## Self-Gated Monitoring System HAMPTON UNIVERSITY

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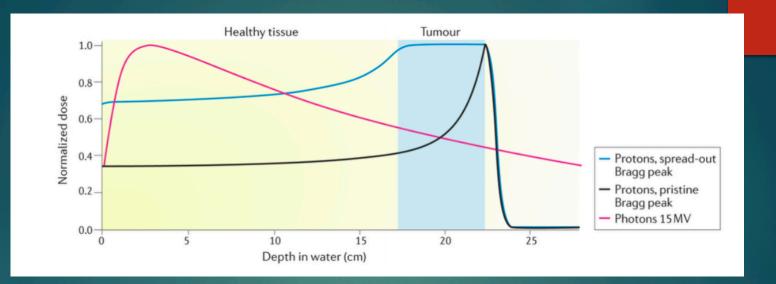
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# Introduction

- Proton Therapy offers the potential for excellent dose conformity
- The dose distribution of proton beam has a very sharp fall-off at its distal edge
- Range uncertainties occur due to uncertainties in dose prediction, in patient positioning and organ motion during the treatment.
- Over or under dose
- Margins are defined
- Dose is deposited into healthy tissue



Schematic illustration of the dose deposition between photon beam and proton beam

### Purpose

- Minimize the dose that is deposited in the health tissue(Lung)
- Build two arrays from thin scintillating fibers placed outside the water phantom
- To detect secondary particles due to proton beam
- Correlate the secondary flux with actual dose deposited inside the lung tumor
- Develop a tracking algorithm to extract the motion and 2D profile of tumor in real time.
- Develop Topas(Geant4 based toolkit)simulation to optimize the detector geometry and reconstruct the dose and location of the tumor

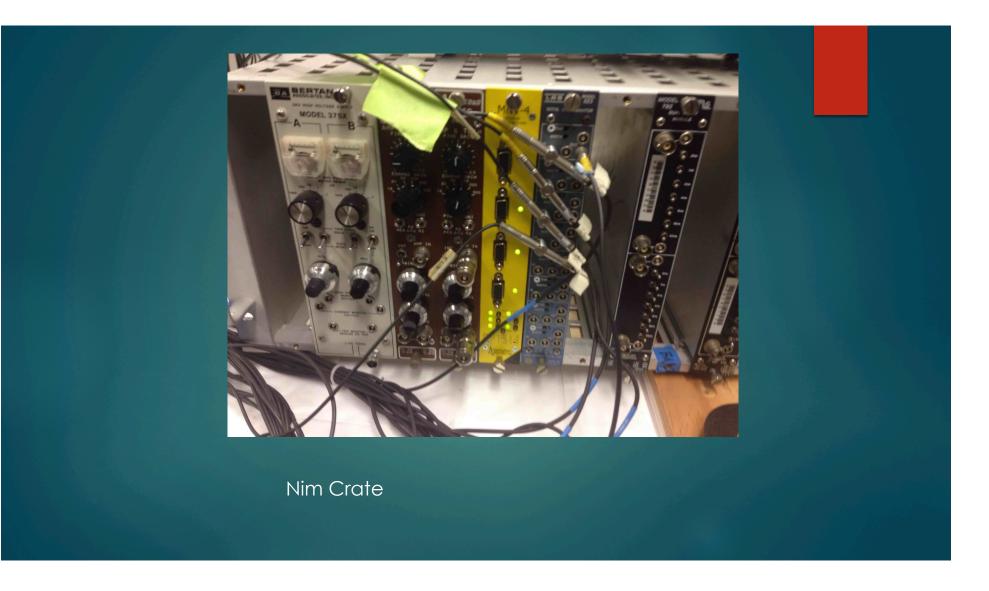
## **Materials**

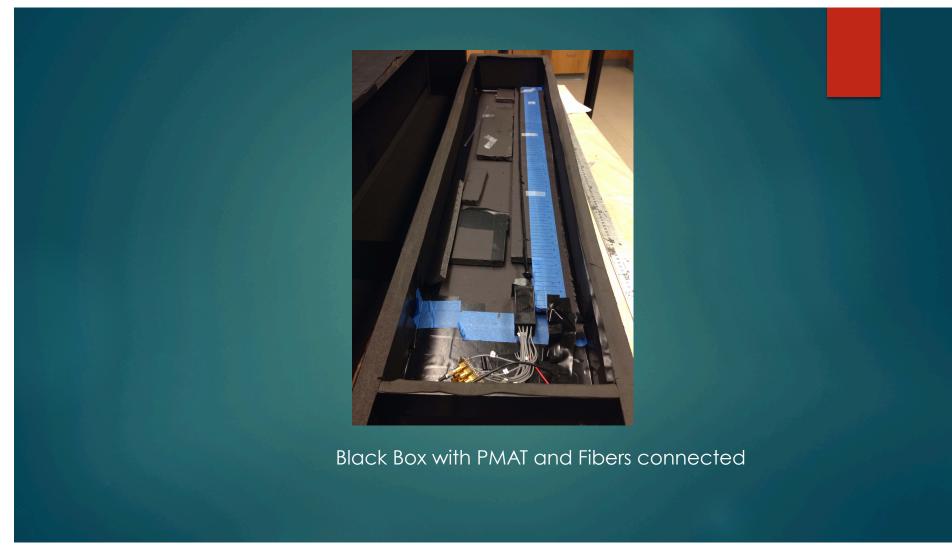
- 1.Data Acquisition Components
- Windows PC
- Data Acquisition Software(Developed)
- ► PCI-GPIB Card
- ► Lecroy 8901A Gpib interface
- Lecroy 2249A Analog Digital converter
- ► Lecroy 8013A Main Frame
- Nim Crate with Discriminator and Delay Module
- Scintillating Fibers (3x3 mm)
- Hamamatsu 16 channel PMT
- 2.Topas Simulation
- ▶ 3.Custom 3D motion simulator

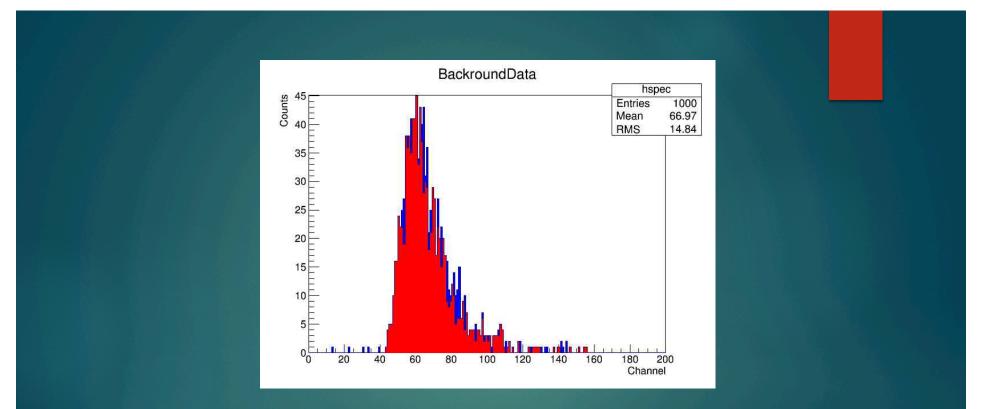
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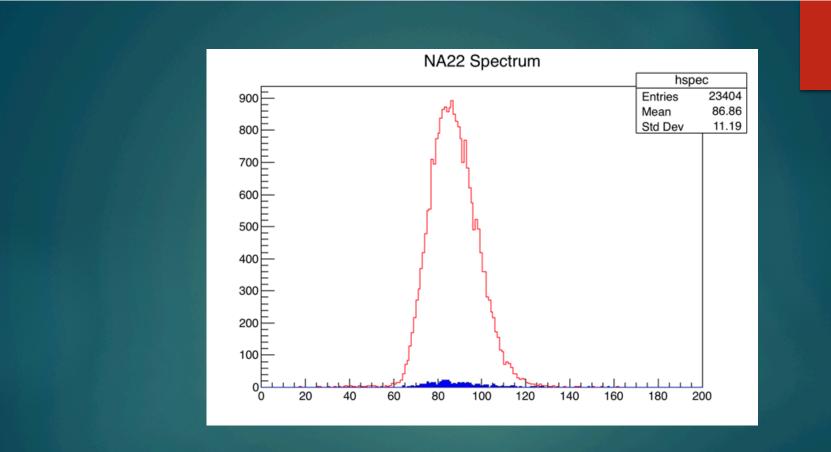
Lecroy 8013A Main Frame with 2249A ADCs







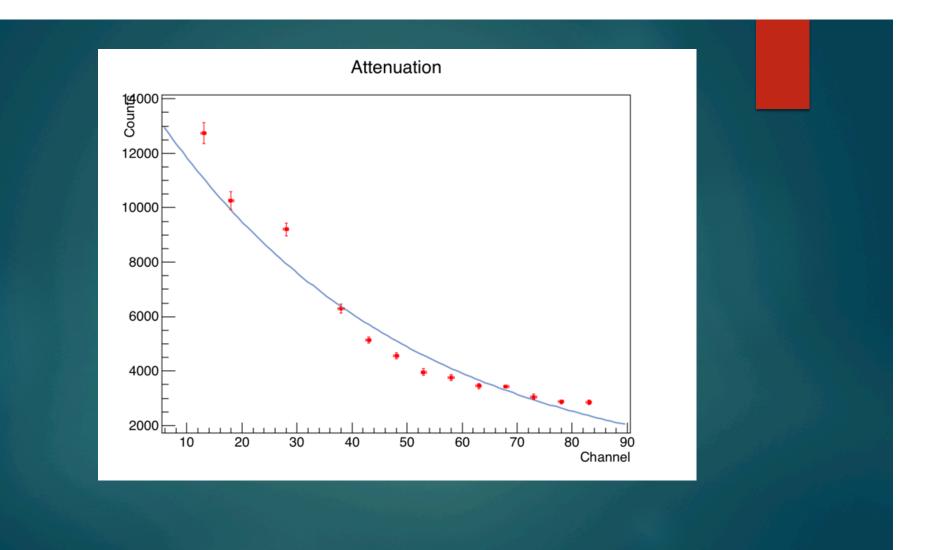
Background data comparison. Light on(red), light off(blue).

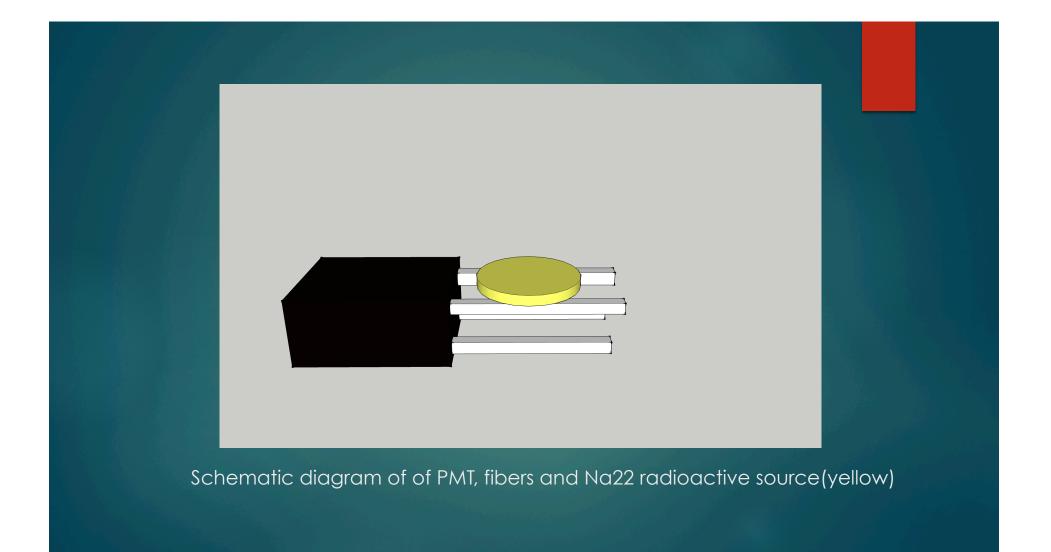


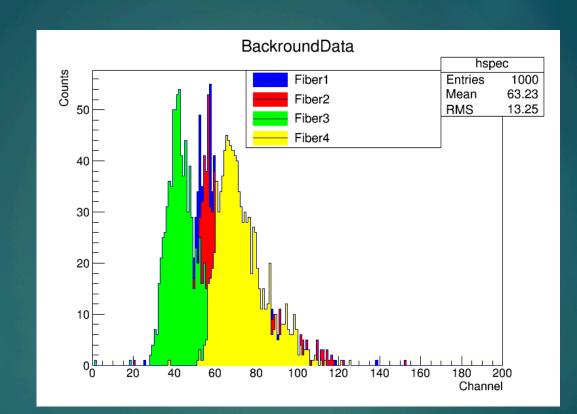
Background(blue) vs <sup>22</sup>Na spectrum(red).

## Attenuation of Scintilatting Fiber

- Na-22 source was put on the fiber while taking the data.
- Each measurement was taken moving source 5 cm away from the PMT.
- Each time 1500 data point was taken
- First 3 minutes in this data point of each measurement was used



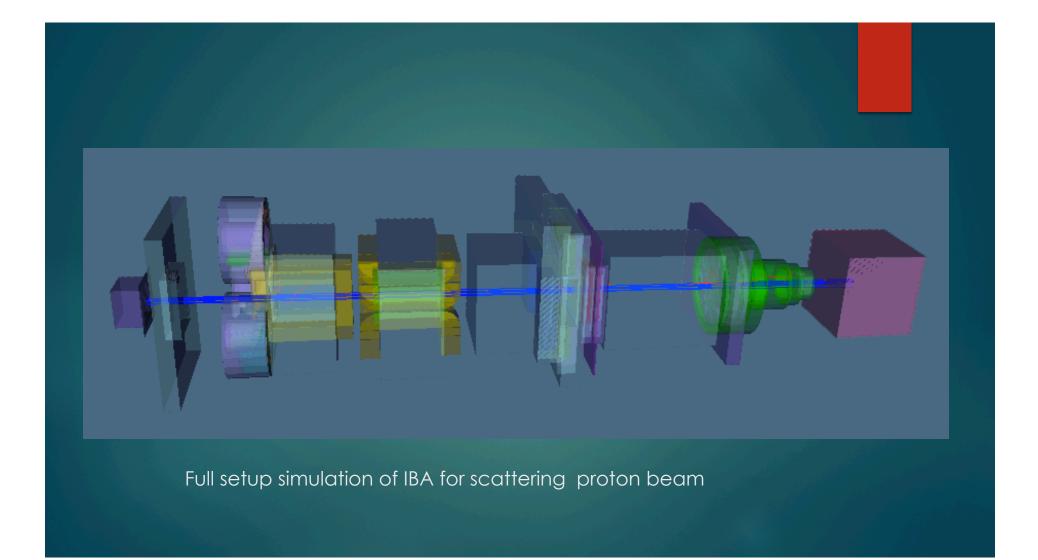


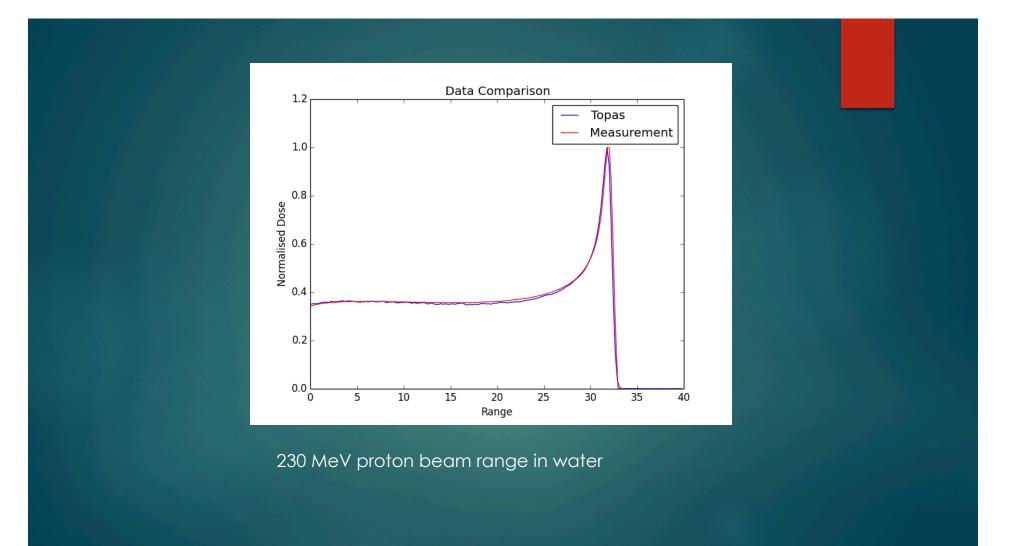


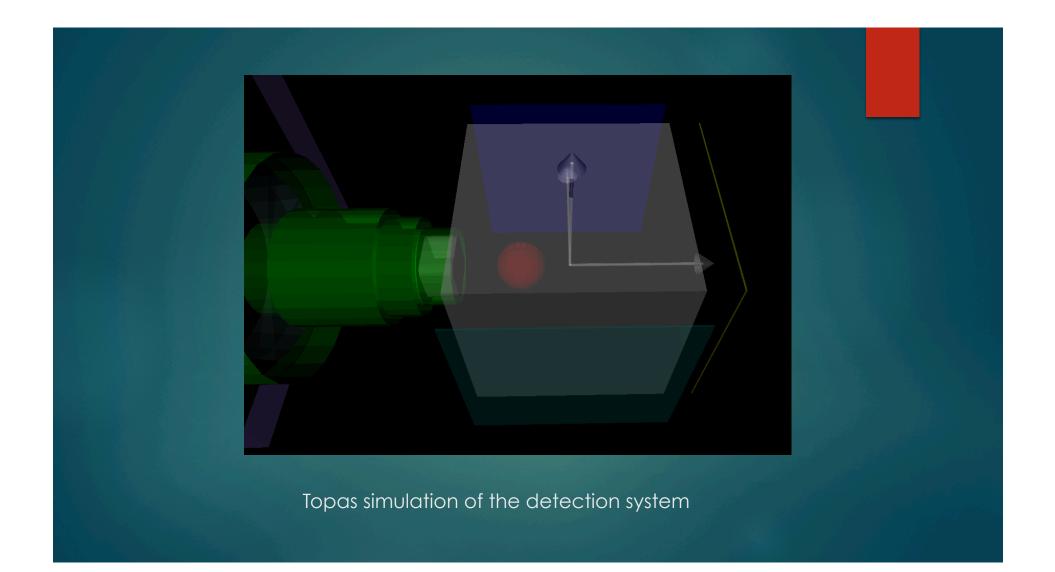
<sup>22</sup>Na spectrum of four fibres attached to the PMT

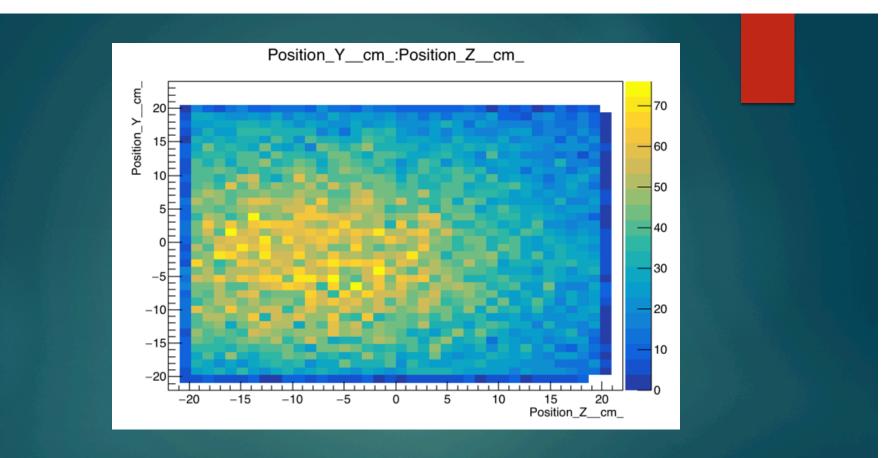
#### TOPAS

- Topas is a Geant4 based simulation tool for particle simulation which uses the Monte Carlo algorithm
- particularly important for proton therapy, in particle transport
- it can model full nozzle setup that includes rotation wheels, ion chambers, snouts, jaws for scanning mode and scattering mode
- It makes Monte Carlo simulation more readily available for researchers and clinicians
- Easy To use









Particle flux on ZY plane(Green dedector)

## **3D Custom Phantom**

- A custom 3D motion simulator was designed to simulate the organ motion in water phantom
- Google SketchUp 3D modeling software
- Da Vinci 3D printer
- Arduino mega micro controller to control the stepper motors



