

Uniformity Improvements

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Simulation environment



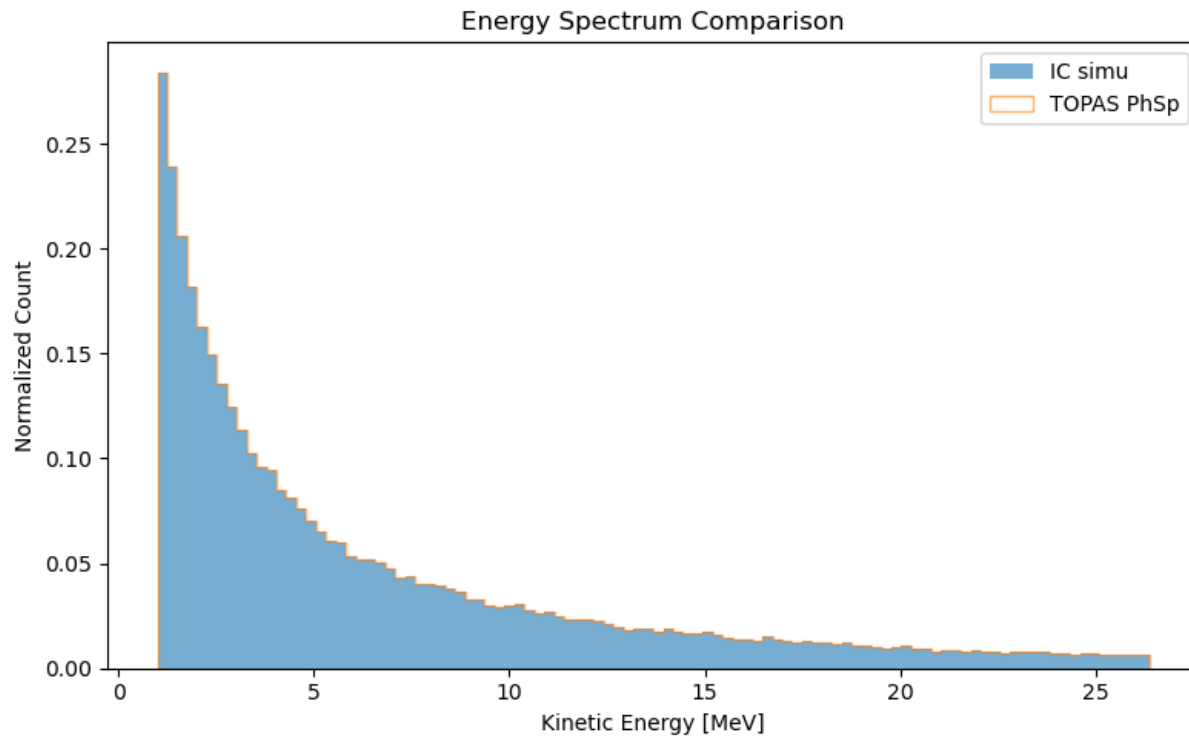
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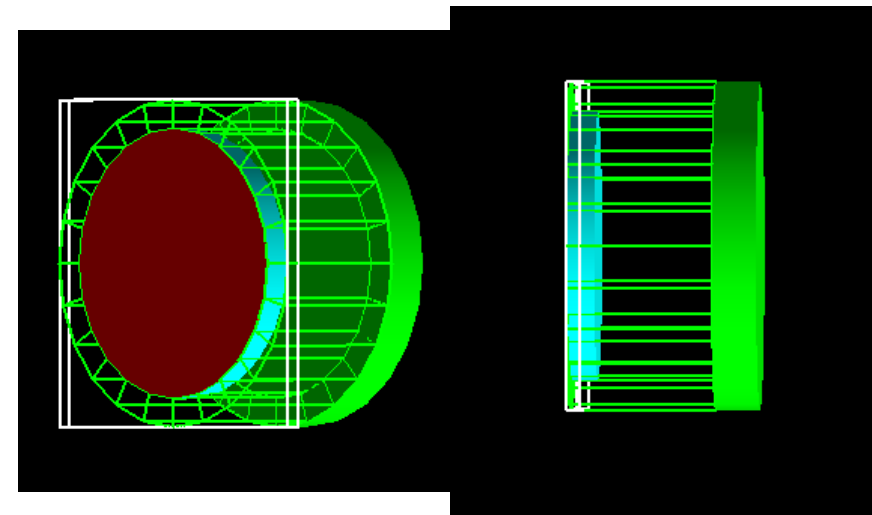
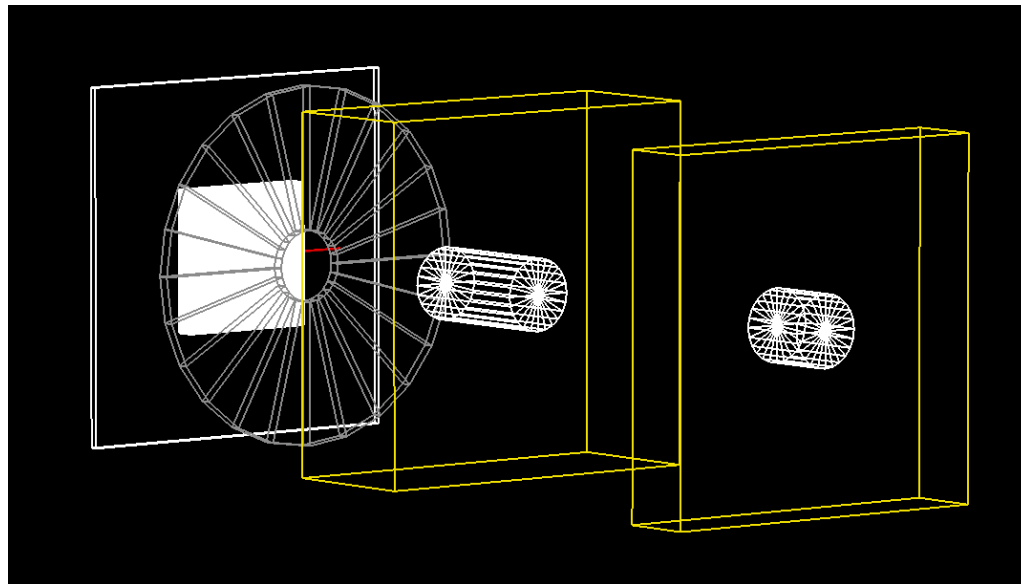
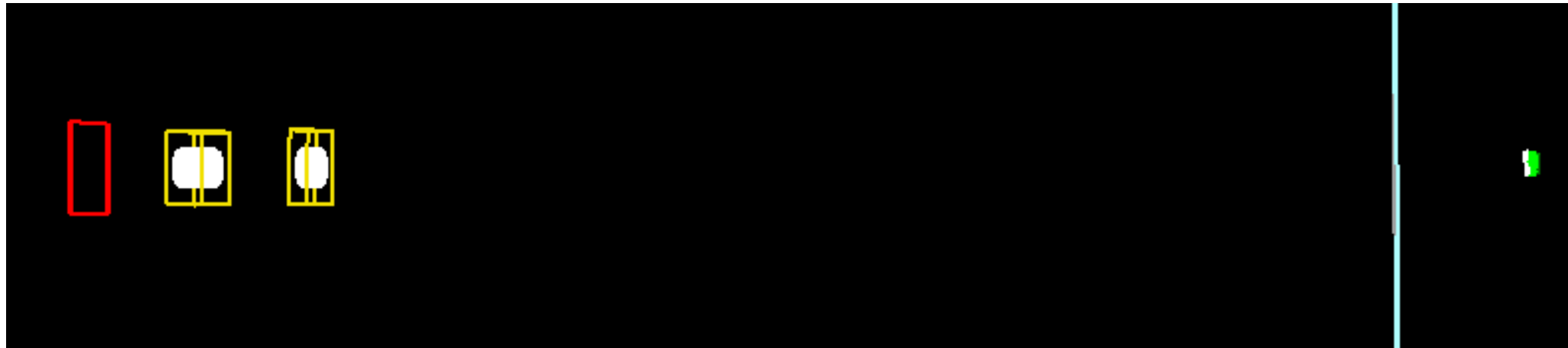
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Source: Simulated by LhARALinearOptics and translated to TOPAS

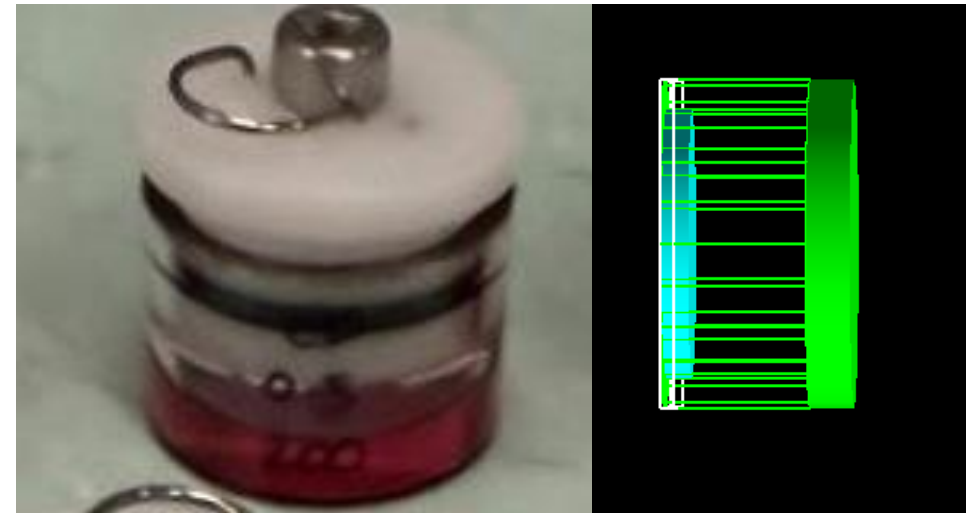
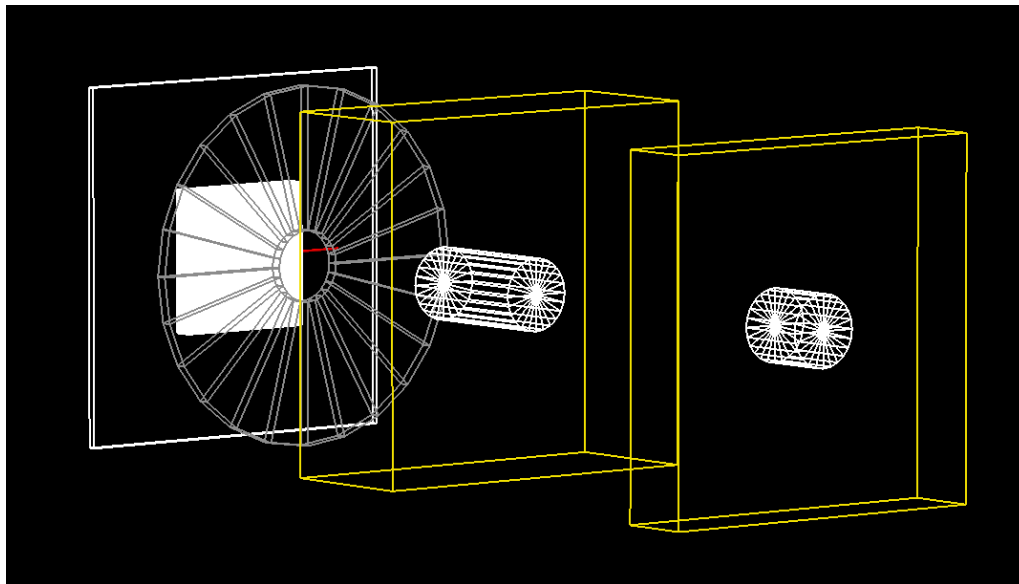
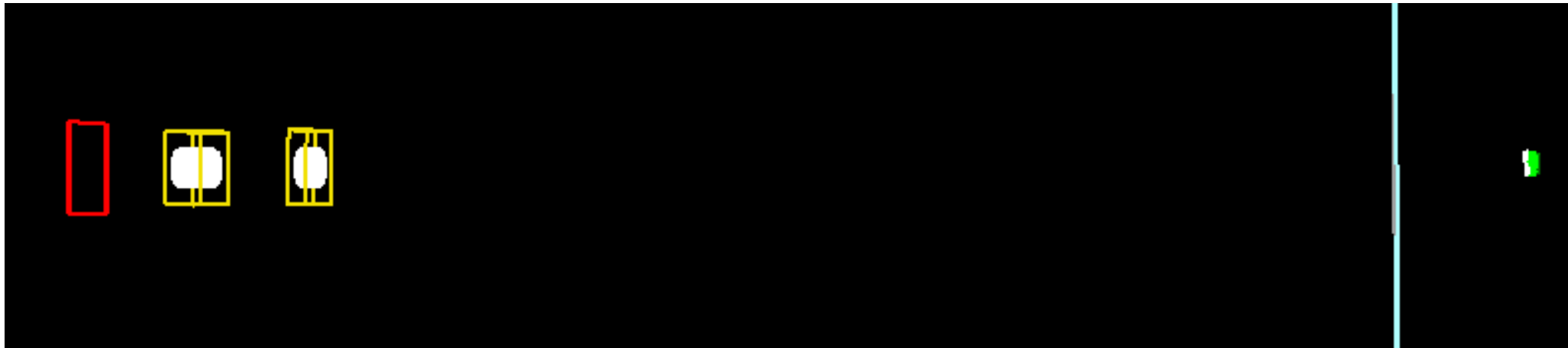


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1 TOPAS ASCII Phase Space
2
3 Number of Original Histories: 2000000
4 Number of Original Histories that Reached Phase Space: 11750
5 Number of Scored Particles: 13047
6
7 Columns of data are as follows:
8 1: Position X [cm]
9 2: Position Y [cm]
10 3: Position Z [cm]
11 4: Direction Cosine X
12 5: Direction Cosine Y
13 6: Energy [MeV]
14 7: Weight
15 8: Particle Type (in PDG Format)
16 9: Flag to tell if Third Direction Cosine is Negative (1 means true)
17 10: Flag to tell if this is the First Scored Particle from this History (1 means true)
18
19 Number of e-: 1301
20 Number of nu_e: 3
21 Number of gamma: 7
22 Number of proton: 11736
23
24 Minimum Kinetic Energy of e-: 0 MeV
25 Minimum Kinetic Energy of nu_e: 0.849123 MeV
26 Minimum Kinetic Energy of gamma: 0.510999 MeV
27 Minimum Kinetic Energy of proton: 3.63798 MeV
28
29 Maximum Kinetic Energy of e-: 0.0206843 MeV
30 Maximum Kinetic Energy of nu_e: 1.46728 MeV
31 Maximum Kinetic Energy of gamma: 7.23584 MeV
32 Maximum Kinetic Energy of proton: 10.8455 MeV
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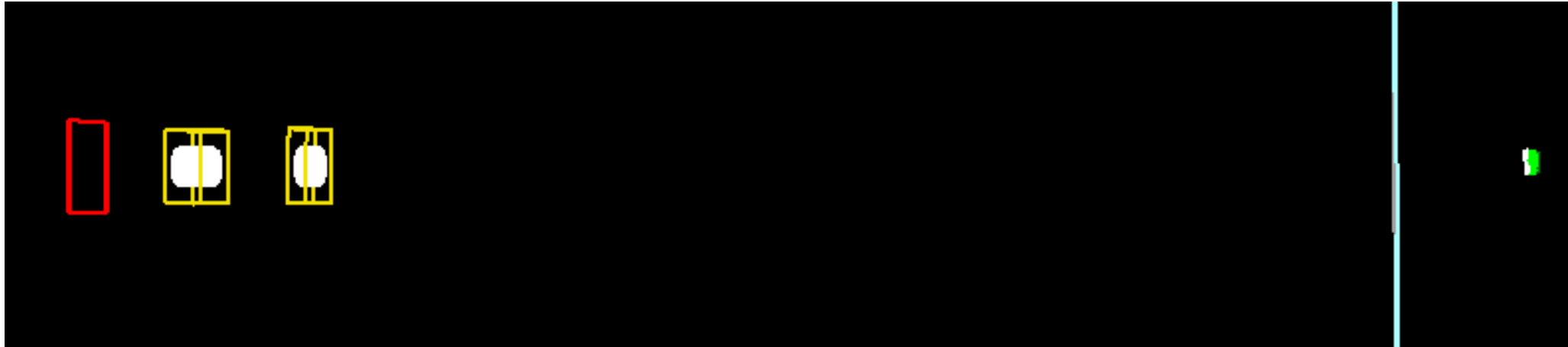
Simulation setup



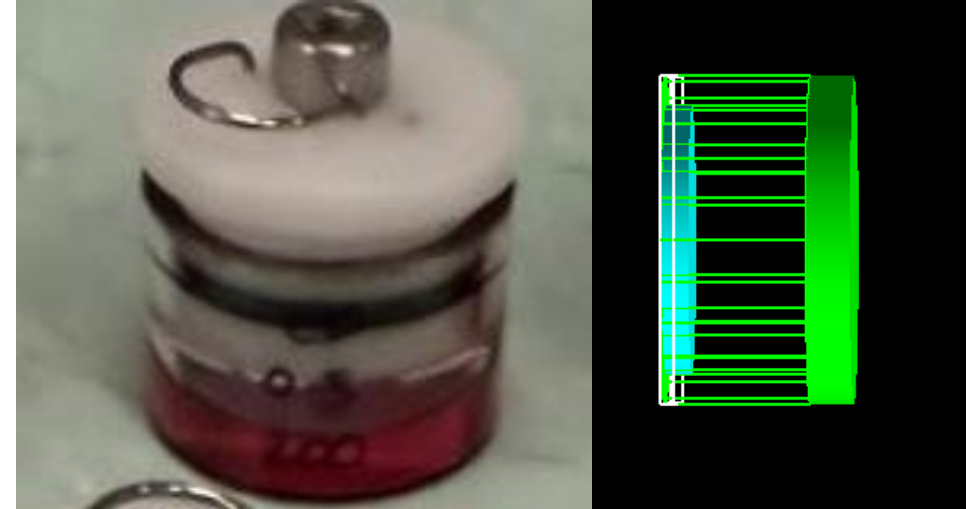
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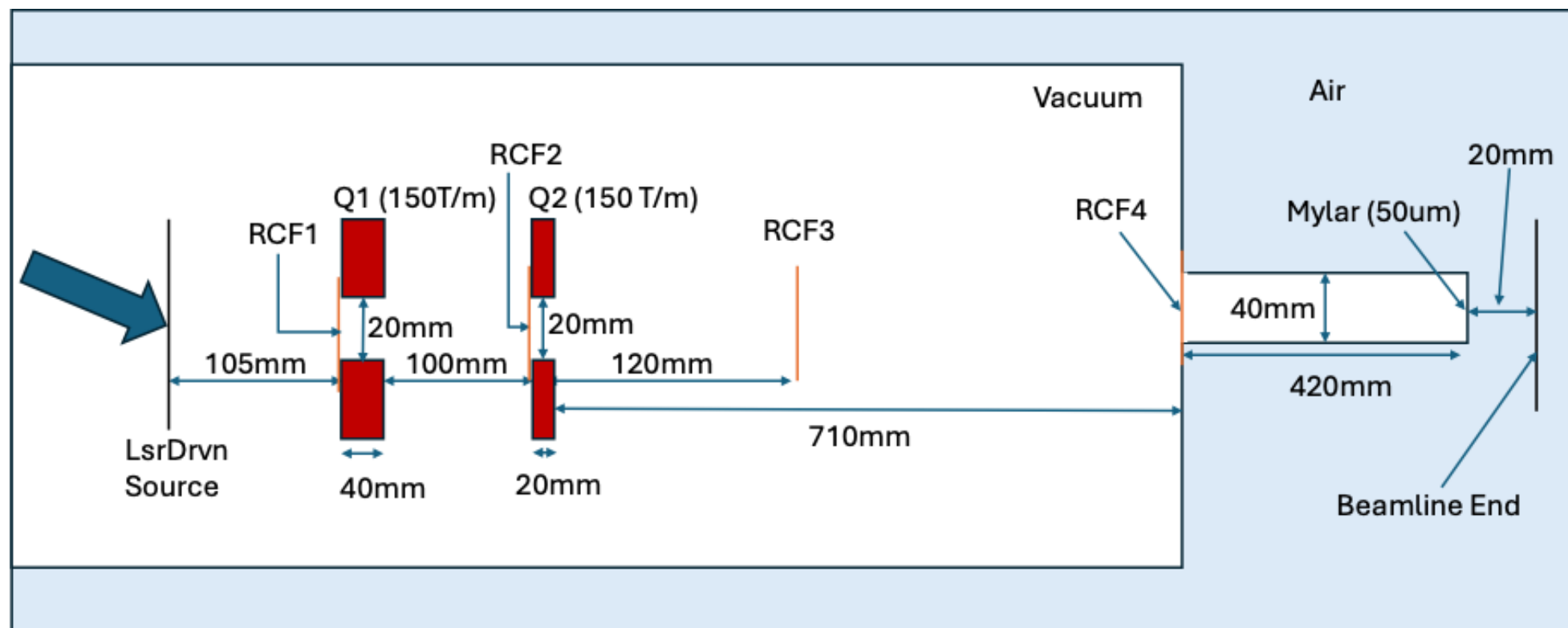
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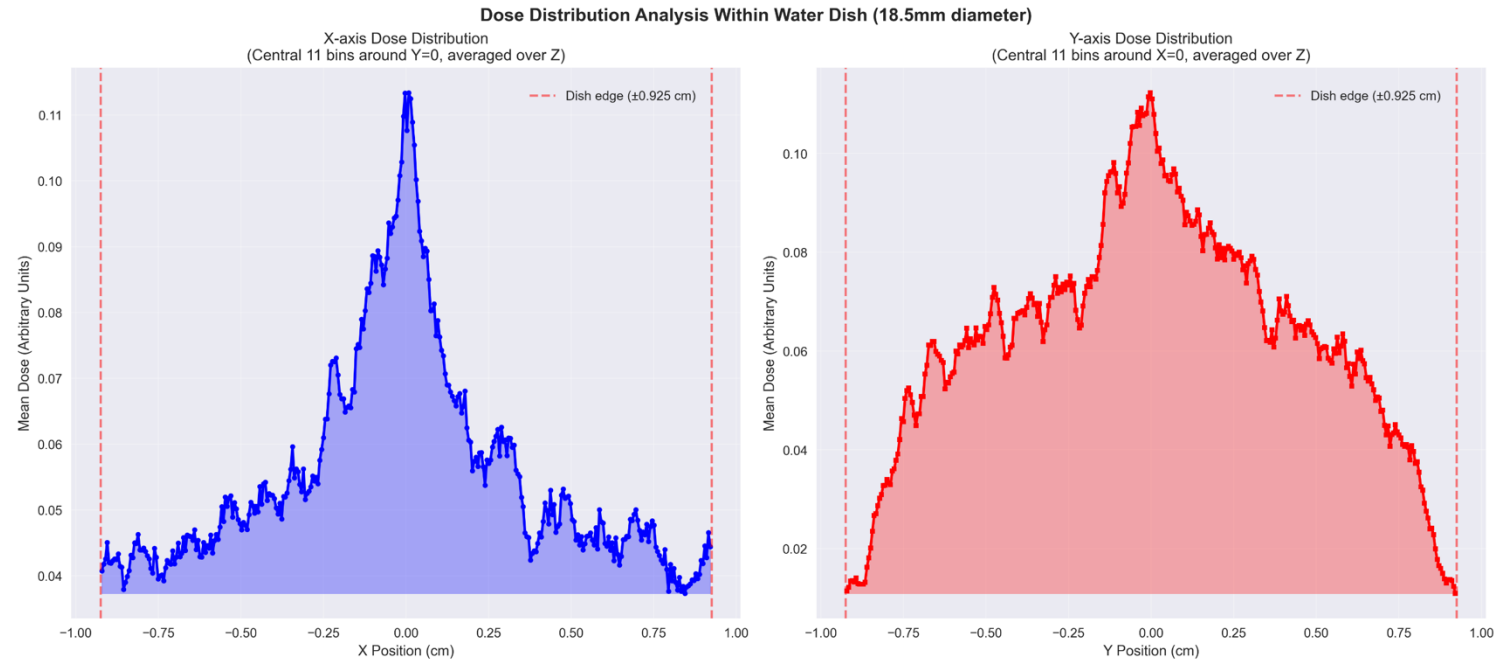
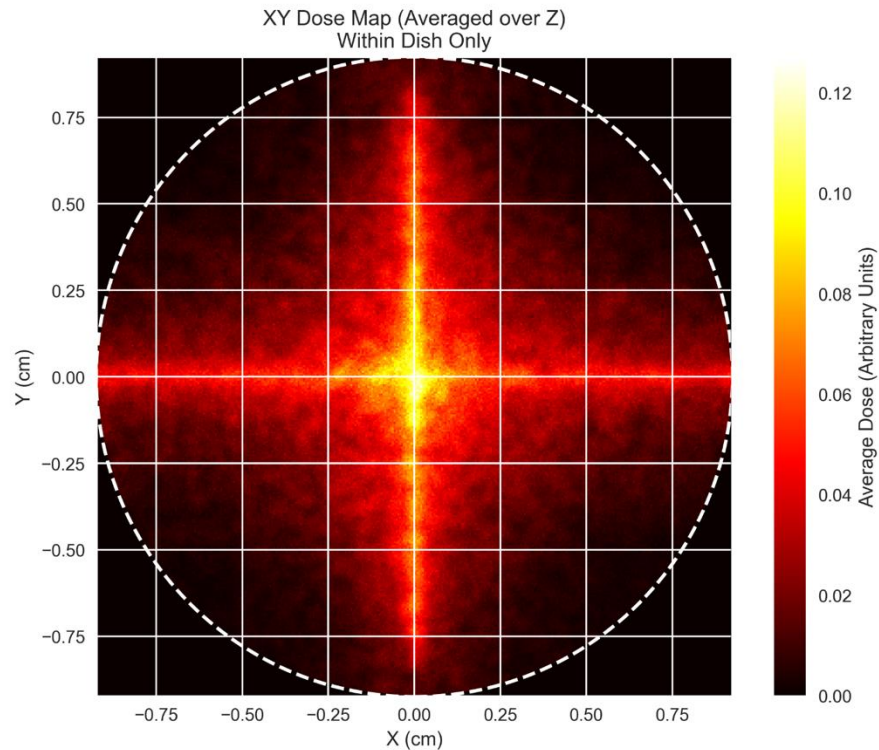
- 1.86 mm water height (depth)
- 18.5mm internal diameter
- 22.5mm external diameter
- Scoring through the whole water depth
- 100 million particles



Results from actual setup

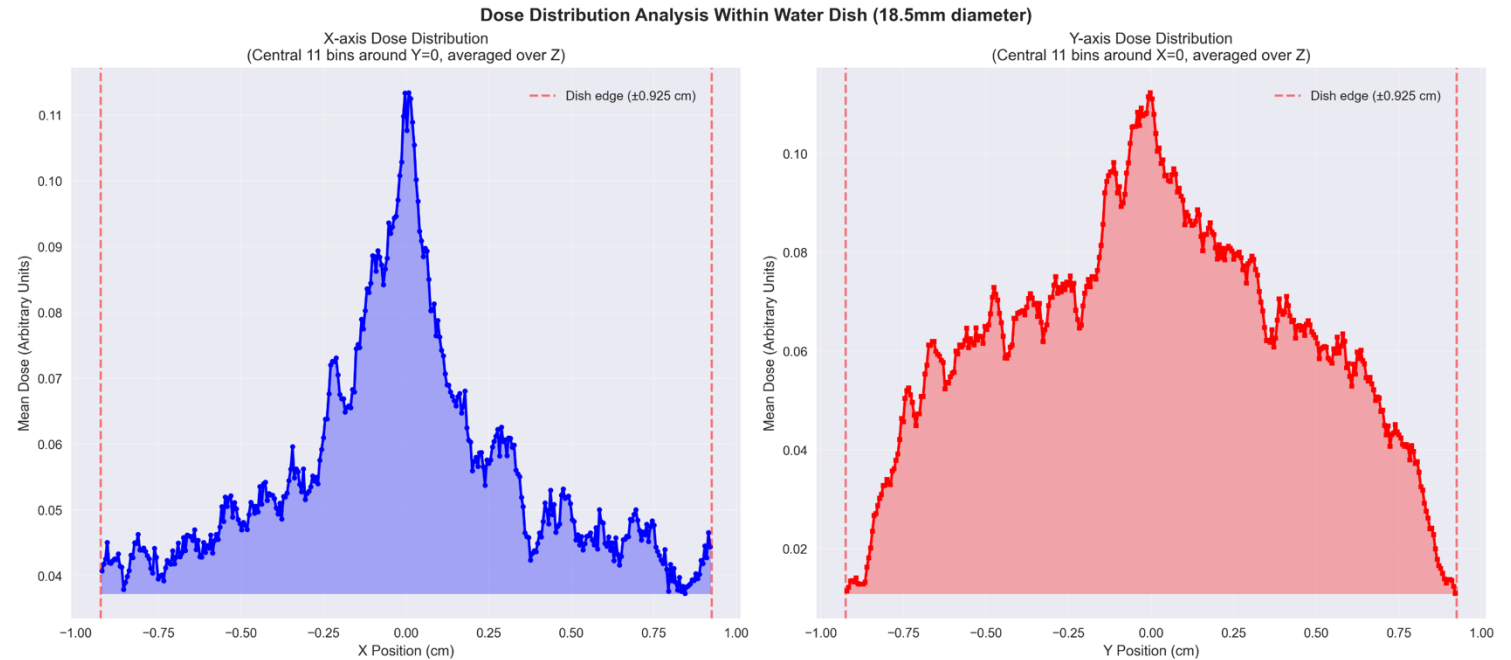
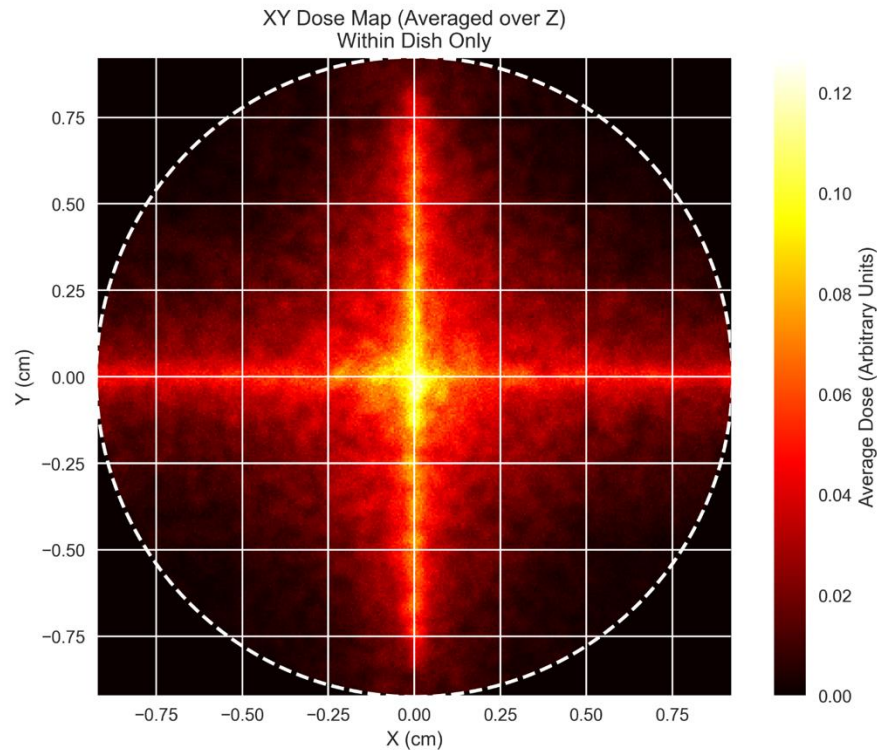


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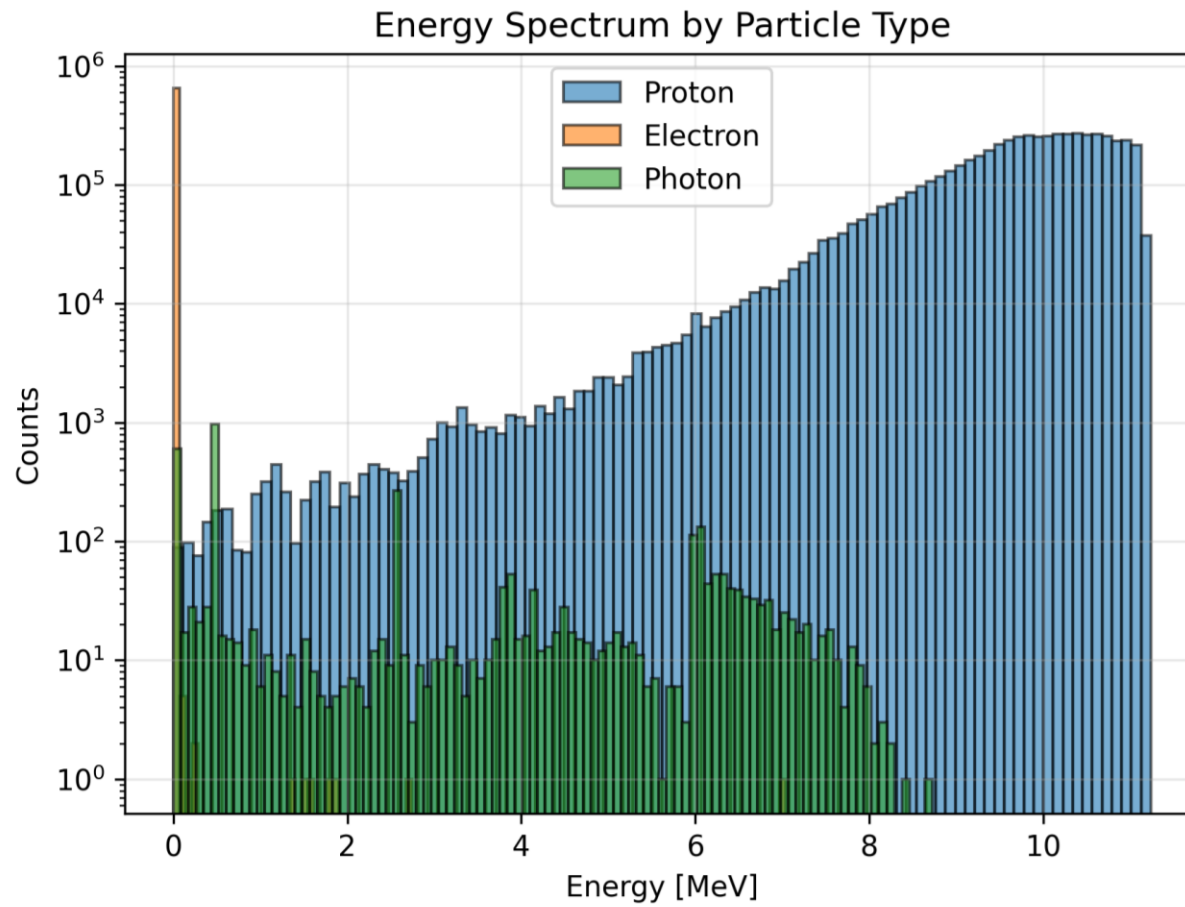
- Integration width of 620 μ m (11 voxels) in the transversal directions
- Dose distributions integrated in the Z direction
- Units: Gy/primary particle. Not representative of actual doses that will be delivered.

Results from actual setup



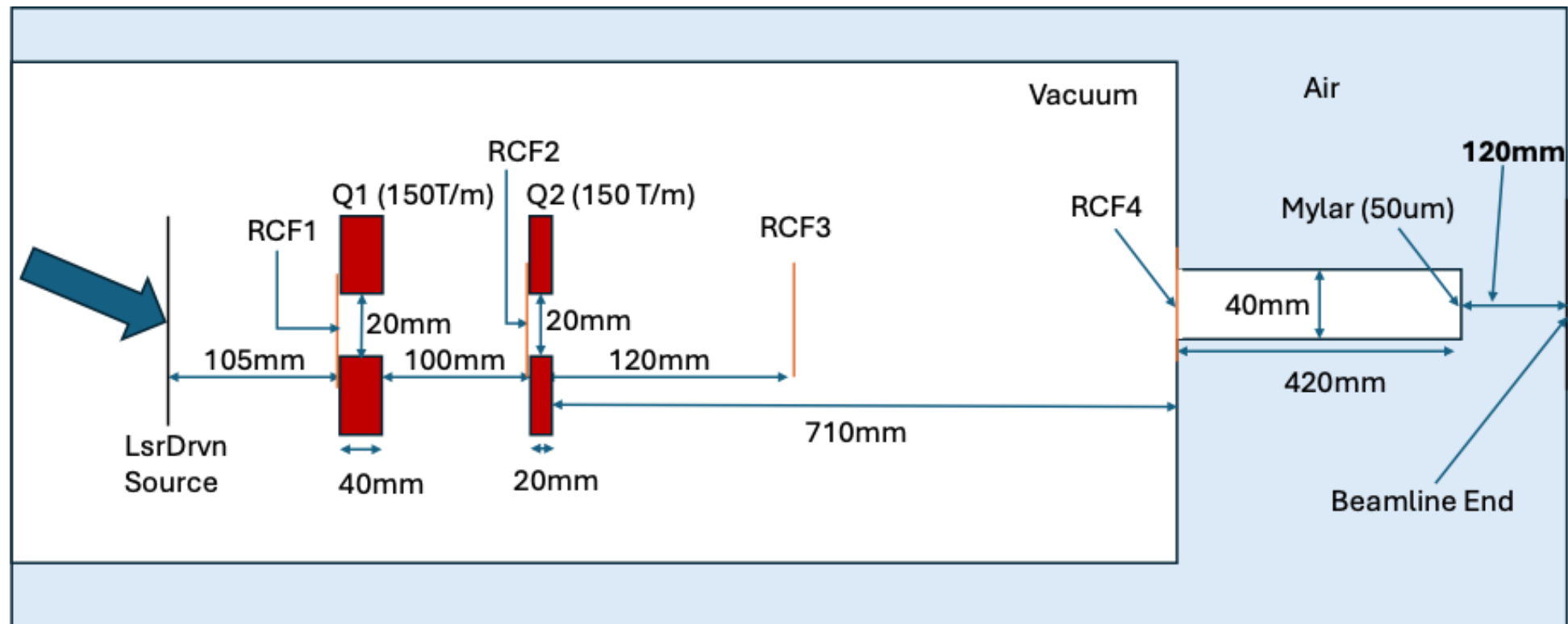
- Mean dose in dish: 0.021 Gy
- Max dose in dish: 0.217 Gy
- Min dose in dish: 0.00 Gy
- Standard deviation in dish: 0.019 Gy
- Uniformity (Coefficient of Variation [CV]) in dish: 90.79%

Results from actual setup

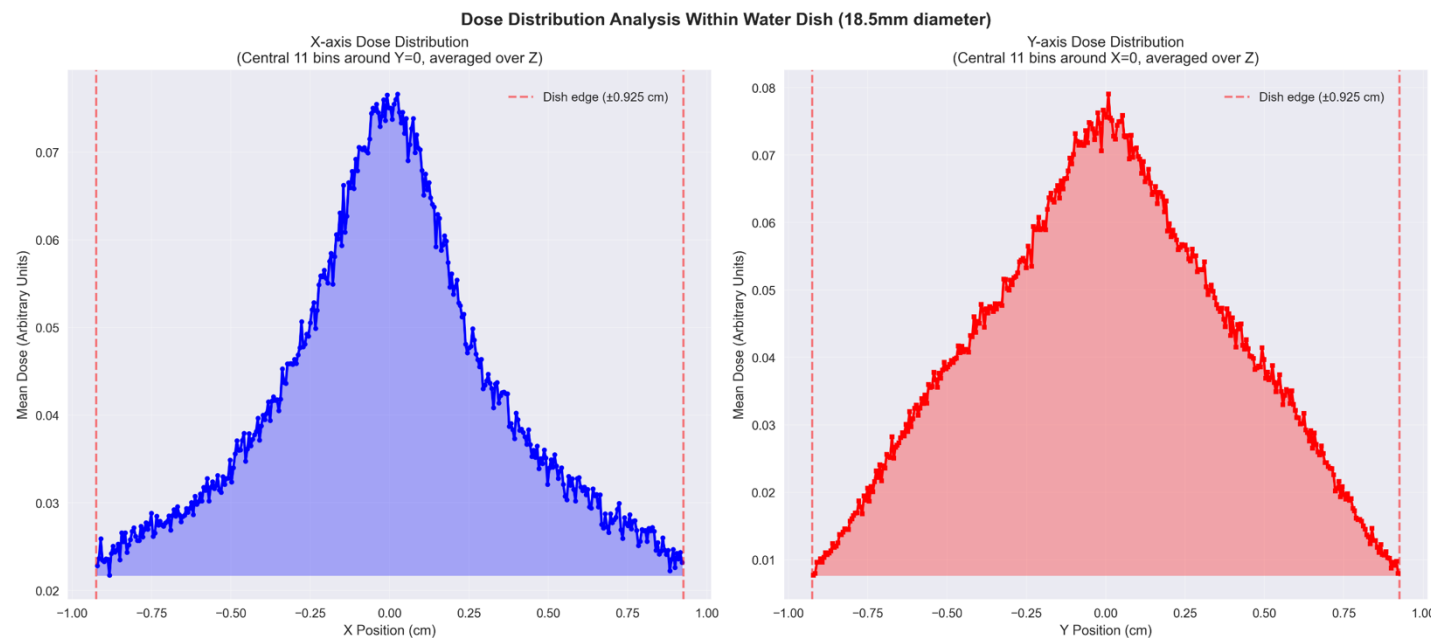
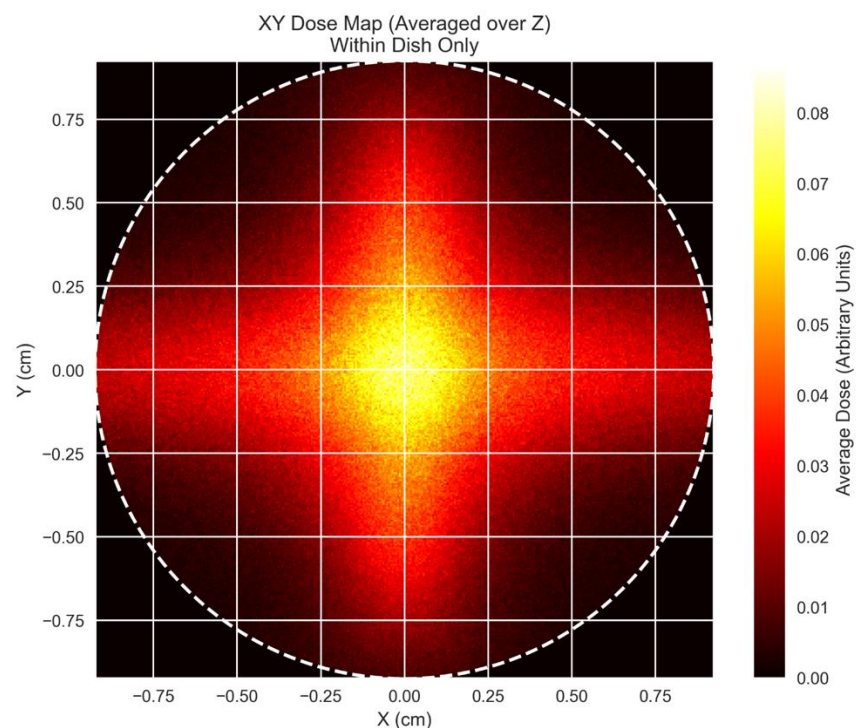


Proton: Mean = 9.663 MeV
Std = 1.138 MeV

Setup 2: Max dish distance (12.2 cm)

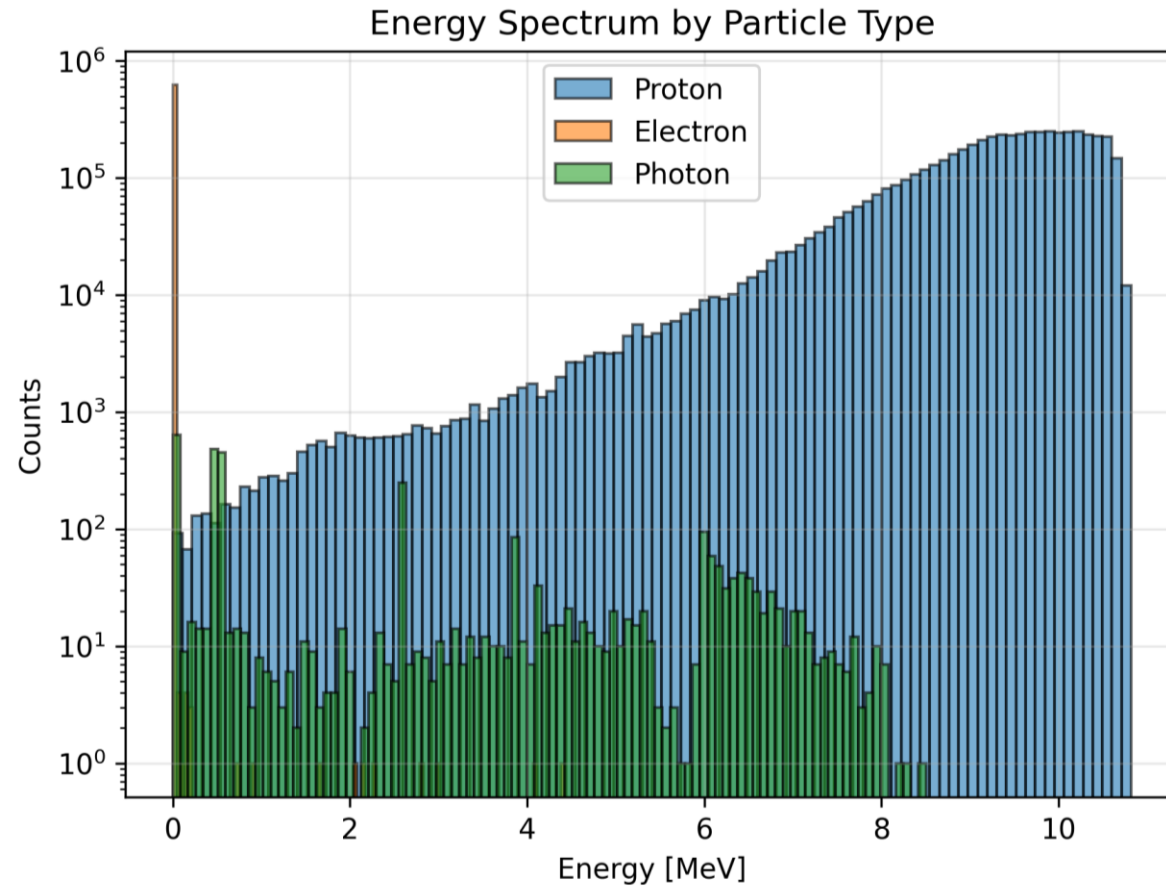


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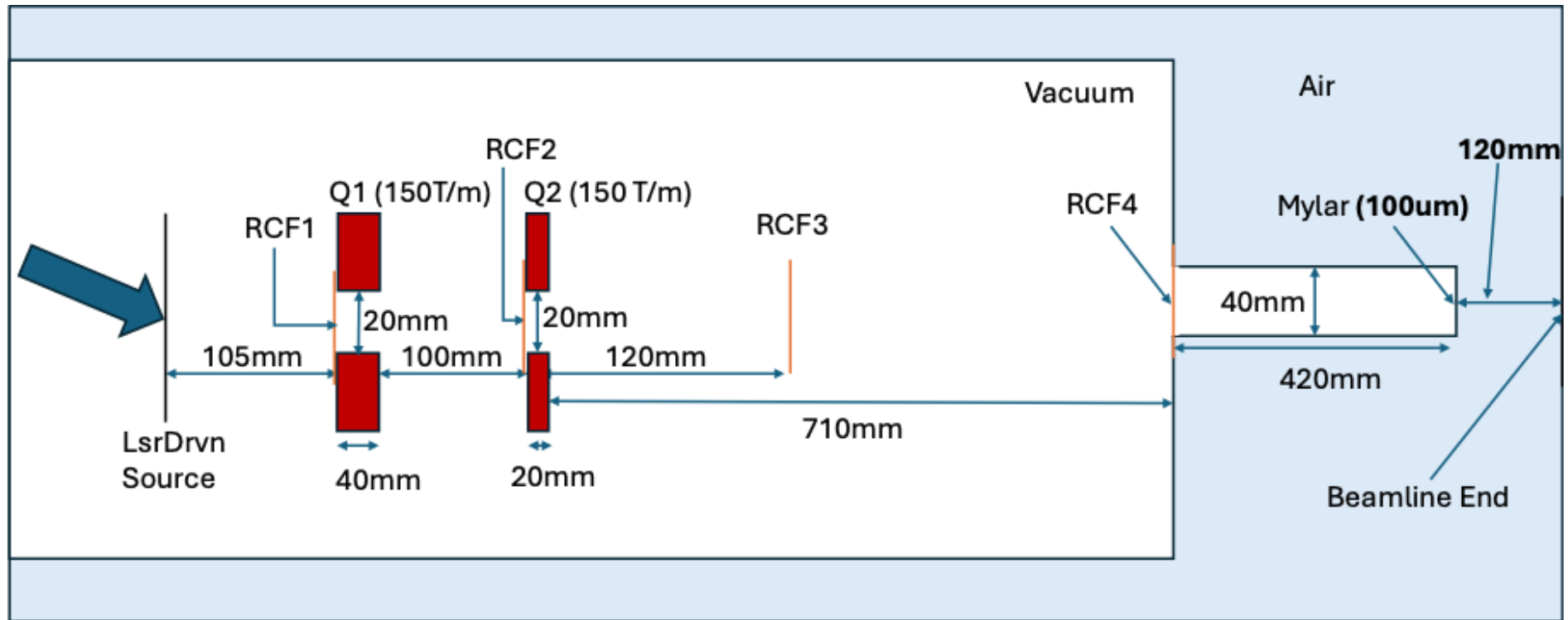
- Mean dose in dish: 0.022 Gy
- Max dose in dish: 0.145 Gy
- Min dose in dish: 0.000 Gy
- Standard deviation in dish: 0.018 Gy
- Uniformity (CV) in dish: 81.13%

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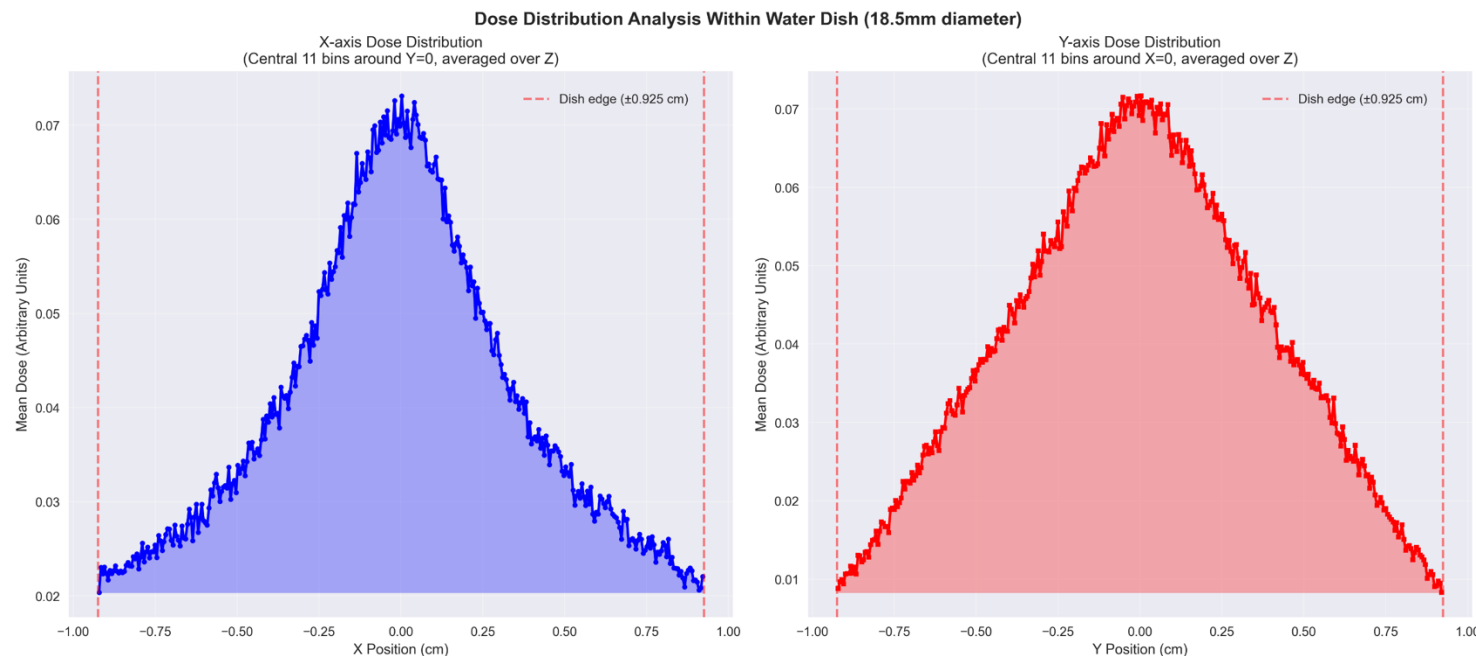
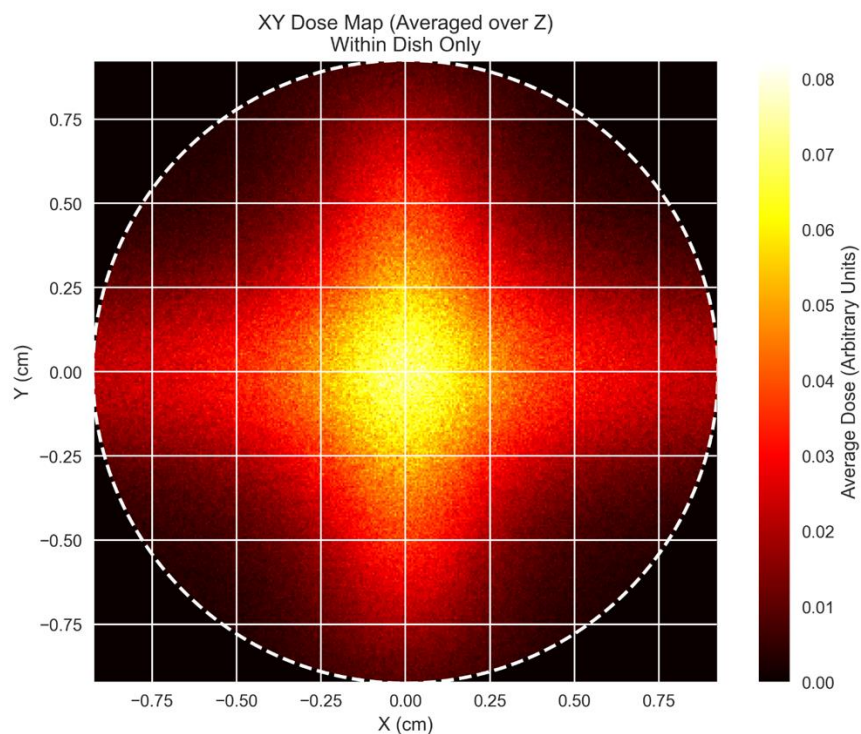


Proton: Mean = 9.236 MeV
Std = 1.139 MeV

Setup 3: Max dish distance + Thicker Exit Mylar (100 μm)

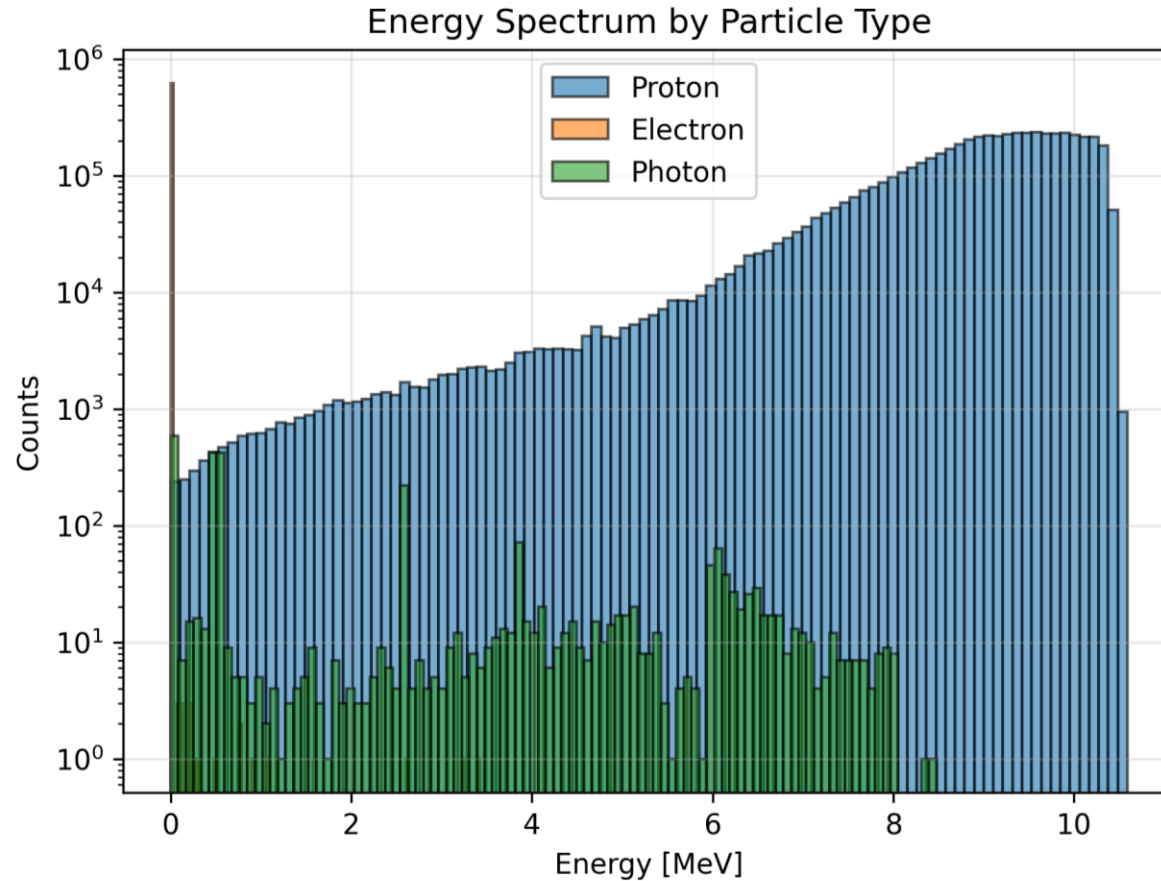


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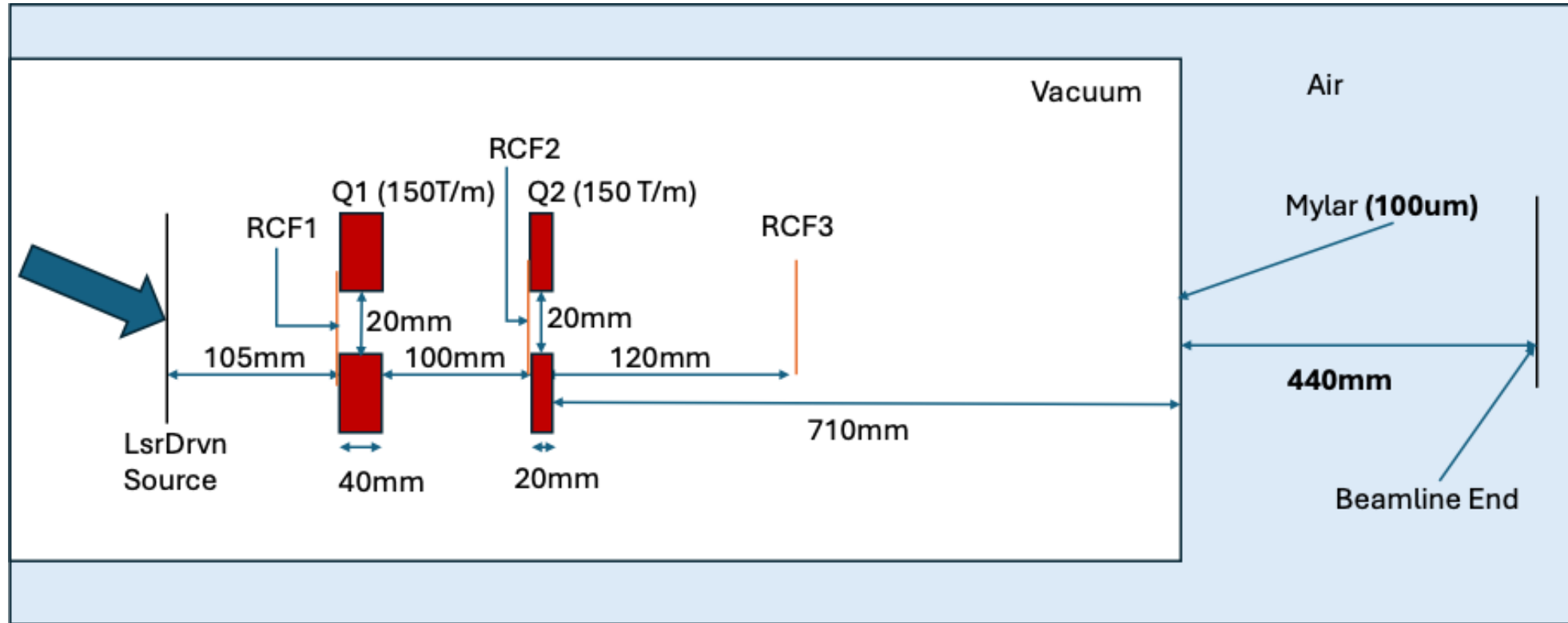
- Mean dose in dish: 0.022 Gy
- Max dose in dish: 0.132 Gy
- Min dose in dish: 0.000002 Gy
- Standard deviation in dish: 0.017 Gy
- Uniformity (CV) in dish: 76.85%

Setup 3: Max dish distance + Thicker Exit Mylar (100 um)

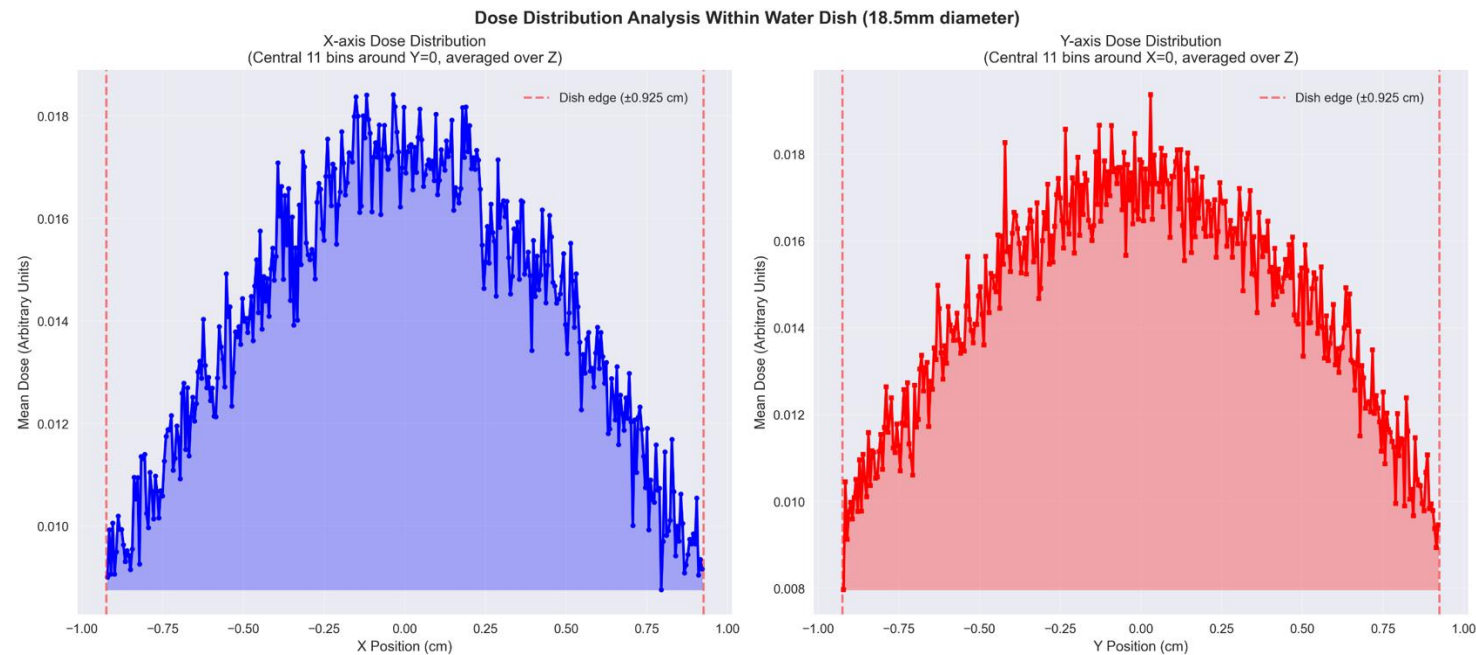
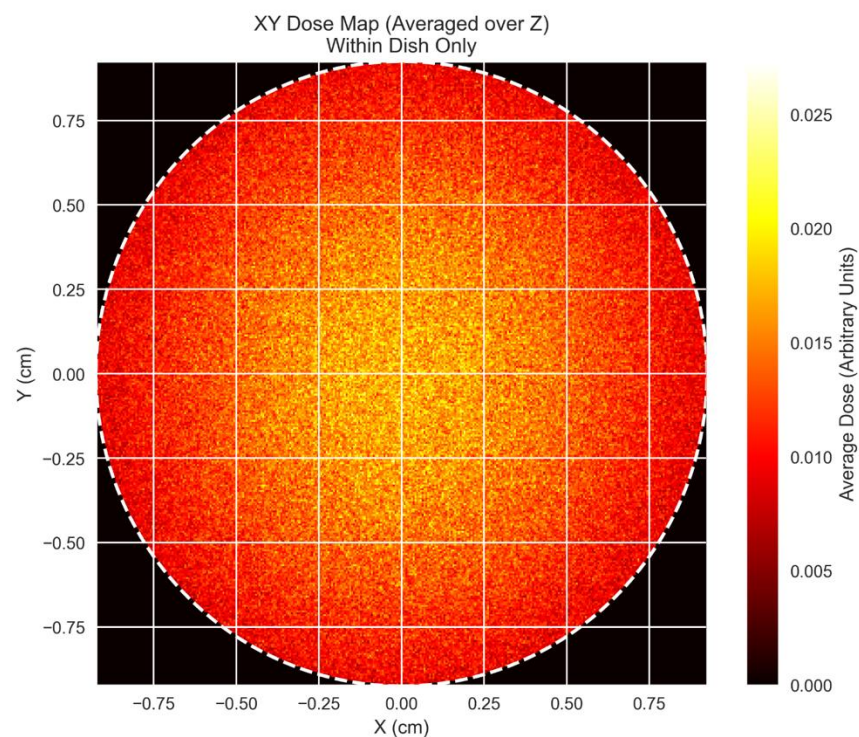


Proton: Mean = 8.881 MeV
Std = 1.234 MeV

Setup 4: Max dish distance + Thicker exit mylar + No vacuum tube

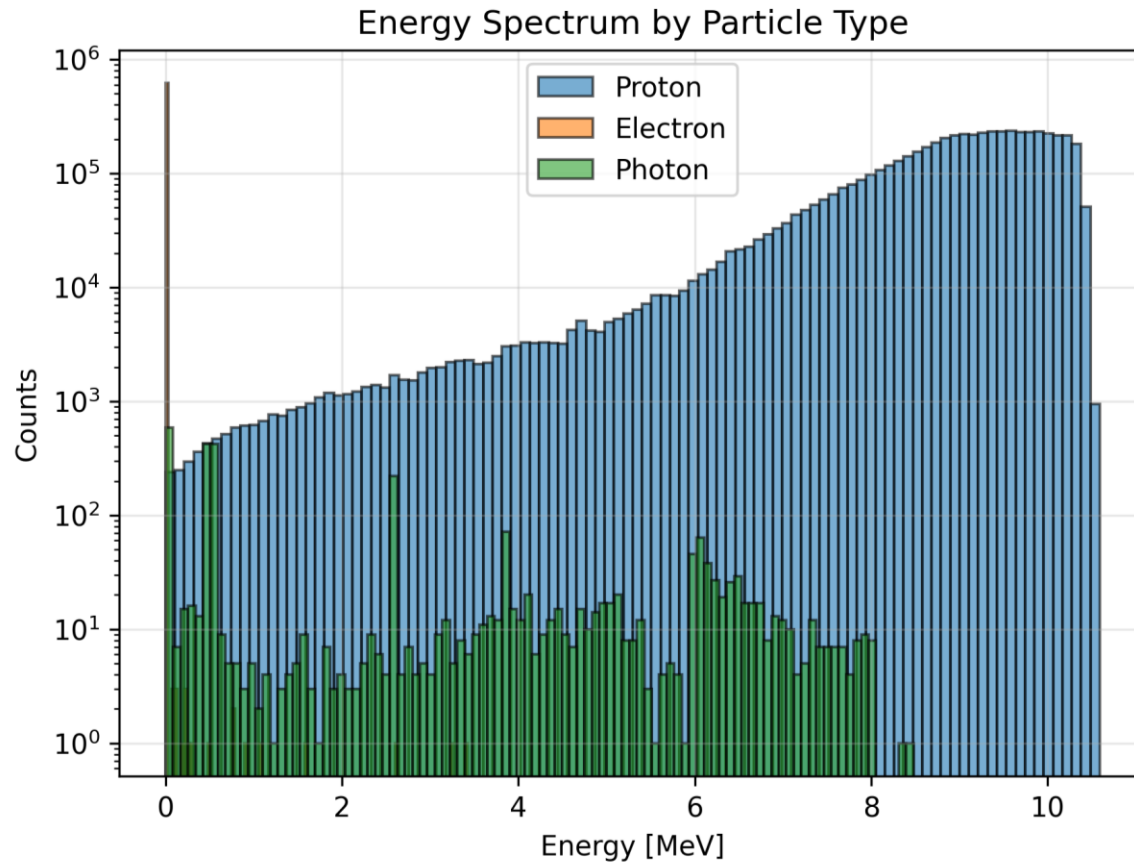


Setup 4: Max dish distance + Thicker exit mylar + No vacuum tube



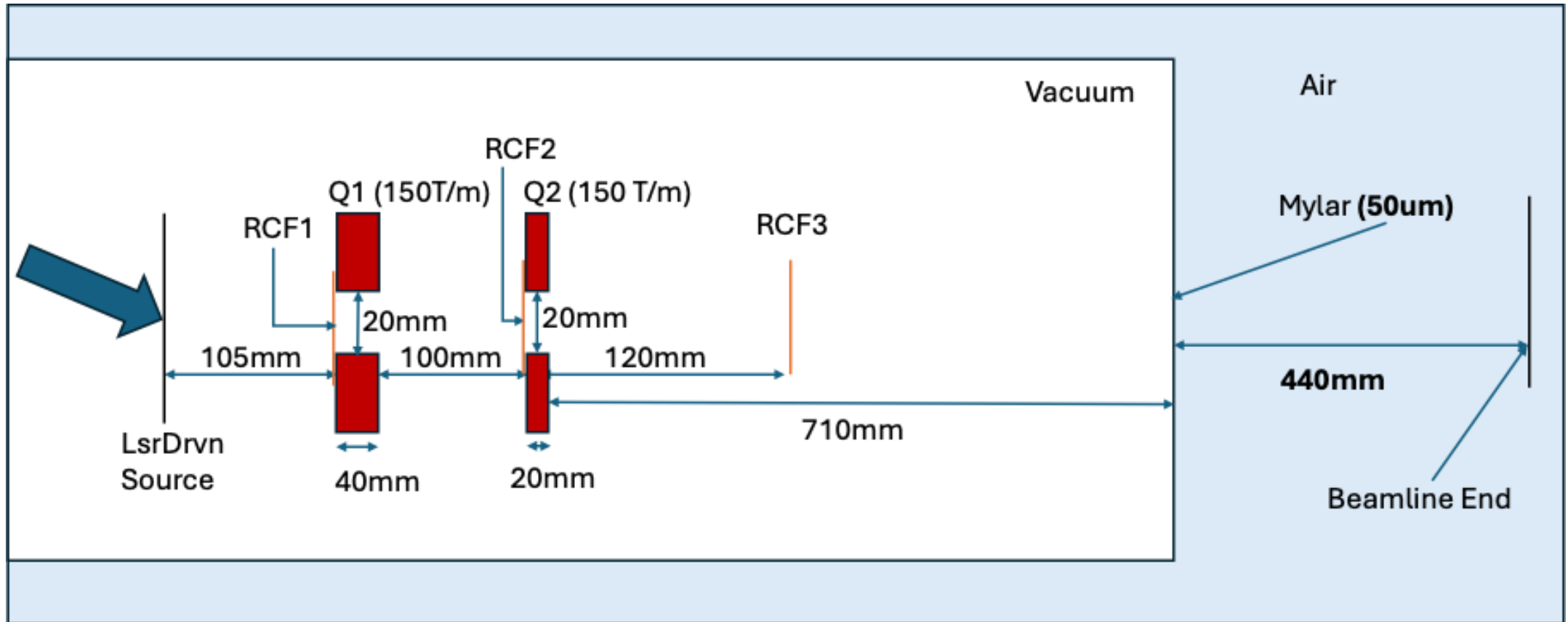
- Mean dose in dish: 0.0128 Gy
- Max dose in dish: 0.0453 Gy
- Min dose in dish: 0.00 Gy
- Standard deviation in dish: 0.0046 Gy
- Uniformity (CV) in dish: 35.93%

Setup 4 Max dish distance + Thicker exit mylar + No vacuum tube

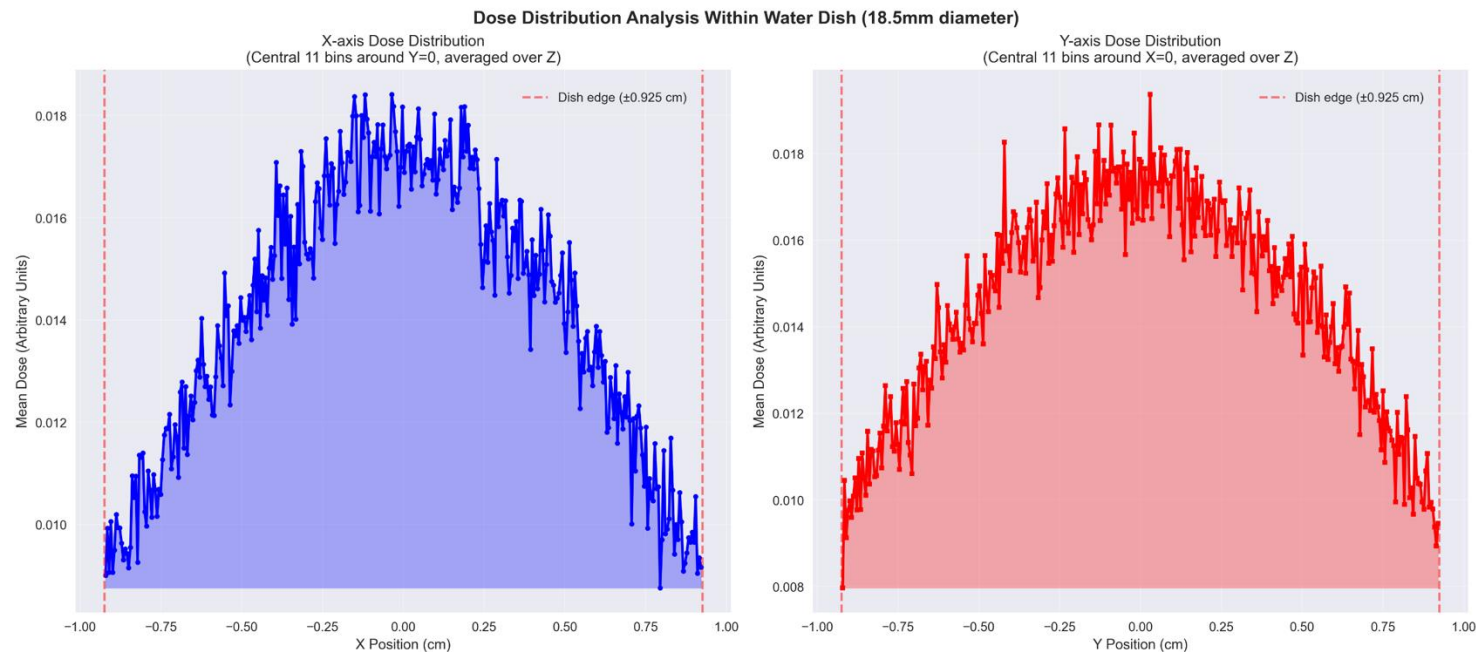
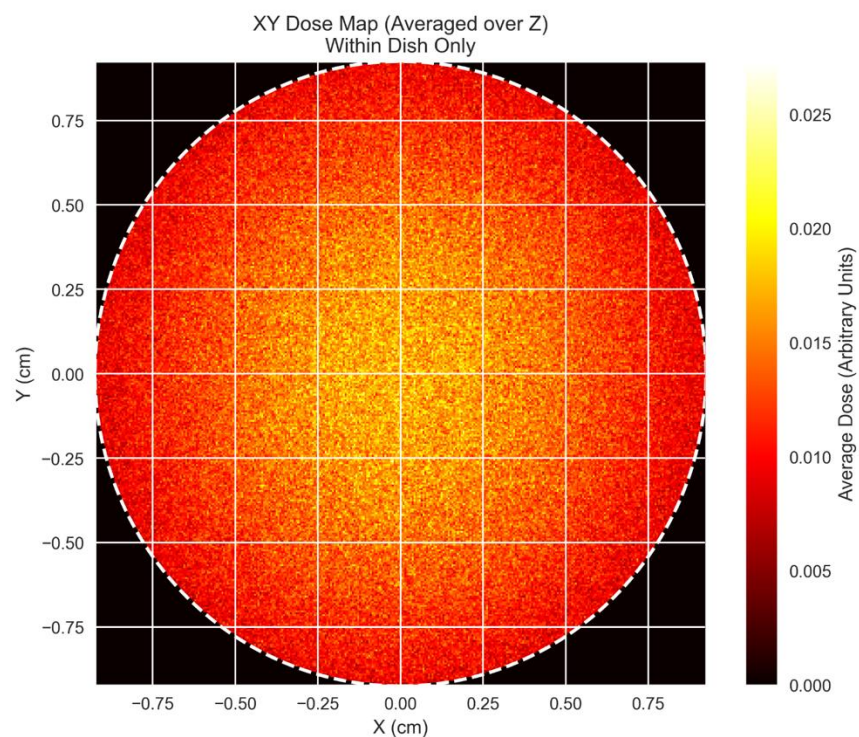


Proton: Mean = 6.923 MeV
Std = 1.493 MeV

Setup 5: Max dish distance + Normal exit mylar (50 μm) + No vacuum tube

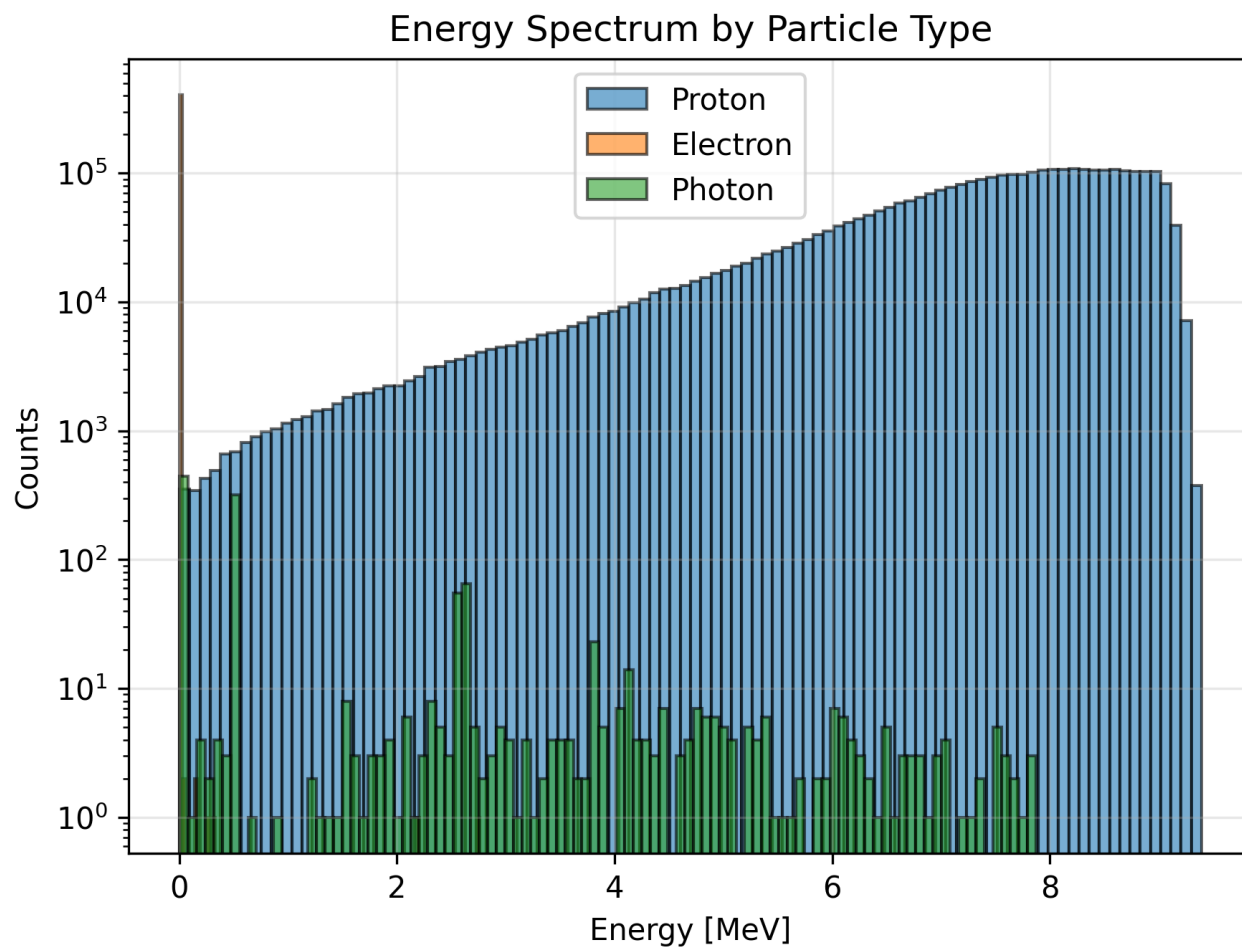


Setup 5: Max dish distance + Normal exit mylar (50 μm) + No vacuum tube



- Mean dose in dish: 0.0150 Gy
- Max dose in dish: 0.0486 Gy
- Min dose in dish (non-zero): 0.000024 Gy
- Standard deviation in dish: 0.0051 Gy
- Uniformity (CV) in dish: 33.81%

Setup 5: Max dish distance + Normal exit mylar (50 um) + No vacuum tube



Proton: Mean = 7.300 MeV
Std = 1.466 MeV

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