





# PEPITES

DEVELOPMENT OF A TRANSPARENT PROFILER  
BASED ON SECONDARY ELECTRONS EMISSION  
FOR CHARGED PARTICLE BEAMS



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# From Motivation To Specification & Strategy

## Goals :



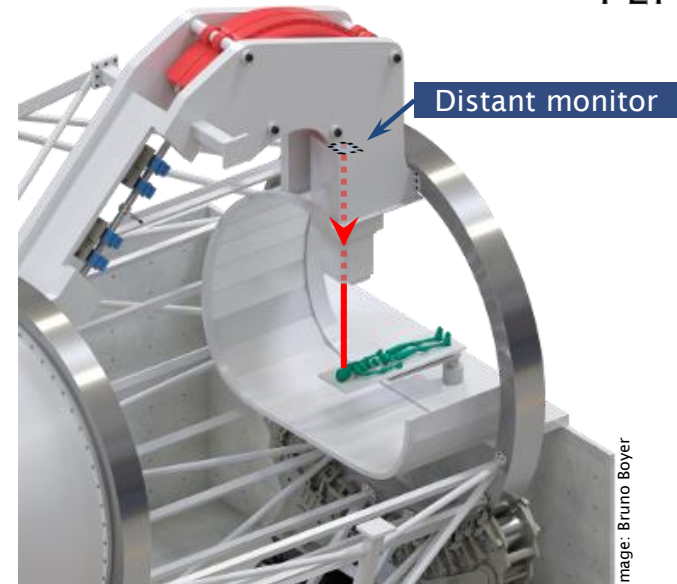
**Beam minimal perturbation**  
→ Material budget < 10  $\mu\text{m}$  WET



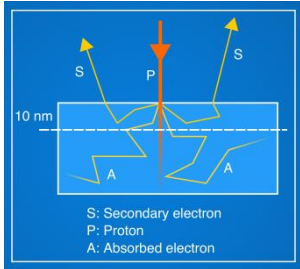
**Minimum deposited dose  $10^8$  Gy**  
→ Radioresistance

## Strategy:

- Development of a **fully working prototype** for routine operation at **ARRONAX** cyclotron, to operate from  $O(< 1\text{pA})$  to 10 nA, continuous proton beams
  - Experience to go on hadrontherapy machines
  - **End of project planned for June 2022 !**
- → PEPITES (Profileur à Electrons secondaires Pour Ions ThérapeutiquES)
- **In addition** : build a complete spare monitor, to experiment in various places



## Monitor Principles



### Signal

Secondary Electrons Emission (SEE) :

- **Surface process** (few nm)
- **Very linear** with beam current
- Low energy  $e^-$  (few eV)  
→ Need to work in vacuum
- Rate proportional to  $dE/dx$   
→ High signal = high Z → Au

### Substrate

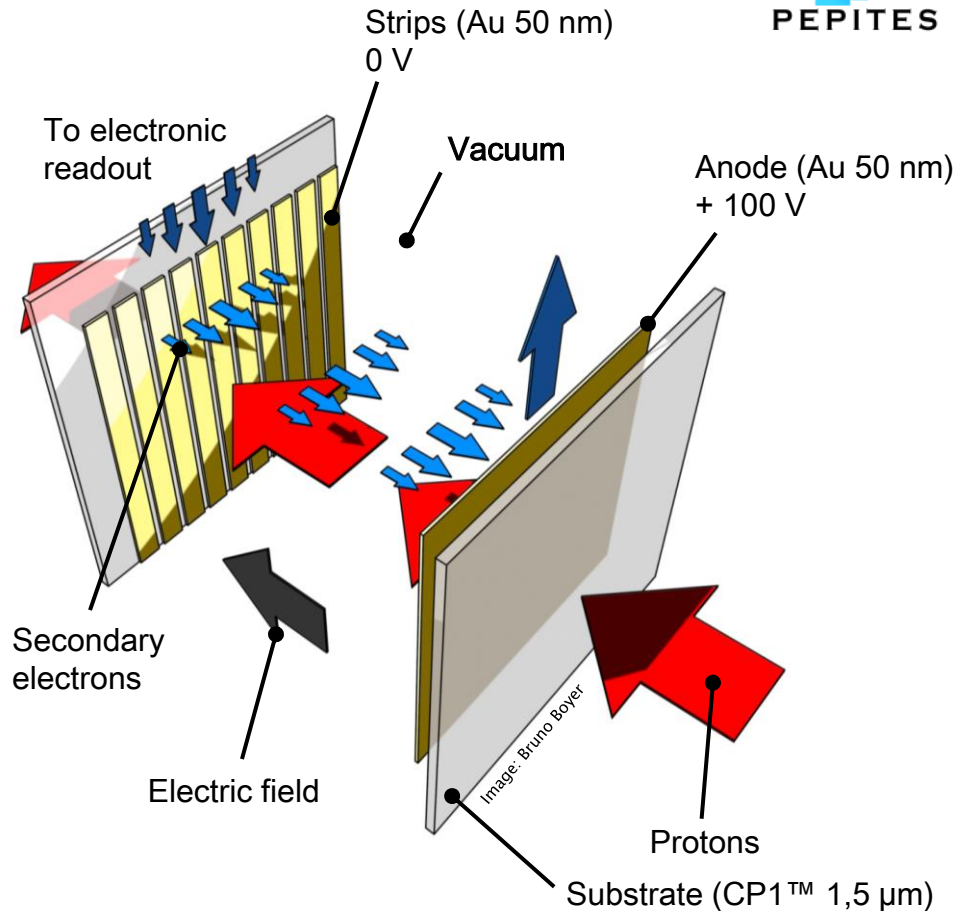
CP1™ (Colorless Polyimide) :

- Thermostable
- Radioresistant
- Developed for solar sails !

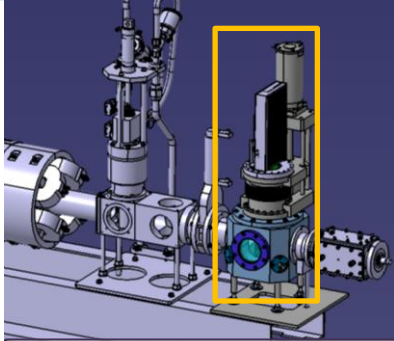
### Fabrication

Thin film techniques

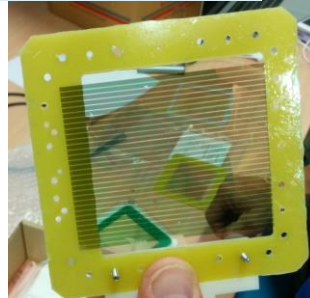
- Chemical Vapor Deposition (CVD)



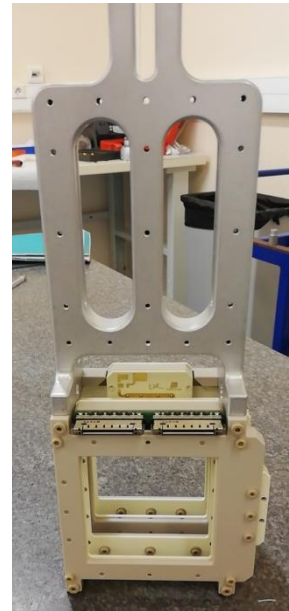
## Pictures & Status



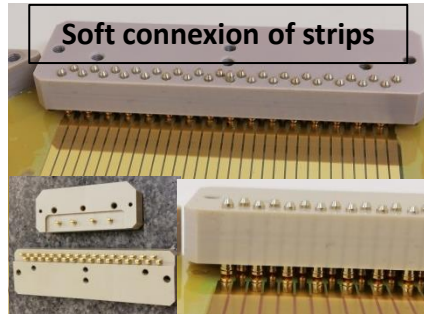
Sketch of final system, on ARRONAX beam line



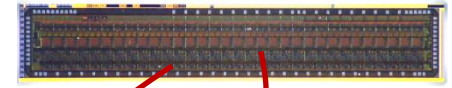
Strip plan (CP1™ 1,5  $\mu\text{m}$ ), 32 strips (Au 50 nm, 1.65 mm wide, 2 mm pitch)



Test mounting of sensitive area & its support



Soft connexion of strips



Read-out ASIC & host board.  
Tests starting in few days !

**June 2022 goal : assemble the system & measure beam profiles...**  
**Later : measure ion beam profile with spare detector ?**



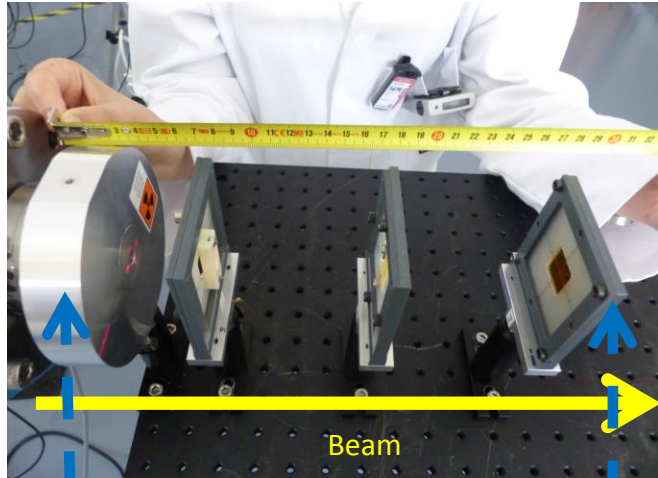
First part of real system installed (Feb. 2021)

# Additional content

# Test Beam

## Radiations studies

Kapton 8 $\mu$ m irradiation with H<sup>+</sup> beam 68 MeV @ ARRONAX



Collimator

Sample holder

### Characteristics of irradiation:

- I beam: 150 -200 nA
- Dose: 0,5, 1 et 10 MGy

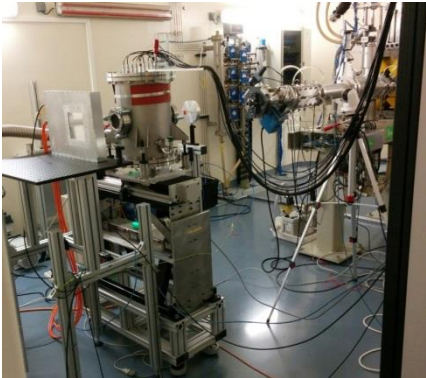
### Samples analysis:

- Spectroscopy UV-Visible (structural defects)
- Scanning electron microscopy (surface condition analysis)

- Preliminary results show slight change in optical properties for the 10 MGy sample.
- The study will continue with new irradiations of Kapton and CP1

# Test Beam

## Validation (ARRONAX)



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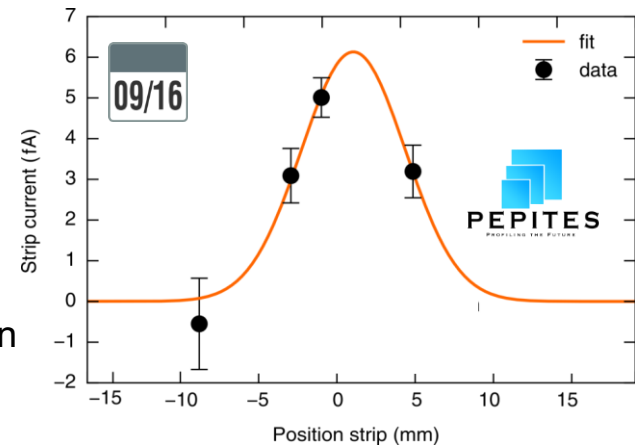
4 strips prototype,  
profiles from 170 fA to 10 nA (proton beam)

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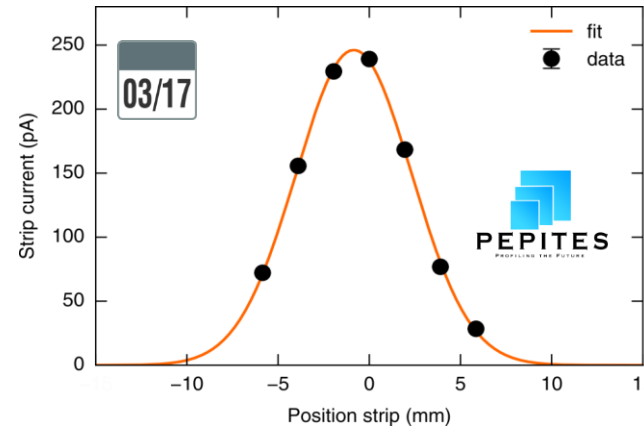
7 strips prototype  
Profiles up to 10 nA (proton beam)

→ PEPITES validated on a wide dynamic range

ARRONAX has no profiler for this beam current range (1- 10 nA).  
Therapeutic beams : 5 nA and more in the future



Protons 60 MeV,  $I_{\text{beam}} = 170 \text{ fA}$



Protons 66 MeV,  $I_{\text{beam}} = 10 \text{ nA}$



# Test Beam

## Signal studies (ARRONAX + CPO)

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SEE rate up to 100 nA  
protons 32, 40, 50 et 68 MeV

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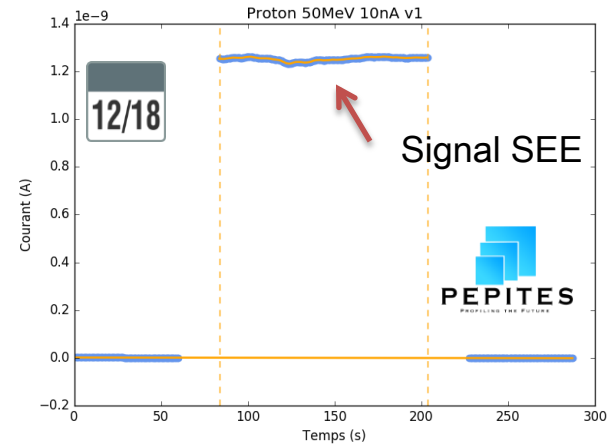
SEE rate up to 100 nA  
protons 32, 40, 50 et 68 MeV  
alpha 68 MeV (17 MeV/u) :  
analyses on-going

04/19

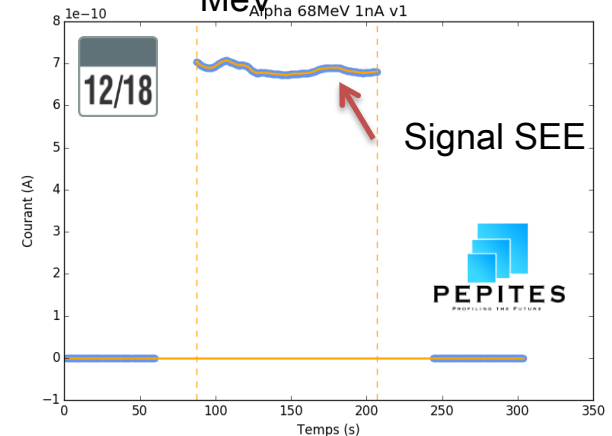
Centre de Protonthérapie d'Orsay  
(CPO), protons 100 to 230 MeV, nA  
beam (therapeutic conditions)

**To be published**

institutCurie



SEE, protons 50  
MeV



SEE, Alpha 68  
MeV

# Test Beam

## Radiations studies

### Laboratoire des Solides Irradiés (LSI)

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Electrons 2 MeV :  $10^7$  Gy

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Electrons 2 MeV :  $10^8$  and  $10^9$  Gy  
25  $\mu$ A for beam current

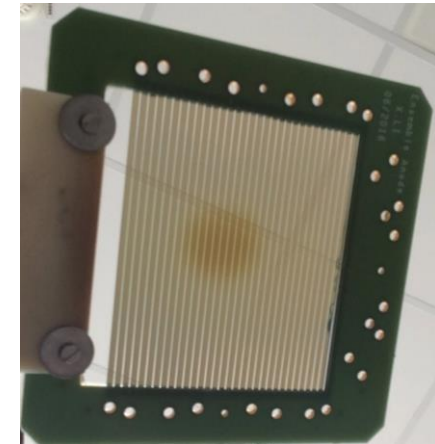
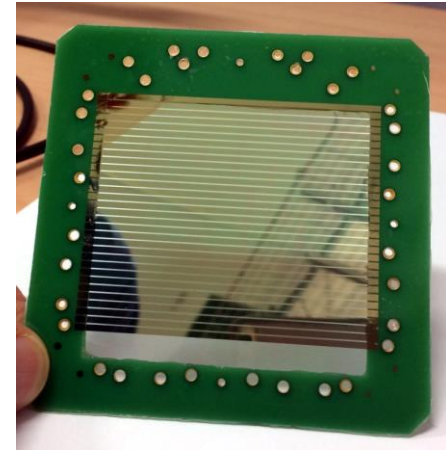
Particle	e- 2 MeV	P 200 keV	P 2 MeV	P 70 MeV	P 230 MeV
dE/dx CP1 (MeV cm <sup>2</sup> /g)	1.6	0.7	140	8.7	3.7

### Centre de Sciences Nucléaires et de Sciences de la Matière (CSNSM)

Protons 2 MeV and 200 keV (nuclear effects important, max interaction at CP1/Au interface) :  $10^8$  Gy

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→ CP1™ validated



Irradiated CP1™ at LSI before/after

## Assets



Membranes in vacuum free from mechanical constraints  
→ **Radio-induced damages of less consequence**



Ultra-thinness

- Low heating from beam
- **Tolerate high beam intensities**



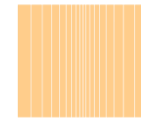
SEE linearity

→ **Wide dynamic range**



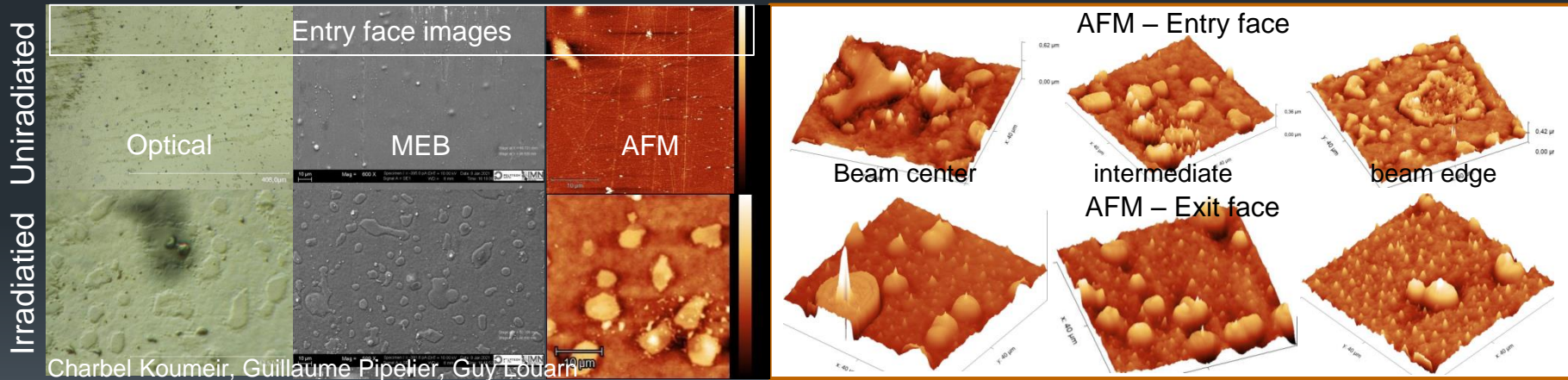
Thin film techniques

- Flexible methods
- **Adaptation to beam specifications**



# Radiation damages (ARRONAX)

- Protocol to characterize material damages under radiation
  - Technics employed : optical microscopy, MEB, infrared (chemical bindings), AFM
- Exercised on Kapton samples, before being applied to CP1
  - Uncoated samples, samples with strips, samples fully metallized



- Further irradiations made or planned (electrons 2 MeV) and CNSM (protons 10 keV - 2 MeV)