

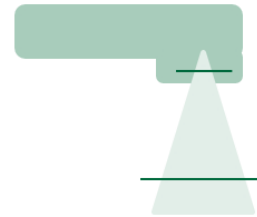
# Deformable Scintillator Array Dosimetry for *in vivo* Volumetric Dose and Dose-Rate Validation of UHDR Proton Therapy

Roman Vasylytsiv<sup>1</sup>, Joseph Harms<sup>2,3</sup>, Megan A. Clark<sup>1</sup>, Yongbin Zhang<sup>4</sup>, Zhiyan. Xiao<sup>4</sup>,  
Rongxiao Zhang<sup>5</sup>, Brian W. Pogue<sup>1</sup>, David J. Gladstone<sup>1,6</sup>, Anthony E. Mascia<sup>4</sup>, and Petr Bruza<sup>1</sup>

October 1, 2025

2025 American Society for Radiation Oncology Conference (San Francisco, CA)

<sup>1</sup>Thayer School of Engineering, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, <sup>2</sup>Department of Radiation Oncology, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL, <sup>3</sup>Department of Radiation Oncology, Washington University School of Medicine, Saint Louis, MO, <sup>4</sup>Department of Radiation Oncology, University of Cincinnati Medical Center, Cincinnati, OH, <sup>5</sup>Department of Radiation Oncology, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO, <sup>6</sup>Department of Medicine, Geisel School of Medicine, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH



### Pre-Treatment Quality Assurance

Daily, monthly, annual QA  
Patient specific QA

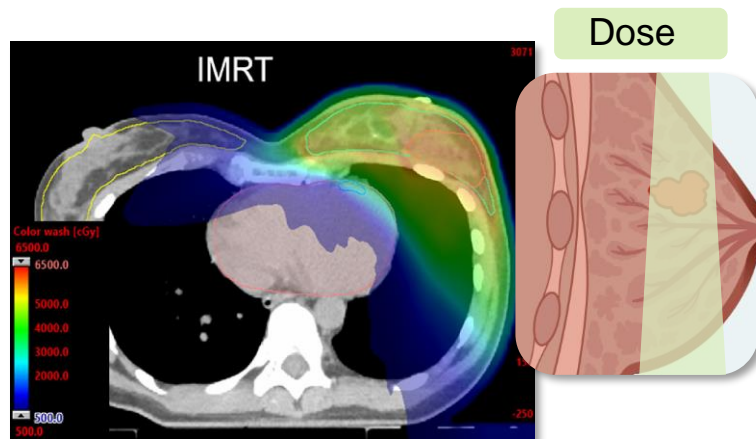
### Real-Time Beam Monitoring

Flatness/Output/Symmetry Checks  
Automatic Safety Interlocks

### Patient Monitoring

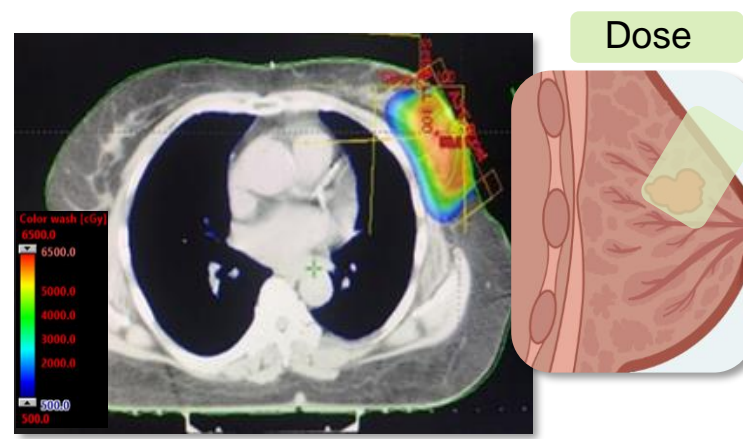
Surface Guidance  
On-Patient *In Vivo* Dosimetry

### Photon

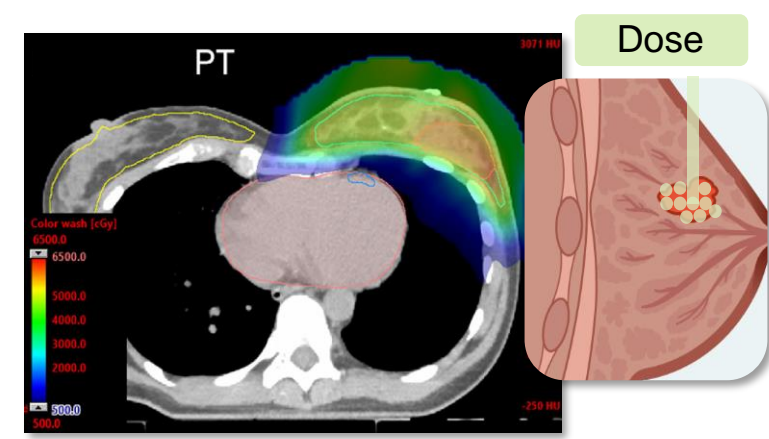


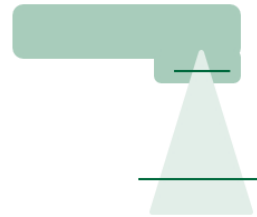
Karmanos Cancer Institute

### Electron



### Proton





### Pre-Treatment Quality Assurance

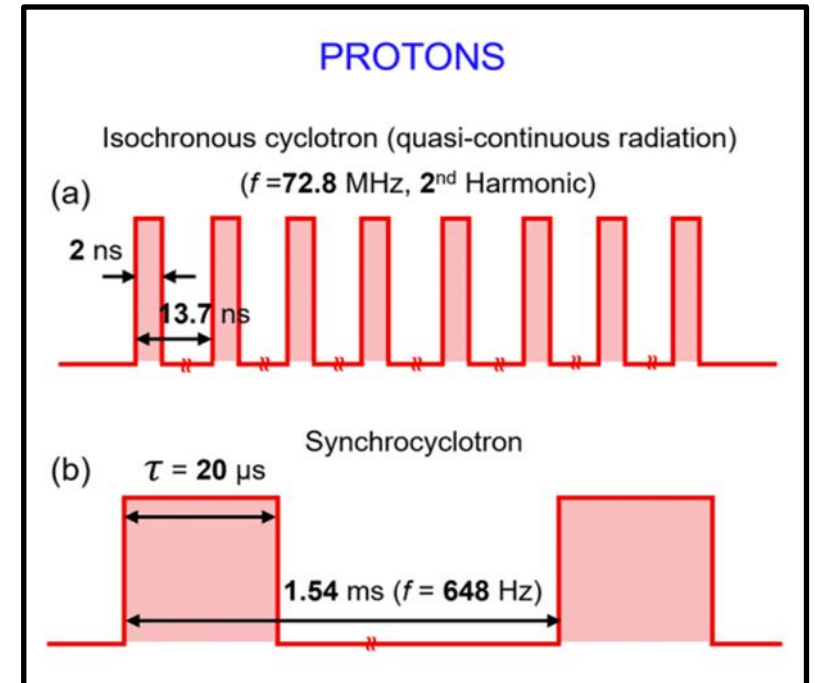
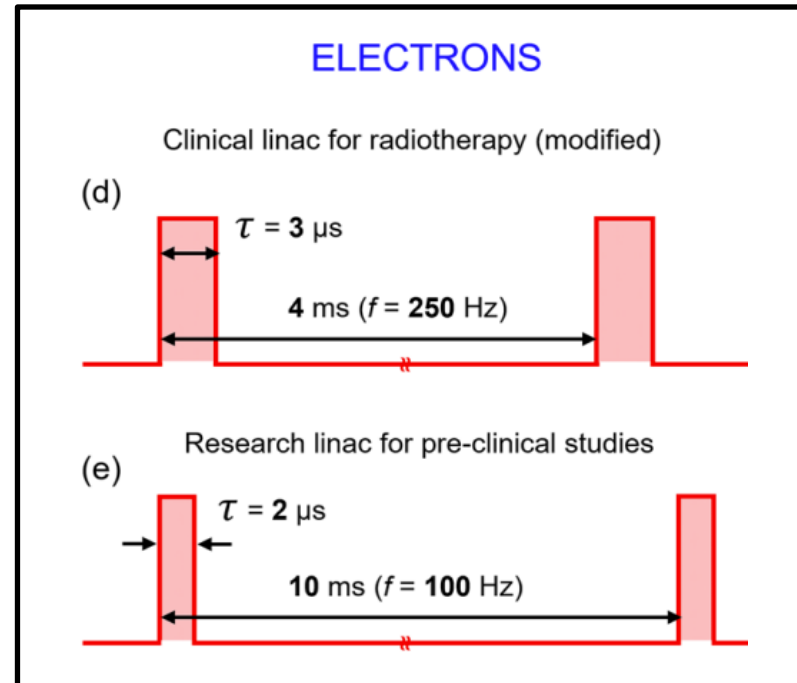
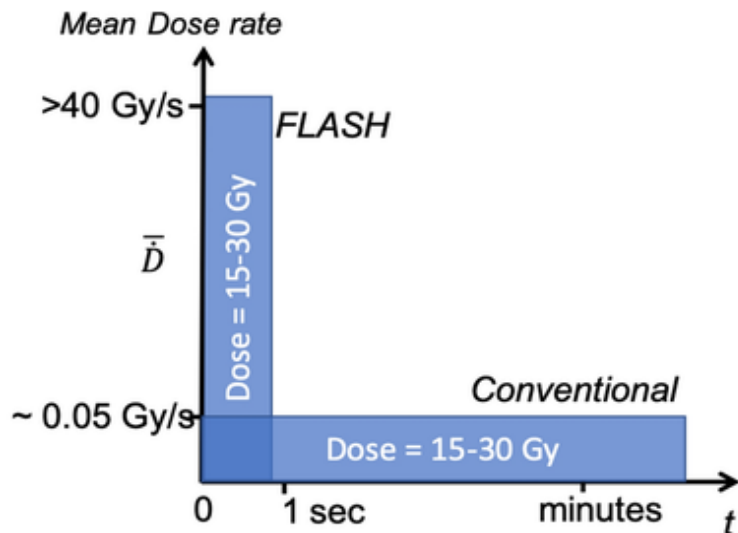
Daily, monthly, annual QA  
Patient specific QA

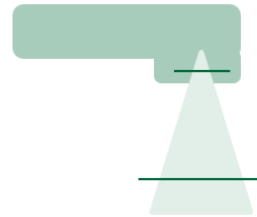
### Real-Time Beam Monitoring

Flatness/Output/Symmetry Checks  
Automatic Safety Interlocks

### Patient Monitoring

Surface Guidance  
On-Patient *In Vivo* Dosimetry





### Pre-Treatment Quality Assurance

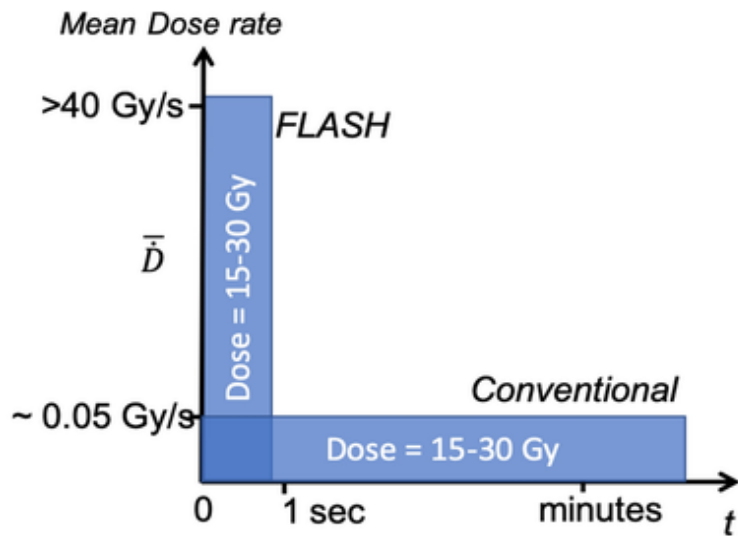
Daily, monthly, annual QA  
Patient specific QA

### Real-Time Beam Monitoring

Flatness/Output/Symmetry Checks  
Automatic Safety Interlocks

### Patient Monitoring

Surface Guidance  
On-Patient *In Vivo* Dosimetry

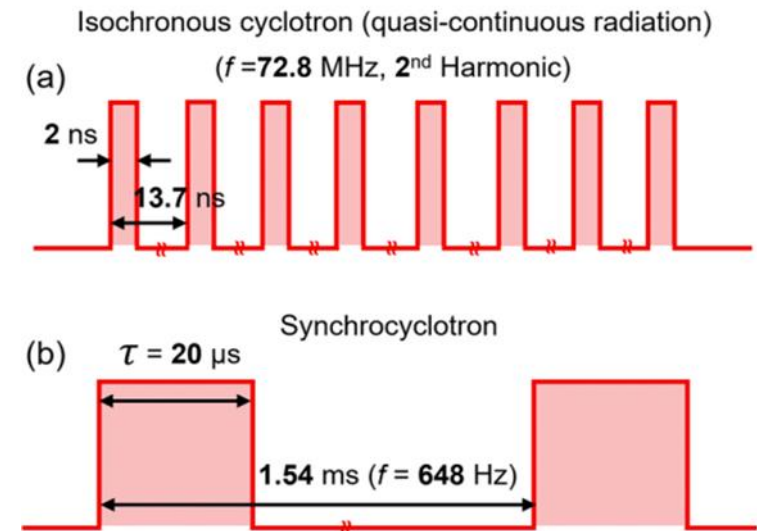


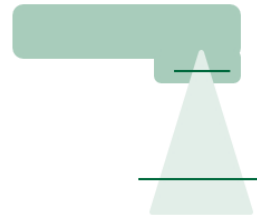
#### UHDR PBS Beam Conditions

Spot dwell time: <3ms	Spot scanning speed: >25m/s <sup>1,2</sup>	Ø1.1cm FWHM <sup>3</sup>	<1sec deliveries
-----------------------	--	--------------------------	------------------

1. Kanouta et al. 2022. 2. Poulsen et al. 2018. 3. Darafsheh et al 2021.

#### PROTONS





### Pre-Treatment Quality Assurance

Daily, monthly, annual QA  
Patient specific QA

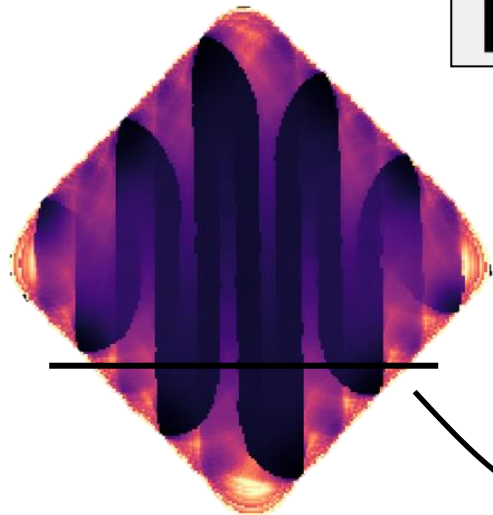
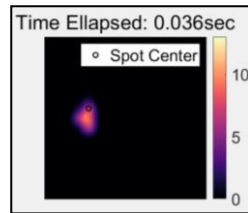
### Real-Time Beam Monitoring

Flatness/Output/Symmetry Checks  
Automatic Safety Interlocks

### Patient Monitoring

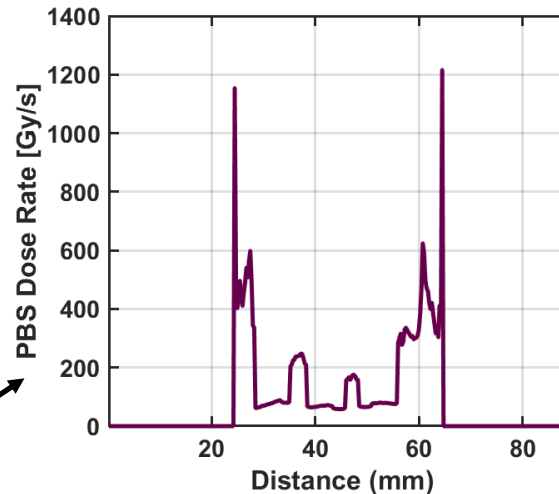
Surface Guidance  
On-Patient *In Vivo* Dosimetry

### 5x5cm PBS Dose Rate Map

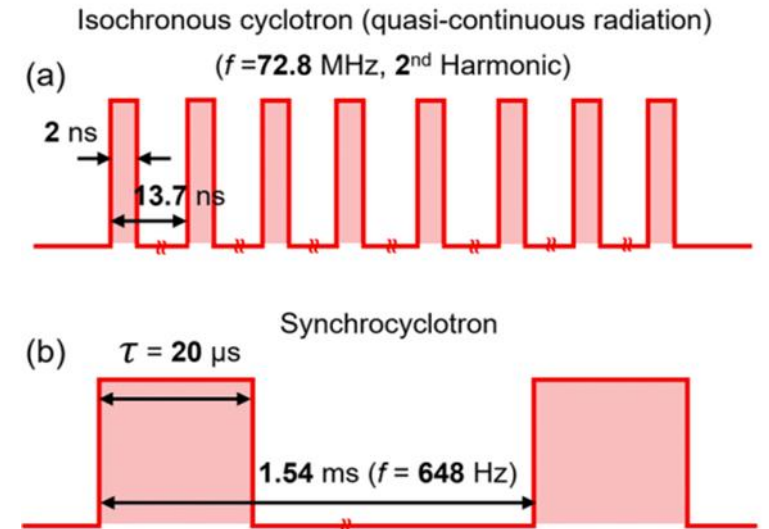


$$D_{PBS}(\vec{x}) = \frac{(D(\vec{x}) - D_{\dagger}) - D_{\dagger}}{t(\vec{x})}$$

### Cross Section Profile

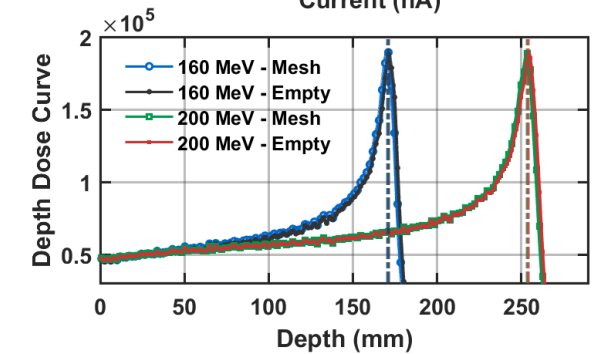
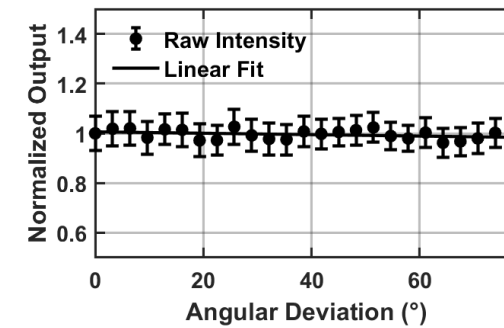
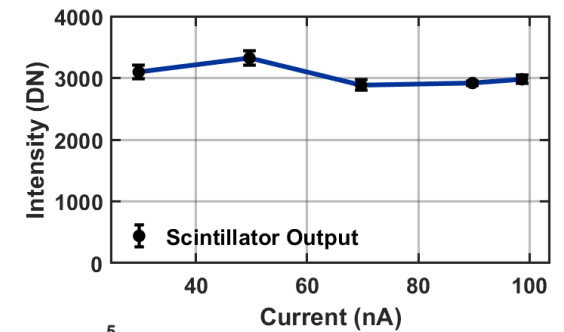
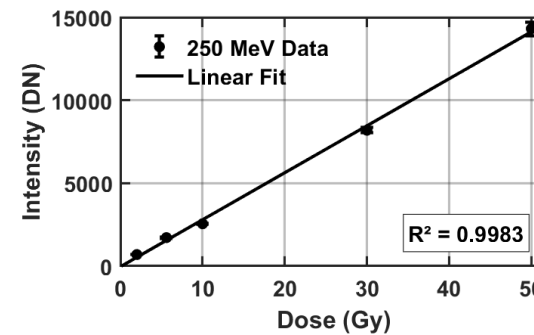
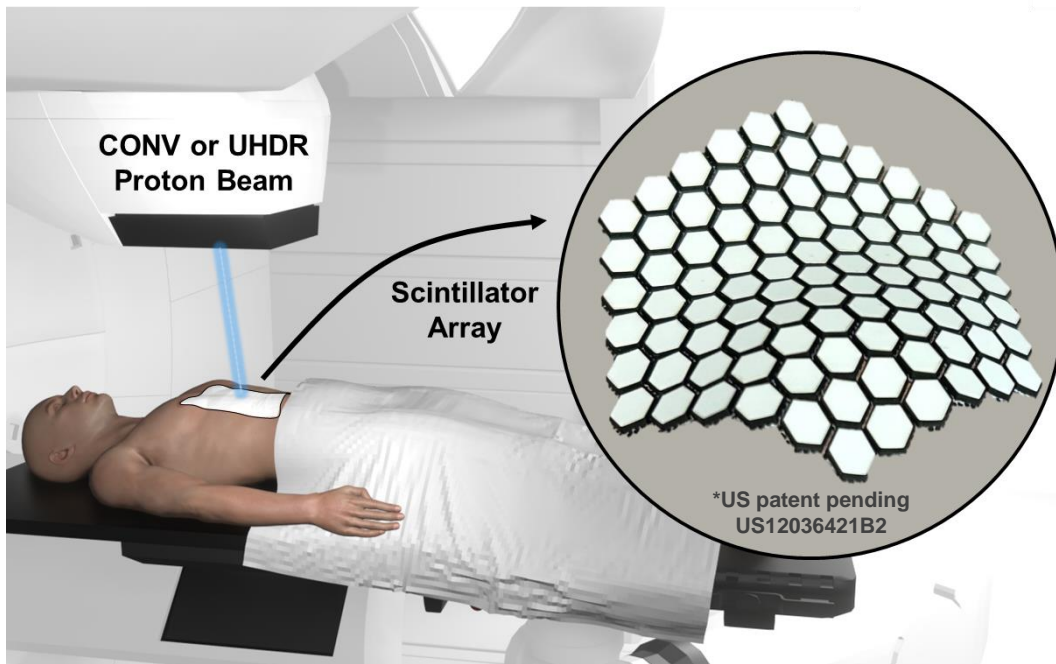


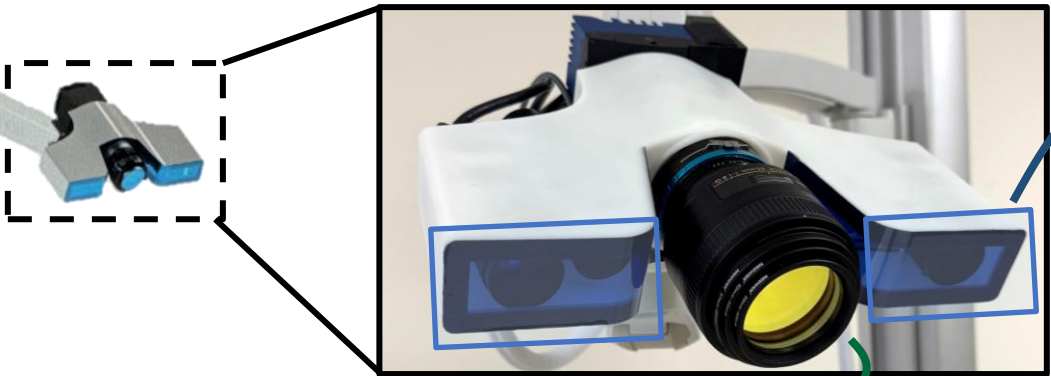
### PROTONS



# Deformable array application introduces dynamic surface dose monitoring during UHDR delivery and minimal deviation to treatment workflow

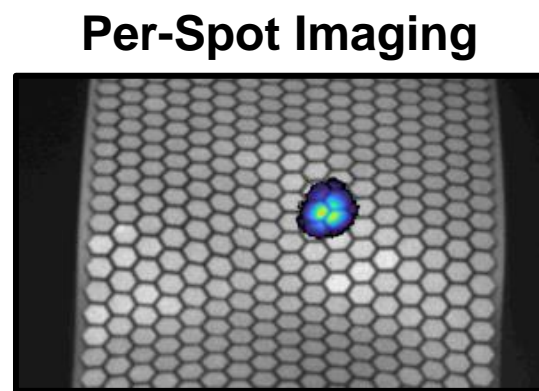
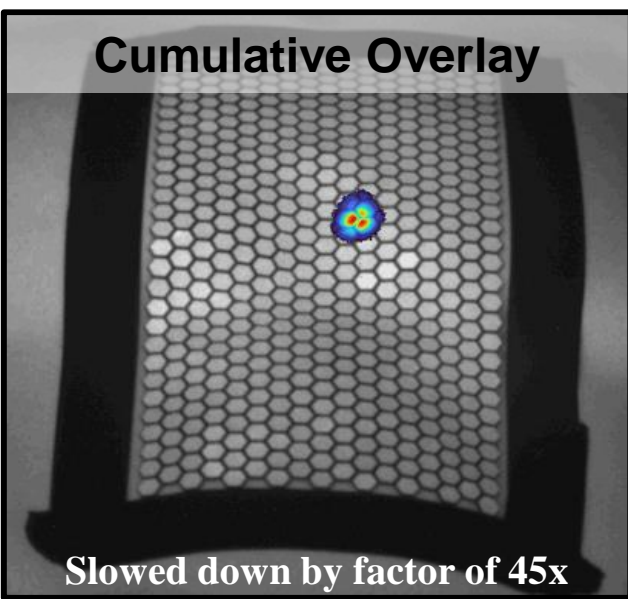
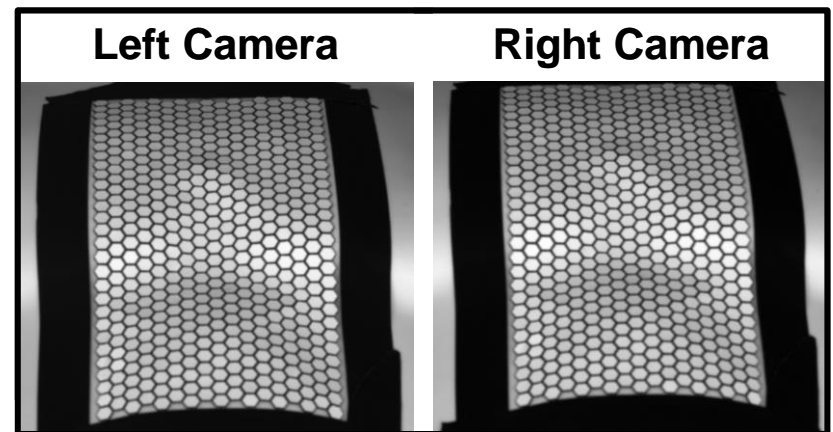
Reponse	Detectors	Measurement Type	Instantaneous Dose-Rate/Dose per Pulse (Dp) Dependence	Spatial Resolution	Temporal Resolution	Type of Dosimetry
	TLD/OSLD	1D (IVD)	Independent ( $\sim 10^9$ Gy/s)	$\sim 1$ mm	Passive	Reference
<b>Luminescence</b>	<b>Scintillators</b>	<b>2D+ (IVD)</b>	<b>Independent (<math>\sim 10^6</math> Gy/s)</b>	<b><math>\sim 1</math>mm</b>	<b><math>\sim</math>ns</b>	<b>Reference</b>



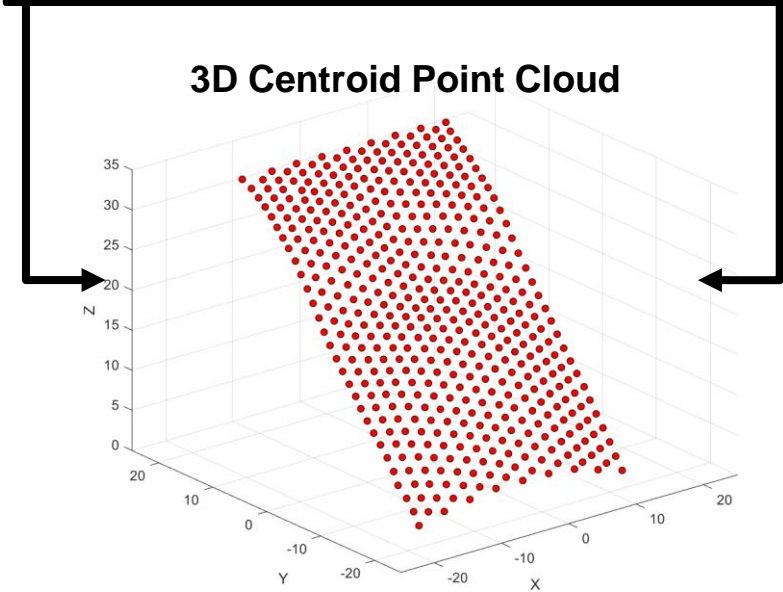


**Stereovision** constructs a structural array profile to retain **geometric reference**

Scintillation is imaged using a **high-speed intensified CMOS camera**  
(1-12kHz frame rate, >99% duty cycle)



*UHDR delivery of an adapted PBS plan (250 MeV, 99nA)*

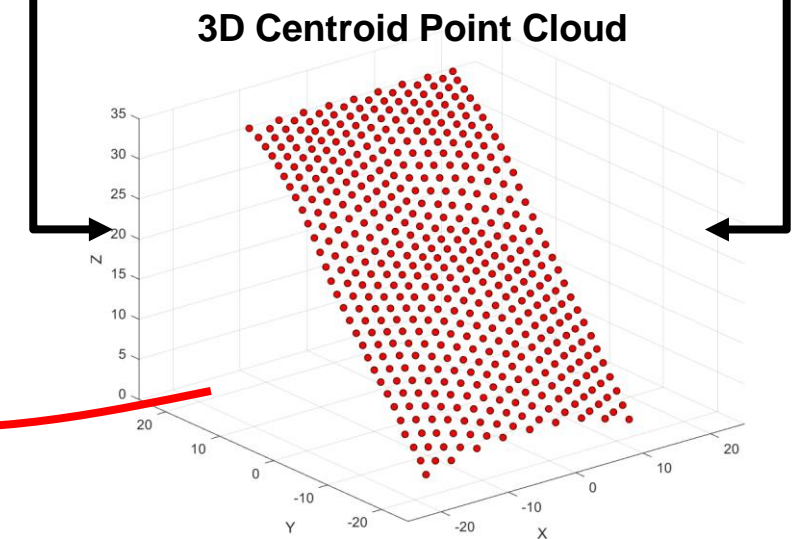
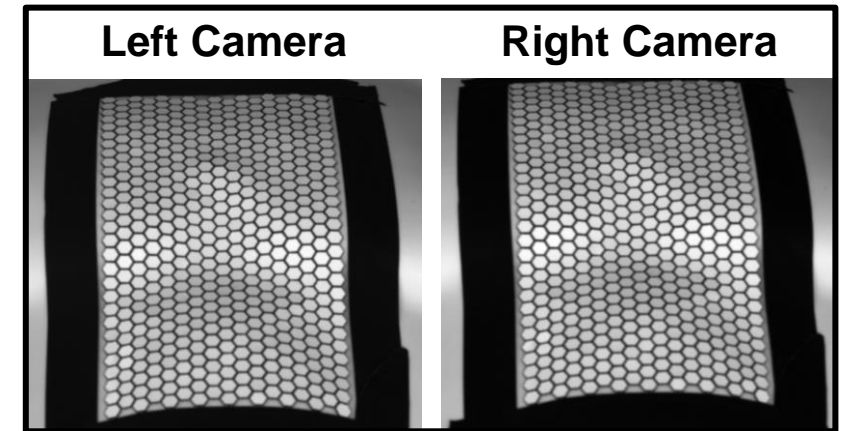
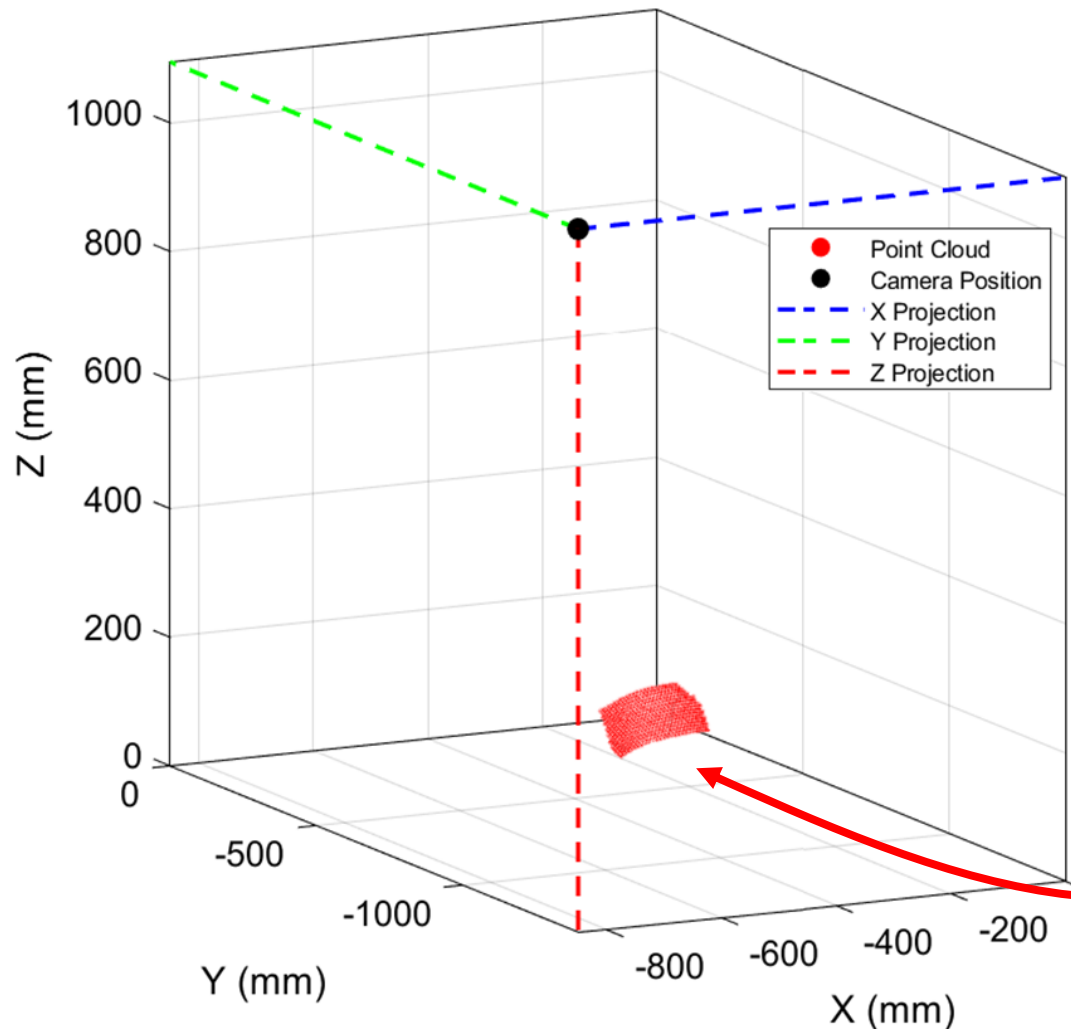


## Extrinsic camera calibration maps the array to be in 3D room coordinates

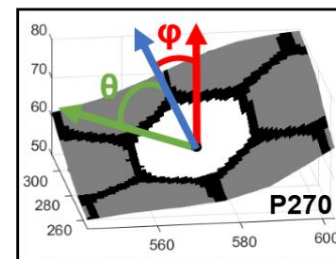
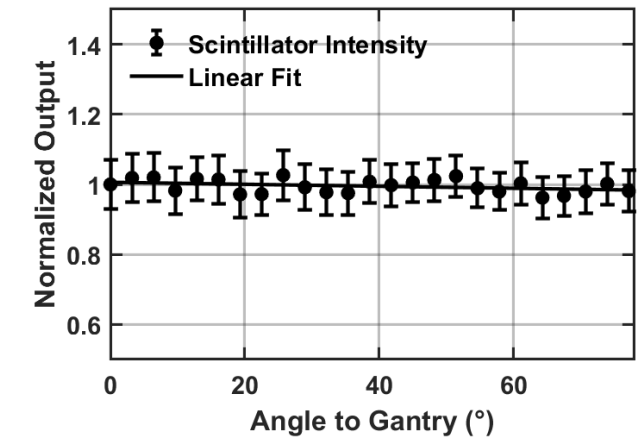
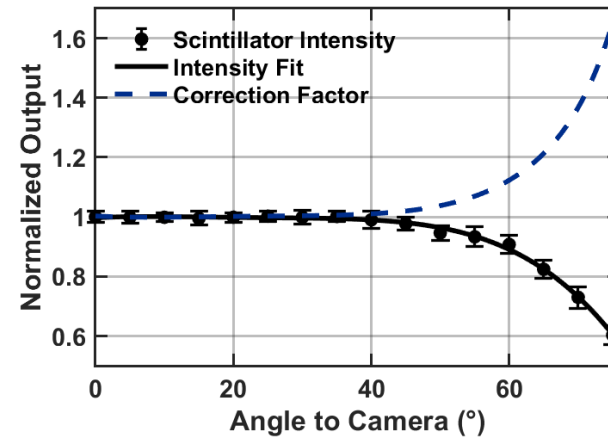
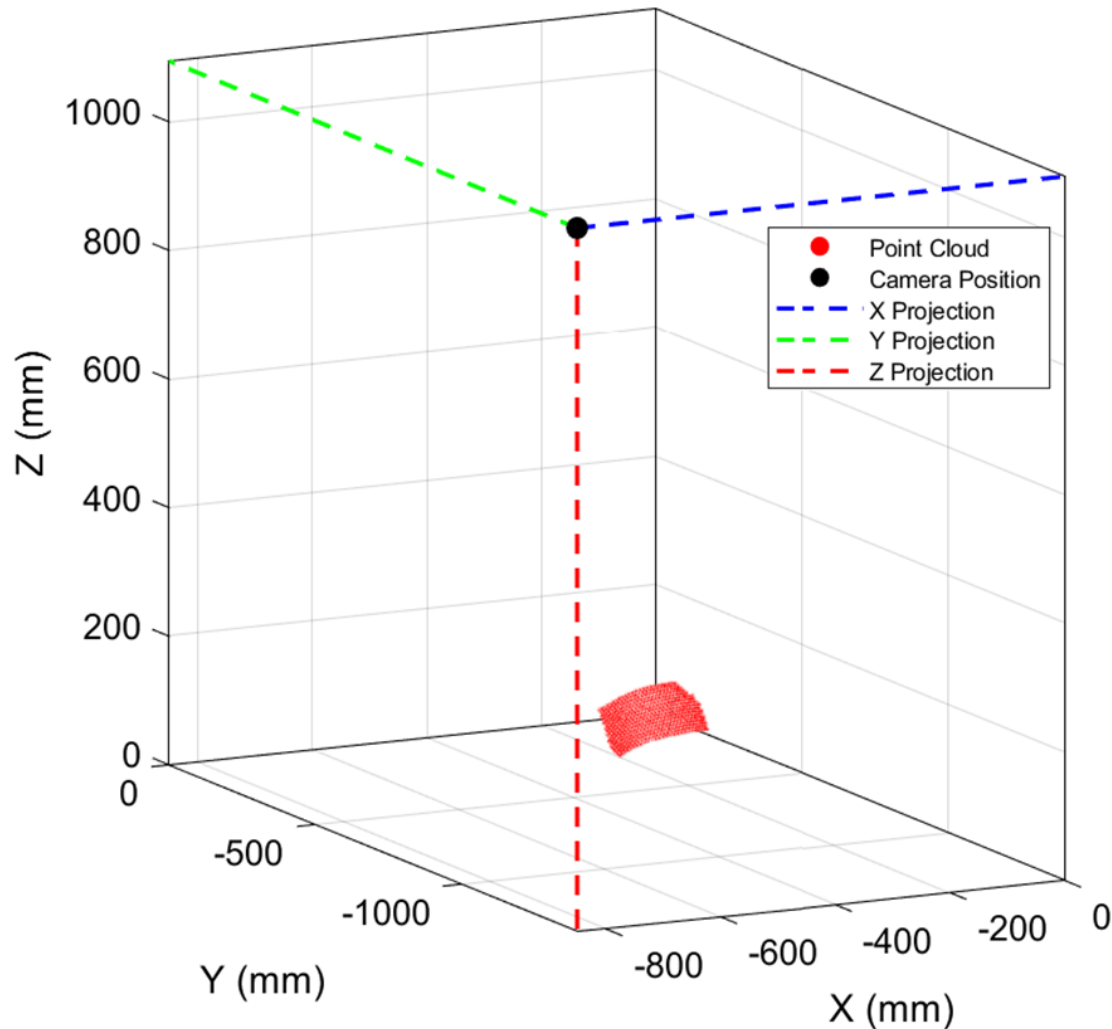
**Isocenter calibration** maps array with respect to **target**

**Planned gantry position** maps array with respect to **beam propagation path**

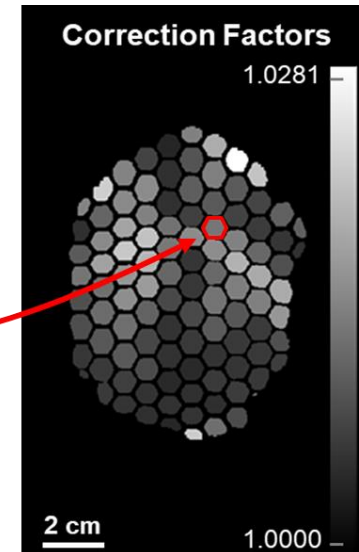
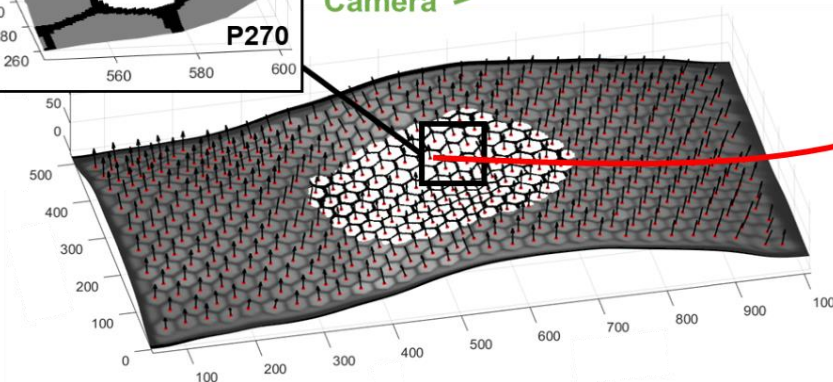
Array localization is **independent** of setup or pre-Tx positioning



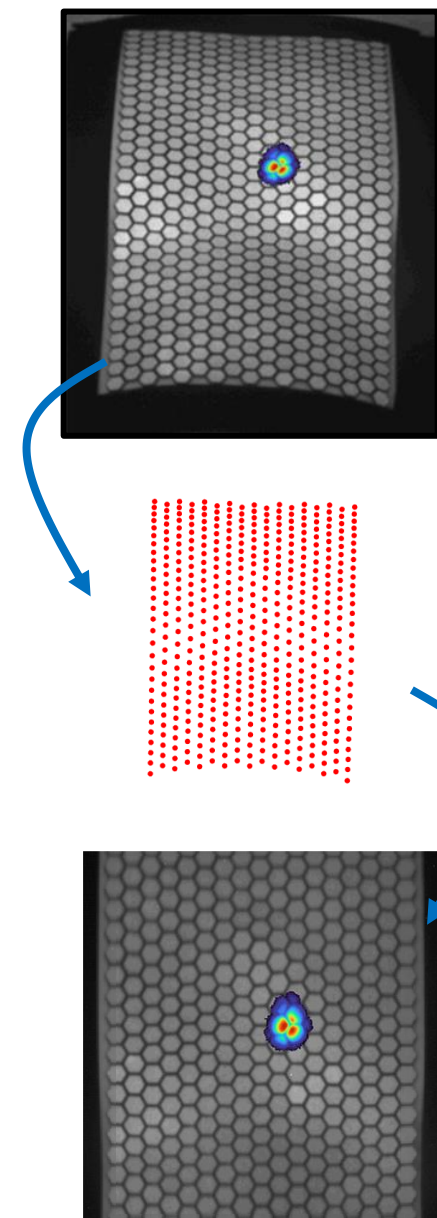
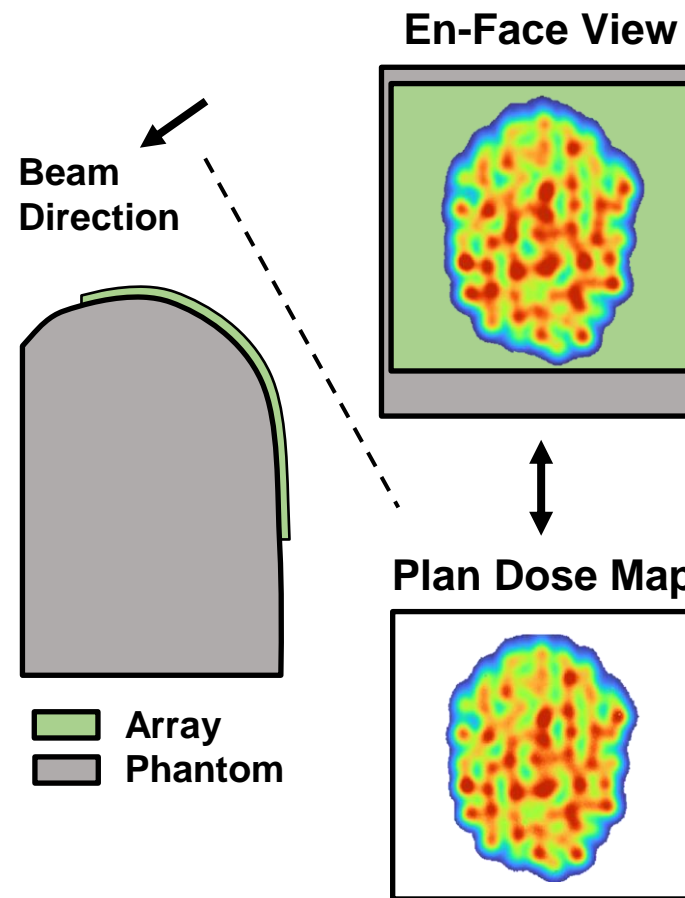
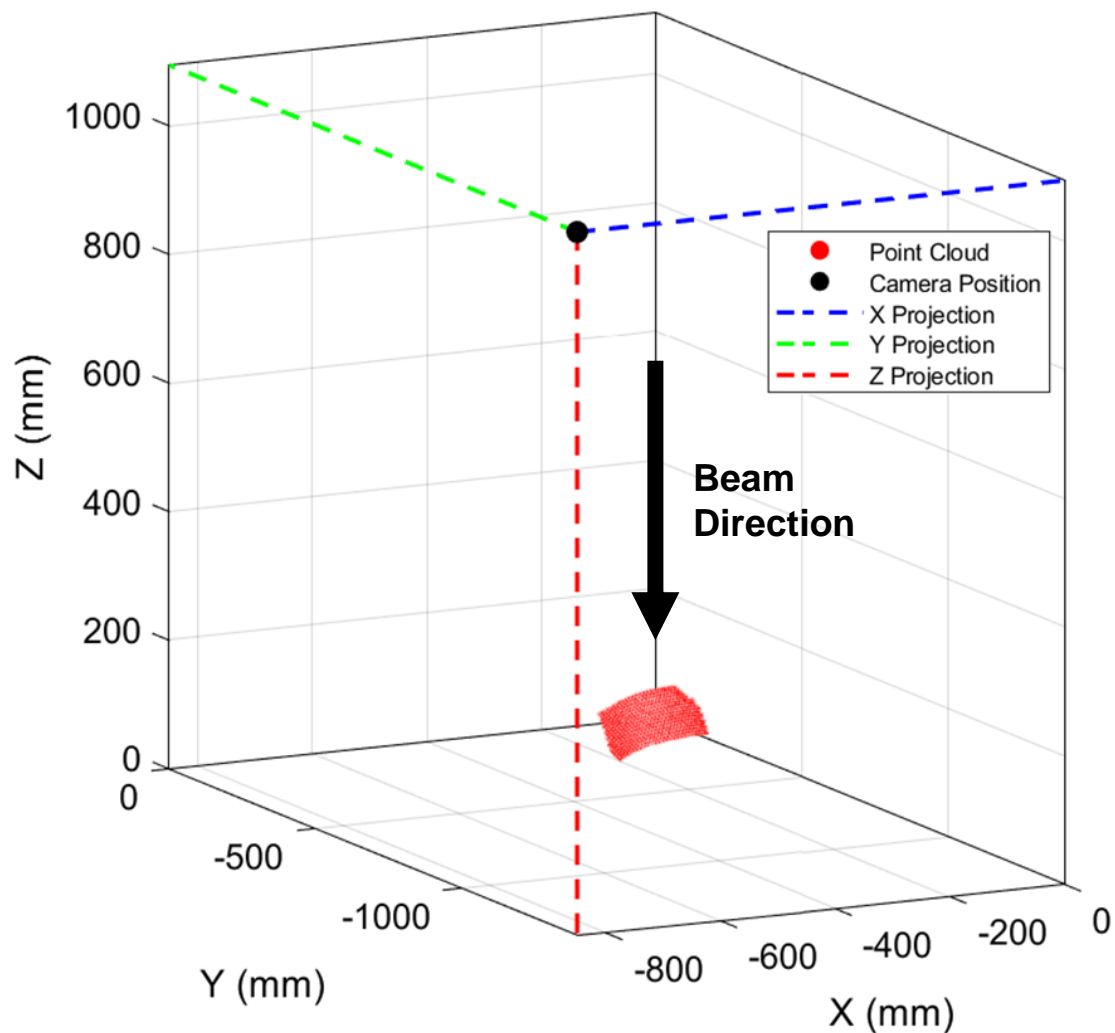
Intensity variation at high incidence and imaging angles is corrected using known single element orientation from stereovision mapping



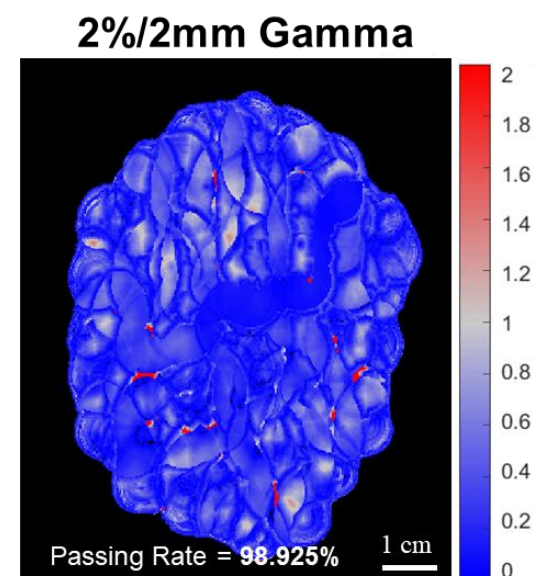
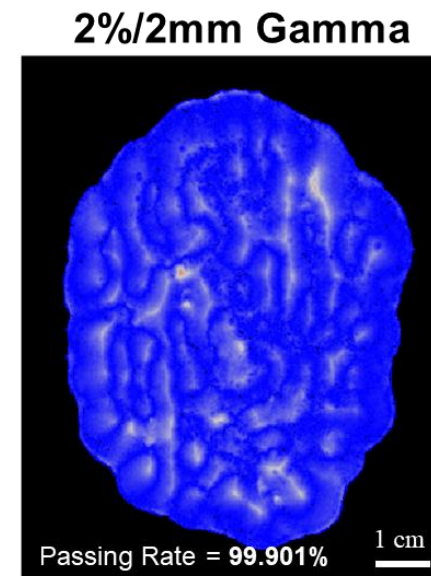
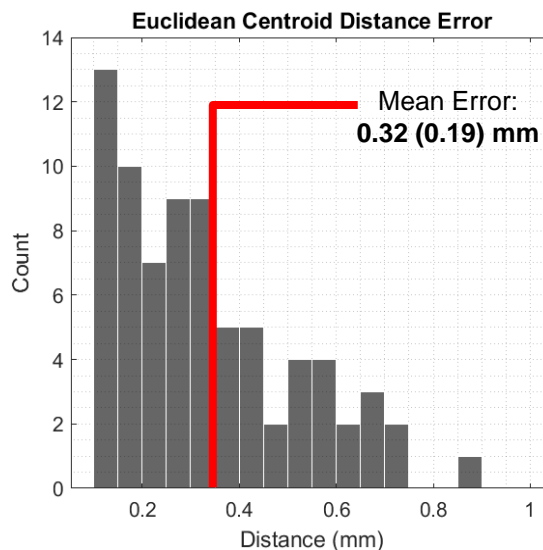
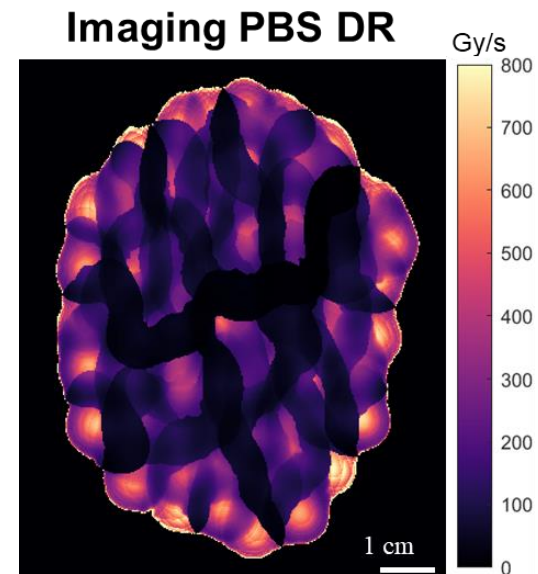
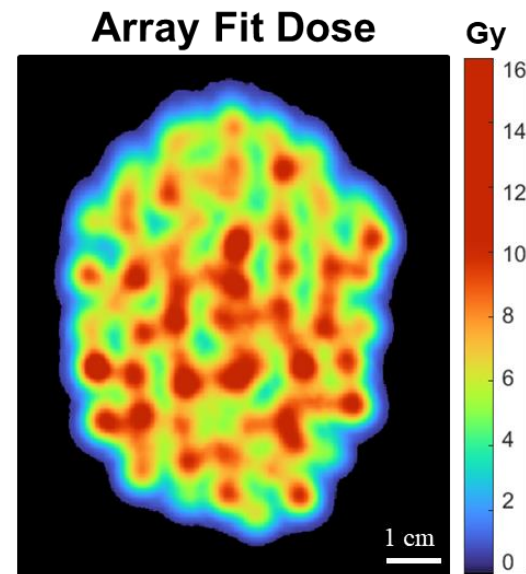
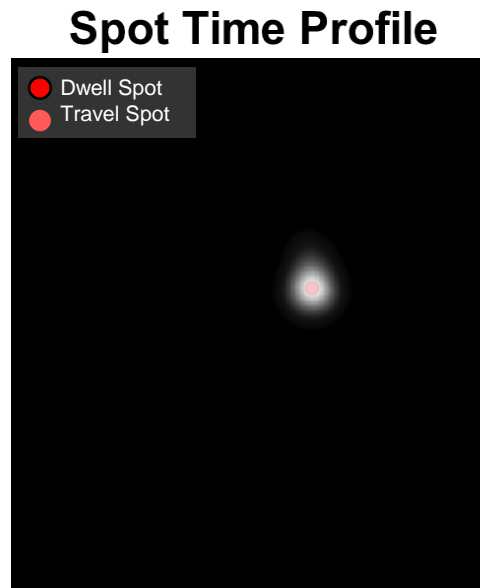
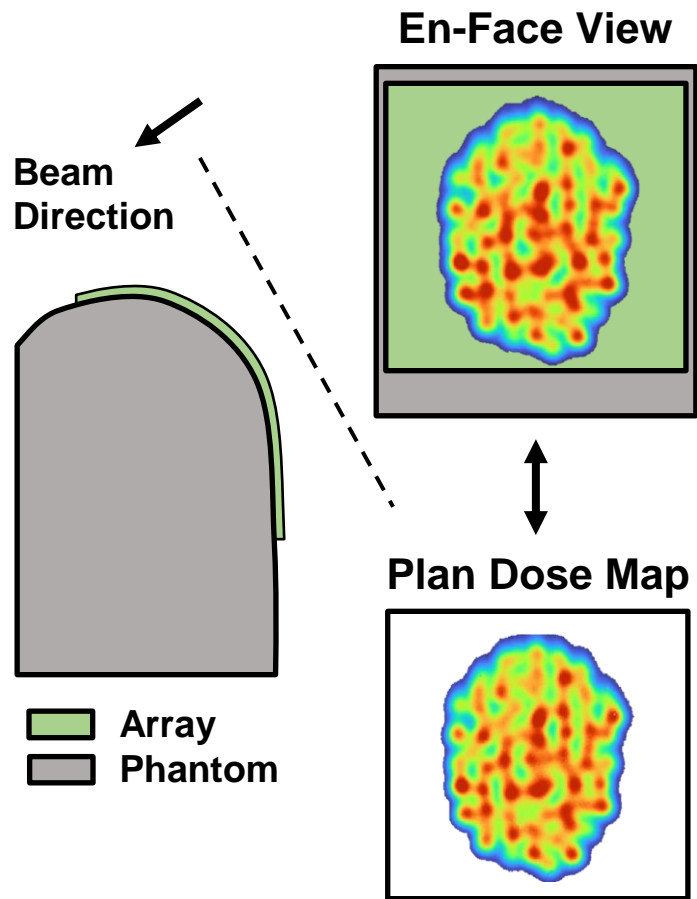
**P270 Sample Correction**  
 Gantry  $\theta = 15^\circ \rightarrow k_\theta = 1.004$   
 Normal  $\phi = 32^\circ \rightarrow k_\phi = 1.013$   
 Camera



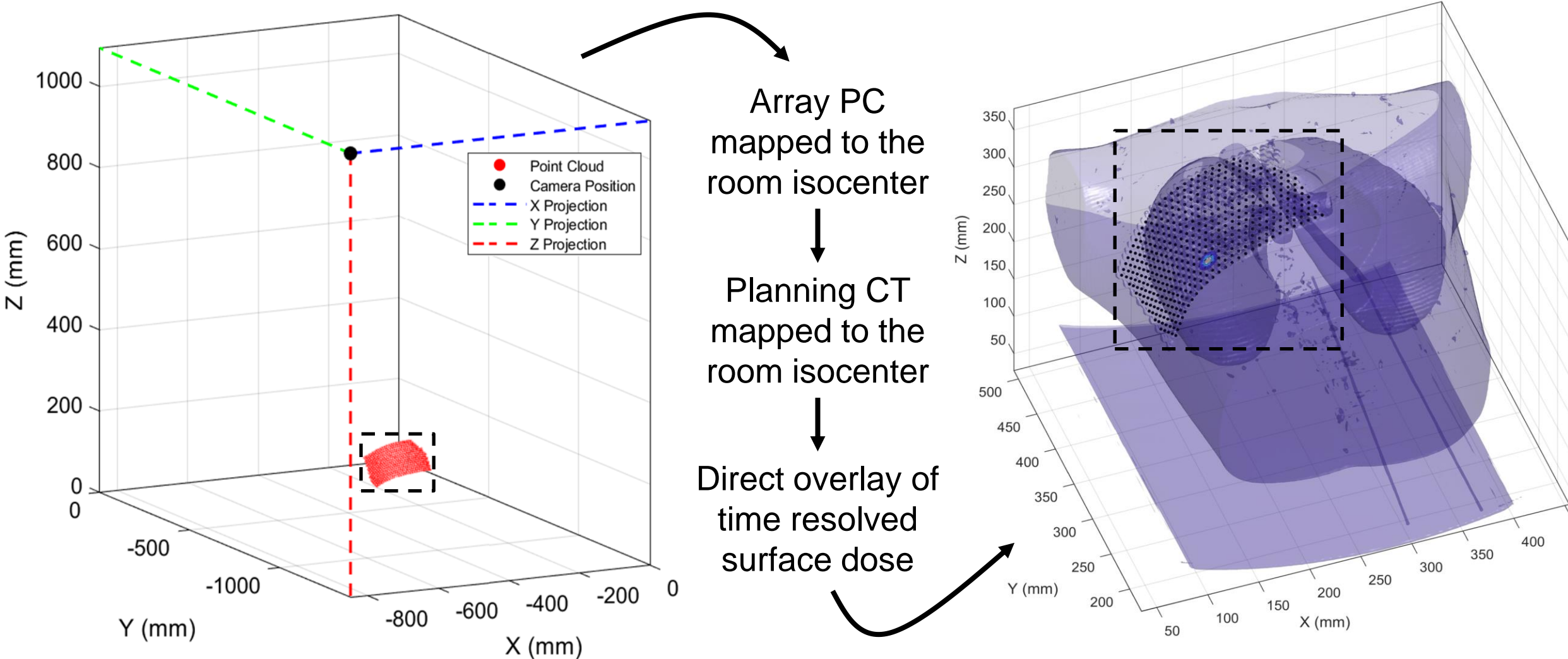
Angular information is used to **correct for geometric deviation** and **transform image to the desired POV** (e.g. Beam's Eye View)



Projected comparison against plan or flat field delivery  
**Position - Dose - Dose rate**



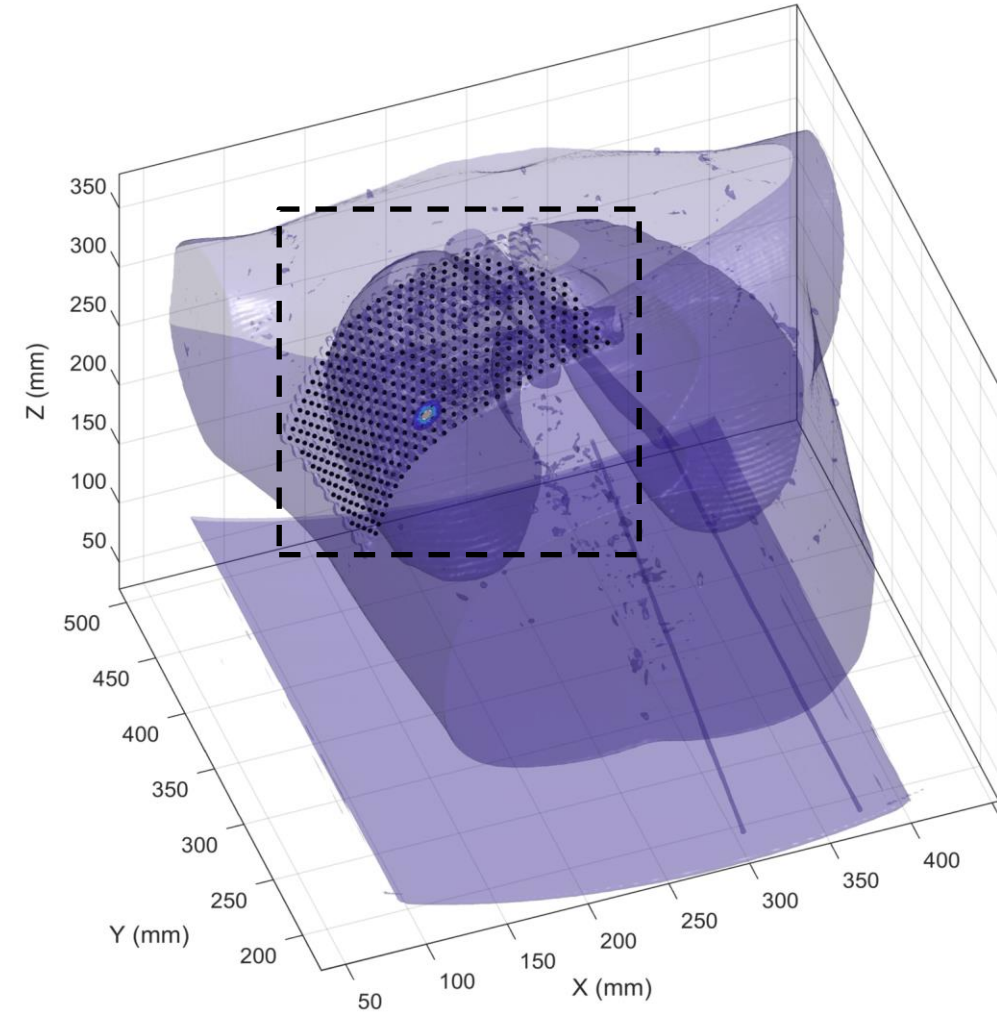
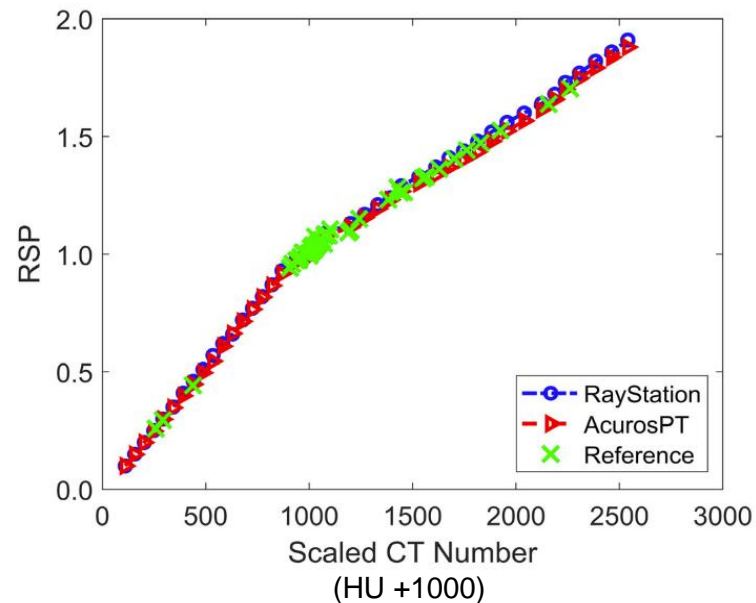
Independent 3D array localization with respect to isocenter allows **direct overlay of observed surface dose dynamics** and the planning CT



Surface dose was projected through target volume based on known **beam energy, geometry, dose build-up effects, and scatter-based blurring**

## CT Conversion to WET

Relative stopping power relationship to HU used to convert each CT layer to WET along beam path



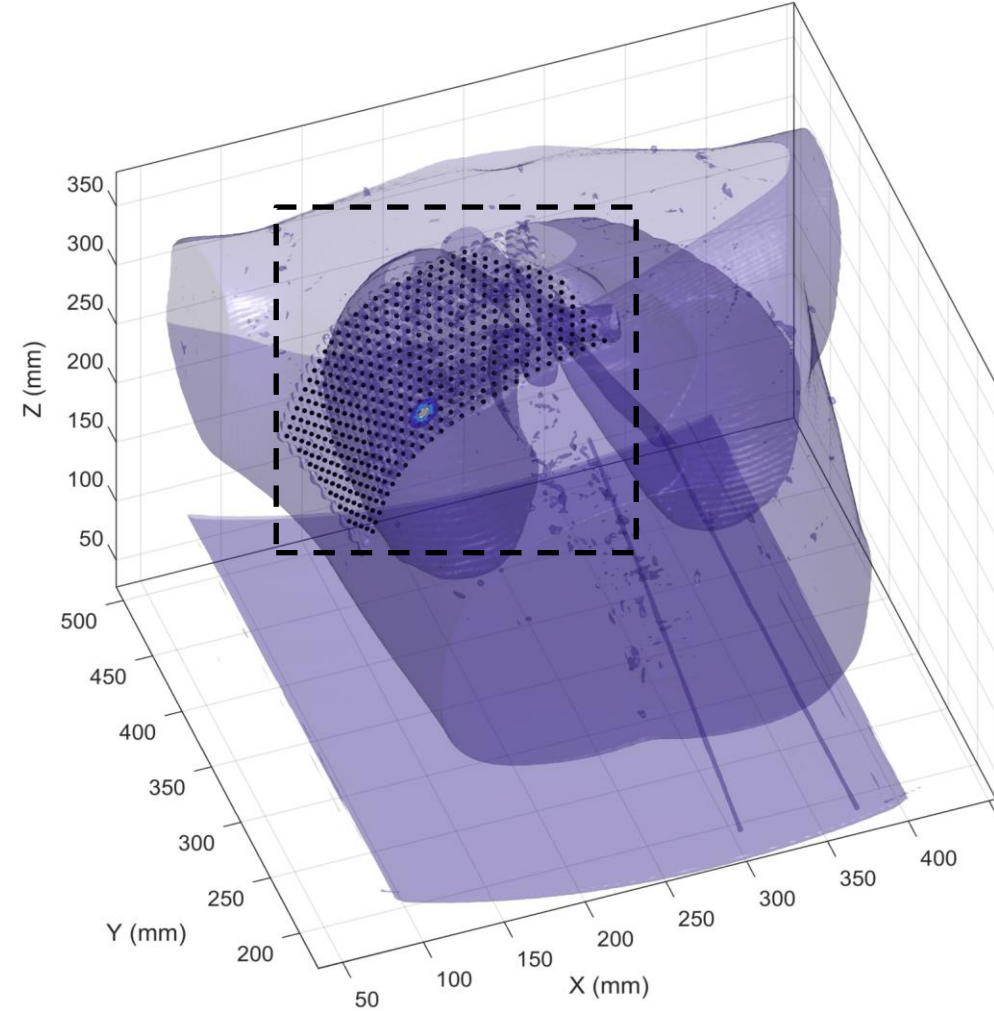
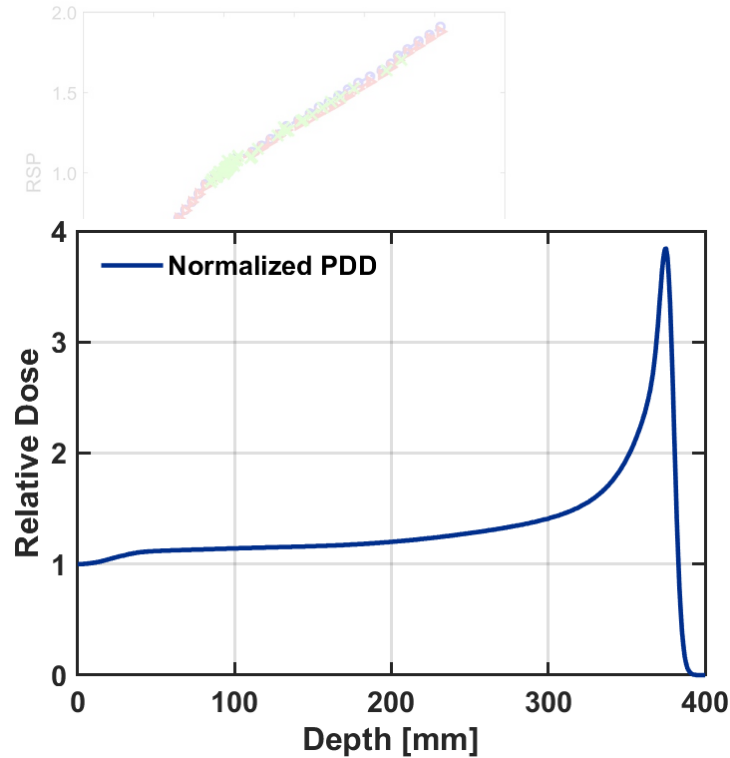
Surface dose was projected through target volume based on known **beam energy, geometry, dose build-up effects, and scatter-based blurring**

### CT Conversion to WET

Relative stopping power relationship to HU used to convert each CT layer to WET along beam path

### PDD Intensity Scaling

Surface dose spot profile scaled with depth based on energy-specific PDD



Surface dose was projected through target volume based on known **beam energy, geometry, dose build-up effects, and scatter-based blurring**

### CT Conversion to WET

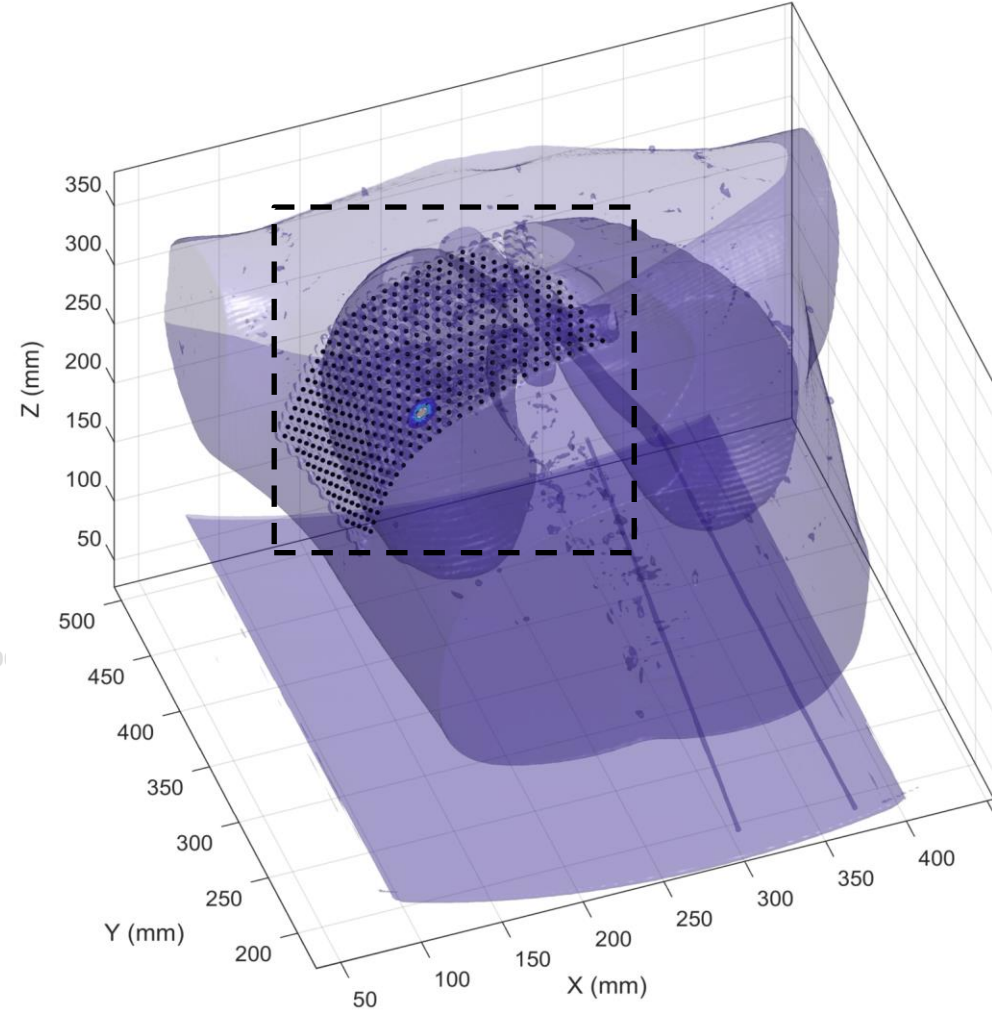
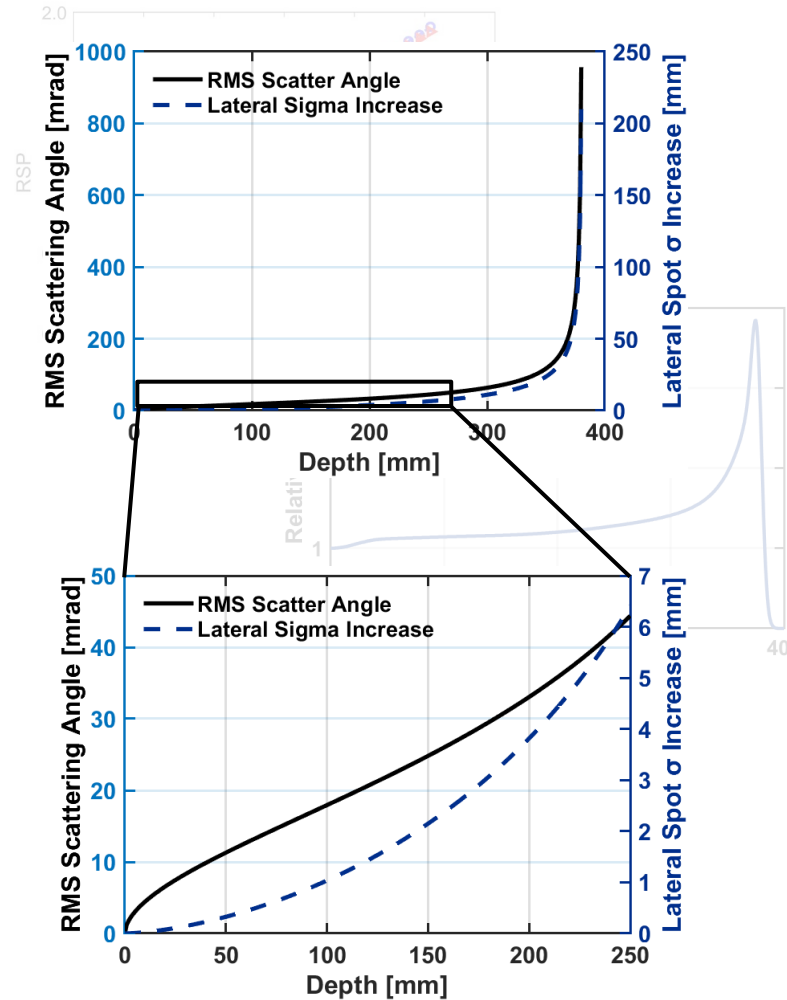
Relative stopping power relationship to HU used to convert each CT layer to WET along beam path

### PDD Intensity Scaling

Surface dose spot profile scaled with depth based on energy-specific PDD

### MCS/Beam Divergence

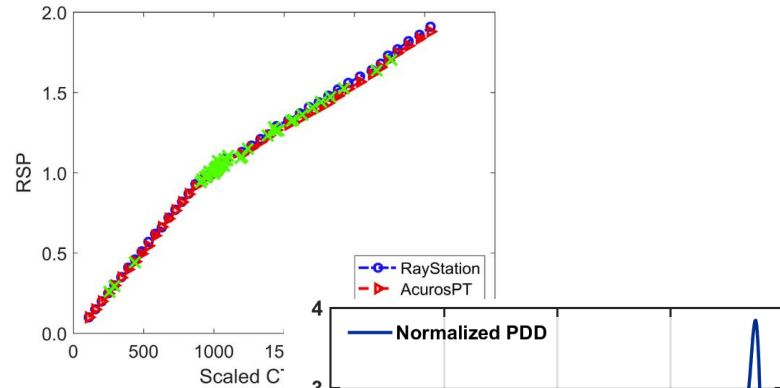
Spot profile augmented following MCS gaussian sigma spread and empirically observed beam divergence



Surface dose was projected through target volume based on known **beam energy, geometry, dose build-up effects, and scatter-based blurring**

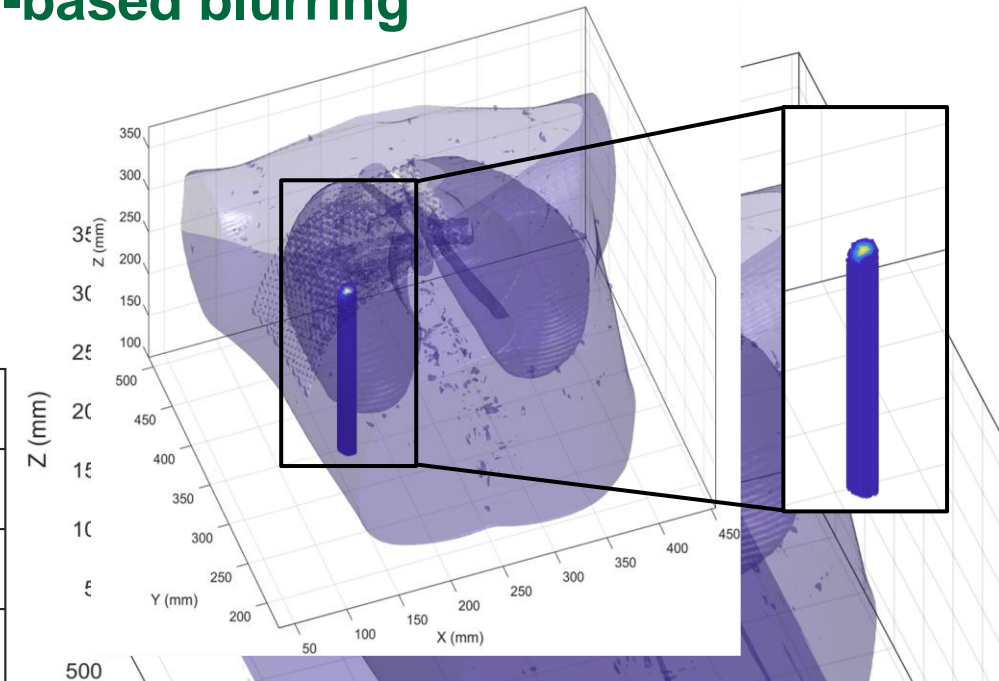
### CT Conversion to WET

Relative stopping power relationship to HU used to convert each CT layer to WET along beam path



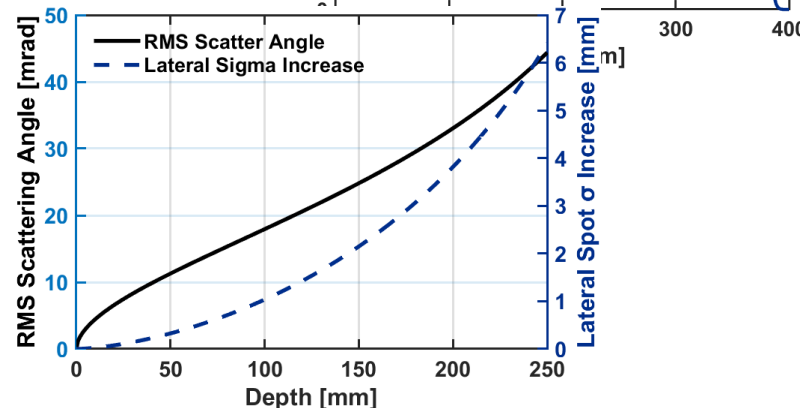
### PDD Intensity Scaling

Surface dose spot profile scaled with depth based on energy-specific PDD

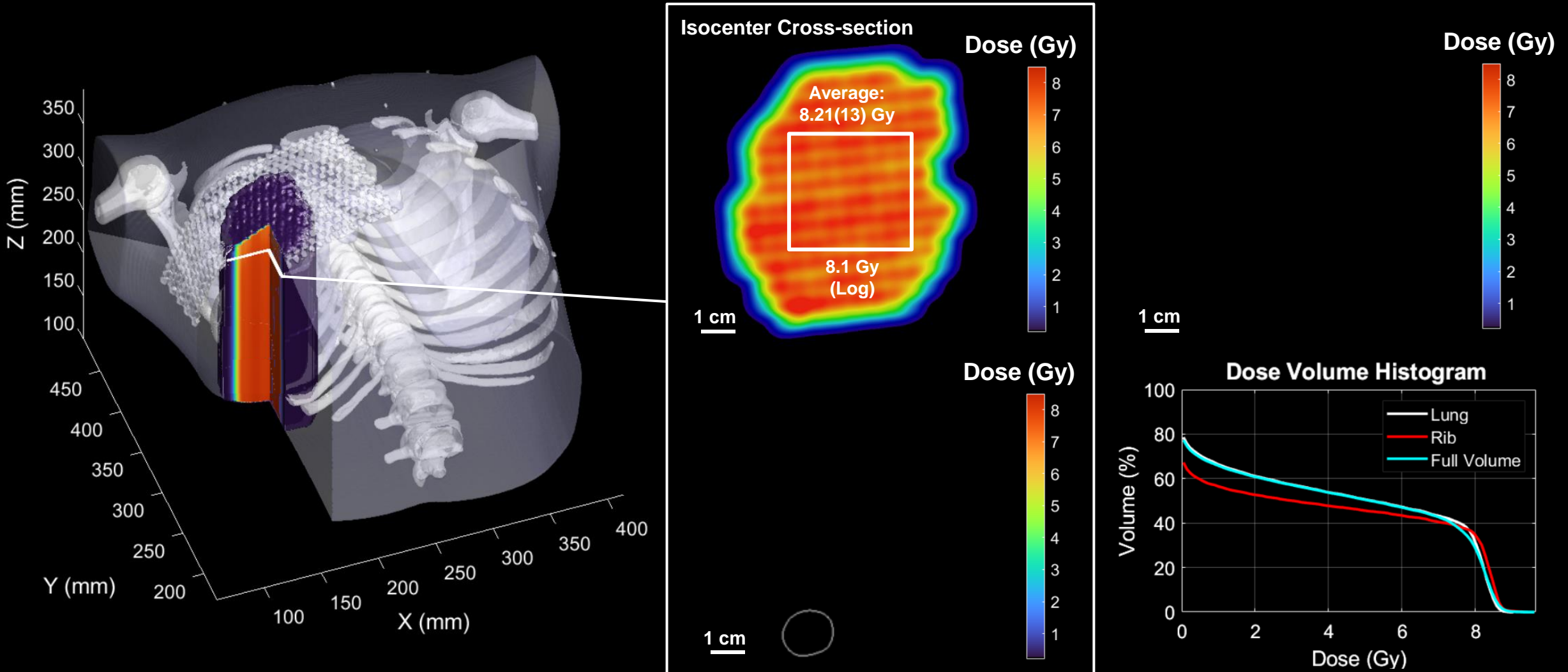


### MCS/Beam Divergence

Spot profile augmented following MCS gaussian sigma spread and empirically observed beam divergence

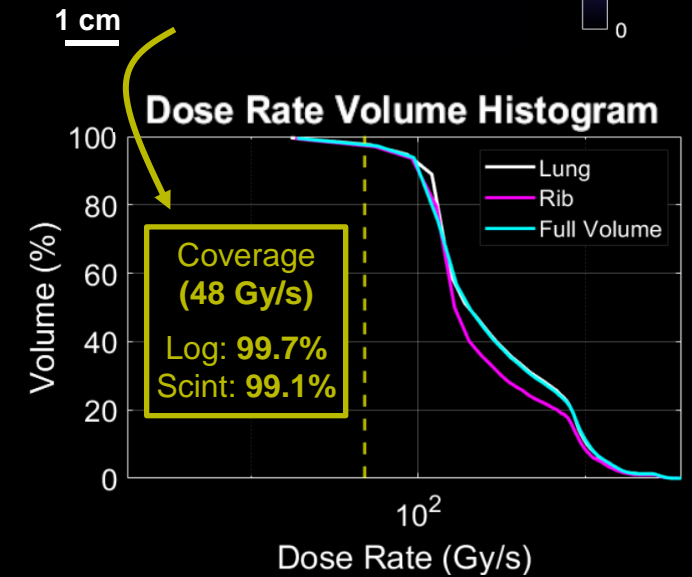
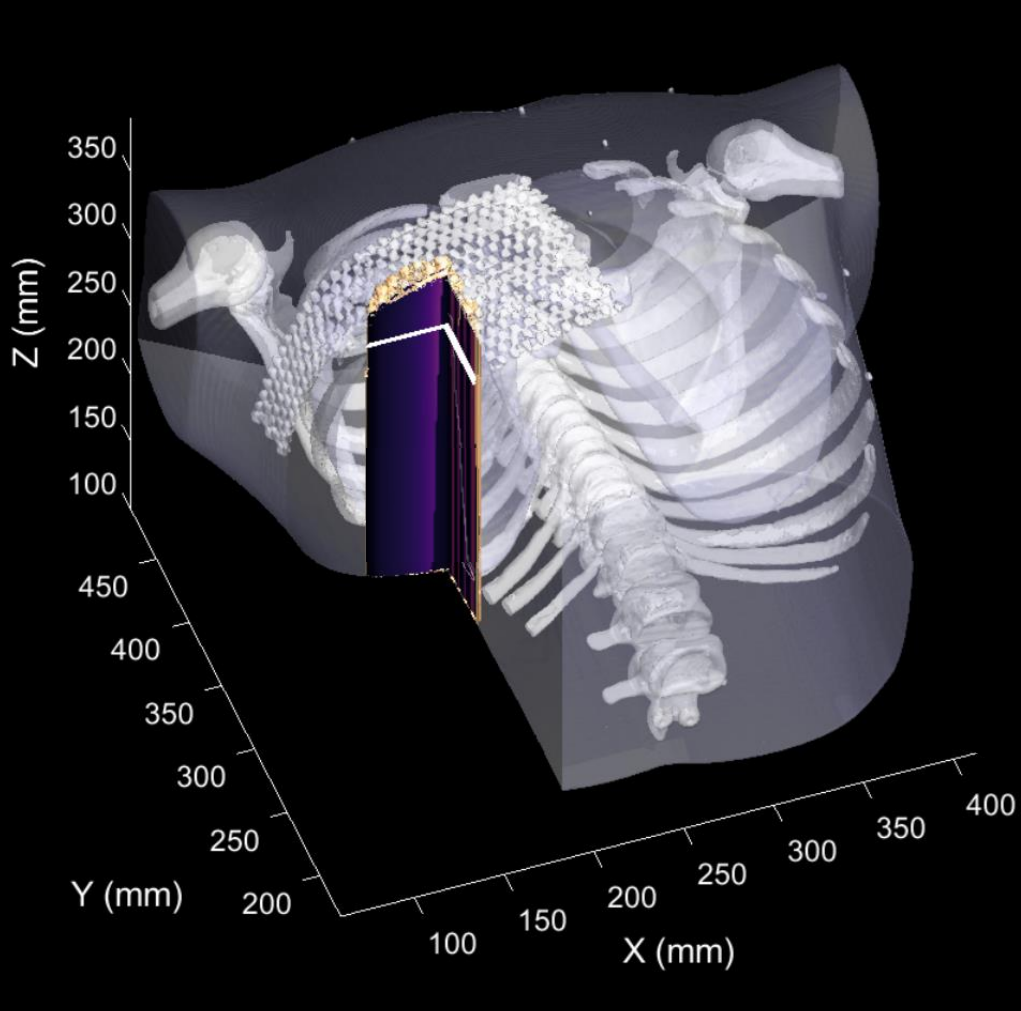


Following depth projection from time resolved surface dosimetry, **volumetric dose maps are derived with reference to the target volume at the 1000Hz imaging rate**



Dynamic surface dose profile used to derive **volumetric PBS dose rate maps**, giving insight to the **dependence on  $D_{\dagger}$  selection**

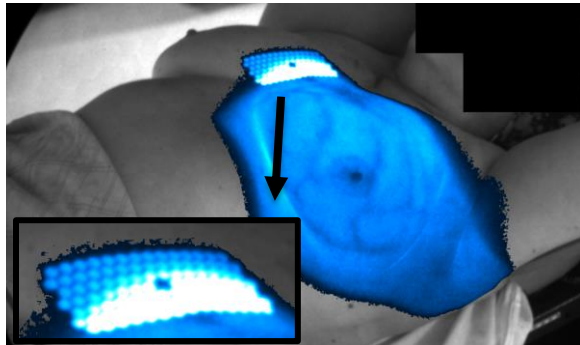
$$D_{PBS}(\vec{x}) = \frac{(D(\vec{x}) - D_{\dagger}) - D_{\dagger}}{t(\vec{x})}$$



## Conclusions

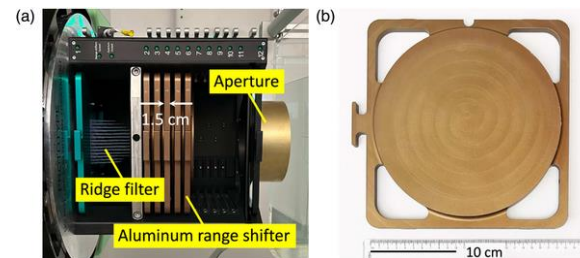
1. Novel dosimeter for *in vivo* application, capable of **real time monitoring** of radiation delivery under UHDR conditions
2. Surface dose maps were constructed from scintillation imaging with **<1ms temporal and 1mm spatial resolution**
3. Dynamic surface dose profiles were localized to the target CT and projected to construct **dose and PBS dose rate volumetric maps**

### Conventional EBRT



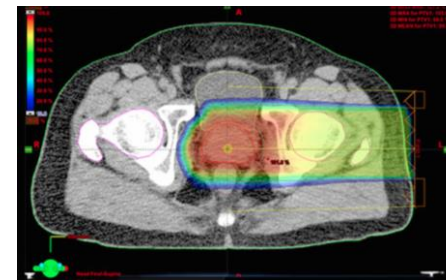
## Future Directions

### Conformal PBS FLASH

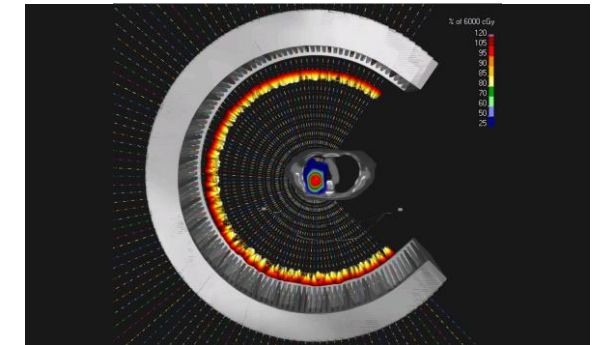


Chen et al. Med Phys DOI: 10.1002/mp.17050

### Conventional PT



### Proton Arc



# Thank You!



# DARTMOUTH



Petr Bruza,  
PhD



David Gladstone, ScD



Leslie Jarvis,  
MD PhD



Brian Pogue,  
PhD



Charles Thomas, MD



Megan Clark,  
PhD



Jacob Sunnerberg, PhD



Austin Sloop, MS



Xander Geiersbach, MS



Shiru Wang,  
MS



Kevin Willy,  
BS



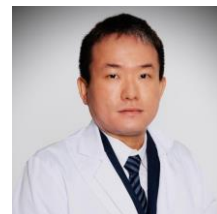
Natasha Mulenga,  
BS



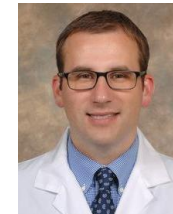
Rafael Carballeira, BS



Joseph Harms,  
PhD



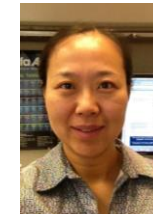
Rongxiao Zhang,  
PhD



Anthony Mascia,  
PhD



Yongbin Zhang,  
MS



Zhiyan Xiao, PhD

**EXTRA SLIDES**