

Dosimetry of light-ion beams

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Overview

- Primary standards - calorimeters
- Reference dosimetry - ionization chambers
- Relative dosimetry - LET dependence of detectors
- Particular issue with scanned beams

Calorimetry

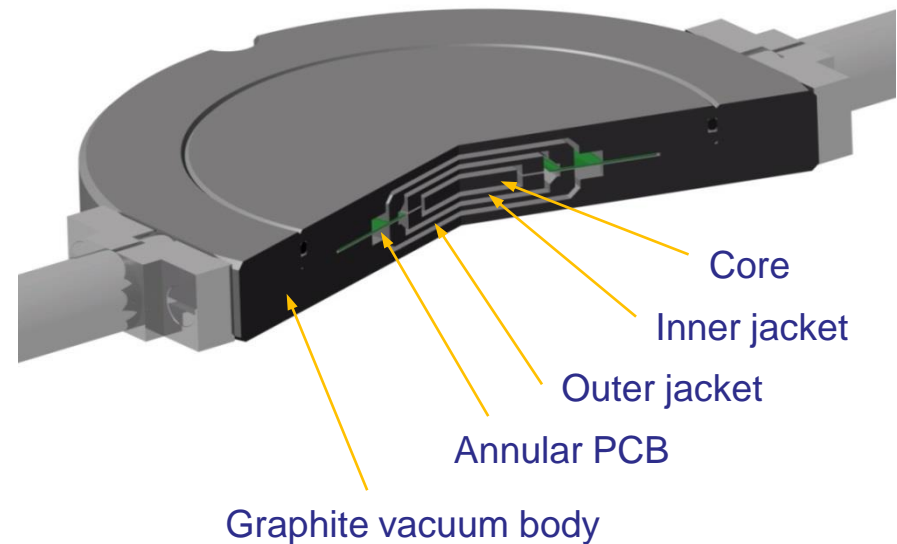
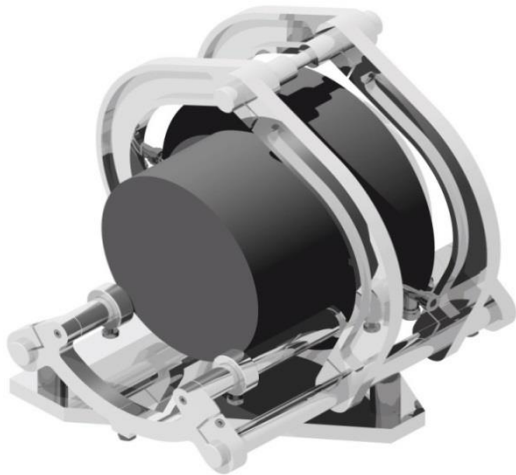
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Palmans et al (2004)
Phys Med Biol 49:3737

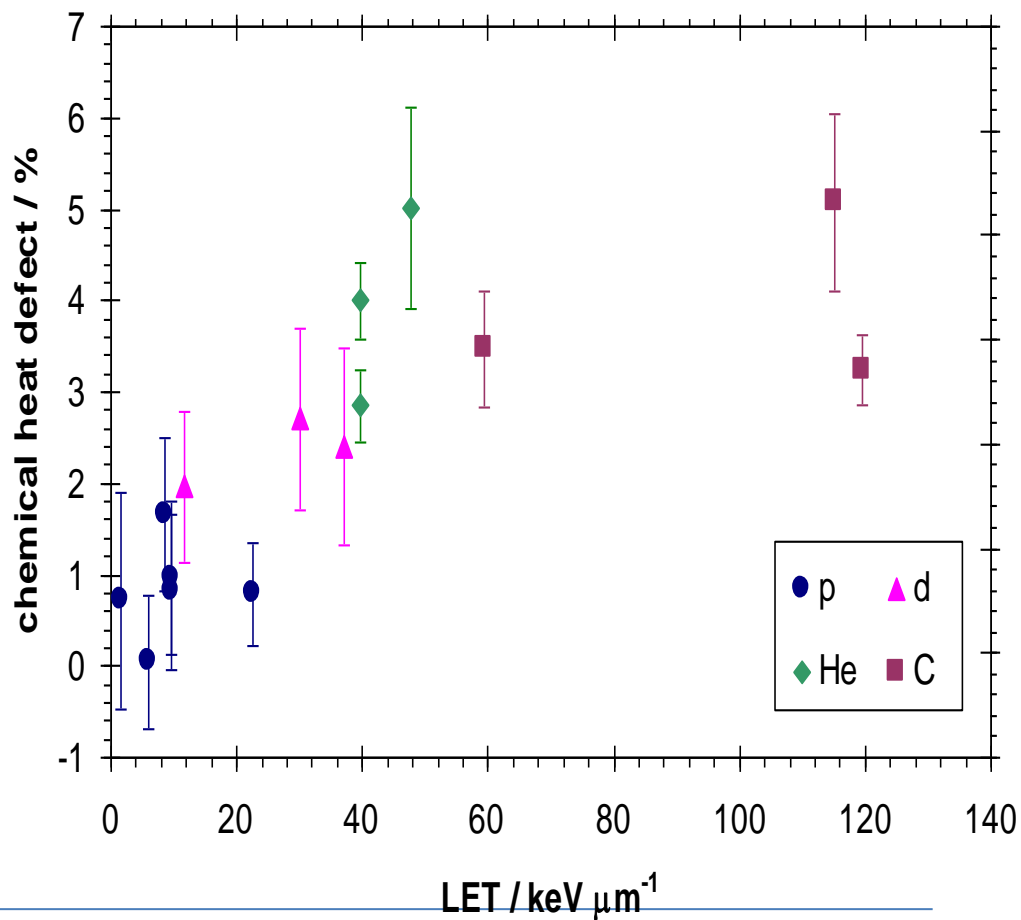
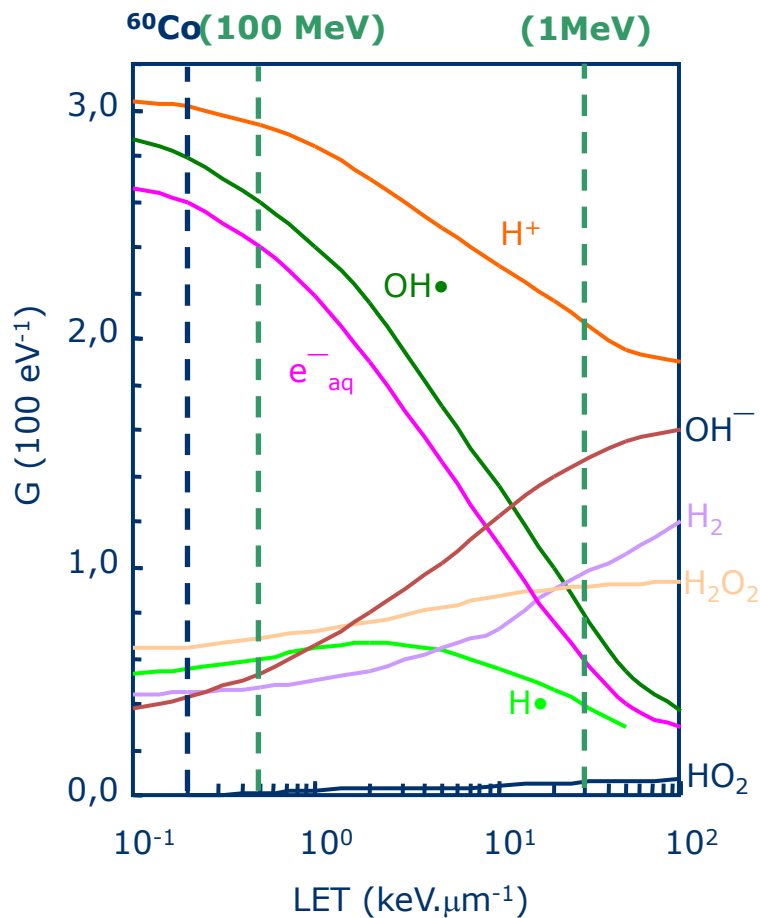
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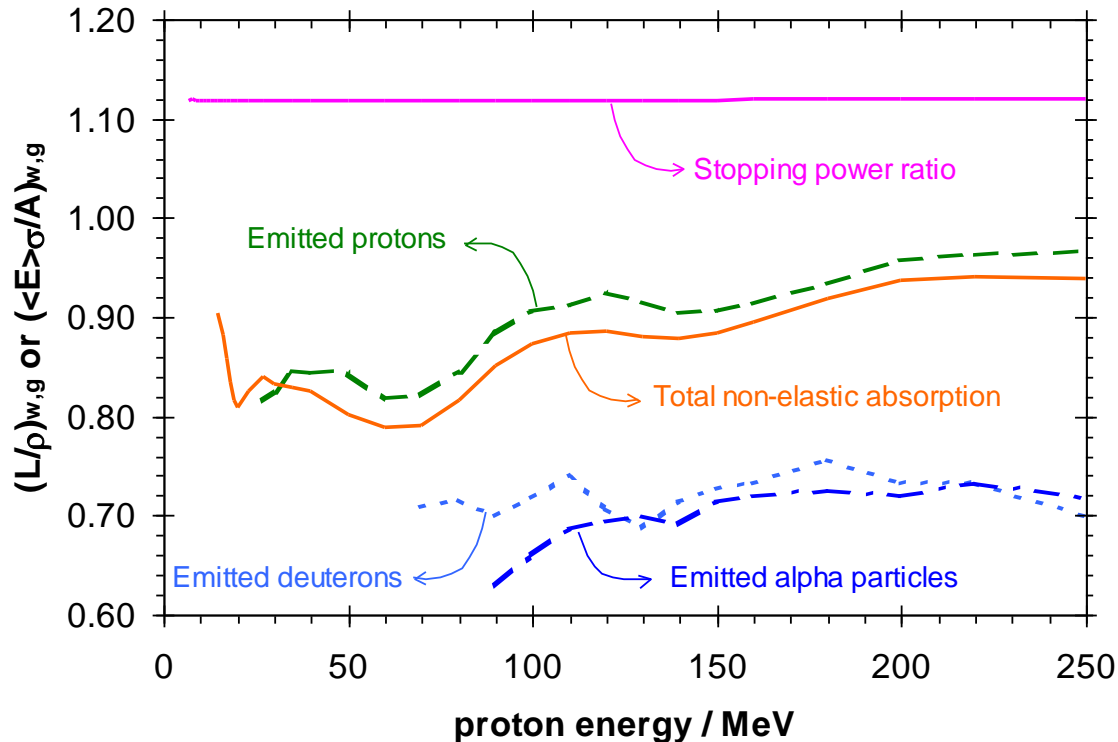
Water calorimetry - heat defect

protons



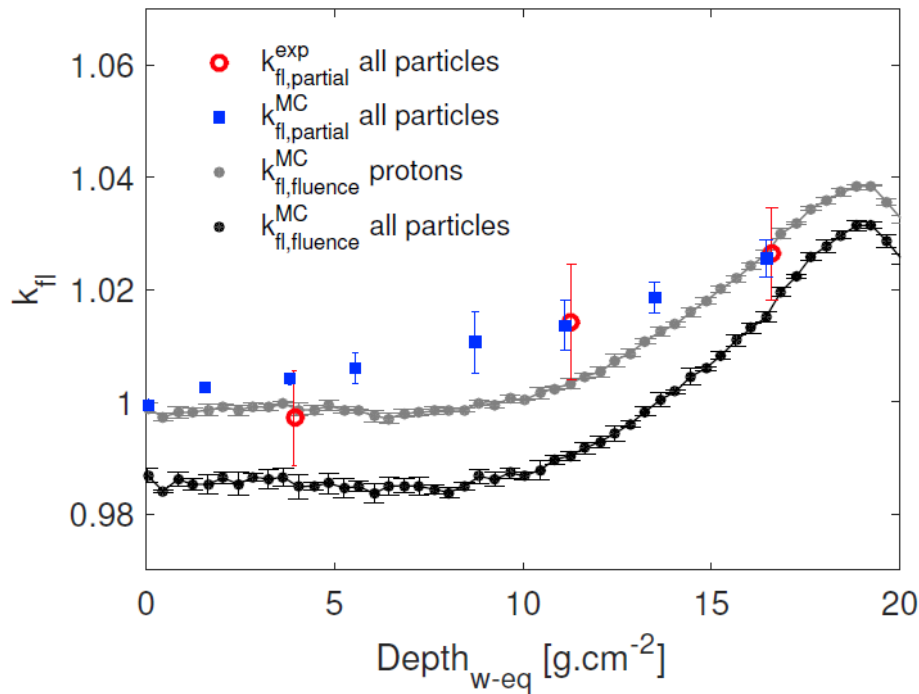
Graphite calorimetry: D_g to D_w

$$D_w(z_w) = D_g(z_g) \cdot \left(\frac{S}{\rho}\right)_g^w k_{fl}$$



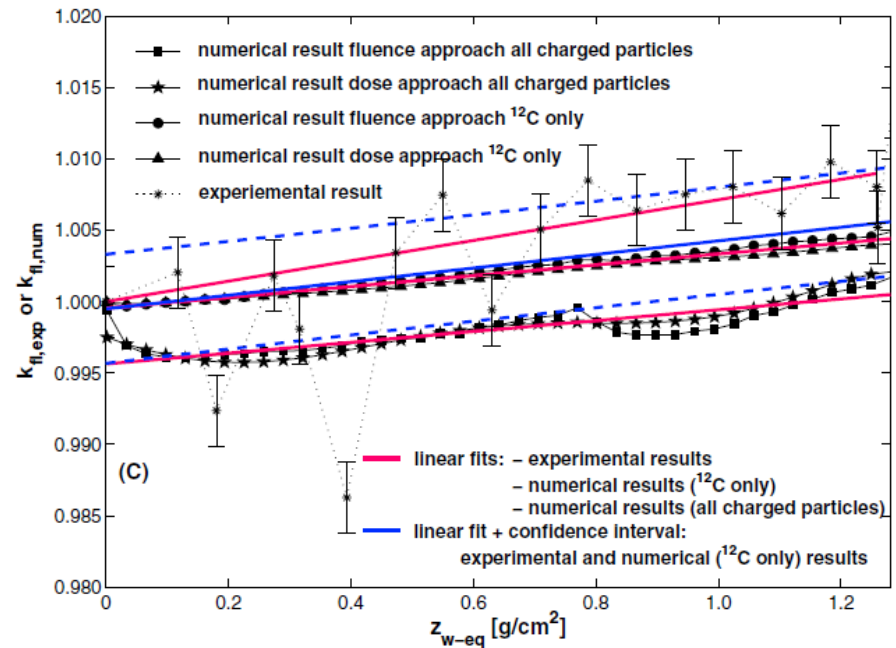
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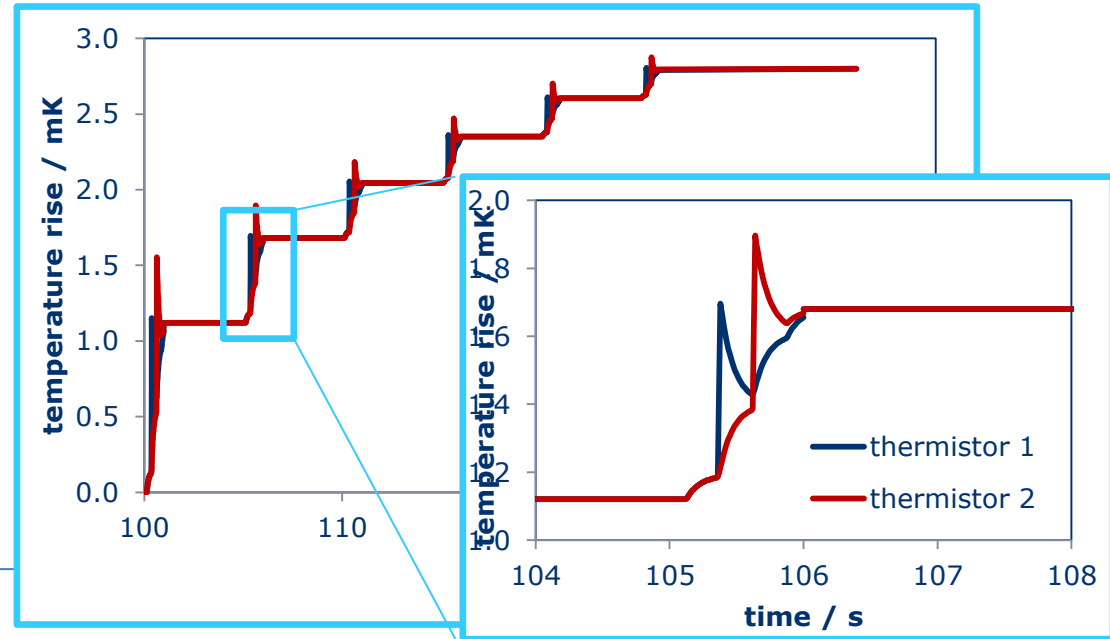
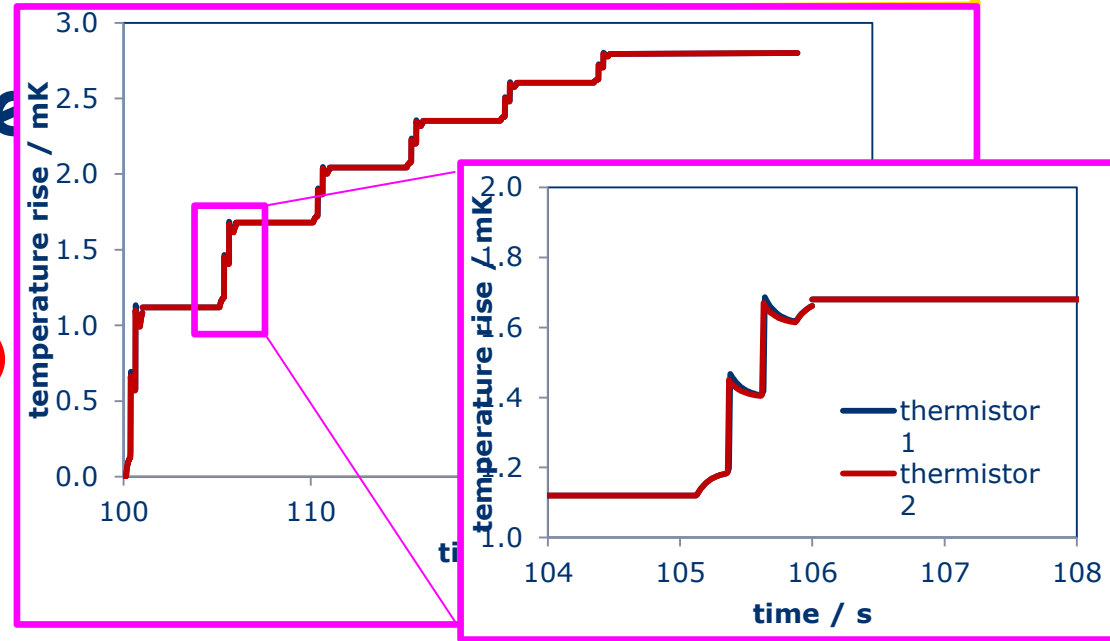
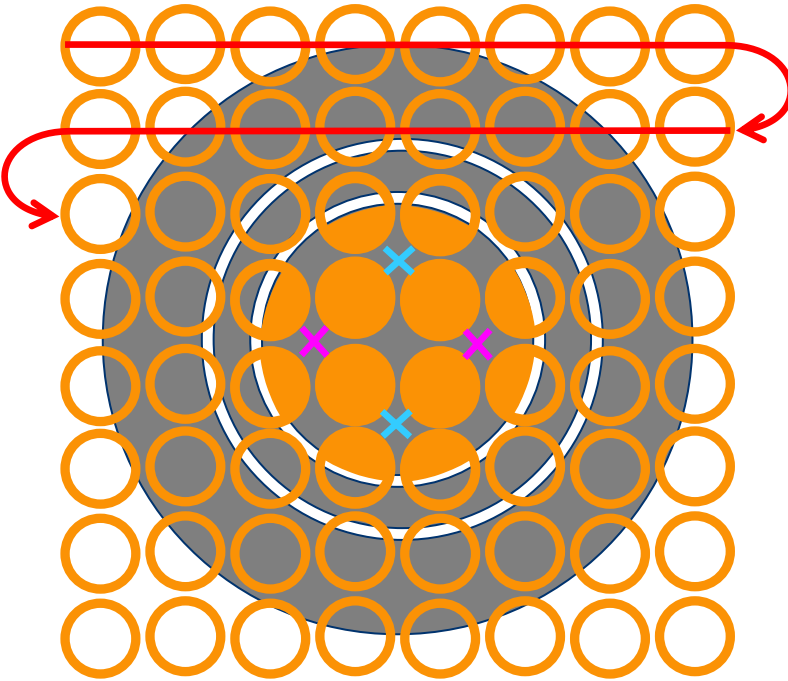
Lourenço et al (2016)
Med. Phys. *submitted*

Carbon ions



Rossomme et al (2013)
Phys. Med. Biol. 58:5363

Graphite calorimeter within core



Reference dosimetry with ionization chambers

Ideally:

$$D_{w,Q} = M_Q N_{D,w,Q}$$

Present-day reality:

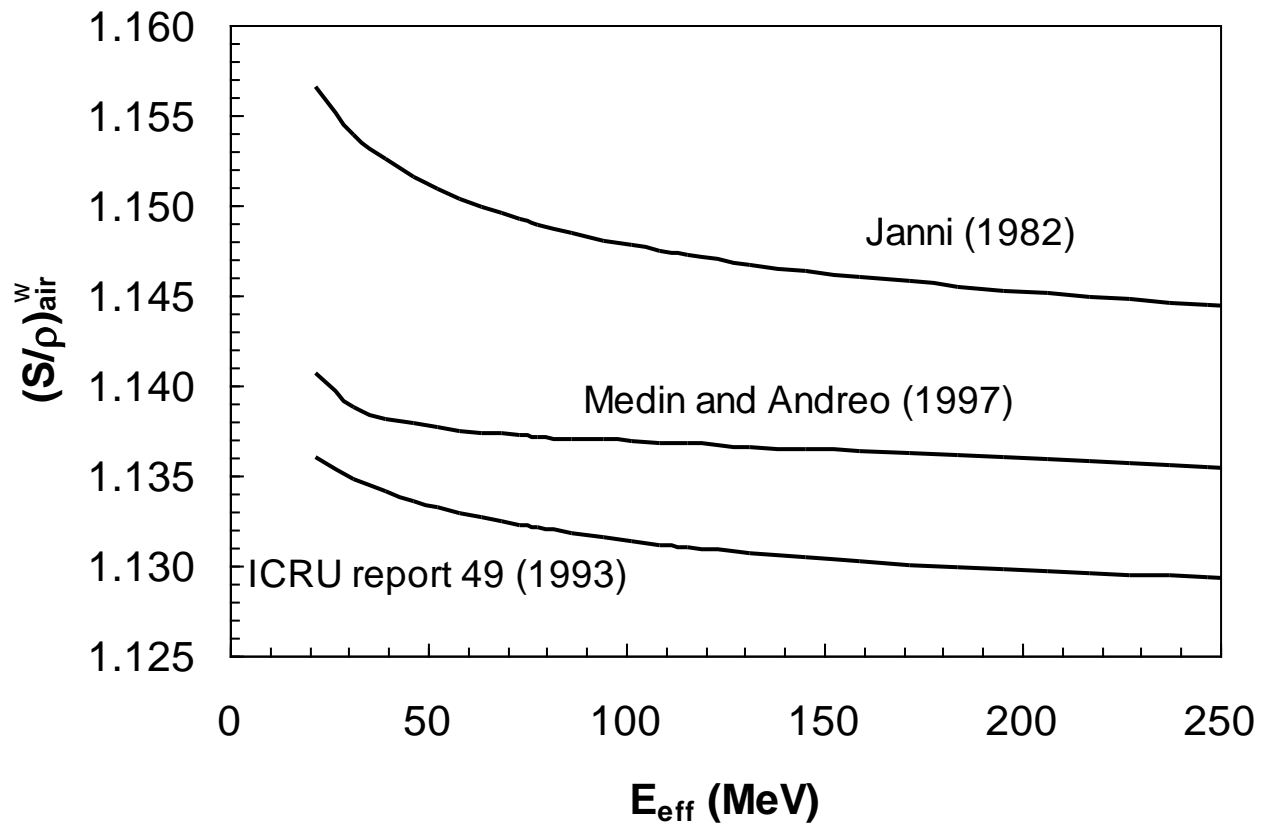
$$D_{w,Q} = M_Q N_{D,w,Q_0} k_{Q,Q_0}$$

with

$$k_{Q,Q_0} = \frac{(W_{air})_Q (s_{w,air})_Q p_Q}{(W_{air})_{Q_0} (s_{w,air})_{Q_0} p_{Q_0}}$$

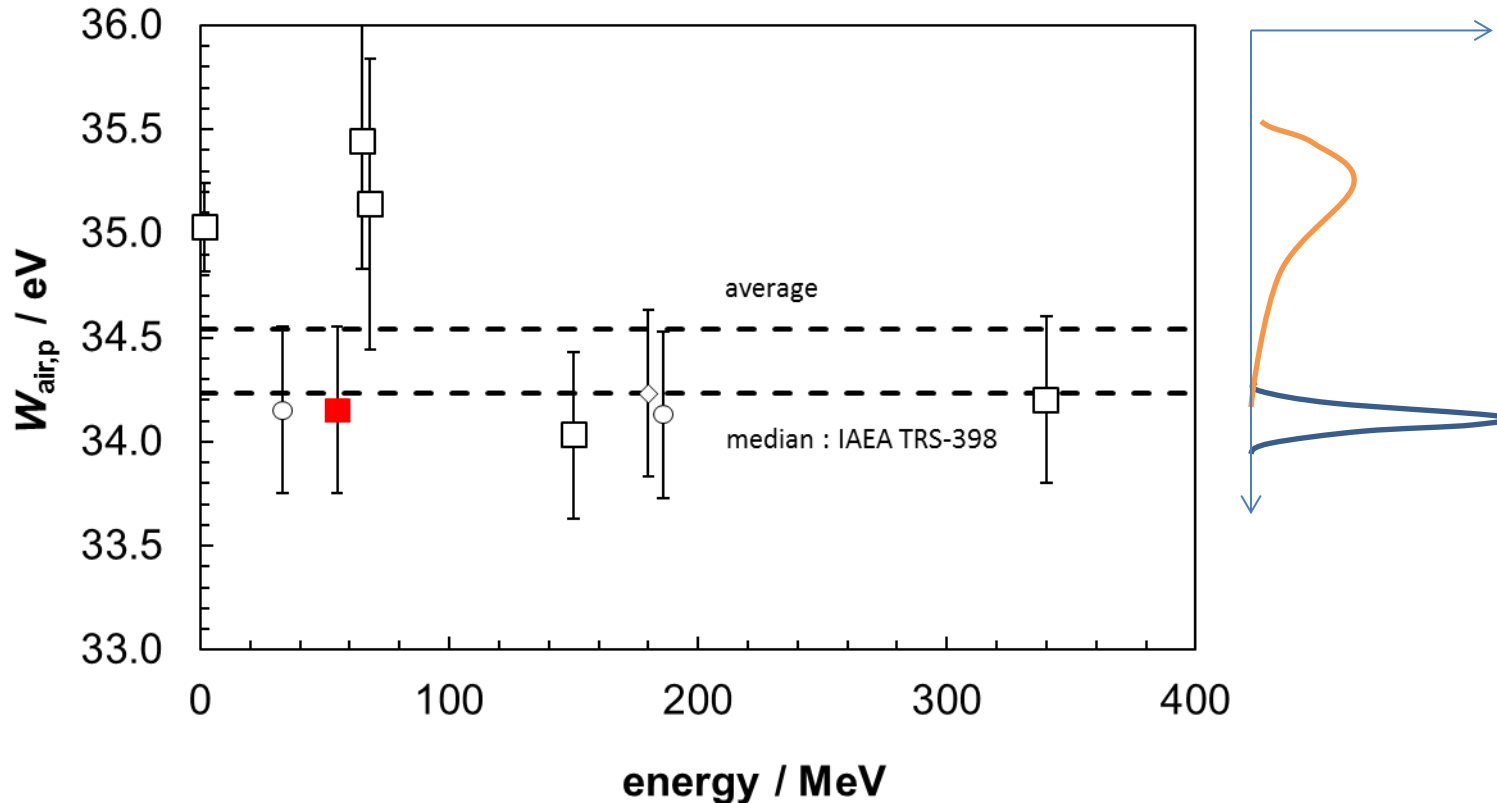
This is the formalism of IAEA TRS-398 and ICRU Report 78

Ionization chambers: $S_{w,air}$



Ionization chambers: $W_{\text{air}} / \text{protons}$

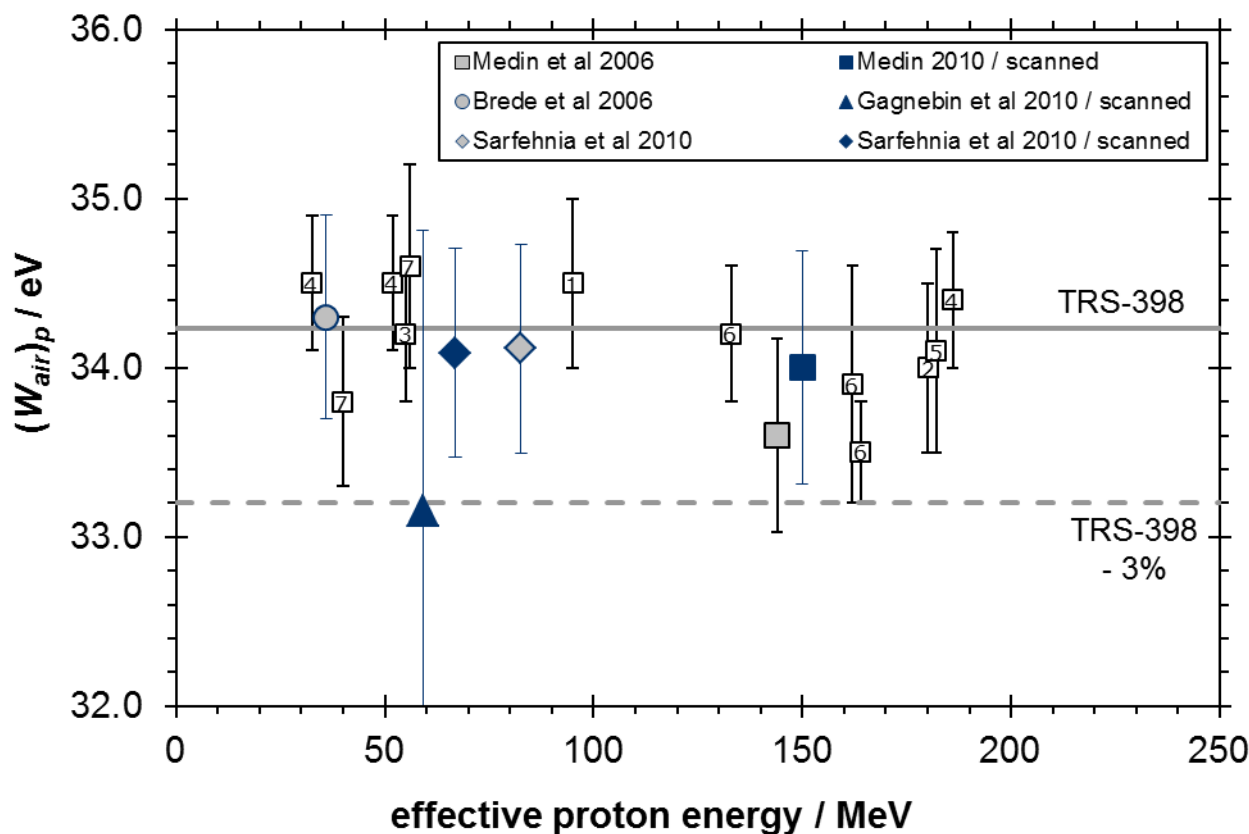
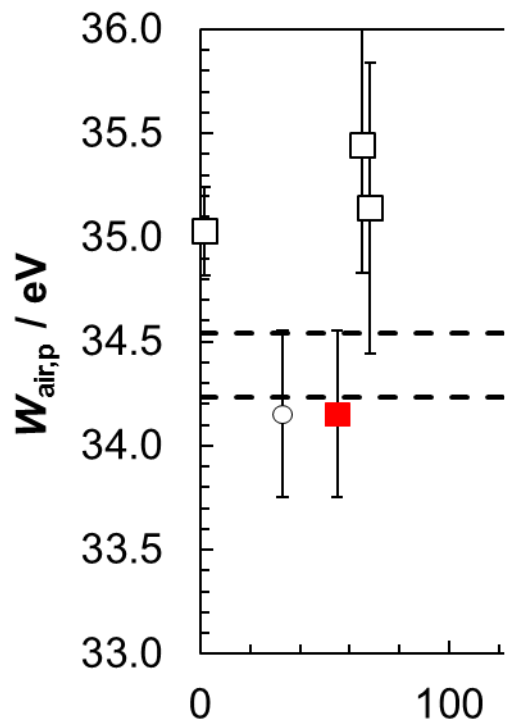
TRS-398



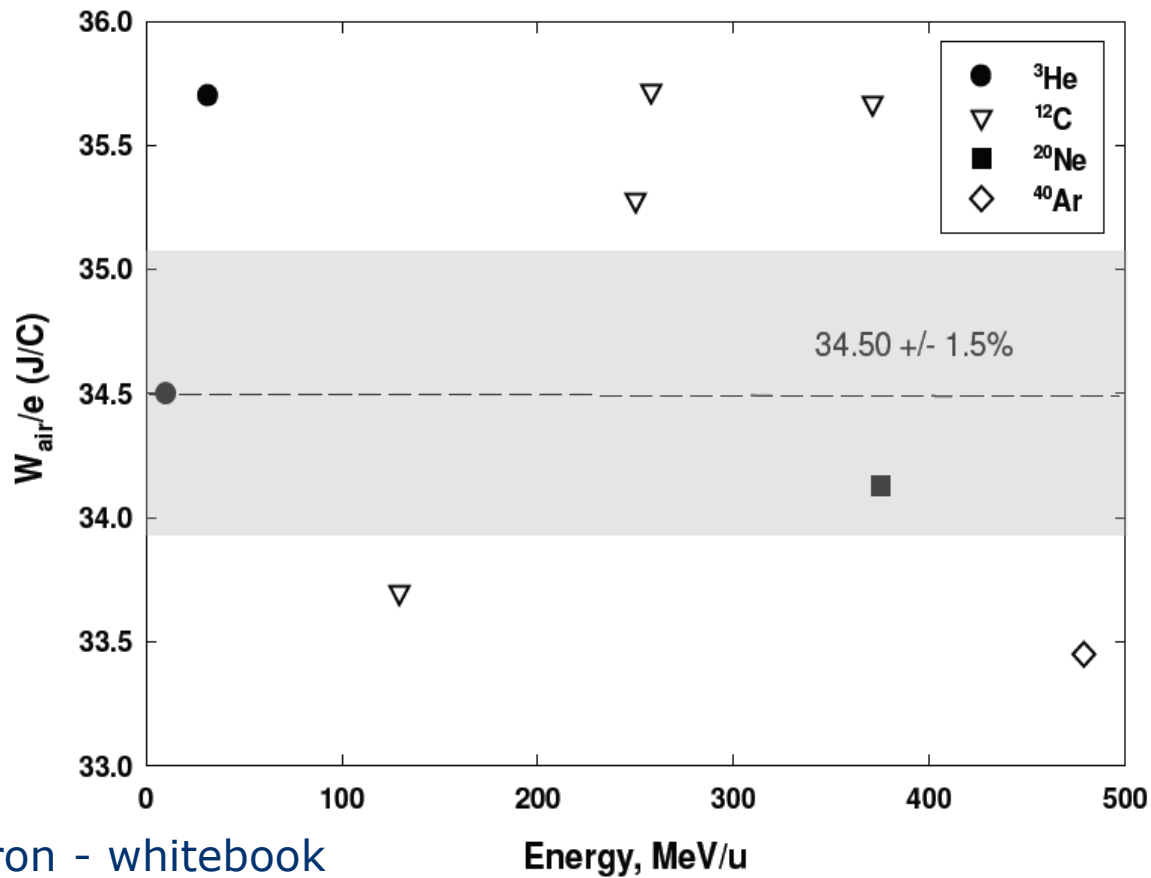
Ionization chambers: W_{air} / protons

Calorimetry data Jones 2006 Rad Phys Chem 75:541 + more recent

TRS-398

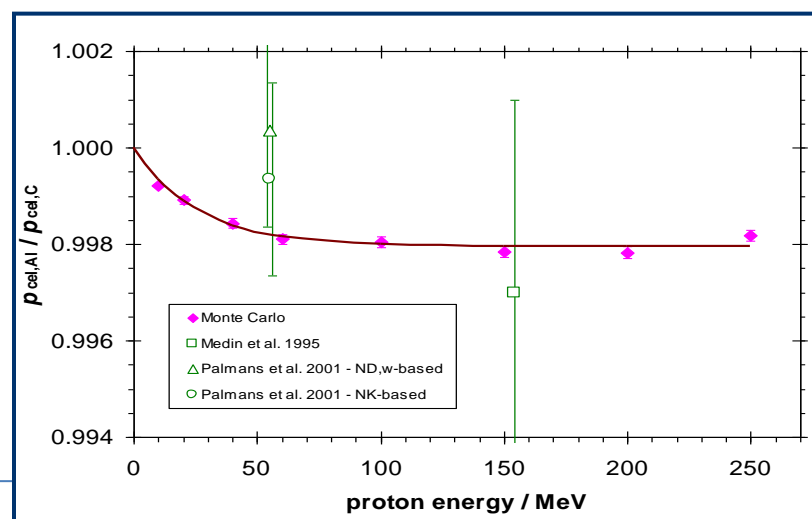
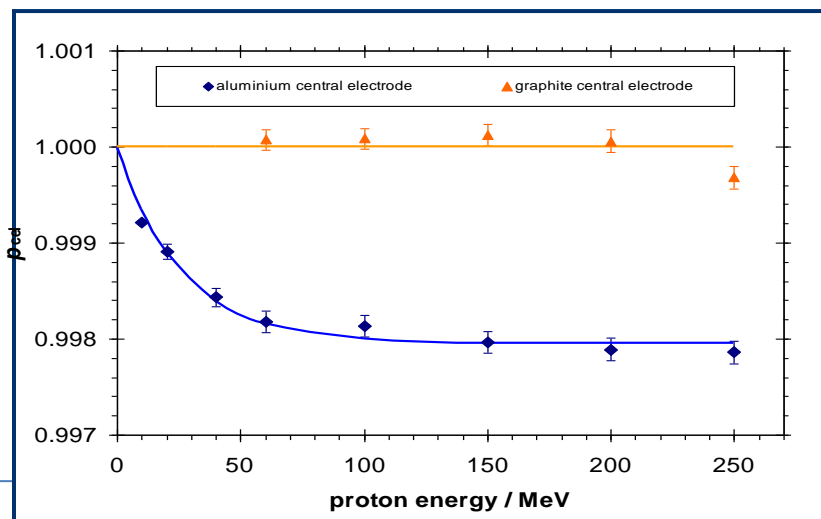
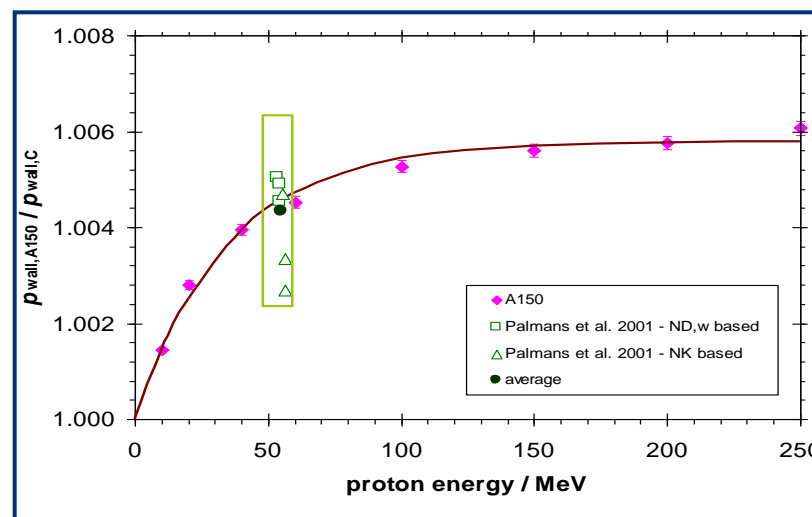
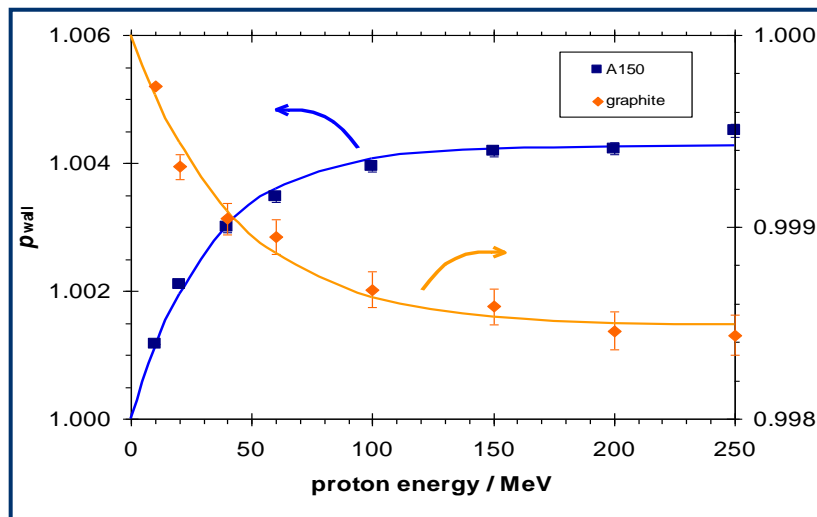


Ionization chambers: $W_{\text{air}} / \text{ions}$

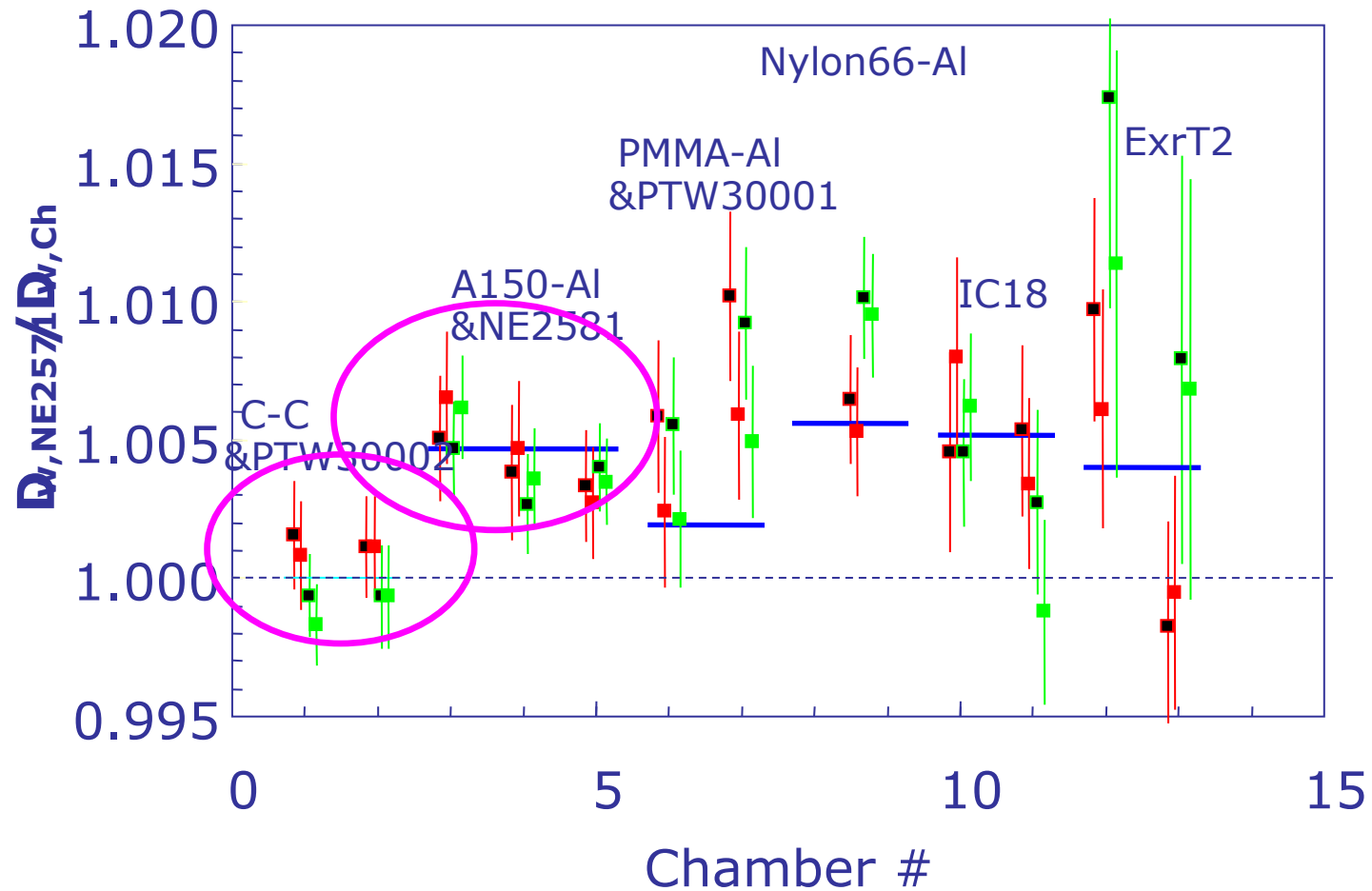


Ionization chambers - perturbations

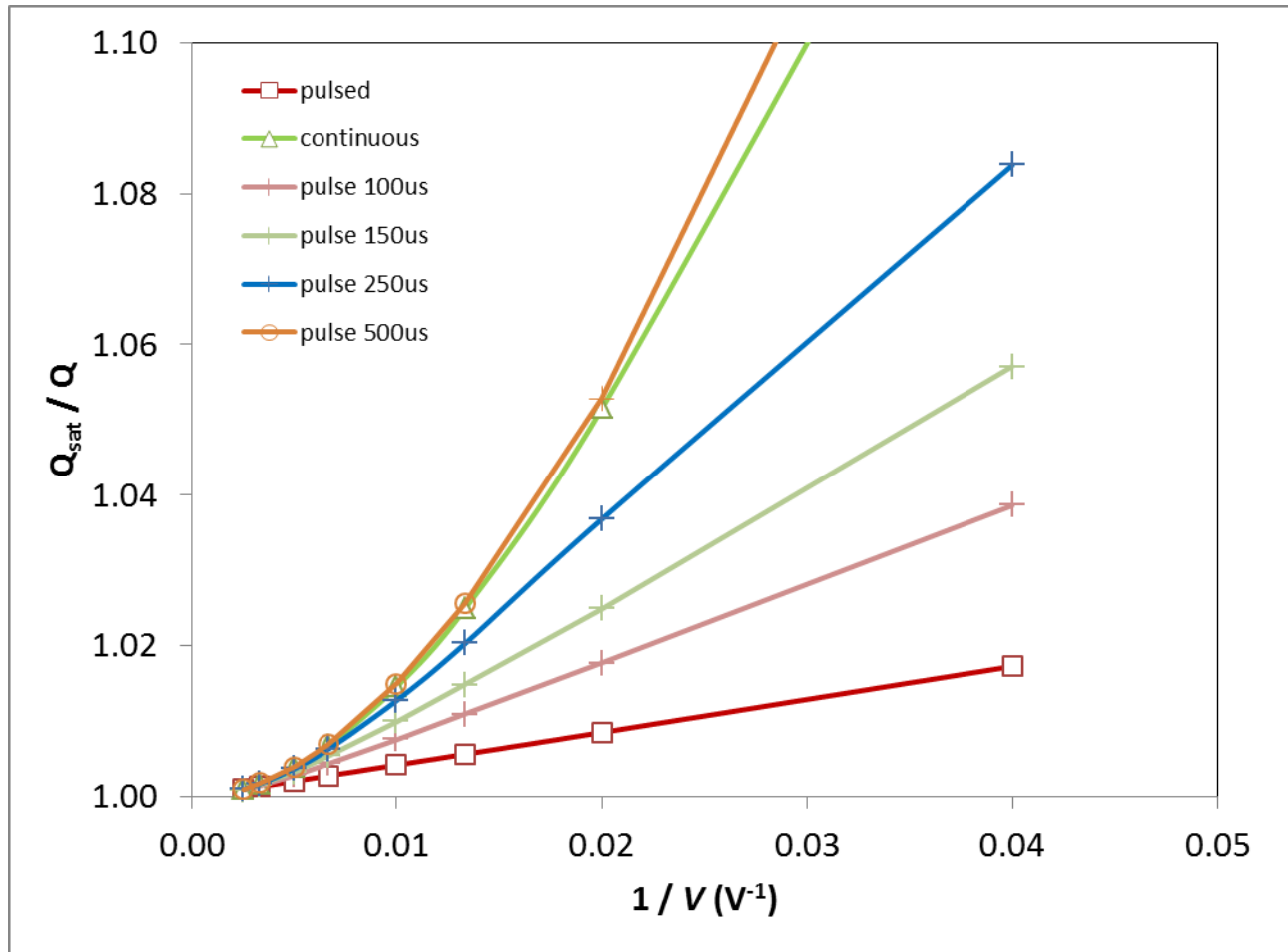
Palmans et al. (2011) Proc IDOS, IAEA-CN182-230



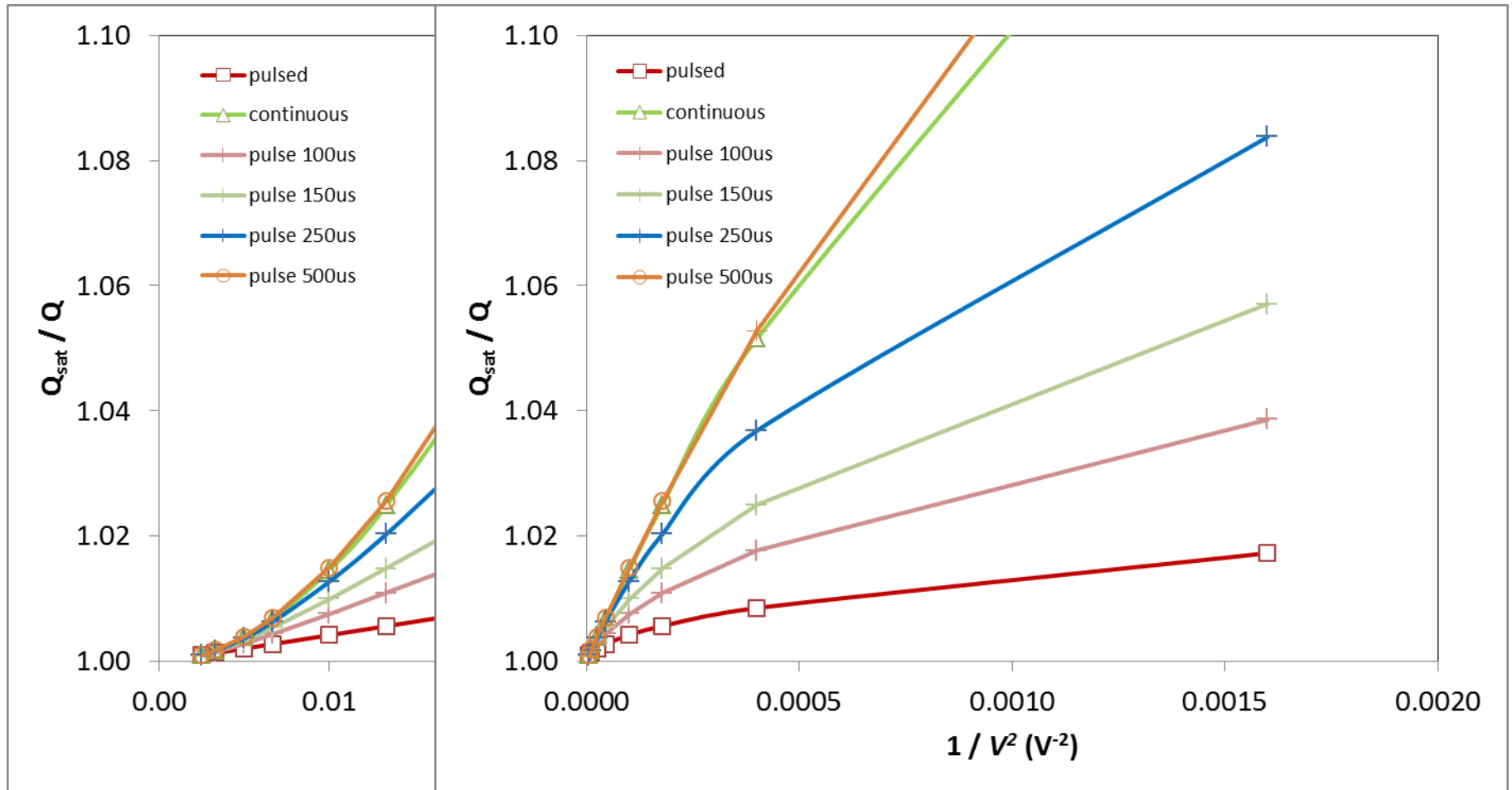
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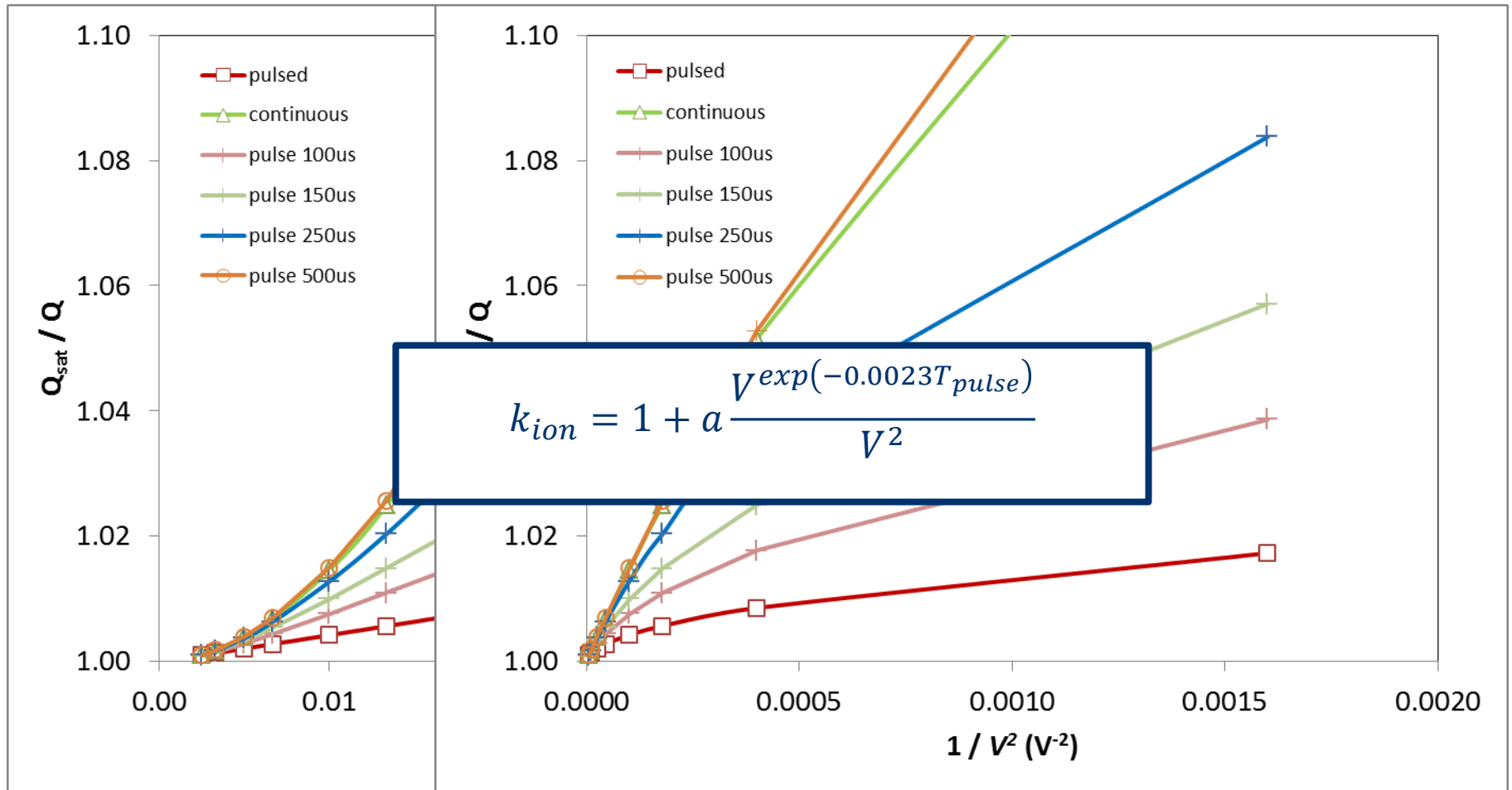
Volume recombination vs pulse length



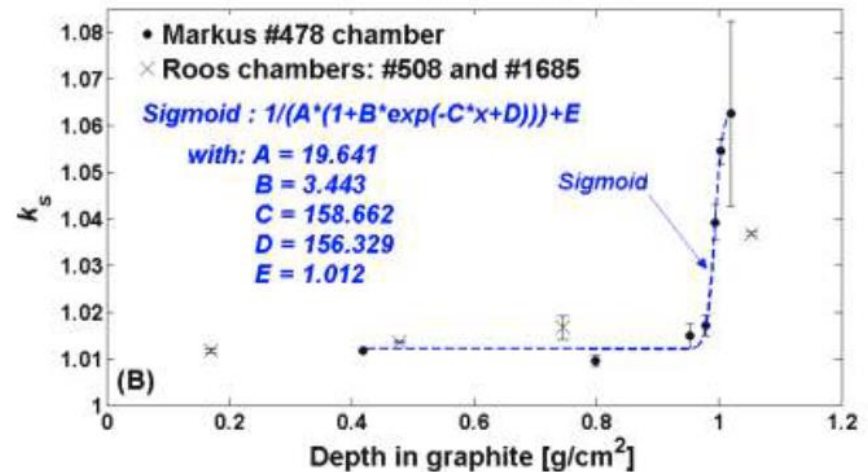
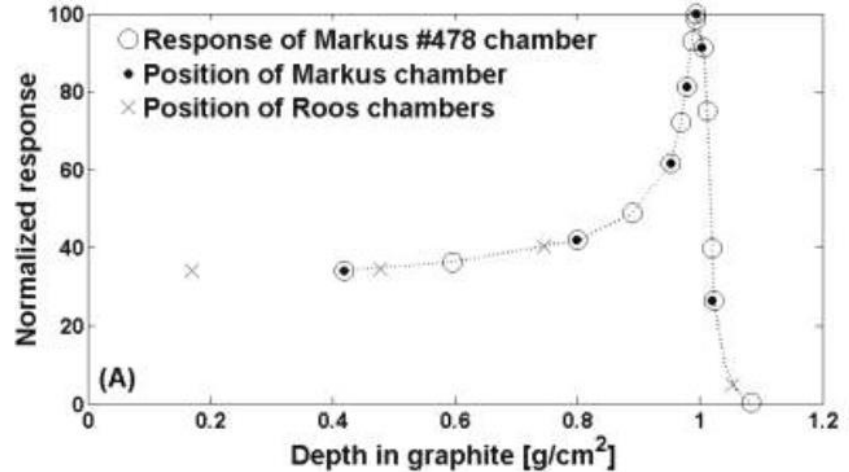
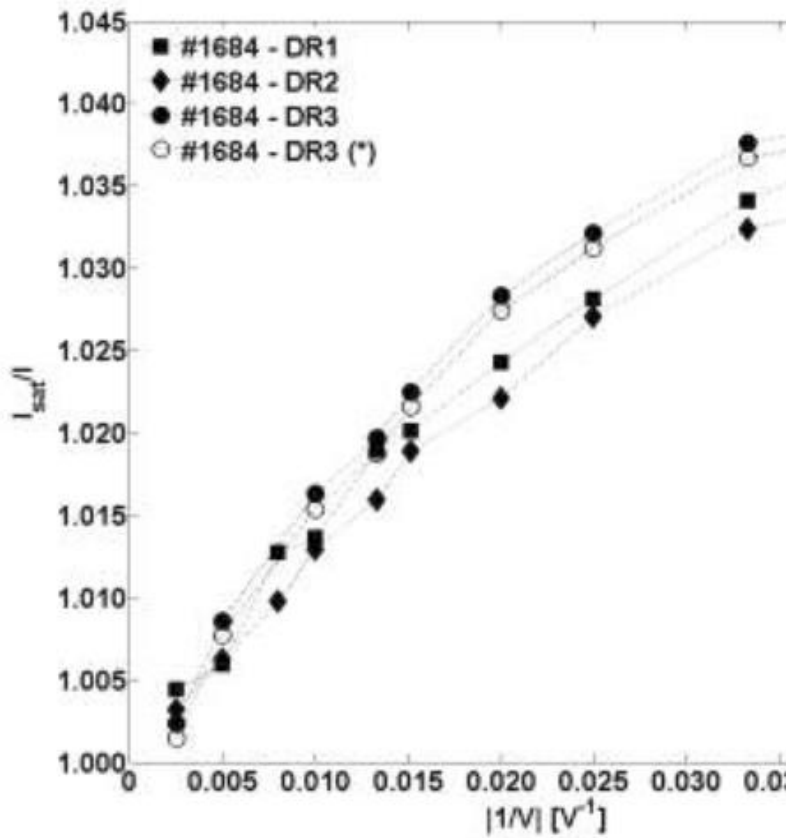
Volume recombination vs pulse length



Volume recombination vs pulse length



Initial recombination in carbon ions



Rossomme et al (2016)
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Reference dosimetry scanned beams

Gillin et al 2010
 Med Phys 37:154

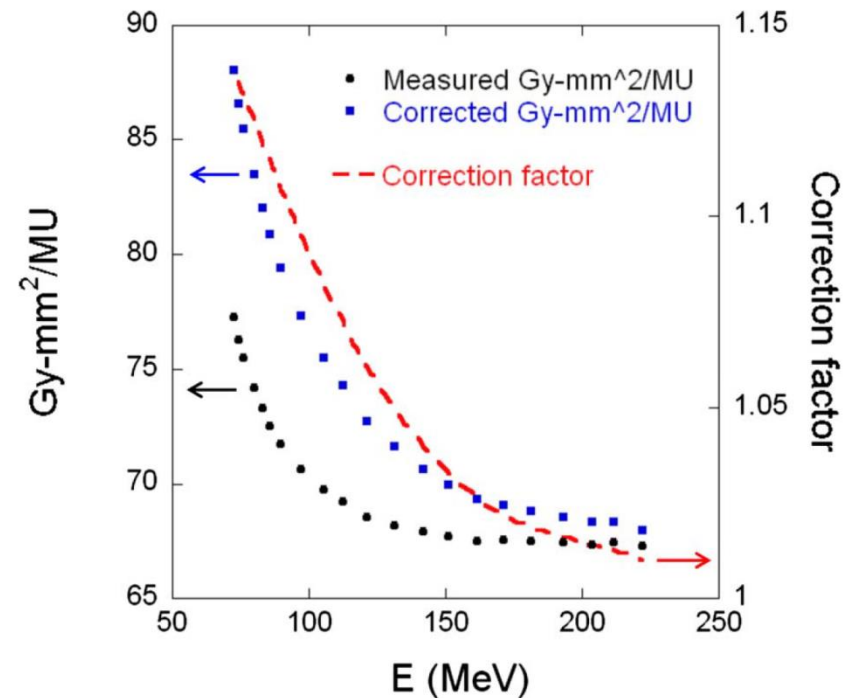
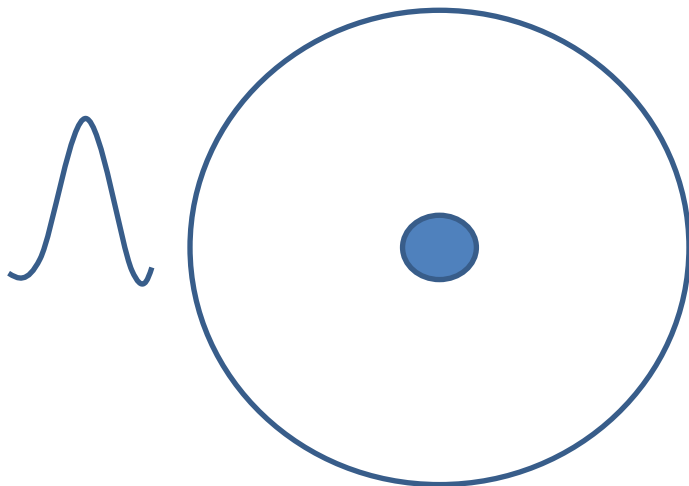
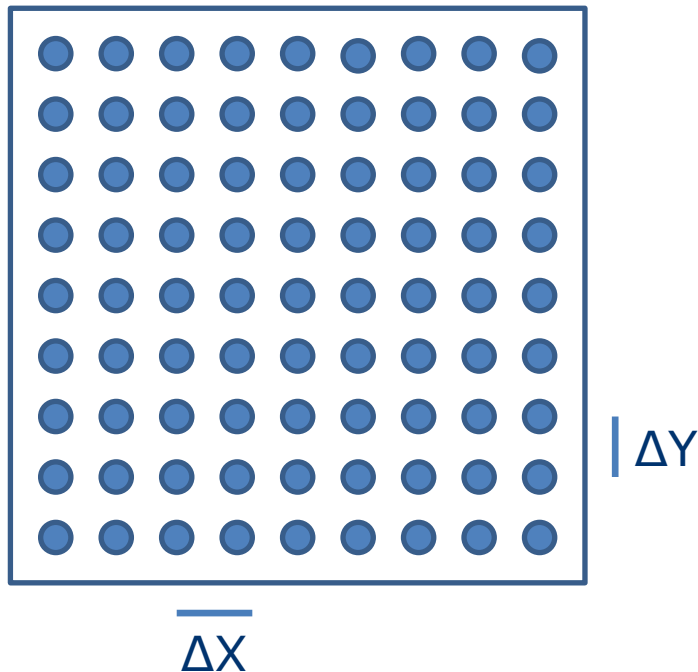


FIG. 5. Integral doses in Gy mm²/MU at the depth of 2 cm as a function of energy. Circles are measured integral doses; squares are corrected integral doses; and dashed line is the correction factors.

Reference dosimetry scanned beams

Jaekel et al Phys Med
Biol2004



$$D_{w,Q}^{cyl} = M_Q^{cyl} N_{D,w,Q_0}^{cyl} k_{Q,Q_0}^{cyl}$$

$$n = \frac{D_{w,Q}^{cyl} \Delta X \Delta Y}{(S/\rho)_w}$$

Relative dosimetry - LET dependence alanine

Bassler et al. 2008

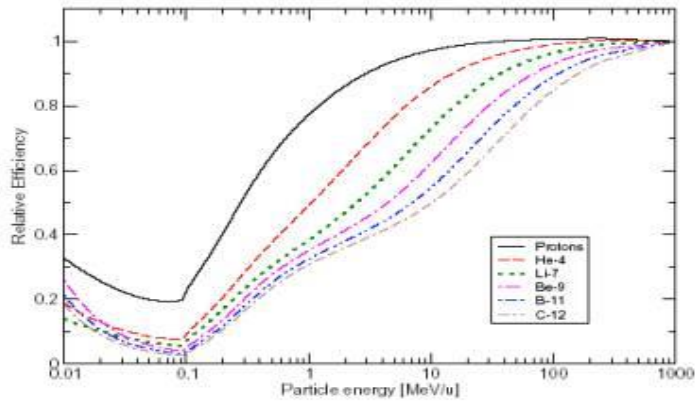
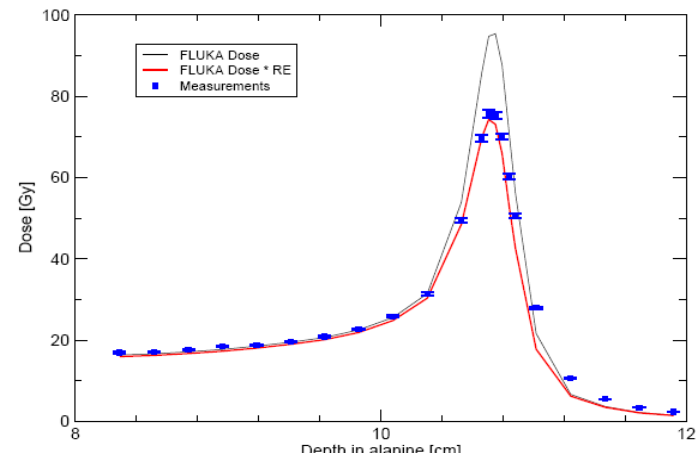


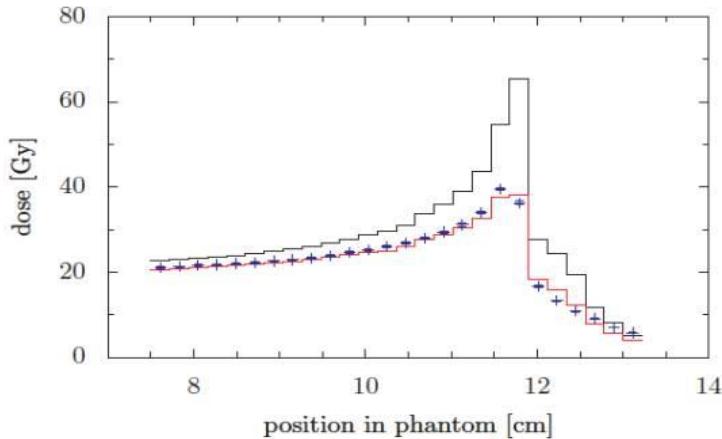
Fig. 1. Calculated relative efficiencies for infinitesimal thin detectors, without fading effects.

CERN anti-proton beam



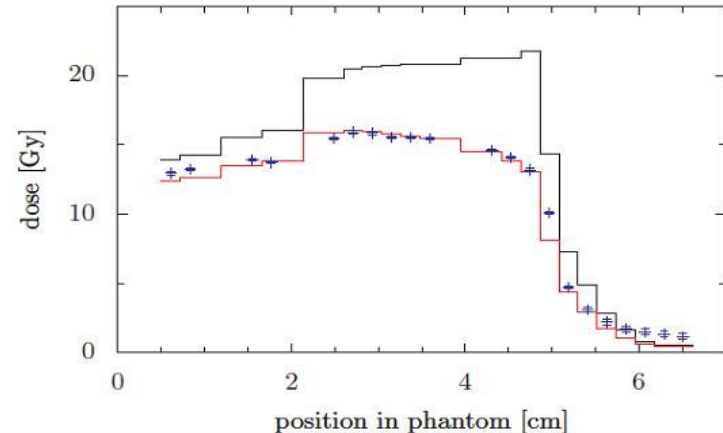
Herrmann et al. 2011

270,55 $\frac{MeV}{u}$ ^{12}C with RiFi

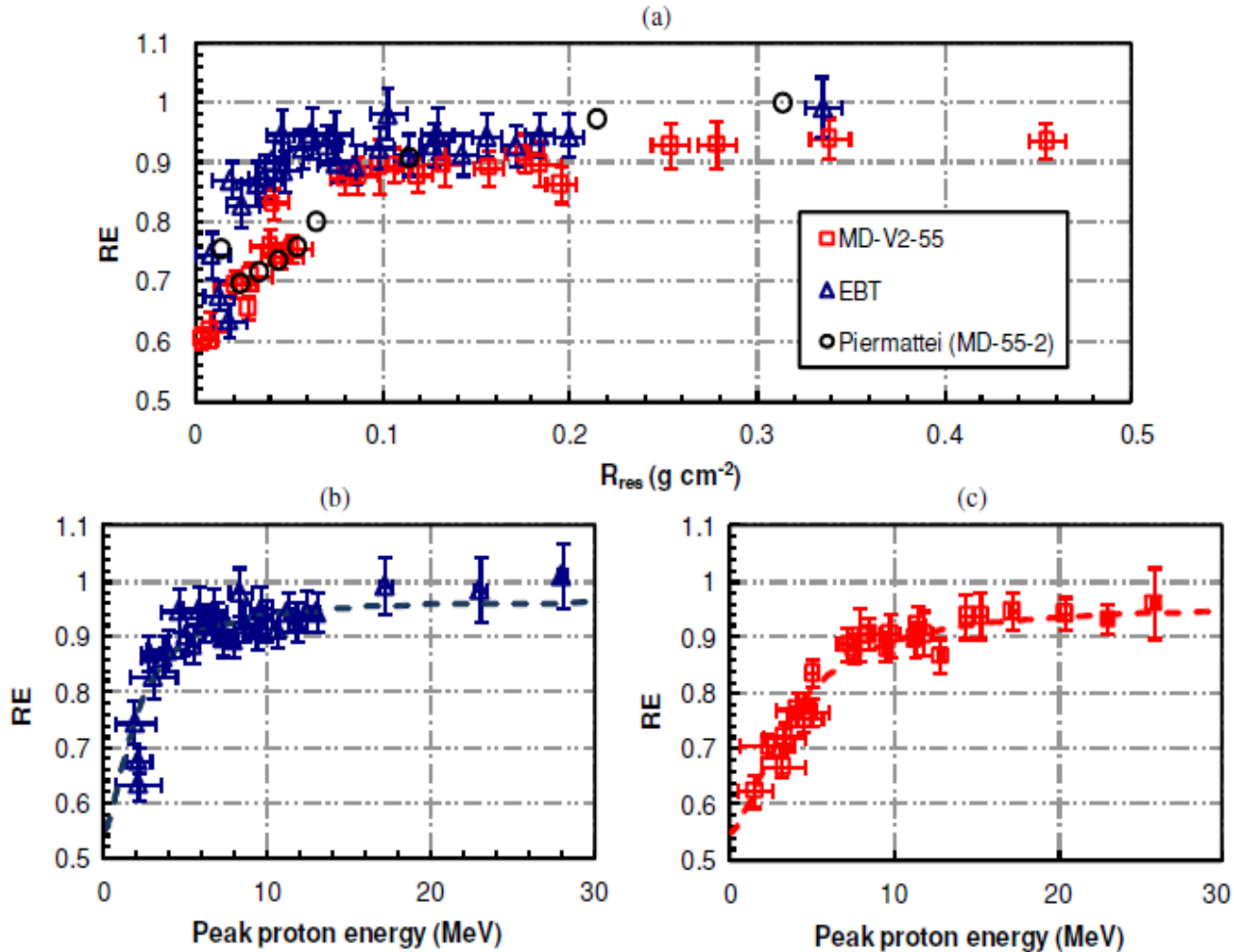


GSI ^{12}C ion beam

20 Gy plateau- dose

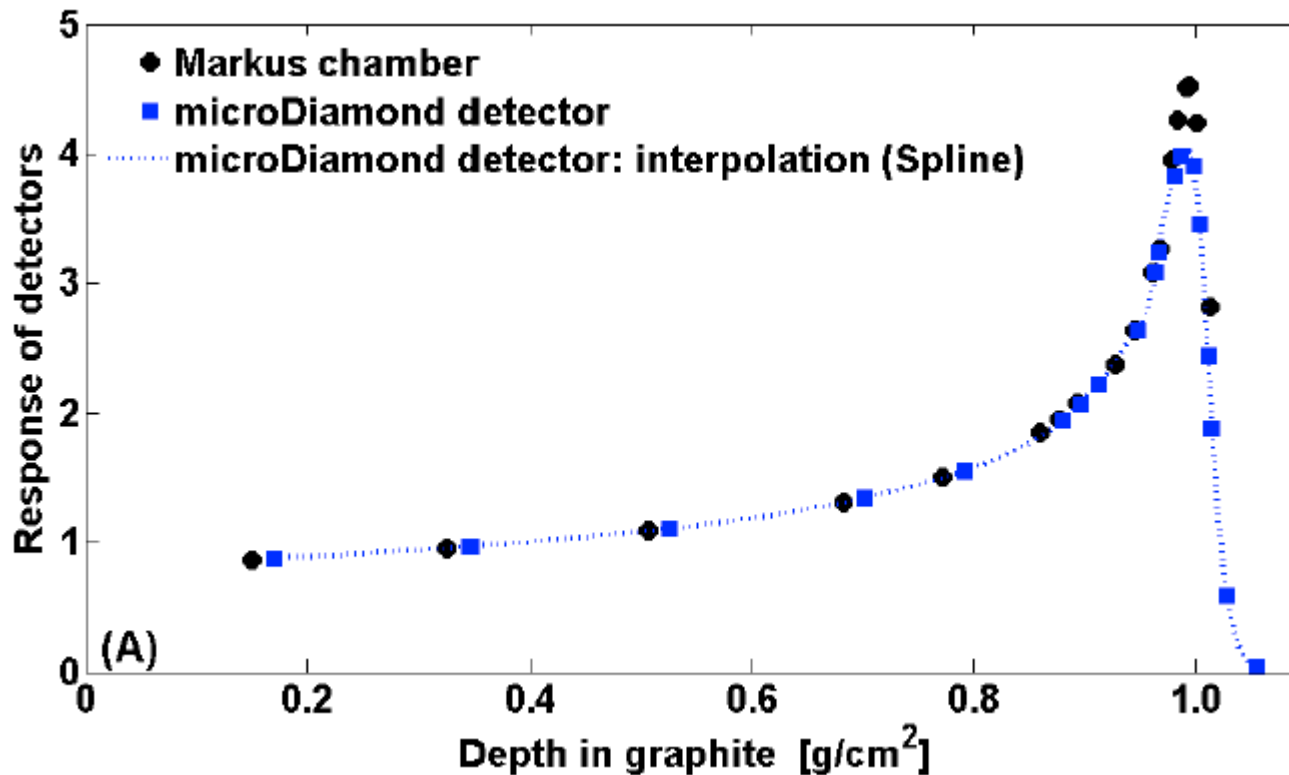


Relative dosimetry - LET dependence RCfilm



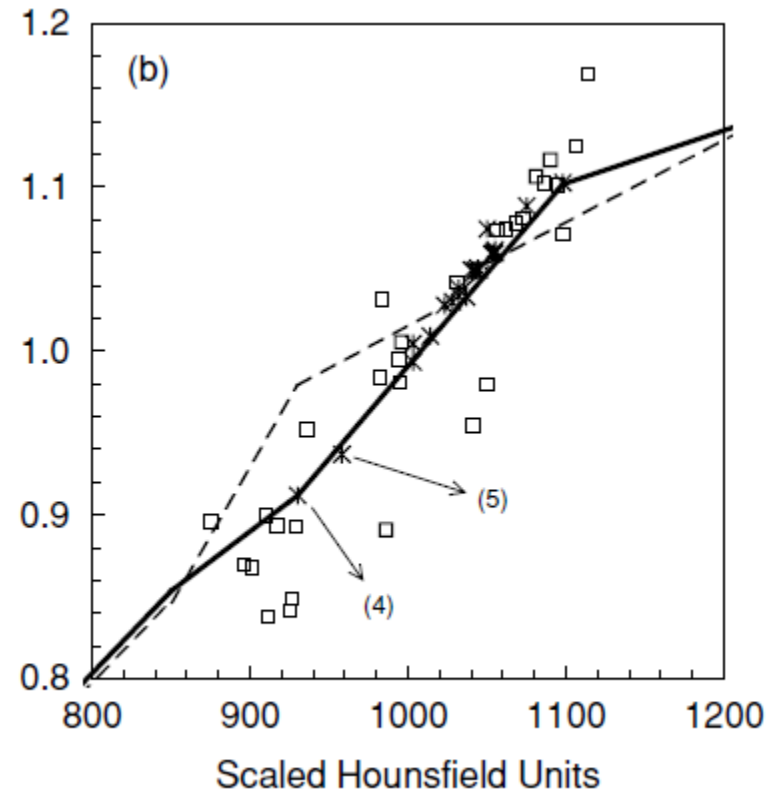
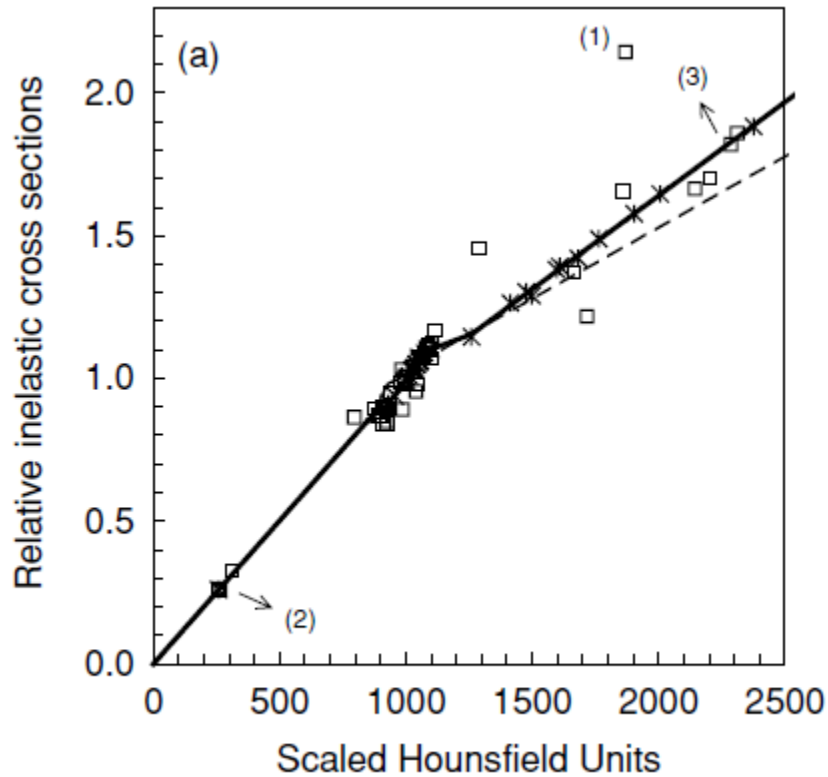
Kirby et al (2010) Phys. Med. Biol. 58:417

PTW microDiamond



Rosomme et al (2016)
Phys. Med. Biol. *submitted*

Tissue-equivalence



Palmans et al. (2005) *Phys. Med. Biol.* 50:991-1000

Other issues not discussed

Partial irradiation detectors

Detector arrays

Resolution requirements

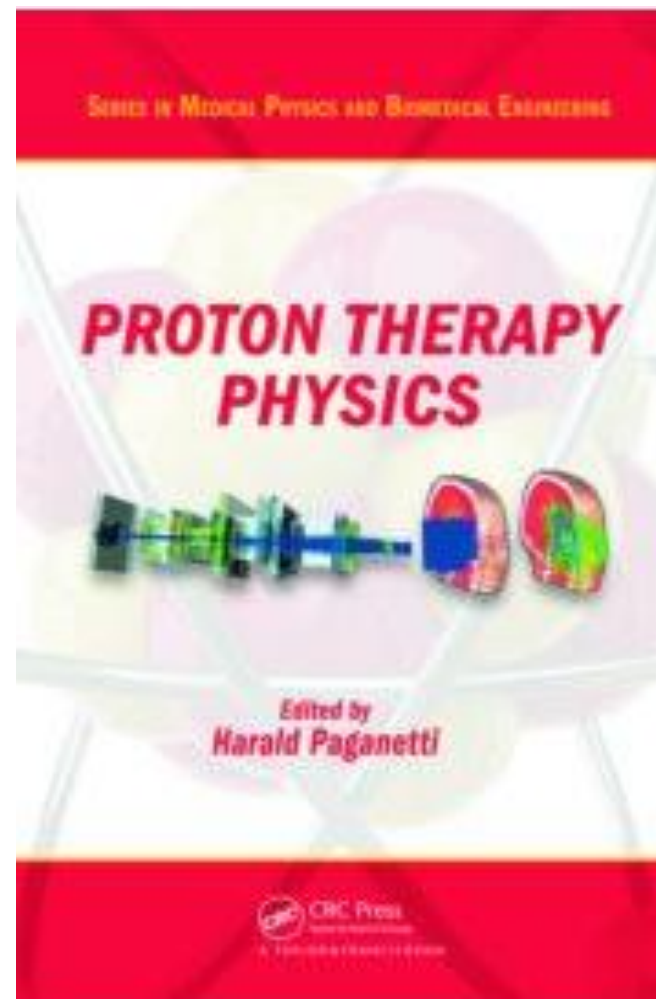
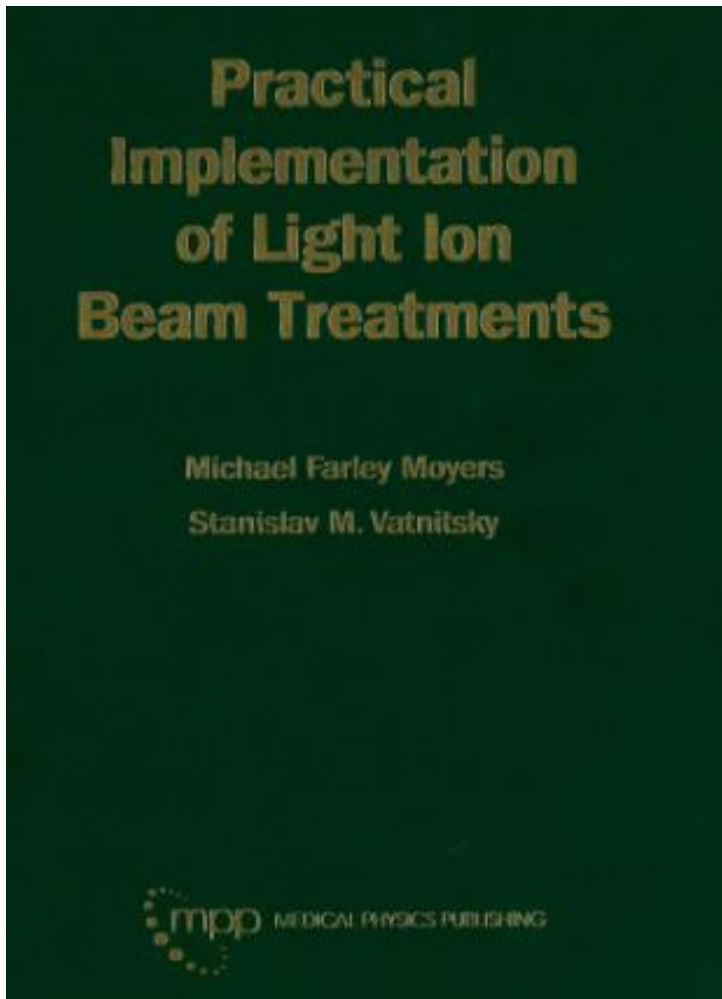
Audit and dose verification

Alternative quantities for absorbed dose (microdosimetry and nanodosimetry based)

Track structure approaches

Biological dosimetry

Additional reading



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