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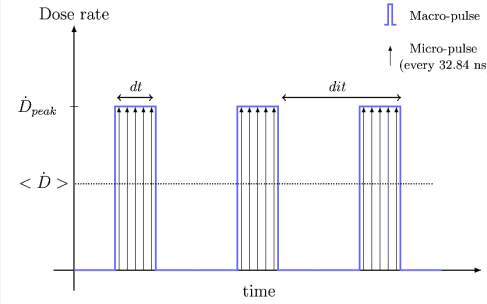
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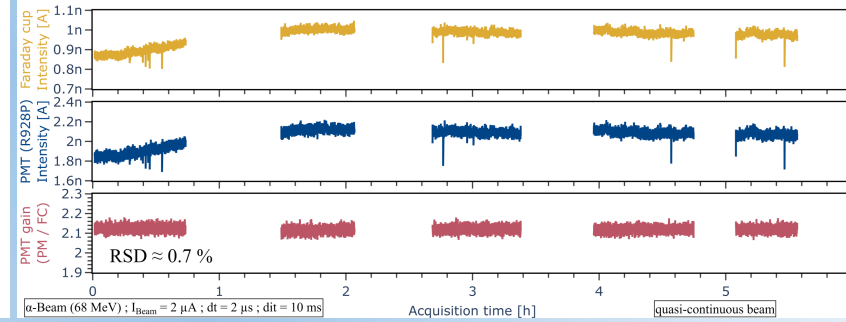
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Previous results

The radiobiological platform at ARRONAX offers different types of particles (protons, deuterons, alpha) in an energy range of up to 68 MeV, with two delivery modes: **continuous** and **pulsed beams**. In addition, beam monitoring (intensity and profile), based on the detection of air fluorescence, with a PMT is in progress for an **ultra-high pulsed dose rate up to an order of magnitude (\mathcal{O}) of 100 kGy/s**.

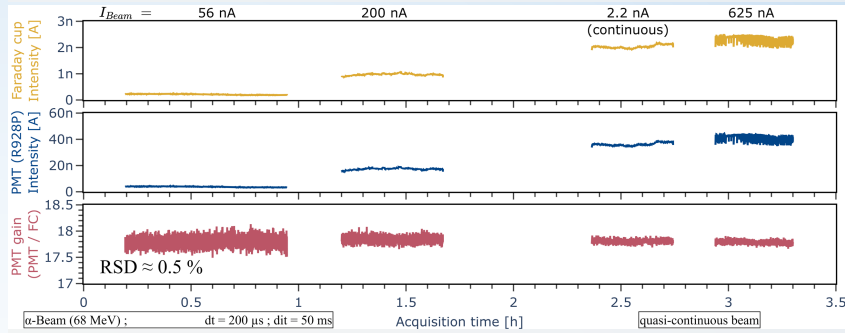


PMT gain stability as a function of time



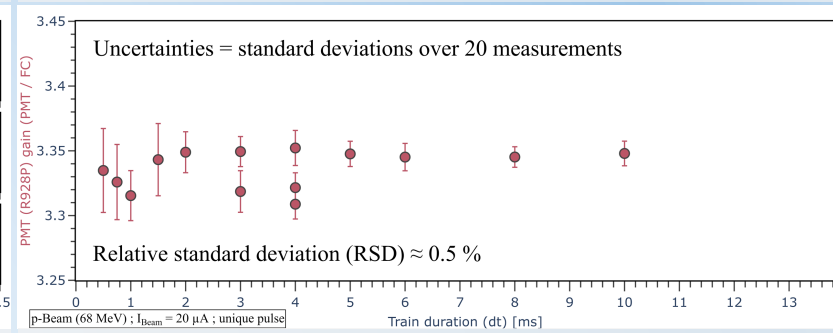
- ✓ Correlation of the PMT intensity: $I_{PM} \propto I_{FC}$
- ✓ PMT gain constant over time for continuous beam

PMT gain stability as a function of beam intensity



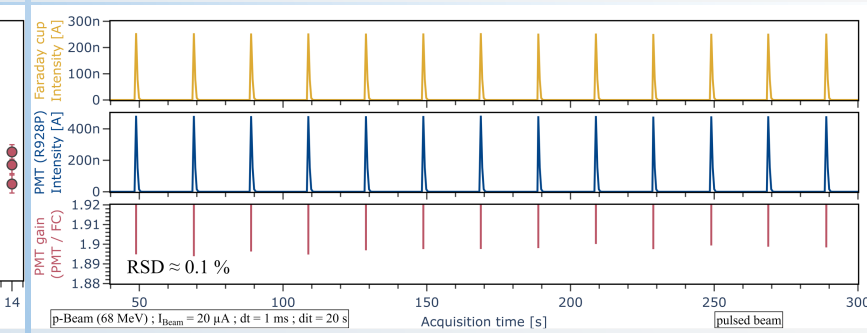
✓ PMT gain constant over beam intensity I_{Beam} $\mathcal{O}(10)$ nA to $\mathcal{O}(1)$ μ A

PMT gain stability as a function of pulse width



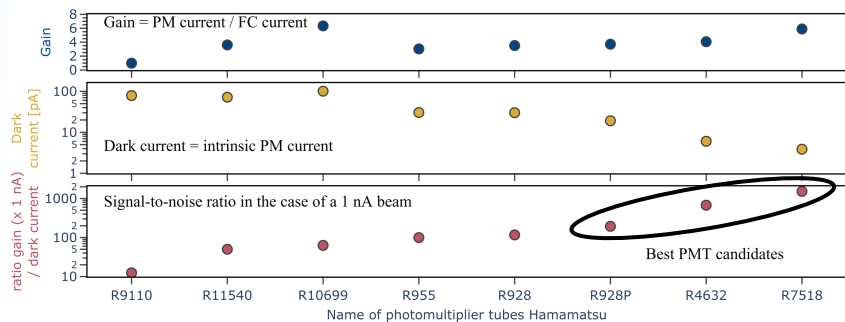
✓ PMT gain constant over width pulse

PMT gain stability with a pulsed beam



✓ PMT gain constant over time for pulsed beam

Selection of photomultiplier tubes (PMT)



To increase the sensitivity of the device for the beam profile (low light intensities), we made a selection of PMTs offering the **best signal-to-noise ratio, low dark current, high gain and reasonable cost**.

Conclusions / Outlook

- ✓ **Stable gain over time**, in the case of a **quasi-continuous and pulsed beam** → **robustness** of PMT
- ✓ **Stable gain for different pulse widths (dt) and beam intensity** → **adaptability** of PMT
 - The **PMT allows continuous and pulsed beam monitoring at conventional and ultra-high dose rates**. The **same dosimetric protocol** can be used regardless of the beam structure and dose rate.
 - ☐ The development of a new beam profiler based on PMTs is in progress, thanks to the choice and characterisation of a suitable PMT (best gain/dark current ratio).

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