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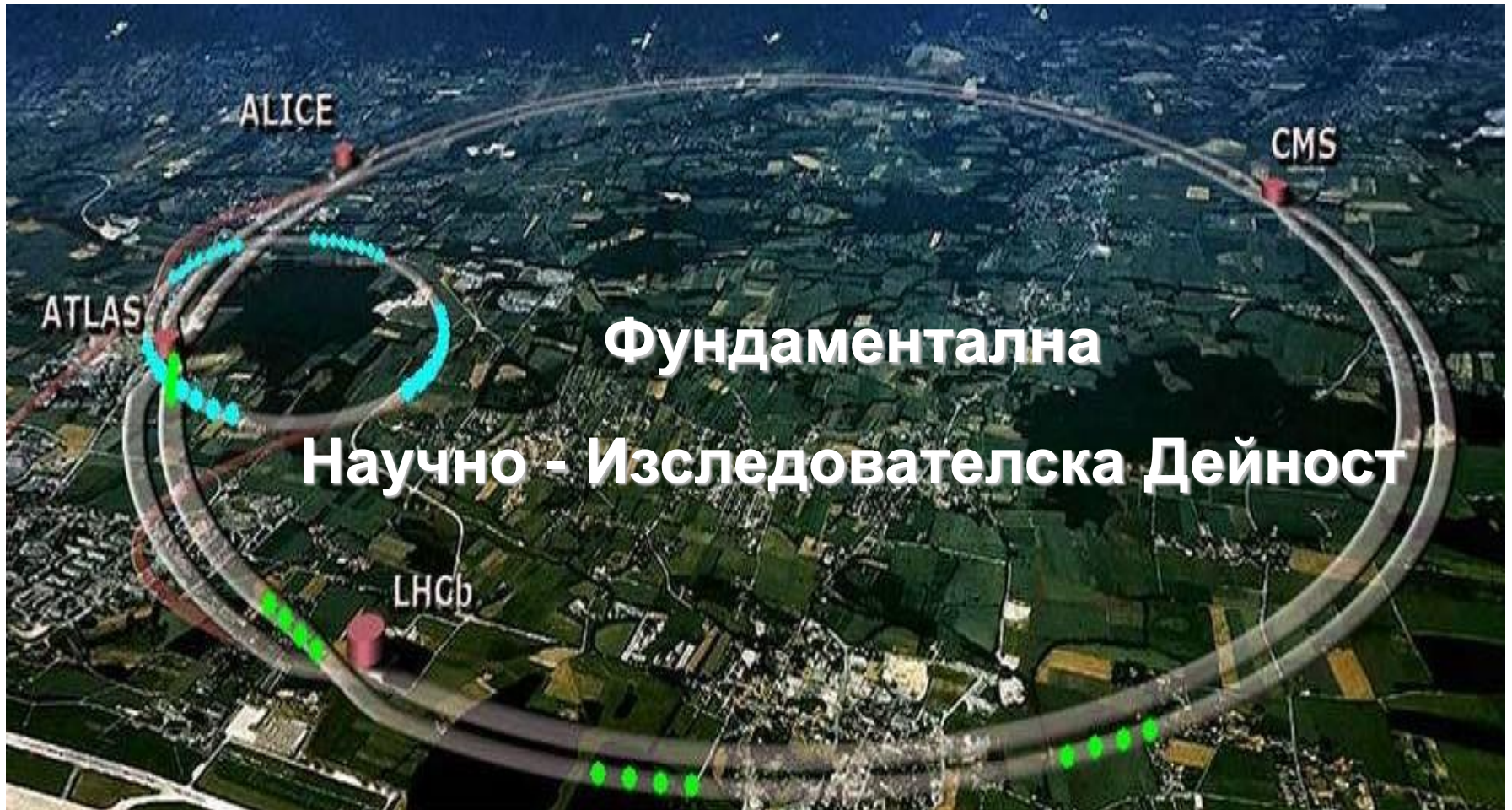
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1954 - 2024 years



# From particle physics to medicine



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As part of the celebrations for **CERN's 70th anniversary**, this event offered a unique opportunity to explore the various applications of particle physics instruments and tools in hospitals and medical research. Medical doctors, biologists and physicists guided the public on a captivating journey, providing insights into the future of therapy and imaging.

The event covered three areas in which particle physics was contributing to the development of new medical technologies:

## Accelerators to treat cancer

From radiotherapy for cancer treatment to radiopharmaceuticals: tens of thousands of particle accelerators are used in medicine. New therapies have been made possible by the innovative technologies developed for frontier instruments, like the Large Hadron Collider.

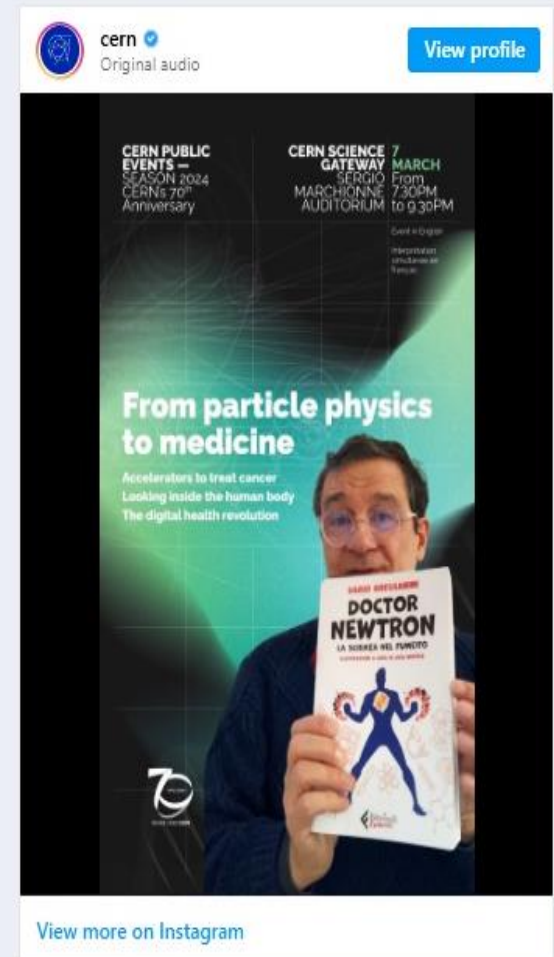
## Looking inside the human body

Since the discovery of X-rays, medical imaging and physics have advanced hand in hand. Sophisticated particle detectors, which are at the heart of modern imaging devices, enable doctors to provide early and accurate diagnosis of many diseases.

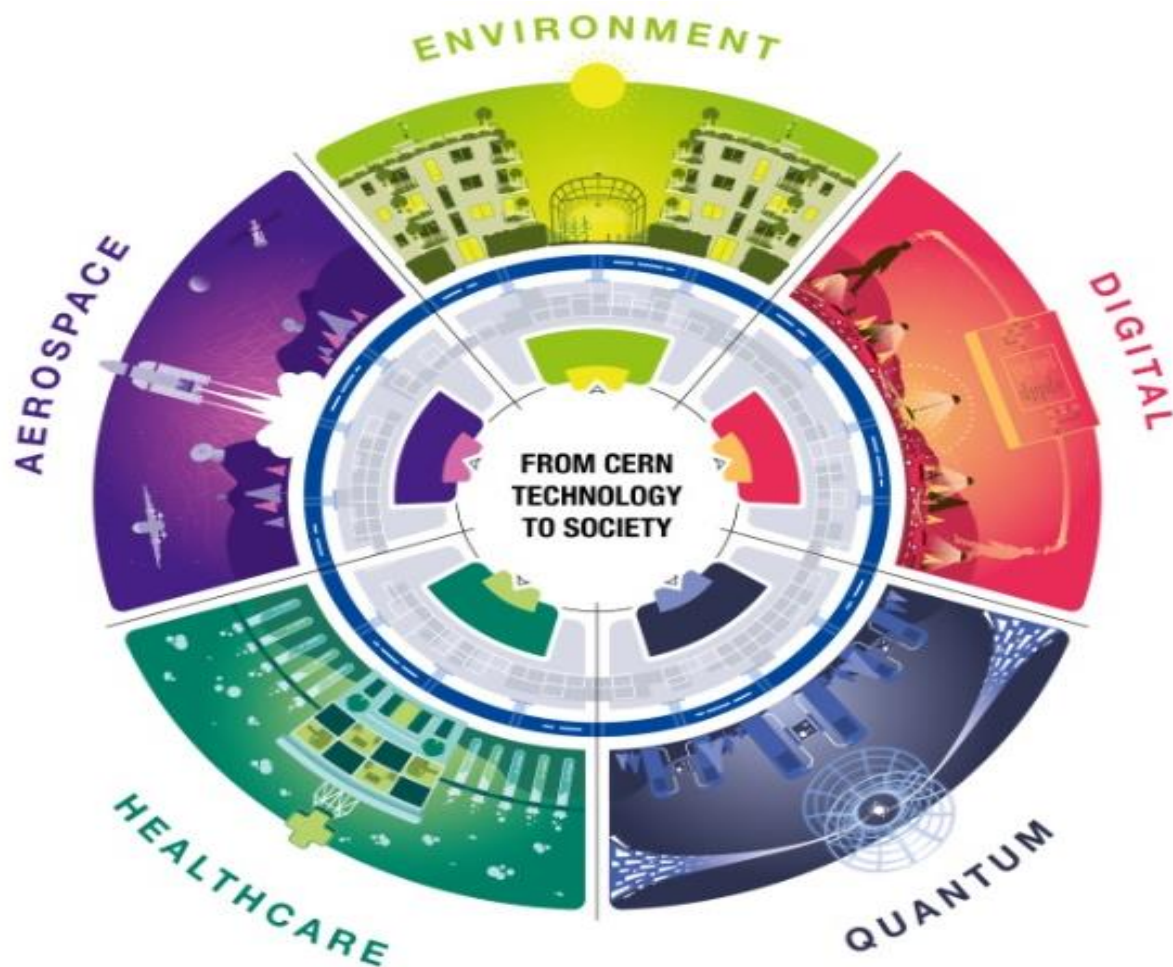
## The digital health revolution

Machine learning and artificial intelligence technologies play a crucial role in particle physics, which is rapidly embracing these tools to advance research. Collaborations with medical doctors, epidemiologists and researchers are leading to game-changing developments that help to preserve or improve our health.

The event brought together renowned specialists and was introduced by Mike Lamont, CERN Director for Accelerators and Technology, and moderated by [Professor Antoine Geissbuhler](#), Dean of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Geneva, Director of Teaching and Research and Head of the Division of e-Health and Telemedicine, HUG.

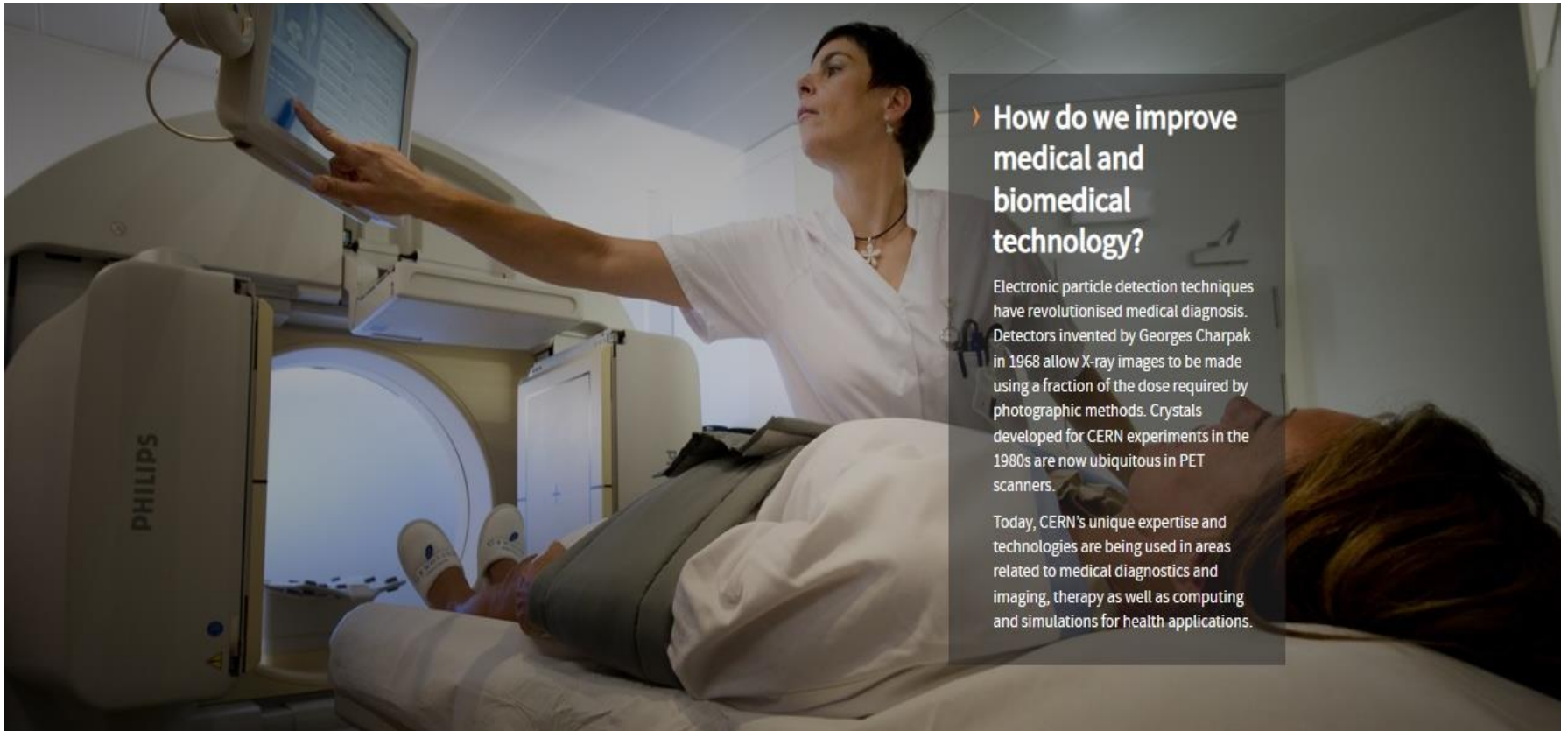


Трансфер на нови технологии и експертни познания от CERN в съвременното общество е неразделна част от цялостната дейност, осигурявайки нови иновативни решения в много области.



Knowledge Transfer Applications Infographic

# *How do we improve medical and biomedical technology?*



## › How do we improve medical and biomedical technology?

Electronic particle detection techniques have revolutionised medical diagnosis. Detectors invented by Georges Charpak in 1968 allow X-ray images to be made using a fraction of the dose required by photographic methods. Crystals developed for CERN experiments in the 1980s are now ubiquitous in PET scanners.

Today, CERN's unique expertise and technologies are being used in areas related to medical diagnostics and imaging, therapy as well as computing and simulations for health applications.

# Innovating in healthcare?

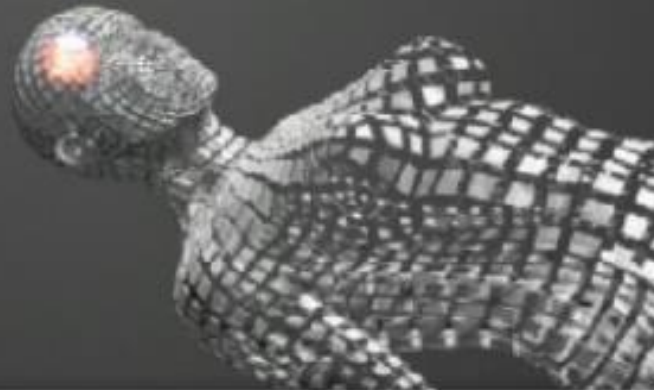
CERN technologies and know-how can give you a boost

**CERN  
Innovation  
Partnerships**

- Radiation and hadron therapy
- Radioisotopes
- Medical imaging
- Dosimetry
- Simulation and computing
- And much more!

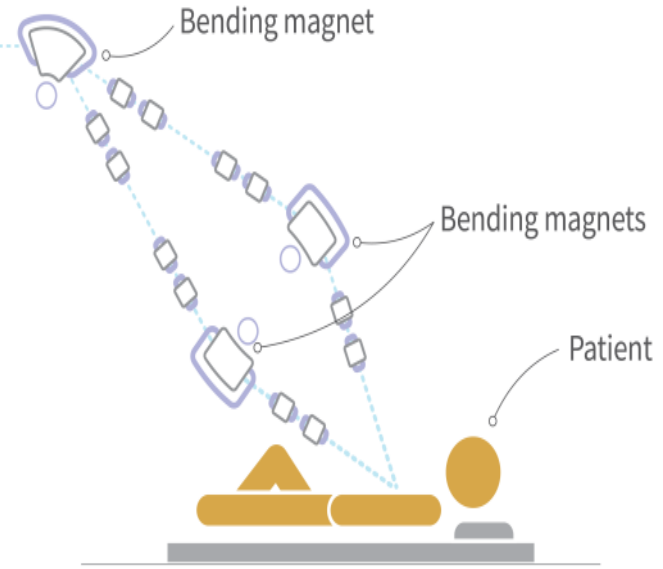
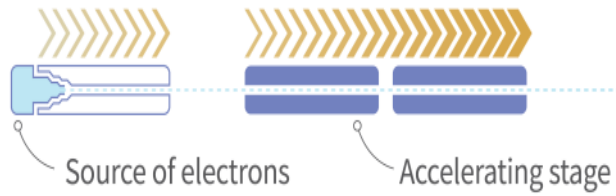


# Breaking news: A world's first in cancer radiotherapy



Knowledge Transfer  
Accelerating Innovation

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**CLIC** high-performance linear electron accelerator technology

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**FLASH** treatments of large and deep-seated tumours

**< 200 ms**

Full dose is delivered by a beam of electrons in less than 200 ms

More healthy tissue spared

This block contains information about the FLASH treatment. It features a yellow chevron graphic at the top. Below it, the text 'FLASH treatments of large and deep-seated tumours' is accompanied by an icon of a person with a question mark. To the right, a stopwatch icon is next to the text '< 200 ms'. Further right, a heart with a pulse line and a shield icon is next to the text 'More healthy tissue spared'. At the bottom, a blue box contains the text 'Full dose is delivered by a beam of electrons in less than 200 ms'.

# Innovative Radiation Therapy with Electrons



specialised in FLASH radiotherapy systems.

<https://www.home.cern/news/news/knowledge-sharing/cern-chuv-and-theryq-join-forces-world-first-cancer-radiotherapy>



to reach tumors up to 3 cm deep.

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## Healthcare related news



### MARS Bioimaging partners with the Hospital for Special Surgery (HSS)

[News from our partners] The partnership will assess particular aspects of the MARS 5x120 Extremity scanner.

Healthcare | 15 June, 2023



### Terapet SA secures over CHF 2,3 million to bring its first product to market and to accelerate development of new nuclear imaging products

This funding supports the commercialization of Terapet's first product, Qualyscan and the development of new nuclear imaging products.

Healthcare | 17 February, 2023



### CERN, CHUV and THERYQ join forces for a world first in cancer radiotherapy

CERN, CHUV and THERYQ have signed an agreement for the development of a revolutionary FLASH radiotherapy device

Healthcare | 25 November, 2022

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The GEMTEQ detector will be used in microdosimetry to better understand radiation effects in human tissue, and has already been used for measurements at [@CNAO](#)



*GEMPix at CNAO for the latest measurements in **October and December 2021***

**Available on:** <https://kt.cern/annual-report?page=0>

CERN and CNAO, a long-standing collaboration  
in the fight against cancer **22 NOVEMBER, 2021**



**Available on:** <https://kt.cern/news/news/knowledge-sharing/cern-and-cnao-long-standing-collaboration-fight-against-cancer>

# CNAO

CENTRO NAZIONALE DI ADROTERAPIA ONCOLOGICA





First European hospital receives 3D color X-ray scanner using CERN technology MARS Bioimaging's 3D color X-ray scanner has arrived in Europe to undertake clinical trials that will lead to its medical use.

**22 JUNE, 2021**



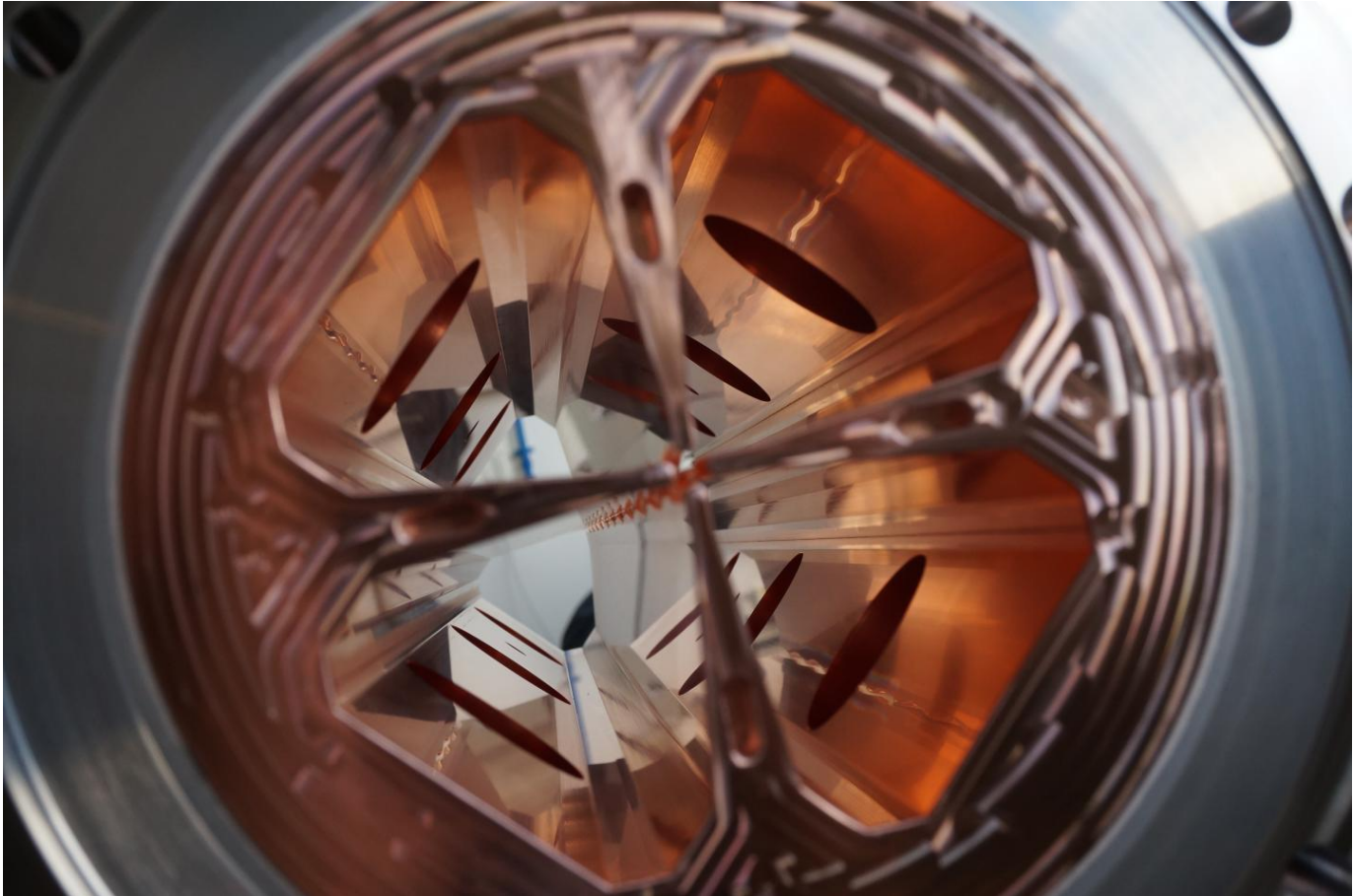
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# New 3D colour X-rays made possible with CERN technology



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# CERN technologies for next-generation ion therapy centres -2019



**Available on:** <https://kt.cern/success-stories/cern-technologies-next-generation-ion-therapy-centres>

# CERN и Медицинската физика

CERN: catalysing collaboration for medical advances - **March, 2012**



CERN established the **Physics for Health (PHE) workshop**.

"I think that the first thing we have to do is to understand each other, to know what is needed, what is available and what is possible," explained **Rolf-Dieter Heuer, Director General of CERN**.

## INITIATIVES:

**Biomedical research**

**Accelerator design**

**Radioisotope development**

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# *Proton Center in Vienna, Austria*



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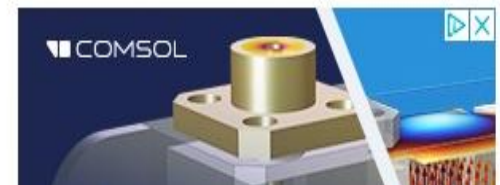
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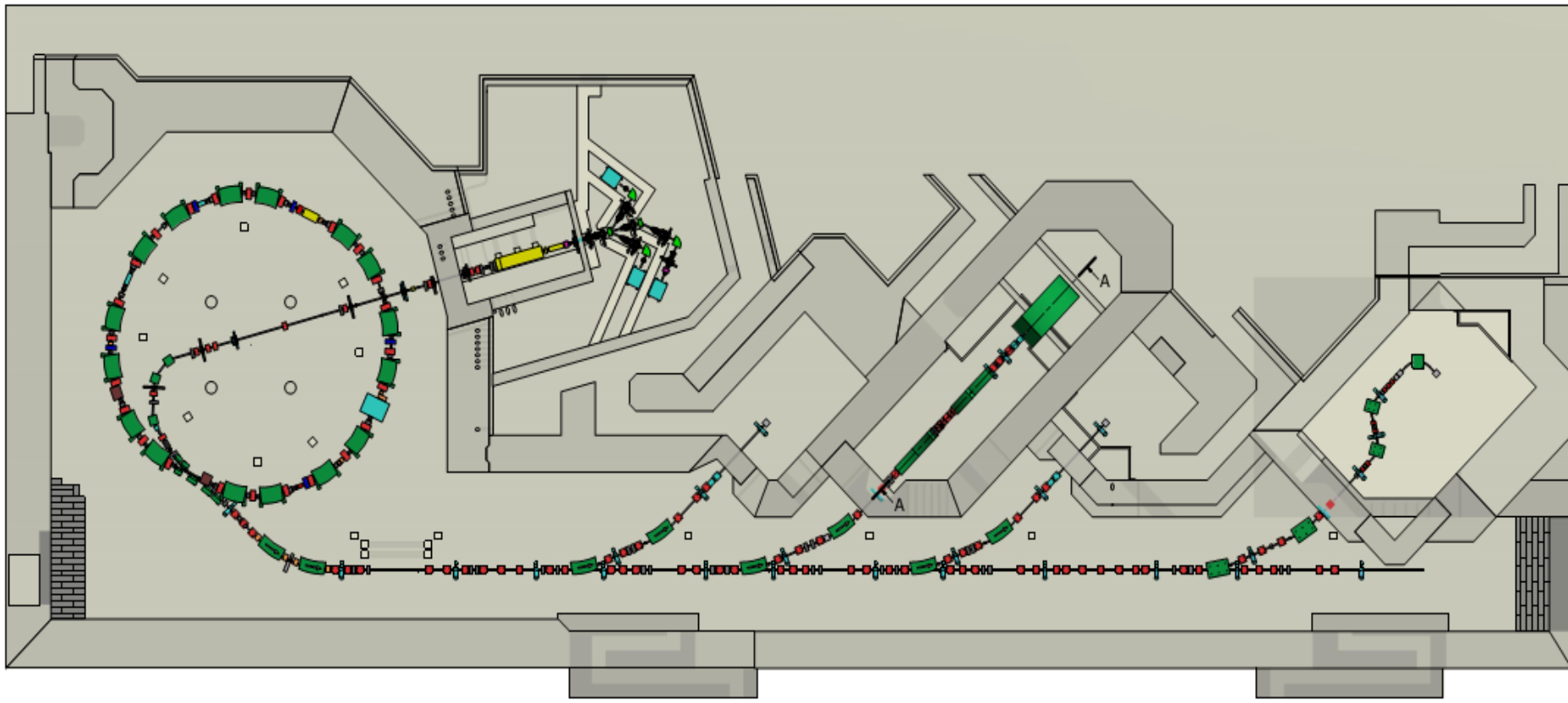
The MedAustron proton/carbon-ion synchrotron was constructed in collaboration with CERN, the TERA Foundation, INFN and the CNAO Foundation, with help from PSI. Credit: MedAustron



In focus: big science and industry



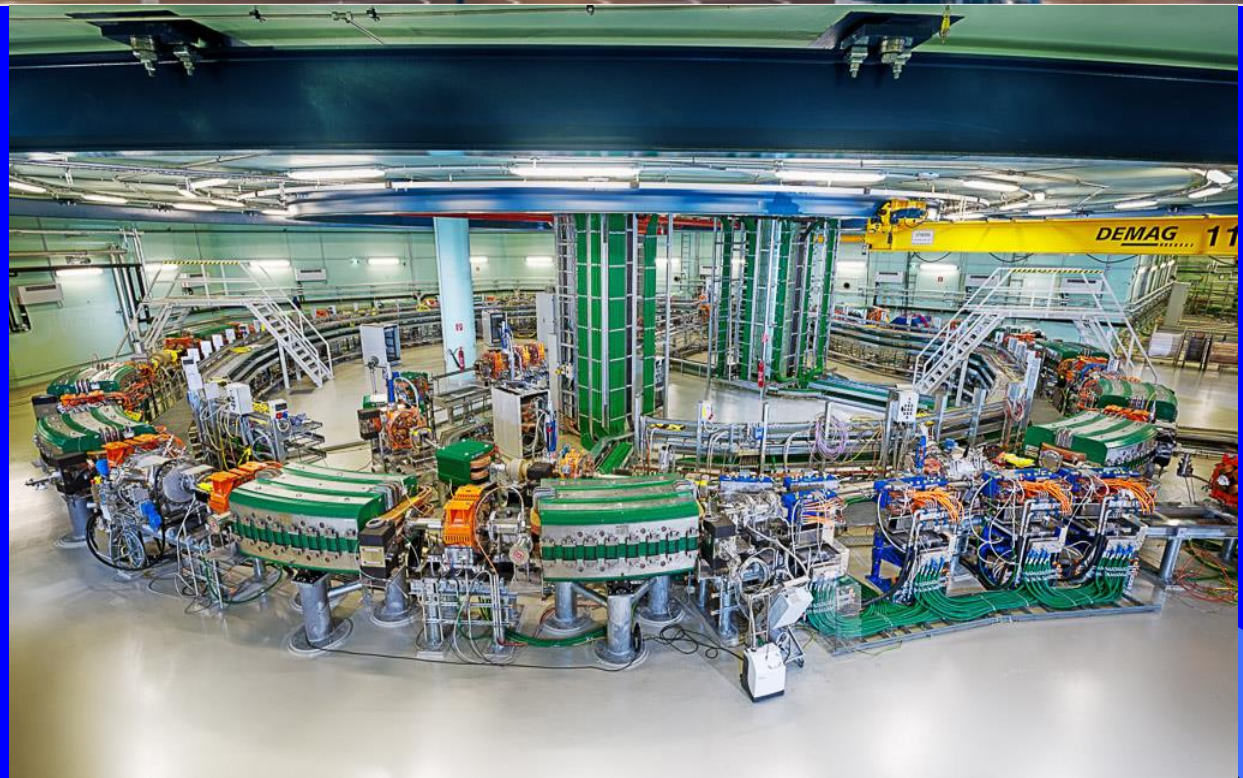
# The layout of MedAustron is similar to the one of PIMMS



**MedAustron bought from CNAO Foundation the construction drawings for 3.2 million Euro.**

**IP: CNAO (55%), INFN (30%), CERN (15%)**

# MedAustron pictures



**Protons have been  
extracted from the  
synchrotron**

**First patient in 2016**



# CERN и Медицинската физика

## CERN INTENSIFIES MEDICAL PHYSICS RESEARCH - Feb, 2014



The ultimate aim is for CERN to establish itself as an important facilitator of medical physics in Europe.

"Since the start of this year, we are trying to combine all of our research on medical applications at CERN into one coordinating office," explained CERN's Director-General Rolf Heuer, speaking at the recent ICTR-PHE (International Conference on Translational Research in Radio-Oncology and Physics for Health in Europe) meeting in Geneva, Switzerland.



BBC Click  
12 May 2018

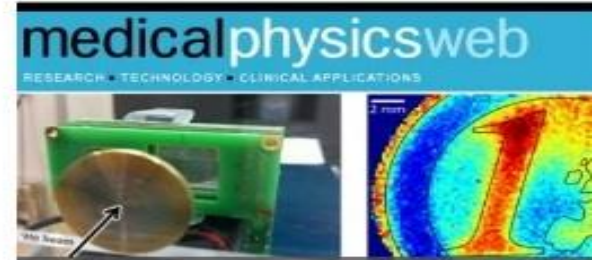
### 'Het is niet al goud dat blinkt: fundamenteel wetenschappelijk onderzoek staat onder druk'

Wanneer het geen tijd om de manier waarop wetenschappelijk onderzoek gefinancierd wordt, in zijn globaliteit te bekijken, en alternatieve systemen te bestuderen? vraagt Piet Van Duypen zich af naar aanleiding van zijn collega's voor de Universiteit van Vlaanderen.

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15 Dec 2017

Two Birds With One Proton Beam:  
CERN Now Makes Radioisotopes  
For Medical Research



Forbes  
15 Dec 2017

## physicsworld.com

CERN-MEDICIS produces first medical isotopes

Dec 13, 2017



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WELCOME

## CERN Courier – digital edition

Welcome to the digital edition of the May/June 2019 issue of *CERN Courier*.

It is 100 years since Ernest Rutherford published his results proving the existence of the proton. For many decades the proton was considered elementary. But ever since experiments at SLAC and DESY started firing electrons into protons, beginning in the 1960s, deep-inelastic-scattering experiments have revealed a complex internal picture. In this issue we take an expert tour of physicists' evolving understanding of the proton, and find that there is still much to learn about this ubiquitous particle – including the origin of its spin, whether or not it decays and the puzzling value of its radius. Flavour physics is another theme of the issue. LHCb's observation of CP violation in the charm sector represents a milestone result, and the collaboration recently released an update of the ratio  $R_K$  concerning the ratio of certain B-meson decays. From a theoretical perspective, new gauge bosons and leptoquarks are promising potential explanations for the current anomalies reported in the b-quark system, although the picture is far from clear and more data are needed. Meanwhile, researchers are also searching for ultra-rare muon decays that violate lepton-number conservation. Also in this issue: LHCb's discovery of a new pentaquark, DESY's astroparticle ambitions, news on the International Linear Collider, the first image of the centre of a galaxy, and more.

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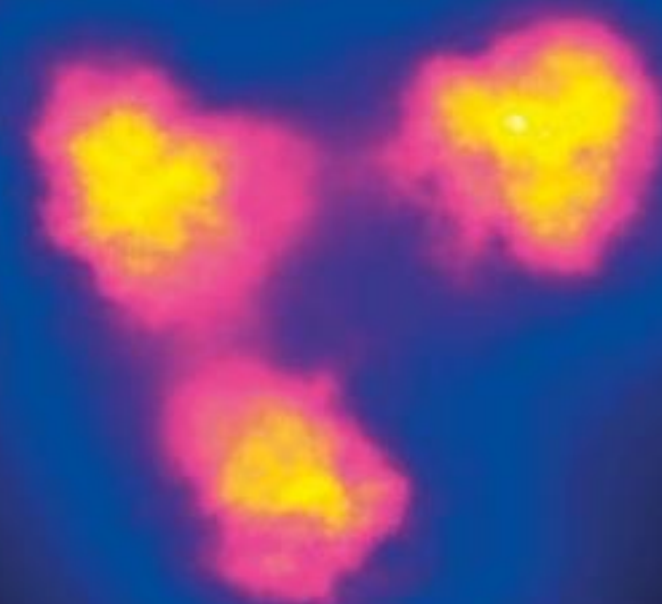
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## PERSPECTIVES ON THE PROTON



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Welcome to the digital edition of the January/February 2018 issue of *CERN Courier*.

Proton therapy was first administered in a patient at Berkeley National Laboratory in September 1954, the same month CERN was founded. The breakthrough followed the invention of the cyclotron, and the relationship between high-energy physicists and oncologists has grown closer ever since. This issue of the *Courier* takes a look at some of the medical applications of accelerators, in particular for particle therapy. Hadron beams can allow tumours to be targeted more precisely than conventional radiotherapy and the number of centres is growing rapidly across Europe, for example thanks to efforts such as the TERA Foundation. A shift to more compact linac-driven treatment centres, meanwhile, promises to expand access to particle and radiotherapy in the challenging environments of low- and middle-income countries, where cancer rates are predicted to be highest in the coming decades. Accelerator technology is also bringing new opportunities in radioisotope production for theragnostics and advanced treatment modes, as exemplified by the recently completed MEDICIS research facility at CERN, while detector and computing technology from particle physics continue to have a major impact on medical imaging and treatment planning.



Also distributed with the January/February 2018 print issue is the inaugural *Courier* year-planner, copies of which can be obtained by getting in touch at [cern.courier@cern.ch](mailto:cern.courier@cern.ch).

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**Precision medicine**

**ILC design revisited**

**Linac4 prepares for injection**

**Weighing up the LHC's future**



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## CERN Courier – digital edition

Welcome to the digital edition of the October 2016 issue of *CERN Courier*.

Particle physics, and CERN in particular, has made major contributions to medicine. Key to this, in addition to detectors for diagnosis and medical imaging, is accelerator technology. A new high-energy proton therapy centre in Nice, which has its roots in a CERN project, is about to treat its first patients, offering more precise treatment of tumours than is possible with conventional X-rays. Particle beams are also playing an increasingly vital role in the production of medical isotopes, which have traditionally been produced by research reactors. With global demand for isotopes such as technetium-99m growing and many reactors reaching the end of their operational lifetimes, CERN has recently launched a project called MEDICIS to produce isotopes from high-energy proton beams. Meanwhile, Brookhaven National Laboratory in the US has undergone a series of upgrades to boost its long-running isotope programme, and TRIUMF in Canada is pursuing isotopes for the rapidly growing field of targeted alpha therapy. Other particle-physics laboratories are pursuing similar cross-disciplinary programmes, illustrating the benefit of basic science to society.

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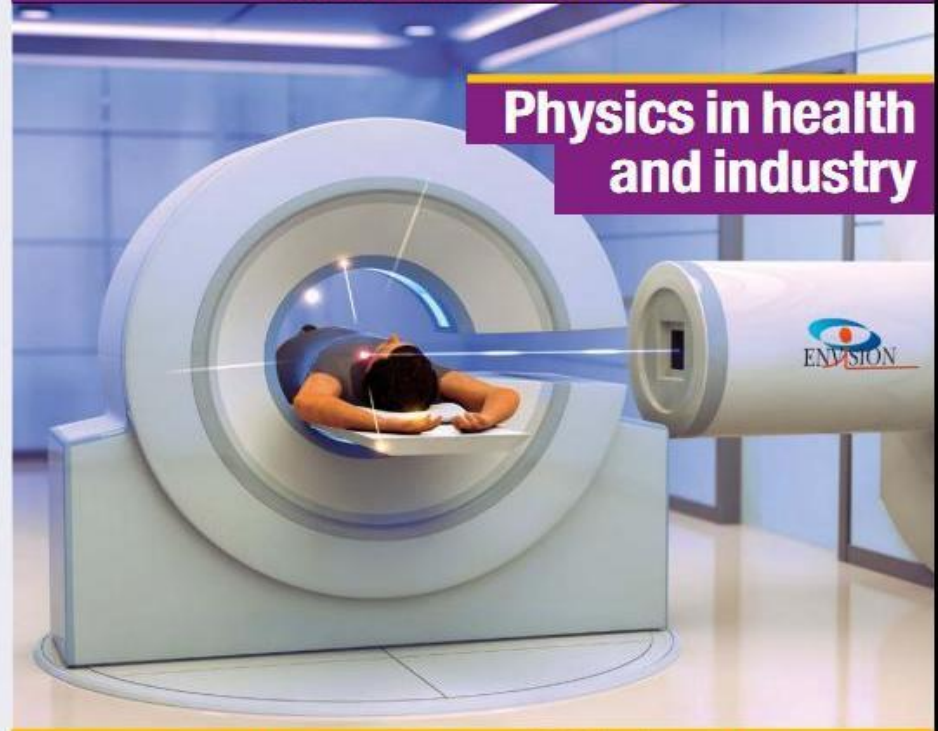
It is 60 years since a proton beam was first used to treat cancer at the Berkeley cyclotron. Since then, research has spread to other countries and other beams, notably carbon ions. In February, experts at the ICTR-PHE 2014 conference in Geneva discussed current progress in using these and other techniques derived from nuclear and particle physics in the service of medicine.

It is 80 years since two theoretical physicists first calculated the neutrino cross-section and concluded that "there is no practically possible way of observing neutrinos". Forty years later, measurements of neutrinos by the Gargamelle team at CERN helped to reveal the quark structure of matter. Now, another 40 years later, the MINERvA experiment at Fermilab continues a long tradition at the two labs in studying neutrinos.

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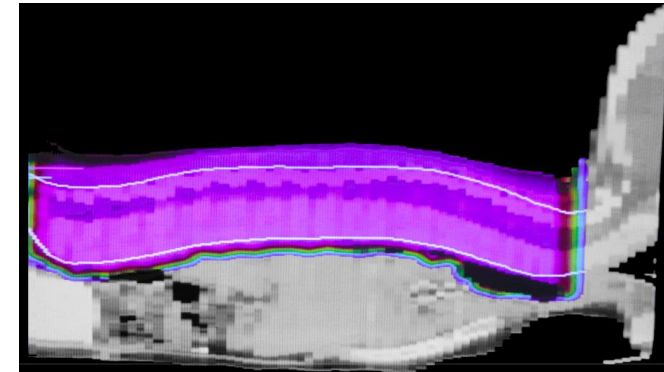
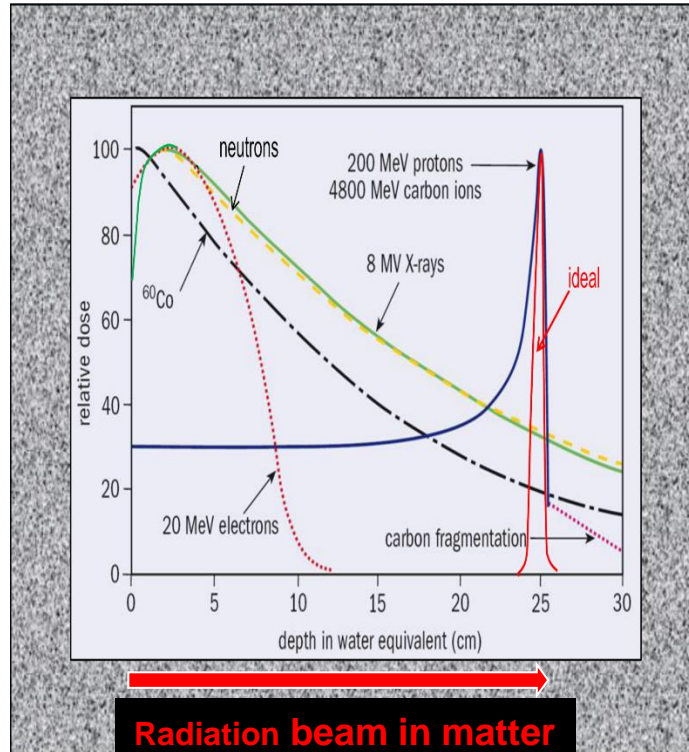
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## III. Carbon Therapy - Терапия с карбонови йони.





*Bene diagnostitur,*  
*bene curatur.*

Правилна диагноза -  
успешно лечение.

Диагностичните методи са високо ефективни, когато могат да повлияят върху терапевтичното поведение при пациента.

# Нуклеарната медицина

- най - бързо развиващата се образна специалност

(Позитронно - емисионната томография (ПЕТ)

Високо технологична дейност)

□ Нов подход в познанието за биологията и функционалната активност на туморите - подобряване на комплексната диагностика и лечение на онкологичните заболявания.

□ Нуклеарно - медицинските методи имат по - ниска разделителна способност, но висока специфичност и изобразяват биологичното поведение - функцията на изследвания орган и неговия метаболизъм, преди появата на структурни промени.

□ Анатомо - структурните промени на изследваните органи са приоритет на останалите образни методи: конвенционална рентгенология, компютърна рентгенова томография (КТ - СТ), ядрено магнитен резонанс (ЯМР - MRI) - висока разделителна способност и ниска специфичност.

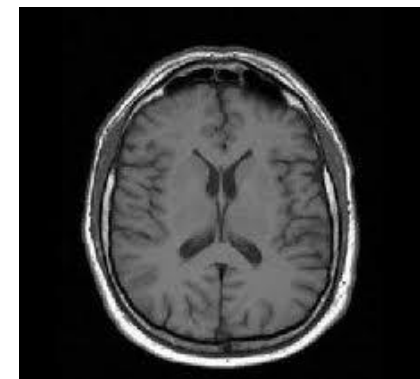
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# BRAIN IMAGING



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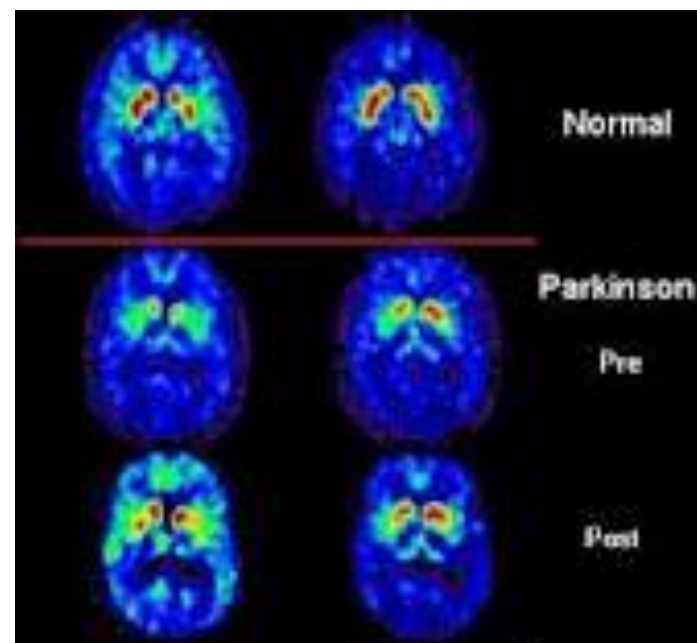
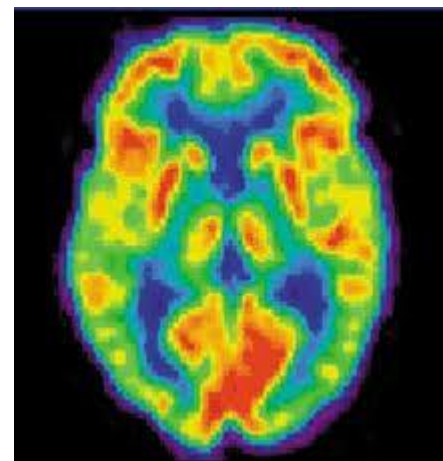
PET SCAN

❑ **Позитронно емисионната томография (PET) е утвърден метод в нуклеарната медицина с широко приложение в съвременната онкология, позволяващ изследването на функцията и метаболизма на органите.**

❑ Това позволява ранна оценка и диагностика на състоянието на организма, много преди появата на анатомични изменения в даден орган. Като всяко нуклеарно-медицинско изследване методът е свързан с **венозно инжектиране** на ниски активности радиоактивен материал – радиофармацевтик (185 – 740) MBq - (140μCi/kg).

❑ При комбинация на **PET** с компютърна томография СТ (скенер) се получава един изцяло нов и съвремен метод за диагностика, наречен позитронно емисионна компютърна томография (PET/CT).

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# Позитронно емисионната томография (ПЕТ)

## PET - Positron Emission Tomography

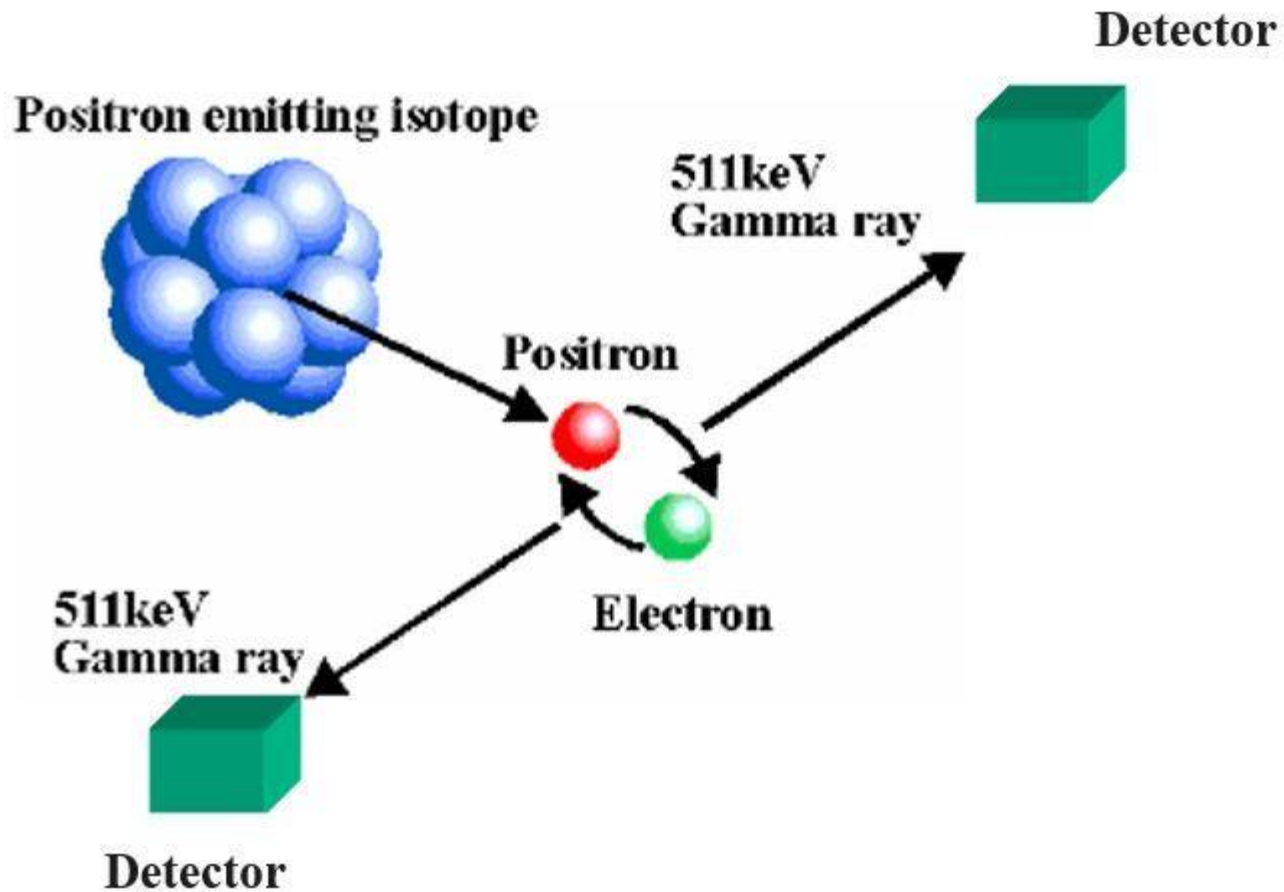
Принцип на действие:

Използва се позитронното лъчение от  $\beta^+$  превръщането на  $^{11}\text{C}$ ,  $^{13}\text{N}$ ,  $^{15}\text{O}$ ,  $^{18}\text{F}$ .

Тези радионуклиди се получават като продукти на ядрени реакции протичащи в ядрени съоръжения - циклотрони.

Анихилационното  $\gamma$  лъчение, получено при взаимодействието на позитроните от радиофармацевтика с електрони от изследваните тъкани се регистрира със сцинтилационни детектори, намиращи се около тялото на пациента.

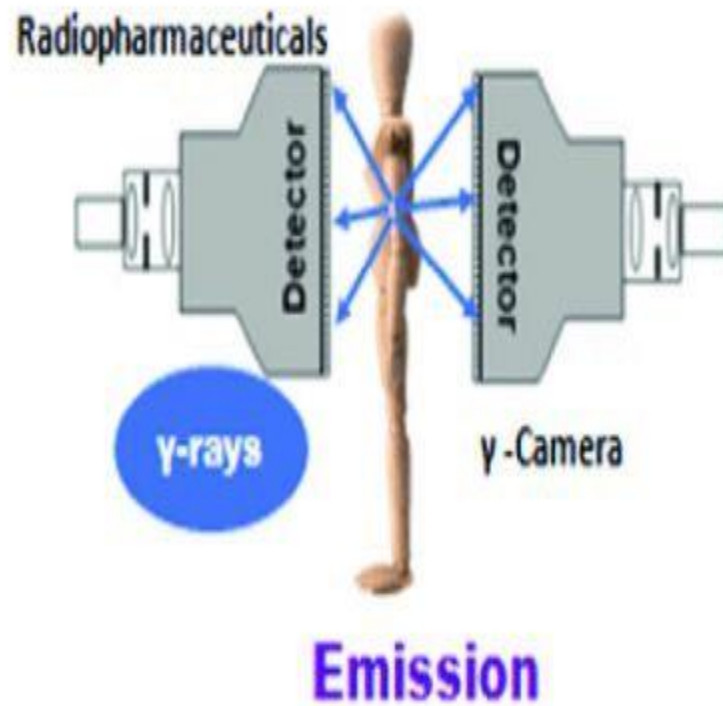
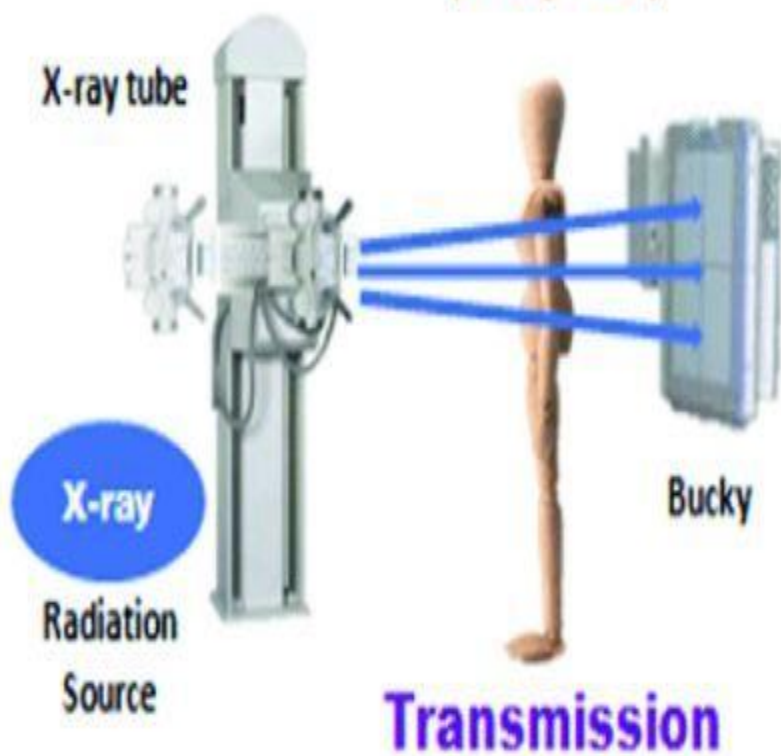
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# Radiology vs Nuclear Medicine

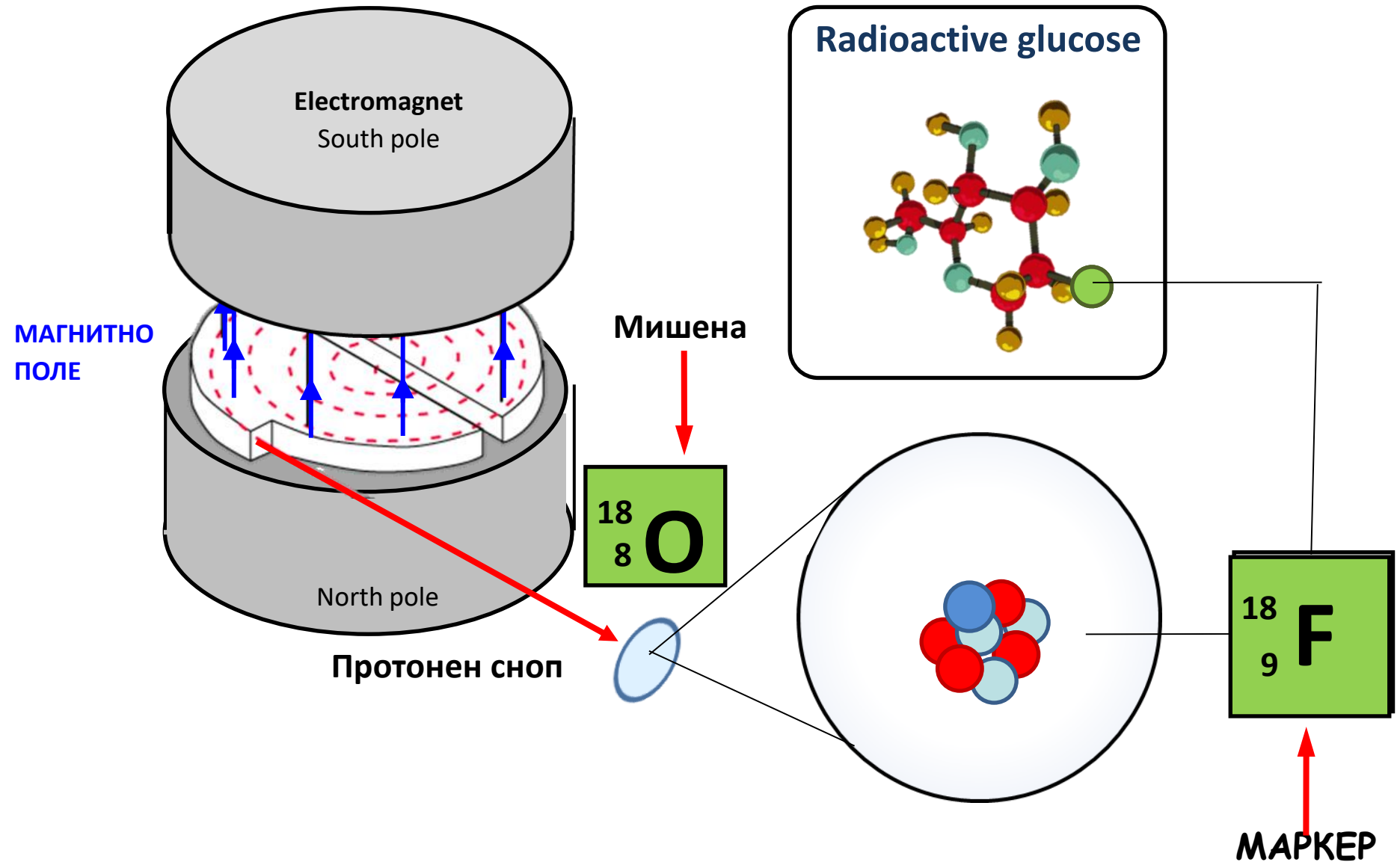
**Radiology  
(X-ray / CT)**

**Nuclear Medicine  
(Planar / SPECT / PET)**



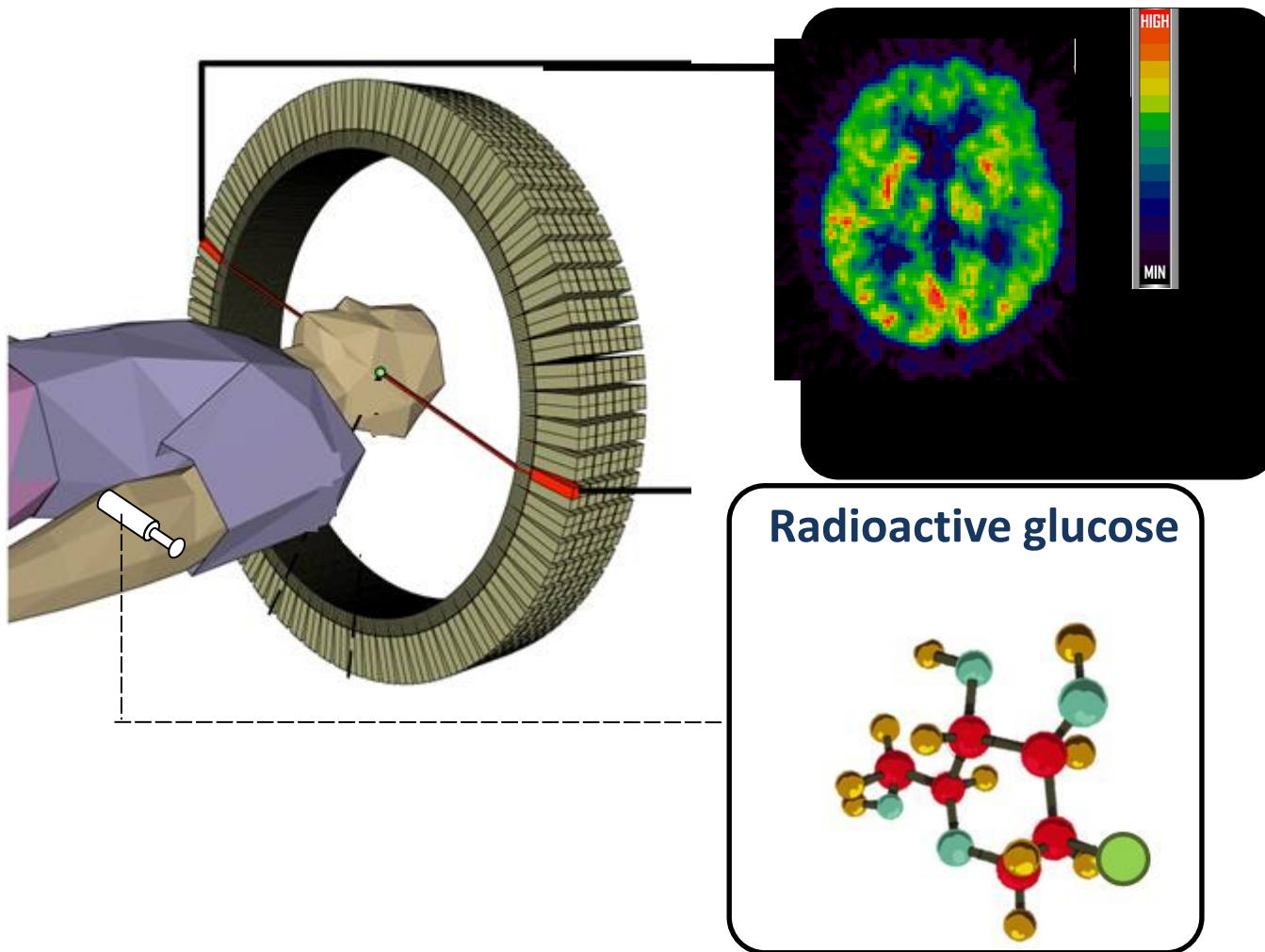


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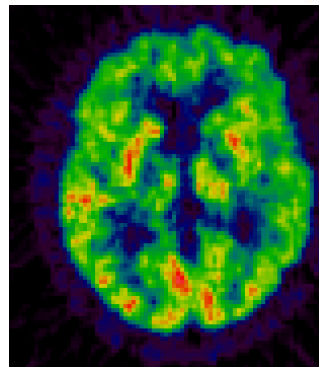
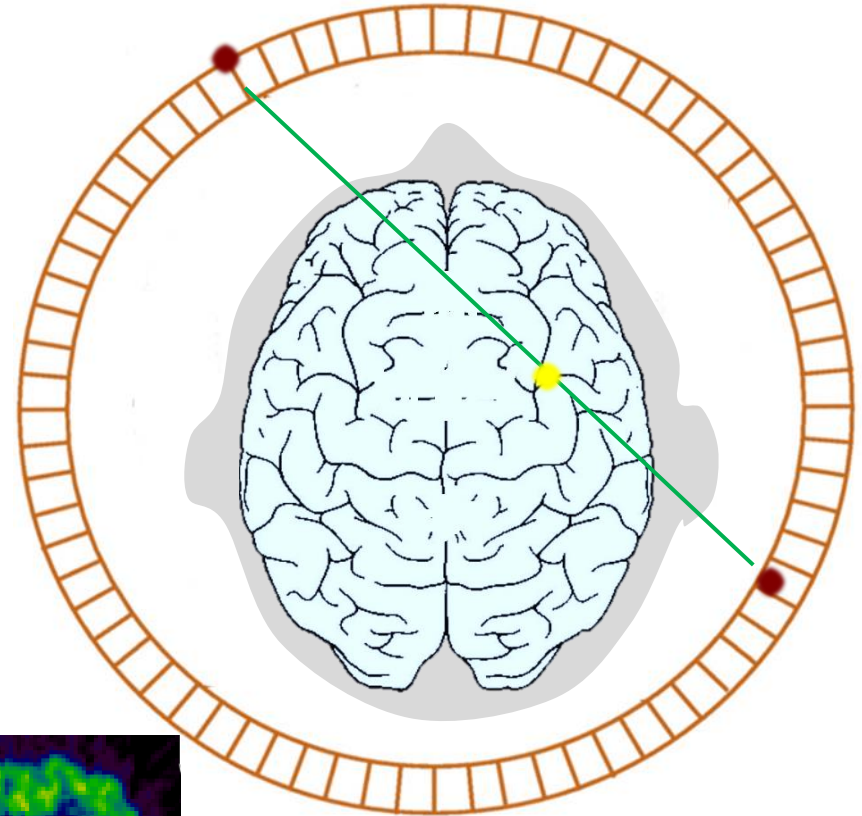
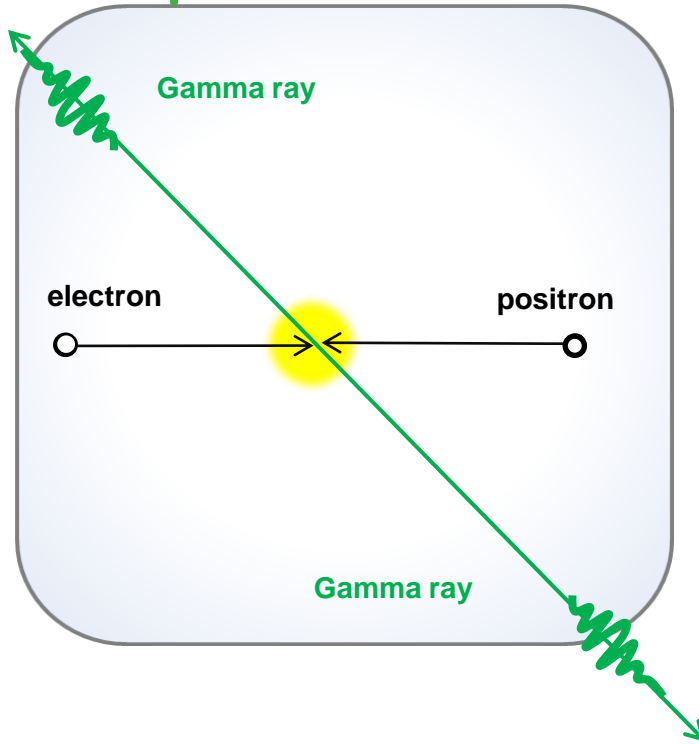
## 2. Инжектиране на пациента

Радиоактивният изотоп се натрупва в тази област на организма, към която маркера има химичен или метаболитен афинитет.



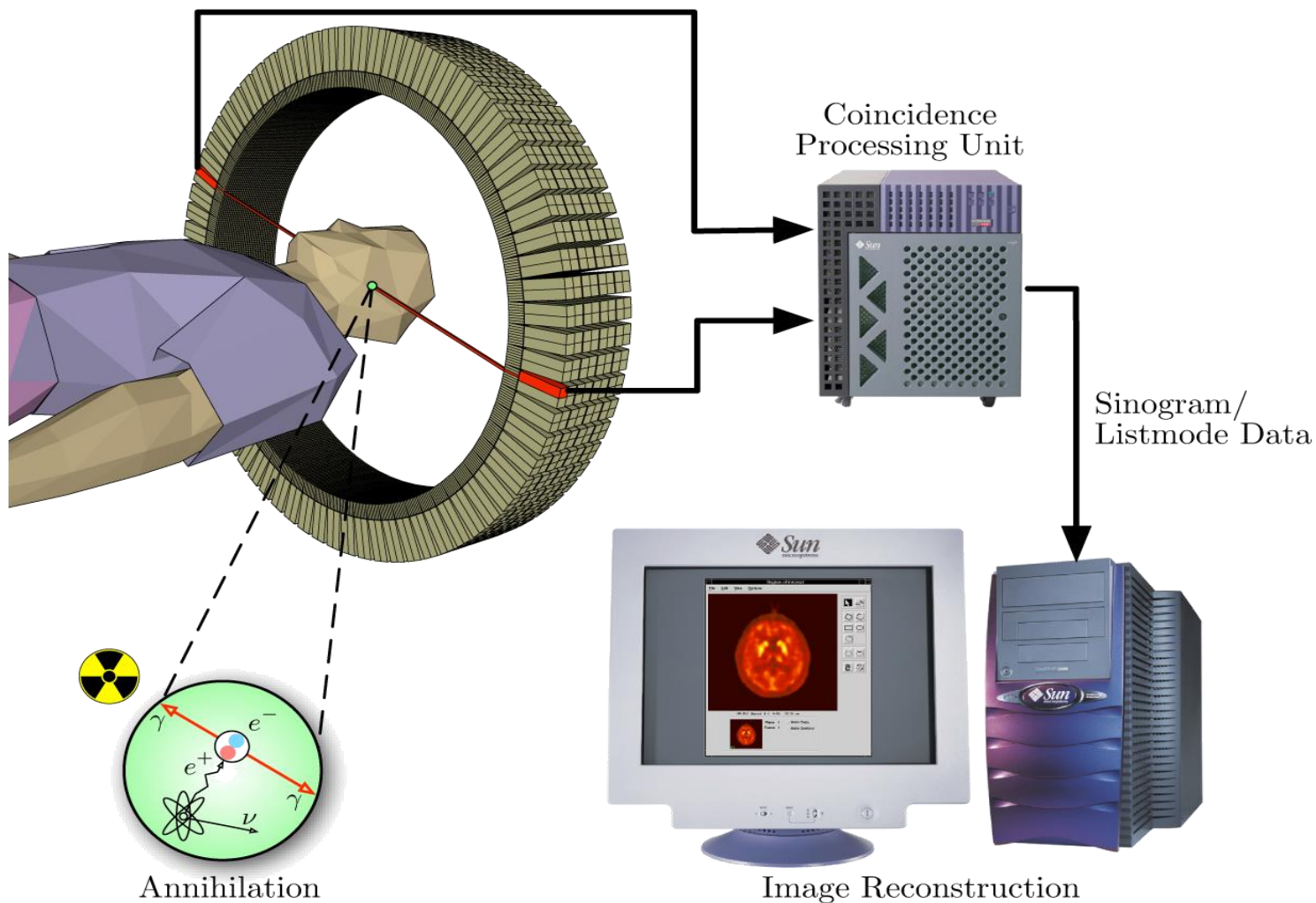
### 3. Осъществяване на физичното взаимодействие електрон - позитрон.

Два фотона аниhilационно гама лъчение



# 4. Детектиране на аниhilационно лъчение.

Детекторите работят в схема на съвпадение

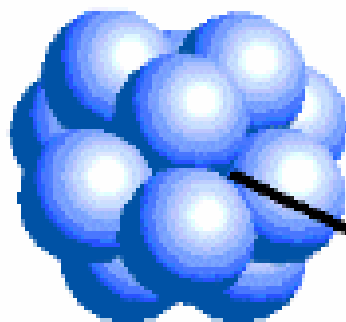


# Едновременно Детектиране

Coincidence Detection

Detector

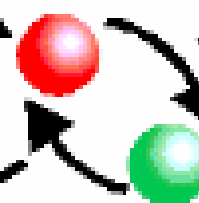
Positron emitting isotope



511keV  
Gamma ray



Positron

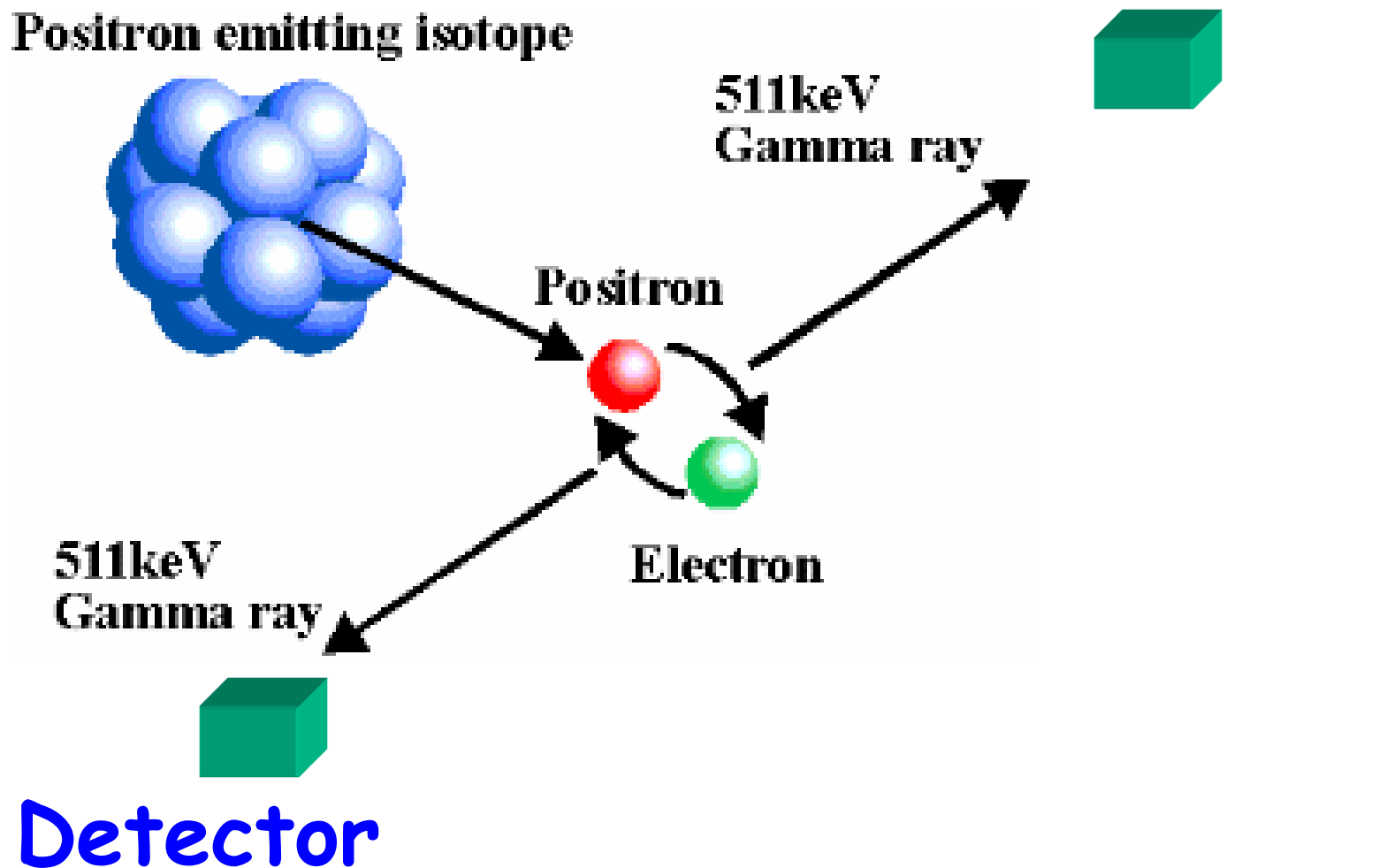


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Gamma ray



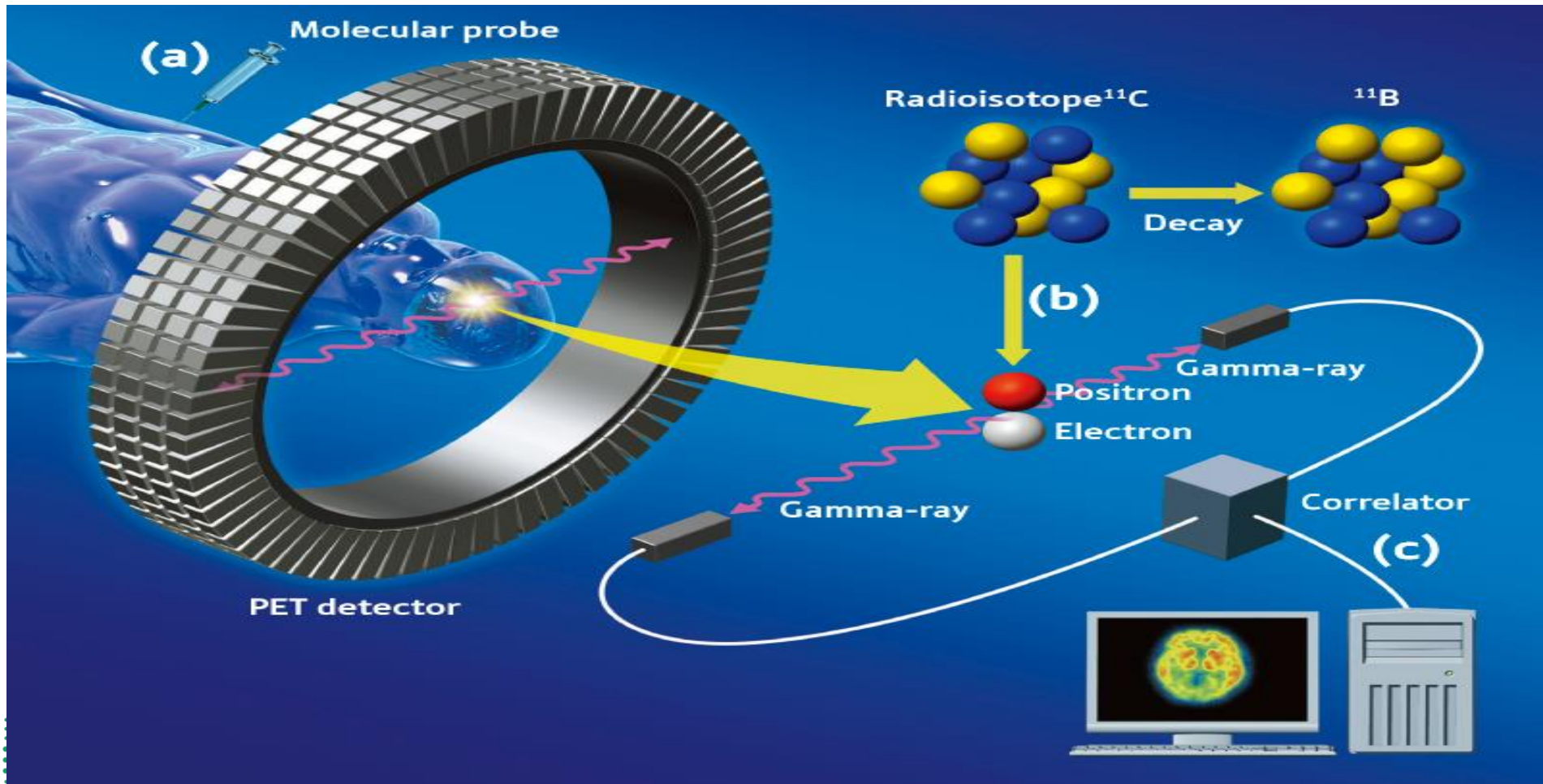
Electron

Detector



# ДЕТЕКТИРАНЕ НА ФОТОНИТЕ ПОЛУЧЕНИ ПРИ АНИХИЛАЦИЯ

Детектира се анихилационно лъчение получавано при взаимодействието на позитроните излъчени от радиофармацевтика, с електрони от изследваните тъкани.

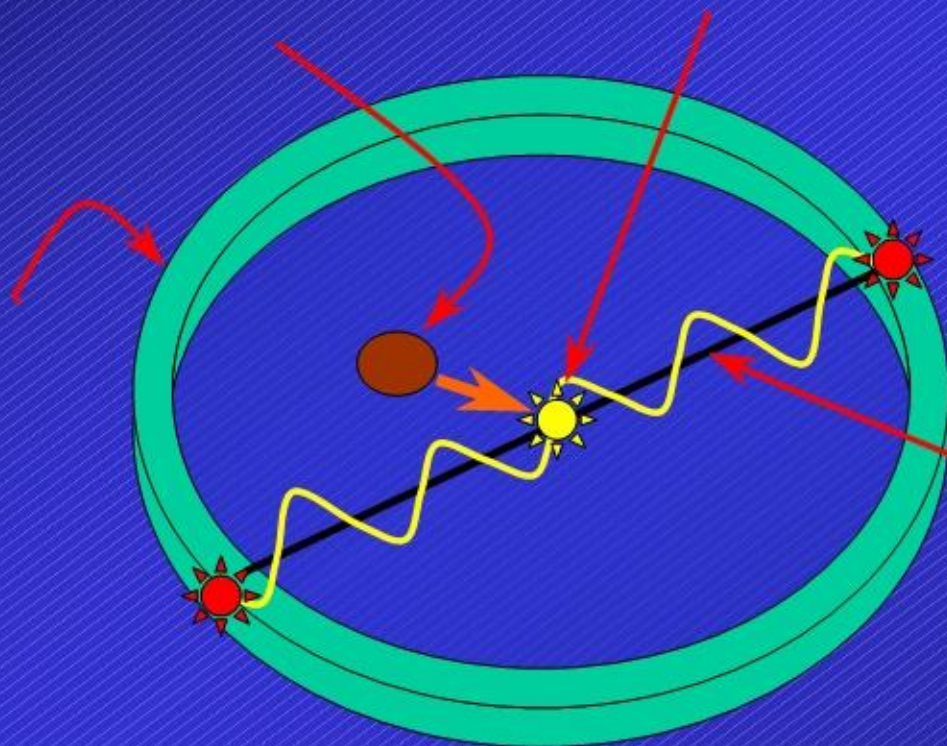


# PET - Принцип на детектиране: Идеален случай

Аниhilация

Позитрон

Кръгов  
детектор



Две събития в   
детектора в един момент време\*

\*Времеви прозорец 6 – 12 ns

Линия на съвпадение

Използва се за реконструкция на образа

APPLICATIONS | FEATURE

## J-PET's plastic revolution

29 October 2018

**A recently developed detector based on inexpensive plastic scintillators paves the way for whole-body PET imaging and precision measurements of fundamental symmetries.**



The J-PET detector is made of three cylindrical layers of plastic scintillator strips (black) with photomultiplier tubes at each end. Image credit: M Zieitnski

It is some 60 years since the conception of positron emission tomography (PET), which revolutionised the imaging of physiological and biochemical processes. Today, PET scanners are used around the world, in particular providing quantitative and 3D images for early-stage cancer detection and for maximising the effectiveness of radiation therapies. Some of the first PET images were recorded at CERN in the late 1970s, when physicists Alan Jeavons and David Townsend used the technique to image a mouse. While the principle of PET already existed, the detectors and algorithms developed at CERN made a major contribution to its development. Techniques from high-energy physics could now be about to enable another leap in PET technology.

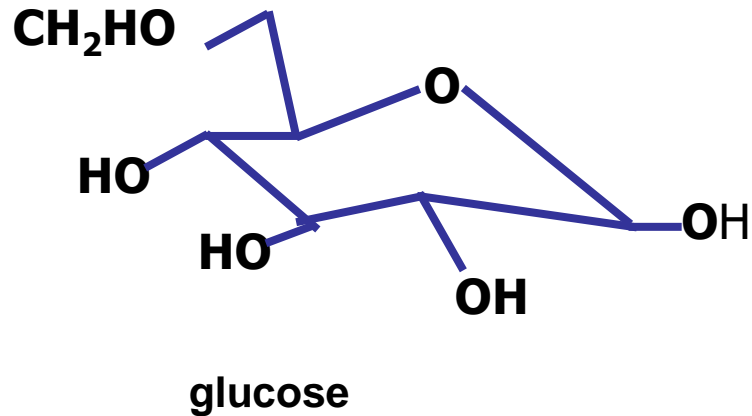
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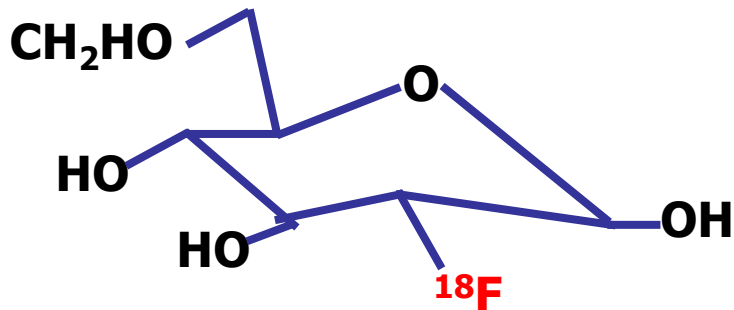
# PET Радиофармацевтици

<i>Нуклид</i>	<i>Период на Полуразпад – T1/2</i>	<i>Маркер</i>	<i>Приложение</i>
<b>O-15</b>	<b>2 min</b>	<b>Water</b>	<b>Cerebral blood flow</b>
<b>C-11</b>	<b>20 min</b>	<b>Methionine</b>	<b>Tumour protein synthesis</b>
<b>N-13</b>	<b>10 min</b>	<b>Ammonia</b>	<b>Myocardial blood flow</b>
<b>F-18</b>	<b>110 min</b>	<b>FDG</b>	<b>Glucose metabolism</b>
<b>Ga-68</b>	<b>68 min</b>	<b>DOTANOC</b>	<b>Neuroendocrine imaging</b>
<b>Rb-82</b>	<b>72 sec</b>	<b>Rb-82</b>	<b>Myocardial perfusion</b>

# FDG (2-deoxy-2-(F-18) fluoro-D-glucose)



- Най – широко използвания радиофармацевтик

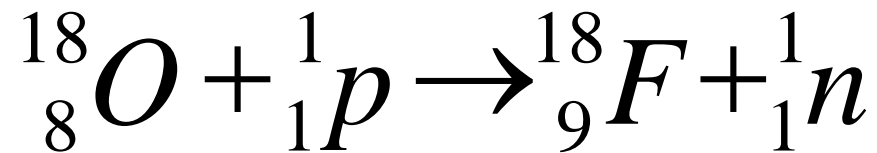


2-deoxy-2-(F-18) fluoro-D-glucose

- Аналог на глюкозата
- Повечето тумори са със силно повишен глюкозен метаболизъм

# Manufacture of $^{18}\text{F}$

- Proton is accelerated
- Strikes  $^{18}\text{O}$  target
- Merges with  $^{18}\text{O}$
- Neutron ejected



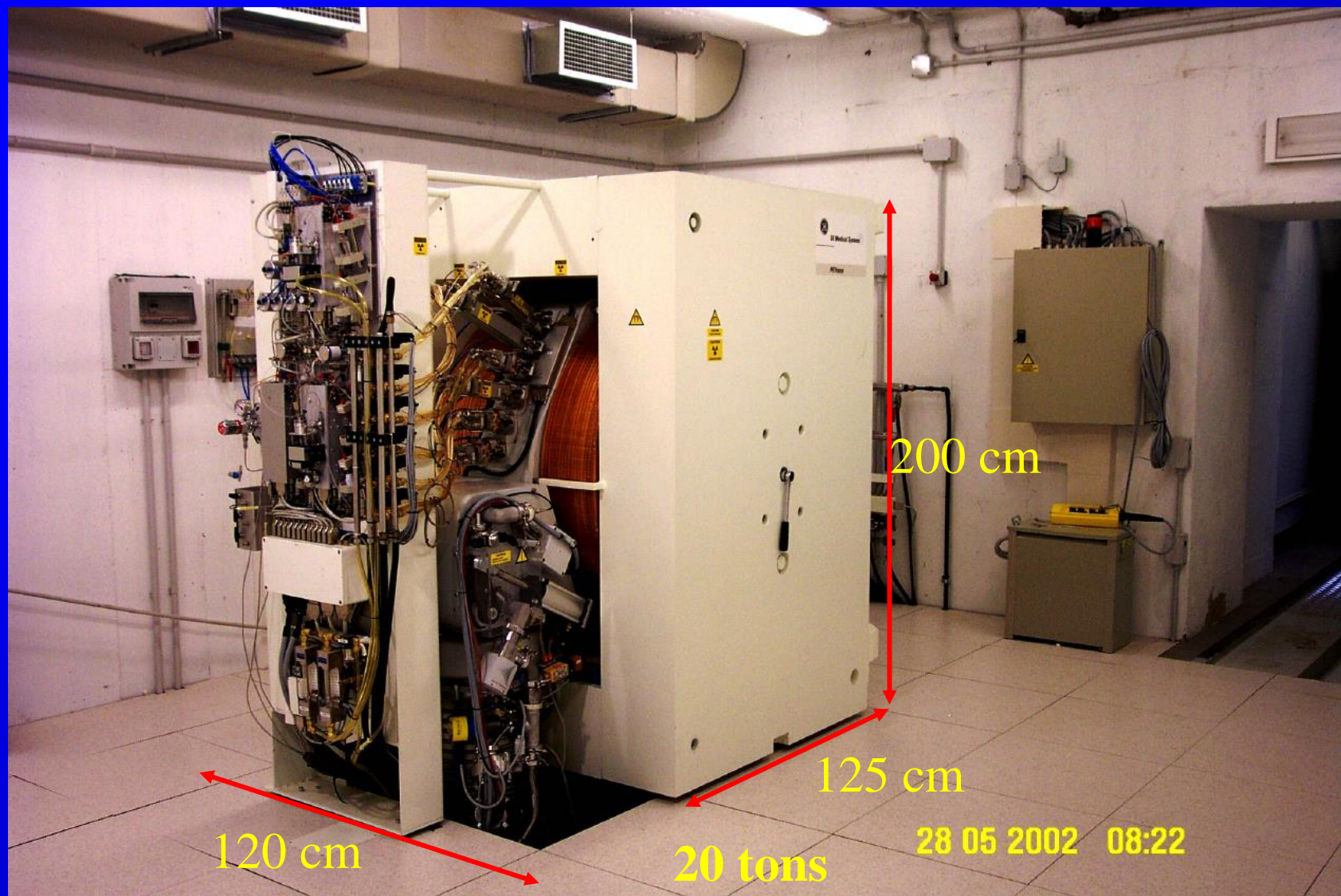
# Получаване на FDG

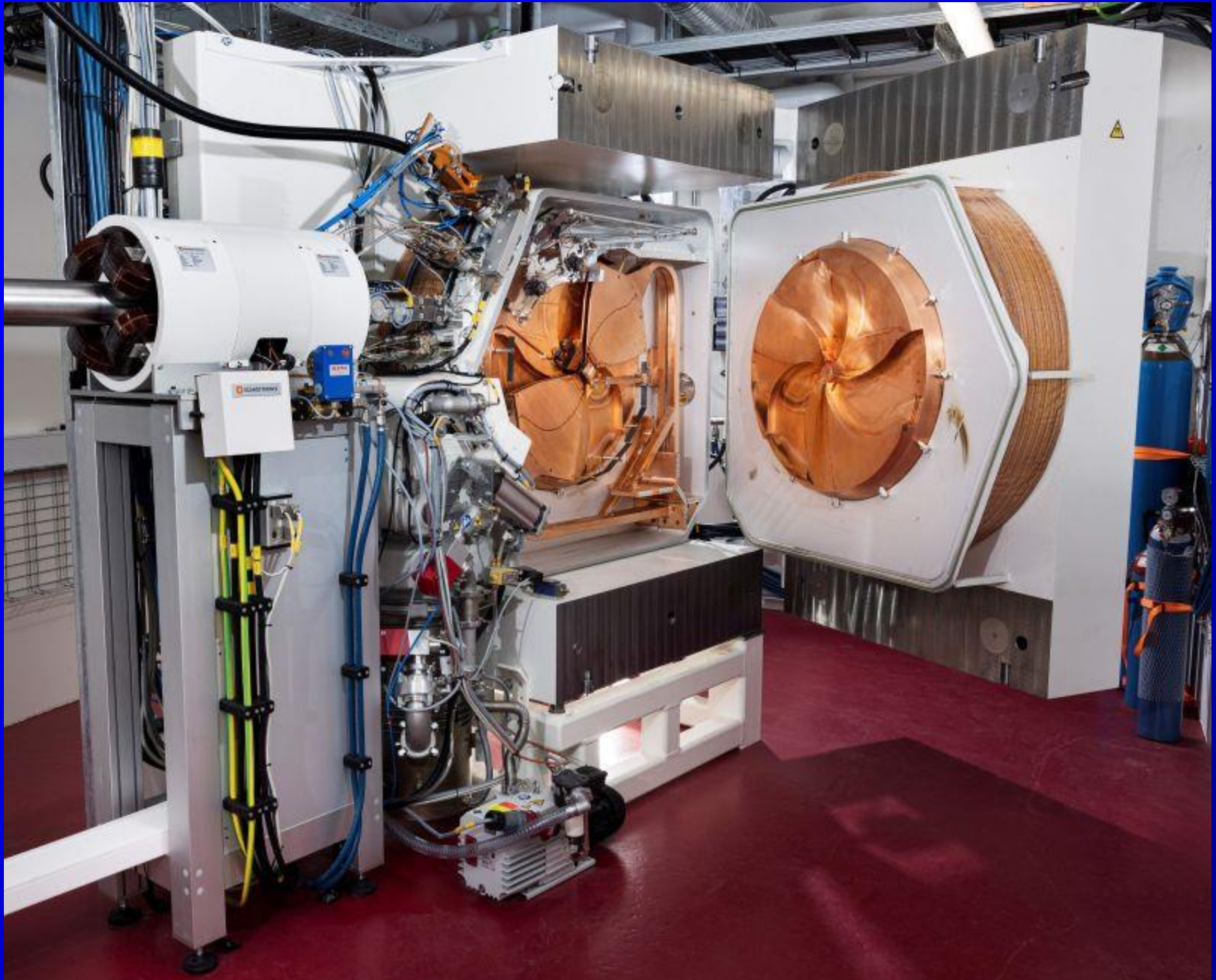
- ❑ Бомбардиране на подходяща мишена водеща до получаване на  $^{18}\text{F}$ .
- ❑ Бомбардирането е около 2 часа (1  $T_{1/2}$ ).
- ❑  $^{18}\text{F}$  – химичен модул (synthesis module), където се осъществяват реакции с повечето реагенти, така че да се получи fluorinated deoxyglucose – FDG.
- ❑ Модул (качествен контрол) на синтезиране обхваща няколко стъпки като нагряване, изстудяване, филтриране, химично пречистване и стерилизиране.

# Principal PET radionuclides

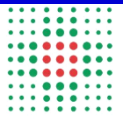
Radionuclide	$T_{1/2}$	Nuclear reaction
Carbon-11	20 min	$^{14}\text{N}(p,\alpha)^{11}\text{C}$
Nitrogen-13	10 min	$^{16}\text{O}(p,\alpha)^{13}\text{N}$
Oxygen-15	2 min	$^{14}\text{N}(d,n)^{15}\text{O}$
<b>Fluorine-18 (<math>^{18}\text{F}^-</math>)</b>	<b>110 min</b>	<b><math>^{18}\text{O}(p,n)^{18}\text{F}</math></b>
Fluorine-18 ( $^{18}\text{F}_2$ )	110 min	$^{20}\text{Ne}(d,\alpha)^{18}\text{F}$

# The PETtrace cyclotron

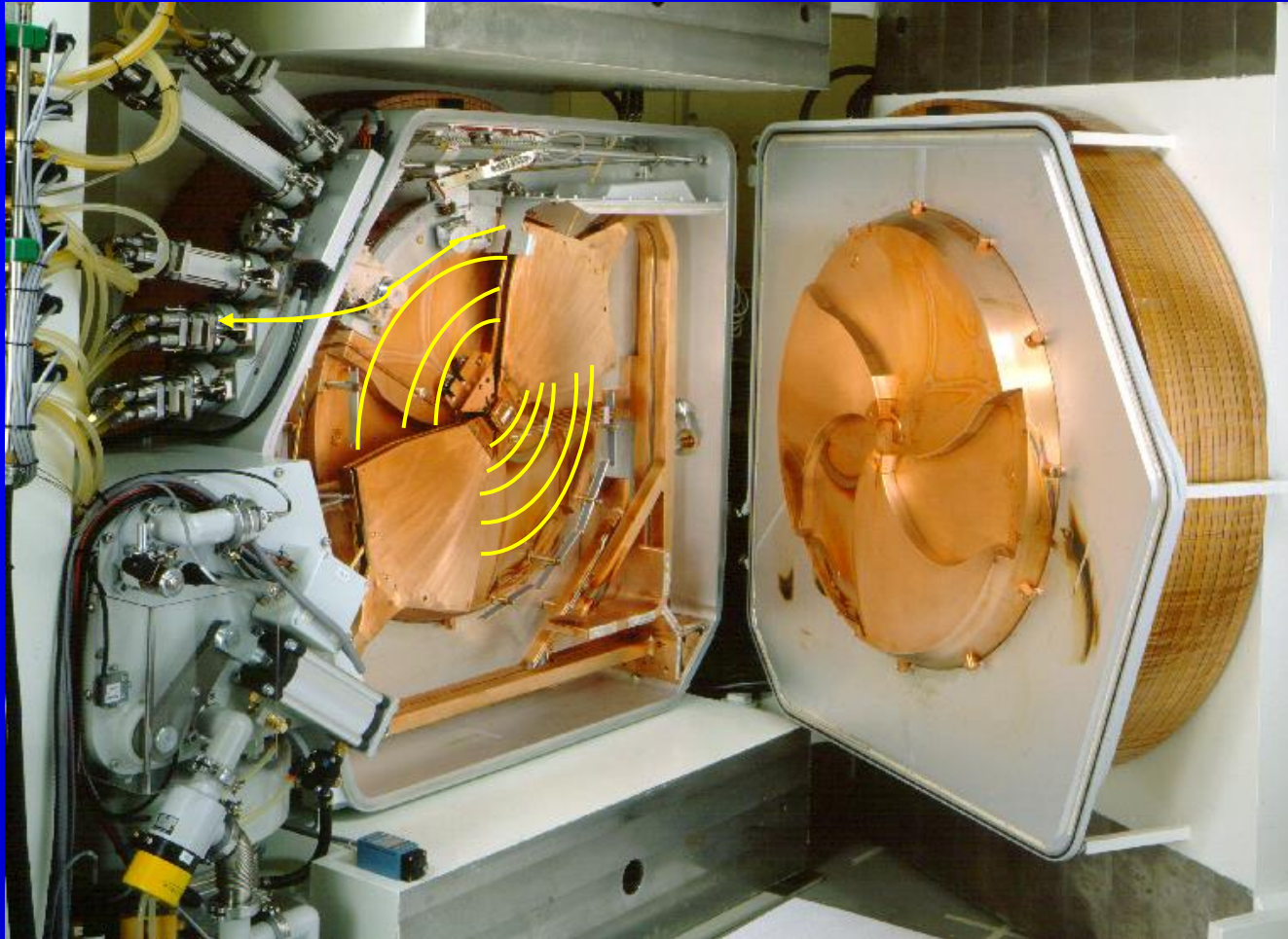




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# Beam acceleration





6.  $^{18}\text{F}$  target

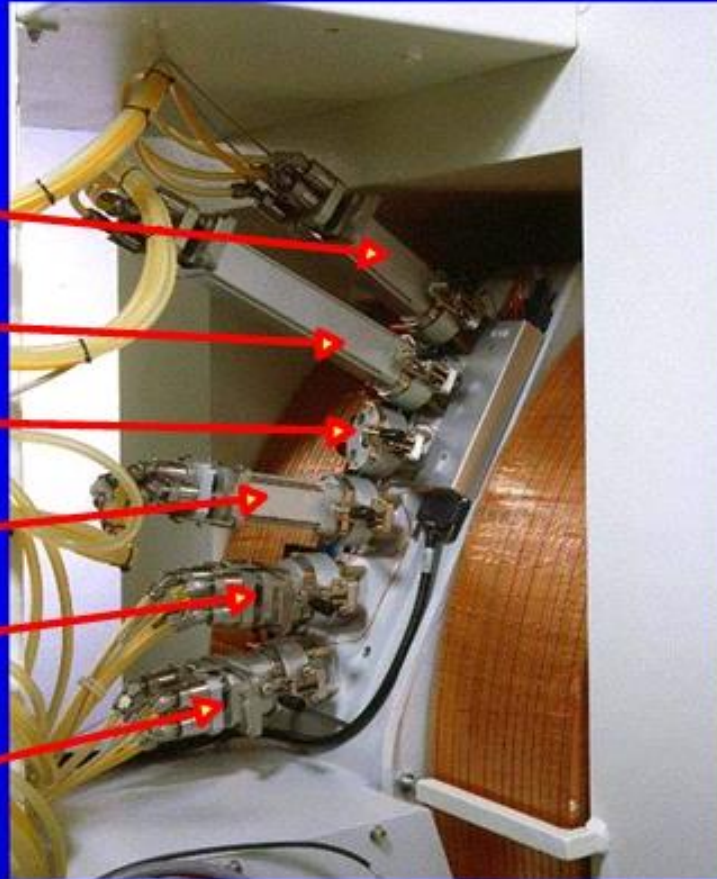
5.  $^{11}\text{C}$  target

4.  $^{18}\text{F}$  target

3.  $^{15}\text{O}$  target

2.  $^{13}\text{N}$  target

1.  $^{18}\text{F}$  target



# МОДУЛ - СИНТЕЗ

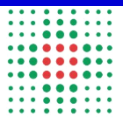


# РАДИОХИМИЧНА ЛАБОРАТОРИЯ

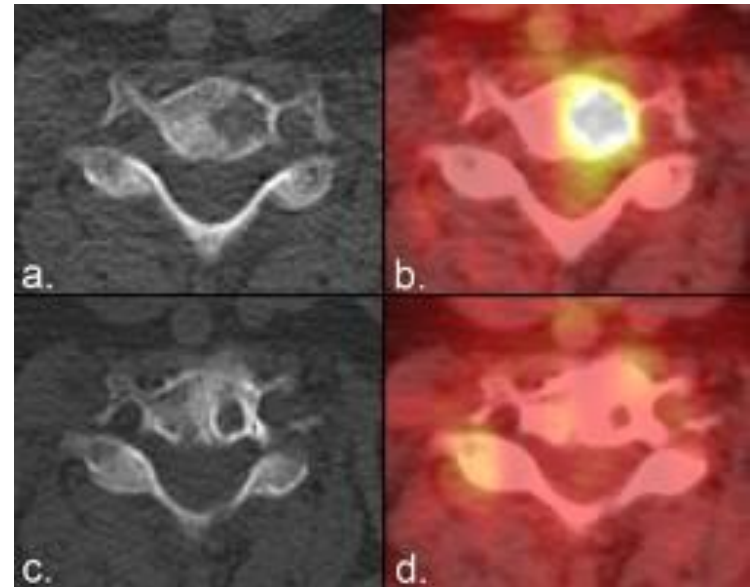
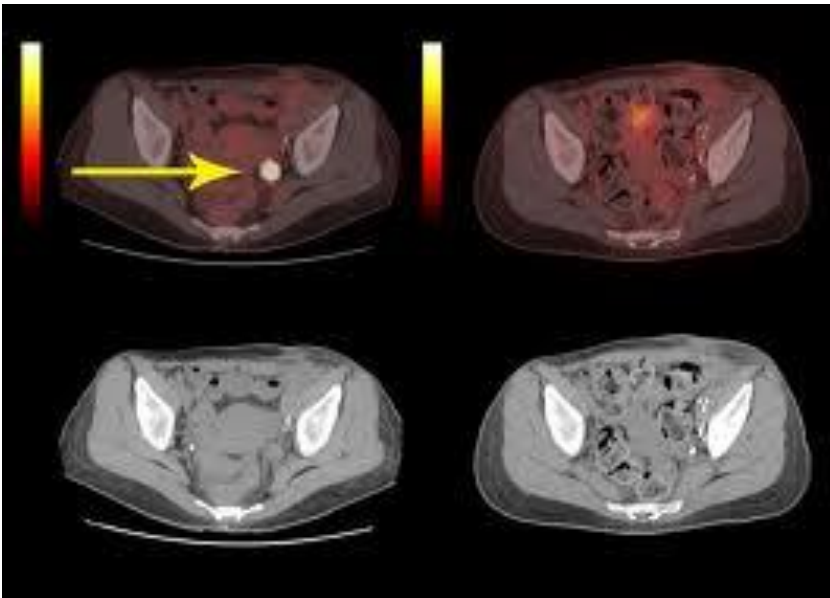
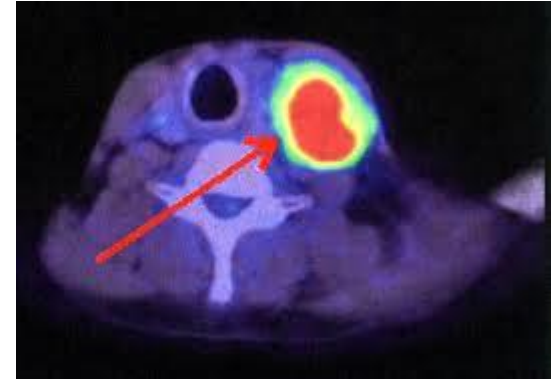
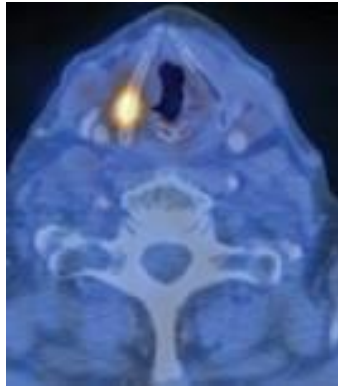
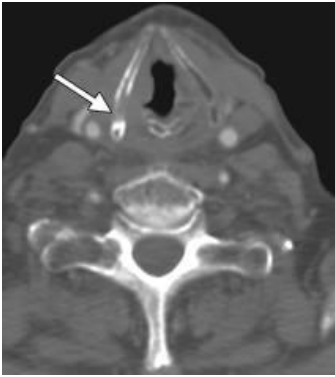


# Routine work cycle at the PET centre in Bologna

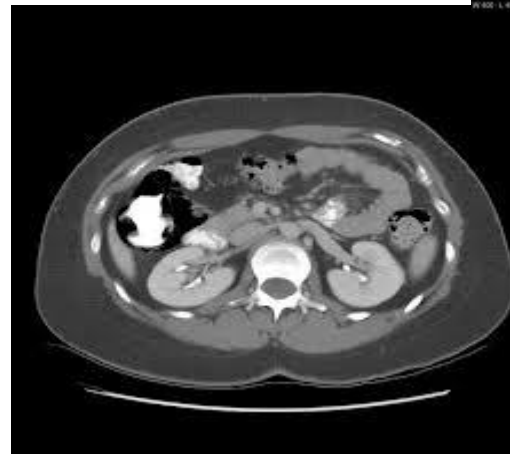
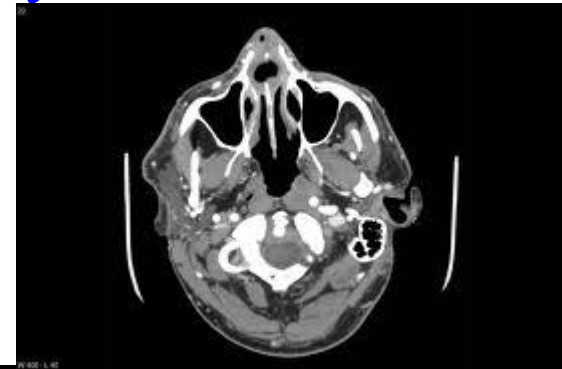
- 5.30: start; environmental and operational tests (temp, gases, voltage ...)
- 5.45: pre irradiation of  $^{18}\text{F}$  target with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}^{16}$
- 6.00: activity bolus delivered to a research hot cell; test of production; rinse & drying
- 6.00: start testing and loading  $^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG module
- 6.10: start of first  $^{18}\text{F}$ - production
- 6.15: preparing the vials dispensing unit
- 6.30 – 7.00: checking of cyclotron parameters
- 7.00: preparation of the insulator for unit dose dispensing
- 7.00: start preparation of the QC equipment
- 7.30: first irradiation is almost ready; final check of all systems
- 7.30: start preparation of the  $^{11}\text{C}$  module for Choline / Methionine
- 7.45: end of first bombardment and delivery of activity to the  $^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG module
- 7.50: rinse the  $^{18}\text{F}$ -target; start  $^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG synthesis
- 7.50: preparation of the  $^{11}\text{C}$  target
- 8.00: start  $^{11}\text{C}$  bombardment
- 8.15: end of  $^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG synthesis; start of sterilization and vials dispensing
- 8.30: delivery of  $^{11}\text{C}$  to synthesis module; start of Choline / Methionine synthesis
- 8.40: first vial of  $^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG ready; taken sample for QC
- 8.55:  $^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG QC completed; first patient dose dispensed
- 8.55: end of  $^{11}\text{C}$  Choline / Methionine synthesis; sterilization
- 9.00:  $^{11}\text{C}$  Choline / Methionine sample for QC
- 9.15:  $^{11}\text{C}$  Choline / Methionine QC completed; first patient dose dispensed



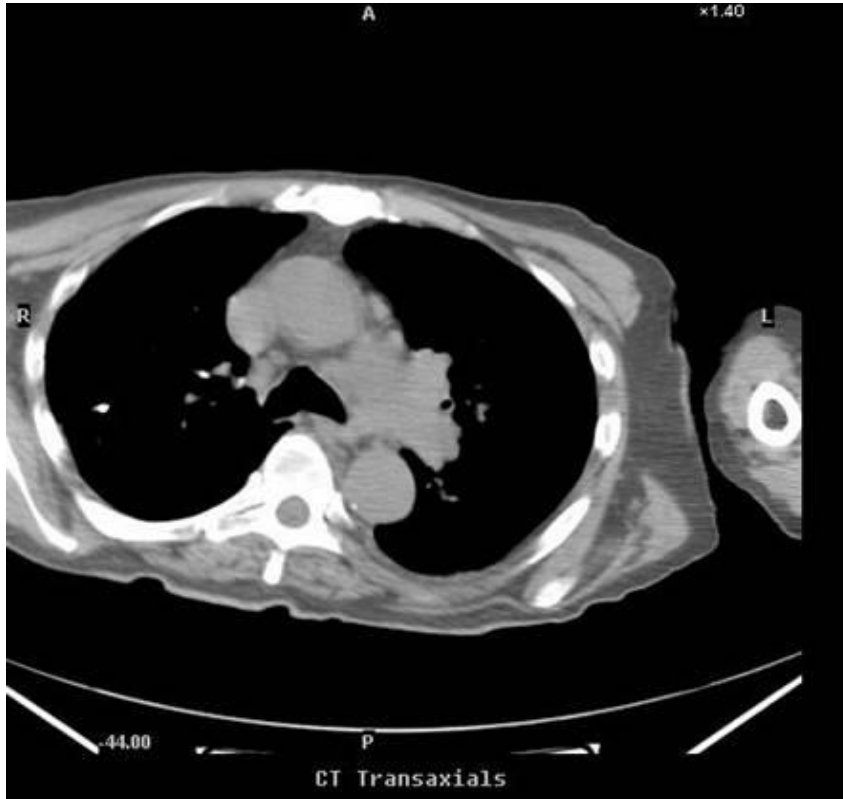
□ Получените сигнали се обработват от софтуер (алгоритъм "обратна проекция"), в резултат се получава образ изобразяващ локализацията и концентрацията на съответния радиофармацевтик, източник на позитрони в изследвания орган.



# Рентгенова Компютърна Томография Computer Tomography (CT)

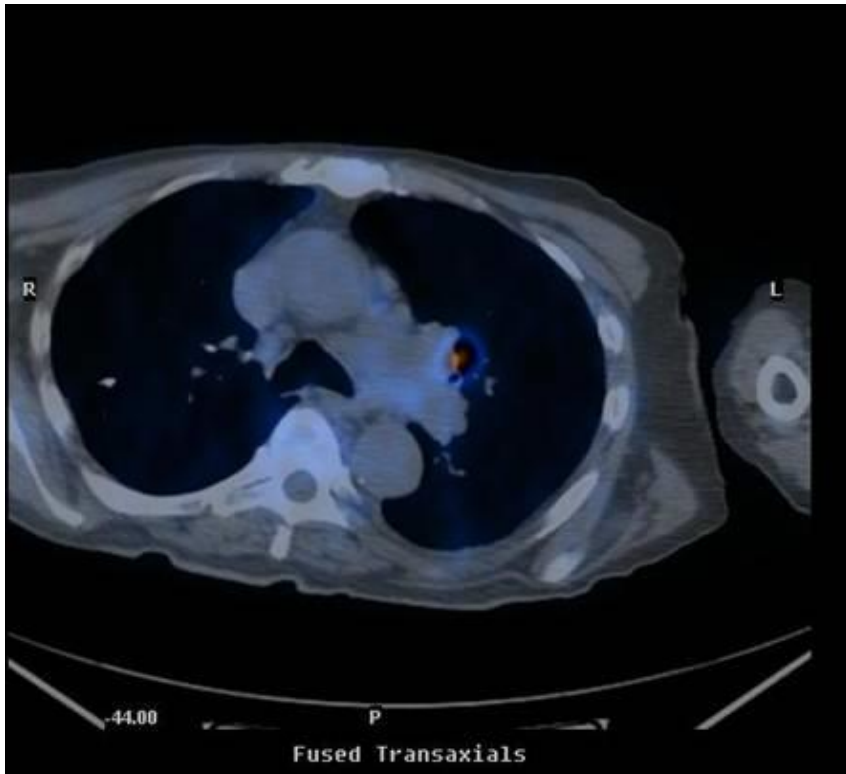


# Рентгенова Компютърна Томография/ X-ray Computed Tomography- СТ



- ❑ Анатомична структура
- ❑ По - добра резолюция от PET
- ❑ Добра разлика между костна и мека тъкан
- ❑ Не може да диференцира активността на заболяванията

# РЕТ/СТ Томография



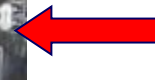
- ❑ Комбиниране на функционалната информация с анатомичните детайли.
- ❑ Точна анатомична регистрация.
- ❑ Висока диагностична точност спрямо РЕТ или СТ използвани по отделно.



# PET/CT Scanner



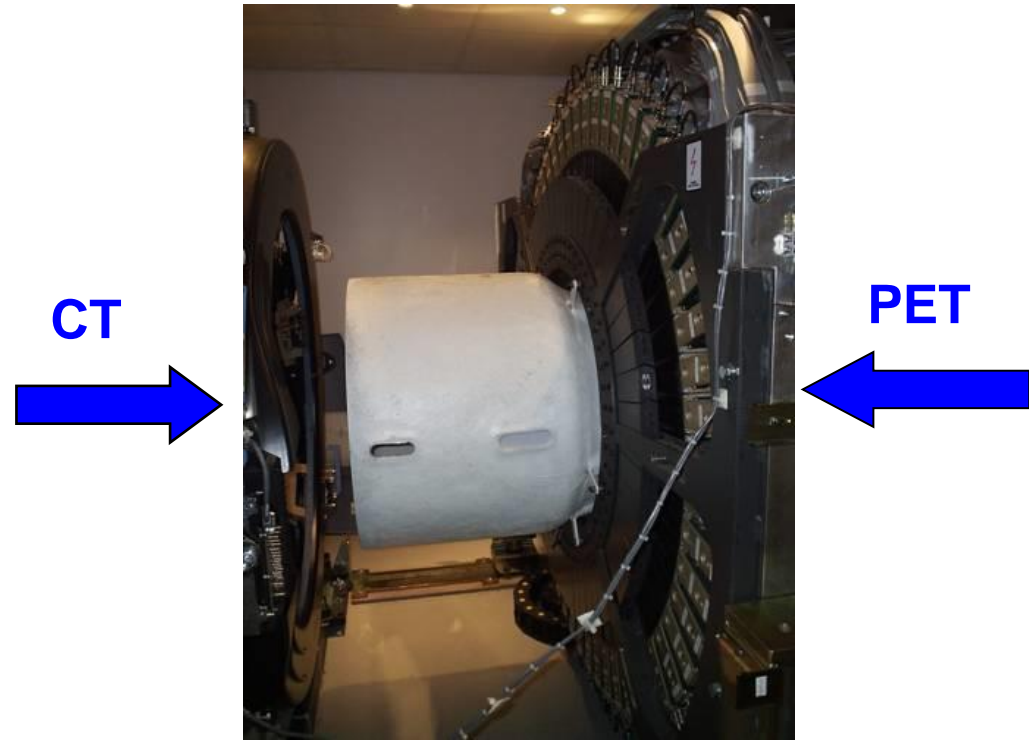
**CT unit**



**PET scanner**

# PET/CT – Хибриден апарат - физичен принцип на действие

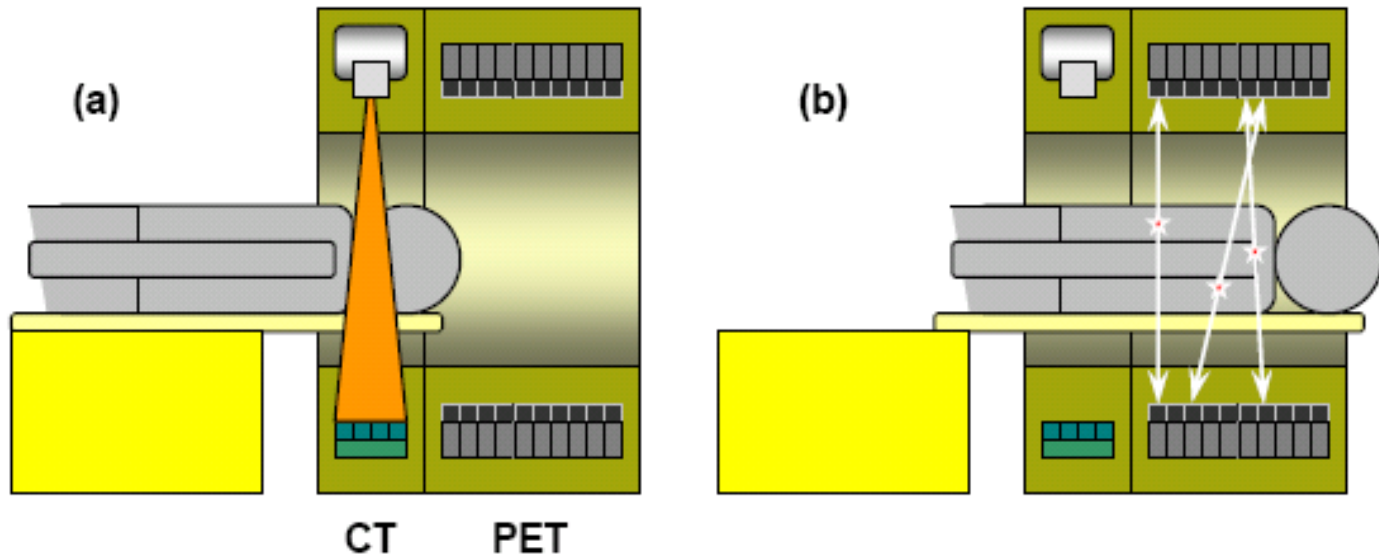
## PET & CT в едно гентри



2000г. – д-р David Townsend патентова техническото изобретение

2003г. – BIDMC е първата болница в Massachusetts, USA  
инсталира първия PET/CT

# РЕТ/СТ Изследване



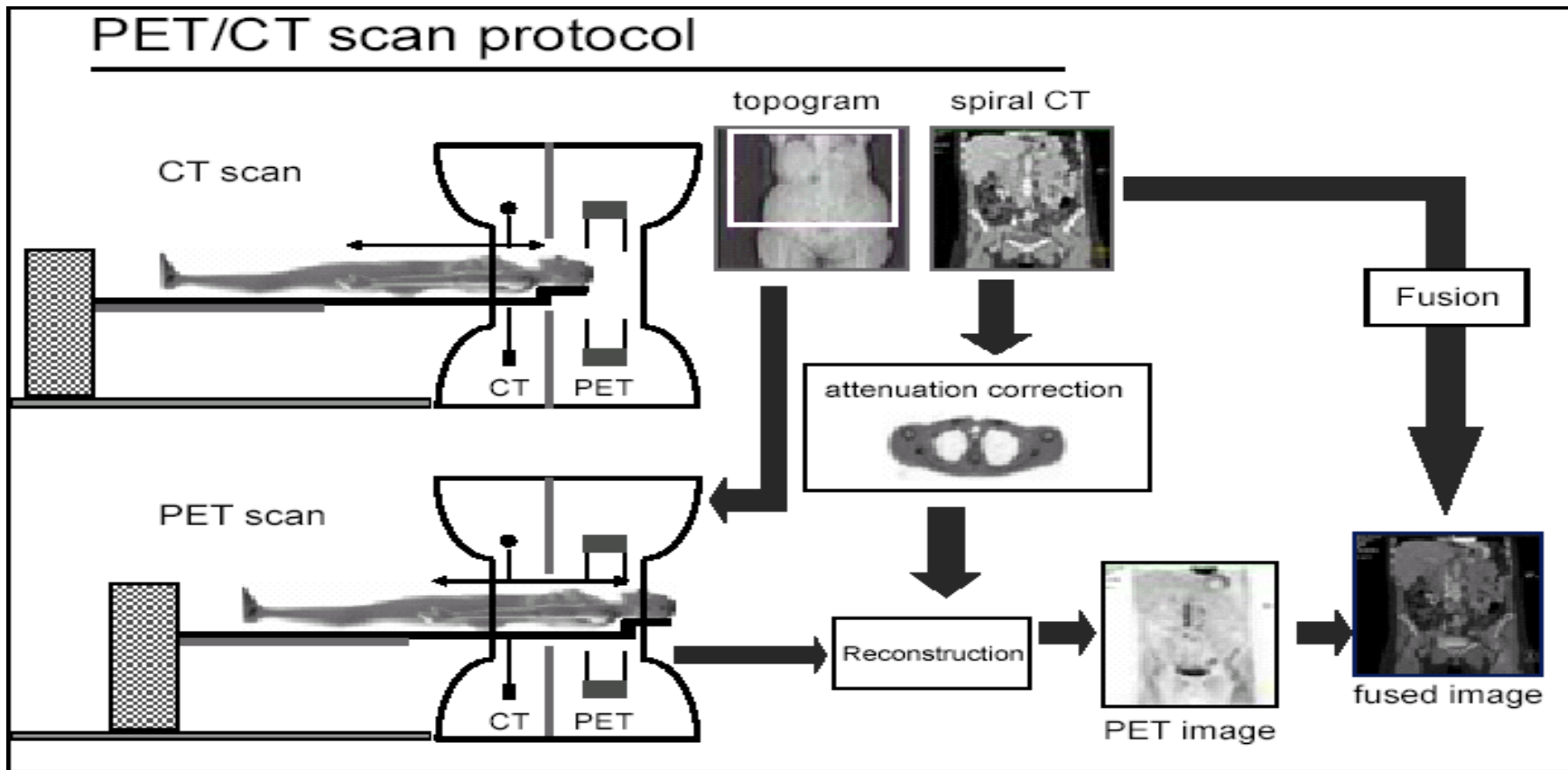
Пациент в позиция # (a) –  
СТ

Пациент в позиция # (b) –  
РЕТ

Двете изследвания се извършват последователно във времето.  
Пациентът не се движи по време на двете изследвания.

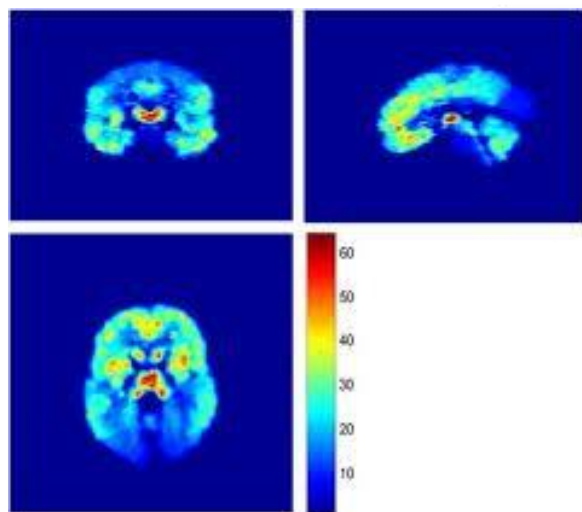
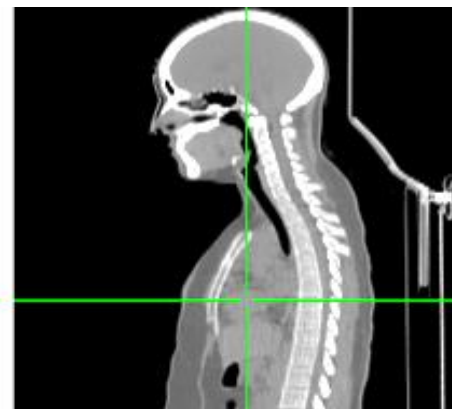
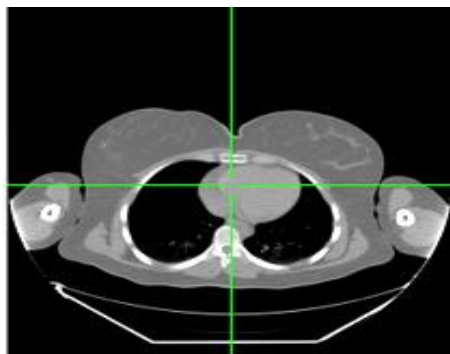
Пациентната маса се придвижва по оста Z, по дефинирана и контролирана посока.

Като резултат образите от СТ и РЕТ се наслагват и се получава обединен образ от проведеното изследване.



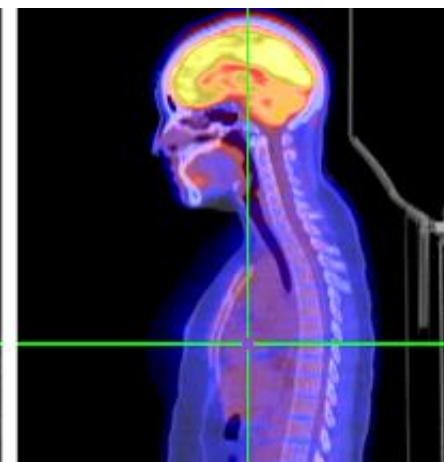
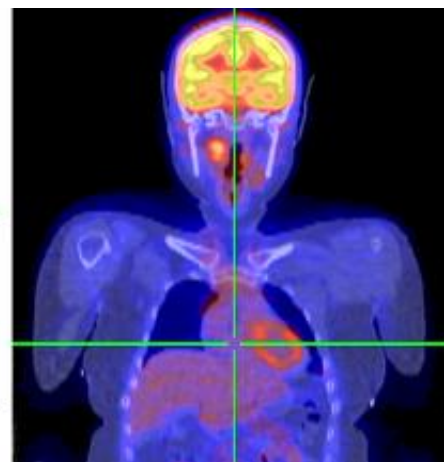
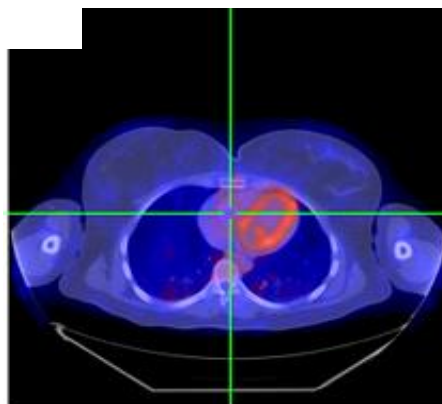
Компютърният Томограф (СТ) при РЕТ/СТ се прилага за **корекция на отслабването на  $\gamma$  лъчението** и като **анатомична матрица за изобразяване на точната локализация на функционално променените патологични огнища, злокачествени тумори и техните метастази.**

СТ  
образи



PET  
образи

PET/СТ  
образи



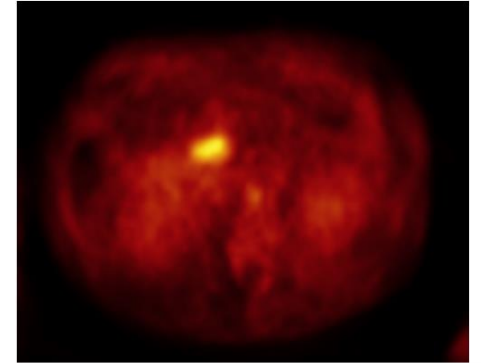
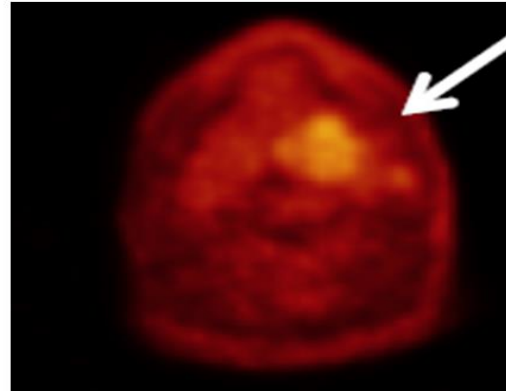
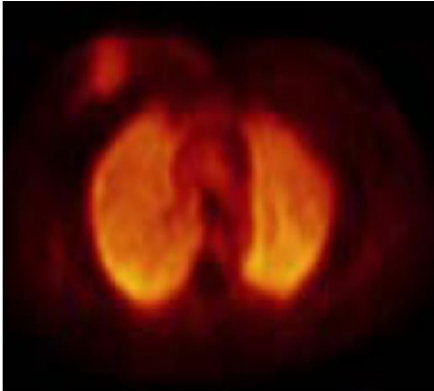
# ОБРАЗИ НА РАЗЛИЧНИ ЧАСТИ ОТ ЧОВЕШКОТО ТЯЛО

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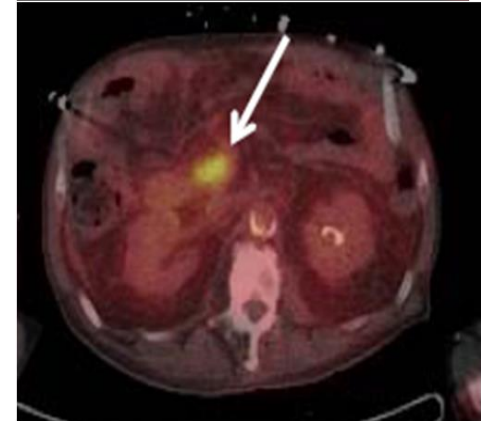
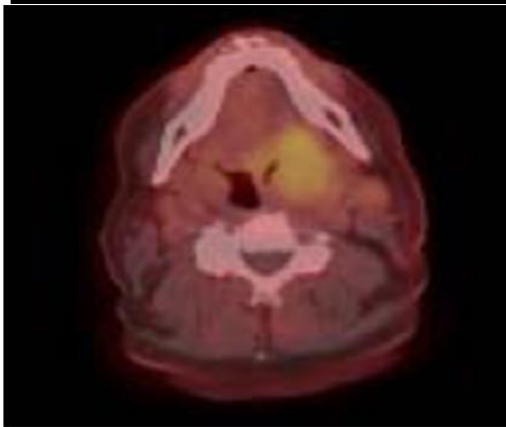
Глава и Шия

Лимфом

РЕТ



РЕТ/СТ

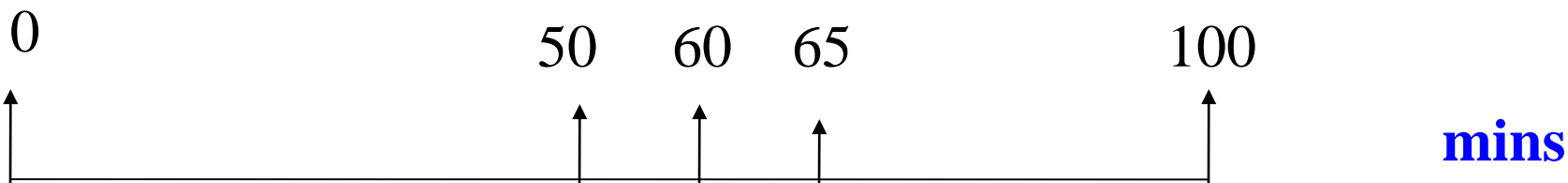


# Необходимо време за изследване на Пациент

Почивка

CT scan

Пациентът може да се облича и рехидратира



Пациентът е с изпразнен пикочен мехур

PET scan

В съвременните PET/CT – времето е по-малко от 20 min.

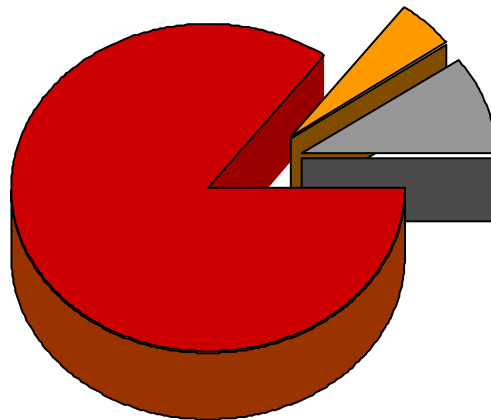
# Клинично Приложение

- Онкология
- Кардиология
- Неврология

Онкология  
85%

Кардиология  
5%

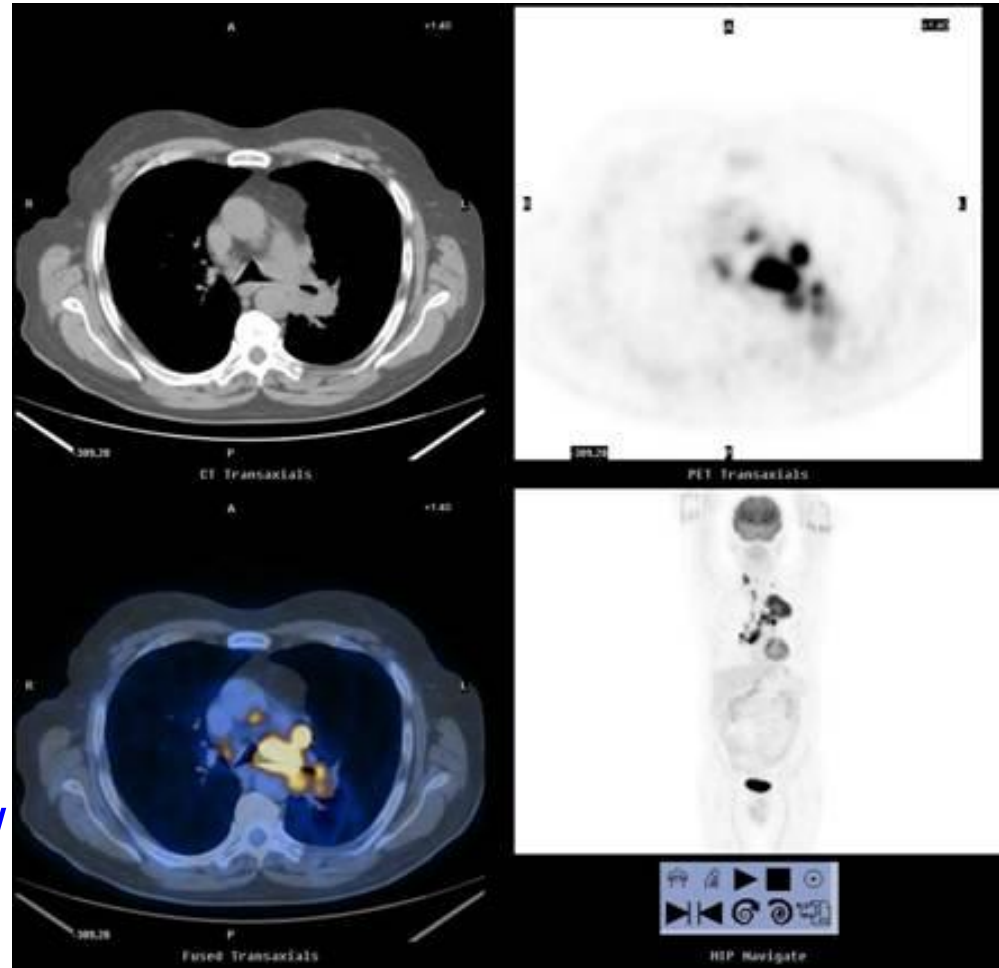
Неврология 9%





# Роля в Онкологията

- ❑ Диференцира  
бенигнените от  
малигнените  
заболявания
- ❑ Стадиране на  
заболяванията
- ❑ Резултатът от  
лечението
- ❑ Повторение на  
заболяването /рецидив/
- ❑ Приложение при  
Лъчетерапията



*Ca Lung*

# В Онкологията

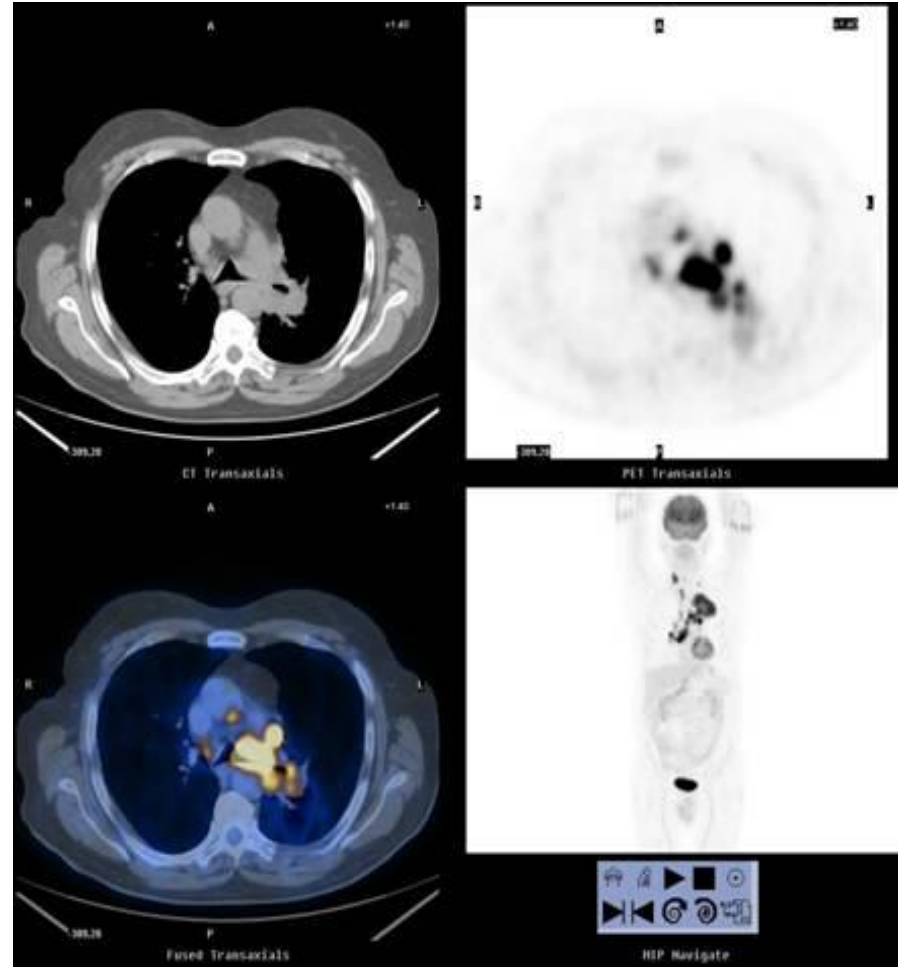
## Поставяне на диагноза –

визуализация на жизнеността на тумора, неговите метастази или рецидиви

**При тумори ~ 1cm**

средна чувствителност 95%\*  
(91% - 100%)

средна специфичност 90%\*  
(85% - 100%)



*Ca Lung*

\*Taylor A, et all. A clinical guide to Nuclear Medicine. SNM-USA, 2nd printing, 2003

# СТ



# PET



# PET-CT



## Анатомични образи

## Функционални образи

Обединява предимствата на двете техники: чувствителност, специфичност и количественост.

### Предимства

Отлична пространствена резолюция, прецизно позициониране.

Висока чувствителност и количественост.

Стадиране и контрол на заболяванията.

### Недостатъци

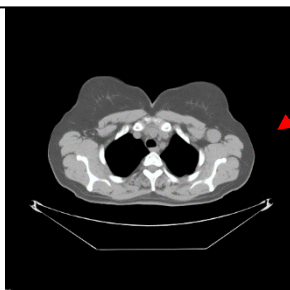
Ограничена чувствителност при стадиране.

Ограничена пространствена резолюция

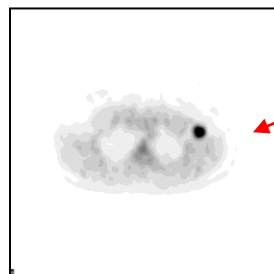
Пациентът поглъща

доза лъчение ??? .....

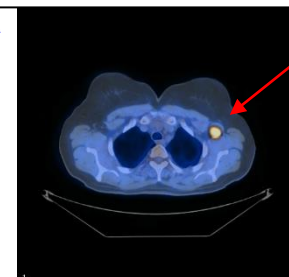
### Образи



Анатомия



Метаболитна активност



Наслагване на метаболитни и анатомични данни

### Продуктивност

~ 4-5 Пациента/час

~ 1 Пациент/час

~ 3 Пациента/час

# Instantaneous Dose Rate from Patient

<b>Radiopharmaceutical</b>	<b>Dose rate at 0.1 m, <math>\mu\text{Sv/hr}</math></b>	<b>Dose rate at 1m, <math>\mu\text{Sv/hr}</math></b>
<b>Tc-99m MDP (600 MBq)</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>F-18 FDG (350 MBq)</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>70</b>

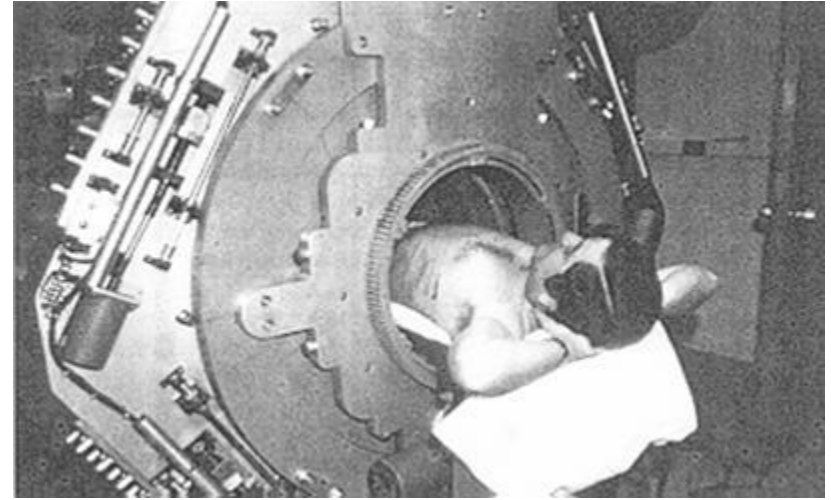
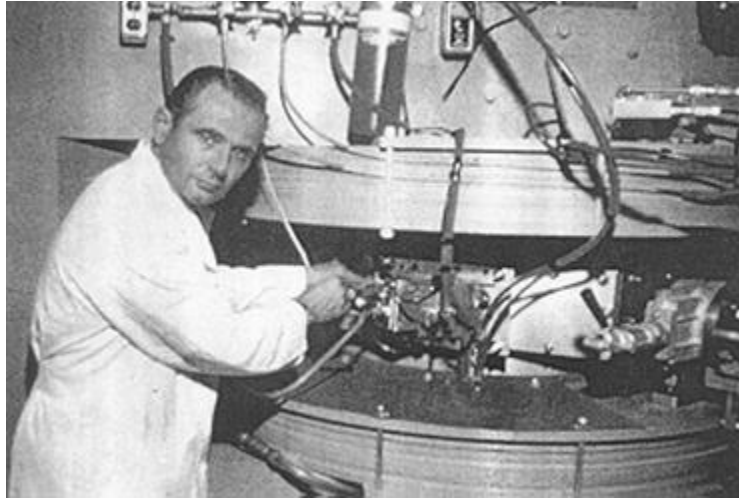
Dose rate measured immediately after injection. Note considerably higher dose rate for  $^{18}\text{F}$  versus  $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ .



## ПРИЧИНИ ЗА ОГРАНИЧЕНО РАЗПРОСТРАНЕНИЕ

- ❑ Висока цена на апаратурата.
- ❑ Необходимост от циклотрон, който да произвежда краткоживеещи радионуклиди.
- ❑ Специално адаптирана апаратура за химичен синтез и контрол на използваните радиофармацевтици.
- ❑ Наличие на радиохимична лаборатория.
- ❑ Помещения със съответните лъчезащитни изисквания за персонал и население.

# Пионери в PET диагностиката



Michel Ter-Pogossian prepares a radiopharmaceutical for an examination of Henry Wagner Jr with one of the first PET- scanners (1975).

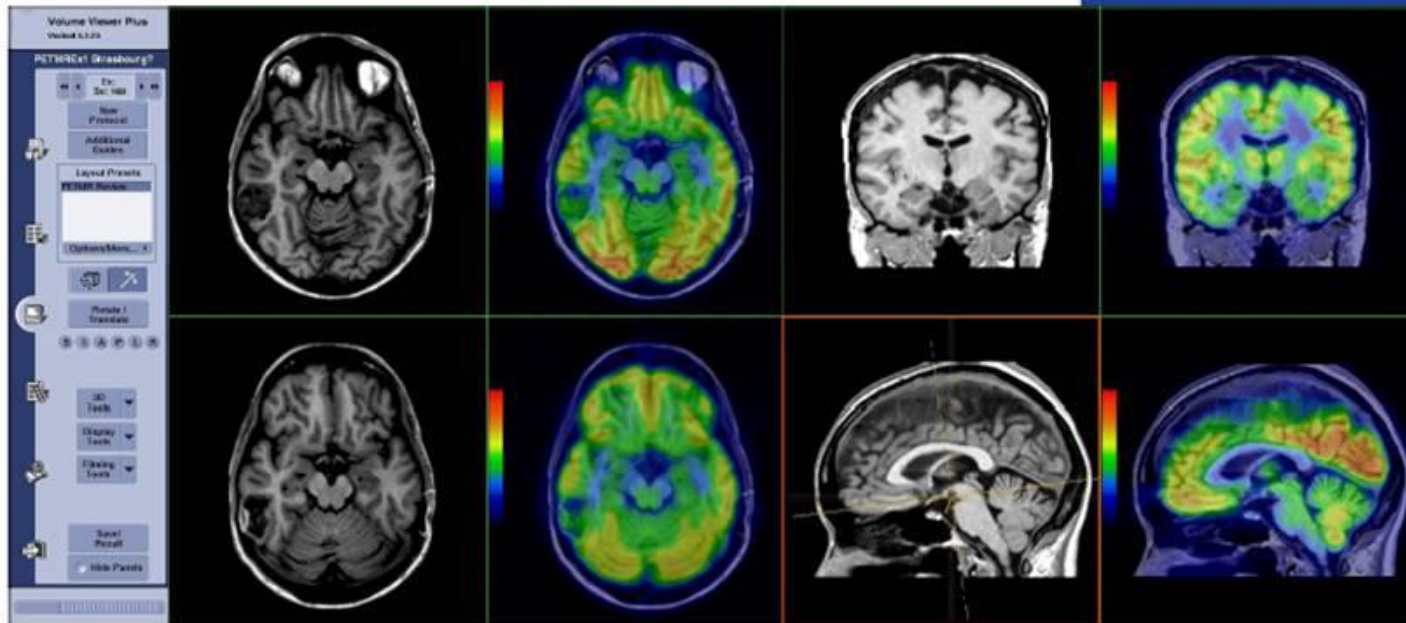
# История на Циклотрон, PET & PET/CT

- 1928 Съществуването на позитрона, Paul Dirac
- 1930 Циклотрон, Lawrence et al.
- 1932 Експериментално наблюдаване на позитрона, Carl Anderson
- 1953 Детектиране на аниhilация, Brownell & Sweet
- 1975 Трансаксиална томография, Ter-Pogossian, Phelps & Hoffman
- 1977  $^{14}\text{C}$  deoxyglucose, Sokoloff et al.
- 1979  $^{18}\text{F}$ FDG PET, Relvich et al.
- 1980 - те Многосрезови CT & PET циклотрони
- 1990 - те Клинично приложение на PET
- 2000 - те PET/CT
- 2010 GE инсталира първият PET/CT + MR образна система в University Hospital Zurich (Nov 2011)

# Neuro PET/MR fusion

Cardio  
PET/MR fusion

- Using CT as a bridge between PET & MR



PET machines don't like to work in high magnetic fields. But thanks to **more than 30 years of research, since 2010** we have PET/MRI machines installed in clinical settings."

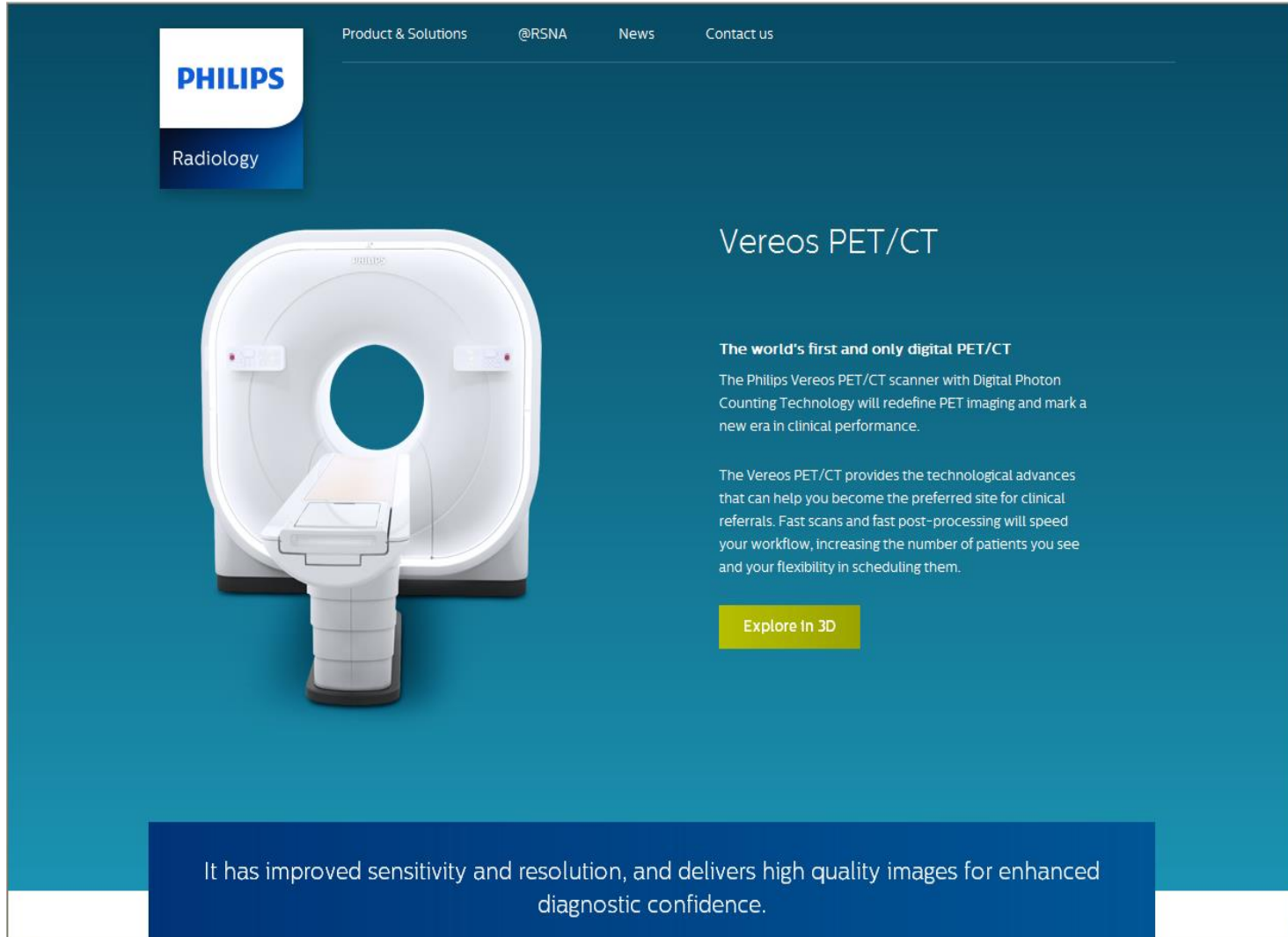
David Townsend

Available on: <http://CERN.CH/ENLIGHT/HIGHLIGHTS>



June 12, 2014 — Philips Healthcare recently introduced Vereos PET/CT, the first digital PET/CT (positron emission tomography/computed tomography) scanner, at the 2014 annual meeting of the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging (SNMMI) in St. Louis.

## Philips Highlights Vereos Digital PET/CT at SNMMI



The image is a screenshot of a website page for the Philips Vereos PET/CT scanner. The page has a dark teal background. At the top left is the Philips logo and the word 'Radiology'. At the top right are navigation links: 'Product & Solutions', '@RSNA', 'News', and 'Contact us'. On the left side, there is a large image of the Vereos PET/CT scanner, which is a white, circular machine with a patient bed extending from the front. On the right side, the text reads: 'Vereos PET/CT', 'The world's first and only digital PET/CT', 'The Philips Vereos PET/CT scanner with Digital Photon Counting Technology will redefine PET imaging and mark a new era in clinical performance.', and 'The Vereos PET/CT provides the technological advances that can help you become the preferred site for clinical referrals. Fast scans and fast post-processing will speed your workflow, increasing the number of patients you see and your flexibility in scheduling them.' Below this text is a yellow button that says 'Explore in 3D'. At the bottom of the page, there is a dark blue banner with white text that says: 'It has improved sensitivity and resolution, and delivers high quality images for enhanced diagnostic confidence.'

# ***CERN 2017***

## **Forty years since the first PET image at CERN**

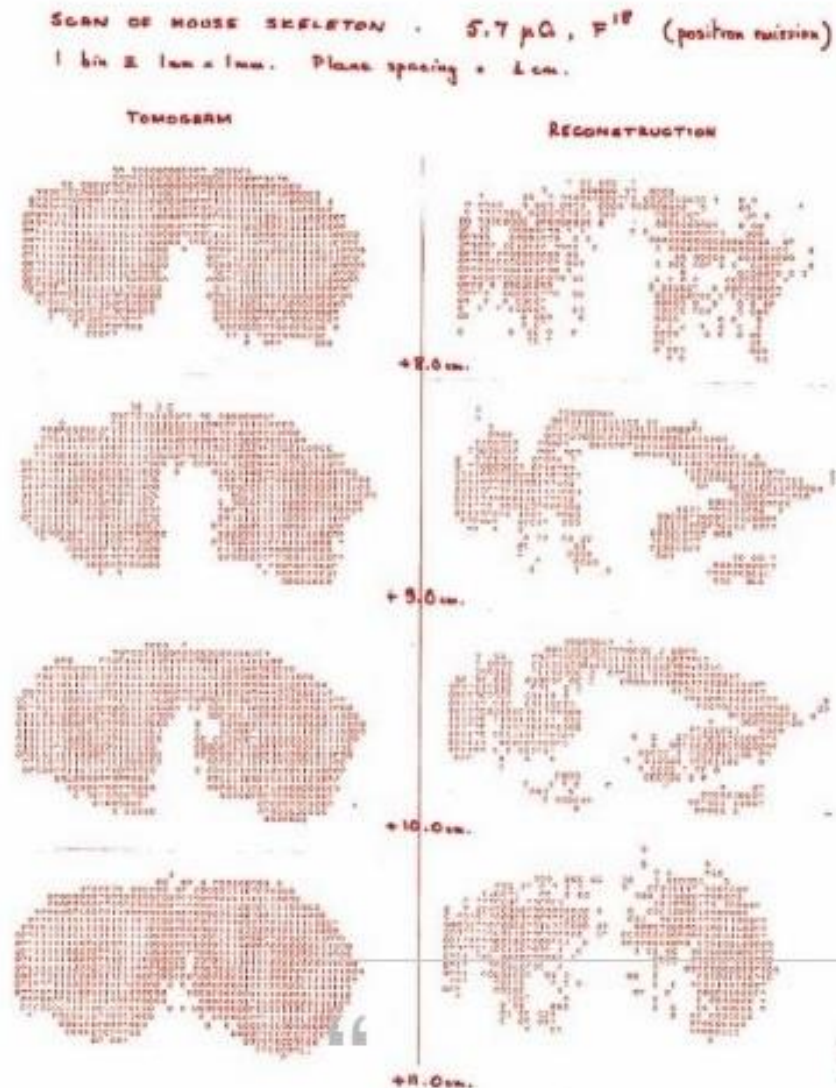
**Marilena Streit-Bianchi reminisces about her role in the first PET (positron-emission tomography) image taken at CERN**

21 DECEMBER, 2017 | By Iva Raynova

On a peaceful afternoon in early summer 1977, the laboratory of CERN radiobiologist Marilena Bianchi was visited by a physicist with a pretty unusual request. He asked for her help in his quest to create a first image of a mouse using a PET (positron-emission tomography) camera.

The physicist, David Townsend, had been helping Alan Jeavons, also a physicist at CERN. Jeavons had developed a new detector, based on a high-density avalanche chamber, to take PET images. Townsend had developed the software to reconstruct the data from the detector and to turn them into an image.

skeleton of the animal.



The first PET Image taken at CERN, in 1977, showing the skeleton of a mouse. Unlike a modern-day image, this one is truly digital – it is composed of numbers. Each number indicates how much of the isotope has been emitted at each point. (Image: CERN)

The isotope she injected emitted positrons, the antimatter twins of electrons. These positrons bumped into nearby electrons and in the collision a pair of photons was created. The photons shot out in exactly opposite directions. By placing two detectors around the mouse, Jeavons and Townsend picked up these pairs of photons, pinpointing where the positron annihilations occurred. “A few days later, David Townsend came back with this beautiful picture. The first mouse scan taken with a PET camera,” remembers Streit-Bianchi. “The findings were then presented at a conference in [October 1977.](#)”

PET was not invented at CERN, but the work carried out by Jeavons and Townsend made a major contribution to its development, thanks to the type of detector and computer programme developed for image-taking analysis. After the initial success, Jeavons and Townsend devoted their careers to improving medical imaging. Later, Townsend and co-workers in the US suggested to combine PET-CT (computed tomography) to see both metabolic and anatomic information. This was a major breakthrough for cancer diagnosis and treatment follow up.

“I am very proud. The inventiveness of these two physicists and their desire to develop a special PET camera resulted in the further development of a perfectly safe method to

inquire what is happening in the body.” - **Streit-Bianchi**

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# Пионери в диагностиката с PET/CT в България

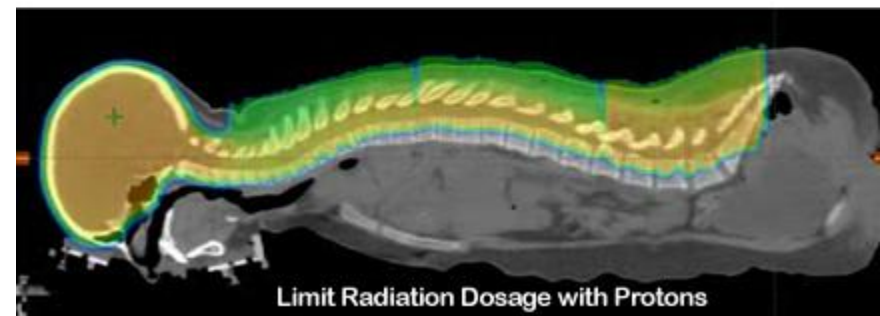
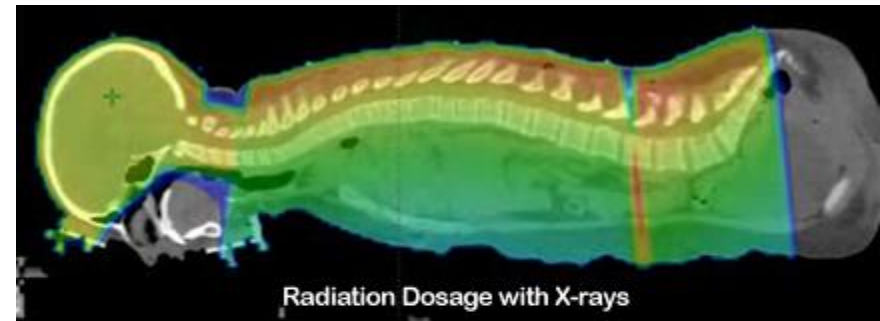
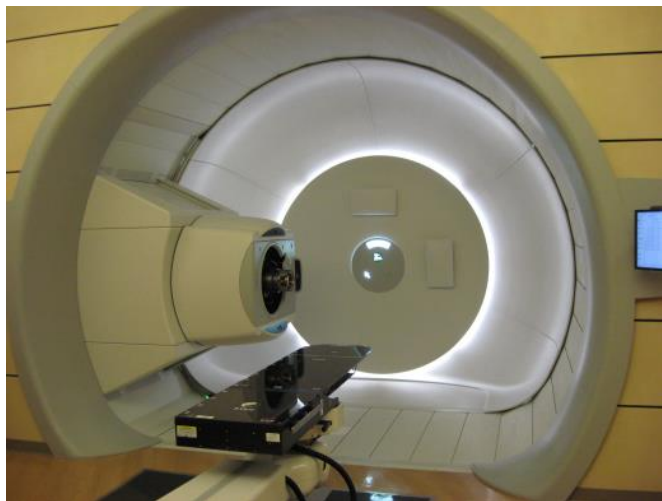
УМБАЛ "Света Марина" - Варна



УМБАЛ „Александровска“ - София



# II. Proton Therapy - Протонна терапия



# РАДИОТЕРАПИЯ

## (Терапия с йонизиращи лъчения)

### Основна цел:

Ликвидиране на жизнеспособността на туморните клетки в даден орган или система на човешкото тяло чрез аплициране на необходимата канцерцидна доза при минимално облъчване на заобикалящите **Областта подлежаща на Лъчелечение /ОТЛЛ/** здрави органи и тъкани.

Постигане унищожаването на туморния процес без да се причиняват увреждания на организъм.

### Хирургия

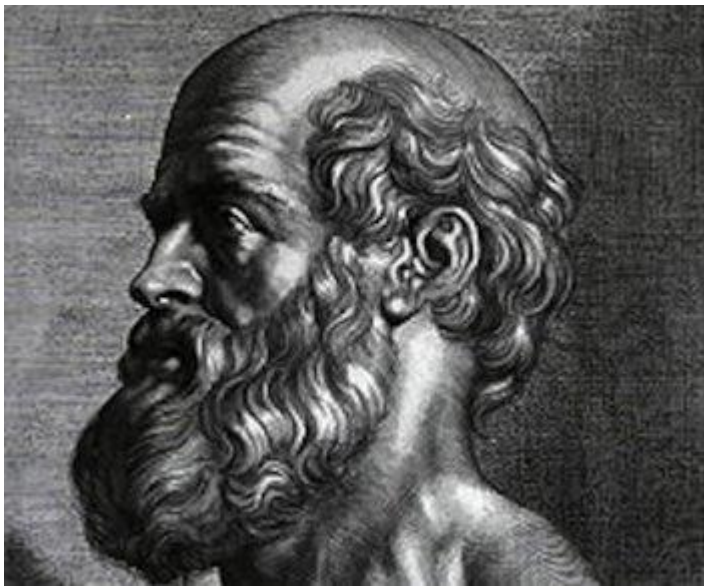


### РАДИОТЕРАПИЯ



### Химиотерапия





Hippocrates' words

**PRIMUM NON NOCERE!**

**Лекувай, но не увреждай!**

# Видове Йонизиращи Лъчения

## Radiations

Electromagnetic

Particles

**Non-ionizing**

- Radar
- Radio
- IR (heat)
- Visible
- ultraviolet

**indirectly ionizing**

- X-rays•
- γ-rays•

**charged**

- α-particles•
- β<sup>-</sup>-particles•
- β<sup>+</sup>-particles•

**uncharged**

- neutrons•

**Protons•**

Carry enough energy which if deposited  
in matter can produce ions



# История на Радиотерапията

- 1895 - Откриване на X лъчи - Vilhem K. Roentgen.
- 1898 - Откриване на Radium - Maria Curie.
- 1928 - H&N Cancer клинични резултати.
- 1950 - Начало на радиотерапията с  $\gamma$  лъчи (Co-60).
- 1954 - Начало на протонната терапия at Berkeley.**
- 1961 - Linear Accelerator (LINAC) at Standford, USA.
- 1968 - Gamma - knife radio surgery at Uppsala, Sweden.
- 1971 - Computed Tomography.
- 1980 - Multi Leaves Collimator (MLC).
- 1988 - Intensity - Modulated Radiotherapy (IMRT).
- 2000 - Image Guided Radiotherapy (IGRT).

# РАДИОТЕРАПИЯ

## Radiotherapy Treatment Planning Process

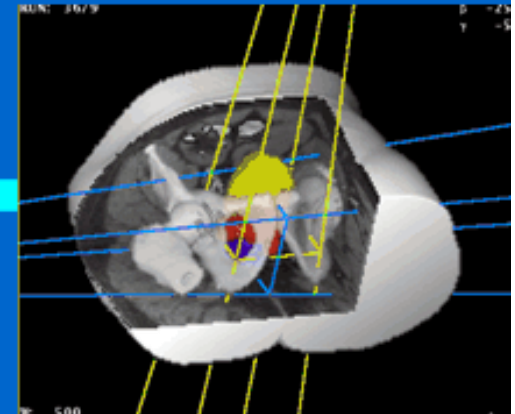
1: CT scanning



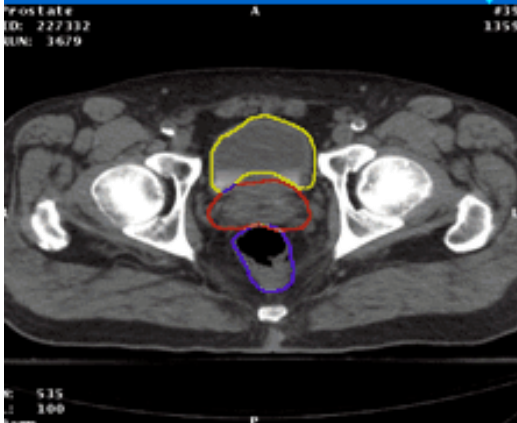
6: Radiotherapy treatment



5: Virtual simulation



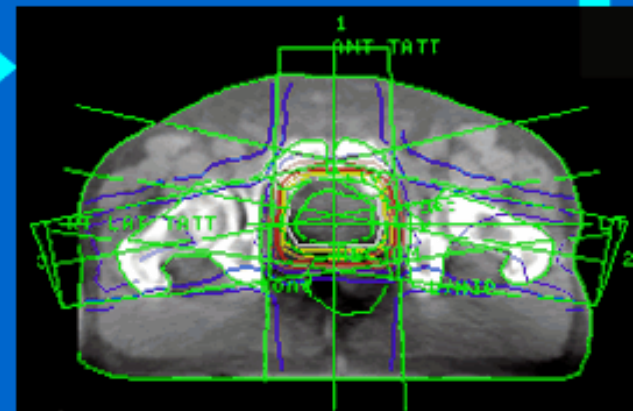
2: Tumour localisation



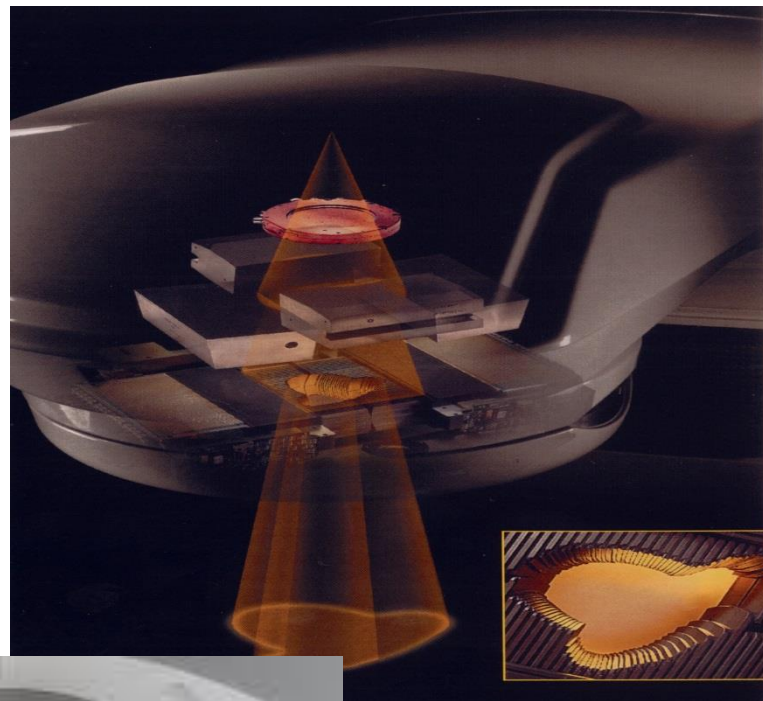
3: Skin reference marks



4: Treatment planning



# Линеен Ускорител с MLC

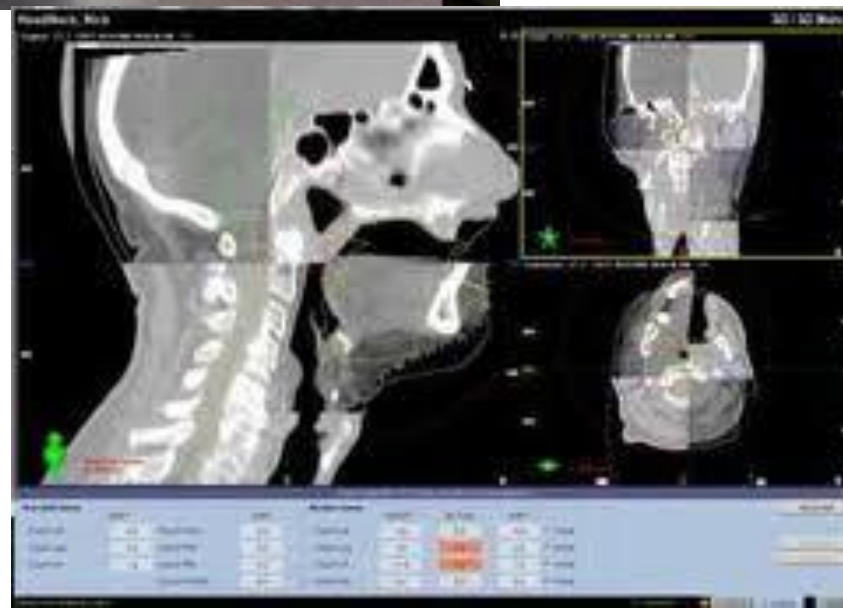


MLC

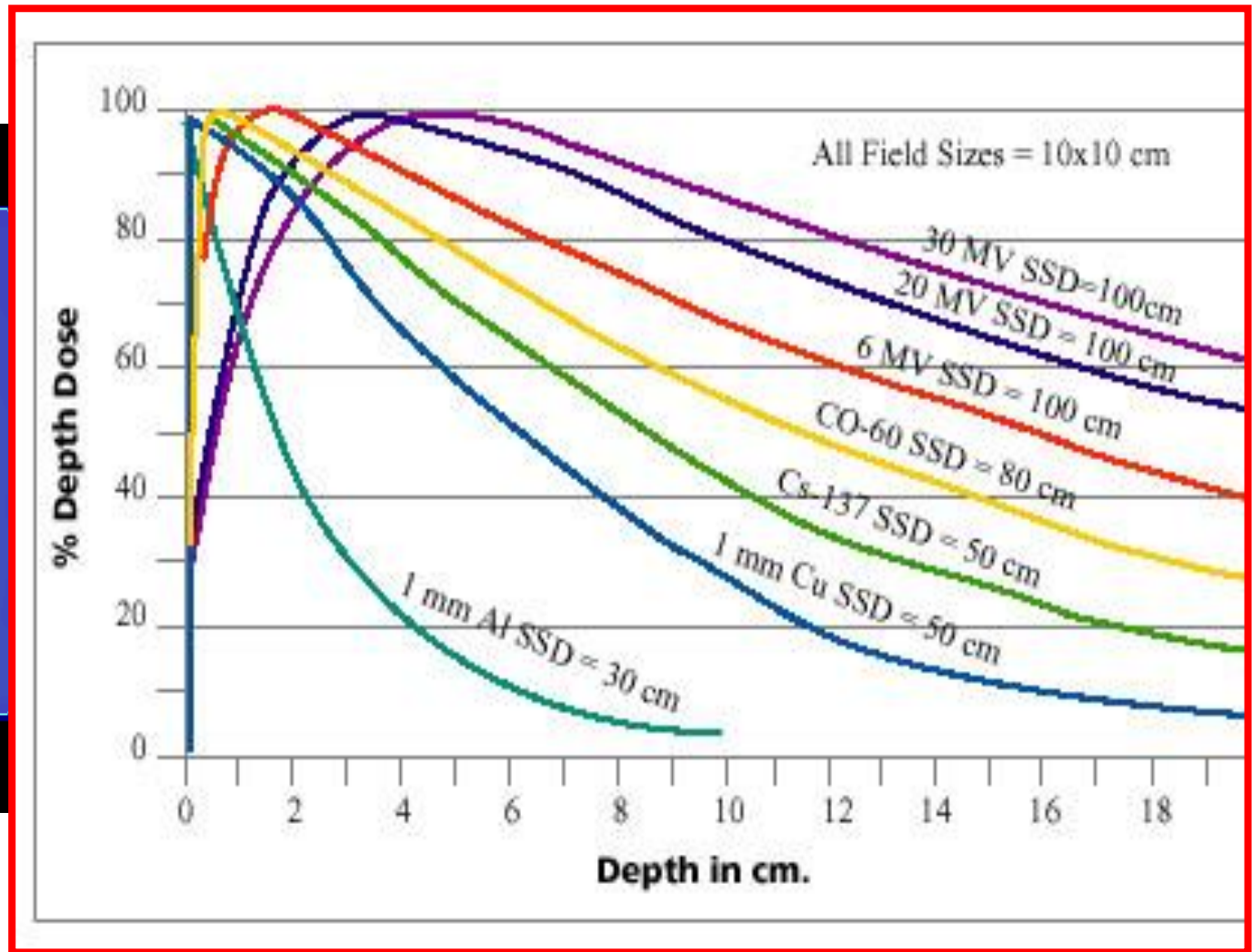
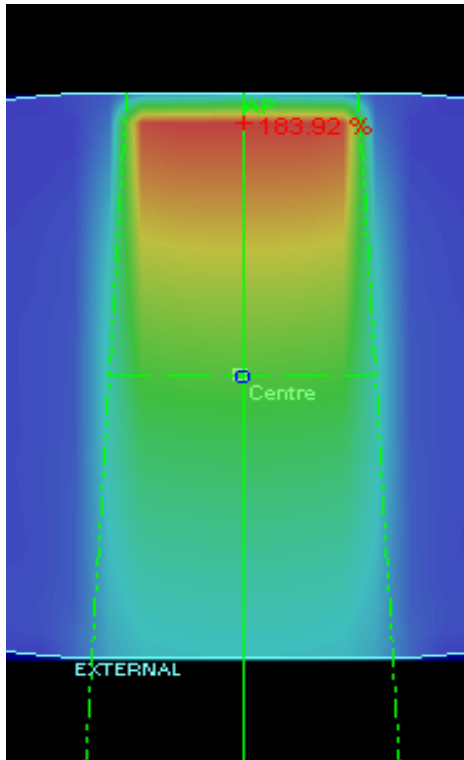
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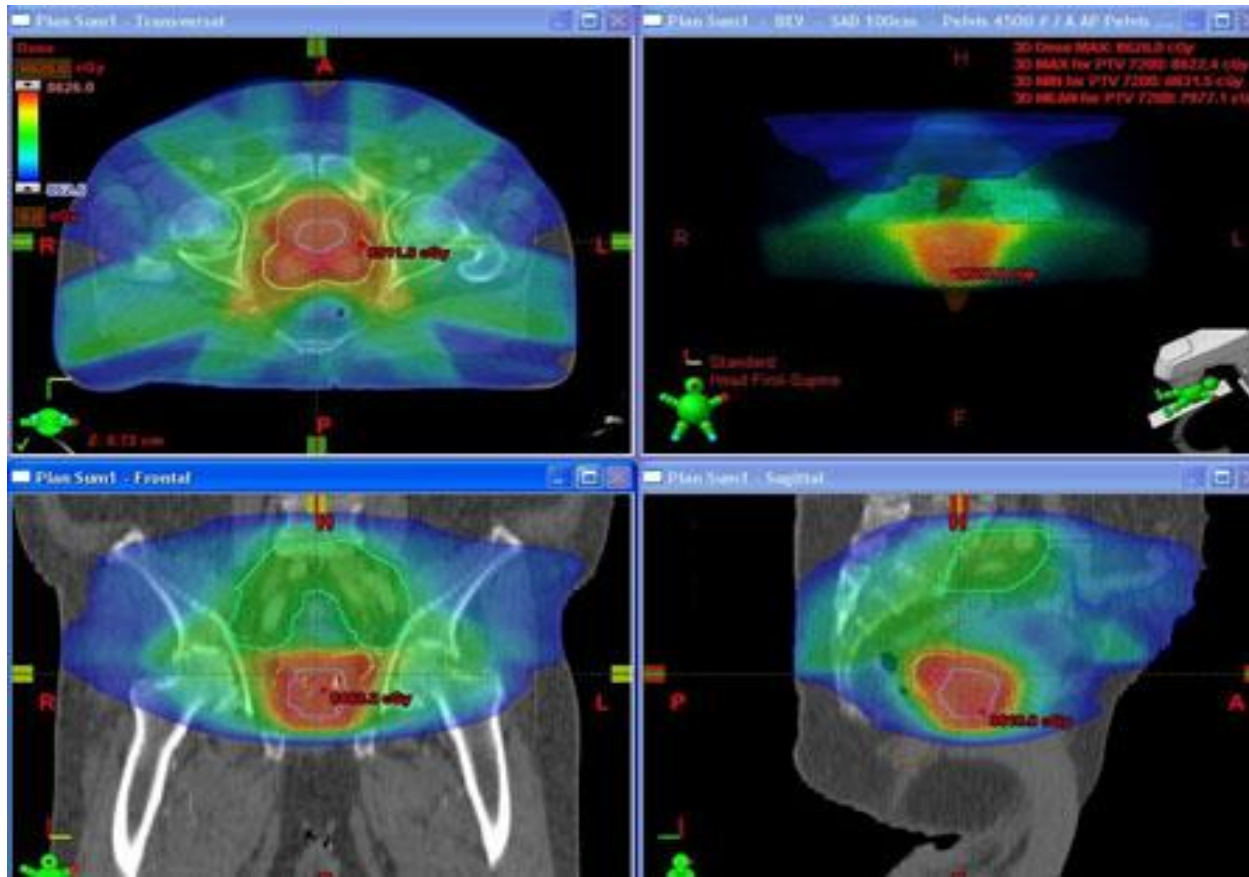
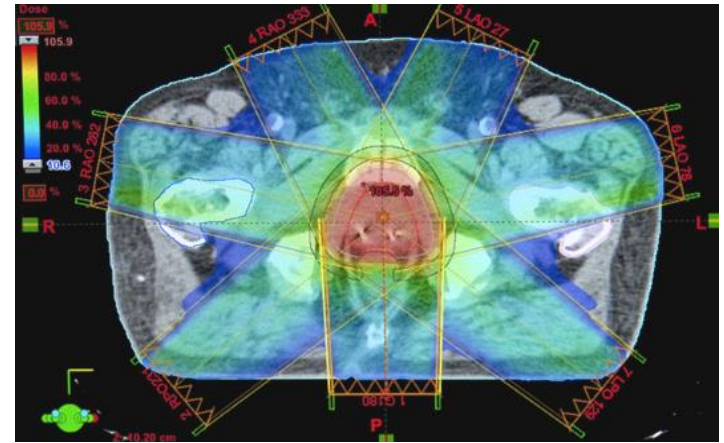
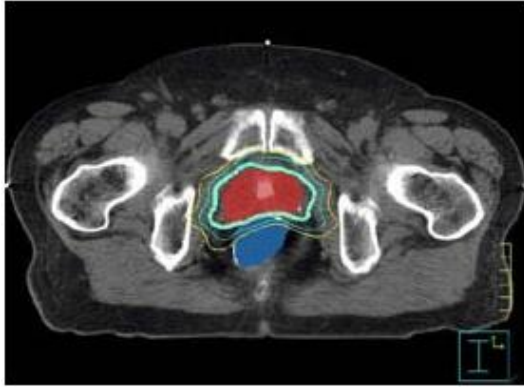
**VARIAN Linac**  
**X rays**



# Прониквателна способност на фотонните лъчения в зависимост от енергията

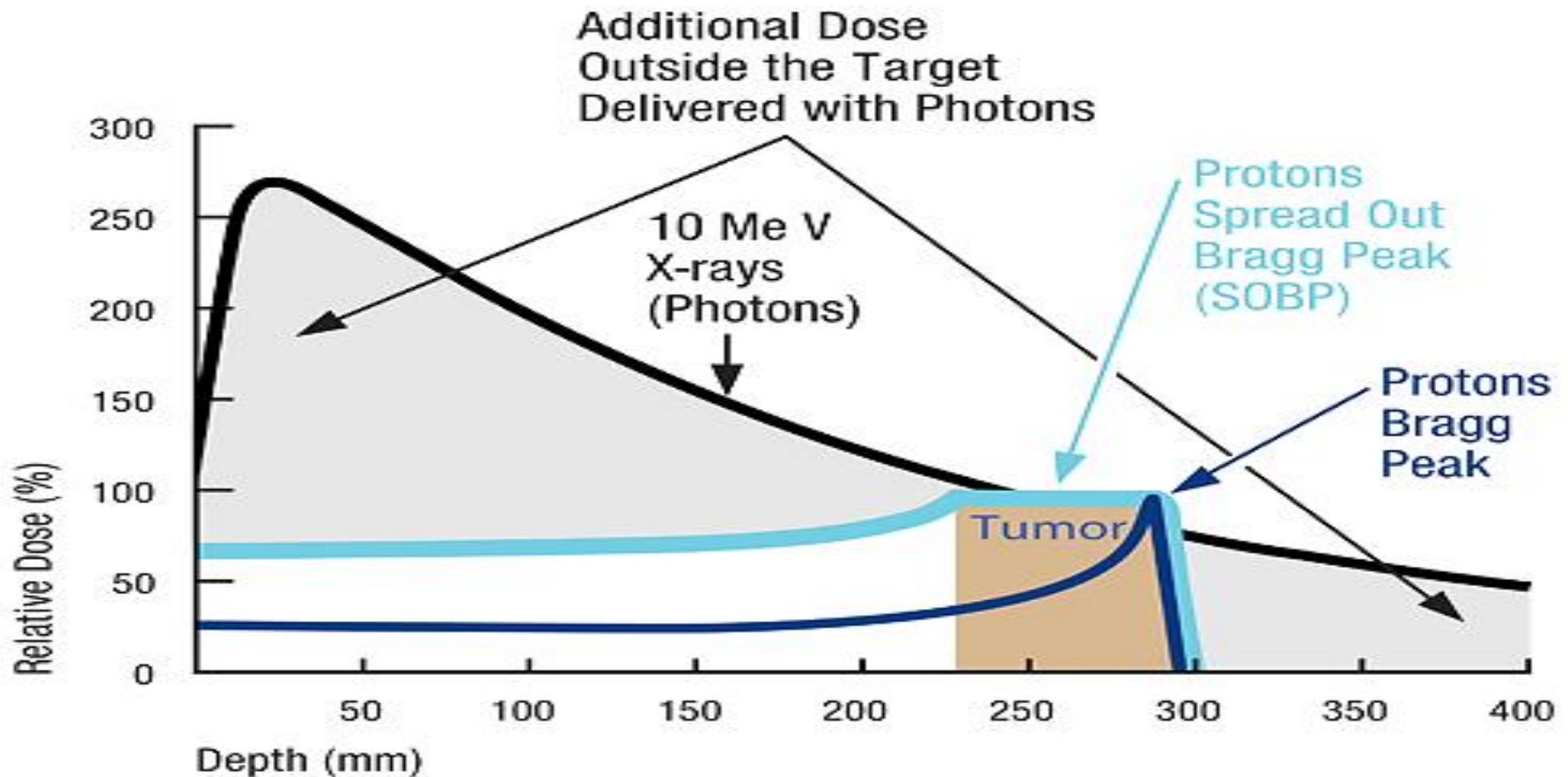


# РАДИОТЕРАПИЯ при СА GL. PROSTATAE

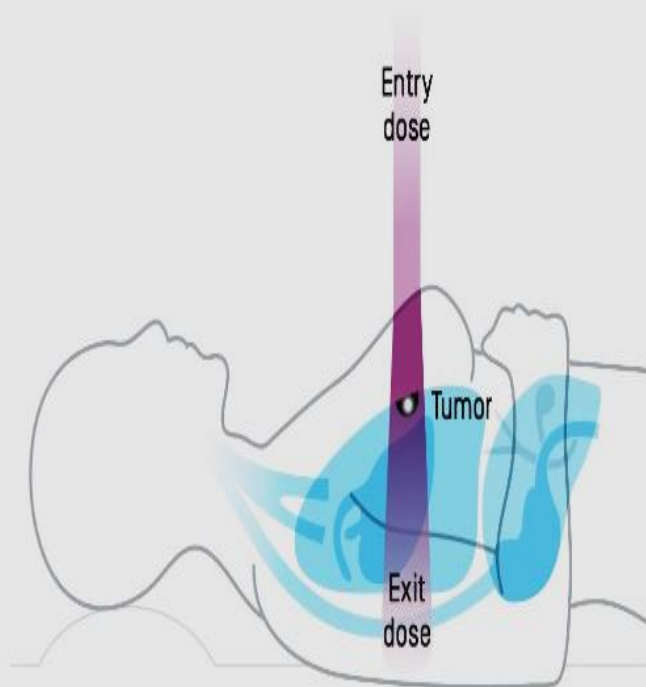


# ЗАЩО ПРОТОННА ТЕРАПІЯ ? ? ?

## A Comparison of the Dose Distribution for Proton and X-ray Beams

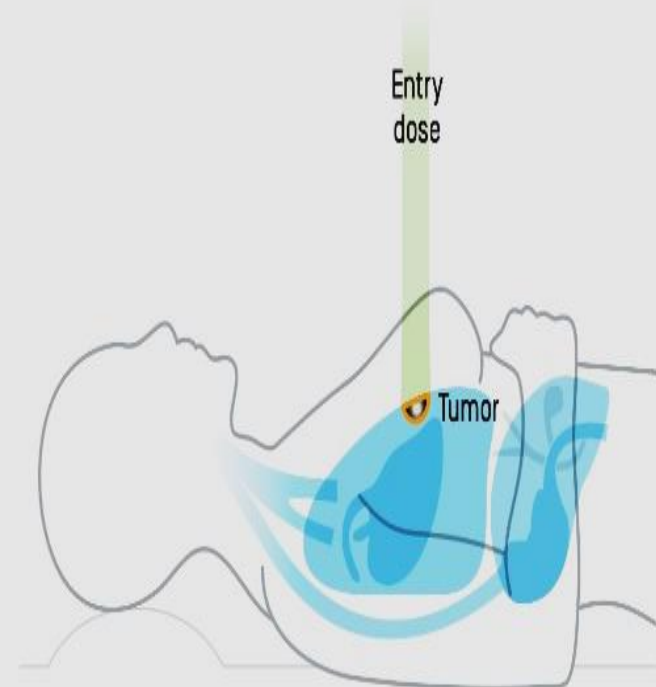


## Photon-based Radiotherapy



Deposits most of its energy outside the tumor

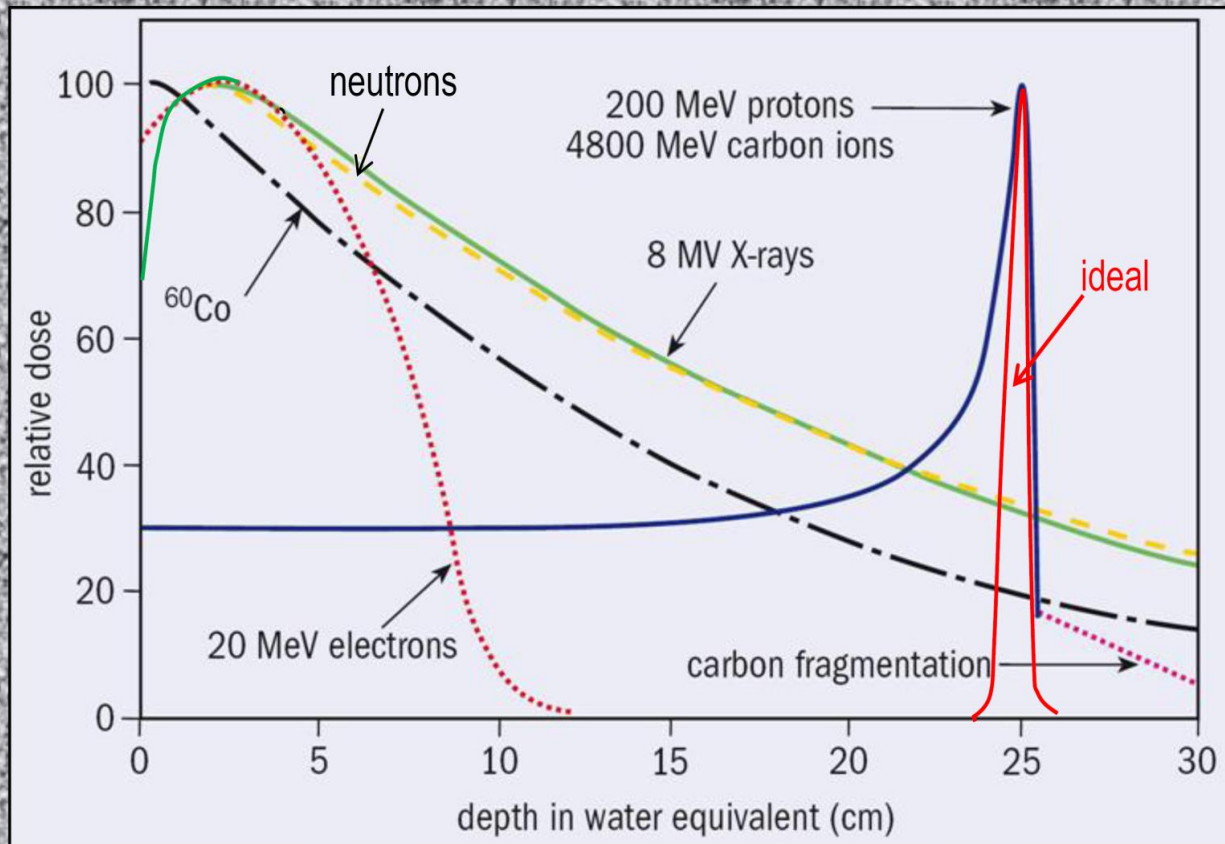
## Proton Therapy



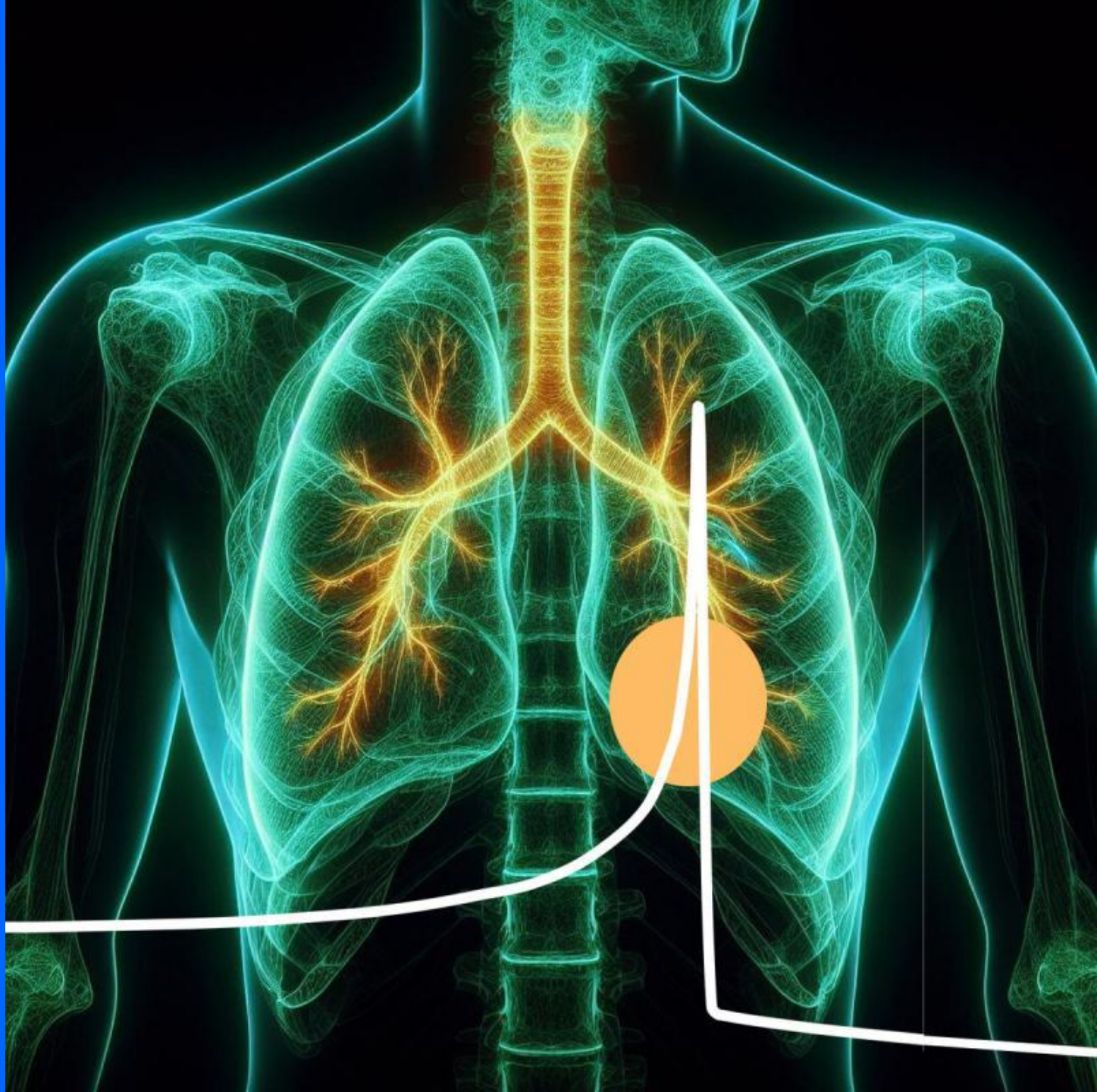
Deposits most of its energy inside the tumor |



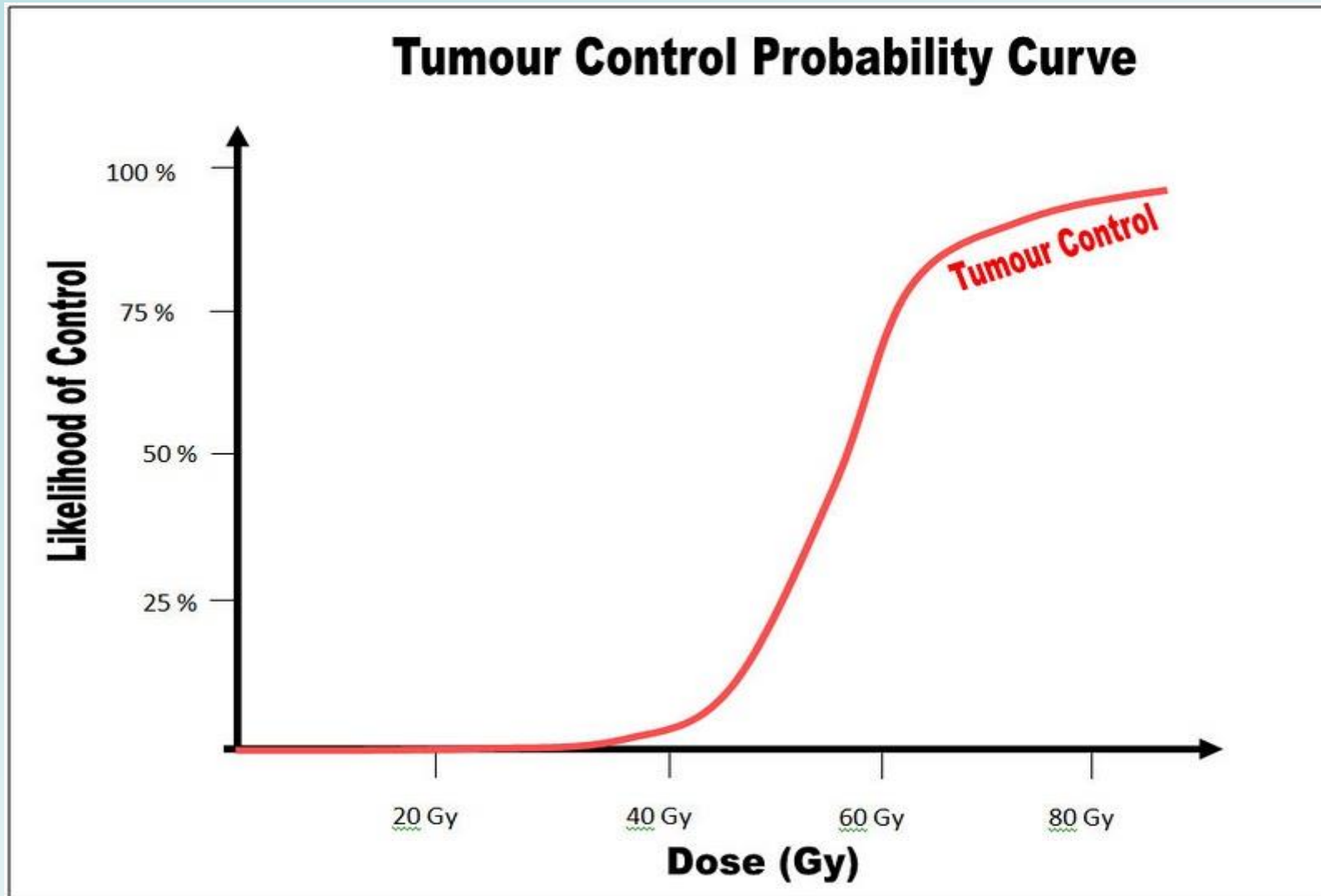
# The icon of radiation therapy



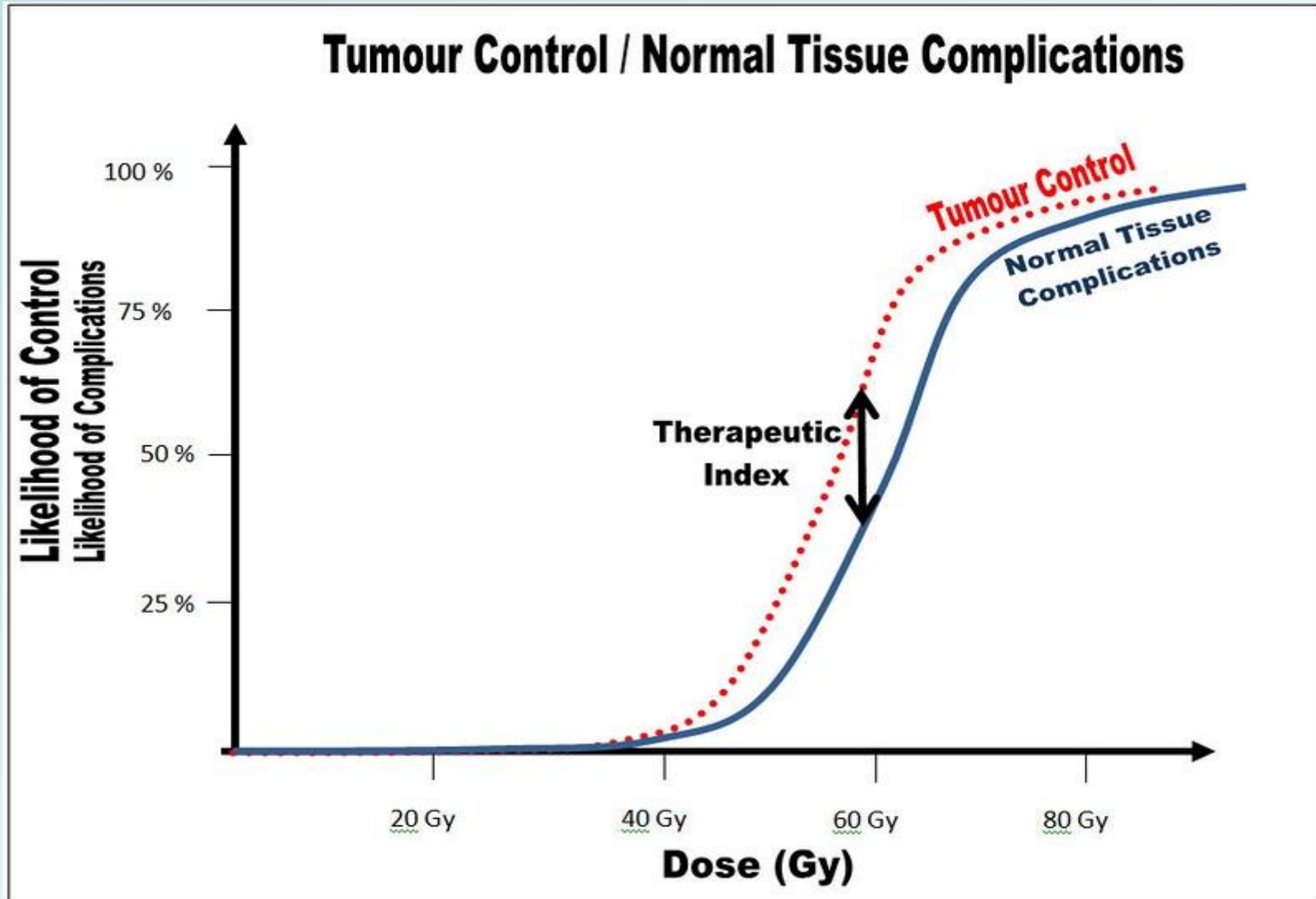
**Radiation beam in matter**



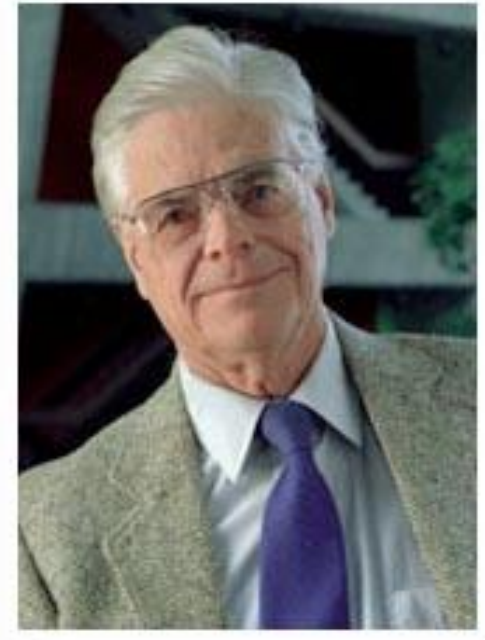
# Вероятност за туморен контрол (TPC)



# Вероятност за туморен контрол (TPC) и усложнения на здравите тъкани (NTPC)



# НАЧАЛО на ПРОТОННАТА ТЕРАПИЯ



Robert Wilson

## Radiological Use of Fast Protons

ROBERT R. WILSON

Research Laboratory of Physics, Harvard University  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

EXCEPT FOR electrons, the particles which have been accelerated to high energies by machines such as cyclotrons or Van de Graaff generators have not been directly used therapeutically. Rather, the neutrons, gamma rays, or artificial radioactivities produced in various reactions of the primary particles have been applied to medical problems. This has, in part, been due to the very short

range of these particles in tissue, and this varies almost inversely with the energy of the proton. Thus the specific ionization or dose is many times less where the proton enters the tissue at high energy than it is in the last centimeter of the path where the ion is brought to rest.

These properties make it possible to irradiate inter-ly a strictly localized region

particles from preser-  
or-energy mach-

how

Radiology 47: 487-491, 1946

"A man with a vision"

- 1946 - Prof. Robert Wilson - Harvard physicist.
- Протоните могат да имат клинично приложение.
- Максимална доза лъчение може да се реализира в дълбочина.
- Протонната терапия осигурява максимална защита на здравите тъкани.

# История на Протонната терапия (1)

1938 - *Неутронна терапия* at Berkeley Lab

(J. Lawrence and R.S. Stone)

1946 - Предложение за протонна терапия by Robert Wilson in Harvard Cyclotron Laboratory

1954 - *Първо клинично приложение in Berkeley.*

1957 - Начало на Европейският опит Uppsala, Sweden.

1968 - Протонна установка at JINR, Dubna, Russian Federation.

1969 - Протонна установка at Mosskow, Russian Federation .

1972 - Неутронна терапия at MD Anderson, USA.

1974 - pi meson beam at Los Alamos, USA.

# История на Протонната терапия (2)

- 1975 - Протонен център at St. Petersburg, Russian Federation.
- 1975 - Протонен център at Harvard.  
(pioneers eye cancer treatment with protons)
- 1979 - Протонен център Chiba, Japan.
- 1988 - Proton therapy approved by FDA.**
- 1989- Протонен център at Clatter bridge, UK.
- 1990 - Particle Therapy Cooperative Group.**
- 1990 - First hospital-based facility at Loma Linda, USA.
- 1991 - Протонен център at Nice and Orsay, France.

# История на Протонната терапия (3)

1993 - Протонна терапия at Cape Town, South Africa.

**1996 - PSI proton facility at Villigen, Switzerland.**

1998 - Протона терапия at Berlin, Germany.

2001 - Протонен център Massachusetts, USA.

2006 - Протонен център MD Anderson opens, USA.

2007 - Протонен център, Jacksonville, Florida, USA.

2008 - Неутронна терапия re-stated at Fermilab, USA.

**2012 - Протонен център, Prague, Czech Republic.**



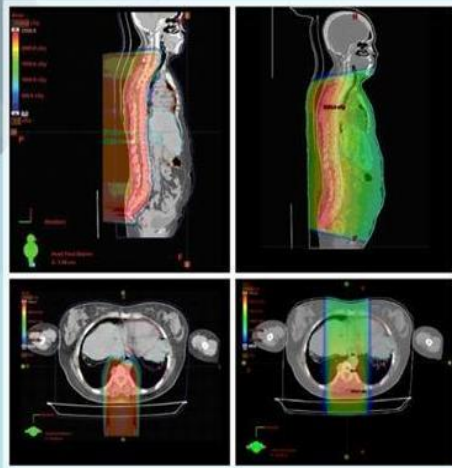
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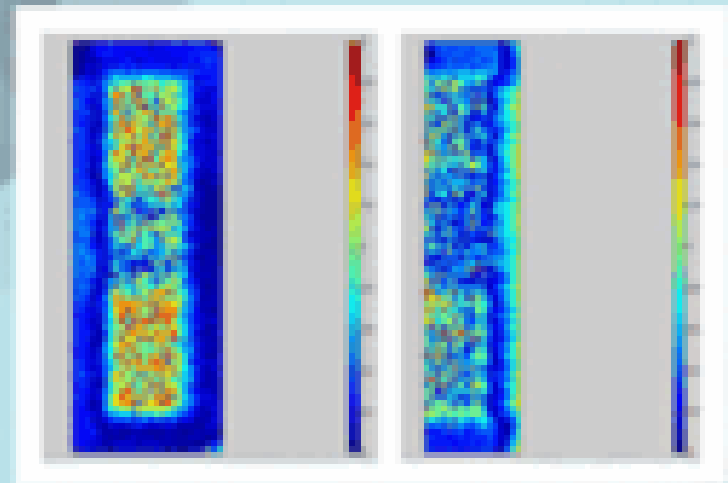
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- ▶ A New Radiotherapeutic Paradigm: Spine Phantoms
- ▶ Dose-Control and Hearing Preservation in Acoustic Neuroma
- ▶ Long-Term Outcomes for Vertebral Sclerotic Lesions: A Case Series
- ▶ The 4th Annual PTCOG-54 Conference



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# Клинични предимства на протонната терапия

- ❑ висока точност на аплицираната доза
  - ❑ висок туморен контрол
- ❑ незначителни увреждания на здравите тъкани
  - ❑ липса на странични ефекти
- ❑ ниска вероятност (риск) от вторичен карцином
  - ❑ неинвазивна терапия

# Център за протонна терапия

❑ Ускорител на протонни снопове

❑ Транспортна система на протонните снопове

❑ Процедурно помещение

❑ Gantry

❑ Пациентна маса



# Ускорител на протонни снопове



# ПРОБЕГ НА ПРОТОНИТЕ ВЪВ ВОДА

<i>energy (MeV)</i>	<i>range in water (cm)</i>
70	4.0
100	7.6
150	15.5
200	25.6
250	37.4

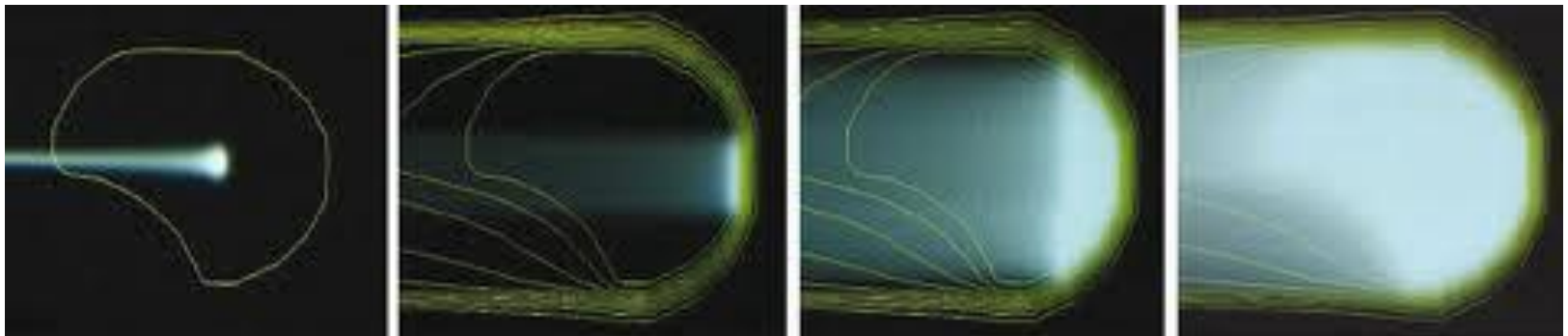
# C230 key specifications

- Compact isochronous cyclotron
- 235 MeV proton energy
- 300 nA beam current, quasi-continuous
- Typical efficiency : 55 %
  
- Approx. weight: 220 T
- Diameter: 4.3 m
  
- Conventional magnet coil: 1.7 - 2.2 T
- RF Frequency: 106 MHz
- Dee voltage: 55 to 150 kV peak

# ПРОТОНЕН СНОП



Клиничен мишенен обем



# НАЧИНИ ЗА ФОРМИРАНЕ НА КЛИНИЧНИ ПРОТОННИ СНОТОВЕ

**Single Scattering:** Delivers a uniform proton dose in small fields with only one scatterer.

**Double Scattering:** Accepts any energy at nozzle entrance within the 70-235 MeV range. Reduces the distal falloff. Reduces the lateral penumbra and the radiation level.

**Uniform Scanning:** The beam spot is moved by magnetic scanning and allows several mini-irradiations. Full modulation, field uniformity, very safe treatment.

**Pencil Beam Scanning:** Slice-by-slice irradiation of the target with millimetre precision. Primary advantages include: multiple fast repainting, no use of aperture, no compensator devices, dose uniformity, intensity modulation (IMPT).

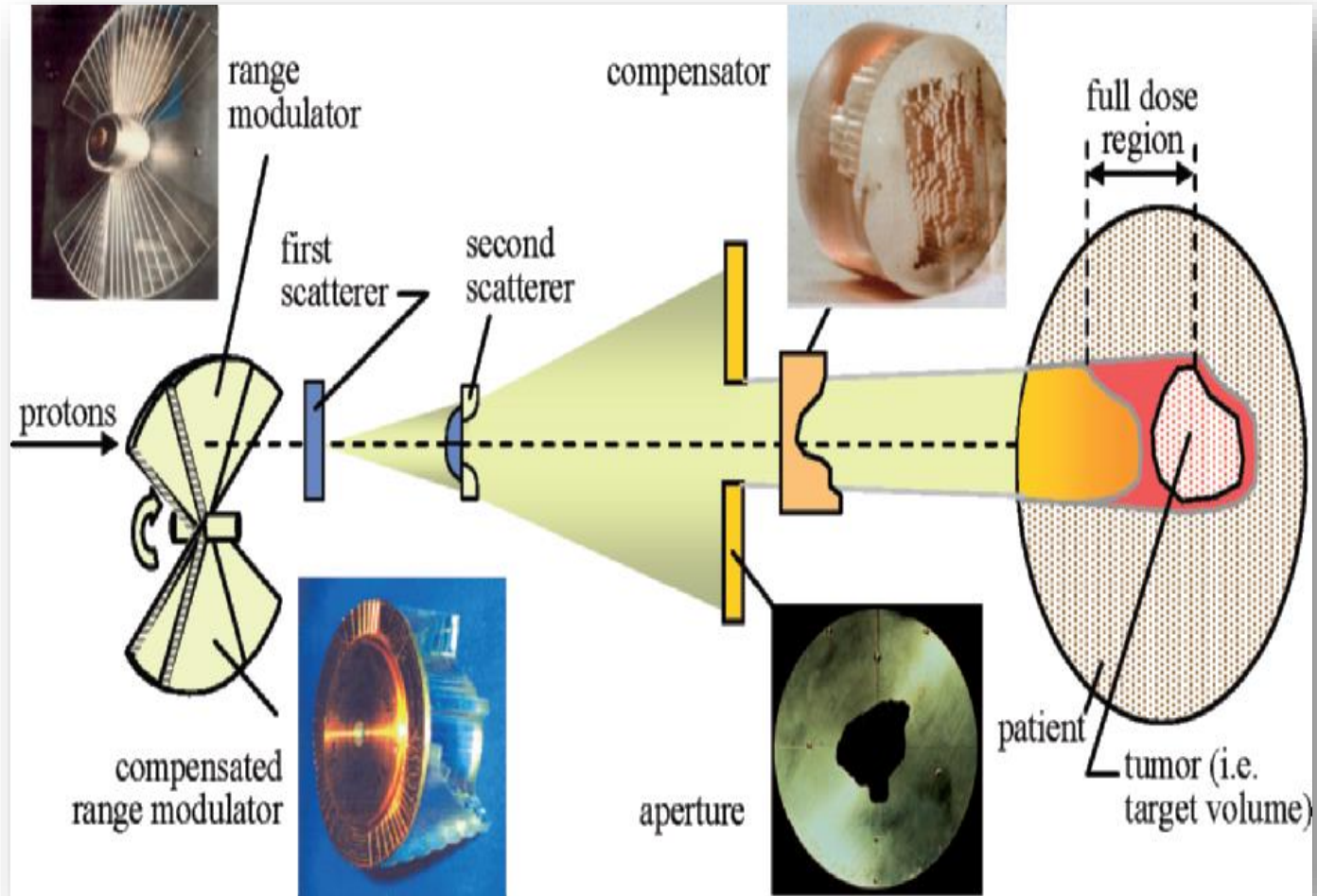
**Passive  
Scattering**

**Active  
Scanning**



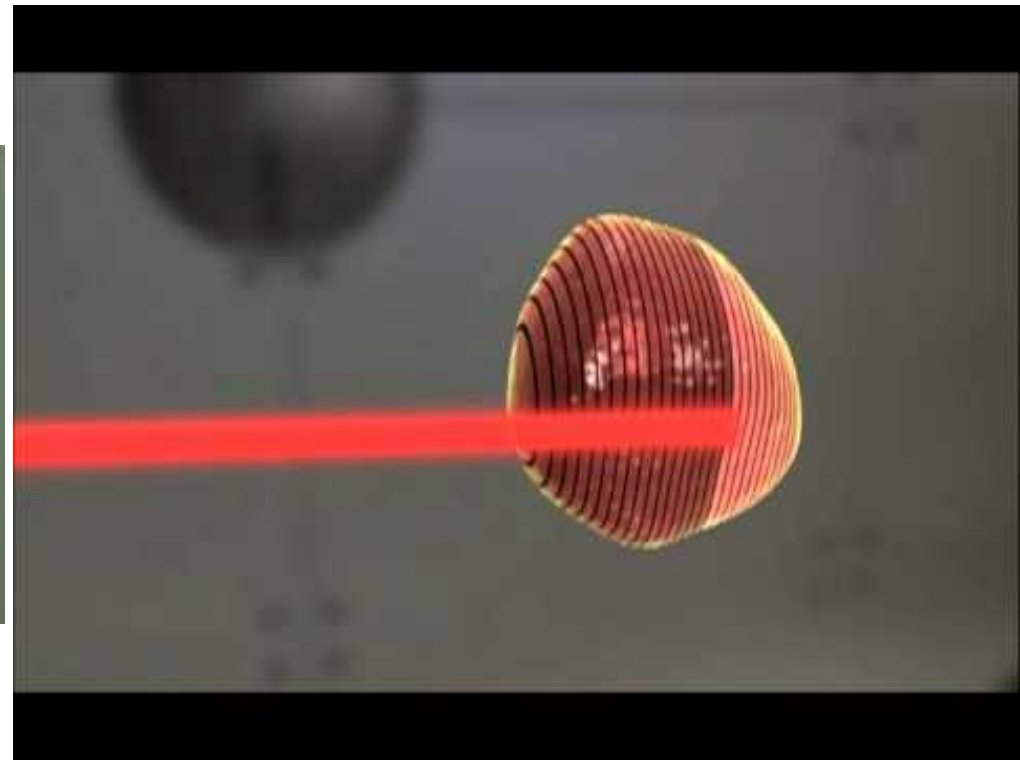
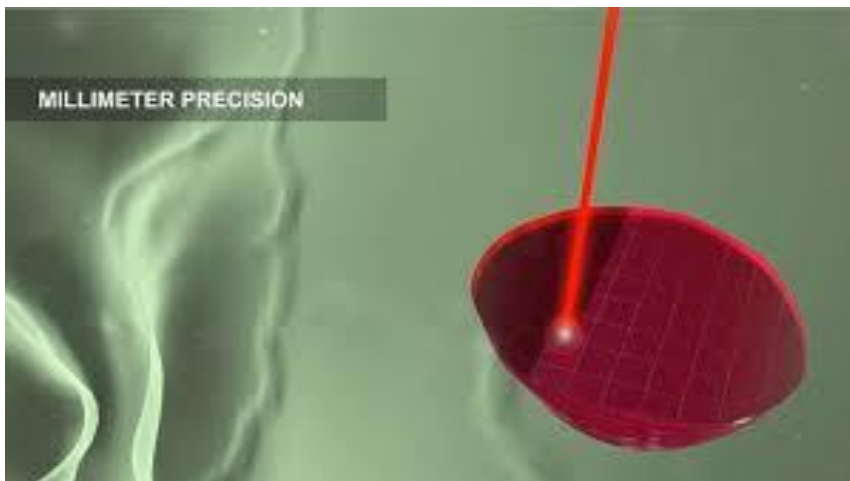
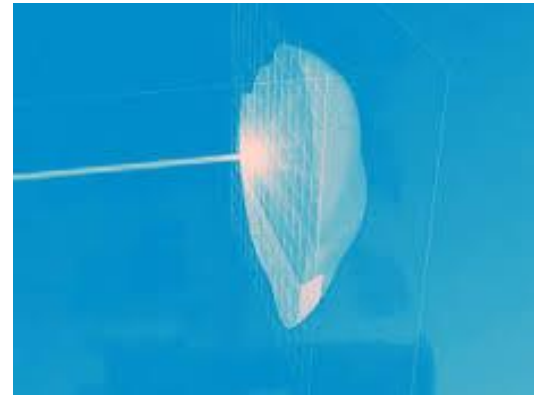
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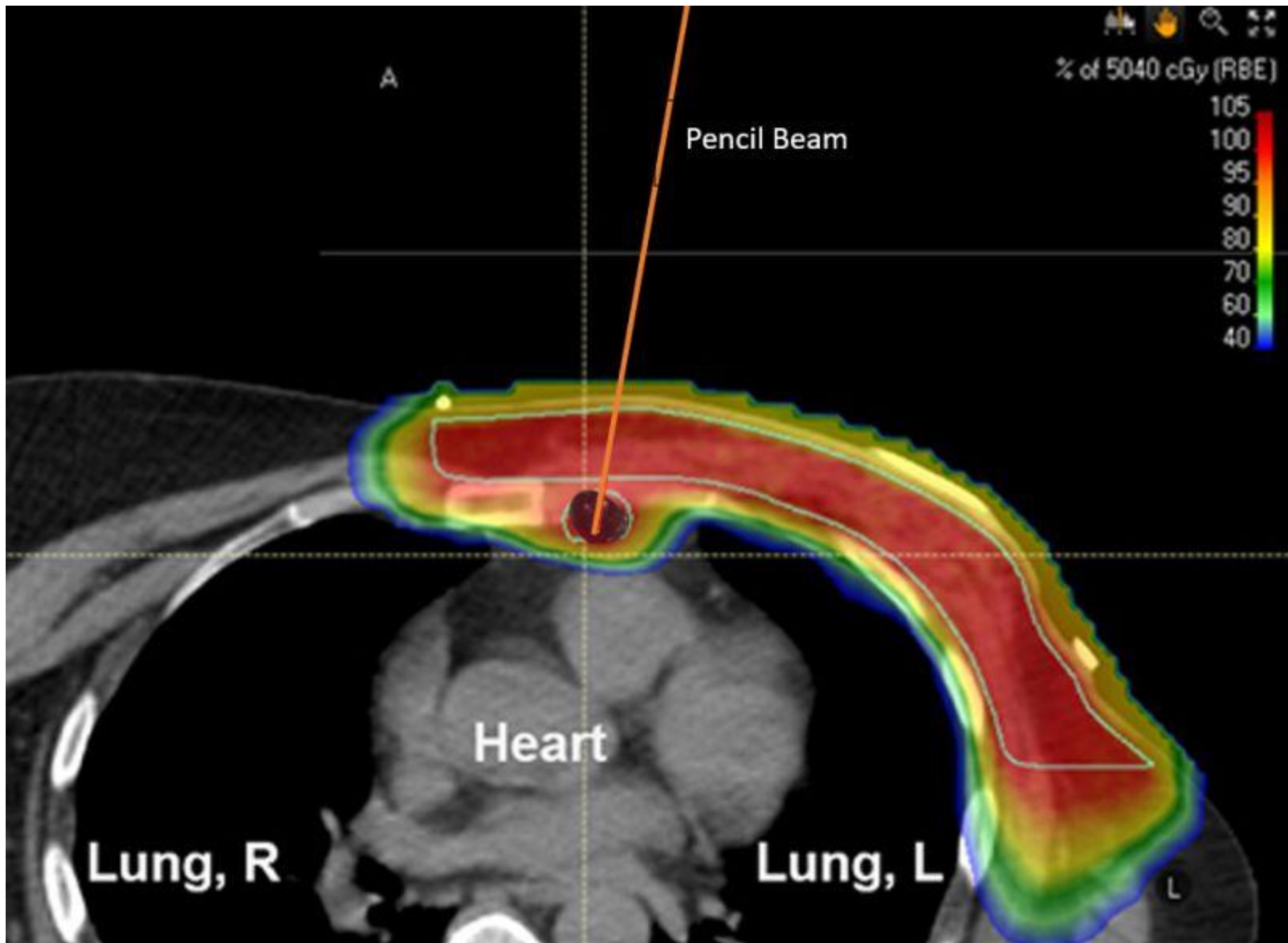
## I. Пасивен



# ФОРМИРАНЕ НА ПРОТОННИЯ СНОП ЗА КЛИНИЧНО ПРИЛОЖЕНИЕ

## II. Активно сканиране (Pencil Beam Scanning)



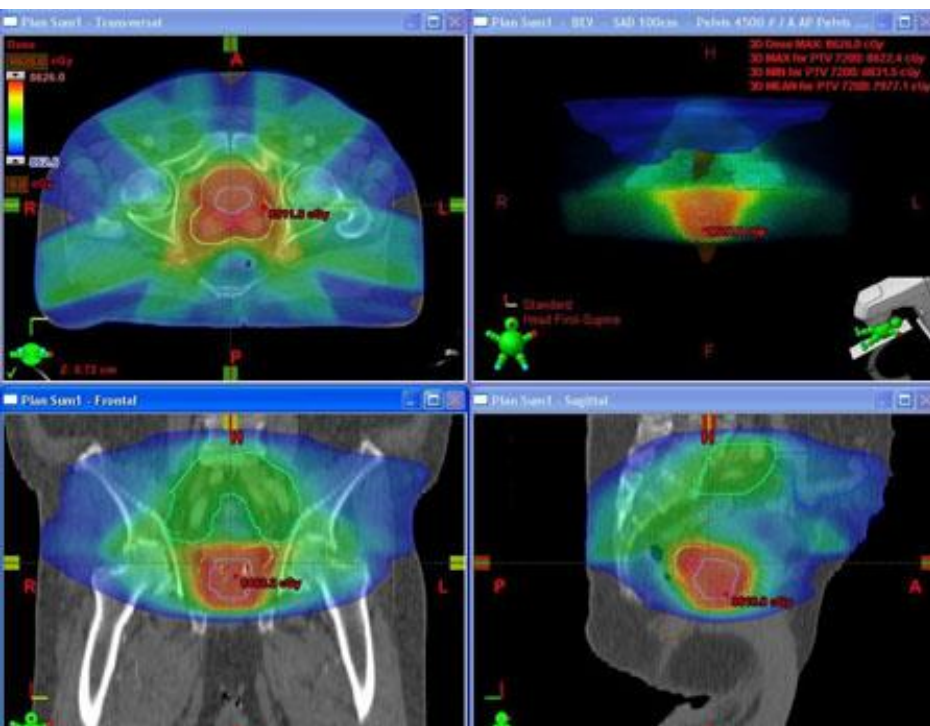
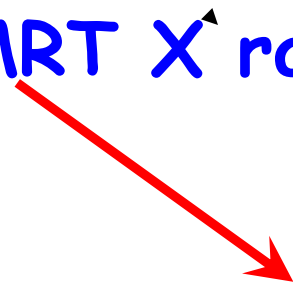


# Control room of Proton Therapy Center

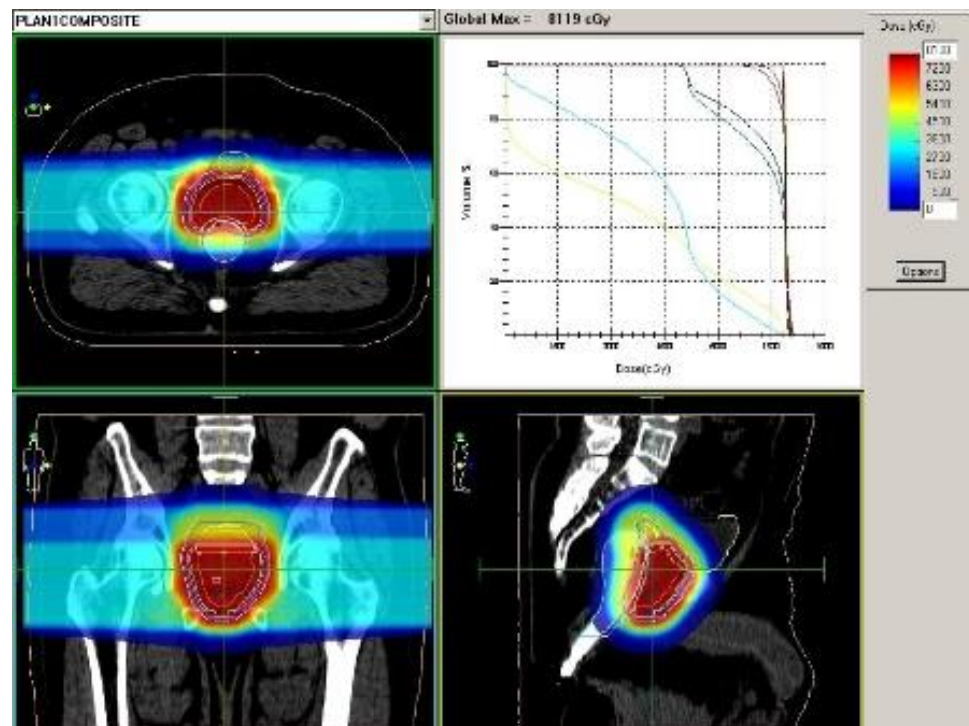
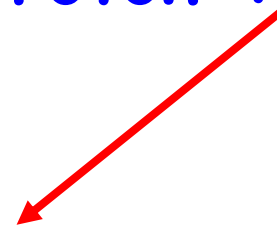


# РАДИОТЕРАПИЯ при СА GL. PROSTATAE

IMRT X rays



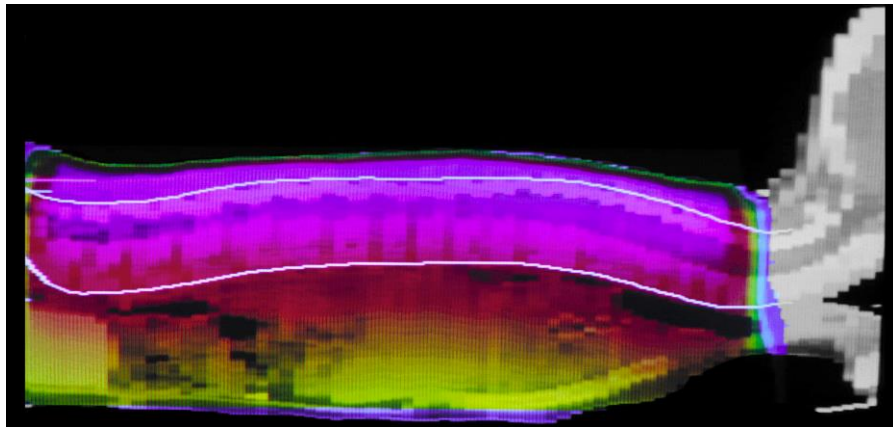
Proton Therapy



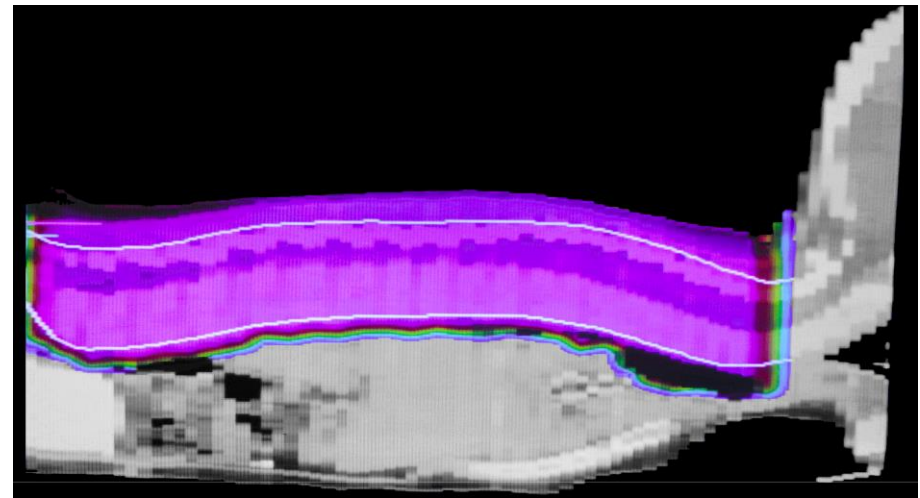
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Радиотерапия при Cancer Pediatric Disease  
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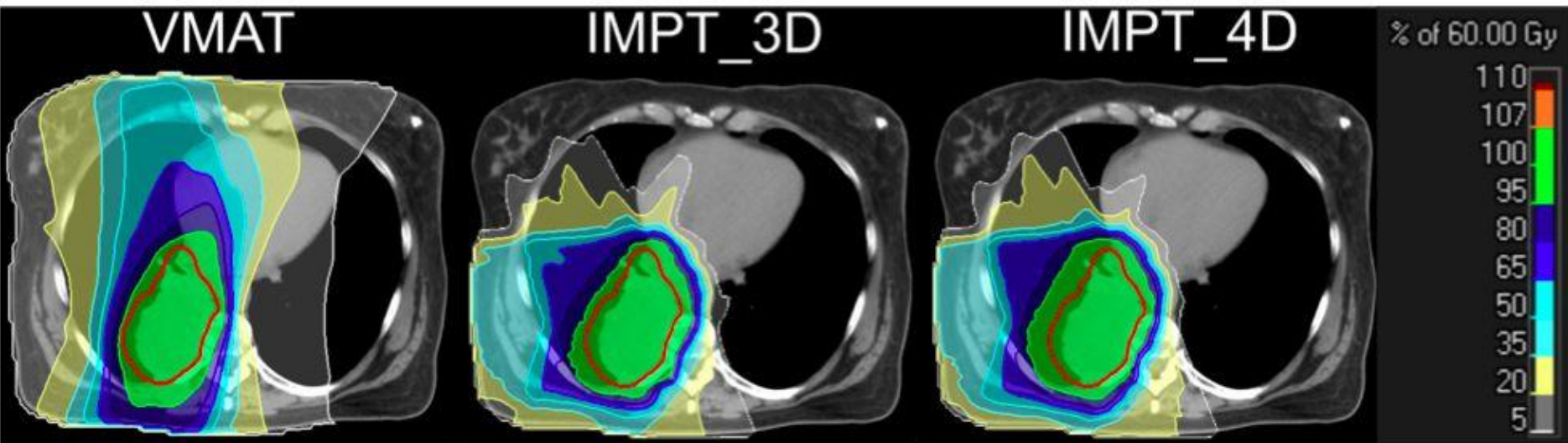
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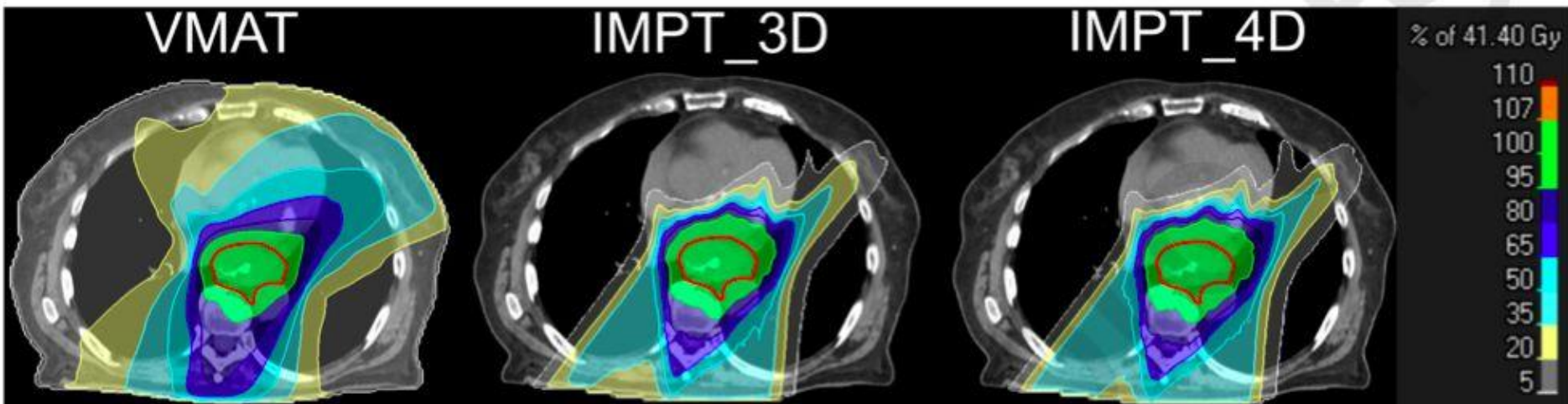
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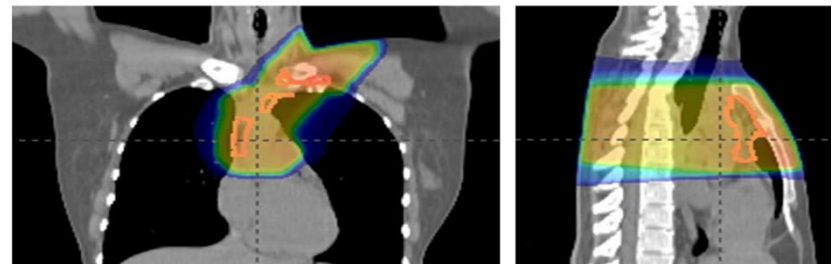
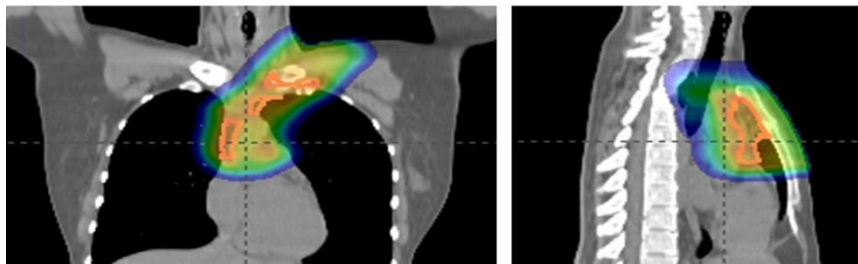
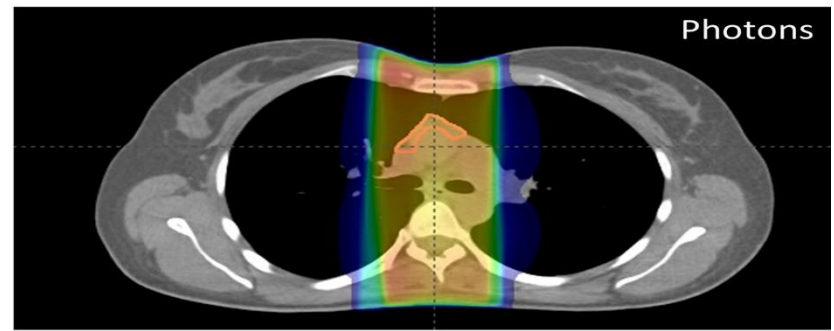
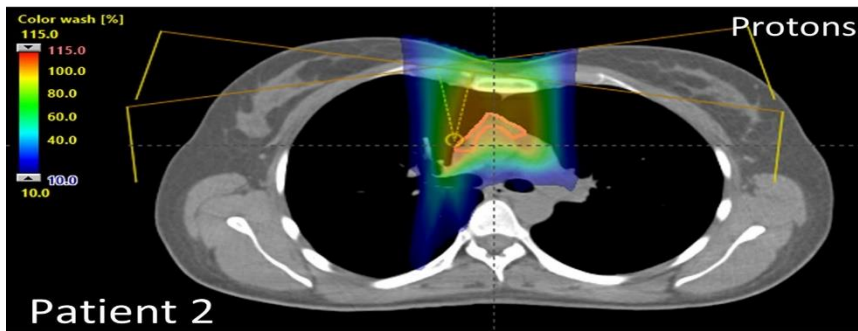
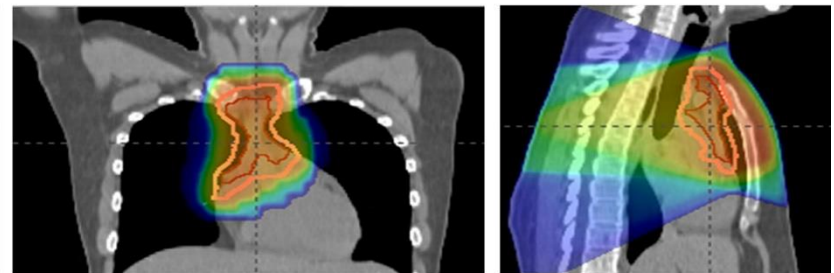
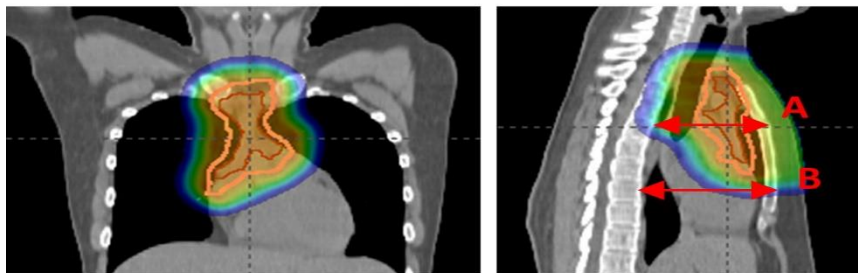
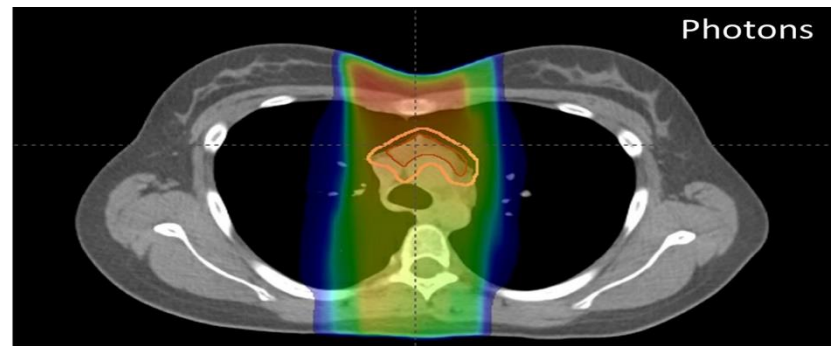
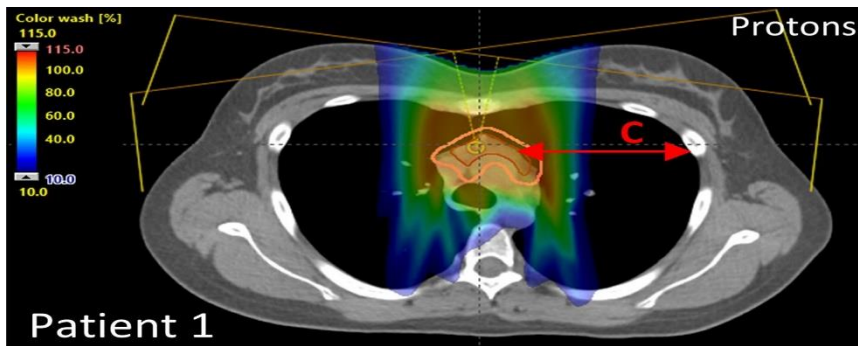
# PROTON THERAPY for Lung CA



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# Proton Therapy/Photon therapy





□ Протонната терапия е следващата логична стъпка в развитието на радиотерапията, подобрявайки дозното разпределение.

□ Протонната терапия е сериозно предизвикателство за професионалистите, работещи съвременни форми на радиотерапията.

□ Днес протонната терапия е атрактивна, прецизна и модерна форма на радиотерапията.

# Scripps Proton Therapy Center, San Diego, USA



- XV- ия - Протонен център - 20 Февруари 2014
- 250 MeV
- 5 Gantries, 5 процедурни помещения, 2400 пациенти/годишно
- Инвестиция - \$220 млн.

Dr. Carl Rossi - "Using pencil beam to treat tumors is like using a very fine paint brush to apply the radiation, whereas earlier proton technology is more like using a can of spray paint".

# Paul Scherrer Institute, Villigen, Switzerland



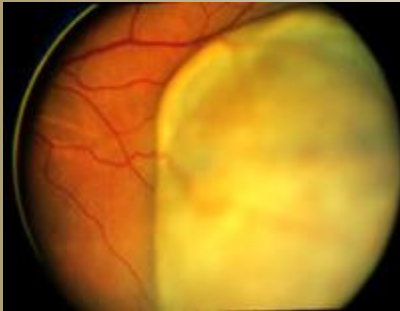
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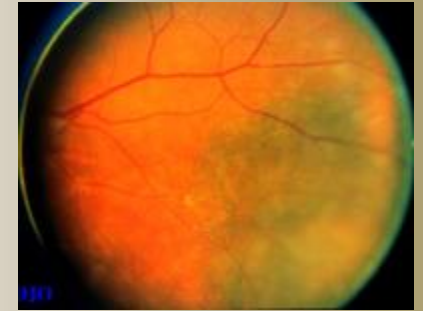


# Proton-Radiotherapy: Eye tumors

Fundus of the eye  
PRIOR to therapy



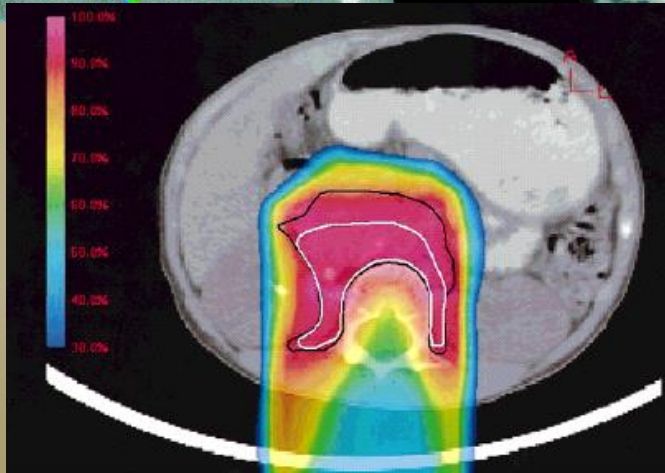
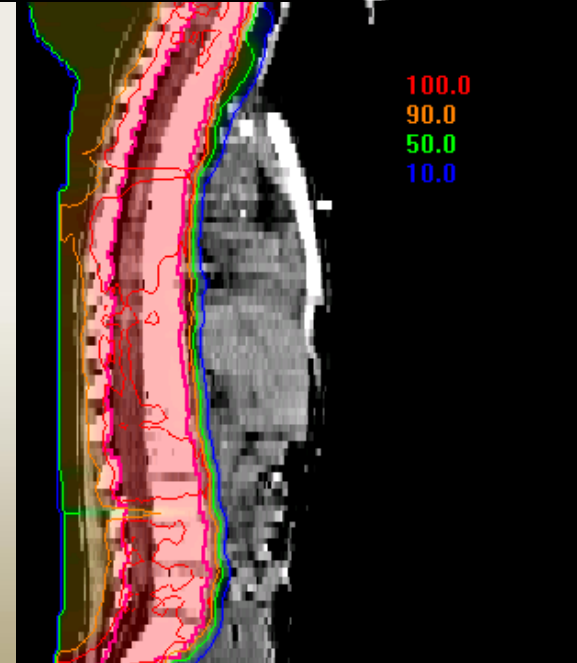
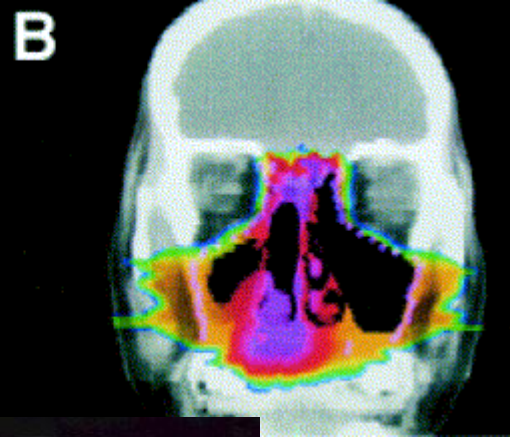
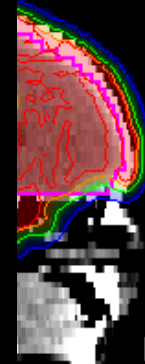
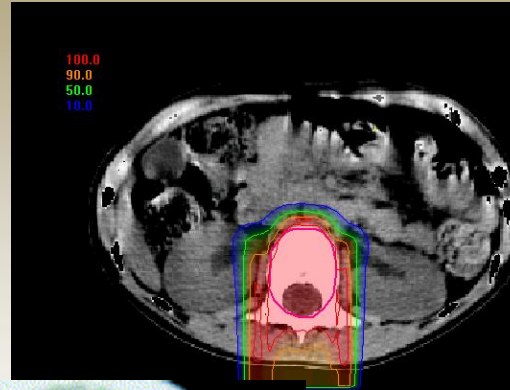
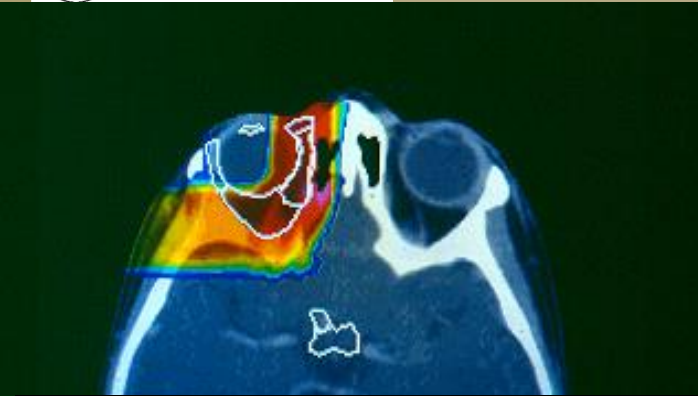
Fundus of the eye  
AFTER therapy



**Local Tumor Control (at actuarial 10 years and depending in size and site)**

- **98 % (PSI, > 4700 patients)**
- **95.7% (MGH/MEEI)**

**Retention of the eye: depending on tumor size and location, about 70-97% (PSI)**



# ПЕРСПЕКТИВИ ЗА РАЗВИТИЕ

□ Последни постижения в ядрените и информационните технологии.

□ Последни постижения в CERN.

The recent technical innovations in proton therapy - modulation of pencil proton beams, intensity modulated proton therapy (IMPT) and grid proton therapy **(reducing a radiation beam diameter from 1 mm to 25  $\mu\text{m}$ )** - will allow us to really accurately "paint" the dose to the tumor and spare critical structures, much as we do with intensity-modulated photon therapy (IMRT), but also to further reduce the dose compared to IMRT [1,2].

[1] COMBS, S.E., JAKEL, O., HABERER, T., DEBUS, J., Particle therapy at the Heidelberg Ion Therapy Center (HIT) / Integrated research/driven university-hospital-based radiation oncology service in Heidelberg, Germany, Radiother. Oncol. 95 1 (2010 Apr.) 41-44.

[2] LOMAX, T., Grid therapy: the IMPT approach, 2012

Available from: <http://medicalphysicsweb.org/cws/article/research/49072>

# Future prospects for proton therapy

Mar 5, 2012

"Don't treat tomorrow's patients with yesterday's proton therapy technology." This was the opening observation from Marco Schippers, speaking at last week's **ICTR-PHE meeting in Geneva, Switzerland**. Schippers, from the Paul Scherrer Institute (PSI) in Switzerland, emphasized the necessity of developing novel proton therapy techniques, citing a wish list of "five highs":

higher quality, higher accuracy, higher flexibility, higher intensity and higher energy.

He also listed one **low**: lower equipment costs - generally achieved via a reduction in the size of the accelerator system.

# Towards a novel, low-cost PT accelerator

- Lower cost & standardized Proton Therapy System
- Compact treatment room and small footprint
- Shorter installation time on site
- Operator less
- Reduced maintenance

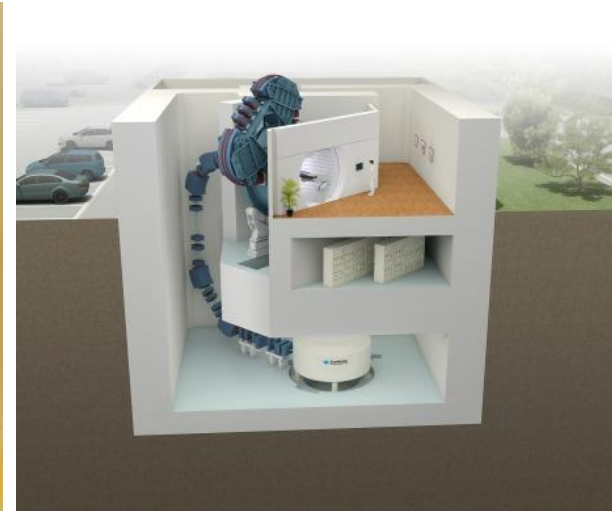
Proteus One : low cost, smaller footprint





# Compact Proton Therapy in record time at Aizawa Hospital

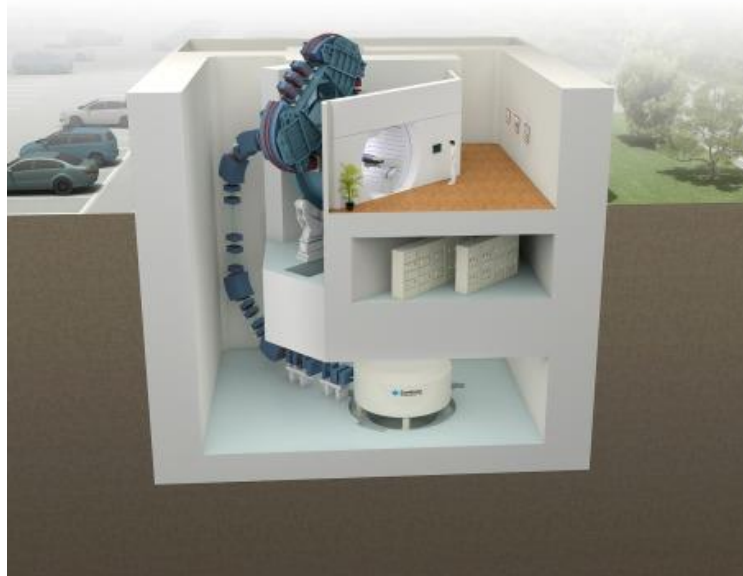
The next generation Proton Therapy System is already installed.



Sumitomo Heavy Industries, Ltd. (President and CEO: Shunsuke Betsukawa; hereinafter referred to as "SHI") today announces that clinical treatment started at Aizawa Hospital (Chairman and Director: Takao Aizawa; hereinafter referred to as "Aizawa") in Matsumoto, Nagano Pref. on September 30, 2014 as the first proton therapy facility in Koshinetsu region. (10 patients were treated per a day on October 6.)

This proton therapy system has a single gantry treatment room in the world's first vertical arrangement with a short length compact gantry and a 230Mev cyclotron which enables significant space saving. This system incorporates Multi-purpose nozzle which enables either conventional broad beam or pencil beam scanning, depending on treatment planning for a targeted disease.

Furthermore, accurate patient positioning by 2D & 3D image guidance is possible.



### III. Carbon Therapy - Терапия с карбовови йони

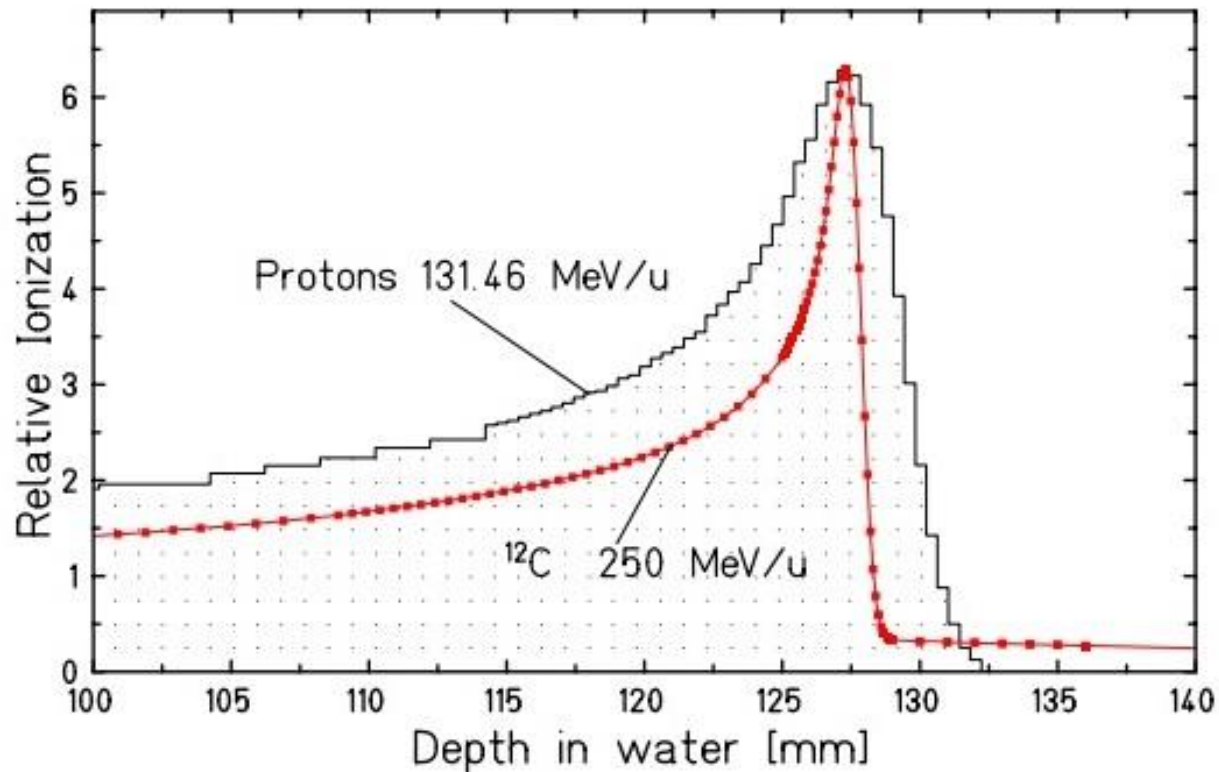


FIG. 4. (Color online) Measured Bragg peaks of protons and  $^{12}\text{C}$  ions having the same mean range in water (Schardt *et al.*, 2008).

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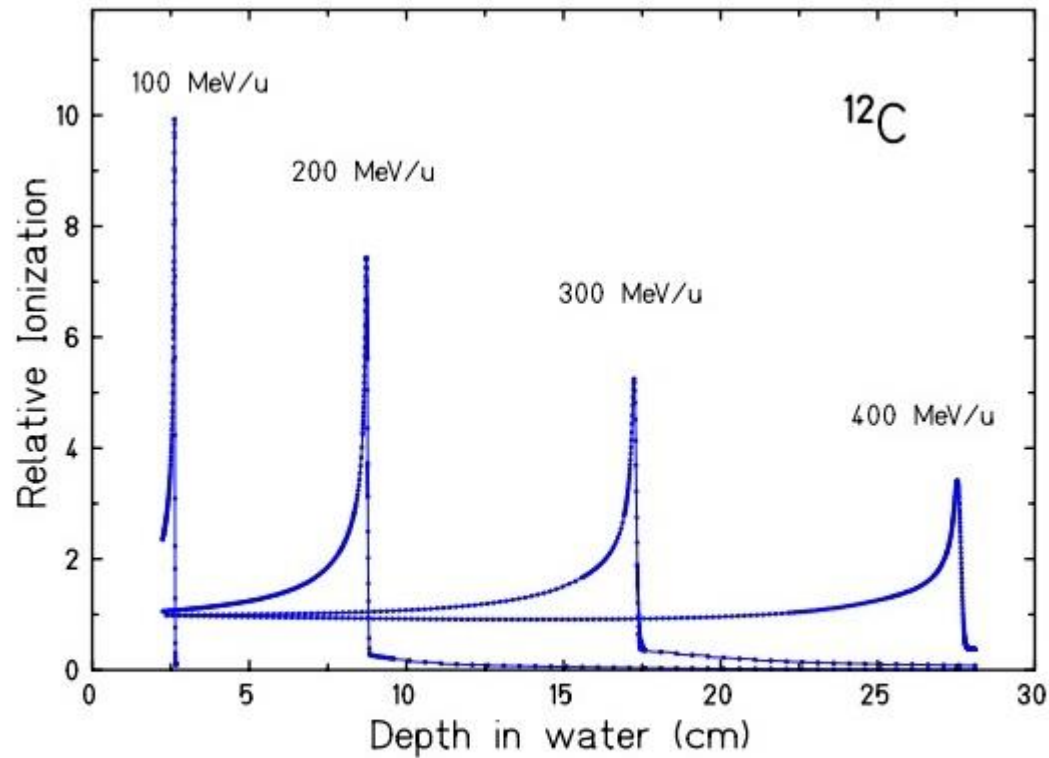
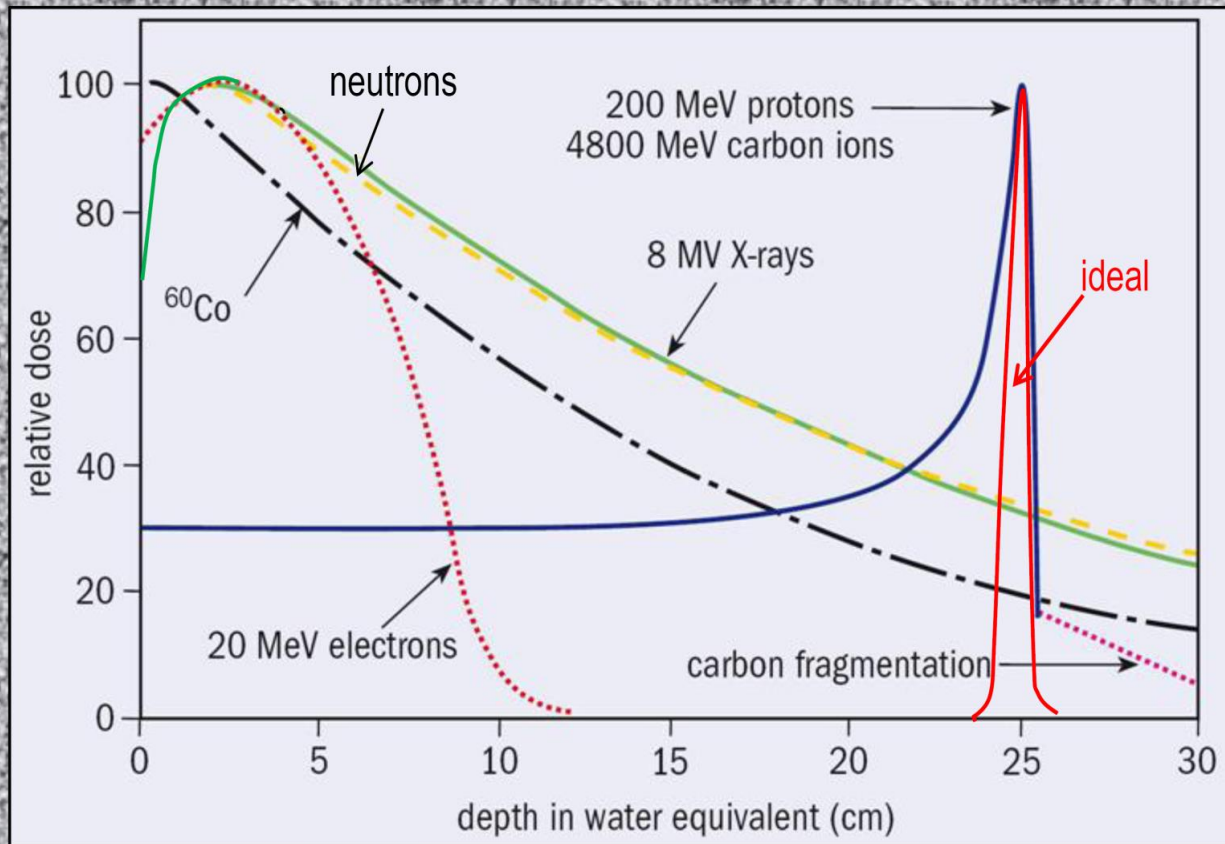


FIG. 8. (Color online) Measured Bragg curves of  $^{12}\text{C}$  ions stopping in water. From Schardt *et al.*, 2008.

# The icon of radiation therapy

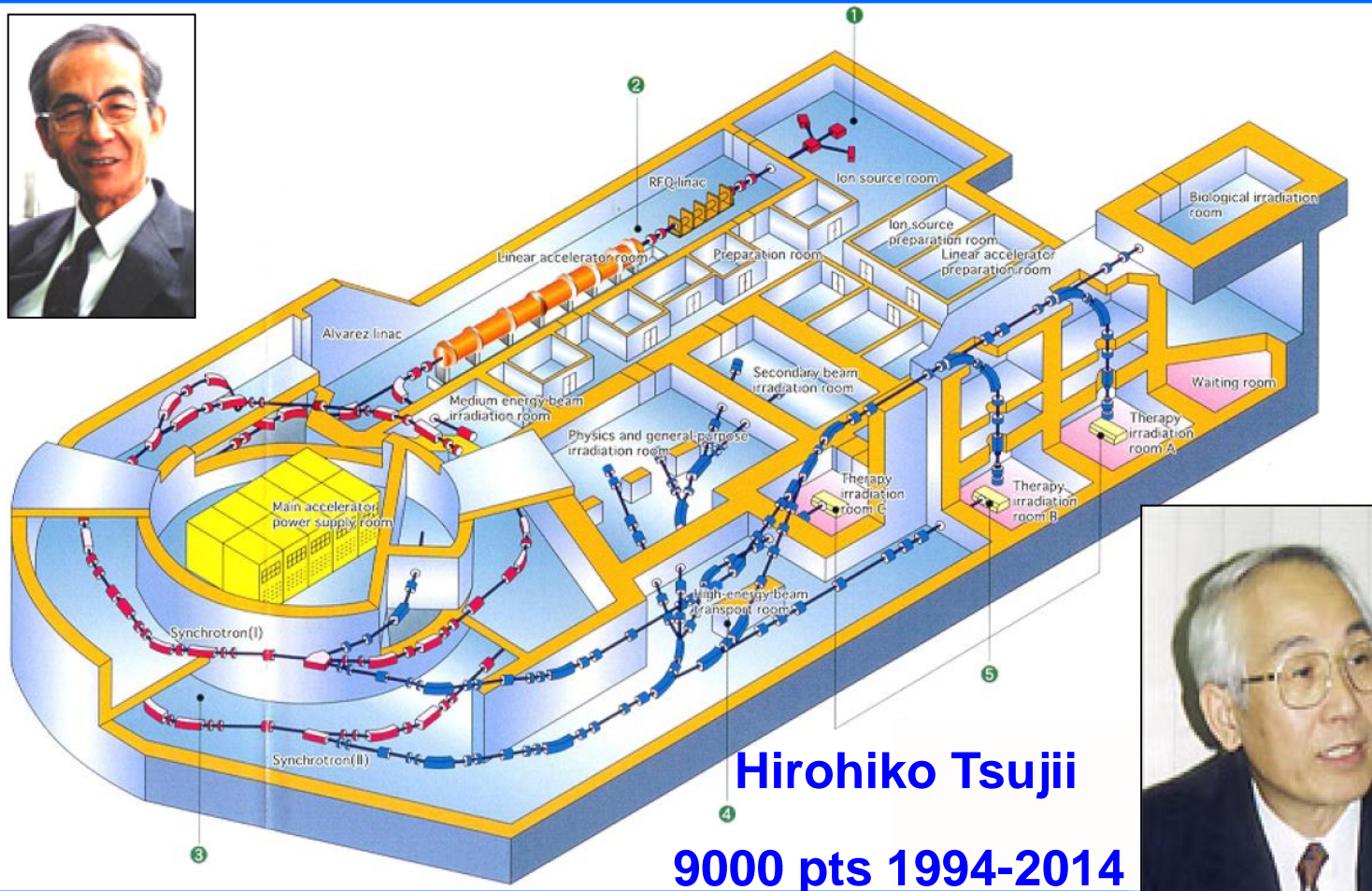


**Radiation beam in matter**

# HIMAC in Chiba is the pioneer of carbon therapy (Prof H. Tsujii)

Yasuo Hirao

<sup>15</sup> Hirao, Y. et al, "Heavy Ion Synchrotron for Medical Use: HIMAC Project at NIRS Japan" Nucl. Phys. A538, 541c (1992)

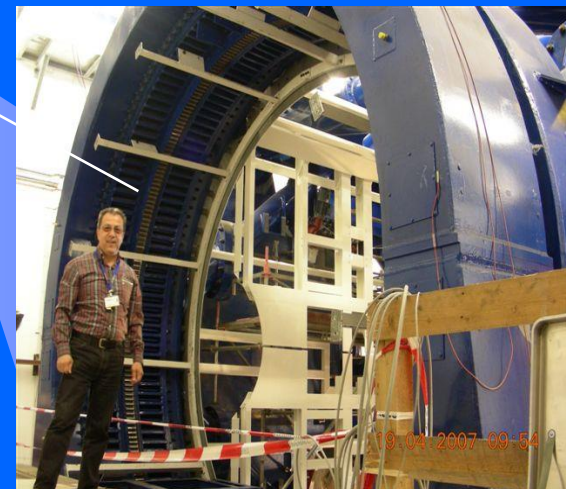
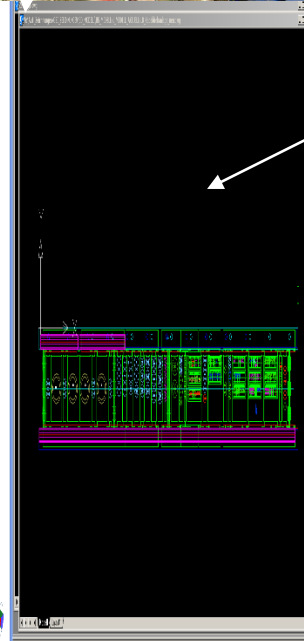
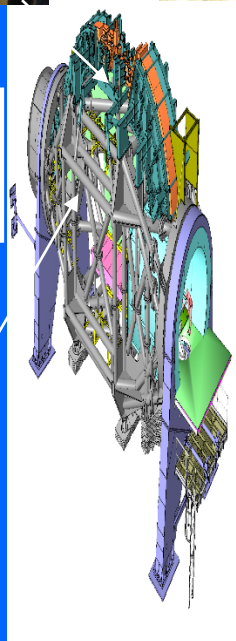
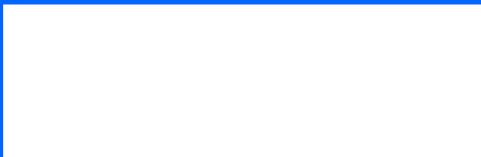
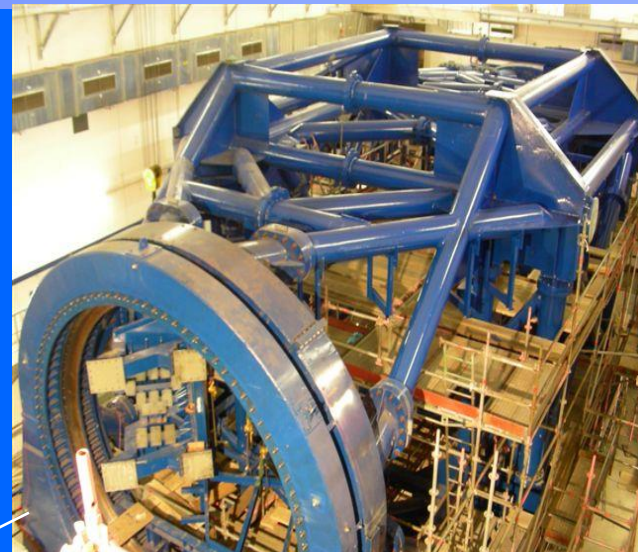
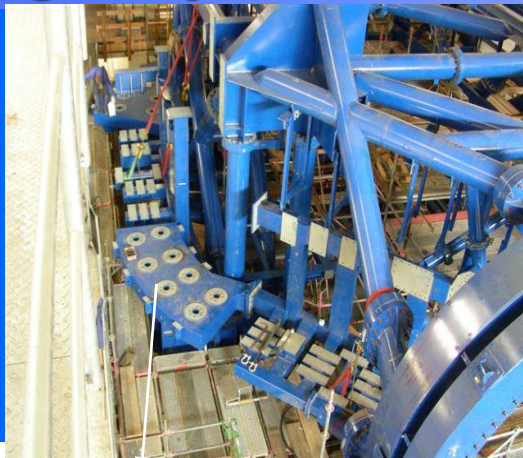


Hirohiko Tsujii

9000 pts 1994-2014

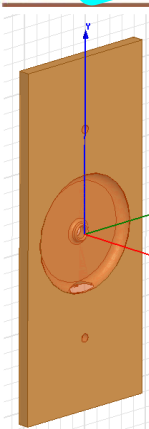
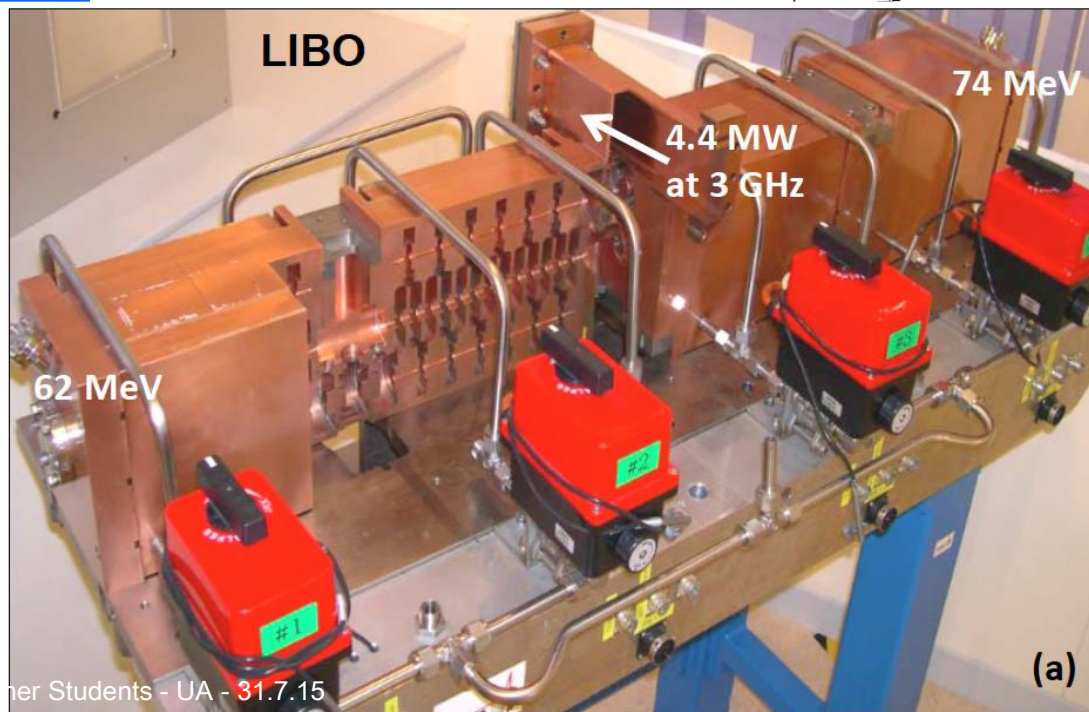
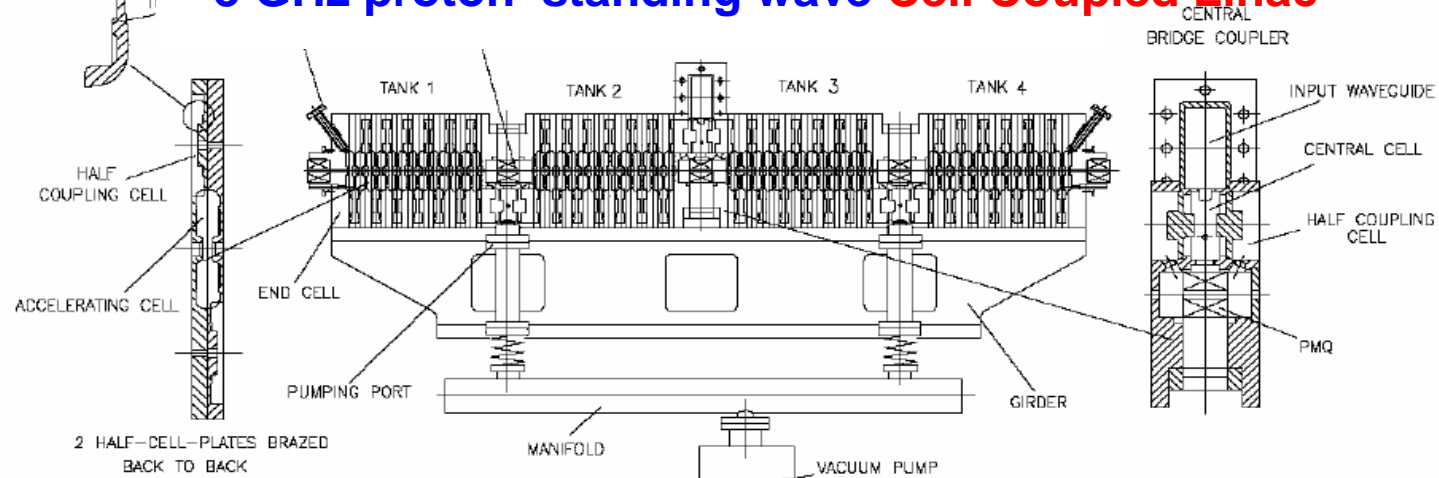


# First carbon gantry in the world: 700 tons – 400 kW



# Scientific prototype built and beam tested by TERA-CERN-INFN

## 3 GHz proton standing wave Cell Coupled Linac



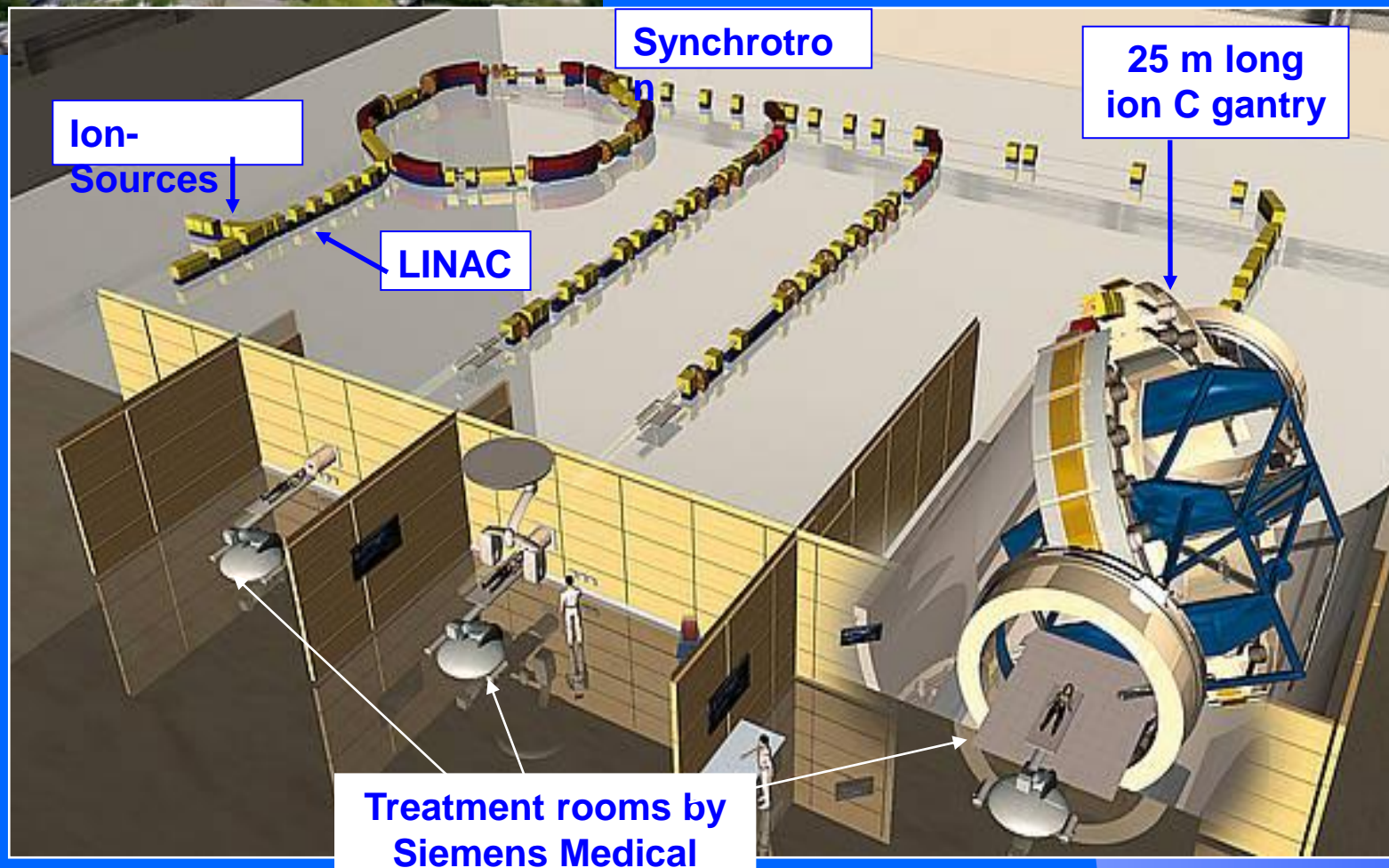
Basic unit:  
half-cell



# HIT at Heidelberg

First patient: September 2009

December 2014: 1700 patients



# Heidelberg carbon ion gantry: patient room

Patient Gantry Roo

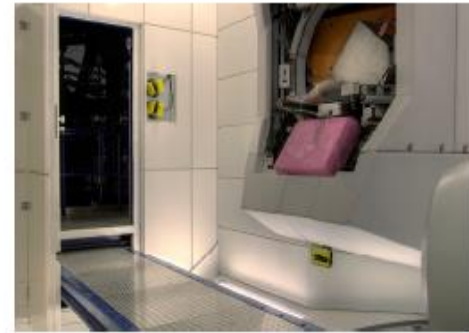
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Tilt floor, pending on  
Gantry position

Nozzle  
Bumber mats

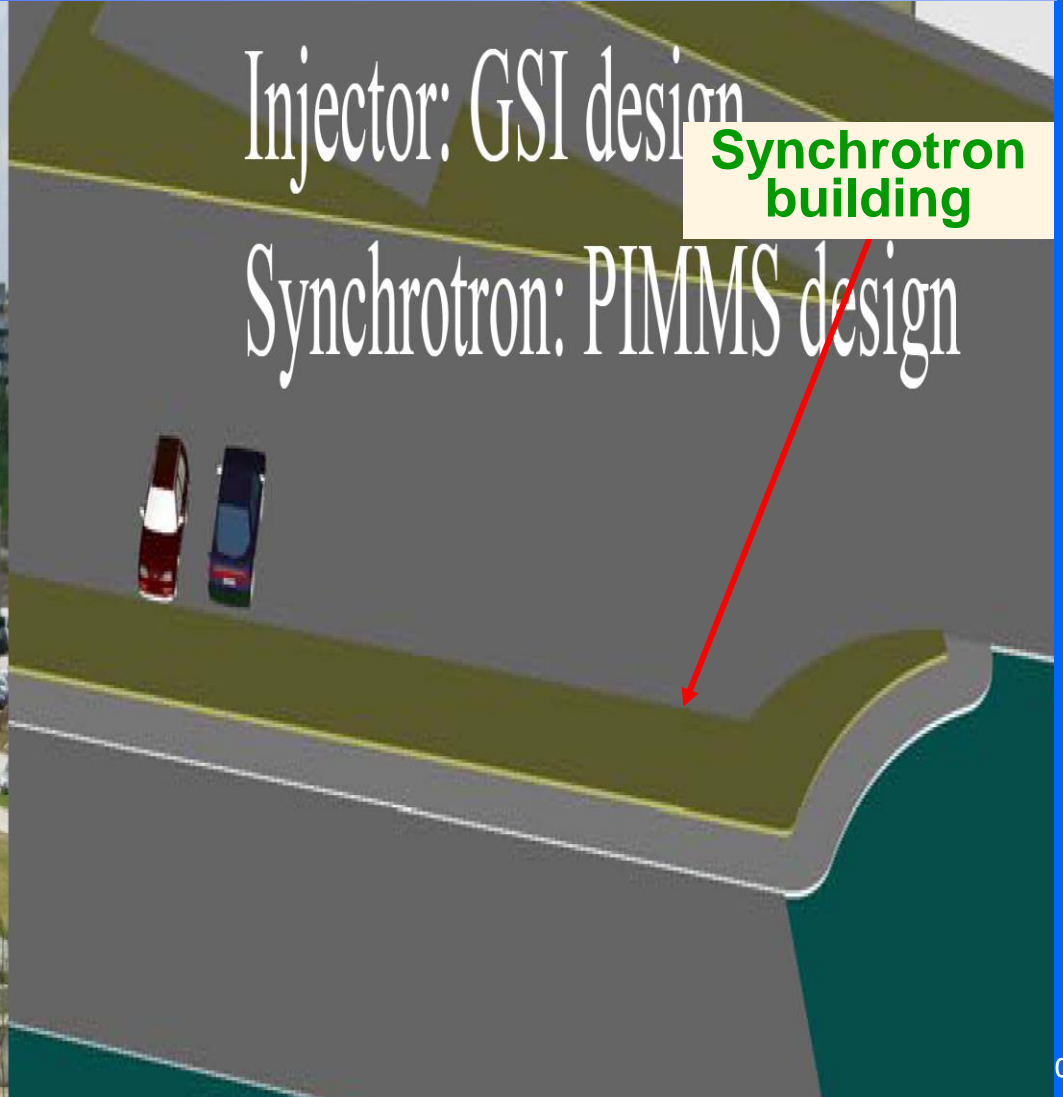
Patienttable,  
Roboter



# CNAO = Centro Nazionale di Adroterapia Oncologica



Hospital building

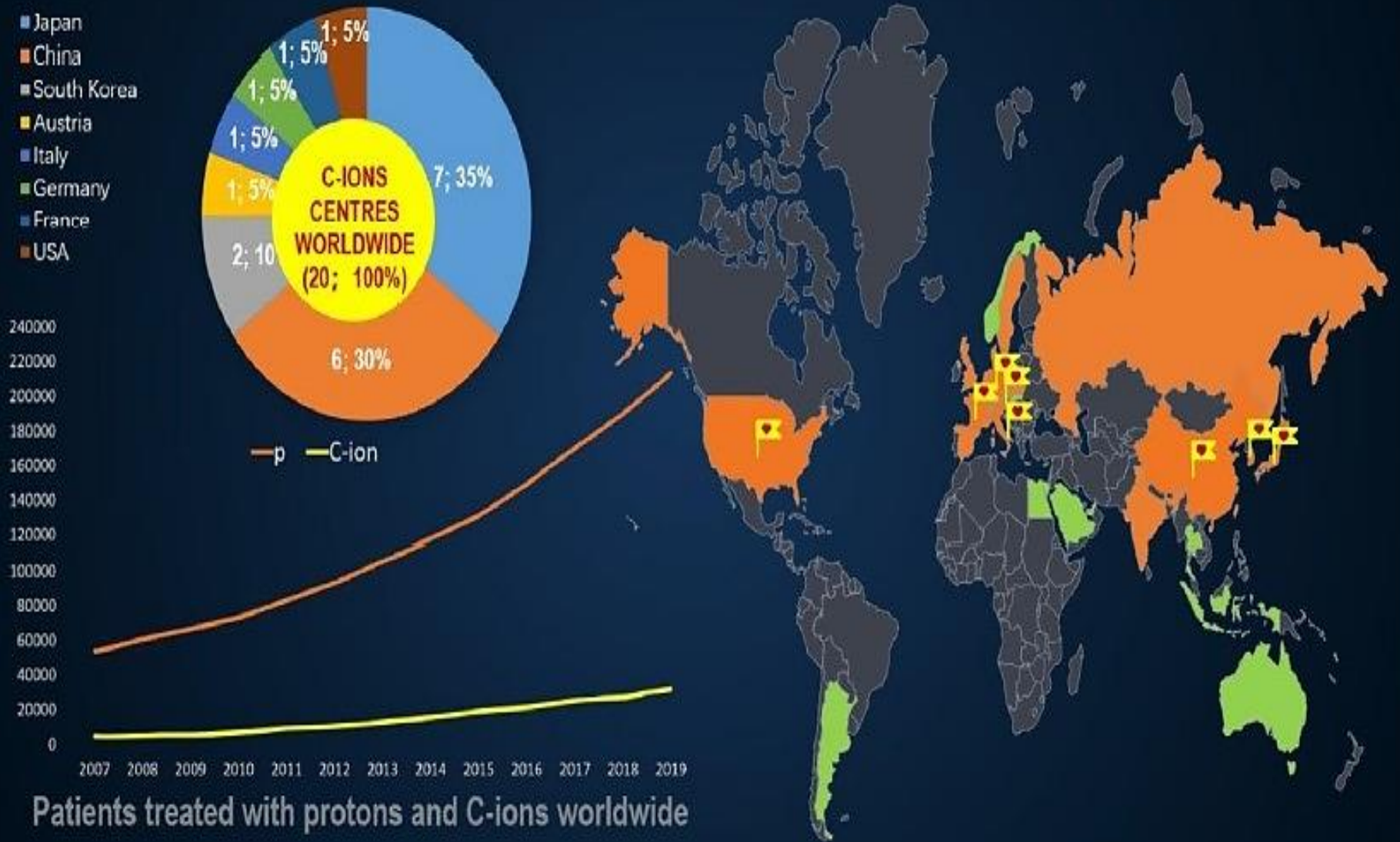


Injector: GSI design

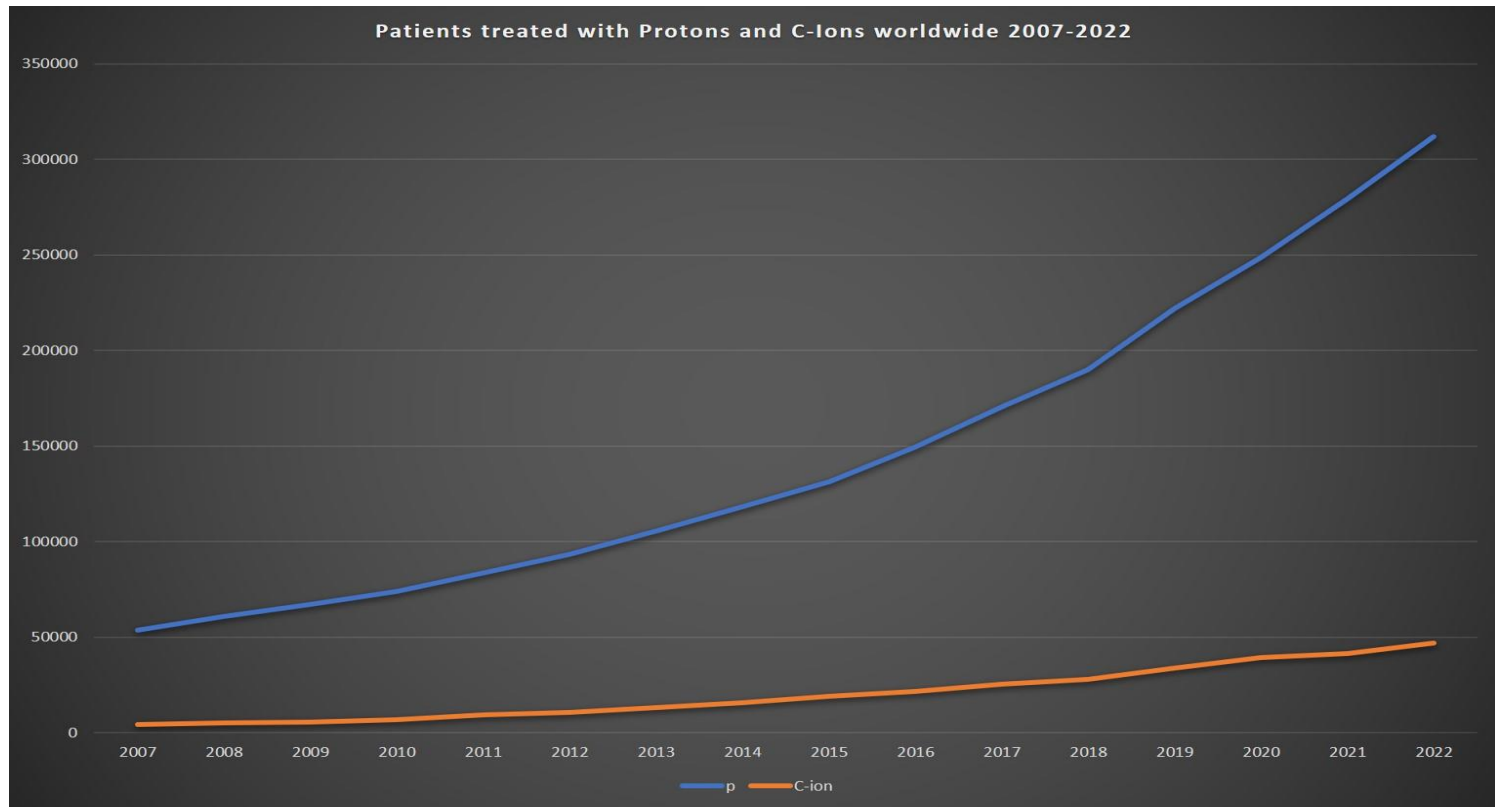
Synchrotron building

Synchrotron: PIMMS design

# Distribution of the world protons and C-ions therapy centres



# Patient statistics 2007 - 2022



## PTCOG Particle Therapy Patient Statistics per End of 2023

Update: Per end of 2023 close to 410'000 patients have been treated worldwide with particle radiotherapy, close to 350'000 with protons, about 56'000 with C-ions and about 3'500 with He, pions and other particles.

**Available on:** <https://www.ptcog.ch/index.php/ptcog-patient-statistics>

The logo for the 55th Annual Conference of the Particle Therapy Co-operative Group (PTCOG) in Prague, 2016. It features a stylized blue and white graphic of a city skyline or particle tracks above the text "PTCOG 55 PRAGUE 2016".

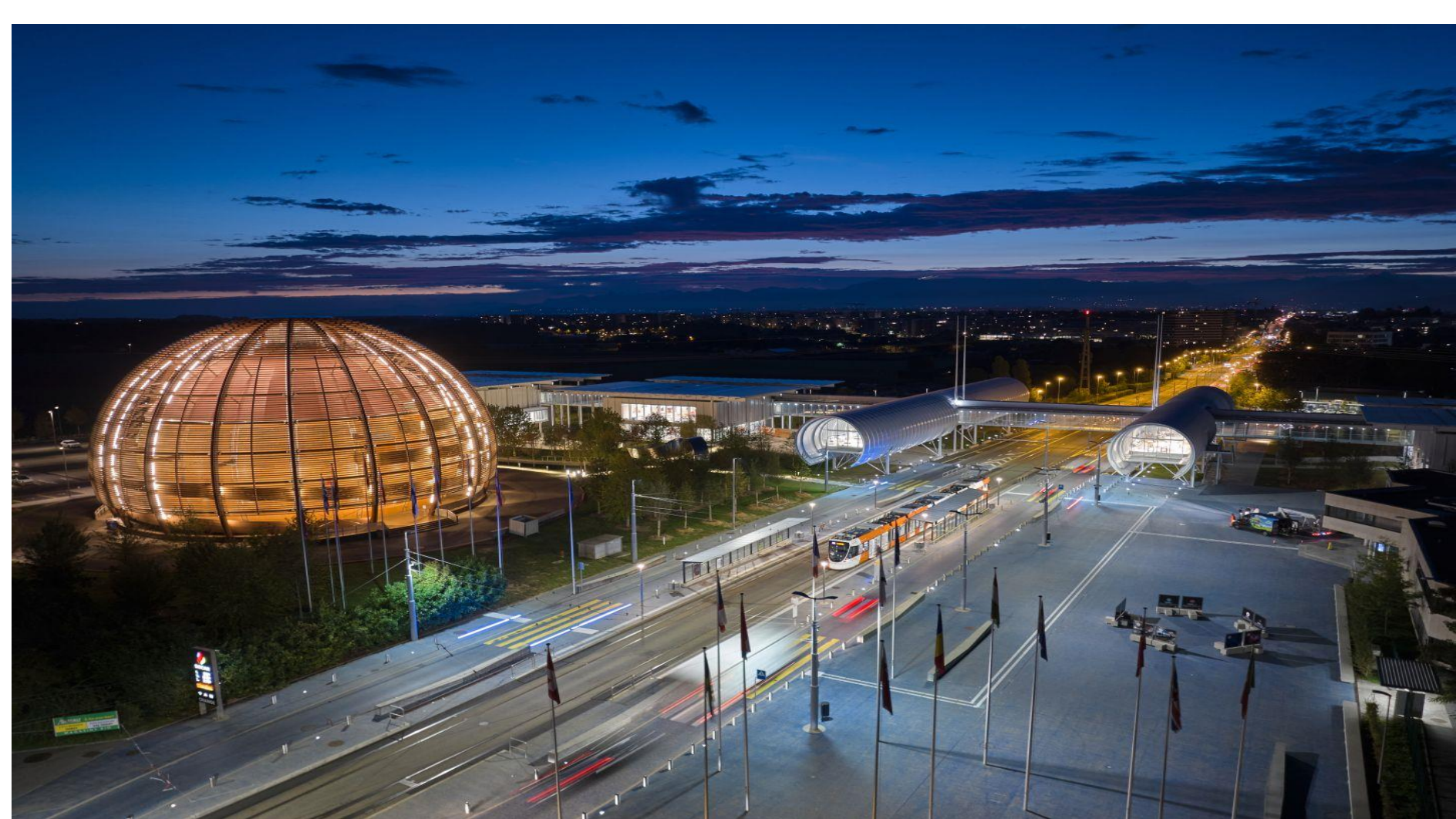
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Particle therapy: what evidence is necessary for a clinical standard

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FOR YOUR ATTENTION  
AND  
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