

Medical Applications with Laser Plasma Accelerators

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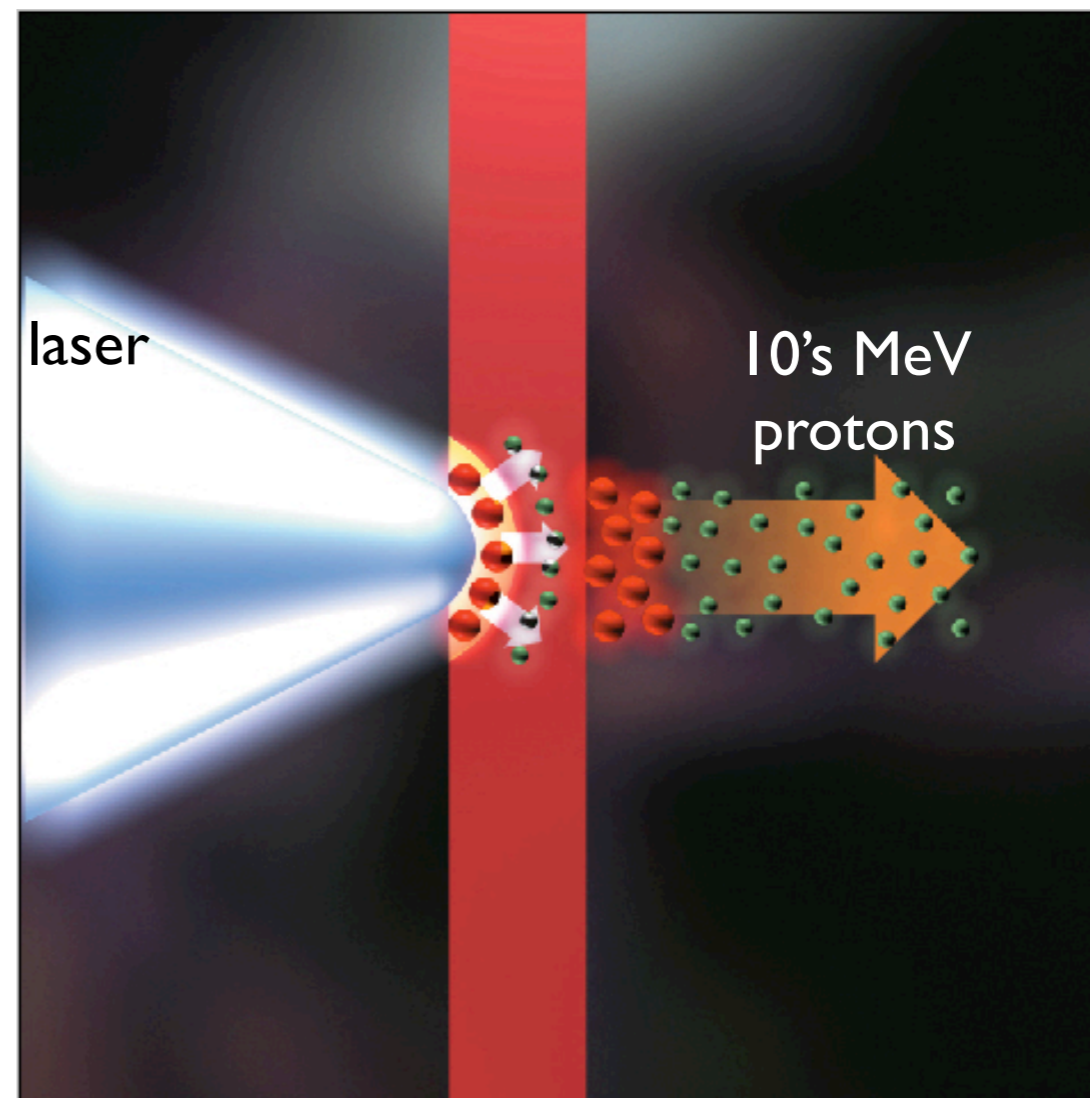
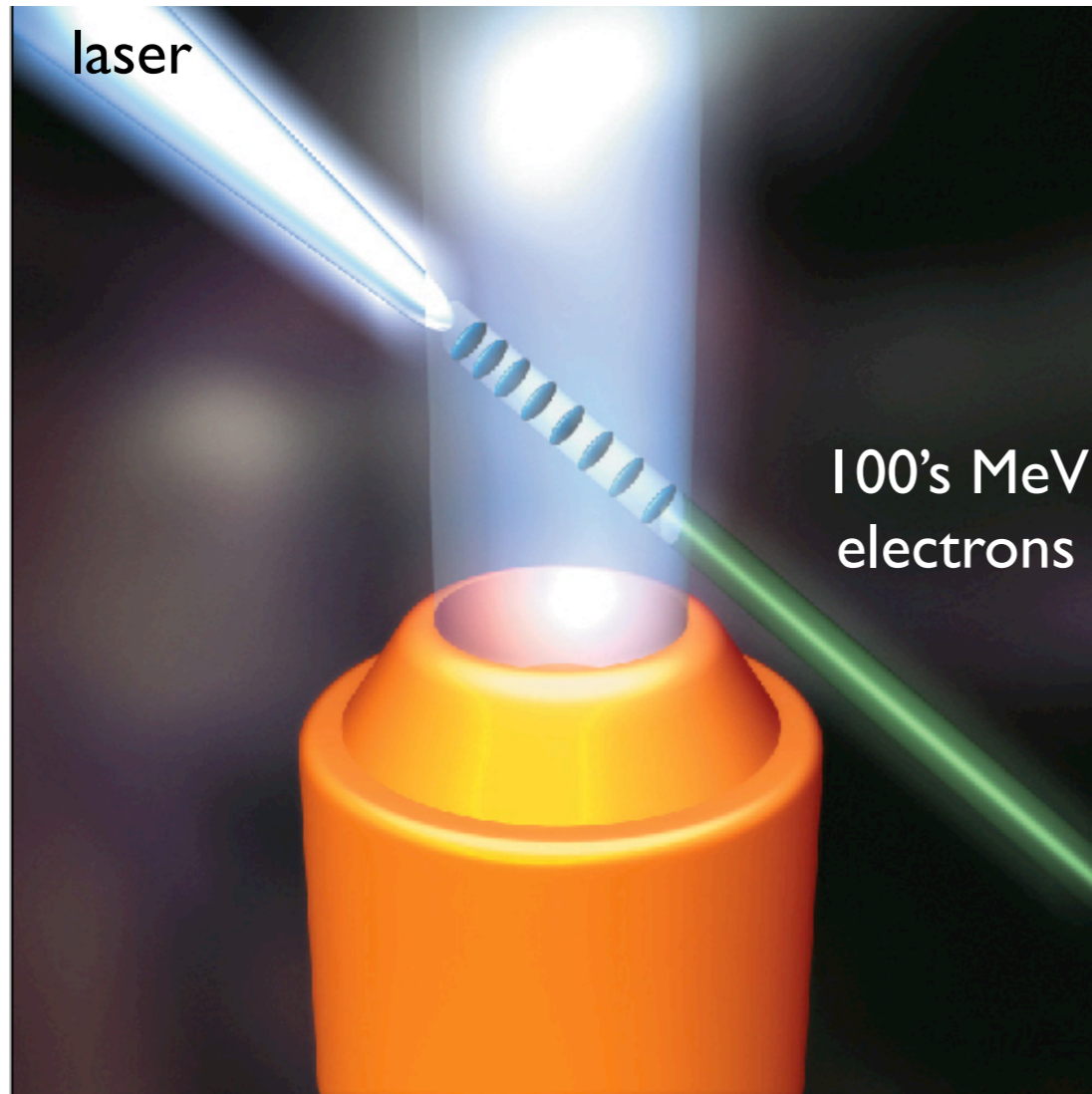


Compactness of Laser Plasma Accelerators



1 mm
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1 μ m
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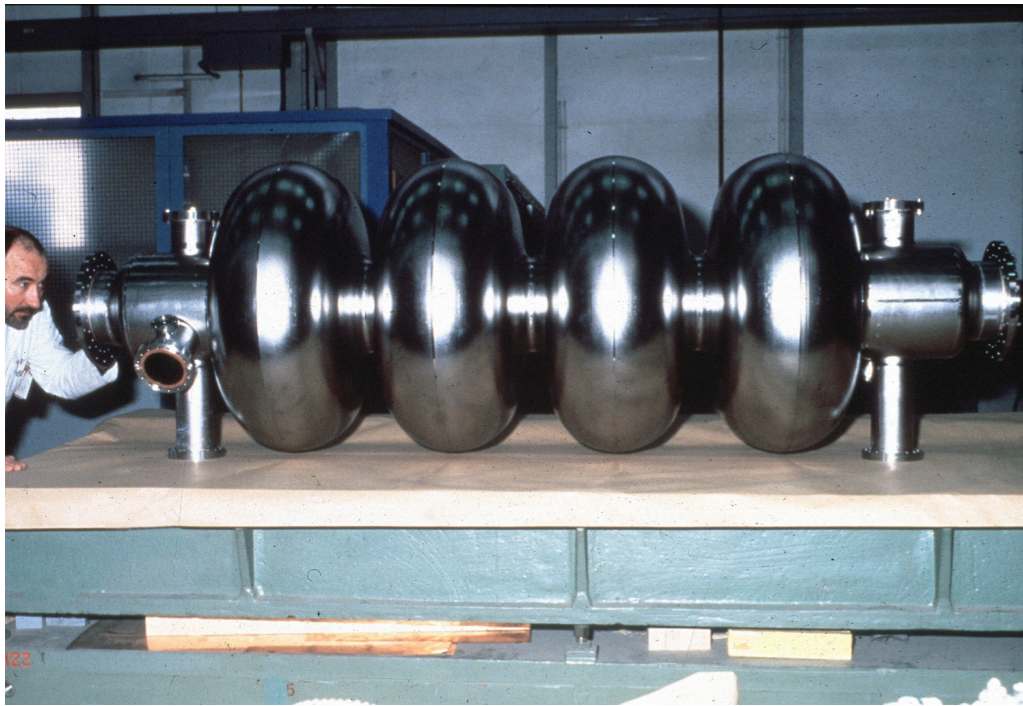


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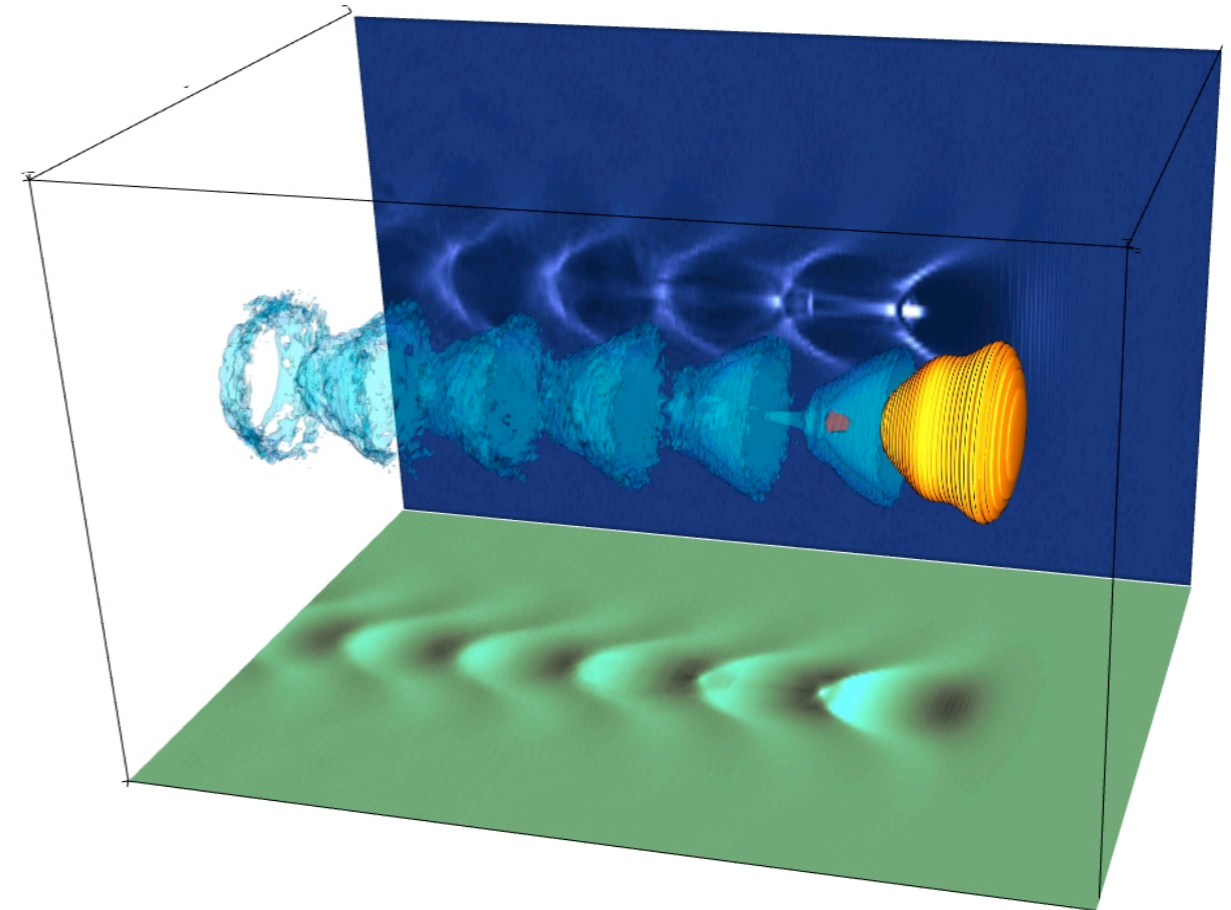


RF Cavity



Electric field < 100 MV/m

Plasma Cavity



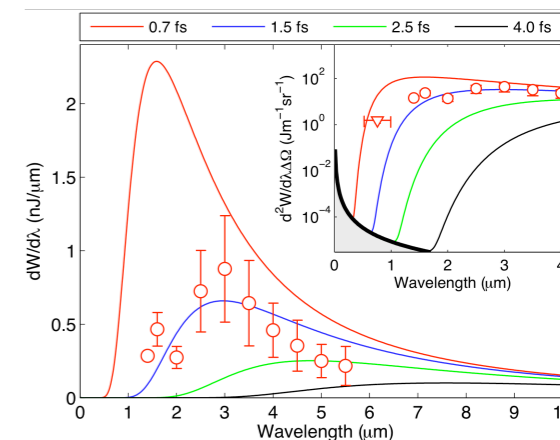
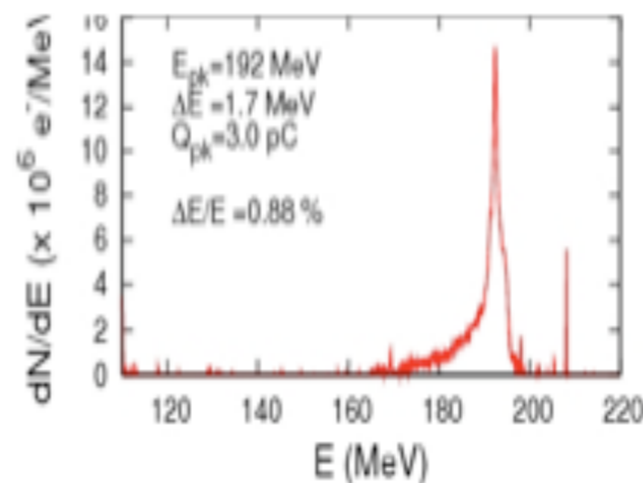
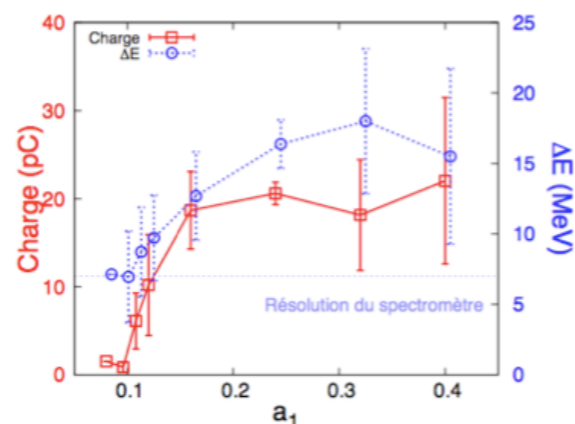
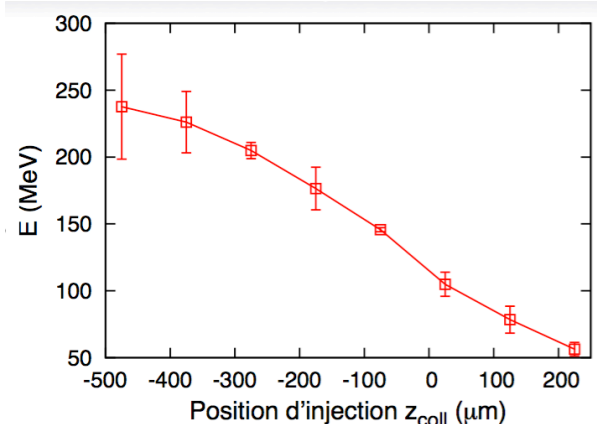
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Properties of e-beam produced by LPA



- Good beam quality & Monoenergetic dE/E down to 1 %
- Beam is very stable
- Energy is tunable: 20-300 MeV
- Charge is tunable: 1 to tens of pC
- Energy spread is tunable: 1 to 10 %
- Ultra short e-bunch : 1,5 fs rms



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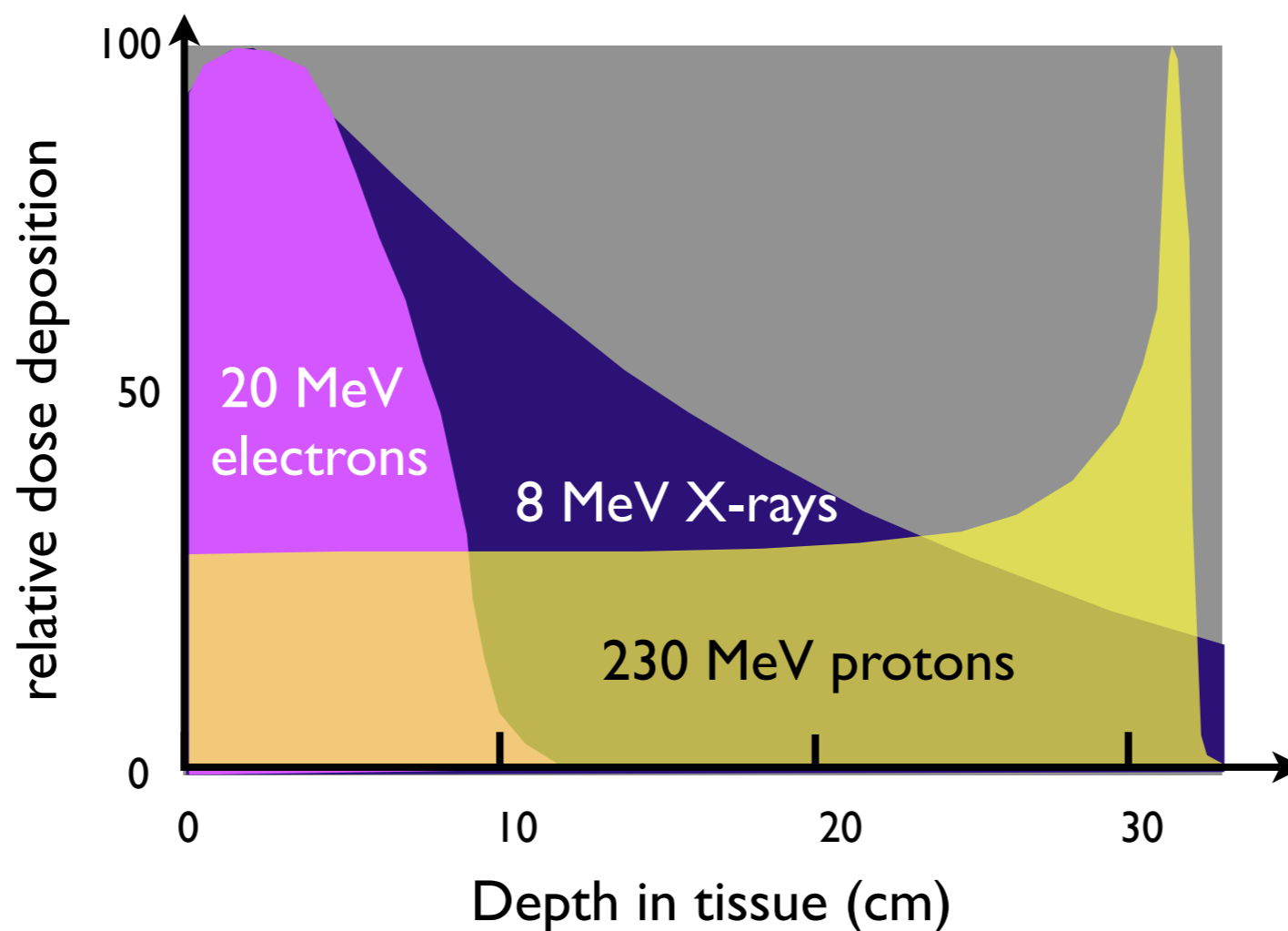
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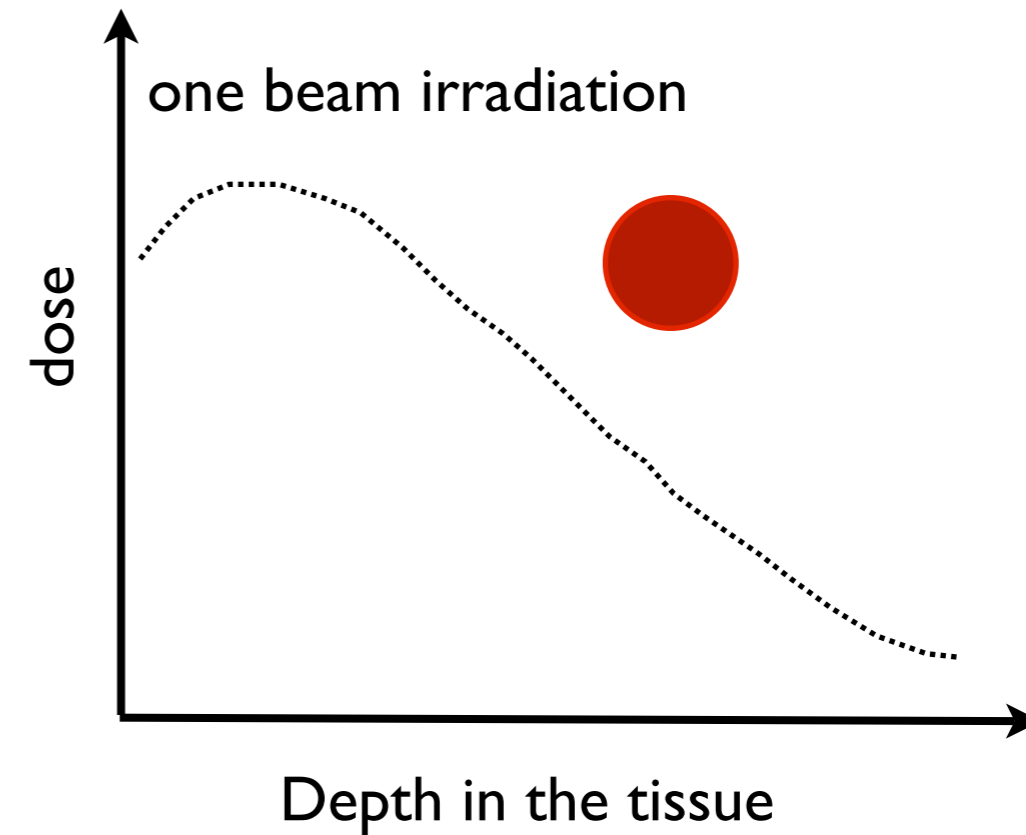
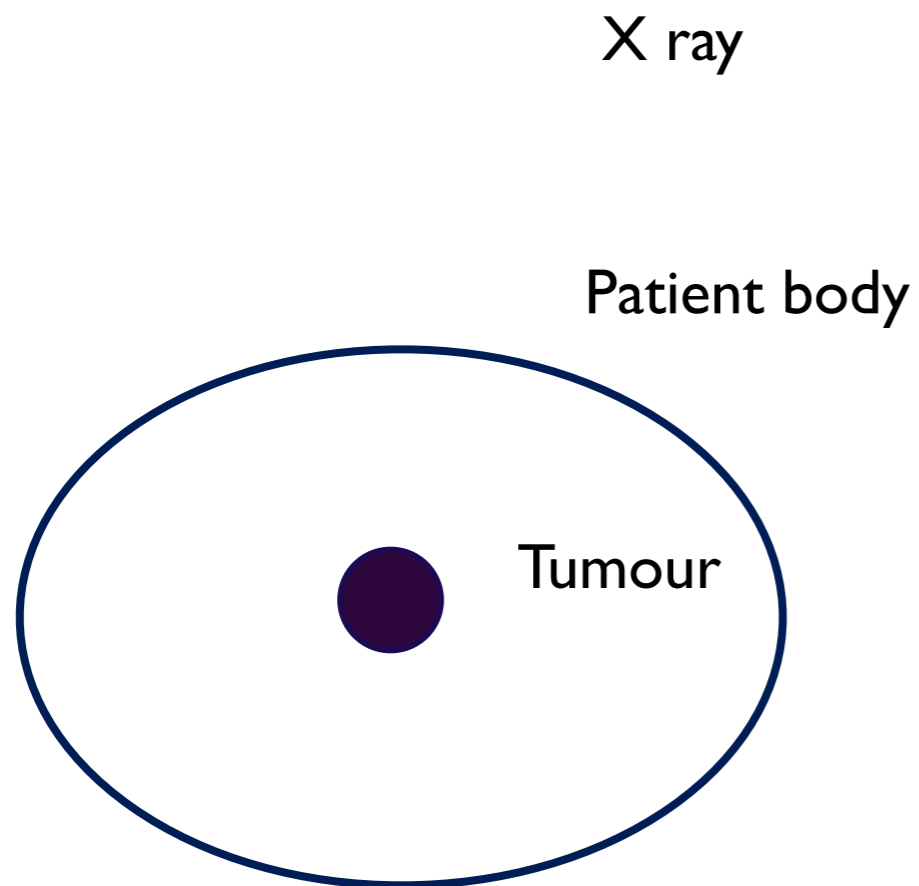
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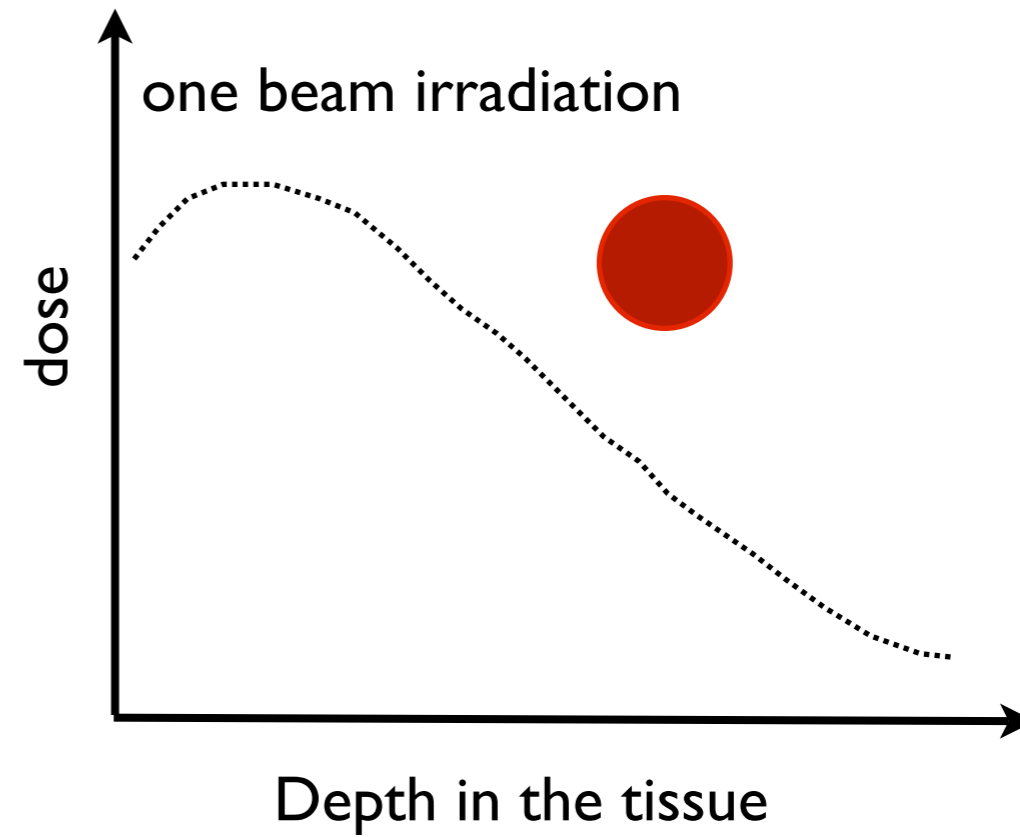
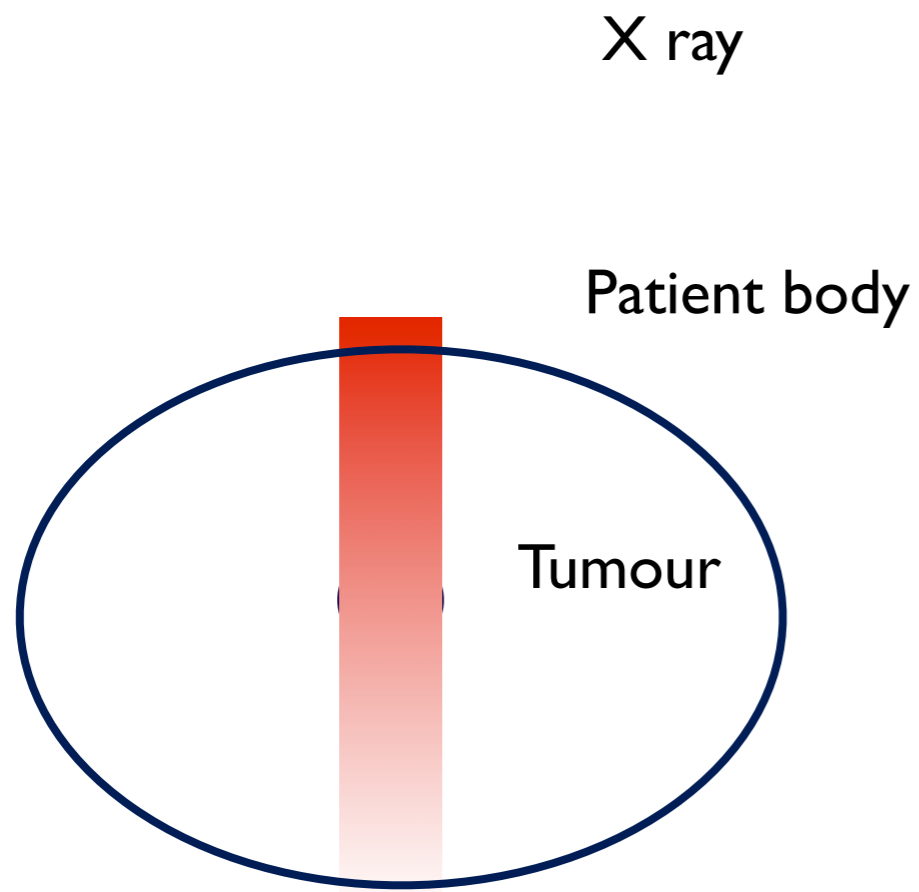


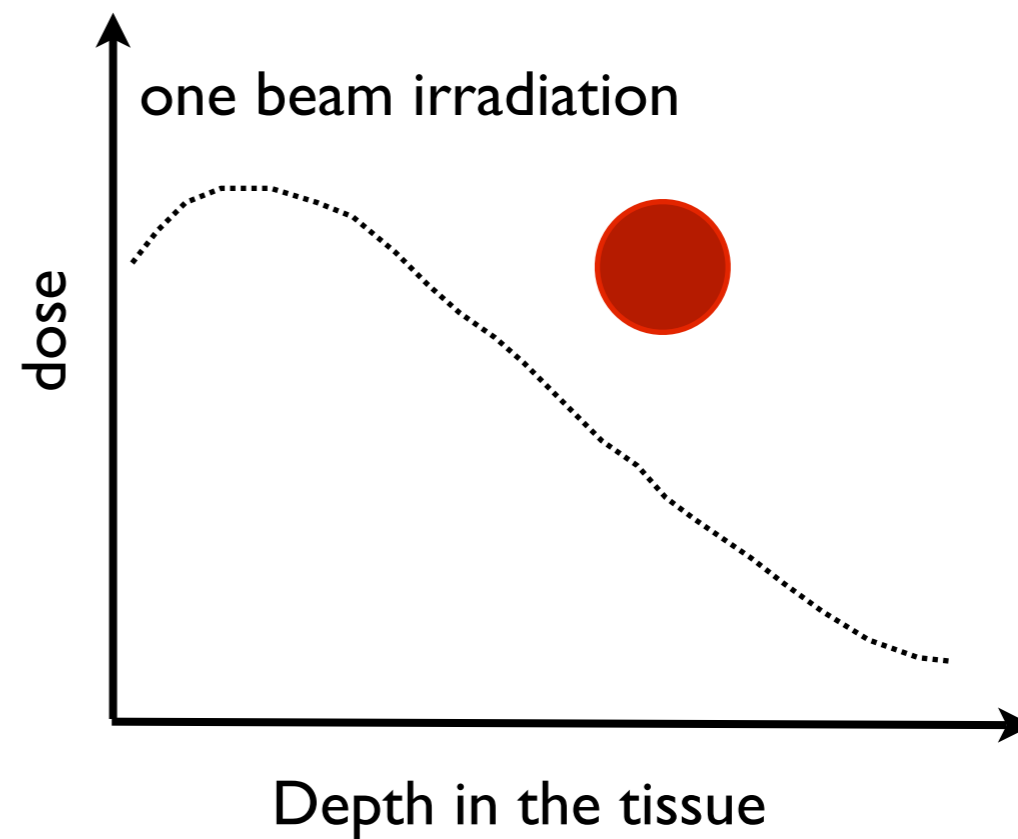
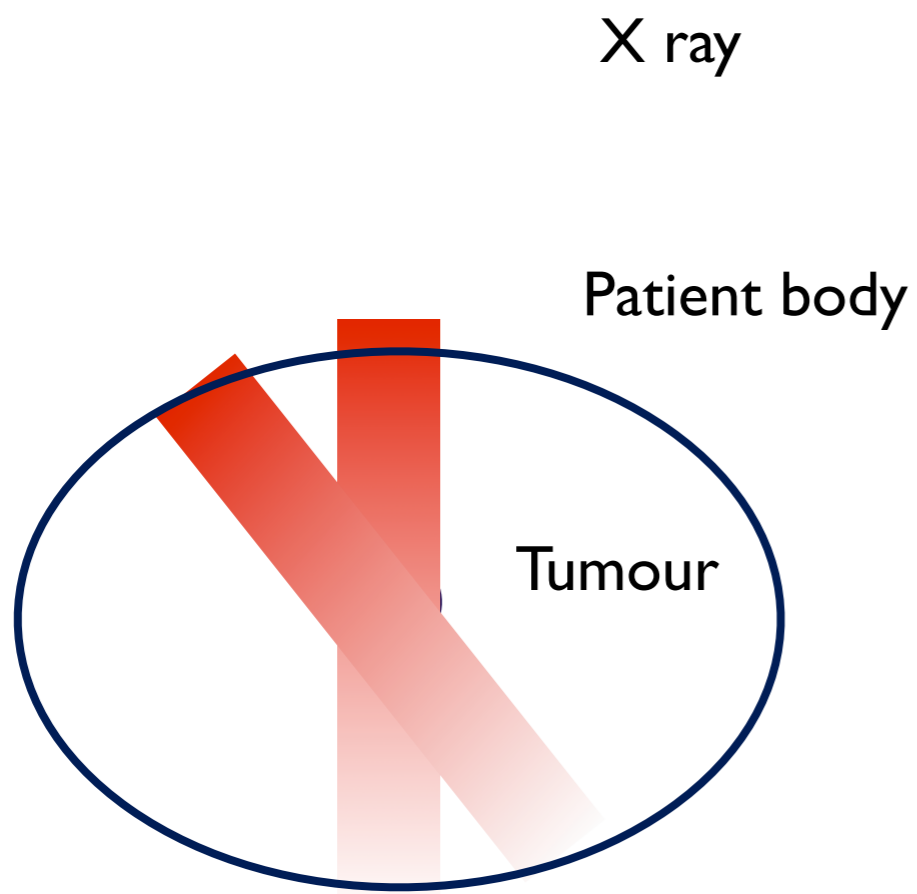
95% of radiotherapy is done with X ray

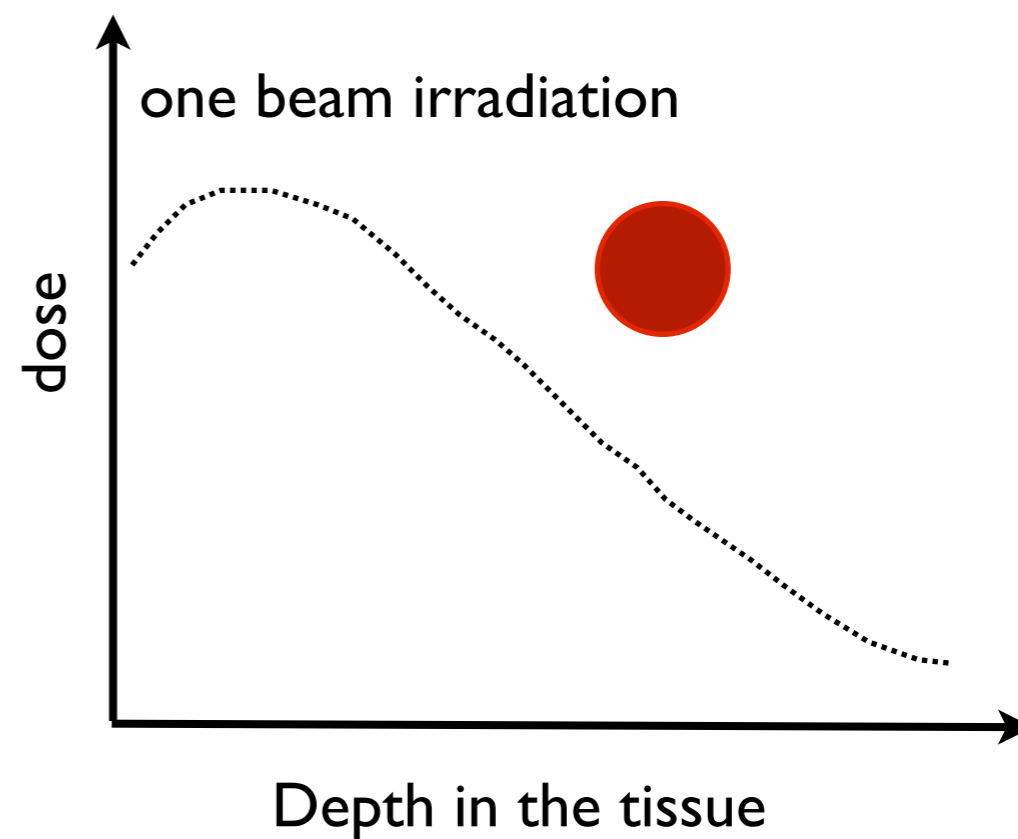
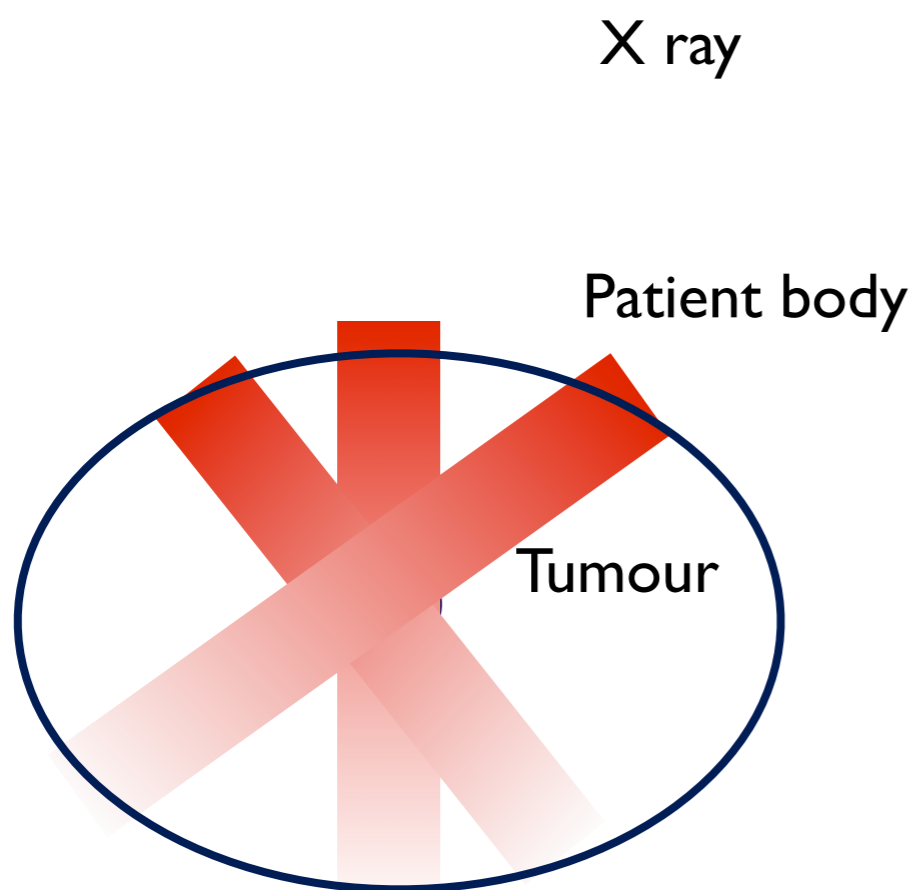
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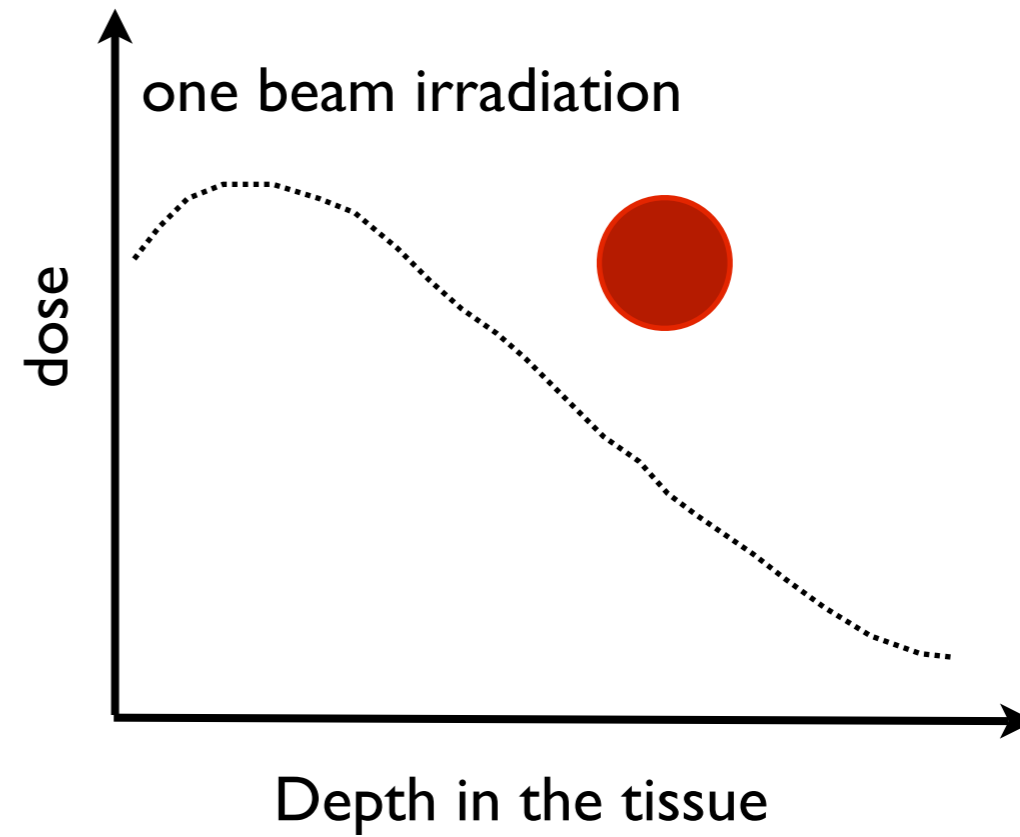
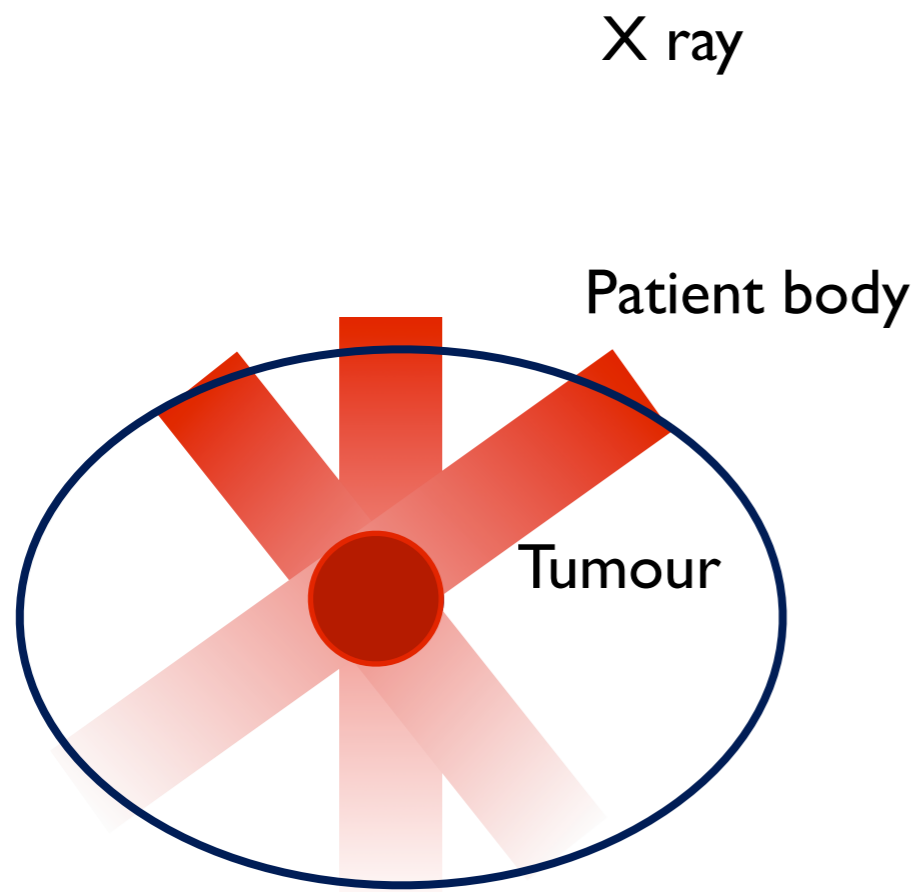


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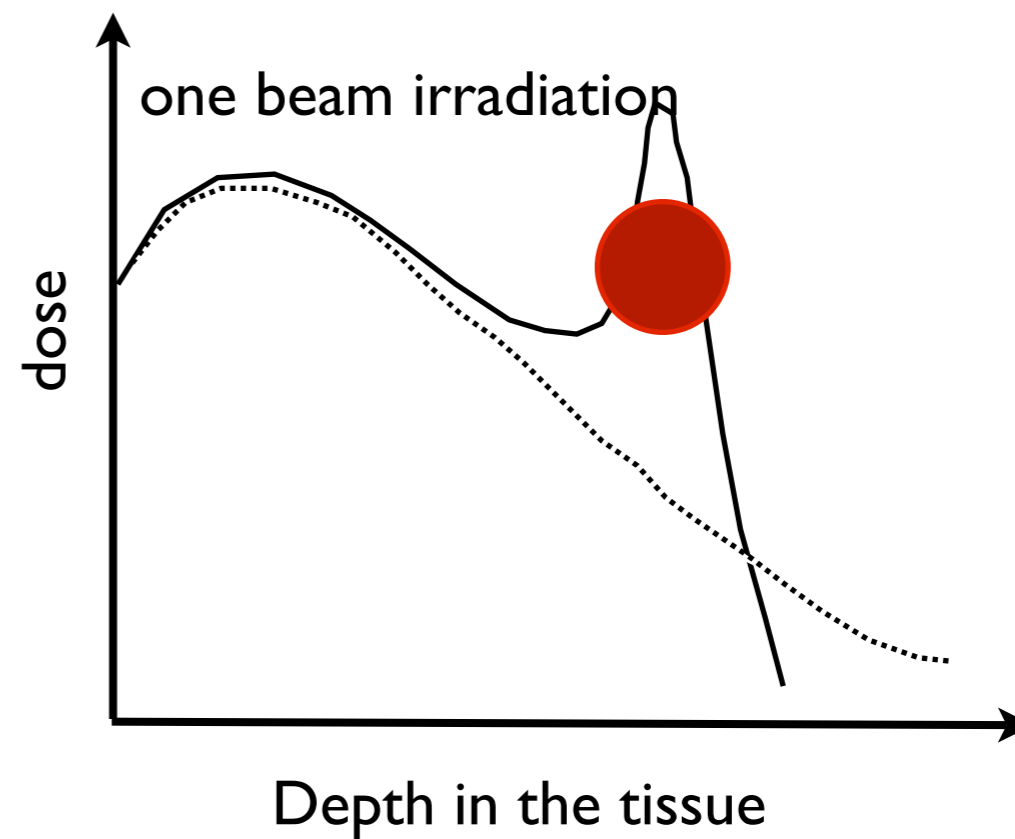
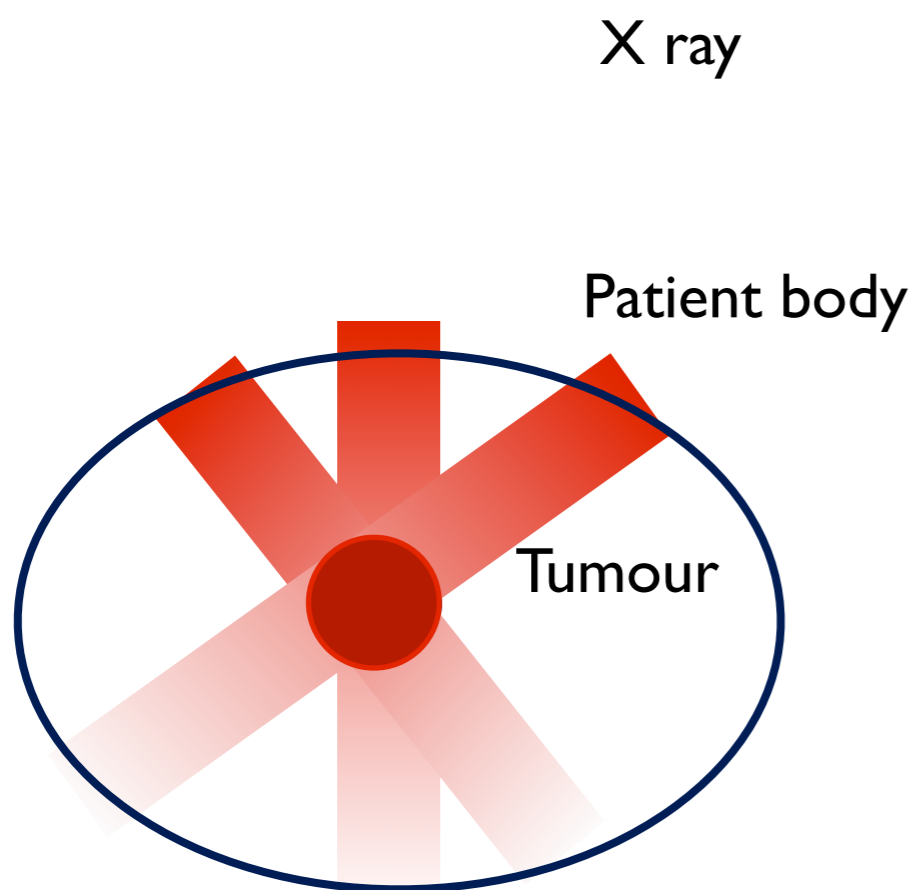








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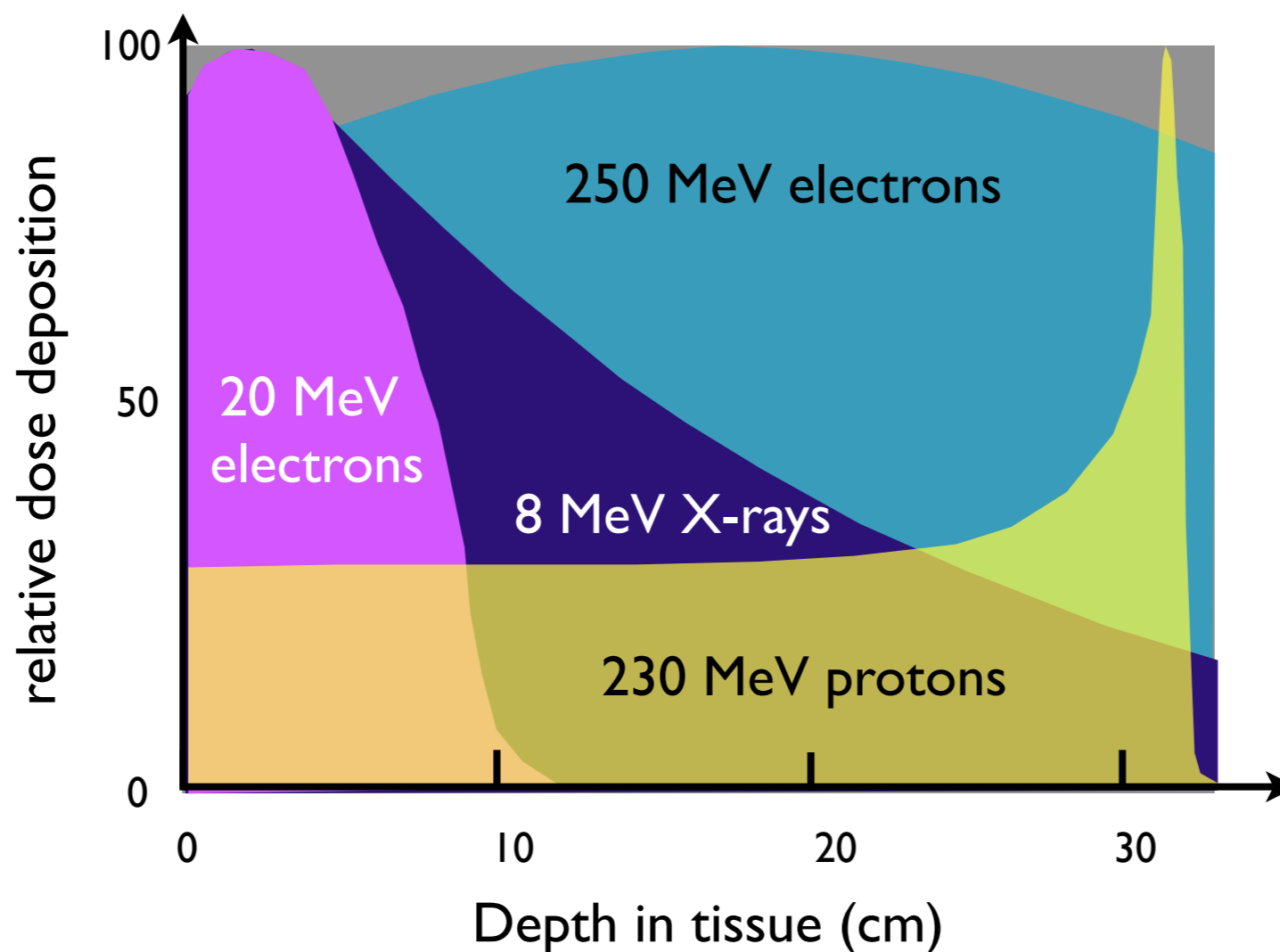
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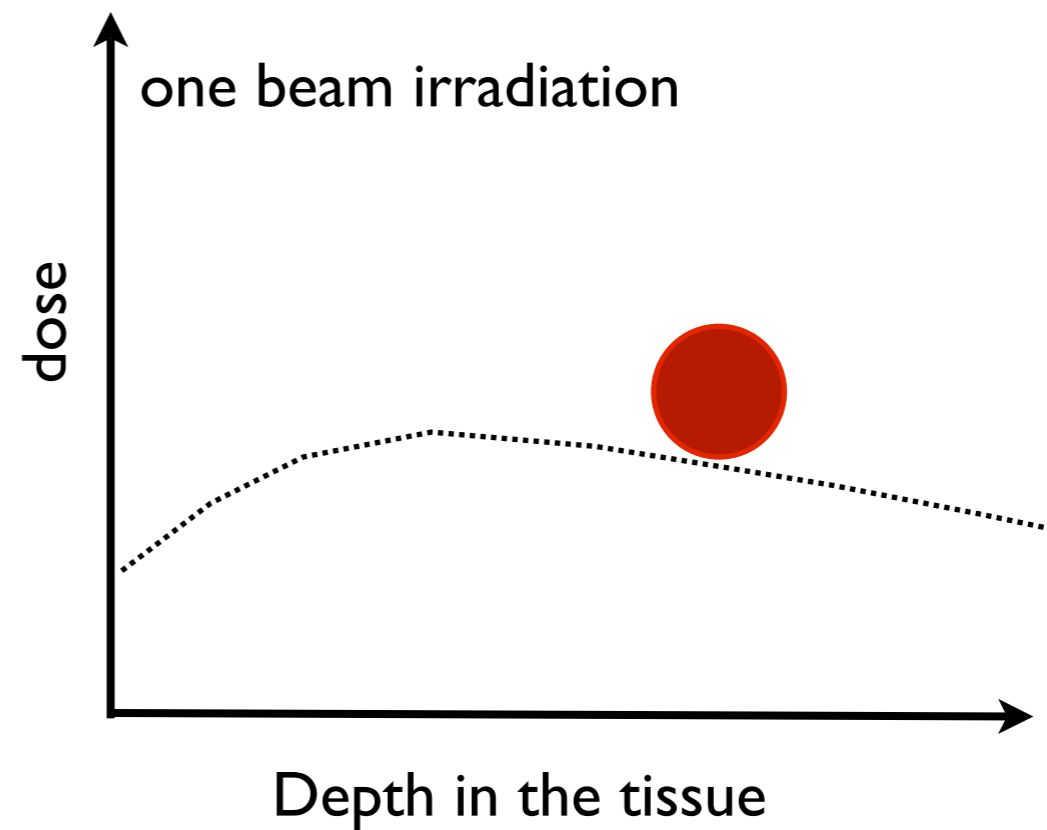
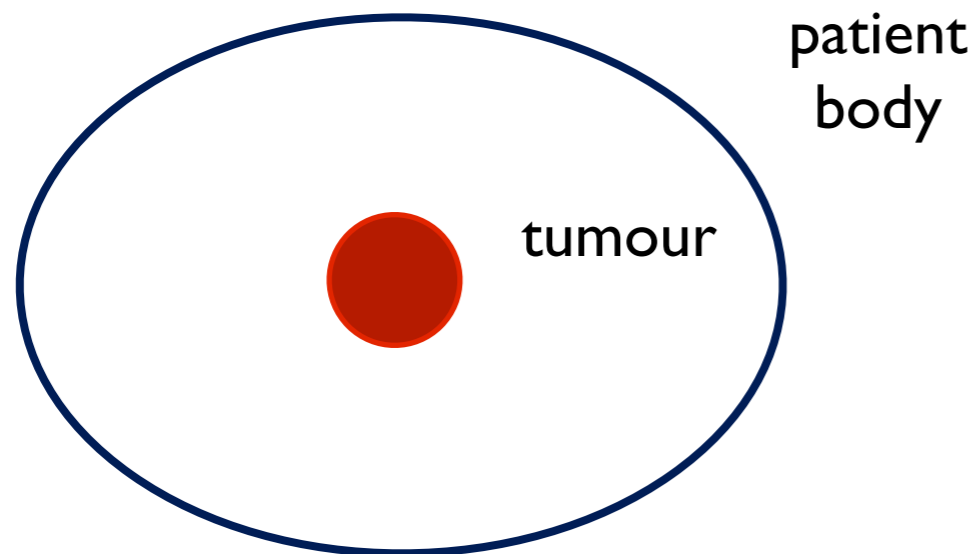




VHE electron depose the dose deep in the body

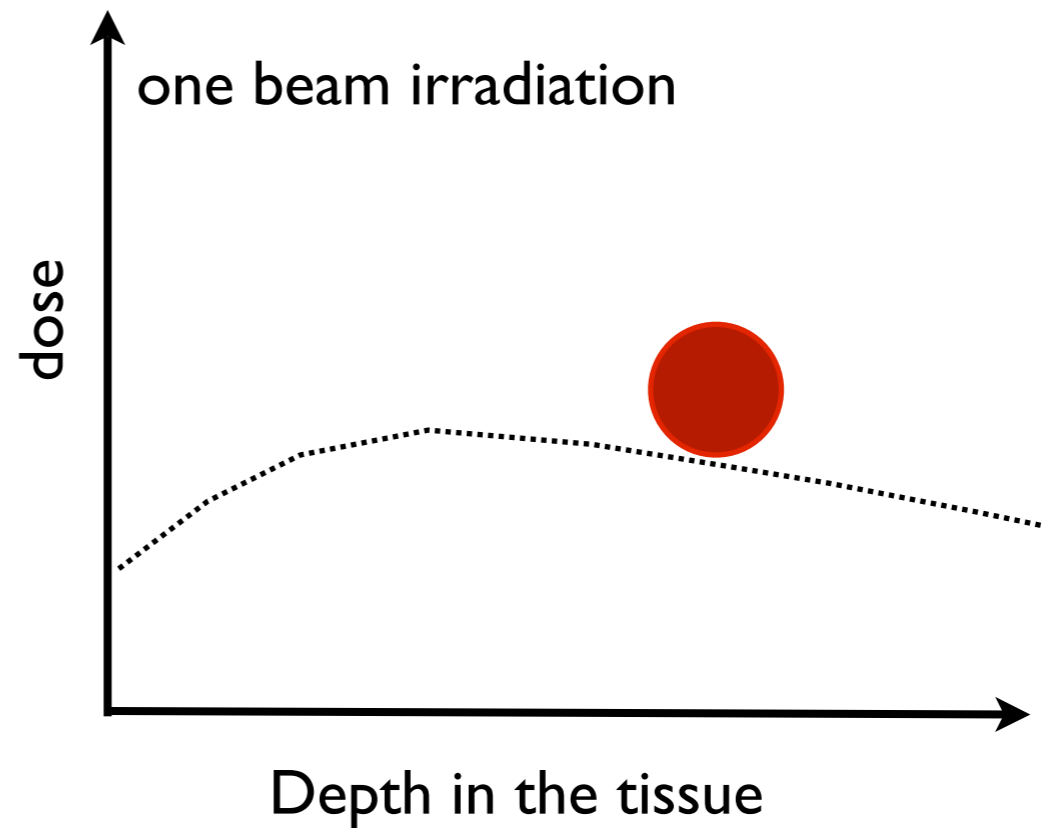
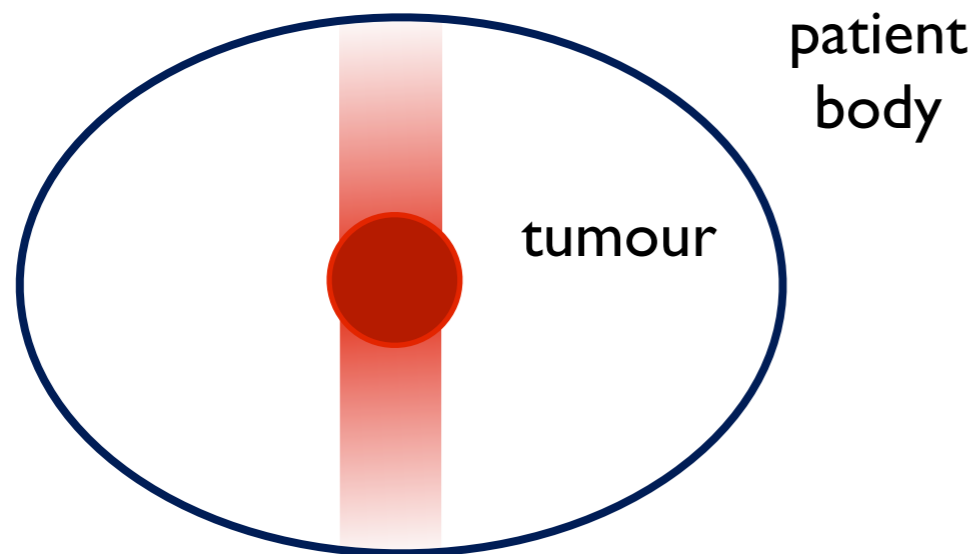


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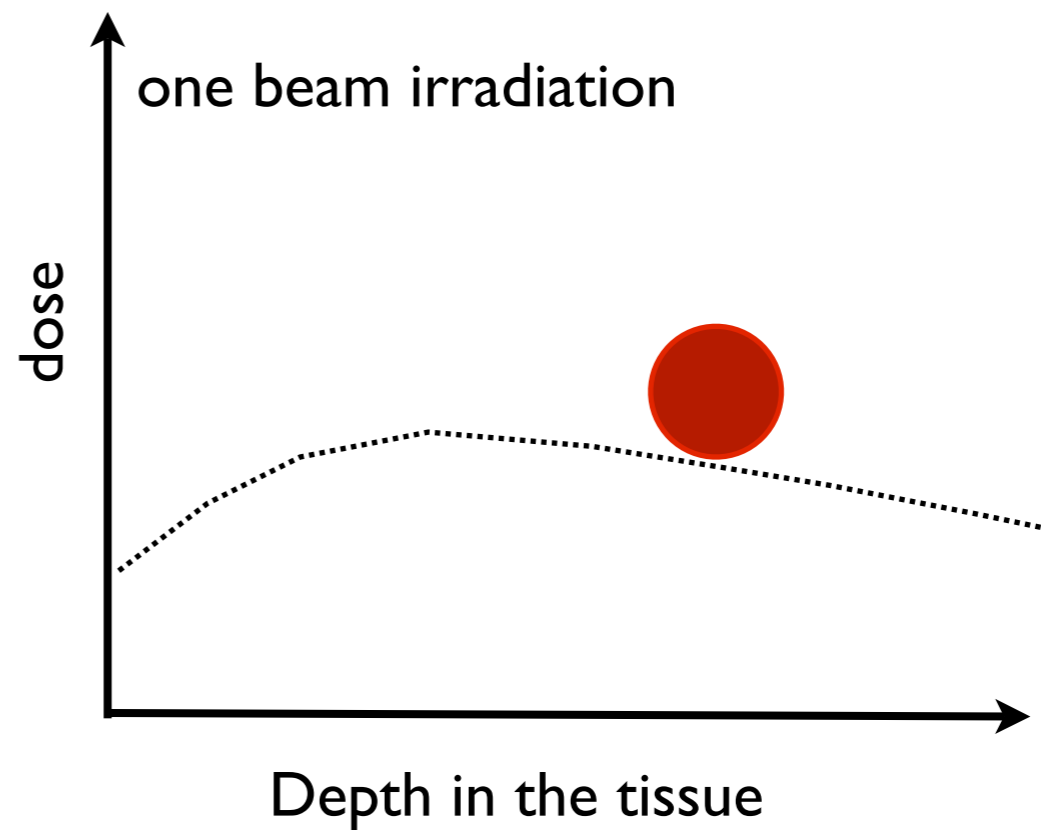
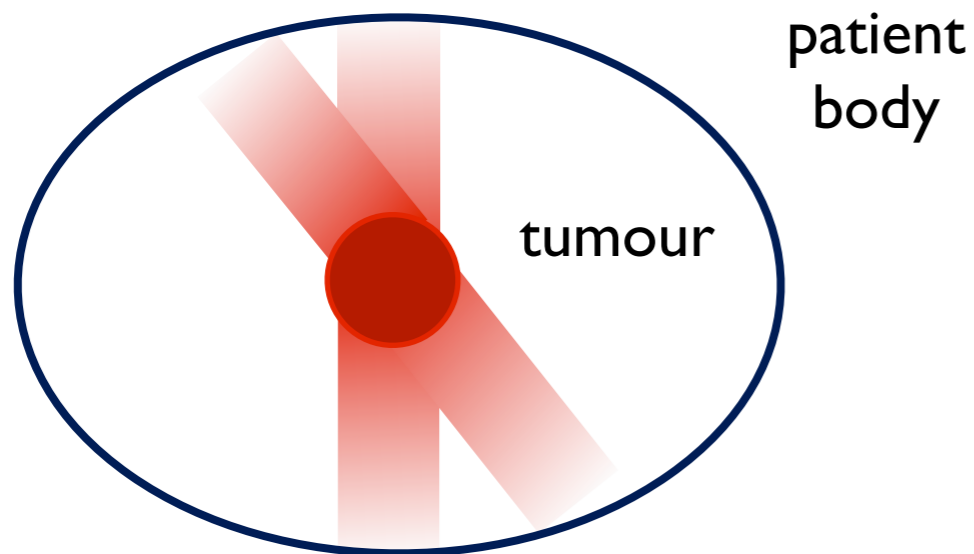


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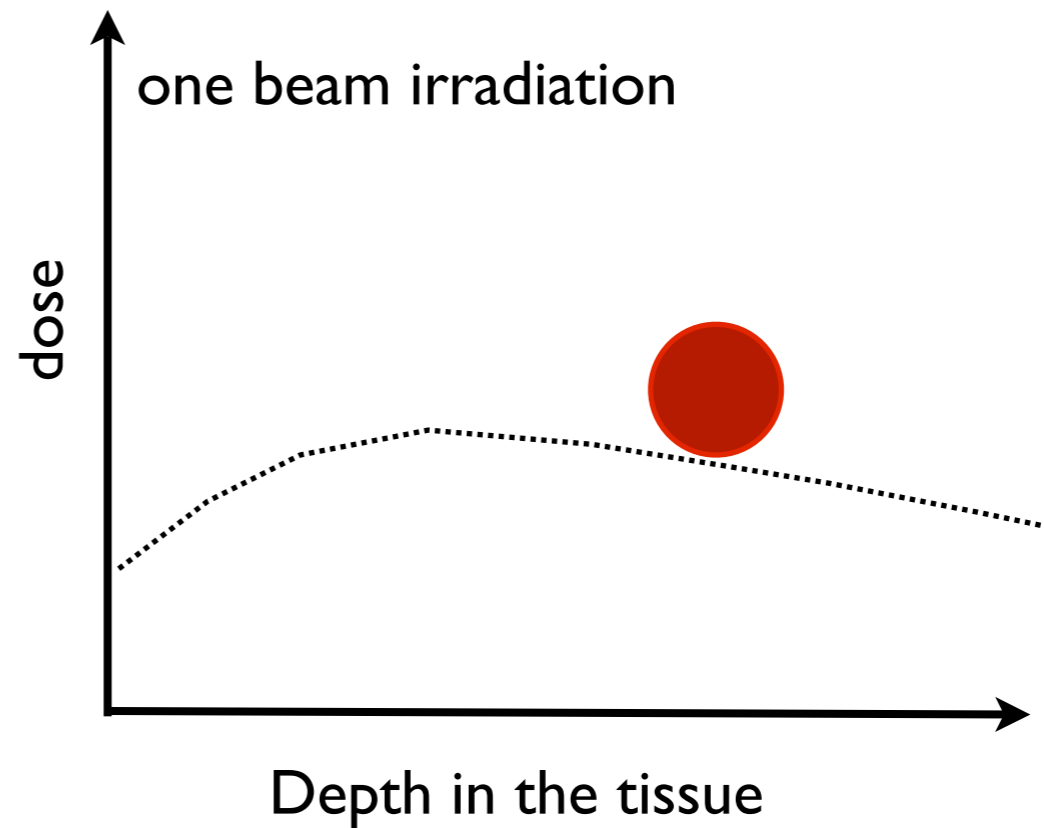
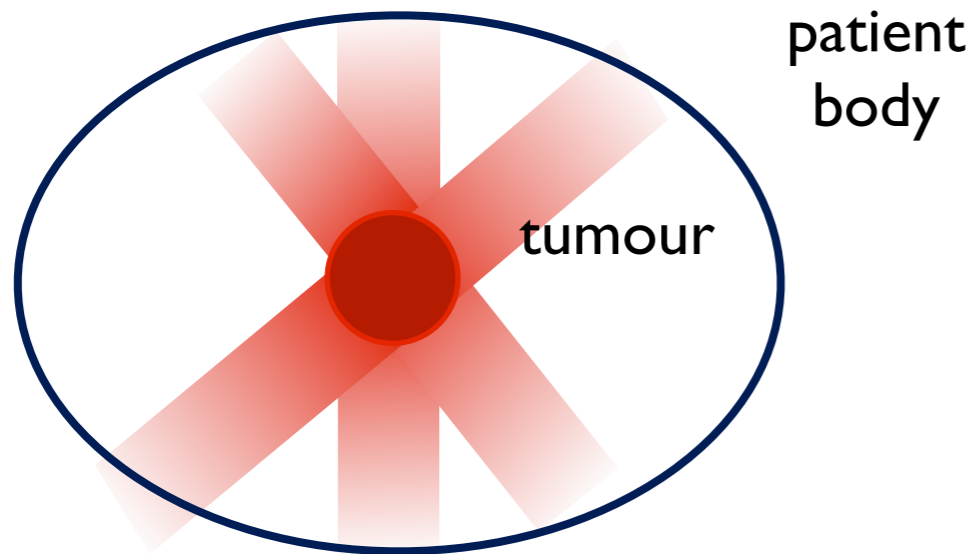


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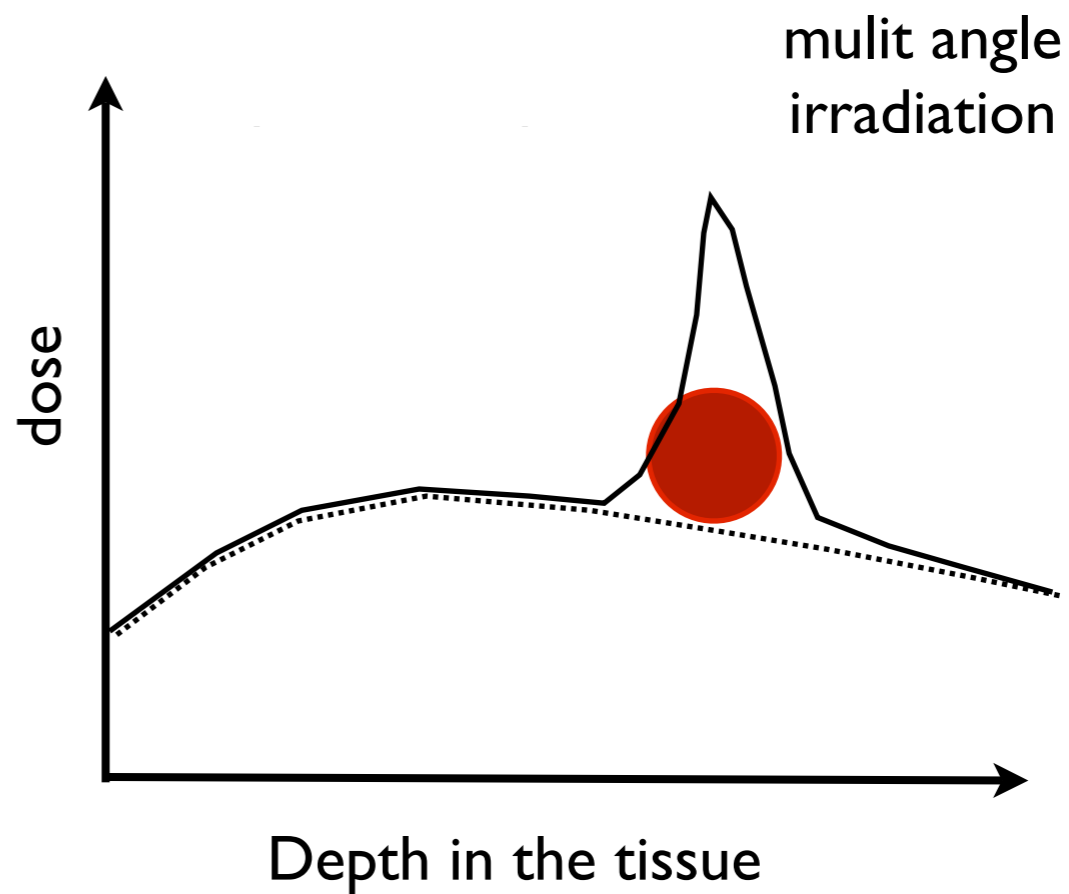
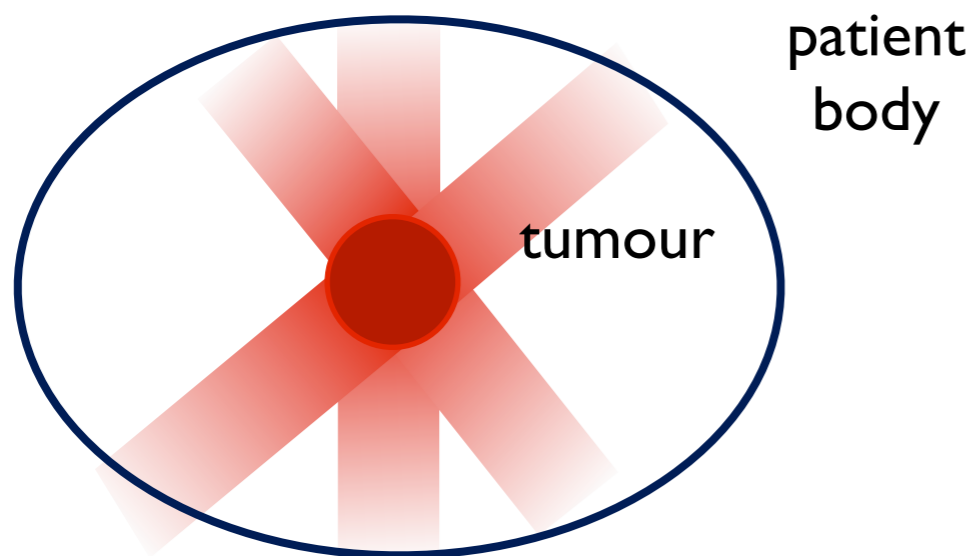


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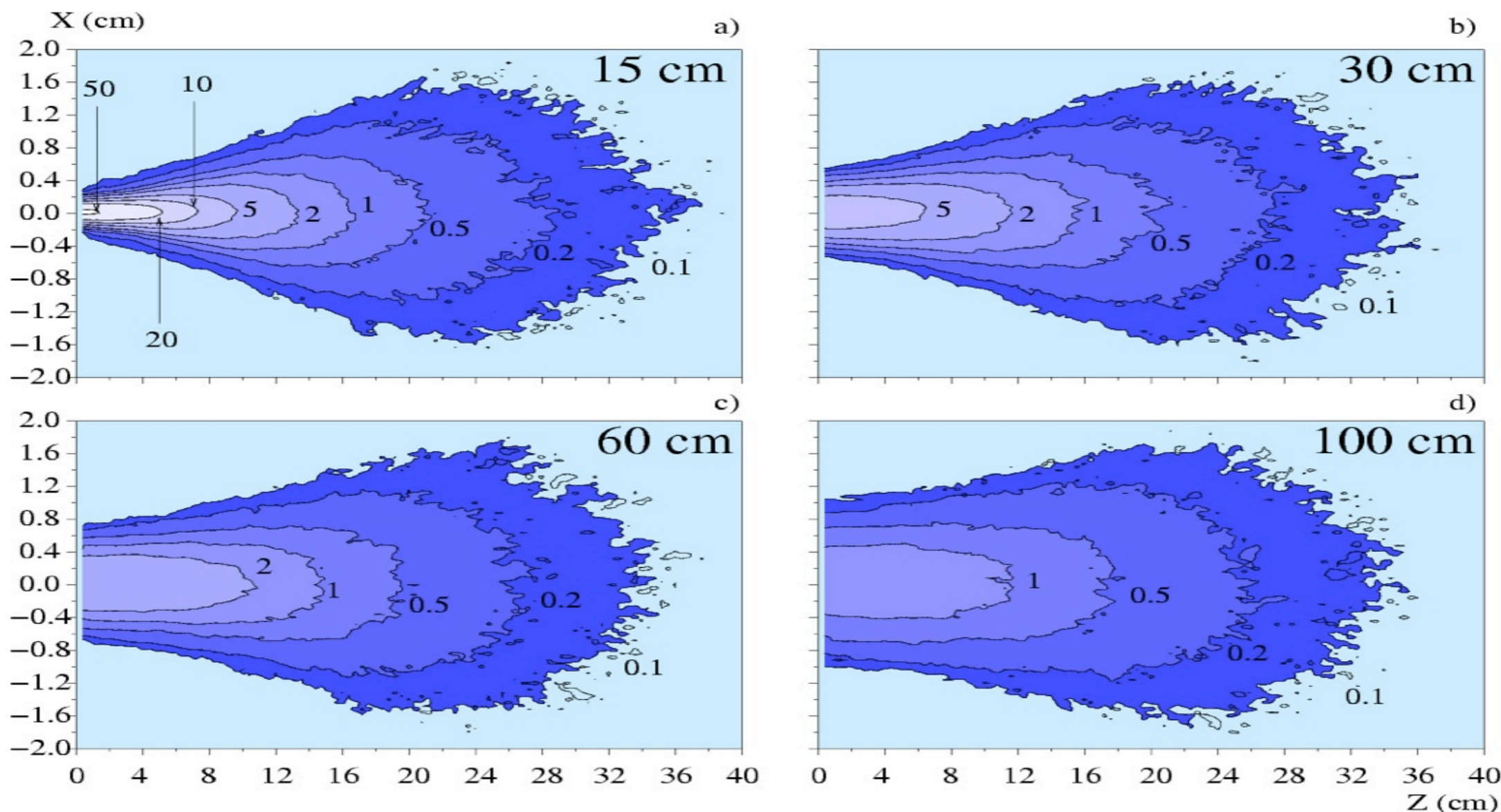




electron beam



Medical applications : isodose calculation



isodose curve : 0.1, 0.2, 0.5, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50 Gy/nC.

distance of the source a: 15 cm, b: 30 cm, c: 60 cm, d: 100 cm

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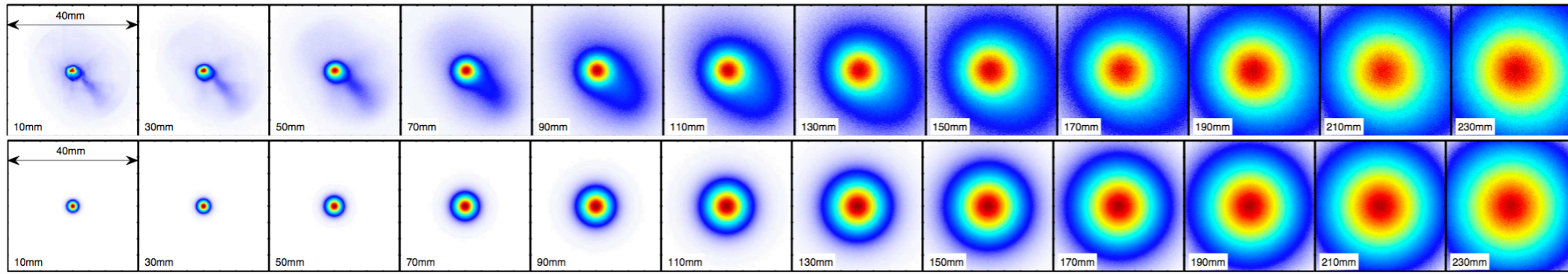
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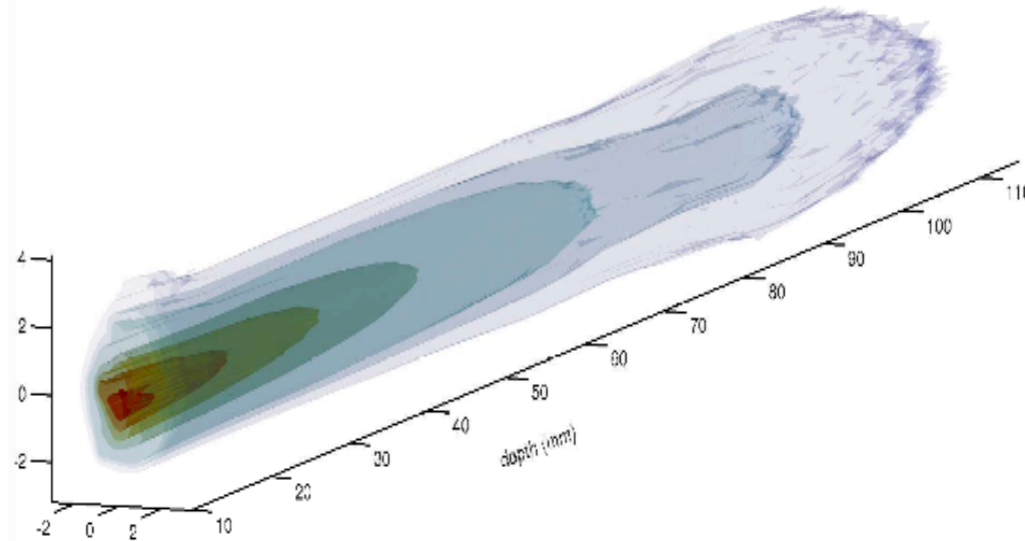
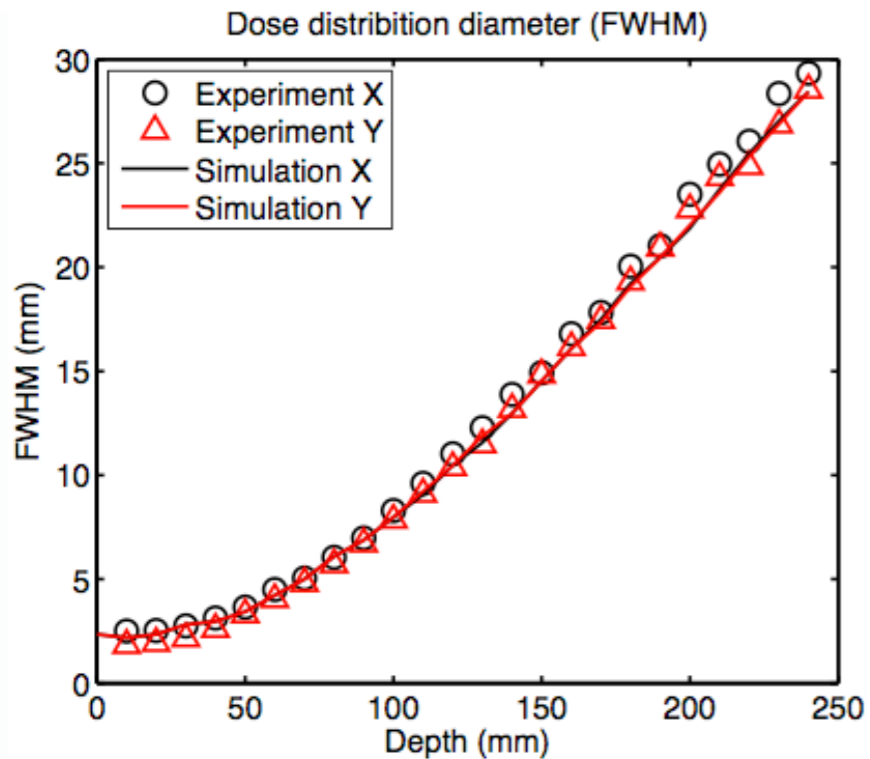
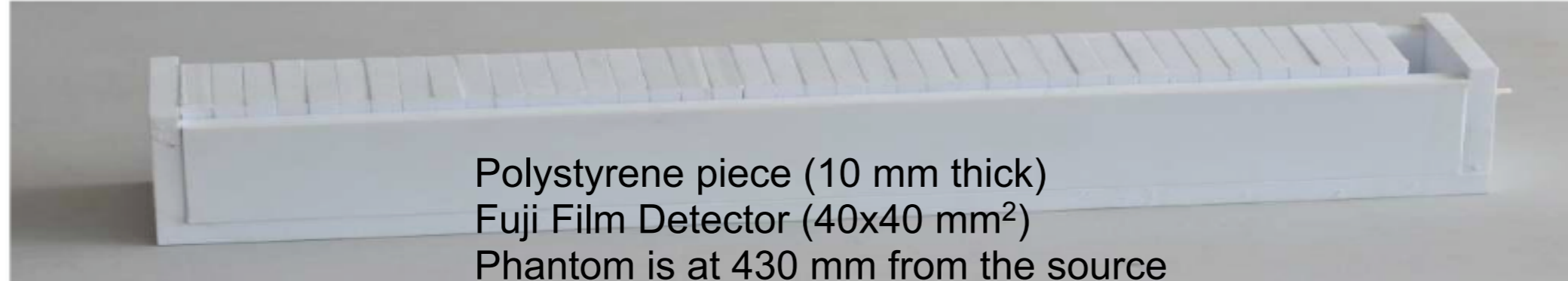
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Some examples of applications : radiotherapy



$E_{pic} = 120 \text{ MeV}$
 $\Delta E = 20 \text{ MeV}$
 $Q_{pic} = 30 \text{ pC}$
 $\Theta = 4.5 \text{ mrad}$
 $D_{max} = 1 \text{ Gy/tir}$



O. Lundh et al., to be submitted, in collaboration with W. De Neve group from University Hospital of GENT



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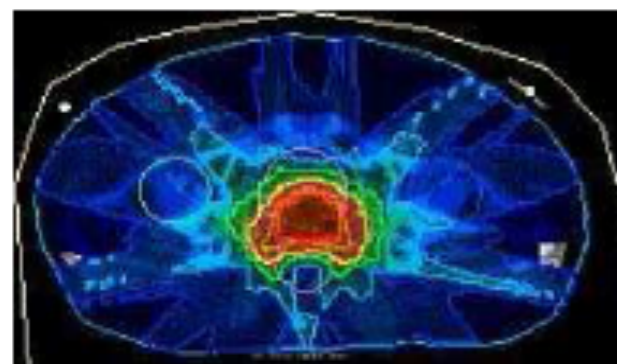
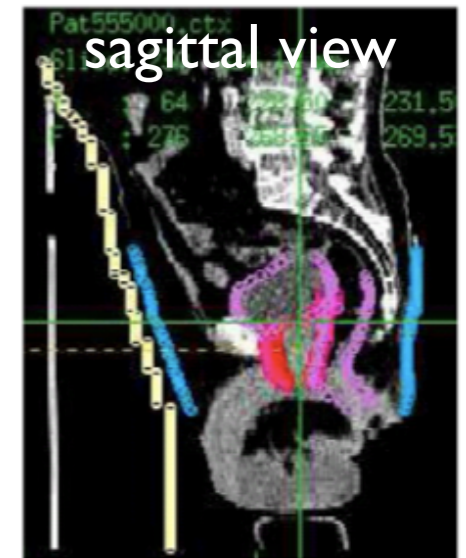
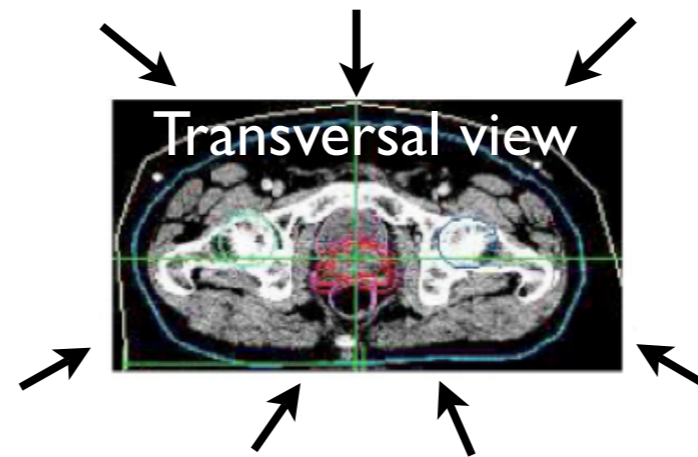
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Cancer treatment improvements : real case of prostate

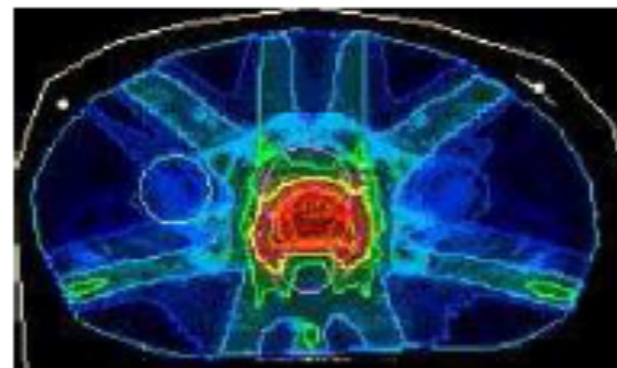


irradiation at 7 angles



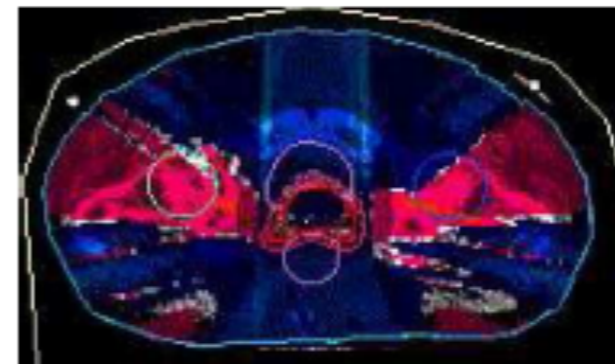
(a)

250 MeV electrons



(b)

X rays IMRT



(c)

Difference

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Laser-accelerated electrons can provide a better dose sparing of critical structures (up to 19%) at a similar target coverage compared to photons.



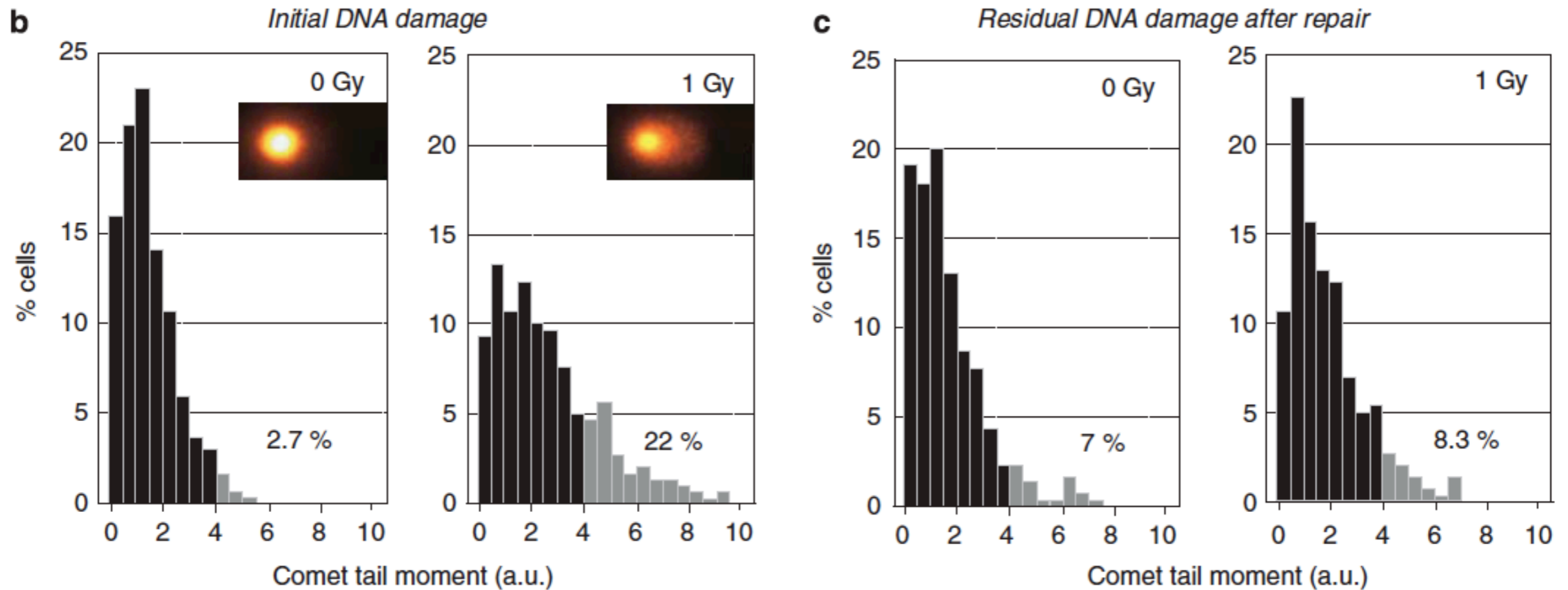
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Radiobiological effects with dose rate of 10^{13} Grays/s



Induction of DNA damage in skin carcinoma cells irradiated at a very high dose rate by a single ultrashort bunch of high-energy electrons (100 fs pulse duration, mean energy of 95 MeV), the pellet containing about $5 \cdot 10^5$ human skin carcinoma cells. Single shot (1.02 ± 0.13 Gy, dose rate 10^{13} Gy/s).



(b, c) Time-dependent evaluation of DNA damage using the alkaline comet assay for sham-irradiated (0 Gy) and irradiated carcinoma cells (1 Gy) immediately after the femtosecond irradiation (b) and after 1 h of repair time at 37°C (c). A significant difference between the distributions of 0 and 1 Gy samples was found for initial damage.

O. Rigaud *et al.* Cell Death and Disease 1e73, (2010)

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Accelerators point of view : Two laser beams allow the control of many e-beam parameters

Good beam quality & Monoenergetic dE/E down to 1 %



Beam is very stable



Energy is tunable: 20-300 MeV



Charge is tunable: 1 to tens of pC



Energy spread is tunable: 1 to 10 %



Ultra short e-bunch : 1,5 fs rms



Physics point of view : many new aspects of the interaction have been revealed :

Heating processes with crossed polarized lasers



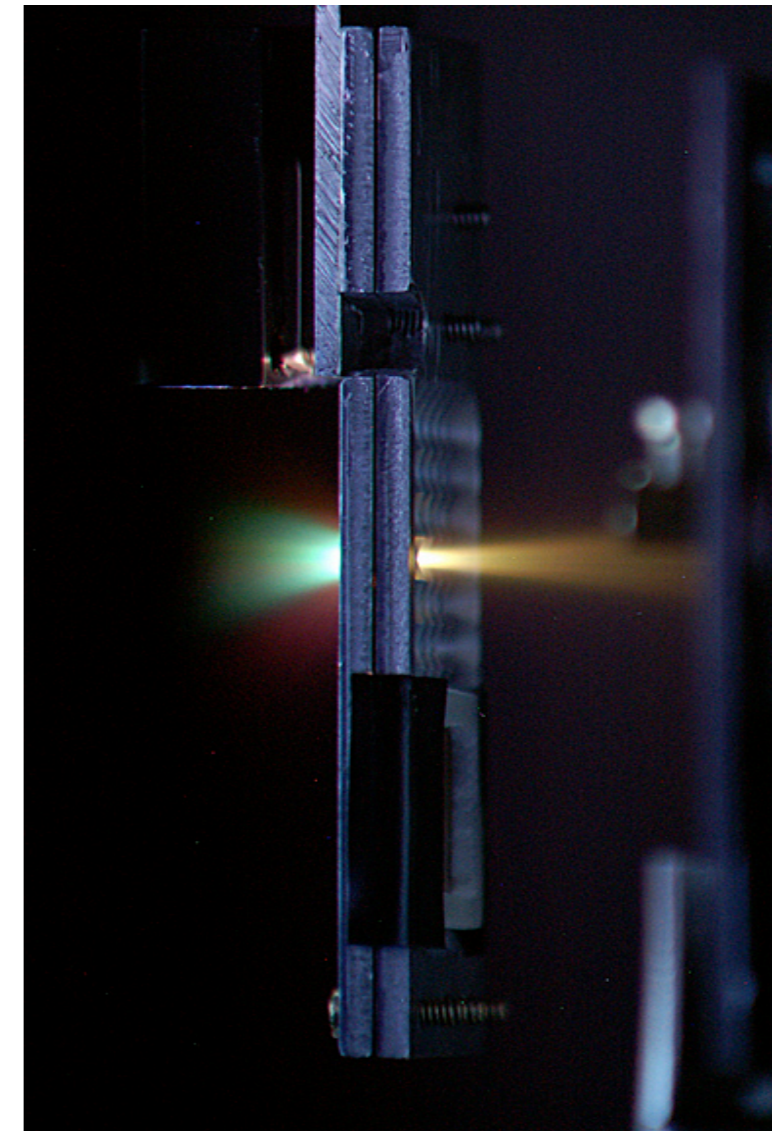
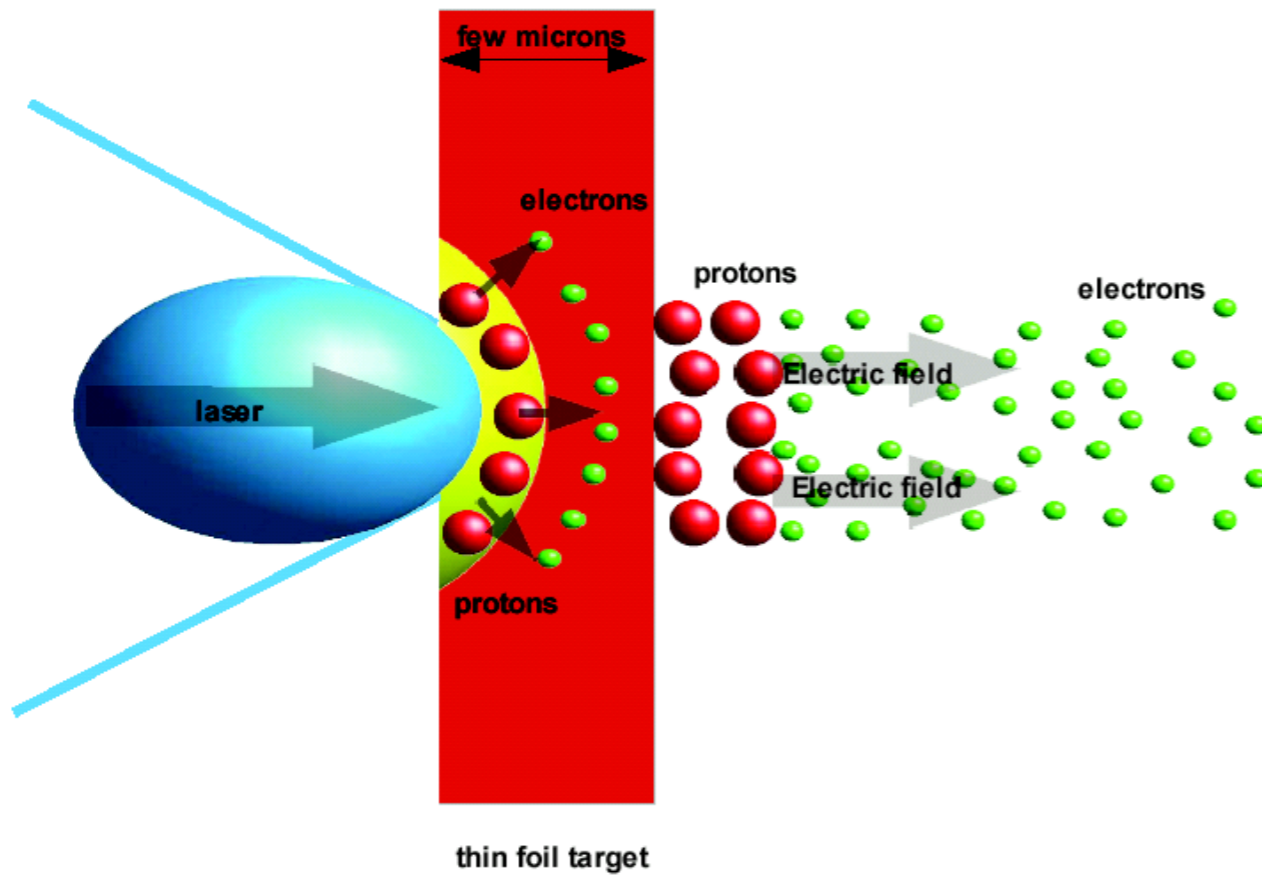
Inhibited plasma waves effect



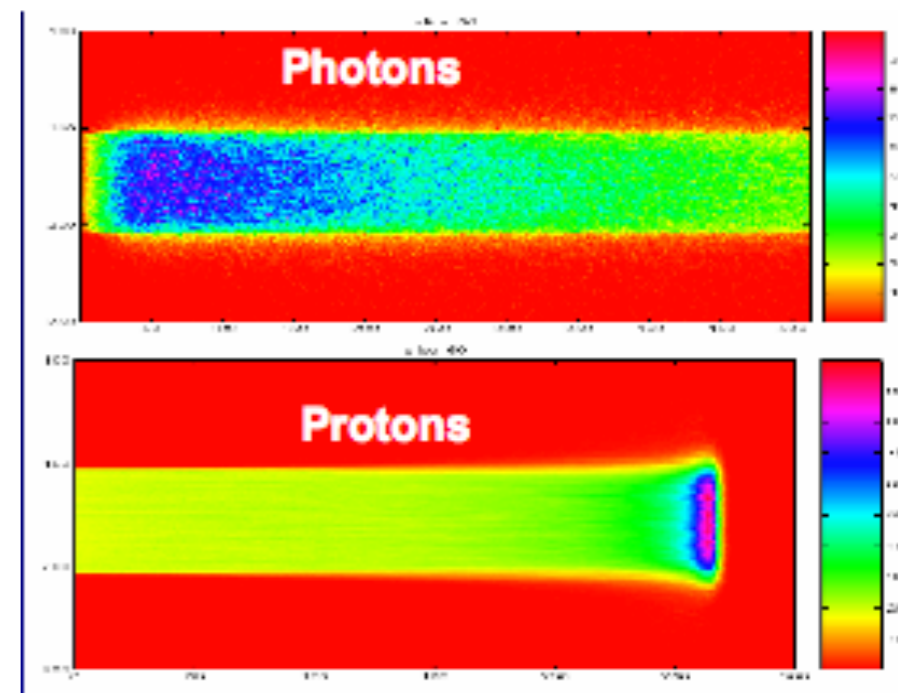
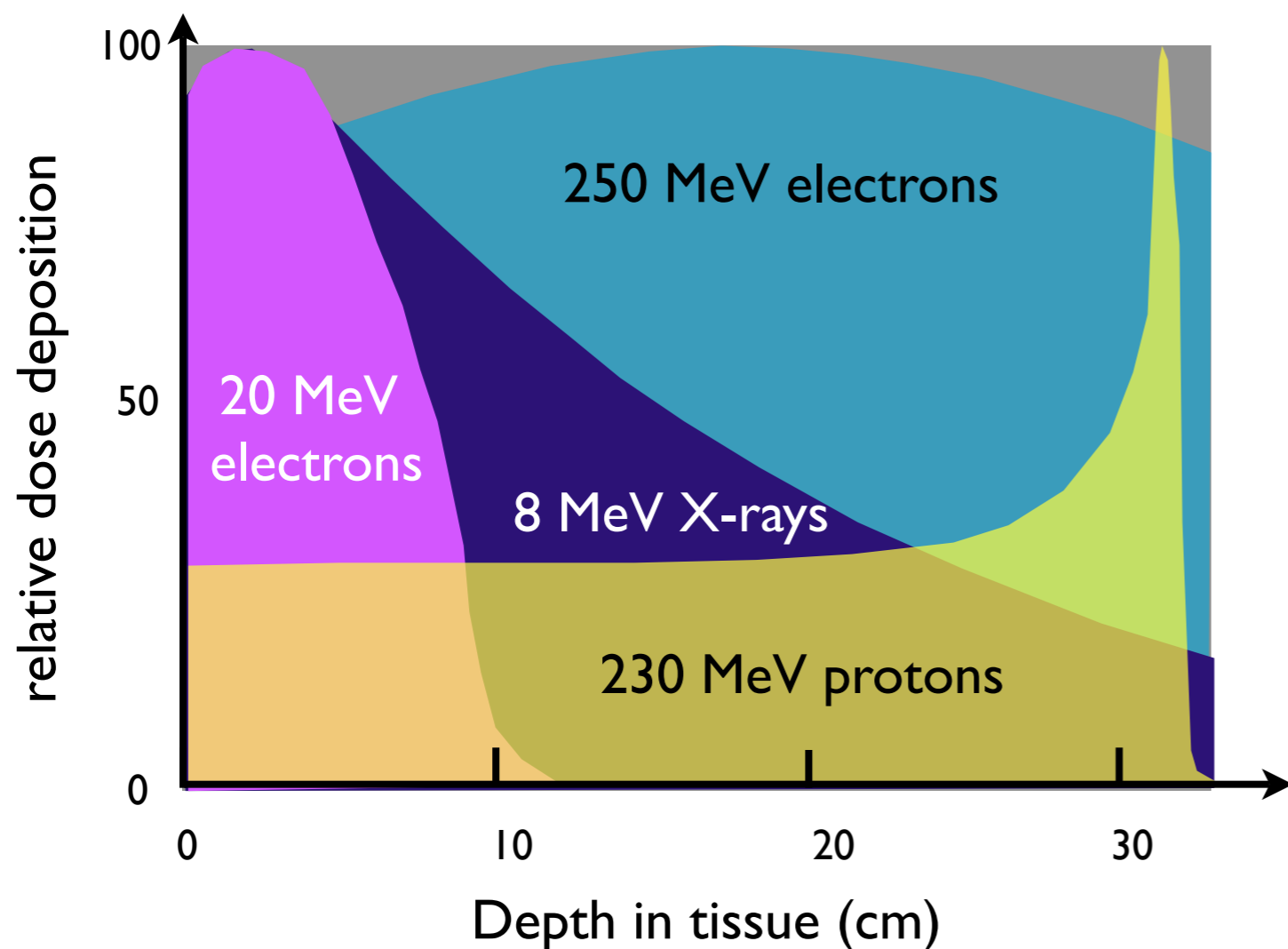
Beam loading effect : optimum charge of 20pC



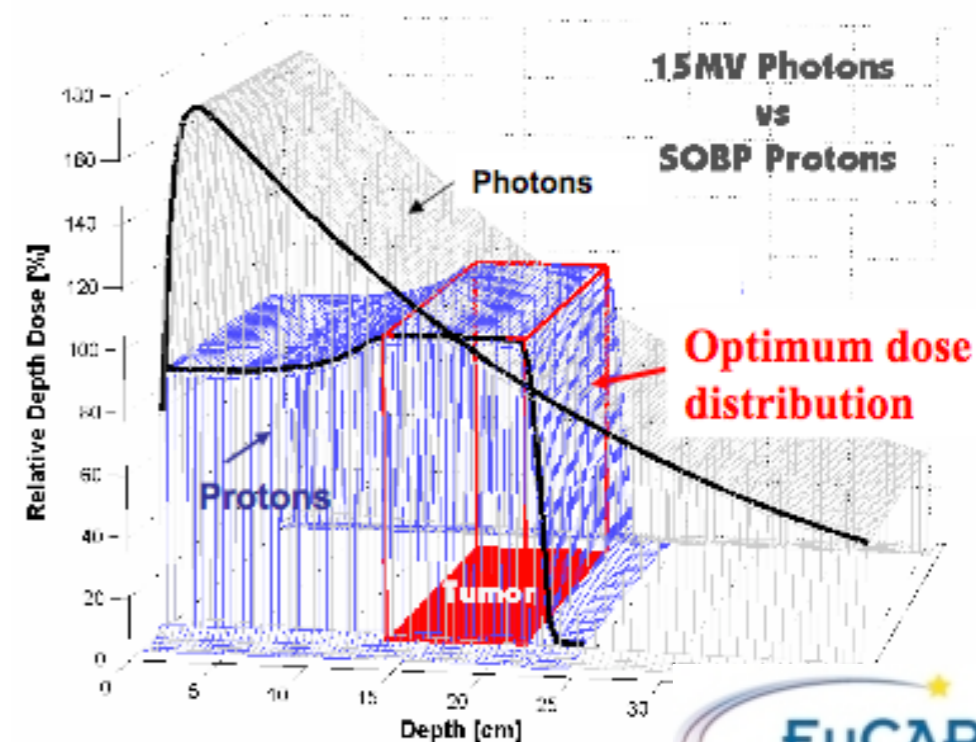
Accélération de protons : principe



Protons provide superior dose distributions



- The « optimum » dose distribution delivers 100% dose to the tumour target and not to critical normal tissues.
- Proton beams deliver dose distribution that are more optimum than those from photon beams
- This should result in improved clinical outcomes when proton beams are used.



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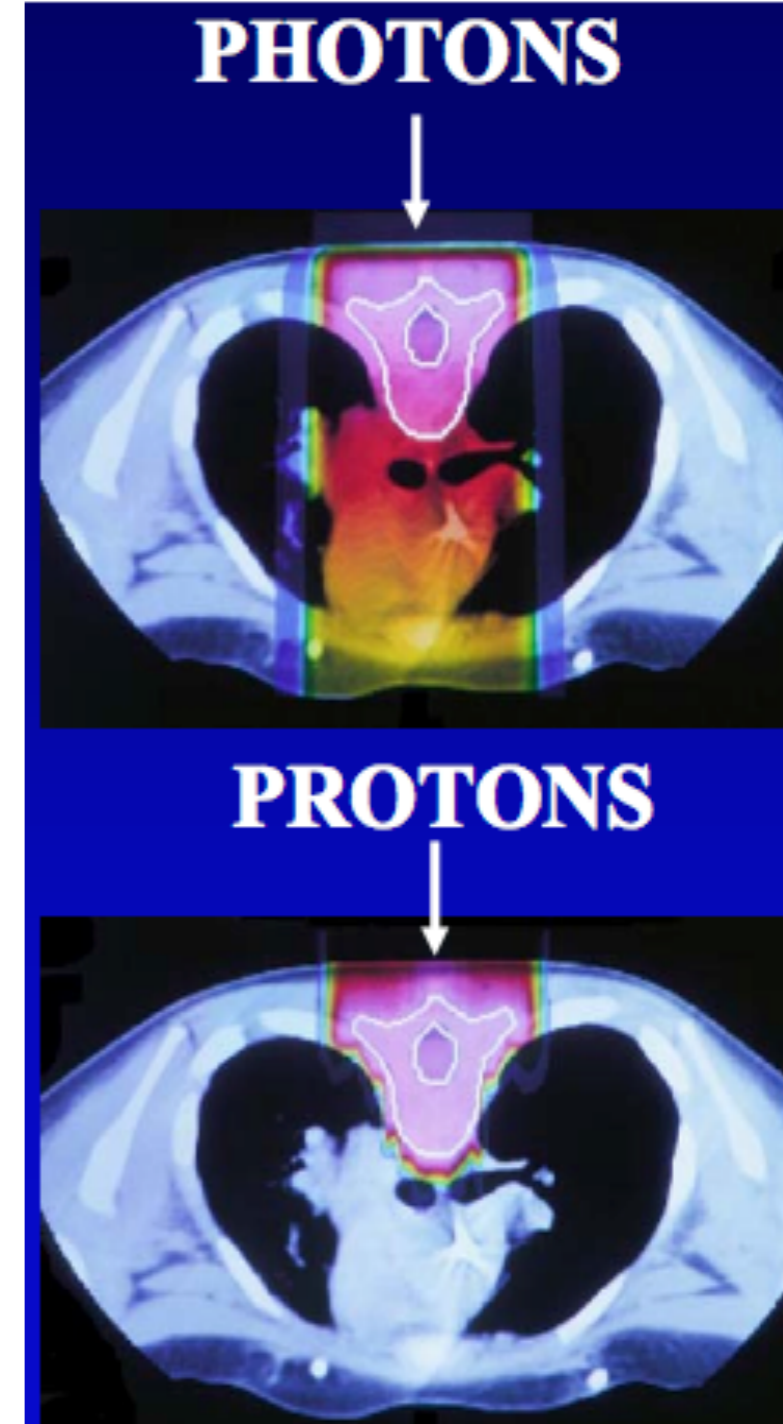
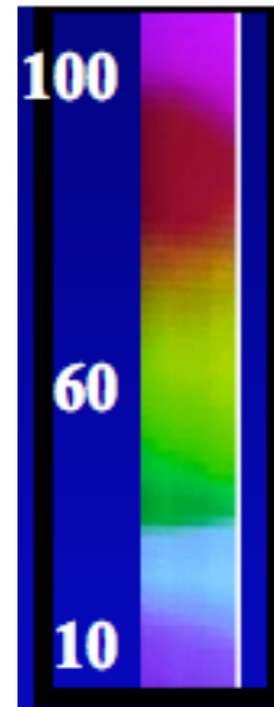
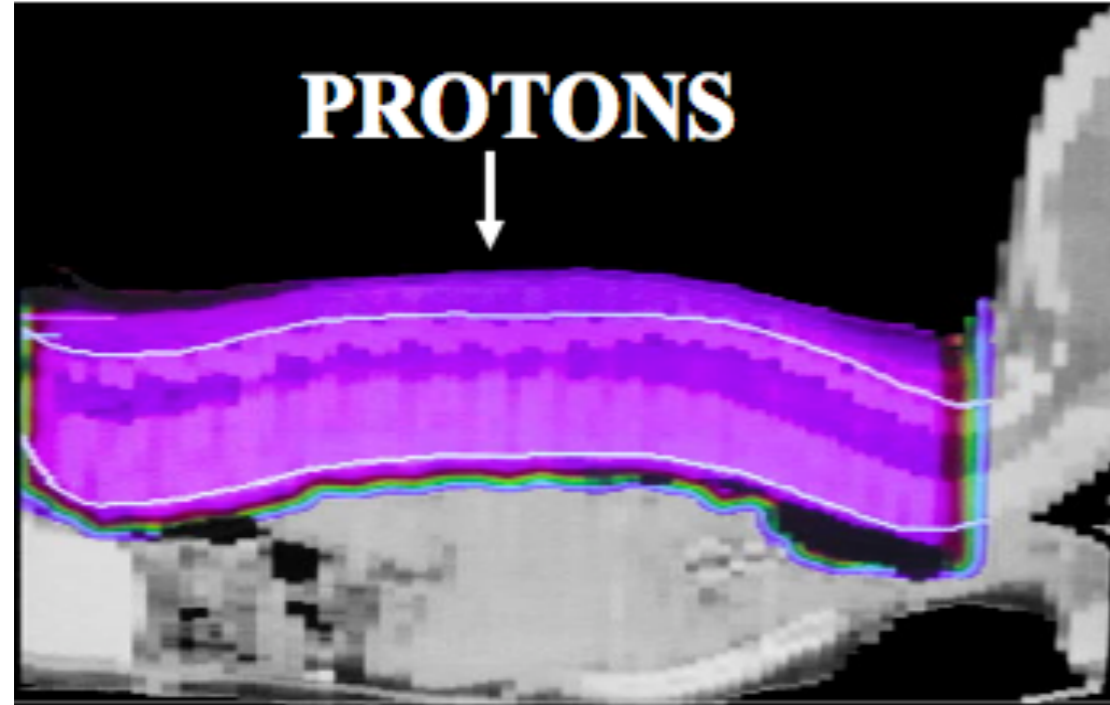
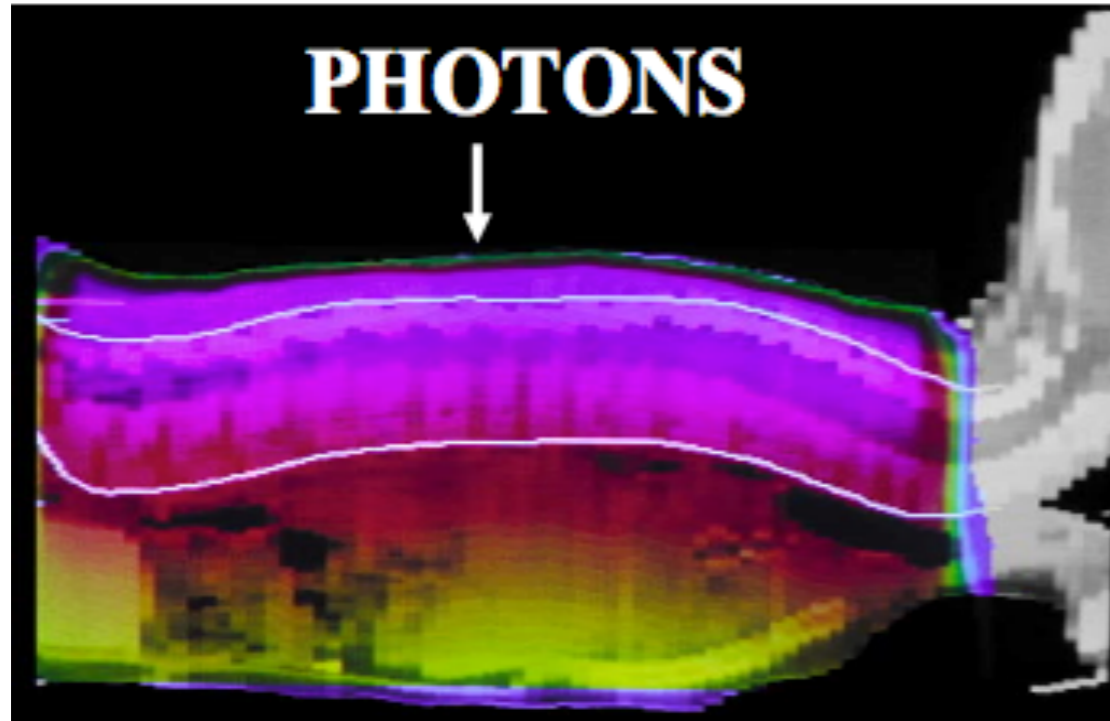


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Medulloblastoma



courtesy of Prof. A. Smith

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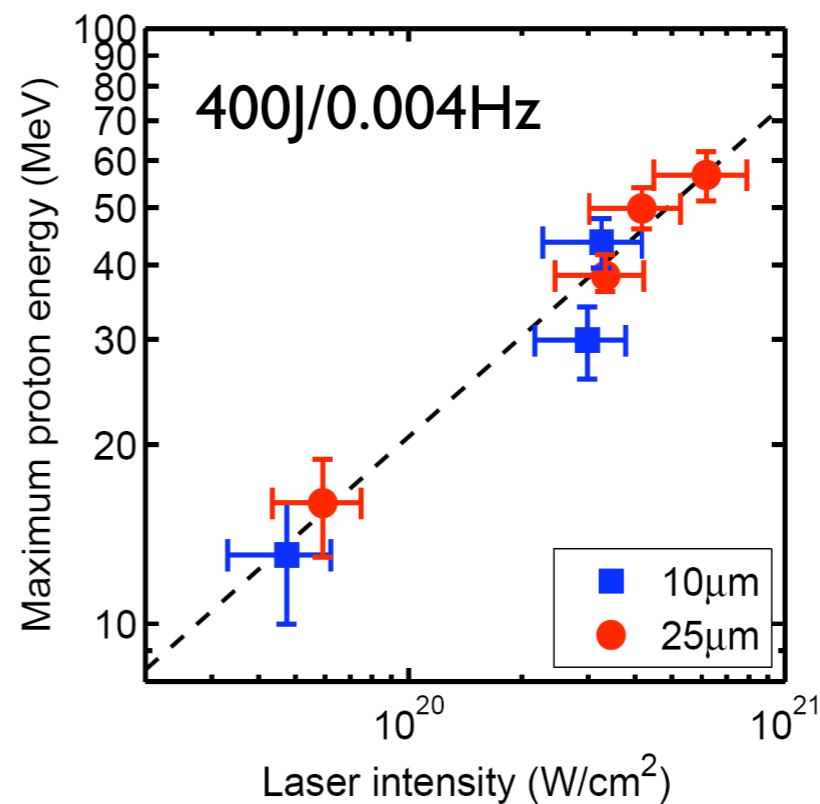
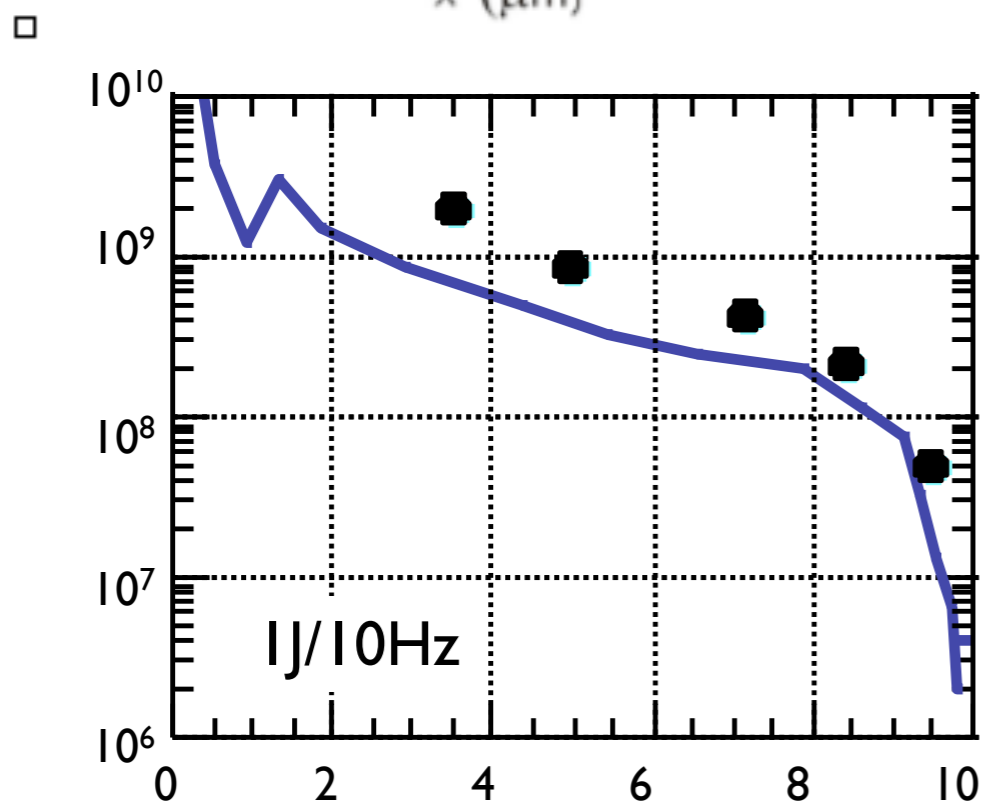
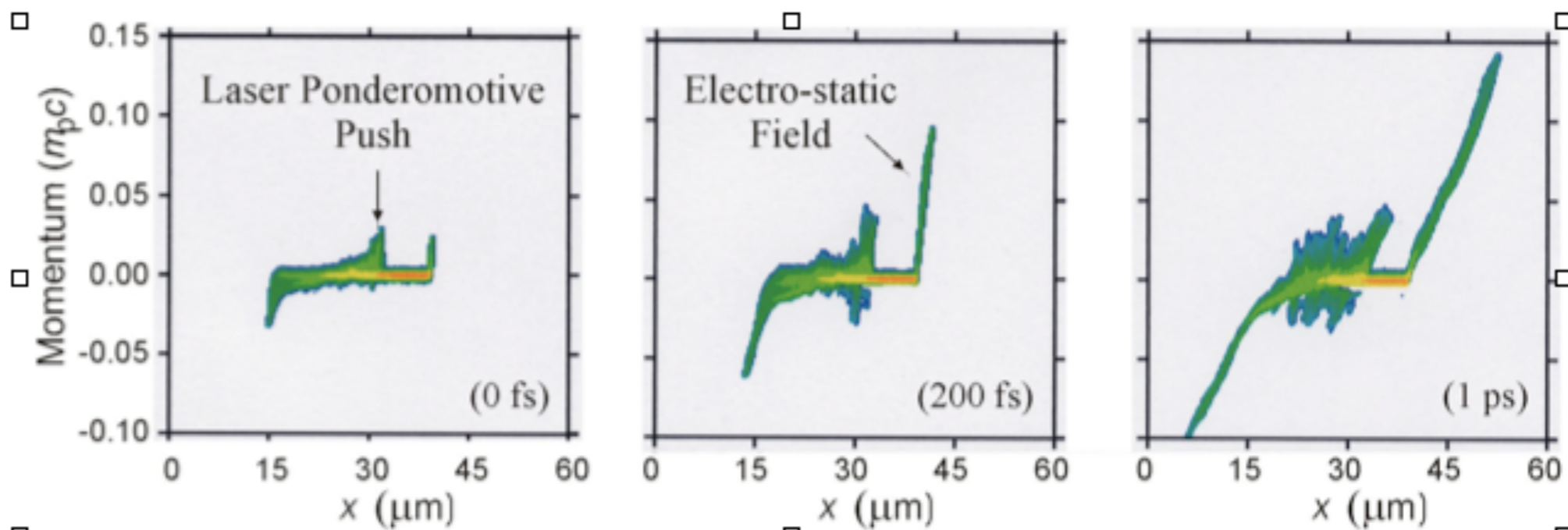


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Three ion beams are produced



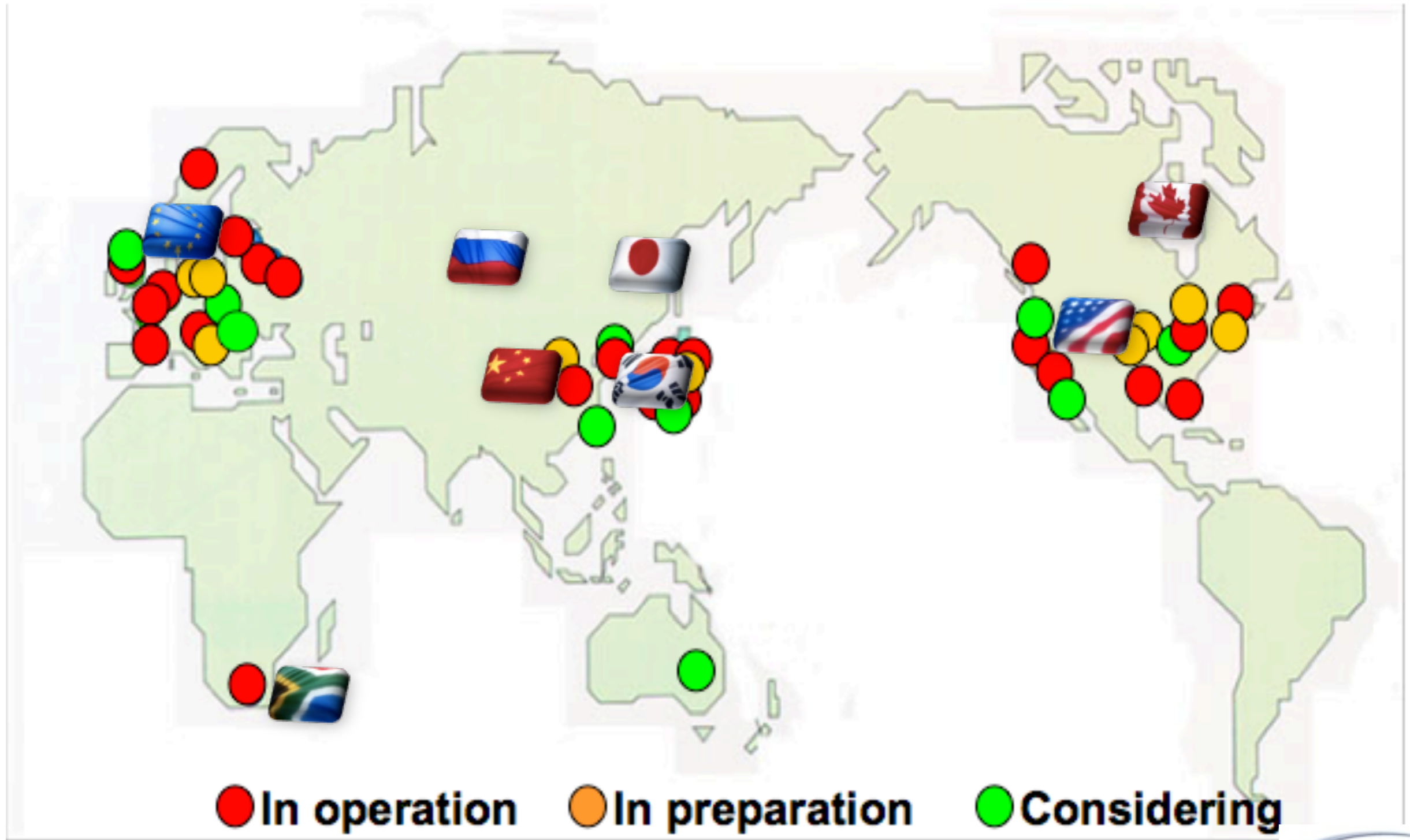
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Protontherapy Facilities in the World (20 proton, 3 Carbon)



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Very selective prescription because of the **cost** and of the **weight** of the infrastructure.
Determined by the need of having an **high ballistic precision**.

Medical impact	Tumour localisation	Nb of patient per year	Total
Major prescriptions	Eyes tumours	400 / 450	2.800 / 3.550
	Neuro-oncology and Rachis	2.000 / 2.500	
	Childs and adolescent	300 / 500	
	Sarcomes retro-peritony	80 / 100	
other possible prescriptions	ORL	500 / 1.000	4.500 / 6.500
	Lungs (poumons)	3.000 / 4.000	
	other cancers	1.000 / 1.500	
Potential prescriptions	Some prostate cancers	2.500 / 3.000	3.000 / 4.000
	Re-irradiations	500 / 1.000	

recent publication: **protontherapy should be beneficial for 15% of patients wich requires radiotherapy treatment** (i.e. 27.000 patients per year in France)
Capacity of protontherapy in France : 600 patients per year (800 en 2011).



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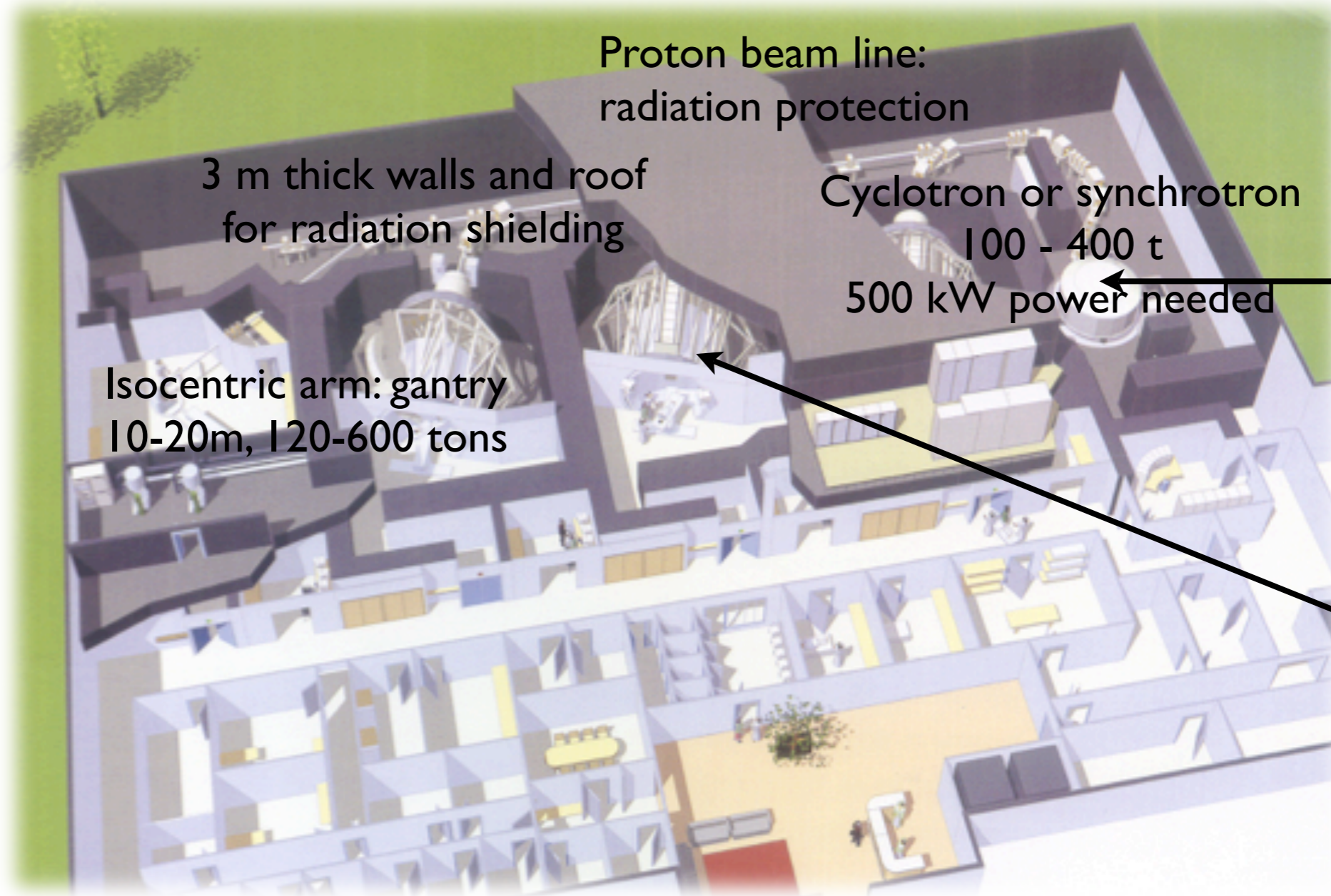


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Protontherapy : basic numbers

10 millions more people affected each year
6 millions are treated by conventional radiotherapy
9% of them could be treated by proton therapy: only 0.1% actually are
Beams have still a very low impact on overall tumor therapy
About 500 more proton therapy centers required to satisfy the need



Accelerators used in protontherapy



Hitachi 250 MeV synchrotron



IBA 230 MeV Cyclotron



Specification :

- Diameter : 3,4 m
- Weight : 60 tons
- « Self » radioprotection
- Courant max : 500 nA ($3 \cdot 10^{12}$ p.s⁻¹)
- Output Energy : 250 MeV
- Extraction efficiency : 80%
- Emittance : few p-mm.mrad
- 95 % reliability (garanty by the compagny)
- 6 compagnies in the world

Varian/ACCEL Superconducting Cyclotron

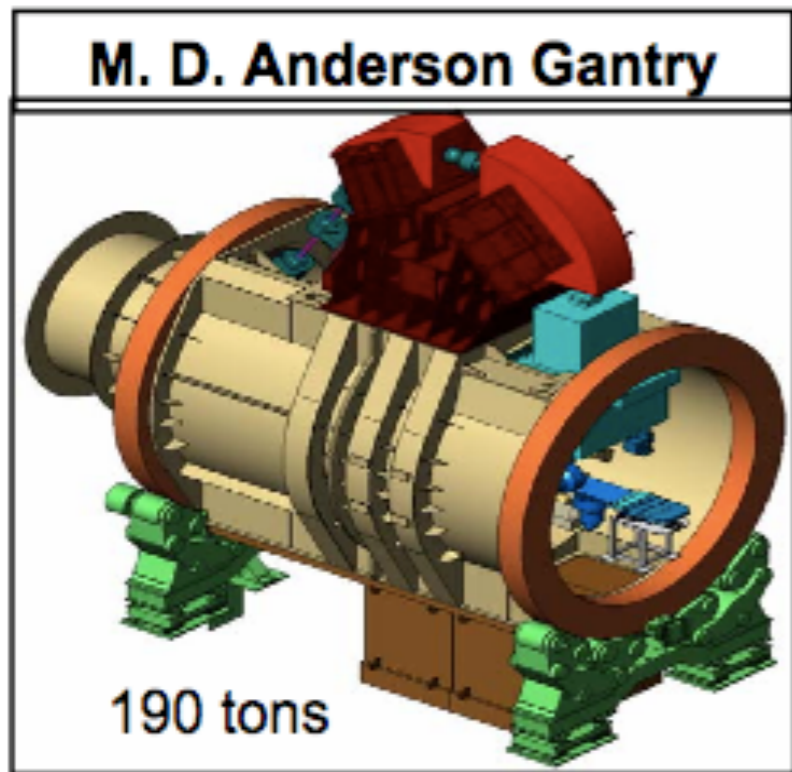


Still River Superconducting Synchrocyclotron

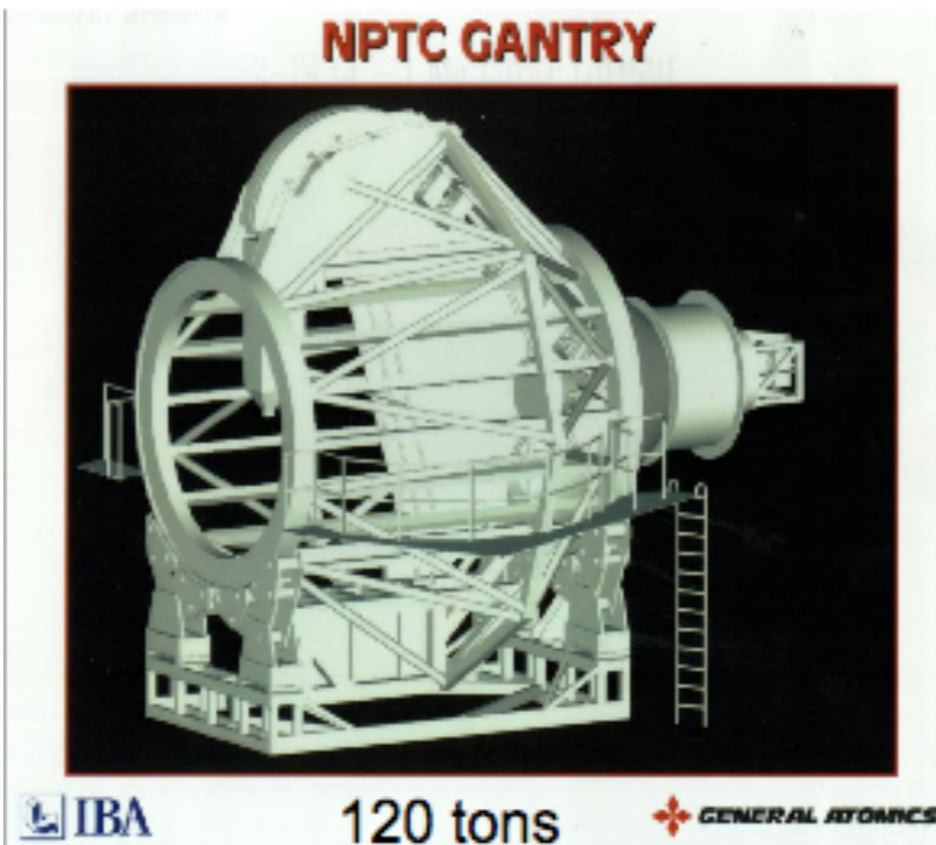


Cost ~ 10 M€

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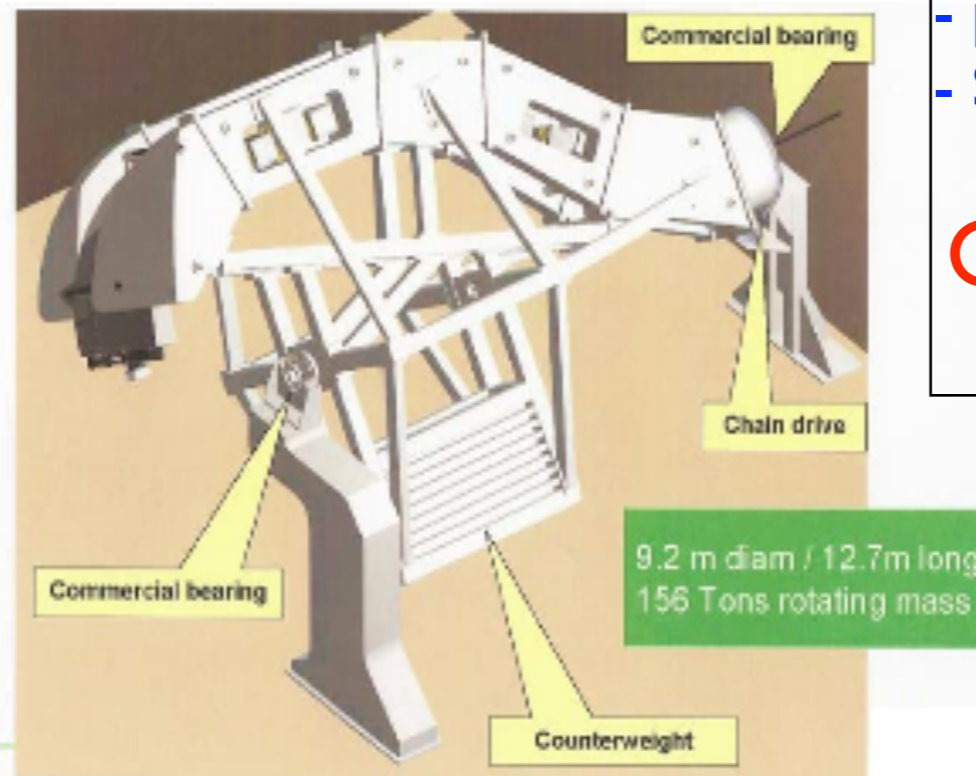
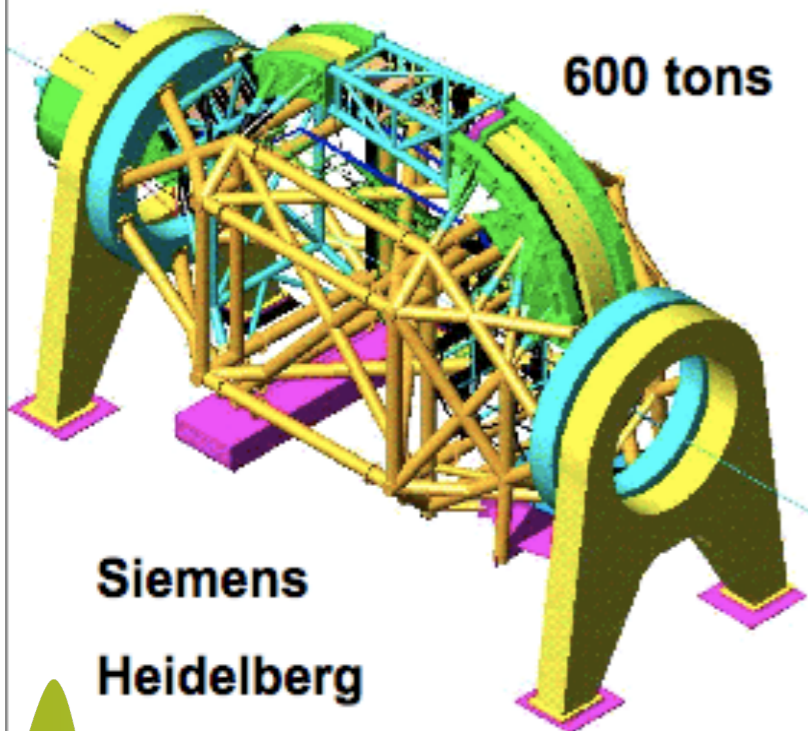
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Specification :

- Diameter : 3,4 m
- Weight : 120-600 tons
- precision : mm
- Size: 12-20m

Cost ~10-20 M€



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Protontherapy : basic numbers



Proton beam line:
radiation protection

3 m thick walls and roof
for radiation shielding

Cyclotron or synchrotron
100 - 400 t
500 kW power needed

Isocentric arm: gantry
10-20m, 120-600 tons



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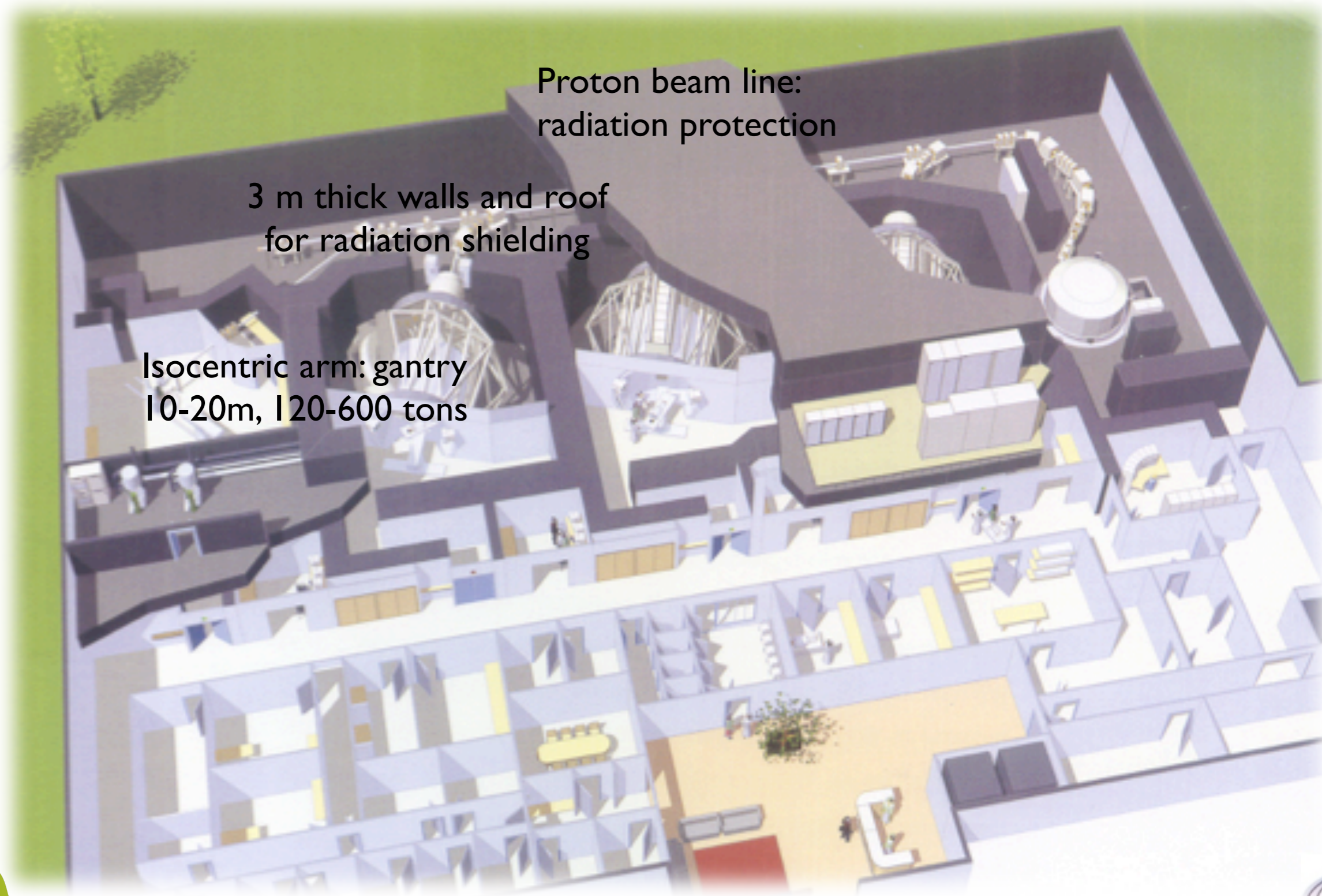
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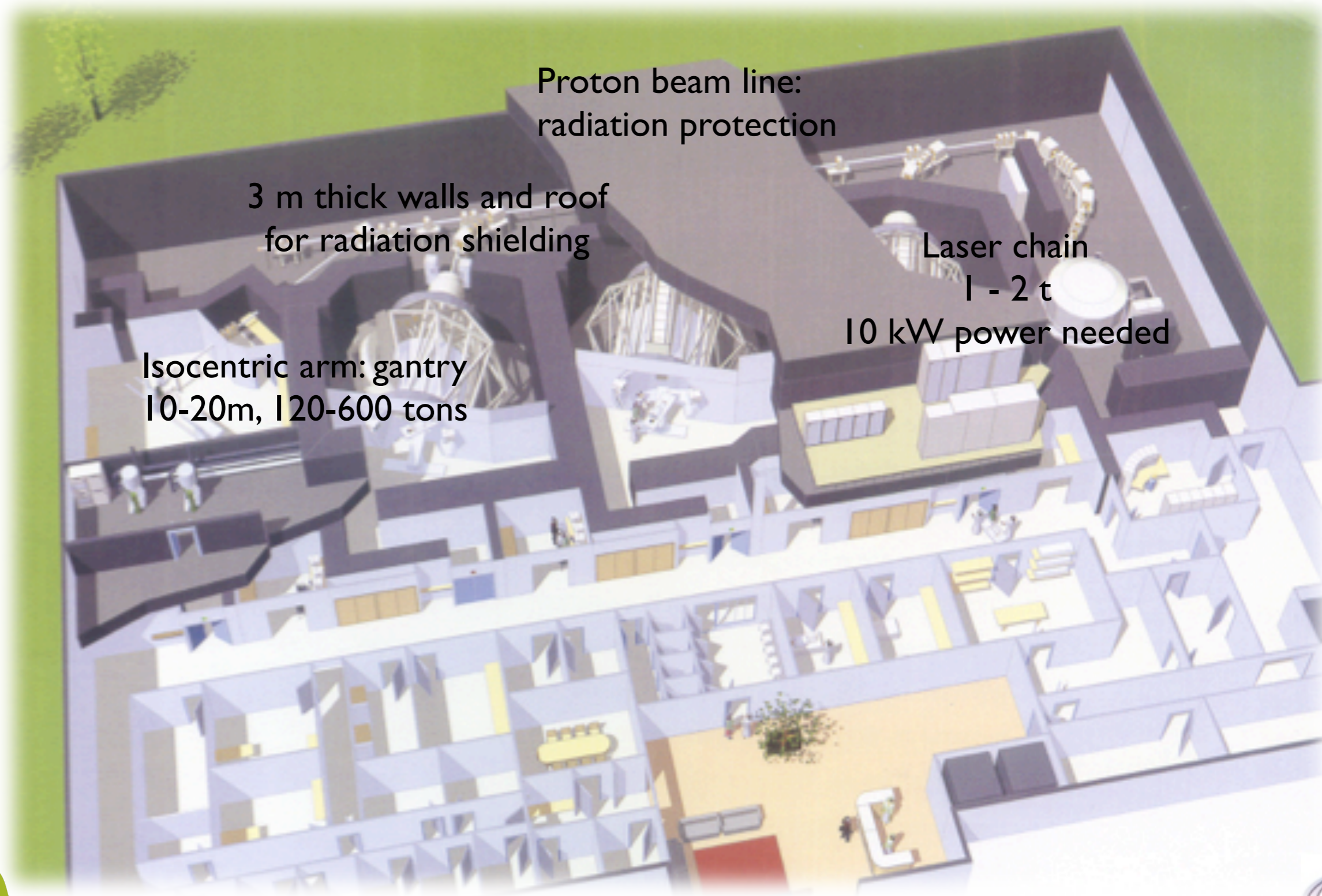


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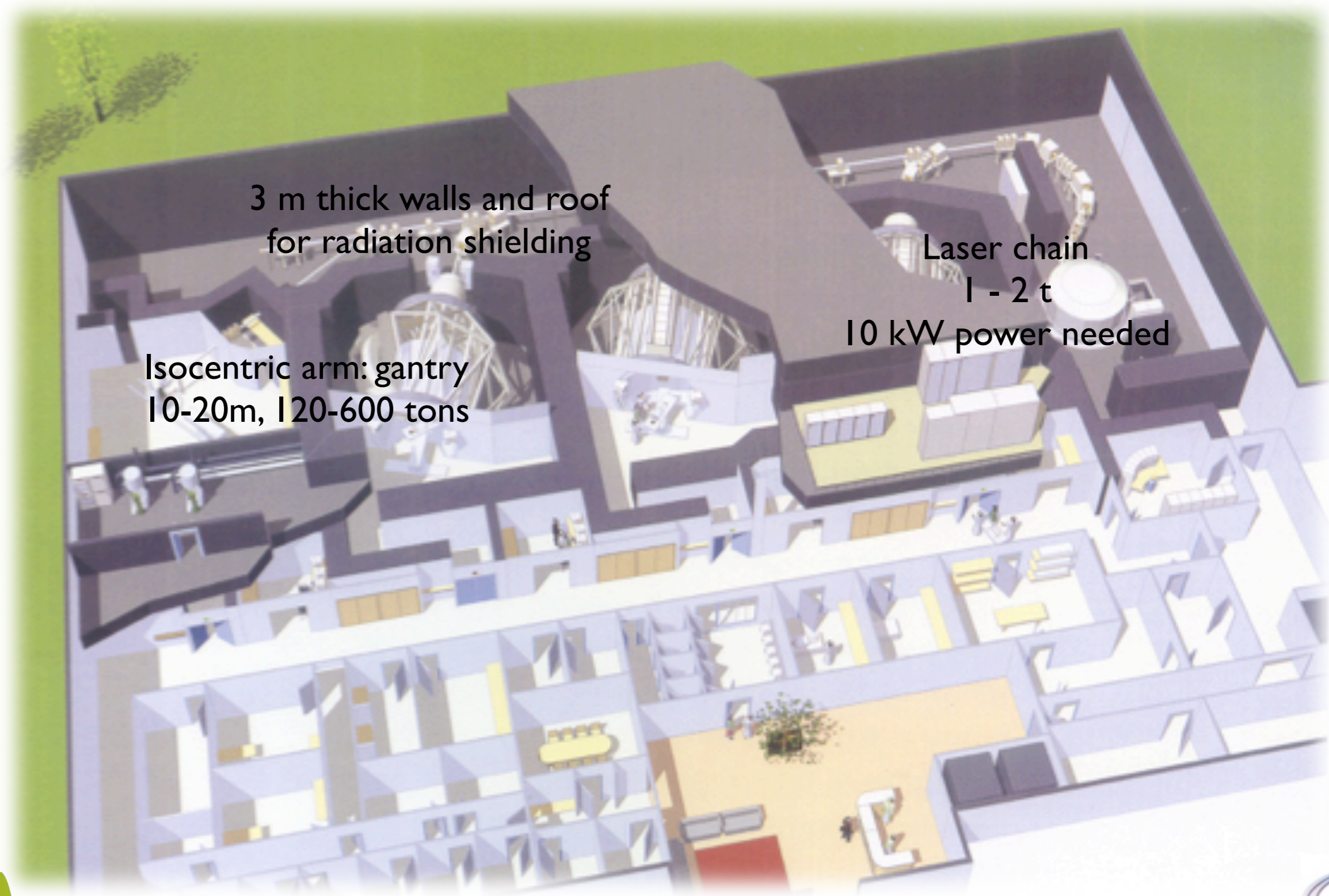
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Laser chain
1 - 2 t
10 kW power needed

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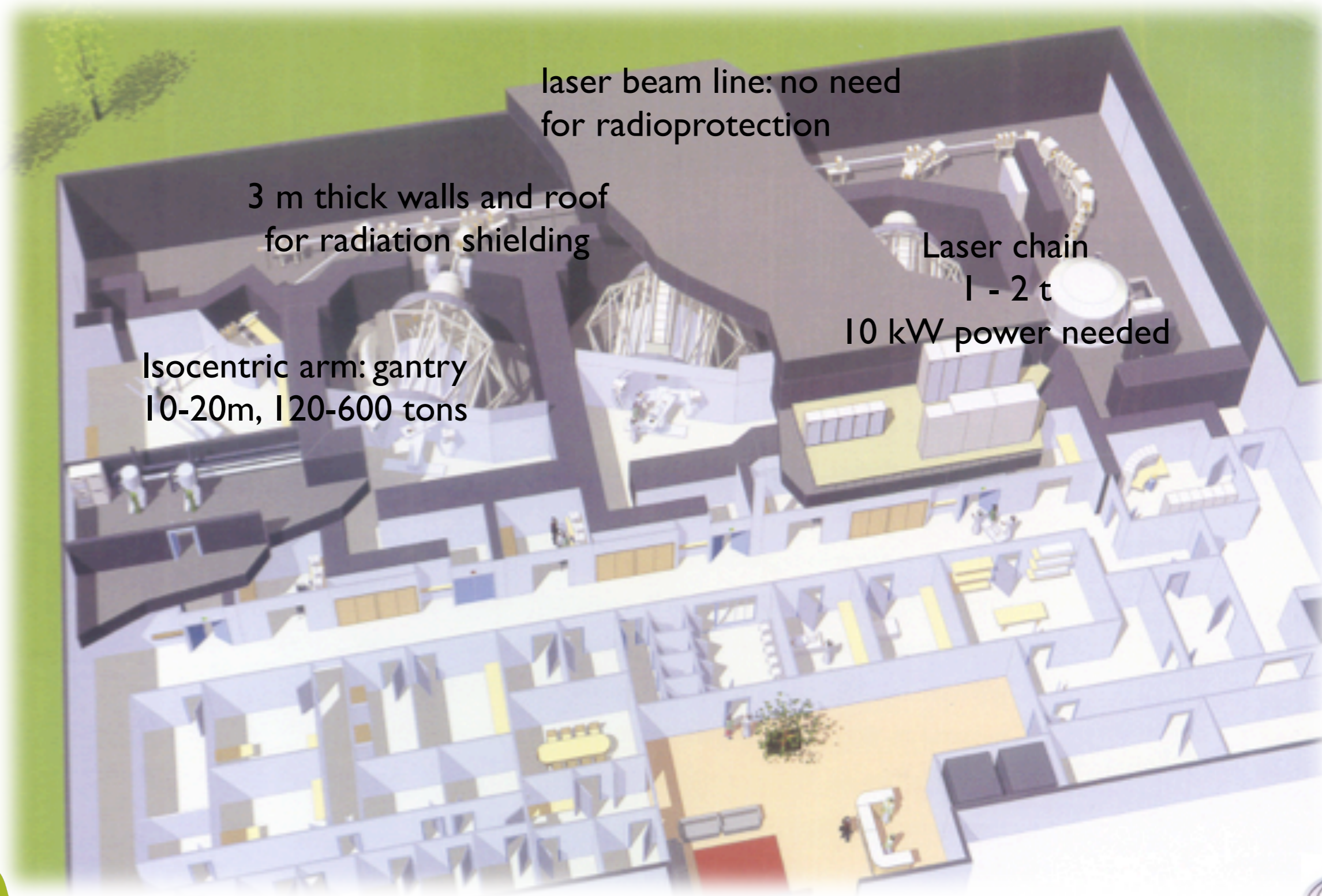


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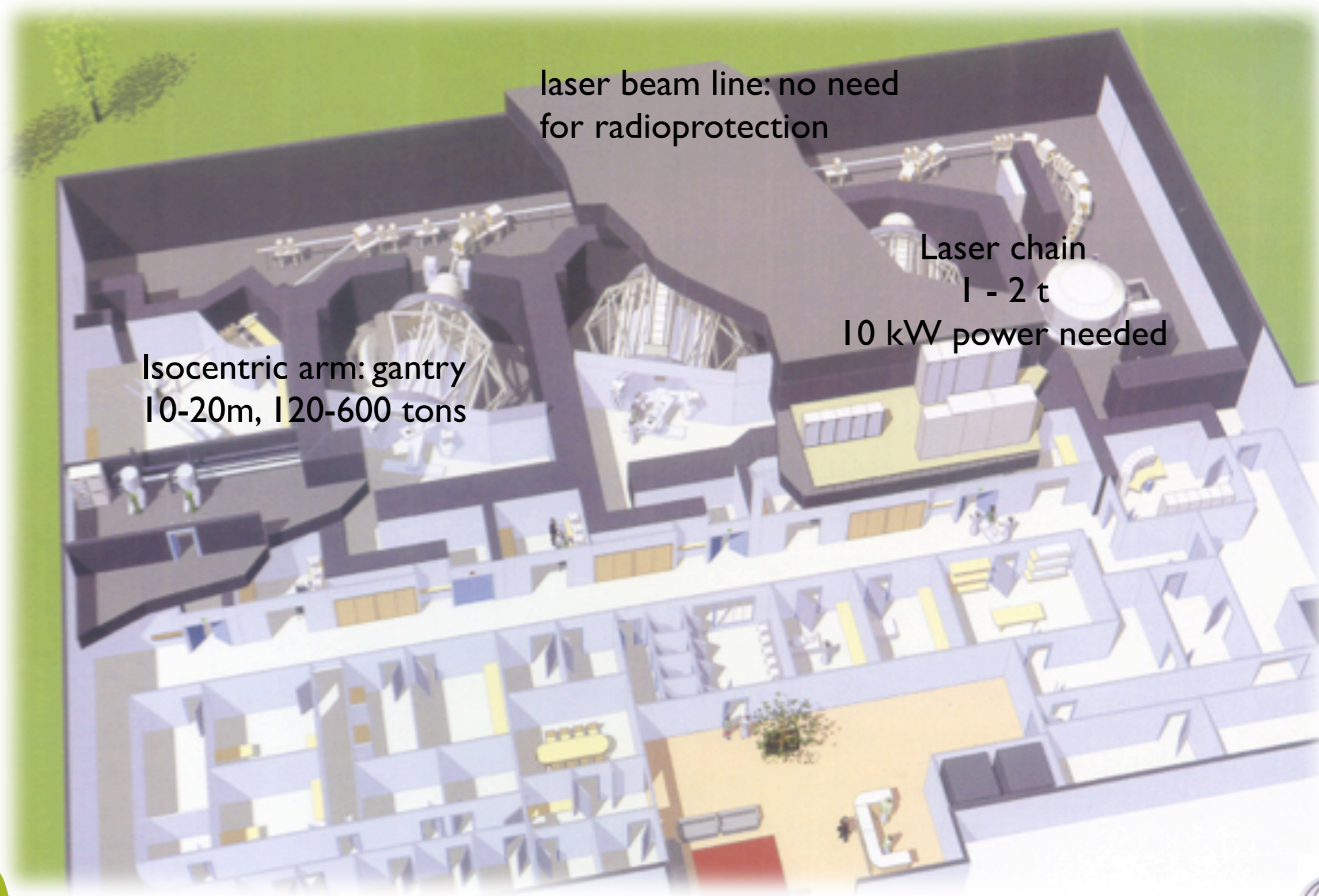
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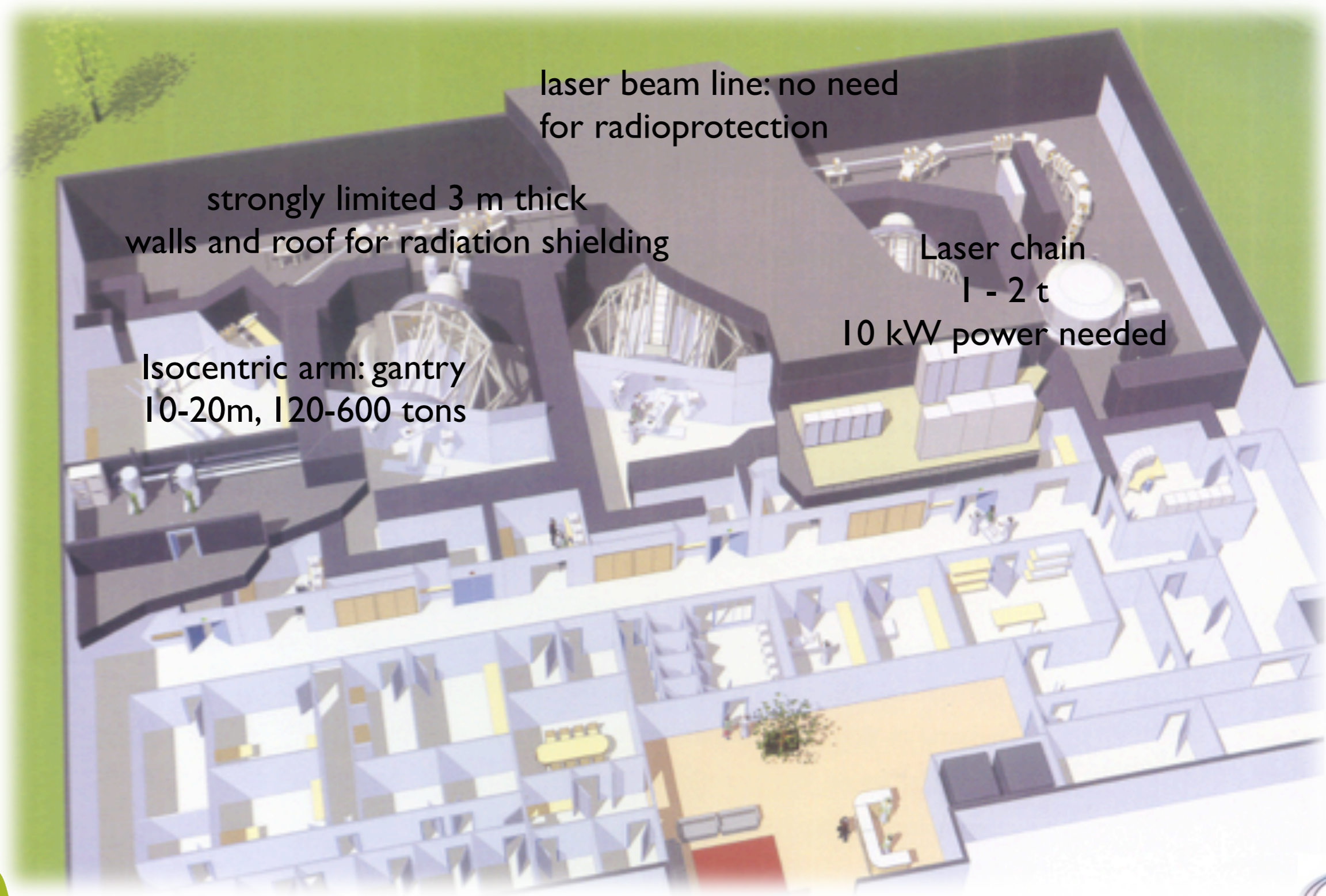
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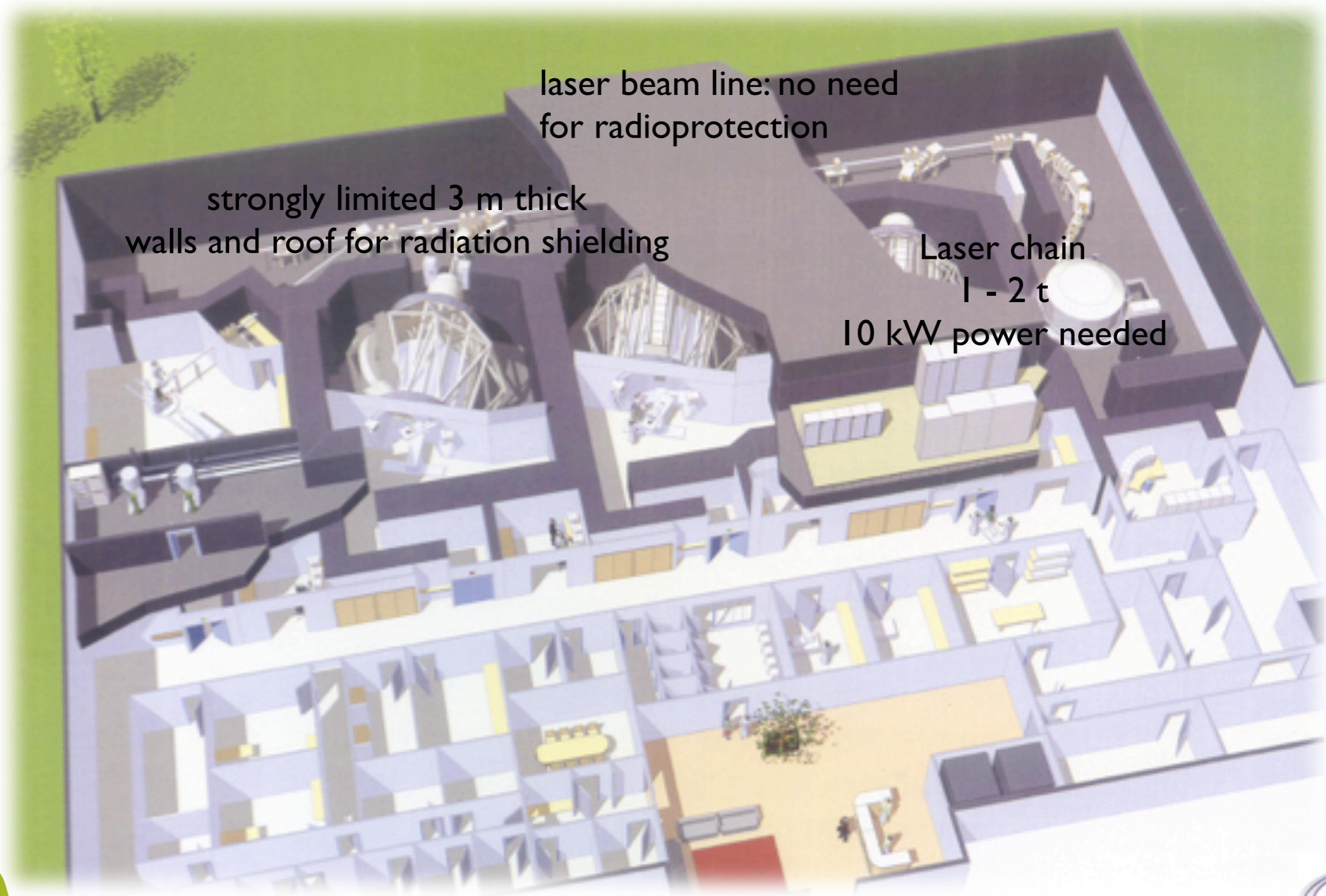


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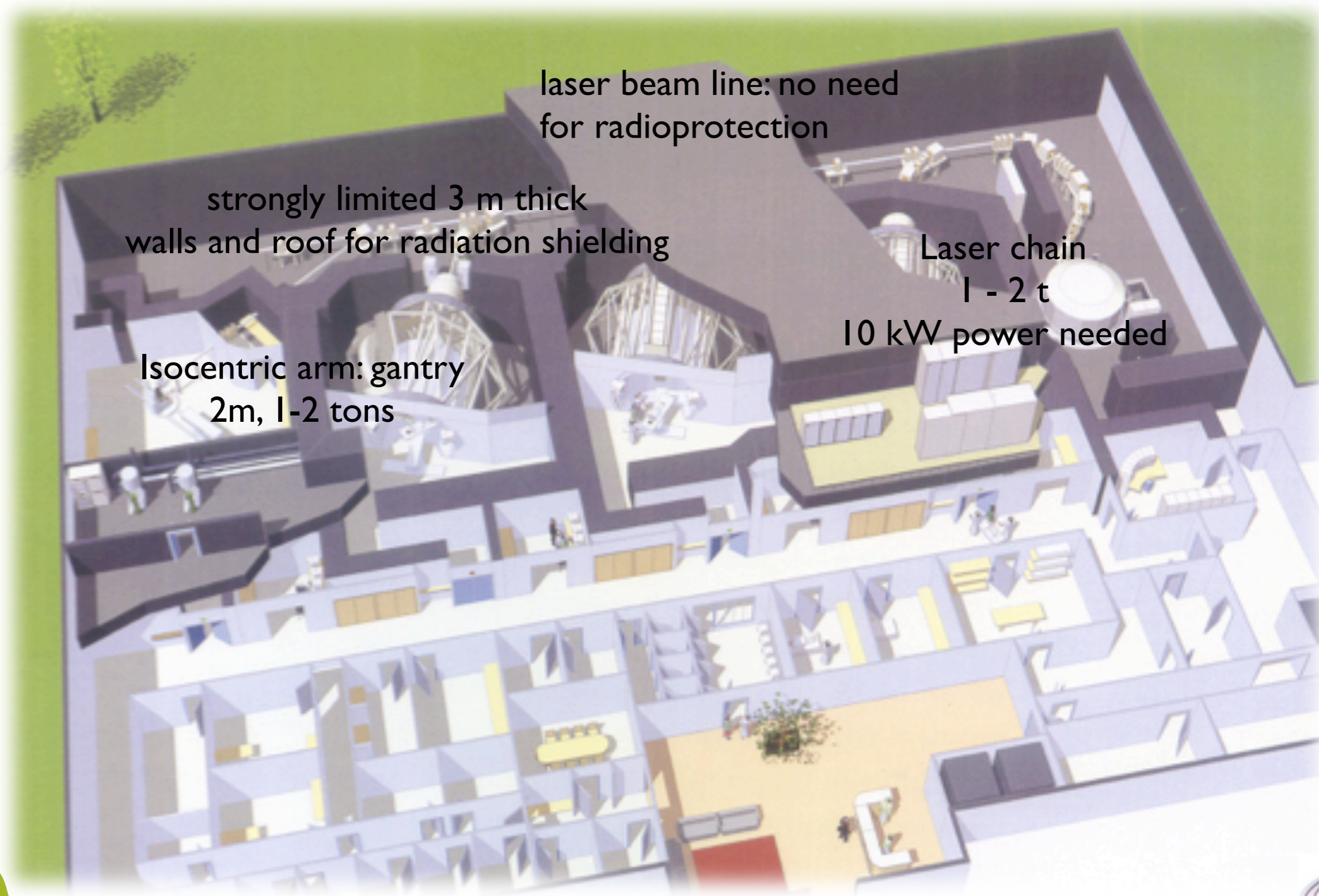


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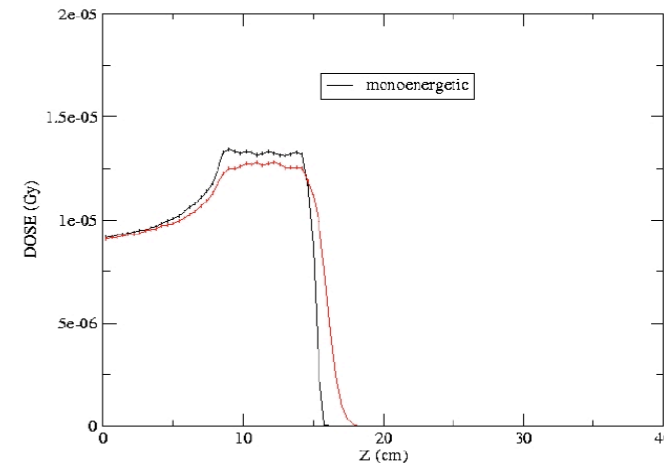
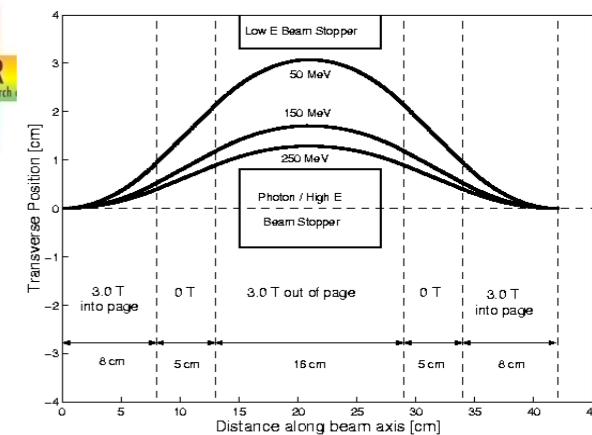
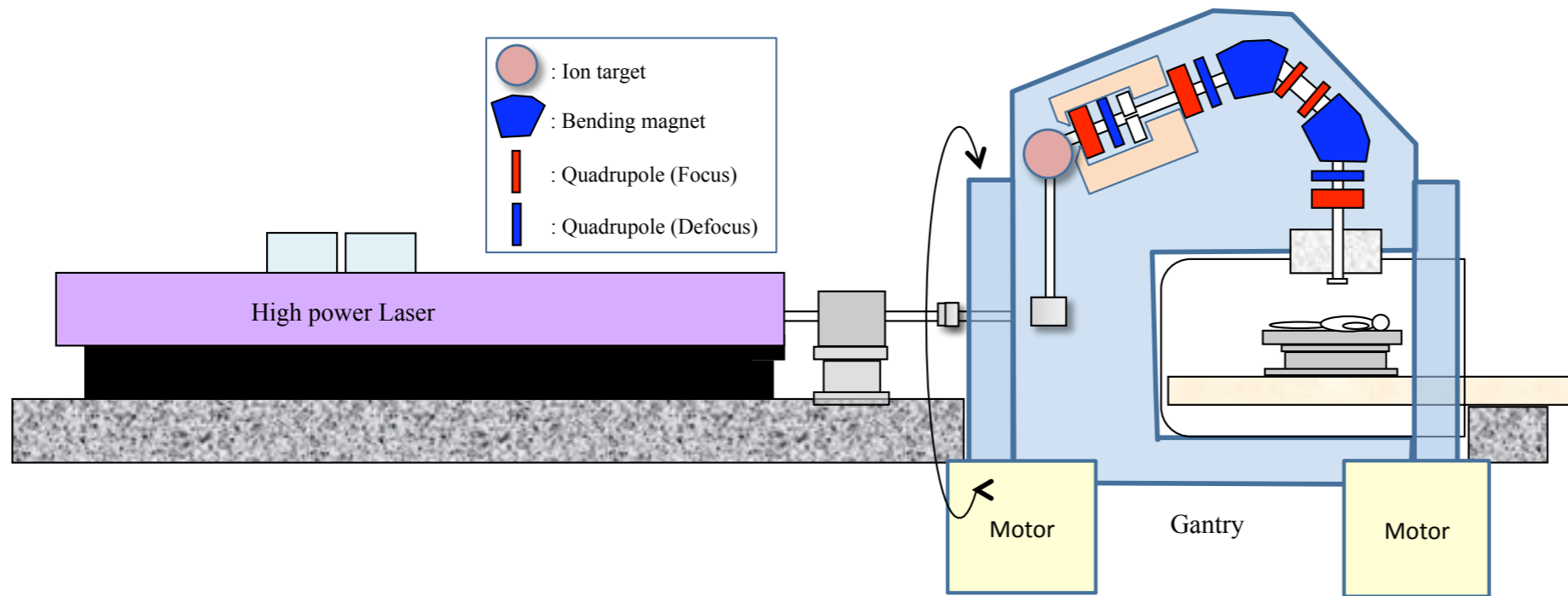


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Protontherapy Facilities in the World (20 proton, 3 Carbon)



Design Concept : 55 MeV Laser-Driven Proton Beam (80 MeV Cutoff) Embedded into a Gantry * (Double Bend Achromat)



In this example transmission to the application is about 1.2 % . Therefore 10^7 protons per pulse at the patient requires \sim nC bunch charge at source ; so the net laser-to- delivered proton conversion efficiency for 'relevant' or delivered protons in this design is smaller ($< 10^{-4}$) at the application end. Generation of proton spectra with reduced divergence and energy spread can significantly improve transmission. An ILDIAS goal - improve the net laser-to- delivered proton efficiency.



* courtesy of H. Sakaki, PMRC



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SAPHIR: Source Accélérée de Protons par laser de Haute Intensité pour la Radiothérapie (Accelerated Proton Source by Ultra Intense Laser for Protontherapy)

Economical Challenges

- Reduction of the investment and operating costs
- Reduction of the overall size of the equipments
- Reduction of radioprotection constraints
- Optimization of dose deposition

Technical challenges

- Getting more than 65 MeV pour eye treatment and 150-200 MeV for others.
- Proton energy spectrum fully controlled
- Stability and reproducibility
- Applied dose

Total budget (consolidated) : 20 M€

Financial support

OSEO: 6.25 M€

Region Ile de France: 1 M€



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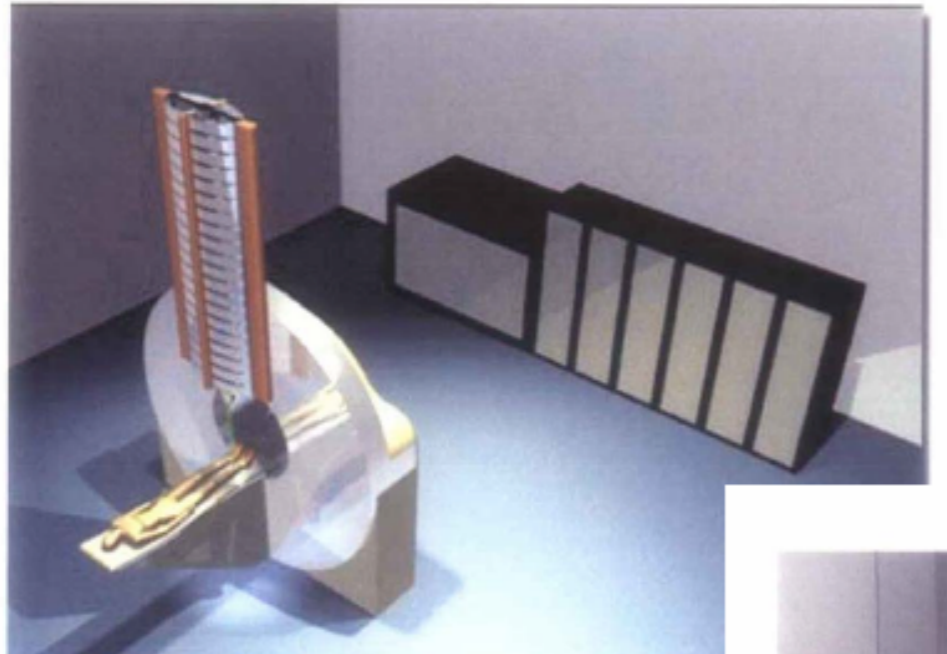


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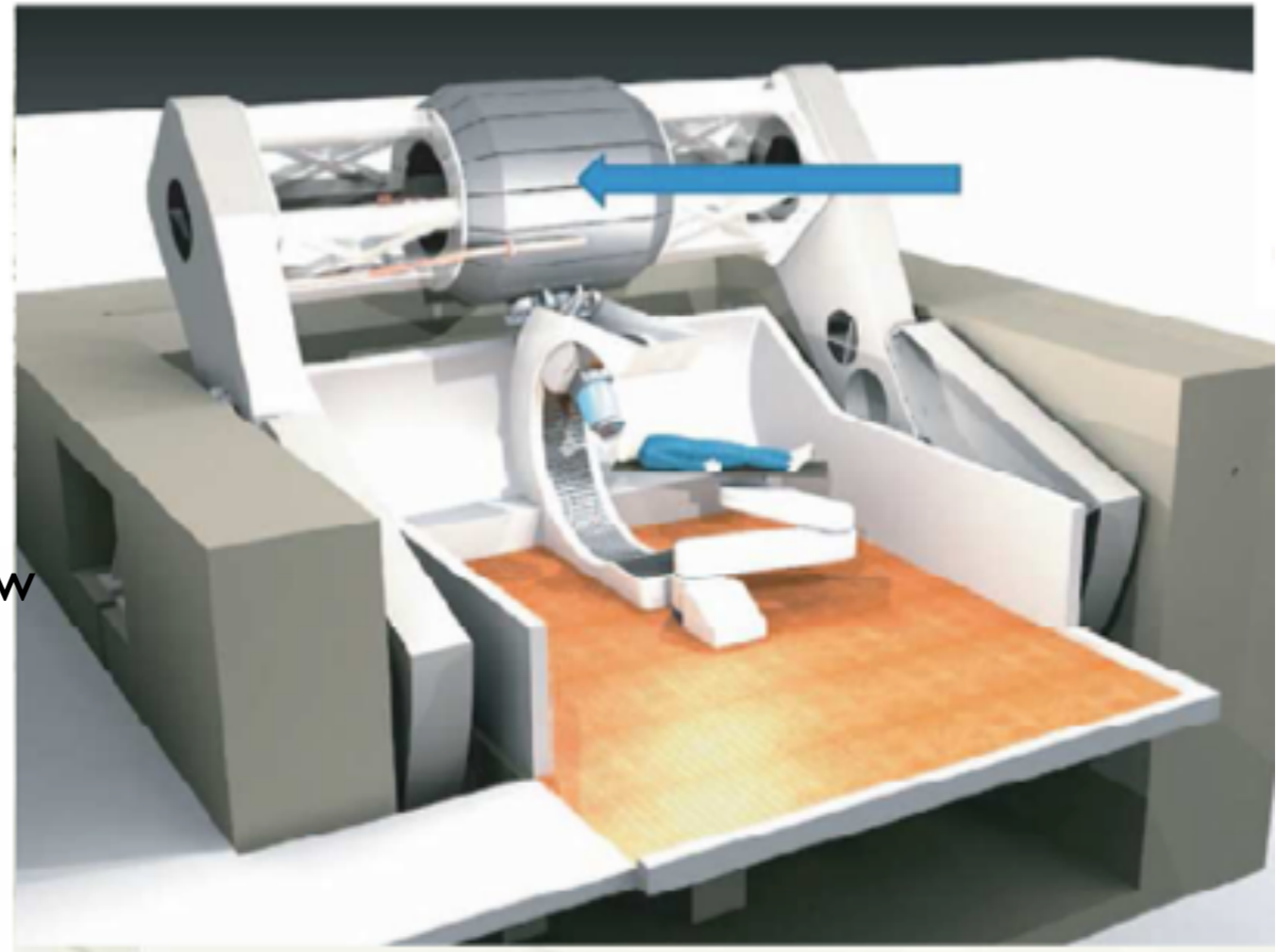
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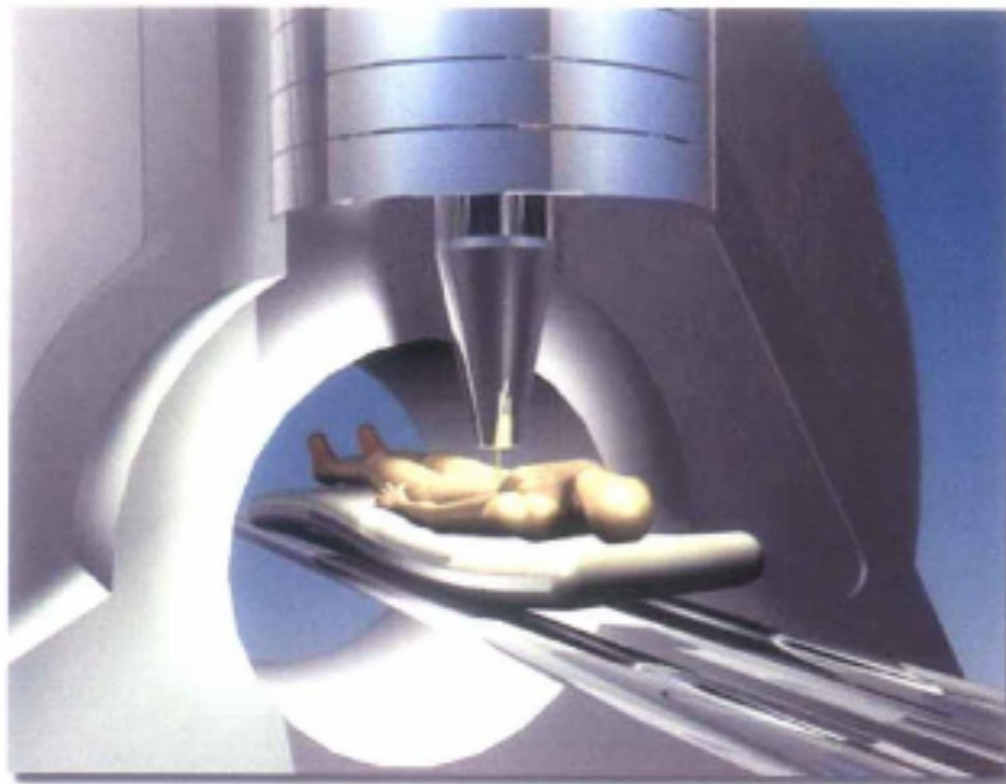
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Dielectric Wall Accelerators : artistic view



Monarch 250
Synchrocyclotron cryogenic (9T, 20 t.)



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- Stability has been improved by improving the laser contrast
- 30 % enhanced proton peak energy by preforming the plasma
- They produce quasi monoenergetic beam (structured target or RPA see)
- Peak energy still moderated : 19MeV with 10 Hz laser, 70 MeV with PW large scale laser : 70 MeV with 300 J, ps laser
- Number of proton per second can be a problem ?
- Target fabrication and alignment at high repetition rate ? In progress (LIBRA)
- Biological response with high current dose? In progress (FZD, see Kraft et al., NJP special issue 2010)
- Electron LPA satisfies mostly all the requirements
- Proton LPA is still very challenging
- New technics are coming (and are wellcome!)

V. Malka et al., Nature Physics 4, June 2008



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