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# UHDR DOSIMETRY FOR FLASH-RT

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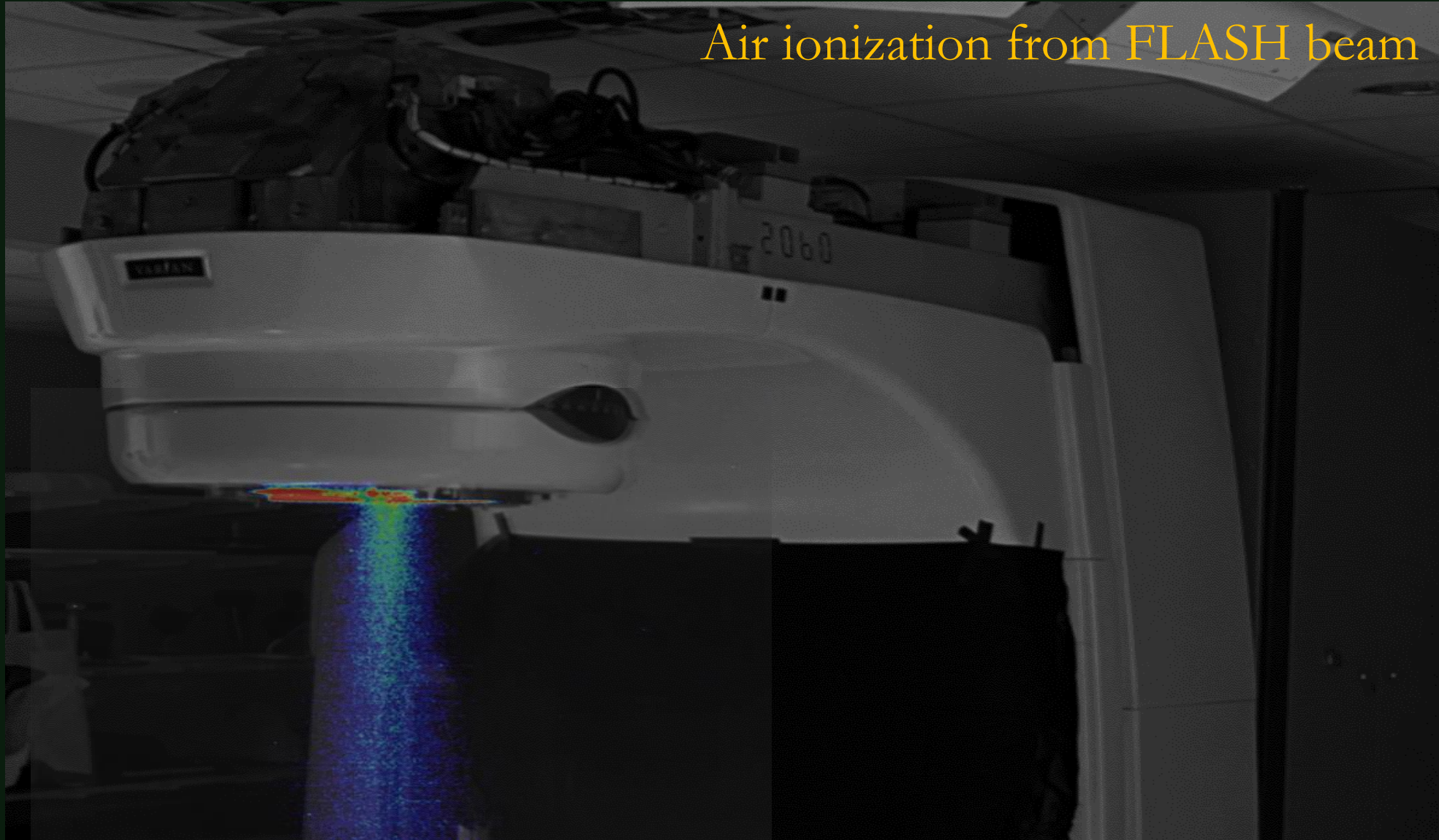
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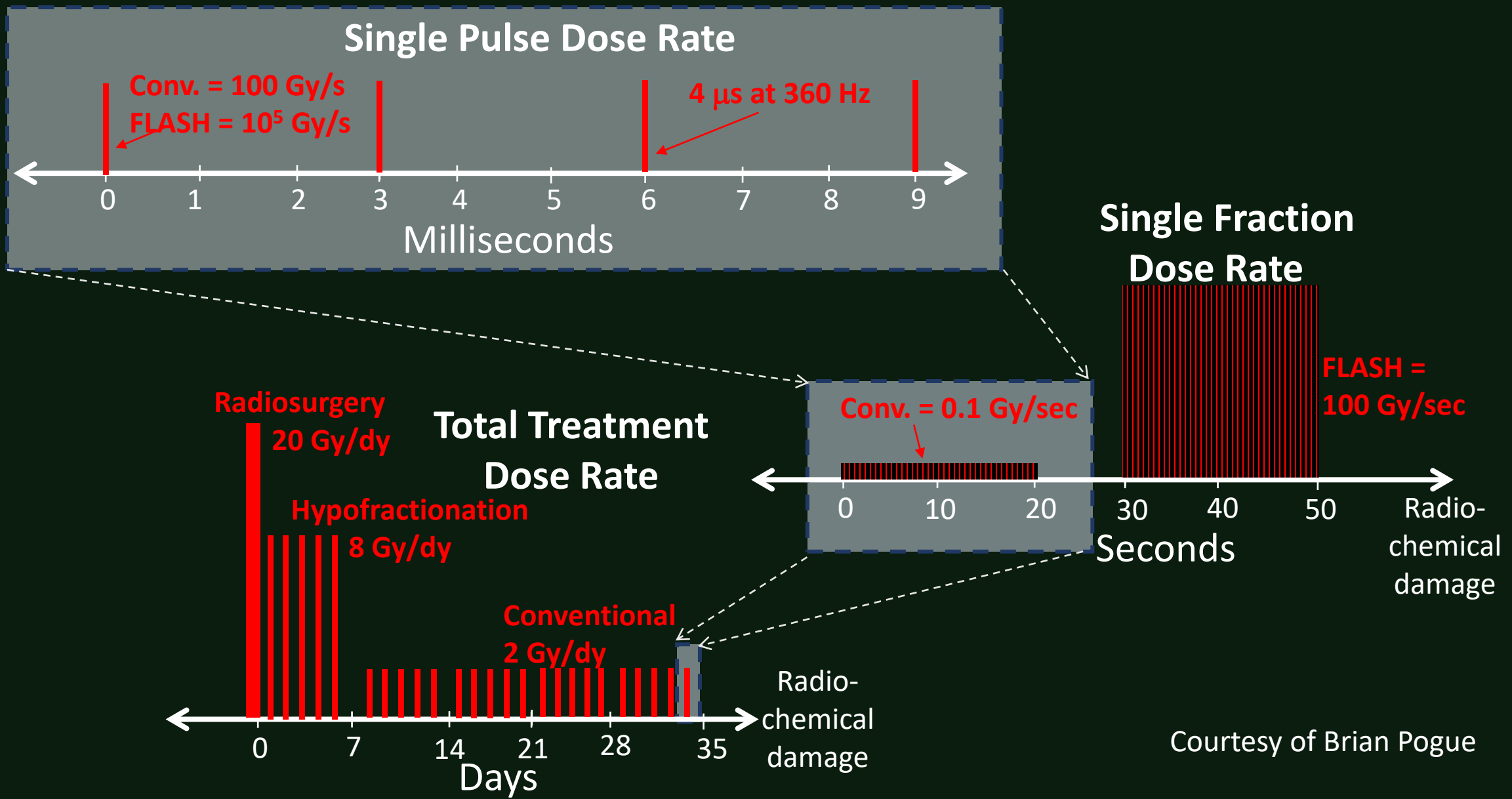
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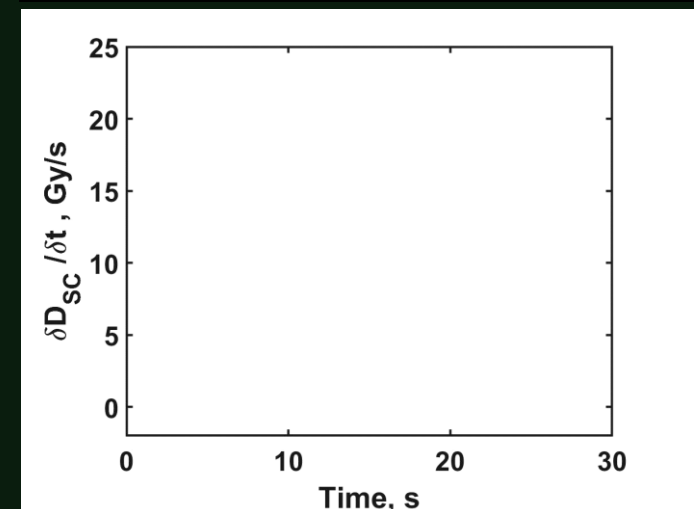
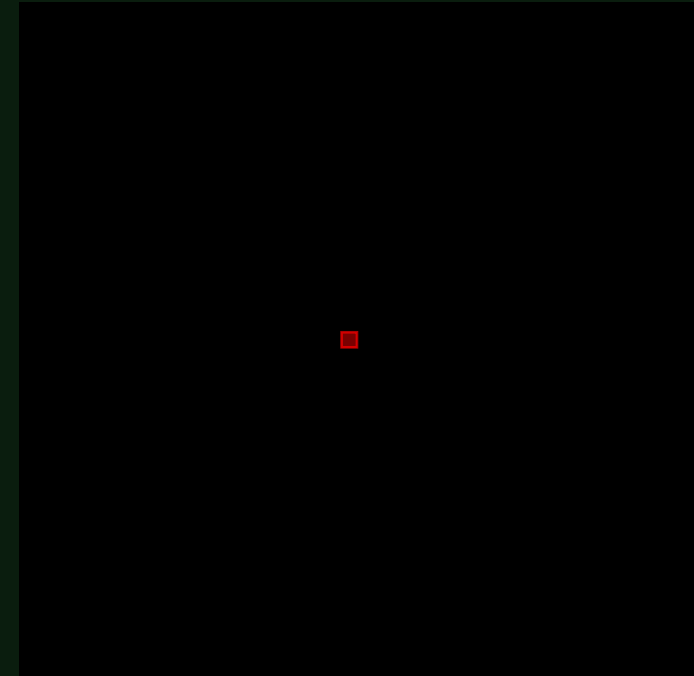
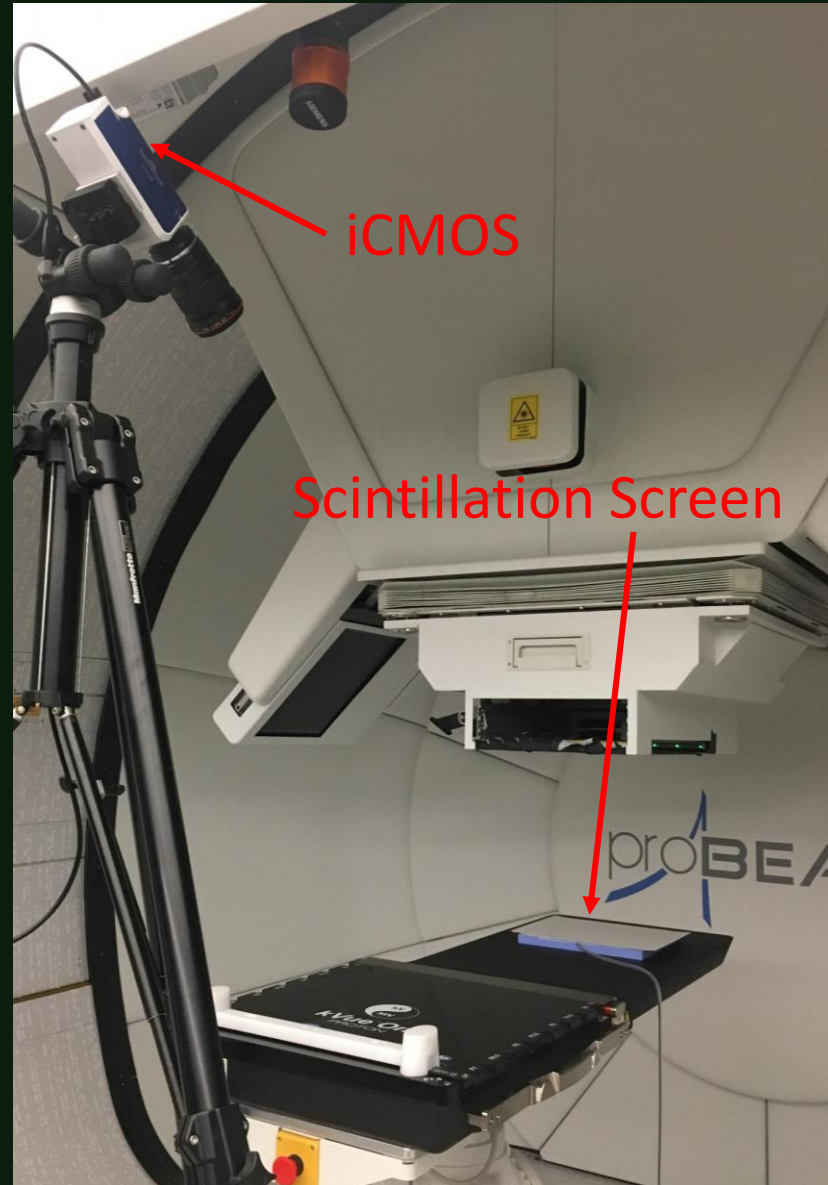


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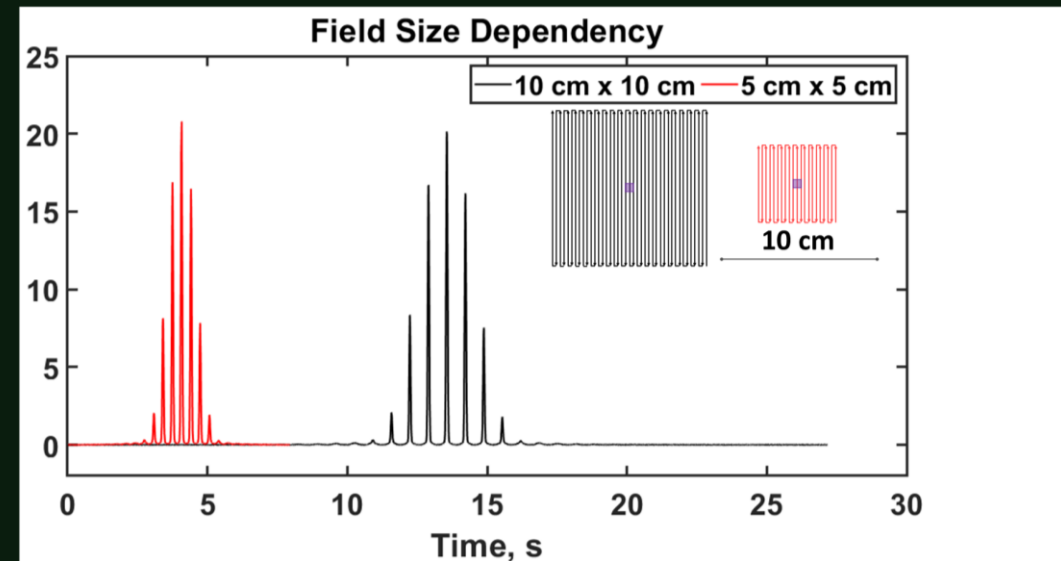
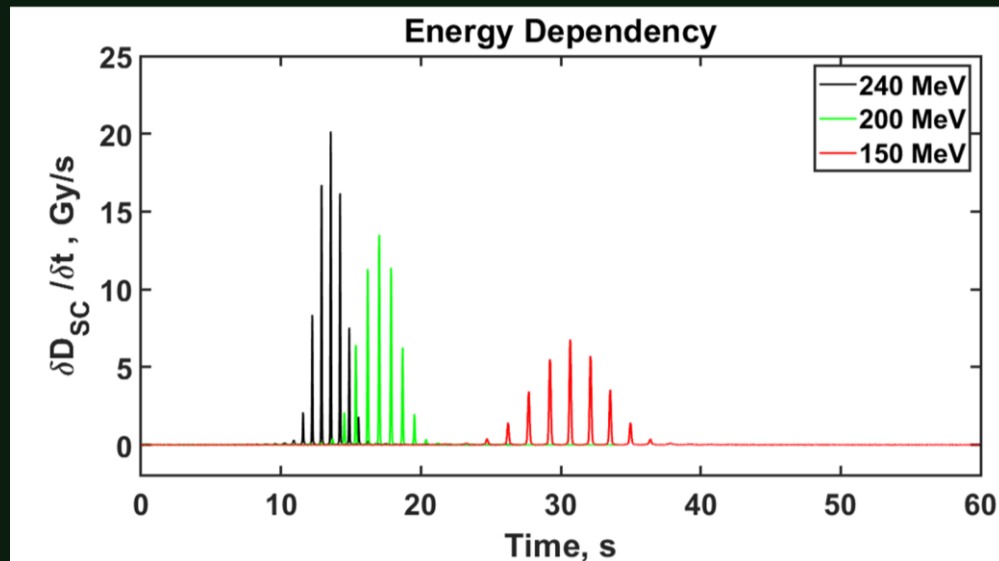
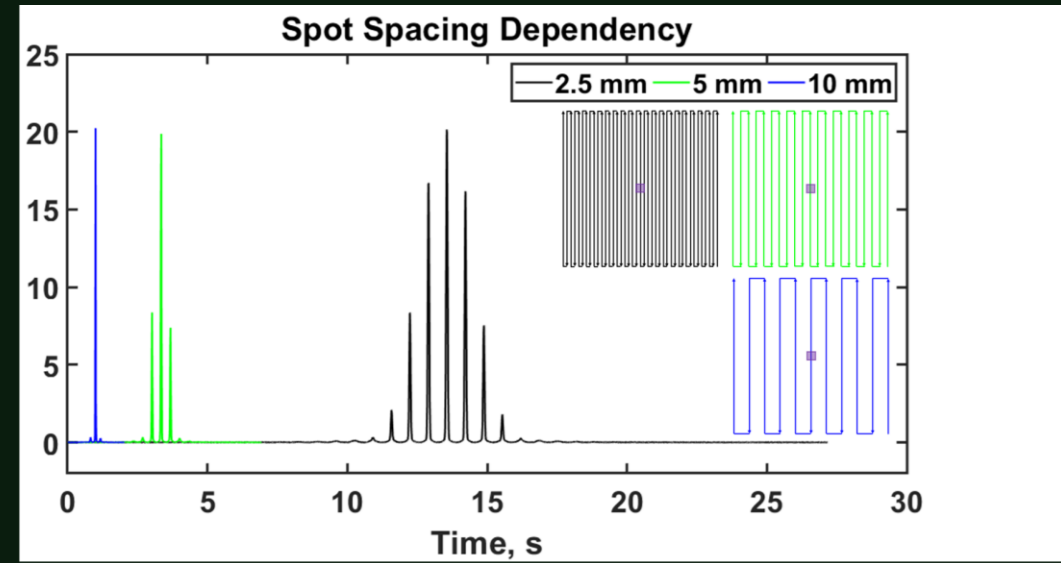
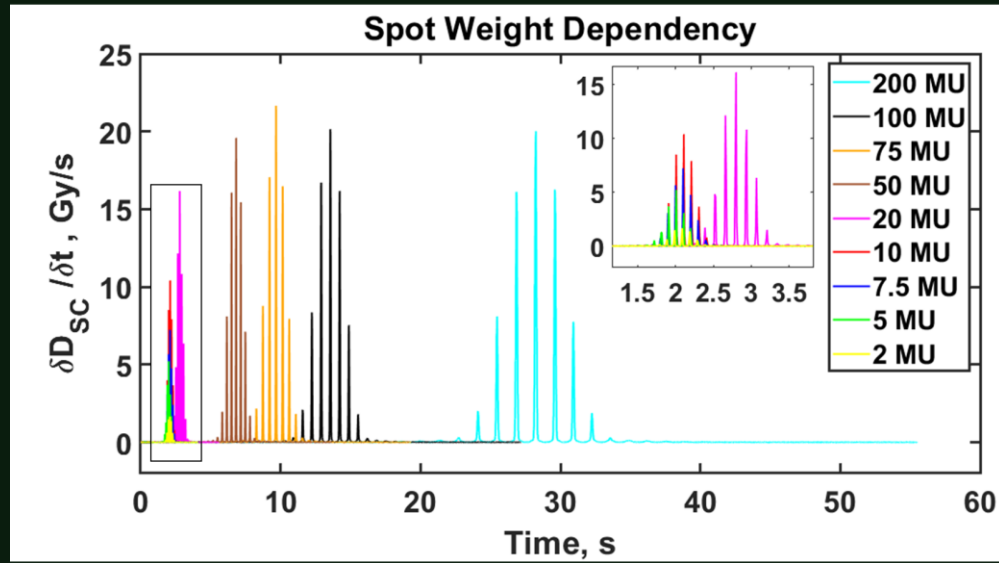


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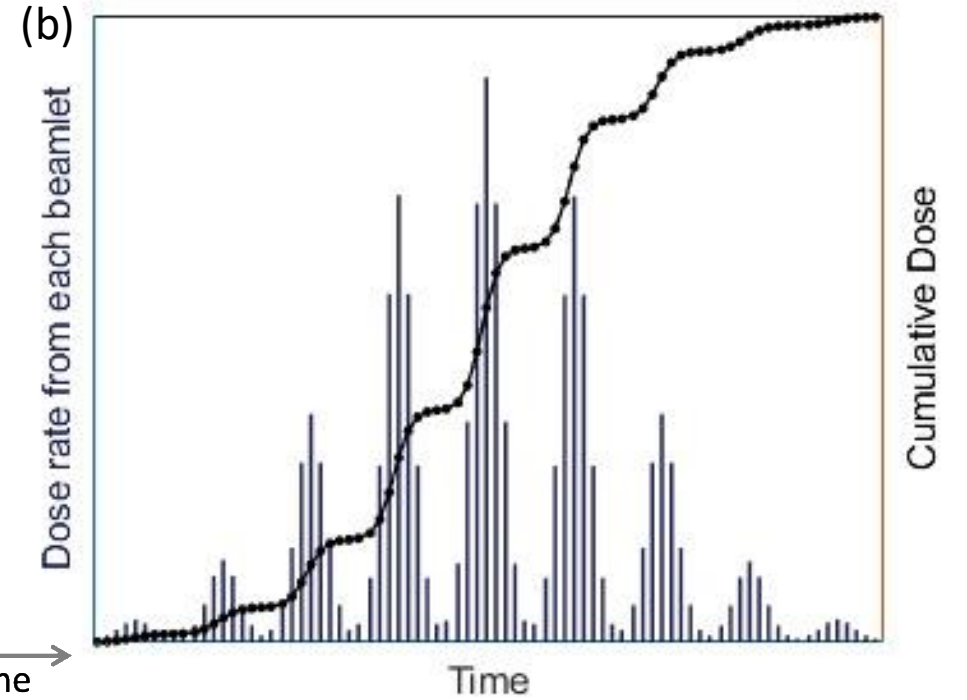
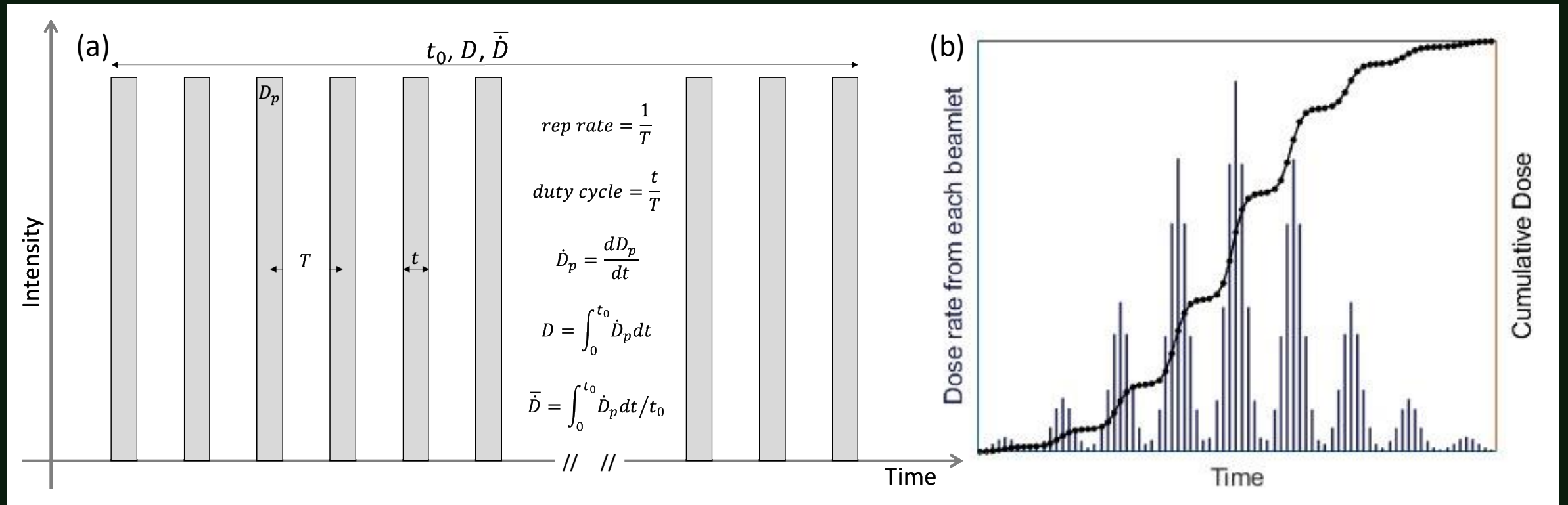
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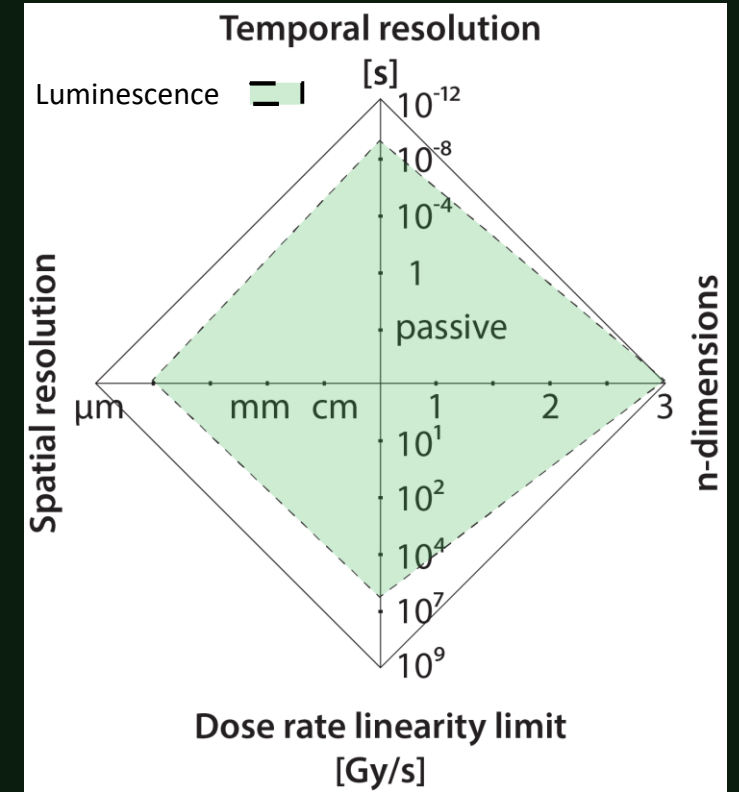
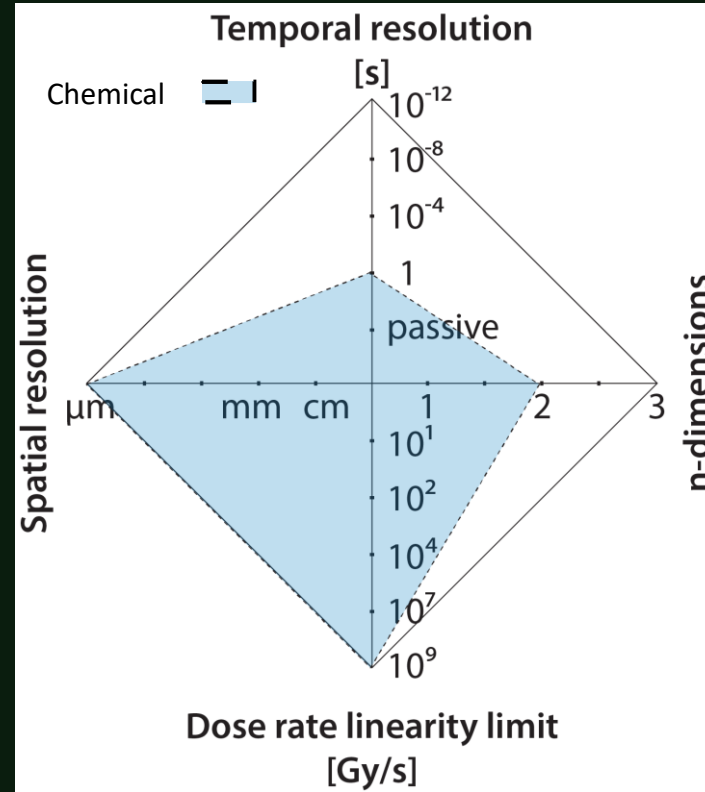
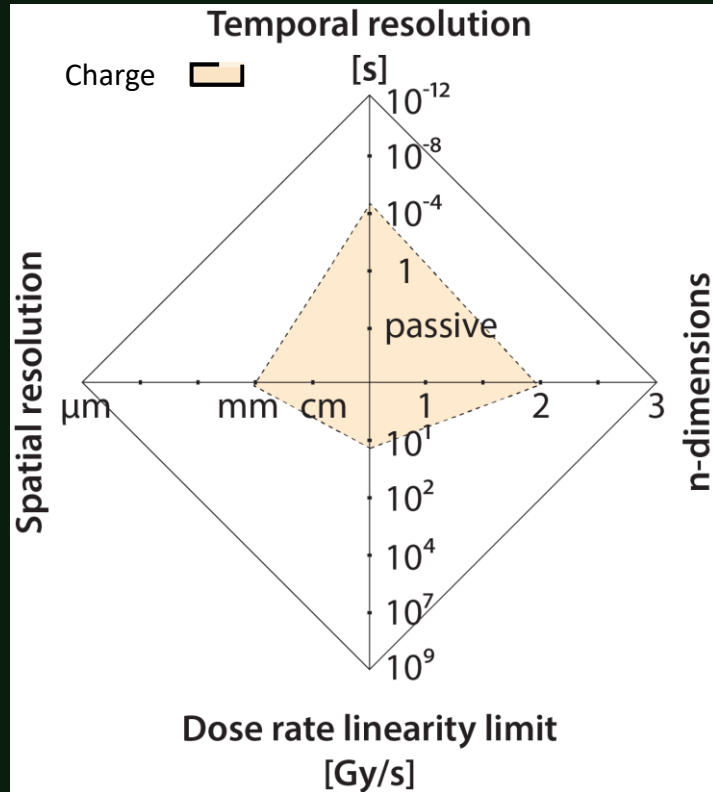
# FLASH RT – proton



# Dose rate and delivery dynamics

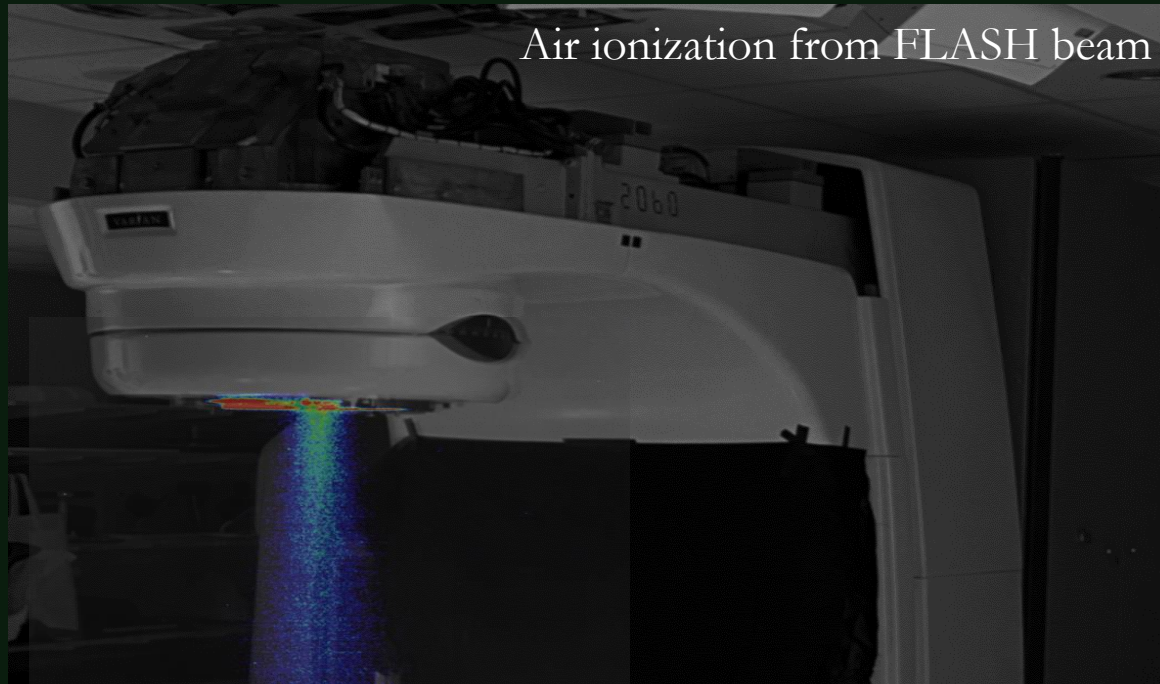


# FLASH RT – dosimetry





# FLASH RT – dual purpose linac in clinical settings

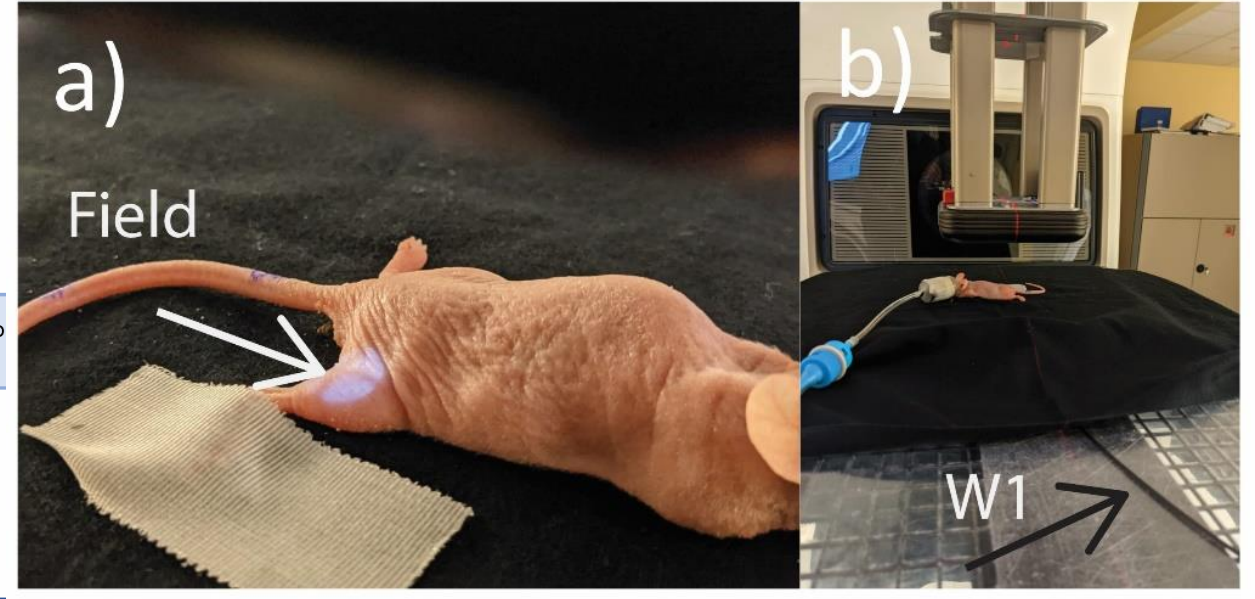
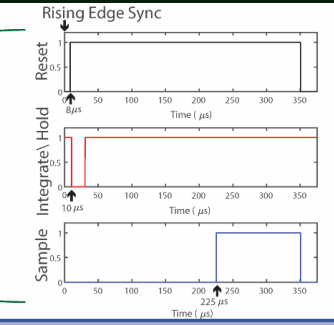
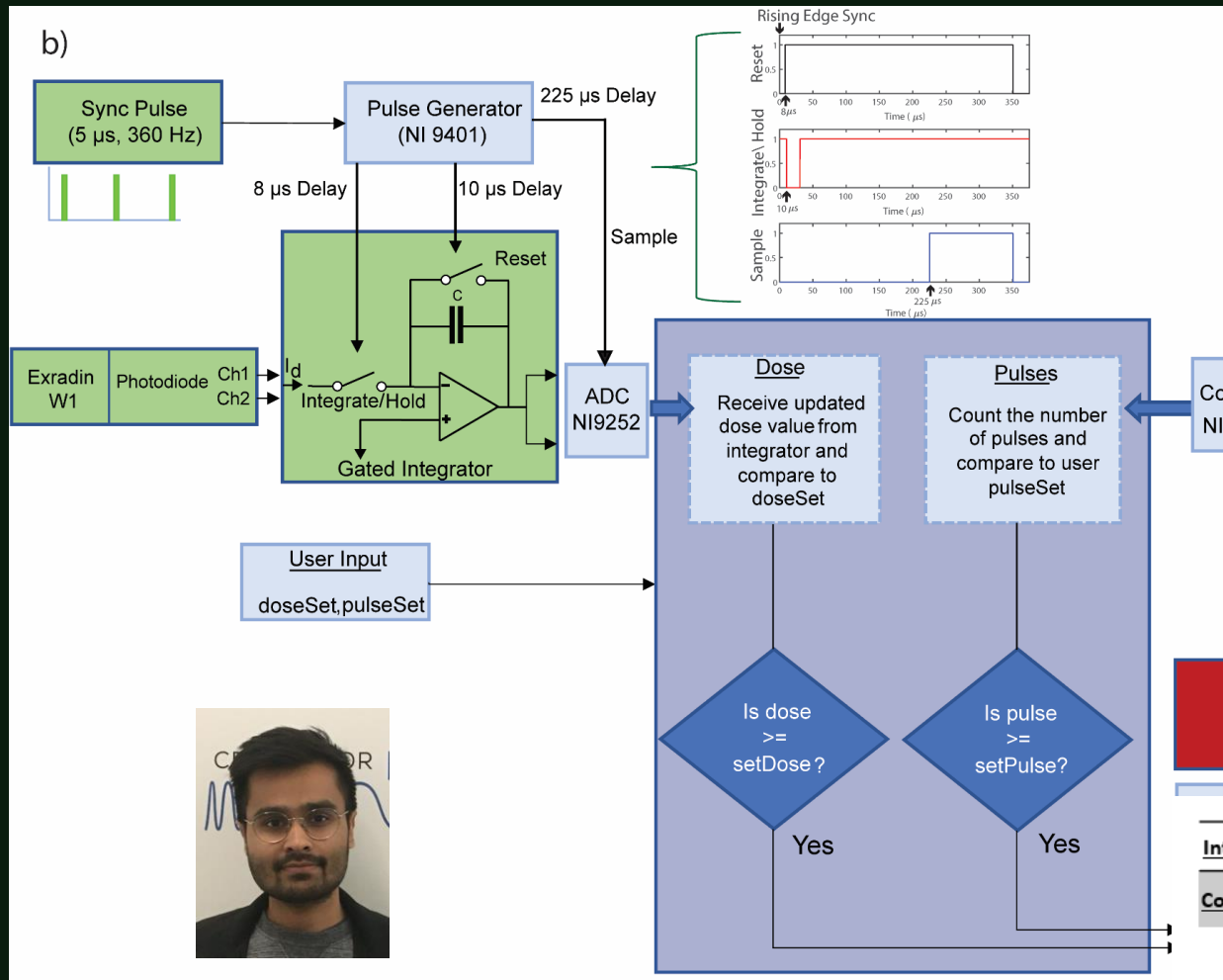


- Converted over 150 times for > 2 years
- 300 Gy/sec at isocenter and 2000Gy/sec at face plate
- Minimally-modified clinical settings
- Each conversion takes 2 minutes, essentially turnkey

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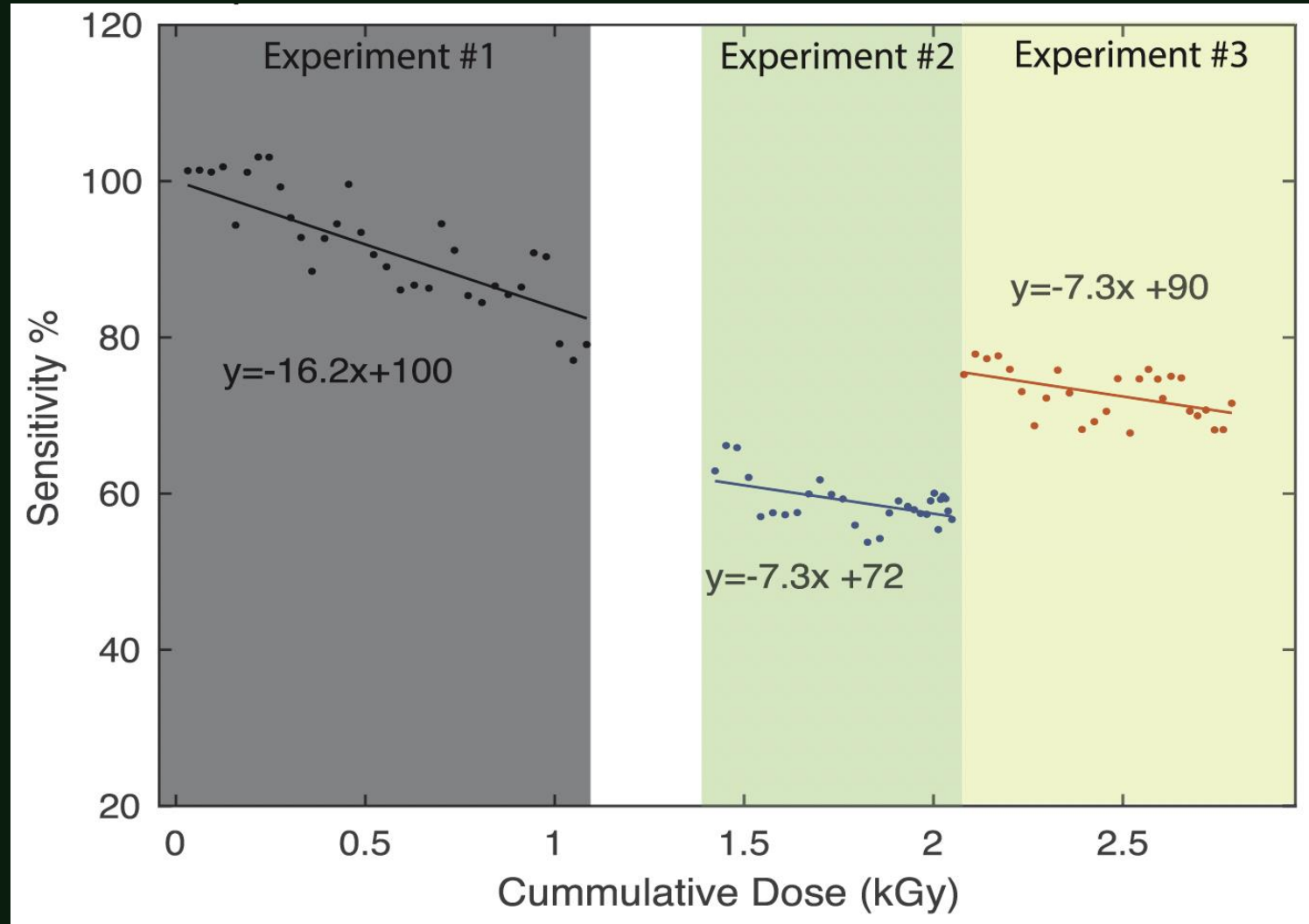
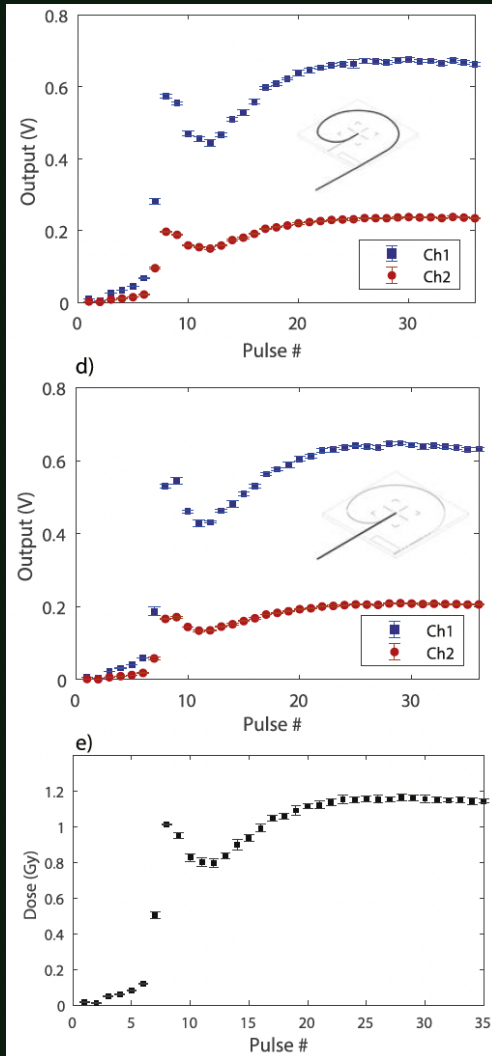


Beam Hold (RPM) Off

Intended Dose (Gy)	5	10	20	30
Controller Dose (Gy)	5.2 $\pm$ 0.1	10.4 $\pm$ 0.2	20.5 $\pm$ 0.5	30.45 $\pm$ 0.2
Film Dose (Gy)	5.7 $\pm$ 0.1	11.1 $\pm$ 0.1	21.8 $\pm$ 0.7	31.7 $\pm$ 0.3
Difference (Gy)	0.48 $\pm$ 0.1	0.63 $\pm$ 0.2	1.25 $\pm$ 0.9	1.35 $\pm$ 0.4
Num.Pulses	{15,14,14,16,15}	{28,24,28,29,25}	{42,38,38,43,42}	{56,53,53,54,58,58}

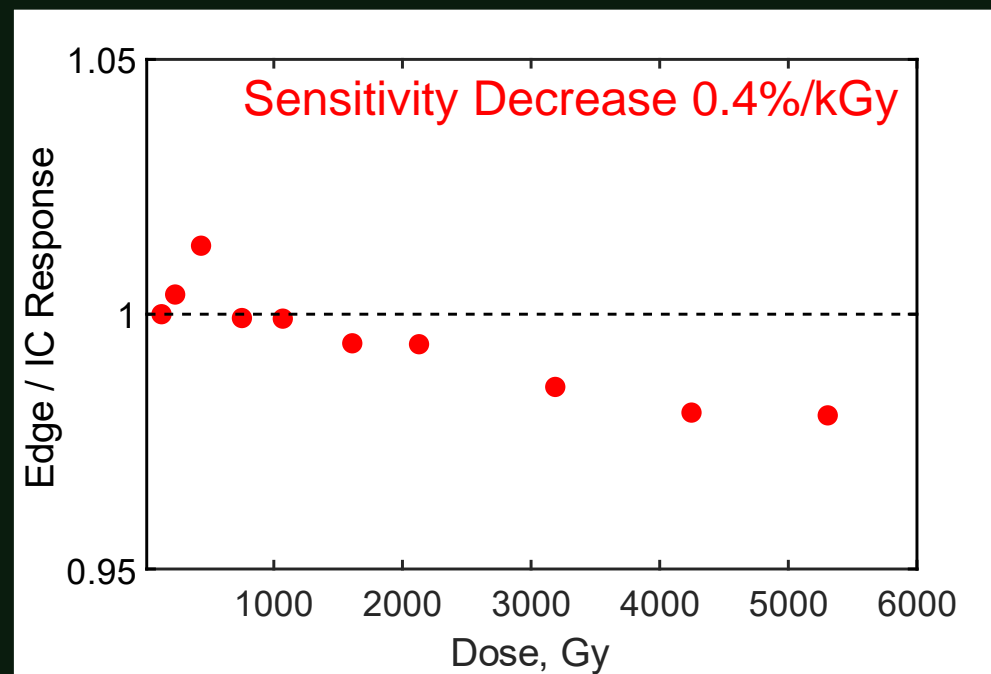
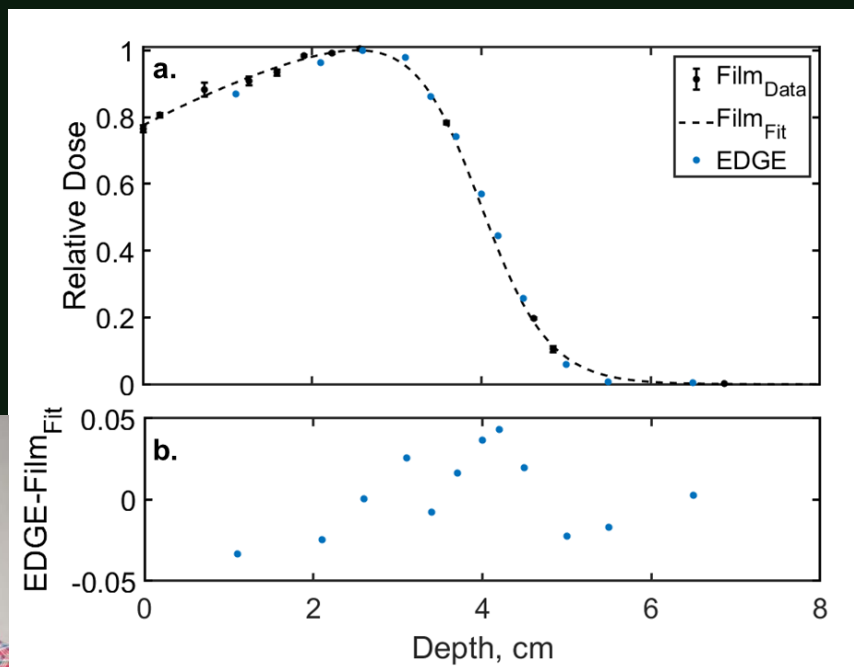
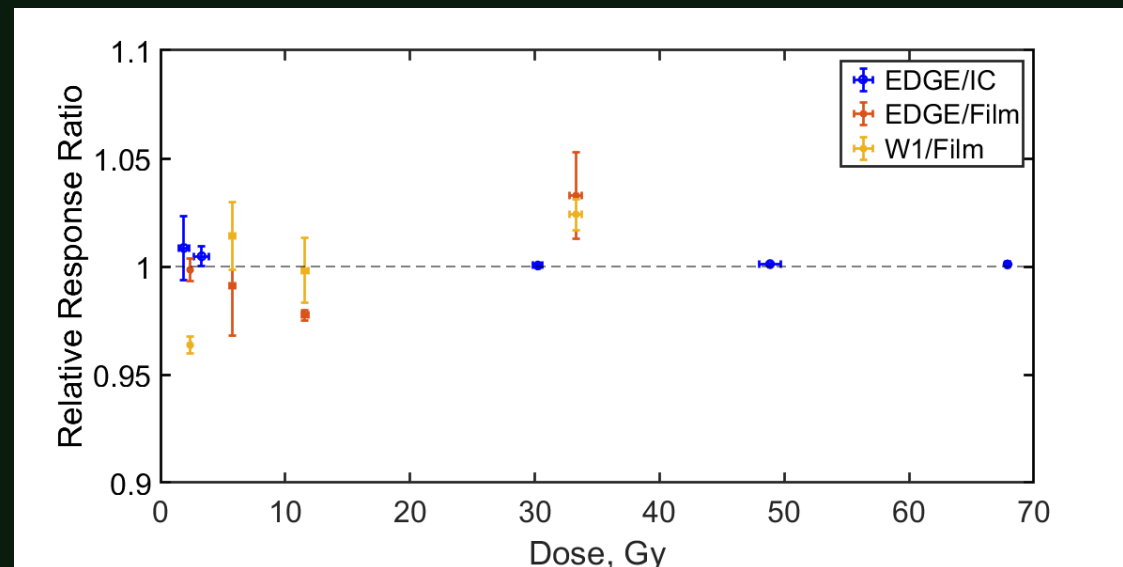
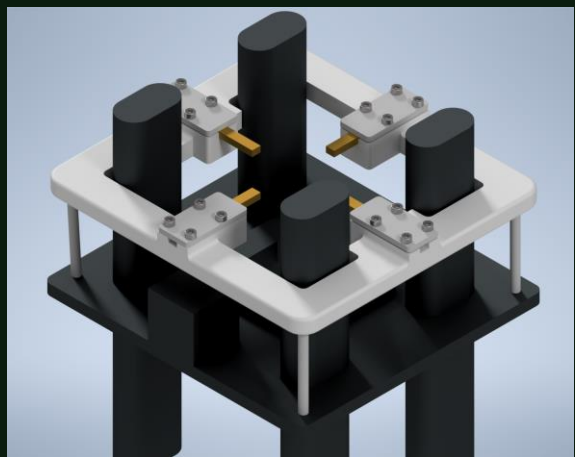
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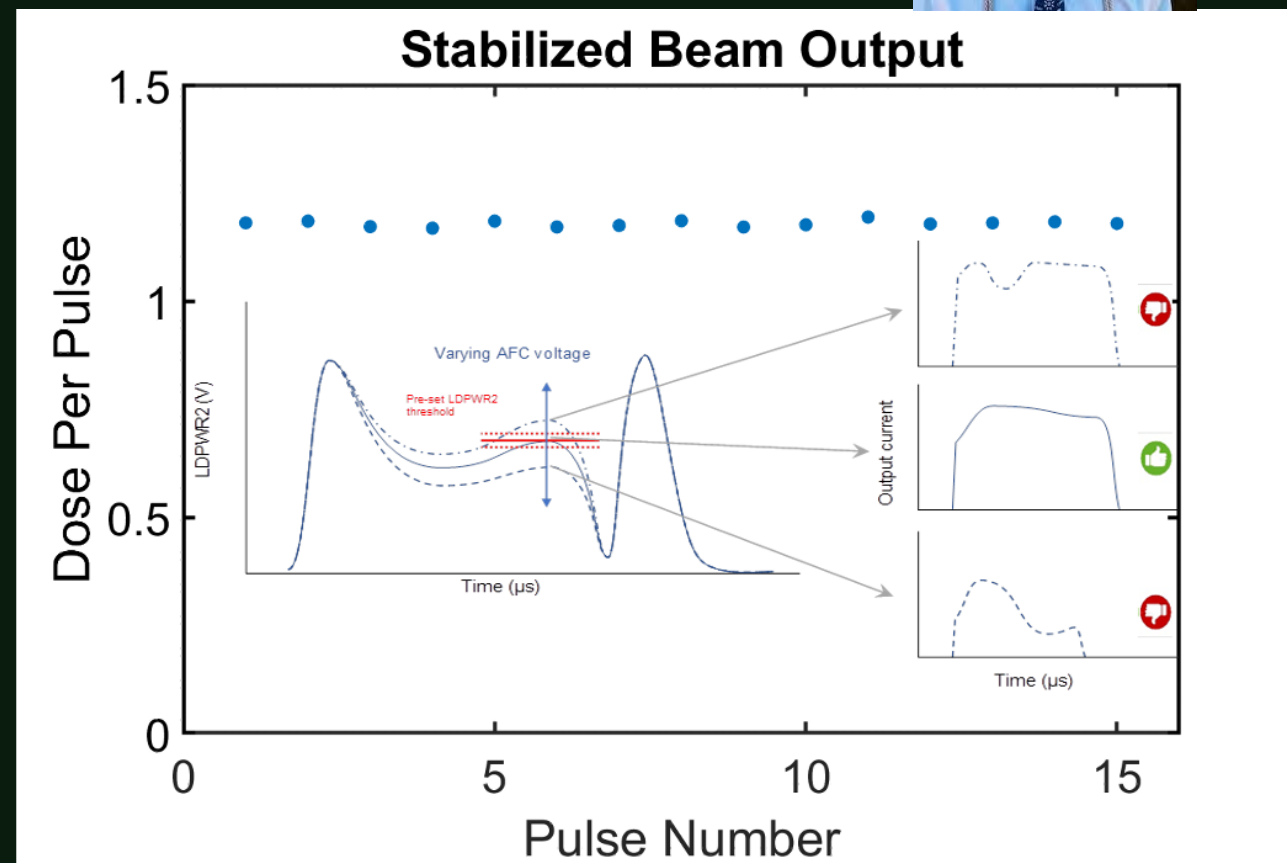
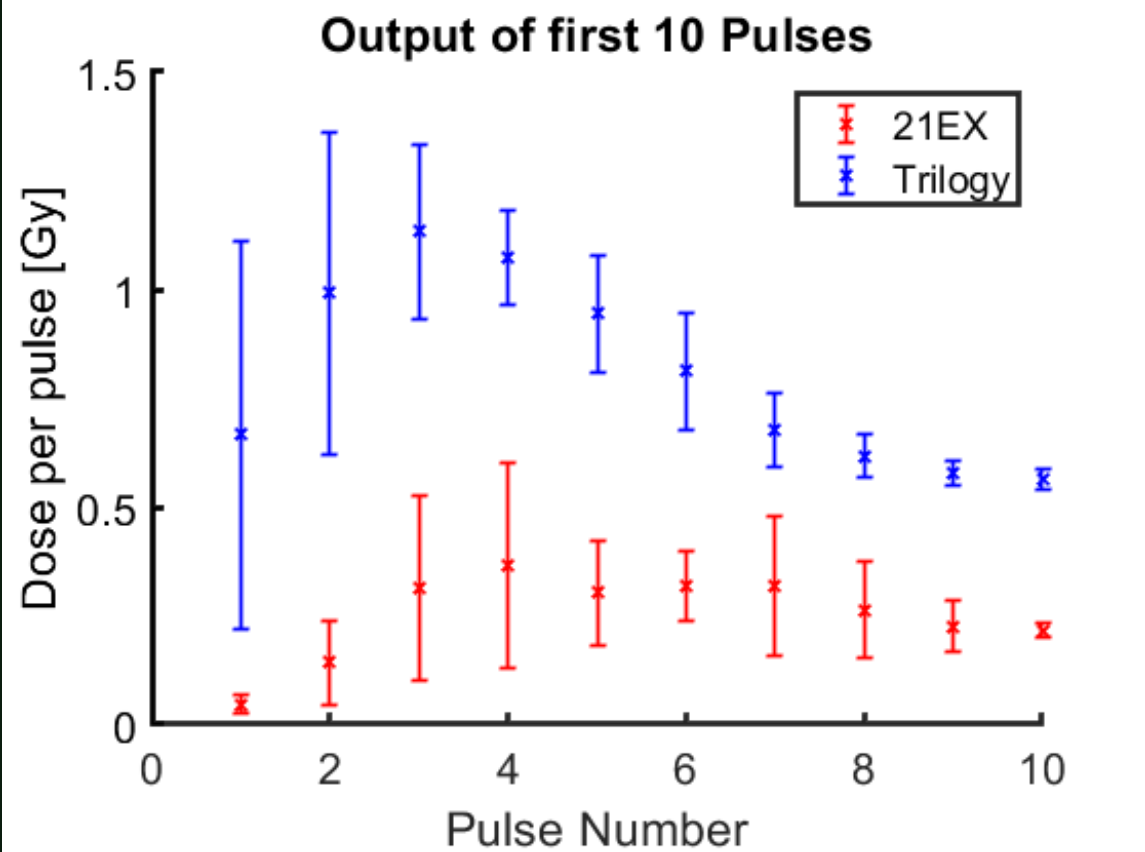


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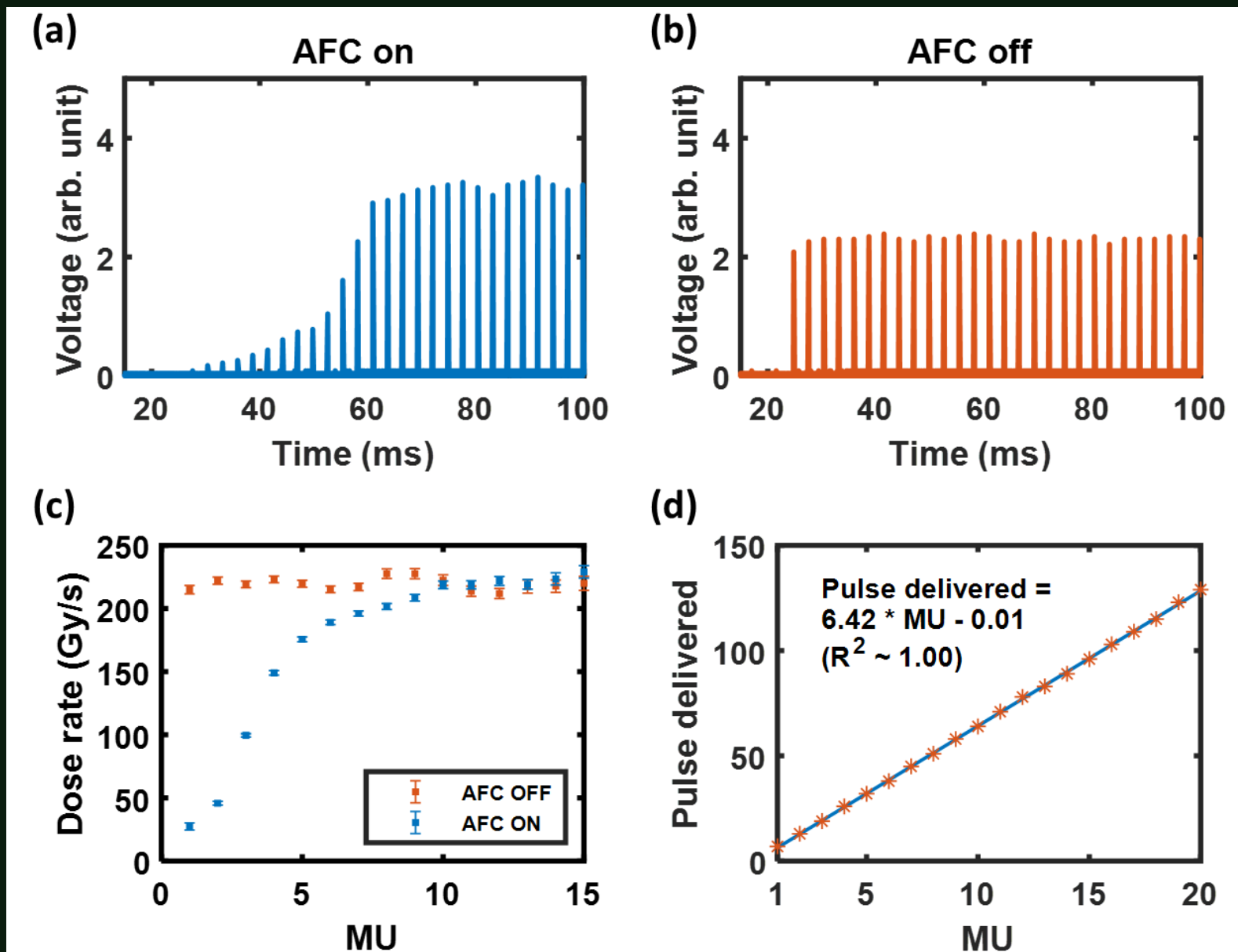
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# Beyond pulse counting



# Beyond pulse counting



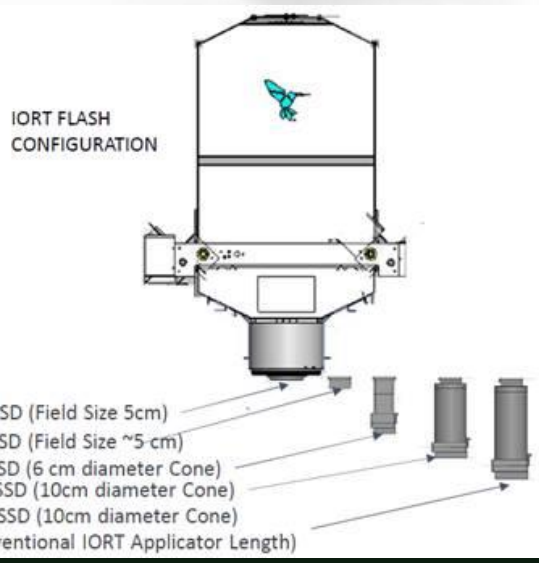
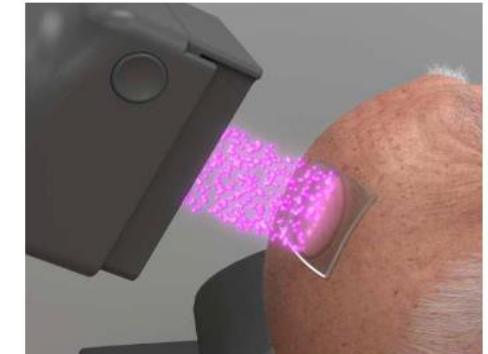
# UHDR Mobetron



Dedicated FLASH Irradiator: 2 FLASH Channels – 6 & 9 MeV  
 Conventional Channels – 6 & 9 MeV

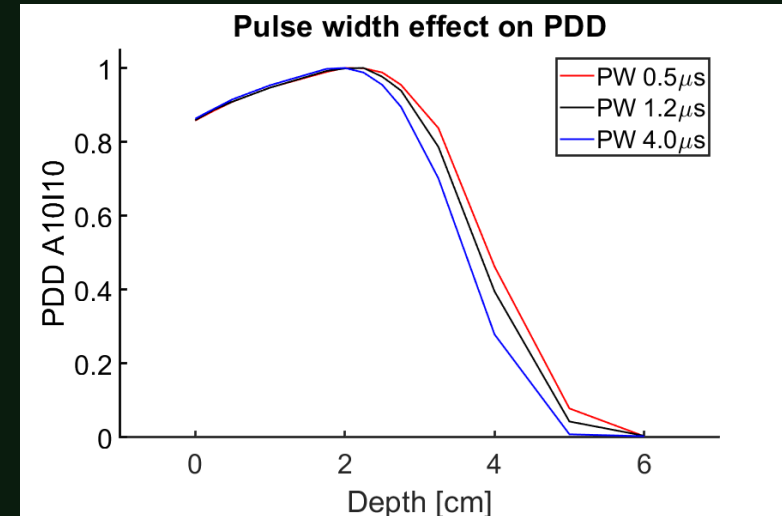
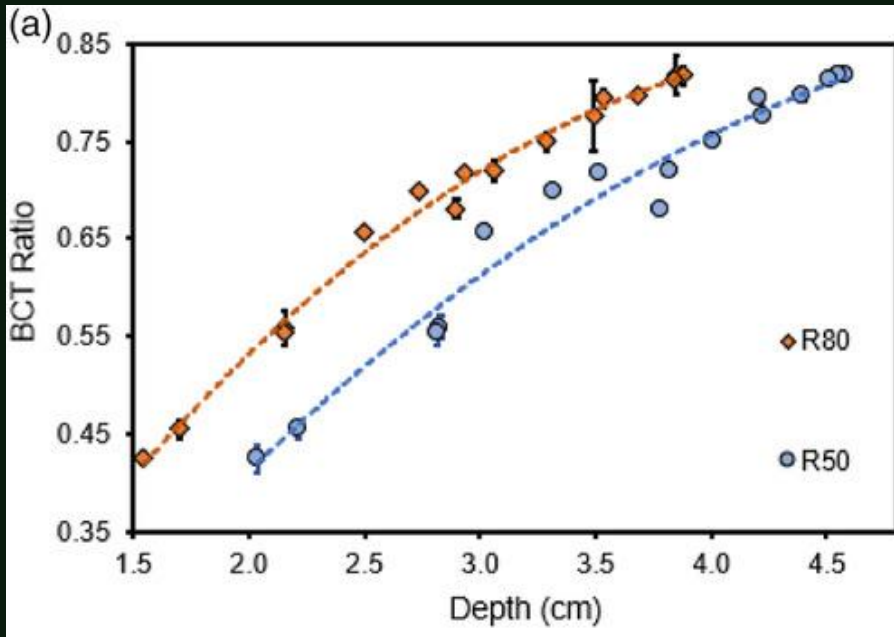
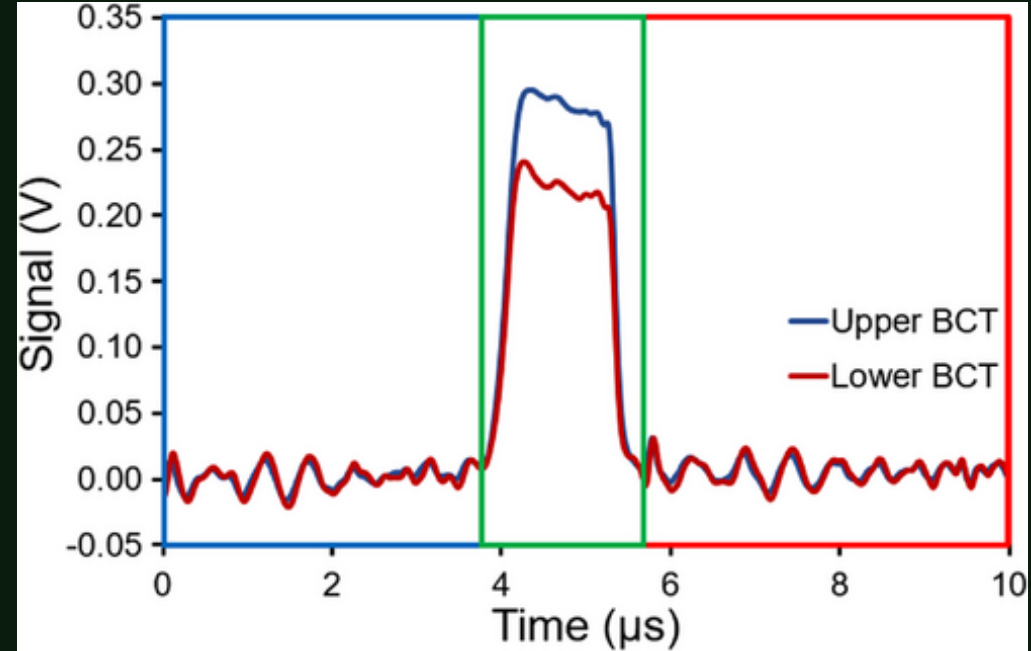
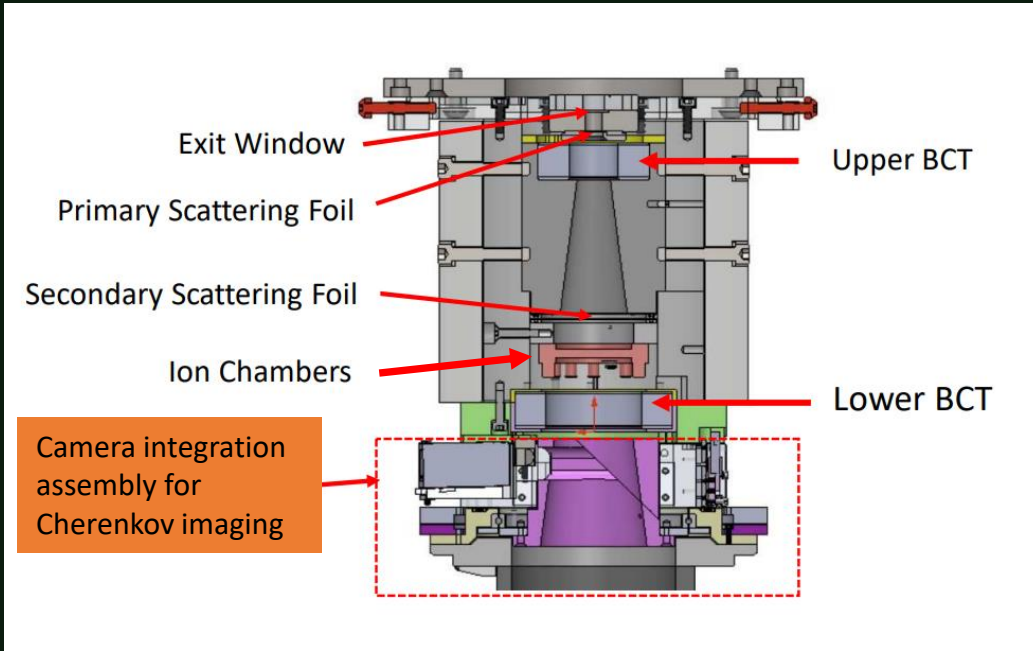


Superficial Electron Therapy  
 Variety of adapters, geometrically uncomplicated  
 Curative dose, low complications



	Dual Purpose linac		Mobetron FLASH-IQ				
	Animals	Humans	A	B	C	D	E
<b>Energy (MeV)</b>	10	10	6 & 9	6 & 9	6 & 9	6 & 9	6 & 9
<b>Pulse width (us)</b>	3.25	3.25	0.5-4	0.5-4	0.5-4	0.5-4	0.5-4
<b>Dose Rate (Gy/S)</b>	40-3000	40-300	1251-1387	1066-1065	444-600	236-238	153-155
<b>Dose per pulse (Gy)</b>	0.5 - 4	0.5 - 1	10-11.1	8.5-8.6	3.6-4.8	1.9	1.2
<b>Dose rate within pulse</b>	$10^5$ to $10^6$	$10^5$ to $5 \times 10^5$	$2.5-2.8 \times 10^6$	$8.5-8.6 \times 10^6$	$8.9 \times 10^5$ to $1.2 \times 10^6$	$4.7-4.8 \times 10^5$	$3.1 \times 10^5$
<b>Field size (cm)</b>	0.5 to 40	0.5 to 25	~5	~5	6	10	10
<b>SSD (cm)</b>	60 - 120	95 - 120	16	18	33	40	50

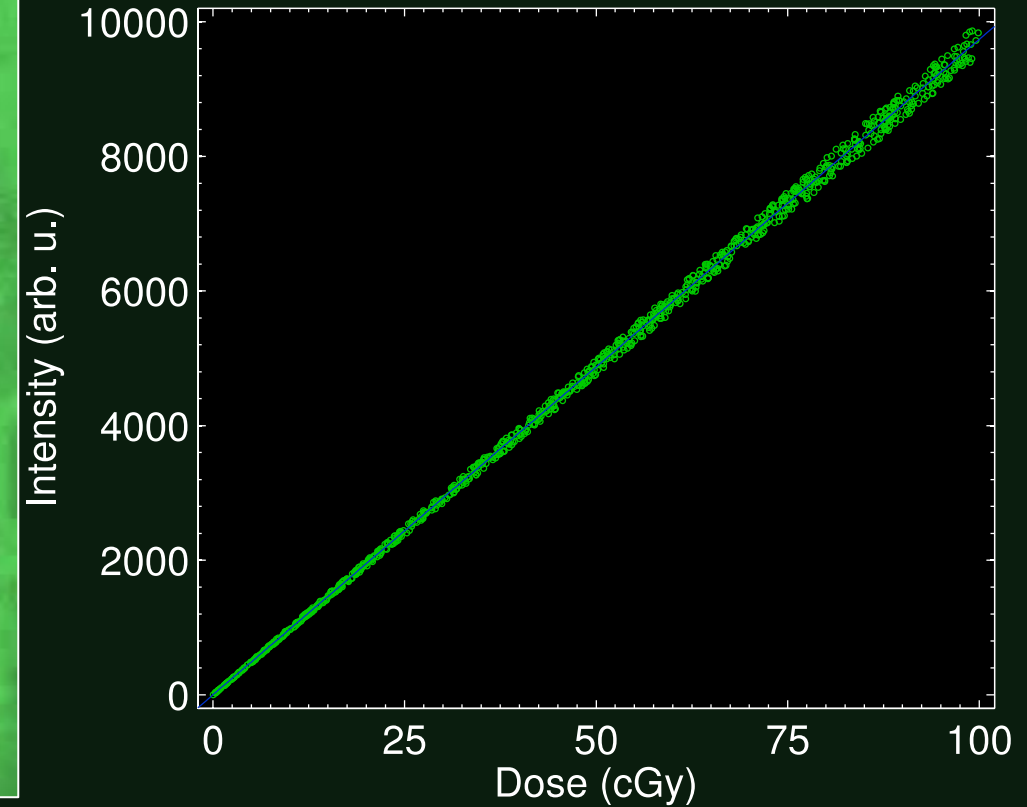
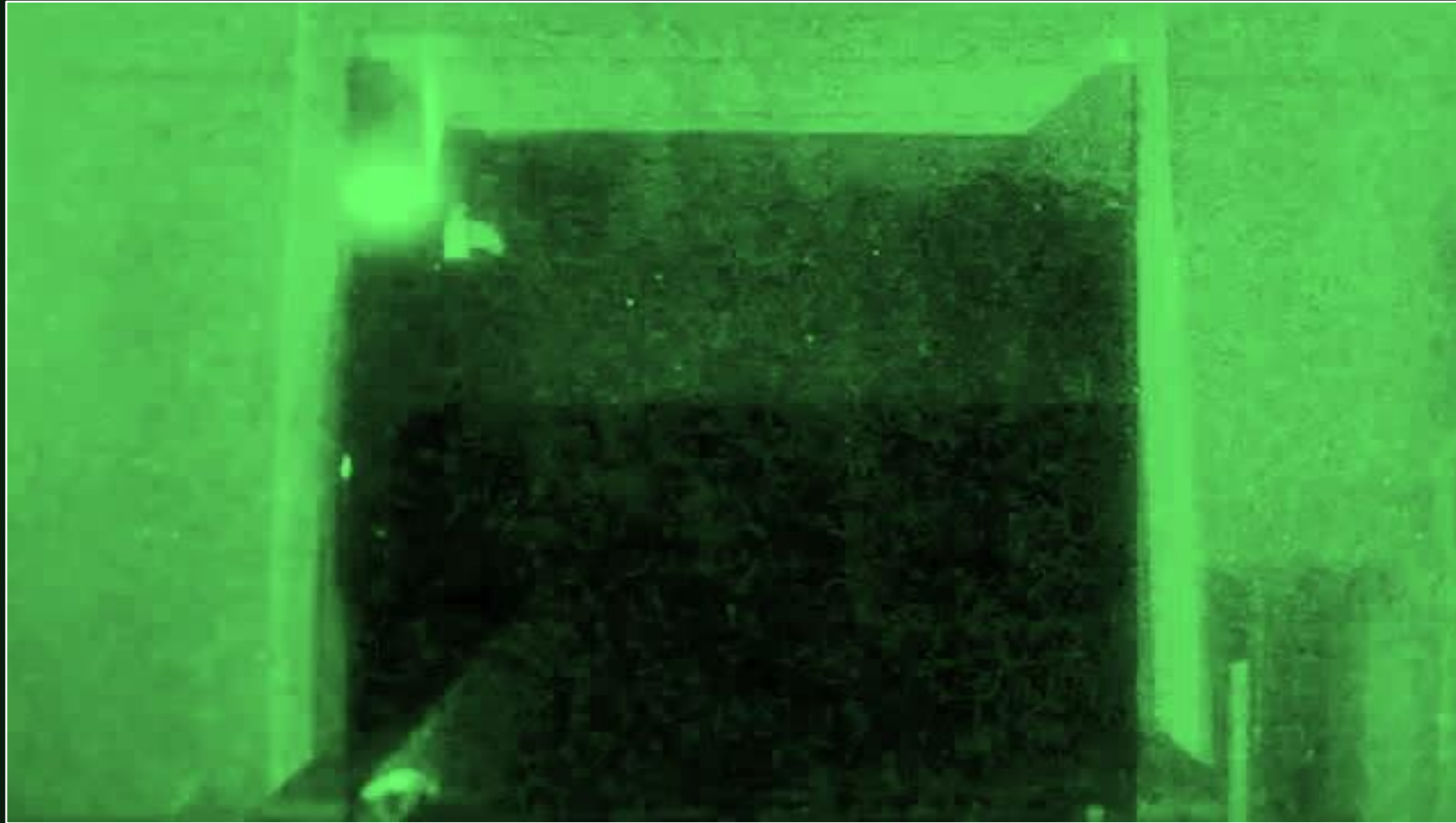
# Beam current transformer (BCT)



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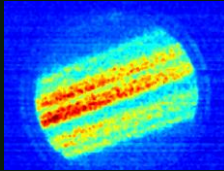
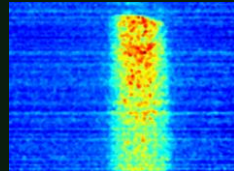
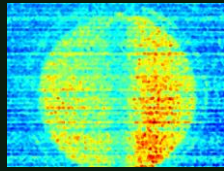
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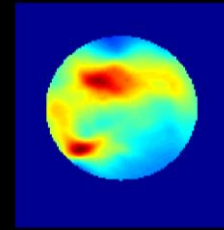
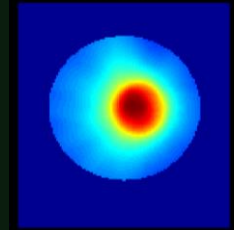
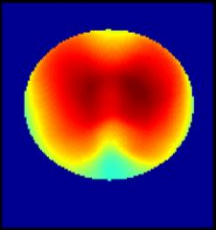


Prostate

SBRT

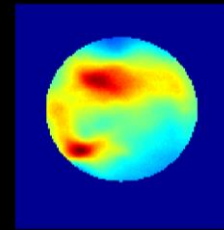
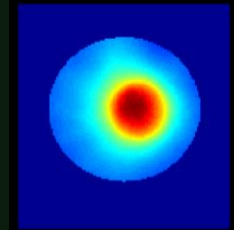
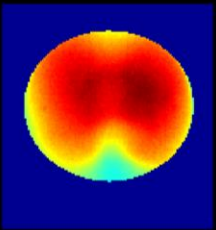
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TPS



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Optical



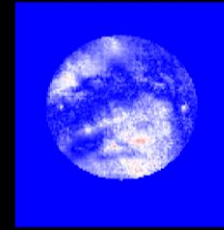
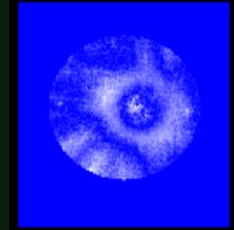
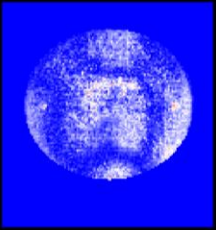
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3%/3mm

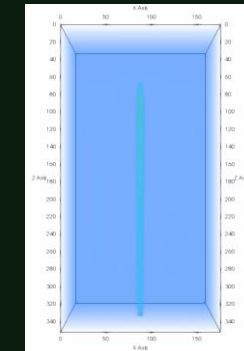
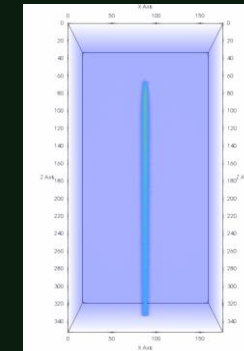
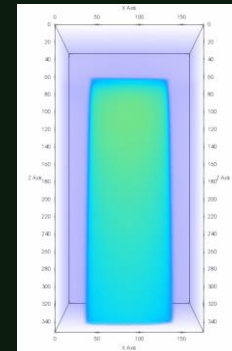
Table: 3%/3mm Gamma Index Passing Rates

Plan	ArcCheck	Optical Imaging
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SBRT	96.5%	99.6%
SRS	94.5%	96.7%

10 cm

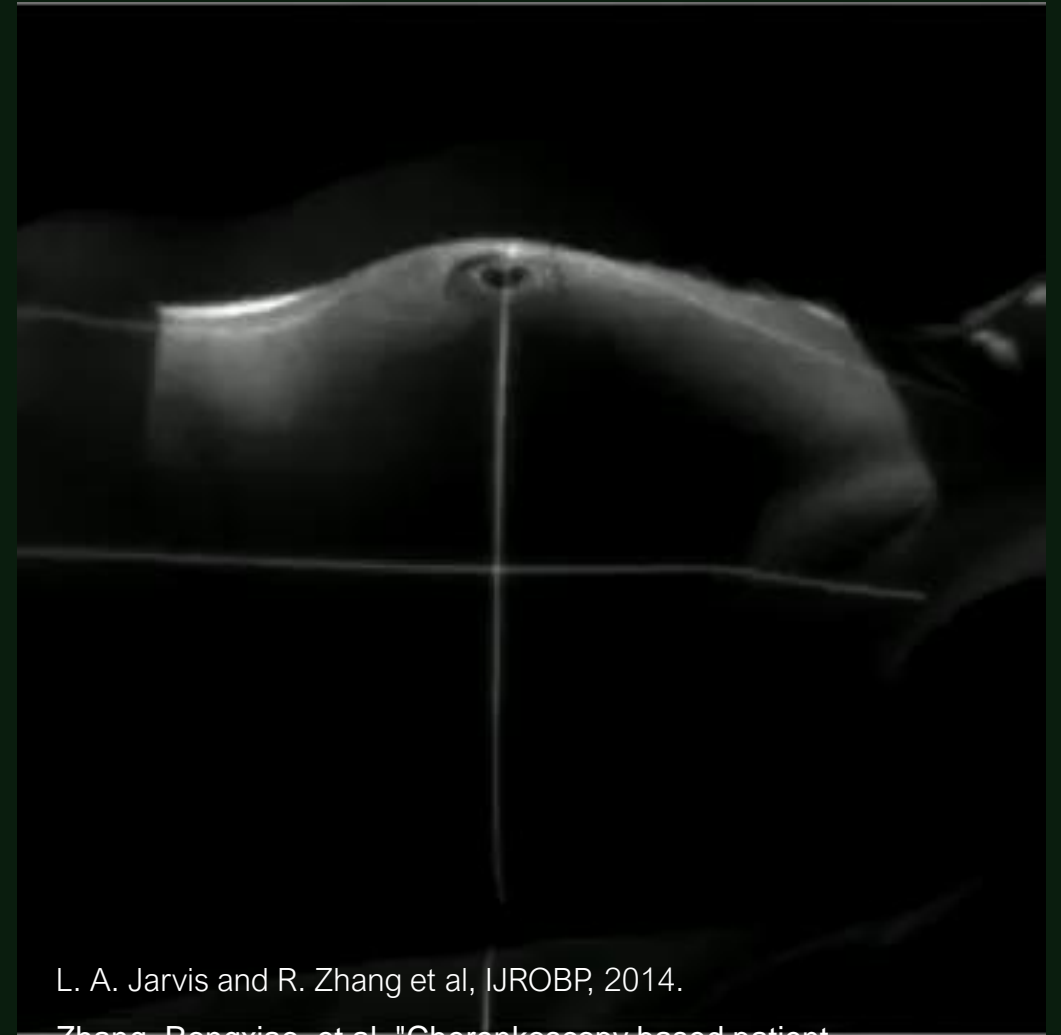
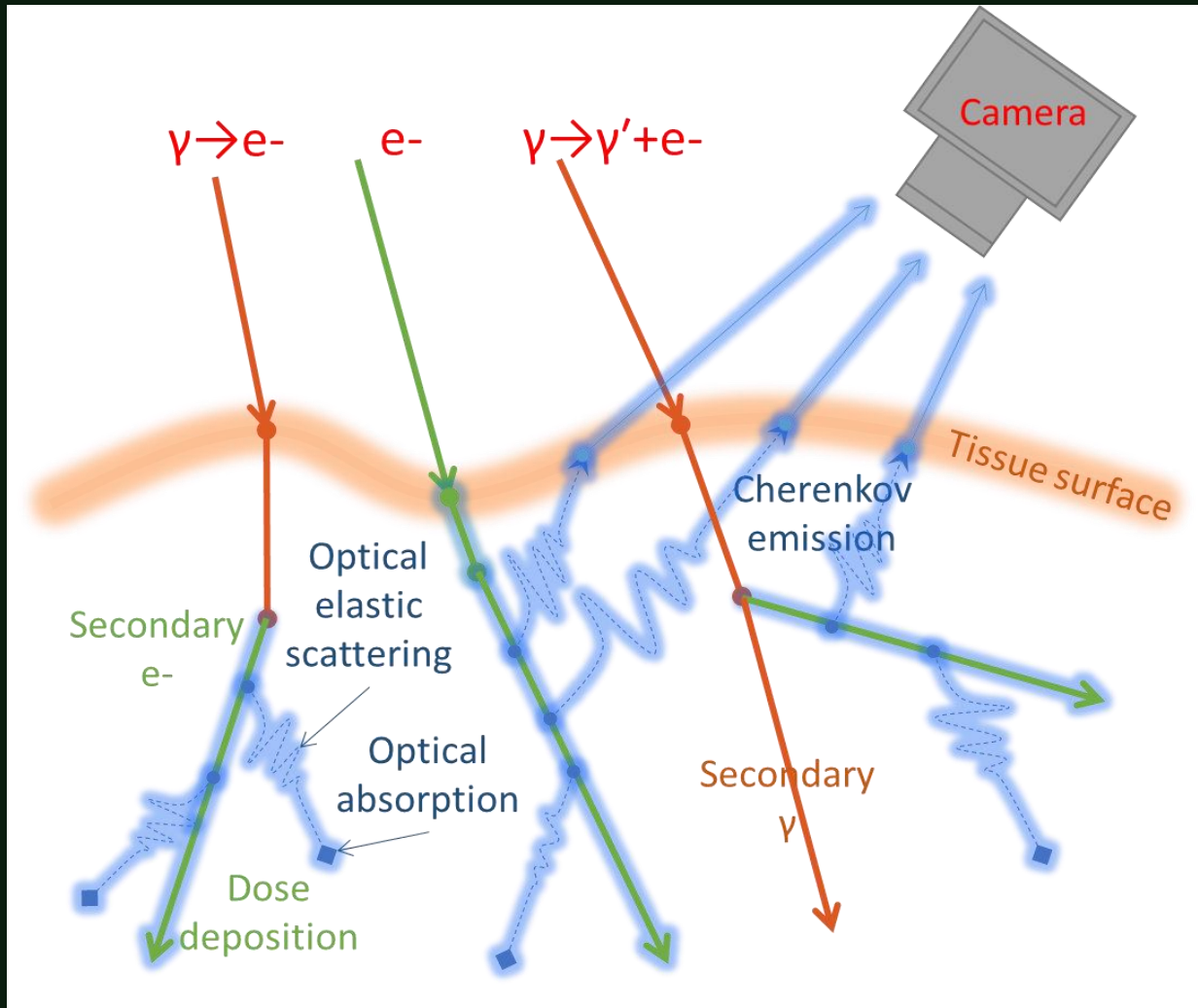
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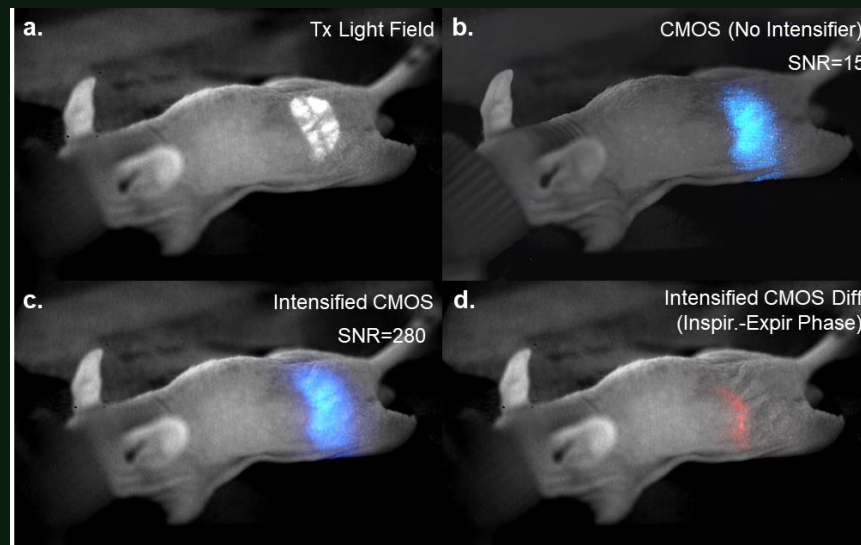
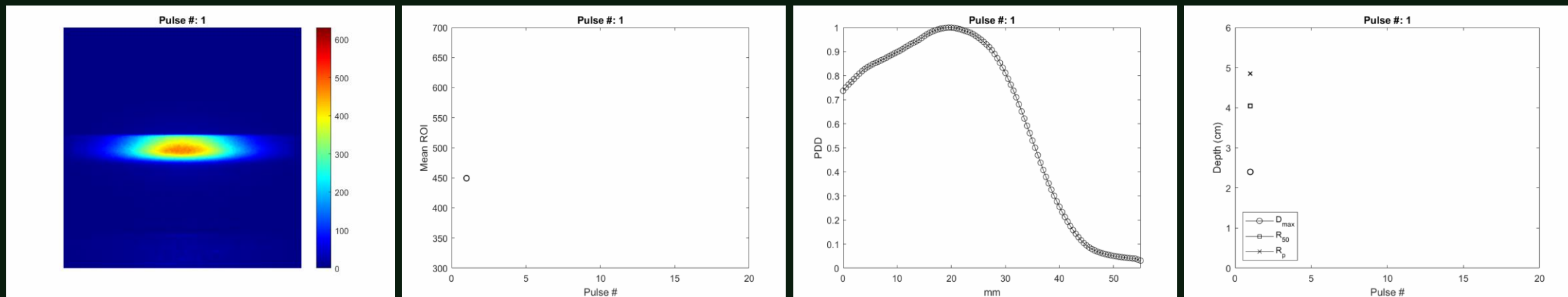
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# FLASH RT – dosimetry via imaging



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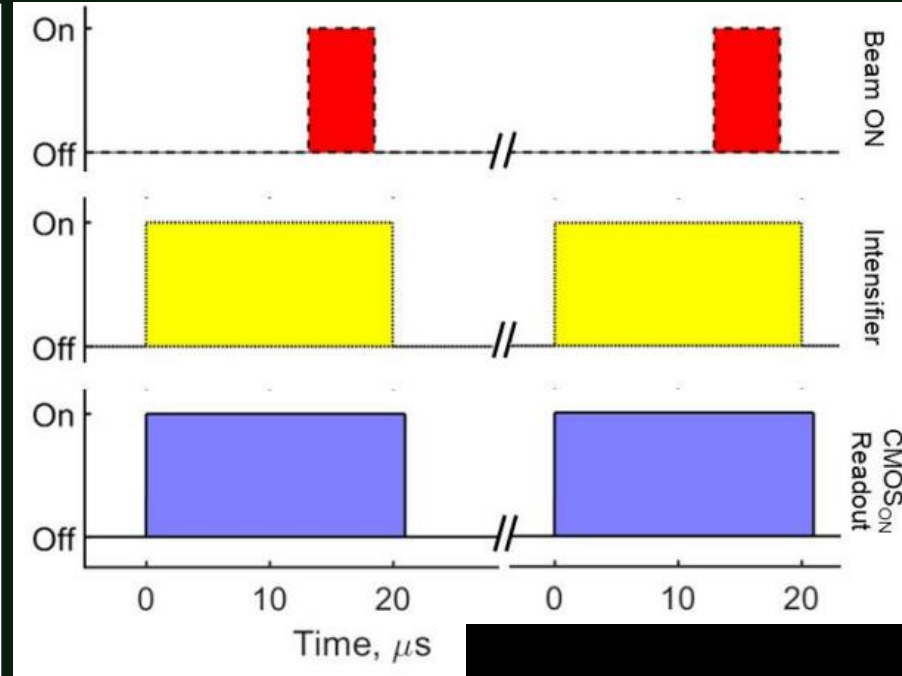
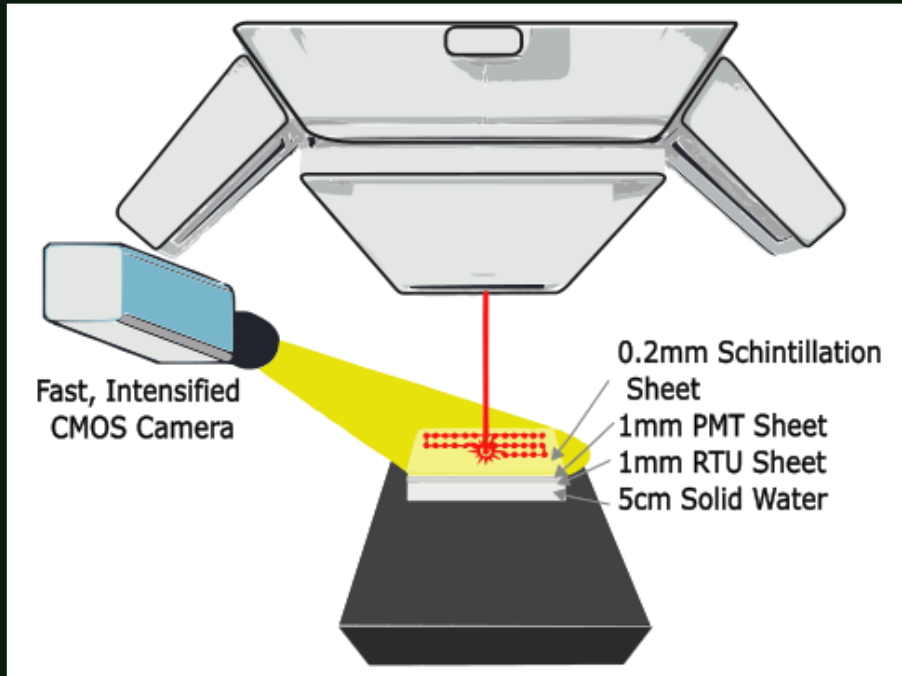


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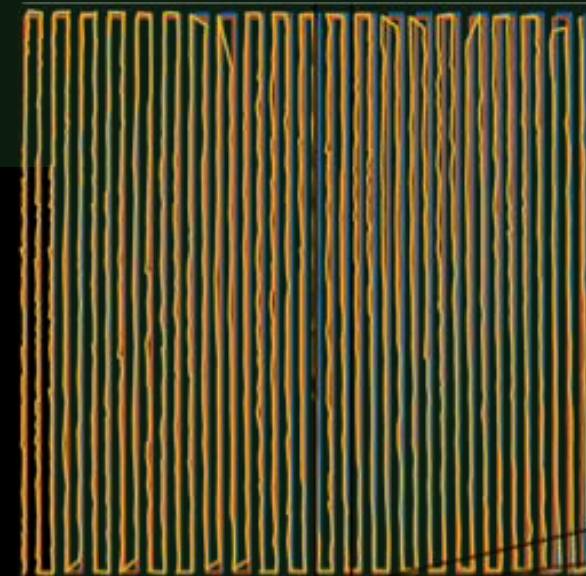
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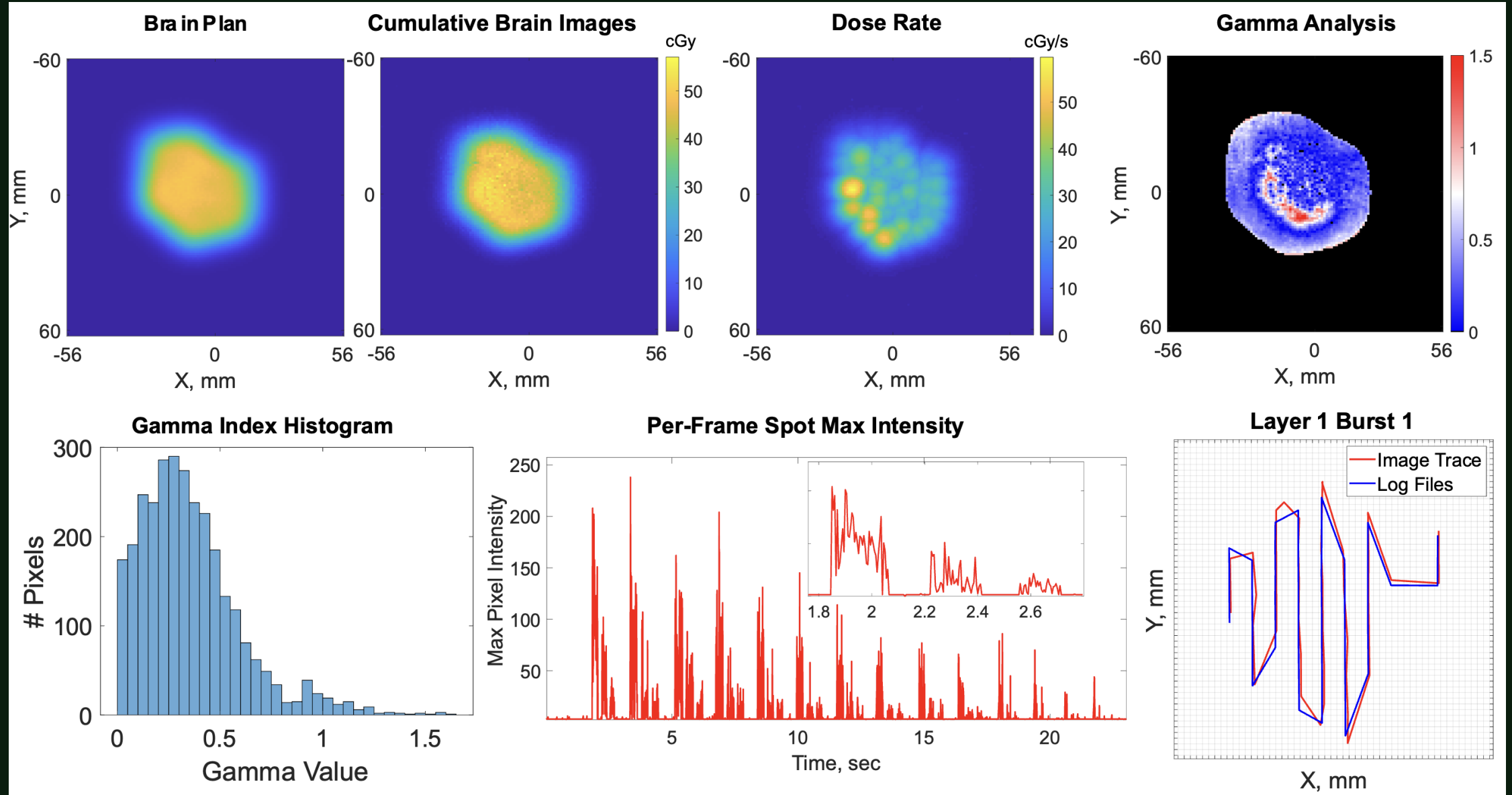
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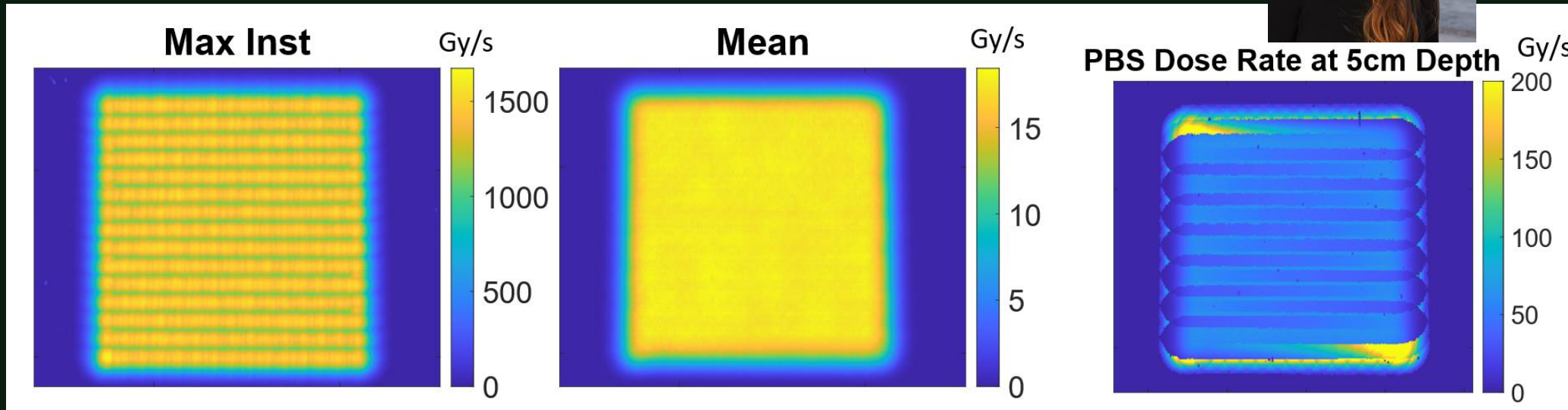
- 1000 frames per second,  $1 \times 1 \text{ mm}^2$  spatial resolution
- Modified BeamSite Ultra, DoseOptics LLC
- Remote trigger unit (RTU) coupled to scintillating sheet
- Photomultiplier (PMT) signal for beam-on verification
- Calibrated to film



# Proton PBS QA



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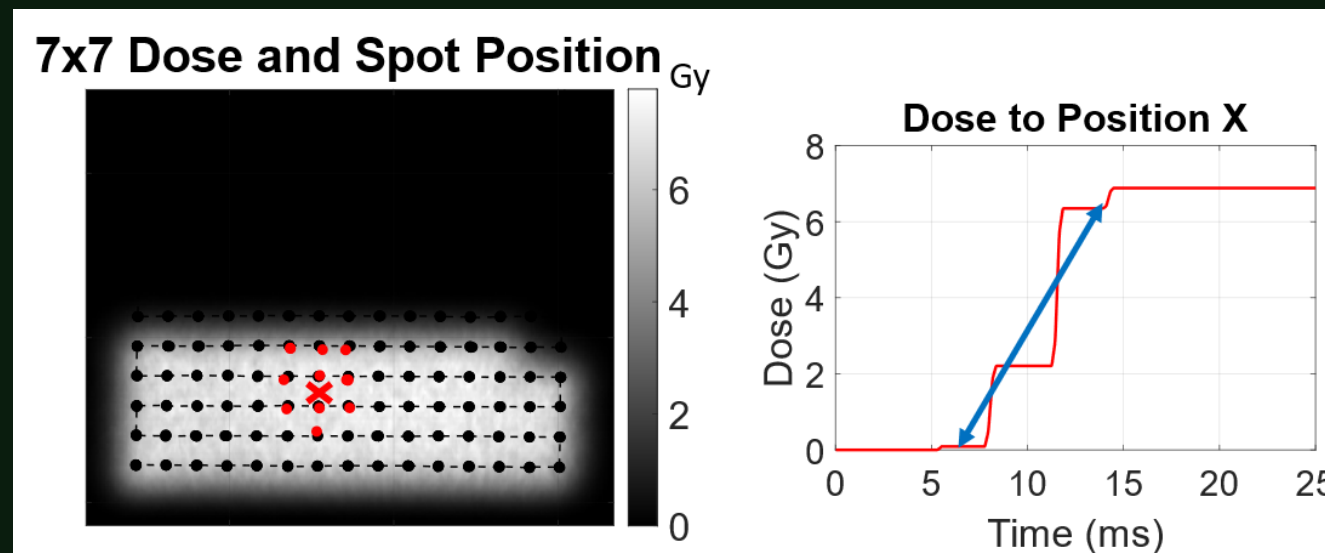
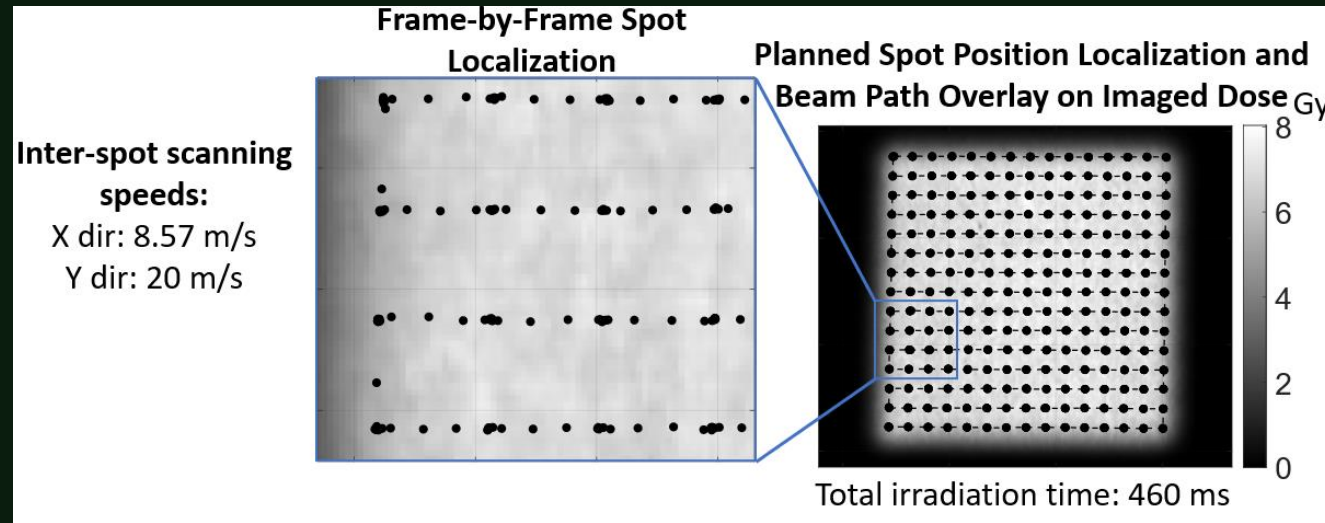
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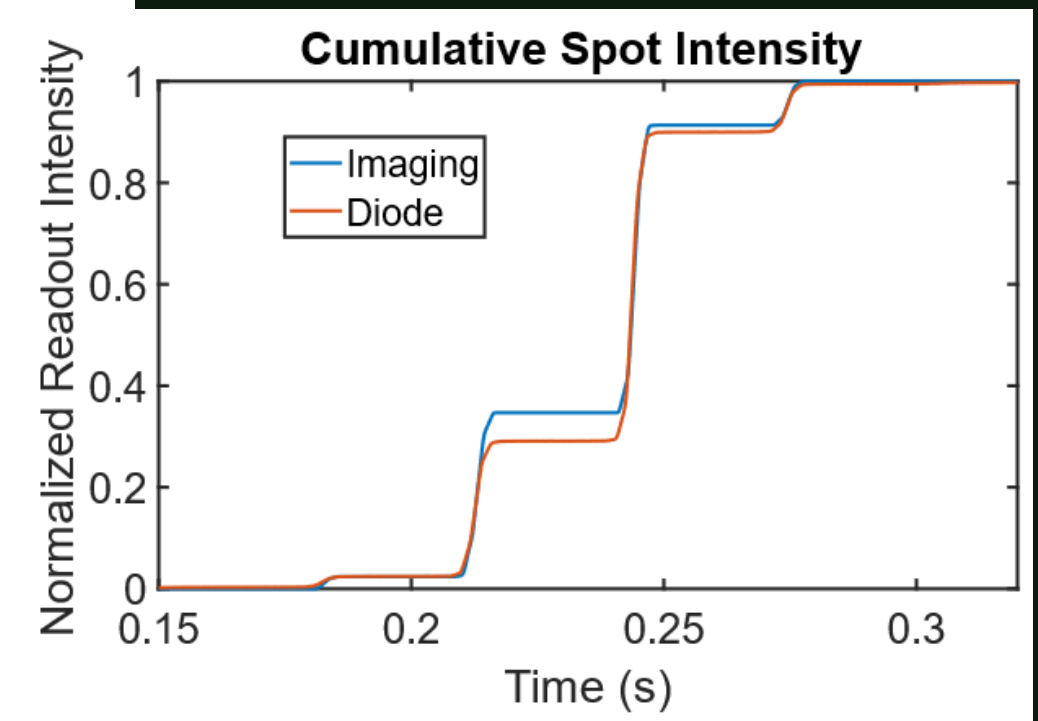
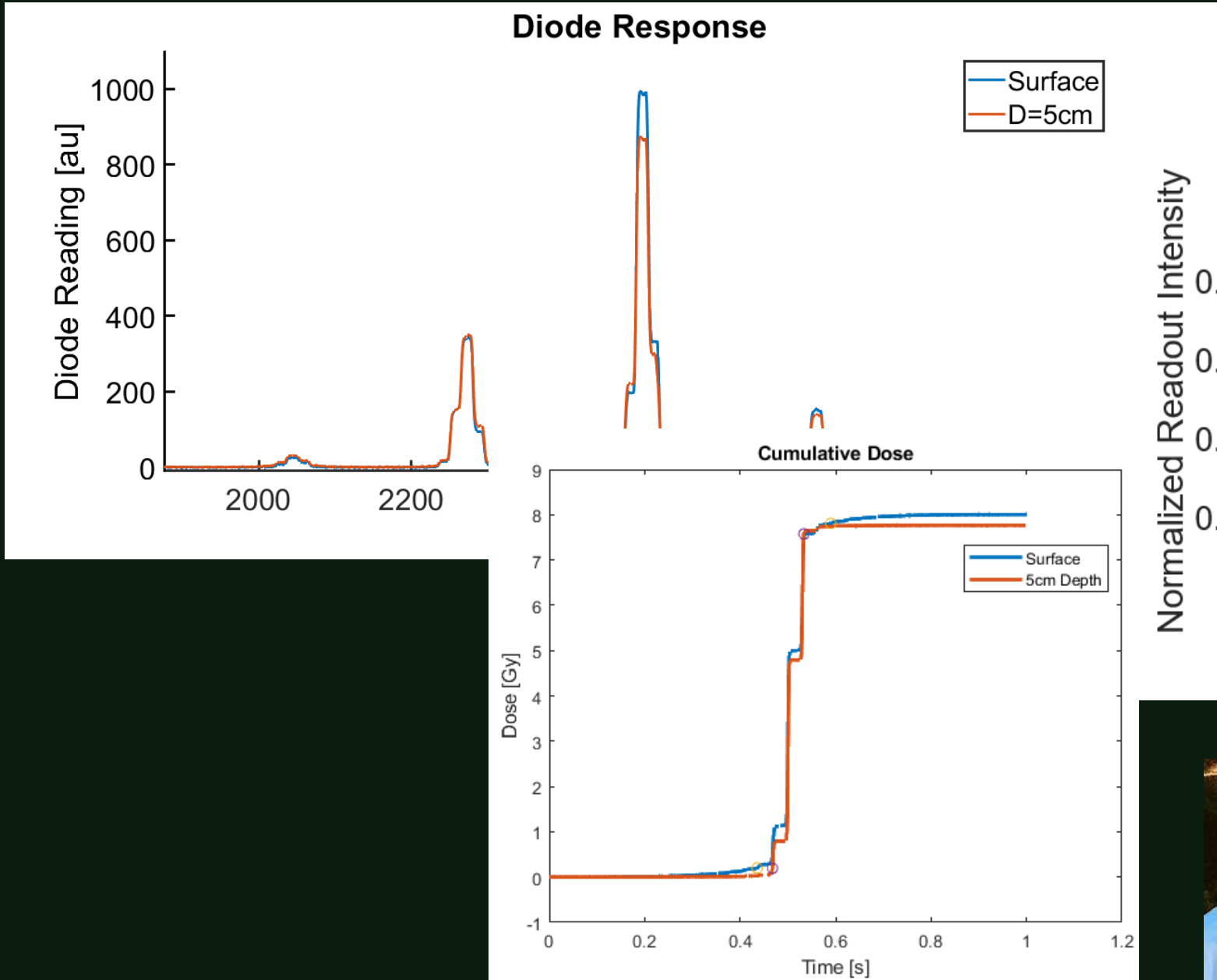
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# Conclusion

Response	Detectors	Measurement type	FLASH study	Instantaneous dose-rate/dose per pulse ( $D_p$ ) dependence	Spatial resolution	Time-resolution	Energy dependence
Luminescence	TLD/OSLD	1D, 2D	e [15, 37, 71]	Independent ( $\sim 10^9$ Gy/s) [80, 137]	$\sim 1$ mm	Passive	Tissue-equivalent
	Scintillators	1D, 2D, 3D	p [13, 18]	Independent ( $\sim 10^6$ Gy/s) [29]	$\sim 1$ mm	$\sim$ ns	Tissue-equivalent
	Cherenkov	1D, 2D, 3D	e [29]	Independent ( $\sim 10^6$ Gy/s) [29]	$\sim 1$ mm	$\sim$ ps	Energy dependent
	FNTD	2D	NA	Independent ( $\sim 10^8$ Gy/s) [85]	$\sim 1$ $\mu$ m	Passive	Energy dependent
Charge	Ionization chambers	1D, 2D	p [13, 18, 19] e [15, 37, 71] ph [16, 17]	Dependent on $D_p$ [48, 52] ( $> 1$ Gy/pulse),	$\sim 3-5$ mm	$\sim$ ms	Energy dependence shows up $> 2$ MeV
	Diamonds	1D	p [18]	Dependent on $D_p$ ( $> 1$ mGy/pulse) [49]	$\sim 1$ mm	$\sim \mu$ s	Tissue-equivalent
	Si diode	1D, 2D	NA	Dependent on $D_p$ [54] (Independent $\sim 0.2$ Gy/s) [138]	$\sim 1$ mm	$\sim$ ms	Energy dependent
Chemical	Alanine pellets	1D	e [12, 15, 37, 139]	Independent ( $10^8$ Gy/s) [69]	$\sim 5$ mm	Passive	Tissue-equivalent
	Methyl viologen/fricke	1D	e [29, 48]	Depends on the decay rate and diffusion of radiation induced species	$\sim 2$ mm	$\sim$ ns	Tissue-equivalent
	Radiochromic film	2D	p [18, 19] e [10-12, 15, 30, 37, 71, 140] ph [16]	Independent ( $10^9$ Gy/s) [70, 71]	$\sim 1$ $\mu$ m	Passive	Tissue-equivalent
	Gel dosimeters	3D	NA	Strong dependence below 0.001 Gy/s [141] and above 0.10 Gy/s [142]	$\sim 1$ mm	Passive	Tissue-equivalent

The color scheme of the "Response" and "Detectors" panel matches the spider plots in **Figure 14**. Performance of each dosimeter for a specific parameter is color coded: green (good), yellow (moderate), and red (poor).

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- PIs

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