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Hadrontherapy

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First published in 2002

Full reproduction of a 62 MeV clinical protontherapy beamline;

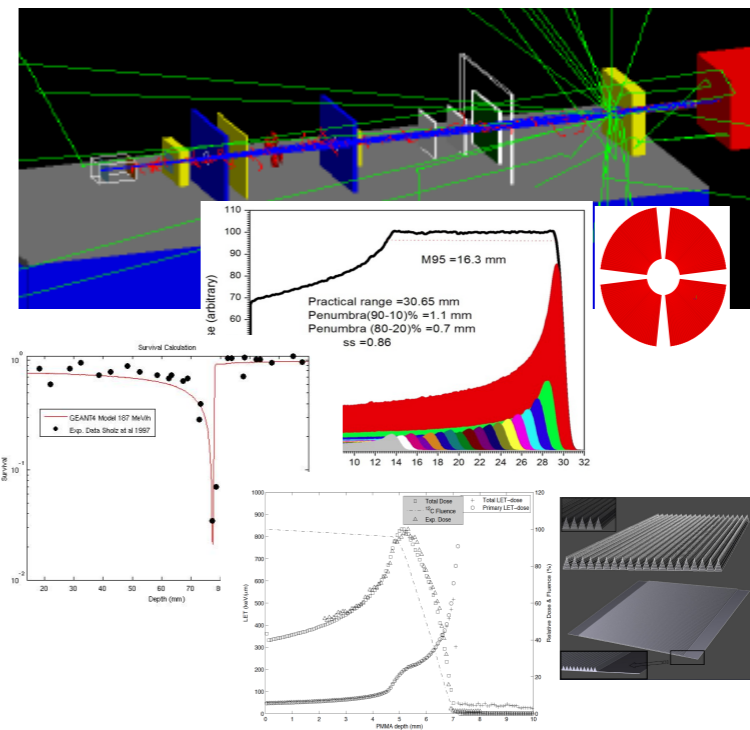
Improved with two additional beam lines (250 MeV clinical protons and 70 AMeV experimental ions);

Improved with a laser-driven beamline for irradiation studies with new beam modalities;

All the relevant dosimetric and radiobiology quantities:

Dose, fluence, LET-t, LET-d, RBE, energy spectra;

For primary and secondaries



LAST IMPROVEMENTS

Laser-driven beamline

Phase Space → **Not released**

Dose averaged and track averaged LET

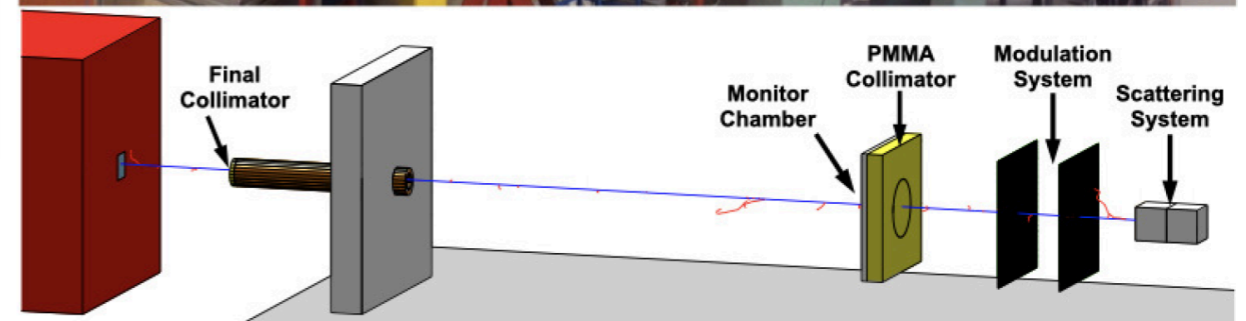
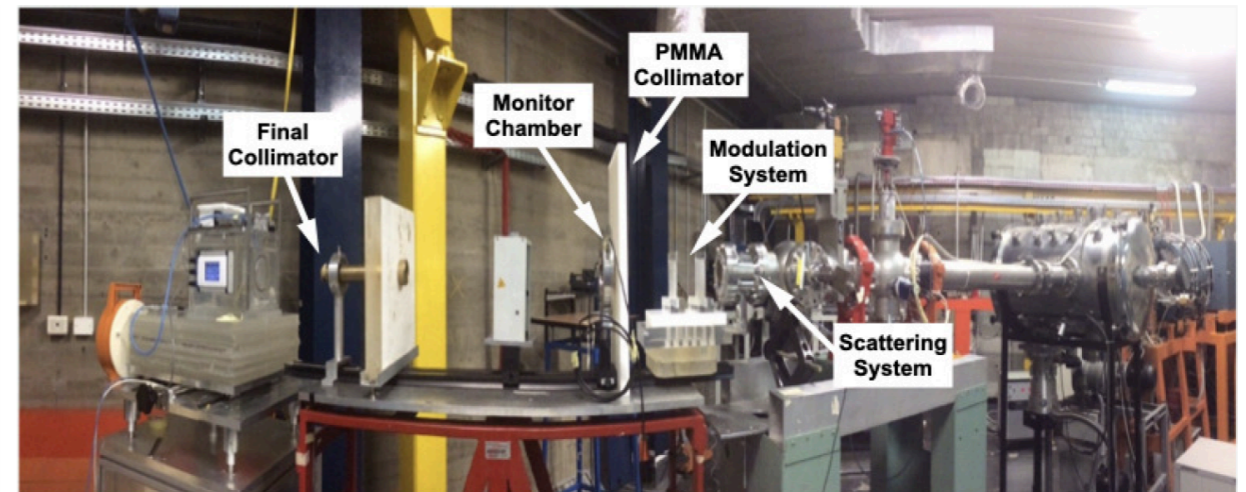
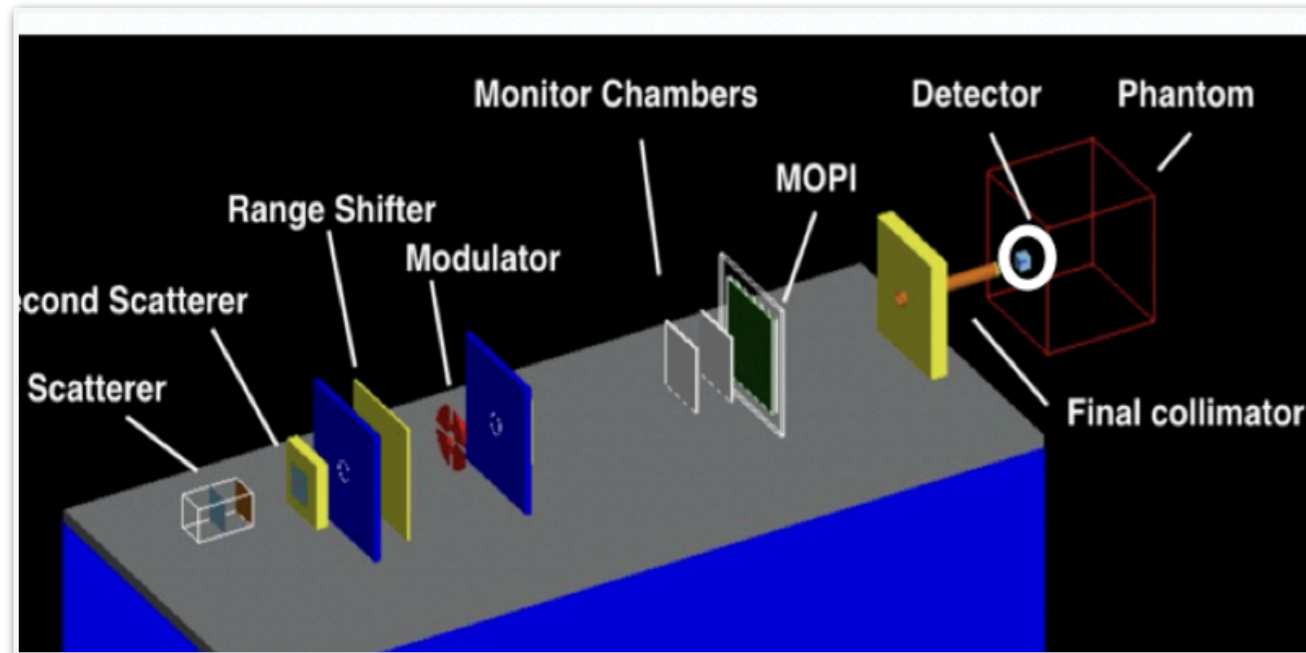
RBE calculations

Bragg peak/radiobiology validation

DICOM interface → **Not released**

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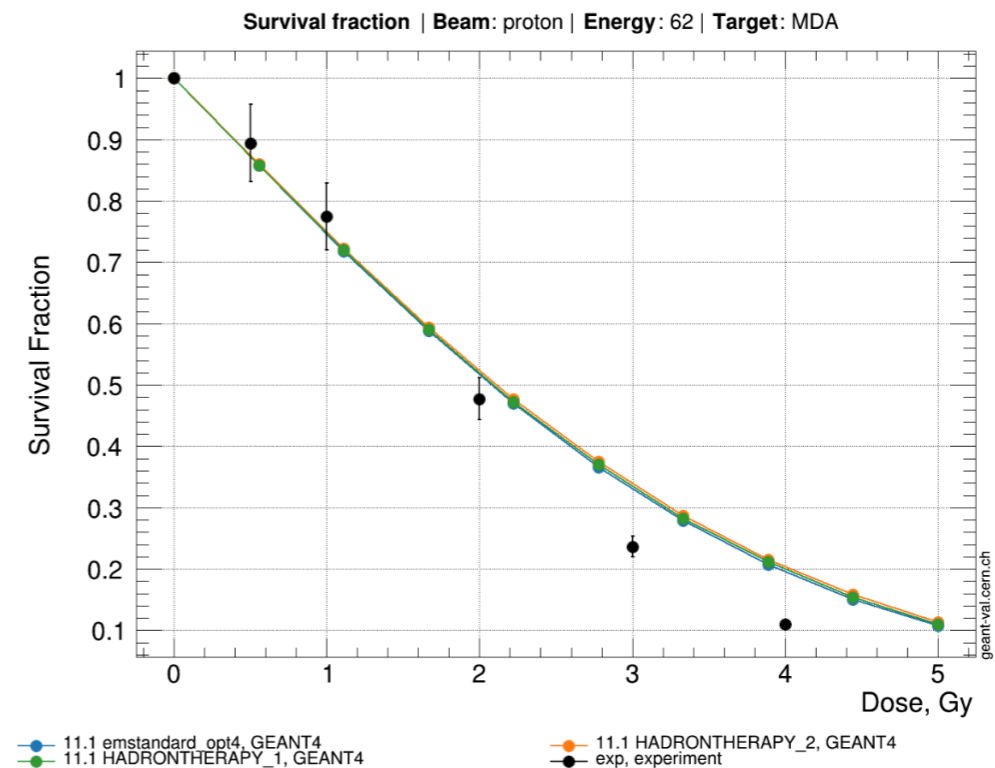
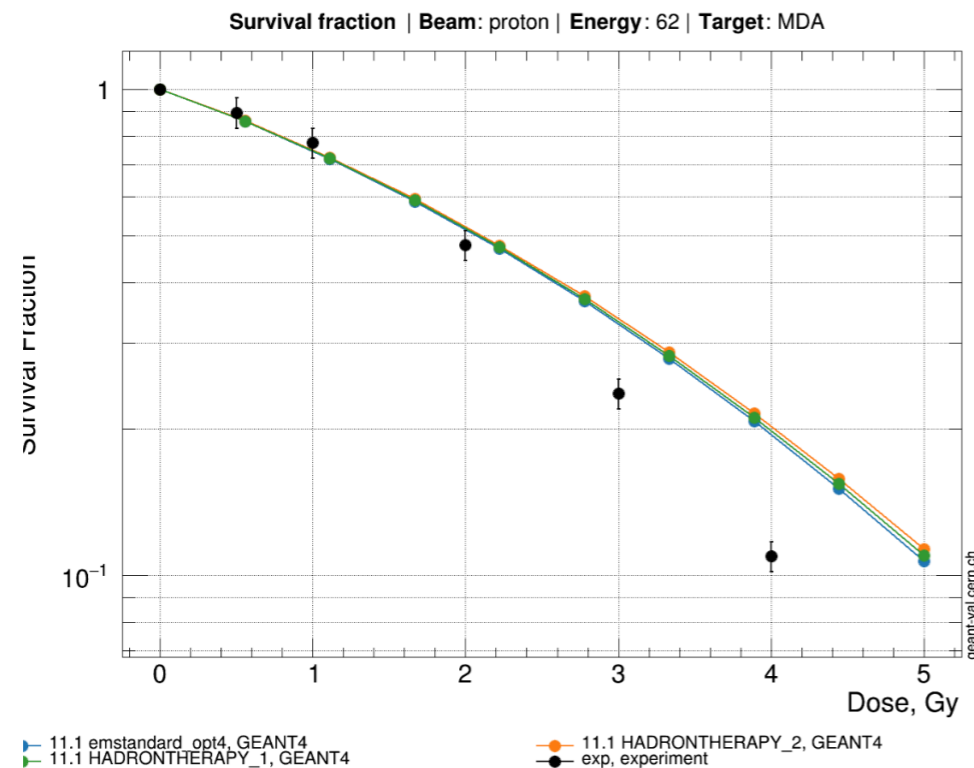


Voxelised water phantom
where **relevant quantities**
are derived in 1D - 2D and
3D geometries

Hadrontherapy testing in G4-MED

4 Hadrontherapy is one of the examples present in the **Geant-Val platform**

Hadrontherapy Test



Current version monitors the cell **Survival Fraction and RBE calculation** for a 62 MeV Proton Beam with the three em options of the example: emstandard_opt4, HADRONTHERAPY_1 and HADRONTHERAPY_2;

LET calculation and comparison with data for proton, Carbon, Helium and Oxygen beams of clinical interest, are being inserted

$$\bar{L}_d = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N L_i \varepsilon_i}{\sum_{i=1}^N \varepsilon_i}$$

$$\bar{L}_d^{Total} = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^n [\sum_{i=1}^N L_i \varepsilon_i]_j}{\sum_{j=1}^n [\sum_{i=1}^N \varepsilon_i]_j}$$

$$\bar{L}_T = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N L_i l_i}{\sum_{i=1}^N l_i}$$

$$\bar{L}_T^{Total} = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^n [\sum_{i=1}^N L_i l_i]_j}{\sum_{j=1}^n [\sum_{i=1}^N l_i]_j}$$

L: total electronic stopping power

ε : energy loss

t: track length

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PAPER

Monte Carlo implementation of new algorithms for the evaluation of averaged-dose and -track linear energy transfers in 62 MeV clinical proton beams

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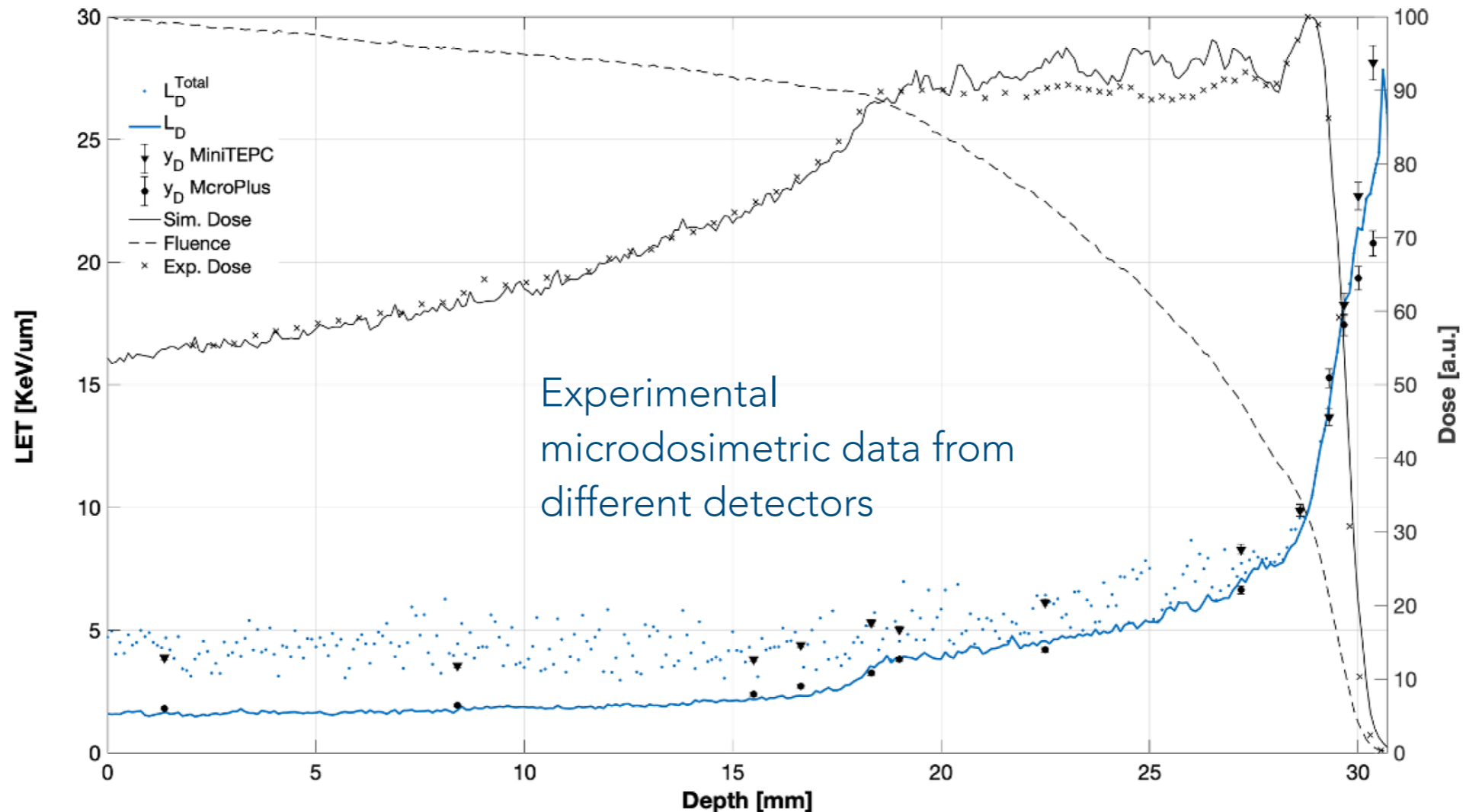
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New formulation for
LET-dose and LET-track

Independence from the **production cut**

Extensible to **higher-Z ions**

Taking into account the **primary** beam
and the **secondaries produced** in
hadronic interactions



Contribution of **secondaries**;

Agreement with detectors able to also evaluate the **fragments**;

Projectile fragmentation already predicted in 2014 by our group

LET simulations vs microdosimetry data: Carbon

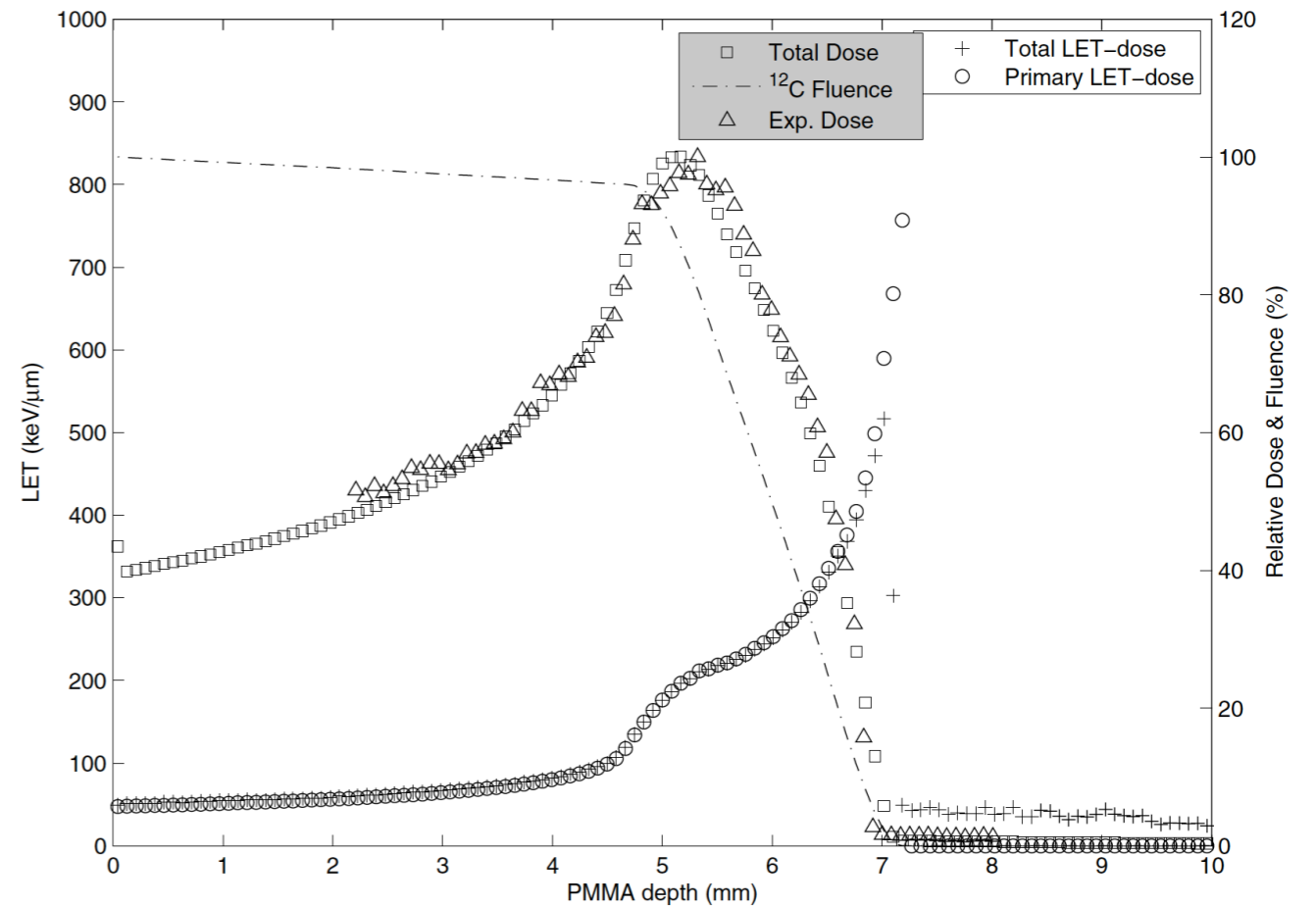
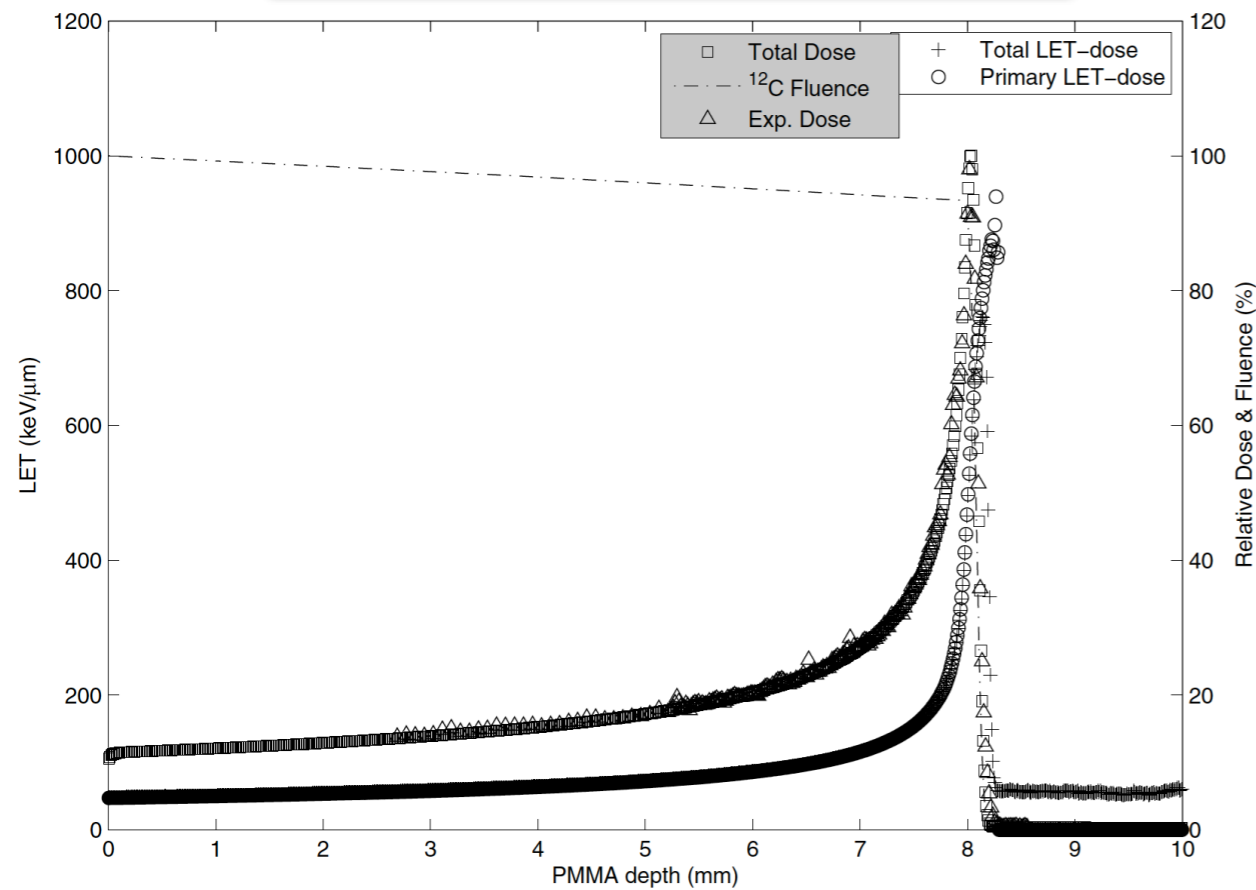
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A Monte Carlo study for the calculation of the average linear energy transfer (LET) distributions for a clinical proton beam line and a radiobiological carbon ion beam line


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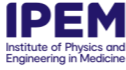


Mono- and poly-chromatic 62 AMeV Carbon beam
Also validated against microdosimetric data

LET simulations vs microdosimetry data: Helium, 62 AMeV

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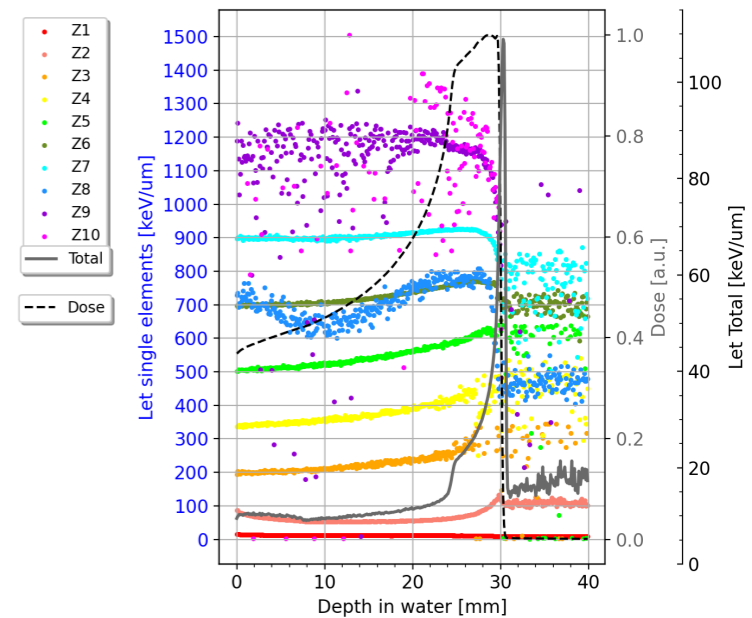
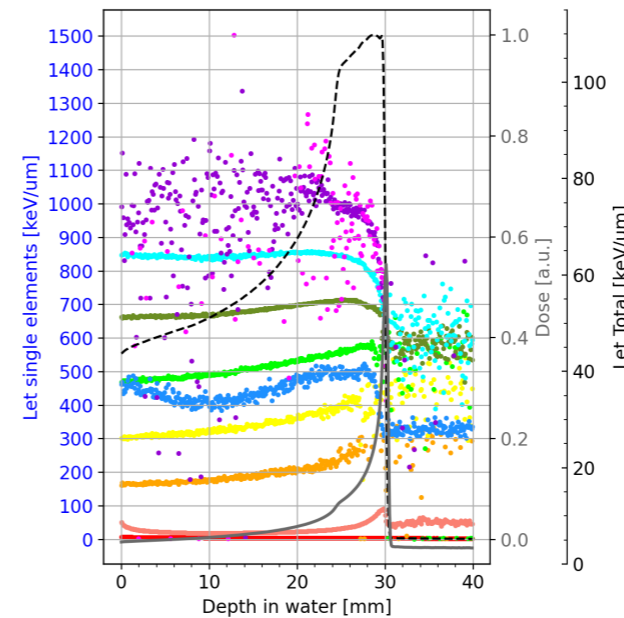
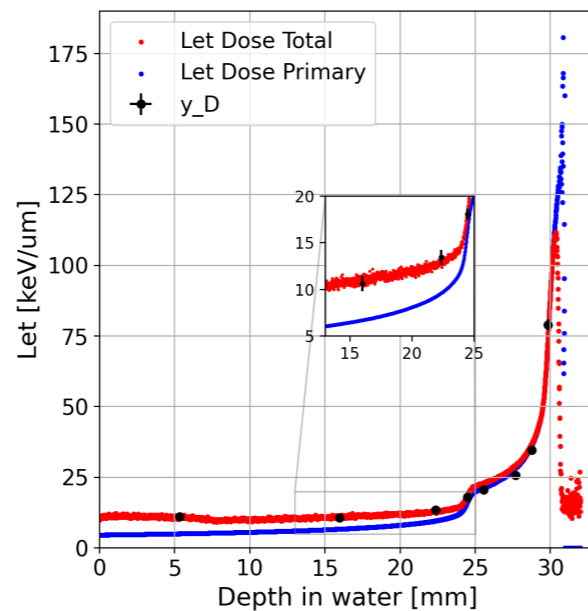
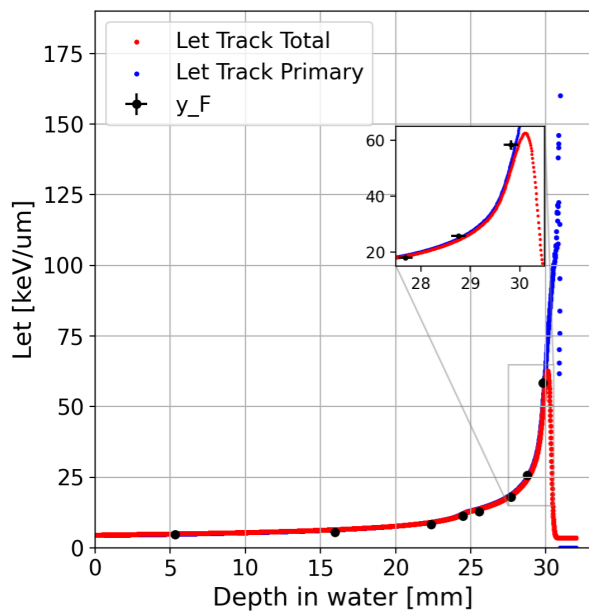
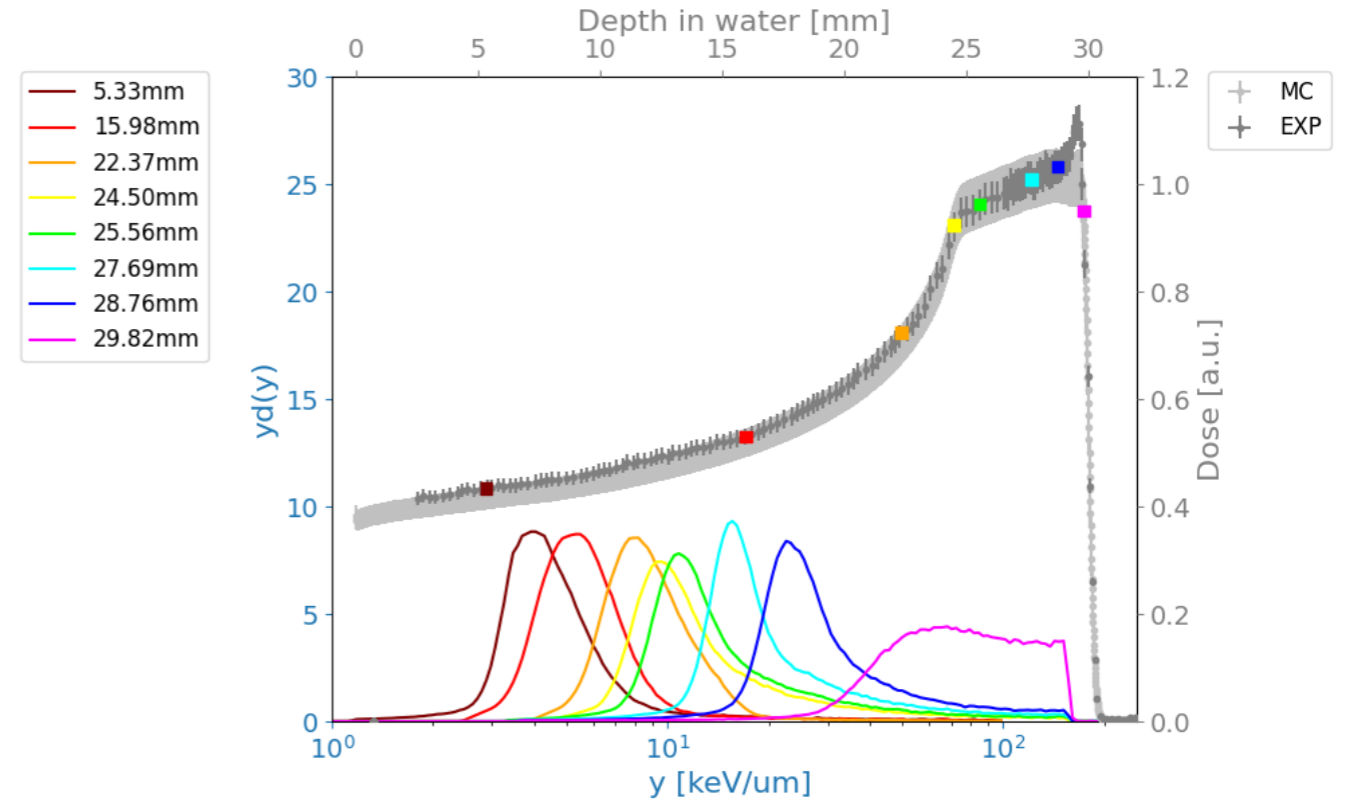
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Oxygen study is ongoing

Computation Method coupling Geant4 to LEM

Generation of Look Up Table based on LEM (Survival code)

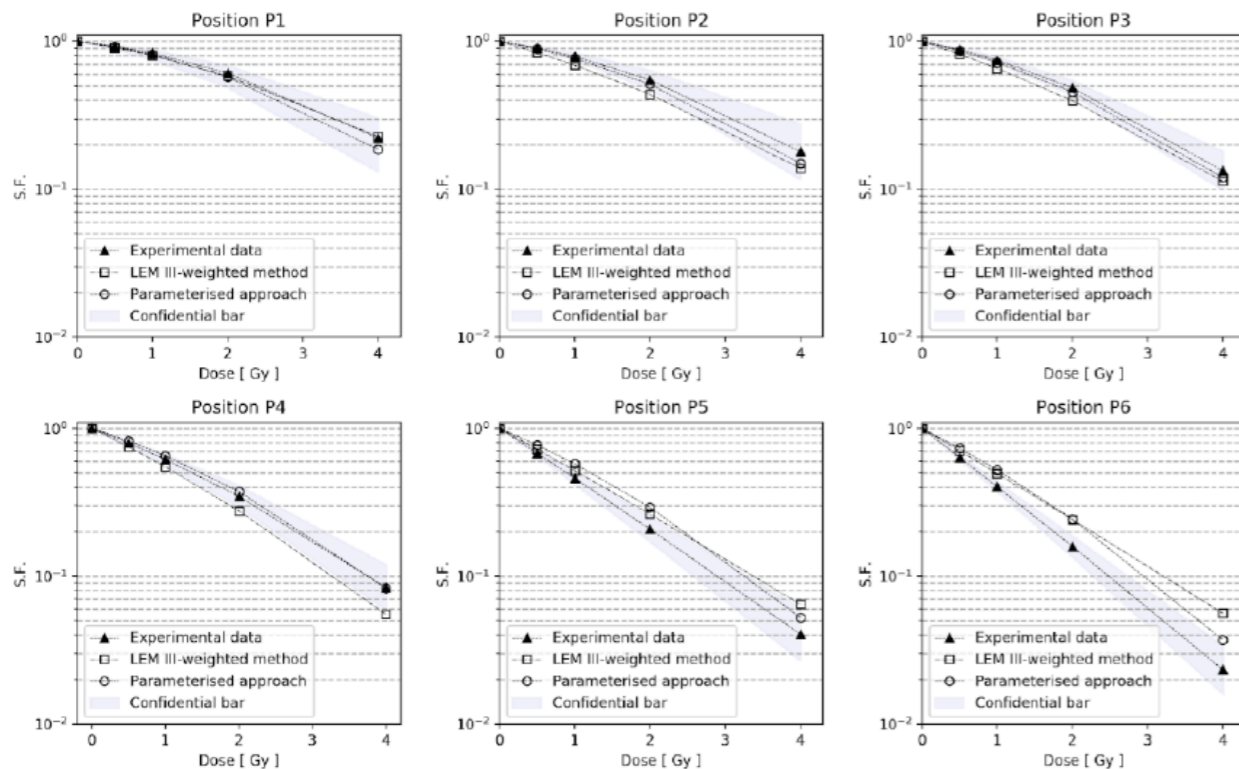
$$\langle \alpha_D \rangle = \frac{\sum_i \alpha_{D_i} \cdot D_i}{\sum_i D_i}$$

$$\langle \beta_D \rangle = \left(\frac{\sum_i \sqrt{\beta_{D_i}} \cdot D_i}{\sum_i D_i} \right)^2$$

Mixed Field calculation

$$SF = e^{-((\alpha_D)D + (\beta_D)D^2)}$$

Survival Fraction



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Radiobiological quantities in proton-therapy: Estimation and validation using Geant4-based Monte Carlo simulations

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Article

Radiobiological Outcomes, Microdosimetric Evaluations and Monte Carlo Predictions in Eye Proton Therapy

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- The code was already successfully validated with clinical proton beams.
- A study with 12C is currently ongoing
- The next step is to extend the validation with multiple light ions: 4He and 16O

Laser-driven acceleration

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COMPRESSION OF AMPLIFIED CHIRPED OPTICAL PULSES [☆]

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We have demonstrated the amplification and subsequent recompression of optical chirped pulses. A system of 1.06 μm laser pulses with pulse widths of 2 ps and energies at the millijoule level is presented.

Beam with peculiar characteristics:

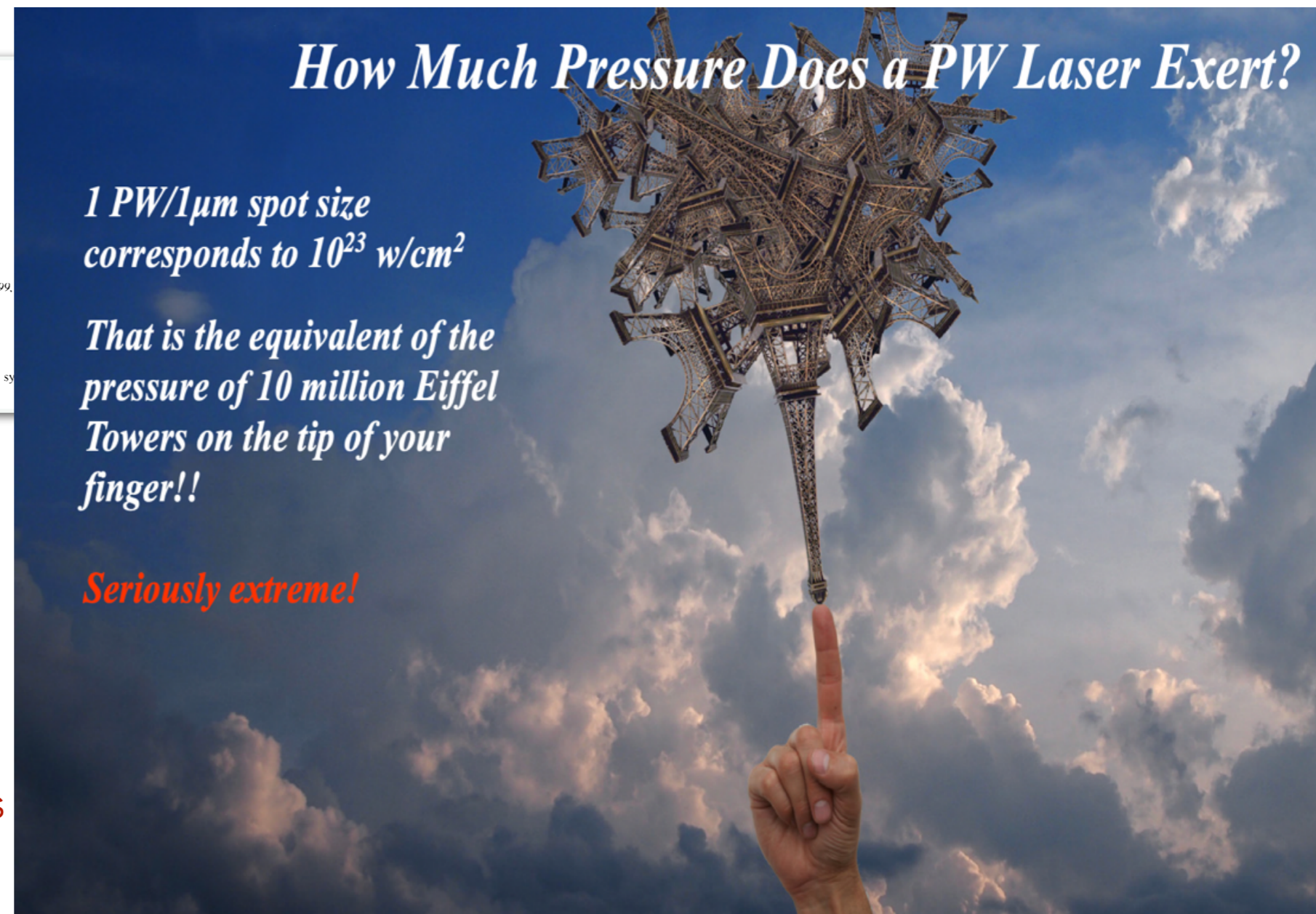
intense 10^{13}

very short in time (ns or less)

Need to transport in e.m. fields

Need to use (also) G4DNA physics to evaluate effects

Can we use nano-tube, oriented crystals?

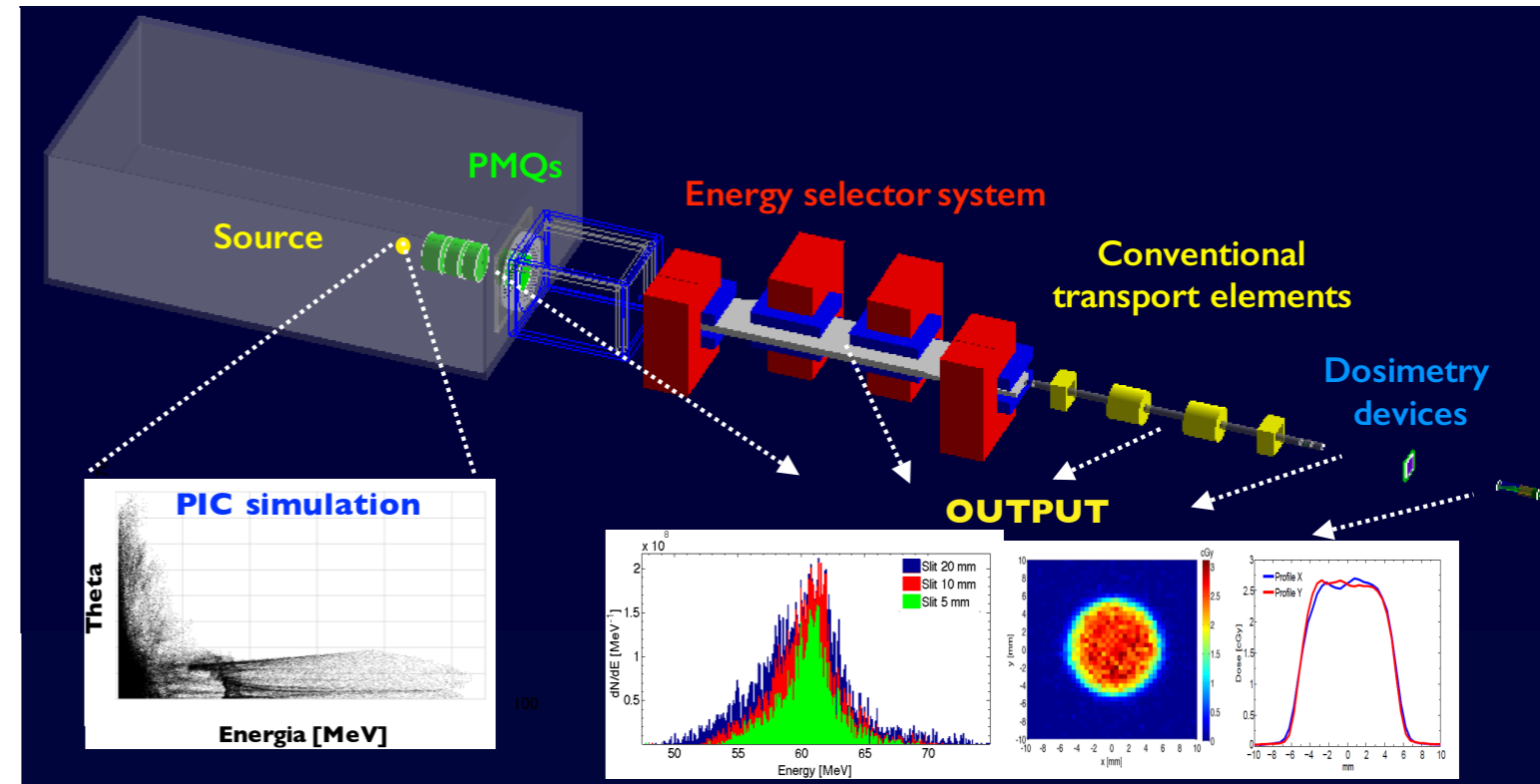
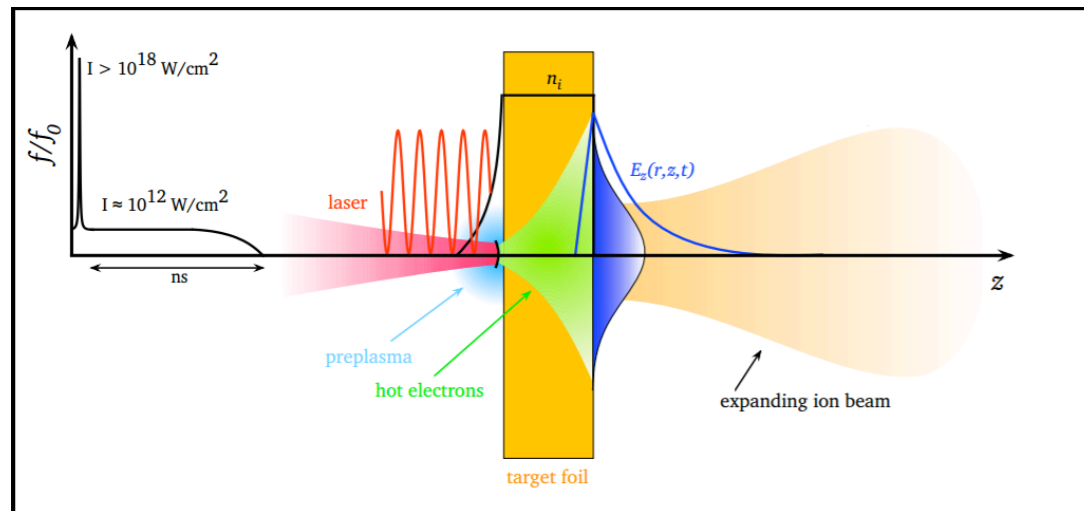


How Much Pressure Does a PW Laser Exert?

1 PW/ $1\mu\text{m}$ spot size corresponds to 10^{23} w/cm²

That is the equivalent of the pressure of 10 million Eiffel Towers on the tip of your finger!!

Seriously extreme!



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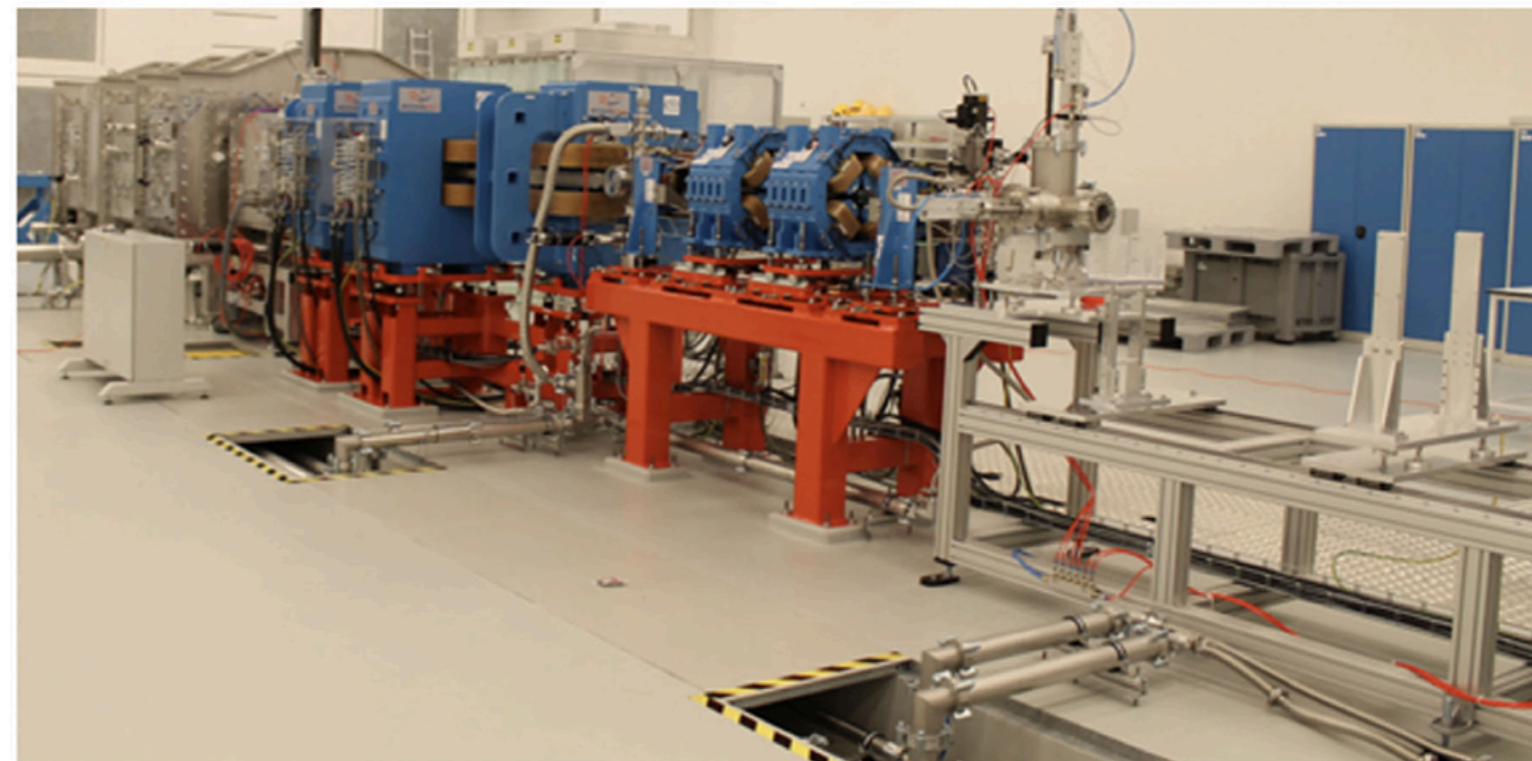
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