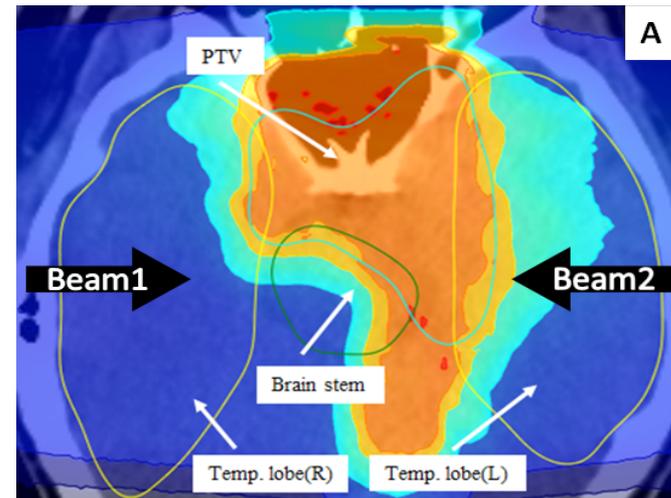
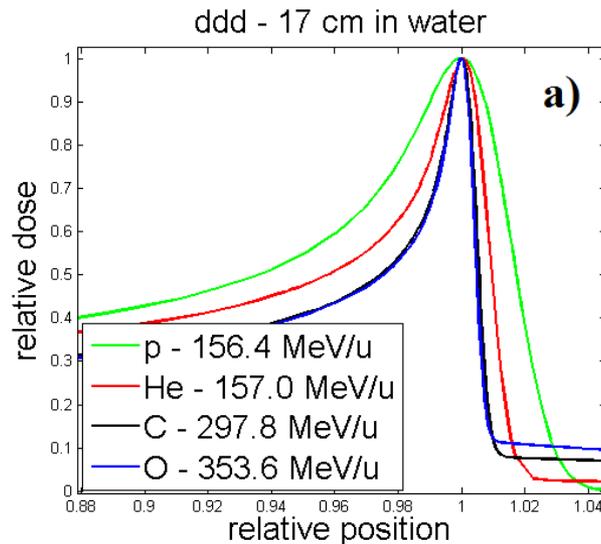
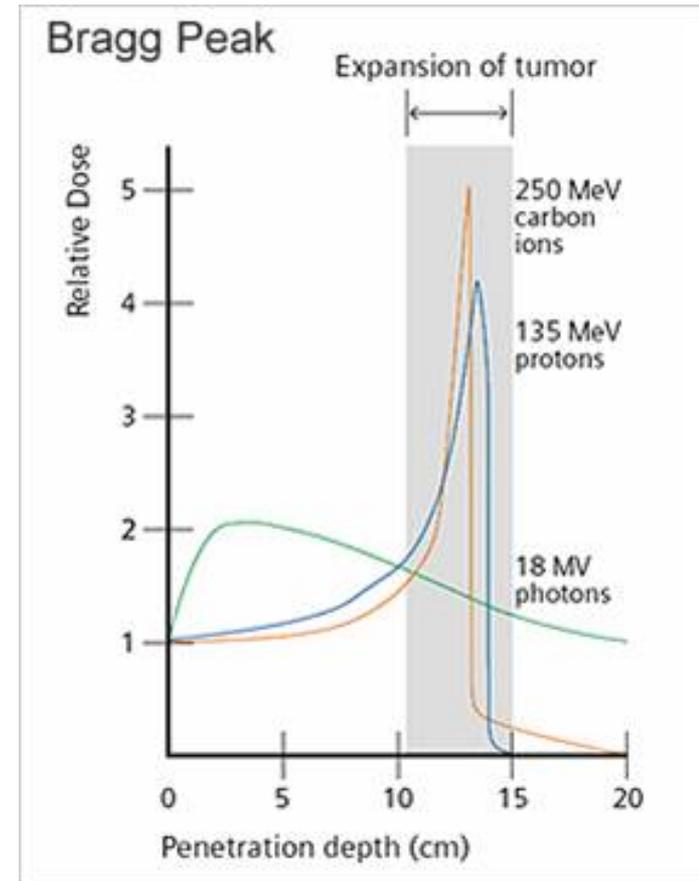


Dosimetric comparison between 1H, 4He, 12C and 16O at the Heidelberg Ion Beam Therapy Center



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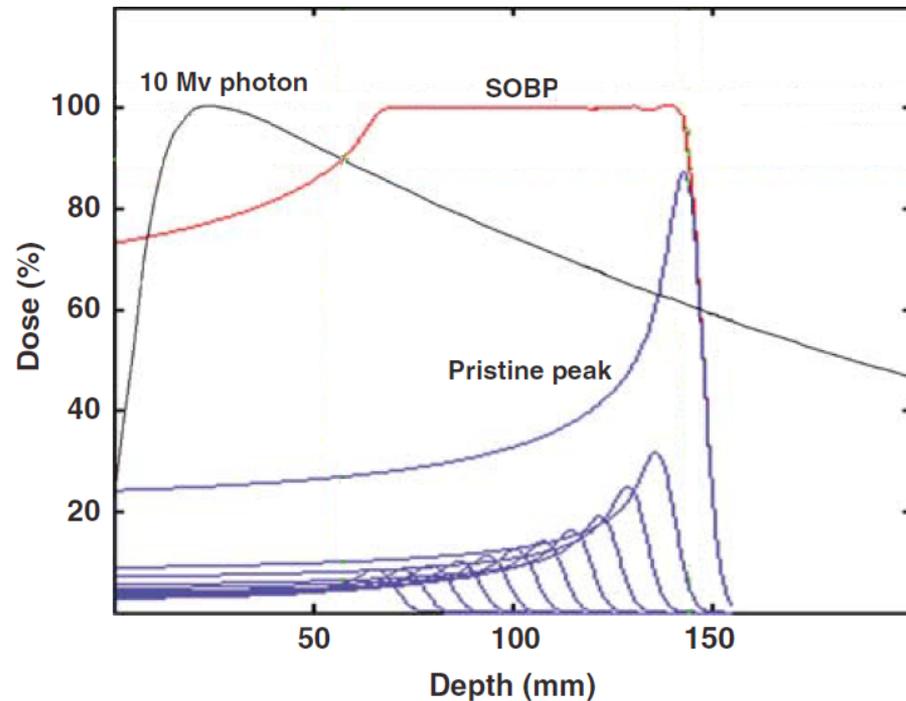
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Kraft et al.

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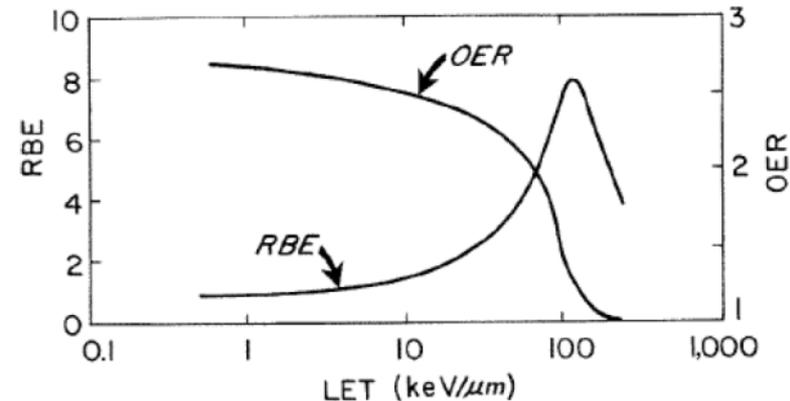
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Levin et al 2005

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- Worldwide interest in particle therapy
 - **Physical properties**
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 - **Spread-out Bragg peak (SOBP)**
 - **Biological properties** (RBE, OER, ...)
 $RBE = f(LET, D, Tissue)$



Hall.

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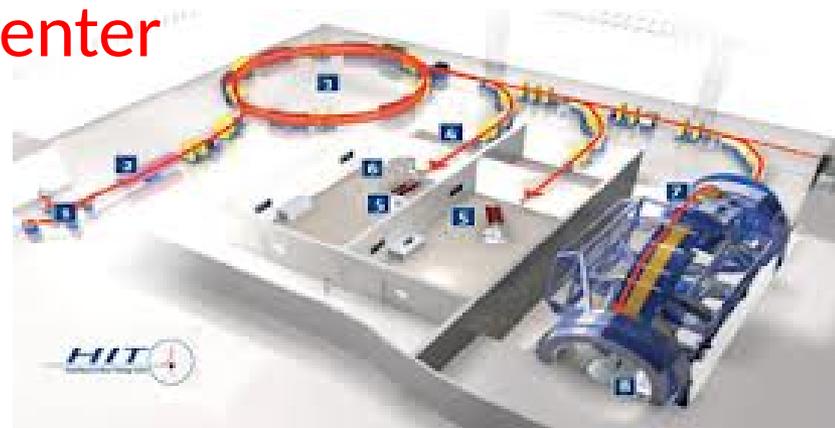
- Protontherapy in Caen...
 - Archade ... Summer 2018 !

- Particle therapy...
 - Wilson... 1946
 - Berkeley 1954: 1st patient

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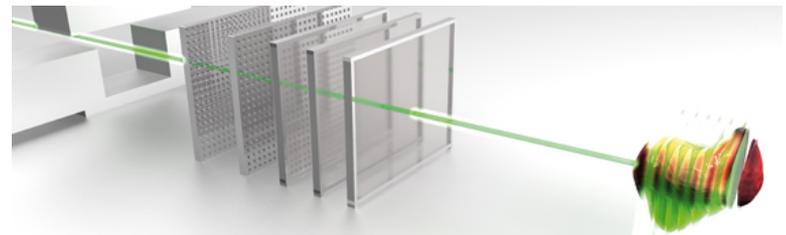
- Heidelberg Ion Beam Therapy Center

- Synchrotron-based facility¹
- Active beam scanning delivery²
- ^1H and ^{12}C in clinics
- ^4He and ^{16}O for research



- Active Beam Scanning delivery with Synchrotron

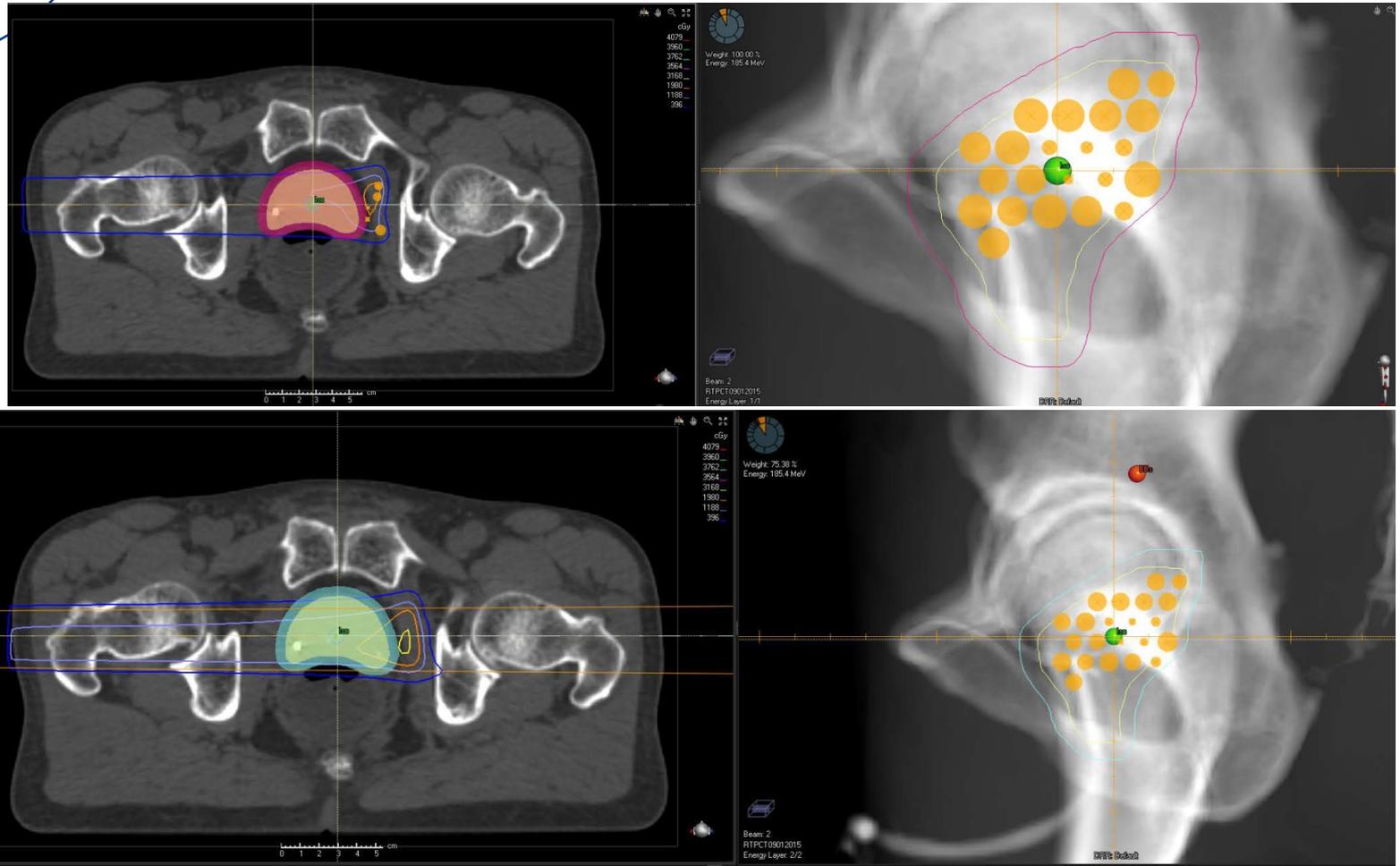
- Depth position
- Spot size
- Lateral position



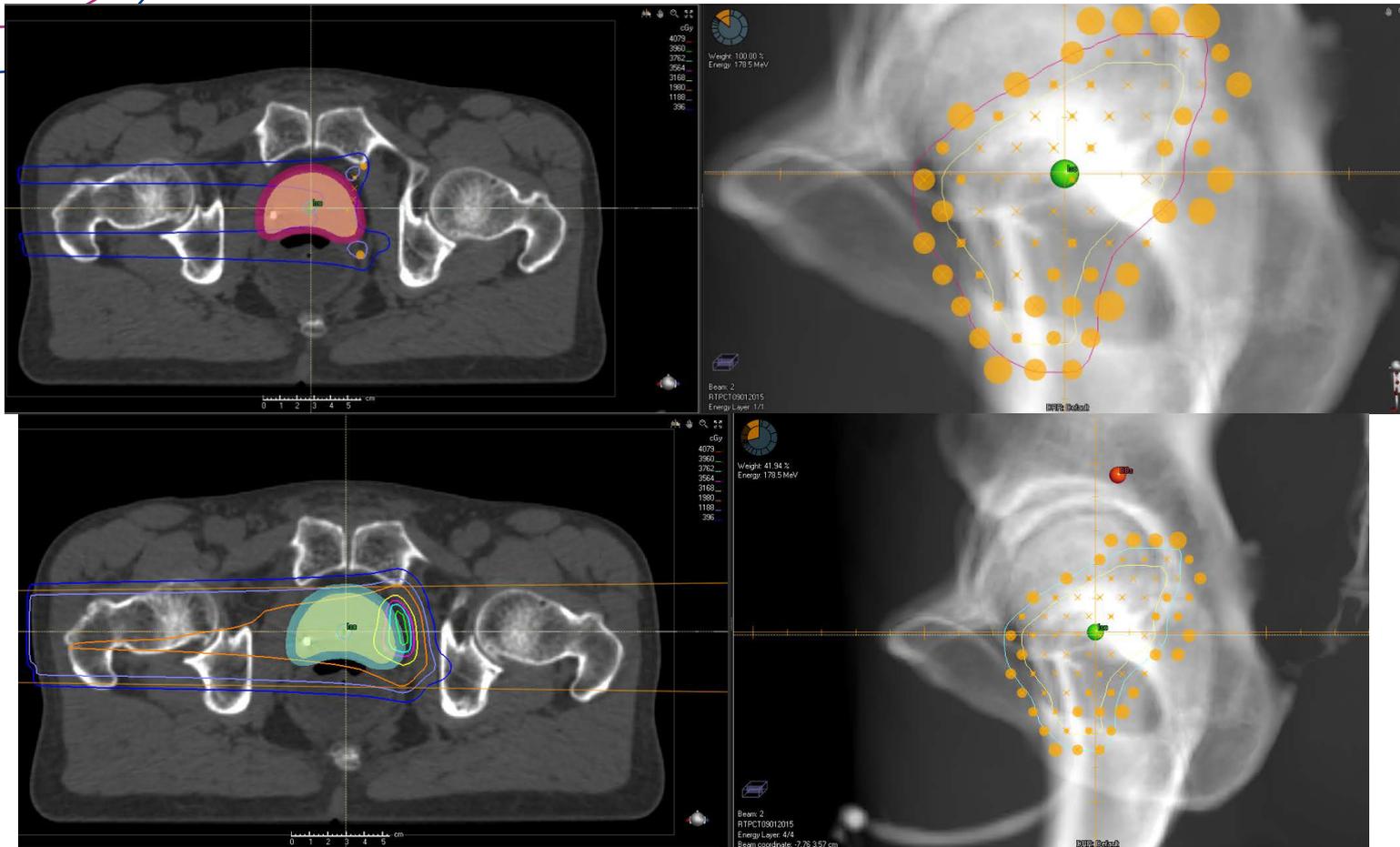
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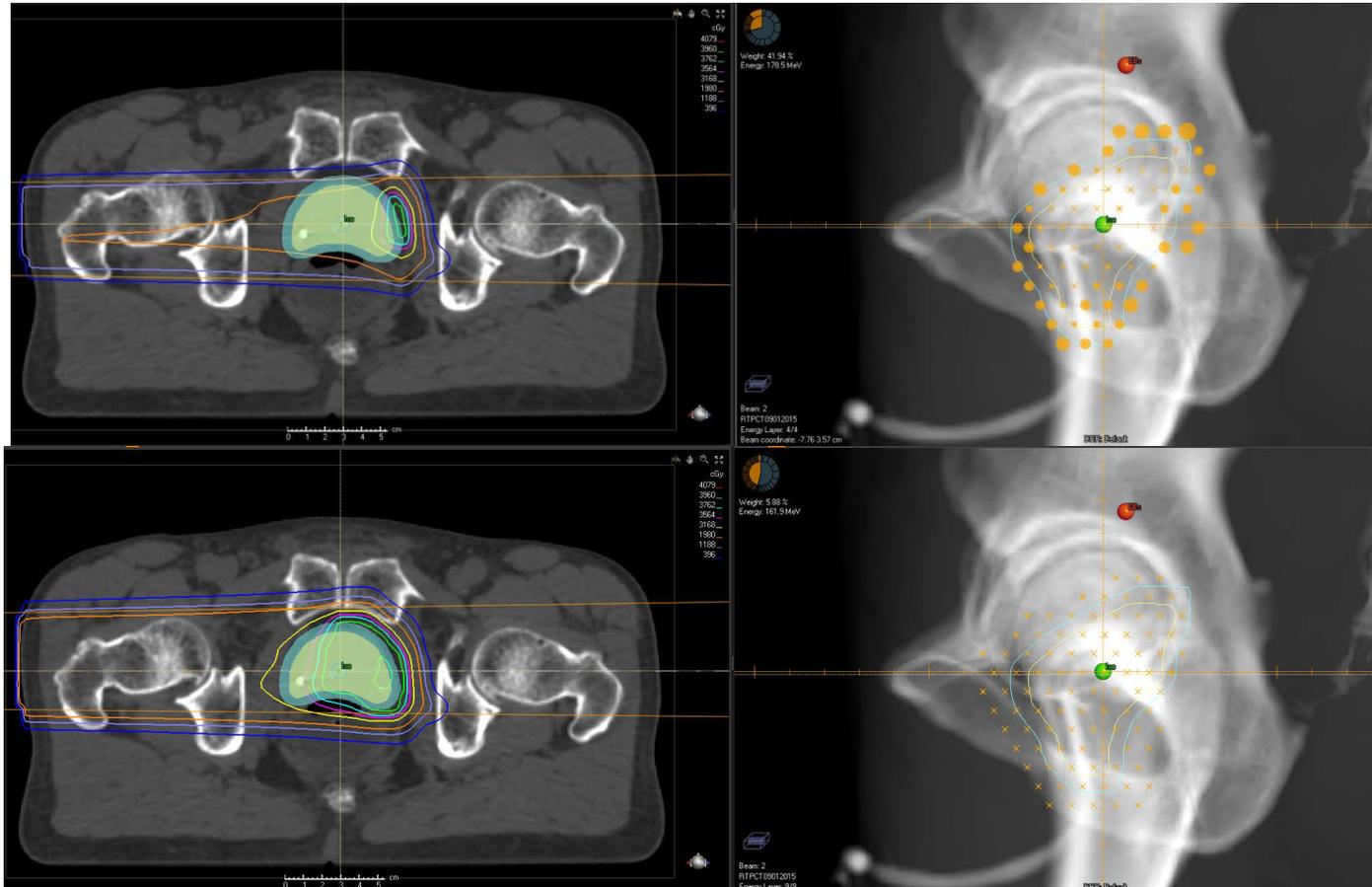
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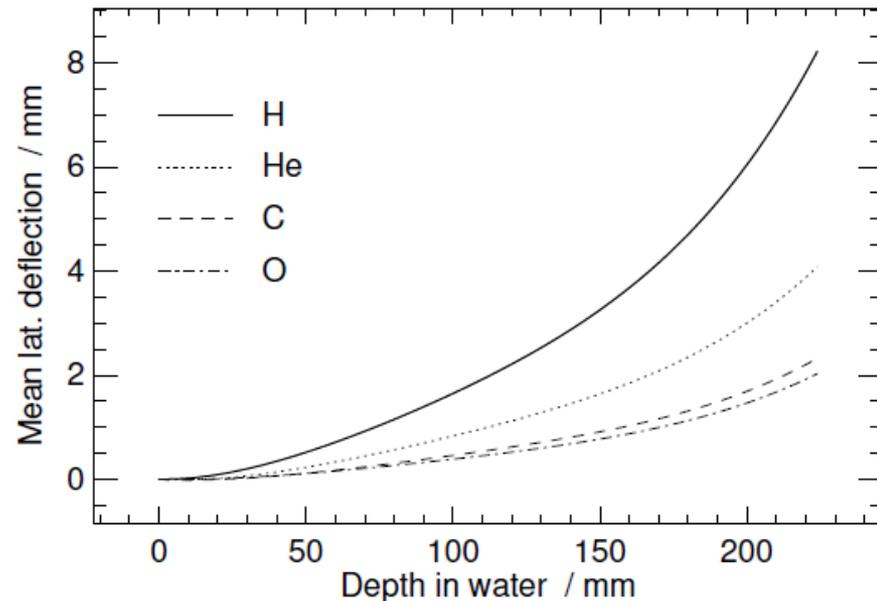
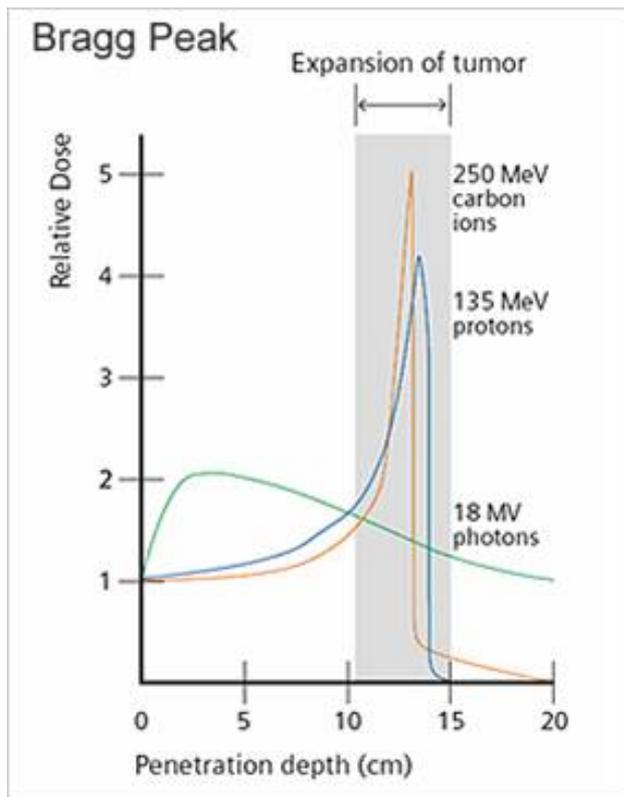


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- Why Helium and Oxygen ions ?

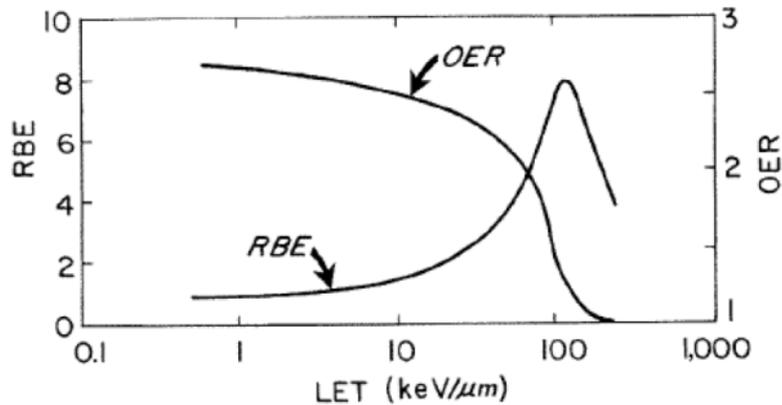


Helium ...

- Fall-off (distal, lateral)
- Reduce tail for He

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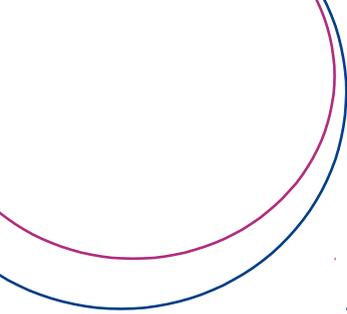


Oxygen ...
 → RBE
 → OER (Sokol et al 2017)

RBE, $(\alpha/\beta)_T = (\alpha/\beta)_{NT} = 2\text{Gy}$

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Proton	1.00	1.13	1.27	2.00	1.00	1.06	1.14	1.51
Helium	1.07	1.52	2.11	4.26	1.06	1.22	1.50	2.57
Carbon	1.44	2.61	3.24	4.82	1.36	1.63	1.92	2.70
Oxygen	1.68	2.83	3.28	4.26	1.55	1.68	1.86	2.31



Dosimetric comparison ...

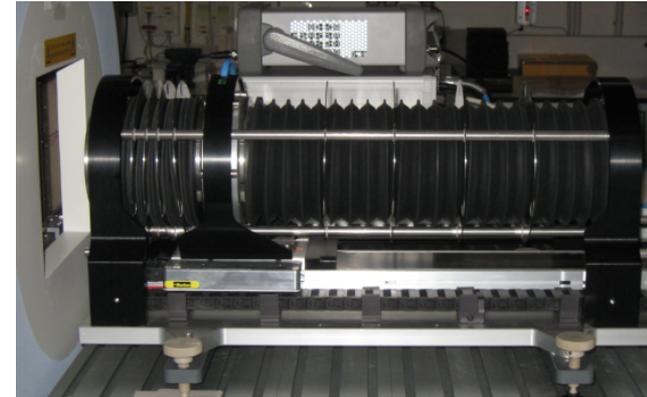
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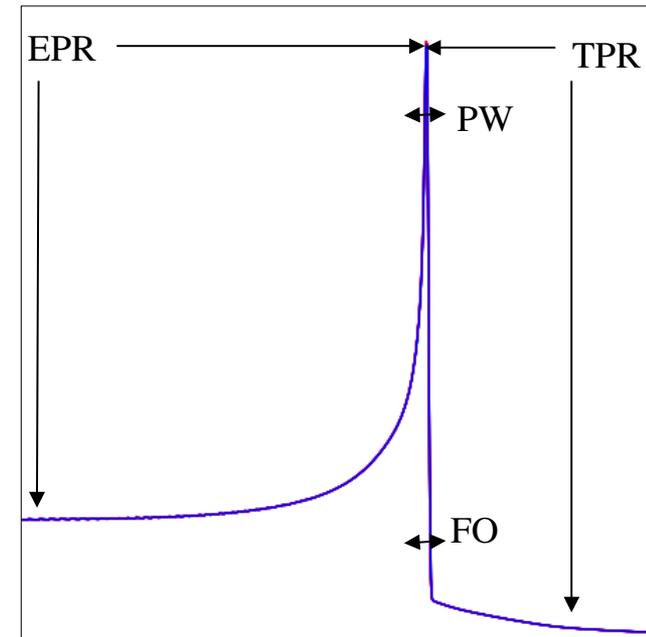
Depth Dose Distribution

Materials and Methods

- Comparisons for **4 ions**
- **10 energies** in therapeutic range
- Measurements with PeakFinder (PTW)
- Delivery of a quasi-monoenergetic pencil-like beam
- w/wo RiFi
- Investigation of **several parameters**
 - **EPR** Entrance-to-Peak ratio (at 16 mm)
 - **PW** Peak Width (proximal 80% / distal 80%)
 - **FO** Fall-Off (distal 80%/ distal 20%)
 - **TPR** Tail-to-Peak ratio (relative dose at 10 mm of distal 90%)
- Charge Collection Efficiency (**CCE**)



PeakFinder Water column

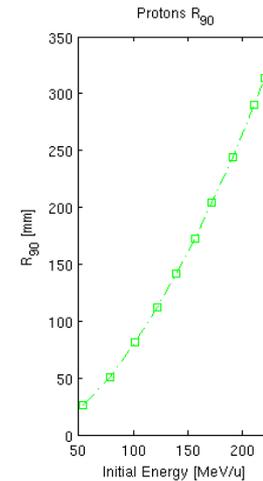
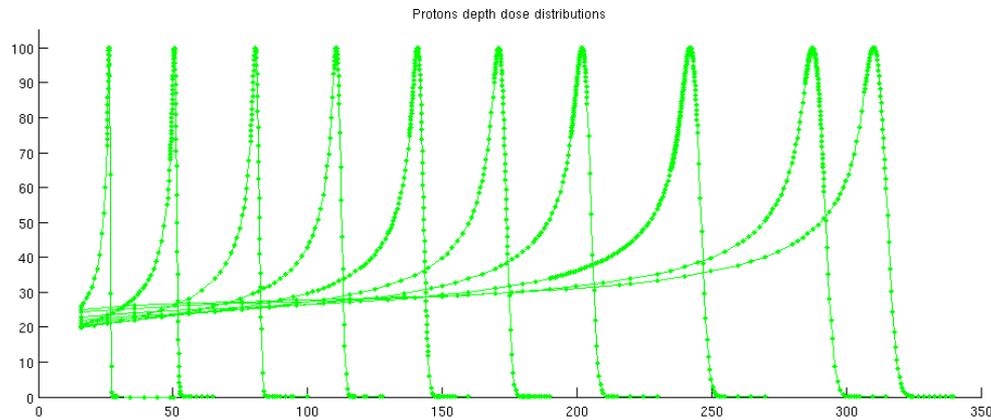


Investigated parameters

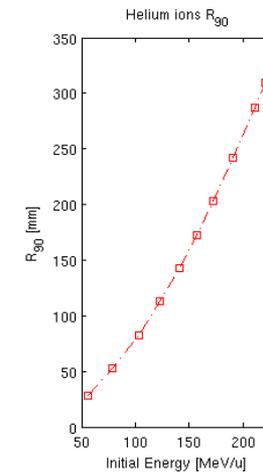
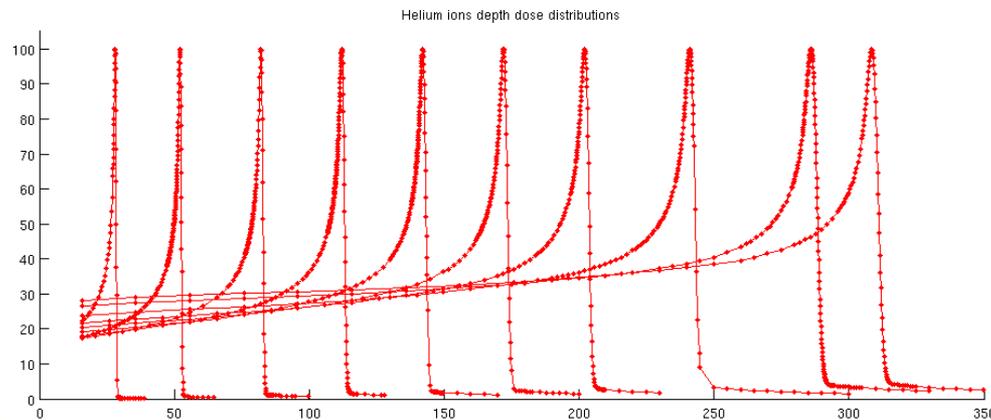
Depth Dose Distribution

Results : Depth dose distribution in water / $R_{90}=f(E)$

^1H



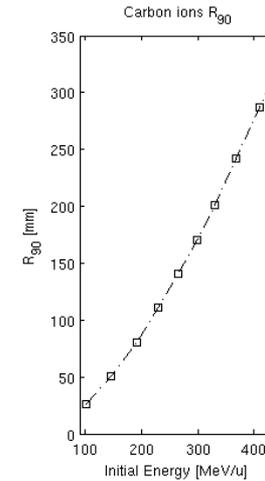
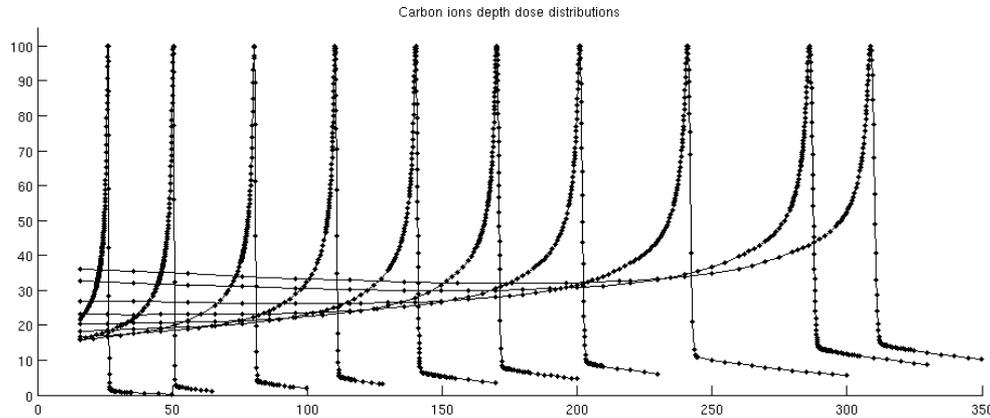
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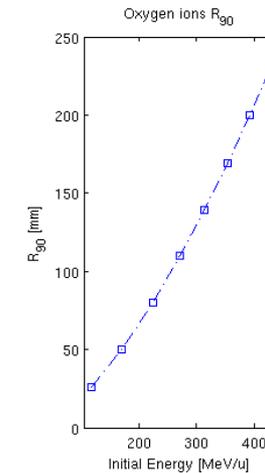
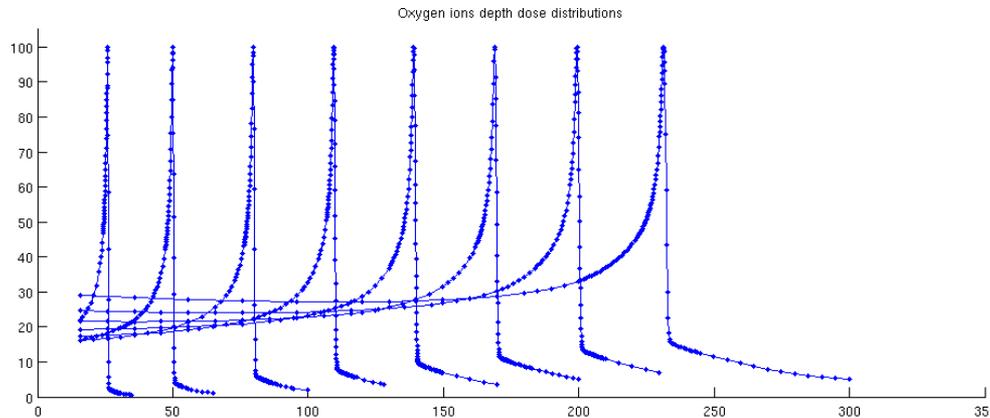
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^{12}C



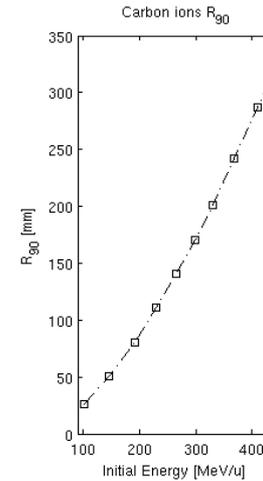
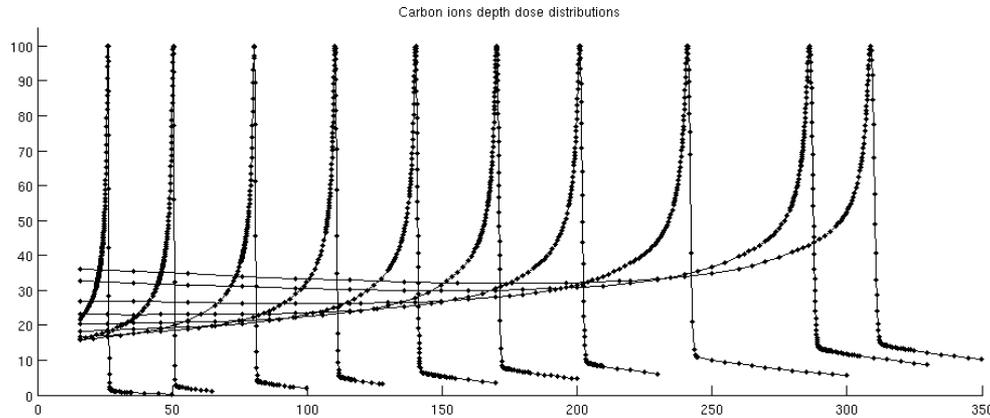
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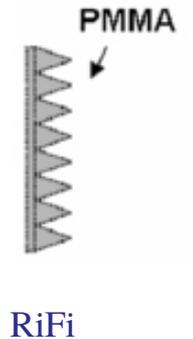
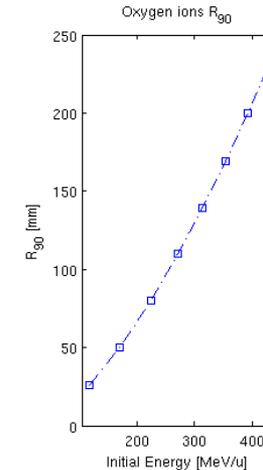
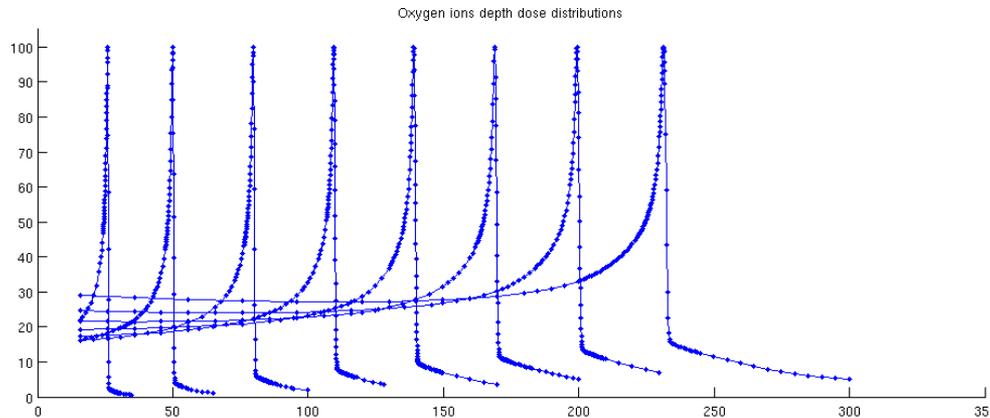
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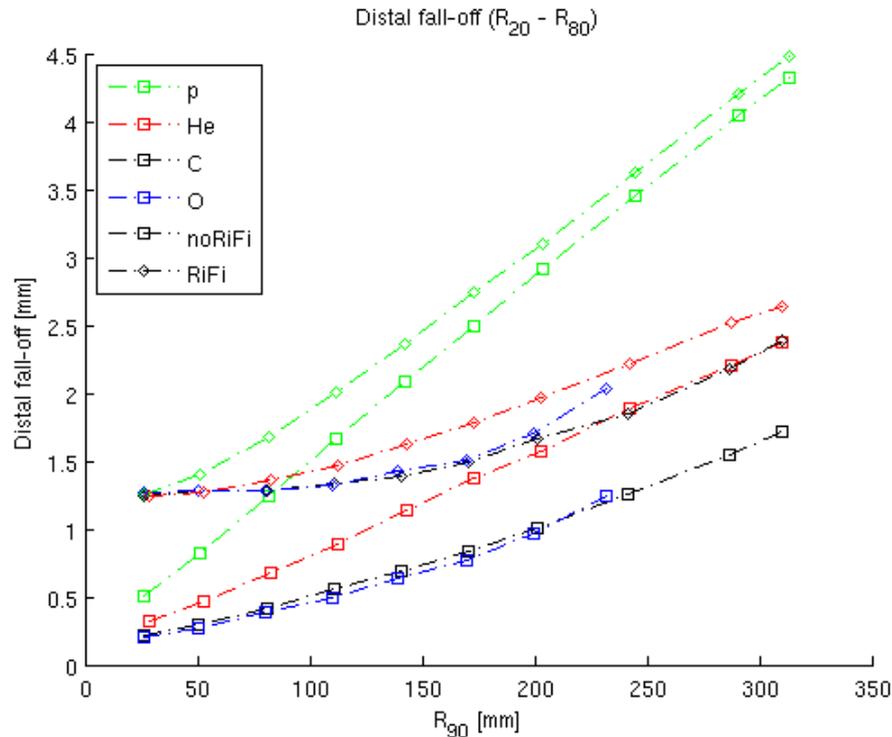


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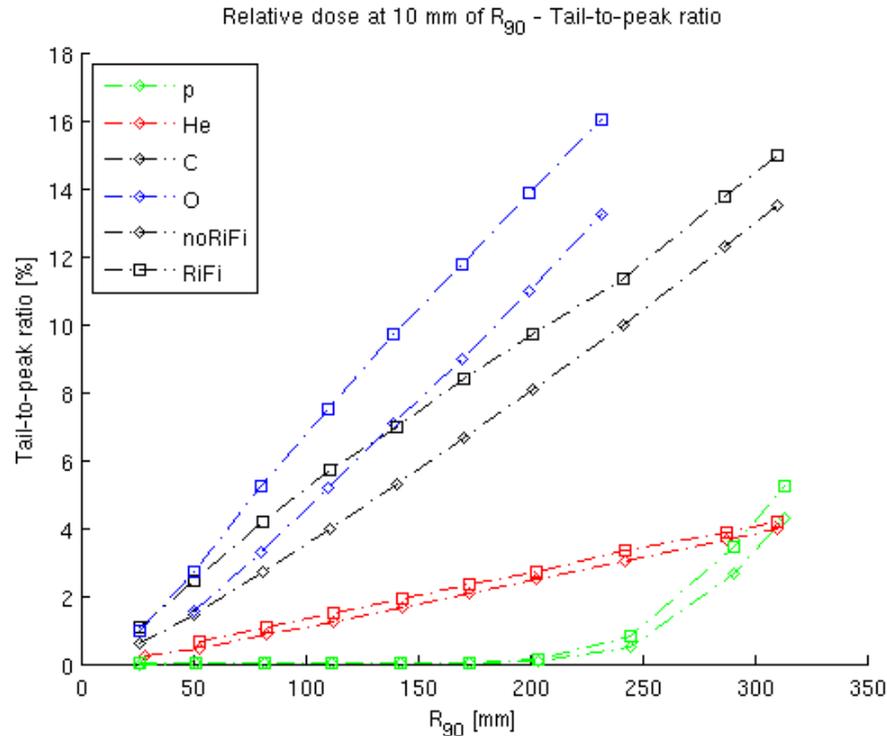
Results : distal fall-off



- Improvement of distal FO when using He ions compare to protons
- FO comparable between heavy ions and He ions with RiFi

Depth Dose Distribution

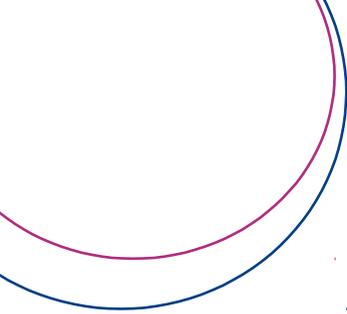
Results : tail to peak ratio



Low TPR at 10 mm due to fragmentation for **He ions** compared to **C/O ions**

He < 4%

C/O up to 16 %



Dosimetric comparison ...

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Lateral Dose Distribution

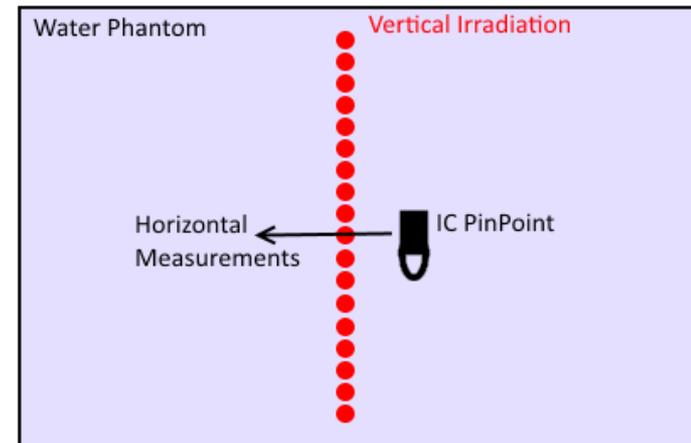
Vertically scanned lines

Materials and Methods

- Comparisons for **4 ions**
- **3 energies** in therapeutic range
- Measurements in a water tank coupled to 24 motor driven Ionization Chambers
- Delivery of a **vertically scanned beam**
- Measurements of profile at different depth
 - **Simple Gaussian parametrization**
 - **Double Gaussian parametrization**
 - **Parametrization corrected**



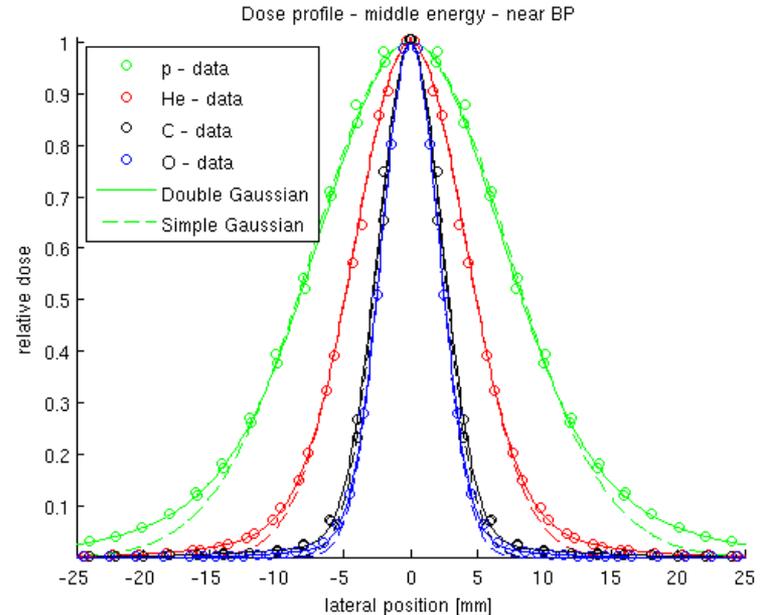
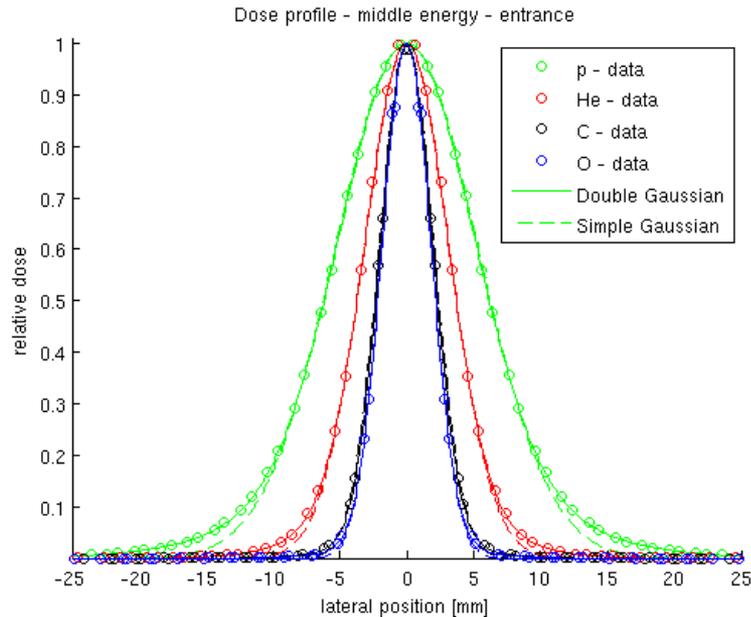
Water Tank + IC



Measurements of vertically scanned line

Vertically scanned lines

Results



Gaussian parametrizations :

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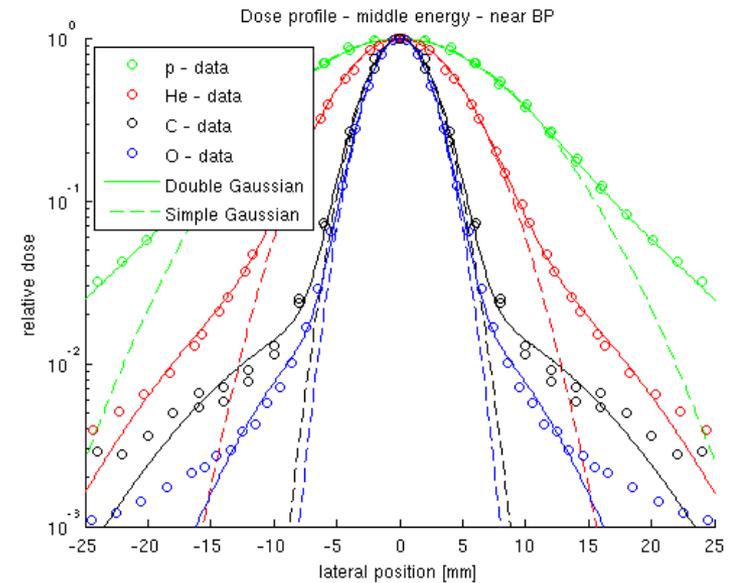
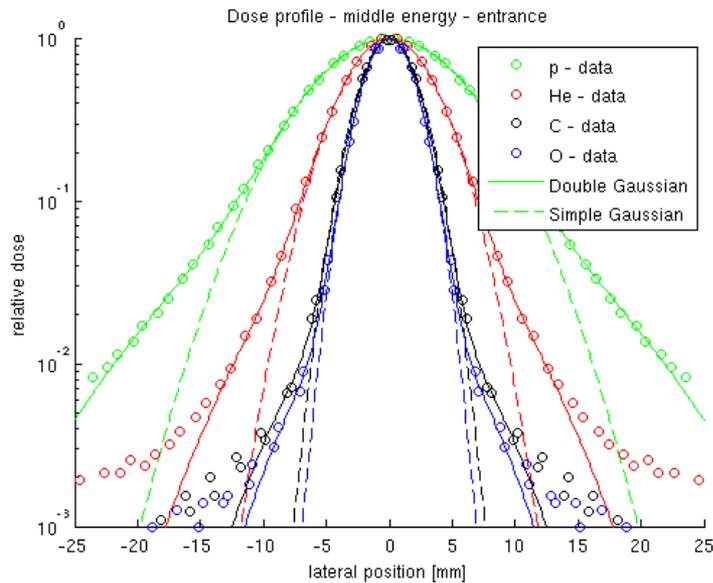
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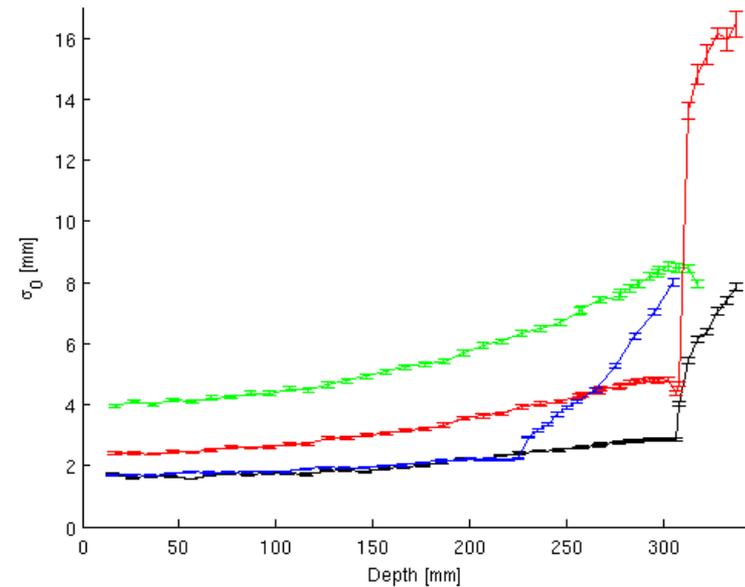
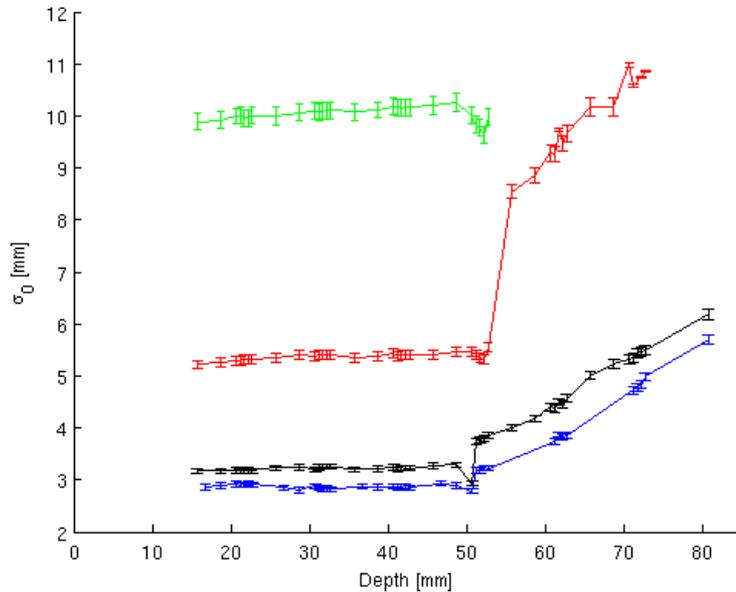


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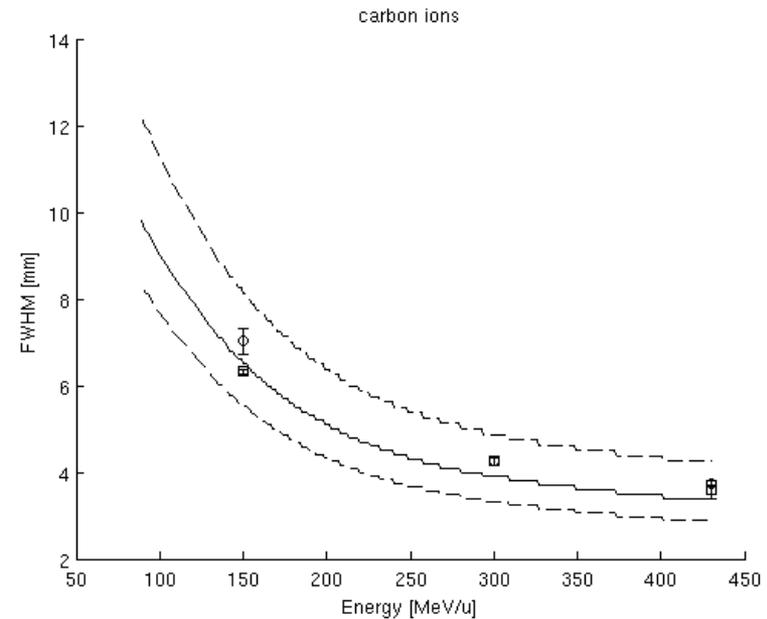
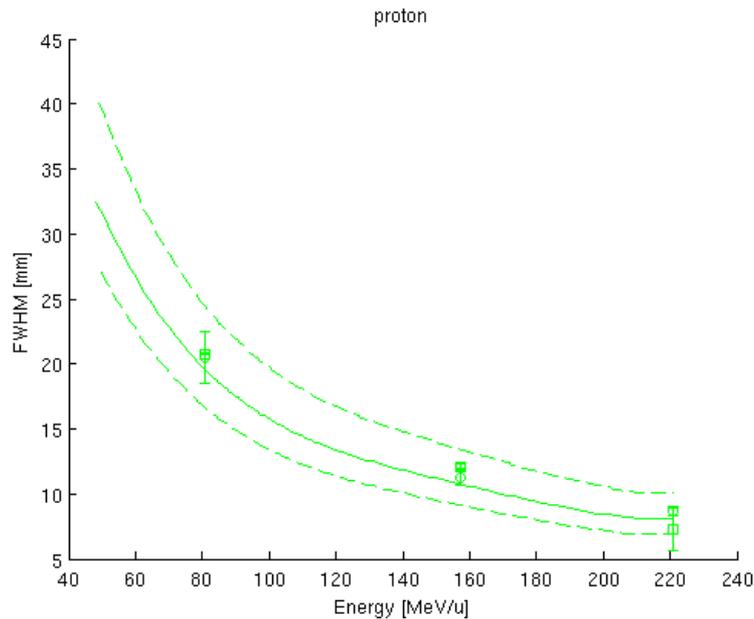
Results



- **SGP** describing the width of the **central core**
- **Correction** for the extrapolated initial focus at the entrance

Vertically scanned lines

Results

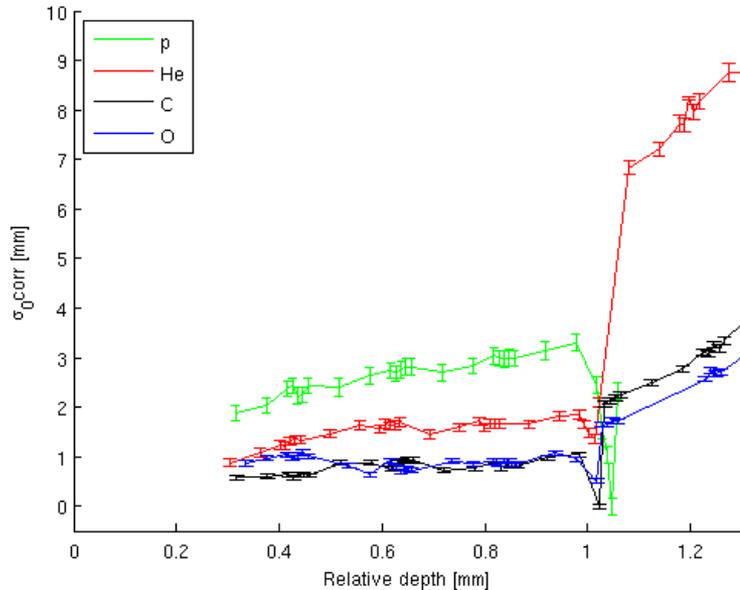


- Different focus size at isocenter
 - ✉ Correction for fair comparisons
- Agreement between expected focus and extrapolated one

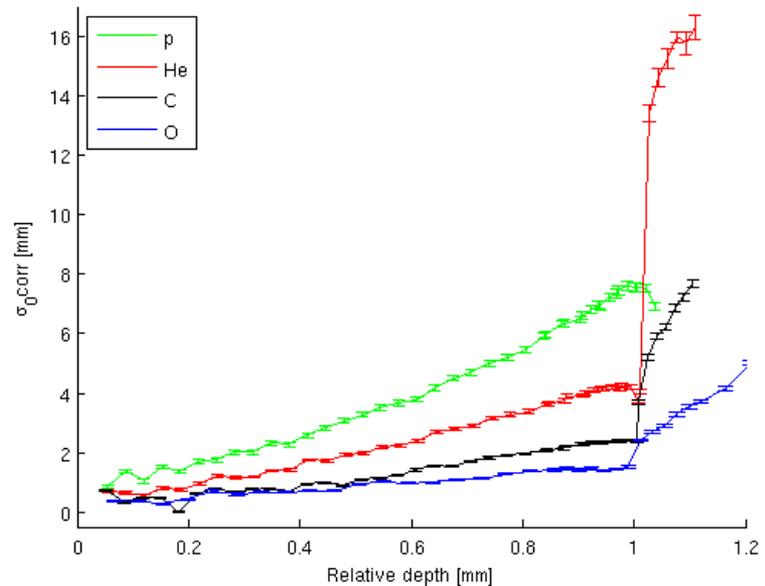
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Results

Single Gaussian - σ_0 corrected - low energy



Single Gaussian - σ_0 corrected - high energy

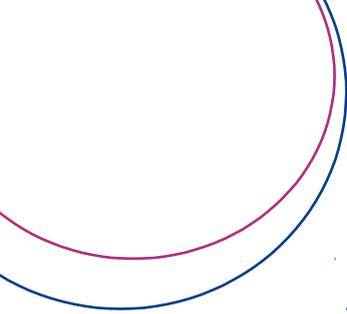


- **SGP** describing the width of the **central core**
- Net **advantages** of heavy ions
- Intermediate results for **He ions**

$$\sigma \sim 1/\sqrt{(M)}$$

< 2-4 mm compared to H

~ + 1-2 mm compared to C



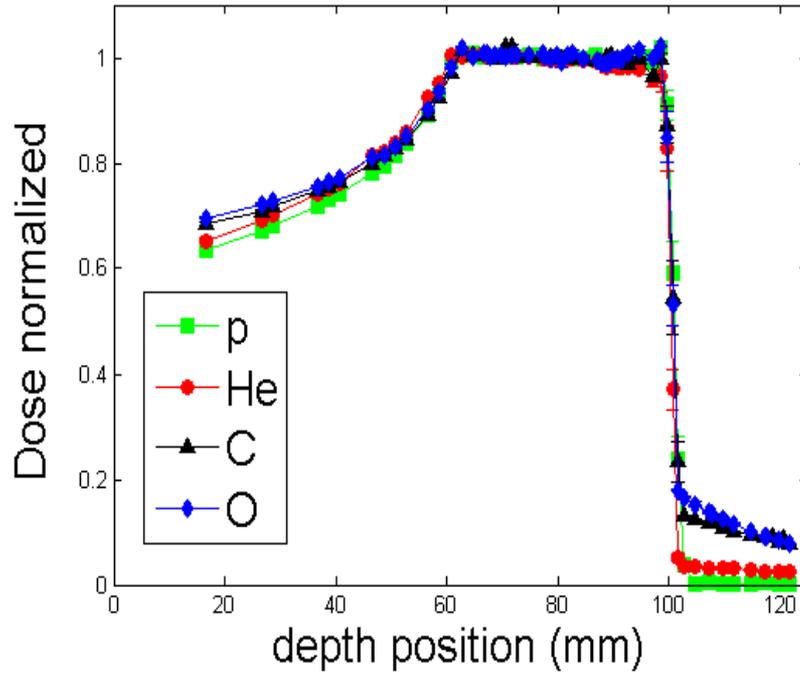
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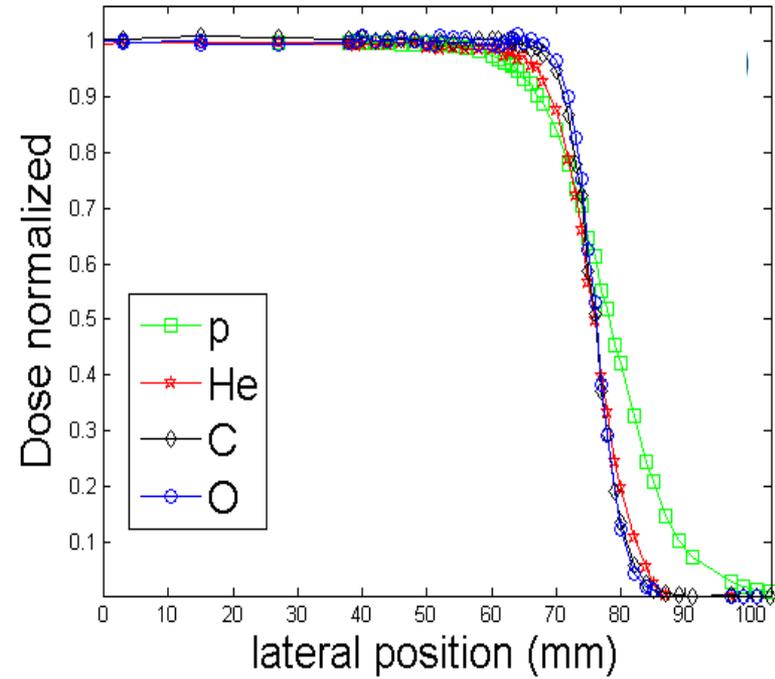
Spread Out Bragg Peak

SOBP

SOBP irradiation - ddd

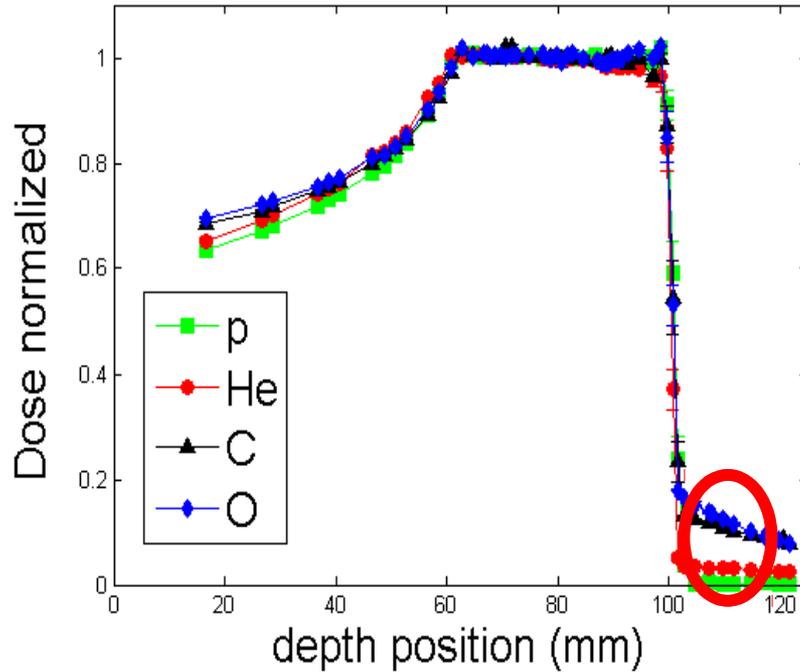


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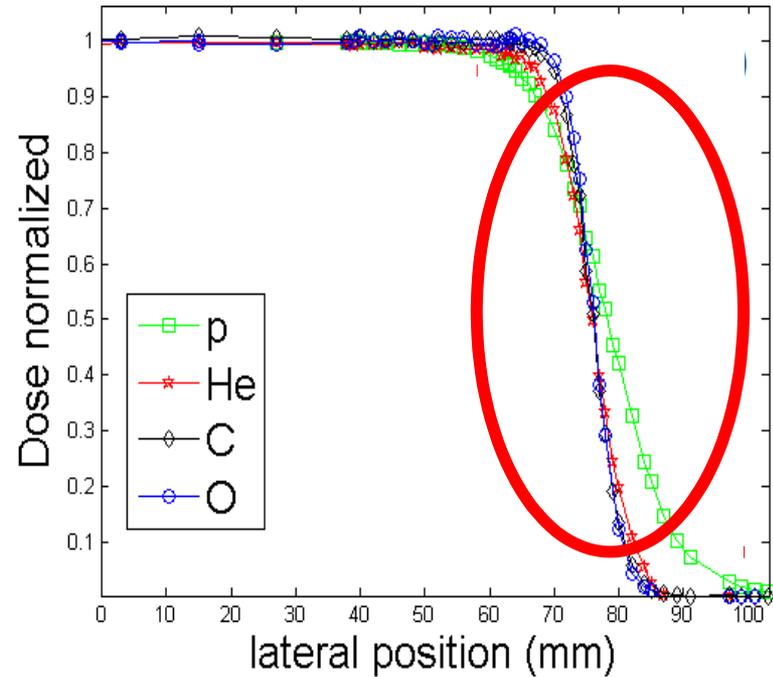
SOBP

SOBP irradiation - ddd



→HI tail > 10%

SOBP irradiation - Lat Prof (~SOBP center)



→p LFO > 7mm

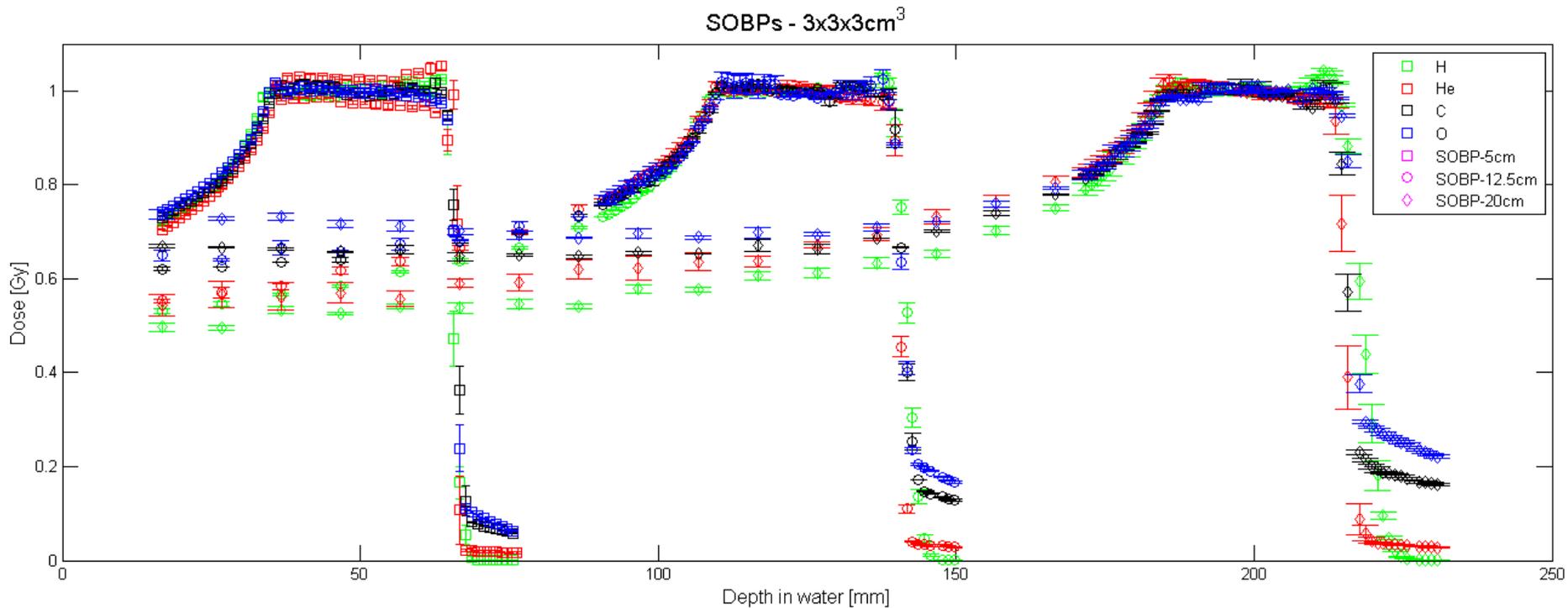
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Physical Optimisation of SOBP



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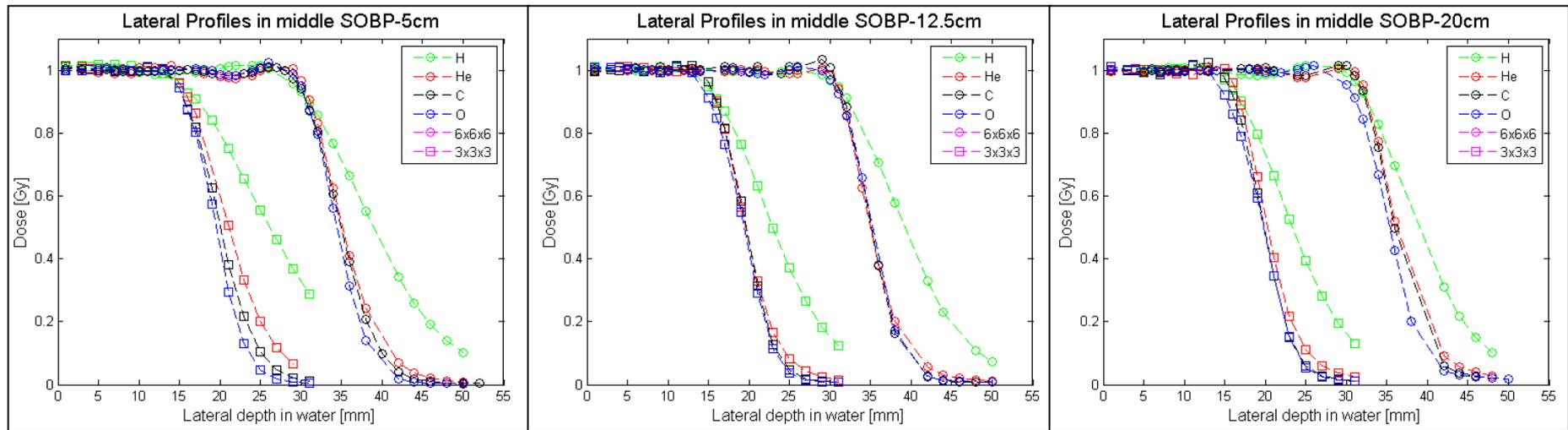
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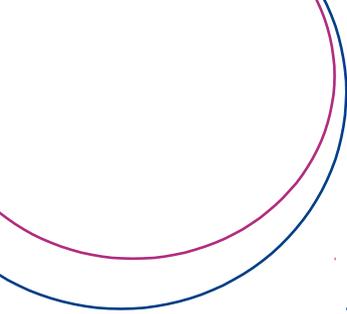
→ HI tail > 20% at large depth !

SOBP

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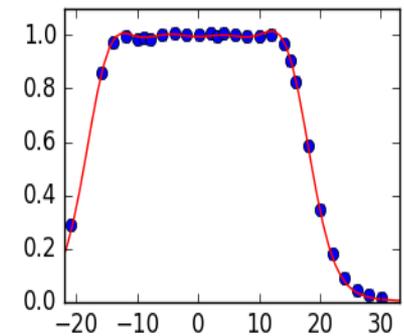
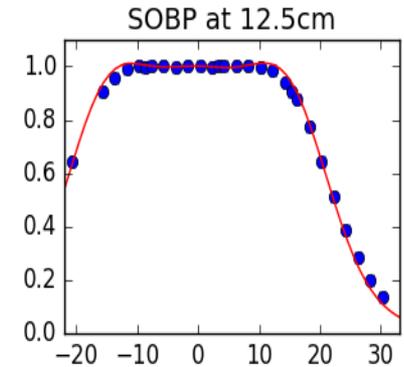
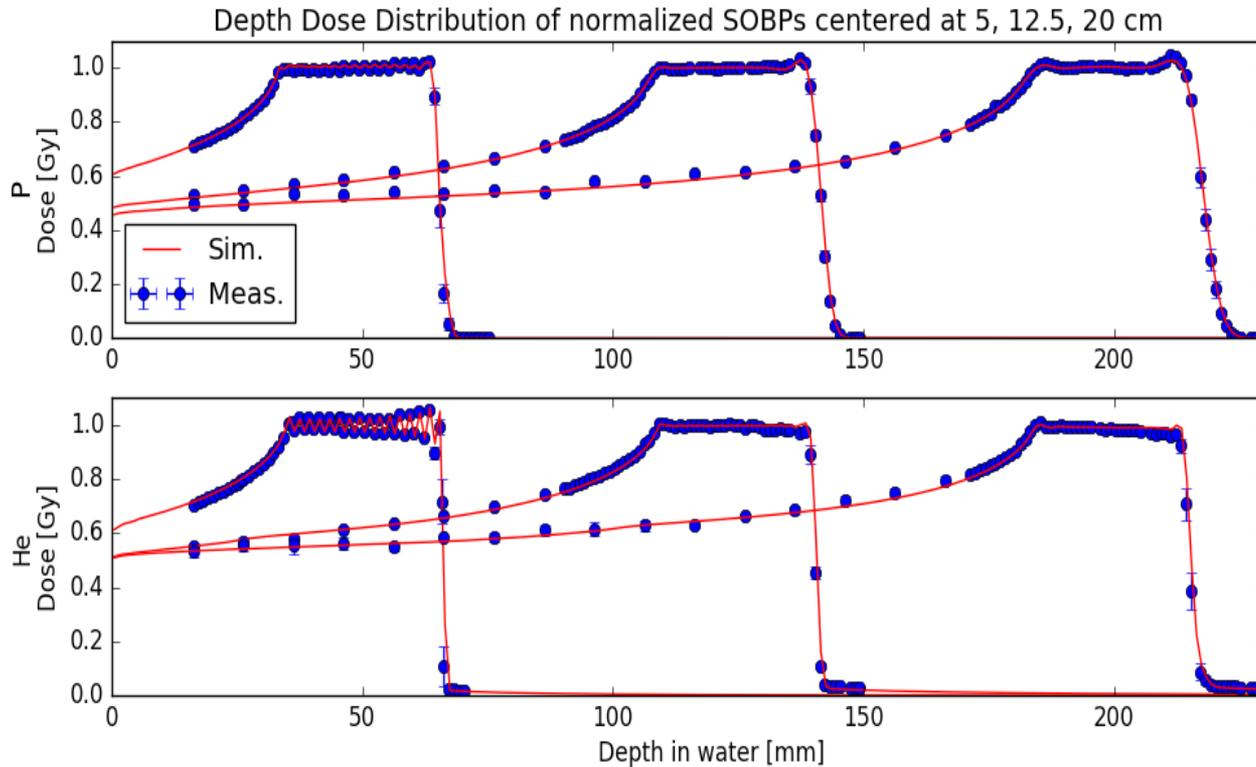
- Irradiated lateral size similar in the SOBP region for He, C and O ions. Larger size for H of about ~10-15mm



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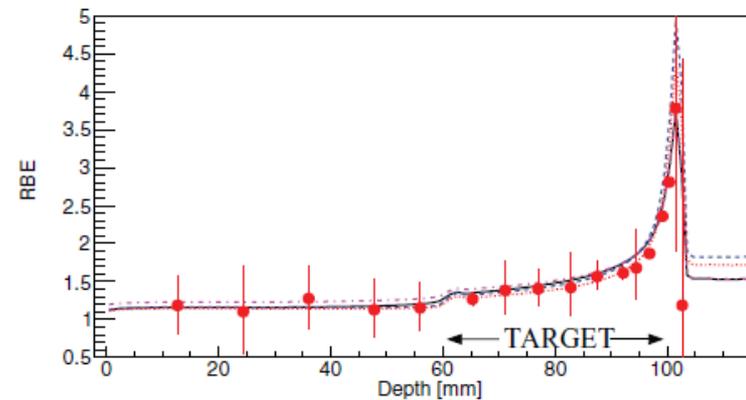
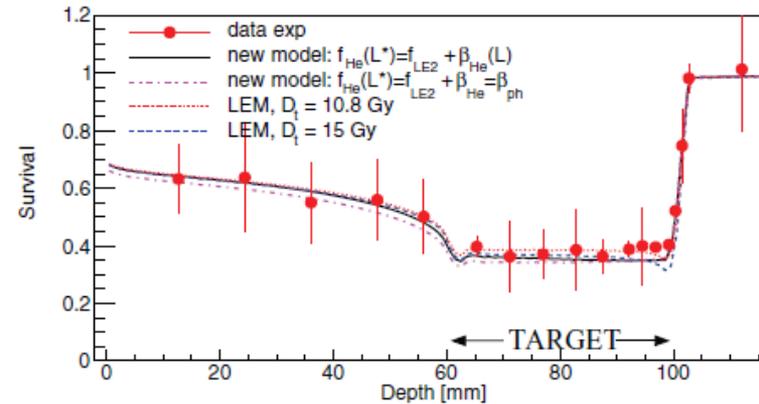
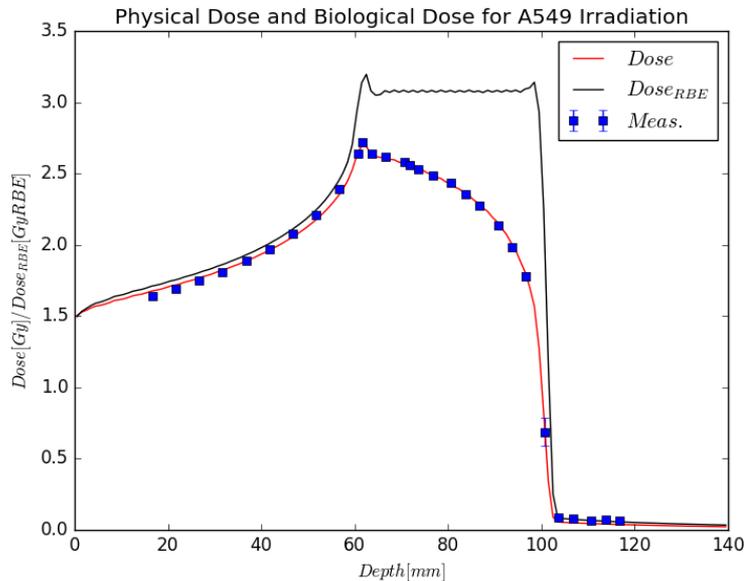
MCTP Platform - Physical Optimisation



Lateral position in water [mm]

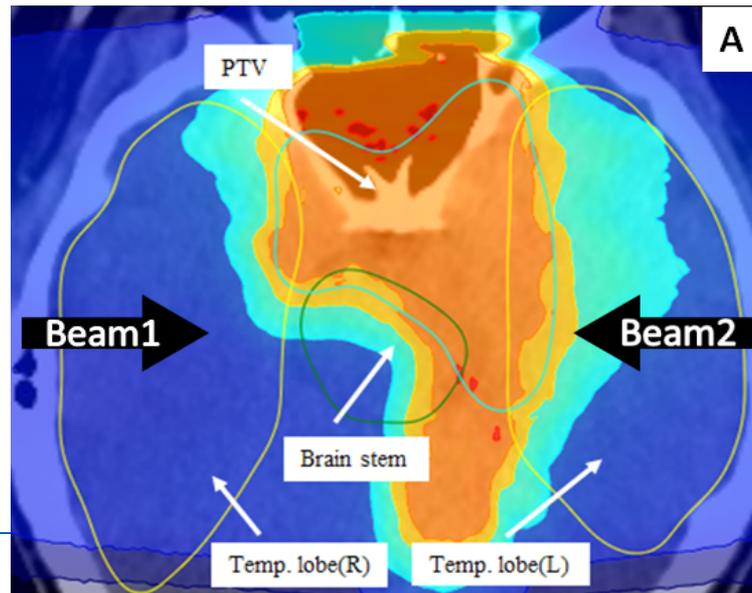
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MCTP Platform - Biological Optimisation



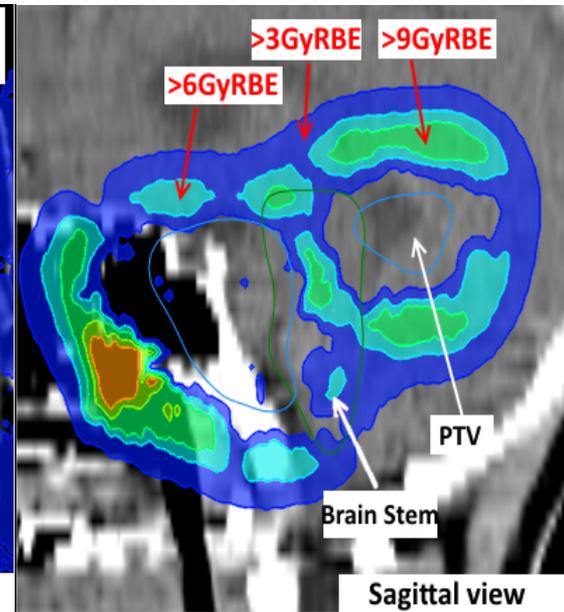
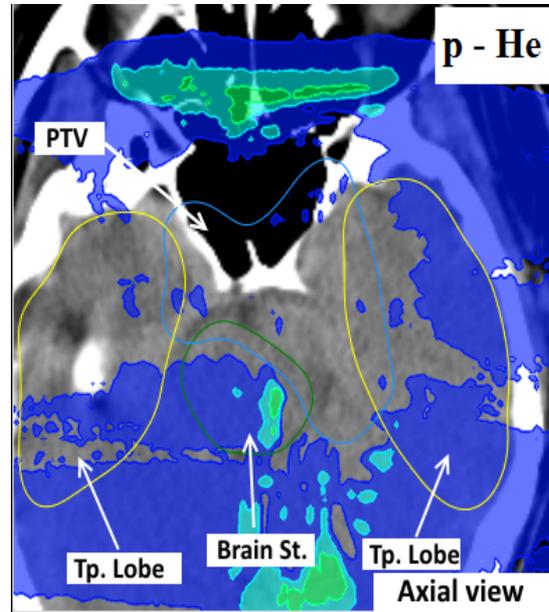
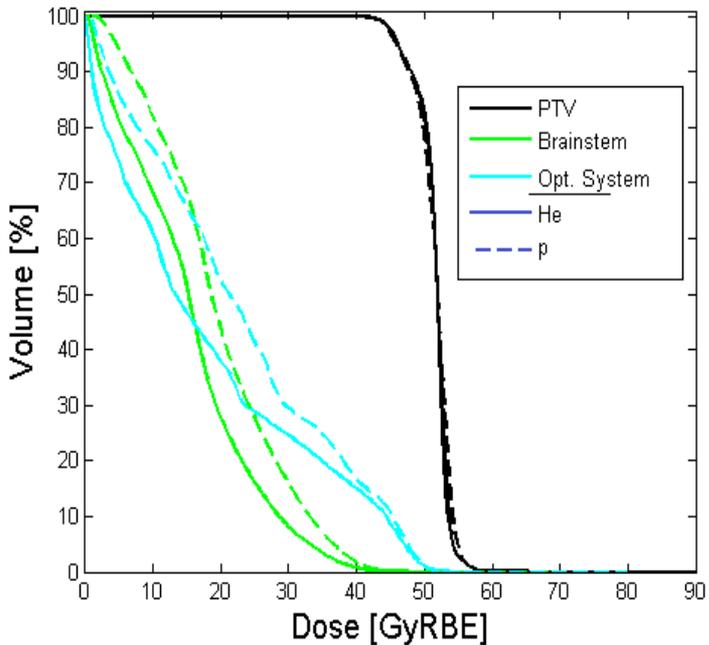
Plan Comparisons Between 1H and 4He

- Meningiomas treated with proton (4 patients)
- **Re-optimization with FLUKA-MCTP for helium ions AND protons**
- **Dose in PTV 1.8 GyRBE**
- Tissue types CNS $\alpha/\beta=2$, PTV $\alpha/\beta=3.7$
- **Protons** without RiFi, **variable RBE** (calculated “online”)
- **Helium ions** with RiFi, **variable RBE** (calculated “online”)
- Comparisons : DVH for **PTV** and **OAR**



Plan Comparisons Between 1H and 4He

Patient DVH



Comparable PTV coverage
Better sparing of OAR with He
Less dose to normal tissues

Perspective ...

- Still a lot to do ...

- LET / RBE / OER optimization (+ biological characterization)
- **Dual ions optimization !**
- In-Vivo monitoring/Range verification ... (prompt, PET, fragments)
- Nuclear models ...
- Ion imaging ...

- Clinical practice !

- Uncertainty reductions
- Robust Optimization
- DECT
- Biological dose fast recalculation
- Detectors !!!



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