

From (particle) physics to medical applications

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Of course, I had to select the material to be included.

And of course, Physics \neq HEP (but a lot of HEP here, and a lot of CERN examples).

The CERN medical applications-related projects presented in this talk are realized by the CERN scientists and engineers: without their skills, ingenuity, and dedication, there would be no knowledge to transfer! Some names are acknowledged on the respective slides, but there are many more.

The KT group and myself are privileged to have the opportunity to support these projects in a tailored way, and to help bridge the gap between CERN technologies and society.

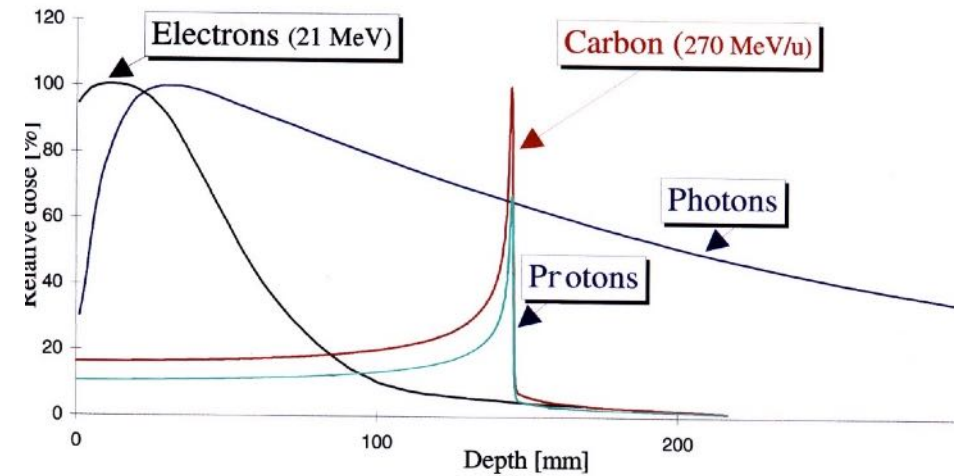
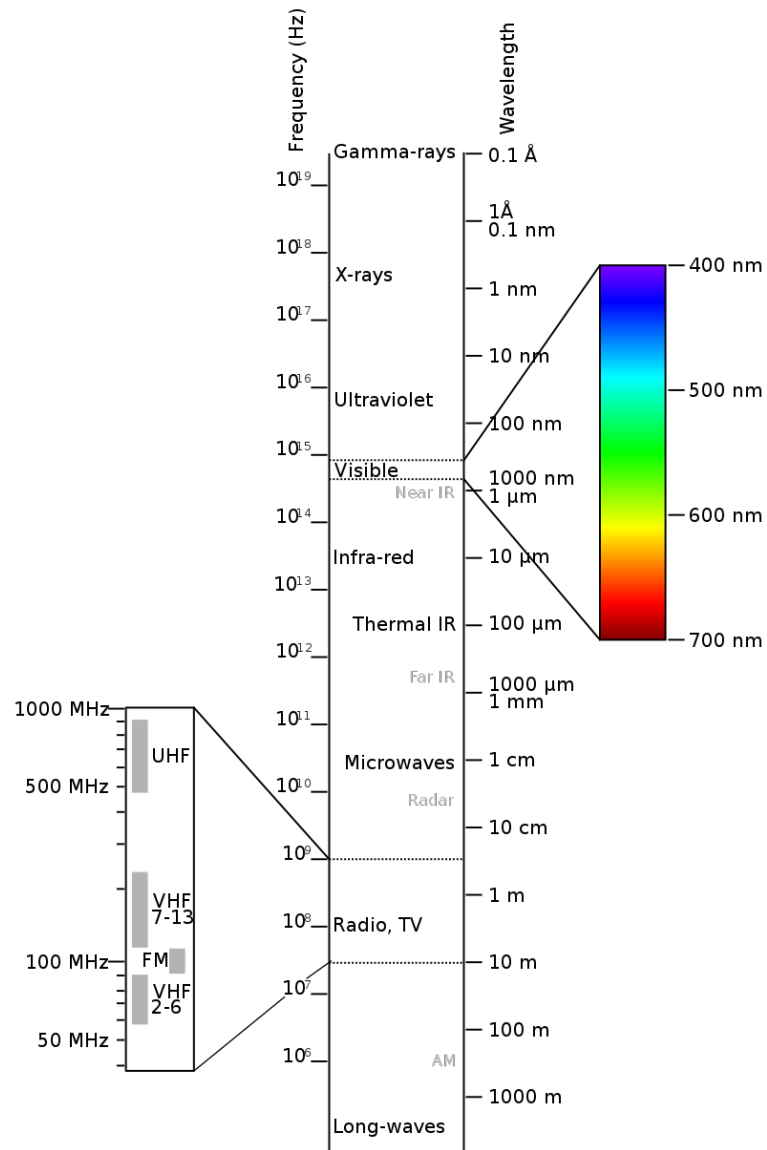
Many thanks to all the colleagues from CERN, CNAO, CHUV, CNRS, GSI, MedAustron, INFN, TERA who have shared their material and wisdom with me; thanks to Ugo Amaldi and Manjit Dosanjh, from whom I first learned about hadron therapy.

I am neither a doctor, nor a medical physicist, nor a technical expert in most of the technologies I present, so the Q&A will be fun! 😊

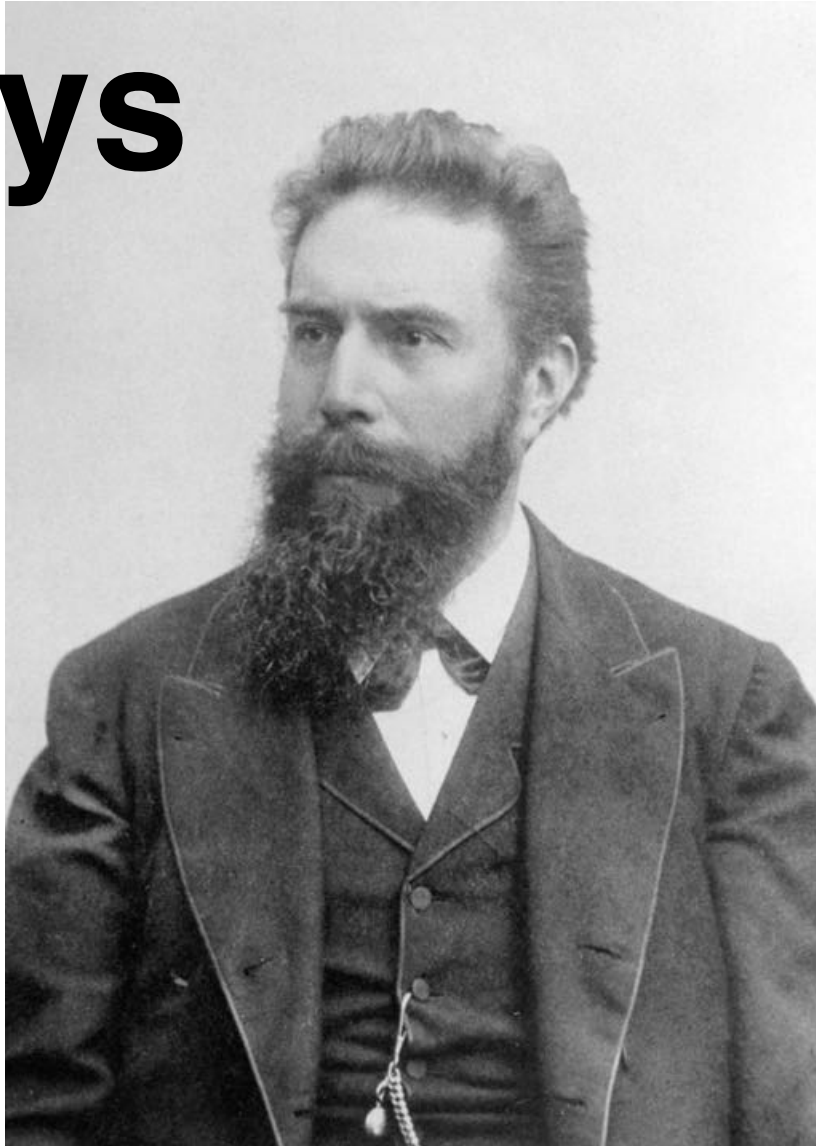


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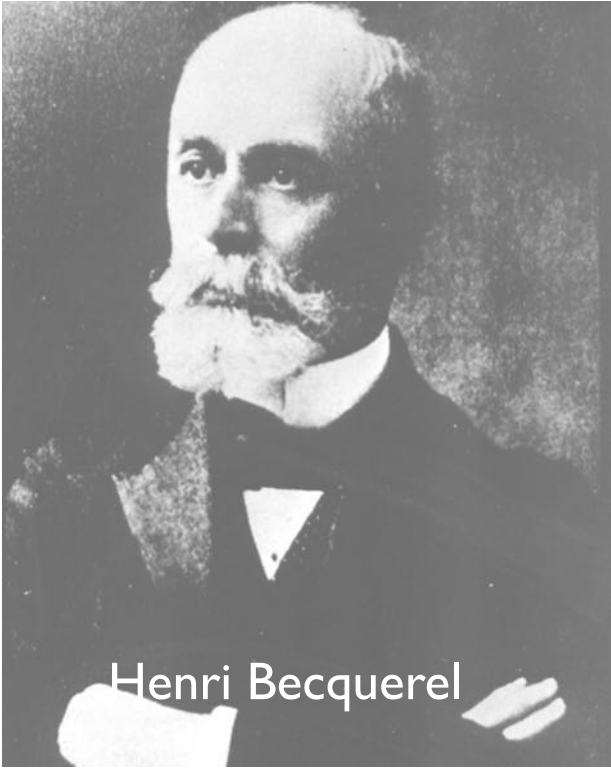
The physics itself



X-Rays



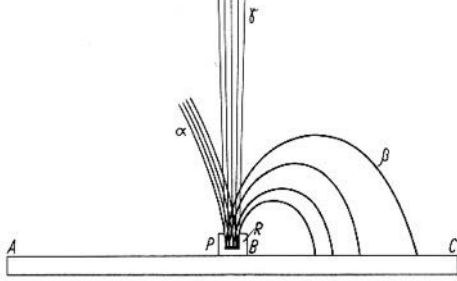
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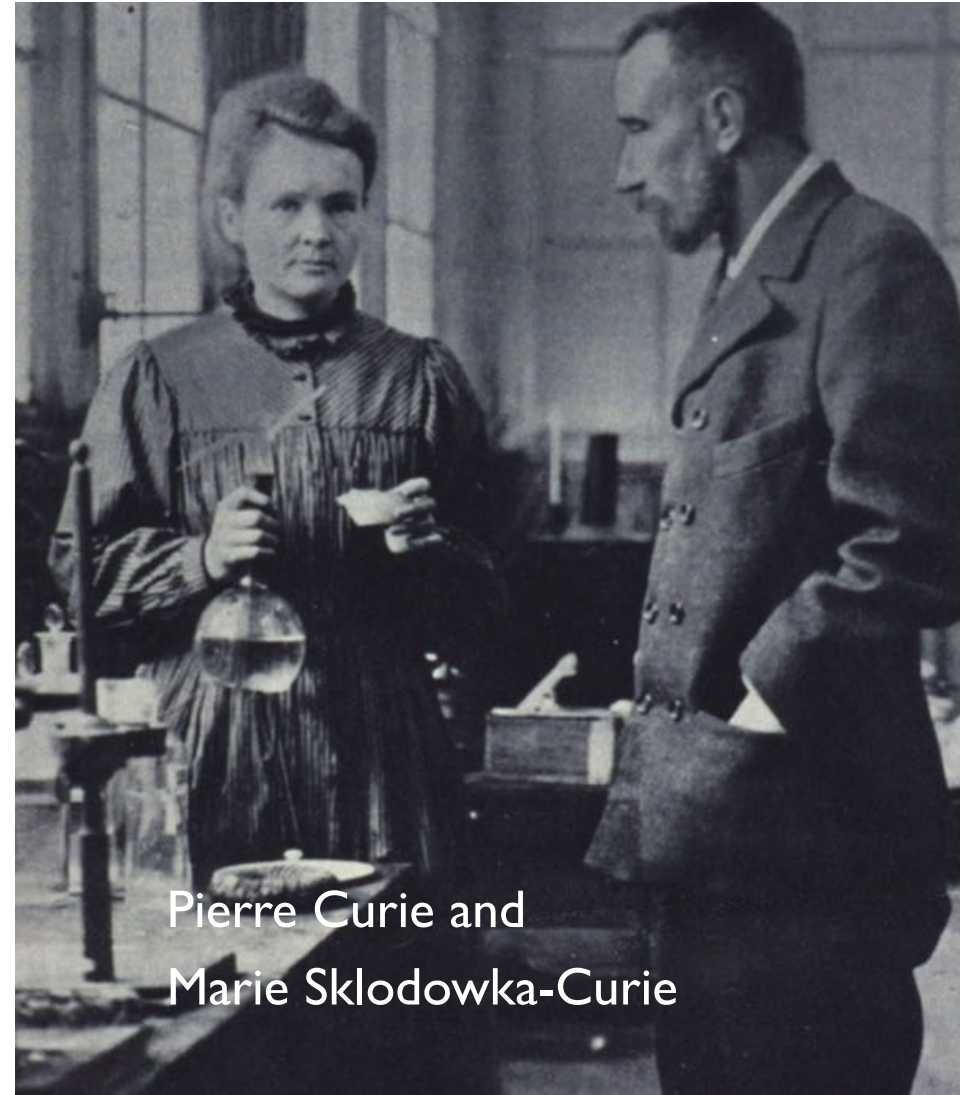
Henri Becquerel

1896: accidental discovery of natural radioactivity

Mme. Curie thesis – 1904
 α , β , γ in magnetic field



1898: by studying the strange uranium rays, they soon discovered polonium, thorium, radium



Pierre Curie and Marie Skłodowka-Curie

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SAVON
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THO-RADIA
à base de Thorium et de radium selon la formule du
DOCTEUR ALFRED CURIE
EN VENTE EXCLUSIVEMENT CHEZ LES PHARMACIENS

Par Cinémagazine, 14 février 1935 —
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Heavy Ion Therapy Research Integration

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Heavy Ion Therapy Research Integration

12 New York Tribune November 10, 1918

Radium and Beauty

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X-RAY

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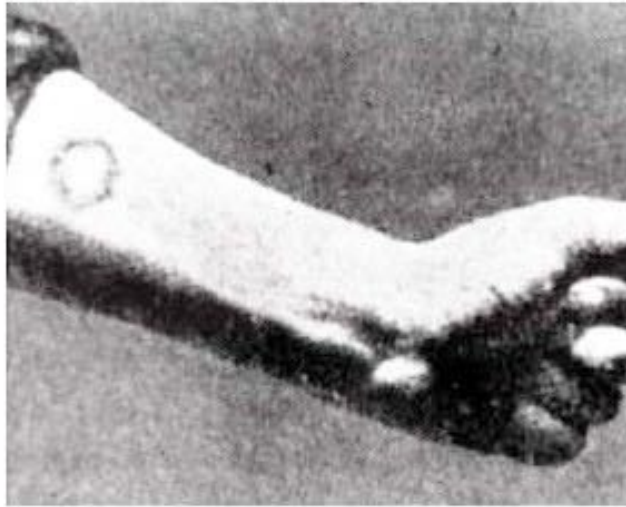
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EXPECT IT!





Friedrich Giesel
1852-1927



Burning of Pierre Curie's arm



Pierre Curie
1859-1906

Photo of the “Pierre Curie” arm, burned by radium salt applied for 10 hours. This was also the time when people became aware of the effect of radiation and the possibility of using it for medical purposes. In 1900, the German dentist Walkhoff noted that radium rays act energetically on the skin in a manner analogous to that of X-rays. This observation was confirmed a few weeks later by the German chemist F. Giesel, with whom Pierre and Marie maintained regular correspondence.

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X-ray apparatus used for treatment of epithelioma of the face, 1915.



Small tubes containing radium salts are strapped to a woman's face to treat what was either lupus or rodent ulcer, 1905.



The Nobel Prize in Physics 1944



Photo from the Nobel Foundation archive.

Isidor Isaac Rabi

Prize share: 1/1

The Nobel Prize in Physics 1944 was awarded to Isidor Isaac Rabi "for his resonance method for recording the magnetic properties of atomic nuclei."

The Nobel Prize in Physics 1952



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Felix Bloch

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Edward Mills Purcell

Prize share: 1/2

The Nobel Prize in Physics 1952 was awarded jointly to Felix Bloch and Edward Mills Purcell "for their development of new methods for nuclear magnetic precision measurements and discoveries in connection therewith."

The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2003



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Paul C. Lauterbur

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Sir Peter Mansfield

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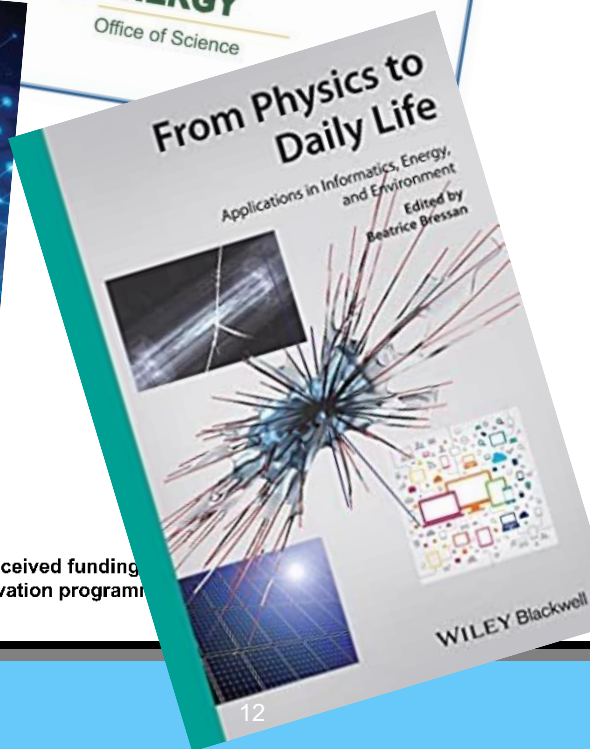
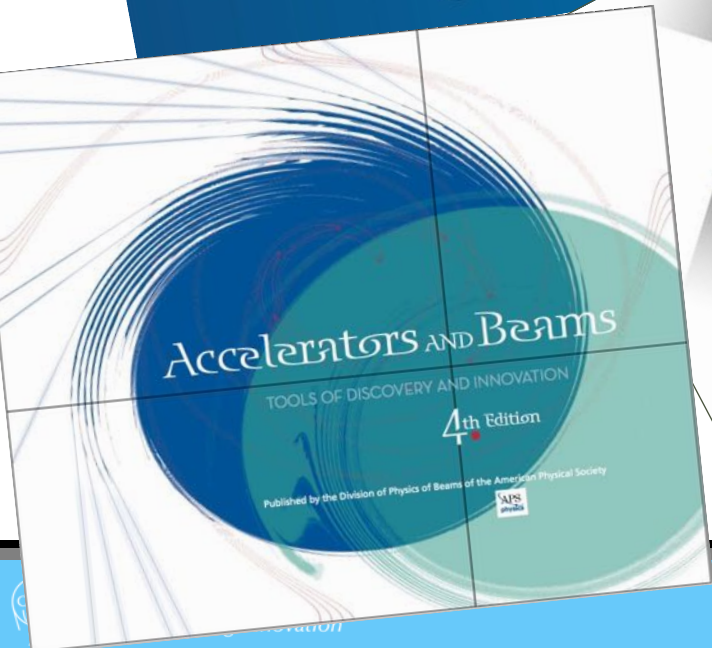
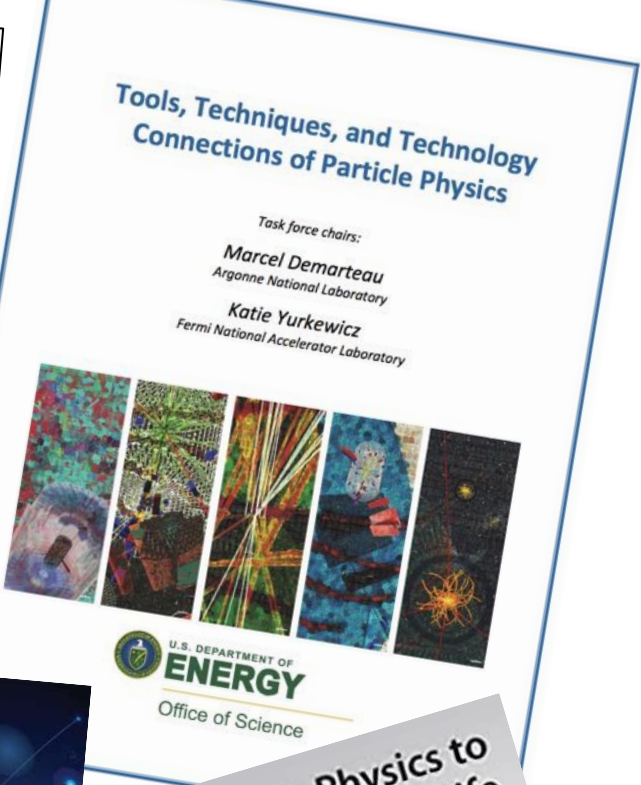
The technologies



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sound reproduction
data management
astronauts' radiation exposure
testing satellite components
understanding turbulence
medical implants
food sterilization
homeland security
finding oil, gas, water
scientific linux
spacecraft shielding
geological dating
curing of epoxies and plastics
x-ray diffractometry
radiology
medical equipment sterilization
medical radioisotopes
non-destructive testing
ion implantation
shrink wrap
radiotherapy
rad-hard electronics
simulations
PET
terrestrial reproduction of space radiation
industry 4.0
digital data preservation
optimised irrigation systems
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industrial control systems
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cleaner air and water
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computer chips manufacturing
studying the retina
medical dosimetry
material science



Over 70 companies and institutes produce accelerators for industrial applications; these organizations sell more than **1,100 industrial systems per year** — almost twice the number produced for research or medical therapy — at a **market value of \$2.2B.**

Over **\$1B** of this amount is generated by the sales of accelerators for **ion implantation** into materials — primarily semiconductor devices — whose worldwide value of production is about **\$300B.**

Hamm, R. and Hamm, M. (2012). Industrial accelerators and their applications. World Scientific Publishing Co.

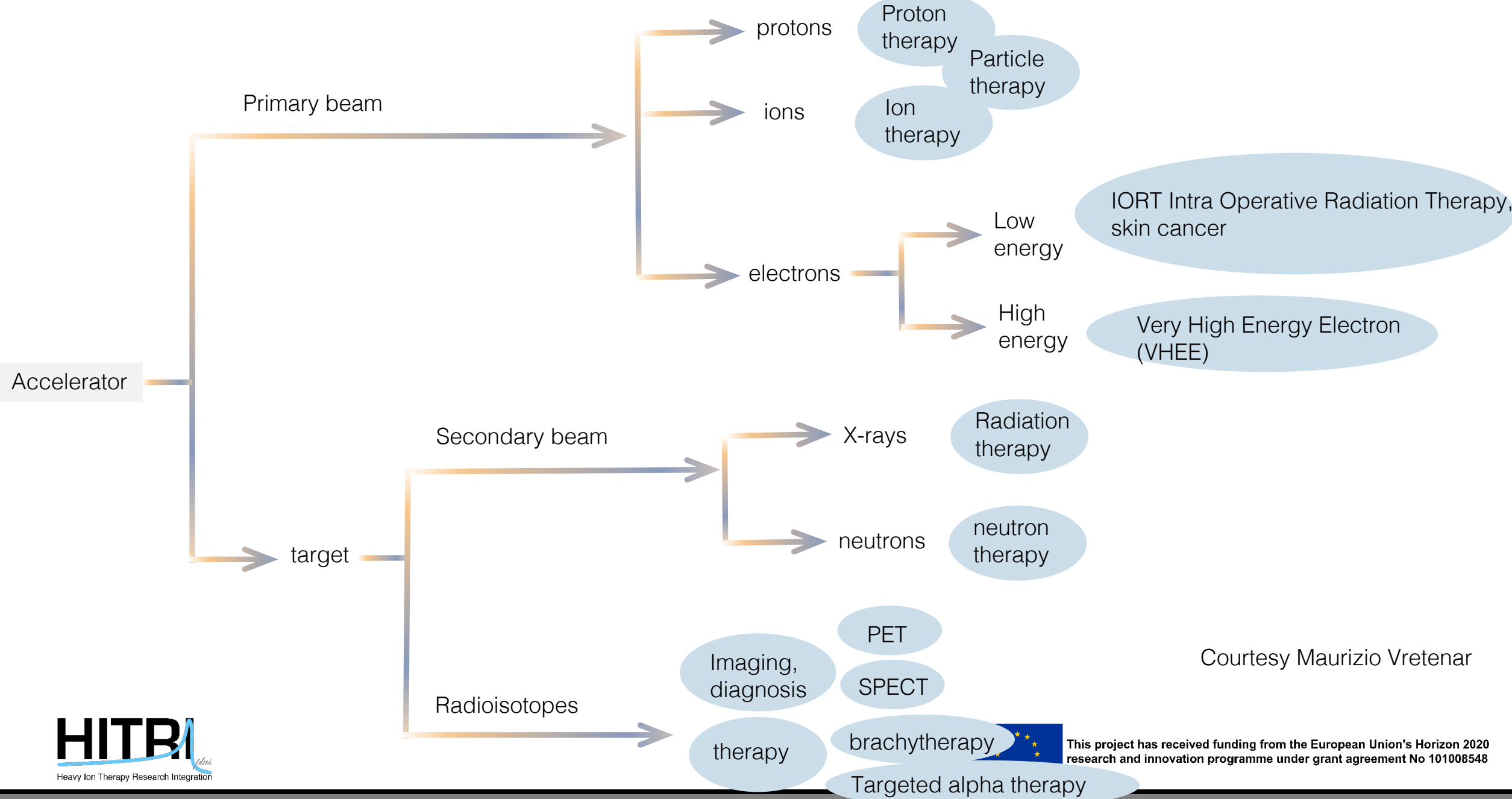
As of 2014 there were **42,200** accelerators worldwide:
27,000 (64%) in industry,
14,000 (33%) for medical purposes
1,200 (3%) for basic research.

These figures exclude electron microscopes and x-ray tubes, and the security and defense industries.

Chernyaev, A. P. and Varzar, S. M. (2014). Particle accelerators in modern world. Physics of Atomic Nuclei, 77(10):1203–1215.



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Status of Radiation Therapy Equipment

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Countries

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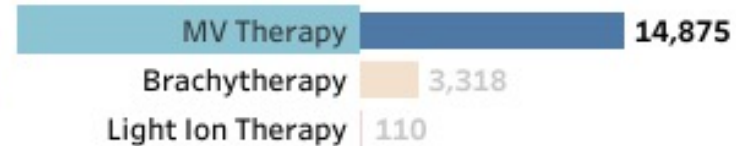
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MV Therapy

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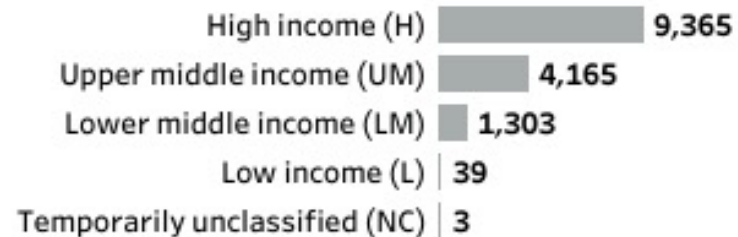
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Equipment per income groups

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Country



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Directory of
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Status of Radiation Therapy Equipment

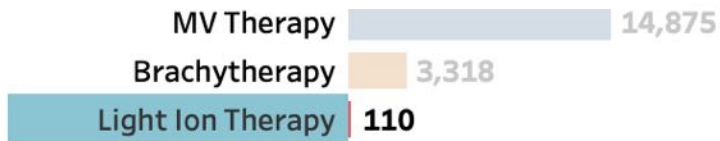
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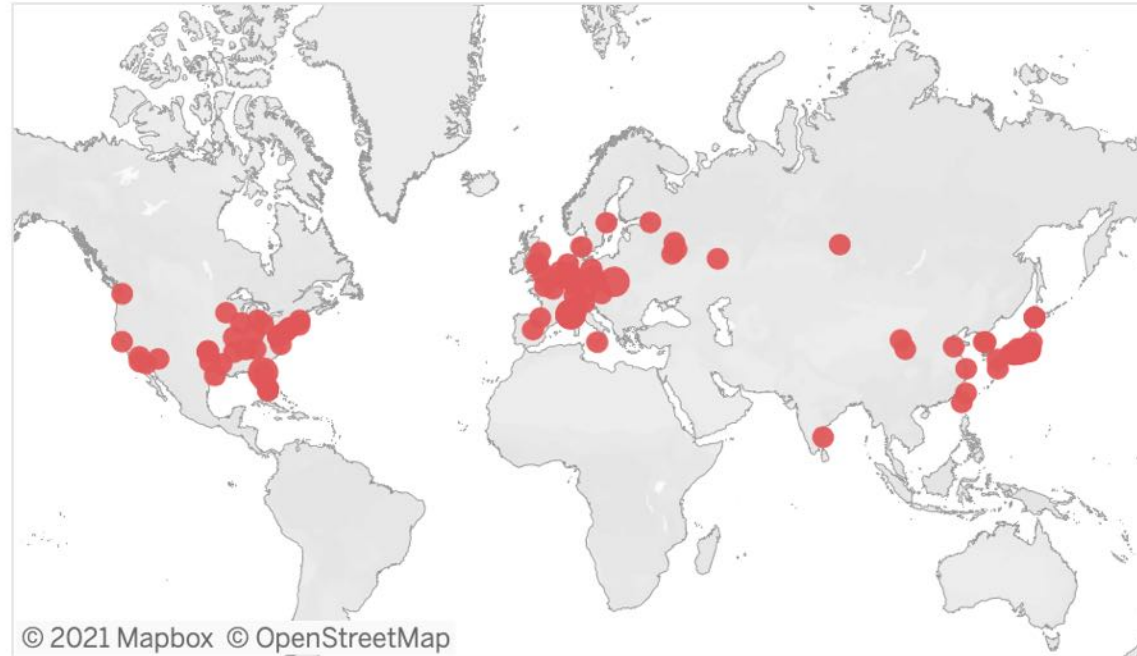
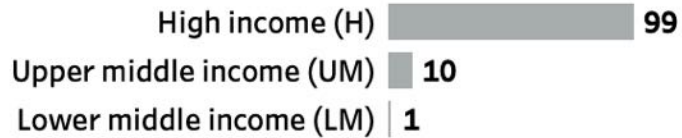
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Light Ion Therapy

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Multi heavy ions
(protons + carbon ions)

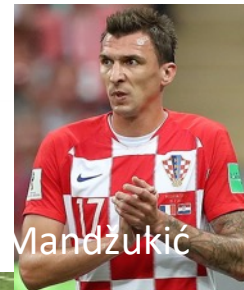
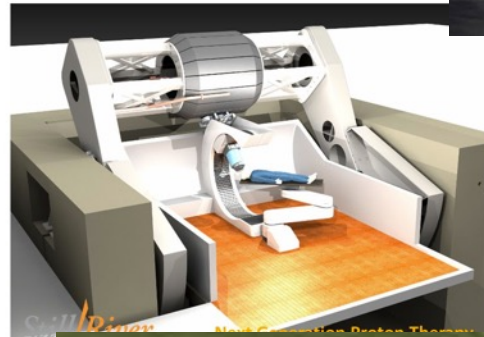


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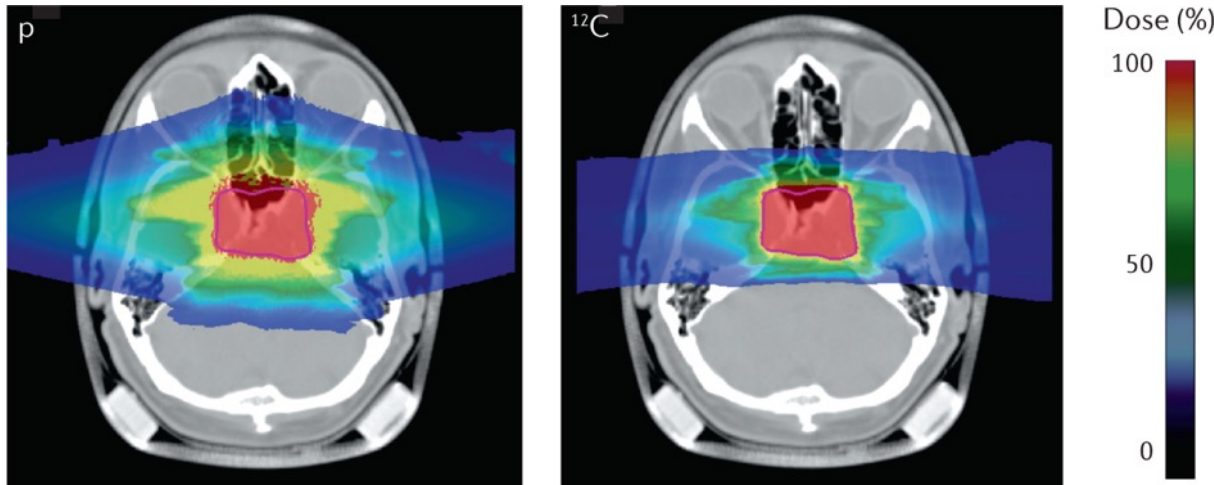
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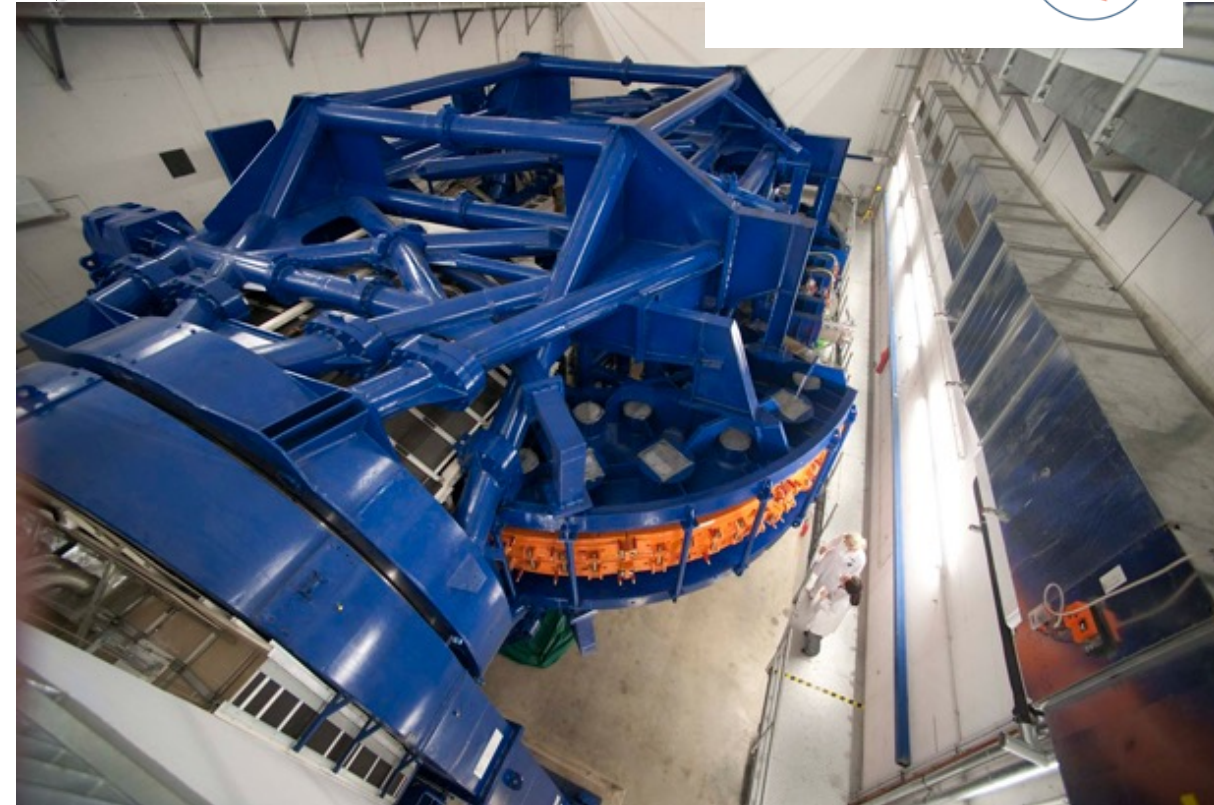
From pioneering rasterscanning & carbon ion pilot project @



440 patients
1998-2008



The image shows an optimized plan with two opposite fields for a chordoma patient using protons (left) or 12C ions (right).



Since 2009*:
2841 patients with p
3793 patients with C-ion

* Until Dec 2020, source ptcog.ch



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**PROTON-ION MEDICAL MACHINE STUDY (PIMMS)
PART II**

Accelerator Complex Study Group*
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and hosted by CERN

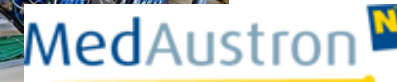
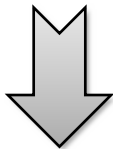
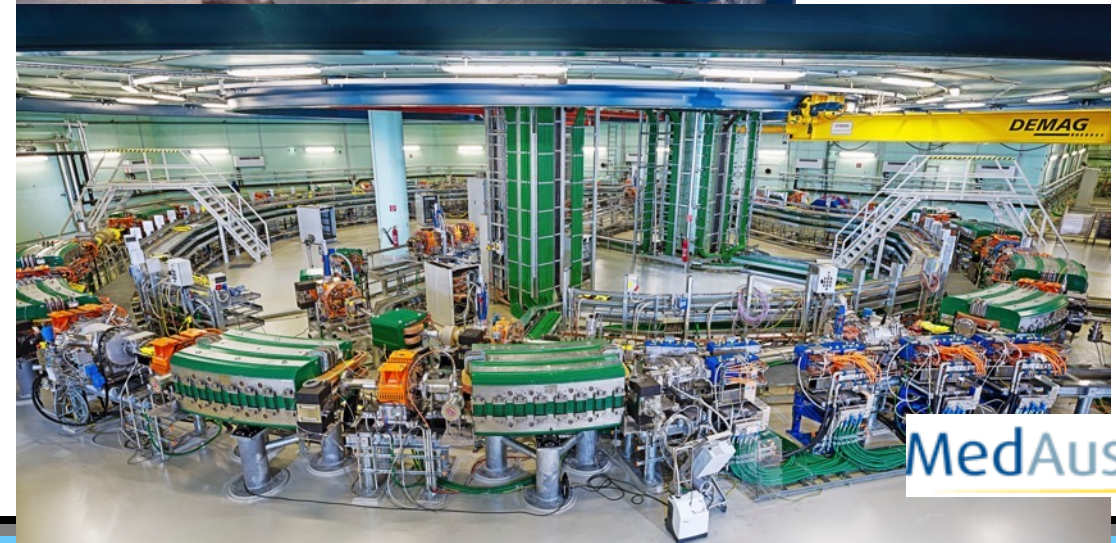
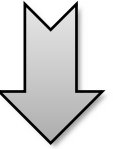
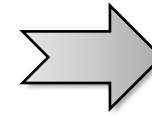
ABSTRACT

The Proton-Ion Medical Machine Study (PIMMS) group was formed following an agreement between the Med-AUSTRON (Austria) and the TERA Foundation (Italy) to combine their efforts in the design of a cancer therapy synchrotron capable of accelerating either light ions or protons. CERN agreed to support and host this study in its PS Division. A close collaboration was also set up with GSI (Germany). The study group was later joined by Onkologie-2000 (Czech Republic). Effort was first focused on the theoretical understanding of slow extraction and the techniques required to produce a smooth beam spill for the conformal treatment of complex-shaped tumours with a sub-millimetre accuracy by active scanning with proton and carbon ion beams. Considerations for passive beam spreading were also included for protons. The study has been written in two parts. The more general and theoretical aspects are recorded in Part I and the specific technical design considerations are presented in the present volume, Part II. An accompanying CD-ROM contains supporting publications made by the team and data files for calculations. The PIMMS team started its work in January 1996 in the PS Division and continued for a period of four years.

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May 2000

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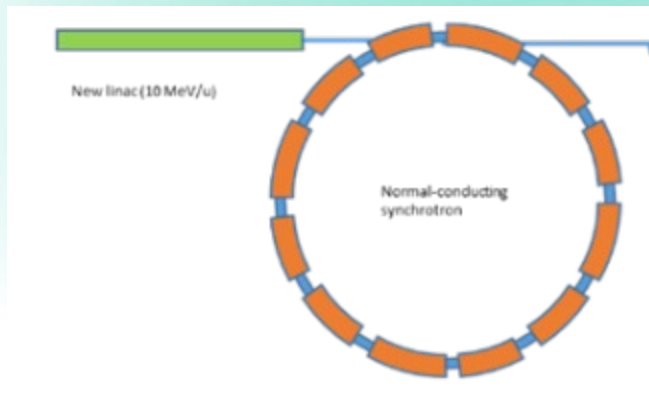


Three alternative accelerator designs

Improved synchrotron (warm)

Equipped with several innovative features: multi-turn injection for higher beam intensity, new injector at higher gradient and energy, multiple extraction schemes, multi-ion.

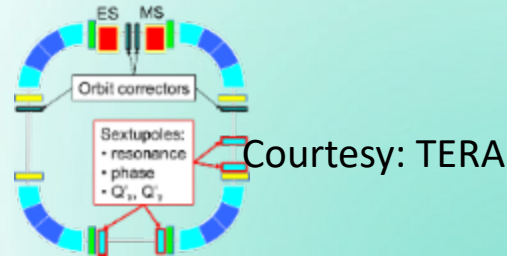
Circumference ~ 75 m



Improved synchrotron (superconducting)

Equipped with the same innovative features as warm, but additionally 90° superconducting magnets.

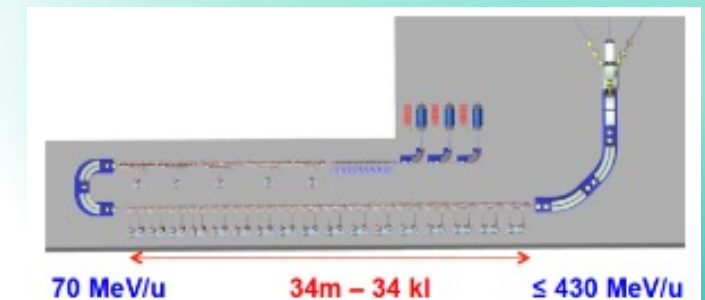
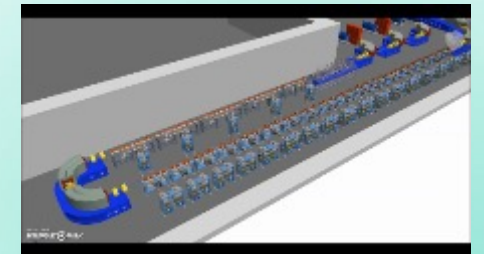
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Linear accelerator

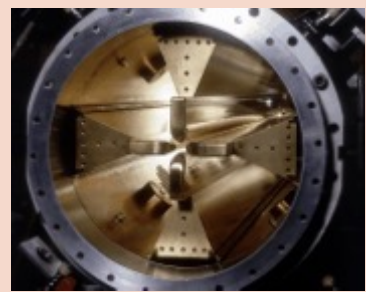
Linear sequence of accelerating cells, high pulse frequency.

Length ~ 53 m



Protons: the LINAC way

1990 RFQ2 200 MHz 0.5 MeV /m Weight :1200kg/m Ext. diametre : ~45 cm	2007 LINAC4 RFQ 352 MHz 1MeV/m Weight : 400kg/m Ext. diametre : 29 cm	2014 HF RFQ 750MHz 2.5MeV/m Weight : 100 kg/m Ext. diametre : 13 cm
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Compact High-Frequency Radio Frequency Quadrupole (RFQ)

M. Vretenar, A. Dallochio, V. A. Dimov, M. Garlasché, A. Grudiev, A. M. Lombardi, S. Mathot, E. Montesinos, M. Timmins, "A Compact High-Frequency RFQ for Medical Applications", in Proc. LINAC2014, Geneva, Switzerland, September 2014

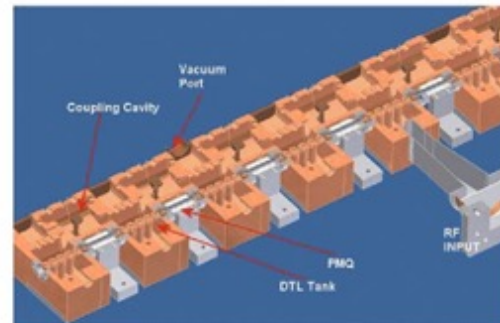
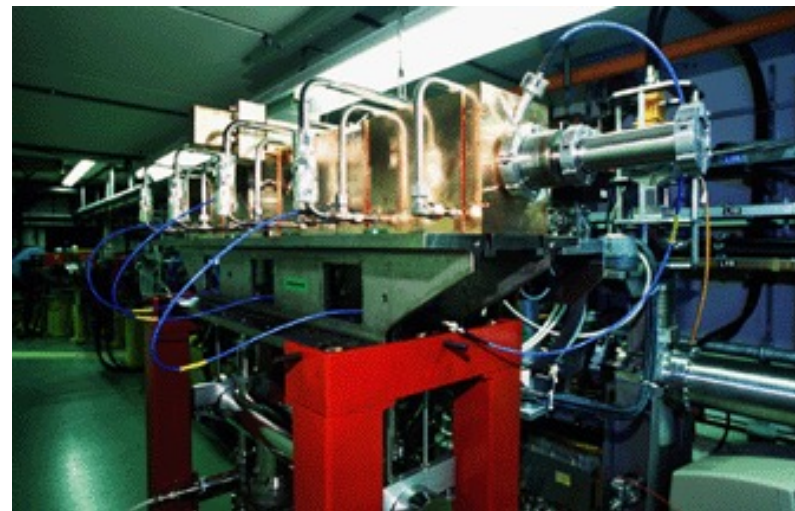


Fig. 4. TOP-IMPLART SCDTL structure: (left) schematic (right) 18-24 MeV booster built for the SPARKLE Company.

TOP IMPLART

C. Ronsivalle, M. Carpanese, C. Marino, G. Messina, L. Picardi, S. Sandri, E. Basile, B. Caccia, D.M. Castelluccio, E. Cisbani, S. Frullani, F. Ghio, V. Macellari, M. Benassi, M. D'Andrea, L. Strigari, The TOP-IMPLART project, Eur. Phys. J. Plus 126: 68 (2011) 1-15, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1140/epjp/i2011-11068-x>.



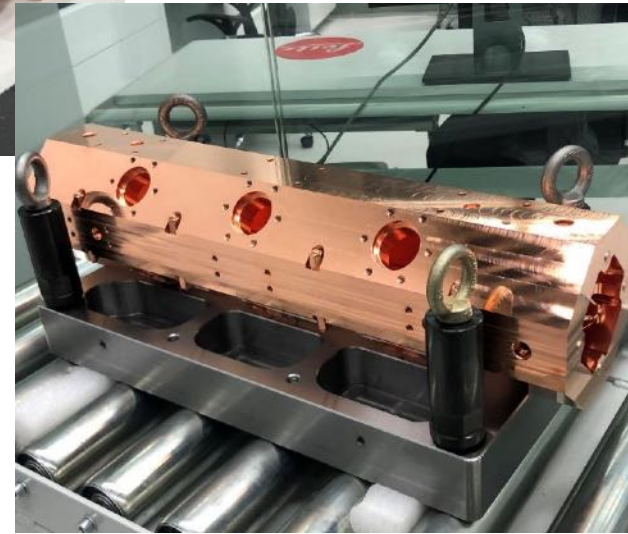
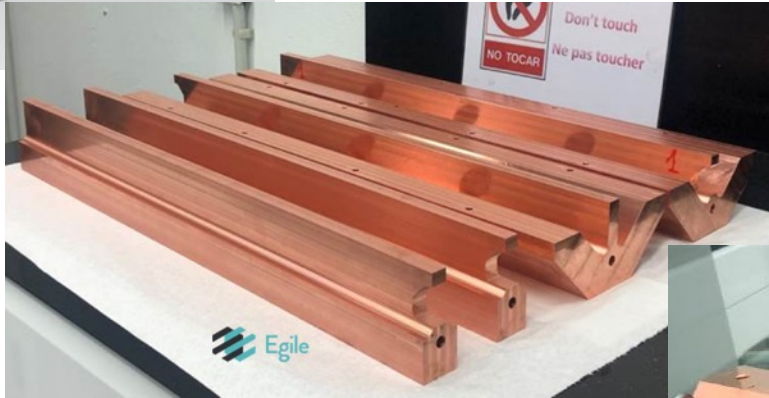
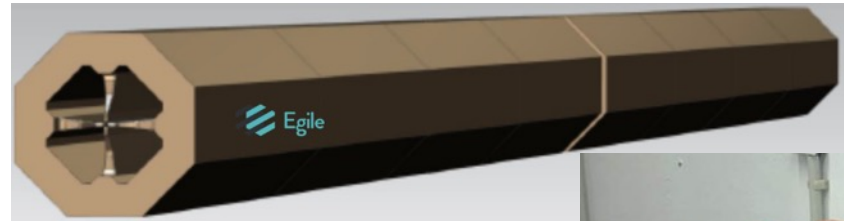
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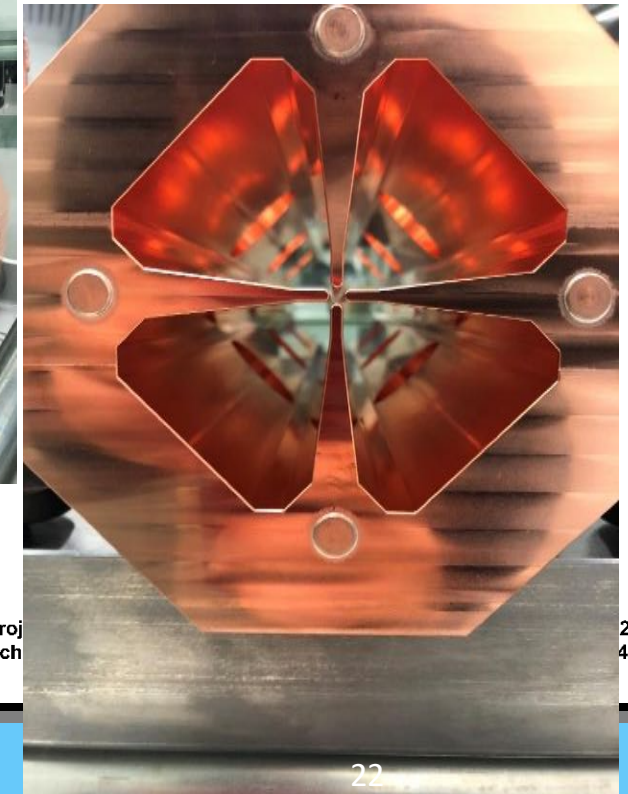
Linac BOoster (LIBO)

U. Amaldi et al., "LIBO-a linac booster for protontherapy: construction and test of a prototype," Nucl. Instrum. Meth- ods Phys. Res. A, vol. 521, pp. 512-529, 2004.

The RFQ for C⁶⁺ LINAC option



First (of 4 sections) completed



Collaboration CERN-CIEMAT-CDTI-Spanish industry
2.0 m long
750 MHz
Will deliver Carbon (or Helium) at 5 MeV
(total energy)
Designed at CERN built in Spanish Industry

FLASH therapy – a growing clinical interest

NATURE

May 23, 1959 VOL. 183

Modification of the Oxygen Effect when Bacteria are given Large Pulses of Radiation

D. L. DEWEY
J. W. BOAG

Research Unit in Radiobiology,
British Empire Cancer Campaign,
Mount Vernon Hospital,
Northwood.

> [Sci Transl Med](#). 2014 Jul 16;6(245):245ra93. doi: 10.1126/scitranslmed.3008973.

Ultrahigh dose-rate FLASH irradiation increases the differential response between normal and tumor tissue in mice

Vincent Favaudon¹, Laura Caplier², Virginie Monceau³, Frédéric Pouzoulet⁴, Mano Sayarath⁴, Charles Fouillade⁴, Marie-France Poupon⁴, Isabel Brito⁵, Philippe Hupé⁶, Jean Bourhis⁷, Janet Hall⁴, Jean-Jacques Fontaine², Marie-Catherine Vozenin⁸

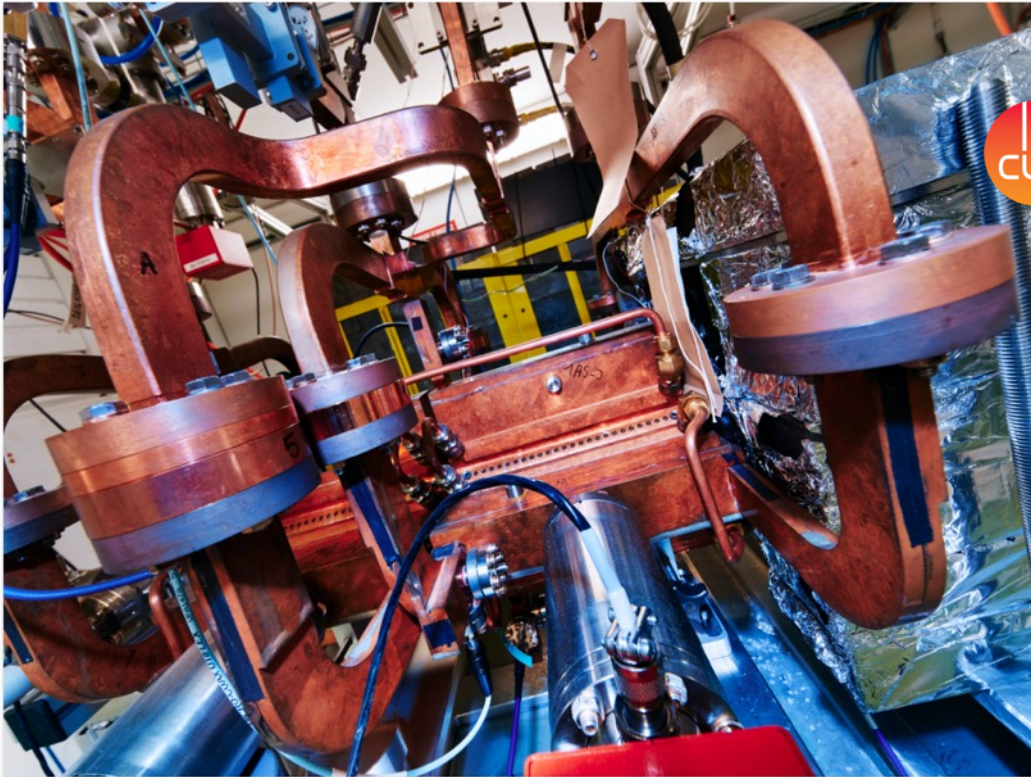
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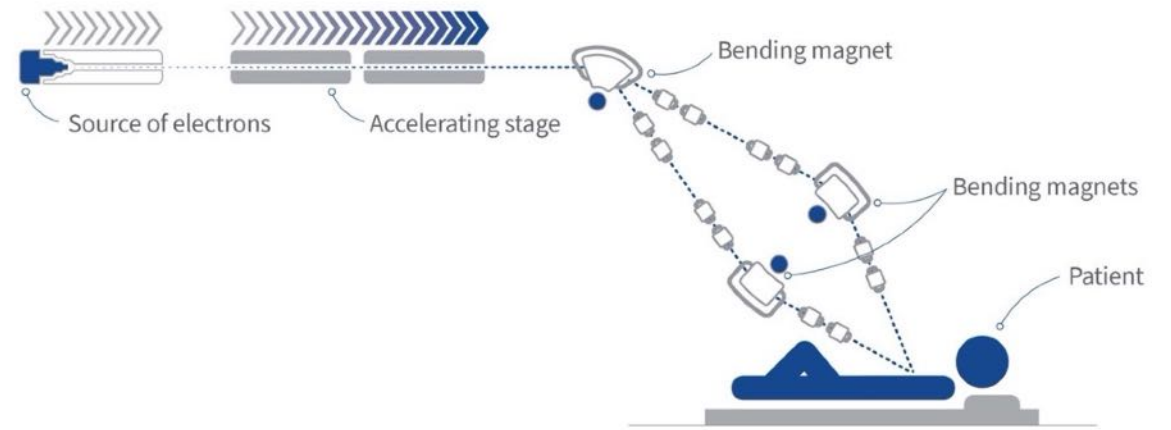
In vitro studies suggested that sub-millisecond pulses of radiation elicit less genomic instability than continuous, protracted irradiation at the same total dose. To determine the potential of ultrahigh dose-rate irradiation in radiotherapy, we investigated lung fibrogenesis in C57BL/6J mice exposed either to short pulses (≤ 500 ms) of radiation delivered at ultrahigh dose rate (≥ 40 Gy/s, FLASH) or to conventional dose-rate irradiation (≤ 0.03 Gy/s, CONV) in single doses. The growth of human HBCx-12A and HEP-2 tumor xenografts in nude mice and syngeneic TC-1 Luc(+) orthotopic lung tumors in C57BL/6J mice was monitored under similar radiation conditions. CONV (15 Gy) triggered lung fibrosis associated with activation of the TGF- β (transforming growth factor- β) cascade, whereas no complications developed after doses of FLASH below 20 Gy for more than 36 weeks after irradiation. FLASH irradiation also spared normal smooth muscle and epithelial cells from acute radiation-induced apoptosis, which could be reinduced by administration of systemic TNF- α (tumor necrosis factor- α) before irradiation. In contrast, FLASH was as efficient as CONV in the repression of tumor growth. Together, these results suggest that FLASH radiotherapy might allow complete eradication of lung tumors and reduce the occurrence and severity of early and late complications affecting normal tissue.

CERN – CHUV - THERYQ collaboration on FLASH VHEE therapy

CLIC technology for a FLASH VHEE facility designed in collaboration with CHUV and realized by THERYQ



Close-up of the Compact Linear Collider prototype, on which the electron FLASH design is based (Image: CERN)



An intense beam of electrons is produced in a photoinjector, accelerated to around 100 MeV and then is expanded, shaped and guided to the patient.

Jean Bourhis from CHUV:
“The clinical need that we have really converges with the technological answer that CERN has.”

The remarkable connection between CLIC technology and FLASH electron therapy

Very intense electron beams

CLIC – to provide brightness needed for delicate physics experiments

FLASH – to provide dose fast for biological FLASH effect

Very precisely controlled electron beams

CLIC – to reduce the power consumption of the facility

FLASH – to provide reliable treatment in a clinical setting

High accelerating gradient (that is high beam energy gain per length)

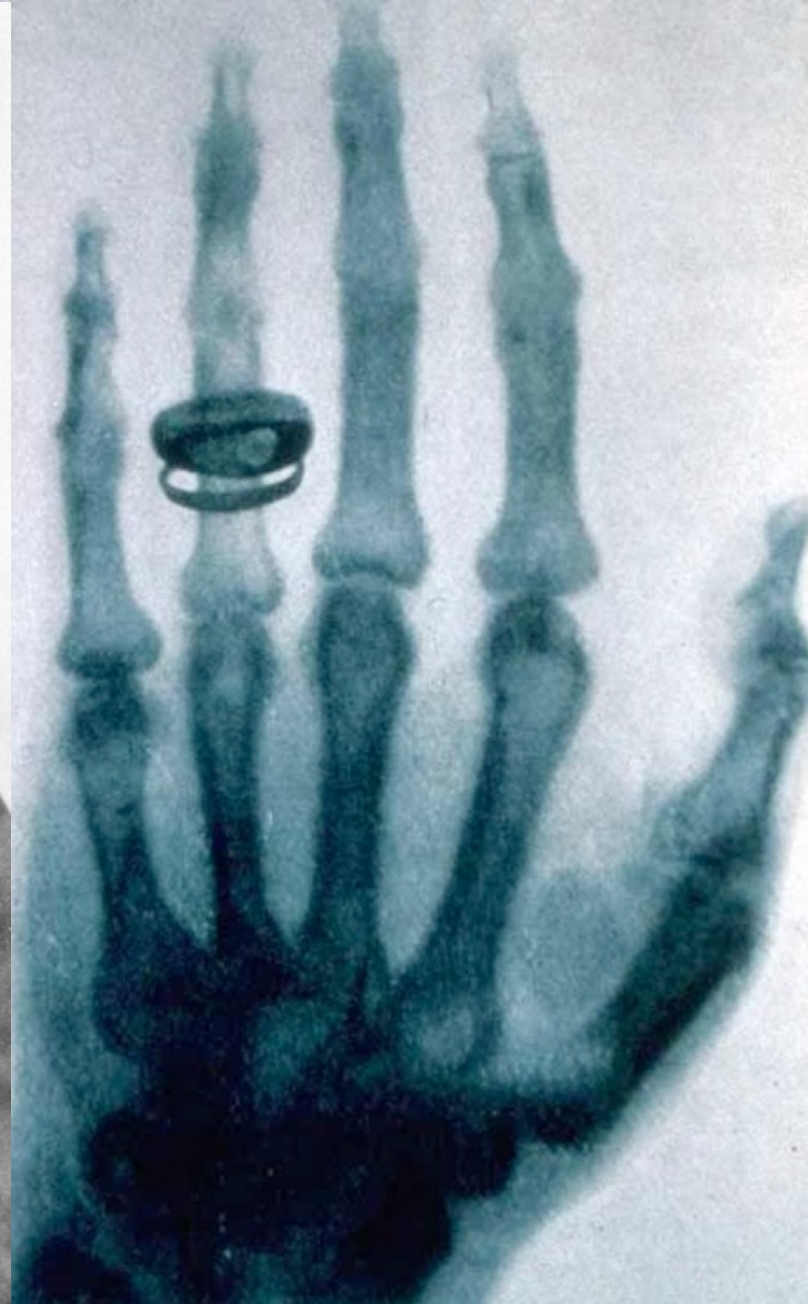
CLIC – fit facility in Lac Lemman region and limit cost

FLASH – fit facility on typical hospital campuses and limit cost of treatment

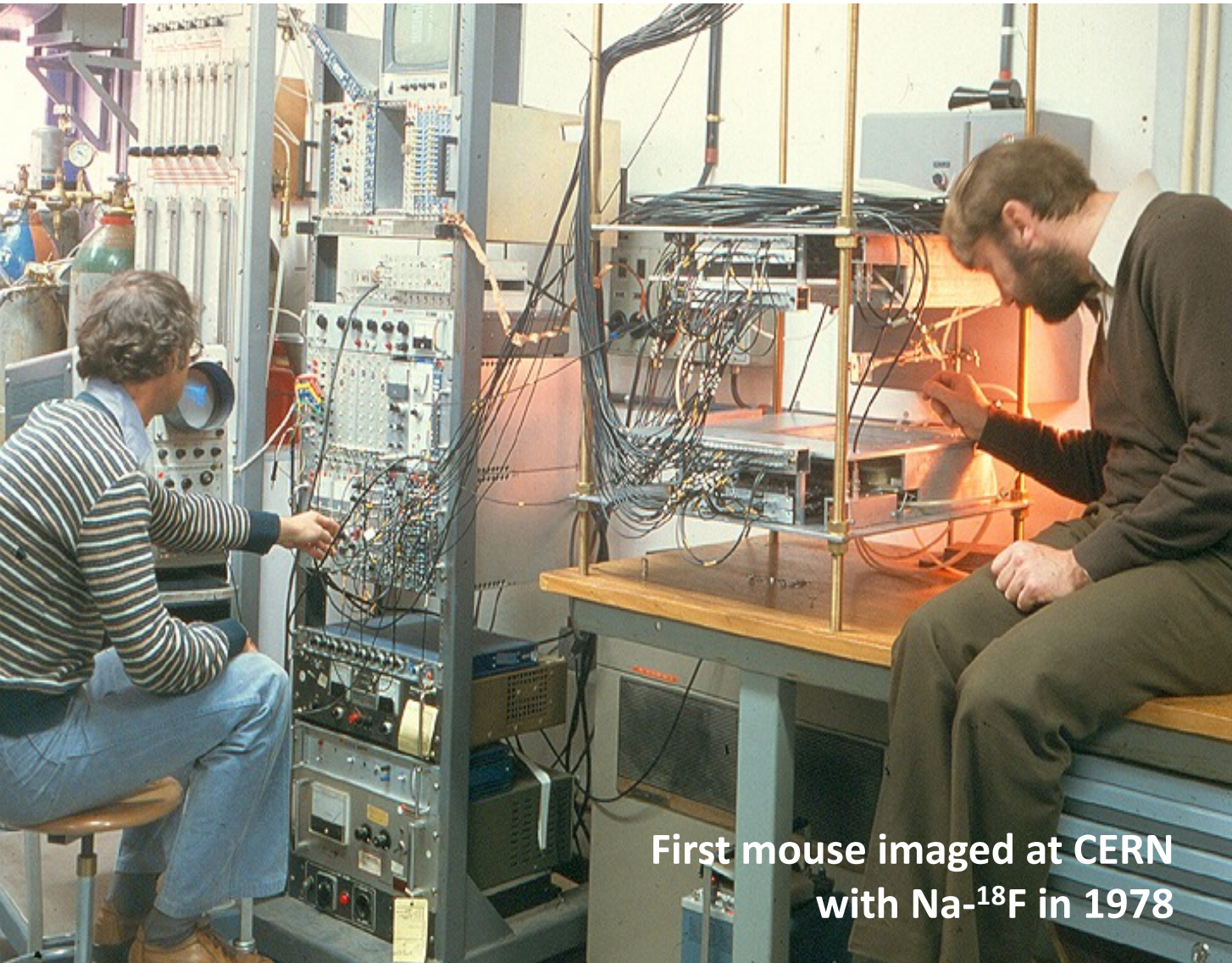


CERN KT Seminar on April 26th, 2021
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IMAGING



David Townsend, Alan Jeavons



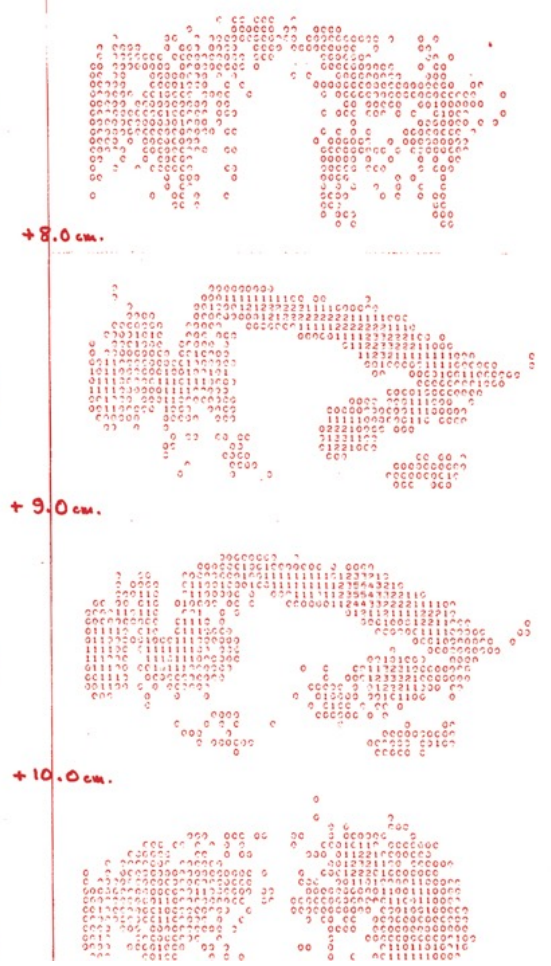
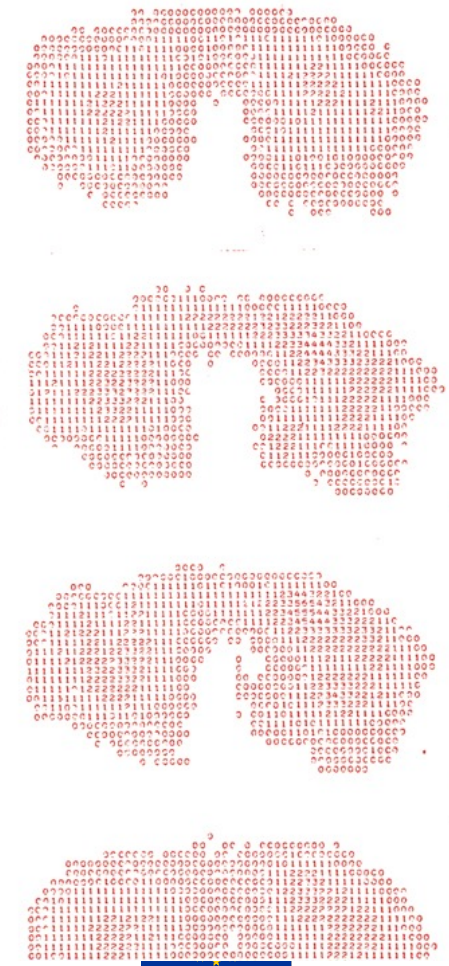
First mouse imaged at CERN
with Na-¹⁸F in 1978

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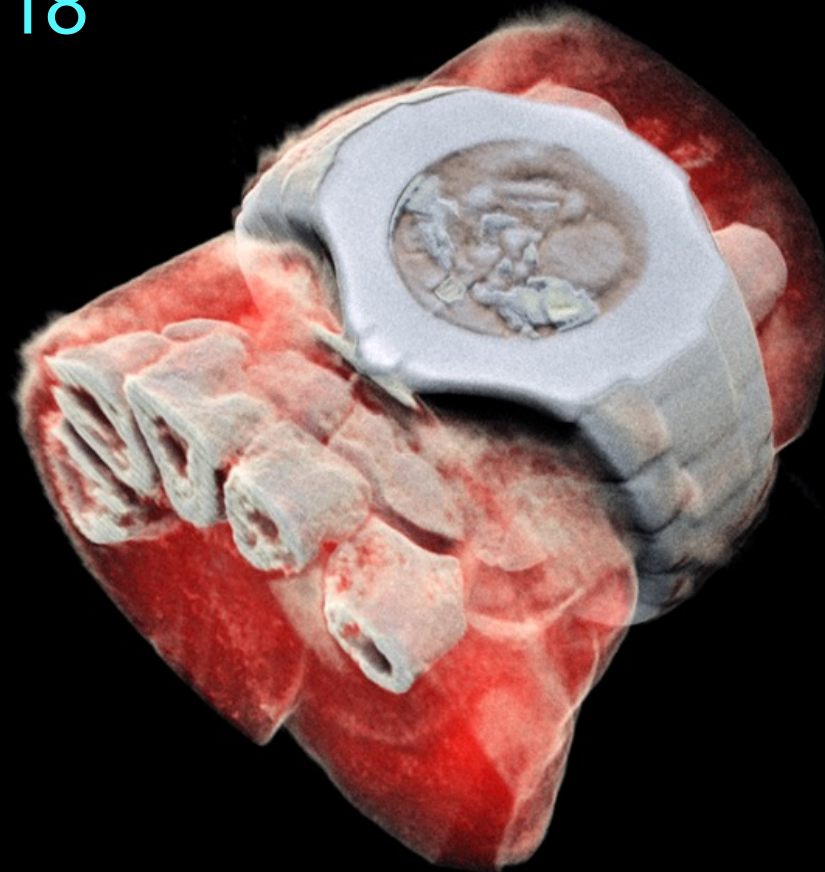
SCAN OF MOUSE SKELETON . 5.7 μ C, F¹⁸ (positron emission)
1 bin \equiv 1mm x 1mm. Plane spacing = 1 cm.

TOMOGRAM

RECONSTRUCTION



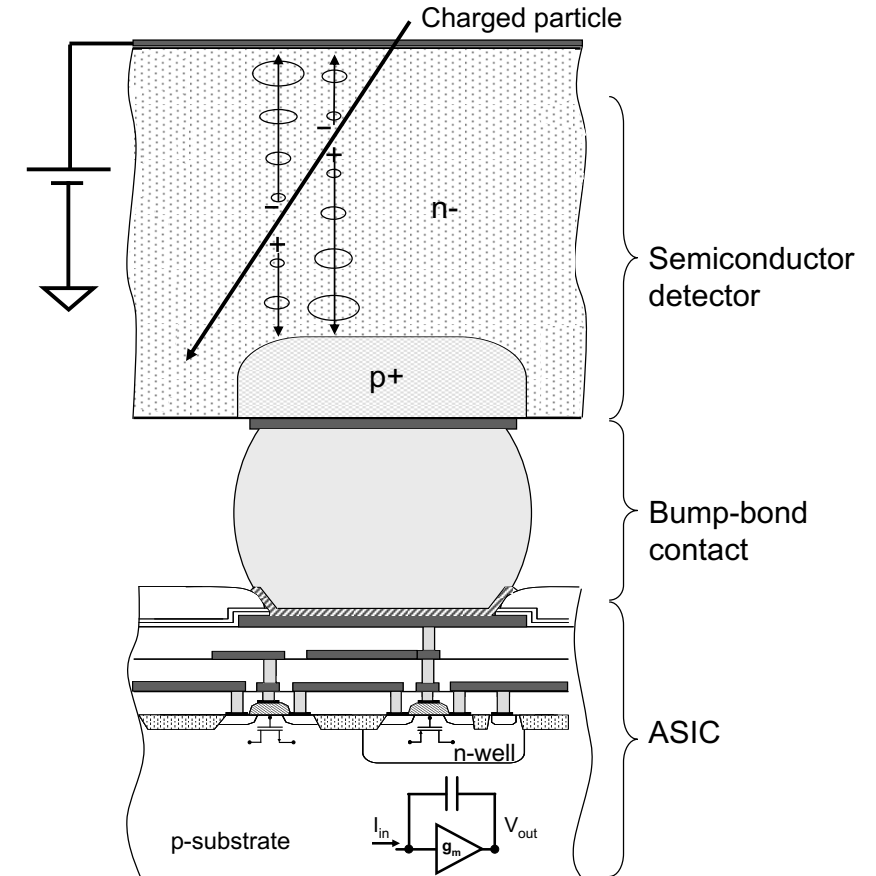
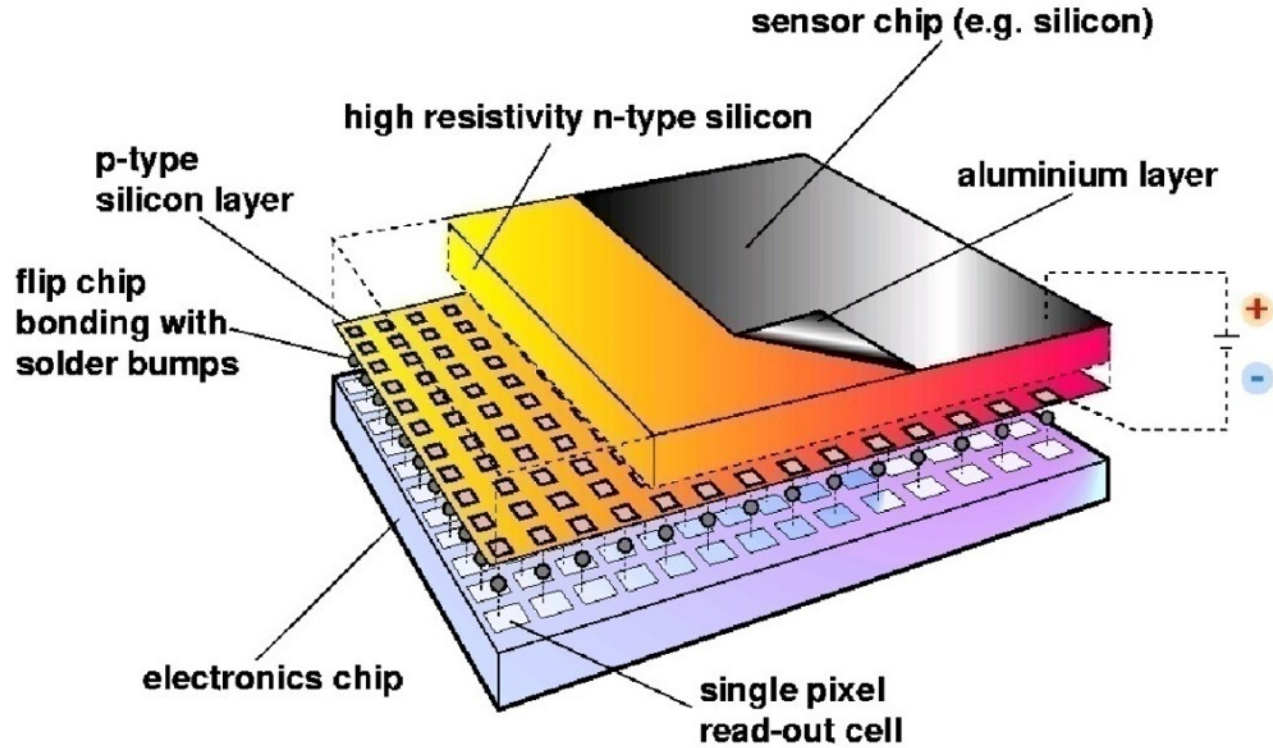
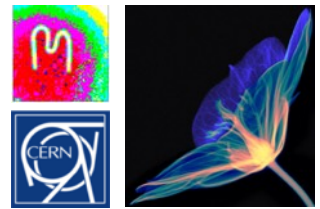
Fast forward to 2018



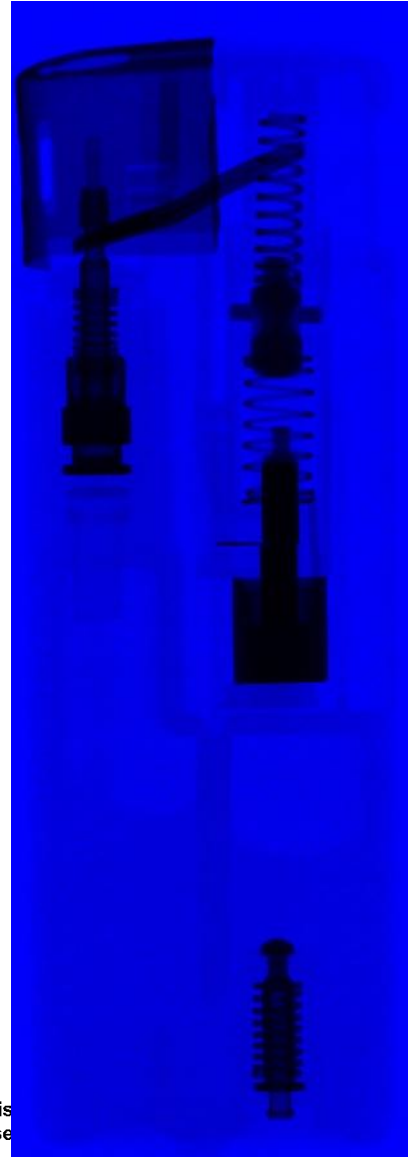
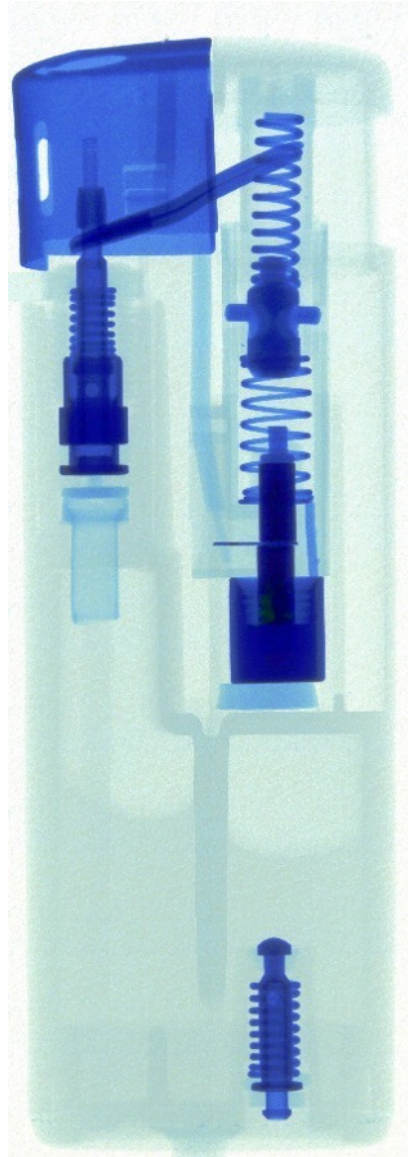
First 3D colour X-ray of human extremities using the Medipix3 technology developed at CERN



Hybrid Silicon Pixel Detectors



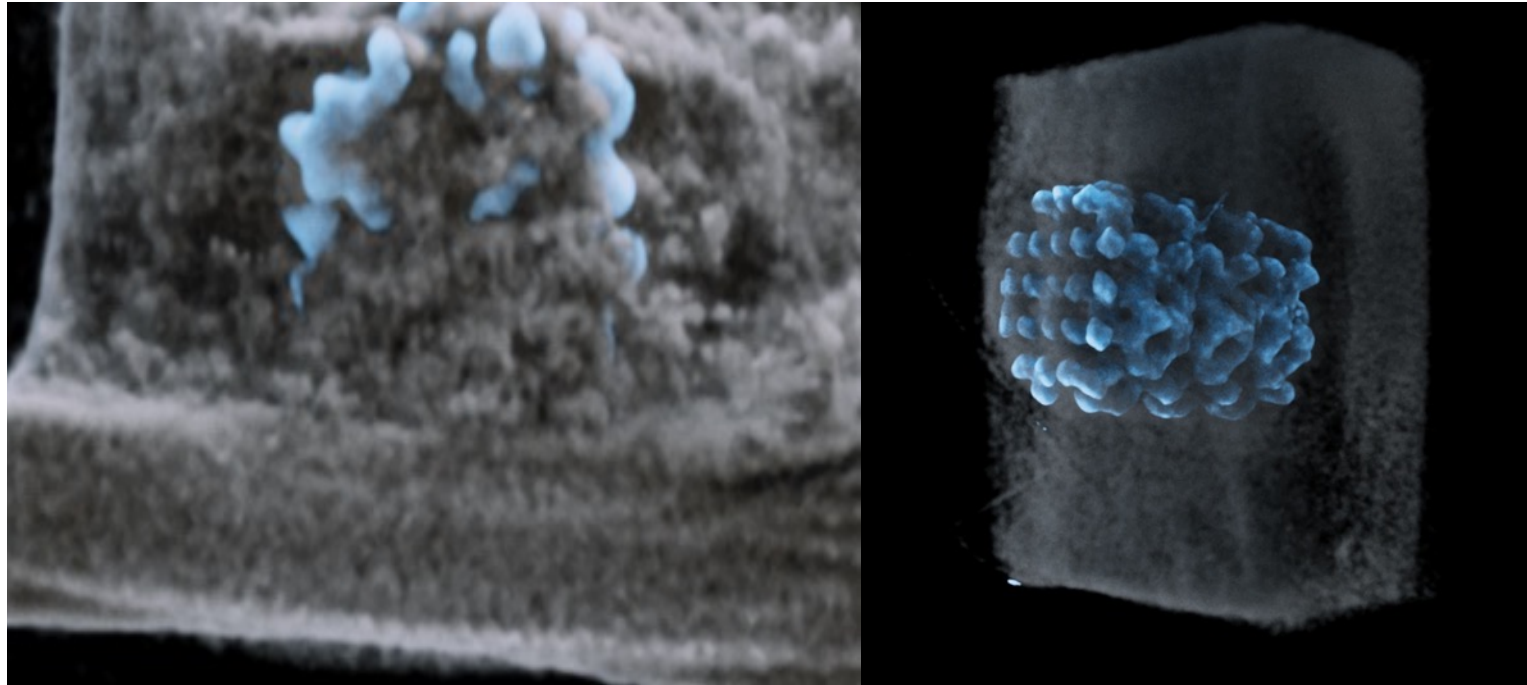
Noise-hit free particle detection
 Standard CMOS can be used allowing on-pixel signal processing
 Sensor material can be changed (Si, GaAs, CdTe..)



S. Procz et al.

Spectral imaging of joints

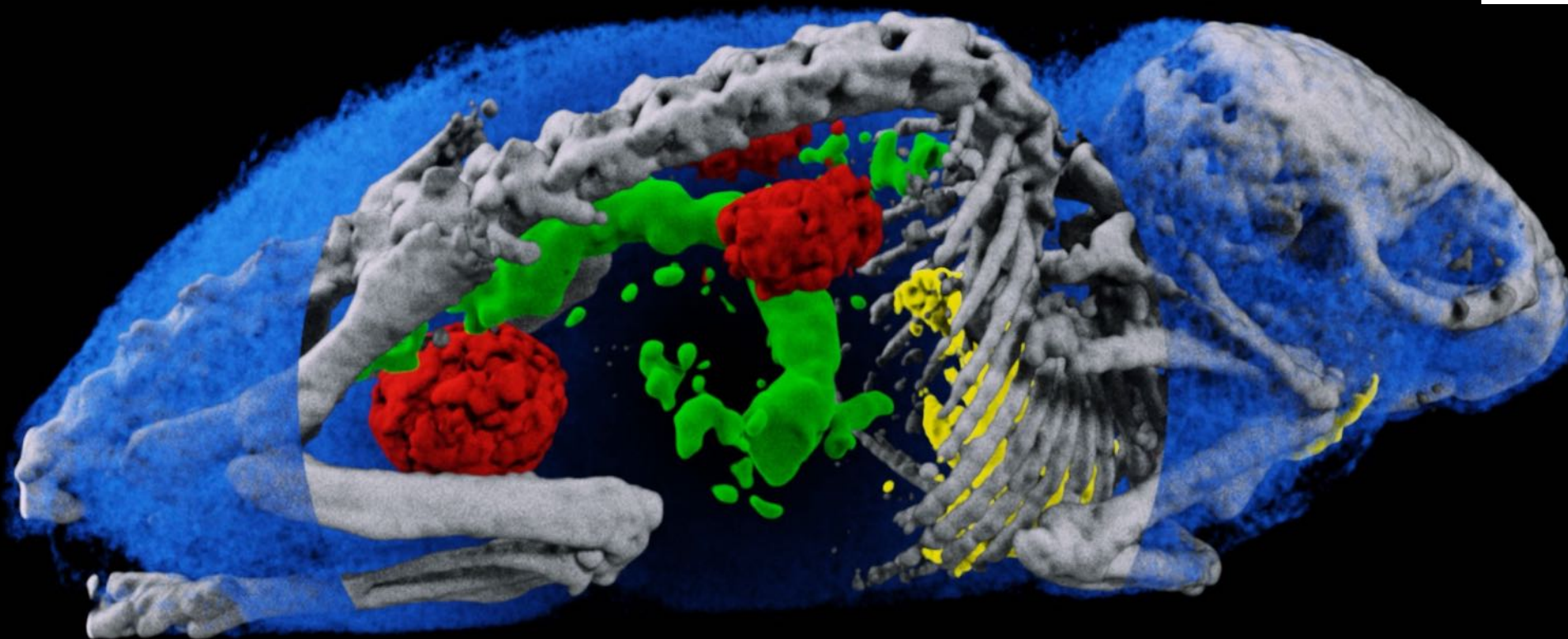
Titanium implant in sheep bone



Enables better understanding of


- process of bone ingrowth
- bone / implant interface

Spectroscopic information permits material separation

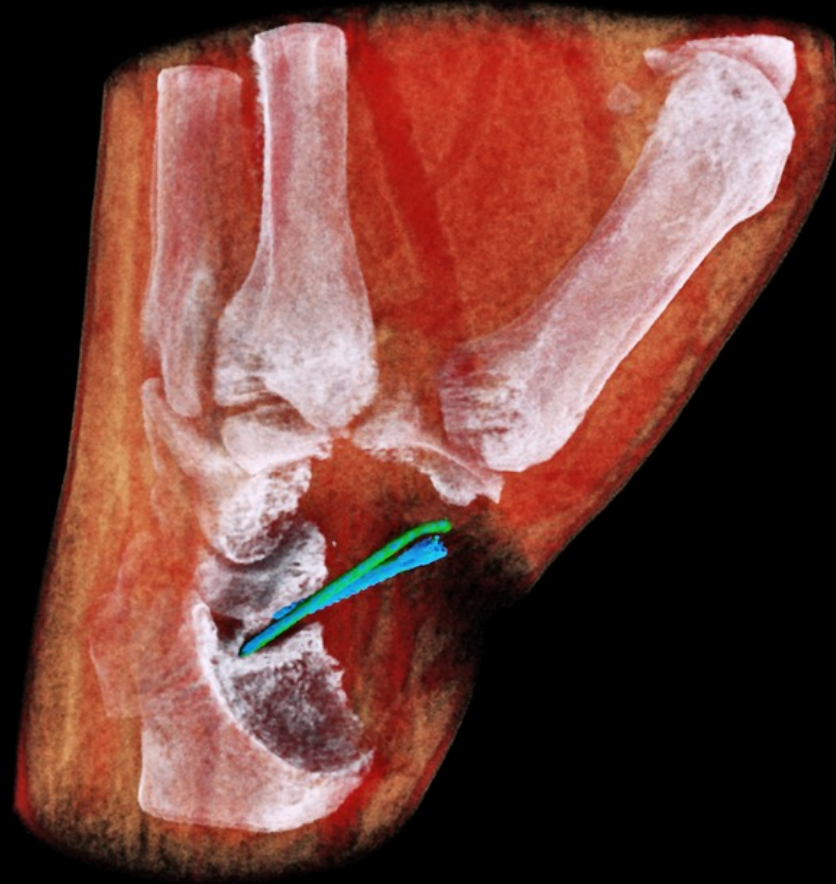


The water has been partly cut away to reveal the bone, gold, gadolinium and iodine



Images presented at the  European Congress of Radiology, Vienna, March 2017.

Spectral CT image showing wrist implant





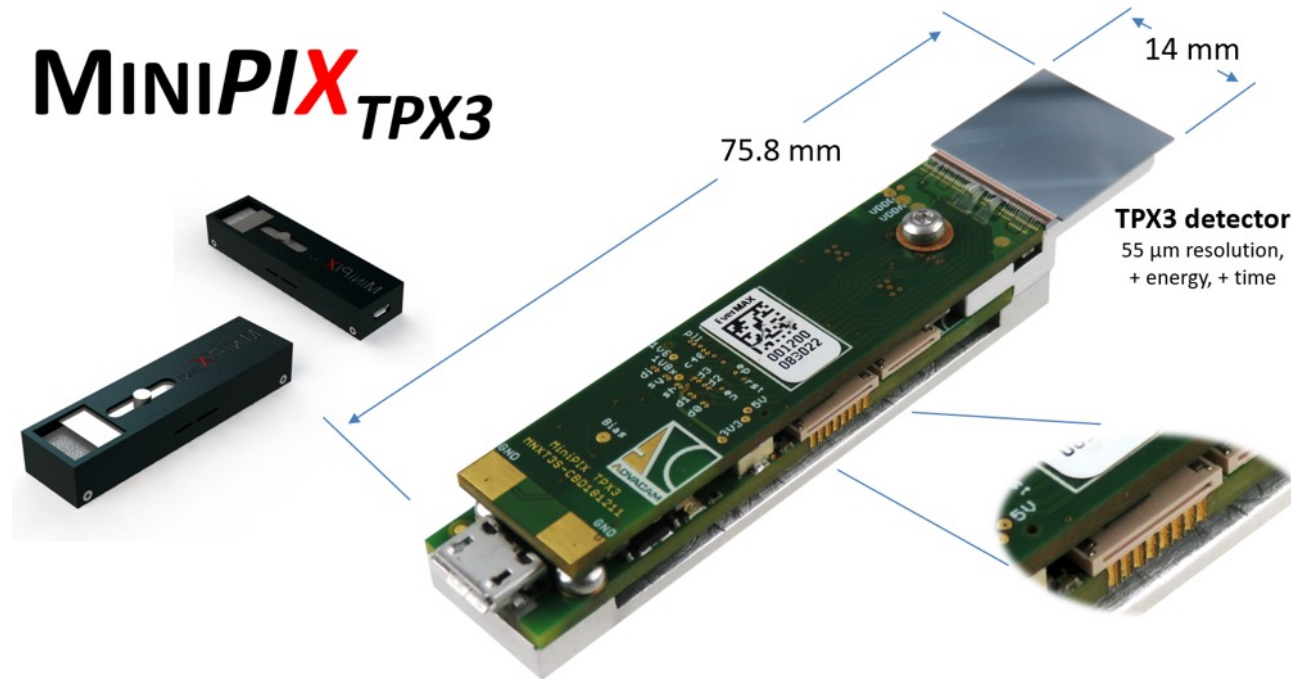
Ethanol-preserved mouse heart scanned using the WidePIX_{10x5} detector
60 kVp tungsten spectrum
720 projections, 5 seconds per projection (one hours total)
Spatial resolution ca. 7 μ m
Reconstructed using Volex, visualized using CTVox and Amide software



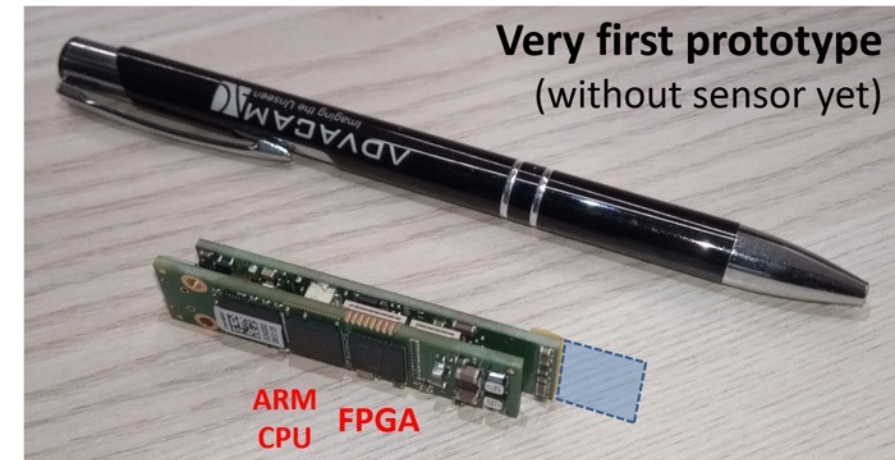
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MiniPIX TPX3

Miniaturized spectral camera supporting Si and CdTe sensors



It's really small...



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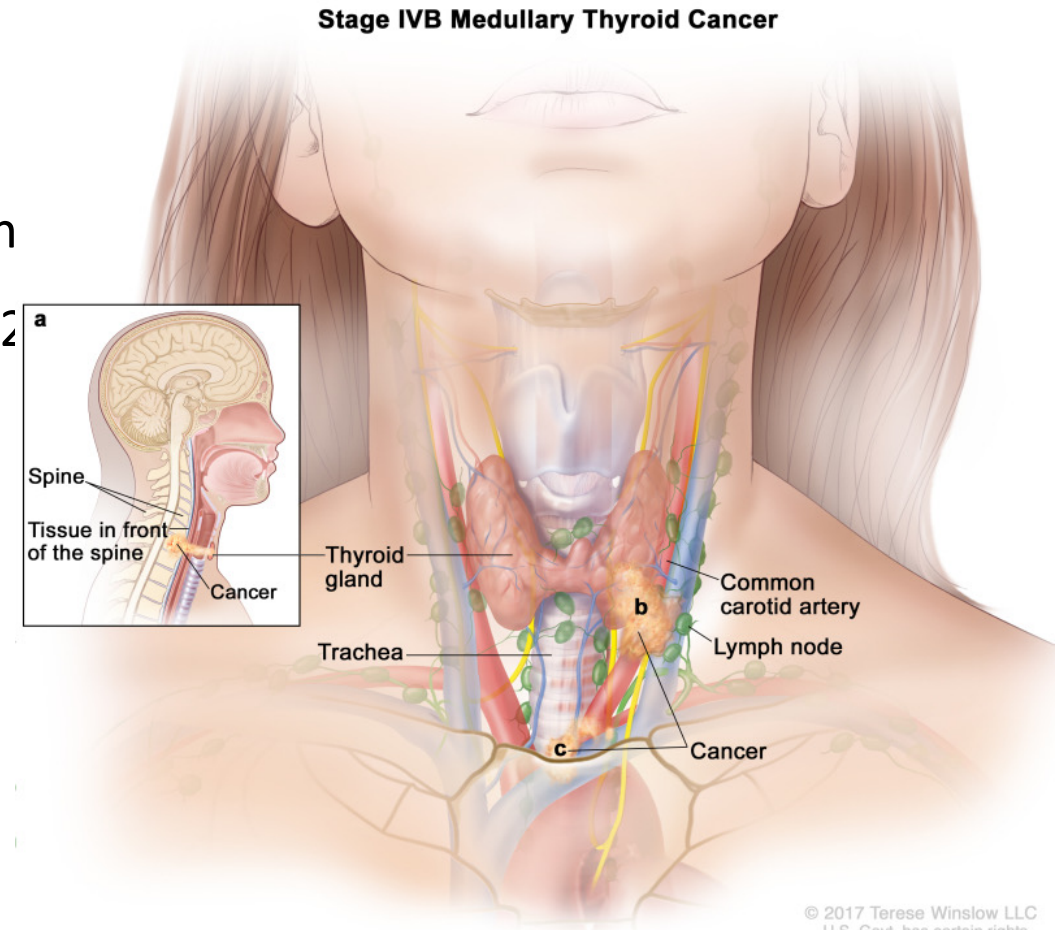


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Gamma camera applications: Thyroid diagnostic

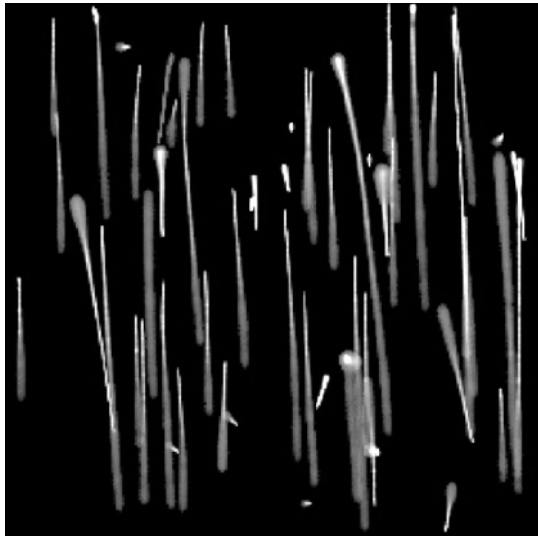
Thyroid cancer diagnostics and treatment monitoring:
The second most frequent cancer for women (after breast cancer)
Current imaging methods offer resolution of about 12 mm in 2D
This technology allows

- 5 times better resolution and 3D (2.5 mm)
- 4 times lower dose

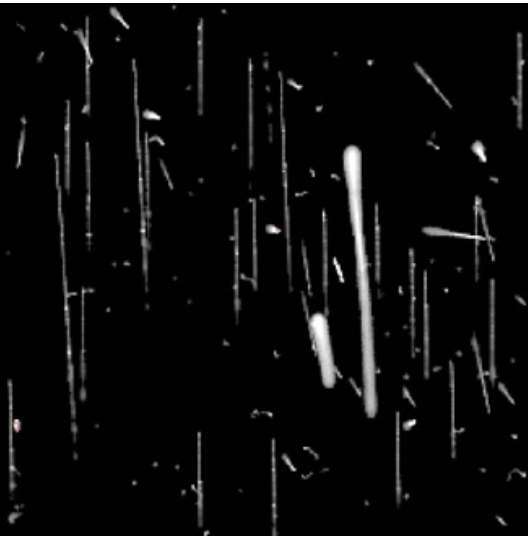


In-line images of a hadron therapy beam

Protons 221 MeV

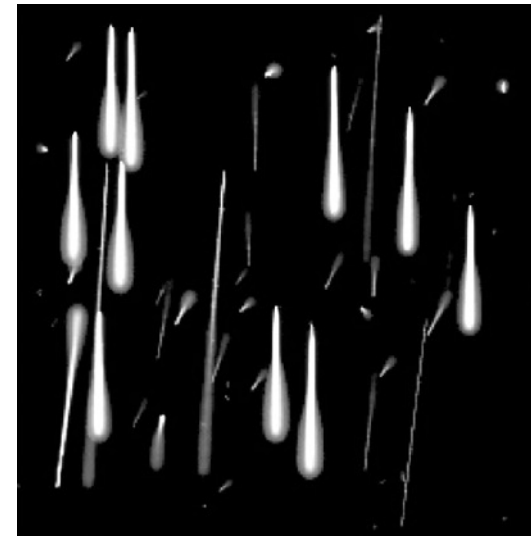


Only protons and their scattering, no secondaries.



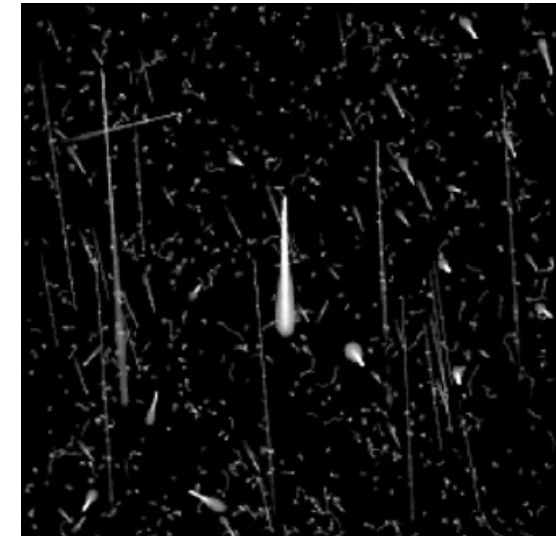
Many secondaries, (delta electrons fragments).

Carbons 89 MeV/u



Carbons and protons and their scattering, no secondaries.

Carbons 430 MeV/u



Carbons and many secondaries.

3 MeV

Timepix chip combined with Si detector

TimePIX 3 photon fluence measurement in hospital theatres



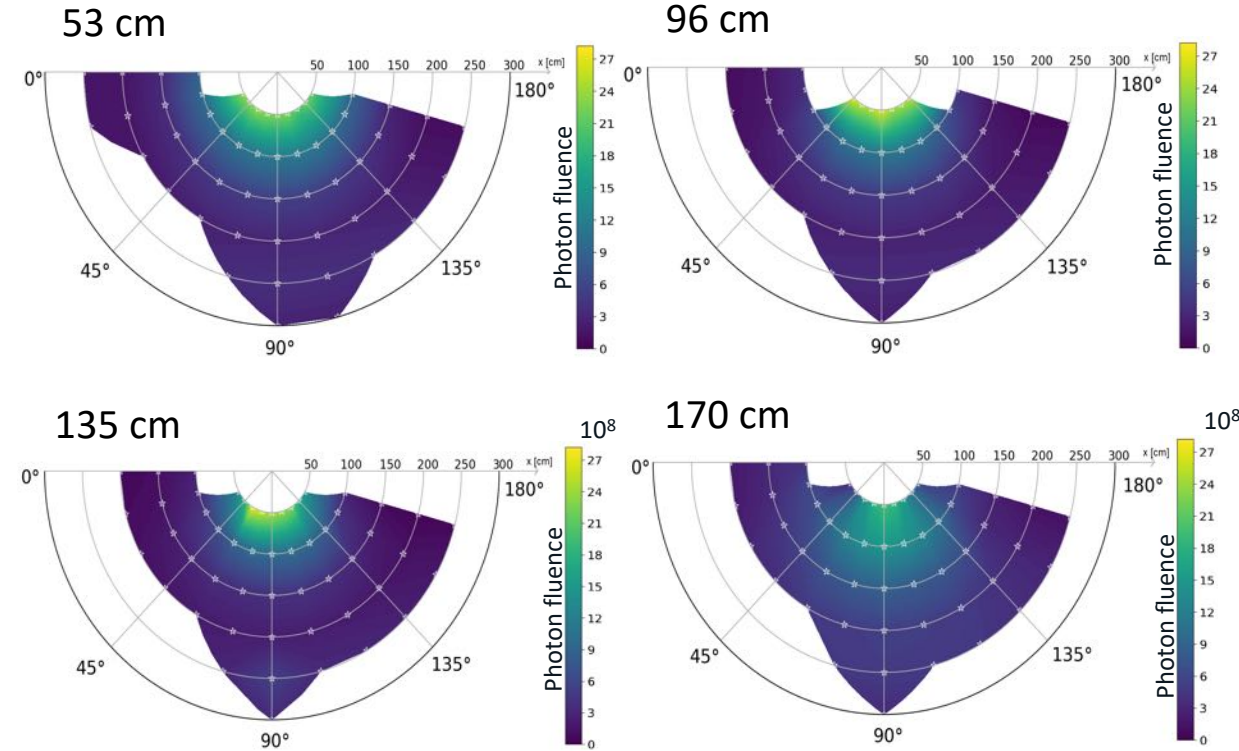
Reference person: 1.76 m

Eye lens - 170 cm

Chest - 135 cm

Belt - 96 cm

Knee - 53 cm



Colour maps of the photon fluence measured with a Timepix III in an hospital theatre at four horizontal heights.

Radioisotopes: The medical testing crisis

With a serious shortage of medical isotopes looming, innovative companies are exploring ways to make them without nuclear reactors.

Richard Van Noorden

11 December 2013

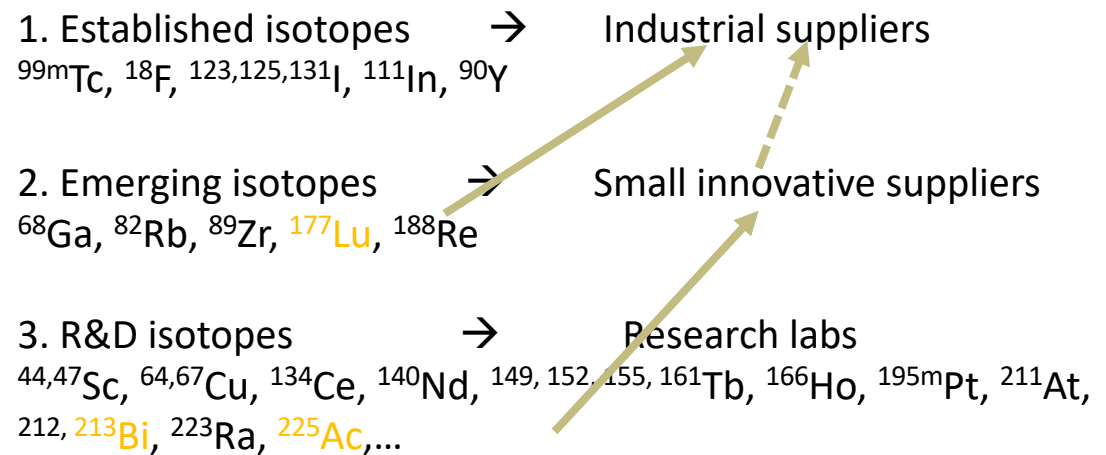
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Radioisotopes & Nuclear Medicine

Classification of isotopes for Medicine:



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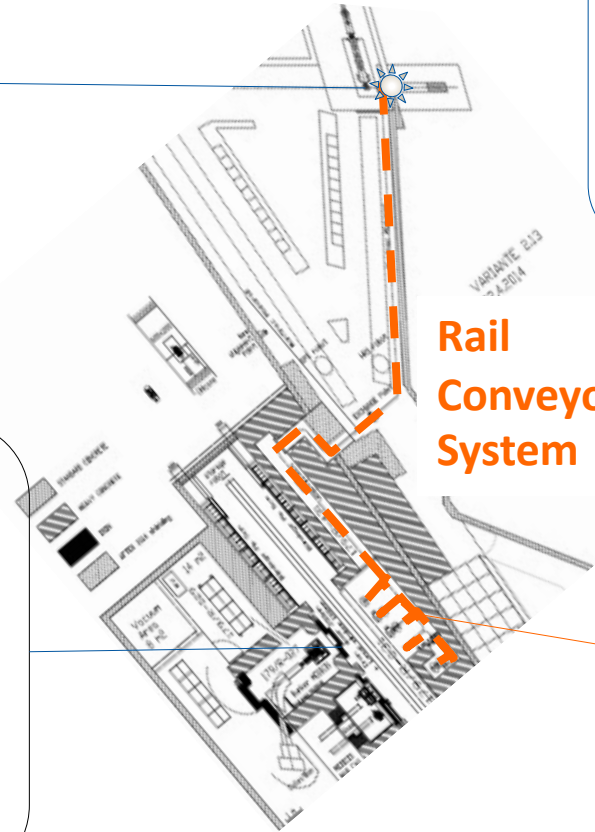
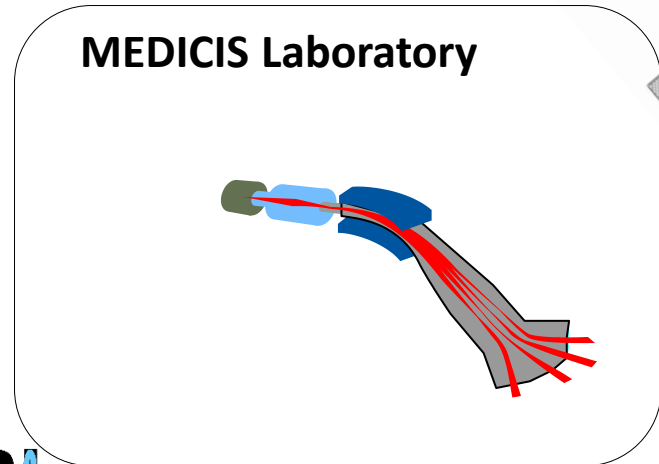
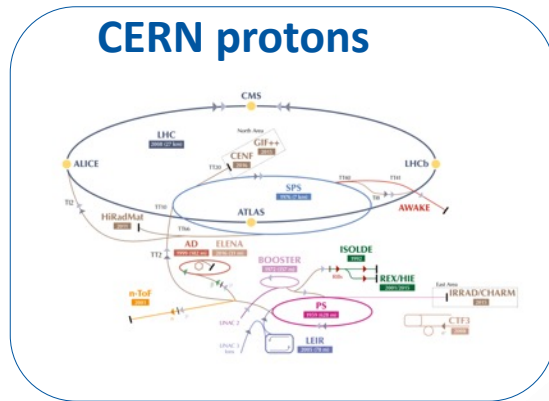
Theranostics

<p>Tb 149</p> <p>4.2 m 4.1 h</p> <p>ε β⁺ α 3.99 γ 796; 165...</p> <p>ε α 3.97 β⁺ 1.8 γ 352; 165...</p>	<p>Tb 152</p> <p>4.2 m 17.5 h</p> <p>ly 283; 160... ε; β⁺... γ 344; 411...</p> <p>ε β⁺ 2.8... γ 344; 586; 271...</p>
<p>Tb 155</p> <p>5.32 d</p> <p>ε γ 87; 105;... 180, 262</p>	<p>Tb 161</p> <p>6.90 d</p> <p>β⁻ 0.5; 0.6... γ 26; 49; 75... e⁻</p>



A Unique Matched Quadruplet of Terbium Radioisotopes for PET and SPECT and for α - and β -Radionuclide Therapy: An In Vivo Proof-of-Concept Study with a New Receptor-Targeted Folate Derivative
 Cristina Müller, Konstantin Zheronosekov, Ulli Köster, Karl Johnston, Holger Dorrer, Alexander Hohn, Nico T. van der Walt, Andreas Türler and Roger Schibli
 Journal of Nuclear Medicine December 2012, 53 (12) 1951-1959; DOI: <https://doi.org/10.2967/jnumed.112.107540>

Principle of isotope production



Rail
Conveyor
System

MEDICIS Target Irradiation

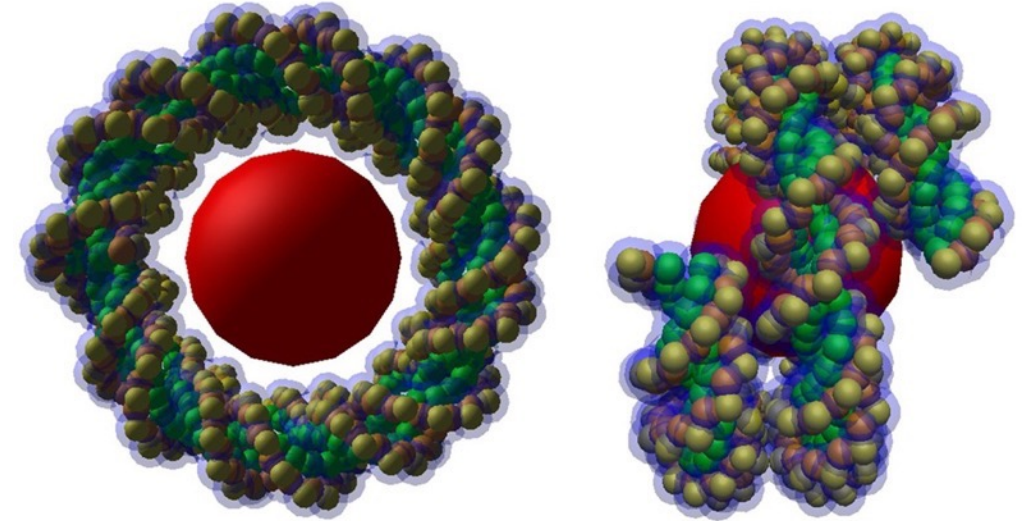
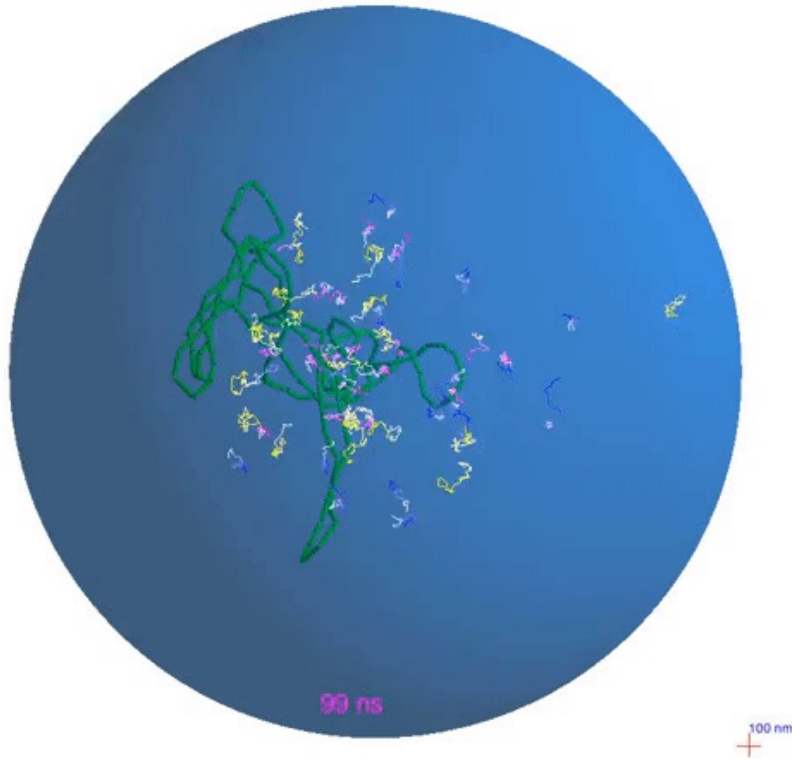


Digital Technologies



Geant4-DNA applications

Simulation using Geant4-DNA of irradiation of a pBR322 plasmid, including radiolysis



Model of nucleosome created using DnaFabric*, imported into Geant4 to model irradiation, repair mechanisms.

* S. Meylan et al, Comp. Phys. Comm. 204 (2016) p159

Tools for specific applications

based on Geant4

Tools provide specific capabilities for creating

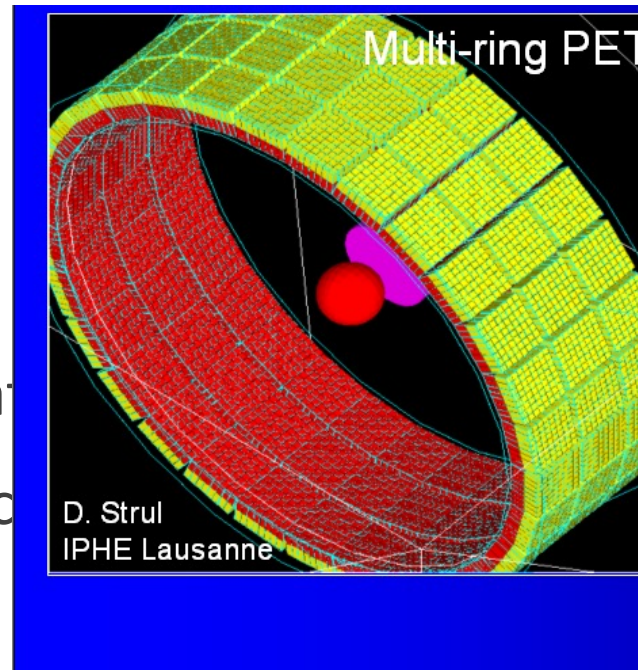
- create setup, steer simulation via 'text commands'
- output adapted for application-area

[GATE](#) (FR, DE, GR, PL, AT) - PET/SPECT,

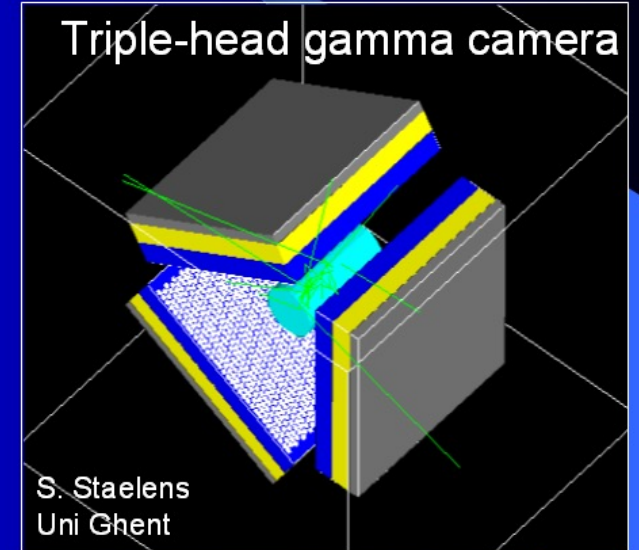
[TOPAS](#) (US) - protontherapy

[GAMOS](#) (ES) - for nuclear medicine applications

Developed by external parties - using capabilities of



Example GATE geometries



TOPAS Tool for Particle Simulation

To use Monte Carlo transport for radiation therapy research in the past, one had to be both an expert in Monte Carlo and an expert in medical physics. With TOPAS, it is sufficient to be an expert in medical physics or biology

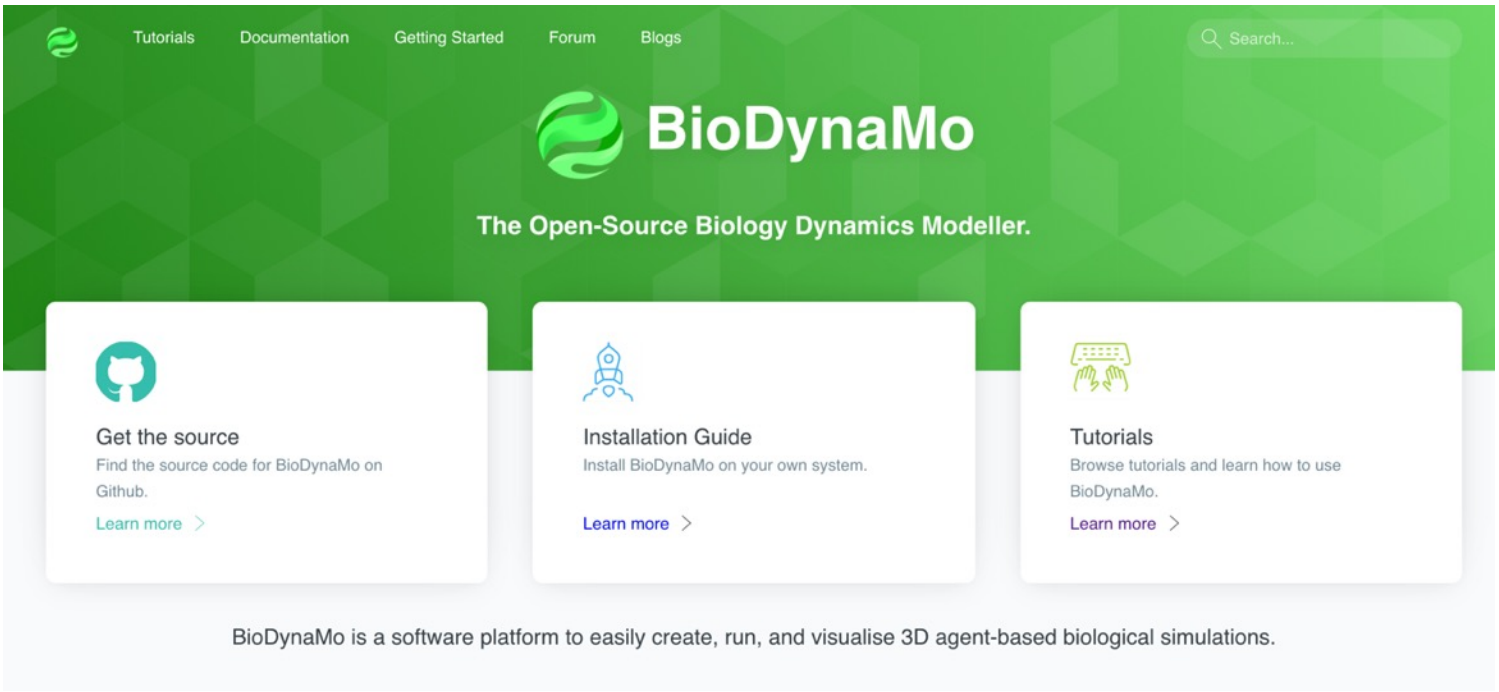
TOPAS has been developed by:
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Thank You NIH !!!!

TOPAS supported by the U.S National Institutes of Health under contracts 2R01CA140735-05 and 1 R01 CA187003-01A1 and by TOPAS MC Inc

A 3D visualization of a proton therapy beamline geometry, showing a complex arrangement of magnets and detectors. The beamline is colored blue and yellow, and the source is a small red sphere.

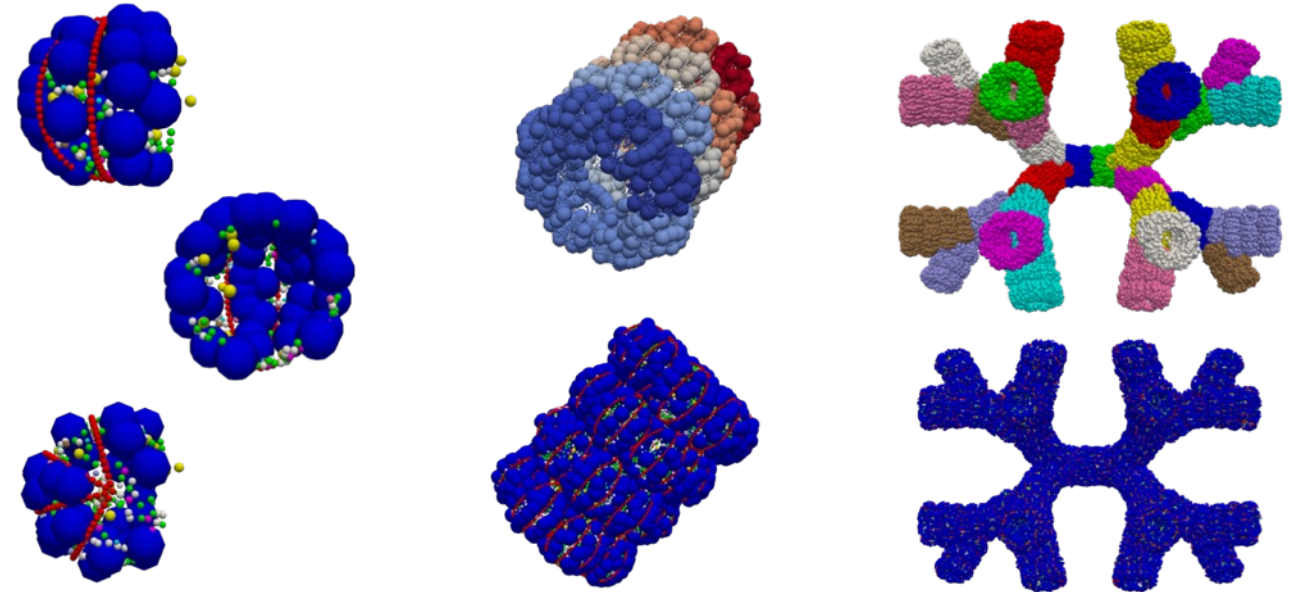
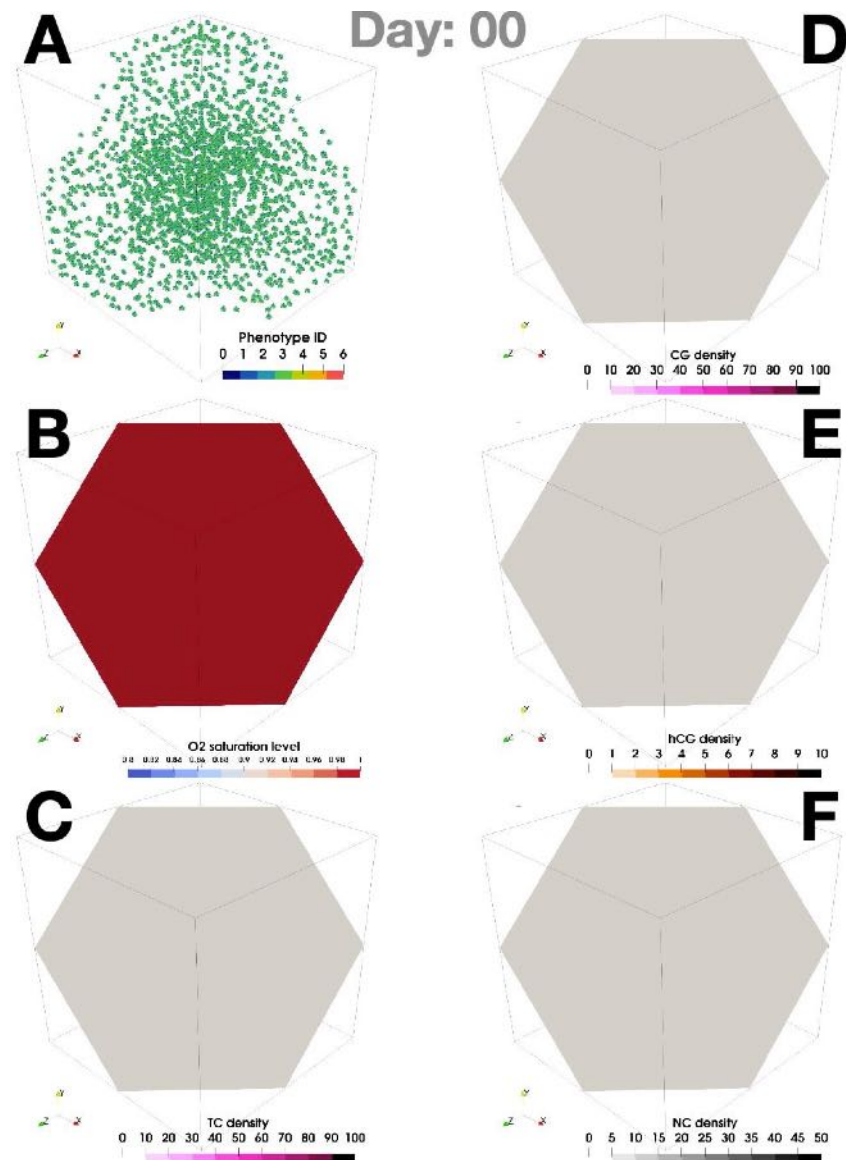
BioDynaMo: An open-source software framework



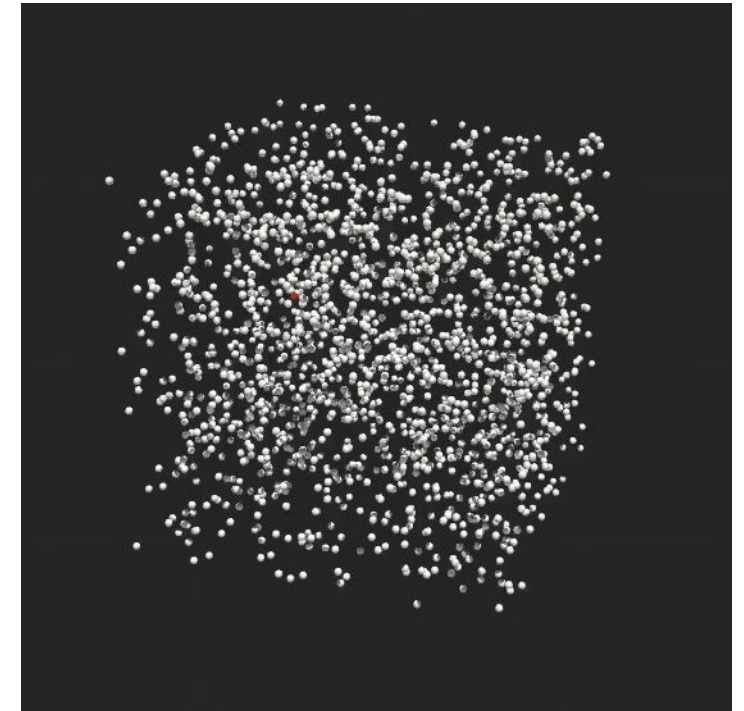
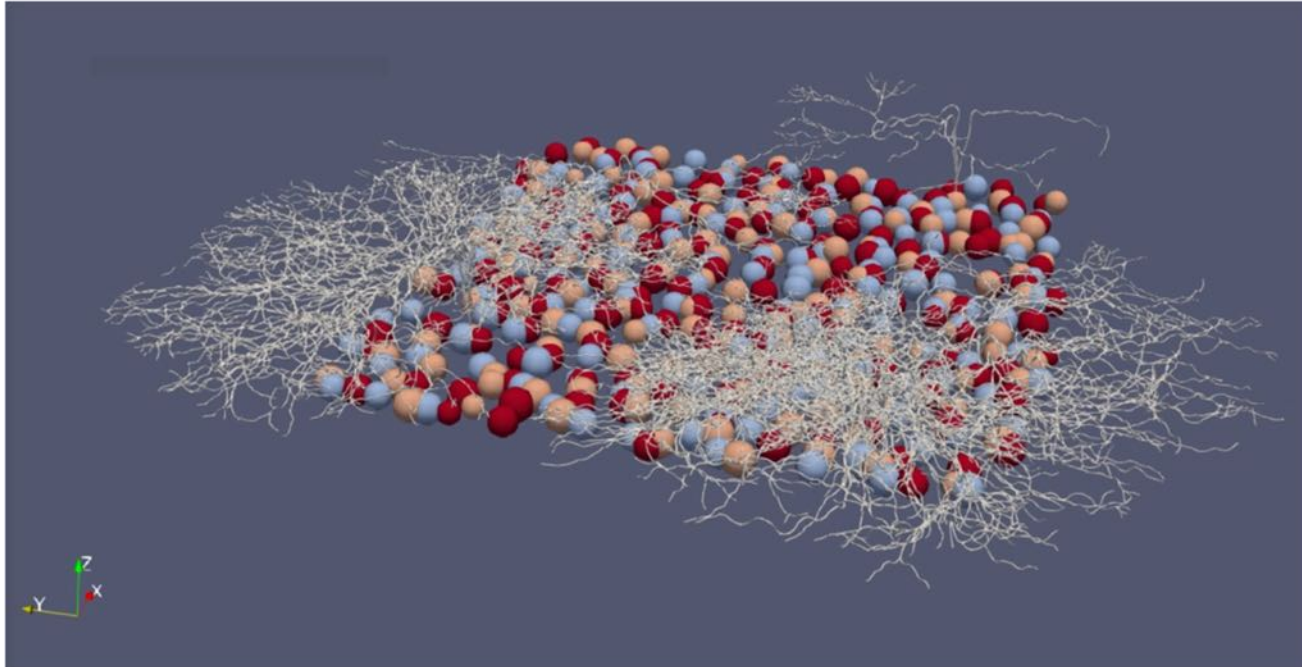
An open-source software platform to easily create, run, and visualise 3D agent-based simulations, built up around CERN-developed technologies



www.biodynomo.org



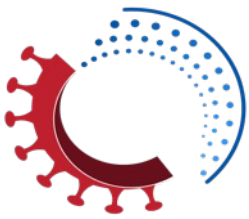
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Courtesy Jean de Montigny and Roman Bauer



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COVID Airborne Risk Assessment

CARA - COVID Airborne Risk Assessment calculator

Simulation name: Office
Room number: 57/2-002

Virus data: SARS-CoV-2 (Delta VOC)

Room data: Room volume: 100.0
Floor area: Room floor area (m²)
Ceiling height: Room ceiling height (m)

Central heating system in use: No Yes
Location: Melbourne, Victoria, AUS

Ventilation data: No ventilation Mechanical Natural
Number of windows: 1
Height of window: 1.5
Window type: Sliding/Side-Hung Top or Bottom-Hung
Width of window: meters
Opening distance: 1.0
Windows open: Permanently
Periodically: 120.0 120.0
HEPA filtration: No Yes (m³ / hour)

Face masks: Are masks worn when occupants are at workstations? Yes No
Type of masks used: Type 1 FFP2

Event data: Total number of occupants: 3
Number of infected people: 1

Activity type: Office
Exposed person(s) presence: Start: 08:30 Finish: 17:30
Infected person(s) presence: Start: 08:30 Finish: 17:30

Which month is the event? December

Activity breaks: Input separate breaks for infected and exposed person(s)
Lunch break: No Yes
Start: 12:30 Finish: 13:30
Coffee Breaks: No breaks 2 4
Duration (minutes): 10
Coffee breaks are spread evenly throughout the day.

Generate report

Developed by CERN personnel to assess the COVID airborne risk in indoor spaces with a risk-based approach.

Includes hourly fluctuations in outdoor temp (GVA data) and detail window modelling for natural ventilation, complex occupancy and ventilation profiles.



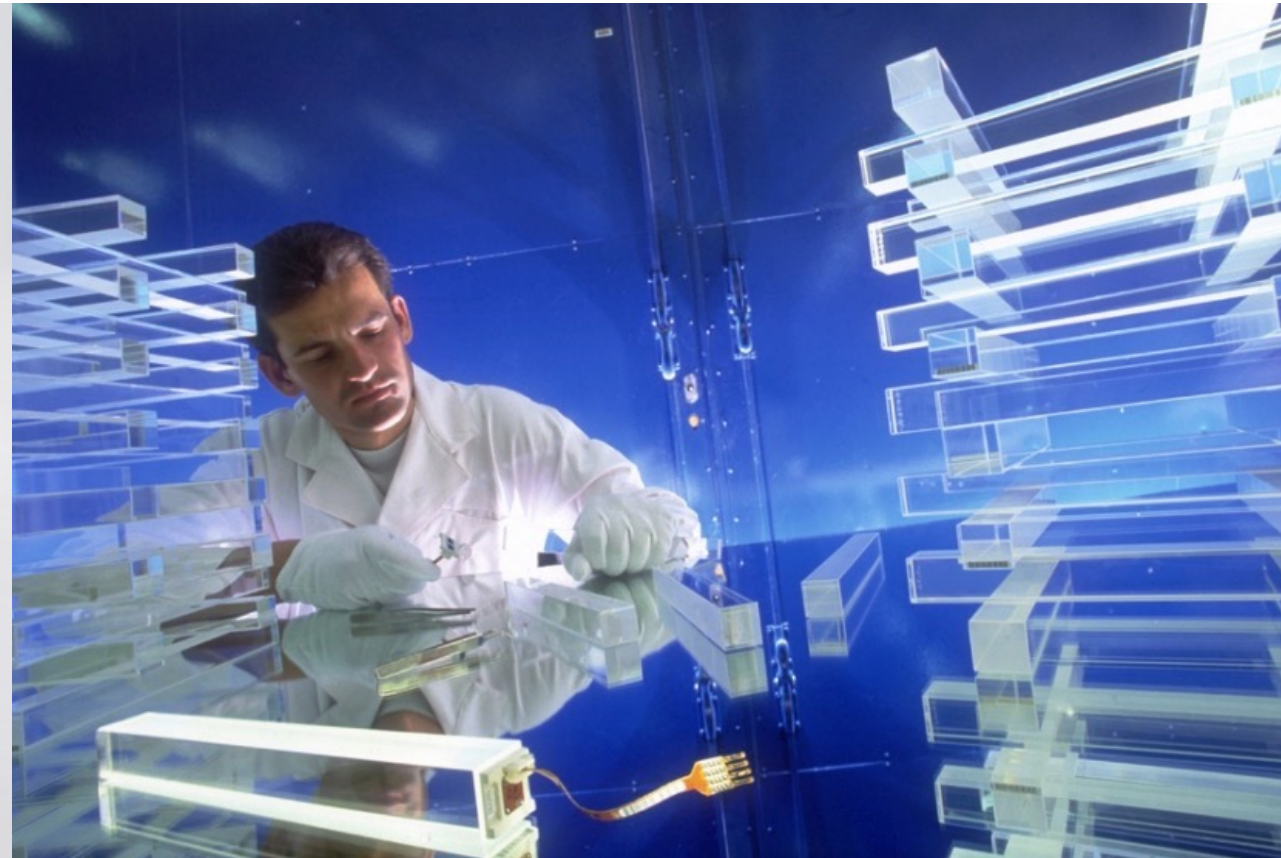
Andre Henriquez (CERN)

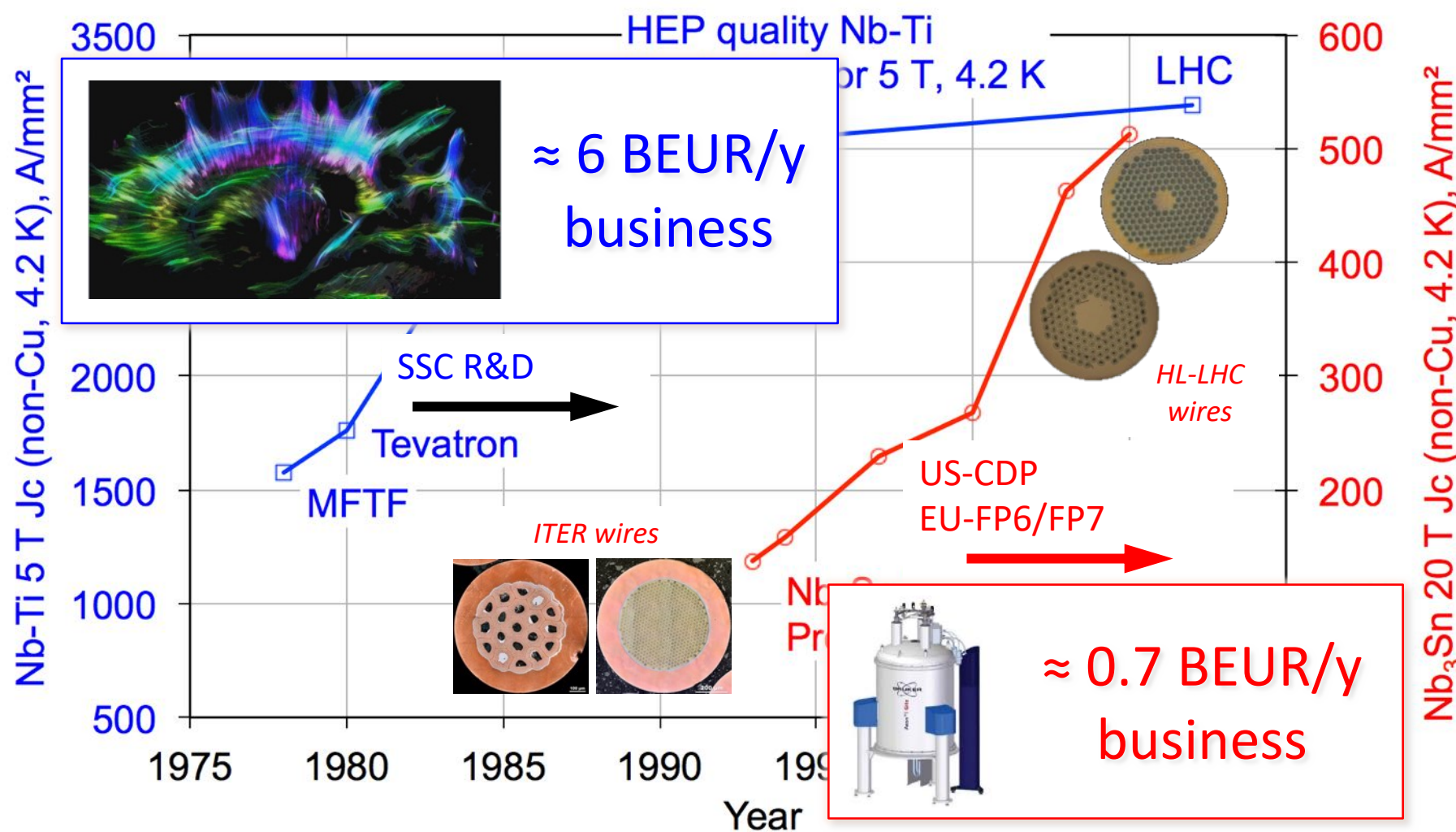


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From HEP to society: a long and winding road...





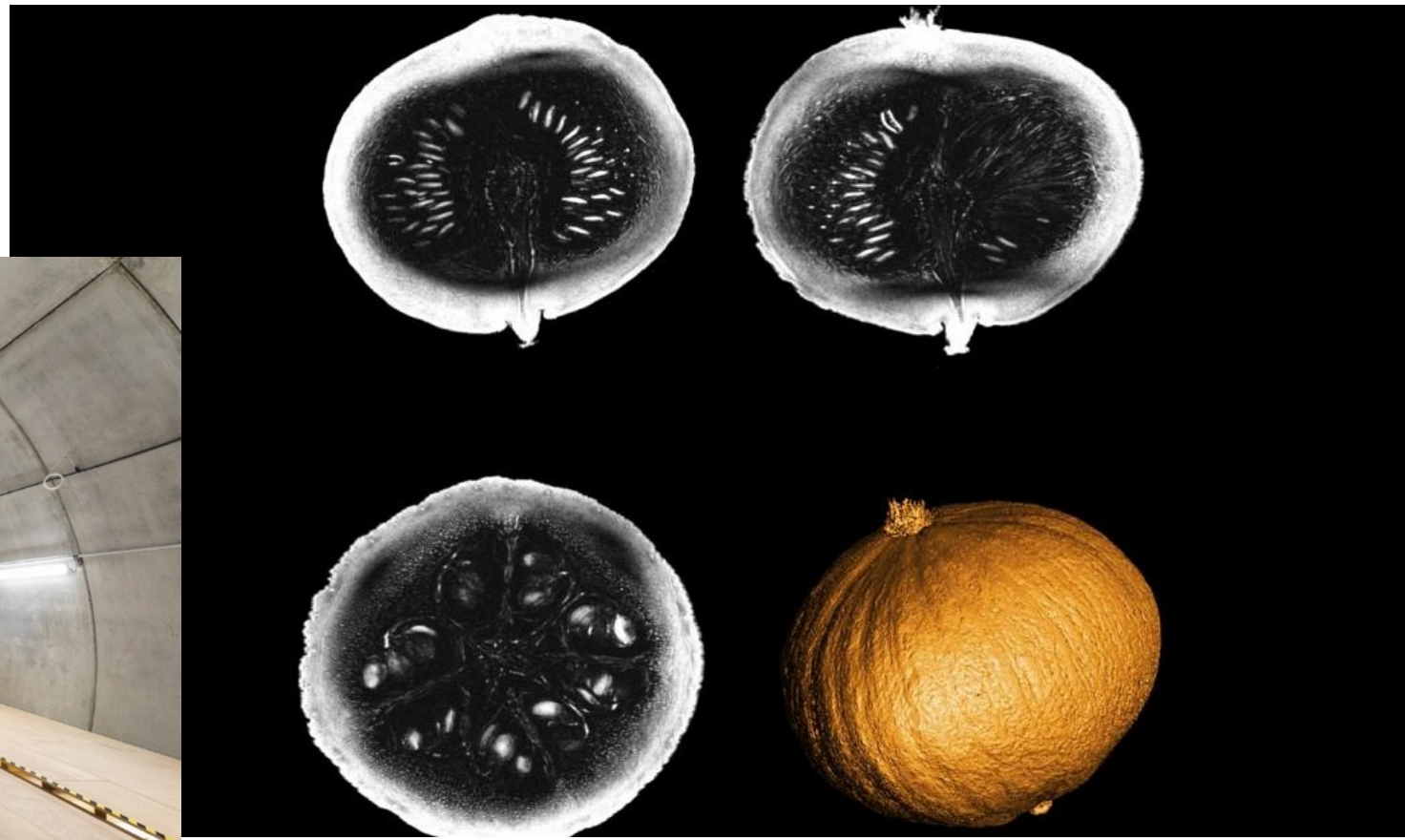
On the unreasonable request of high J_c



The ISEULT whole body 11.7 T MRI magnet

The ISEULT magnet - a French-German initiative

Full field of 11.72 teslas achieved on July 18, 2019



First images released Oct. 7, 2021

The Usefulness of Useless Knowledge

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

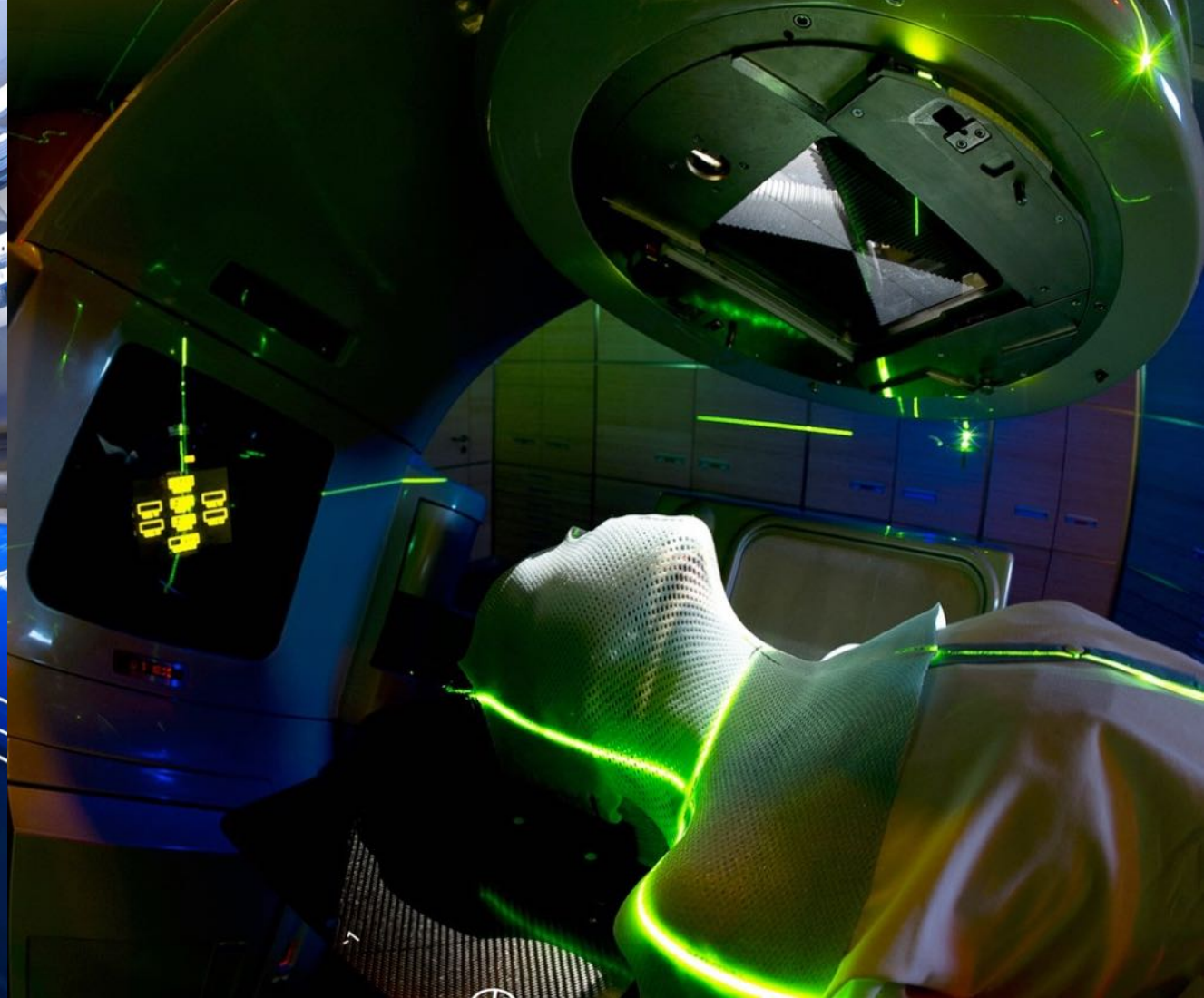
With a companion essay by
ROBBERT DIJKGRAAF

1939!

In the end, utility resulted, but it was never a criterion to which his (*Faraday's, ndr*) ceaseless experimentation could be subjected.

I am not for a moment suggesting that everything that goes on in laboratories will ultimately turn to some unexpected practical use or that an ultimate practical use is its actual justification.





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