



# **eFLASH\_radiotherapy and exp\_microdosimetry examples: status and recent developments**

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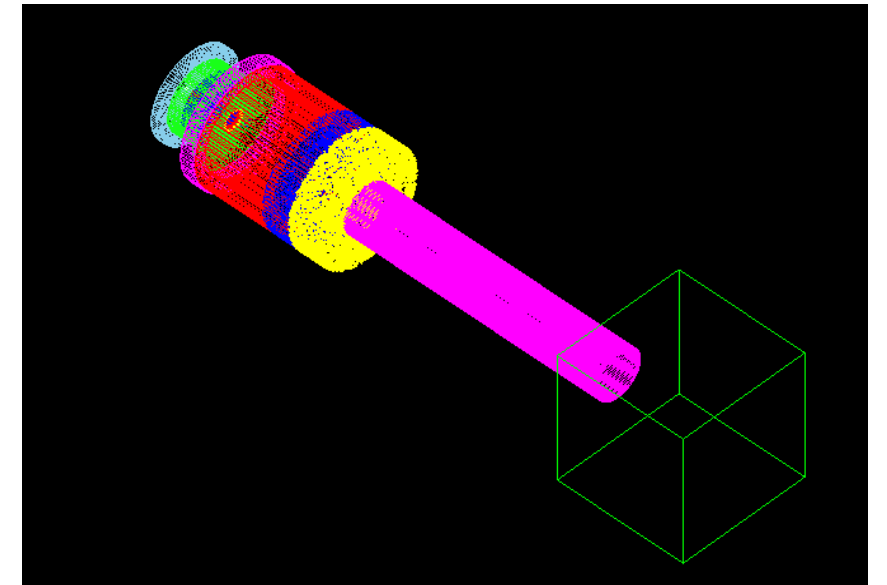
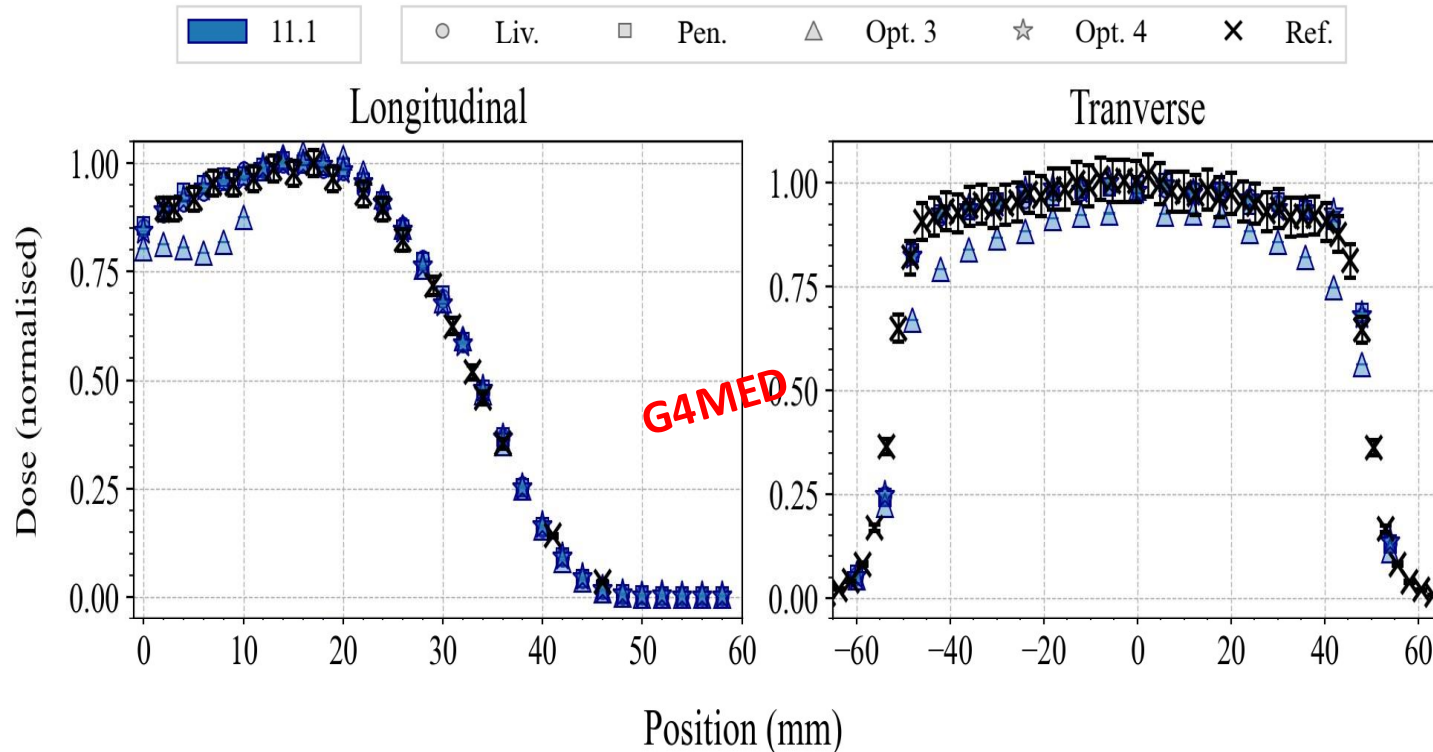
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# eFLASH\_radiotherapy

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Included in Nov 2022 Geant4 release

- The ElectronFLASH LINAC installed at the Centro Pisano for FLASH Radiotherapy CPRF by following the manufacturing specifications provided by [Sordina Iort Technologies S.p.A](#)
- Simulation of a water phantom and detectors placed within the phantom to predict dose distributions and scattering



Geant4 EM Standard Physics Option 3: *RangeFactor* in Geant4 11.1 is 0.03.

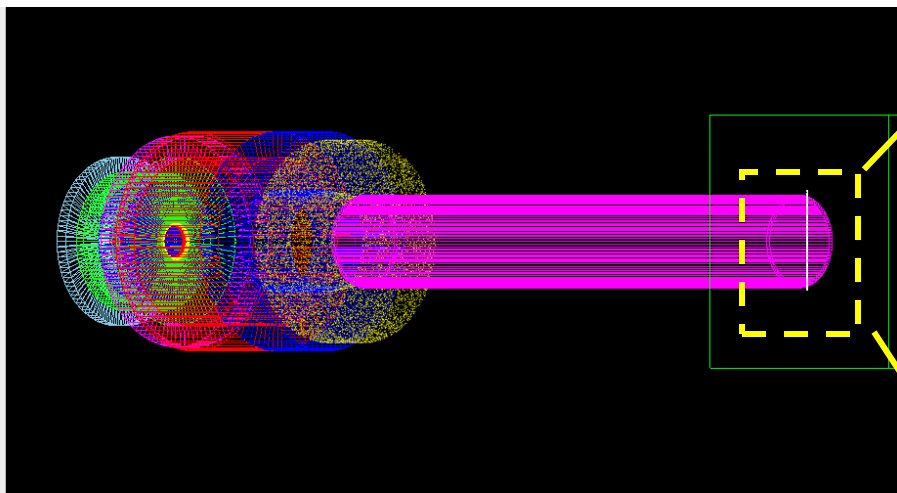
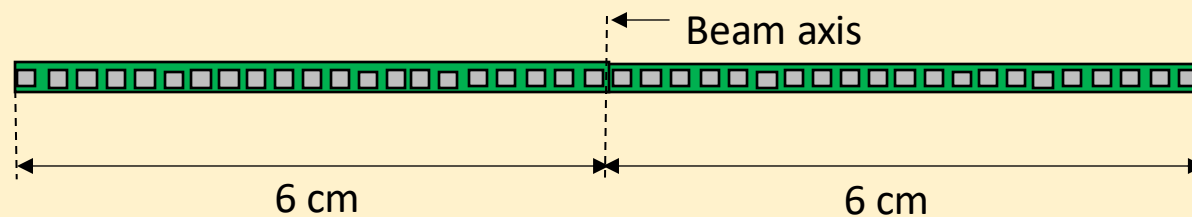
# eFLASH\_radiotherapy: new developments

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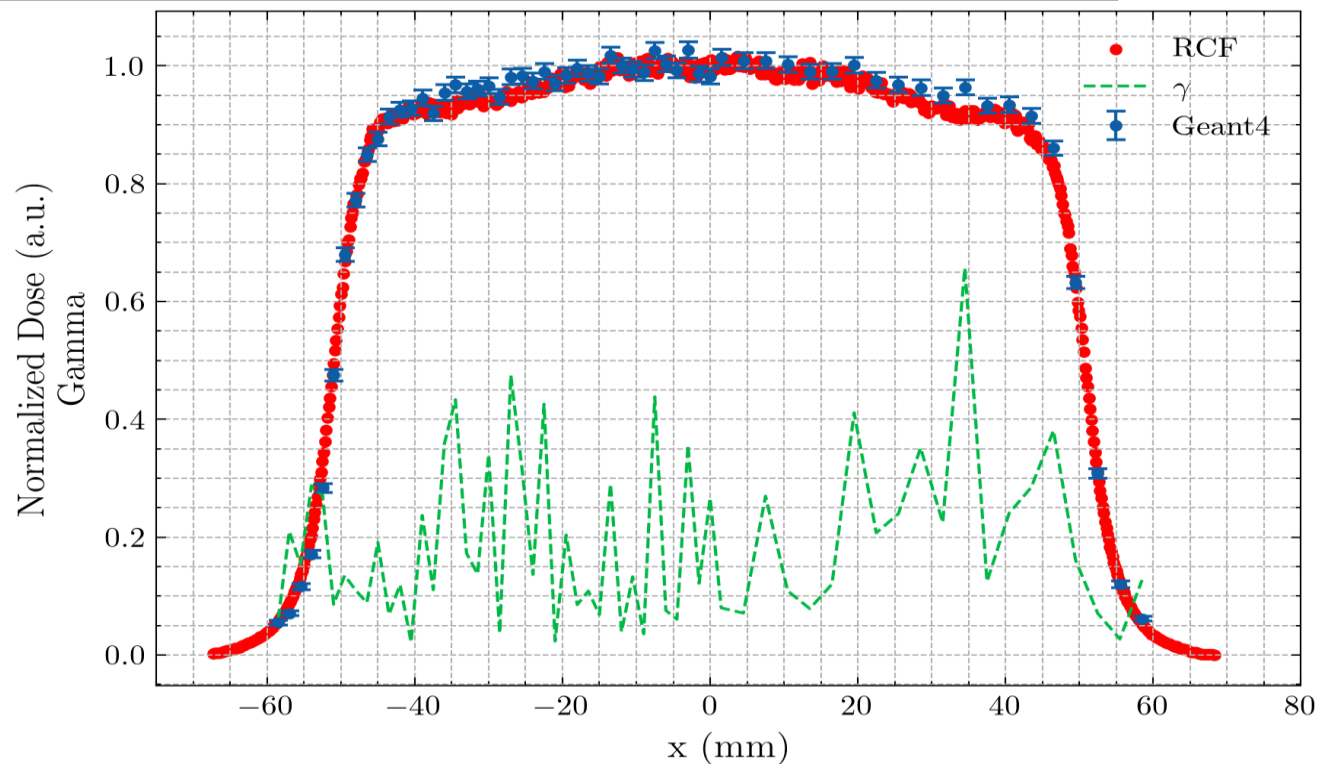


## DREAM

Silicon carbide array **D**etecto**R** for dose profile **E**  
me**A**sure**M**ents at FLASH regimes



Master degree Thesis Said Ahmed

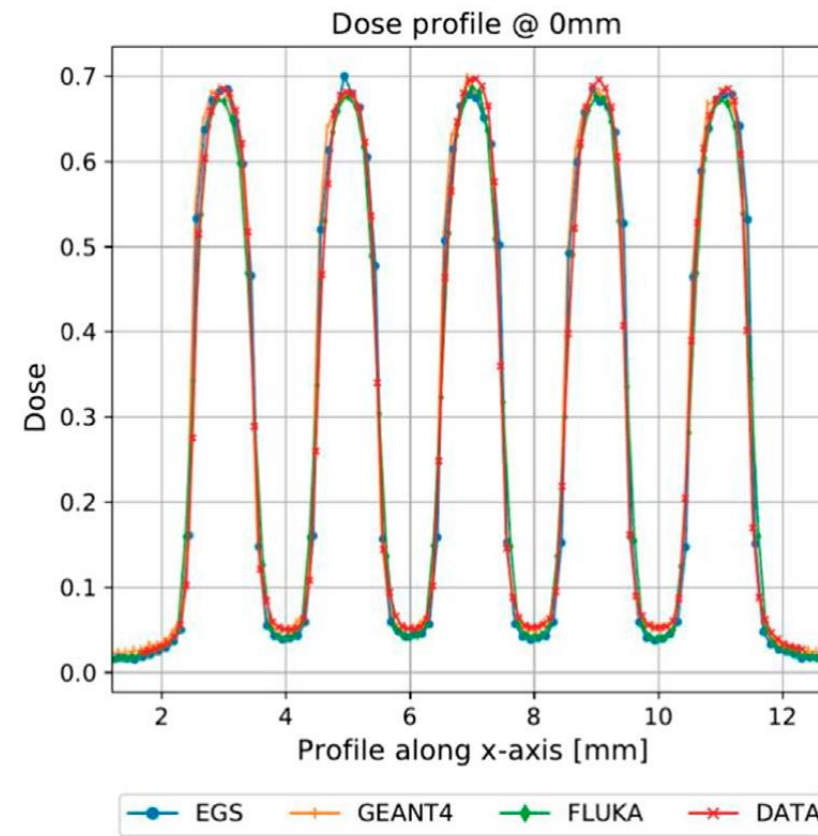


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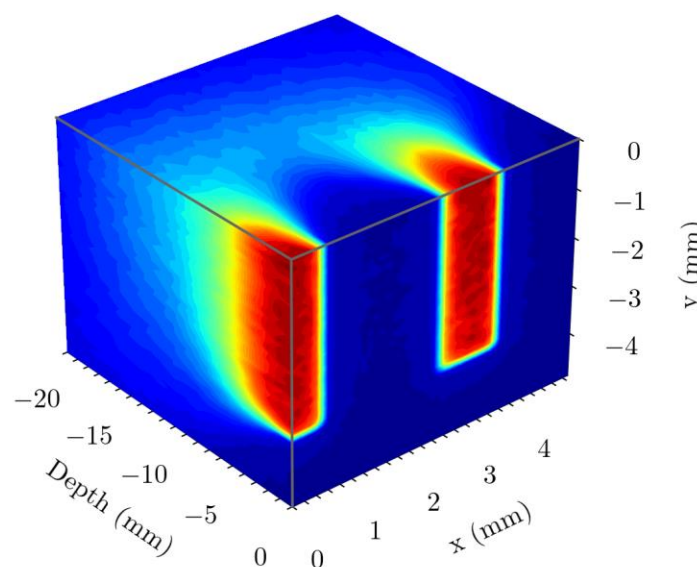
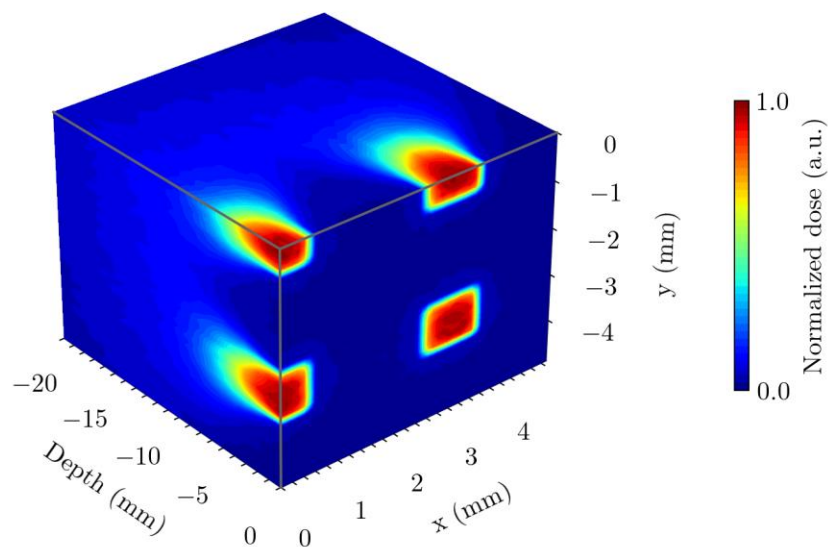
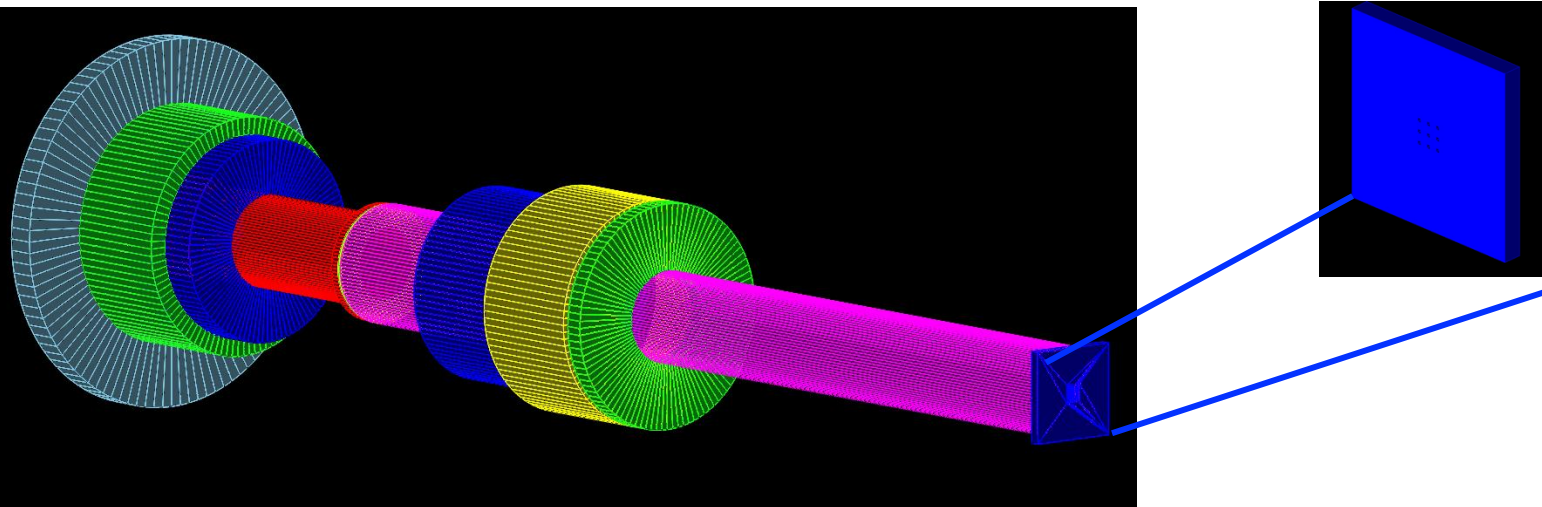
## Minibeam collimators implementation



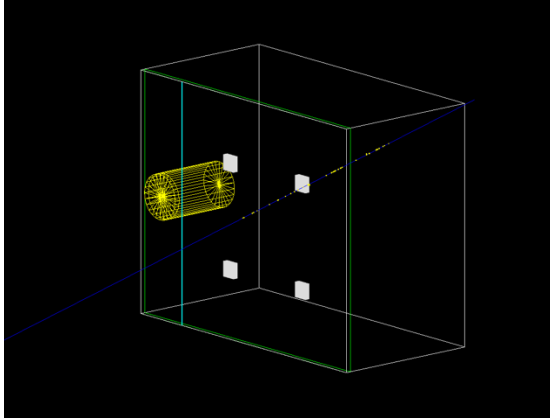
Comparison with different **Monte Carlo** codes and experimental data



J. Pensavalle et al., Frontiers Physics  
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(ex radioprotection)



## GEOMETRY

- Simplified diamond microdosimeter
- The microdiamond detector (TorVergata)
- Bridge silicon microdosimeters
- Diamond telescope
- **SiC microdosimeter**
- **Mini TEPC**

## FUNCTIONALITIES

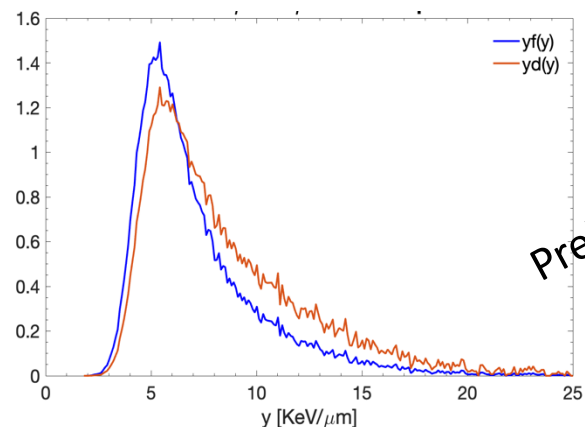
- Sensitive detector to retrieve the energy deposited spectra
- Macro commands to switch from one microdosimeter to the other
- Python script to convert the energy deposited spectra in microdosimetric spectra and data analysis

## NEW DEVELOPMENTS

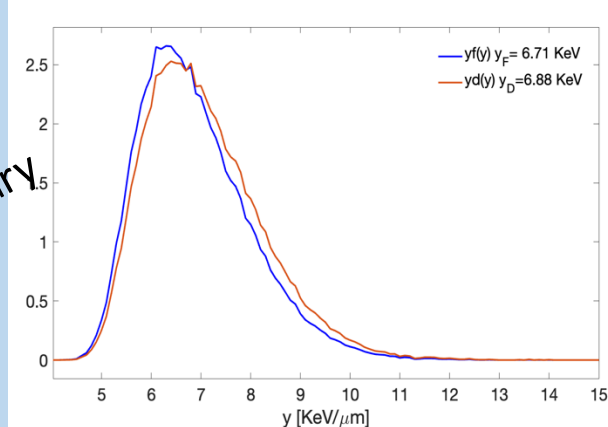
### Silicon Carbide microdosimeter

Optimization design through the MC simulations

20 MeV protons,  $100 \times 100 \mu\text{m}^2 / 2 \mu\text{m}$



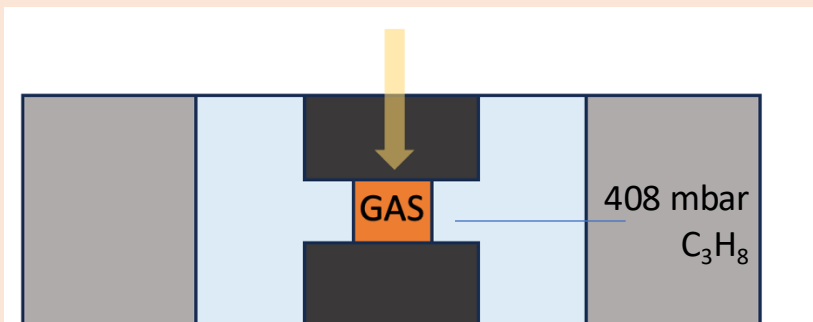
20 MeV protons,  $100 \times 100 \mu\text{m}^2 / 22 \mu\text{m}$



Preliminary

### Tissue Equivalent proportional counter (TEPC)

Simplified version of the TEPC developed at Laboratori Nazionali di Legnaro (INFN)



# Summary and next release

## eFLASH\_radiotherapy

### New Geometry

- Silicon carbide array for lateral dose distribution computation added
- Collimators for minibeam

### New functionalities

- Sensitive detectors for each SiC detector to retrieve dose, ene dep, kinetic energy, secondary particles etc...
- Messengers to easily modify the geometry  **In progress, maybe first version**



✓ **Next Geant4 release**

## exp\_microdosimetry

### New Geometry

- SiC microdosimeter added in the geometry  ✓ **Next Geant4 release**
- TEPC implementation still in progress, collaboration with INFN LNL- first simplified  **In progress, maybe first version**

Thank you