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# *Silicon Sensors Suite (3S)* for characterization of hadron therapeutic beams

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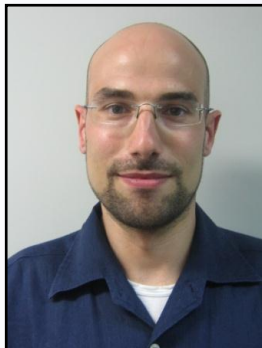
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Alex Quinn , Jayde Livingstone, Emma Simpson *and many others...*

# Medical Physics Education in Hadron Therapy

CMRP:12 years in proton and heavy ion therapy research

6 PhD students in PT  
were trained at CMRP in collaboration with



Peter Bradley  
San Diego  
1999



Greg Kaplan  
2004



Iwan Cornelius  
Austria  
2005



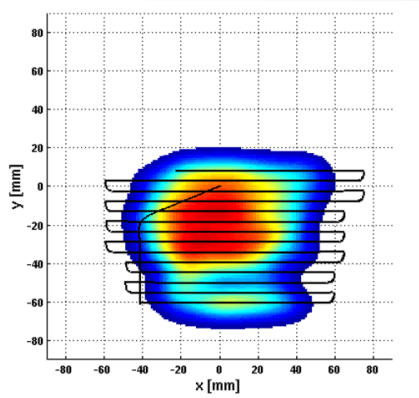
Ben Clasio  
MGH  
2006



Andrew Wroe  
LLUMC  
2007



Outcome : 3 AINSE Gold Medals



# CENTRE FOR MEDICAL RADIATION PHYSICS

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# Radiation Detection Technology

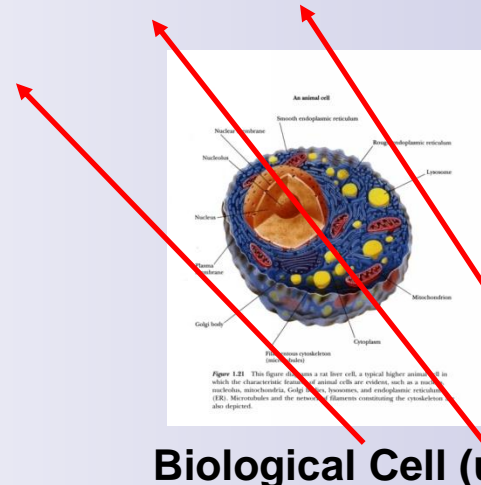
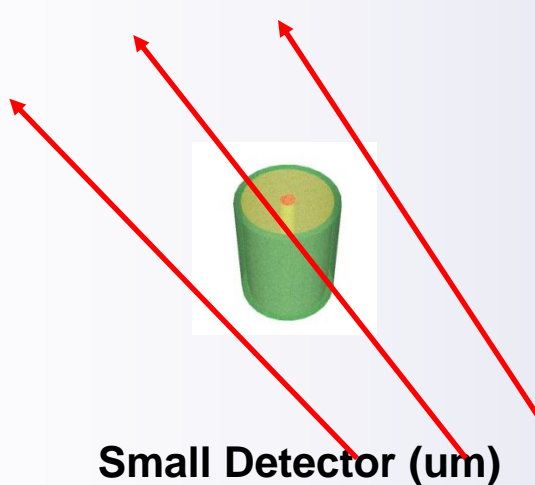
# Microdosimetry and Dose Equivalent

## • Microdosimetry

- Assumes the weighting factor is related to the energy deposited in the cell nucleus:  $\varepsilon$
- Measure this for each particle that crosses detector
- Formulate dose distribution:  $d(\varepsilon)$
- Integrate with weighting factor to give **Dose Equivalent** :  $H = \int Q(\varepsilon)d(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon$
- Dose Equivalent can be used to predict biological effect of radiation

## • We require detectors with dimensions commensurate with cell nuclei

**Ionising particle tracks**

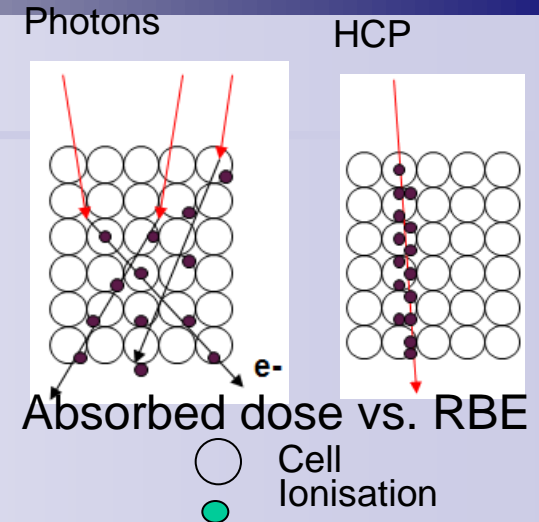


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# Microdosimetry

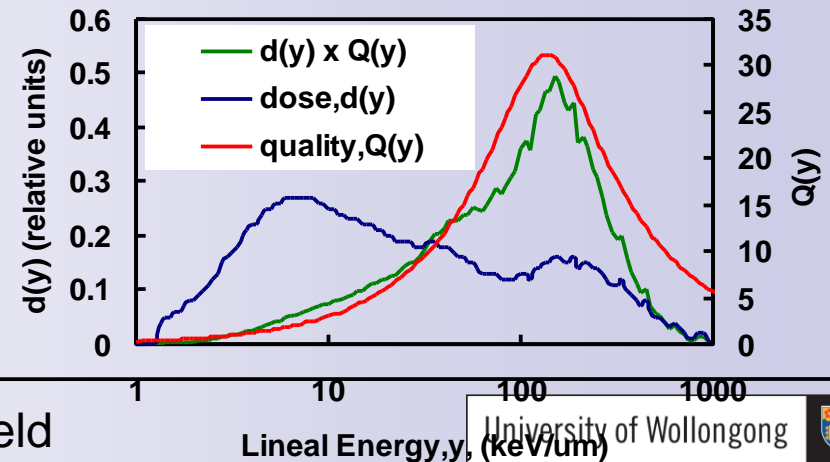
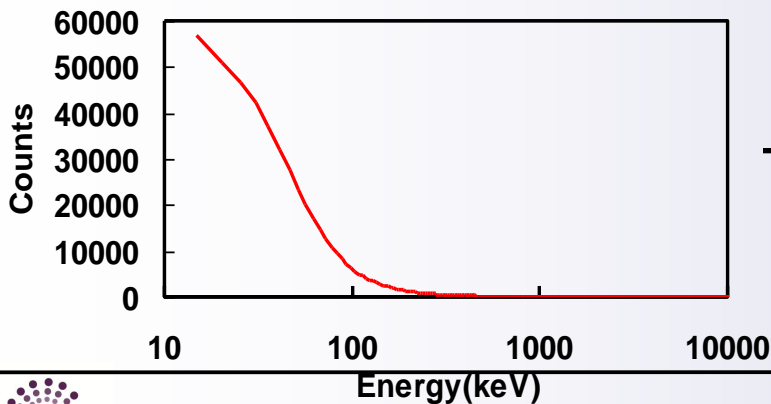
Study of dose deposition in microscopic volumes e.g. Human cells

- Stochastic deposition of energy not correlated with absorbed dose
- Important for radiation protection in radiotherapy and space radiation environments



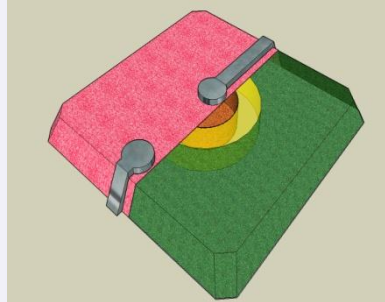
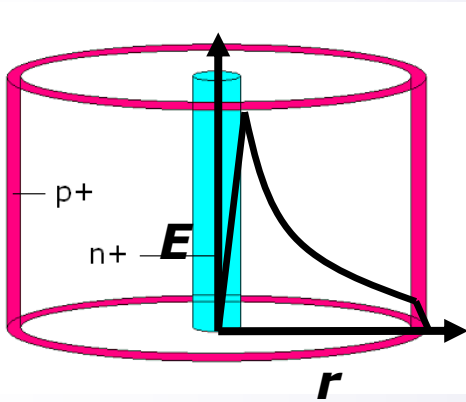
Microdosimeter measures energy deposition events in small (cell-sized) volumes

- Lineal energy,  $y = E / \langle l \rangle$  where  $\langle l \rangle$  is mean chord length
- Most common representation in  $yd(y)$  vs.  $y$ .  $yd(y)$  indicates the dose delivered in the range  $y$  to  $y+dy$
- Average Quality factor,  $Q$  can be calculated from  $y$

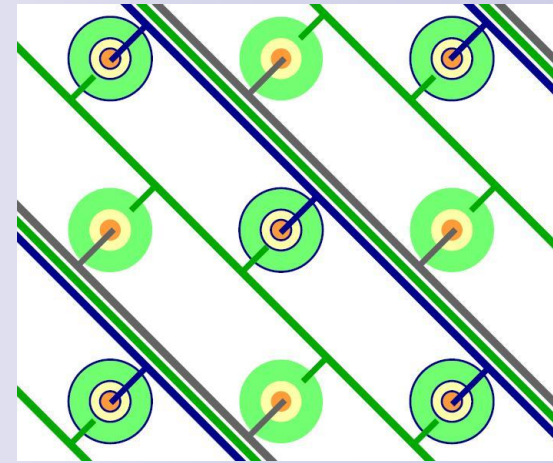


# 3D SOI silicon microdosimetry: generation 2/1

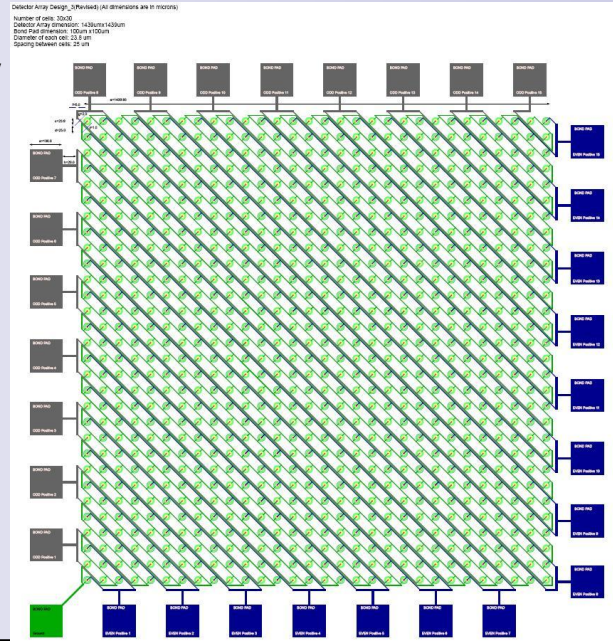
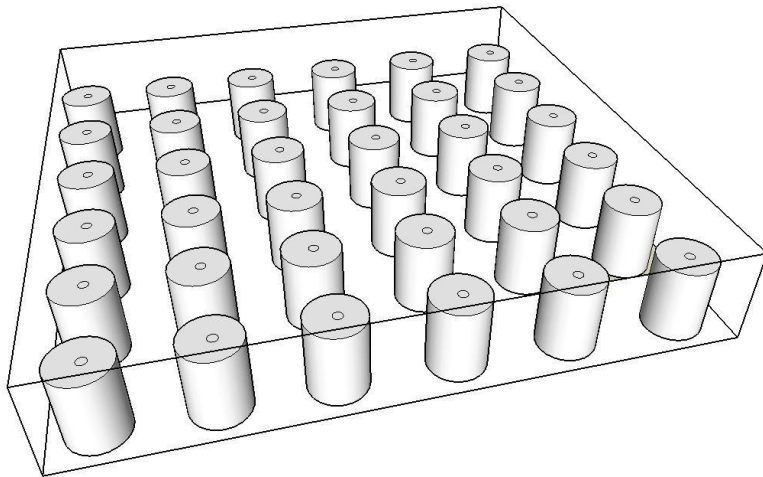
3D silicon mesa p-n junction array with internal charge amplification produced at UNSW SNF



Single mesa 3D SV



Detector Array Design\_030604 (All dimensions are in microns)  
 Number of cells: 30x30  
 Diameter of p-n junction: 100um x 100um  
 Ring Pad diameter: 100um x 100um  
 Diameter of each cell: 12.5 um  
 Spacing between cells: 25 um

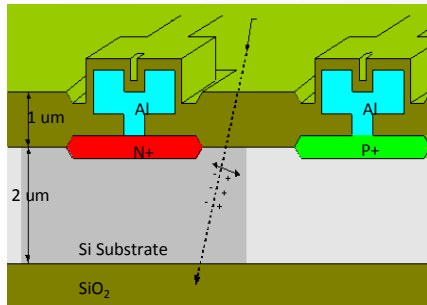




# Silicon Microdosimetry at CMRP

## 1<sup>st</sup> Generation

- Fabricated on bonded silicon-on-insulator (SOI) wafer
- As and B ions diffused to create p-i-n junctions
- Elongated Rectangular Parallelepiped Structure
- Array of 4800 cells
- **Disadvantage: cross-talk between neighboring cells**

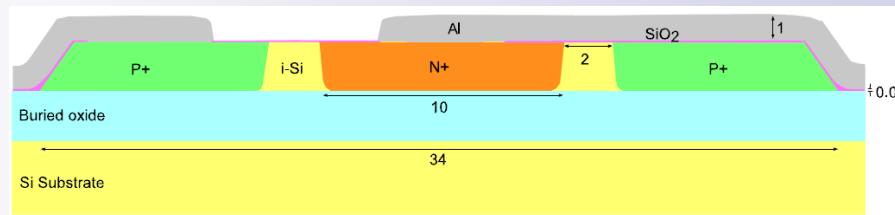
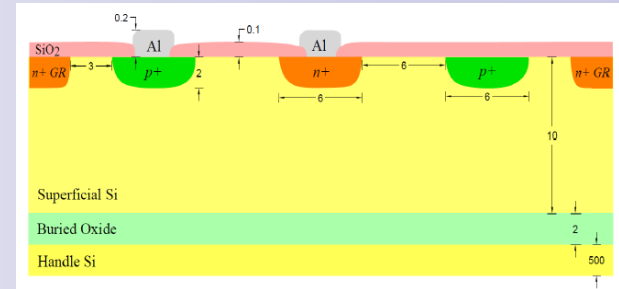


## 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation: MESA

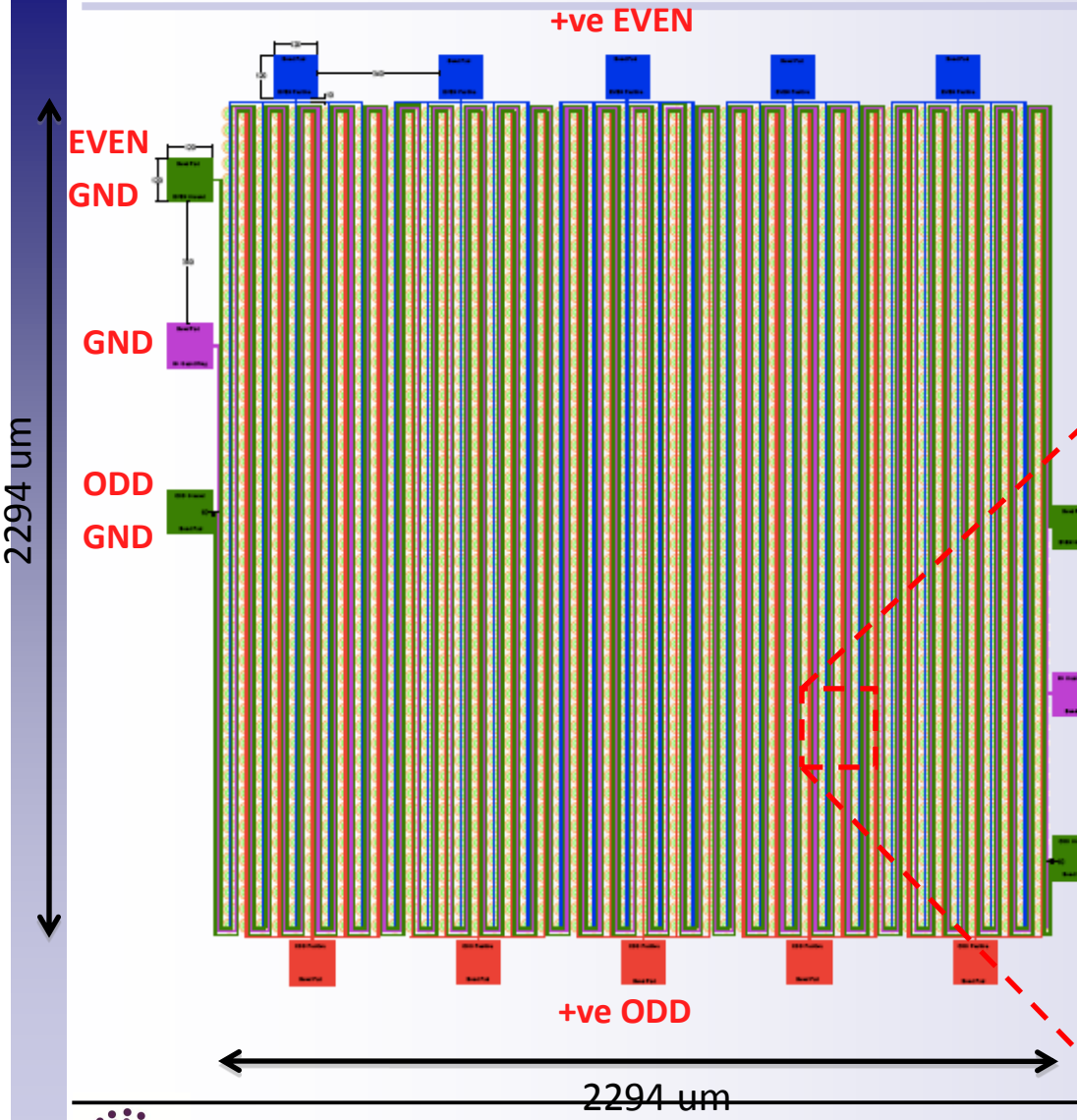
- Fabricated on p-type SOI wafer
- Phosphorus and boron diffused to produce p-i-n diodes
- Array of 900 cylindrical cells
- Array of 3D raised mesa structures to reduce lateral diffusion and cross talk
- Cylindrical sensitive volume is a better approximation of spherical site
- **Disadvantage: low yield due to difficulty evaporating Al track on raised mesa structure**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation: PLANAR

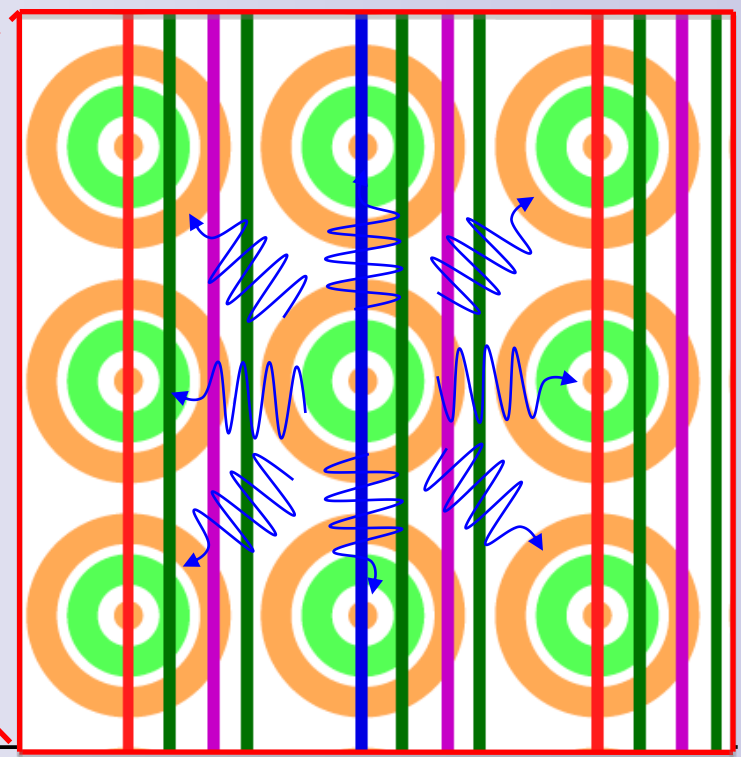
- Fabricated on p-type SOI wafer
- Phosphorus and boron diffused to produce p-i-n diodes
- Planar topology incorporating guard ring structure
- Array of 3600 cells



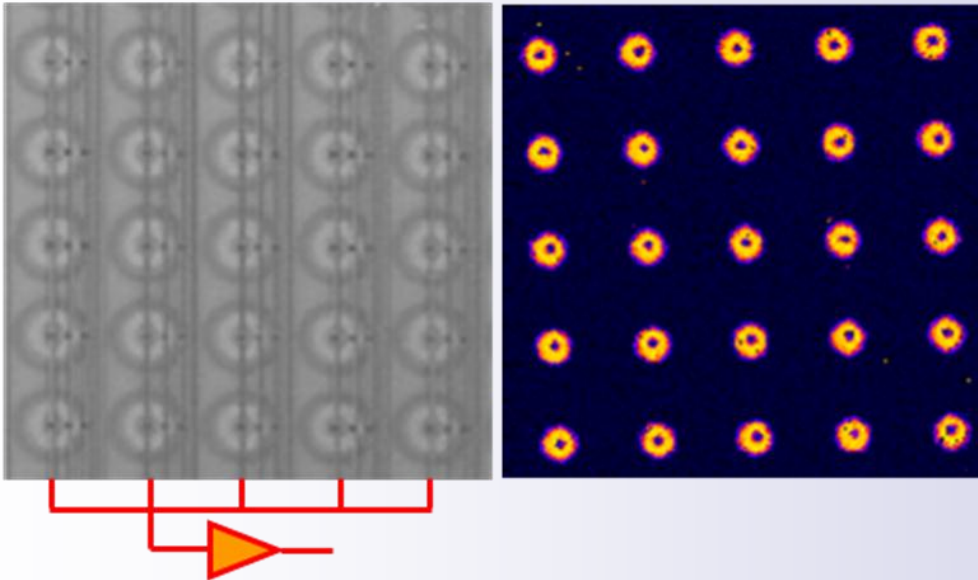
# 3D SOI planar silicon microdosimeter: generation 3/2



- Increase from 900 to 2500 detectors
- Improve signal to noise ratio
- Maintain observation of Delta Ray effects



# SOI silicon microdosimetry: generation 2



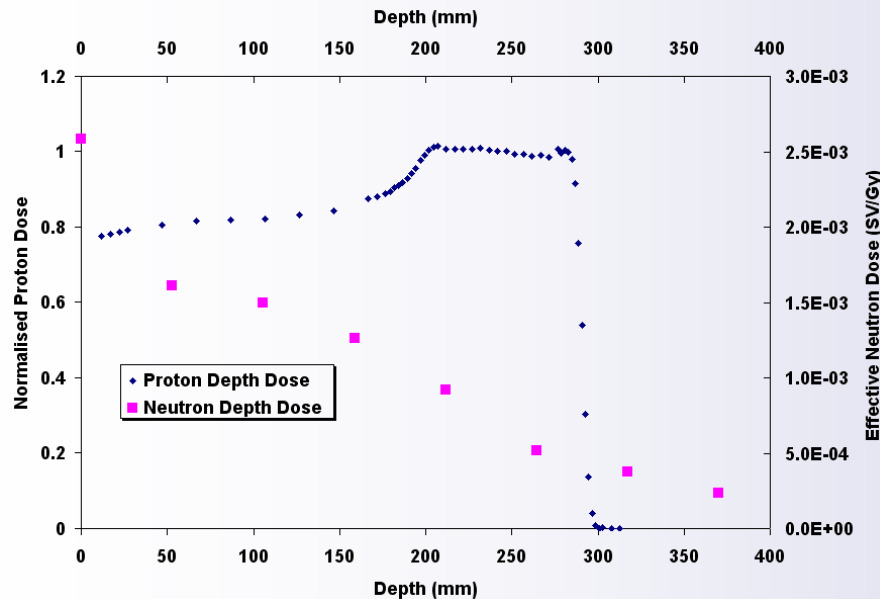
Results obtained by  
Using ANSTO microbeam  
heavy ion probe

Response of new 3D SOI microdosimeter  
on  $1\ \mu\text{m}$  diameter 3 MeV alpha particles  
scanning microbeam

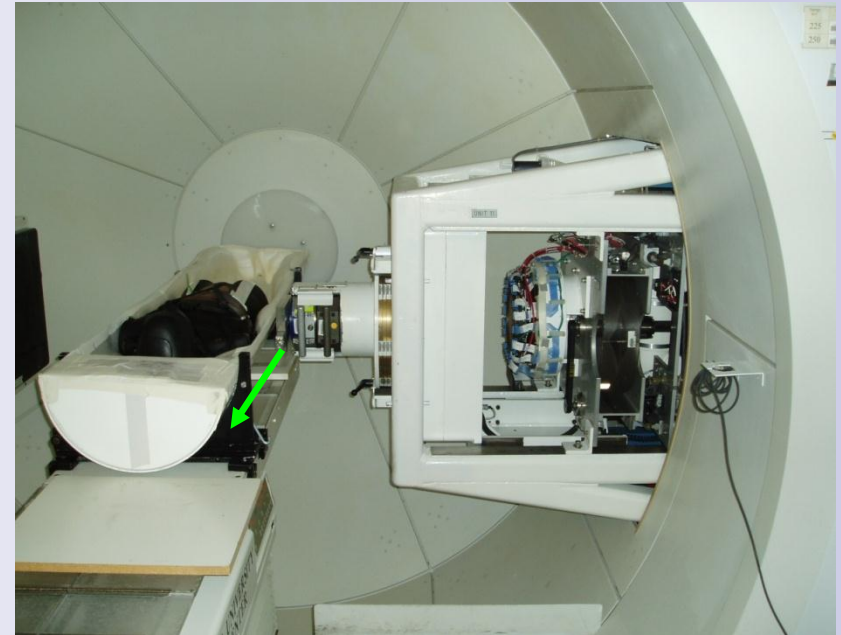
Each cell has sensitive volume with a radius  
of  $6\ \mu\text{m}$  and pitch about  $20\ \mu\text{m}$

# Proton Therapy: LLUMC

Firstly measured dose equivalent with silicon CMRP SOL microdosimeter



5 cm from the field edge



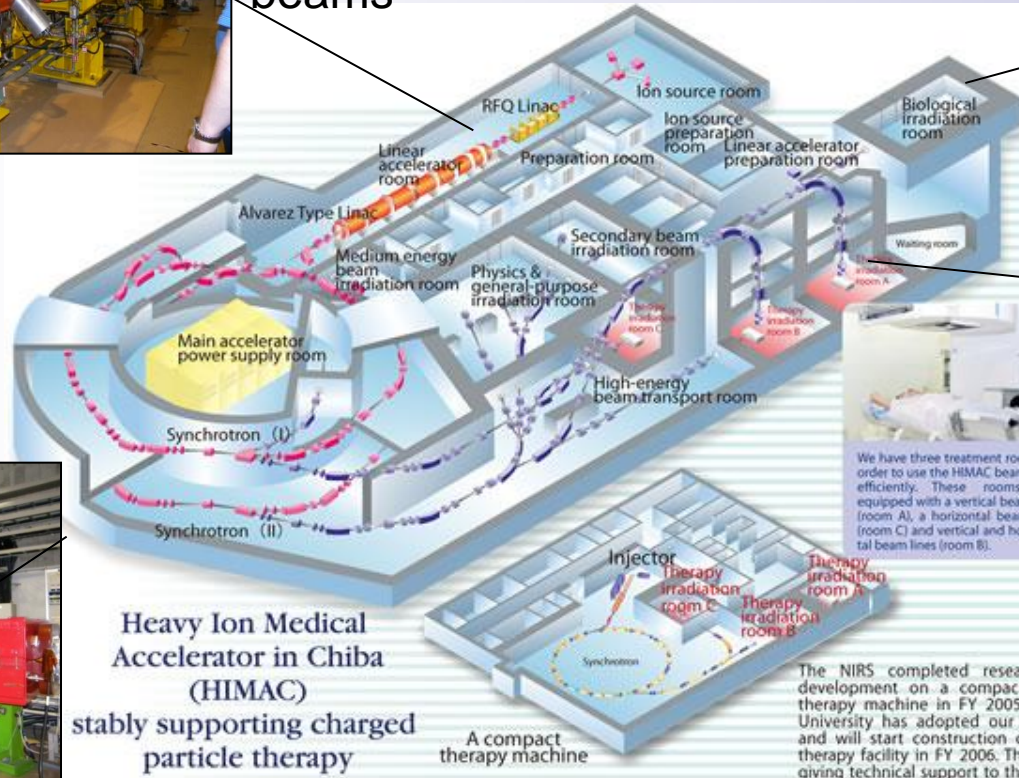
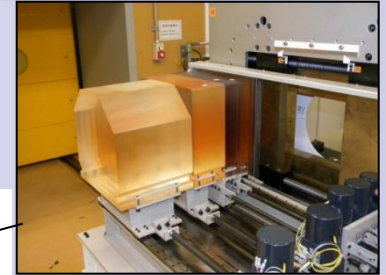
Out of field neutrons dosimetry:

Experiments at LLUMC and MGH in clinical scenarios

# HIMAC heavy ion therapy facility



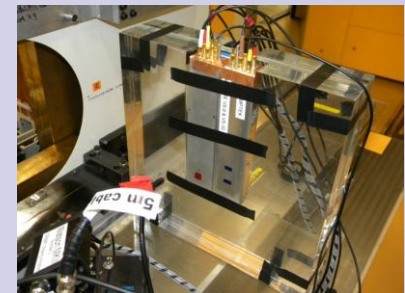
CMRP collaboration with NIRS, Japan  
(Dr Hiroshi Yasuda et al)  
150 MeV/u He and 400 MeV/u C-12 ion beams



We have three treatment rooms in order to use the HIMAC beam time efficiently. These rooms are equipped with a vertical beam line (room A), a horizontal beam line (room C) and vertical and horizontal beam lines (room B).

Heavy Ion Medical Accelerator in Chiba (HIMAC) stably supporting charged particle therapy

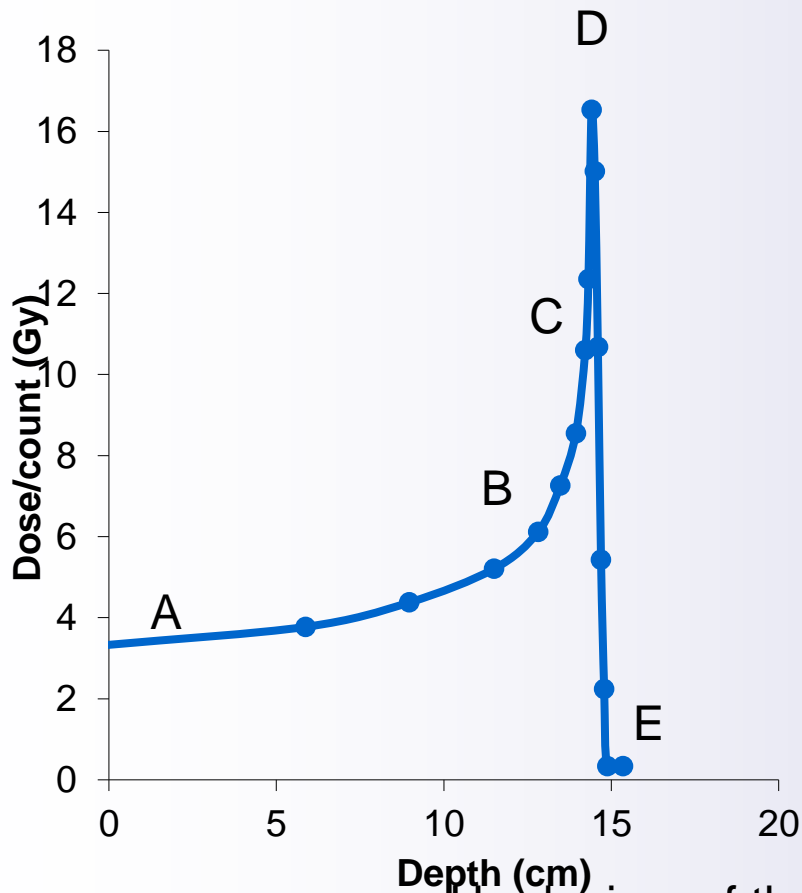
The NIRS completed research and development on a compact carbon therapy machine in FY 2005. Gunma University has adopted our proposal and will start construction of a new therapy facility in FY 2006. The NIRS is giving technical support to this project at Gunma University.



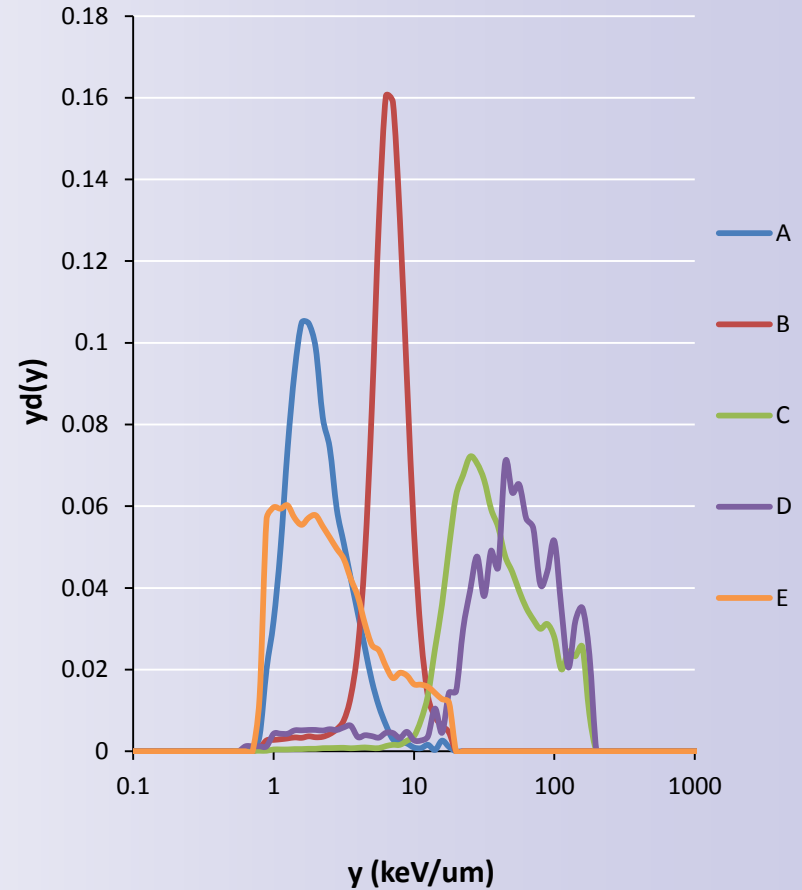
[http://www.nirs.go.jp/ENG/research/charged\\_particle/index.shtml](http://www.nirs.go.jp/ENG/research/charged_particle/index.shtml)

# HIMAC:150 MeV/u He

Microdosimeter placement along the Bragg Peak



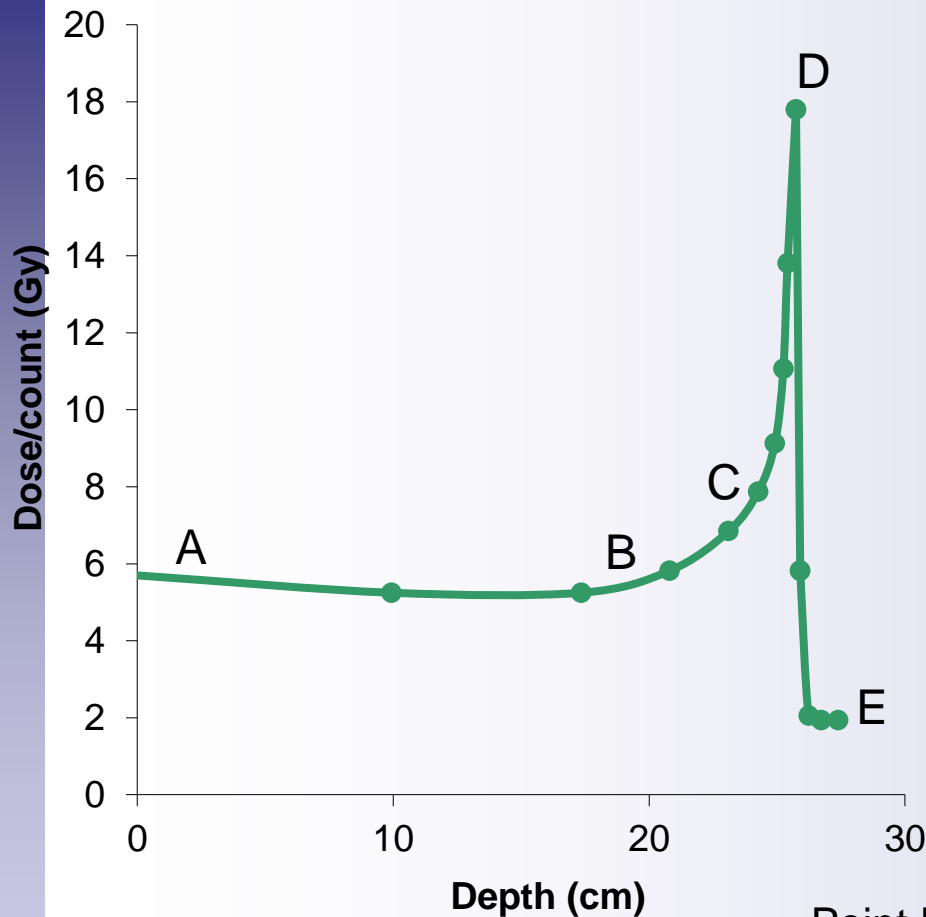
Microdosimetric spectra  
CMRP SOI microdosimeters



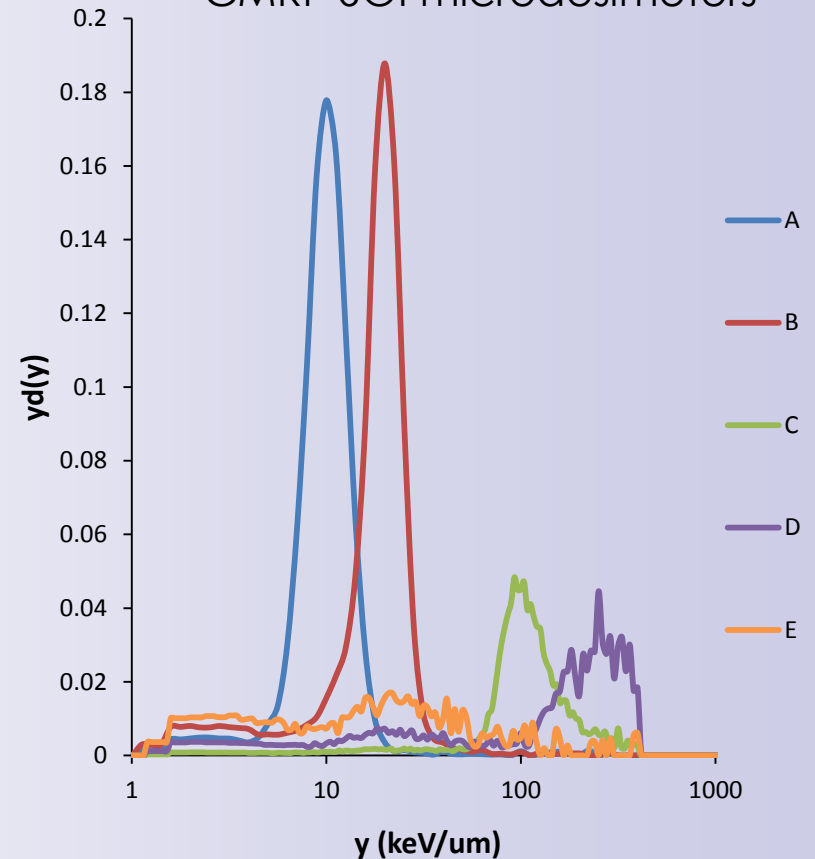
- Hardening of the m/spectra with depth
- Point E- neutrons downstream of BP

# HIMAC:400 MeV/u $^{12}\text{C}$

Microdosimeter placement on Bragg Peak



Microdosimetric spectra: CMRP SOI microdosimeters



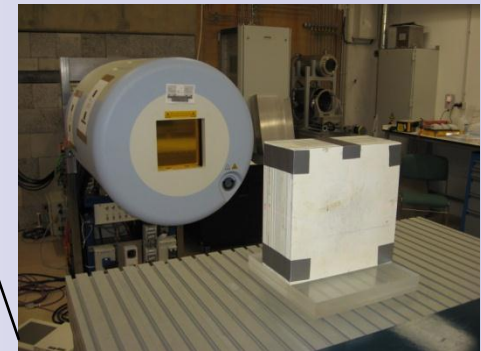
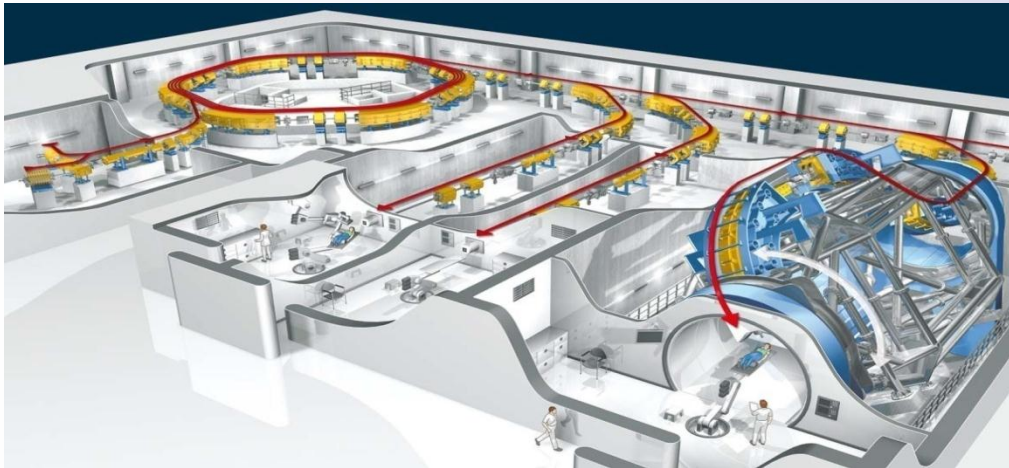
Point E-high LET fragments and neutrons

# Heidelberg HIT Experiment

- Two treatment plans were used
  - **5 x 5 x 5 cm cubic irradiation using a Spread Out Bragg Peak (SOBP)**
    - Energy range from 125.25 MeV/u to 202.95 MeV/u in 18 energy steps or slices (4.32 MeV/u steps in energy)
    - Pencil beam profile of 6.7 mm FWHM in diameter
  - **Actual brain tumour treatment plan**
    - Energy range from 142.09 MeV/u to 266.08 MeV/u for brain treatment
- Both treatment plans calibrated for dose in water
  - 1.2 cm diameter ionisation chambers used for verification of dose plan in a water phantom
- PMMA phantom used for the experiment
  - $\rho_{\text{PMMA}} = 1.17 \text{ g/cm}^3$
  - $\rho_{\text{Water}} = 1 \text{ g/cm}^3$
  - Therefore range in PMMA ~85.47% that of range in water



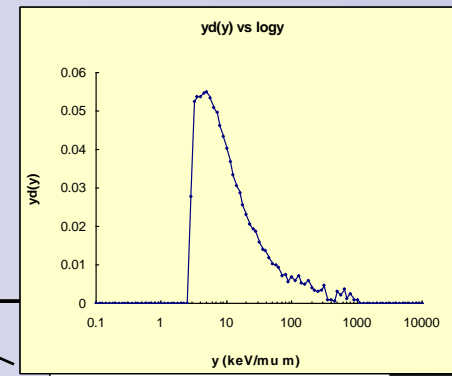
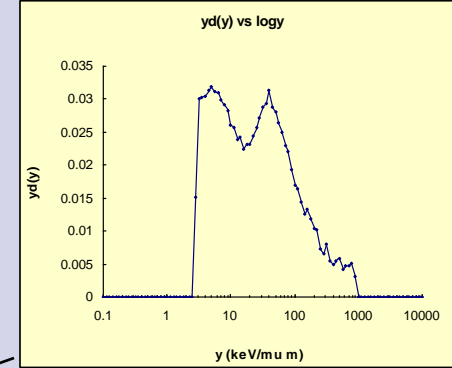
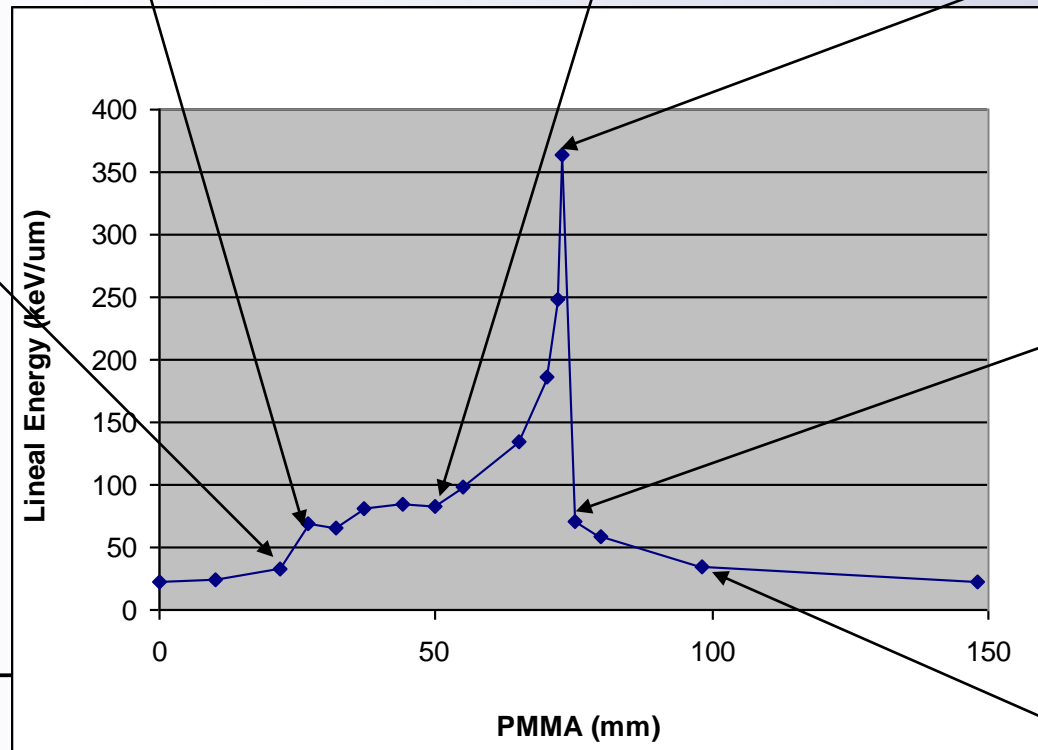
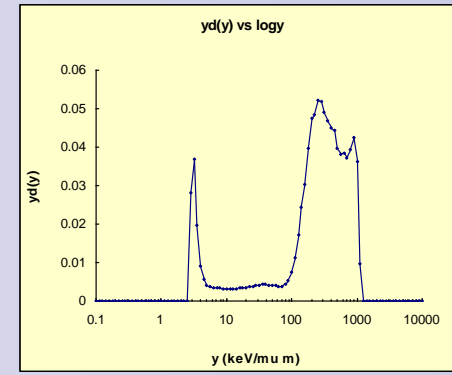
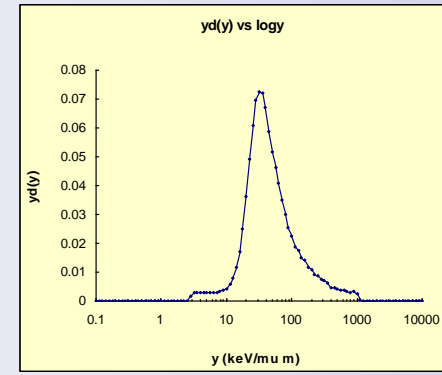
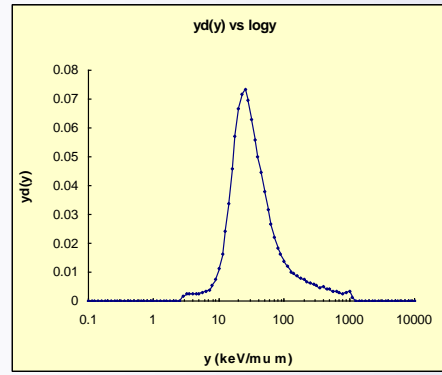
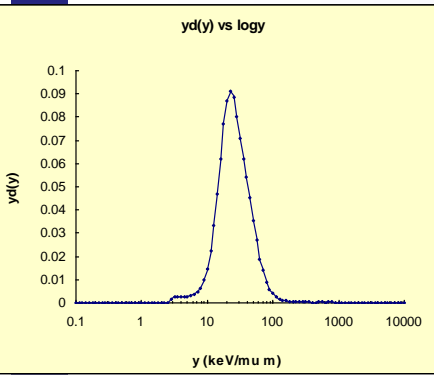
# Heidelberg Heavy Ion Therapy facility



- Scanned carbon/proton with range in water
- Range 2-30 cm in 1 mm steps
- The beam can be delivered in 10 intensity steps
- **Scanned field** in the isocenter is 20 x 20 cm<sup>2</sup>  
FWHM of PSB 10mm

CMRP Collaboration with Heidelberg (Dr Maria Martisikova *et al*  
and Milano Politechnik ( Prof S. Agosteo ,Prof A. Fazzi *et al*)

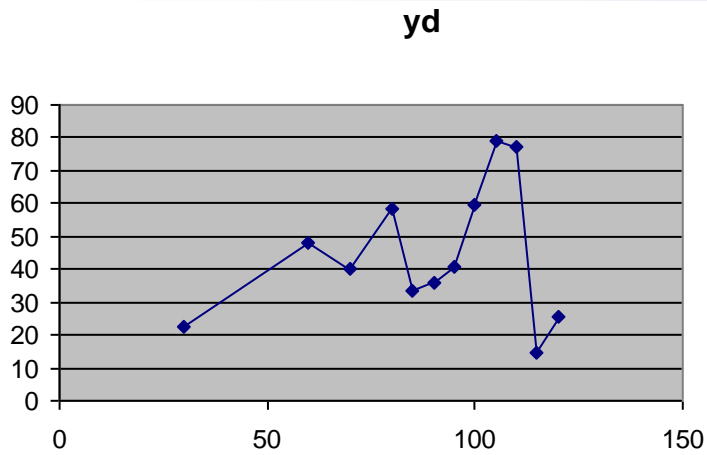
# C -12 SPB :5 x 5 x 5 cm dose cube



# Brain Tumour Treatment Plan: PSB

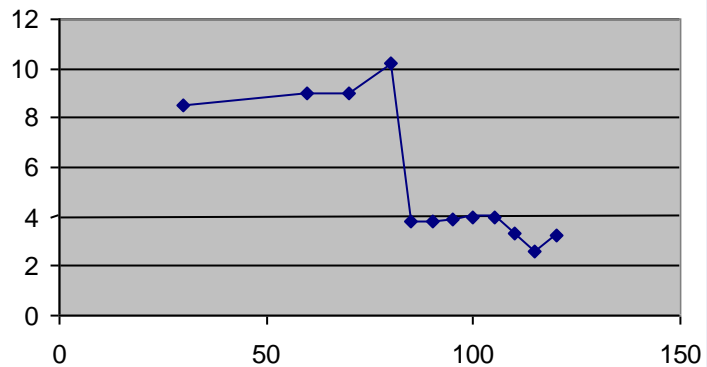
## SOI Microdosimeter scanning along the central axis

Lineal Energy (keV/um)

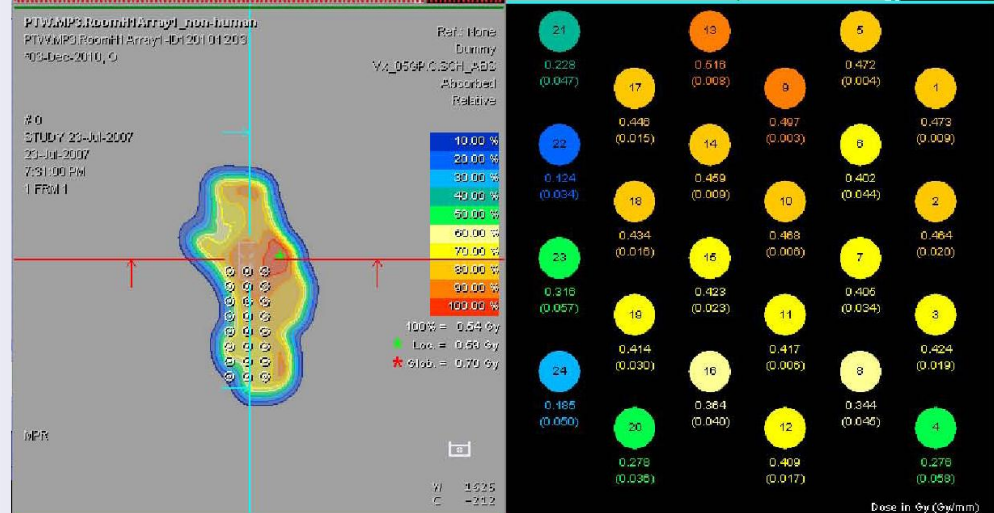
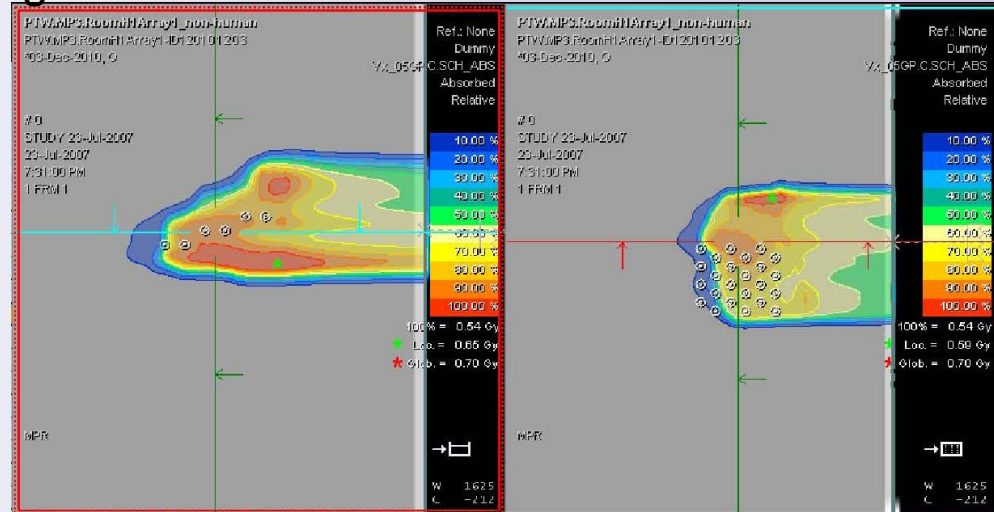


PMMA (mm)  
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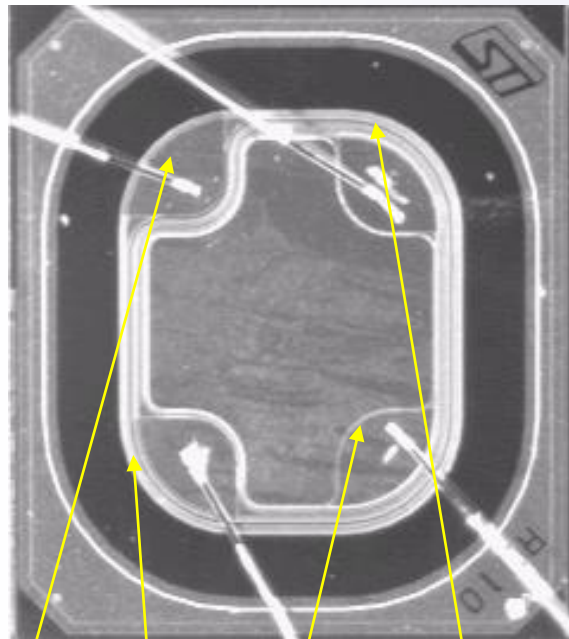
Lineal Energy (keV/um)



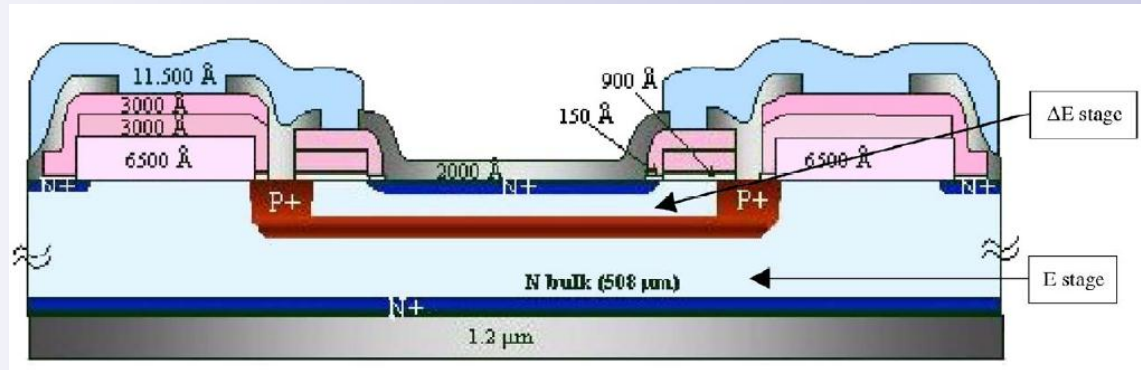
PMMA (mm)



# Monolithic Silicon Telescope

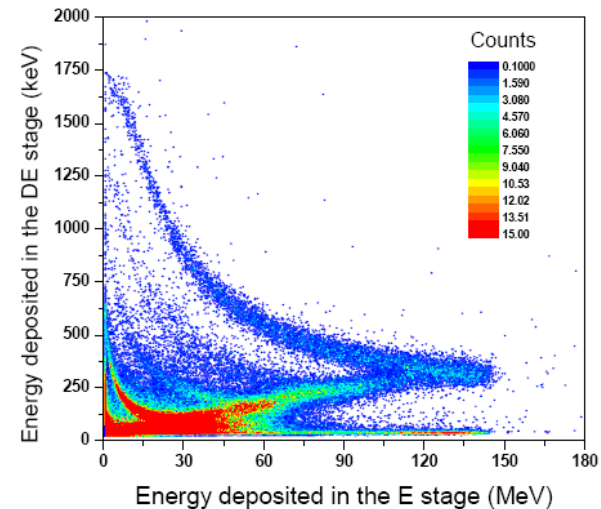
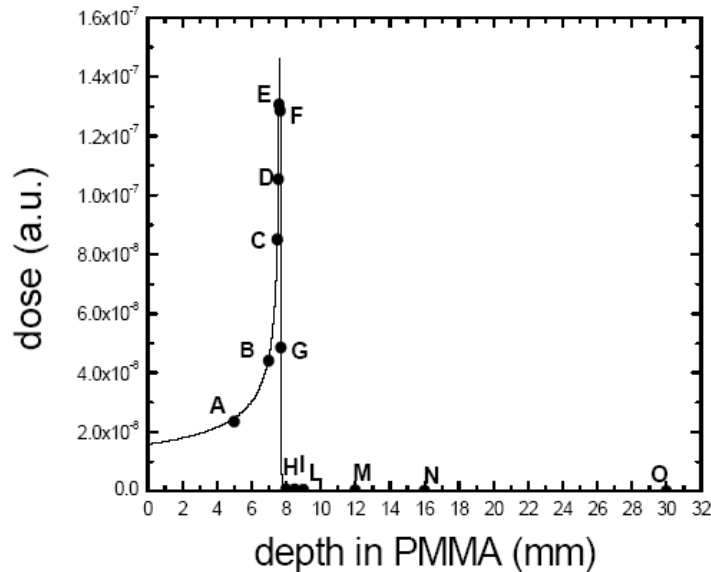


p+ ring  
n+  
n+ ring



- B implantation to create buried p+ thickness  $\Delta E \sim 2$  microns
- thickness E  $\sim 500$  micron
- Developed by Tudisco et.al., S.Agosteo, A.Fazzi, P.Fallca et.al. (Politecnico di Milano, Italy)
- Characterized jointly at CMRP/ANSTO

# 62MeV/u C-12 beam line, INFN



Points of  $\Delta E$ -E detector measurement along the Bragg peak

$\Delta E$ -E plot for detector at point I

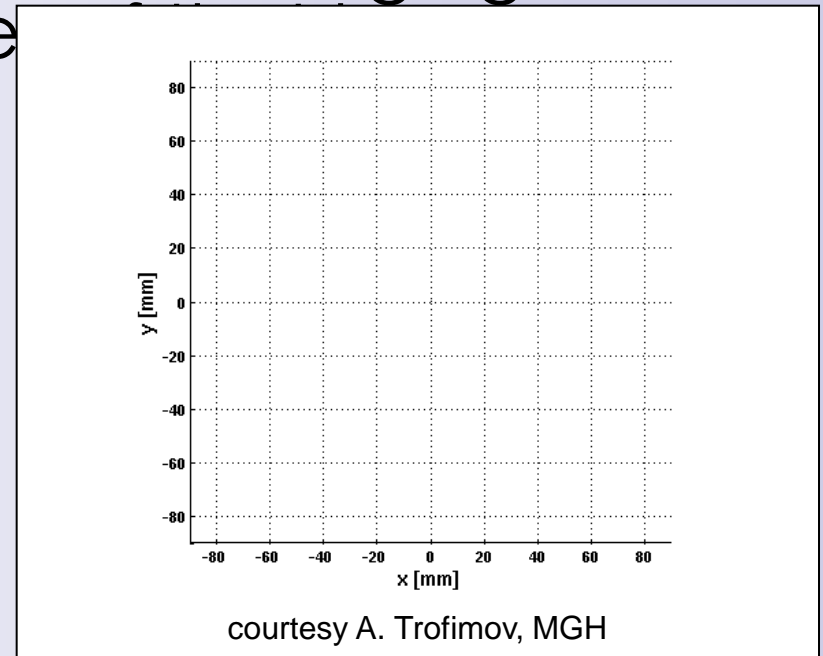
$\Delta E/E$  scatter plots allow particle identification of the light ions, e.g. H, He, Li, Be, and B additionally to C-12 in carbon therapy  
S Agosteo et al.

Courtesy of Prof S. Agosteo, Milan Polytec.  
Presented at SSD 16

# What is scanning?

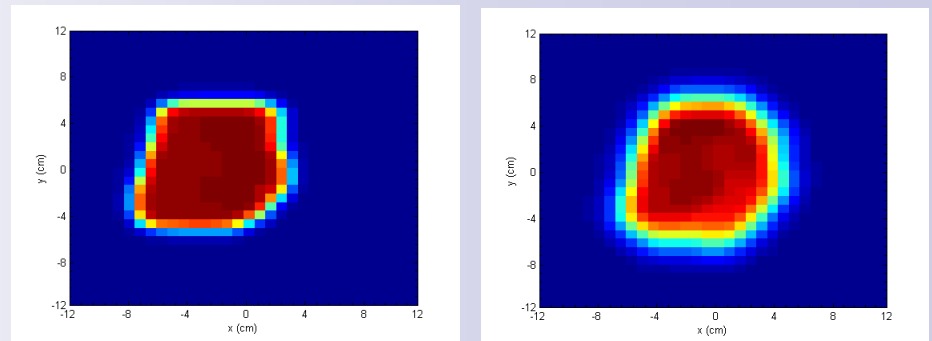
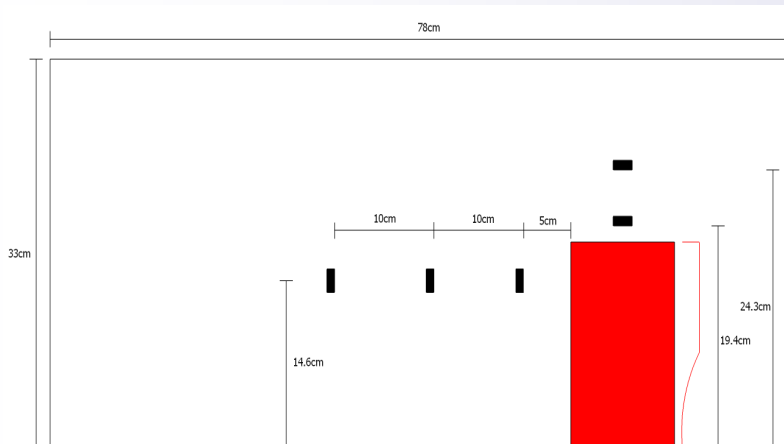
- Moving a charged particle beam of particular properties and/or changing one or more of the properties

- Energy
- Position
- Velocity
- Size
- Current
- Dose



- Scanning is **not necessarily** IMPT
  - Single field uniform dose (SFUD)
  - Intensity modulated proton therapy (IMPT)

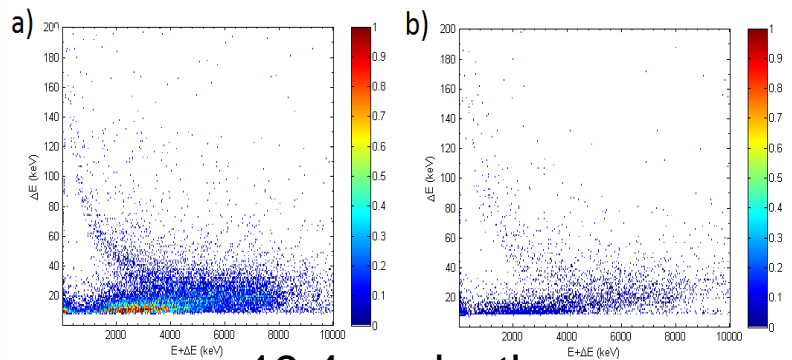
# $\Delta E$ - $E$ telescope: PBS vs Double Scattering



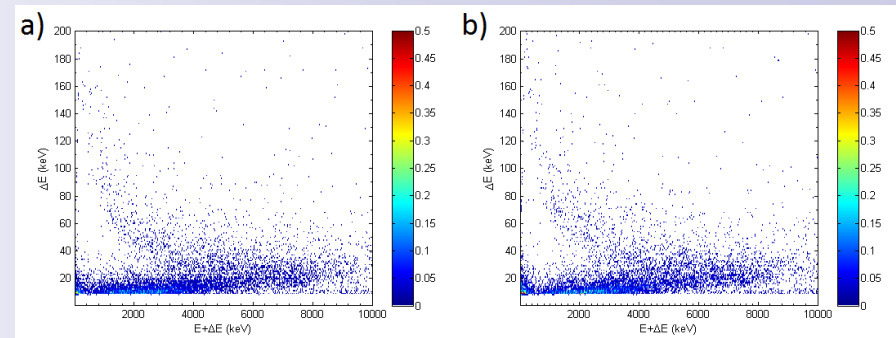
Beam shape for the double scattering (left) and pencil beam scanning (right) fields using the MatrixX detector (IBA dosimetry)

The 5 measurement positions of the  $\Delta E$ - $E$  detector during the experiment.

$\Delta E$ - $E$  spectra downstream of SOBP, on a the central axis:  
 (a) double scattering (b) pencil beam scanning



19.4cm depth



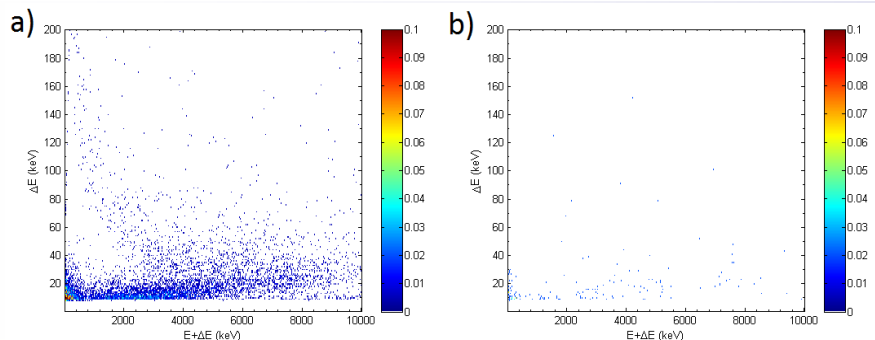
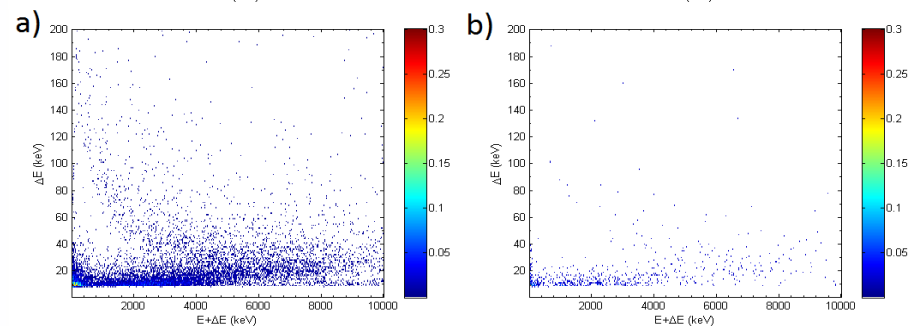
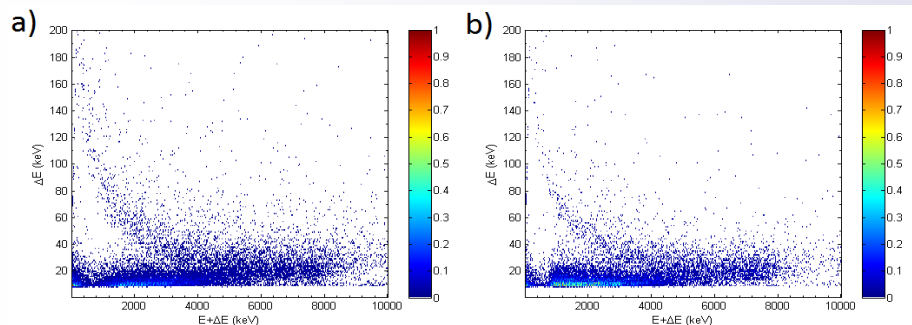
25 cm depth

Stephen Dowdell, PhD Thesis, CMRP UoW, May 2011

with B Clasio, J.Flanz, (MGH, Boston) S.Agosteo, A.Fazzi, A.Pola (MP, Italy)

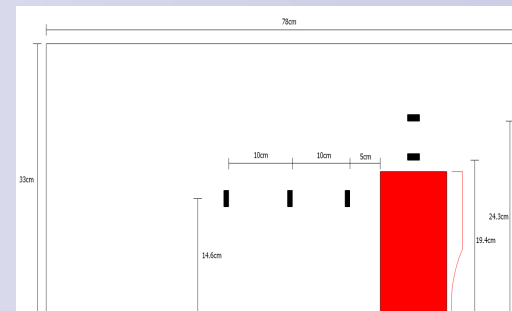
# $\Delta E$ - $E$ telescope: PBS vs Double Scattering

$\Delta E$ - $E$  spectra at a depth of 14.6cm in Lucite normalized counts/Gy in SOBP  
 (a) double scattering; (b).pencil beam scanning



Lateral distance from the field edge

5 cm



15 cm

•Direct confirmation of essential reduction of neutrons laterally out of field for PBS vs passive delivery

25 cm

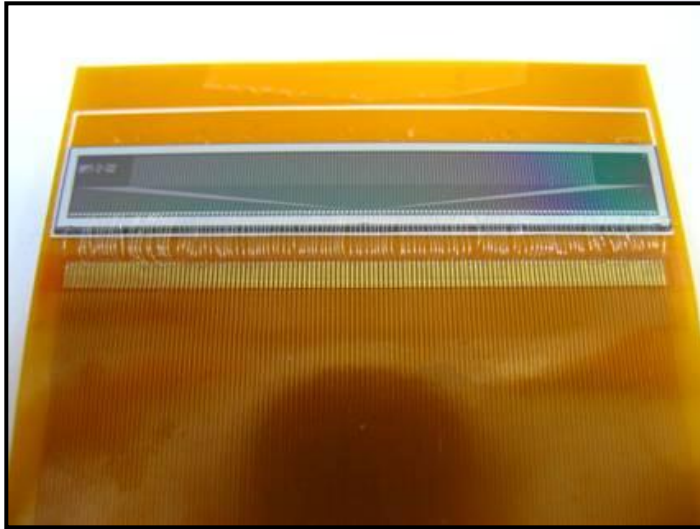
•Closer to the field contribution from scattered protons for PSB higher due to larger penumbra in comparison with passive delivery



# Conclusion

- Semiconductor dosimetry is an important part of radiotherapy quality assurance
- It has many advantages as high spatial and temporal resolution has possibility of easy integration with multi-channel read-out systems and multifunctional with application for dosimetry and microdosimetry

# Dose Magnifying Glass (DMG)



- 128 channel –p-type Si strip detector
- SV area of a single strip :  $20 \times 2000 \mu\text{m}$
- Detector thickness:  $< 0.4 \text{ mm}$
- Kapton thickness:  $0.1 \text{ mm}$
- Spatial resolution  $0.2$  and  $0.1 \text{ mm}$

# DMG in Stereotactic Proton Therapy

*In collaboration with Loma Linda University  
Medical Center (LLUMC), Loma Linda, California*

*Prof R Schulte, Dr A.Wroe*

*Work in progress*

# Stereotactic Proton Radiosurgery at LLUMC



- **Current**

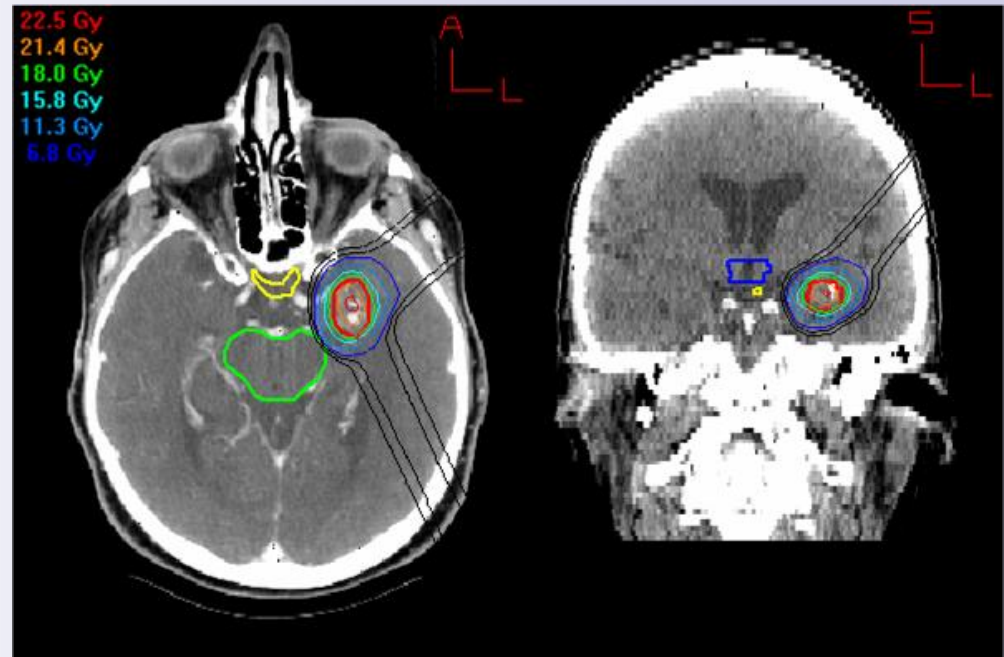
- Single-dose proton radiosurgery and two-fraction stereotactic proton radiotherapy using the Bragg-peak
  - Arteriovenous malformations
  - Brain metastases
  - No size limitations

- **Future**

- Conformal proton Bragg-peak radiosurgery for Mesial Temporal Lobe Epilepsy (MTLE)
- Single-dose functional proton radiosurgery with high-energy shoot-through beams
  - Trigeminal neuralgia, Thalamotomy, Callosotomy

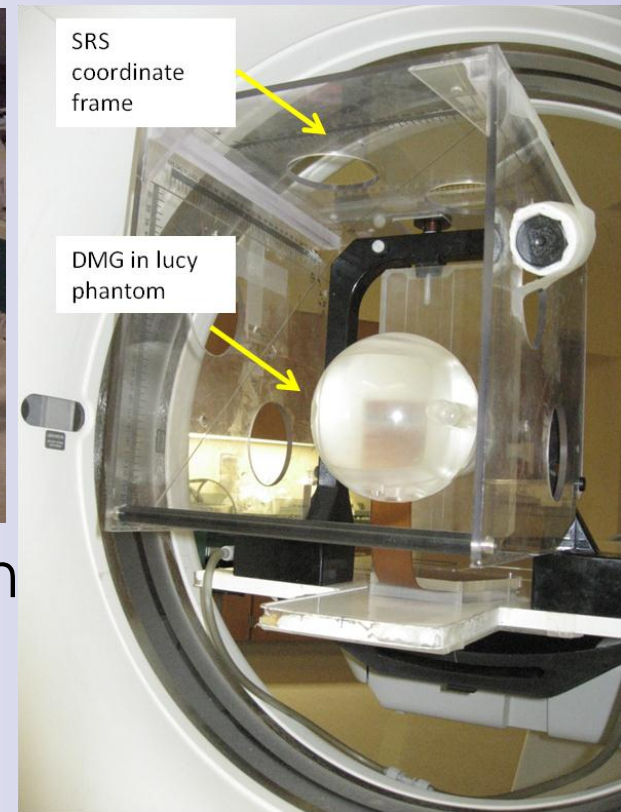
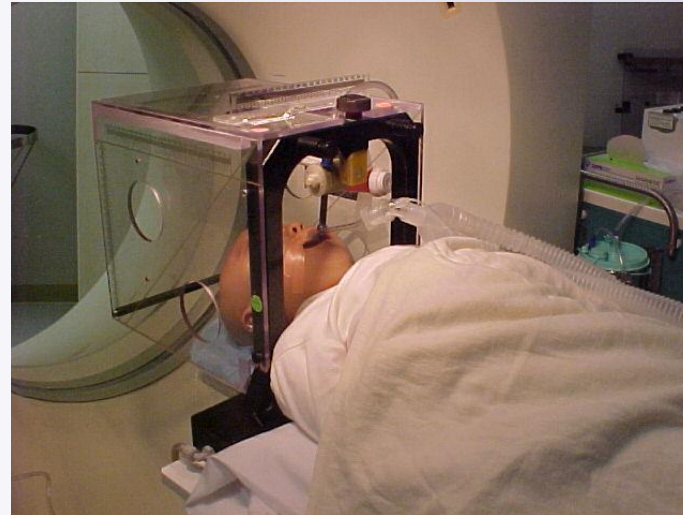
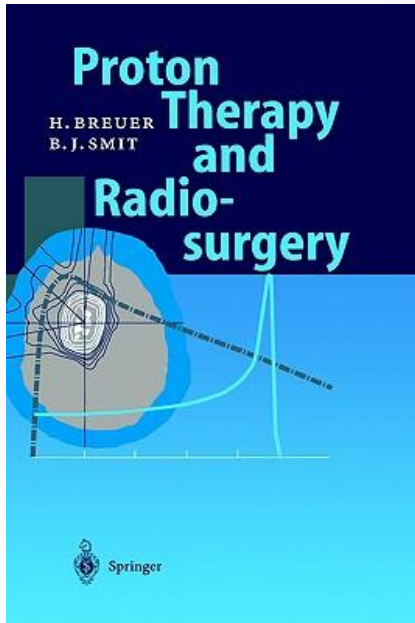
# Arteriovenous Malformations LLUMC Treatment Technique

- 3-4 treatment beams
- 1-2 beam planes
- single or two fractions
- 20 - 25 GyE nominal dose (at isocenter)
- 80% treatment isodose (70% on brain stem/chiasm)



QA of small partial proton beams and total plan is paramount due to required accuracy  
**DMG is a perfect tool for QA in ion SRT**

# Proton radiosurgery: from planning to verification



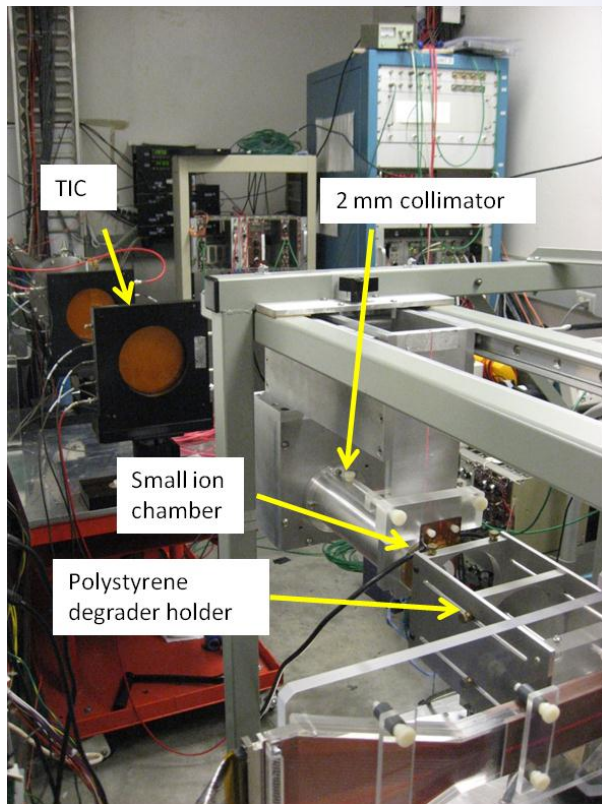
- CT required for proton dose calculations
- Stereotactic localization system (Z-box)
- Patient released from immobilization after imaging

**DMG in a LUCY phantom**

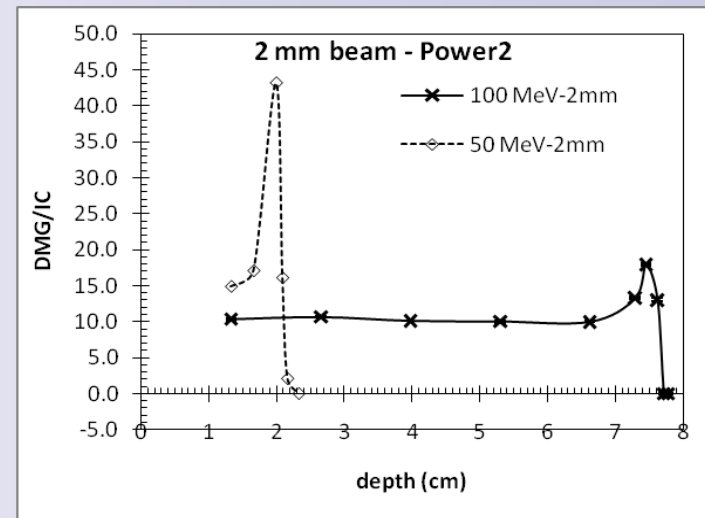
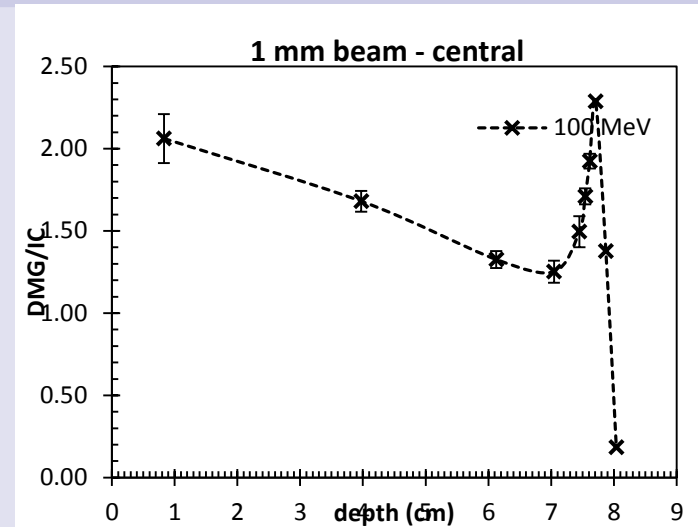
- **CT scanning**
- **Planning**
- **Dose Verification**

# Small diameter proton beam depth dose profiles

- 1 & 2 mm diameter beam, 50 MeV and 100 MeV
- Research beam line
- Small animal SRS research



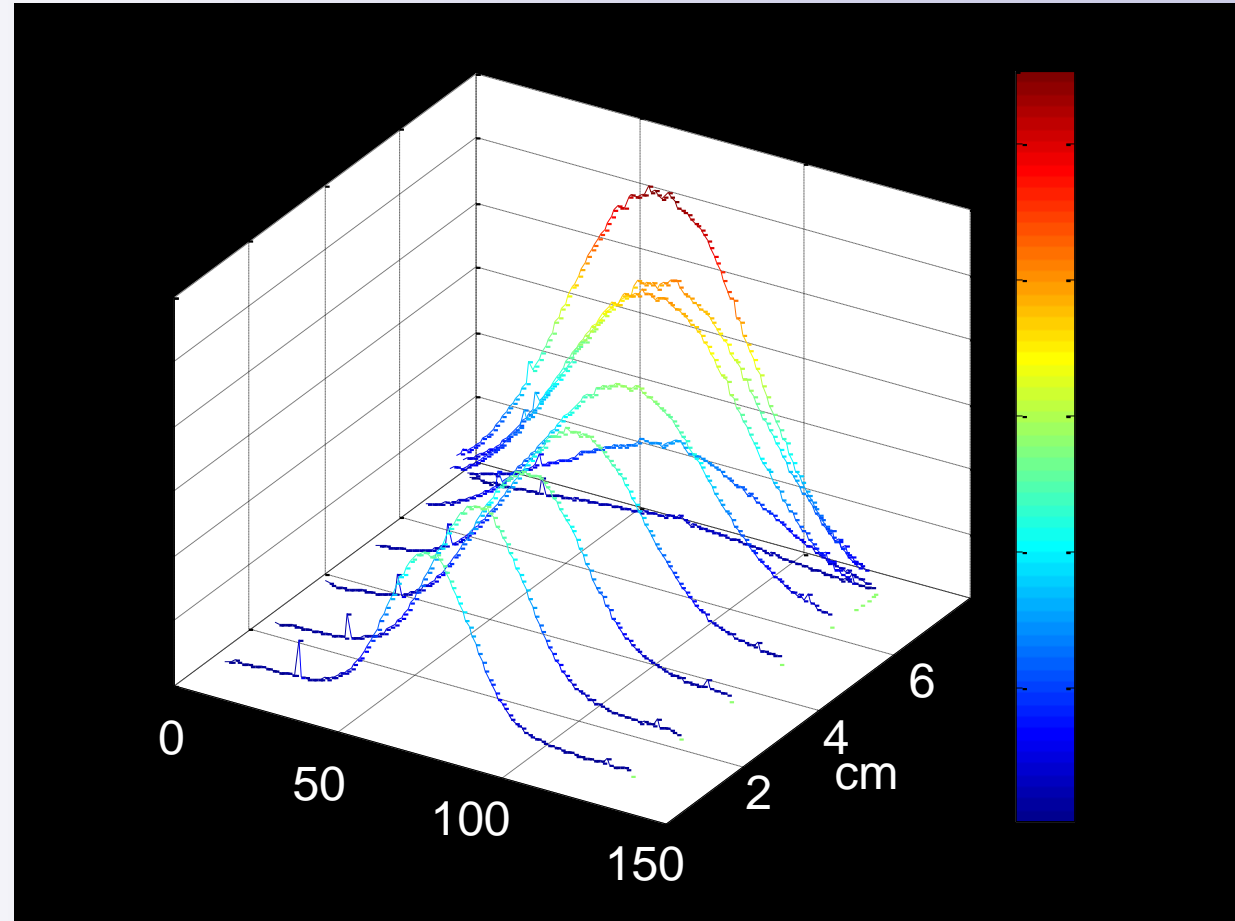
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# Small proton beam scattering with depth

- Scanning in water  
DMG 100
- Proton beam  
diameter: 2 mm
- Energy: 100 MeV
- Resolution: 0.1 mm

**DMG-100**  
1<sup>st</sup> application





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## Radiation Transport Simulations

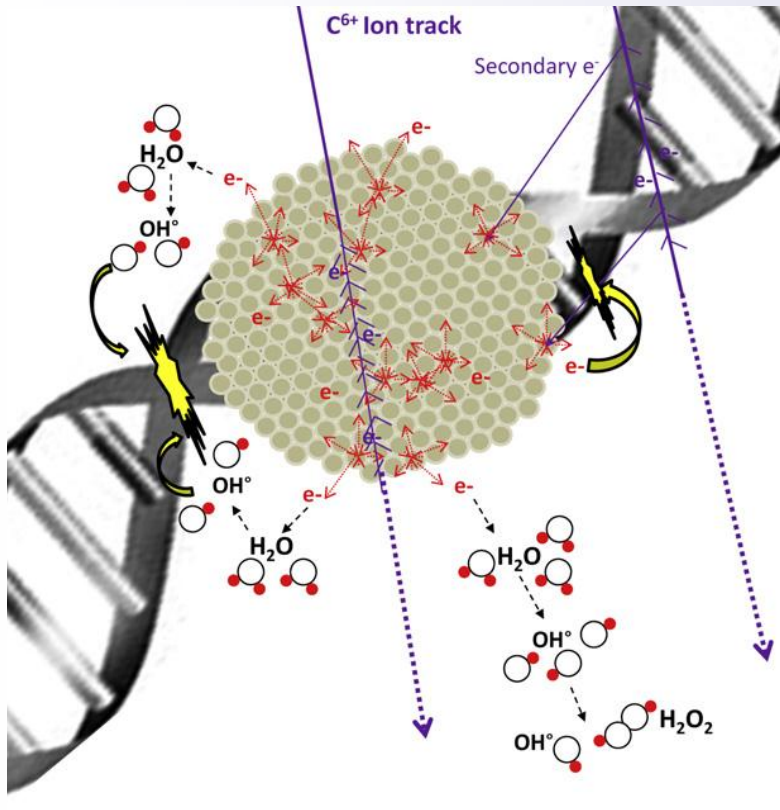
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## Nanoparticles for RBE enhancement

# RBE Enhancement with NP



New direction of research at CMRP  
:

Radiation Physics of interaction of heavy ions and protons with Nano Particles (NP)

Effect of RBE enhancement modeling with GEANT DNA MC simulations

Radiobiology experiments are required on heavy ion and proton beams

Expected outcome –improvement of treatment with charged particles

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