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**Proton radiography**

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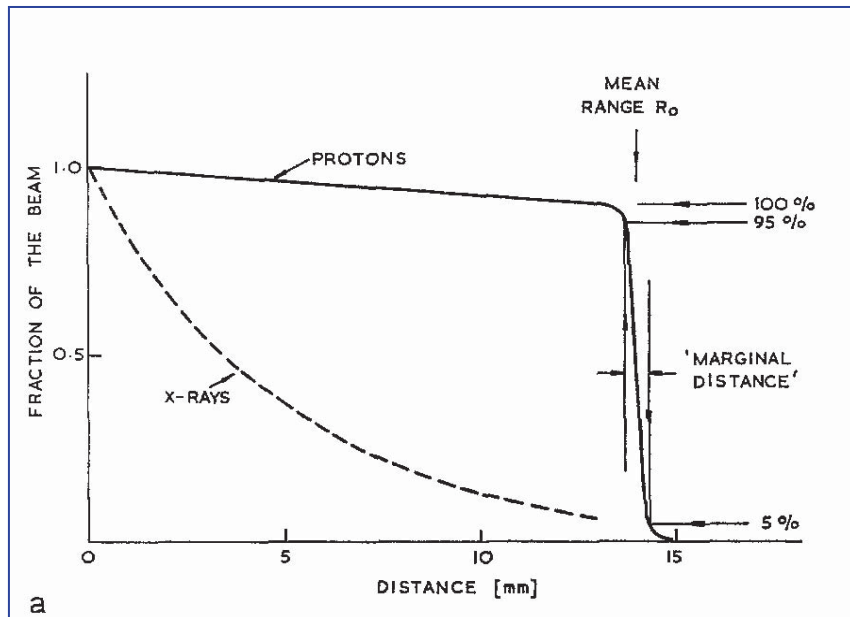
# **Proton radiography**

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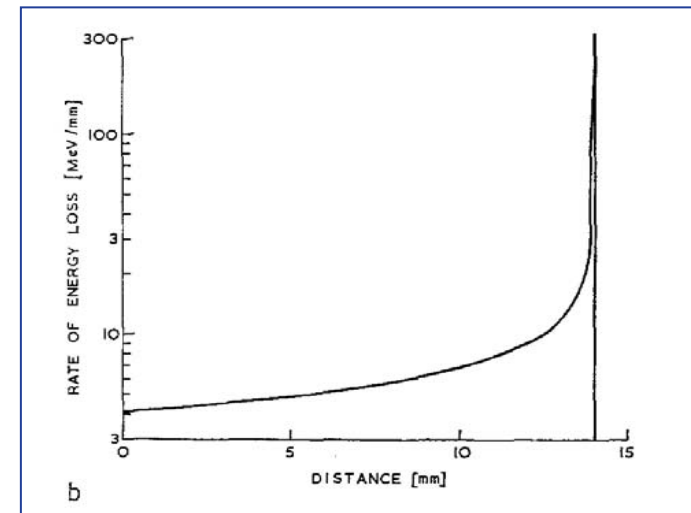
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# Basic physics of the «Marginal Range» Proton Radiography

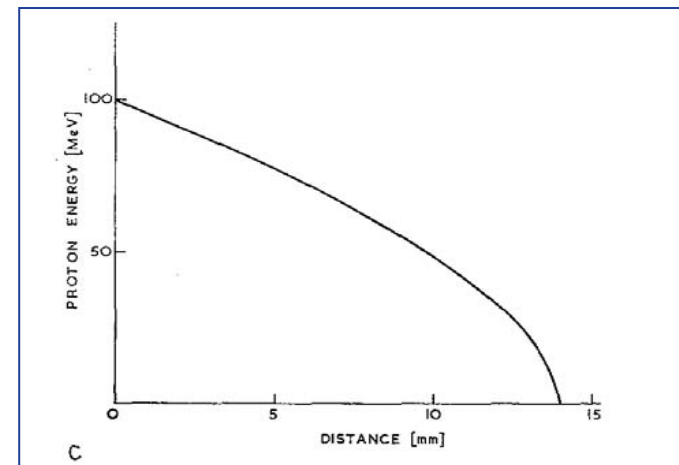
- Reduce proton beam energy to near end of range.
- Use steep portion of transmission curve to enhance sensitivity to areal density variations.
- Coulomb scattering at low energy results in poor resolution  $>1.5$  mm.
- Contrast generated through proton absorption.



The proportion of protons (solid line) or X-rays (dotted line) at different distances in iron.

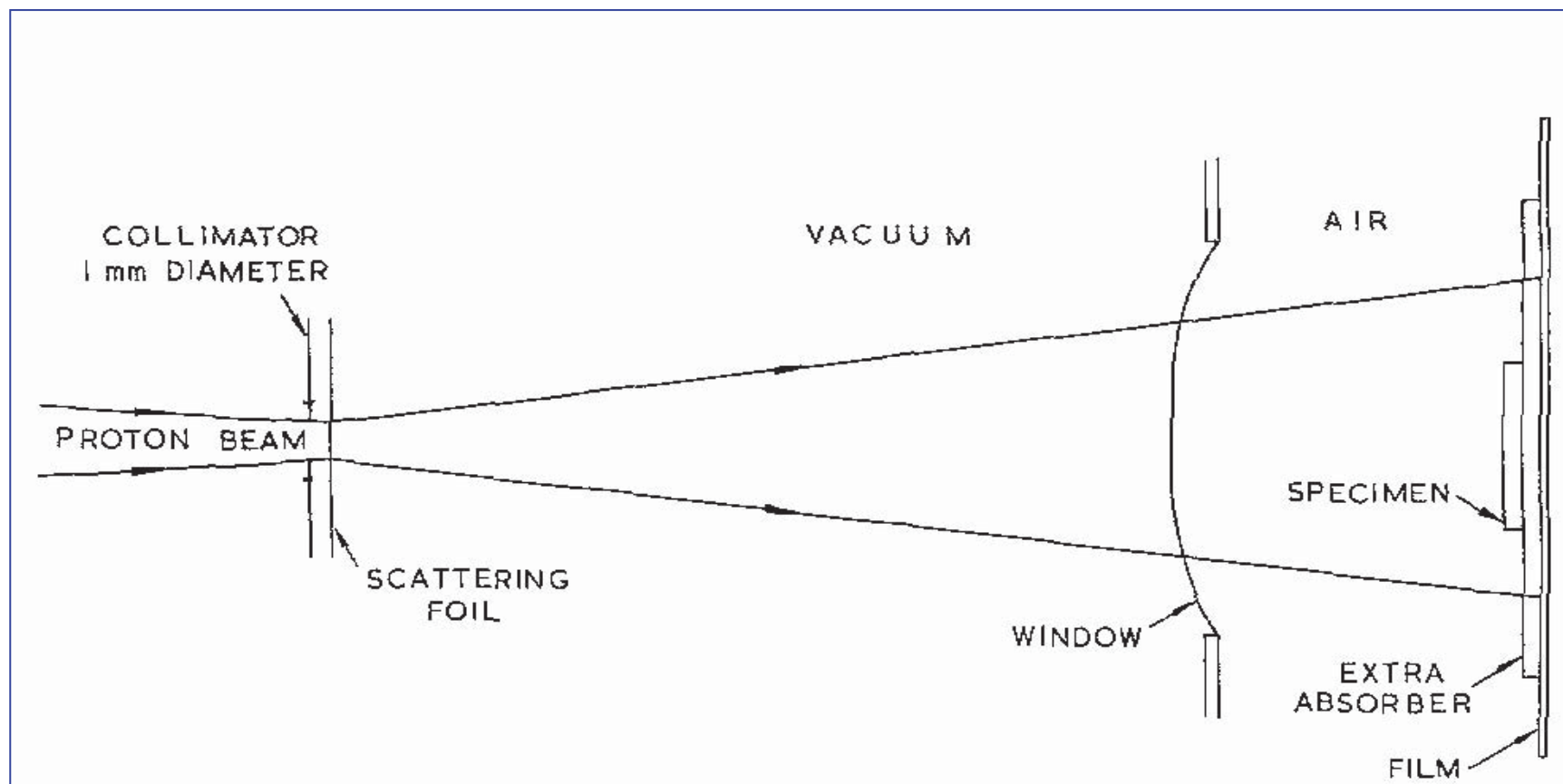


The energy lost per mm for a typical proton as a function of the distance it has travelled in iron.

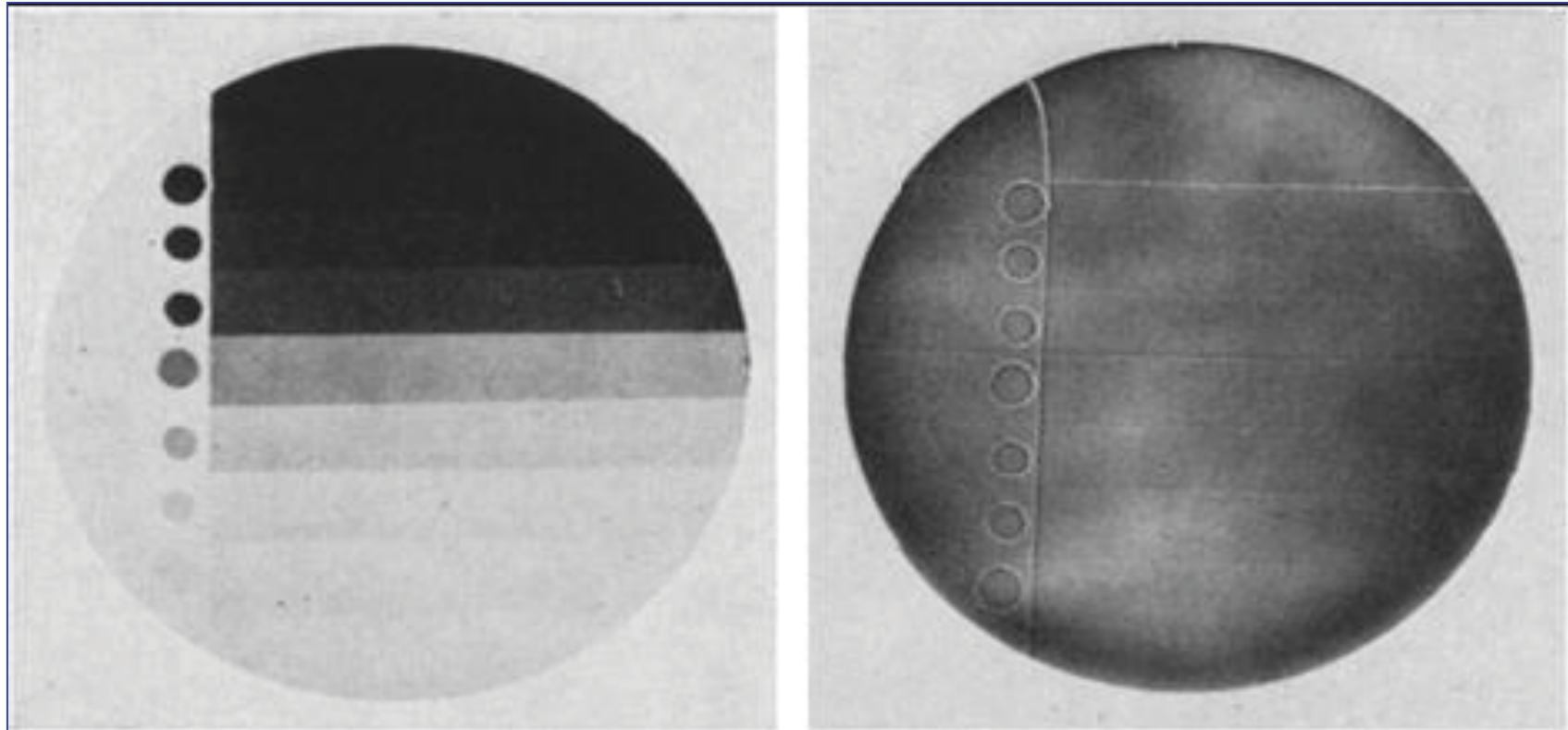


The residual energy of an individual proton as a function of the distance it has travelled in iron

## Typical system for Marginal Range Proton Radiography.



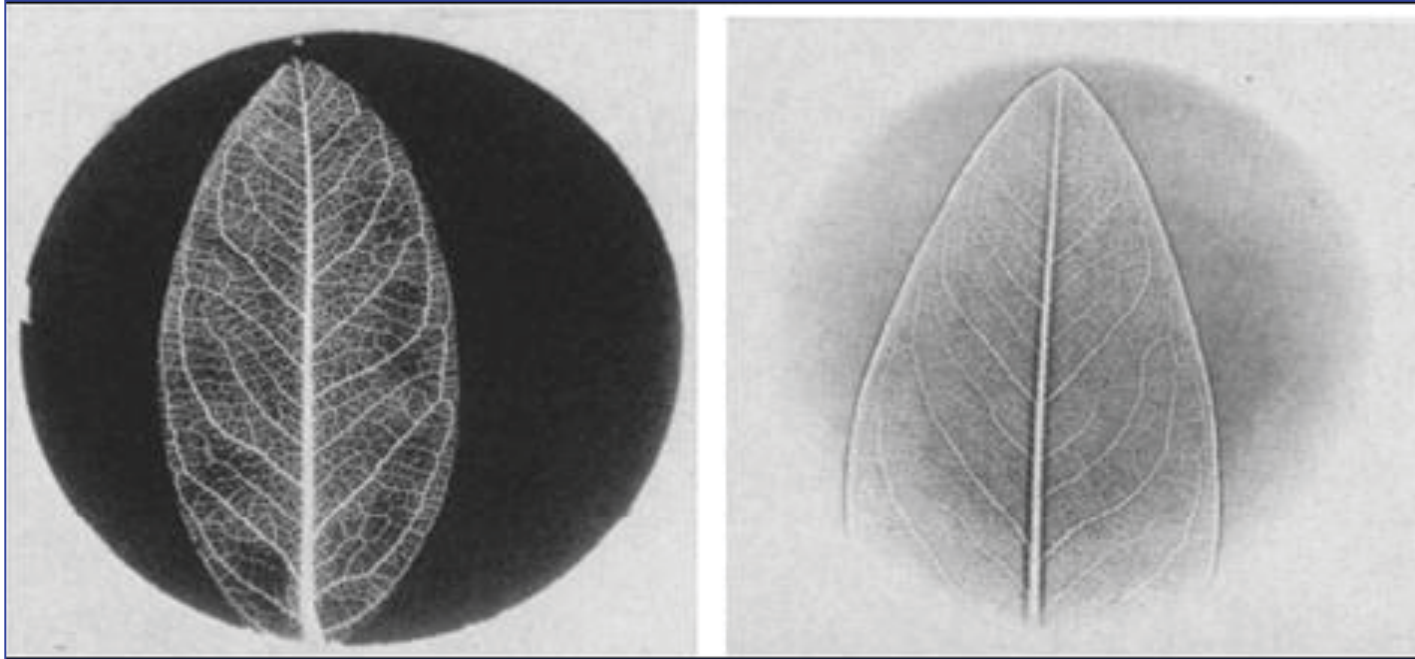




Radiographs of a wedge with steps of  $2.1 \text{ mg/cm}^2 \text{ Al}$ . The pattern of dots identifies the position of the wedge.

- a) Marginal range technique.  $213 \text{ mg/cm}^2$  extra Al absorber. Ni strips of  $0.29 \text{ mg/cm}^2$  and  $0.26 \text{ mg/cm}^2$  give vertical lines on the left and right sides of the wedge,
- b) Multiple scattering technique. Wedge-to-film distance 14 mm

Naturwissenschaften 61, 184—191 (1974) J. A. Cookson



Radiographs of leaves by

- a) marginal range radiography with 196 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> of extra Al absorber.
- b) scattering radiography with leaf sandwiched between two 6.9 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> Al layers and 14 mm from the film

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# Scattering Proton Radiography

## Scattering Radiography

- Edge detection only
- Limited to thin objects
- Contrast generated through position dependent scattering

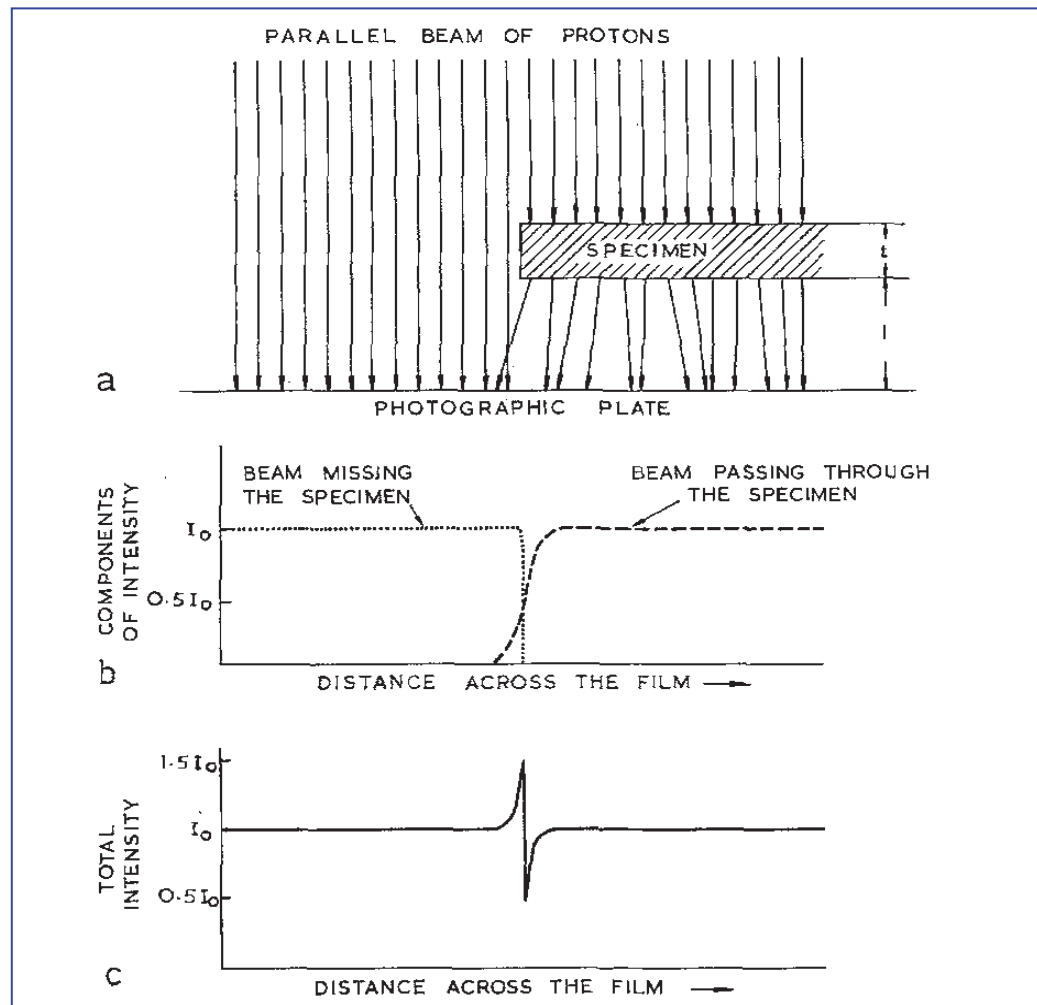
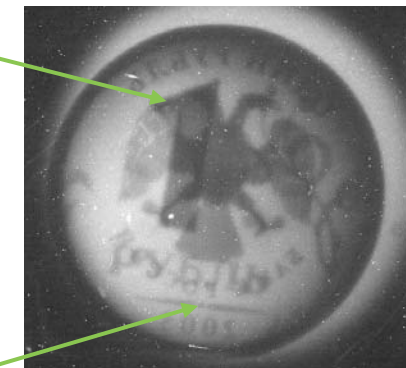
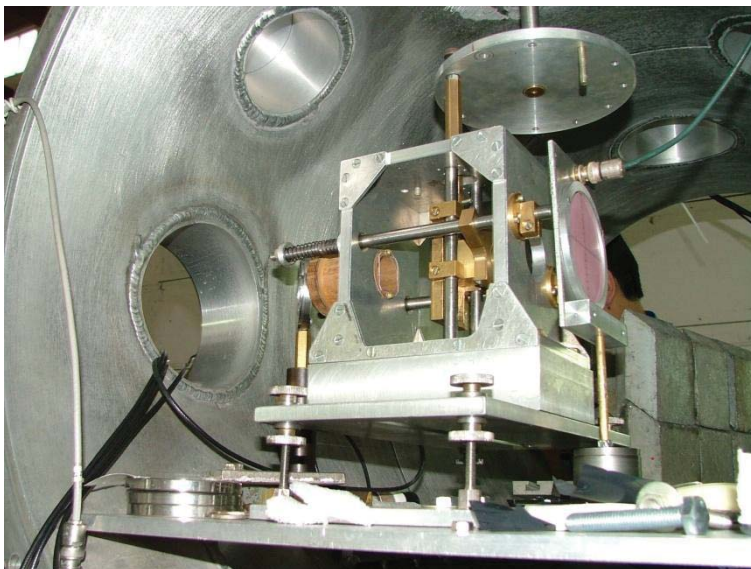
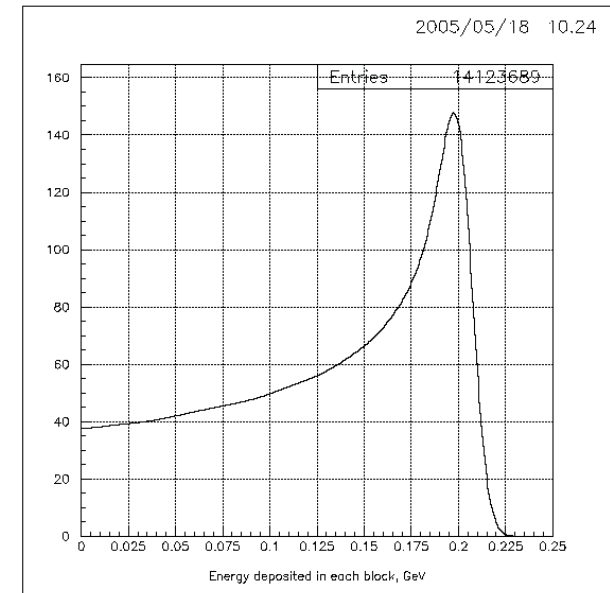
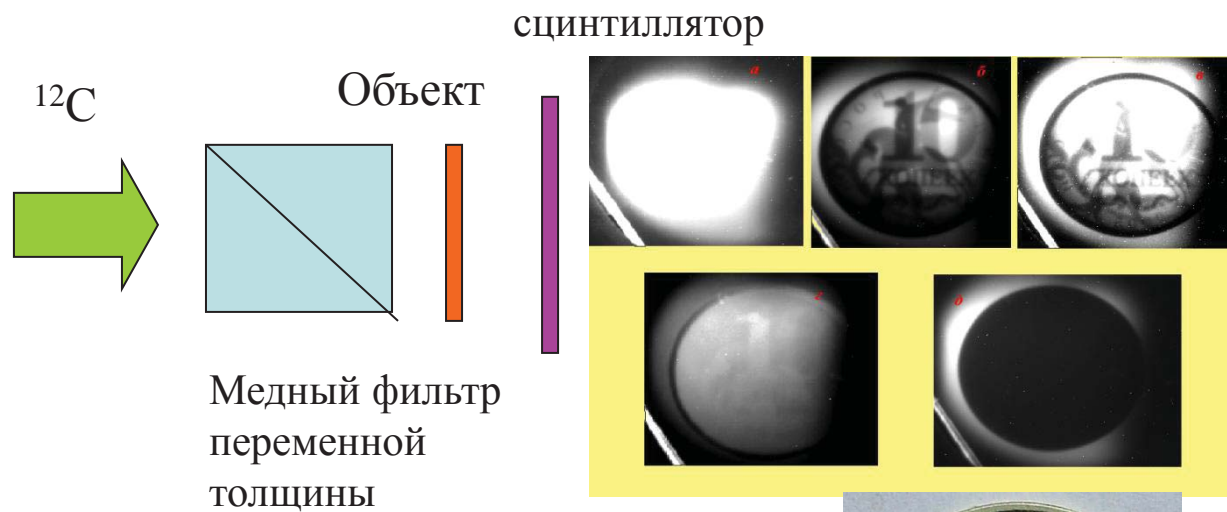


Illustration of how multiple scattering produces its characteristic edge pattern

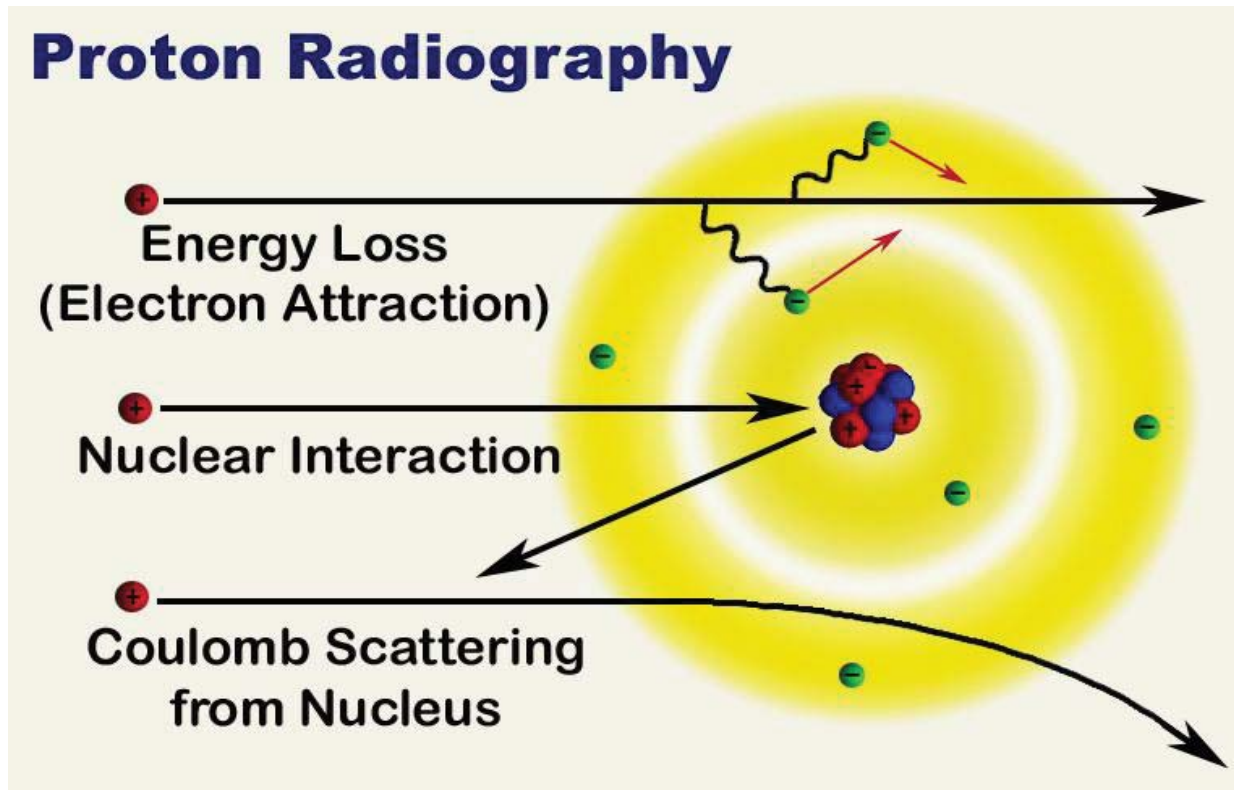
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# Ion Radiography





# Proton Radiography Principle



Protons passing through a matter undergo:

- **Coulomb multiple scattering** (cross-section pro rata  $Z^2/A$ ,  $Z$  – nuclear charge)
- **Nuclear scattering** (loss particle pro rata atomic weight  $A^{2/3}$ )
- **Energy loss**

# 1<sup>st</sup> LANL Proton Radiography (1995)

188 MeV secondary proton beamline at LANSCE

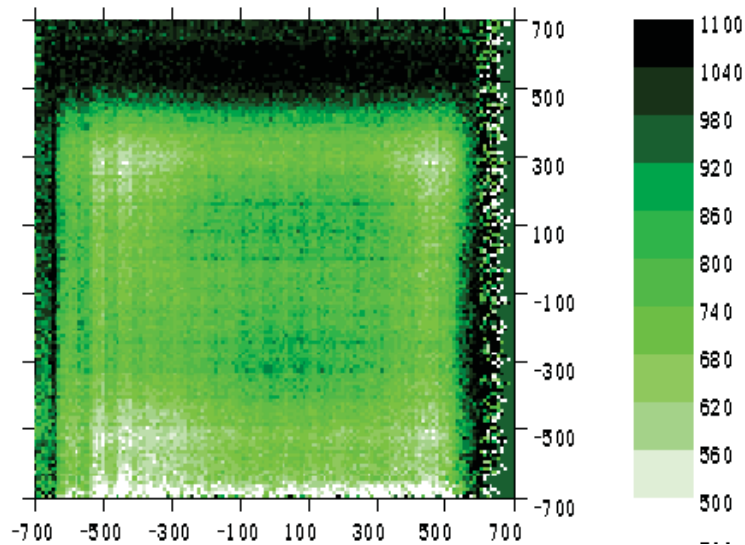
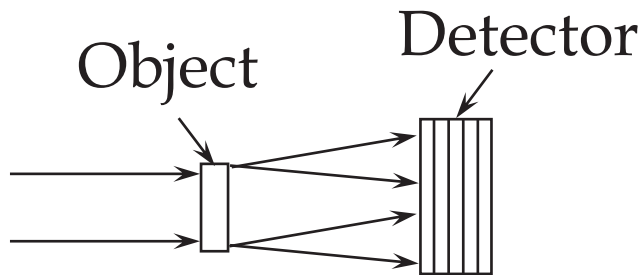
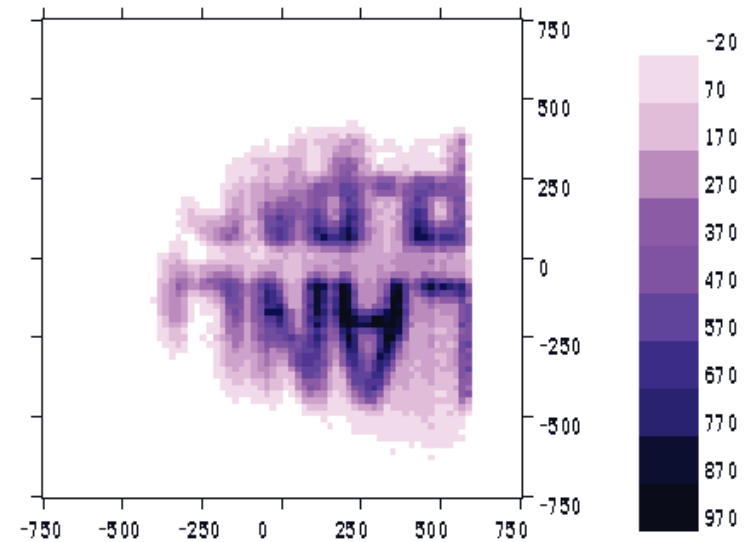
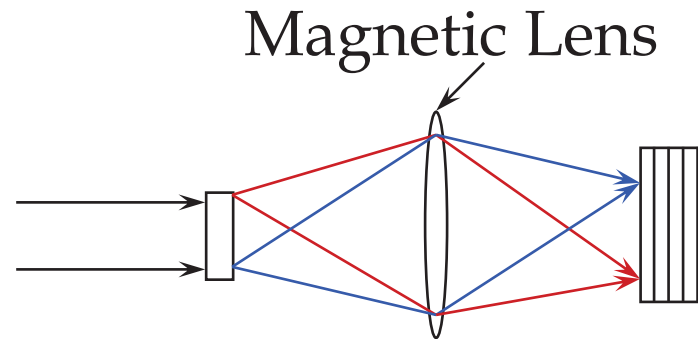
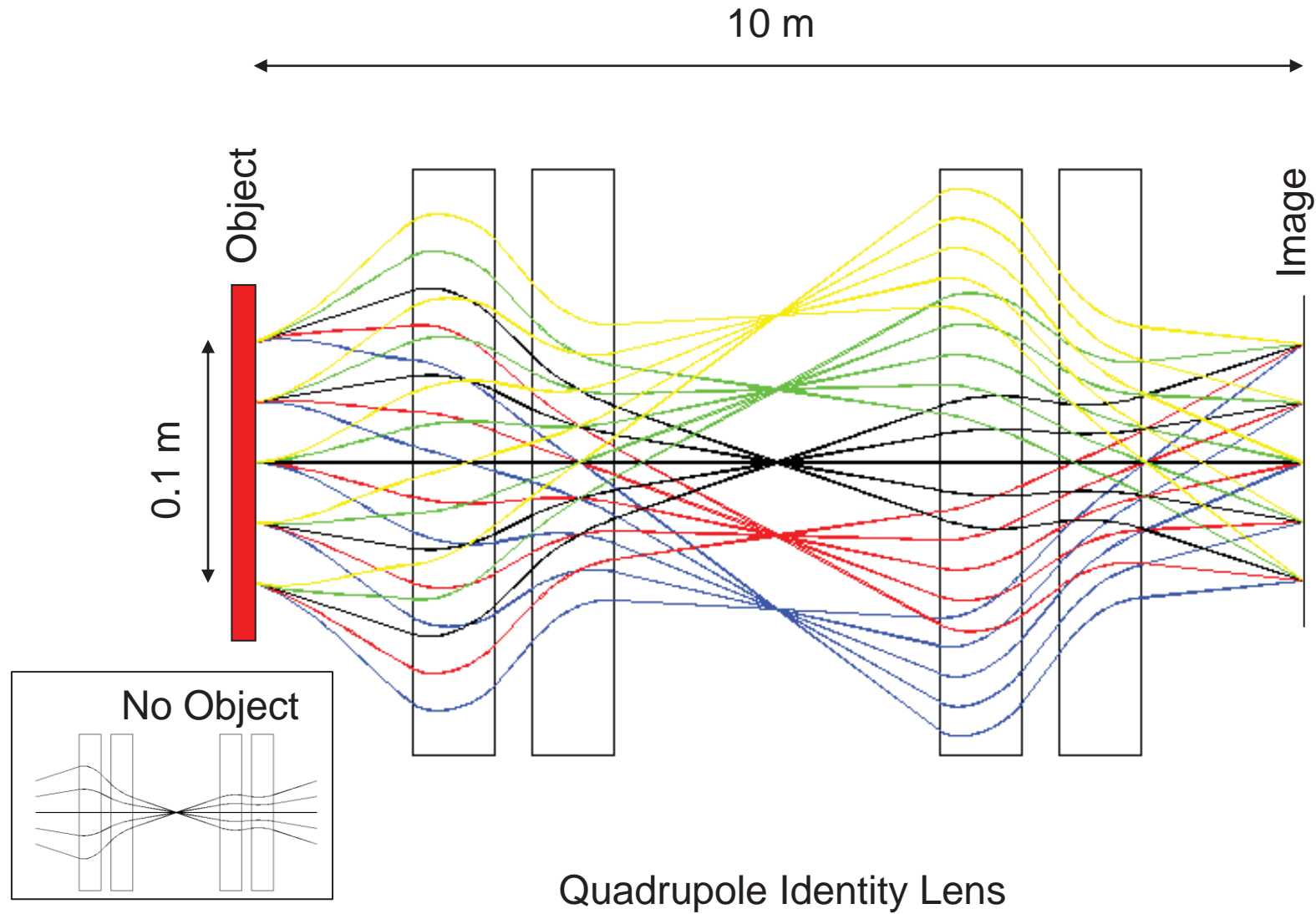


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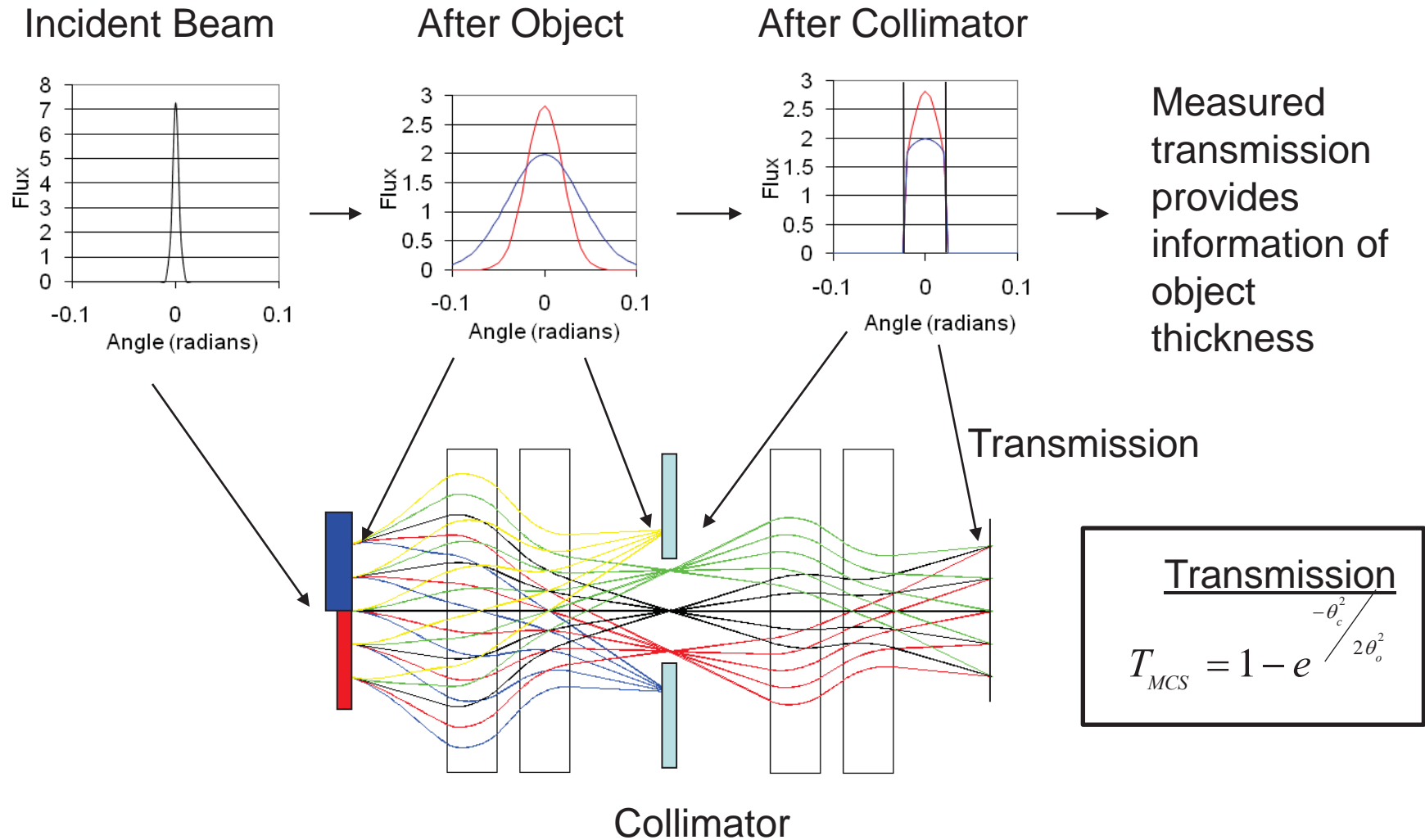


Magnetic imaging lens preserves image with high resolution.

# Magnetic Imaging Lens



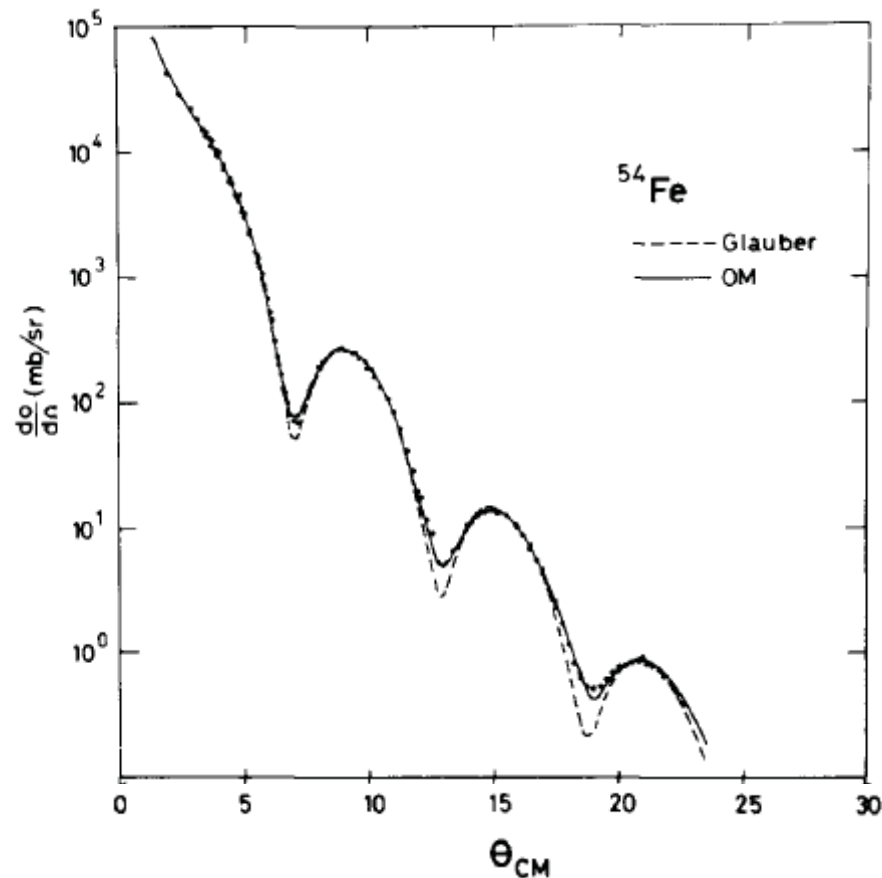
# Contrast from Multiple Coulomb Scattering





# Nuclear Interactions

Angular distribution of 800 MeV proton nuclear elastic scattering from Iron.



## Simple Approximation for Modeling Proton Radiography

- Characteristic Nuclear Collision Length:  $\lambda_c$
- Approximate that each interaction removes the proton from the acceptance of the imaging lens.
- Measure the collision Length at 800 MeV

The “true” nuclear interactions are more complicated than this simple assumption and these interactions are reasonably well understood. This can all be simulated, but it is typically not worth the effort for designing small scale experiments.

## Transmission

$$T_{nuclear} = e^{-x/\lambda_c}$$

# Areal Density Reconstruction

$$T_{nuclear} = e^{-x/\lambda}$$

Nuclear removal processes

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$$T_{MCS} = 1 - e^{-\theta_o^2 / 2\theta_c^2}$$

$$\theta_o = \frac{14.1 MeV}{p\beta} \sqrt{\frac{x}{x_o}}$$

Multiple Coulomb Scattering with collimation:

$\theta_o$  - scattering angle (radians)

$x$  - areal density

$x_o$  - radiation length

$p$  - momentum (MeV)

$\beta$  - relativistic velocity

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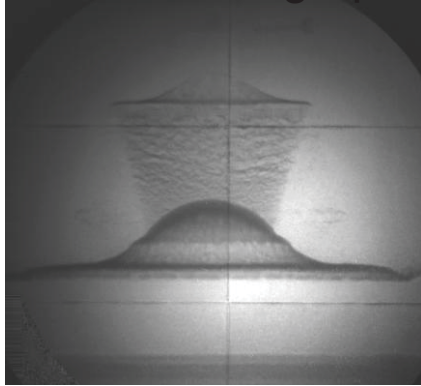
$$T = e^{-x/\lambda} \left( 1 - e^{-\left( \frac{\theta_c p \beta}{14.1 MeV} \right)^2 \frac{x_o}{2x}} \right)$$

Total Transmission

- inverted to determine areal density,  $x$

# Radiographic Analysis

"Raw" Radiograph

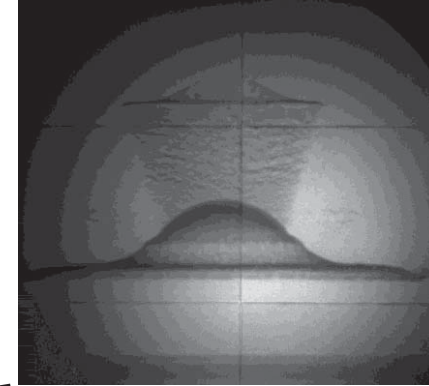


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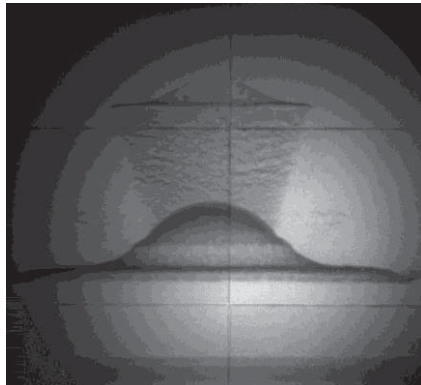
Dark Field



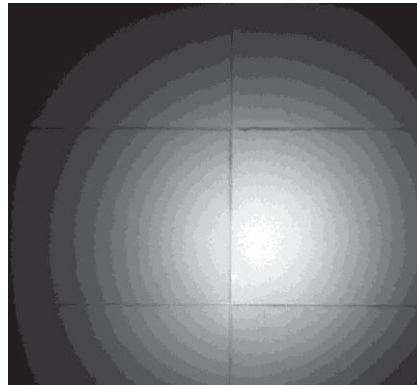
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Beam Picture

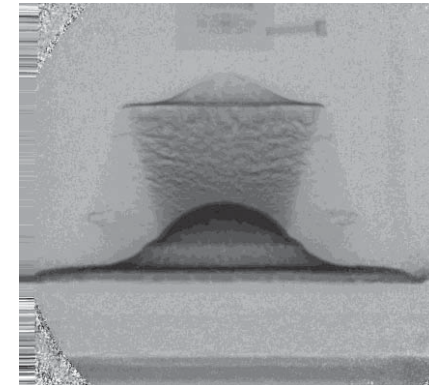


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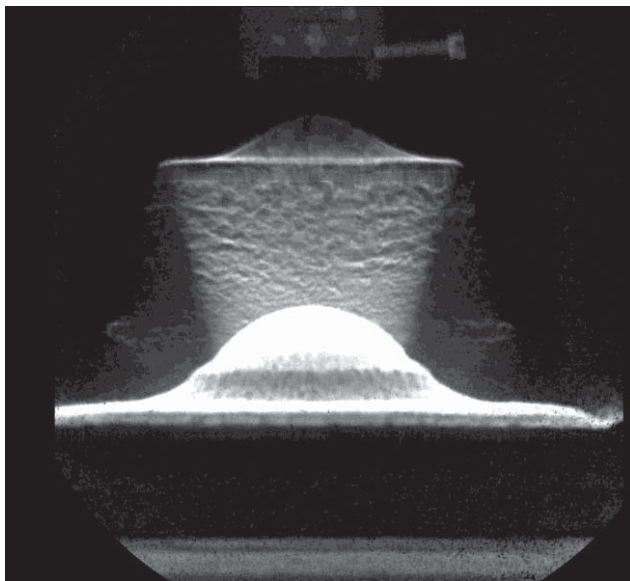
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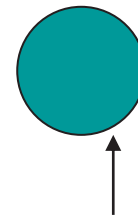
# Density Reconstruction

Invert to calculate Areal Density

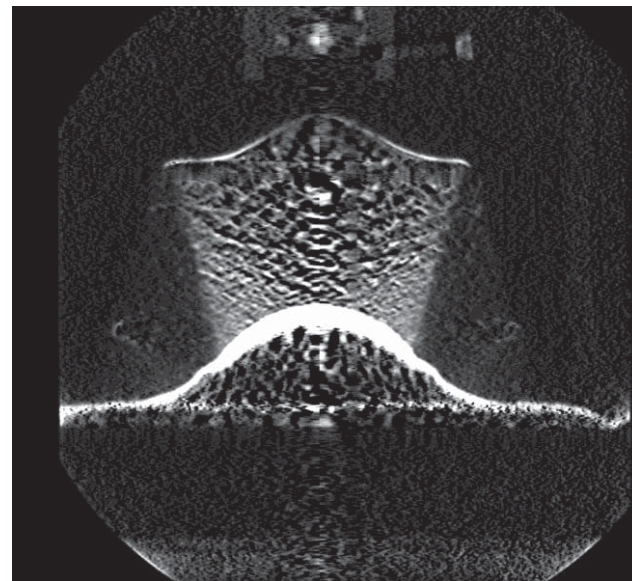
$$T = e^{-x/\lambda} \left( 1 - e^{-\left( \frac{\theta_c p \beta}{14.1 \text{ MeV}} \right)^2 \frac{x_0}{2x}} \right)$$



Areal Density (g/cm<sup>2</sup>)



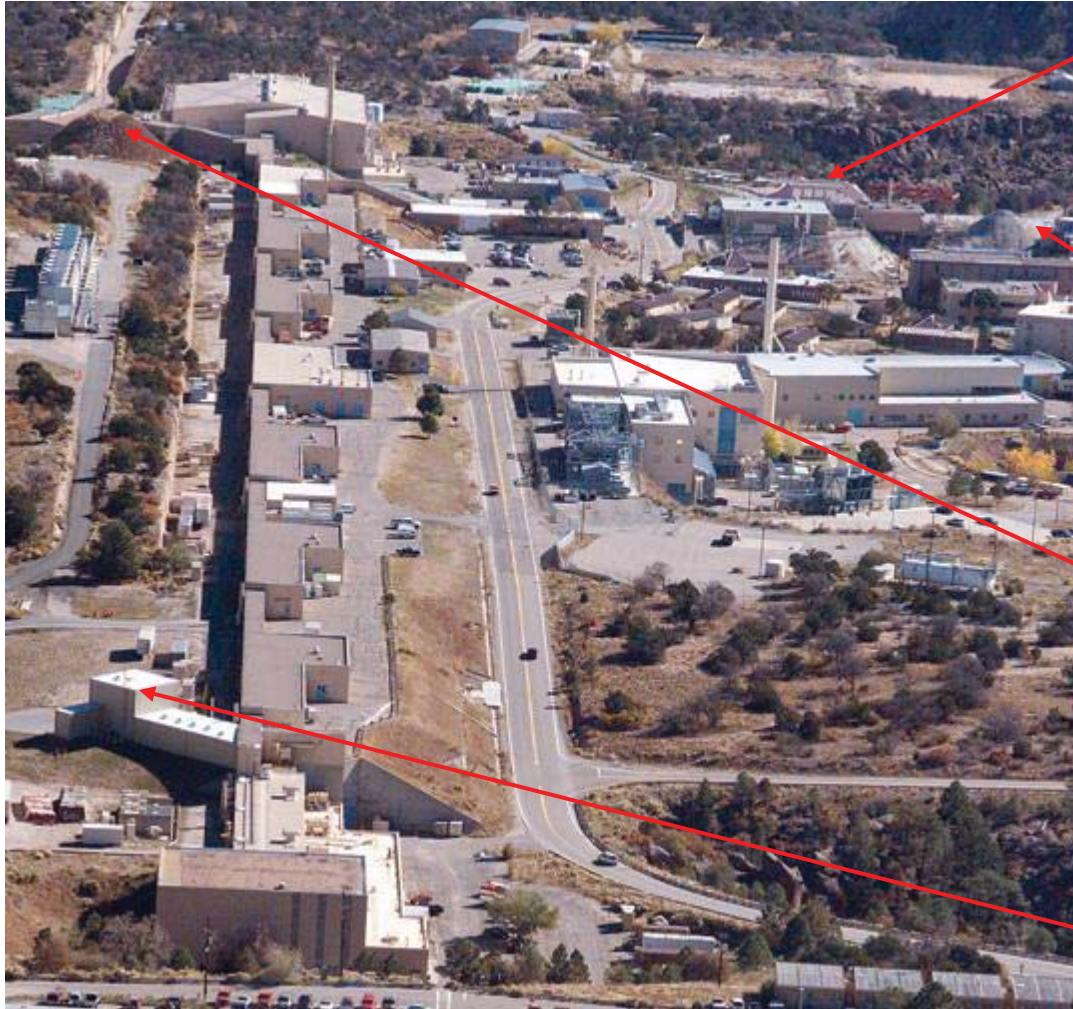
Use assumption of cylindrical symmetry to determine volume density (Abel inversion)



Volume Density (g/cm<sup>3</sup>)

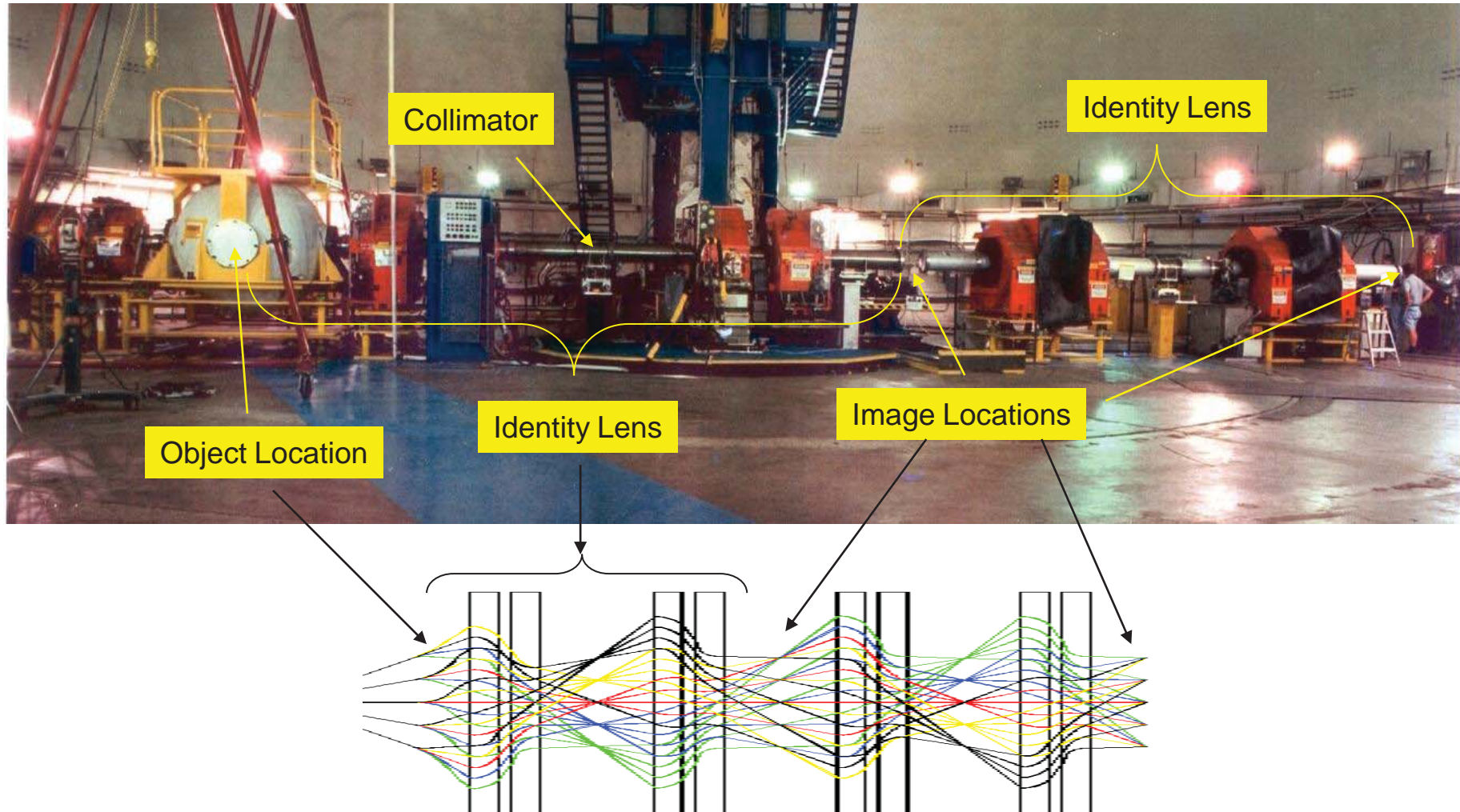


# LANSCCE Experimental Areas



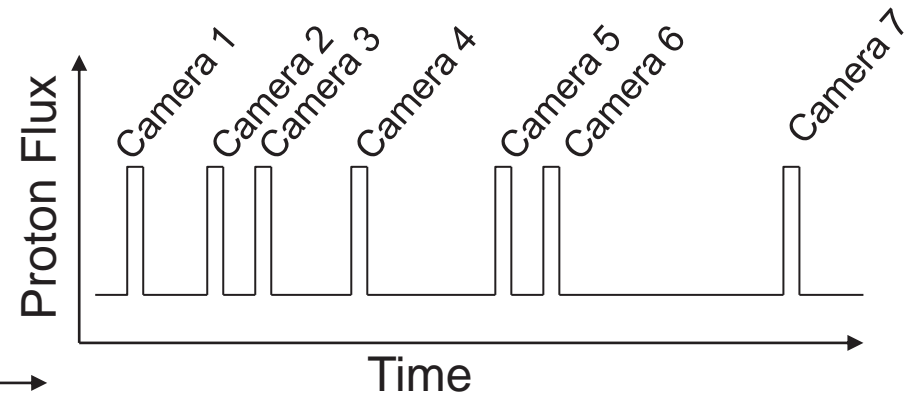
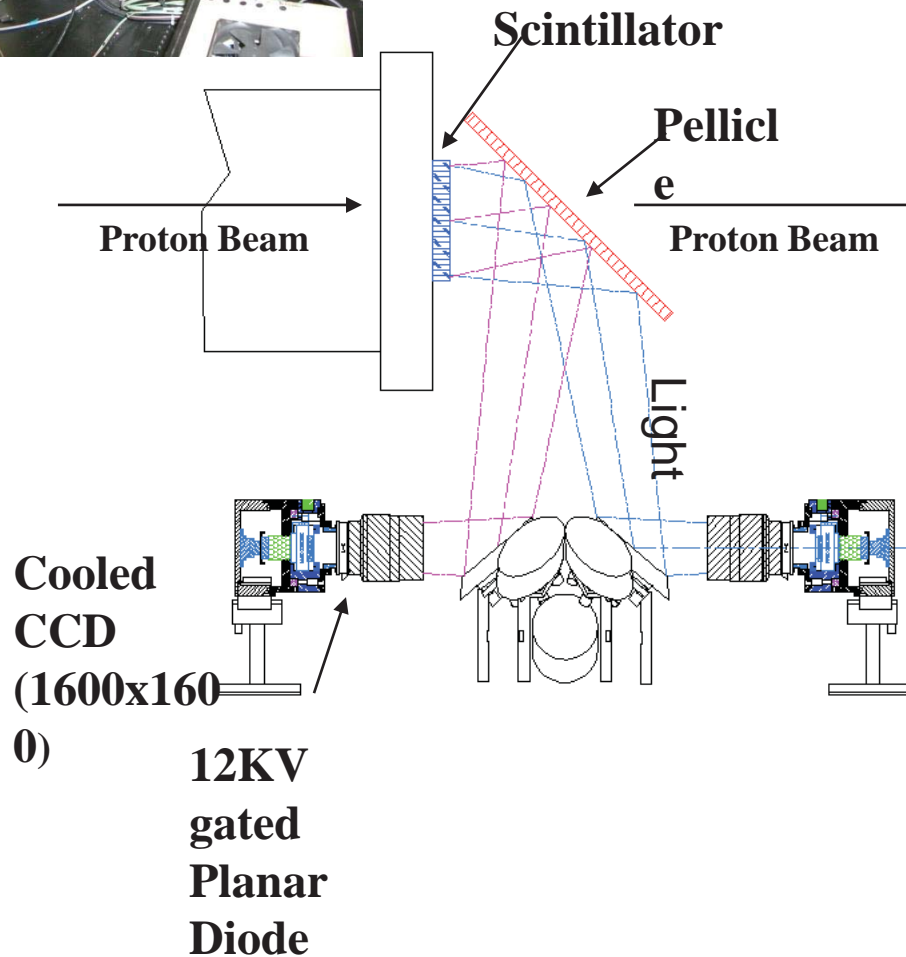
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  - *Materials, bio-science, and nuclear physics*
  - *National user facility*
- WNR
  - *Nuclear Physics*
  - *Neutron Irradiation*
- Proton Radiography
  - *Dynamic Materials science,*
  - *Hydrodynamics*
- Isotope Production Facility
  - *Medical radioisotopes*

# 800 MeV pRad Facility at LANSCE



Images courtesy of Frank Merrill, LANL

# Temporal Resolution



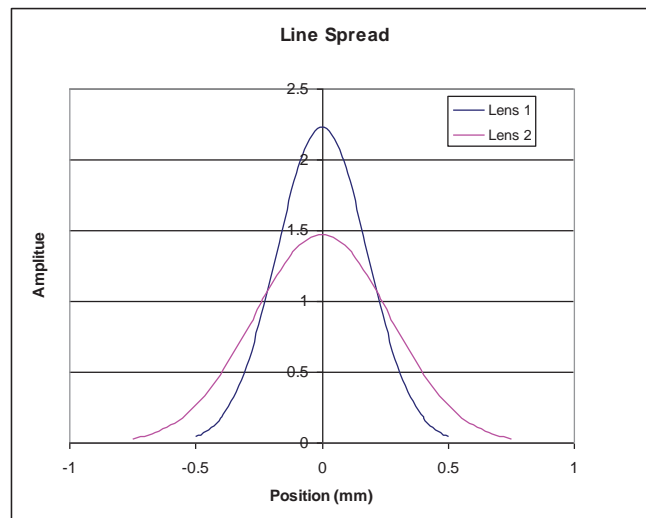
- 19 images at first station
- 22 images at second station
- Typically 100 ns exposure times
- 180 ns inter frame spacing
- Beam available for 1000  $\mu$ s



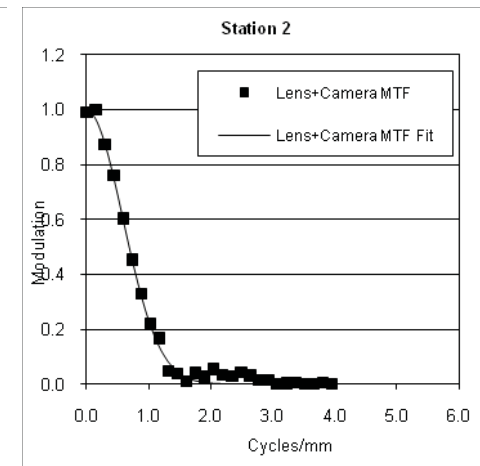
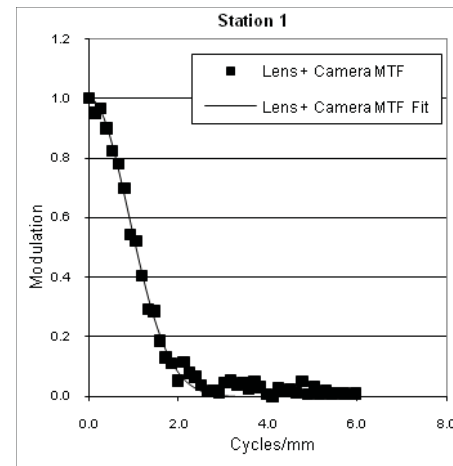
# Resolution of 12" Lens



Gaussian Line Spread Function



- Bare resolution (rms)
  - Station 1: **178  $\mu\text{m}$**
  - Station 2: **280  $\mu\text{m}$**

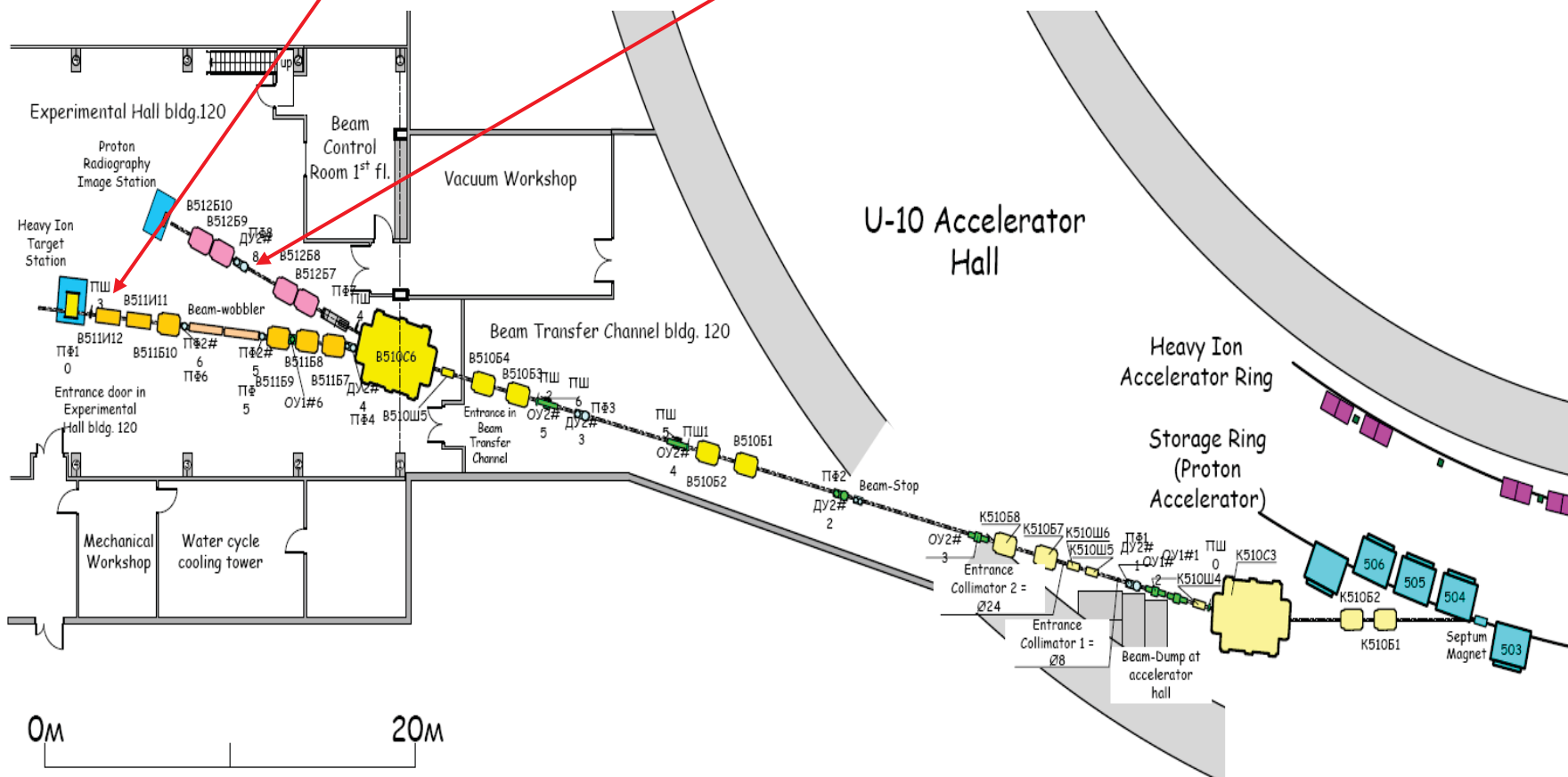




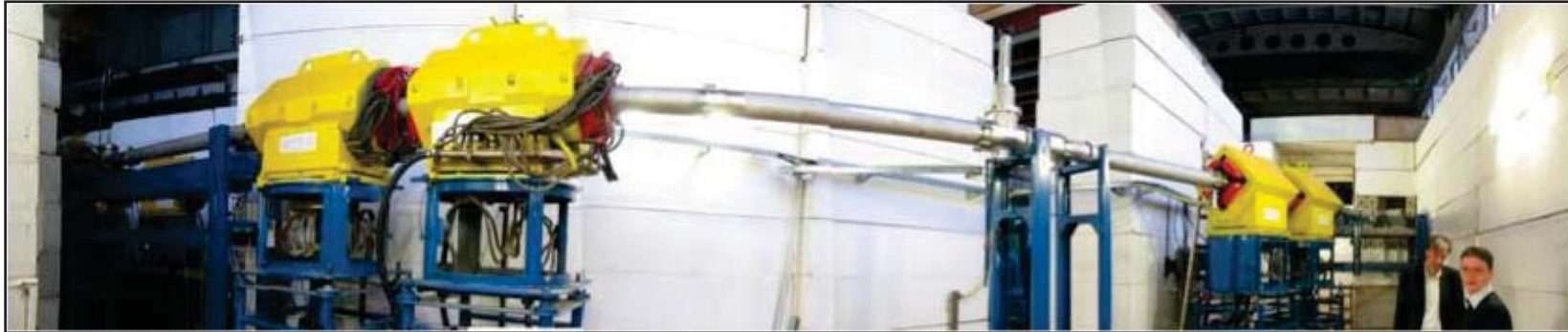
# Plasma Physics Experimental Area on TWAC Facility

## Heavy ion beam plasma

# Proton Radiography



# Proton Radiography Facility

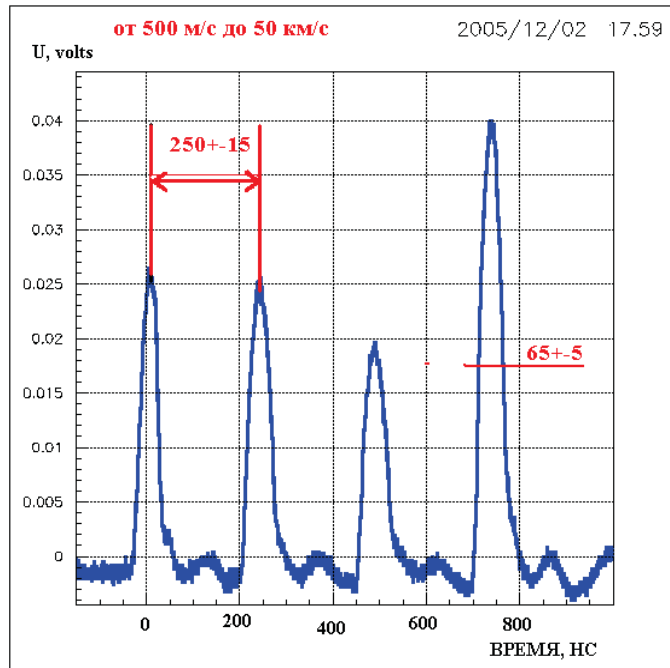


# Parameters of the proton radiography set-up

## Proton energy

800 MeV

- Field of view on object up to 40 mm
- Investigated objects up to 60 g/cm<sup>2</sup>
- Spatial resolution 0.5 p.lines/mm
- Time resolution 4 bunches / 1  $\mu$ s



## Protective Target Chamber designed for:

Up to 80 g TNT equivalent

Pumped down to 10<sup>-3</sup> Torr

Active ventilation system

Inlets for VISAR diagnostics

## Plasma target parameters (chemical HE generation):

- Electron density up to 10<sup>23</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup>
- Pressure ~10 GPa
- Density up to 4.5 g/cm<sup>3</sup>
- Temperature 1÷3 eV
- Time scale – microseconds
- HE mass (TNT) – 60 g



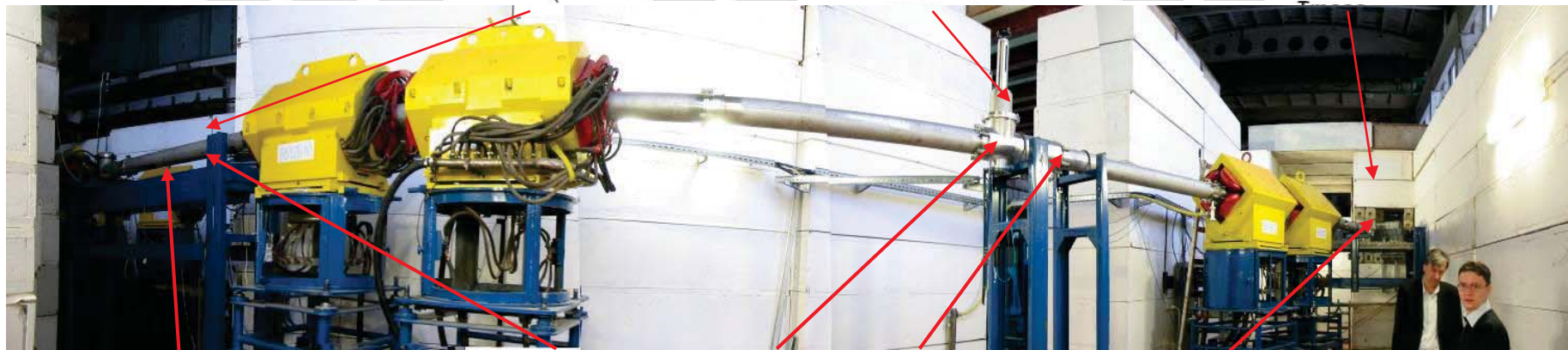
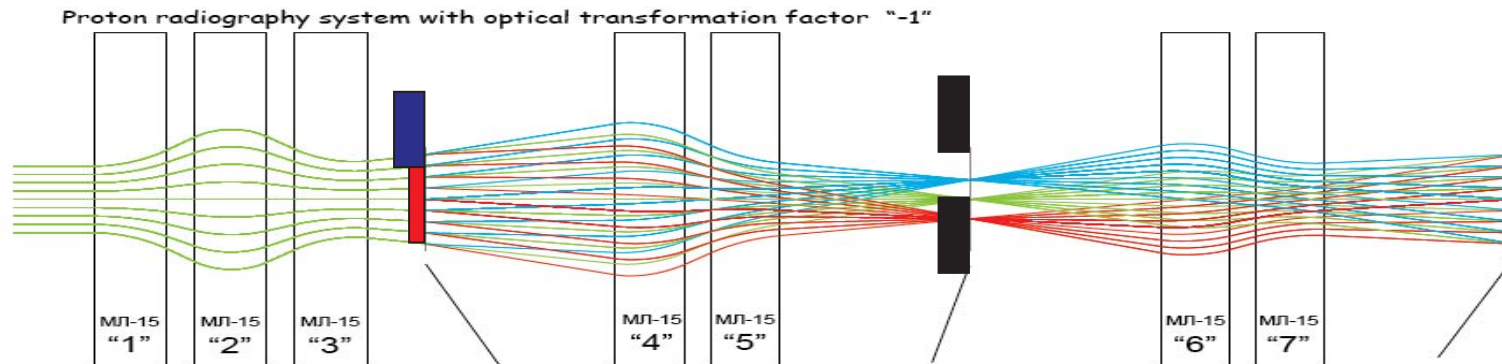


# Target Chamber



- HE mass (TNT) – up to **70 g**
- Pumped down to  $10^{-3}$  Torr
- Active ventilation system
- Optical diagnostics - VISAR
- Target angular positioning ( $\pm 10^\circ$ )
- Static target positioning system
- Cryogenic target system

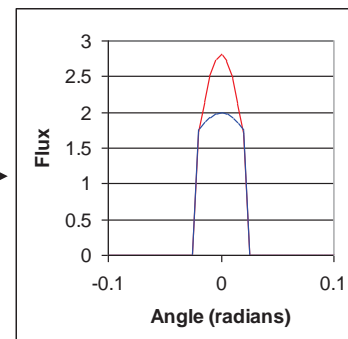
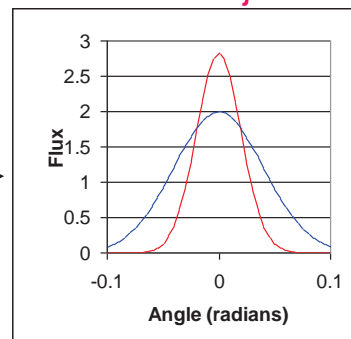
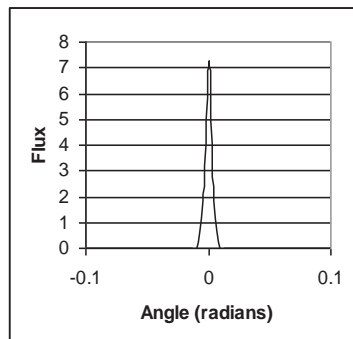
# Magnetic optics design for proton radiography set-up image transformation factor “-1”



Incident Beam

After Object

After Collimator



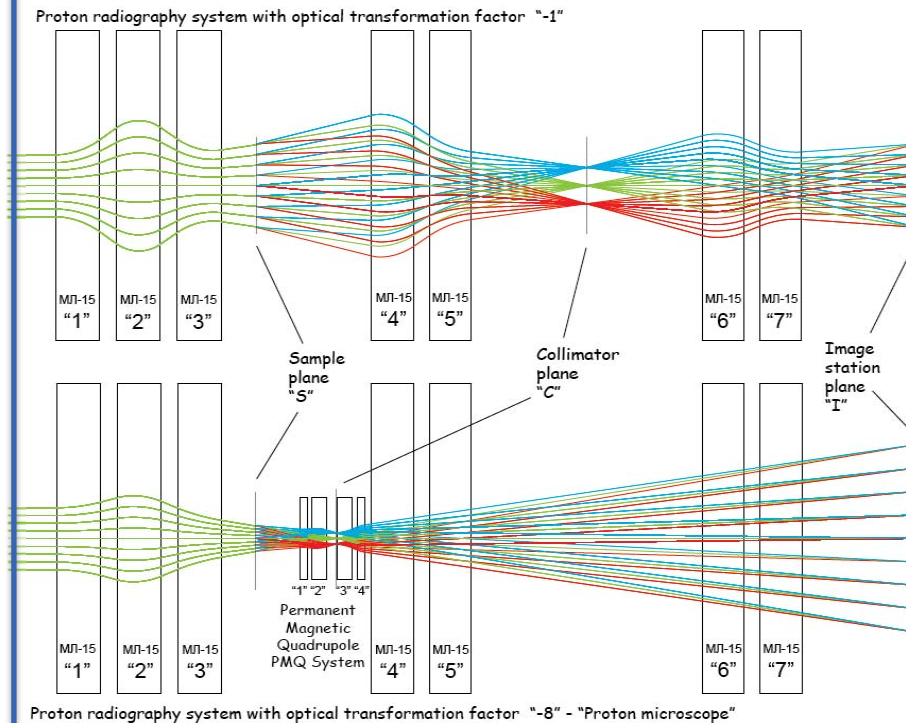
Measured transmission  
provides information  
about object thickness

$$T_{MCS} = 1 - e^{-\frac{\theta_c^2}{2\theta_o^2}}$$

Contrast from Multiple Coulomb Scattering



# Proton Microscope



- 4 permanent high gradient quadrupole lens
  - Magnification **X = 3.92**
  - Field of view < **19 mm**
  - Density resolution ~ **6%**
- Best spatial resolution on object: **50  $\mu\text{m}$**

# Proton Microscope

$E = 800 \text{ MeV}$

Magnification  $X = 7.82$

Field of view  $< 10 \text{ mm}$

Measured spatial resolution

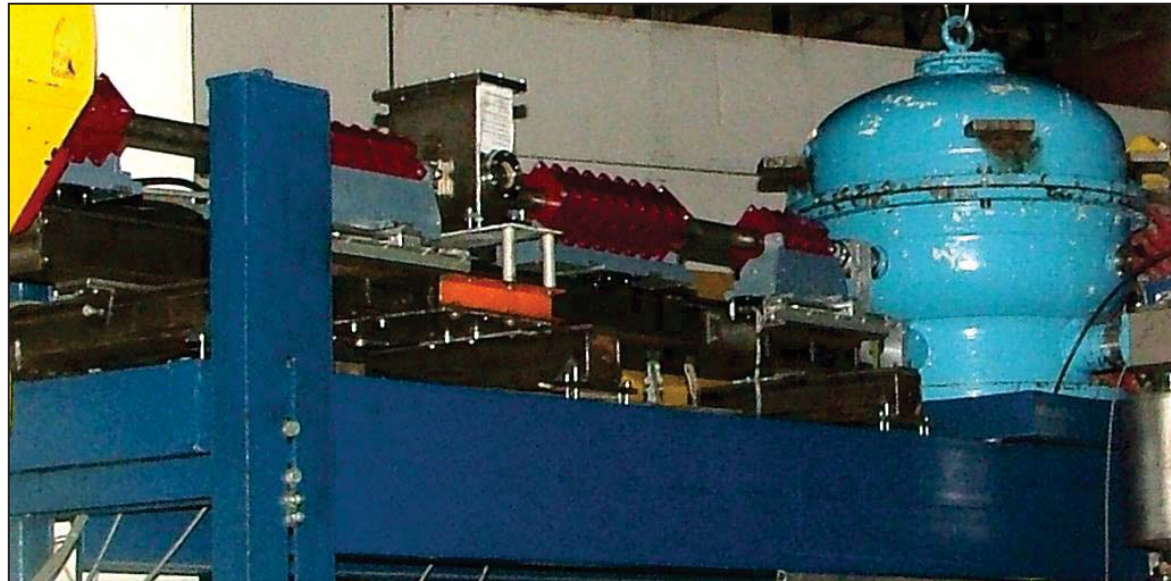
$\sigma = 50 \mu\text{m}$

Magnification  $X = 3.92$

Field of view  $< 22 \text{ mm}$

Measured spatial resolution

$\sigma = 60 \mu\text{m}$

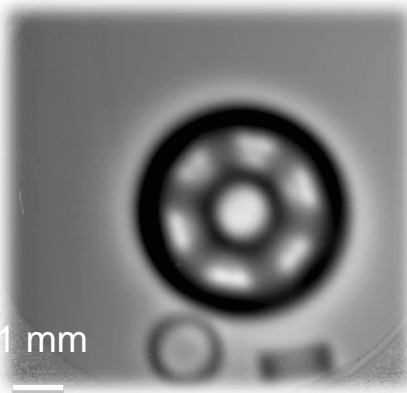


Measured density resolution  $\sim 6\%$

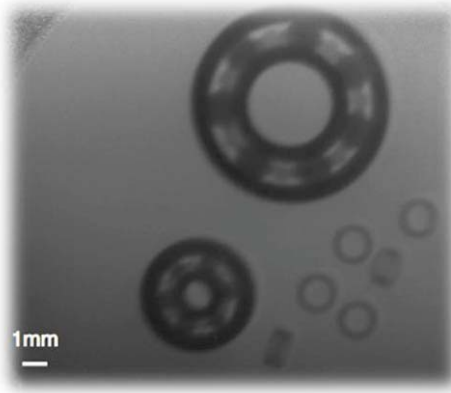
Beam structure – 4 bunches

(FWHM=70ns) in  $1 \mu\text{s}$

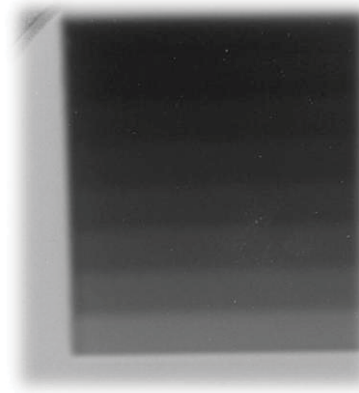
Static test-object images



Ball bearing and ferrite ring ( $X = 7.82$  and  $X = 3.92$ )



Brass stair 1 mm step  $\Delta\rho = 400 \mu\text{m}$



Detonation wave  
imitator  $d = 15 \text{ mm}$   
 $\sigma = 100 \mu\text{m}$

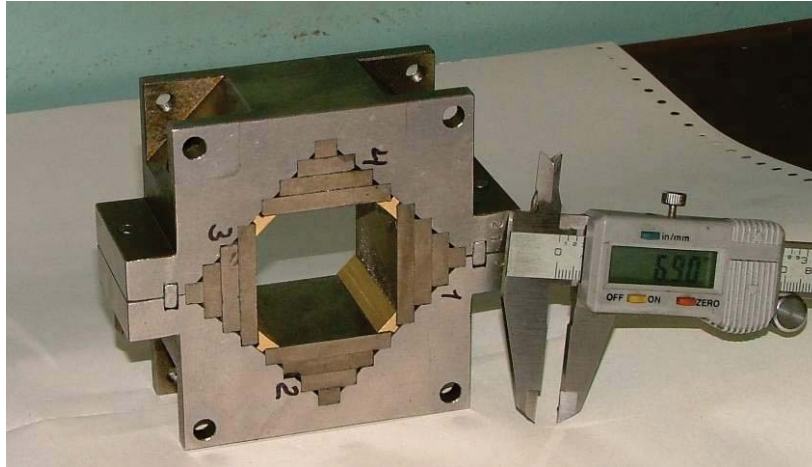
# REPM QUADS FOR p+ MICROSCOPE

- Rare-Earth Permanent Magnet Material (REPM) – Alloy of Sm-Co and Nd-Fe-B Groups With Highest Magnetic Parameters:  $\mu_0 B \approx 1.1 \div 1.3 \text{ T}$ ,  $\mu_0 B_{CI} = 1.3 \div 3.3 \text{ T}$
- Basic Designs
  - ◆ Split-pole Multipole (Developed at ITEP since mid 70s)
    - High-level Gradient
  - ◆ Quasi-Sheet Multipole (QSM) (V. Skachkov, NIM A 500, 2003, p.43)
    - Quadrupole – of Identical Module Construction
    - ITEP Symmetrical Channel Structure – FDFD (160 mm – 320 mm – 320 mm – 160 mm)
    - Gradient Integral – (4.6 T – 9.2 T – 9.2 T – 4.6 T )
    - Low-Level Gradient but Technological Advantages
    - No Limitations on the Working Region Shape
- Engineering Approach to Channel Structure:
  - Gradient – Fixed
  - Longitudinal Lens Alignment – Remotely Driven Adjustable

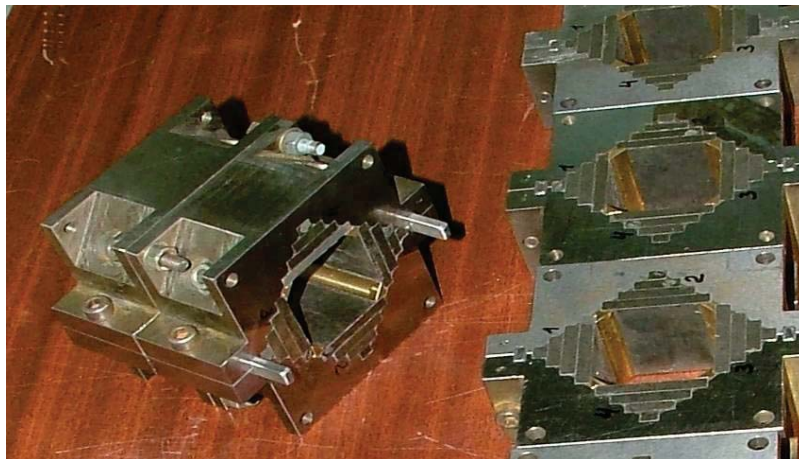
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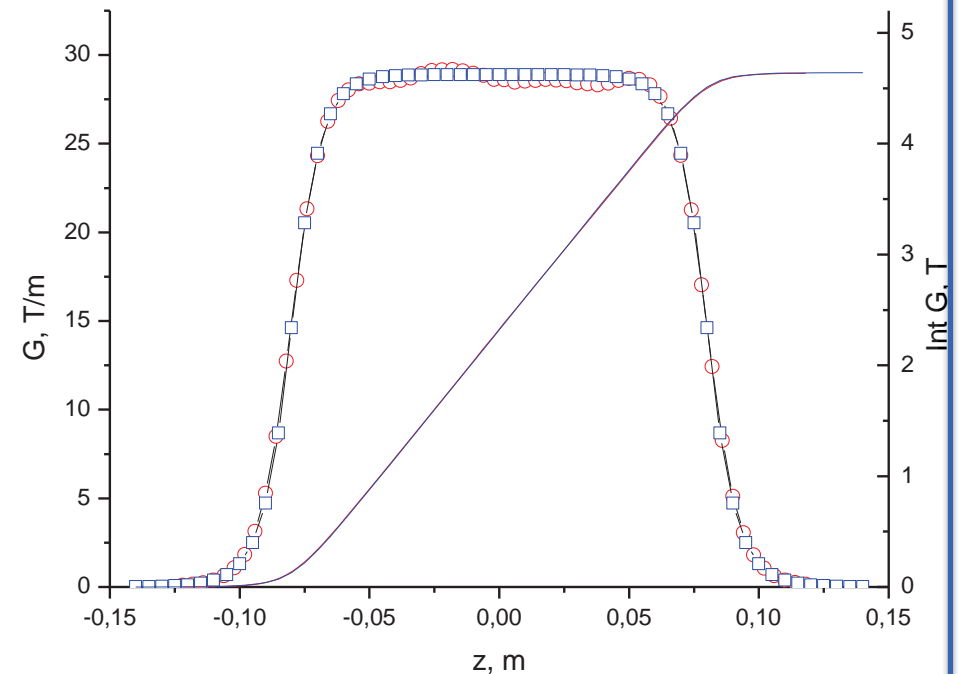
# Permanent Magnet Quadrupole lens fabrication for “Proton Microscope”



Permanent Magnetic Quadrupole Module  
Magnetic alloy Nd-Fe-B

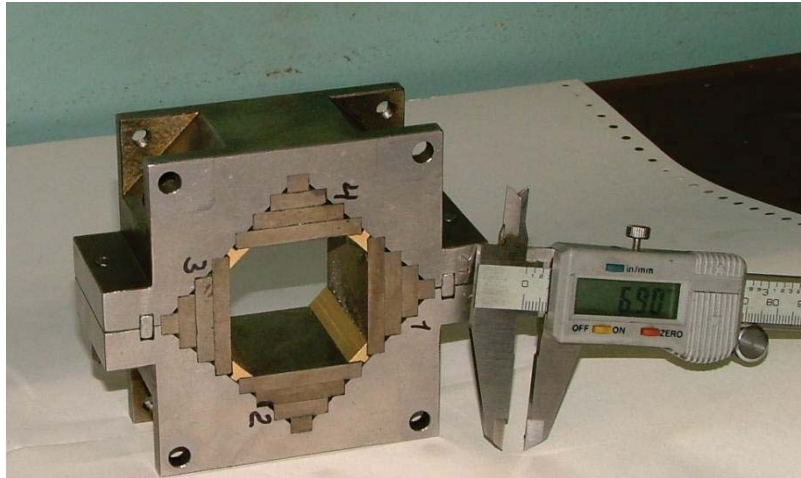


Quadrupole Lens Assembling

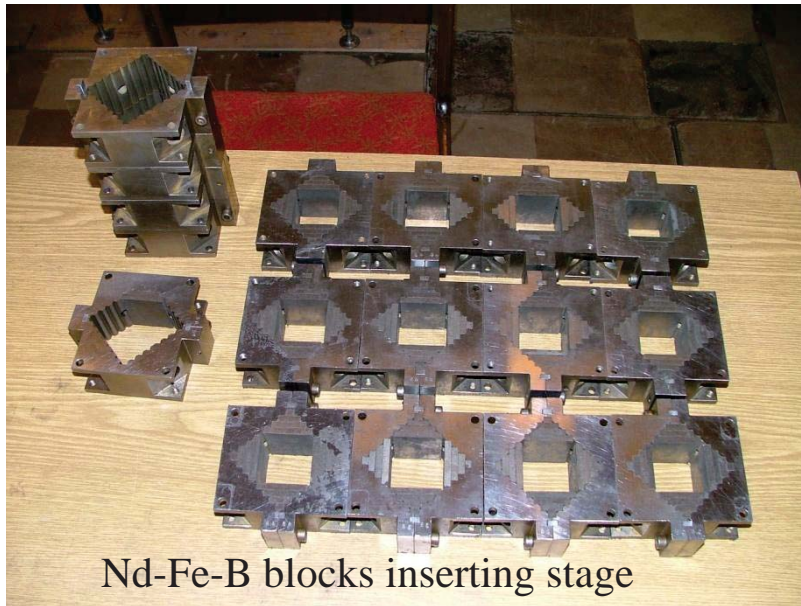


Four Modules Assembly Axis Gradient  
Distribution  
Blue – field simulation  
Red – field measurements

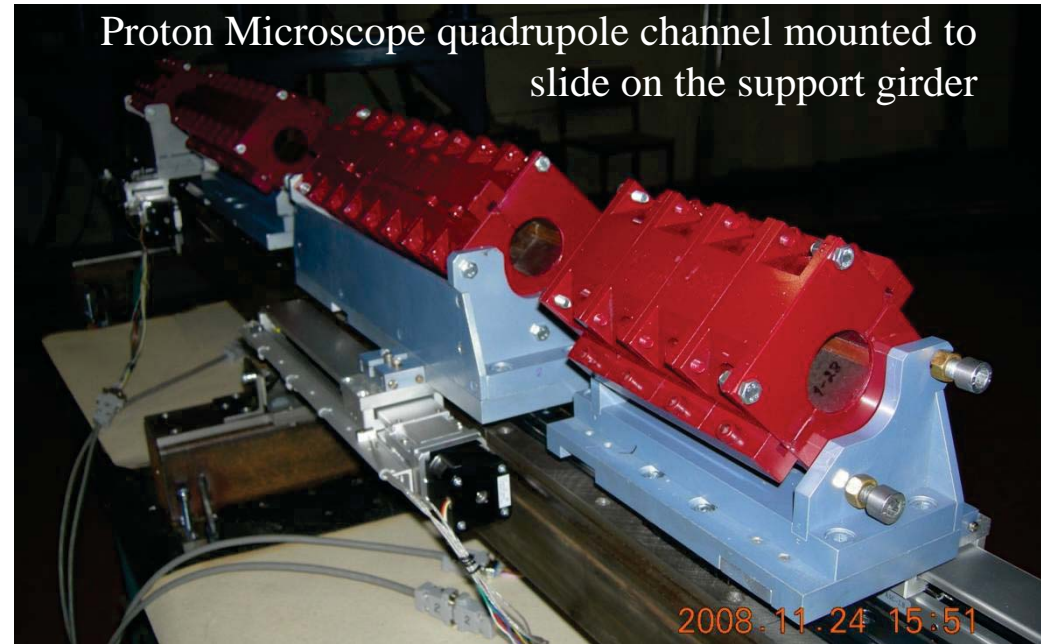
# REPM QUADS FOR p+ MICROSCOPE *QSM Quads Manufacturing Stage*



Alone quad module completely assembled



Nd-Fe-B blocks inserting stage

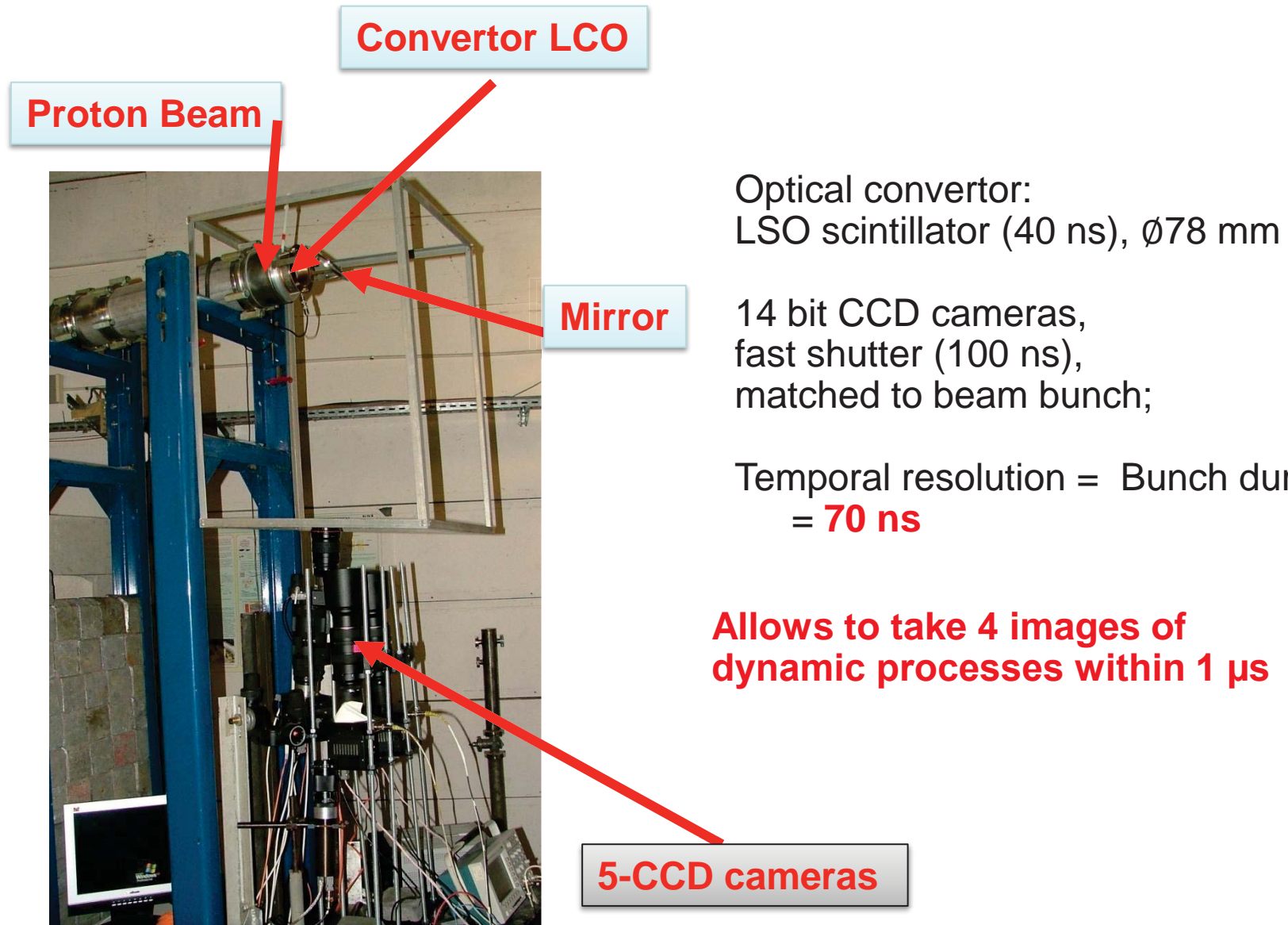


Proton Microscope quadrupole channel mounted to slide on the support girder

- ▶ **REPM material** – Nd-Fe-B alloy  
with  $\mu_0 B = 1.2 \text{ T}$ ,  $\mu_0 B_{CI} = 1.7 \text{ T}$
- ▶ **Aperture** – almost square of  $40 \times 40 \text{ mm}$
- ▶ **Module length** – 40 mm
  - ▶ Yoke – magnetically soft steel
  - ▶ Number of identical modules – 24
  - ▶ Accurate modules assembling



# Image Registration System



Optical convertor:  
LSO scintillator (40 ns),  $\varnothing 78$  mm

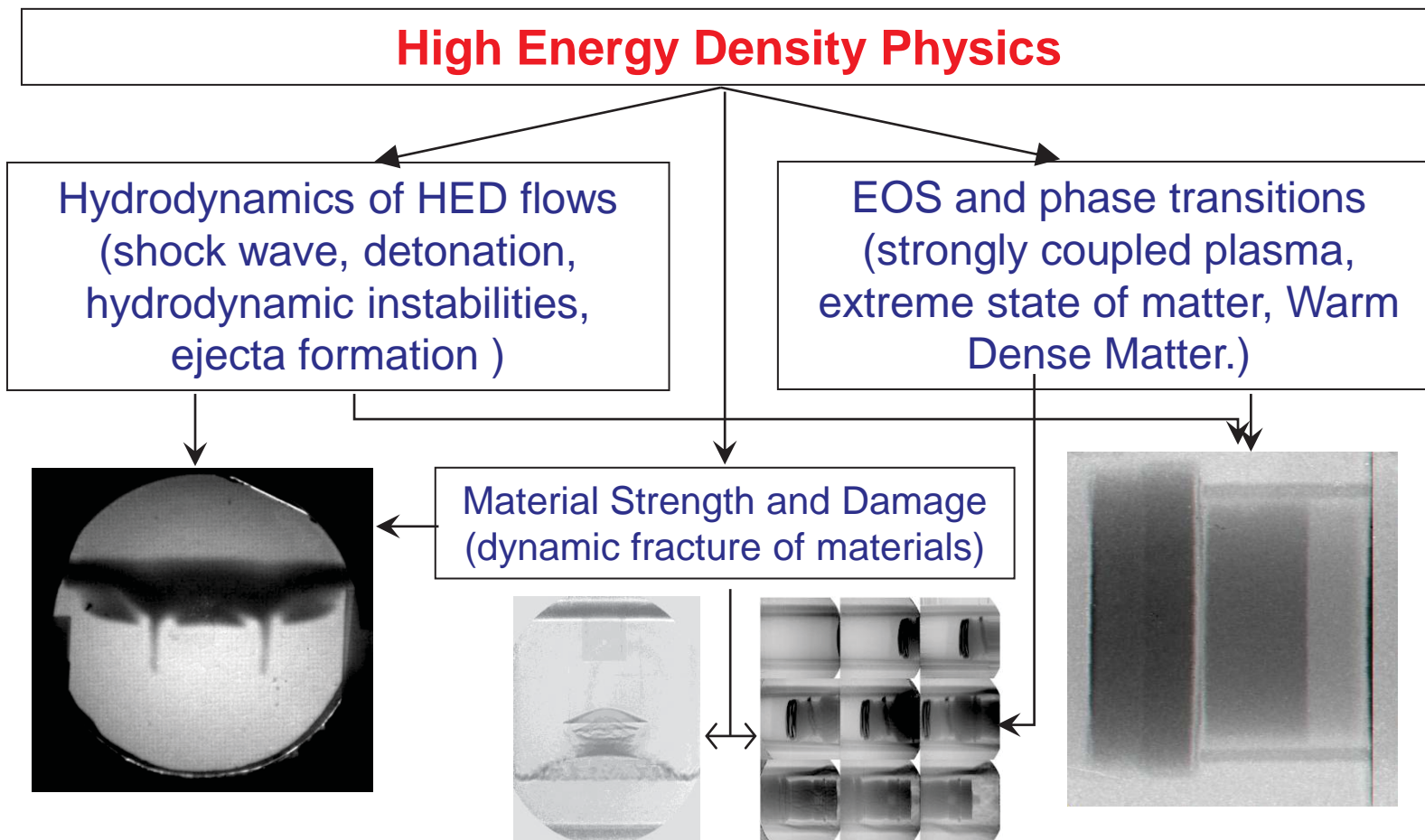
14 bit CCD cameras,  
fast shutter (100 ns),  
matched to beam bunch;

Temporal resolution = Bunch duration  
= **70 ns**

**Allows to take 4 images of  
dynamic processes within 1  $\mu$ s**

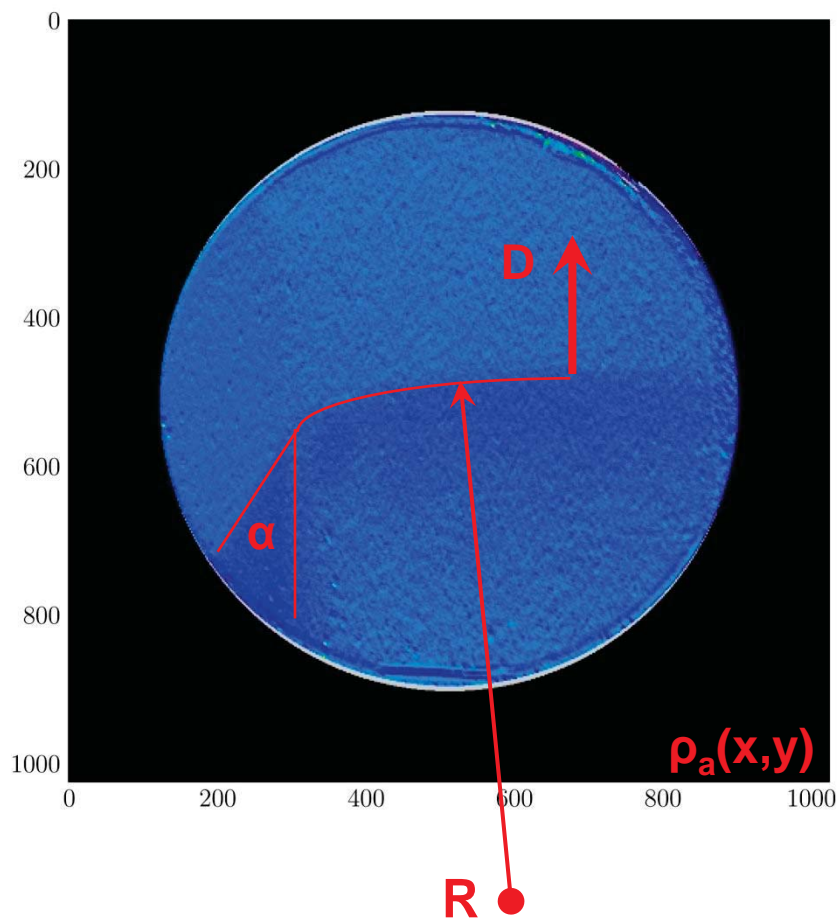
# Proton Radiography for High Energy Density Physics Research at ITEP

The higher spatial and density resolution should provide a new and unique window into the processes underlying dynamic materials science.



# The definition of the parameters detonation wave by proton radiography method

Which is parameter of the detonation wave may direct measurement by proton radiography method?



- Density distribution (linear and, after mathematic development, volume)

$\rho_a(x,y), \rho(r,z)$

- Detonation wave **D** by multi frame registration

- expansion cone parameters of the product detonation **α**

- Detonation front curvature radius **R**

These parameters will be enough to reconstruct the full picture of hydrodynamic flow on the basic experimental data of one shot!

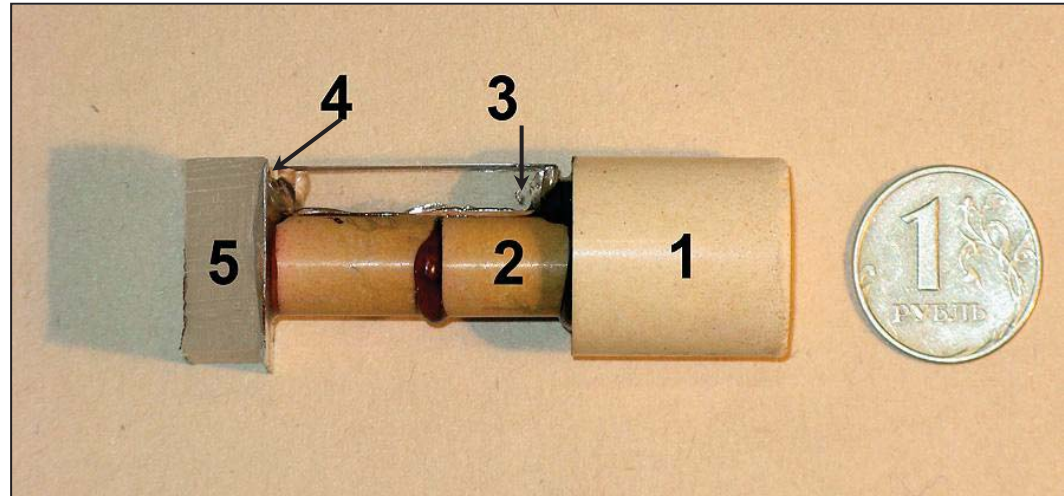


# Detonation of Pressed TNT

(the results from June 2010)



*The experimental area*

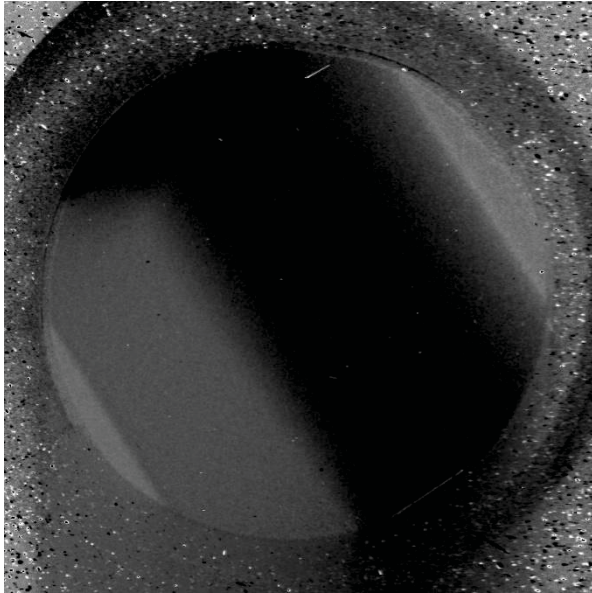


*The photo of the target, charge TNT with diameter 10mm.*

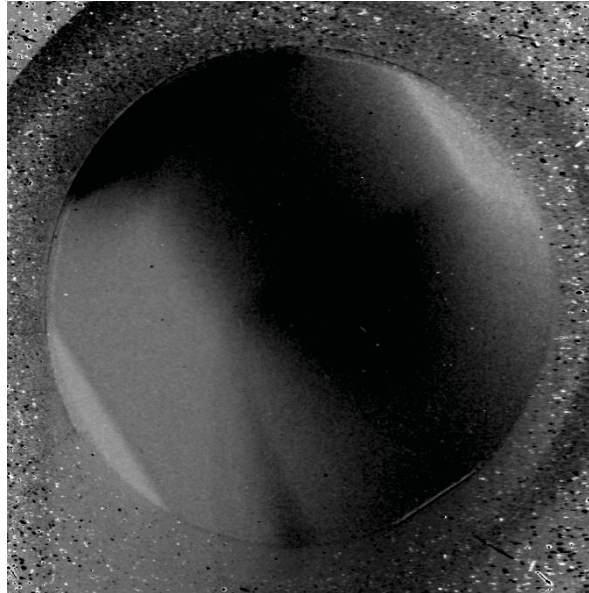
*1 – detonator charge TNT (TF 50/50), 2 – investigation charge, the density 1.63 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, 3 – 2 mm Plexiglas plate, 4 – 7μm Al-foil for VISAR diagnostic, 5 – the Plexiglas window.*

# Detonation of Pressed TNT

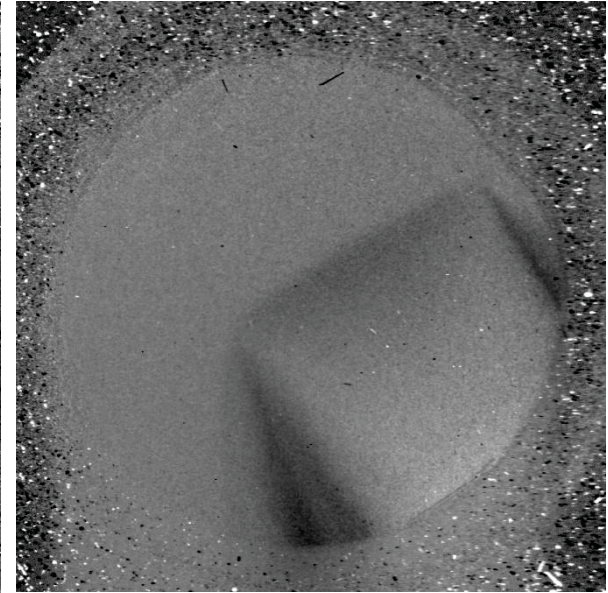
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*The proton radiography image of the static target*



*The proton radiography image of the detonation process*



*The relative density between dynamic and static target.*

*The numerical simulation of the expansion cone: **23.8°***

*The expansion cone of the product detonation (on the right wall): **25.0 ± 3.0°***

*The expansion cone of the product detonation (on the left wall): **22.5 ± 3.0°***

*The cone in the Plexiglas plate: **35.0 ± 2.0°***



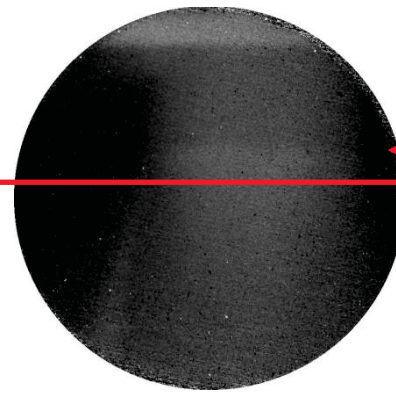
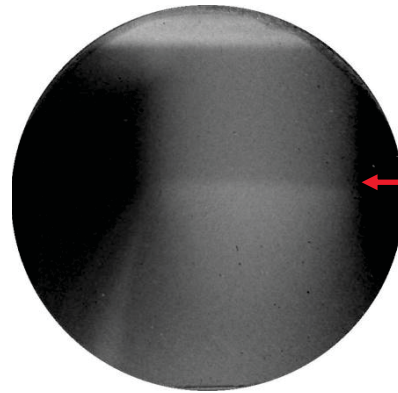
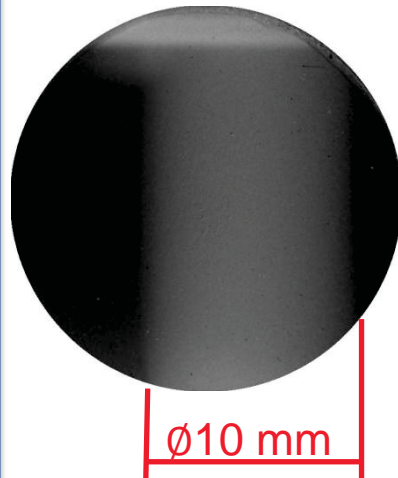
# Detonation of Pressed TNT

Static image

Bunch 2 image ( $T_2$ ) Bunch 3 image ( $T_3$ )

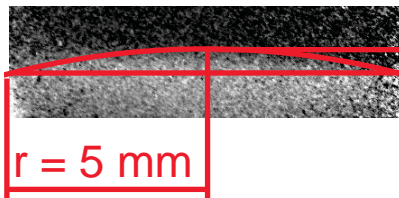
$$\Delta T = T_3 - T_2 = 250 \text{ ns}$$

$$\delta T = 70 \text{ ns}$$



$$\Delta X = 1.72 \pm 0.05 \text{ mm}$$

$$\text{Detonation velocity } D = \Delta X / \Delta T = 6.9 \pm 0.2 \text{ km/s}$$



$$\vartheta = 0.43 \pm 0.05 \text{ mm}$$

$$\text{Detonation front curvature radius } R = 58 \pm 7 \text{ mm}$$

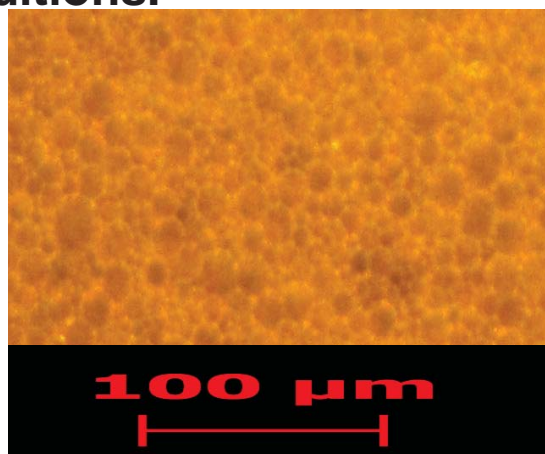


# Detonation of Emulsion Explosive

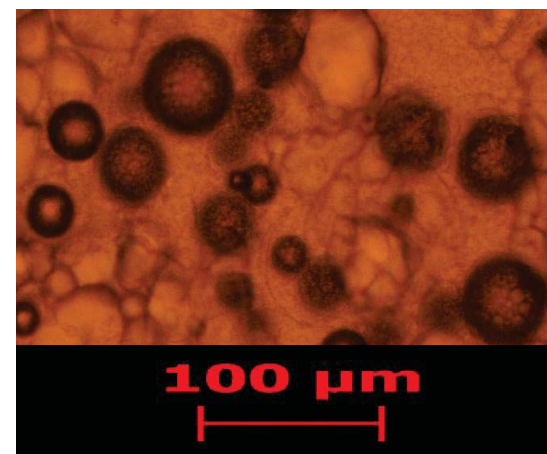
Emulsion explosive is an emulsion of — water in oil — type where droplets of oxidizer solution are surrounded by a thin film of liquid fuel, and is sensitized by a porous additions.

## **Emulsion matrix:**

- 92-95% -oxidizer (ammonium nitrate)
- 8-5%-fuel (mineral oil)
- Sensitizer –Hollow glass microballoons (C15-type,3M)
- Weight concentration: 1—4%-



Emulsion matrix photo

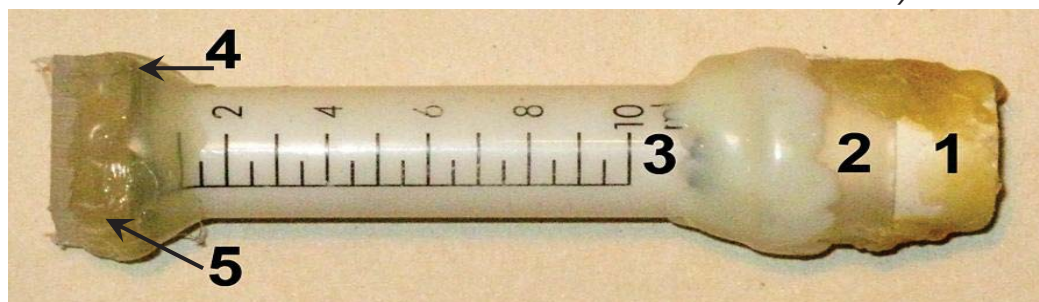


Emulsion explosive (emulsion matrix + 3% of sensitizer)

The initial density of the EE charge **1.07g/cm<sup>3</sup>** (3% microballoons) diameter **15 u 20 mm**

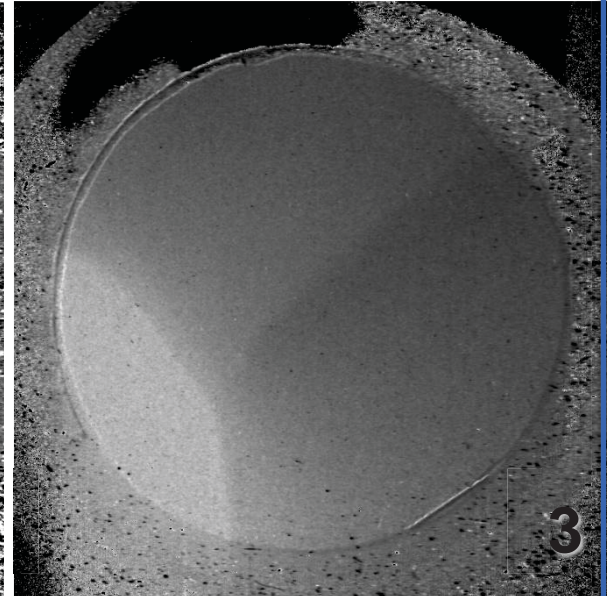
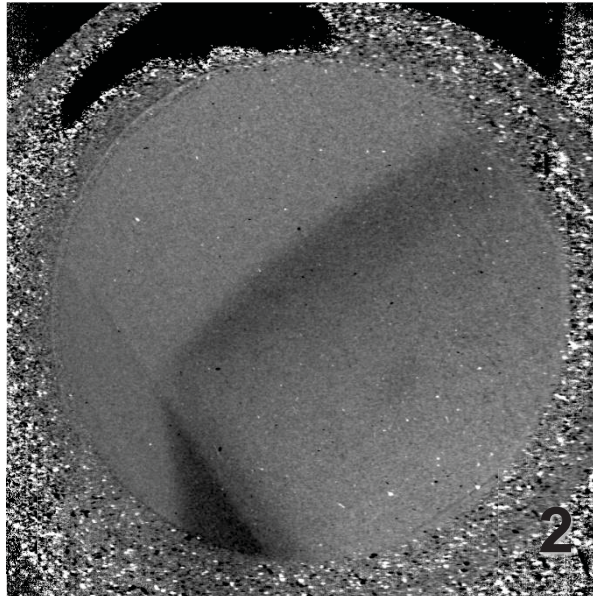
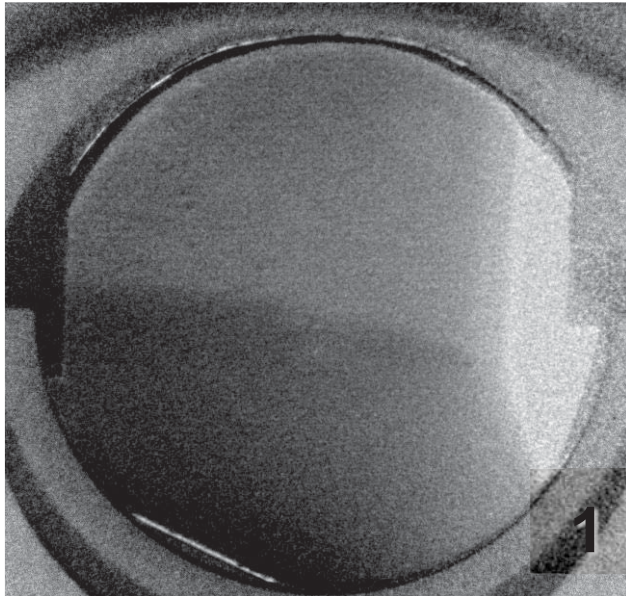
The оболочка – 0.6 and 0.8 mm polyethylene

The length of the charge – **60 and 80 mm**



The EE charge target 20mm diameter. 1 – detonator charge 2 – Plexiglas flange , 3 – housing of the EE charge, 4 – 7μm Al-foil for VISAR diagnostic , 5 – Plexiglas window.

# Detonation of Emulsion Explosive (the diameter charge 20 mm)

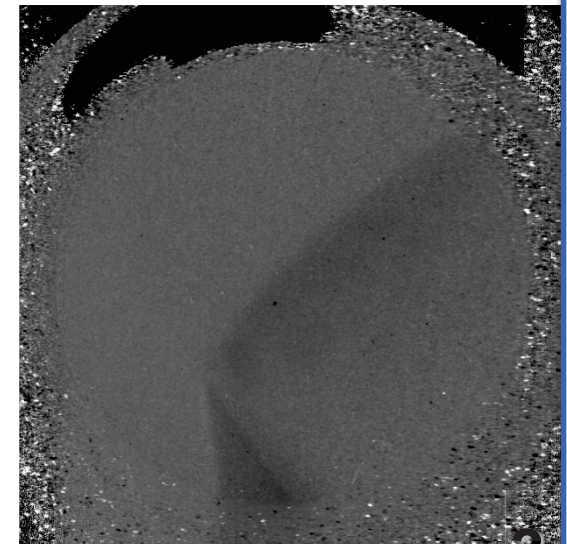


*The proton radiography image and relative density distribution for three type of the detonation EE charge 20 mm diameter*

*The detonation velocity  **$D = 4.64$  km/s***

*The duration of the reaction zone (VISAR) –  **$0.94 \mu s$***

*The duration of the reaction zone(CN) –  **$0.6 \mu s$***



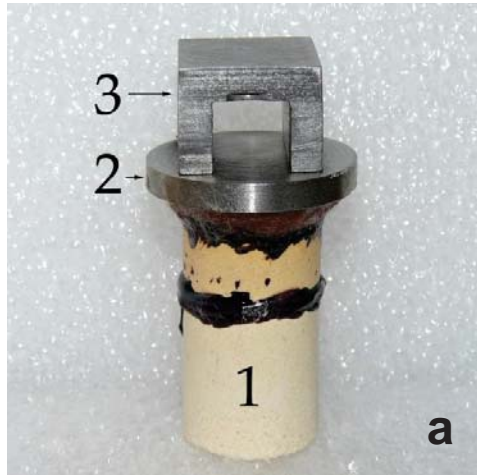


# Dynamic Dispersion and Surface Ejecta Formation of Metals under Shock Loading

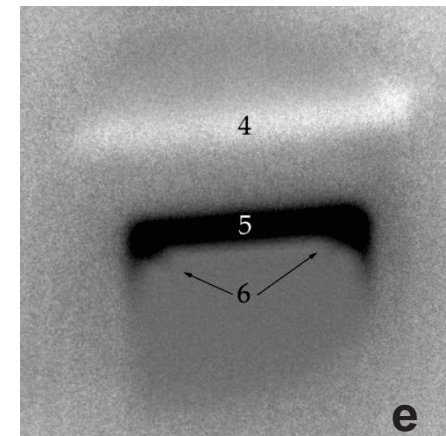
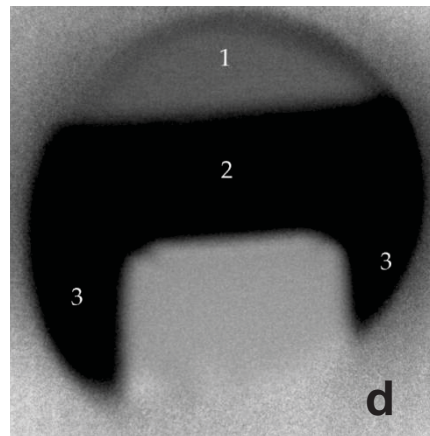
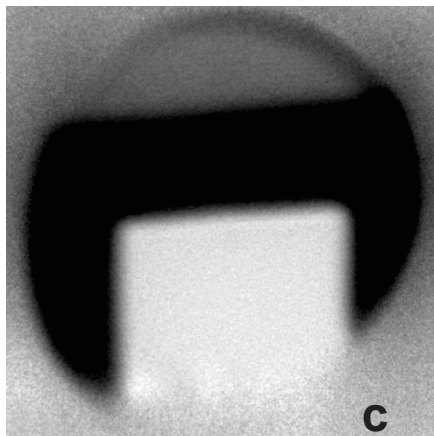
Shock loading of  $\Pi$ -shaped steel profile :

- a) experimental setup;
- b) fractured sample after the experiment;
- c) proton radiographic image of static target;
- d) the same at  $2.5 \mu\text{s}$  after coming of a shock wave to the free surface of the steel plate;
- e) Relative change of density between d) and c) images.

1–TNT charge,  $d=20\text{mm}$ ; 2–4 mm thick steel disk; 3–5 mm thick  $\Pi$ -shaped steel profile; 4,5–displacement strips; 6–steel microparticle jets.

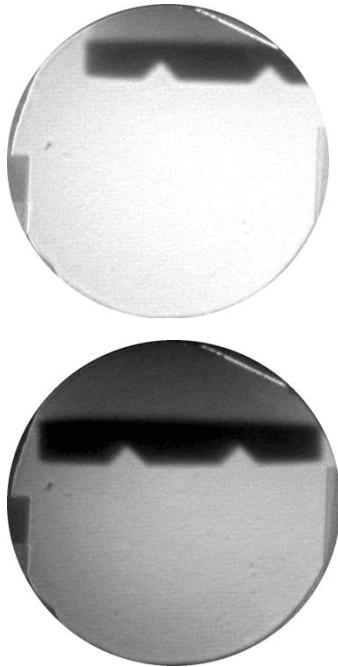


Free surface velocity -  $530 \pm 120 \text{ m/s}$ . Jet velocity -  $1130 \pm 120 \text{ m/s}$ .



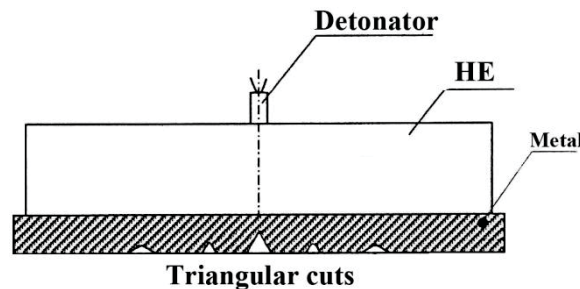
# Dynamic Fracture and Surface Ejecta Formation in Metals under Shock Loading

Proton radiography images of static targets



## Steel target

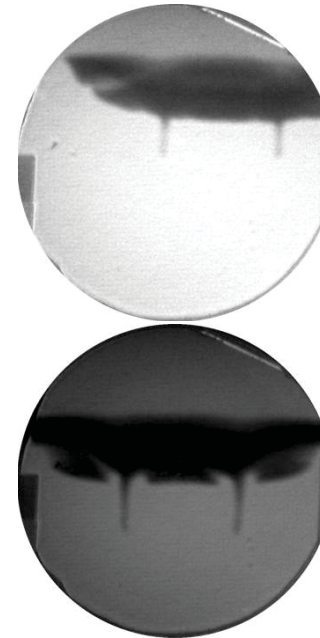
Diameter – 15 mm  
Thickness – 2 mm  
Depth of cuts – 1 mm



## Copper target

Similar to steel one

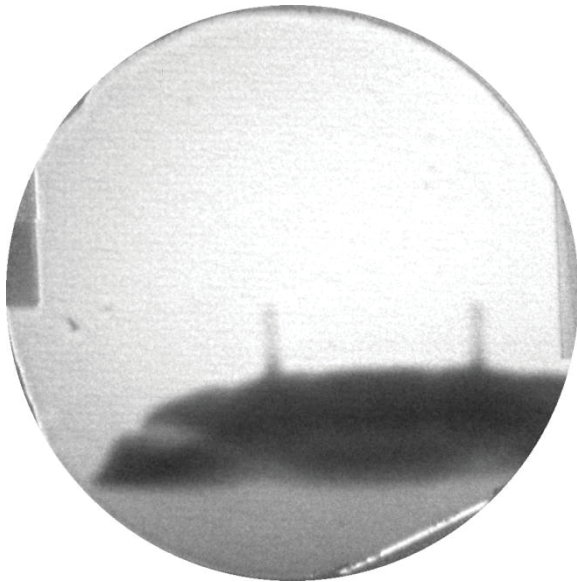
Proton radiography images of dynamic shots at 1.5  $\mu$ s after shocking the free surface of a target



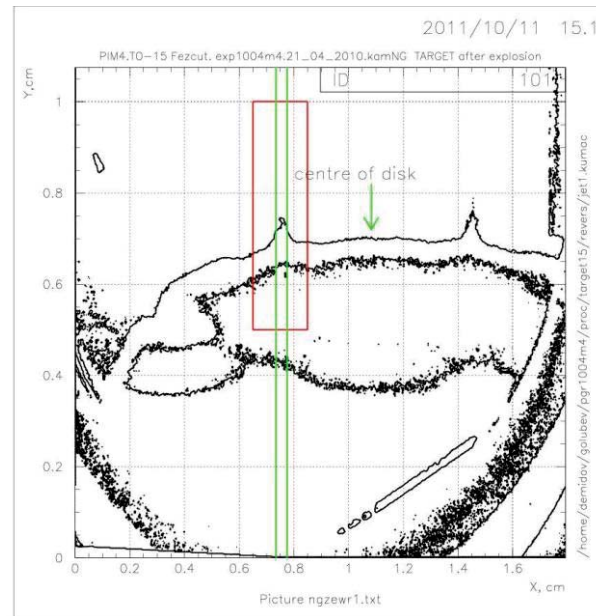
The radiographic images of shock loading of irregular free surfaces of 2 mm thick steel and copper plates attached to detonating TNT charges were registered. Loaded surfaces had various triangular cuts, and radiographic images clearly showed the formation of jets of ejected target material above them, while at the same time a spallation and fracture of initial plates was observed. Jets in copper targets formed faster and contained more material than in similar steel targets, while observed fracturing of targets with different materials occurred by different mechanisms.



# Dynamic Fracture and Surface Ejecta Formation in Metals under Shock Loading

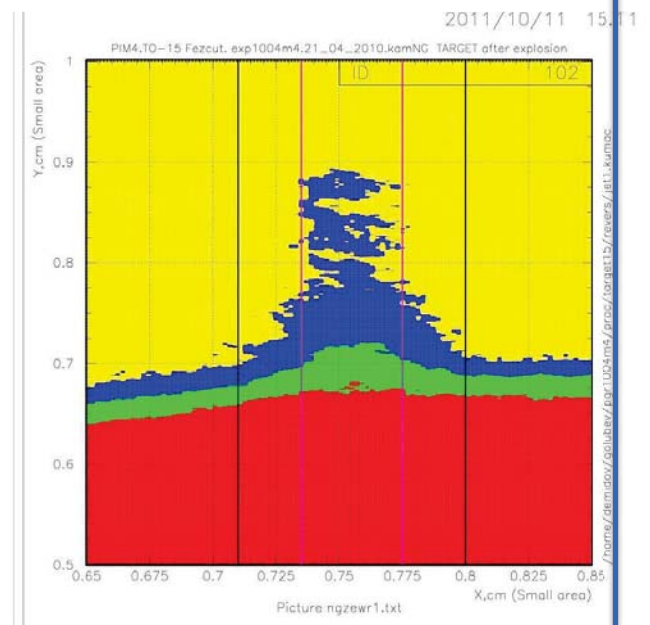


Dynamic proton radiography image shot at  $1.5 \mu\text{s}$  after shocking the free surface of the steel target



Linear density map reconstructed from radiographic image

**Velocity of jet tip:  
2.8 km/s**

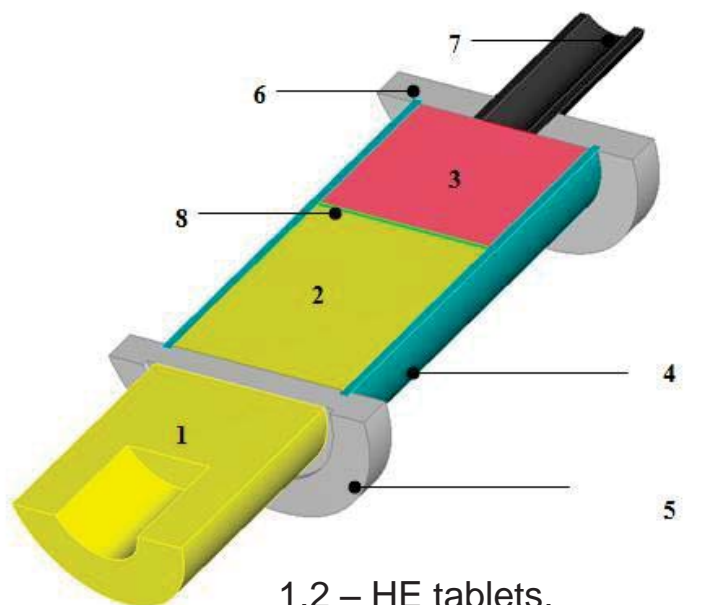


Close-up of the area inside the red frame on the left image

**Mean volume density of  
jet material: 0.08 g/cc**

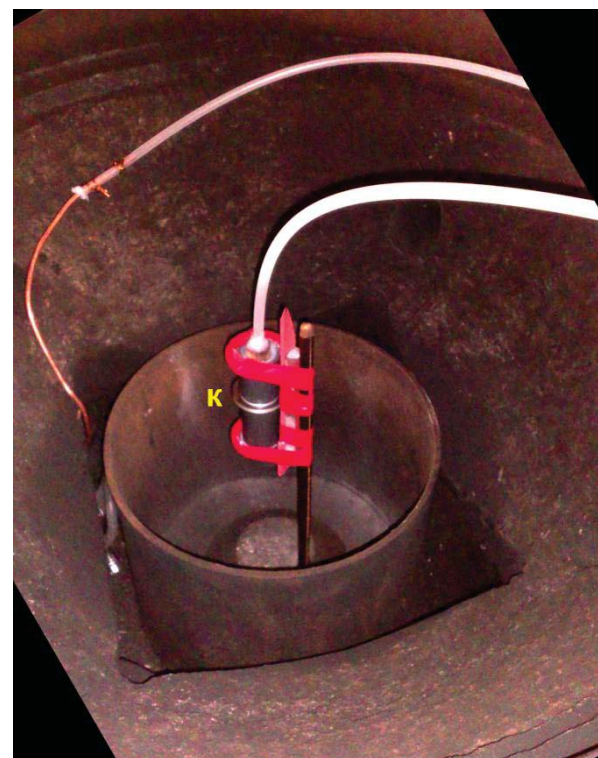
# Shock Compression of Noble Gases

Target scheme



- 1,2 – HE tablets,
- 3 – investigated noble gas,
- 4 – generator chanal,
- 5, 6 – leak-proof flanges,
- 7 – tube for gas system

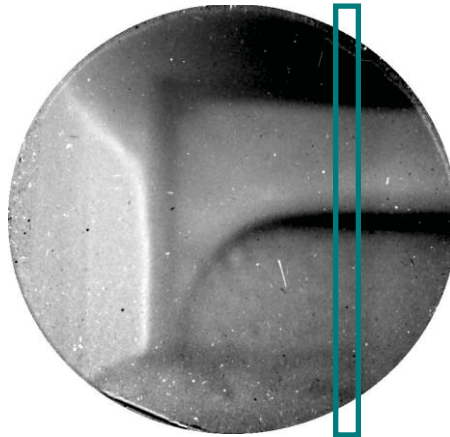
Studied gases: Ar, Xe  
Initial pressure: ~ 1-5 Bar  
Shock wave velocities: ~ 4-6 km/s



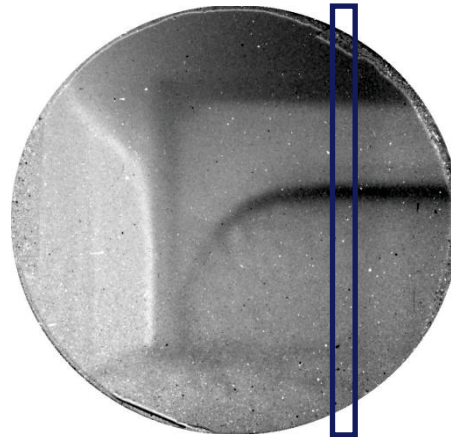
Shock pressure  $P$  obtained in Ar tests was 0.1-1 kbars, temperature  $T = 8-20$  kK with non-ideality parameter  $\Gamma \sim 1$ . In similar Xe tests  $P = 4-6.5$  kbar,  $T = 20-25$  kK and  $\Gamma = 1-2.5$  values were reached.

# Shock Compression of Noble Gases

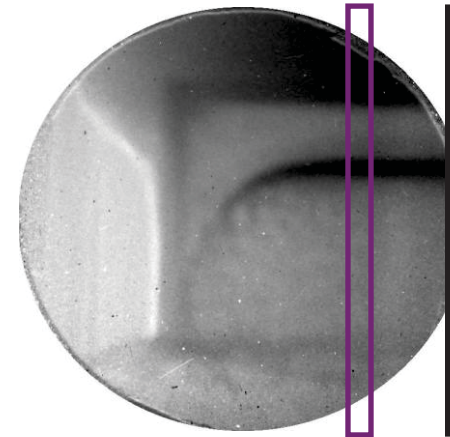
Camera 1  
Proton bunch 1 ( $t_1$ )



Camera 2  
Proton bunch 2 ( $t_2$ )



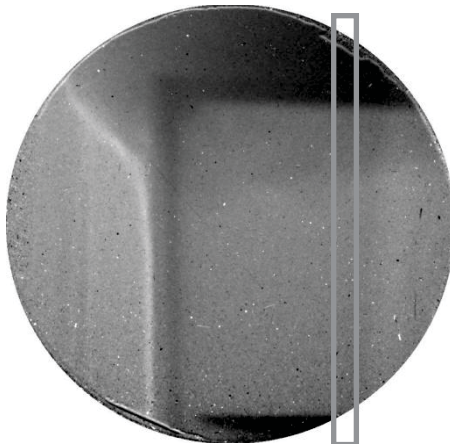
Camera 3  
Proton bunch 3 ( $t_3$ )



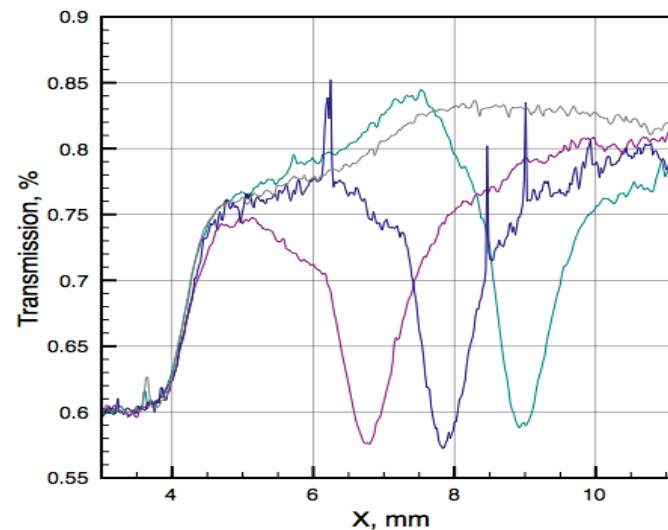
Target axis

$$\Delta t = t_2 - t_1 = t_3 - t_2 = 250 \text{ ns}$$

$$\delta t(\text{FWHM}) = 70 \text{ ns}$$



Static image



Beam transmission for image profiles

1 mm

4.19 mm

Gas cell thickness - 20.34 mm

Gas pressure - 2.5 Bar

$$\rho_0 = 2.5 * 2.034 * 0.00589 = 0.03 \text{ g/cm}^2$$

$$U = 4.3 \pm 0.2 \text{ km/s}$$



# Development of Compact Explosive Generators



Plexiglass components of compact explosive generator



Experimental assembly for accelerating flyer plate with compact explosive generator

Total amount of explosive

**< 15 g in TNT**

Flyer plate

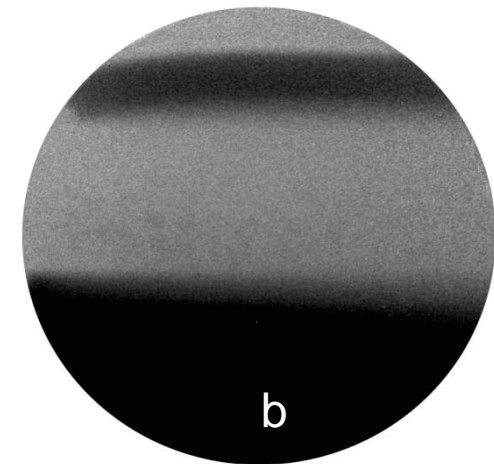
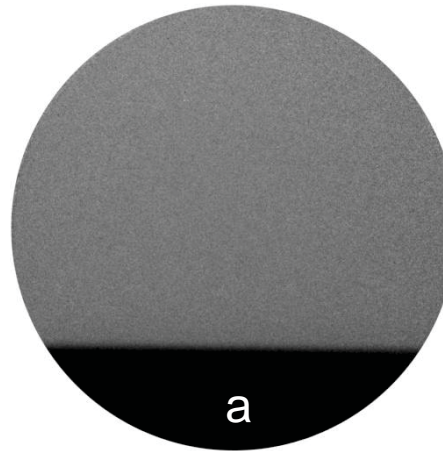
**Ø20, 1-2 mm thick**

Flyer plate material

**Al, Steel**

Velocity

**0.8 -2.8 km/s**

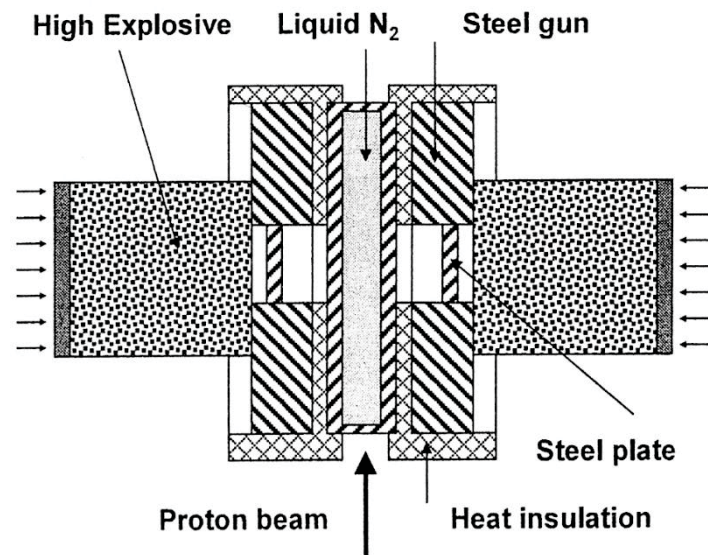


Proton radiography images of 2 mm thick Ø20 Al flyer plate acceleration: a) static image; b) dynamic shot at 4.75 µs after start

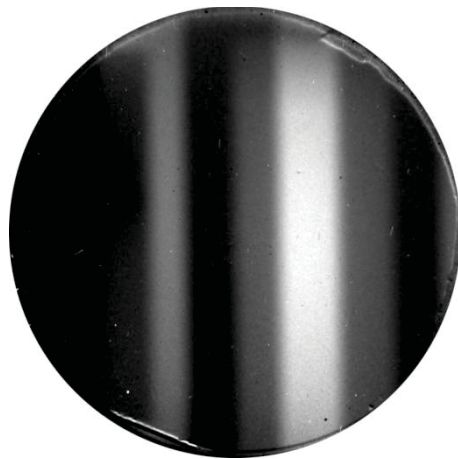
HE capacity of explosive confinement chamber which is being used at the facility is only 70 g of TNT, so it substantially limits the upper range of physical parameters which can be achieved in it using common explosive generators. To improve this range a new family of compact explosive generators aimed specifically for a use with proton radiography technique was developed and tested.



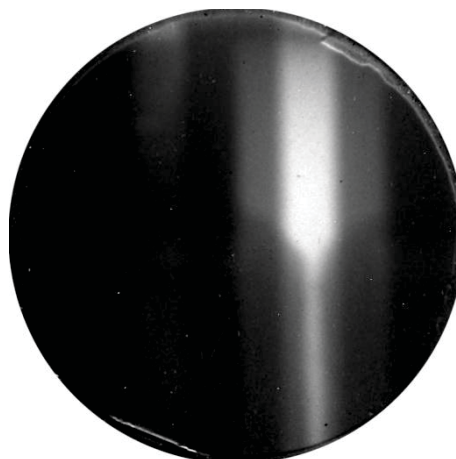
# Development of Compact Explosive Generators



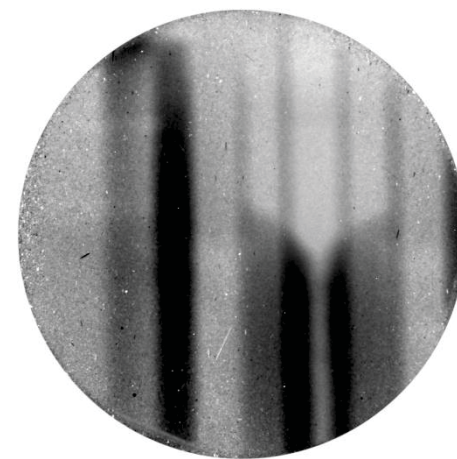
Compact explosive generator for symmetric bilateral compression of condensed matter up to 150 GPa



Static image

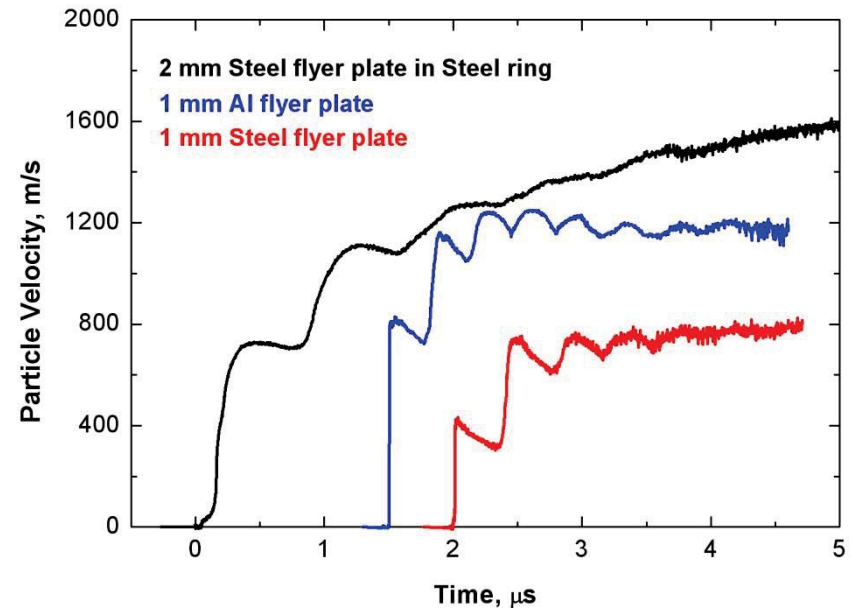
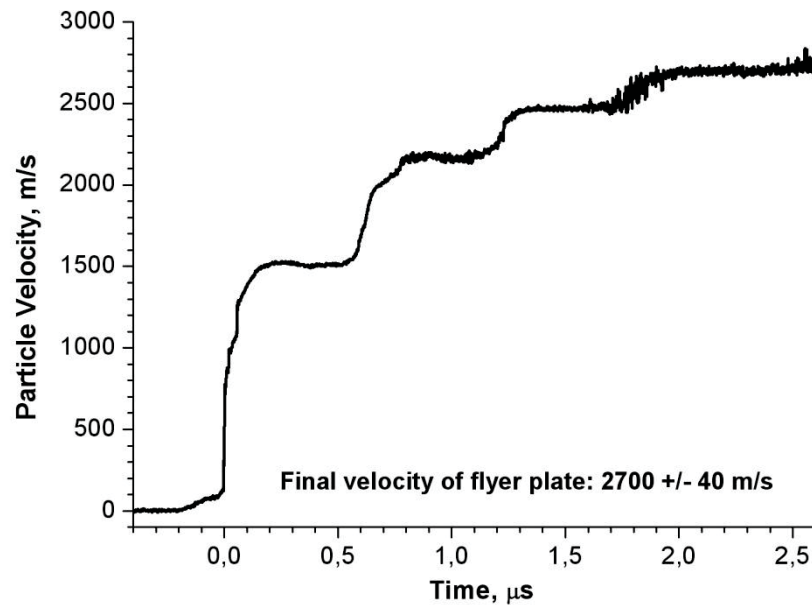


Dynamic image



Relative to static density changes

# Development of Compact Explosive Generators



VISAR flyer plate free surface profiles: *left* – for 2 mm Al flyer plate, *right* – for 1 mm Al and 1 & 2 mm Steel flyer plates

Flyer plate	Velocity after full acceleration, km/s	Base of flight, mm	Diameter of plane region, mm
2 mm Al in Steel ring + 12 g HE booster	<b>2.8</b>	8	13
2 mm Steel in Steel ring + 12 g HE booster	<b>1.6</b>	6	
1 mm Al	<b>1.2</b>	3	13
1 mm Steel	<b>0.8</b>	2	

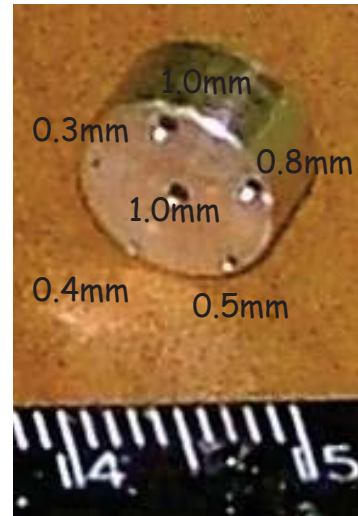
# ITEP Proton Microscope: Static test-objects

## Tomography reconstruction of multi-projection proton microscopy

Targets and SS container



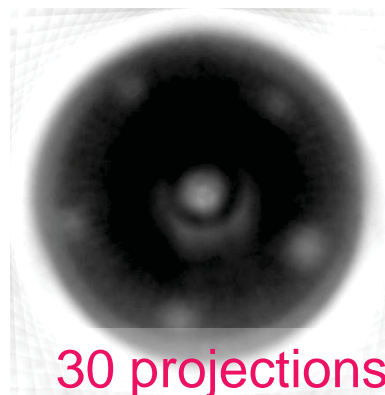
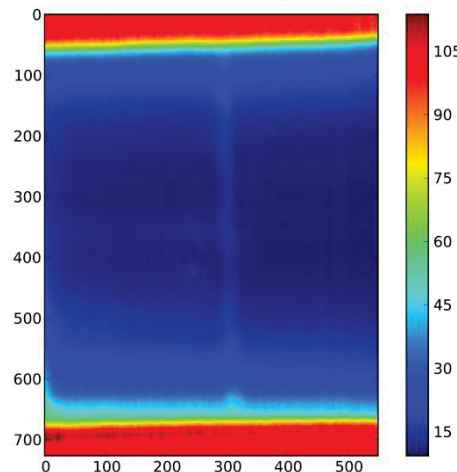
Brass target



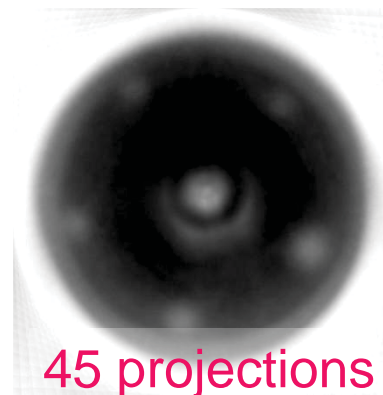
### Requirements:

- good spatial and density resolution for projection images
- high precision for target positioning and alignment

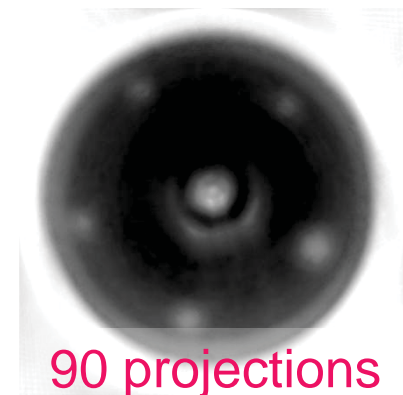
### Reconstructed two-dimensional target density distribution by Algebraic Reconstruction Technique (ART)



30 projections



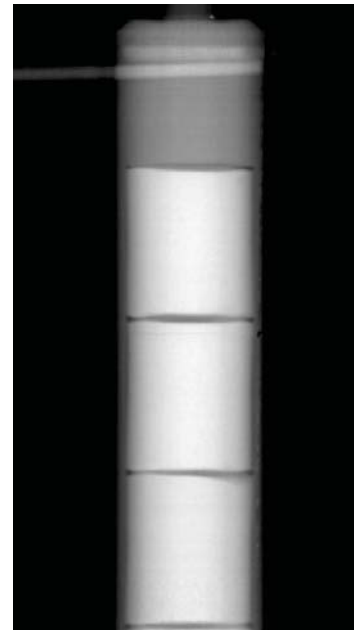
45 projections



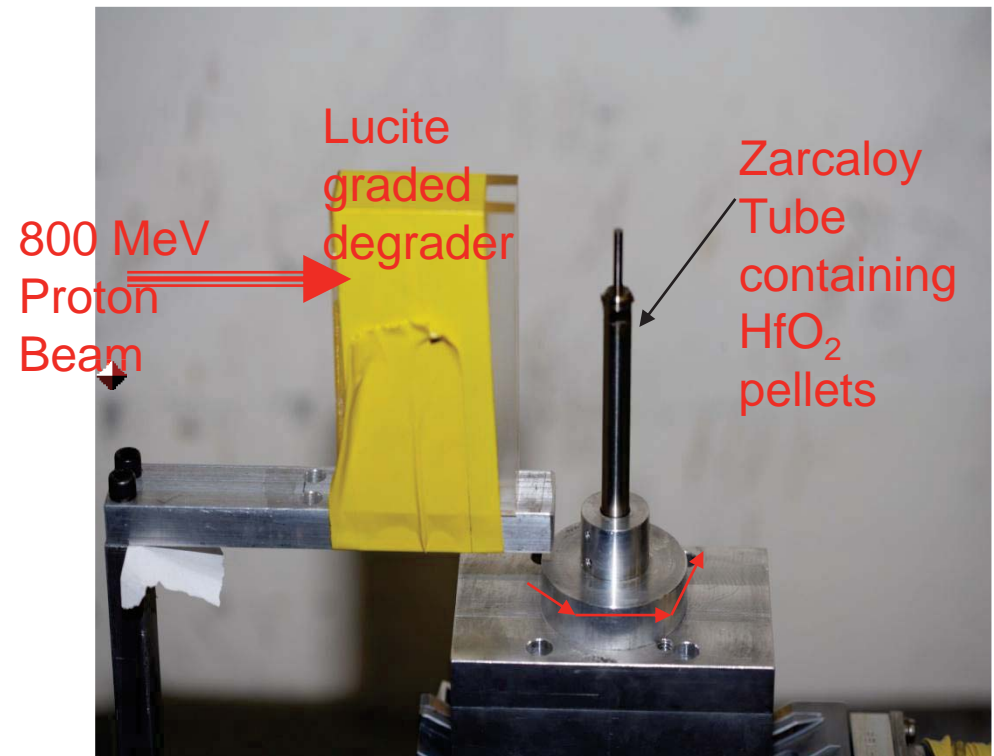
90 projections



# Static Objects: Surrogate Nuclear Fuel Rods



Hafnium Oxide surrogate fuel rod.

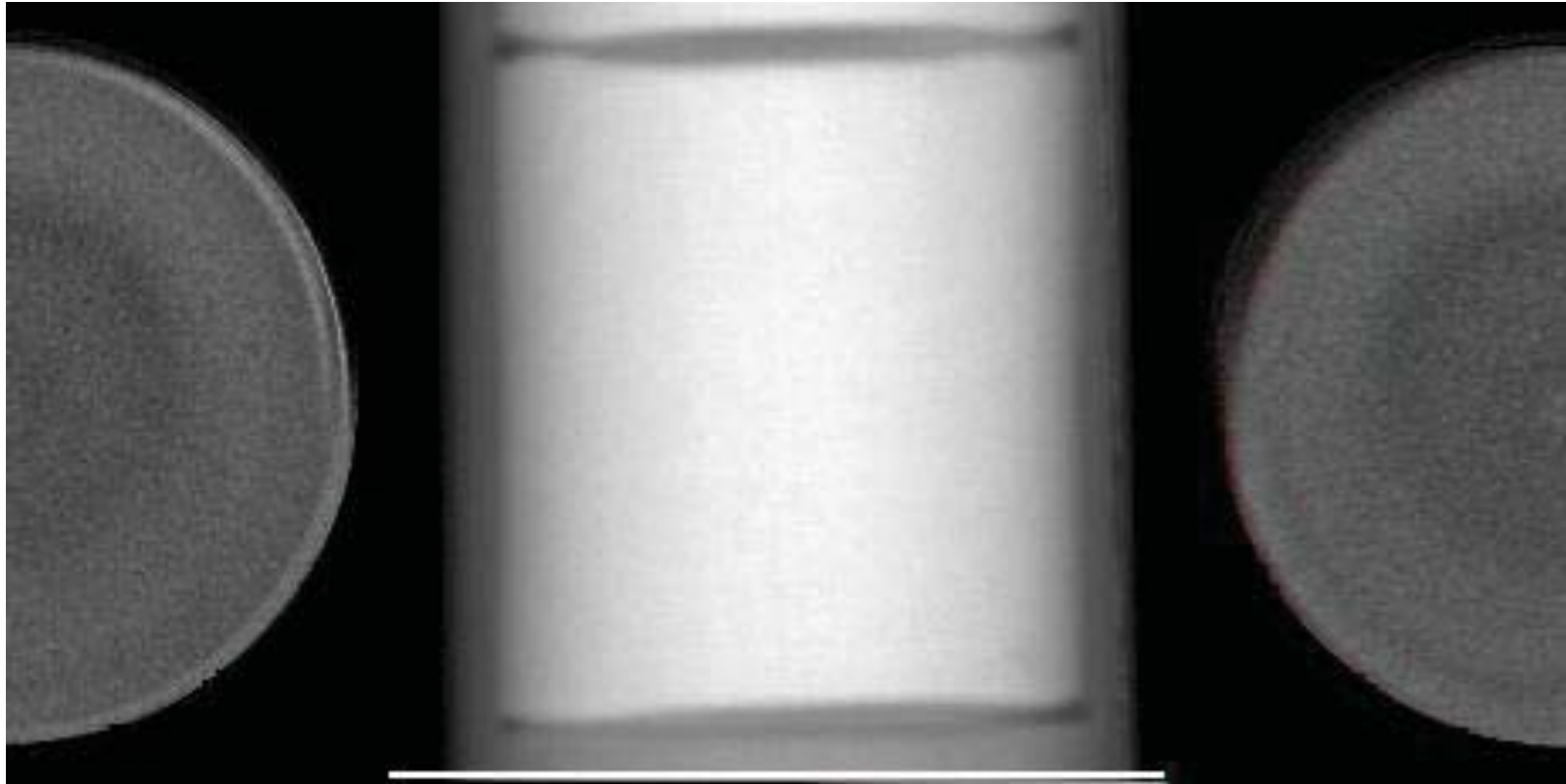


Zircaloy tube was aligned on the graded degrader. Radiograph pictures were taken at 181 rotational positions

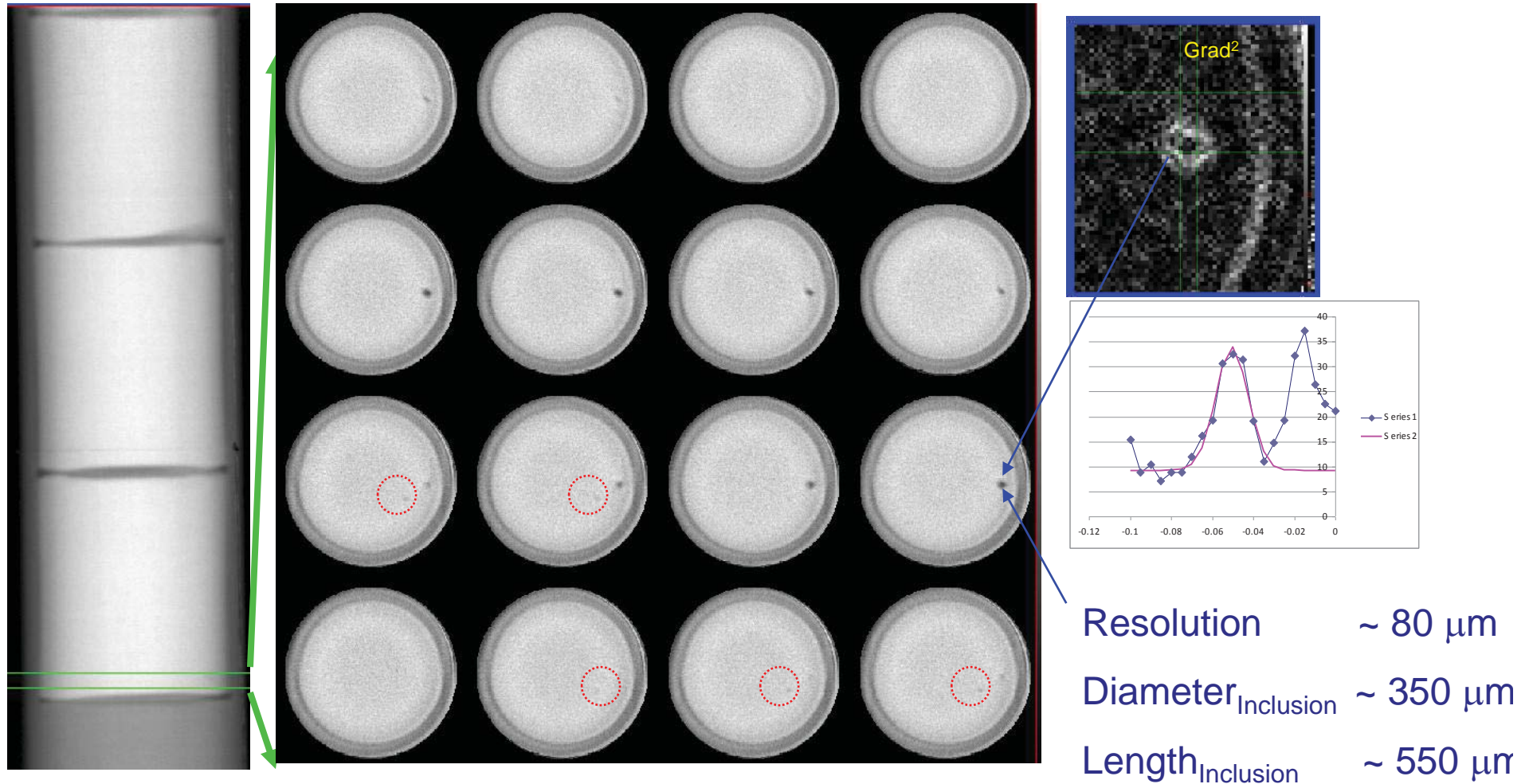



# CT Reconstructed Slices:

Interesting Regions: Part of Zircaloy portion, all of Pellet#4, Part of Pellet#3



# Filtered Back Projection: Defects in Pellet #4, Slices 78 to 93

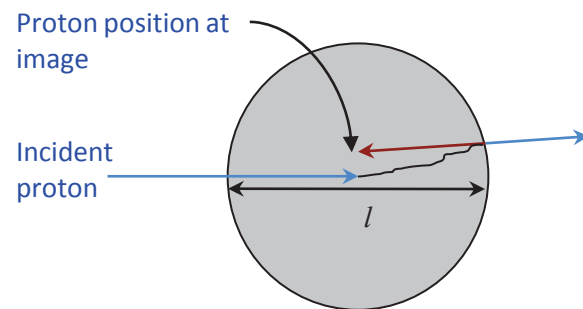


Fainter  $250 \mu\text{m}$  long by  $\sim 150$  to  $200 \mu\text{m}$  diameter inclusions are shown in the  circles

**What is Next for Proton Radiography?..**

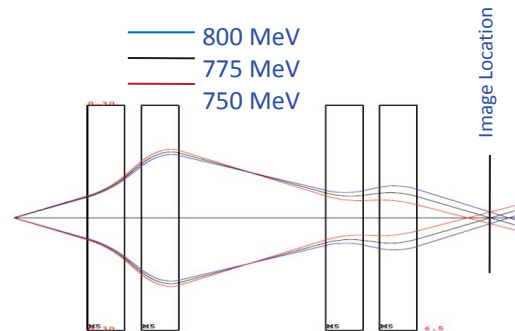
# Resolution of Proton Radiography

1. **Object scattering** - introduced as the protons are scattered while traversing the object.
2. **Chromatic aberrations**- introduced as the protons pass through the magnetic lens imaging system.
3. **Detector blur**- introduced as the proton interacts with the proton-to-light converter and as the light is gated and collected with a camera system.



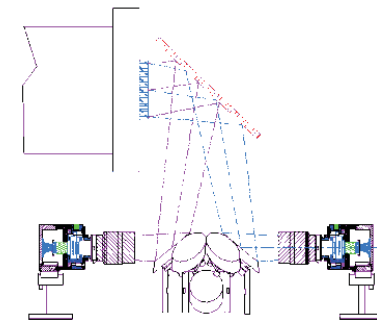
Object scattering:

$$\sigma_o = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \theta \frac{l}{2} = \frac{14.1}{\sqrt{6}} \frac{1}{P\beta} \sqrt{\frac{l^3}{x_o}} \propto \frac{l^{\frac{3}{2}}}{P}$$



Chromatic aberration:

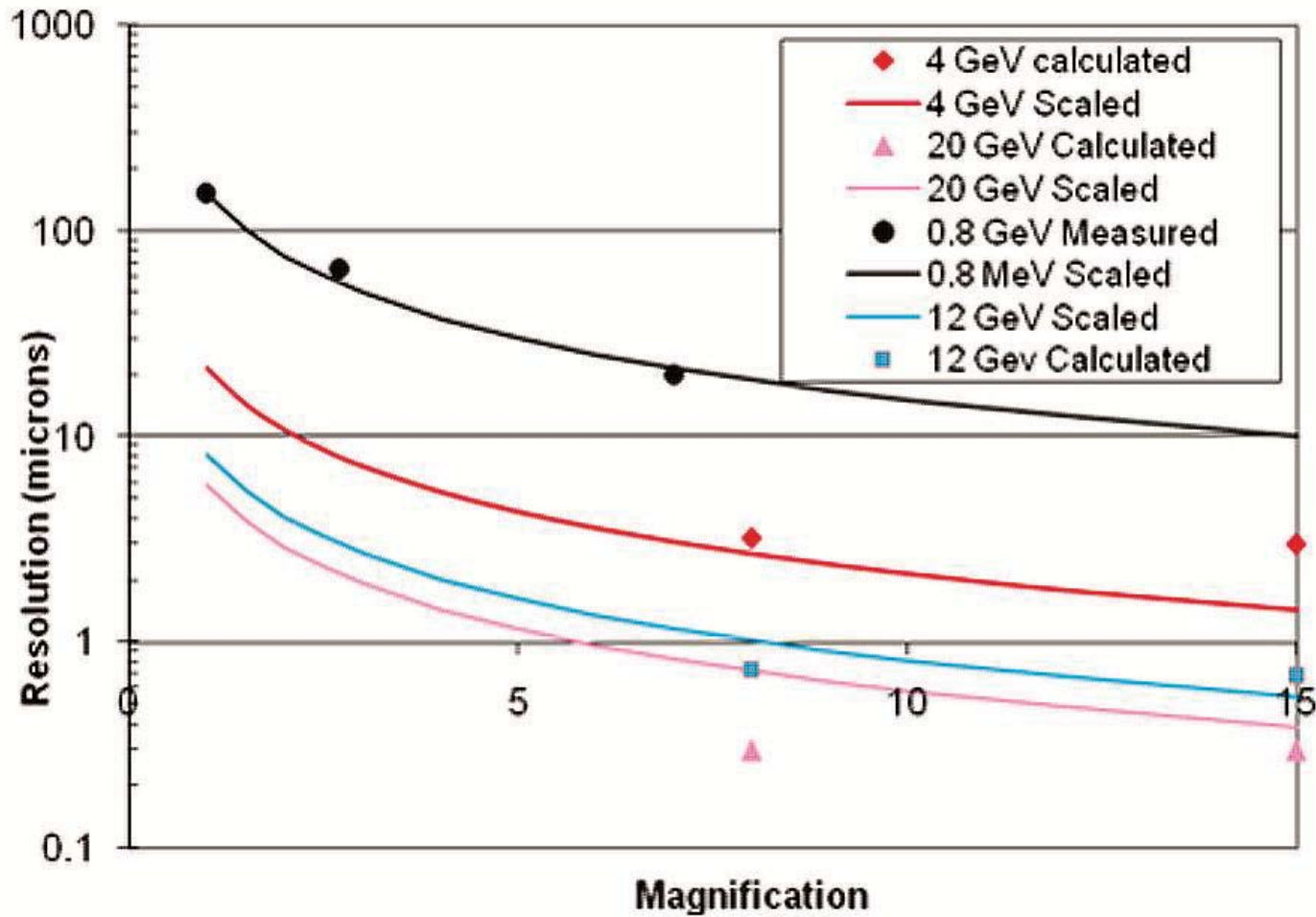
$$\sigma_c = l_c \theta \frac{\delta P}{P} = c\sqrt{P} \frac{\delta P}{P^2} \frac{14.1}{\beta} \sqrt{\frac{l}{x_o}} \propto \sqrt{\frac{l}{P^3}}$$



Scintillator blur:

$$\sigma_s = \theta l_s \propto \frac{l_s \sqrt{l}}{P}$$

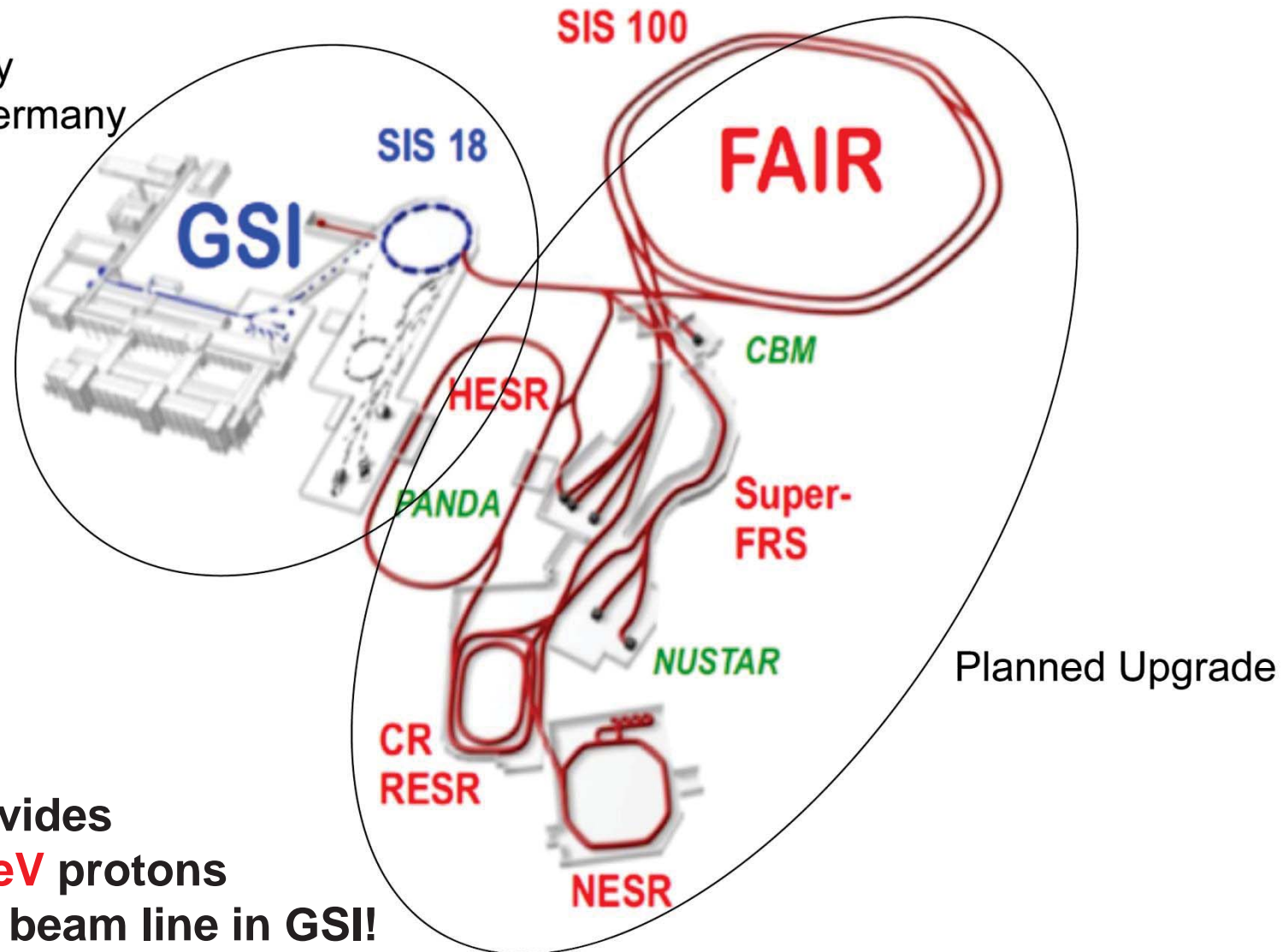




**At higher proton beam energies a sub-micron range of spatial resolution can be reached!**

# GSI / FAIR

Existing facility  
Darmstadt, Germany



Already provides  
 $5 \cdot 10^{12}$  **4.5 GeV** protons  
from SIS-18 beam line in GSI!

# Proton Microscope at Extremes (PRIOR Project)

## Challenging requirements

for density measurements in dynamic HEDP experiments:

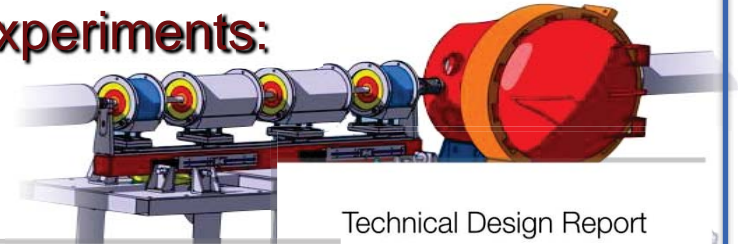
- up to  $\sim 20 \text{ g/cm}^2$  (Fe, Pb, Au, etc.)
- $\leq 10 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$  spatial resolution
- 10 ns time resolution (multi-frame)
- sub-percent density resolution

## GeV protons:

- large penetrating depth (high px)
- good detection efficiency (S/N)
- imaging, aberrations correction by magnets high spatial resolution (microscopy)
- high density resolution and dynamic range multi-frame capability for fast dynamic events

## PRIOR project will accomplish two main tasks:

- FAIR proton radiography system which a **core FAIR installation** will be **designed, constructed and commissioned** in full-scale dynamic experiments with 4.5 GeV proton beam prior to FAIR using the same SIS-18 proton beam,
- **a worldwide unique radiographic facility** may become operational **at GSI** that would provide a capability for **unparalleled high-precision experiments** with great discovery potential at the leading edges of **plasma physics, high energy density physics, biophysics, and materials research**



Technical Design Report

Scientific Challenges  
That Can Be Addressed by  
High Energy Proton Microscopy  
*White Paper*

PRIOR  
Proton Radiography at FAIR



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NATIONAL LABORATORY

May 2000



# Proton microscopy for HEDP, material sciences and beyond

- **materials in extremes** (EOS, dynamic phase transitions, hydrodynamics of HED flows, instabilities, material strength and damage, ...)
- **new materials synthesis and process-aware manufacturing**
- **biophysics, medical applications**
- **industrial applications**

Current proton radiography / microscopy:  
~ 30 – 100  $\mu\text{m}$  resolution  
macro- and in some cases mesoscopic studies

$\leq 10 \mu\text{m}$  resolution:  
introduction of microstructural and microkinetic studies

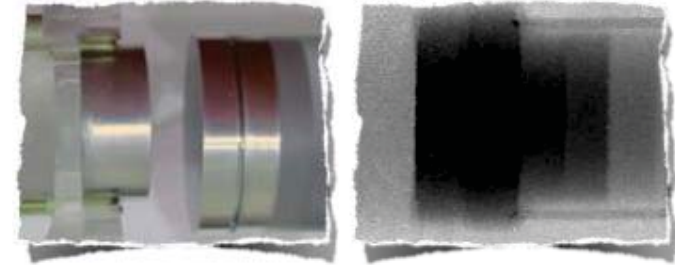
$\leq 1 \mu\text{m}$  resolution:  
full-scale microscopic studies

pRad (LANL),  
PRIMA (ITEP)  
800 MeV

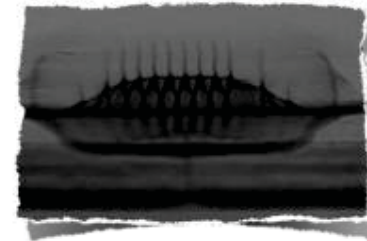
PRIOR  
(GSI)  
4.5 GeV

PRIOR II ?

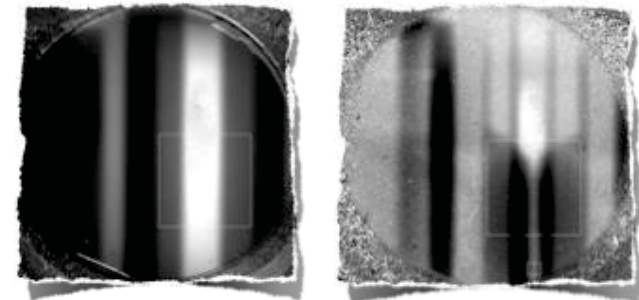
Al EOS in a shock wave experiment by proton radiography only (LANL)



Experiments on Richtmyer-Meshkov instability (LANL)



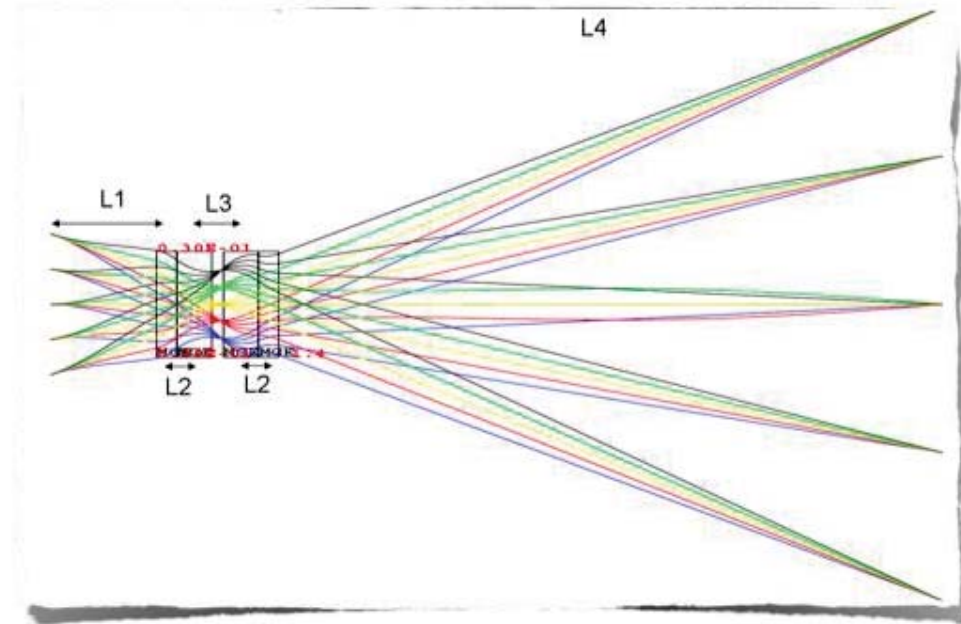
Phase transition of molecular nitrogen (IPCP, ITEP)





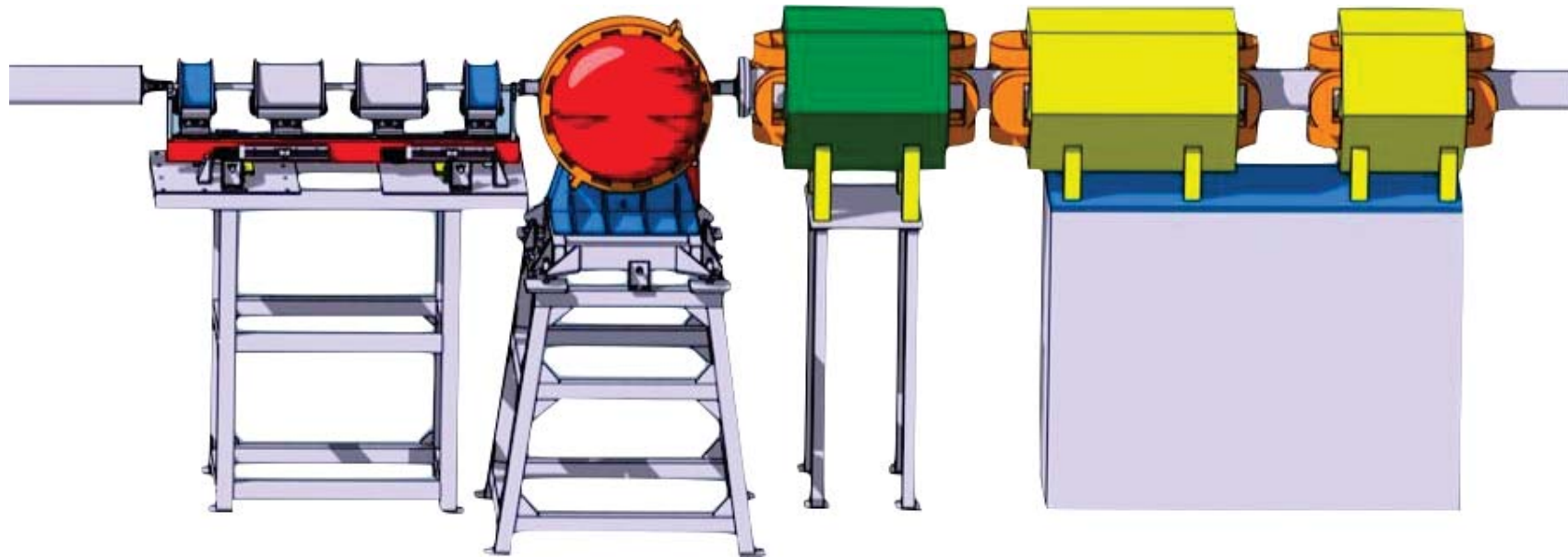
# PRIOR ion optical design – 30 mm PMQ aperture

Parameter	Value
Proton energy	4.5 GeV
PMQ inner aperture, $2 \cdot R_i$	30 mm
PMQ outer aperture, $2 \cdot R_o$	100 mm
REPM remanent field	1.16 T
Field gradient	115 T/m
"Short" quadrupole length	165 mm
"Long" quadrupole length	330 mm
$L_1$ (object to first quad)	1.3 m
$L_2$ (first to second)	0.307 m
$L_3$ (second to third)	0.515 m
$L_4$ (last to image)	7.576 m
Total length	10.000 m



Parameter	Value
Magnification	4.1
Spatial resolution	8 – 10 $\mu\text{m}$
Horizontal chromatic length, $C_x$	3.99 m
Vertical chromatic length, $C_y$	3.41 m
Angular acceptance	5 mrad
Horizontal matching correlation, $M_x$	-0.45 mrad/mm
Vertical matching correlation, $M_y$	-0.55 mrad/mm

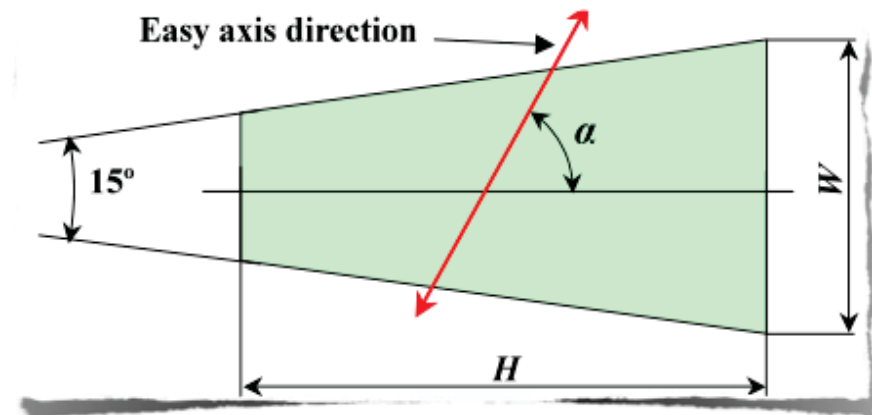
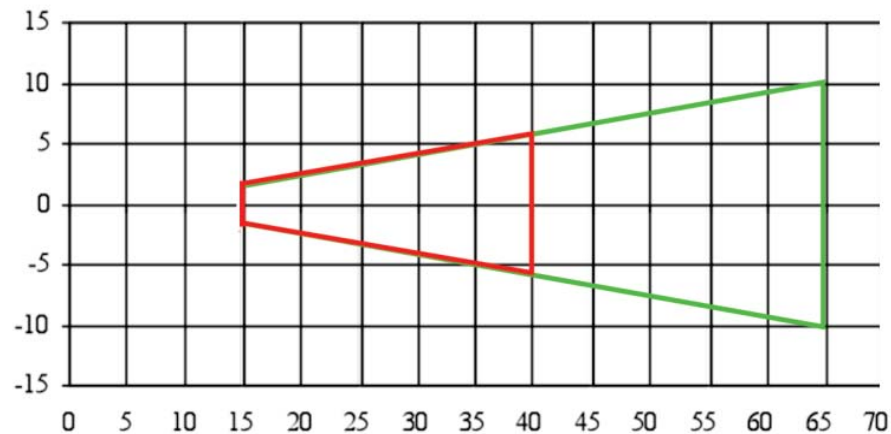
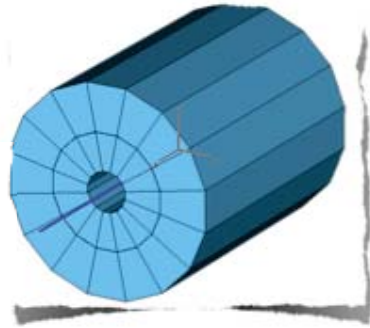
# PRIOR additional features



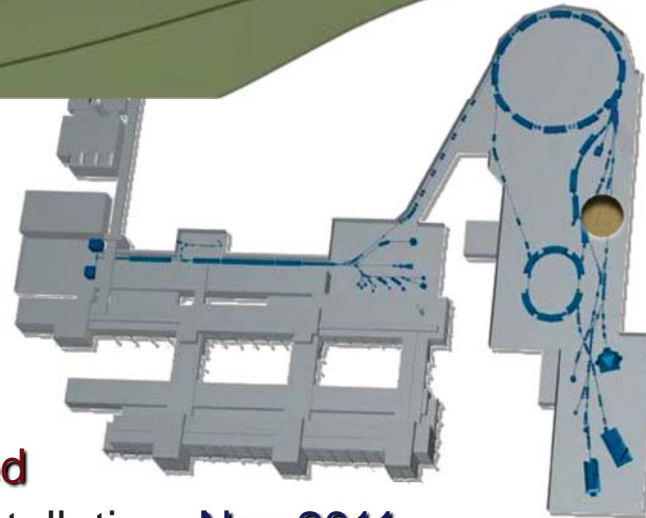
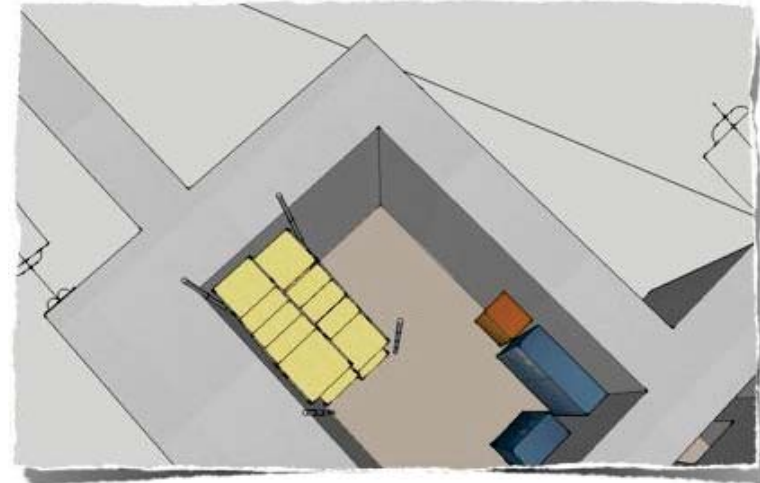
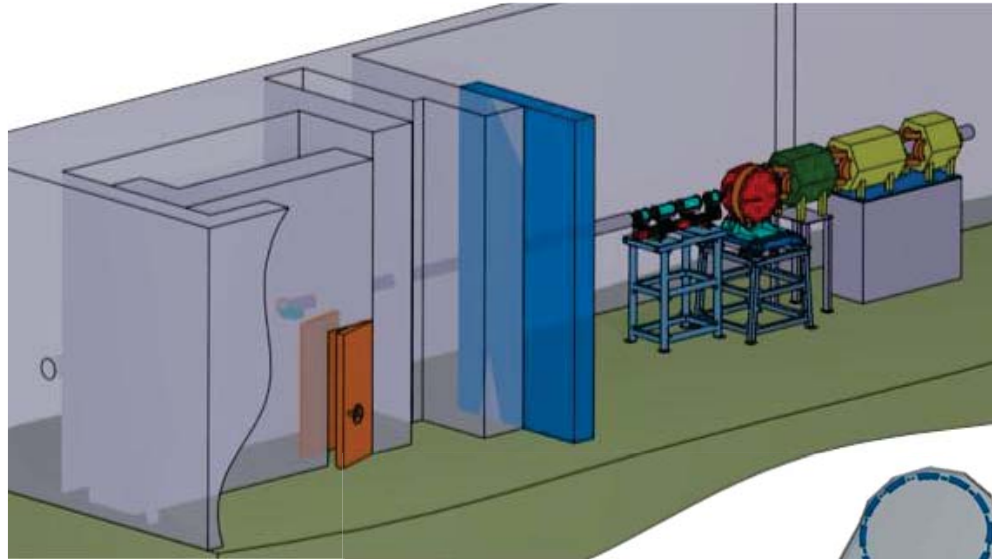
- **flexibility**: setup can be optimized for a particular experiment:
  - proton energy can be adjusted
  - standoff can be changed
  - magnification can be increased
- **SIS-18 electron cooler**: both transverse ( $\Rightarrow$  density resolution) and longitudinal ( $\Rightarrow$  spatial resolution) emittances of the beam can be reduced by an order of magnitude or more

## Permanent Magnetic Quadrupoles (PMQ)

- aperture: **30 mm**
- $B_p$ : **1.7 T**
- 2xQ1: **165 mm**
- 2xQ2: **330 mm**



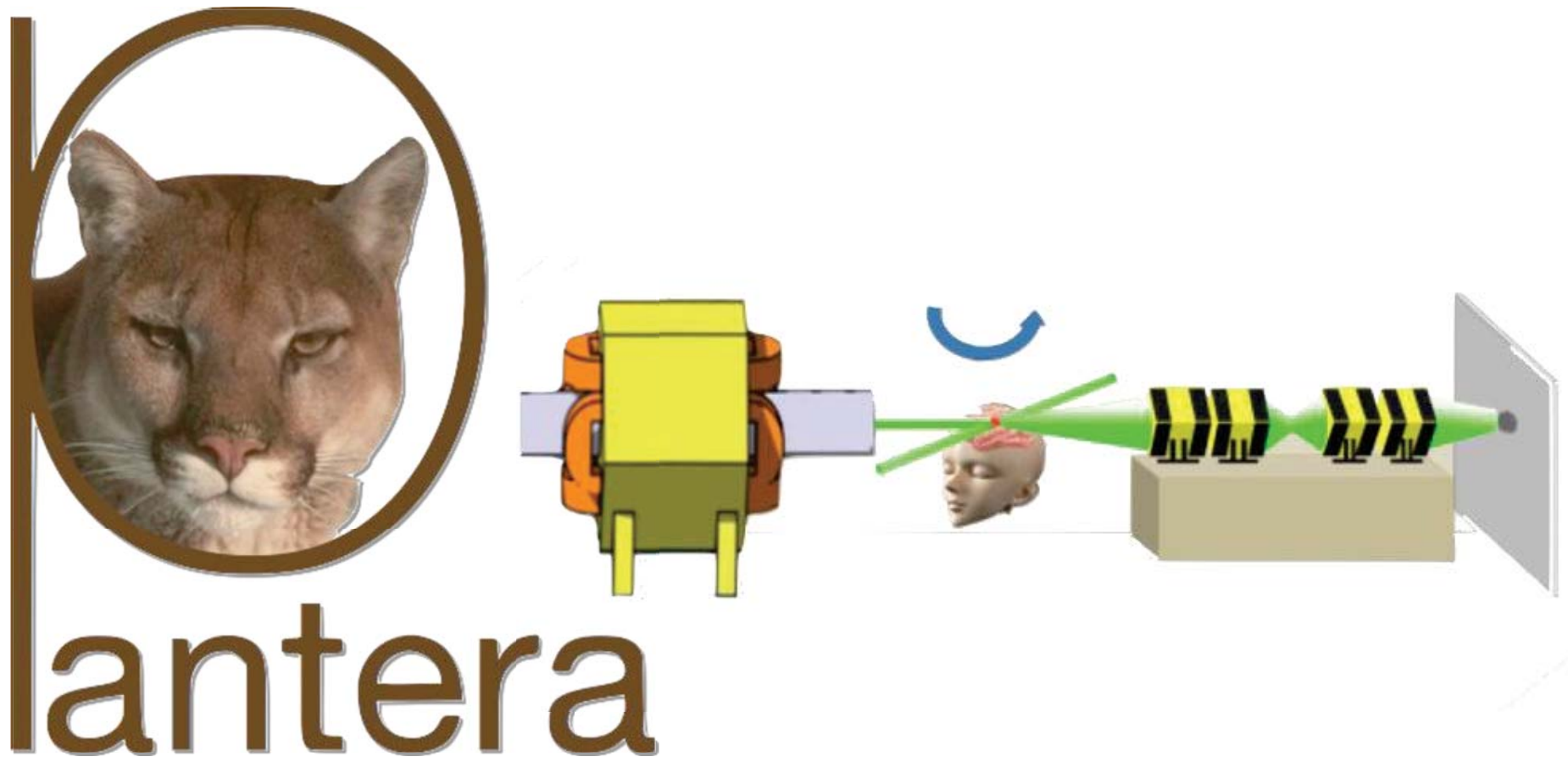
## Fielding at GSI – a reconstruction of the HHT cave



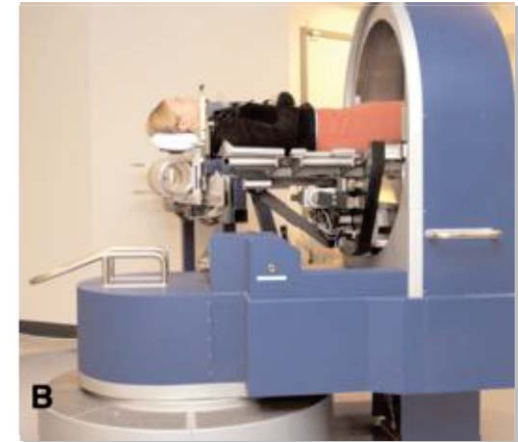
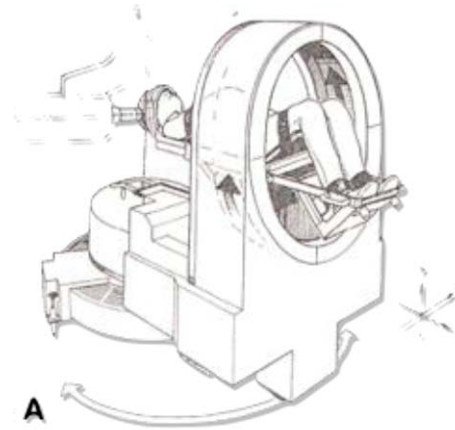
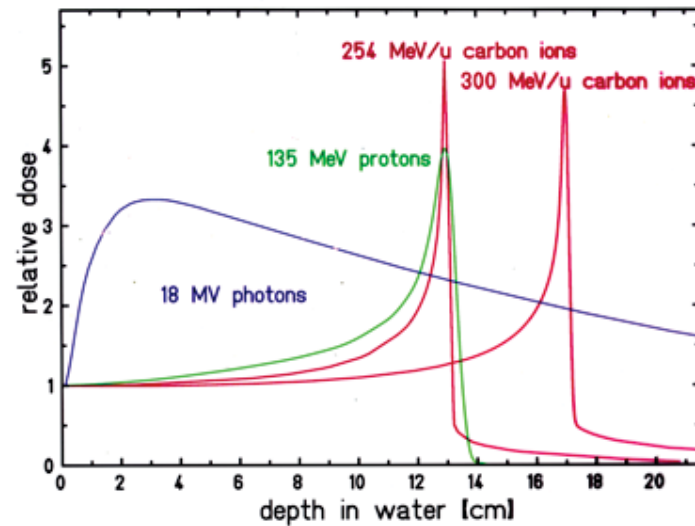
- **area is prepared**
- beam dump installation: **Nov 2011**
- walls, roof & staircase: **Jan/Feb 2012**



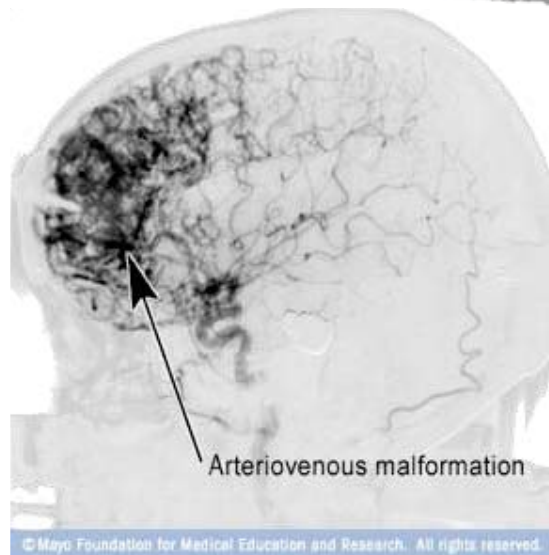
# PaNTERA Proton Therapy and Radiography



## “Bragg peak” radiosurgery in neurosurgery



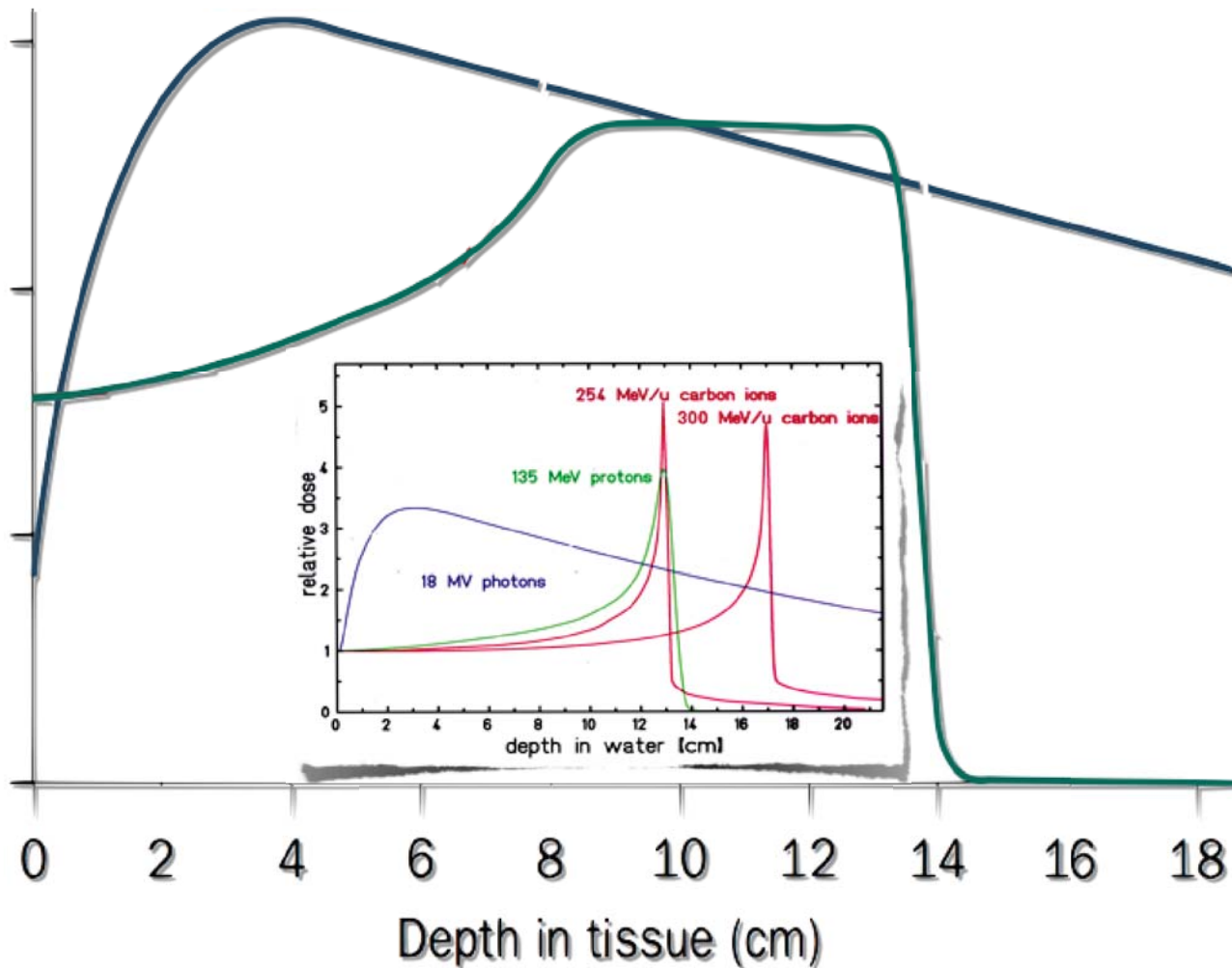
STAR System at Massachusetts General Hospital  
Northeast Proton Therapy Center



**“... AVM obliteration rate are more than 70% for  $V < 15$  ml, but less than 40% for  $V > 15$  ml.”** Chen et al., *Neurosurg. Focus* 2007

- no significant improvement over X-rays for large malformations

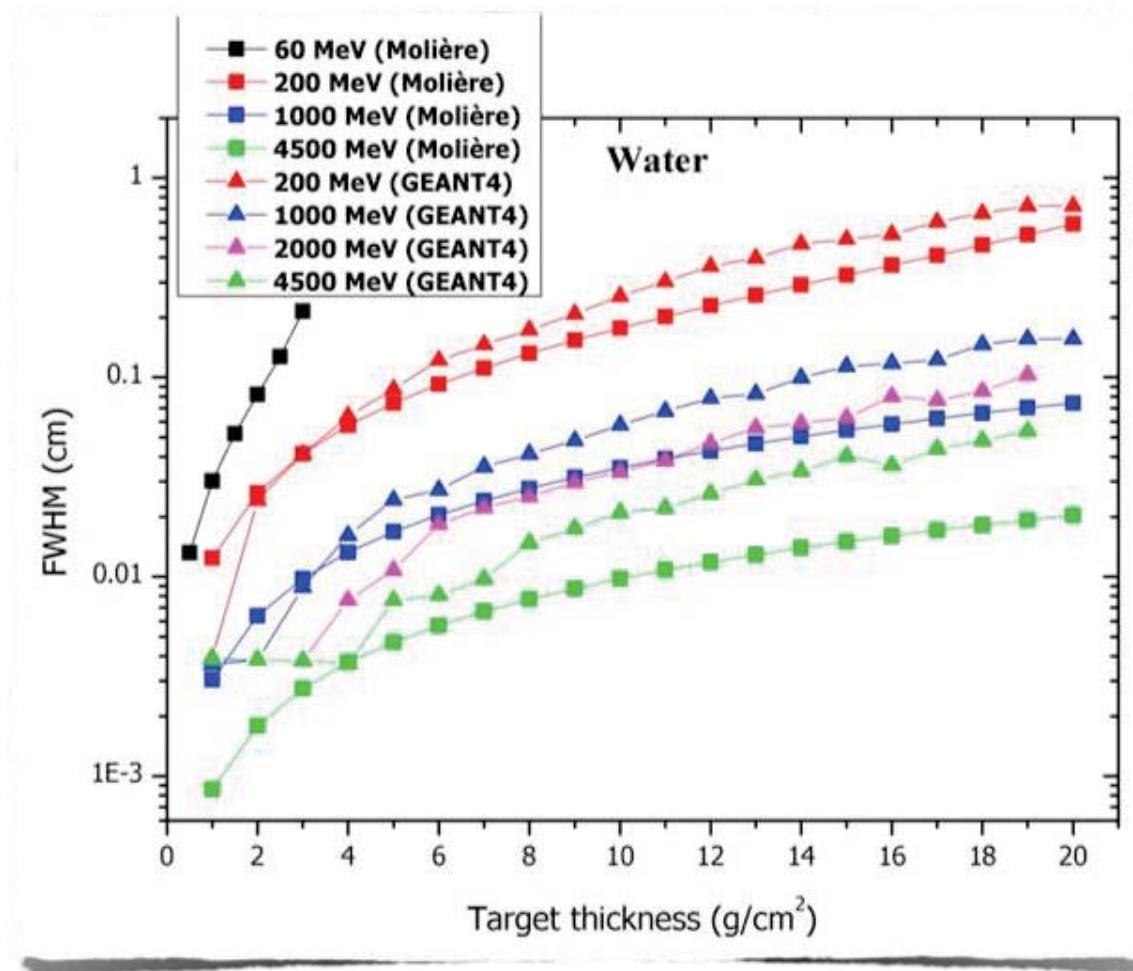
## "Bragg peak" particle therapy / radiosurgery



- the spread-out-Bragg-peak dose profile may be not that different from X-rays profile: sparing of a normal tissue is not significant
- ablation of a vascular malformation may require too high doses
- precision of the dose distribution is much more important!

- sharp edges of the energy deposition zone would allow to spare critical structures in the vicinity and consequently to increase the dose in the tumor

## “Bragg peak” vs. “Plateau”: scattering and precision



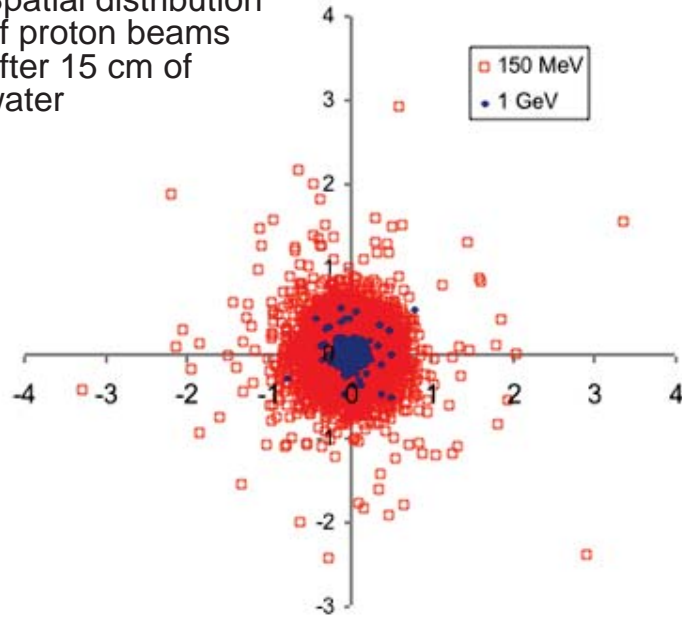
after 16 cm of water:

- FWHM(150 MeV)  $\approx 7.5$  mm  $\Rightarrow$  cm-scale precision
- FWHM(4.5 GeV)  $\approx 0.4$  mm  $\Rightarrow$  sub-mm precision



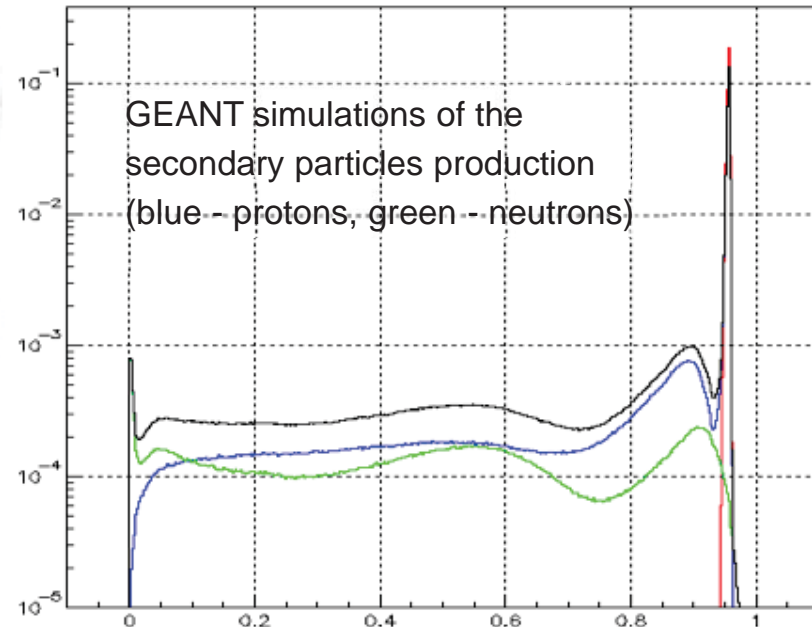
# IGSpRS – Image-Guided Stereotactic Particle Radiosurgery

Spatial distribution of proton beams after 15 cm of water



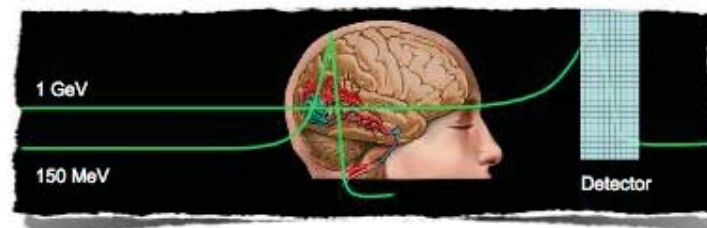
“+” very small lateral scattering (remote scalpel)

“+” simultaneous imaging (on-line radiography) with the same beam (PRIOR)



“-” not sparing tissue behind the tumor

“-”/“+”? modification of the dose distribution due to production of secondaries



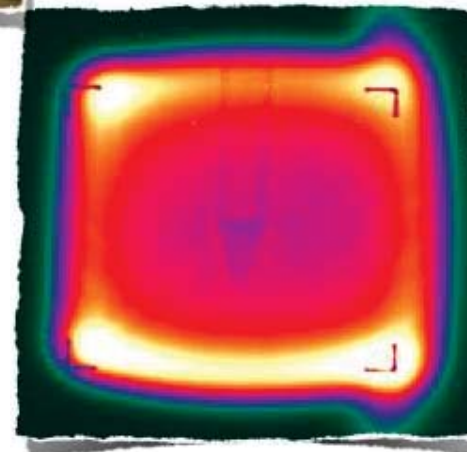
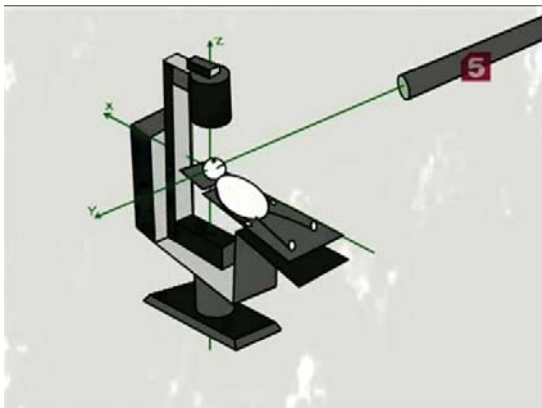
## The only facility where 1 GeV protons are used for therapy



### St.-Petersburg Nuclear Physics Institute (PNPI), Russia

Since 1975 a total of 1,362 patients treated:

- pituitary adenoma
- breast and prostate cancer
- AVM
- aneurysm
- endocrine opthalmopathy
- epilepsy

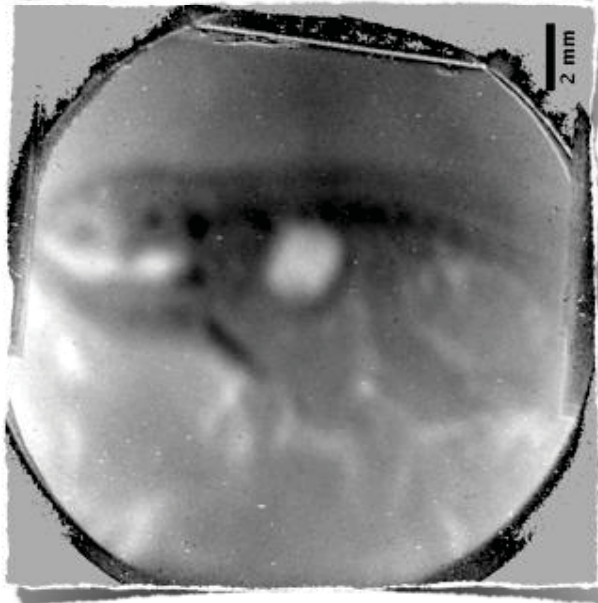
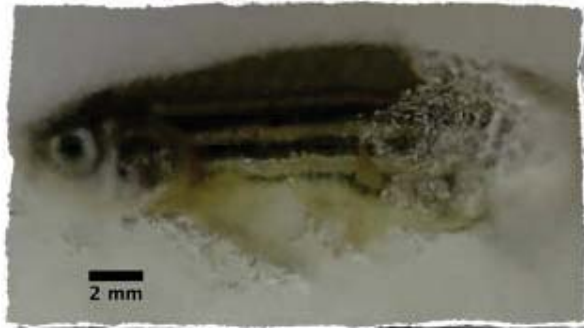


A 10 cm diameter 1 GeV proton beam used to expose blood cells in a plastic tube – visible in scattering proton radiogram

## First biological images with HEPM

- ITEP-Moscow, December 2011,  
800 MeV protons, PUMA x4 microscope

Zebrafish (*Danio rerio*)  
embedded in 1cm-thick  
paraffin



8 mm-thick PMMA  
phantom with 1mm-thick,  
1mm-deep letters milled  
on the surface

