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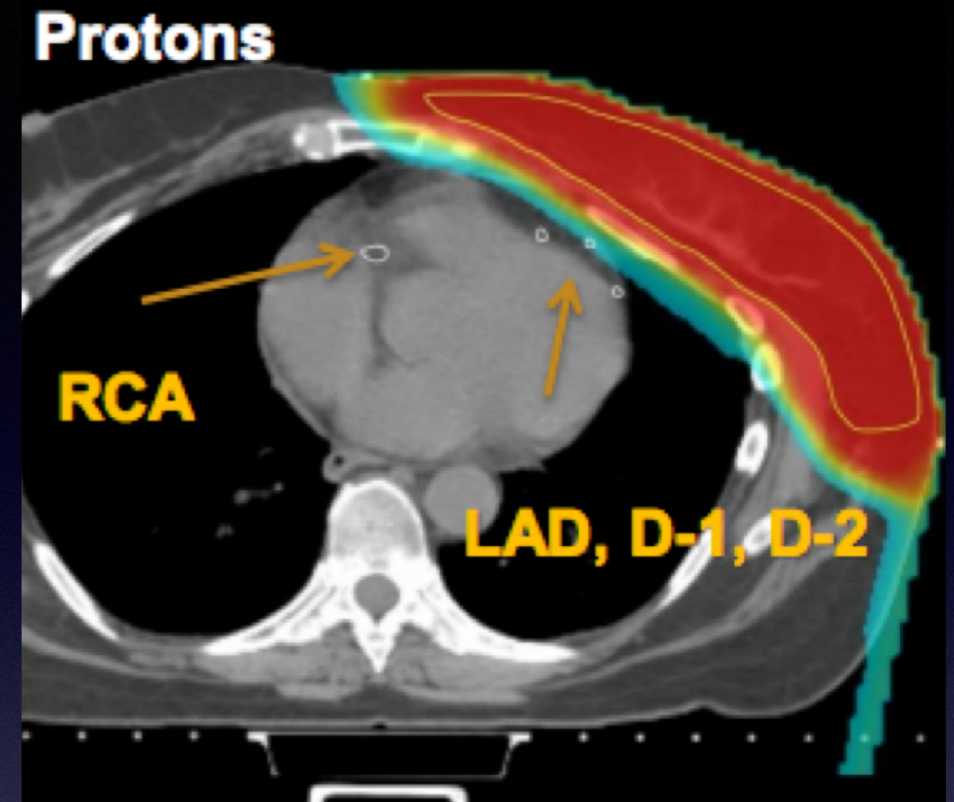
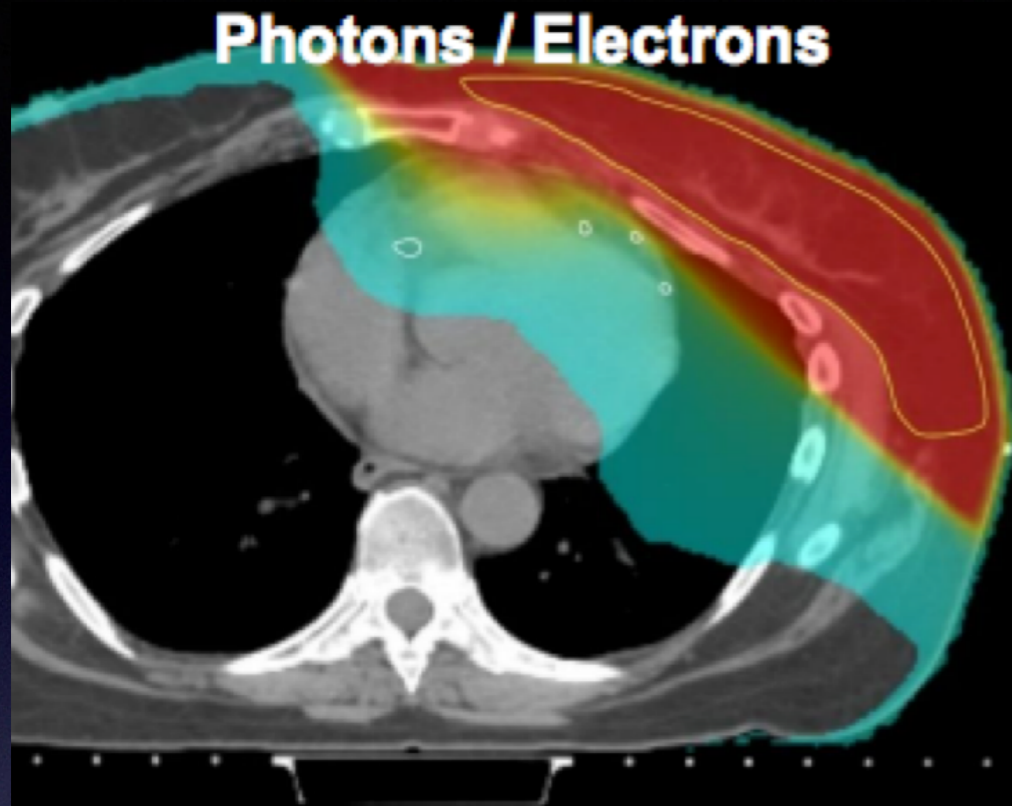
ELI-Beamlines MEDical applications

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OUTLINE

Can laser-accelerated ions be feasible for
medical purposes ?

Hadrontherapy: breast treatment



Potential impact

Coronary artery stenosis

Secondary malignancy

Lung function

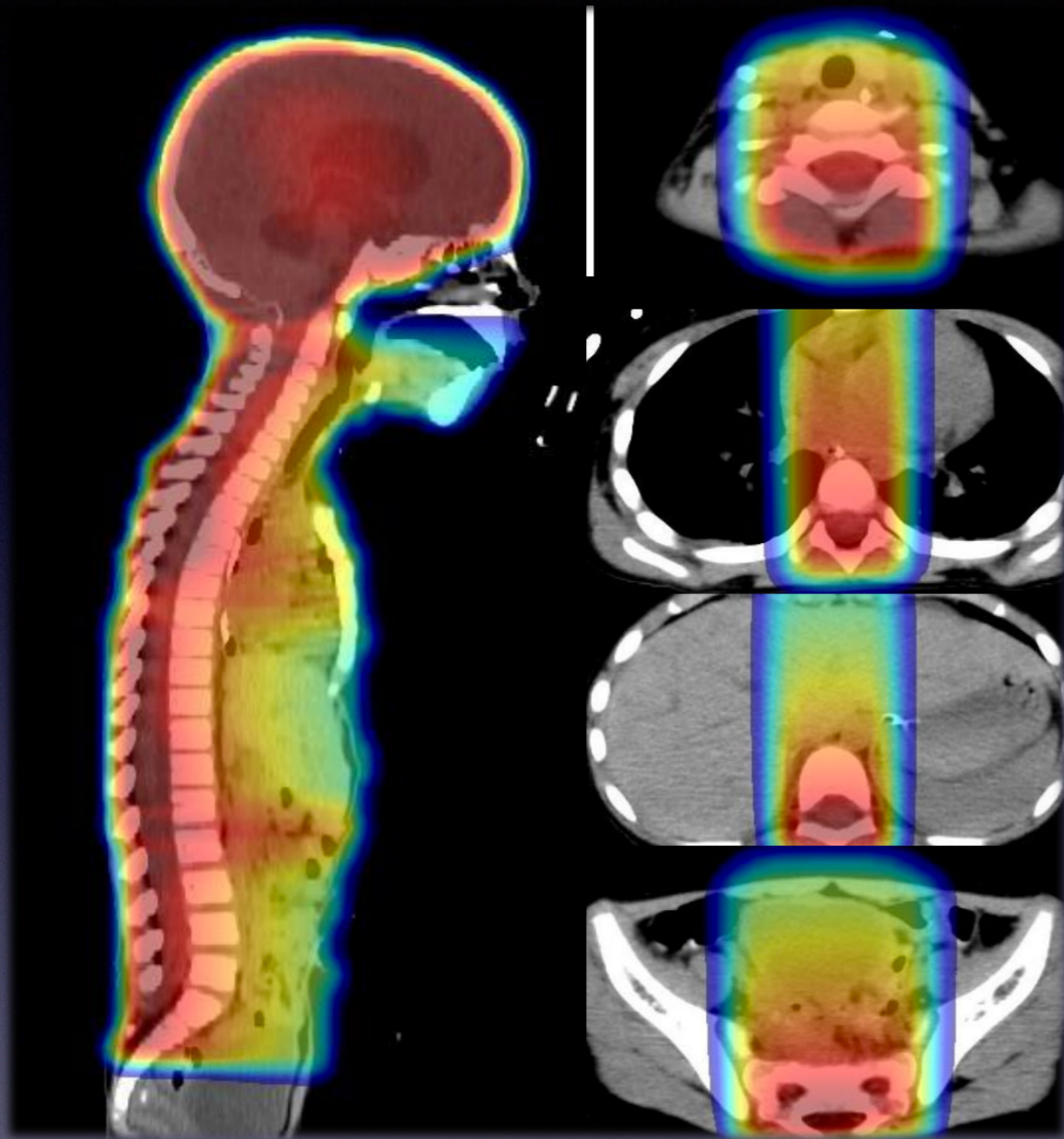
| | Left-sided breast cancer | Right-sided breast cancer |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Coronary artery disease | 25% | 10% |
| Chest pain | 26% | 12% |
| Myocardial infarction | 15% | 5% |

Harris ERR et al.

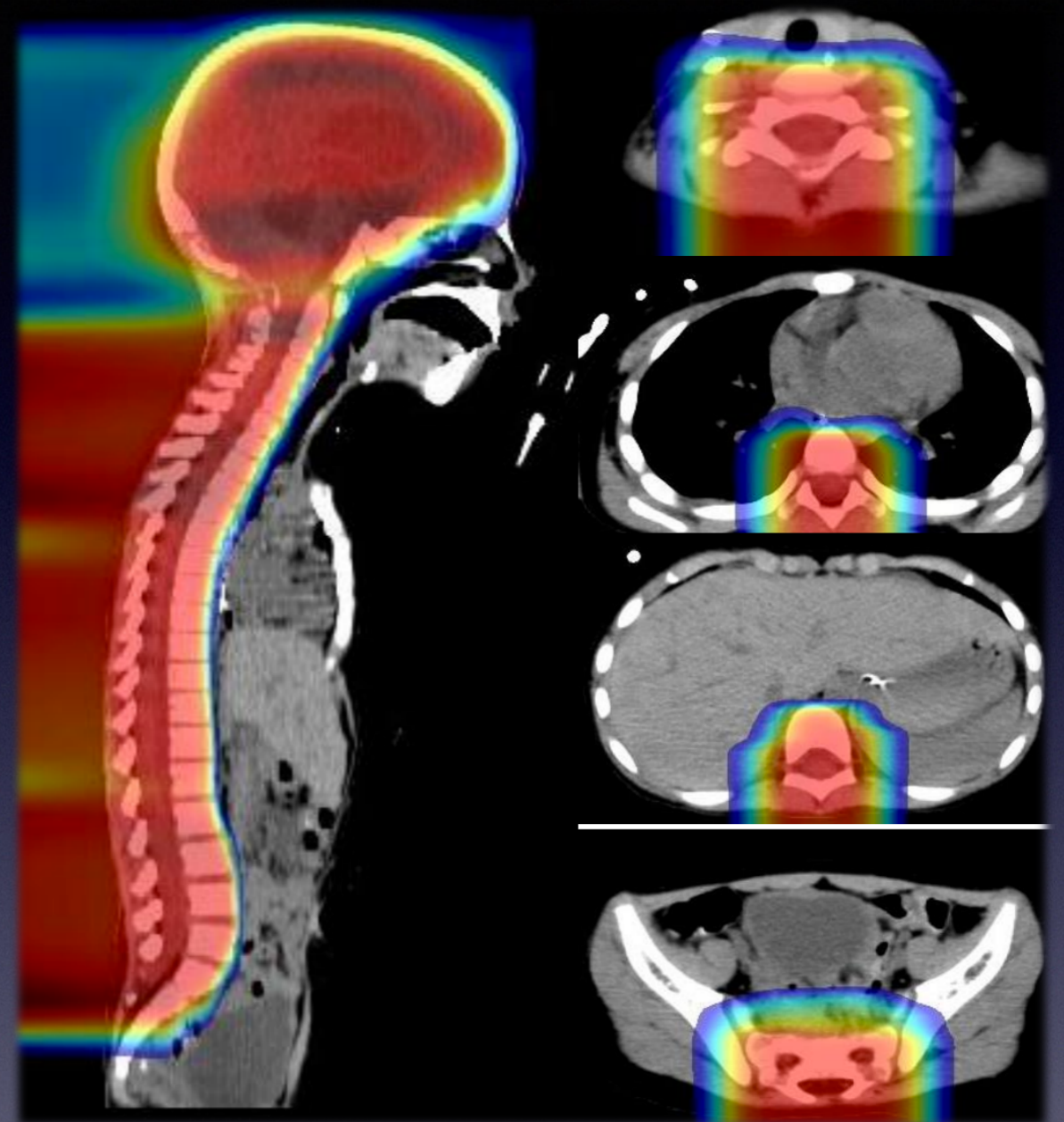
Late cardiac mortality and morbidity in early stage breast cancer patients after breast conservation treatment,

J. Clin. Oncol. 2006 24 (25)4104

Hadrontherapy: the medulloblastoma



x-Ray therapy



Protontherapy

Mirabell RA et al.
Potential reduction of the incidence of radiation-induced second cancers by using proton beams in the treatment of pediatric tumor,
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Hadrontherapy: the medulloblastoma

Reduction of secondary tumour risk:
medulloblastoma case

Pediatric Medulloblastoma: The yearly risk of getting a secondary tumor was estimated to be 8 times greater with X-rays than with proton therapy²

| Tumor Site | Proton Therapy | X-rays/IMRT |
|------------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| Stomach and esophagus | 0% | 11% |
| Colon | 0% | 7% |
| Breast | 0% | 0% |
| Lung | 1% | 7% |
| Thyroid | 0% | 6% |
| Bone and connective tissue | 1% | 2% |
| Leukemia | 3% | 5% |
| All Secondary Cancers | 5% | 43% |

This chart compares the rates of secondary tumors for a pediatric patient treated for medulloblastoma. Data shown are from a study that compared treatment plans.

IMRT= intensity modulated radiation therapy (a type of X-ray therapy)

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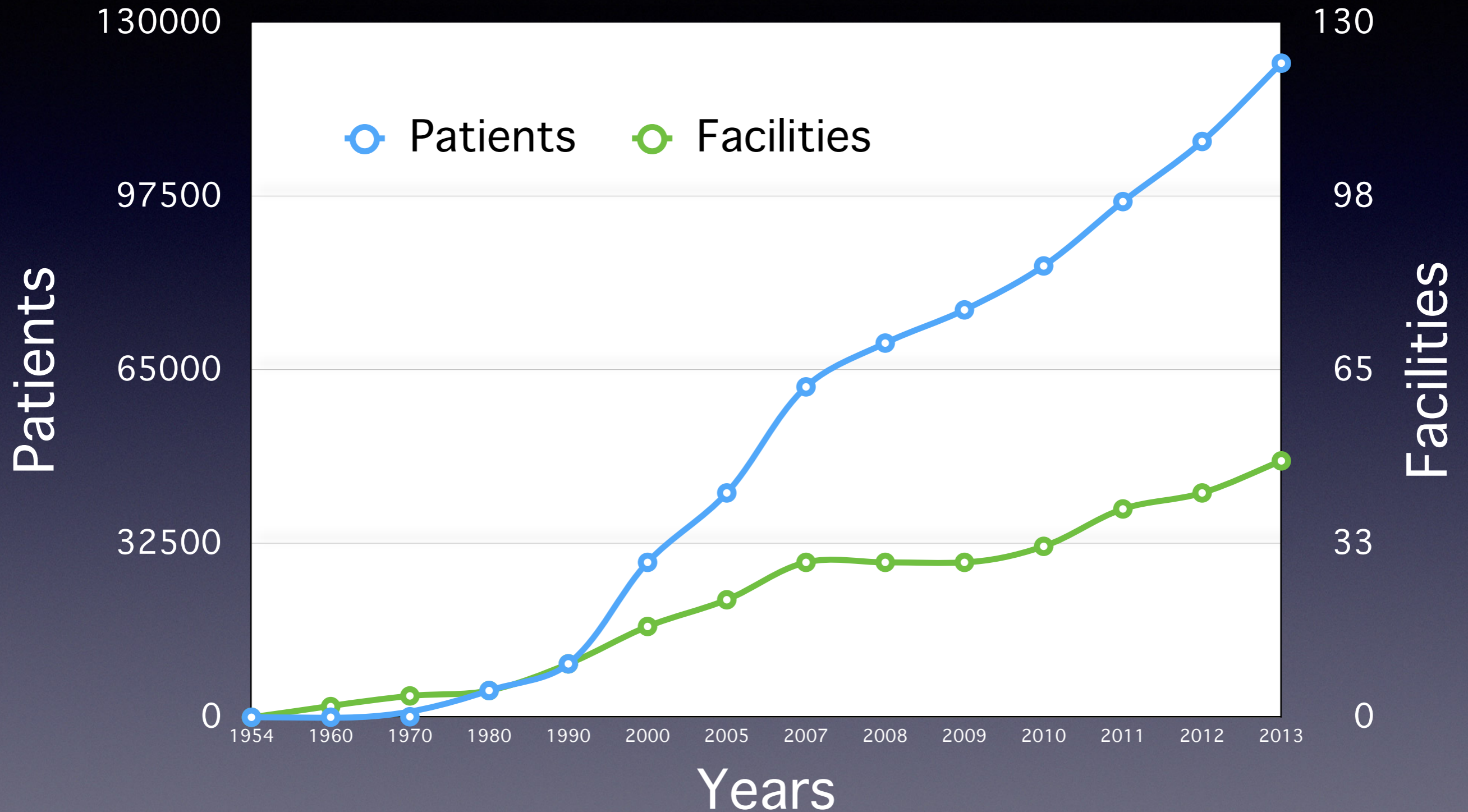
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Hadrontherapy faces a fast growing demand

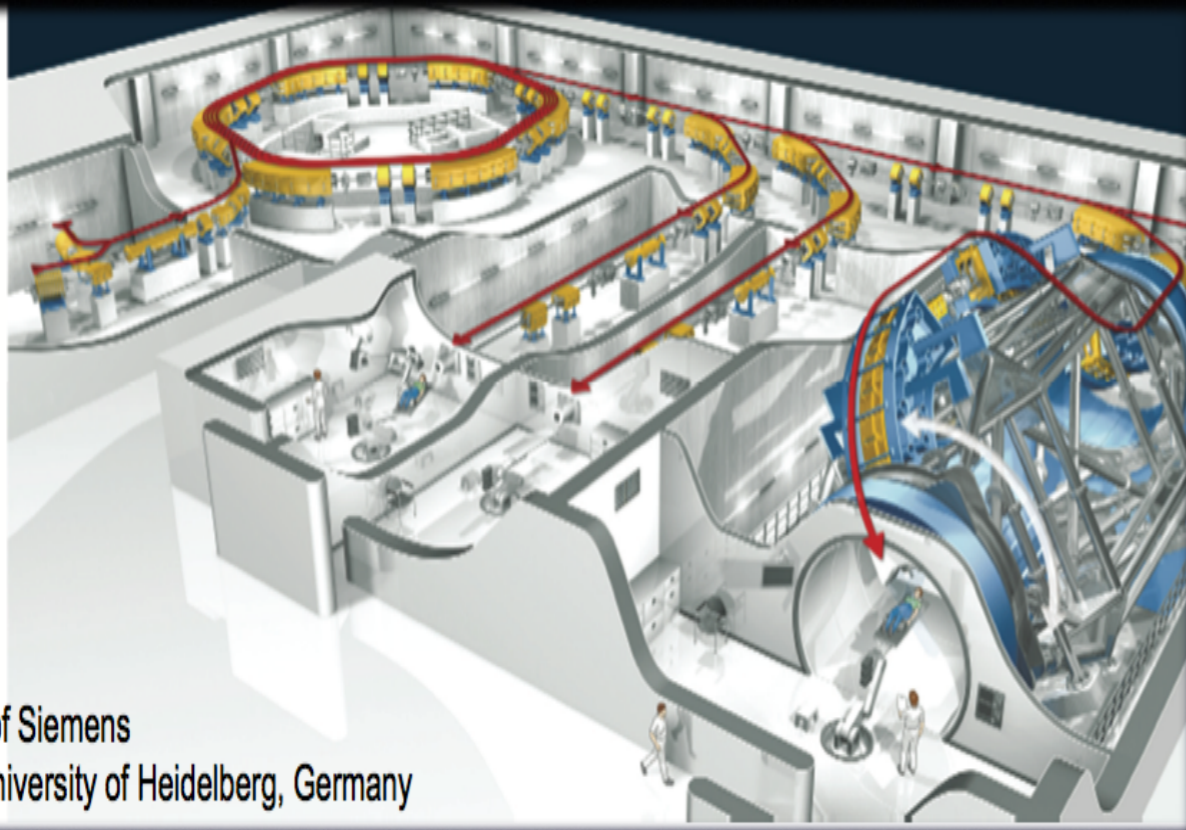
Facilities in operation 40

Under realisation 36



Particle Therapy Cooperative Group (PTCOG)

<http://www.ptcog.ch>



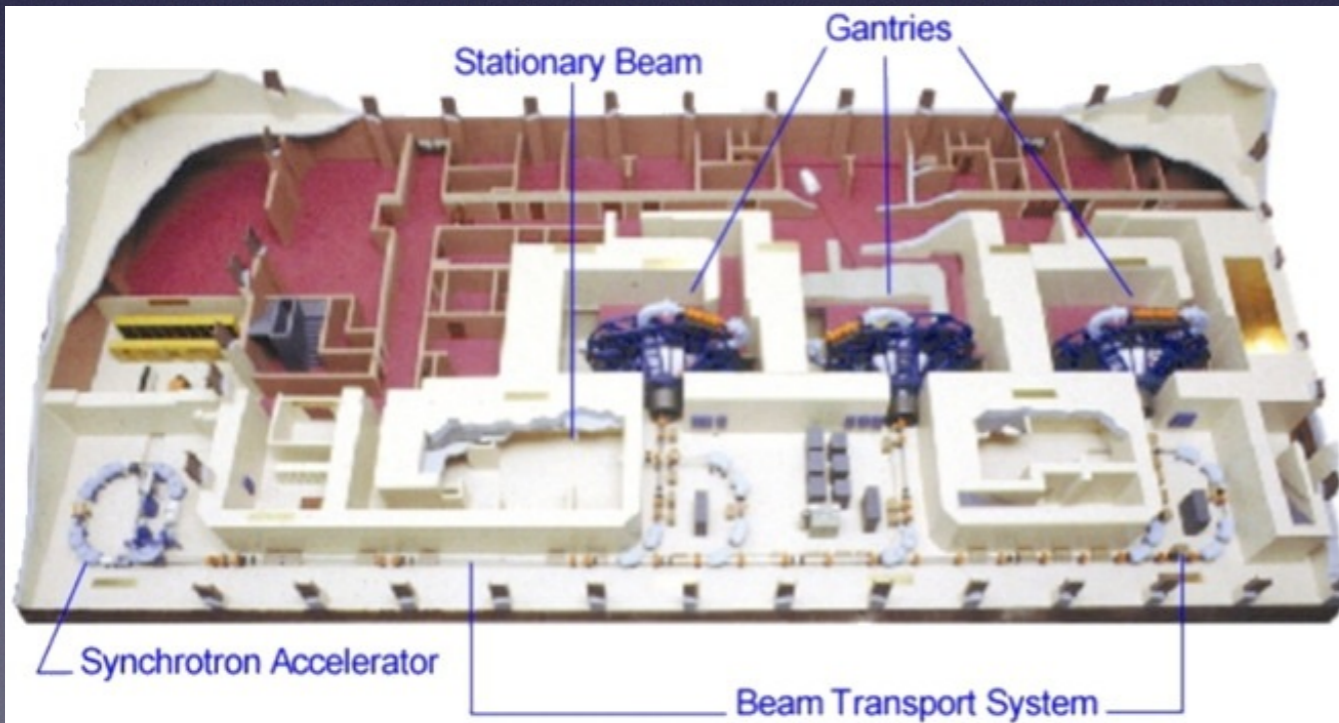
Courtesy of Siemens
And the University of Heidelberg, Germany

Complex

Huge

Expensive
(order of 100 M€)

Limited



Stationary Beam

Gantries

Synchrotron Accelerator

Beam Transport System

Charged particle therapy—optimization, challenges and future directions

Jay S. Loeffler and Marco Durante

Abstract | The use of charged particle therapy to control tumours non-invasively offers advantages over conventional radiotherapy. Protons and heavy ions deposit energy far more selectively than X-rays, allowing a higher local control of the tumour, a lower probability of damage to normal tissues and the chance for a rapid recovery after therapy. Charged particles are often located in areas that surround tissues that are radiosensitive and the dose is limited. Current trial outcomes indicate that accelerated ion treatments, which might be beneficial as the success of surgery depends on the expertise and experience of the surgeon and the location of the tumour. A number of controlled randomized clinical trials have made it clear that the benefits of this treatment are clear and controversial. Research in medical physics and radiobiology is needed to fully realize the benefits of this treatment.

Loeffler, J. S. & Durante, M. *Nat. Rev. Clin. Oncol.* **10**, 122–134 (2013) | doi:10.1038/nrco.2013.1

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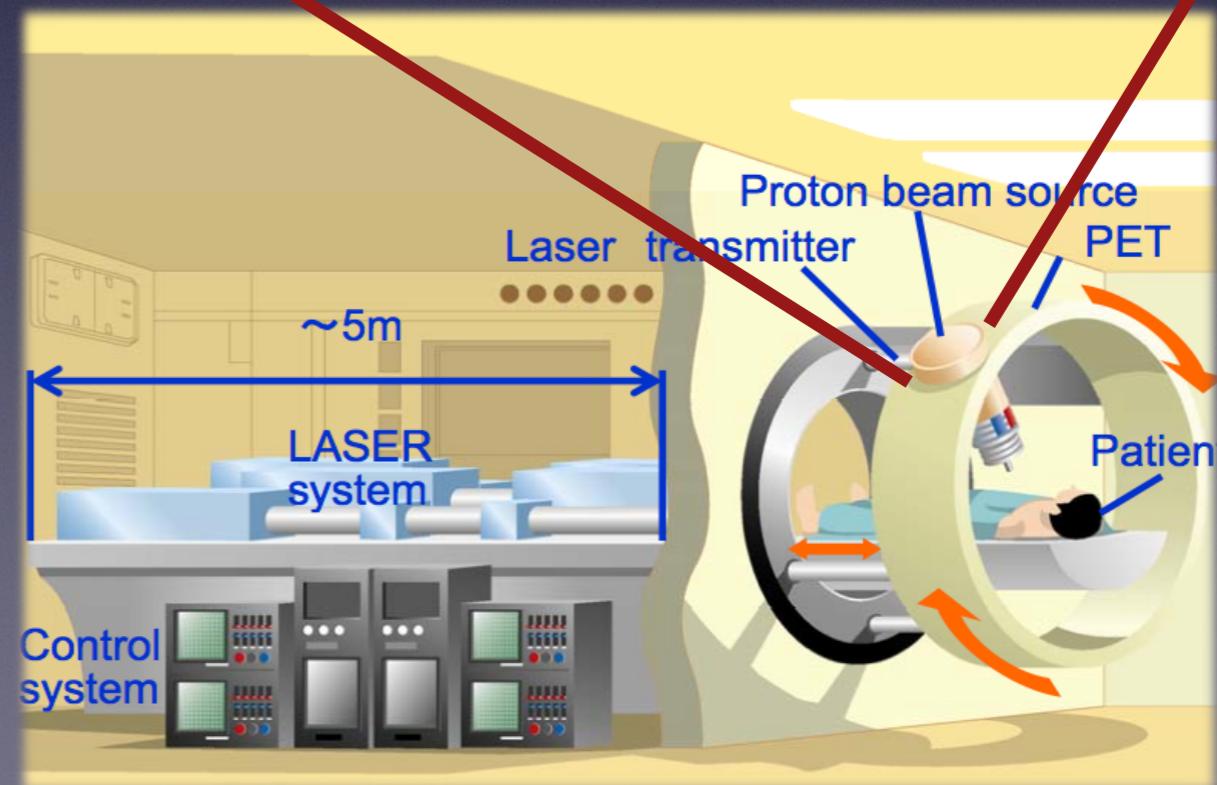
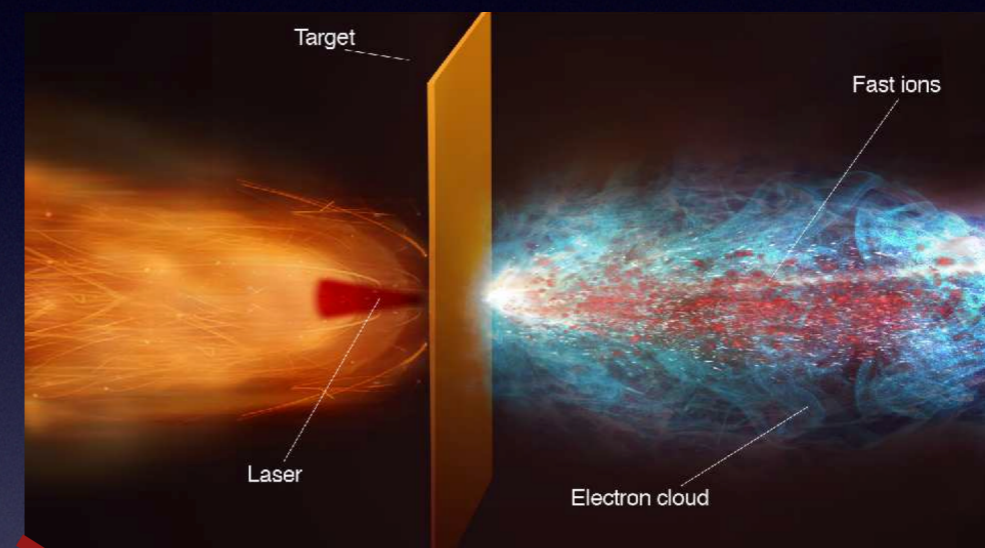
Research and development in the field of accelerators should be towards a reduction of costs, while maintaining or improving the performances of the current machines. Possible new accelerators for CPT¹²² include synchrocyclotrons, rapid cycling synchrotrons, fixed-field alternating gradient rings, cyclotron–linac combinations, dielectric wall accelerators, and laser-driven plasma accelerators.¹²³ These options are at very different stages of design maturity, but all offer promising design features to offset the shortcomings of current synchrotrons, including fast scanning capabilities, reduced size, complexity and power consumption, increased dose rate capability, and ultimately a lower cost and a shorter treatment time.¹⁴

Research of a “dream” solution

can we reduce size, complexity and cost without
loosing the quality ?

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Simple

Small

Cheap (order of 10 M€)

Widespread

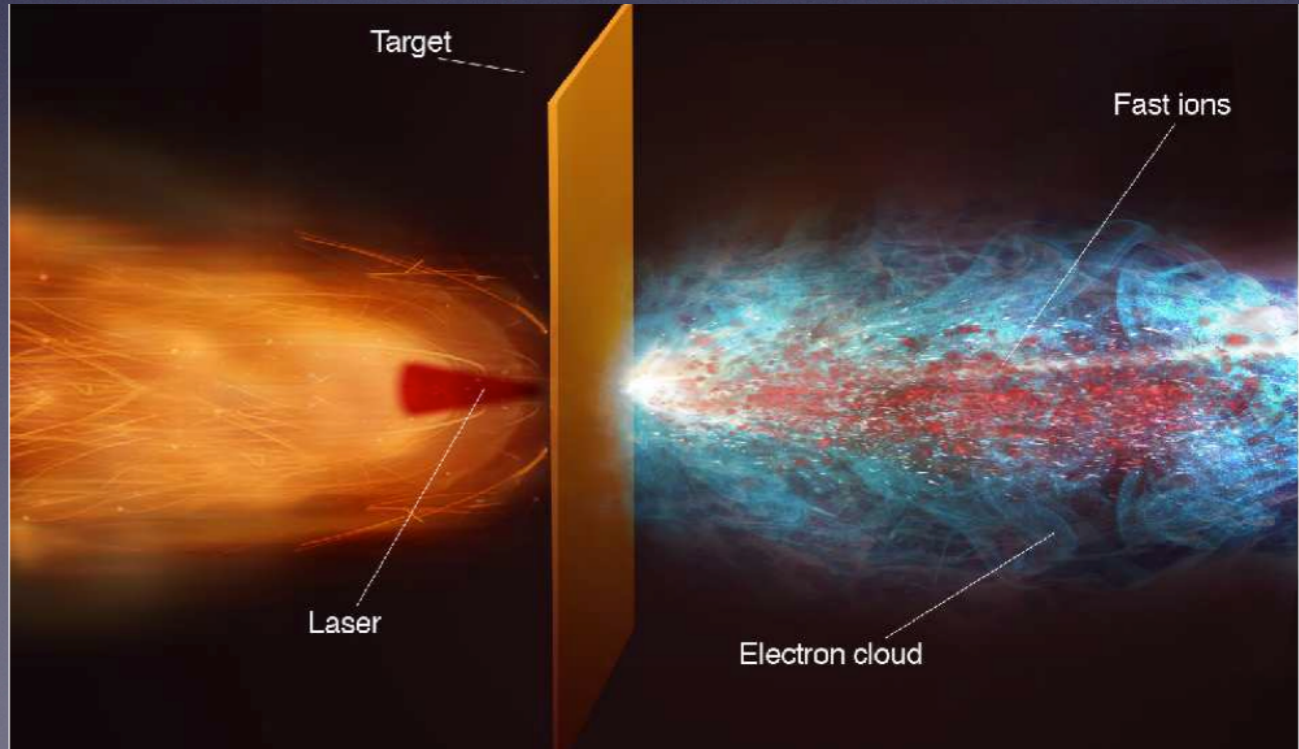
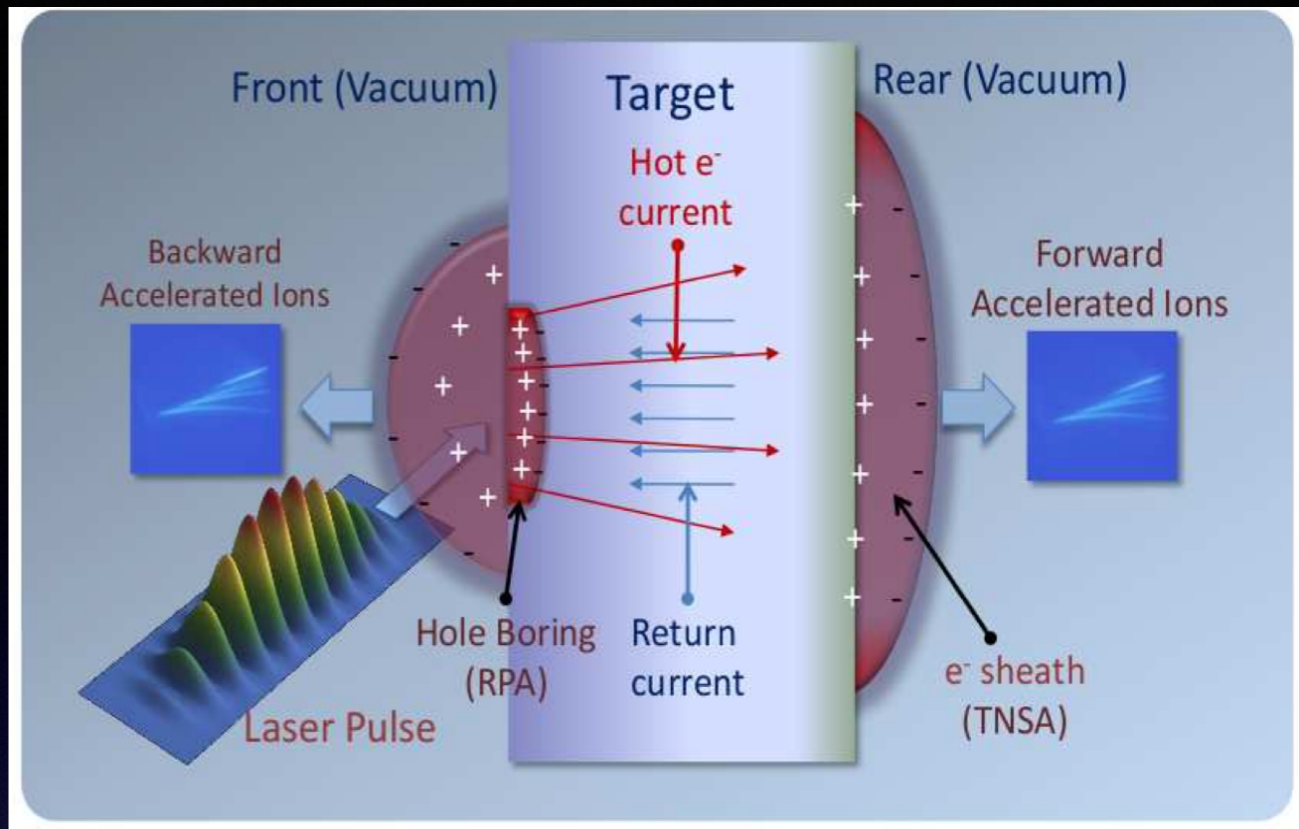
Multi-beam and modalities

An intense laser field ($> 10^{18} \text{ W/cm}^2$) blows-off electrons from a target surface

A strong electric field (TW/m) is created able to accelerate protons

Acceleration mechanism are under study and many aspects have been still understood

Acceleration devices more compact by a factor of 1/10 - 1/100



Acceleration mechanisms

| Mechanism | Laser intensity [W/cm ²] | Expected maximum protons/ions energies [MeV] |
|--|--|---|
| Target Normal Sheath Acceleration (TNSA) | 10 | 15 - 100 |
| Coulomb explosion | > 10 | quasi mono-energetic 50 - 70 |
| Radiation Pressure Acceleration (RPA) | 10 | quasi mono-energetic >1000 |

Maximum energies and spectra

65+ MeV Protons from Short-Pulse Laser Micro-Cone-Target Interactions¹ S.A. GAILLARD, FZD/UNR, K.A. FLIPPO, D.C. GAUTIER, D.T. OFFERMANN, J.B. WORKMAN, F. ARCHULETA, R. GONZALES, T. HENRY, R.P. JOHNSON, S. LETZRING, D.S. MONTGOMERY, S.M. REIF, T. SHIMADA, LANL, T. LOCKARD, Y. SENTOKU, UNR, M.M. LOWENSTERN, J.E. MUCINO, AOSS, U of M, Ann Arbor, D.B. GALL, U of Mo, Columbia, E. D'HUMIERES, U. Bordeaux 1, M. GEISSEL, M. SCHOLLMEIER, SNL, M. BUSSMAN, T.E. COWAN, T. KLUGE, J.M. RASSUCHINE,

Towards radiation pressure acceleration of protons using linearly polarized ultrashort petawatt laser pulses

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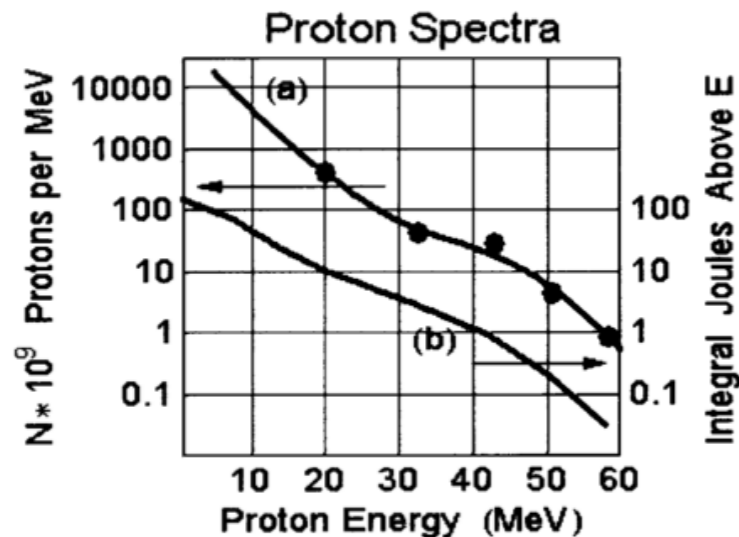
Particle acceleration using ultraintense, ultrashort laser pulses is one of the most attractive topics in relativistic laser-plasma research. We report proton/ion acceleration in the intensity range of 5×10^{19} W/cm² to 3.3×10^{20} W/cm² by irradiating linearly polarized, 30-fs, 1-PW laser pulses on 10- to 100-nm-thick polymer targets. The proton energy scaling with respect to the intensity and target thickness was examined. The experiments demonstrated, for the first time with linearly polarized light, a transition from the target normal sheath acceleration to radiation pressure acceleration and showed a maximum proton energy of 45 MeV when a 10-nm-thick target was irradiated by a laser intensity of 3.3×10^{20} W/cm². The experimental results were further supported by two- and three-dimensional particle-in-cell simulations. Based on the deduced proton energy scaling, proton beams having an energy of ~ 200 MeV should be feasible at a laser intensity of 1.5×10^{21} W/cm².

Comments: 33 pages

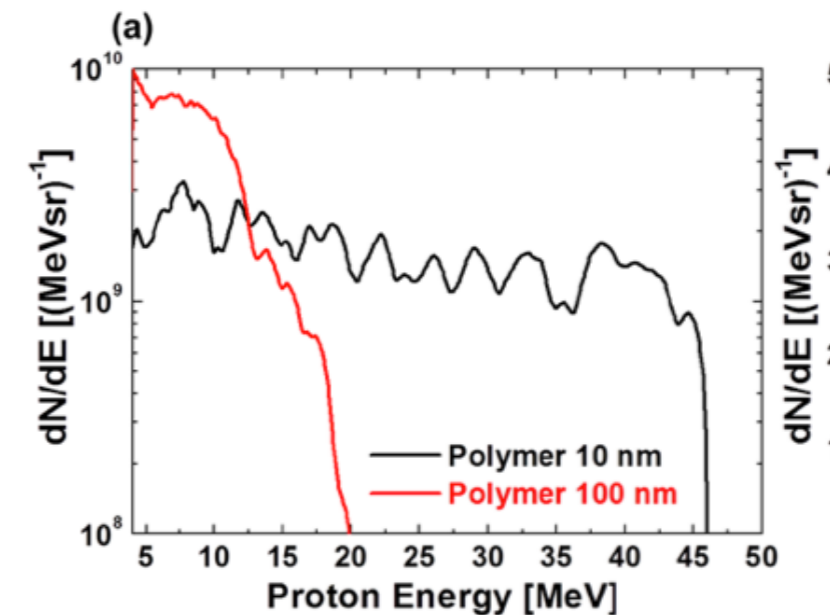
Subjects: Plasma Physics (physics.plasm-ph)

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Snaveley et al. (2000),
Phys. Rev. Lett. 85,
2945.



What we need for treatment ?

| | Conventional beams | Laser-driven beams |
|---|----------------------|--------------------|
| Maximum energy | 250 MeV 400 AMeV | ? |
| Current | order of nA | ? |
| Monochromaticity | $\Delta E/E \leq 10$ | ? |
| Stability, reproducibility, control, absolute dosimetry | Less than 3% | ? |
| Radiobiology | Almost known | ? |

ELIMED idea was born in
2012 as a collaboration
network in this field

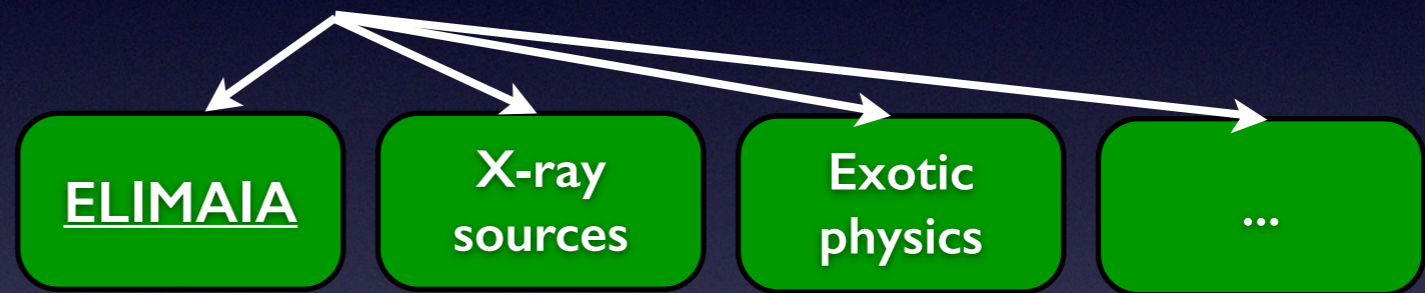
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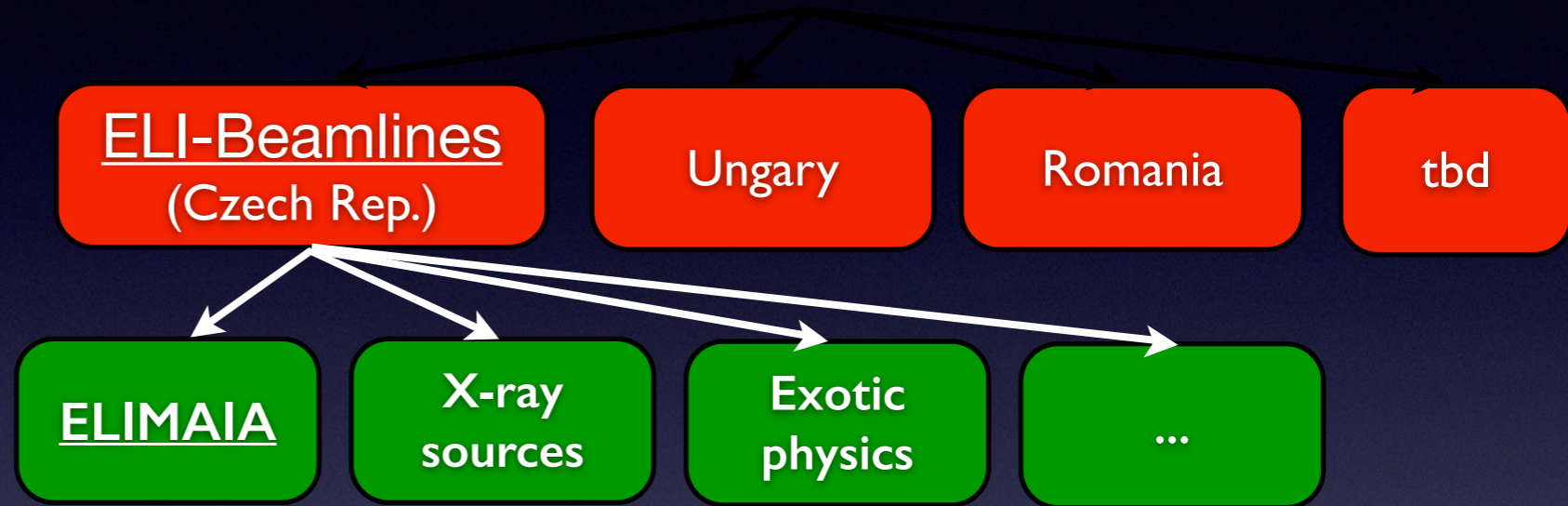
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new type of European large scale laser infrastructure specifically designed to produce the highest peak power (10 PW) and focused intensity;



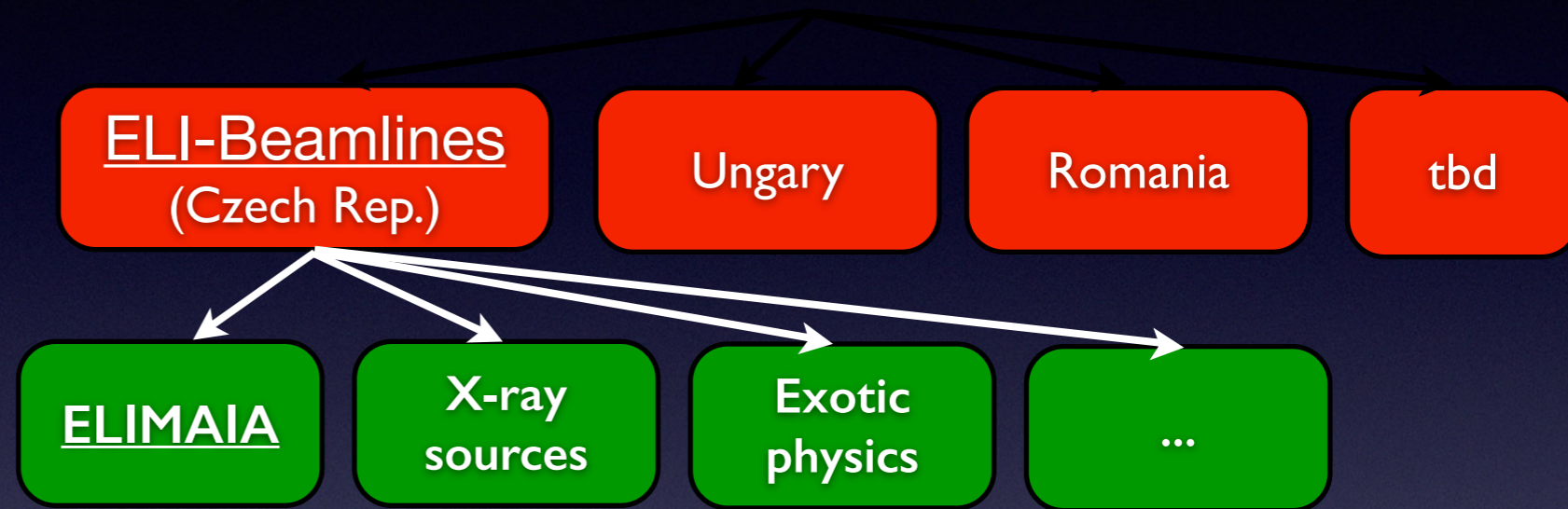
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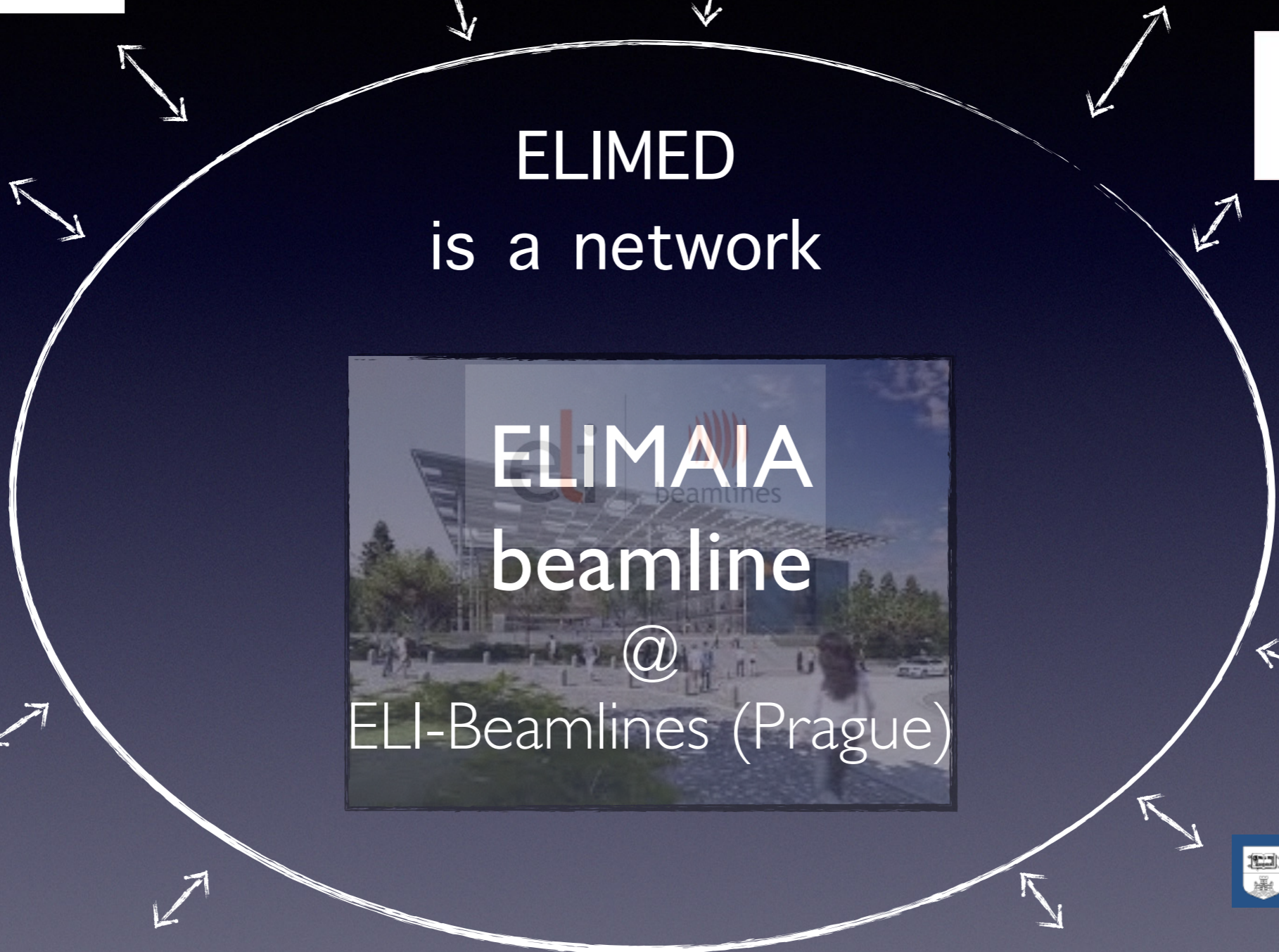
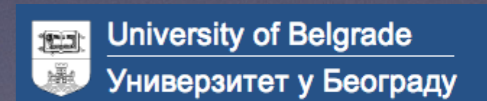
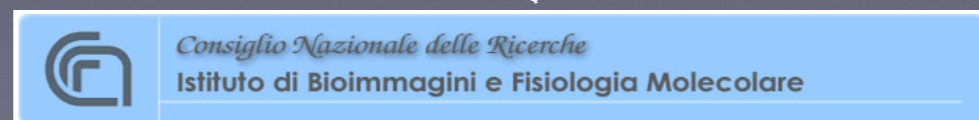
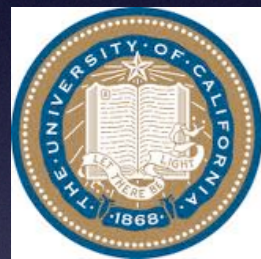
ELIMAIA:

ELI Multisiplinary **A**pplications of laser-Ion **A**cceleration

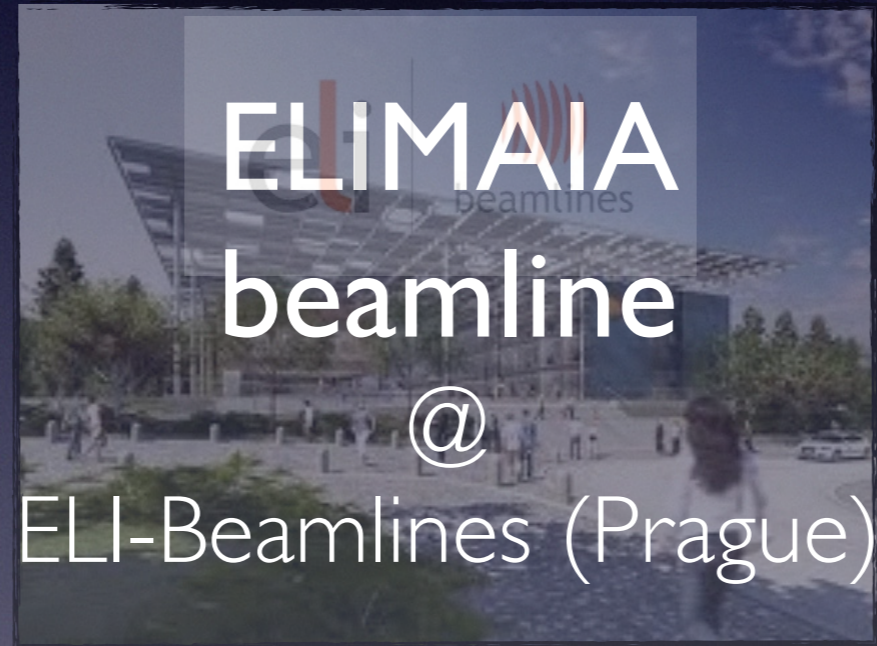
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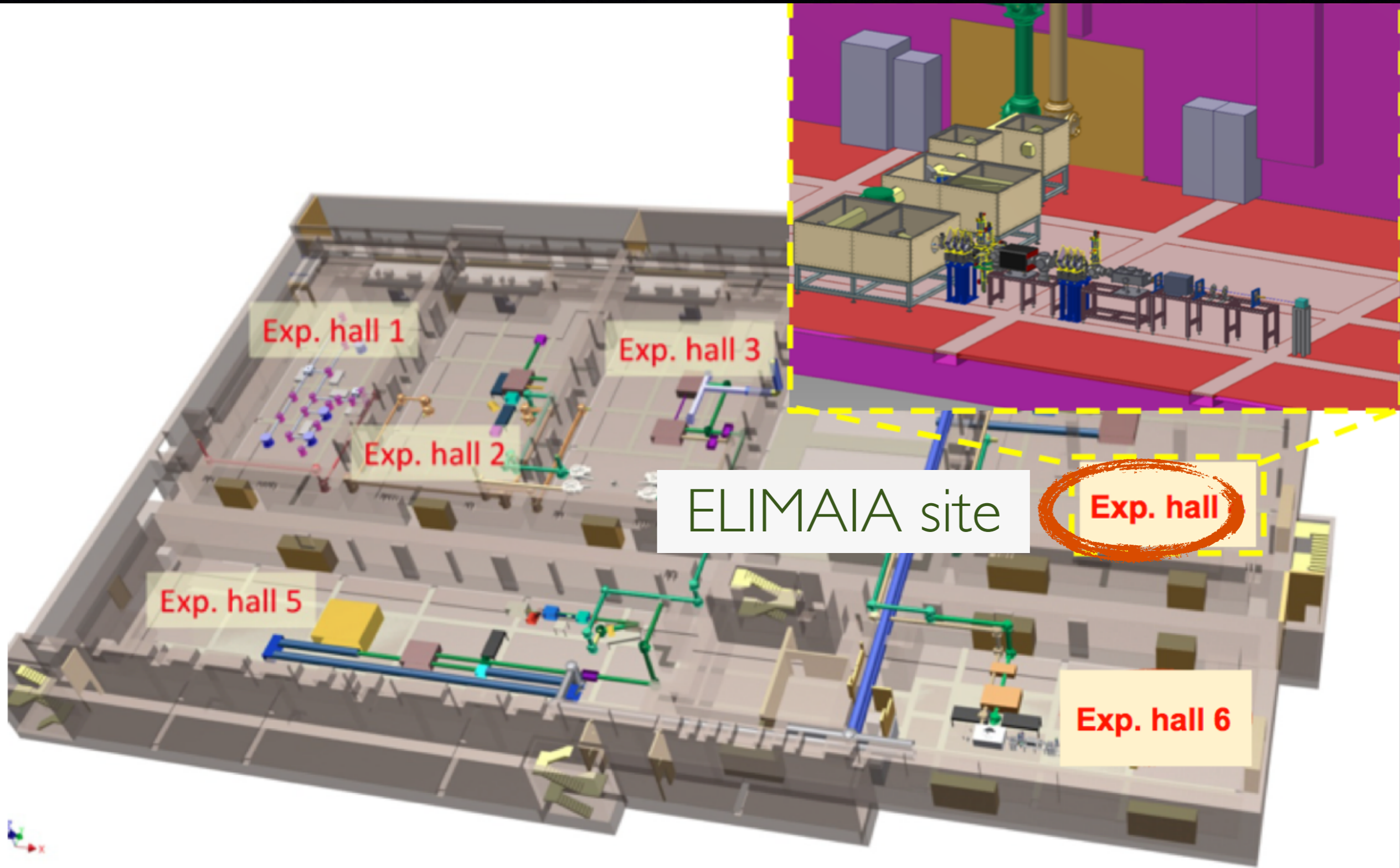
ELIMED is a collaboration network around ELIMAIA

Study, design, realization of innovative elements for laser-driven particle beams to be used in multidisciplinary applications



ELIMED
is a network





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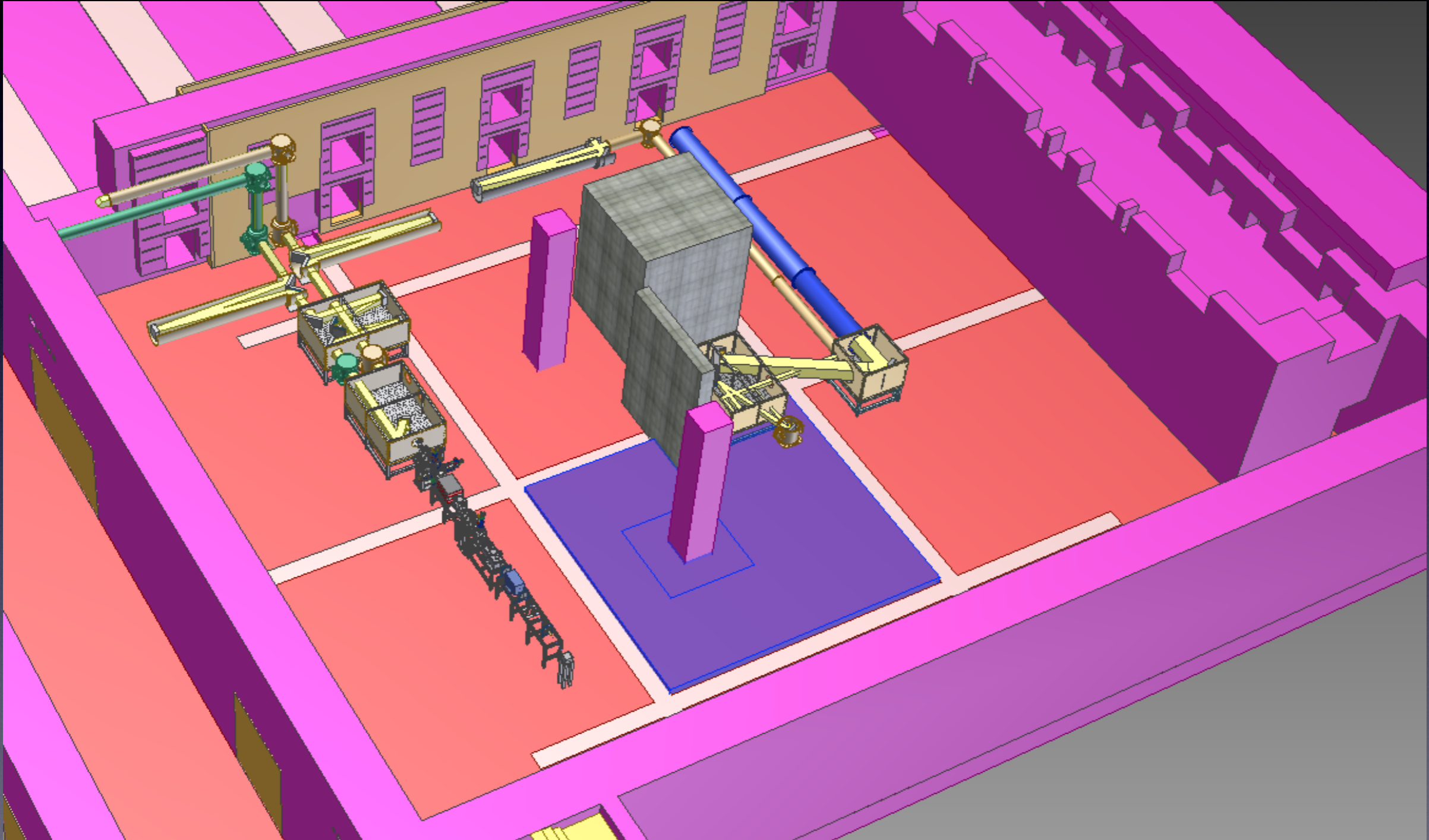
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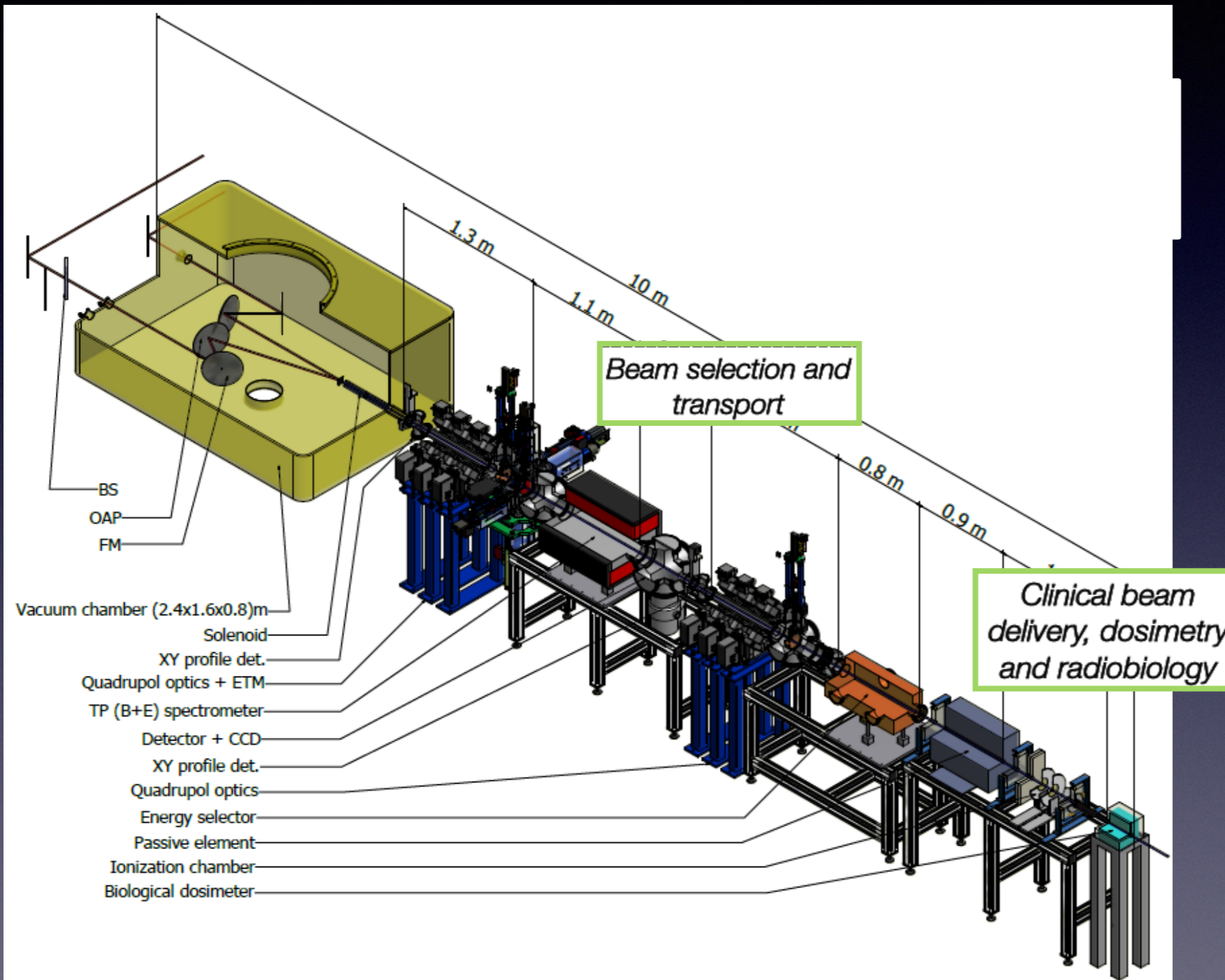
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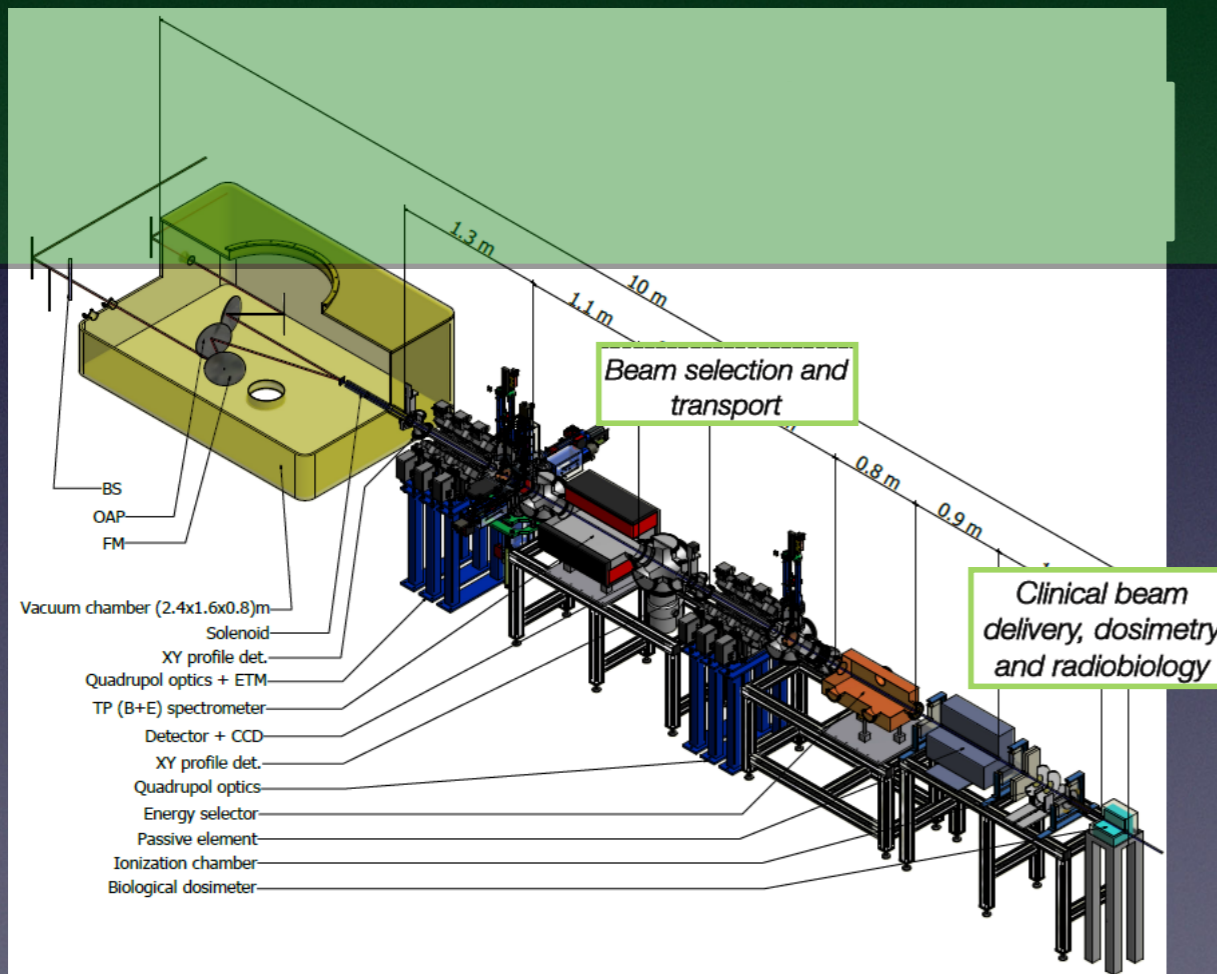
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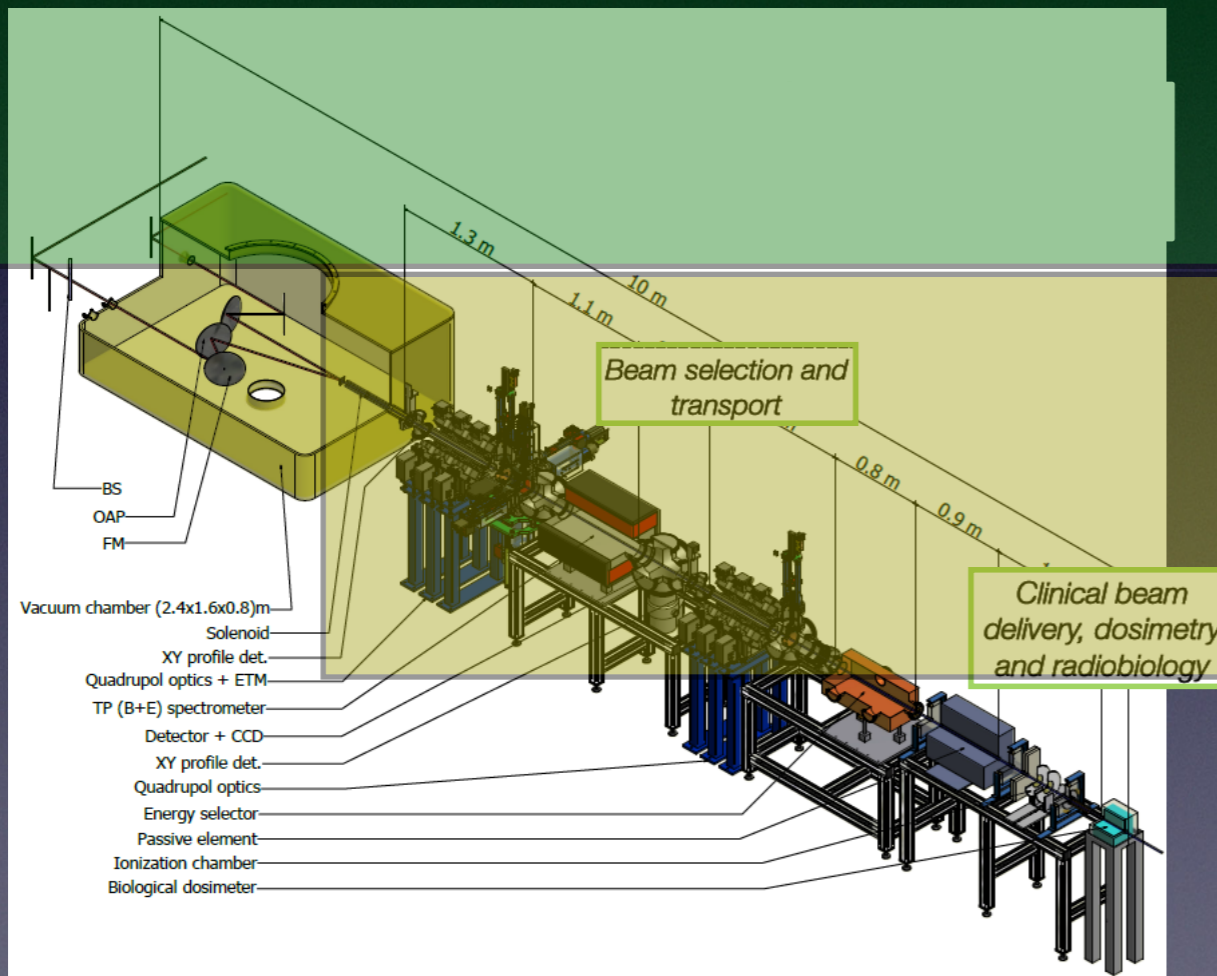






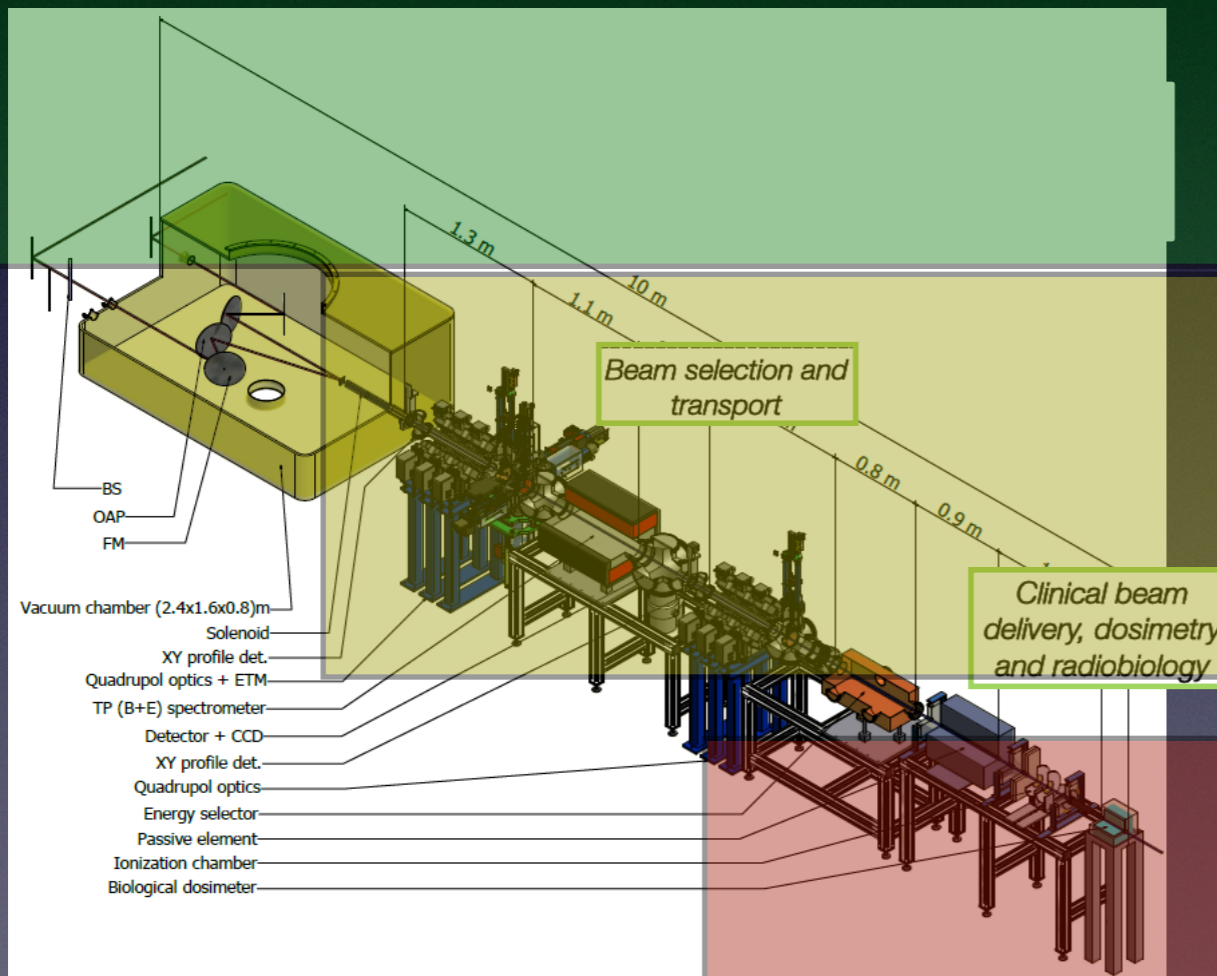
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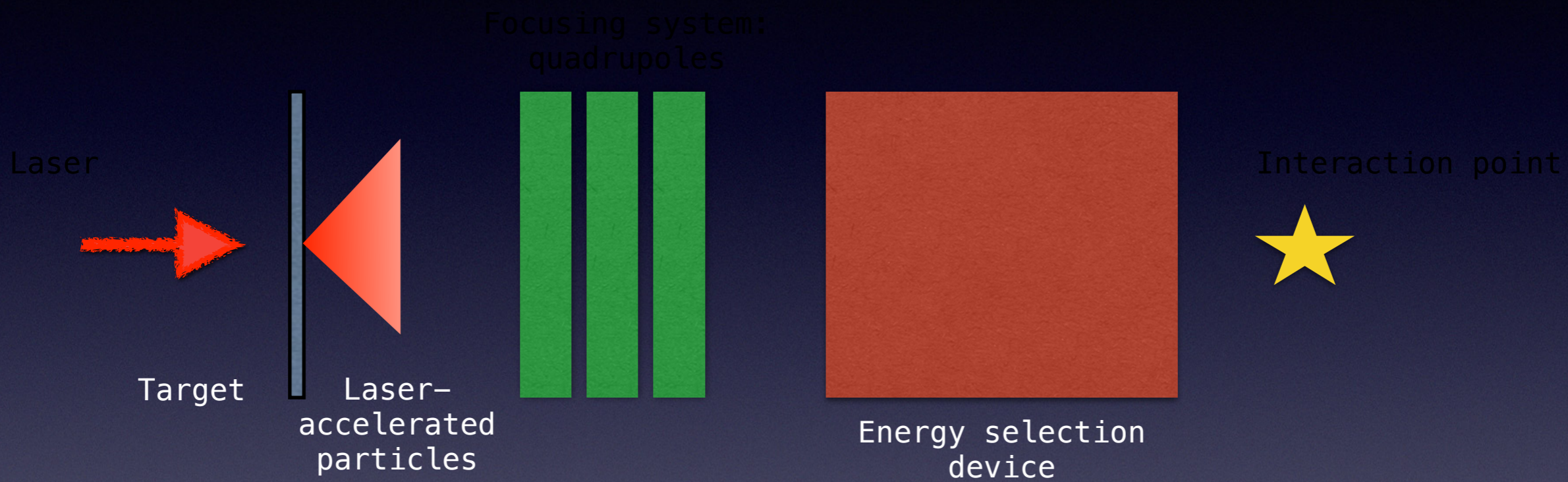
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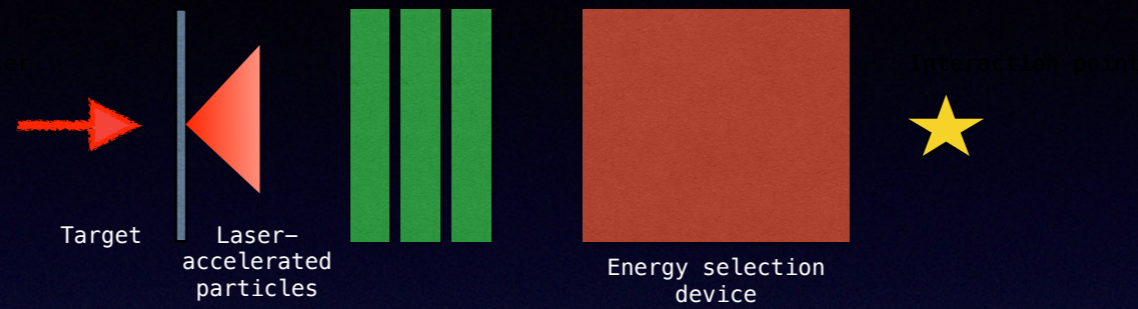


Research area 1:
Target and laser
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Research area 2:
Beam handling and
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Research area 3:
Dosimetry and
radiobiology





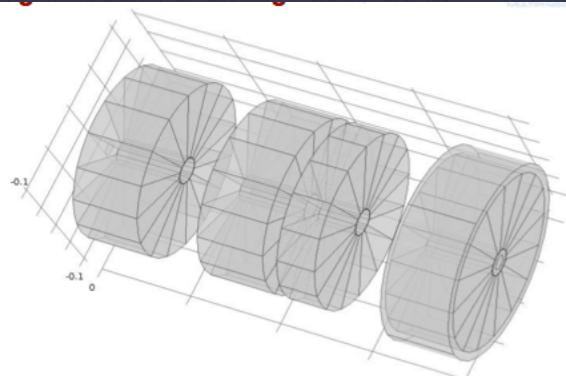
Study of a quadrupole system prototype

Optimization for focusing
up to 30 MeV protons

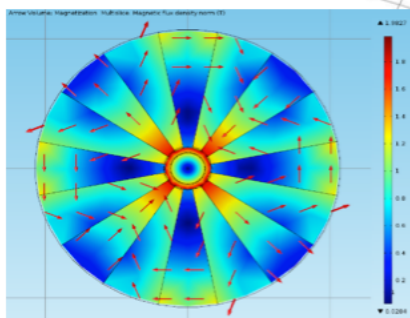
ESS Prototype already developed @ INFN-LNS:

Wide energy range (1–60 MeV)

Controlled energy spread (1-30 %)

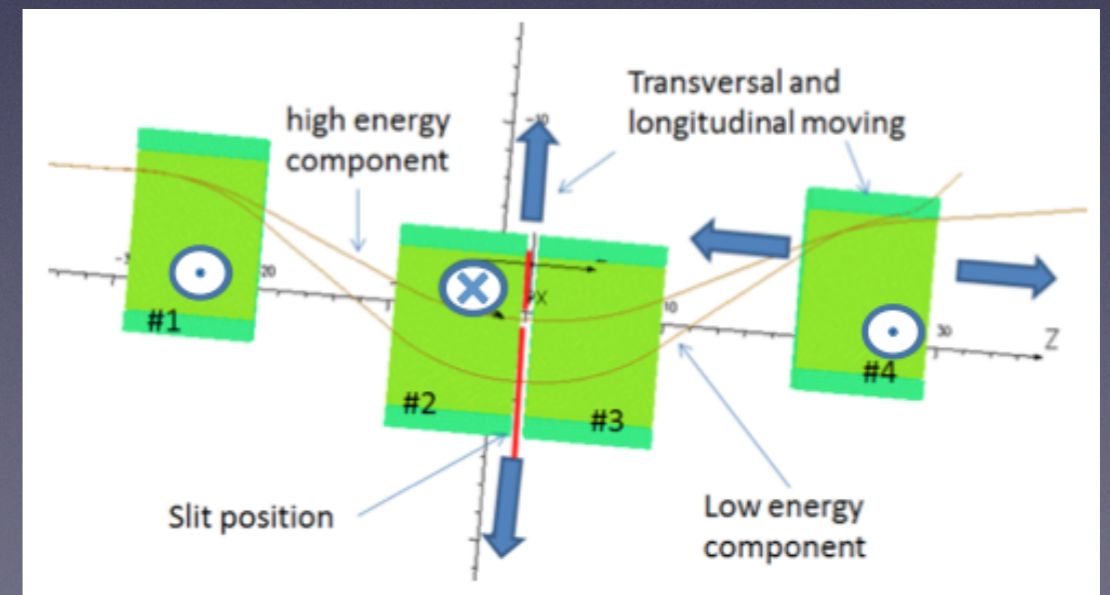


- 3 main elements
 - ◆ 70 mm length
 - ◆ 30 mm bore
 - ◆ 100 mm outer radius
 - ◆ ~110 T/m peak gradient
 - ◆ 1.6 T maximum field
- 1 smaller element for increasing the focusing of the central quadrupole (required for higher energy)
 - ◆ 40 mm length
 - ◆ 30 mm bore
 - ◆ 100 mm external radius
 - ◆ ~100 T/m peak gradient
 - ◆ 1.4 T maximum field

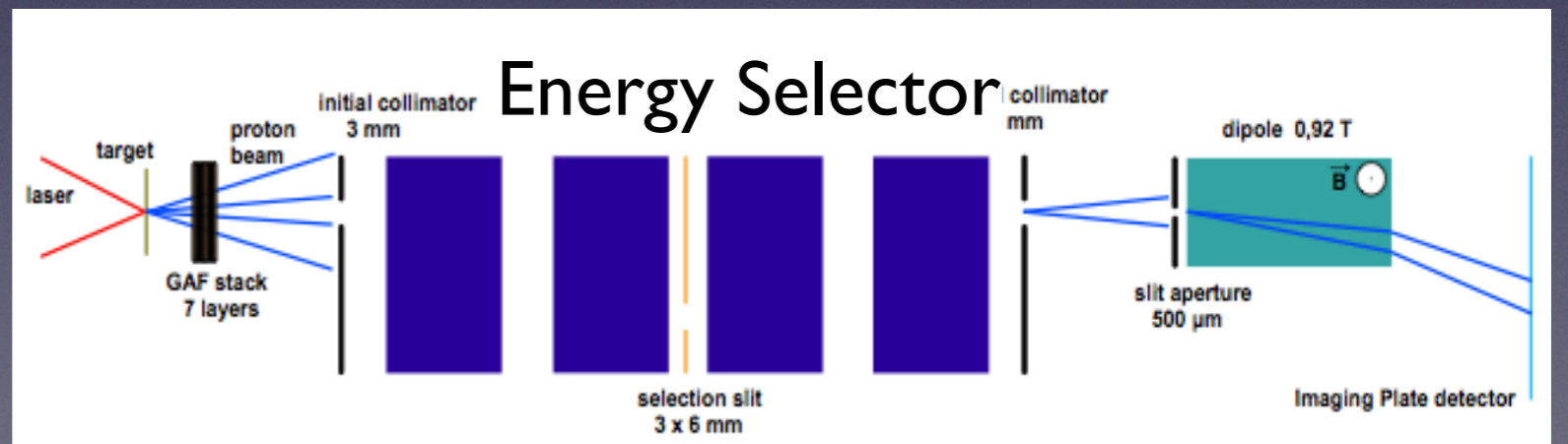
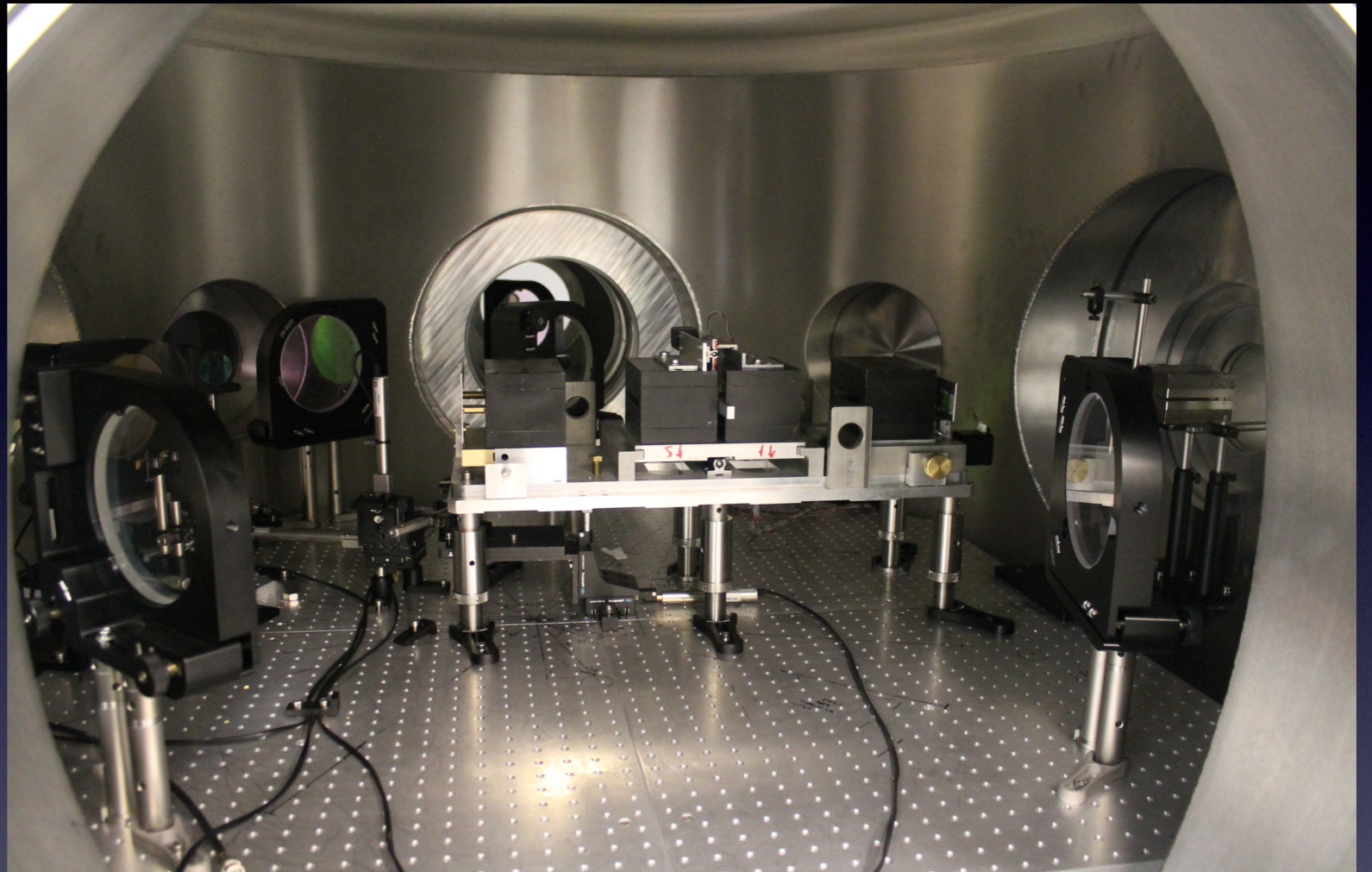
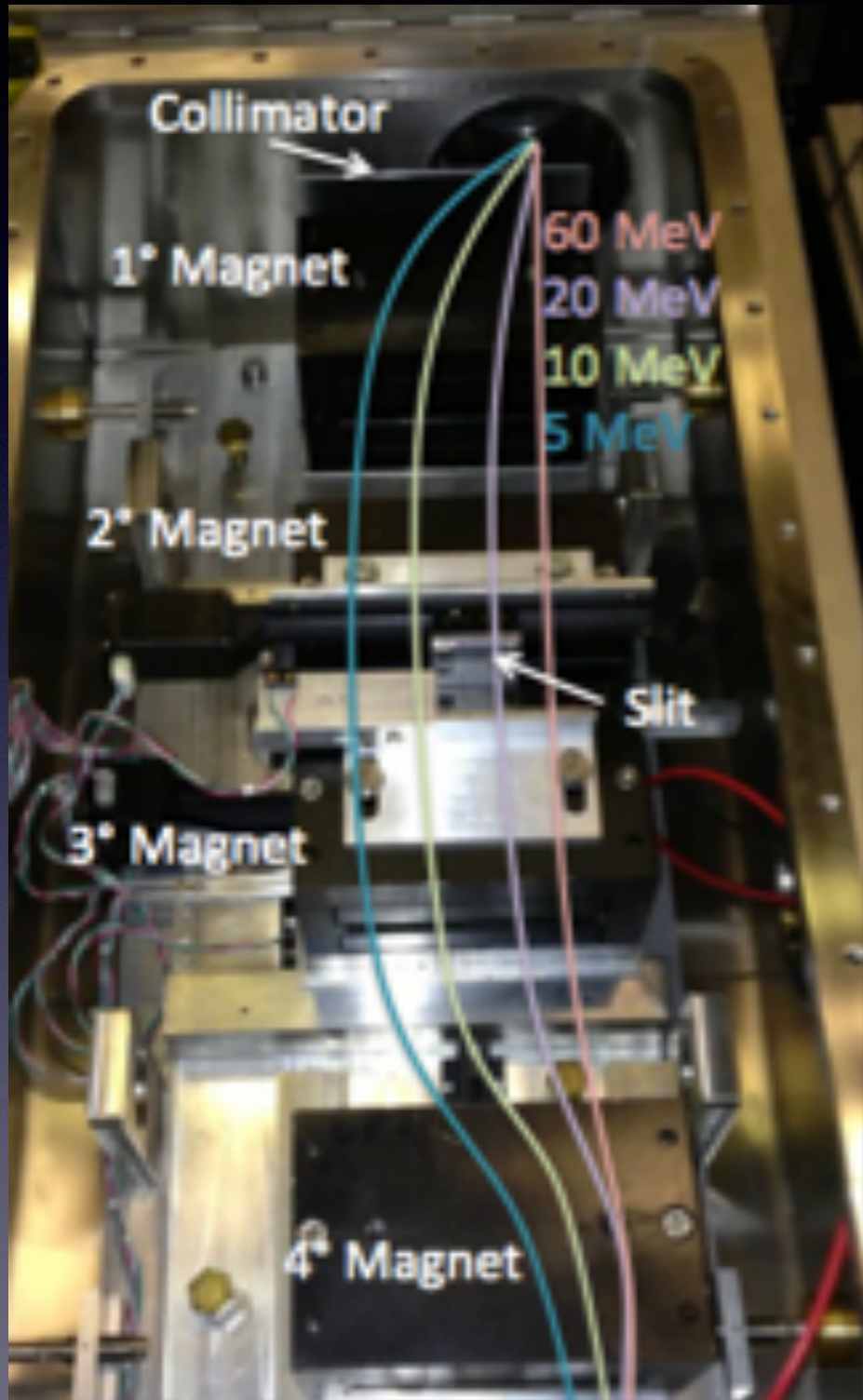


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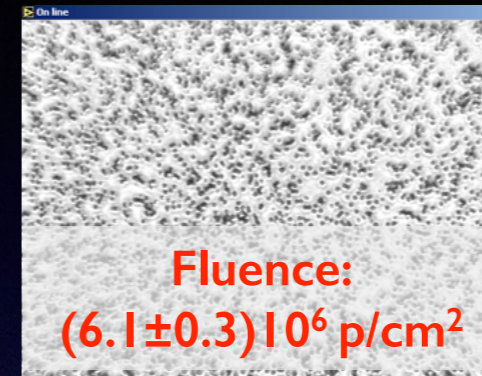
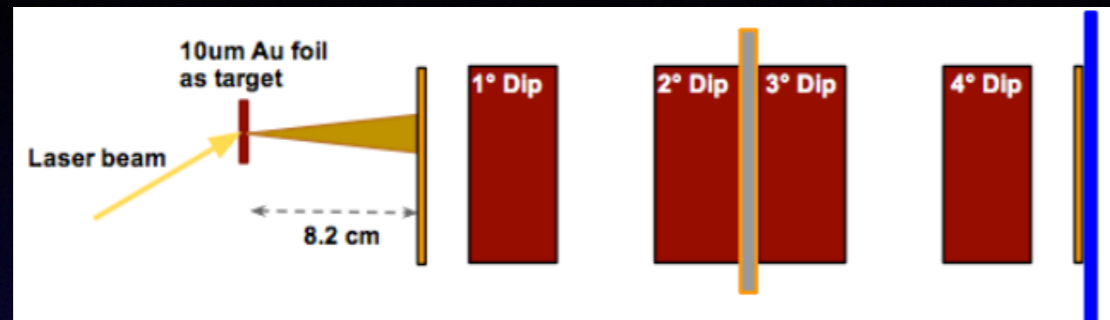
Magnetic flux intensity and magnetization direction (red arrows)



Typical laser-driven experiment



Energy spread, fluence and transmission efficiency



CR39 placed after the final collimator

| Energy range (MeV) | $E \pm \Delta E$ (MeV) Experiment | Energy Spread (%) | $E \pm \Delta E$ (MeV) Geant4 Simulation |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| 3.9 → 4.5 | 4.2 ± 0.3 | ± 7 | 4.5 ± 0.2 |
| 4.1 → 4.7 | 4.4 ± 0.3 | ± 7 | // |
| 4.2 → 4.8 | 4.5 ± 0.3 | ± 7 | // |
| 4.0 → 4.6 | 4.3 ± 0.3 | ± 7 | // |
| 6.3 → 7.3 | 6.8 ± 0.5 | ± 8 | 7.0 ± 0.6 |
| 6.6 → 7.9 | 7.3 ± 0.6 | ± 8.5 | // |

Transmission efficiency

Experimental

All the spectrum

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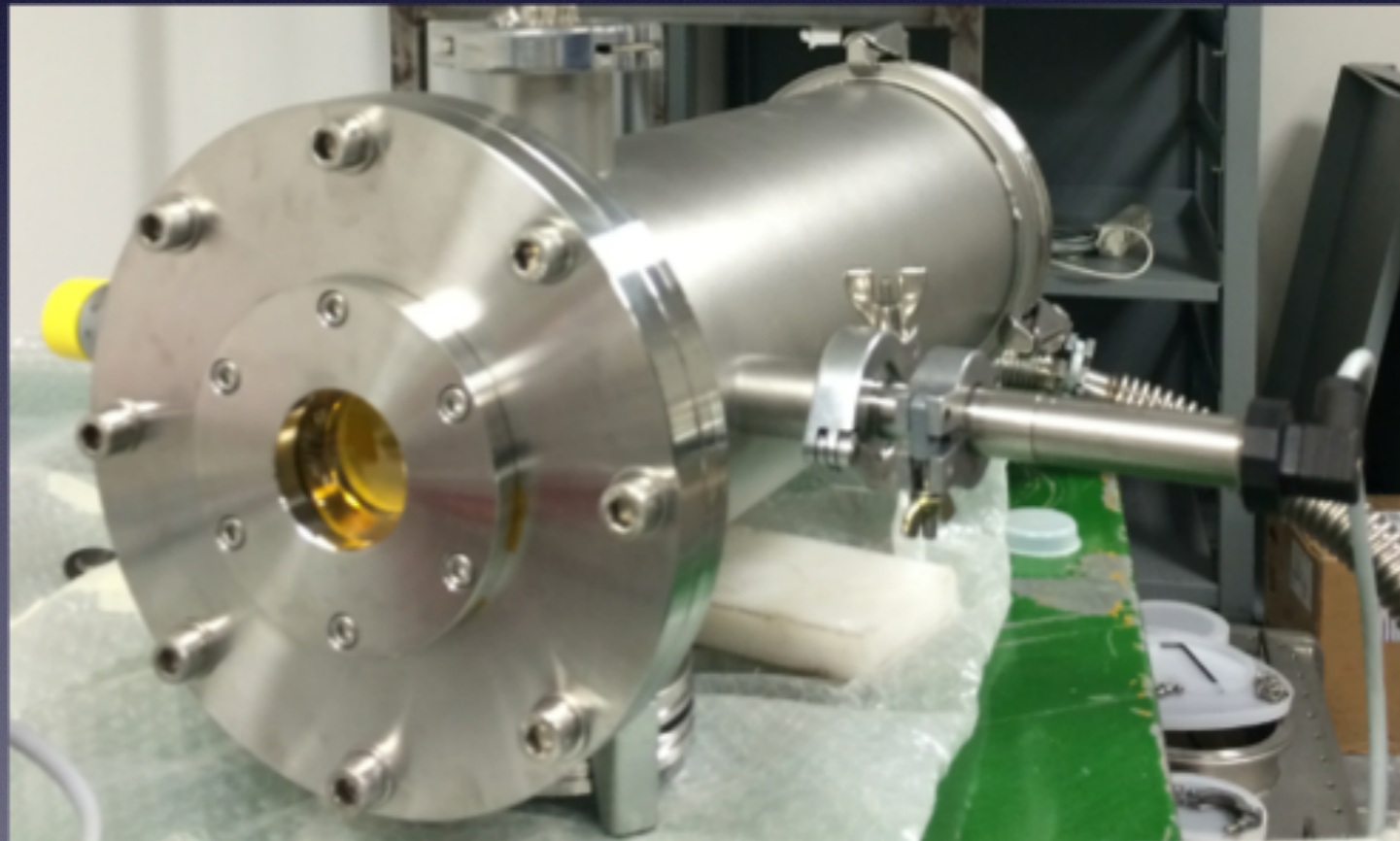
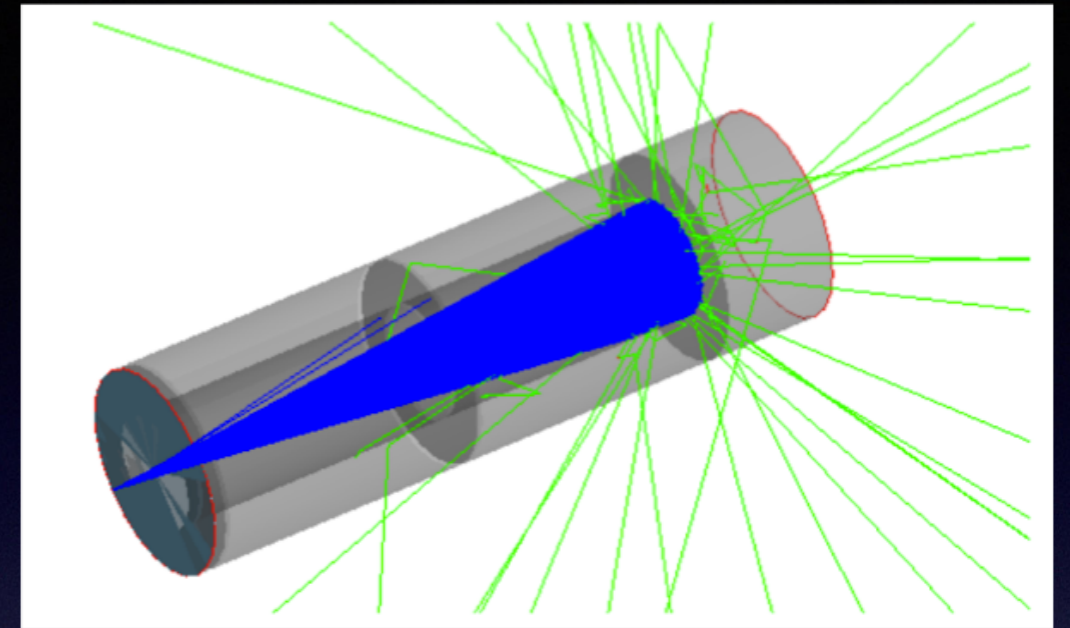
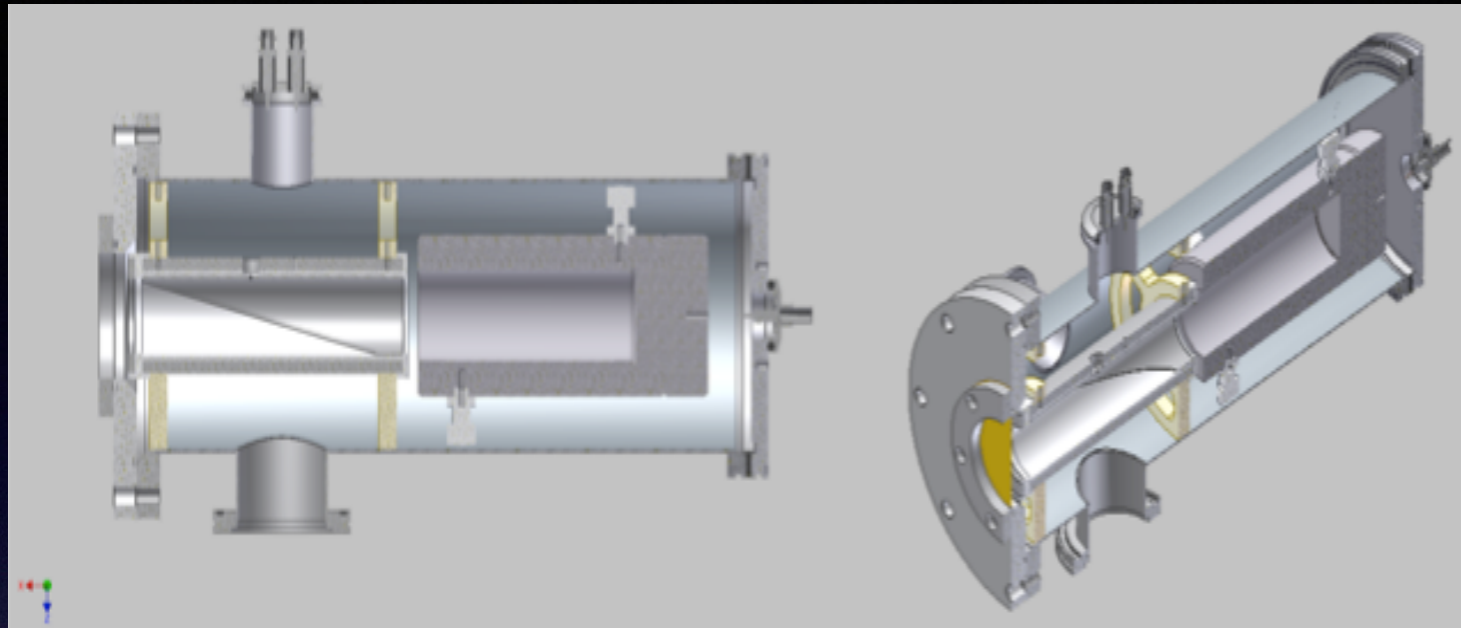
$1.6e-3$ (0.1%)

Only the energy range $4\text{MeV} \pm 7\%$ N

NR

$1.7e-2$ (1.7%)

R&D on absolute dosimetry



a new concept of Faraday Cup for absolute dosimetry of high-pulsed laser-driven beams

Diamond detector, SiC, SEM, pixellated detectors ... under consideration

R&D on dosimetry and radioiology

New detectors and dosimetry






Dose-rate issues

Instability

Many different radiations

Are biological effects the same?

Summarising the status

| | Conventional beams | Laser-driven beams |
|---|----------------------|---|
| Maximum energy | 250 MeV 400 AMeV |  |
| Current | order of nA |  |
| Monochromaticity | $\Delta E/E \leq 10$ | Broad beam: optical solutions, target solutions?, both?  |
| Stability, reproducibility, control, dosimetry | Less than 3% |  |
| Radiobiology | Almost known |  |



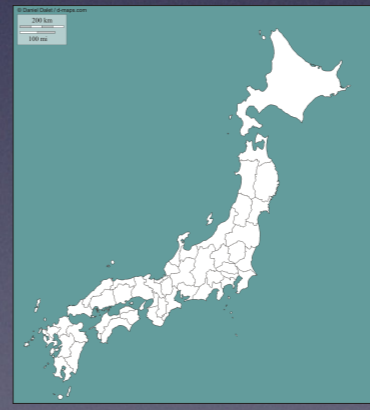
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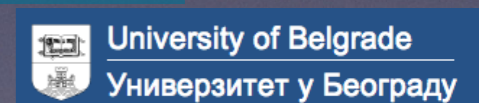
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Join our group, fellows for:
expert on Monte Carlo
expert on charged particles transport



Thanks for your attention

Hadrontherapy

Conventional
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