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Characterization of out-of-field of electron beams using Luminescence Dosimeters



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- In this study, the Advapix Timepix3-Flex pixel detector was combined with passive solidstate dosimeters (thermoluminescence and optically stimulated luminescence dosimeters) to characterize the stray radiation at the reference UHPDR electron beam at the Metrological Electron Accelerator Facility (MELAF), Germany.
- Only the passive system results are here shown.

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- Optically Stimulated Luminescence (OSL):
 - is the emission of light from a previously irradiated material when stimulated with photons of a specific energy.
- Thermoluminescence (TL):
 - is a phenomenon of light emission caused by heating a pre-irradiated insulator or semiconductor.:

- <u>The intensity of the emitted light is</u> proportional to the absorbed energy
- Low cost and easy availability
- Good dosimetric properties
- high sensitivity to ionizing radiation







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BeO- OSLs

- Dry pressed chips, 4.7 x 4.7 x 0.5 mm³
- Wide linear dose response (~1 μGy Gy)
- Effective atomic number similar to human soft tissue (Z_{eff}=7.2)
- As BeO is sensitive to visible light: light-tight packaging



Lithium fluoride thermoluminescent phosphor is an excellent

material for broad dosimetric applications.

- resistivity against environmental conditions
- almost tissue-equivalence (Z_{eff}~8.2)
- MCP-6 and MCP-7
 - LiF:Mg,Cu,P enriched in Li-6 or Li-7 respectively



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- Ultra-high Pulse Dose rate reference field at PTB
- 20 MeV electron beam
- Pulse width: 2.39 μs
- Doses-per-pulse was varied
- Water phantom (30x30x30 cm³)
- Depth of 18.5 cm (in water) and later rage of [3-7]cm.



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Lateral Profile



- 6.03 mGy per pulse (reference location)
- 6 pulses



- 9.21 mGy per pulse (reference location)
- 3 pulses



Lateral Profile



- 18.43 mGy per pulse (reference location)
- 1 pulses



- 33.92 mGy per pulse (reference location)
- 1 pulses

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Dose Rate





Conclusions

- The results demonstrate the BeO-OSL and TLDs response and ability to measure scattered radiation at ultra-high-dose-rate pulses of electron beams.
- Excellent agreement data-MC: lateral profile and dose/rate studies.
- Discrepancy BeO-OSL/MC (constant 0.5 factor) can be justified in terms of calibration discrepancy and/or wrong sensitivity correction
- A publication of the presented data and direct comparison with the measurements of the Timepix3 is being prepared.