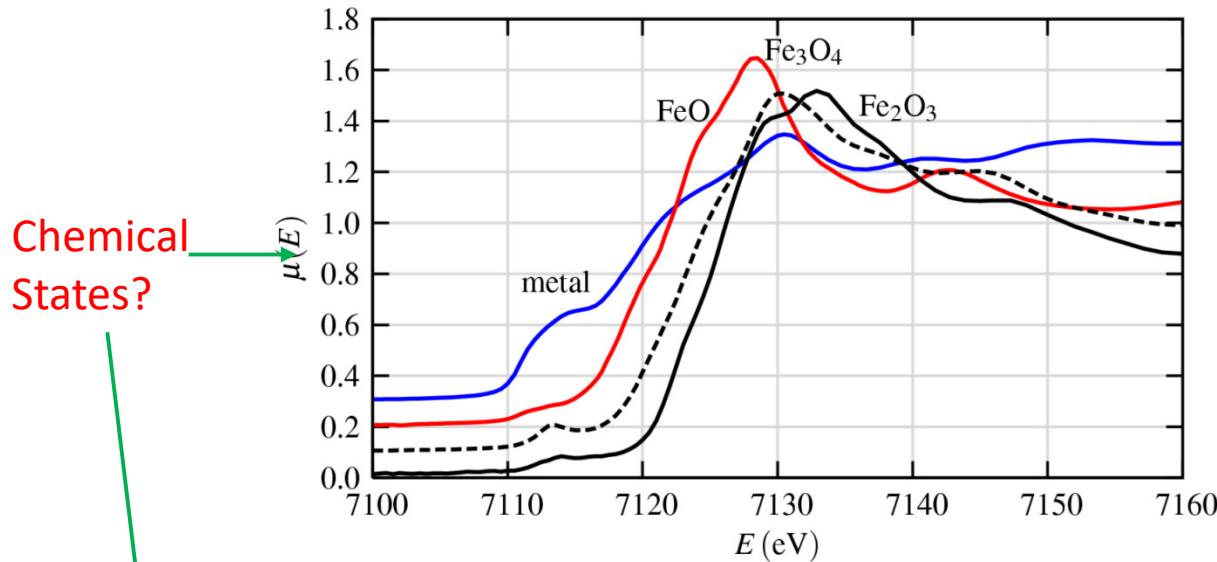


Raman suggestive of gradient between Mg and Nb near crystal surface (angular dependence)



Negative Muons find no difference between Mg and Nb from 100 – 300 microns, but below 100 microns a change in intensity is observed.

Muonic X-rays Emission: beyond elemental analysis

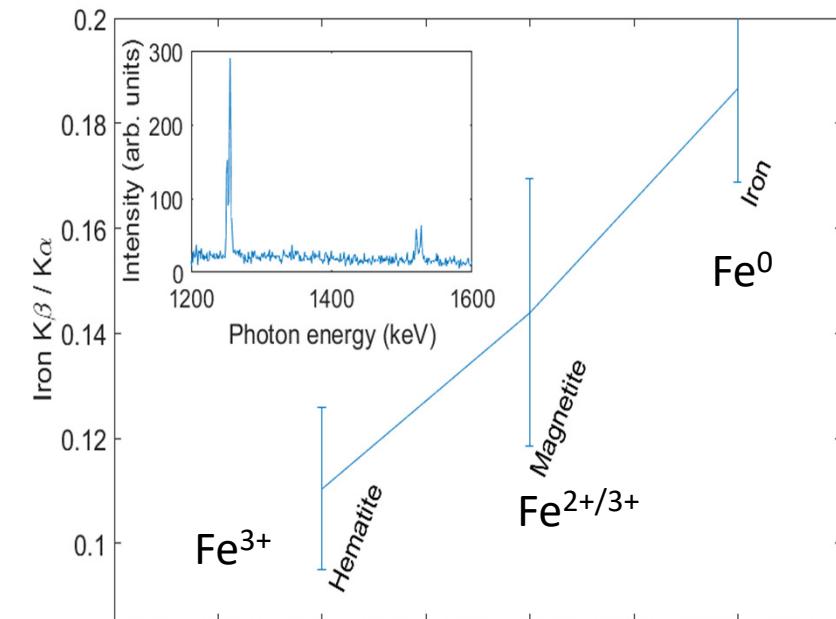


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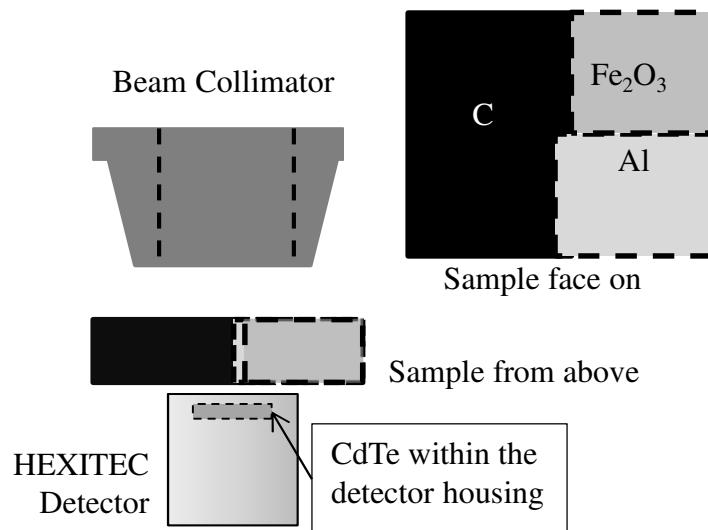
- Dipole selection rules
- $\Delta j/l/s = \pm 1$
- X-ray attenuation length
- Atomic number
- Sensitivity to
Hybridization, Valence,
Charge transfer.

While μ -X-ray Emission...

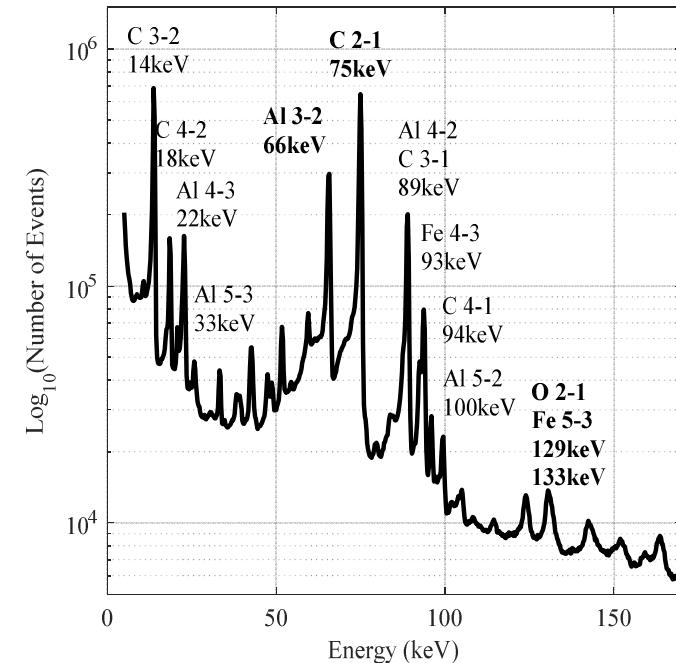
- Particle interaction = No selection rules
- Emission in Hard X-ray region (no overlap)
- Bulk sensitivity
- Sensitivity to Oxidation state, Valence, Charge transfer, Quantitative fractions, Spin-orbit coupling.



Real Space Imaging

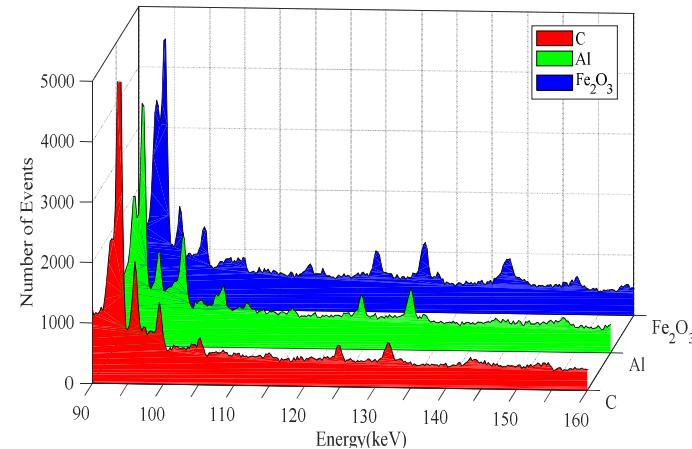
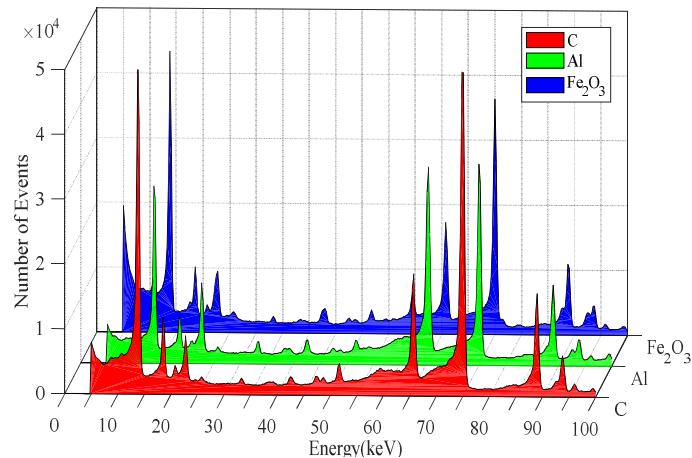


A HEXITEC detector module with 1mm thick CdTe mounted on the ASIC and mechanical block.
80 x 80 pixel 250 μm pitch



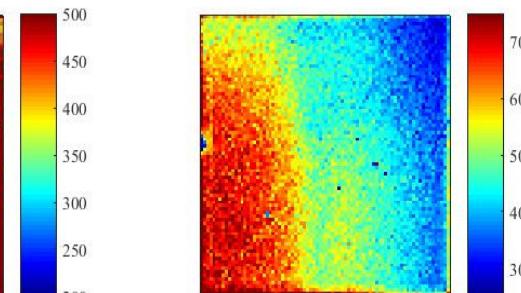
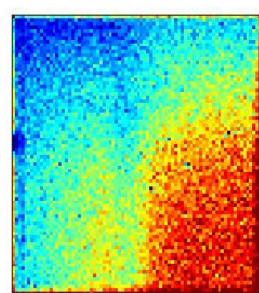
The spectrum from all pixels combined from a 10.5 hour exposure of the Al, C and Fe₂O₃ sample.

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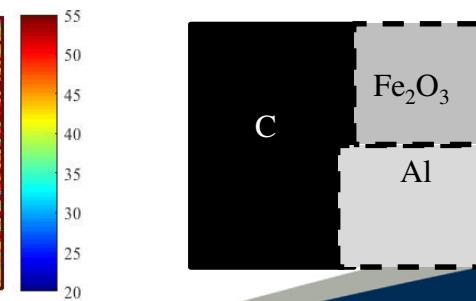
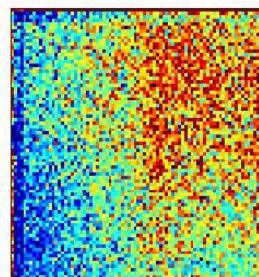
The spectrum from an area of 20x20 pixels next to the C, Al and Fe_2O_3

66 keV



75 keV

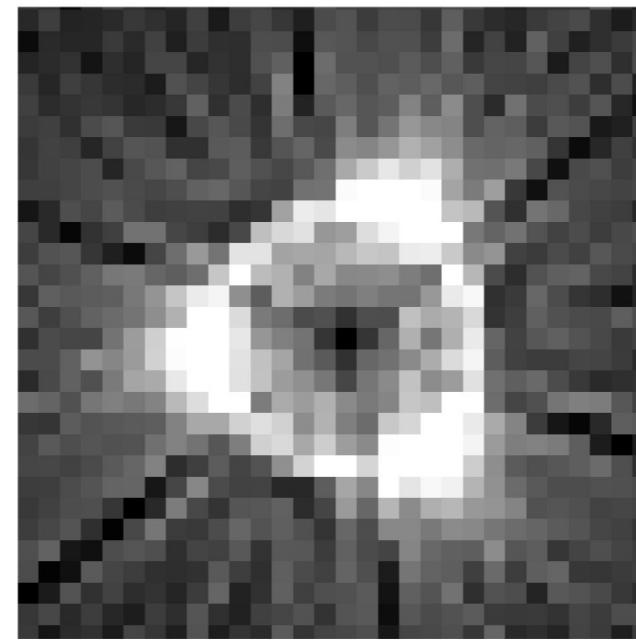
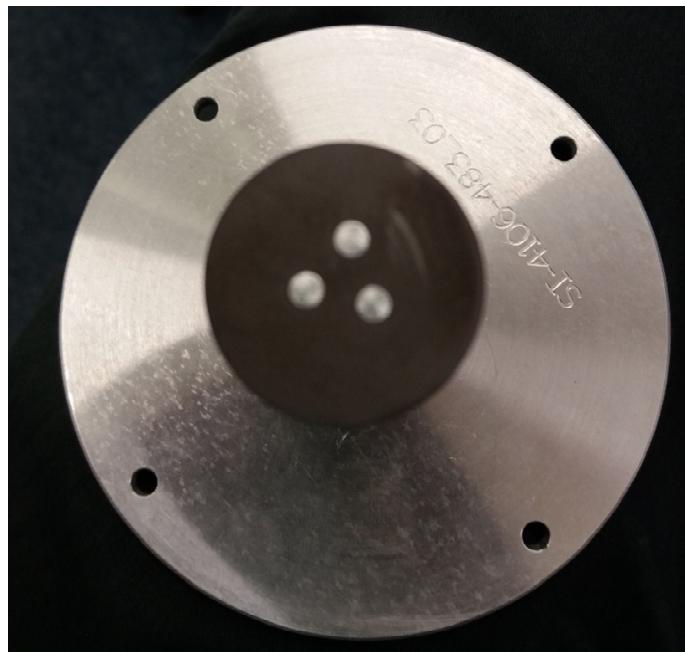
130 keV



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Take slices of elemental composition by varying the momentum



Inverse Randon transform gives the reconstructed image



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Conclusions

- Elemental analysis is possible using negative muons
- Non destructive
- Depth can be easily controlled
- Can measure deep inside a sample
- Sensitive to all elements
- Imaging is possible
- Ideas?



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