

Dose controlled irradiation experiments with laser-accelerated protons at Draco Petawatt

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exponentially decaying, broad energy spectrum



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angular spectrum





Half-angle divergence ~ 20°



5×5×5 mm³

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Pulsed high field magnets for medical beam line



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Quadrupole



250 T/m

focal length

$$f_{\rm Q} = \frac{pr}{qlB}$$

⊇ade 4 EAAC Elba 2019 $f_{\rm S} = \frac{4p^2}{q^2 B^2 l}$

- Solenoids suitable for broad energy range & large angular distribution of TNSA protons
- Pulsed power portfolio @HZDR for beamline optics (Solenoid, Quadrupoles, Dipole) pulsed power Gantry
 - U Masood et al 2017 Phys. Med. Biol.

Solenoid





focal length

Chromatic focusing

- Energy selection via input current
- Beam guiding
- collimation of 70 MeV



- 40 mm open aperture
 - high transmission efficiency due to high angular acceptance
- $B_{max} = 21 \text{ T} (I_{max} = 24 \text{ kA})$
- few years operation (1000+ pulses)

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Dual solenoid setup focuses protons of two independent energies

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Spectral shaping to a homogeneous depth dose distribution
RCF #



Requested output



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Beamline modelling and experimental verification

Parameter prediction based on particle tracing simulations with GPT



- Tunable beamline allows fast adaptation to a requested output, with GPT model we can predict:
 - distances, solenoid currents (I_{S1/2}), transmission efficiency
 - Generate output for Monte Carlo dose simulations (e.g. TOPAS)
- Pulsed beamline/magnets modelling complicated, no detailed 3D B-field measurement
- Measurement along main axis legitimates further simulations with GPT



Beamline modelling and experimental verification

Finding translation factors from simulation model to experiment



Three independent methods, all single-shot, in sight of the pulsed source and solenoids and are based on particle transport

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Focused proton energy (detection via scintillator at P4) to solenoid current Collimated beams at P2 & P3, beam size evaluation for surrounding energies

Simulated proton spectrum to measured time-of-flight (diamond detector at P3)



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Shaping of laser-driven proton beams



Shaping of laser-driven proton beams



After **spectral** homogenization → **lateral** homogenization

focus in front of irradiation site & energy selecting aperture at P4

Introduce scatter foil at P4

scatter foil without scatter foil with

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Shaping of laser-driven proton beams

Combining **spectral** (2 solenoids) and **lateral** (scatter foil, focal distance, energy selecting aperture) **homogenization** and final aperture of irradiation sample



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Pulsed high-field dose delivery experiments at Draco



Pulsed high-field beamline enables 3D dose delivery for sophisticated radiobiological experiments

- First irradition studies with tumor spheroids and zebrafish embryos have been performed
- too low dose for irradiation damage to the ZF embryos, spheroids show a DNA-DSB rich ring induced by laserdriven protons

Zebrafish embryo (in-vivo)

Tumorspheroids (*in-vitro*)









Publication to be submitted

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Laser-driven dose delivery for 3D in vivo irradiation



Currently: Radiobiological requirements close to limits of the beamline

- required dose rate of 1 Gy/min within 5x5x5 mm³ sample volume and integrated dose (minimum 10 Gy)
- Iow repetition rate pulser combined with strong ohmic heating/long cooling time for solenoids are major bottlenecks
- *Development*: Higher dose rates (and integrated dose) via
 - higher proton number/energy from laser driven proton source
 - high repetition rate pulse generators and solenoids



High rep-rate magnet development

Development:

- cooled solenoids (with channels for cold air/liquid between winding layers)
- Thyristor-based pulse generator with energy recuperation at 1 Hz

Cooling Concept

Prototype

Testing



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