

# dosimetry in 4D (or time-resolved dosimetry)

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# overview

4D or time-resolved dosimetry (TRD)

time information and range

detectors for 0-3D TRD

in vivo TRD

motion and LET

analysis of comparisons

# general definition of 4D dosimetry

3D dosimetry where detectors are moving

- dosimeters can be integrating or time-resolved
- usually to verify or QA beam delivery with presence of intrafraction or interfraction motion or anatomic changes
- one of the most studied sites is thorax, mostly with longitudinal linear motion, sometimes rotational and translational, either with solid or deformable tissue substitutes
- in phantom or in vivo

# wider interpretations possible and useful

any time-resolved dosimetry (TRD)

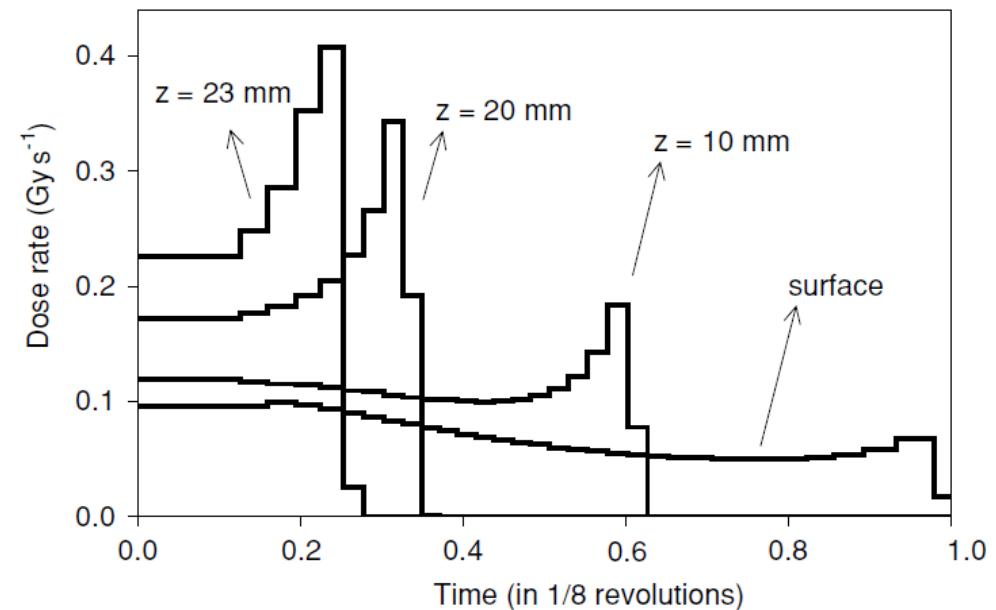
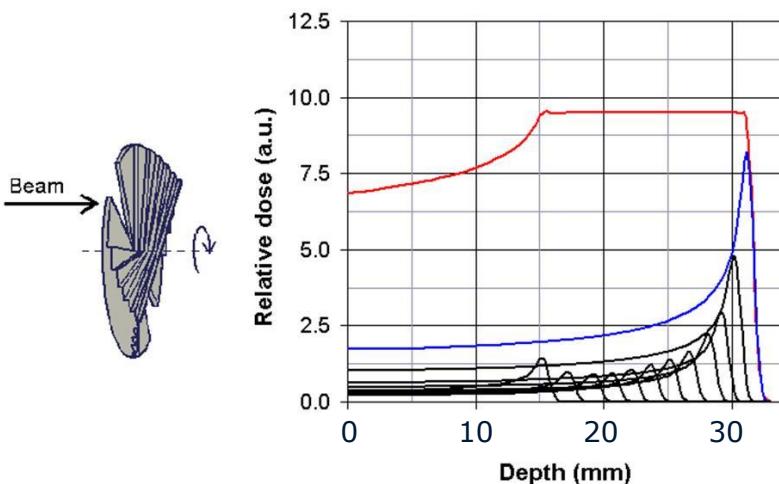
- 0-1-2-3D + time
- regardless of resolution

three scenarios:

1. detectors moving
2. dynamic source (in fixed or moving frame)
3. both detectors and source moving

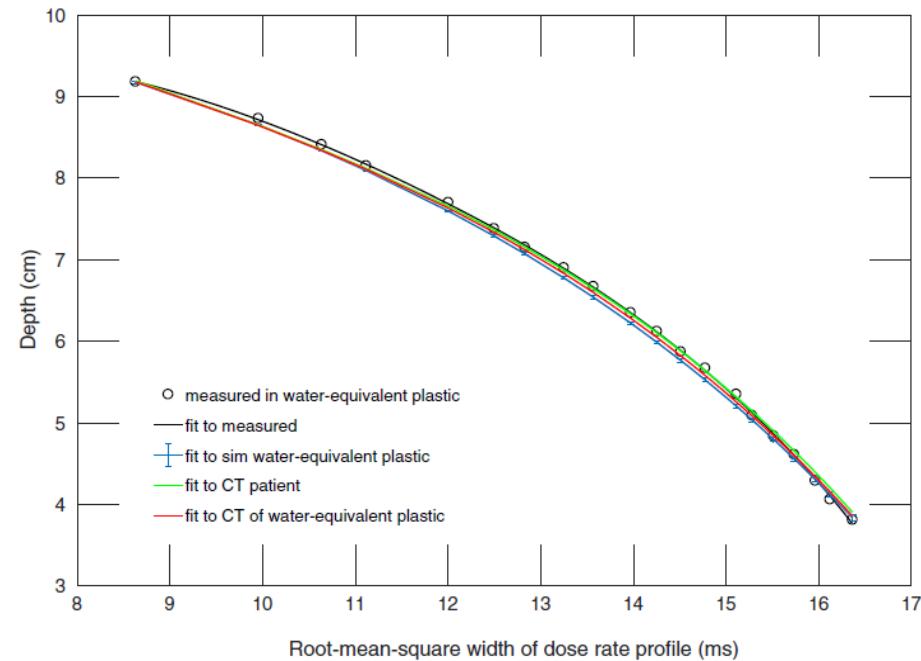
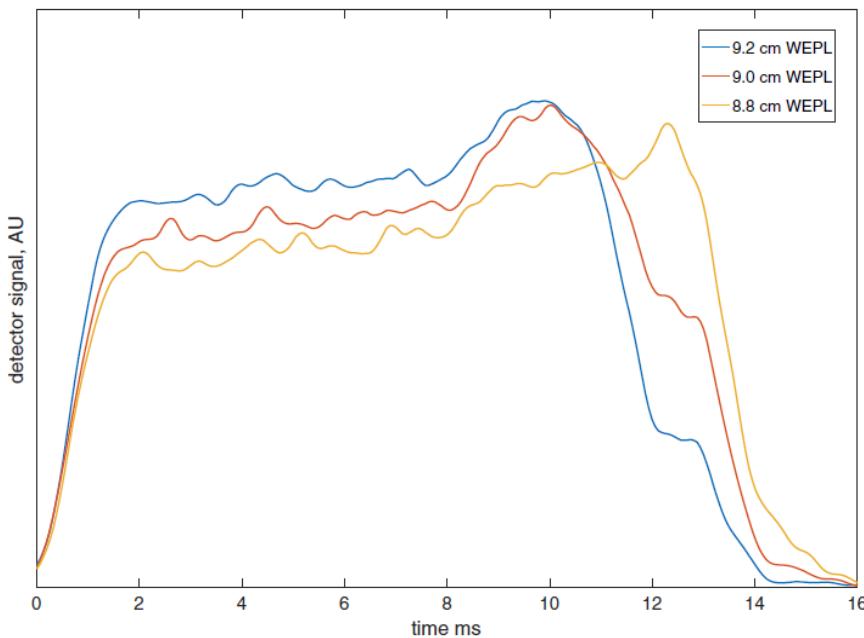
1&3 most commonly addressed in 4D dosimetry, but 2 with static phantom/patient also useful in particle therapy

# time dependent IC current in SOBP



Palmans et al 2006 Phys Med Biol 51:903

e.g., diode for residual range measurement/verification

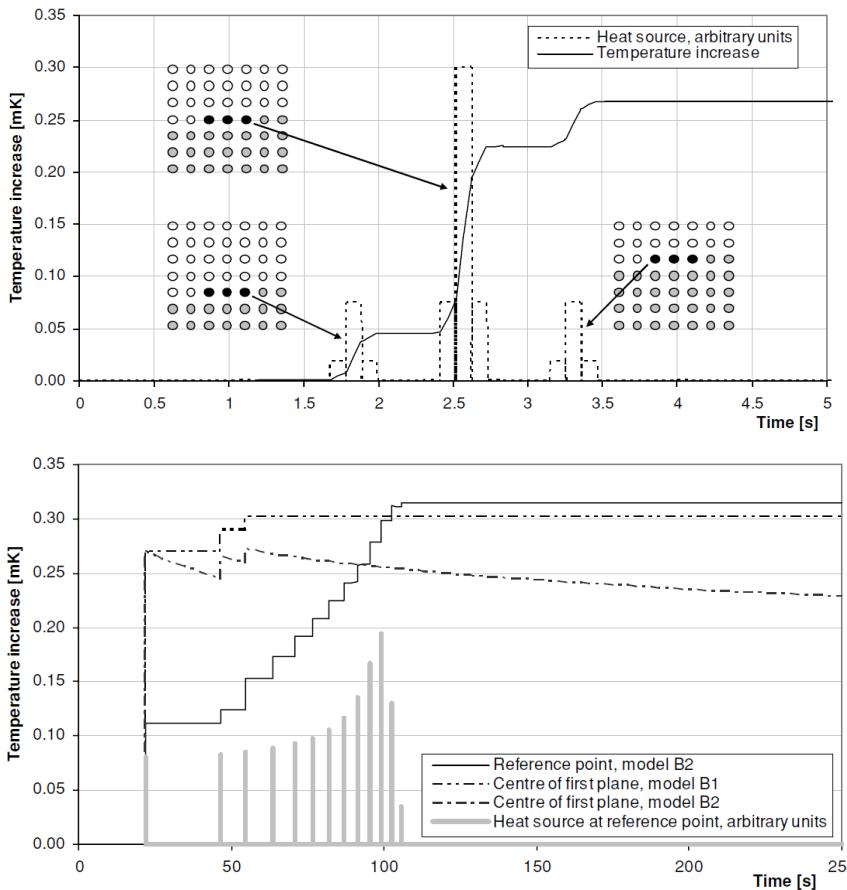


Toltz et al 2017 J Appl Clin Med Phys 18:200

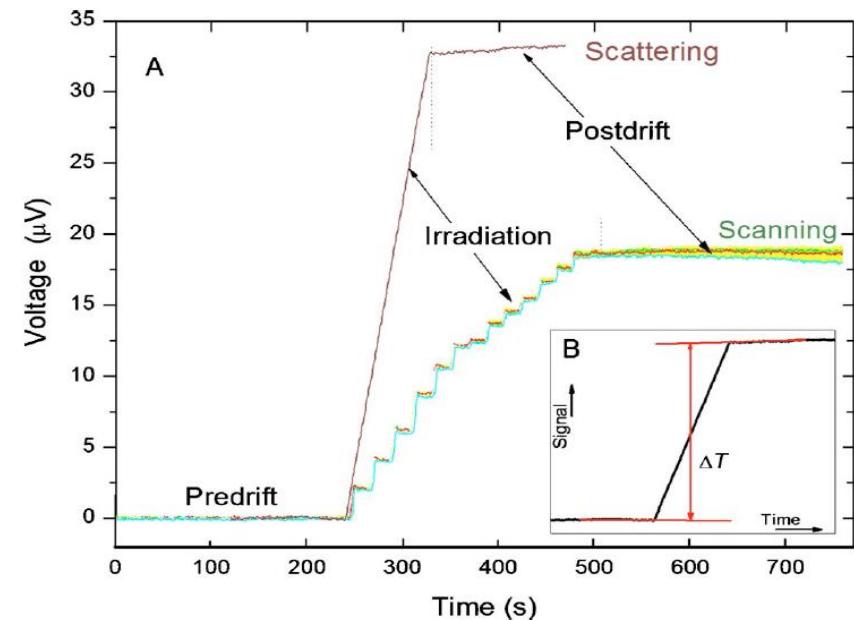
method also used for proton radiography and pCT

(Testa et al 2013 Phys Med Biol 58:8215)

# works a bit differently for PBS fields

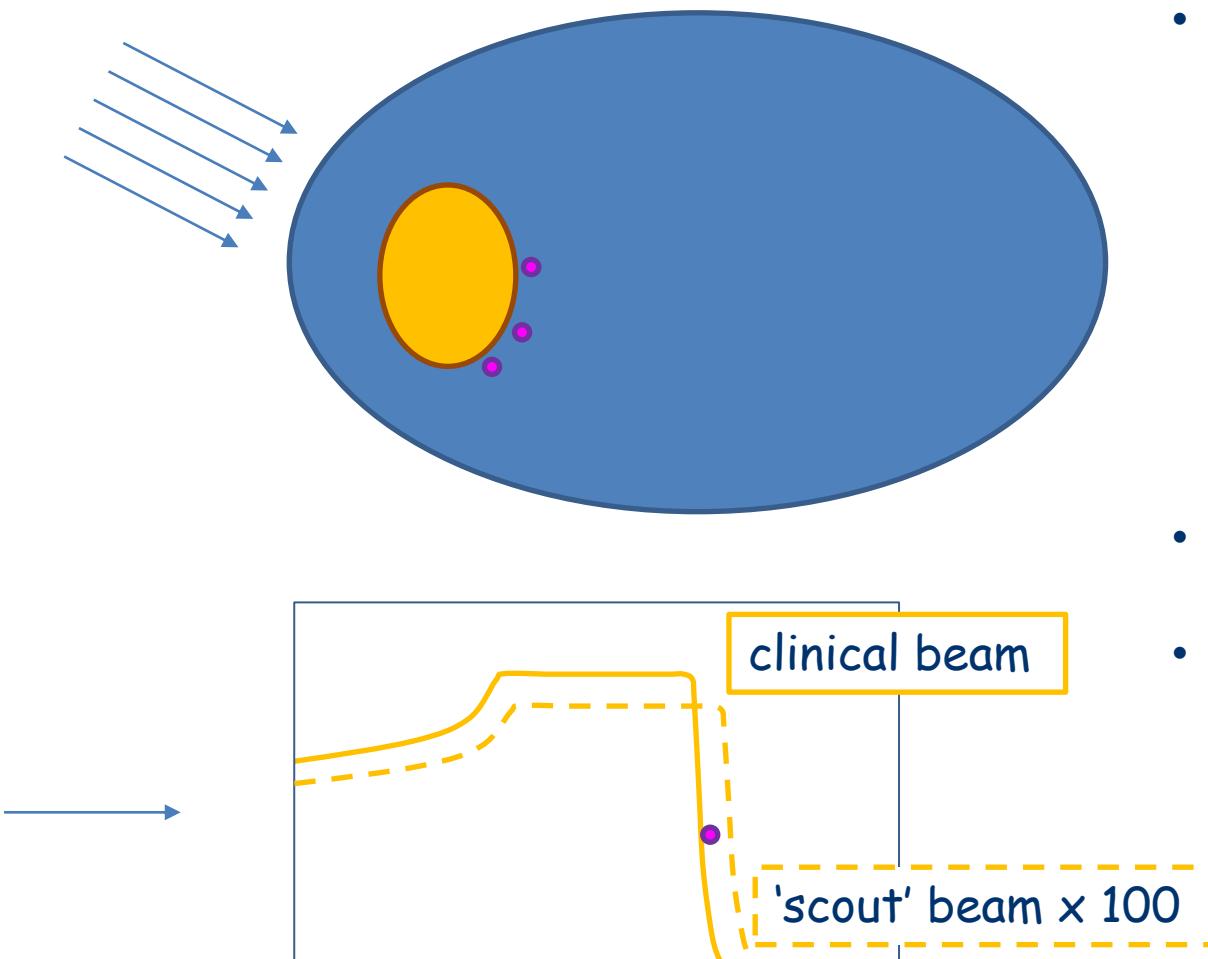


Sassowsky et al 2005 Phys Med Biol 50:5381



Sarfehnia et al 2010 Med Phys 37:3541

# would this work in vivo?



## possible detectors

- fiducials:
  - PIXE (La Rosa et al 2015 PMB59:2623)
  - X-B (gel, Fricke - e.g., De Deene et al 2020 PMB65:225031)
  - prompt- $\gamma$  (Martins et al 2021 Sci Rep 15331)
- implantable mosfet
- diode, FOS, MOSFET via needle or catheter (e.g., Cherpak et al 2009 Med Phys 36:1672)

# identifying sources of hot/cold spots

# 0-1-2D detectors often mentioned

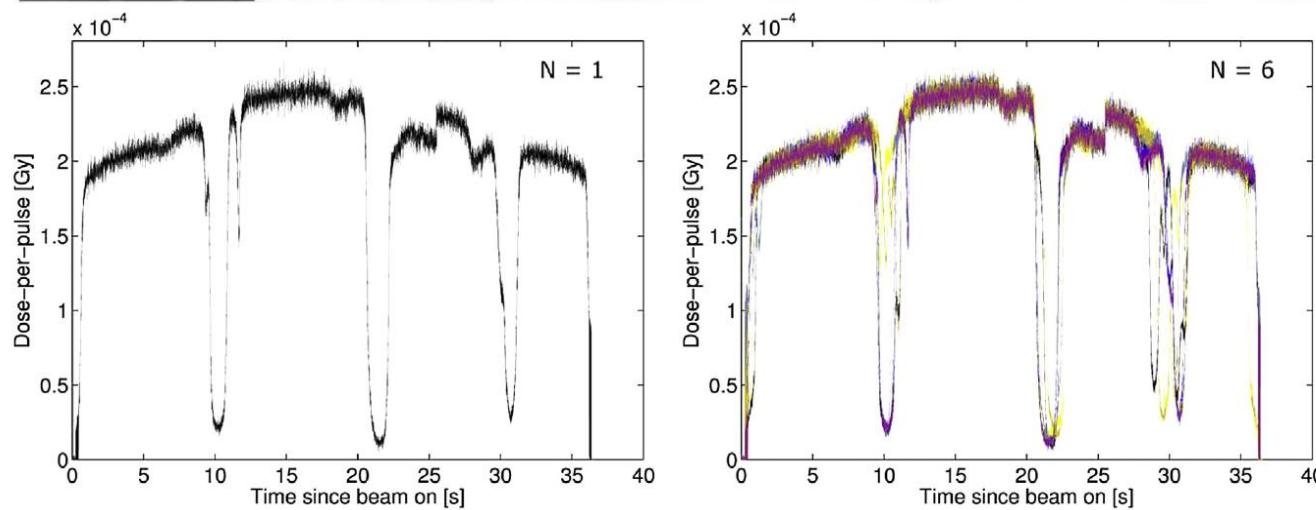
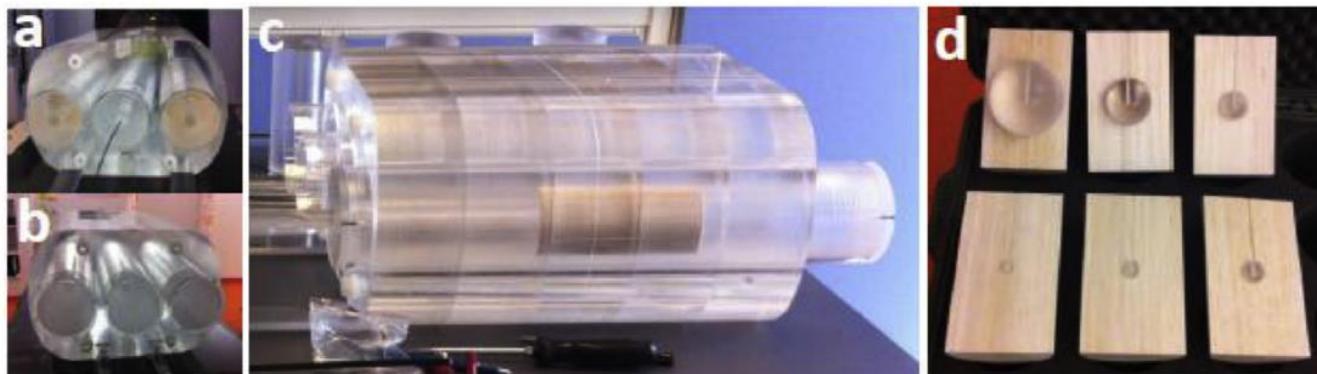
e.g., Trnkova et al 2018 Phys Med 54:121

TLD: only integrating, considerable energy dependence,  
limited resolution

film: high resolution, but only integrating

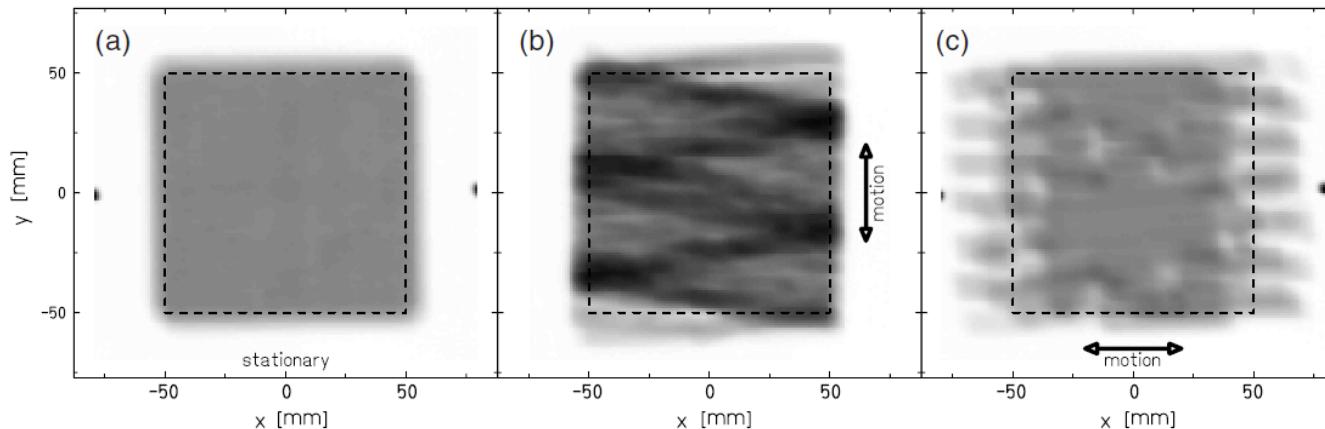
ionization chamber (arrays): reliable dosimeter but limited  
resolution, large uncertainty in the presence of dose  
gradients

# OD detectors: FOS target in moving lung phantom / IMRT

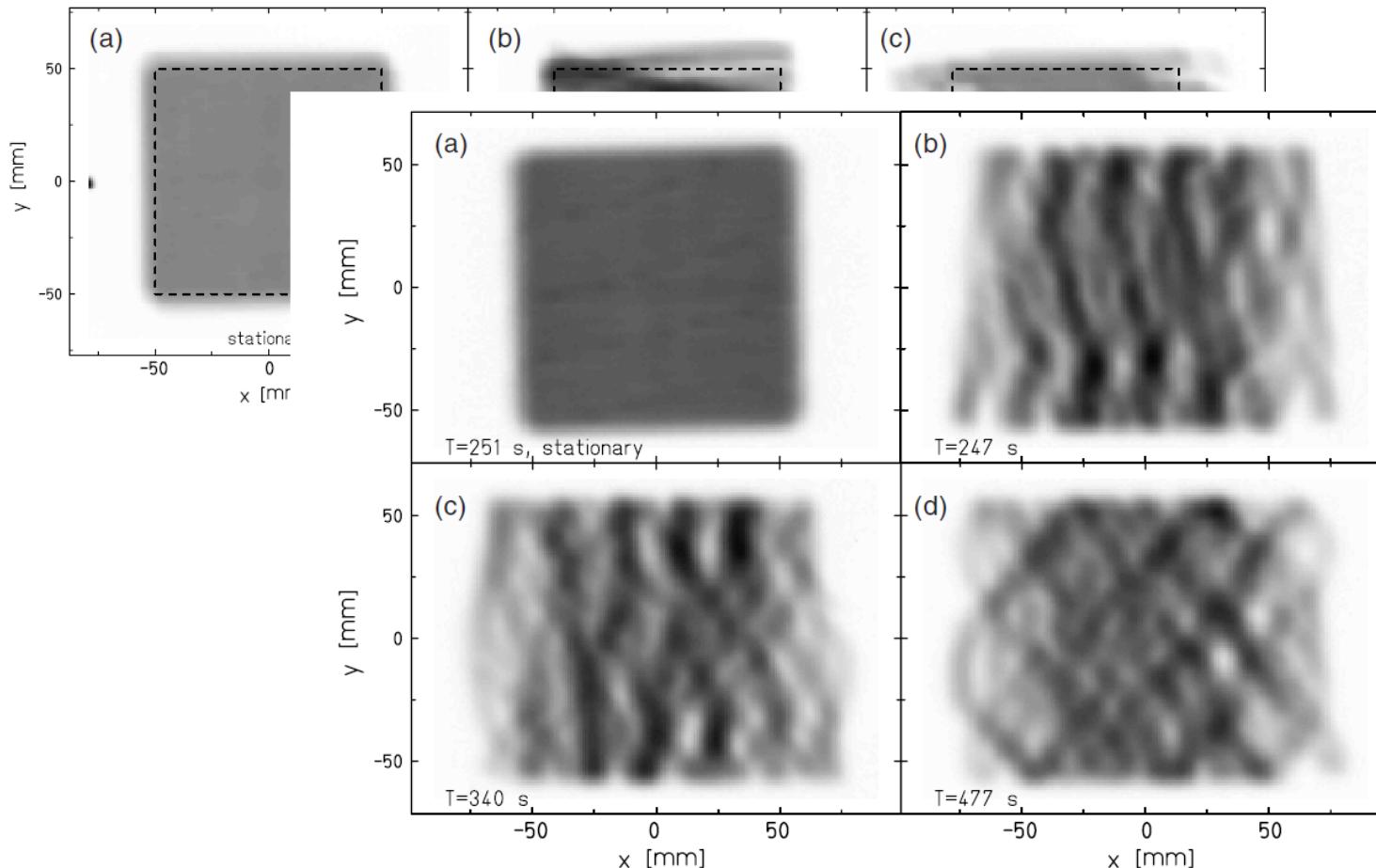


Sibolt et al 2017 Rad Meas 107:373

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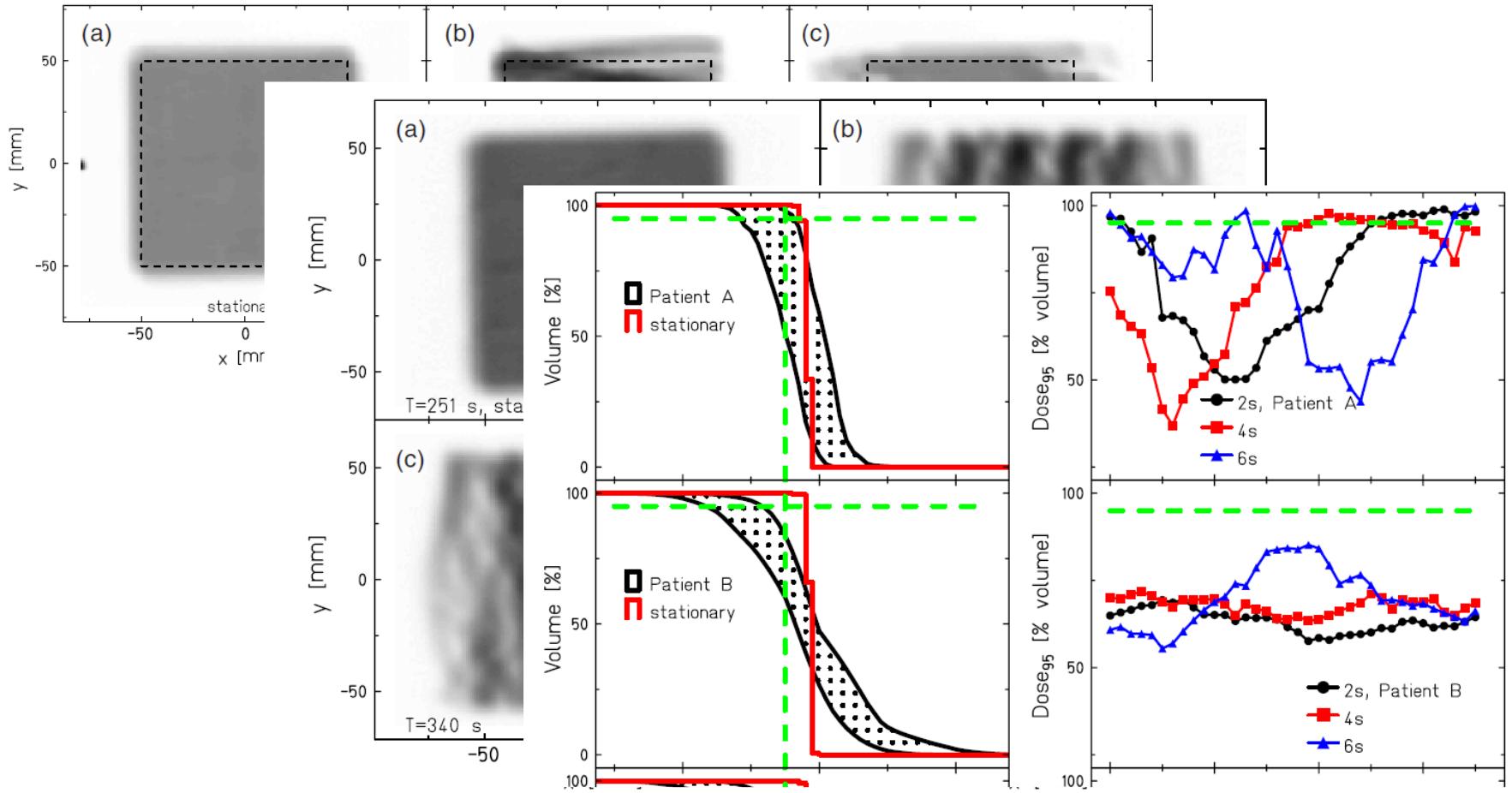


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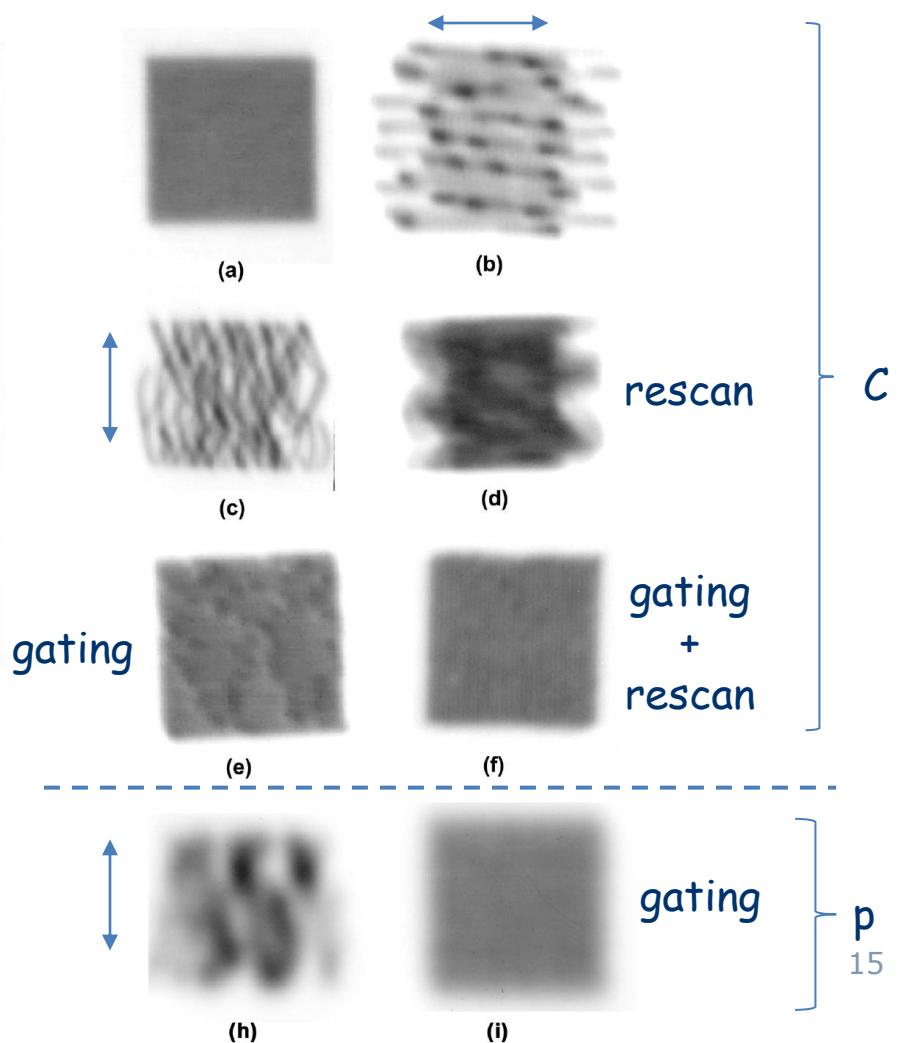
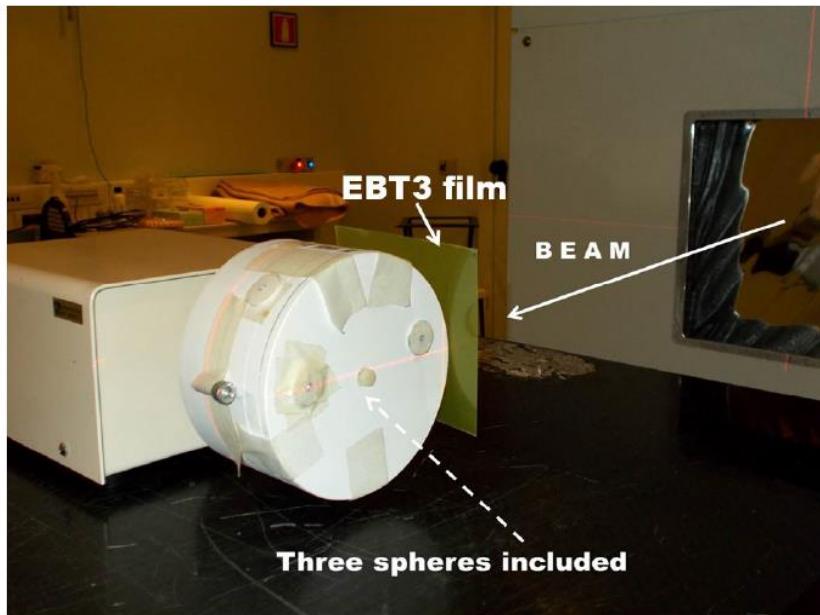
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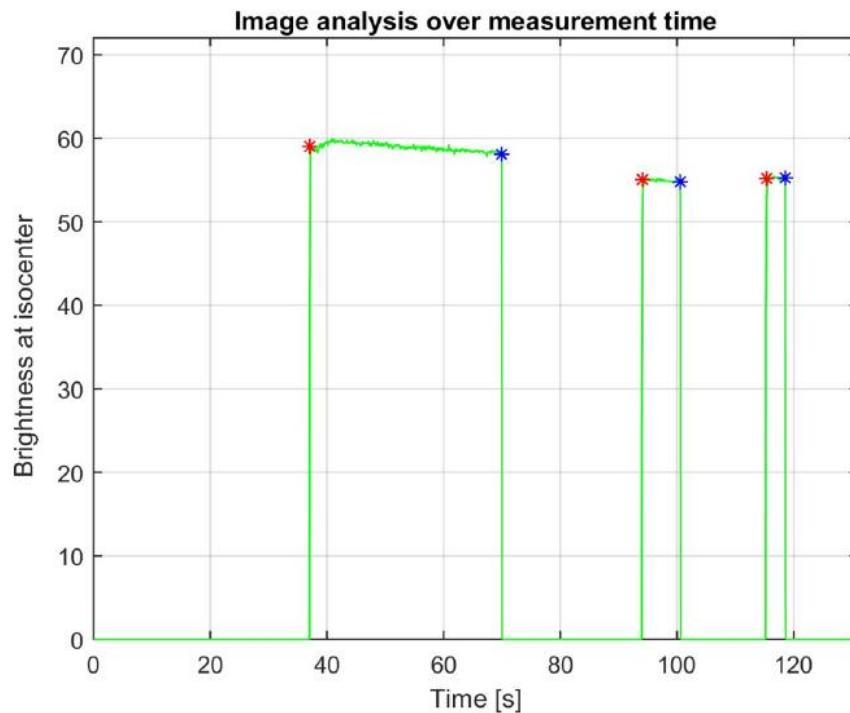
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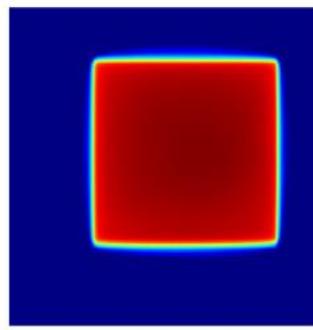
Ciocca et al 2016 Phys Med 32:1667

# 2D detectors: scintillating screen for TRD in IMRT

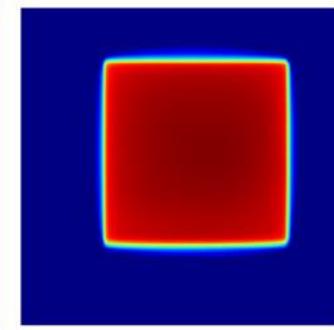
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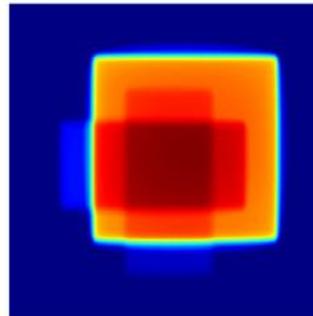
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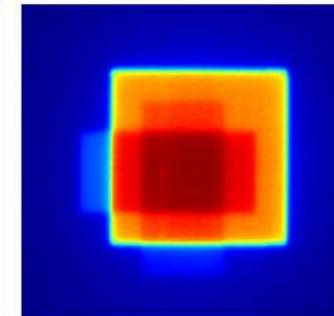
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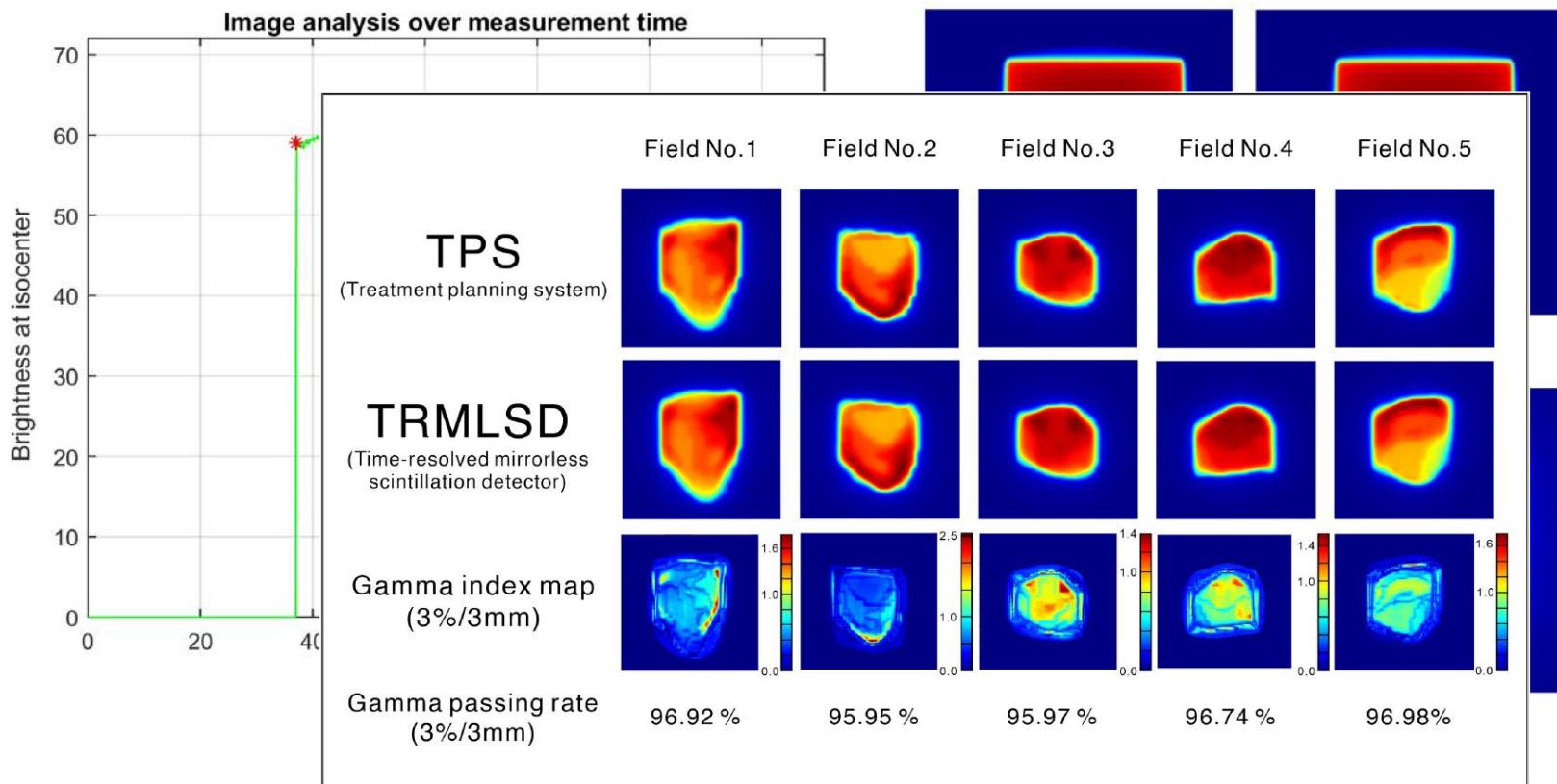


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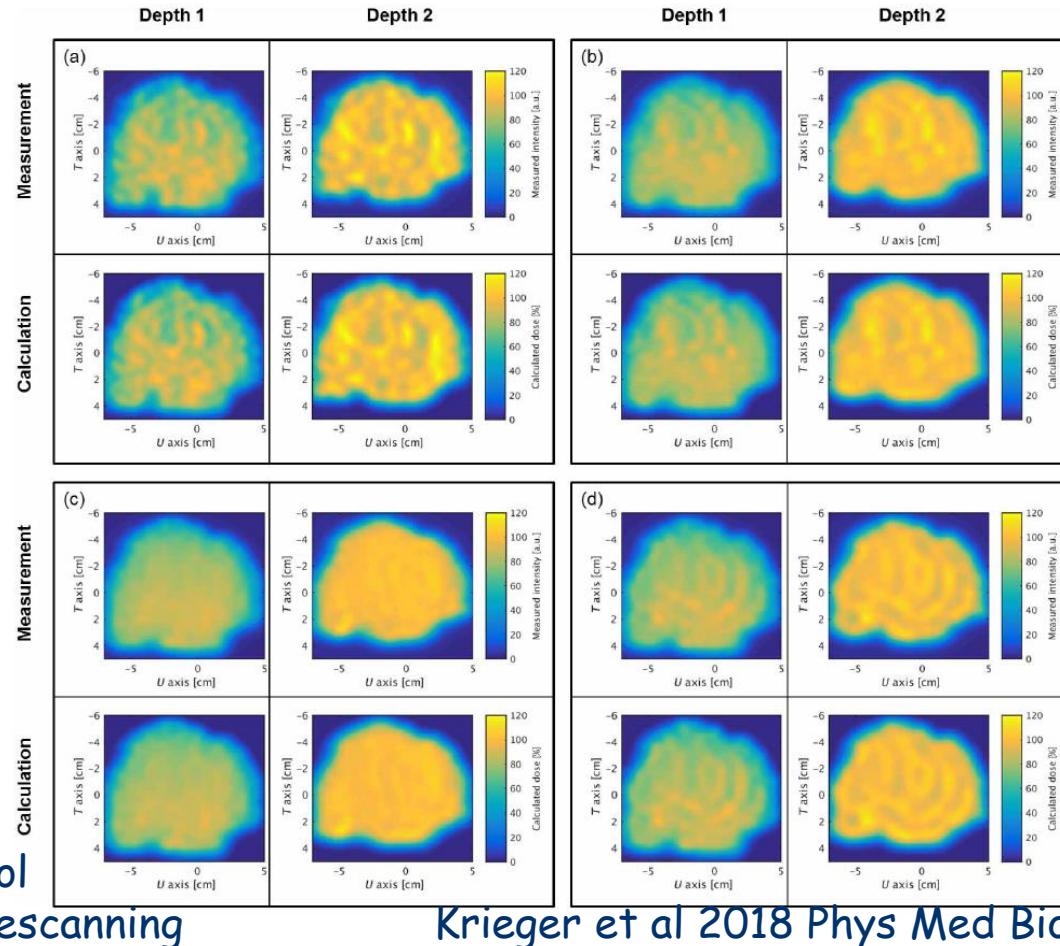
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Cheon et al 2021 PlosOne 16:e0246742

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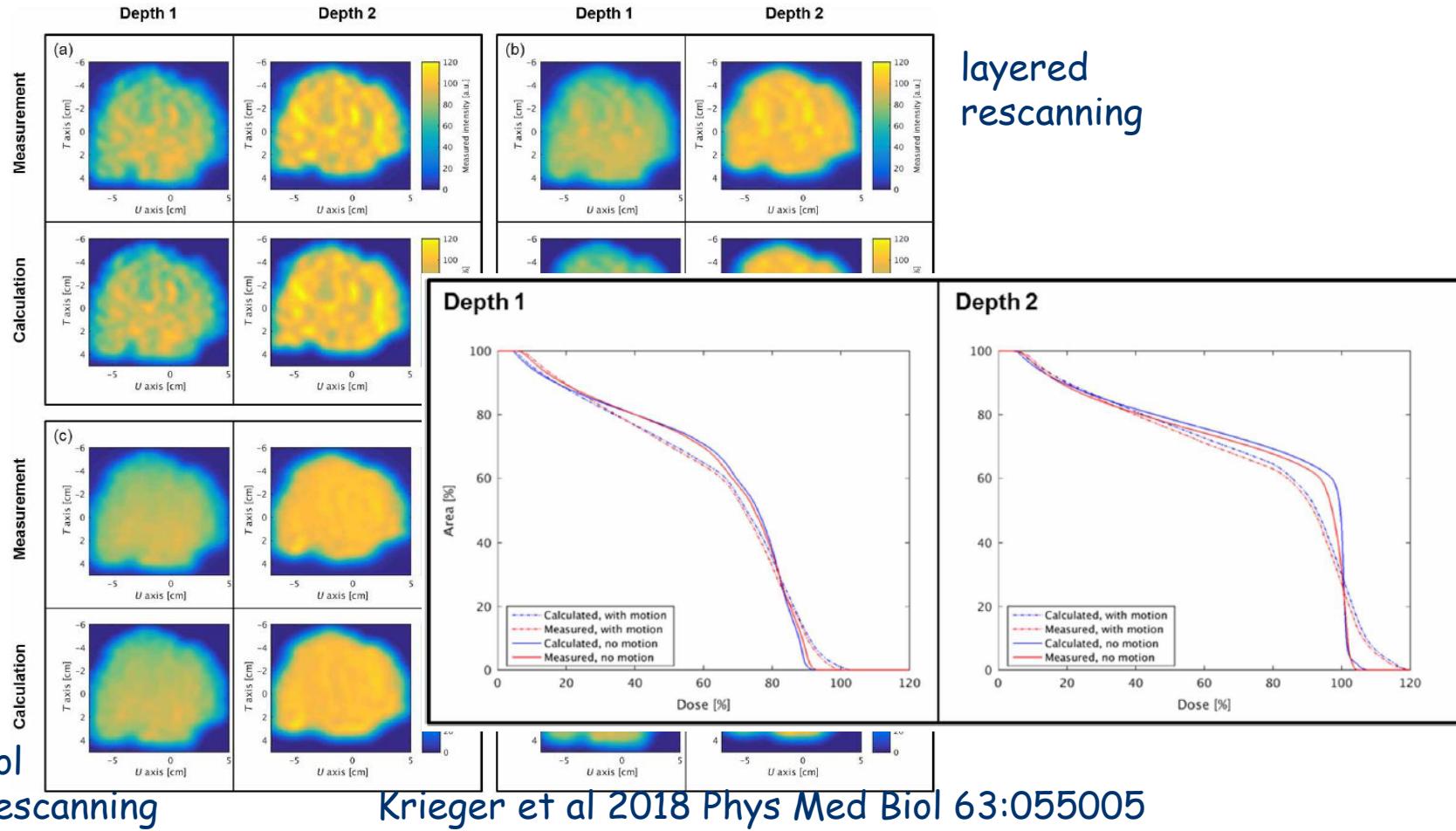


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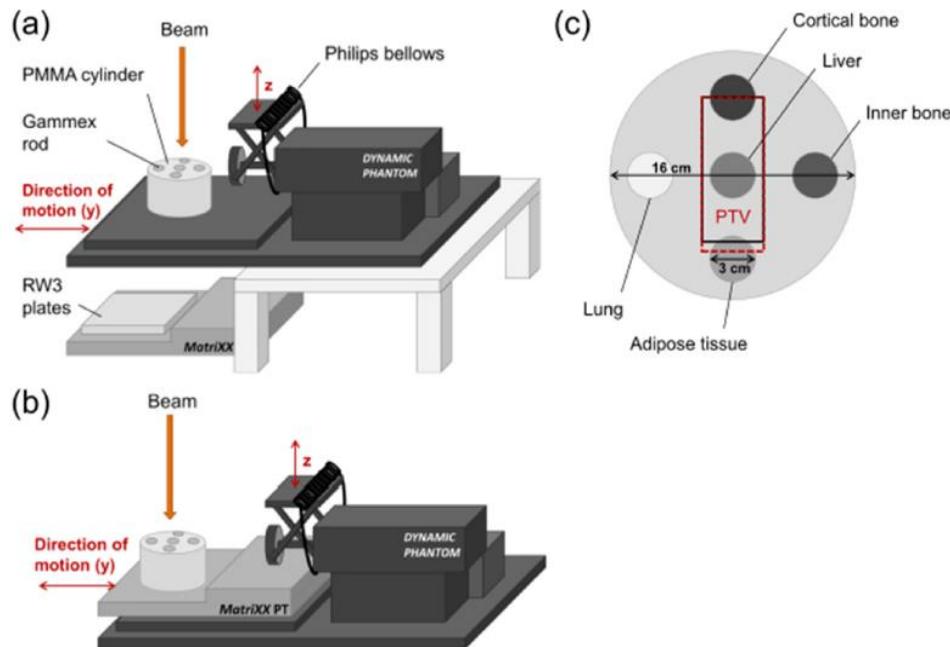
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Krieger et al 2018 Phys Med Biol 63:055005

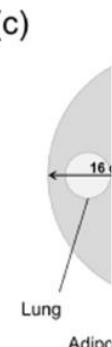
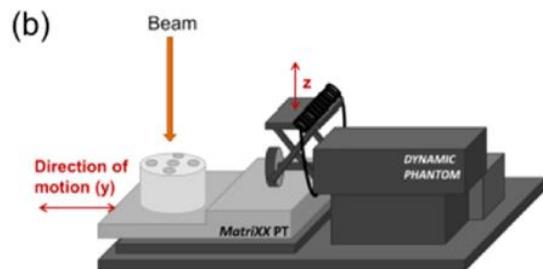
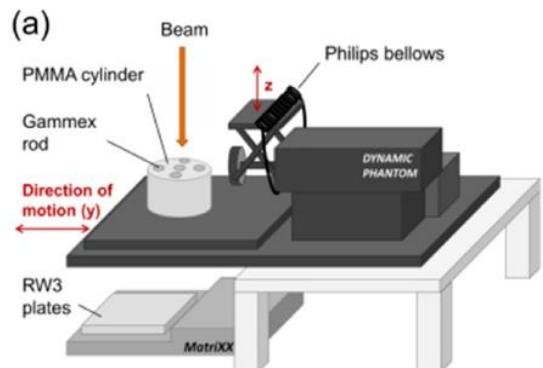
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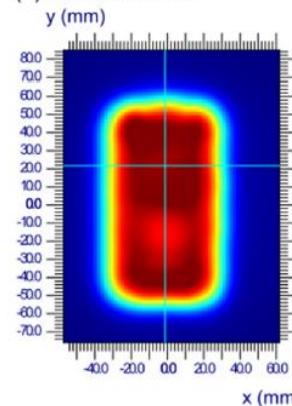
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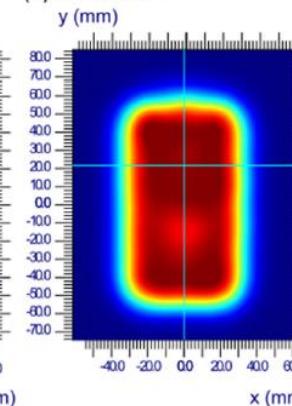
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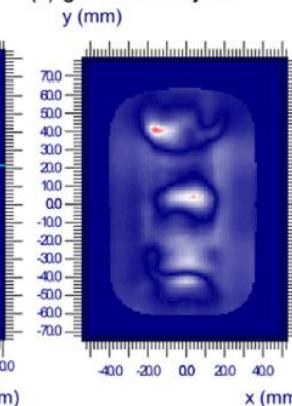
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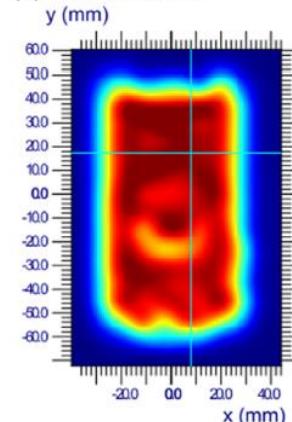
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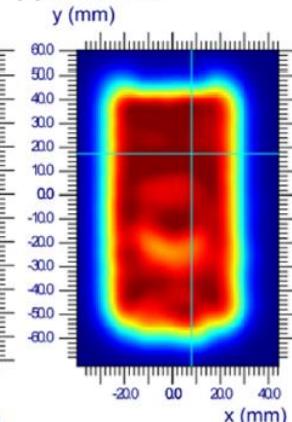
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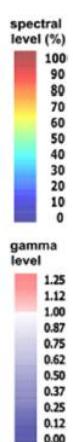
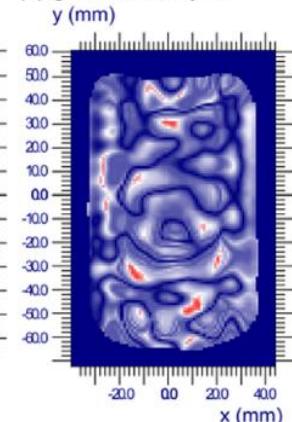
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# 3D detectors: commercial solutions for IMRT, ARCT, VMAT, ...



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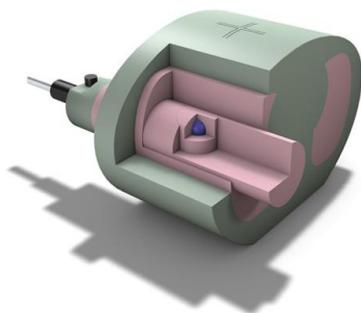
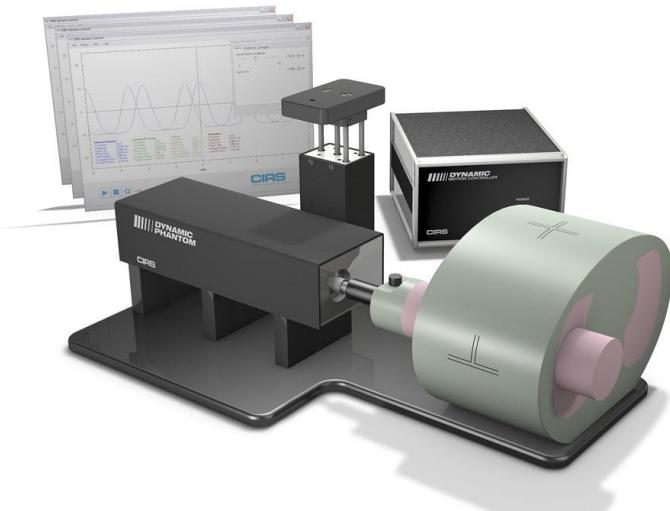


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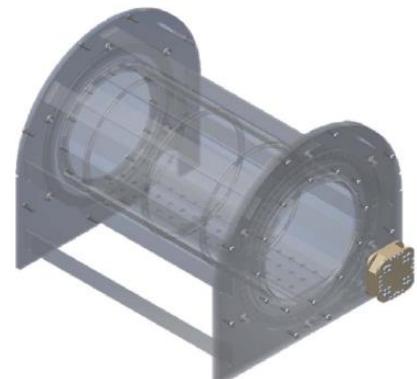


OCTAVIUS 4D

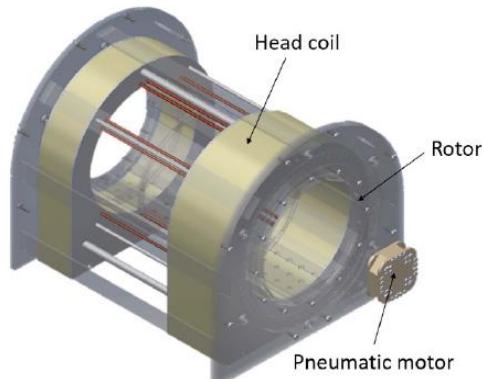
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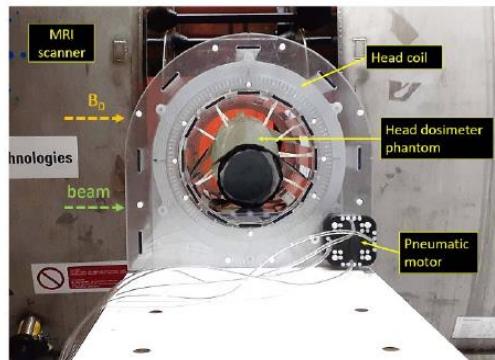
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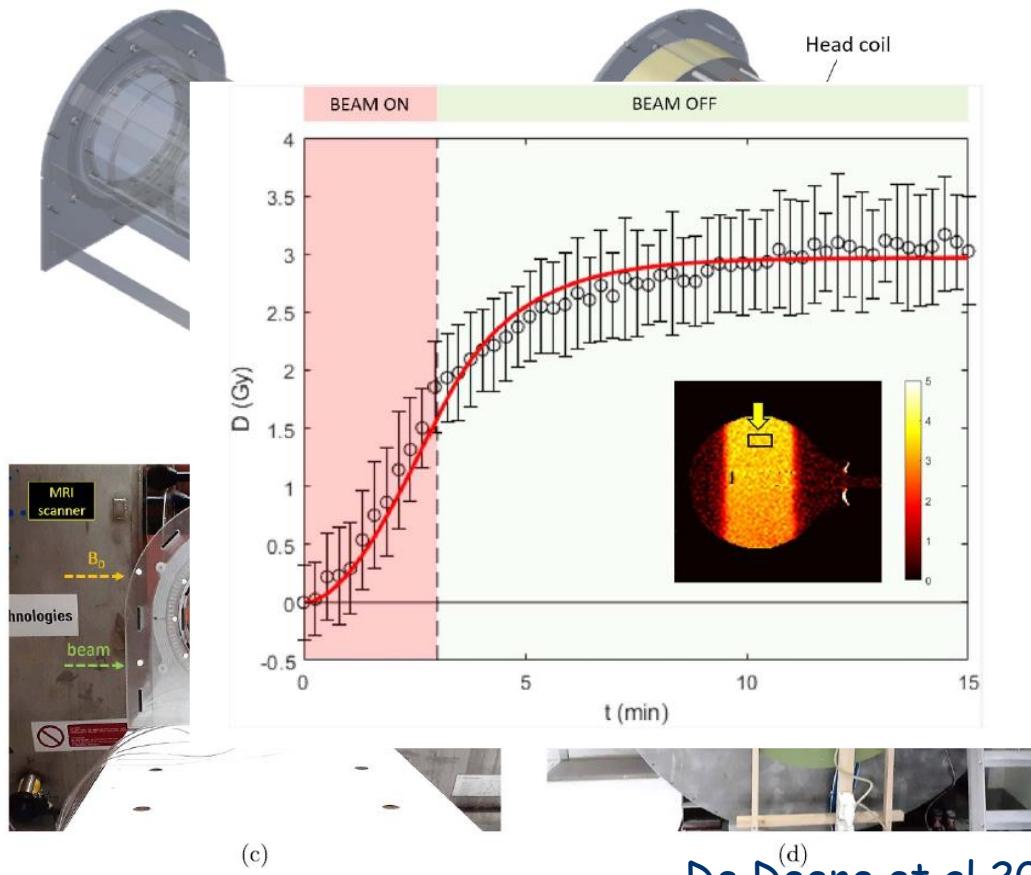
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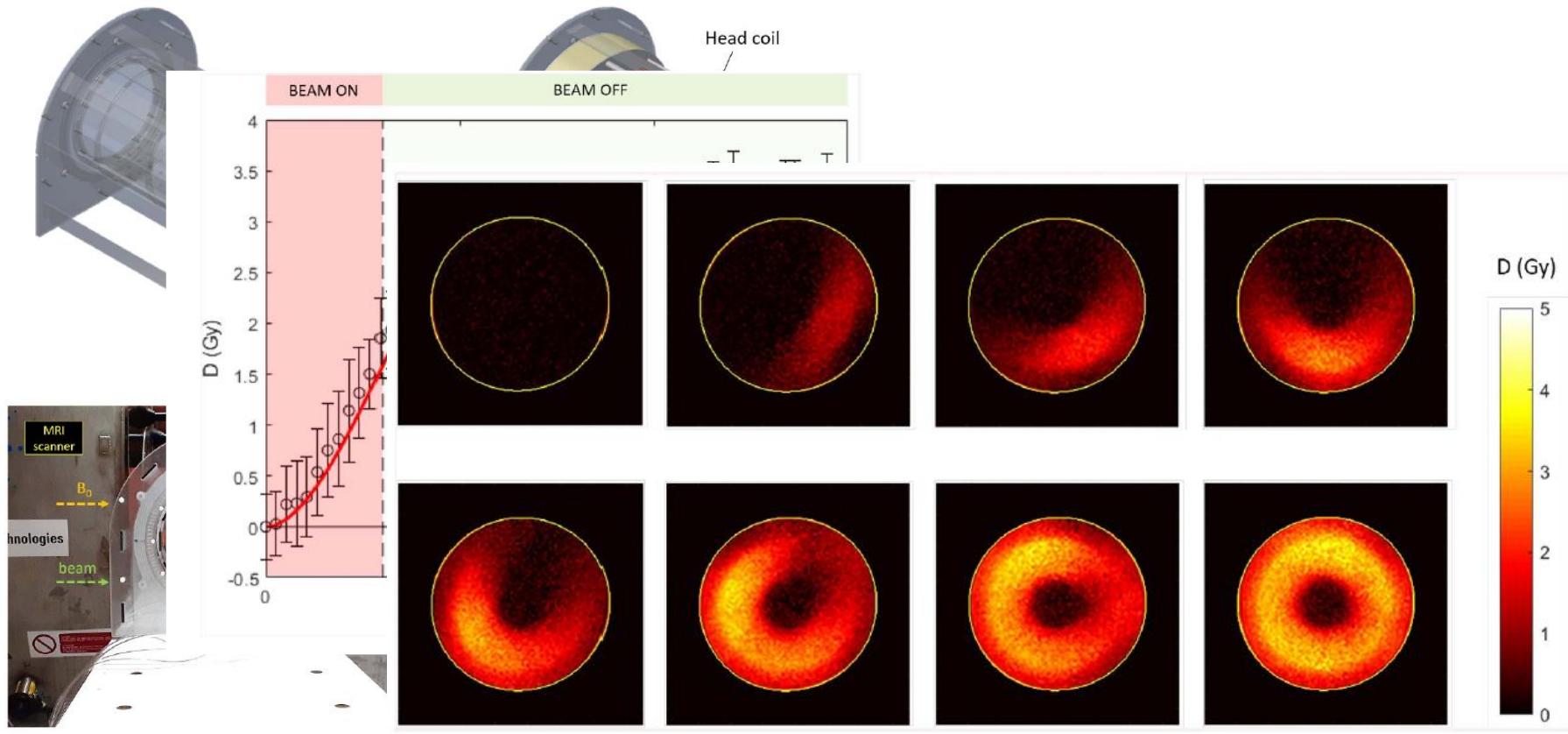
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De Deene et al 2020 Med Phys 65:225031

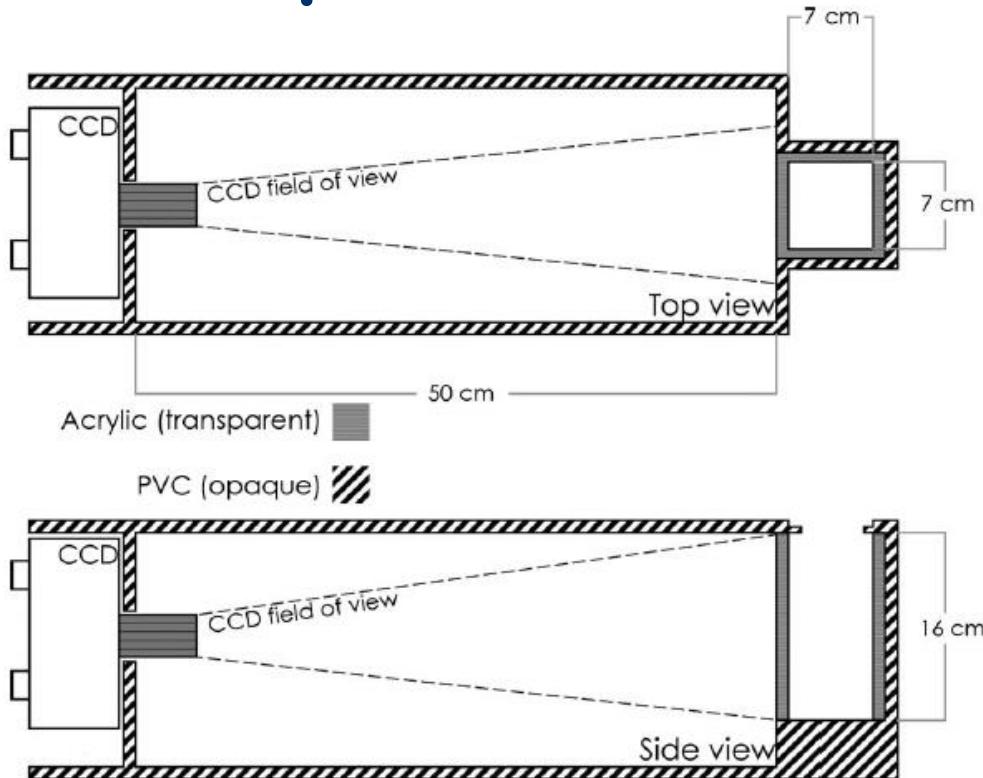
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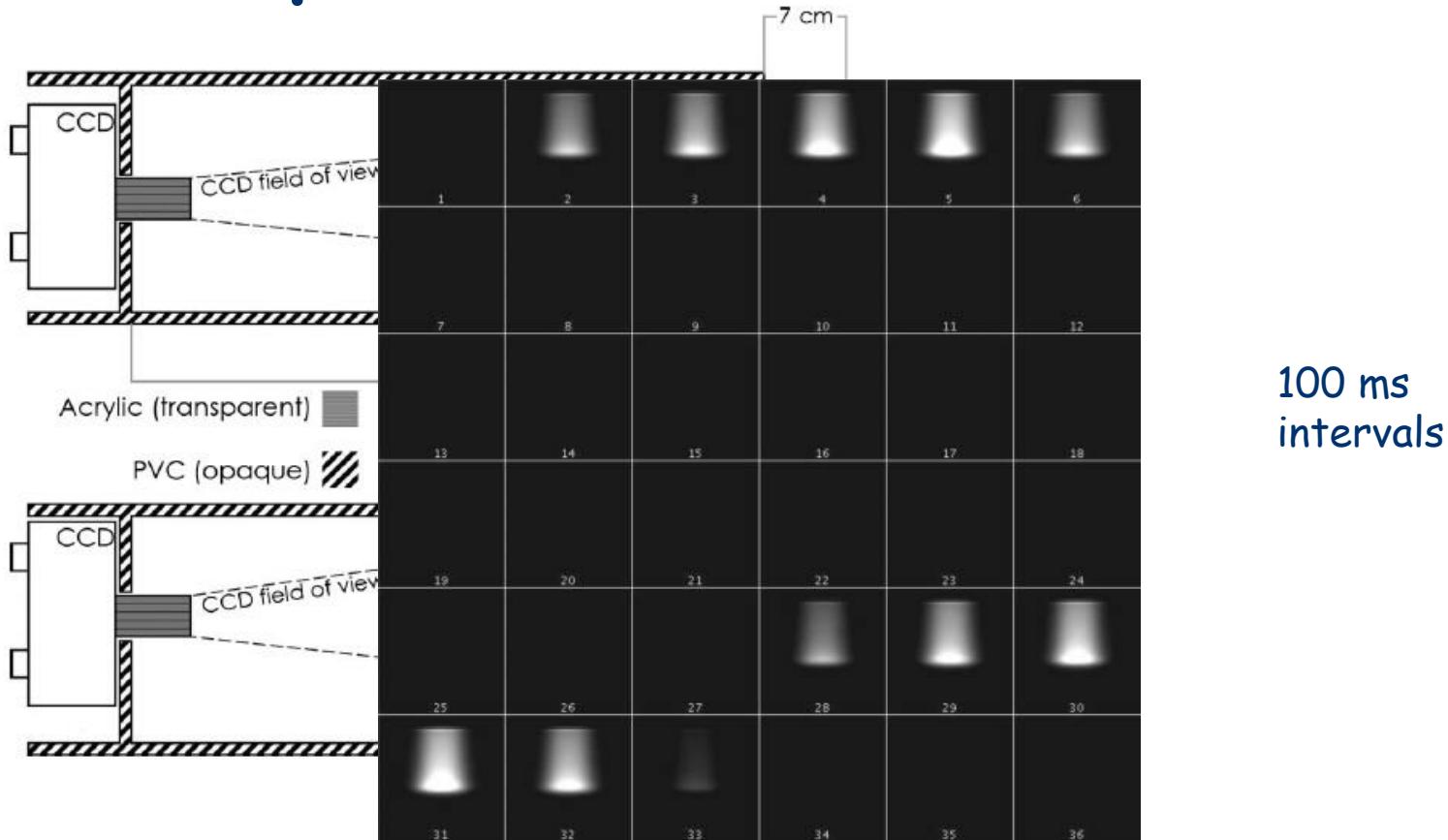
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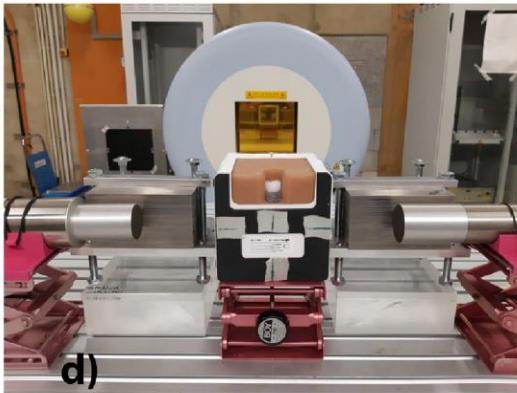
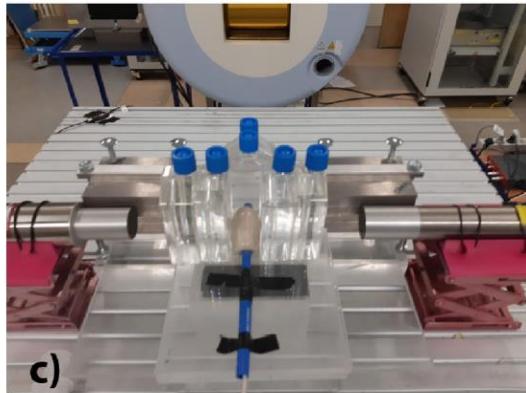
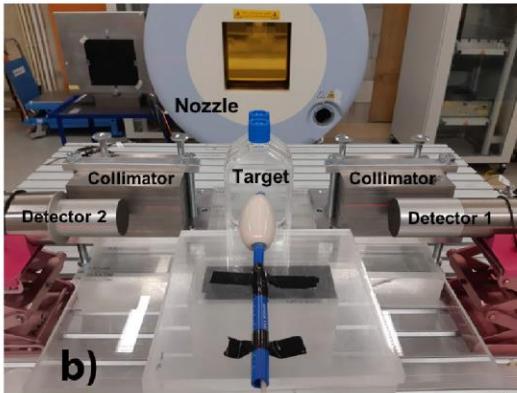
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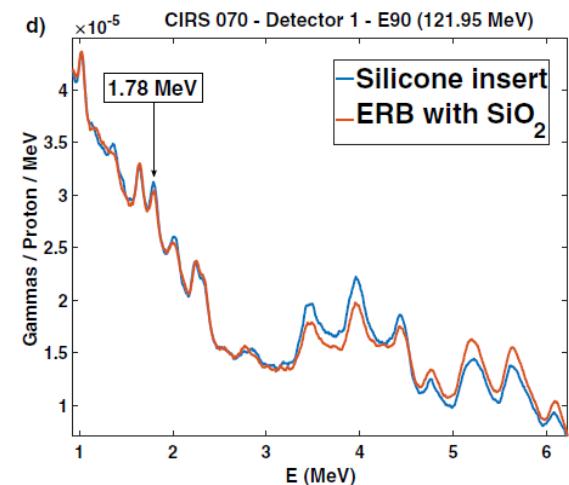
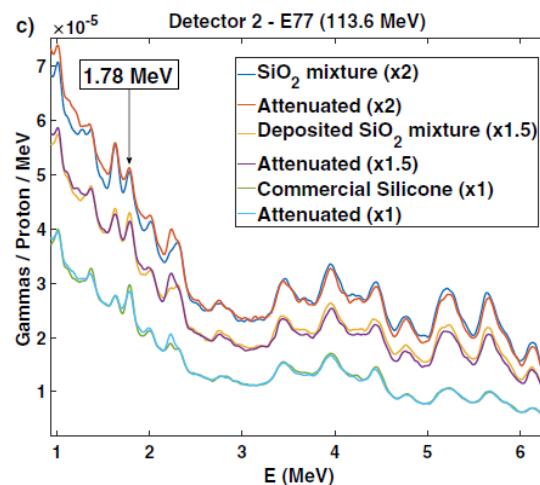
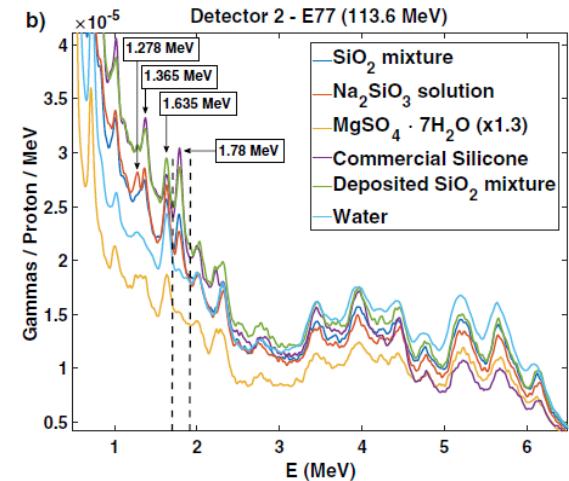
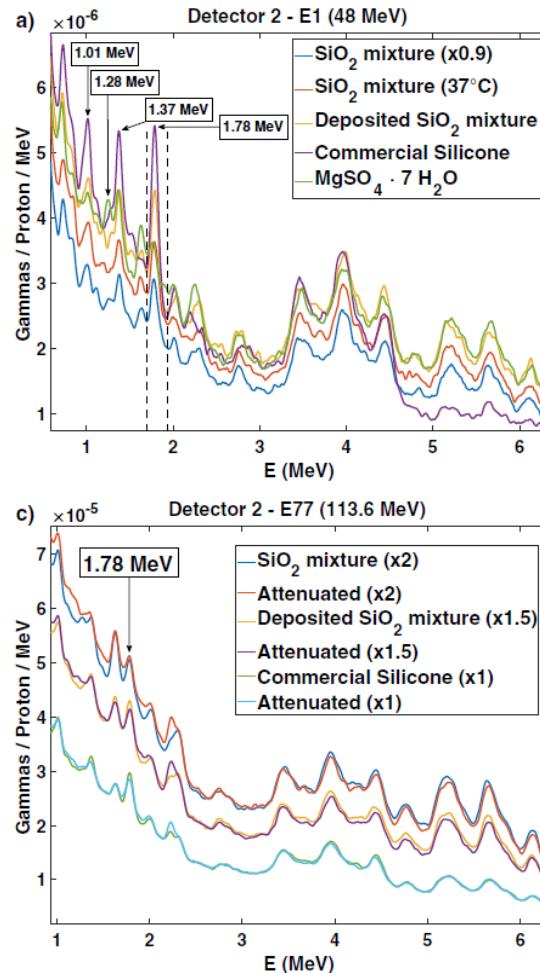
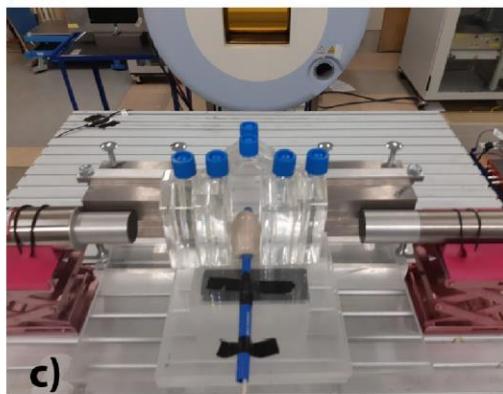
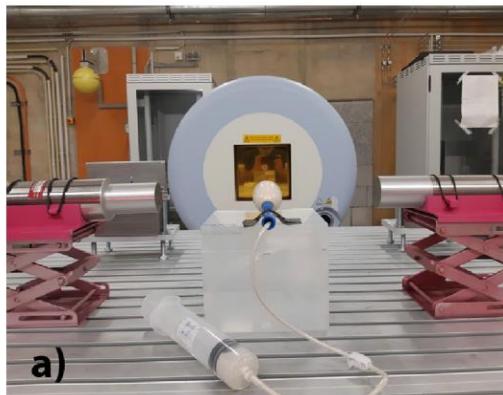
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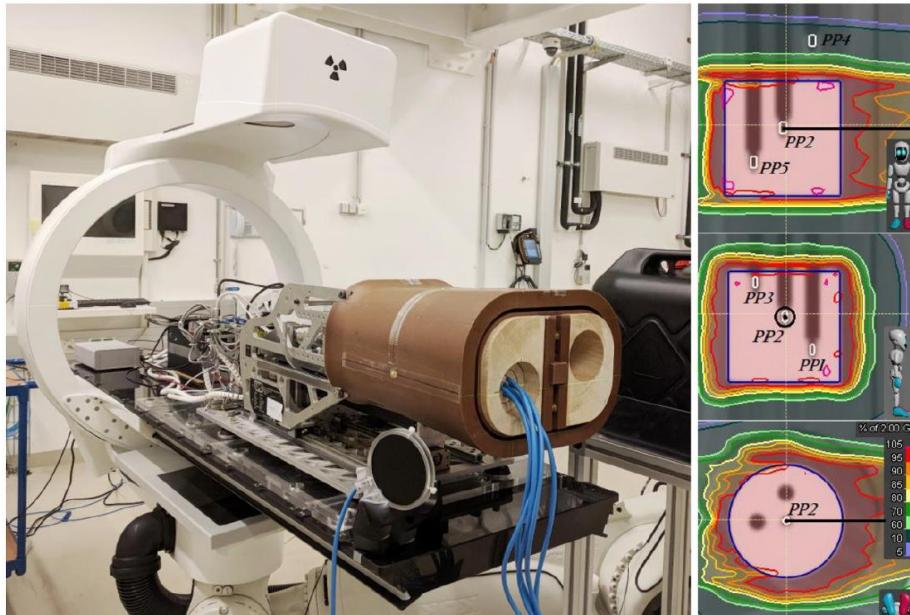
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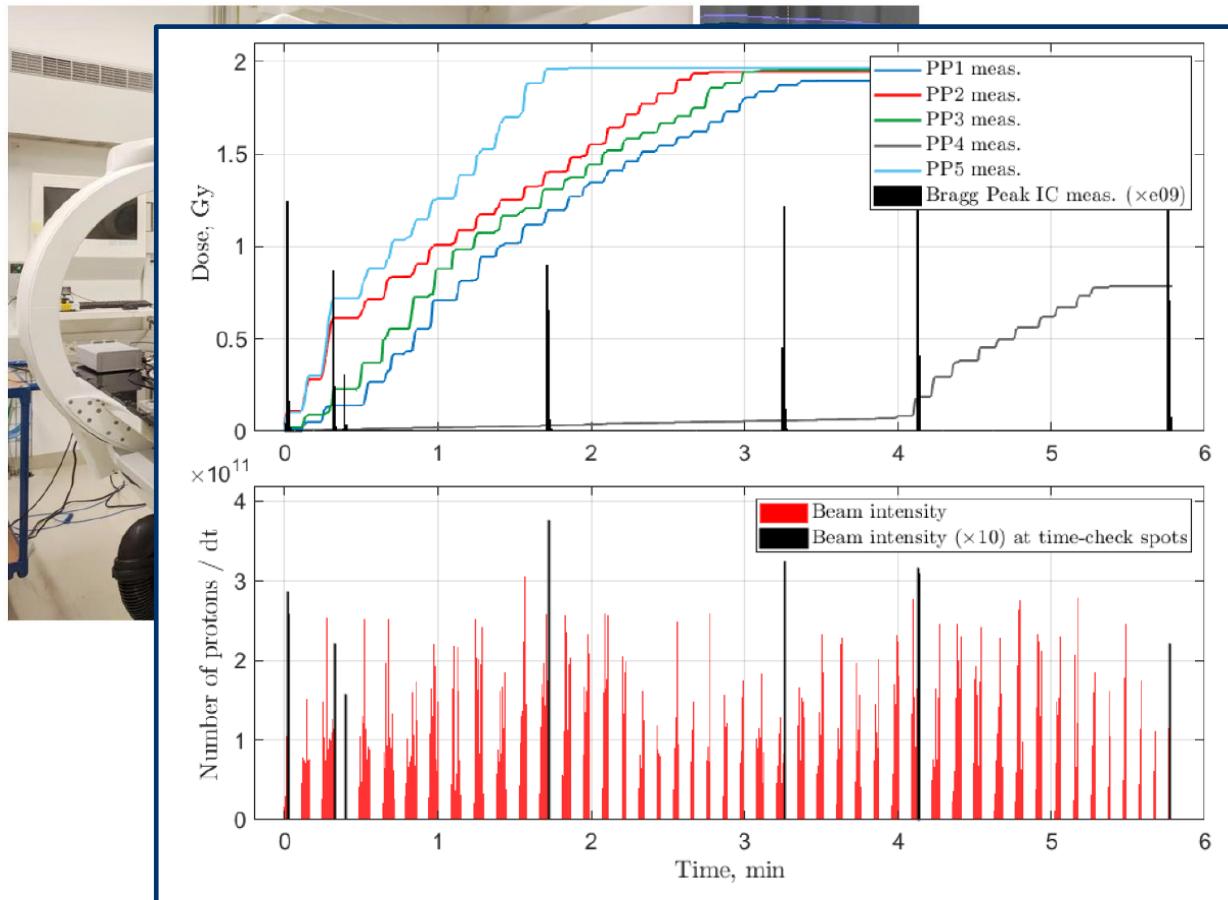
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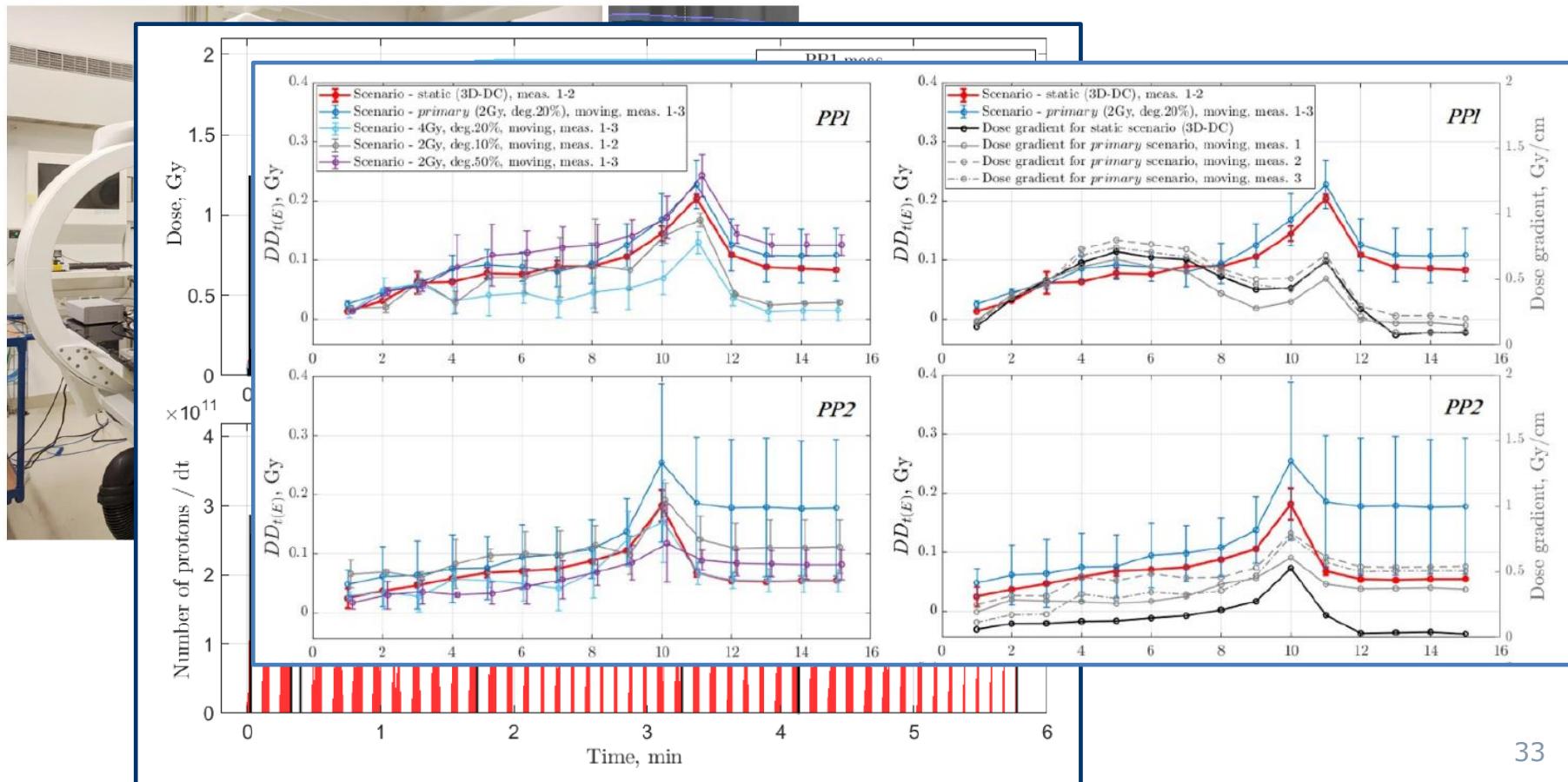


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Kostiukhina et al 2020 Phys Med Biol 65:125015

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# in vivo TRD: portal dosimetry?

in principle yes

requires proton beam with sufficient energy as 'scout' beam

for carbon ions mixing with helium ions

# in vivo TRD: MRI-PT?

in principle yes

but requires contrast agent that changes magnetic susceptibility

# in vivo TRD: prompt gamma?

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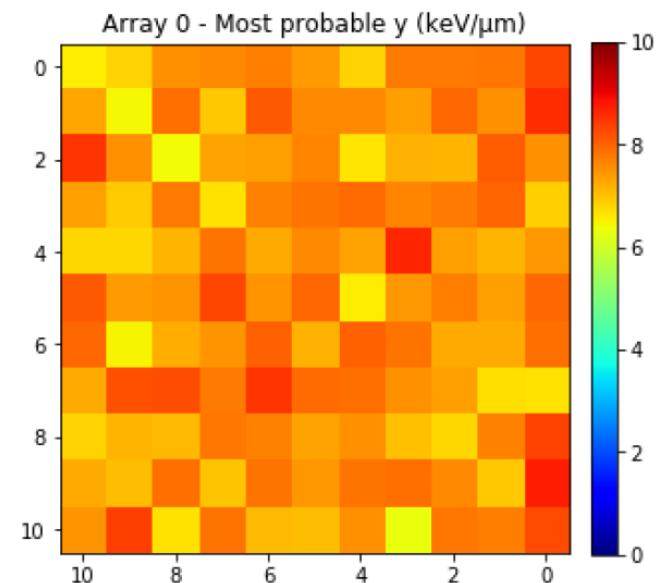
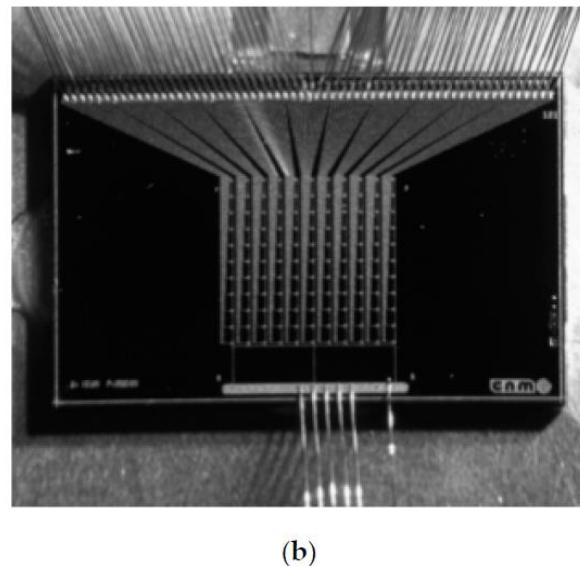
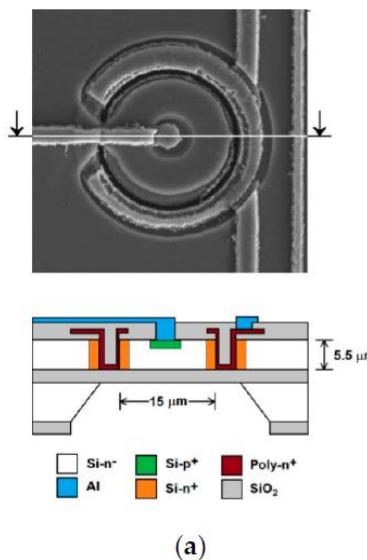
but a long way to go...



# effect of motion on LET

LET cannot be measured

...but could be derived from lineal energy spectra by deconvolving energy loss straggling



# ways to analyse deviations from plan

qualitative visual inspection

DVH

cumulative dose / intensity log files

alternative gamma evaluation (hyper-gamma)

$$\gamma_H(r_m, t_m) = \min\{\Gamma_H(r_m, t_m, r_c, t_c)\} \forall (r_c, t_c)$$

where

$$\Gamma_H(r_m, t_m, r_c, t_c) = \sqrt{\frac{\tau^2(t_m, t_c)}{\Delta t^2} + \frac{r^2(r_m, r_c)}{\Delta d^2} + \frac{\delta^2(r_m, t_m, r_c, t_c)}{\Delta D^2}}$$

As in the original gamma evaluation method, the evaluated point passes the test if  $\gamma \leq 1$

Norström et al  
2013 J Phys Conf Ser 444:012021

# summary

TRD can be used for improved range measurement

time structure of dose

detectors for TRD in 0-1-2-3D and in vivo

importance of time stamps for detailed comparison with plans, log-files

LET and motion