

Design of support structure for nozzle components in heavy ion therapy gantry

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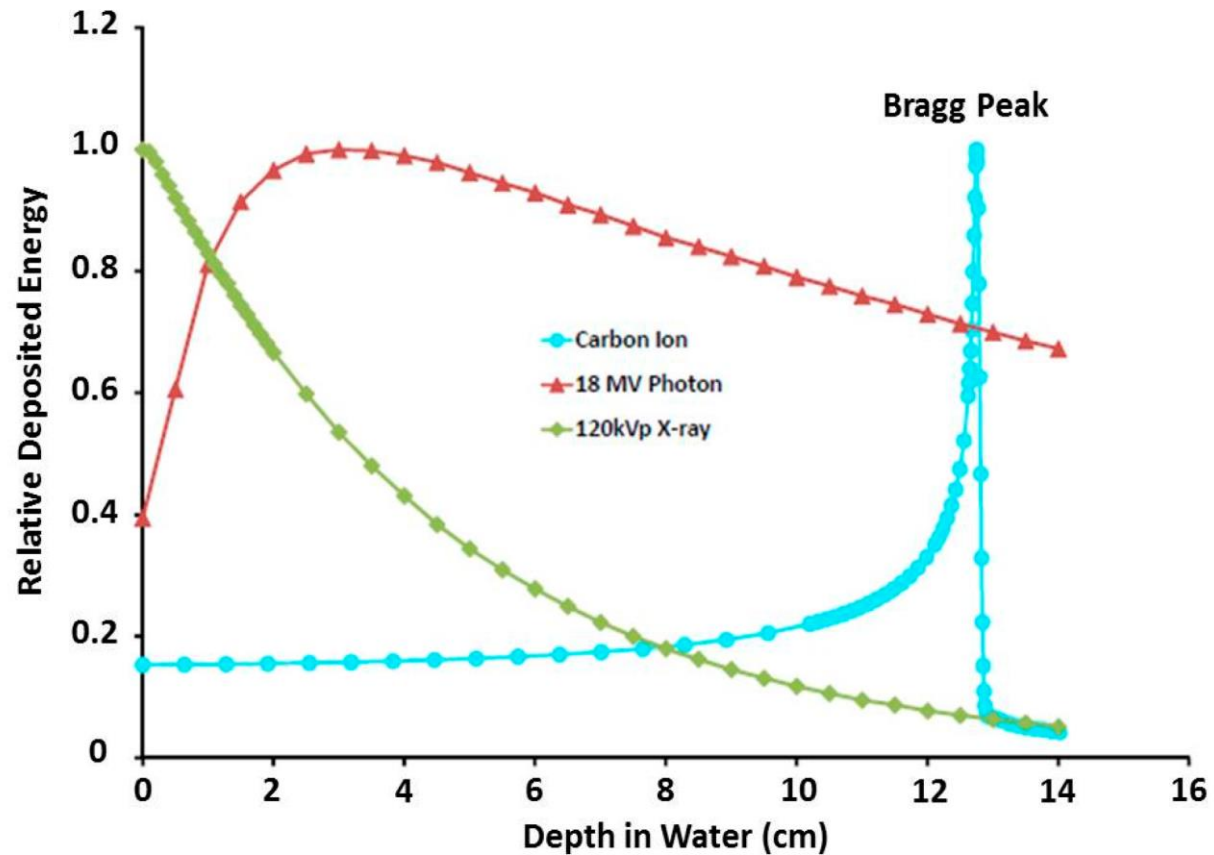
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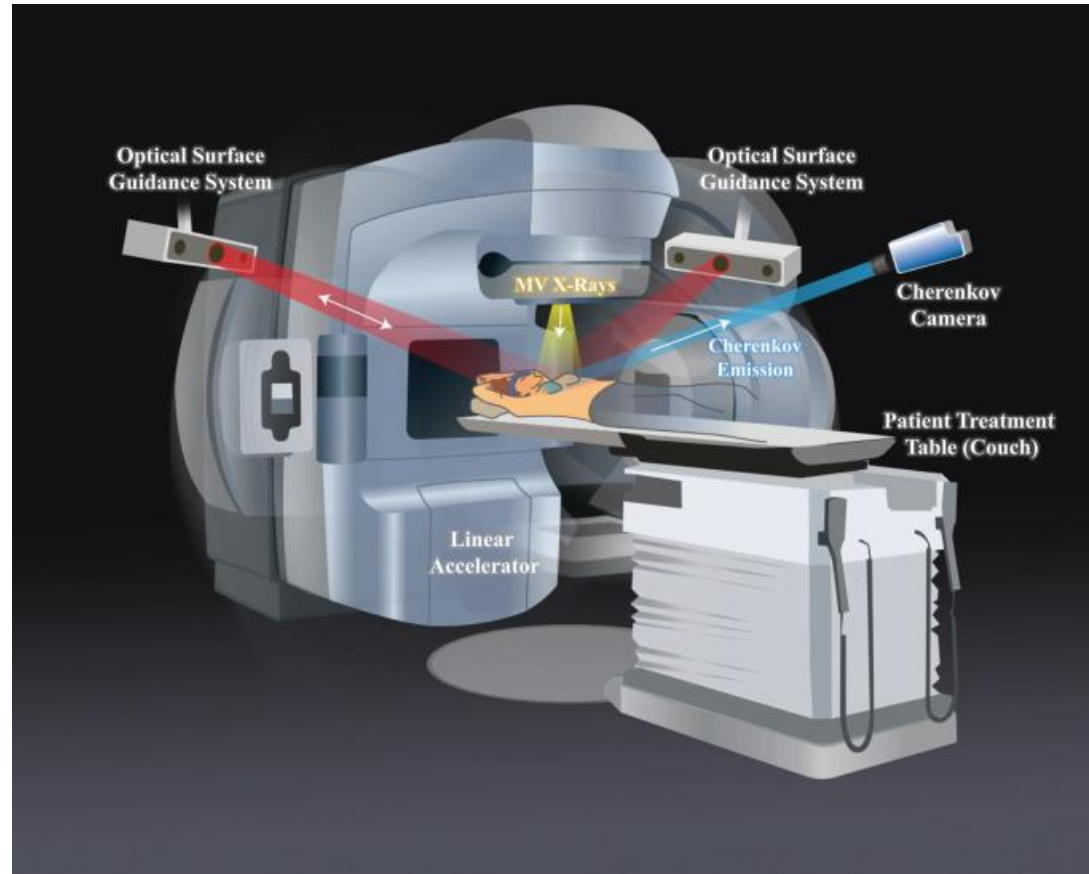


Heavy ion therapy

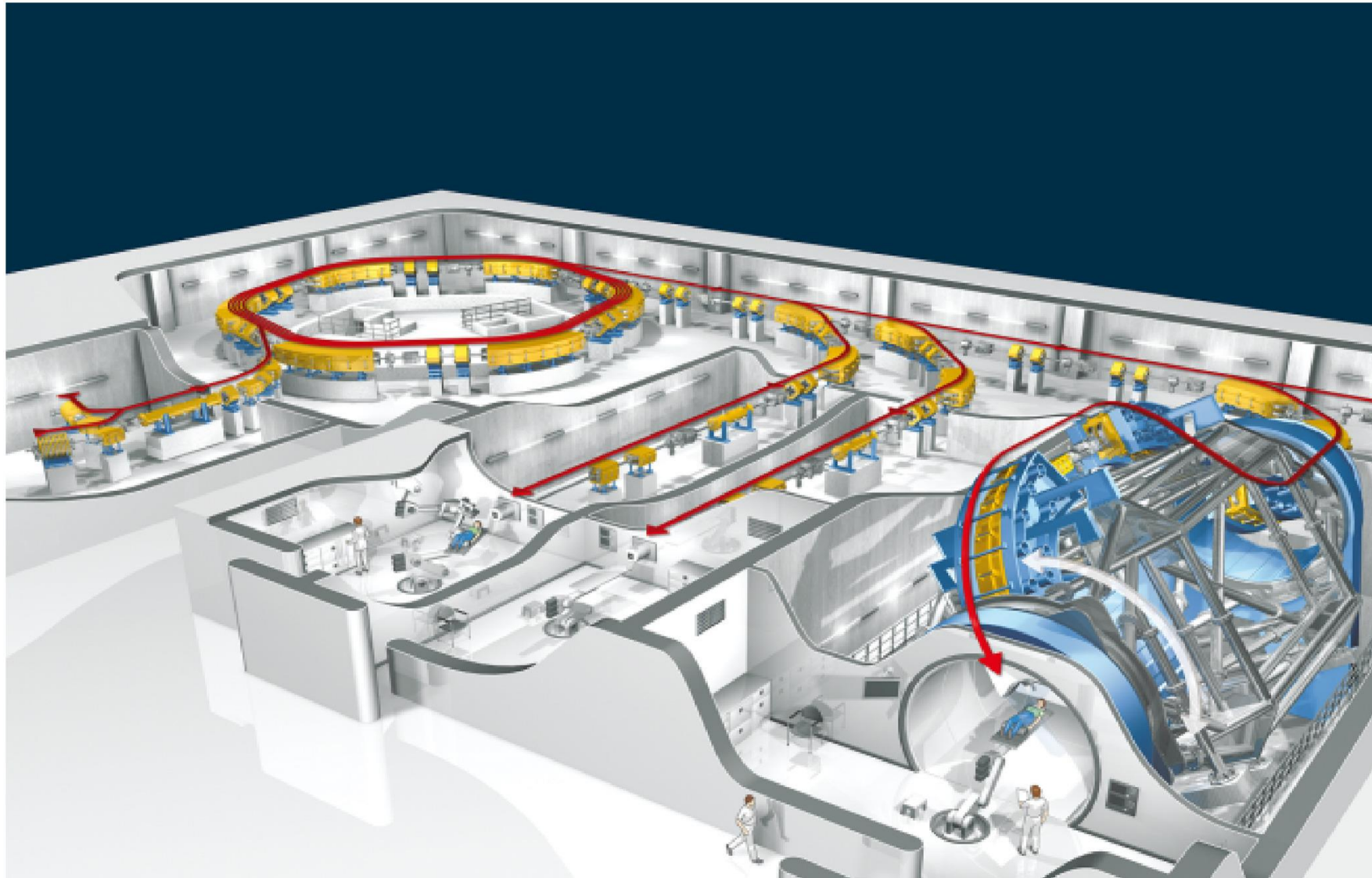


[M. Osama, et al. 2017](#)

Radiation therapy with X-Rays



[R. L. Hachadorian, et al. 2020](#)



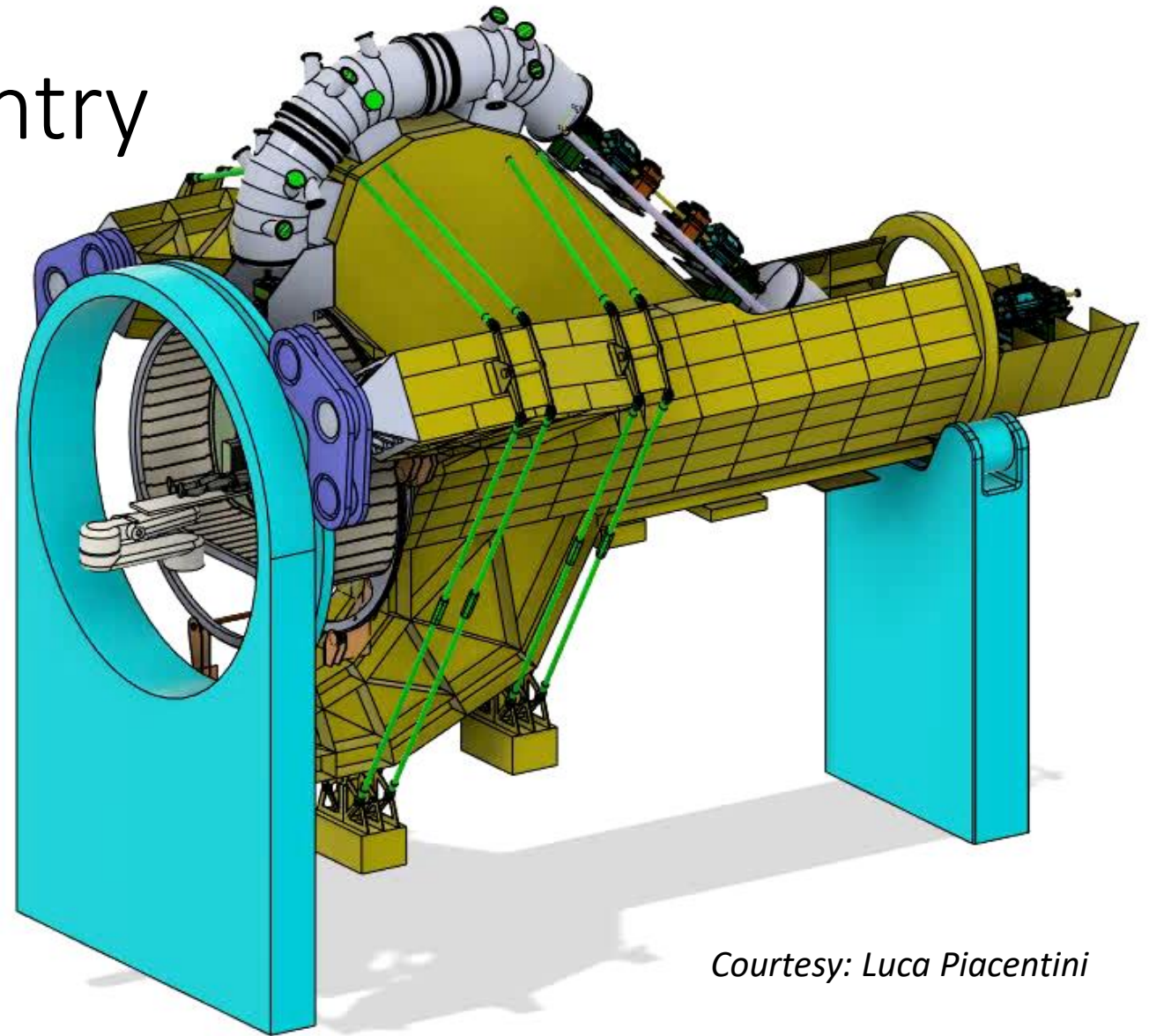
← Mass: 600 t



[O. Jäkel, et al. 2022](#)

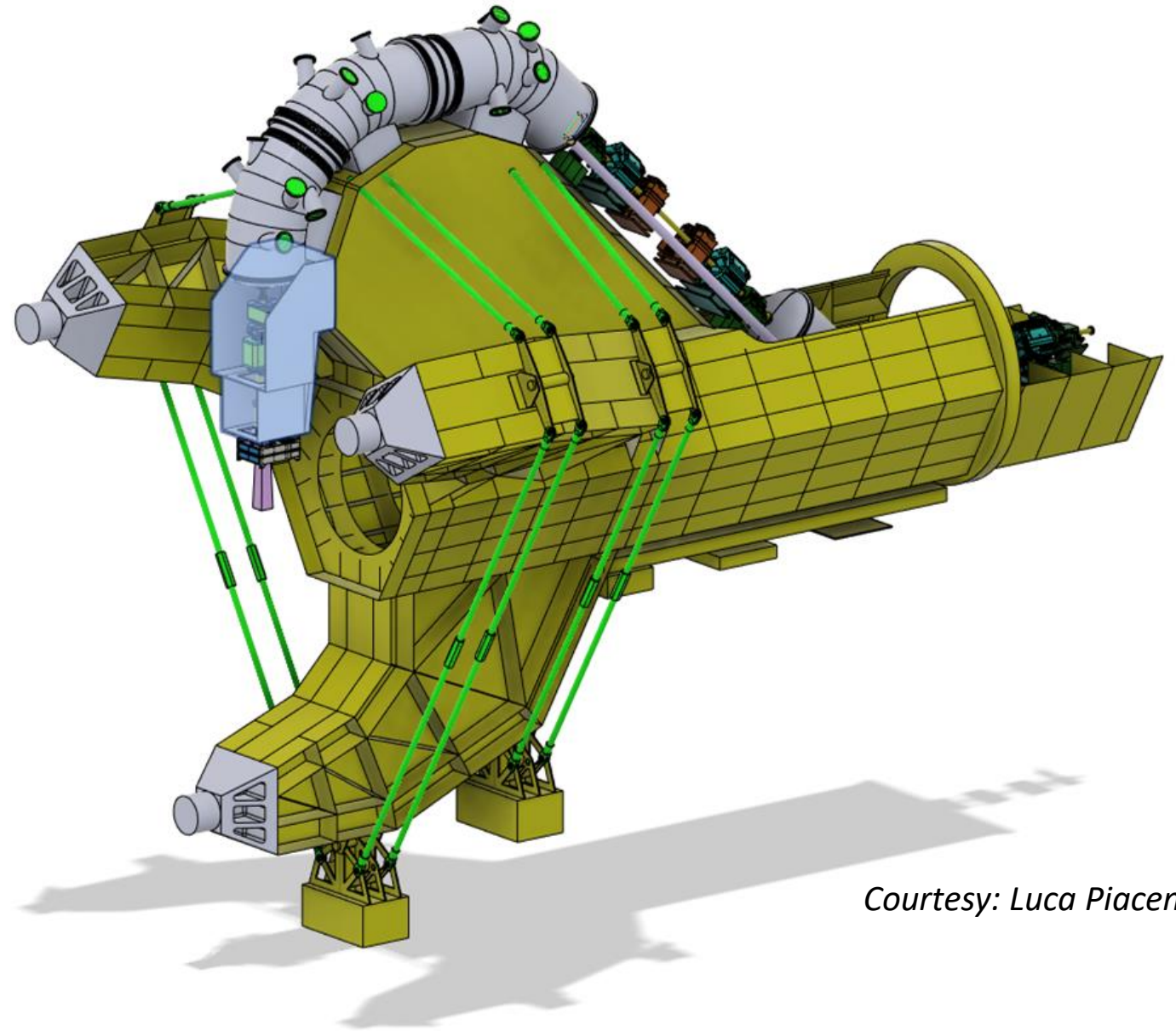
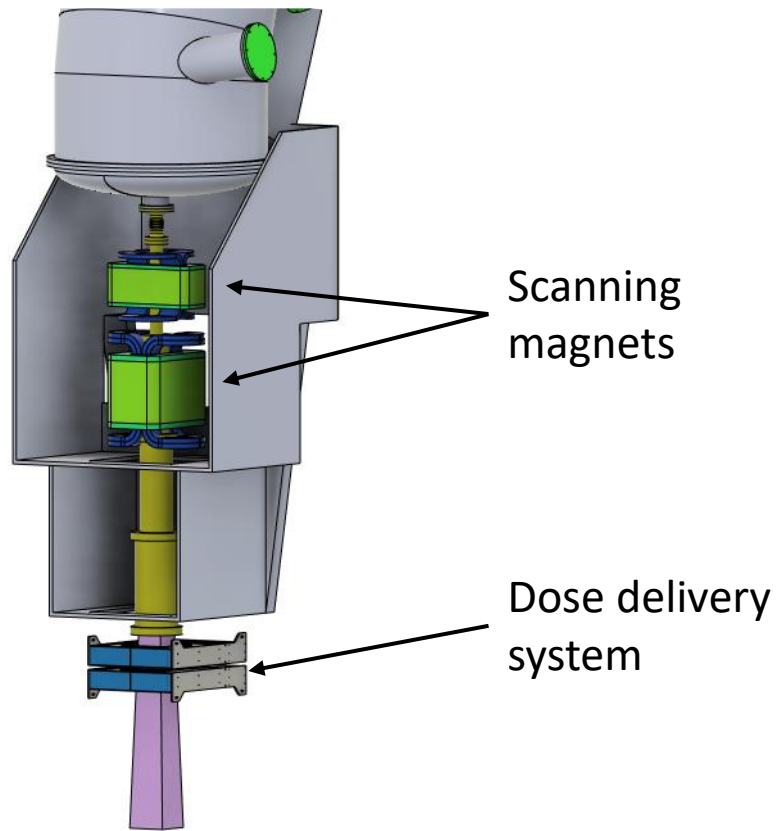
Heavy ion therapy gantry

- Holds all the components to direct the beam.
- Allows irradiation from different directions



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Gantry nozzle



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Design requirements of nozzle structure

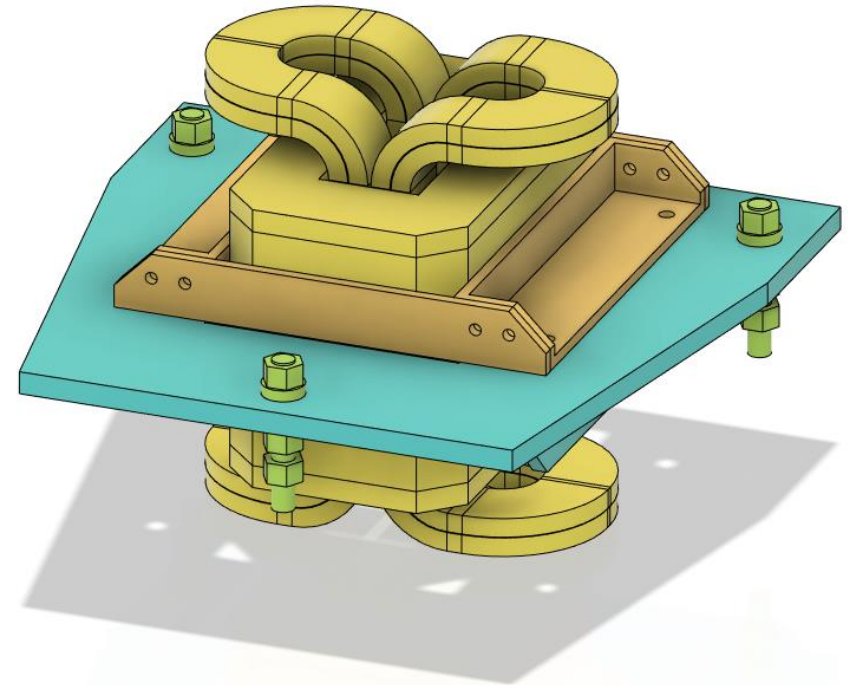
- 1) Component displacements
- 2) Mass
- 3) Volumetric constraints
- 4) Component alignment
- 5) Assembly
- 6) Manufacturability

Design workflow

Mounting of components

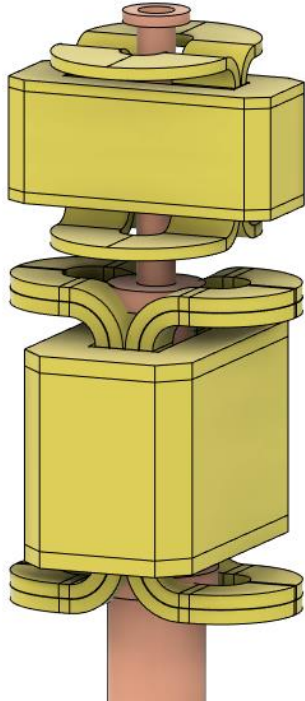
Requirements

- Possibility of 6DOF adjustability
- Simplicity
- Minimal displacements

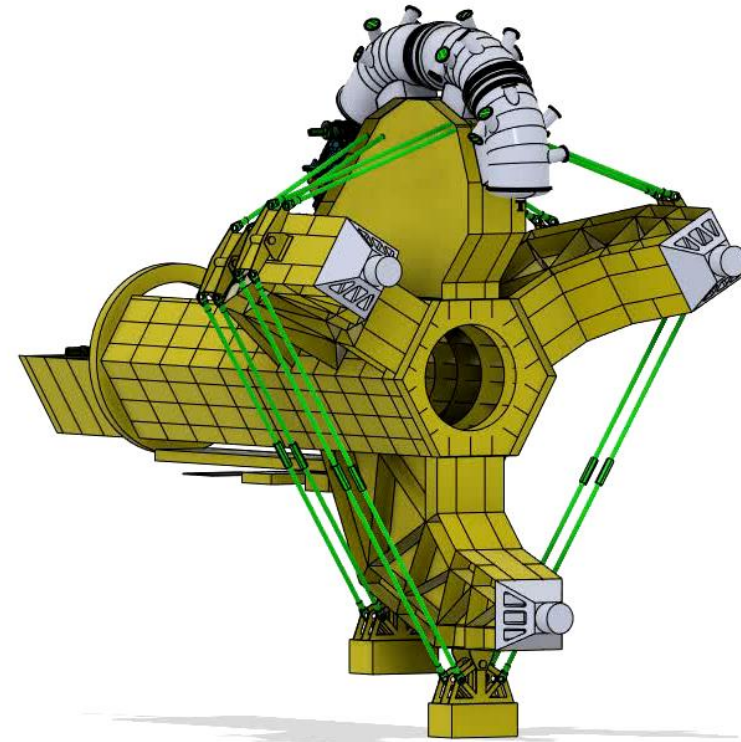


Assembly constraints

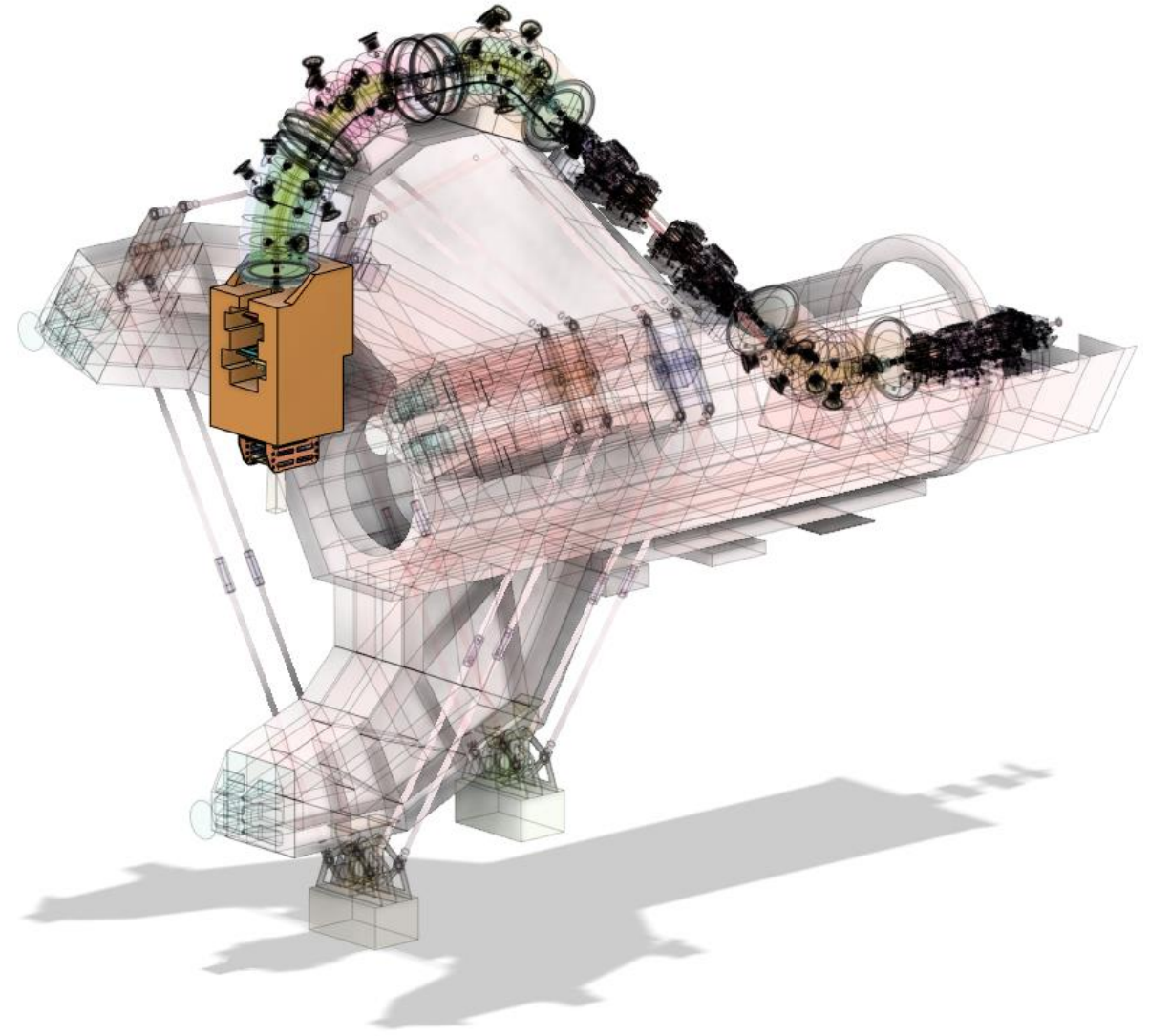
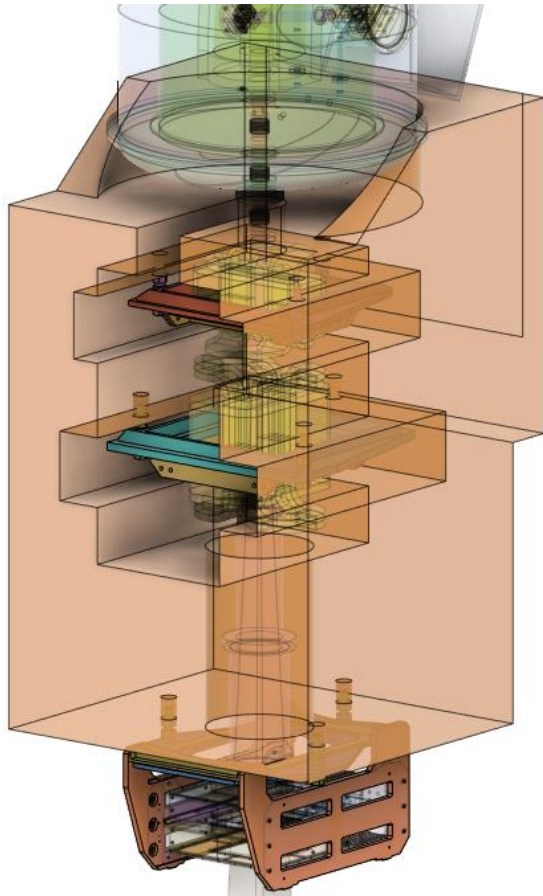
Scanning magnets as one piece



Maintenance



Volumetric limitations



Topology optimisation

I: Structural Optimization
Topology Density
Type: Topology Density
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- Remove (0.0 to 0.4)
- Marginal (0.4 to 0.6)
- Keep (0.6 to 1.0)

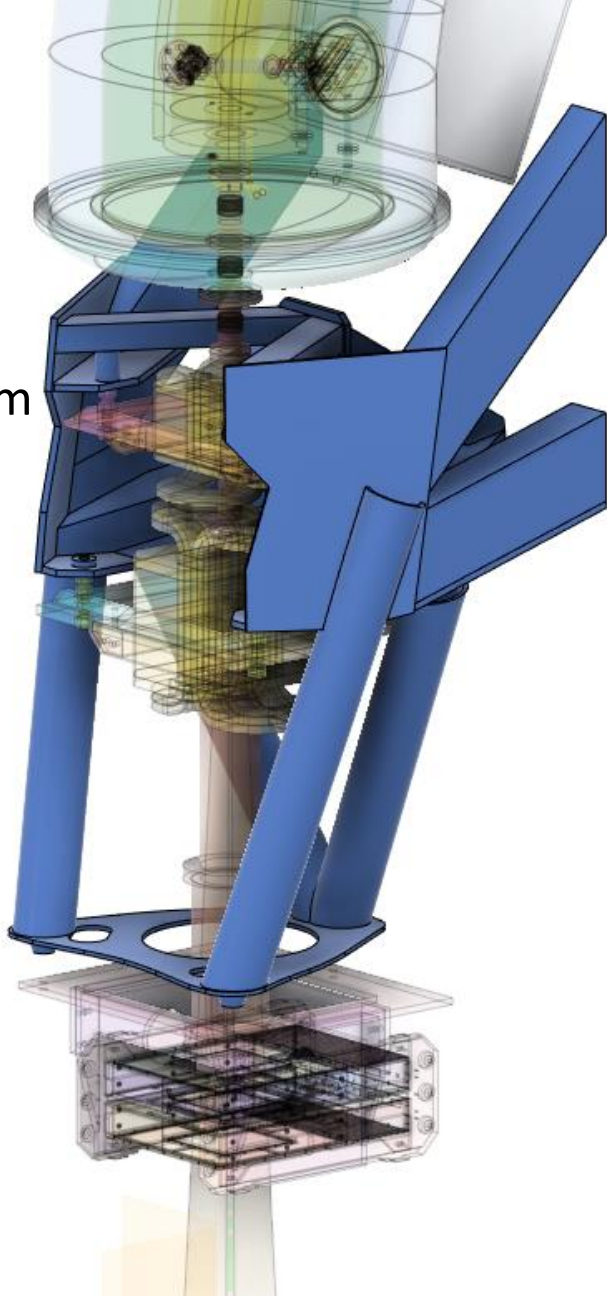
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1st

1.3t

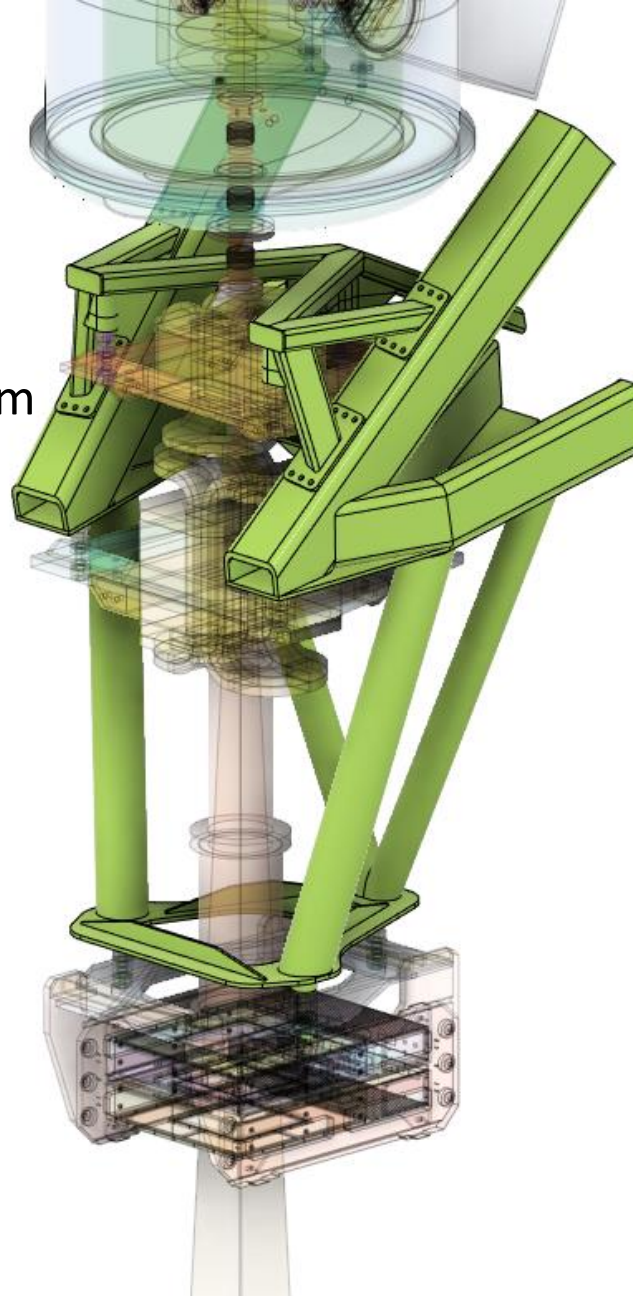
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2nd

730kg

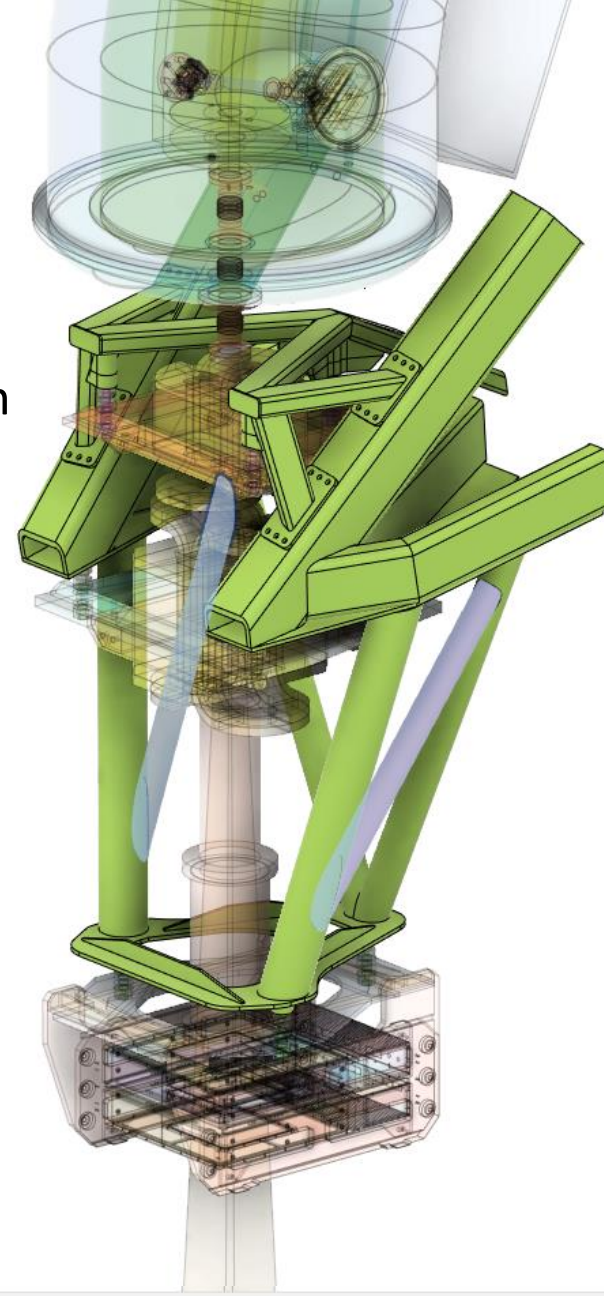
0.06mm



3rd

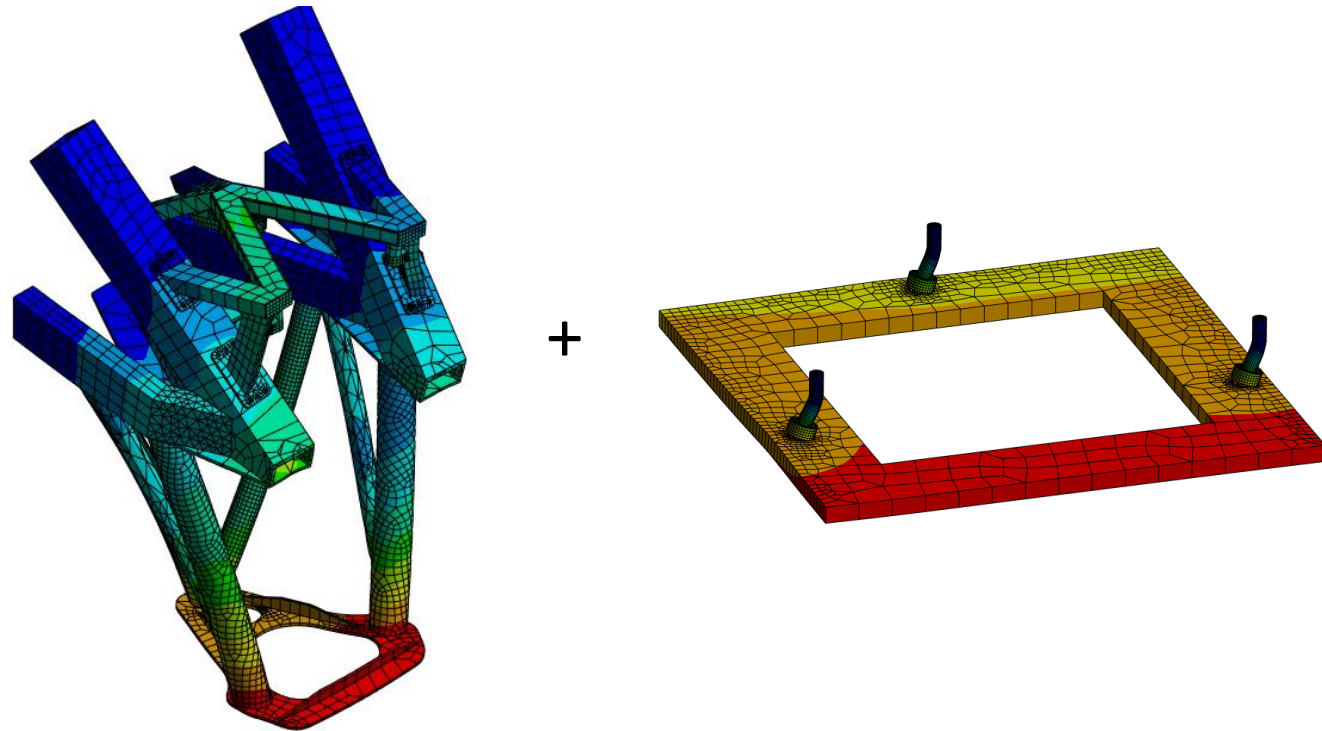
620kg

0.06mm



Ongoing work

- Calculations of component displacements
- Precision of calculation
- 4th iteration



Questions

Thank you!