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Performance of a low gain avalanche detector in a medical linac and characterisation of the beam profile

Low gain avalanche detectors can measure charged particle fluences with high speed and spatial precision, and are a promising technology for radiation monitoring and dosimetry. A detector has been tested in a medical linac where single particles were observed with a time resolution of 50 ps. The integrated response is similar to a standard ionising chamber but with a spatial precision twenty times finer, and a temporal precision over 100 million times better, with the capability to measure the charge deposited by a single linac pulse. The unprecedented resolving power allows the structure of the $\sim 3 \mu\text{s}$ linac pulses to be viewed and the 350 ps sub-pulses in the train to be observed.

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