



AIM:
Strengthen user community,
Capacity building
Learn from existing facilities

Deliverable of the HITRIplus EU-funded project (with SEEIIST as beneficiary)

In conjunction with IAEA Regional workshop under the Technical Cooperation project RER6039 supporting SEEIIST

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and Maria Mpigaki (Papageorgiou and IAEA Greek contact for the above project)

Plus 8 AUTH students

Next one: Thessaloniki, 18-21 October 2024

Invited by Aristotle Medical Forum

In cooperation with Mr Bamidis, Triaridis, Anastasiadis

PROGRAMME: https://mcusercontent.com/3b675bca18e962fbbc9709f23/files/cd9f3d03-e70b-d116-3815-55f6783355c5/Handrontherapy_status_and_perspectives_and_Scientific_day_on_BNCT_definitive_program.pdf

Information on SEEIIST

SEEIIST Summary Document with Links attached here: <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1421561/> and

Direct link: <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1421561/sessions/551007/attachments/2865058/5014405/SEEIIST%20SUMMARY%20INFO%20and%20DOCUMENTS-For28may2024atMacedoniaPalace.pdf>

Publication as CERN Yellow Report in progress: for any next generation hadron therapy facility (see MV)



SEEIIST - Μία σύγχρονη προηγμένη ερευνητική υποδομή για καινοτόμο θεραπεία καρκινικών όγκων

Τι είναι το SEEIIST

Το Διεθνές Ινστιτούτο Βιώσιμων Τεχνολογιών Νοτιοανατολικής Ευρώπης (South East European International Institute for Sustainable Technologies - SEEIIST) στοχεύει στην ανάπτυξη, στη διευρυμένη περιοχή των Βαλκανίων, μιας προηγμένης ερευνητικής υποδομής για καινοτόμο έρευνα και θεραπεία όγκων καρκίνου χρησιμοποιώντας δέσμες σωματιδίων όπως πρωτονίων, ηλίου, άνθρακα και άλλων ιόντων. Η υλοποίηση της τεράστιας αυτής πρόκλησης βασίζεται σε τεχνολογίες αιχμής στον τομέα των επιταχυντών και ανιχνευτών, που αναπτύσσονται στο CERN¹, GSI² και σε άλλους ευρωπαϊκούς ερευνητικούς οργανισμούς.

Το SEEIIST έλαβε την αρχική χρηματοδότηση από την Ευρωπαϊκή Επιτροπή για τις μελέτες σχεδιασμού της εγκατάστασης και από την Διεθνή Υπηρεσία Ατομικής Ενέργειας, IAEA³, για την ανάπτυξη ικανοτήτων προωθώντας παράλληλα τη διεθνή συνεργασία στην περιοχή της Νοτιοανατολικής Ευρώπης (NAE). Μετά τον αρχικό σχεδιασμό, μια ομάδα ειδικών συνεχίζει να αναπτύσσει τις τεχνικές λεπτομέρειες της εγκατάστασης.

SEEIIST Summary and key figures

<https://cernbox.cern.ch/index.php/s/IR7IGERH0davyuB>

SEEIIST

SEE Hadron Therapy and research Facility by Ugo Amaldi et al (CERN Yellow Report)

<https://cernbox.cern.ch/index.php/s/deb9lyWe8kViYUS>

ESFRI application Sep 2020 : <http://bit.ly/esfriseeiist>

Contributing Authors: <https://cernbox.cern.ch/index.php/s/g5eAgMdBRrSgiu4>

SEEIIST Association

SEEIIST Association: Information

<https://cernbox.cern.ch/index.php/s/td2cait46qrXNQ>

SEEIIST Member States contributions for Association

<https://cernbox.cern.ch/index.php/s/fY6UcbclNUcCE>

TOWARDS ERIC:

SEEIIST Legal Framework_ERIC_proposal_final.pdf

<https://cernbox.cern.ch/index.php/s/pEXCwqLwz5jKnb0>

Financial Annex

<https://cernbox.cern.ch/index.php/s/W1ypuQkxeshbZEw>

EU Support

HITRIplus: <https://www.hitriplus.eu>

I.FAST: <https://ifast-project.eu>

SF(16) DLR Deliverables: <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1119243/page/24249-sf16-dlr-deliverables>

BROCHURES and Leaflets

Leaflet in English: <https://cernbox.cern.ch/index.php/s/IDHkMxjtrDL6wkm>

Leaflet in Greek: <https://cernbox.cern.ch/index.php/s/t8WH6diyesEdp6U>

Brochure in english

<https://cernbox.cern.ch/index.php/s/Lifg63bLNzka9r5>

SEEIIST and Greece

MoU SEEIIST Association and AUTH Medical School

(signed by K. Annastasiadis and P. Bamidis Dec 2023)

<https://cernbox.cern.ch/index.php/s/TcqQUTPnb8SOys1>

Information on SEEIIST

Presentations available here:

<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1421561/>

YF presentation with comments: no time to go through
(with references to experts presentations for completeness)

Information on SEEIIST: 28 May 2024 Macedonia Palace

Tuesday 28 May 2024, 16:00 → 20:00 Europe/Zurich

Macedonia Palace Melpomeni Room AND zoom: <https://cern.zoom.us/j/68690618864?pwd=LzdNSUV3NERwUFIITUk0bUYzTjlyZz09>

Yiota Foka (GSI - Helmholtzzentrum für Schwerionenforschung GmbH (DE))

Description Starting Time: 16:00 CET (17:00 Athens time)

ZOOM LINK: <https://cern.zoom.us/j/68690618864?pwd=LzdNSUV3NERwUFIITUk0bUYzTjlyZz09>

**Aim: provide information by experts
Time for Q&A to experts directly**

16:00 → 20:00 Video Conference: 28 May 2024

Convener: Yiota Foka (GSI - Helmholtzzentrum für Schwerionenforschung GmbH (DE))

AGENDA-DRAFT-V2... AGENDA-DRAFT-V2... SEEIIST SUMMARY I... SEEIIST SUMMARY I...

16:00

Welcome

Speaker: Yiota Foka (GSI - Helmholtzzentrum für Schwerionenforschung GmbH (DE))

16:15

Contribution from EDA Swiss Foreign Office

Speaker: Niccolo Iorno (FDFA)

16:45

Contribution from DKFZ

Speaker: Joao Seco

17:05

Contribution from IAEA/HITRIplus, Papageorgiou

Speaker: Maria Mpigaki (Papageorgiou)

17:15

Contribution from CERN/NIMMS

Speaker: Maurizio Vretenar (CERN)

Executive Summary, in Greece, in numbers

Related to specialised hands-on training: doctors/professionals (details by Maria Mpigaki)

5 patient cases submitted to HIT/CNAO/MedAustron via HITRIplus TNA

3 members of AHEPA/Papageorgiou and 8 AUTH students at CNAO/IAEA workshop (Oct 2023)

2 pax at IAEA/Vienna workshop (Jan 2024)

2 doctors of Papageorgiou at CNAO via HITRIplus TNA (Feb 2024)

3 medical physicists from AHEPA/Papageorgiou at ICTP Trieste school (April 2024)

Related to education/training

2 HITRIplus online schools: May 2021, July 2023 with 1050 and 600 online participants

10 AUTH students in organization team

4 online PTMC in Greece, every year since 2021

250 high-school students participating on Saturdays

15 AUTH students in organization team and as tutors

7 AUTH students following masters, PhDs (4 in DKFZ, 1 at CERN, 2 in Greece)

Related to EU proposals and collaborations

1 MoU with AUTH Medical School

2 EU proposals submitted on related topics, widening era,
(with coordinator AUTH, important consortia/collaborations)

Related to information events (scientific and public)

2 online scientific information events

5 exhibitions at HELEXPO (TIF, BEYOND, FORWARD GREEN)

Growing interest and community

Upcoming workshop plus hands-on training: 18-21 October 2024 (during AMF)

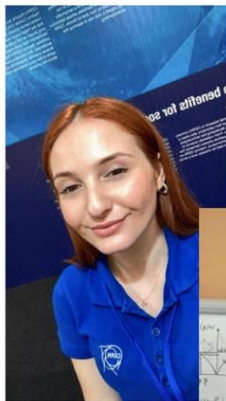
Growing community and interest in Greece, including new generation

AUTH Assistants team for 3rd HITRIplus school



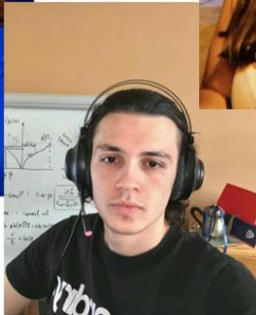
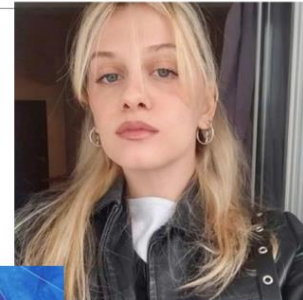
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At GSI

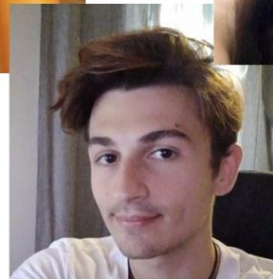


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At DKFZ



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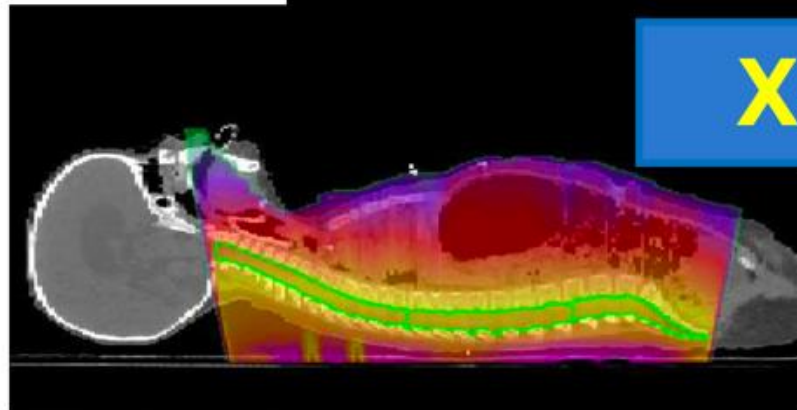
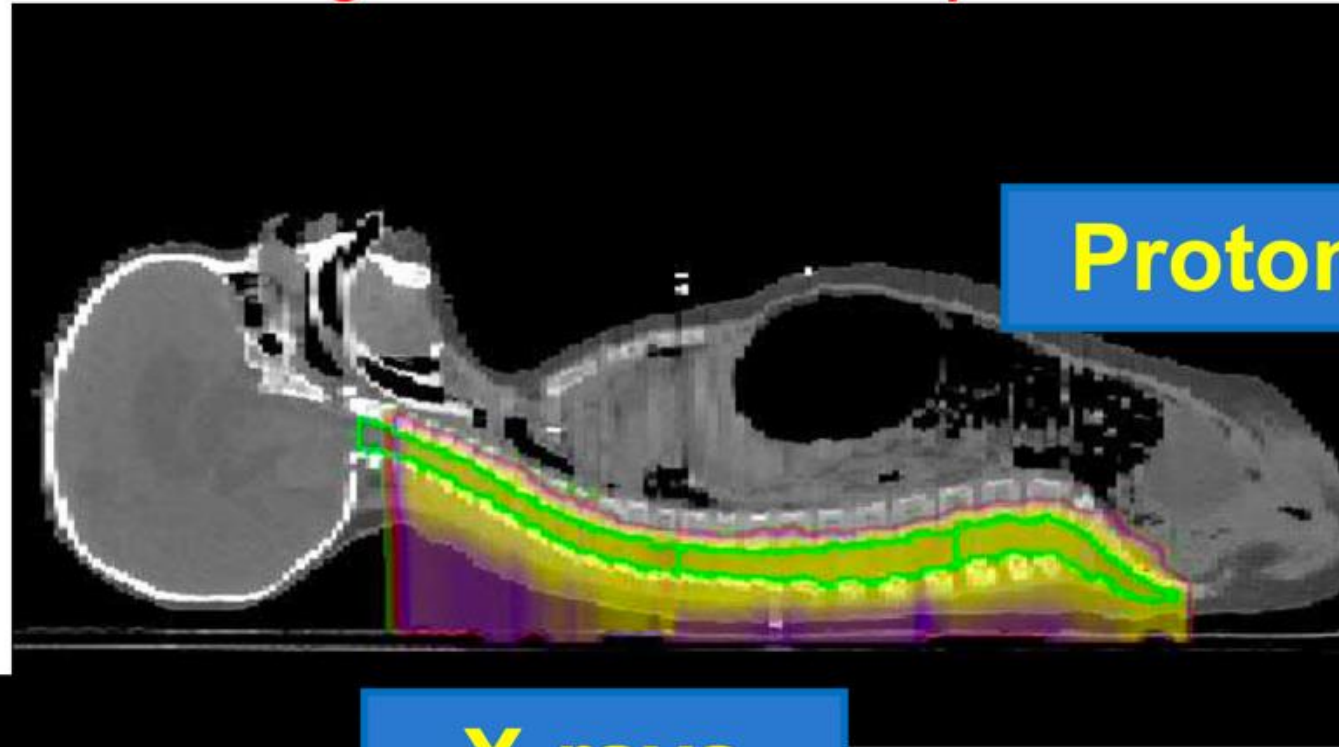
At PATRAS



To be trained and come back !

Pediatric patients elective for protons

Less dose to healthy tissues
to reduce long term risks of secondary tumours



Introductions

Experts Presentations : <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1421561/>

SEEIIST SC meeting in Thessaloniki <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1103276/>
<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=JaNQAWDLWz0&feature=youtu.be>

14th SEEIIST Steering Committee meeting in Thessaloniki

SEEIIST South East European International Institute for Sustainable Technologies

SEEIIST meetings in Thessaloniki

4-6 Apr 2022
Venue: Helexpo
Europe/Thessaloniki

<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1103276/>
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Overview
Venue
Agenda

The main scientific goal of SEEIIST is the realisation of a "Facility for Tumour Hadron Therapy and Biomedical Research". Such a Regional Center of Scientific Excellence will strengthen local scientific expertise for future projects and the development of a sustainable economy and social cohesion. The facility is expected to stimulate the development of complementary technologies, such as the use of alternative energy sources or the development of advanced digital systems, and to trigger spin-offs. To maximise benefits it is planned as a regionally distributed facility with hubs in different countries offering numerous opportunities for technology transfer and benefits to South-East European industry as well as international cooperation opportunities.

The SEEIIST project has entered the **Design Phase** thanks to the first financial support of the **European Commission (DG RTD)** and the EU funded **HITRiplus** project, where state-of-the-art particle accelerator design is developed in collaboration with the main European research centres **CERN** and **GSI-FAIR**.

The SEEIIST meetings in Thessaloniki will be in hybrid mode, preferably in person and will include the:

- Open Steering Committee Meeting
- Closed Steering Committee Meeting
- Legal Framework Working Group Meeting
- Site Selection Working Group Meeting

A BIG STEP FORWARD FOR SEEIIST PROJECT

THE 14th MEETING OF THE SEEIIST STEERING COMMITTEE HELD ON 4 APRIL 2022 IN THESSALONIKI, GREECE The 14th meeting of the SEEIIST Intergovernmental Steering Committee (SC) was held on April 4, 2022 in Thessaloniki, Greece. The welcome address was given by

Articles and Photos
Contact
Yiota.Foka@cern.ch

Comments by [A.Tzikas/M.Chavouzis](#)

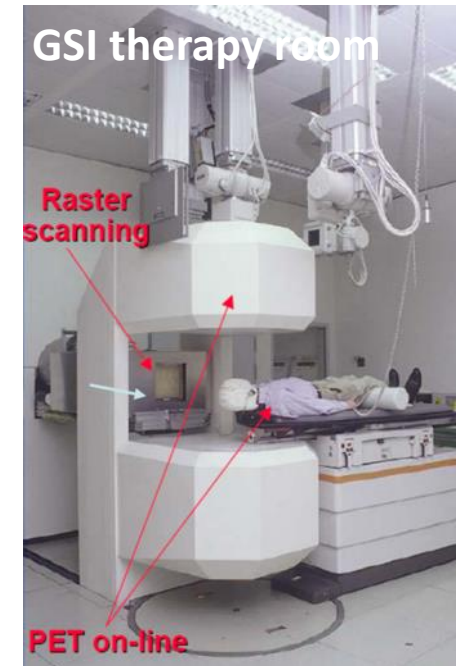
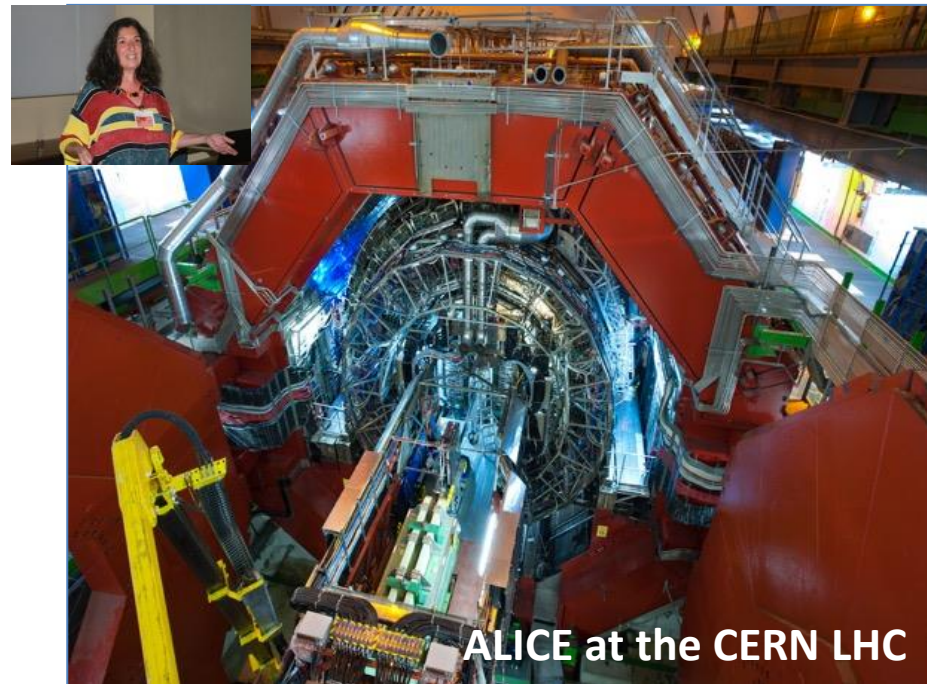
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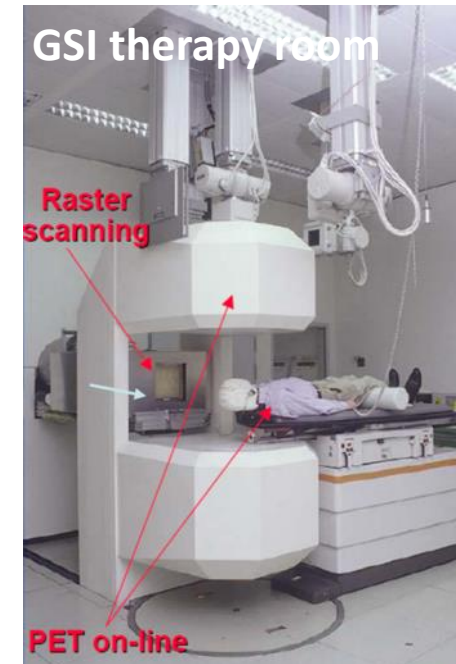
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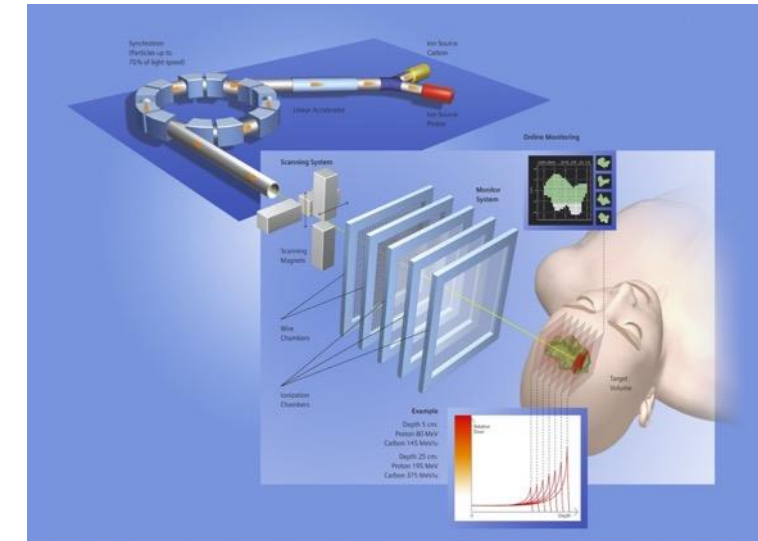


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Heidelberg Ion Therapy HIT centre



Implemented at HIT, Heidelberg Ion Therapy centre

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ALICE heavy-ion experiment at CERN Innovative technologies for next generation ion facilities



Next Steps: Next Ion Medical Machine Study, NIMMS, CERN group

Workshop on Ions

for Cancer Therapy, Space Research and Material Science



**Chania,
Crete, Greece**

**26 - 30
August
2017**

Workshop Main Topics

28-30 of August at Great Arsenali

Particle therapy status

- Centres worldwide
- Treatment planning and imaging novel methods
- Challenges, new R&D directions

Space research and dosimetry

Nanotechnology, electronics and material research

Modelling and benchmarking of experiments

Novel accelerators and training

Public Events

26 of August - science fair at Neorio Moro

27 of August - public talks at Great Arsenali

30 of August - coffee with scientists at Neorio Moro

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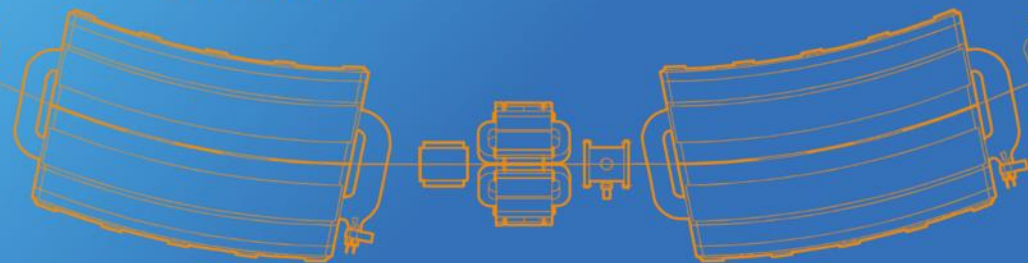
Workshop

Location Archamps, France

Venue: European Scientific Institute (ESI)

Dates: 19-21 June 2018

Ideas and technologies for a next-generation facility for medical research and therapy with ions



MAIN TOPICS:

- ▶ EXISTING FACILITIES
- ▶ CURRENT INITIATIVES
- ▶ NEW TECHNOLOGIES
- ▶ DESIGN PARAMETERS
- ▶ TECHNICAL OPTIONS

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Basic requirements of the next generation cancer therapy accelerator:

- ❑ Operation with **multiple ions**: protons, helium, carbon, oxygen, etc. for therapy and research.
- ❑ **Lower cost and dimensions**, compared to present;
- ❑ **Faster dose delivery with higher beam intensity and new delivery schemes (FLASH)**
- ❑ A **gantry** device to precisely deliver the dose to the tumour.

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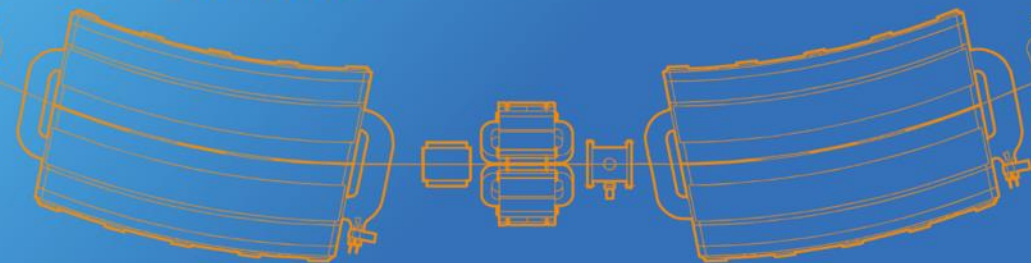
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Next Ion Medical Machine Study, NIMMS



The **Next Ion Medical Machine Study** is an international collaboration based at CERN, established in 2018 with the support of the CERN KT for Medical Applications, with the goal of developing new technologies for the **future generation of accelerators** for cancer therapy with ions heavier than protons.

- Building on the experience of the **PIMMS** (proton-ion medical machine study) of 1996/2000;
- Federating **partners** to develop **designs and technologies** for next-generation ion therapy;
- Concentrating on technologies for **ions** – protons are covered by commercial companies;
- **Partners** can use the NIMMS technologies to assemble their own **optimized facility**.



NIMMS collaboration in 2023 (19 partners)

- SEEIST (South East European International Institute for Sustainable Technologies)
 - TERA/TERA-CARE Foundation (Italy/CH)
 - Riga Technical University (Latvia)
 - GSI (Germany)
 - INFN (Italy)
 - CIEMAT (Spain)
 - Cockcroft Institute (UK)
 - University of Manchester (UK)
 - CNAO (Italy)
 - Imperial College (UK)
 - MedAustron (Austria)
 - U. Melbourne (Australia)
 - ESS-Bilbao (Spain)
 - Sarajevo University (Bosnia &H.)
 - University of Thessaloniki (Greece)
 - PARTREC (Netherlands)
 - TENMAK (Turkey)
 - ITRE (Slovenia)
 - University of Malta
- NIMMS Funding:**
- CERN Knowledge Transfer
 - SEEIST, RTU and TERA (personnel at CERN)
 - European projects HITRIplus and I.FAST
 - Donation

In 2022/23 NIMMS has supported:

- 8 PhD Students
- 3 Post-Docs
- 1 Master student

NIMMS supported designs for areas with no ion facilities



Particle therapy centres in Europe. Courtesy of ENLIGHT, 2020

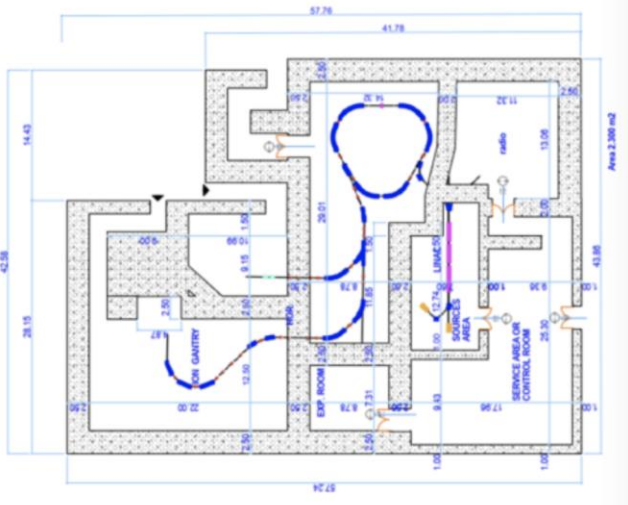
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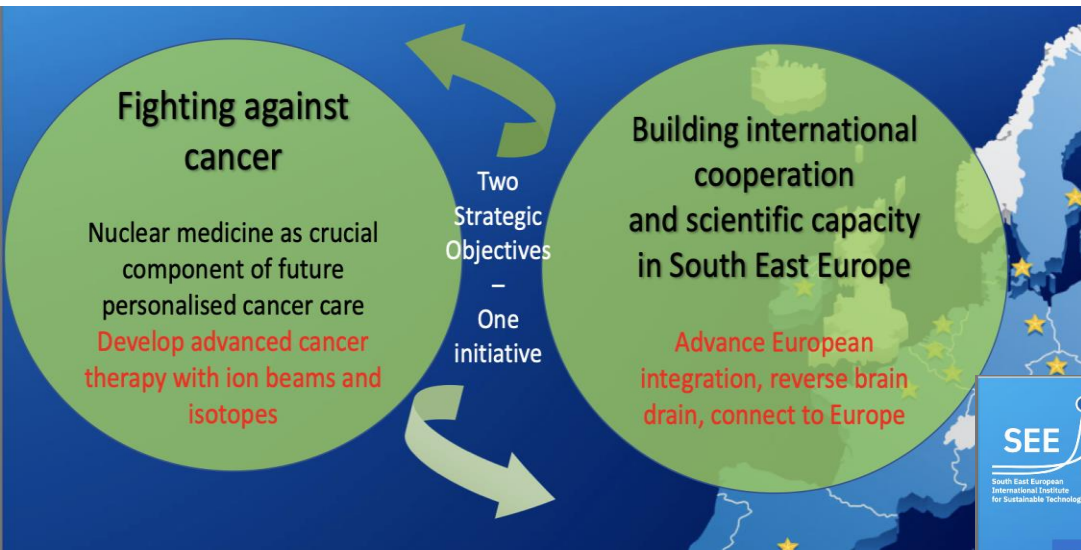
Our Initiatives



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| Baltic Collaboration | SEEIIST |
| Heavy Ion Therapy Facility for the Baltic States | Heavy Ion Therapy Facility for the Balkans States |

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Presentations at CERN



Towards Greece becoming full member



Political steps taken so far

Declaration of Intent signed at CERN on October 25, 2017



Memorandum of Cooperation signed by six Prime Ministers of the SEE Region

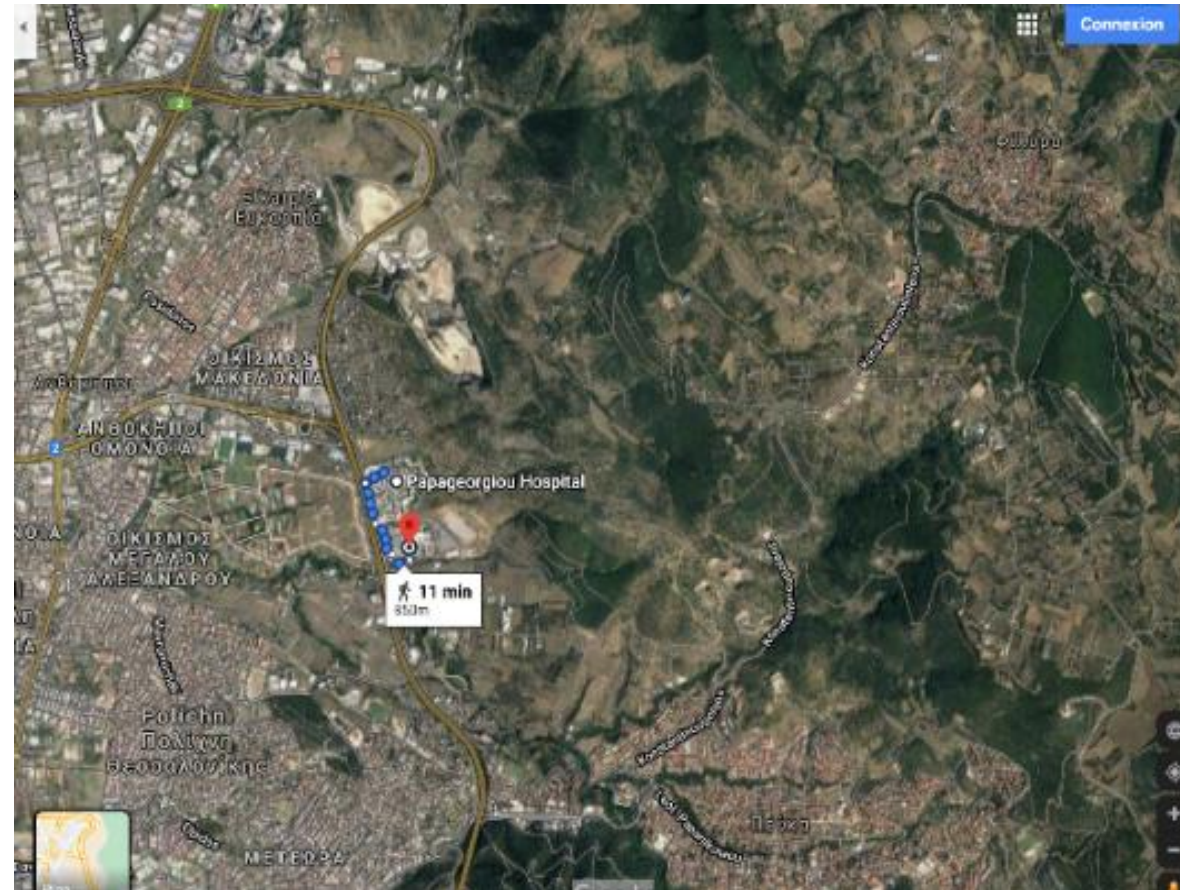
Signature of Memorandum on 5 July 2019 in Poznan, Poland at the occasion of the 6th Summit of the Berlin Process



Ministers of Science/corresponding Ministers or their representatives from the SEE Region

Prime Ministers of the SEE Region

Searching suitable location in Thessaloniki



Via satellite/google search identify a possible location/candidate
Contact to Papageorgiou via AUTH colleagues

Online Scientific Information Events in Greece

Information event for scientific/medical communities in Greece: <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1138945/>

6 April 2022

Under the auspices of AUTH

Speakers:

DKFZ German Cancer Research Center
CNAO therapy centre
GSI, CERN, IAEA
and AUTH

Introductory info event

6 November 2020

<https://indico.cern.ch/event/968289/>

Speakers:

SEIIST Sanja Damianovic
GSI, CERN, IAEA
HIT Heidelberg Ion Therapy centre
and AUTH (Alexandra Ioannidou)
Technopolis,
Papageorgiou

Upcoming opportunities for cancer therapy and research with ion beams.

Friday 6 Nov 2020, 09:00 → 13:40 Europe/Athens

Description The aim is:

(1) to present and inform the scientific community in Greece, starting in Thessaloniki, about:

(a) the status and recent progress in cancer therapy using ions, further potential and opportunities of this method, as well as plans for future developments.

(b) a proposal for "A Facility for Tumor Therapy and Biomedical Research in South East Europe" pursued by the "South East Europe International Institute for Sustainable Technologies" and related possibilities for scientific research and patient treatment.

(2) to establish contact with the broader scientific and medical community in Greece, starting in Thessaloniki and including the diaspora, and discuss current activities, interests and future plans related to this topic.



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09:00 → 09:10 **Welcome and introduction**

10m

Speaker: Yiota Foka (GSI - Helmholtzzentrum für Schwerionenforschung GmbH (DE))

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09:10 → 09:40 **SEIIST current status and aims of the project**

30m

Speaker: Sanja Damjanovic (GSI - Helmholtzzentrum für Schwerionenforschung GmbH (DE))

SEIIST-SanjaDamja...

SEIIST-SanjaDamja...

09:40 → 10:10 **Cancer therapy with ions, pioneering experience from GSI**

30m

Speaker: Christian Graeff (GSI)

Presentations and recordings available

SEEIST

South East European International Institute
for
Sustainable Technologies

50% research and 50% therapy
with multiple ions

Architectural design, Kaprinis Architects

Why ?

What are the benefits

Health care, research,
technology developments, industry boost, education and training

Details in

- SEEIIST Brochure and leaflet

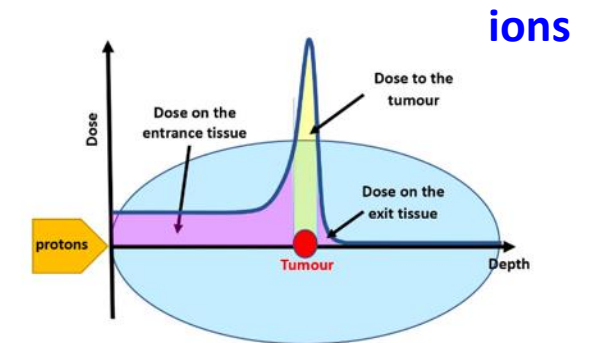
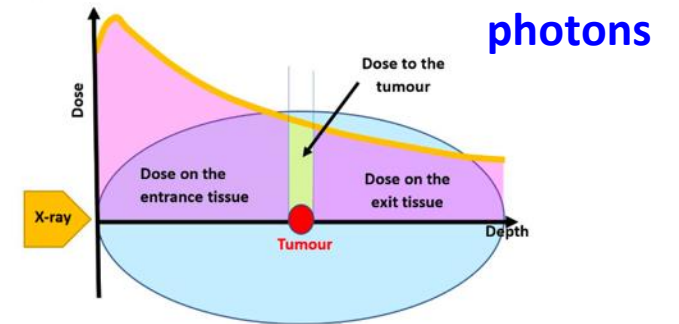
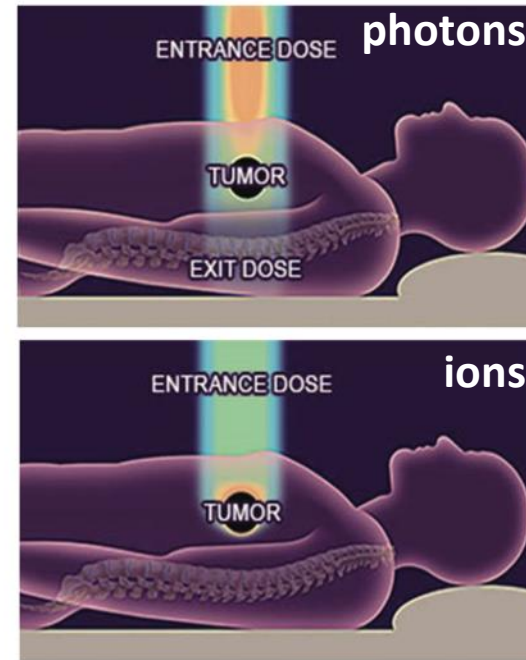
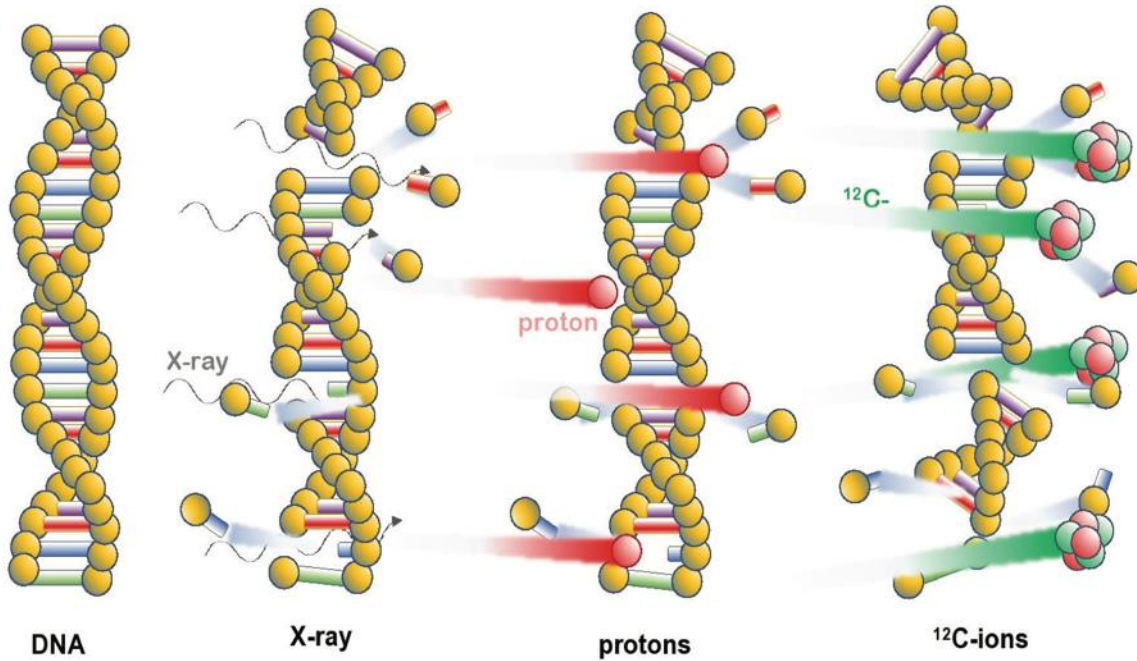
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available via links the summary document

Heavy-ion research and heavy-ion therapy

Why heavy ions for cancer tumour therapy?

Fundamental properties of particles and their interaction with matter



Bragg peak

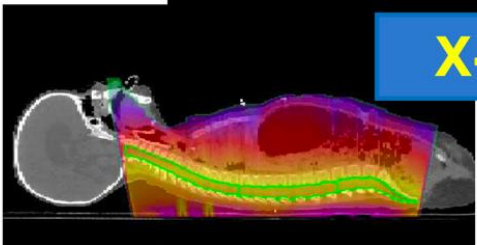
Contrary to x-rays or electrons, protons and heavier ions deposit their energy at a given depth inside the tissues, minimizing dose to the traversed tissues, sparing nearby organs.

Heavy-ion research and heavy-ion therapy

Why heavy ions for cancer tumour therapy?

Pediatric patients elective for protons

Less dose to healthy tissues
to reduce long term risks of secondary tumours

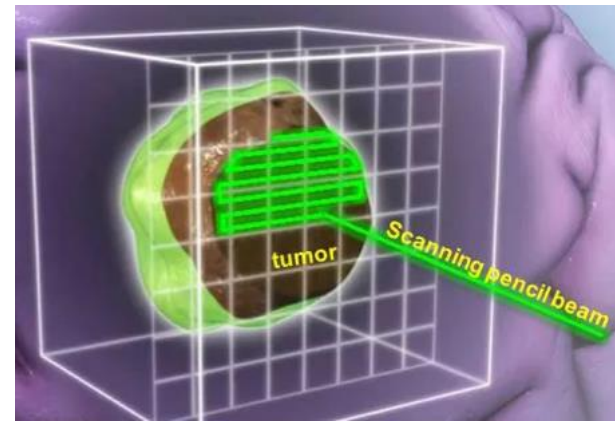
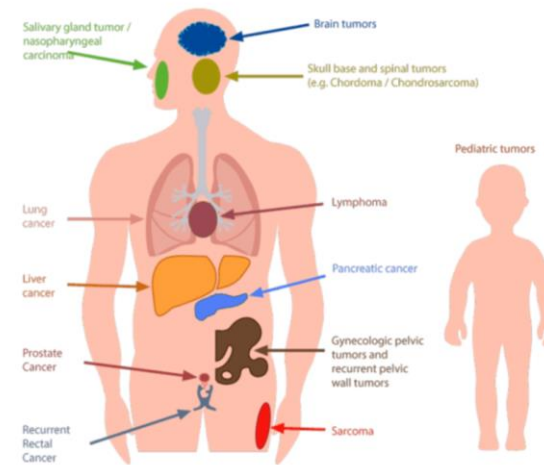


Particularly important for pediatric patients to reduce damage to their growing bodies and long-term effects:

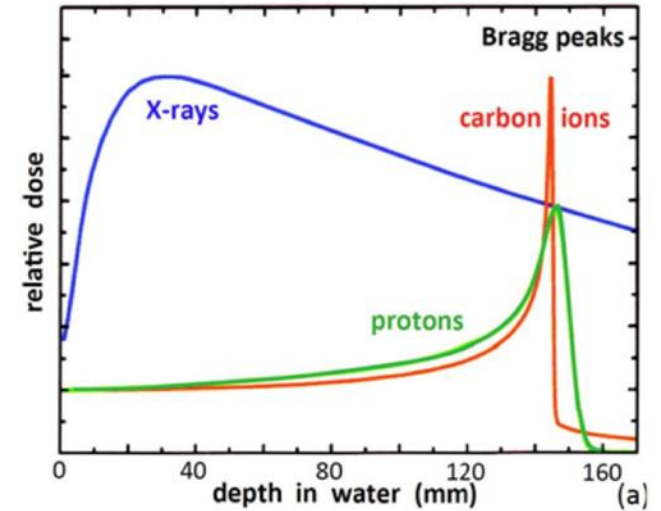
proton therapy becomes the standard

What diseases are treated at HIT?

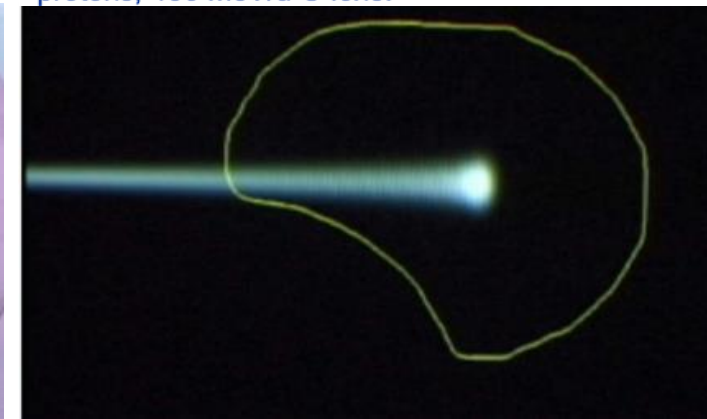
We currently treat the following cancers in children and adults:



Bragg peak



Required energy for full-body penetration: 230 MeV protons, 450 MeV/u C-ions.



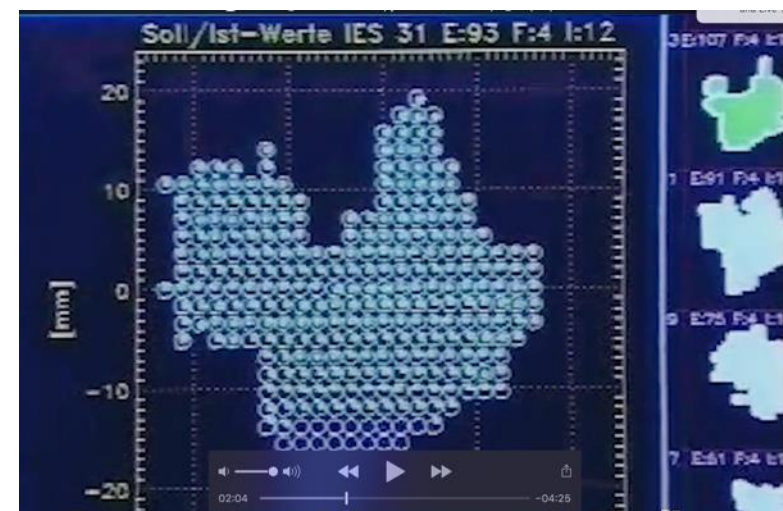
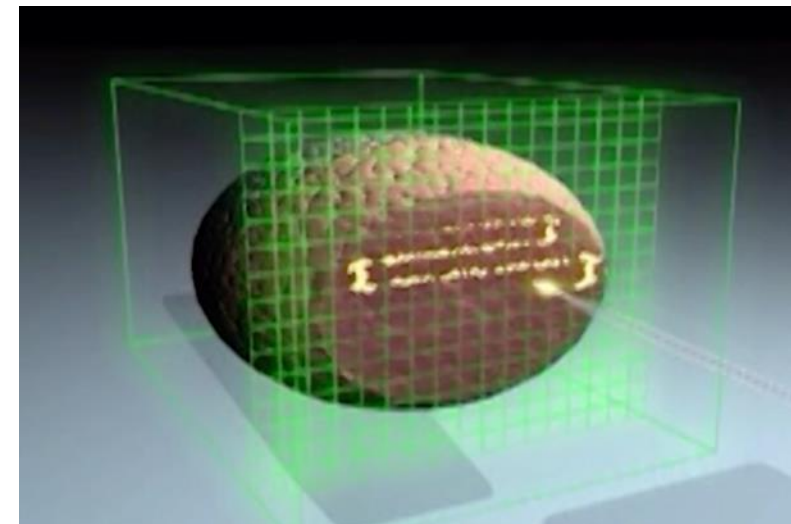
Medical accelerators requirements and parameters

Accelerator Requirements for Scanning

Example: beam parameters Heidelberg Ion Therapy (HIT)

| Parameter | |
|-----------|--|
| ions | protons and carbon (3 ion sources); pre-clinical: helium, research: oxygen (from carbon source) |
| intensity | $2 \times 10^6/s$ to $8 \times 10^7/s$ for carbon $8 \times 10^7/s$ to $4 \times 10^8/s$ for protons 10 steps ; maximum extraction time 5 s Increase needed ~ 5x (FLASH not understood today) |
| energy | 88-430 MeV/u for carbon 50-221 MeV/u for protons 255 steps , 1-1.5 mm spacing, 2-30 cm range in water |
| focus | 3.5-13 mm FWHM 11-33 mm FWHM 4 steps |

→ a total of $3 \times 10 \times 255 \times 40 = 30600$ settings per treatment room!



Carbon ion cancer therapy

Is it effective?

Carbon ions: a “different drug”

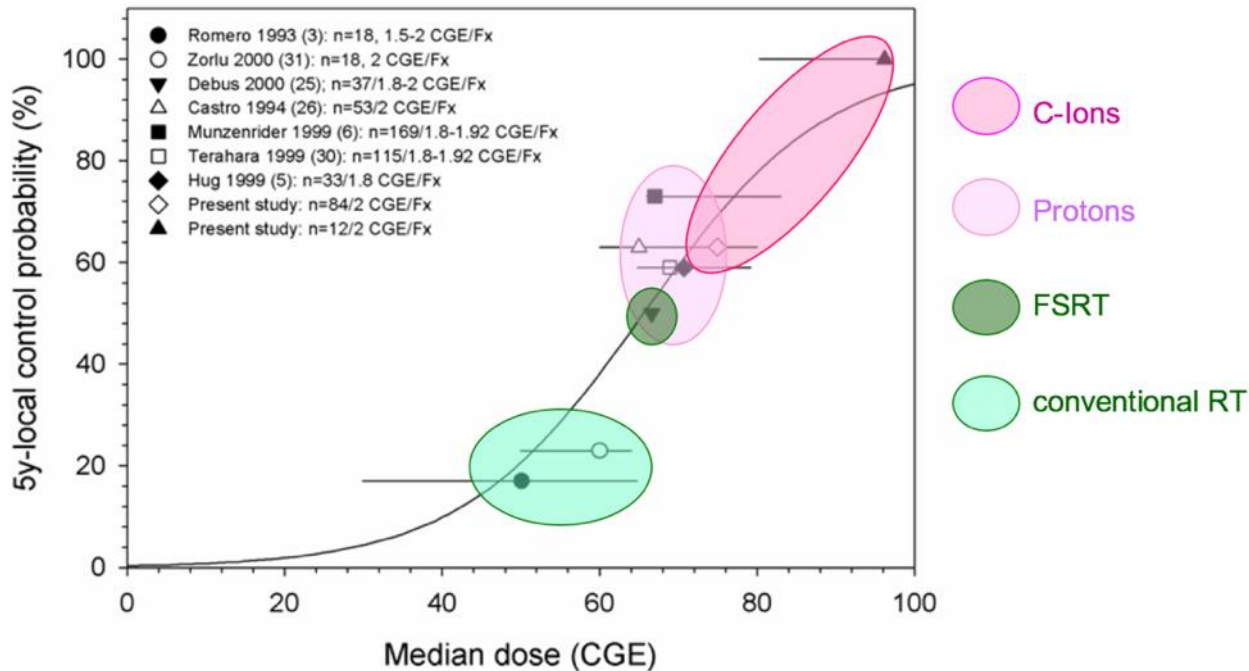
Is it effective?

Assessed by clinical trials results

5-year control probability

Radiotherapy of Skull Base Chordomas

Motivation: Dose Response Relationship



D. Schulz-Ertner, IJROBP 2007

- Chondrosarcoma discovered and surgically removed in 2003
- Recurring tumor in 2007 at age 8
- Treated in GSI Cave M with carbon ions
- Local control of tumor for 10 years and counting
- Under regular supervision in Heidelberg
- 2017 - enrollment in informatics
- **No long-term side effects**



Higher RadioBiological Efficiency RBE (x3), overcoming radioresistant, hypoxic tumours

Carbon ion cancer therapy

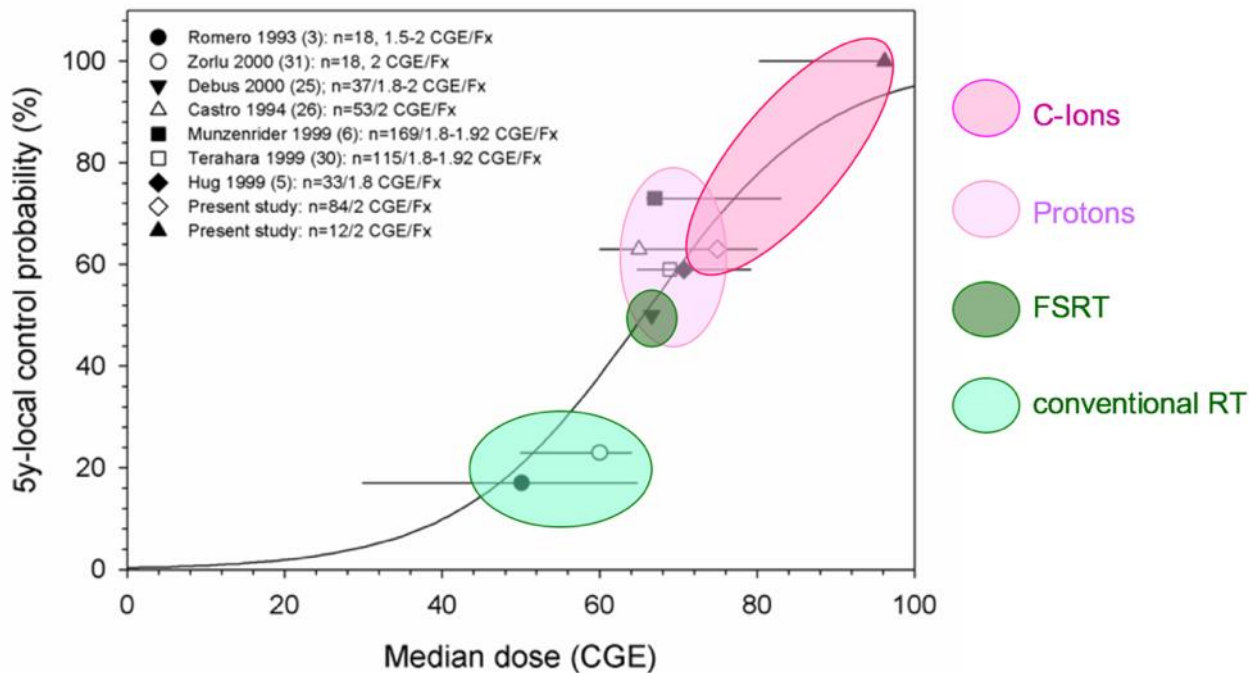
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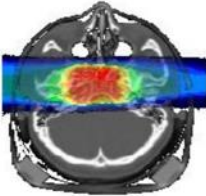


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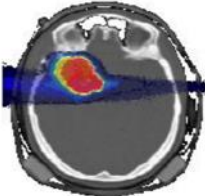


Clivus Chondrosarcomas


- Patient: 23 years old
- Diagnosis: Chondrosarcoma
- Subtotal surgery
- Postoperative radiation therapy: 60 Gye
- 3 fields with 20 fraction



vor Bestrahlung



6 Weeks after carbon treatment with a dose of 60 Gye

D.Schulz-Ertner et al. 

Treating pregnant women and pediatrics, deep seated tumours, close to organs at risk



Figure 1.24: Foetus dosimetry during radiotherapy of a pregnant woman with C-ions at HIT.

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Hadron therapy centres

Different accelerators for different particles

Ions deliver more energy to the tissues but **need more energy to enter the body** → higher energy accelerator, **factor 2.8** in diameter with respect to protons

Required energy for full-body penetration: 230 MeV protons, 450 MeV/u C-ions.

Conventional x-ray Radiotherapy



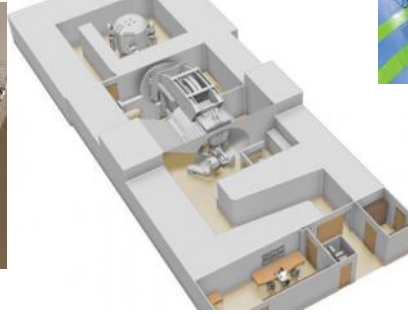
Linac, X-rays

~50 m²
~5 M€



protons

courtesy IBA



Cyclotron, protons

~500 m²
~40 M€

CNAO, Italy



HIT, Germany



Synchrotron, heavy ions

~5,000 m²
~200 M€

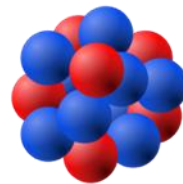
Better results come at a price



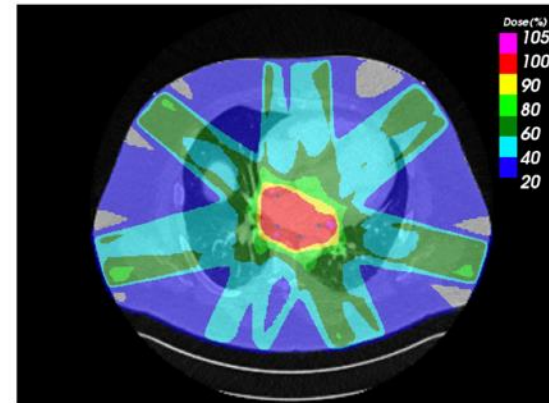
Photon (X-ray)
no mass



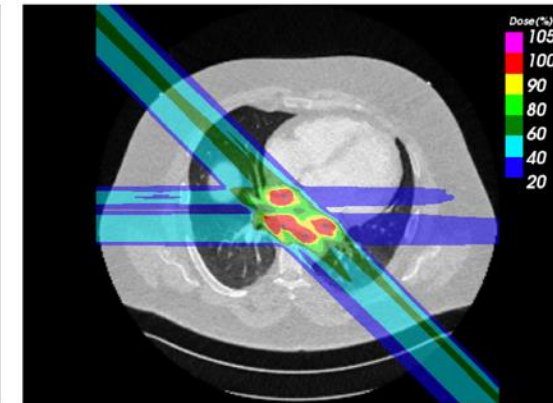
Proton
mass: 1 m₀



Carbon ion
mass: 12 m₀



Photons

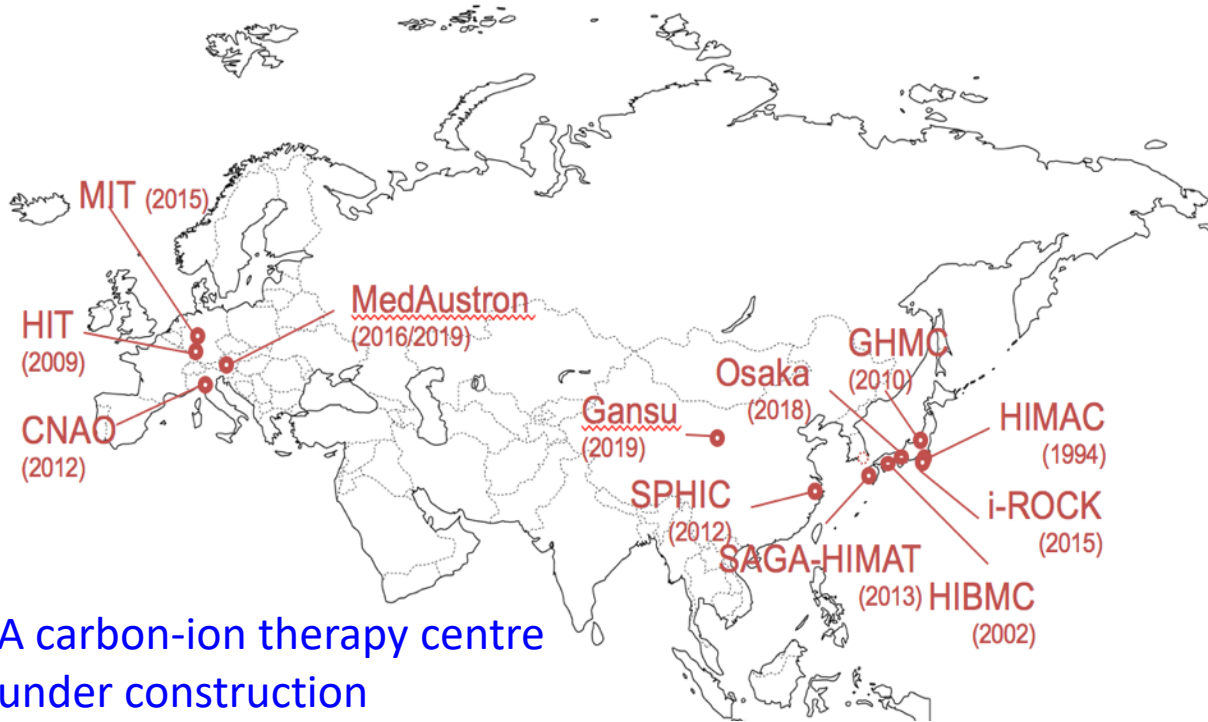


Carbon

Hadron therapy centres

Based on similar accelerator technologies

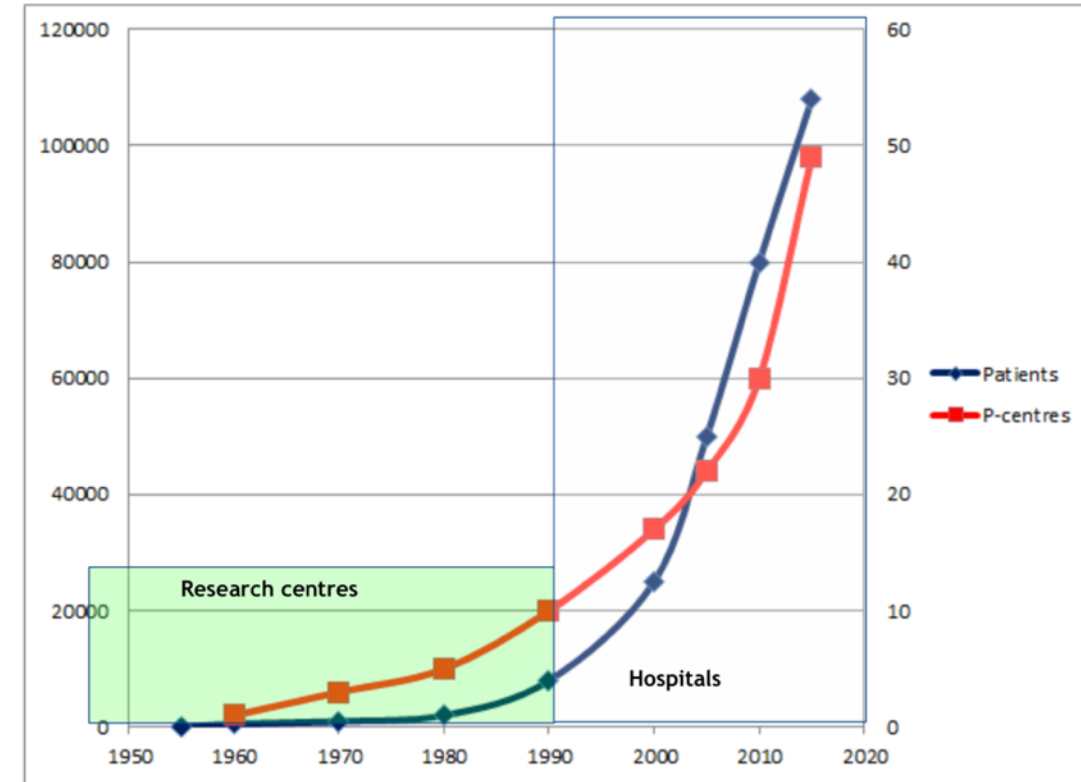
Carbon therapy centres



A carbon-ion therapy centre under construction by Mayo Clinic in Florida US

Proton therapy centres

[Data from www.ptcog.ch]



Hadron therapy is an advanced niche in cancer therapy:

22,000 patients/year (2018) treated with particle beams against 25,000,000 patients/year with conventional RT.

For some of them, C-ion therapy is the only option.

Towards the Future in US

MAYO CLINIC LOCATIONS

Protons 2015 expansion in 2027

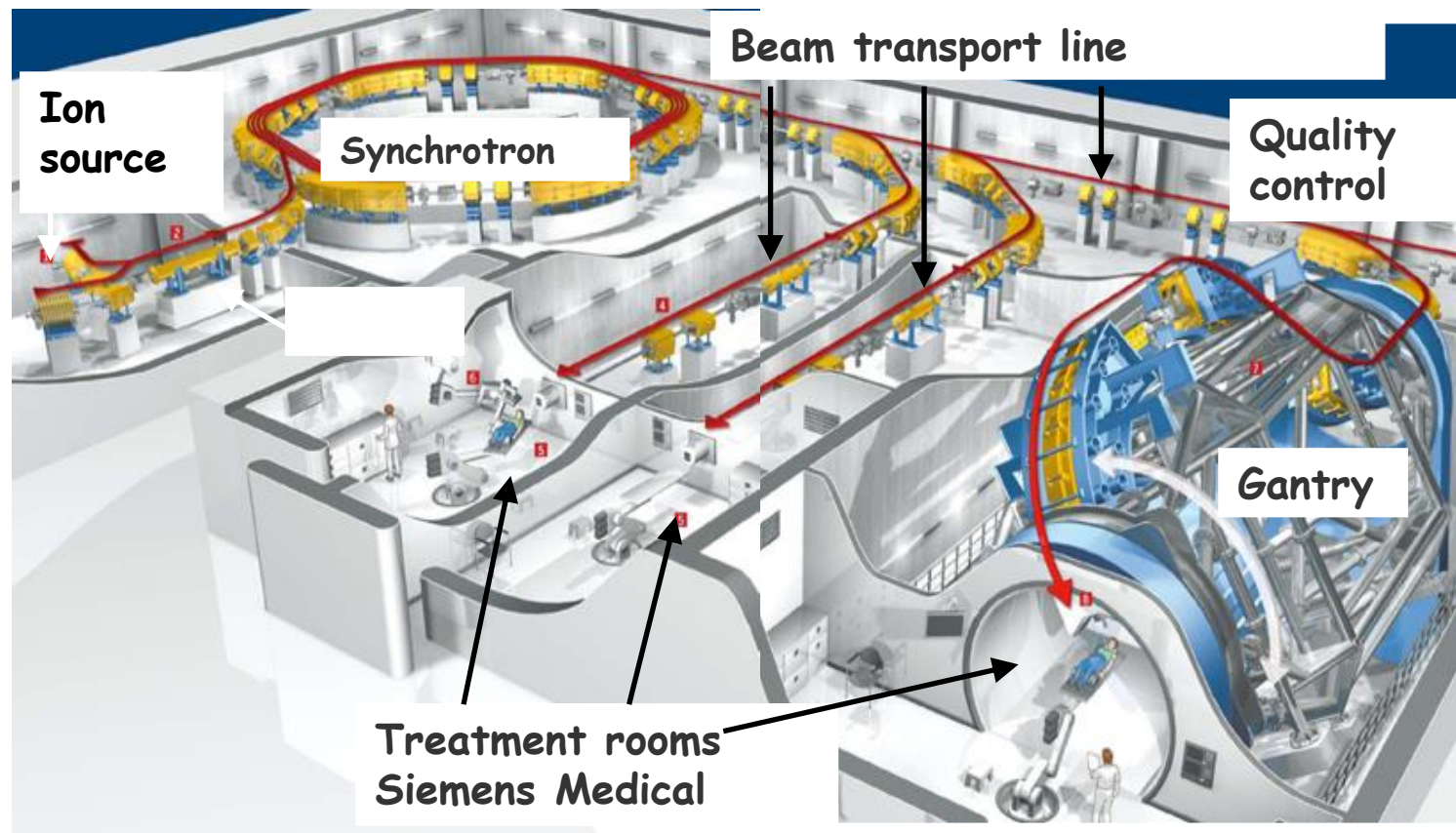


PARTICLE THERAPY AT MAYO CLINIC FLORIDA

- 2019 Announce Carbon Ion Facility in Jacksonville Florida Campus
- 2020 COVID-19
- 2022 Groundbreaking for Jacksonville Florida Carbon Facility
- 2024 Jacksonville Florida Carbon Facility Readiness Date
- 2025 Begin Photon Treatments in IOB building
- 2027 Begin Proton Treatments in IOB building
- 2028 Begin Carbon Treatments in IOB building



Heidelberg Ion Therapy Centre, HIT



Gantry: 600 tons
rotating beam delivery system



Can we do better?
about 70% of the cost of a facility
is due to the accelerator and gantry
Use novel accelerator technologies
developed the last years



NIMMS Next Ion Medical Machine Study

*Courtesy Maurizio Vretenar (CERN, NIMMS group leader)
Slides shown at CNAO special event, 11-13 oct 2023
Hadron therapy: status and perspectives
<https://fad.accmed.org/course/info.php?id=1325>*

Hadrontherapy: status and perspectives – 11 October 2023 – CNAO, Pavia

New accelerator designs: NIMMS

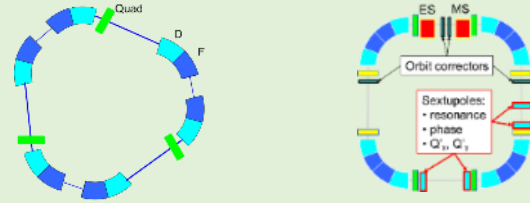
Maurizio Vretenar
CERN, Geneva, Switzerland



The four NIMMS Work Packages

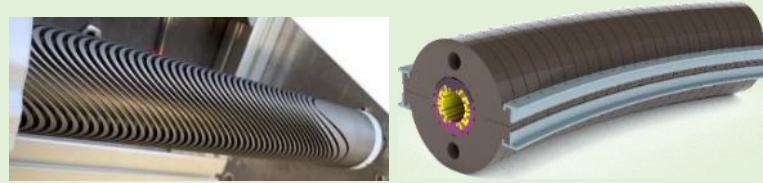


1. Small synchrotrons for particle therapy



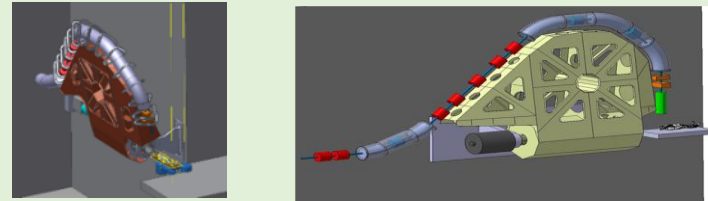
Reduced dimensions with improved performance (injection, extraction)

2. Curved superconducting magnets for synchrotrons and gantries



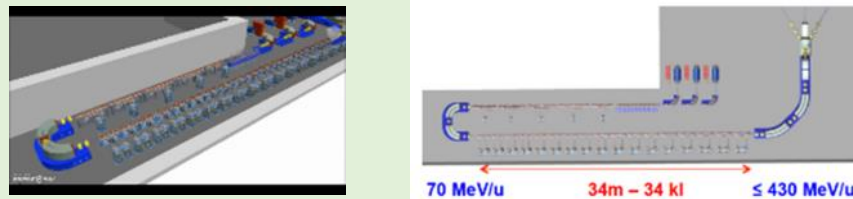
Canted Cosine Theta, NbTi or HTS

3. Superconducting gantries



Precise beam delivery on multiple angles

4. High-frequency ion linacs



Compact bent layout

HITRIplus EU project

IFAST EU project

EU supporting initiatives

Main accelerator research lines for future ion therapy



NIMMS supported designs: 1. SEEIIST C-ion therapy and research facility

Design to be presented in a CERN Yellow Report in preparation

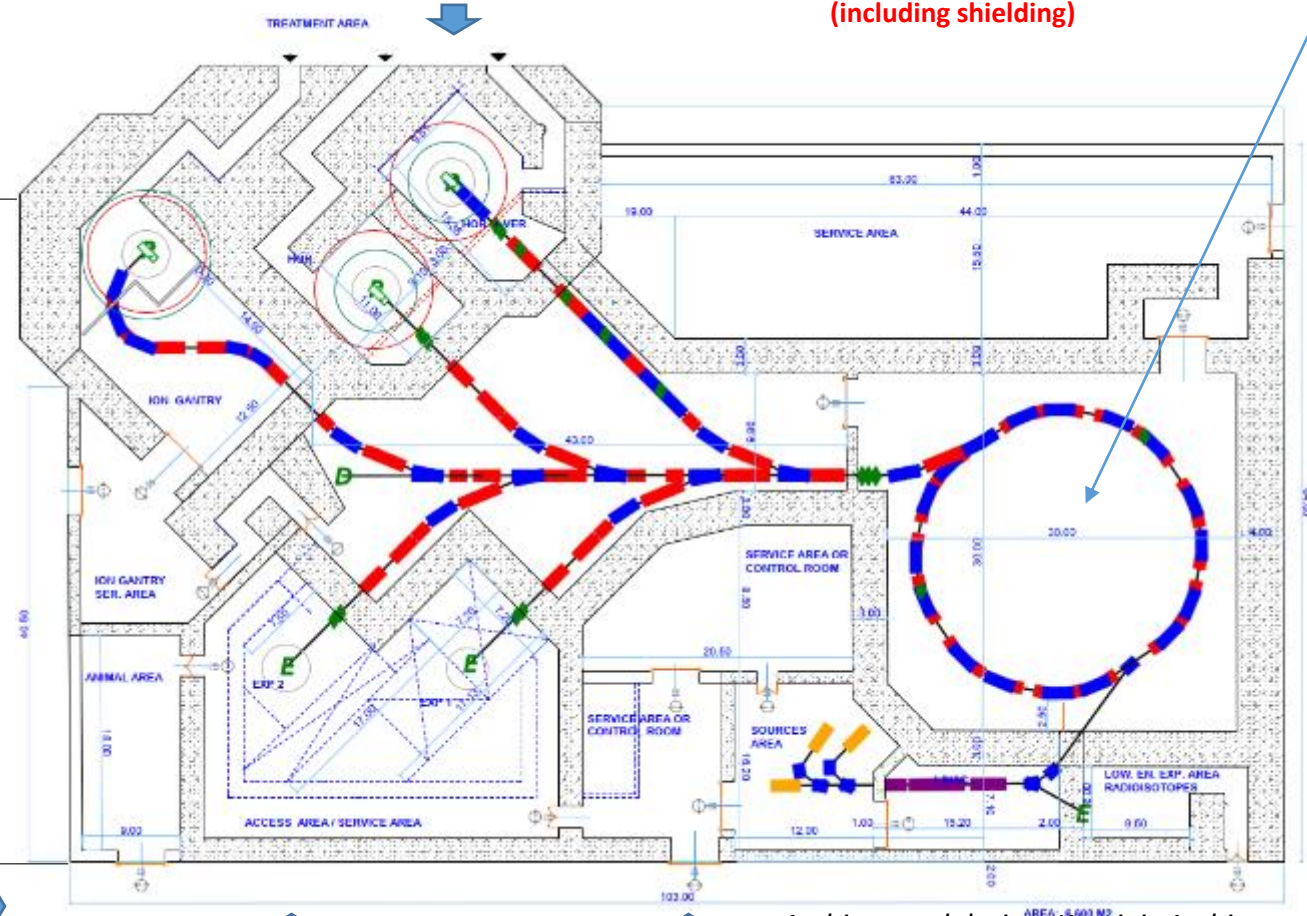
Access for therapy

Total 5,400 m²
(including shielding)

The synchrotron can be replaced by an SC version if R&D successful

Equipment room and access to synchrotron

Area for future expansion



Target for isotope production

Access for animal testing

Reconfigurable experimental room

Access to experimental room and linac

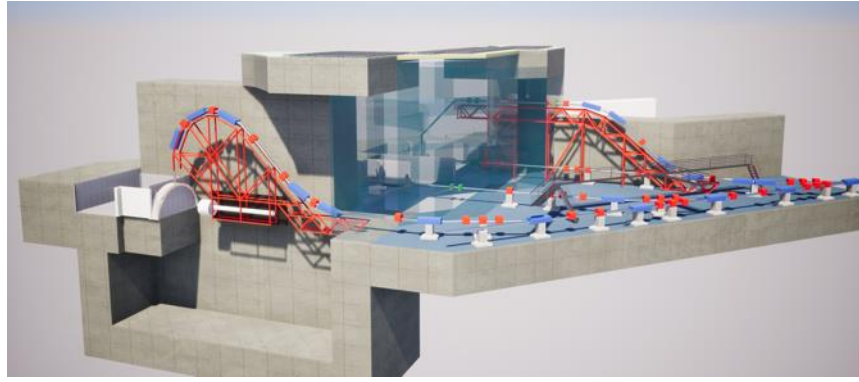
Architectural design, Kaprinis Architects

complete modern facility for research and therapy with ions up to Oxygen

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Intensive design work in 2019/20 in collaboration between CERN and SEEIIST, with the contribution of the CERN/NIMMS partners and of the main European ion therapy centres has led to successful EU funded projects

Gantry at SEEIIST



Less than 100 tons

Beam Delivery



Gantry at HIT



600 tons

- B. Advanced** SEEIIST features (common to other advanced facilities):
1. Operation with **multiple ions**: protons, Helium, Carbon, Oxygen, Argon;
 2. **Multiple energy** extraction for faster treatment;
 3. Equipped with a **compact superconducting gantry** of novel design.

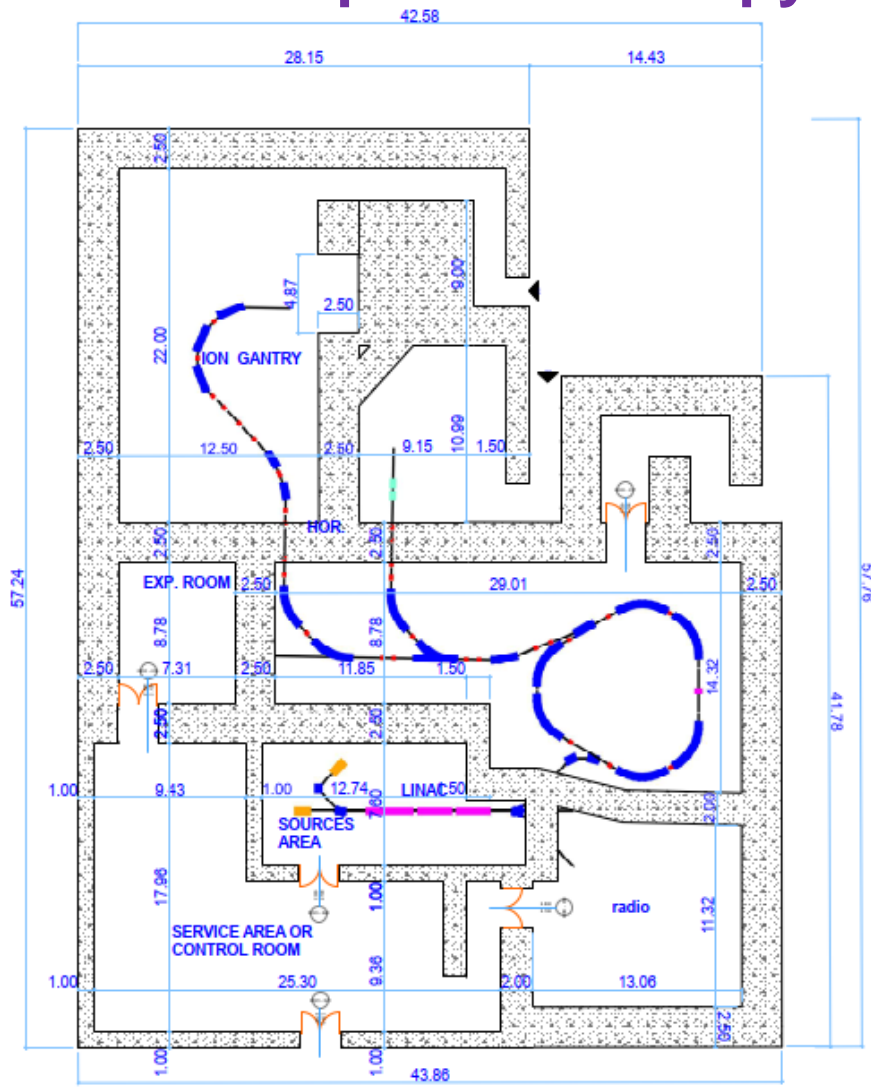
HITRIplus and I.FAST: novel components of next generation facilities

NIMMS supported designs:

2. Compact research and therapy facility with p and He beams



Advanced particle therapy facility for the Baltic states



Architectural design, Kaprinis Architects

Draft concept-paper
Advanced Particle Therapy Center for the Baltic States

Concept developed in collaboration between CERN (NIMMS study) and the CERN Baltic Group, facility to be based in the **Baltic States** (Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania) as a regional project with EC support – 5 possible sites considered. Strongly supported by the Health Committee of the Baltic Assembly (inter-parliamentary union).

Strategy: the NIMMS Collaboration (main contributors: CERN, RTU, TERA-CARE Foundation) will complete in June 2025 a **Technical Design Report**, without details on the implementation (“green field”).

In parallel, the CERN Baltic Group will prepare a **Feasibility Study** covering medical, infrastructural, and economical aspects (business plan).

Implementation in the Baltic States

- The Baltic States are without a particle therapy centre. Support is growing in the region to construct such a facility.
- Incidence rate of 630 cases per 100 000 inhabitants: 34% receiving radiotherapy.
- 28 radiotherapy LINACs in region: **Sufficiently developed to move towards particle therapy.**
- Plans for head and neck tumours, sarcomas, complex localisations & paediatric cancers.
- Above treatment, provides **opportunities in accelerator technology, medical physics and (pre-)clinical research.**



**Based on Technical Advancements
the community wishes to address
many emerging
Research Topics**



Research with particle therapy and immunotherapy

Does Heavy Ion Therapy Work Through the Immune System?

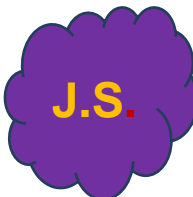
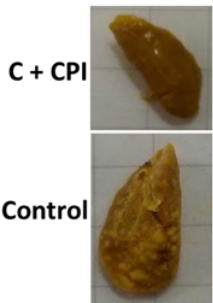
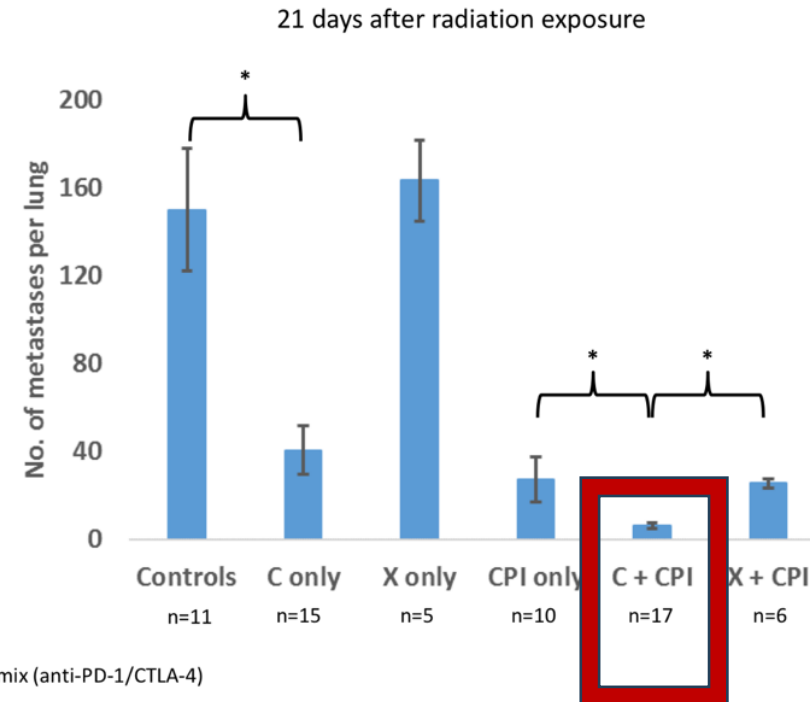
Marco Durante, PhD,* David J. Brenner, PhD,[†] and Silvia C. Formenti, MD[‡]

Synergies with pharmaceutical companies

Towards treating different parts of the tumour with different types of ions
Towards treating with ultra-fast high dose delivery: FLASH therapy

Abscopal effects, reductions of metastases

Osteosarcoma - Reduction of lung metastases



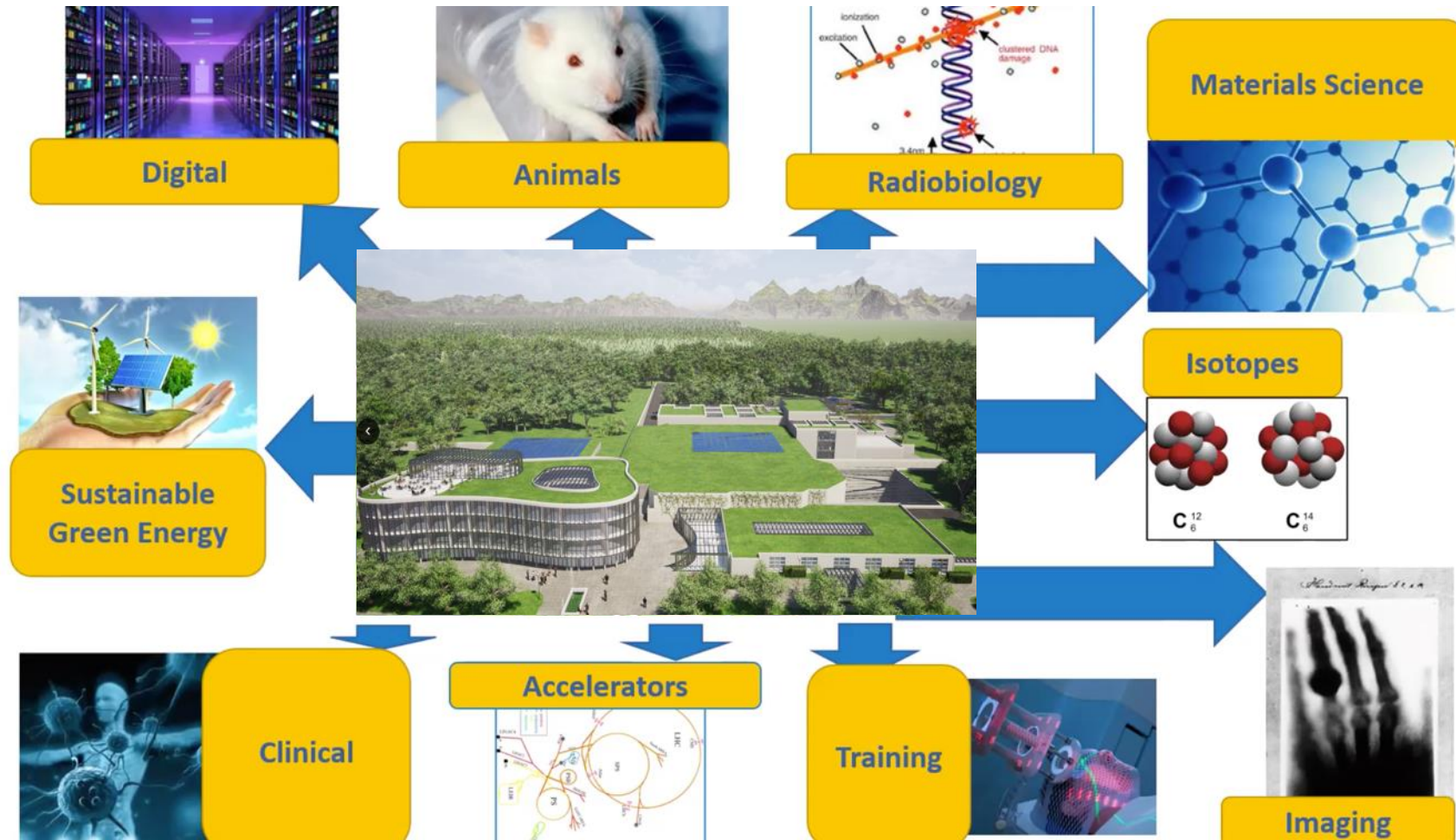
Research Activities

- 1. Radiobiology** – Pre-clinical radiobiology is an essential tool to support new therapy solutions
- 2. Medical physics** – Ultra-fast dose delivery methods will extend ion therapy to the special group of tumours in moving organs
- 3. Nuclear medicine and Radioisotope production** – Many isotopes for medical applications (diagnostics and cancer treatment) can be produced by the novel Injector-Linac (Linear Accelerator)
- 4. Material science** – Innovative material research using high-energy ions (radiation hardness, space microelectronics, nano- tubes)

Material science, space microelectronics



Opportunities for Research and Development



**Radioisotope
Production
First part of SEEIST
or
Standalone**

Linear accelerators radio-isotope production



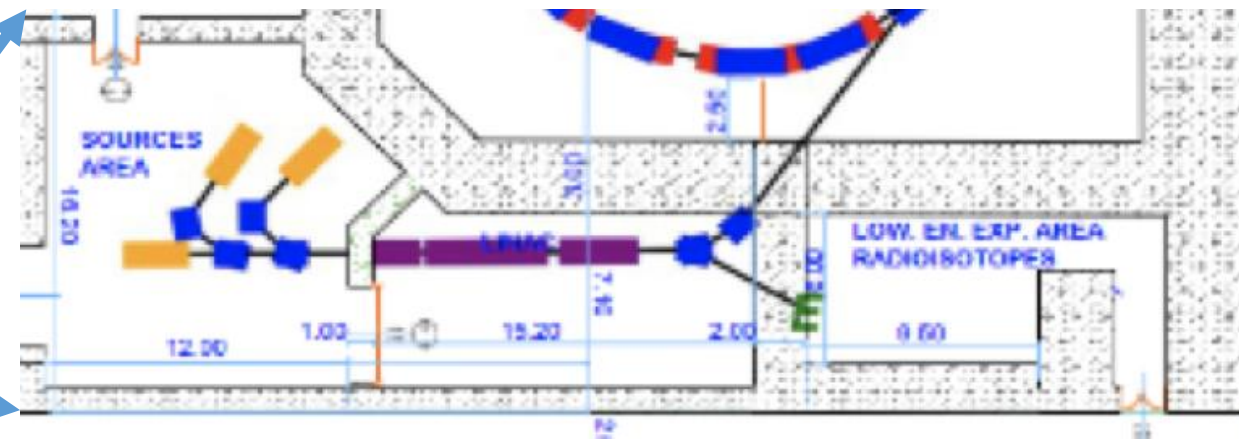
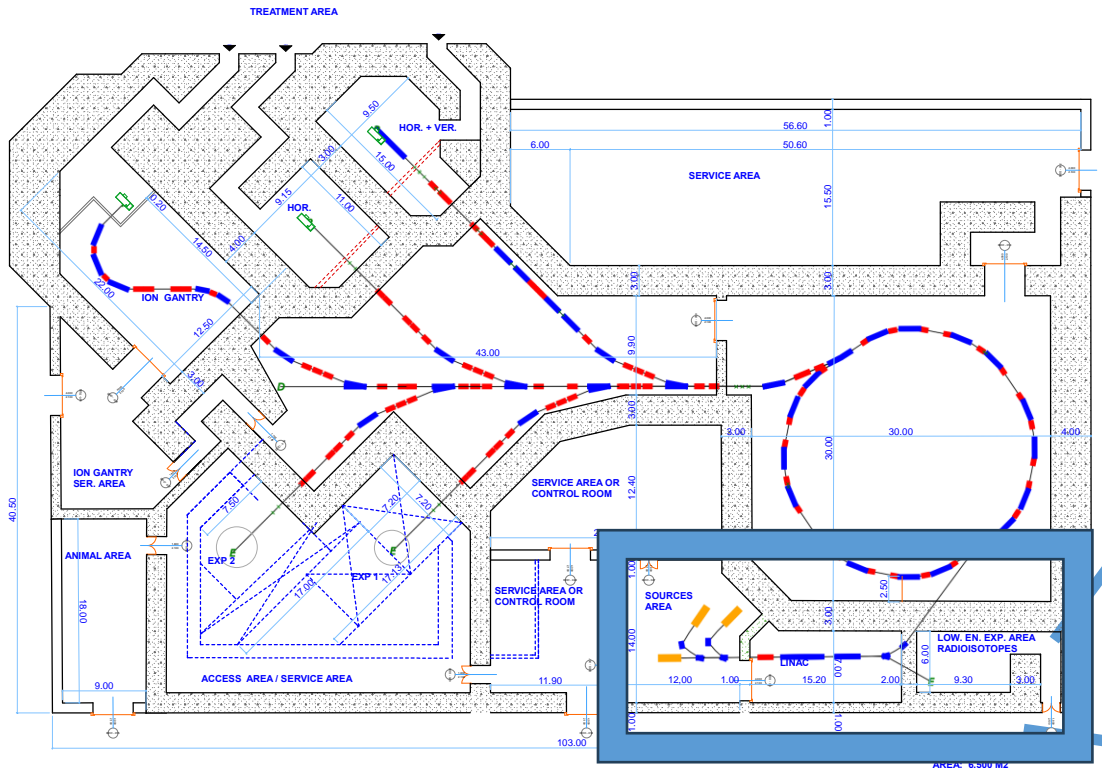
Radio-isotope production exploiting linear accelerators: double use of the linac injector for radioisotope production

Advantage: possibility to operate at or close to hospitals or places to use

For diagnosis (i.e. PET):
production of short-lived radioisotope (F18, C11)
with proton beams

For **Targeted Alpha Therapy (TAT) and thera-gnostics**
production of short-lived alpha emitters radioisotopes (At211)
with alpha beams

Based on technology developed
at CERN



Linear accelerators radio-isotope production in US

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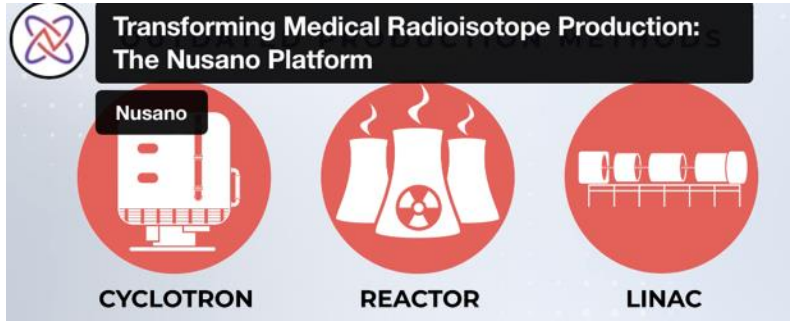
PRODUCTION

WEST VALLEY CITY, UTAH

Nusano is building a state-of-the-art production facility in Utah's Salt Lake Valley. It will not only create radioisotopes needed by health care, drugmakers and researchers, but also bring new, high-tech jobs to the area.

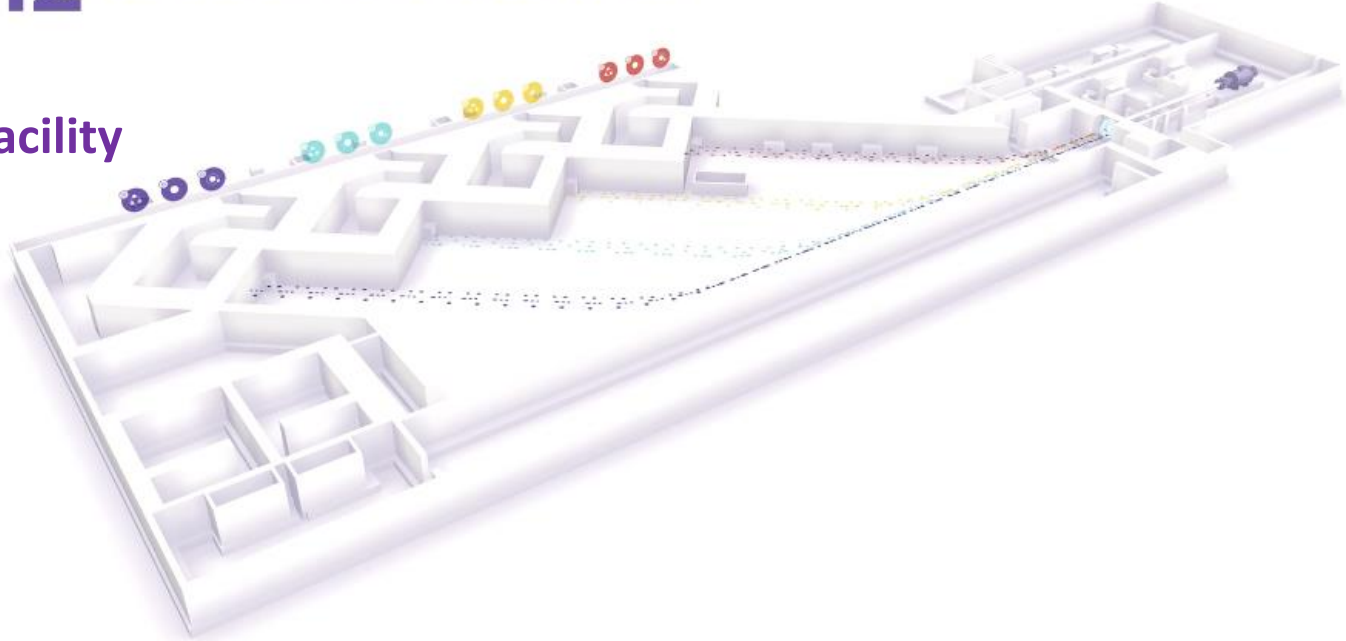
UTAH

Simultaneous production of up to **12 DIFFERENT RADIOISOTOPES**



Based on technology developed at CERN

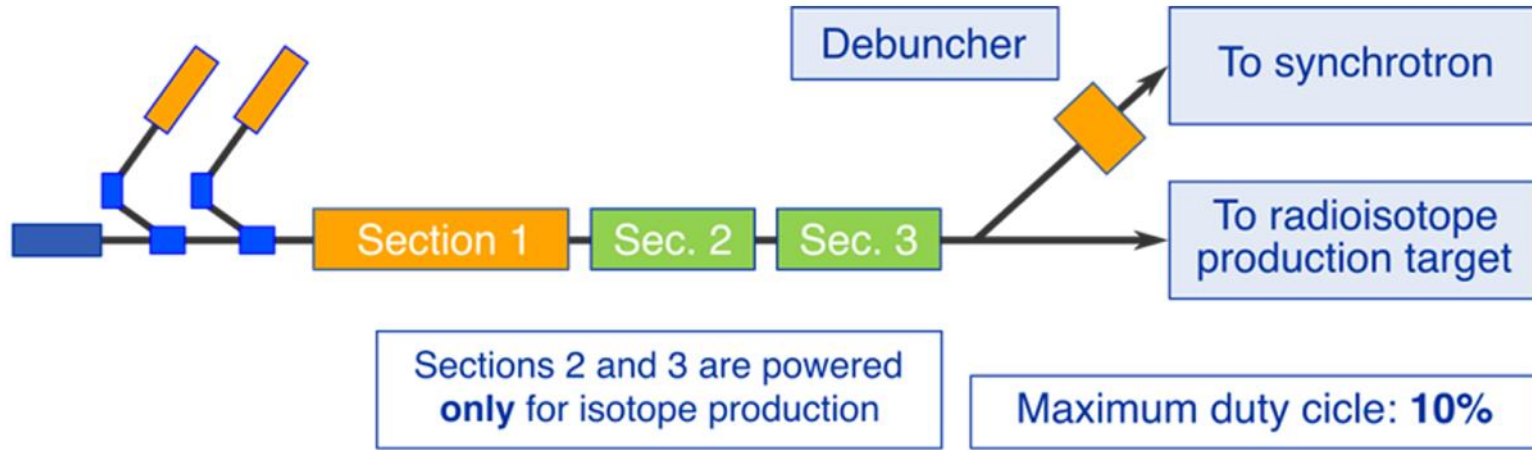
NUSANO planned radioisotope production facility in US, UTAH



Linear accelerators radio-isotope production



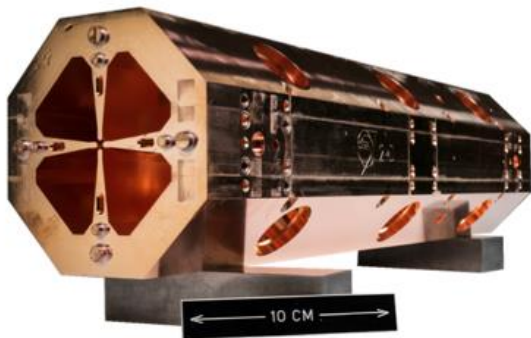
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Master thesis of AUTH student,
(continuing with PhD)
plus PhD of Montenegro/Riga student.

Submission of EU proposal (widening era)
Greece, Slovenia, BiH, Cyprus

Basic unit



Test bench at CERN



Ion source arriving at CERN
funded by “Three Physicists Foundation”
supporting BiH/UNSA group

Cooperation with AUTH PhD student

Gain know how on accelerator technologies



Accelerator and Society

Over 30'000 particle accelerators are in operation world-wide.

Only ~1% are used for fundamental research.

Medicine is the largest application with more than 1/3 of all accelerators.

| | | |
|--------------------------------|--|----------------|
| Research | | 6% |
| | <u>Particle Physics</u> | 0,5% |
| | <u>Nuclear Physics, solid state, materials</u> | 0,2 - 0,9% |
| | <u>Biology</u> | 5% |
| Medical Applications | | 35% |
| | <u>Diagnostics/treatment with X-ray or electrons</u> | 33% |
| | <u>Radio-isotope production</u> | 2% |
| | <u>Proton or ion treatment</u> | 0,1% |
| Industrial Applications | | <60% |
| | <u>Ion implantation</u> | 34% |
| | <u>Cutting and welding with electron beams</u> | 16% |
| | <u>Polymerization</u> | 7% |
| | <u>Neutron testing</u> | 3.5% |
| | <u>Non destructive testing</u> | 2,3% |

HITRIplus

Heavy-Ion Therapy

Research Infrastructure

EU-funded project



<https://www.hitriplus.eu/>

EU-funded project



Main aims:

- (a) transnational access,
- (b) new developments for the future SEEIIST facility and upgrades of the existing ones
- (a) capacity building: training and education, networking

HITRIplus Project

strengthen scientific capacity in a variety of disciplines related to particle therapy

23 Institutes

(4 CIRT centres, 11 research institutions, 5 universities, 3 SMEs)

14 European Countries

Duration 4.5 years

1st April 2021 –31st September 2025

SEEIIST is one of the main beneficiaries

HITRIplus Open Access: Transnational Access TNA



The **Clinical Access** gives the opportunity to clinicians/medical physicists/technicians referring patients to the hadrontherapy facilities to personally follow patient's treatment and follow up.

The **Research Access** will attract universities, research centres, and hospitals, which will connect all the groups to perform research activities with carbon ion beams. Industrial partners are also encouraged to take part in the research programme, to be involved in the development of new clinical procedures and new medical devices.

TNA: Clinical

Available and effective
Capacity Building
in SEE Countries
for Clinicians and Researchers

www.hitriplus.eu

Big opportunity for SEEIST Members!!!

The infographic is divided into two main sections: 'CLINICAL RESEARCH ACCESS' and 'RESEARCH ACCESS'. It features a blue background with white text and several images of medical facilities and research equipment. A QR code is located at the bottom left.

CLINICAL RESEARCH ACCESS

REFER PATIENTS TO THESE FACILITIES AND PERSONALLY PARTICIPATE TO CLINICAL RESEARCH.
IMPROVE YOUR KNOWLEDGE ON HEAVY ION THERAPY

CNAO, HIT, Marburg, MedAustron will be glad to welcome physicians, oncologists, radiotherapists and medical physicists willing to perform clinical research:

- discussing the eligibilities
- comparing treatment plans
- taking part in research clinical trials

THE BEST OF CLINICAL RESEARCH ON:

- Chordoma & chondrosarcoma base/spine
- Meningiomas
- Brain tumors (trunk)
- ACC Salivary Glands
- Orbit tumors including eye melanoma
- Sinonasal carcinoma
- Soft Tissue & bone Sarcoma (every sites)
- Recurrent tumors (retreatment)
- Immunological disorders

CLINICAL RESEARCH IN HADRONTHERAPY AT NO COST FOR SCIENTIFIC PROGRESS AGAINST CANCER:

- Choose the treatment facility
- Stay at the centre with a group of 2-3 clinical researchers for up to one week
- Reimbursement for travel and accommodation

SCAN AND APPLY

RESEARCH ACCESS

SHARE RESEARCHERS HIGH LEVEL KNOWLEDGE AND BE INVOLVED IN PRECLINICAL RESEARCH AND NEW CHALLENGES

CNAO, GSI, HIT will be glad to welcome members of universities, research centres, and hospitals for carrying out research activities with heavy ion beams.

SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL FOR A NEXT LEVEL RESEARCH PROJECT ON:

- radiation biology for heavy ions radiotherapy
- medical physics of heavy ions
- nuclear physics applied to particle therapy
- new model systems for pre-clinical experiments with heavy ions

ION BEAMS AT NO COST:

- Choose the research facility and plan your experiments with the experts
- Reimbursement for travel and accommodation

SCAN AND APPLY

FORMS for TNA Access

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Διακρατική - Κλινική πρόσβαση σε ιατρούς και ασθενείς

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Προκειμένου να προγραμματιστεί η επίσκεψη ενός ασθενή σε ένα από τα κέντρα αδρονοθεραπείας, ο ασθενής αρχικά να συμπληρωθεί ηλεκτρονικά η φόρμα που βρίσκεται στο <https://www.hitriplus.eu/transnational-access-ca/>

Μέσω του ηλεκτρονικού εντύπου θα μπορεί ο ιατρός (παθολόγος ογκολόγος ή ακτινοθεραπευτής) να υποβάλει την αίτηση του ασθενούς για πρόσβαση στην κλινική TNA που διατίθεται από τους εταίρους του HITRIplus.

Σας υπενθυμίζουμε ότι, για να αξιολογηθεί το αίτημά σας, θα πρέπει να πληρώσετε τις ακόλουθες προϋποθέσεις:

- Να έχετε τη **συγκατάθεση του ασθενούς** για να παράσχετε τα στοιχεία του για την επιτροπή αξιολόγησης της επιλεξιμότητας του περιστατικού.
- Να αποστείλετε τα **απαραίτητα έγγραφα τεκμηρίωσης στην αγγλική γλώσσα**, πρωτότυπα ή κατάλληλα μεταφρασμένα από κλινικούς εμπειρογνώμονες.
- Να γνωρίζετε και να ενημερώσετε τον ασθενή ότι τα **δεδομένα του/της θα χρησιμοποιηθούν για τον αποκλειστικό σκοπό της αξιολόγησης της περίπτωσης του και του αιτήματός σας για την θεραπεία του**, και εάν η περίπτωση δεν αξιολογηθεί θετικά, θα διαγραφούν εντός 3 μηνών από την αίτησή σας.

Το πρόγραμμα **επιχορηγεί το ποσό των 3.000,00 €**, που αφορά στα έξοδα (μετακίνησης, διαμονής κλπ) του ιατρού που επιθυμεί να συνοδεύσει τον ασθενή στο κέντρο θεραπείας.

Οι ασφαλισμένοι στο σύστημα κοινωνικής ασφάλισης της Ελλάδας έχουν δικαίωμα να ταξιδέψουν στο εξωτερικό με σκοπό την πρόσβαση σε υγειονομική περίθαλψη, γνωστή και ως προγραμματισμένη περίθαλψη, ειδικά σε περιπτώσεις που η περίθαλψη δεν παρέχεται στην Ελλάδα ή η παροχή της δεν είναι δυνατή στον ιατρικώς αποδεδειγμένο χρόνο για την κατάσταση της υγείας τους.

Spread the word, prepare next generation scientists

With enthusiastic participation of many students

Assistants/tutors for HITRIplus schools and PTMC

Many of them now for Masters in DKFZ, Heidelberg etc

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PM: I know the project, it interests me

In Technopolis: discussions with ministers
A. Georgiadis and Dimas

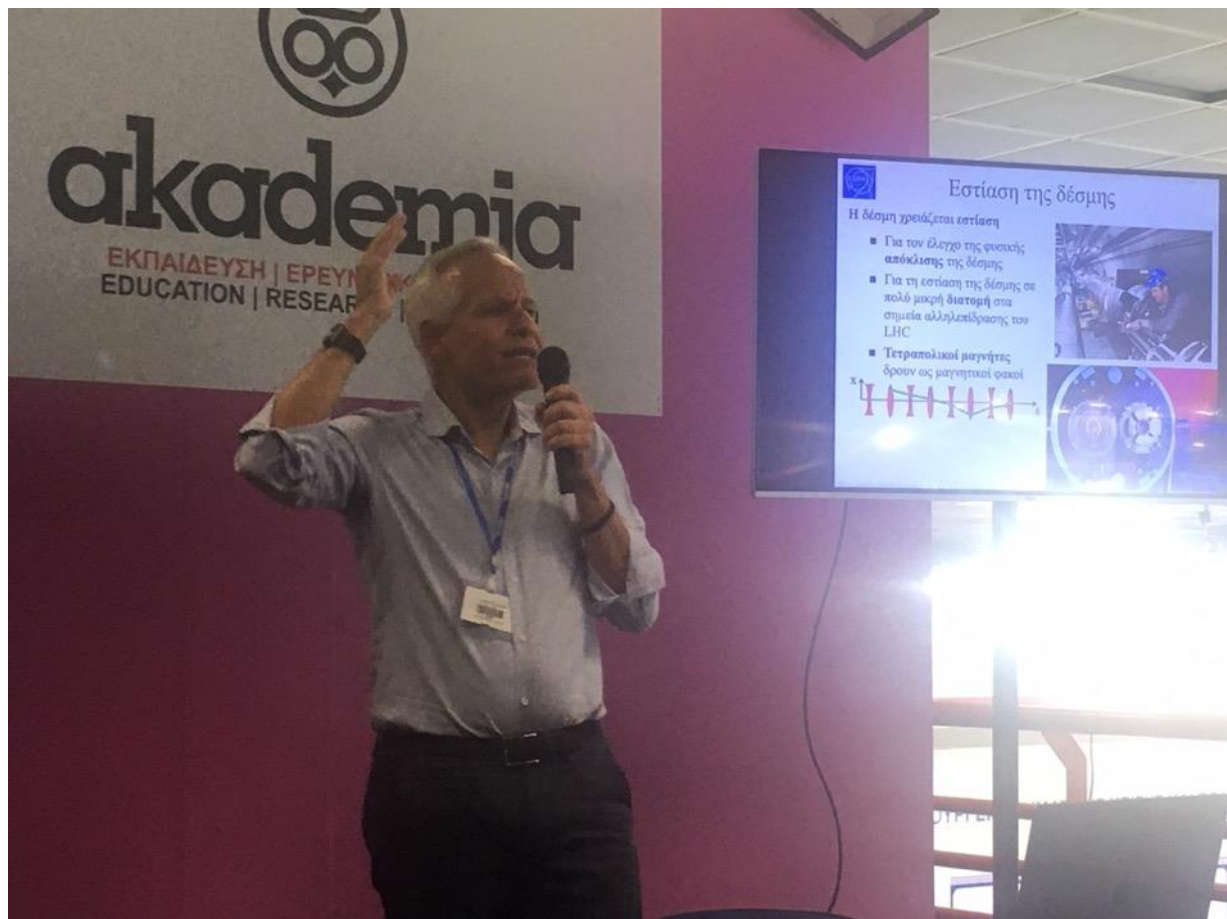
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At HELEXPO exhibition centre

With lectures for students

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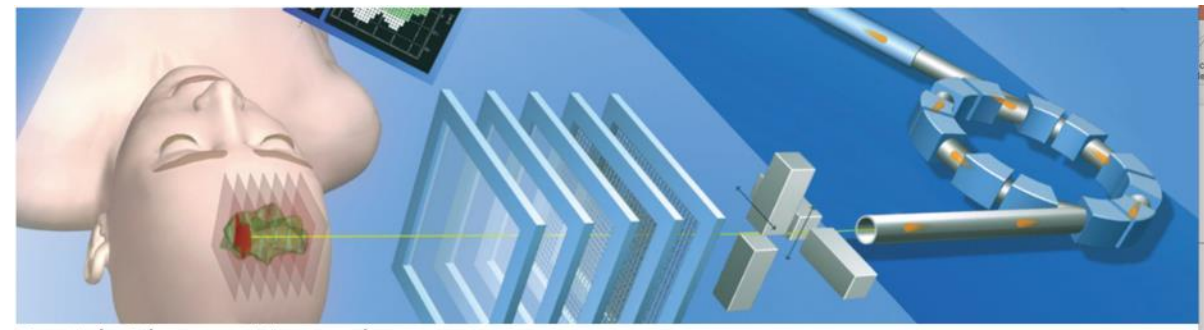


Heavy Ion Therapy Masterclass School

<https://indico.cern.ch/e/HeavyIonTherapyMasterClass>

Full week courses

HITRIplus schools aimed at university students, and up to early stage researchers and professionals



Particle Therapy Masterclass

<https://indico.cern.ch/event/840212/>

One day activity

The Particle Therapy MasterClass PTMC, is aimed at high-school students (16-18)

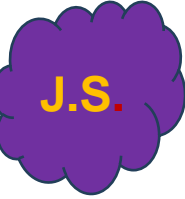


Introduce students, but also professionals, to HI therapy

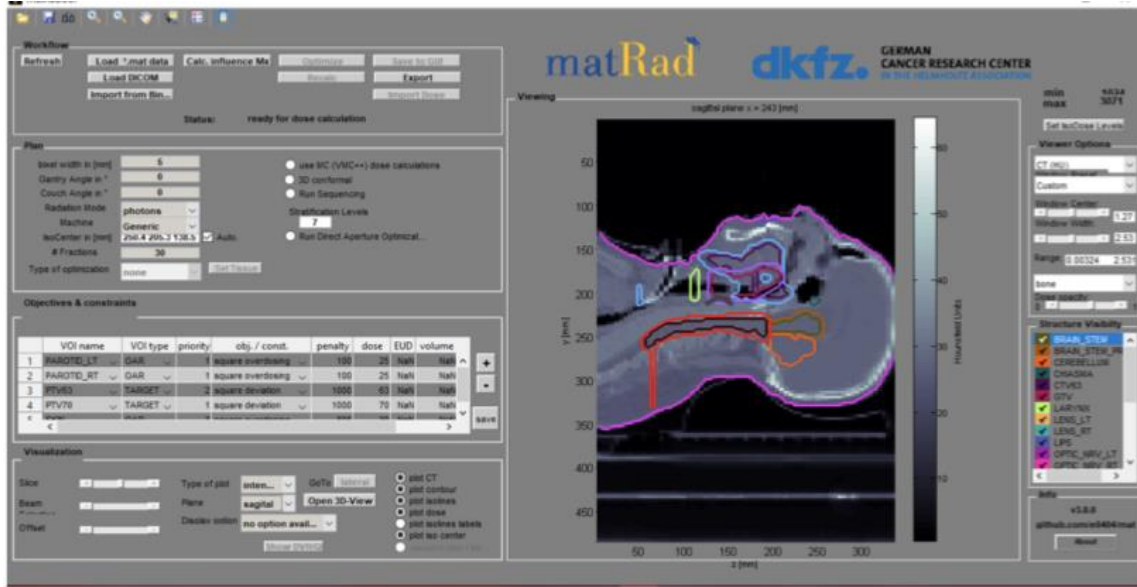
Interesting career paths in emerging fields where often there is lack of specialised personnel

Information about upcoming modern techniques for cancer tumour therapy and new research avenues, where clearly the development of technology and the expertise of research laboratories is crucial.

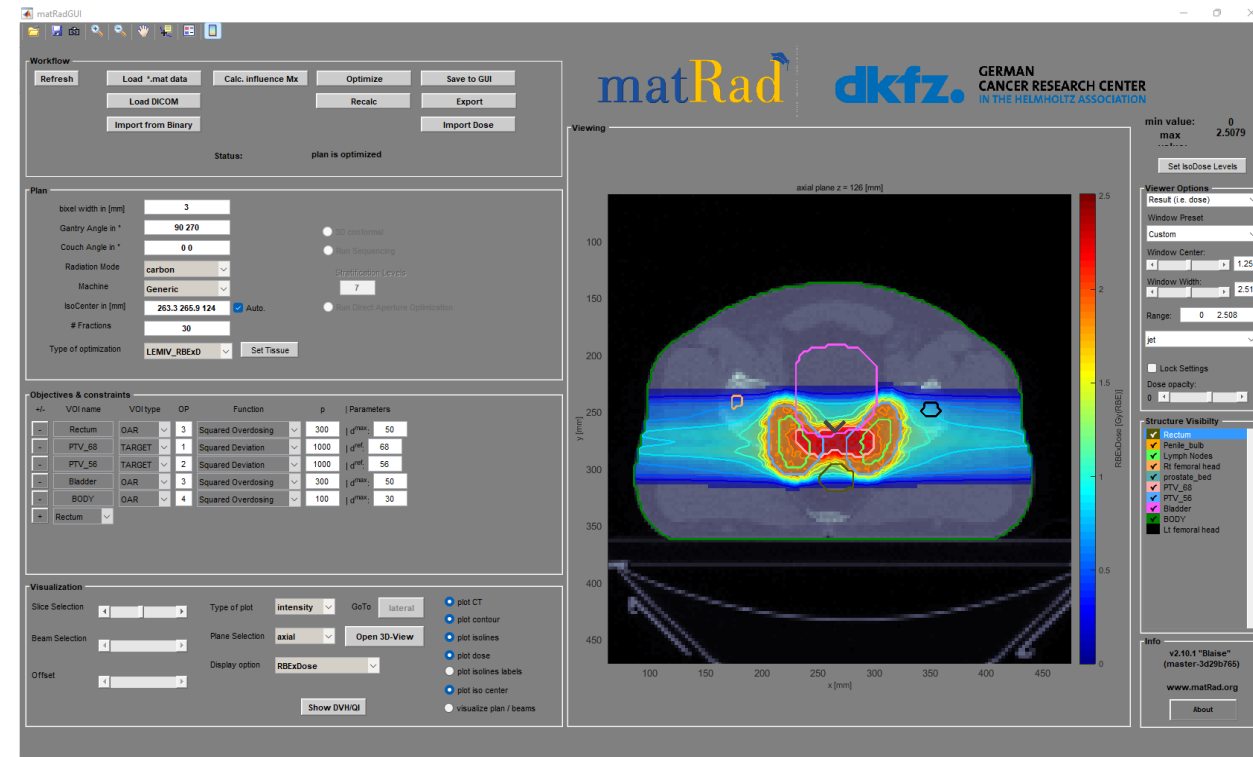
New PTMC and Treatment Planning



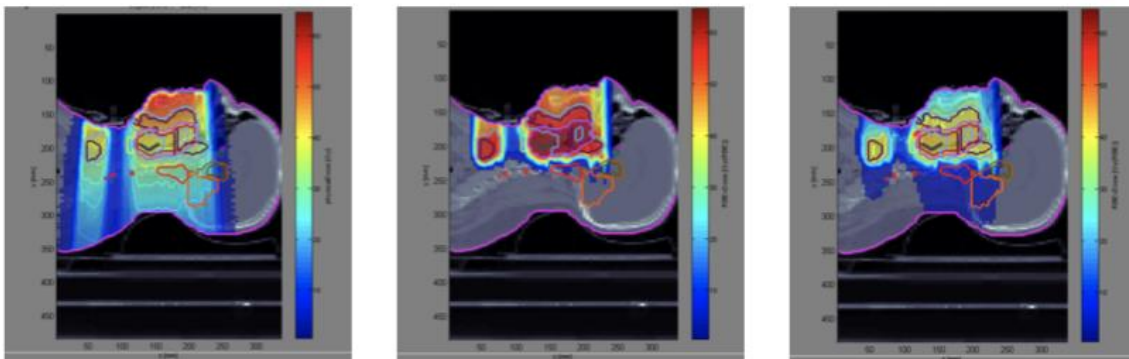
Based on professional open source treatment planning: matRad www.matrad.org developed by Heidelberg DKFZ for education and research



Simplified version for PTMC
Using photons, protons and carbon ions



Demo⁴ of the matRad software kit for Treatment Planning .



Participants of online PTMC in IMC2022

PTMC: <https://indico.cern.ch/event/840212/>



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PTMC2024: 8 sessions
22 countries, 43 institutes,
more than 48 local sessions
(several institutes did 2 sessions)

PTMC2022 online:
more than 1500 students participated
from 22 countries and 37 institutes during 6 sessions

web pages with agendas of every institute with material
in different languages, publicly available for future events

Interest of students, motivation of tutors (voluntary work), potential impact

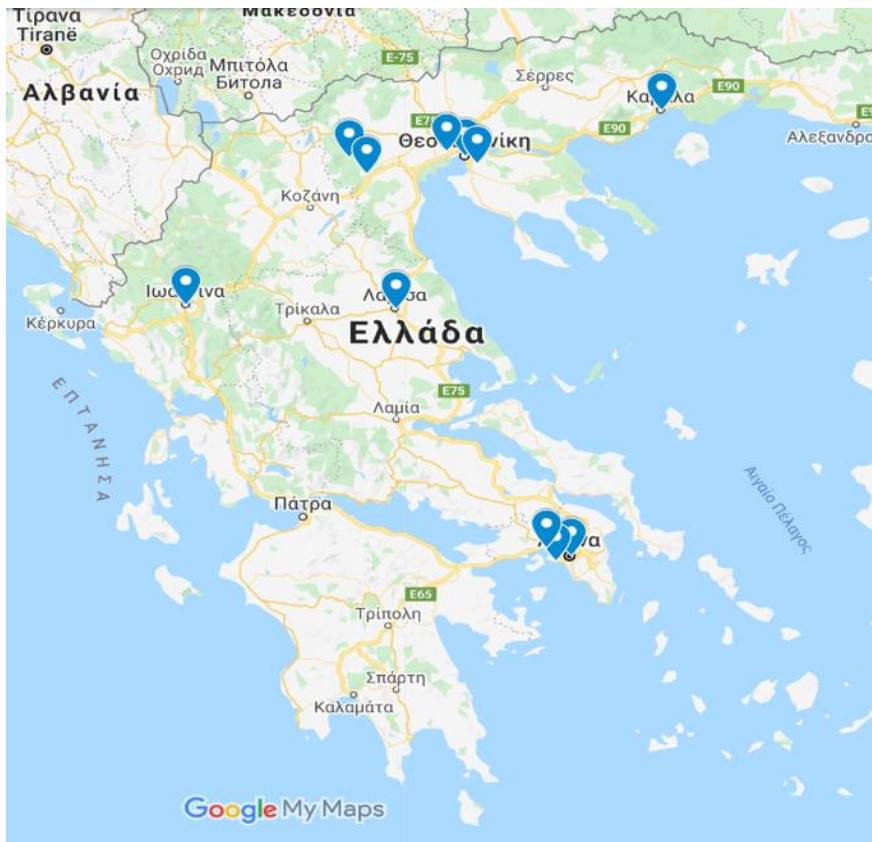
PTMC online in Greece

PTMC2024: 23/3, 275p

PTMC2021 online: through Library of Veroia

Total of 366 live views

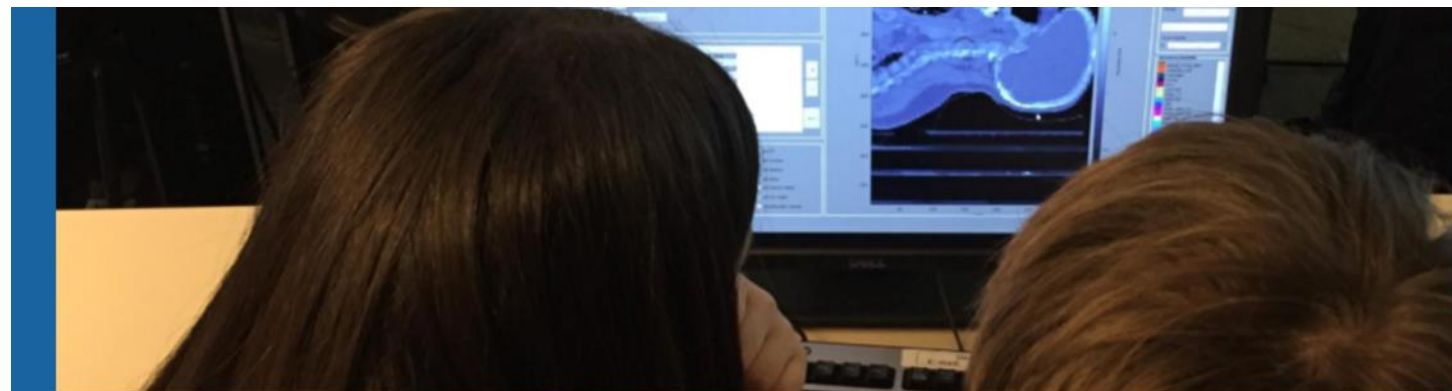
from at least 20 major regions of Greece



PTMC online: 150-250 participants

AUTH uni, Dimokritos research centre, Papageorgiou Hospital, Technopolis.

Publicity: Library of Veroia extended networks and national press



International Particle Therapy MasterClass AUTH TUTORS for PTMC2024

9 April 2022
AUTH
Europe/Zurich timezone

Overview

PTMC 2022

Registration

Participant List

PTMC main page

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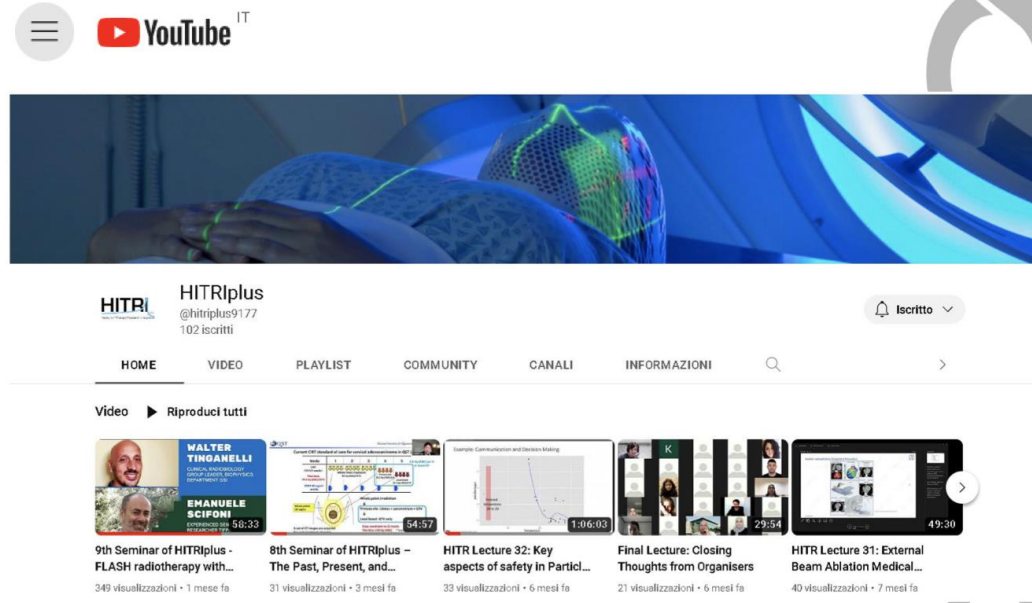
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Τα ερευνητικά κέντρα CERN και GSI, το Αριστοτέλειο Πανεπιστήμιο Θεσσαλονίκης, το ερευνητικό κέντρο ΔΗΜΟΚΡΙΤΟΣ και το Γενικό Νοσοκομείο Παπαγεωργίου Θεσσαλονίκης με την υποστήριξη του Veria TechLab της Δημόσιας Κεντρικής Βιβλιοθήκης της Βέροιας, και της Περιφέρειας

- Press Release published in **nation-wide media**
- Post on Facebook resonated with **3,600** people
- Announcement viewed **941** times on website

Capacity Building



HITRIplus schools: online

<https://www.hitriplus.eu/event-calendar/>

- 17-21 May 2021 (1050 pax)
<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1019104/>
- 4-8 July 2022 (60 pax)
<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1160802/>
- 3-7 July 2023 (600 pax)
<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1248018/>

Actively preparing next generation of scientists for next generation ion facilities



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