



# Microdosimetry-based treatment planning in proton therapy

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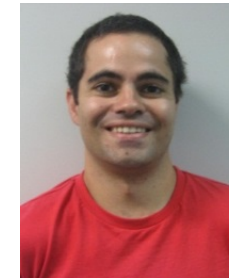
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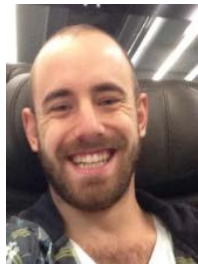
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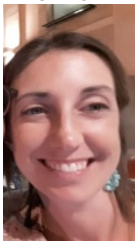
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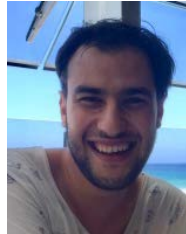
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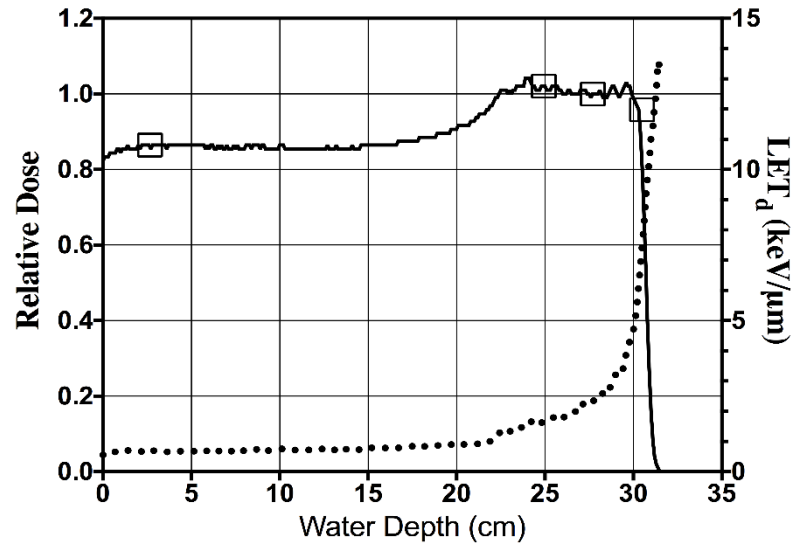
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# Clinical Evidence of RBE>1.1

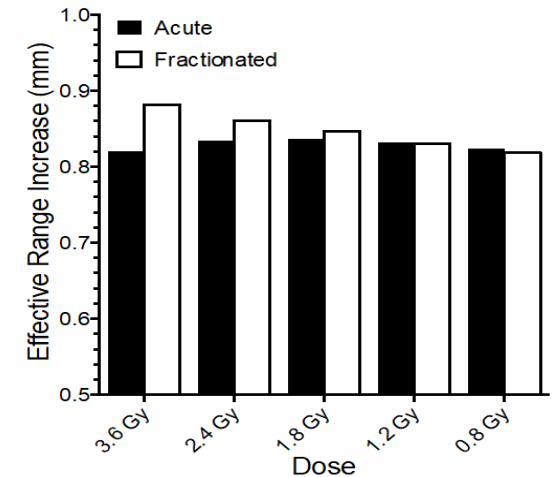
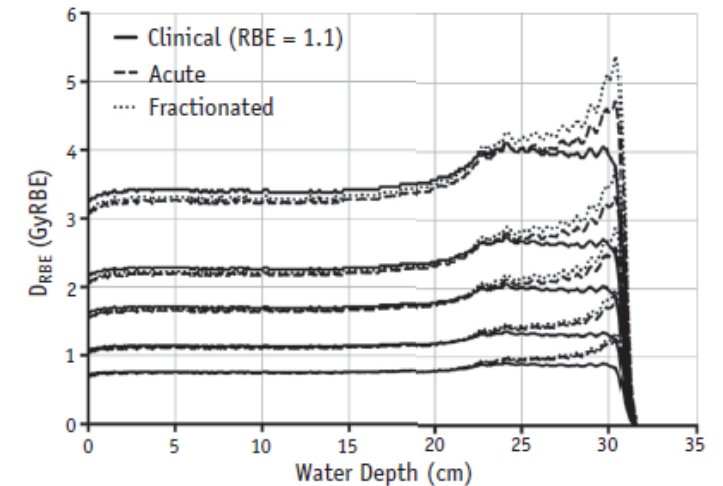
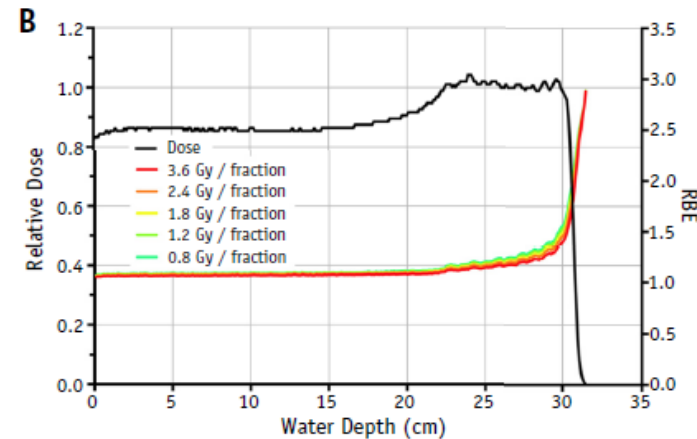
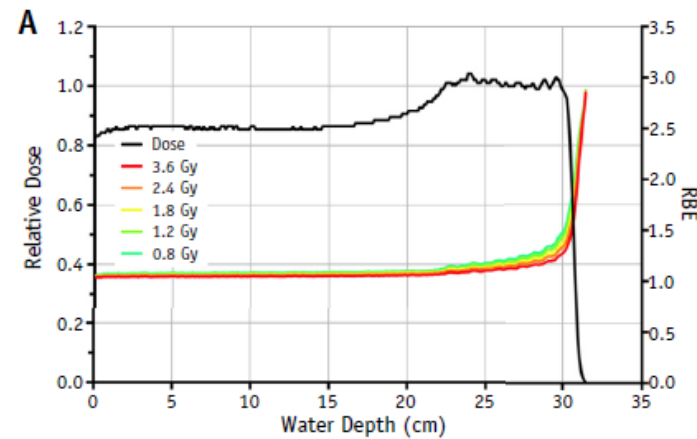


$$RBE_{acute} = \frac{-\alpha_X + \sqrt{\alpha_X^2 + 4\beta_X(\alpha_P D_P + \beta_P D_P^2)}}{2\beta_X D_P}$$

and

$$RBE_{frac} = \frac{\alpha_P + \beta_P d_P}{\alpha_X + \beta_X d_X}$$

$$\alpha_P = \alpha_X + \lambda LET$$



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Human fibroblasts (AG01522) at 4 key depth positions on a clinical PBS SOB of maximum energy 219.65 MeV were subjected to various fractionation regimens with an interfraction period of 24 hours at Proton Therapy Center in Prague

# Importance of variable RBE in Proton therapy



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Varying relative biological effectiveness in proton therapy: knowledge gaps versus clinical significance

$$\text{RBE} \left[ D_p, \left( \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \right)_x, \text{LET}_d \right] = \frac{1}{2D_p} \left( \sqrt{\left( \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \right)_x^2 + 4 \left( \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \right)_x \frac{\alpha [\text{LET}_d]}{\alpha_x} D_p + 4 \frac{\beta [\text{LET}_d]}{\beta_x} D_p^2} - \left( \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \right)_x \right)$$

- *More in vivo experiments are needed*
- *Clinical data need to be analyzed with respect to RBE effects.*
- *Use the variable RBE to maximize the potential of proton therapy.*



LET-weighted dose in proton therapy

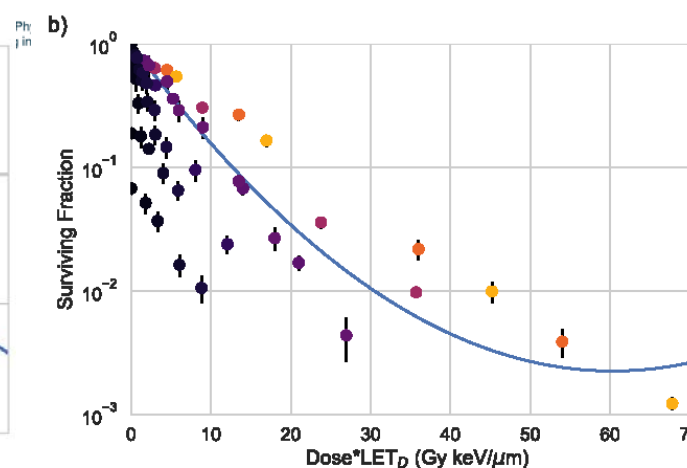
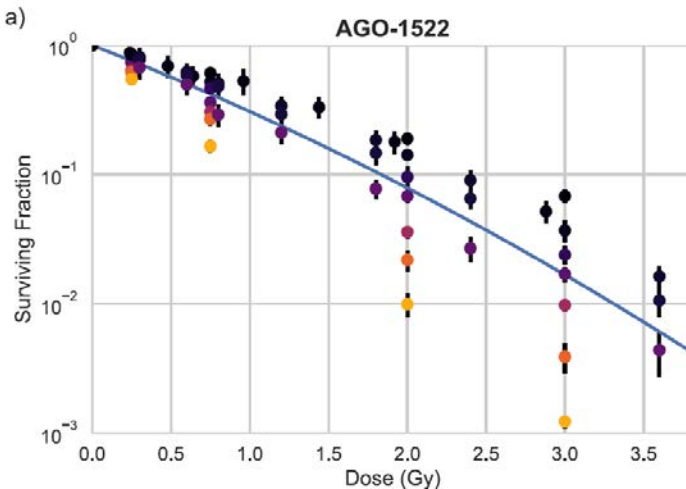
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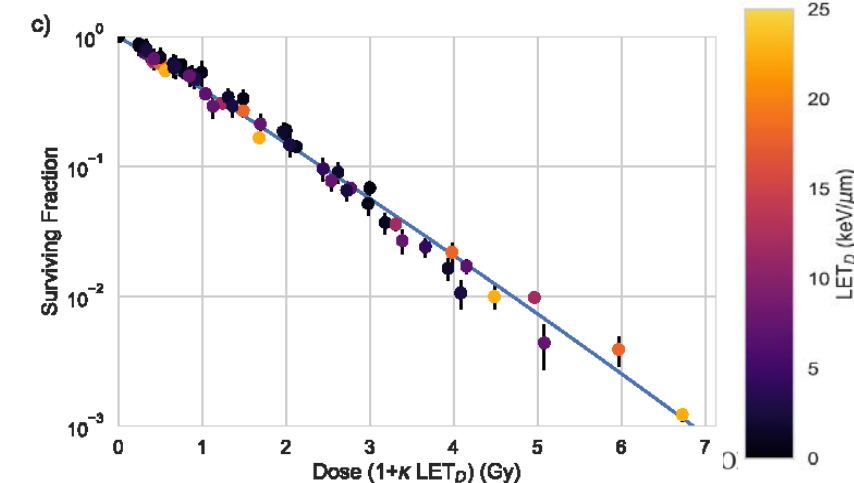
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While not a replacement for full RBE models, simplified metrics such as this LET-weighted dose can be used to account for the majority of variability which arises from the LET-dependence of RBE with reduced need for biological parameterisation

# Microdosimetric Kinetic Model (MKM)

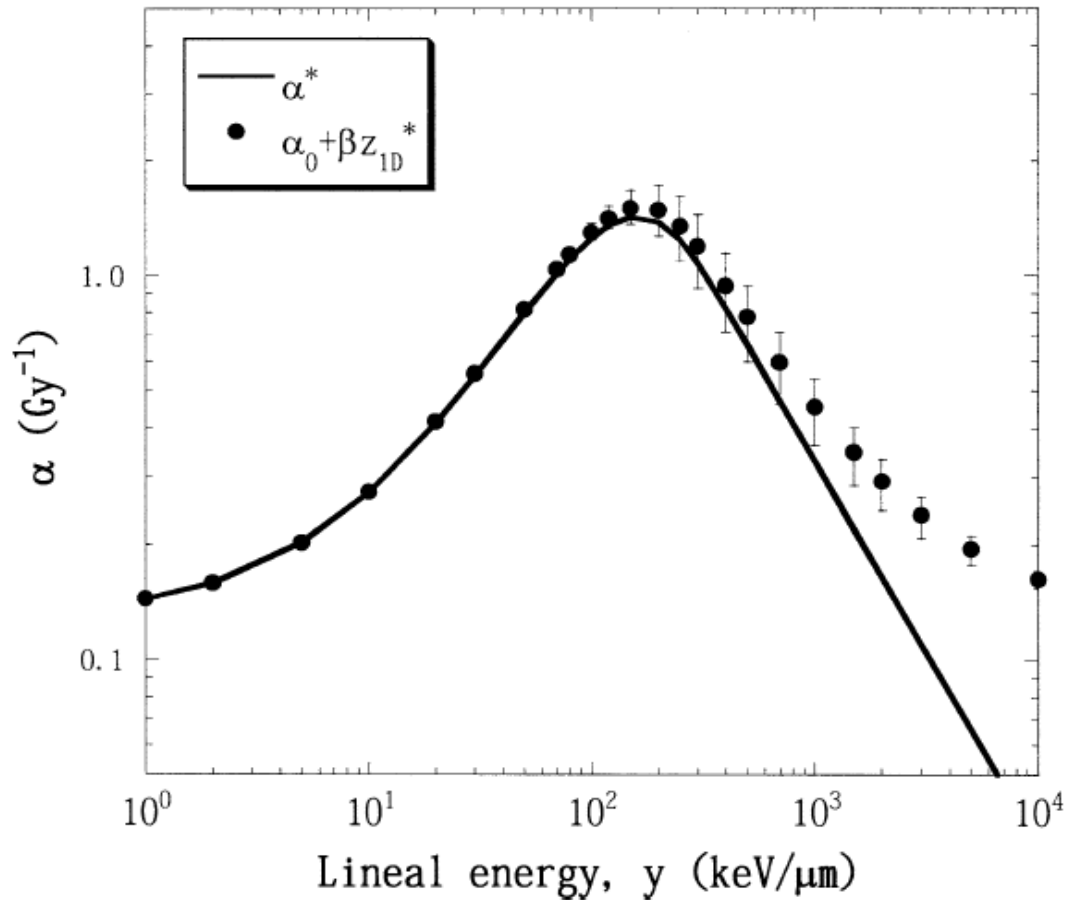
## Linear Quadratic Model

$$S(D) = \exp [ - \alpha D - \beta D^2 ]$$

Physics/Biology  $\alpha = \alpha_0 + \frac{\beta}{\rho \pi r_d^2} y^*$

$$y^* = \frac{y_0^2 \int_0^\infty (1 - \exp(-y^2/y_0^2)) f(y) dy}{\int_0^\infty y f(y) dy}$$

$$RBE_{10} = \frac{2\beta D_{10,R}}{\sqrt{\alpha^2 - 4\beta \ln(0.1)} - \alpha}$$



**FIG. 4.** The  $\alpha^*$  value obtained with Eq. (5) and the value of  $\alpha_0 + \beta z_{1D}^*$  in Eq. (7) as a function of lineal energy for a single event, with the biological parameters applicable for HSG cells. The error bars show a variation of 20 keV/μm for the saturation parameter,  $y_0 = 150$  keV/μm.

- $\alpha_0 = 0.13 \text{ Gy}^{-1}$ ;  $\beta = 0.05 \text{ Gy}^{-2}$ ;  $r_d = 0.42 \text{ μm}$  is radius of sub cellular domain in MK model,  $y_0 = 150 \text{ keV/μm}$
- Where  $D_{10,R} = 5 \text{ Gy}$  is 10% survival of 200 kVp X rays for HSG cells

# Conventional microdosimeter

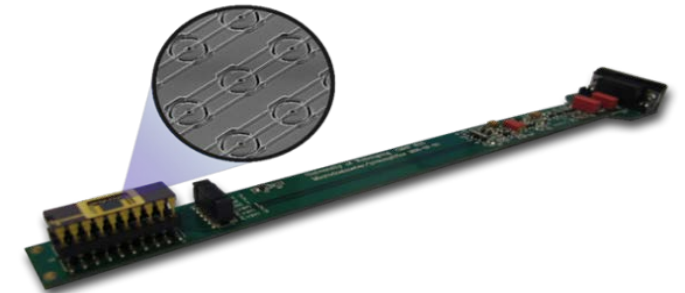
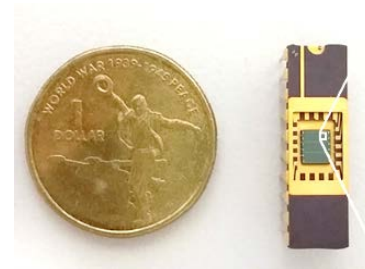
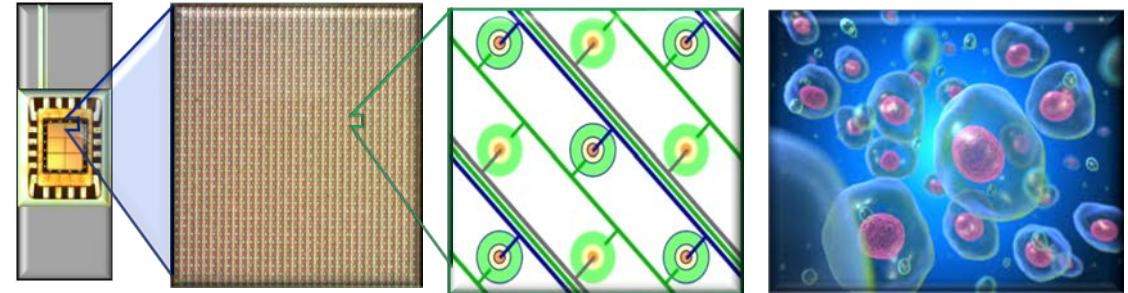


- ✓ Low energy sensitivity  $y = 0.05$  keV/ $\mu$ m
- ✓ Spherical SV in shape
- ✓ Tissue equivalency



- Large size of assembly which reduces spatial resolution and introduces wall effects
- Can not measure an array of cells.
- High voltage applied
- Low degree of portability

# Silicon on insulator (SOI) Microdosimeter



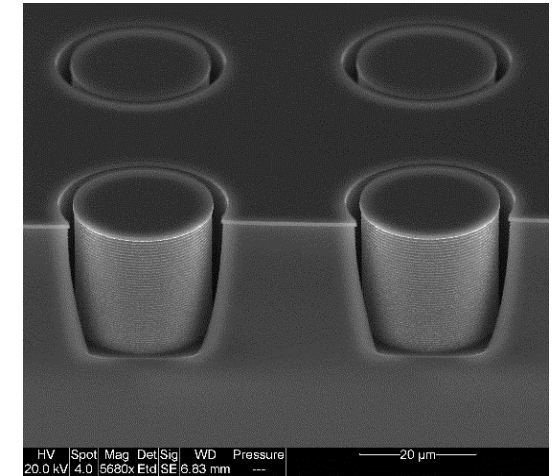
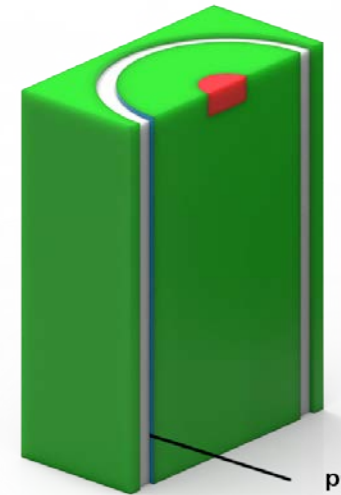
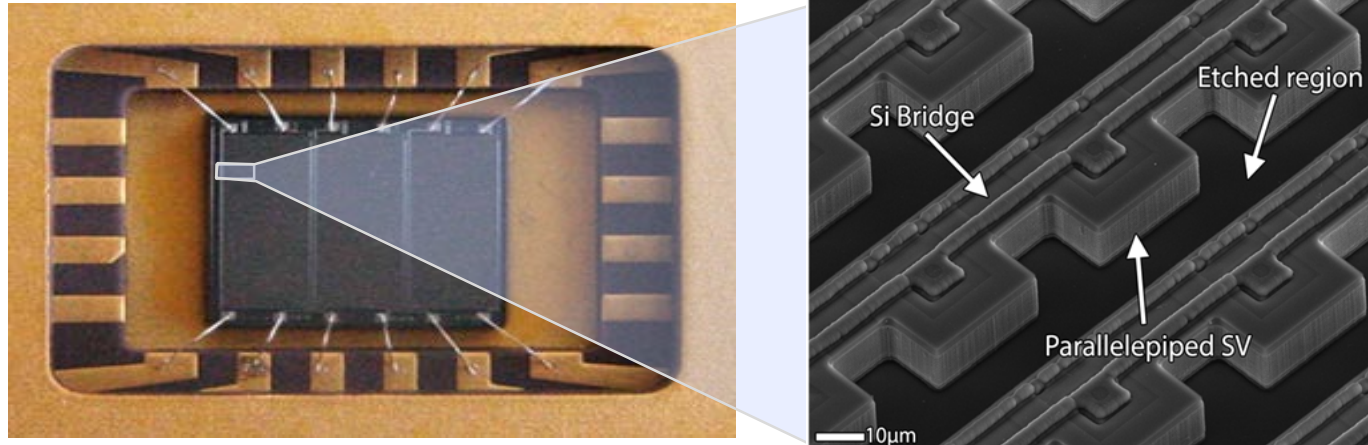
- ✓ Can measure an array of cells
- ✓ Micron sized SV
- ✓ Provide true microscopic SV
- ✓ Compact size and low voltage for operation
- ✓ High spatial resolution.



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# CMRP Silicon Microdosimeters

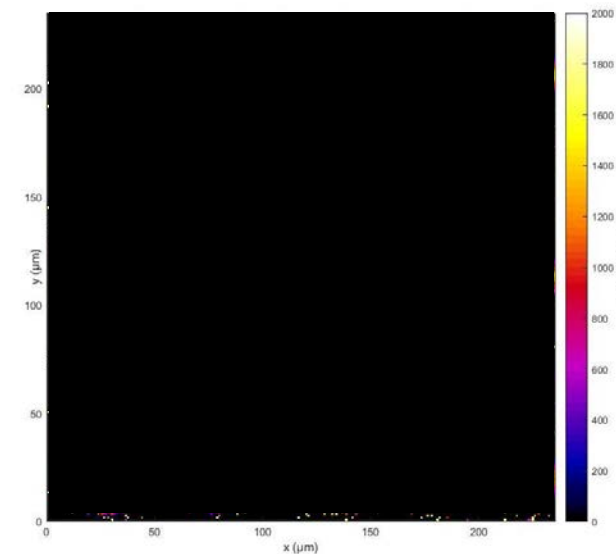
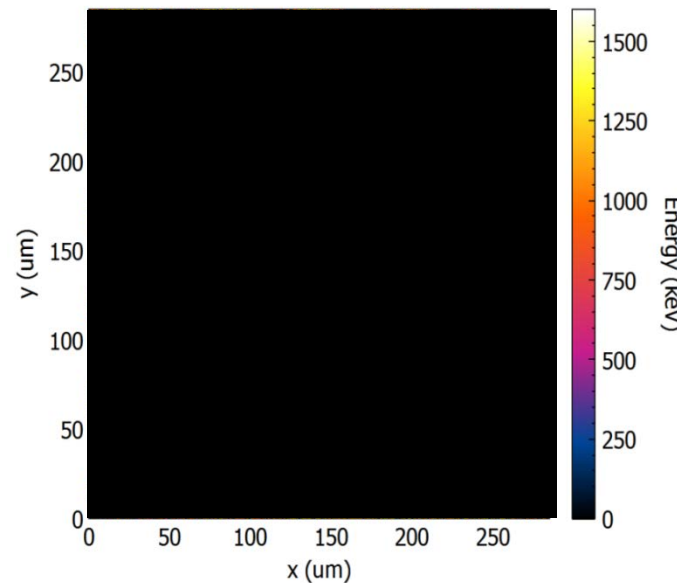
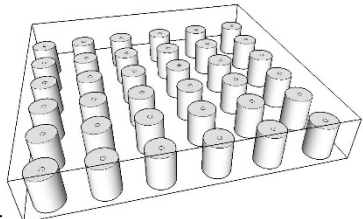
Bridge MD Version 2



SEM image of  
Mushrooms

Median energy map  
showing the charge  
collection distribution  
in the BridgeV2  
microdosimeter,  
biased at -10V

**U.S. Patent 8421022**  
**EU patent EP 2 102 685 B1**



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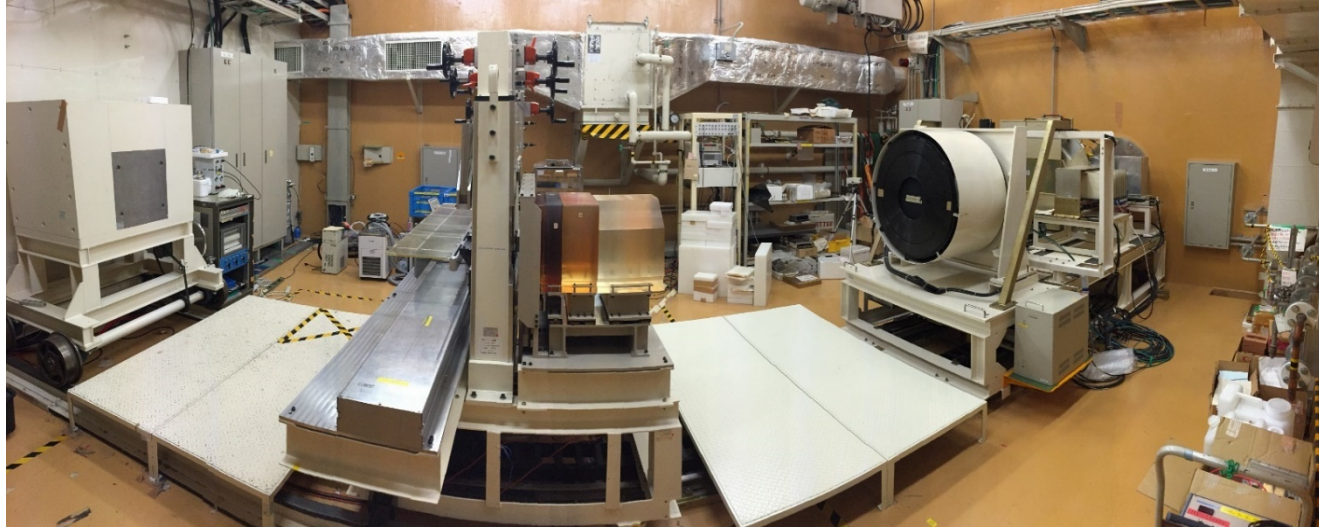
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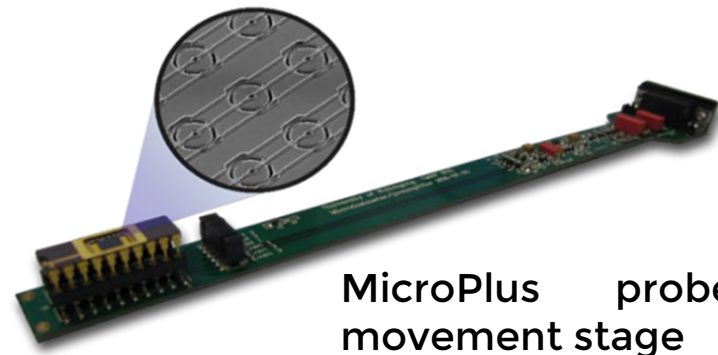
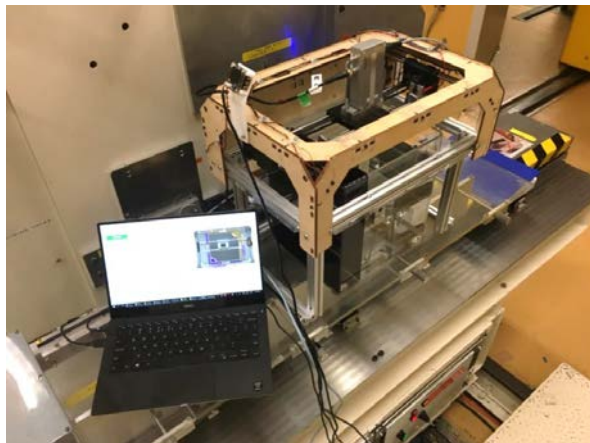
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# Heavy Ion Medical Accelerator in Chiba

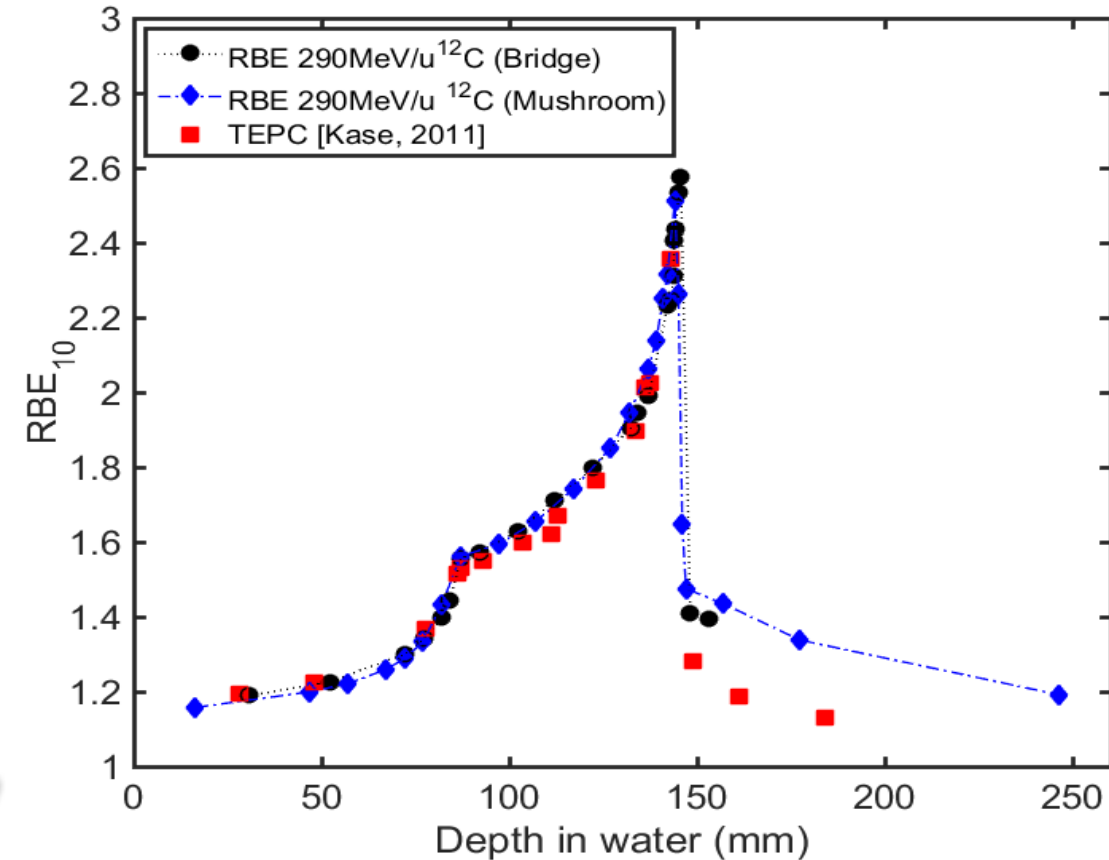
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HIMAC Bio-cave beam port with passive scattering delivery



MicroPlus probe movement stage



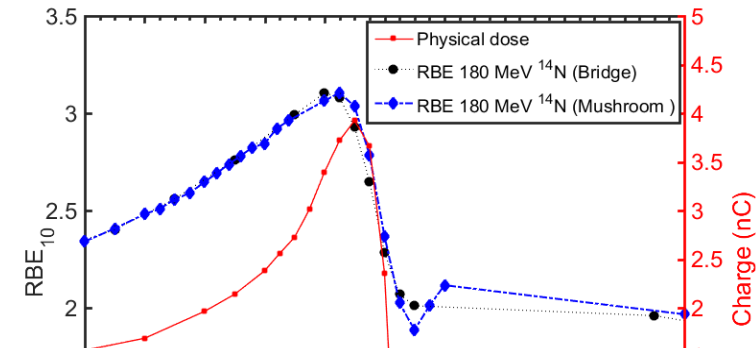
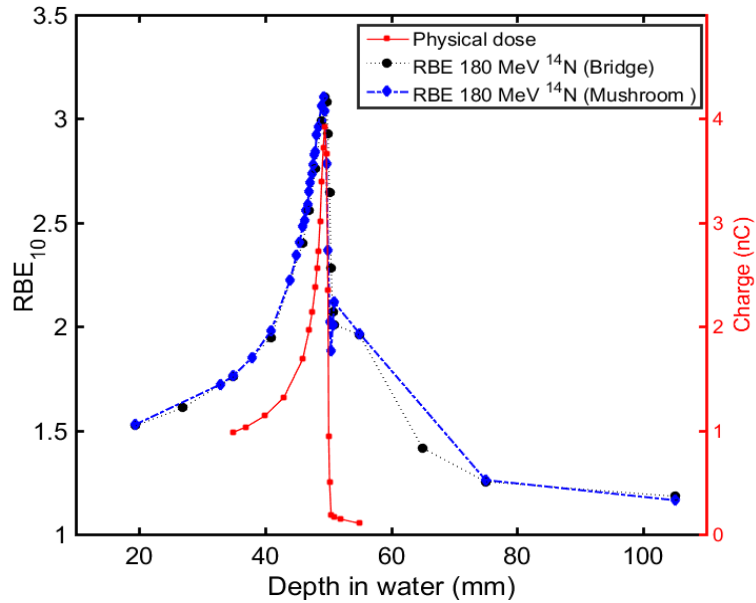
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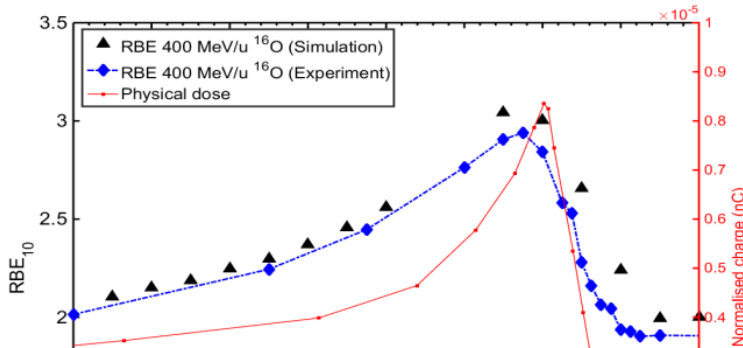
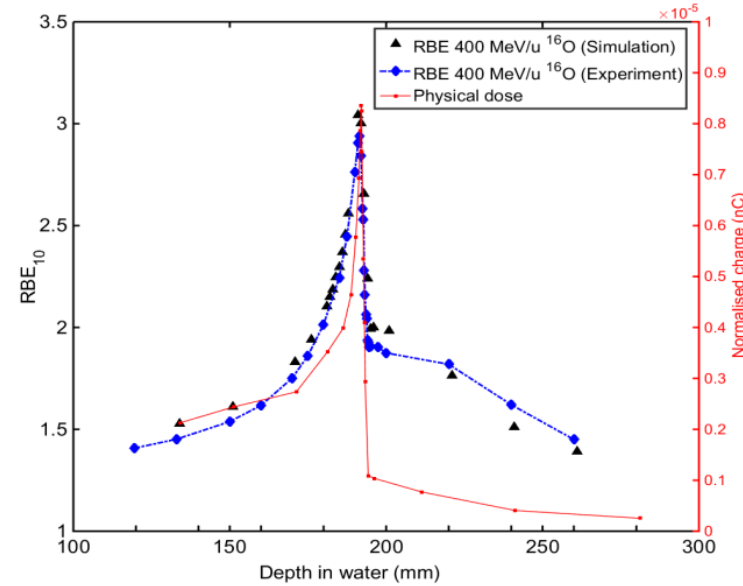
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# RBE<sub>10</sub> obtained with SOI microdosimeter in response to pristine BP of <sup>14</sup>N, <sup>16</sup>O and <sup>12</sup>C ion beam

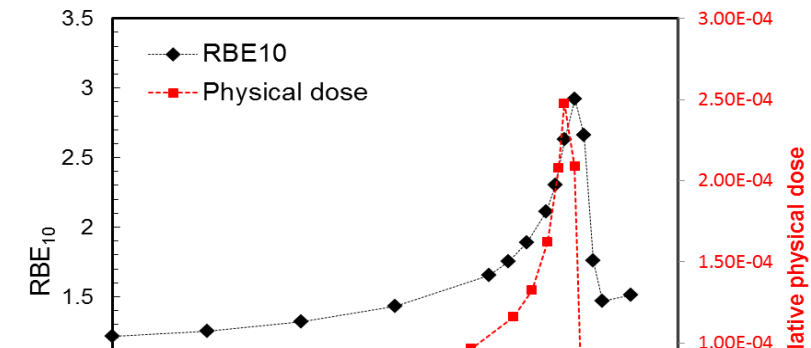
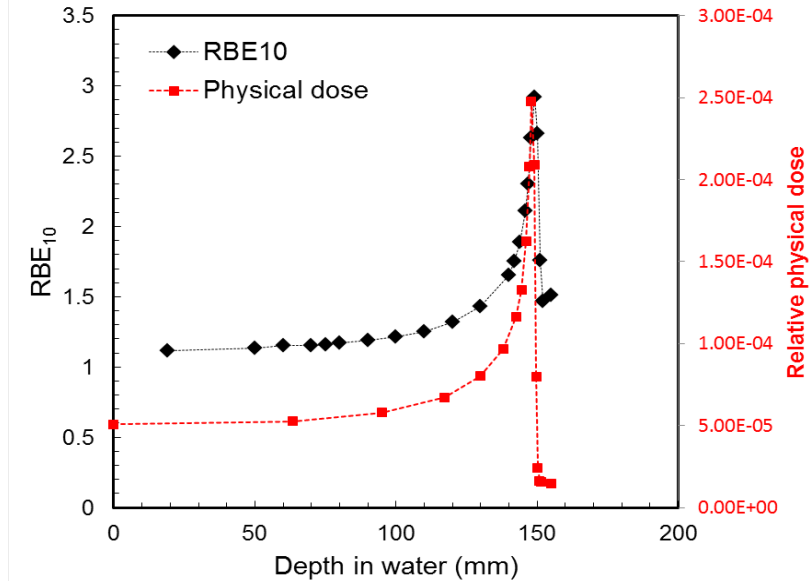
180 MeV/u <sup>14</sup>N



400 MeV/u <sup>16</sup>O



290 MeV/u <sup>12</sup>C



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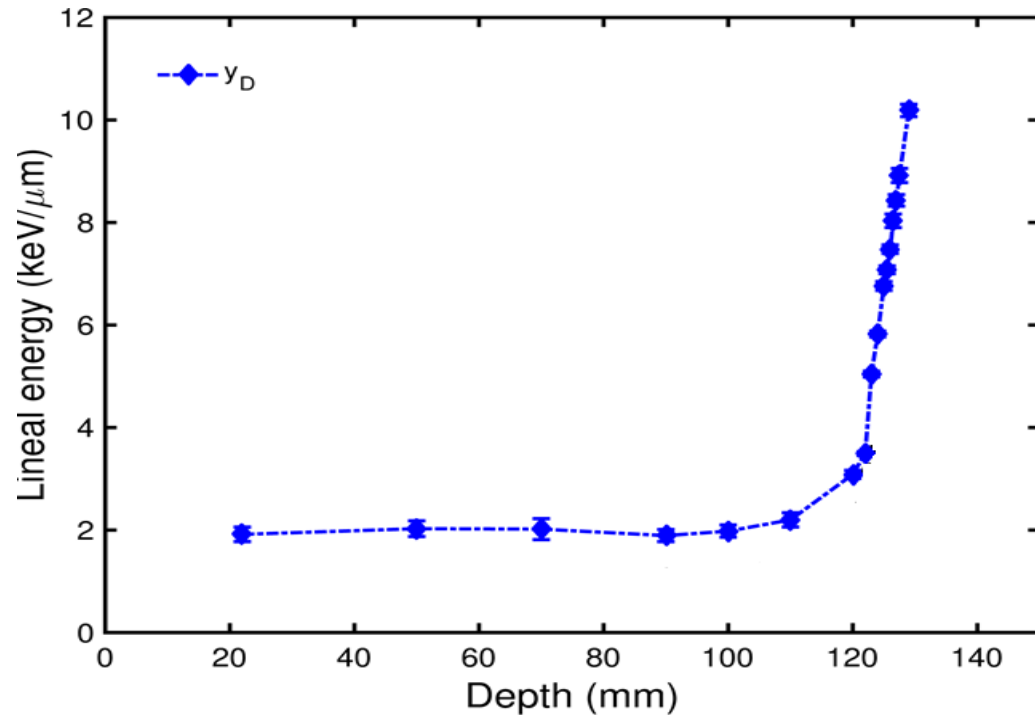
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# Characterization of Pencil Beam Scanning in Proton therapy

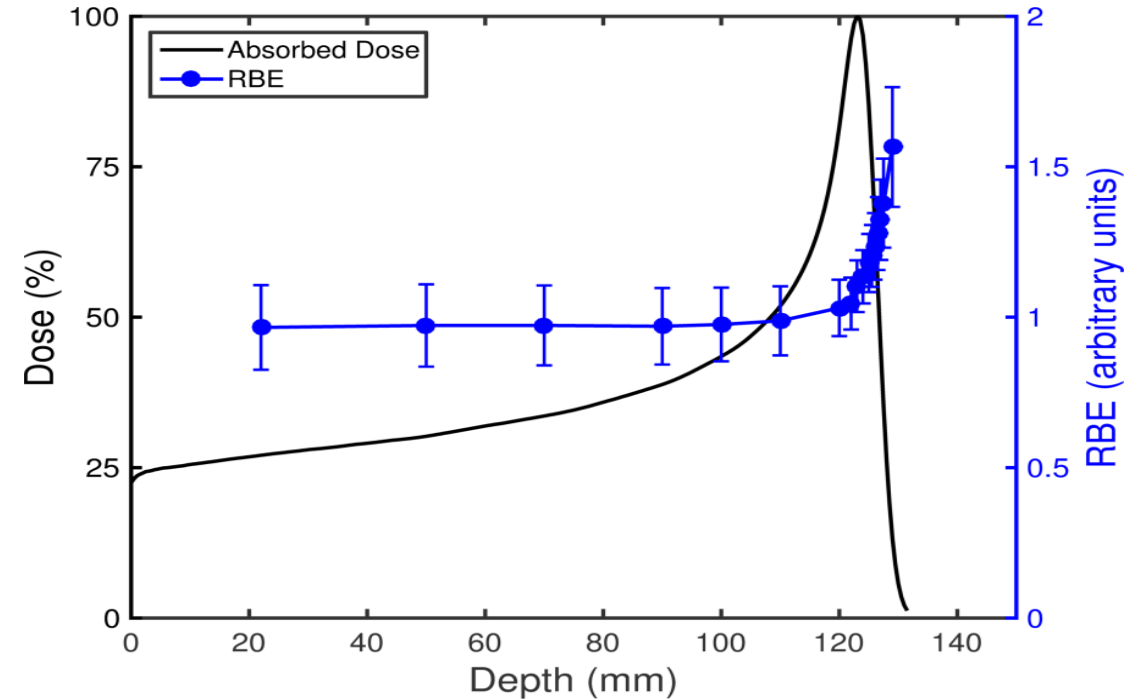
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$$\alpha_R = 0.13 \text{ Gy}^{-1}$$

$$\beta = 0.05 \text{ Gy}^{-2}.$$



a)  $\overline{y_D}$  obtained using Bridge microdosimeter obtained with Bridge m+ probe in water for spot PBS (MGH)



b) Depth dose distribution and RBE for PBS spot for dose in BP 2Gy. (MGH)

# Proton Scanning Irradiation, Mayo Clinic, Minnesota, USA



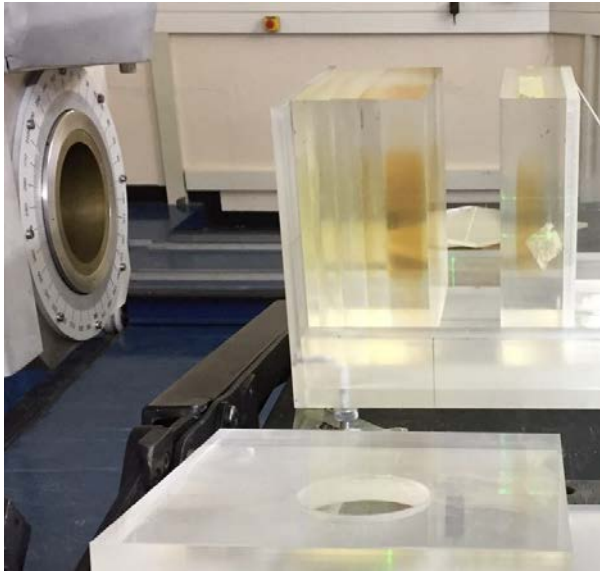
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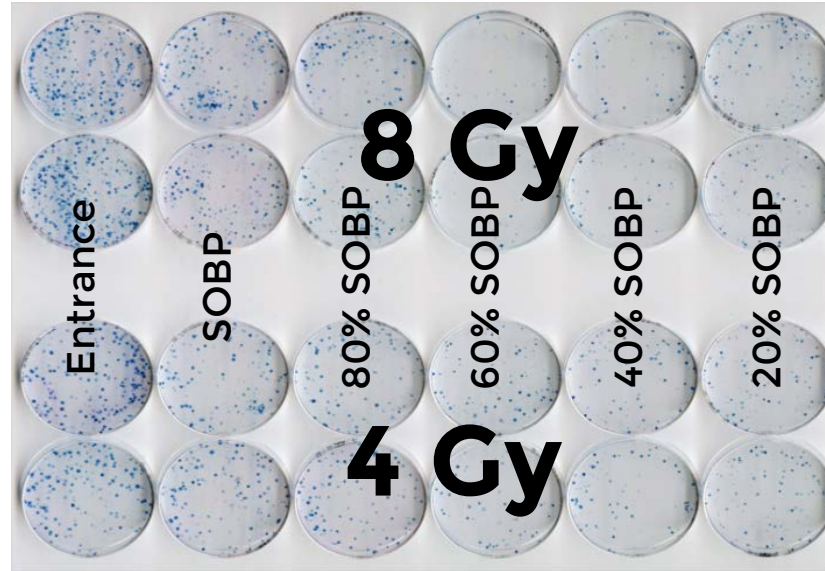


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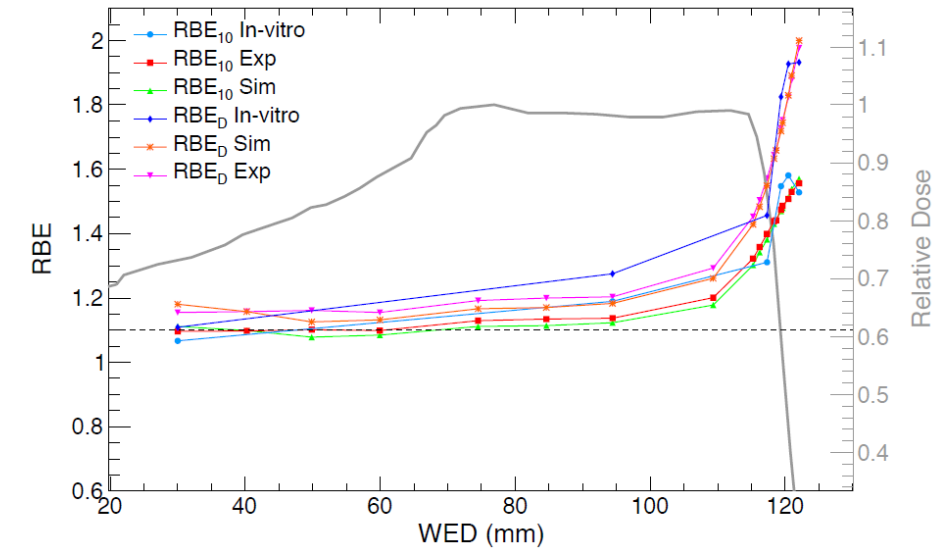
# RBE in proton therapy: Cell survival vs Bridge Microdosimetry



**Fig 1:** In-vitro radiobiology setup in PMMA phantom. Bridge Microdosimeter was placed at the same depth as cells.



**Fig 2:** In-vitro CHO-K1 irradiated cells

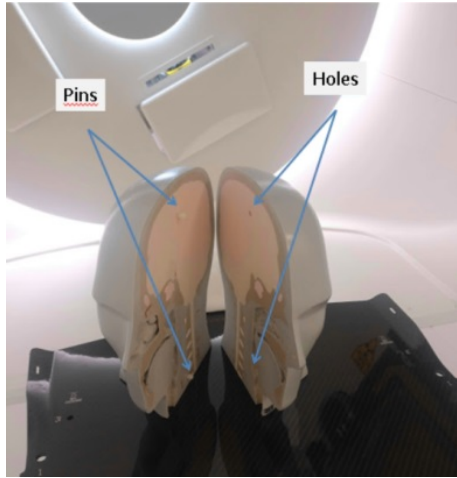


RBE<sub>D</sub> : Cells survival vs Microdosimetry prediction . Good agreement. Dose 2 Gy.

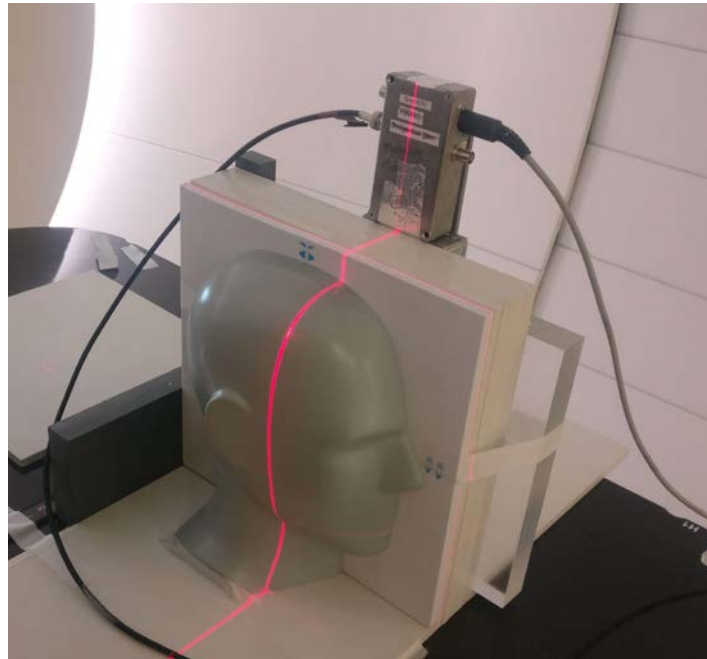
MicroPlus probe predicts RBE<sub>d</sub> and RBE<sub>10</sub> in agreement the CHO-K1 cell line

✓ **Ability to replace time consuming radiobiological RBE experiments**

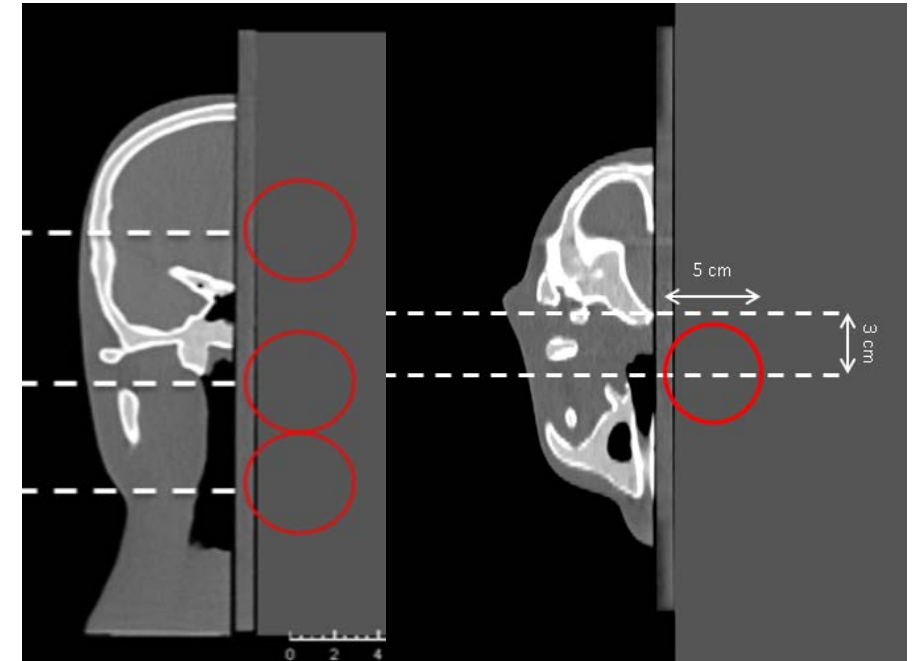
# MicroPlus as QA tool for RayStation TPS verification: Experiment in anthropomorphic head phantom with PBS patient treatment plan at proton therapy centre, Groningen University, Netherlands



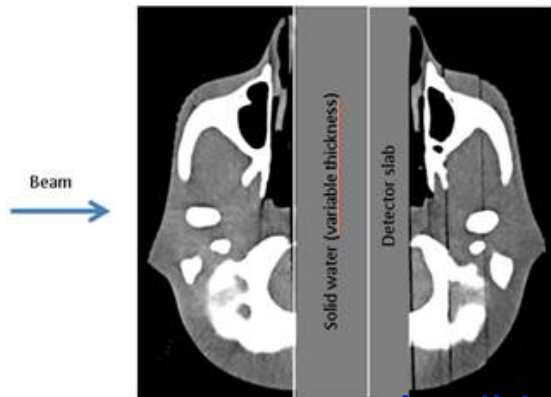
CIRS-head & neck phantom



MicroPlus probe in the CIRS head and neck phantom



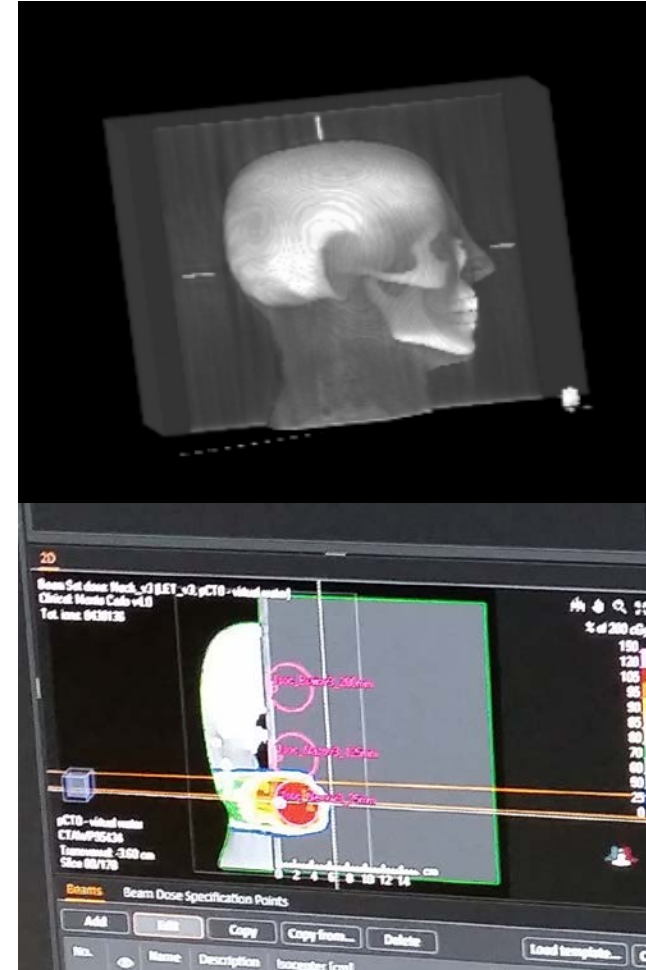
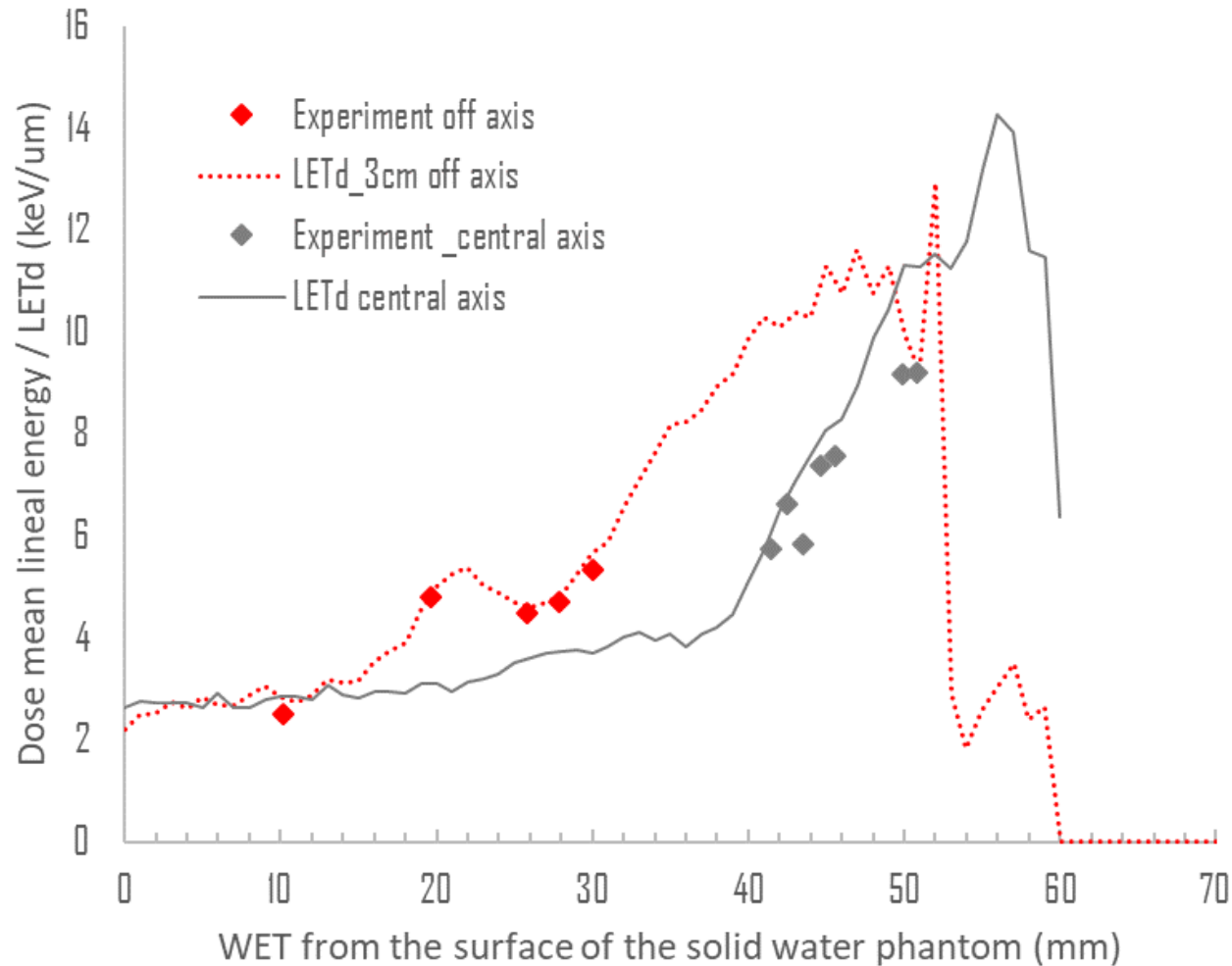
A coronal projection of CT scan of the CIRS 731-HN phantom



Wagennar, D, *et. al.* Validation of linear energy transfer computed in a Monte Carlo dose engine of a commercial treatment planning system, *Phys.Med. Biol.*, 65(2):025006, 2020

# Comparison of $y_D$ distribution vs $LET_D$ predicted by Raystation

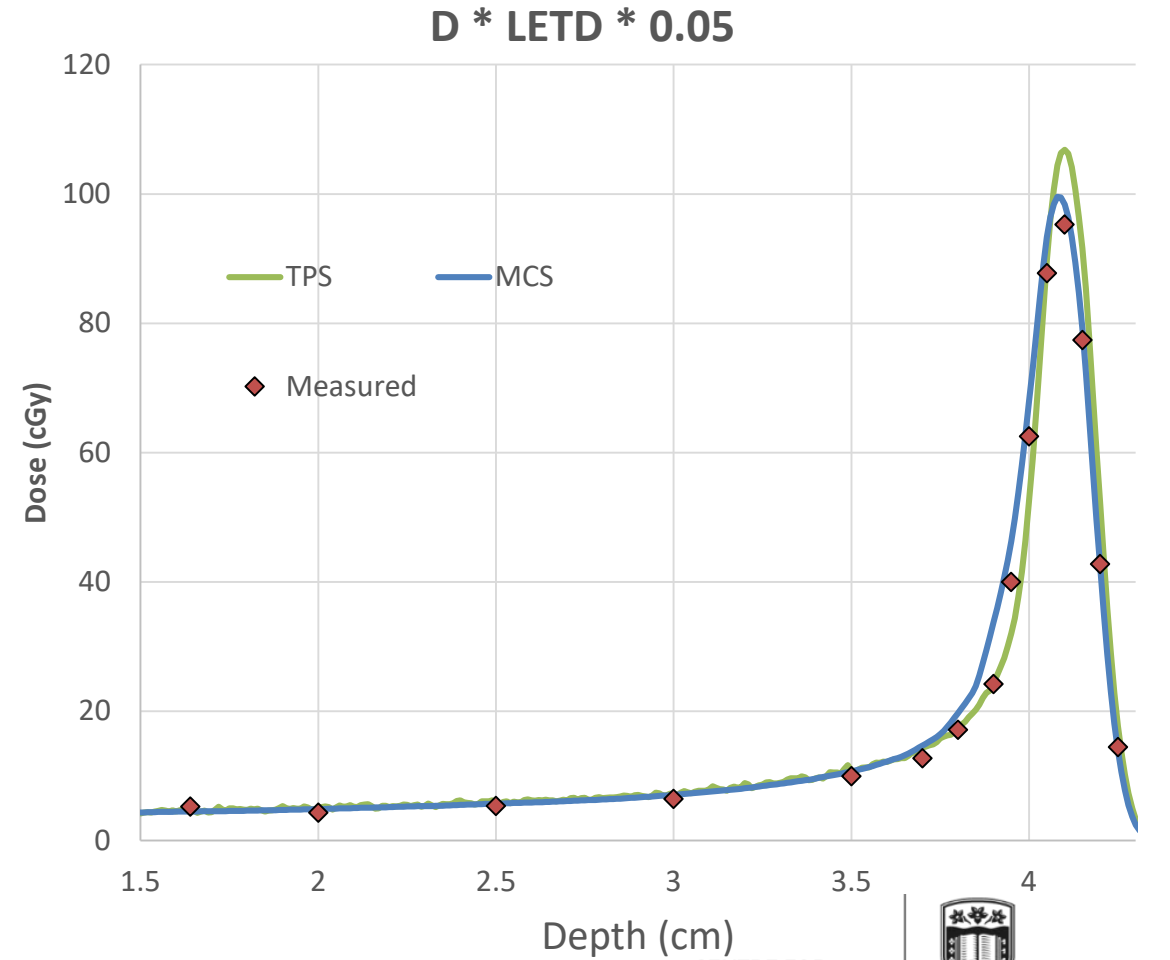
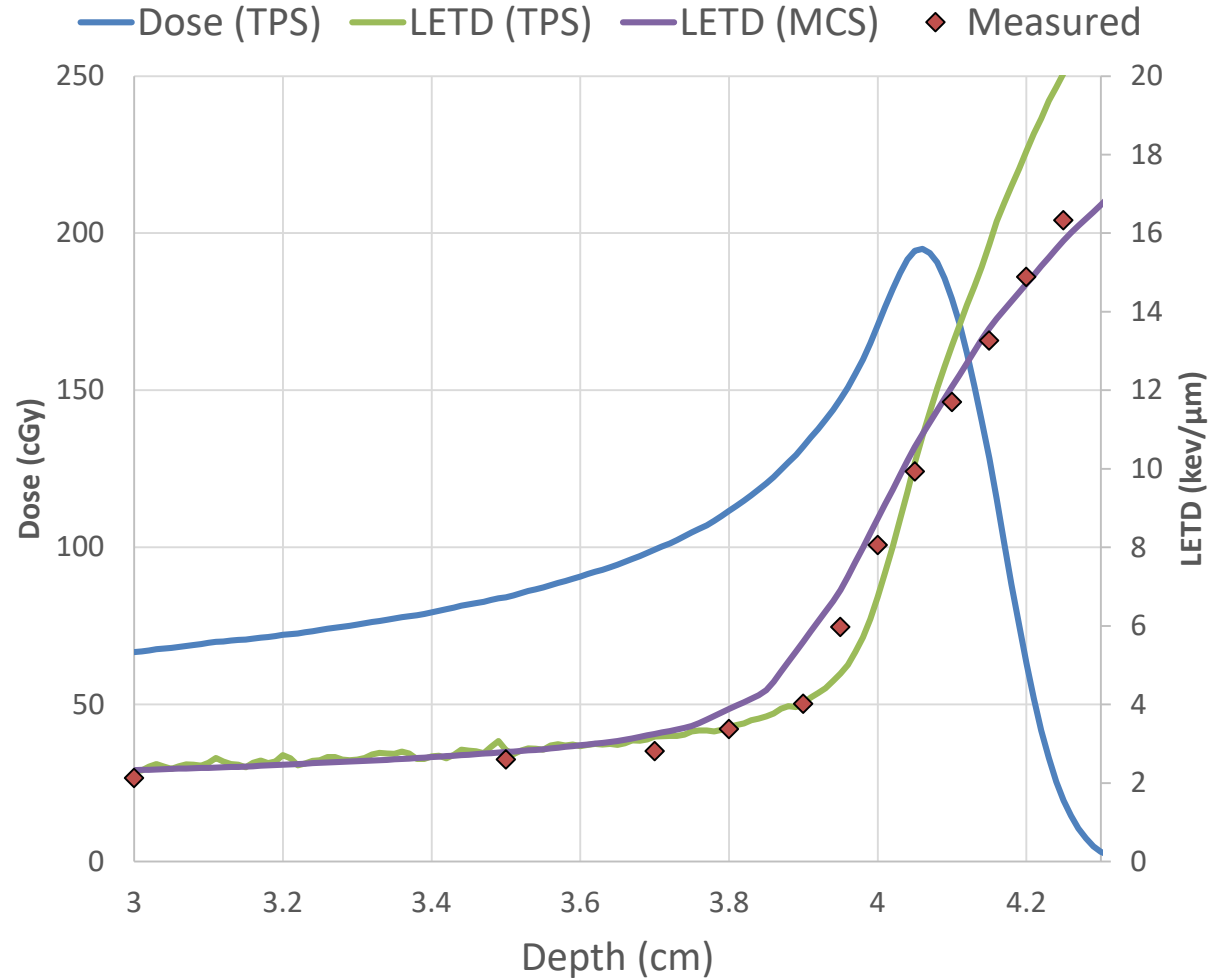
Brain case in CIRS-71 Head phantom



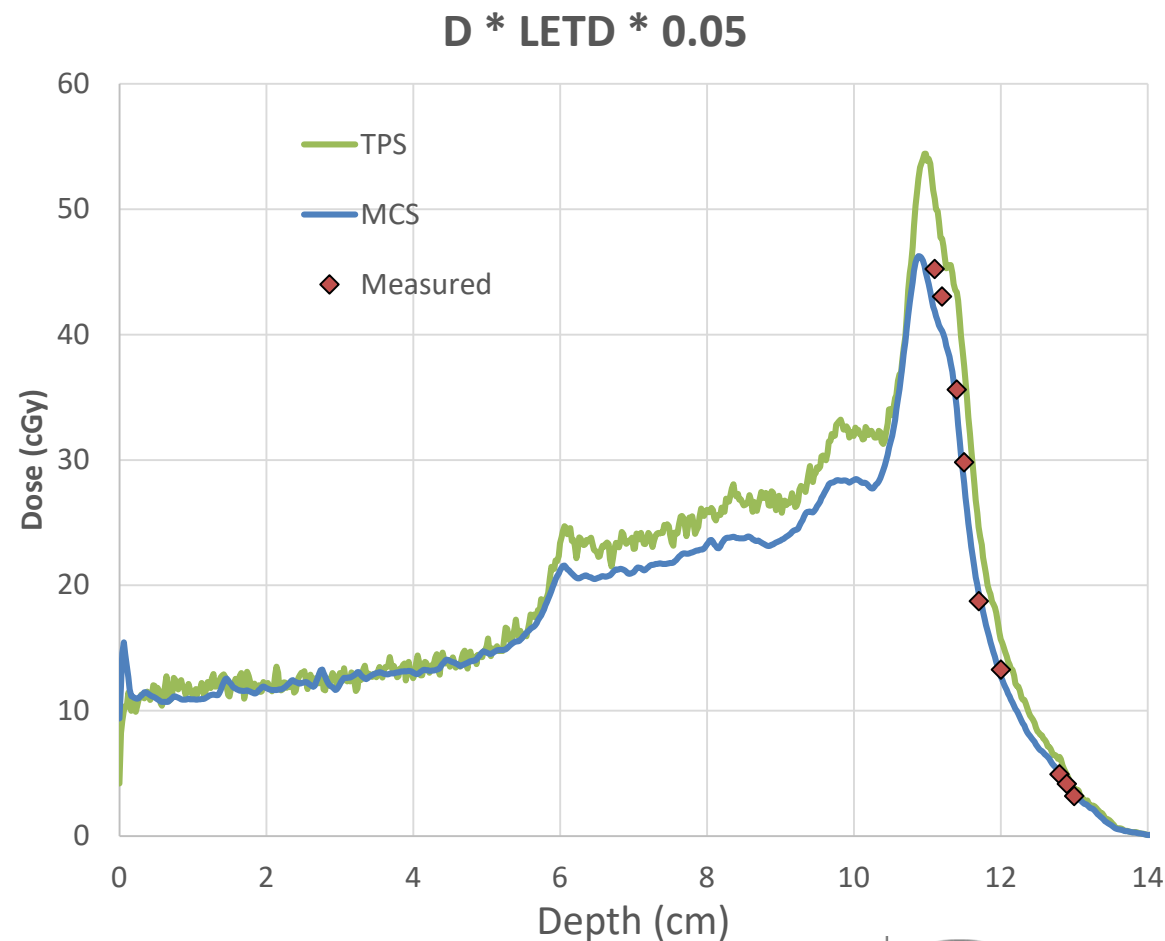
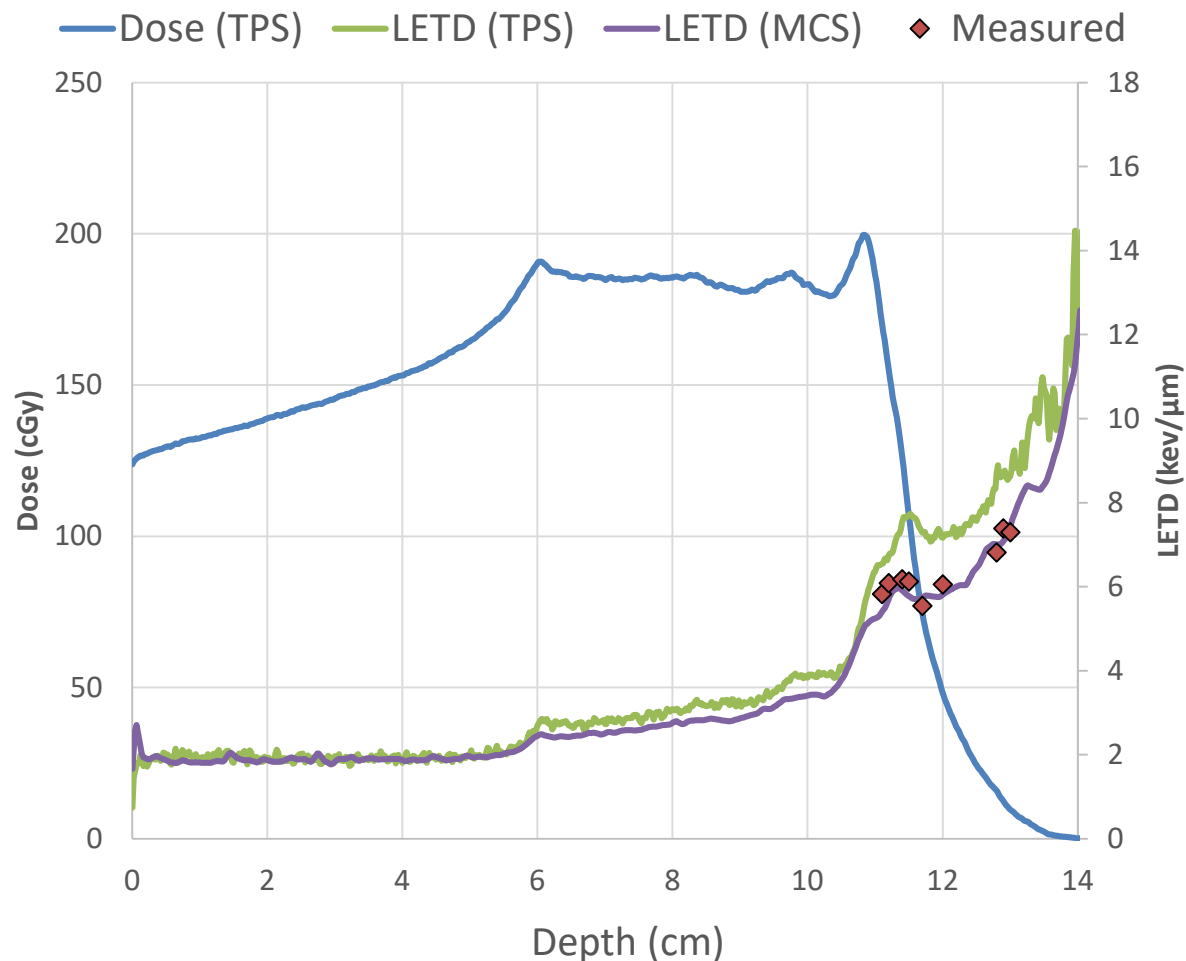
CT scan of a head phantom and a solid water slab

Clinical plan in a head phantom for Brain, Naso and Neck (top to bottom).

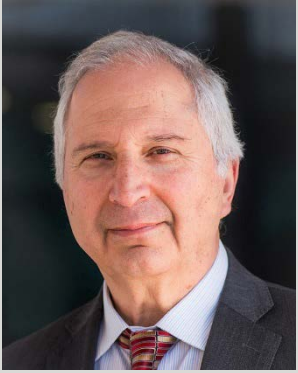
# Results: 70 MeV spot in water



# Results: Nasopharynx plan in water



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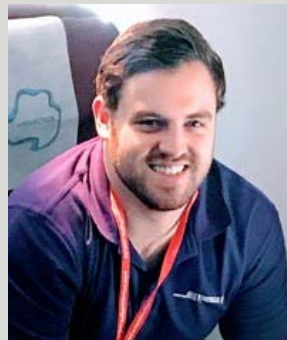
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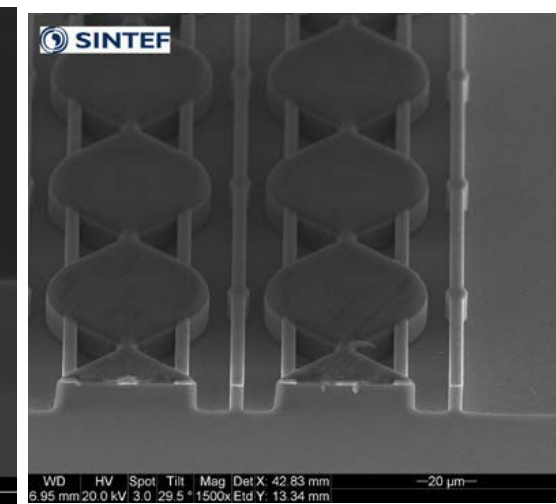
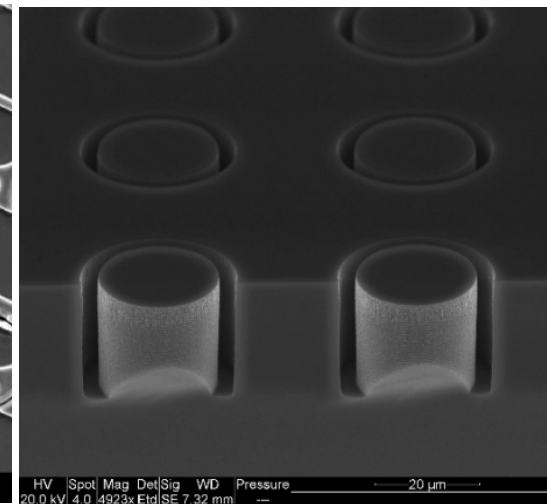
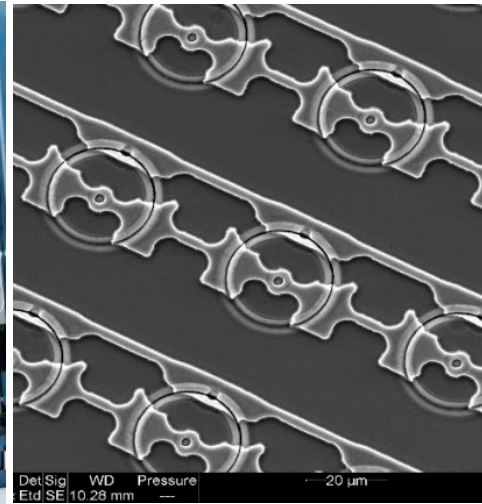
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# Microdosimeter sensor “Mushroom”



**CMRP:** Invention, prototyping and licencing to SINTEF  
**SINTEF:** 3D detector technology and sensors fabrication  
**CMRP:** Implementation to space and clinical practice  
**Jointly:** ESA selected radiation sensors for space missions

# SOI Microdosimeter as a Gold Standard

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# Conclusion

- Solid State SOI microdosimetry concept has been developed
- Optimized geometry of 3D SVs and simple conversion to tissue equivalency
- SOI microdosimeters using 3D detector technology have been fabricated
- SOI microdosimeter in mixed radiation fields is matching to TEPC
- Unique submillimetre spatial resolution in proton and heavy ion fields
- Ability of microdosimetry in a wide range of LET (0.15-50000) keV/um
- Ability operate in GCR environment and low energy ion fields
- Useful for TPS commissioning in terms of  $LET_d$
- Useful for space applications: radiation shielding evaluation, personal dosimetry for astronauts and SEU prediction.

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