



# Dose-dependent biological damage of tumour cells by laser-accelerated proton beams

*status proton acceleration  
first cell irradiation  
(online) diagnostics*

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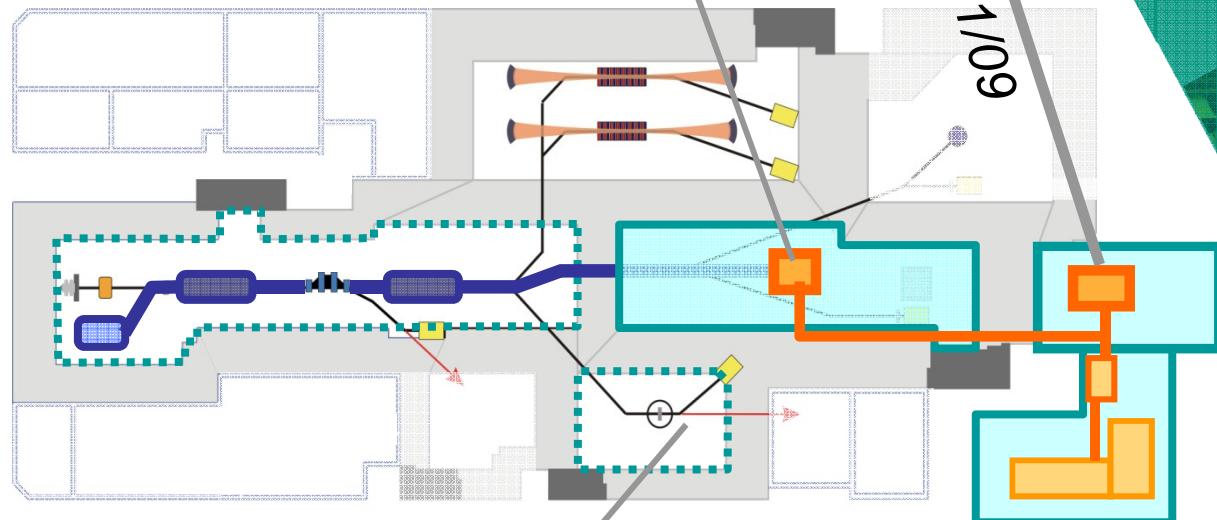
# The present 150 TW laser labs @ ELBE



Electron acceleration

Thomson scattering

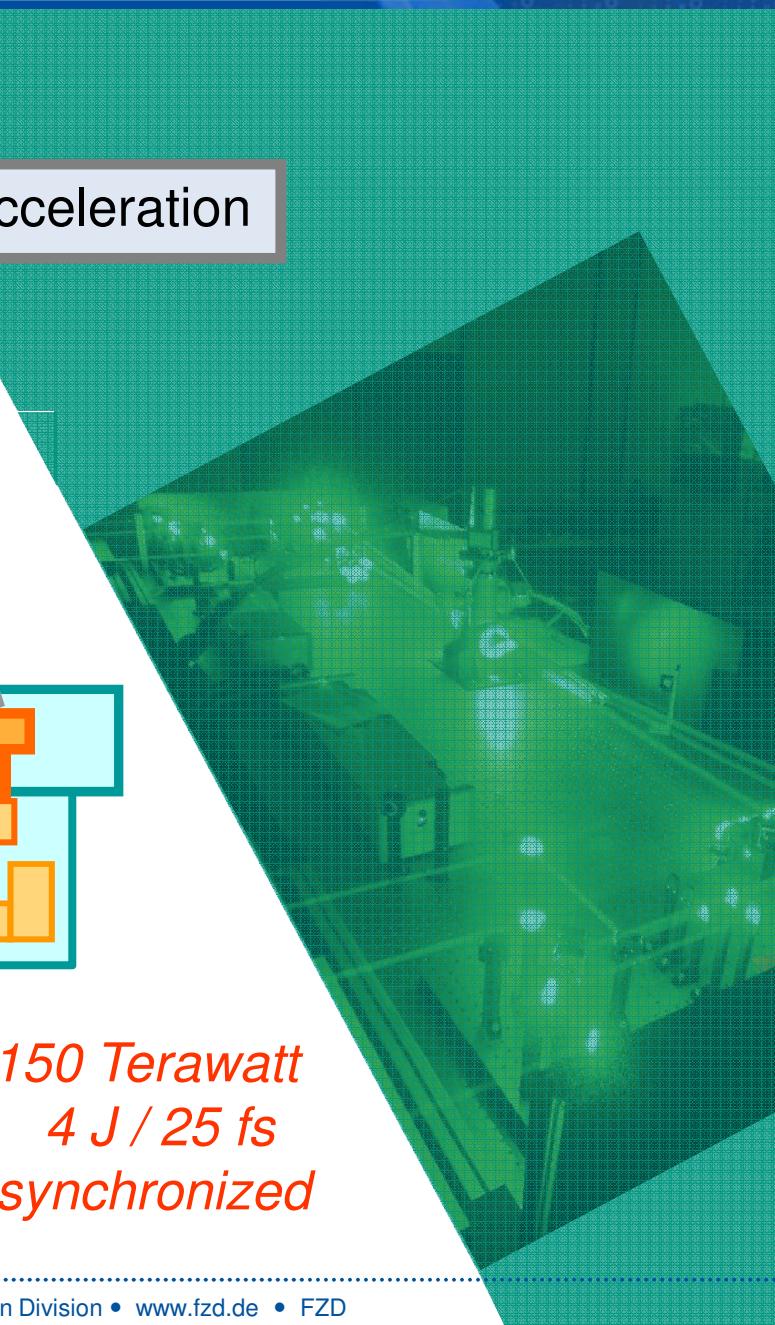
Ion acceleration



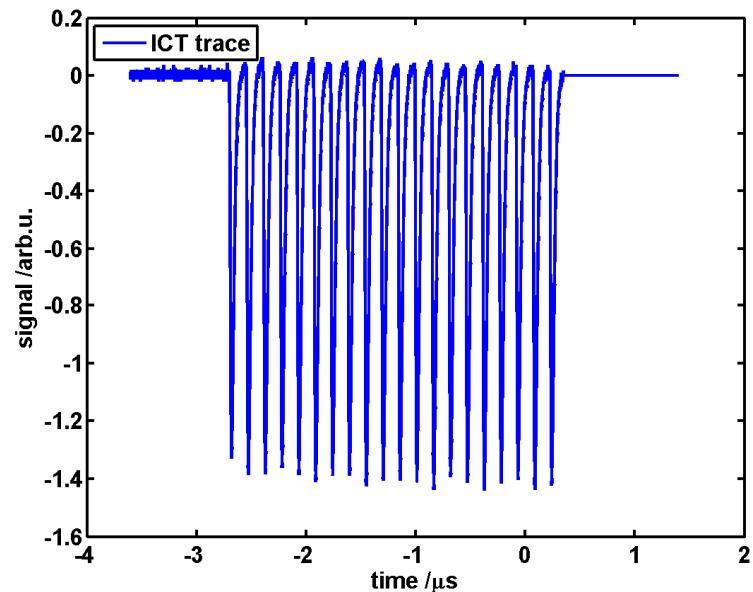
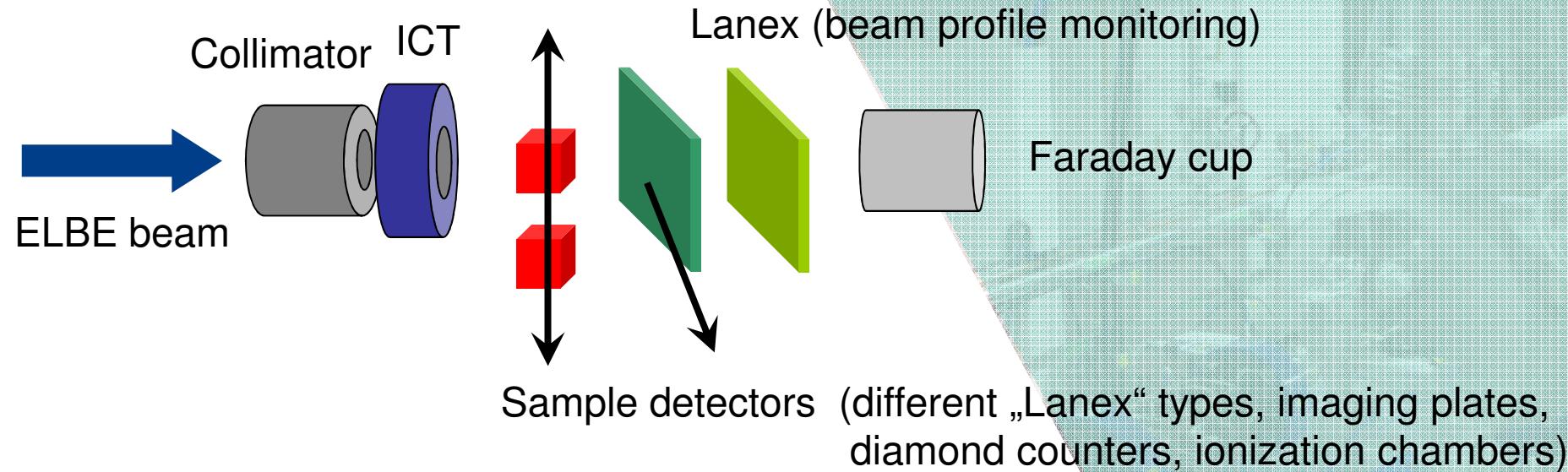
detector calibration  
cell irradiation



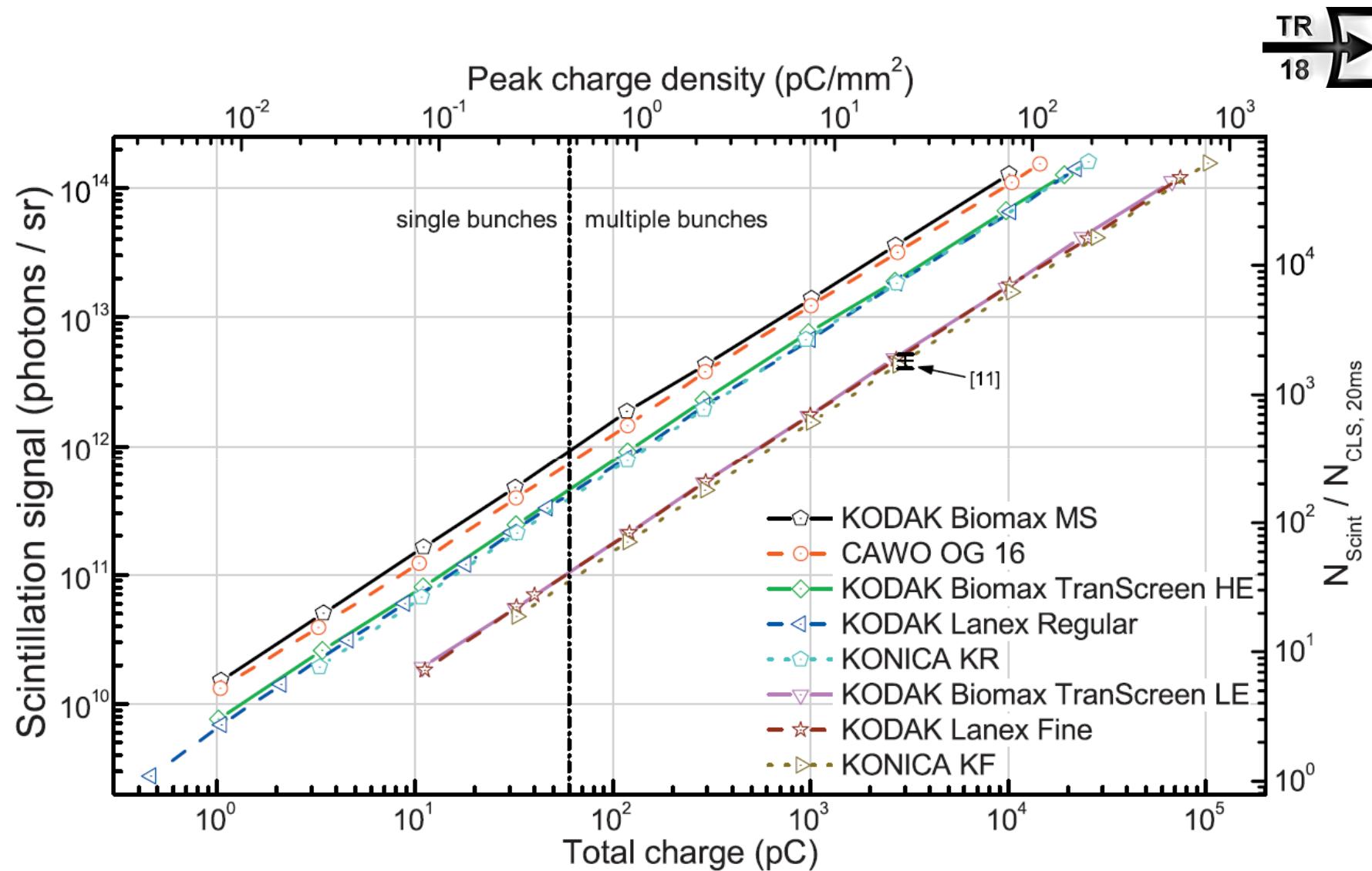
150 Terawatt  
4 J / 25 fs  
synchronized



# Detector calibration



- up to 70 pC (at present) in ps pulses
- pulse trains (13 MHz) or single pulses
- external 200 keV X-ray reference

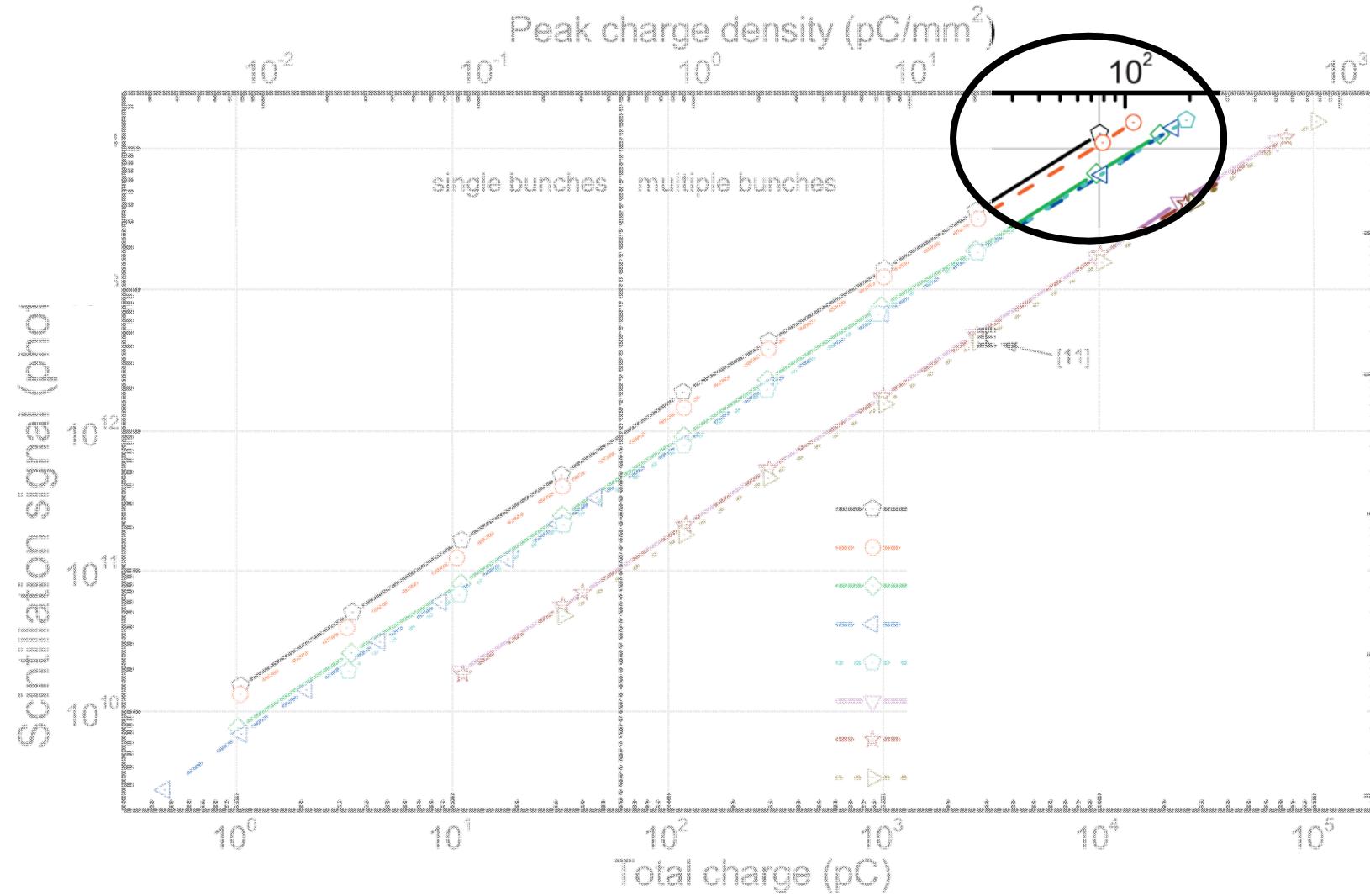


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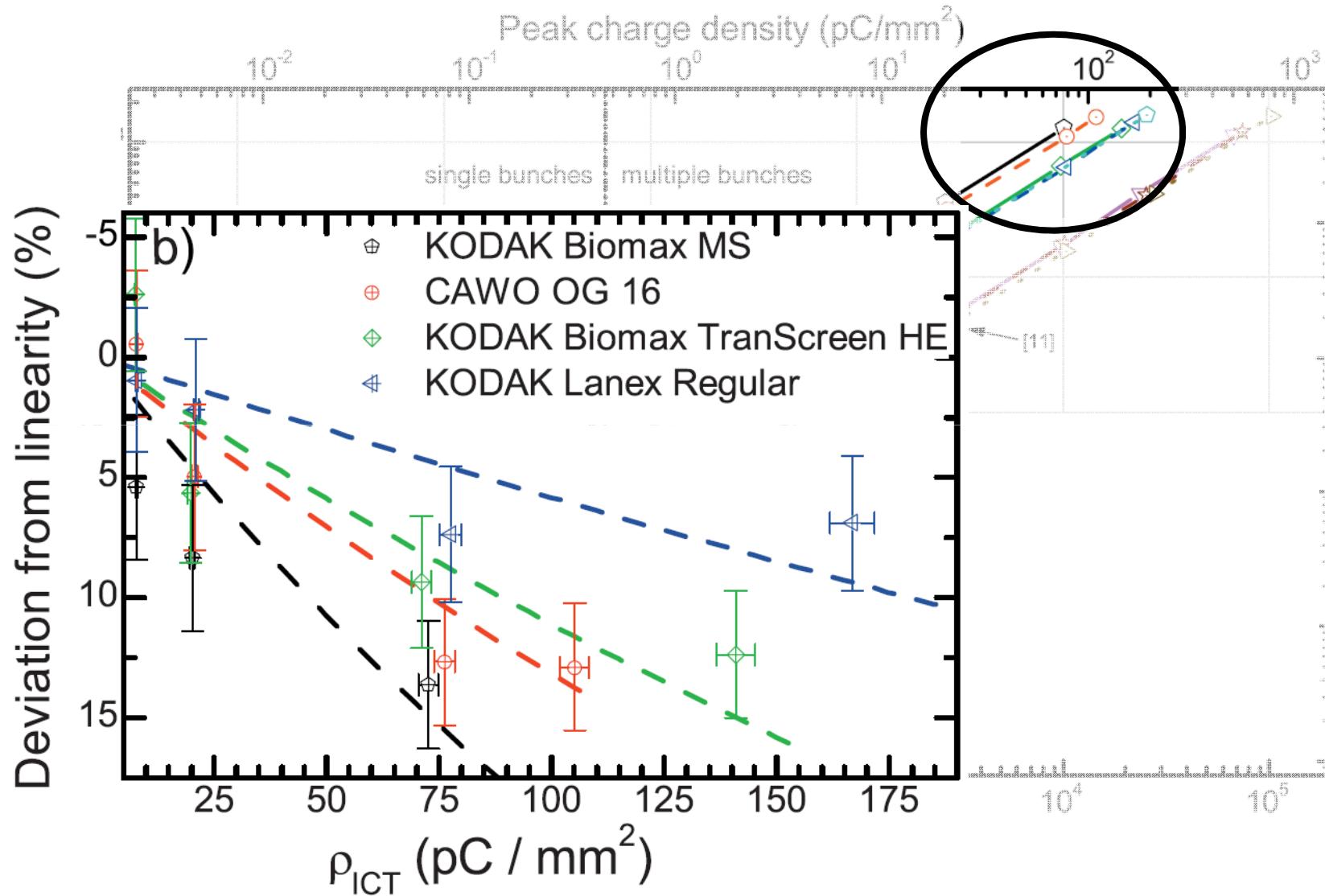
# „Lanex“ and IP calibration (with independent reference)



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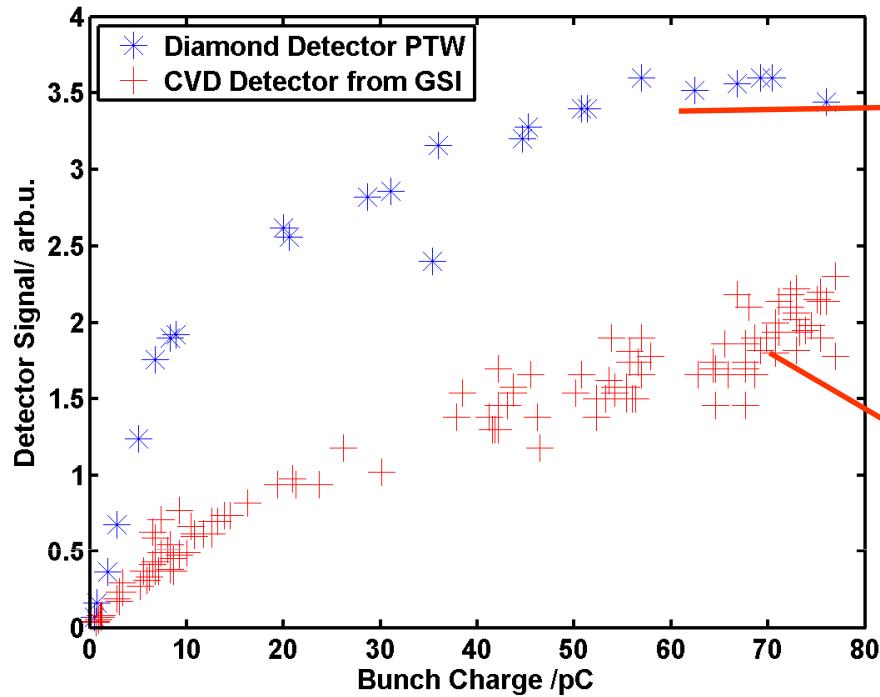


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# Diamond detectors



## PTW-Diamond (natural) [specs]:

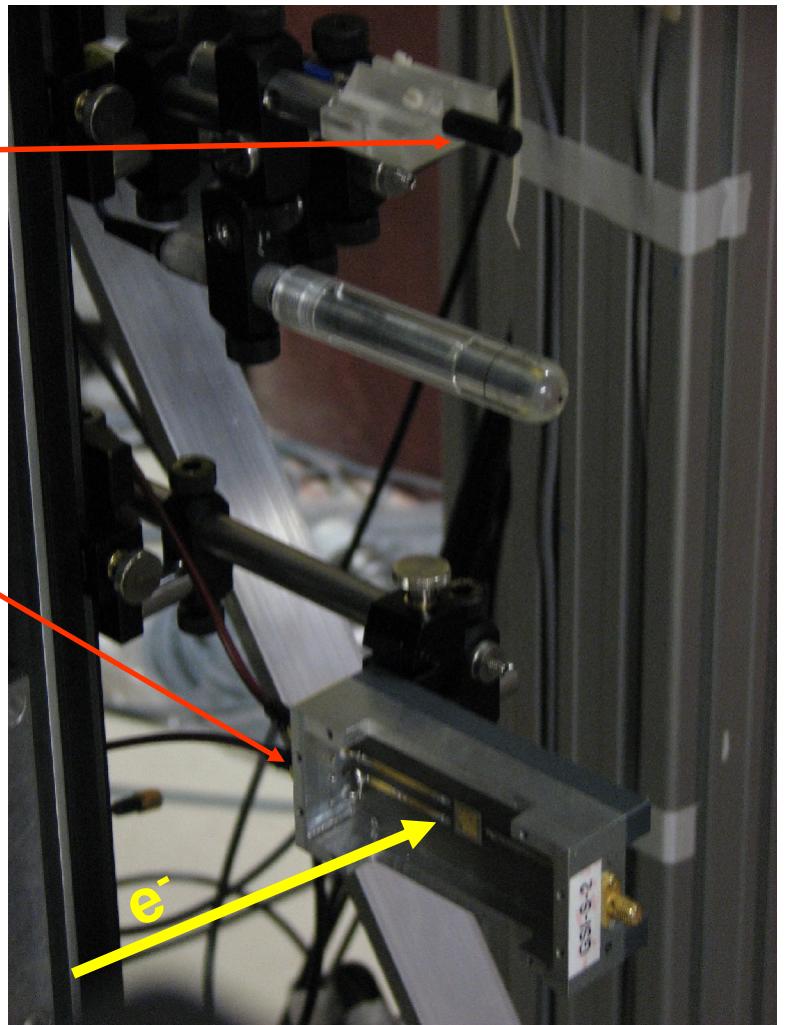
80 keV ... 20 MV photons

(4 ... 20) MeV electrons

Sensitive volume (3 ...15) mm<sup>2</sup> x (0.1 ... 0.4) mm

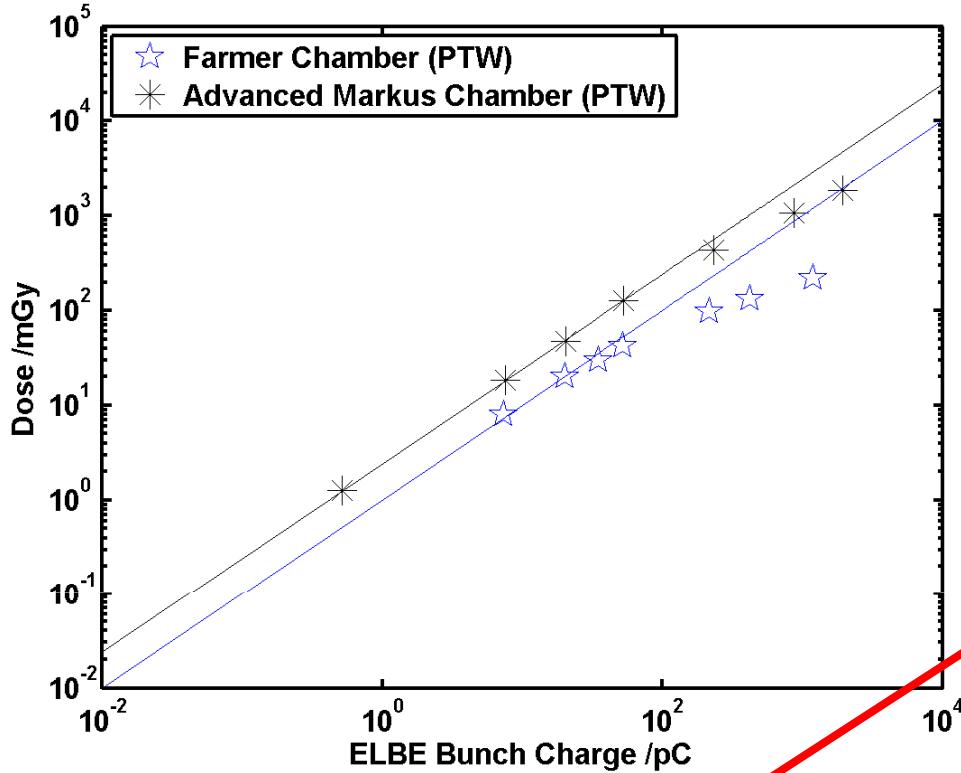
## Chemical Vapor Deposition by GSI

Sensitive volume 100 mm<sup>2</sup> x 100 μm



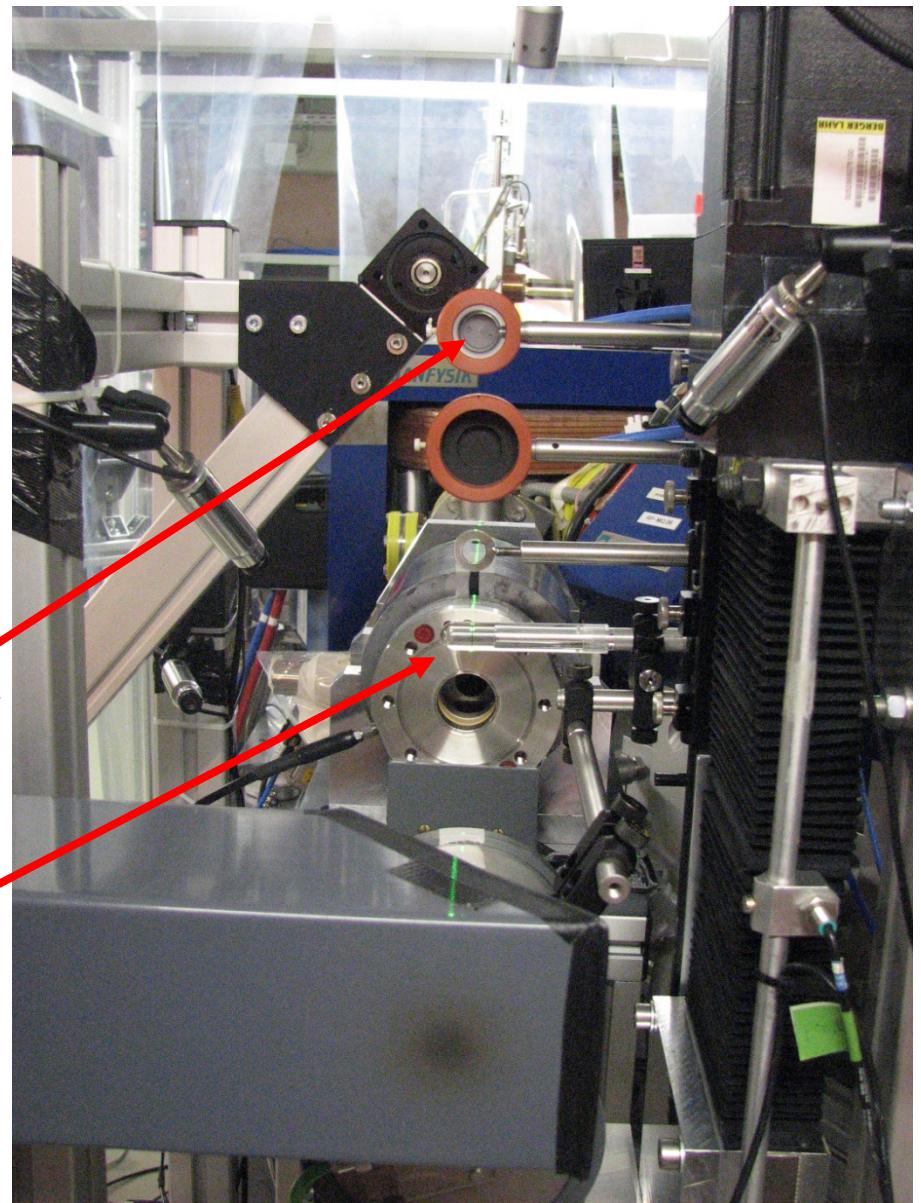
- No amplifiers needed
- Fast response → TOF for low energetic ions
- High sensitivity/dynamic range

# Ionization chambers

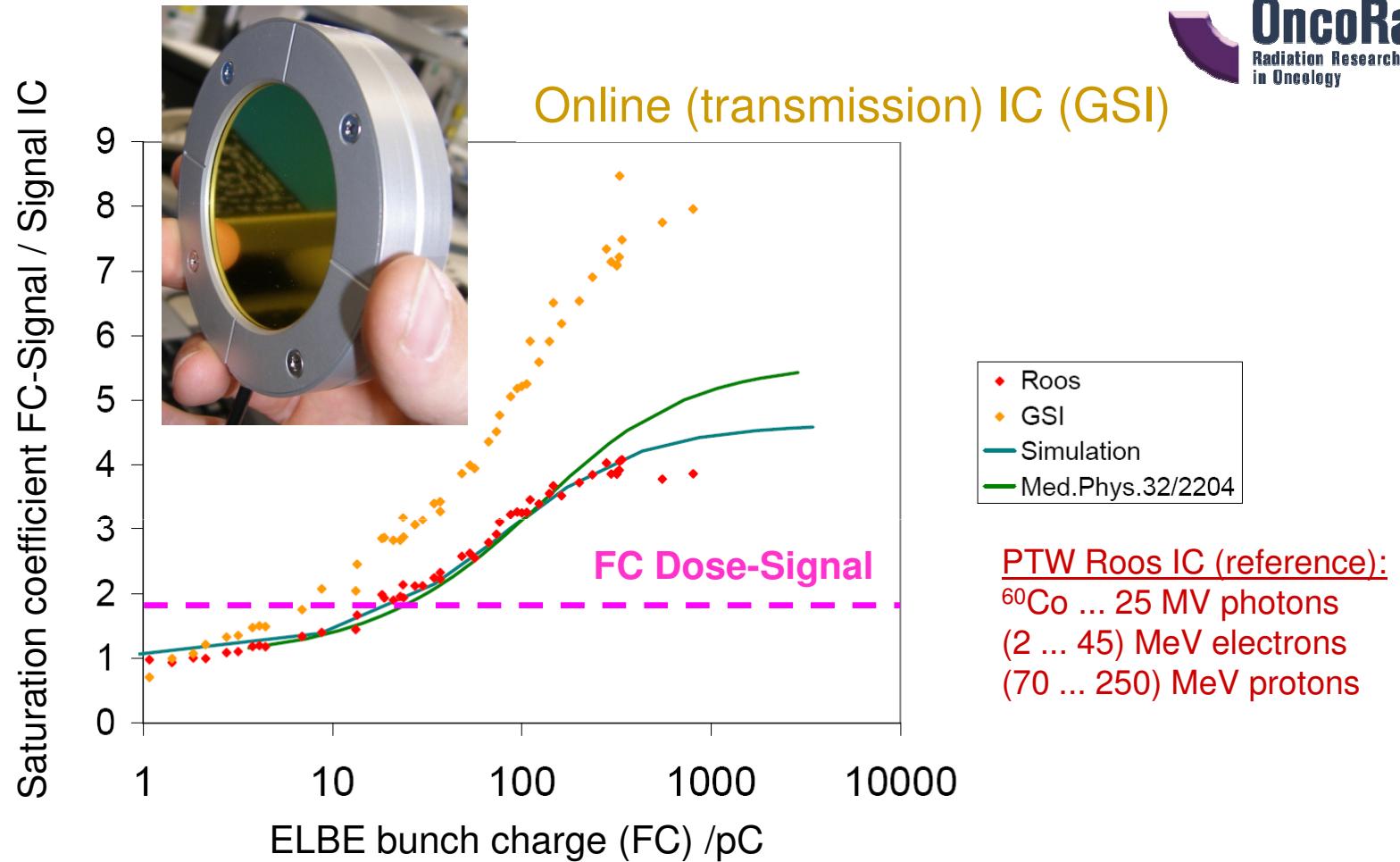


Advanced Markus IC:  
(2 ... 45) MeV electrons

Farmer IC:  
30 keV ... 50 MV photons  
(10 ... 45) MeV electrons  
(50 ... 104) MeV protons



# Ionization chambers



→ No significant influence of the higher peak current ( $\text{ps pulses}$ ) as compared to conventional calibration sources ( $\mu\text{s pulses}$ )

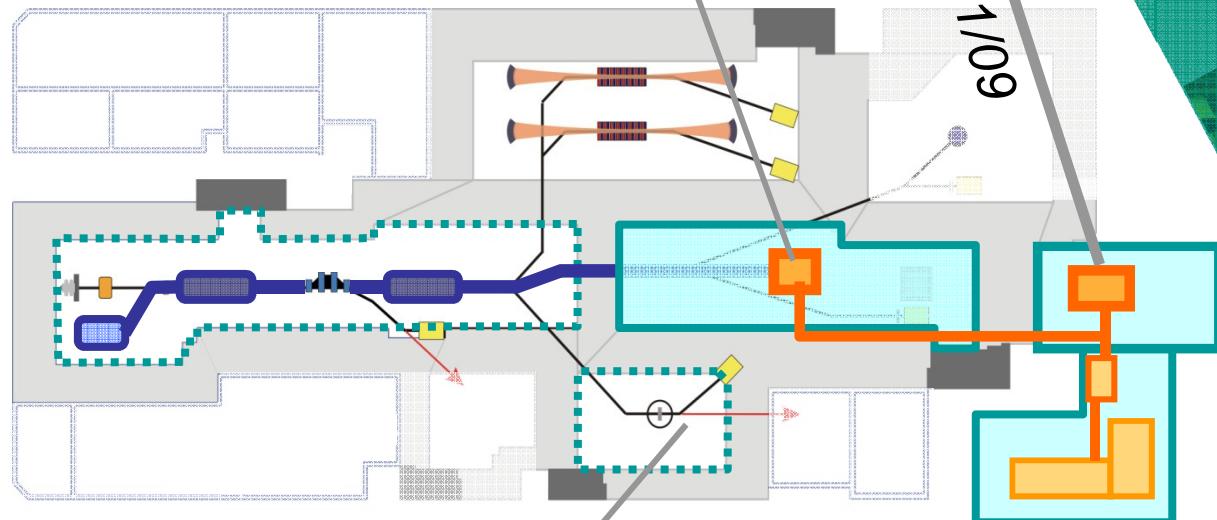
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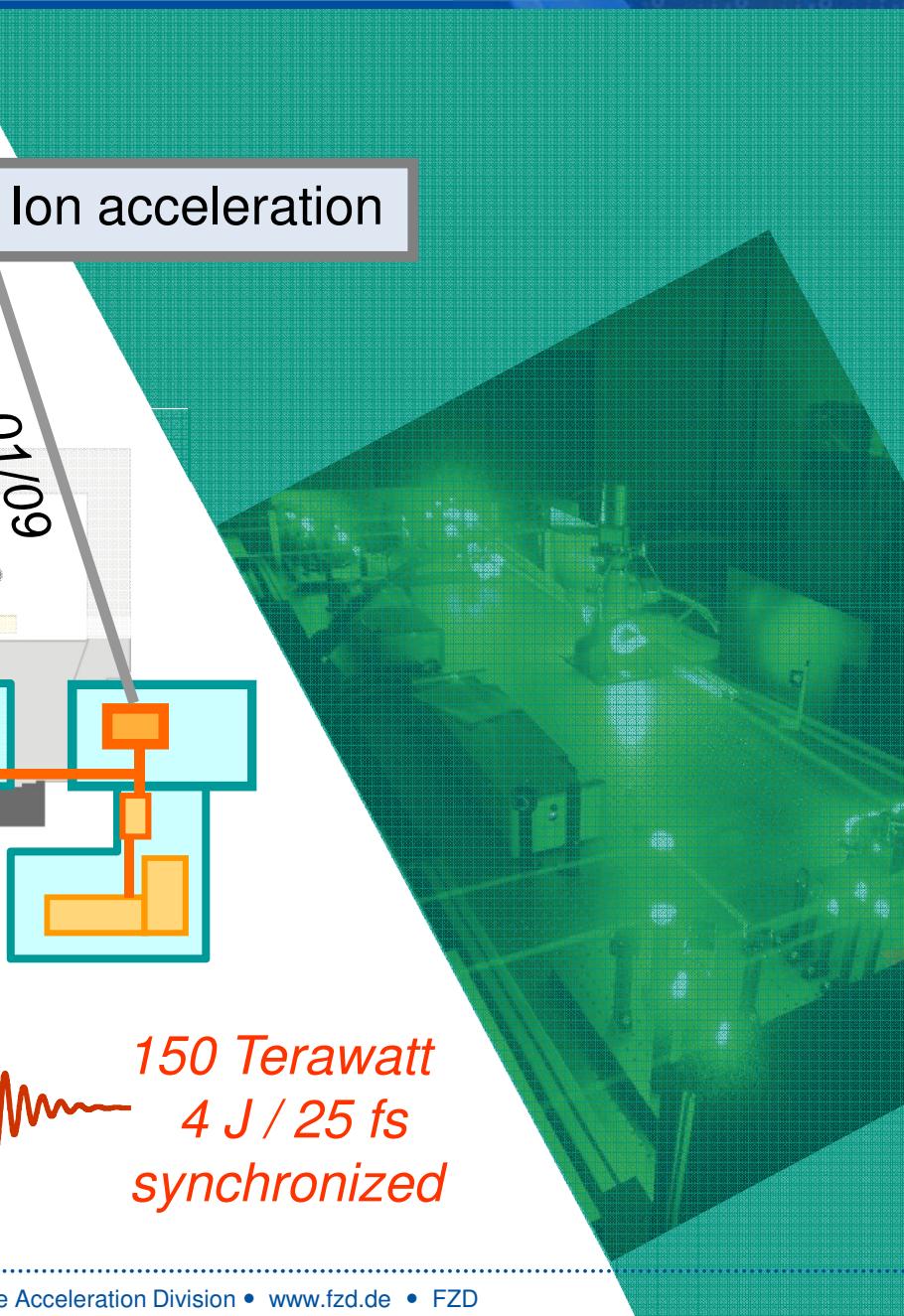
Thomson scattering

Ion acceleration



detector calibration  
cell irradiation

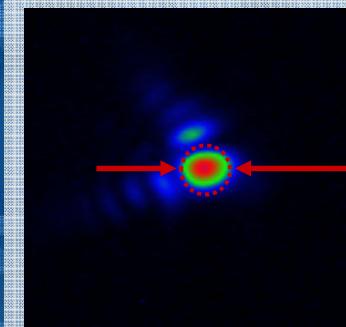
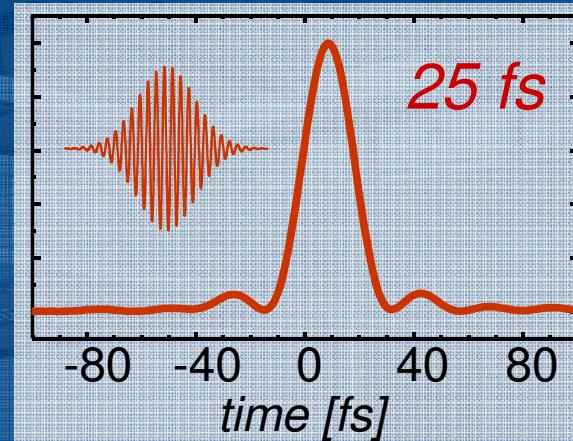
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# 150 TW laser DRACO\* @ FZD

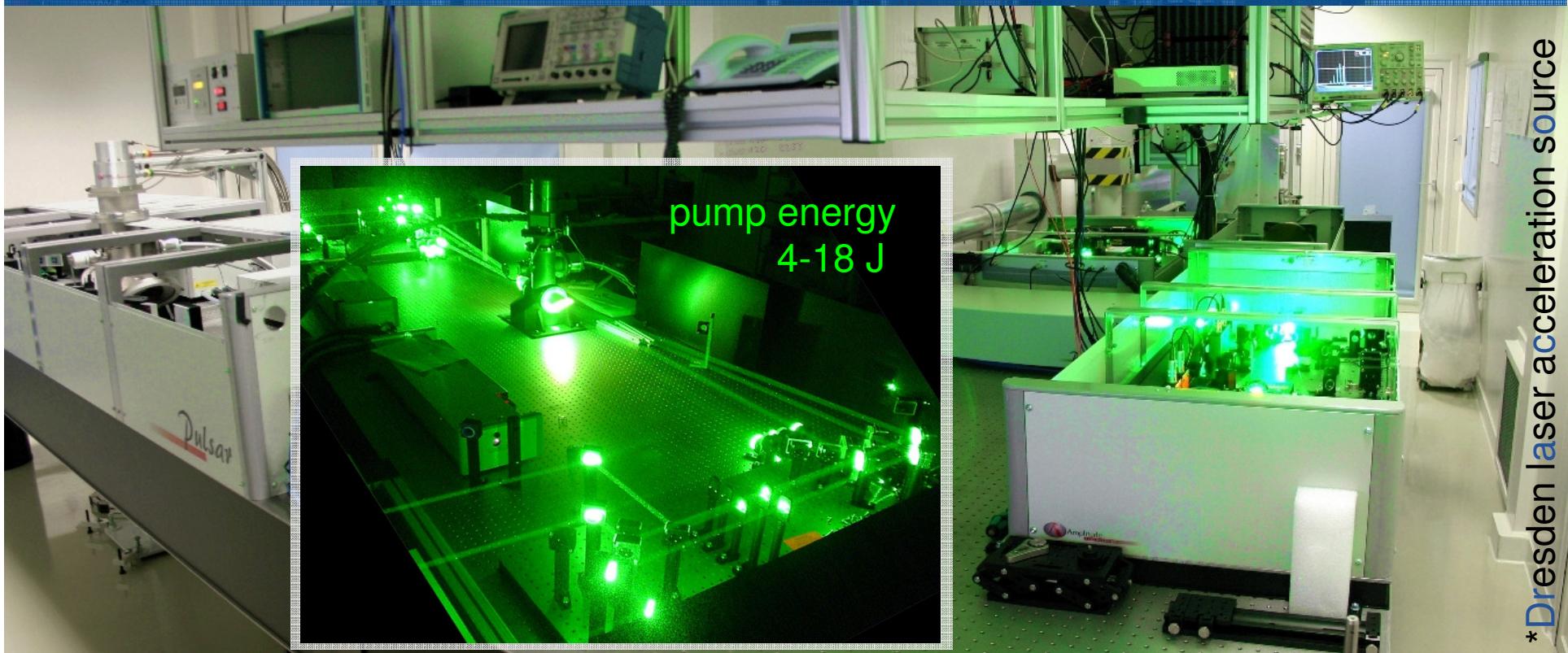


**Ti:Sapphire  
CPA laser  
>4 J (on target)  
10 Hz**

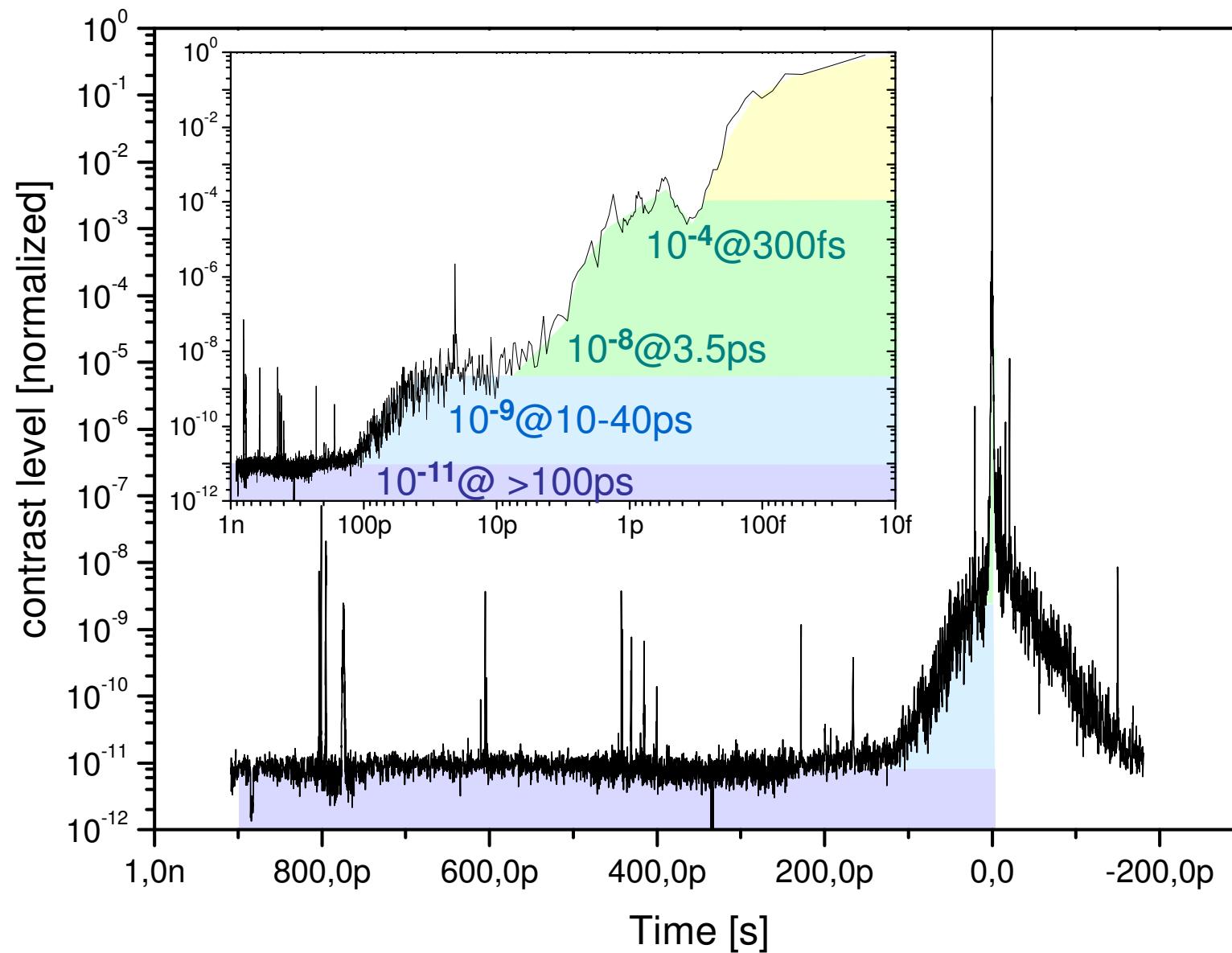


**FWHM  
3.2 μm  
80%**

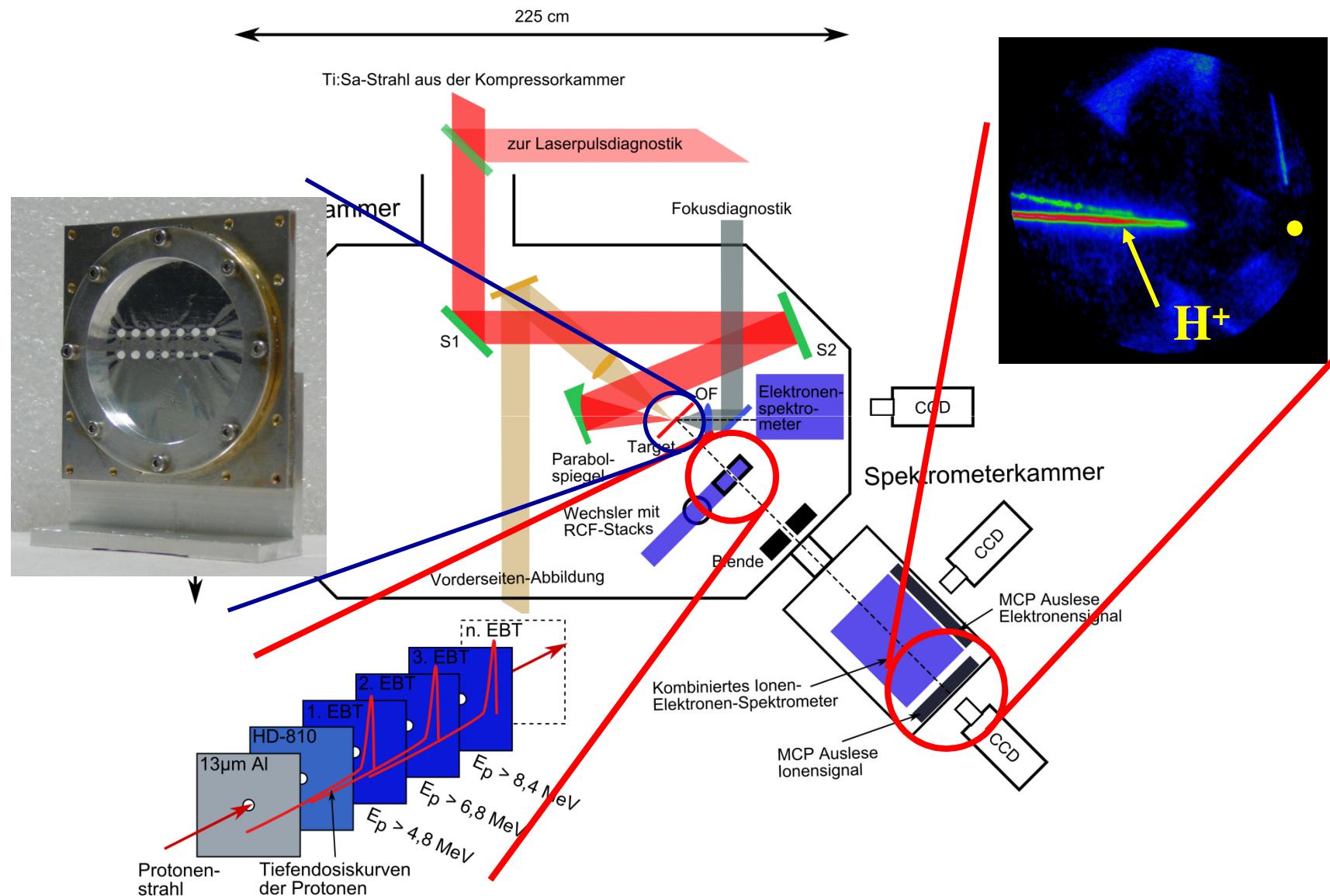
**$I > 10^{21} \text{ W/cm}^2$**



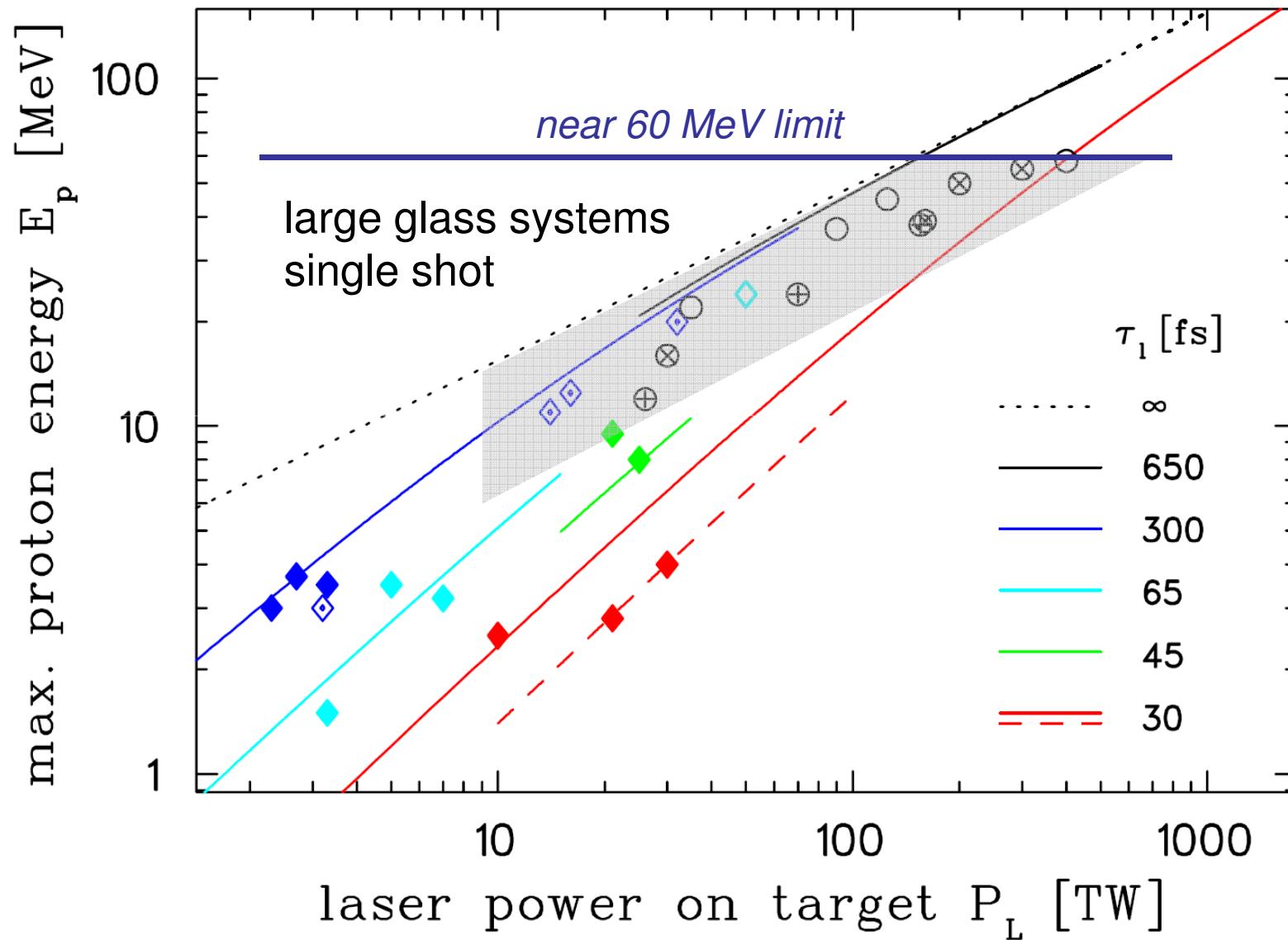
# Pulse contrast (full chain, no plasma mirror)



# Laser ion acceleration - setup

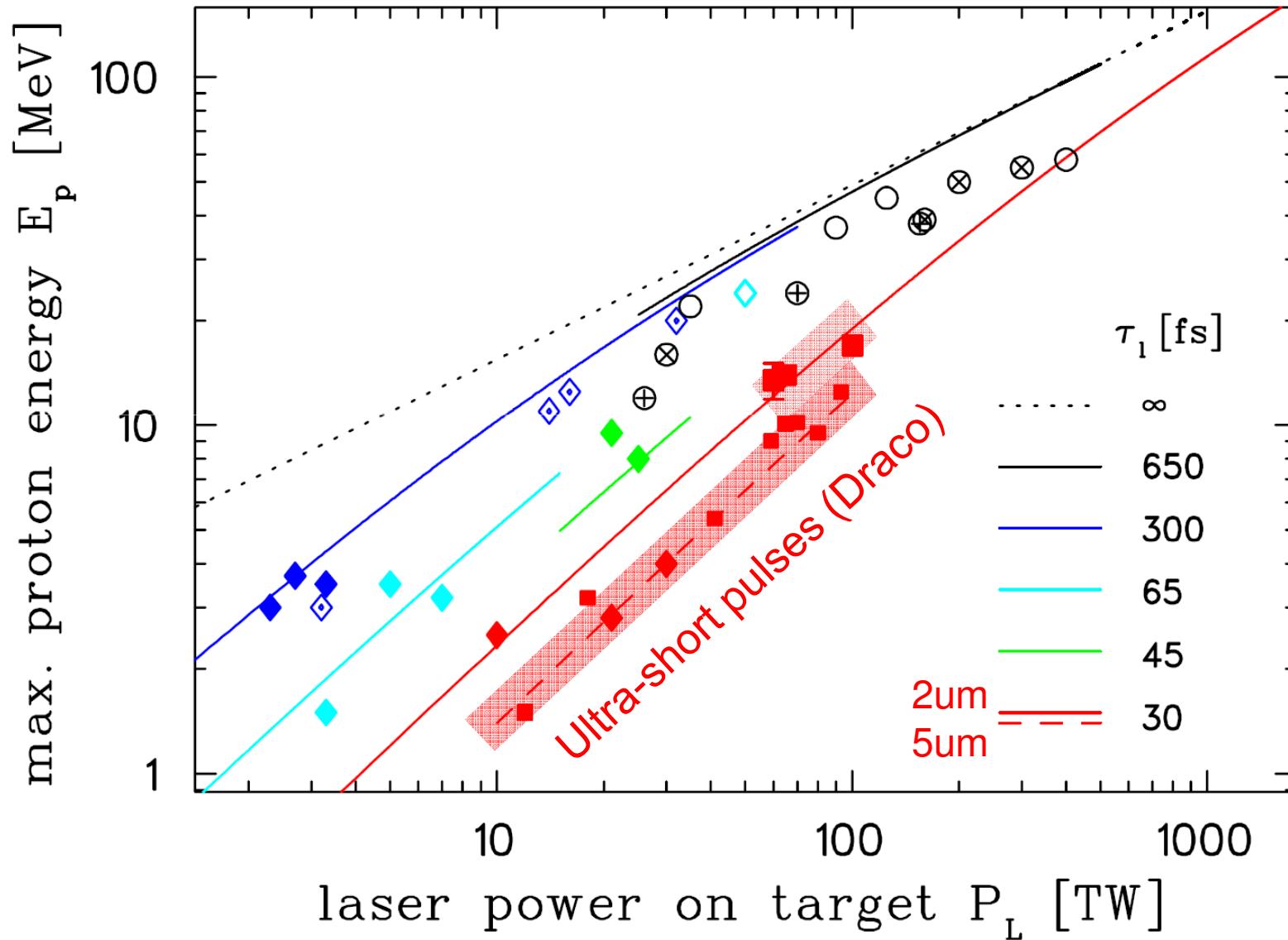


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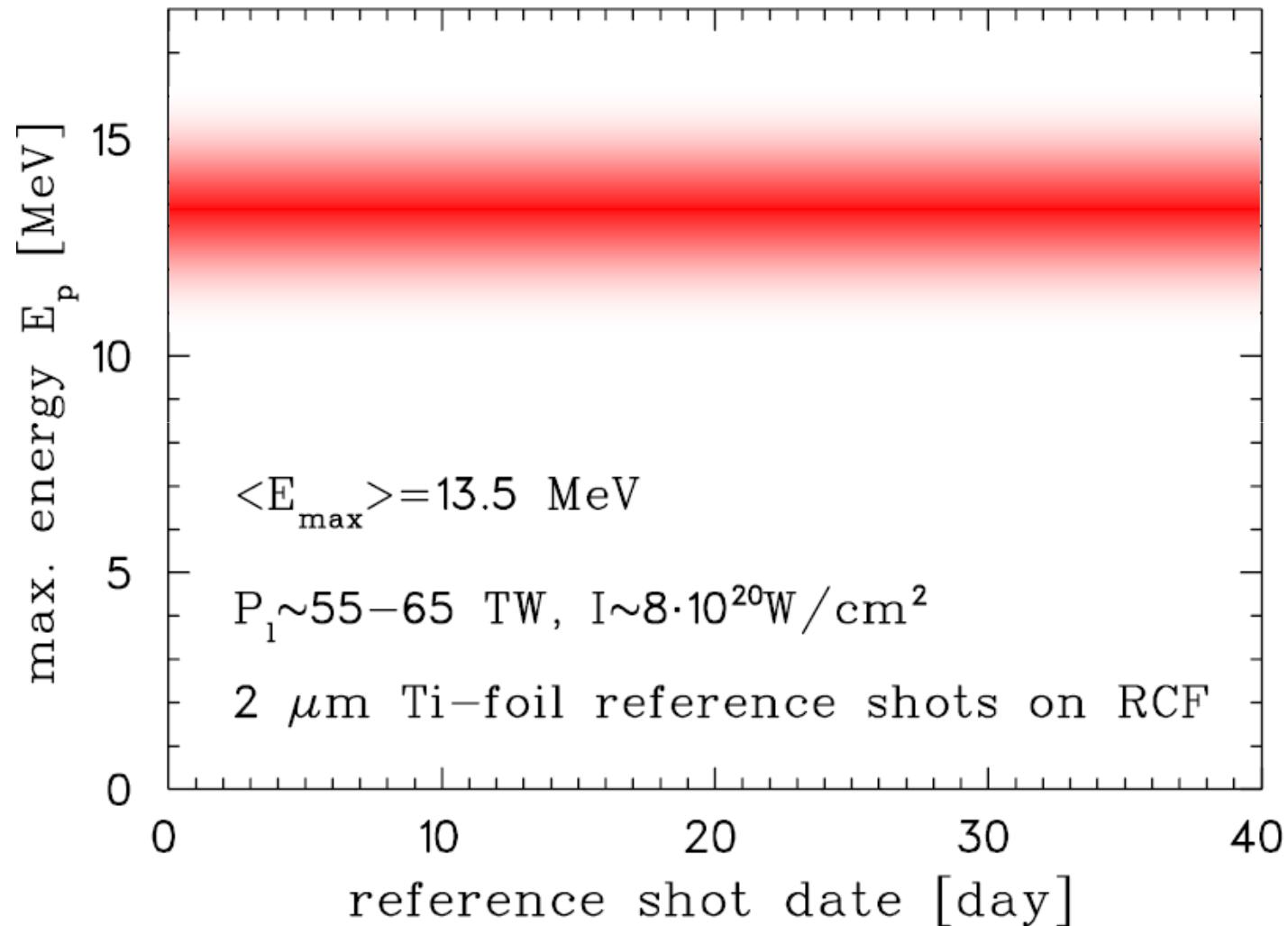


scaling following J. Schreiber, et al., PRL 97, 045005, 2006

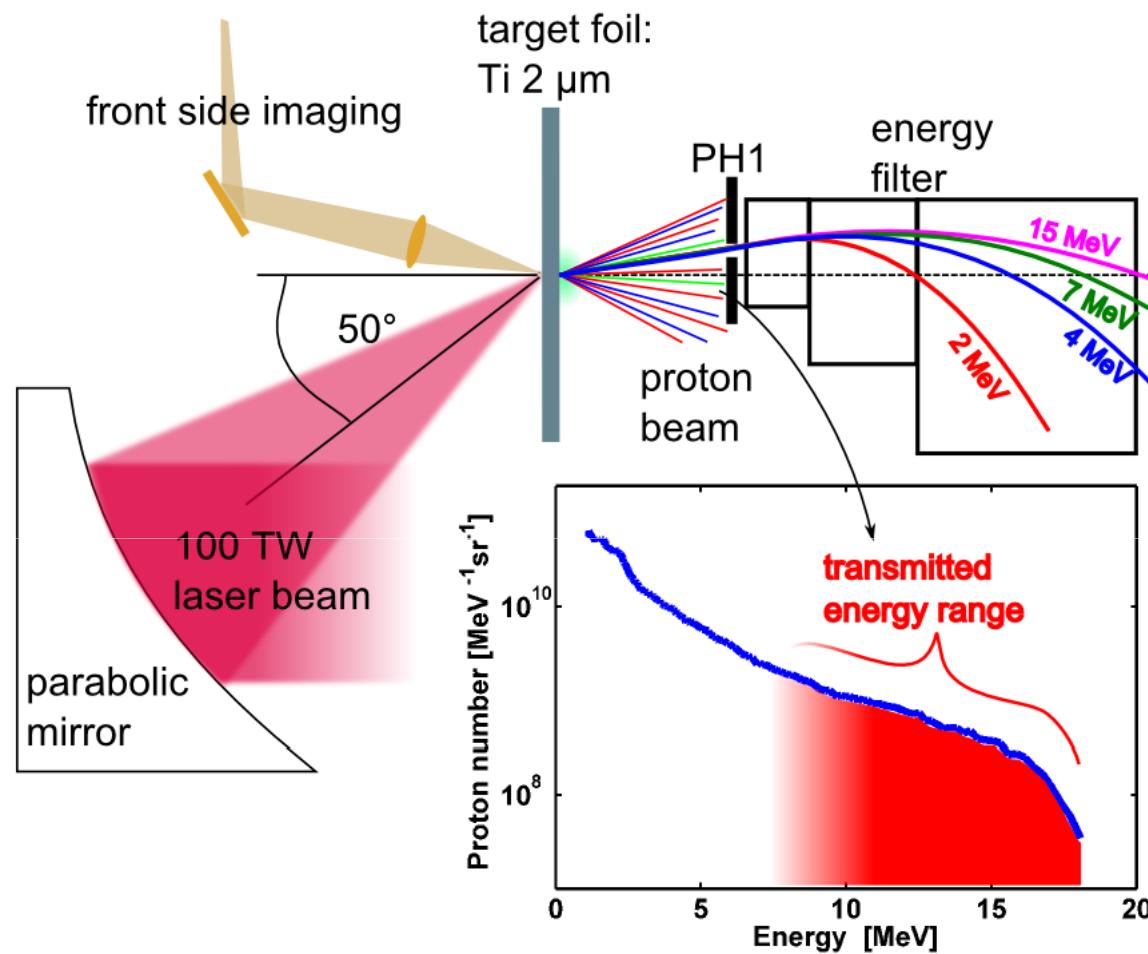
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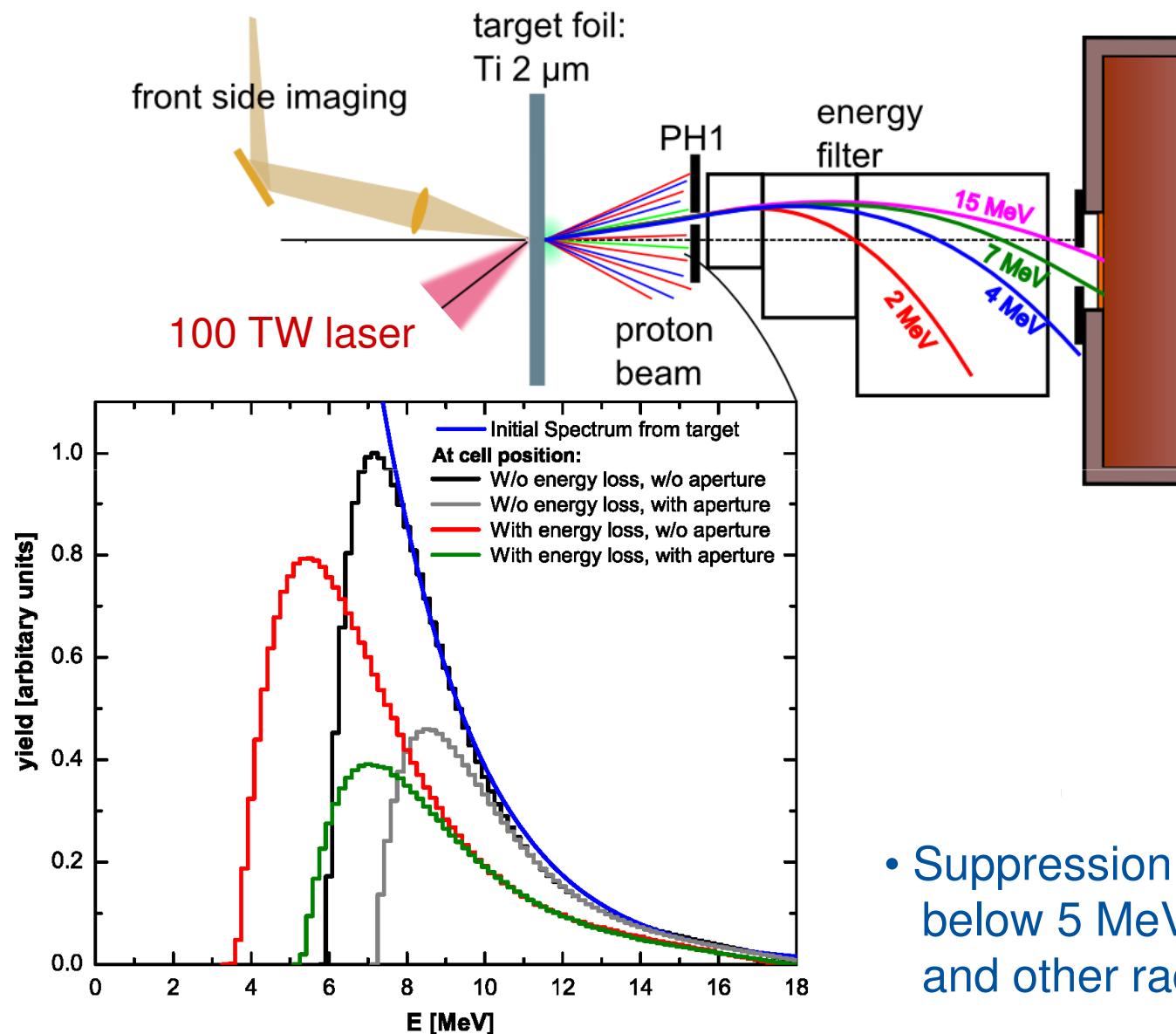


# Dose dependent cell irradiation



- Provision of sufficiently energetic proton pulses for filtering
- Establishment of dosimetry protocol, online and absolute dosimetry

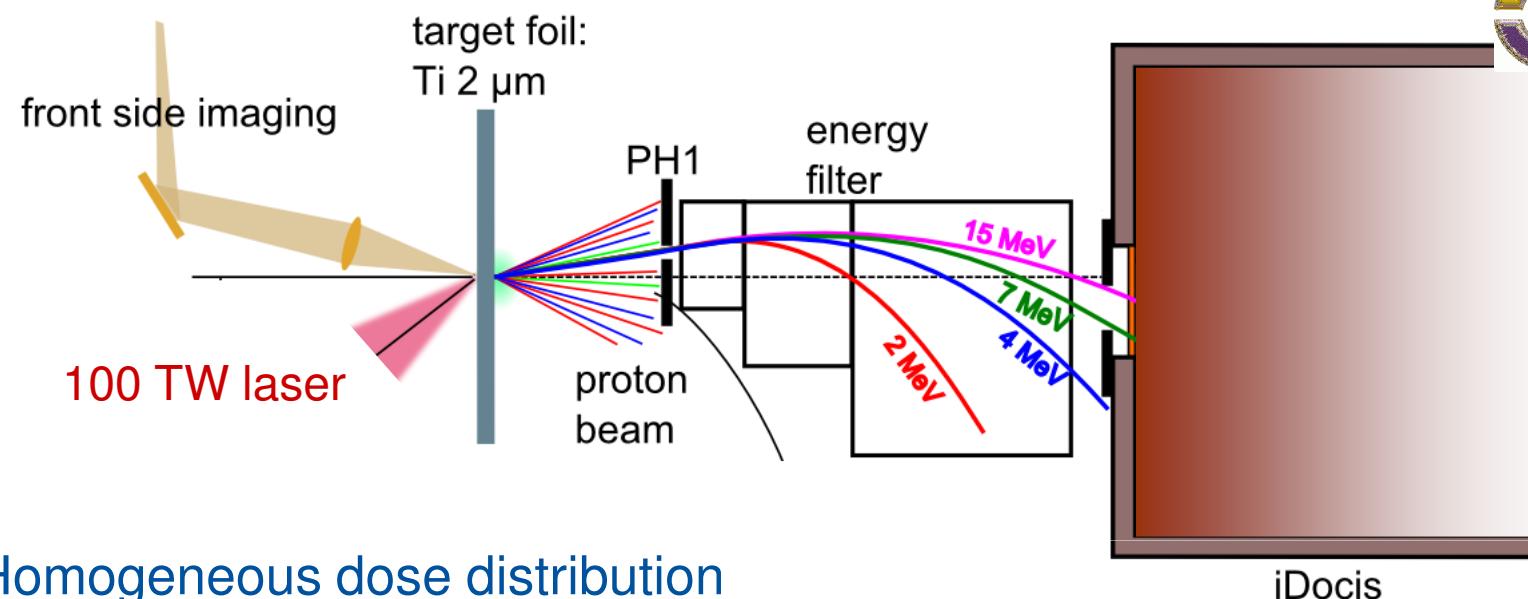
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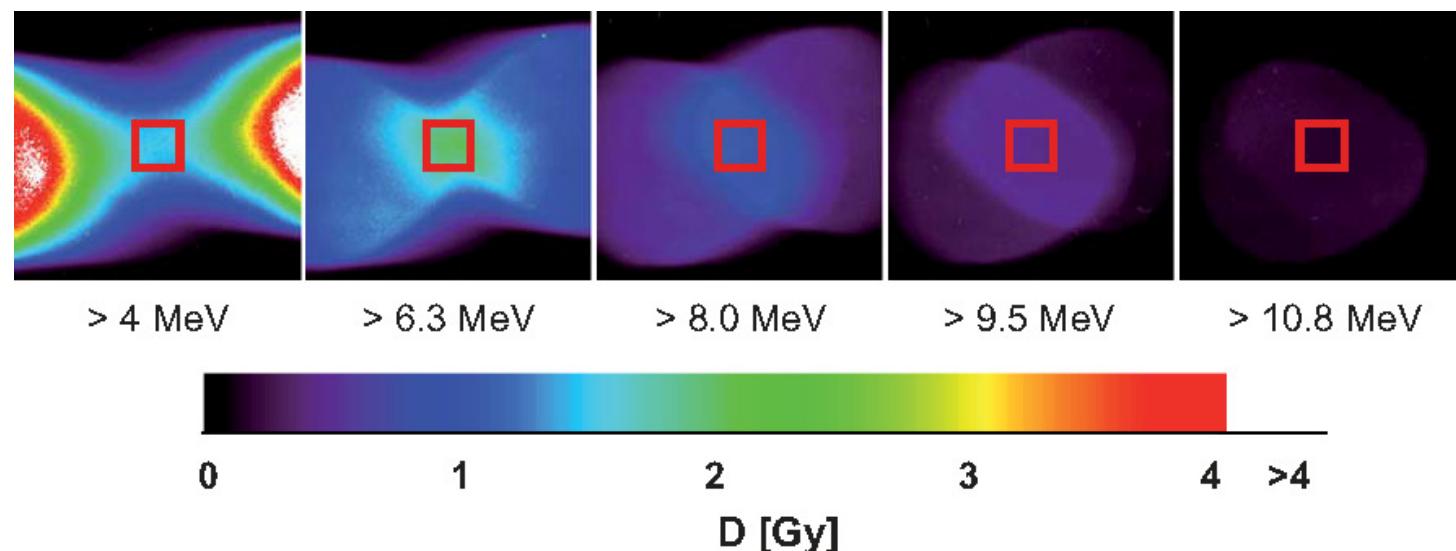
integrated  
Dosimetry and  
cell irradiation  
device

- Suppression of proton energies below 5 MeV (no stopping) and other radiation

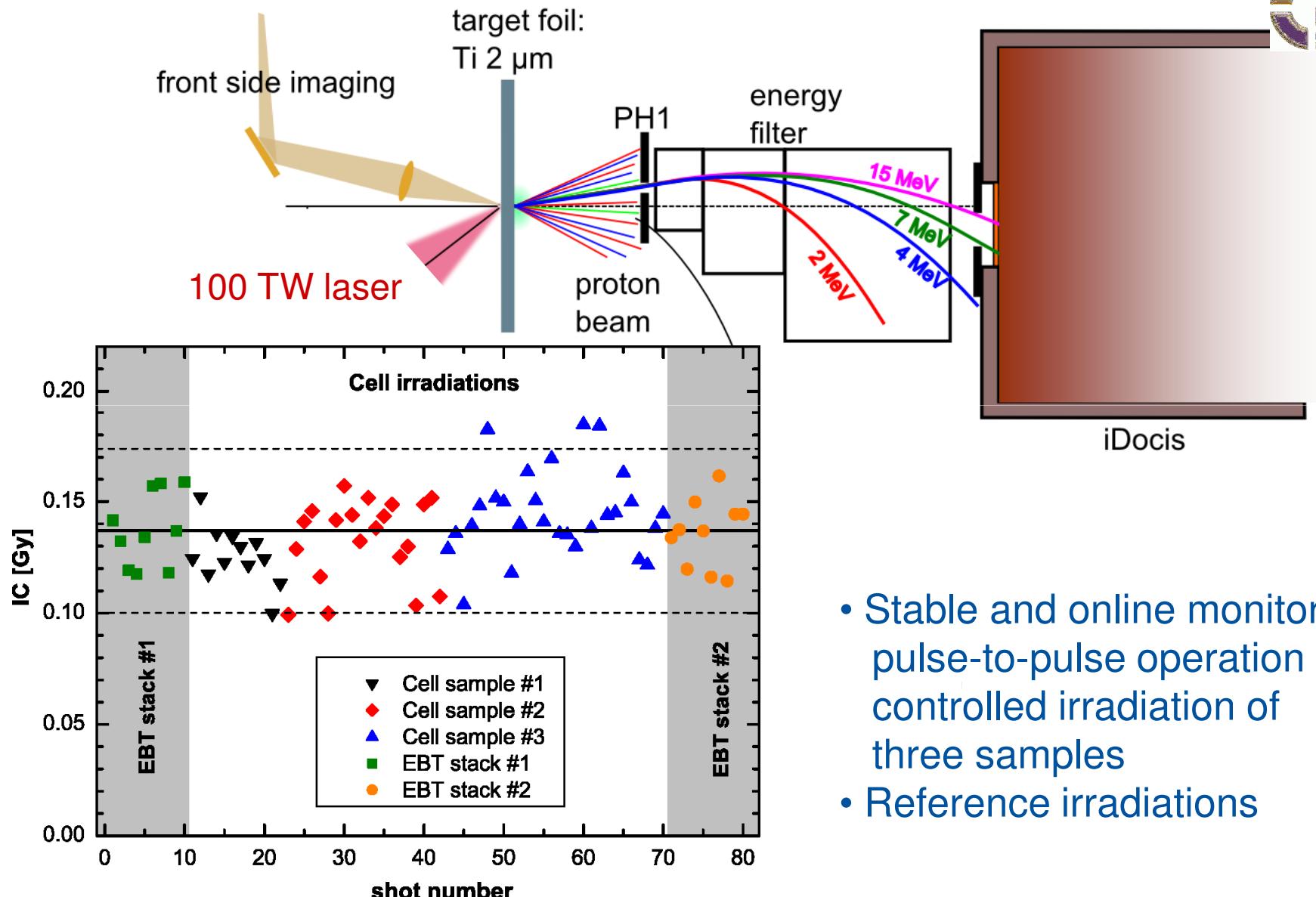
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- Homogeneous dose distribution

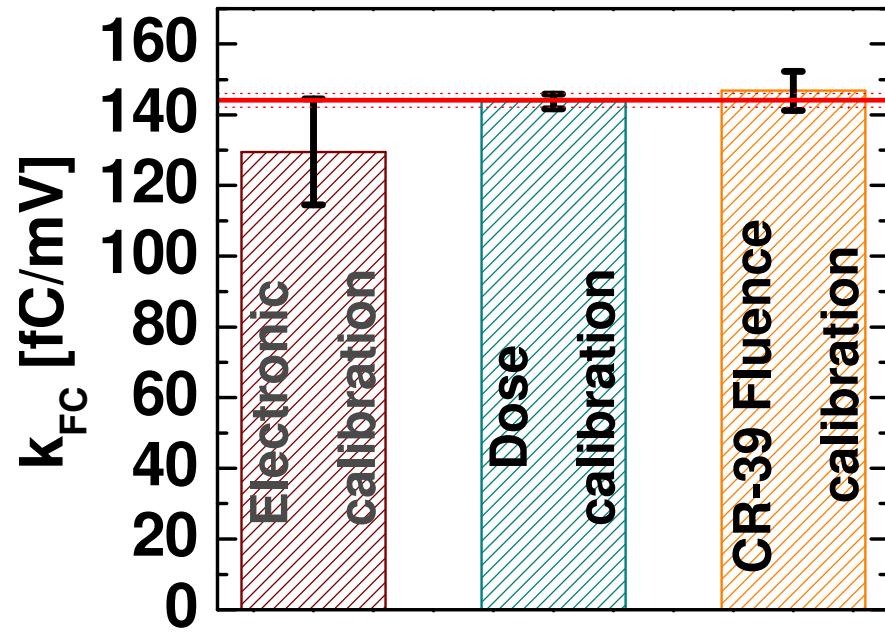


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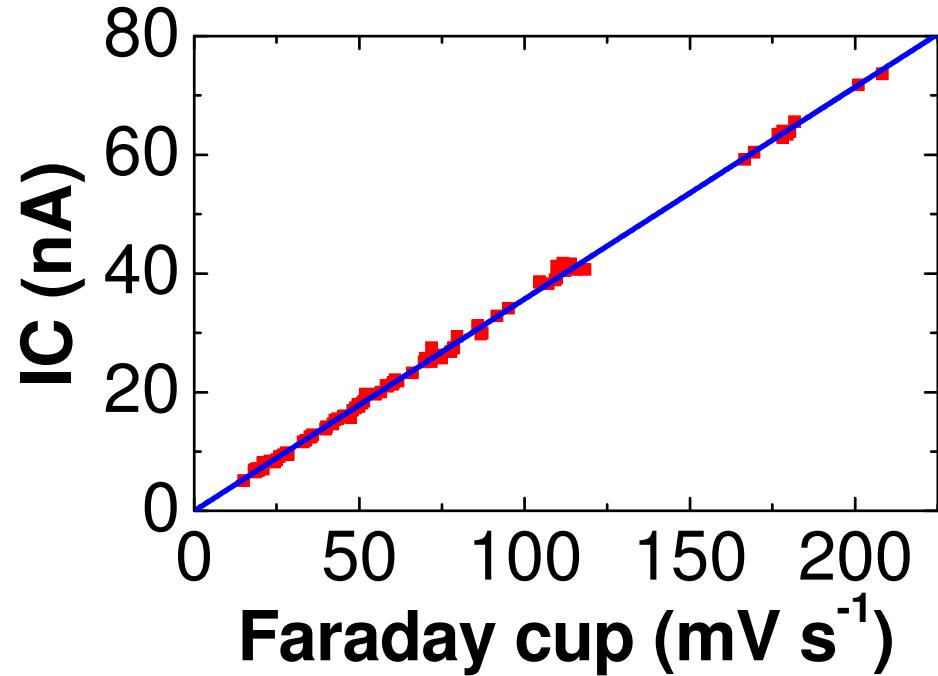


- Stable and online monitored pulse-to-pulse operation for controlled irradiation of three samples
- Reference irradiations

## absolute calibration Faraday cup



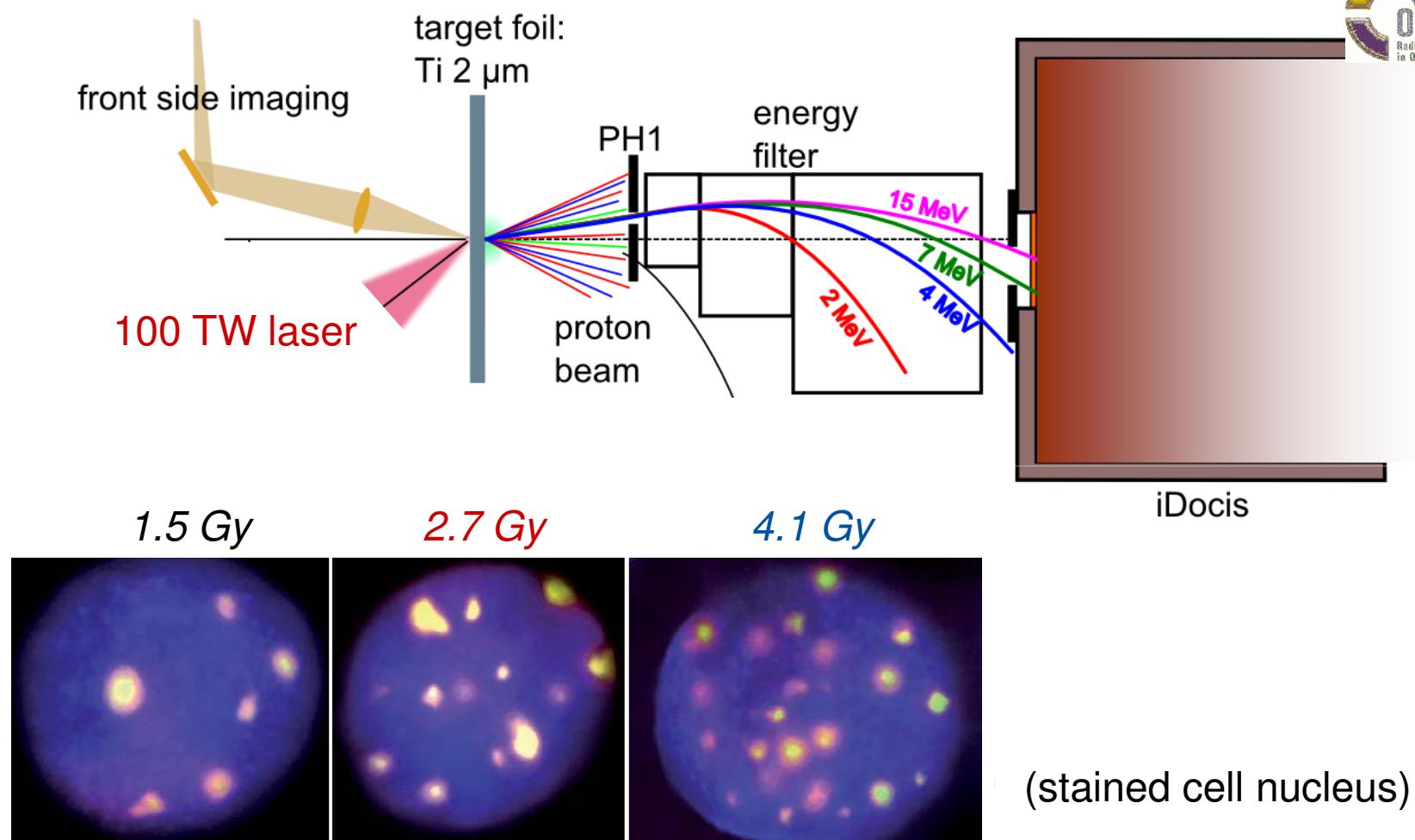
## Correlation between online (IC) and absolute (FC) dosimeter



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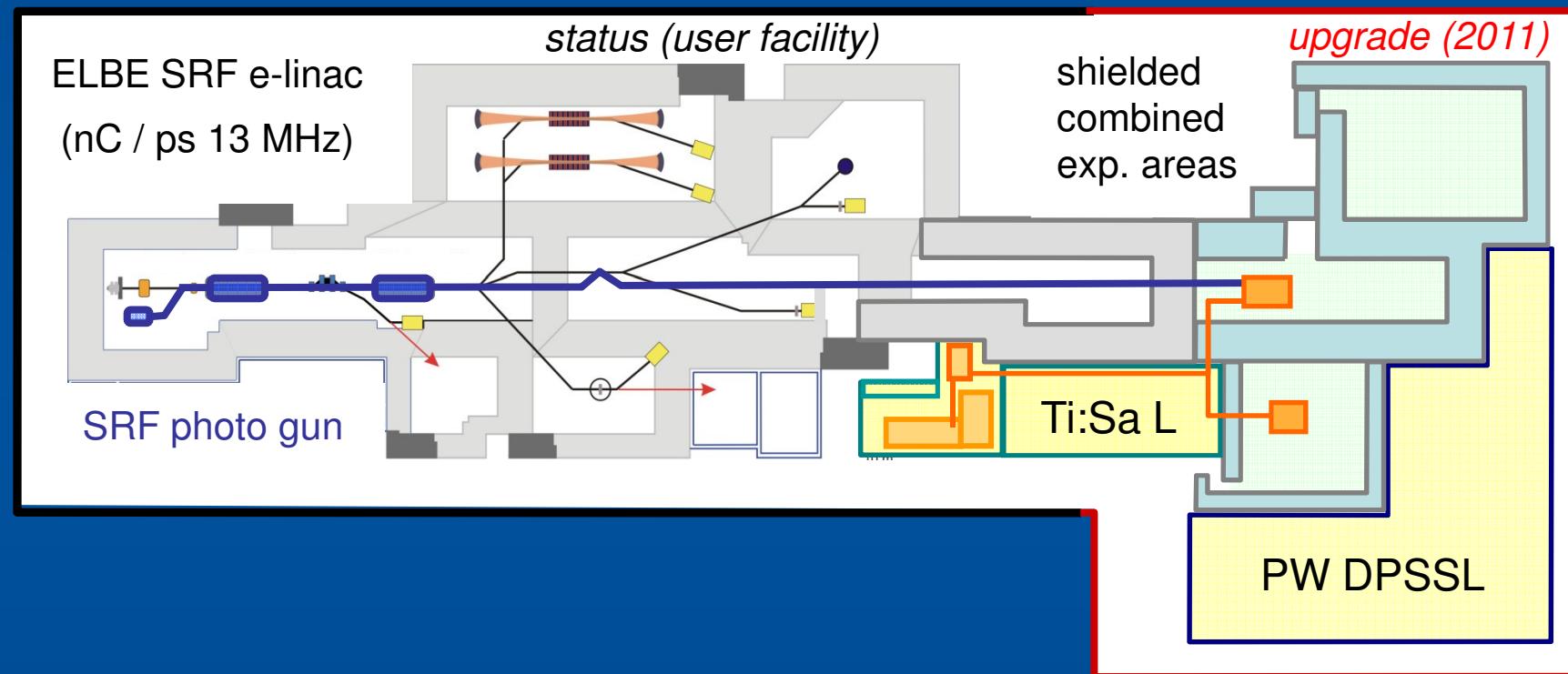
S. Kraft, et al., New Journal of Physics 12 (2010)



- dose dependent cell damage (double-strand break repair activity)
- full-scale radiobiological experiment soon

New space for

- PW DPSSL development
- Ti:Sapphire upgrade
- Combined exp. areas with ELBE (compressed)



*dual approach:* **Ti:Sapphire PW class laser** ( $\sim 30\text{J}$  in  $30\text{fs}$ , now  $4\text{J}$  in  $30\text{fs}$ )  
**Diode pumped solid state PW laser** ( $\sim 150\text{J}$  in  $150\text{ fs}$ , few Hz)

*Start of laser plasma  
activities ~2007*

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*(multiple filamentation of freely  
propagating 100 TW beam in air)*



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