

Future of ENLIGHT: research challenges



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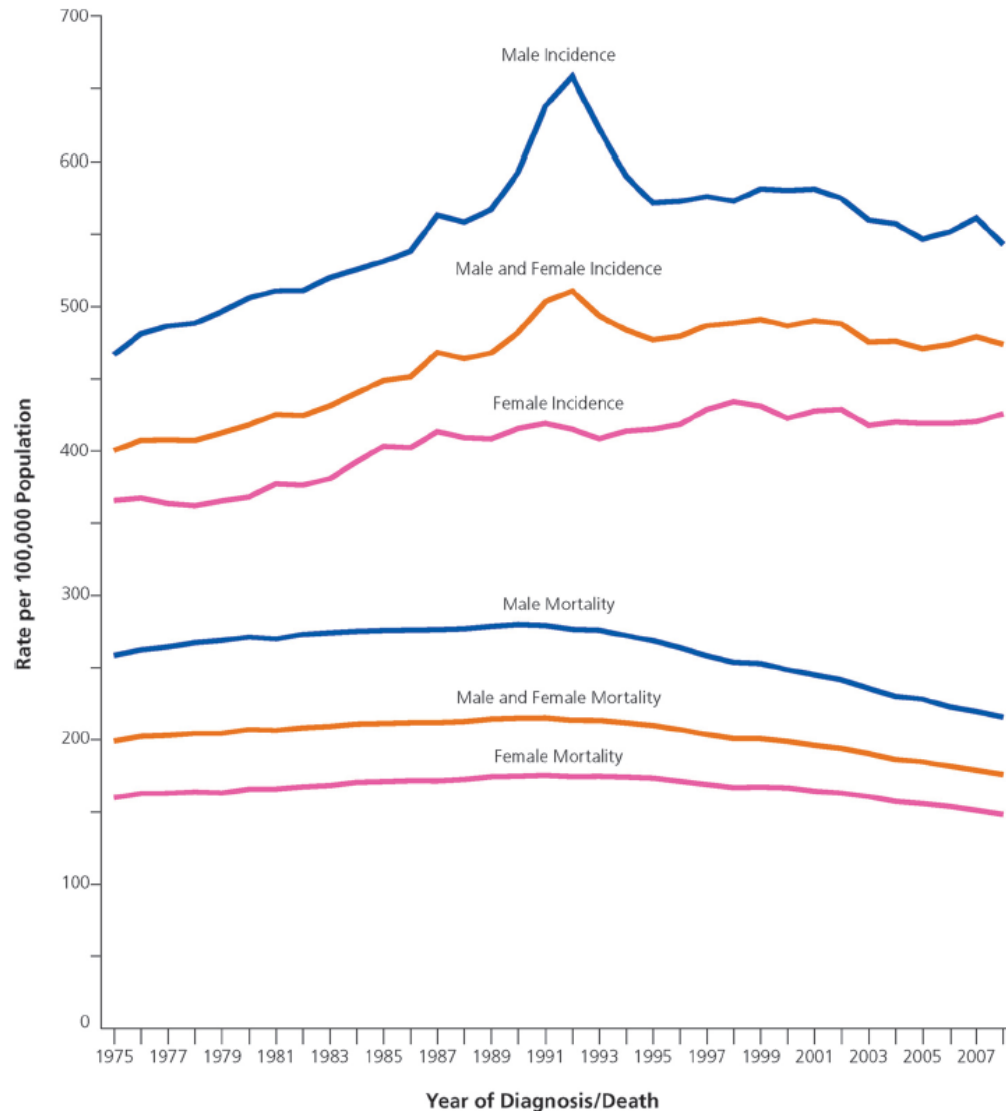
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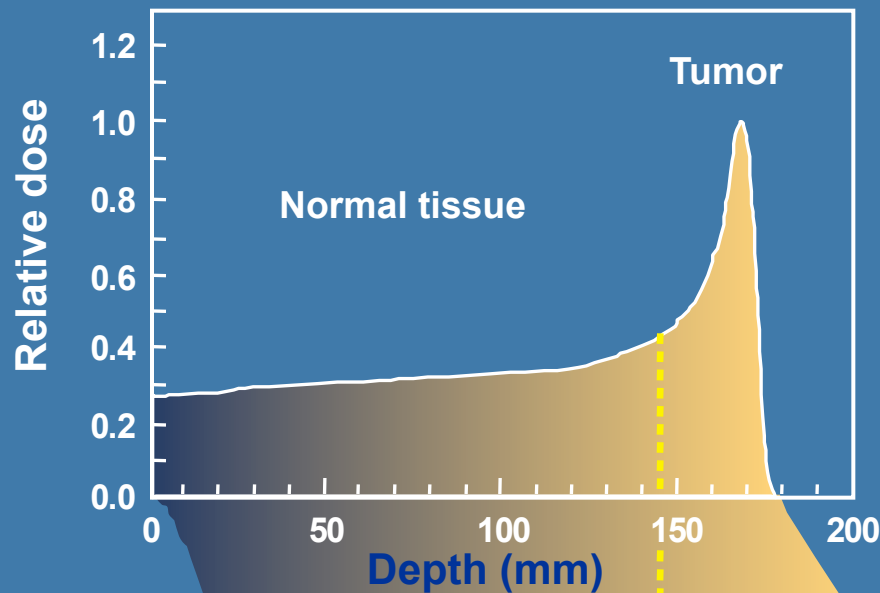
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Trends in incidence/mortality in USA



Durante & Loeffler,
Nature Rev Clin Oncol 2010



Potential advantages

Energy	high	low
LET	low	high
Dose	low	high
RBE	≈ 1	> 1
OER	≈ 3	< 3
Cell-cycle dependence	high	low
Fractionation dependence	high	low
Angiogenesis	Increased	Decreased
Cell migration	Increased	Decreased

High tumor dose, normal tissue sparing

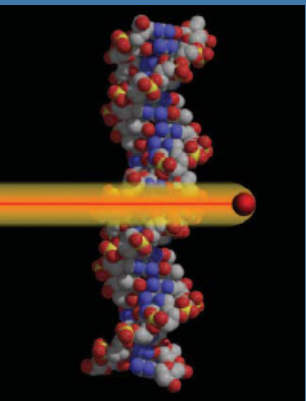
Effective for radioresistant tumors

Effective against hypoxic tumor cells

Increased lethality in the target because cells in radioresistant (S) phase are sensitized

Fractionation spares normal tissue more than tumor

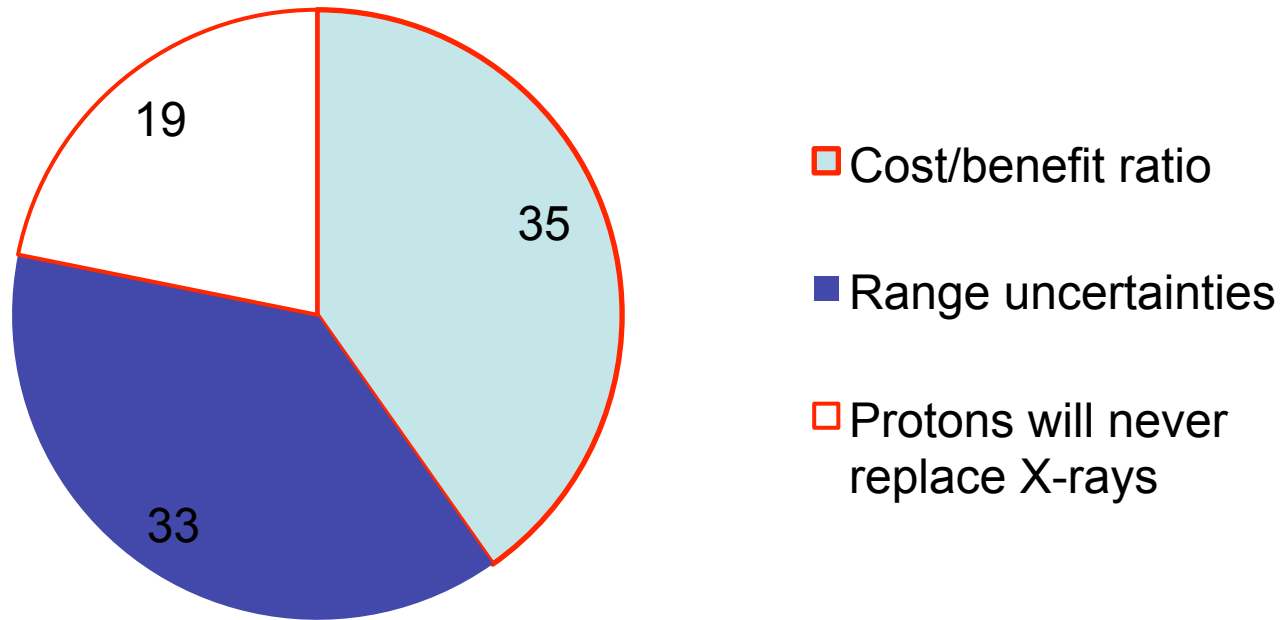
Reduced angiogenesis and metastatization

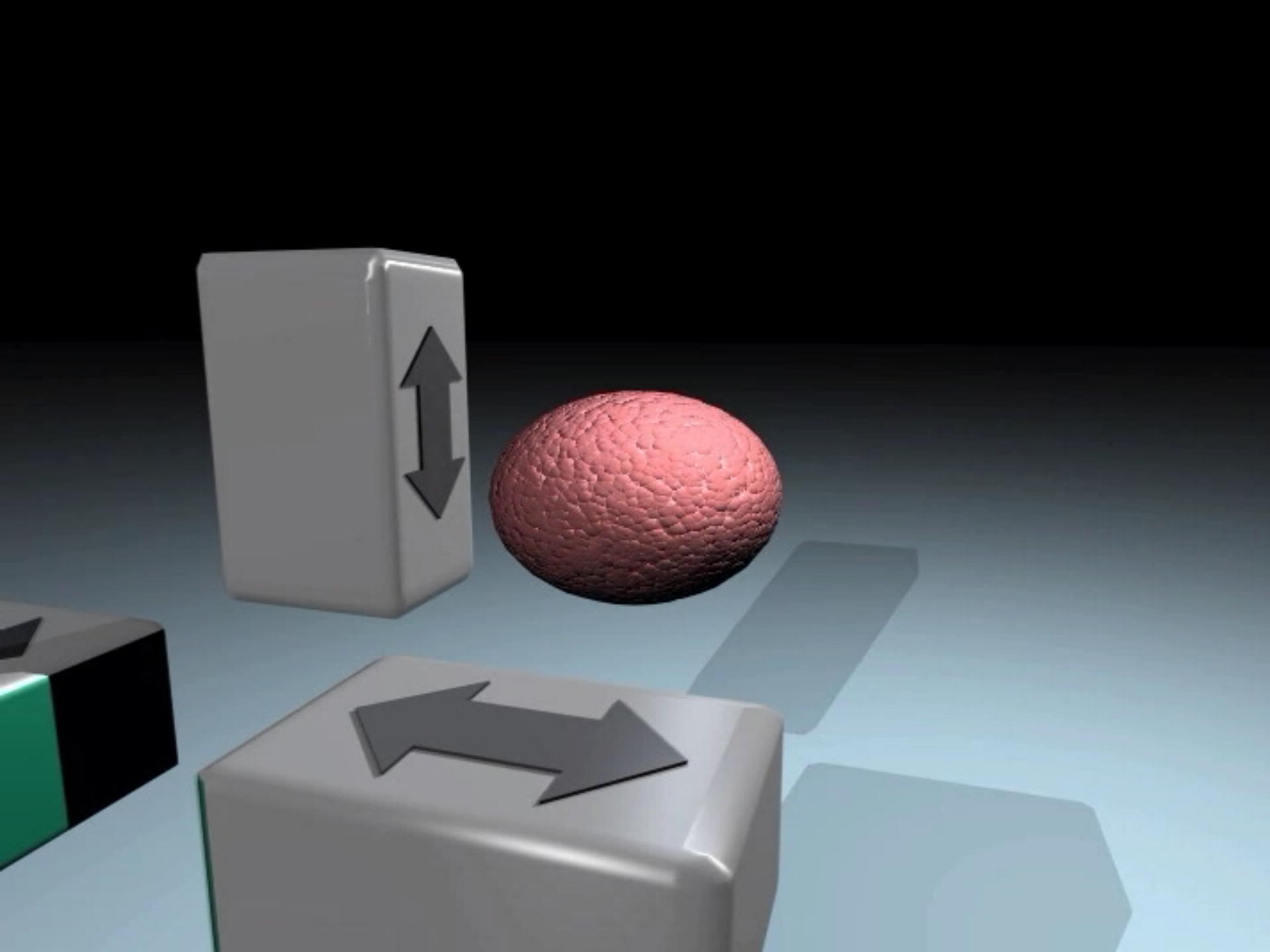


AAPM poll, August 2012

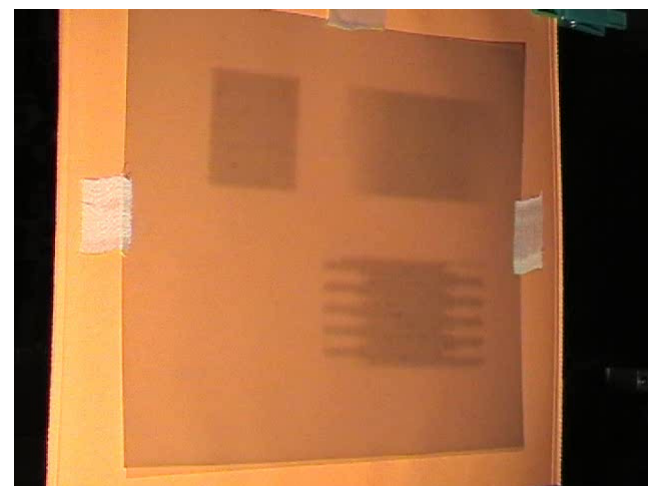
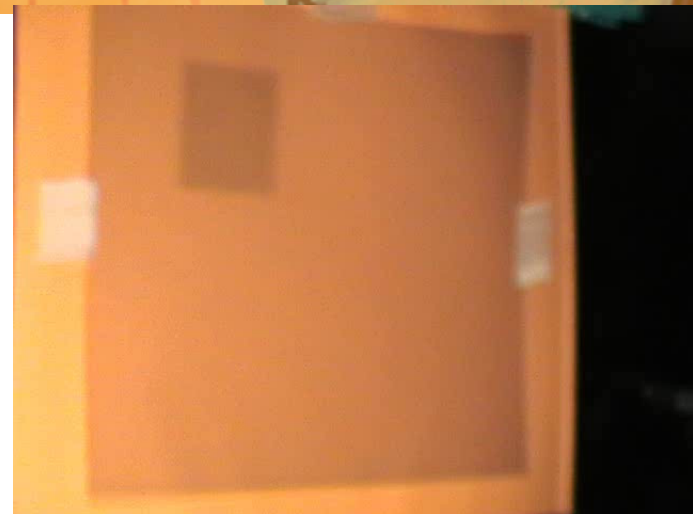
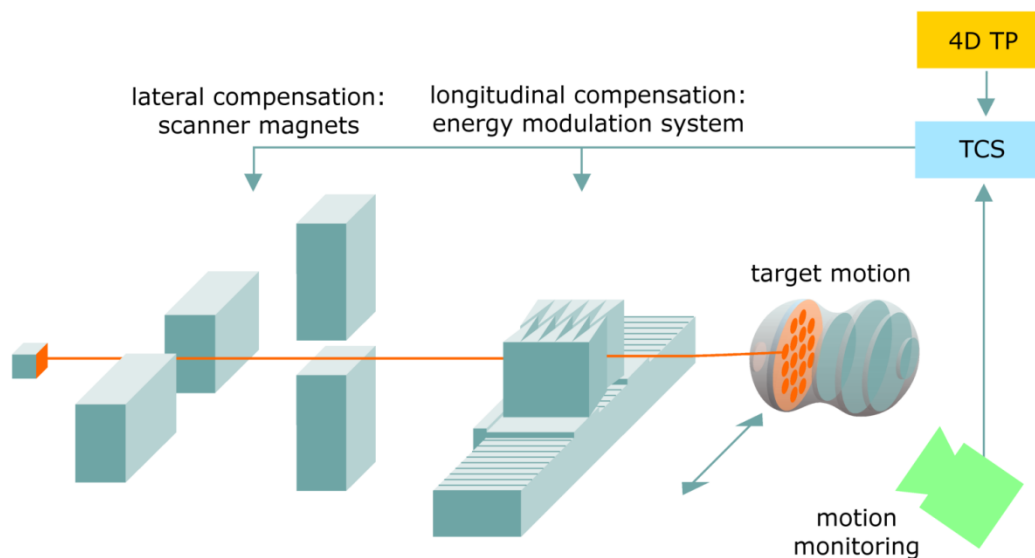
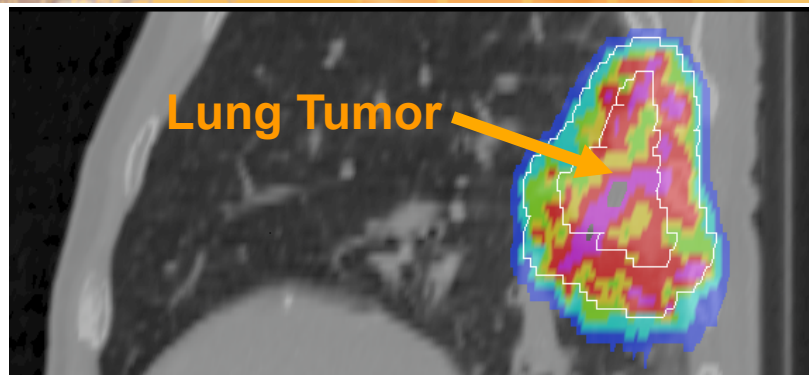


What is the main obstacle to proton therapy replacing X-rays?





Interplay and motion mitigation techniques



Gating and rescanning already implemented in clinical environment

Tracking requires robust planning of the 4DCT data

Range uncertainties: tumor tracking in particle therapy

Treatment planning

- 4D CT

Motion detection

- X-ray stereo projections
- External surrogates combined with adaptive correlation models
- Soft-tissue imaging (ultrasound, MRI)
- Particle radiography

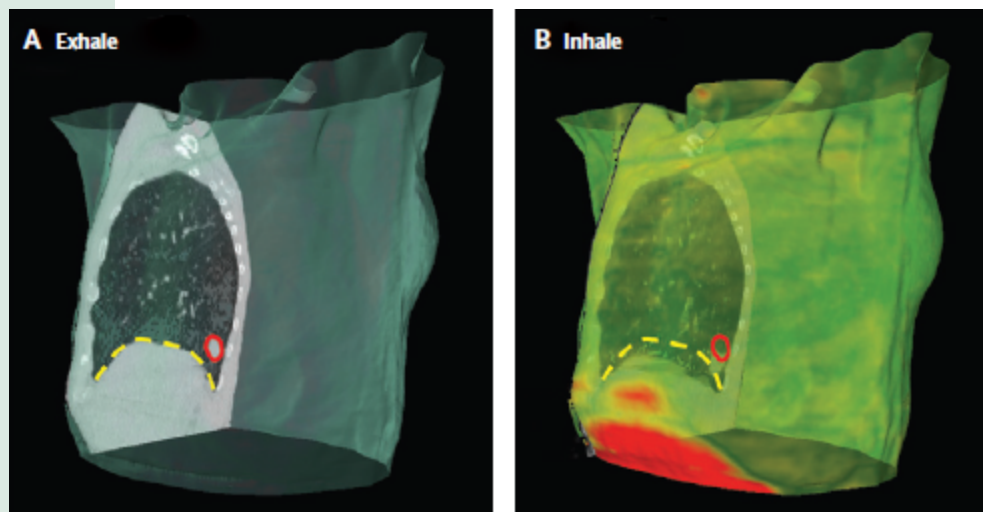
Motion tracking

- Lateral compensation (magnet steering)
- Depth compensation (moving degrader vs static degrader)

Treatment verification

- Off-line PET dosimetry
- In-beam PET dosimetry
- Prompt radiation measurement

External-internal correlation model



Riboldi *et al.*, *Lancet Oncol.* 2012

Unproven clinical advantages of particle therapy?

- Cost/benefit is a ratio
- If €-\$ (particles) < €-\$ (photons) then particles would replace X-rays
- Reducing cost will require new compact and cheap accelerators and beam delivery systems (gantry)
- Improving the benefit requires more research for increasing survival, not only TCP
- Promising fields (among others): cancer stem cells, genetic background, adaptive TP, combined treatments (particle + chemo- or immuno-therapy), second cancers, noncancer diseases

Future accelerators

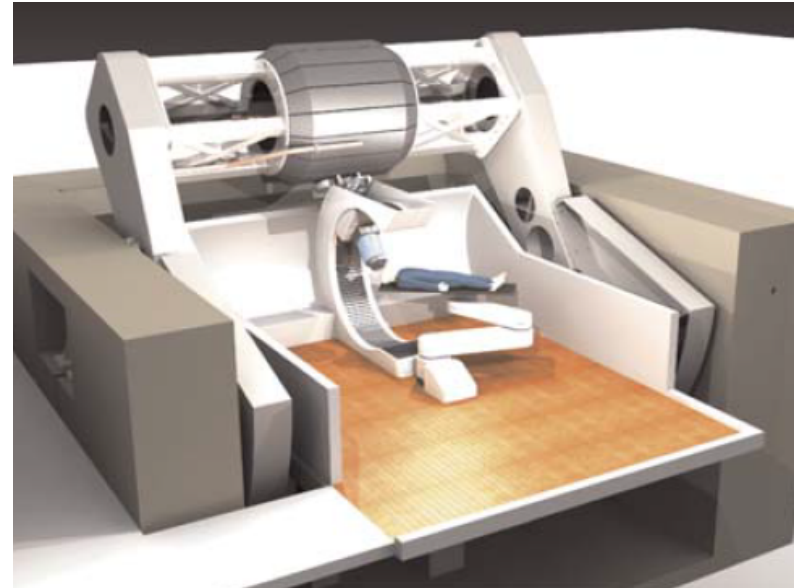
All current facilities use either a cyclotron or a synchrotron and RFQ or low-energy linacs as injectors

High-field superconducting magnets for compact, lightweight synchrocyclotrons (e.g. SRS, IBA, INFN)

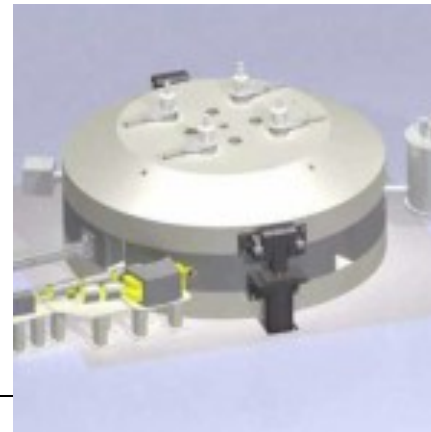
Fixed-field alternating gradient (FFAG) accelerators (e.g. KEK, Japan, and RACCAM, France)

Cyclinac (TERA)

Dielectric wall accelerators (CPAC)

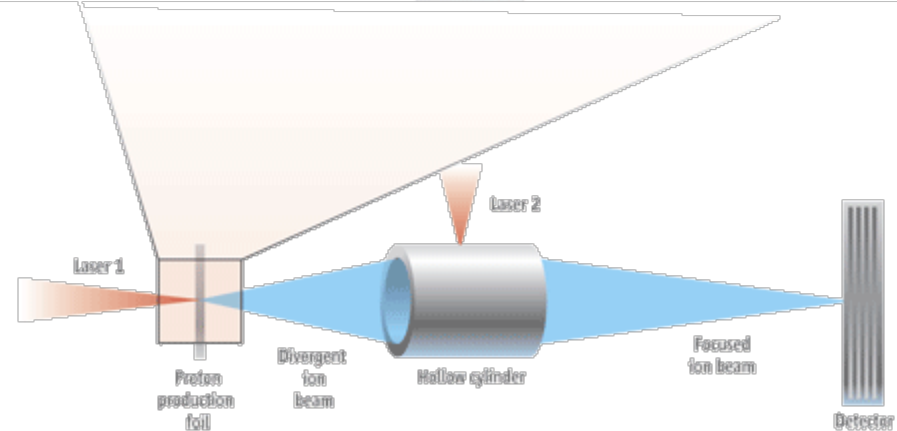
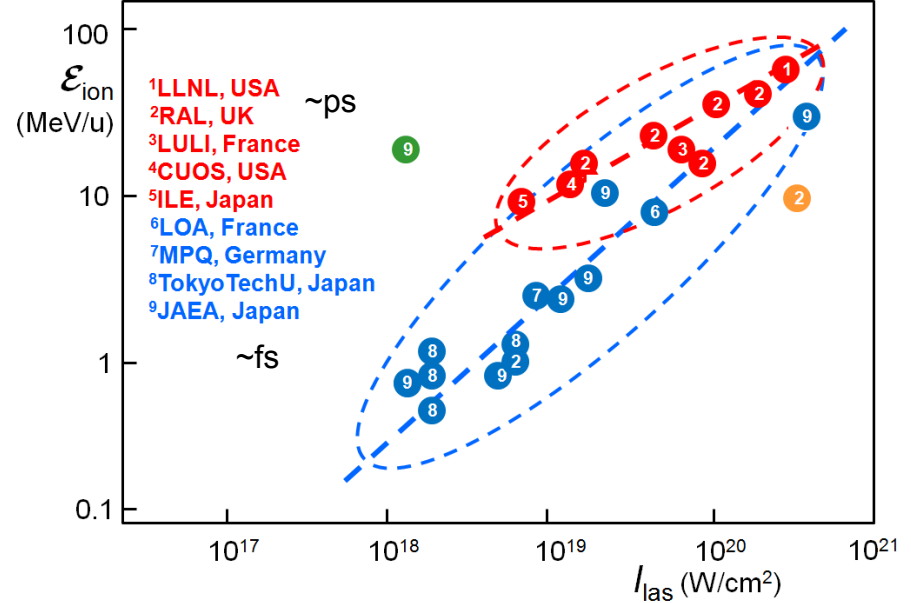
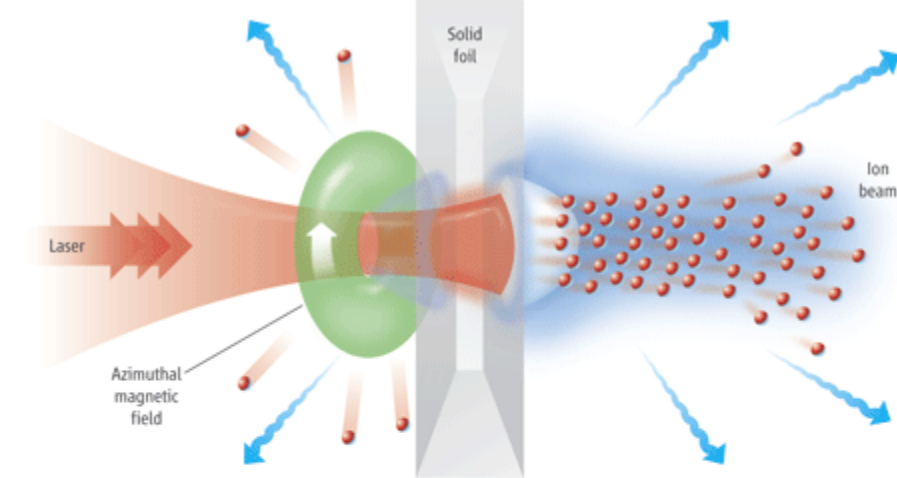


Still Rivers single-room protontherapy unit

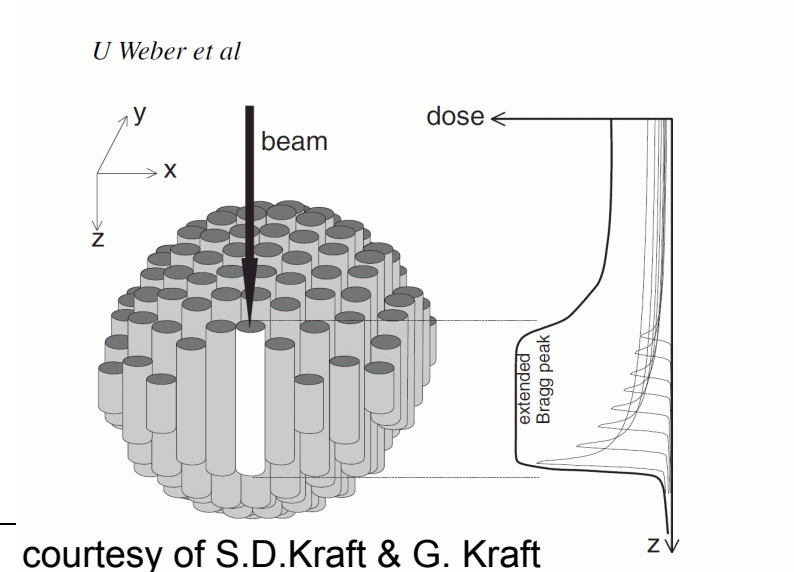


IBA-C400

Laser-driven particle accelerators



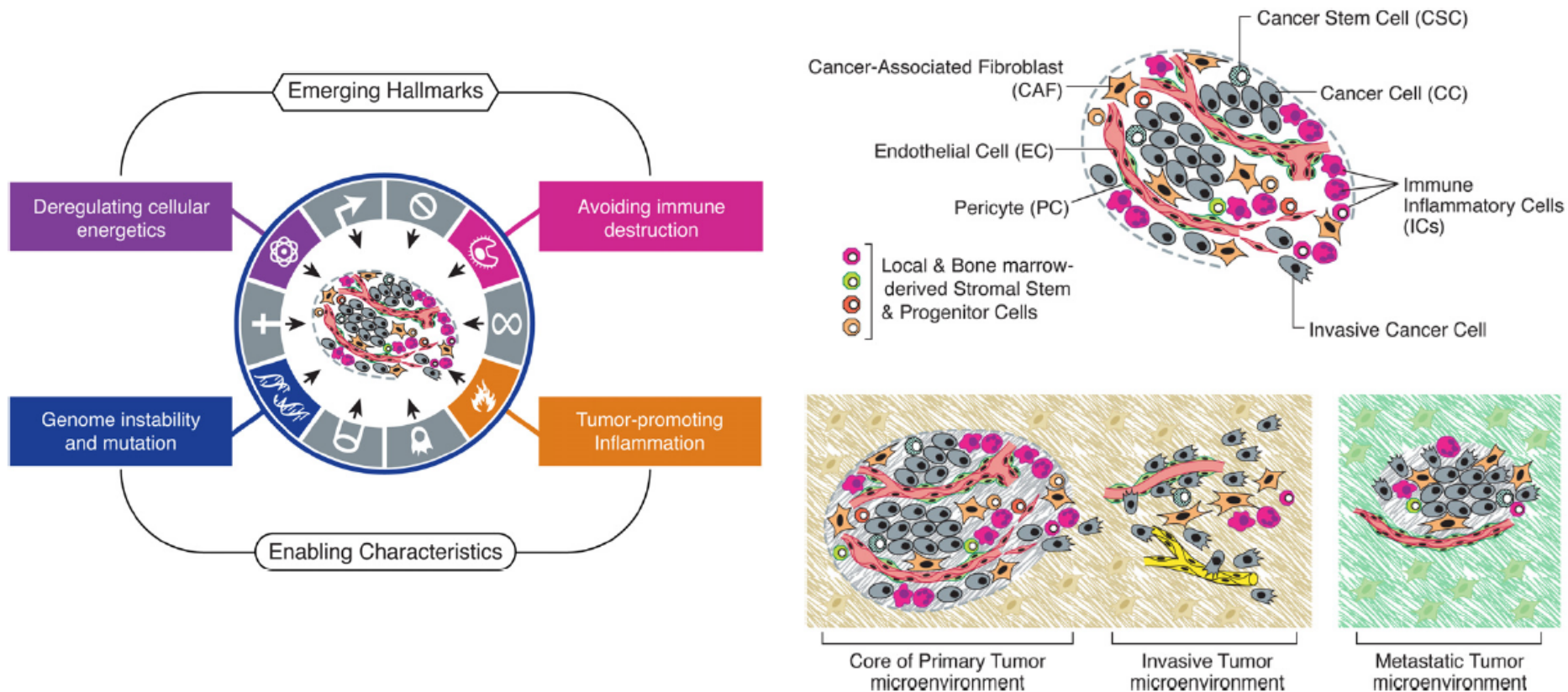
Toncian et al., *Science* 2006



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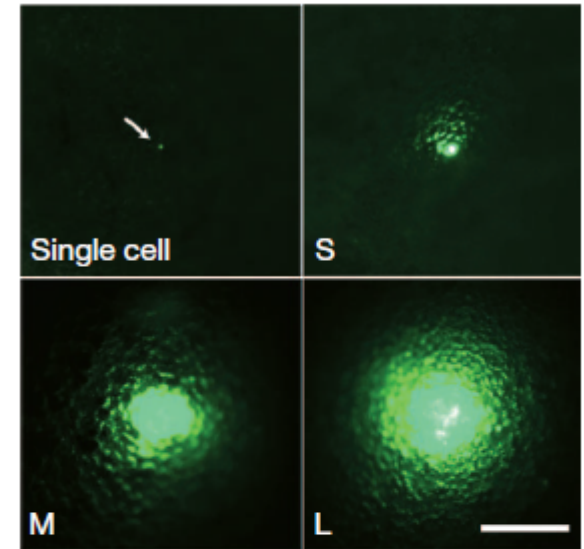
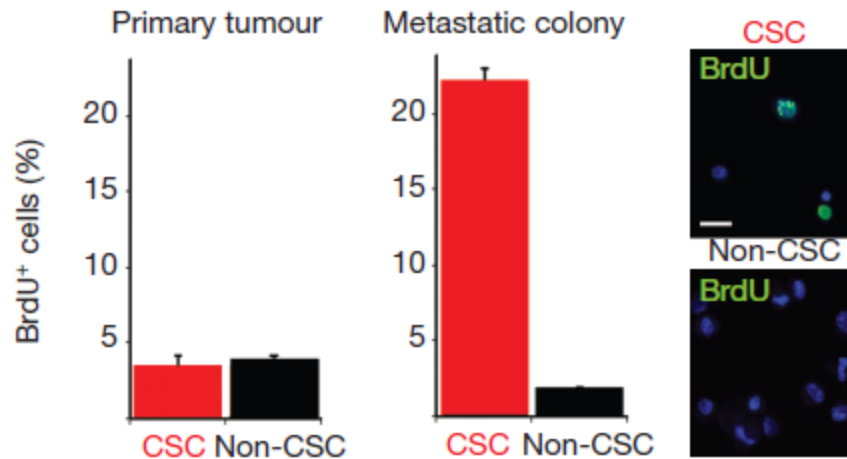
Future research trends in particle radiobiology

Even if novel technologies may increase the TCP, can radiotherapy significantly reduce mortality?

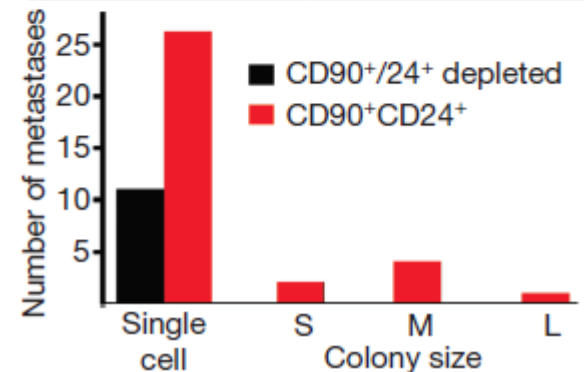
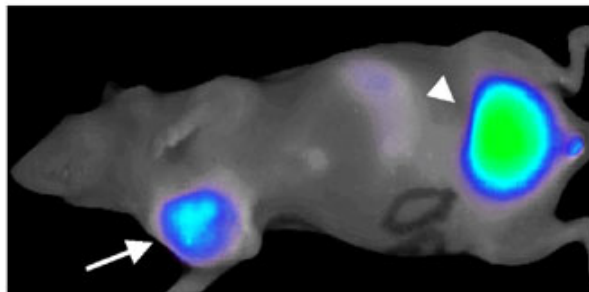


Hanahan & Weinberg, *Cell* 2012

CSCs form metastatic colonization and stromal niche signals is required for expansion

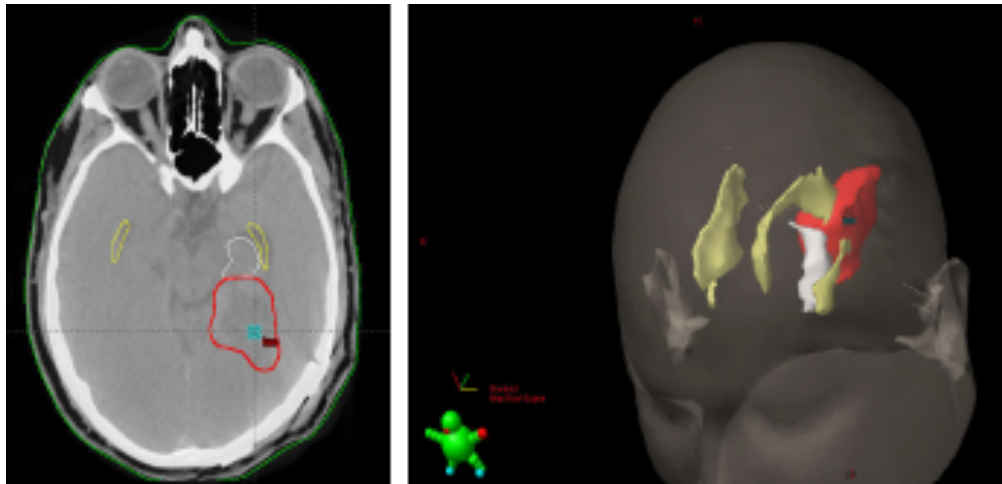


MMTV-PyMT mouse breast cancer model



Malanchi *et al.*, *Nature* 2012

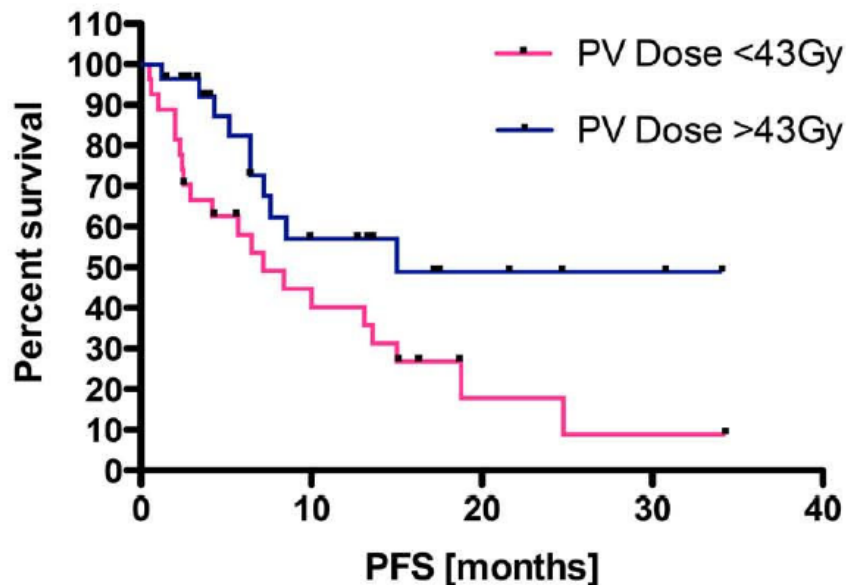
CSCs-targeted therapy in glioblastoma



Red=GTV

Yellow= PV (periventricular region)

White=hippocampal formation



Evans *et al.*, *BMC Cancer* 2010

J Neurooncol (2012) 109:195–203
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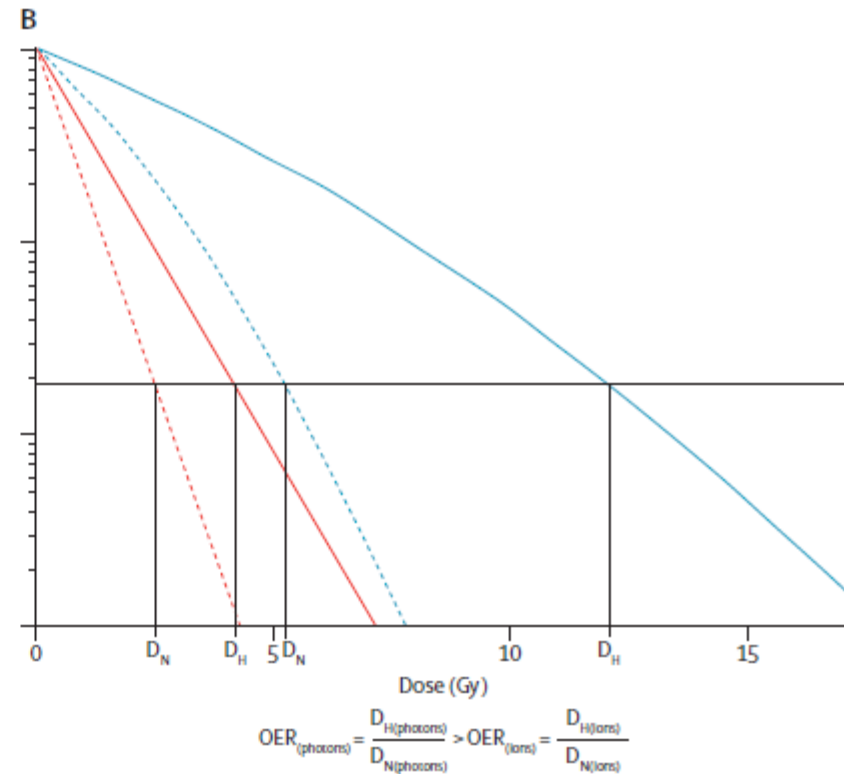
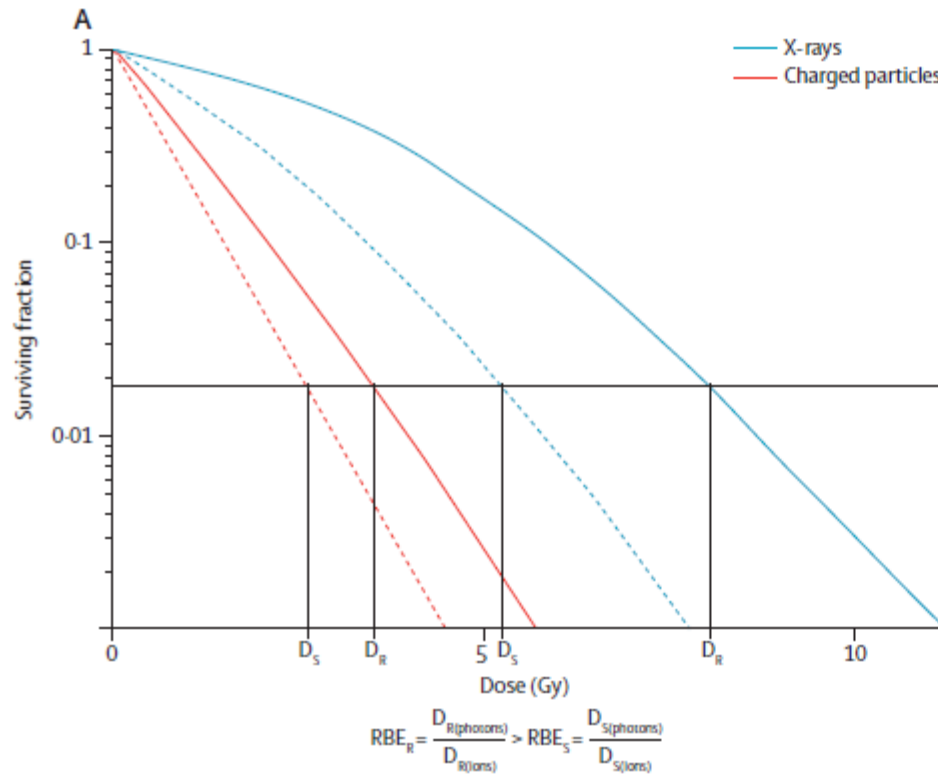
CLINICAL STUDY

Can irradiation of potential cancer stem-cell niche in the subventricular zone influence survival in patients with newly diagnosed glioblastoma?

Increasing mean dose to the ipsilateral SVZ leads to improved OAS

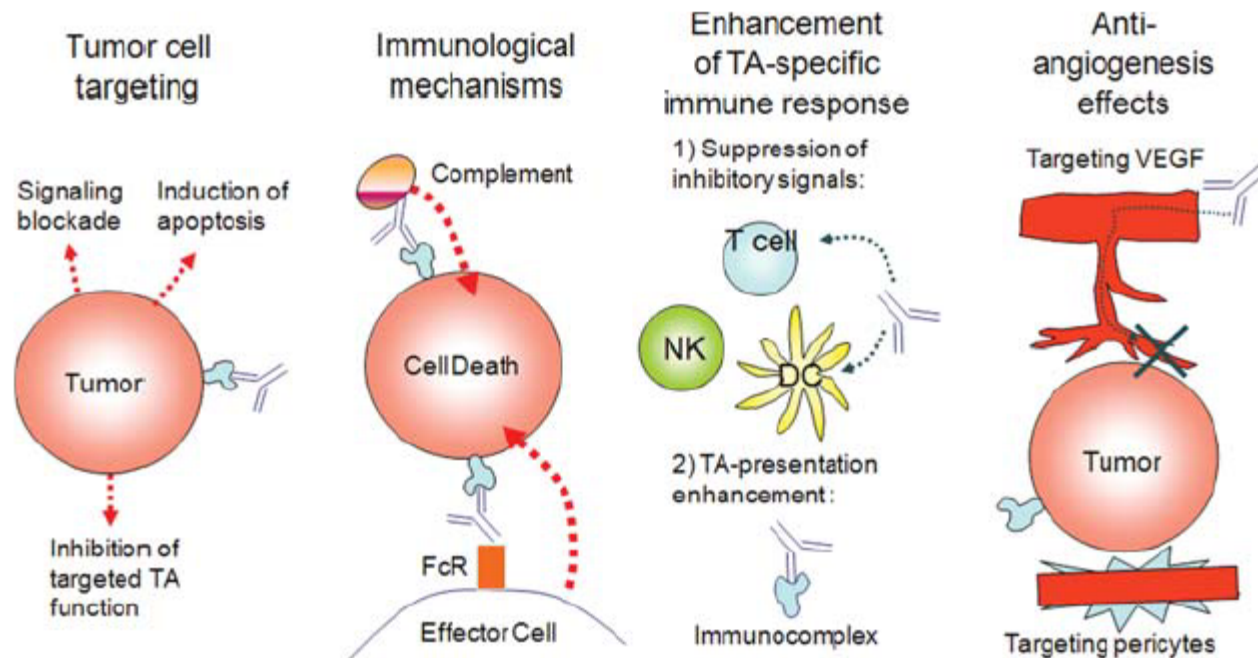
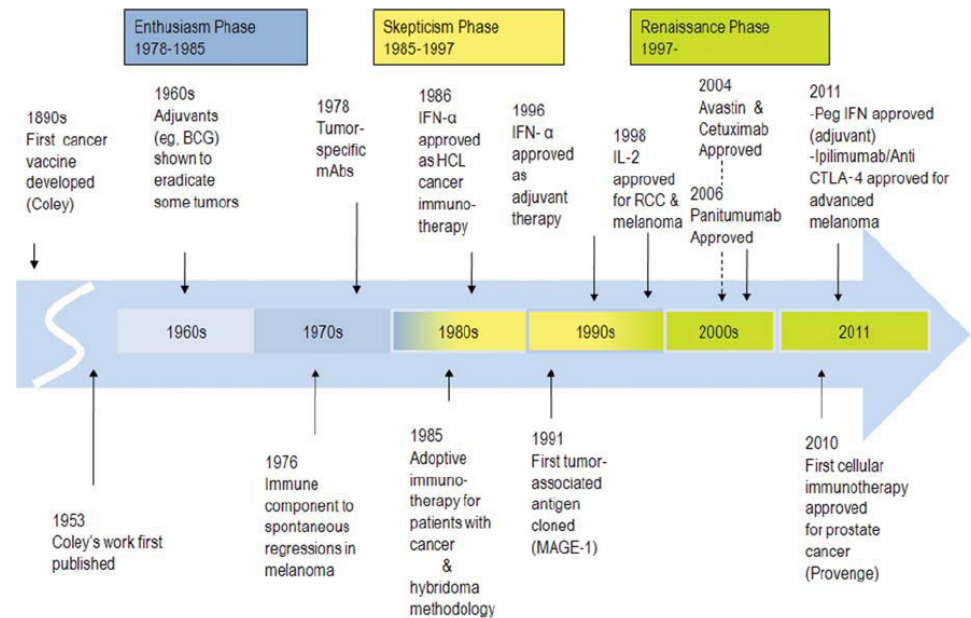


Heavy ions against CSCs

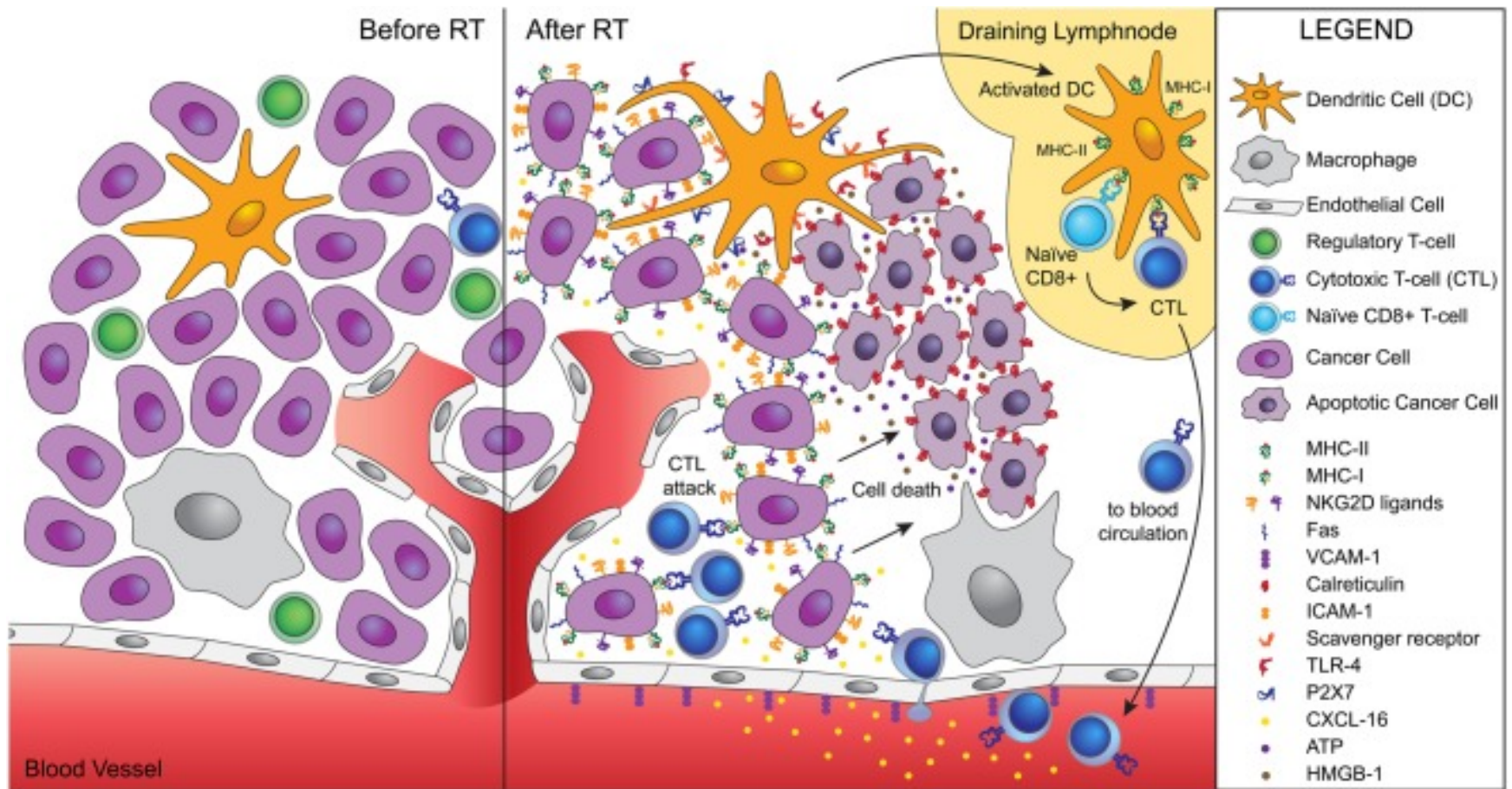


Pignalosa & Durante, *Lancet Oncol.* 2012

Cancer immunoediting and immunotherapy: solution of the cancer problem?

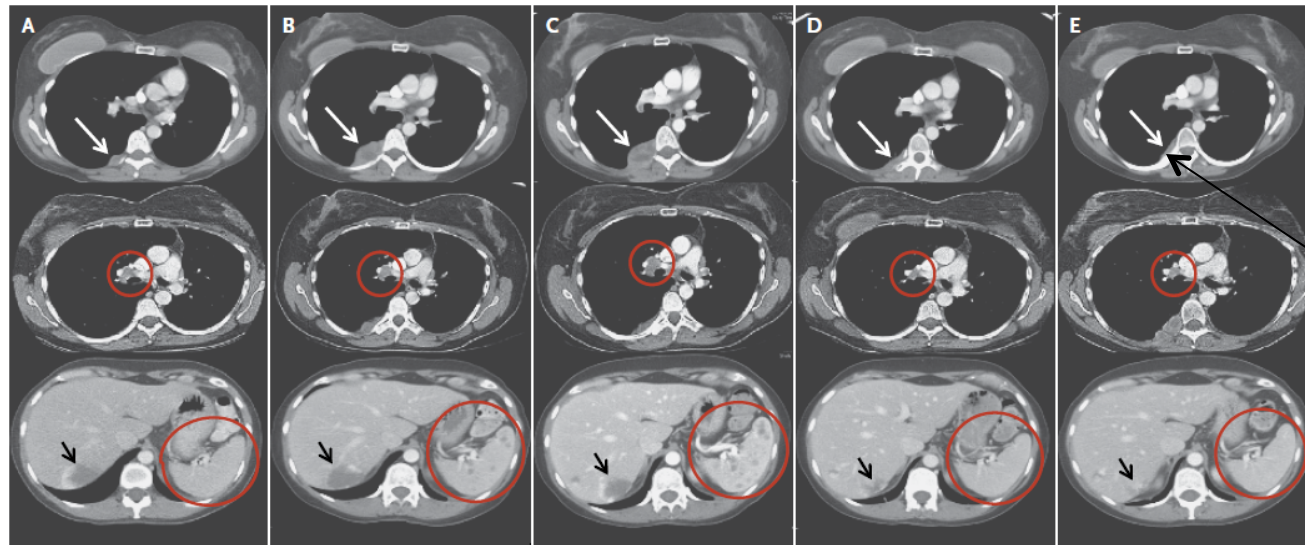


Kirkwood *et al.*, CA
Cancer J. Clin. 2012



Ionizing radiation acts as a modifier of the tumor microenvironment converting the tumor into an *in situ* vaccine. Radiation induces an immunogenic cell death of tumor cells characterized by calreticulin translocation to the surface of dying cells, and release of HMGB-1 and ATP. Calreticulin allows uptake of dying cells by dendritic cells via scavenger receptor(s). Activated dendritic cells migrate to the draining lymph node, where they activate naïve T cells specific for tumor antigens. Activated CD8 T cells acquire effector functions and traffic to the tumor guided by radiation-induced chemokines. Tumor infiltration by CTLs is facilitated by radiation-induced upregulation of VCAM-1 on the vascular endothelium. Tumor cells killed by CTLs become a source of antigens for cross-presentation, thus fueling the process.

Radiation and immune response: a patient with metastatic melanoma treated by monoclonal antibody (Ipilimumab) and 28 Gy/3f IMRT



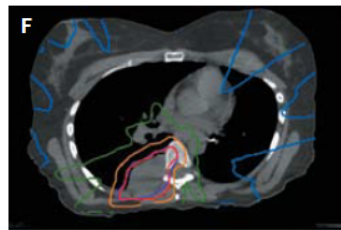
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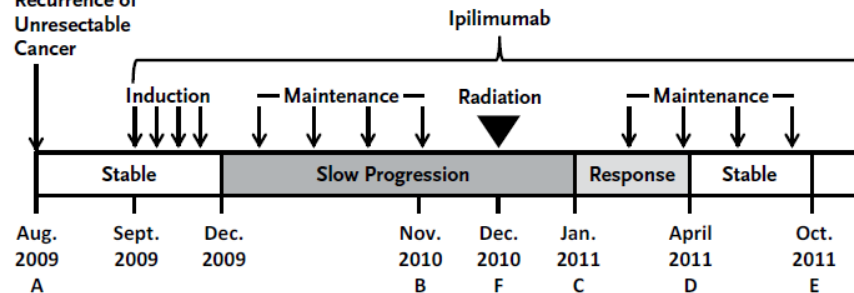
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Recurrence of
Unresectable
Cancer



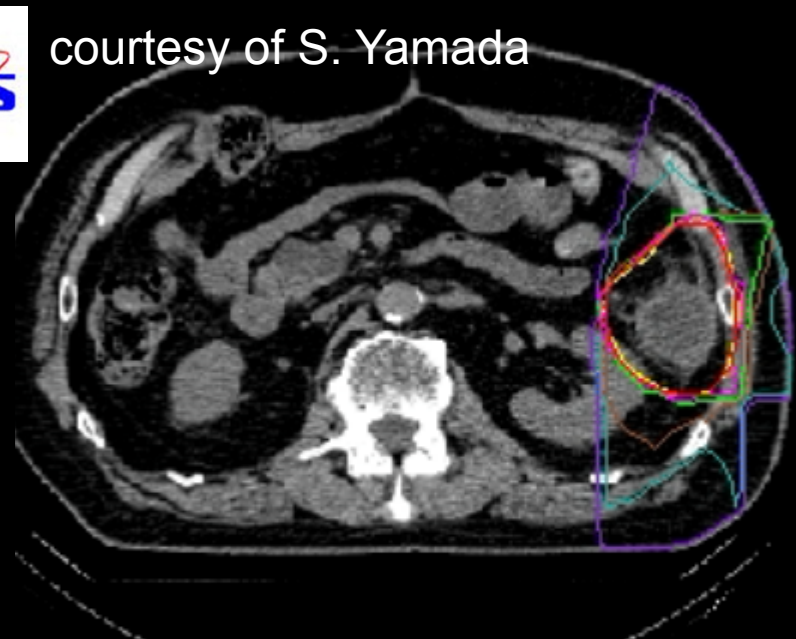
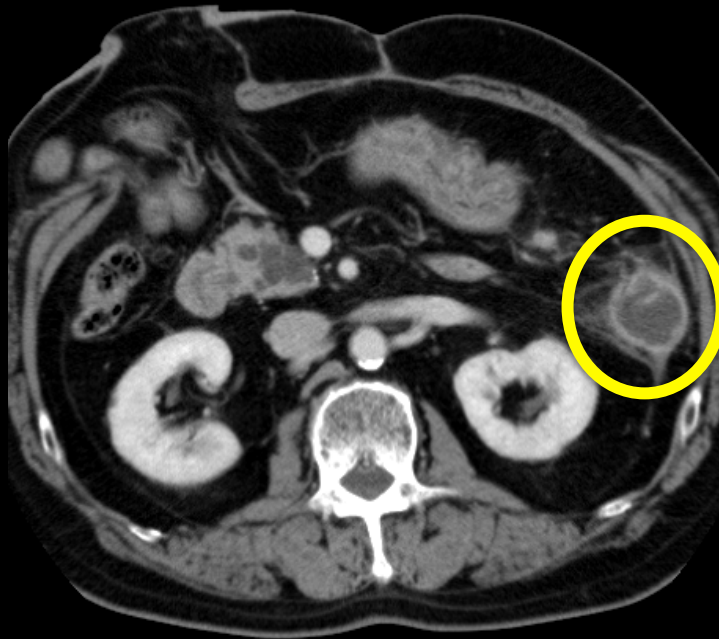
Regression of
the targeted
pleural-based
paraspinal mass

Abscopal
regression in right
hilar lymph node (1
Gy) and spleen (2
cGy)

Abscopal regression of a para-aortic lymph node metastasis from a resected sigmoid colon cancer and 73.6GyE/16fr to abdominal metastasis

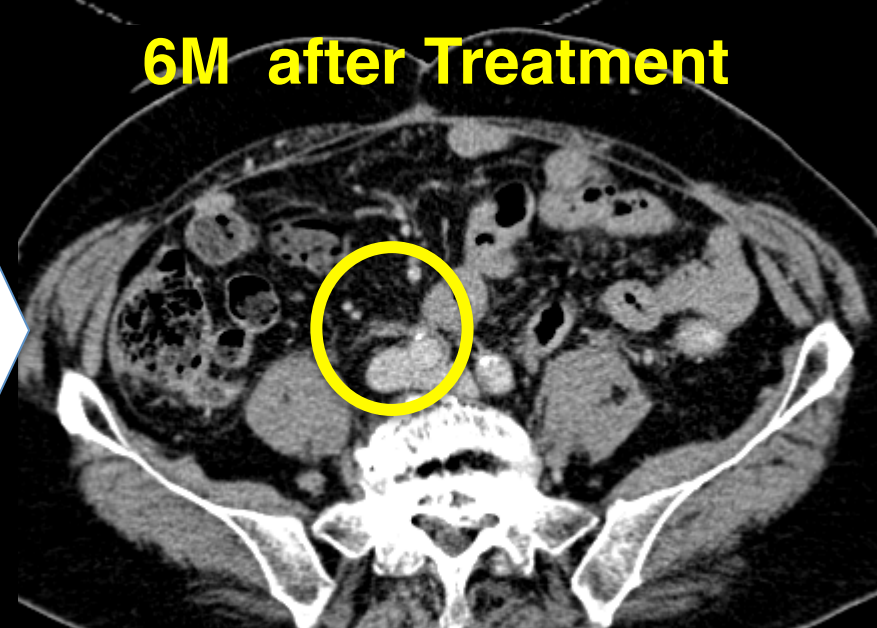


courtesy of S. Yamada



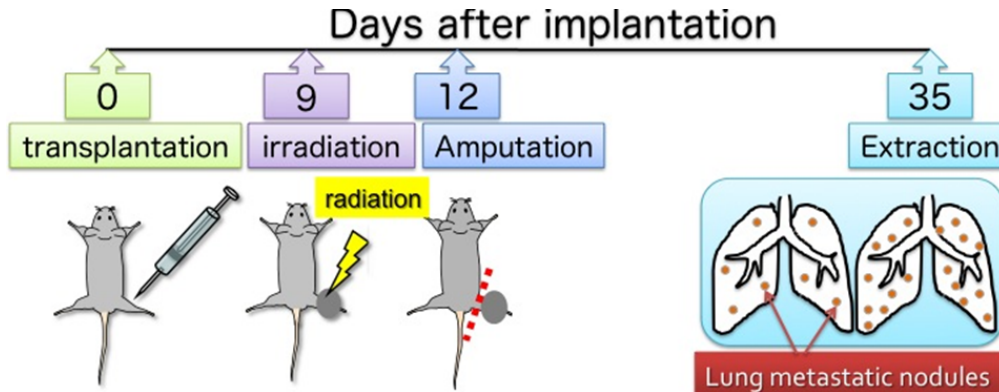
Before Treatment

6M after Treatment

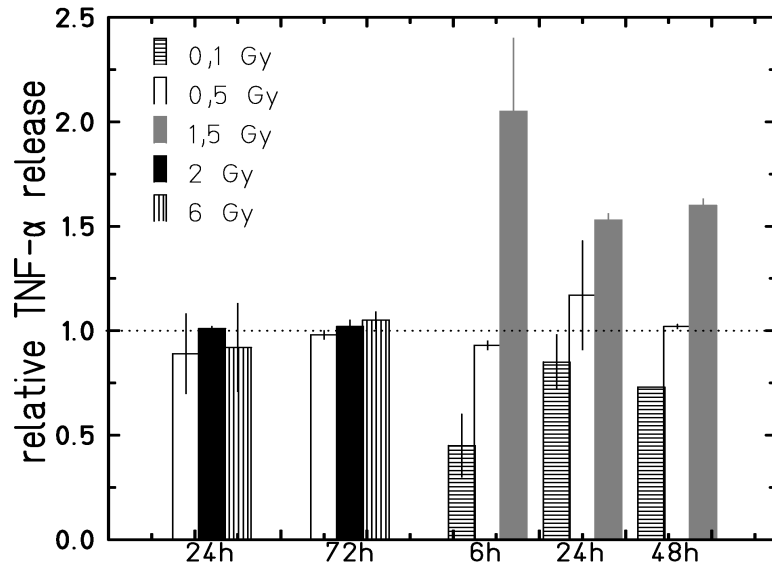
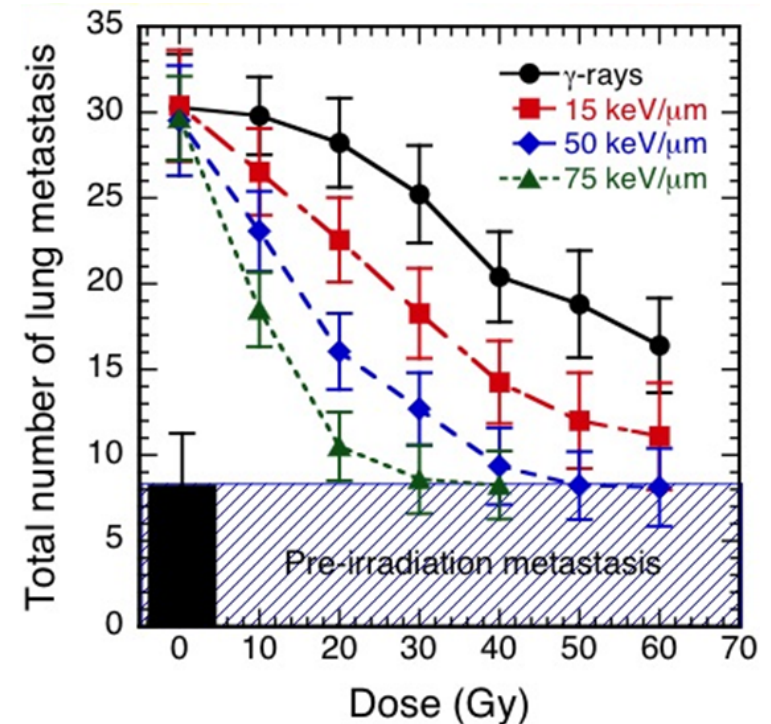


Heavy ion induced immune response

GSI/NIRS IOL project



Courtesy of Y. Matsumoto & Y. Furusawa



TNF-α release in primary human lymphocytes 24h after X-ray or ^{14}N -ions exposure, +lipopolysaccharide (LPS) endotoxin (1μg/ml)

Second malignant neoplasias (SMN)

**Application of new
radiation treatment
modalities**

**Increased
cancer cure
rates are**

IMRT

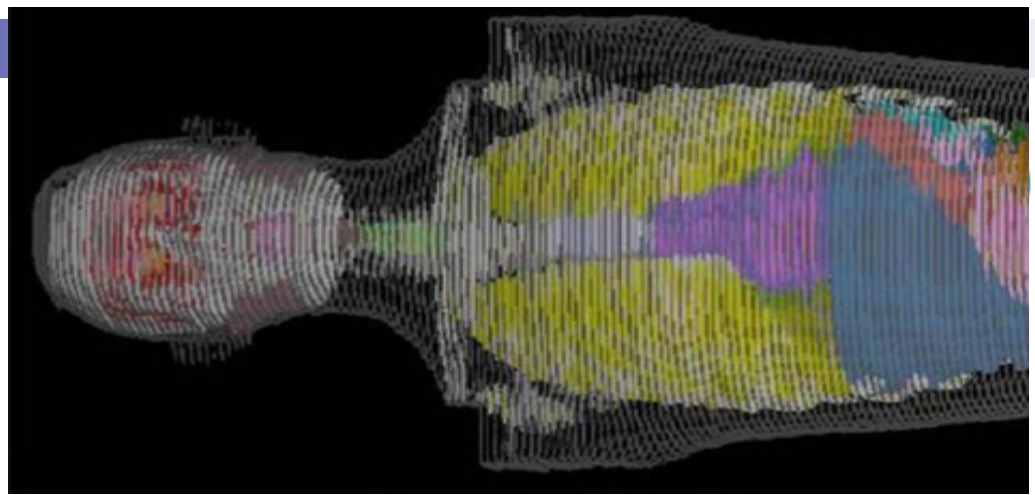
**Substantial increase
in beam-on time**

Hadron therapy

**Neutron
production**

**Increased
number of
secondary**

- Childhood cancer is 1% of cancer diagnosis, but 1st cause of disease-related death in children
- Most common pediatric tumors are leukemia (34%) and CNS tumors (27%)
- Survival rate is now over 80%, but the incidence of SMN is close to 20%
- Most common SMN are breast, CNS, bone, soft tissue, AML



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- Figure 1 is a log-linear plot showing the normalized dose distribution for different beam types and target volumes. The y-axis represents the 'Normalized dose' on a logarithmic scale from 10^{-6} to 10^0 . The x-axis represents the 'Distance from PTV (mm)' from -50 to 400. The plot includes five data series: Protons (TSL) in green, Protons (PSI) in blue, Carbon (HIMAC) in magenta, Carbon (GSI) in red, and Photons (KGU) in black. All series show a peak dose near the PTV (0 mm). The Photon (KGU) distribution is the broadest, while the Carbon (GSI) distribution is the narrowest. An orange box highlights the region from -50 to 50 mm on the x-axis and 10^{-4} to 10^{-1} on the y-axis, labeled 'Target Volume'.

In patient dosimetry (uterus dose for a pregnant woman)



TABLE 1

Measured doses in the pelvic region during the treatment.

	Photon dose ($\mu\text{Sv}/\text{fraction}$)	Neutron dose ($\mu\text{Sv}/\text{fraction}$)	No. of fractions	Total dose (μSv)
Normal field	3.0 ^a	1.4	15	66
Boost field	2.2 ^b	1.0	5	16
Total treatment			20	82

^a Calculated assuming a factor of 1.4 between normal and boost fields as in neutron dose.

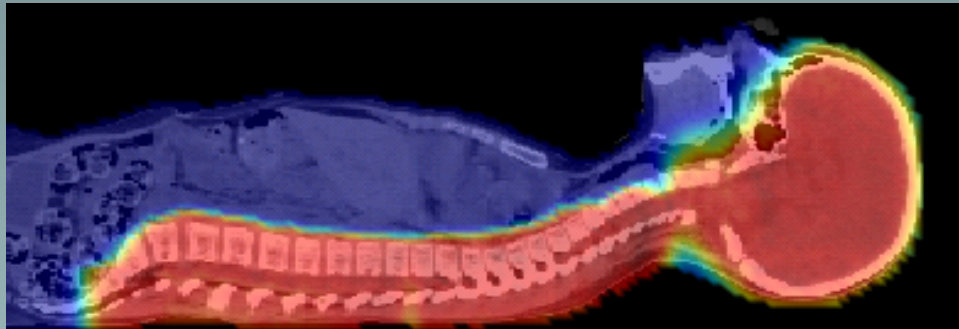
^b Measured by the TOL/F gamma dose rate meter. The passive thermoluminescence dosimeter films did not measure any significant dose above the normal background.

Münter. Heavy ion radiotherapy during pregnancy. *Fertil Steril* 2010.

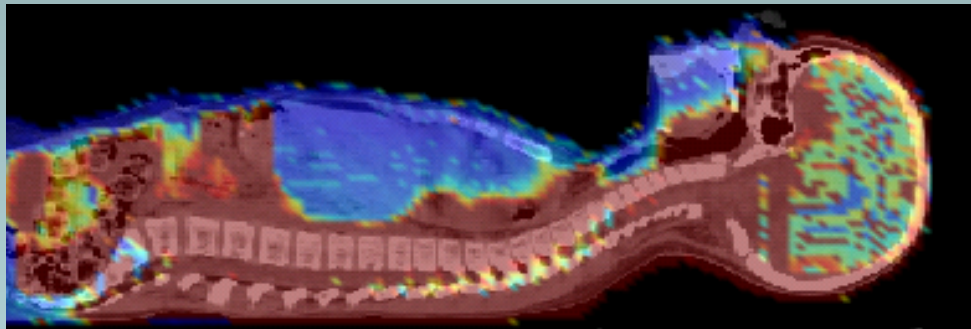
Total dose < 0.3 mSv

*Very low stray radiation
reduced risk of secondary
cancers or teratogen effects*

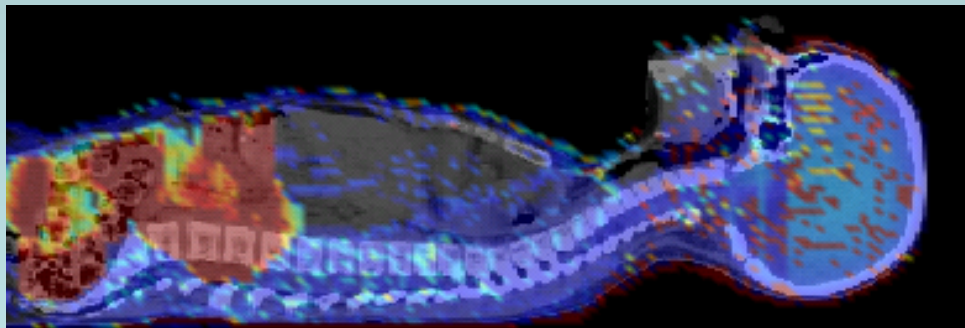
Secondary Malignant Neoplasms (SMN) in particle therapy



Radiation Absorbed Dose



Risk of SMN Incidence

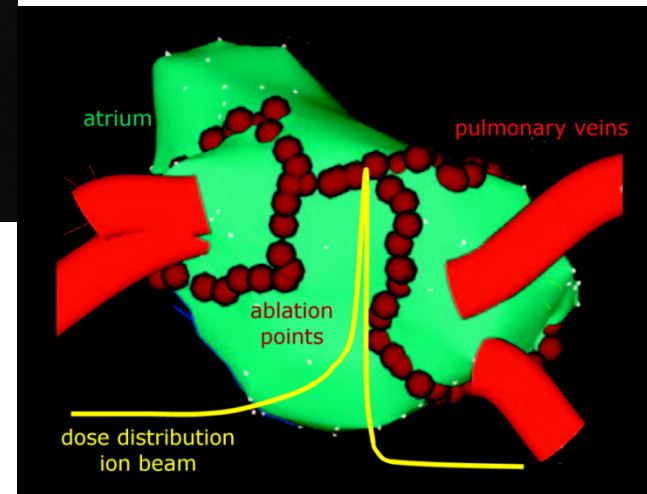
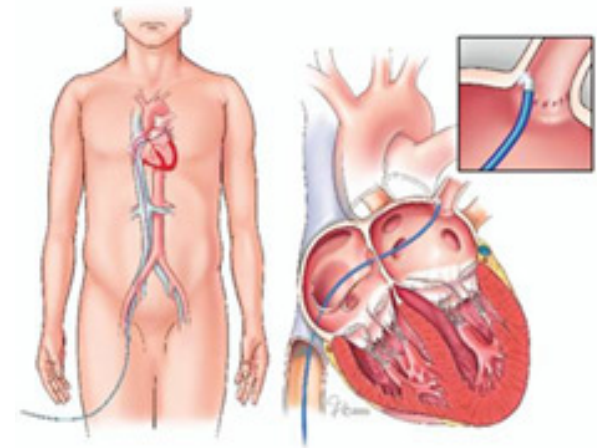
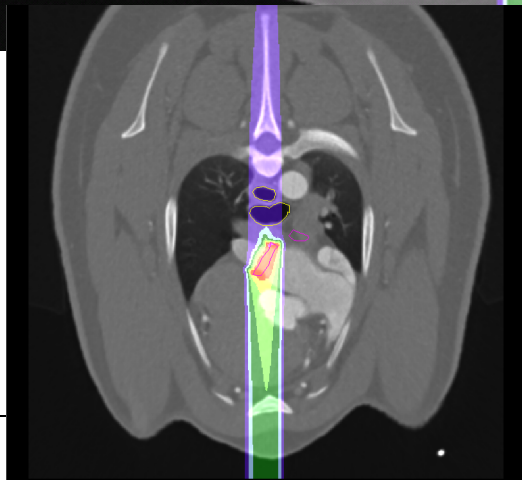
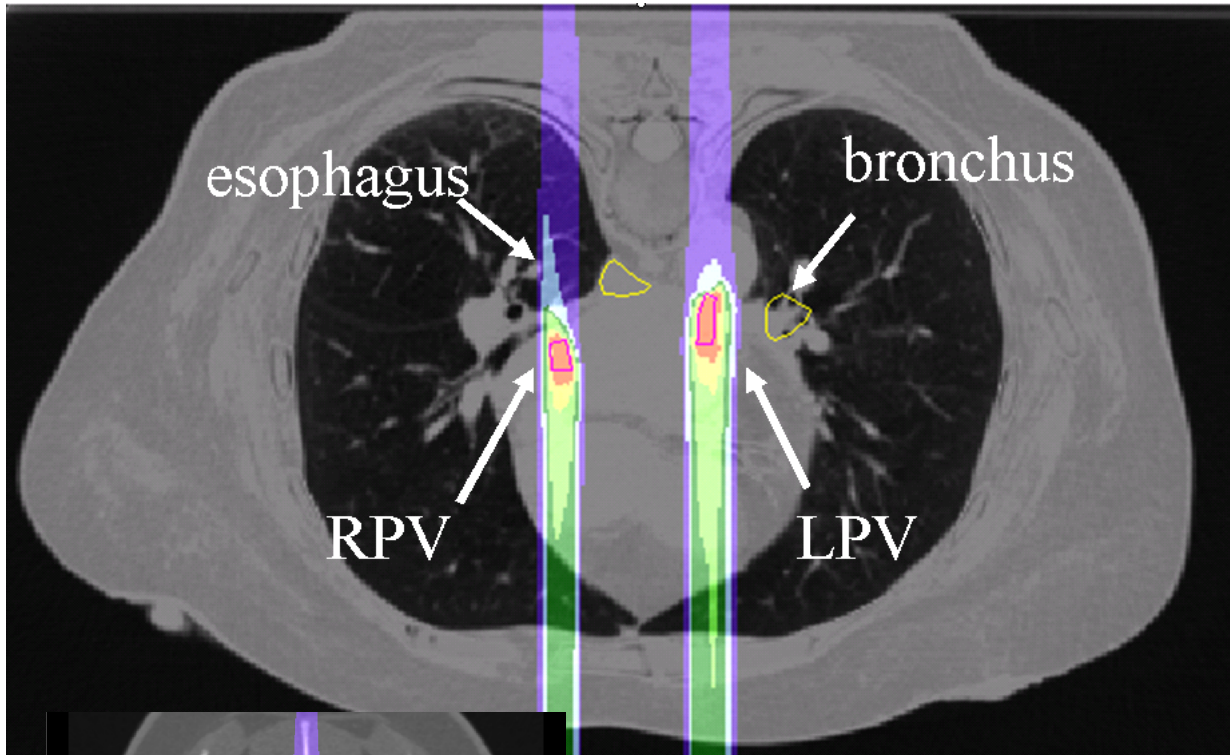


Risk of SMN Mortality

Comparison of relative radiation dose distribution with the corresponding relative risk distribution for radiogenic second cancer incidence and mortality. This 9-year old girl received craniospinal irradiation for medulloblastoma using passively scattered proton beams. The color scale illustrates the difference for absorbed dose, incidence and mortality cancer risk in different organs.

Newhauser & Durante,
Nature Rev. Cancer 2011

Noncancer diseases: 5D-TP for atrial fibrillations



C-ion TP by Anna
Constantinescu

Bert *et al.*, *Med. Phys.*
2012

A challenge for ENLIGHT towards Horizon 20/20

- ENLIGHT: a successful example of scientific network and lobbying with EU for funding
- Many facilities available in Europe in future years, both clinical (HIT, CNAO, MedAustron) and research centers (GSI → FAIR, GANIL → ARCADE, CERN → LEIR), but research in the field may be severely underfunded
- Main challenge of ENLIGHT will be to attract collaborations and funding (Horizon 20/20 but also ESF, ERC etc.) for innovative technologies and clinical radiobiology research projects
- Can ENLIGHT act similarly to MELODI (radiation protection → DoReMi funded in FP7 EURATOM) for particle therapy/medical physics as a NoE in Horizon 20/20?





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Thank you very much!



<http://www.gsi.de/biophysik/>

Additional slides





Cancer incidence/mortality in USA

Estimated New Cases*

			Males	Females			
Prostate	241,740	29%			Breast	226,870	29%
Lung & bronchus	116,470	14%			Lung & bronchus	109,690	14%
Colon & rectum	73,420	9%			Colon & rectum	70,040	9%
Urinary bladder	55,600	7%			Uterine corpus	47,130	6%
Melanoma of the skin	44,250	5%			Thyroid	43,210	5%
Kidney & renal pelvis	40,250	5%			Melanoma of the skin	32,000	4%
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	38,160	4%			Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	31,970	4%
Oral cavity & pharynx	28,540	3%			Kidney & renal pelvis	24,520	3%
Leukemia	26,830	3%			Ovary	22,280	3%
Pancreas	22,090	3%			Pancreas	21,830	3%
All Sites	848,170	100%			All Sites	790,740	100%

Estimated Deaths

			Males	Females			
Lung & bronchus	87,750	29%			Lung & bronchus	72,590	26%
Prostate	28,170	9%			Breast	39,510	14%
Colon & rectum	26,470	9%			Colon & rectum	25,220	9%
Pancreas	18,850	6%			Pancreas	18,540	7%
Liver & intrahepatic bile duct	13,980	5%			Ovary	15,500	6%
Leukemia	13,500	4%			Leukemia	10,040	4%
Esophagus	12,040	4%			Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	8,620	3%
Urinary bladder	10,510	3%			Uterine Corpus	8,010	3%
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	10,320	3%			Liver & intrahepatic bile duct	6,570	2%
Kidney & renal pelvis	8,650	3%			Brain & other nervous system	5,980	2%
All Sites	301,820	100%			All Sites	275,370	100%

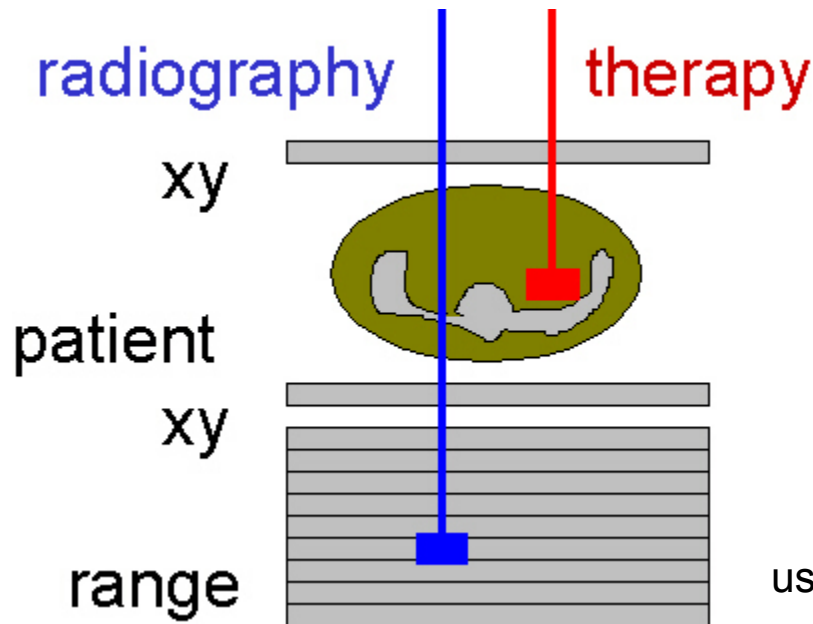
Particle radiography



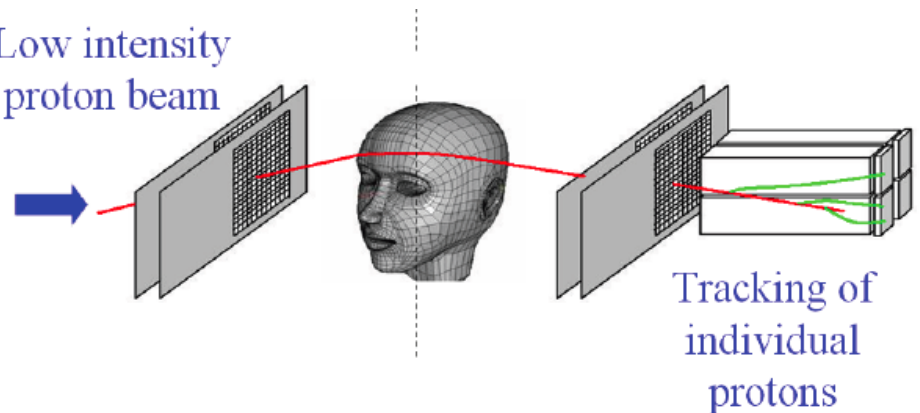
Proton radiography of a RANDO phantom head at PSI, Switzerland



Proton radiography using marginal range radiography is currently under study for quality control in several protontherapy centers



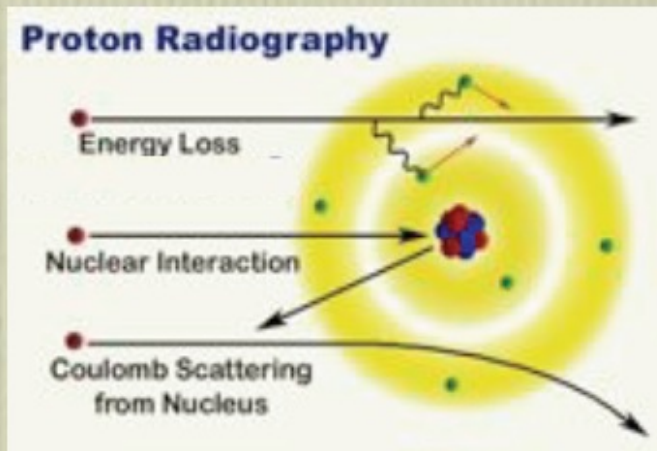
Low intensity proton beam



New single-particle ultrafast detectors can be used for imaging based on scattering (courtesy of J. Seco & H. Paganetti, MGH/Harvard)

Proton Radiography Basics

Courtesy of D. Varentsov

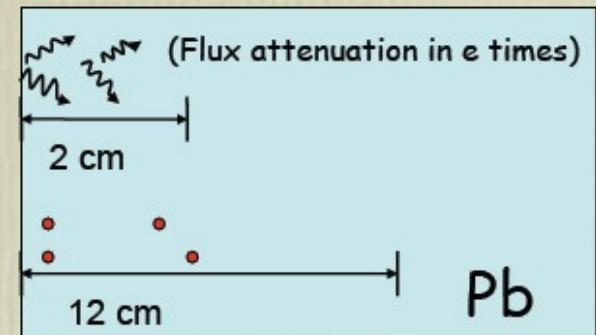


X-rays and protons ranges in matter

X-rays 3-10 MeV



High Energy Protons ~ GeV



Protons Image Blurring due to MCS

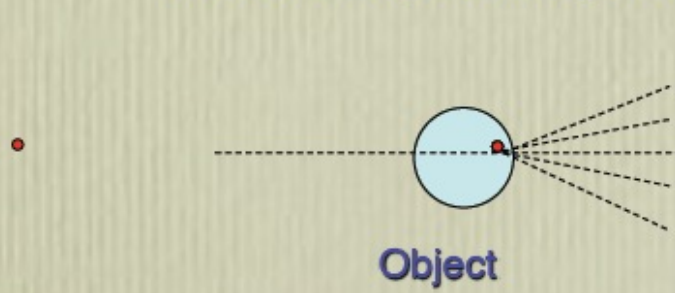
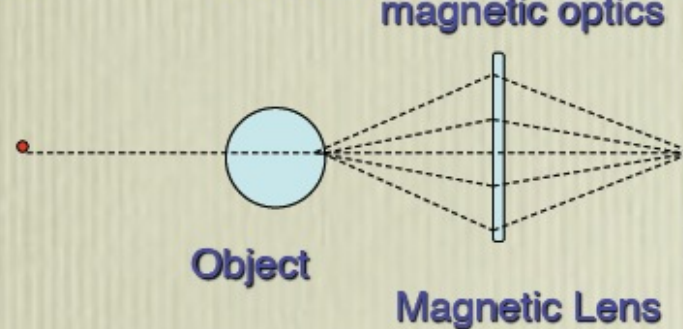


Image Blurring compensation with magnetic optics



A. M. Koehler, et al. *Science* **160**, 303 (1968)

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

C.L. Morris, J.D. Zumbro, Overview of proton radiography—concepts and techniques, Technical Report LA-UR-97-4172, Los Alamos National Laboratory, 1997.

Relativistic proton theranostics (image-guided stereotactic proton radiosurgery)

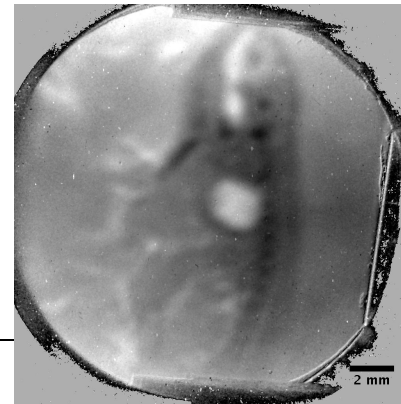
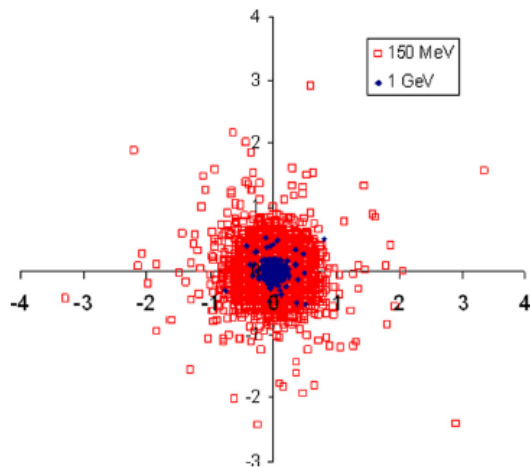
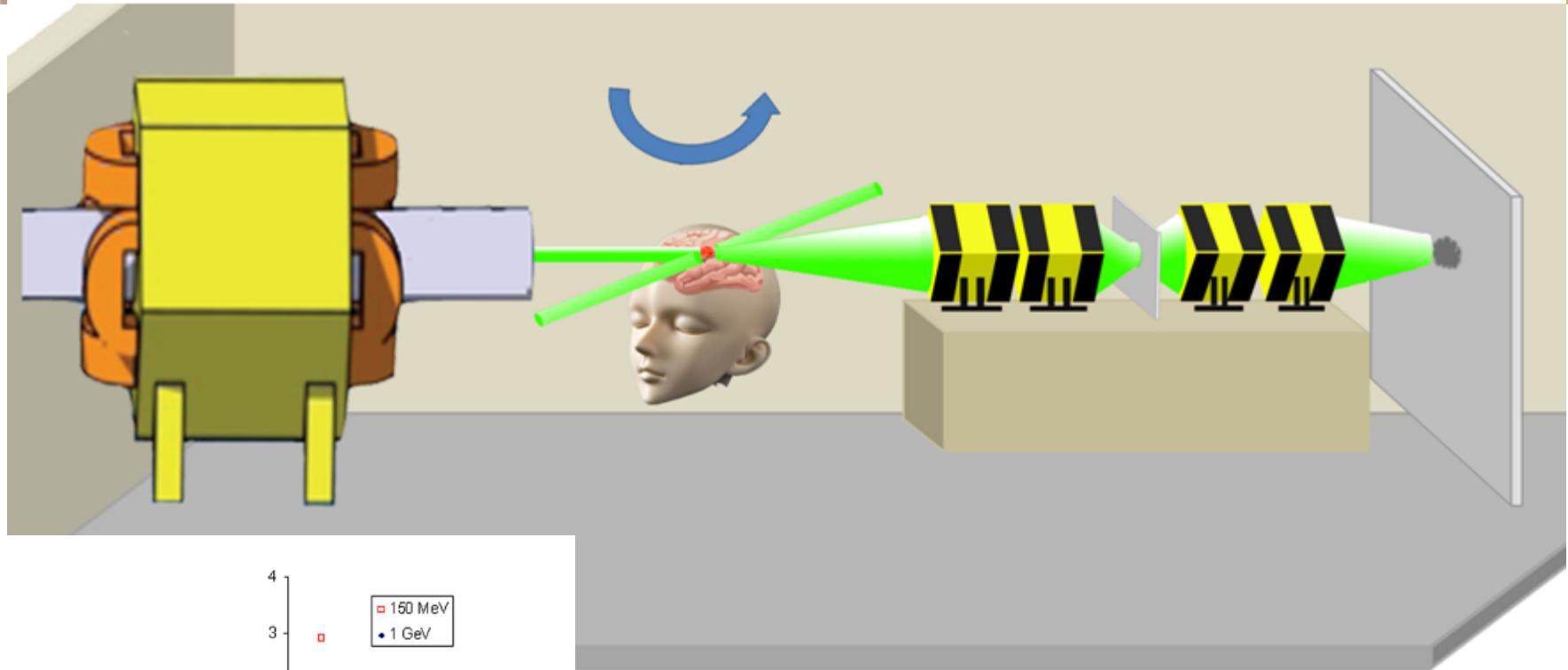


Image of a zebrafish obtained with 800 MeV protons at ITEP (Moscow, Russia)