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Contribution to EuPRAXIA PP



WP11 - Applications

Integrated Radiobiological Research, with the use of zebrafish models

Exploring laser-based neutron sources as a possible user station

WP12 – Laser technology

Development of diagnostics

Pilot experiment for testing new ideas

Component tests



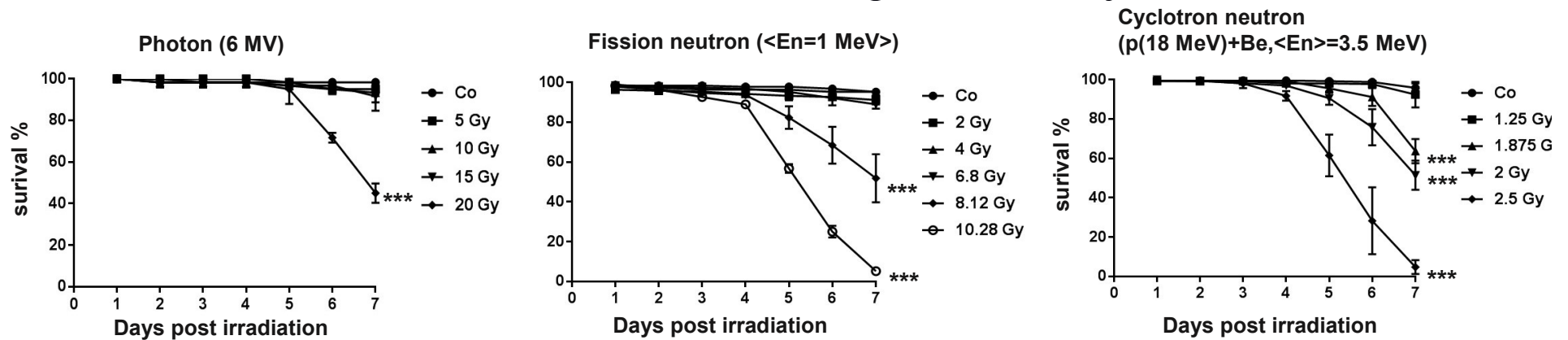
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Previous and ongoing projects

Neutron RBE definition using ZF embryo model



$$RBE_{\text{Fission}} = LD_{50f} / LD_{50n} = 20 / 2 = 10$$

$$RBE_{\text{cyclotron}} = LD_{50f} / LD_{50n} = 20 / 8 = 2.5$$

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE



A novel vertebrate system for the examination and direct comparison of the relative biological effectiveness for different radiation qualities and sources

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ABSTRACT

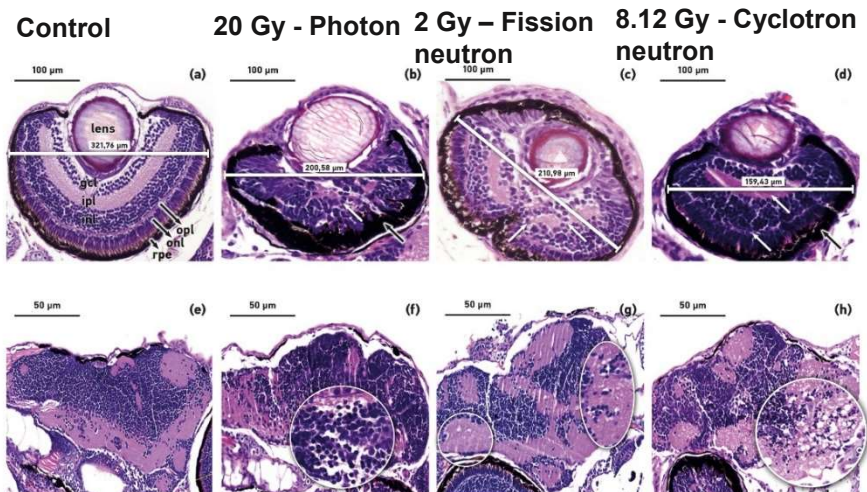
Purpose: The recent rapid increase of hadron therapy applications requires the development of high performance, reliable in vivo models for preclinical research on the biological effects of high linear energy transfer (LET) particle radiation.

Aim: The aim of this paper was to test the relative biological effectiveness (RBE) of the zebrafish embryo system at two neutron facilities.

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Previous and ongoing projects

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Radiobiological effects and proton RBE determined by wildtype zebrafish embryos

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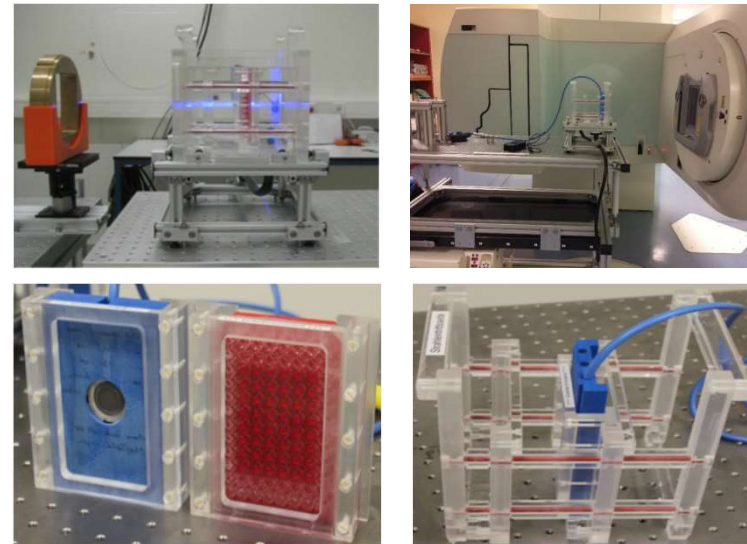


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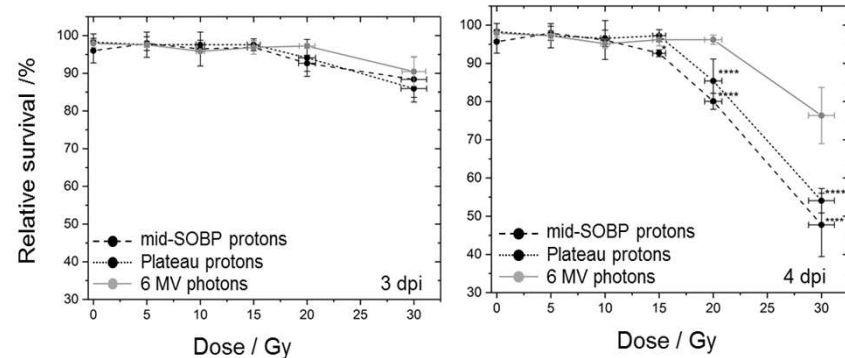
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Abstract

The increasing use of proton radiotherapy during the last decade and the rising number of long-term survivors has given rise to a vital discussion on potential effects on normal tissue. So far, deviations from clinically applied generic RBE (relative biological effectiveness) of 1.1 were only obtained by *in vitro* studies, whereas indications from *in vivo* trials and clinical studies are rare. In the present work, wildtype zebrafish embryos (*Danio rerio*) were used to characterize the effects of plateau and mid-SOBP (spread-out Bragg peak) proton radiation relative to that induced by clinical MV photon beam reference. Based on embryonic survival



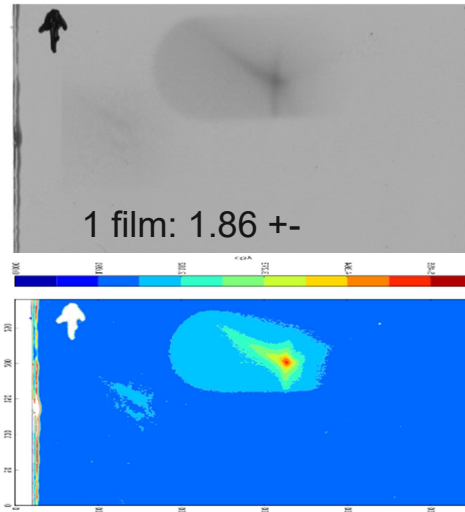
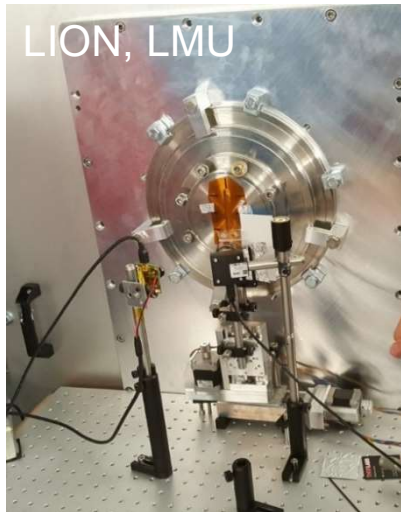
	mid-SOBP	plateau
RBE _{30Gy} ± se	1.60 ± 0.32	1.41 ± 0.08
RBE _{20Gy} ± se	1.20 ± 0.04	1.13 ± 0.08



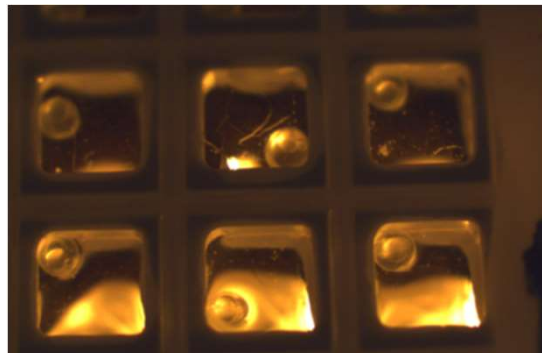
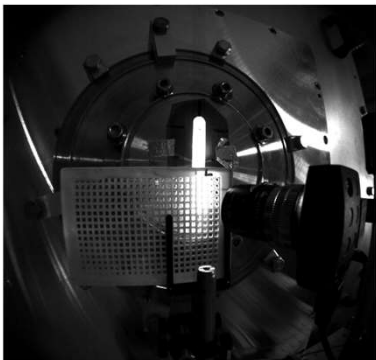
Previous and ongoing projects

In vivo experiment at laser driven proton facility

Thomas F. Rösch, Zoltán Szabó, Daniel Haffa, Jianhui Bin, Szilvia Brunner, Franz S. Englbrecht, Anna A. Friedl, Ying Gao, Jens Hartmann, Peter Hiltz, Christian Kreuzer, Florian H. Lindner, Tobias M. Ostermayr, Róbert Polanek, Martin Speicher, Emília R. Szabó, Derya Taray, Tünde Tőkés, Matthias Würfl, Katia Parodi, Katalin Hideghéty and Jörg Schreiber **A feasibility study of Zebrafish embryo irradiation with laser accelerated protons** – Scientific Reports - submitted



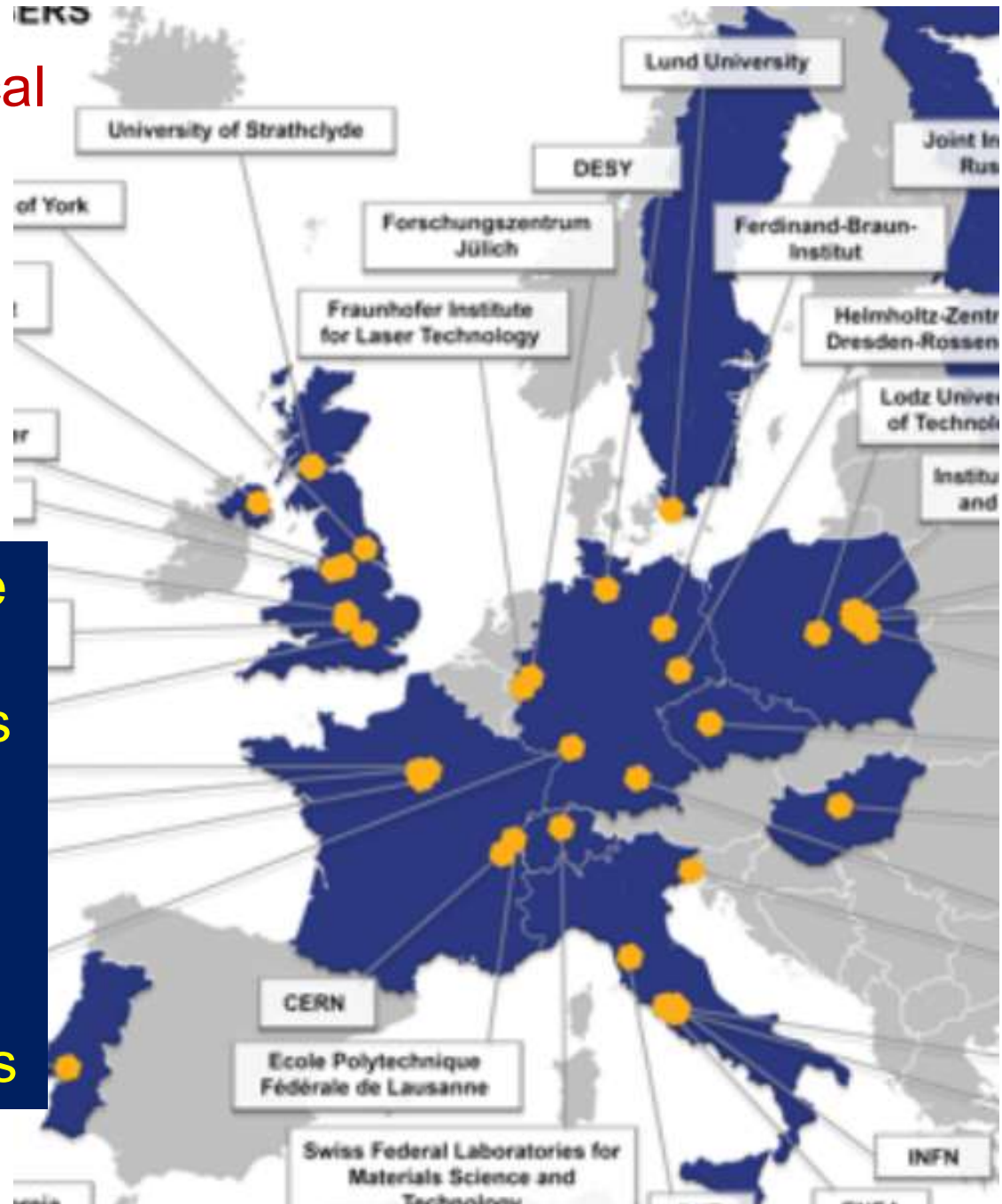
The proton spot size can be reduced to micrometre dimensions without significant loss of particle numbers. Together with the short bunch duration of the order of nanoseconds and below, this would enable very high peak dose rates and highly localized irradiation in microscopic areas.



ZF model provides reliable quantitative biological endpoints (macro- and micro-morphological changes molecular processes).

Integrated Radiobiological Research (IRR) within EUPRAXIA

ZF embryo model can be used, as part of IRR at different centers for cross comparison of biological effects of plasma accelerated ionizing radiation beams in operation at different sites



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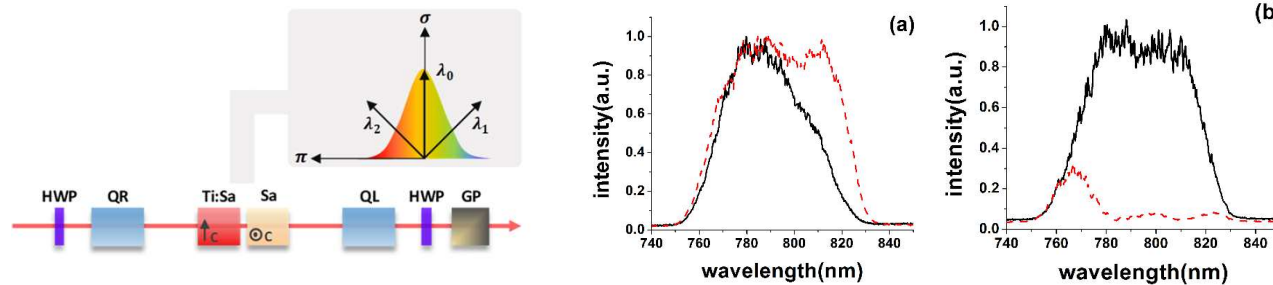
(laboratories at Dept Optics and in ELI-ALPS)

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LASER DEVELOPMENTS

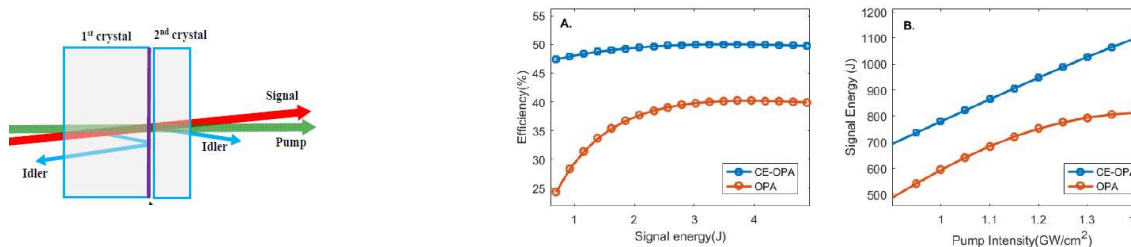
Exploring new amplification schemes

Polarization-encoded chirped pulse amplification in Ti:S



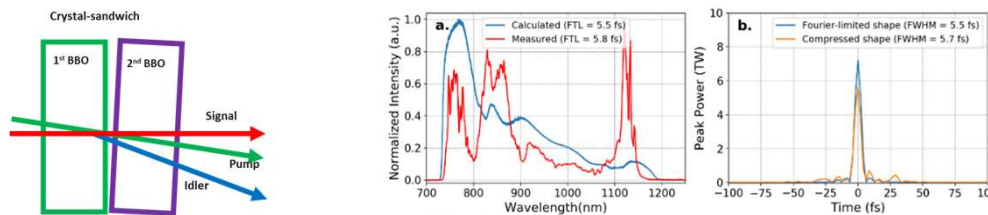
Cao et al, Las. Phys. Lett. 15, 045003 (2018)

Highly efficient, cascaded extraction optical parametric amplifier



Cao et al., Optics Express 26, 7516 (2018)

Efficient amplification of energetic sub-6fs via OPCPA



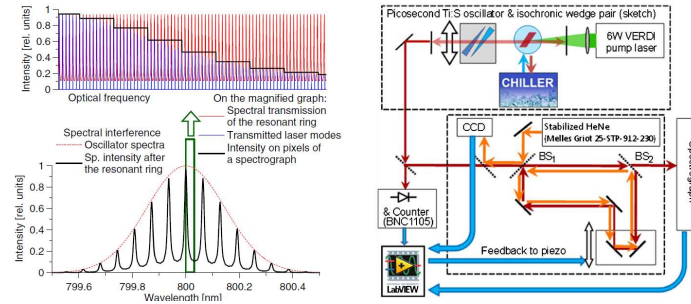
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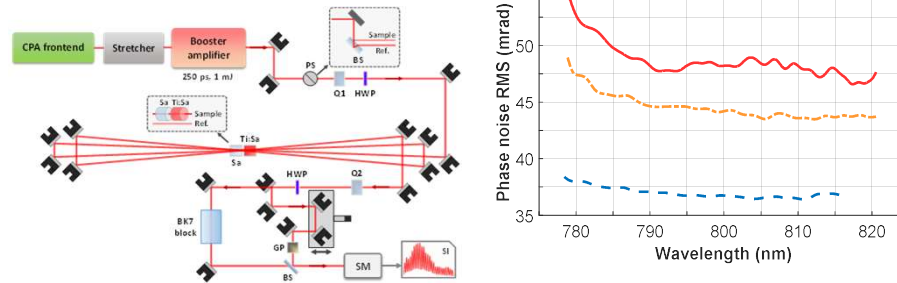
Development of diagnostics

CEP drift measurement of ps pulses



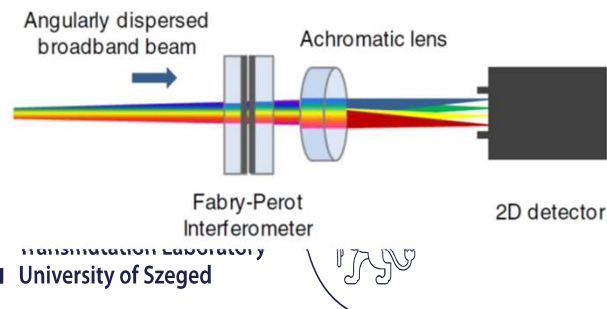
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CEP noise measurement upon PE-CPA



Nagymihaly et al, JOSAB 35 (2018) A1

Single-shot measurement of angular dispersion

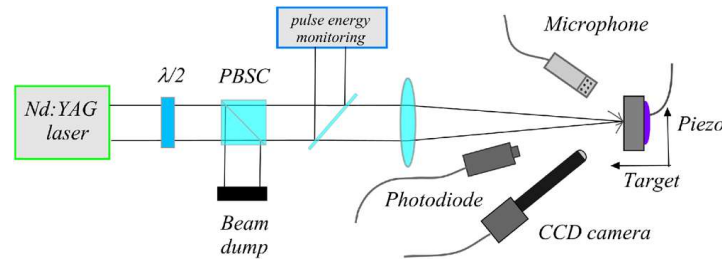


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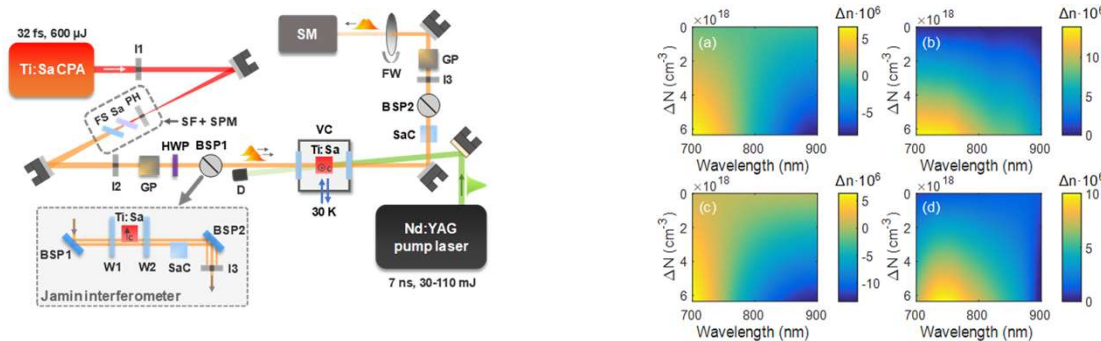
Testing optical components

Towards on-line damage monitoring



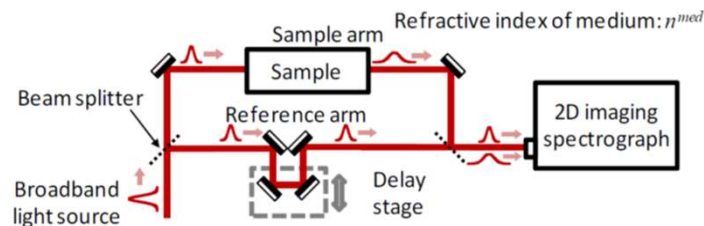
Somoskői et al., Laser Phys. 25, 056002 (2015)
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Gain induced phase changes in ti:sapphire



Nagymihaly et al, Opt. Expr. 27 (2019) 1226

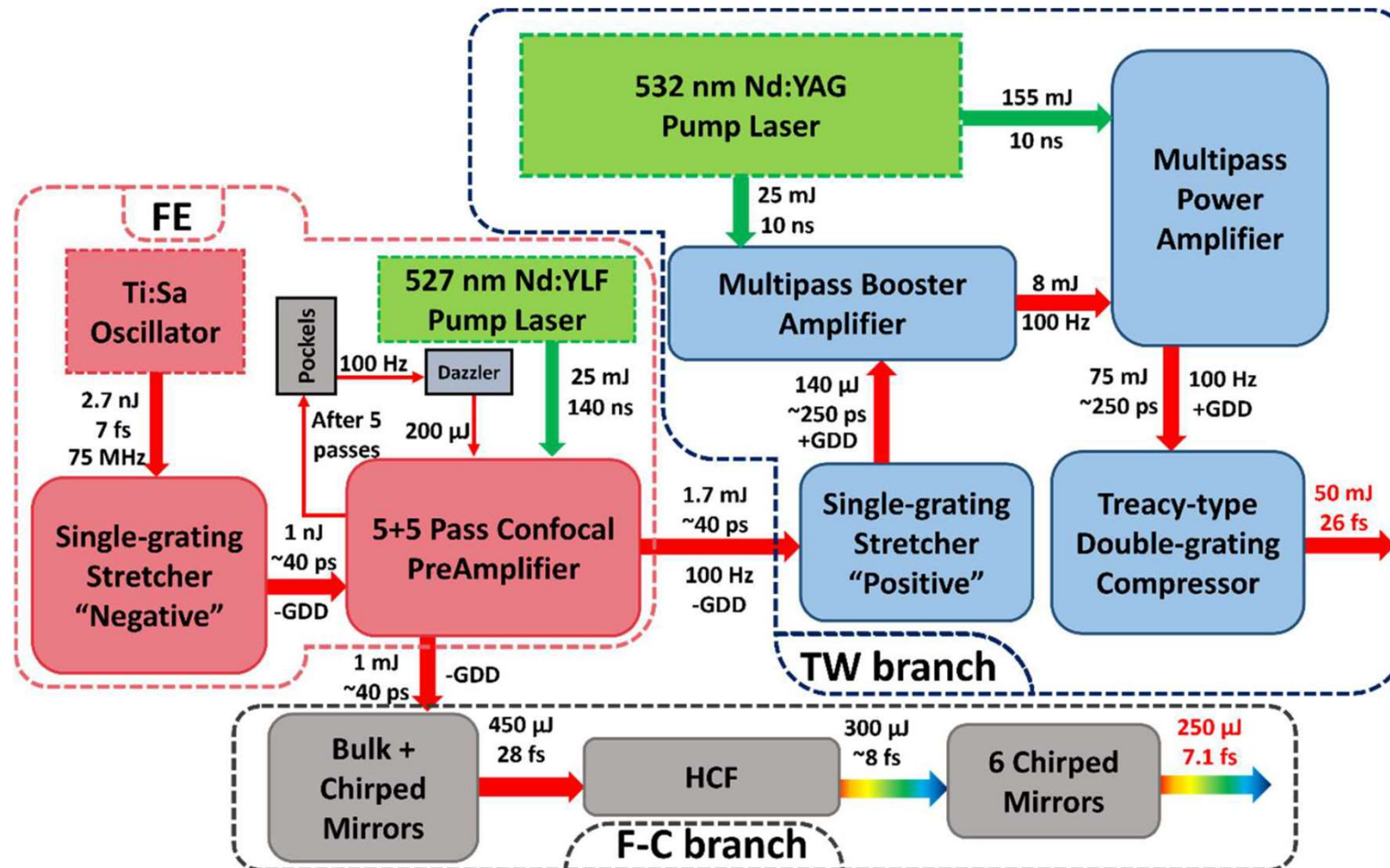
Linear and nonlinear dispersion measurements



Borzsonyi et al, Appl.Sci. 3, 515 (2013) - reiew



Laser development in the TeWaTi lab current system



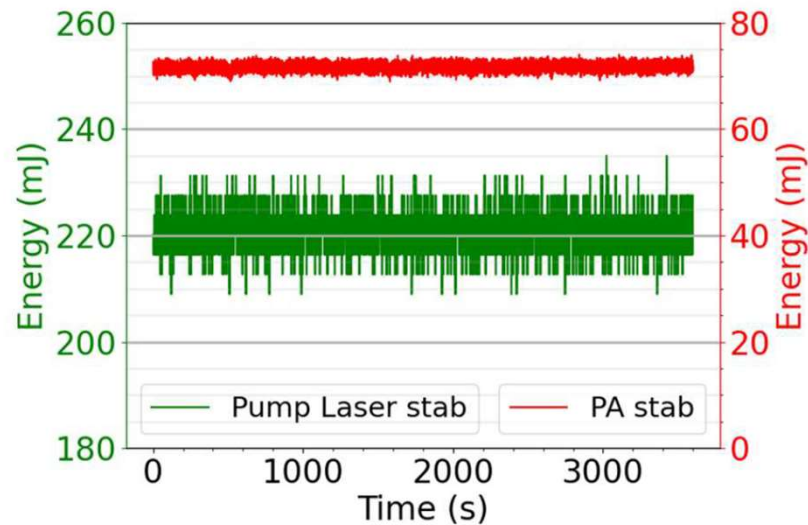
Laser development in the TeWaTi lab

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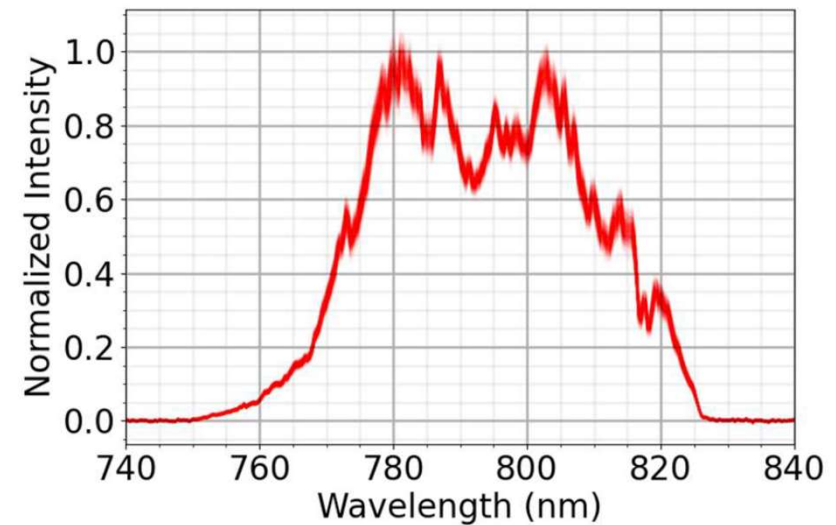
In cooperation with the Cooperative Technologies National Laboratory

High stability, long term operation

Energy: 0.84 %



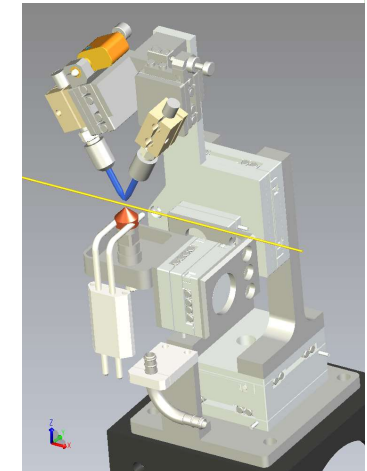
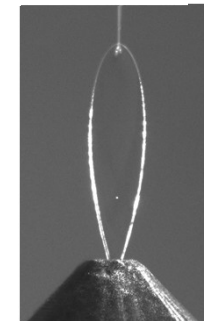
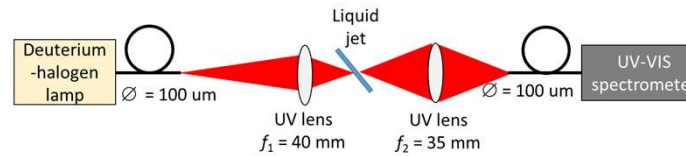
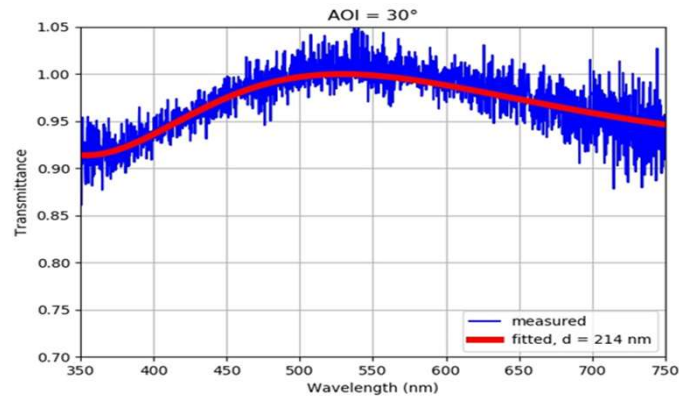
Pulse duration: <1%



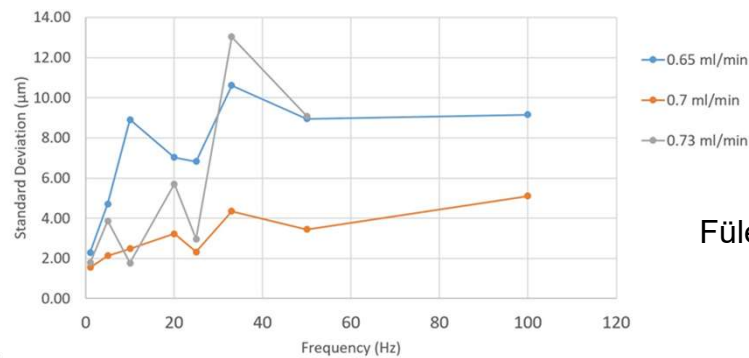
Gaal et al, Appl.Sci. (2024) submitted

Development of a 200nm thin liquid leaf target system

Thickness measurement (in air and in vacuum)



Mechanical stability / resonance measurement



Füle et al, HPLSE 12 (2024) e37



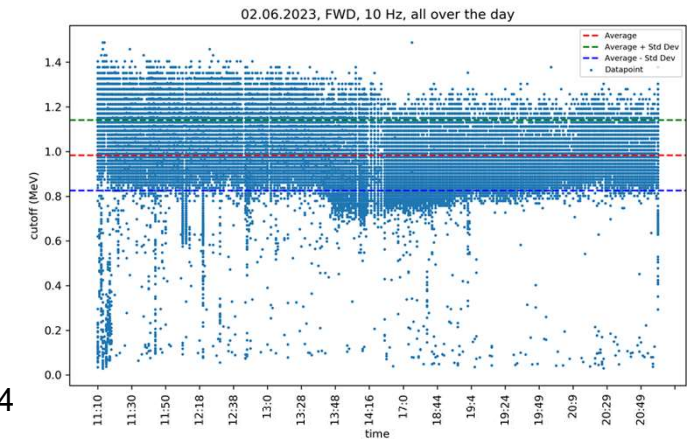
State of the art neutron generation at 10 Hz repetition rate (~6 hours)

Deuteron acceleration from liquid

- at 10 Hz, SEA laser
- at 230mW (80mW) average power
- 200nm D₂O leaf + 0.1mm C₂D₄

Osvay et al, EPJ Plus **139** (2024) 574

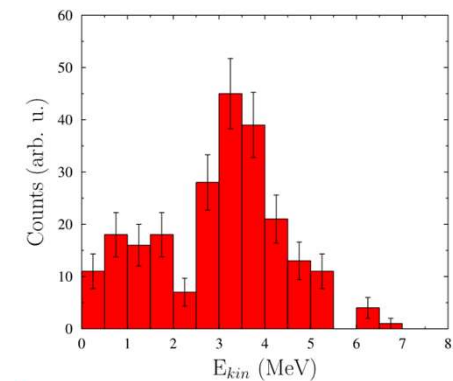
cut-off for the day: 0.98±0.16 (MeV)



Neutron generation

- 200nm D₂O leaf + 0.1mm C₂D₄
- fusion neutron spectra peaks ~3 MeV

$\sim 1.5 \times 10^5$ n/s



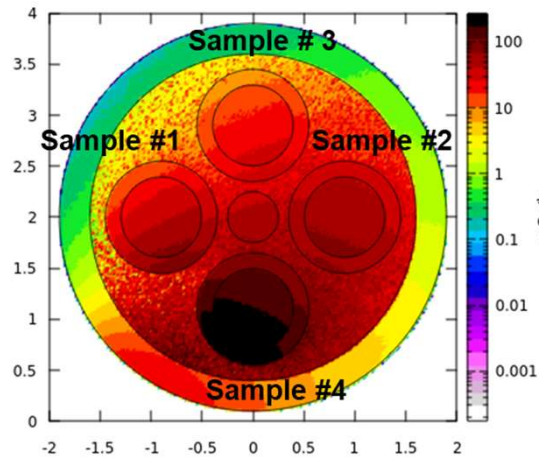
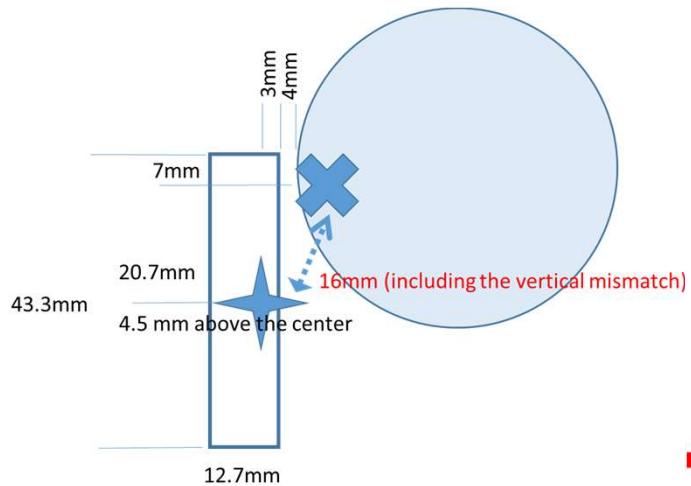
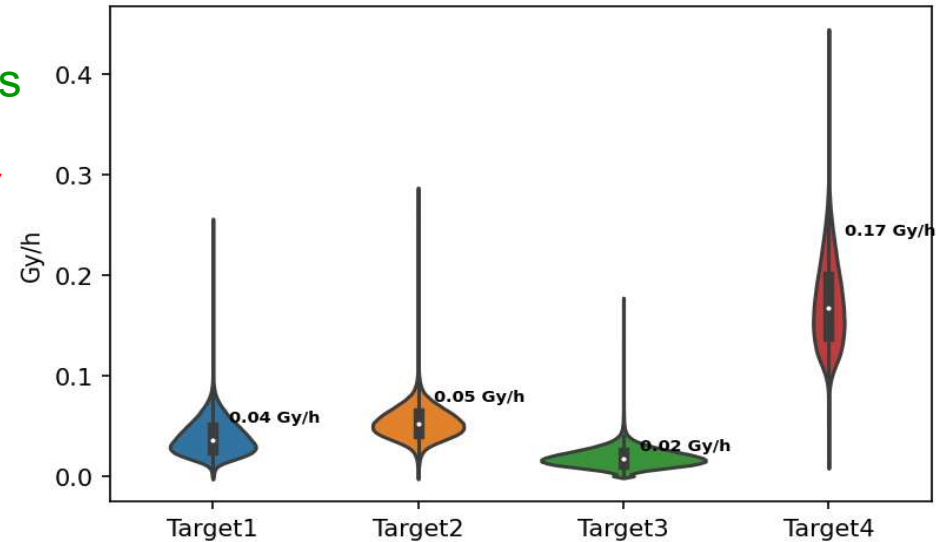
Peak yield detected 2023/24 at 1kHz : $\sim 10^8$ n/s

- at 100W (20W) average power

First radiobiology experiment with laser-generated neutrons

MC-calculated neutron dose on the samples

Largest delivered dose (#4) : **0.27Gy**



First radiobiology experiment with laser-generated neutrons

Apoptotic cell density

