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Contributo del Gruppo 5

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Linee di ricerca Gruppo 5 e sigle Sezione di Catania

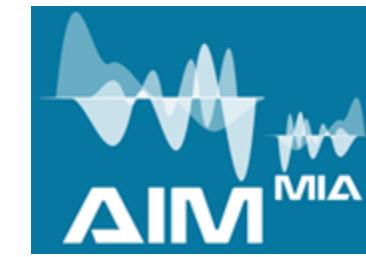
FTE nazionali	FTE	Nome sigla	Periodo attività	Responsabile Locale
Interdisciplinary and Computing	293 (48.8%)	AIM_MIA *	2025-2027	Maurizio Marrale
Detectors , Electronics	196 (32.6%)	HIDRA2 (call) **	2022-2024	Sebastiano Albergo
Accelerators and related technology	112 (18.6%)	FRIDA (call) **	2022-2024	Francesco Romano
		FUSION	2023-2025	Antonio Trifirò
		IONO_TRACK	2023-2025	Maurizio Marrale
		Geant4INFN	2024-2026	Francesco Romano
		MIRO	2024-2026	Francesco Romano

...possibili contributi tecnologici dal know-how e R&D sviluppati nei progetti di CSN5?

Outline

- Research context
- State of art @ INFN
- The AIM_MIA project
 - **Objectives**
 - Methods
 - Implementation
 - Connections
 - Expected impact
- Impact on INFN

Artificial Intelligence in Medicine: focus on Multi-Input Analysis (AIM_MIA)



General goal: *to take a step forward in the development and validation of AI-based tools for medical data analysis*

Objectives

1. Mining multi-modal information (various image techniques and/or clinical data)
2. Handling incomplete/missing/limited datasets
3. Development of a dedicated data and computing platform



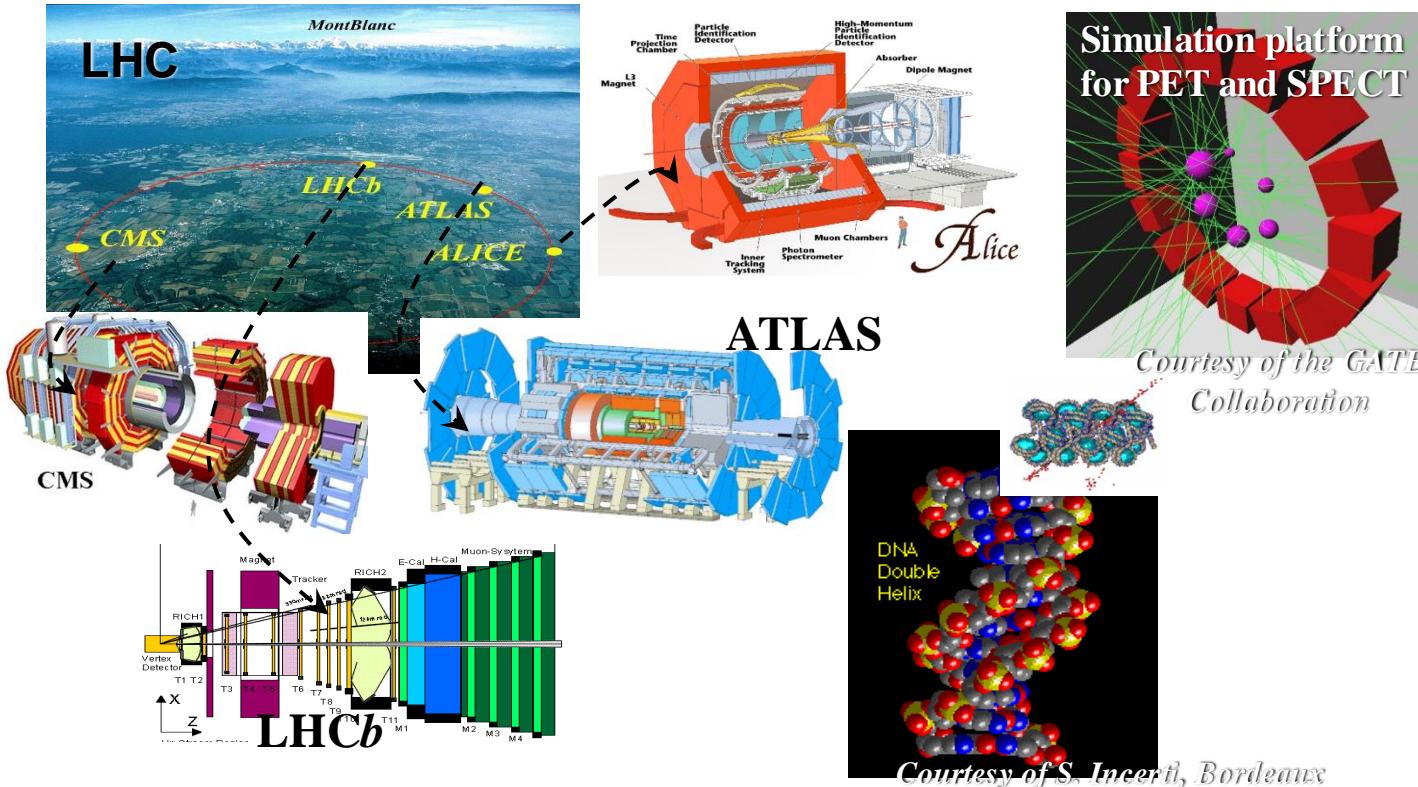


→ *Geometry and Tracking*

1974: First version of the code released at CERN for high energy particles

1983: Geant3 written in Fortran language

1998: Geant4 written in C++ object oriented language was released for the simulation of large scale HEP experiments at CERN (Geneva)



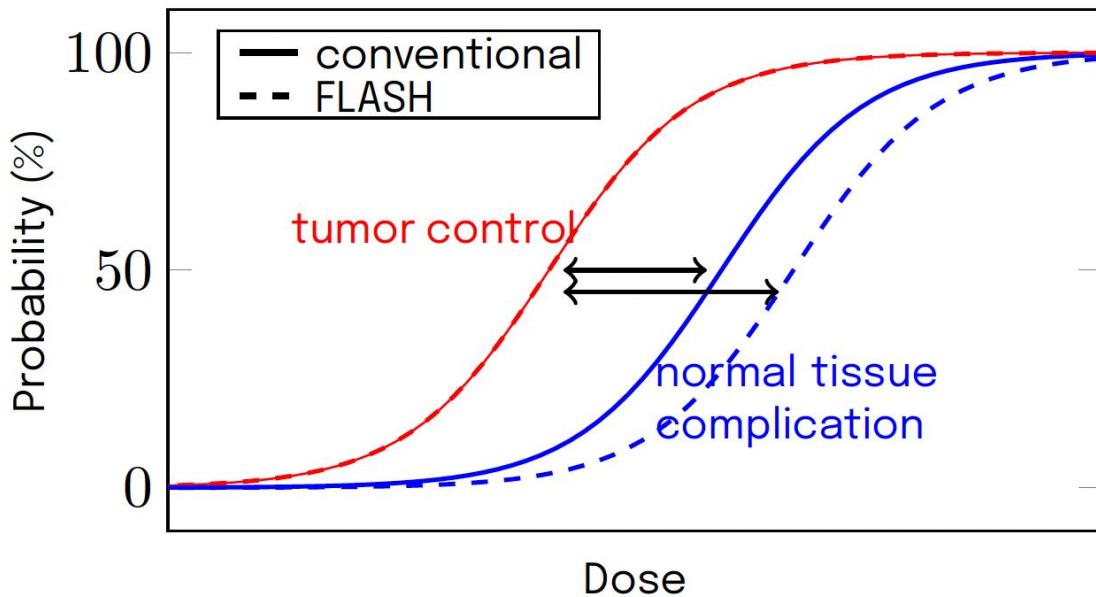
HiDRa2
(vedi slide S. Albergo)

FRIDA e MIRO

FLASH and Minibeam Radiotherapy

FLASH Radiotherapy

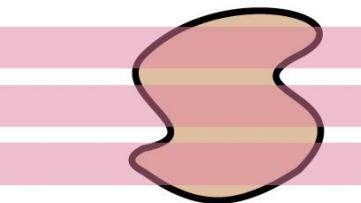
Conventional	FLASH
dose rate: 5 Gy/min	dose rate: > 40 Gy/s
Irradiation time: few min	Irradiation time: < 200 ms



Minibeam Radiotherapy

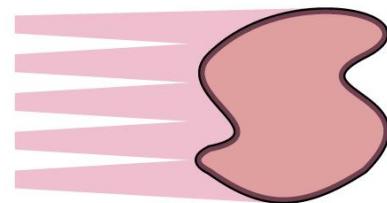
Spatially fractionated dose, utilizes parallel beams with each width around $500\text{-}1000\ \mu\text{m}$ and beam space around 1 to 3 mm.

conventional
x-ray radiotherapy



GRID therapy

conventional
particle therapy



minibeam
particle therapy

Biological mechanism producing the FLASH effect and minibeam effect are not yet fully understood. Dosimetric challenges are still present.

INFN CSN5 funded 3 (+1) years call project:

- 8 INFN Divisions
- > 25 FTE (> 100 Researchers)
- 990 k€
- PI: A. Sarti (INFN-RM1)

The INFN “FRIDA” project

WP1

The FLASH mechanism

WP3

Beam/dose monitoring

WP2

Beam delivery

WP4

Treatment planning

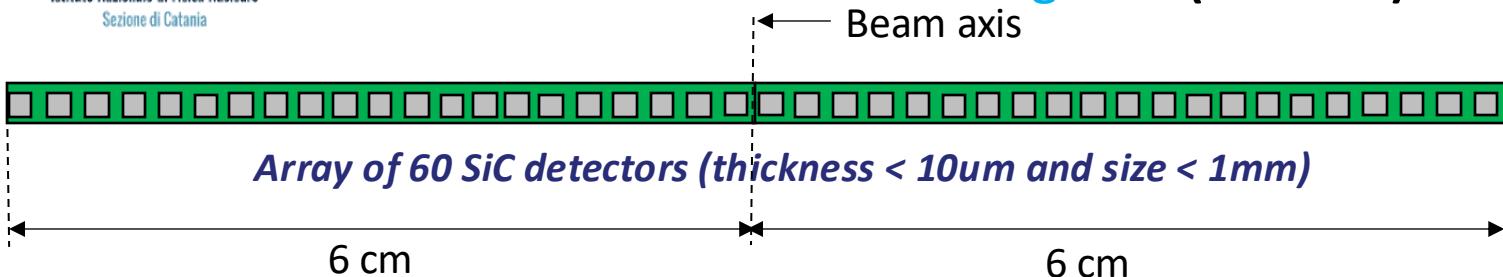
Units

CT – F. Romano
LNS – G. Cirrone
MI – D. Giove
PI – G. Bisogni
RM1 – A. Sarti (PI)
TIFPA – E. Scifoni
TO – A. Vignati

Goal of “FRIDA” (FLASH Radiotherapy with hgh Dose-rate particle beAMs) is to make a step forward in all the crucial areas... Four WPs [mechanism modelling & rad-bio experiments; beam delivery; beam monitoring; treatment planning] working in parallel, >25 FTEs, 7 INFN units with know-how in the fields and a solid international network of research centres and companies (SIT, STLab) are the resources to accomplish the research program.



Silicon carbide array DetectorR for dose profile meAsureMents at FLASH regimes (DREAM)



R4I Research for Innovation

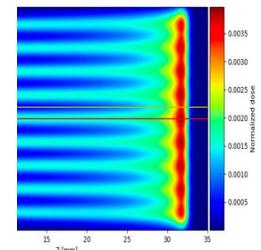


INFN CNTT funded 1 (+1/2) year project:

- 1 INFN Division (INFN-CT)
- > 2 FTE (5 Researchers)
- 40 k€
- PI: F. Romano (INFN-CT)



MIRO Minibeam Radiotherapy



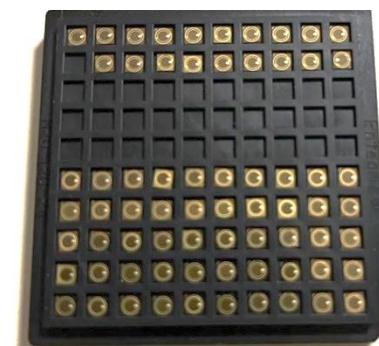
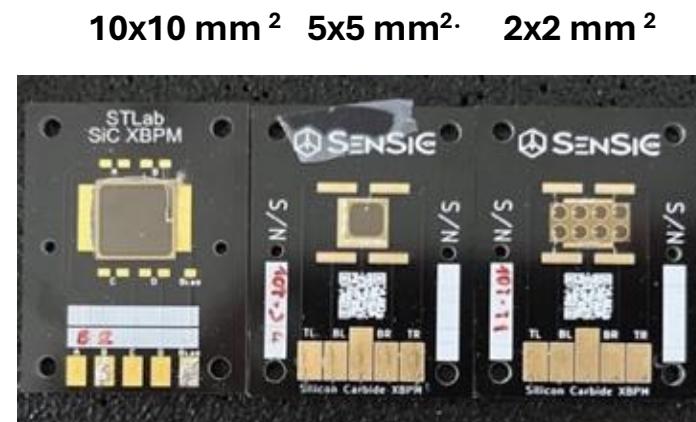
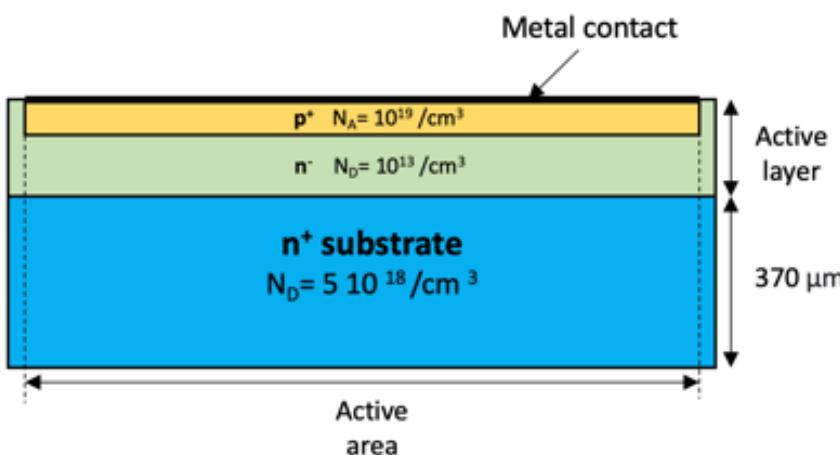
FLASH + minibeams at CPFR in Pisa



INFN CSN5 funded 3 years project:

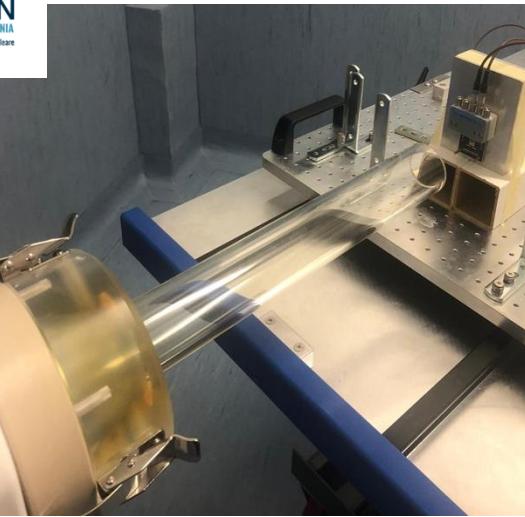
- 6 INFN Divisions
- > 18 FTE (> 50 Researchers)
- 280 k€
- PI: F. Di Martino (INFN-PI) and F. Romano (INFN-CT)

Silicon carbide detectors



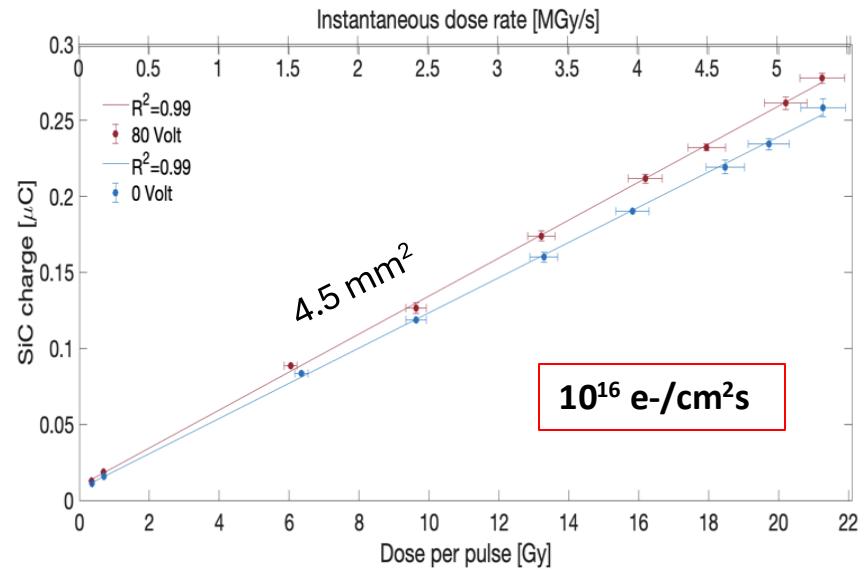
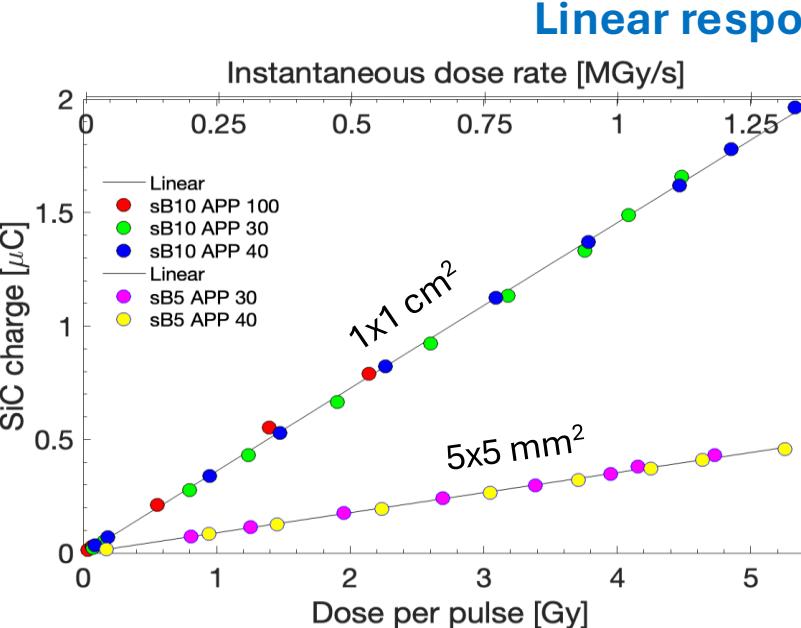
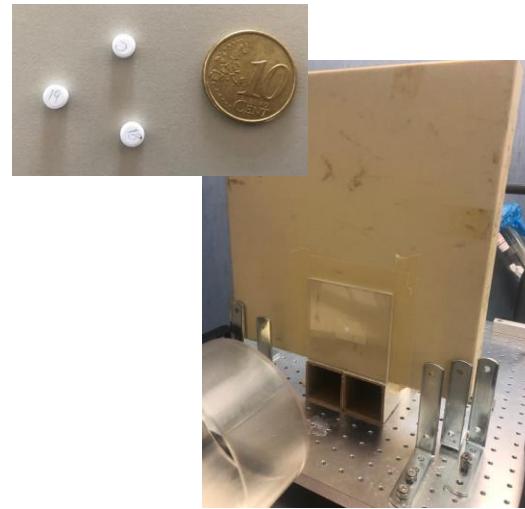
Silicon carbide (SiC) detectors have been realized at the STLab company. The devices are semiconductor PIN junctions: a thin p^+ , highly doped layer and a n -low doped layer on top of a n^+ thick substrate. In case of the free-standing membranes the substrate n^+ is removed by electrochemical etching

- Radiation **hardness**
- High signal to noise ratio
- High **time resolution (ns)** and fast collection time
- **Large area devices**

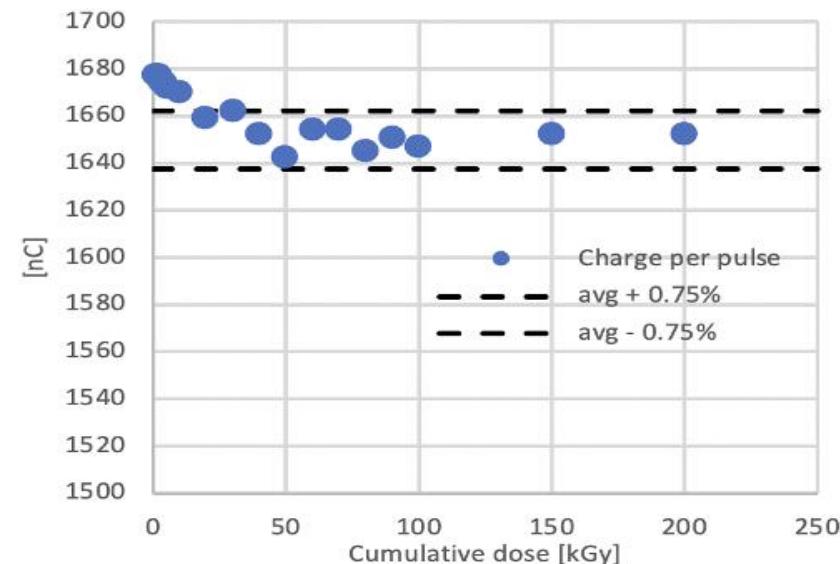


Experimental setup

- Detectors: 10x10, 5x5, 4.5 mm² 10 um thick SiC at the build-up
- Acquisition: Keithley electrometer
- Reference dosimeters: **Alanine dosimeters**
- Single pulse duration: 0-5-4 us
- Dose per pulse: from 0.1-20 Gy
- Average instantaneous dose rates in the single pulse up to 5 MGy/s



First measurement of radiation hardness



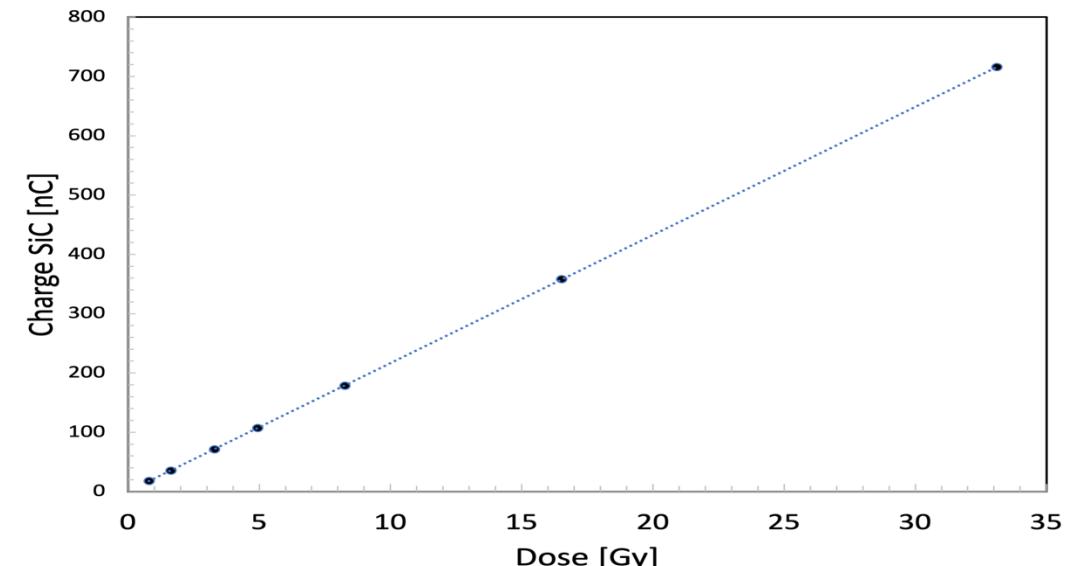
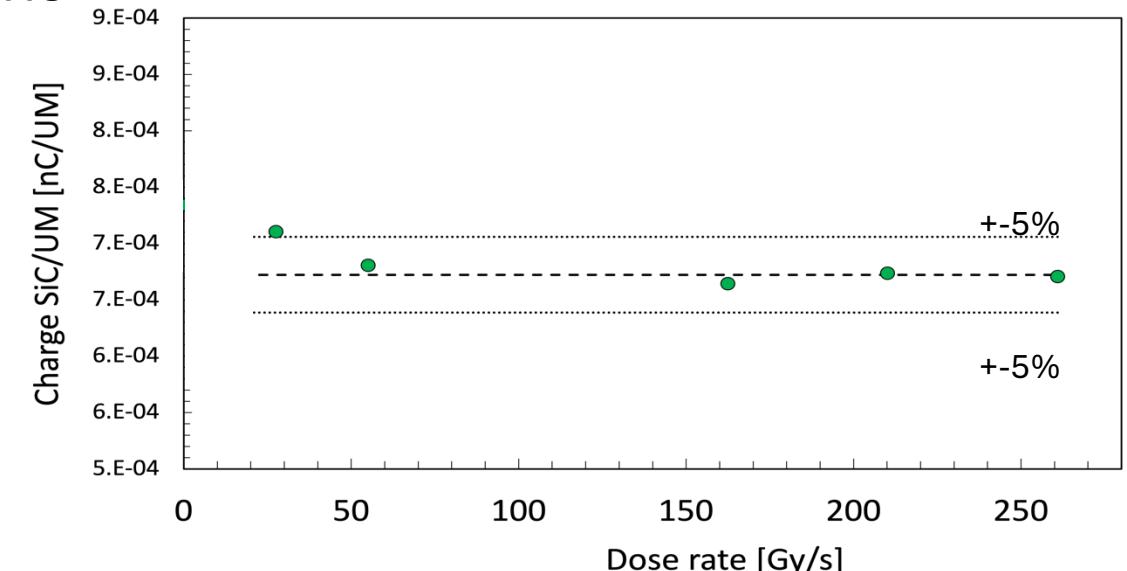
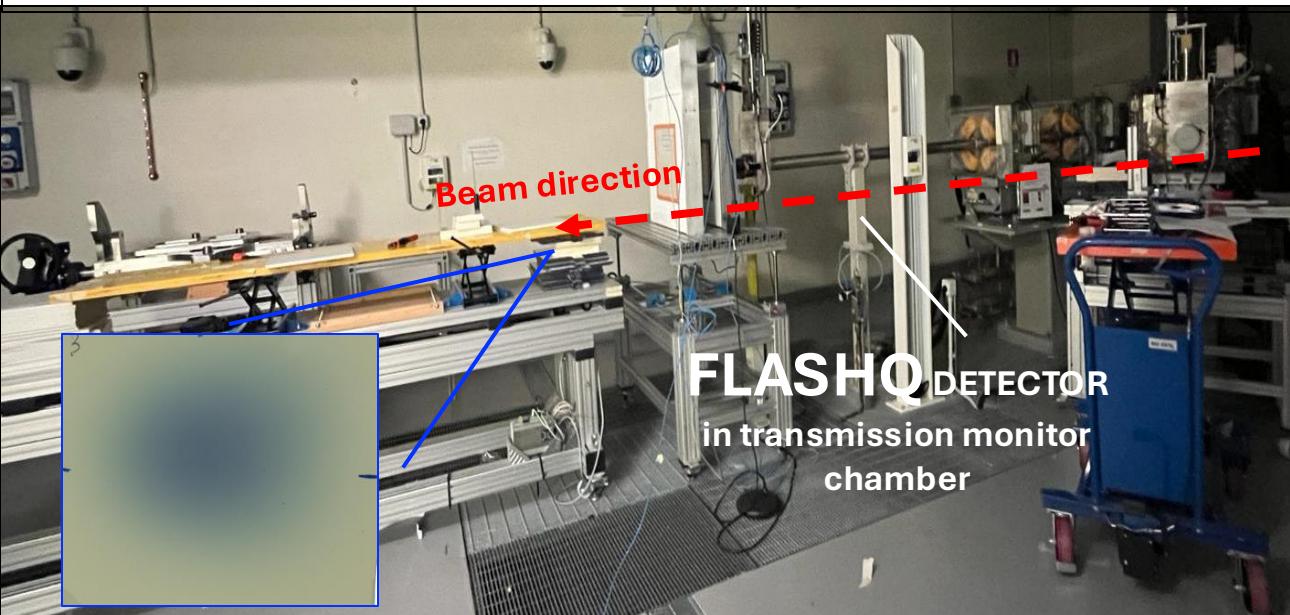
Dosimetric characterization@ Trento Proton beam line facility with UHDR proton beams

p+

Proton beams @ 228 MeV

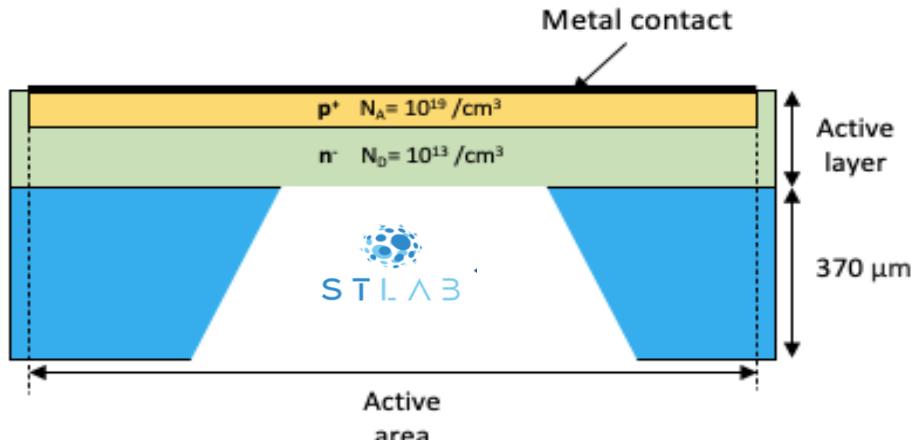
Variable beam current from 1 nA up to 500 nA

Variable irradiation time from 10 ms up to seconds

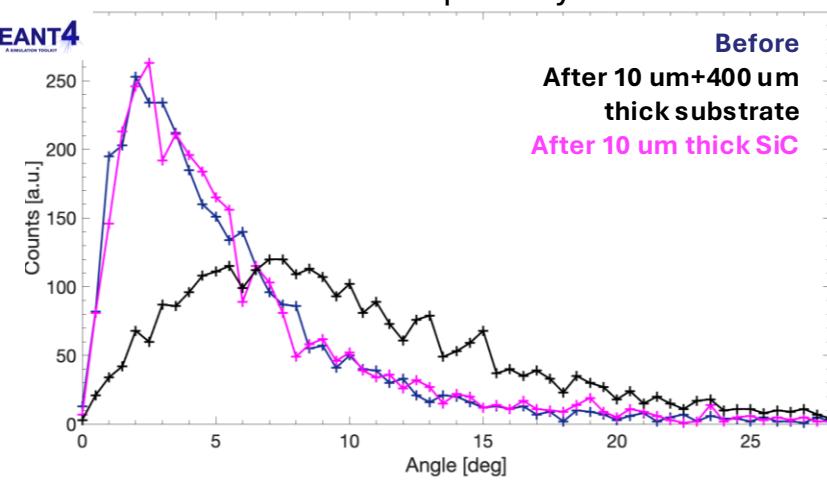


Ultra-thin SiC free-standing membranes for beam monitoring

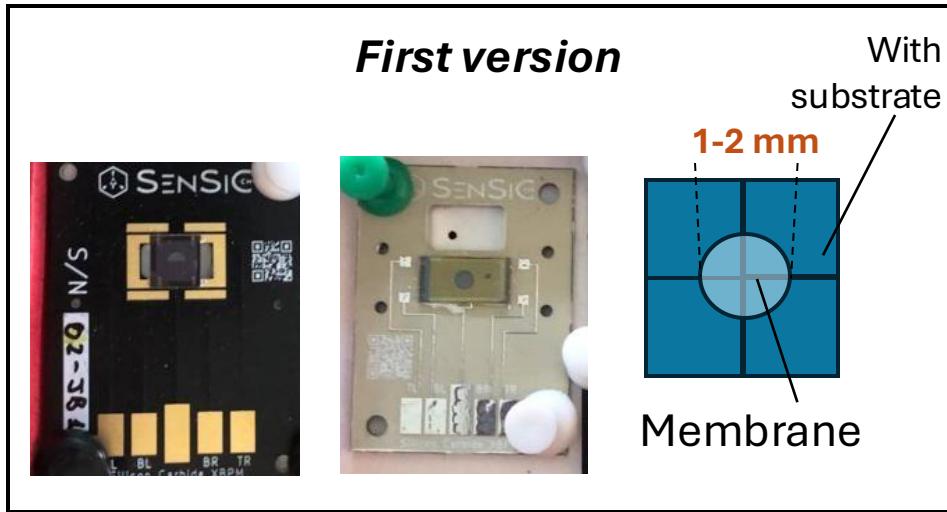
Thick substrate bulk electrochemically removed from the back of the detector



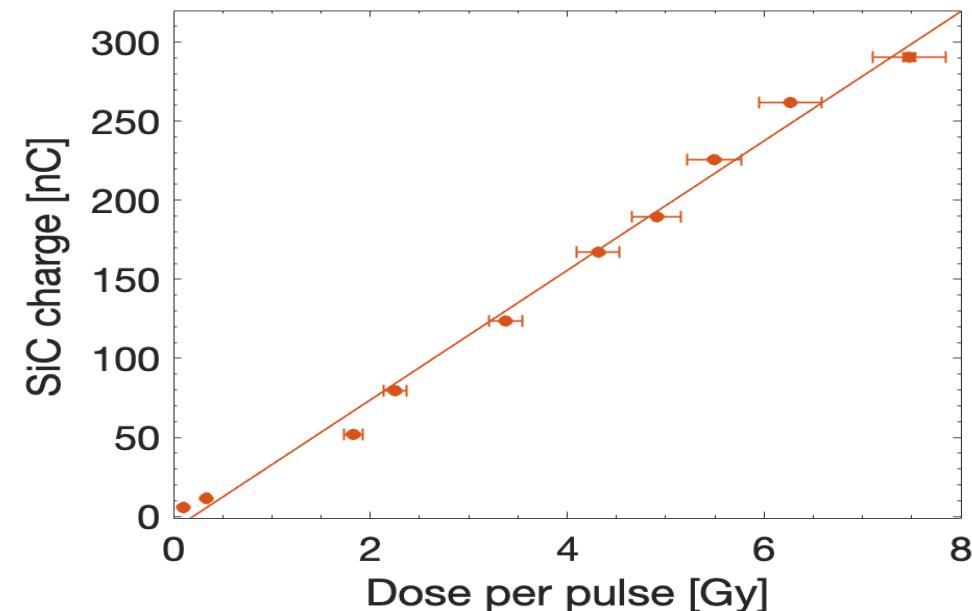
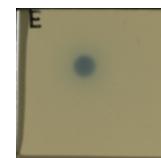
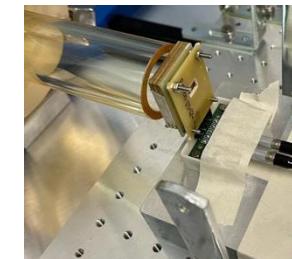
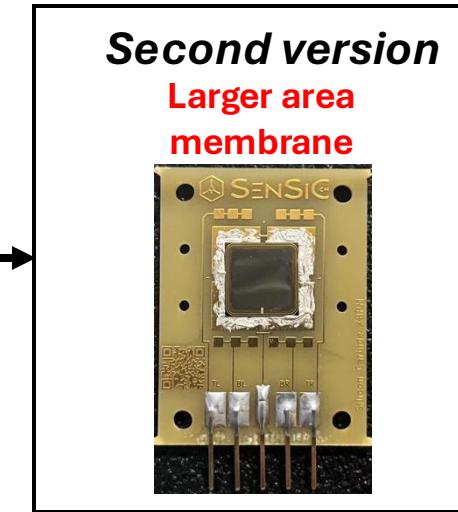
Energy & Angular distribution spread: improving the transparency



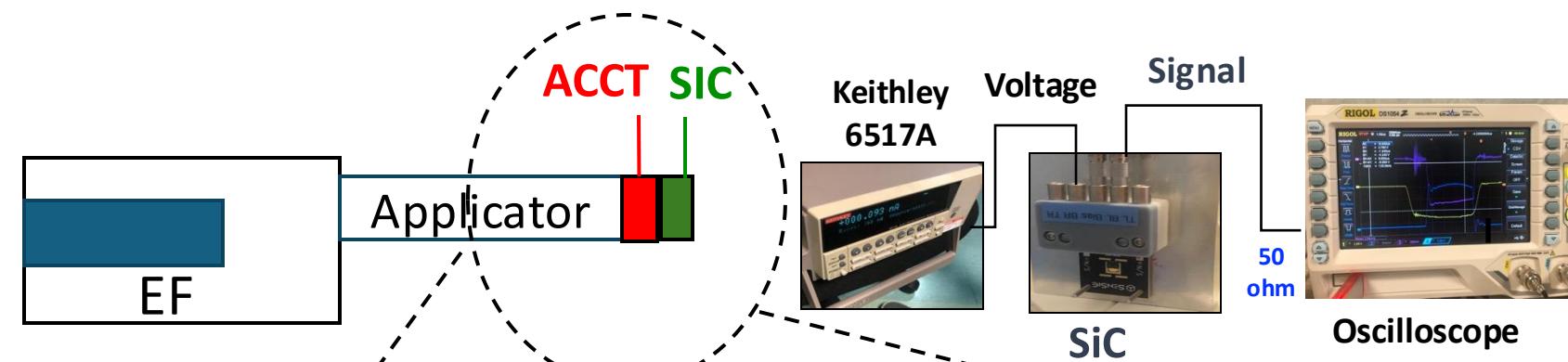
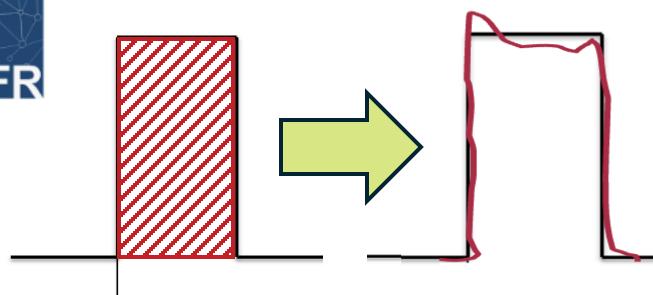
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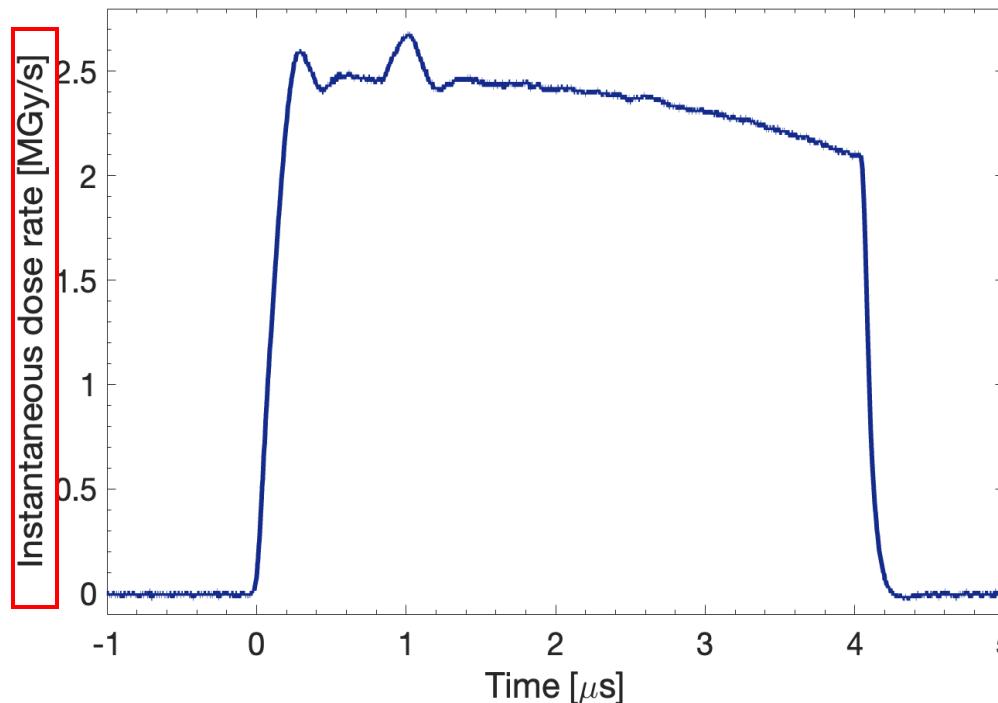
Second version
Larger area membrane



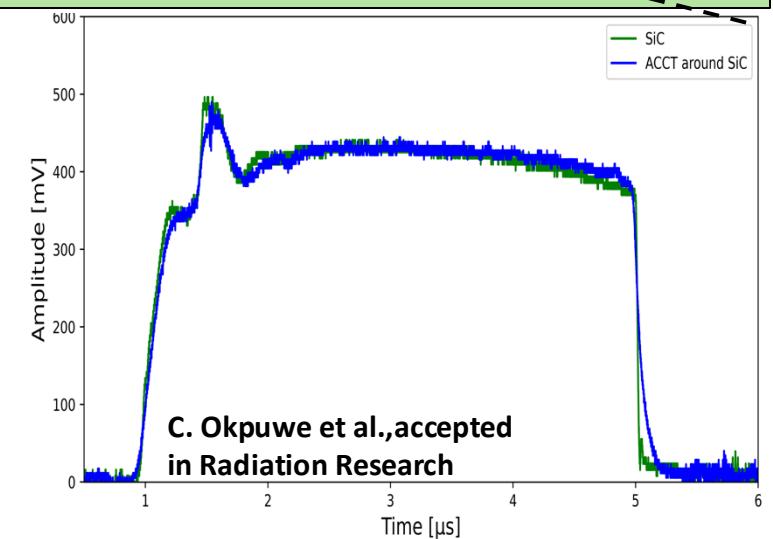
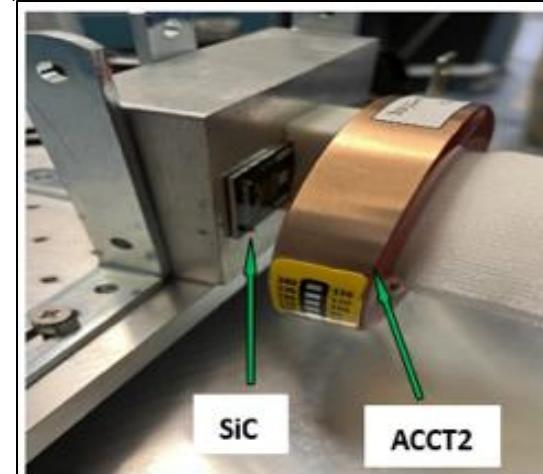
Real time monitoring of the instantaneous dose rate



Waveforms → instantaneous dose rate



COMPARISON OF SIC-ACCT WAVEFORMS AT THE SAME POSITION



Contributi e conclusioni

- Sviluppo nuove tecnologie per alte intensità e risoluzioni spaziali spinte
- Test preliminari nuove tecnologie
- Calcolo: machine learning, AI, ...
- Sviluppo acceleratori