



# 3rd I.FAST Annual Meeting

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# The I.FAST Academia-Industry Exchange Programme



→ The EU-supported project [I.FAST](#) announces the possibility to apply for a grant to finance a programme of exchange of knowledge, expertise, and working practices of new accelerator and magnet component technologies between an [I.FAST European Accelerator Development Laboratory](#)\* (here called the I.FAST Laboratory) and a European Industrial Company (here called the Company).

→ The programme offers the opportunity for a Company to send an engineer or technician for one or several visits to one of the I.FAST Laboratories and for a I.FAST Laboratory to send a scientist, engineer or technician to a Company for one or several visits. A grant of up to 7000 € can be requested for financing such a technical exchange programme which should put emphasis on transfer between the two parties of knowledge, expertise, and working practices of design, fabrication and testing of new advanced technological components for frontline accelerator and magnet research and/or technology infrastructures.

# The partners



## The South East European International Institute for Sustainable Technologies (SEEIST)

proposed in late 2016 by Prof. Herwig Schopper, a former Director General of CERN and initiator of the international SESAME project in Jordan, received first official political support by the Government of Montenegro in March 2017.

The project will be implemented around the idea of the real international cooperation in the SEE region, gathering scientists, engineers, medical doctors, young people and technicians within the joint research infrastructure with the mission "Science for Peace". The Institute will be a regional Centre of Excellence based on the state-of-art sustainable technology which will assure high competitiveness to the rest of Europe. It will promote the regional collaboration in the fields of science, technology and industry and will represent a knowledge-based economy project. Particular component of the project is a platform for education and training for young scientists, researchers, technicians, medical doctors, biologists, biomedicine engineers and others who will contribute to the improvement of the whole Region in terms of technological advances, medical innovations, scientific achievements, industrial empowerment and economic benefits.

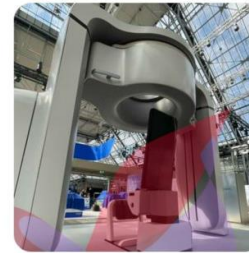


2 months  
July – August  
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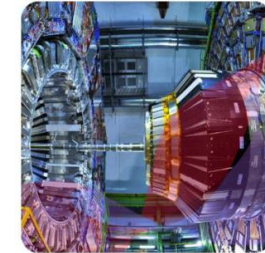
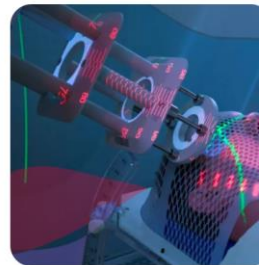
Our leading-edge expertise, software, and electronics enable organisations to make scientific breakthroughs, deliver state-of-the-art cancer treatments, develop healthcare innovations and bring clean fusion energy to the world.



### Pushing the boundaries of cancer treatment

#### Medical

Our technology and experience in system engineering and integration; regulatory practice, patient safety and device usability, will guide you through the entire development process to get your products to patients faster.



### Making scientific breakthroughs possible

#### Science

Our scientists and engineers can help you launch your software systems faster and with less risk, so you can concentrate on exploration.



### Powering the world's most complex machines

#### Industrial

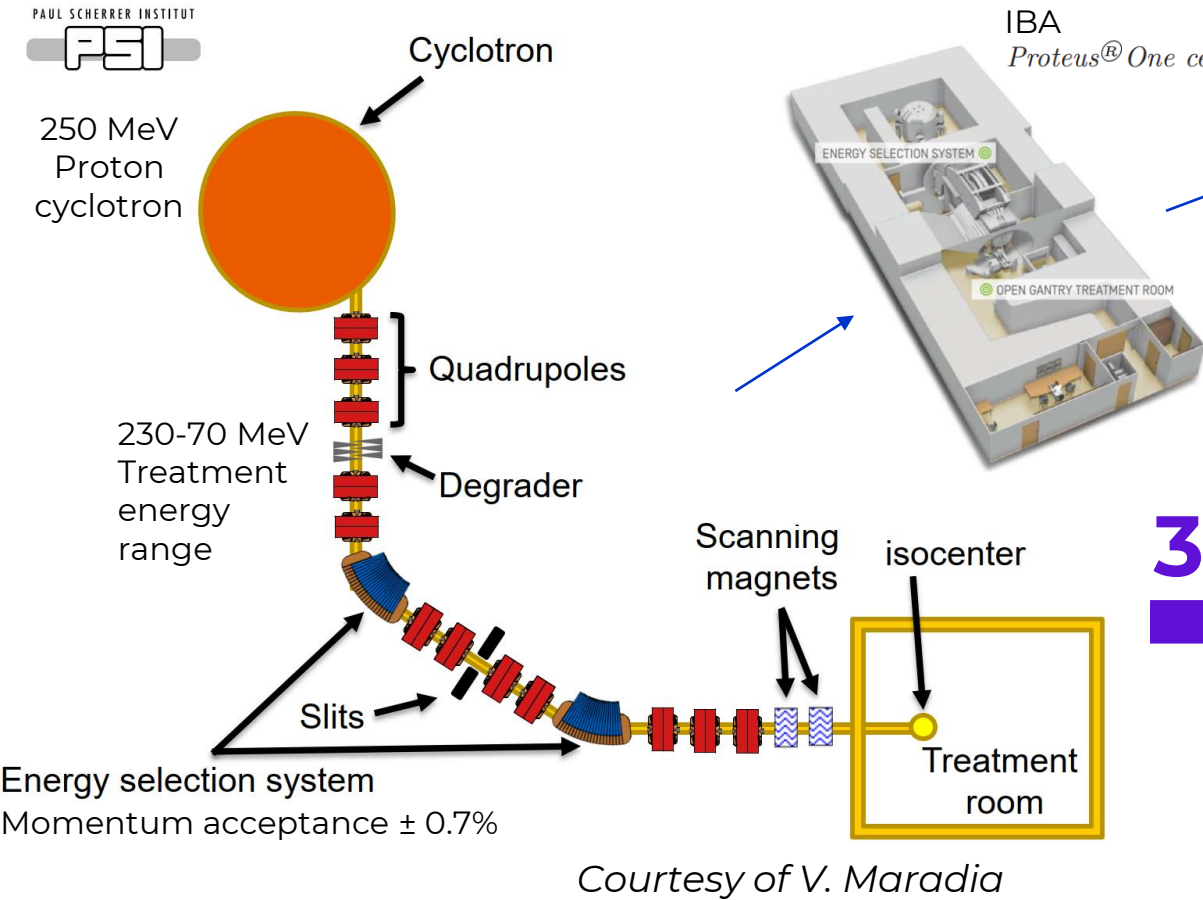
Based on our experience in designing industrial systems for a wide range of industries, we will work with you from the initial concept to the site acceptance test, to make sure your machine is delivered on time, within budget and according to the highest quality and regulatory standards.

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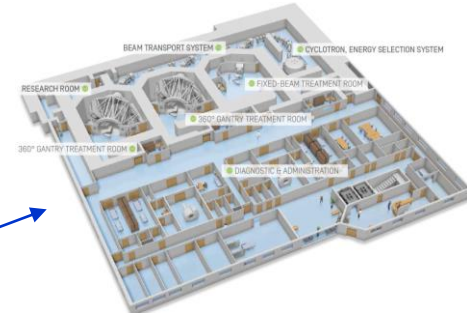
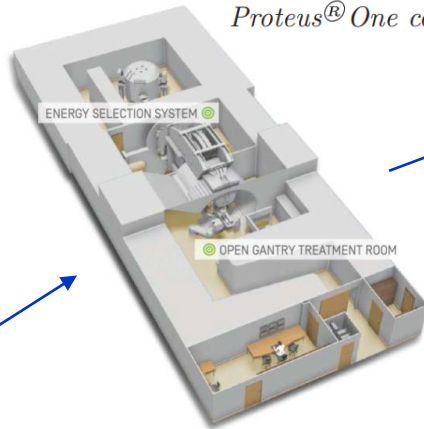
# The collaboration project context

## Proton Therapy technology

### One-room design

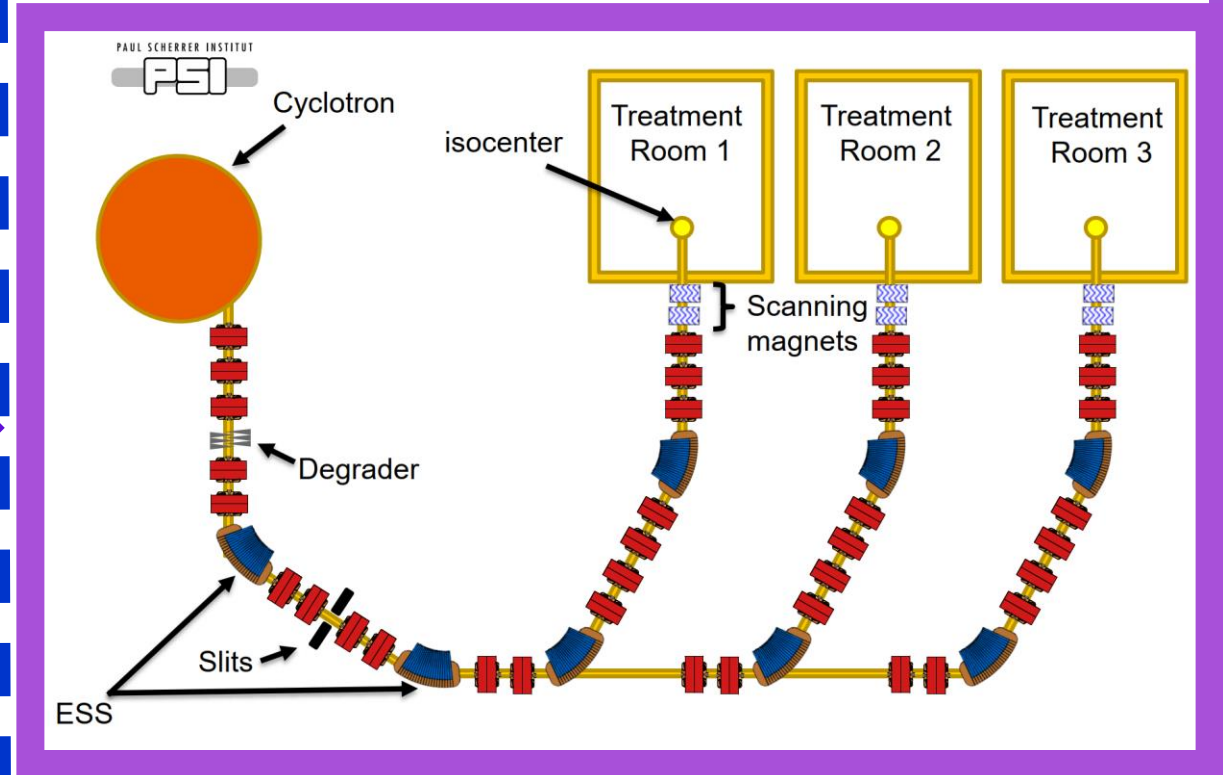


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Proteus<sup>®</sup> One center.



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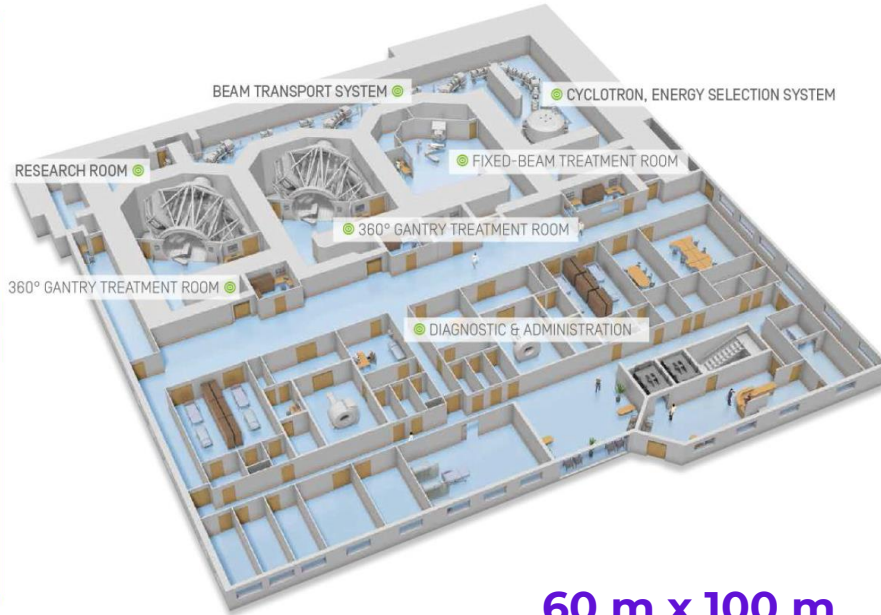
### Typical Proton Therapy centre (3-room design)



# “The race toward compactness”

## Football pitch

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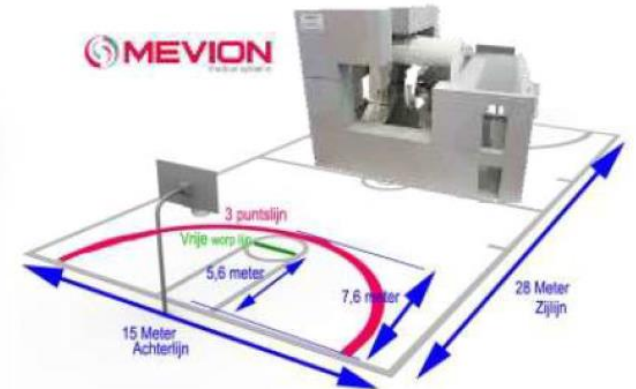
A new **Proton Therapy facility** is only attractive if it is **compact, cost-effective, and efficient**

## Tennis court



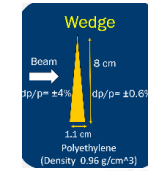
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## Basketball court

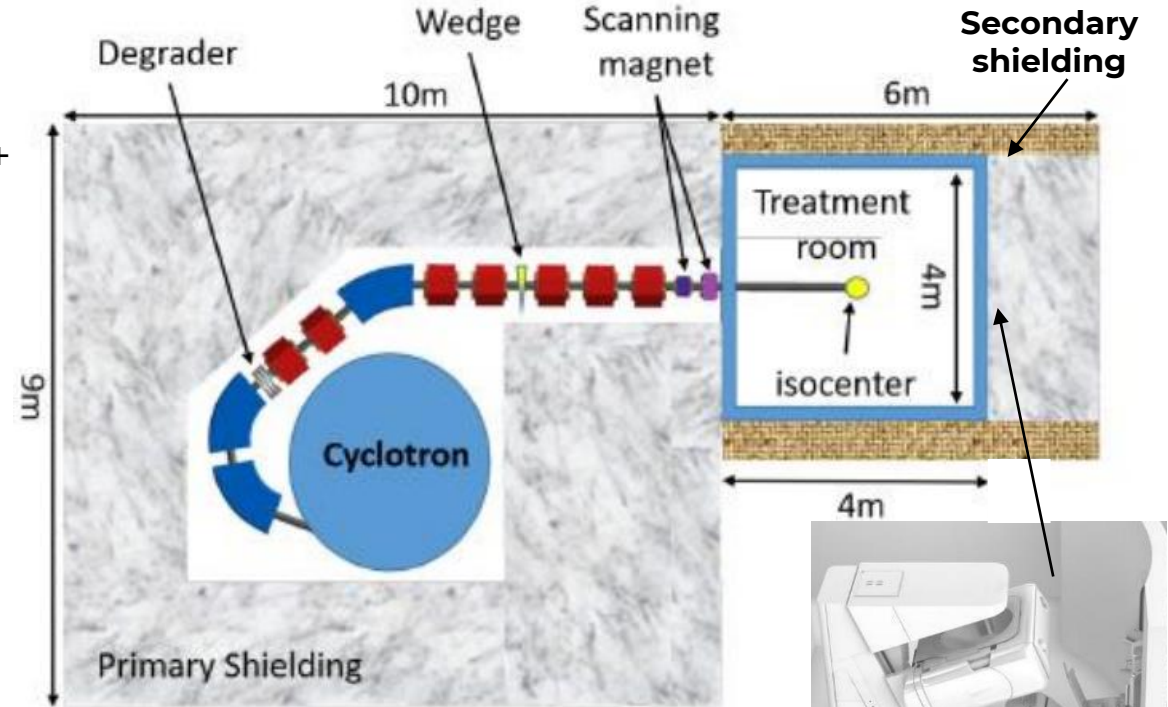


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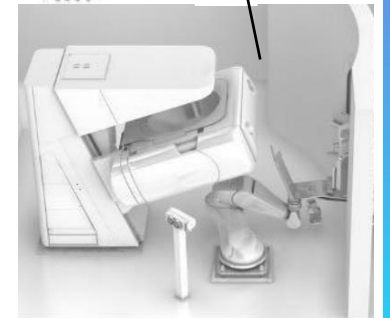
# “The project”



Use of momentum cooling to achieve high FLASH dose-rates even for low-energy beams in cyclotrons-based proton therapy facilities, V. Maradia et al.



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- COSYLAB GmbH - Paul Scherrer Institute (PSI) collaboration
  - **Commercialise a Proton Therapy technology**
- Peculiar characteristics:
- **Compact foot-print** (16 x 9 m<sup>2</sup>):
  - Infrastructure + shielding
  - cyclotron vault + beam transfer line + beam delivery + treatment room
- **Gantry-less fixed beam transfer line**
- Replacement of **Energy Selection System (ESS)** with a “**beam momentum cooling wedge**”
- **Pencil Beam Scanning System (PBS)**
- “**Chair-based**” patient positioning (e.g., P-cure type)

**Business case:**  
Does beam momentum cooling reduce costs?

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# Objective #1: Engineering Requirements

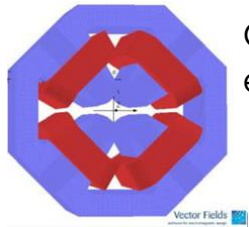
Treatment Room	1-3
Footprint of the facility	~140 m <sup>2</sup> (1-room) and ~250 m <sup>2</sup> (3-room)
Transmission (cyclotron to isocenter)	~15% (70 MeV beam)
Max beam current	~ 120 nA (70 MeV beam) assuming 800 nA from cyclotron
Beam Size at isocenter	Similar to commercial facilities (i.e. IBA facilities)
Momentum spread of the beam	±0.5%
Scanning	Downstream scanning
Scanning area	40*40 cm <sup>2</sup>
Field delivery time	<10 sec for any size tumor (including hypofractionation)
Dose rate at isocenter	~1520 Gy/s (70 MeV beam) at Bragg peak on central axis

- **Superconducting (SC) proton cyclotron (1x):**
  - Max beam energy: 250 MeV;
  - Max beam current extracted: 800 nA;
- **Fast-switch kicker electromagnet (1x):**
  - < 100 us;
- **57-deg sector bend electromagnet (3x):**
  - Bending radius: 1.5 m;
  - Pole gap: 60 mm;
  - Operating field range: 0.8 – 1.62 T;
- **In-line or rotating degrader wedge (1x);**
- **Quadrupole electromagnet (7x):**
  - Effective length: 368 mm;
  - Aperture (radius): 50 mm;
  - Operating field range: 5.7 – 10.6 T/m;
- **Polyethylene, Plexiglas wedge (beam momentum cooling)**
- **Coupled scanning magnets system (beam delivery)**

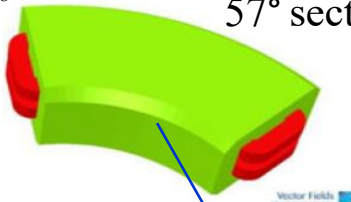
# Objective #2: Product Design Specification

capability of the nowadays most advanced Pencil Beam Scanning (PBS) cancer treatment

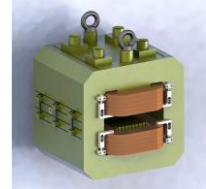
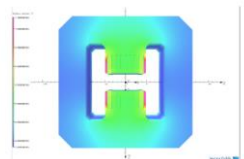
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Quadrupole electromagnets



57° sector bend electromagnets

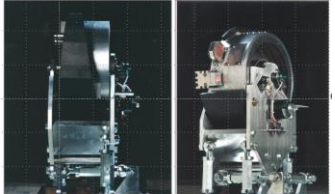


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Degrader system

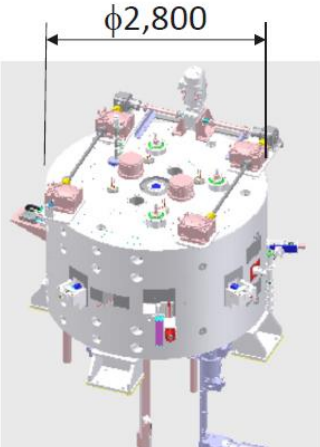
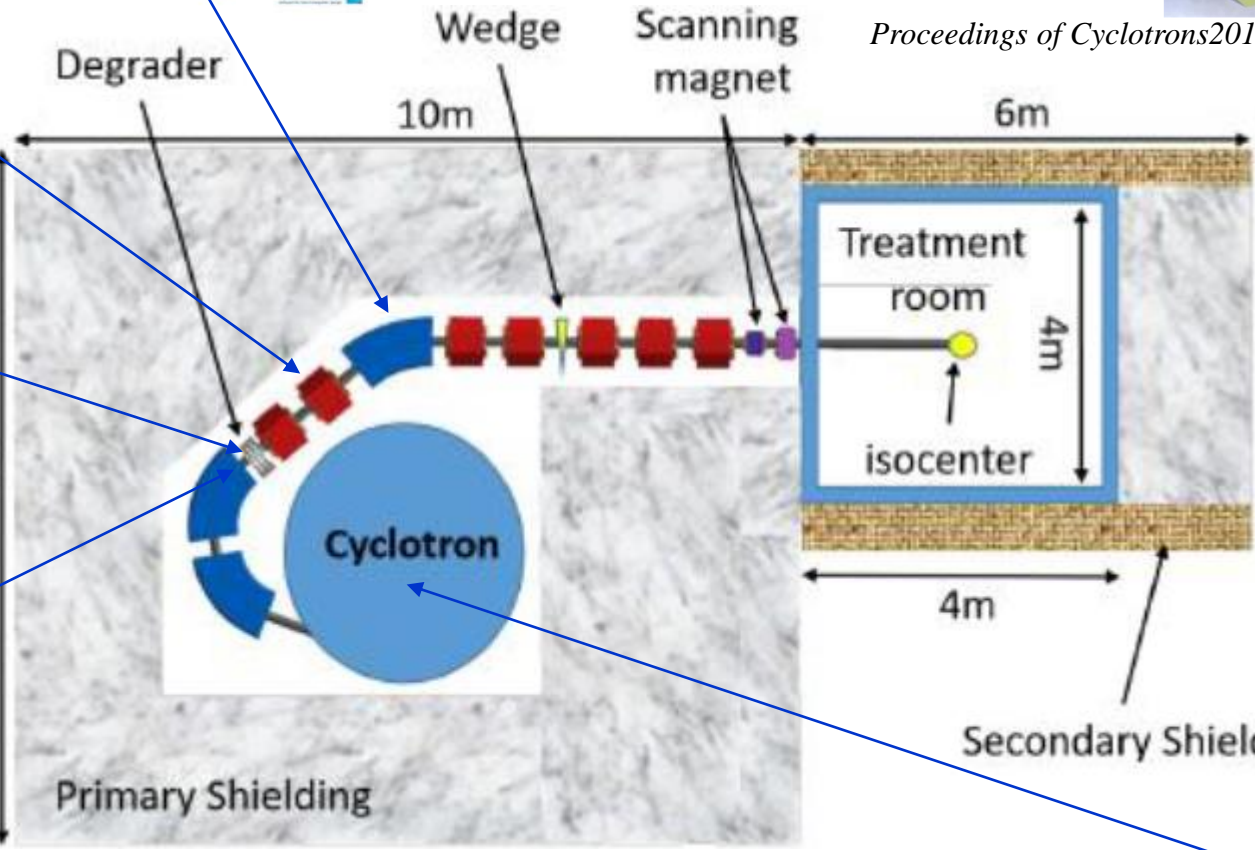
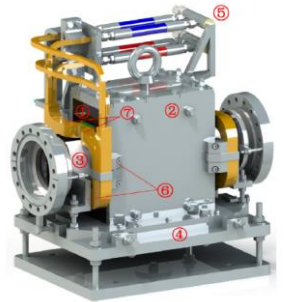
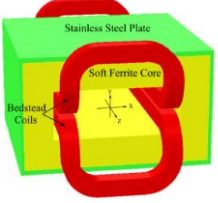


2.5 graphite wedge



rotating wedge IBA design

kicker



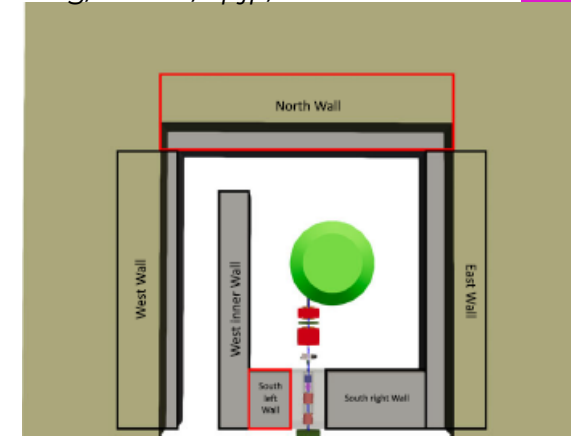
+ detailed design of the beam instrumentation



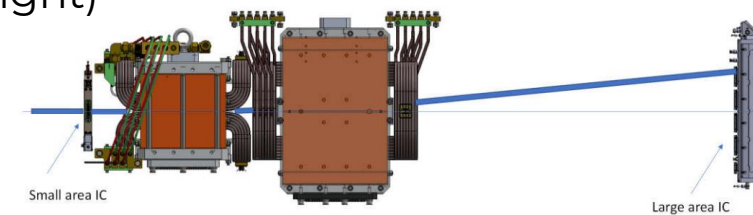
# Objective #3: Business case

*Eur. Phys. J. Plus (2022) 137:889*  
<https://doi.org/10.1140/epjp/s13360-022-02960-9>

- **SC cyclotron cost:**
  - max extracted **beam energy**: 250 MeV → size, RF system capacity
  - max extracted **beam current**: 800 nA → 50 nA → only particle source adjustment
- **Shielding requirements:** Monte Carlo simulation for materials activation
  - scaling at 50 nA
- **Transfer line cost:**
  - **Vacuum system:** off-the-shelf components (pipes, valves, pumps)
  - **Diagnostics:** replace Ionisation Chambers (IC) and MultiLayer Faraday Cups (MLFC) with Scintillation Screens (HUT facility) or “Beam Monitors”
- **Beam delivery system cost:**
  - Coupled scanning magnets + QA diagnostics basis solution (Pyramid)
- **Patient positioning system cost:** commercial P-cure (chair) / LeoCancer (upright)
- **Capital single-room facility cost breakdown (“Top-down approach”)**



*Nuclear Inst. and Methods in Physics Research, A 998 (2021) 165208*



**PYRAMID**

*Pyramid Note, TN0019.pdf*

# Achievements

- **SEEIIST**

- **relation** with the **scientific stakeholder** of the PT facility design
- **knowledge** of PT **key systems** and **cancer treatment techniques**
- **detailed project documentation:**
  - product design specification
  - Bill of Materials (BOMs)
- **Business case analysis:**
  - structured cost breakdown and comparison

- **COSYLAB GmbH:**

- **successful collaboration** with **PSI PT researchers**, and **scientists**
- **business analysis to enhance its services and market position:**
  - technical design documentation, and cost-effective insights
  - technical insights on the compact facility's systems integration



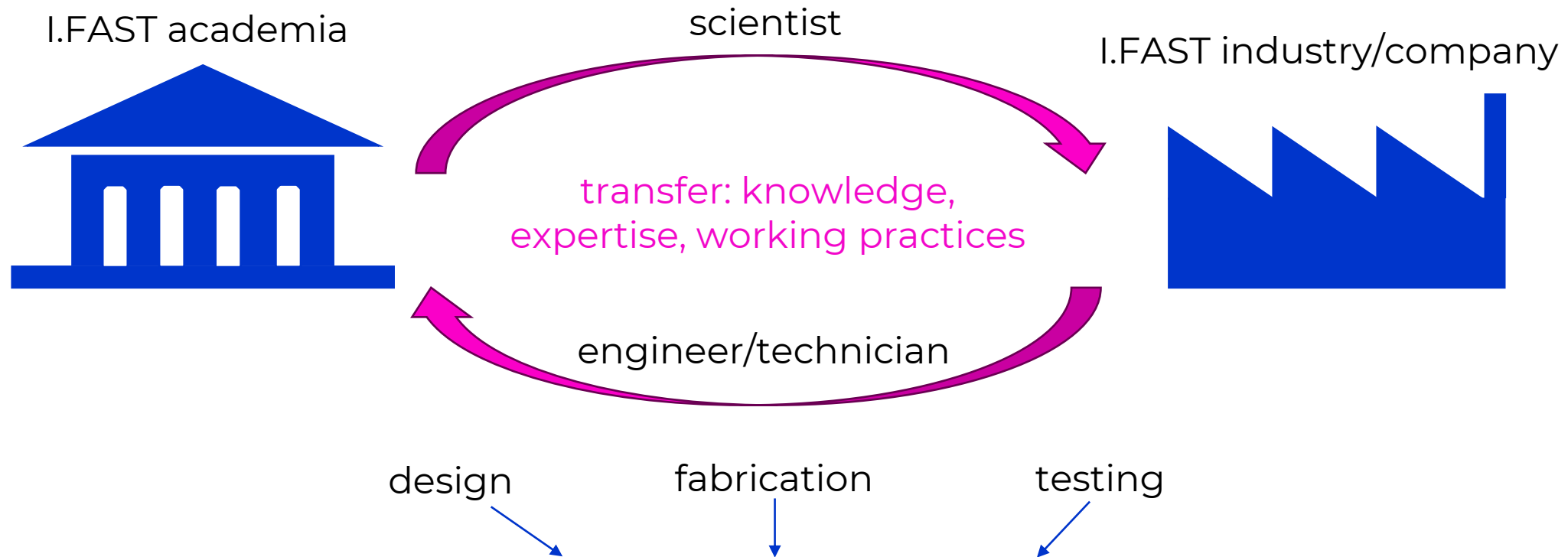
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# Apply for the programme!

**4** → I.FAST Academia-Industry exchange applications granted till February 2024



**Subject:** advanced technological **components** for **accelerators** and **magnets** and/or technology **infrastructures**

**A grant of up to 15 k€** can be used to finance: salary, travel, subsistence

Total budget = 60 k€ → 4 project = ~ 37 k€ → ~ **23 k€** → **3 new projects**

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## **Application process:**

- **contact your industrial collaborator**
- **formulate an exchange proposal**
- **submit a fund request**

**<https://ifast-project.eu/ifast-traineeship-programme>**

**Thank you for your attention**



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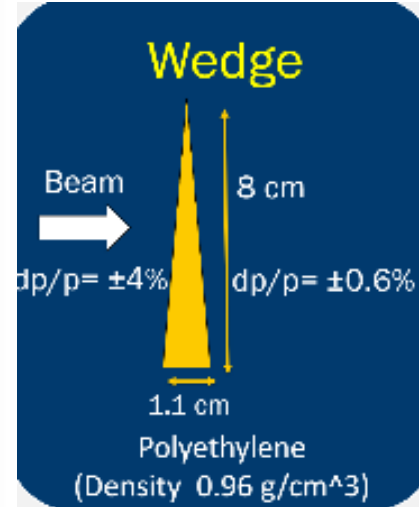
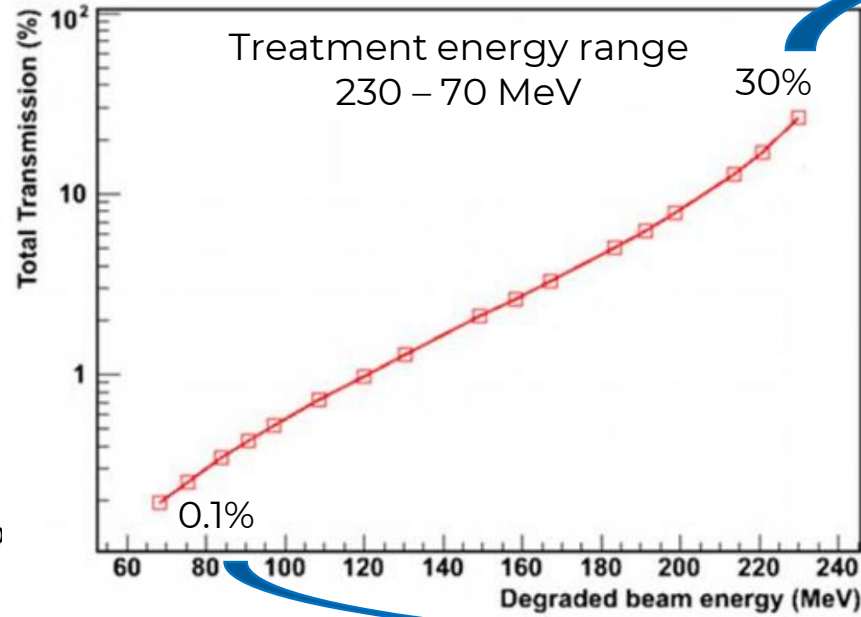
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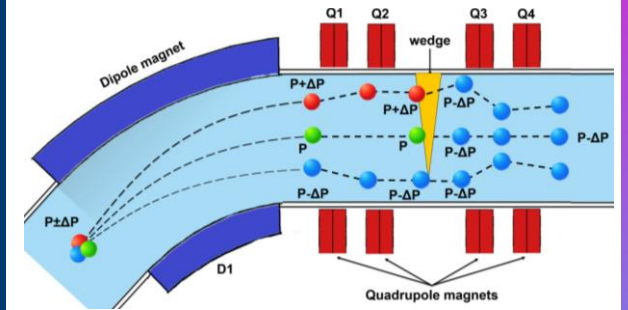
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# “Beam momentum cooling”

Transmission in cyclotron based proton therapy facility



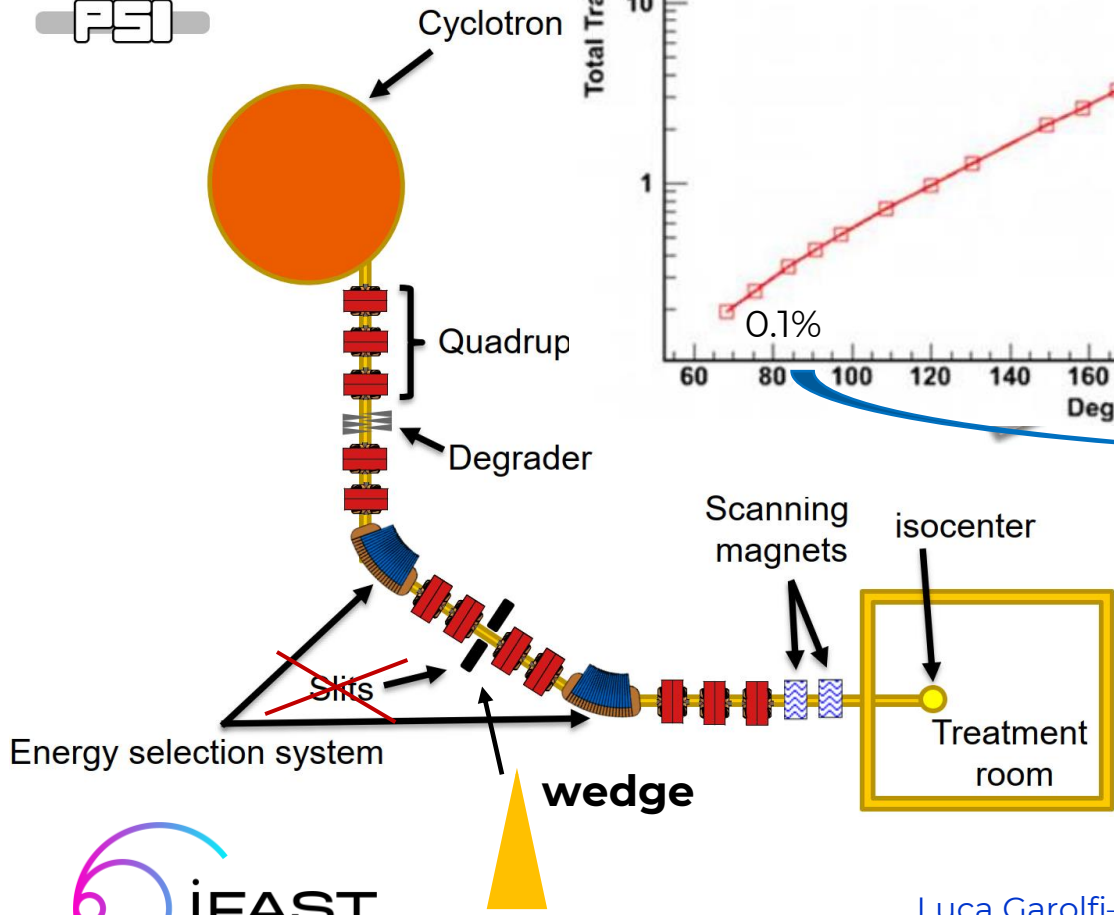
230 MeV  $\rightarrow$  ~ 70%



70 MeV  $\rightarrow$  15%

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# The objectives

- Prepare a comprehensive **product design specification documentation** that highlights:
  - the capability of the nowadays most advanced cancer treatment (PBS)
  - the reduced physical footprint compared with the most compact one-room PT designs on the market
- Detailed **Bill of Materials (BOMs)** that allows for a “bottom-up” components breakdown cost of cyclotron, beam transfer line, beam delivery system and patient positioning system

Detailed **Engineering Requirements** study


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Product Design Specification Example	0.1	Draft		2023-09-01

## Compact gantry-less PT facility

Product Design Specification

Author(s)	Name	Role/Company	Signature and Date
	Luca Garolfi	Collaborator	

Detailed **Bill of Materials (BOMs) of components**



SOURCE / SUPPLIER	MANUFACTURER PART NO.	SUPPLIER PART NO.	LINK TO SUPPORTING DOC	COMMENTS	CAD file	CUSTOM MADE	UNIT PRICE	TOT
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SigmaPhi Accelerator Technologies	n/a	n/a	mopmi039.pdf	O-type - Pole gap = 140 mm; Tot length = 170 mm; Integral magnetic field > 1.5e-2 Tm	n/a	Customized		0