

“Review of Laser Driven Ion Beams for  
Medical Applications”  
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J-KAREN, Japan

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- ii. Beam capture and transport systems
- iii. Effect of unique ion source properties

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# Fundamental Ion Acceleration

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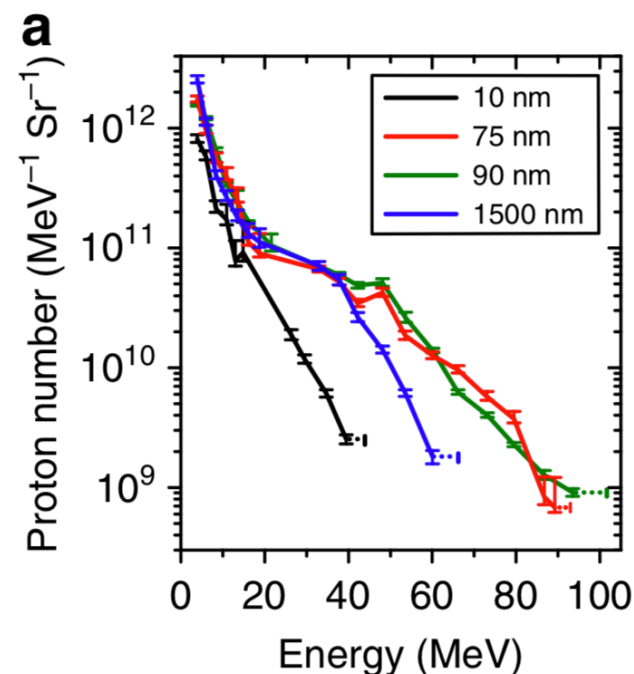
(a) Peak Energy - “nearly” 100MeV...

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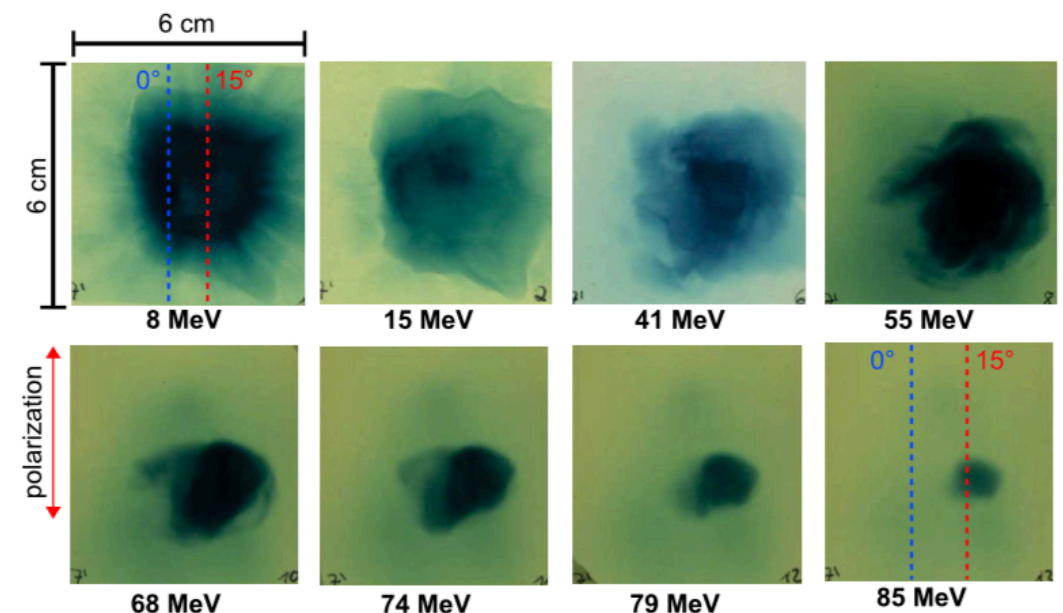
PRL 116, 205002 (2016)

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Maximum Proton Energy above 85 MeV from the Relativistic Interaction of Laser Pulses with Micrometer Thick  $\text{CH}_2$  Targets

F. Wagner<sup>1,2,\*</sup>, O. Deppert<sup>3</sup>, C. Brabetz<sup>1</sup>, P. Fiala<sup>3</sup>, A. Kleinschmidt<sup>3</sup>, P. Poth<sup>3</sup>, V. A. Schanz<sup>3</sup>, A. Tebartz<sup>3</sup>, B. Zielbauer<sup>1</sup>, M. Roth<sup>3</sup>, T. Stöhlker<sup>1,2</sup> and V. Bagnoud<sup>1,2</sup>



# Fundamental Ion Acceleration

Current status:

(b) Energy spread - lots of work using different acceleration schemes and structured targets

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nature

LETTERS

## Laser-plasma acceleration of quasi-monoenergetic protons from microstructured targets

H. Schworer<sup>1</sup>, S. Pfotenhauer<sup>1</sup>, O. Jäkel<sup>1</sup>, K.-U. Amthor<sup>1</sup>, B. Liesfeld<sup>1</sup>, W. Ziegler<sup>1</sup>, R. Sauerbrey<sup>1</sup>, K. W. D. Ledingham<sup>1,2,3</sup> & T. Esirkepov<sup>4,5</sup>

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## Laser acceleration of quasi-monoenergetic MeV ion beams

B. M. Hegelich<sup>1</sup>, B. J. Albright<sup>1</sup>, J. Cobble<sup>1</sup>, K. Flippo<sup>1</sup>, S. Letzring<sup>1</sup>, M. Paffett<sup>1</sup>, H. Ruhl<sup>2</sup>, J. Schreiber<sup>3,4</sup>, R. K. Schulze<sup>1</sup> & J. C. Fernández<sup>1</sup>

PRL **106**, 014801 (2011)

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## Monoenergetic Proton Beams Accelerated by a Radiation Pressure Driven Shock

Charlotte A. J. Palmer,<sup>1</sup> N. P. Dover,<sup>1</sup> I. Pogorelsky,<sup>2</sup> M. Babzien,<sup>2</sup> G. I. Dudnikova,<sup>3</sup> M. Ispiriyan,<sup>4</sup> M. N. Polyanskiy,<sup>2</sup> J. Schreiber,<sup>1,5,6</sup> P. Shkolnikov,<sup>4</sup> V. Yakimenko,<sup>2</sup> and Z. Najmudin<sup>1</sup>

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ARTICLES

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## Collisionless shocks in laser-produced plasma generate monoenergetic high-energy proton beams

Dan Haberberger<sup>1</sup>, Sergei Tochitsky<sup>1</sup>, Frederico Fiuza<sup>2</sup>, Chao Gong<sup>1</sup>, Ricardo A. Fonseca<sup>2,3</sup>, Luis O. Silva<sup>2</sup>, Warren B. Mori<sup>1</sup> and Chan Joshi<sup>1\*</sup>

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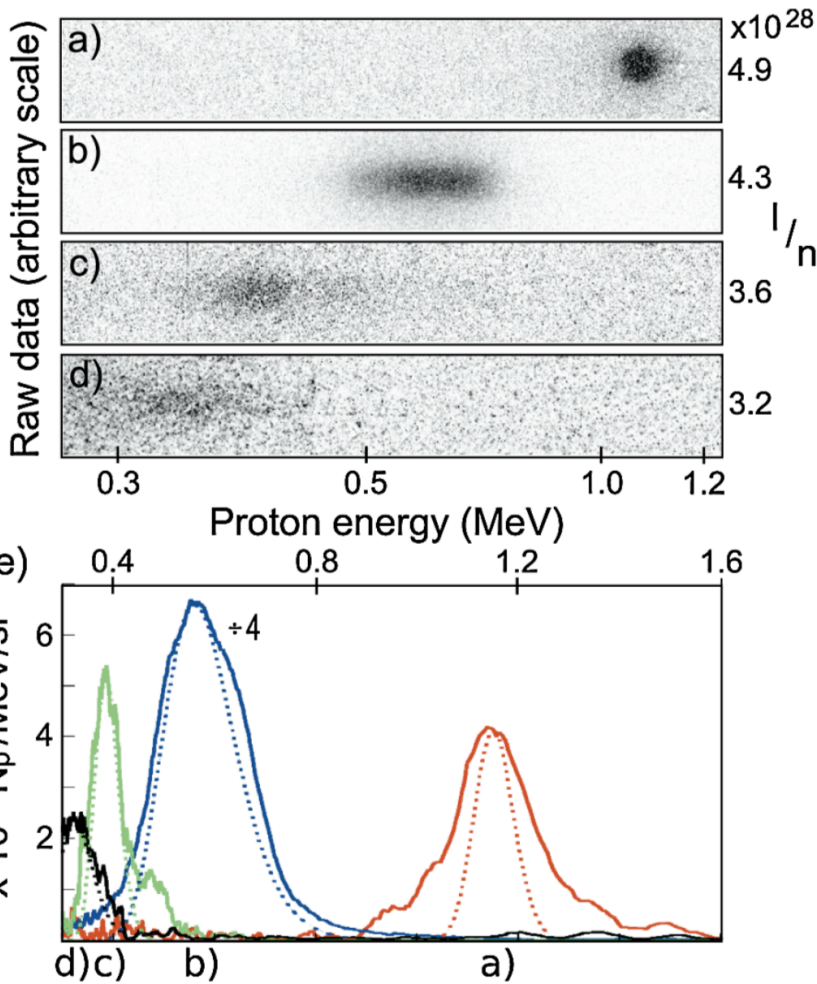
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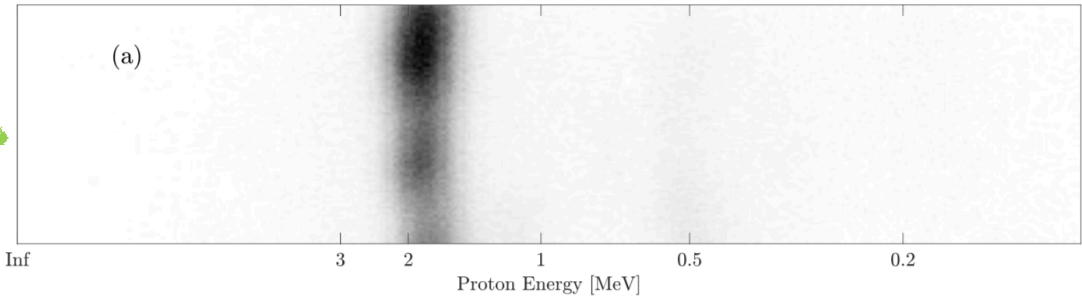
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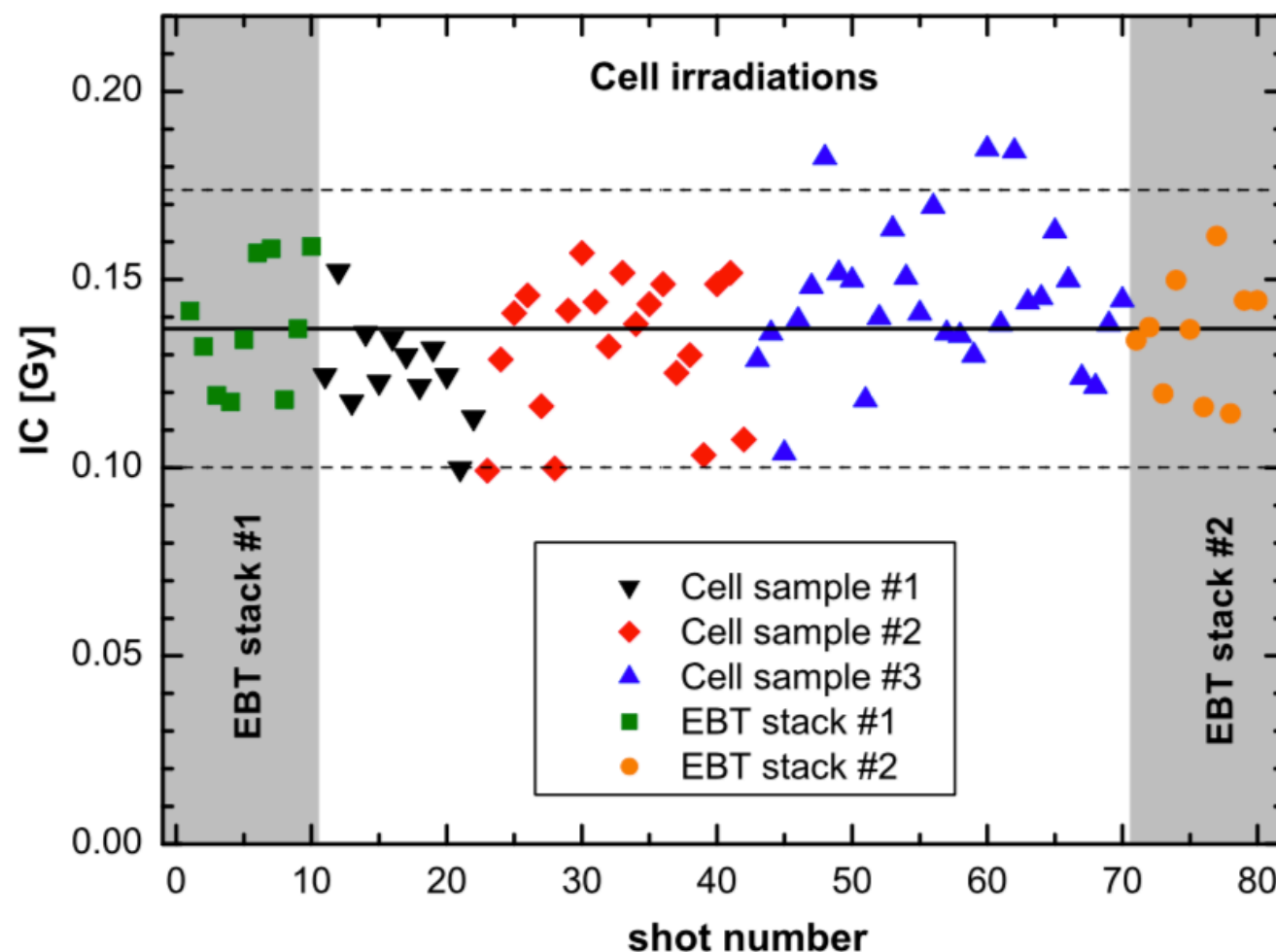
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# Fundamental Ion Acceleration

Current status:

(c) Proton energy stability



Kraft et al. New J. Phys. (2010)

$\pm 28\%$  dose stability

$\pm 5\%$  dose uniformity required for any given voxel\*

\*Linz & Alonso PRAB (2007)

# Requirements for laser-driven ion beams

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## i. **Fundamental ion acceleration**

- Energies steadily increasing - nearly achieving the 100MeV milestone
- Already demonstrated few % energy spreads
- Stability is improving, but needs significant

## ii. Beam capture and transport systems

## iii. Effect of unique ion source properties

# Requirements for laser-driven ion beams

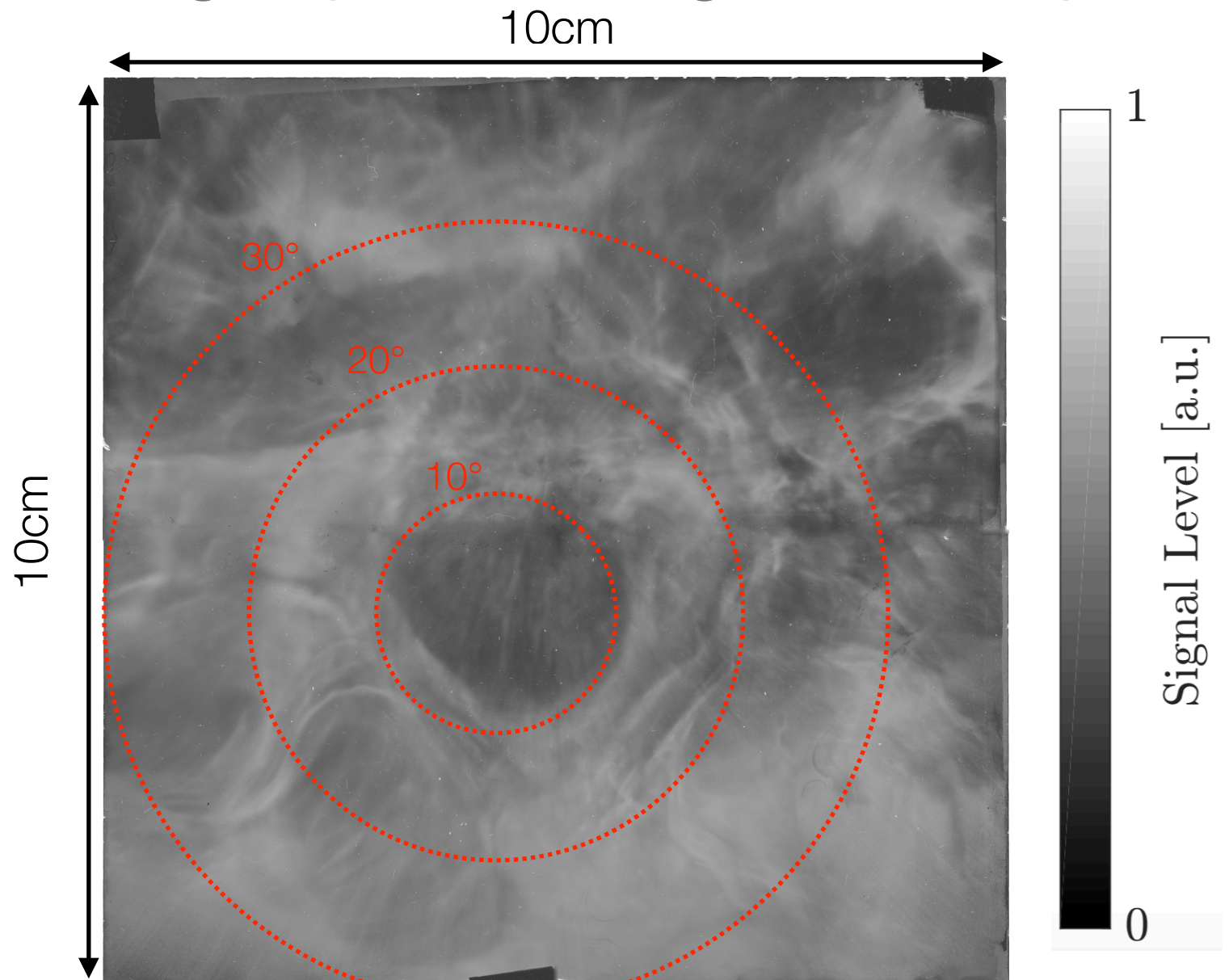
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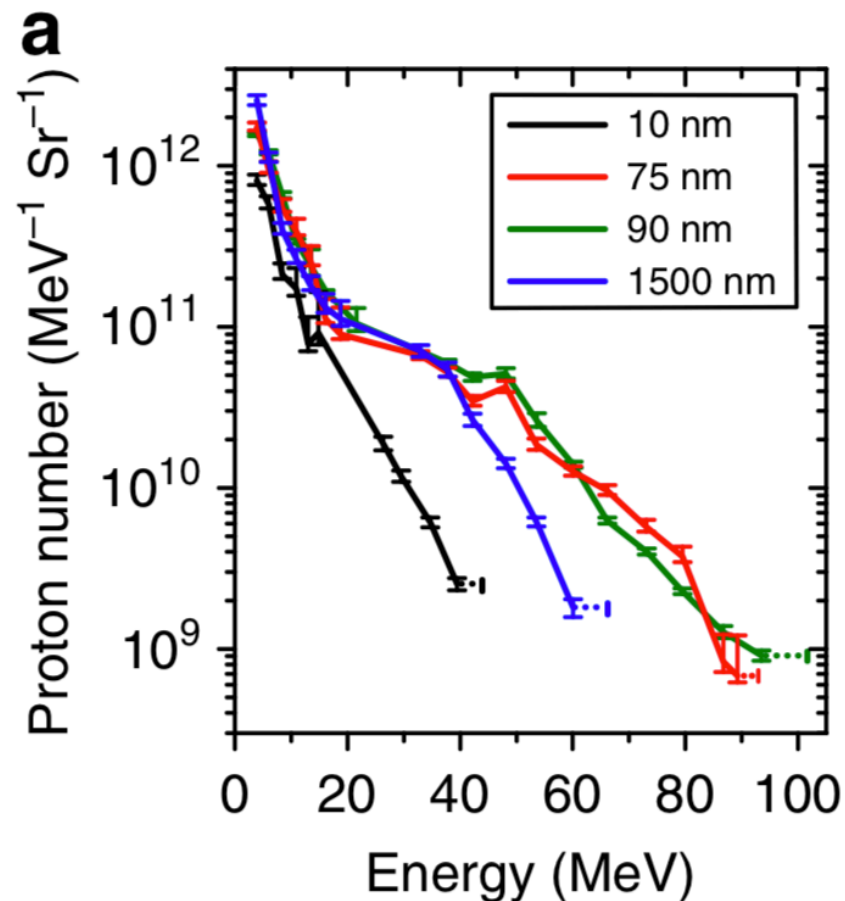
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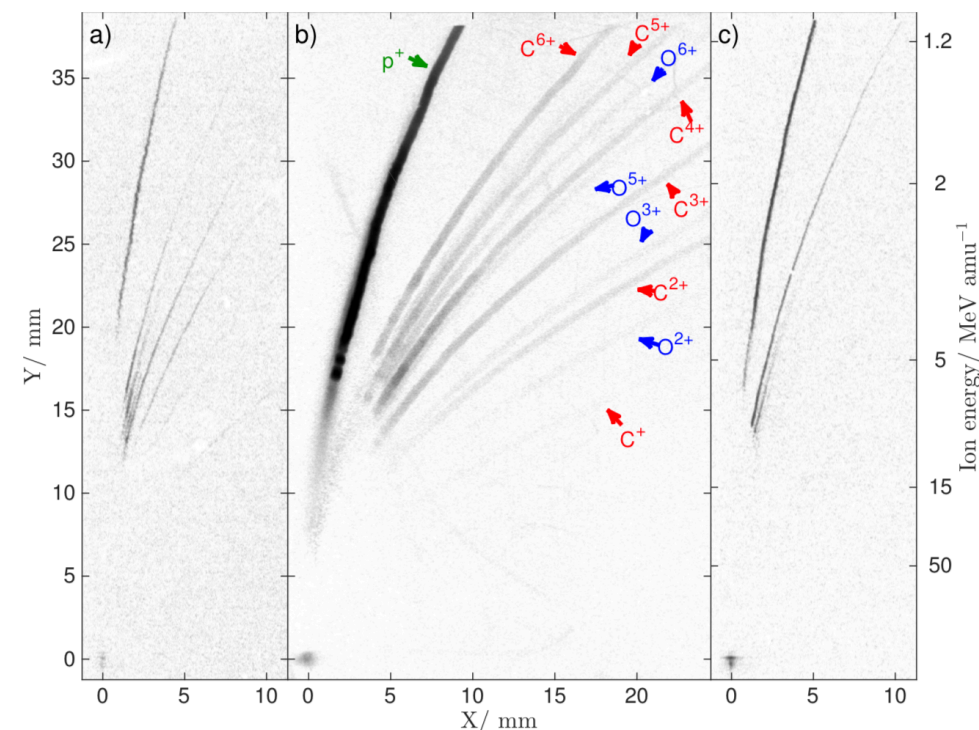
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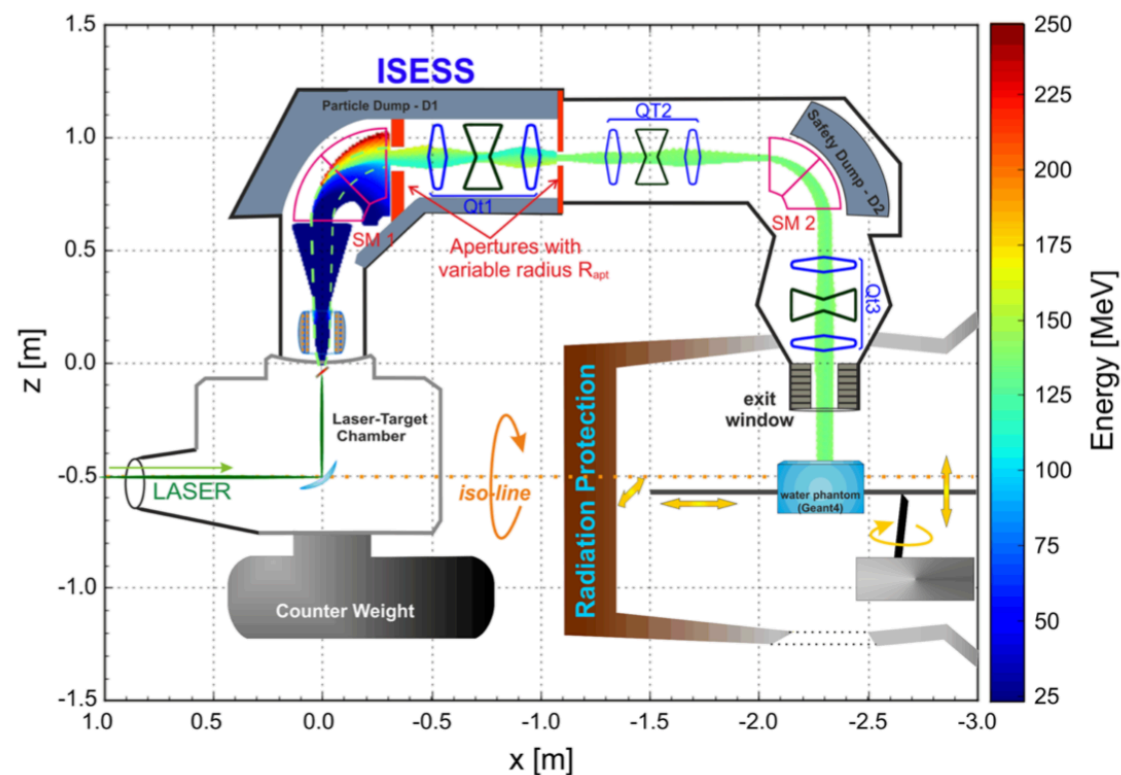
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  - energy distribution is broad
  - often multi-species (protons, carbon, oxygen etc.)

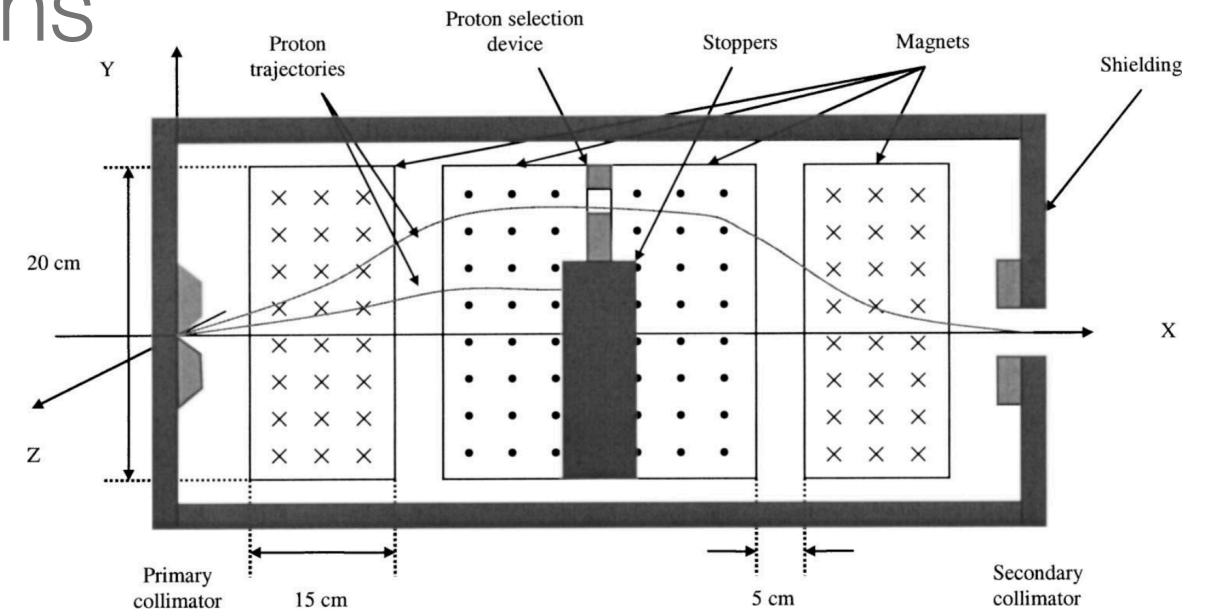


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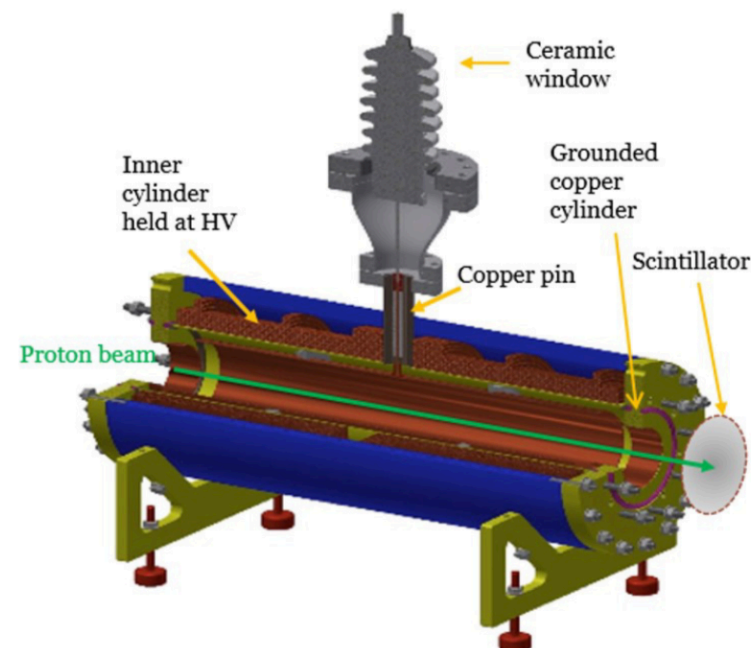
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Masood et al. Appl. Phys. B (2014)



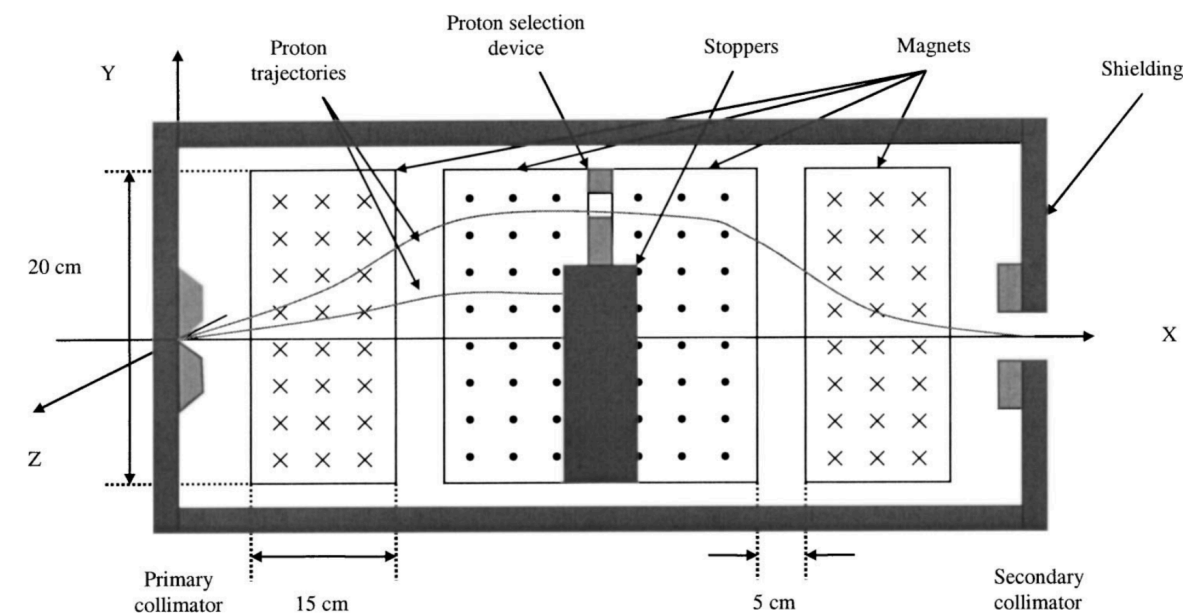
Luo et al. Med Phys. 32 (2005)



Pozimski et al. Laser and Particle Beams (2013),  
Posocco et al. Proc. IPAC (2016)

# Beam Capture and Transport

- A number of proposed solutions
  - Luo et al. propose using 4 superconducting magnetic dipoles with a moveable aperture
    - mono-energetic pencil beam
    - $<0.1\%$  of beam used
    - high secondary radiation



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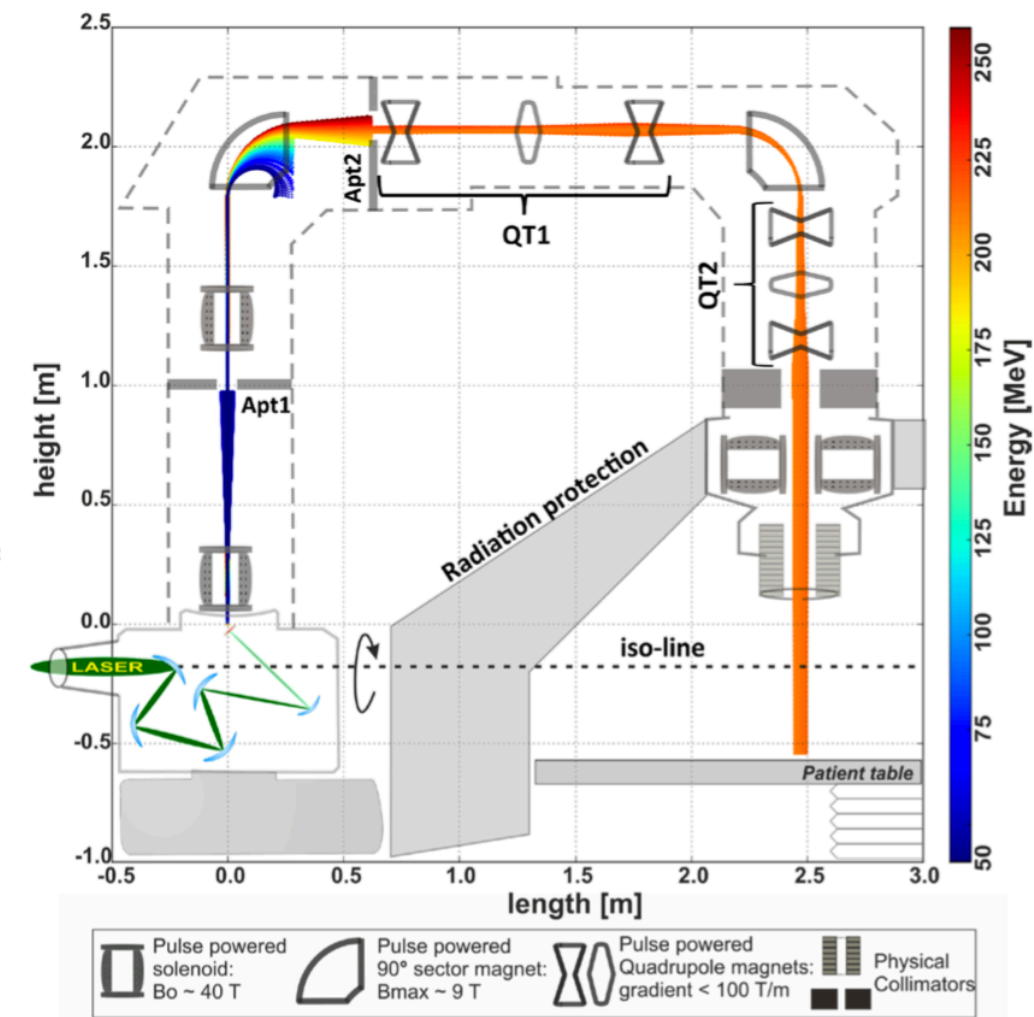
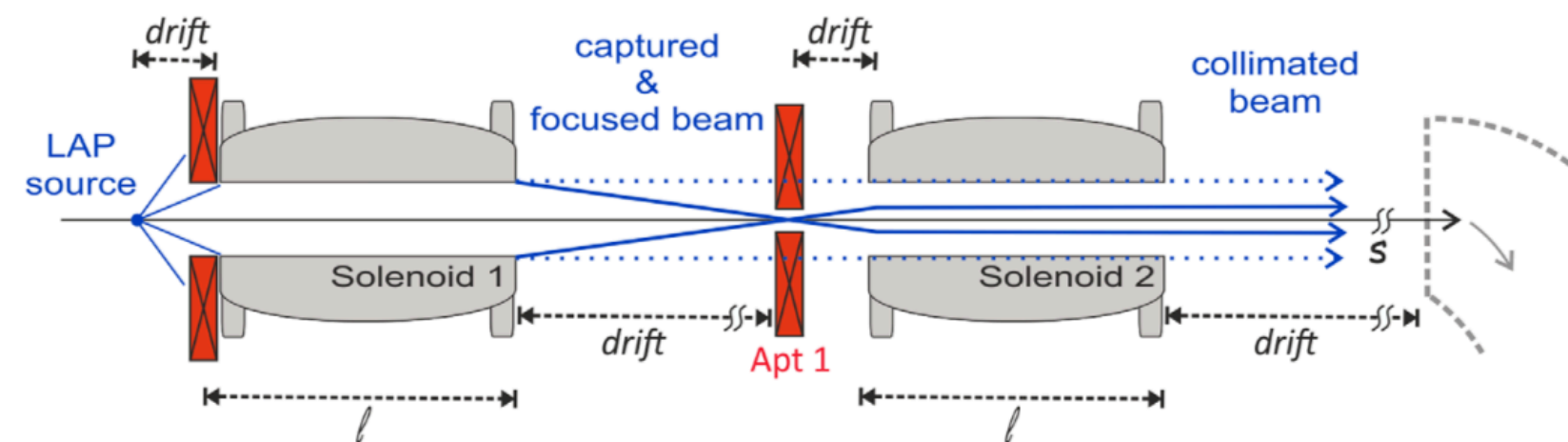
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    - exploits the broadband nature of laser accelerated beams to generate beams with variable mean energy, and ~20% energy spread

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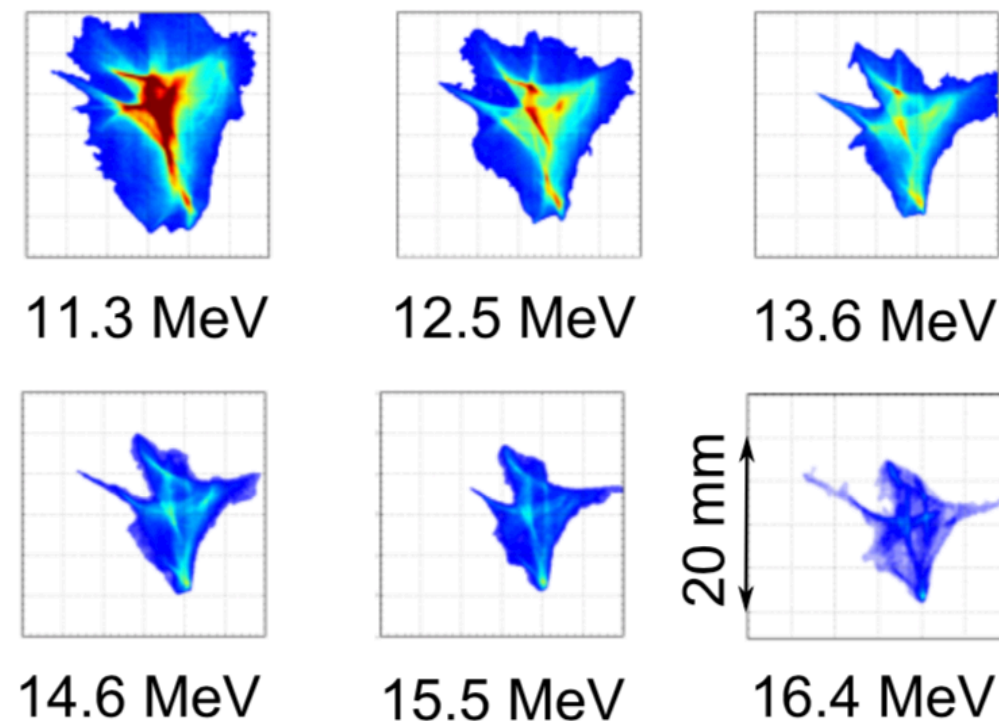
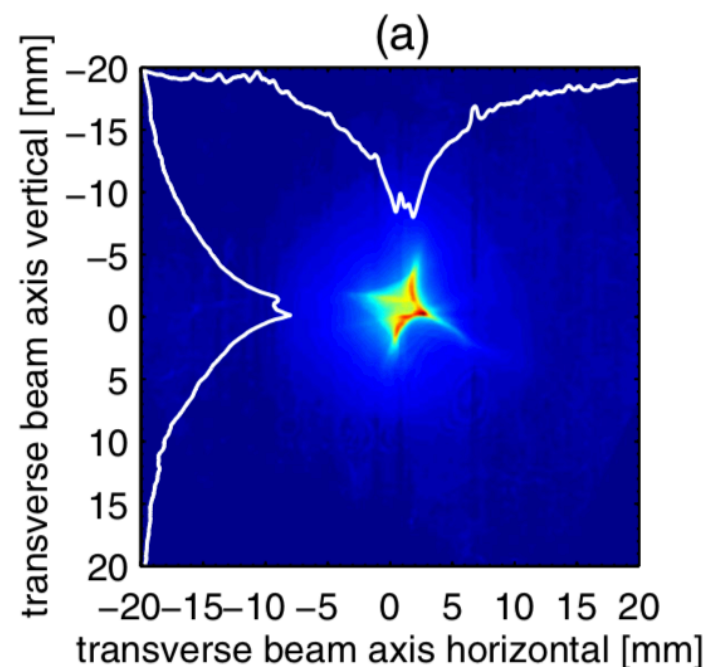
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# Beam Capture and Transport

- A number of proposed solutions
  - Other authors have already experimentally exploited pulsed solenoids



Busold et al. PRSTAB (2013)

Busold et al. Nuclear Instr. and Methods A (2014)

# Requirements for laser-driven ion beams

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ii. **Beam capture and transport systems**

- a range of possible solutions, with a number already having been demonstrated in some capacity

iii. Effect of unique ion source properties

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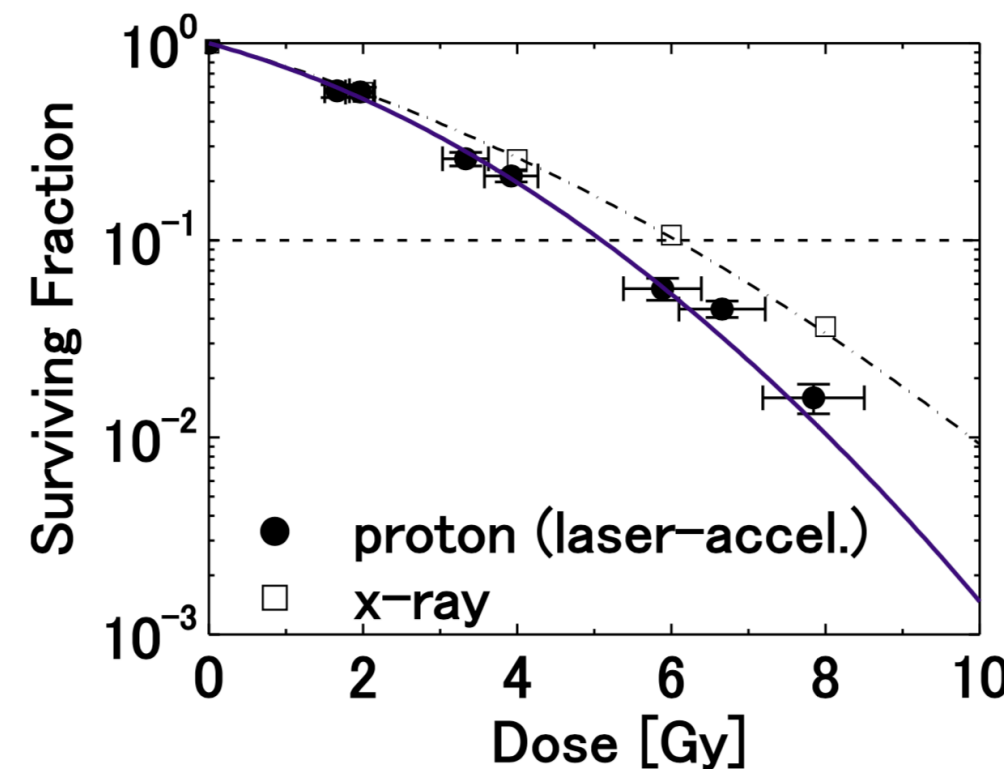
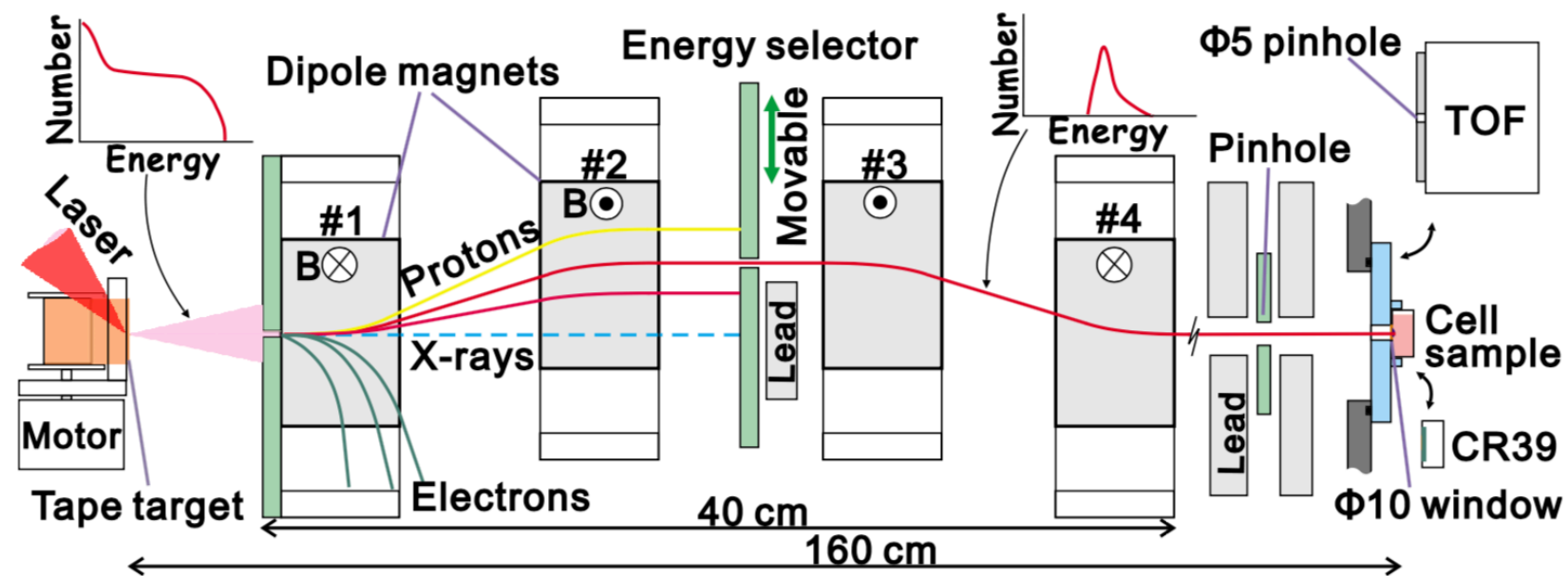
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- What effect do these potential ultra-high dose rates have on the biology?
- Do doses of  $\sim 10^9 \text{ Gy/s}$  have biological benefits (compared to  $10^0 - 10^3 \text{ Gy/s}$  conventionally)?
- Are laser sources at least “as-good” as conventional sources?

# RBE and Laser Sources

- Some of the earliest work by Yogo et al. at J-KAREN laser system in Japan
- in vivo studies with a 2.25MeV proton beam and energy width  $\Delta E/E \sim 30\%$  (4MV reference x-rays)



# RBE and Laser Sources

- A large amount of subsequent interest from various groups

Bin et al. Appl. Phys. Lett. (2012)

$>10^9 \text{ Gy/s}$  over single ns fractionation for protons equivalent dose given with 200kV x-rays

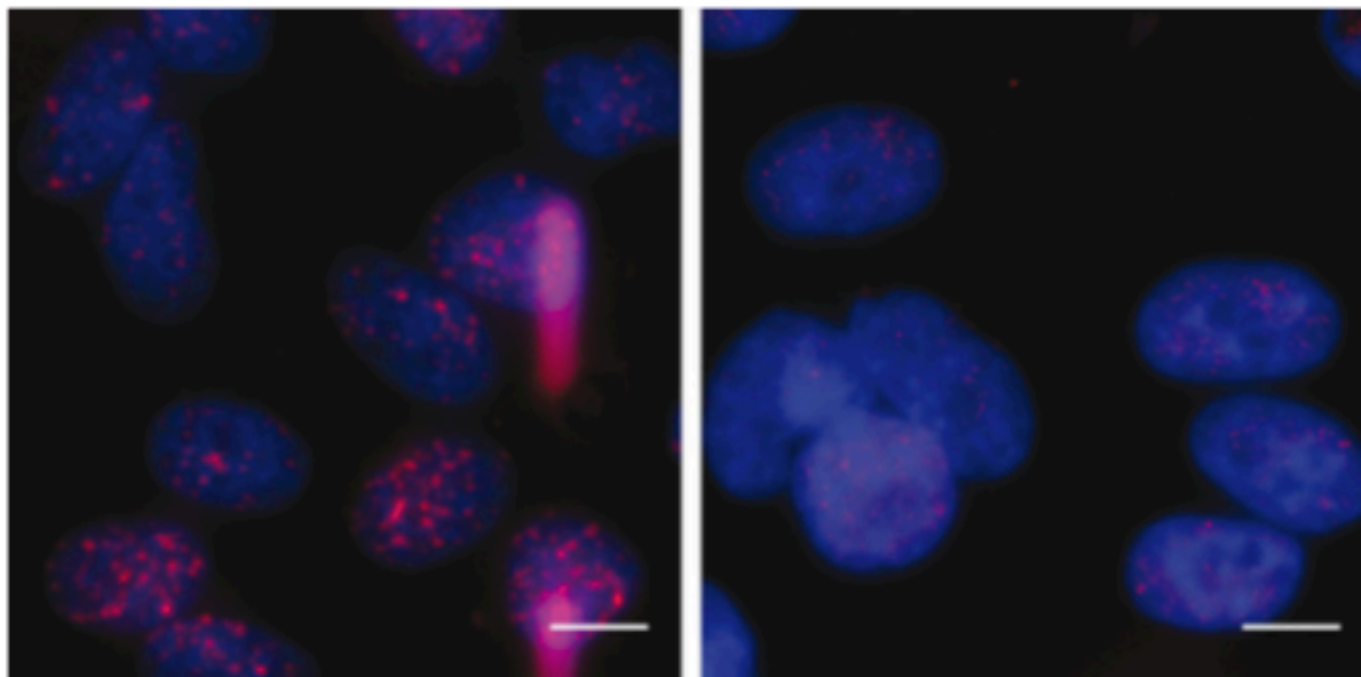


FIG. 5. Initial DNA damage in HeLa cells. (a) Sample exposed to a mean dose of 1.0 Gy and (b) corresponding unirradiated control. Foci of  $\gamma$ -H2AX (red) and cell nuclei (blue) are shown (3D microscopy, maximum intensity projections, background correction, contrast enhanced). The red vertical bars in (a) are part of the grid used for spatial registration (Fig. 4). Horizontal scale bars, 10  $\mu\text{m}$ .

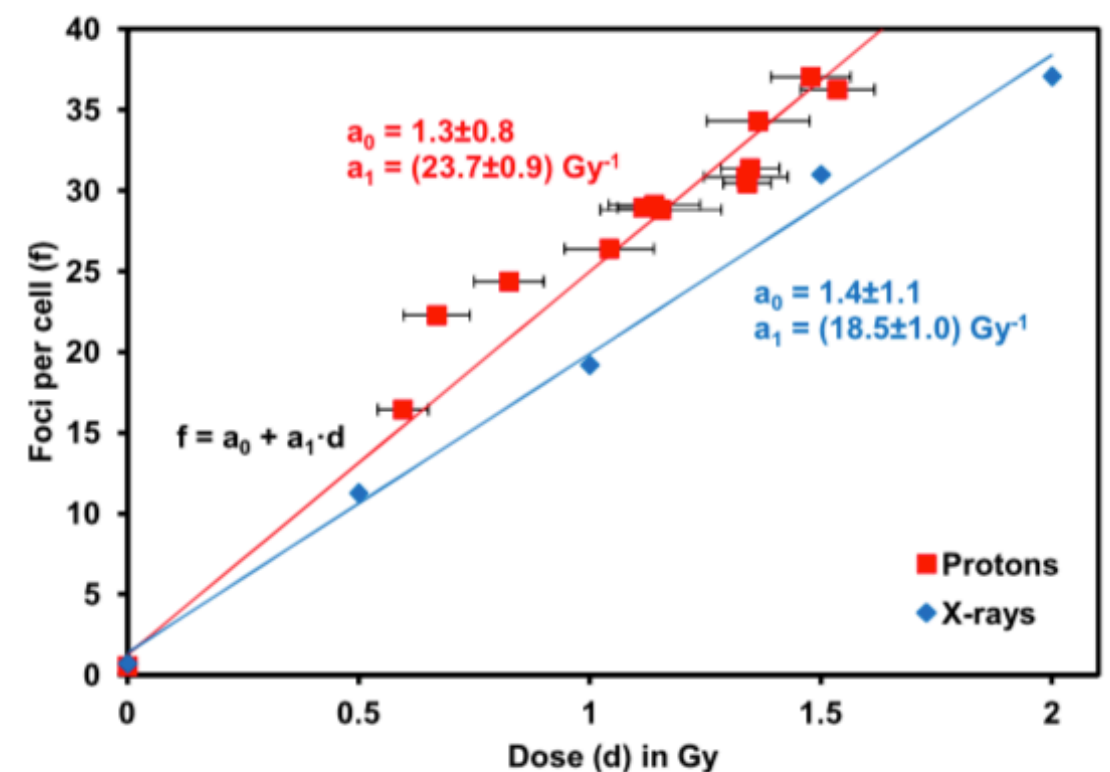


FIG. 6. Mean number of  $\gamma$ -H2AX foci per cell as a function of dose for laser-driven protons and 200 kV X-rays. Each data point for protons contains  $\sim 20$  cells. Error bars in dose show the dose inhomogeneity (standard deviation) across the regions of interest used for evaluation.



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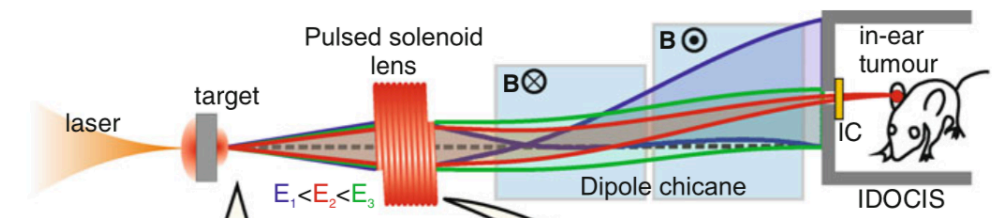


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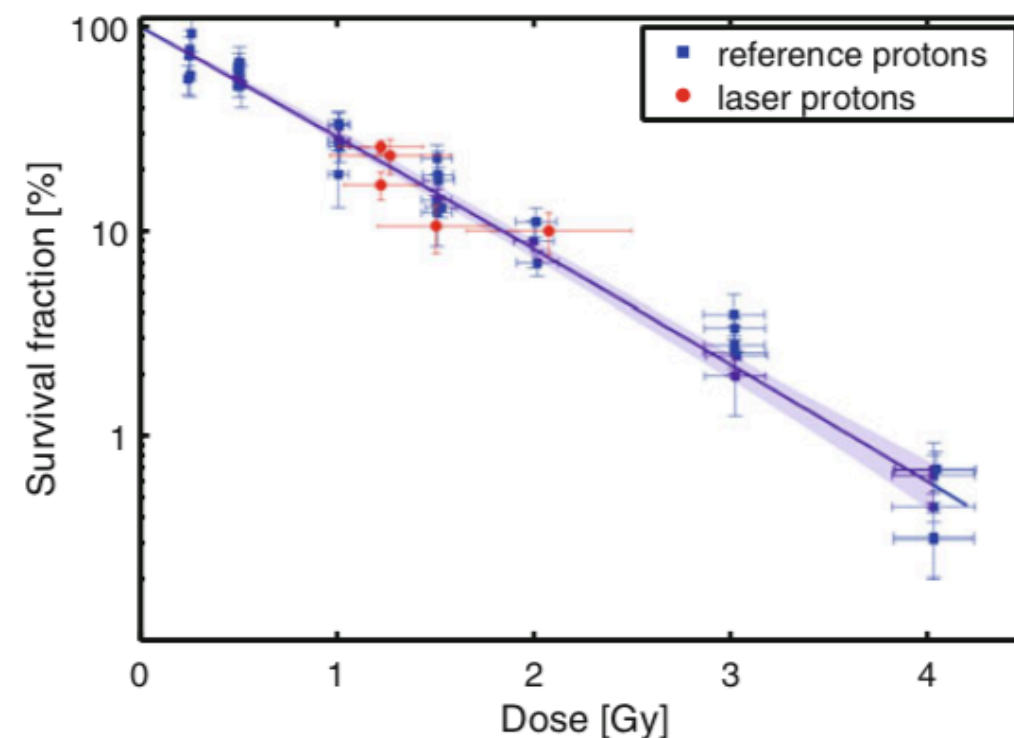
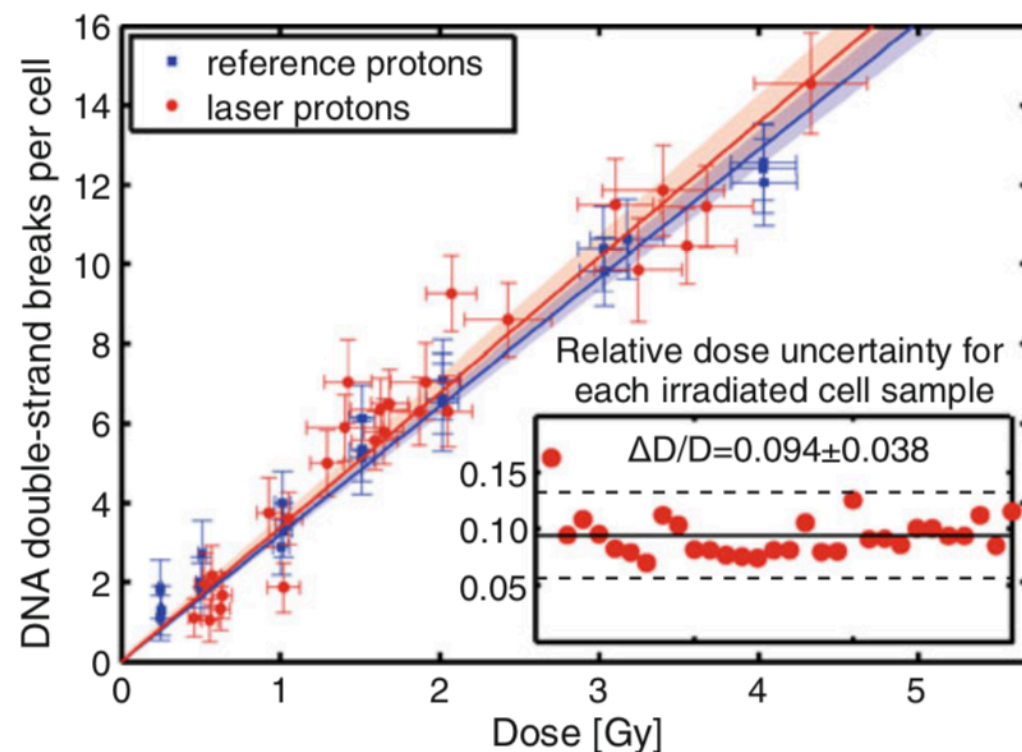
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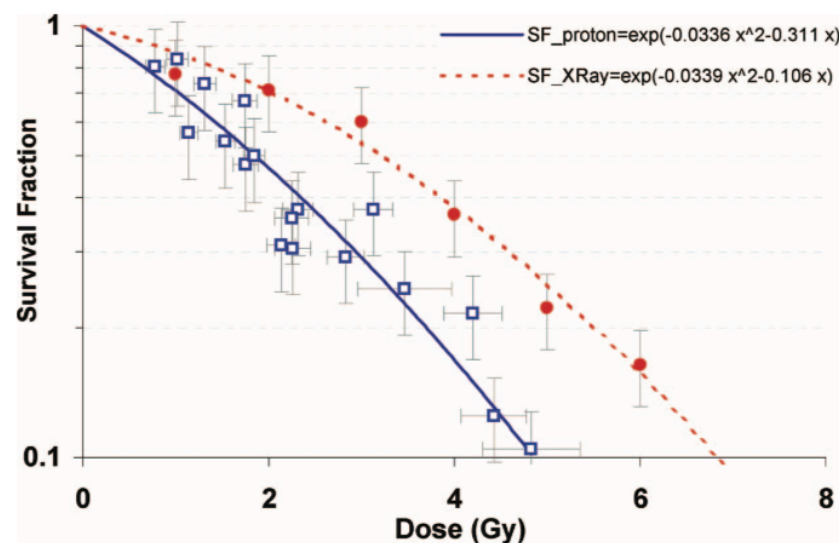
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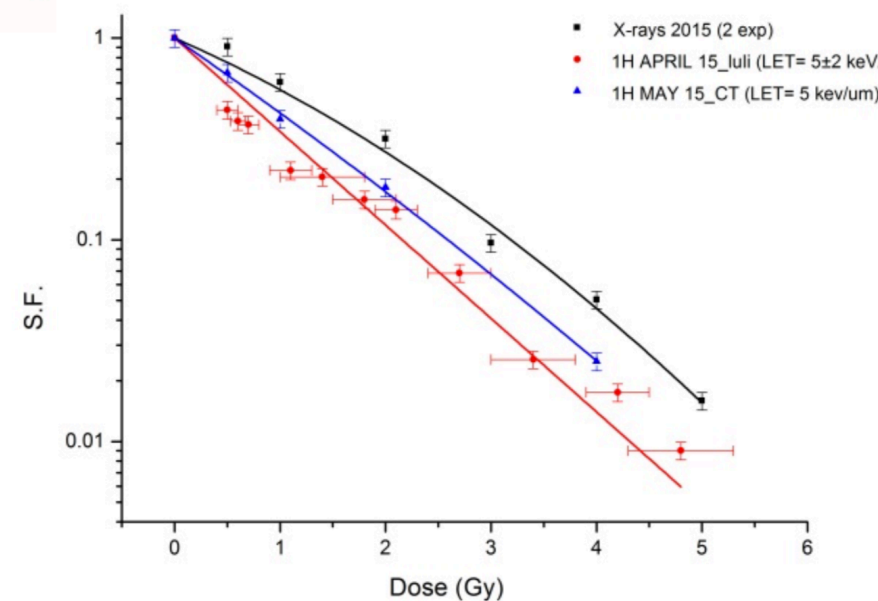
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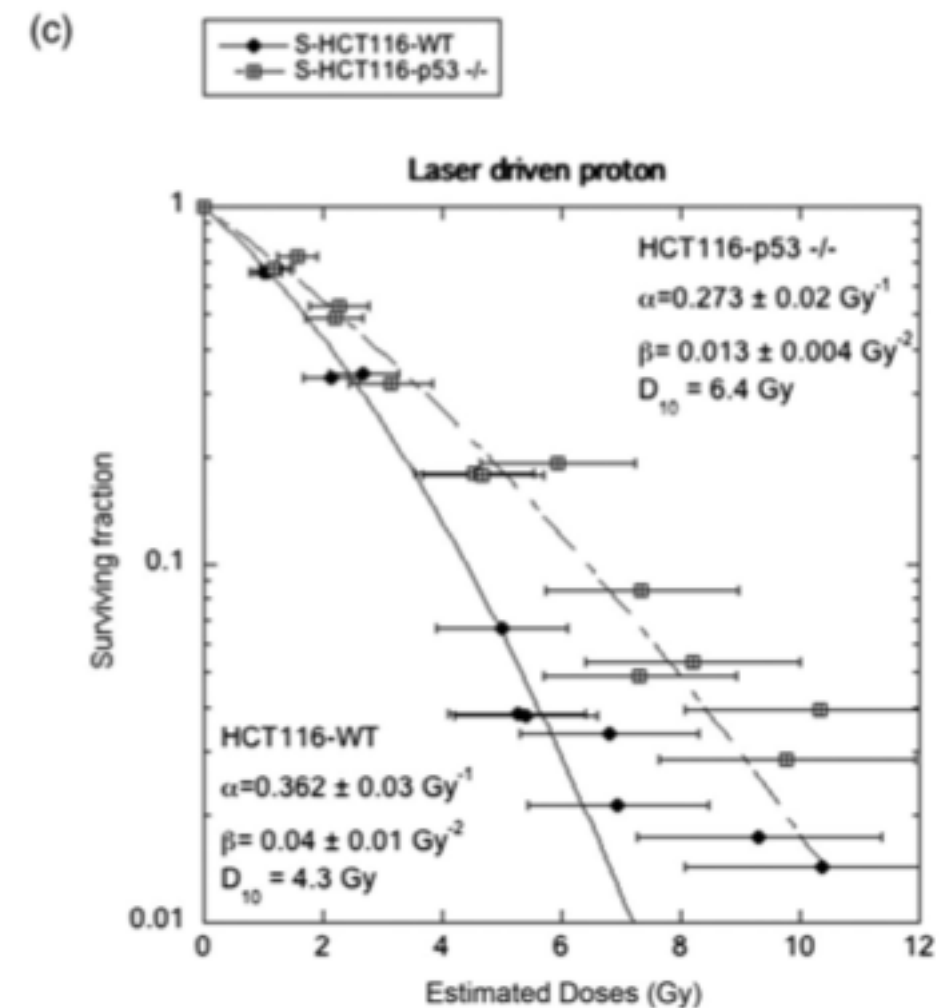
Doria et al. AIP Advances (2012)



Manti et al. JINST (2017)



Pommarel et al. PRAB (2017)



# RBE and Laser Sources

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- Studies using research accelerators which can mimic these high dose rates have also been conducted

Auer et al. *Radiation Oncology* 2011, **6**:139  
<http://www.ro-journal.com/content/6/1/139>



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## Survival of tumor cells after proton irradiation with ultra-high dose rates

Susanne Auer<sup>1</sup>, Volker Hable<sup>2</sup>, Christoph Greubel<sup>2</sup>, Guido A Drexler<sup>1</sup>, Thomas E Schmid<sup>3</sup>, Claus Belka<sup>1</sup>, Günther Dollinger<sup>2</sup> and Anna A Friedl<sup>1\*</sup>

### **The Effects of Ultra-High Dose Rate Proton Irradiation on Growth Delay in the Treatment of Human Tumor Xenografts in Nude Mice**

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- Lots of ongoing research to better understand the effect of these ion sources



# Summary

- Lots of work ongoing in:
  - i. fundamental ion acceleration to obtain higher energies, and favourable beam properties
  - ii. work in capture and transport of beams
  - iii. biological effects of the unique source properties

Further reading:

- Linz and Alonso, PRSTAB **10**, (2007)
- Linz and Alonso, PRAB **19**, (2016)
- Karsch et al. Acta Oncologica, (2017)
- Ledingham et al. Appl. Sci. (2014)