

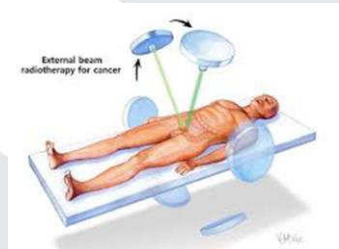
# Ion Beam Dosimetry

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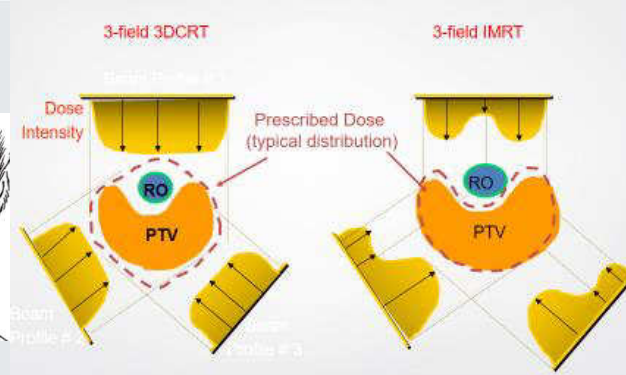
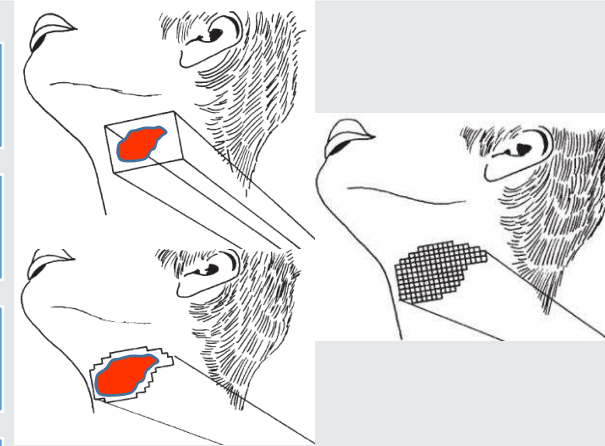
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# Radiotherapy



External Radiotherapy

- Conventional /2DRT
- 3DCRT
- IMRT/VMAT (RapidArc)
- SRS/SRT (Intracranial tumour)
- SBRT/Ablative RT (Extracranial Tumour)
- Hadron/Particle Therapy Proton/Carbon



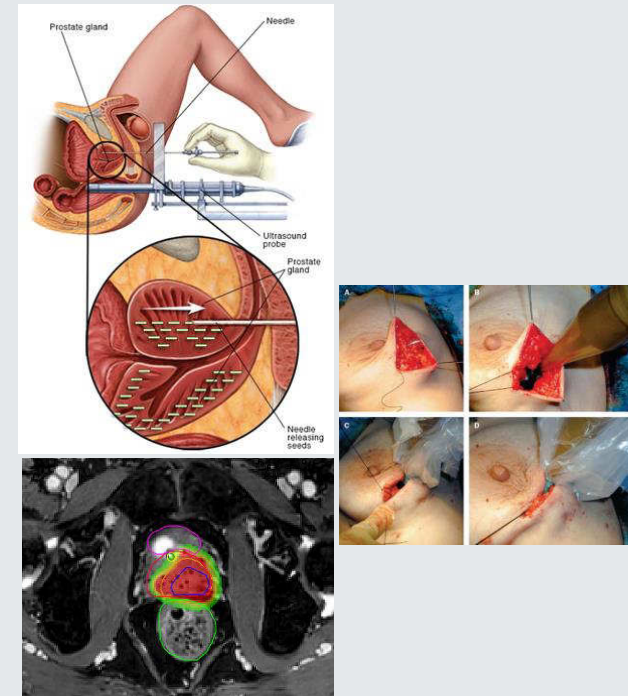
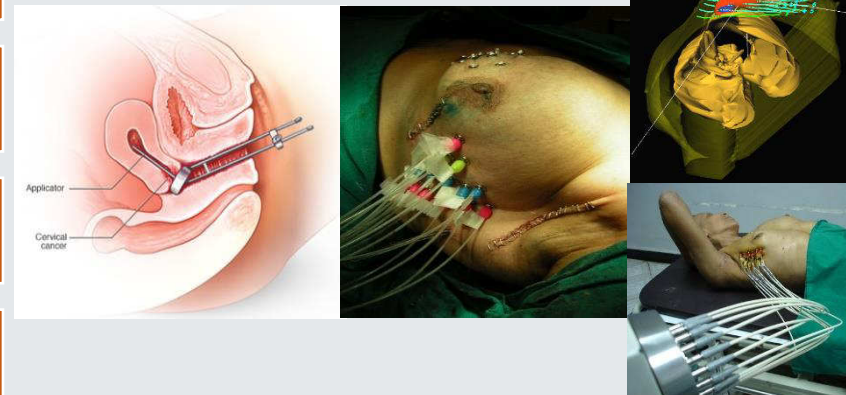
Relatively large tumour  
1.8-2.5 Gy/Frs in 20-35 Frs

Relatively small tumour  
12-80 Gy in single Fr  
5-20 Gy/Fr in 3-s

Brachytherapy

- Intracavitary
- Intraluminal
- Interstitial
- Intraoperative RT

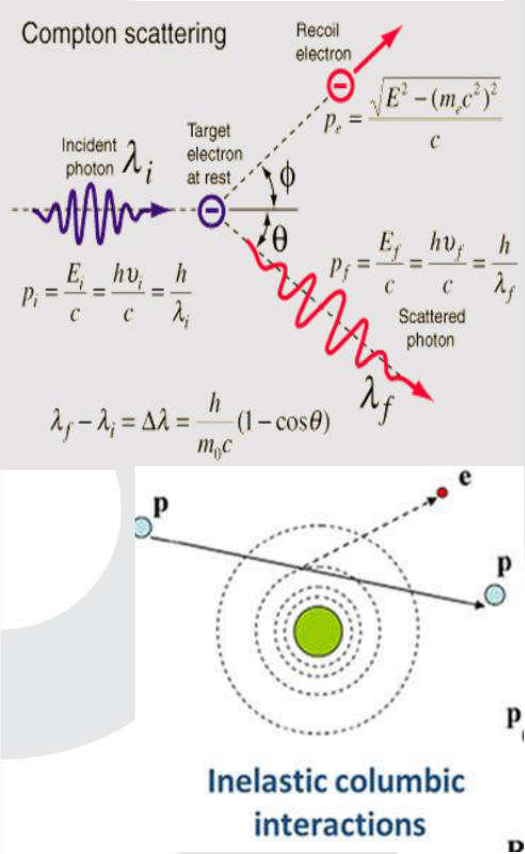
Use as sole modality Or + EXRT; 1-10 Frs



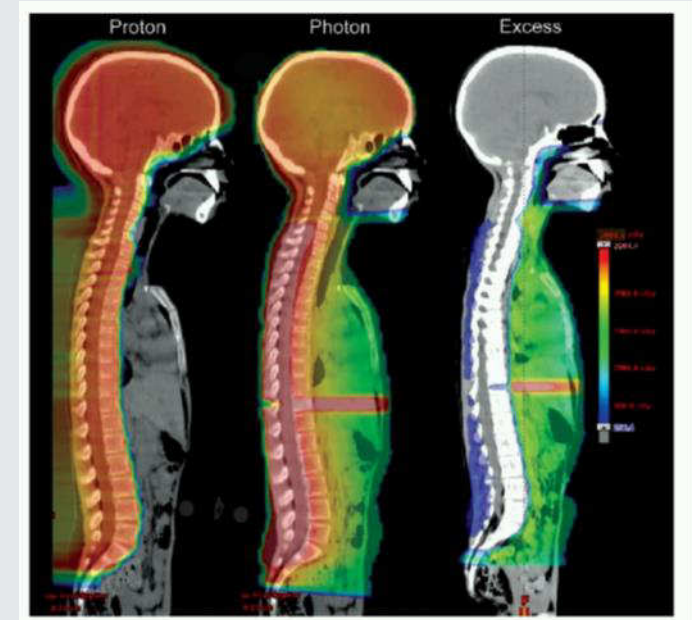
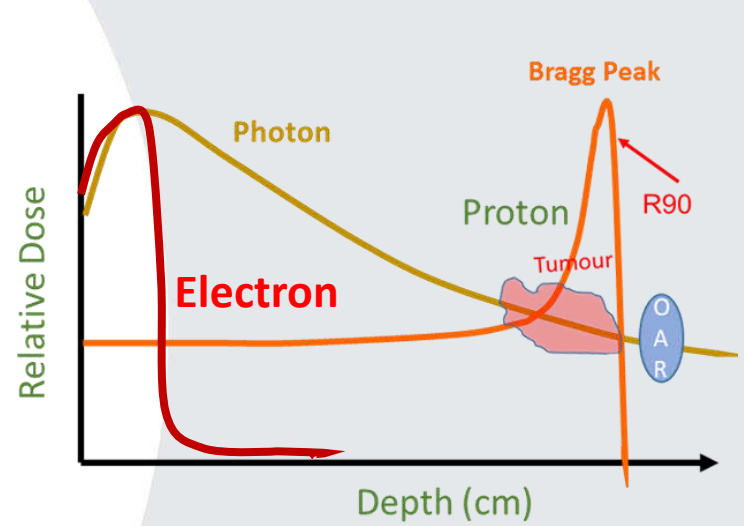
# Radiation Delivery System: MeV X-rays



# Rational for Proton beam therapy



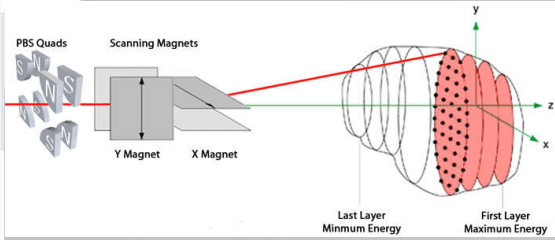
## 1. Depth Dose Characteristics

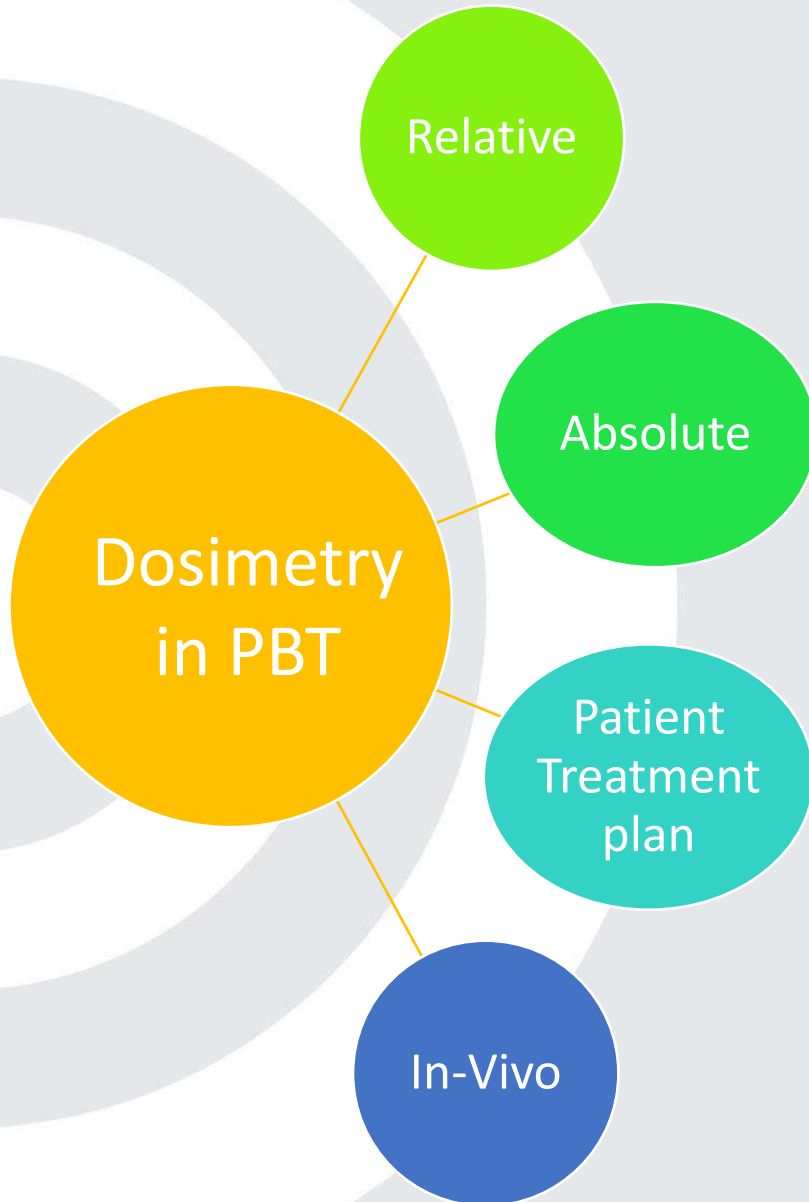


- Dosimetric advantage
  - better target conformity
  - reduction of OAR & integral dose
  - Possibility of dose escalation
- Better tumour control
- Reduced acute and late toxicity
- Improve quality of life
- Lower risk of induced disorders (e.g. Secondary cancers or child growth abnormalities etc)

$$\frac{-dE}{dx} = 4 \pi N_A r_e^2 \frac{m_e c^4}{v^2} \frac{Z^2}{A} \rho \left[ \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{2 \gamma^2 \beta^2 m_e c^2 E_{max}}{I_0^2} \right) \right] - \beta^2 - \frac{\epsilon}{2} - \frac{\delta(\beta\gamma)}{2}$$

# Proton therapy : How it work





- Requirements are specific to beam delivery techniques
  - Double scattering (DS)
  - Uniform scanning (US)
  - Pencil beam scanning (PBS)
- PBS at Apollo Proton Cancer Centre
- Identify vital beam parameters which influence dosimetric properties
- ICRU 78 identified parameters for broad beam pertaining to DS, US & PBS
- AAPM TG-224; 2019
- AAPM TG-185; 2020

TOPICAL REVIEW

**Dosimetry for ion beam radiotherapy**

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**Table 1.** Detectors for absorbed dose applied in ion beam radiotherapy.

Detector	Advantage	Disadvantage	Application in ion RT
Calorimeter	Direct dose measurement	High effort, knowledge of chemical heat defect and thermal heat conduction required	Potential primary standard in the future, $k_Q$ measurements
Ionization chamber	High accuracy and reproducibility, small LET and energy dependence, easy to handle, many chamber types for different applications	Corrections for deviation from calibration conditions required, incomplete knowledge of corrections (chamber dependent)	Reference dosimetry, commissioning, dosimetric QA, dose verification, beam monitoring
Films	High spatial resolution, 2D measurement	LET and energy dependence, dose cannot be obtained from optical density in mixed fields, off-line analysis required	Measurement of lateral dose profiles, beam widths, field geometry and homogeneity, documentation of beam ports
Radiographic films	Stability after development	Nonlinear response, daylight sensitivity, stable developing conditions required	
Radiochromic films	Linear response, no daylight sensitivity, self-developing, less LET- and energy dependent	Complex evaluation protocols, long term self-development, mechanical sensitivity	

**Table 1.** Detectors for absorbed dose applied in ion beam radiotherapy.

Detector	Advantage	Disadvantage	Application in ion RT
Other detectors			Mostly experimental investigations
Silicon diode and diamond	High spatial resolution, high signal, electronic read-out	LET, dose rate and energy dependence	Lateral profile measurements
TLD	High spatial resolution	LET and energy dependence, off-line evaluation	Point measurements, <i>in vivo</i> dosimetry
OSL detector	High spatial resolution, linear response, repeated electronic read-out	LET and energy dependence	Point measurements, profiles
Alanine detector	Nearly water-equivalent, linear response	LET and energy dependence, off-line evaluation with electron spin resonance	Point measurements
Scintillating screen	High 2D spatial resolution, linear intensity-independent response, electronic read-out	LET and energy dependence, large device	1D/2D distributions, field homogeneity, beam width, dose verification
Amorphous silicon detector	High 2D spatial resolution, linear response, electronic read-out	LET and energy dependence, potential radiation damage, expensive	1D/2D distributions, field homogeneity, beam analysis

Blue Phantom<sup>2</sup>



Lynx<sup>PT</sup>



Giraffe



MatriXX<sup>PT</sup>



Commissioning

Machine QA

Patient QA

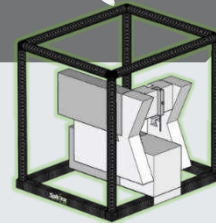
- FC 65 P IC
- PPC 05
- CC13 IC
- CC01 IC
- SFD



Stingray



Zebra



Sphinx<sup>PT</sup>

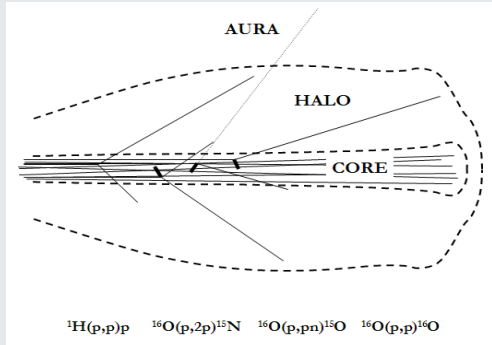
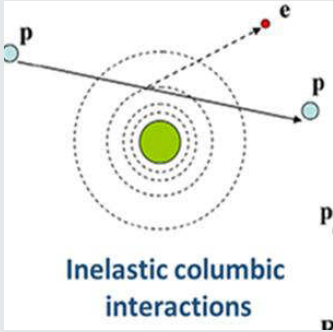


DigiPhant<sup>PT</sup>

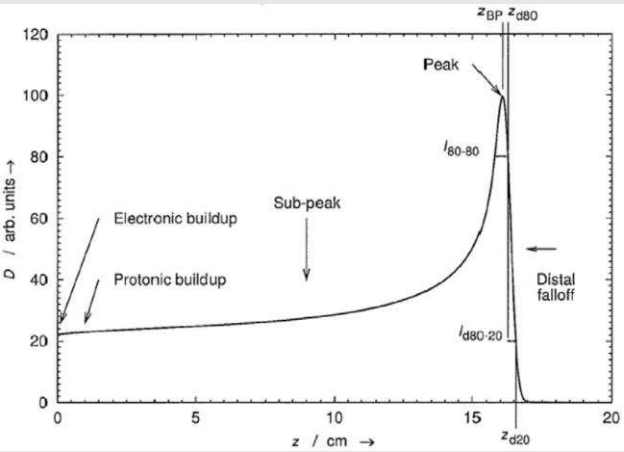
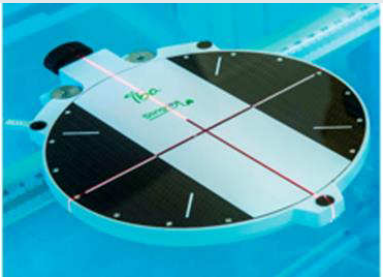


# IDD/Pristine Bragg Peak:

- Scanning water Phantom & PPC
- Recommended detector
  - Small chamber in large field
  - Large diameter PPC in pencil beam
  - intercept all primary protons and secondary products in the beam



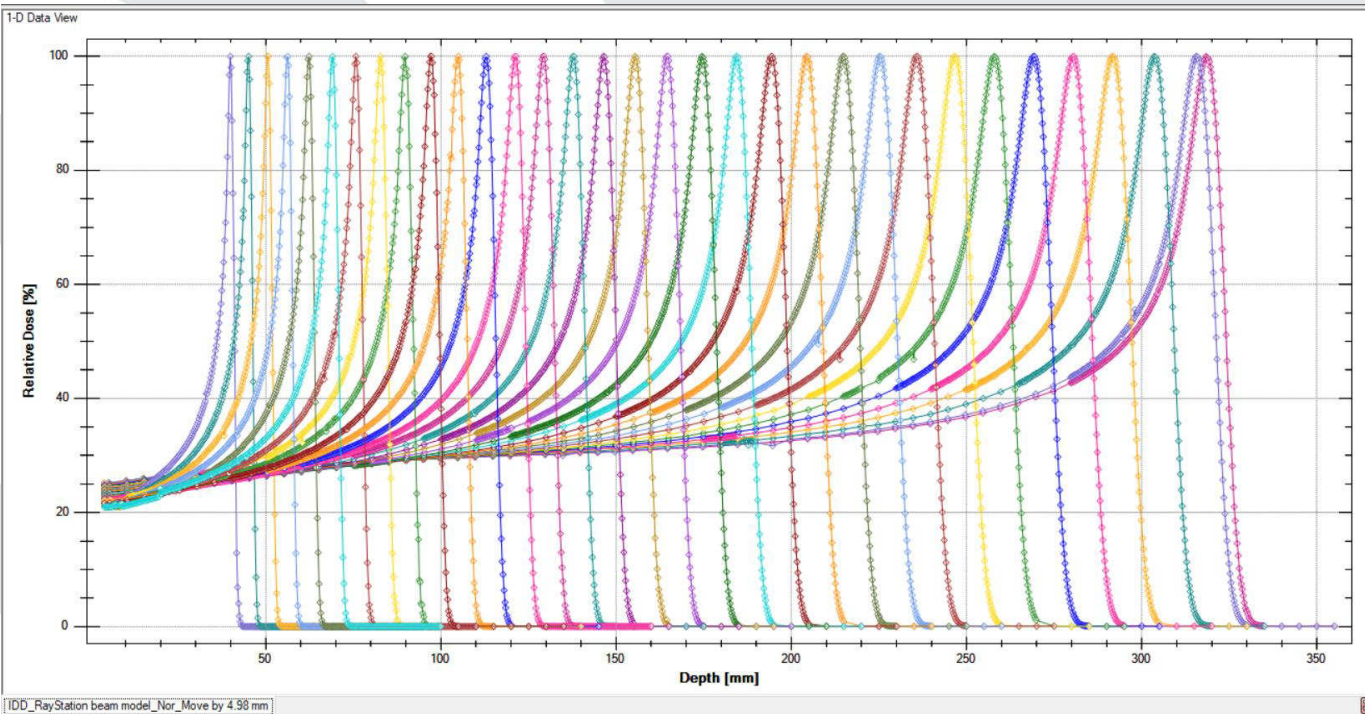
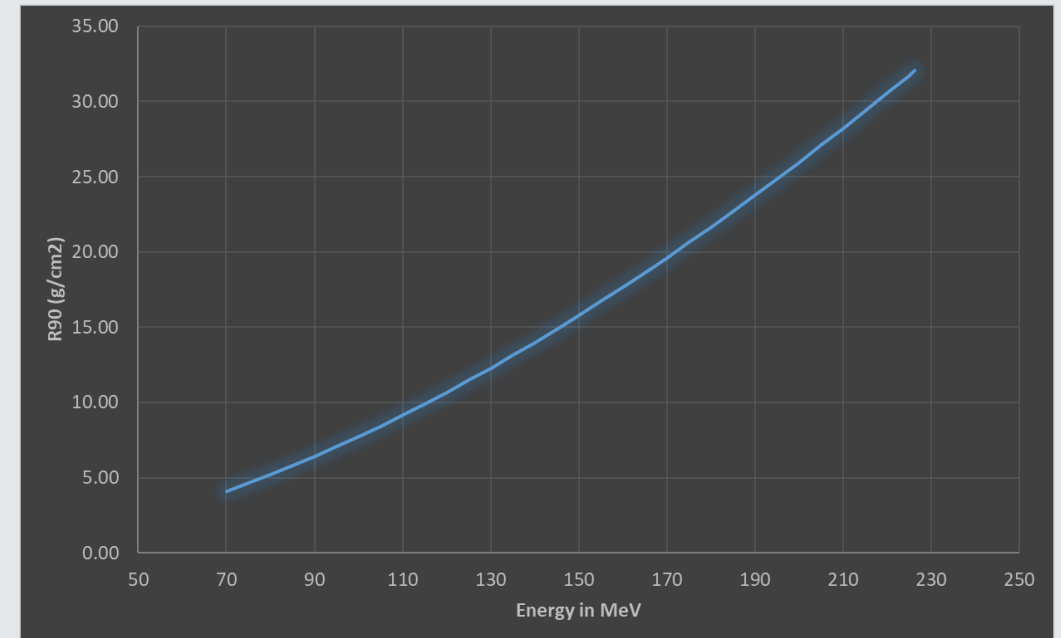
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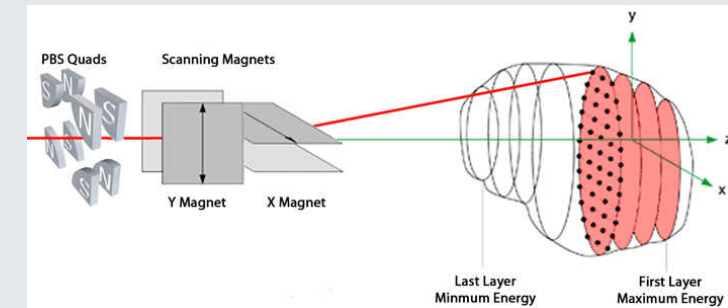
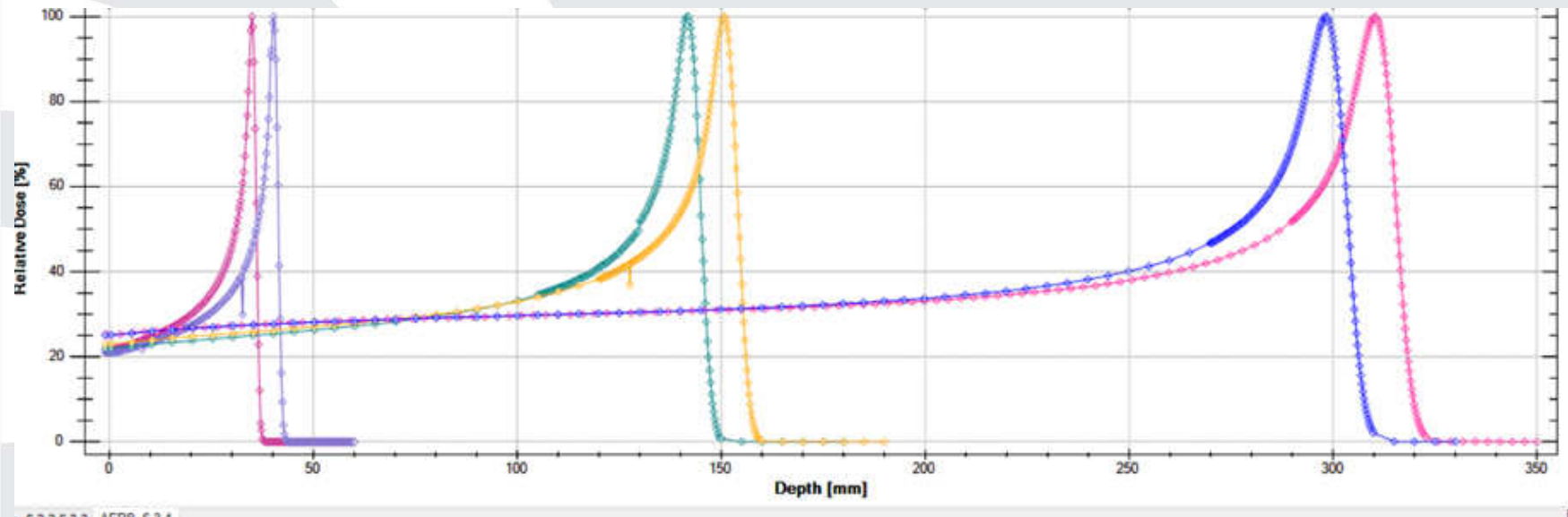
- Range (g/cm<sup>2</sup>):
  - Distal R90%
  - Proximal R90%
- Pristine Bragg peak width :
  - Distal 80%-proximal 80%
- Distal Fall off
  - Distal (R80-R20)

# Normalized IDD : 226 – 70 MeV @ 5 MeV interval

## Energy vs Range (R90) in g/cm<sup>2</sup>



# Pull back accuracy



IDD measurement using water Phantom & PPC

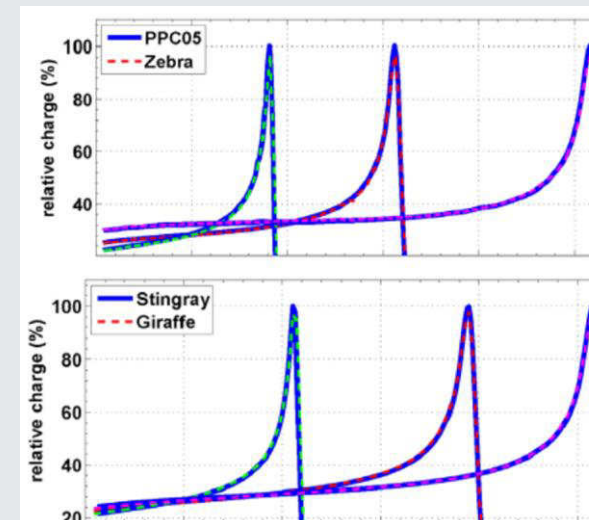
- Highly accurate
- Require Extensive time
- Mainly use for commissioning, annual QA & after major intervention

# IDD: Multi-layer ionization chambers (MLIC)

## Technical Comparison

	Zebra	Giraffe
Application	Broad beam	Single spot
Electrode Diameter	2.5 cm signal pad	12 cm signal pad
Number of chambers	180 chambers	
Pitch	2 mm	
Typical Sensitivity	~14.76 nC/Gy	~247 nC/Gy
Charge Resolution	100 fC/count	200 fC/count
Bias Voltage	- 85V	-150 V
Energy Range	Up to 33cm WET	
Scattering	✓	
Uniform Scanning	✓	
PBS	✓	✓

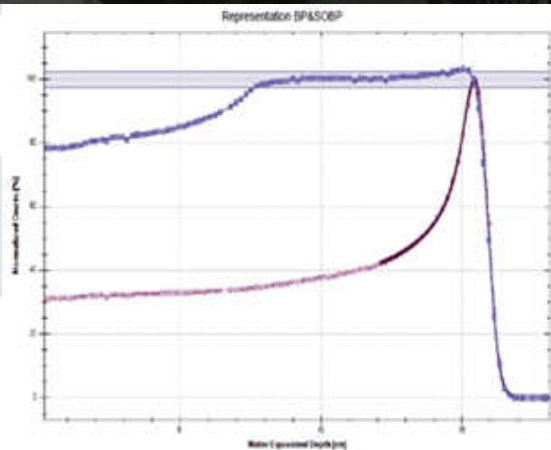
## Zebra Vs Giraffe



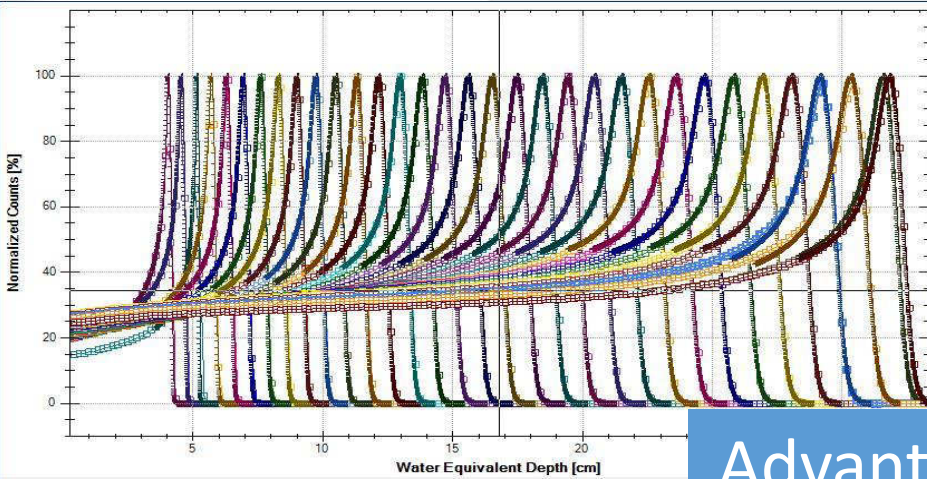
# IDD : Zebra



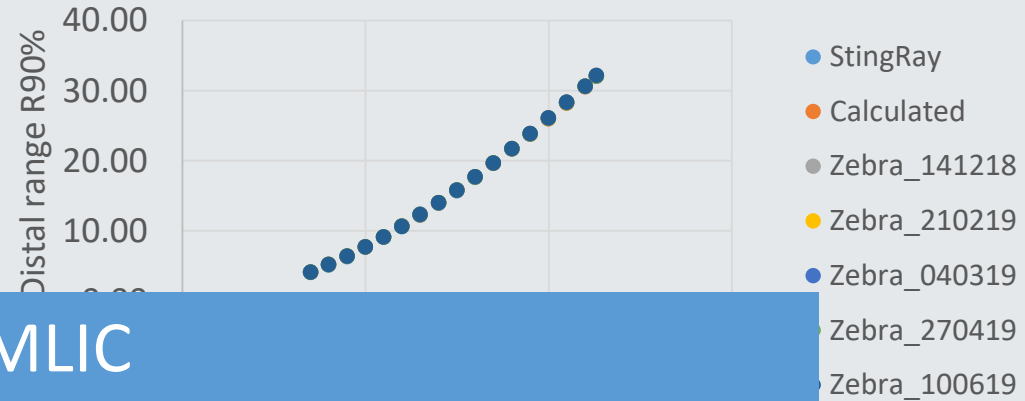
- Calibration wrt to
  - water phantom measured IDD for maximum proton energy using PPC05
  - IDD measurement with Zebra for 4 arbitrarily chosen energy
- Range
- SOBP
  - Distal R80-ProximalR80



# Accuracy of Zebra for range measurement:

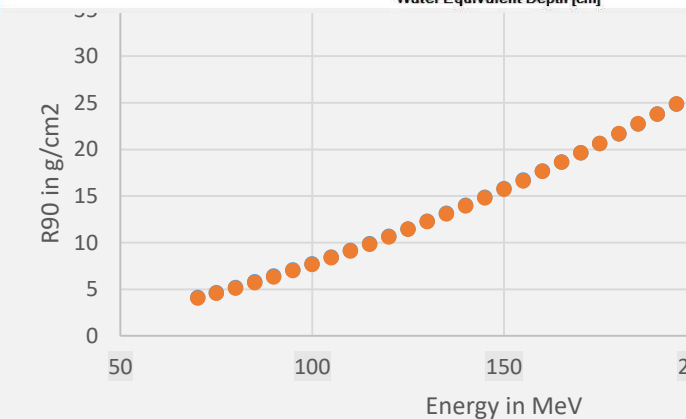


R90% measured in different month



## Advantage of MLIC

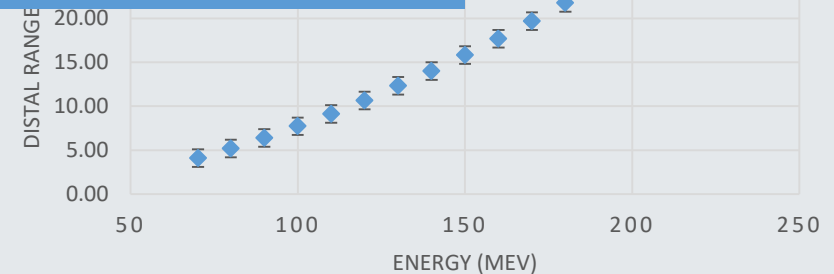
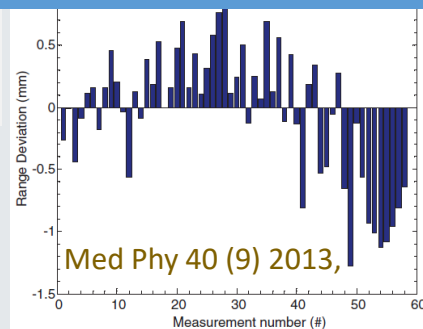
- RFA set-up & dismantle time 1.5 hr
- Zebra 30 min
- 15 min / PDD in RFA
- 40 Sec / PDD in Zebra
- Zebra is a fast and accurate device for QA of IDD



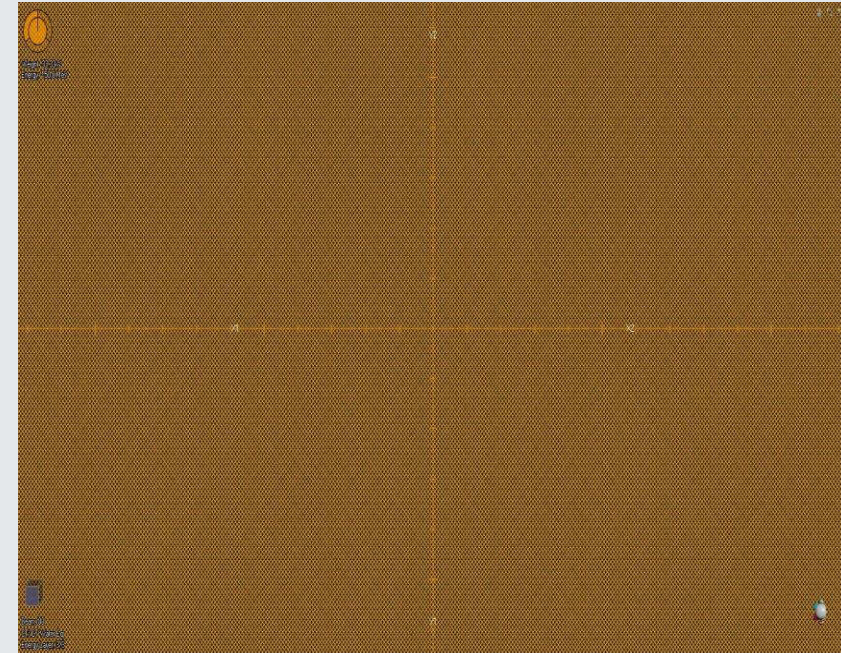
● StingRay PPC ● Zebra MLIC

## Accuracy

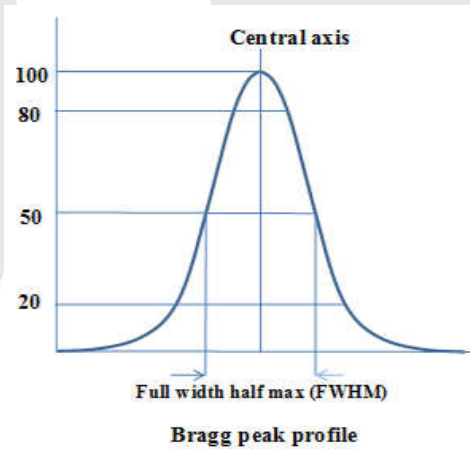
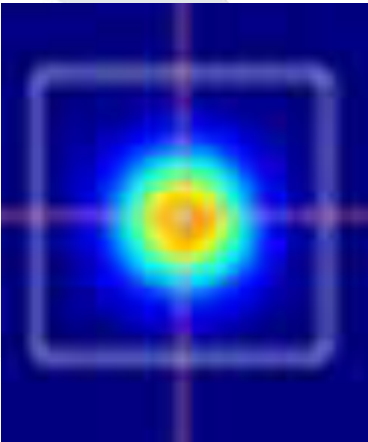
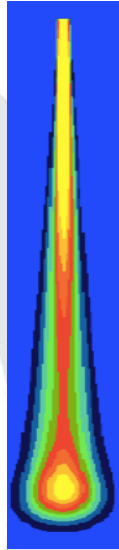
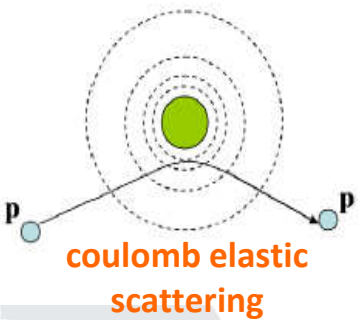
- Max Range deviation between Zebra & StingRay : 1.1 mm
- In agreement with published data



- Small field in nature
- Smallest field size : 1 spot  
(Spot sigma 3 mm)
- Maximum field size : 35X40  
cm<sup>2</sup>
- Dosimetry
  - Relative
  - Absolute





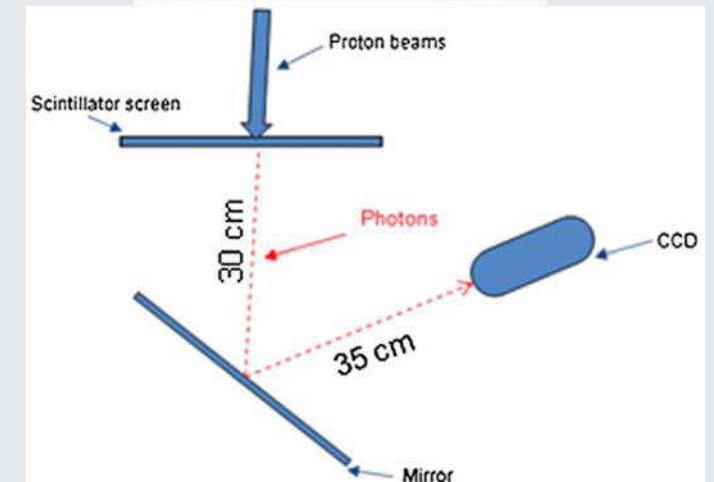


- Spot position
- Spot size (FWHM/Spot sigma as 67%)
- Lateral penumbra (80%-20%)
- Recommend high resolution detector
  - Small volume ionization chamber ( $\approx 0.1$  cc)
  - Silicon Diodes
  - Gafchromic EBT Film
  - Time and labour intensive
  - Energy dependence specially for diodes & EBT film
- 2D linear detector Array
  - IMatrixx
  - Limited spatial resolution



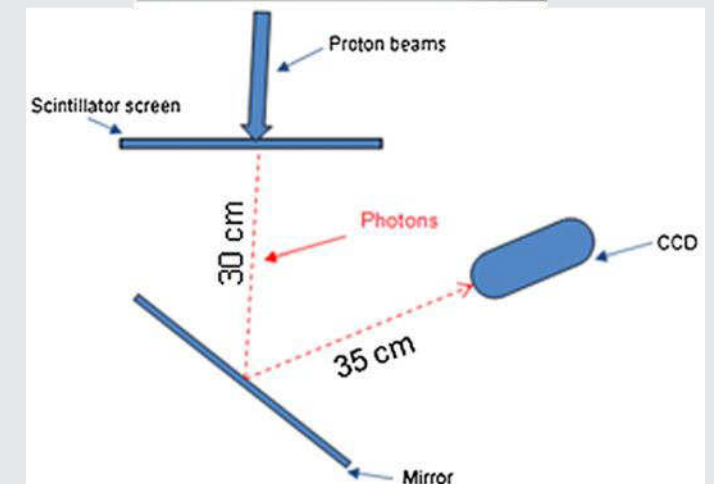
# Scintillation detector (Lynx)

- 2-D high-resolution scintillation based system
- Consists of a
  - scintillating screen of gadolinium-based plastic material (0.4 mm thickness), coupled with
  - CCD camera, in a compact light-tight box.
- Detector active surface area of  $30 \times 30 \text{ cm}^2$
- Effective spatial resolution of 0.5 mm.
- Iris setting 0-100. Recommended  $>20$
- Acquires data in 10-bit format



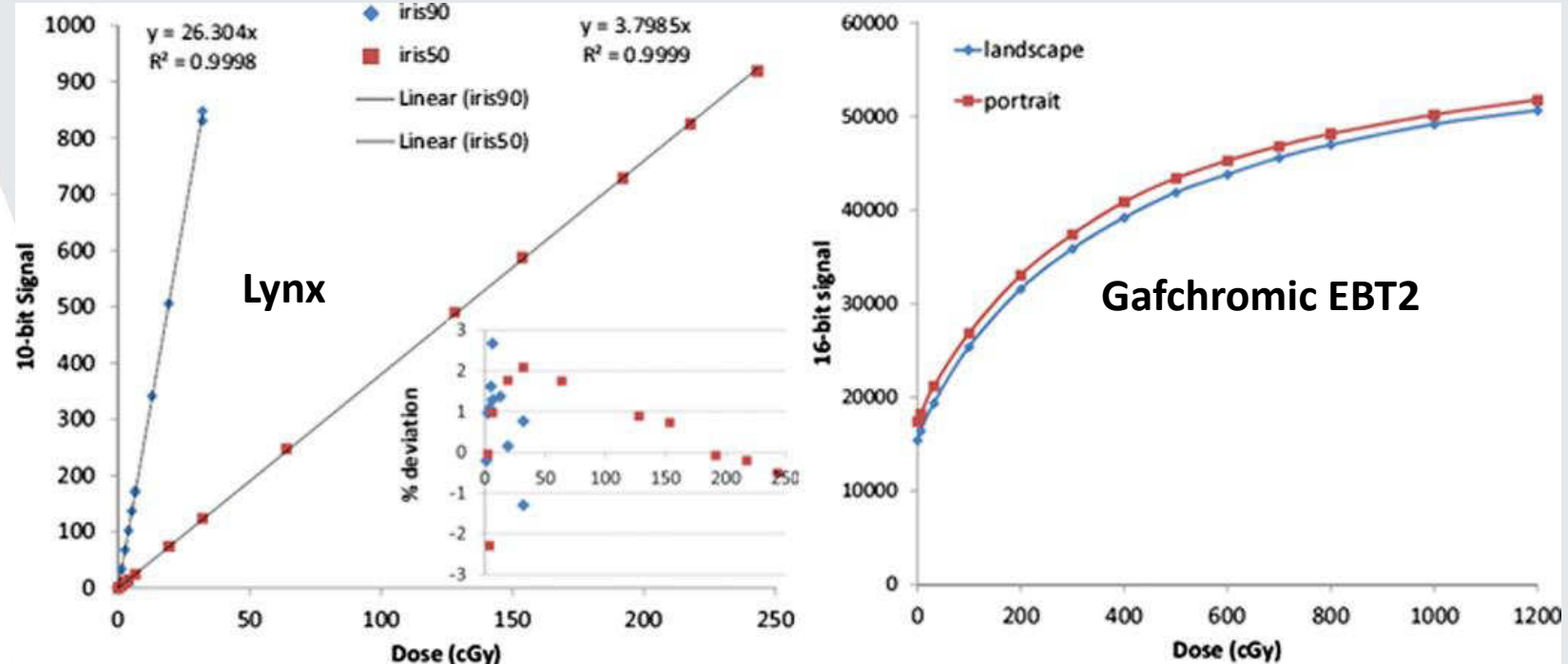
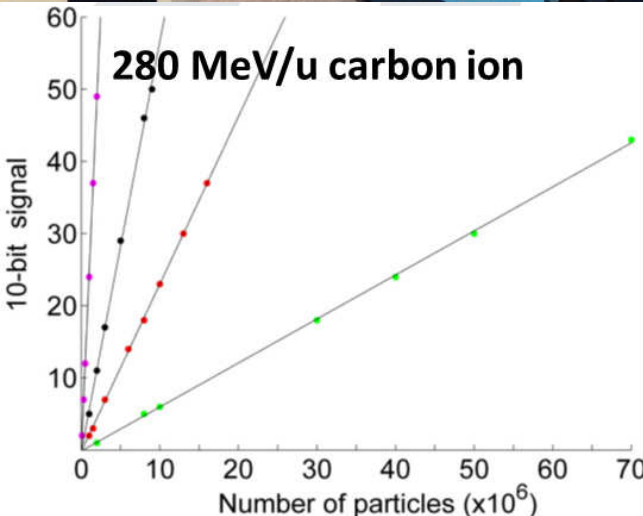
# Scintillation detector (Lynx)

- Principal: Scintillating screen converts the energy lost by the incoming radiation into photons (green light, 540 nm wavelength) which are reflected by a mirror and collected by the photodiodes of the CCD camera.
- Raw data from CCD is corrected for
  - Image deformation
  - Background
    - thermal &
    - communication noises of the camera
- Non-uniform pixels intensity response
- Median filter to reduce intensity variation between each pixel and neighbour



# Characterization of Lynx for PBS

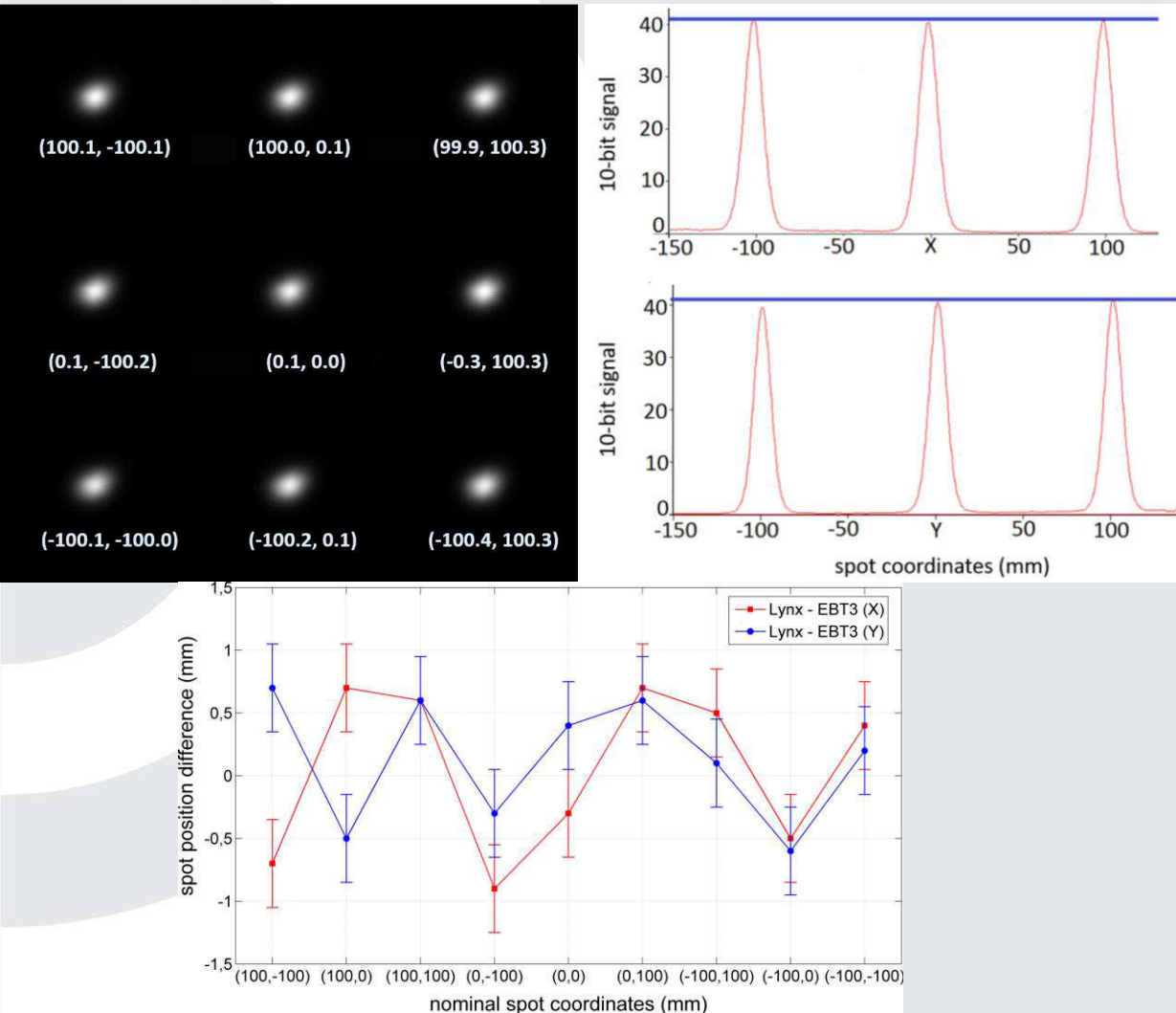
115 MeV Proton beam



- Signal linearity with MU is better 3% even in the lowest dose
- Iris 90 is 7 times sensitive than iris 50

Phy Med Bio 58; 2013  
Physica Medica 2017

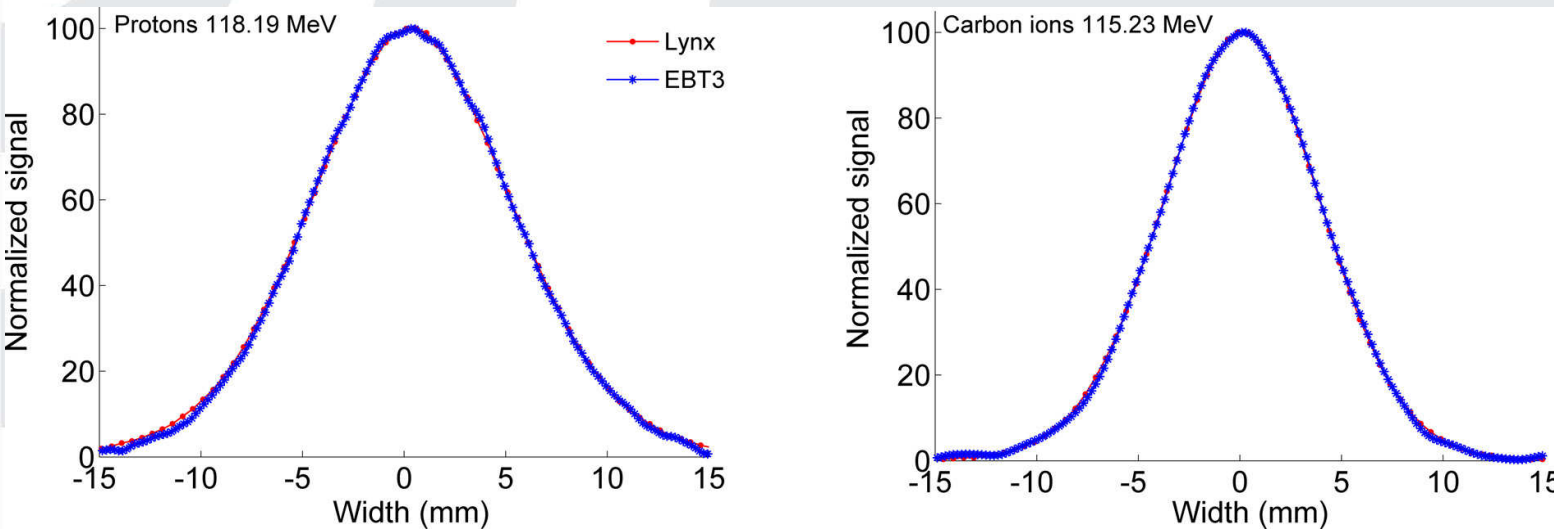
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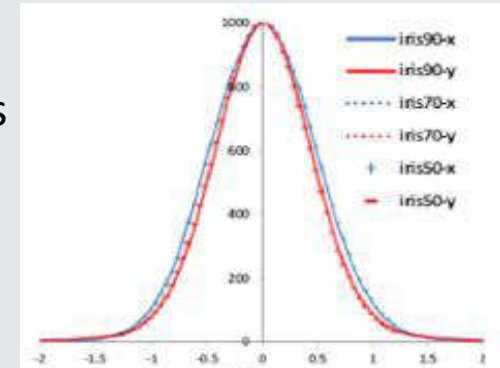
- Coefficient of variation of the mean signal in the investigated ROIs centred around the nine spots was less than 2%
- Indicating a good image uniformity
- No evident of image geometrical distortion
- Spot position accuracy within  $\pm 1\text{mm}$

# Characterization of Lynx

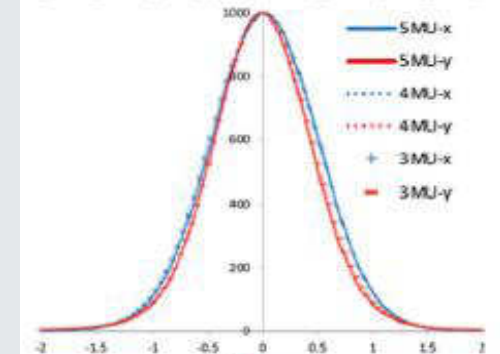
- Spot profile independent of iris setting & MU
- No observable difference in spot profile between Lynx & EBT2
- Spot size difference (FWHM): <0.5 mm



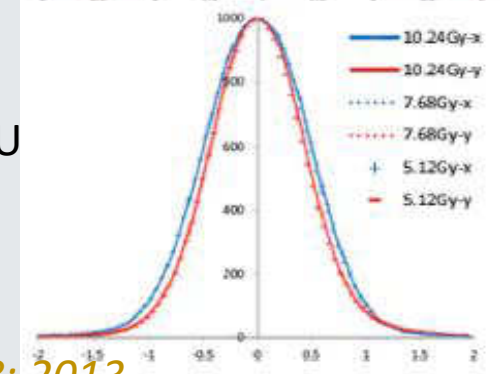
Lynx : Different iris setting with same MU 5



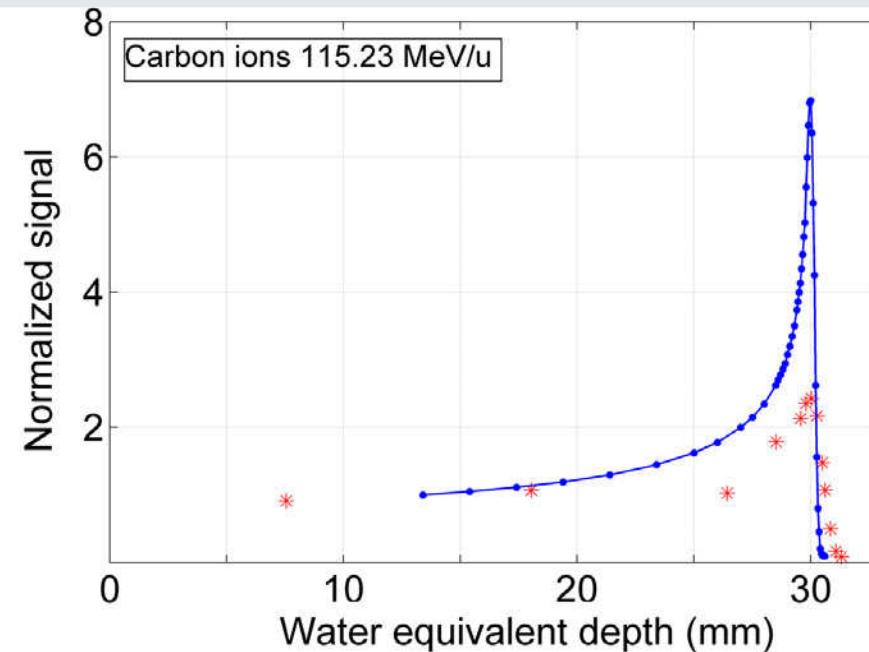
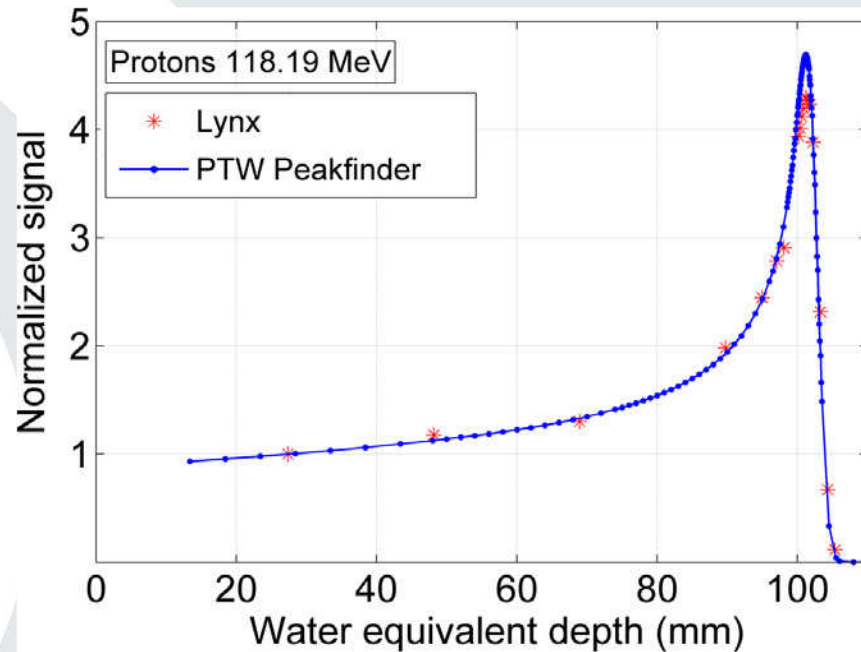
Lynx : Same iris setting (90) different MU



EBT2 : different MU

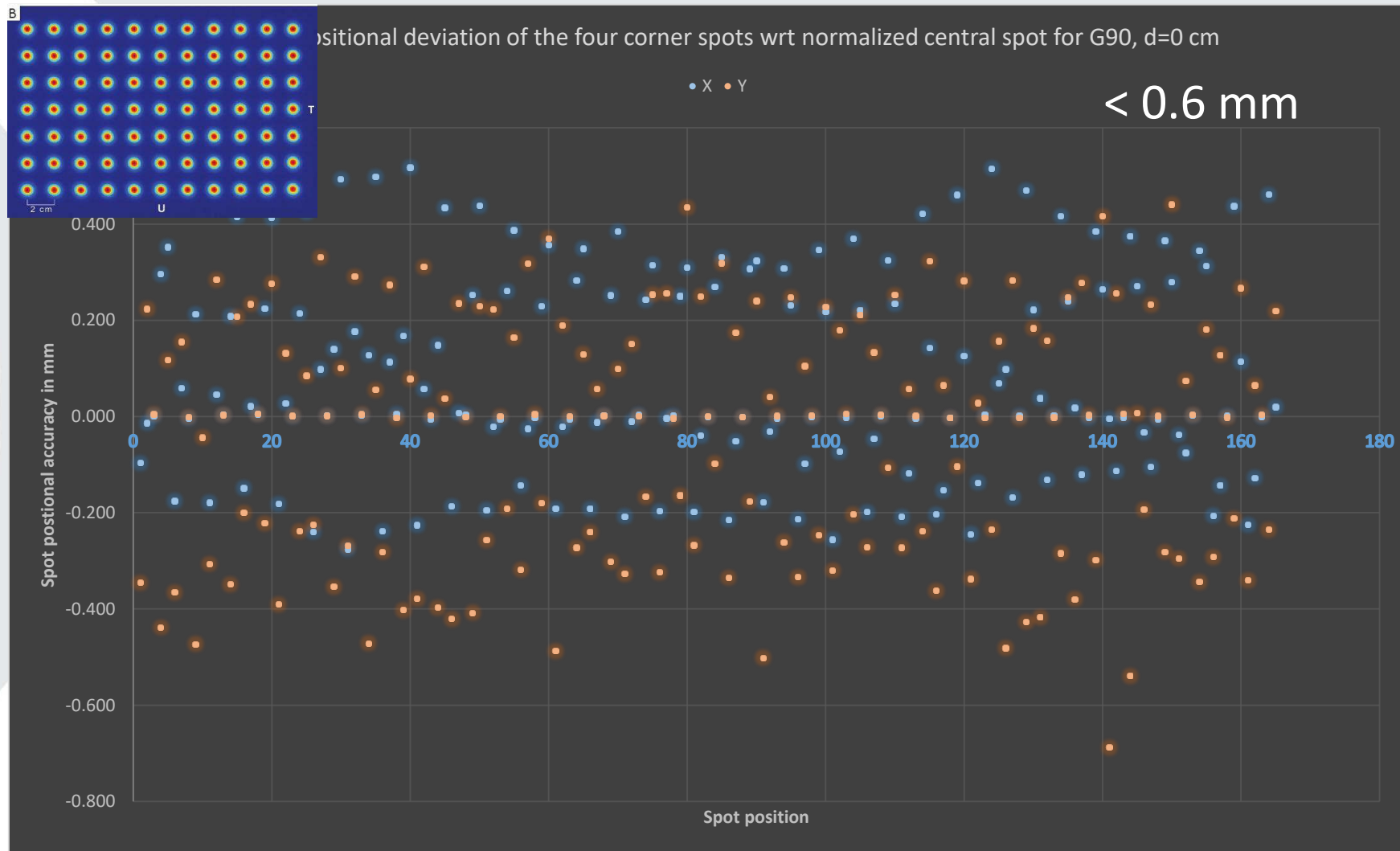


# Characterization of Lynx for PBS: LET dependence



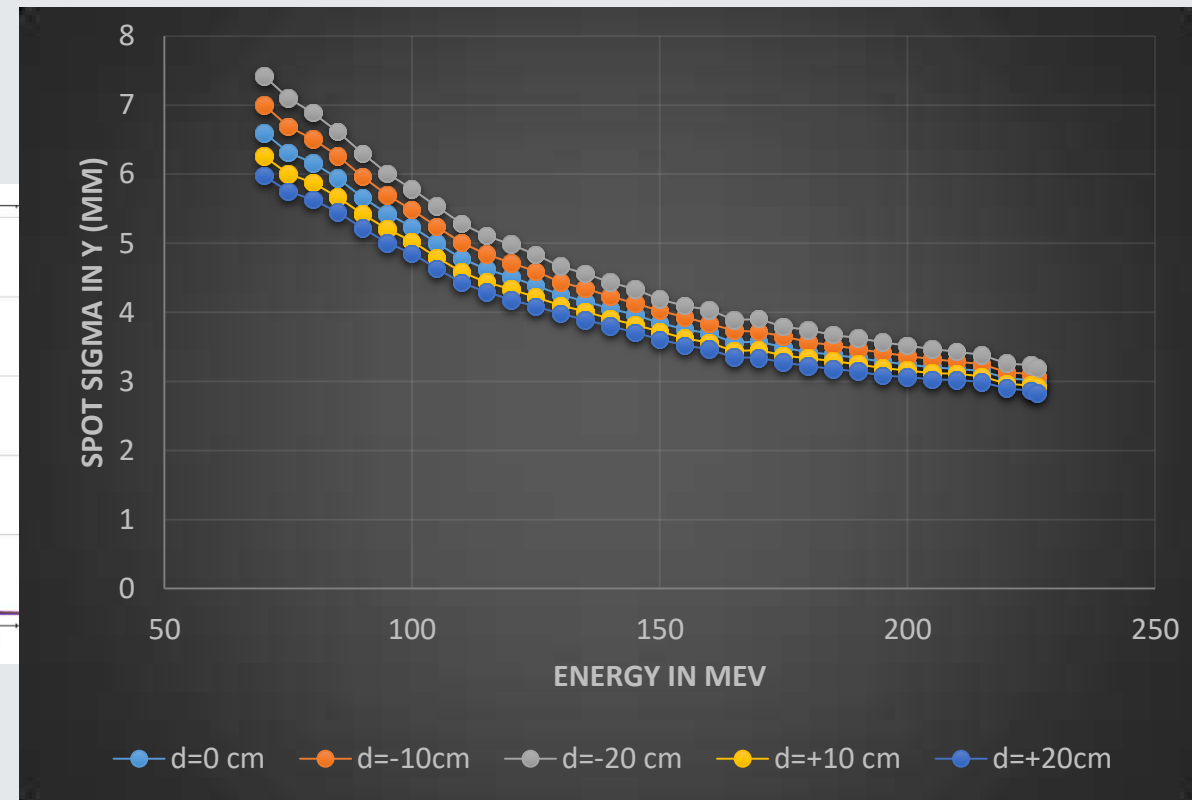
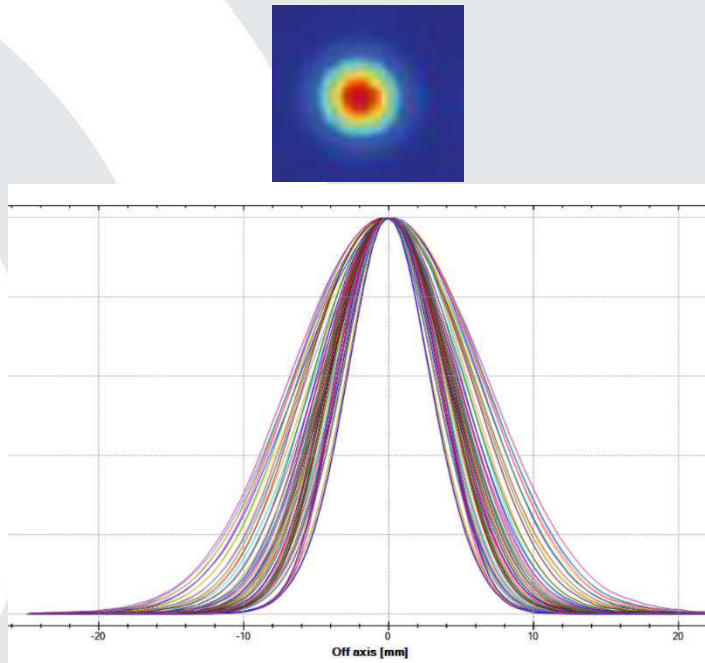
Lynx is therefore suitable to replace EBT3 films, allowing real-time less time-consuming **beam commissioning, Validation** and **periodic constancy tests** for Proton. Not suitable for 3D dosimetry measurements, unless quenching is modelled

# Relative spot positioning error

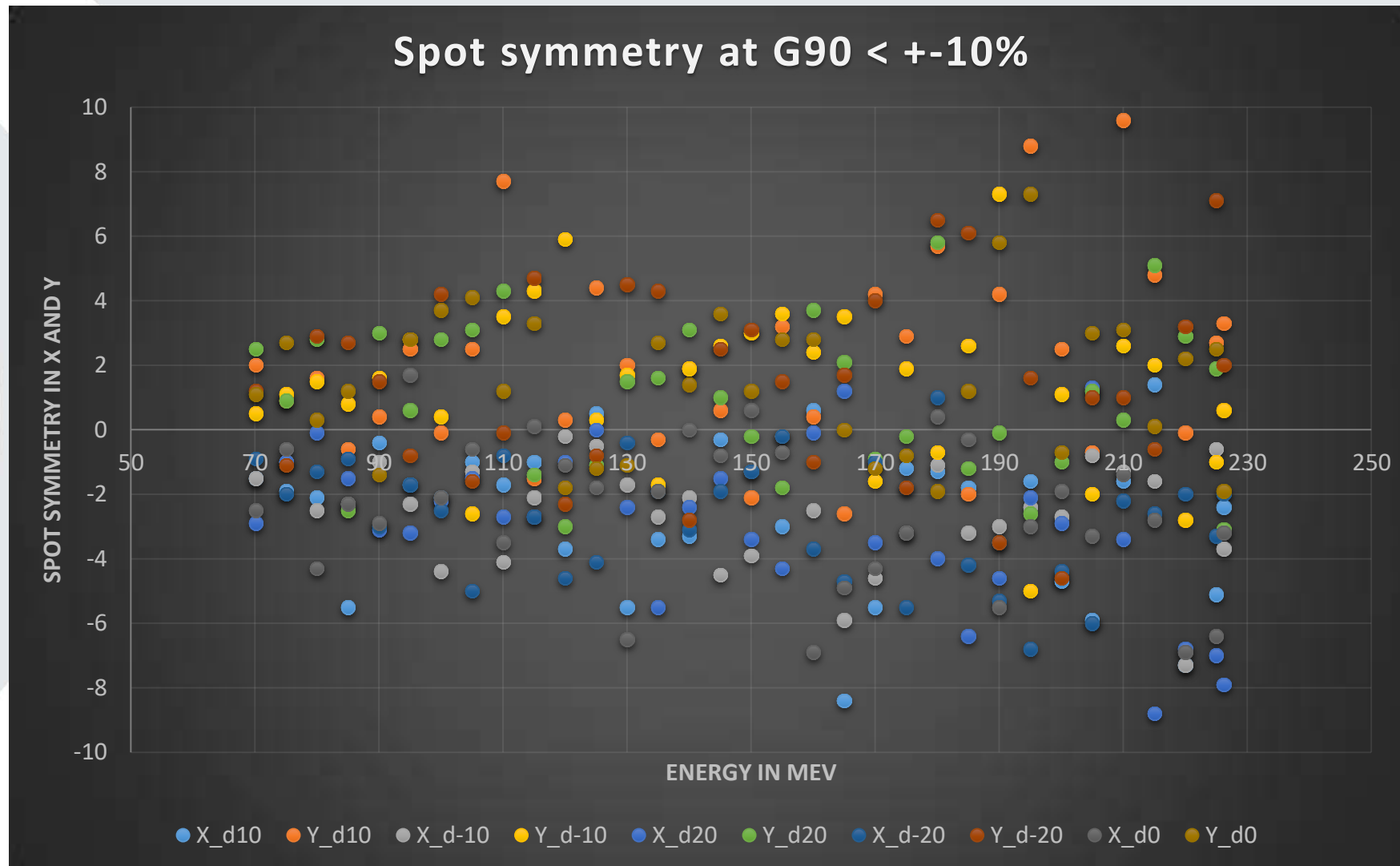




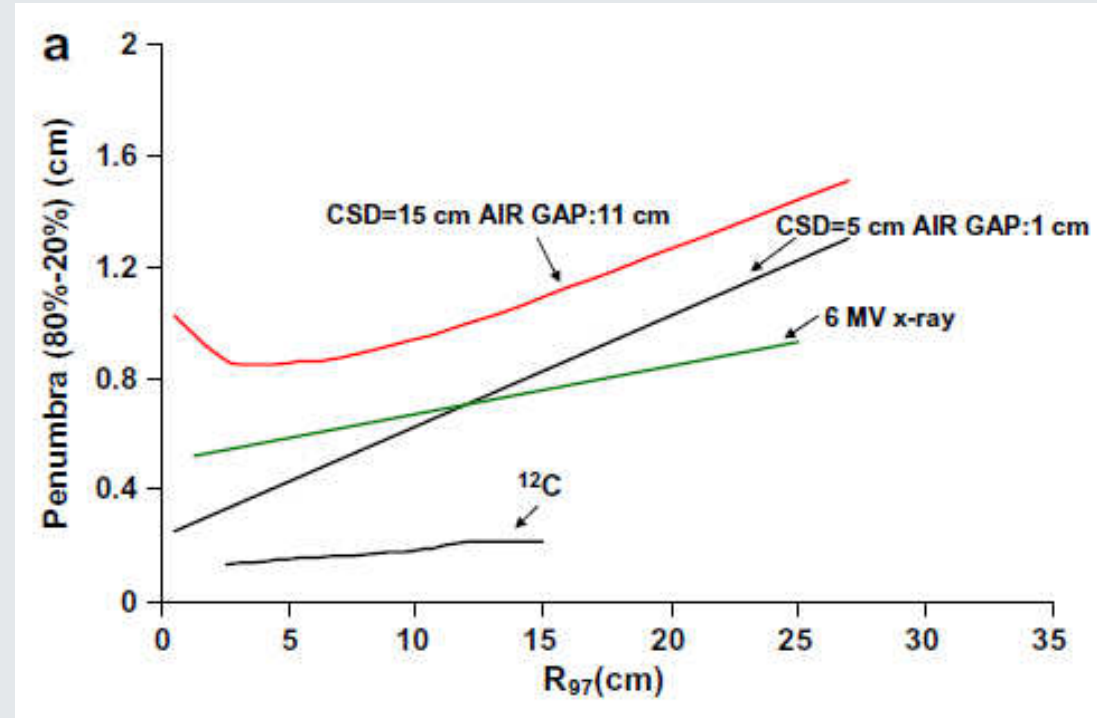
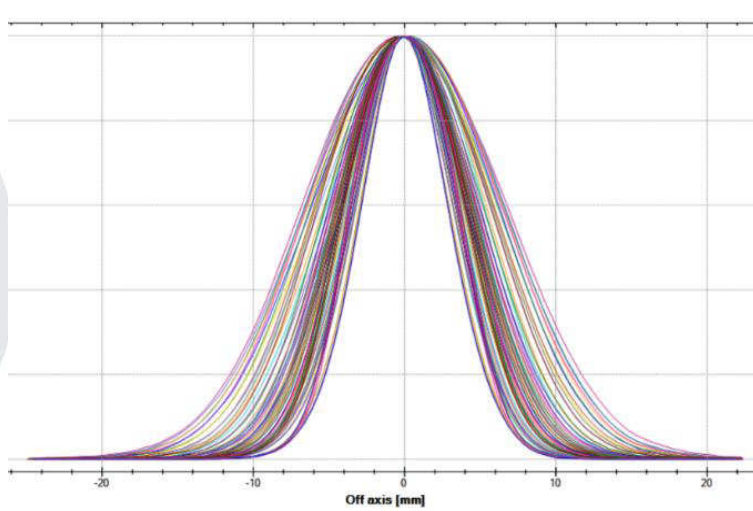
# Average Spot sigma at different air gap



# Spot symmetry



# Lateral Penumbra



# Absolute dosimetry

- Different code of practice
  - AAPM) report 16 (Lyman et al 1986)
  - European Clinical Heavy Particle Dosimetry Group (ECHED) code (Vynckier et al 1991, 1994)
  - International commission on radiation unit (ICRU) report 59 (ICRU 1998).
- All these codes recommend the use of thimble ionization chamber calibrated in a  $^{60}\text{Co}$  beam in terms of air kerma (or exposure) (Lyman et al 1986, Vynckier et al 1991, 1994) or absorbed dose to water (ICRU 1998).
- IAEA TRS-398 (IAEA 2000, 2003) is the latest and most widely used
  - based on standards of absorbed dose to water.
- Recommended calibrated chambers
  - Thimble ionization chamber
  - Parallel plate chamber

# Output : cGy/MU calibration

IAEA TRS 398

Calibrated ionization chamber

Water Phantom measurement

Reference depth : 3 cm

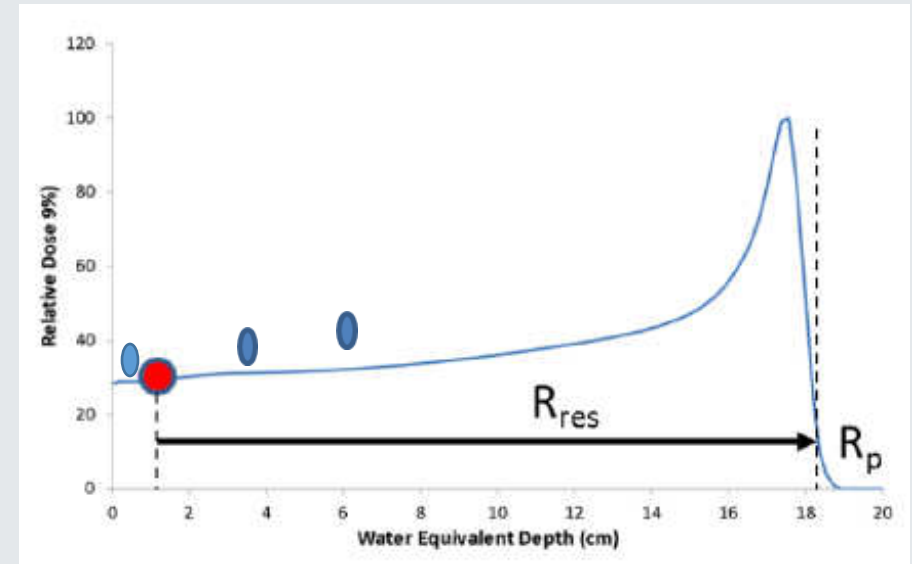
: variable depth

: TPS requirement

Water Phantom

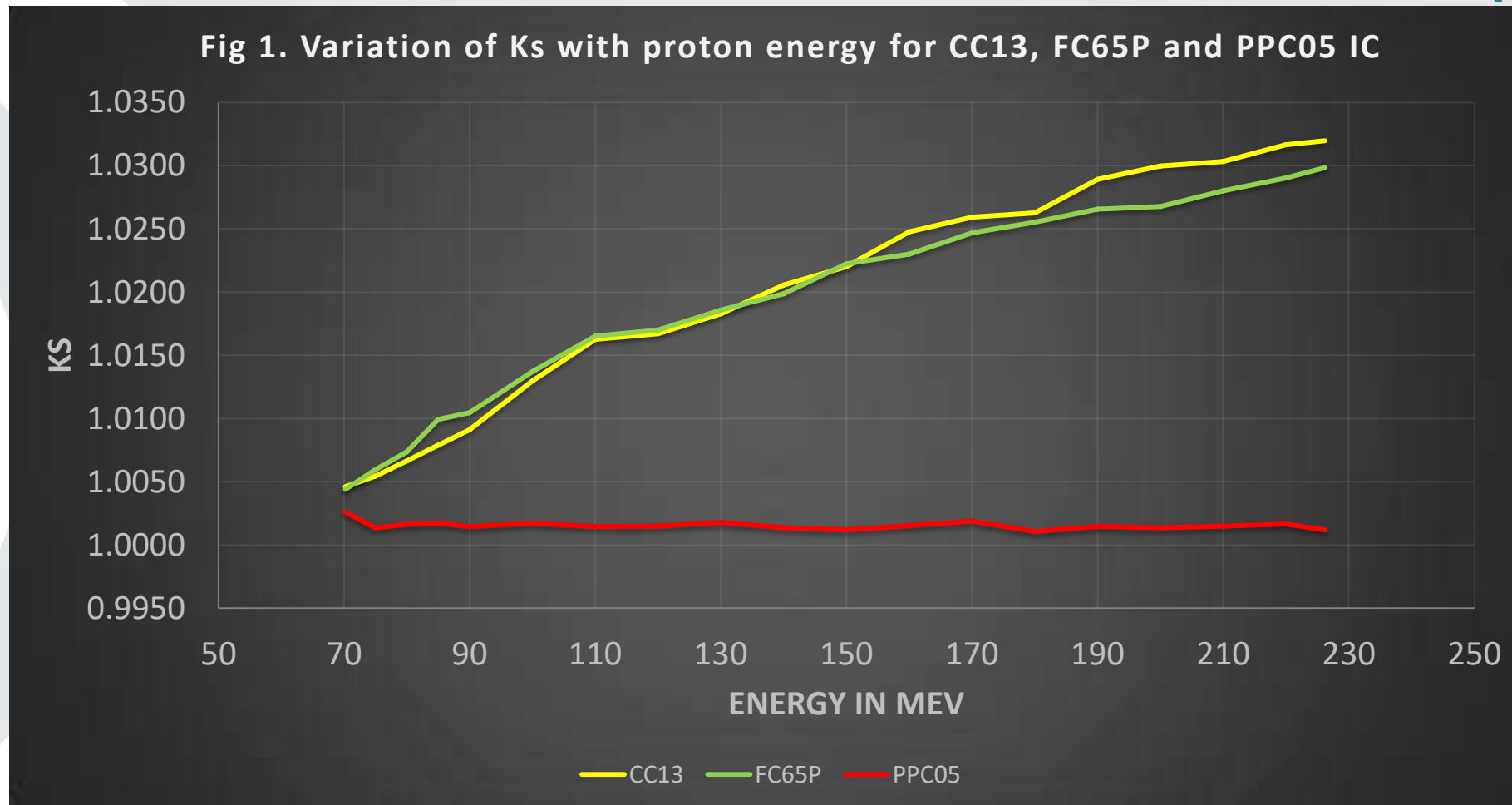
Calibrated PP05 Parallel plate chamber

$$D_{w,Q} = M_Q N_{D,w,Q_0} k_{Q,Q_0}$$

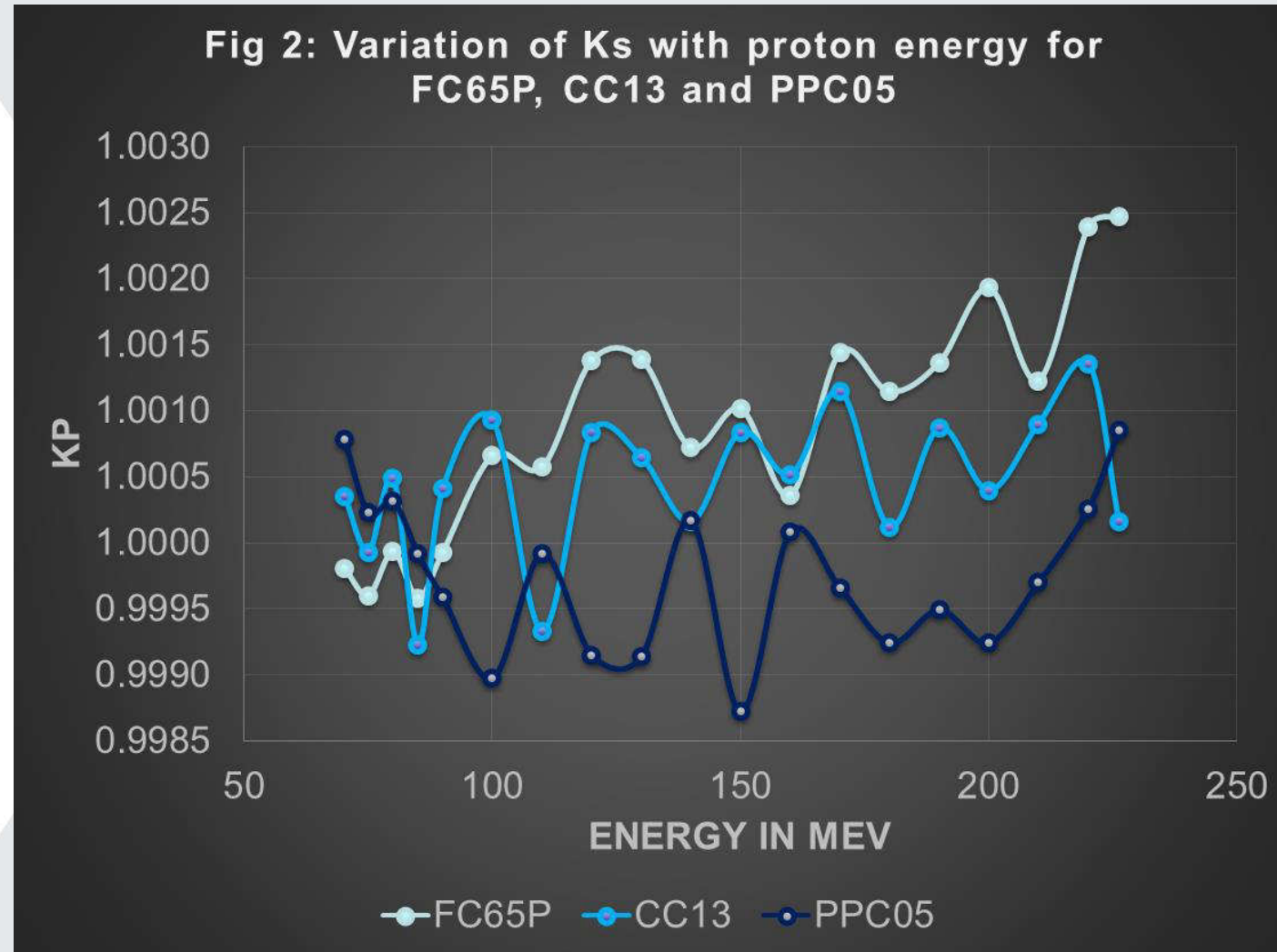


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# Ion recombination



# Polarity correction



# Absolute Dosimetry

- Chamber perturbation correction factor
- Combines many corrections into one factor based on beam quality ( $R_{res}$ )

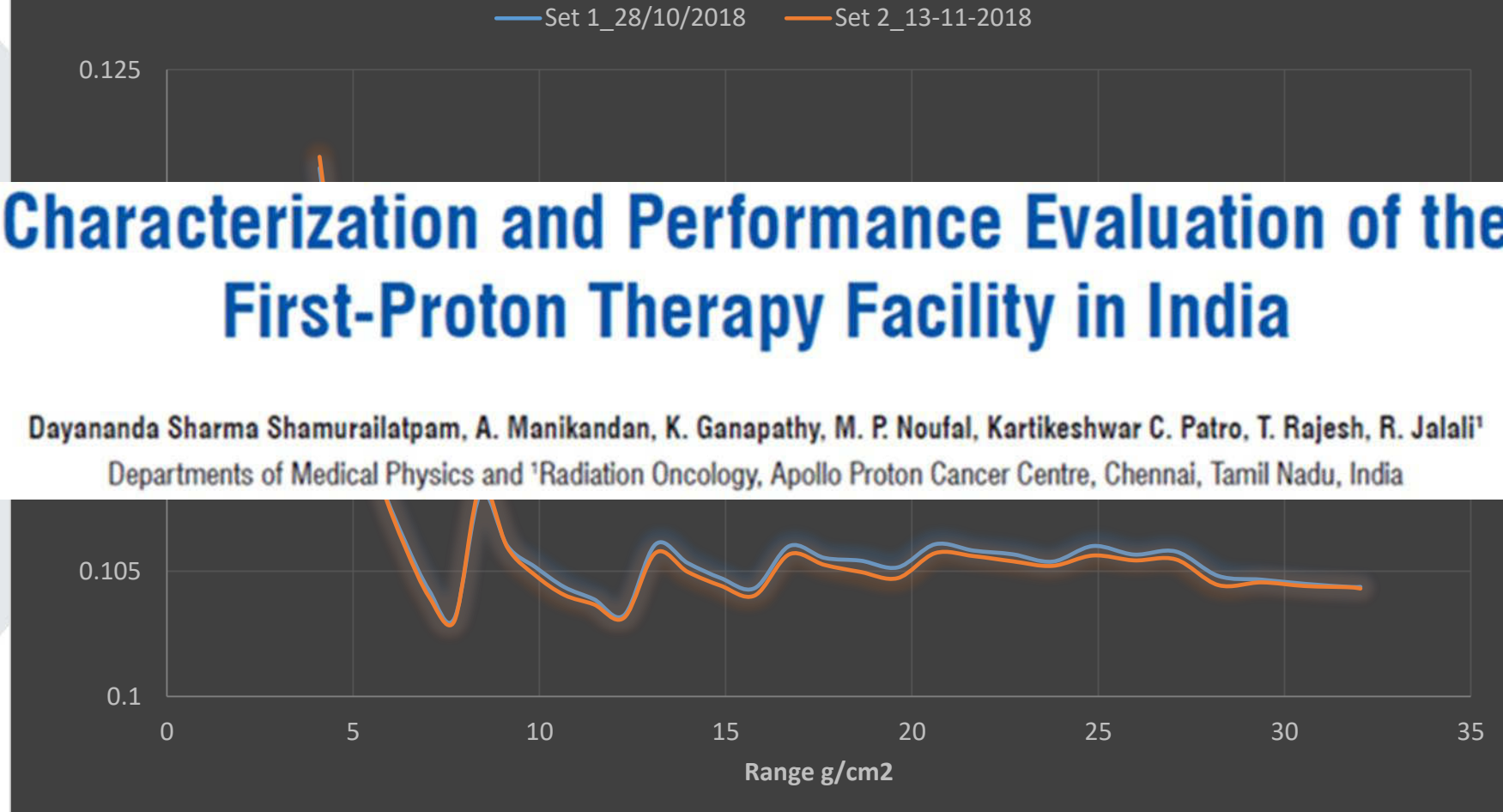
TABLE V. CALCULATED VALUES OF  $k_Q$  FOR PROTON BEAMS, FOR VARIOUS CYLINDRICAL AND PLANE-PARALLEL IONIZATION CHAMBERS AS A FUNCTION OF BEAM QUALITY  $R_{res}$

Ionization chamber type	Beam quality $R_{res}$ ( $g\ cm^{-2}$ )															
	0.25	0.5	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4	4.5	5	7.5	10	15	20	30
<i>Cylindrical chambers</i>																
Scdx-Wellhöfer CC01		1.042	1.040	1.040	1.040	1.039	1.039	1.039	1.039	1.039	1.039	1.039	1.039	1.038	1.038	1.038
Scdx-Wellhöfer CC04/IC04		1.037	1.035	1.035	1.034	1.034	1.034	1.034	1.034	1.034	1.034	1.034	1.033	1.033	1.033	1.032
Scdx-Wellhöfer CC08/IC05/IC06	-	1.041	1.039	1.039	1.039	1.038	1.038	1.038	1.038	1.038	1.038	1.038	1.038	1.037	1.037	1.037
Scdx-Wellhöfer CC13/IC10/IC15	-	1.041	1.039	1.039	1.039	1.038	1.038	1.038	1.038	1.038	1.038	1.038	1.038	1.037	1.037	1.037
Scdx-Wellhöfer CC25/IC25	-	1.041	1.039	1.039	1.039	1.038	1.038	1.038	1.038	1.038	1.038	1.038	1.038	1.037	1.037	1.037
Scdx-Wellhöfer FC23-C/IC28	-															
Farmer shortened		1.042	1.040	1.039	1.039	1.039	1.039	1.039	1.038	1.038	1.038	1.038	1.038	1.038	1.038	1.037
Scdx-Wellhöfer FC65-P/IC69 Farmer	-	1.037	1.036	1.035	1.035	1.035	1.035	1.034	1.034	1.034	1.034	1.034	1.034	1.034	1.033	1.033
Scdx-Wellhöfer FC65-G/IC70 Farmer	-	1.044	1.042	1.041	1.041	1.041	1.041	1.041	1.041	1.041	1.040	1.040	1.040	1.040	1.040	1.039
<i>Plane-parallel chambers</i>																
NACP	0.994	0.991	0.989	0.989	0.988	0.988	0.988	0.988	0.988	0.988	0.988	0.987	0.987	0.987	0.987	0.986
PPC05 Markus-type	1.009	1.005	1.004	1.003	1.003	1.003	1.003	1.003	1.002	1.002	1.002	1.002	1.002	1.002	1.002	1.001
PPC35/40 Roos-type	1.008	1.004	1.003	1.002	1.002	1.002	1.002	1.002	1.001	1.001	1.001	1.001	1.001	1.001	1.001	1.000

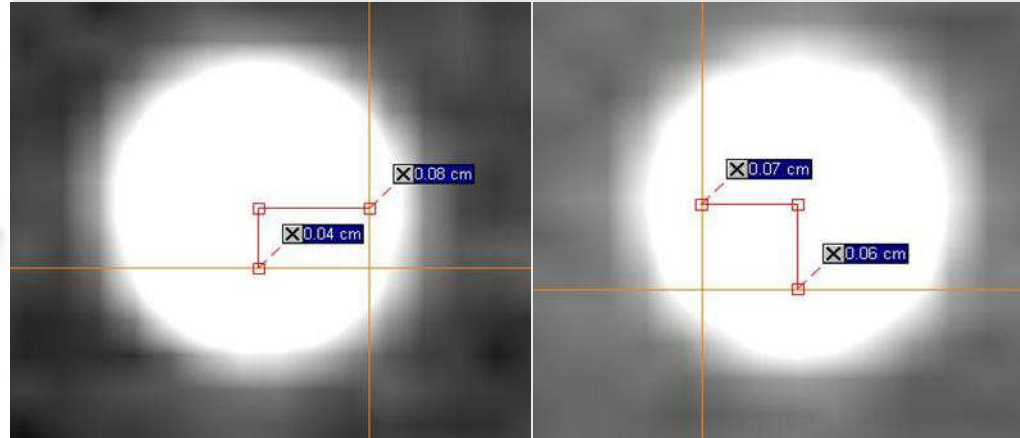


# Output measurement

Fig : Variation of cGy/MU measured on different dates using PPC05



# Imaging QA : Alignment of X-ray iso with laser & Proton Iso



## Geometrical QA

Alignment of X-ray iso with lasers & Proton Isocenter

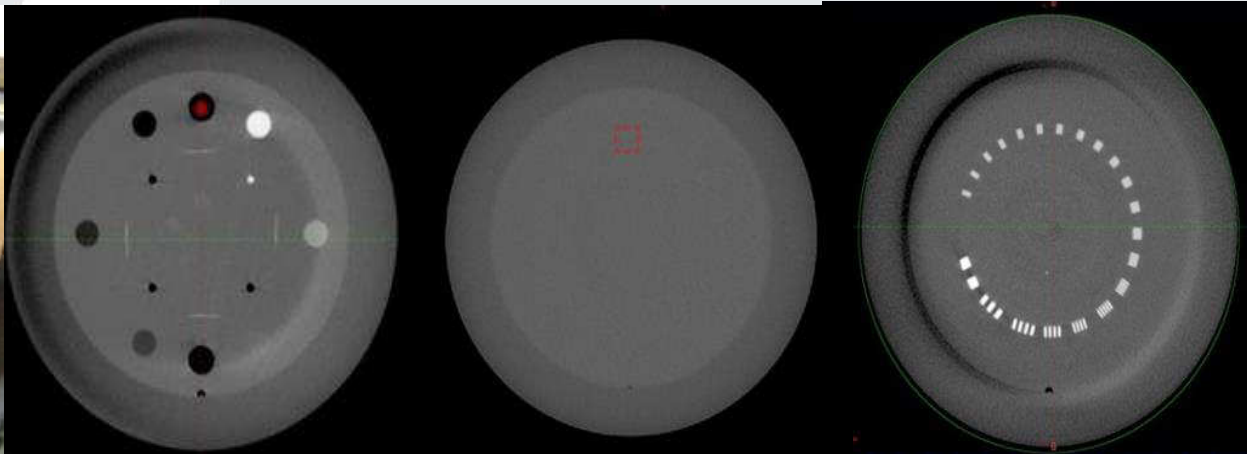
## Image quality

Uniformity

Linearity of CT number

Spatial resolution

## Imaging Dose

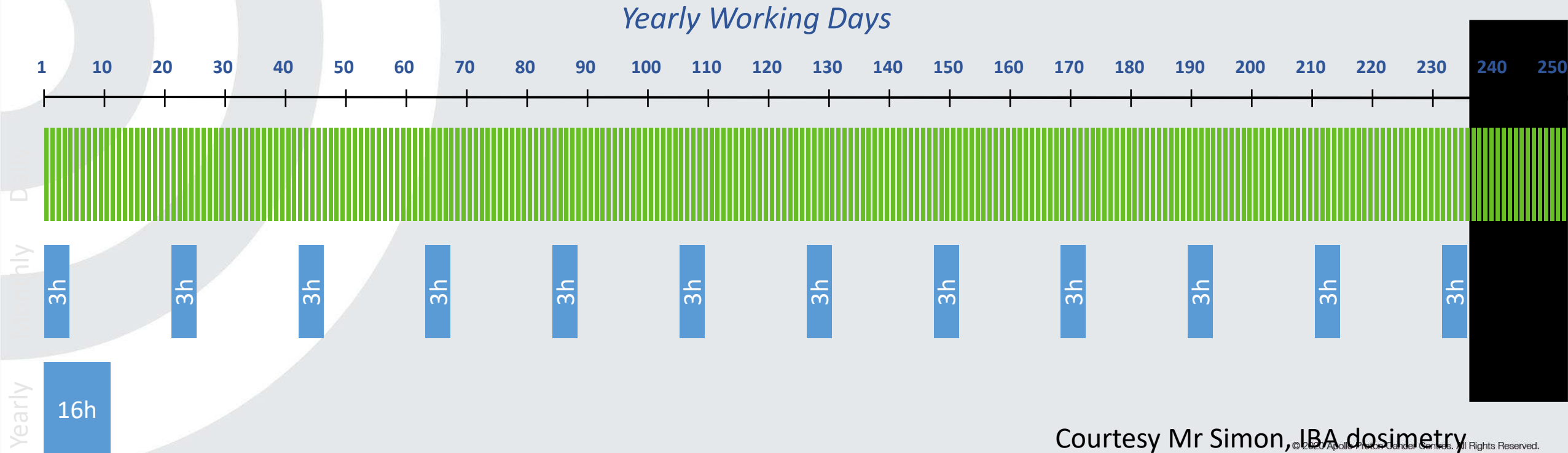


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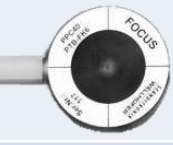

## Different Proton centres

- Check different parameters
- Use different QA device (commercial/In-house)
- Time Spend varies widely

QA Test	Min	Max	Average
Daily	20 min	60 min	≈ 30 min
Monthly	2 hours	5 hours	≈ 3 hours
Yearly	1 day	3 days	≈ 2 days



# DEVICES SUMMARY

		Energy	Spots Positions	Spots Sizes	Spots Symmetry	Output	Imaging System	Beam vs X-ray
Zebra or MLFC		✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Lynx or films		✗	✓	✓	✓	≈	≈	≈
MatriXX or equivalent		≈	≈	≈	✗	✓	≈	≈
PPC05 + water equivalent		≈	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
Stringray + Blue Phantom		✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
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TODAY'S CURRENT PRACTICES:



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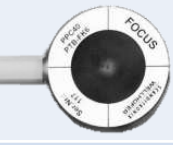

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Zebra or MLFC		✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Lynx or films		✗	✓	✓	✓	≈	≈	≈
MatriXX or equivalent		≈	≈	≈	✗	✓	≈	≈
PPC05 + water equivalent		≈	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
Stringray + Blue Phantom		✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
...								
<b>OBJECTIVE</b>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

# How to improve the efficiency

- What can we eliminate?
  - Entire steps or part
  - conditions within a step of a type of measurement
- What can we automate?
- What can we combine?
- PTCOG Subcommittee report on Particle Therapy Efficiency: Aspects of Quality Assurance, May 2016
- Proposed to develop and adopt good tools & methods to integrate the measurements

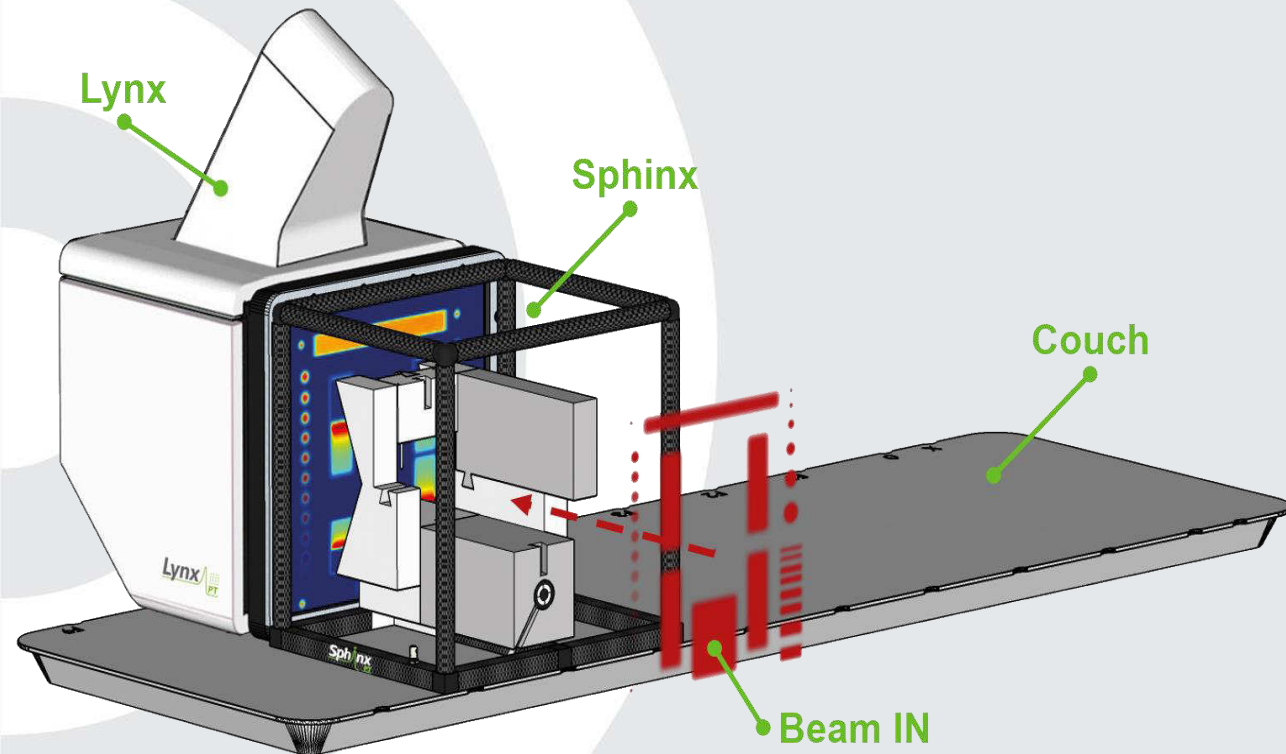
# Sphinx phantom

IBA IN COLLABORATION WITH



- 4 wedges blocks of RW3 of varying thickness for range verification
- Corresponding energy of 120,150,180 and 230 MeV.
- Fiducials inserted in to the RW3 blocks
- Opening to hold a PPC 05 (0.5 cc) parallel plate IC for absolute dose measurement
- A small radiopaque ball mounted on the centre of the imaging system

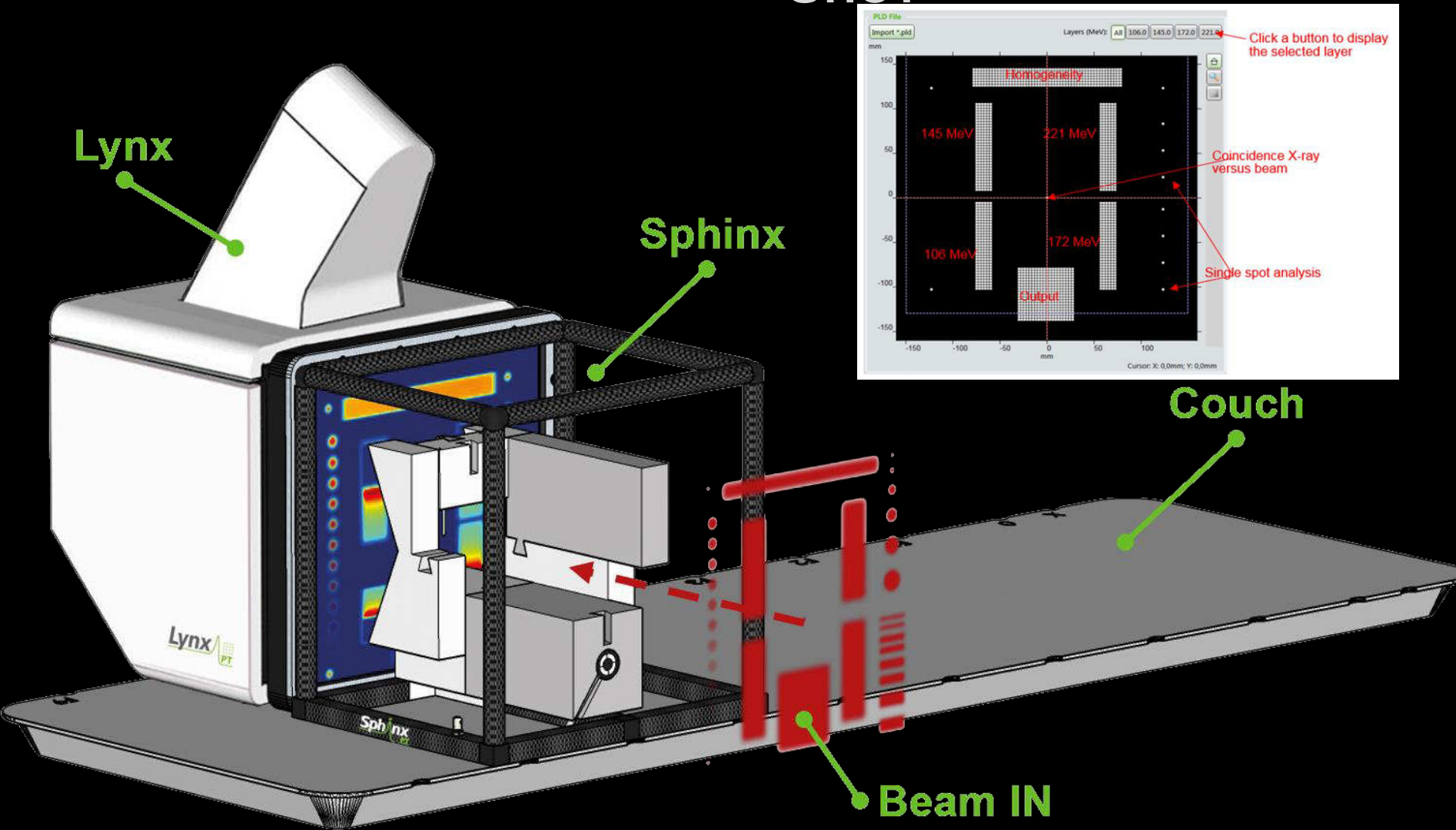
# Integrated efficient daily QA tool for PBS



- CCD camera (Lynx) integrated to Sphinx wedge phantom using carbon fibre frame
- Segregated regions for testing different aspects of proton beams
- Software :
  - Lynx software for data acquisition and
  - myQA for data analysis
- PPC 05 parallel plate chamber
- Dose 1 Electrometer



# INTEGRATED EFFICIENT DAILY QA IN ONE SHOT



- ✓ Energy
- ✓ Spots Size
- ✓ Spots Position
- ✓ Spots Symmetry
- ✓ Absolute dose
- ✓ X-ray vs Proton
- ✓ Lasers
- ✓ Uniformity
- ✓ Imaging system
- ✓ Couch translation
- ✓ ...

+ AAPM TG Compliant

# Daily Machine QA

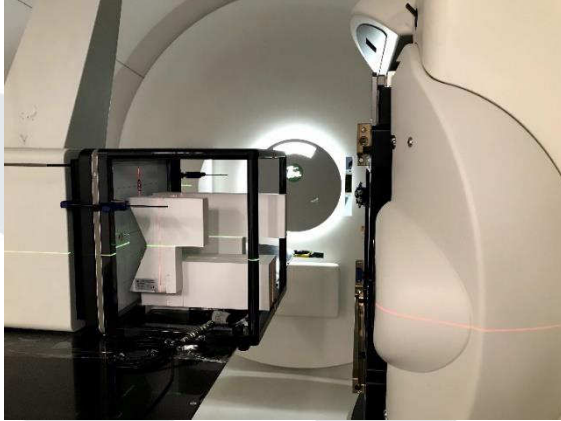
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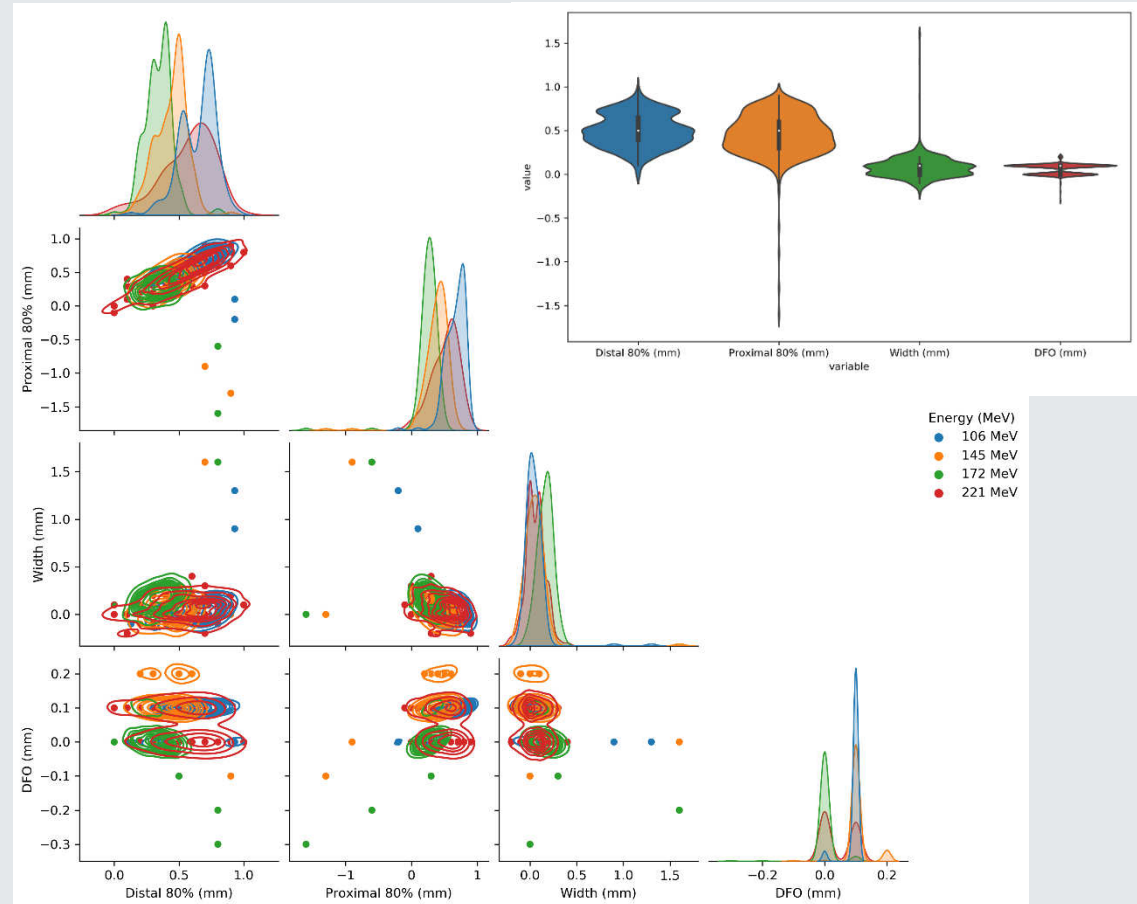
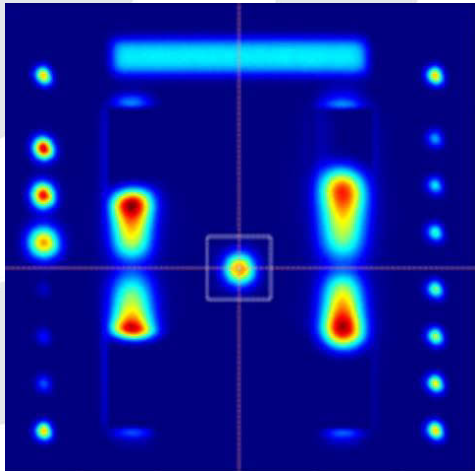
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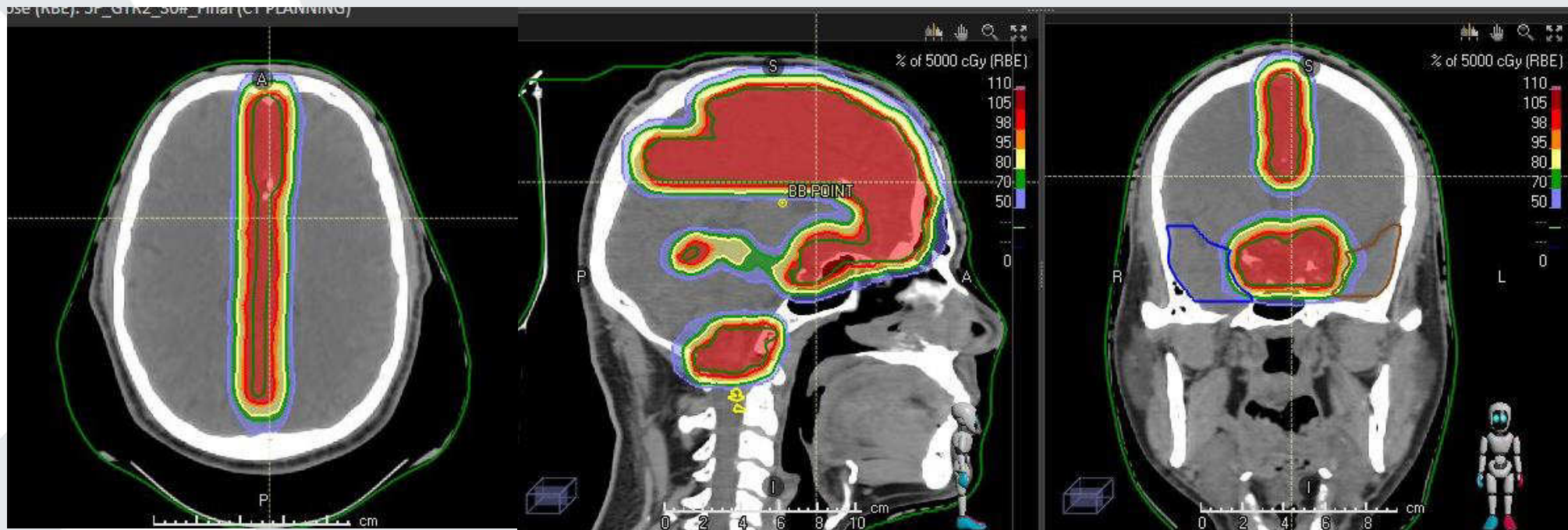


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1. High degree of complexity involved in IMPT plans



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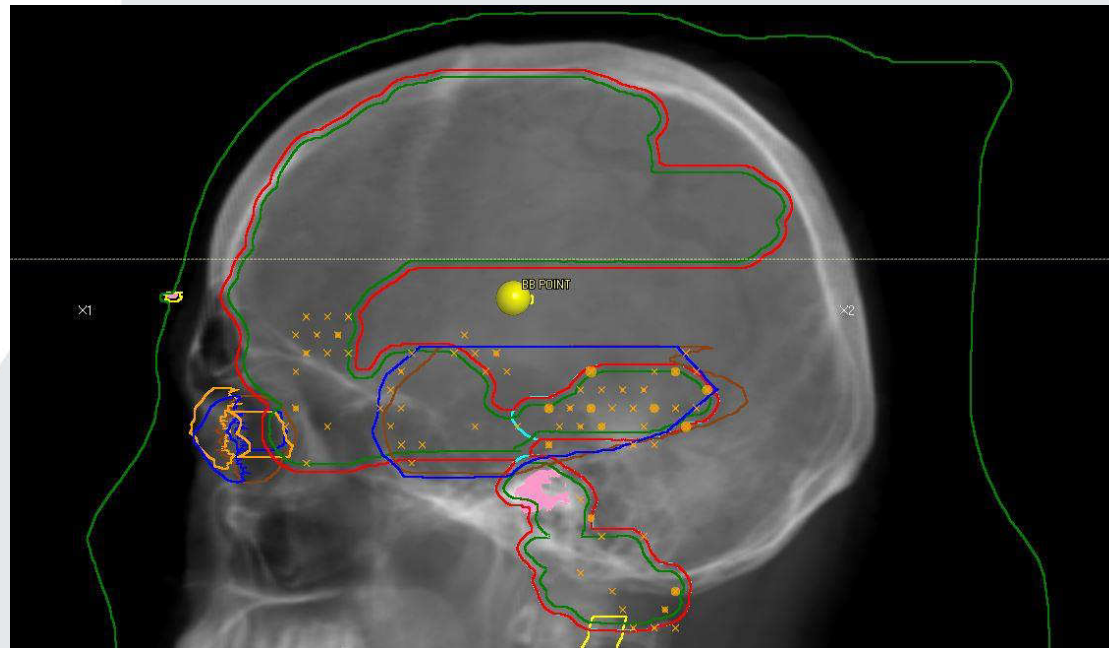
## 1. High degree of complexity involved in IMPT plans

Multiple proton beams staked over one another (SOBP)

Thousands of spots distributed in a complex pattern in each layer

Spot positions, spot spacing and weights

Intricacy of this spot intensity map becomes complex (SFO – MFO)



# PSQA – Work flow

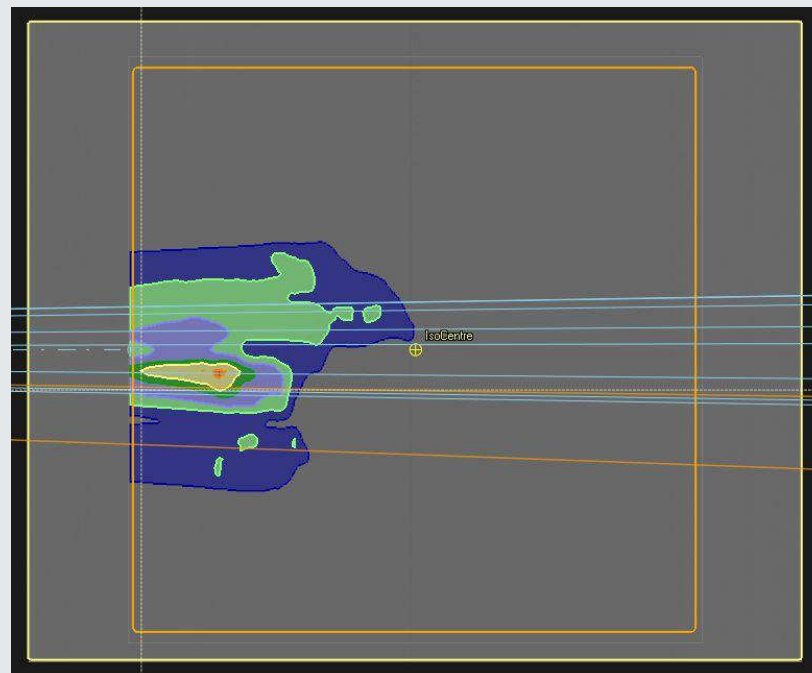
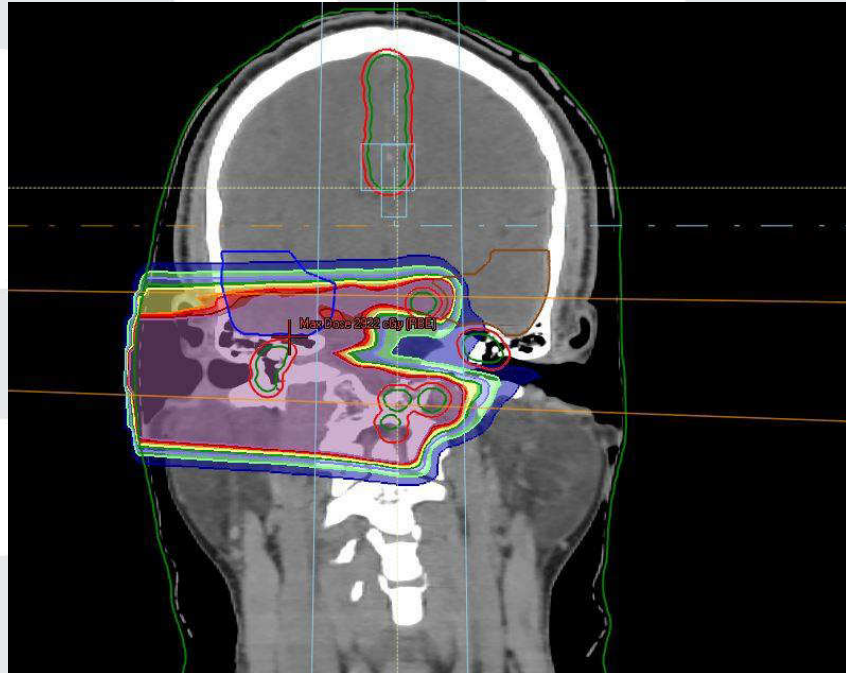
Treatment Planning room

Treatment room

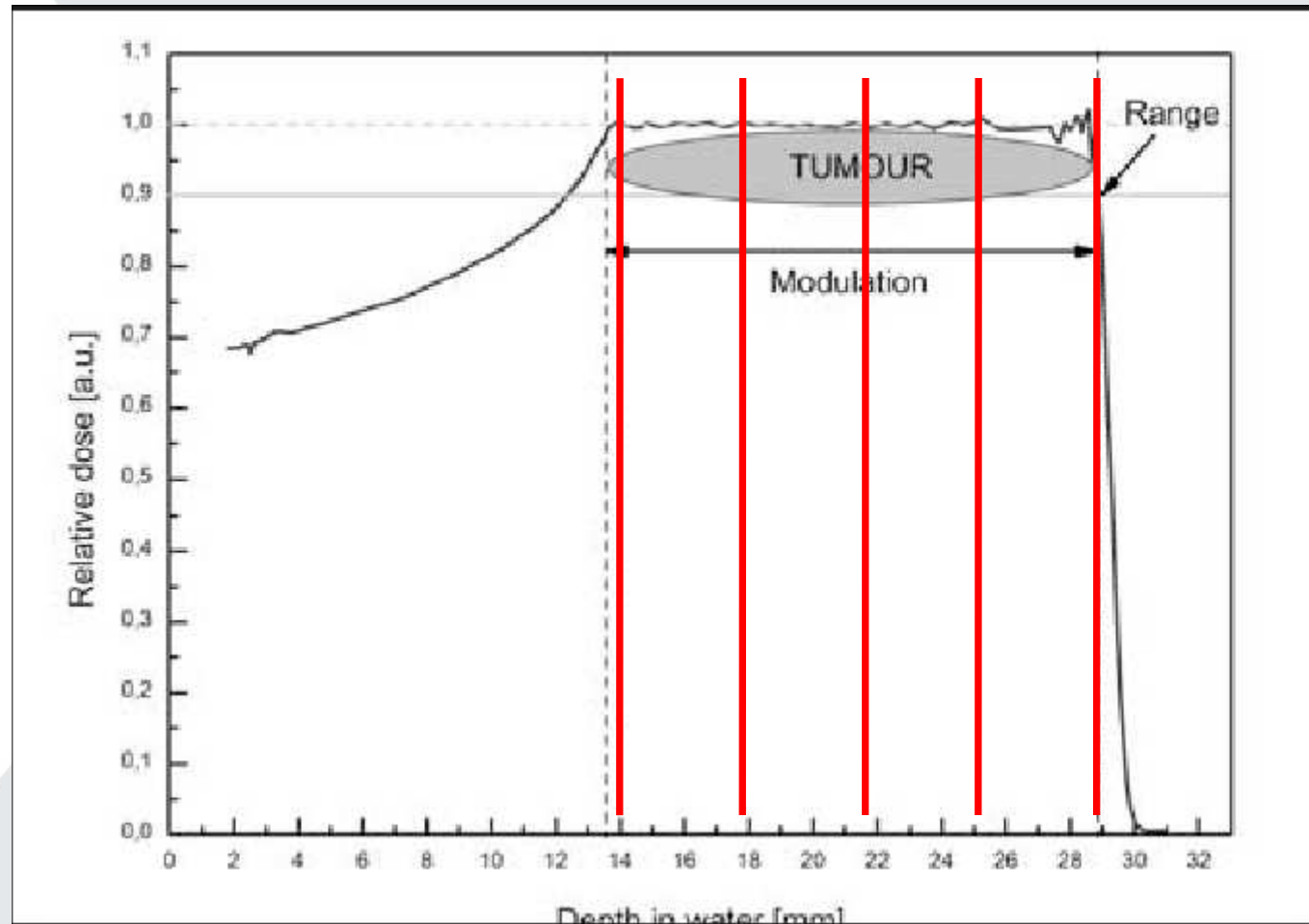
Dose distribution in patient

Dose distribution in phantom

Plan delivery & measurement



# IMPT: Measure at as many depths as possible



# MatriXX PT for patient specific QA

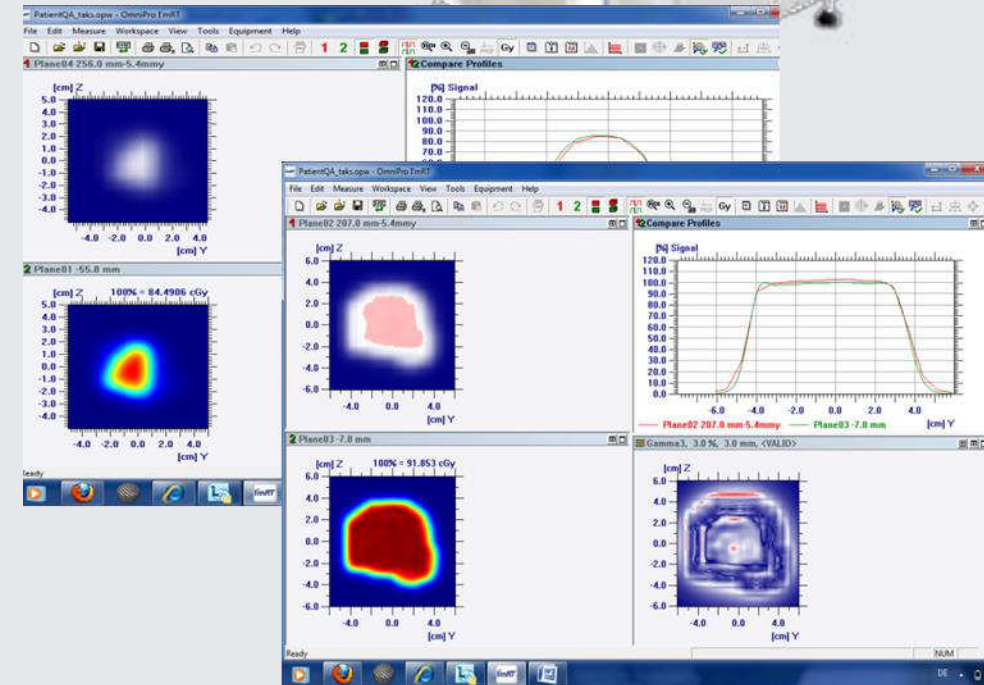
- Specially designed to handle PBS high dose rate
- 1020 ICs covering area of 24.4x24.4 cm<sup>2</sup>
- Distance between ICs = 7.6 mm
- ICs size: 4mm diameter over **2 mm of active gap** (instead of **5 mm** for standard MatriXX)
- Sigma of 3mm: Typical collection efficiency for various bias voltage (Jaffe's protocol)
  - 100V -- 93.9%
  - 250V -- 98.9%
  - 500V – 99.8%
- 500V polarizing voltage

MatriXX<sup>PT</sup>



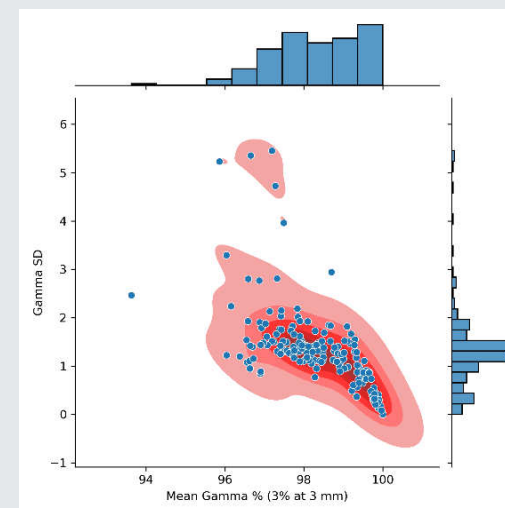
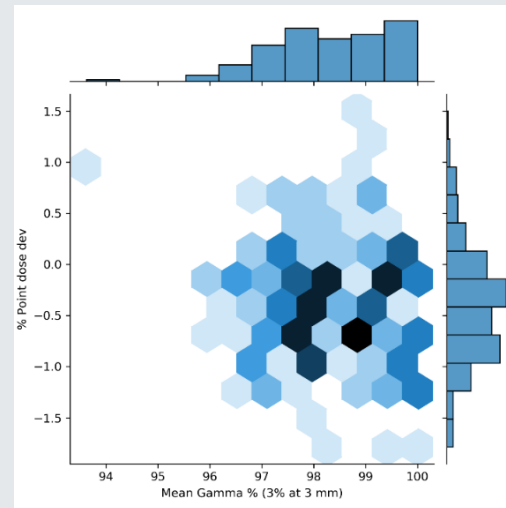
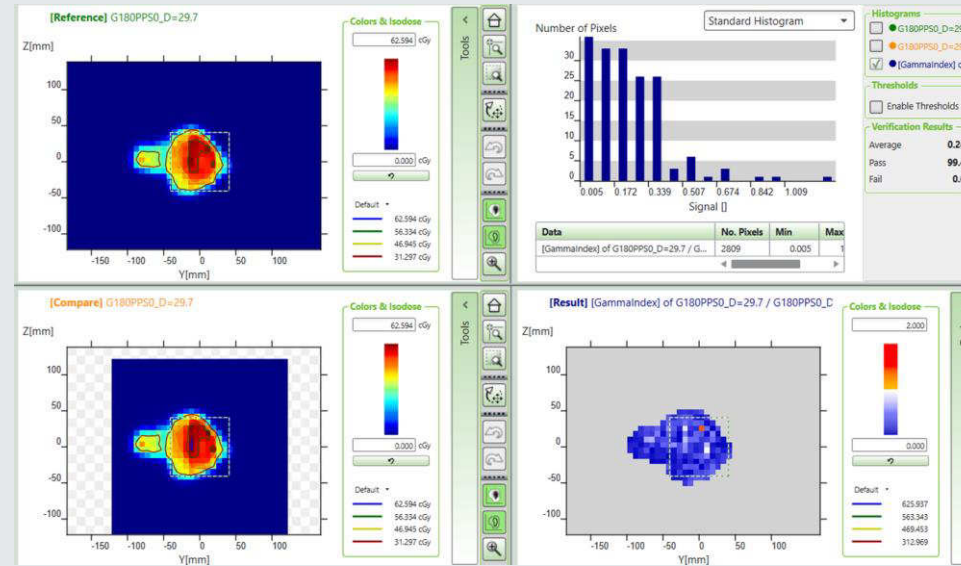
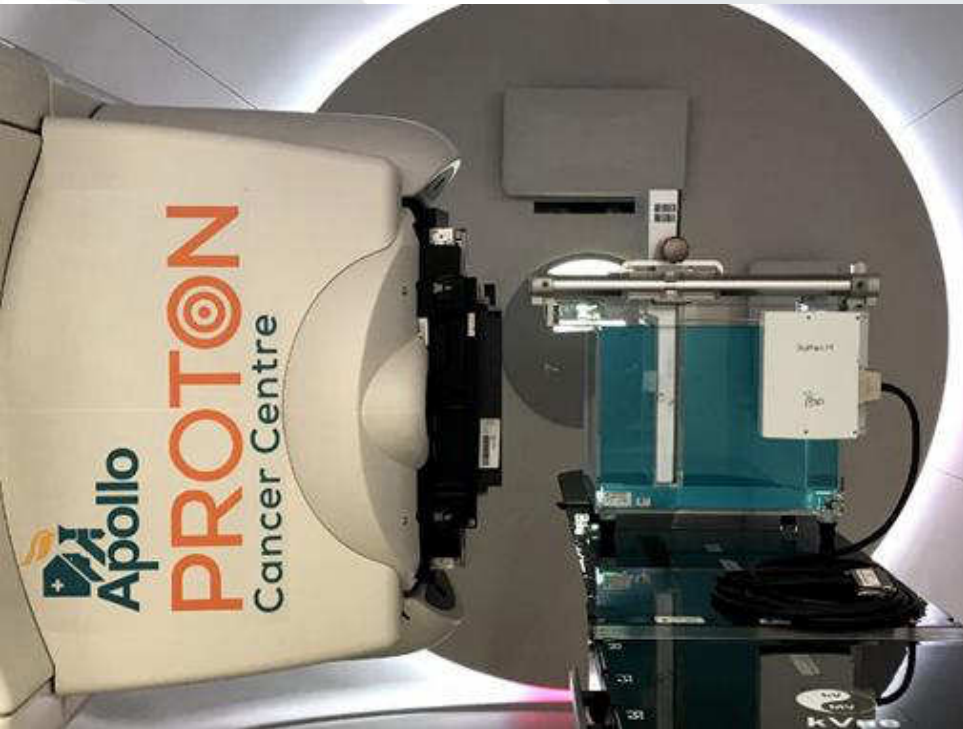
# Patient specific QA using DigiMatriXX PT for

- Create patient verification plan by calculating patient dose on phantom (MatriXX PT or DigiPhant)
- Export each layer of SOBP from TPS and import to software
- Measure 2-3 layers for each patient plan
- Deliver patient dose for all fields MatriXX PT.
- Verify delivered dose vs planned dose in myQA Patient software.
- **3D plan verification**

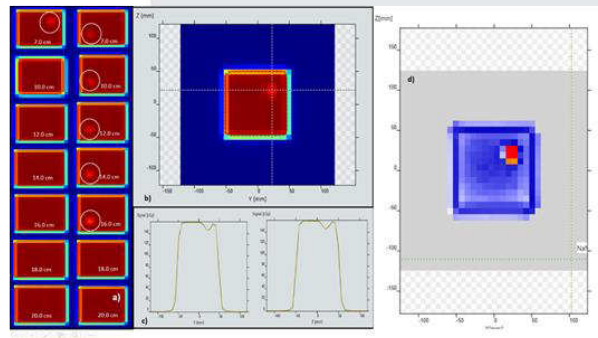
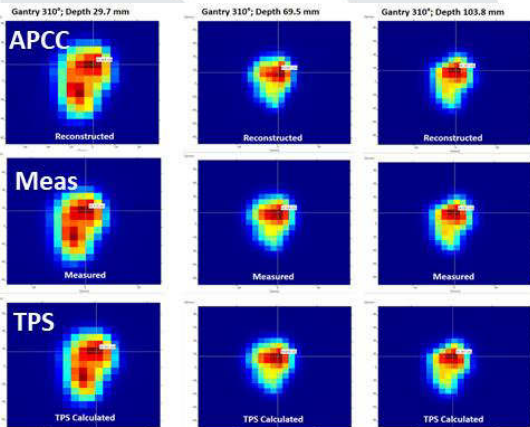




# Pre-treatment PSQA of PBT



# APCC Proposal – to simplify the PSQA




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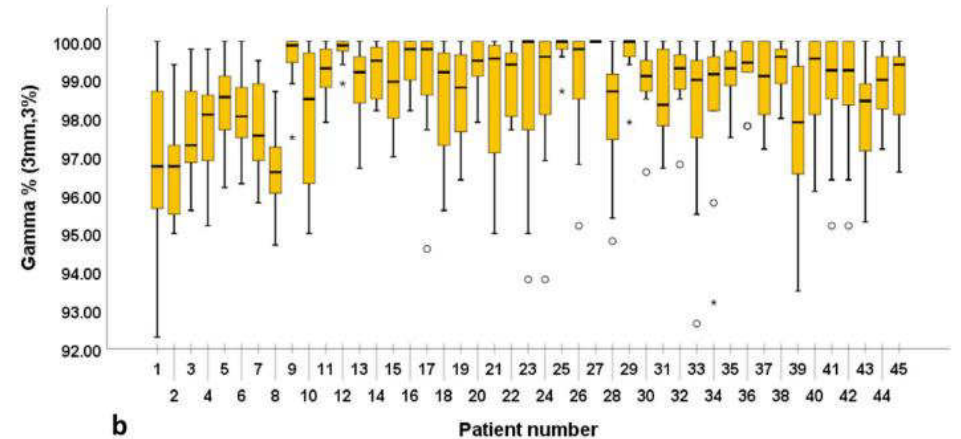
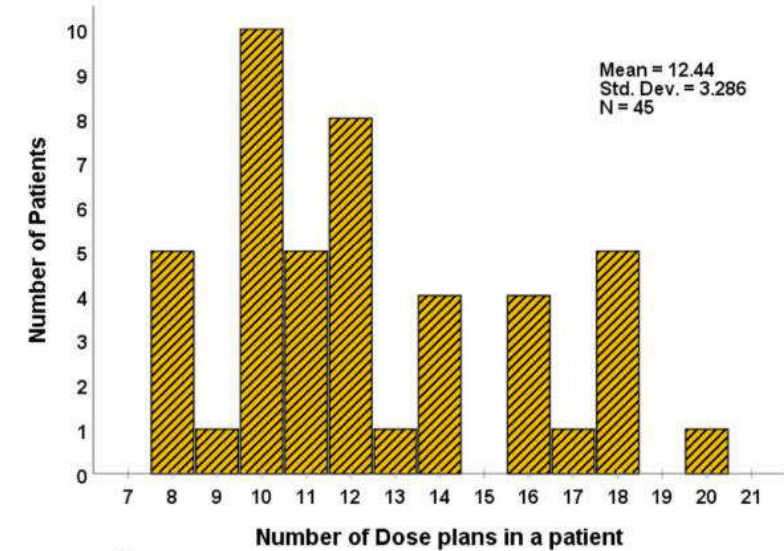


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# Summery : Water tank measurement with ICS

## Chamber type

- Small volume chamber
- Parallel plate chamber
- Large diameter PPC
- Farmer chamber
- + computerized Water tank

## Measurement type

- Beam profile measurement
- Absolute dose calibration
- Beam range and modulation measurement
- Relative dose output
- Patient specific QA output

Generally use during commissioning, quarterly and annual QA

# Summery : Linx

## Measurement types

- Alignment check
- Alignment check with gantry mount
- Spot alignment
- Spot distribution characteristics

## Applications

- Commissioning
- Validation
- Daily QA
- Monthly QA
- Annual QA

# Summery: Sphinx phantom with Linx

## Measurement type

- Energy
- Spots Size
- Spots Position
- Spots Symmetry
- Absolute dose
- X-ray vs Proton
- Lasers
- Uniformity
- Imaging system
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## Application

- Daily QA
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# Zebra MLIC

## Measurement type

- Range
- Modulation
- Pristine Bragg Peak
- SOBP

## Application

- Commissioning
- Validation
- Monthly QA
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# MatriXX-PT / DigiMatrixxPT

## Measurement type

- Output
- Beam profile analysis
- Planar dose distribution
- Comparison of measurements to other measurement to calculated dose distribution

## Application

- Patient specific QA
- Monthly QA



# Conclusion

- Proton therapy provides superior sparing of OAR and reduce integral dose to normal tissue significantly due to its physical Bragg's peak characteristic
- PBS technique is highly flexible & have the potential of treating very complex cases using IMPT.
- Dosimetry of pencil beam proton requires different type of dosimetric equipment different than photon
- Accurate measurement of PBS beam data requires good knowledge of proton characteristic, dosimetric equipment toll
- Proton beam characteristic parameters are quite reproducible

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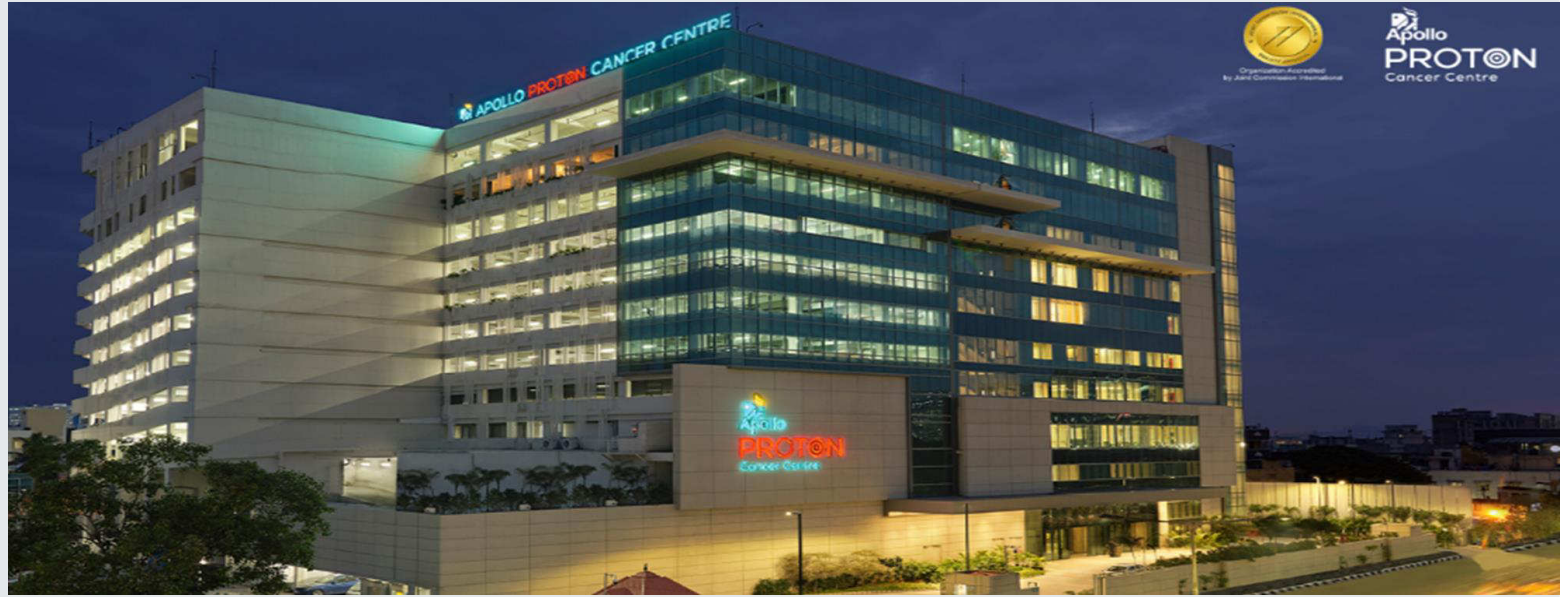


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