



MEDICAL APPLICATIONS IN PARTICLE PHYSICS

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The Power of Particles



Following his accidental exposure to [gamma rays](#) while saving the life of Rick Jones during the detonation of an experimental bomb, Banner is physically transformed into **The Hulk** when subjected to emotional stress, at or against his will

Radiation: Good? Bad? or Both? for the Human Body

Key Idea: The energy of sub-atomic particles affect the human body in positive and negative way.

Potential Obstructions: Misconceptions about radiation being all bad, all good or make you superhuman.

Radiation is ?

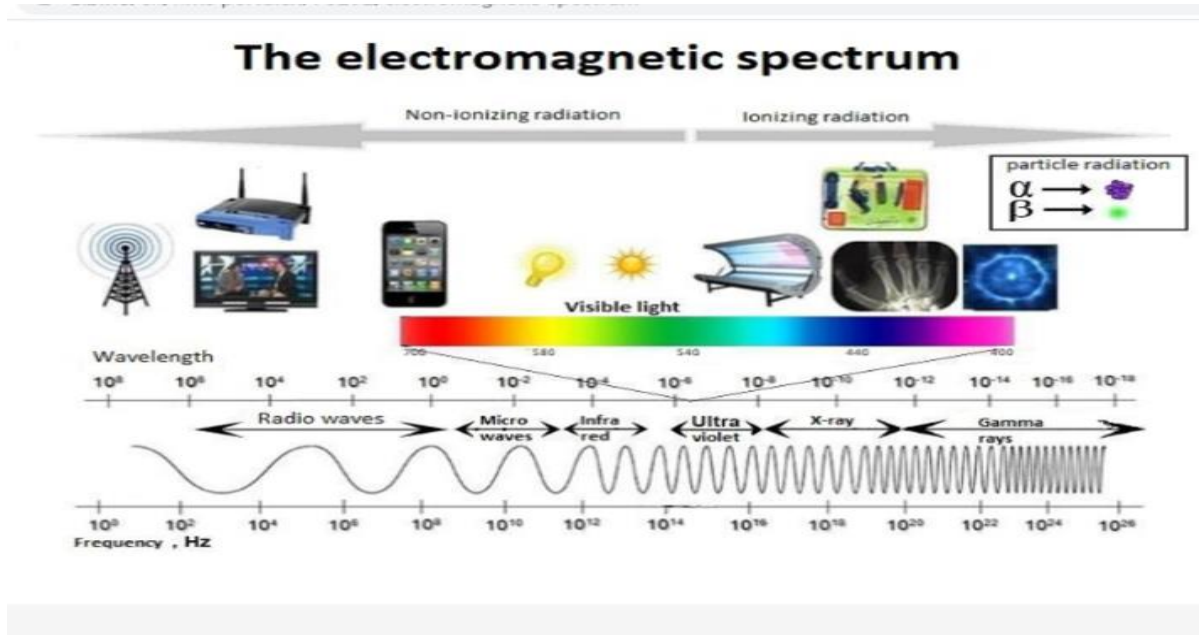
Is radiation good for the body? If so how ?

Is radiation bad for you ? If so how ?

Should radiation exposure be banned by the International Olympic Committee ?

The Electromagnetic Spectrum

Key idea: Why the EM Spectrum (... and Jeff) \ is Awesome



APPLICATIONS - IMAGING



What is wrong on that picture?

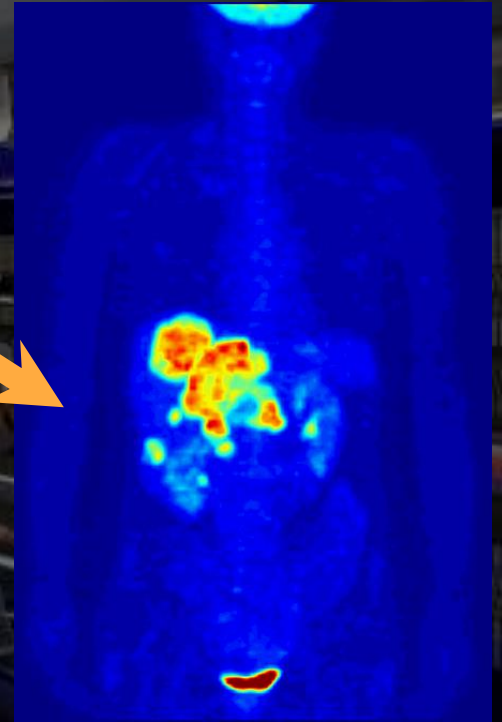
X-ray



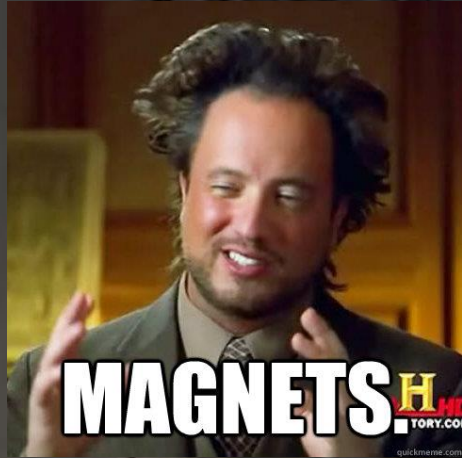
Computed tomography (CT) Scans - x-ray in 3D



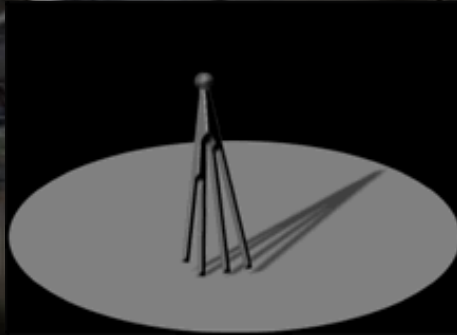
Positron Emission Tomography (PET) Scans



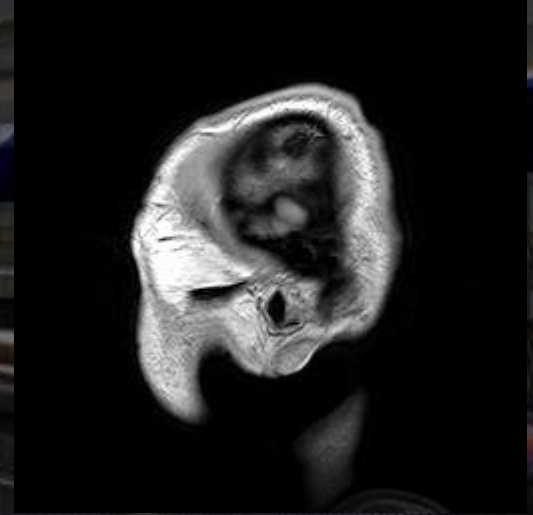
Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)



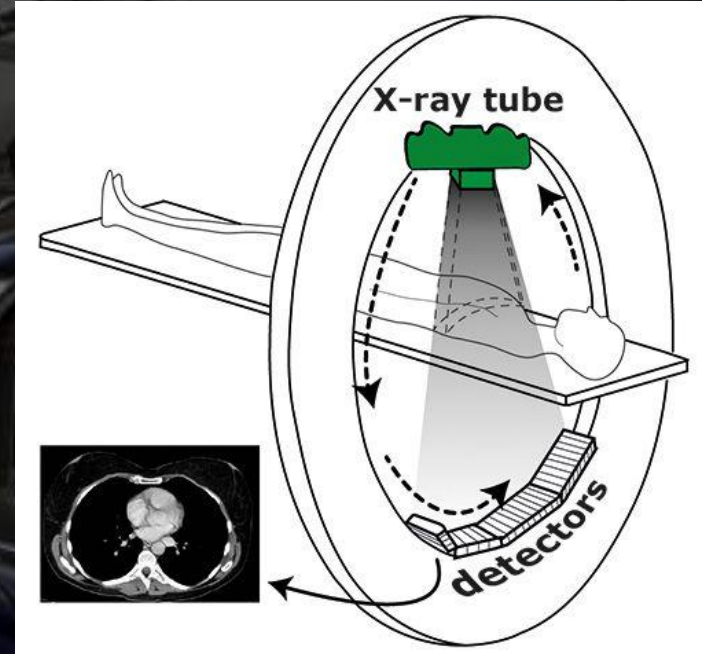
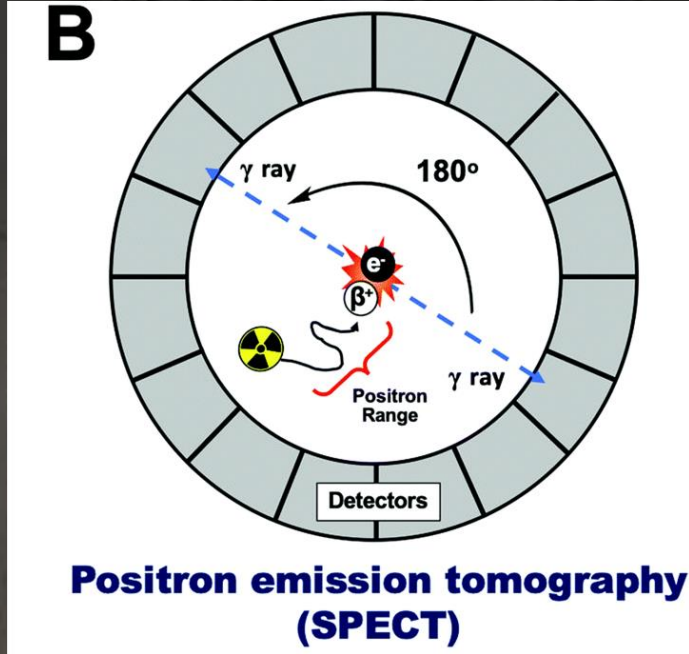
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Imaging method	Connection to Curriculum
X-ray	Electromagnetic spectrum; radioactivity
Computed tomography (CT) Scans - x-ray in 3D	Electromagnetic spectrum; radioactivity
Positron Emission Tomography (PET) Scans	Electromagnetic spectrum; radioactivity; nuclear reactions ($e^- + e^+$)
Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)	Electromagnetism

APPLICATIONS - IMAGING



APPLICATIONS - TREATMENT METHODS

Key Concepts

Connection to Curriculum

Bragg Curve

**Interpreting Graphs
Ionizing Radiation**

Big to Small

Engineering Design Process

**Acceleration of
particles**

Electric and Magnetic Fields

Curriculum Connection: Engineering Design Process

Source: [BlenderArtists](#)



Source: [Spectrum IEEE](#)

Miniaturization!



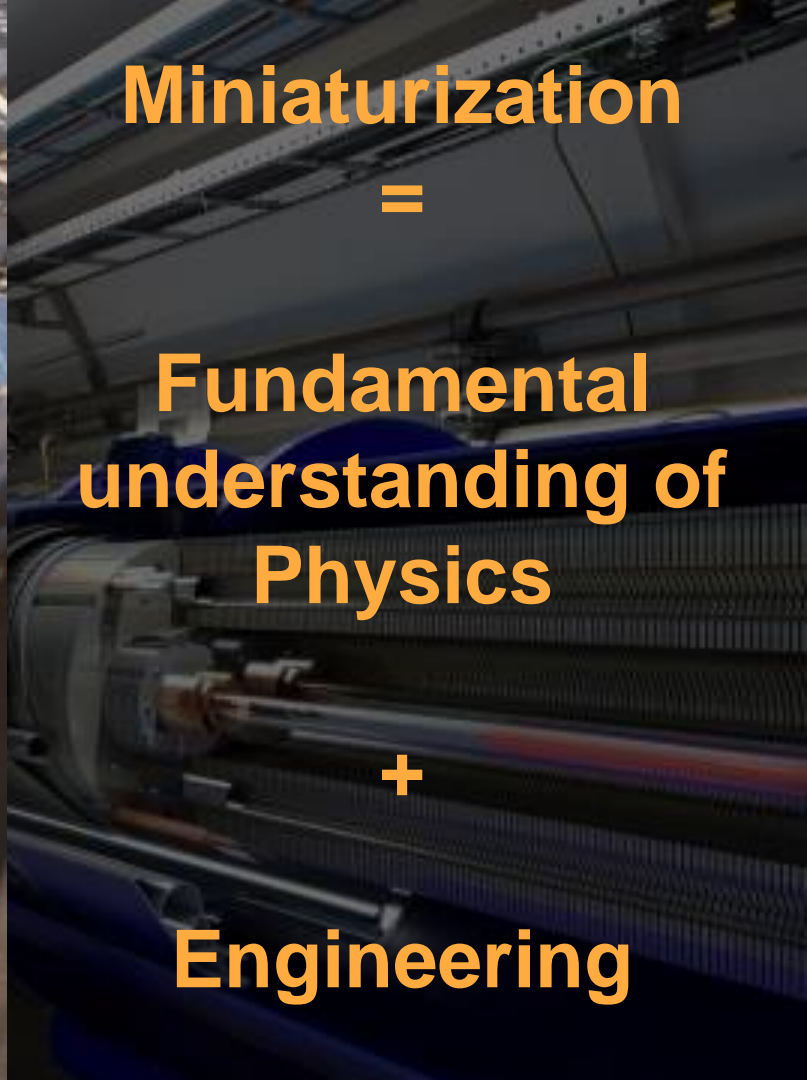
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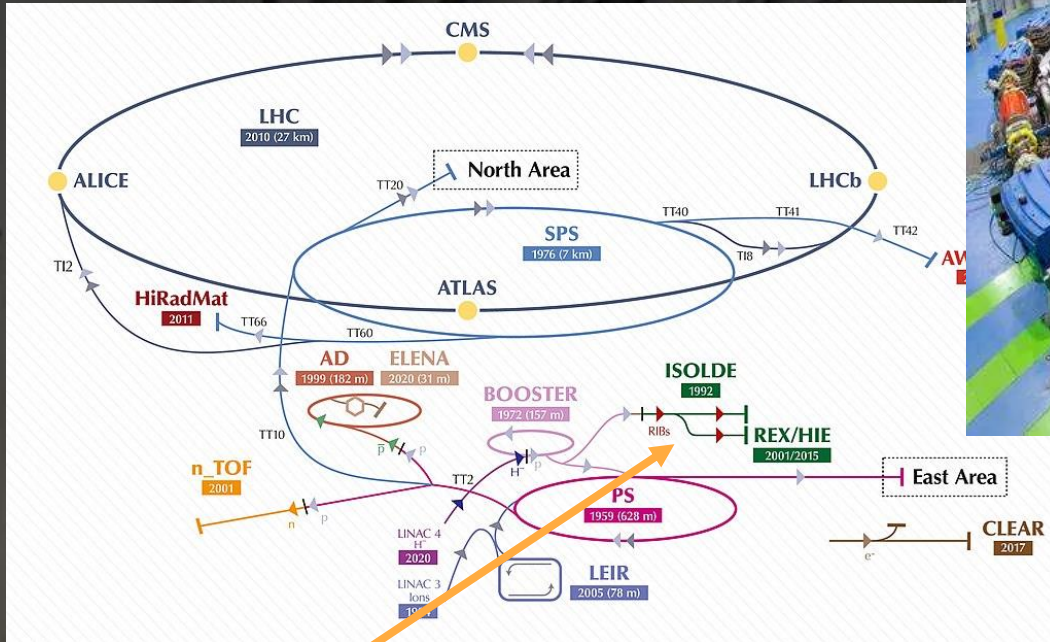
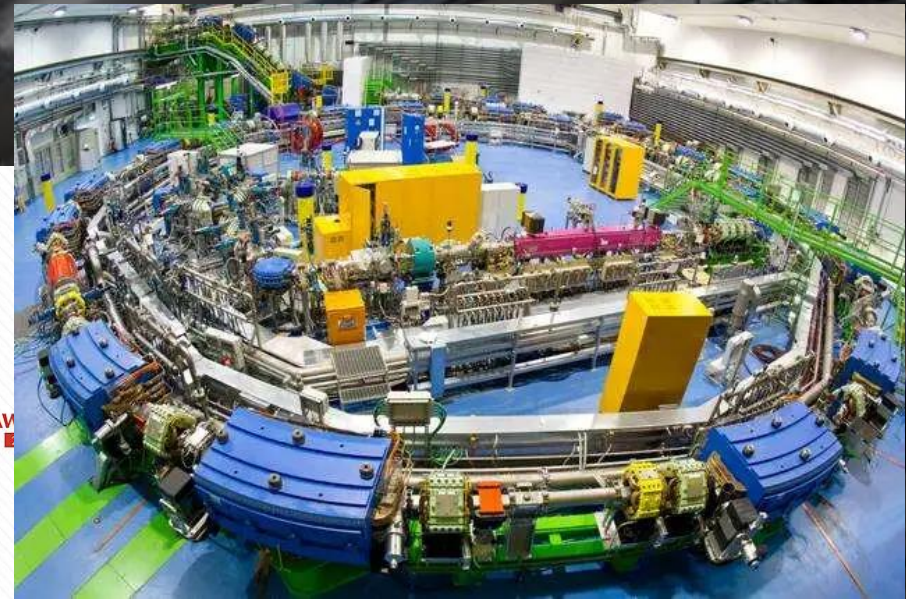
**Fundamental
understanding of
Physics**

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Engineering



C.C. - Electric and Magnetic Fields



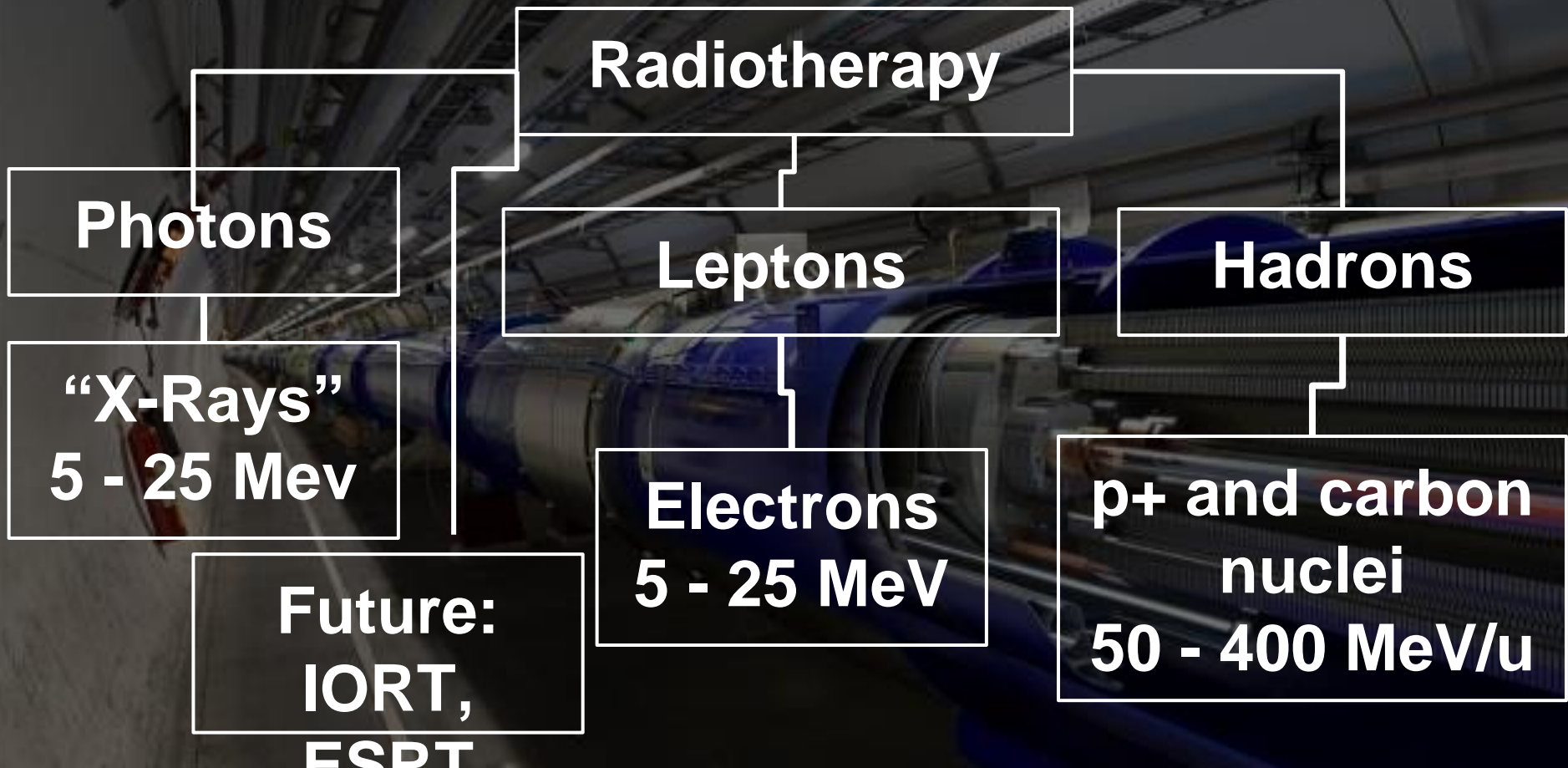
Source: [CERN](https://cern.ch)

1959 - Proton Synchrotron
Radius = 72 m Energy = 25 GeV

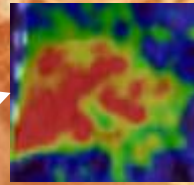
Synchrotron in Italy
Radius = 12 m
Energy = 400 MeV

Source: [CERN Courier](https://cern.ch/courier)

Current State of Radiotherapy



**Tumor 1:
Depth = 10.2 mm**



**Tumor 2:
Depth = 15.1 cm**



GOAL of Radiotherapy

**Kill Tumor Cells while
not harming healthy
cells!**

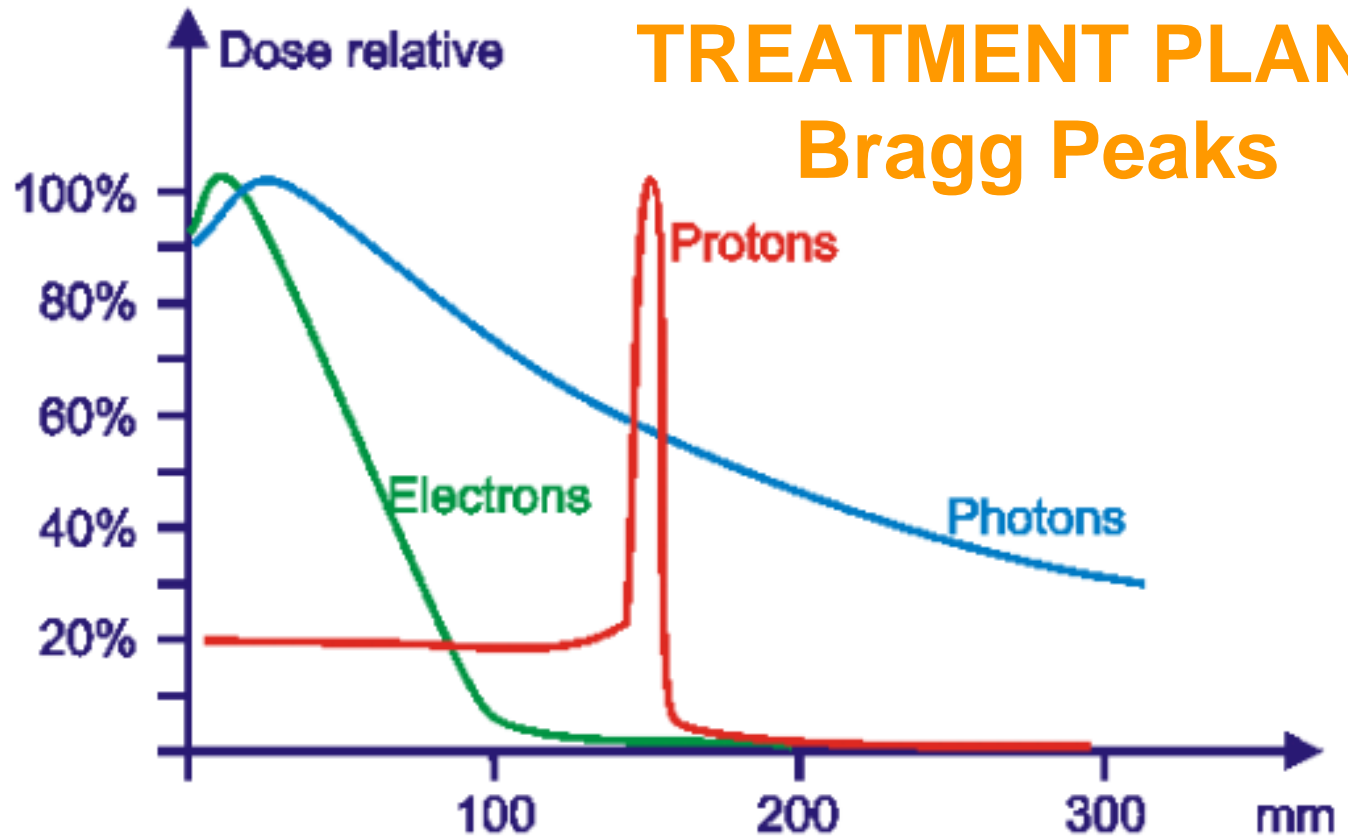
**“You have a tumor. Take
2 pills of 20 MeV
radiation and see me in
the morning!”**



**What is the problem
with this treatment
plan?**

What information does the x axis tell us?

What information does the y axis tell us?

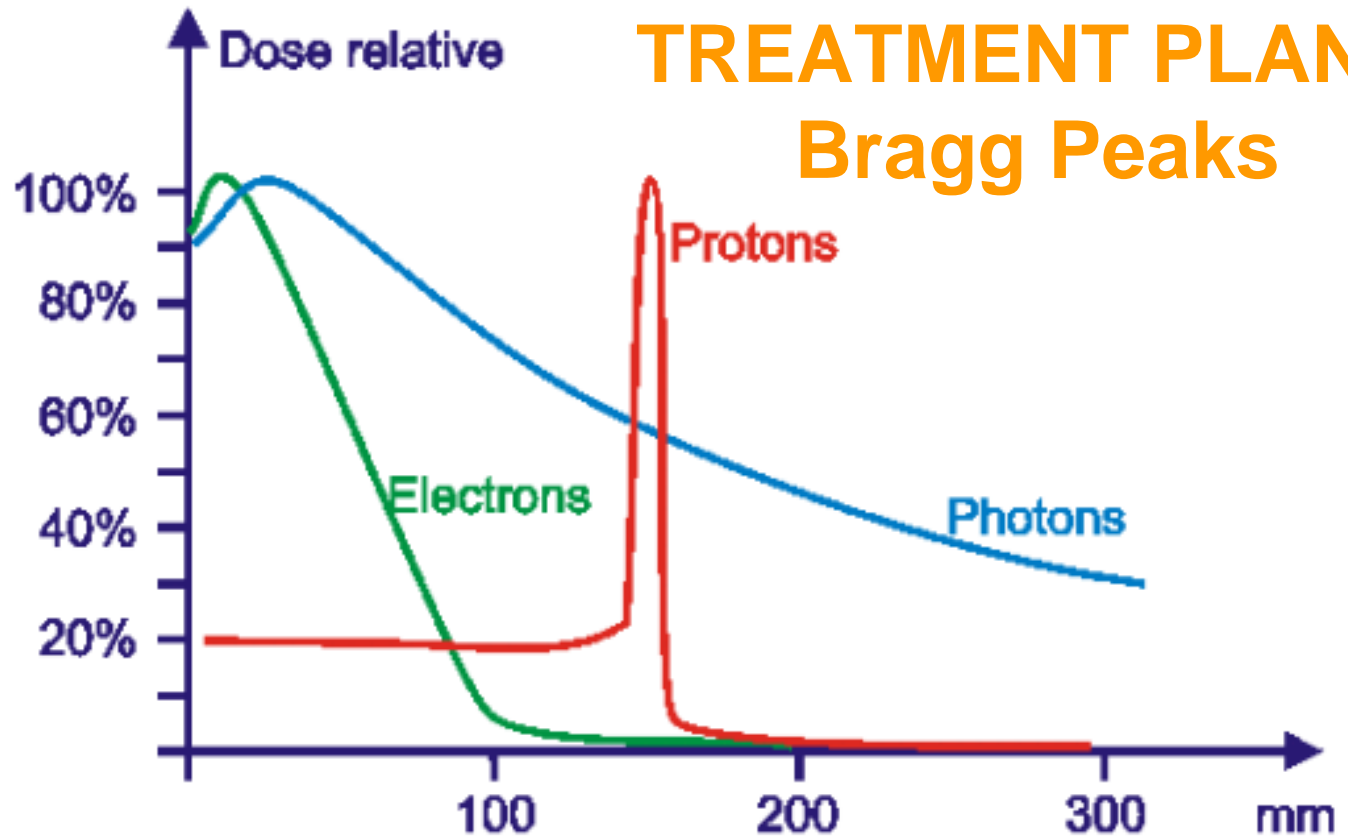


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SOURCE: [Physics Stack Exchange](#)

The Hulk is “Cured”!



Source: [Looper](#)

Source: [Reddit](#)



Medical *Misapplications*



Radiation quackery



- Toothpaste
- Thorium
- Manufacturer claim: Antibacterial action

~1920-1945

- Germany

Author Suit

Photo taken in Technisches Museum Wien (Vienna Technical Museum) cropped and edited

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Doramad_Radioactive_Toothpaste

Radiation quackery

- Cosmetic products
- Radium and Thorium
- Manufacturer claim:
Activate circulation,
firm the tissue...
- ~1930-1950
- France



Radiation quackery

- Virility enhancer
- Radium
- Manufacturer claim: Applies energizing gamma rays
- ~1920-1930
- USA

<https://edition.cnn.com/2014/04/08/living/gallery/e-squire-grooming-habits/index.html>

NEW ENERGY FOR WEAK, SAGGING MEN



Testone Radium Energizer and Suspensory
Contains 20 Micrograms Refined, Measured Radium

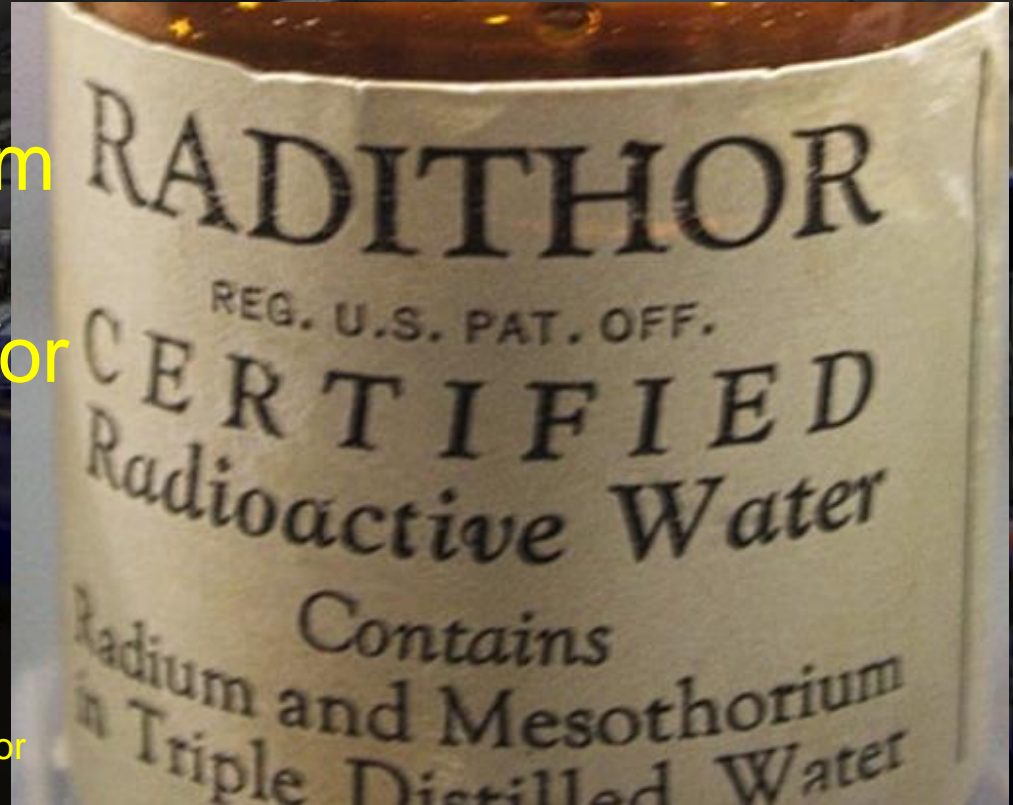
For that sagging, dragging weight that pulls you down and saps your energy—and for losing up and bushing strength in that act of all male activity—the Testone Radium Energizer and Suspensory is your answer!

We GUARANTEE that the Testone Radium Applique contains only purified, highly refined radium salts, free from all in-jurious metallic substances. Actually contains 20 micrograms of this precious substance.

Radiation quackery

- Radium, mesothorium
- Manufacturer claim: Energizing; “A cure for the living dead”
- ~1918-1928
- USA

<https://www.mcgill.ca/oss/article/quackery/radithor>



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Anti-5G necklaces found to be radioactive

17 December 2021



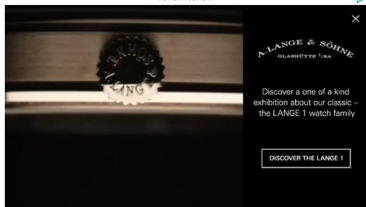
Necklaces and accessories claiming to "protect" people from 5G mobile networks have been found to be radioactive.

The Dutch authority for nuclear safety and radiation protection (ANVS) issued a warning about ten products it found gave off harmful ionising radiation.

It urged people not to use the products, which could cause harm with long-term wear.

There is no evidence that 5G networks are harmful to health.

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Radiation quackery

*The Radium Water
Worked Fine Until
His Jaw Came Off*

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Cancer Researcher Unearths
A Bizarre Tale of Medicine
And Roaring '20s Society

By RON WINSLOW

Staff Reporter of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL
In 1927, a steel mogul and socialite

<http://www.digitalhistoryproject.com/2011/10/american-golf-in-1903-walter-j-travis.html>



EBEN M. BYERS, OF THE ALLEGHENY COUNTRY CLUB, WHO DEFEATED TRAVIS IN LAST YEAR'S CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT, AND WAS THE RUNNER-UP BOTH IN 1902 AND IN 1903.

From a photograph by Falk, New York.

The Goiânia 1987 accident



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THE FUTURE



Future scope in imaging

- • Detector development
- • Data analysis techniques
- • Radiation therapy
- • Imaging in extreme environments
- • New imaging modalities

Future scope of beam therapy in Particle Physics

- • Improved treatment accuracy
- • Enhanced particle beams
- • Research into new particles
- • Accessibility and affordability

Phase space tomography

- Image particle beam

- Obtain information about the particle bunch

Using the same technique to improve motion compensation in medical imaging