

# Thin film coating and Mechanical loss Measurement

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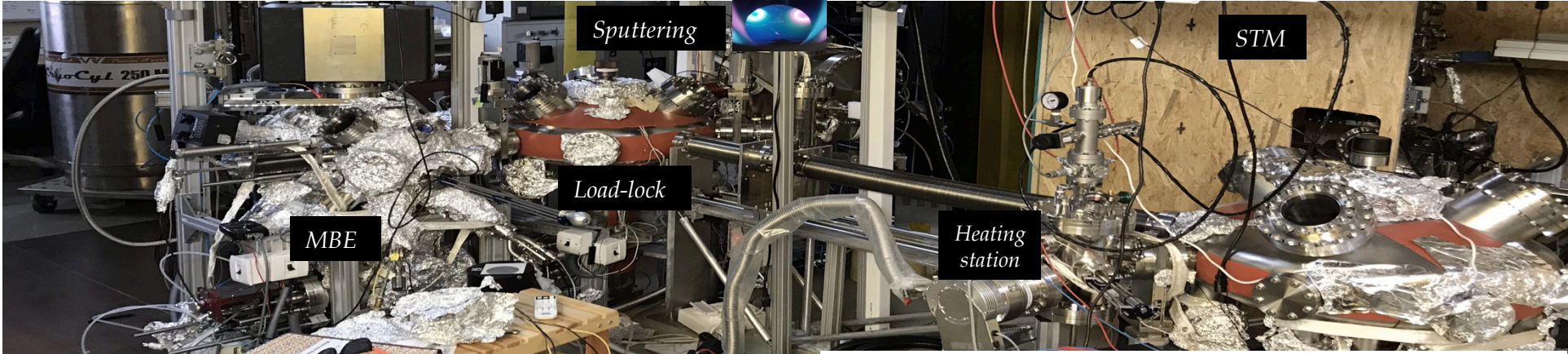
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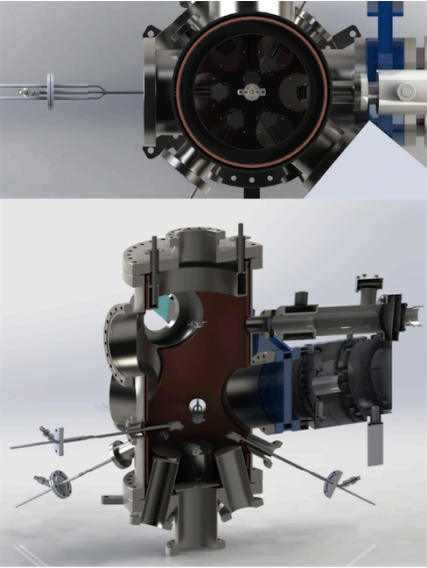
# Condensed Matter Laboratory : Ultra High vacuum cluster line setup



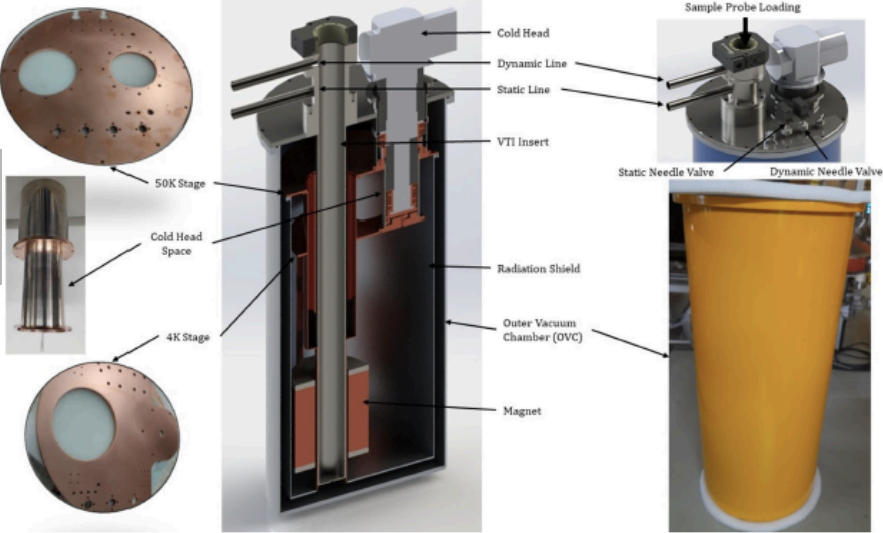
In-house assembly of MBE system Operating at  $5 \times 10^{-10}$  mbar



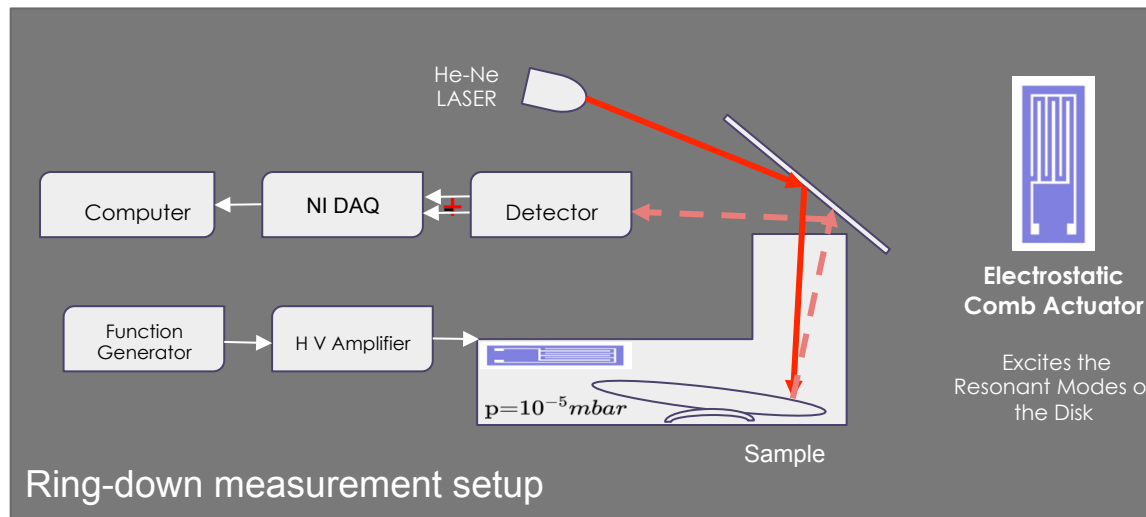
Build our own Knudsen cells



In-house development of cryogenics



# Mechanical Loss measurement setup

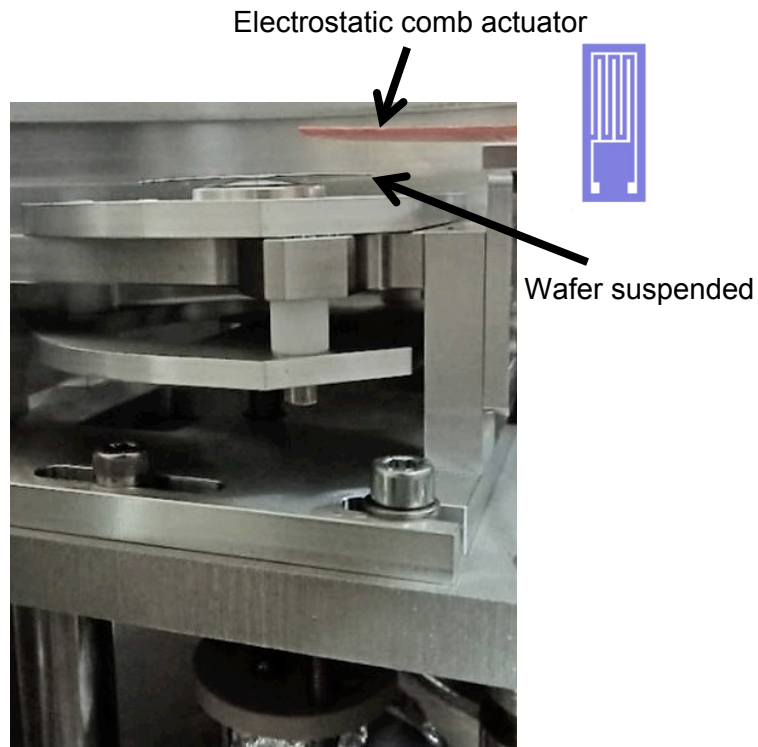


2019 Received from Stuart's group (Paul Hill)

## Working of the Actuator setup

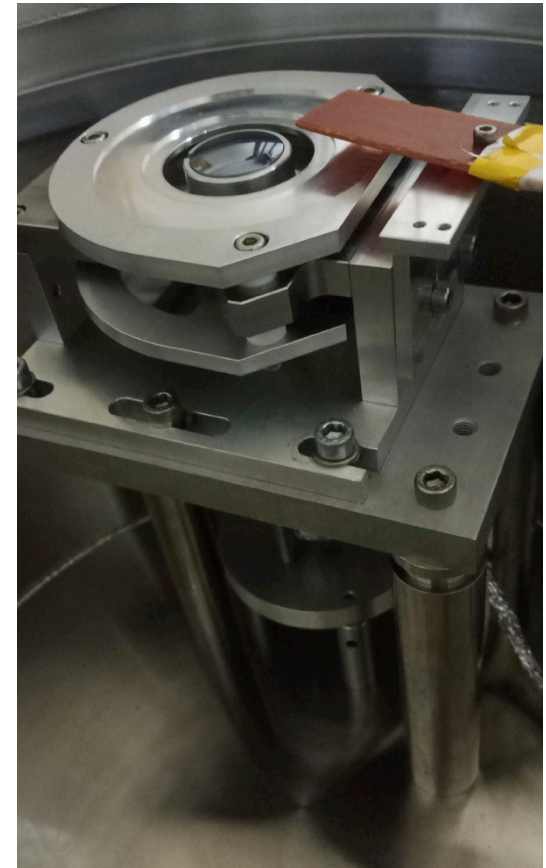


When the Chamber is being pumped



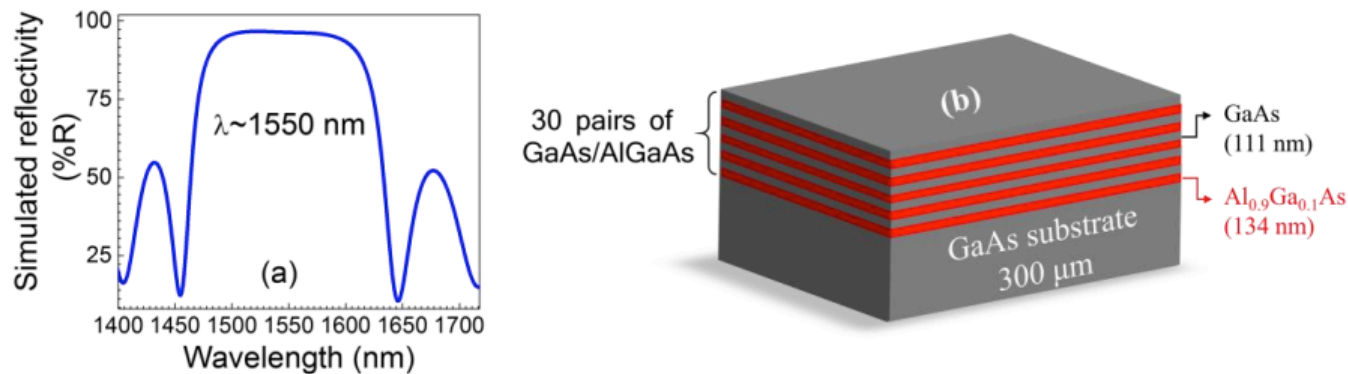
After the Chamber is pumped

Top View of sample stage with actuator



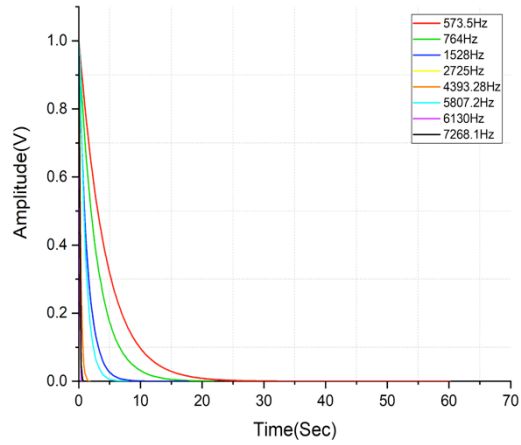
# Testing of monocrystalline AlGaAs/GaAs DBR mirrors from *RRCAT, Indore* *Geetanjali et al*

Films epitaxially grown on (001) oriented GaAs substrate by metal organic vapour phase technique (MOVPE)

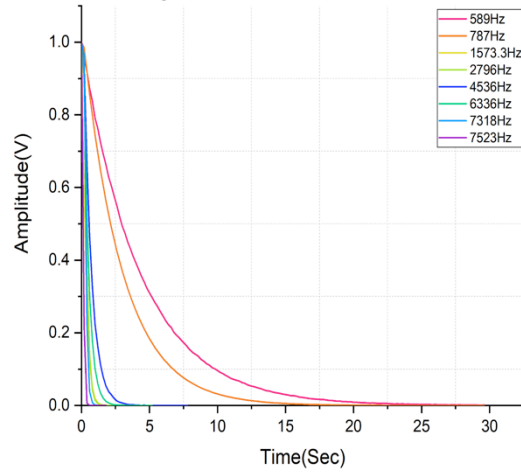


**Figure 1:** (a) Simulated reflectivity curve for of 23 period Al<sub>0.9</sub>Ga<sub>0.1</sub>As/GaAs DBR stack with 134/111 nm thickness (b) Schematic of 30 period AlGaAs/GaAs DBR structure for the photonic stopband around 1550 nm.

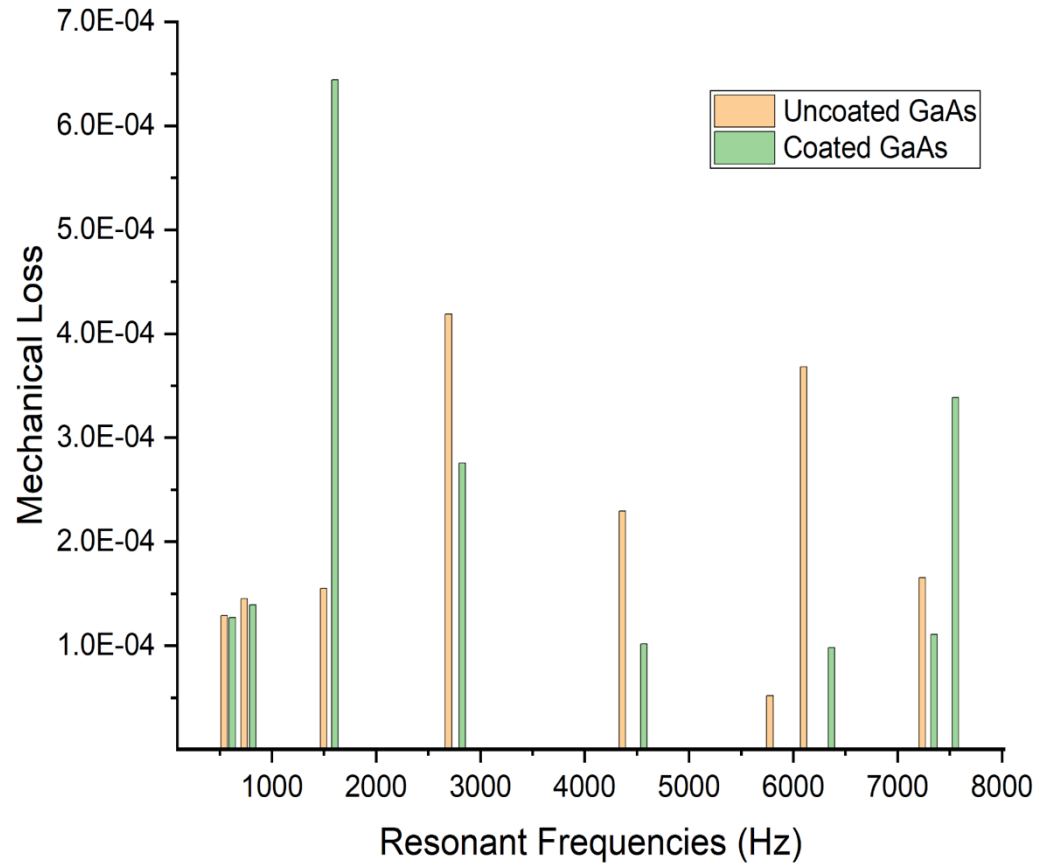
Ring down measurement of Uncoated GaAs Substrate



Ring down measurement of Coated GaAs

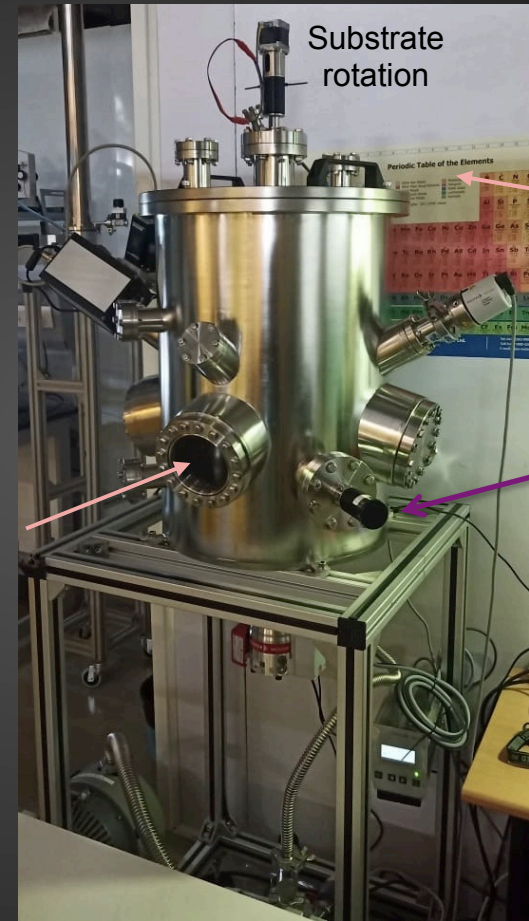
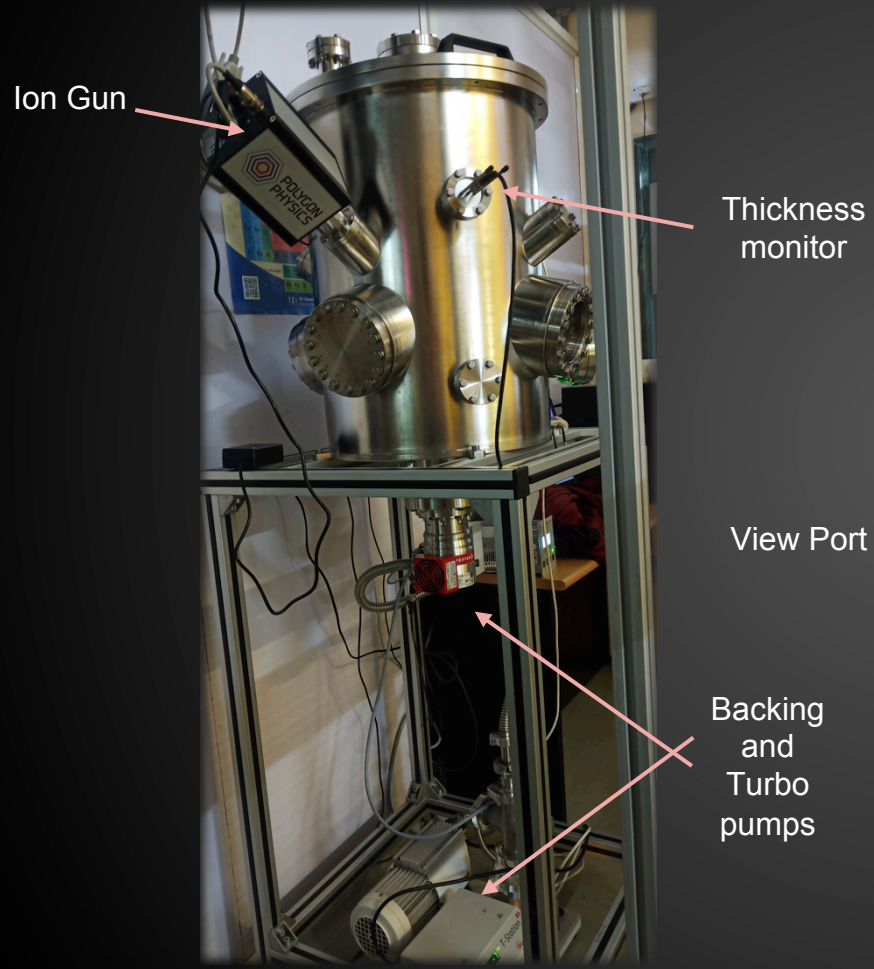


Mechanical Loss of Coated and Uncoated Substrates



# Installation of the Vacuum chamber with ECR gun

Birney et al., PRL 2018



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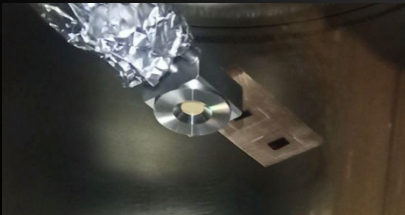
## ECR Gun : under operation

Operating pressure:  
 $1 \times 10^{-4}$  mbar to  $5 \times 10^{-5}$  mbar



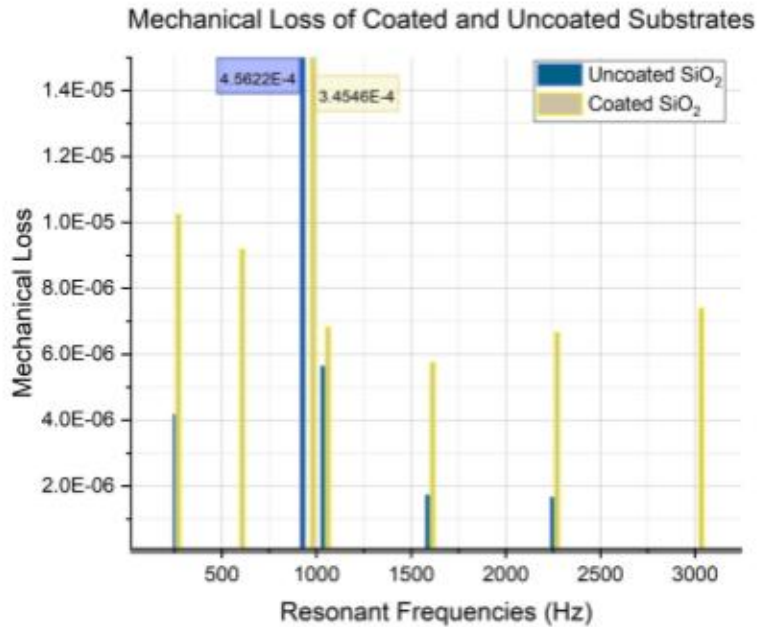
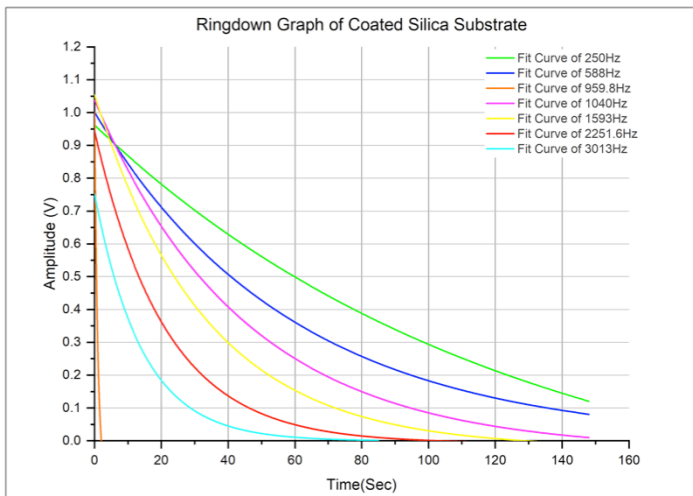
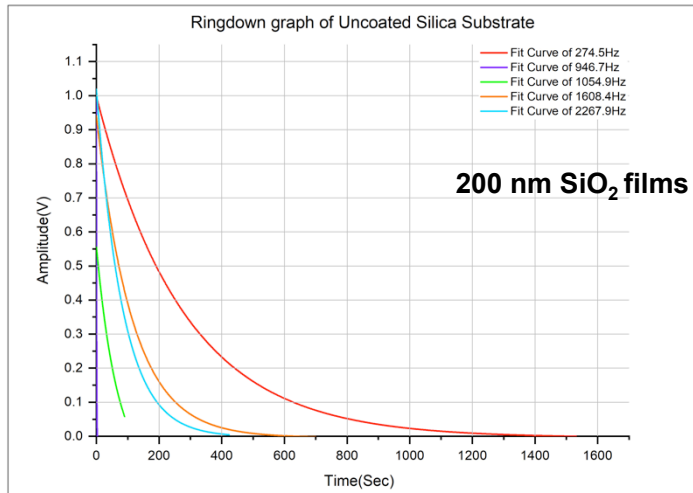
First beam focusing on the  
Silica target

Thickness calibrated using QCM



Shaping the beam by controlling Einzel Voltage





Work under progress:

- Installation of the Annealing station facility
- Structural and optical analysis of the films using spectrophotometer and XRD

## Expansion of the Coating Center at TIFR Hyderabad

