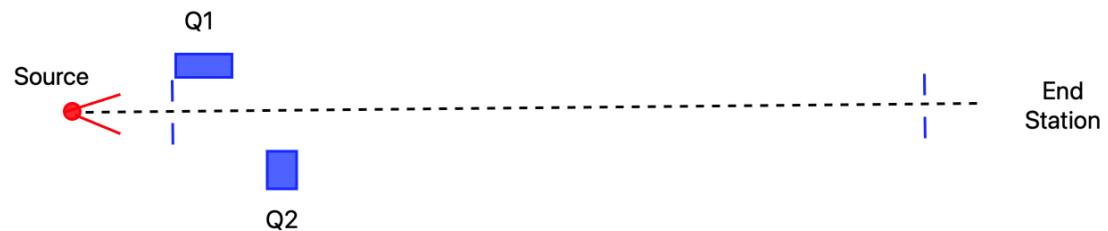


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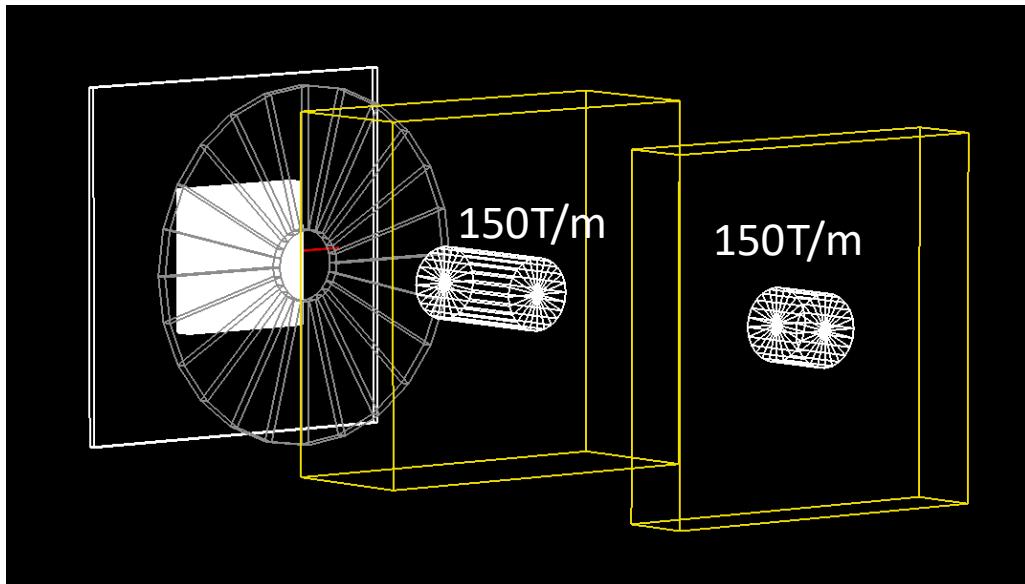
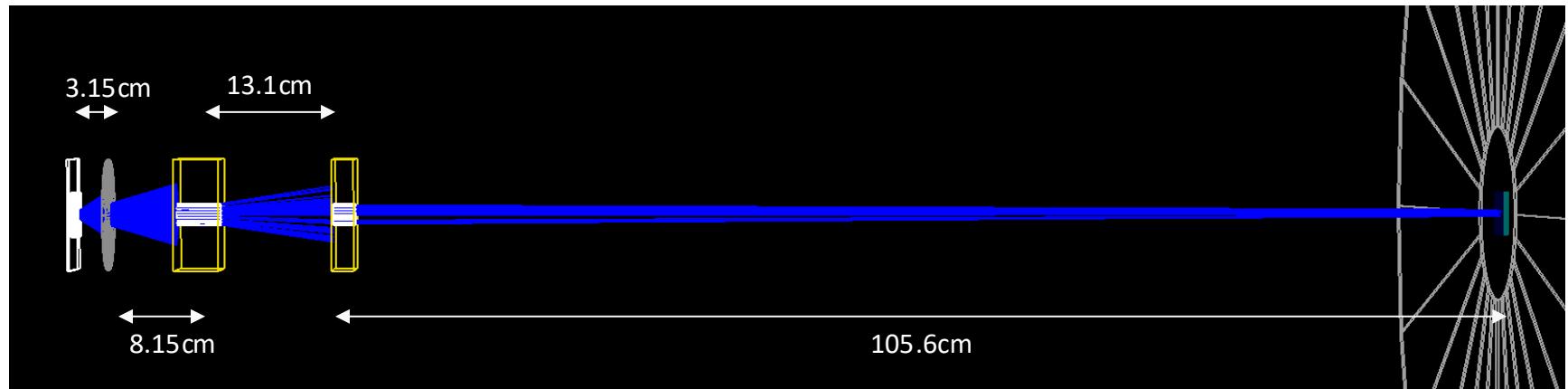
Beamline and
setup
reproduction in
TOPAS¹

Scoring at
simplified target

¹Topas Tool For Particle Simulation:

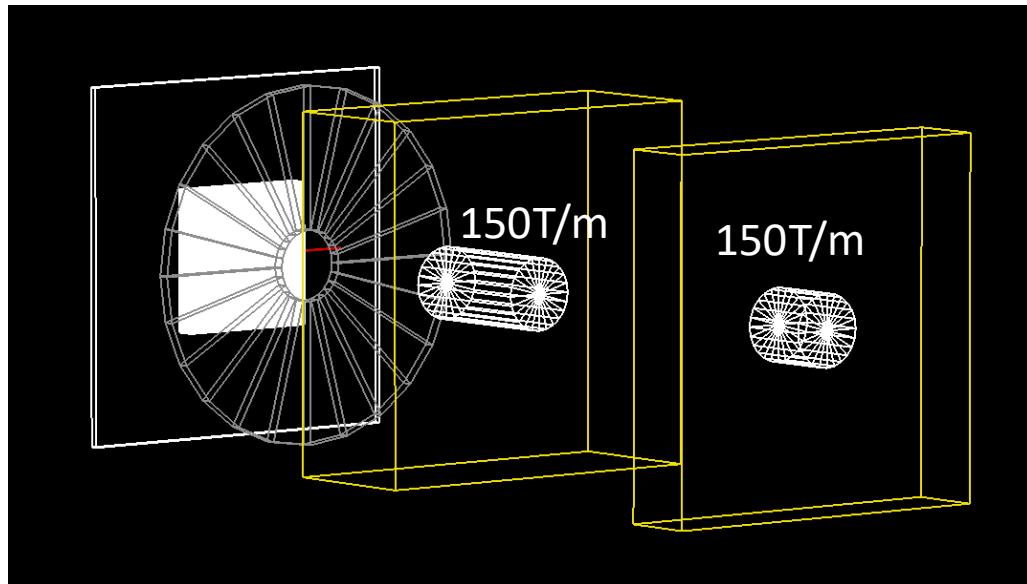
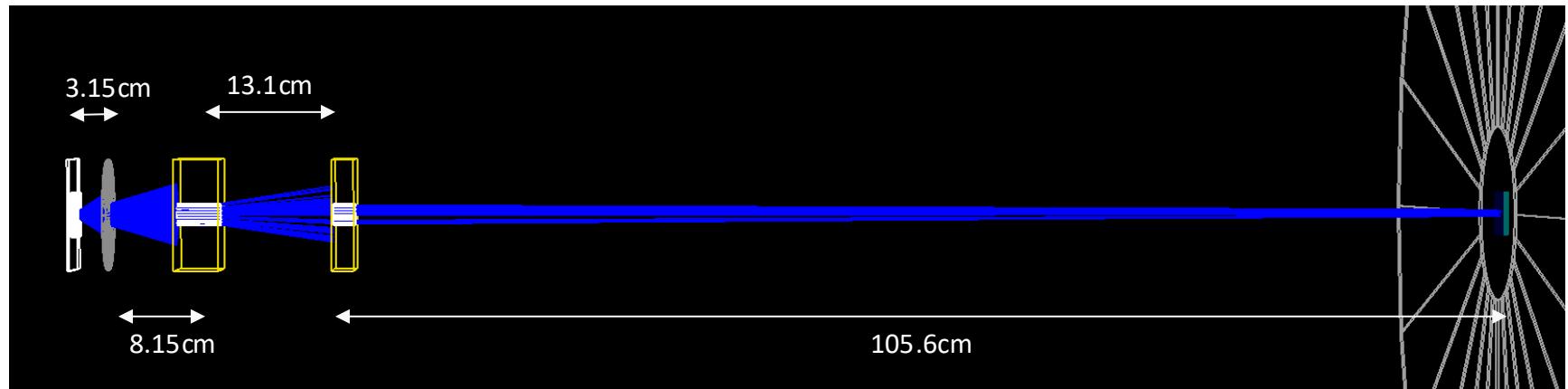
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- First Collimator: $R=1\text{cm}$
- **First approximation:**
 - Gaussian source, peak at 10MeV
 - Target at exit of vacuum chamber ($d=130\text{cm}$)
 - No vacuum-air interface
 - No final collimator

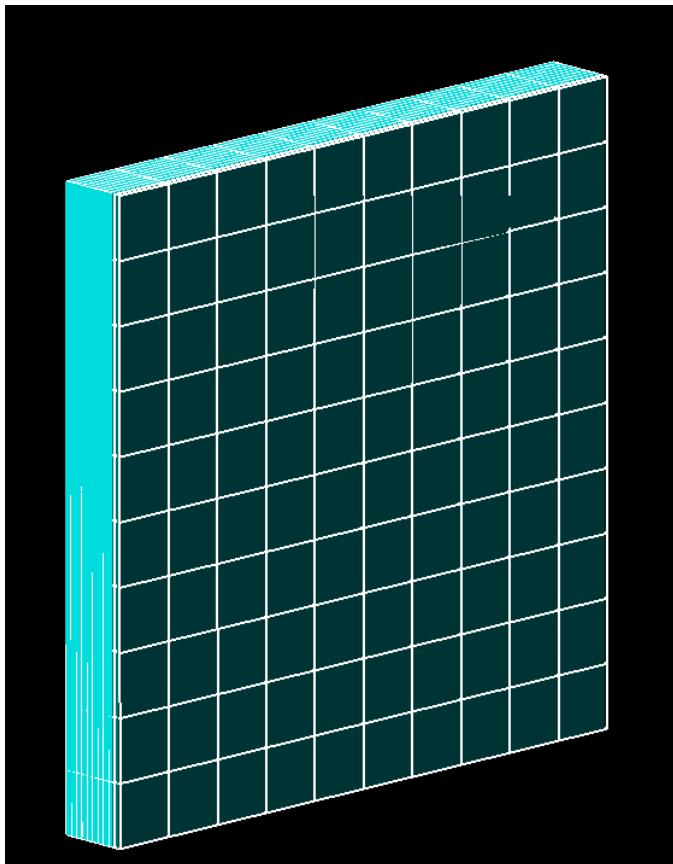
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- First Collimator: $R=1\text{cm}$
- **Next approximation:**
 - Parametrization of SCAPA laser source
 - Target at 5-10cm from exit of vacuum chamber ($d=135-140\text{cm}$)
 - 18m radius, 10um mylar window

Scoring

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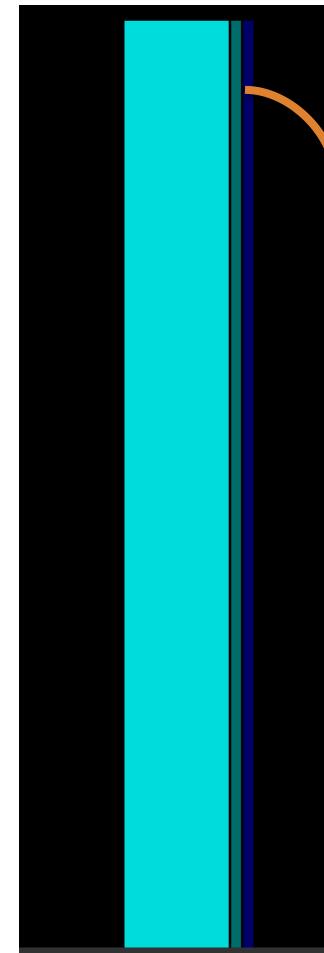


Phantom:

- 4cmx4cm surface
- 2.5um mylar
- 2mm water

Dose and LET scoring:

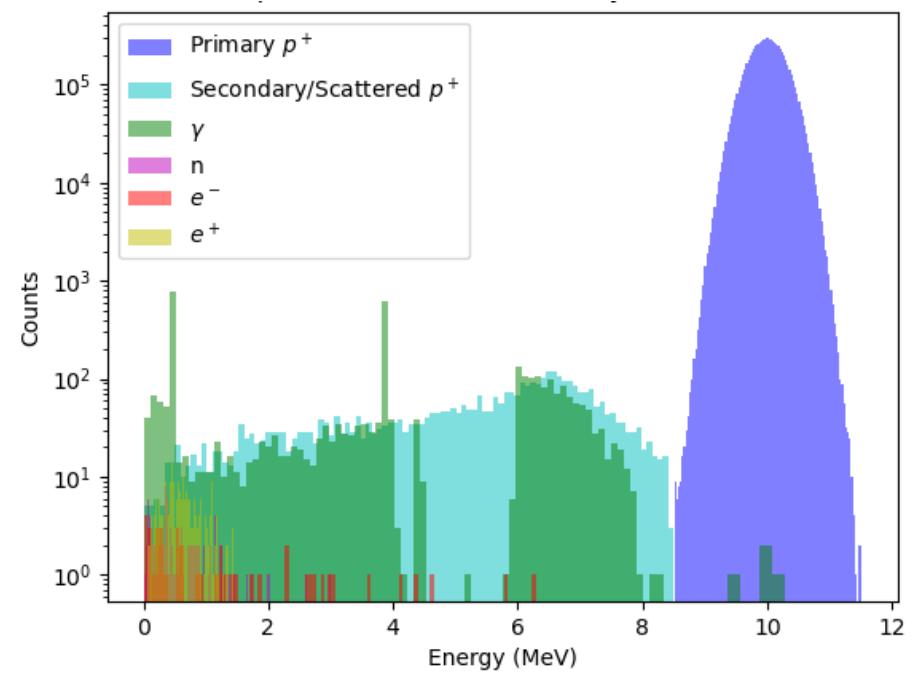
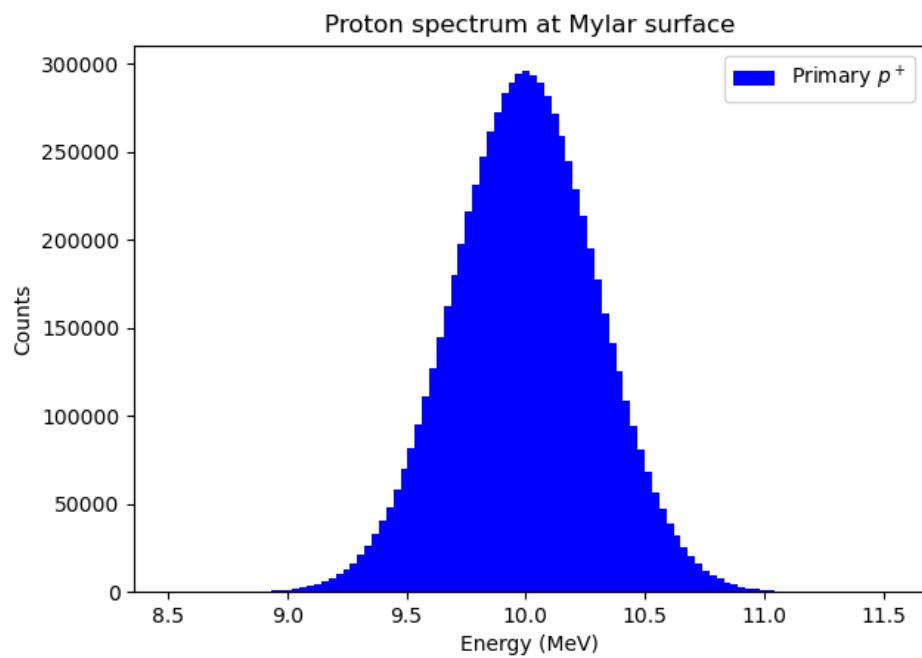
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0.1mmx0.1mmx25um



Phase Space scorer:

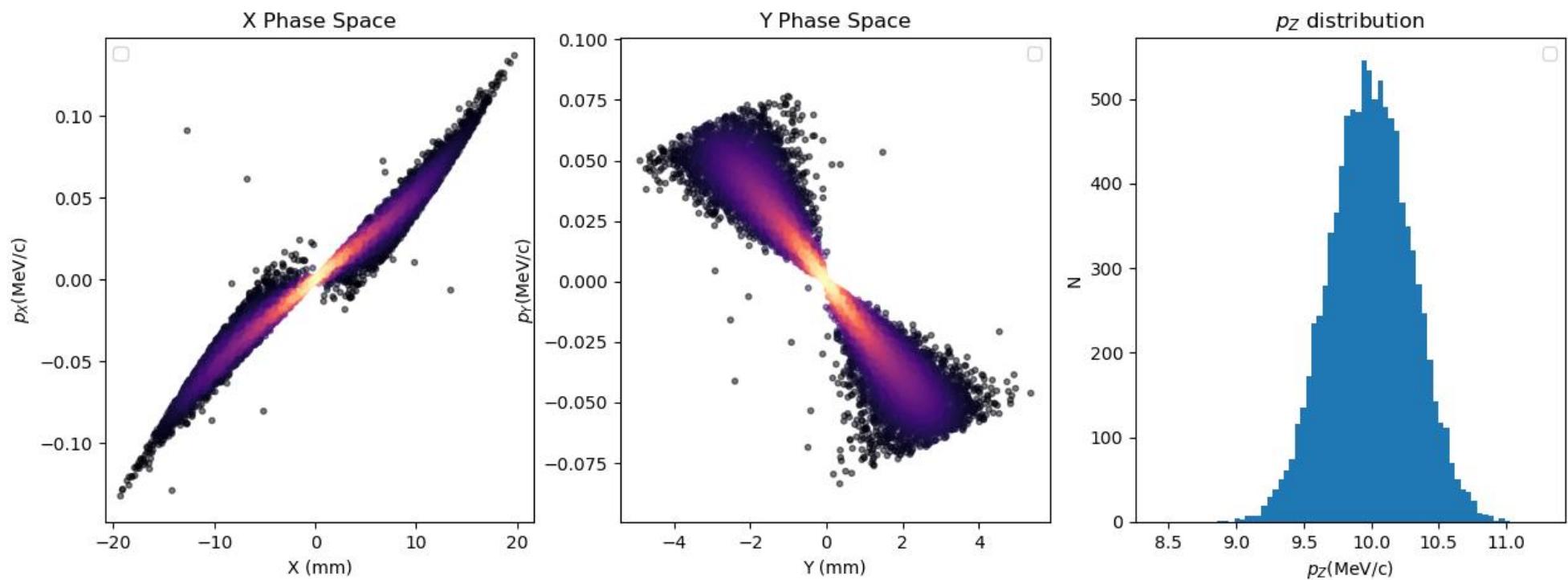
Whole recording
of all particles
crossing mylar
front surface

Spectra at target

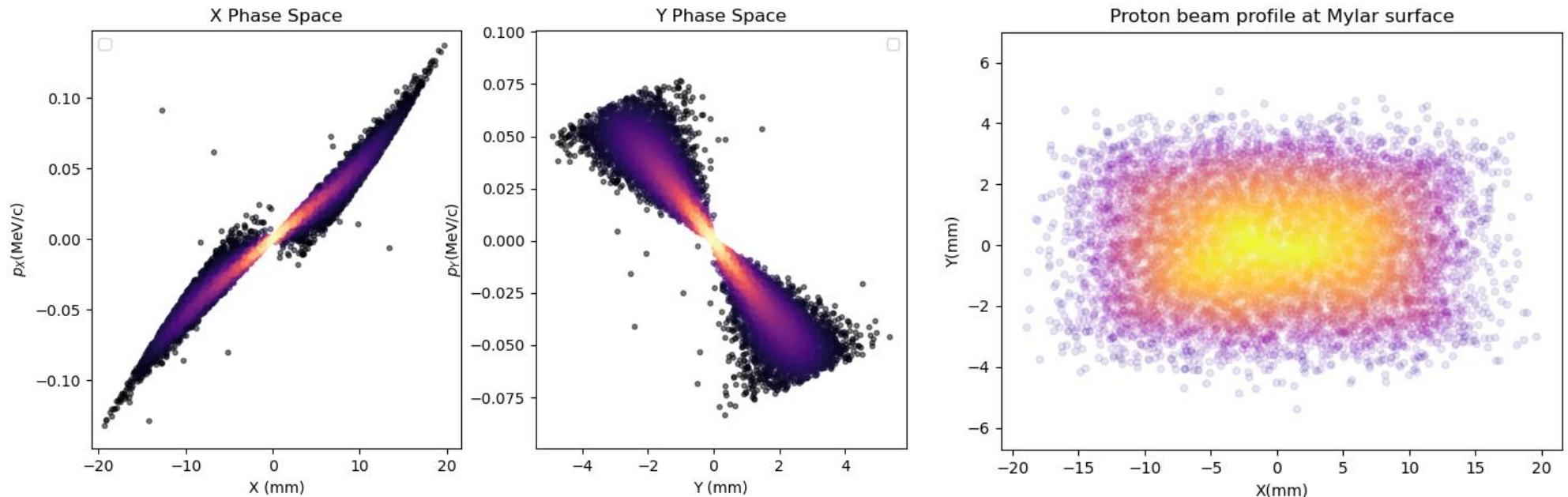


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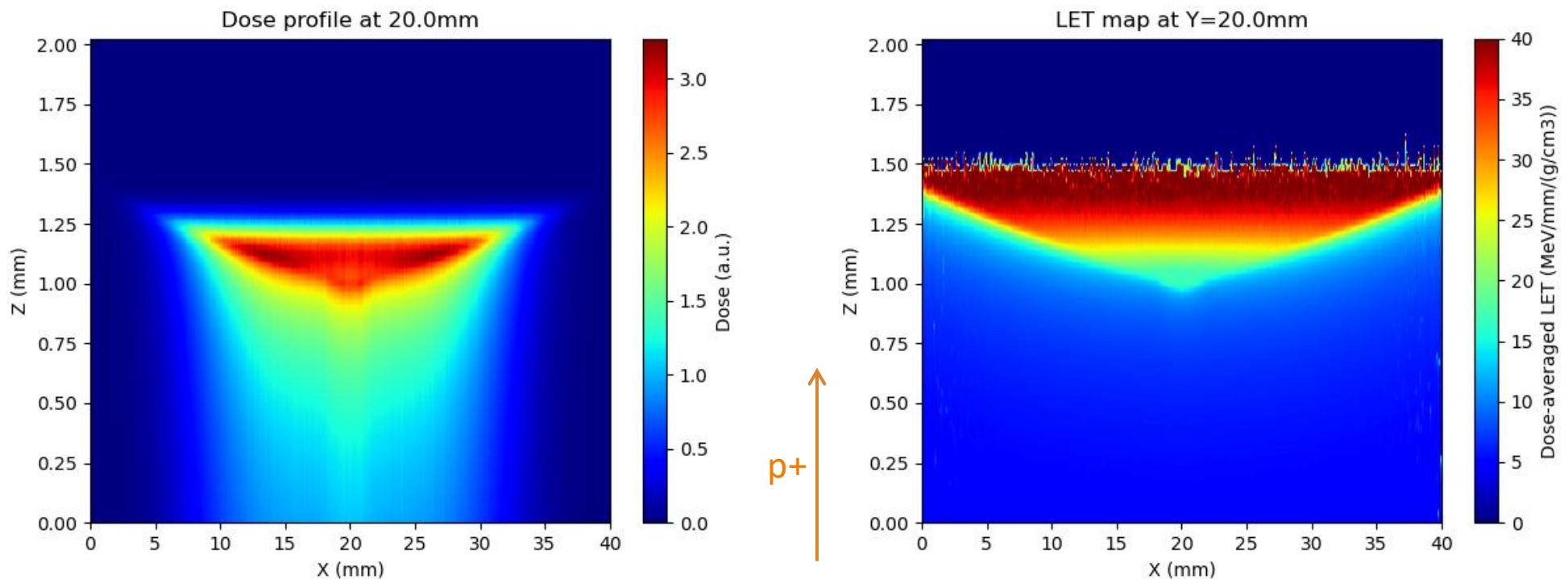
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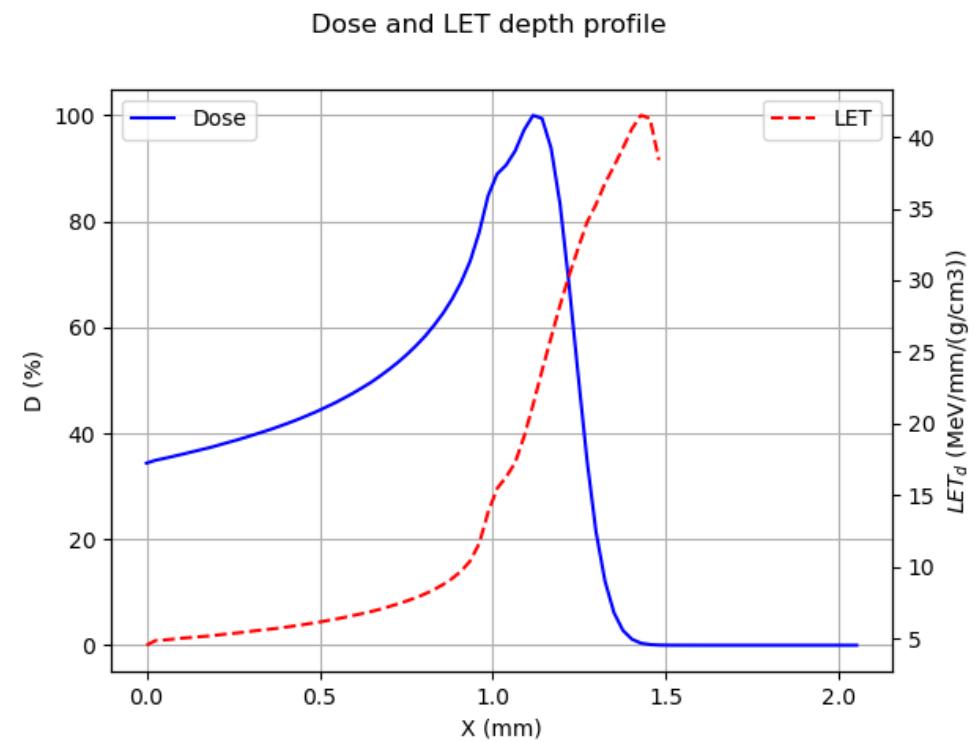
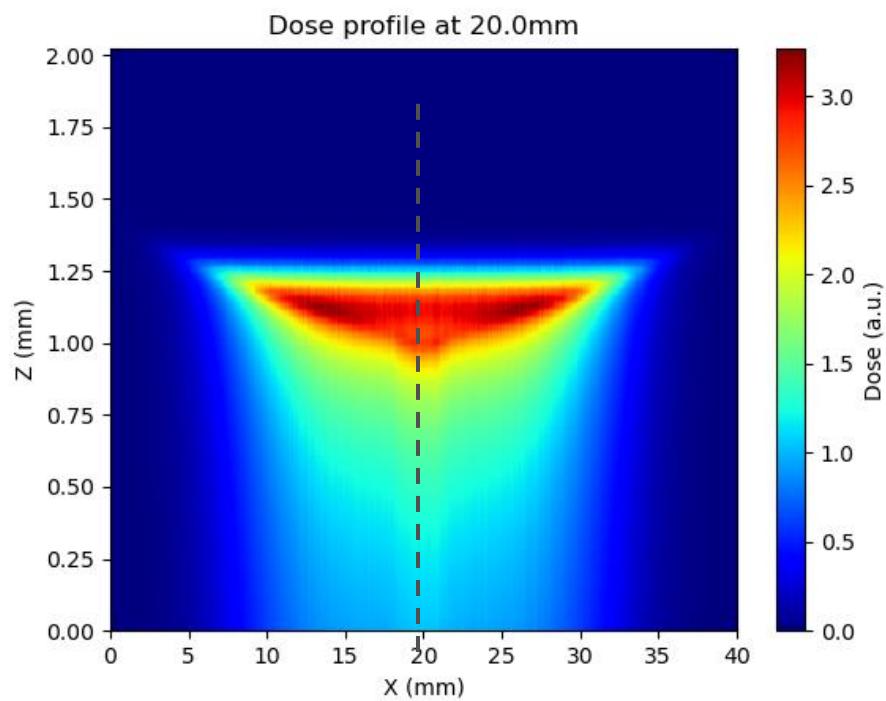


Dose and LET distributions

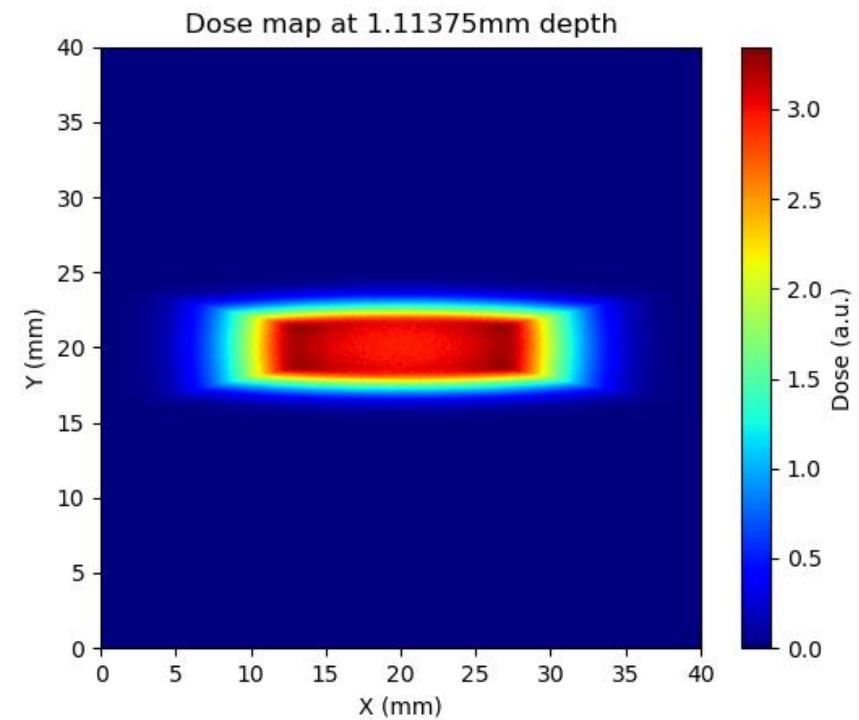
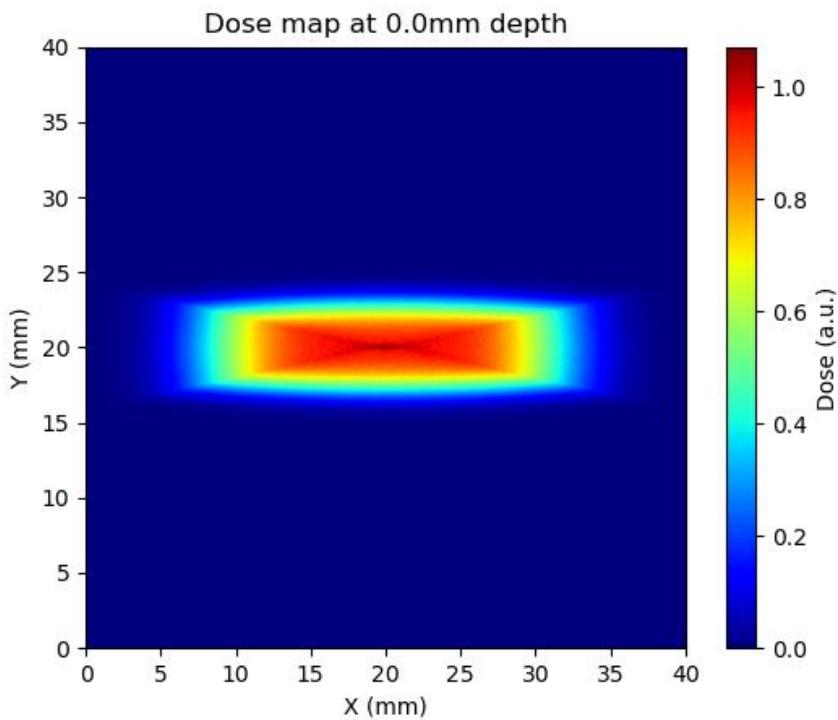


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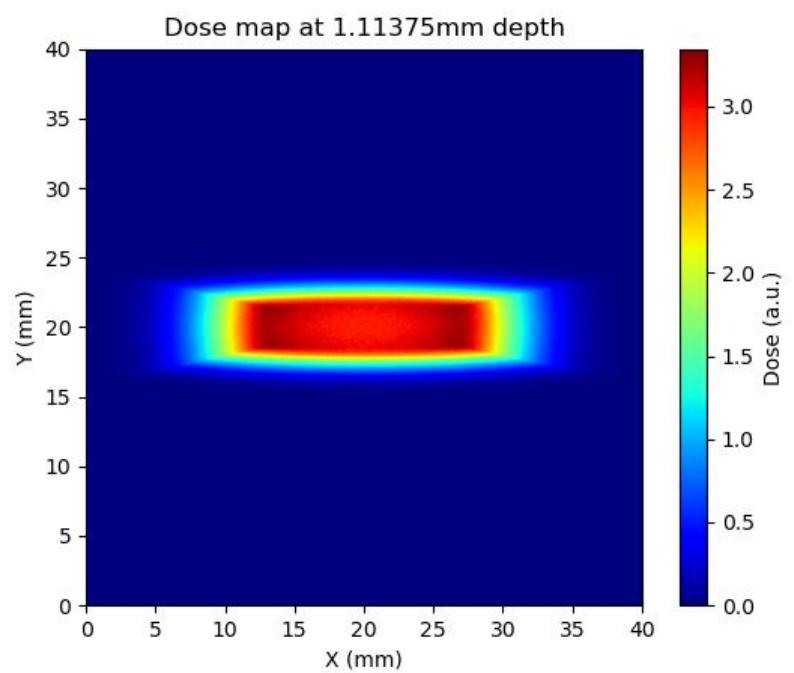
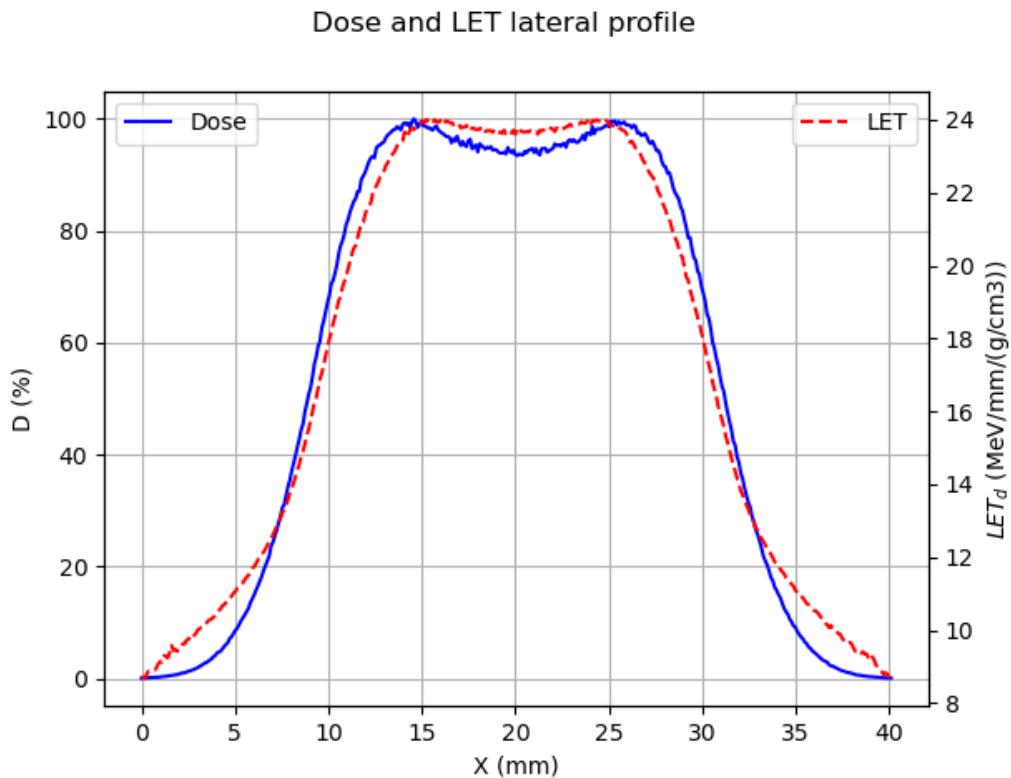
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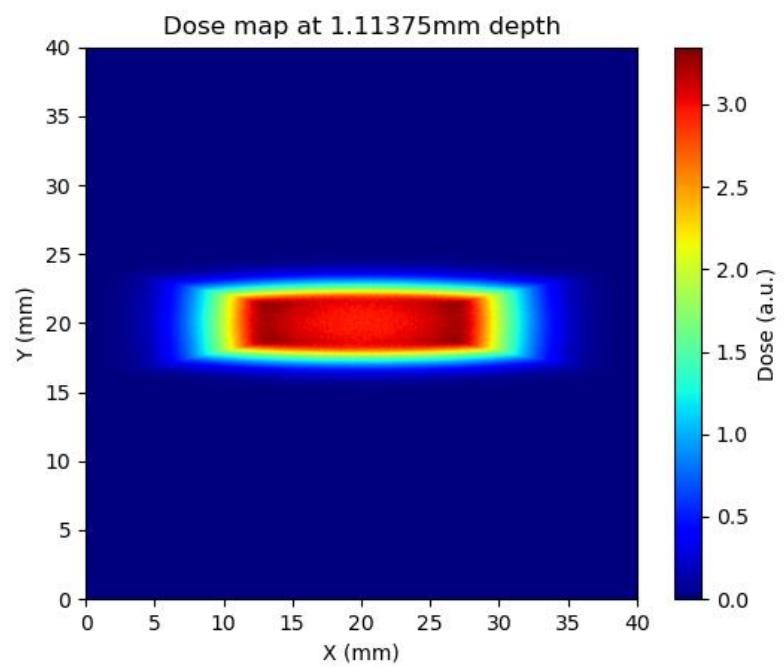
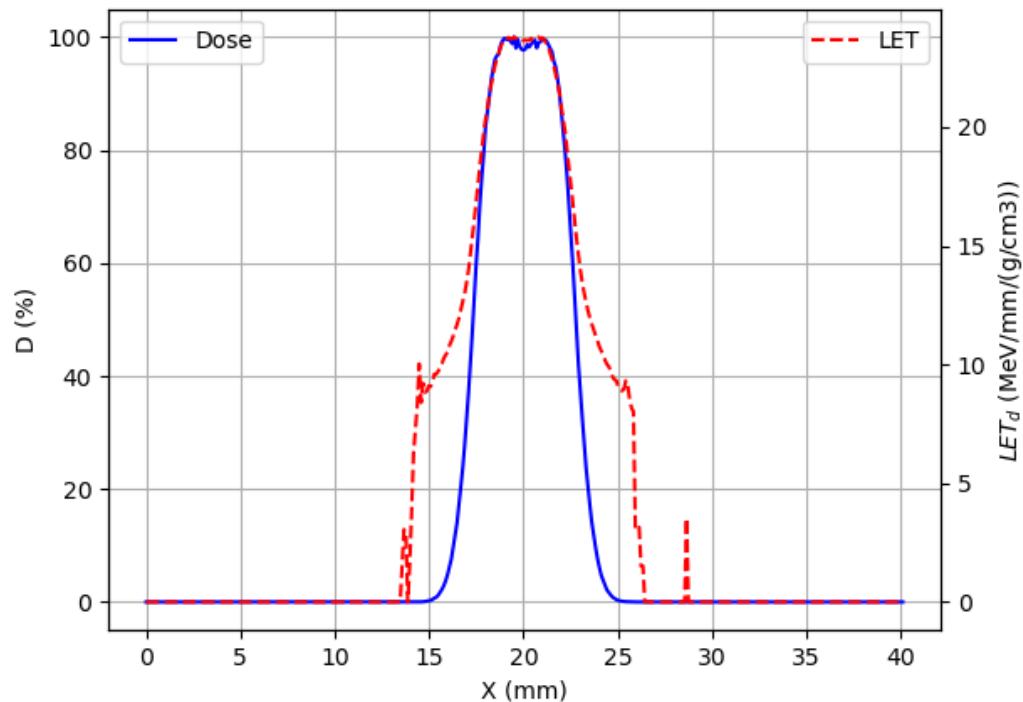


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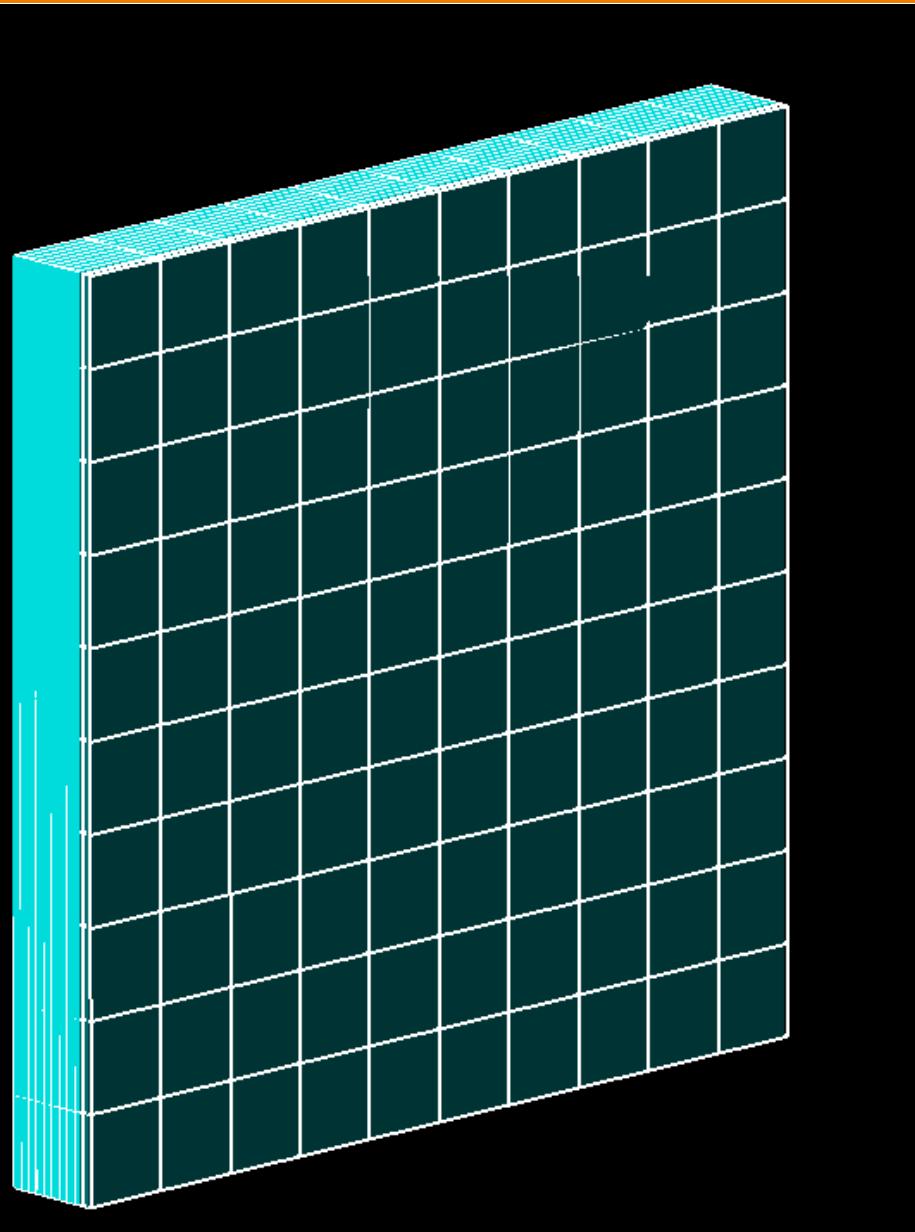
Doses and LET distributions

Dose and LET vertical profile



Conclusions and next steps

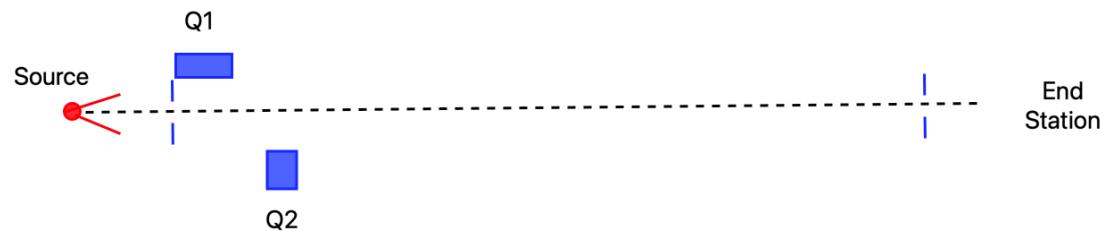
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- We can expect a (not pristine) Bragg peak at ~1.1mm depth for a focus at 10MeV
- FWHM around 6mm in the vertical direction and 20mm in the horizontal direction
- Not important yield of secondaries in beam transport
- Simulations will be improved to better resemble the actual setup

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