

# Accelerating Innovation: How CERN Technology Makes its Way into Society

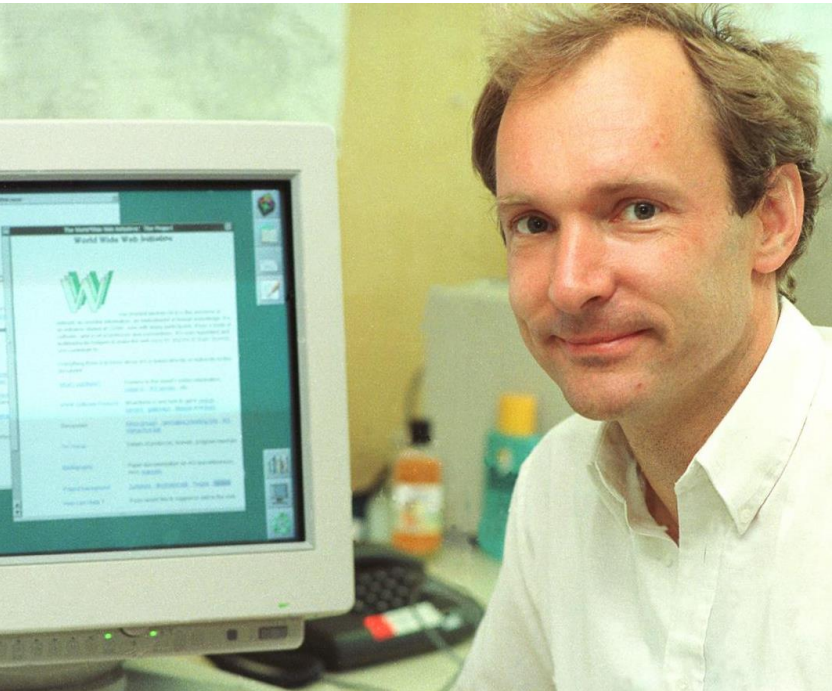
Giovanni Anelli, Head of Knowledge Transfer Group, CERN

# Four pillars underpin CERN's mission





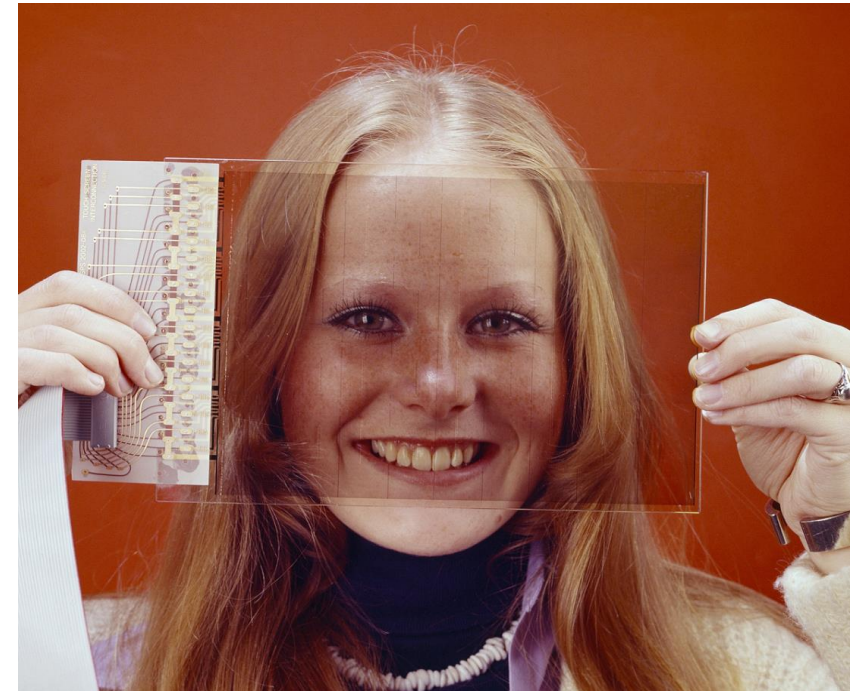
# Some historic examples



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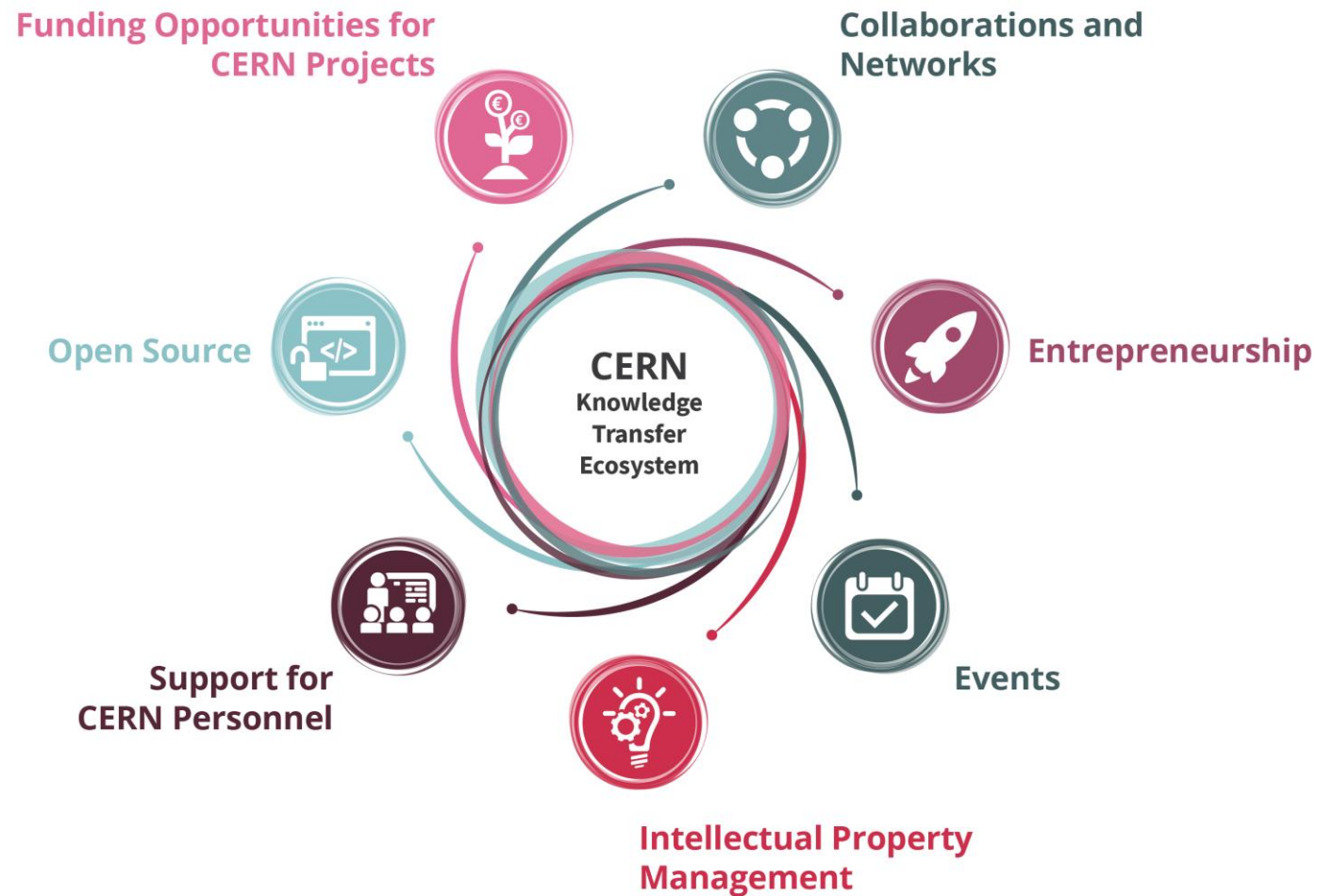


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# Our toolbox to accelerate innovation



# Knowledge Transfer Channels



Dedicated actions to **foster the transfer of technologies and know-how** to other fields than particle physics  
(very often with the involvement of industry)

Technology-intensive **procurement contracts**

## People

(very hard to quantify but extremely impactful for particle physics)



# Hybrid strategy: tech push & market pull



Mobilize tech experts

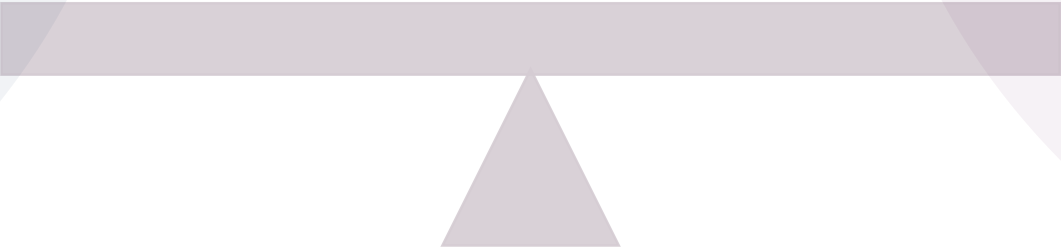
Mobilize innovation partners

Create tech and IP dossiers

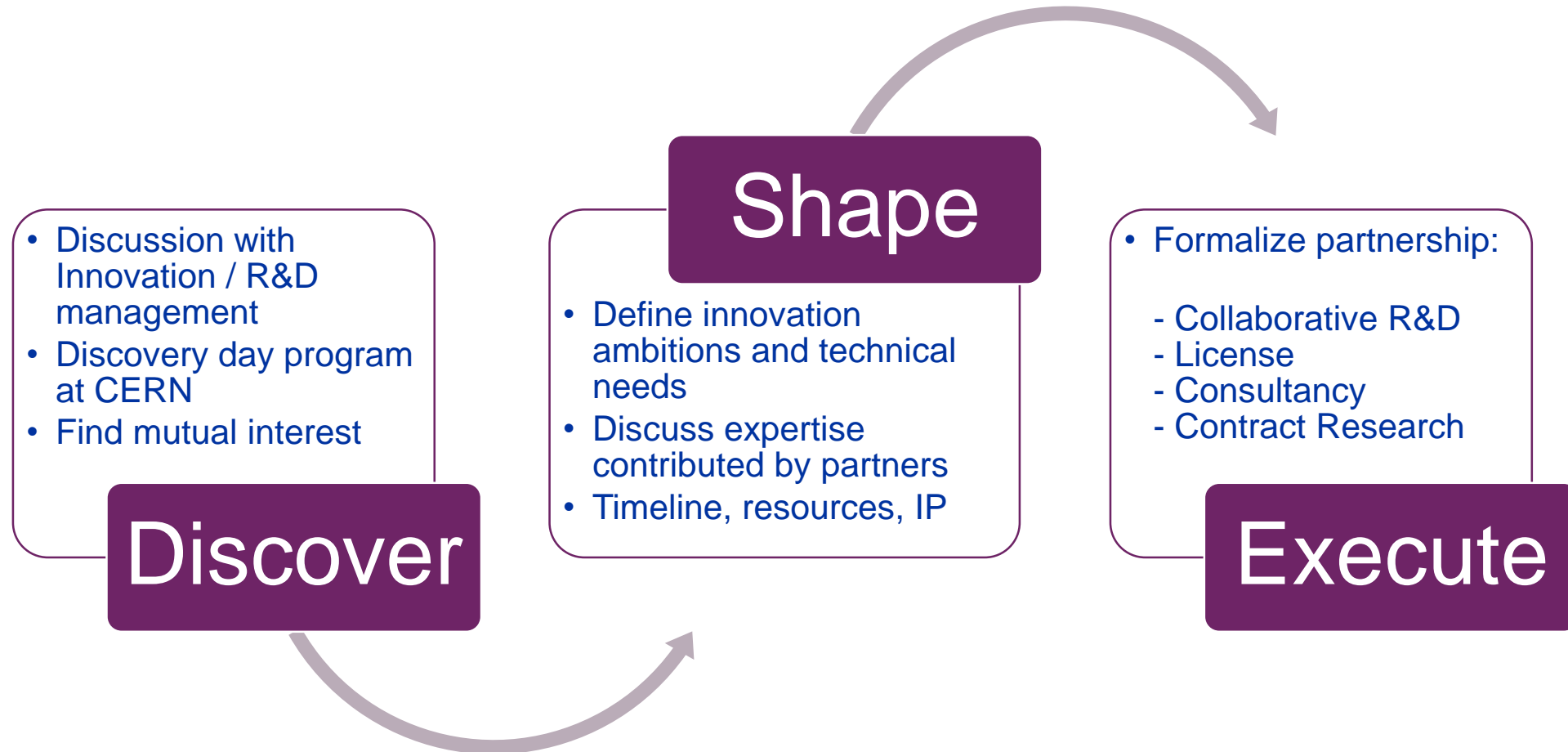
Create value propositions

Scout for technologies

Search unmet needs



# Shaping innovation partnerships





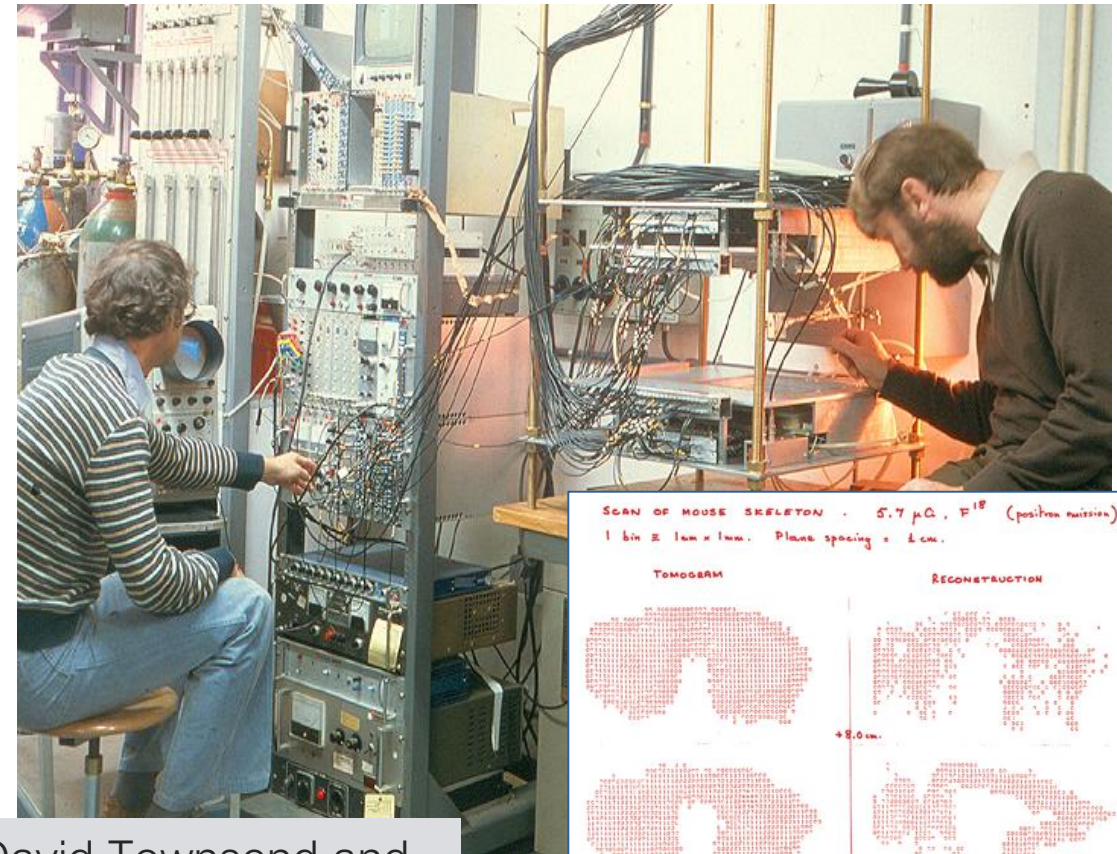
Produit nouveau

## Une nouvelle imagerie ostéo-articulaire basse dose en position debout : le système EOS

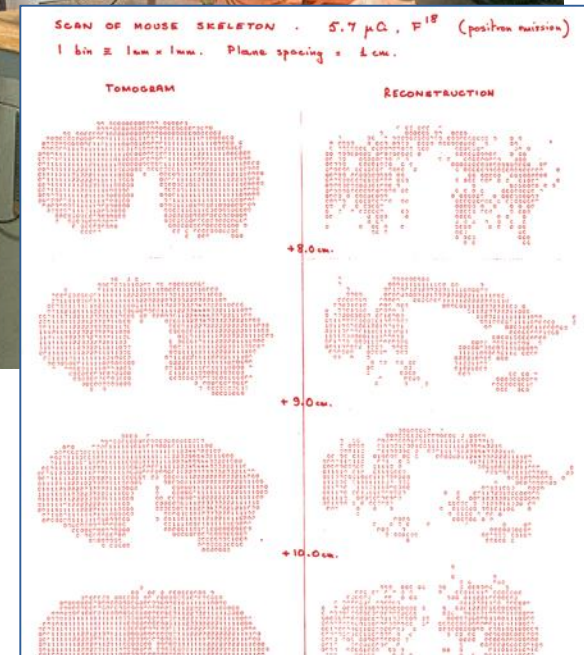
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Georges Charpak, Fabio Sauli and Jean-Claude Santiard working on a multiwire chamber in 1970



David Townsend and Alan Jeavons, 1978



# From CERN technologies to medical and biomedical applications

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<https://cds.cern.ch/record/2864317/files/English.pdf>

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*Action to be taken* *Voting Procedure*

For information	<b>SCIENTIFIC POLICY COMMITTEE</b> 304 <sup>th</sup> Meeting 12 & 13 June 2017	-
For information	<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b> 360 <sup>th</sup> Meeting 13 & 14 June 2017	-
For approval	<b>RESTRICTED COUNCIL</b> 185 <sup>th</sup> Session 16 March 2017	Simple majority of Member States represented and voting

**Strategy and framework applicable to knowledge transfer  
by CERN for the benefit of medical applications**

The Council is invited to approve the strategy and framework set out in this document for medical applications-related activities, and to take note of the information contained in Annexes I and II.

# ICT for medical applications

Nuclear Medicine

Medical Imaging

Radiotherapy

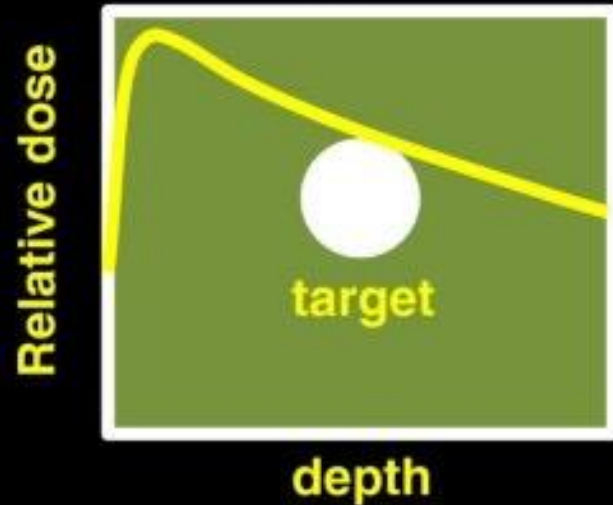
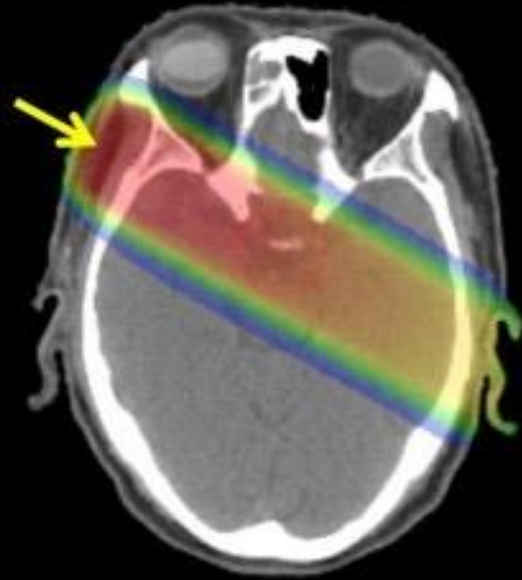
Radiation Monitoring and Dosimetry

Robotics

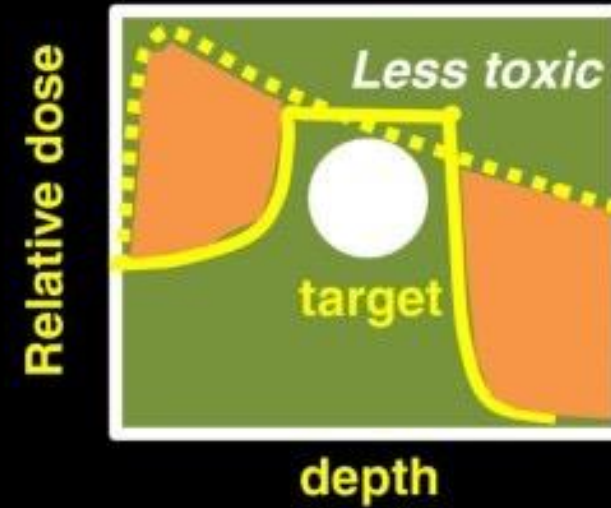
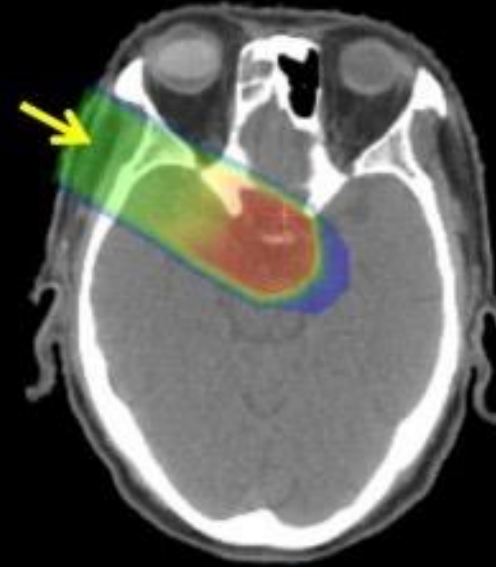
Medical devices



## X-rays



## Carbon ion beams



<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1186/1878-5085-4-9>



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

Accelerator Complex Study Group\*  
supported by the Med-AUSTRON, Onkologie-2000 and the TERA Foundation  
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.

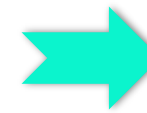
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Geneva, Switzerland  
May 2000

PIMMS

August 2000

From the  
PIMMS Study @



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# Hadron therapy

Active since the 1990s:

- synchrotrons for C-ion therapy
- linear accelerators for innovative proton therapy systems



Licensed to AVO (Advanced Oncotherapy) – ADAM

Since 2019:  
focus on innovative technologies for multi-ion therapy

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4400 patients treated 2011-2022

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1680 patients treated 2017-2022

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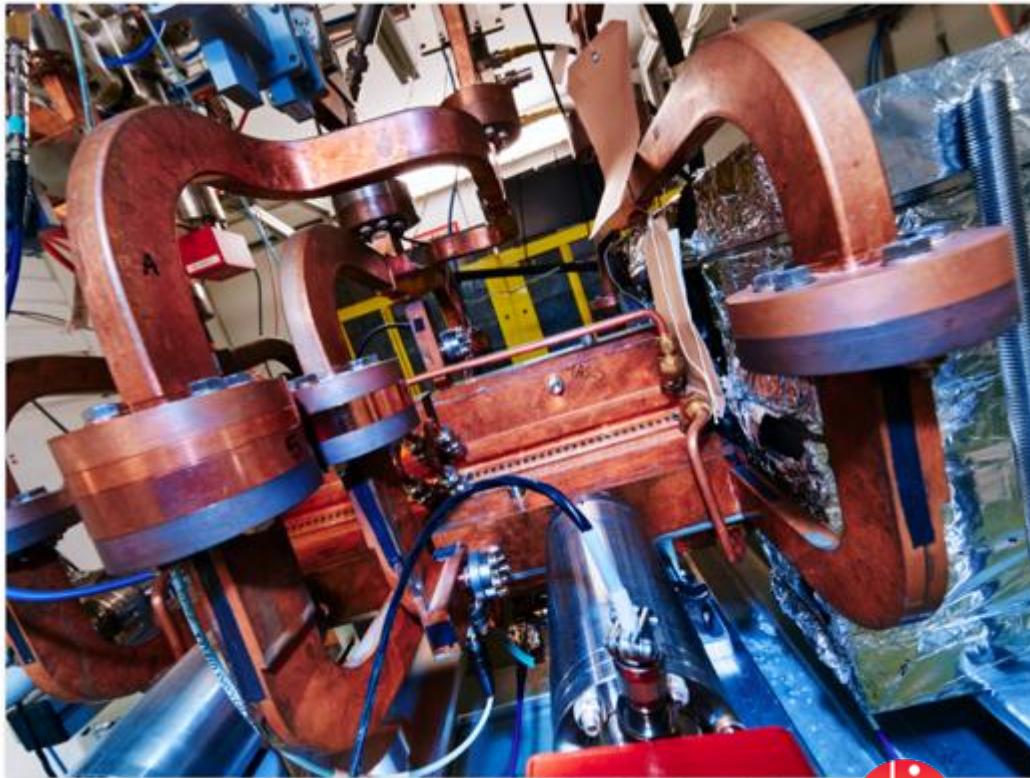
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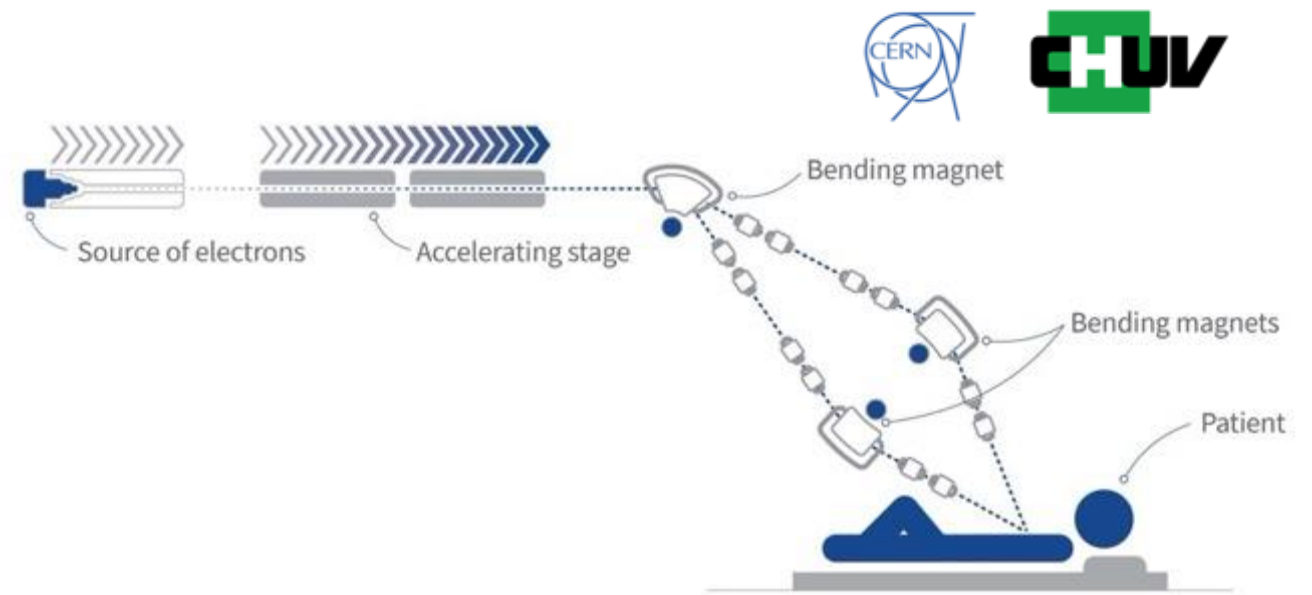


# FLASH VHEE therapy

CLIC technology for a FLASH VHEE facility being developed in collaboration with CHUV (Lausanne University Hospital) and THERYQ (ALCEN Group)



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.

The design of this facility is the result of an intense dialogue between groups at CHUV and CERN.

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





# FLASH therapy – a growing clinical interest



Contents lists available at ScienceDirect

Radiotherapy and Oncology

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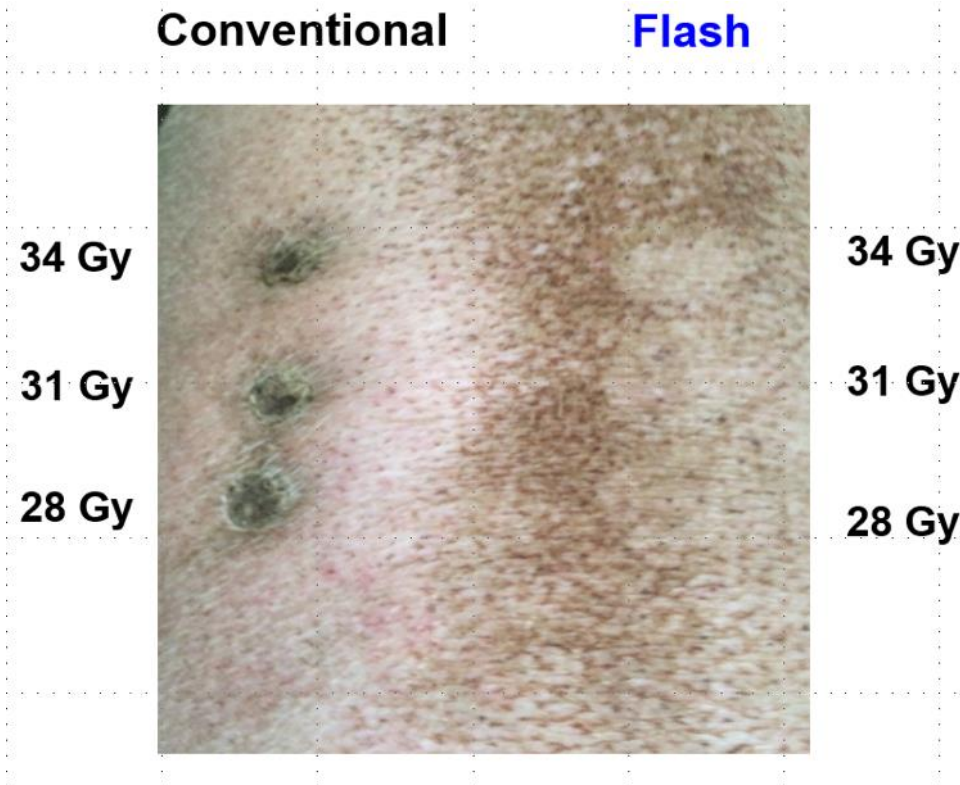


Original Article

## Treatment of a first patient with FLASH-radiotherapy

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Vozenin et al  
*Clin Cancer Res*  
2018




Fig. 1. Temporal evolution of the treated lesion: (a) before treatment; the limits of the PTV are delineated in black; (b) at 3 weeks, at the peak of skin reactions (grade 1 epithelitis NCI-CTCAE v 5.0); (c) at 5 months.

First human patient – skin cancer treated with 10 MeV-range electrons

# Medipix

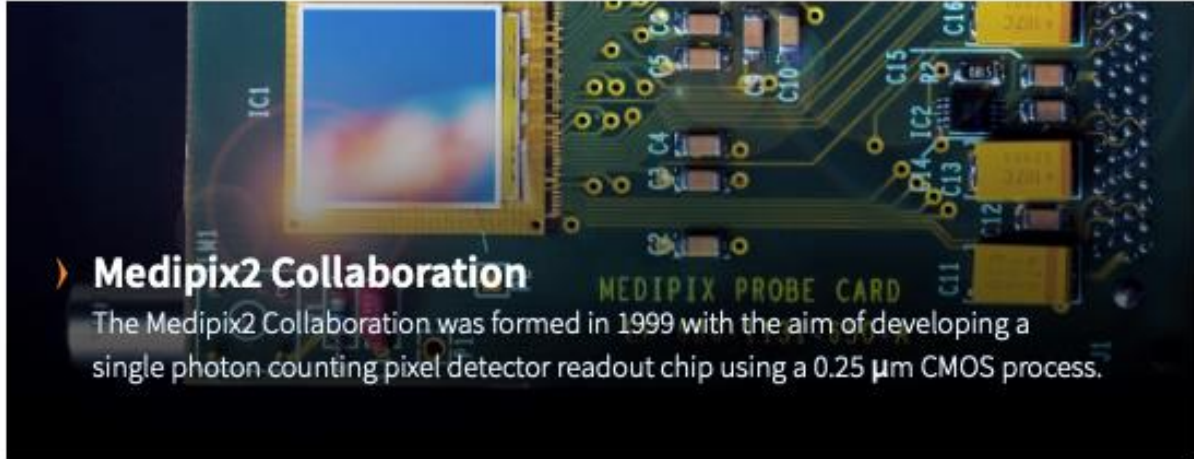
A family of pixel detector read-out chips for particle imaging and detection developed by the Medipix Collaborations



A photograph of a Medipix1 chip, showing a long, narrow array of colorful pixels (red, green, blue, purple) on a dark substrate, with a gold-colored edge connector.

## Medipix1 Collaboration

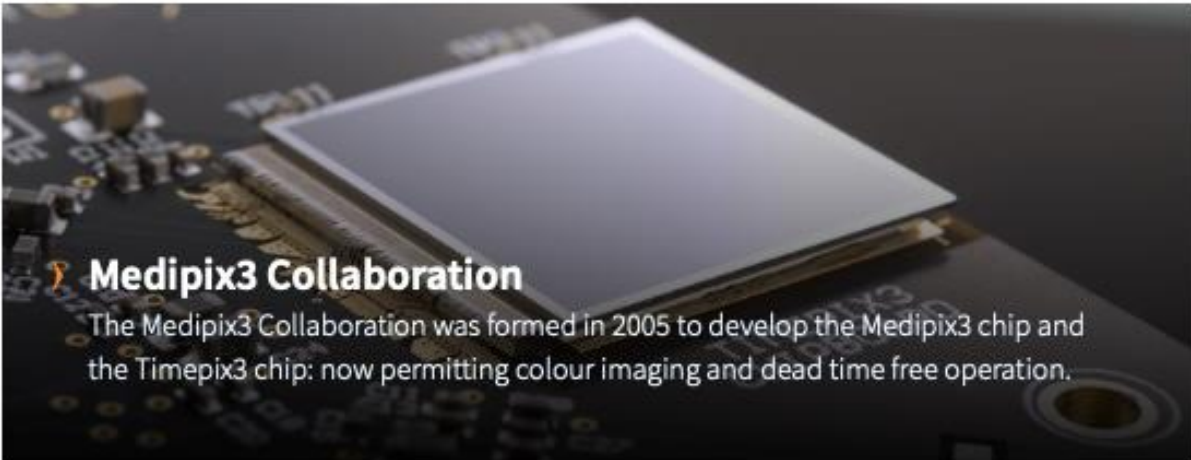
The Medipix1 collaboration was formed in the 1990's when the potential of the new technology to provide noise-free single-photon counting was demonstrated.



A photograph of a Medipix2 probe card, showing a square chip with a colorful pixel array on a green PCB. Various components like capacitors (C10, C11, C12, C13, C14, C15, C16) and integrated circuits (IC1, IC2) are visible.

## Medipix2 Collaboration


The Medipix2 Collaboration was formed in 1999 with the aim of developing a single photon counting pixel detector readout chip using a 0.25  $\mu\text{m}$  CMOS process.



A photograph of a Medipix3 chip, showing a square, white, pixelated detector array mounted on a dark PCB.

## Medipix3 Collaboration

The Medipix3 Collaboration was formed in 2005 to develop the Medipix3 chip and the Timepix3 chip: now permitting colour imaging and dead time free operation.



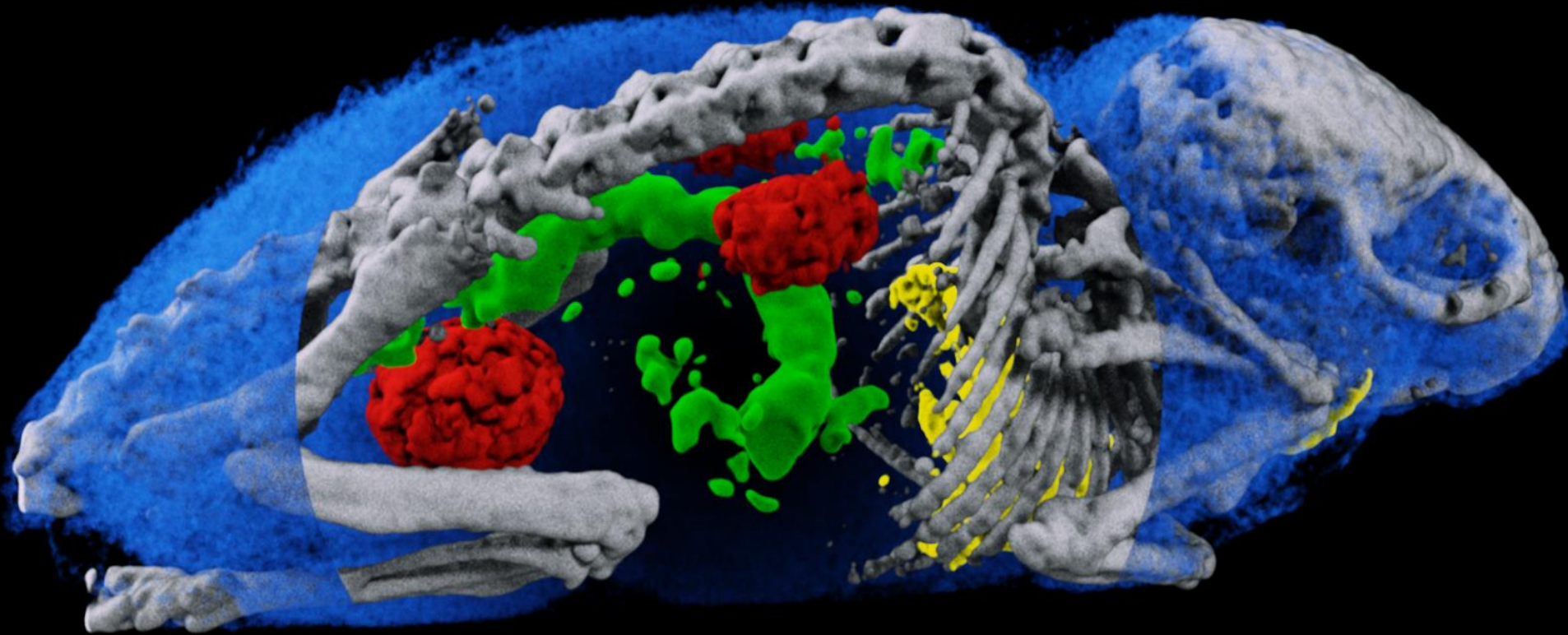
A photograph of two Medipix4 chips, one purple and one red, showing their pixel arrays and circuitry on a dark substrate.

## Medipix4 Collaboration

The Medipix4 Collaboration was launched in 2017. The aim is designing pixel read-out chips fully prepared for TSV processing that may be tiled on all four sides.



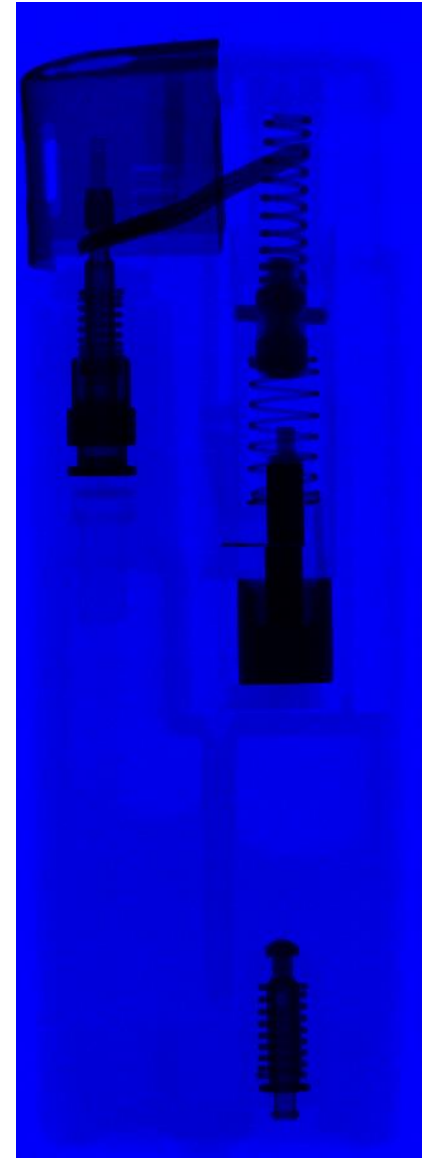
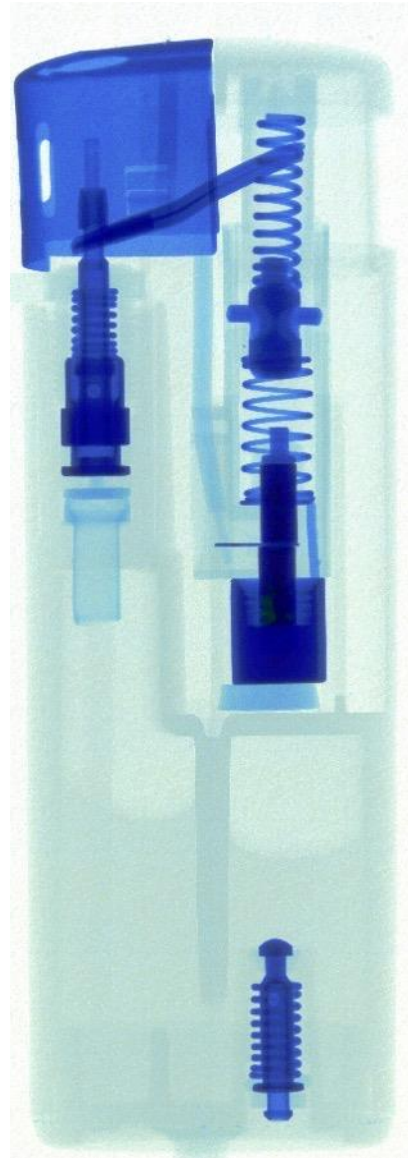
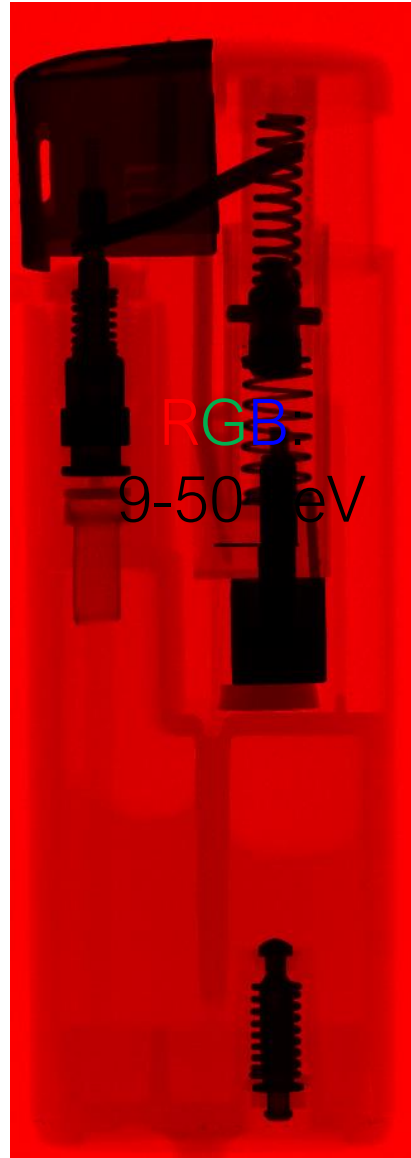
# Spectroscopic information permits material separation



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

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

# Colour x-ray of a lighter

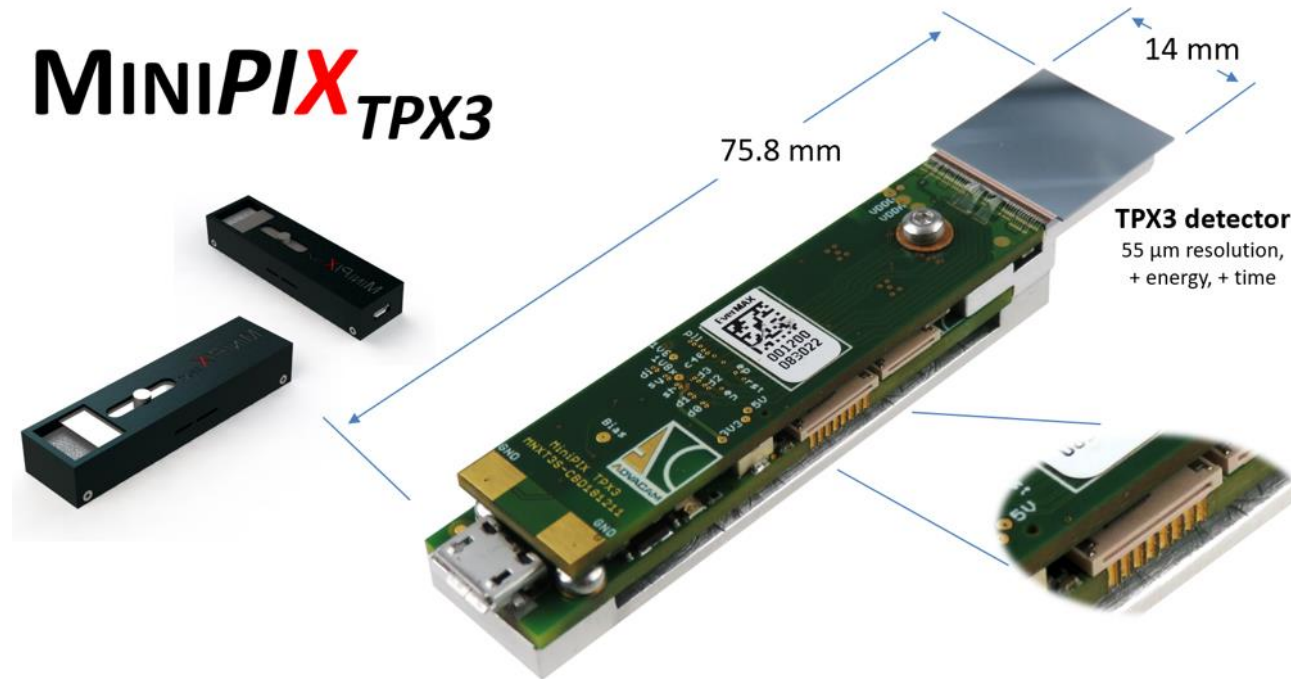


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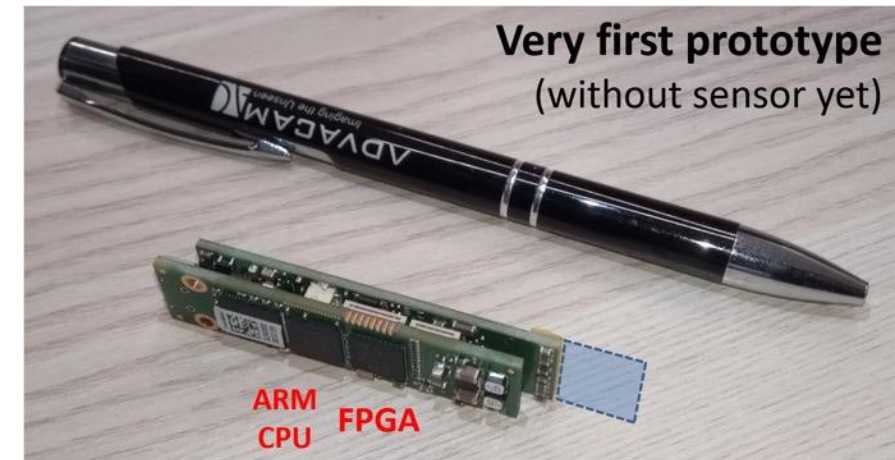


# MiniPIX TPX3

## Miniaturized spectral camera supporting Si and CdTe sensors

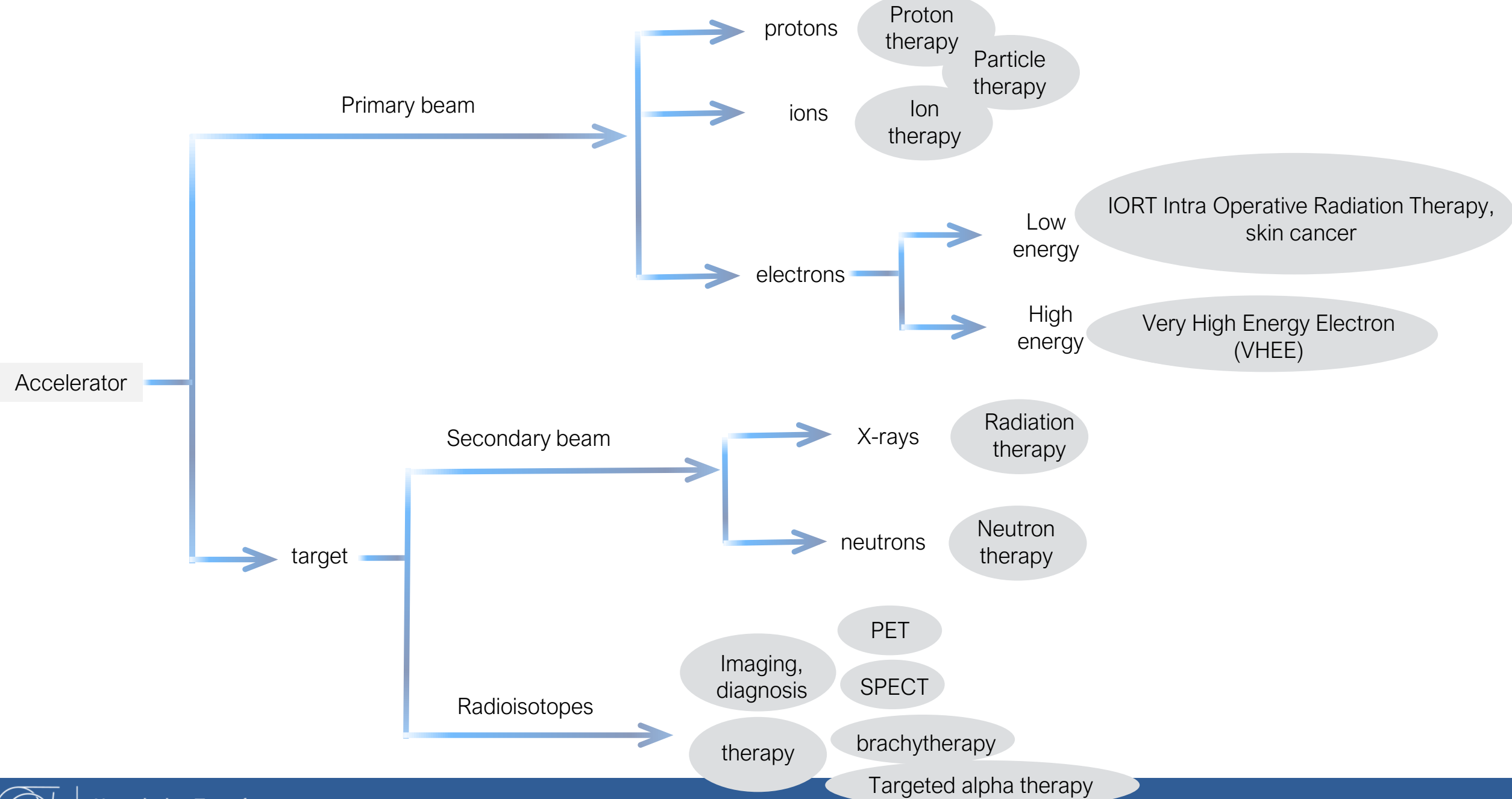


It's really small...



**ADVACAM**  
Imaging the Unseen

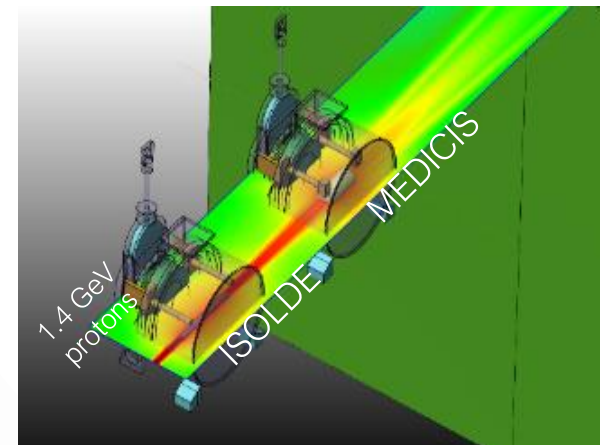
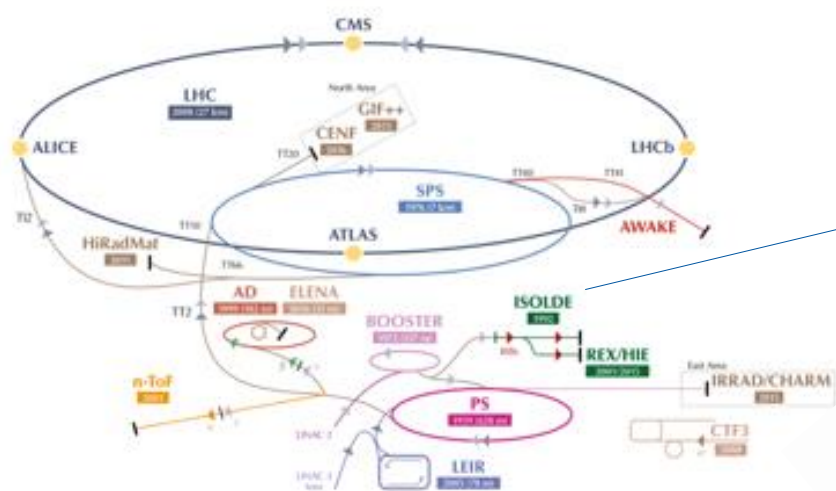




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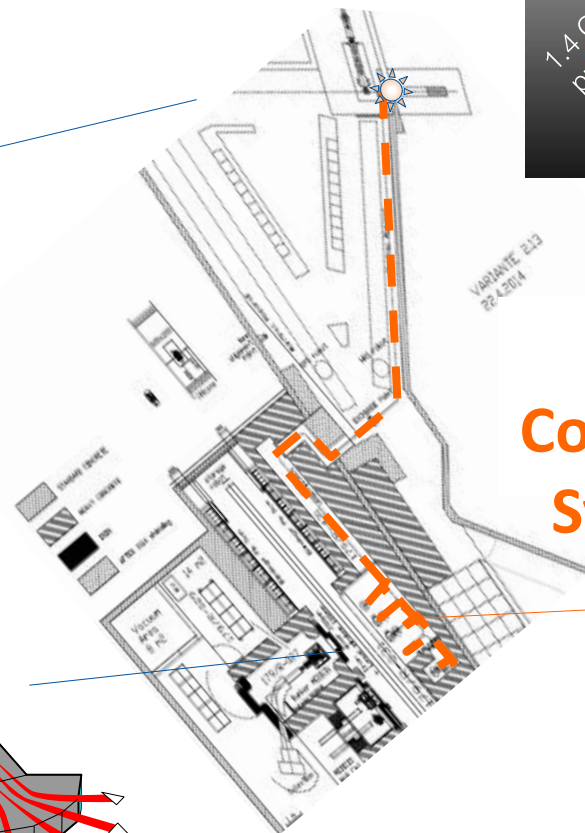


Non-conventional isotopes collected by mass separation for new medical applications

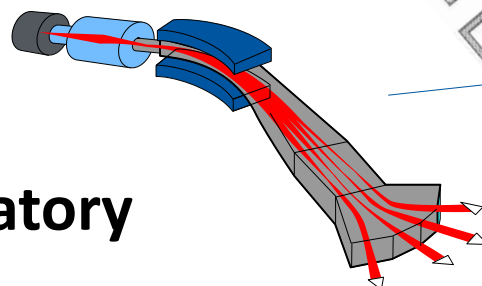


**MEDICIS Target Irradiation**

“Free” proton beam (otherwise lost in the dump)



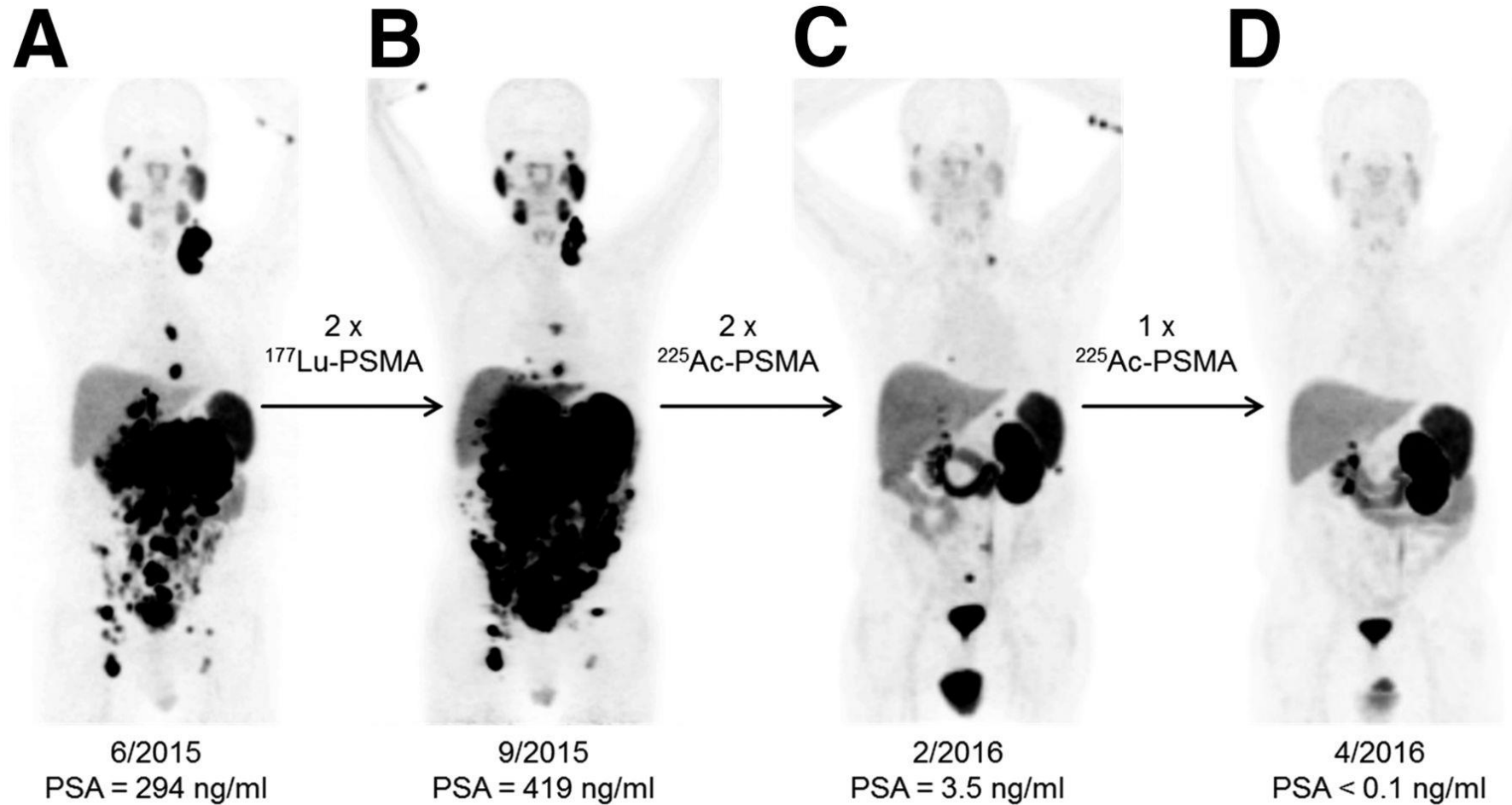
**Rail Conveyor System**



**MEDICIS Laboratory**







68Ga-PSMA-11 PET/CT scans of patient B. In comparison to initial tumor spread (A), restaging after 2 cycles of  $\beta$ -emitting  $^{177}\text{Lu-PSMA}$ -617 presented progression (B).

Clemens Kratochwil et al. J Nucl Med 2016;57:1941-1944

# 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

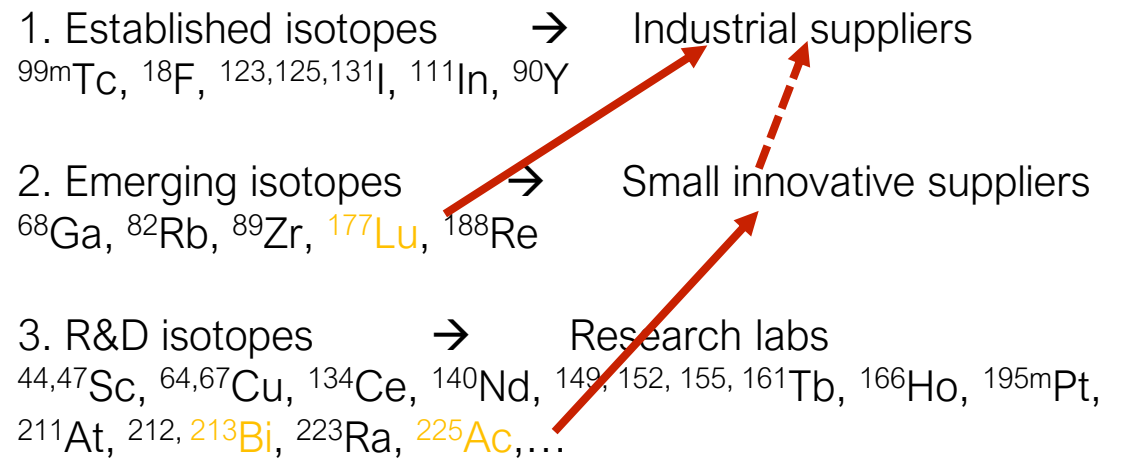
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# Radioisotopes & Nuclear Medicine

## Classification of isotopes for Medicine:



Courtesy U. Koester

# Theranostics

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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 Zhernosekov, 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>



## CAFEIN

A modular **federated learning** platform to support medical analysis, diagnosis and predictions.

Being applied to brain imaging, cancer screening, stroke management.

EC-funded project Trustroke.

## MARCHESE

**Remote contactless human recognition and health monitoring system.** Neonatal monitoring, rehab, elderly patients, search and rescue.

Collaboration with CHU Lille.

## CAiMIRA

a risk assessment tool developed to model the **concentration of viruses in enclosed spaces**

Collaboration with WHO.

Open-source, used worldwide

## BioDynaMo

An **agent-based simulation environment for multidisciplinary use**

Open source, collaboration for specific use cases

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#selection at the end -add back the deselected mirror modifier object
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print("Selected" + str(modifier_ob)) # modifier ob is the active ob
#mirror_ob.select = 0
from bpy.context.selected_objects
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# MACHINA

Movable Accelerator for  
Cultural Heritage In-situ  
Non-destructive Analysis

Construction of a  
compact, transportable  
accelerator

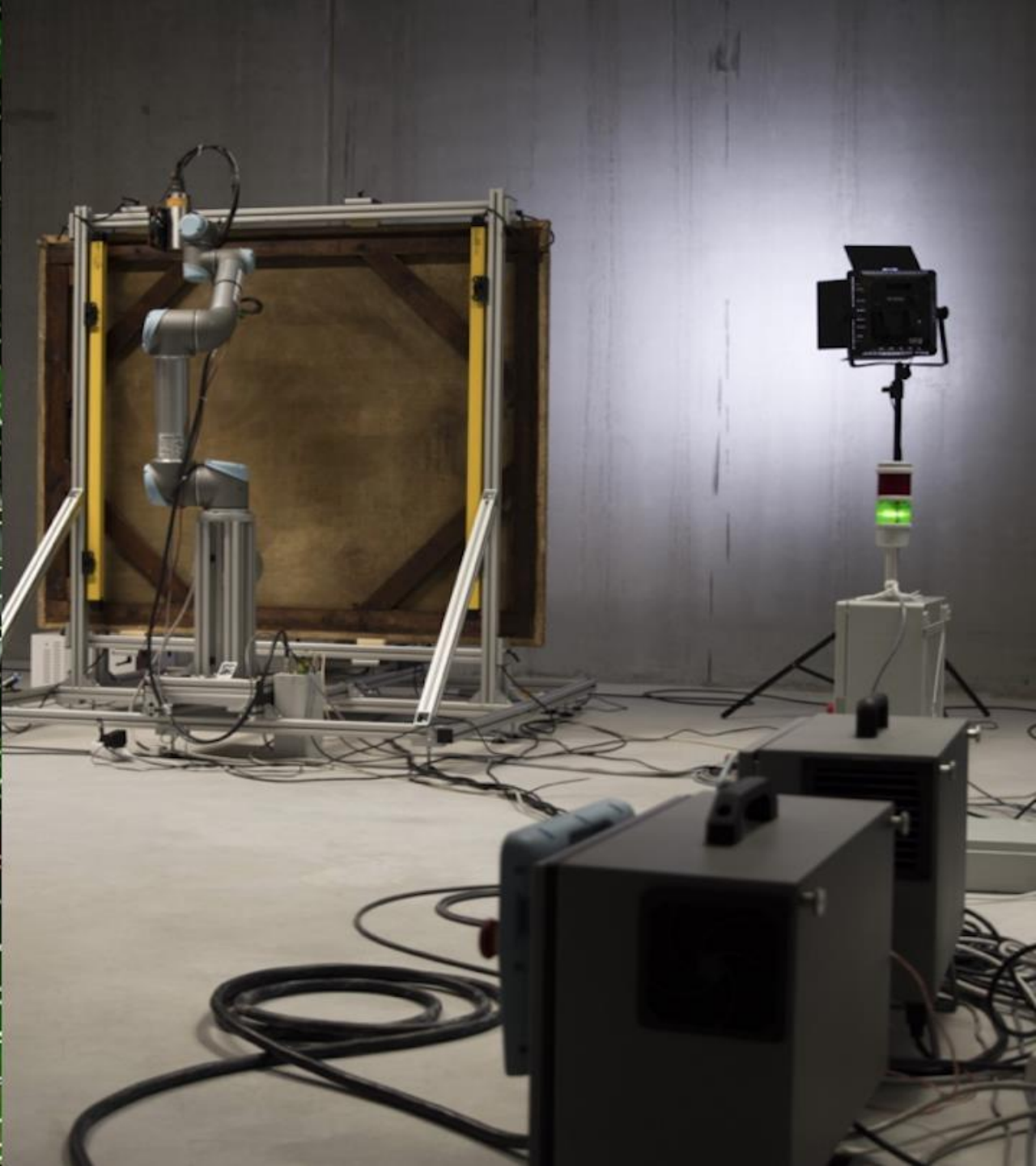
based on the HF-RFQ  
developed at CERN

In collaboration with  
INFN-CHNet (Cultural  
Heritage Network)

Photo: INFN








**InsightArt**  
Start-up using Medipix  
X-ray eyes for cultural heritage



Consultancy



Bundesdruckerei (Berlin) works with CERN on next generation ideas for identity management and cryptography and data handling.

ZENSEACT (Volvo Cars Company) teams up with CERN on extremely fast machine learning using FPGAs.

Collaborative R&D







Collaborative R&D

CERN and ABB team up on reducing electricity in cooling and ventilation.

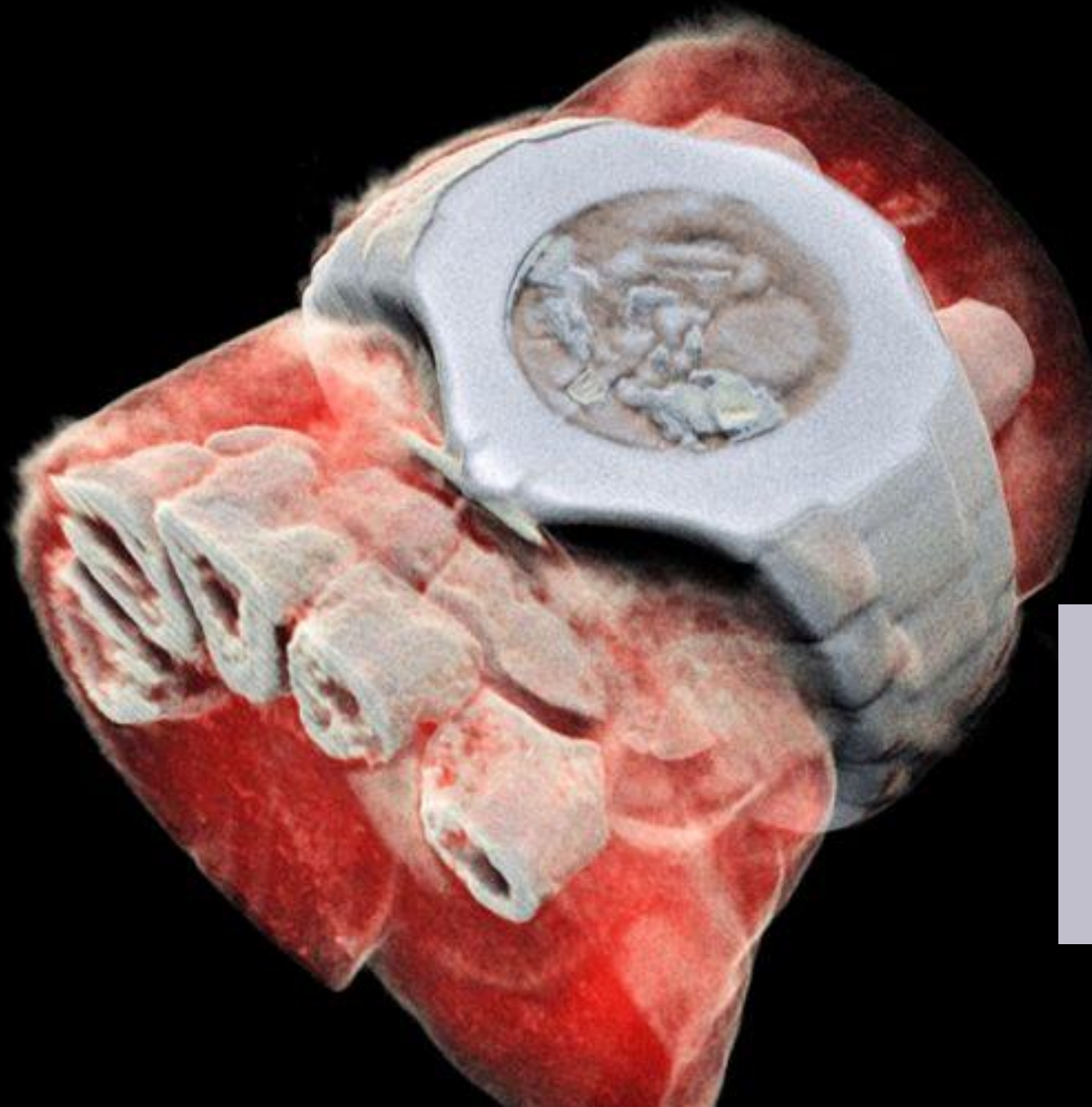




Collaborative R&D

Collaboration with CORMEC and WUR to support national banks and regulators to detect trading anomalies in stock market.





MARS Bio Imaging:  
next generation X ray  
finally in color using  
CERN chips



# Timepix on the ISS



Courtesy of NASA, photo ref. no. iss036e006175



Knowledge Transfer  
Accelerating Innovation



# Digital Preservation

## TIND:

a **CERN spin-off** providing solutions for library management and data preservation based on the CERN open source software Invenio

# Key lessons learned

- CERN is strong in the ‘extremes’ of the technology scale
- You need passionate experts on both sides to succeed
- Start with a concrete project and clear business need
- Mind the gap – in language, ‘clockspeed’ and culture
- Driving deep tech innovation requires courage

## Key challenges

- CERN experts are busy
- Our technologies have low TRL
- What is our Unique Value Proposition?

Molte grazie  
per  
l'attenzione