

ANEMONE

hAdroN bEam MONitoring by pErovskite based detectors

Durata esperimento: 2 anni

Area di ricerca: Rivelatori

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- **Laboratori Nazionali del Sud (LNS)**
- **INFN Firenze section (INFN-FI)**

Motivation & Objectives

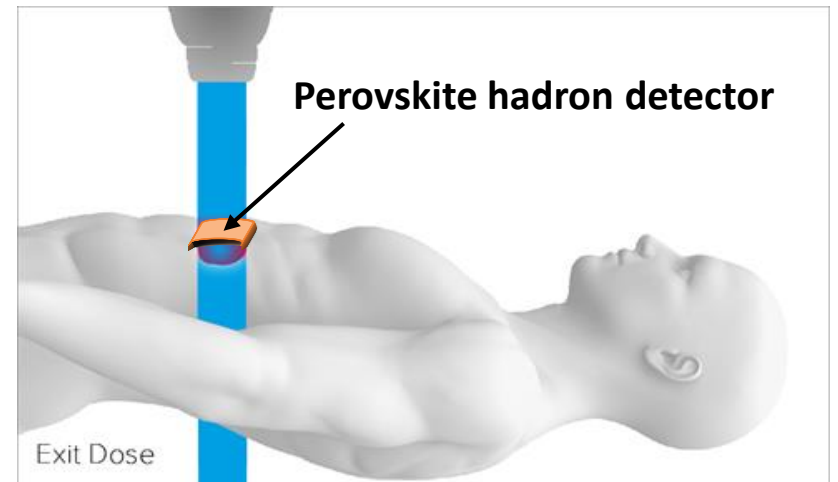
MAIN AIM:

Development of the first **PEROVSKITE (Hybrid and Inorganic) film-based real-time direct detector for PROTONS and IONS**, as **beam monitor for hadron therapy** and as beam test tool for high-energy experiments, realized on flexible substrate.

TASKS:

- i) **Unravel the interaction of charged particles** with nanostructured **hybrid and inorganic perovskite** films to design novel detectors.
- ii) **Design and optimization** of the most performing PVK-based active layer (hybrid and inorganic) and detector layout for hadron detection.
- iii) **Test under relevant proton/ion irradiation and dosimetric characterization** (at TIFPA, CNAO, LNS facilities) for beam monitoring application during hadrontherapy treatments.

REAL-TIME BEAM MONITORING FOR HADRONTHERAPY

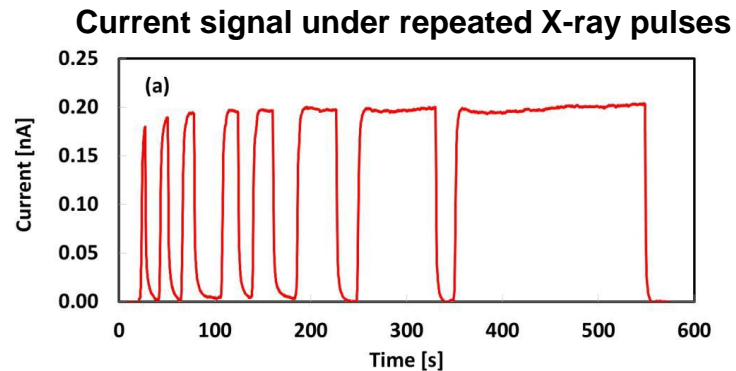
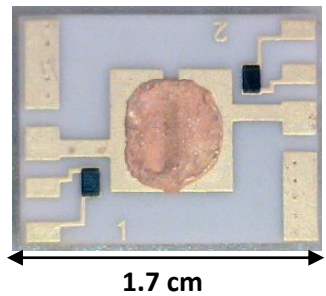


Background: Perovskites for X-ray detectors

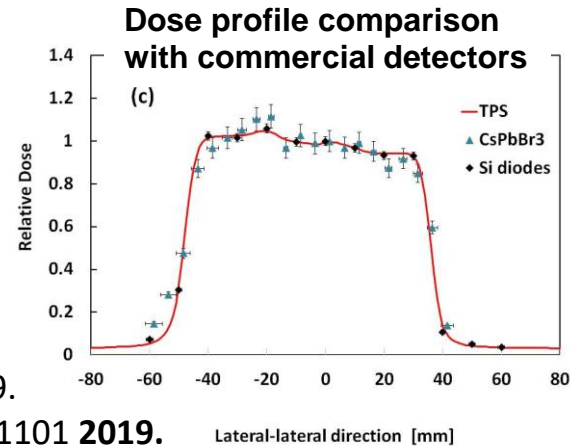
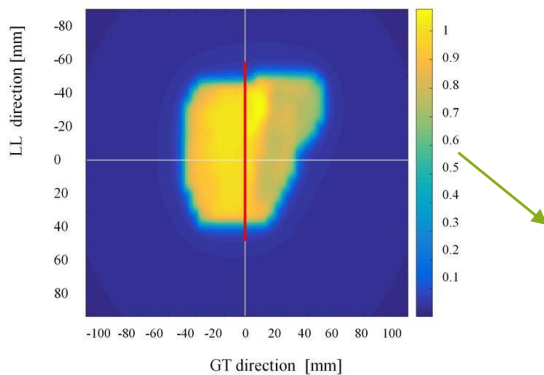
INFN-FI → CSN5 experiment

PERO2: Development of medical dosimetric systems based on PEROVskite materials

- Inorganic perovskite CsPbBr_3 thin film based X-ray detectors



TPS map of doses



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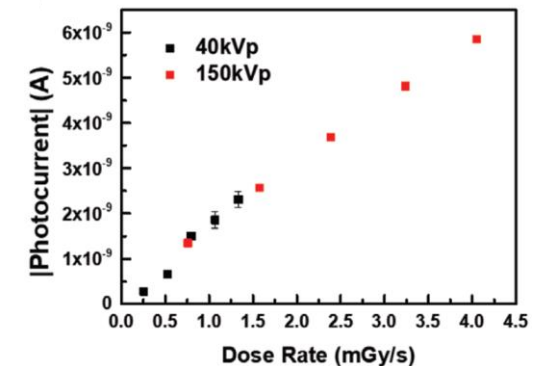
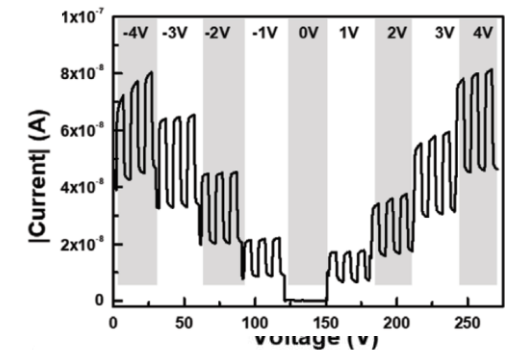
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INFN-BO (TTLab) → POR-FESR Emilia Romagna

FORTRESS: Flexible, large-area patches for real-time detection of ionizing radiation

- Hybrid lead halide perovskite thin film based X-ray detectors on flexible substrates



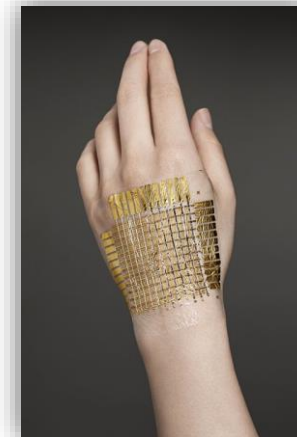
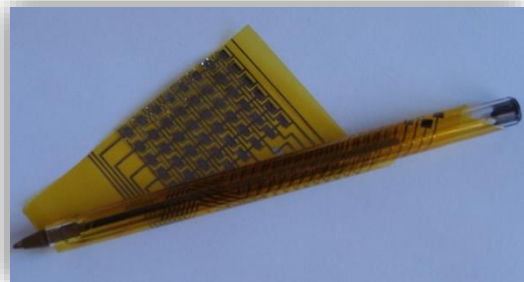
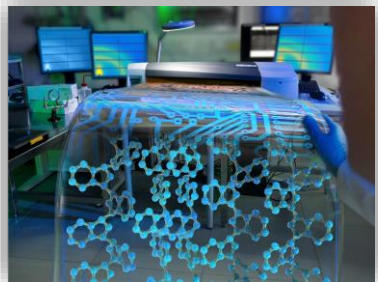
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Why Thin Films?



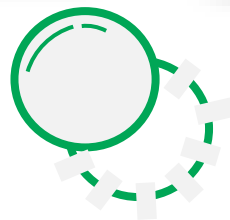
Easy chemical tailoring



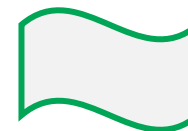
Low-cost large-area printing techniques



Light-weight and flexible



Low Power consuming

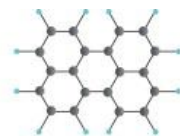


Wearable

Organic semiconductors



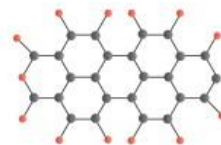
Pentacene



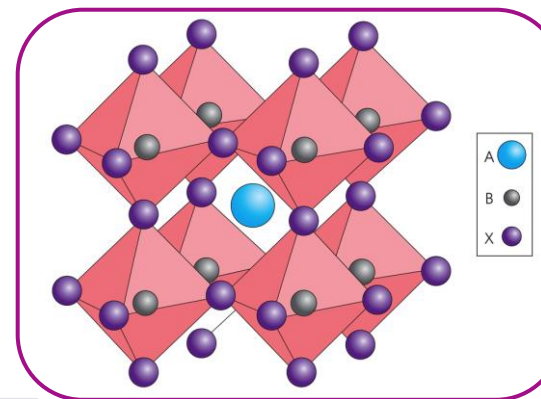
Perylene



Quarter-thiophene

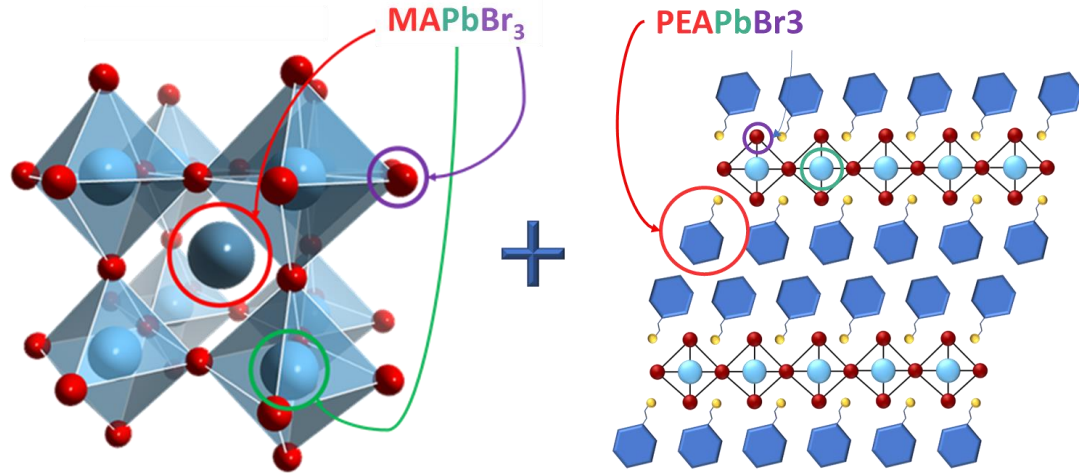


PTCDA

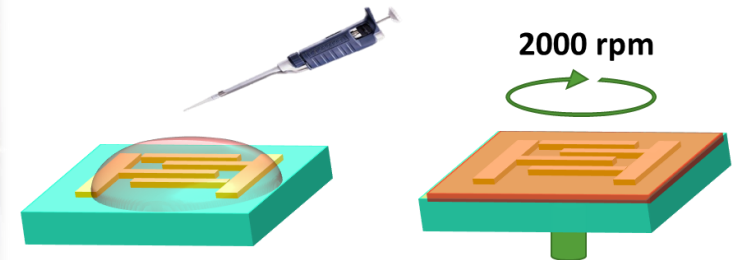


Perovskite

INFN-BO: Mixed 3D/2D Hybrid organic-inorganic halide perovskite: MAPbBr_3 / $\text{PEA}_2\text{PbBr}_4$

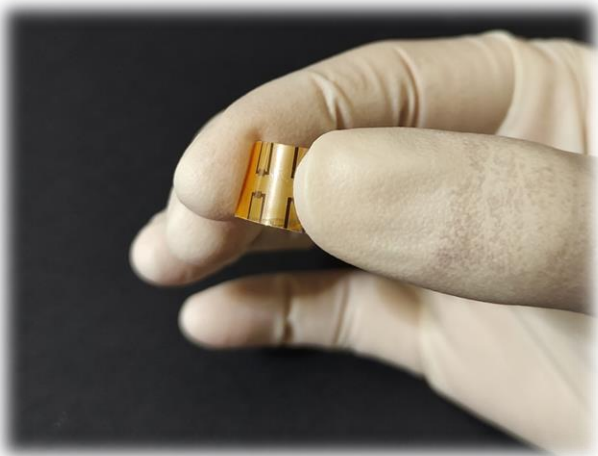
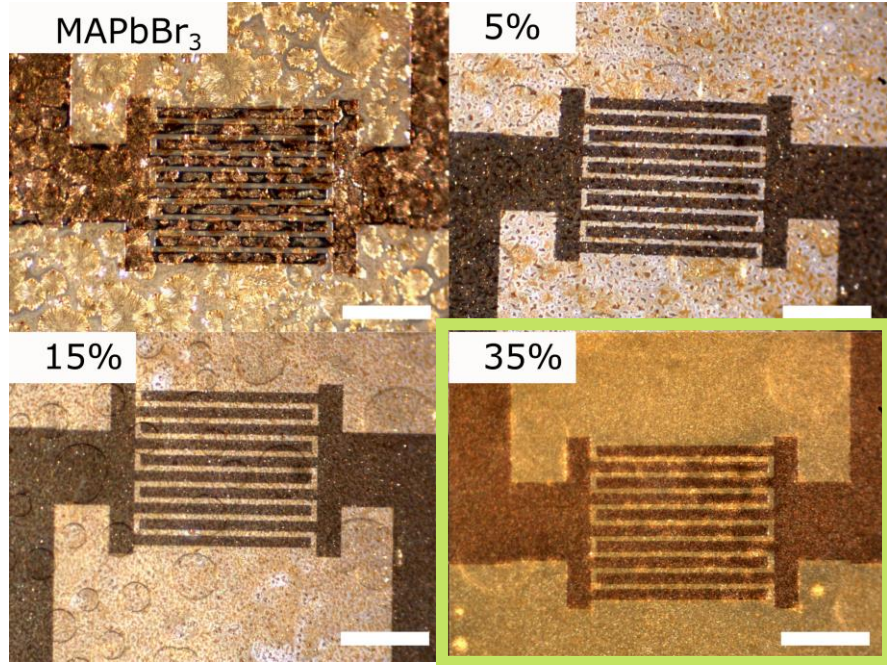


- Higher stability to environment and bias stress
- Higher film coverage and uniformity
- Lower dark current
- Thickness increased to $4\ \mu\text{m}$



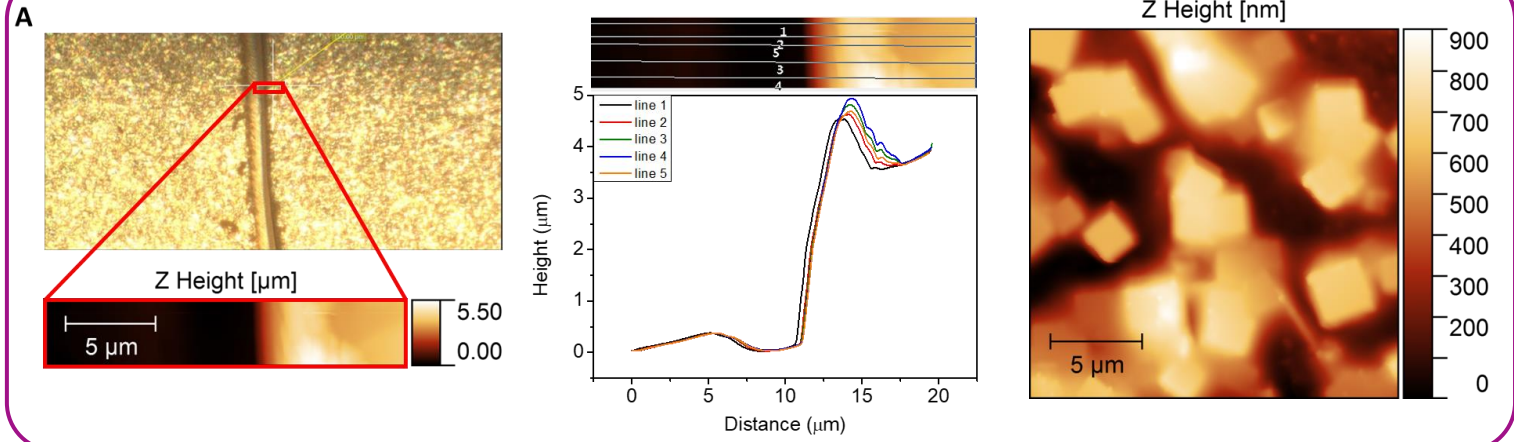
35% MAPbBr₃/ PEA₂PbBr₄ on 125 μm PET foil

Recipe Optimization



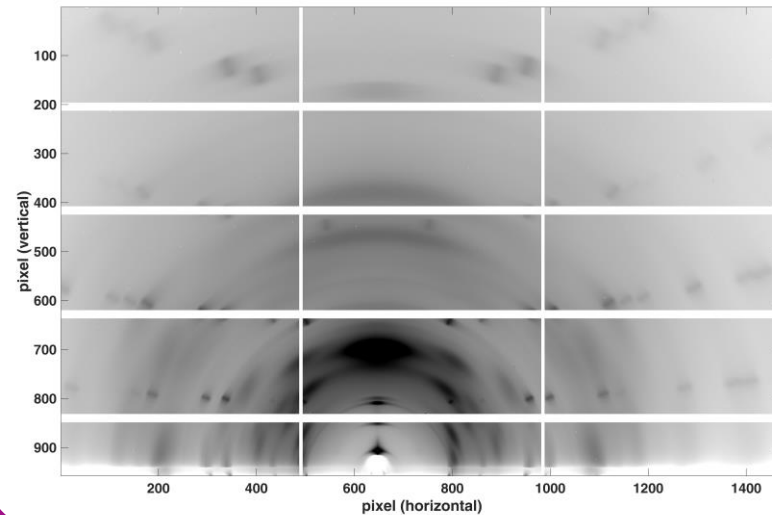
Good coverage of the active area

- AFM Characterization



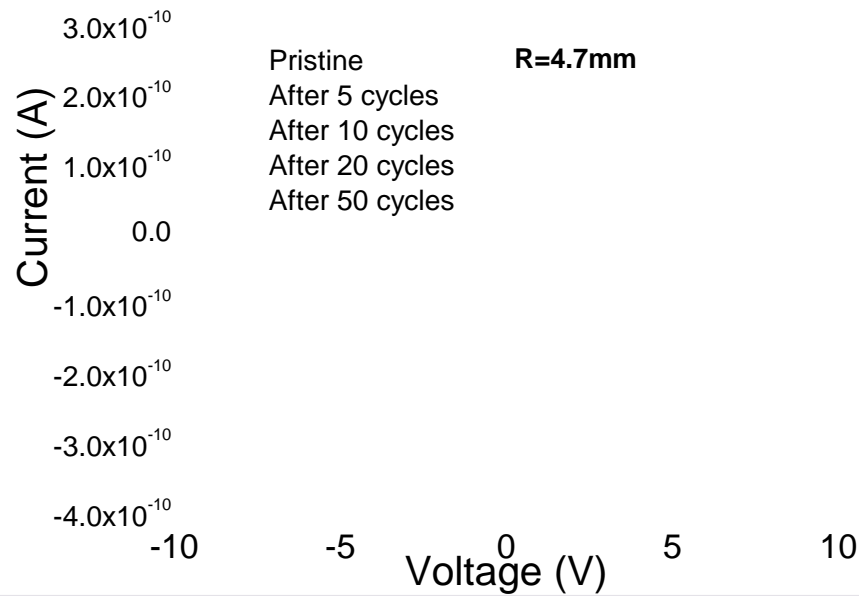
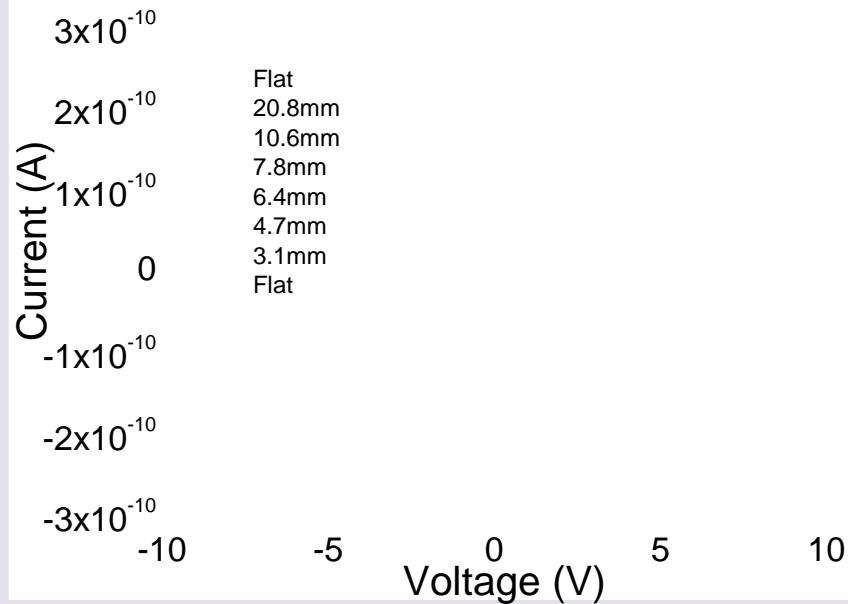
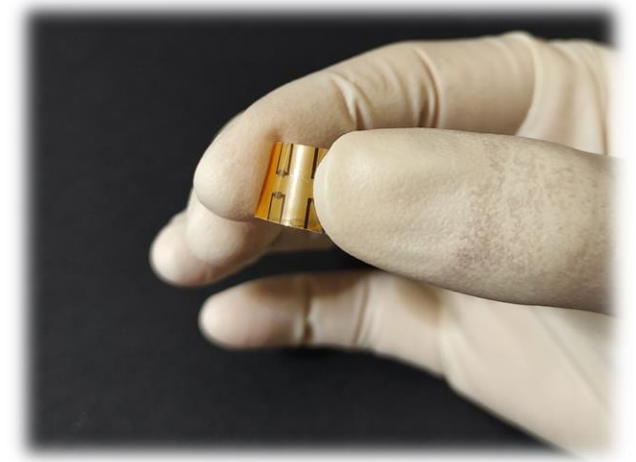
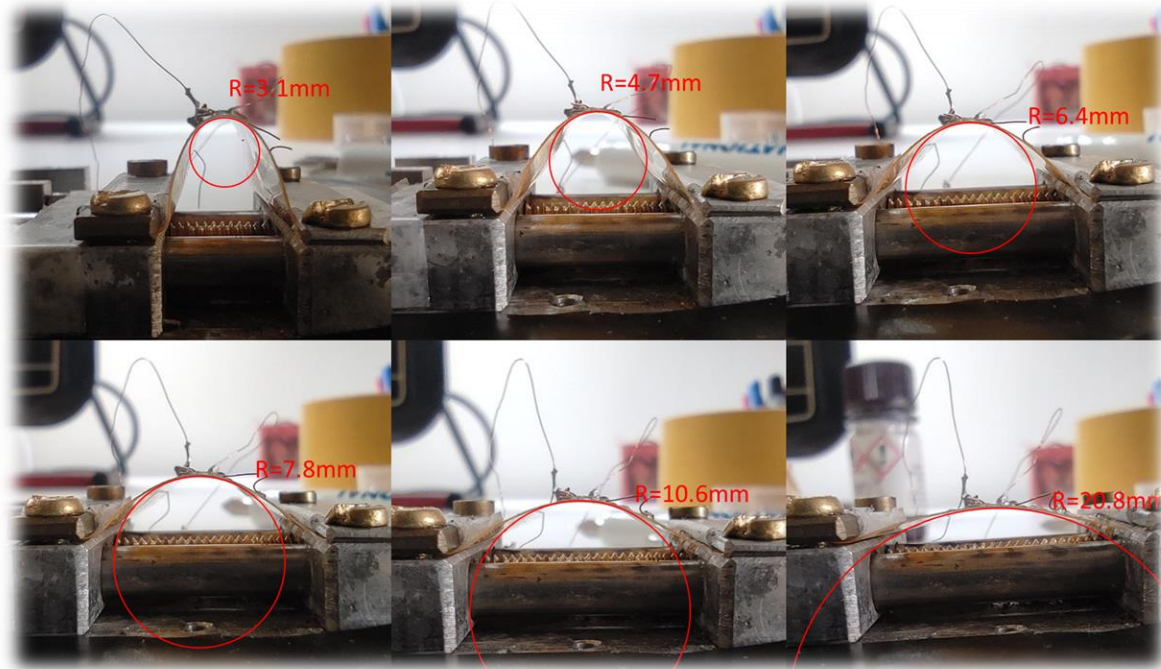
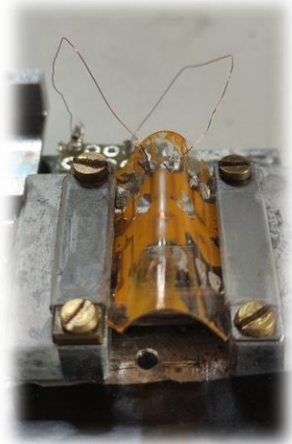
4 μm thick layer

Structural Characterization



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Characterization@ELETTRA**

**Crystal structure in
accordance with SoA**

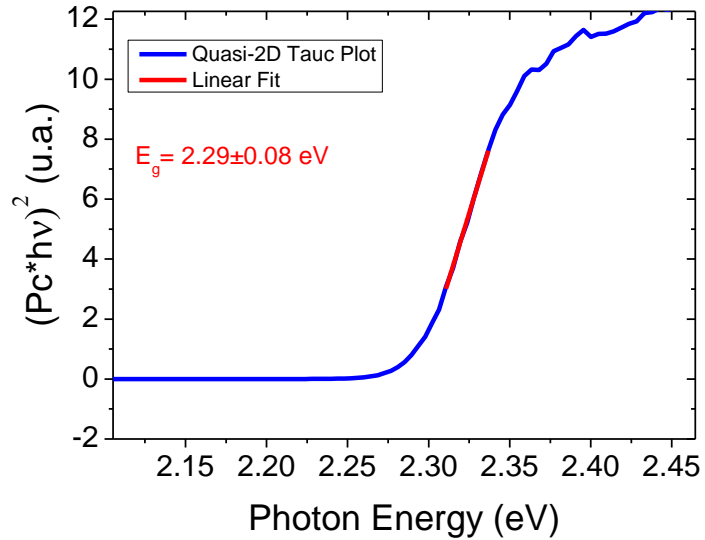


- Ohmic behaviour
- Flexible device
- Stable down to $R=3.1\text{mm}$
- Stable over multiple cycles

Mechanical strain

$$\epsilon_{top} = \frac{t_s + t_d}{2R}$$

Optoelectronic Characterization



Experimental determination of energy gap

$$E_G = (2.29 \pm 0.08) \text{ eV}$$

$$W_{\text{mixed}} \approx 6.38 \text{ eV}$$

→ Theoretical max sensitivity: $S_{V_{\text{mixed}}} = 533 \text{ nC Gy}^{-1}\text{mm}^{-3}$

Silicon: $637 \text{ nC Gy}^{-1}\text{mm}^{-3}$

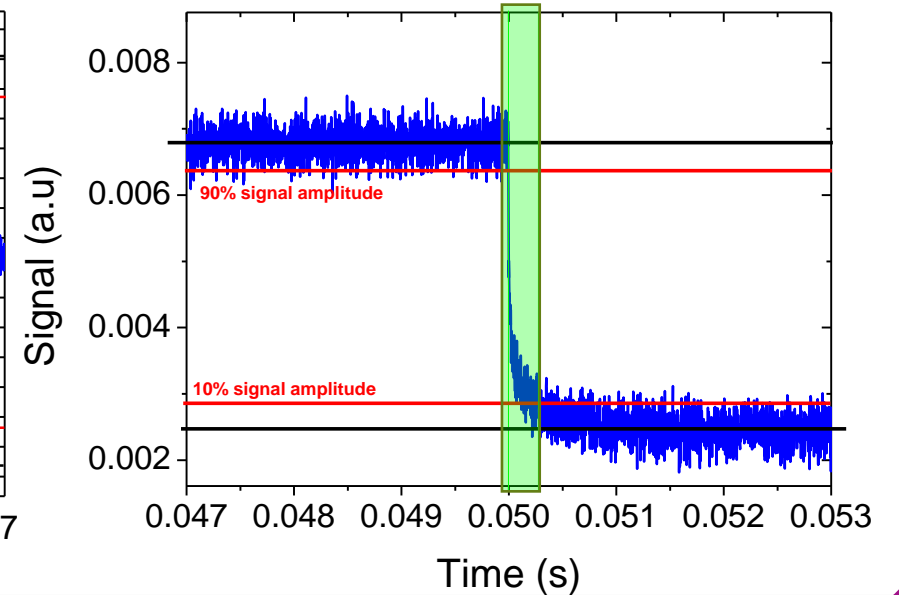
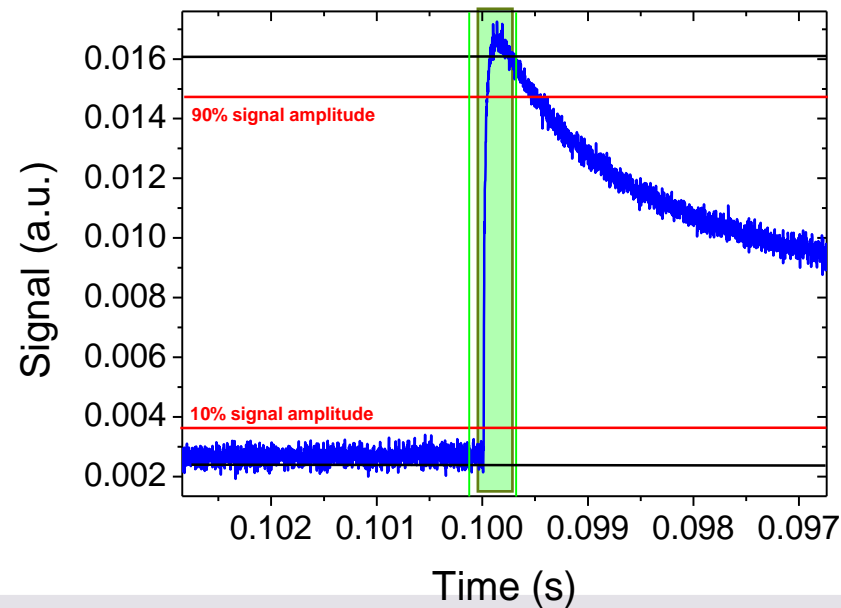
Diamond: $217 \text{ nC Gy}^{-1}\text{mm}^{-3}$

Benchmark materials
for on-line dosimeters

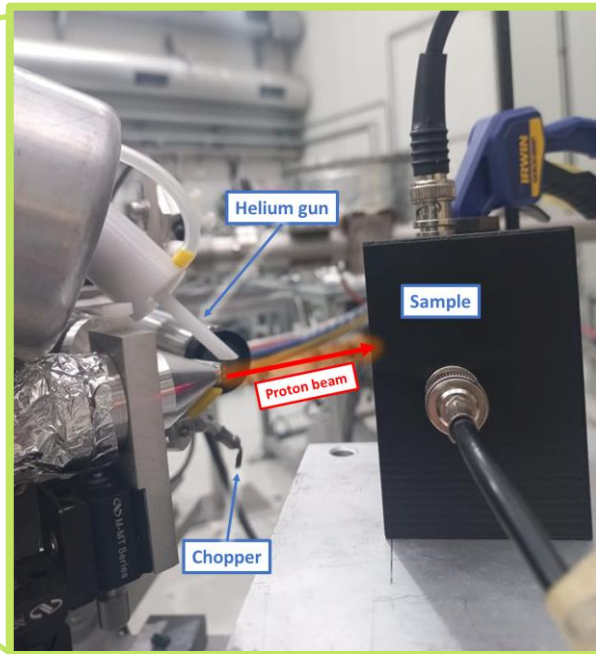
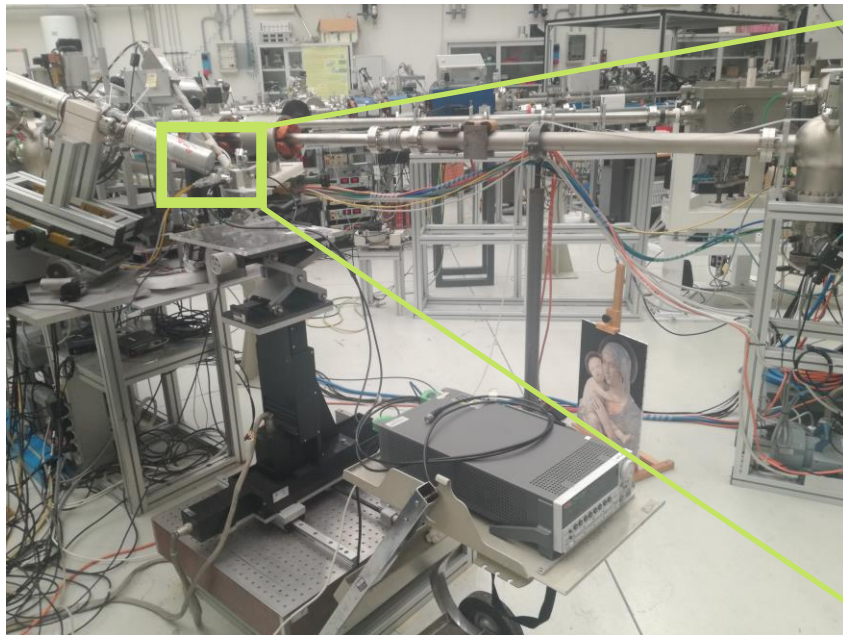
Time Response under 375 nm LASER

Rise Time $\tau = 32 \mu\text{s}$

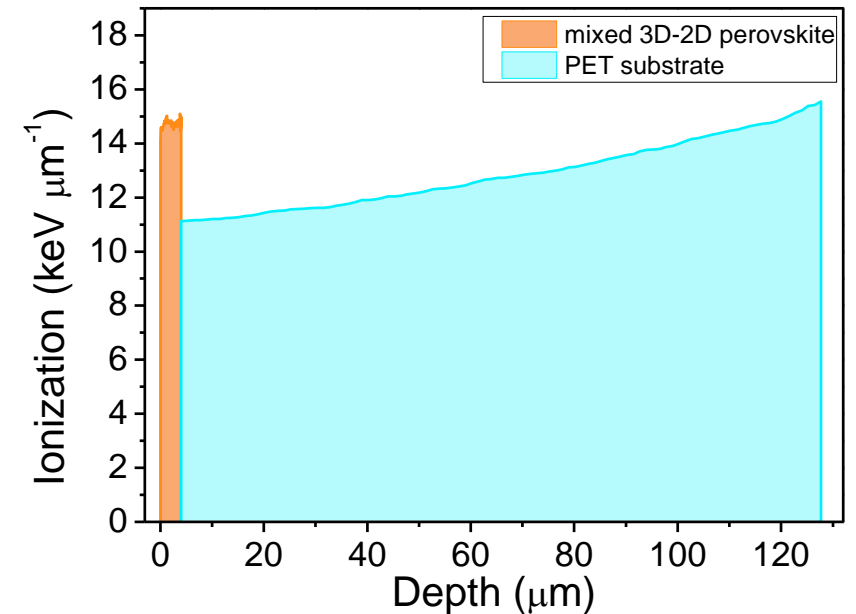
Fall Time $\tau = 275 \mu\text{s}$



Tests under proton irradiation (5MeV @ LABEC)



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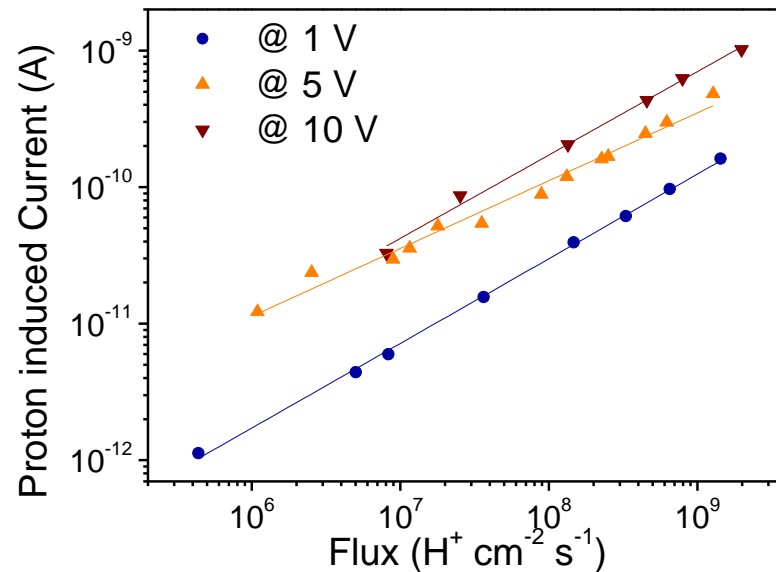
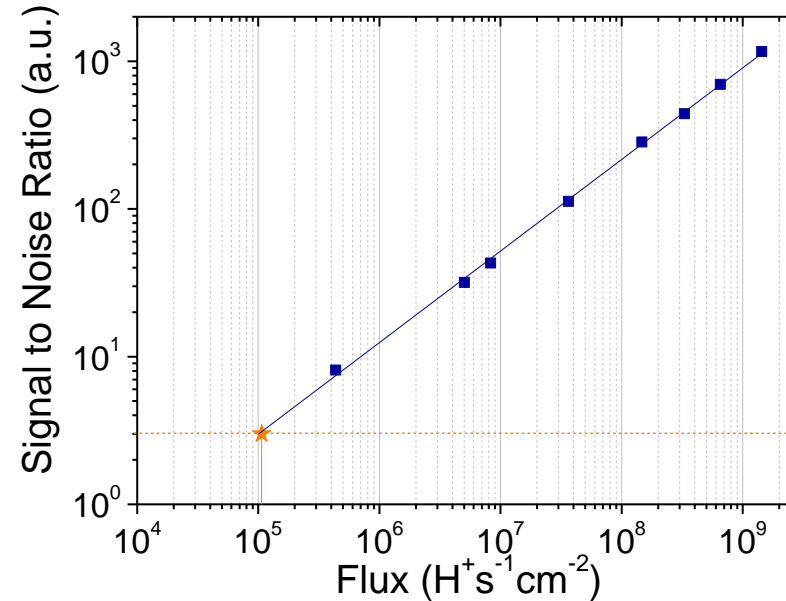
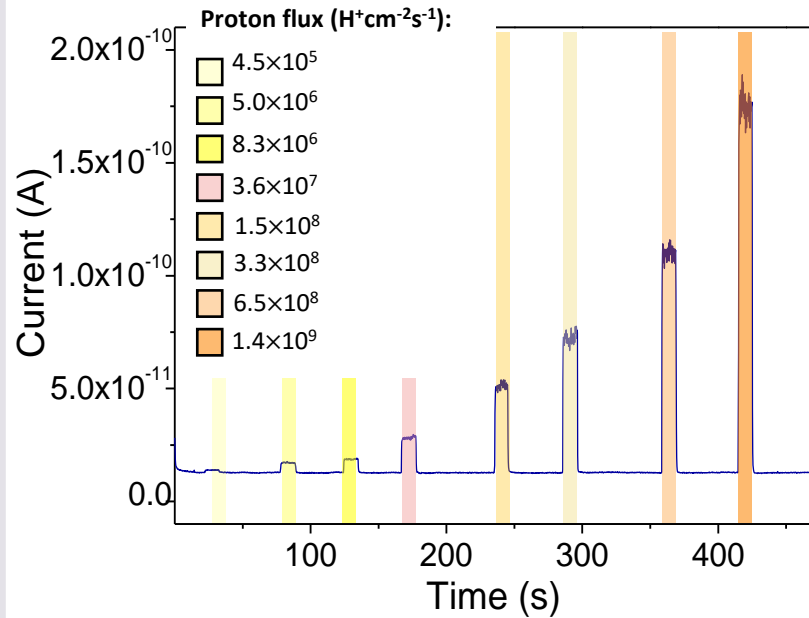


5MeV proton Beam extracted into atmosphere, provided by the 3 MV Tandatron accelerator

proton flux in the range $[10^5 - 10^9] \text{ H}^+ \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2}$
proton beam current: 0.01 pA - 49 pA

SRIM simulation shows 59 keV of energy released in 4 μm perovskite and 1550 keV in the 125 μm PET

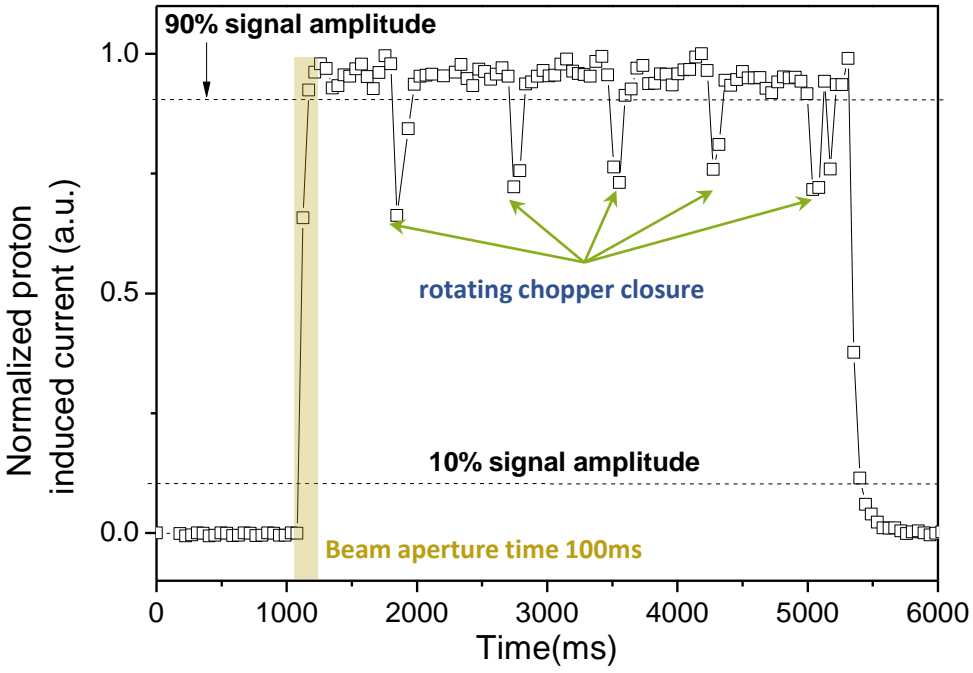
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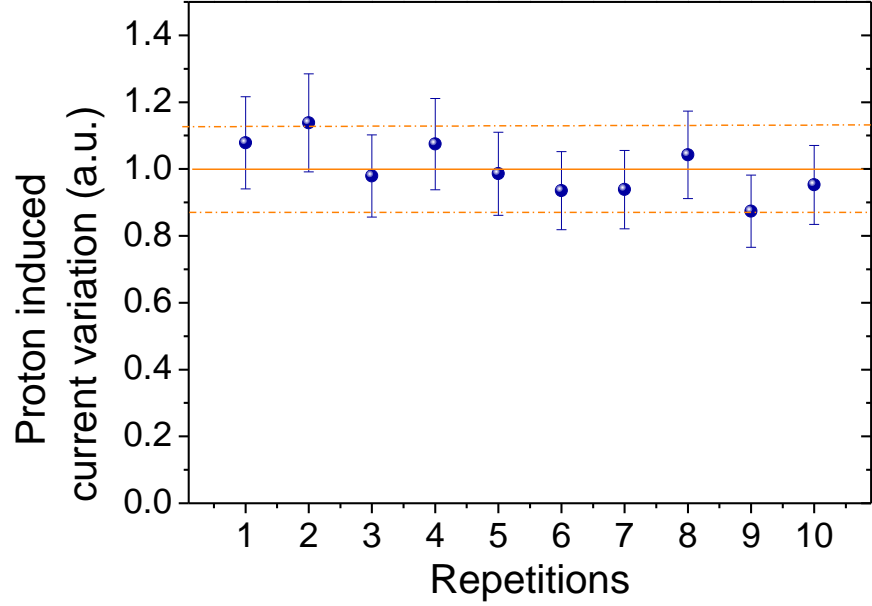
- Real time detection
 - Response scales with proton flux
 - LoD at 1V as low as $(1.06 \pm 0.03) \times 10^5 H^+s^{-1}cm^{-2}$ corresponding to $729.2 \pm 0.2 \mu Gy s^{-1}$
 - Sensitivity up to $(290 \pm 40) nC Gy^{-1}mm^{-3}$
- lower than the theoretical value
 \rightarrow incomplete collection of the charges produced in the film, possibly due to trapping effects in the device's channel

Stability and rad tolerance

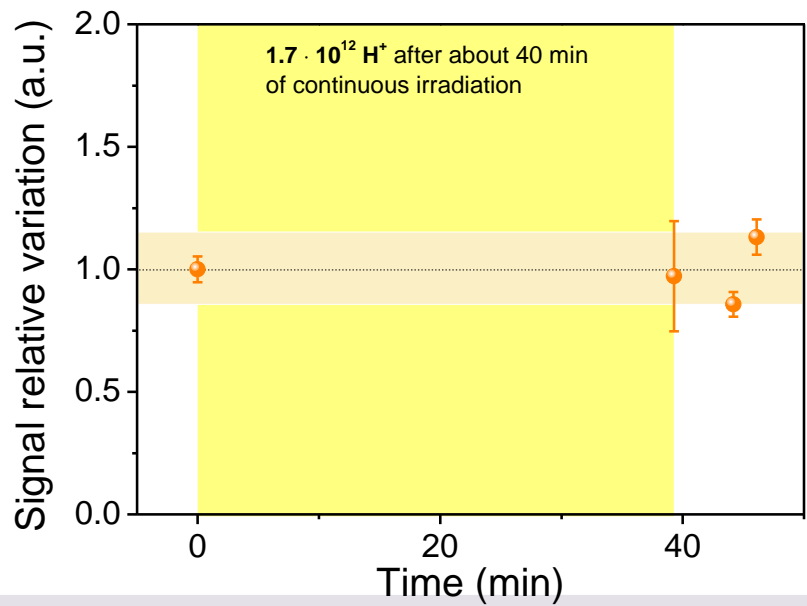
Time response



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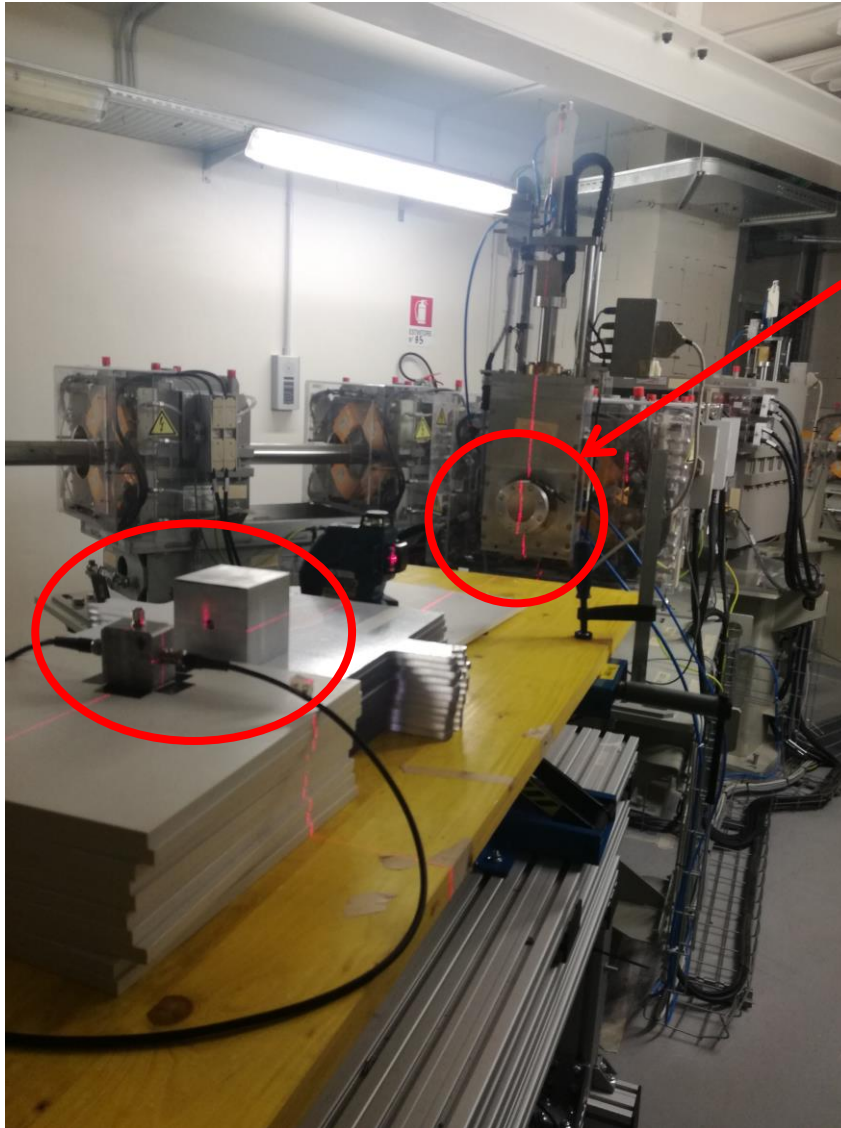
- 10 repetitions of 10 s irradiation cycles
- Signal variation within 12% with respect to the mean value



maximum variation of 14% after 40 min irradiation tests, corresponding to a total of 1.7×10^{12} protons impinging on the beam spot area

Tests under proton irradiation (70-228 MeV @ TIFPA)

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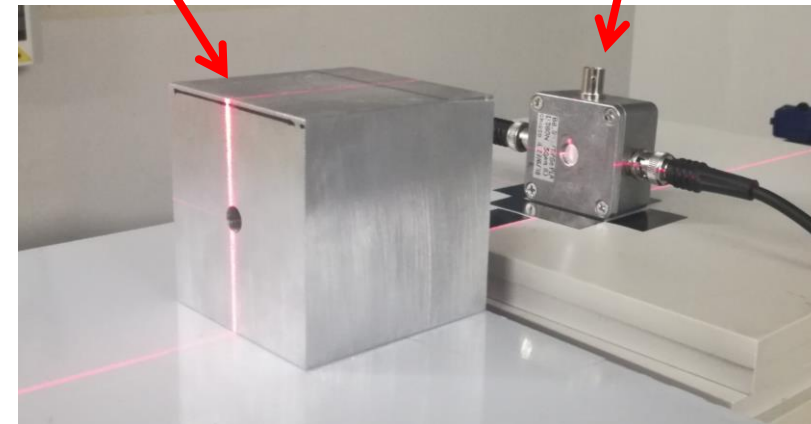
PROTON BEAM



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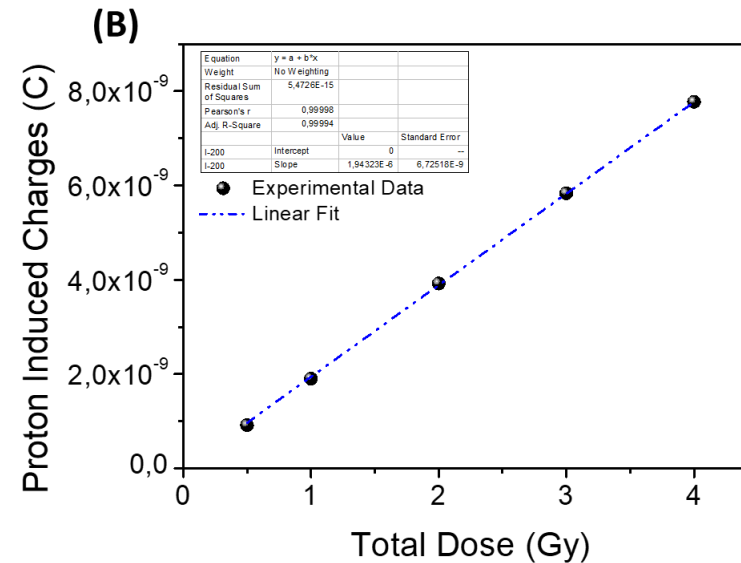
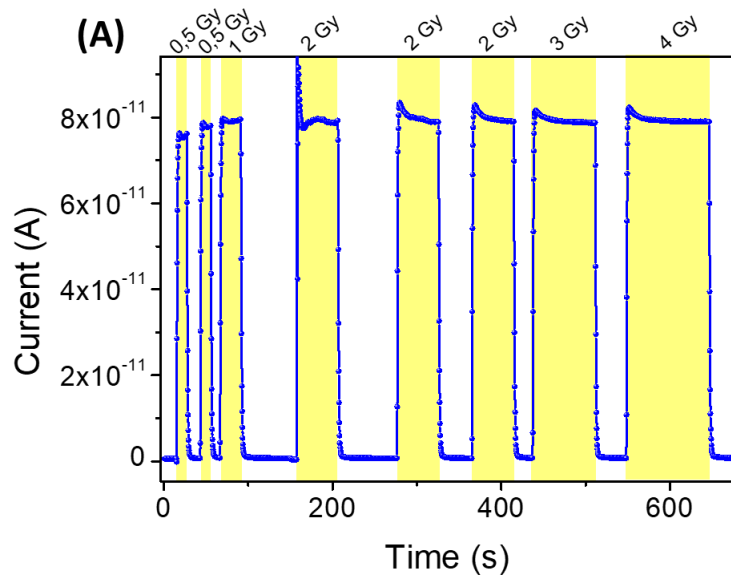
SAMPLE

COLLIMATOR

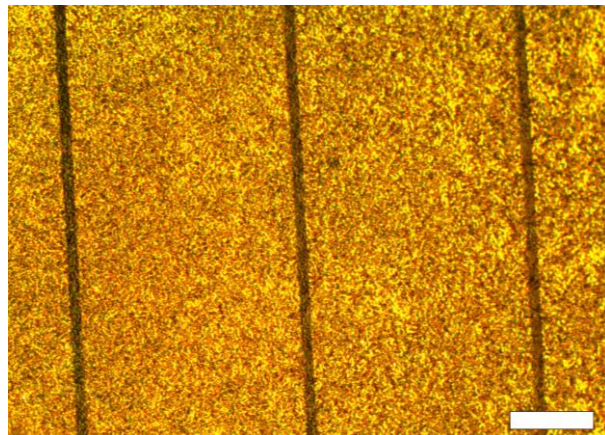


Tests under proton irradiation (70-228 MeV @ TIFPA)

Data analysis still ongoing but... promising preliminary results:



- Sharp real time response to 70 MeV proton beam
- Linearity with dose
- Pure 2D perovskite on Kapton (growth optimization in glovebox). Lower dark current; higher stability; high coverage; thickness up to 8 μm

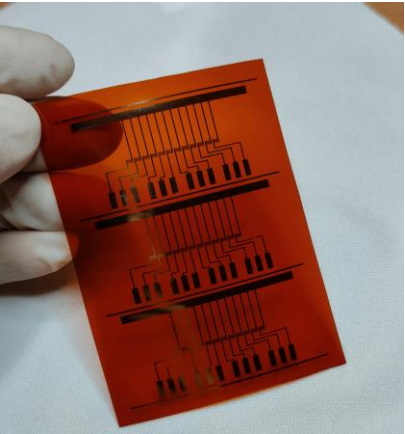
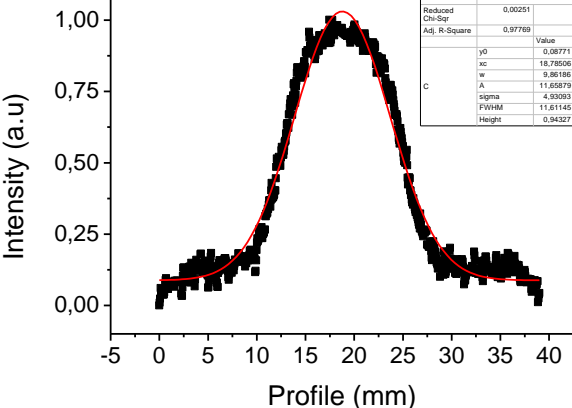
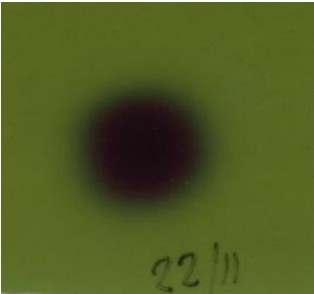


Still under analysis:

- Dose rate linearity
- Radiation hardness up to 2 kGy

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PoC trasversal beam monitoring

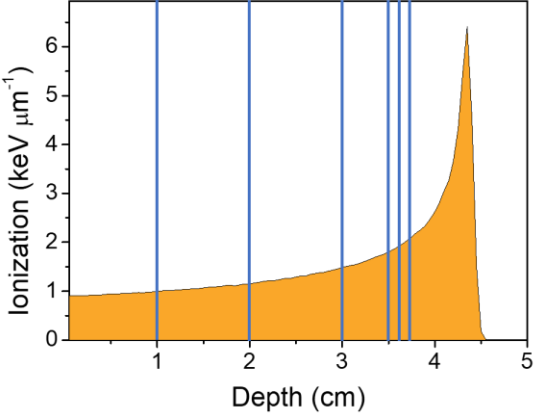


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July2023-March2024

BEAM-TIME @LABEC SCHEDULED
March2023; July2023

BEAM-TIME @ CNAO?

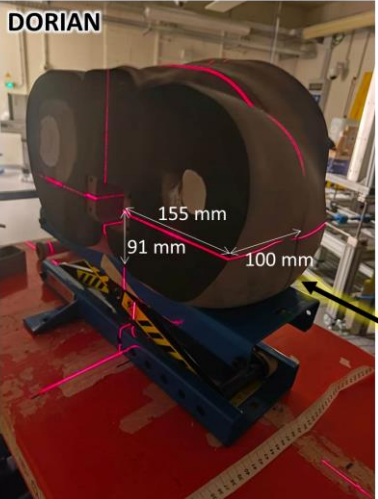
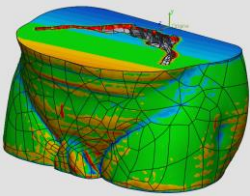
PoC longitudinal dose profile



Different thickness of water equivalent
absorber slabs

Complete dosimetric characterization

- Dose rate dependence
- Test inside antropomorphic phantom



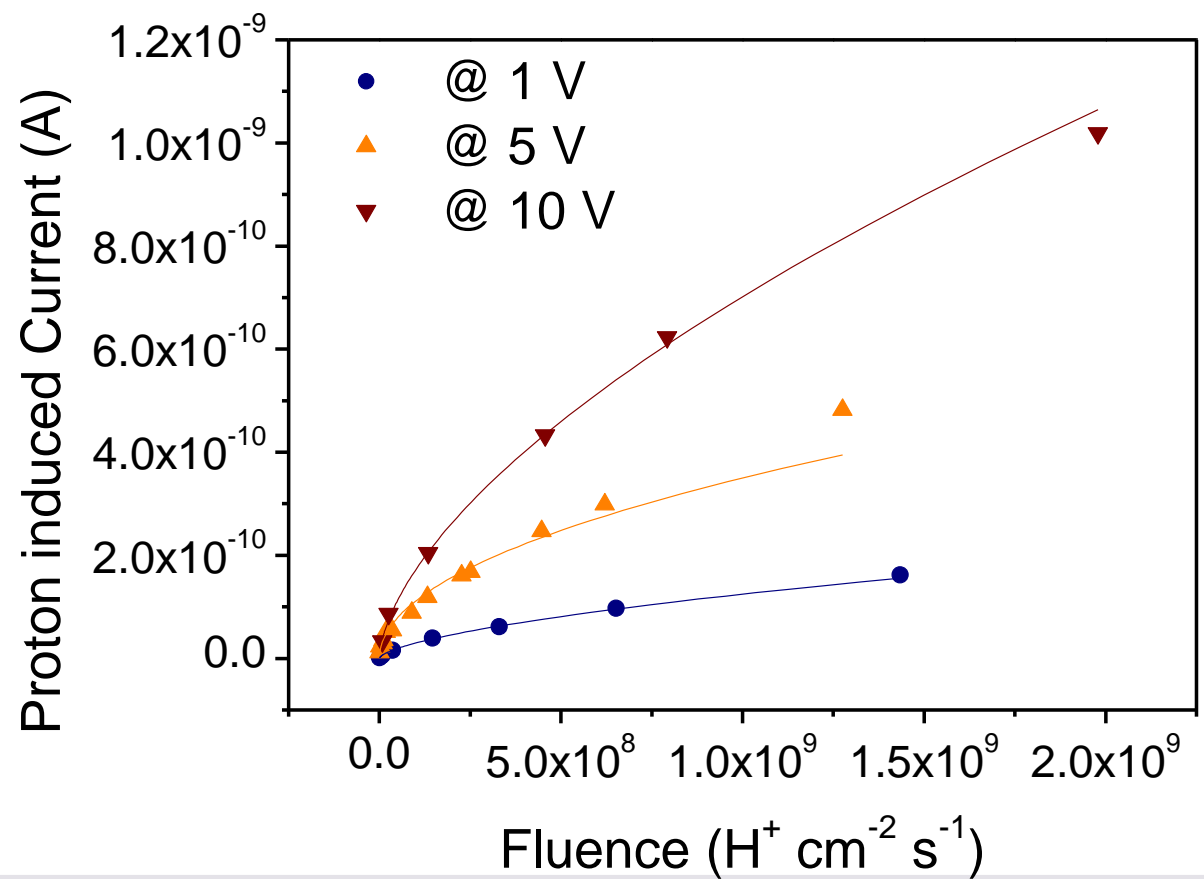
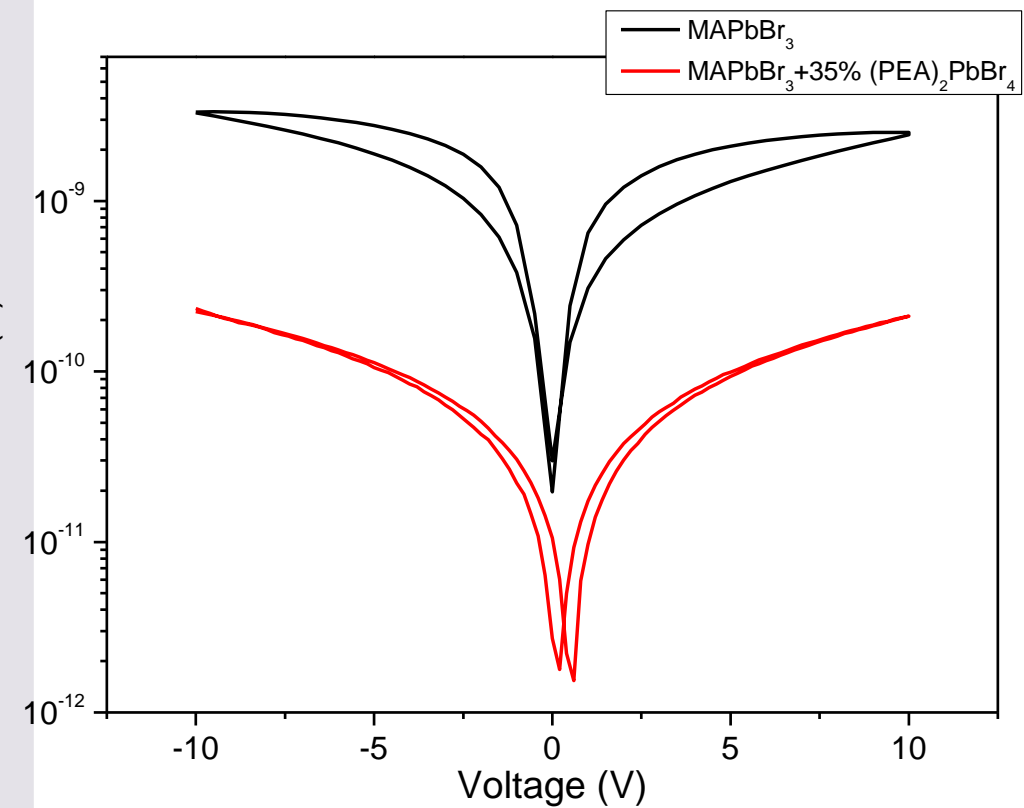
- Test in Gantry?



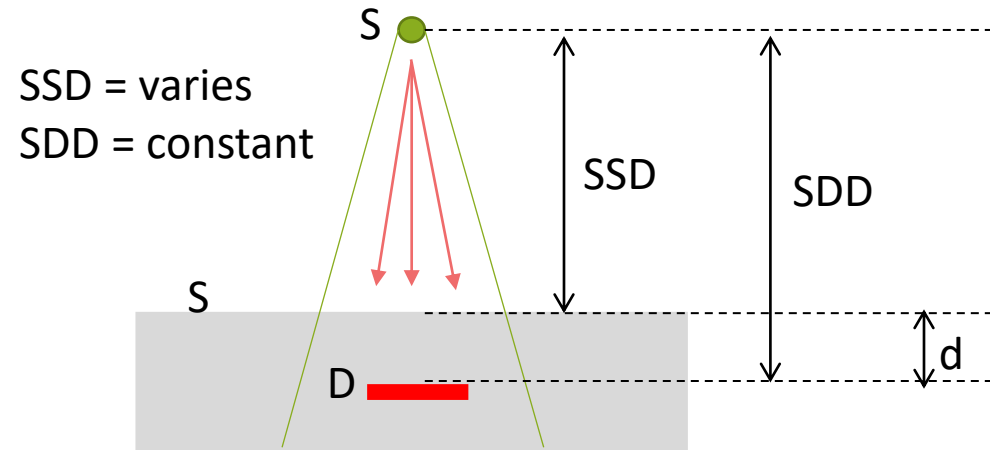
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BACKUP SLIDES



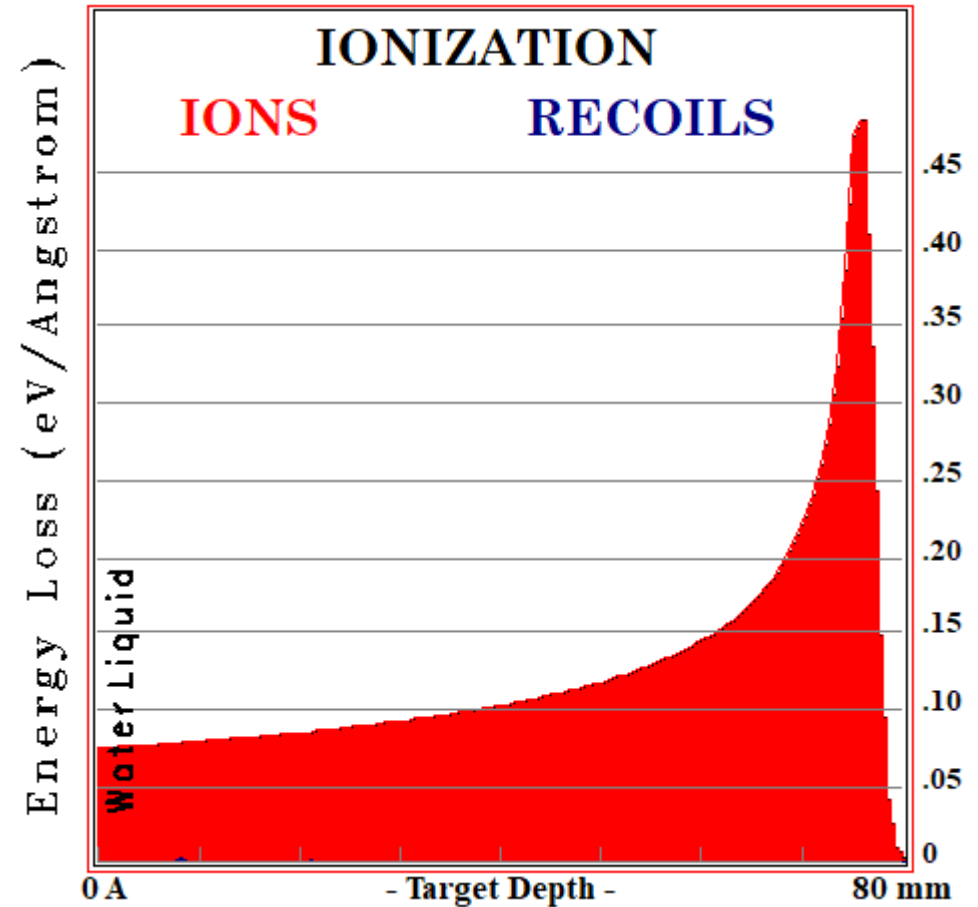
1) Esperimento Acque Solide – TPR MEASUREMENT



2) RADIATION HARDNESS

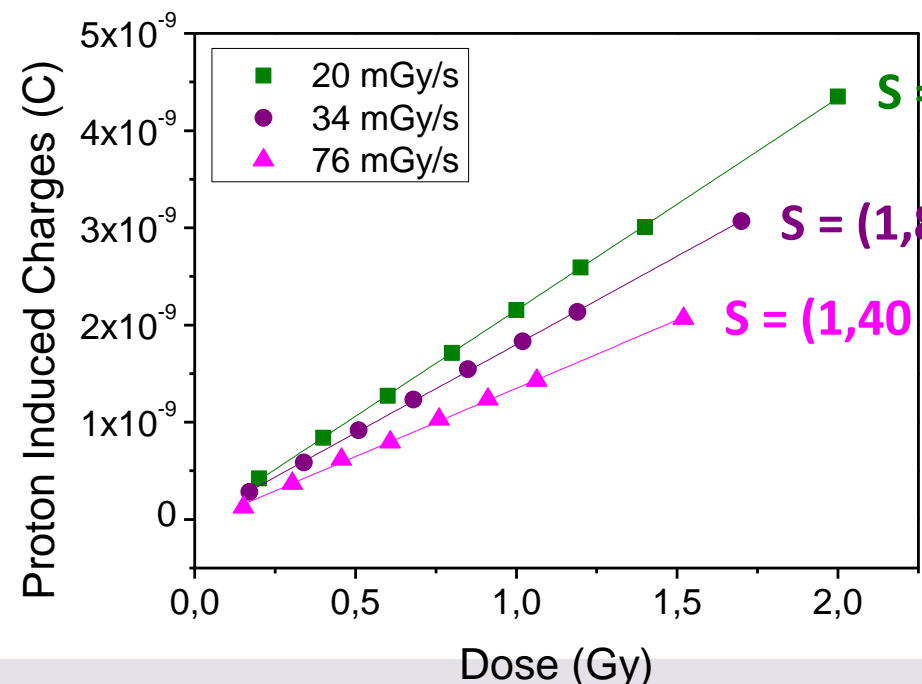
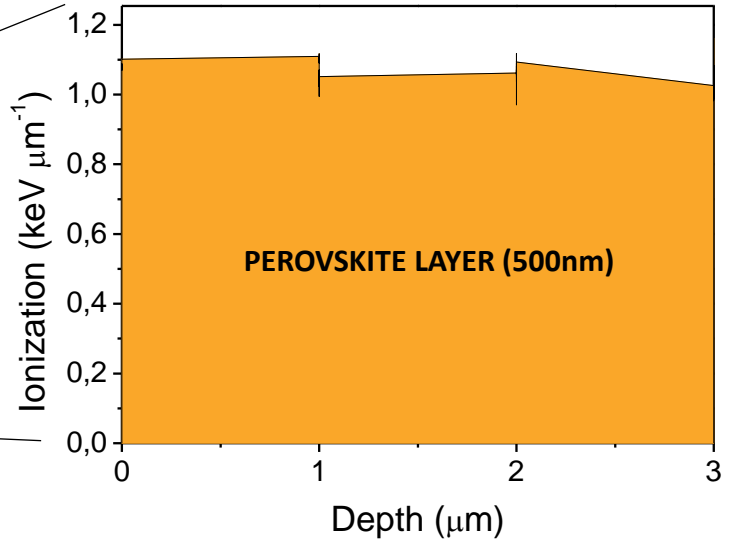
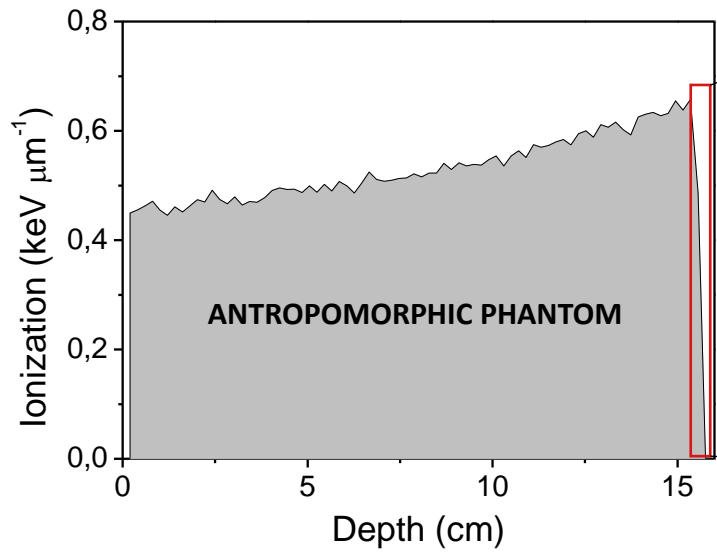
Pre e post irraggiamento
IV real-time
Photocurrent Spectroscopy
AFM

$d_{max} = 8 \text{ cm}$
Protoni @ 100 MeV



Direct Detection of Protons @ TIFPA by PERO 2D – based detectors

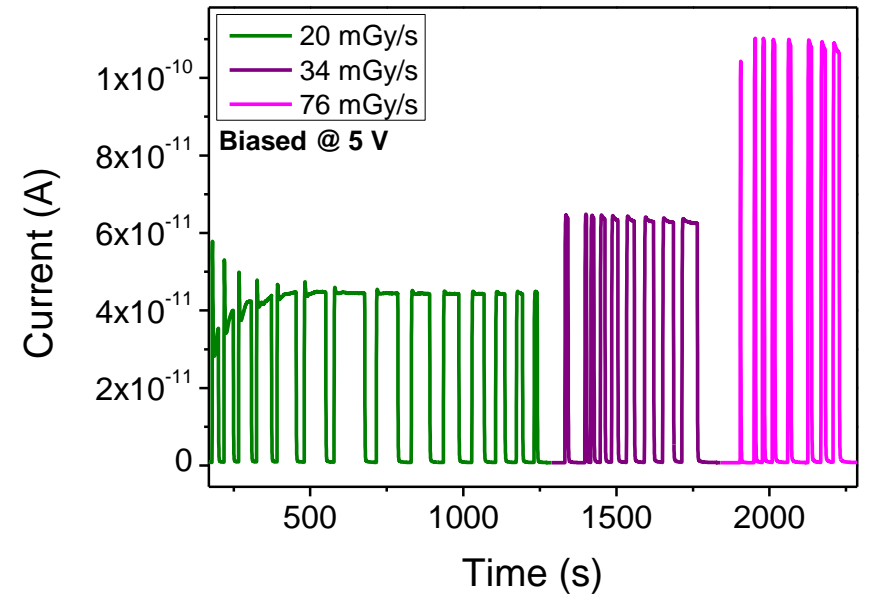
High Energy protons @ TIFPA
 LET = 1 keV μm^{-1}
 118 MeV protoni incidenti sul sample
 201 MeV all'uscita dalla sorgente
 FLUXES ([5; 8.5; 19] $10^8 \text{ H}^+ \text{ s}^{-1}$)
 Sensitivity= (2,183 \pm 0,007) nC Gy $^{-1}$

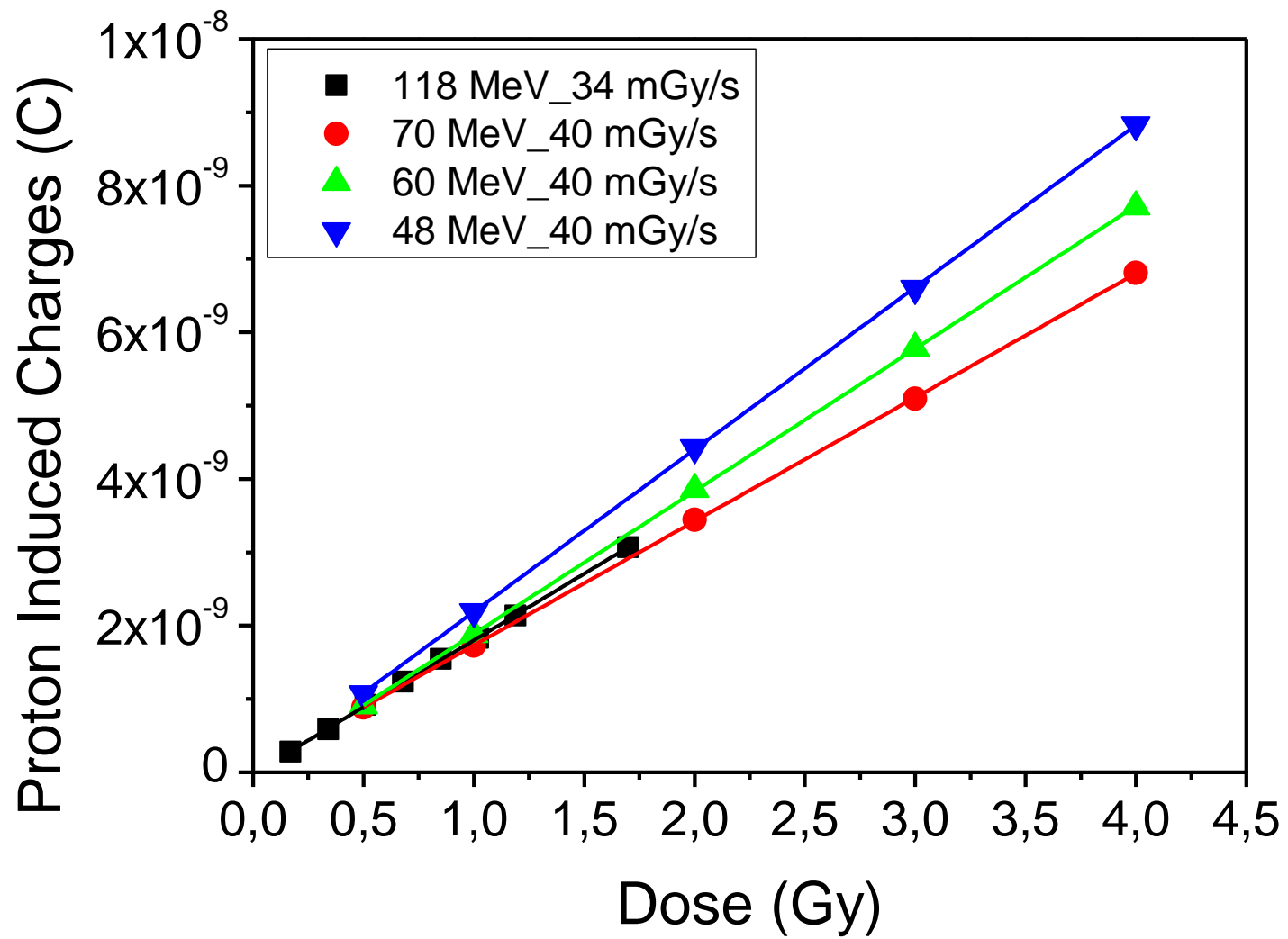


$S = (2,183 \pm 0,007) \cdot 10^{-9} \text{ C Gy}^{-1}$

$S = (1,845 \pm 0,009) \cdot 10^{-9} \text{ C Gy}^{-1}$

$S = (1,40 \pm 0,02) \cdot 10^{-9} \text{ C Gy}^{-1}$





Dependence on energy