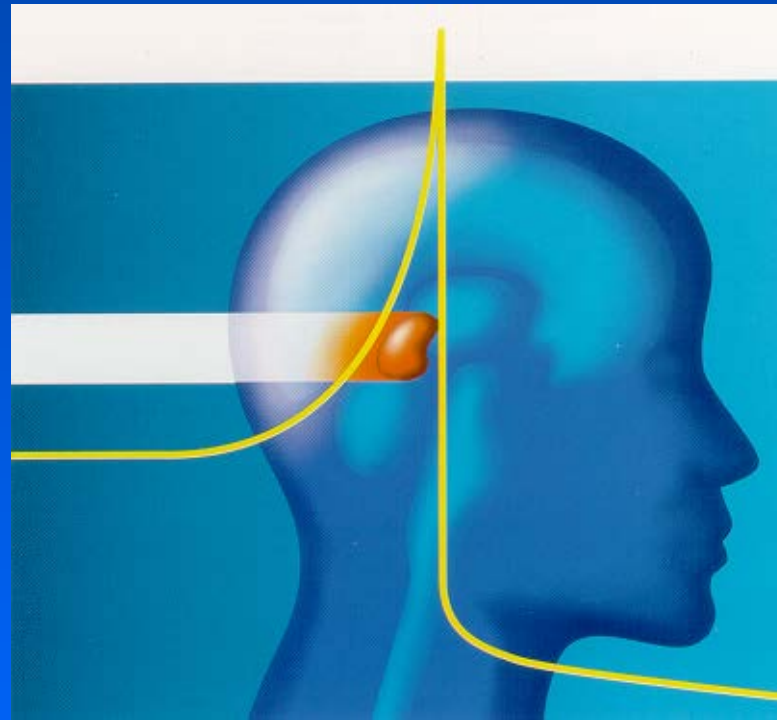


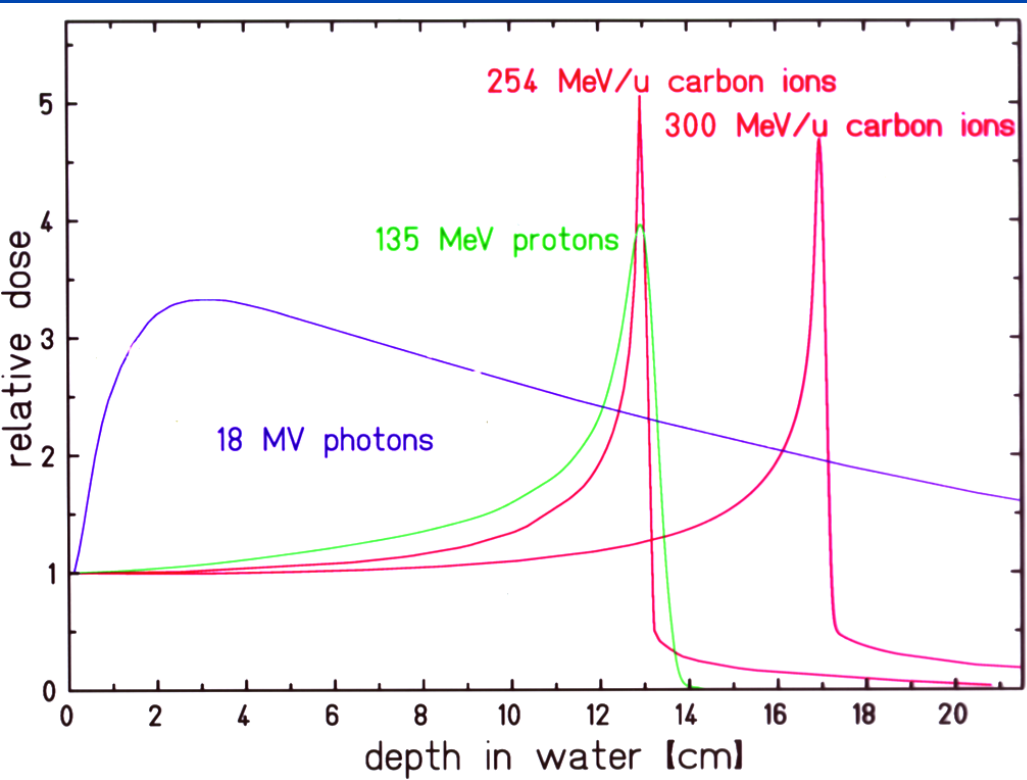
# Cancer Therapy Using Ion Accelerators



Prof. Dr. Thomas Haberer  
Heidelberg Ion Beam Therapy Center  
Cern Accelerator School Senec 2012

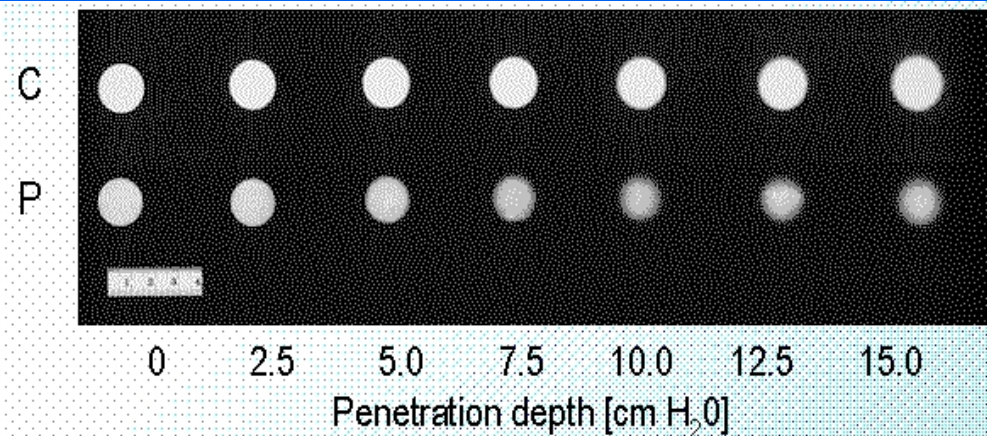
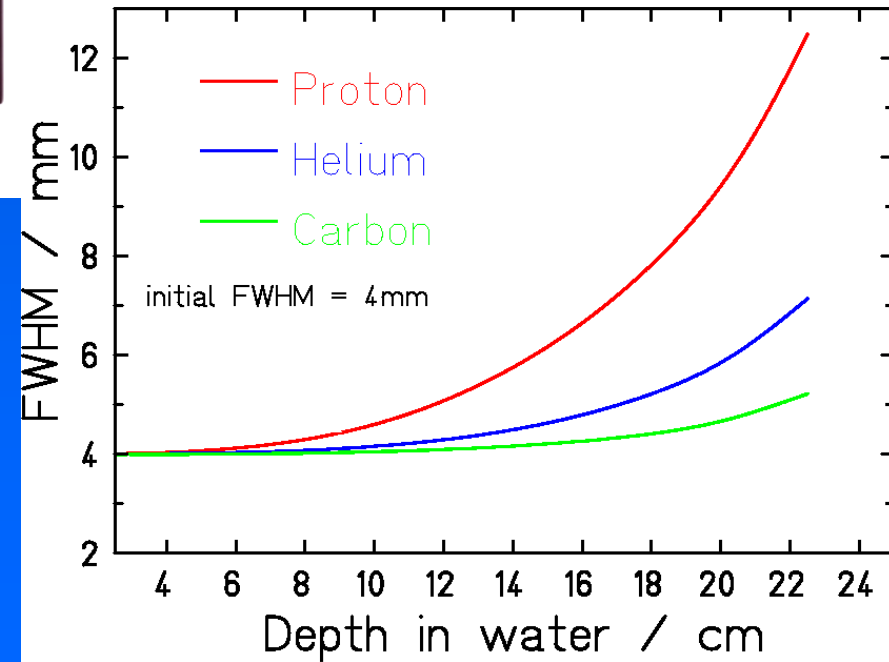


# Rationale / Physics



- inverted depth-dose distribution
- mild lateral scattering

Lateral Scattering



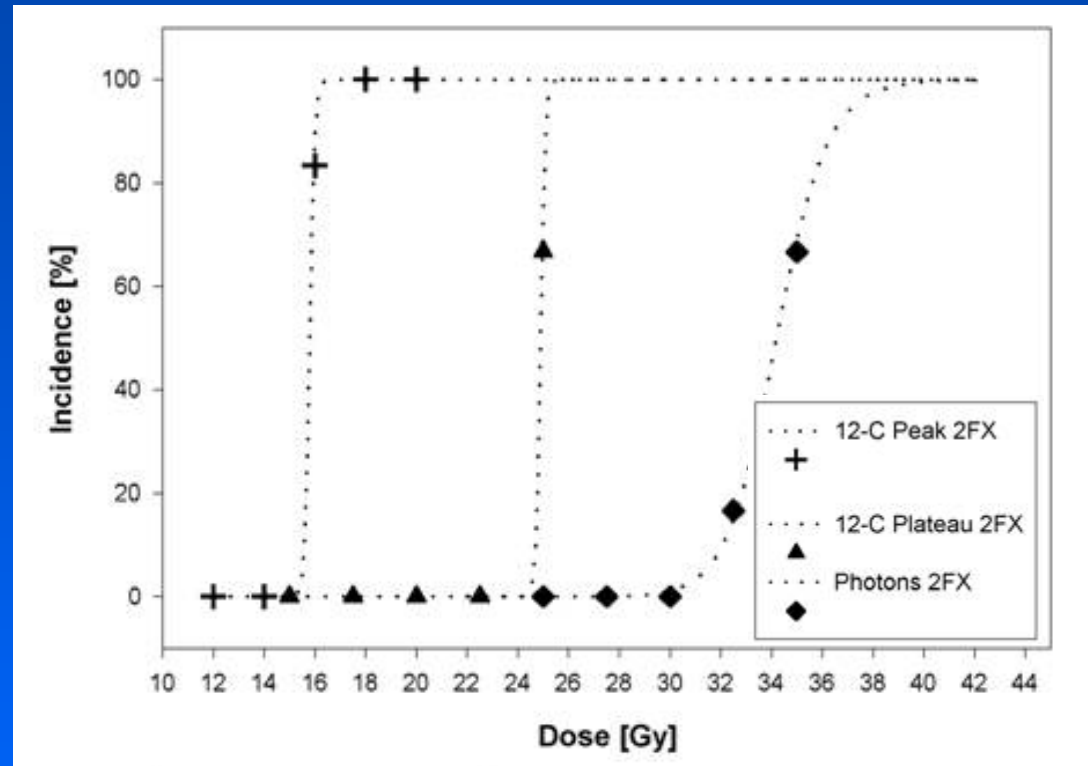
# Increased Relative Biological Effectiveness

radiation induced myelopathy in rats after 2 carbon fractions

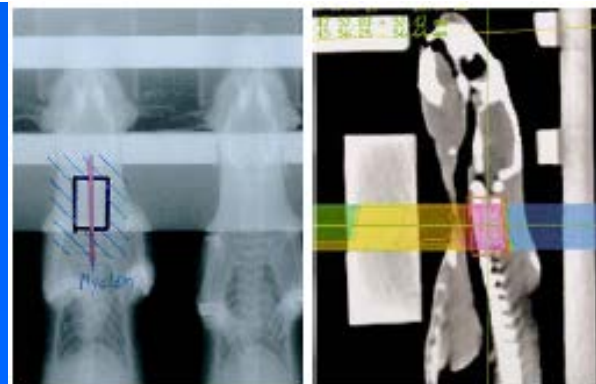
RBEs:

Plateau: ~1.4

Peak: ~ 2.3



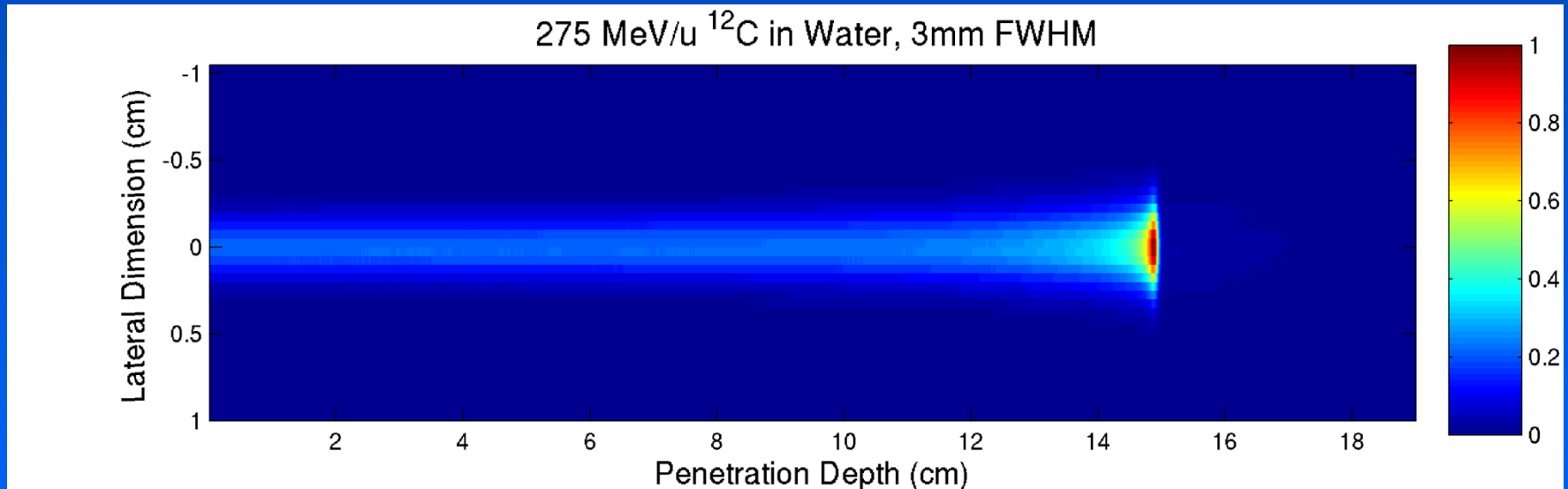
Debus, Karger, Peschke, Scholz, ...  
Rad. Res. 2003



Th. Haberer, Heidelberg Ion Therapy Center

# Goal

The key element to improve the clinical outcome is **local control!**



entrance channel:

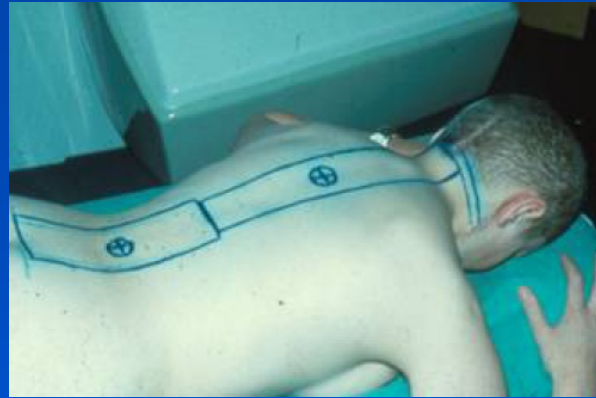
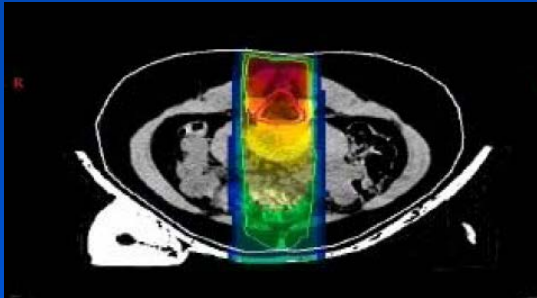
- low physical dose
- low rel. biol. efficiency

tumour:

- high physical dose
- high rel. biol. efficiency

# Medulloblastoma

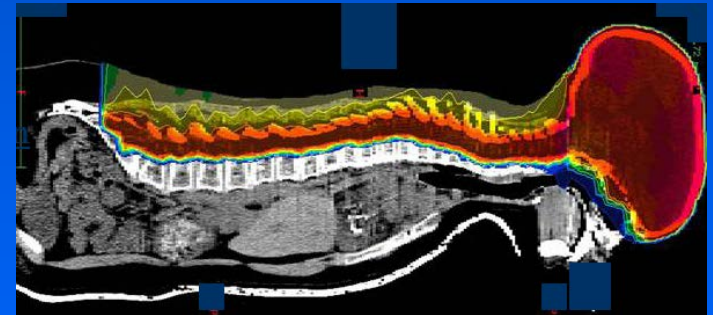
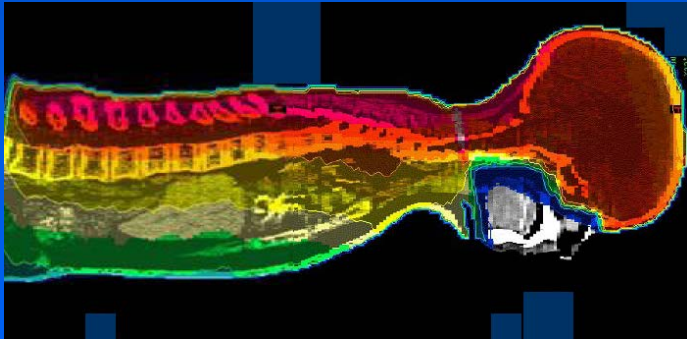
conventional



charged particles



Target dose 32 Gy/GyE



## Dose comparison

22 Gy

bone marrow

< 1 GyE

18 Gy

heart

<.5 GyE

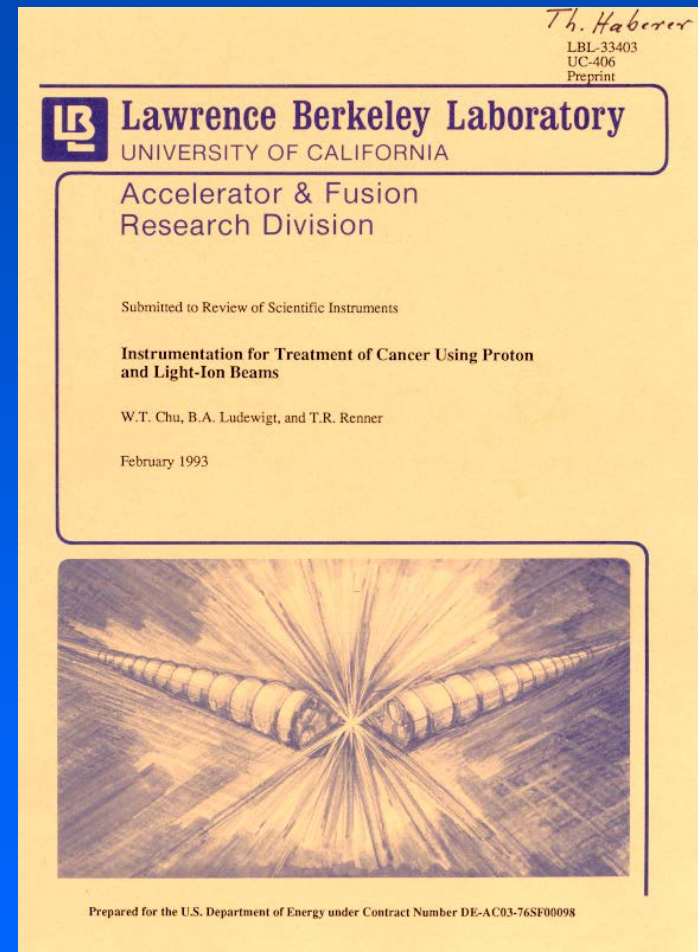
20 Gy

intestinal

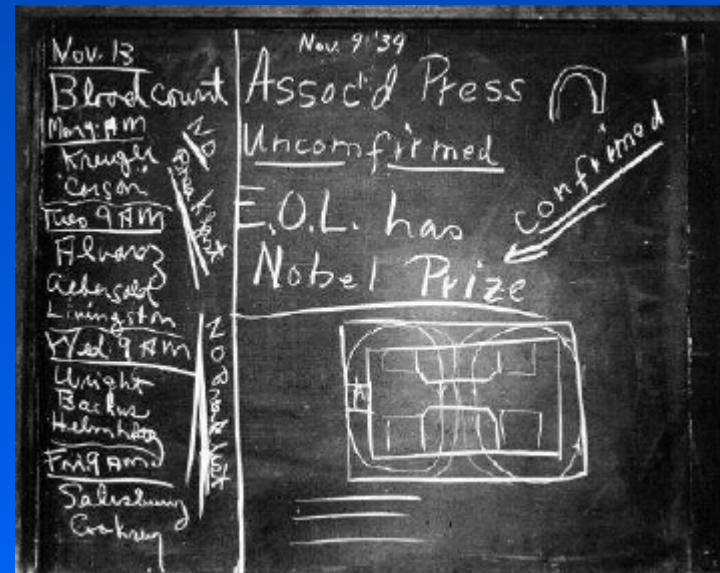
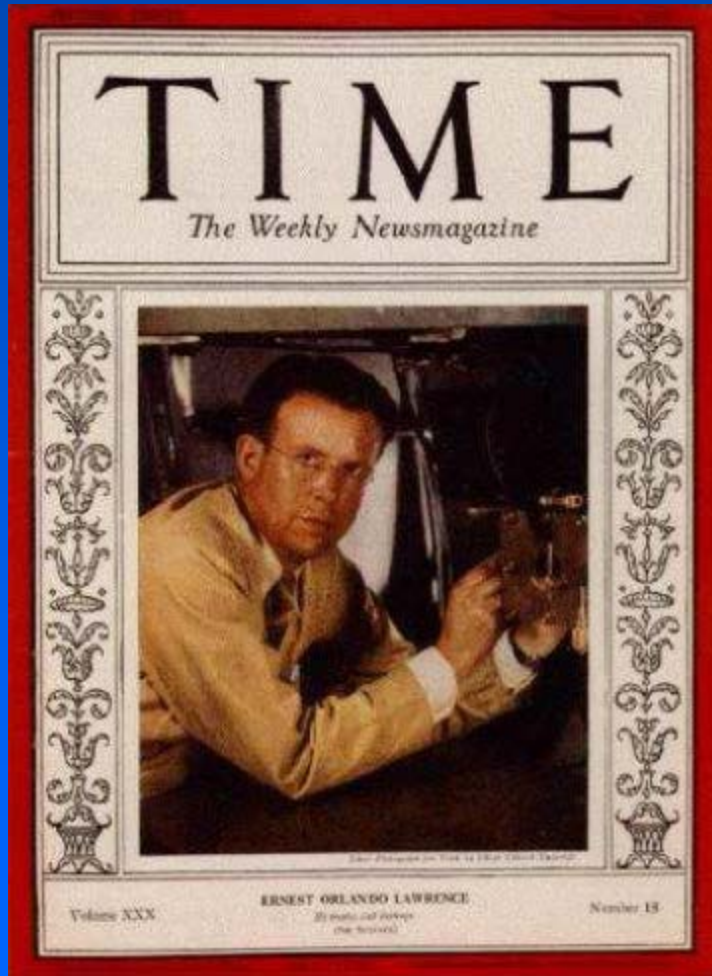
<.5 GyE

# Standard Approach

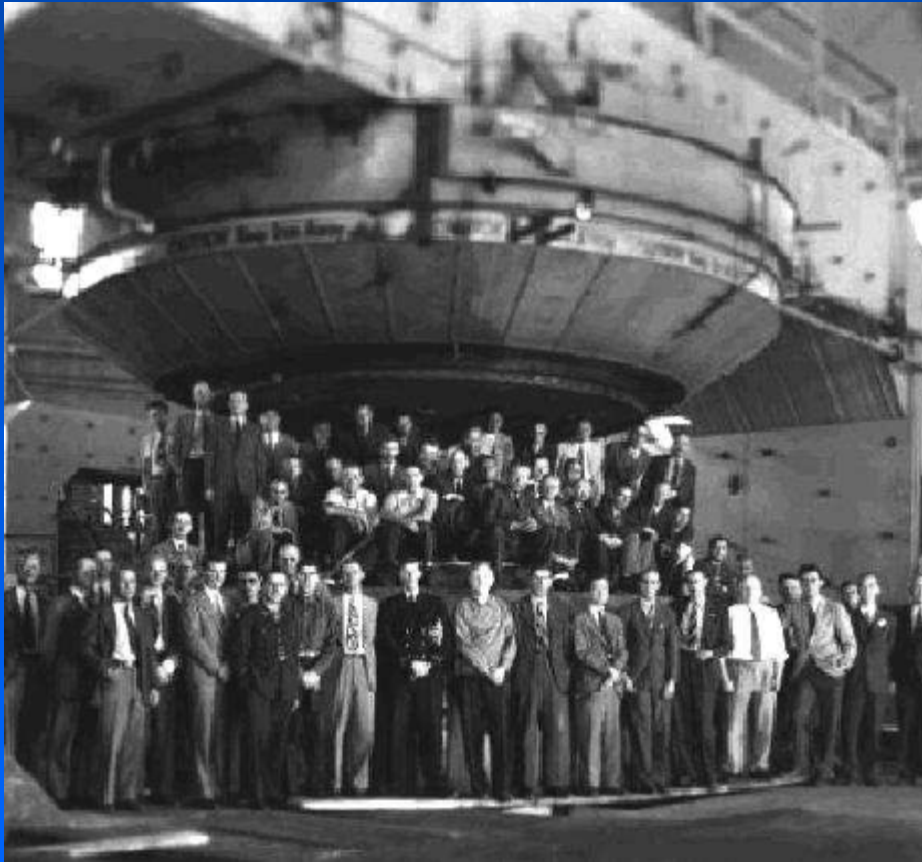
- Facilities being built at existing research accelerators
- Fixed energy machines with moderate flexibility (if at all)
- Dose delivery not exactly tumor-conform



# Ernest Orlando Lawrence Nobel Prize 1939



# 184 inch Cyclotron @ LBL 1947 / 1986





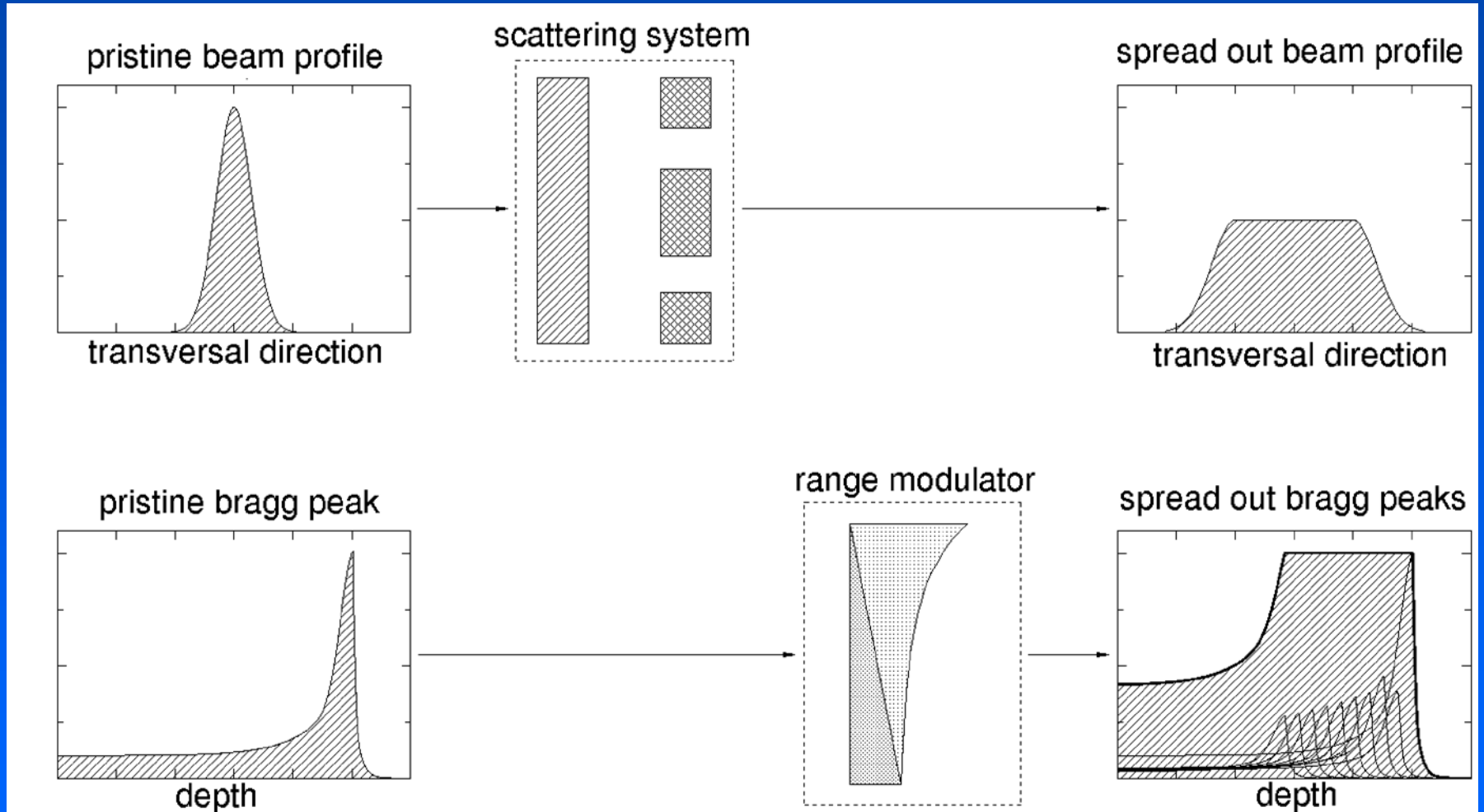
# Patient Treatment in Labs



*Courtesy E. Blomquist, Svedborg Lab, Uppsala*

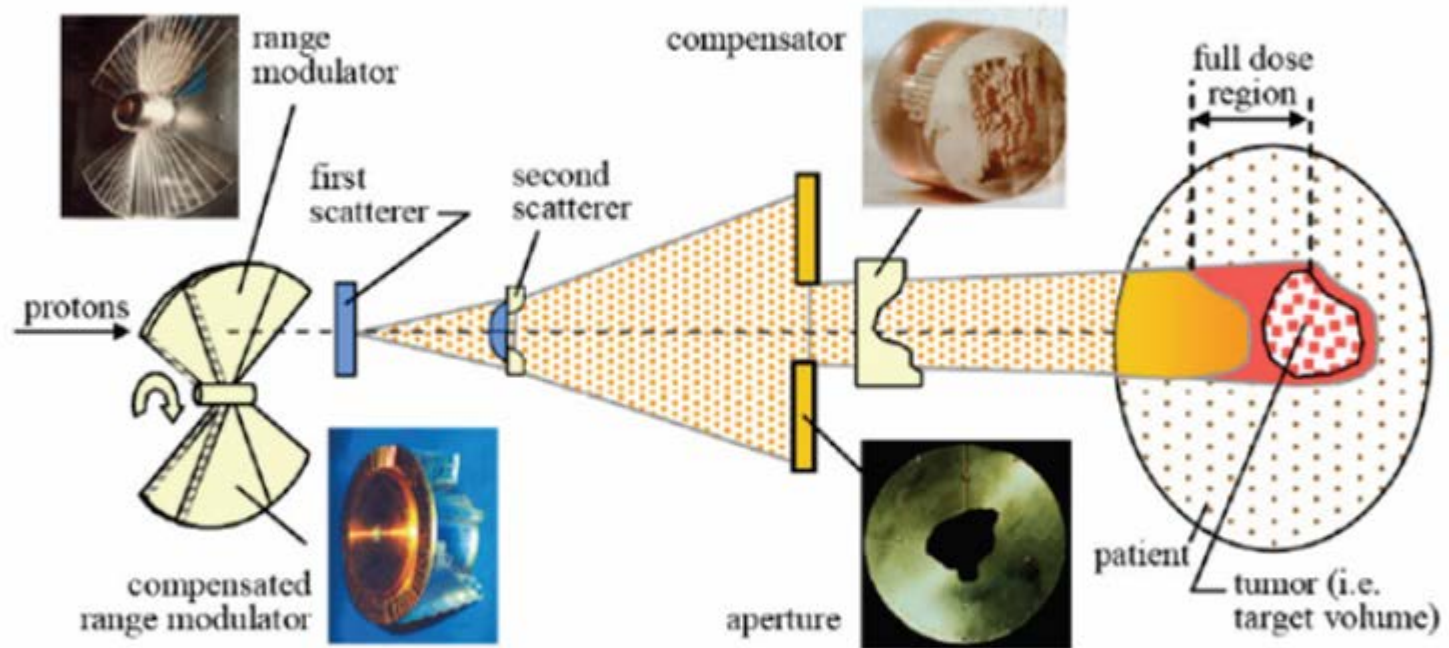
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# Passive Dose Delivery



# Passive Dose Delivery

## Treatment nozzle for a passive scattering proton therapy beamline

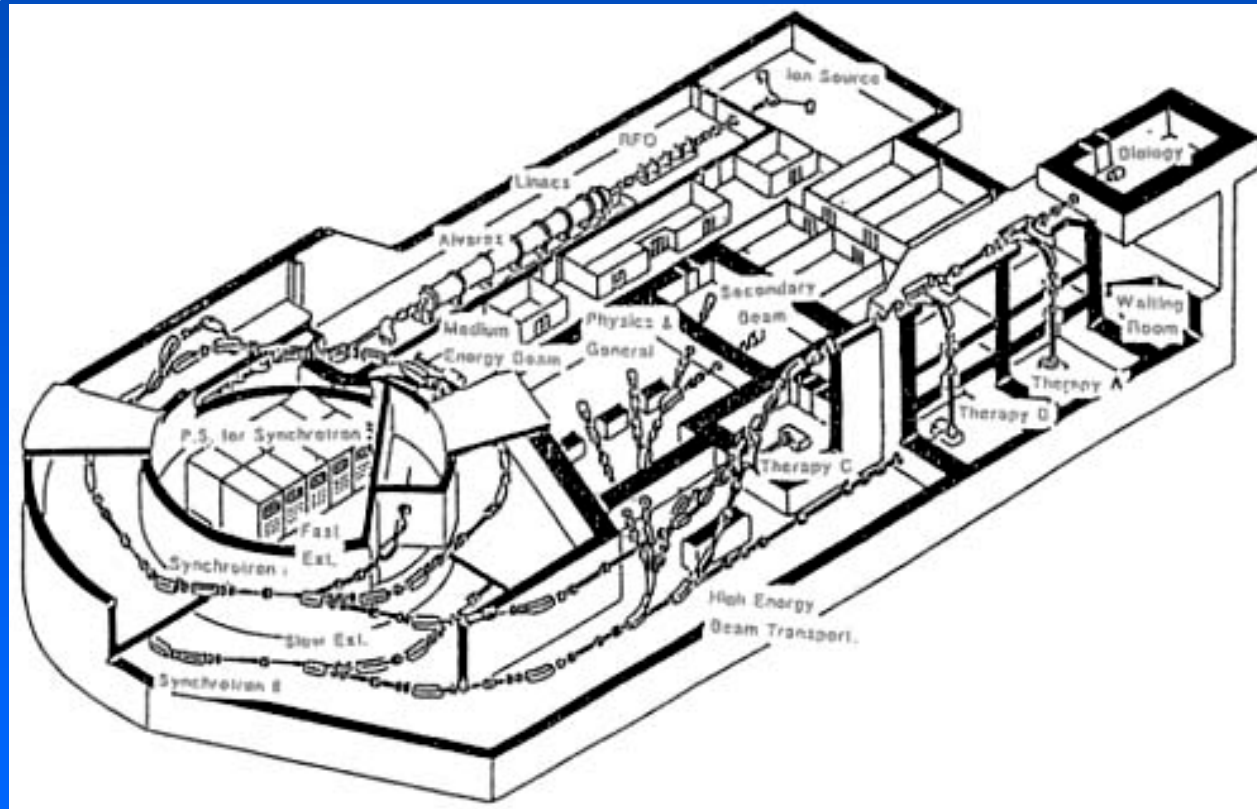


© M. Goitein: Application of Physics in Radiation Oncology

# Situation / Clinical Centers

- In 1994 the first dedicated clinic-based facilities, LLMUC (protons) and HIMAC (carbon), started
- Nowadays more than 50 proton treatment protocols are approved and reimbursed in the US
- LLUMC treats up to 180 patients per day

Heavy Ion Medical Accelerator, Chiba, Japan



**“The major secondary dose contributors are neutrons from the proton treatment nozzle. These external neutrons account for a much higher secondary dose (by about two orders of magnitude) than the internal neutrons.”**

*Jiang, Wang, Xu, Suit and Paganetti (2005)*

Having spent about \$125 million on a proton facility to reduce dose to normal tissues, does it make sense to spray the patient with a total body dose of neutrons, the RBE of which is poorly known, and end up with a second cancer risk similar to IMRT ?

*E.J. Hall, Int J Radiat Oncol Biol Phys 2006;65:1-7*



# Dose Delivery Concept @ GSI/HIT

## Idea:

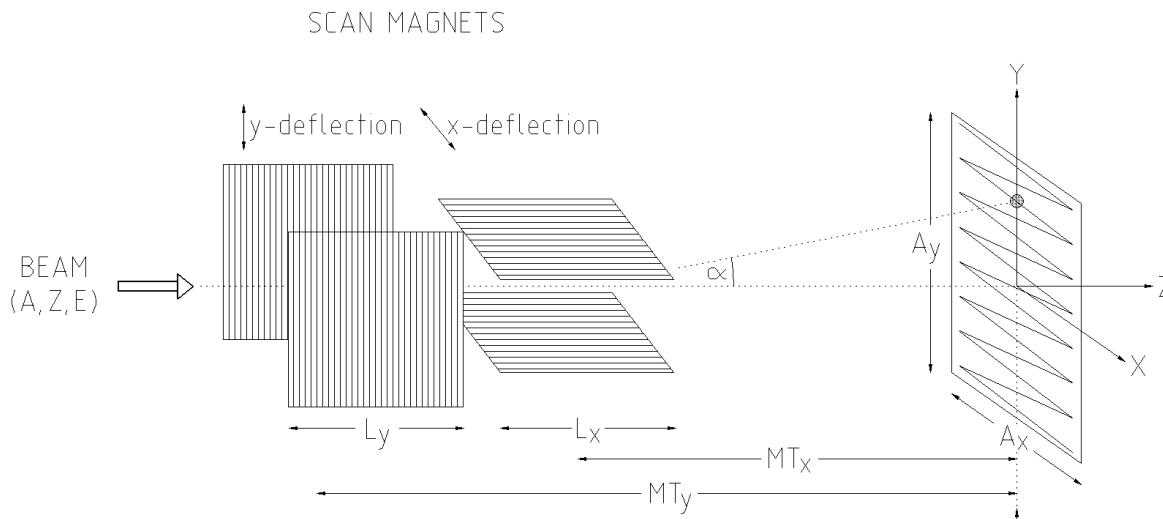
Dose distributions of utmost tumor conformity can be produced by superimposing many thousands Bragg-peaks in 3D.

Sophisticated requirements concerning the beam delivery system, the accelerator, the treatment planning, QA, ... result from this approach.

## Realization:

Dissect the treatment volume into thousands of voxels. Use small pencil beams with a spatial resolution of a few mm to fill each voxel with a pre-calculated amount of stopping particles taking into account the underlying physical and biological interactions.

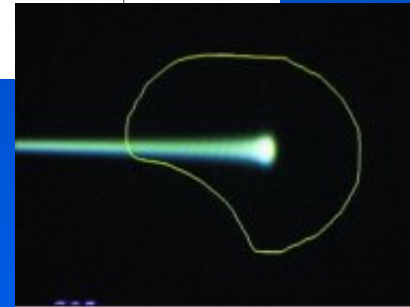
⇒ **Extreme intensity modulation via rasterscanning**



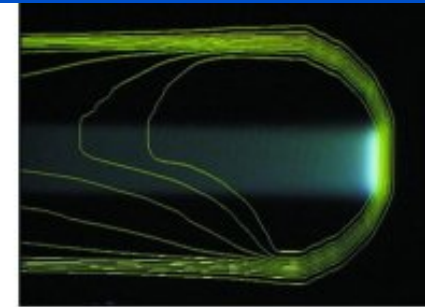
**Protons (Pedroni et al., PSI):**  
 spot scanning gantry  
 1D magnetic pencil beam  
 scanning  
 plus  
 passive range stacking  
 (digital range shifter)

**Ions (Haberer et al., GSI):**  
 raster scanning, 3D active,  
 2D magnetic pencil beam scanning  
 plus  
 active range stacking (spot size, intensity)  
 in the accelerator

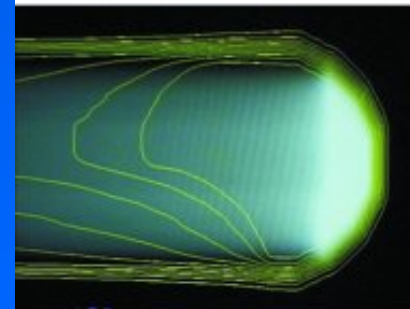
# Beam Scanning



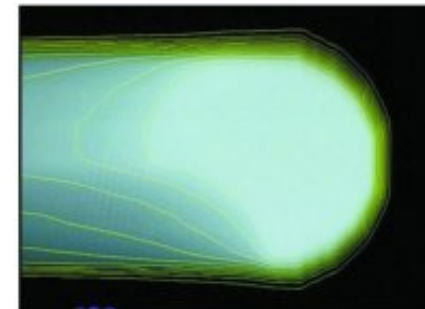
Single beam...



( lateral scanning



+ scanning in depth



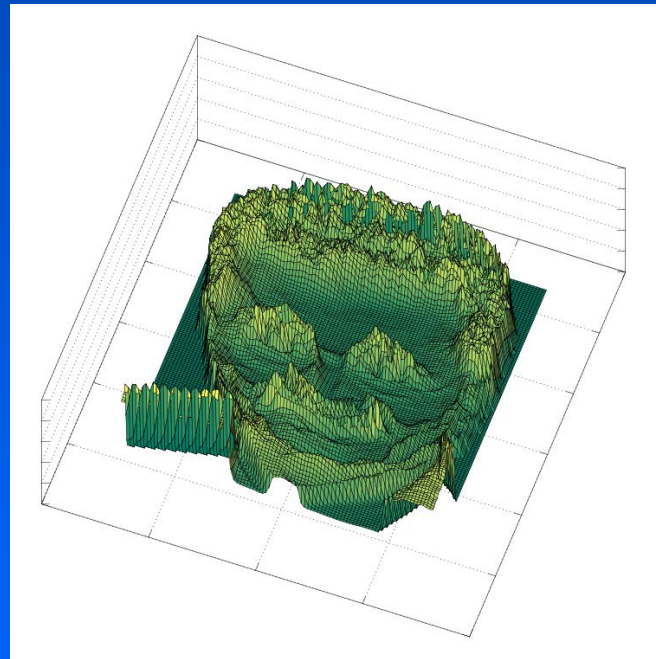
= 3d conformed dose)

# Beam Scanning!

## 2D-example for dose modulation



original photograph



fluence map



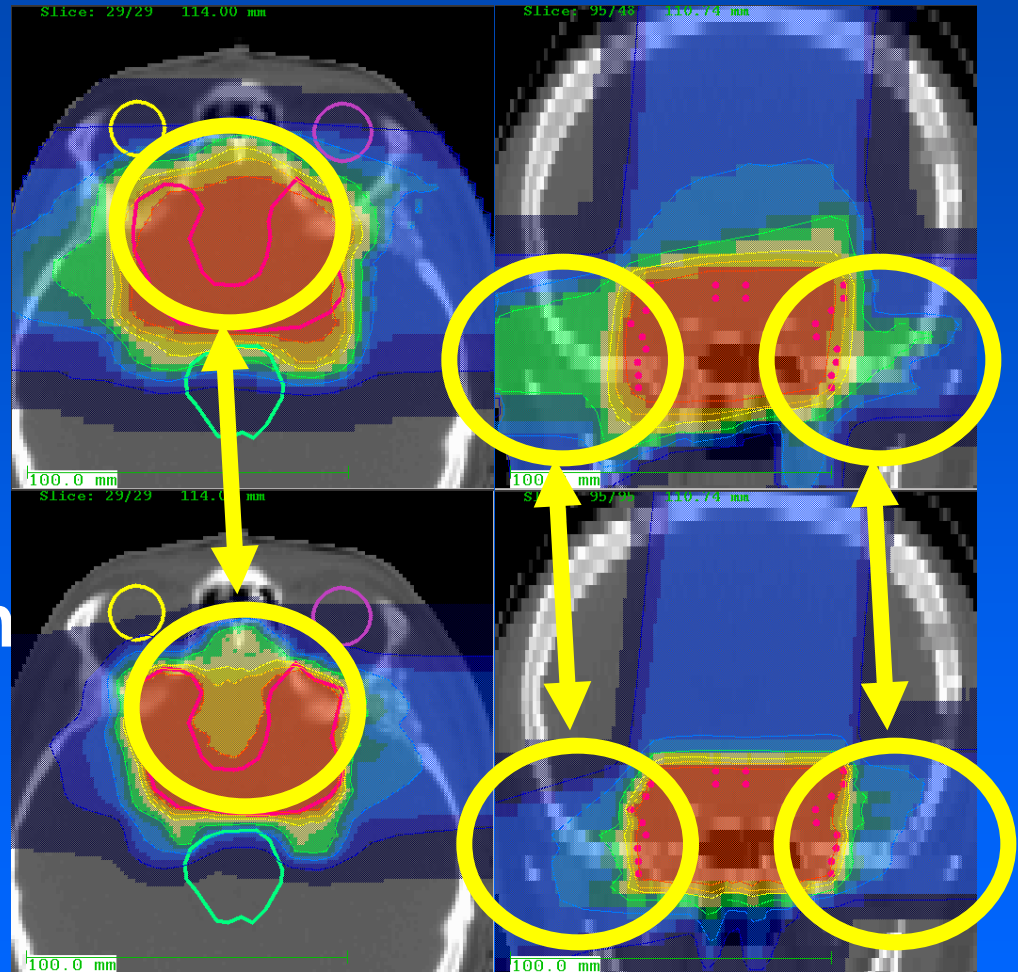
irradiated radiographic film  
raster scan @ HIT



# Scanning vs. Passive

protons, passive  
ithemba, 2 fields

raster-scanned carbon  
GSI, 2 fields



From: O. Jäkel,  
„Bestrahlungsplanung  
für die Schwerionentherapie“,  
2002

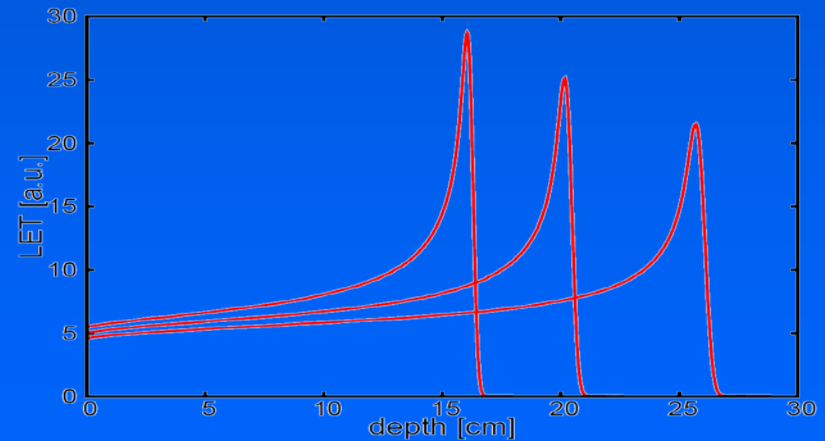
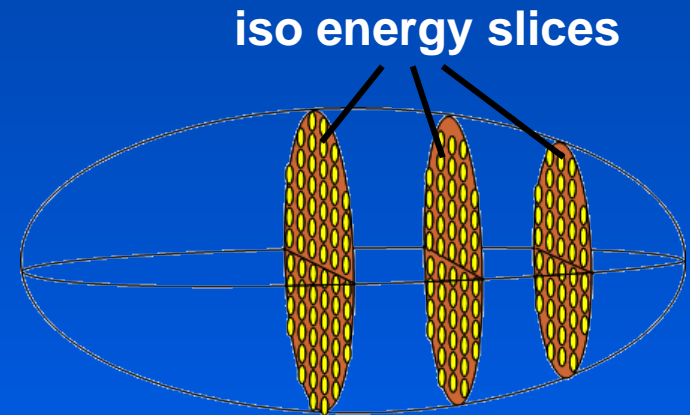
# Longitudinal Scan Direction

**Selection of layers (iso energy slices) is achieved by varying the beam energy:**

**Actively (synchrotron!)**

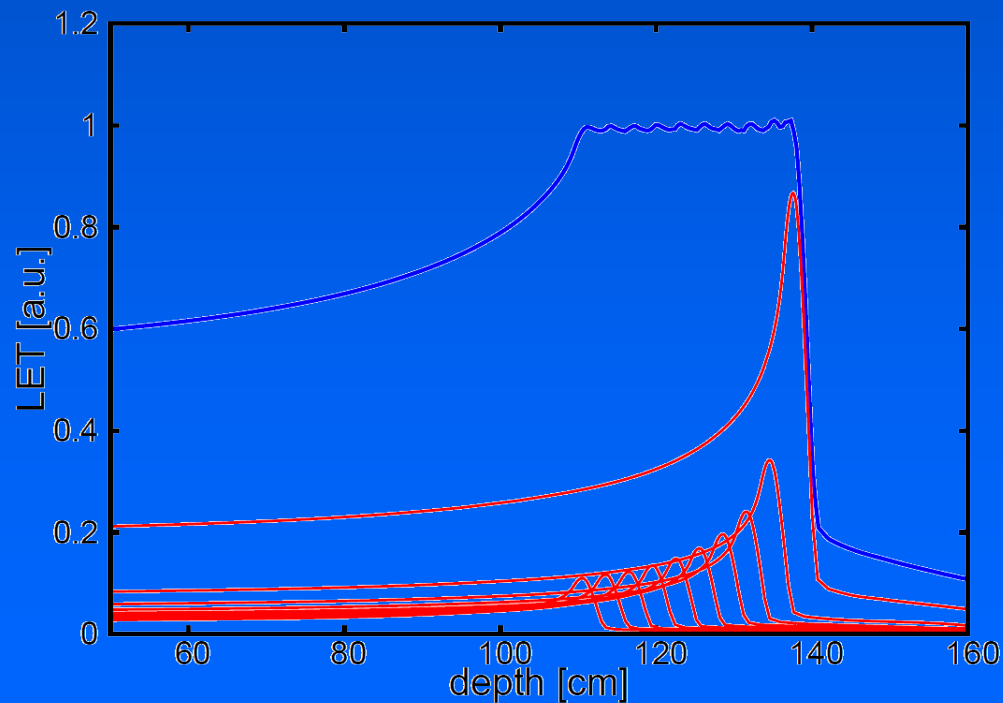
**or**

**Passively (energy degrader plus energy selection system (filter))**



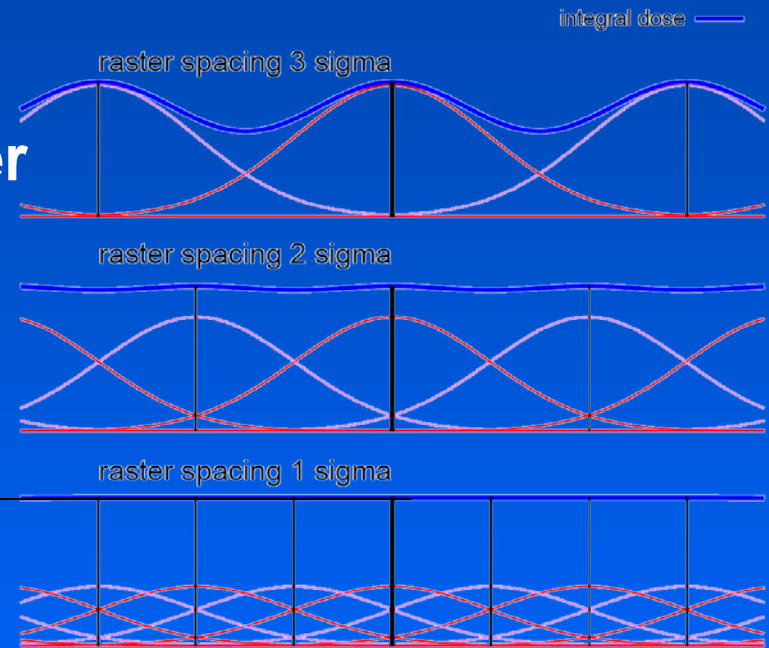
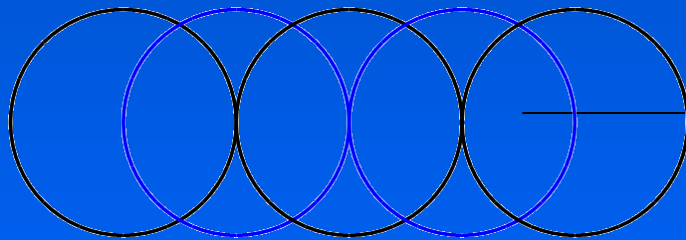
# Longitudinal Scan Direction

Due to the shape of the bragg peak not only the region where the particle stops is irradiated, but also the region before the peak (“plateau region”). This has to be taken into account during treatment planning.



# Scanning Grid

For a gaussian beam shape a dose profile will become perfectly flat if the spot separation is smaller than one sigma:

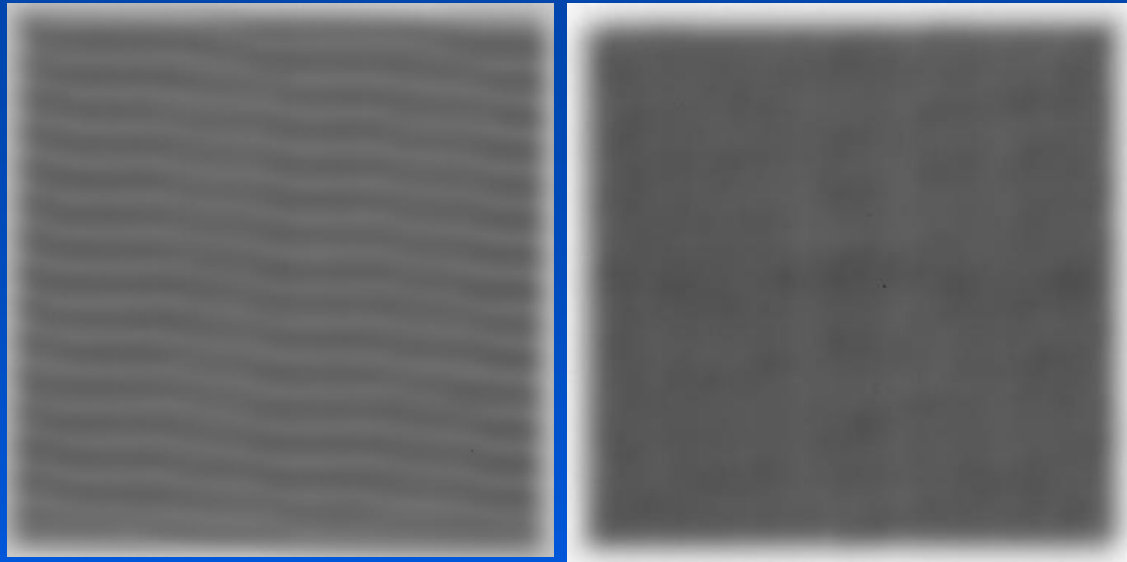


Dose profiles are clinically acceptable at a spacing of  $\sim 2\sigma$ ;

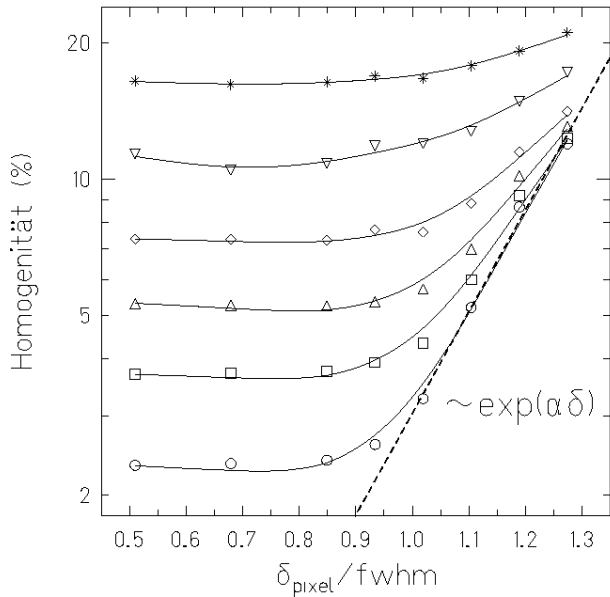
For treatment planning at HIT a spacing of  $0.8\sigma$  or less is used as a rule of thumb to allow for some error in spot size.

# Active / Lateral

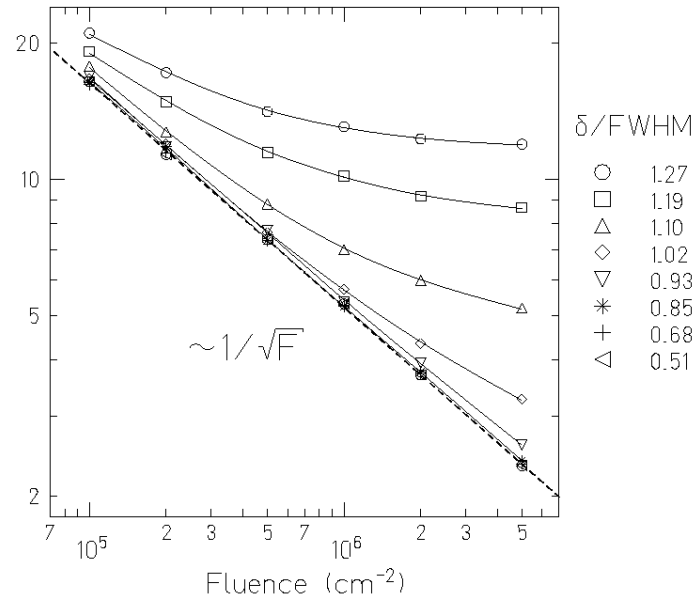
- homogeneity of fluence distributions



geometry



statistics



# Flavours of Scanning

## Raster Scanning vs Spot Scanning

### **Spot scanning** (FBPTC/IBA, PSI, MDA/Hitachi, RPTC/Varian)

After irradiation of a point the beam is turned off. The beam is then moved to the next point. Once the scanner magnets have reached the new designated values, the beam is turned on again. Requires a fast beam shut-off system that can be operated at high frequencies.

### **Raster scanning** (GSI/HIT/Siemens)

The beam is not turned off between two points, provided that the points are close enough. Requires fast scanning magnets to keep the dose applied between two points at an acceptable level.

# Flavours of Scanning

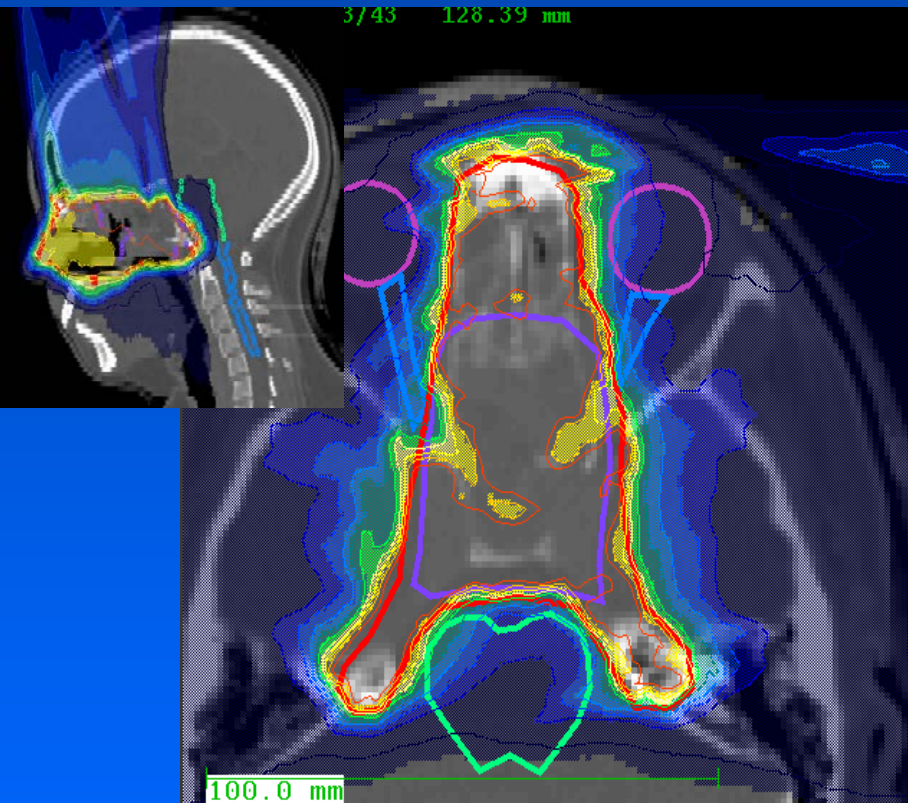
## Dose Controlled vs Intensity Controlled

The decision when a raster point has received the designated dose can be based on two different criteria:

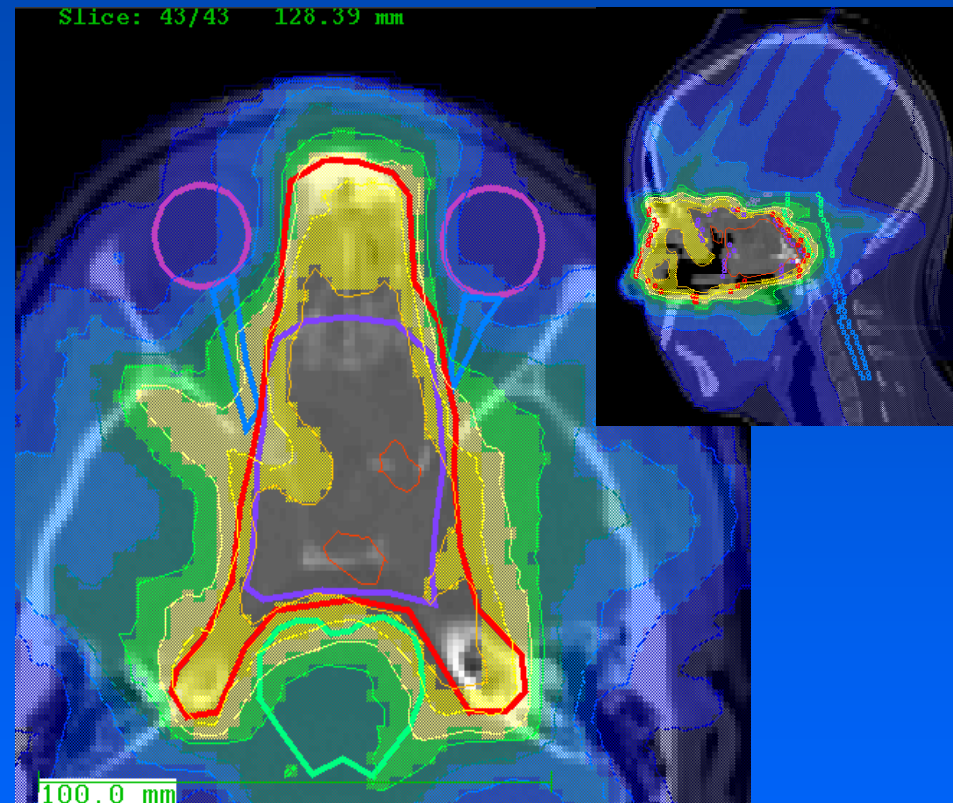
- **dose:** the delivered dose is measured and integrated continuously. As soon as the desired dose is reached, irradiation is switched to the next point. This requires a fast and accurate dose measurement and generates a small dose overshoot (most facilities use this method).
- **intensity:** irradiation is switched to the next point after a previously calculated (or fixed) time. This requires a very precisely controlled beam intensity (e.g. a system with intensity feedback). This mode is currently being implemented on an experimental basis at some facilities.

# Scanned Carbon vs. Intensity Modulated Photons

## scanned carbon 3 fields



## IMRT 9 fields



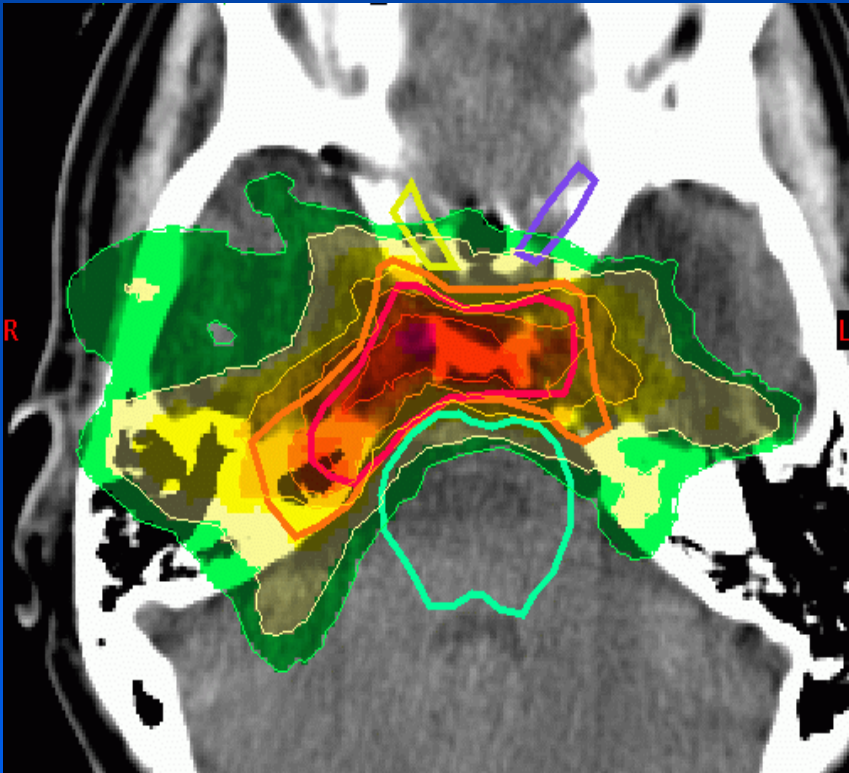
reduced integral dose  
steeper dose gradients  
less fields  
increased biological effectiveness

courtesy O. Jäkel, HIT

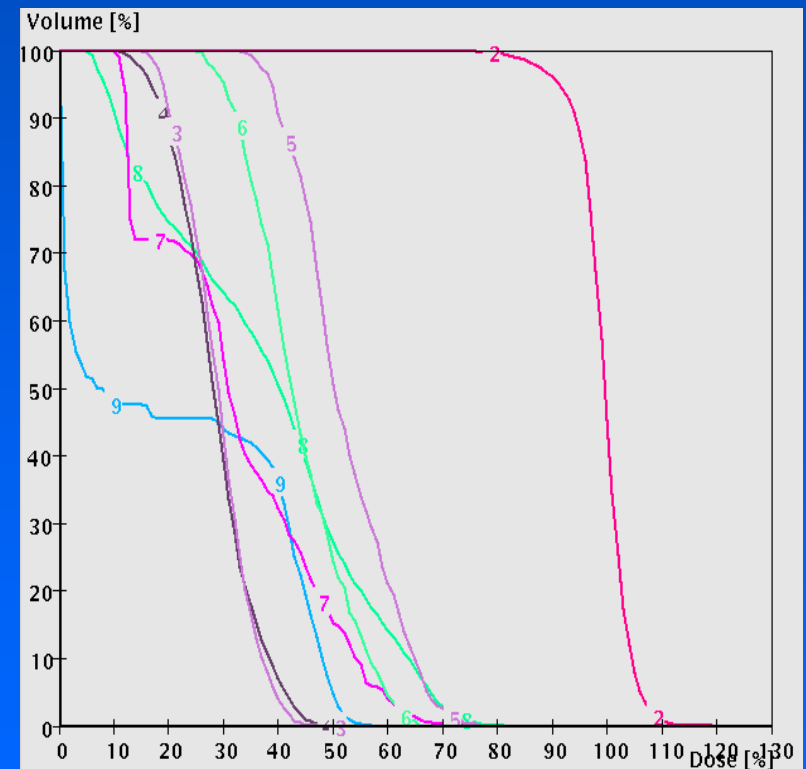


# Adenoid cystic carcinoma

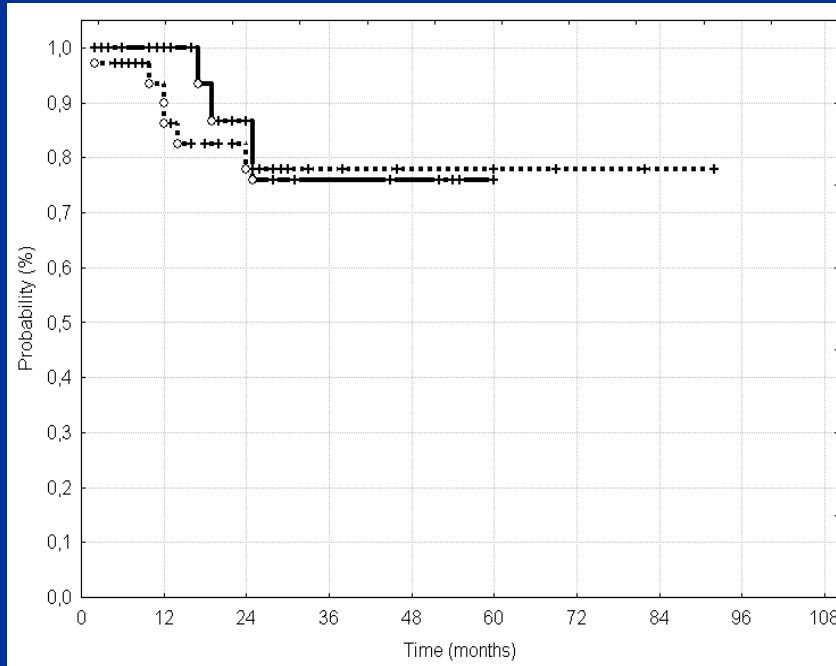
combined photon IMRT  
+  
carbon ion boost



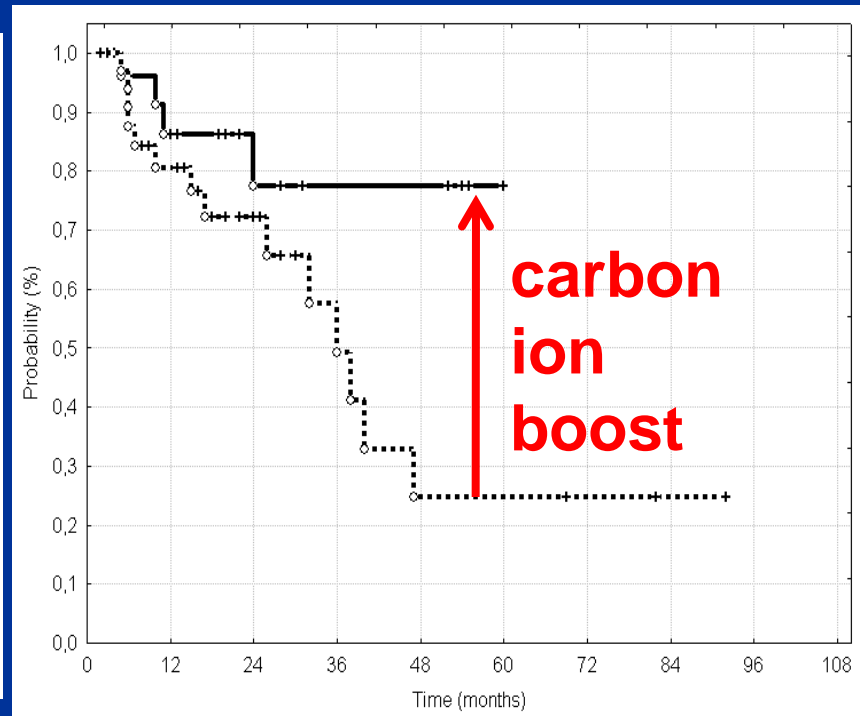
**CTV: 54 GyE**  
**GTV: 72 GyE**  
**OAR <54 GyE**



# IMRT (photons) vs IMRT (photons) +C12 : locally advanced adenoid-cystic carcinoma



survival

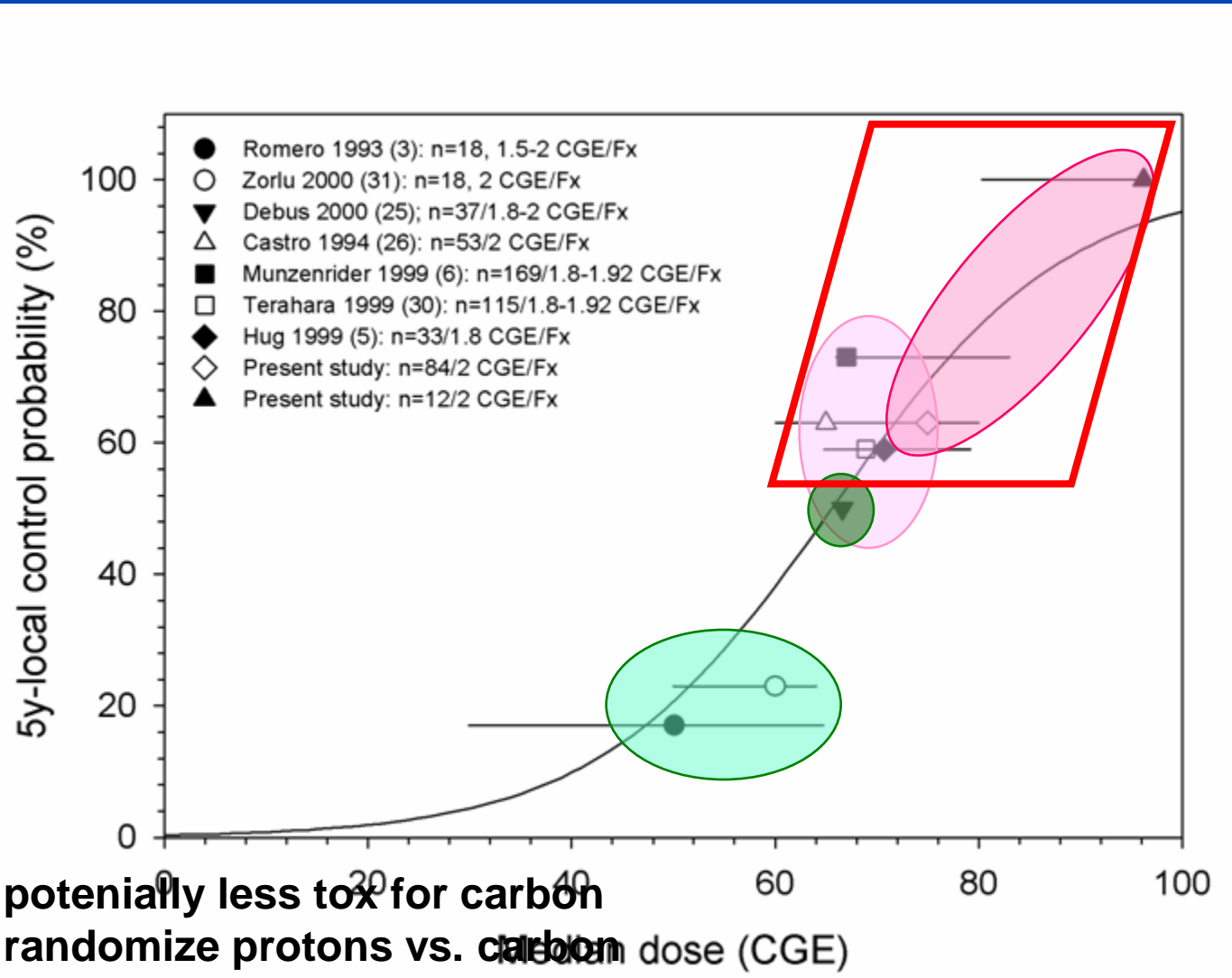


local control

- acute toxicity acceptable
- late toxicity > CTC Grad 2 < 5%

Schulz-Ertner, Cancer 2005

# Motivation: Dose Response Relationship Radiotherapy of Skull Base Chordomas



- C-ions
- Protons
- FSRT
- conventional RT

# History of Beam Scanning

**Date of first patient treatment using a scanned beam:**

**11/1996 Paul-Scherrer-Institute (PSI), Villigen**

**12/1997 Gesellschaft für Schwerionenforschung (GSI),  
Darmstadt**

**05/2008 MD Anderson, Houston**

**12/2008 Francis H. Burr PTC, Boston**

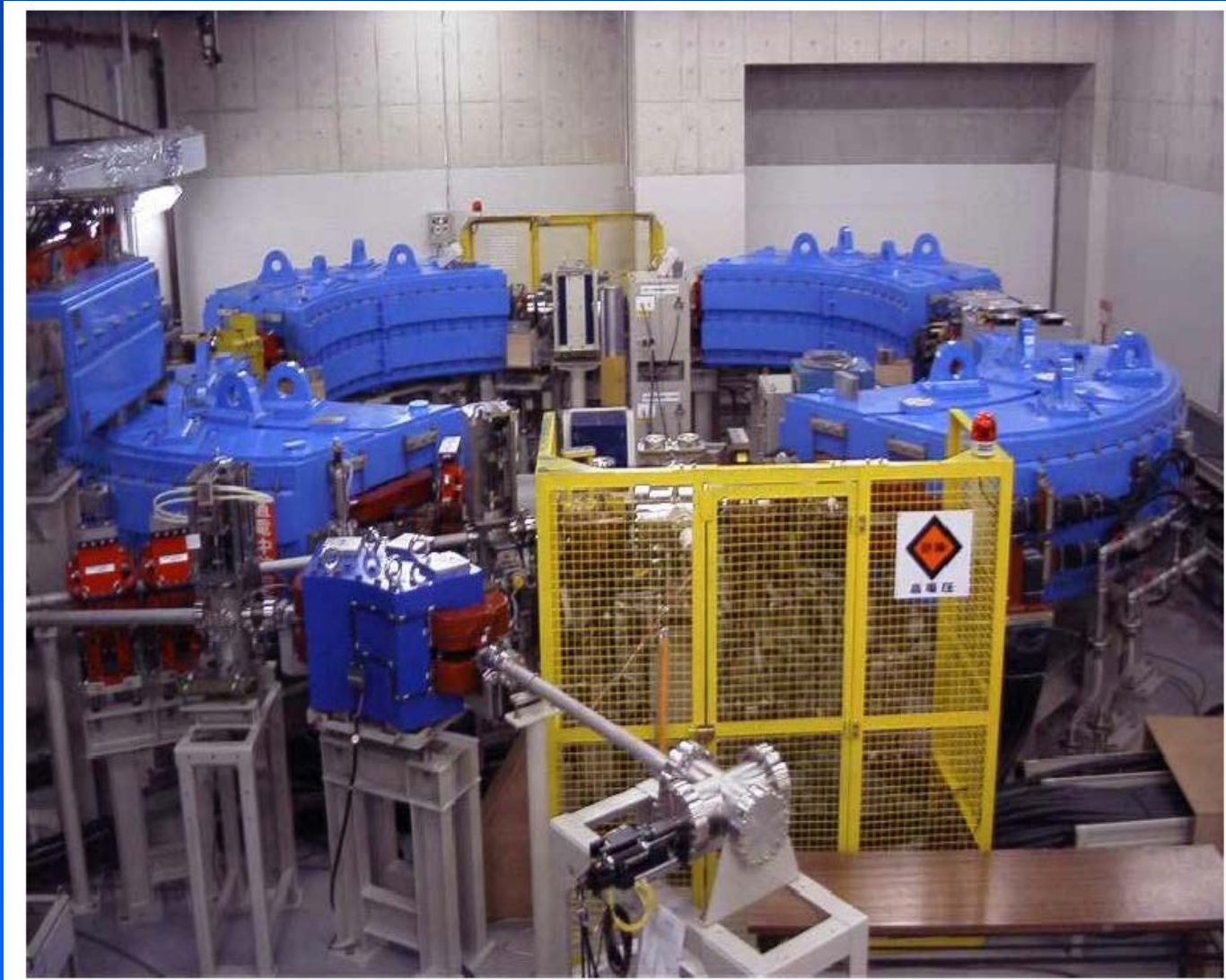
**03/2009 Rinecker PTC, Munich**

**11/2009 Heidelberg Ion Therapy Centre (HIT)**

**Work on scanning systems is currently in progress at many facilities, like NIRS Chiba, MPRI Bloomington, LLUMC Loma Linda, ...**

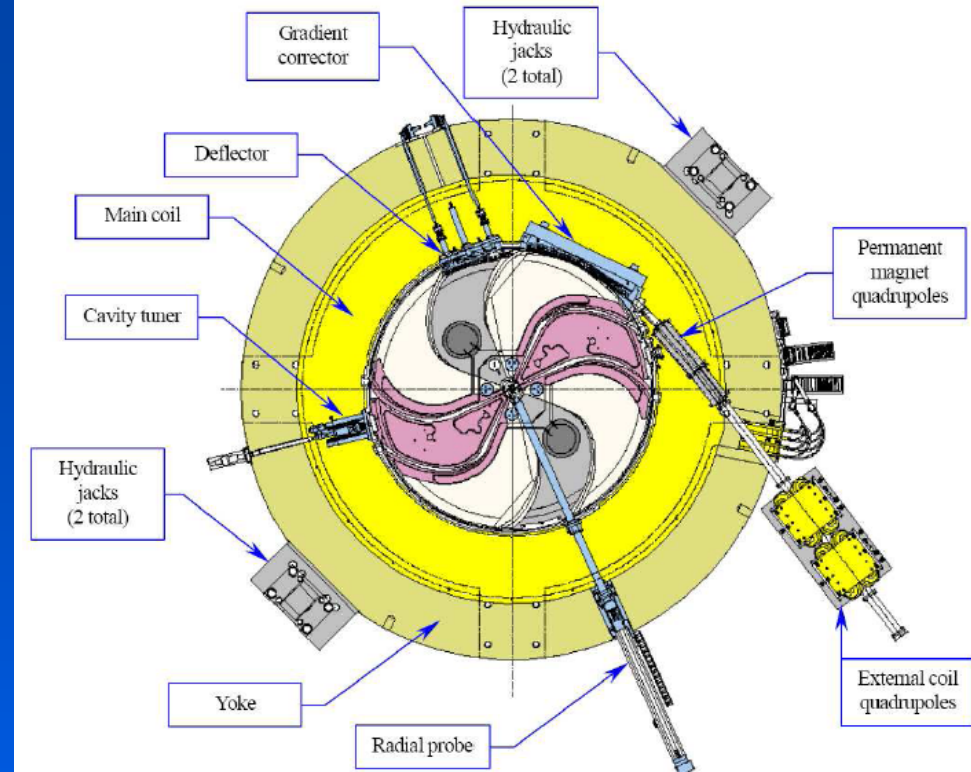


# Proton-Synchrotron, Shizuoka, Japan





# Cyclotron-based





# Economic requirements

- change of particle type < 60 s (dead time)
- change of treatment room < 30 s (dead time)
- number of treatment rooms ← utilization of accelerator
- 300 days per year, 16 hours per day
- ~1-2 min per treatment field (~1l, ~1-2 Gy)  
(target fraction duration: 15 min incl. 4 min beam)
- initial cost
- operational & maintenance cost

# Requirement engineering

## Application

- treatment of tumors with ion beams (conform, precise)

## 1<sup>st</sup> level requirements

- dose deposition in patient → dose delivery at isocenter

## 2<sup>nd</sup> level requirements

- beam application system

## 3<sup>rd</sup> level requirements

- accelerator specifications  
← beam application system

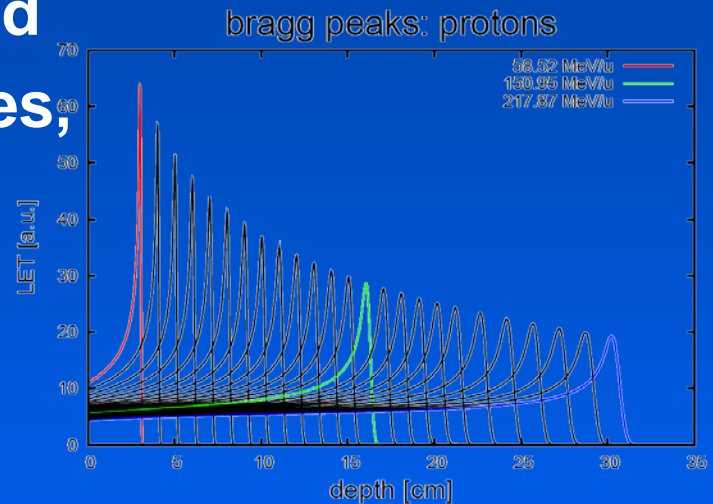


→ **accelerator requirements: interface to scanning system**

# Accelerator Requirements for Scanning

For scanning the accelerator should

- allow to request different energies, beam spot sizes (“focus levels”) and intensities
- deliver a different combination of all of these beam parameters within a few seconds
- deliver all of these combinations with a high beam quality sufficient for medical use
- preferably provide a spill pause functionality



# Heidelberg Ion Therapy Center (HIT)



# Clinical Integration

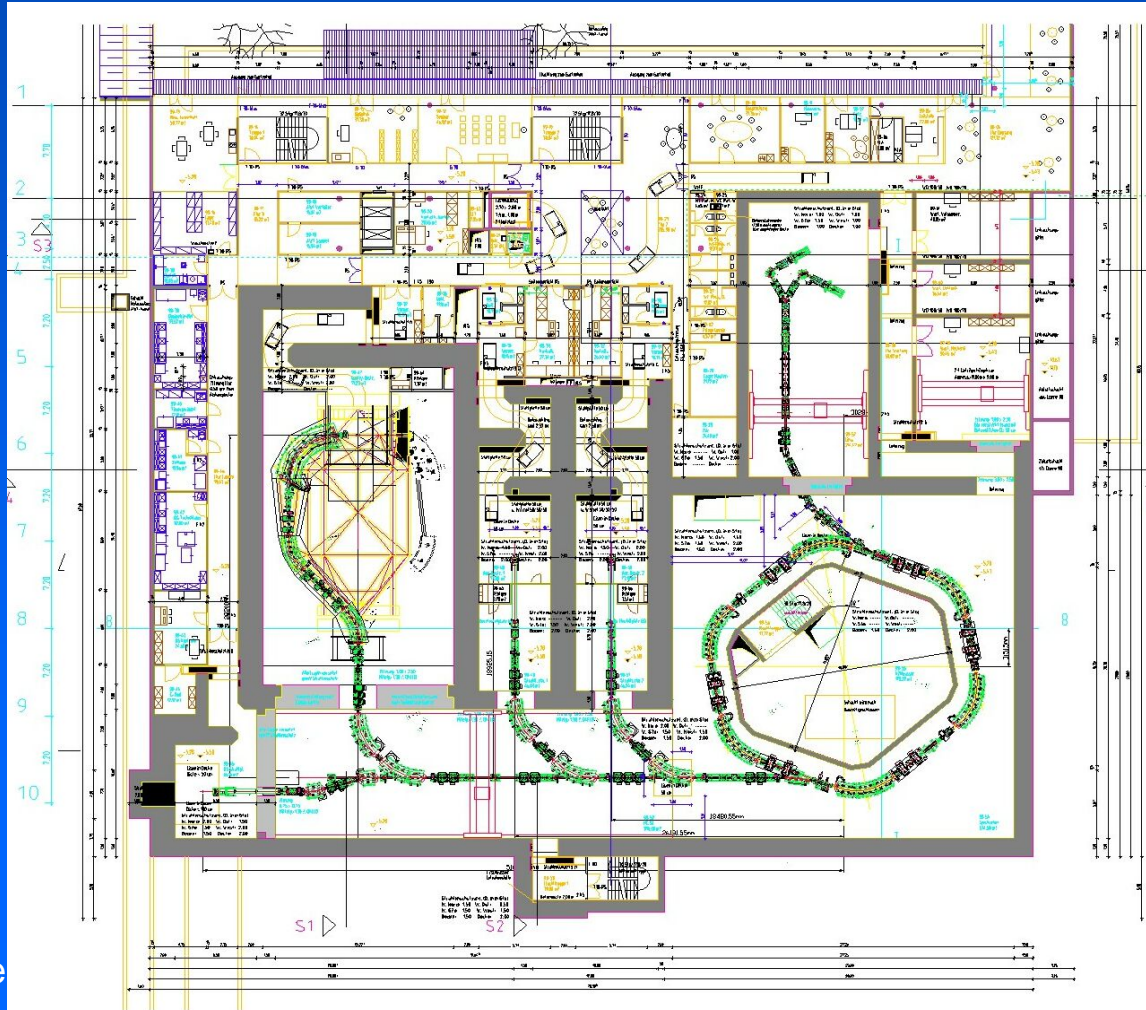
← **Children's Hospital**

**National Center for  
Tumour Diseases** ↑

**Women's  
Hospital**

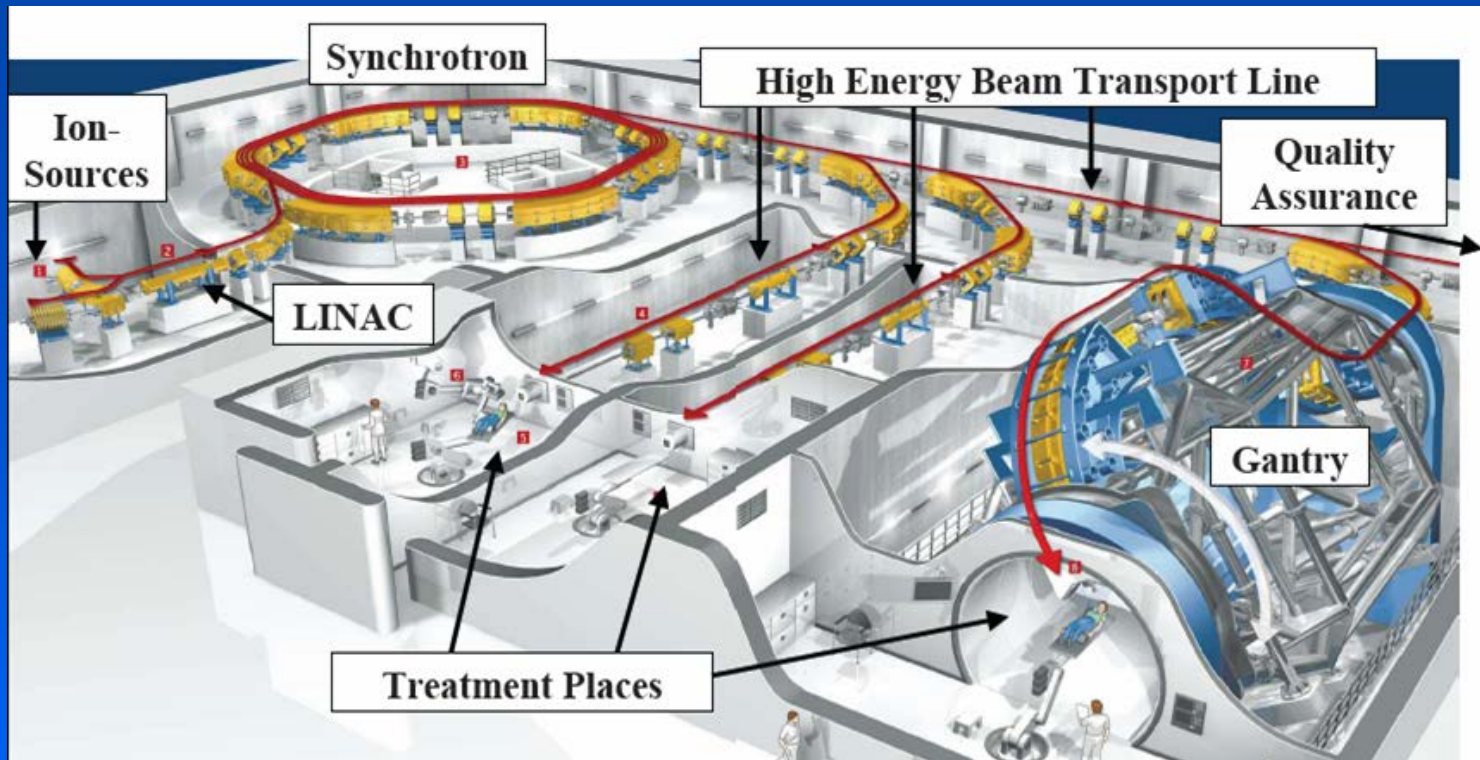
**Radio-  
Oncology**

**Neuro-  
surgery** →



# Heidelberg Ion Therapy Center

## „Flexibility and Precision“



- compact design 60m x 70m
- full clinical integration
- rasterscanning only
- world-wide first ion gantry
- > 1000 patients and  
> 15.000 fractions/yr

- low-LET modality:  
Protons (Helium)
- high-LET modality:  
Carbon (Oxygen)
- ion selection within minutes
- R+D in a broad range

# Some Facts

- Effective area 5.027 m<sup>2</sup>
- Concrete 30.000 tons
- Constructional steel 7.500 tons
- Capital Investment 120 M€

Start of construction: November 2003  
Completion of building and acc.: June 2006  
First patient treated: Nov. 15th, 2009

## Project Partners:

- **University** pays, owns and operates the facility
- **GSI**: feasibility study, facility design, technical proposal, tendering documents, built the accelerator
- **Siemens** supplies all components related to patient environment
- **GSI, DKFZ, Siemens ...** are research partners



# Accelerator requirements

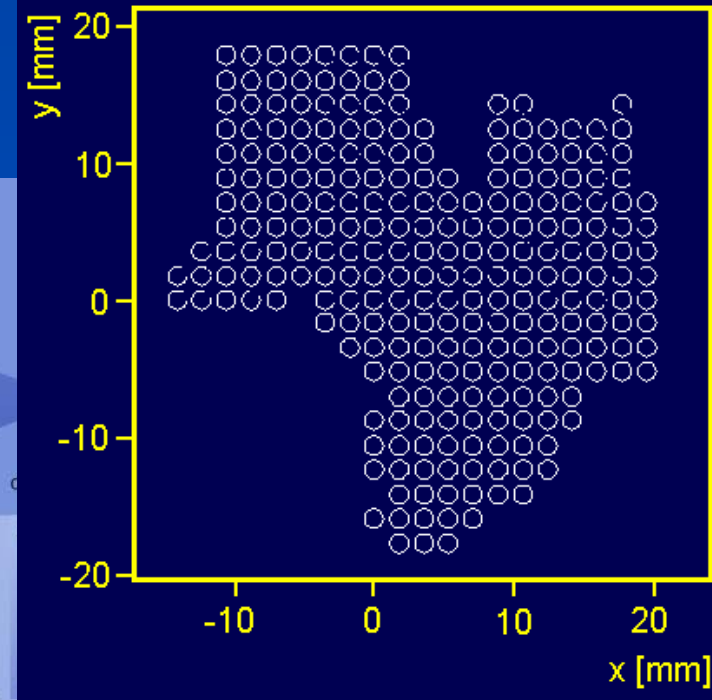
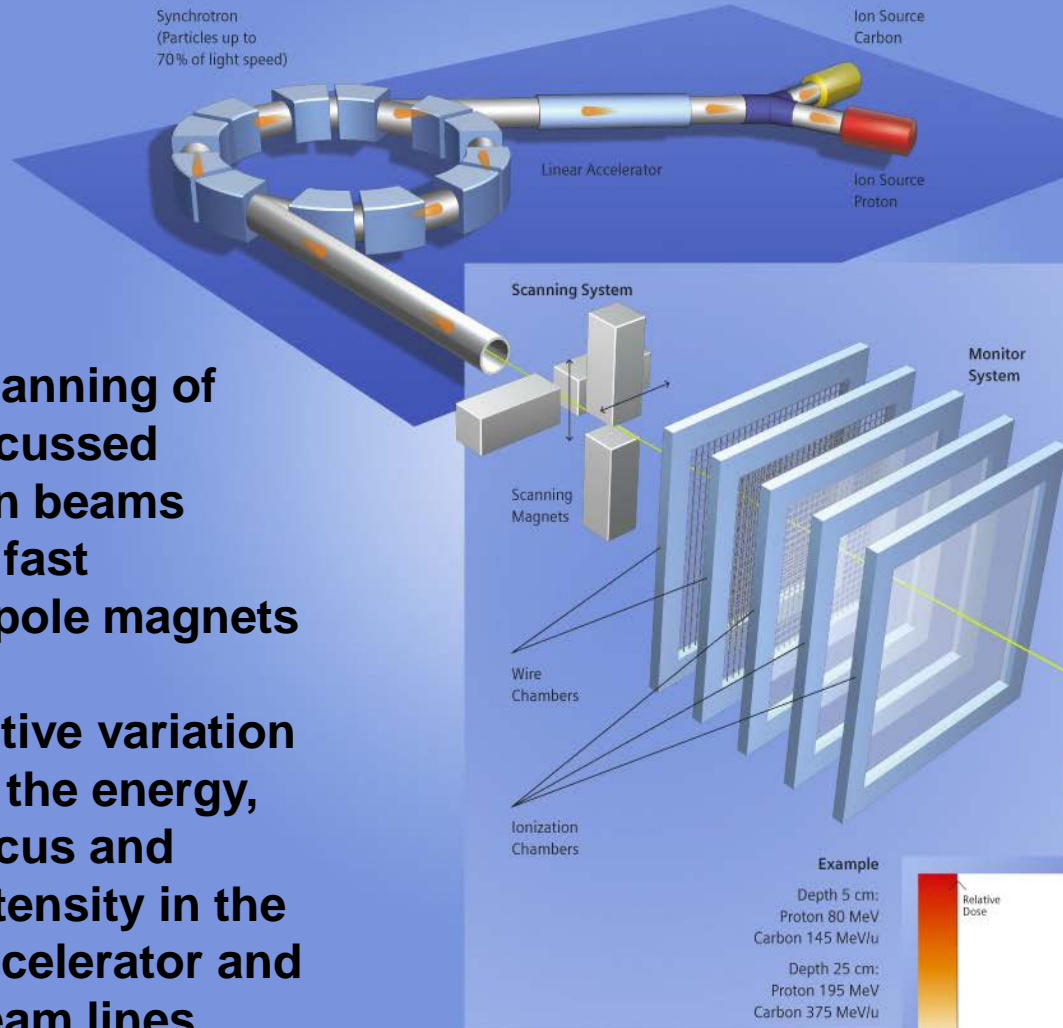
- **scanning ready pencil beam library:**
  - energy: up to 30 cm WE, ~1 mm steps,  $\Delta E/E \sim 1\%$   
p: 48 – 200 MeV, C: 88 – 430 MeV/u
  - spot sizes: 4 – 10 mm (3-4 steps), 2D Gaussian
  - intensity:  $\sim 10^{10}$  (p),  $\sim 10^8$  (C) per spill
  - **$\sim 100.000$  combinations**
- beam purity
- several quasi parallel particle types
  - change of particle type < 60 s
- availability  $\sim 95\%$
- low operational & maintenance cost



# Rasterscan Method

scanning of focussed ion beams in fast dipole magnets

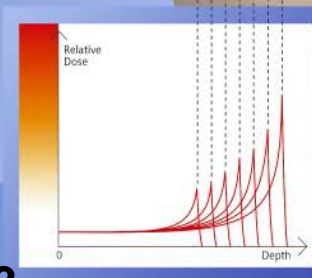
active variation of the energy, focus and intensity in the accelerator and beam lines



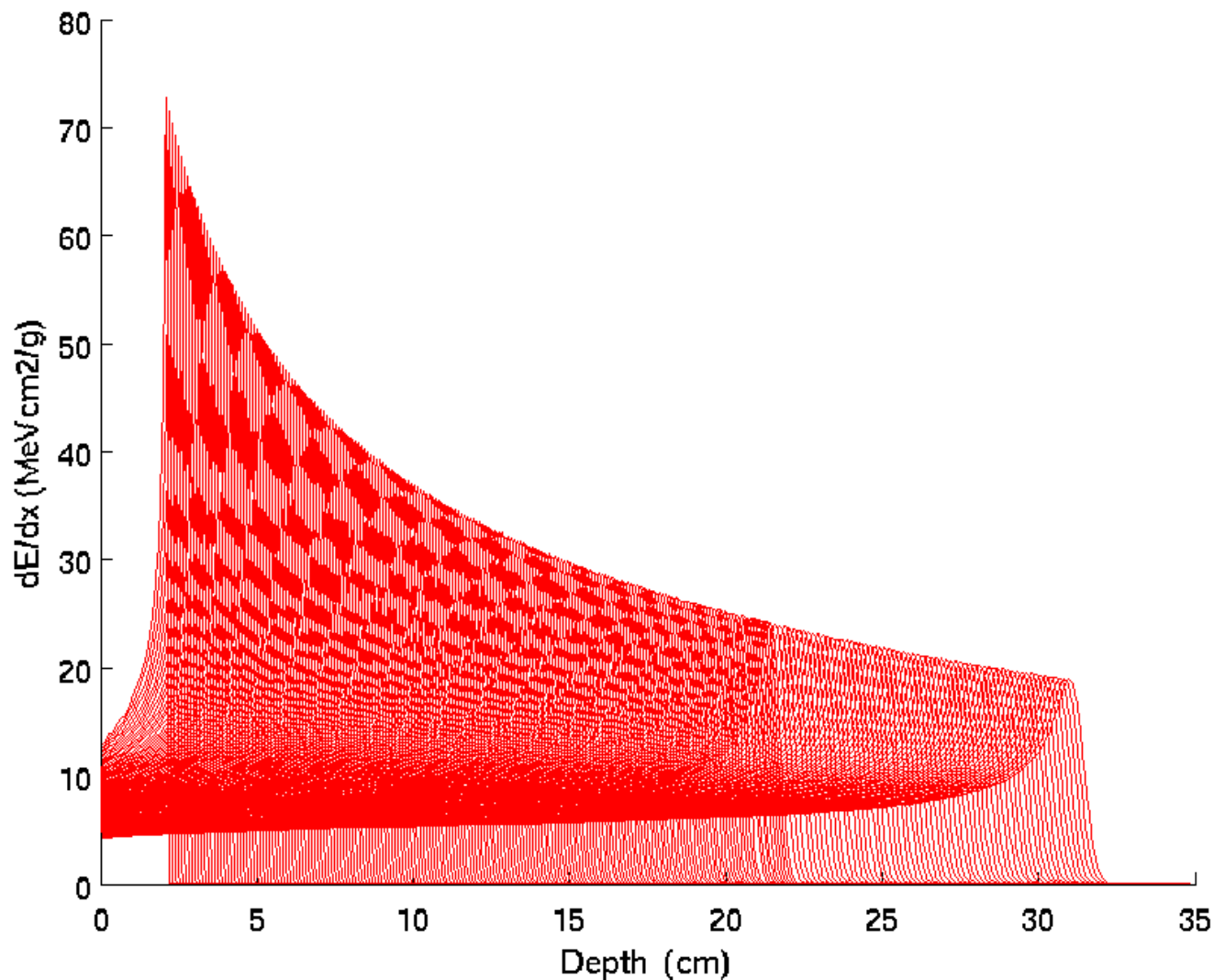
Example

Depth 5 cm:  
Proton 80 MeV  
Carbon 145 MeV/u

Depth 25 cm:  
Proton 195 MeV  
Carbon 375 MeV/u

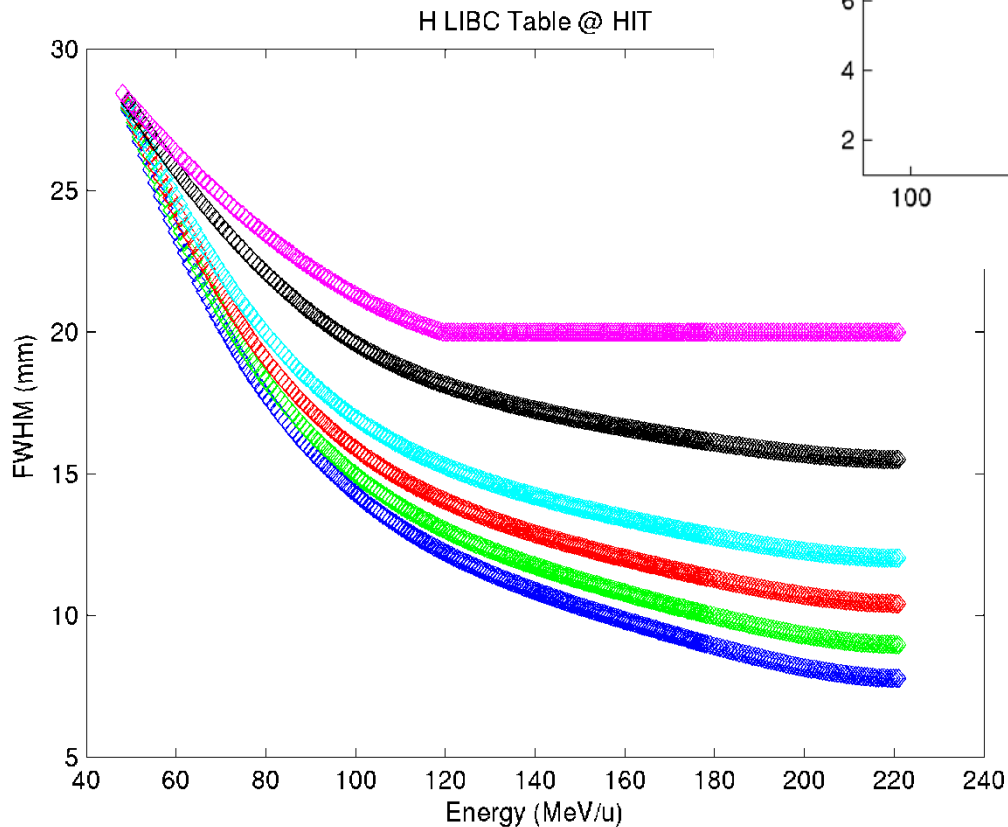
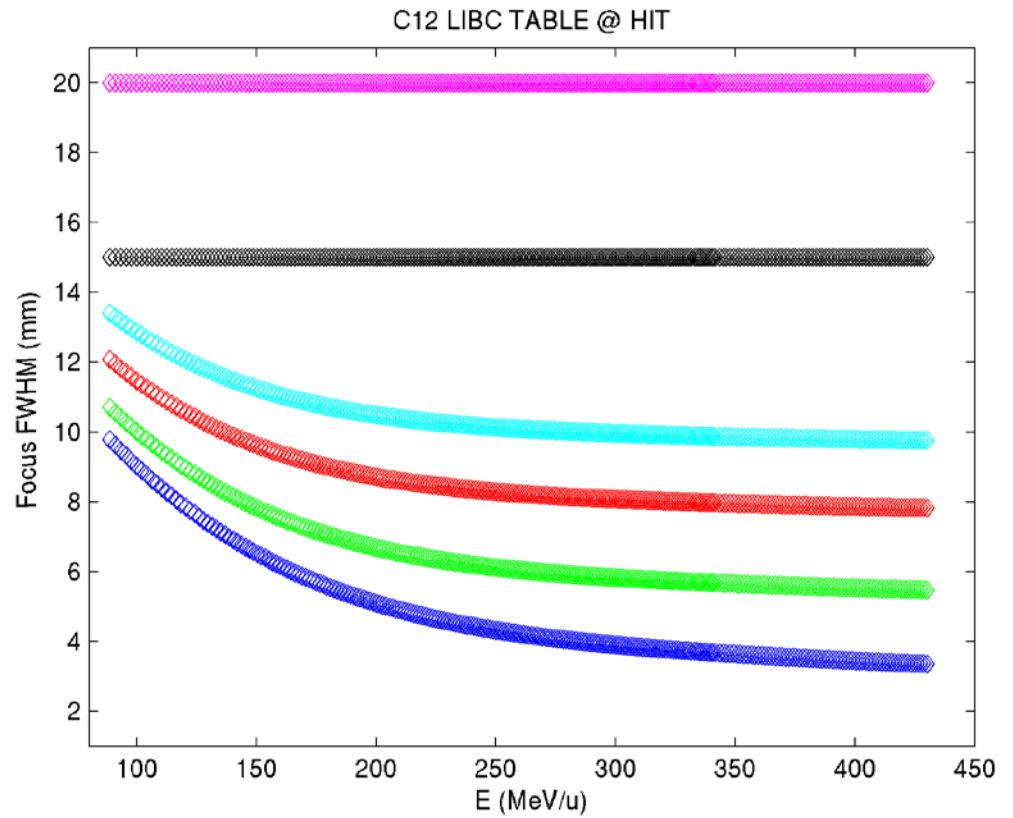


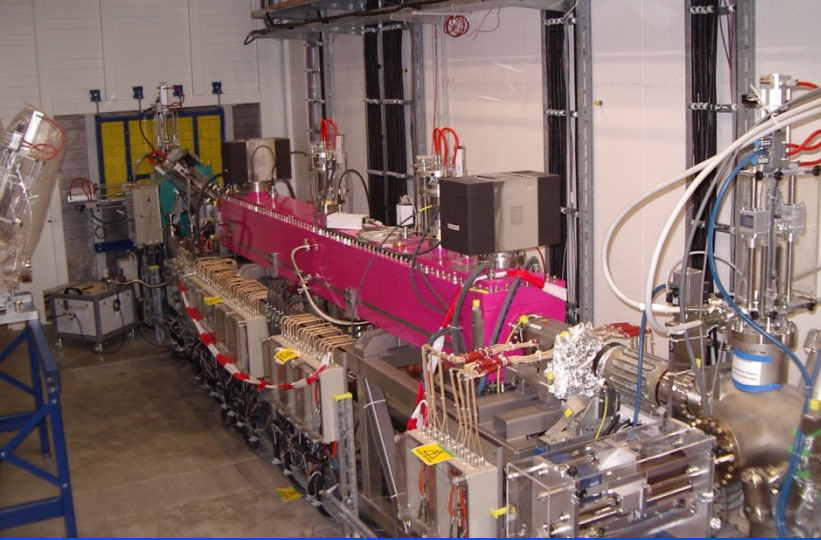
# The Proton Data Base for HIT



***K. Parodi  
and A. Mairani,  
(HIT and  
FLUKA  
Collaboration)***

# Spot Size Libs for Carbon and Protons





**injector**

**ion  
intensity**

**20 m**

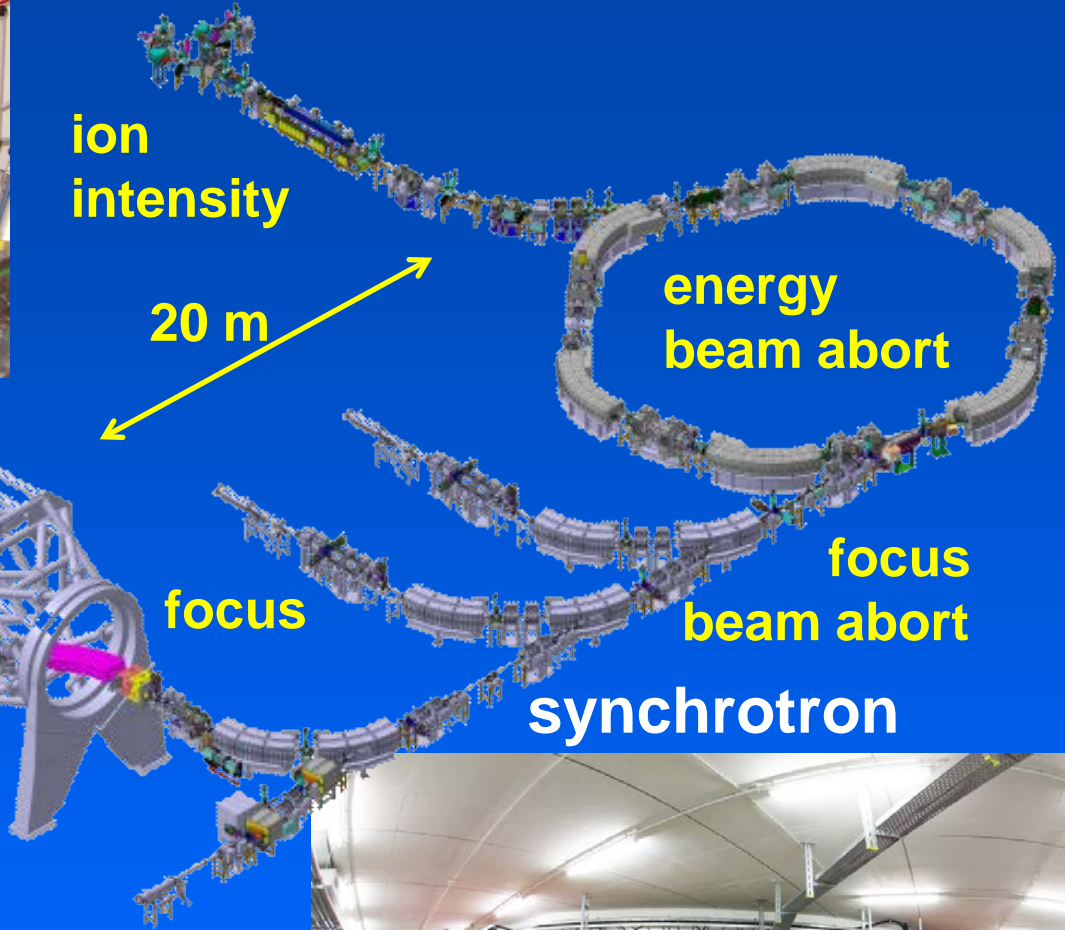
**energy  
beam abort**

**focus**

**focus  
beam abort**

**gantry**

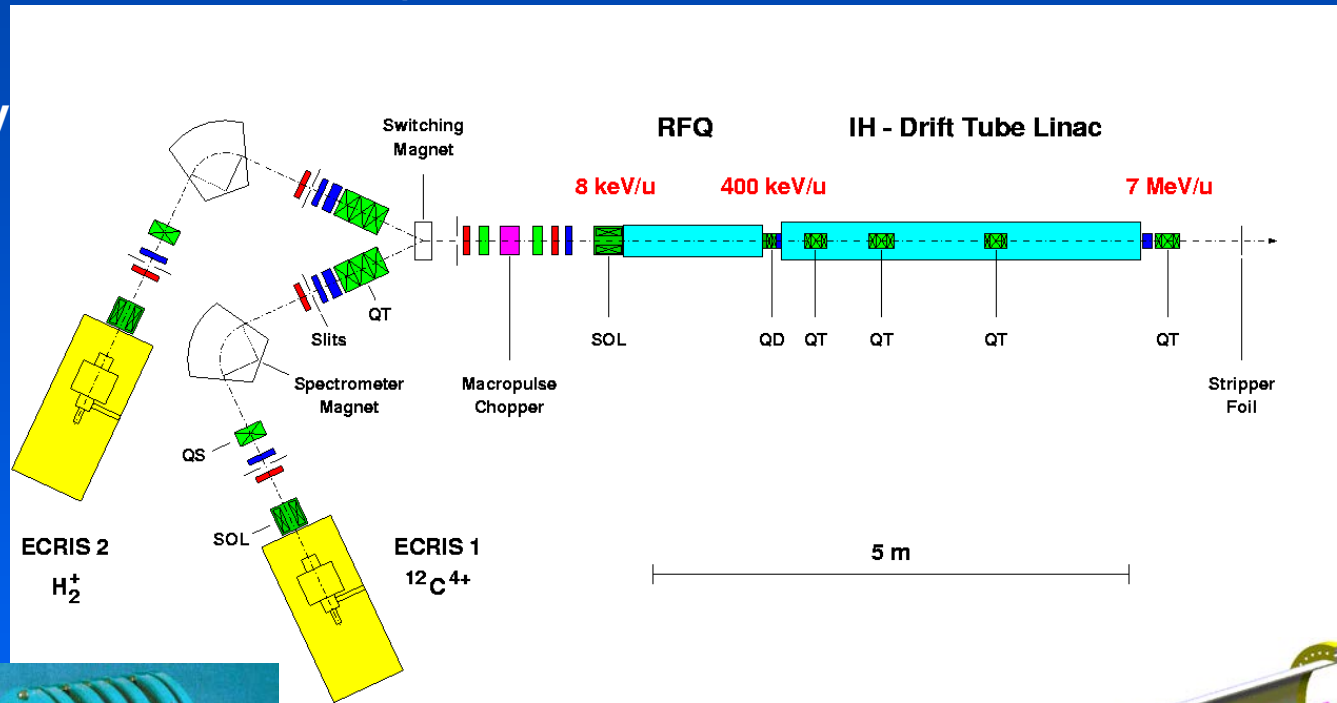
**synchrotron**



# HIT / Linac

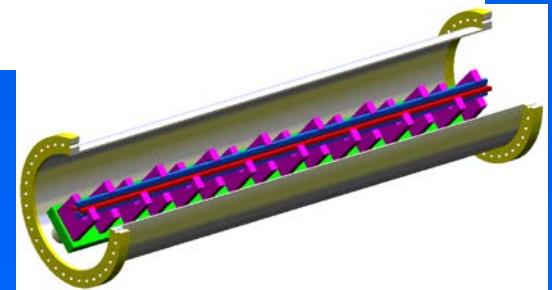
Cooperation: GSI + IAP@ Univ. Frankfurt/M.

- compact design
- proven technology
- fast change of the ion species
- fast intensity variation (1000-times)
- constant beam parameter



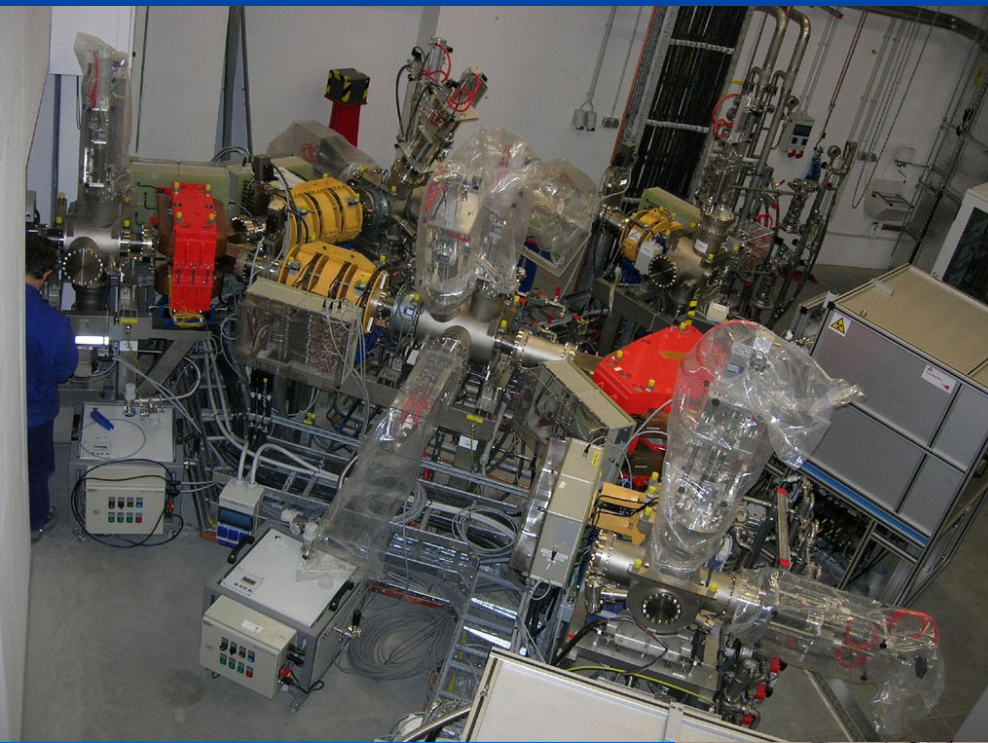
Ion source

RFQ

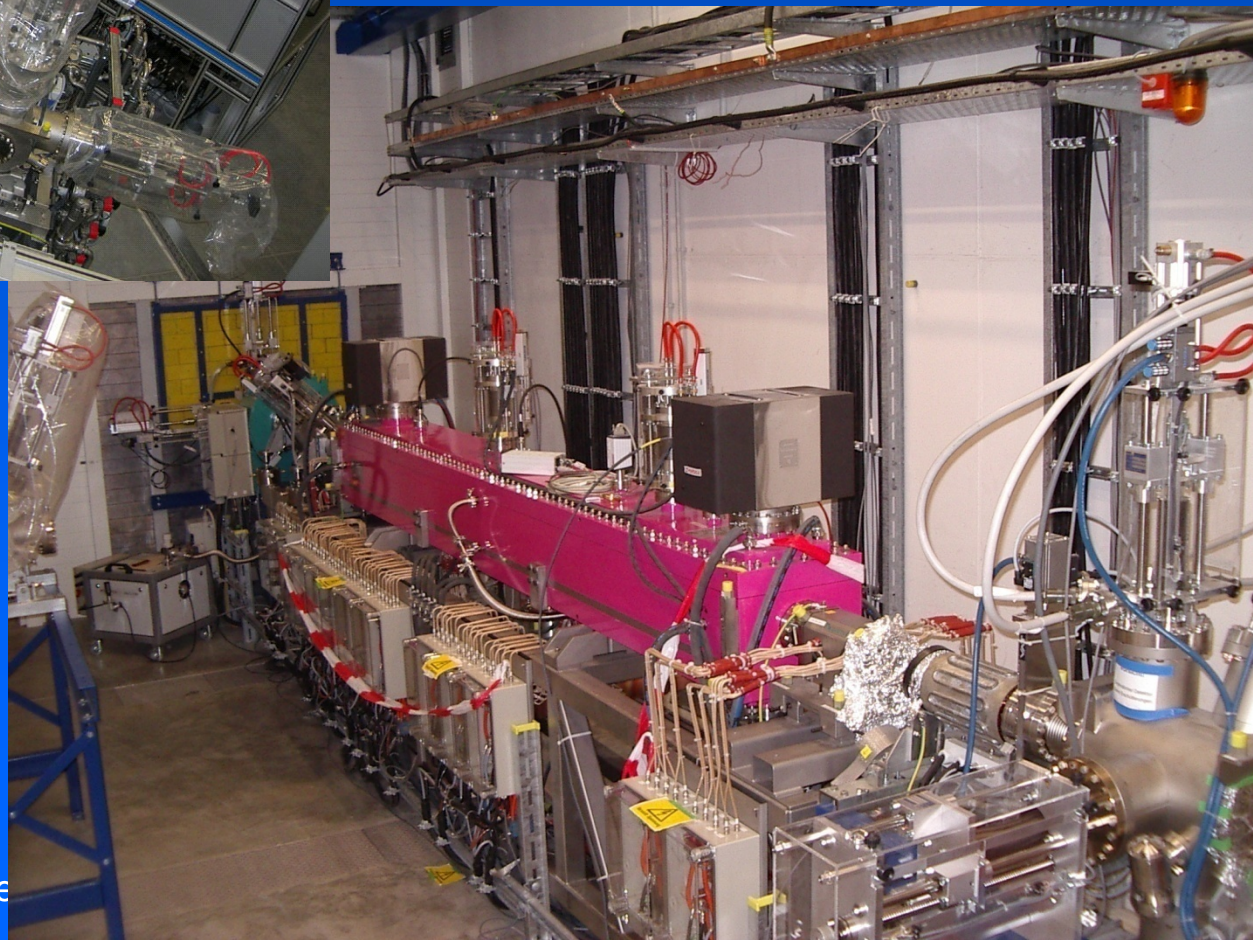


# Injector

RFQ + IH-DTL



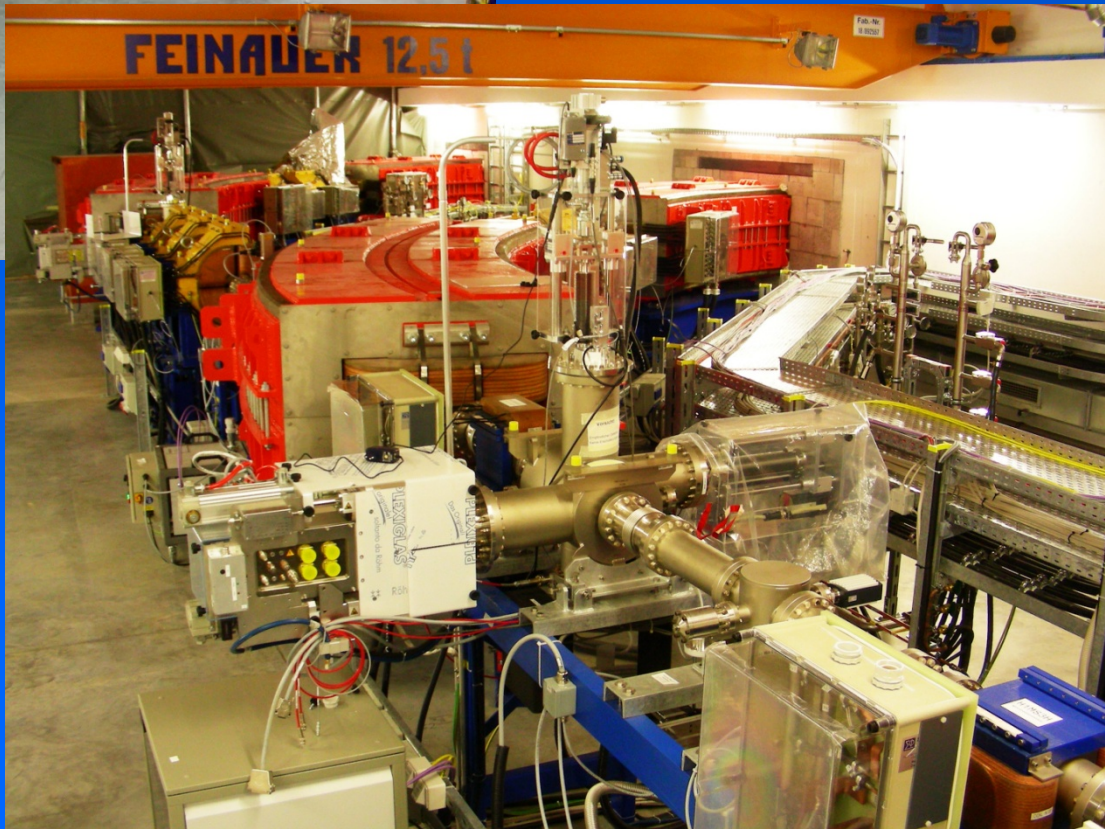
## Ion sources





high energy  
beam transport

synchrotron



# Approval

- HIT is a medical product
- HIT is an inhouse product
- Siemens delivers medical products in a compatible way
- HIT has to fulfill the basic requirements of the MDD (medical device directive)
- A full-blown risk analysis (ALARA!) has been performed by HIT, Hospital and GSI staff
- More than 1000 measures to avoid or minimize risks for patients, users and third parties have been defined, are validated and will be monitored during the facility lifetime
- > 10 manyears



# HIT / Approval + CE-Label ...

  
**Baden-Württemberg**  
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**Durchführung der Strahlenschutzverordnung (StrlSchV)**  
Genehmigung zum Betrieb einer Anlage zur Erzeugung ionisierender Strahlen gemäß § 11 Abs. 2 StrlSchV  
Ihr Antrag vom 01.09.2009 und Ihre Schreiben vom 15. und 30.10.2009

Anlagen  
1 Sachverständigenverzeichnis  
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**Genehmigung Nr. A/12/059/09**

4. Verwendungszwecke:
- Bestrahlung von Menschen in Ausübung der Heilkunde im Horizontalbestrahlungsplatz H1
  - Bestrahlung von Messaufbauten mit Phantomen und Strahlungsdetektoren im Rahmen der Grundlagenforschung
  - Bestrahlung von Materialien zur Veränderung von Materialeigenschaften im Rahmen von Forschungsprojekten
  - Bestrahlung belebter Objekte (biologische Zellen / Zellkulturen, Gewebe / Gewebestandteile, Pflanzen und Versuchstiere)
  - Qualitätssicherung und Dosimetrie
  - Wartungsbetrieb

  
**Heidelberger Ionenstrahl-Therapie**  
Universitätsklinikum Heidelberg

**Erklärung zu Produkten für besondere Zwecke  
gemäß Anhang VIII der Richtlinie 93/42/EWG  
vom 14. Juni 1993  
über Medizinprodukte**

Hersteller: Universitätsklinikum Heidelberg  
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Medizinprodukt: **Heidelberger Ionenstrahl-Therapie (HIT) Anlage  
Bestrahlungsplatz H1**

Klassifizierung: **Klasse IIb**  
gemäß Anhang IX der Richtlinie 93/42/EWG

Konformitätsbewertungsverfahren: **Anhang VIII 2.1**

Die o.g. Eigenherstellung entspricht den unter Berücksichtigung ihrer Zweckbestimmung auf sie anwendbaren, in Anhang I der Richtlinie 93/42/EWG genannten grundlegenden Anforderungen. Eine Auflistung der nicht bzw. nicht vollständig eingehaltenen grundlegenden Anforderungen ist in Anlage I zu dieser Erklärung enthalten.

Heidelberg, den 14.11.2009

  
Dipl.-Volkswirtin Irma Traut-Gürkan  
(Kaufmännische Direktorin des Universitätsklinikums Heidelberg)

Der Unterzeichner erklärt, dass er verantwortlich zeichnet für die Ausstellung dieser Herstellererklärung, die ihre Gültigkeit bei einer wesentlichen Änderung an dem o.g. Medizinprodukt verliert.

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Medical device directive  
„In-house-product declaration“

**SIEMENS**

**EC DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY**

according to Annex II.3 of Council Directive 93/42/EEC of June 14, 1993

Manufacturer: Siemens AG  
Wittelsbacherplatz 2  
DE-80333 Muenchen  
Germany

Facility: Siemens AG, Medical Solutions  
Business Unit Particle Therapy System  
Hofmannstrasse 26, DE-91052 Erlangen, Germany

Medical device: IONTRIS  
Treatment room H2

Product identification: 10013850

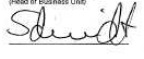

Classification: Class IIb according to Annex IX to Council Directive 93/42/EEC

We declare the compliance of the above medical device with the requirements of the Council Directive 93/42/EEC of June 14, 1993.  
The conformity of the full quality assurance system is certified by:  
TUV SUD Product Service GmbH  
Ridlerstrasse 65  
80339 Muenchen  
Germany

The identification number of the notified body for implementation of the procedure set out in Annex II to the above Directive is 0123.  
This declaration of conformity is issued under the sole responsibility of Siemens AG.  
This declaration supersedes any declaration issued previously for the same treatment room.

Place and date: Erlangen, September 14, 2010

Name: Holger Schmidt (Head of Business Unit)      Jürgen Buckow (Head of Quality Management)

Signature:       

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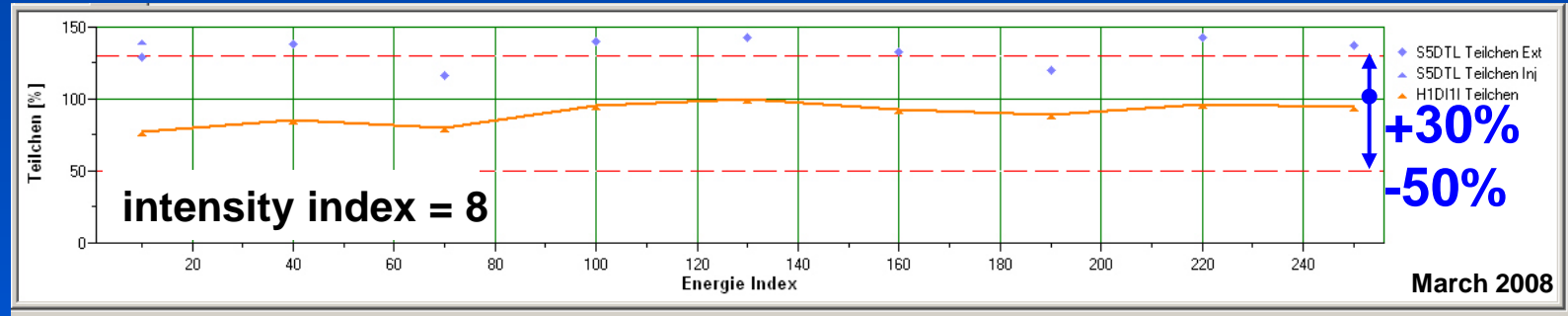
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Approval radiation  
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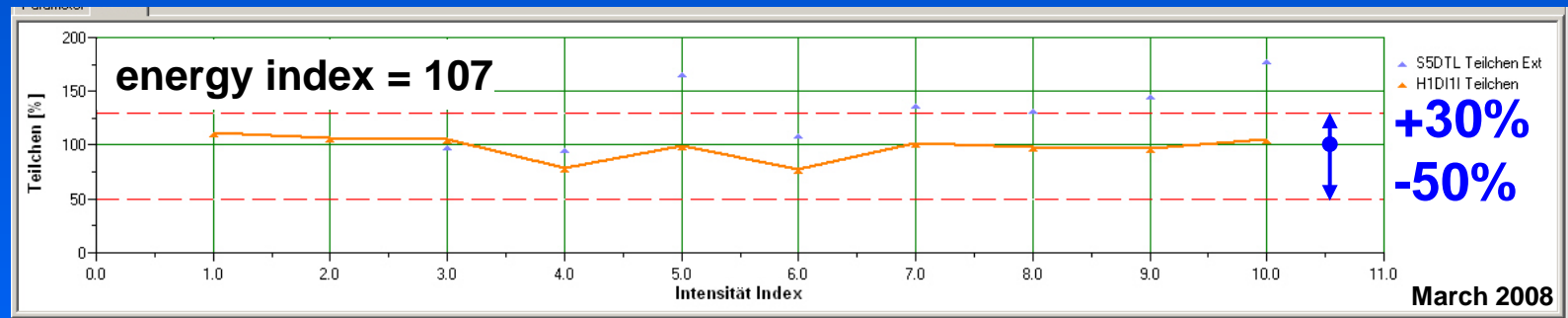
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particles [%]



energy index (1-255)

particles [%]



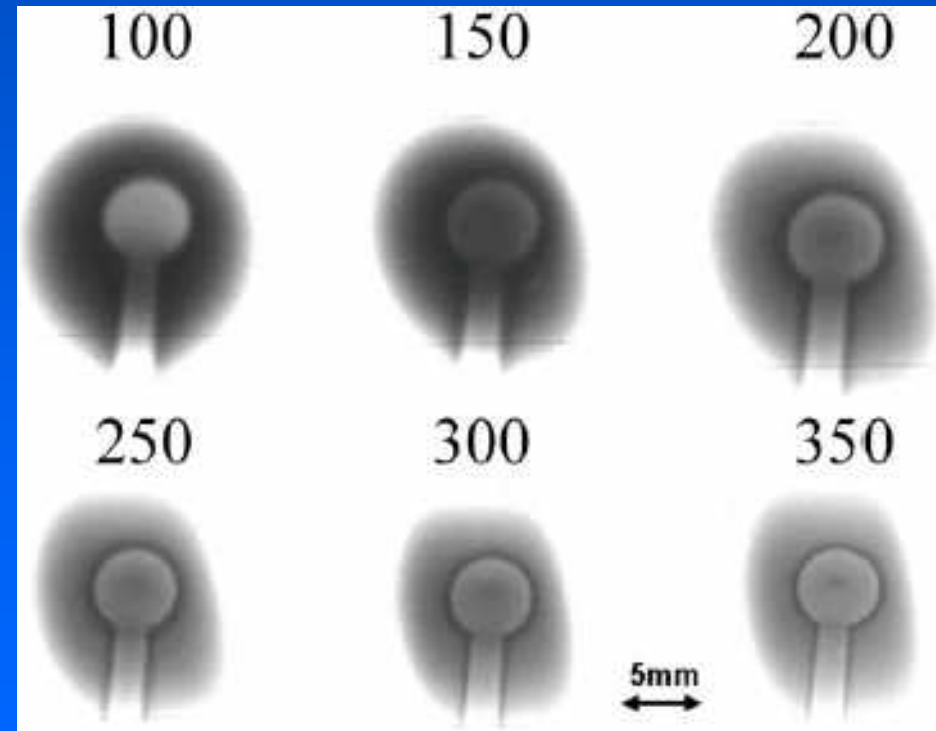
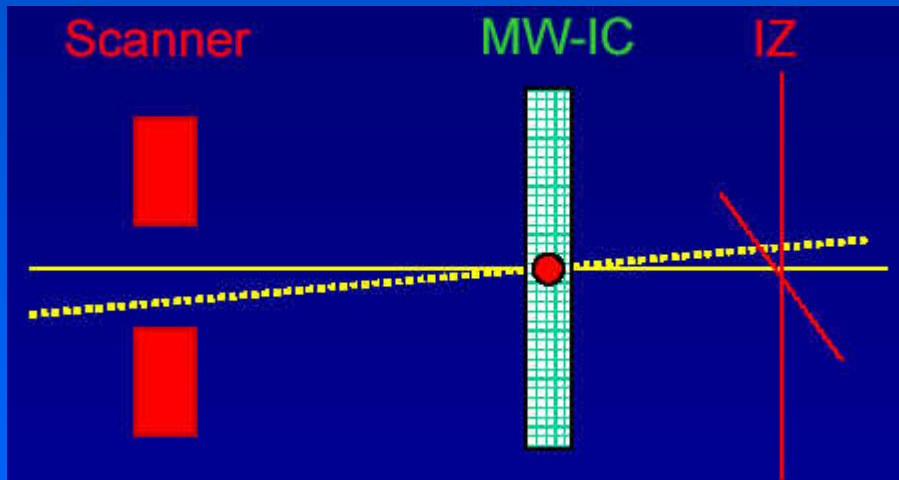
intensity index (1-10)

I-index	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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\*: according to LIBC (library of ion beam characteristics)

# Pencil Beam Position

- position of the pencil beam depends on the beam energy and the beam spot size
- check the position and width at the iso-center using a tungsten sphere in front of a X-ray film



# Medical Equipment

Identical patient positioning systems

- fixed beam
- gantry

Workflow optimization

- automated QA procedures
- automated patient hand over from shuttle

Inroom position verification

- 2D
- 3D Cone beam CT

Open for future applications and workflows



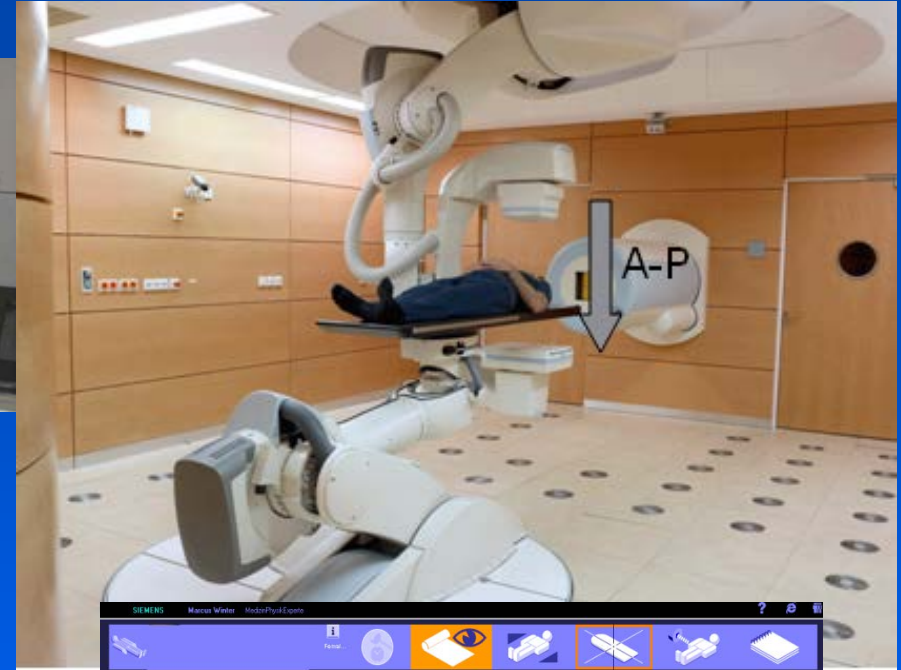
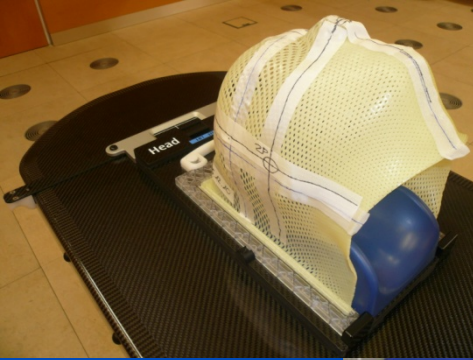
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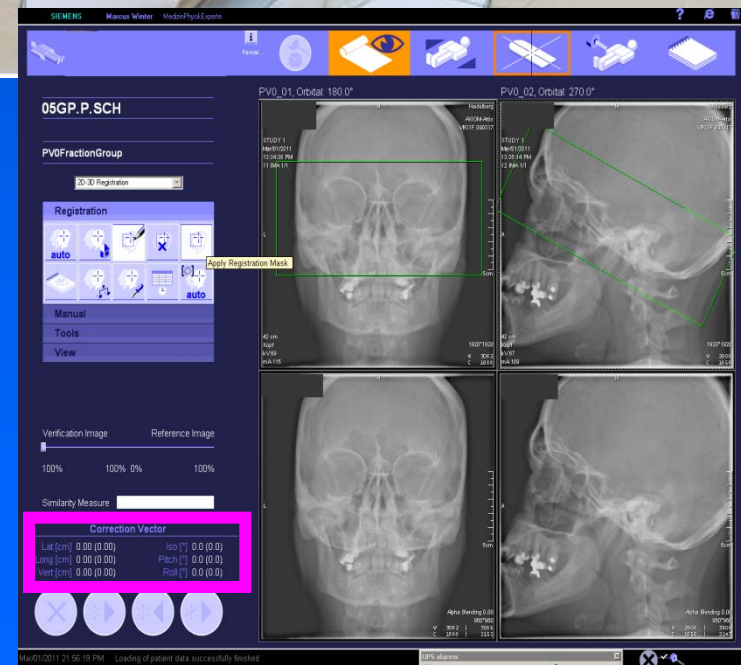
# Process

- patient immobilization
- 3D-imaging (CT, MRI, PET, ...)
- definition of target volume + organs at risk
- definition of treatment modality
- dose calculation + treatmentplan evaluation
- patient positioning
- treatment
- follow-up

# IGRT / 2D – 3D Matching



- 2D orthogonal X-ray projections
- Calculation of a DRR (Digital X-Ray Reconstruction) based on the planning-CT
- Matching of X-ray and DRR
- Calculation of a correction vector in 6 dimensions:
  - 3 translations (lat/vert/long)
  - 3 rotations (iso/pitch/roll)

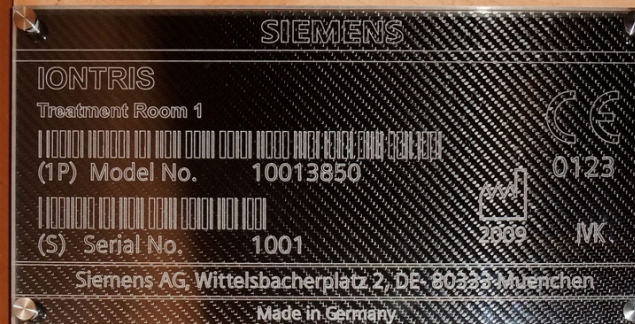


# 1st Patient @ HIT-H1



15. November 2009

2. November 2009





# Shuttlesystem

- oncolog dignity carrier
- connection between PET-CT and treatment rooms



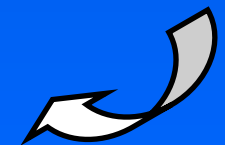
**A**



**B**



**C**



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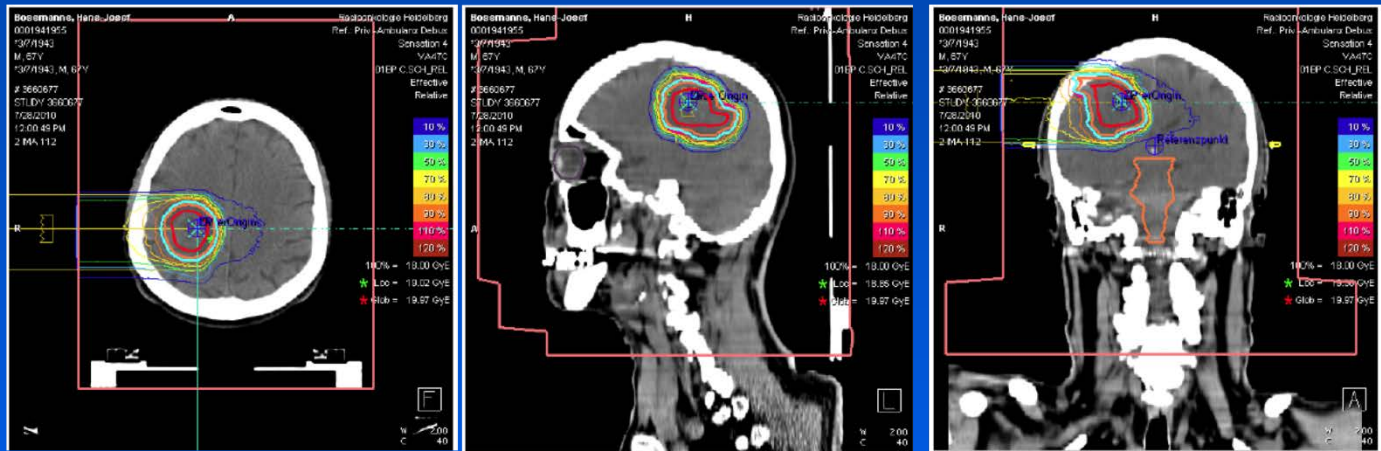


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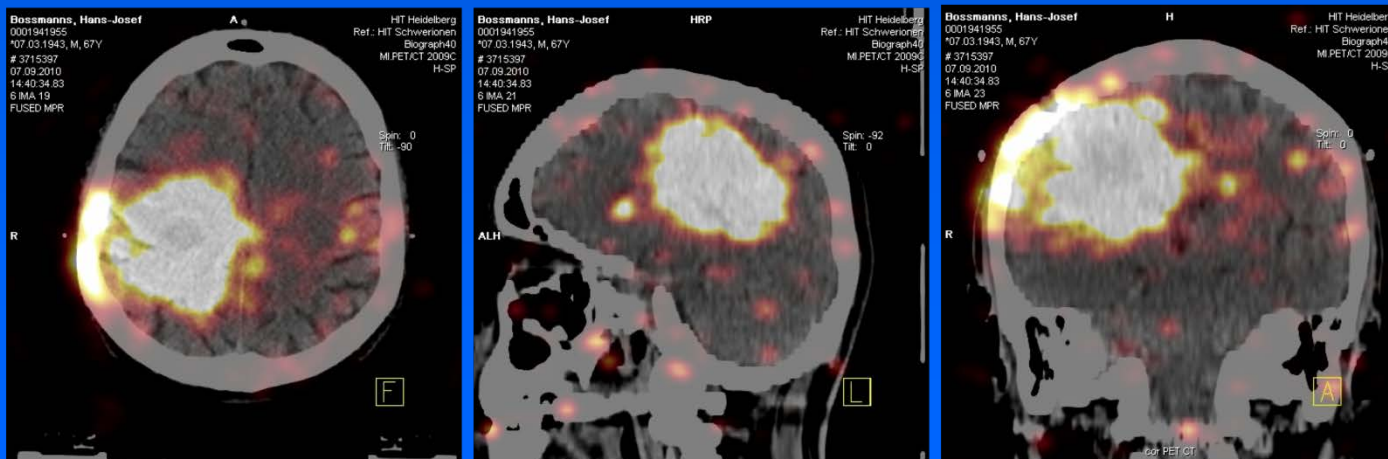


# PET For Dose Verification offline after 2 min

Planned dose (on planning CT)



Measured PET/CT



Parodi et al 2010

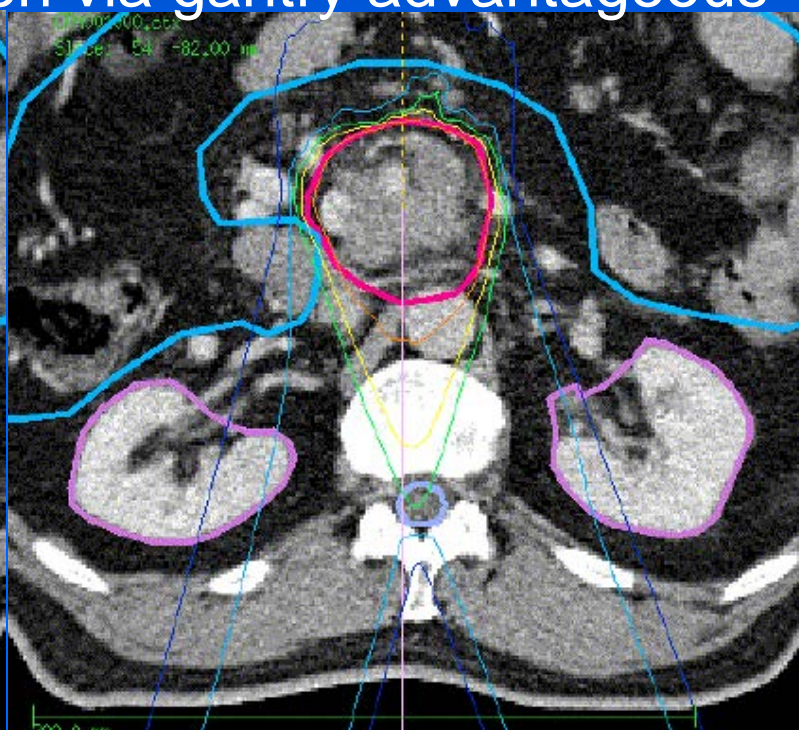
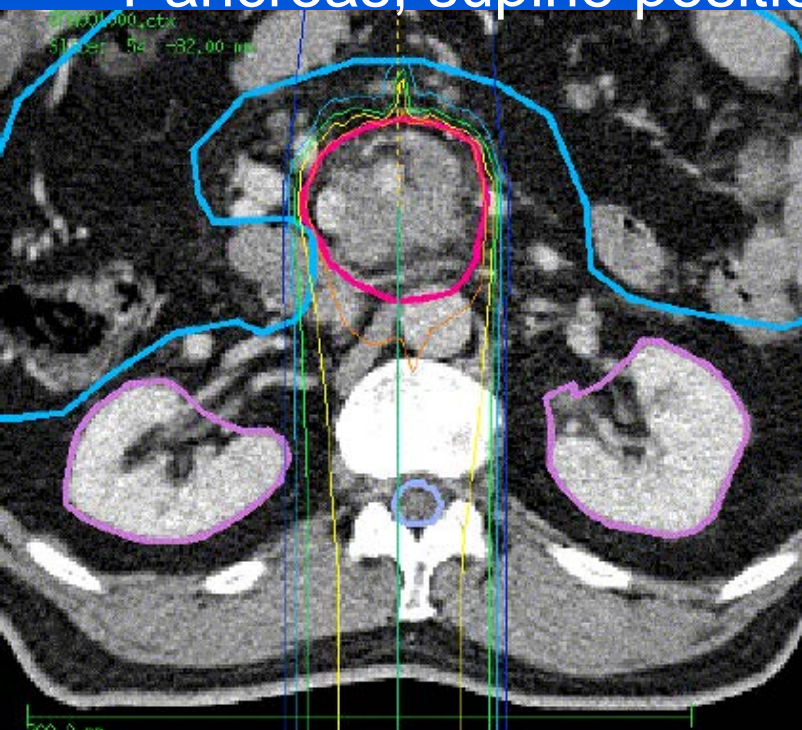


# Motivation Gantry

Advantage of a  
rotating  
beamline



Pancreas, supine position via gantry advantageous



# Scanning Ion Gantry / Requirements

## Clinical:

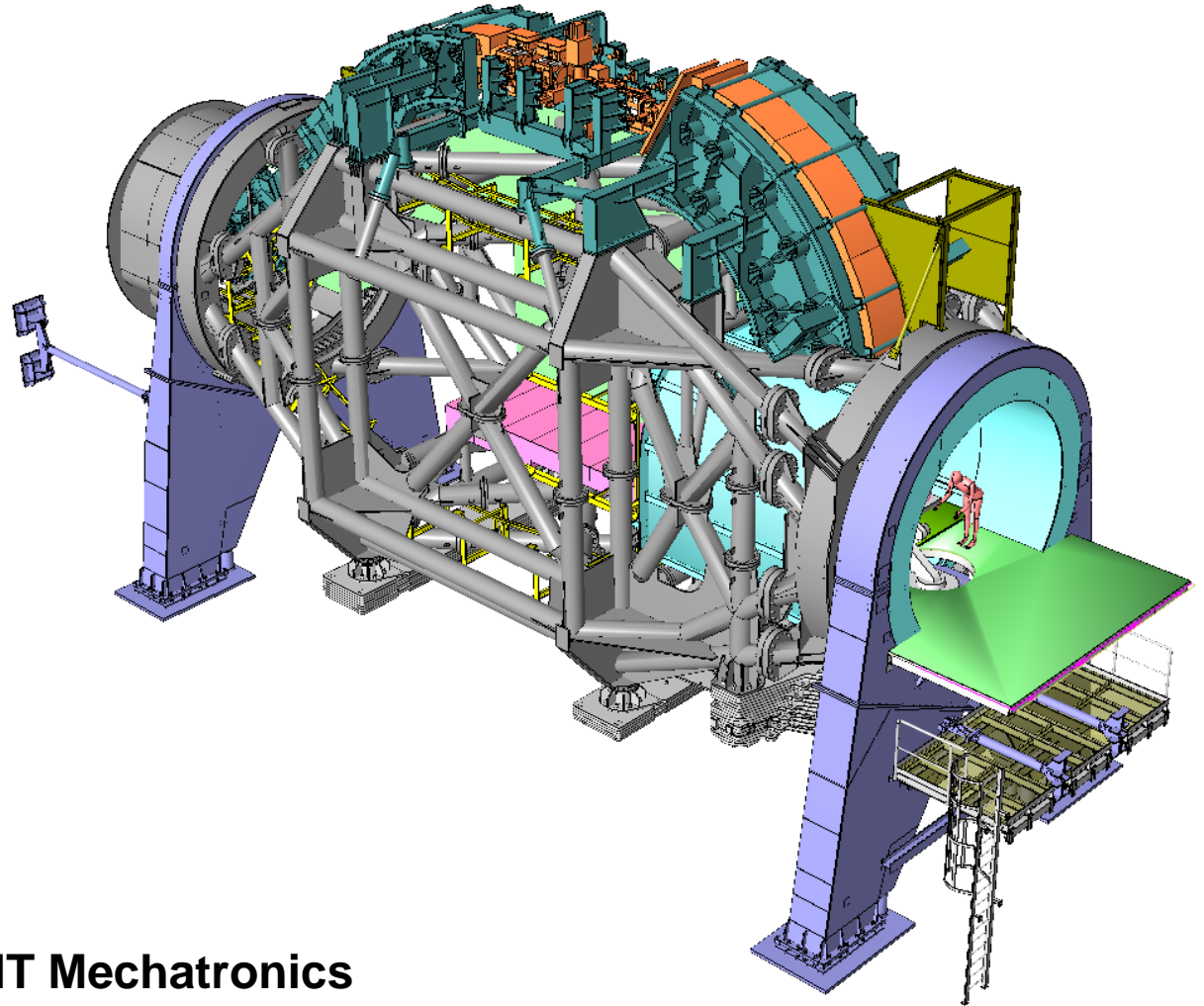
- Iso-centric set-up and a fixed floor
- Identical field size in all beamlines of 20 cm x 20 cm
- Integration of fluoroscopy systems in two planes (IGRT, organ movement)

## Technical / financial:

- 2D-parallel scanning mode via edge focussing (large SAD ~ 50m)
- Full 360° rotation (clinical workflow, minor investment saving)
- Normal conducting elements (field quality  $\sim 10^{-4}$  in 90-degree bending magnet, price, 330 days 24/7 op.)
- Barrell-type (less bending than cork-screw)
- Scanning upstream to the last bending (radius vs. weight)
- Truss-based structure

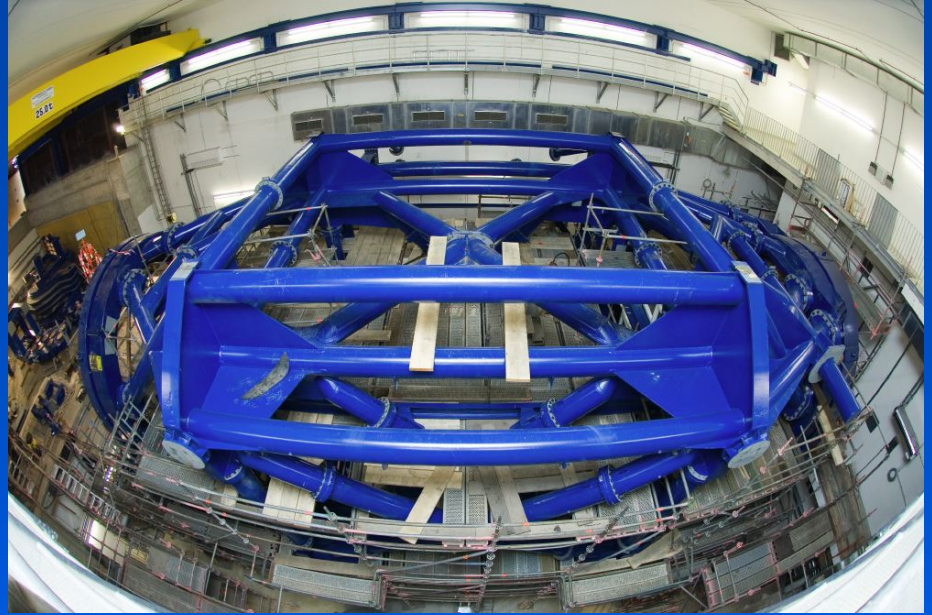
# Design for HIT

- isocentric barrel-type
- world-wide first ion gantry
- 2D beam scanning upstream to final bending, almost parallel due to edge focussing
- $\pm 180^\circ$  rotation  
3° / second
- 13m diameter  
25m length  
600 to rotating  
(145 to magnets)



**MT Mechatronics**

# Mounting



# Patient Environment / Nozzle

Patient Gantry Room November 2007



Tilt floor, pending on  
Gantry position

Nozzle  
Bumber mats

Patienttable,  
Roboter



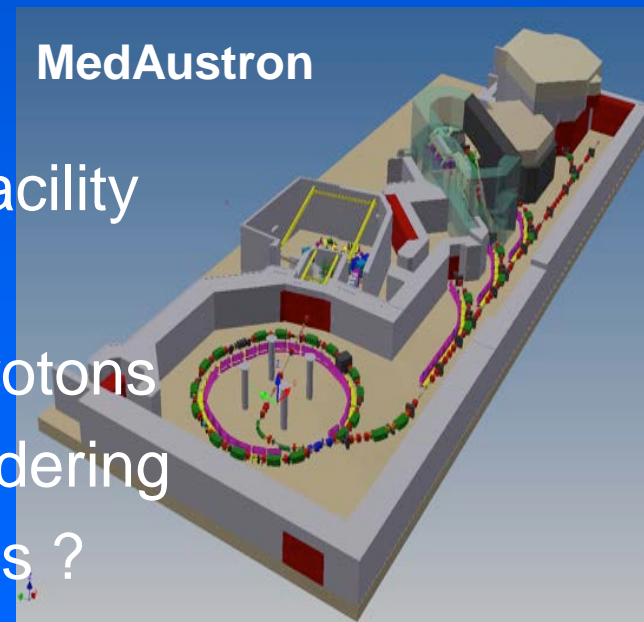
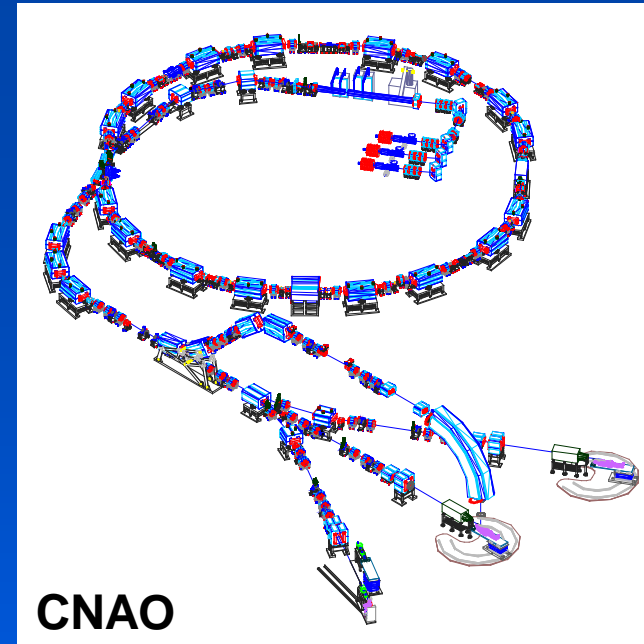


# The HIT Gantry Rotates



# European Projects

- Uppsala: protons, IBA
- Prague: protons, IBA
- Dresden: protons, IBA, R+D-oriented
- Krakow: protons, IBA, fixed-beam, R+D
- Essen: protons, IBA
- Trento: protons, IBA
- Halle, Berlin, ...
- Marburg: carbon/protons, Siemens test facility
- CNAO, Pavia, carbon/protons
- MedAustron, Wiener Neustadt, carbon/protons
- Lyon/ETOILE: carbon/protons, active tendering
- Caen/ARCHADE: carbon (protons), status ?



**Thank you!**



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