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# SPOT SPACING AND DOSE RATE FOR VHEE TREATMENT PLANS

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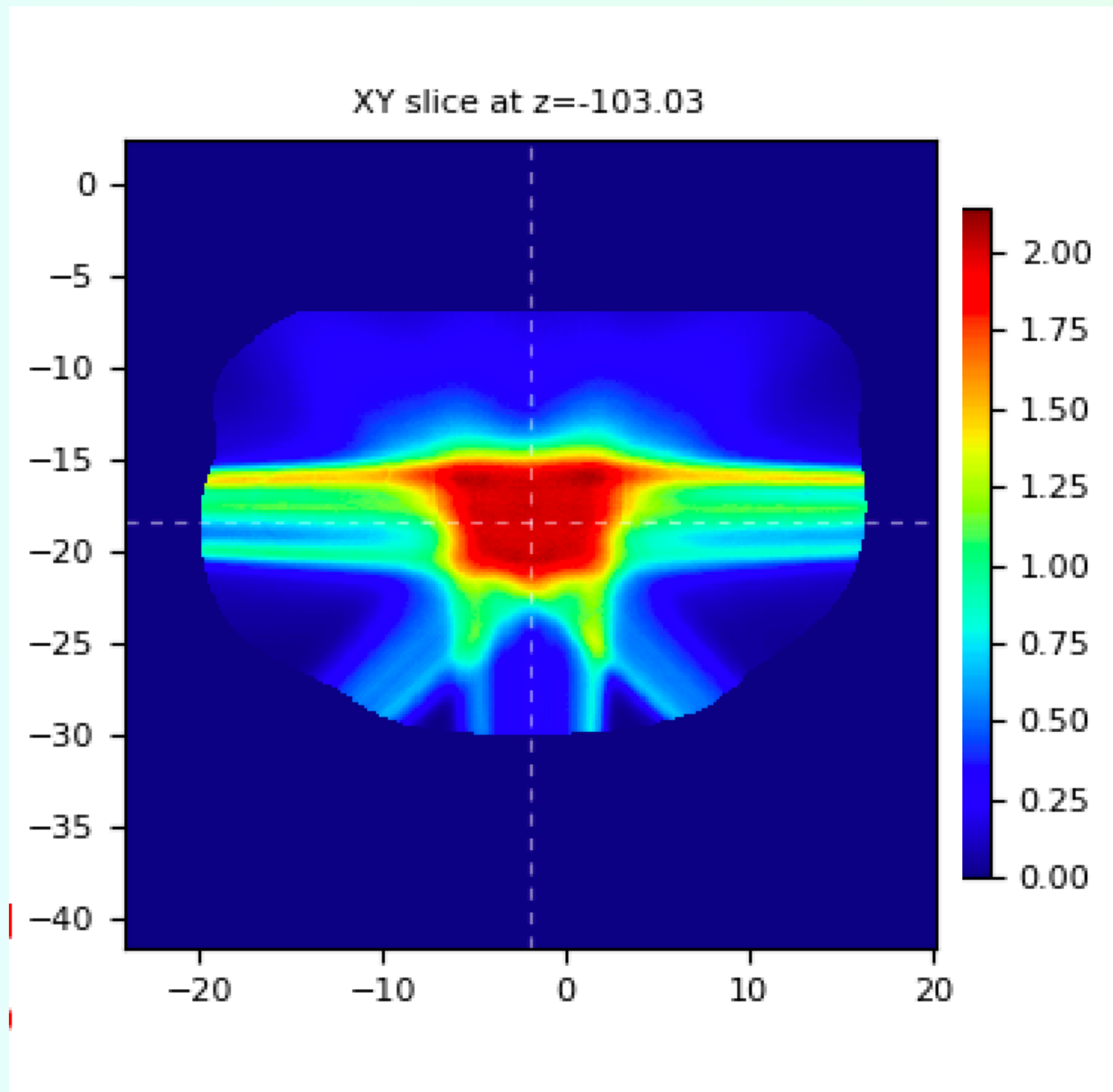
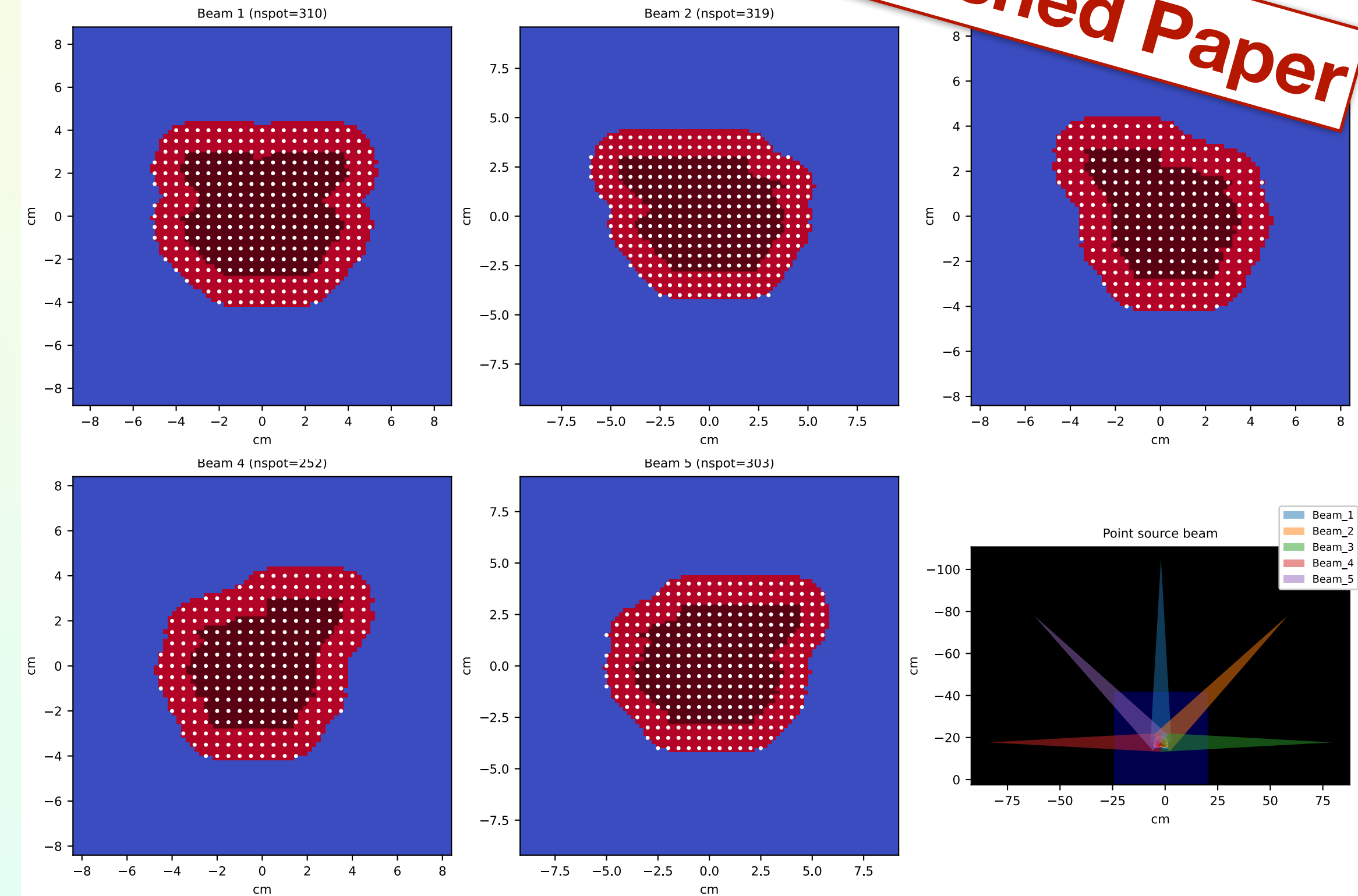
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Published Paper

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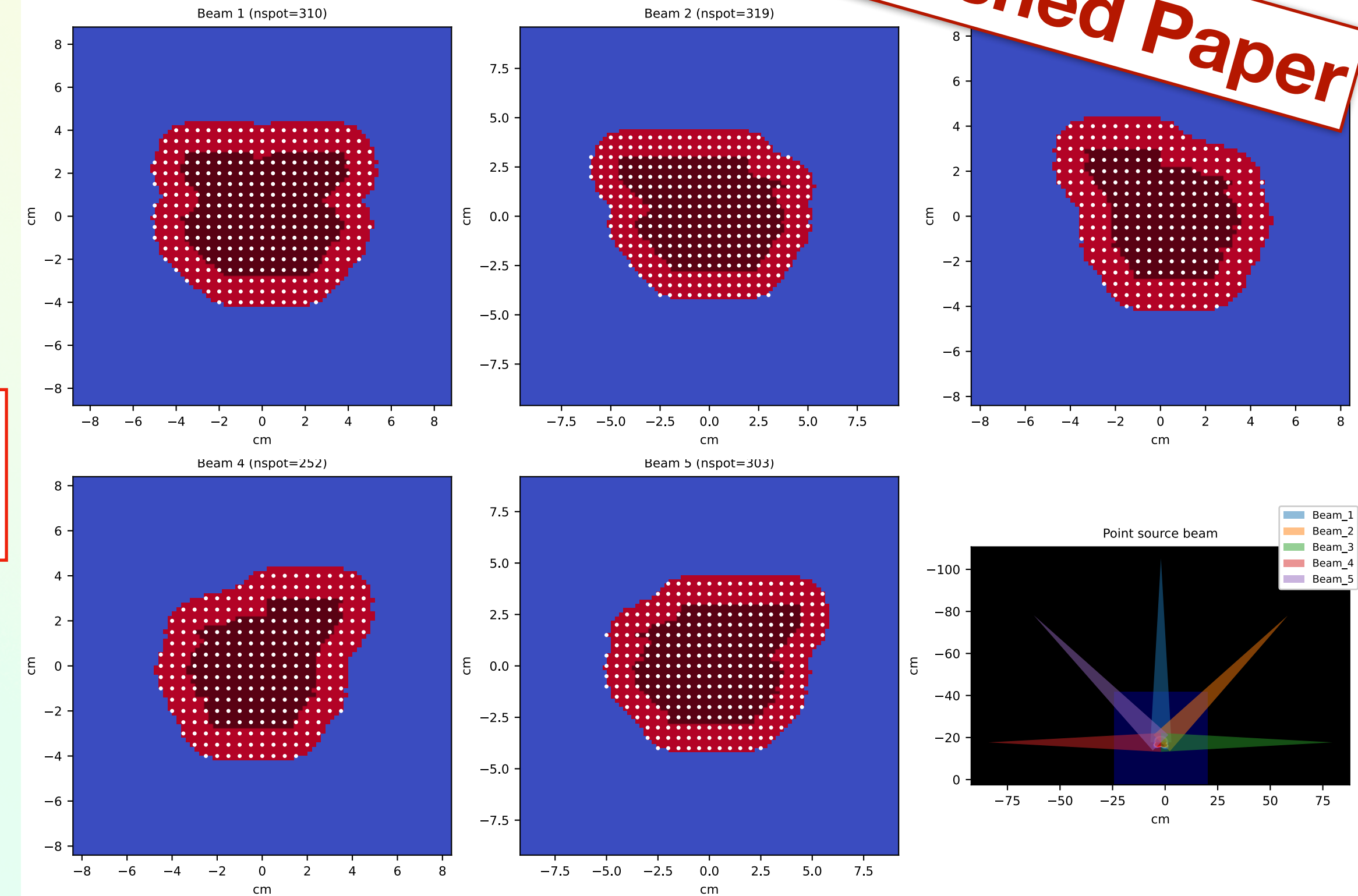
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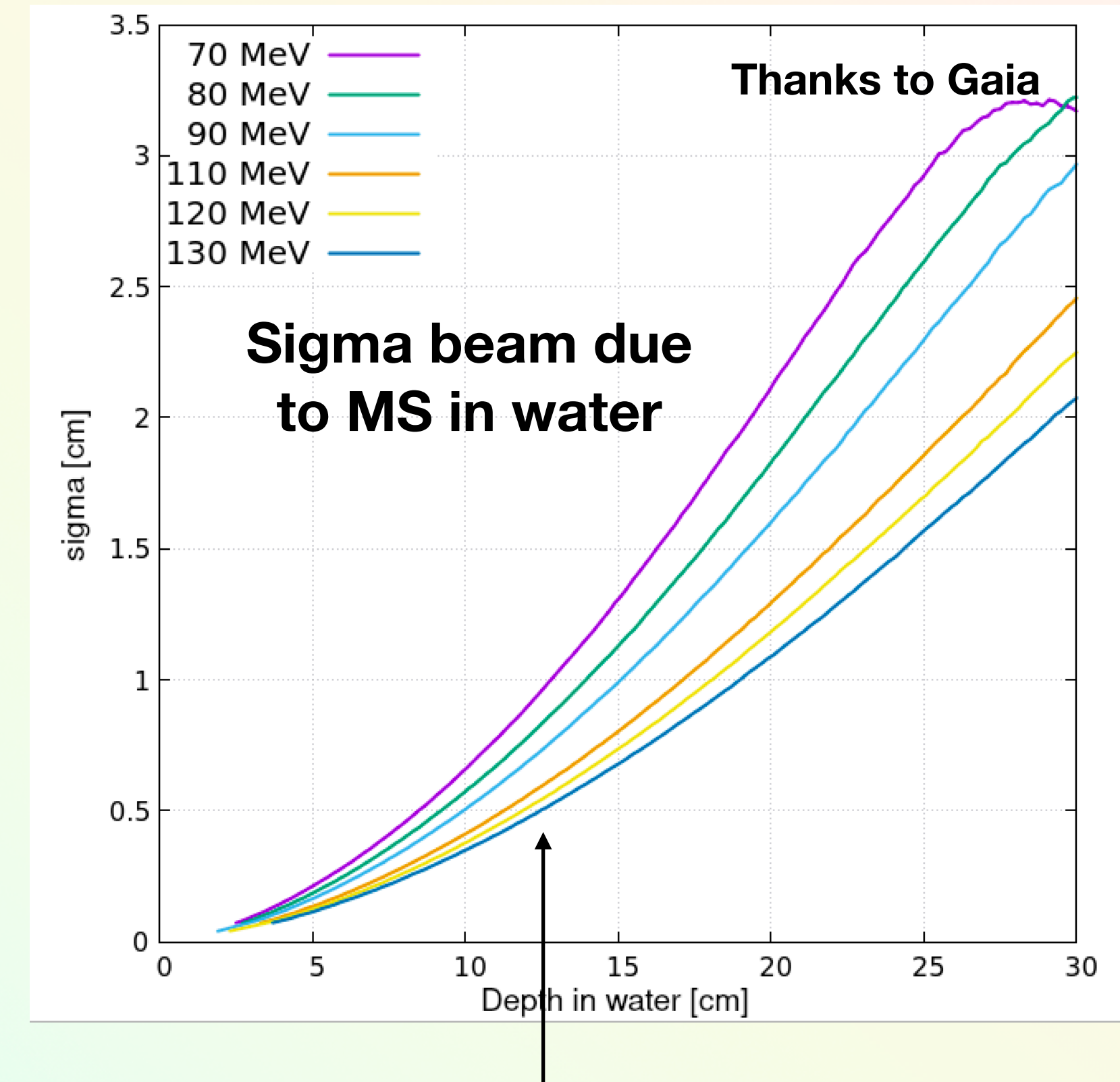
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- # pencil beam / field = 132, 137, 112, 112, 131 => ~ 2

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- Margins = 1.5 cm

IN: 1 cm in PTV:  $ss = 1.5$  cm, FWHM = 1.5 cm

OUT: from 1 cm in PTV to MARGIN:  $ss = 0.5$  cm, FWHM = 0.5 cm

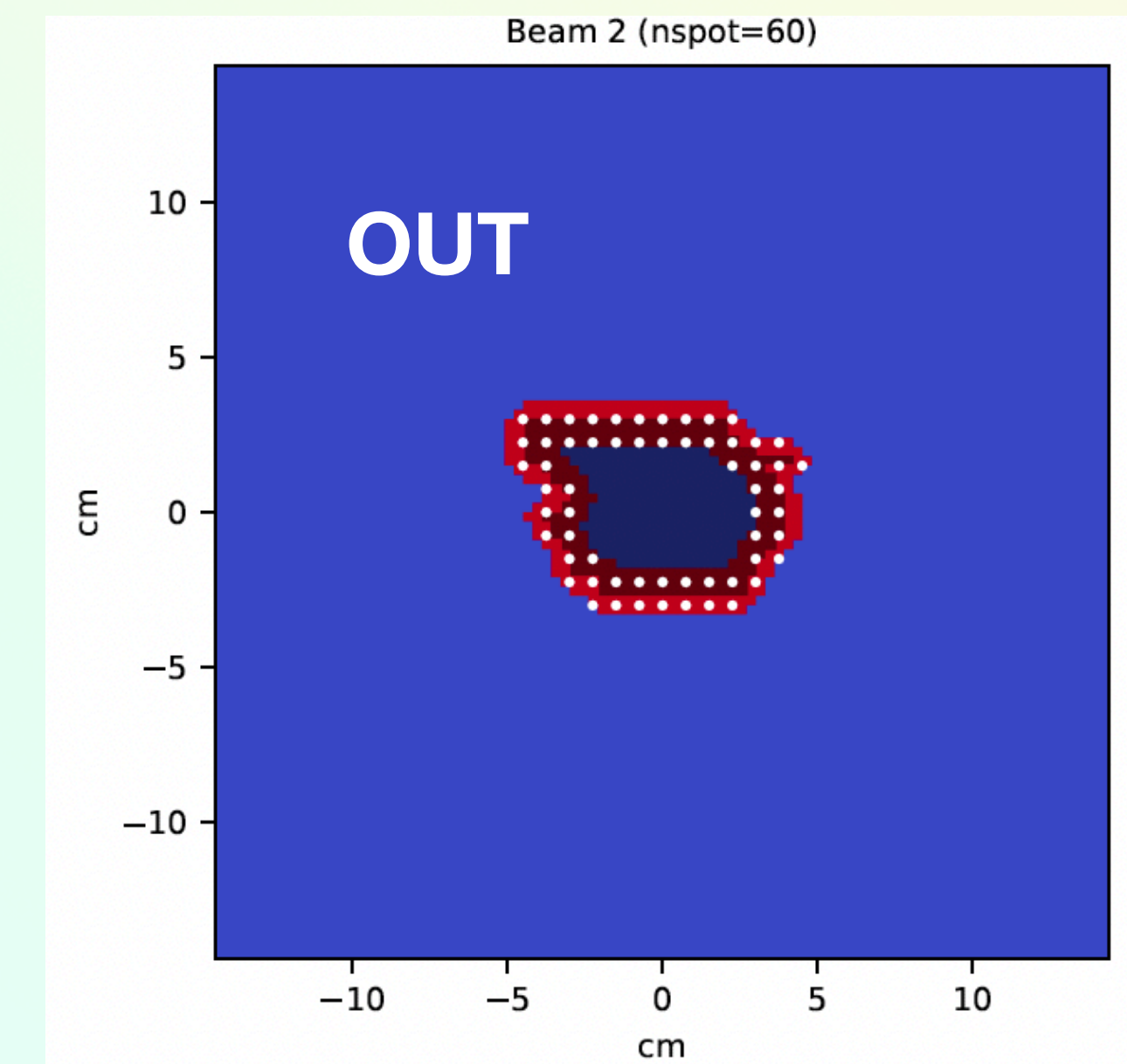
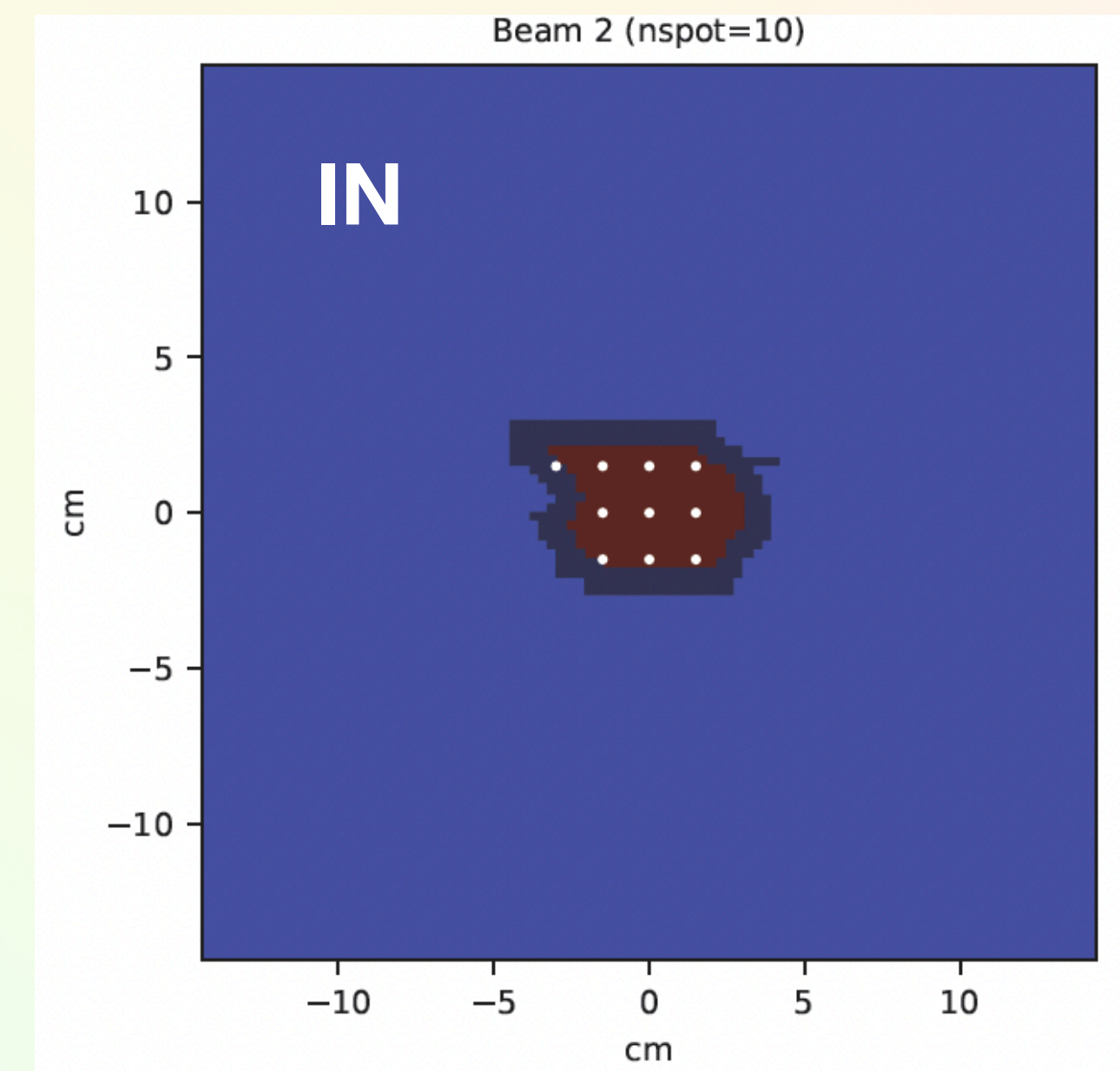
- # pencil beam / field = 254, 255, 218, 219, 248

- Margins = 1.0 cm

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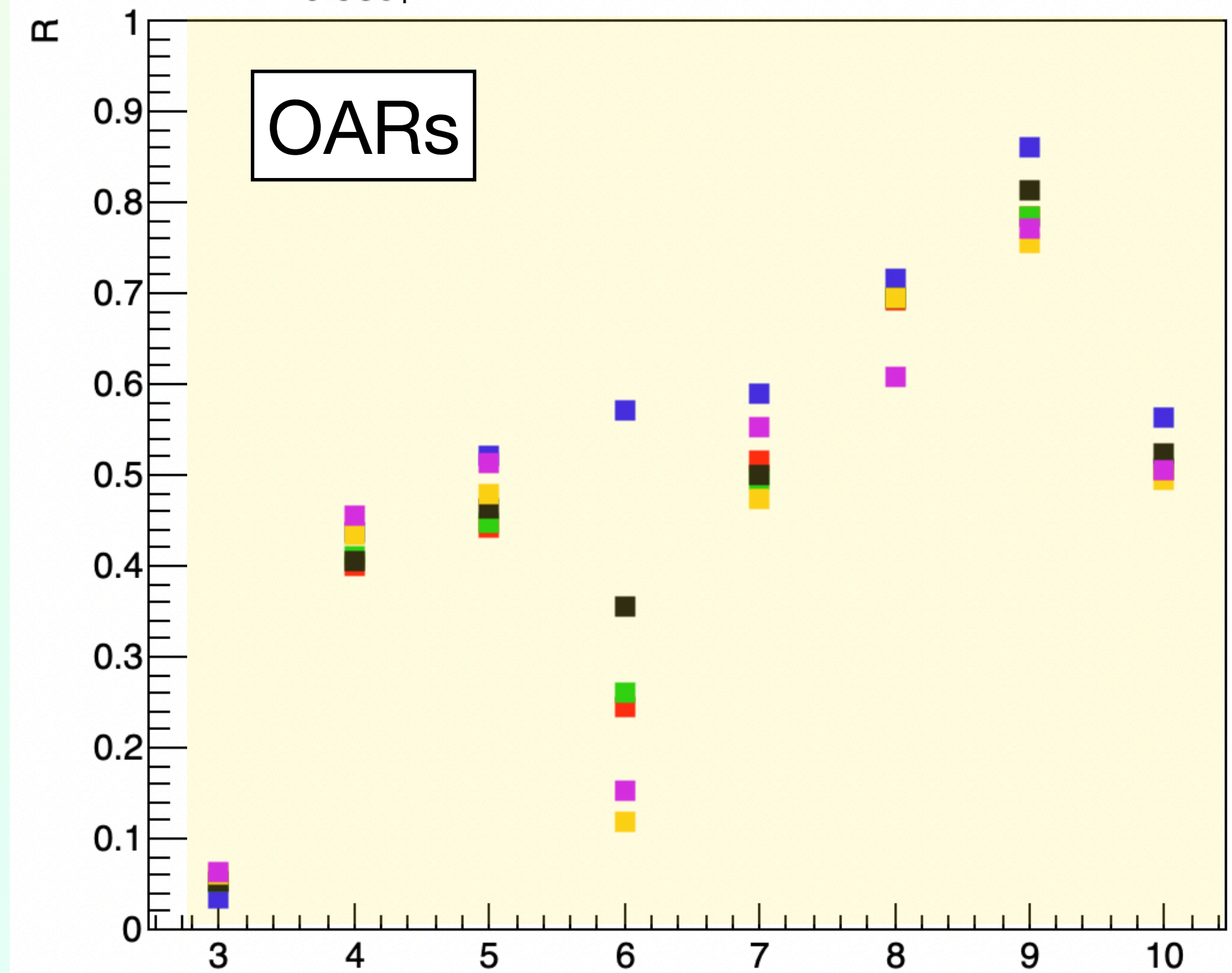
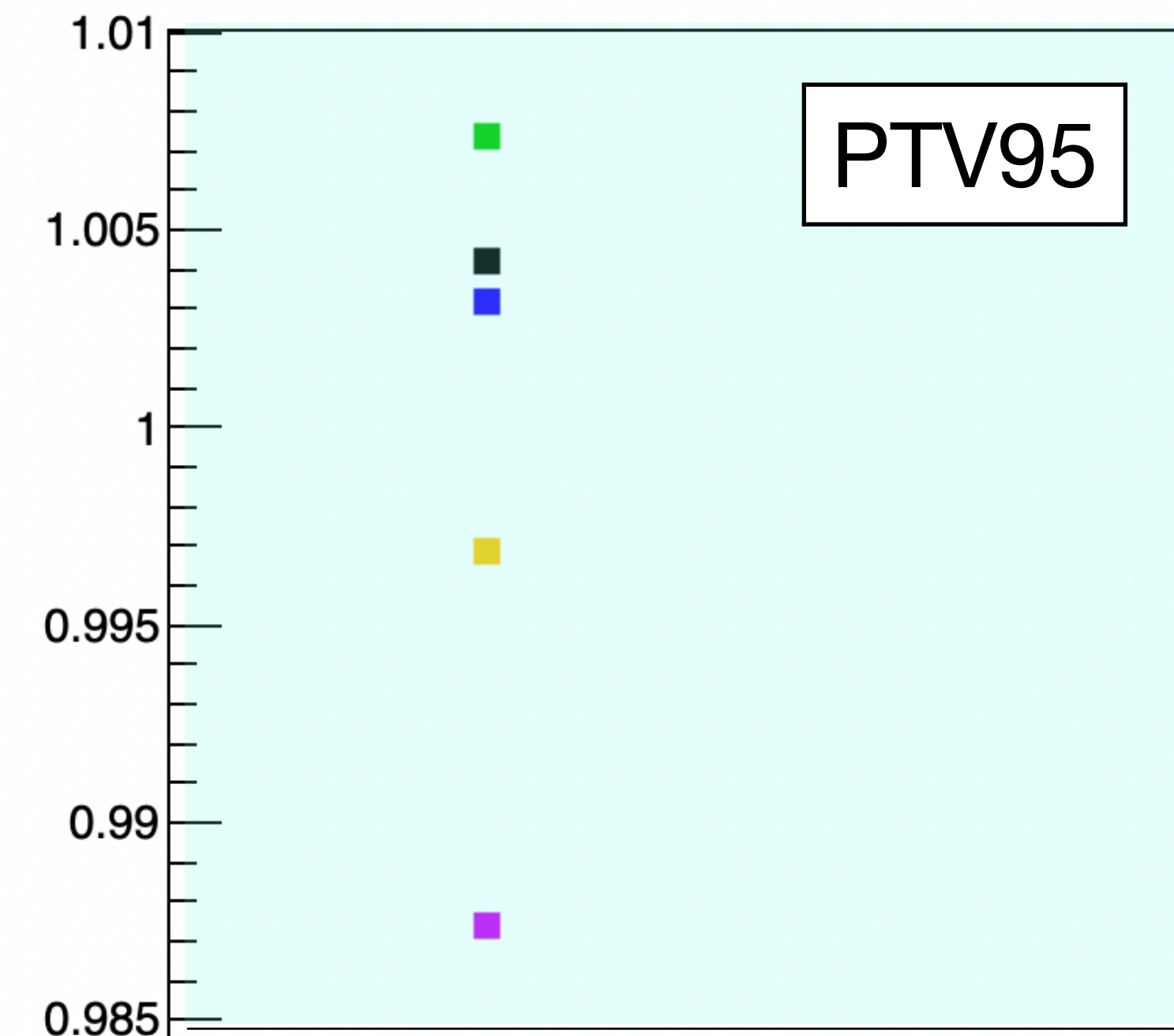
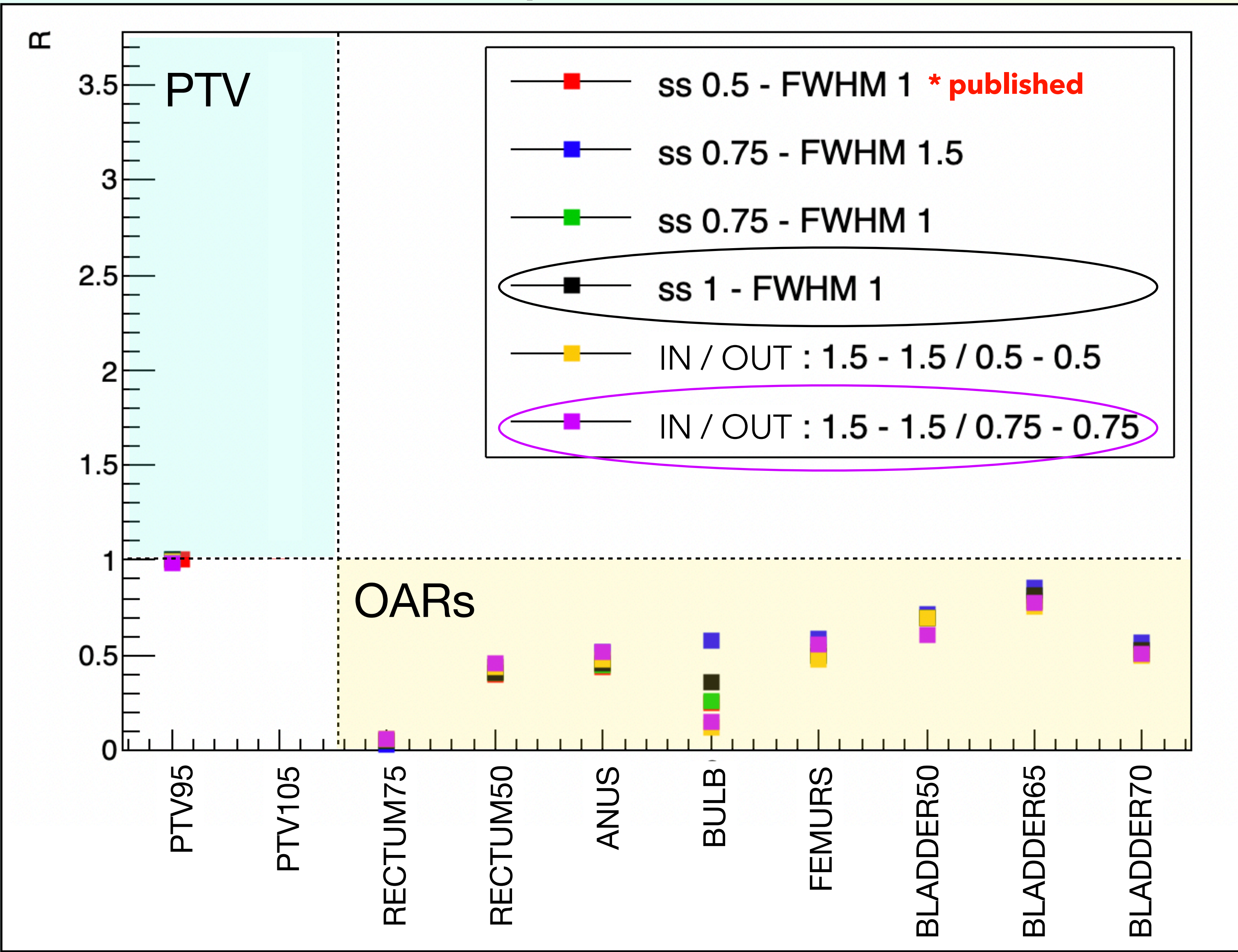
OUT: from 1 cm in PTV to MARGIN:  $ss = 0.75$  cm, FWHM = 0.75 cm

- # pencil beam / field = 70, 70, 57, 58, 68 =>  $\downarrow \sim 4.5$



# VHEE PLAN: REDUCING THE PR

- Constraints computed from each optimised plan
- $R = \text{constraint from each plan} / \text{reference constraint}$



# AVERAGED DOSE RATE (ADR)

$$\dot{D}_j^{ADR} = \frac{D_j - 2d^*}{T_j}$$

where:

$$d_j(t_0) = d^*$$

$$d_j(t_1) = D_j - d^*$$

$$T_j = t_1 - t_0$$

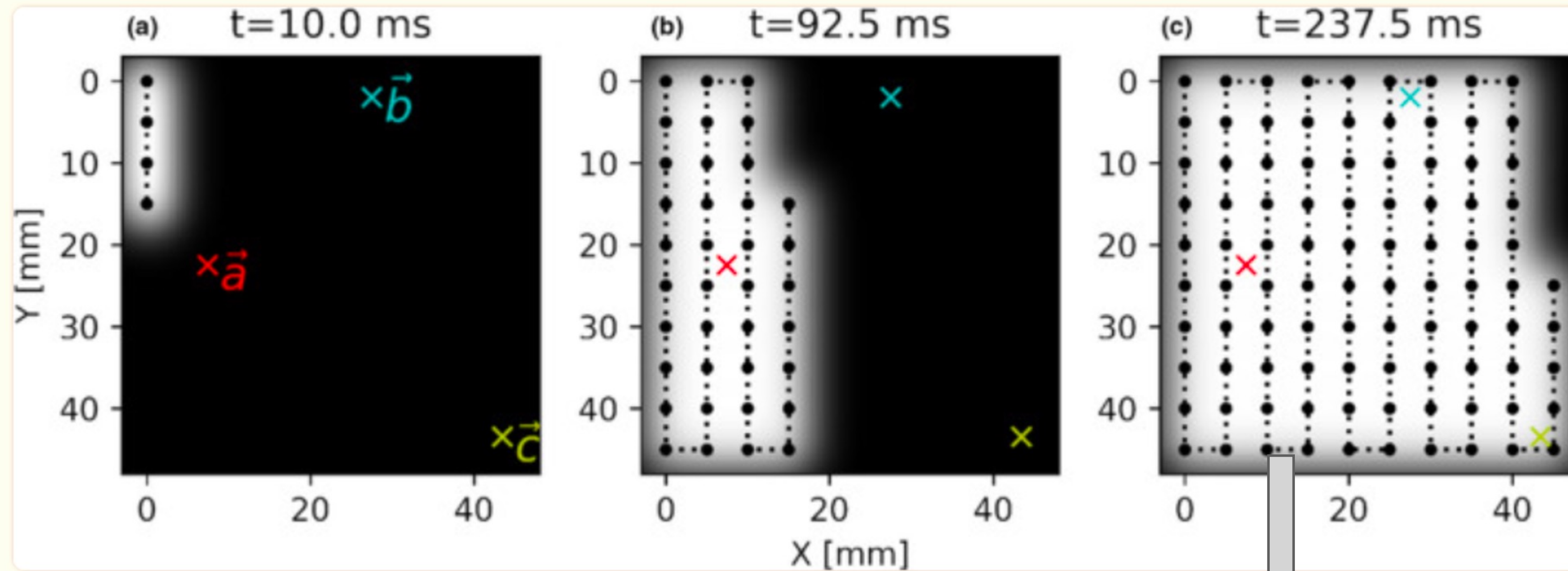
$d^*$

preset dose-threshold that determines the effective irradiation time

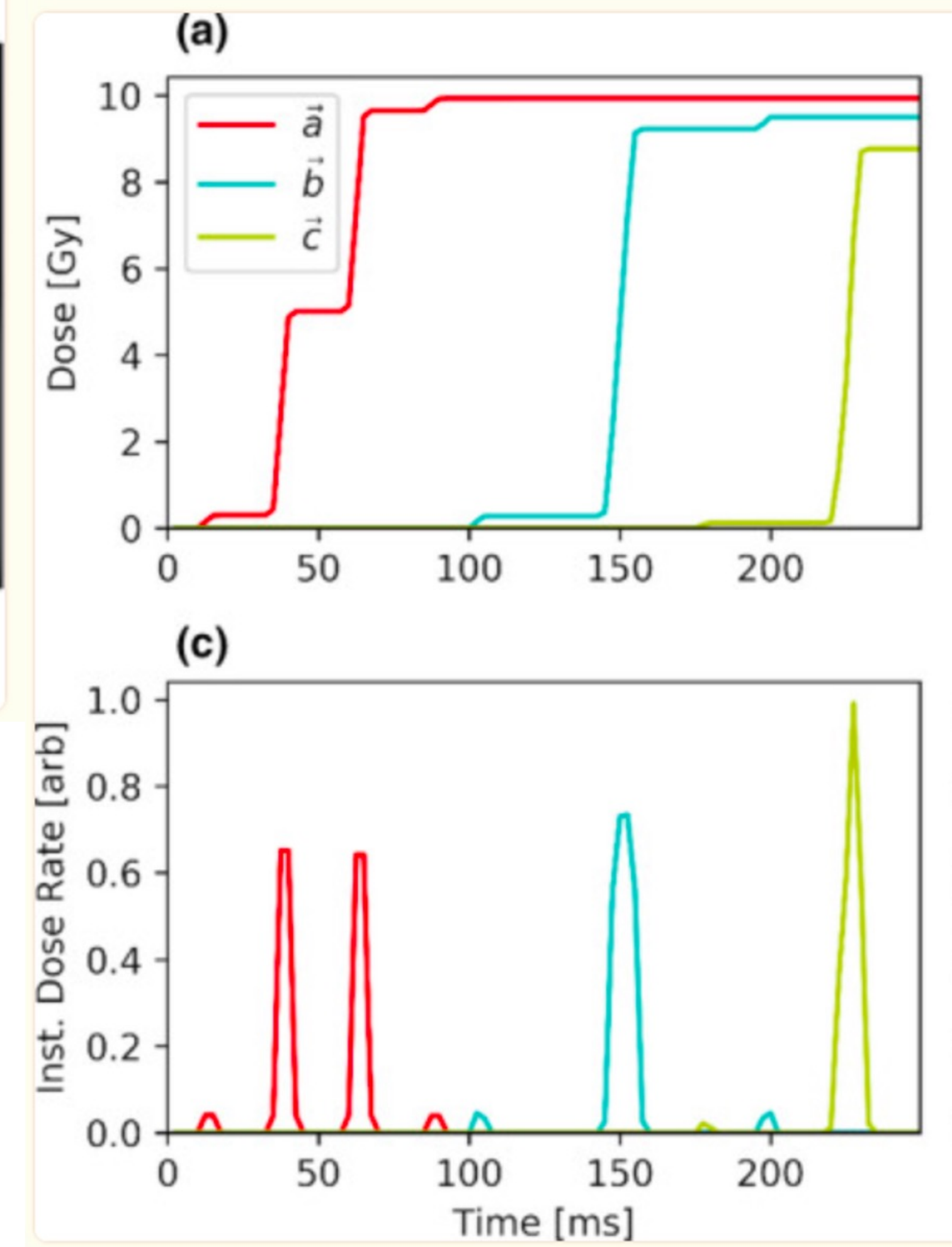
**Both duration of individual PB delivery and scanning from one PB to the next are considered for the dose rate calculations.**

# SPOT SCANNING CONSIDERATIONS

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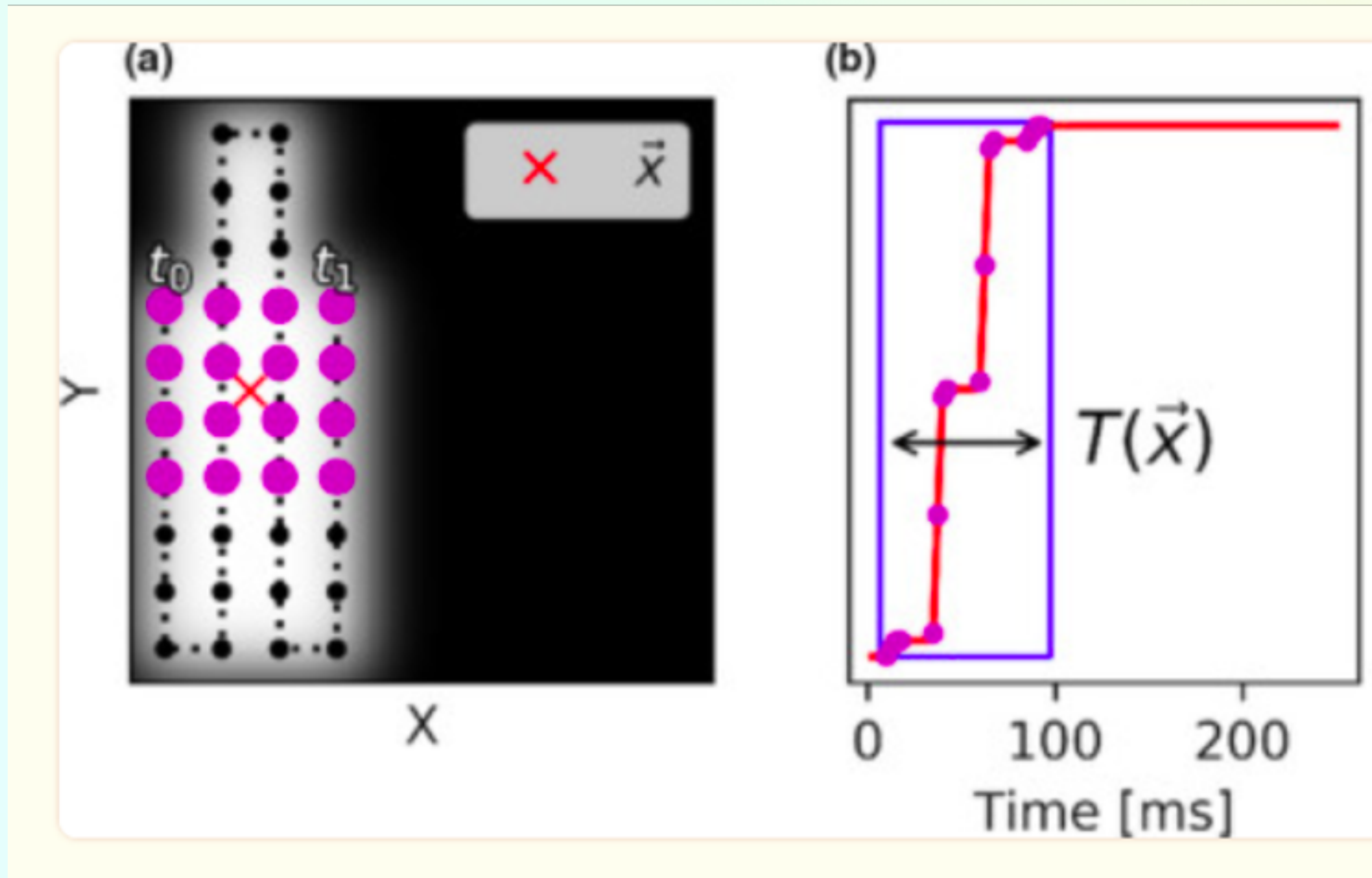
scanning pattern





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The time for a voxel to accumulate the max dose is a **fraction** of the total time of irradiation.

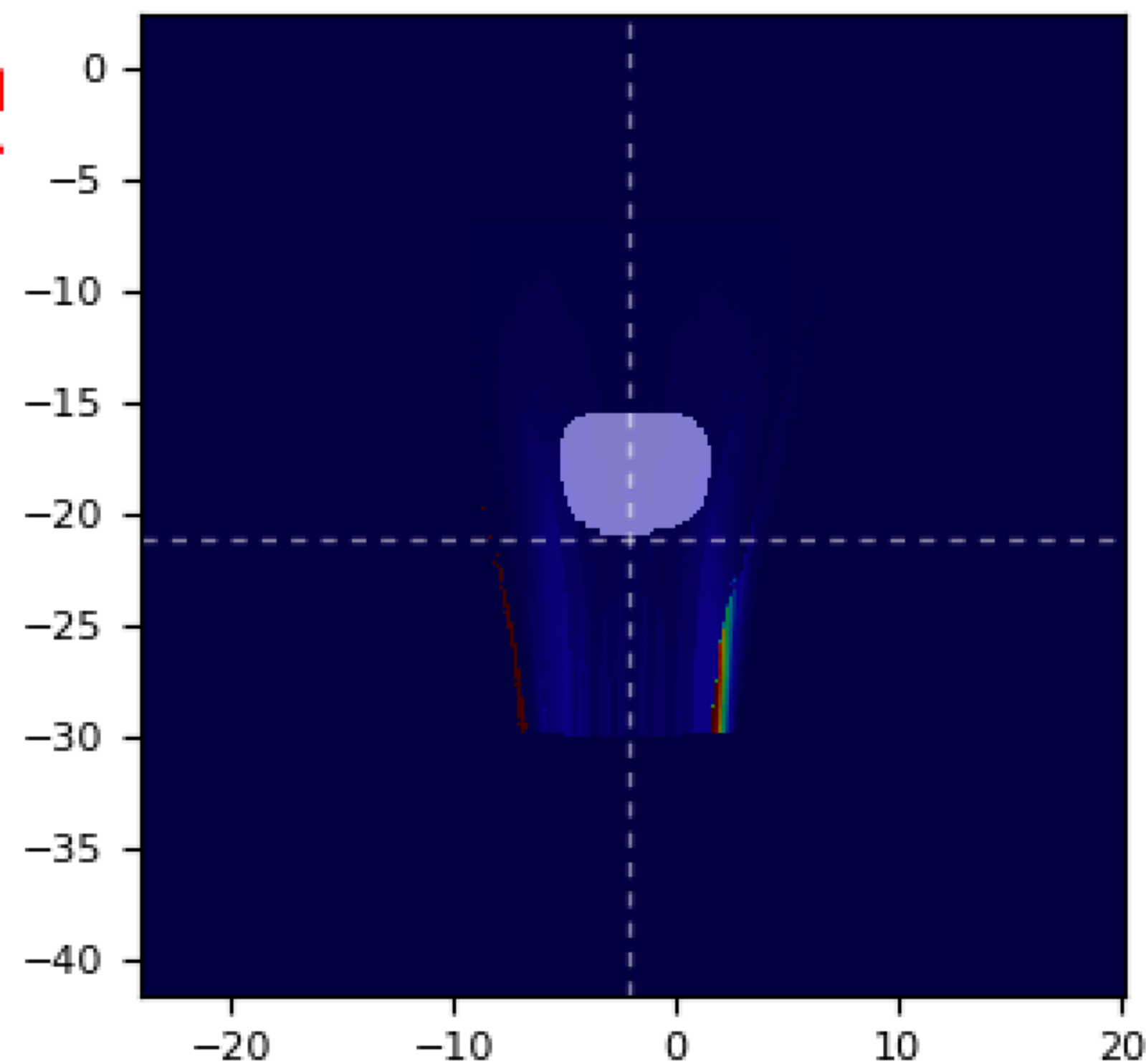
The dose accumulated depends on the **scanning pattern** and the **relative position** between the spots.

# ADR MAP FIELD 1 ON PROSTATE BLACK CASE

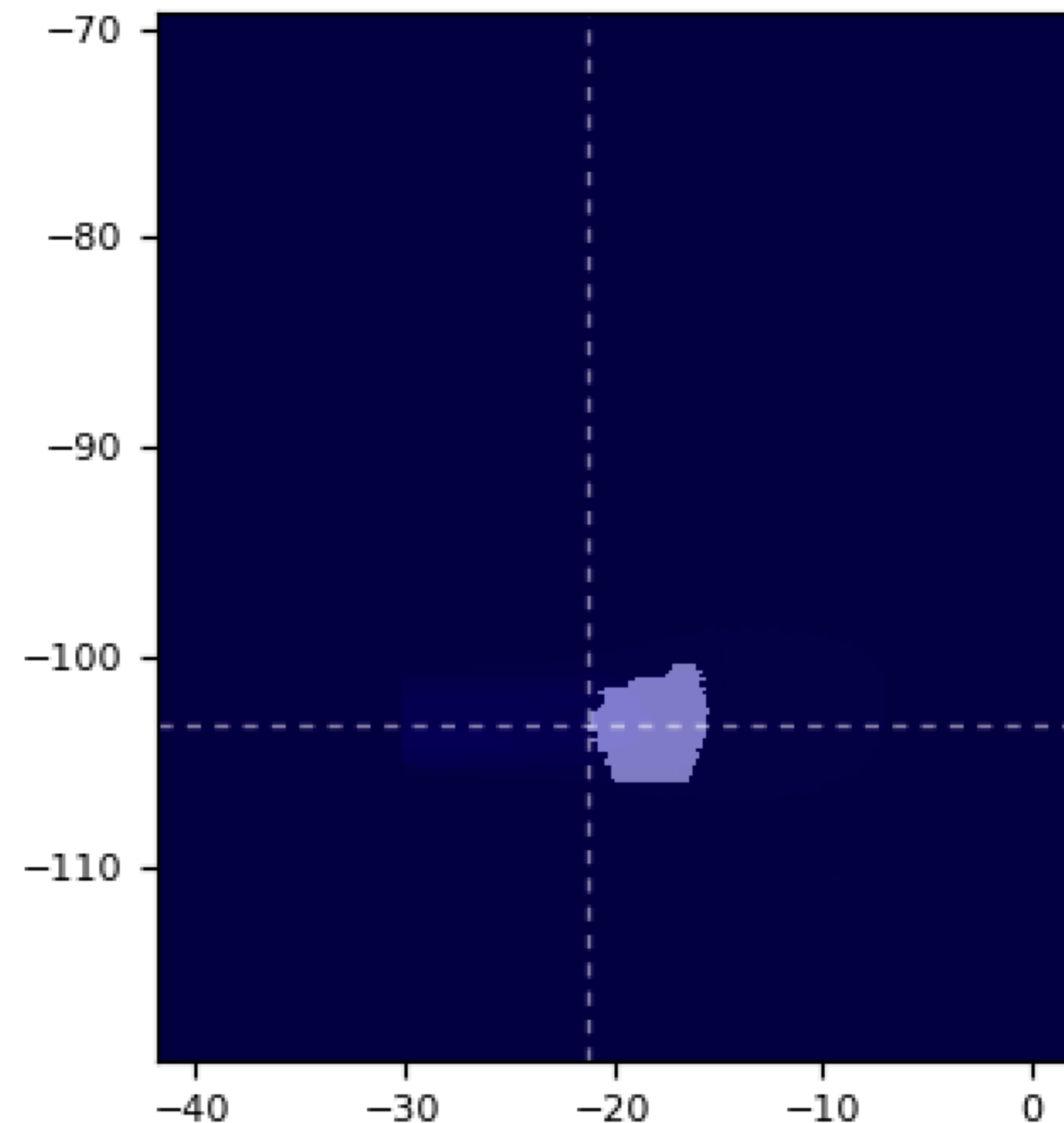
- Hypothetic accelerator parameters:  
pulse time =  $1 \mu s$   
**prf = 100 Hz (10 ms inter spot)**
- $d^* = 5\%$
- Results for 1 single fraction

**ADR < 20 Gy/s in the entry channel.**  
It could be optimised, optimising the pencil beam scanning sequence.

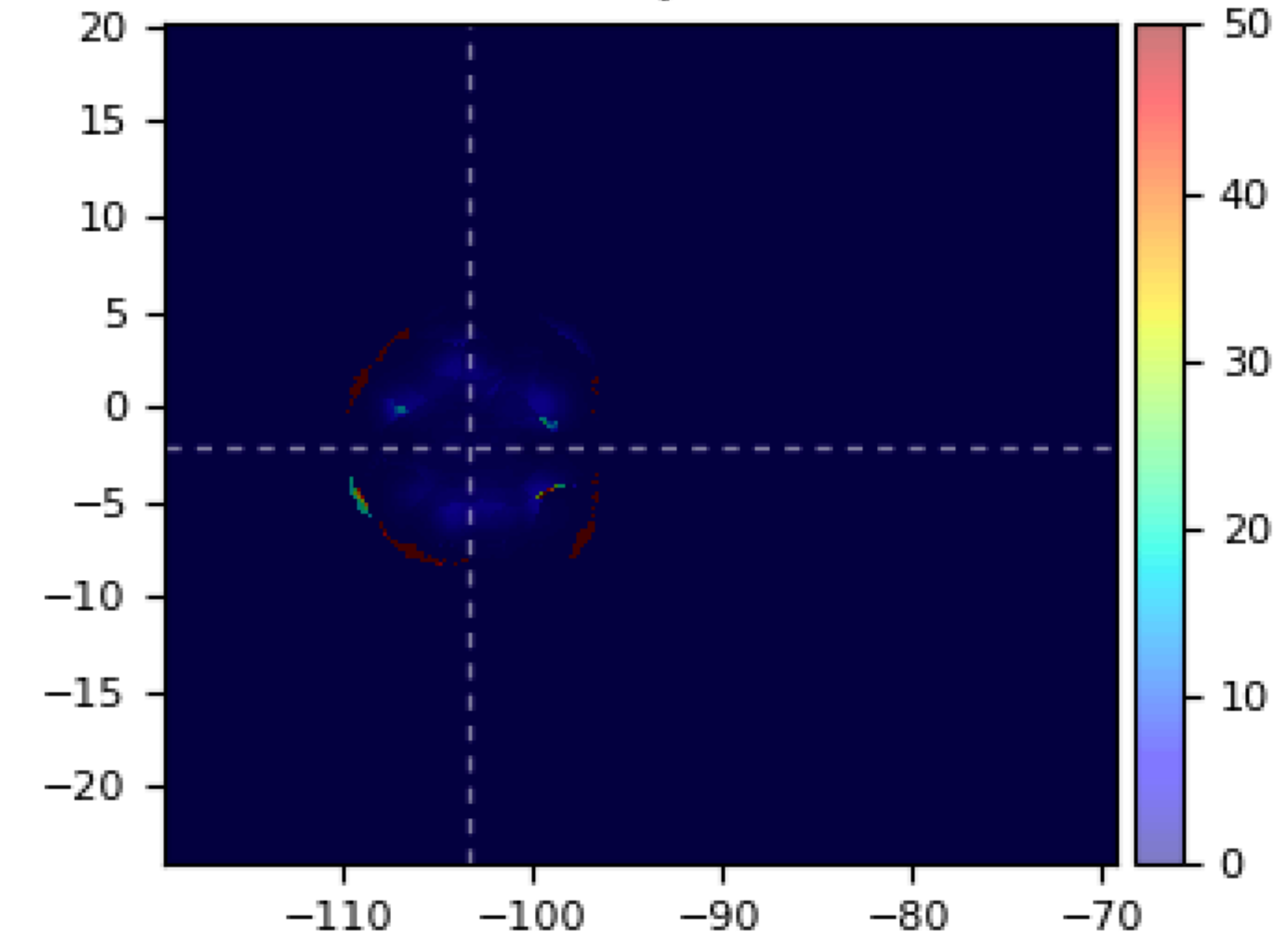
XY slice at z=-103.19



YZ slice at x=-2.12



ZX slice at y=-21.22

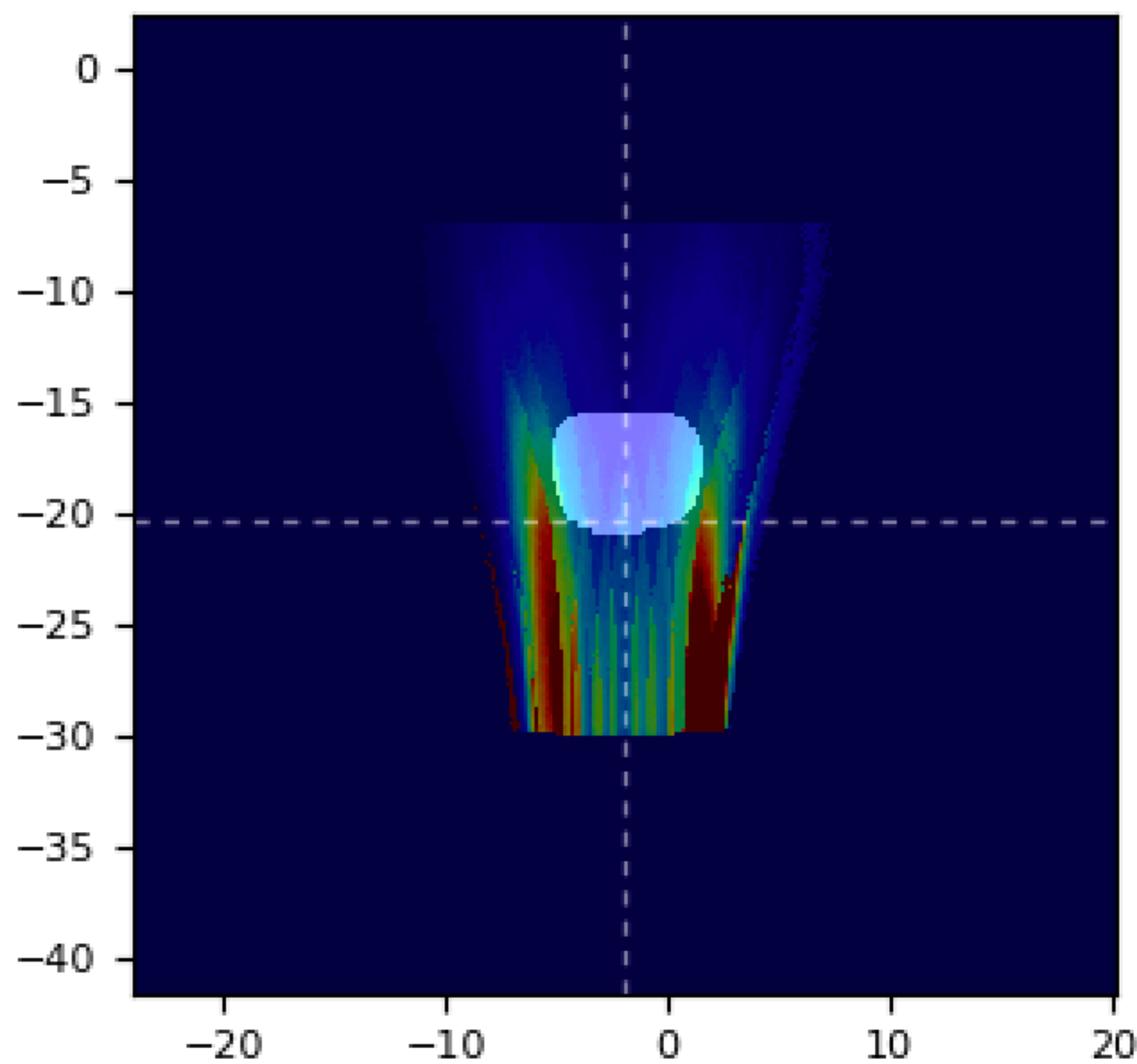


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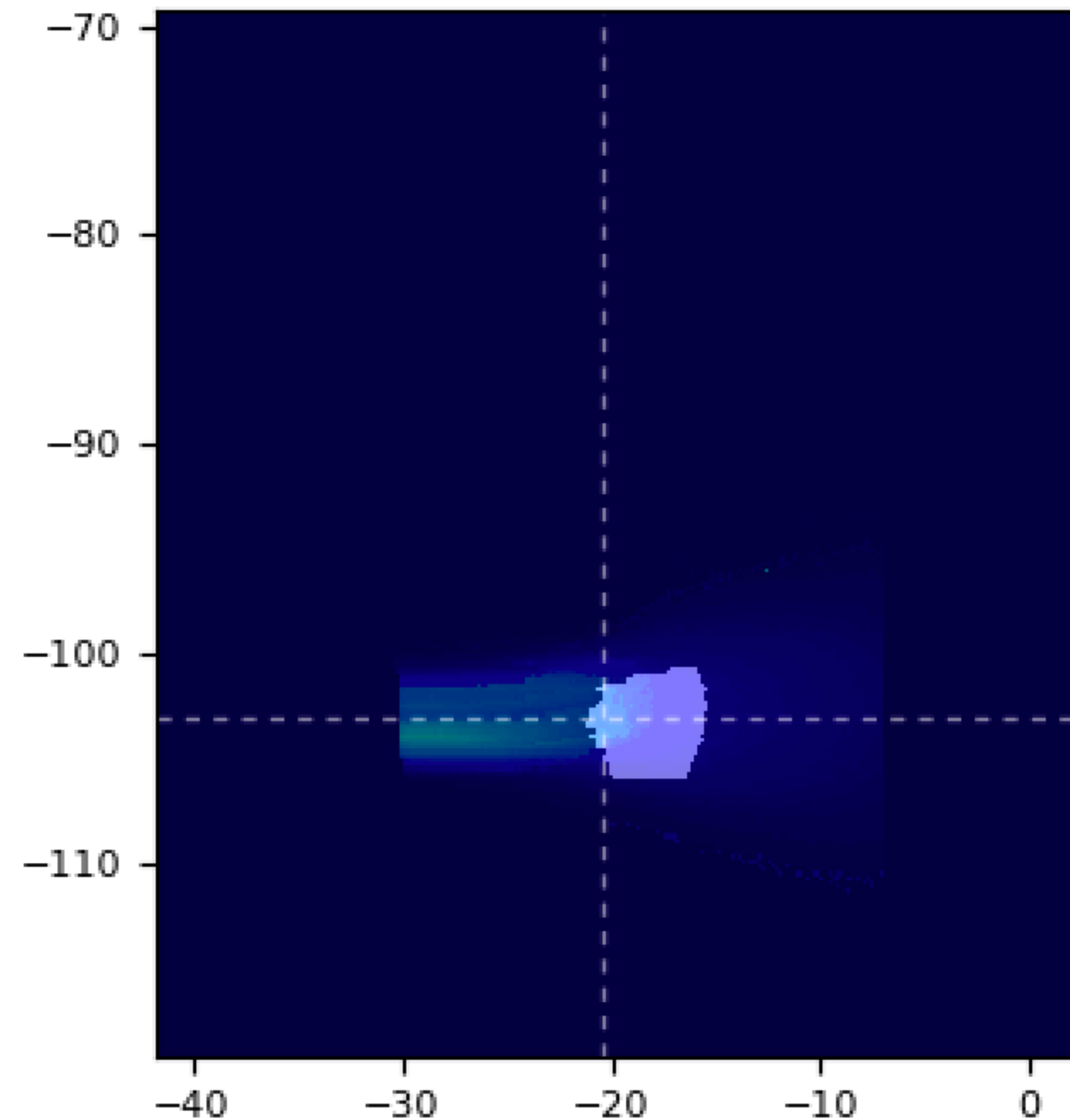
- Hypothetic accelerator parameters:  
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**ADR > 40 Gy/s in the entry channel.**  
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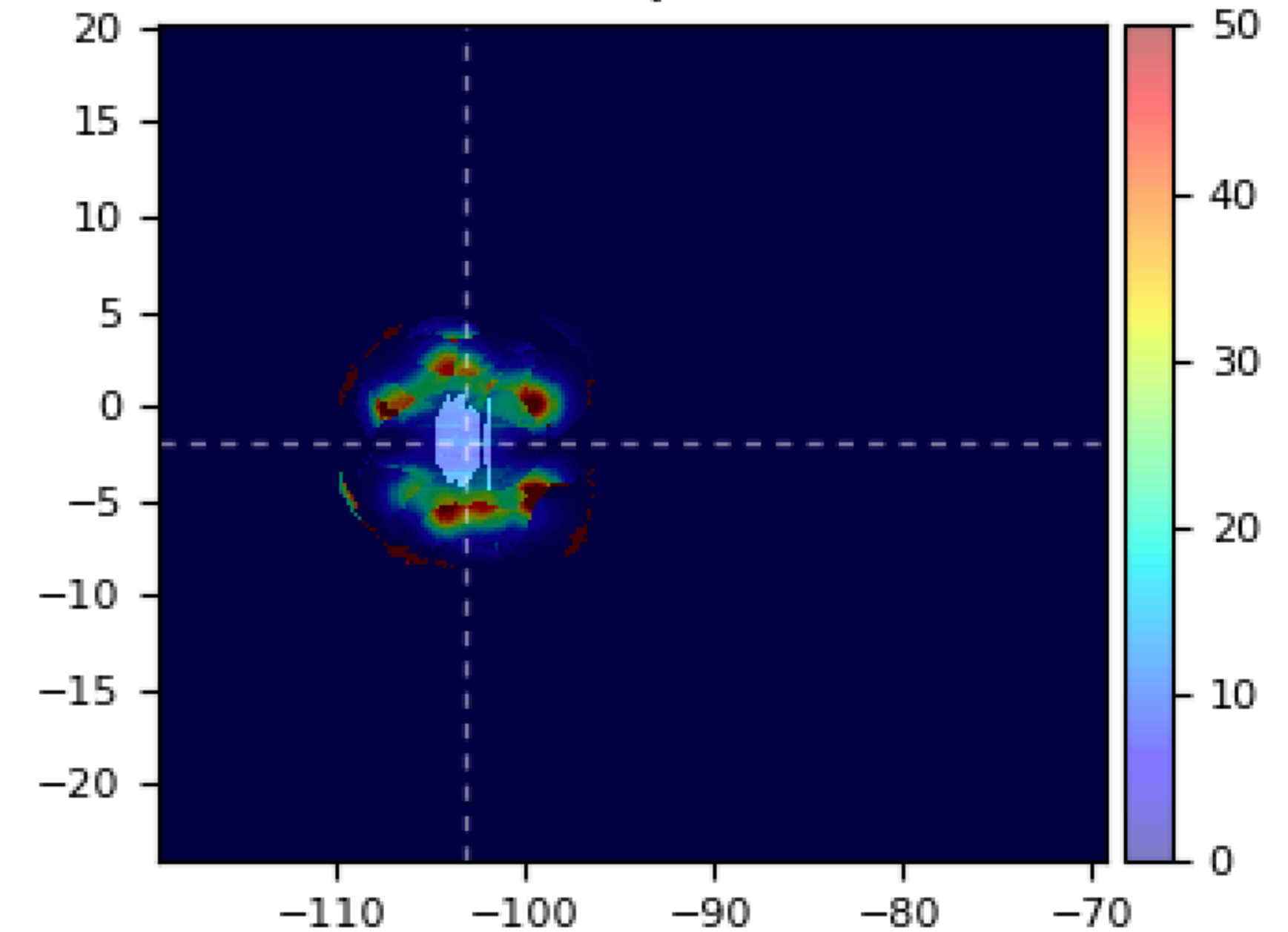
XY slice at z=-103.03



YZ slice at x=-2.00



ZX slice at y=-20.41

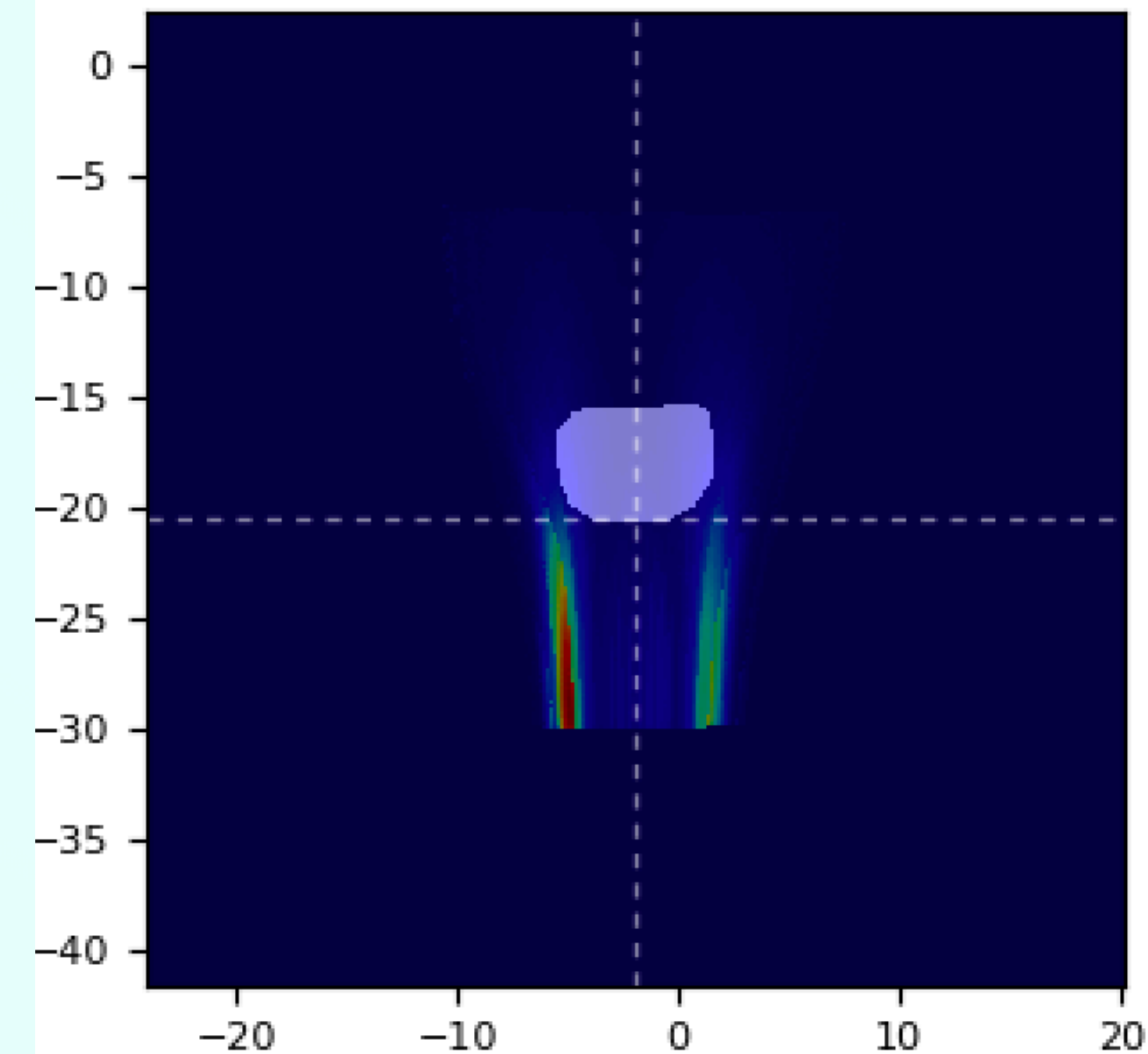


# ADR MAP FIELD 1 ON PROSTATE PUBLISHED CASE

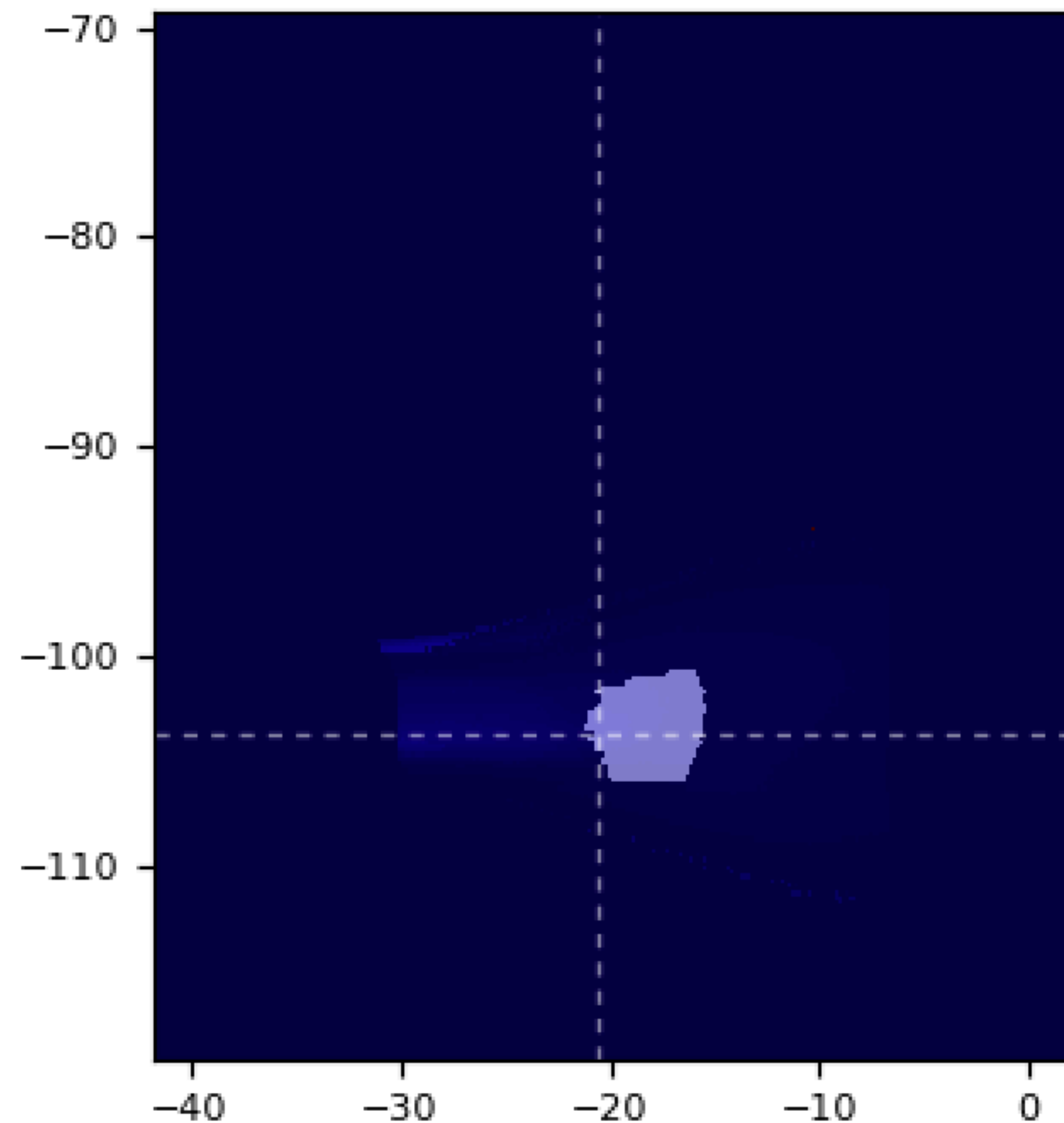
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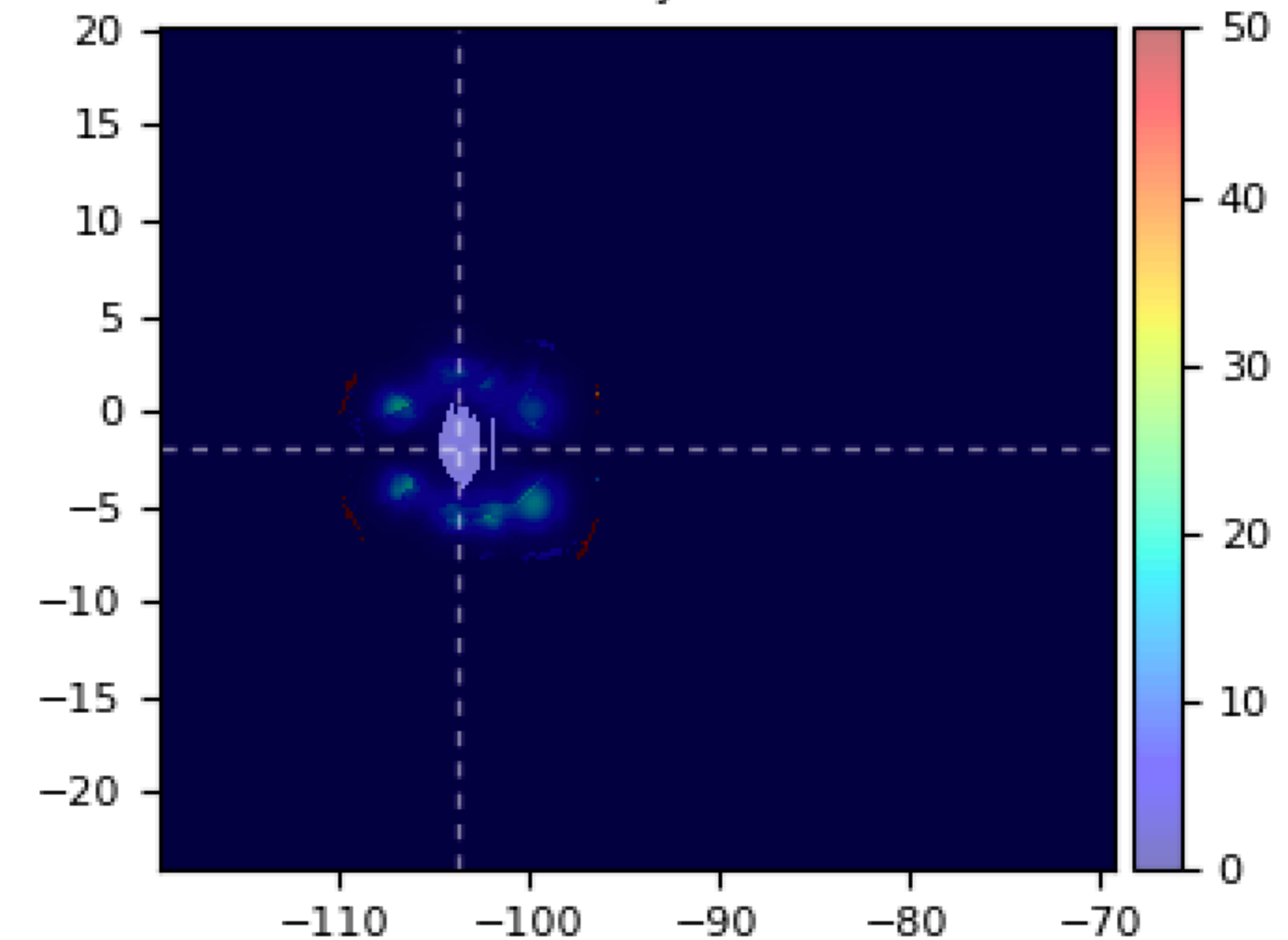
XY slice at z=-103.67



YZ slice at x=-2.00

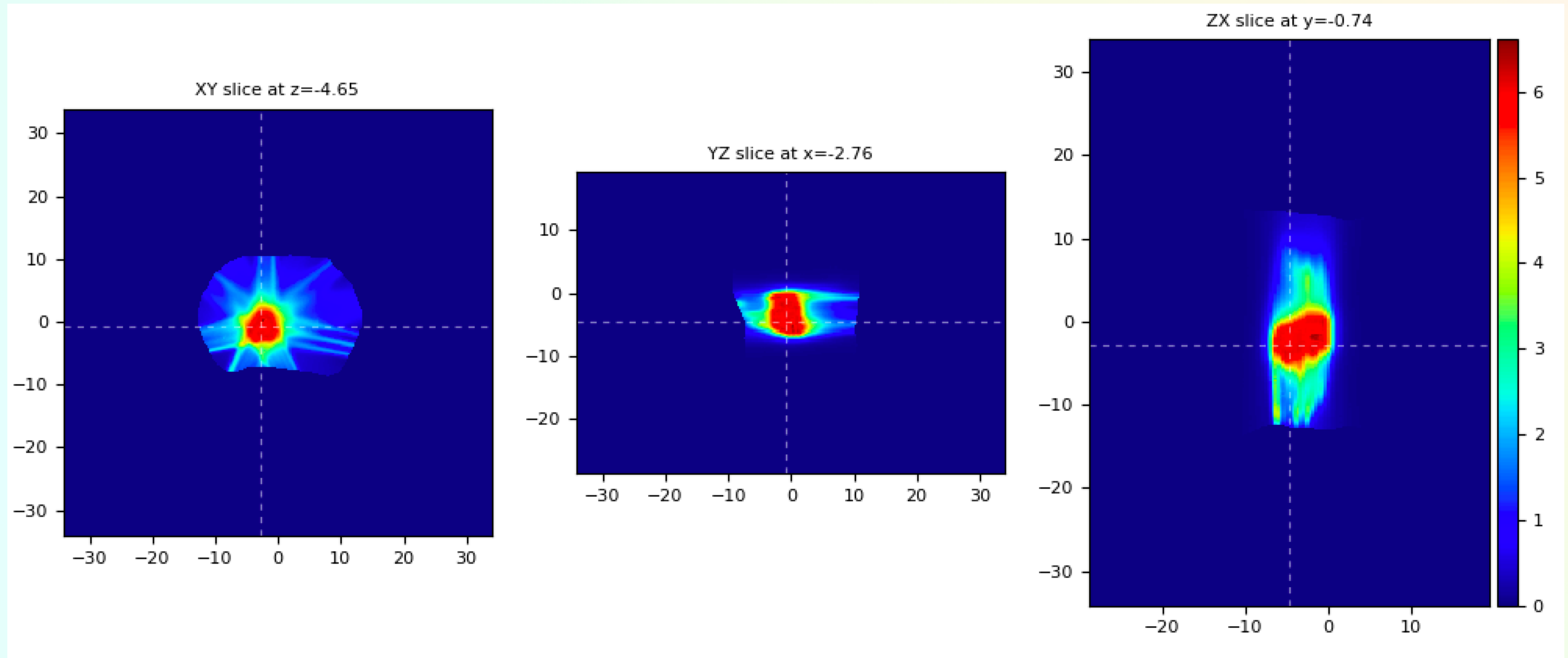


ZX slice at y=-20.57



# PANCREAS CASE: DOSE RATE STUDY

- Pancreas hypo fractionated treatment of a Roma BIO-CAMPUS patient
- TP with VHEE, 7 fields (see Annalisa's talk)



# DOSE AVERAGED DOSE RATE (DADR)

$$DADR_j = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{d_{ij}}{d_{totj}} \cdot \dot{D}_{ij} \quad (0.1)$$

dove  $i$  è l' $i$ -esimo PB e  $j$  il  $j$ -esimo voxel.

Il DADR viene calcolato per ogni voxel. Per ogni voxel conosco quali PB lo toccano e quanta dose gli inviano. Ogni voxel è toccato da  $N$  PB e la dose totale che il voxel riceve è  $d_{totj}$ .

Quindi il DADR è calcolato come la somma degli  $N$  ratei di dose  $\dot{D}_{ij}$  ciascuno PESATO per il valore di dose che esso eroga rispetto alla dose totale in quel voxel (rapporto  $d_{ij}/d_{totj}$ ).

Il dose rate istantaneo  $\dot{D}_{ij}$  relativo al singolo PB  $i$ -esimo sul voxel  $j$  è dato da:

$$\dot{D}_{ij} = \frac{d_{ij}}{T_i} \quad (0.2)$$

con  $T_i$  tempo di delivery del singolo PB, calcolato come:

$$T_i = \frac{\phi_i}{I_{acc}} \quad (0.3)$$

con  $\phi_i$  fluensa del PB e  $I_{acc} = 1.25e + 14$  corrente media dell'acceleratore

Sono inoltre presenti 2 valori di soglia :

- dose sul singolo voxel  $> 1e^{-12}$  Gy
- fluensa del singolo PB  $>$  fluensa max  $\times 1e^{-4}$

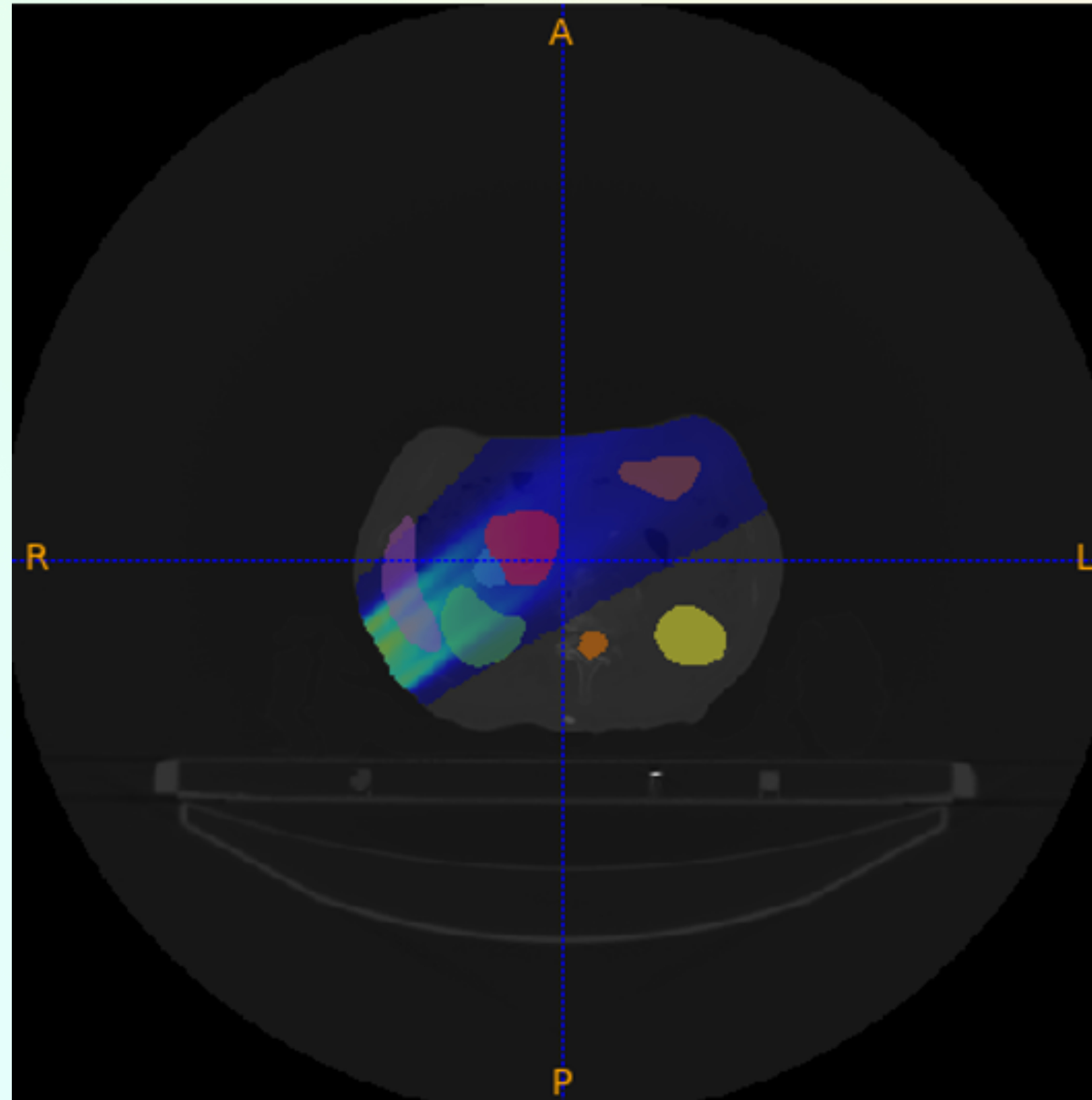
i voxel ed i PB che non superano tali valori non vengono considerati nel calcolo.

- Risultati per una singola frazione

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# FIELD 1

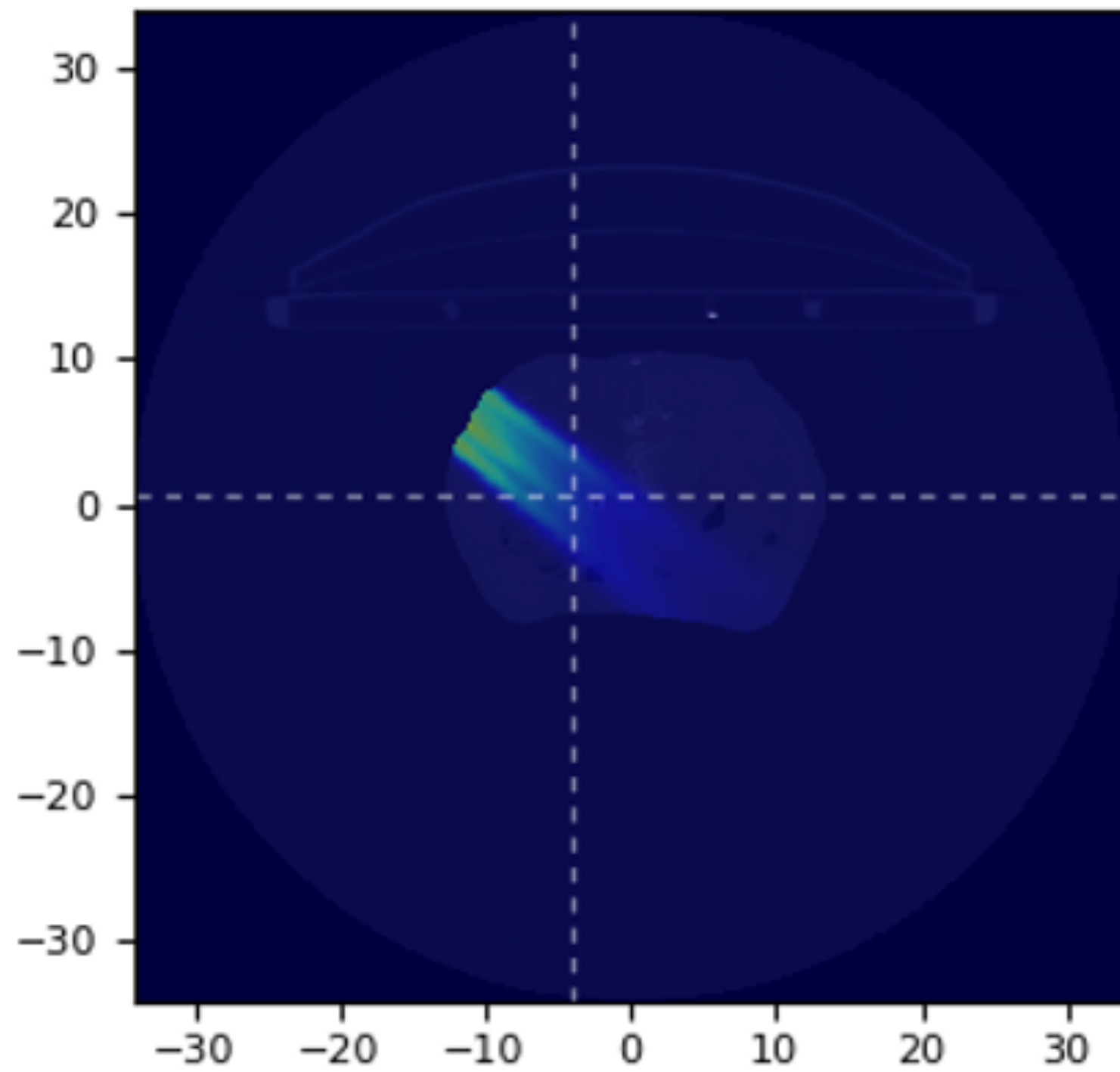
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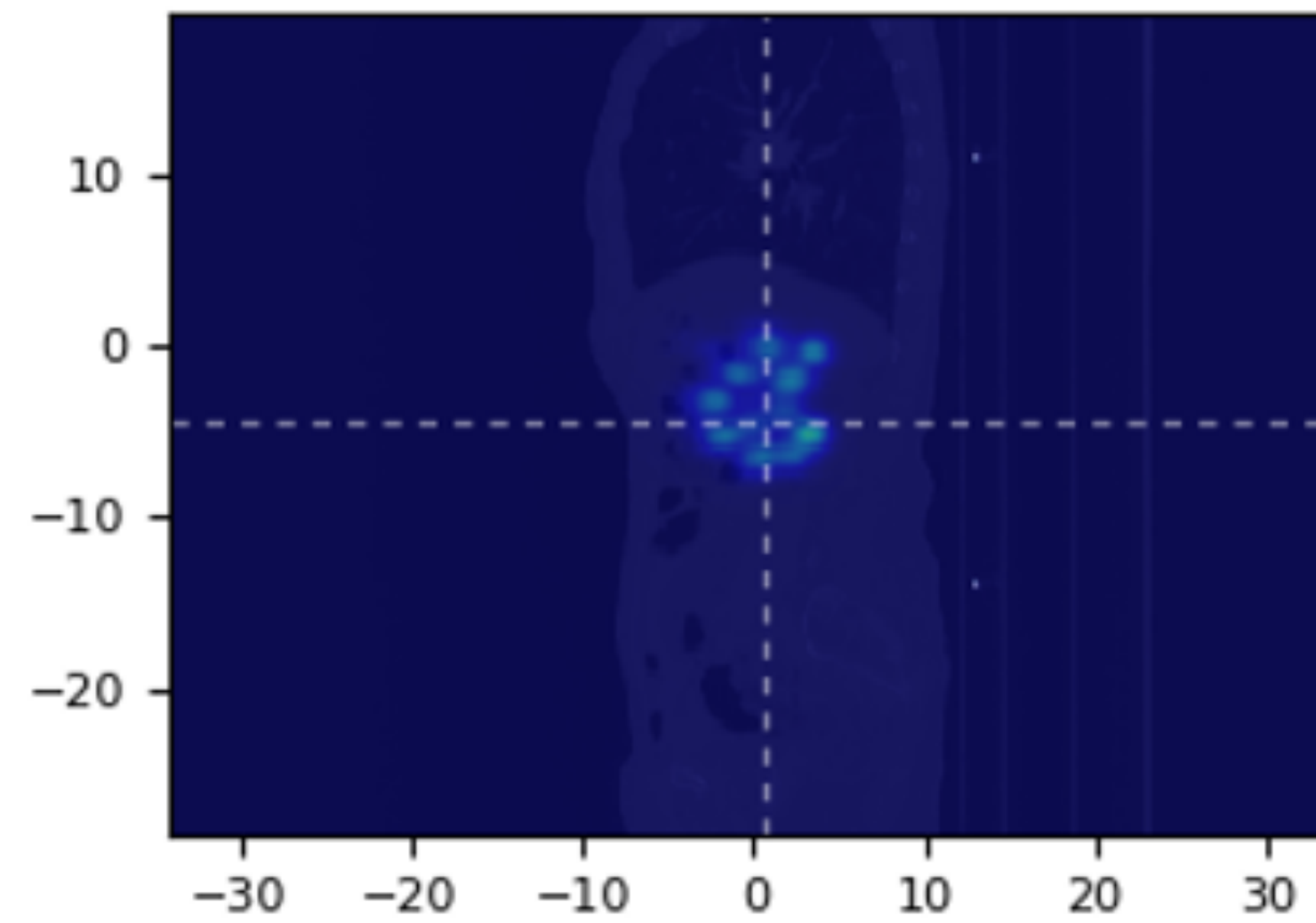
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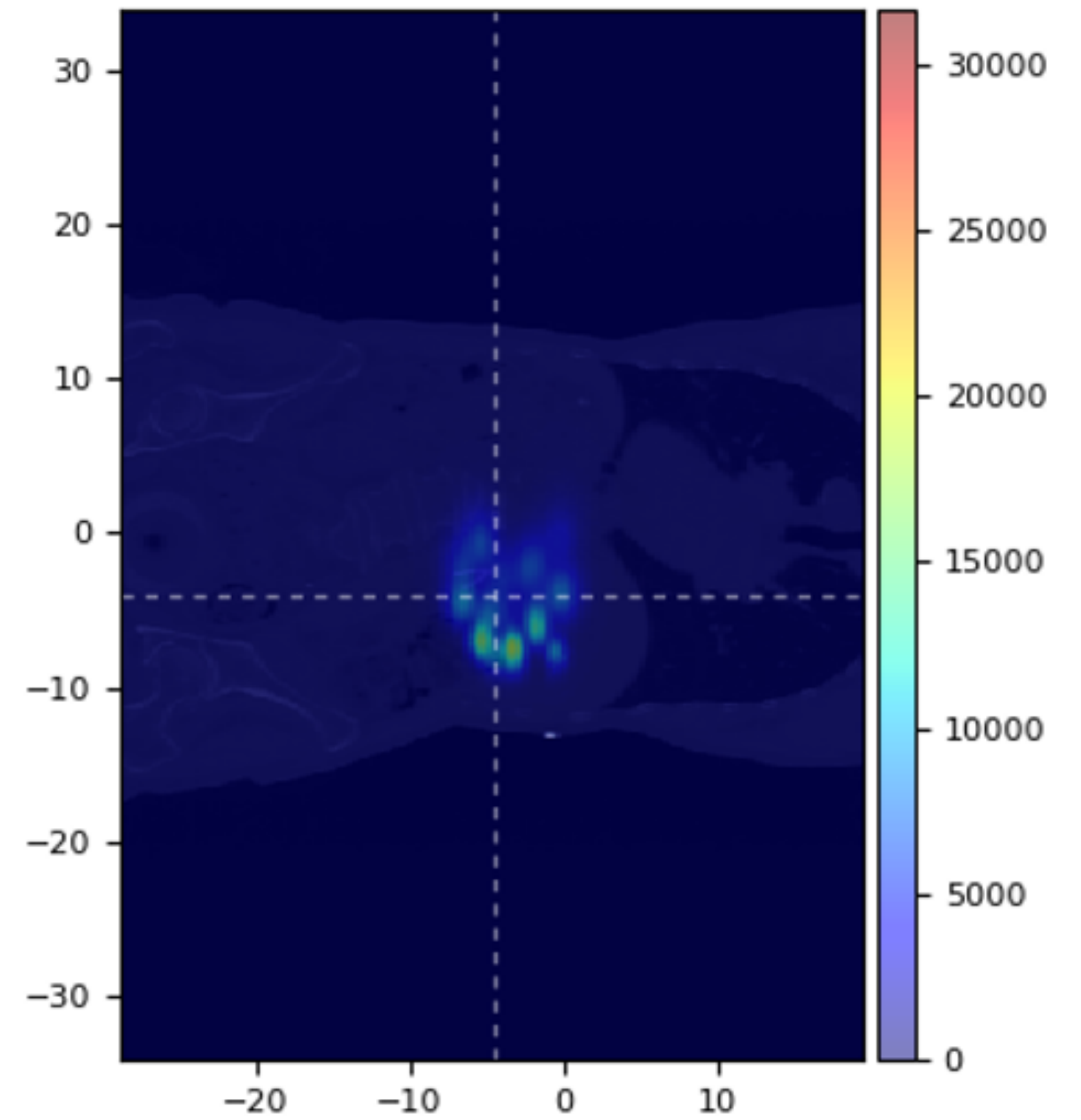
XY slice at  $z=-4.50$



YZ slice at  $x=-4.01$



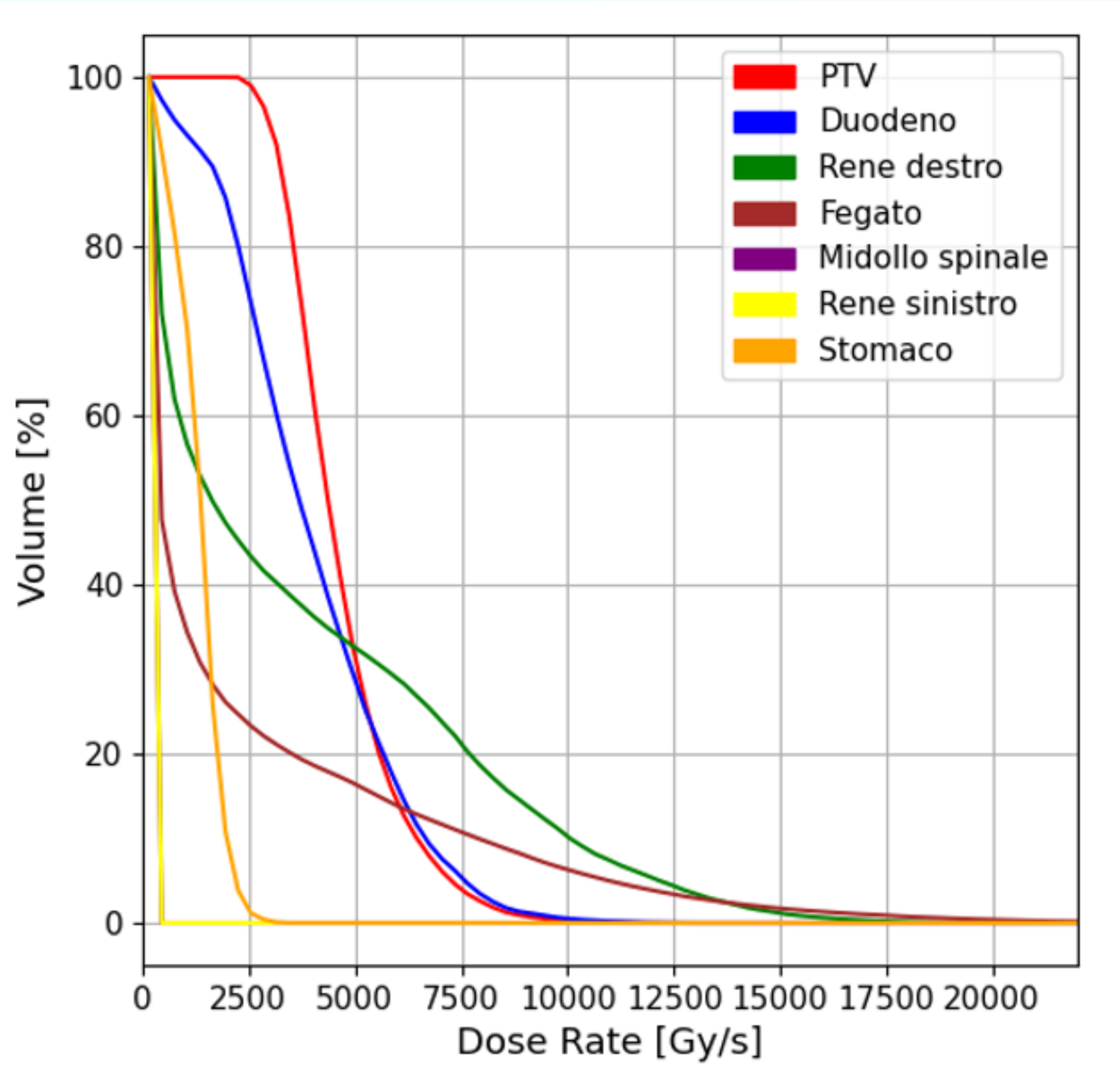
ZX slice at  $y=0.64$





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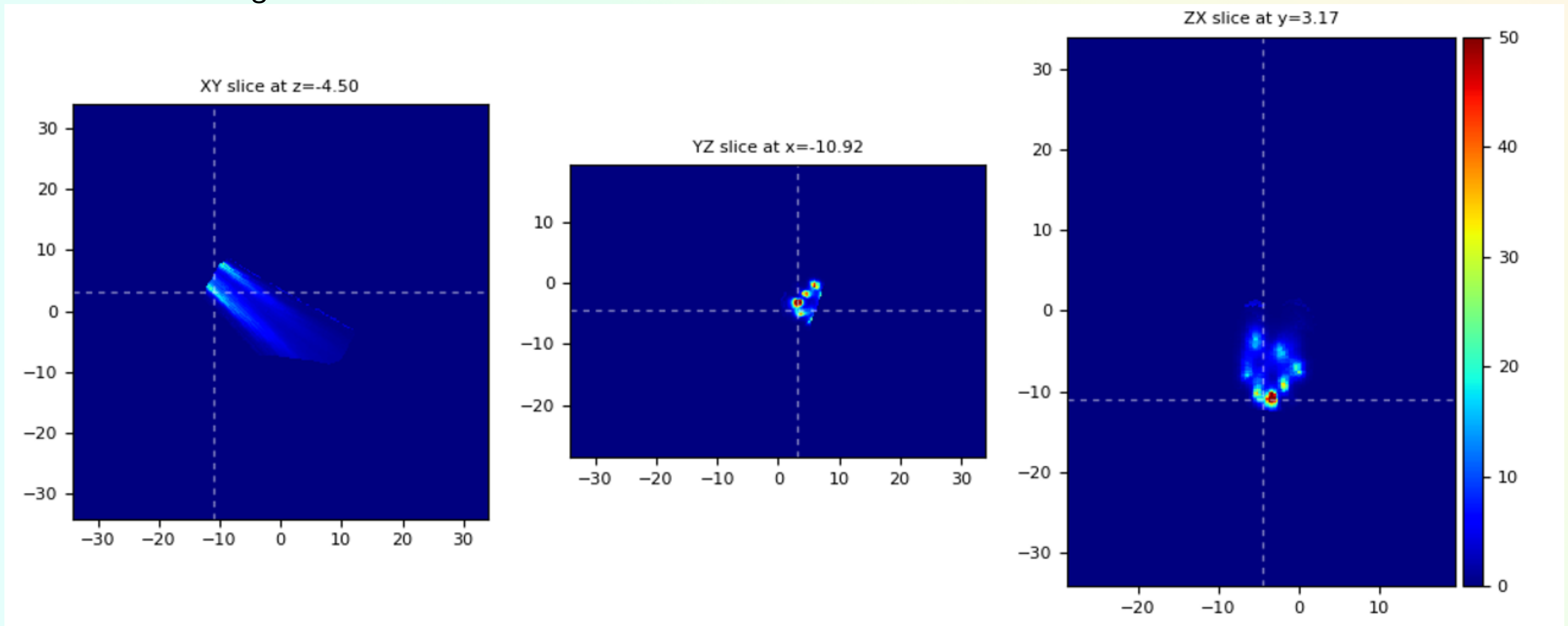
ROI	% DR > 40 Gy/s	% D > 4 Gy	D_max	D_mean
<b>PTV</b>	100%	0%	0.86 Gy	0.57 Gy
<b>Duodeno</b>	100%	0%	0.79 Gy	0.37 Gy
<b>Rene_dx</b>	93.09%	0%	1.20 Gy	0.24 Gy
<b>Fegato</b>	65.80%	0%	1.54 Gy	0.12 Gy
<b>Midollo</b>	0.01%	0%	0.01 Gy	0.00 Gy
<b>Rene_sx</b>	0%	0%	0.00 Gy	0.00 Gy
<b>Stomaco</b>	98.67%	0%	0.54 Gy	0.22 Gy

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but no voxels with Total Dose per Field > 4 Gy.**

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# BACKUP

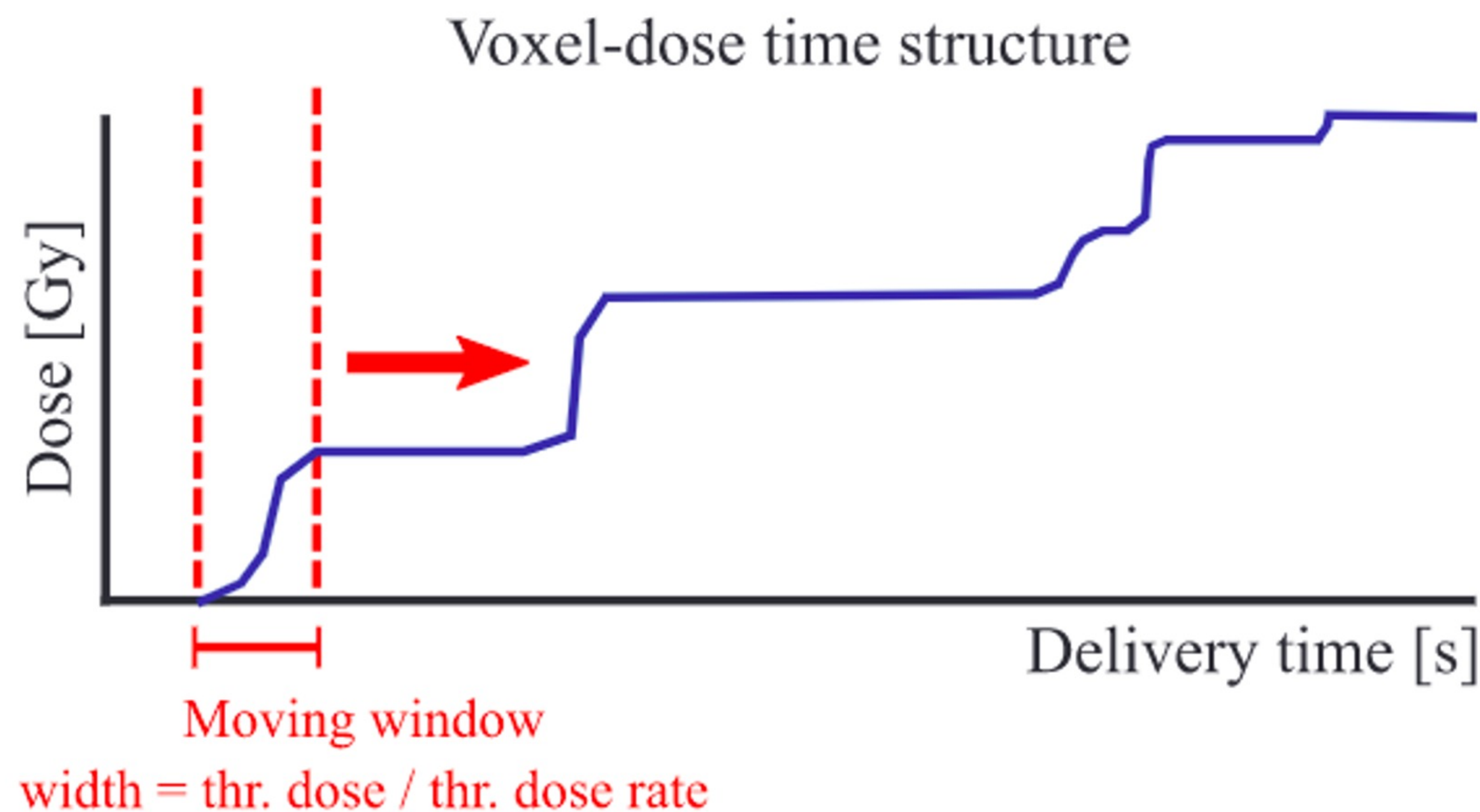
# ADR MAP FIELD 1 PANCREAS

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<b>Rene_dx</b>	1.20	0.24	20078.02	3606.20	53.36	3.47
<b>Fegato</b>	1.54	0.12	28725.59	2087.32	103.22	1.91
<b>Midollo</b>	0.01	0.00	125.51	0.01	0.00	0.00
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<b>Stomaco</b>	0.54	0.22	3244.23	1158.15	3.72	1.45

# SLIDING WINDOW

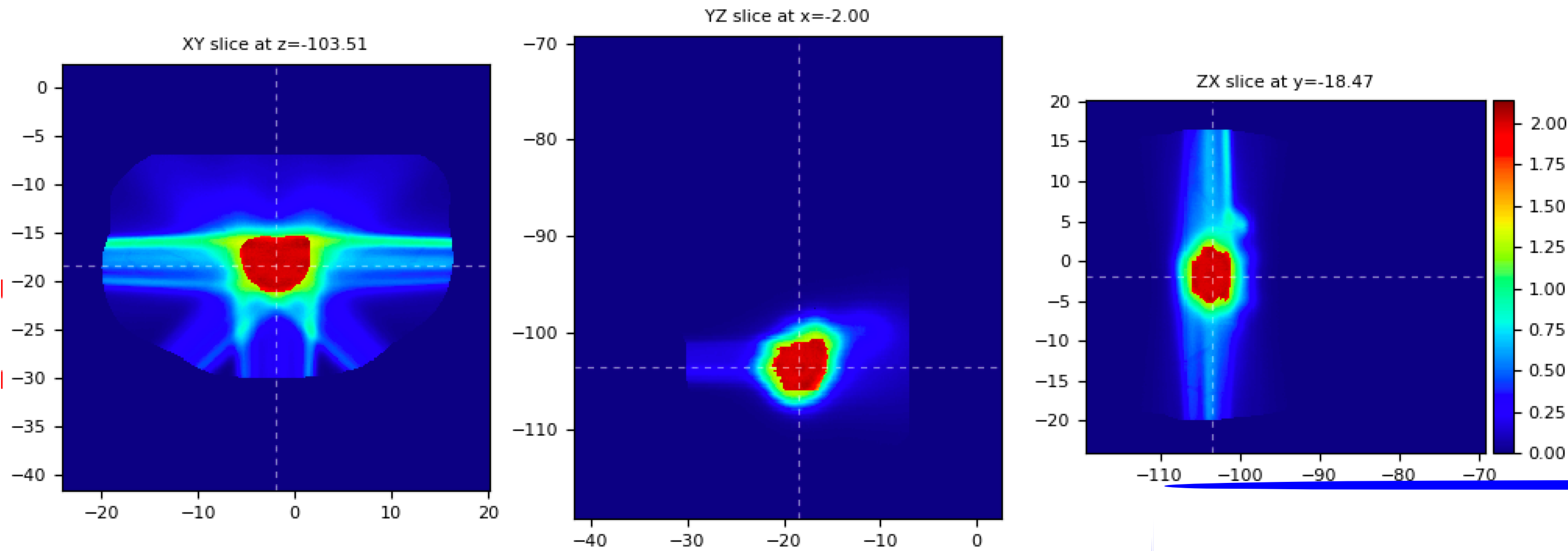
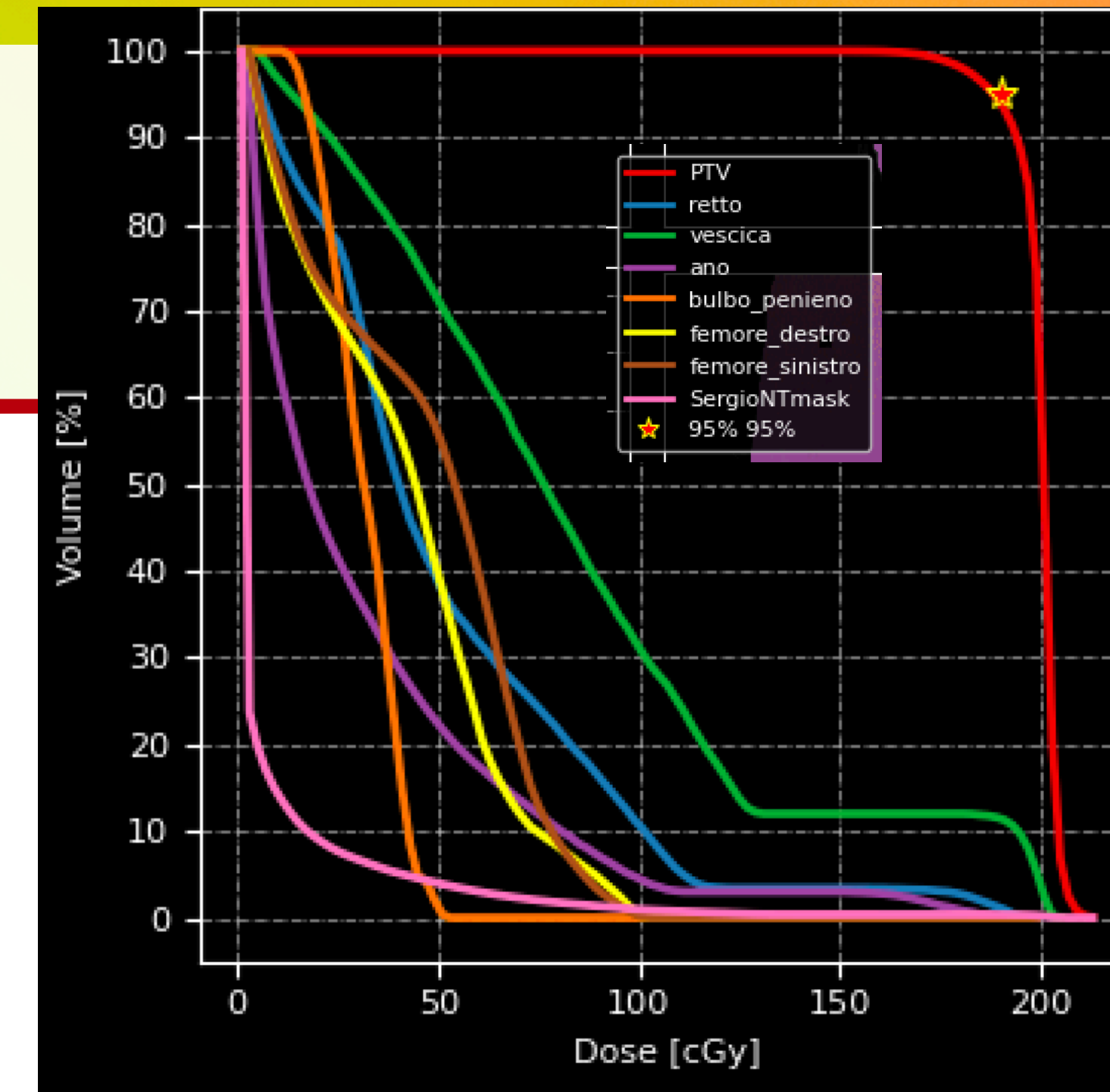
## FLASH dose evaluation using a sliding window



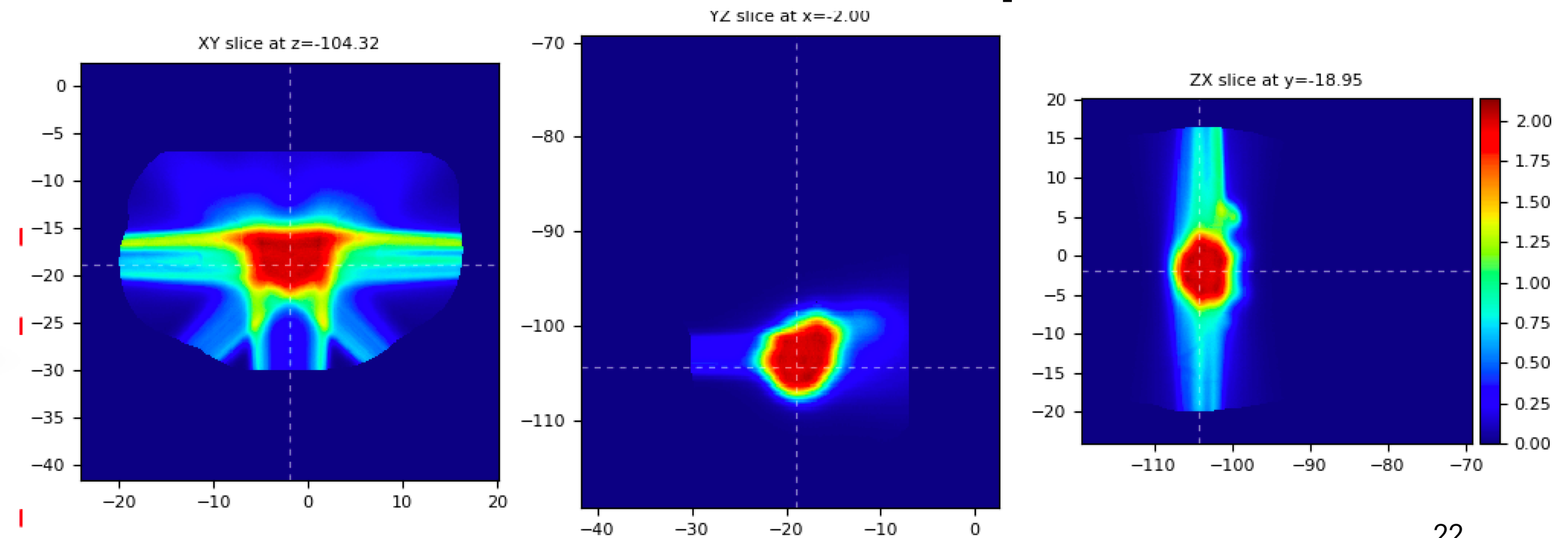
We assume that FLASH effect occurs whenever the dose delivered within the time window is larger than the dose threshold; in that case, all dose within the time window is considered as “FLASH dose” (i.e., no gradual building up of FLASH effect is hypothesized).

# DOSE MAP WITH FMF: PROSTATE BLACK CASE

- FMF = FMF min = 0.65 (no dose tot per vxl threshold!)
- ADRthr > 40 Gy/s, prf 1kHz, 1 fraction (2Gy)



## Standard Dose Map



**Dose in the entry channel  
reduced...**

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<b>DMF1</b>	<b>DMF 0.65</b>
94.65%	94.65 %
0.88%	0.88 %
0.51%	0.51 %
19.26%	3.39%
22.1%	11.30 %
18.21Gy	11.84 Gy
25.99Gy	17 Gy
44.87Gy	32.29 Gy
19.58%	12.01%
25.52%	12.01%

**...indeed**