



## THE FIRST CYCLOTRON-BASED MULTI-ION THERAPY SYSTEM PROJECT STATUS, PERSPECTIVES AND CHALLENGES

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# Layout of the presentation



- 1. The clinical context
- 2. Presentation of the C400IONS
- 3. Recent developments: design & production
- 4. Installation status



#### Source: <sup>1</sup> SEER database / Ahern et al., 2023 <sup>2</sup> IARC <sup>3</sup> PTCOG

So about 200 000 to 800 000 new patients per year

based on the 19M to 28M new cancer incidence worldwide in 2022 and 2040 respectively<sup>2</sup>

Less than 7 000 patients (0,04%) were treated with carbon in 2023<sup>3</sup>

## # Let's bridge the PT gap

Estimated number of patients who may benefit from carbon ion radiation therapy is about 1-4% of new cancer cases <sup>1</sup>

Ranking of cancer, 30-69 years old

No data Not applicable

1st (55) 2nd (79) 3rd - 4th (45) 5th - 6th (4)







## **Operational Ion Therapy around the World**



1<sup>st</sup> C400 IONS INSTALLATION at Cyclhad 100 proton therapy centers 30 under construction 16 ions therapy centers (about 30 rooms)  $\checkmark$ 4 under construction 700 centers (roughly 1400 rooms) would be needed to treat 1% of the incidence Assumption of 350 patients treated per year per room **9** proton therapy centers **?** ions therapy centers

## Why Ion Beam Therapy?





### Sharper dose distribution

## Why Ion Beam Therapy?





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## **Possible Indications**





## The C400 IONS project



# Bring all the advantages of the cyclotron-based PT system to hadrontherapy, starting with Carbon and Helium beams

### Strong points of cyclotrons technology relative to existing solutions:

#### Continuous beam

Easier beam delivery

#### Compact layout

A factor ~3 in footprint layout compared to current synchrotron-based systems

#### Simple system

- > Less equipment, less complex magnet, no injector, etc.
- ➢ Fixed B-field, fixed RF

#### Cost efficient

#### Easy to maintain

expect ~15 technicians for site maintenance (3 rooms)

#### High beam current

- Interesting opportunity for FLASH and minibeams
- Technology very well known and mastered
  - C400 developed in close collaboration with IBA (>600 accelerators, incl. >70 PT solutions, 120000+ patients treated worldwide)



## NHa in few words





- Designs and produces its own C400 IONS treatment system
- Designs the superconducting cyclotron 400MeV/u
- Designs the treatment rooms with fixe beamline / couch / chair
- Markets the C400 IONS treatment system



- Accelerators technology is IBA's DNA
- Supports design of the C400 heavy ion cyclotron and beamline
- Treatment room equipment based on IBA software and hadware
- Supports market the new heavy ion system







Bunker ceilina open for the riaging of the C400 in 2024

# Multi-particles – fixed beam treatment room



- o Taking advantage of know-how and experience from IBA
- High performance beam delivery and dosimetry:
  - Pencil beam scanning technology
  - □ 6D PPS robotic system
  - □ 2D PPVS flat panel with 3 X-ray tubes
  - □ Accessories to optimize irradiation range & treatment
  - Nozzle bottom clearance improved for a chair
  - Particle Quick switching
- $\circ~$  Innovative chair currently in development







# Isocenter performances



Clinical Beam Performance Specifications	Unit	Carbon	Proton	Helium
Maximum range	g/cm²	≥ 27 ≥ 32		
Beam position accuracy at isocenter	mm	≤ 0.5		
Beam spot size @ max range (10)	mm	≤3	≤ 3.6	≤3.6
Beam spot size @ min range (10)	mm	≤ 4	≤8	≤ 6
Maximum Field size	cm²	≥ 20x20	≥ 30x30	≥ 28x28
SAD X/Y	cm		296 / 330	
Average dose rate (homogeneous cube of a 10 cm × 10 cm × 10 cm)	Gy/min	≥ 2		
Patient Positioning and Alignment Specifications	Unit	Couch		Chair
Treatment volume (L x W x H)    cm    100 x 50 x 40    32 x		2 x 23 x 55		
Yaw rotation for prescription / correction $^{\circ}$ $\pm 90 / \pm 5$ $\pm 180$		180/±5		
Pitch and roll range for prescription / correction * ± 10 /		±10 / ±5		

## Challenges, perspectives and partnerships





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# First site: CYCLHAD (Caen, France)





# The C400 cyclotron

**REMINDER:** Initial accelerator design is based on a IBA-JINR collaboration from 2009, reviewed by experts of our community.

Table B1: Summary of the C400 cyclotron Main parameters

General properties		
accelerated particles		$H_2^+, {}^{4}He^{2+}, ({}^{6}Li^{3+}), ({}^{10}B^{5+}), {}^{12}C^{6+}$
Injection energy	26 kV 🗲	25 keV/Z
final energy of ions,		400 MeV/amu
protons	_260<<270	265 MeV/amu
extraction efficiency		70 % ( by deflector)
number of turns	~2100 🔶	~1700
Magnetic system		
total weight	737 Tons 두	700 tons
outer diameter	7m 🔶	6.6 m
height		3.4 m
pole radius		1.87 m
valley depth		60 cm
bending limit		K = 1600
hill field	$\simeq$	4.5 T
valley field	$\sim$	2.45 T
RF system		
radial dimension	$\sim$	187 cm
vertical dimension	$\simeq$	116 cm
frequency		75 MHz
operation		4th harmonic
number of dees		2
dee voltage		
center	~60 kV 👎	80 kV
extraction	~150 kV 🗲	170 kV

IBA experts (Jérôme Mandrillon, Vincent Nuttens, Willem Kleeven *et al.*) did an extra pass on all subsystems with substantial modifications and additions



Let's mention also the mechanical engineering experts: Laurent Koffel, Sebastien Deprez and Yohakim Otu that led the nice developments presented here.











### Main technical features:

#### • "Compact" magnet

740 Tons – 7m diameter yoke - pole radius 1.87m pole is 4-fold symmetry / Elliptical gap / Spiralized poles can accelerate q/m = ½ particles

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#### max field 4.5T

coils in liquid He bath

2 sub-coils/coil to adapt field to particle masses discrepancies.

#### 'HMS' (Helium Management System)

#### Cryogenic system

First cooling from GHe to LHe with closed loop liquifaction system

Cooling power : 6 cryocoolers / 14 W cooling power @ 4.3 K  $\,$ 

Highly instrumented for quench management (Temperatures / Voltages / pressures, strain gauges, quench heaters)

2x large tanks for complete He recovery & reliquefication on site  $\rightarrow$  Cost saving and environment friendly

#### H<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> - TES type IS General overview of the C400 cyclotrom <sup>12</sup>C<sup>6+</sup> - ECR type IS Main technical features: <sup>4</sup>He<sup>2+</sup> - ECR type IS 740 Tons – 7m diameter yoke - pole radius 1.87m Carbon pole is 4-fold symmetry / Elliptical gap / Spiralized poles source can accelerate $q/m = \frac{1}{2}$ particles Tmagnet **RF:** 75MHz for <sup>12</sup>C<sup>6+</sup>, 75.6MHz for H<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>, Harmonic #4 max field 4.5T 2 sub-coils/coil to adapt field to particle masses Diagnostic **Injection** line ٠ box **3** sources: H<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>, <sup>4</sup>He<sup>2+</sup> & <sup>12</sup>C<sup>6+</sup> Beam optics controls, buncher & diagnostics **ECR** sources He and H2 sources are commercial items (Polygon Physics) specifically tuned for the C400 IONS injection line The Carbon source is a novel in-house developments with up-to-date methods and technology **Transport** line layout & equipment designed to maximize transmission and injection into cyclotron



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#### • Dual extraction:

H<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> @ ~265 MeV/u: protons extracted via stripping <sup>4</sup>He<sup>2+</sup> & <sup>12</sup>C<sup>6+</sup> @ 400 MeV/u: via electrostatic deflector









## **Beam losses management**

#### - <u>Why?</u>

- High energy & current is large energy deposition spread inside the cyclotron
- Activation Dose received to personnel
- Power transmitted on SCC cryostat 📥 Quench risk

- Principles:
  - Computation of particle tracking of the lost particles inside matter
- Mitigations:
  - 1. Optimize injection
  - 2. Tune beam in the central region
  - 3. Addition of collimators at high radius



## **Beam losses management**

### 1. Optimize injection: make use of the buncher in the injection line





Depending on the settings of the buncher, we can get either:

- an activation reduction by a factor ~2
- OR a max current multiplication by a factor ~4

Final settings and use will be defined by tests during commissioning

#### "outofCryo": meaning particles reaching cryostat exit po





## **Beam losses management**



### 2. Tune beam in the central region: 'droplet' shaped phase selector



#### NO HIT DETECTION ON SELECTOR



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### 3. Addition of collimators at high radius



Second piece of collimators to stop remaining particles that going to be lost

Pre-septum of the gradient corrector to protect it from carbons and heliums



4<sup>th</sup> piece deals with proton losses during the 2-turns extraction



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## **Recent developments: Design progress**

## **Beam probes**

#### **Design Requirements:**

- measure beam current & shape at all orbits, mechanical accuracy (1mm), non magnetic+vacuum compatible
- Cooling, signal extraction, shielding from RF noise
- relatively fast: 2/3 minutes for a full track

#### "Usual radial probe" used on IBA cyclotron Not suited for C400

Did not allow for the optimum angle between beam and probe (90°)





## **Beam probes**



### <u>Chosen design:</u> curvilinear rail system + periscope +pops-ups



#### Features:

- suspended from upper yoke because of space optimization
- Curve parameterized to match almost perfect 90° between probe and beam down to R< 430mm</li>
- Maximal reach R~100mm





## **Beam probes**



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Beam current measurement:







## **Beam probes**



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« visual track »









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MEDIAN PLANE ---



## **Proton stripper**



#### Main requirements:

- Accuracy and reliability of stripping foil position (affect beam properties)
- Fast particle switching proton/ions
- Replacement of stripping foil without cyclotron opening

Stripping foil in nominal position



Stripper motion for extraction





Docking station:

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with isolated vacuum volume



1400 mm stroke (with bellow)



System and test bench Design finished, production starts soon





 $C230 \rightarrow C400$ 

- Significantly increase mechanical & measurement accuracy challenges
  - Position: ± 0.1mm repeatability & accuracy, <u>B field:</u> Aim for 10ppm absolute precision (~5G at B=4.5T max)
- Time challenge: Goal= Keep a full mapping under 24h
- Take into account impact of pressure force on magnetic field → mapping directly under vacuum

## **Magnetic mapping wheel**

#### **Key characterics:**

- Full nonmagnetic environment, no induction, no thermal dilatation
  → Use of polymers, composites
- Vacuum compatible: remote electronics
- High speed of the mechanical arm: up to 0.5 m/s radial , >3 m/s azimuthal at max radius
- Multi-probes: Hall probe + NMR + custom-made high precision search coils

#### Search coil probes advantages:

- Measurement signal proportional to field gradient
  - Independent of field value: full precision in C400 field 2.5 -> 4.5 T
- Dynamic measurement making use of the high speed of the mechanical arm
- Very high measurement accuracy, depends only on the acquisition setup and electronic chain of measurement





	model			
	small	large		
diameter (mm)	3,8	7,4		
wire dia (um)	13	20		
coil height (mm)	2,6	5		
number of turns	~10k	~18k		
eff surface (m2)	~0,045	~0,375		

# **Magnetic mapping wheel**

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### Search coils commissioning sub-project

#### Steps:

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- Search coil(s) design:
  - Geometry: height, inner/outer diameter
  - Sensitivity: wire thickness, number of turns
- Modelling of the probe response function
  - Analytical simulation
  - Determine the acquisition setup
- Manufacture the coils
- Probe calibration
- Data analysis and systematic effect mastering

#### Mapping strategy

Commissioning tests





- Manufactured by AUDEMARS (manufacturer of Swiss luxury watches!)
  - Performed at IBA with C230 mapping probe calibration dipole
    + dedicated rotative & translation setup
- In-depth analysis revealed a small but significant impedance mismatch between coils and integrator -> confirmed by METROLAB expert
- On-going works with strong support of IBA experts Goal: Mapping Wheel ready for deployment mid 2025















# Pole edges handling arm

#### **Design requirements:**

- Minimize risks of accident/damage and mixing errors during handling
- Speed-up overall process
- Facilitate pole edge machining iterations

#### tool head



allow fitting on all types of pole edges



Zero gravity actuated arm (commercial item) Allows reversal for upper & lower pole edge manipulation



# **Recent developments**



- Design progress:
  - Beam losses management
  - Beam probes
  - Proton stripper
  - Magnetic mapping wheel
  - Pole edges arm
- Production status:
  - SCC & cryostat
  - RF cavities
  - Electrostatic deflector
  - Magnetostatic channel ("gradient corrector")

**RF** cavities



### **Recent developments: Production status**

## SCC & cryostat

Conception & commissioning outsourced to SigmaPhi company







August 24: Cryostat vacuum (coils volumes) successfully tested at 10-6 mbar



Last step before delivery: Service turret commissioning (leak tests + functionality)



Outer vessel: equipped with radiation + N2 active cooldown

October 24: FAT @100K



### **Recent developments: Production status**

## **RF** cavities



#### Process:

- 12mm thick pure copper plates, dimensions around 2,5m x 1,5m x 0,6m, around 585 kg
- Challenging Sheet metal work (boiler), MIG/TIG welding (Preheating 300°C!), re-machining











1 cavity set fully finished + FAT, ready for delivery 3 others: production under way



### **Recent developments: Production status**





## **Electrostatic deflector**

- Entrance position, exit position, gap are adjustable
- Curvature can be adjusted
- ≈1.20m total length (0,6m on C230)
- Foreseen operating voltage: <50 kV</li>



RFQ on-going with suppliers

## **Magnetostatic channel**

- Entrance position, exit position are adjustable







Production and FAT finished, including motorized movement tests Not yet installed in the cyclotron



DOB - partial	Aménagement Cyclhad Aménagement Sogea
phase 1 DOB - final	Rigging quench tanks Rigging lower catwalk Rigging lower Yoke installation Rigging Beam Line Rigging HMS
PHASE 2	Rigging SCC Rigging upper Cyclo HMS connection Pipping
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## Phase 1 rigging – February 2024







Quench tanks for He recovery





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Beamlines



Power cabinets

Water cooling groups



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## **Auxiliaries installation: Mid 2024 - Present**

Cryo-coolers

Installation, connection, conditioning, boot-up of various sub-systems...



Water cooling groups





Technical rooms equipment



Power supply room









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## **Commissioning the cryogenic system**





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Beam delivery and treatment room equipment

### **Project delivery status: Perspectives**

Timeline





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06/2026 Caen

## Challenges, perspectives and partnerships





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## Thank you for your attention



# Introducing ...

#### Normandy Hadrontherapy (NHa) located in Caen, France

- 2 main shareholders: IBA & SAPHYN (Normandy Region).
- Several other industrial and institutional partners joined the project
- Owning about **40%** of the shares, **IBA** is:
  - (i) the largest equity stakeholder
  - (ii) industrial shareholder of NHa.



- S Accelerators technology is in IBA DNA
- Solution (Design of the C400 heavy ion cyclotron (Based on IBA design Transfer of IP)
- All the other element(s) of the treatment rooms (IGPT, workflow and integration) using IBA technology
- Solution Largest equity shareholder of NHa and authorized partner to market the new heavy ion system



- O Design, produce and market C400 IONS system
- Suild a multiple heavy ions particle Radiation Oncology department in Caen with research capacity (Biology and Physics)
- Supported by the Normandy Region (French state) already hosting GANIL to become a leading European center for research and treatment in hadrontherapy



# SC coils & cryostat

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## Coils

Ramping time : 2 hours

Time to switch between particles : < 15 min

Stored energy: ~55.6 MJ

Cold mass at 4.3K: 14.6 tons

turns per coil : 1344

Supra material : NbTi

Critical current: 2800 A @ 4,5 T @ 4,2 K

Conductor peak field: 3.9T

Current density : ~31 A/mm<sup>2</sup>

Coils current:

PS1 ~1034 A (on all 4 sub coils)

PS2 (max 120A) (only on 2 sub coils)

## Cryostat

Outer diameter: 4.8m

Liquid helium bath T°: 4.3 K

Liquid helium thermosyphon circulation system

Cooling power : 6 cryocoolers / 14 W cooling power @ 4.3 K

Highly instrumented for quench management (Temperatures / Voltages / pressures, strain gauges, quench heaters)

