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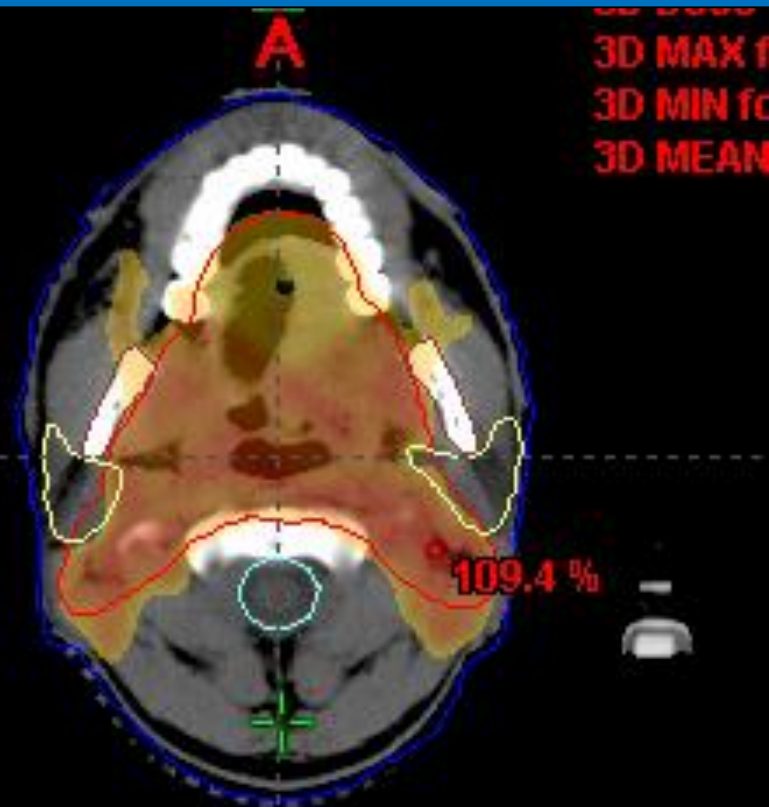
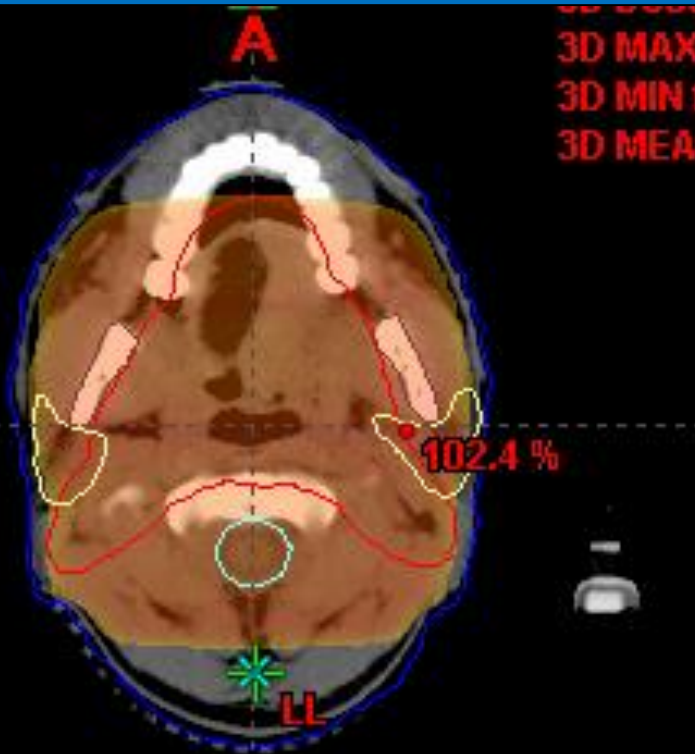
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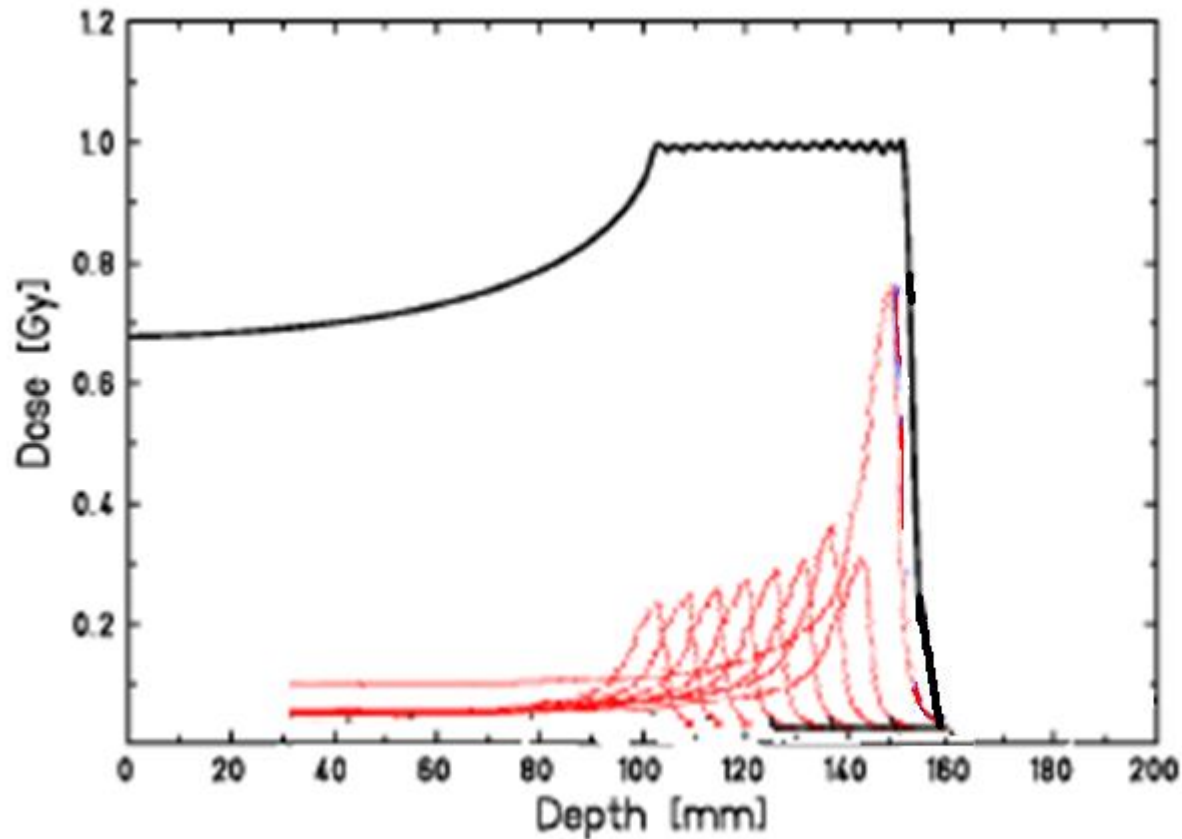


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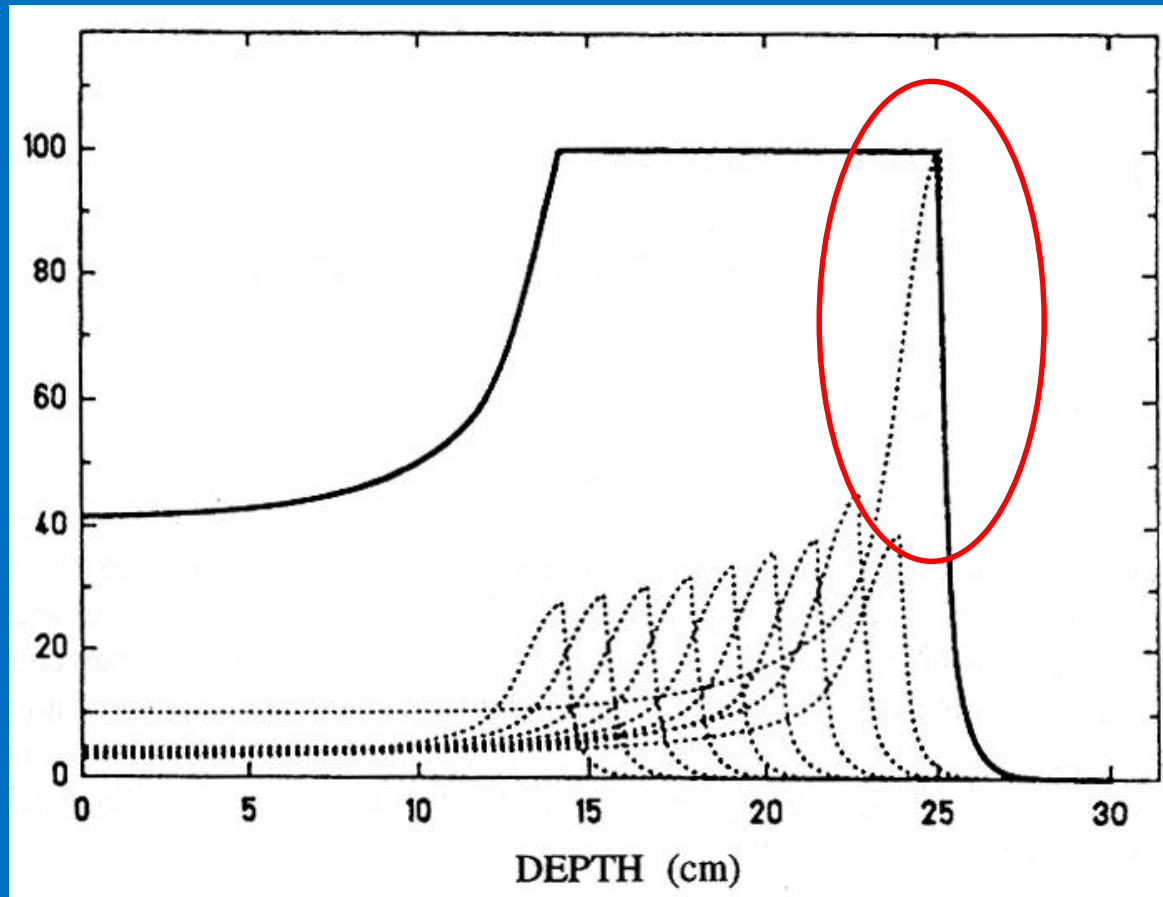
Photons : Dose \rightarrow Resposne



Protons uniform physical dose
Not different from photons

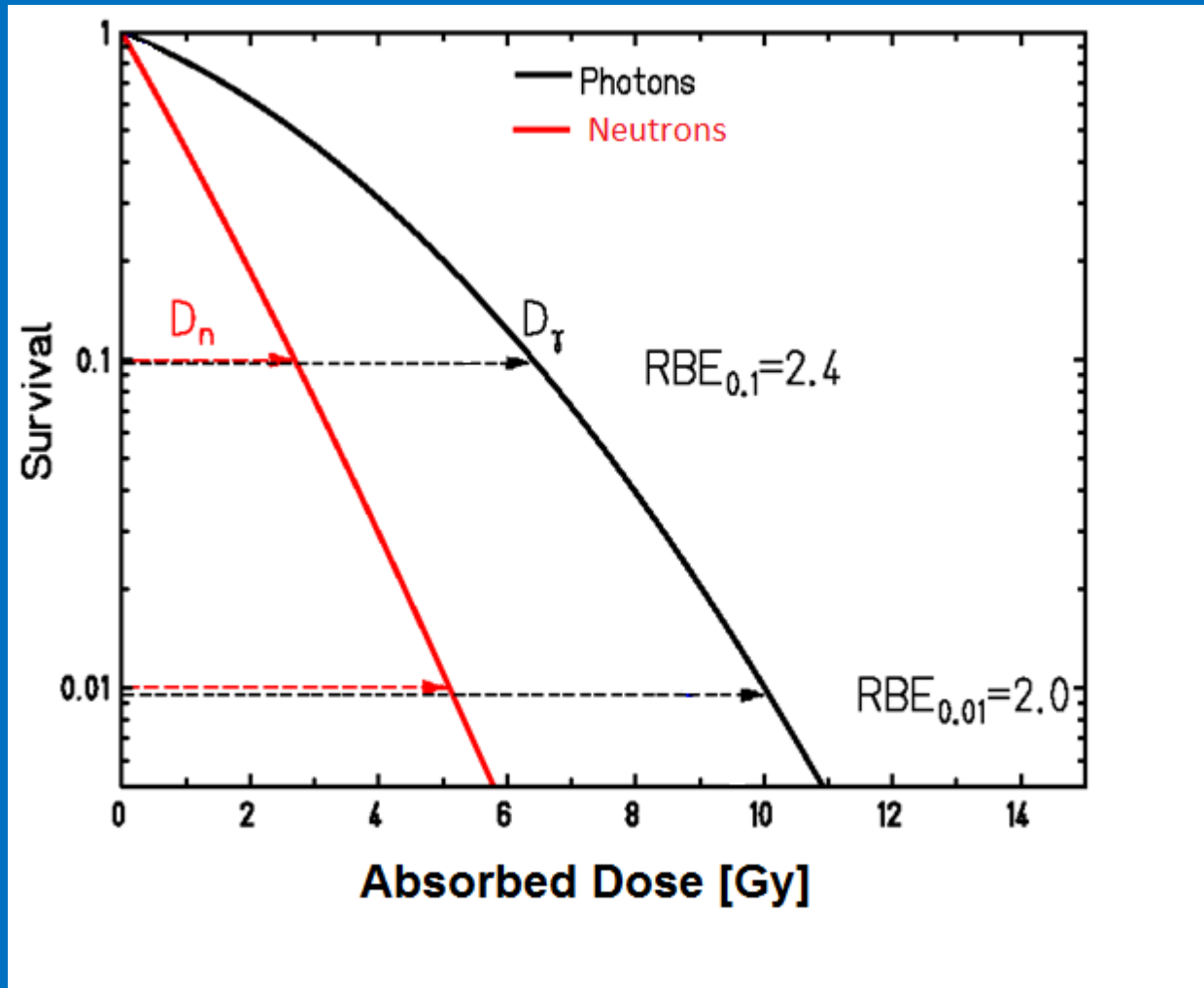


What if I give a uniform absorbed dose of carbon ions



**More
biological
effect
Whichever
endpoint you
choose**

$$RBE = \frac{D_{reference}}{D_{test}} \Big|_{same_effect}$$

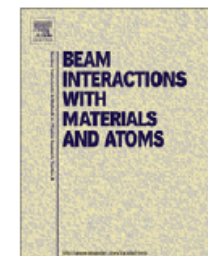




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Therapeutic techniques applied in the heavy-ion therapy at IMP

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> 100 patients

Table 3

Skin acute and late side effects of the superficially-placed tumor patients treated with carbon ions at IMP.

| No. of patients | Acute reaction (CTC) | | | | | Late reaction (CTC) | | | | |
|-----------------|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Grade | Grade | Grade | Grade | Grade | Grade | Grade | Grade | Grade | Grade |
| 103 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| | 67 | 22 | 9 | 5 | 0 | 85 | 10 | 6 | 2 | 0 |

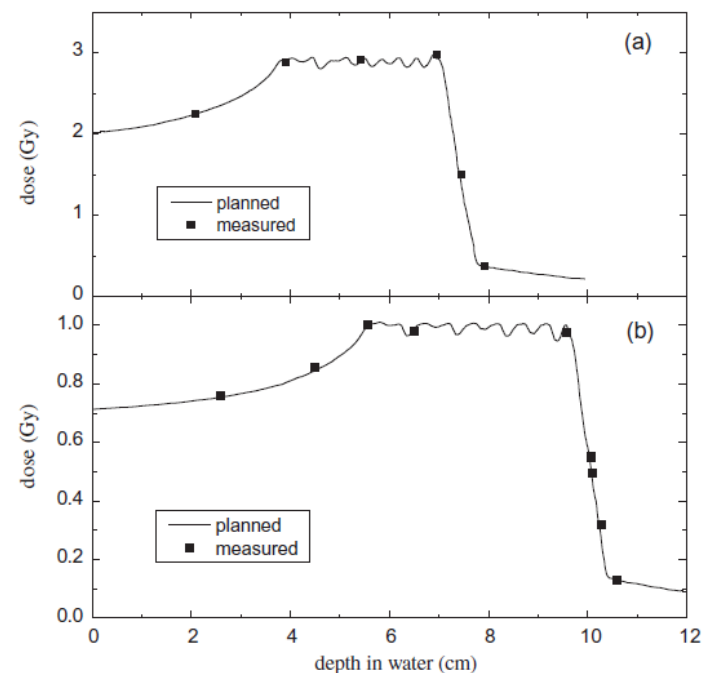


Fig. 3. Depth dose distributions for 195 (a) and 235 MeV/u (b) carbon-ion beams with 3 and 4 cm SOBPs generated by the mini-SOBP layer-stacking irradiation method respectively, where the planned depth-dose distributions were calculated using the current TPS at IMP.

→ All other systems used in the clinics are based on a very simple concept: **Less dose where there is higher LET**

How much less? - How much more?

All clinical results from Japan (NIRS, Hyogo and Gunma) are based on **Kanai Model semi empirical model and then on mMKM**

All clinical results from Europe (GSI, HIT, CNAO and MedAustron) + SPHIC in China are based on **LEM I** (Local Effect Model) with an idealized chordoma cell line (α/β 2)

• Biophysical characteristics of Himac clinical irradiation system for heavy-ion radiation therapy

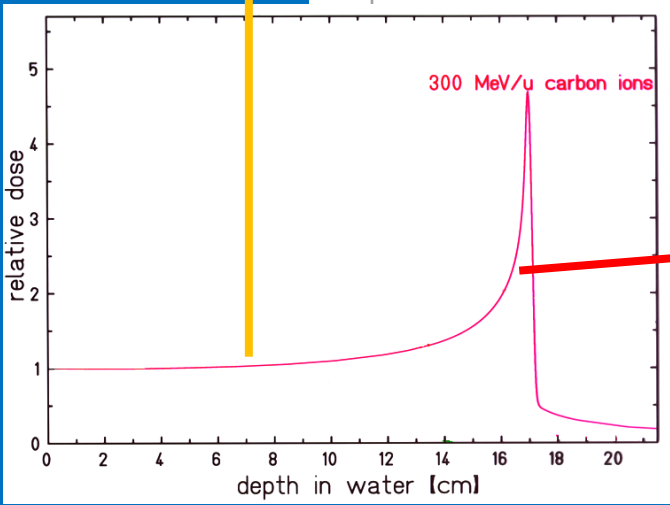
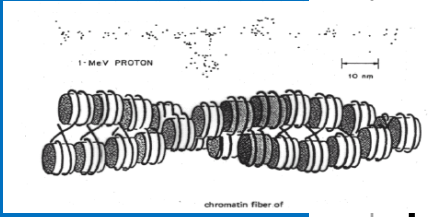
Kanai T et al. IJROBP 1999 – 44 (1)

• Examination of GyE system for Himac Carbon Therapy

Kanai T et al. IJROBP 2006 - 64 (2)

• Treatment planning for heavy-ion radiotherapy: calculation and optimization of biological effective dose

Kraemer M and Scholz M. PMB 2000 45 (11)



$$\alpha_{mix} = \frac{d_1}{D} \alpha_1 + \frac{d_2}{D} \alpha_2$$

$$\sqrt{\beta_{mix}} = \frac{d_1}{D} \sqrt{\beta_1} + \frac{d_2}{D} \sqrt{\beta_2}$$

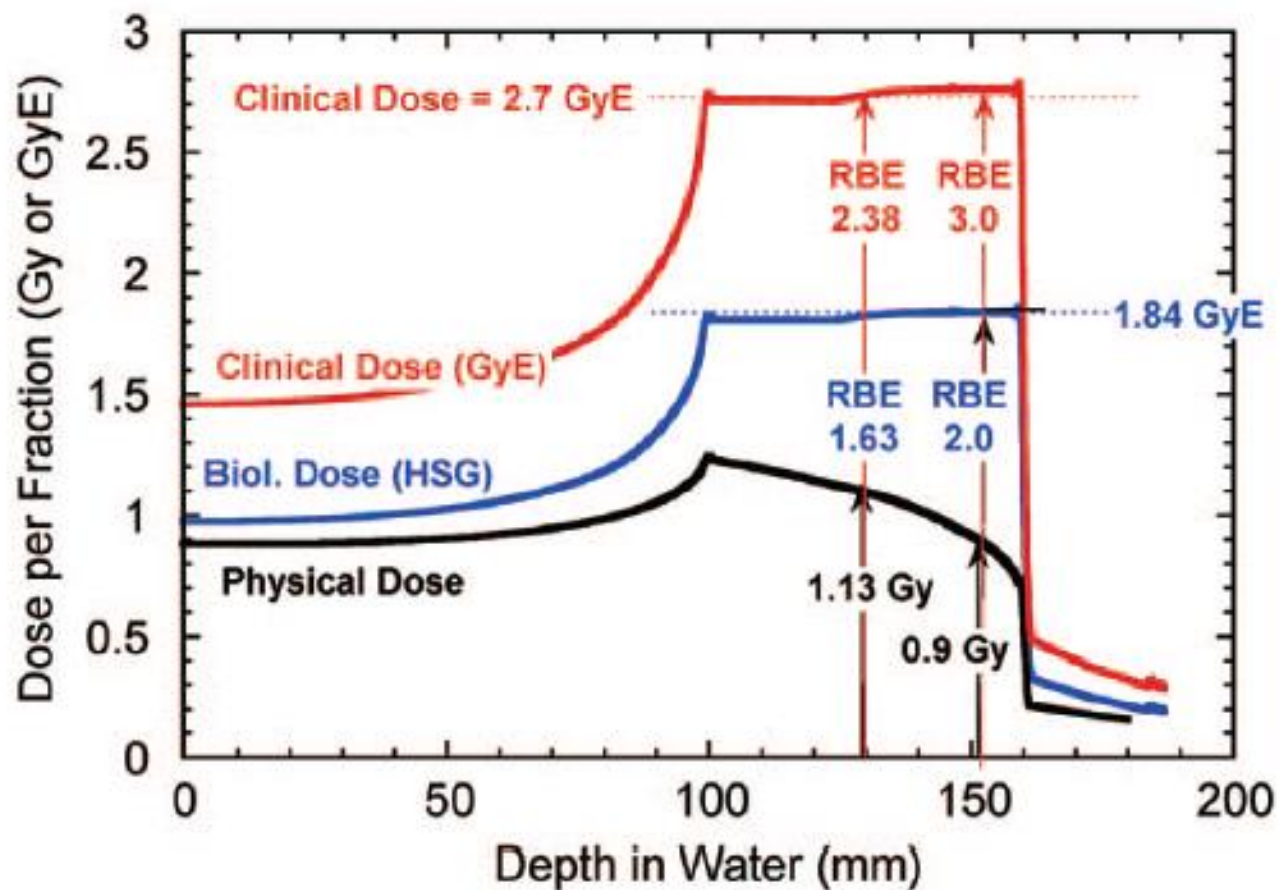


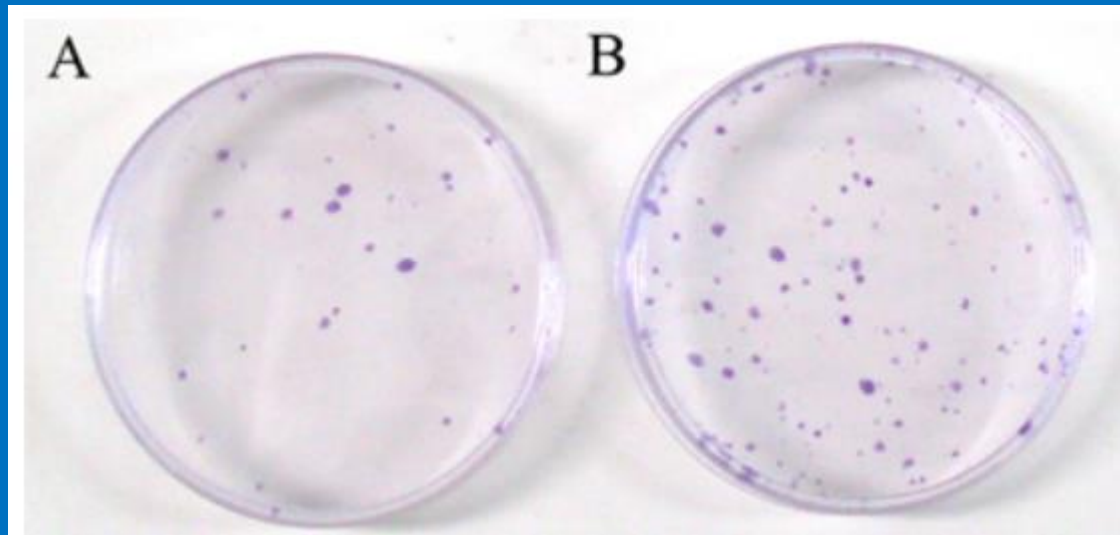
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This talk

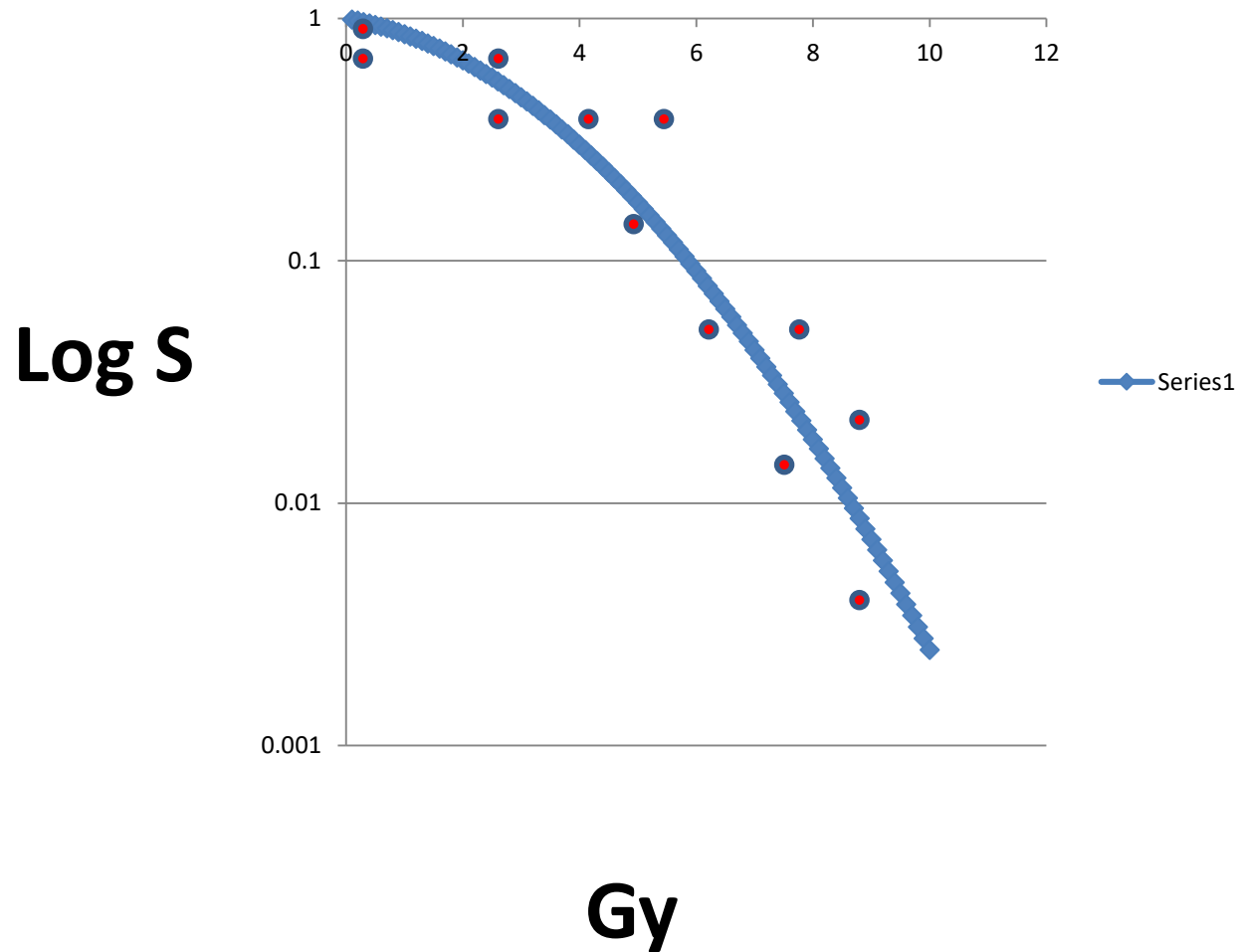
1. Fractionation
2. Micro vs Macroscopic endpoints
3. RBE models
4. RBE conversion and Clinical implications

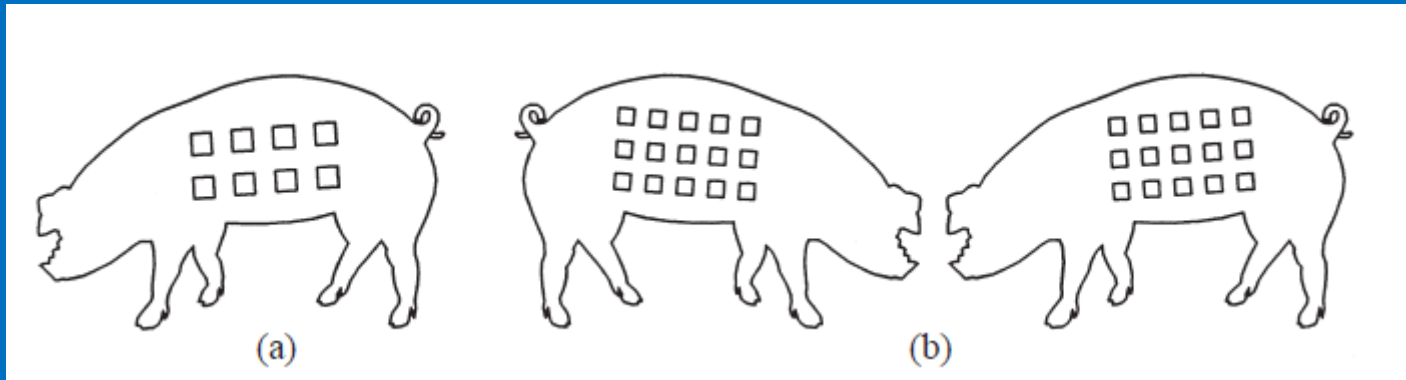
Fractionation

LQ model for single exposure in vitro endpoints



$$\log(S) = -\alpha D - \beta D^2$$



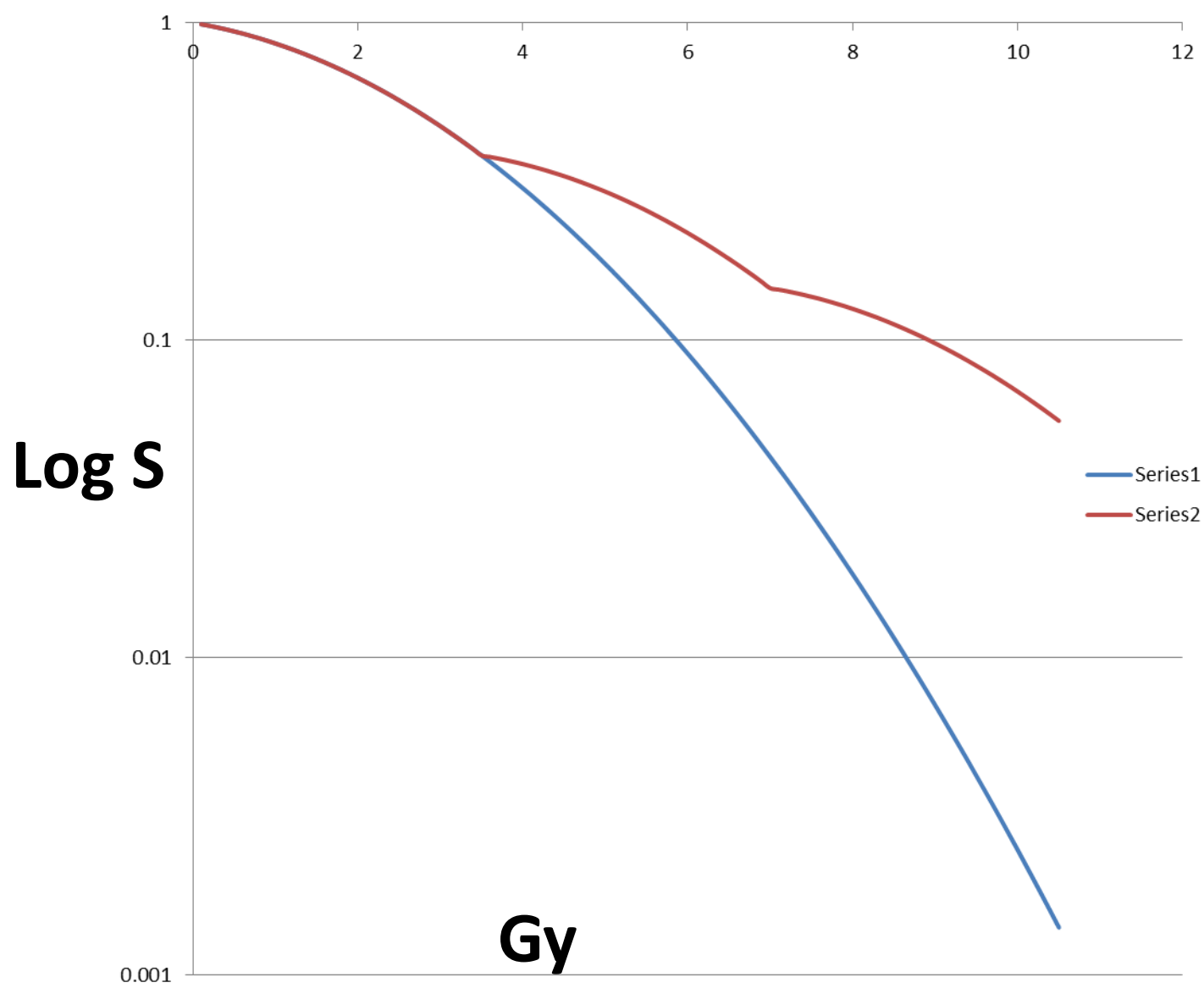


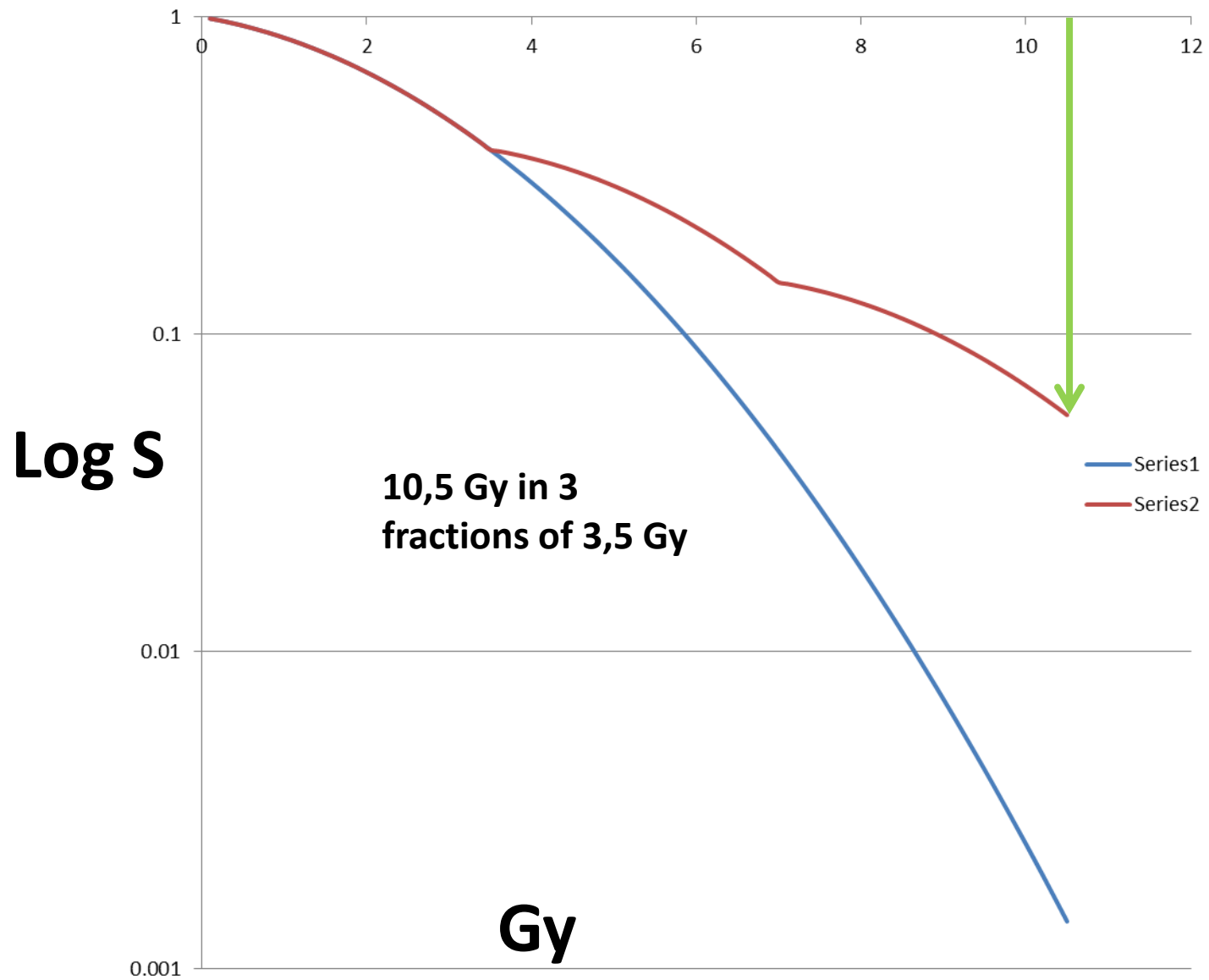
Twice a week, three observers assessed the irradiated skin fields using a scoring system that describes separately the acute epidermal reactions of erythema, and dry and moist desquamation, and the late dermal reactions of dusky mauve erythema and dermal necrosis. This scoring system was developed to study radiation reactions in the skin of Large White pigs [35]. Erythema was assessed at several levels: absent, mild, moderate and severe, with intermediate variants. Moist desquamation, dusky mauve erythema and dermal necrosis were assessed for their absence or presence in each field.

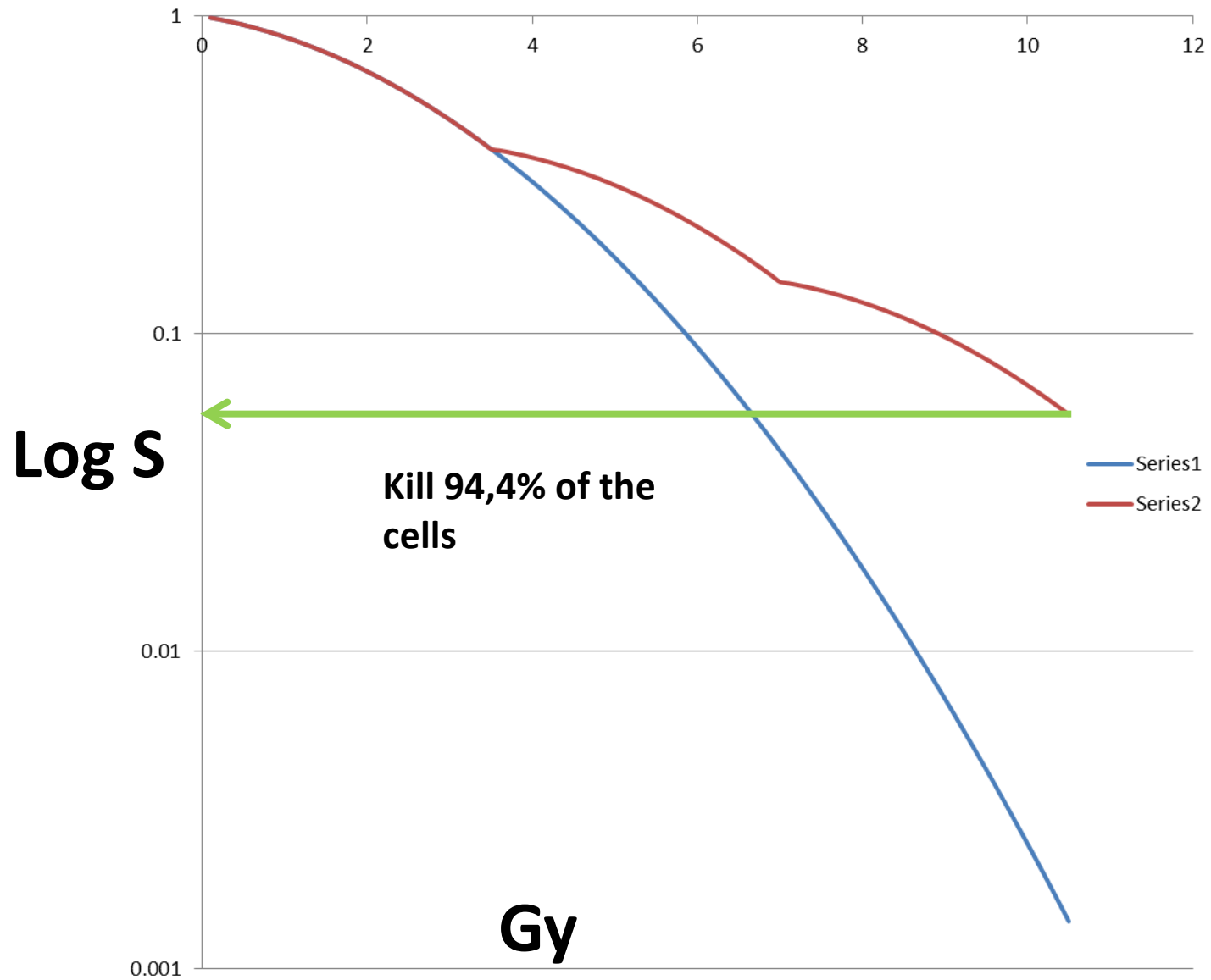
Fractionation schedules for breast cancer

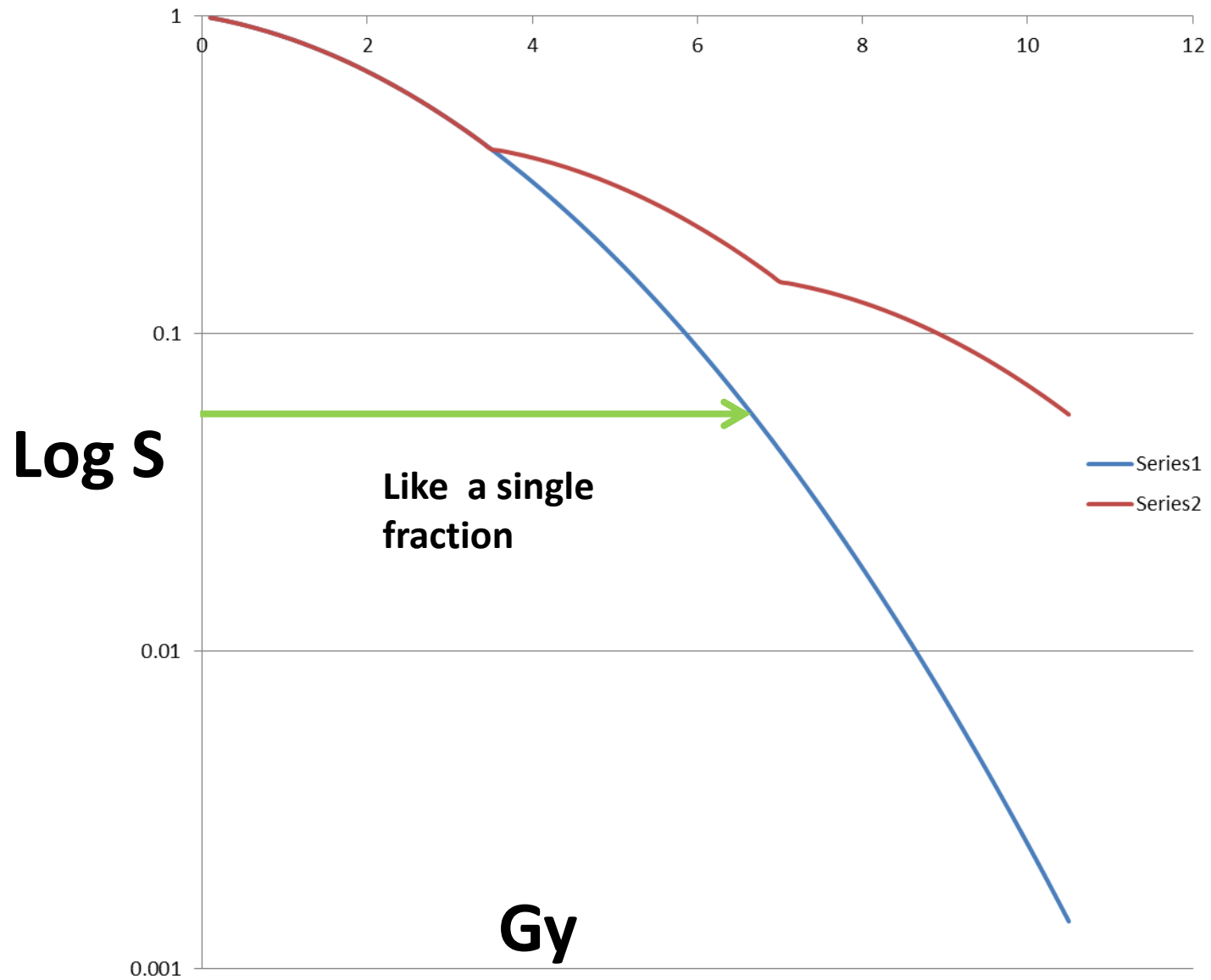
- $2 \text{ Gy} \times 25 \text{ fr} \rightarrow 50 \text{ Gy}$
- $2.25 \times 20 \text{ fr} \rightarrow 45 \text{ Gy}$
- $2.67 \times 15 \text{ fr} \rightarrow 40.05 \text{ Gy}$
- $6.0 \times 5 \text{ fr} \rightarrow 30 \text{ Gy}$

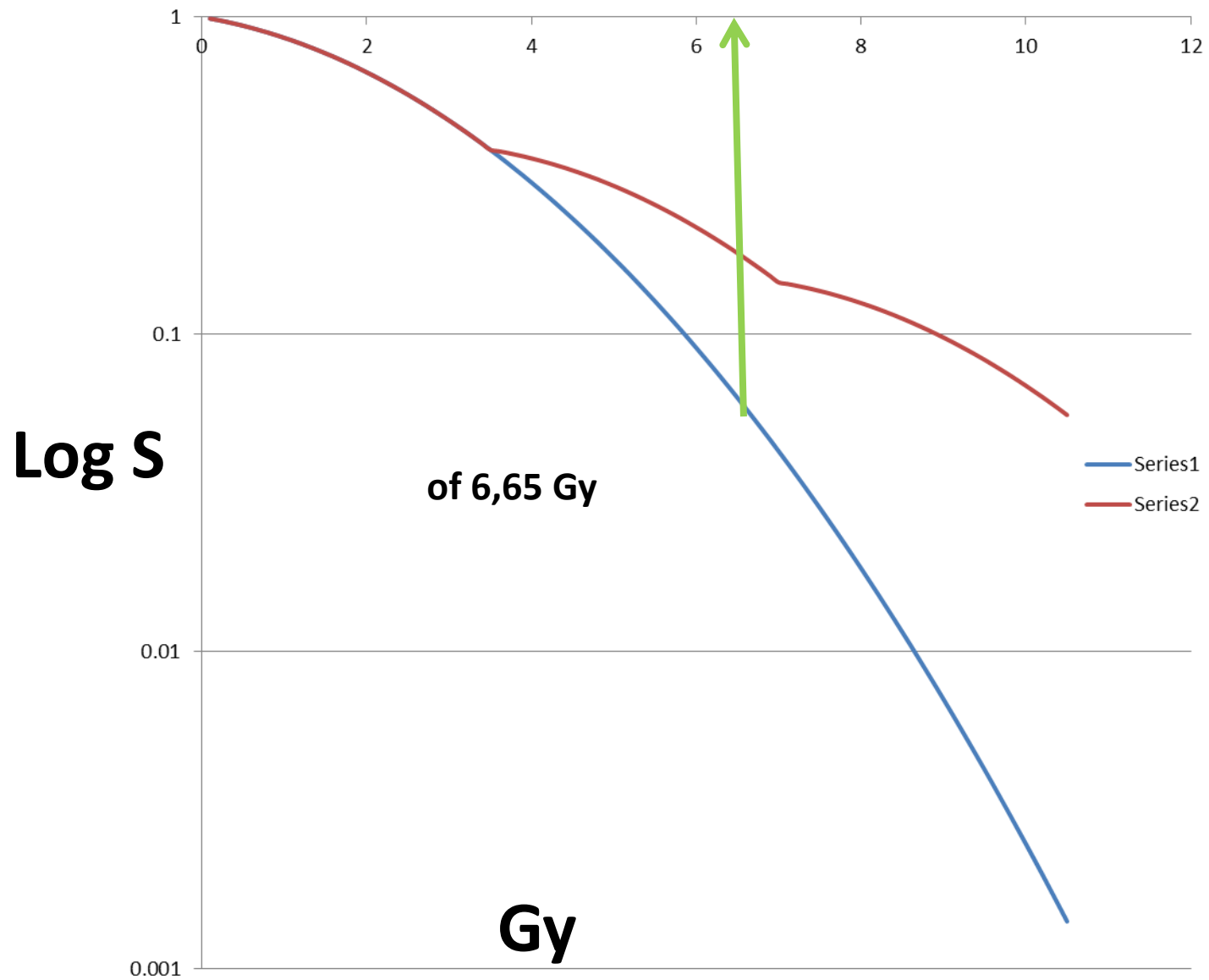
| Endpoint | Alfa/beta |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Erithema | 7.5 -11.2 Gy |
| Tox (any tipe) | 3.4 Gy (95% CI 2.3-4.5) (Start) |
| Fat necrosis | ? |
| Local control (brest cancer) | 4.1 Gy (95% CI 0.9-7.4) (Start) |
| teleangectasia | 2.8 - 4.3 Gy |







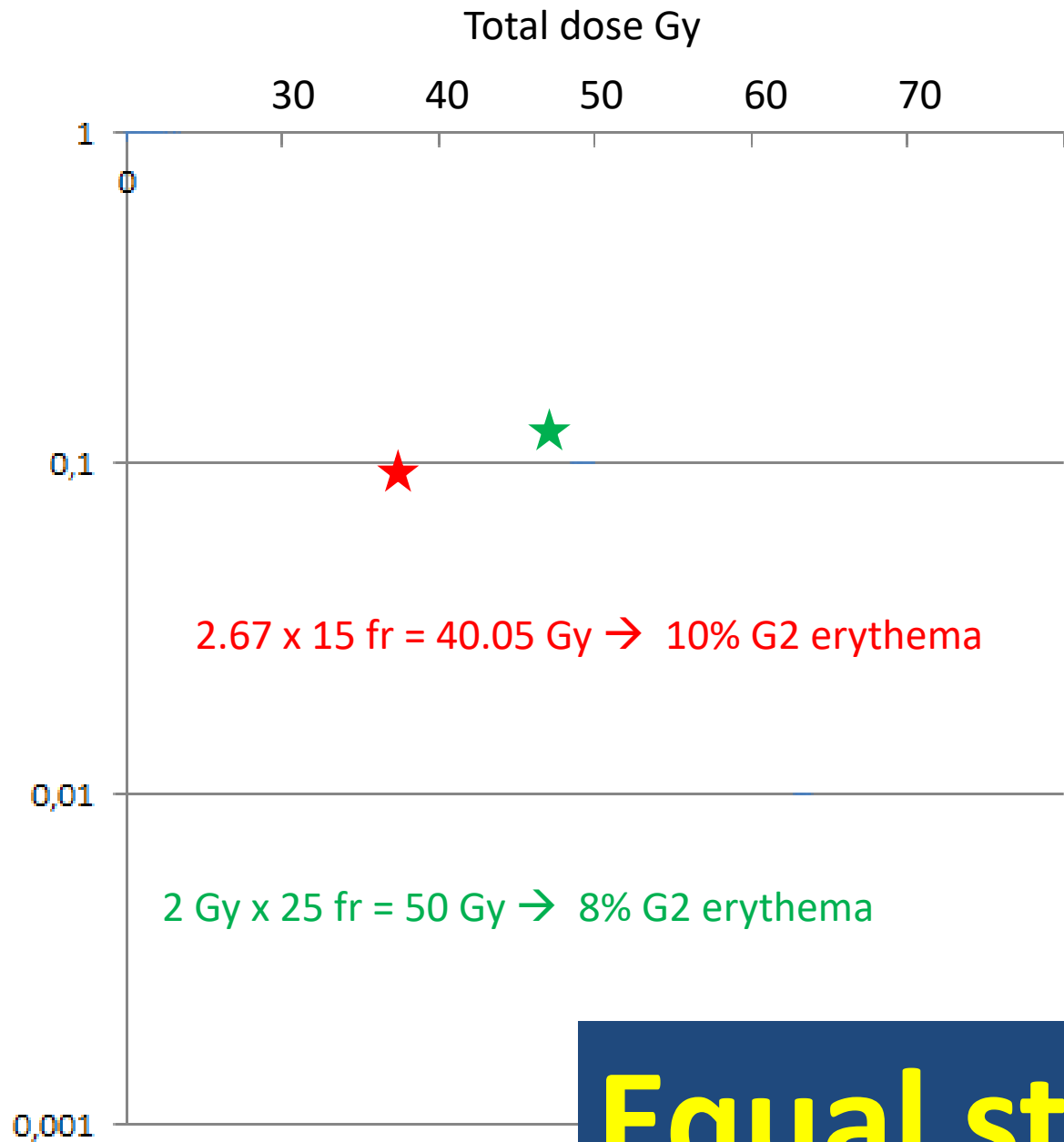




**Therefore 10,5 Gy in 3
fractions of 3,5 Gy are
equivalent to a single
fraction of 6,65 Gy ?**

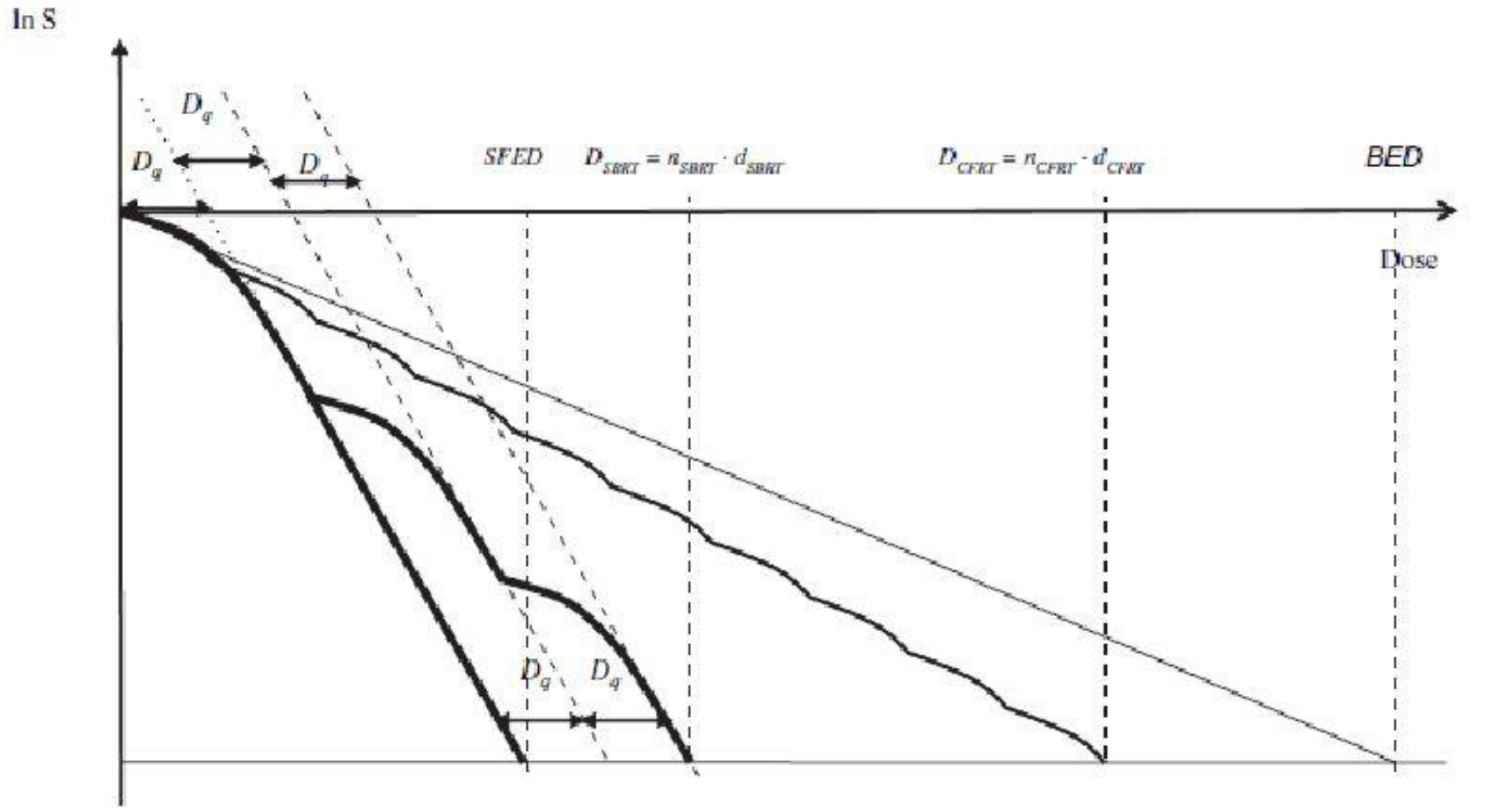
Fractionated exposure

- Clinical endpoints
- e.g. breast cancer RT → erythema
- $2 \text{ Gy} \times 25 \text{ fr} = 50 \text{ Gy} \rightarrow 8\% \text{ G2 erythema}$
- $2.67 \times 15 \text{ fr} = 40.05 \text{ Gy} \rightarrow 10\% \text{ G2 erythema}$



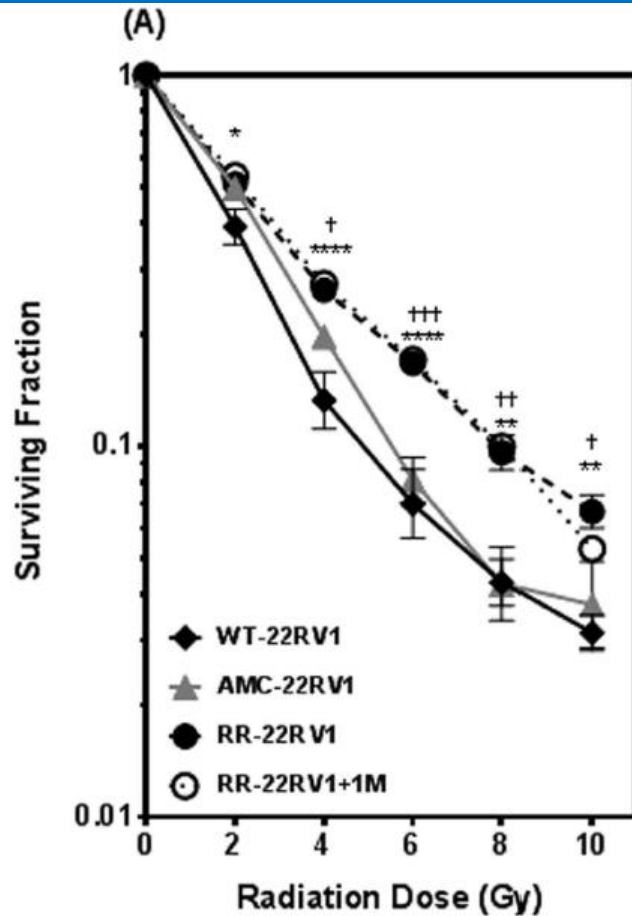
Equal steps ?

Equal steps: classical radiobiology



What are we assuming?

1. Complete repair of sublethal damage (> 8 hours) **OK**
2. No adaptive change **NO:**
 - **Reoxygenation**
 - **Recruitment of quiescent stem cells**
 - **Signalling**
 -



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Fractionated radiation exposure amplifies the radioresistant nature of prostate cancer cells

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The risk of recurrence following radiation therapy remains high for a significant number of prostate cancer patients. The development of innovative new models of radioresistance through exposure

5 fractionation exp.

- Cells : LM8 (mice osteosarcomas)
- Radiations :
 - X-rays (200 kVp, 20 mA)
 - C-ions (290 MeV/u, center of 6cmSOBP)
- Fraction number: 5 fr., 24h interval
- Total dose: 5 Gy
- End points:
 - Cell death: colony formation assay
 - Invasion : Matrigel Invasion Assay

Dose division scheme of total 5 Gy

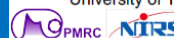
| Group | Dose | | | | | Total |
|----------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| | 1fr | 2fr | 3fr | 4fr | 5fr | |
| UFS-1/5D | 4d | 4d | 2d | 2d | 2d | 14d |
| UFS-2/5D | 4d | 2d | 2d | 2d | 4d | 14d |
| UFS-3/5D | 2d | 2d | 2d | 4d | 4d | 14d |
| 5fr/5D | 2.8d | 2.8d | 2.8d | 2.8d | 2.8d | 14d |

d = 0.36 Gy, 4d = 5.04 Gy

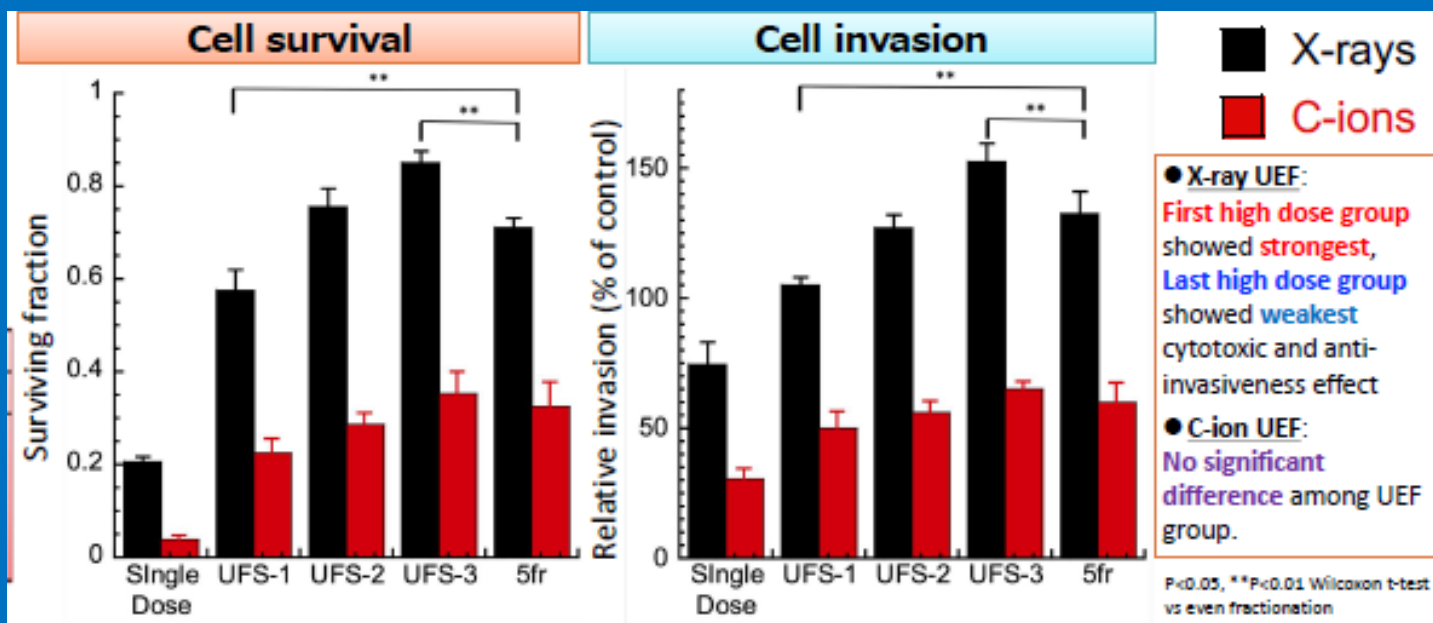
The effect of uneven fractionation using high LET carbon-ion beams for tumor metastatic abilities.

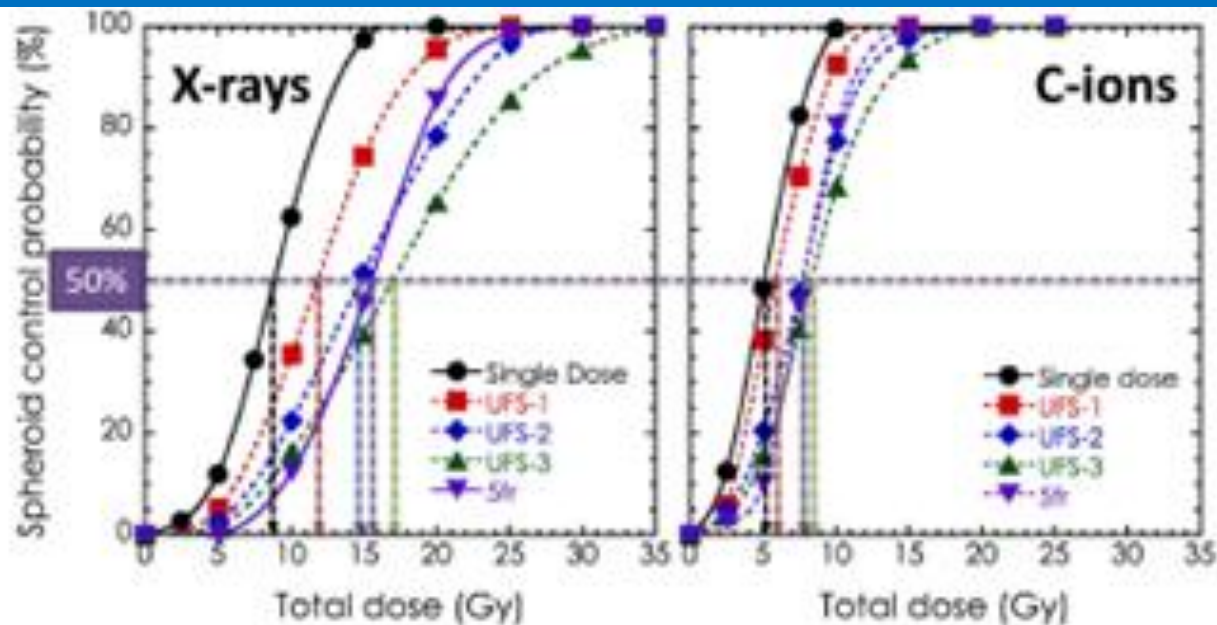
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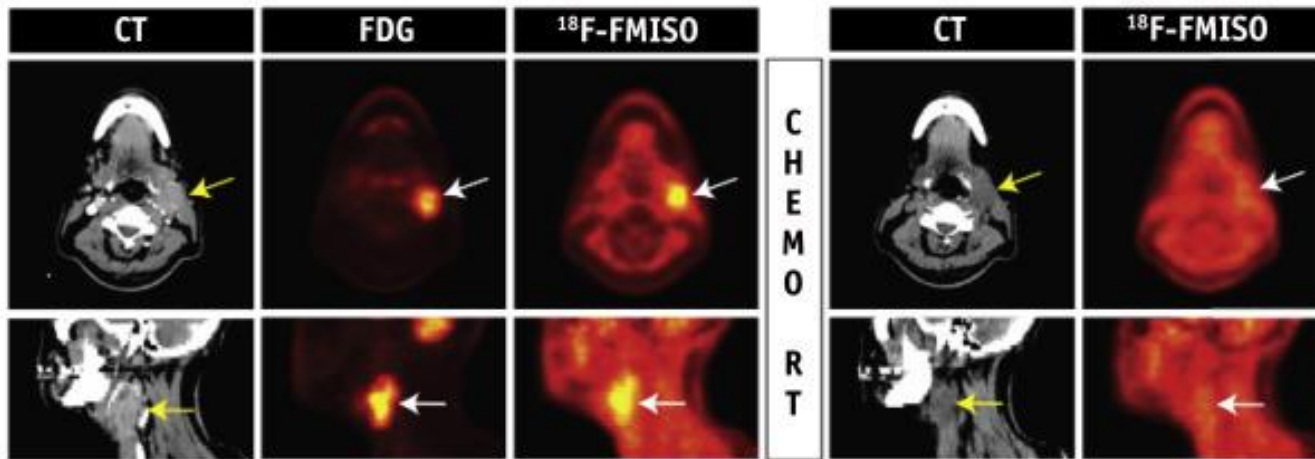
5 fractionation exp.

- LM8 Spheroids : 96-well spheroid plate for 7days
 - Spheroid diameter = $628 \pm 28 \mu\text{m}$
- Radiations :
 - X-rays (200 kVp, 20 mA)
 - C-ions (290 MeV/u, center of 6 cm-SOBP)
- Fraction Number: 5fr., interval: 24h
- End points
 - Anti-tumor effect : Spheroid control probability (SCP)

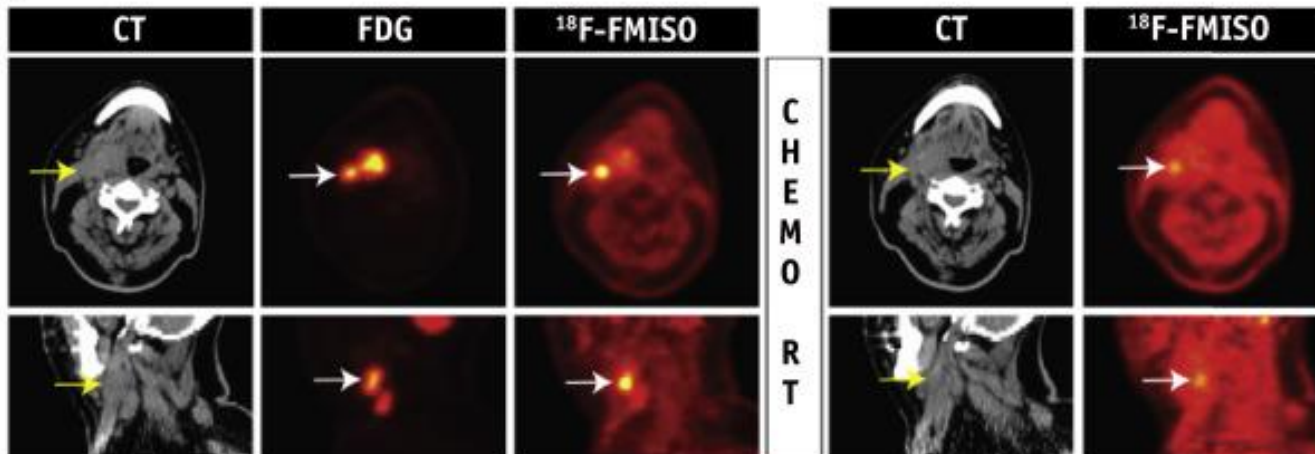
| Group | Spheroid control probability (SCP) | | |
|-------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|------|
| | D_{50} @X-rays (Gy) | D_{50} @C-ions (Gy) | RBE |
| Single dose | 8.9 | 5.1 | 1.75 |
| UFS-1 | 11.9 | 5.8 | 2.05 |
| UFS-2 | 14.8 | 7.7 | 1.92 |
| UFS-3 | 17.0 | 8.3 | 2.05 |
| 5fr. | 15.5 | 7.8 | 1.99 |

Lack of re-oxygenation at 2 weeks is the key

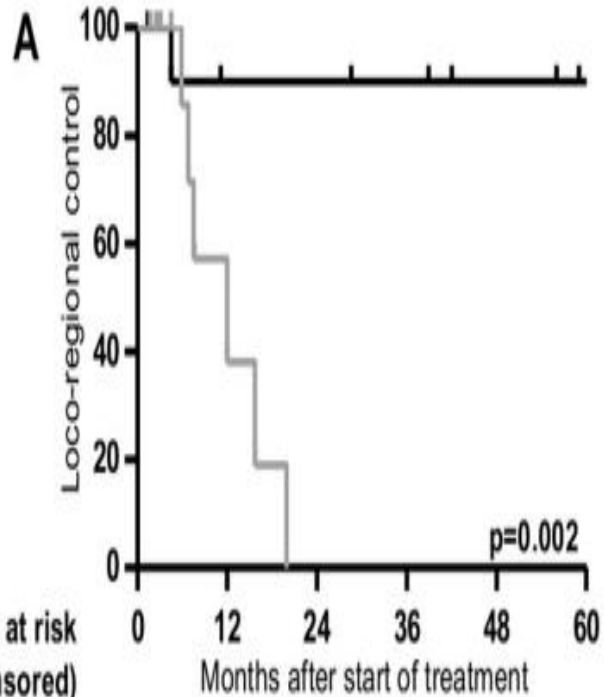
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B

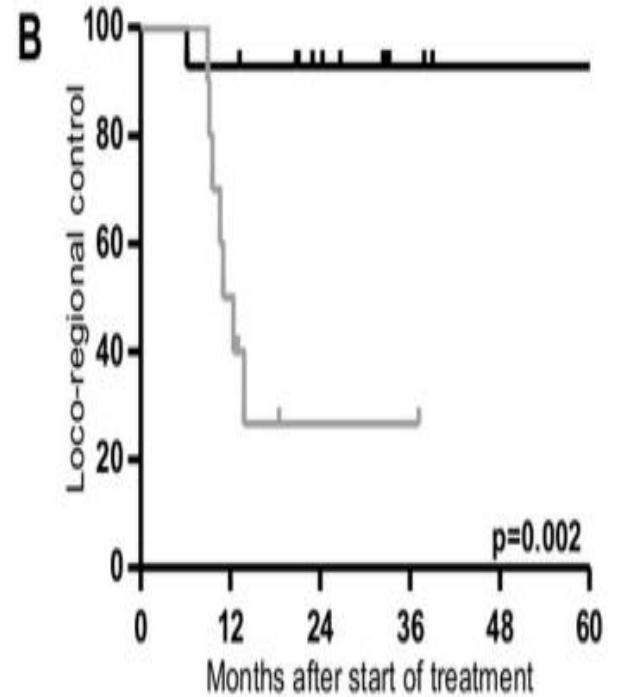


Exploration cohort



| Patients at risk (censored) | Months after start of treatment | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 0 | 12 | 24 | 36 | 48 | 60 |
| $rHV_{1.6} \leq 0.22$ | 11 (0) | 8 (2) | 8 (2) | 7 (3) | 5 (5) | 3 (7) |
| $rHV_{1.6} > 0.22$ | 11 (0) | 3 (5) | 0 (5) | 0 (5) | 0 (5) | 0 (5) |

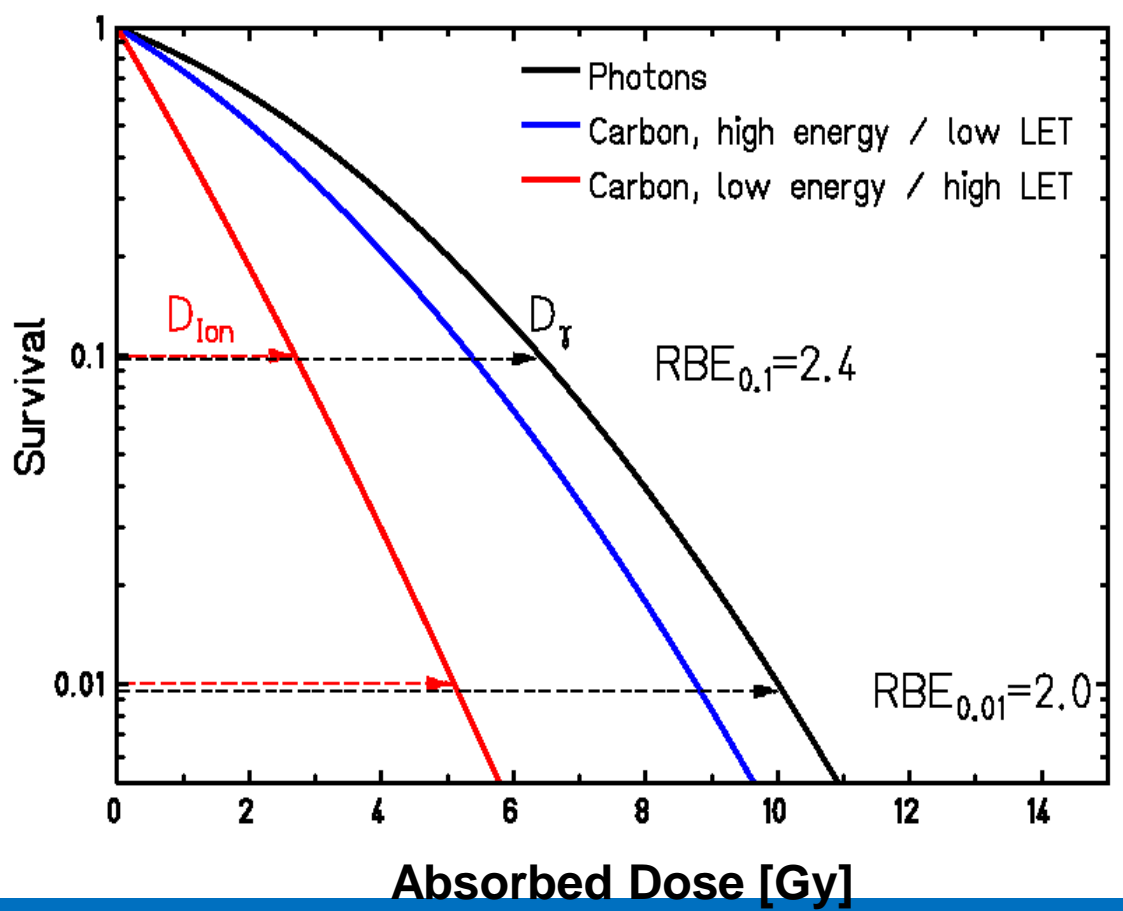
Validation cohort



| Months after start of treatment | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--|
| 0 | 12 | 24 | 36 | 48 | 60 | |
| 14 (0) | 13 (0) | 9 (4) | 3 (10) | 1 (12) | 1 (12) | |
| 10 (0) | 5 (0) | 1 (2) | 1 (2) | 0 (3) | 0 (3) | |

Micro vs Macroscopic endpoints

$$RBE = \frac{D_{reference}}{D_{test}} \Bigg|_{\text{same_effect}}$$



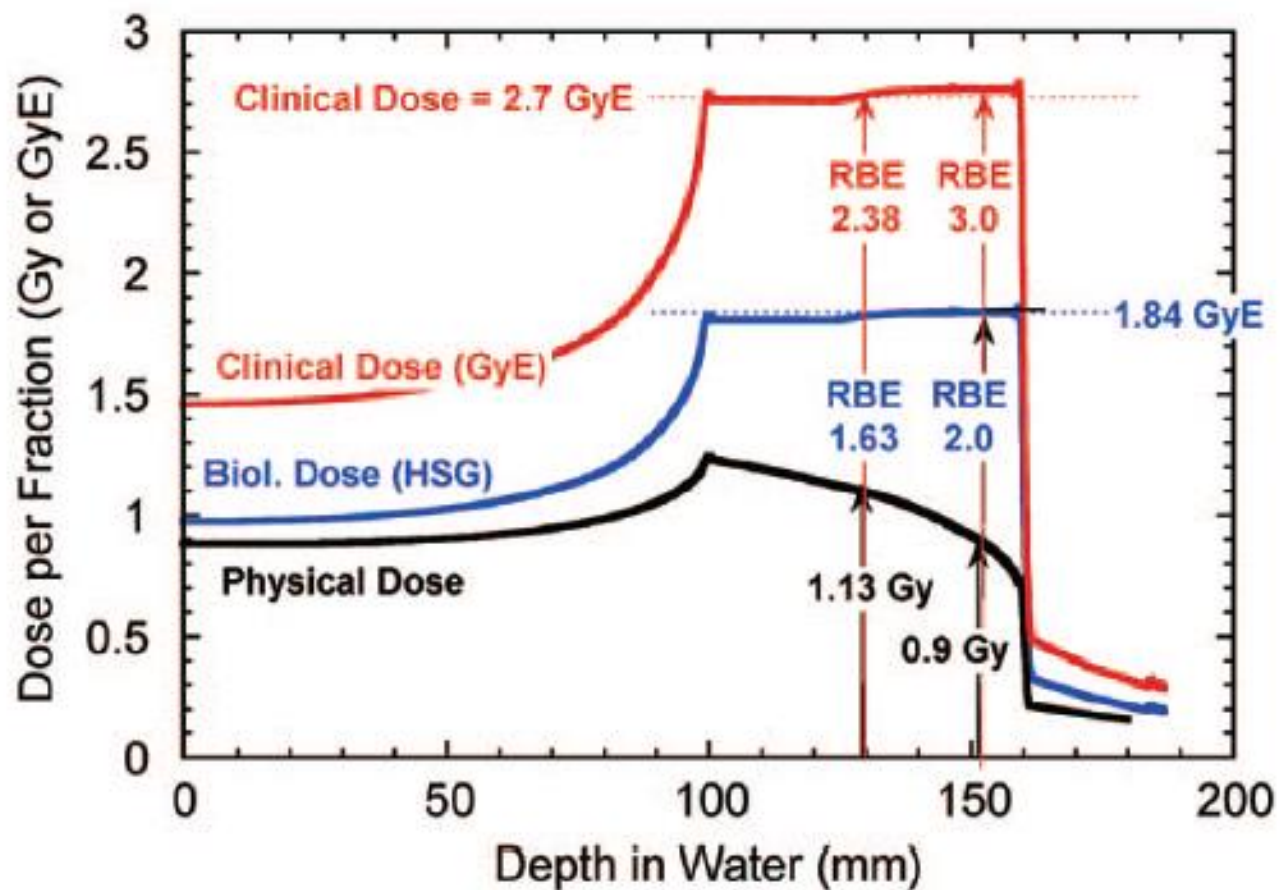
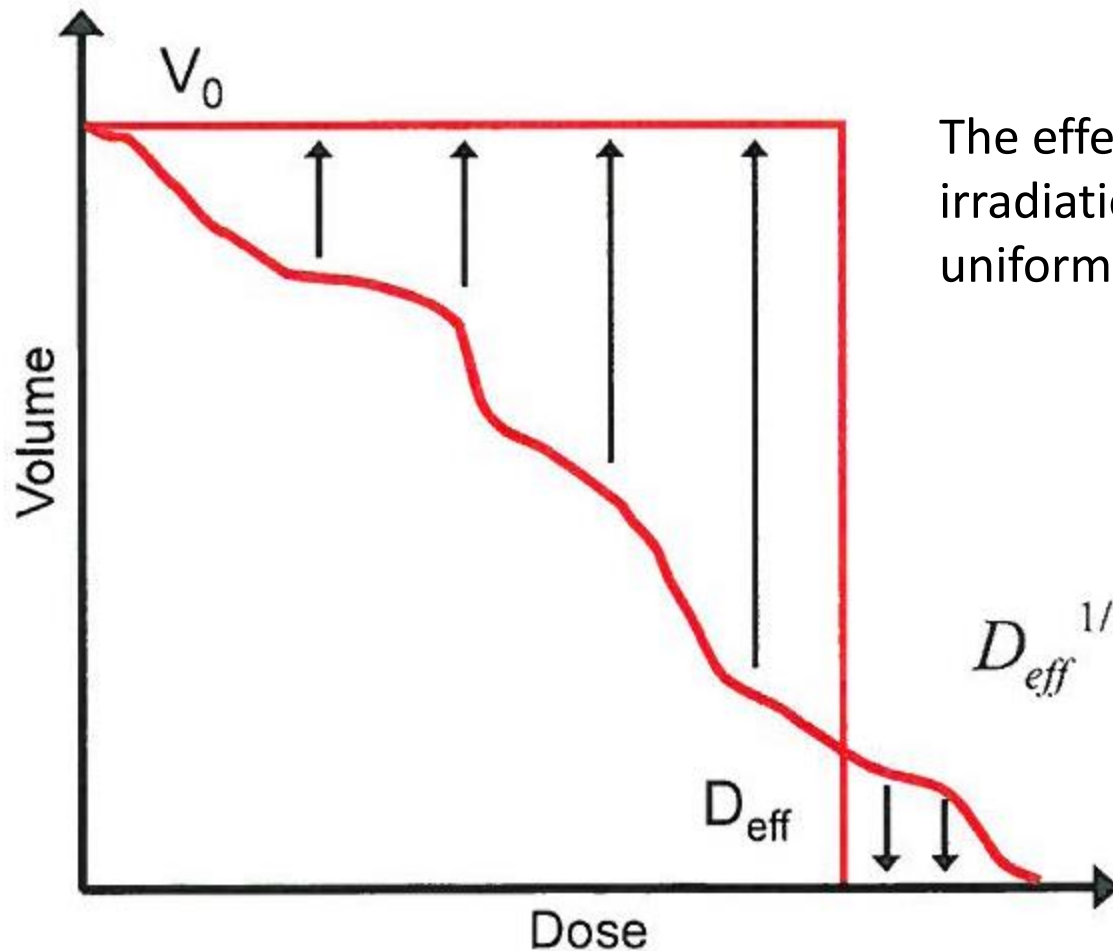


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Effective Dose → EUD



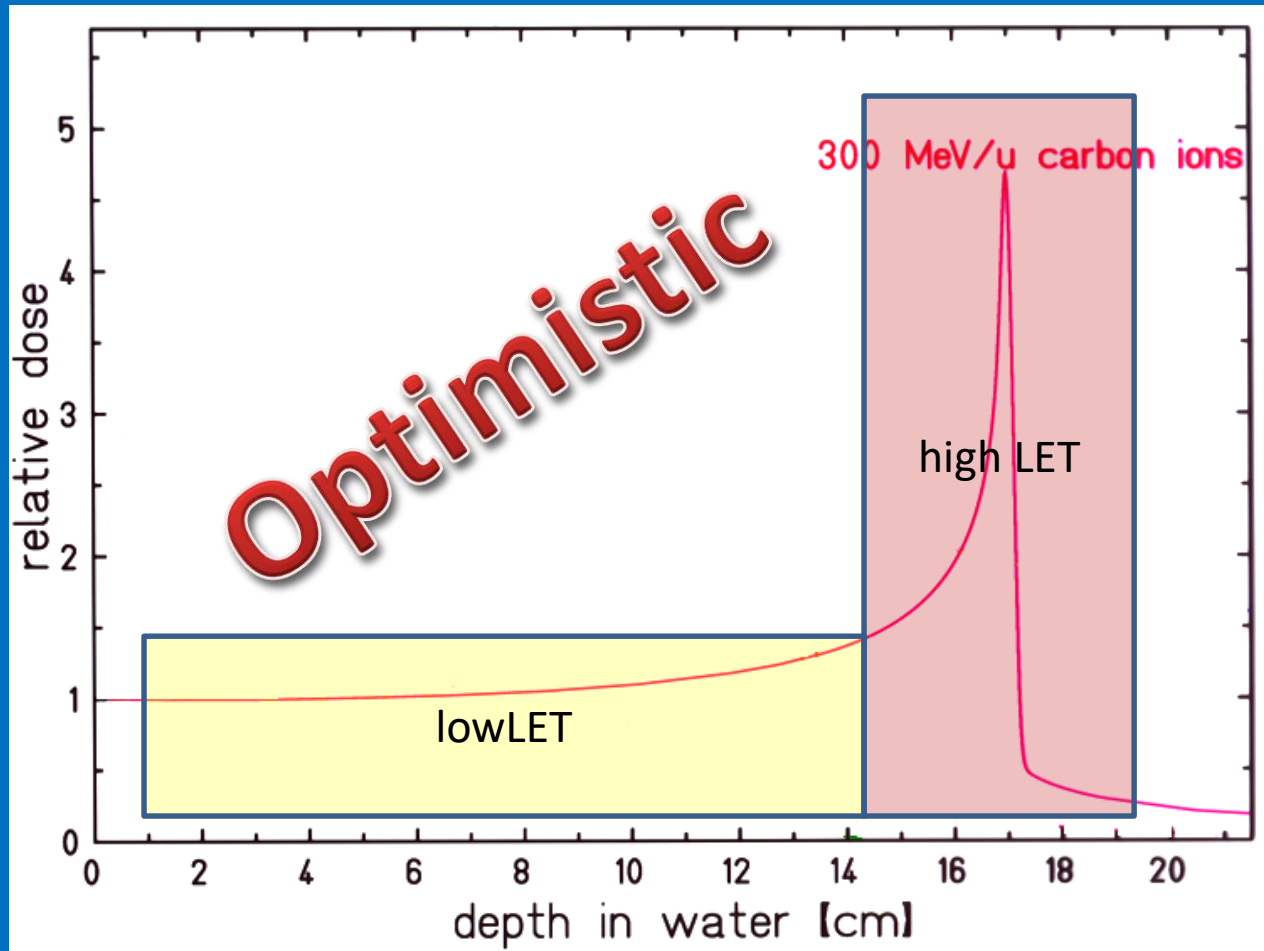
The effect of this dose equals an irradiation of the total volume to a uniform dose D_{eff}

$$D_{\text{eff}}^{1/n} = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\Delta V_i}{V_0} (D_i)^{1/n}$$

RBE models

Carbon Ions

high LET ?(only where you need it)



Short outline of

- Kanai Model
- LEM I model
- LEM IV model
- MKM model

KANAI Model



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In the design of SOBP, we needed data concerning the LET dependence of the coefficients (α and β) in the LQ model of the survival curve for HSG, for the most common beam energy. The survival curves were experimentally investigated for various monoenergetic carbon beams in order to tabulate the coefficients.

It is regarded that cell survival for combined high- and low-LET beams could also be expressed by the LQ model, with new coefficients (α_{mix} and β_{mix}) for a mixed radiation field.

$$\alpha_{mix} = \sum f_i \alpha_i$$

$$\sqrt{\beta_{mix}} = \sum f_i \sqrt{\beta_i}$$



- Measure several survival curves in several position along a monochromatic bragg peak
- Describe the single monochromatic Bragg peak and the mixed field as Linear quadratic
- Use Zaider Rossi formula
- Manufacture a less “spiky” ridge filter

$$\alpha_{mix} = \sum f_i \alpha_i$$

$$\sqrt{\beta_{mix}} = \sum f_i \sqrt{\beta_i}$$



From this point the story becomes complicated

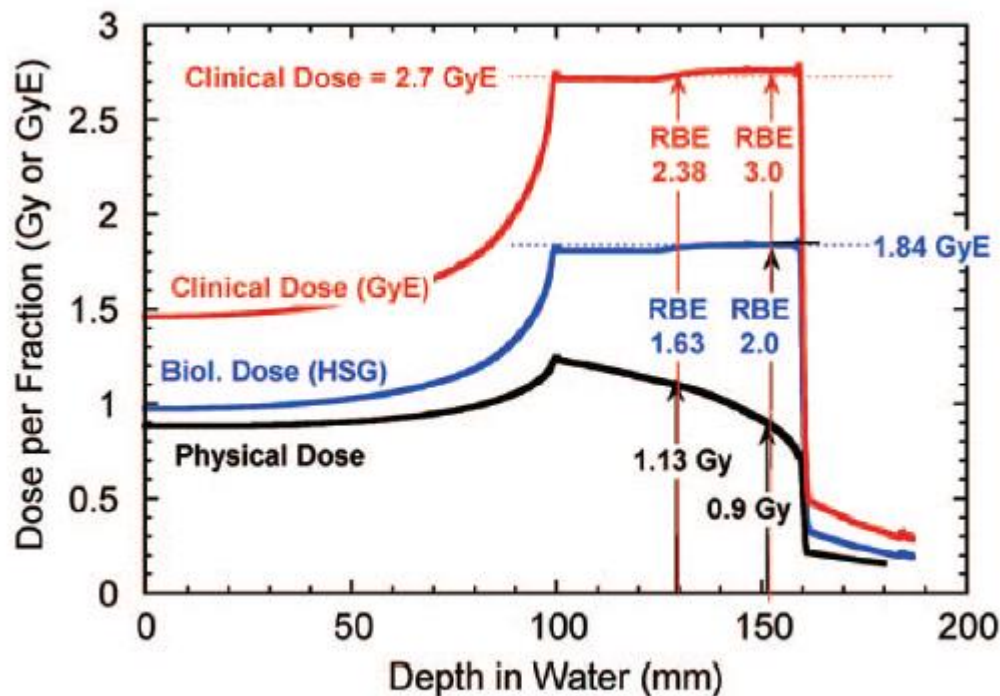


Fig. 5. Schematic method used to determine RBE at the center of SOBP for the clinical situation.

Why the red line ?

Why do we care about 80 KeV/ μm ?

Multiple endpoints vs single endpoint

?

HSG survival or pig skin reddening or clinical toxicity

80 KeV/ μm was the LET of fast neutron used at NIRS

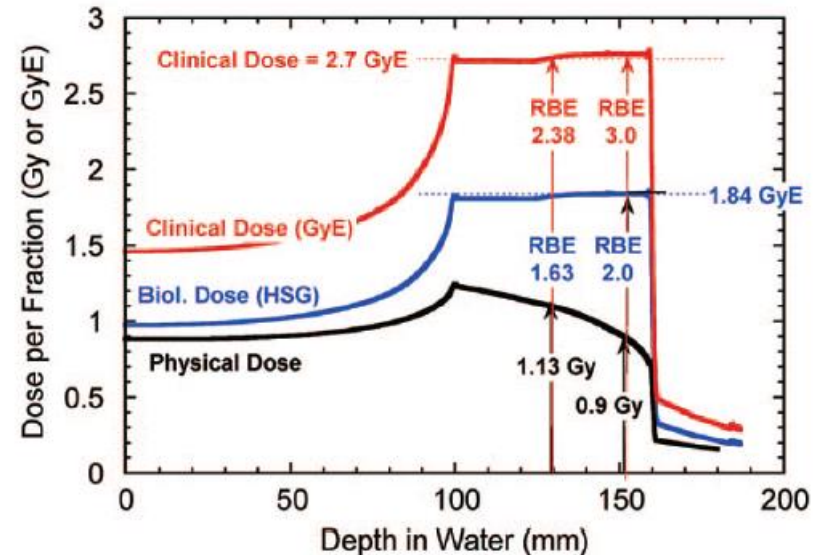


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[Fast neutron radiotherapy at NIRS, indication and prospects].

[Article in Japanese]

Morita S, Nakano T, Gomi H, Aoki Y, Shibayama K, Kumagaya K, Arai T, Tsunemoto H, Ando K, Ishikawa T.

Abstract

Eleven hundred and seventy one patients, 921 previously untreated and 250 recurrent, have been treated with 30 MeV (d-Be) fast neutron beam between 1975 and 1984 at NIRS. Some trends have been identified: non-randomized results have been at least as good as those of photons in carcinomas such as: supraglottic carcinoma in the larynx, pancoast type tumor of the lung, malignant melanoma of the skin and so on. Randomized results with mixed beam studies for carcinoma of the uterine cervix have indicated no significant advantages against those of photons. Treatment technique for the beam concentration must be improved to demonstrate the merit of neutrons in the next step.

More than 1000 patients from 1975 to 1984

Melanoma, NSCLC, H&N SCC, Gynecological cancer

1. Neutron at NIRS were used with RBE 3
2. Carbon with the same LET must have the same RBE
3. Pig skin reddening agrees with neutrons and not with HSG survival
4. you do not get curves out of pig skin reddening or clinical experience

Solution:

Scale linearly the biological dose of HSG multiplying by 1.5

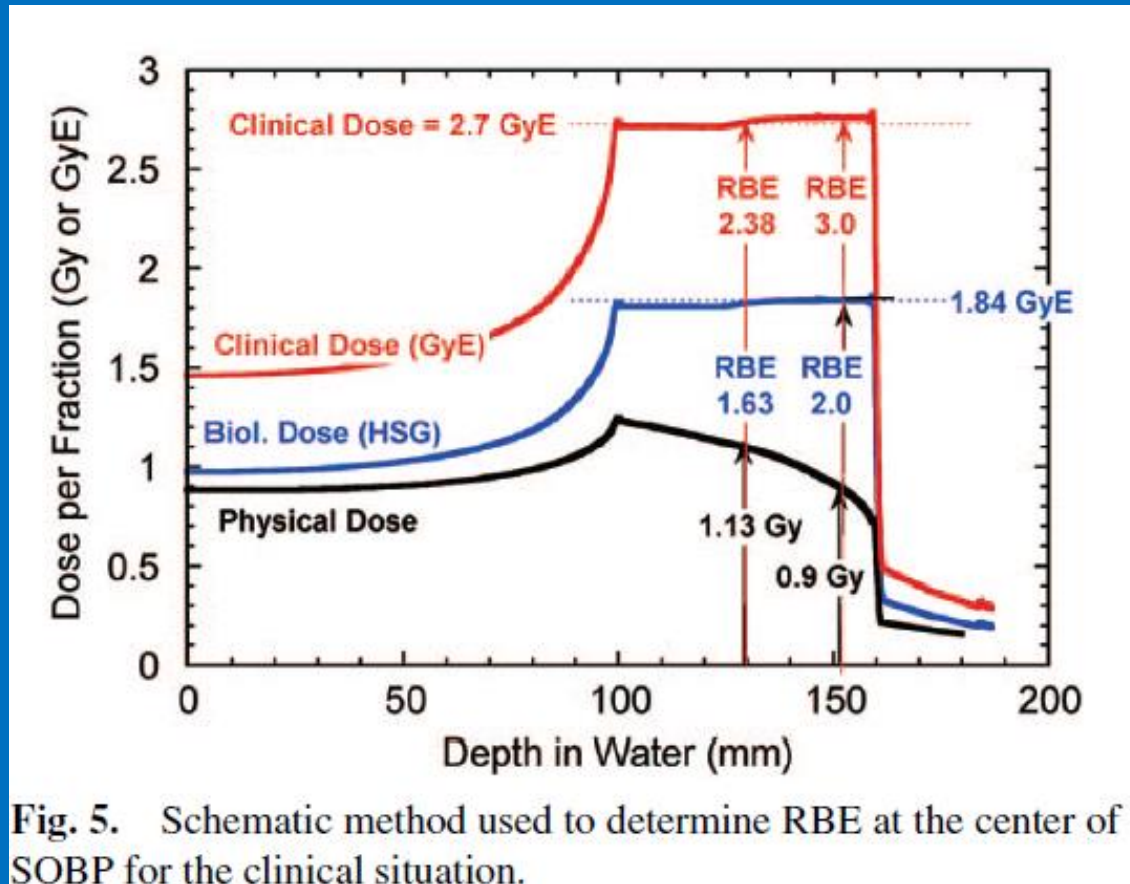


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We have measured that for HSG it is equivalent to 1.84 Gy but we Believe taht for the patient it may be equivalent to 2.7 Gy

Even more complicated

1. Dose escalation trials have been carried out at NIRS escalating dose per fraction
2. SOBP shape has not been changed and RBE has been assumed to scale linearly

LEM I (Local Effect Model)

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Treatment planning for heavy-ion radiotherapy: calculation and optimization of biologically effective dose.

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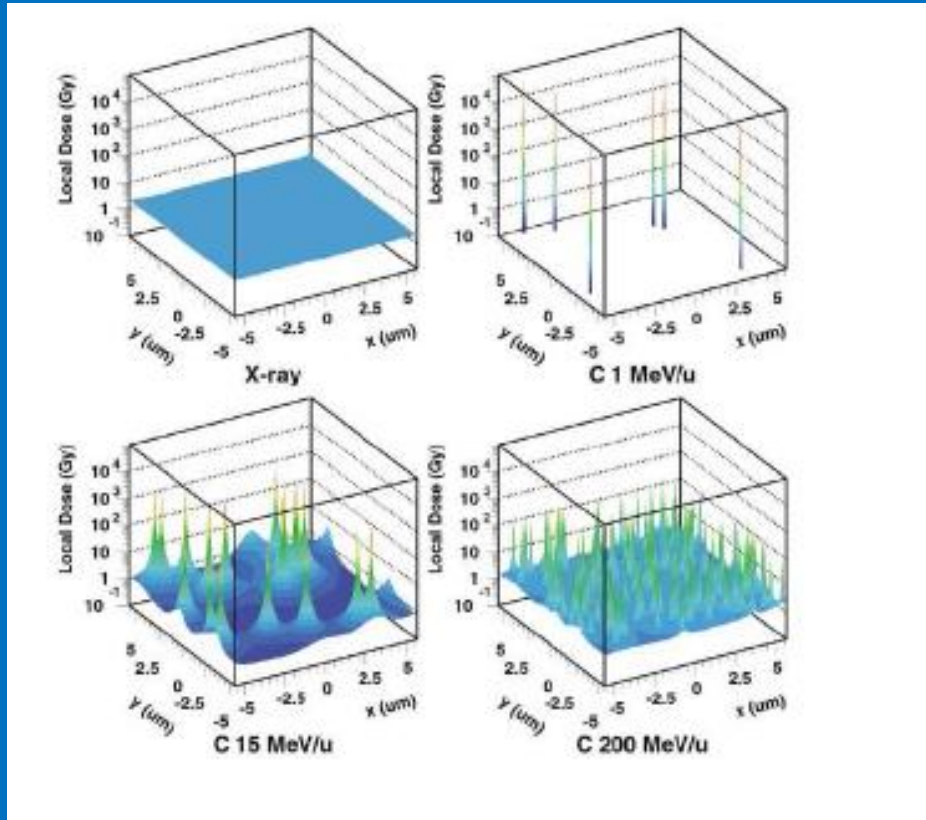
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Abstract

We describe a novel approach to treatment planning for heavy-ion radiotherapy based on the local effect model (LEM) which allows us to calculate the biologically effective dose not only for the target region but also for the entire irradiation volume. LEM is ideally suited for use as an integral part of treatment planning code systems for active dose shaping devices like the GSI raster scan system. Thus it has been incorporated into our standard treatment planning system for ion therapy (TRiP). Single intensity modulated fields can be optimized with respect to a homogeneous biologically effective dose. The relative biological effectiveness (RBE) is calculated separately for each voxel of the patient CT. Our radiobiologically oriented code system has been used since 1995 for the planning of irradiation experiments with cell cultures and animals such as rats and minipigs. It has been in regular and successful use for patient treatment planning since 1997.

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LEM I (Local Effect Model)



The difference depends on microscopic pattern of dose deposition: Photons are like spanking, carbon like stabbing with a dagger

Photons survival curves are used

- Survival means zero lethal events
- Probability of lethal events for a cell is derived from survival curves with Poisson statistics

$$N_{lethal}(D) = -\ln[S(D)]$$

- Lethal events are assumed uniformly spaced in the nucleus for photons

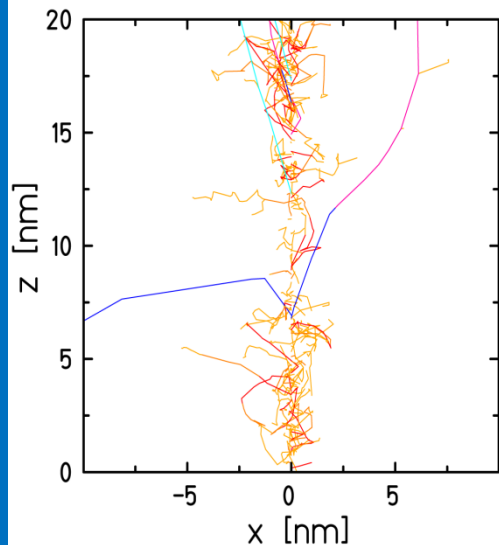
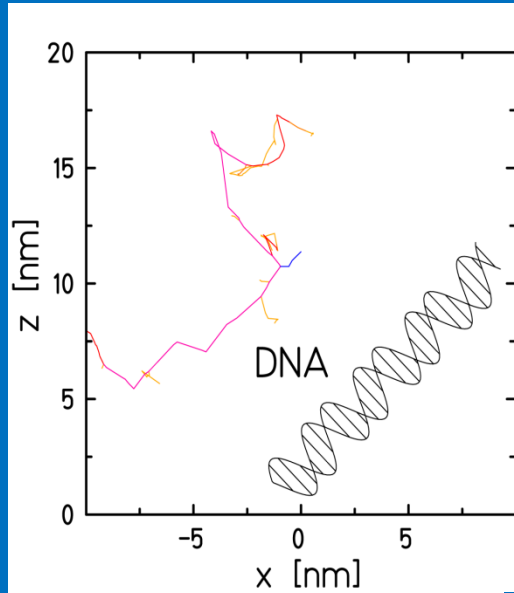
The fundamental assumption of the LEM is that the local biological effect is determined by the local dose, but is independent of the particular radiation type leading to a given local dose

- For carbon ions number of lethal events is integrated over the nucleus and local probability is derived from photons global curves

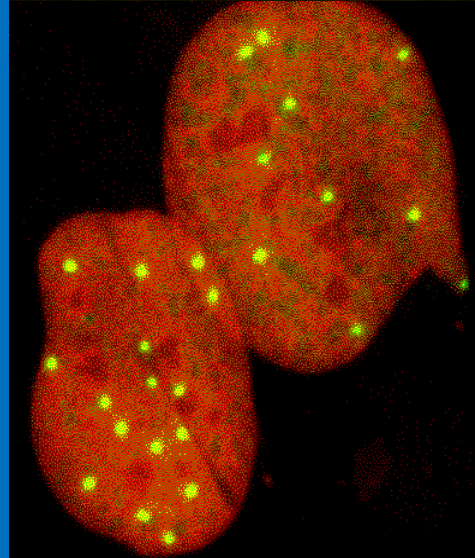
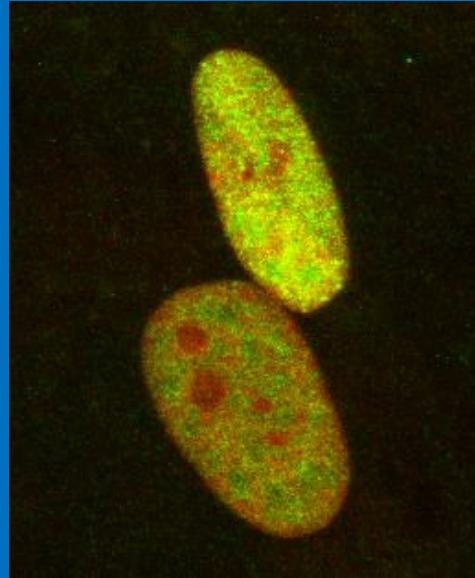
$$N_{lethal} = \iiint_{V_N} \frac{\ln[S_X(D(r))]}{V_N} dr$$

- Local dose is calculated based on the amorphous track
- There are some free parameters

Tionization tracks



Damage in nucleus



Low LET

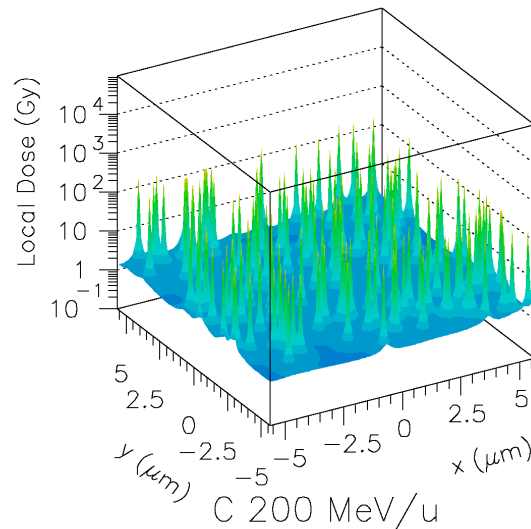
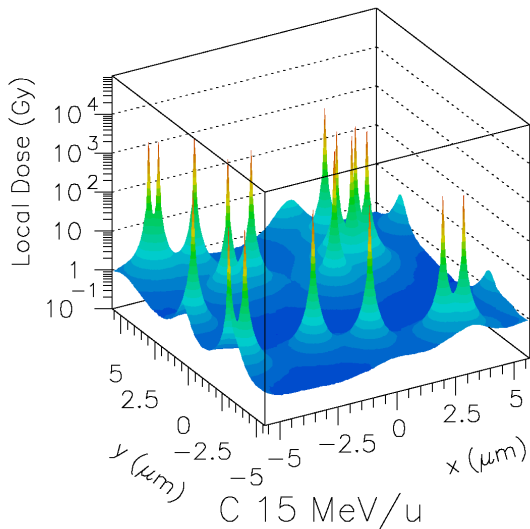
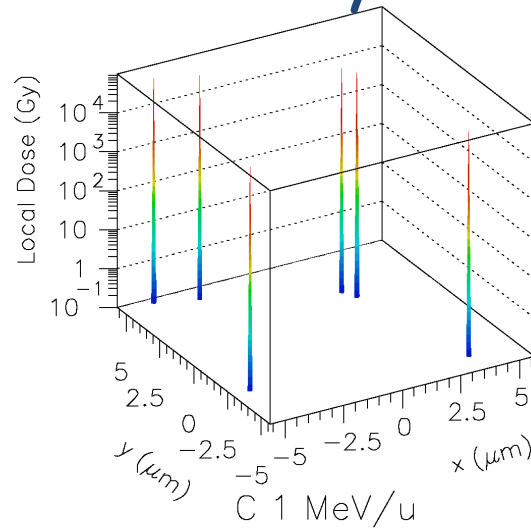
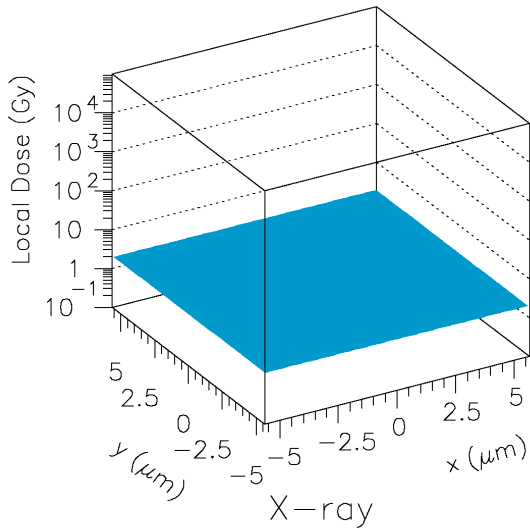
Homogeneous deposition of dose

High LET

Local deposition of high doses

M. Scholz et al.
Rad. Res. 2001

Mean Dose: 2 Gy



The most critical free parameter is
Transition dose from linear quadratic
to linear

- Local doses can exceed 1000 Gy
- It is not possible to assume LQ relation between dose and survival, survival curves are linearized at a given dose

LEM model

- You can apply it to any mixed field of particles
- OK for spot scanning
- OK for inverse planning
- Predicts cell survival for complex beam arrangements
- You can change the reference cell line easily

Microdosimetric Kinetic Model (MKM)

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Microdosimetric Measurements and Estimation of Human Cell Survival for Heavy-Ion Beams

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Treatment planning for a scanned carbon beam with a modified microdosimetric kinetic model

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The basic idea is not so much different from LEM

- Expected number of lethal event in a cell is obtained by summation of expected number of lethal events in a small “domains”
- Instead of integrating points over a volume a finite number of small domains is added.
- This allows to directly measure relevant radiation parameters down in the microscopic domain

MKM

- Once again a lot of dose clustered in a small volume is predict to create more damage
- Once again there is linear quadratic dependence
- The model is less of a black box respect to LEM as many of its parameters can be derived form microdismetric measurments

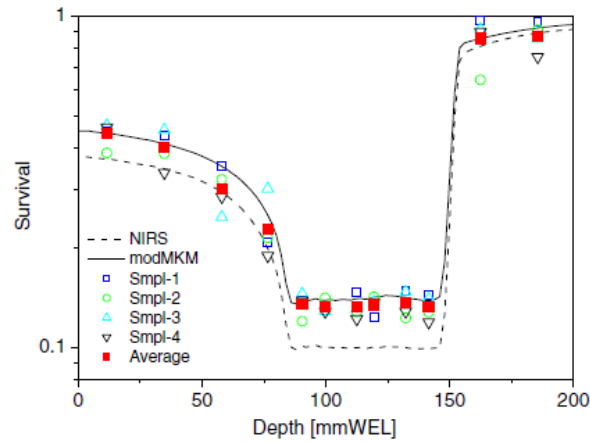


Figure 13. Measured survival values (symbols) are compared with the planned survival curve (dashed curve) based on the NIRS radio-biological model (Kanai *et al* 1999) using the response of the 'old' HSG tumor cells. The recalculated survival curve (solid curve) based on the modified MKM in which the current response of the HSG tumor cells was reflected through the value of α_0 .

Good fit of
in vitro data

Nasty
mathematics

$$\begin{aligned}
 (z_{1D \text{ mix}}^*)_i &= \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{N_{\text{spot}}} w_j \cdot \int_0^\infty (F(z))_{ij} dz \cdot \int_0^\infty z_{\text{sat}} z (f(z))_{ij} dz}{\sum_{j=1}^{N_{\text{spot}}} w_j \cdot \int_0^\infty (F(z))_{ij} dz \cdot \int_0^\infty z (f(z))_{ij} dz} \\
 &= \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{N_{\text{spot}}} w_j \cdot \int_0^\infty (F(z))_{ij} dz \cdot \int_0^\infty z (f(z))_{ij} dz \cdot \frac{\int_0^\infty z_{\text{sat}} z (f(z))_{ij} dz}{\int_0^\infty z (f(z))_{ij} dz}}{\sum_{j=1}^{N_{\text{spot}}} w_j \cdot \int_0^\infty (F(z))_{ij} dz \cdot \int_0^\infty z (f(z))_{ij} dz} \\
 &= \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{N_{\text{spot}}} w_j \cdot \int_0^\infty (F(z))_{ij} dz \cdot z_{Fij} \cdot \frac{\int_0^\infty z_{\text{sat}} z (f(z))_{ij} dz}{\int_0^\infty z (f(z))_{ij} dz}}{\sum_{j=1}^{N_{\text{spot}}} w_j \cdot \int_0^\infty (F(z))_{ij} dz \cdot z_{Fij}}, \tag{A.4}
 \end{aligned}$$

It is used in Japan for spot scanning, however it was designed to be compatible with the old Kanai model

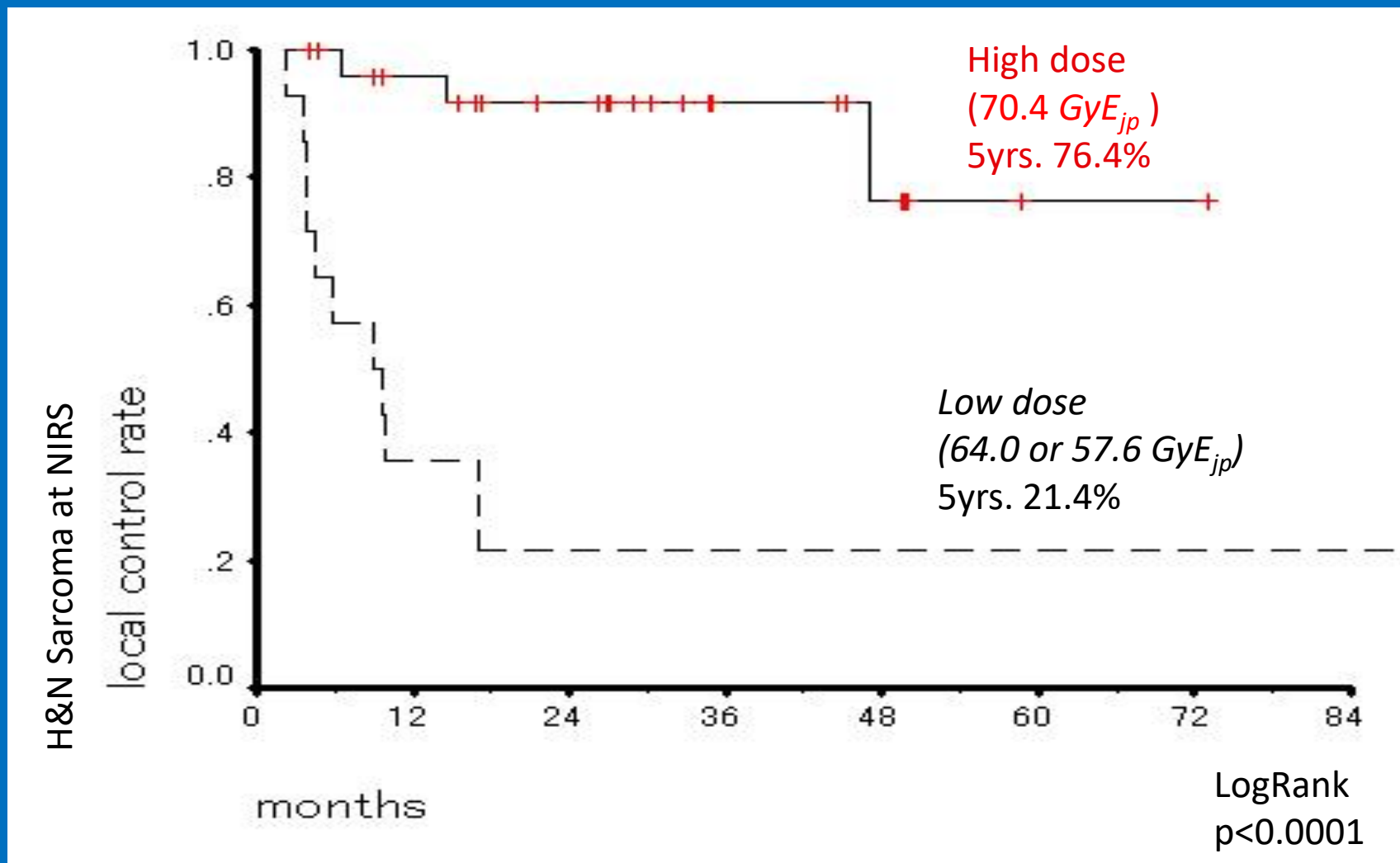
Different way to prescribe carbon ion RT

- Everyone agree qualitatively but there is quantitative disagreement
- No one is right as there are many relevant endpoints and all are difficult to measure

BUT

- We risk not to understand each other
- Kanai vs. LEM one is a clinically relevant conversion
- The shape will be different but we want to avoid systematic errors

10% difference is clinically relevant



Is it relevant ?

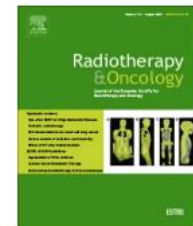
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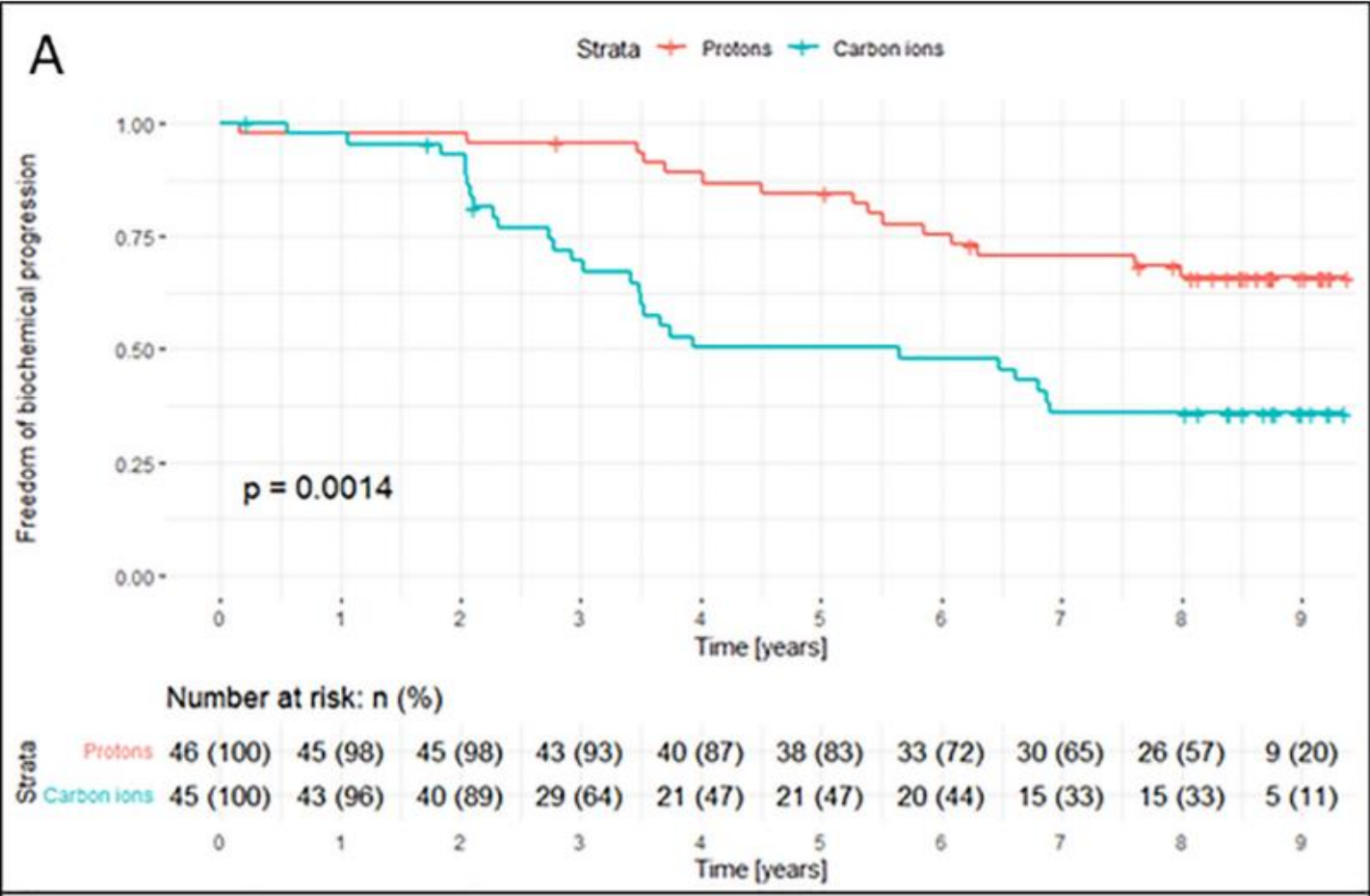
Results of a prospective randomized trial on long-term effectiveness of protons and carbon ions in prostate cancer: LEM I and $\alpha/\beta = 2$ Gy overestimates the RBE

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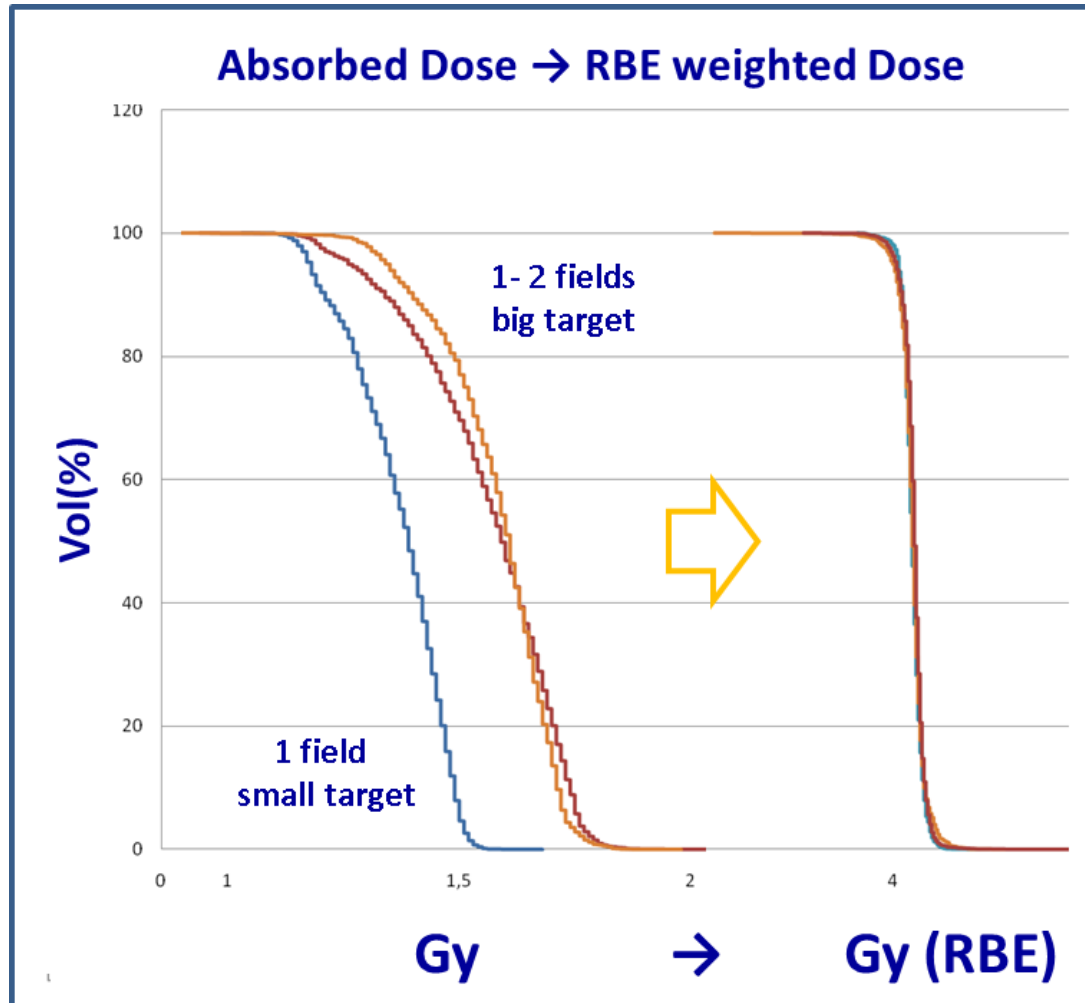
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Results of a prospective randomized trial on long-term effectiveness



Can we compare physical dose?



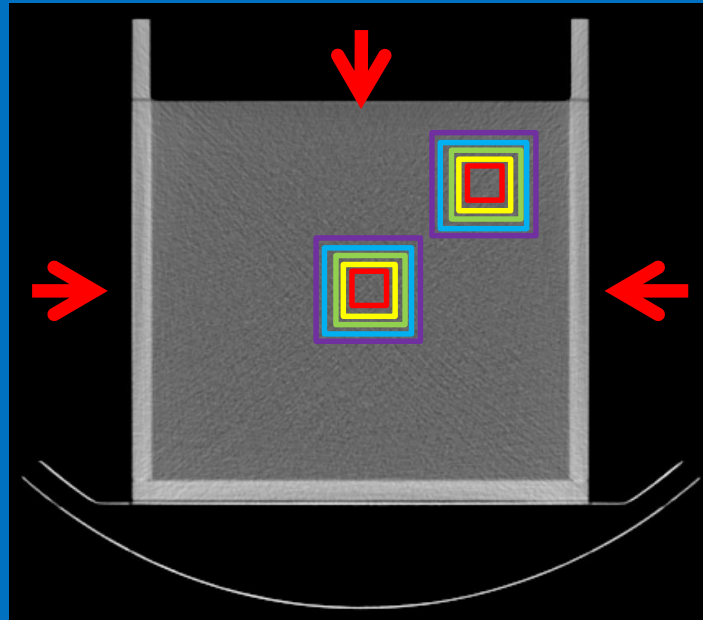
→ Different physical dose DVH

RBE comparison

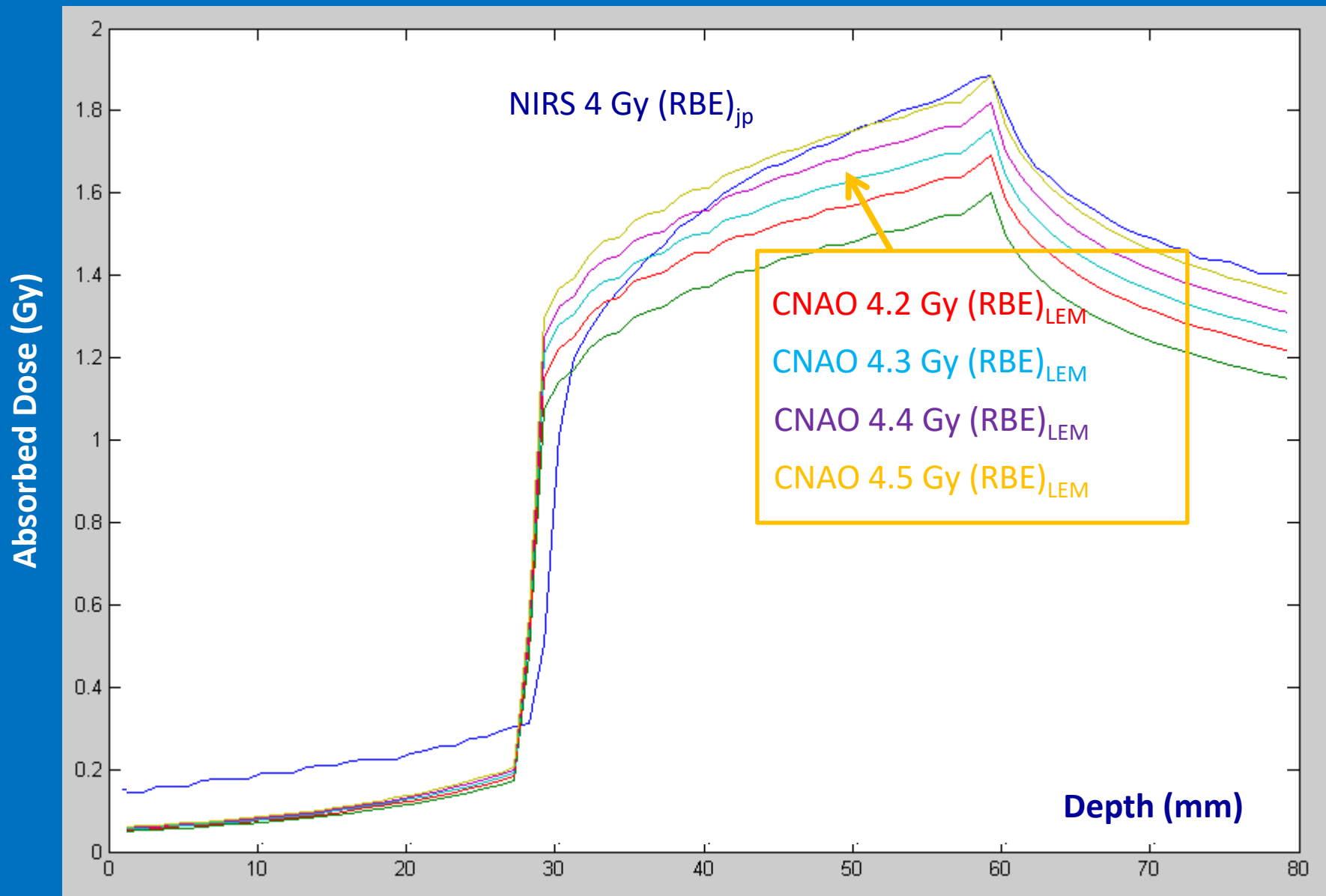
Possible solution (1)

Compare physical dose fixing “reference conditions”

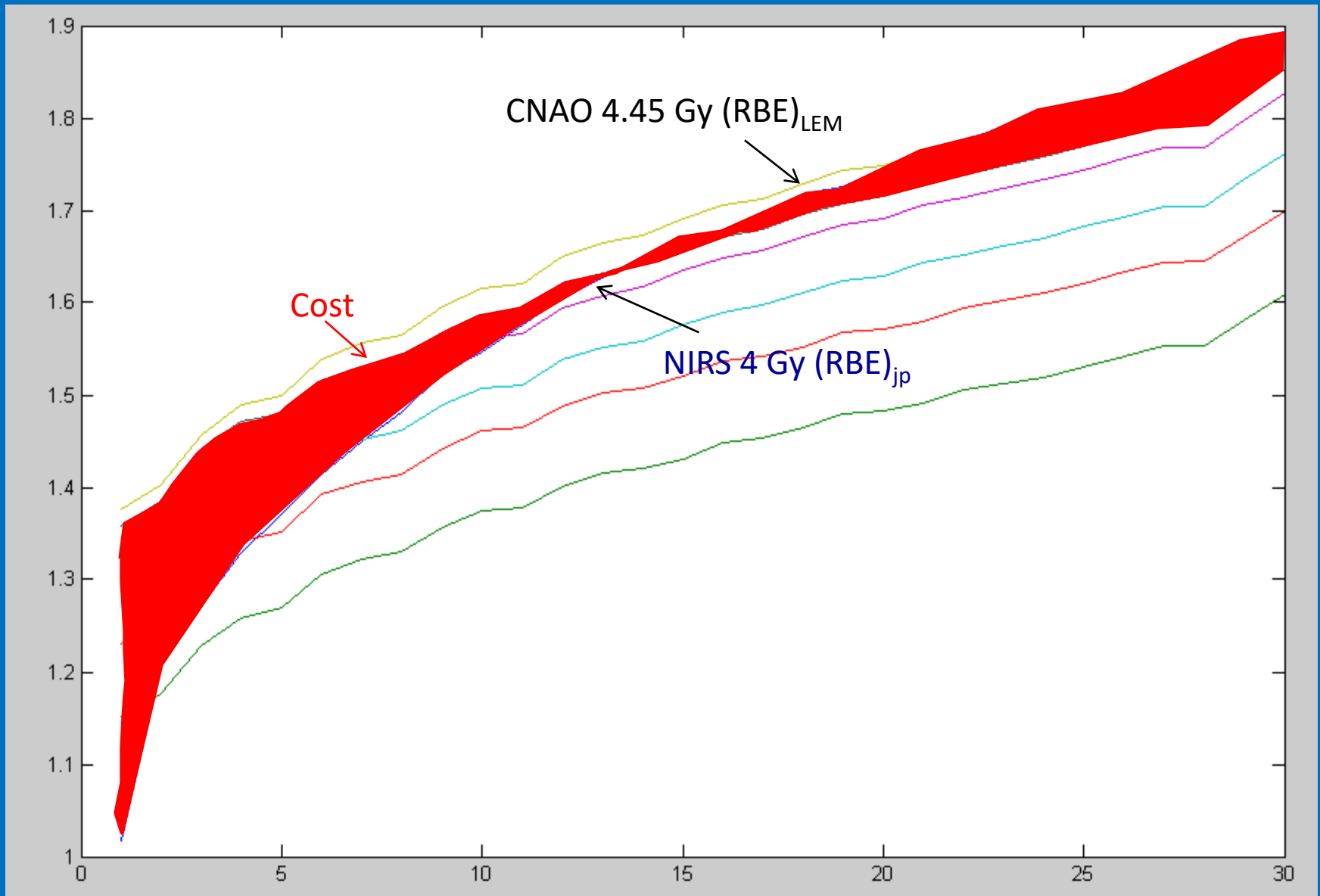
- Homogeneous conditions - **Water phantom**
- **Same volumes** - 5 Cubes: (4, 6, 8, 10, 12 cm)
- **Same number of fields** - low energy (290 MeV/u) and high energy (400 MeV/u)
- **Same field orientation** – single, 2 orthogonal, 2 opposed



NIRS physical dose - 6 cm SOBP (4 Gy (RBE)_{jp})



Minimize physical dose difference in the SOBP



Final results

Prescription doses (GyE)

(16 fractions, 4 fractions per week)

| Indication | NIRS dose | CNAO dose | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|------------------|---------|------------------|---------|------------------|---------|---------|
| | | Opposed ports | | Orthogonal ports | | Single port | | |
| | | quadratic errors | | quadratic errors | | quadratic errors | | MC |
| | | Cubes | Spheres | Cubes | Spheres | Cubes | Spheres | Spheres |
| Head and neck non mesenchymal cancer | 3.60 | 4.20 | 4.15 | 4.20 | 4.15 | 4.20 | 4.15 | 4.19 |
| Skull base chordoma and hondrosarcoma | 3.80 | 4.35 | 4.30 | 4.35 | 4.30 | 4.35 | 4.30 | 4.33 |
| Head and neck non mesenchymal cancer | 4.00 | 4.50 | 4.40 | 4.50 | 4.45 | 4.50 | 4.45 | 4.47 |
| Spinal chordoma and chondrosarcoma | 4.20 | 4.65 | 4.60 | 4.70 | 4.60 | 4.70 | 4.60 | 4.64 |
| Head and neck sarcoma | 4.40 | 4.80 | 4.70 | 4.80 | 4.70 | 4.80 | 4.70 | 4.75 |
| Bone and soft tissue sarcoma | 4.40 | 4.80 | 4.75 | 4.80 | 4.75 | 4.80 | 4.75 | 4.78 |



H&N

64 Gy (RBE)_{jp} → 71.2 Gy (RBE)_{LEM}

Retroperitoneal sarcoma

70.4 Gy (RBE)_{jp} → 76 Gy (RBE)_{LEM}

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Indipendent calculation similar results

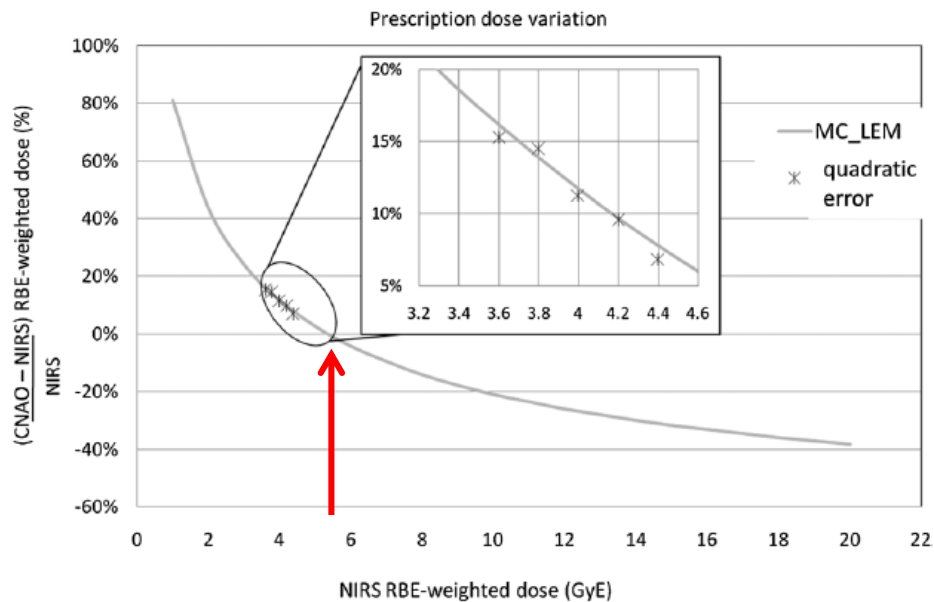


Figure 4. RBE-weighted dose percentage differences between LEM-based GyE and NIRS-based GyE systems, as a function of NIRS prescription doses: comparison between the quadratic deviation metric (single port, sphere model, shallow isocenter) and Monte Carlo simulations.

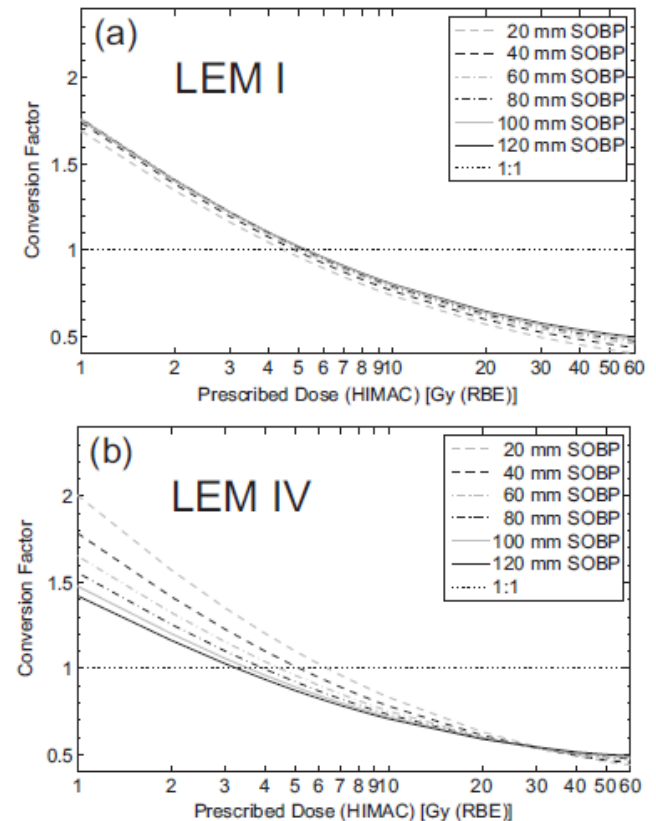


Fig. 4. Conversion factors, $d_{presc}^{LEM} / d_{presc}^{HIMAC}$, in dependence of d_{presc}^{HIMAC} for SOBPs from 20 to 120 mm (depth as in Fig. 1b) for carbon ions. a, results for LEM I; b, results for LEM IV. The $d_{presc}^{LEM} = d_{presc}^{HIMAC}$ relation is marked as dotted line. LEM = Local Effect Model (versions I and IV); SOBP = spread-out Bragg peak.

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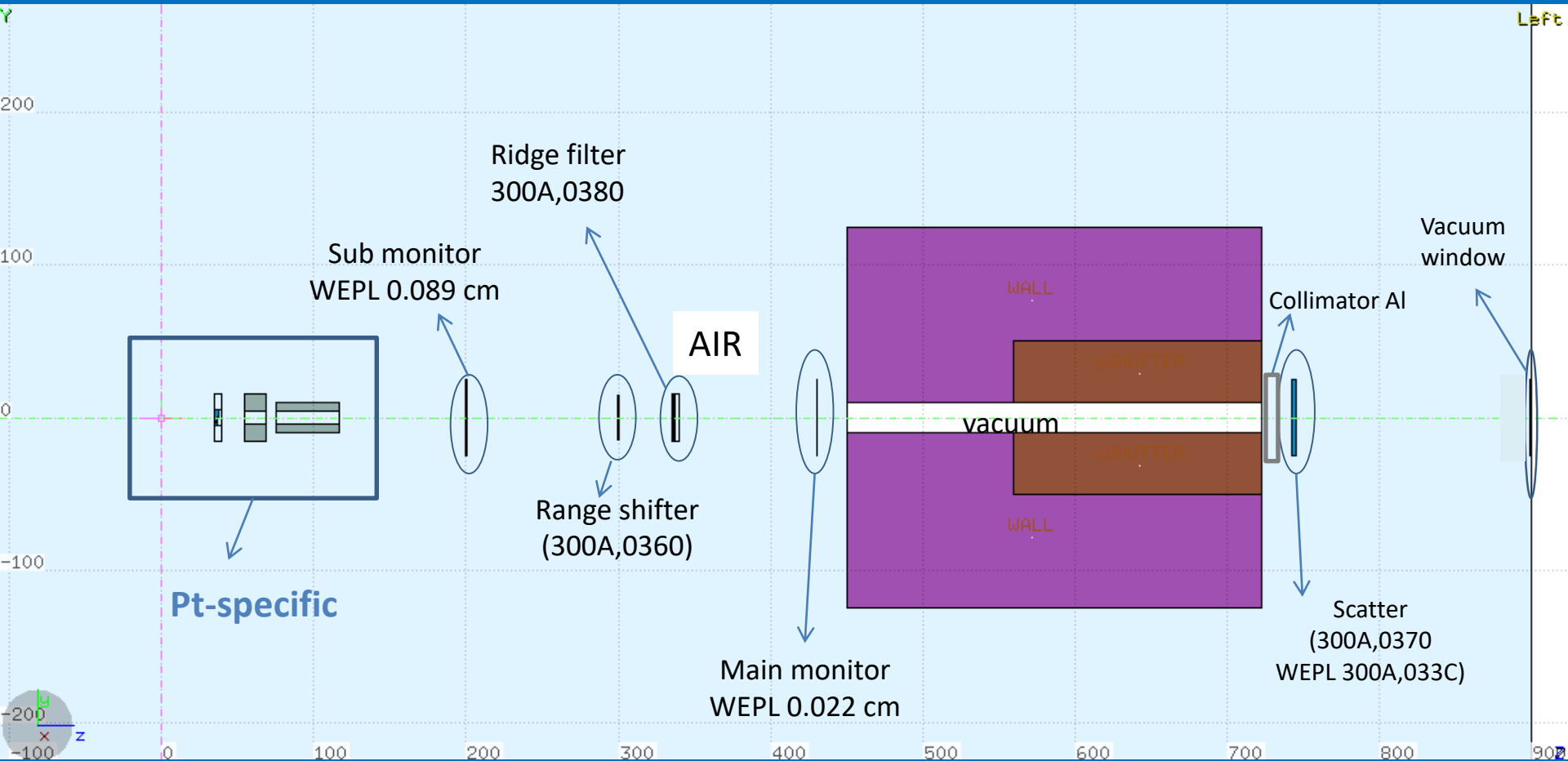
Mapping of RBE-weighted doses between HIMAC- and LEM-Based treatment planning systems for carbon ion therapy. Steinsträter O et al. Int J Radiat Oncol Biol Phys. 2012;84(3)

Possible solution (2)

- Modeling of NIRS beamlines
- Beamline validation
 - mono-energetic depth dose profiles in water
 - ridge filter SOBP in water
- MC simulation of NIRS physical doses (clinical data)
- NIRS biological dose according to LEM I

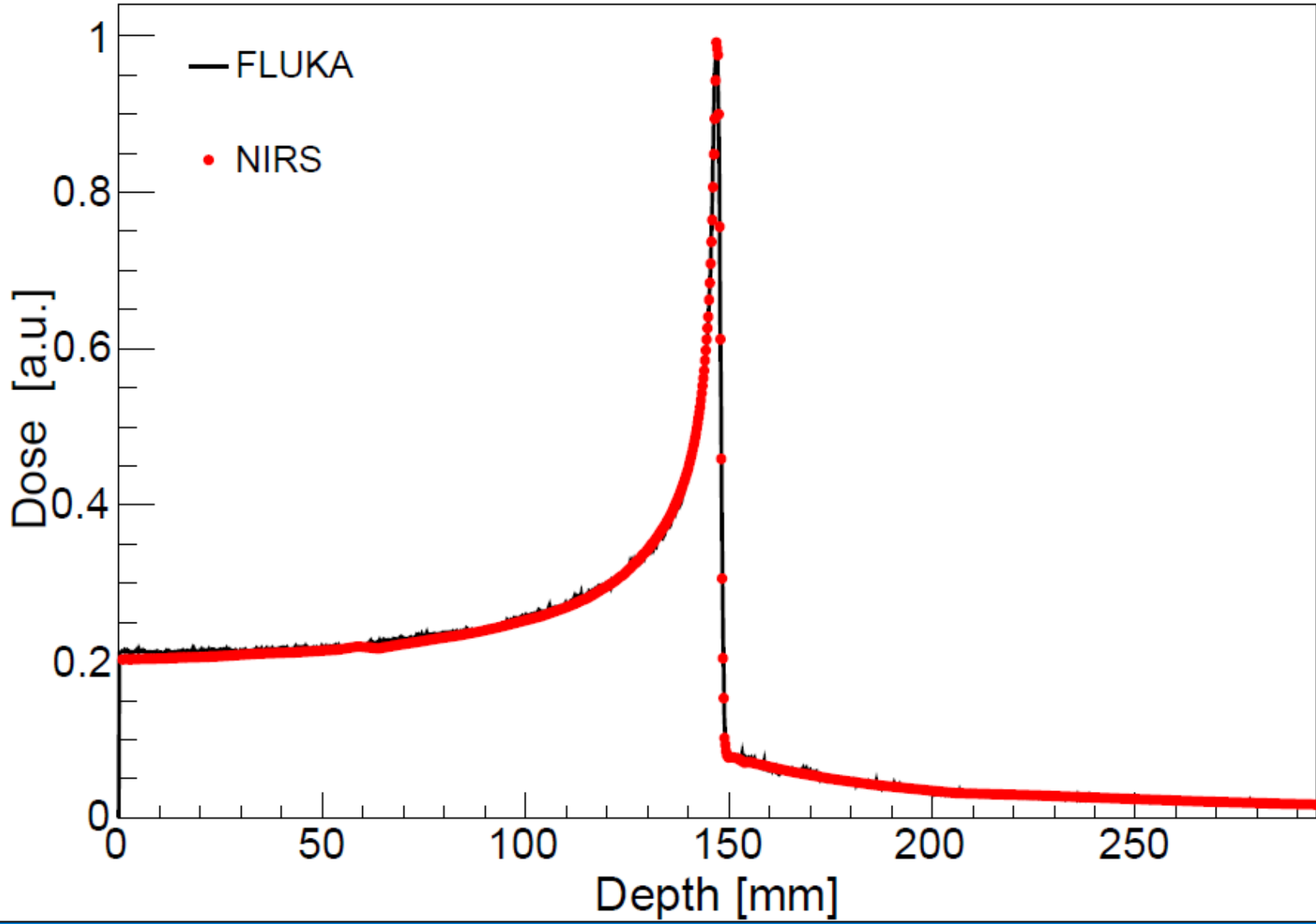
(Mairani A et al . Phys Med Biol. 2010)
- Comparison with Syngo optimized RT Plan

Horizontal line



Horizontal line – 290 MeV/u

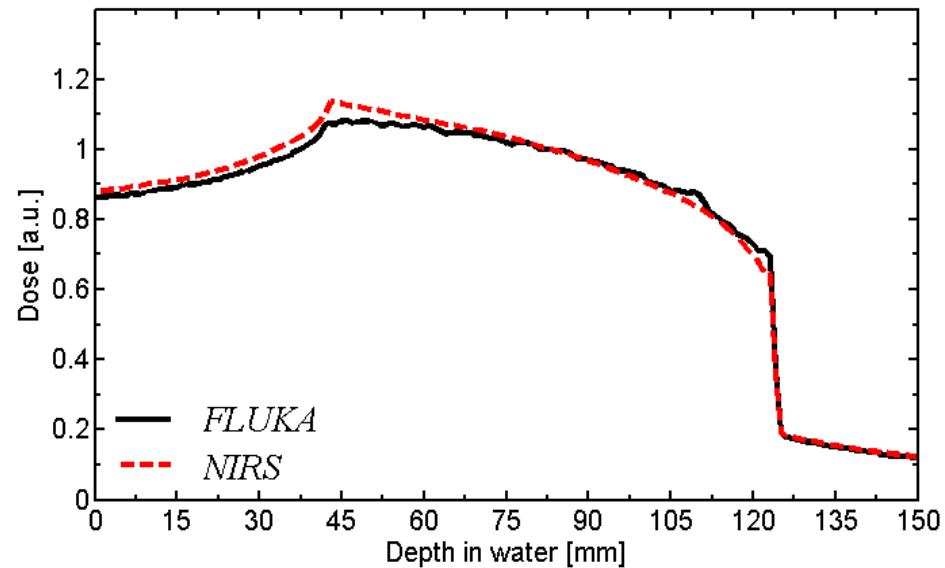
Basic beamline model validation



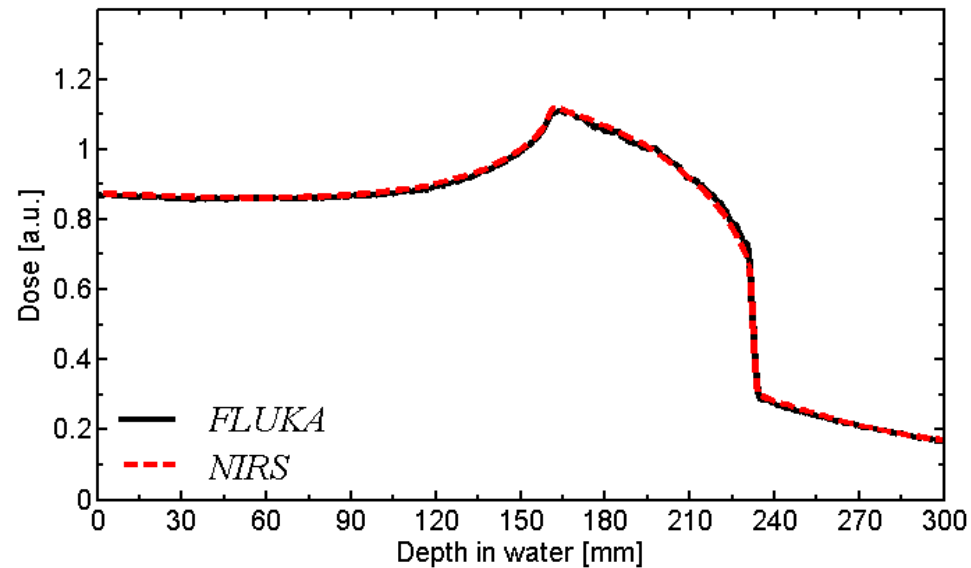
Ridge filter model validation

SOBP in a water phantom

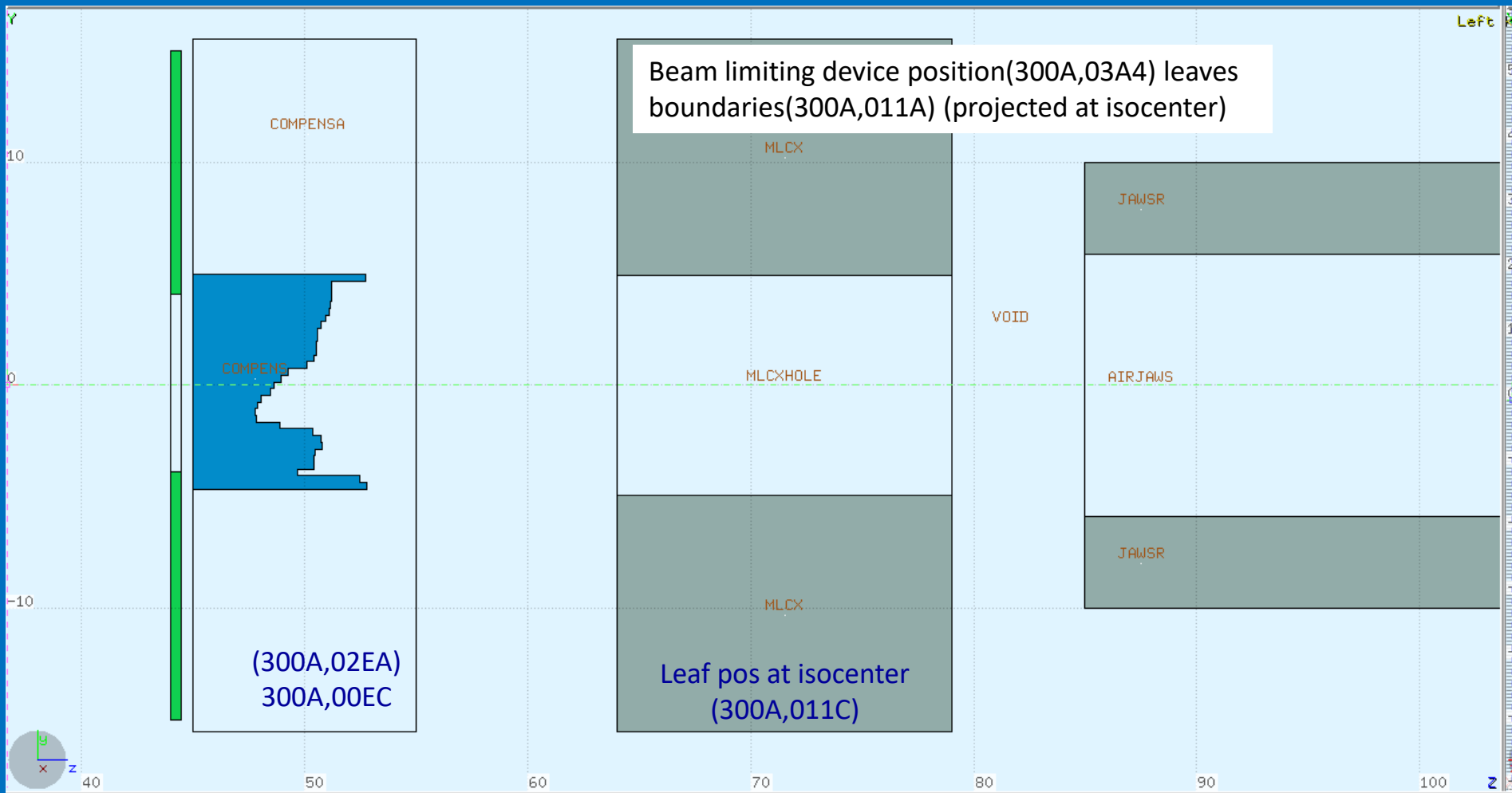
290 MeV/n ^{12}C - Line H - RF 80 mm



400 MeV/n ^{12}C - Line H - RF 70 mm



Horizontal line – 400 MeV/u – Pt specific



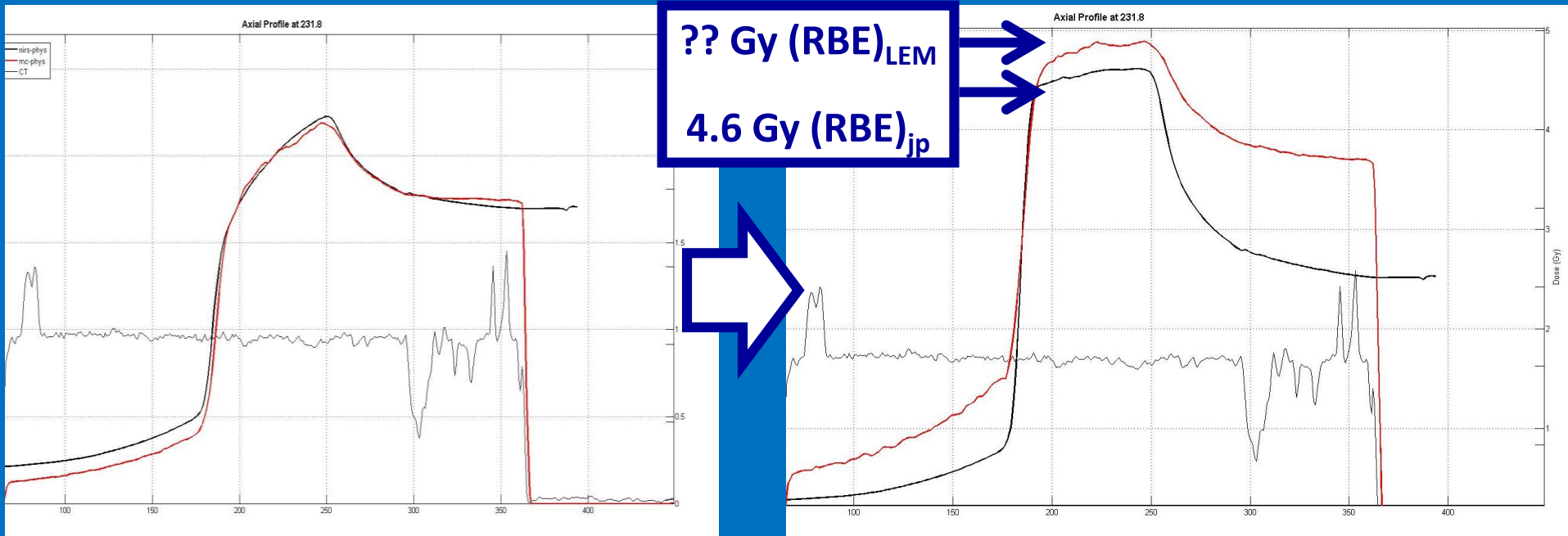
Pancreas Pt – BVC 400MeV/u - 4.6 Gy (RBE)_{jp}

Physical dose

NIRS DICOM data vs FLUKA MC code

Biological dose

NIRS DICOM data vs FLUKA MC code & MyLEM



Carbon ions Gy (RBE) - 3D Radiobiological Model

Step 2 (2016)

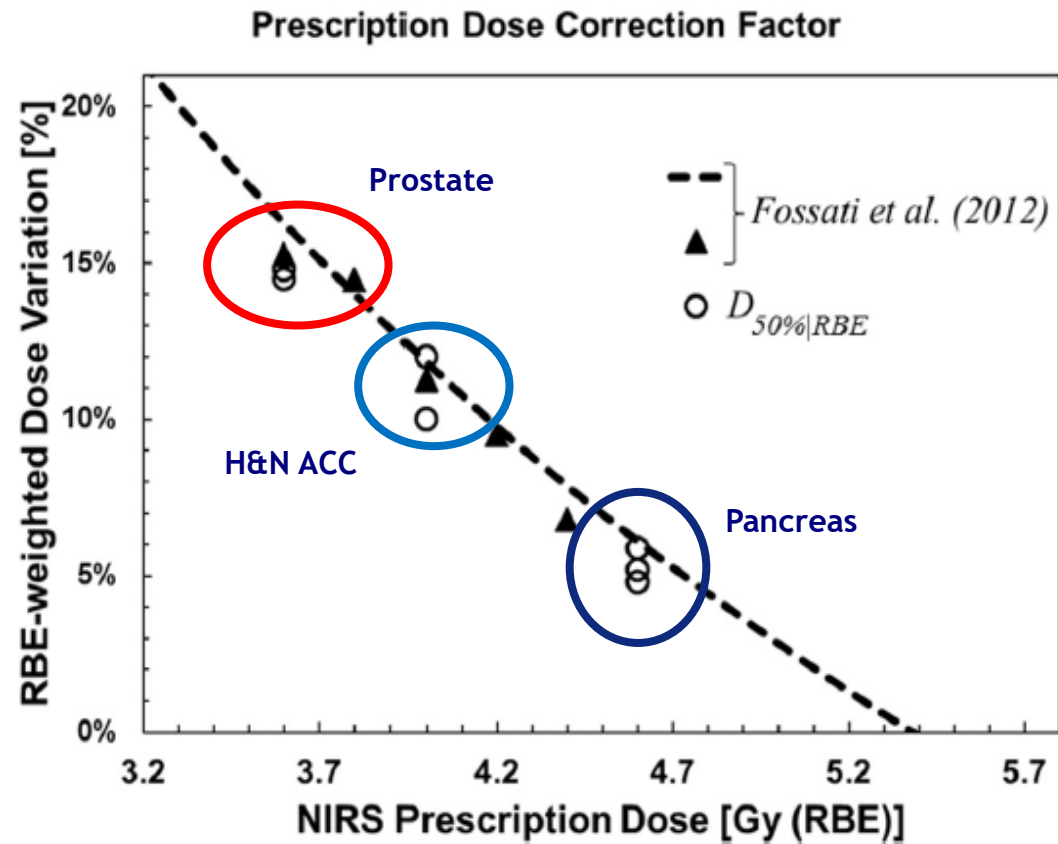
Target median RBE-weighted dose difference
Japanese vs European RBE adopted models

RBE-weighted dose differences can range from 15% to 4% depending on the dose level

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RBE-weighted dose calculation
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Step 3 (2017)

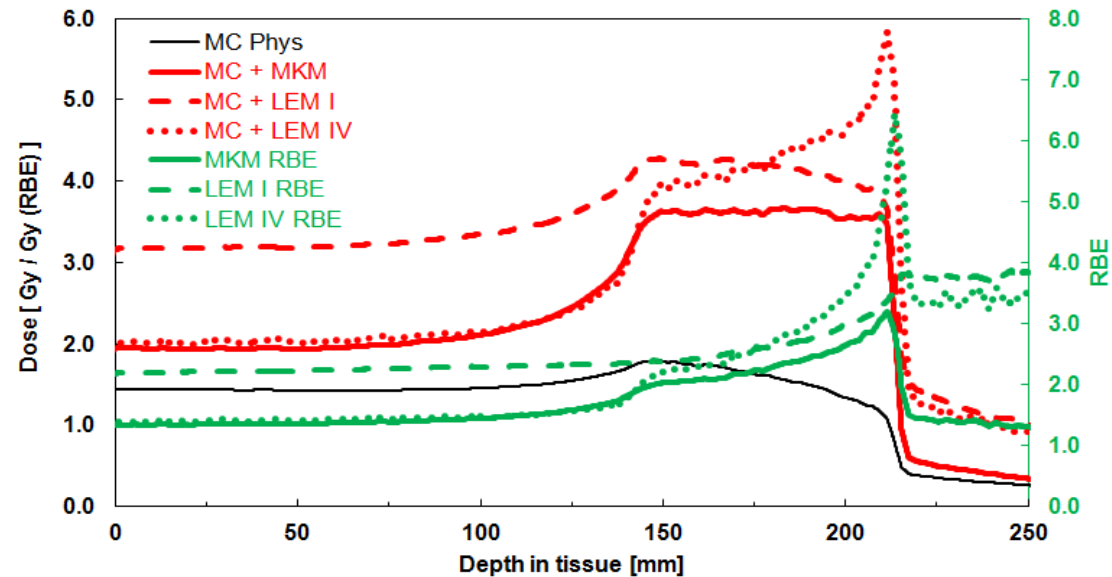
MKM implementation coupled with Fluka MC

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The FLUKA Monte Carlo code coupled with the NIRS approach for clinical dose calculations in carbon ion therapy

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Optic nerve constraints for carbon ion RT at CNAO – Reporting and relating outcome to European and Japanese RBE



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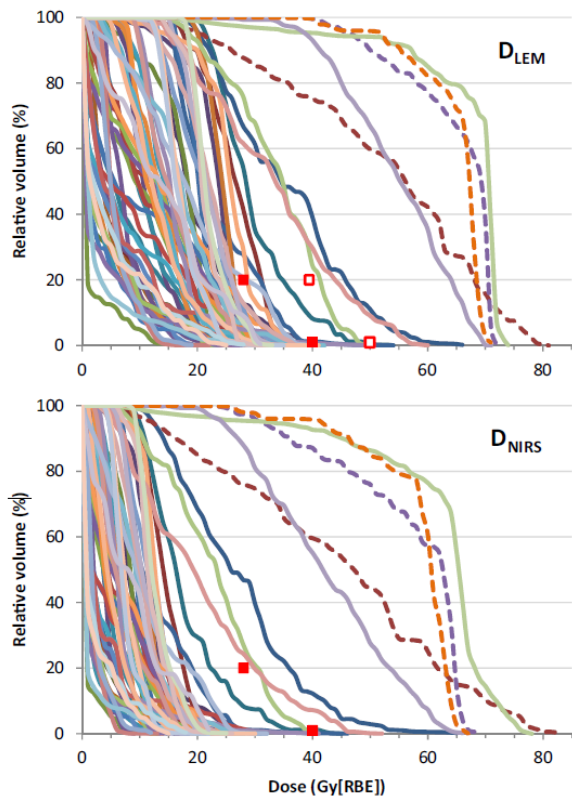


Fig. 1. Cumulative DVH of all 65 ONs in D_{LEM} (upper panel) and D_{NIRS} (lower panel). Dashed DVH-lines represent optic nerves that developed RION. Red, filled squares indicate the current dose constraints of $D_{1\%} \leq 40$ Gy(RBE) and $D_{20\%} \leq 28$ Gy(RBE). Red, open squares in upper panel represent possible new D_{LEM} constraints for CNAO based on RBE-weighted dose translation.

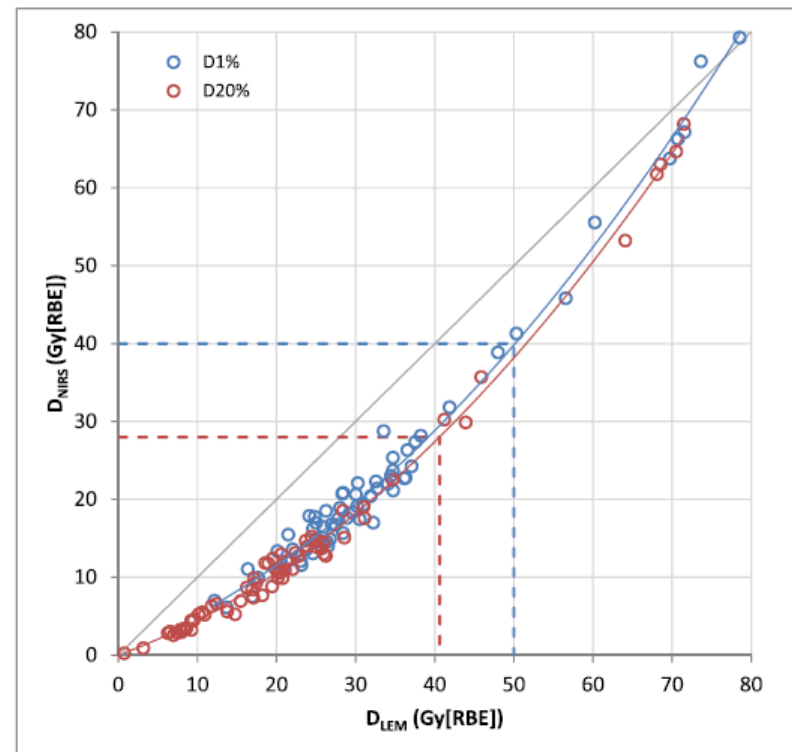
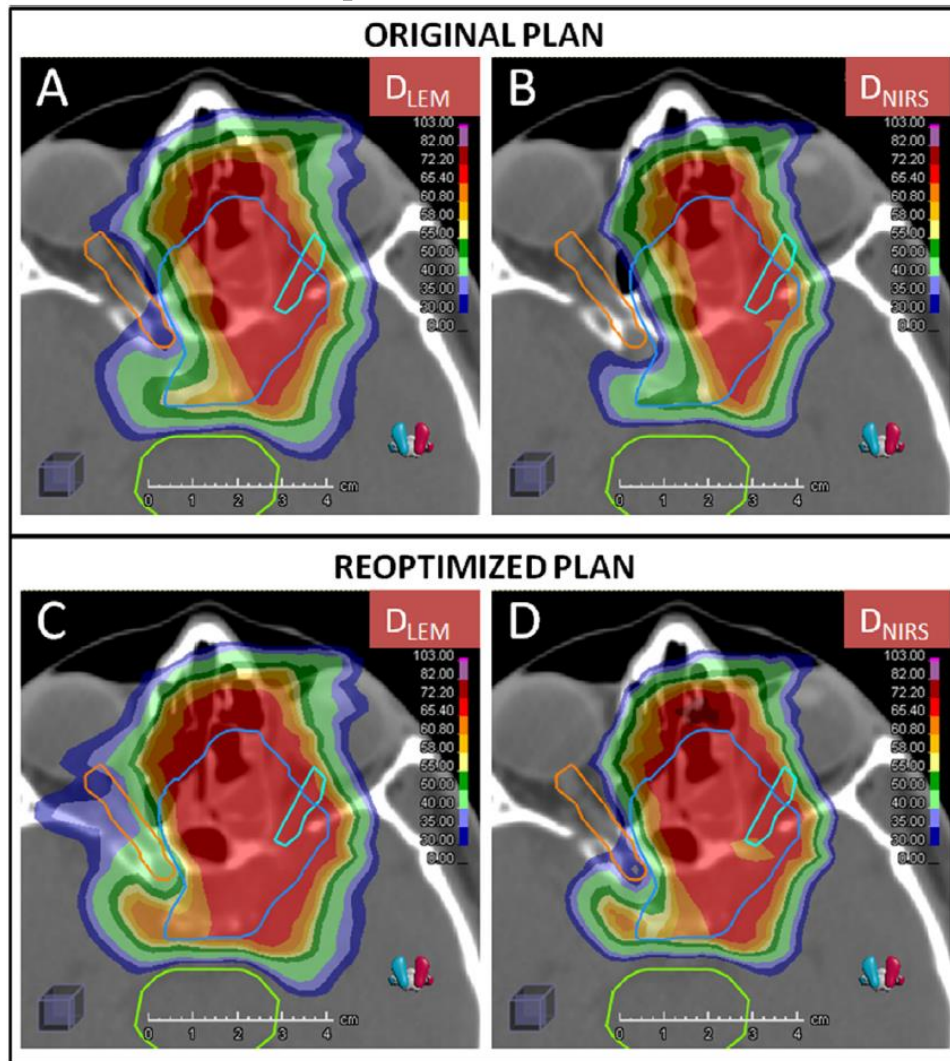


Fig. 2. Relationship of D_{NIRS} and D_{LEM} for $D_{1\%}$ (blue circles) and $D_{20\%}$ (red circles) with corresponding trend lines. Dashed lines represent translation from D_{NIRS} to D_{LEM} for constraint $D_{1\%}$ (blue) and $D_{20\%}$ (red).

Step 4 (2020)



| | constraint employed by Japanese Institutions | translated to LEM-I and employed at MedAustron | constraints employed at MedAustron | |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Brainstem | D(RBE, 0,1cc) < 40 Gy RBE, D(RBE, 0,7 cc) < 30 Gy RBE | D(RBE, 0,1 cc) < 46 Gy RBE, D (RBE, 0,7cc) < 38 Gy RBE | D(RBE, 0,01 cc) < 54 Gy RBE, D (RBE, 2%) < 50 Gy RBE | |
| Spinal cord | D(RBE, 0,1cc) < 40 Gy RBE, D(RBE, 0,7cc) < 30 Gy RBE | D (RBE, 0,1cc) < 46 Gy RBE, D (RBE, 0,7cc) < 38 Gy RBE | D(RBE, 0,01cc) < 54 Gy RBE, D (RBE, 2%) < 50 Gy RBE | Same constraints as for Brainstem |
| Optic nerve and chiasm | D (RBE, 1%) < 35 Gy RBE, D (RBE, 20%) < 30 Gy RBE | D (RBE, 1%) < 45 Gy , D (RBE, 20%) < 38 Gy | D (RBE, 0,01cc) < 50 Gy RBE | The LEM-I constraint of 45 Gy RBE can be increased to 50 Gy RBE on one side |
| Brain (endpoint necrosis) | Optimal D(RBE, 5cc) < 50 Gy RBE Acceptable D(RBE, 5cc) < 60 Gy RBE | Optimal D RBE, 5cc) < 54 Gy RBE Acceptable D(RBE, 5cc) < 64 Gy RBE | Optimal D(RBE, 1cc)< 56,7 Gy RBE Acceptable D (RBE, 1cc) < 59 Gy RBE | Brain and temporal lobe data have been pooled together |

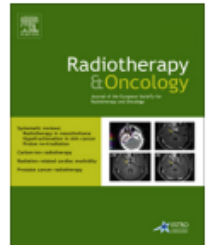


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Carbon ion irradiation

Dose–volume histogram analysis of brainstem necrosis in head and neck tumors treated using carbon-ion radiotherapy



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Table 2

Optimal cut-off values based on the receiver operating characteristic curve analysis.

| | Cut-off value | 2-year brainstem necrosis rate (%) | P-value |
|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|---------|
| Maximum dose | ≥48 Gy (RBE) | 40 | <0.001 |
| | <48 Gy (RBE) | 0 | |
| D1 cm ³ | ≥27 Gy (RBE) | 33 | <0.001 |
| | <27 Gy (RBE) | 0 | |
| V40 Gy (RBE) | ≥0.1 cm ³ | 40 | <0.001 |
| | <0.1 cm ³ | 0 | |
| V30 Gy (RBE) | ≥0.7 cm ³ | 33 | <0.001 |
| | <0.7 cm ³ | 0 | |
| V20 Gy (RBE) | ≥1.4 cm ³ | 28 | <0.001 |
| | <1.4 cm ³ | 0 | |

RBE: relative biological effectiveness.

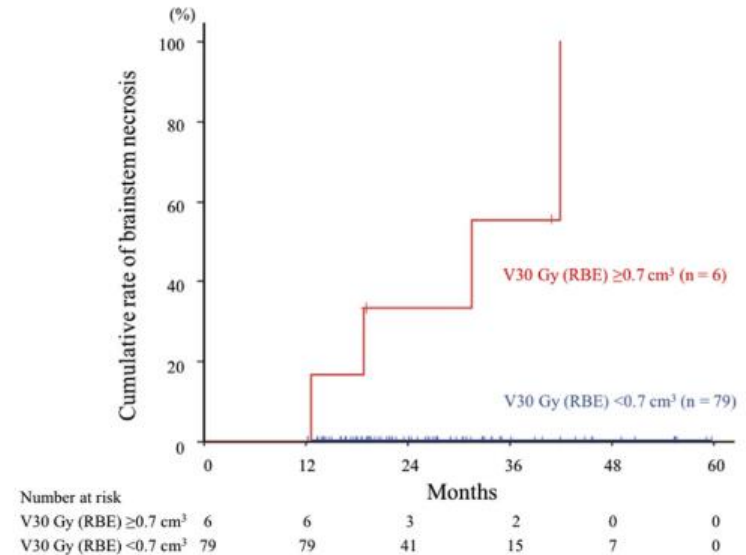
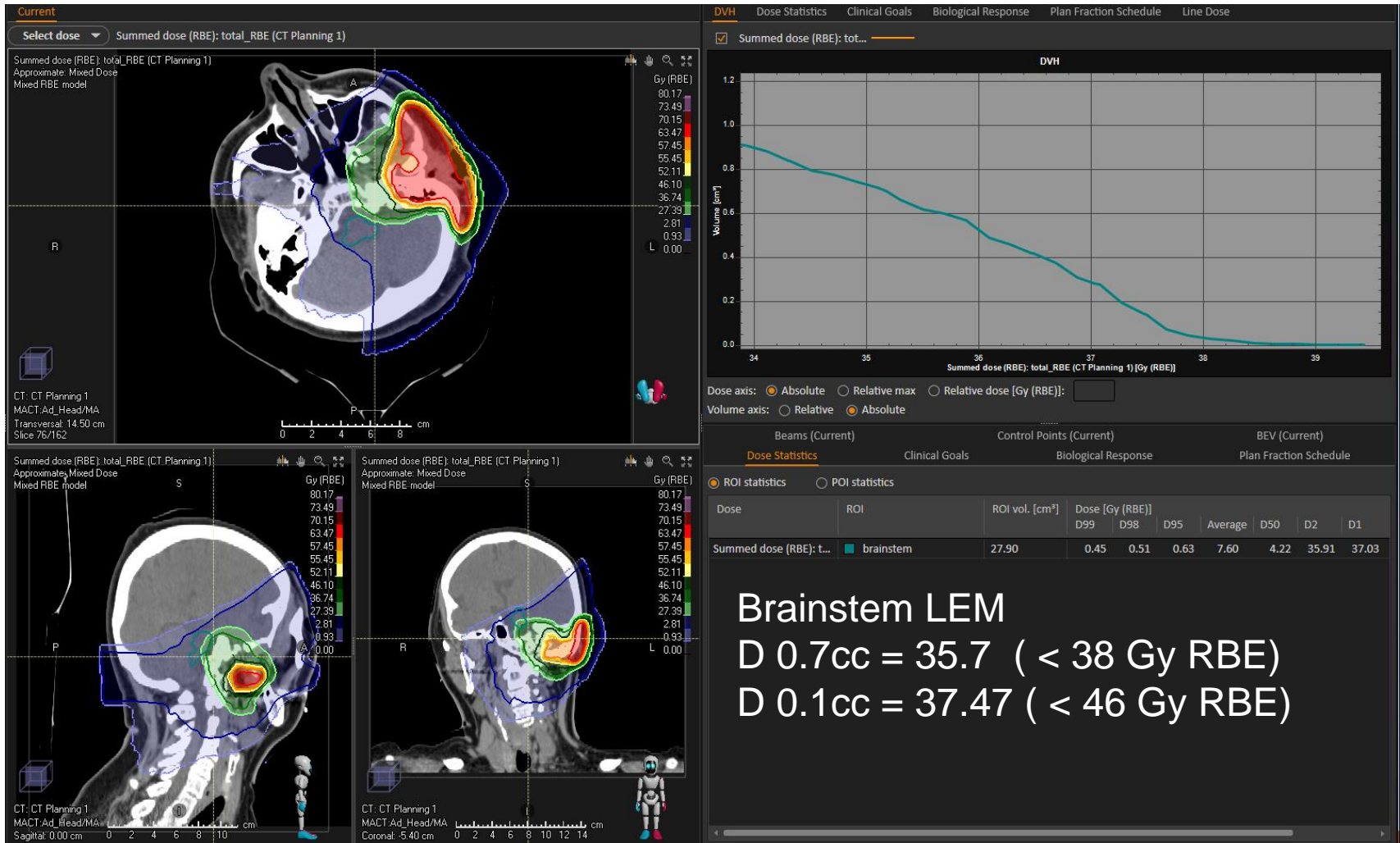


Fig. 3. The cumulative rates of brainstem necrosis according to V30 Gy (RBE) of $\geq 0.7 \text{ cm}^3$ ($n = 7$) and V30 Gy (RBE) of $< 0.7 \text{ cm}^3$ ($n = 79$). The 2-year cumulative brainstem necrosis rates for the higher and lower dose groups were 33% and 0%, respectively ($p < 0.001$).

First CIRT patient LEM plan



Recomputed
MKM dose

Brainstem LEM

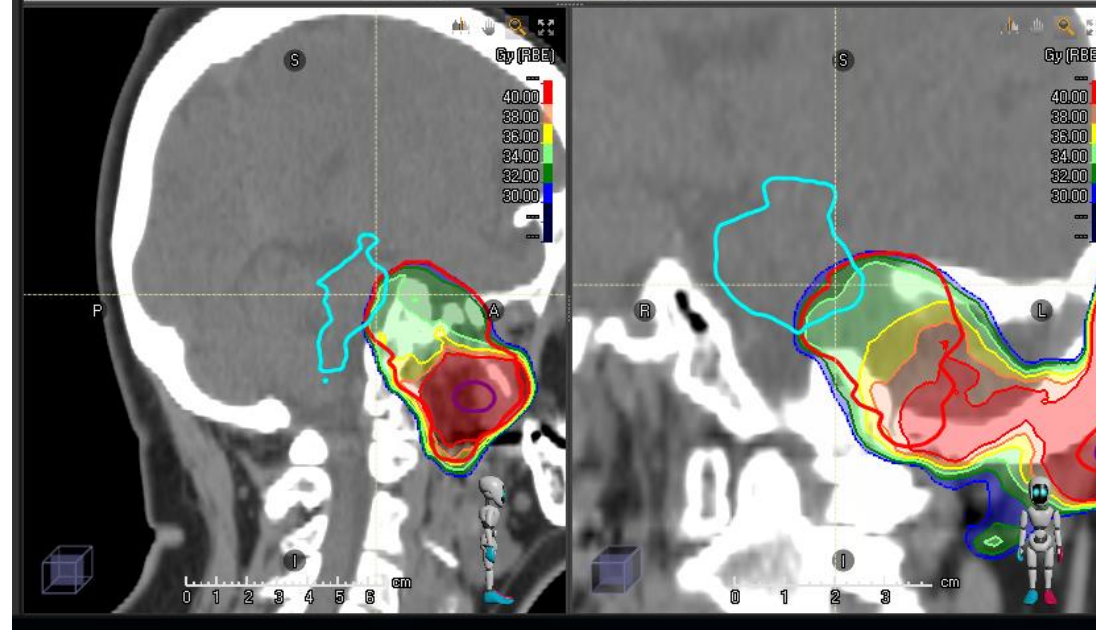
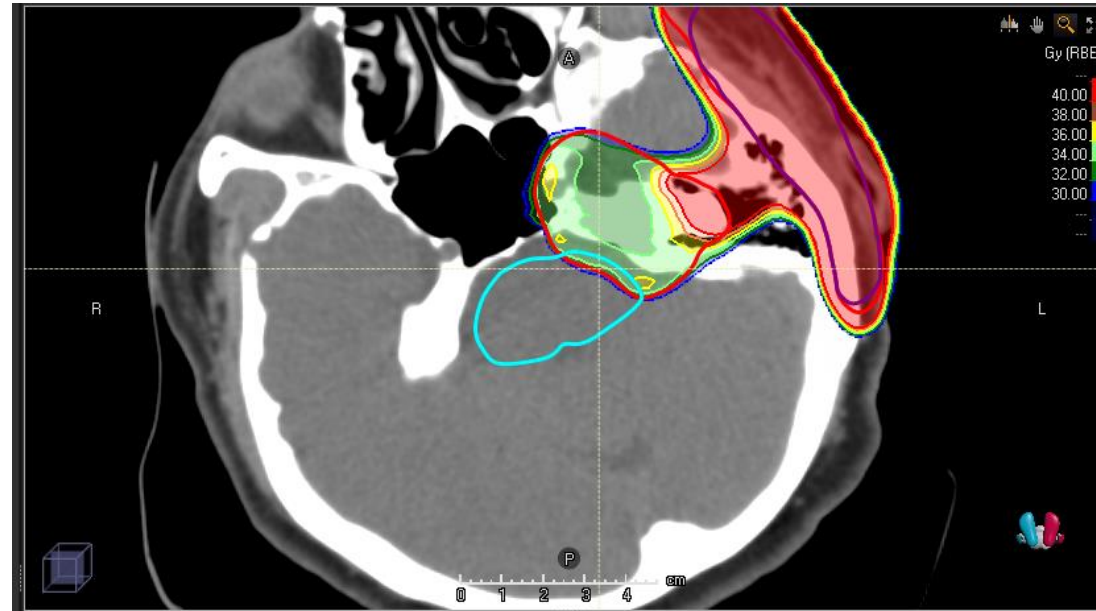
D0.7cc = 35.7 (< 38 Gy RBE)

D0.1cc = 37.47 (< 46 Gy RBE)

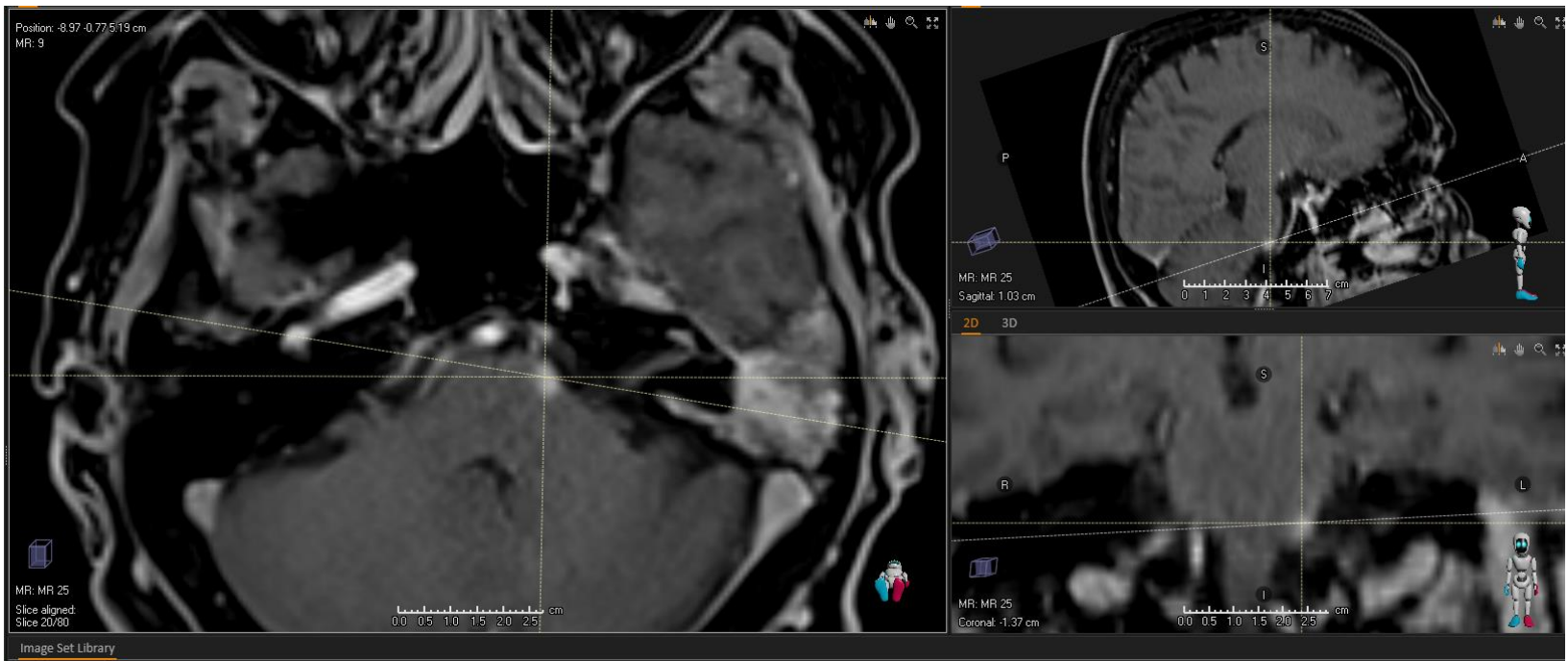
Brainstem MKM

D0.7cc = 32.68 (> 30 Gy RBE)

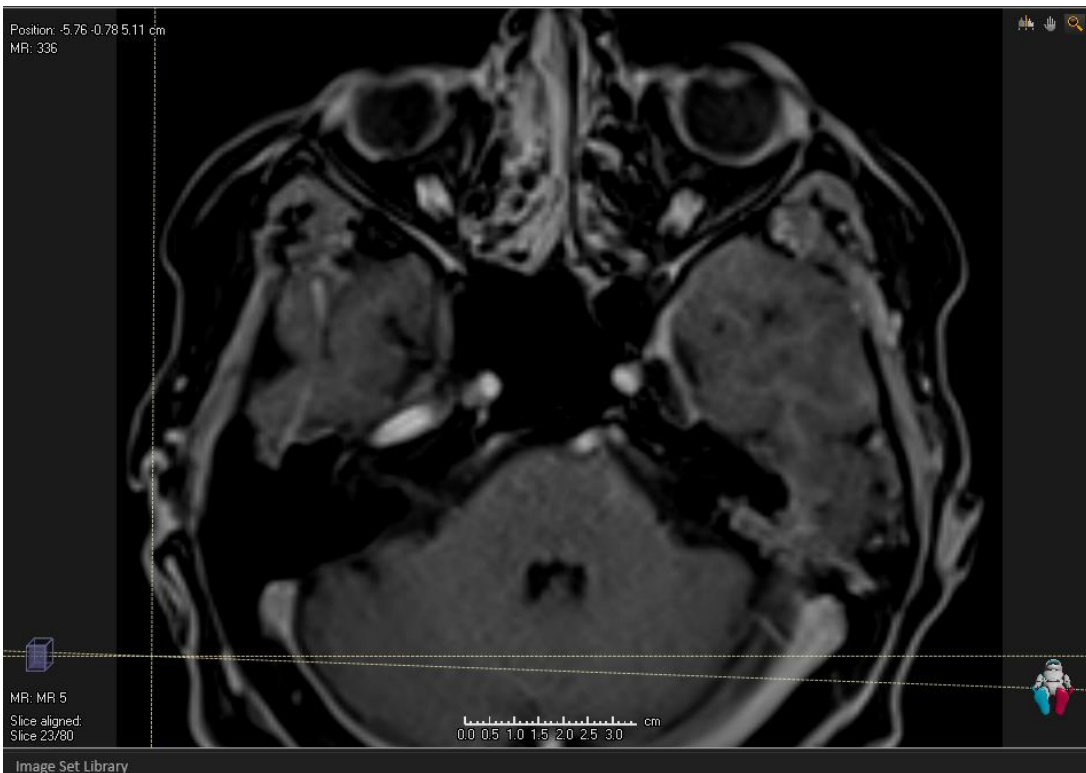
D0.1cc = 35.4 (< 40 Gy RBE)



9 months after CIRT asymptomatic CE



After 20 Mo. Without symptoms and without therapy



Step 5 (today at MedAustron)

- Examine simultaneously both LEM and MKM plans
- Respect OARs dose constraints and target coverage in both RBE systems (with different values)

Step 6 (Future)

- Have a TPS that performs simultaneous multi Rbe optimization

Vielen Dank für ihre Aufmerksamkeit

