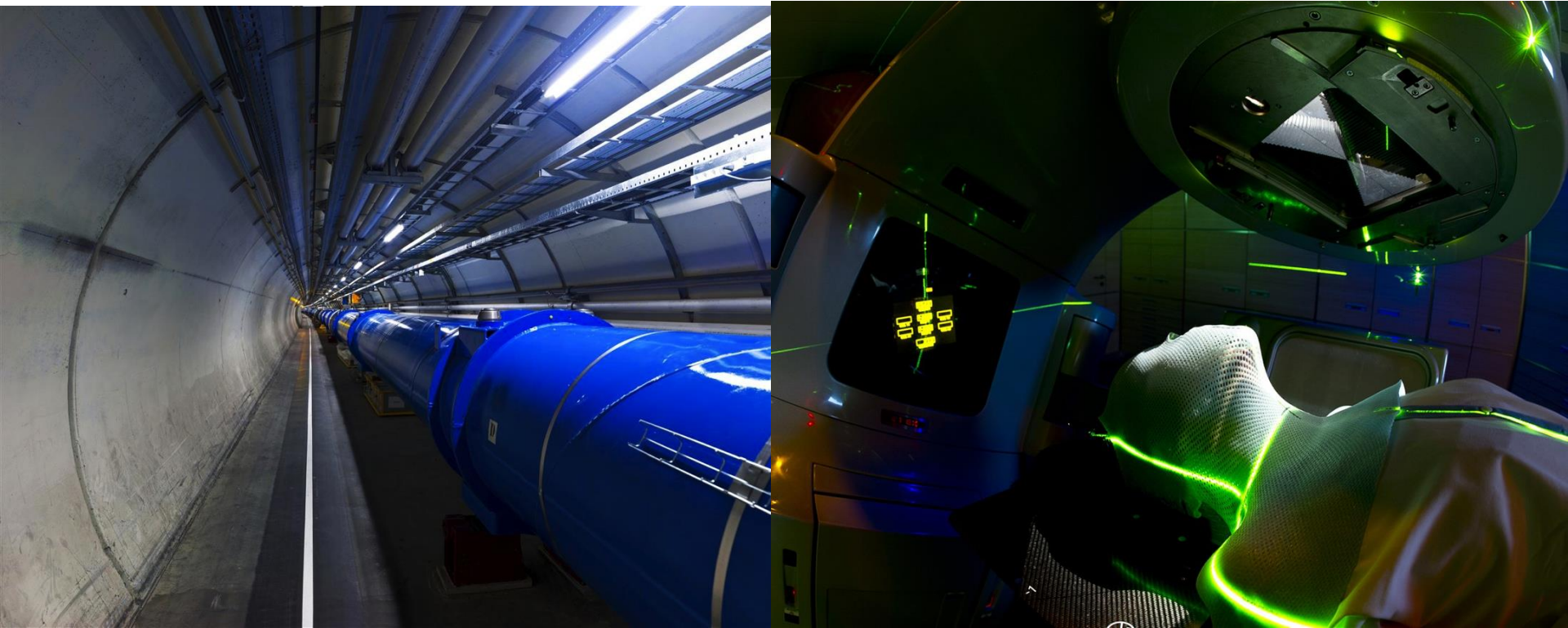


Particelle per la salute:

dal laboratorio al paziente più velocemente e più democraticamente



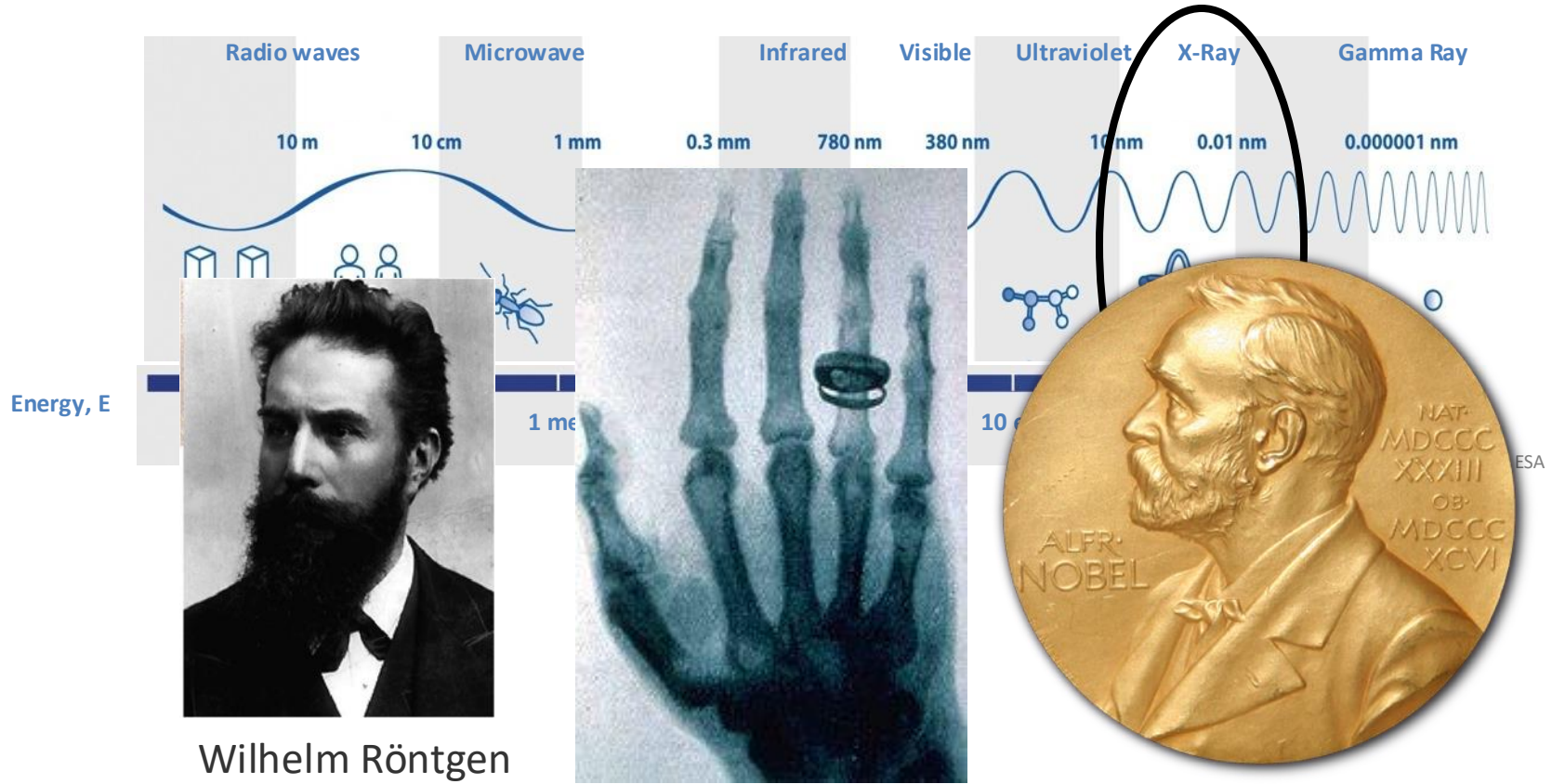
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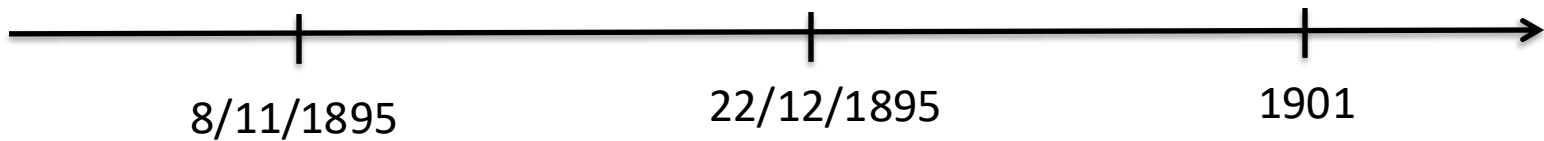
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La Fisica medica moderna.....gli inizi



Wilhelm Röntgen

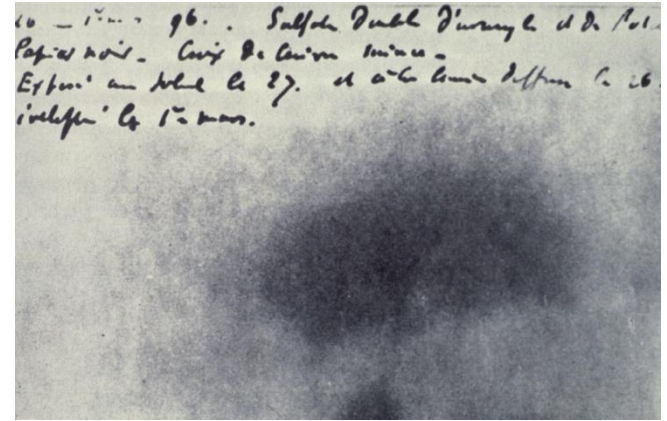


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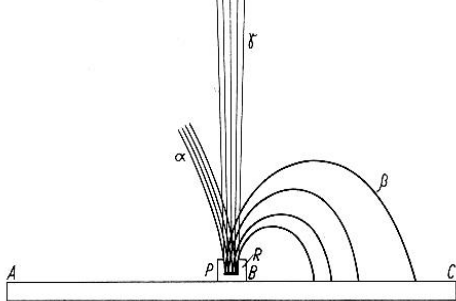


Henri Becquerel

1896:
Scoperta della
radioattività naturale

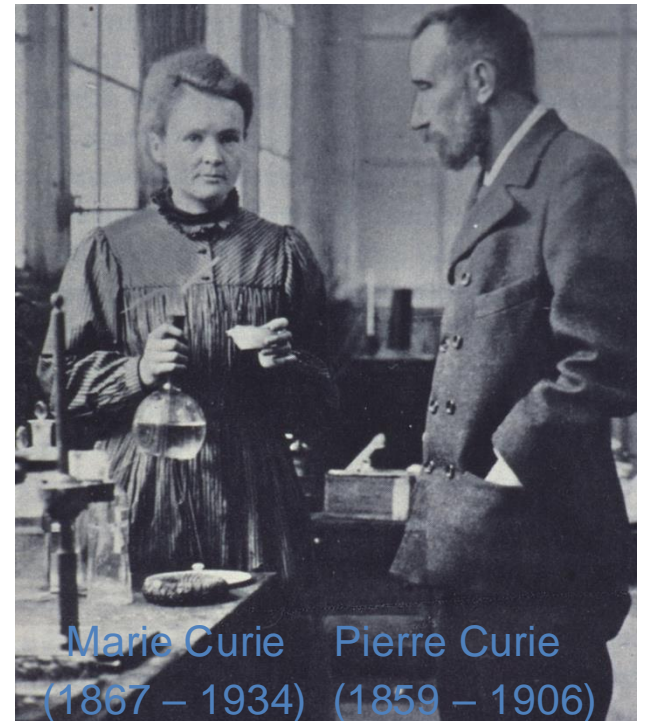


Thesis of Mme. Curie – 1904
 α , β , γ in magnetic field



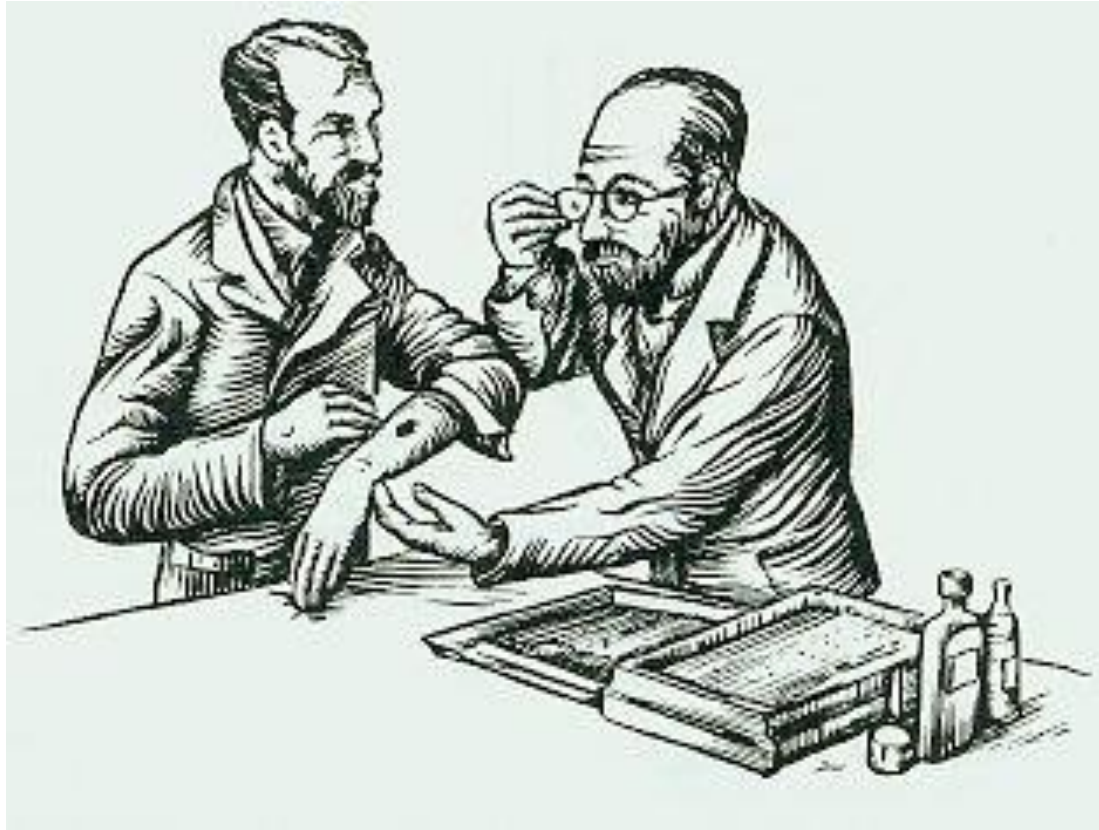
1898: Scoperta del
Radio

Immediatamente
usato per la
“Brachytherapy”



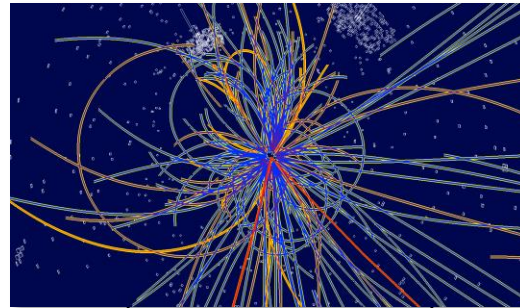
Marie Curie (1867 – 1934) Pierre Curie (1859 – 1906)

Il primo esperimento di radiobiologia



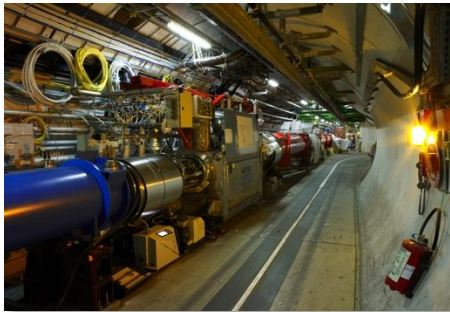
Pierre Curie and Henri Becquerel

CERN e Tecnologie (tre pilastri)



Rivelatori di
Particelle

Accelerazione di
fasci di particelle

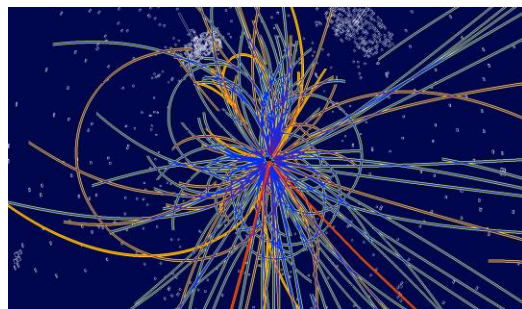


Higgs

Calcolo su larga
scala (Grid)

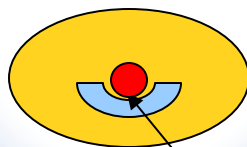


Le tecnologie della Fisica applicate alla Salute



Rivelatori di
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Accelerazione di
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TUMORI

Calcolo su larga
scala (Grid)



Un quarto pilastro: Catalizzare le collaborazioni

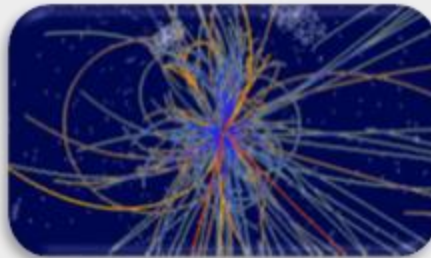
Accelerazione di particelle



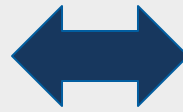
Terapia con radiazioni



Rivelazione di particelle



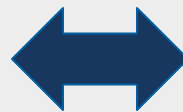
Imaging medicale

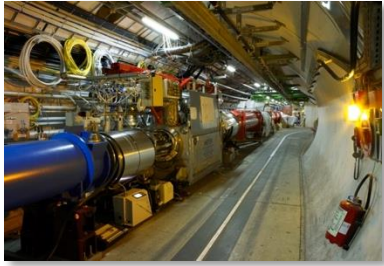


Calcolo su larga scala (Grid)

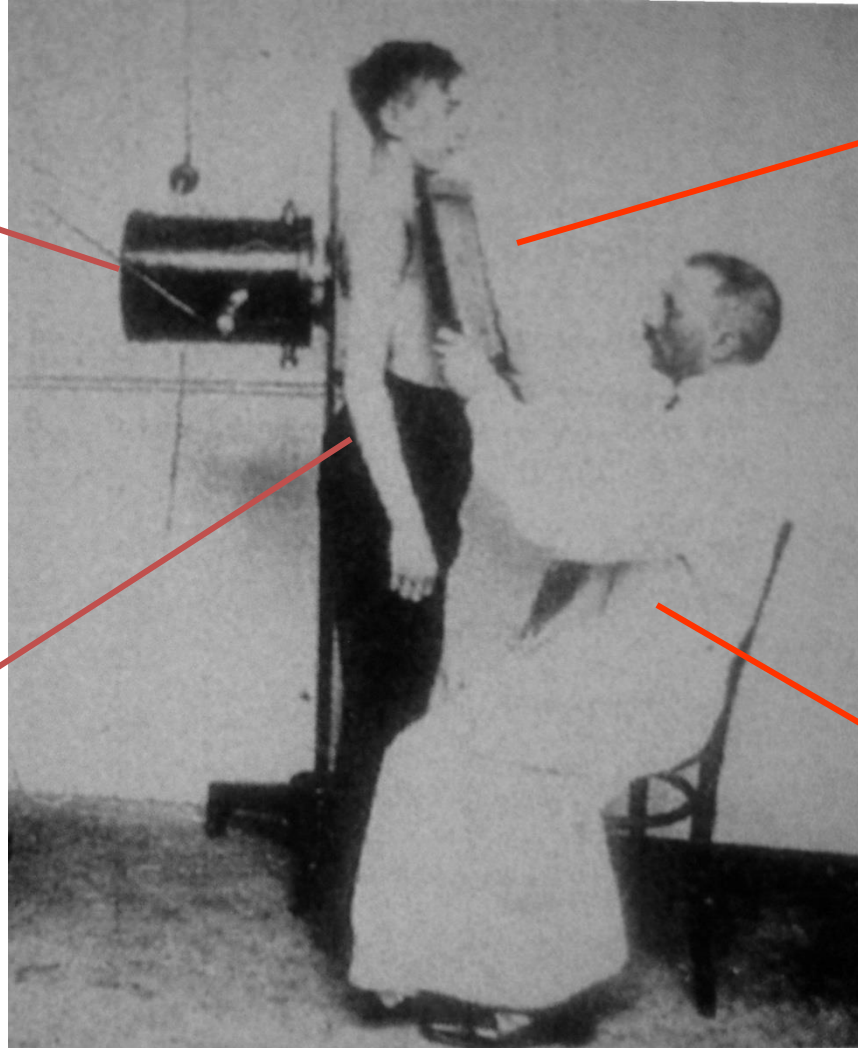


Uso del Calcolo su Grid per la gestione e l'analisi di dati medici

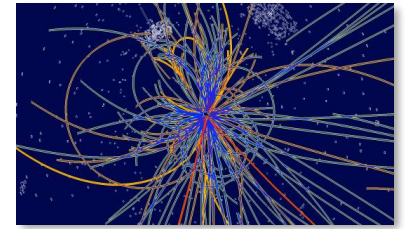




**LHC
(Sorgente di
Raggi X)**



**Higgs
(Paziente)**



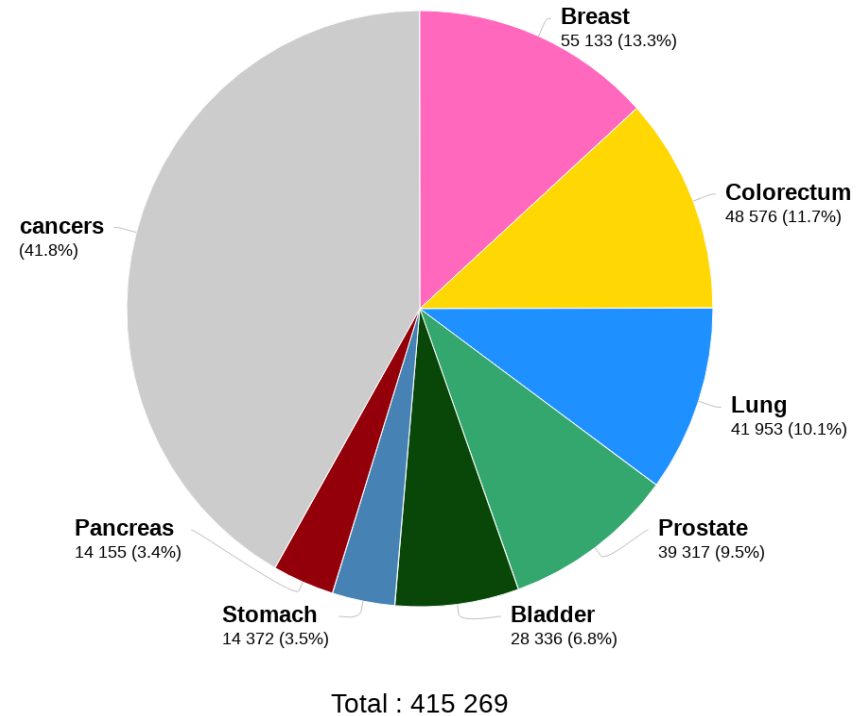
**Rivelatore
(lastra raggi X)**



**Sistema di
riconoscimento
Immagini
(il medico)**

Il Cancro è una sfida globale in continua crescita

- Globalmente **19.3** milioni di nuovi casi per anno sono diagnosticati e si sono avuti **10** milioni di morti nel **2020**
- Questo aumenterà fino a **30** milioni di nuovi casi per anno e **16** milioni di morti nel **2040**
- Adesso è la **seconda causa di morte** ma in circa 20 anni sarà la **prima causa**. ((lung, breast, colorectal, prostate)
- **>70% di queste morti hanno luogo** nelle cosiddette low-and-middle-income countries (LMICs)

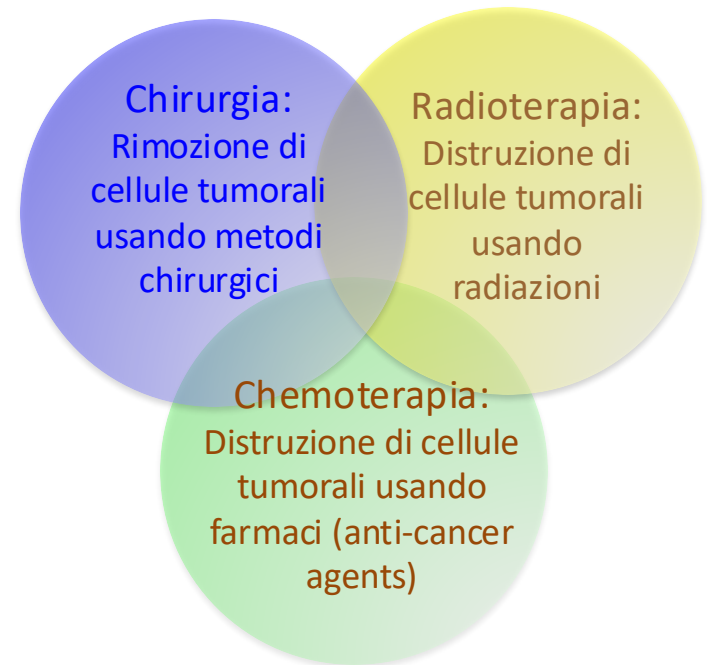


Cancer data in Italy: GLOBOSCAN 2020

- **Età** è il fattore più importante
- Più del 90% dei casi di cancro sono diagnosticati in persone dai **45 anni in su**
- Quasi un quarto dei nuovi casi sono in persone **over 70**
- **1 su 4 morti per cancro** sono causate dal **fumo**

Cosa è il Cancro?

- Tumore: che cosa è?
 - Crescita anormale di cellule
 - Maligna: senza controllo, può diffondersi (metastasi) → cancro



Trattamento del Cancro e Miglioramento delle prospettive

Idealmente è necessario trattare:

Il tumore

Tutto il tumore

Niente altro che il tumore

Il trattamento ha **due importanti finalità: uccidere** le cellule tumorali e **proteggere** i tessuti sani circostanti. Pertanto la **chiave** è “**vedere**” per sapere **dove** e “**depositare**” con precisione per essere certi che vada lì dove deve andare.

Rivelatori e l'arte di vedere.....

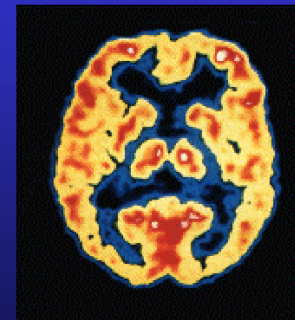
Rivelatori di particelle



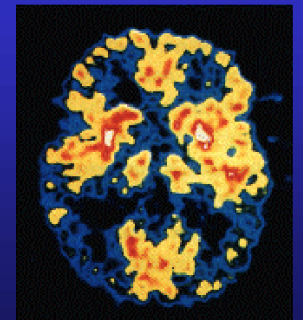
Imaging

X-ray, CT, PET, MRI

Brain Metabolism in Alzheimer's Disease: PET Scan

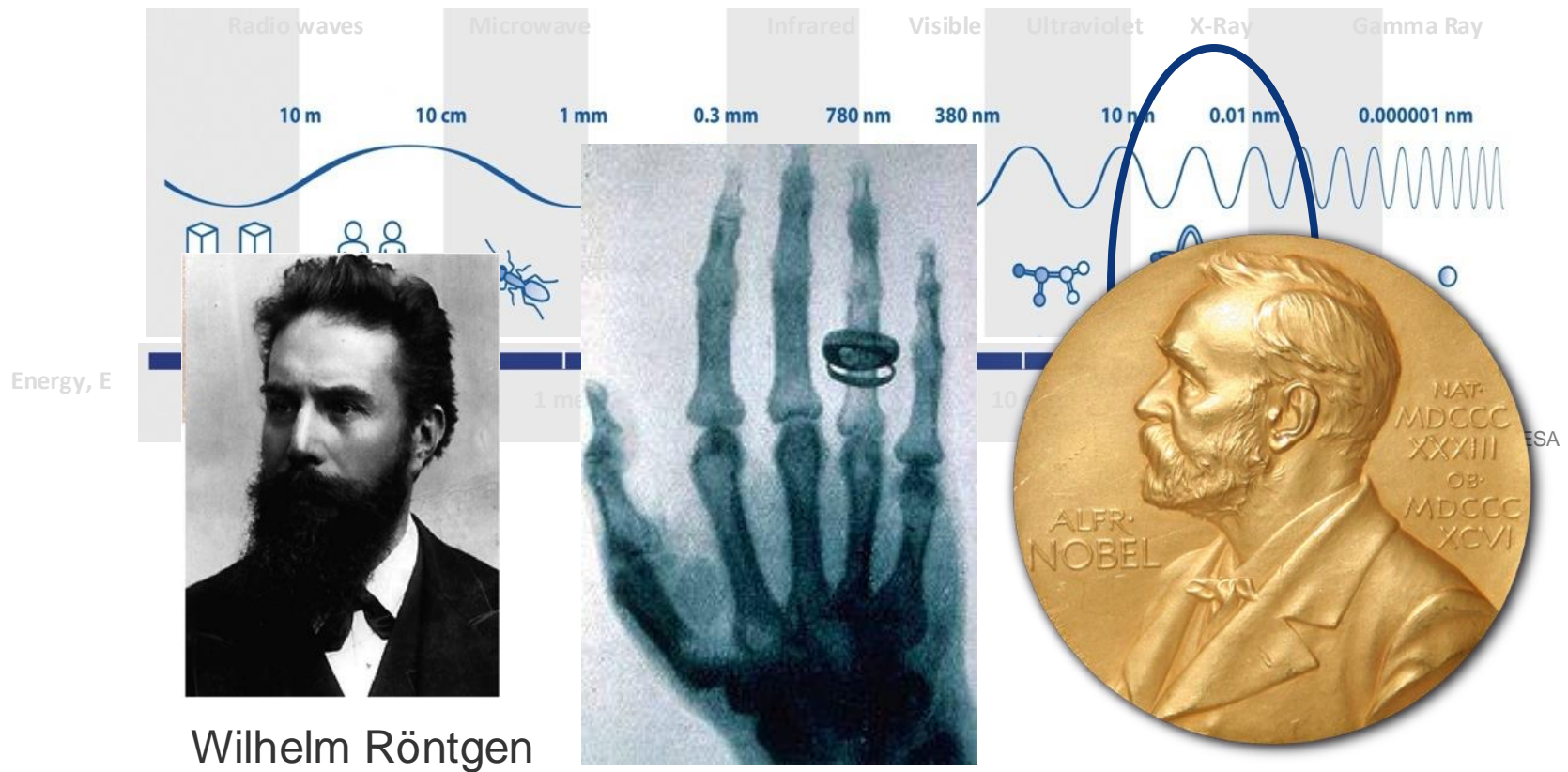


Normal Brain

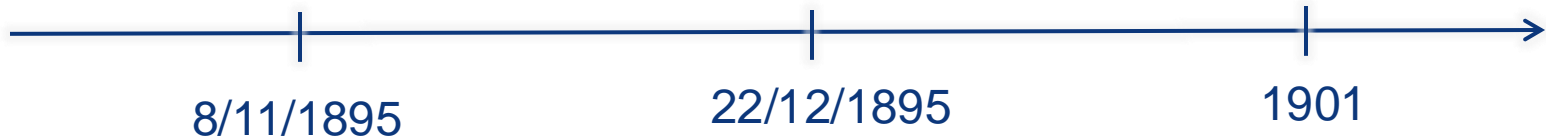


Alzheimer's Disease

X-ray imaging



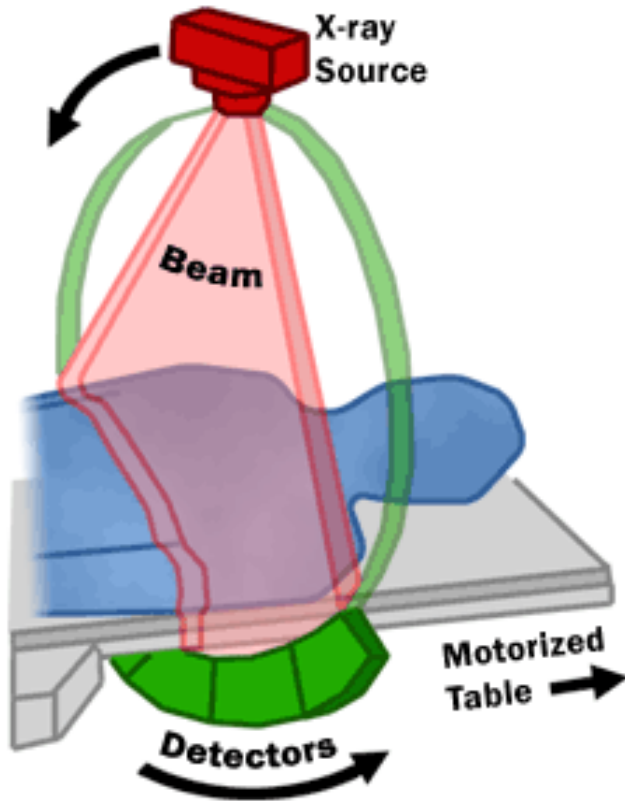
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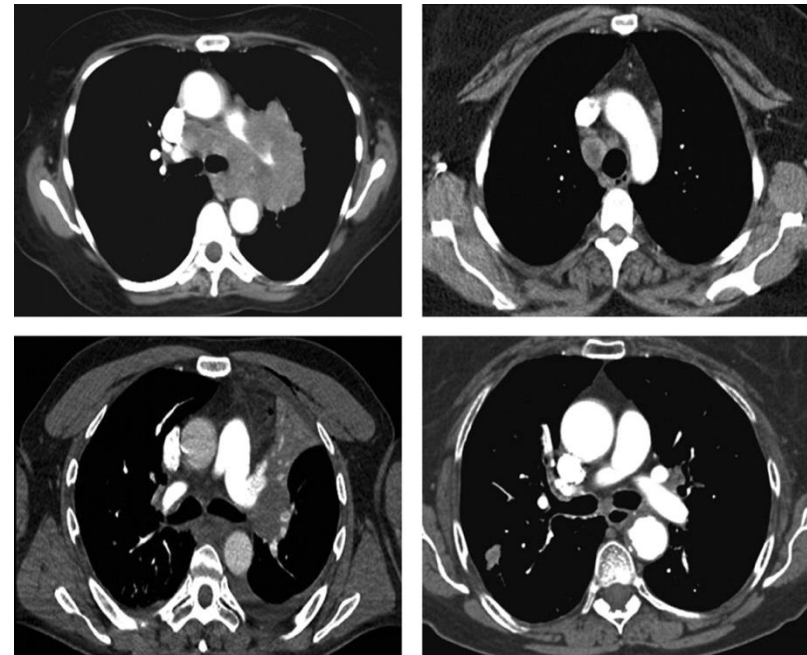
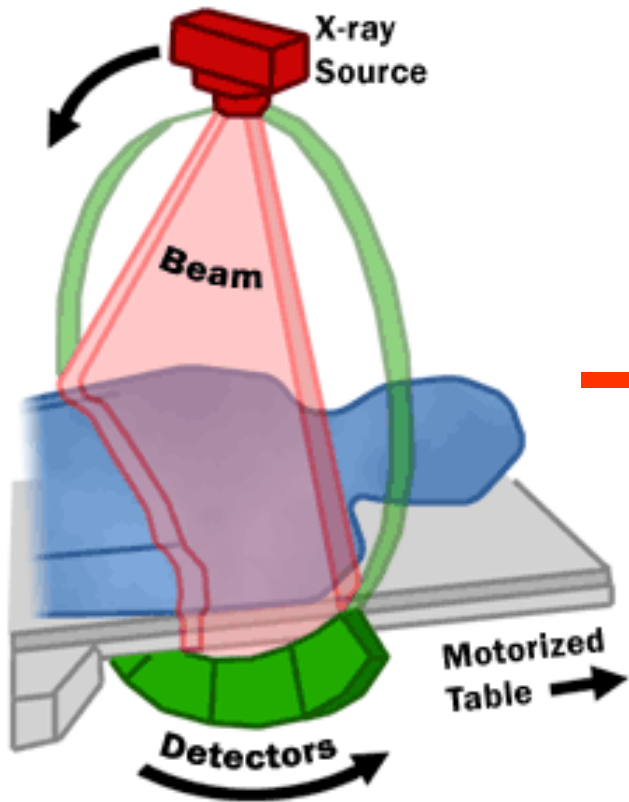
Per la prima volta si riesce a vedere sotto la pelle del paziente senza tagliarla

CT – Computed Tomography (TAC)

3d X-rays imaging



CT – Computed Tomography

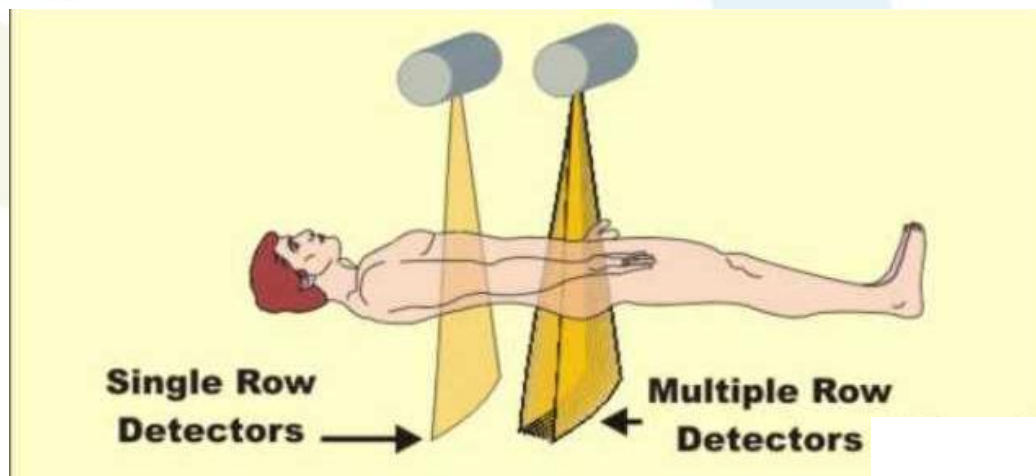


“3D-imaging”

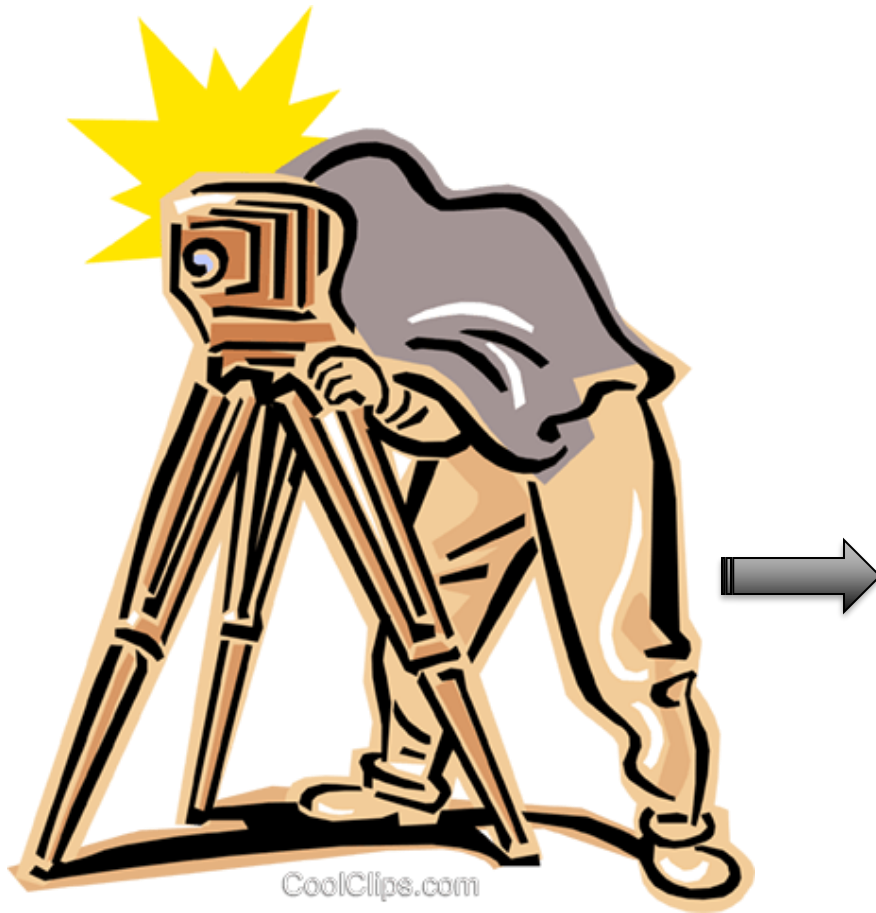
X-ray CT ha dato il via ad un cambiamento nella diagnostica medica per immagini

2000-2008 “CT Slice War”

- ***CT diviene molto veloce con piccoli voxel / pixels***
 - 2000: si acquisisce una singola sezione trasversa per rotazione
 - 2012: si acquisiscono fino a 64-500 sezioni per rotazione



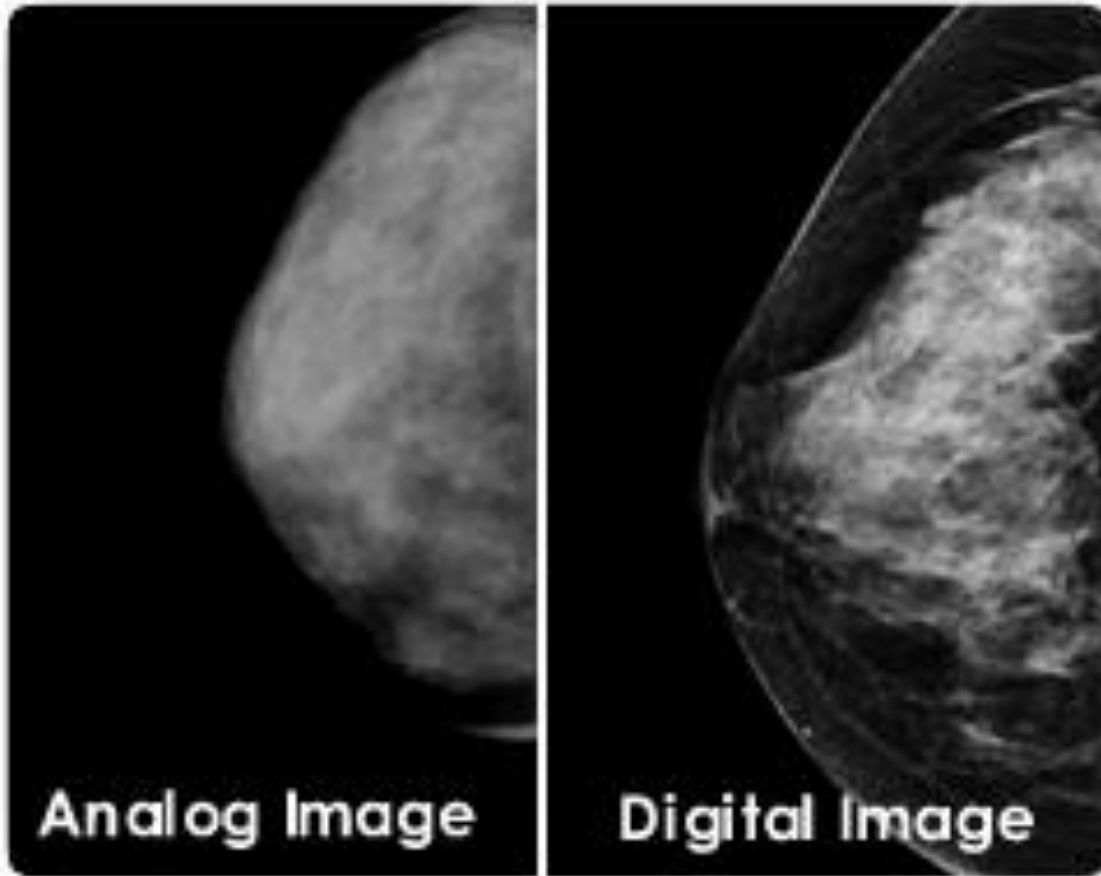
Rivoluzione nella Fotografia



Da foto in bianco e nero

Fotografia usando la tecnologia moderna

Towards digital colour x-ray imaging



Cura del cancro del seno ha subito una rivoluzione grazie al miglioramento delle immagini

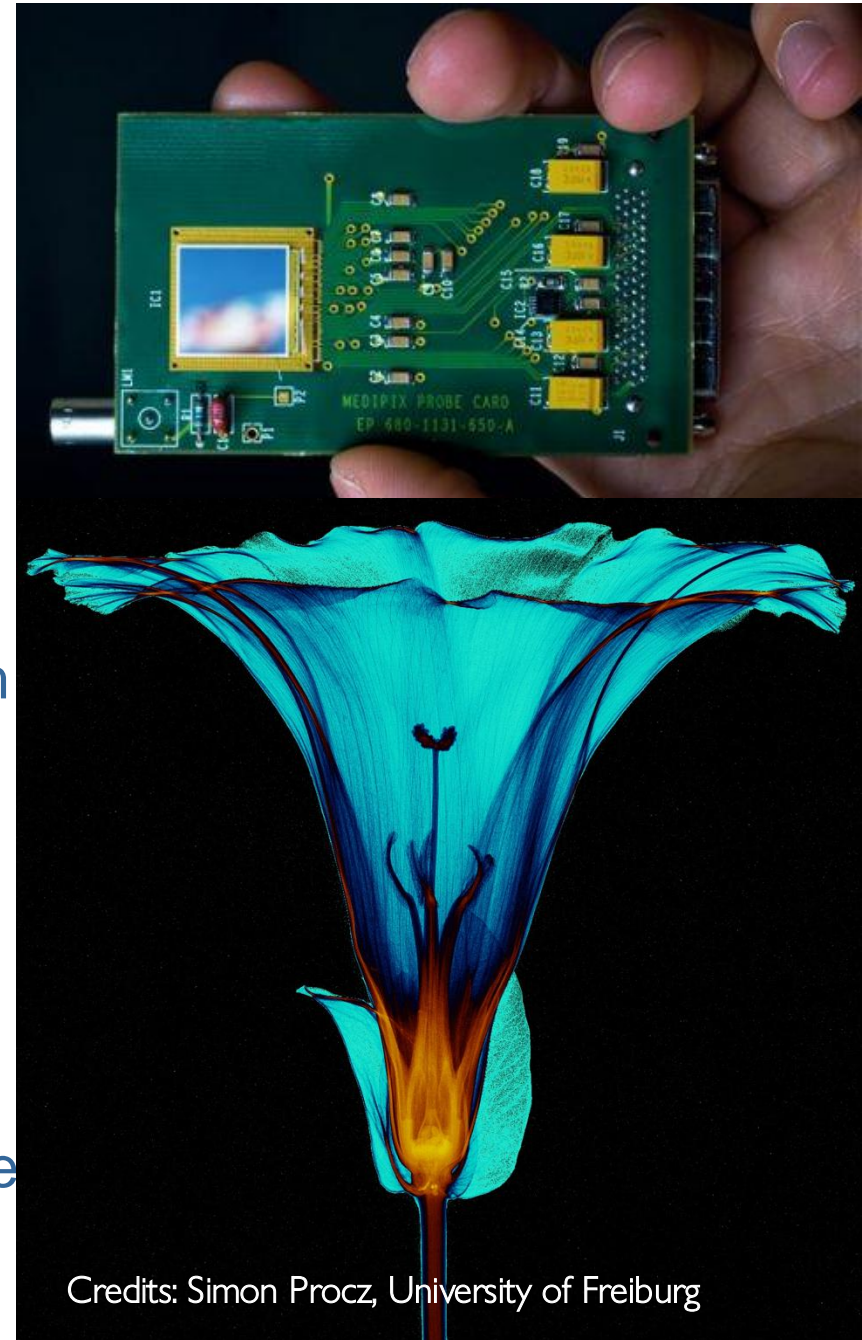
Medipix

Sviluppato per la Fisica delle alte energie:

- Usato nei rivelatori di tracciamento delle particelle
- Permette il conteggio del singolo fotone a differenza dei dispositivi tradizionali come film o CCD che integrano la carica.

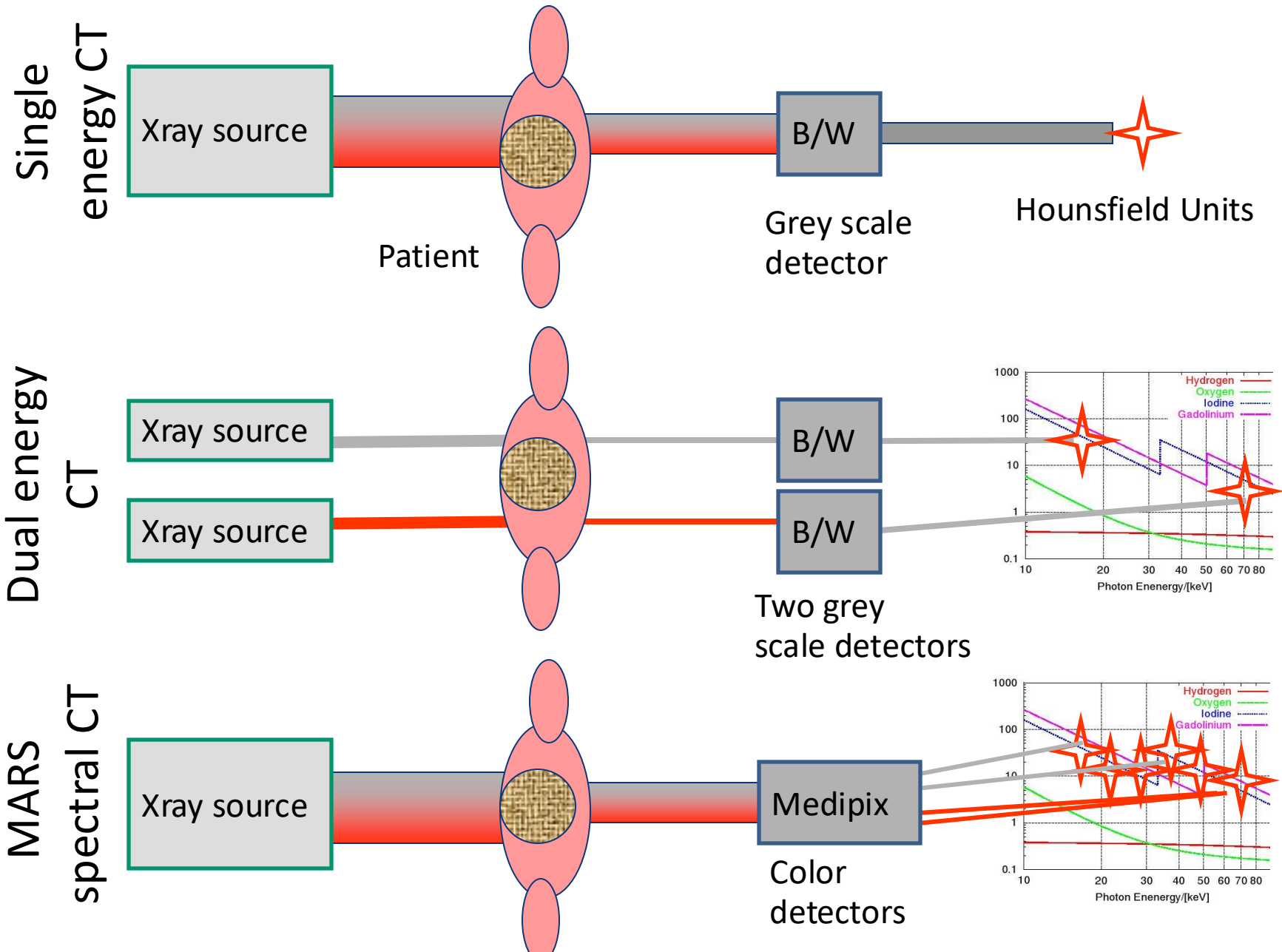
Proprietà principali:

- Dispositivo totalmente digitale.
- Elevata risoluzione spaziale.
- Rapidissimo conteggio dei fotoni
- Buona efficienza di conversione per raggi-X di bassa energia



Credits: Simon Procz, University of Freiburg

Single-, dual-, and spectral CT



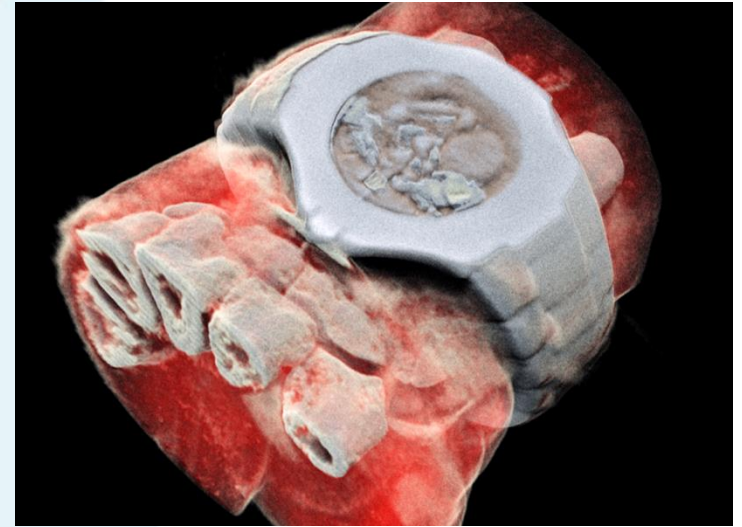
Spectral CT adesso è possibile

Medipix All Resolution System

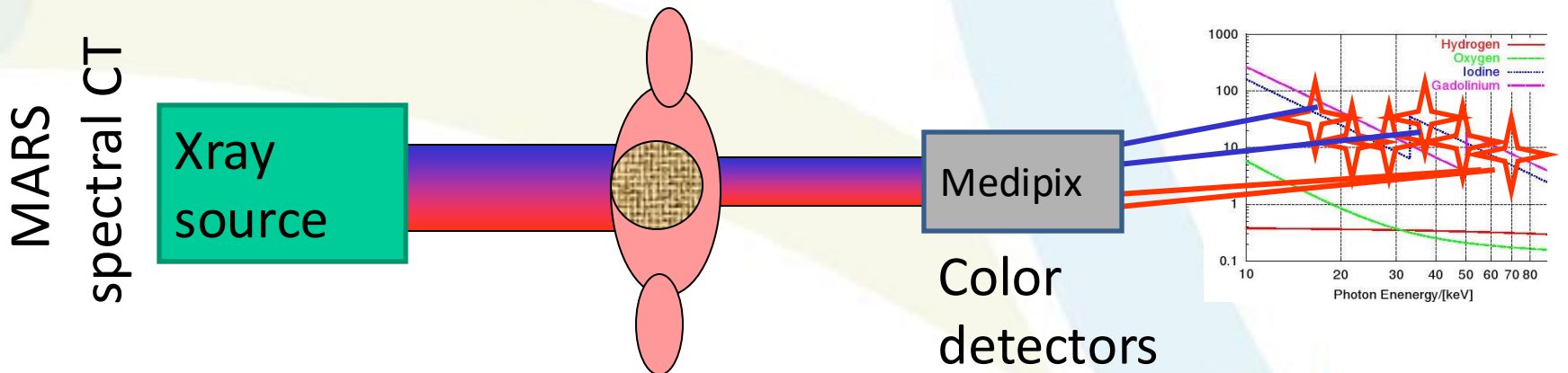
Energy resolution

Spatial resolution

Temporal resolution



First 3D colour x-ray human image



Prima immagine 3D umana a colori con raggi-X

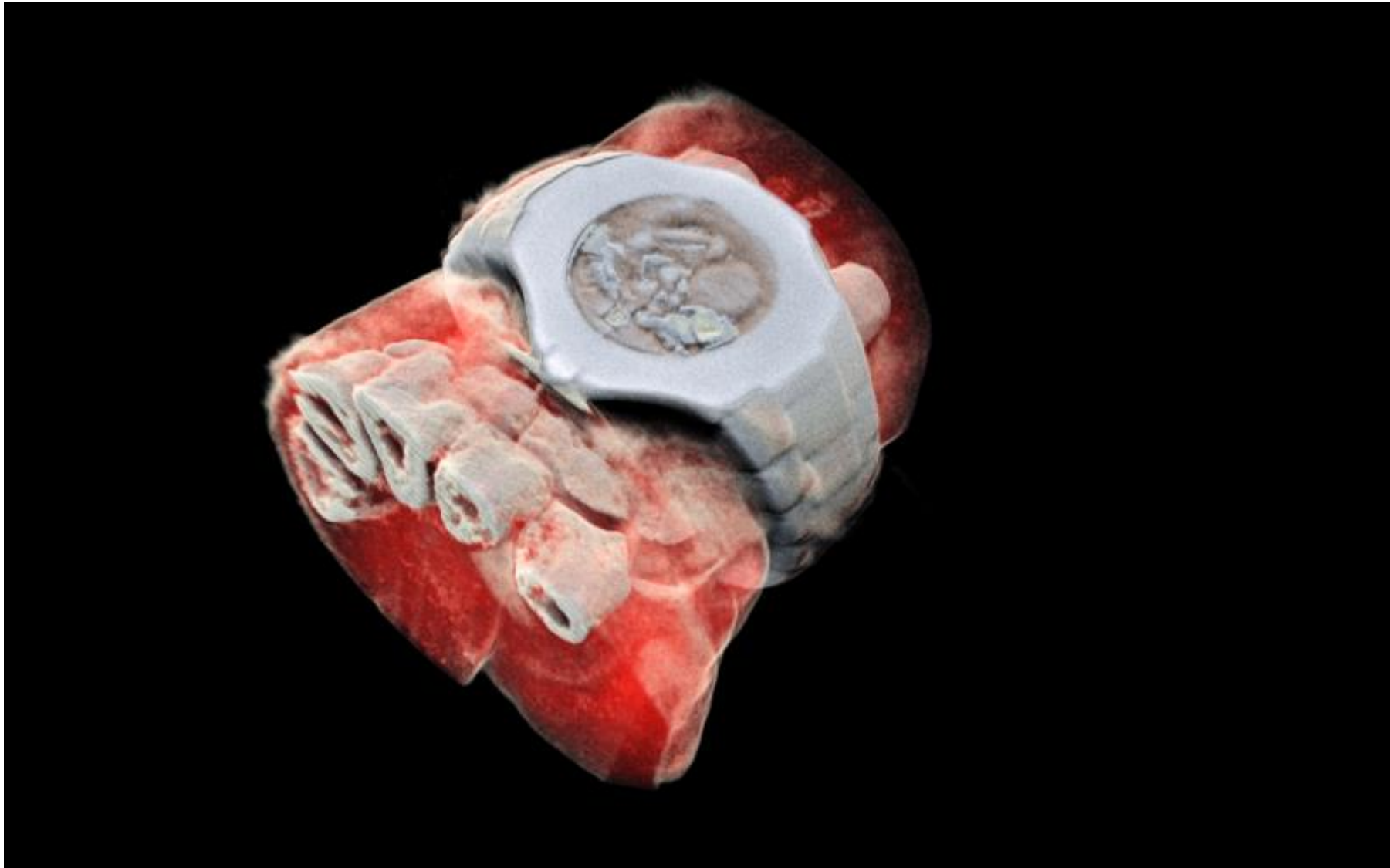
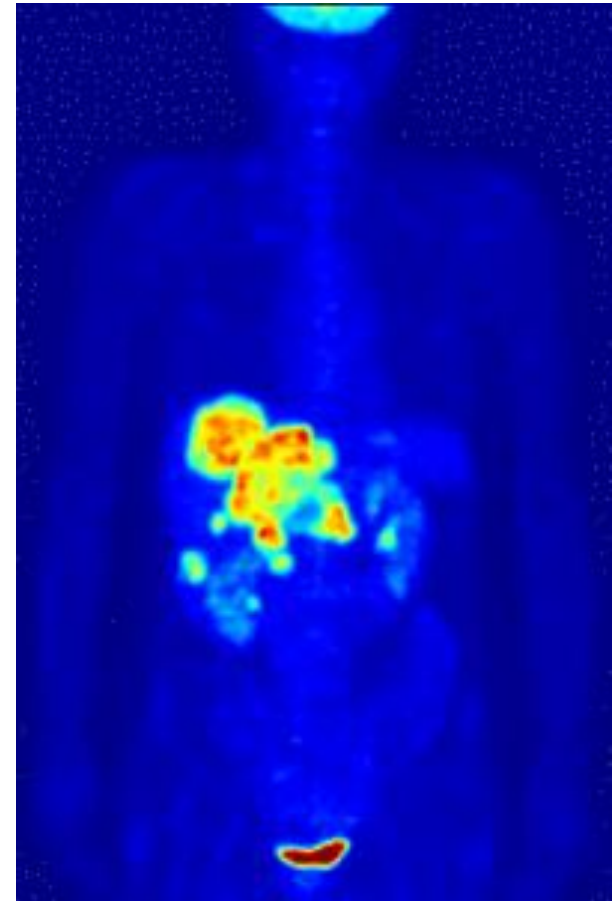
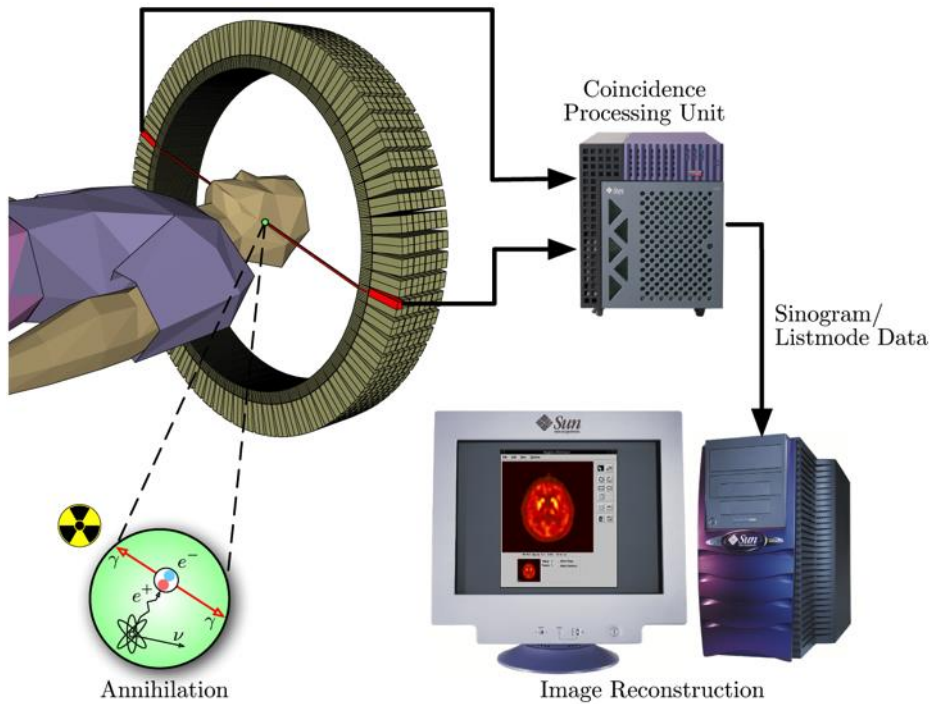


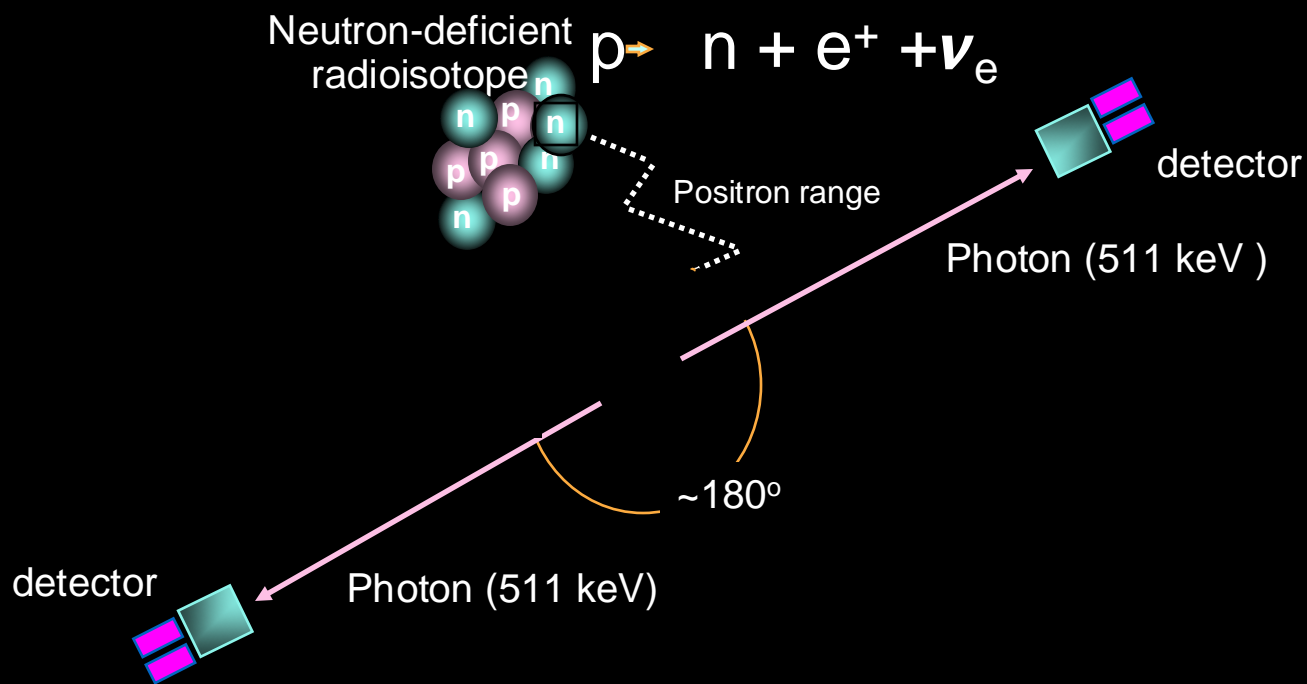
Immagine 3D di un polso con un orologio che mostra parte delle ossa delle dita in bianco e i tessuti molli in rosso. Accoppia l'informazione spettroscopica generata da Medipix3 con potenti algoritmi per generare immagini 3D. (Immagine: MARS Bioimaging Ltd)

Positron Emission Tomography (Tomografia con emissione di positroni)



- ^{18}F FDG trasporta il ^{18}F verso zone di alta attività metabolica
- 90% delle analisi PET sono in oncologia clinica
- **1974: prima PET eseguita su un essere umano**

Positron Emission Tomography

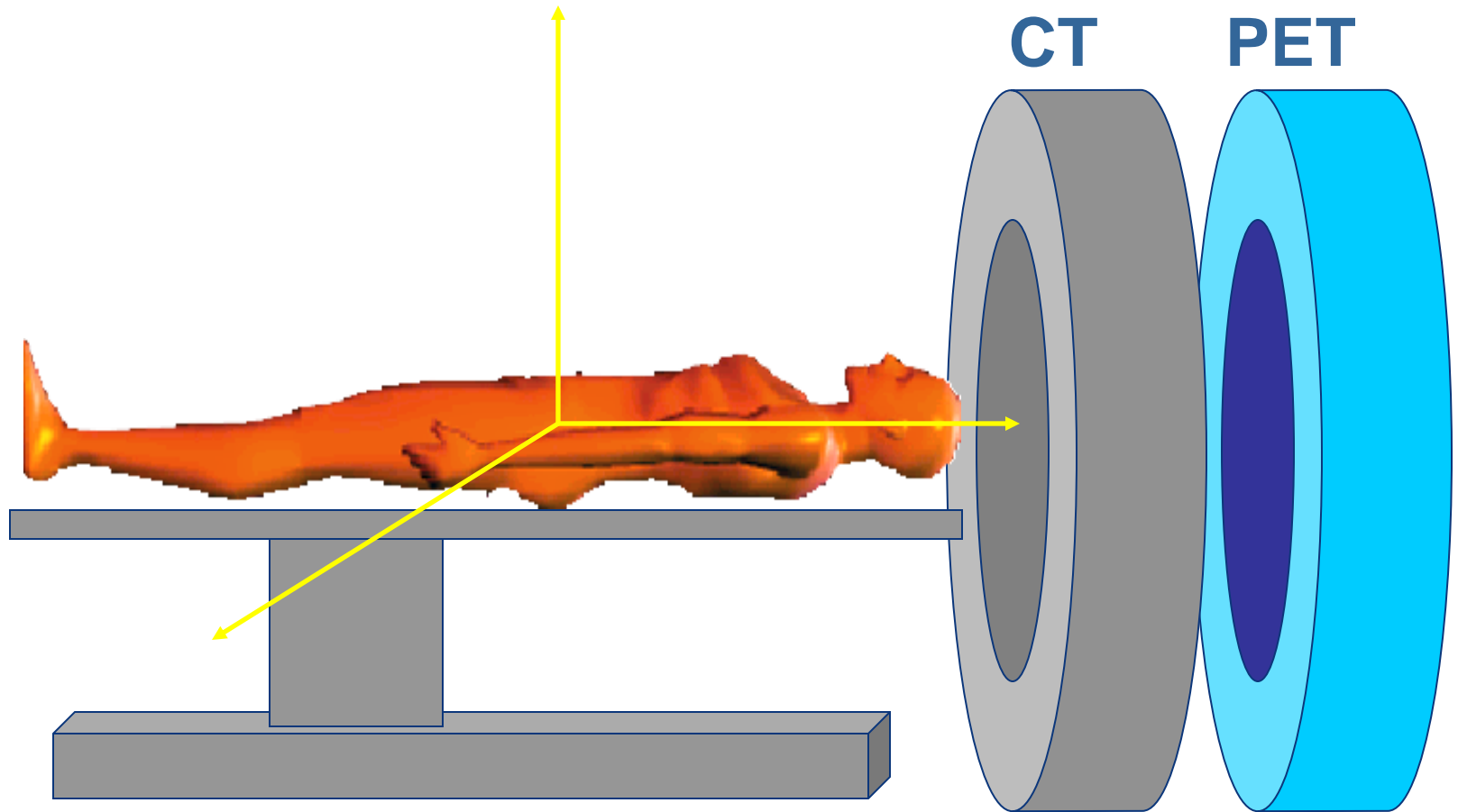


PET – come funziona

<http://www.nymus3d.nl/portfolio/animation/55>

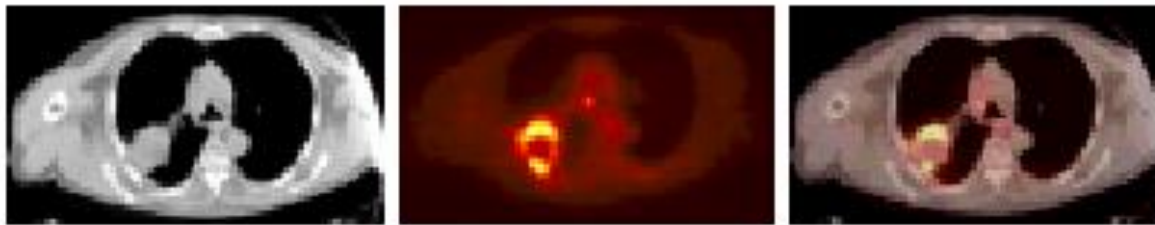
Concept of PET-CT

David Townsend



Imaging multimodale

Immagine di cancro primario al polmone ottenuta con Dual/Commercial scanner. Un grosso tumore al polmone, che appare alla TAC come una massa ipodensa che si attenua uniformemente, ha un bordo di attività FDG e un centro necrotico rivelato dalla PET.



Imaging multimodale: CT e PET

Combinare imaging anatomico e funzionale

morfologia

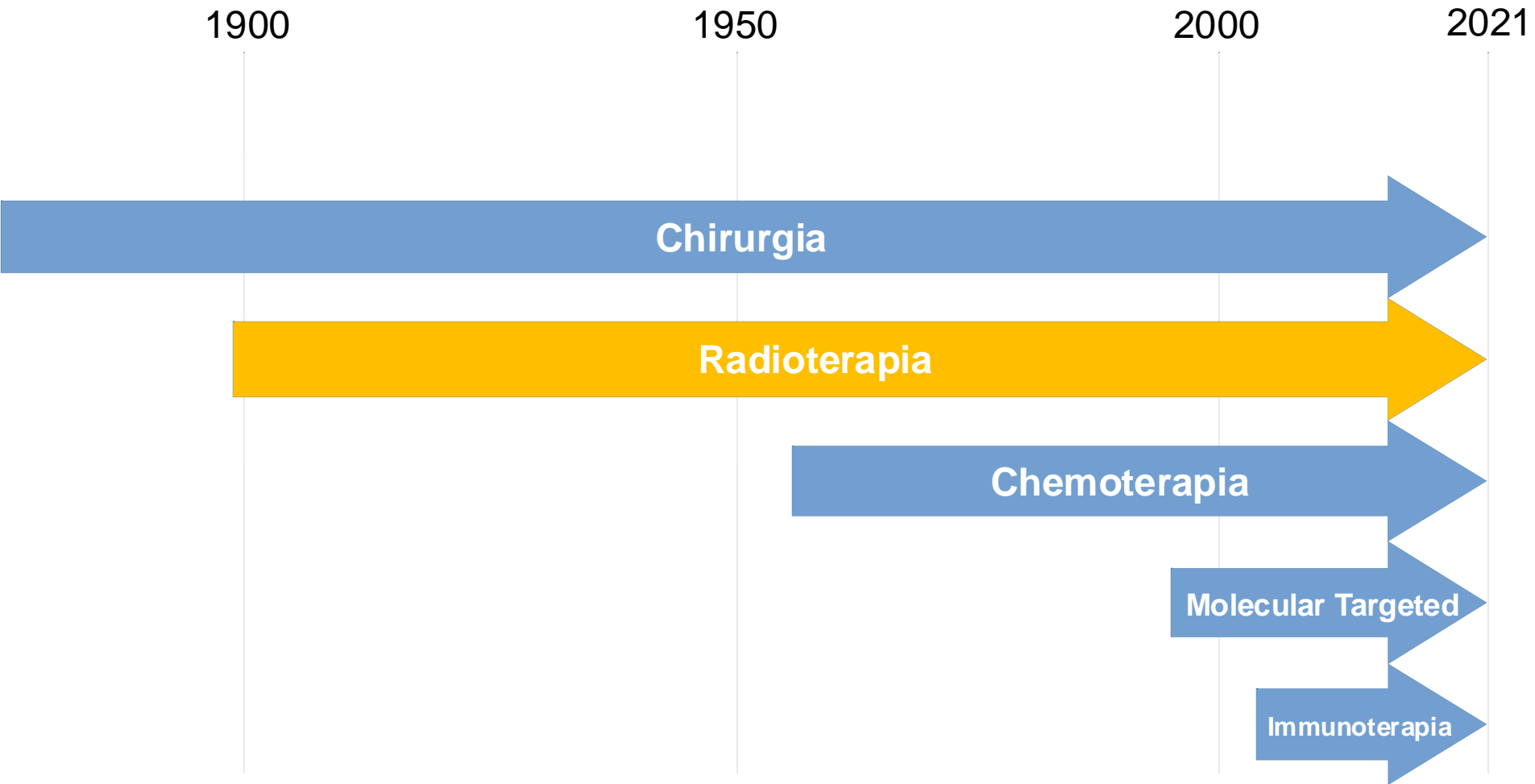
metabolismo



Courtesy of David Townsend

Una volta noto dove si trova
come lo curiamo?

Come combattiamo il cancro?

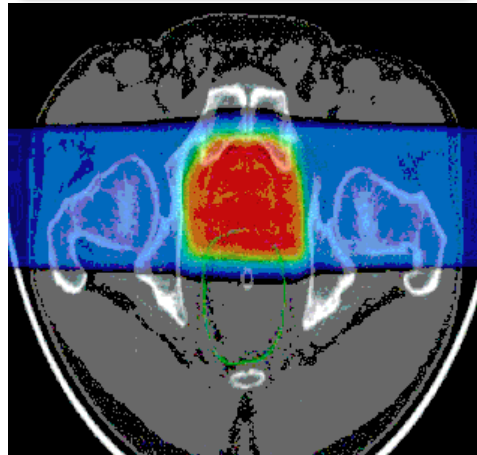


Opzioni per il trattamento

Surgery



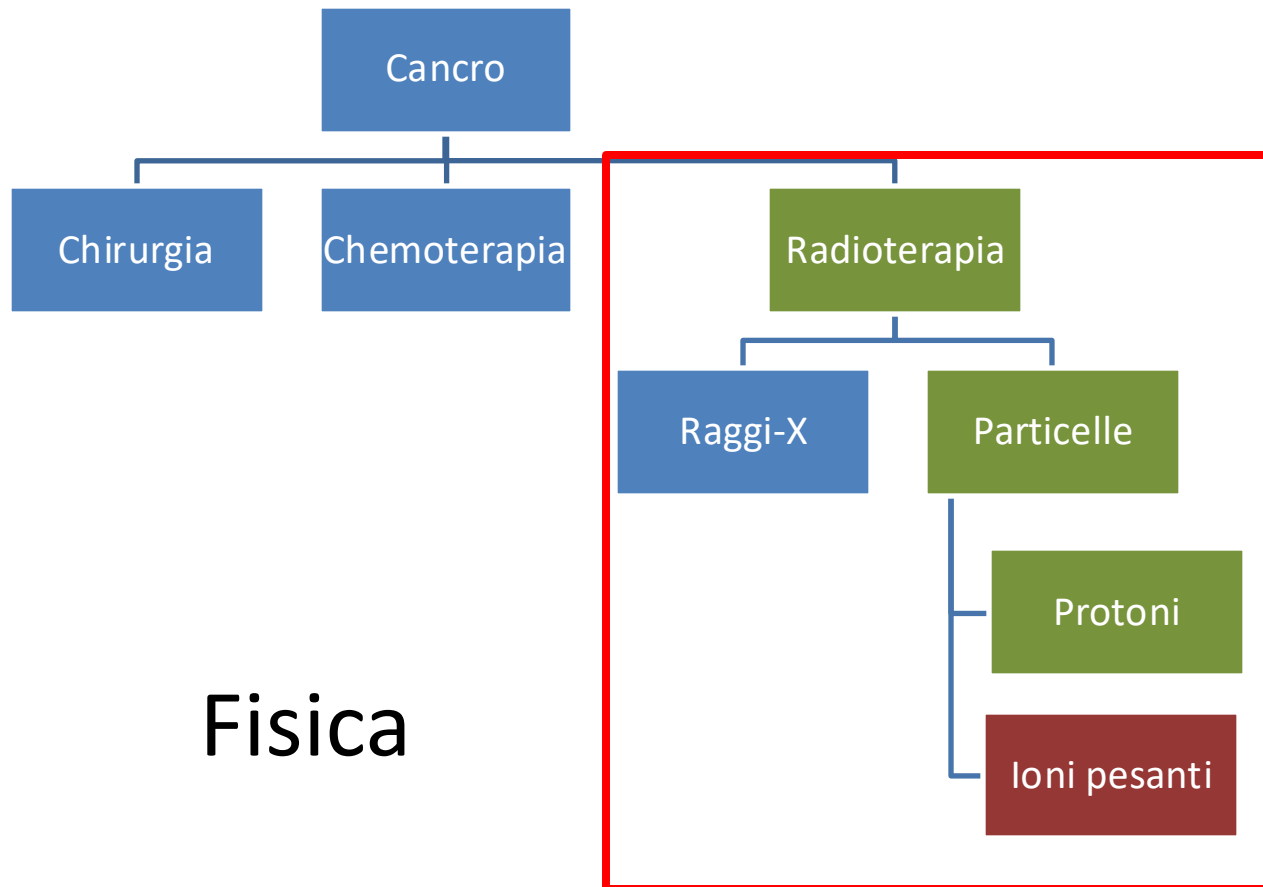
Radiotherapy



Chemotherapy (+ others)



Opzioni per il trattamento del cancro



Fisica

Radioterapia nel 21esimo Secolo

Le 3 "C" di Radiazione:

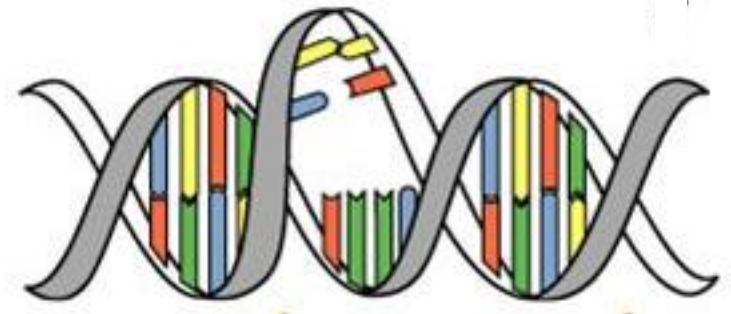
Cura (circa il 50% dei casi di cancro sono curati)

Conservativa (non-invasiva, pochi effetti collaterali)

Poco costosa(Cheap) (la radiazione costa solo circa 10% del costo totale per il trattamento del cancro)

(J.P.Gérard)

- Circa 60% dei pazienti sono trattati con RT
- Non vi è alternativa alla RT nel prossimo futuro
- Il numero di pazienti è in aumento

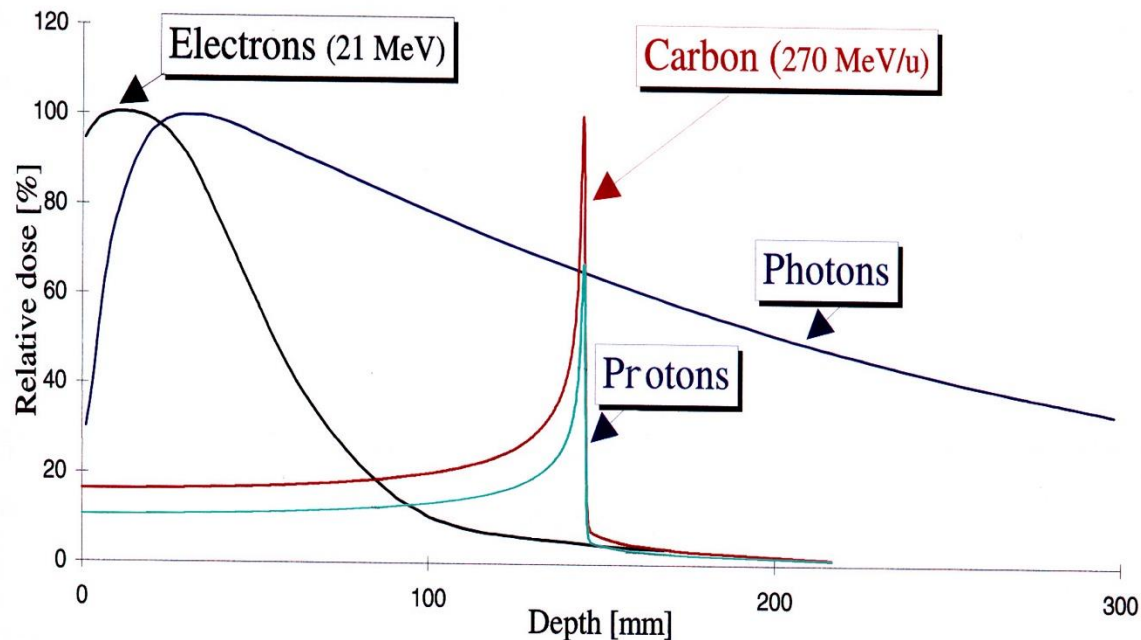


Finalità della Radioterapia:

- Irradiare il tumore con dose sufficiente a **fermare la crescita del cancro**
- **Evitare complicazioni e minimizzare** il danno al tessuto circostante

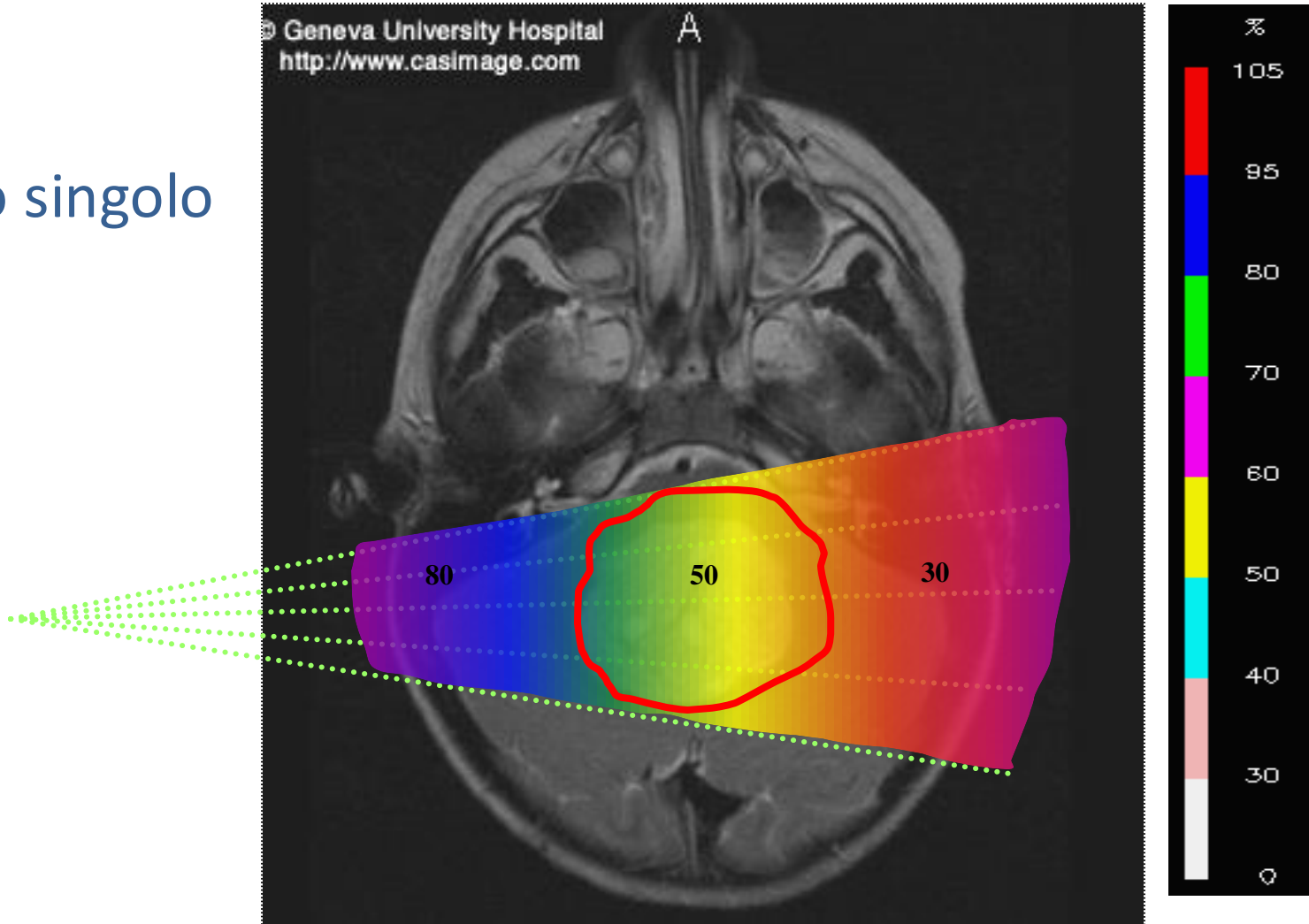
Metodi di uso corrente in radioterapia:

- 5-25 MeV fotoni
- 5 - 25 MeV elettroni
- 50 - 400 MeV/u adroni



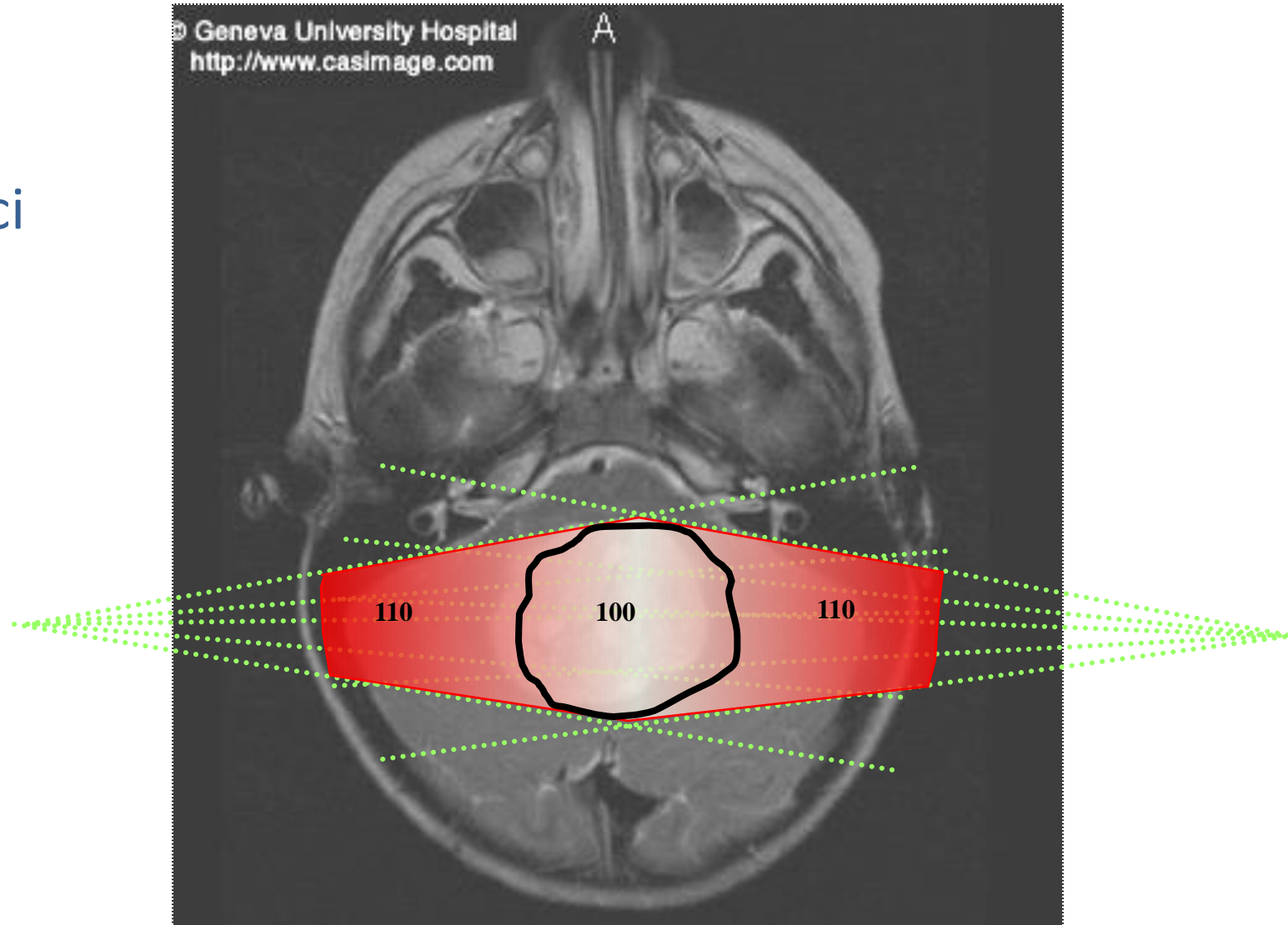
Radioterapia Classica con Raggi-X

Fascio singolo

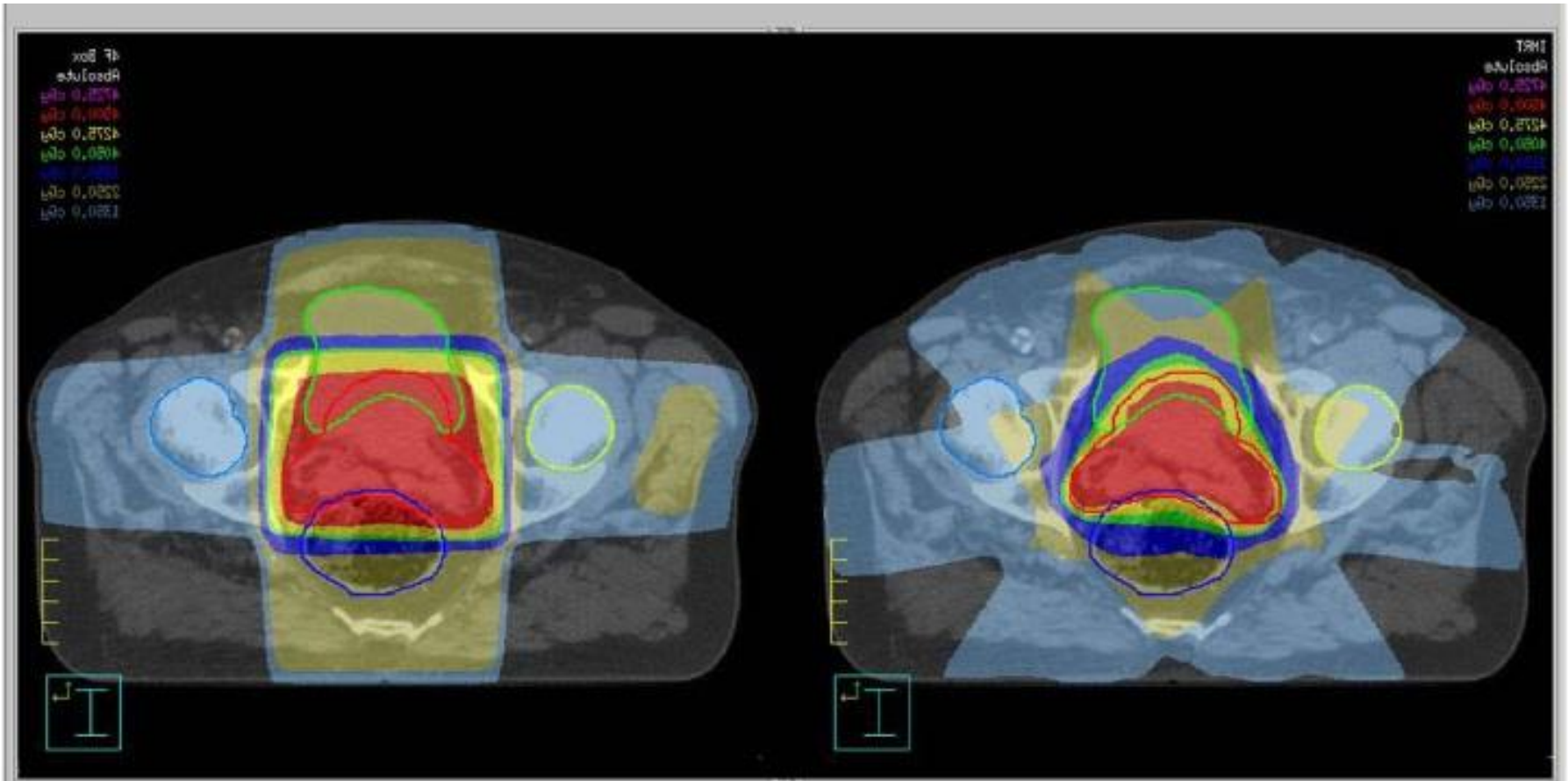


Radioterapia con Raggi-X

Due fasci



Precisione migliorata nel deposito

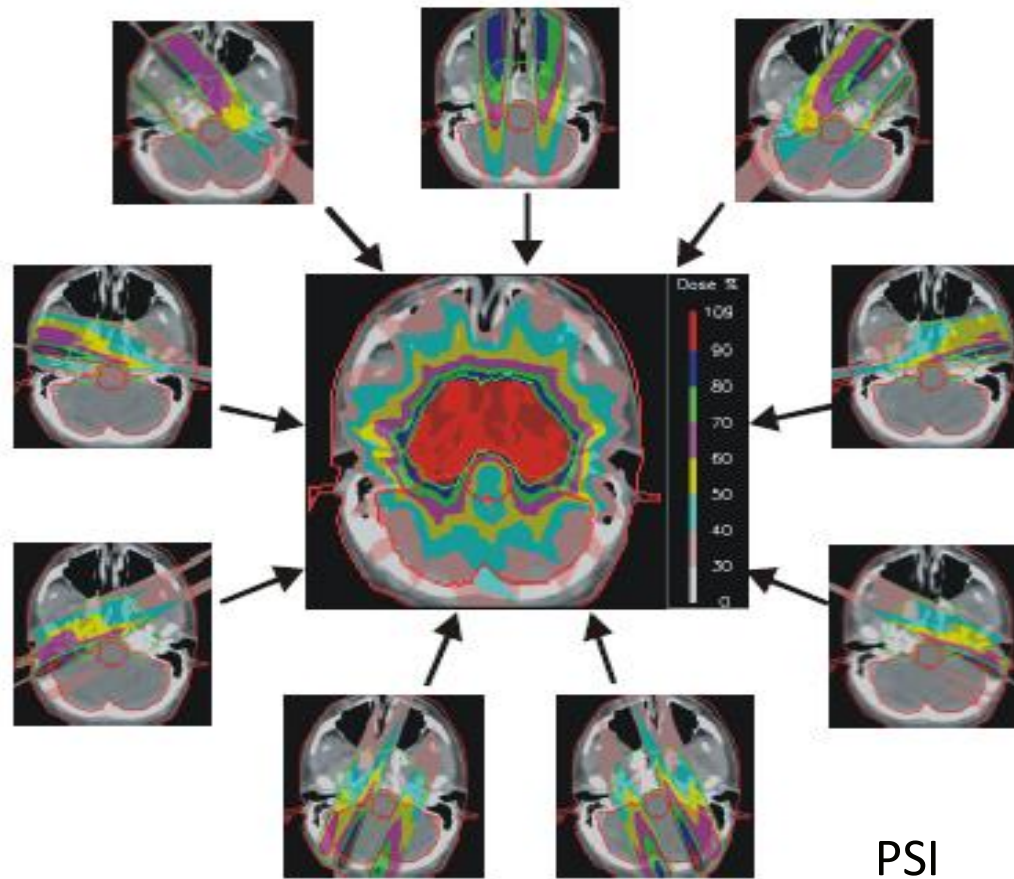


1990s: 4 campi di intensità costante

Current state of RT: **Intensity Modulated Radiotherapy (IMRT)** – Multiple converging field with planar (2D) intensity variations

Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy

9 CAMPI NON-UNIFORMI

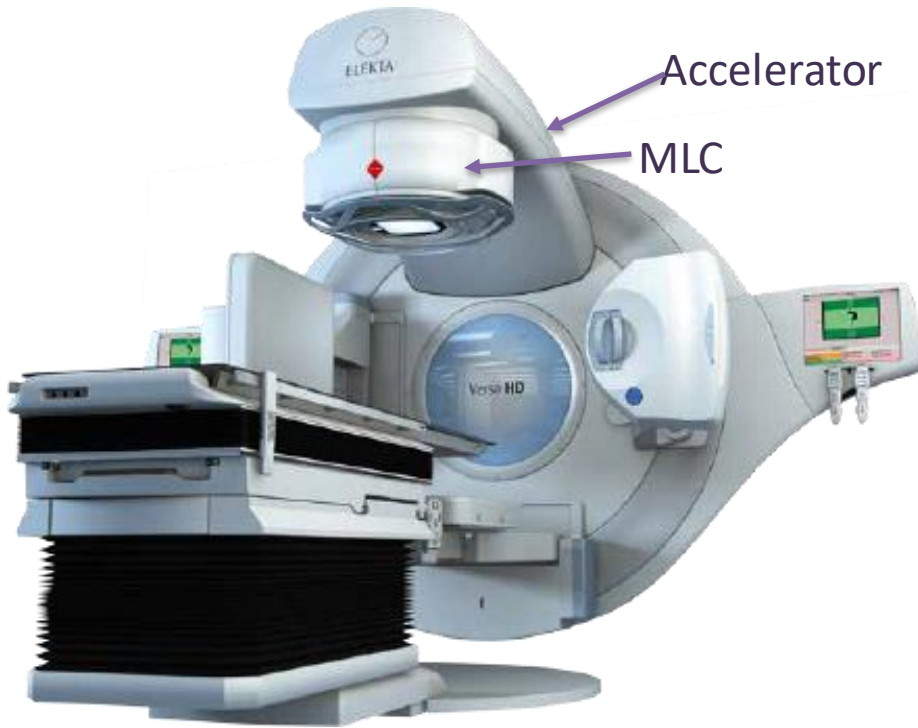


60-75 grays (joule/kg) given in 30-35 fractions (6-7weeks)
per permettere la riparazione dei tessuti sani

90% dei tumori sono radiosensibili

L' acceleratore più diffuso

Electron Linac (linear accelerator) for radiation therapy treatment of cancer)
around 20,000 in use



Widely available in all major hospitals in, specially in high income countries (HIC)

Progressi in Radioterapia

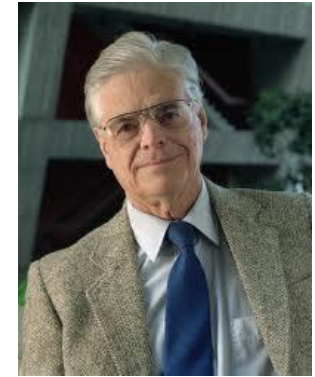
Negli ultimi due decenni a causa di:

- Miglioramenti nelle modalità di imaging, multimodalità
- tecnologia, computers e software più potenti e sistemi di “delivery” hanno reso possibile:
 - Intensity Modulated Radiotherapy (IMRT),
 - Image Guided Radiotherapy (IGRT),
 - Volumetric Arc Therapy (VMAT) and
 - Stereotactic Body Radiotherapy (SBRT)
 - MRI-guided Linac therapy
- È la terapia con adroni/particelle il futuro?
- Forse è FLASH?

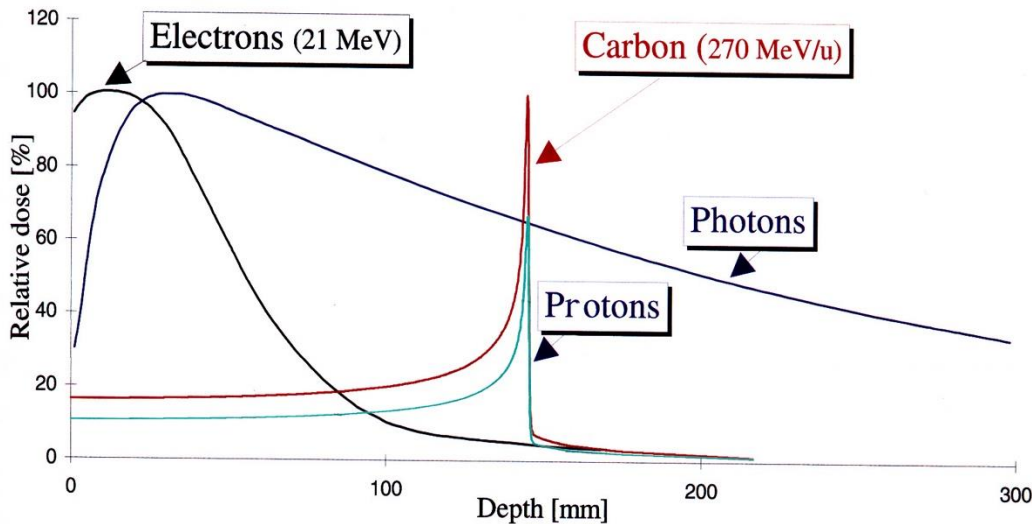
Hadron Therapy (Adroterapia)

Nel 1946 Robert Wilson:

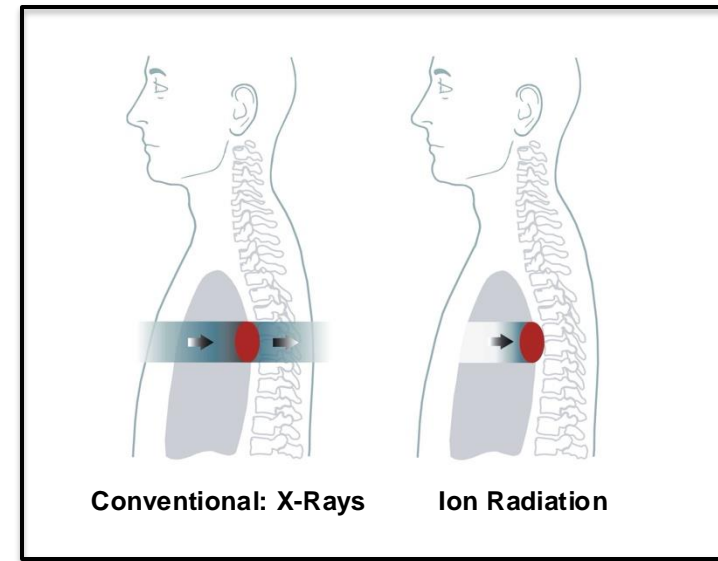
- Protoni possono essere usati clinicamente
- Acceleratori sono disponibili
- La dose massima di radiazione può essere localizzata nel tumore
- La terapia con Particelle permette di risparmiare i tessuti normali sani



Robert Wilson
Fermilab



Profondità nel corpo (mm)



**E. Lawrence
First cyclotron**



**Lawrence brothers
Physicist and Doctor**

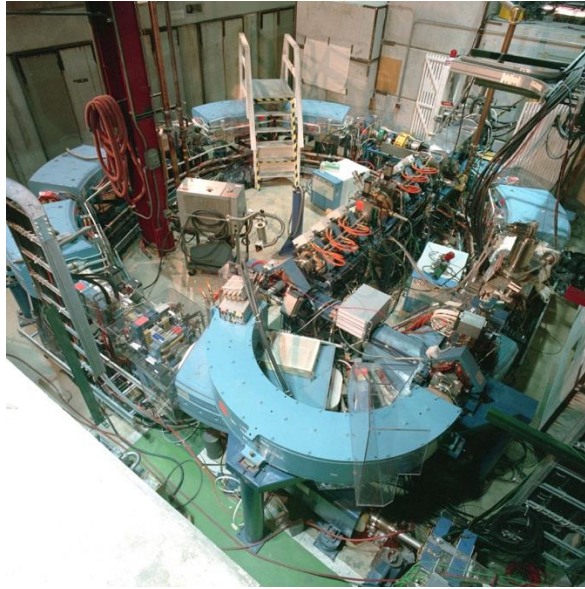


**Sept 1954 – Berkeley
Tratta il primo paziente (CERN
fondato stesso mese, anno)**



Importanza della collaborazione.....

**1993- Loma Linda
USA (proton)**



La prima struttura clinica dedicata

**1994 – HIMAC/NIRS
Japan (carbon)**



**1997 – GSI
Germany (carbon)**



Molto tempo..... Spesso ci vuole molto tempo

Key Milestones of Hadrontherapy

1990 — First hospital based *Proton* facility
Loma Linda University Medical Center, CA, USA



360° Gantry



The Darmstadt GSI 'pilot project' (1997-2008)



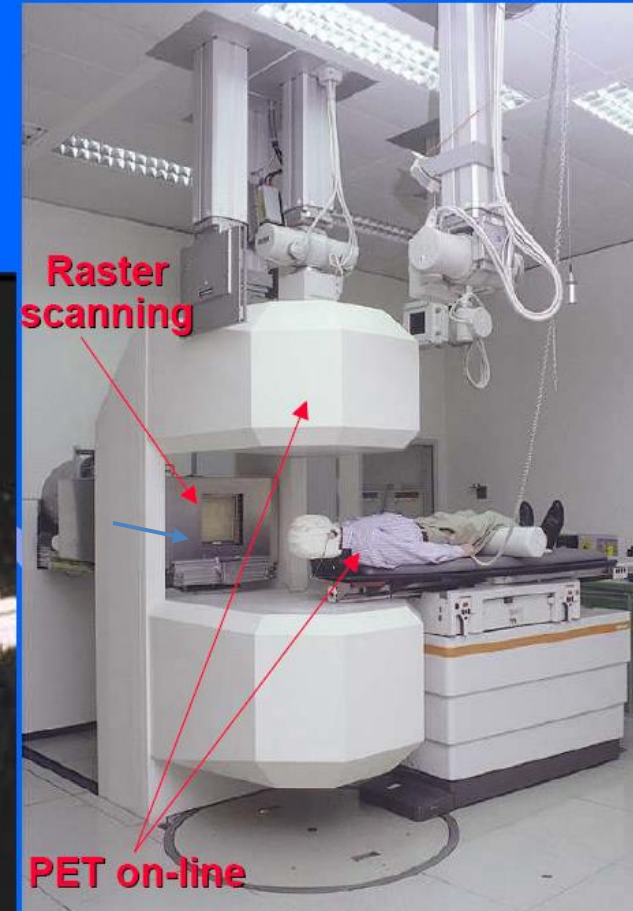
G. Kraft

450 patients treated
with carbon ions
J. Debus (Heidelberg Univ.)

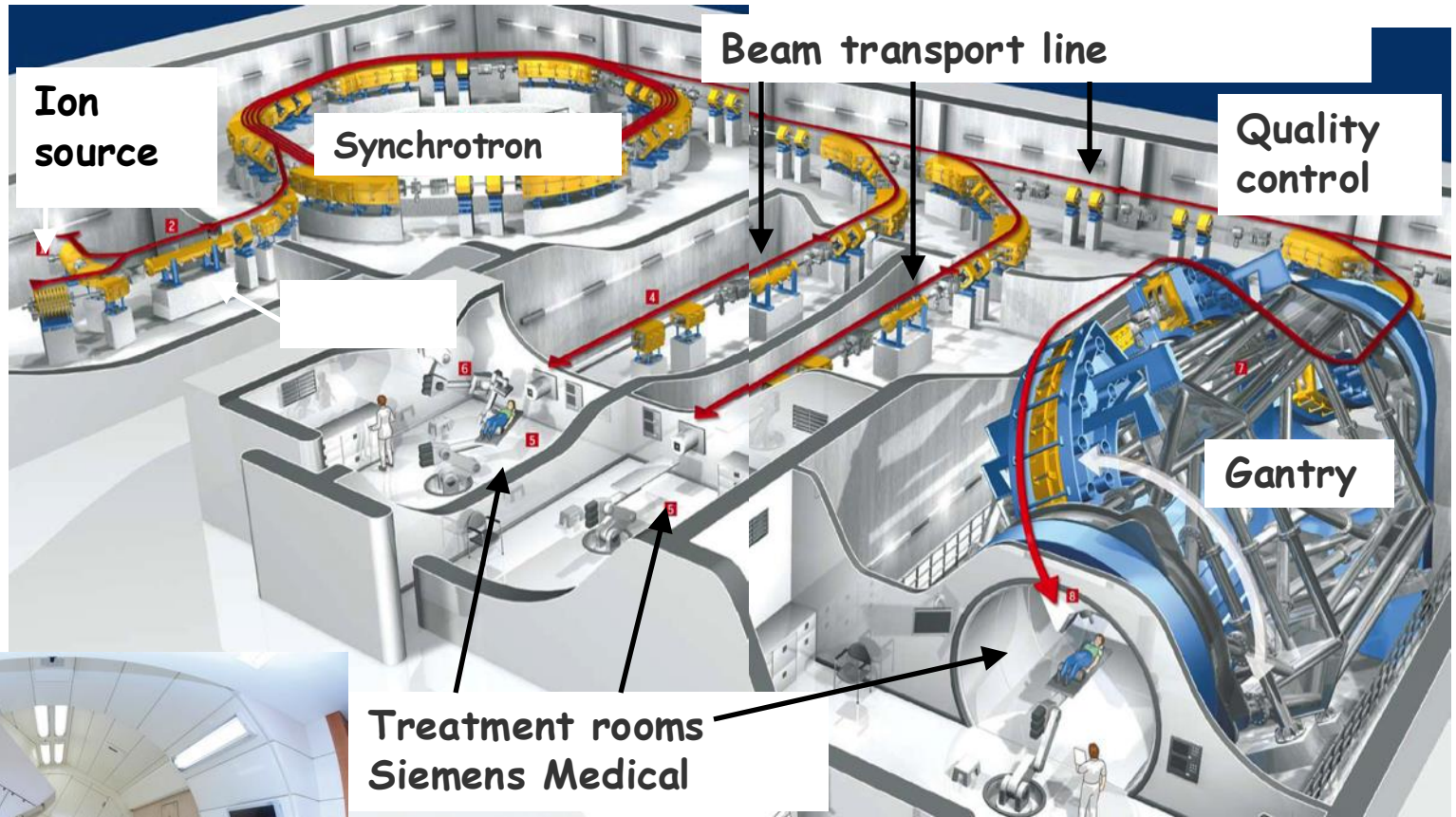
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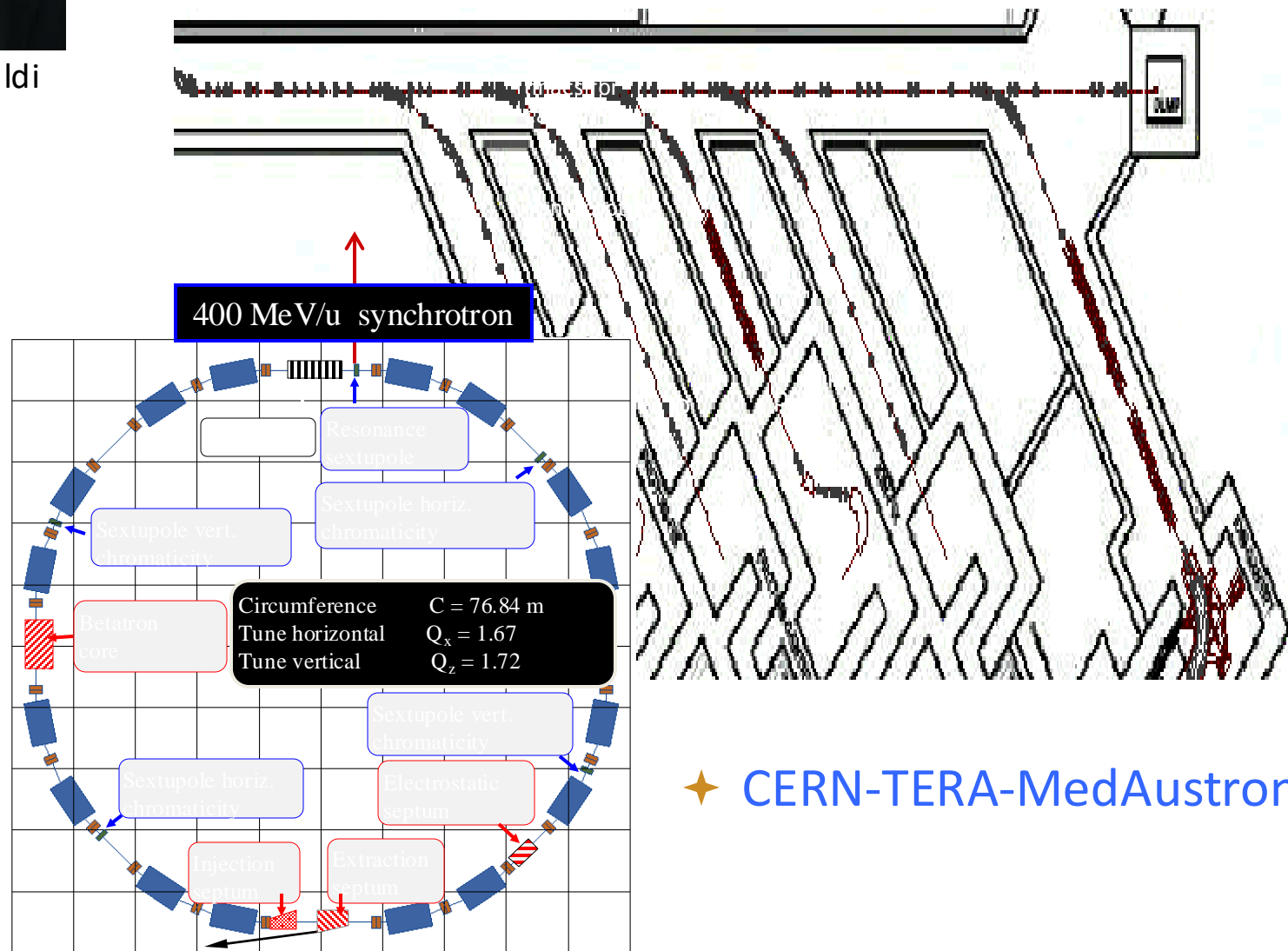


Carbon facilities in Europe: first was HIT
in Heidelberg – started treating patients in 2009



Ugo Amaldi
TERA

PIMMS at CERN (1996-2000)



✦ CERN-TERA-MedAustron

- L'idea nasce nel 2001 dopo una riunione ESTRO- Med-AUSTRON
- Nell'ottobre del 2001 una proposta per Network viene sottomessa a EC
- ENLIGHT viene inaugurato a febbraio 2002 al CERN
- Finanziamento: 1 milione di Euro nel 2002



Driving Force: Ugo Amaldi

DG: Luciano Maiani

Organisers: Manjit Dosanjh & Hans Hoffmann

ENLIGHT è nato per

- Creare una piattaforma comune multidisciplinare
- Trattamento del cancro
- Identificare le sfide
- Condividere la conoscenza
- Condividere “best practices”
- Armonizzare i dati
- Offrire formazione e istruzione
- Innovare per migliorare
- “Lobbying” per nuovi finanziamenti

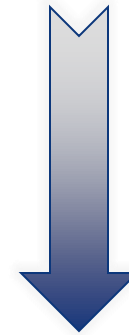


La filosofia delle collaborazioni in fisica delle particelle viene portata in un ambiente medico multidisciplinare

From PIMMS study to clinical reality



fondazione **CNAO**



First patient with carbon ions Nov 2012



Treatment started in 2016

CNAO: Pavia, Italy



TERA celebrated 30 years on 16 September 2022

Particle Facilities Globally (2023)



124 facilities in total of which 110 proton facilities (in red) and 14 carbon therapy facilities (in blue).



FLASH: un nuovo modo di usare Radiotherapy per il trattamento del cancro?



Primi sguardi di FLASH THERAPY - 2014

Prima dimostrazione del principio (Proof-of-Concept) con e⁻ di bassa energia

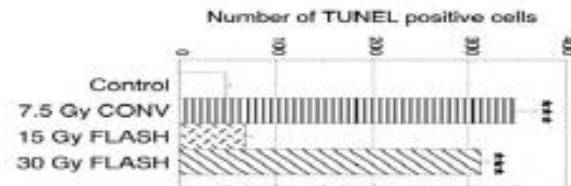
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- **FLASH spared normal lung tissue** at doses known to induce fibrosis in mice exposed to conventional dose-rate irradiation (CONV).

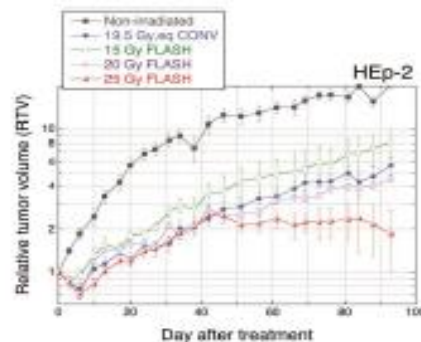


Visualisation of collagen invasion (Masson trichrome staining)
Healthy Fibrosis Healthy

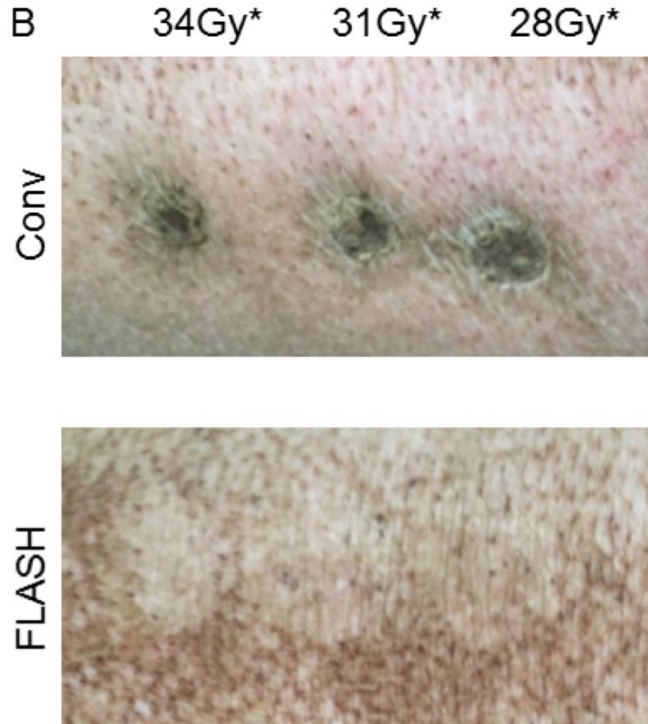
- **FLASH spared smooth muscle cells** in arterioles from radio-induced apoptosis.



- No difference between FLASH and CONV with regard to tumor growth inhibition.
- However, **normal tissue sparing by FLASH** allowed dose escalation without complications, resulting in complete tumor cure in some xenograft models.



Effetto FLASH – riceve grande impulso

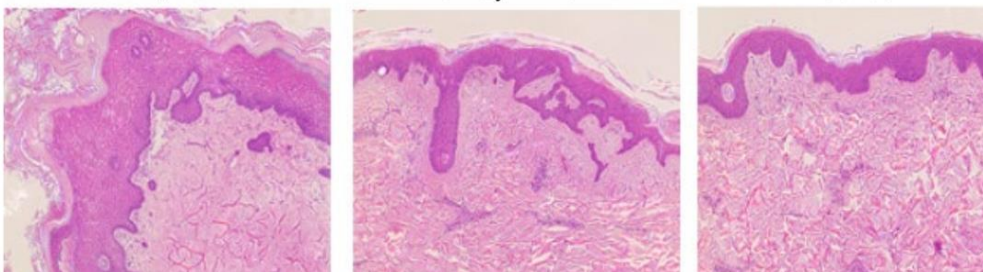


- Apparent sparing of healthy tissue when dose is delivered at **ultrahigh dose rates (UHDR) of > 40 Gy/s**.
- Healthy tissue sparing observed in virtually all radiation modalities.
 - ✓ Majority of experiments/trials with low energy electrons and shoot-through protons.
- So far, 2 human trials:
 - Skin lymphoma with 6 MeV electrons (CHUV, 2019).
 - Bone metastases with 250 MeV (shoot-through) protons (Cincinnati, 2020). Pain relief and not curative
 - Further trials are ongoing

34 Gy Conv

34 Gy FLASH

Control



Il meccanismo FLASH tuttora non è compreso completamente

“Trasporto” in clinica (2019): Trattamento di un primo paziente con FLASH -radiotherapy

5.6 MeV linac adapted for accelerating
electrons in FLASH mode

15 Gy with 10 pulses in **90 ms**

3.5 cm diameter tumour, multiresistant
cutaneous

Sembra che una dose istantanea produca
un consumo significativo di ossigeno e una
hypoxia transitoria protettiva nei tessuti
normali

Original Article

Treatment of a first patient with FLASH-radiotherapy

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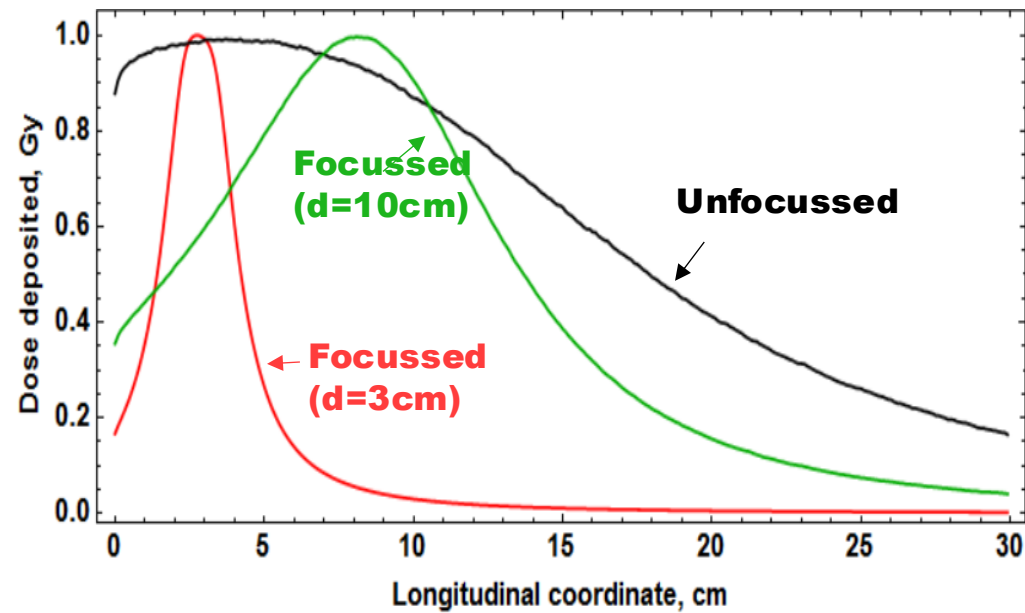
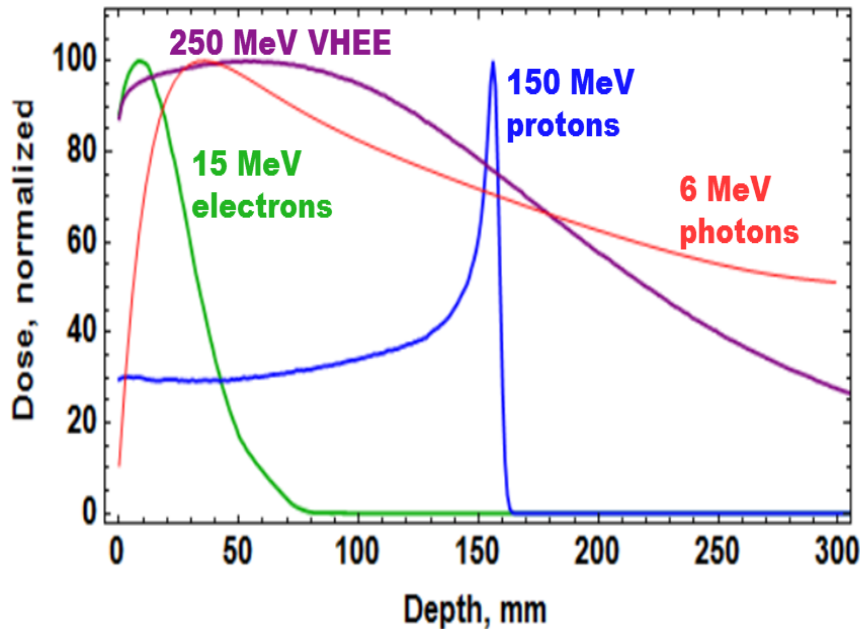


Fig. 1. Temporal evolution of the treated lesion: (a) before treatment; the limits of the PTV are delineated in black; (b) at 3 weeks, at the peak of skin reactions (grade 1 epithelitis NCI-CTCAE v 5.0); (c) at 5 months.

VHEE (Very High Energy Electrons)

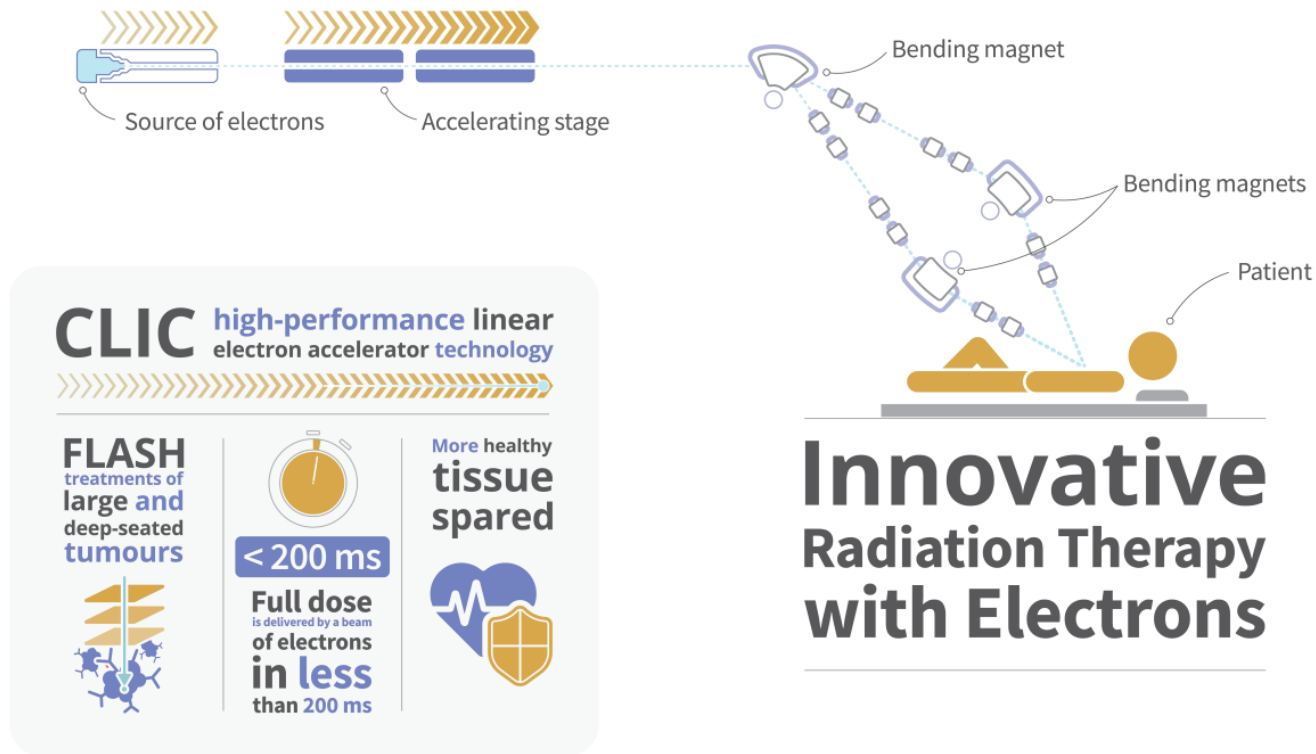
VHEE

- Le loro proprietà balistiche e dosimetriche possono superare quelle dei fotoni che sono comunemente usati in RT.
- La loro posizione confrontata con i protoni deve essere valutata, tuttavia essi possono essere prodotti a costi ridotti.

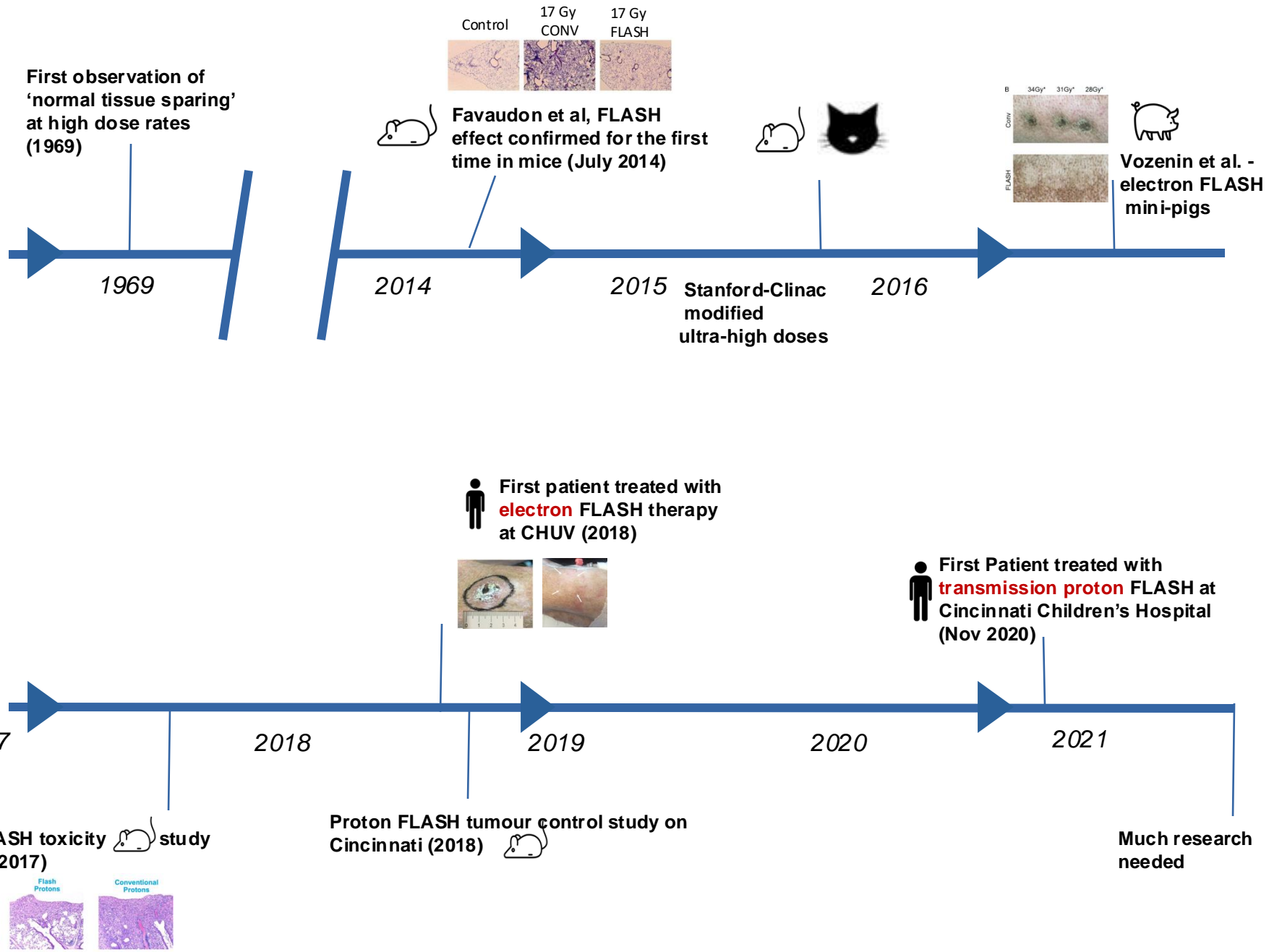


Depth Dose curve for various particle beams in water (beam widths $r=0.5$ cm)

CERN, CHUV and THERYQ uniscono le loro forze per la prima VHEE Facility



Produrrà fasci di elettroni di “alta” energia (VHEE) fra 100 e 200 MeV di durata inferior 100-200ms, basandosi sulla tecnologia usata per CLIC (Compact Linear Collider), permettendo il trattamento di tutti i tipi di cancro fino ad una profondità di 20 cm usando la tecnica FLASH.



Collaborazione per lo sviluppo.....

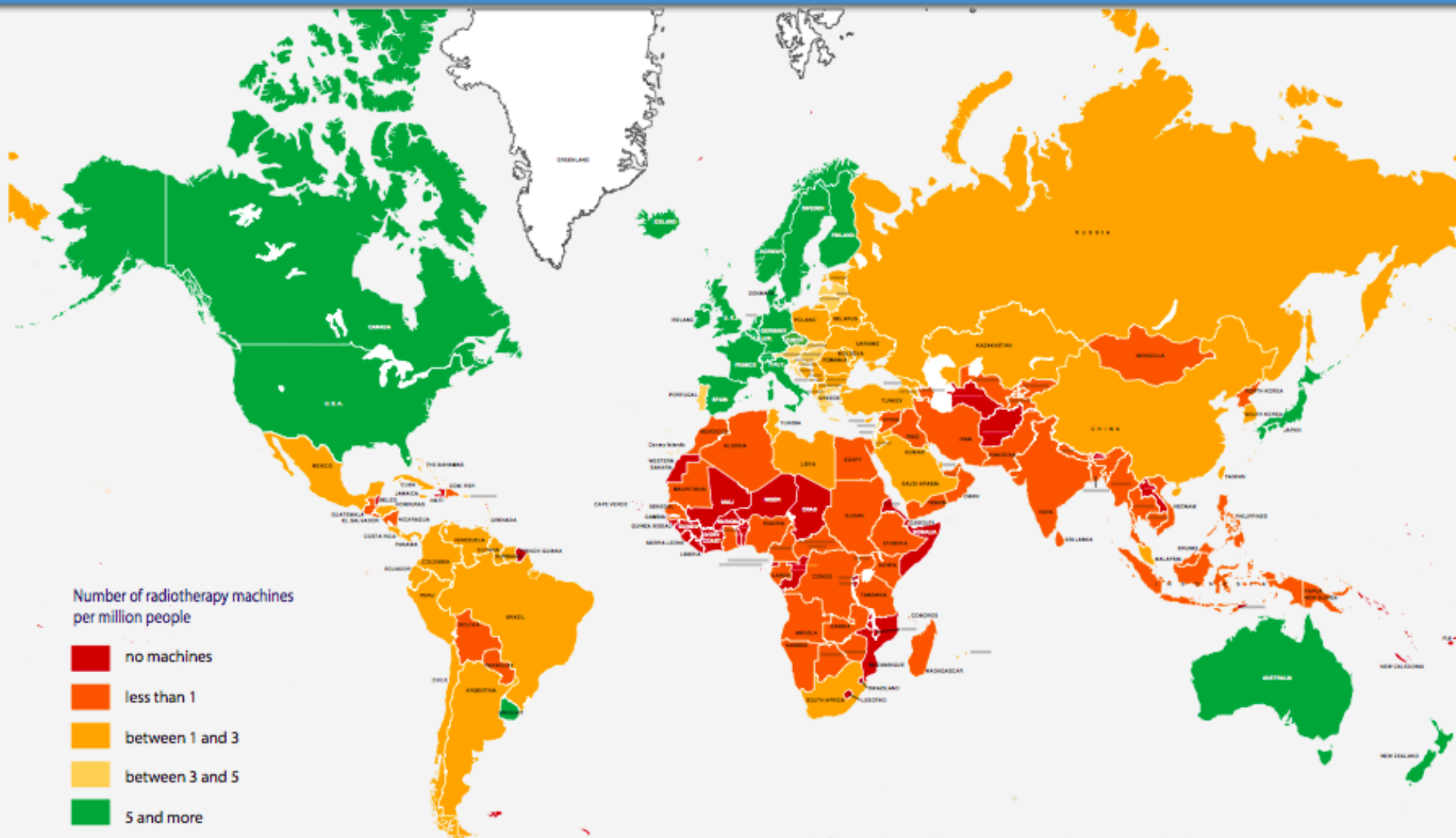
"Transforming Cancer Treatment in Low-Resource Settings" 26.09.2024

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Availability of **RADIATION THERAPY**

Number of Radiotherapy Machines per Million People

2012



Source: DIRAC (Directory of Radiotherapy Centres), 2012 / IAEA

For more information: <http://www.naweb.iaea.org/nahu/dirac/>
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World-wide radiotherapy coverage (2024)

Status of Radiation Therapy Equipment

156 **7814**

Countries RT Centres

15130

MV Therapy

107

Light Ion Therapy

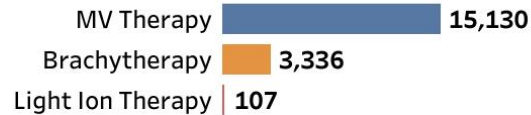
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Brachytherapy

Click on **Equipment type**, **Income groups** or **Regions** to create your own view. *Ctrl+click to select multiple items*

Equipment type

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Equipment per income groups

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CT Scanners Distribution per Million Population

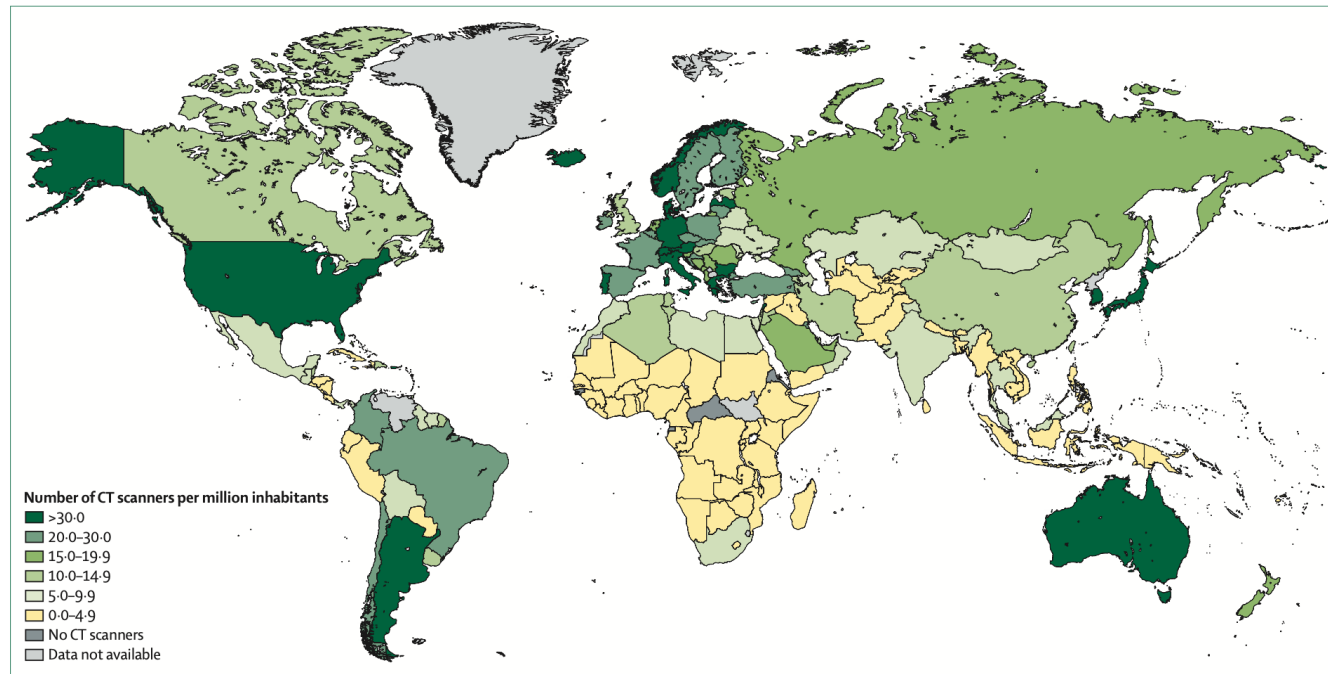


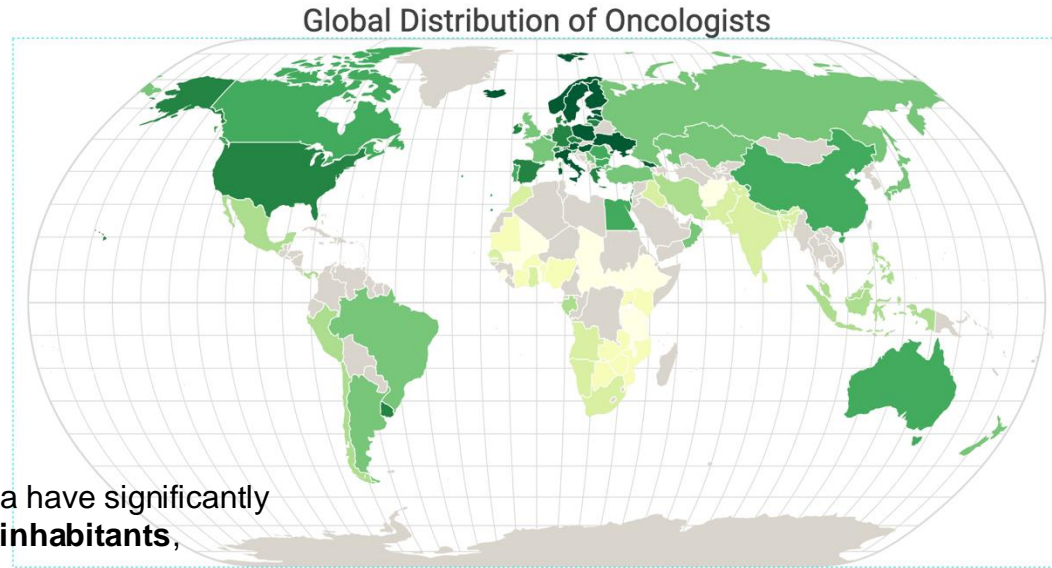
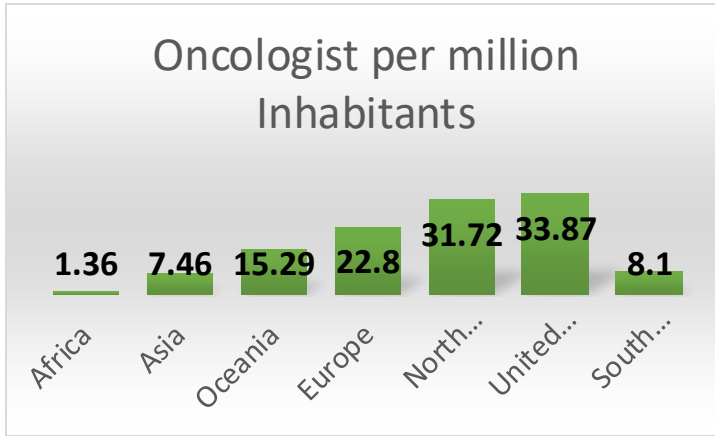
Figure 2: Estimates of the number of CT scanners per million inhabitants

Data are from the International Atomic Energy Agency medical imaging and nuclear medicine global resources database (IMAGINE). The map was produced by the International Atomic Energy Agency (Vienna, Austria) and is included here with permission.

CT scanners are an essential diagnostic tool in cancer care. However, high-income regions like North America and Europe have significantly higher access to CT scanners compared to LMICs.

Disparities in Access to Oncologists

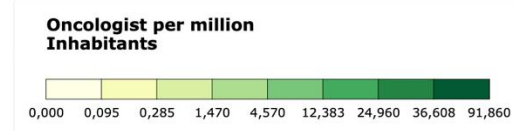
The global distribution of oncologists per million inhabitants varies greatly, highlighting disparities in cancer care.



High-income regions like the US and North America have significantly more oncologists, with **33.87 and 31.72 per million inhabitants**, respectively.

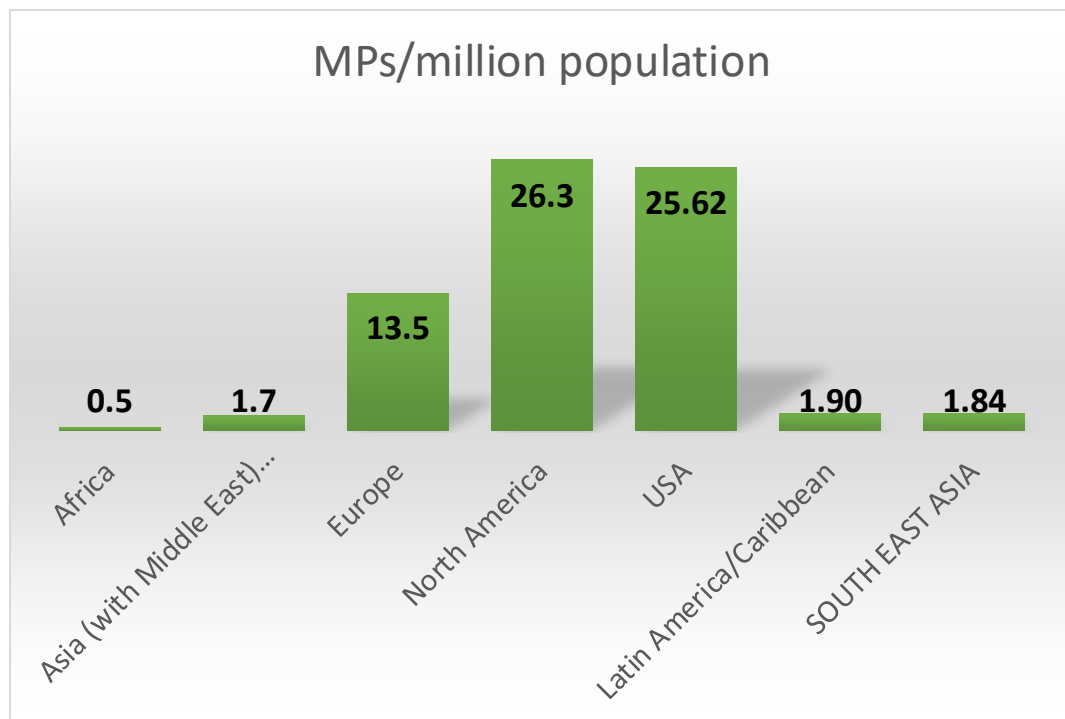
Low-resource regions, such as Africa and South America, face severe shortages, with only **1.36 and 8.1 oncologists per million inhabitants**.

This imbalance means that **cancer patients in lower-income countries have far less access to specialized cancer care**, directly affecting outcomes and treatment availability.



Availability of Medical Physicists Worldwide

The distribution of MPs is also uneven, with North America having **26.3 MPs per million**, whereas **Africa lags significantly with only 0.5 MPs per million**.



- Europe stands in between with **13.5 MPs per million**, and Southeast Asia has around **1.84 MPs per million**.
- The severe shortage of MPs in regions like Africa and parts of Asia has a profound impact on the quality and safety of radiotherapy services, which are crucial for effective cancer treatment.
- Increasing the workforce of MPs is critical for improving cancer care in these low-resource settings.

Number of people per functioning machine in countries in Africa

But there are dramatic disparities in Access

Africa: 420 MV RT units for around 1.4 billion people

1 machine per 3.5 million people

US: 3879 MV RT units for around 340 million people

1 machine for 86,000

UK: 357 MV RT units for around 68 million people

1 machine per 190,000

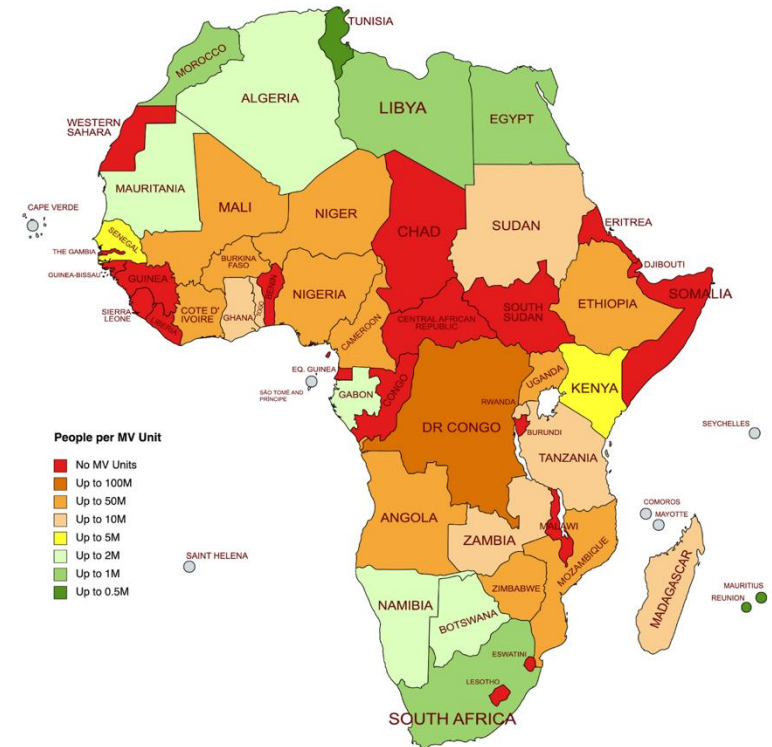
Switzerland: 85 for 8.8 million people

1 machine for 100,000

Italy: 497 for 59 million people

1 machine for 118,000

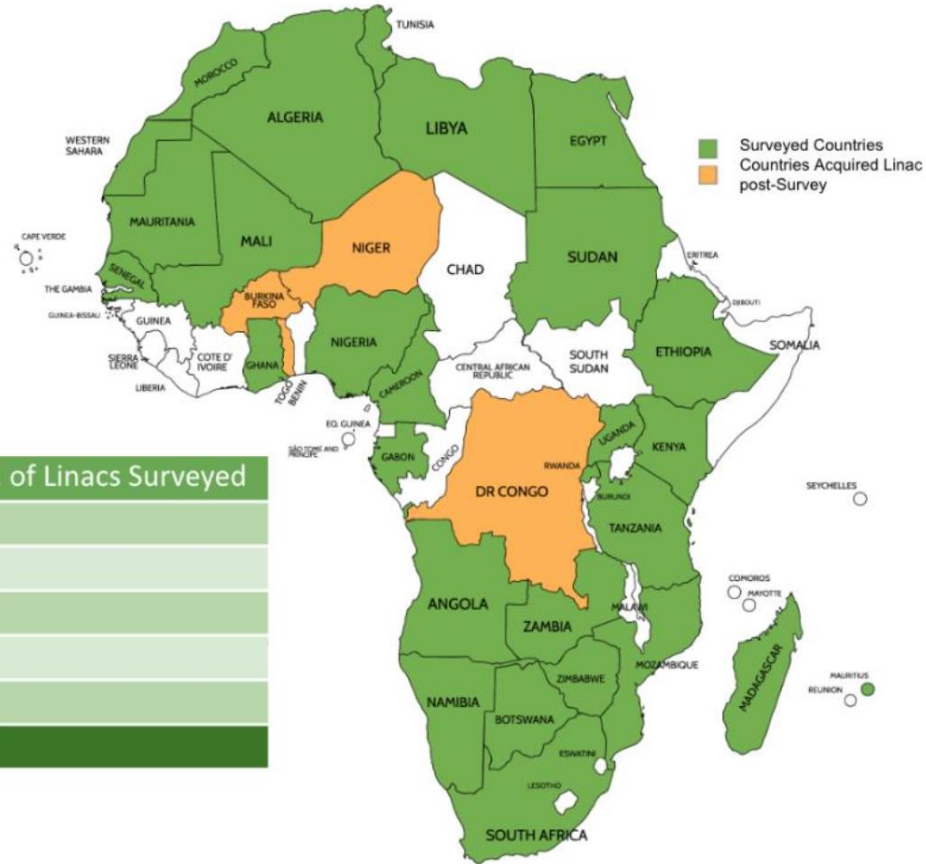
- By 2030, there will be **1.4 million** new cases of cancer and there will be **1 million** cancer deaths in Africa
- In 2019 only **28** countries had RT facilities
- In 2024 there 34 countries
- Over **60%** are in just **3 countries**: South Africa, Egypt and Morocco
- 20 countries have none



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STELLA questionnaire for defining problem

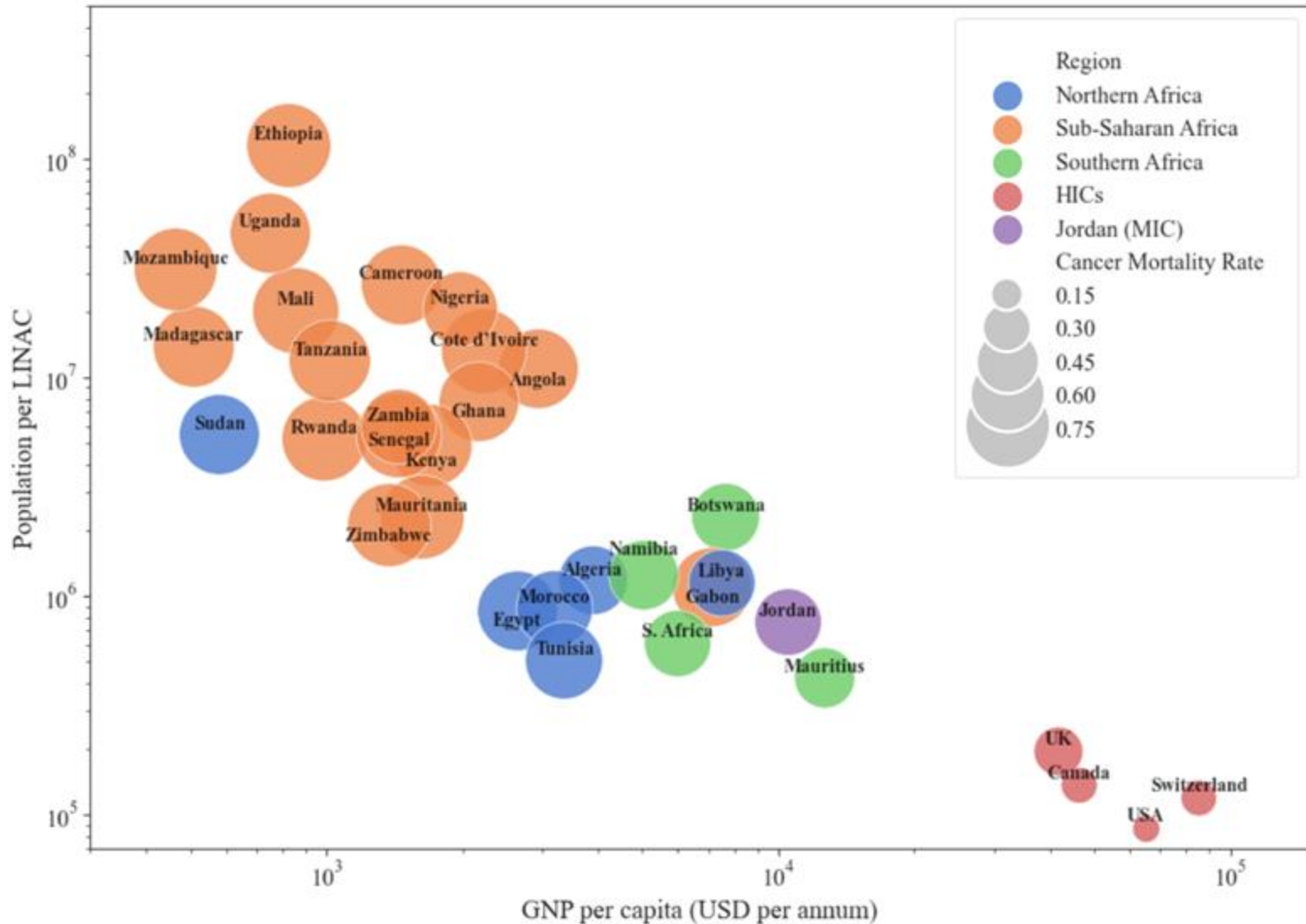
Tackling the radiotherapy shortage in Sub-Saharan Africa



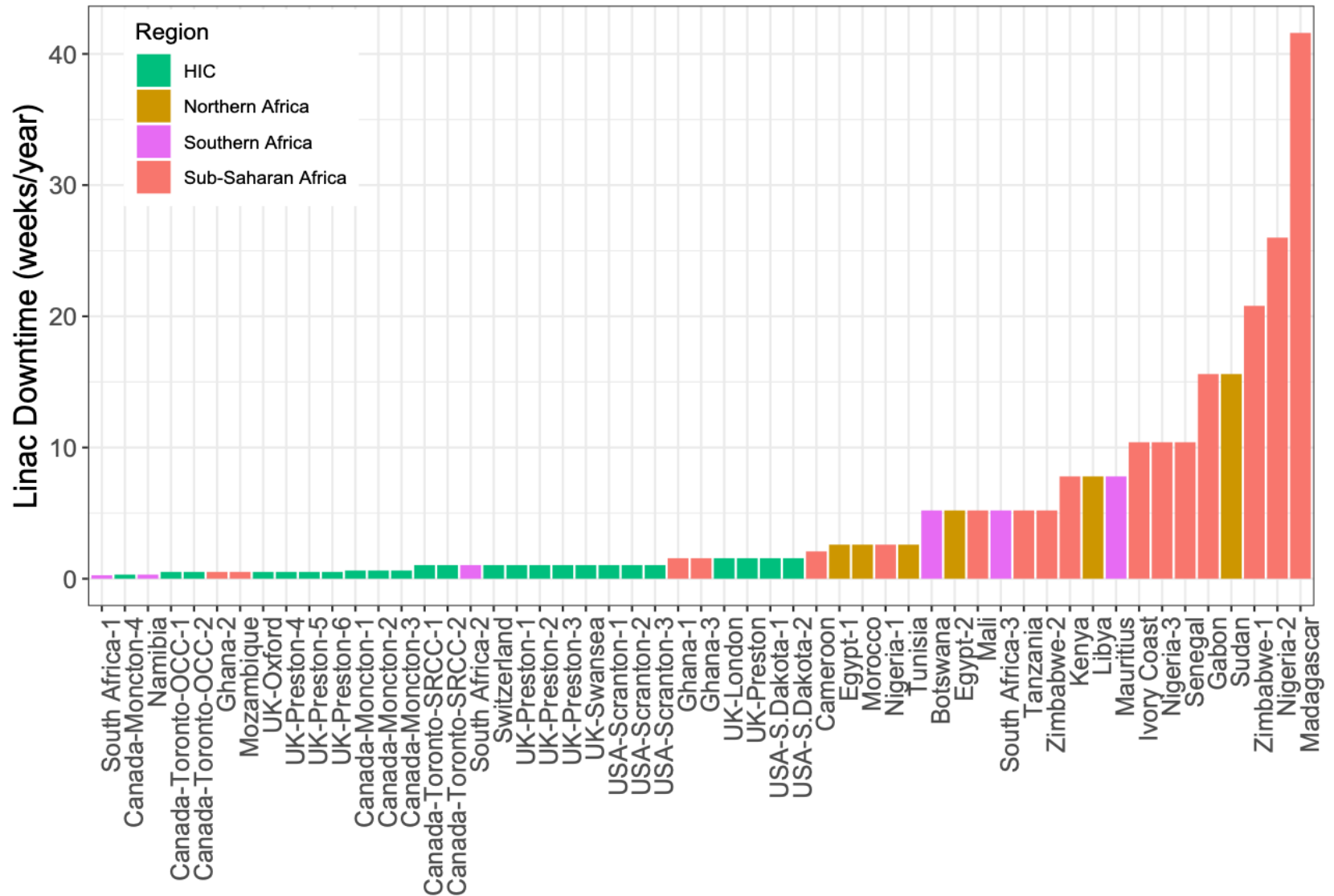
Country/Region	No. of Linacs Surveyed
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USA	14
Canada	11
Switzerland	2
Jordan	4
Africa	59

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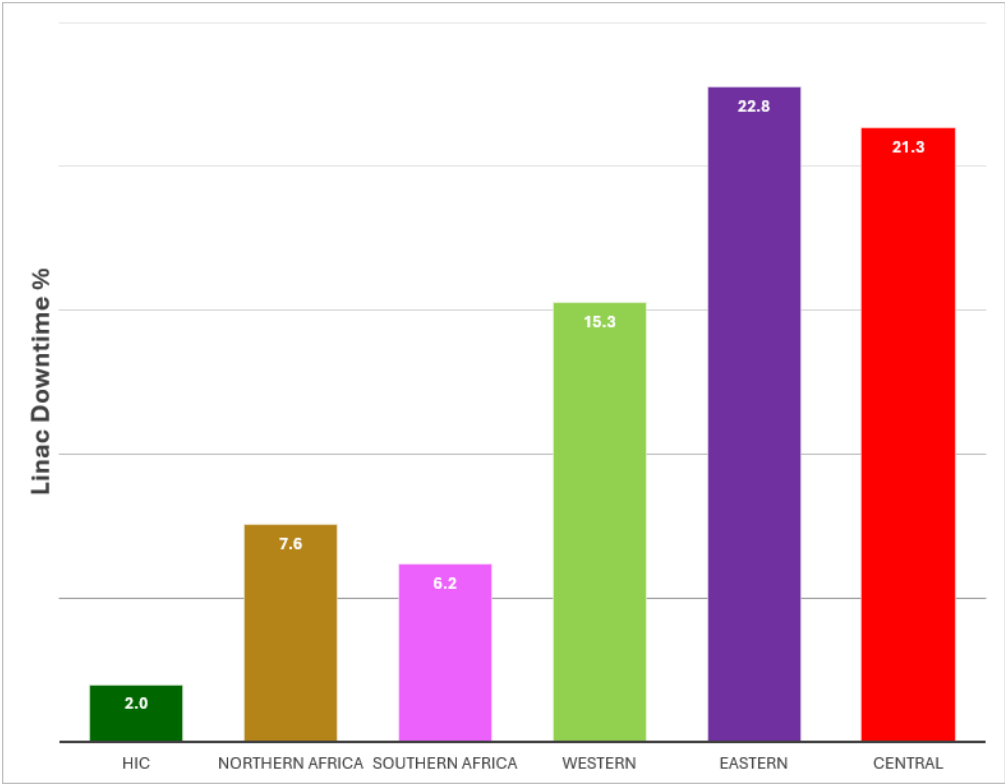
GNP per Capita and the Ratio of Inhabitants to RT Machines and Cancer Mortality Rates



Downtime in weeks comparison African and HICs



RT Machine Downtime in surveyed African Regions and HICs



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Obiettivi Finali

- Macchine Robuste, modulari, affidabili e semplici da usare
- Che siano "convenienti"
 - ✓ **Ridurre** il costo dell'investimento di capitale
 - ✓ **Ridurre** i costi delle operazioni
 - ✓ **Ridurre** i costi delle manutenzioni
 - ✓ **Ridurre** il numero di esperti necessari
 - ✓ **Aumentare** il numero di pazienti trattati per anno
- **Con lo scopo di**
 - ✓ **Migliorare** i flussi di pazienti (patient through-put)
 - ✓ **Aumentare** l'efficacia
 - ✓ **Ridurre** i costi delle operazioni, di personale e delle macchine
 - ✓ **Espandere** le possibilità di accesso alla Radioterapia

Grazie!!



The ambitious vision of RT for all is not possible without global partnerships and collaboration, a multi-faceted approach with all interested colleagues specially LMICs



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**European NoVel Imaging Systems
for ION therapy**

Interactive Material

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