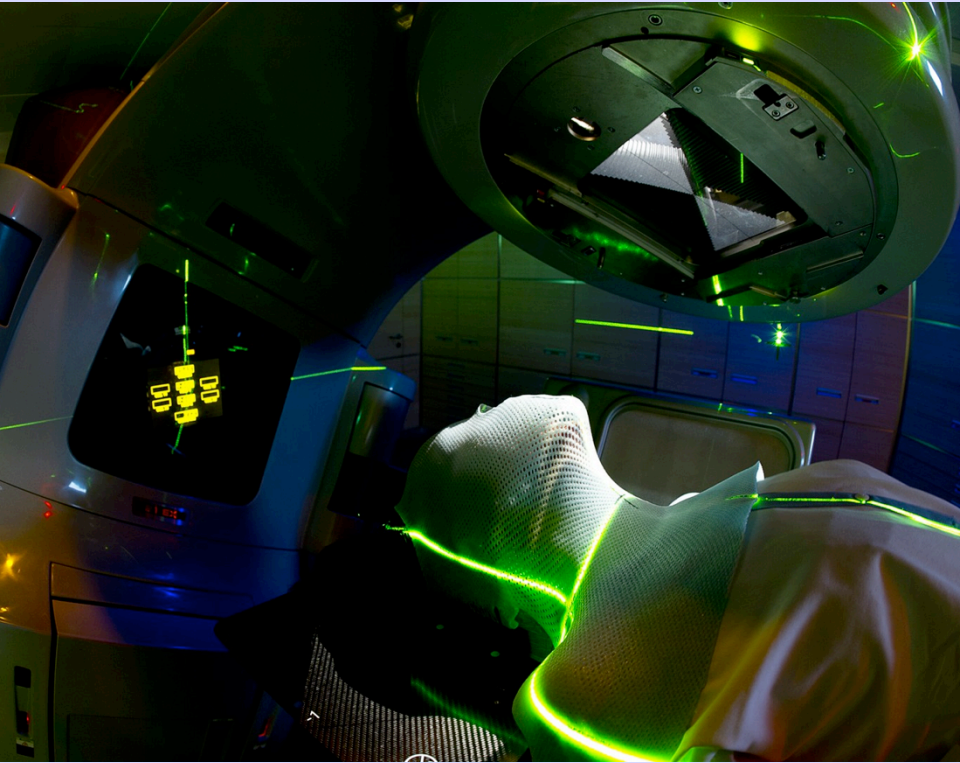


# CERN: from particle physics to medical applications

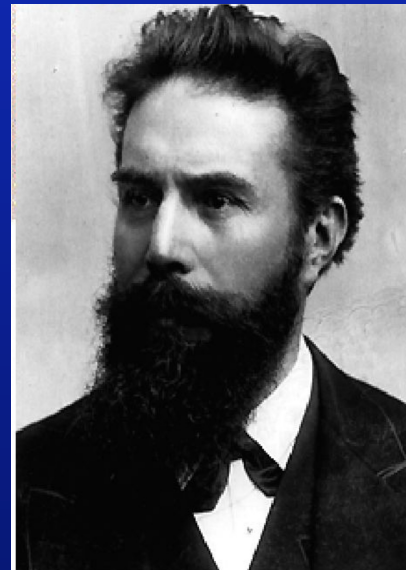


Manjit Dosanjh  
Knowledge Transfer- Life Sciences

# X-Rays, the fastest technology transfer



- **November 8, 1895 Röntgen discovered X-Rays**
- **December 22, 1895 he takes the first image of his wife's hand**

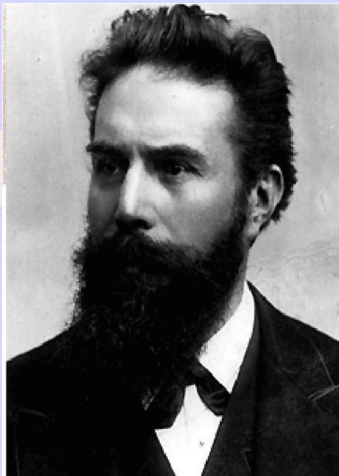


**Röntgen received the first Nobel prize in physics in 1901**

# Beginning of modern medical physics



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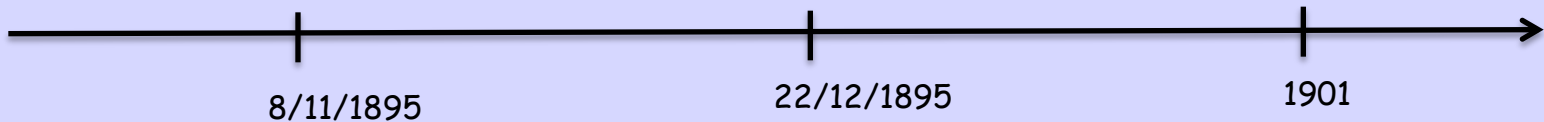


Wilhelm Röntgen

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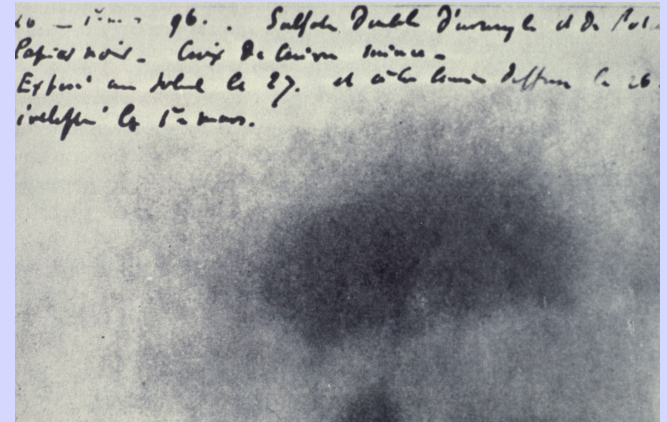


# .....beginning of medical physics

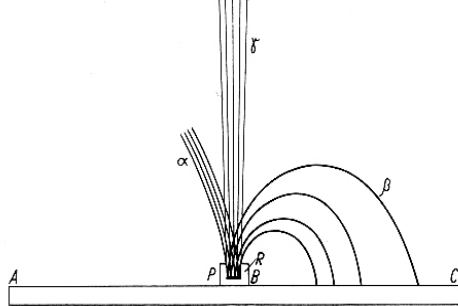


Henri Becquerel

1896:  
Discovery of natural  
radioactivity

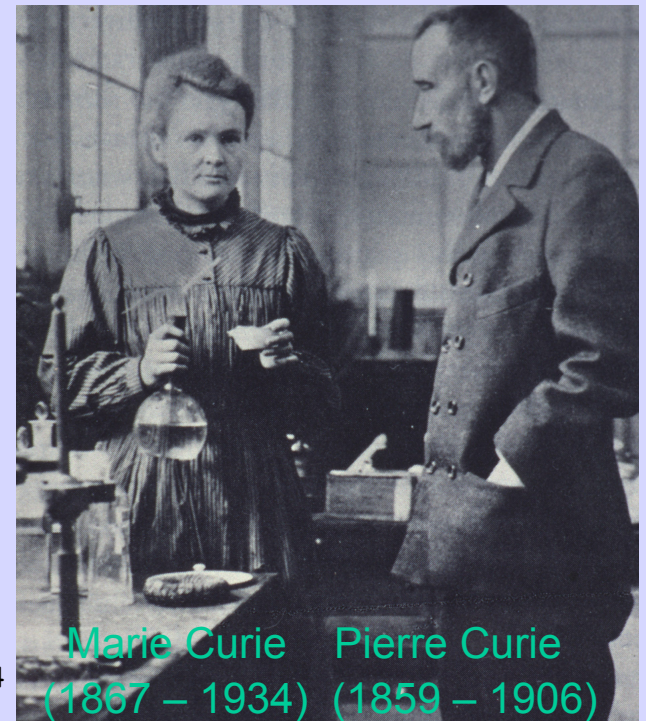


Thesis of Mme. Curie – 1904  
 $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$  in magnetic field



**1898: Discovery of  
radium**

**used immediately  
for “Brachytherapy”**



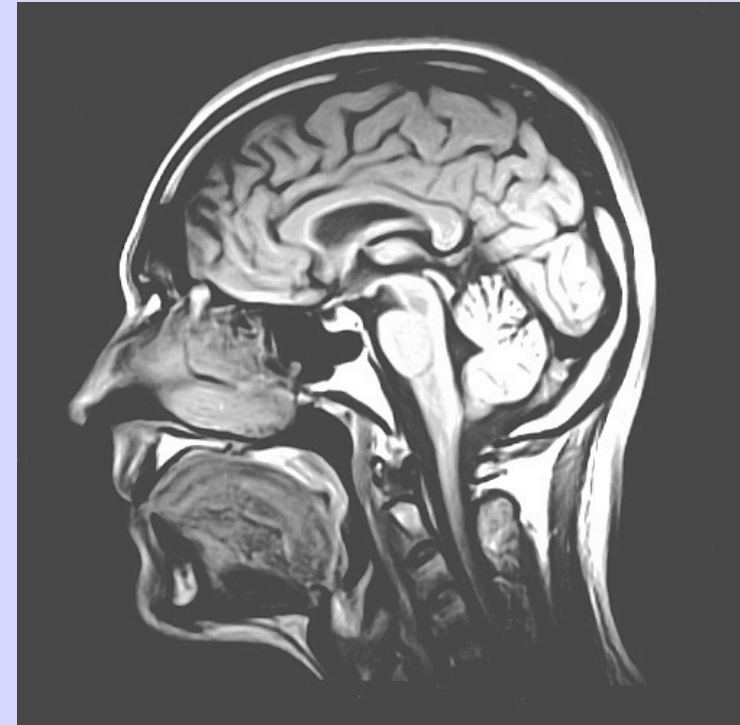
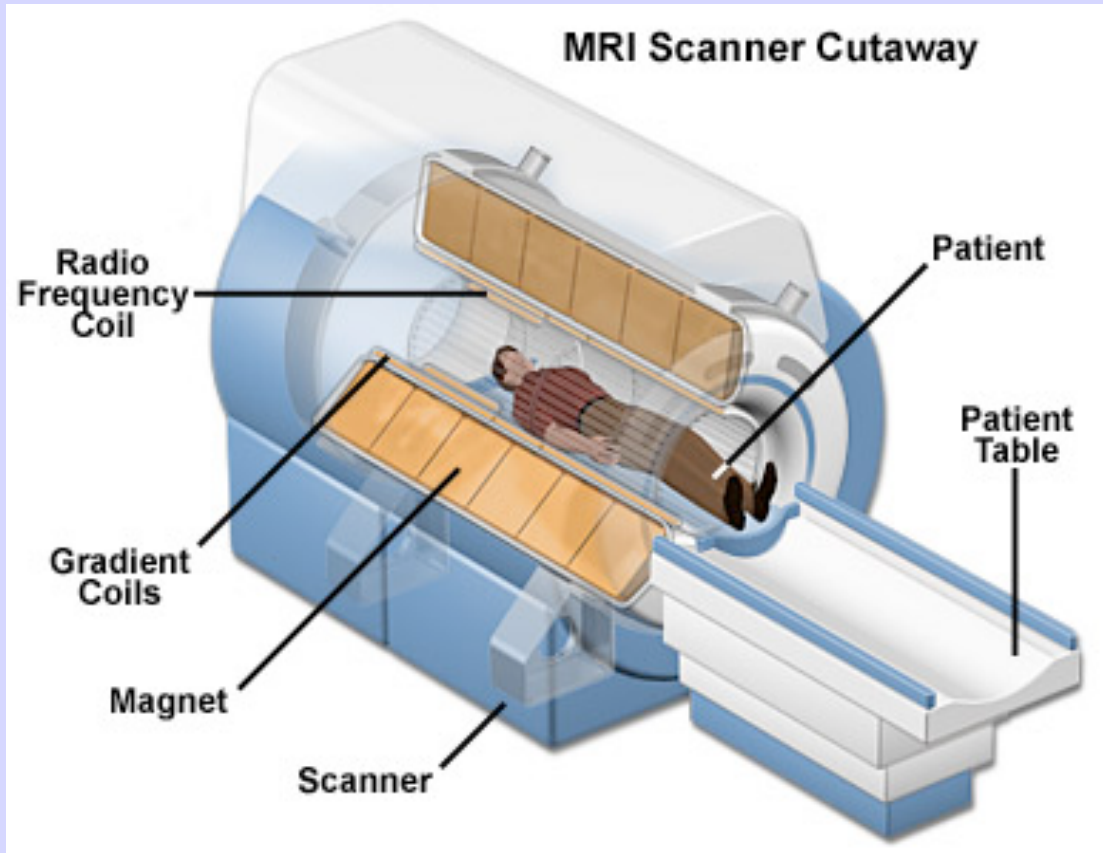
Marie Curie Pierre Curie  
(1867 – 1934) (1859 – 1906)

# First radiobiology experiment: Pierre Curie

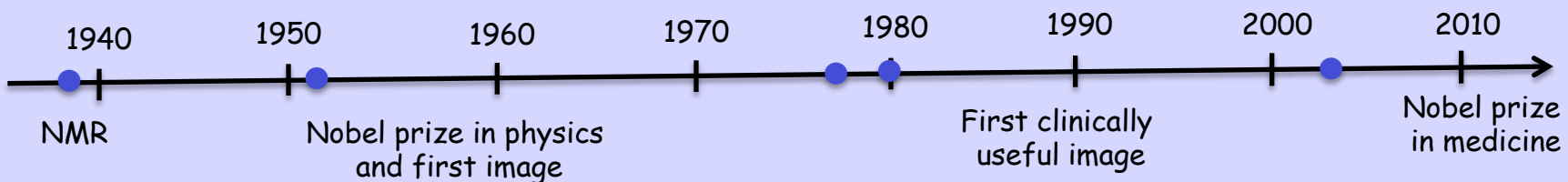


The first radiobiology experiment. Pierre Curie using a radium tube to produce radiation ulcer on his arm. Hall fig. 1-2

# Magnetic Resonance Imaging



First human body scan

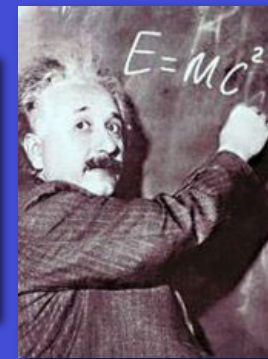




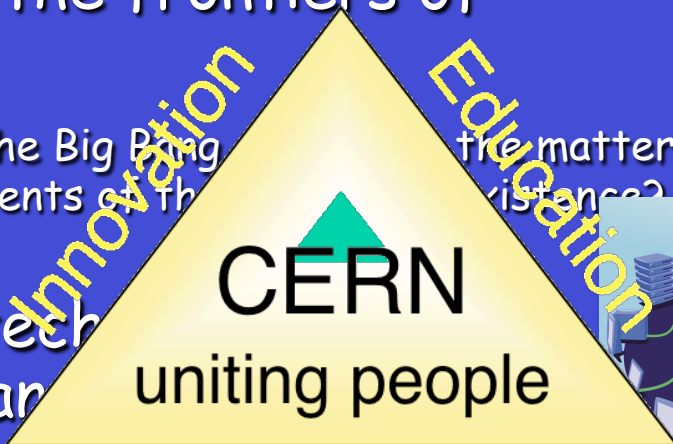
# The Mission of CERN

- ❑ **Push forward** the frontiers of knowledge

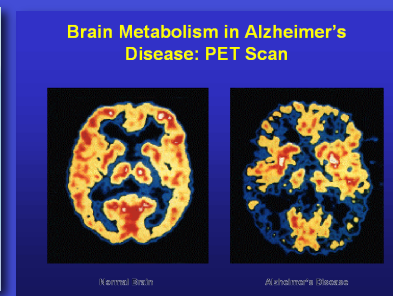
E.g. the secrets of the Big Bang within the first moments of the universe? the matter like existence?



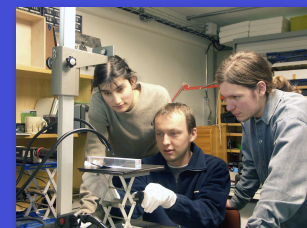
- ❑ **Develop** new technologies and accelerators and



Information technology - the Web and the GRID  
Medicine - diagnosis and therapy



- ❑ **Train** scientists and engineers of tomorrow

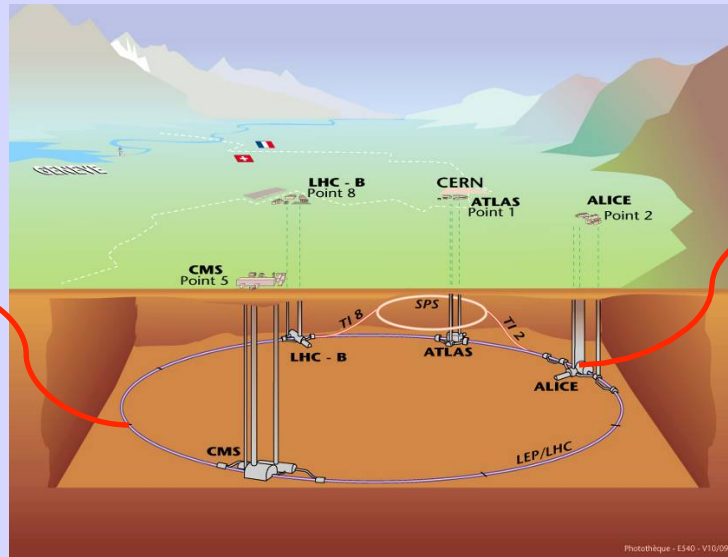


- ❑ **Unite** people from different countries and cultures

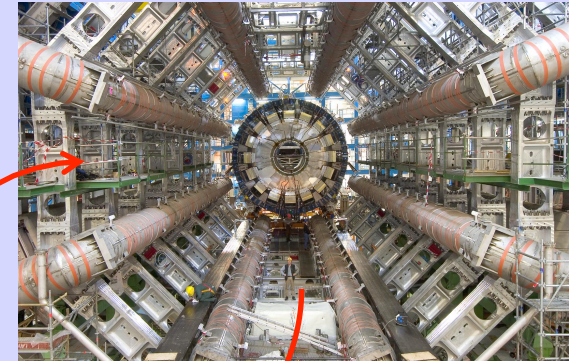


# 3 pillars of the trade .....

## Accelerators



## Detectors



## Computers

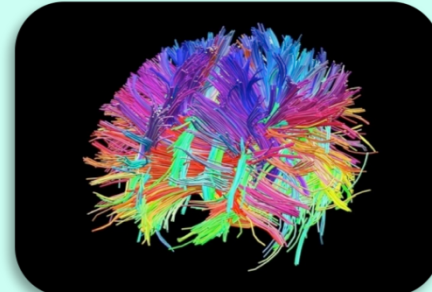
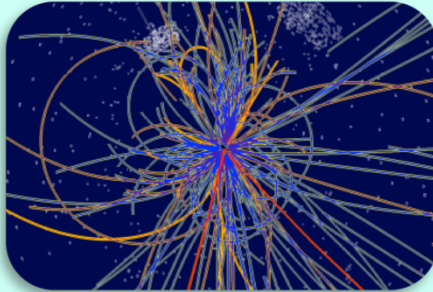
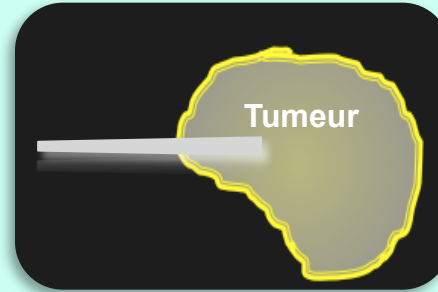


Brain behind the web



# The 4<sup>th</sup> pillar of technology

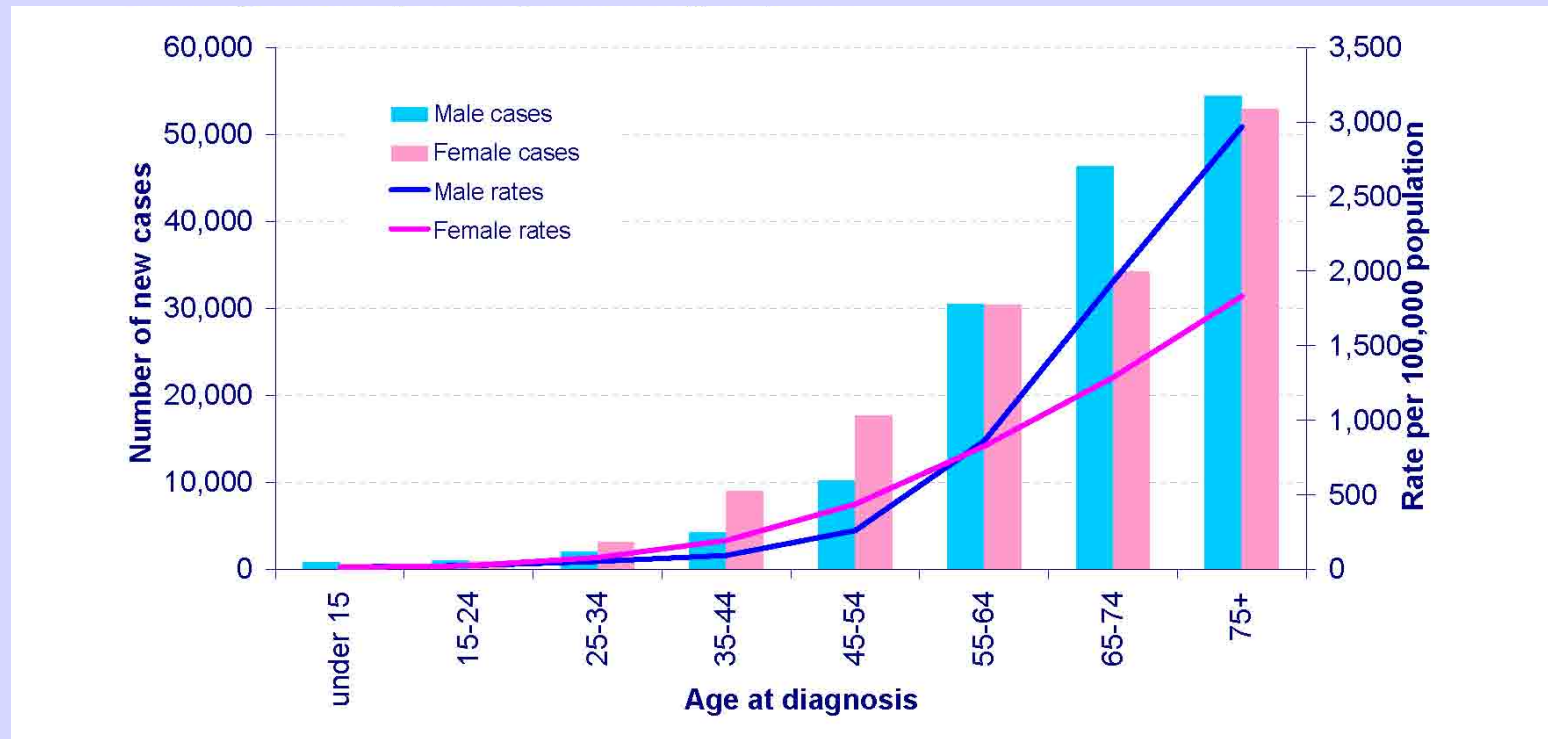
## Collaboration



# Cancer - a growing challenge

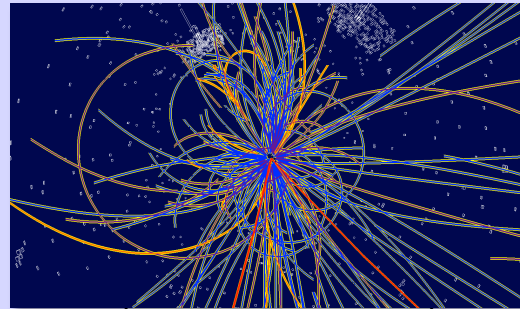
More than 3 million new cancer cases in Europe each year and 1.75 million associated deaths

Increase by 2030: 75% in developed countries and 90% in developing countries



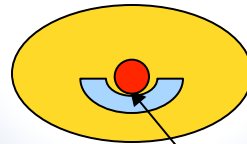
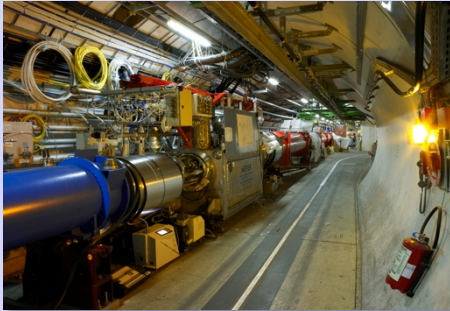
# CERN Technologies and innovation

accelerators, detectors and IT to fight cancer



Detecting particles

Accelerating particle beams



**CANCER**

Large-scale computing (Grid)



# Medical Imaging

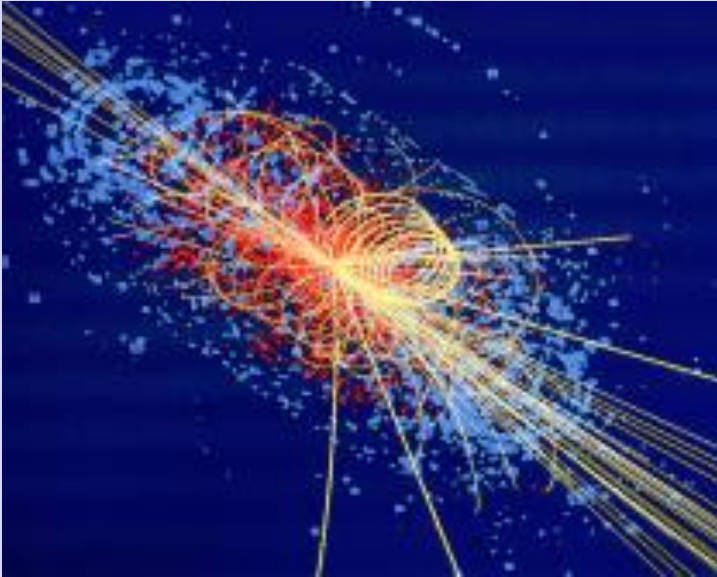


# First step: Detection

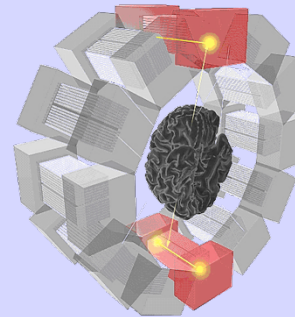


# No treatment without detection!

## Particle Detection



## Imaging

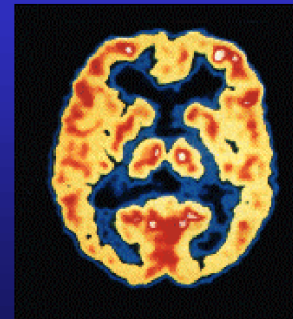


PET Scanner

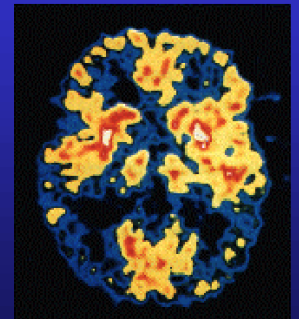
Breast imaging  
(ClearPEM)



Brain Metabolism in Alzheimer's  
Disease: PET Scan

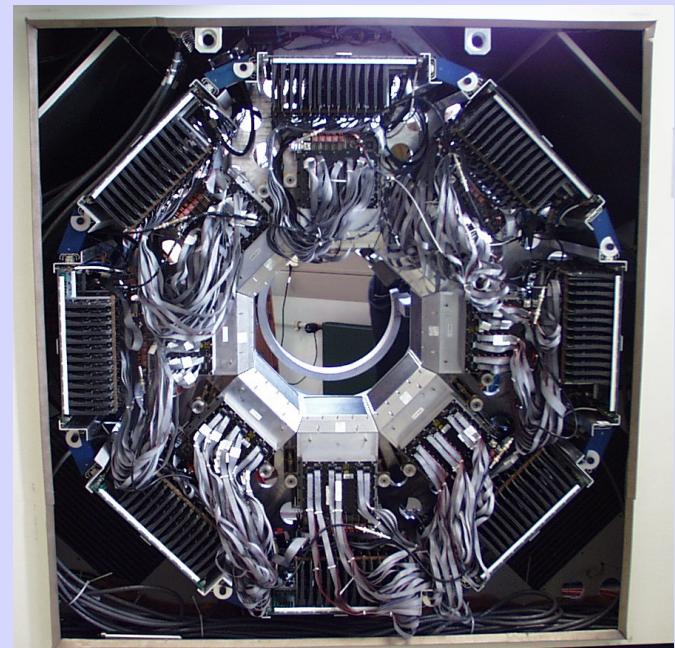


Normal Brain



Alzheimer's Disease

# Similar challenges for detectors



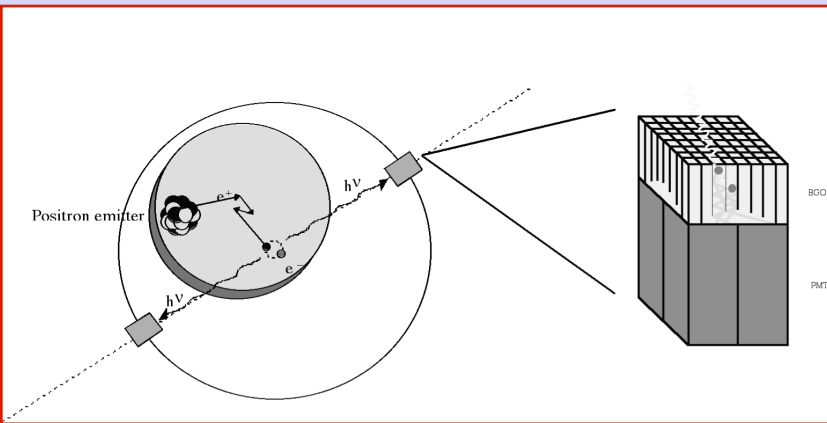
# Similar challenges

- New materials
- Compact
- low noise electronics
- Algorithms

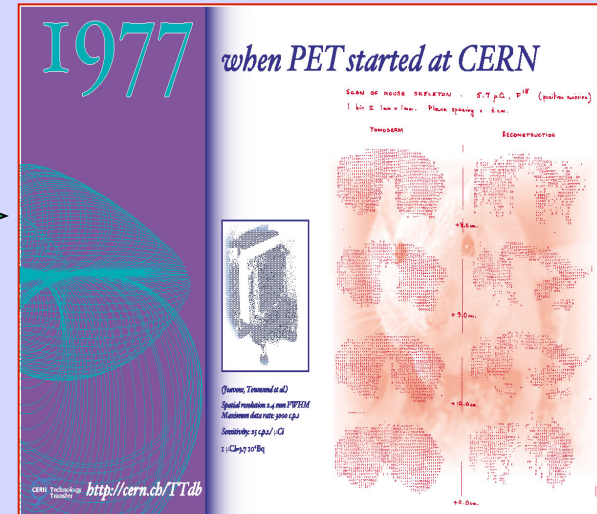




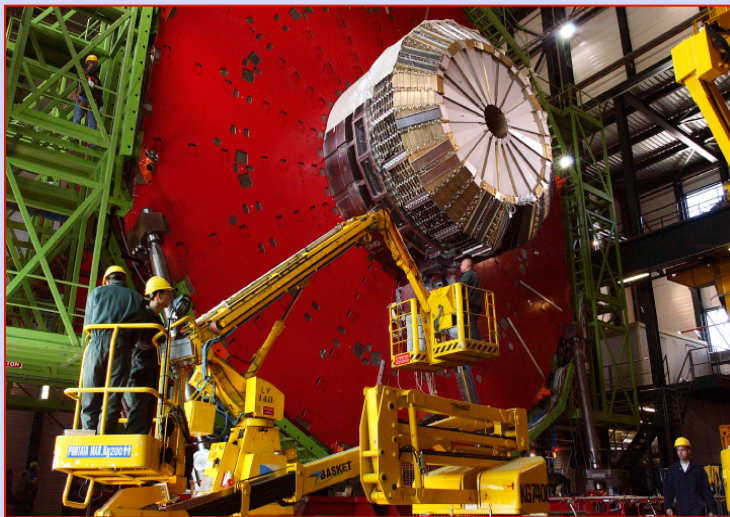
# PET Imaging



**Idea of PET**



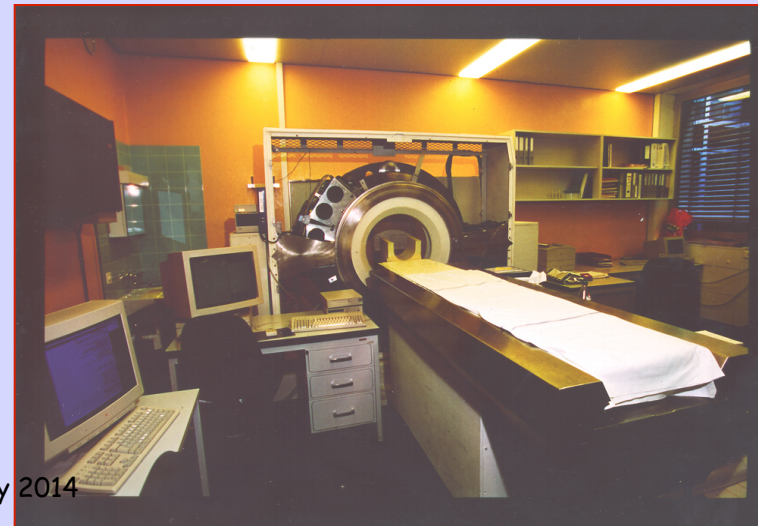
**Photon detection used for calorimetry**



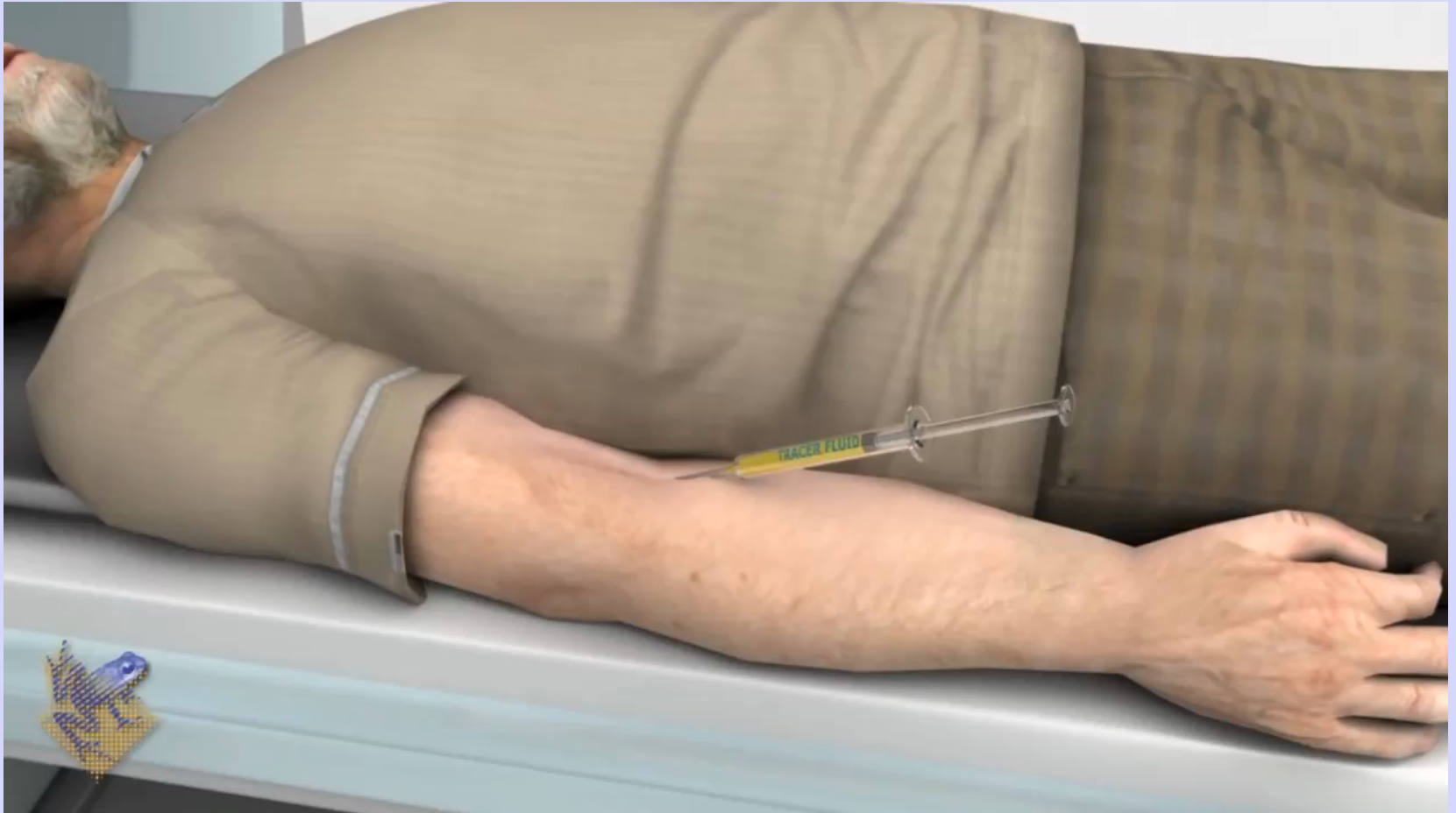
**CMS calorimeter**

Manjit Dasanjh, Teachers, 23 July 2014

**PET today**



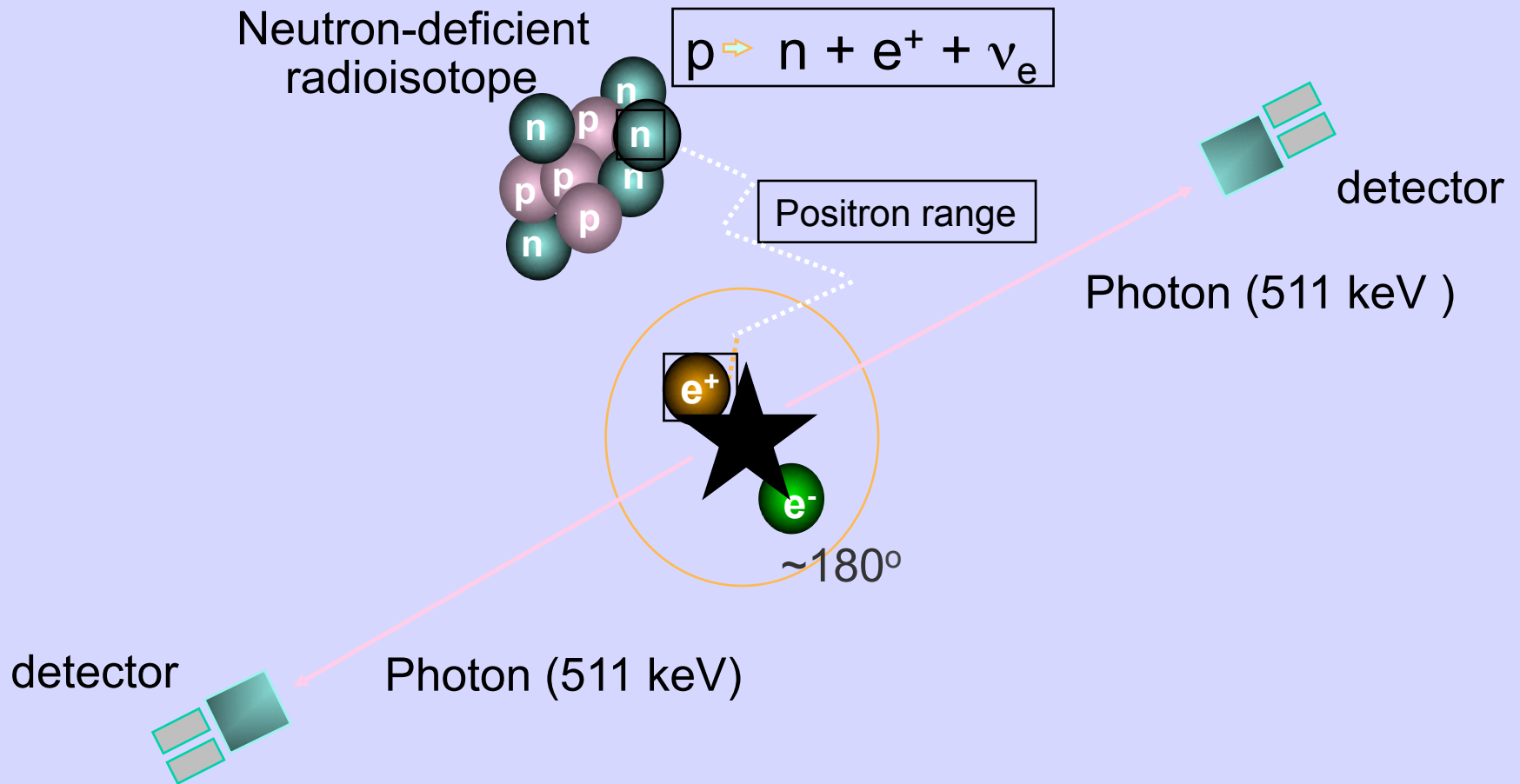
# PET - How it works



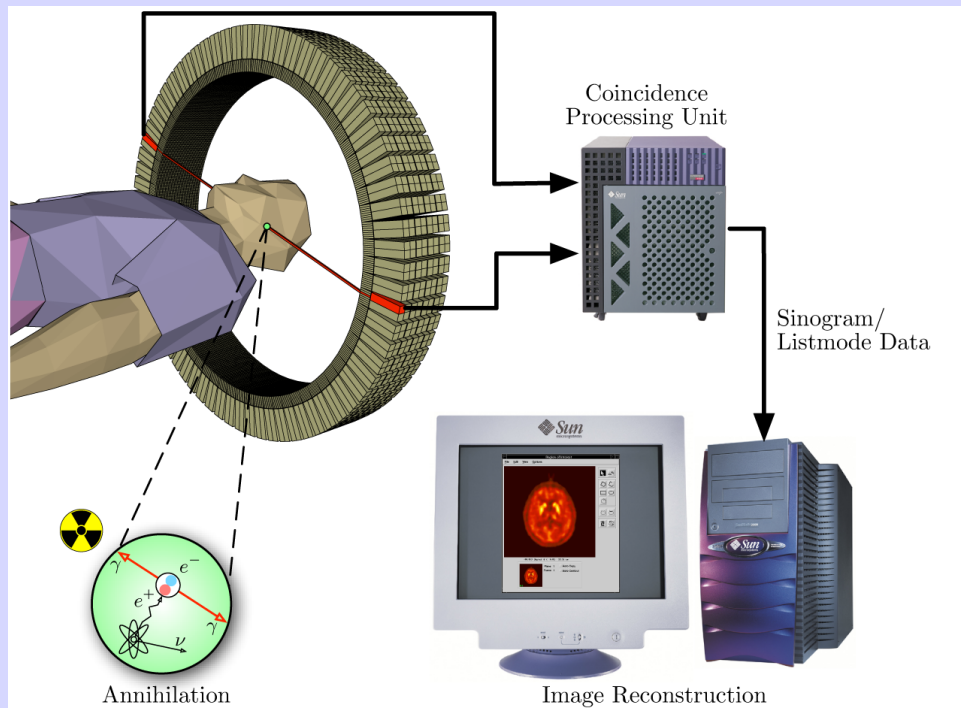
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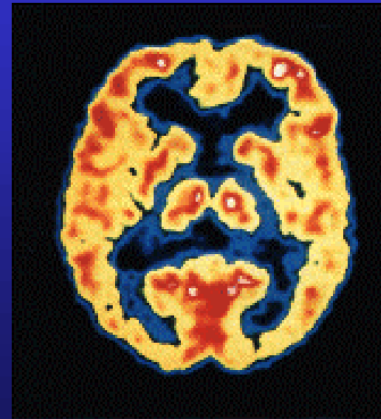
# PET: detection



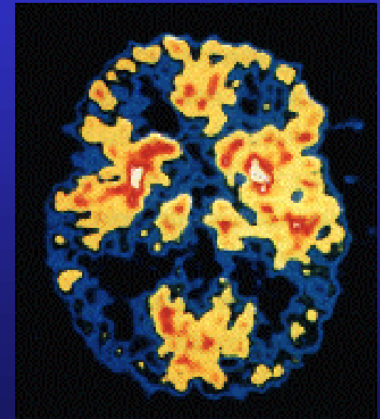
# PET Scan



## Brain Metabolism in Alzheimer's Disease: PET Scan



Normal Brain

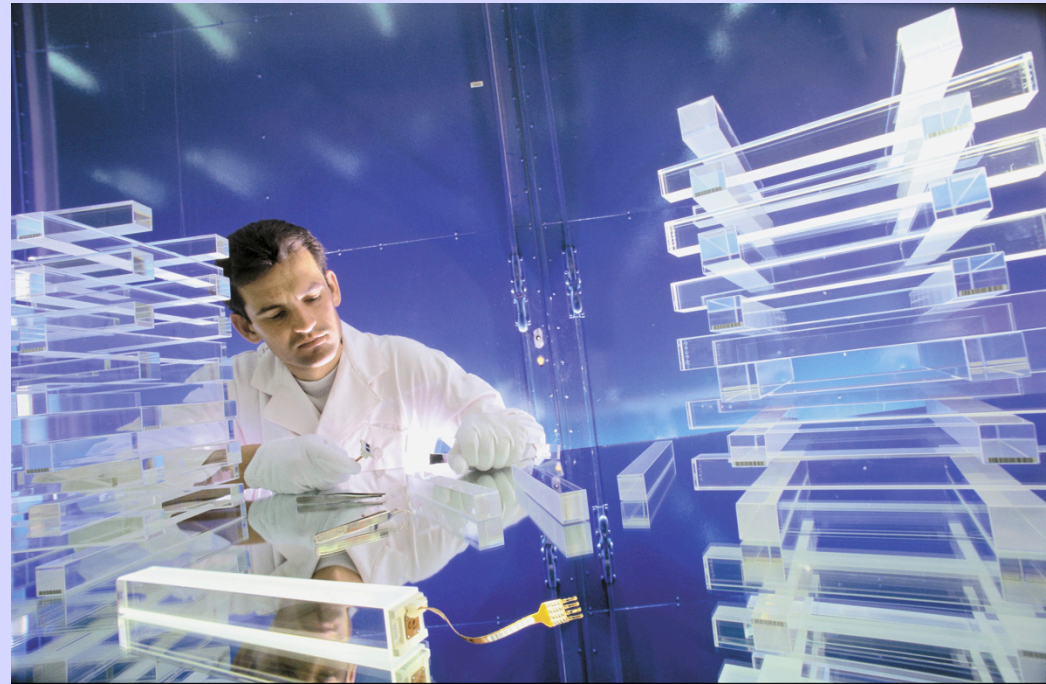


Alzheimer's Disease

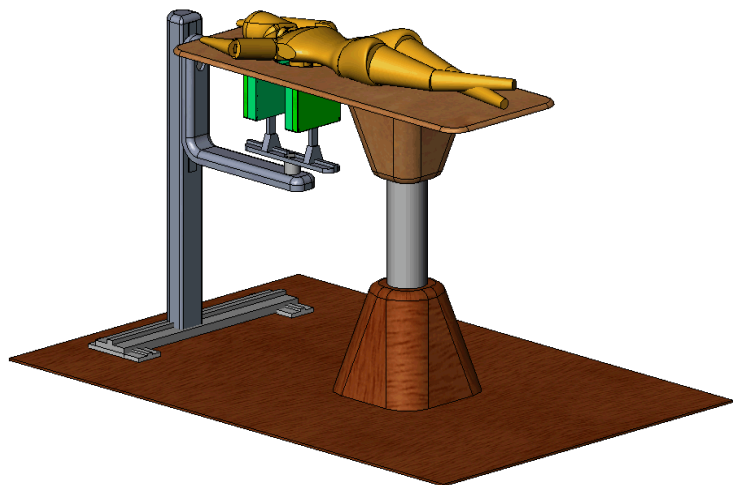
# Crystal Clear Collaboration



- New scintillating materials
  - LuAP, phoswich LuAP-LSO (CERN patent)
  - Other crystals
- New photodetectors (Avalanche PhotoDiodes)
- New low noise electronics
- ✦ New intelligent DAQ systems with pipeline and parallel architectures
- ✦ better simulation GEANT 4
- ✦ better reconstruction algorithms



# CRYSTAL CLEAR Collaboration (PEM)

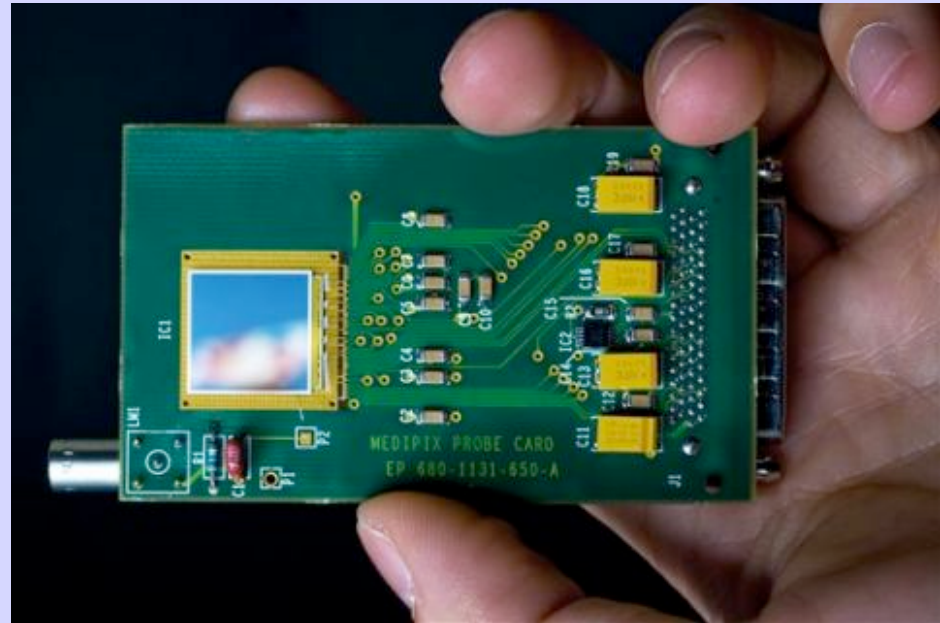


- PET dedicated to breast cancer screening
  - Extremely sensitive to small tumour masses
- Spatial resolution (1-2mm)
- High counting sensitivity
- Short PET exam
- Coupled to ultrasound



# MEDIPIX

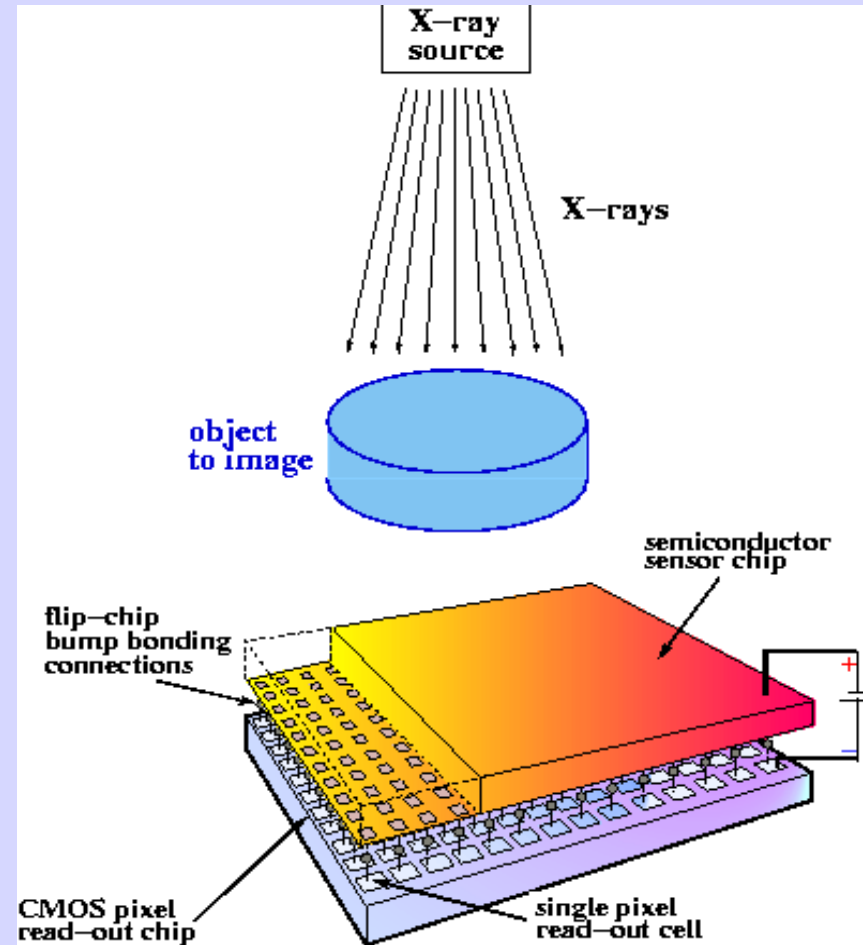
- High Energy Physics original development:
  - Particle track detectors
- Allows counting of single photons in contrast to traditional charge integrating devices like film or CCD
- Main properties:
  - Fully digital device
  - Very high space resolution
  - Very fast photon counting
  - Good conversion efficiency of low energy X-rays





# What is Medipix?

- an electronic chip similar to the electronic imaging chip in a digital camera
  - sensitive to x-rays instead of visible light.
- it can create the first true colour images with x-rays.
  - it permits us to move from black and white x-ray images to full colour x-ray images.
- can be read out very rapidly.
  - allows the use of the chip for colour x-ray digital movies or for fast colour x-ray CT scans



# A changing tide: digital imaging

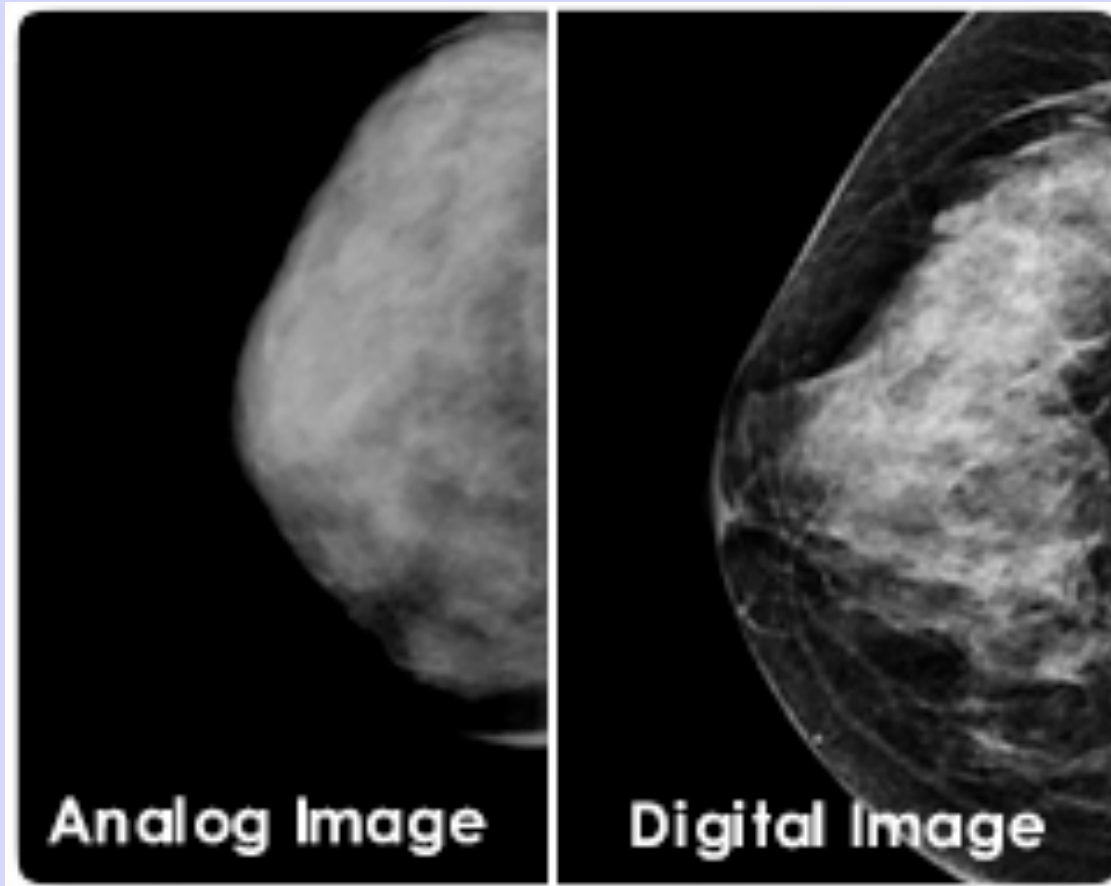
## Current

- Limited contrast
- High dose
  - Restricted screening
  - Limited access to preventive health care

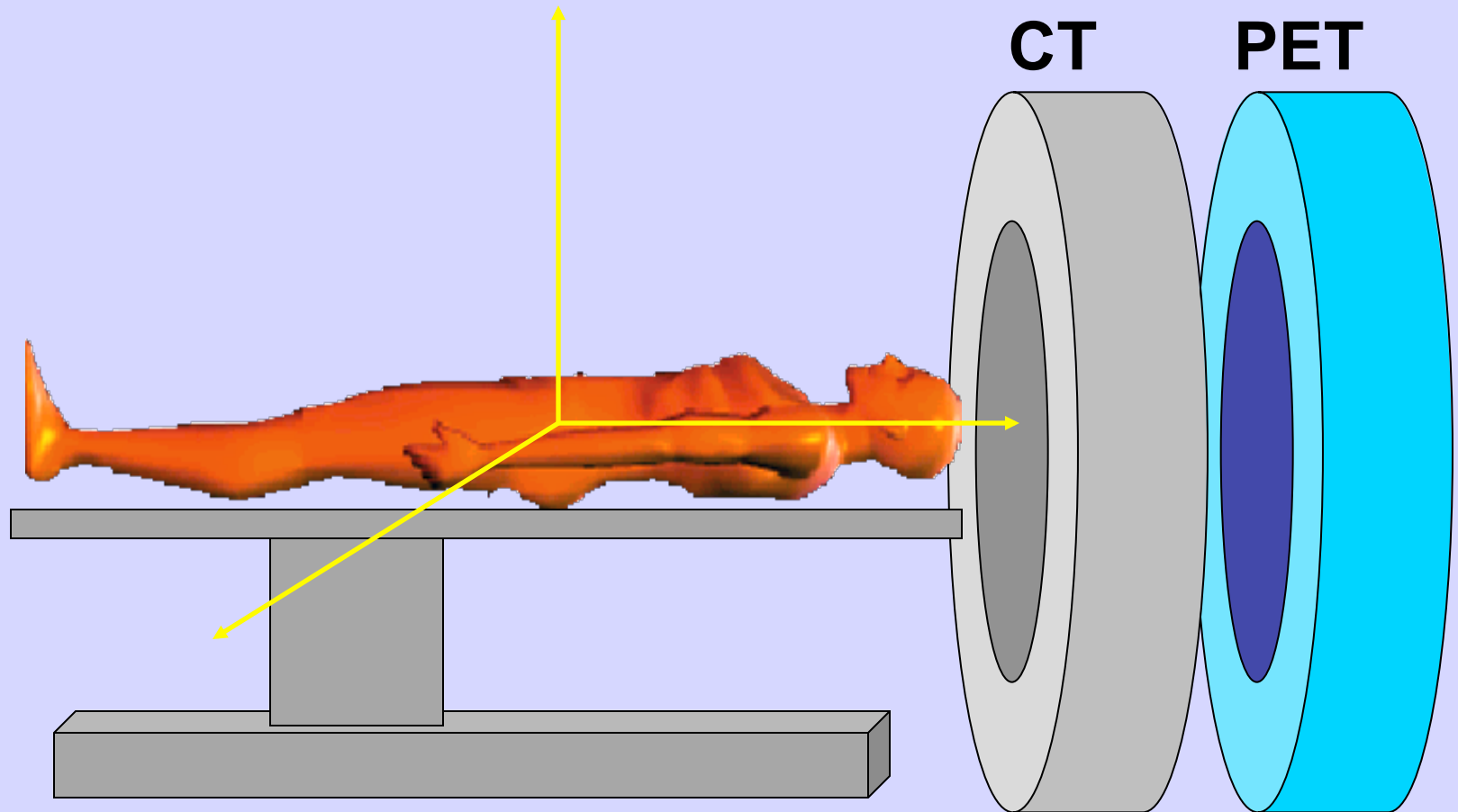
## Digital

- High contrast
- Lower dose
  - Opportunity for screening
  - Access to preventive health care

# Towards digital imaging

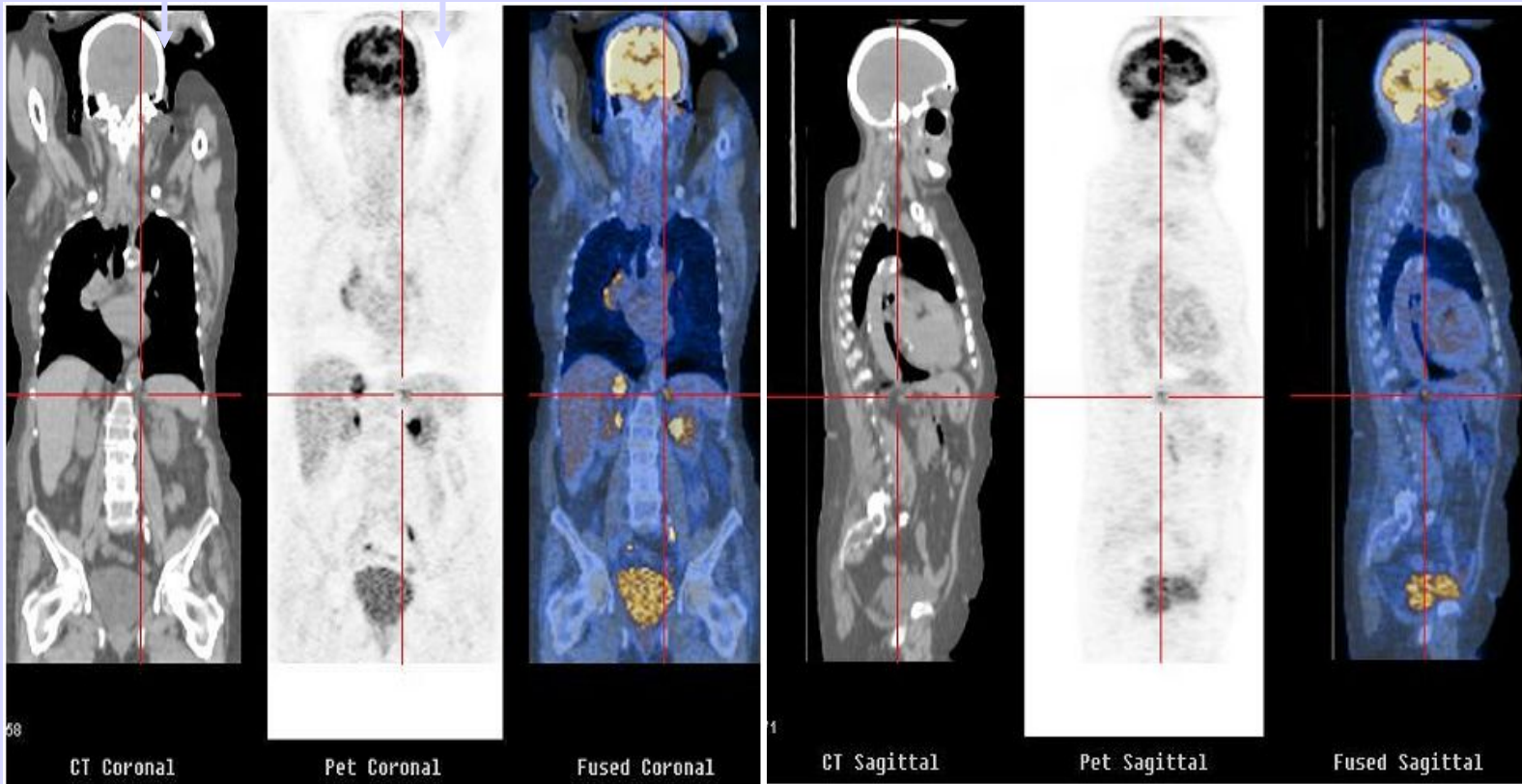


# Towards multimodality imaging (PET-CT - *David Townsend*)

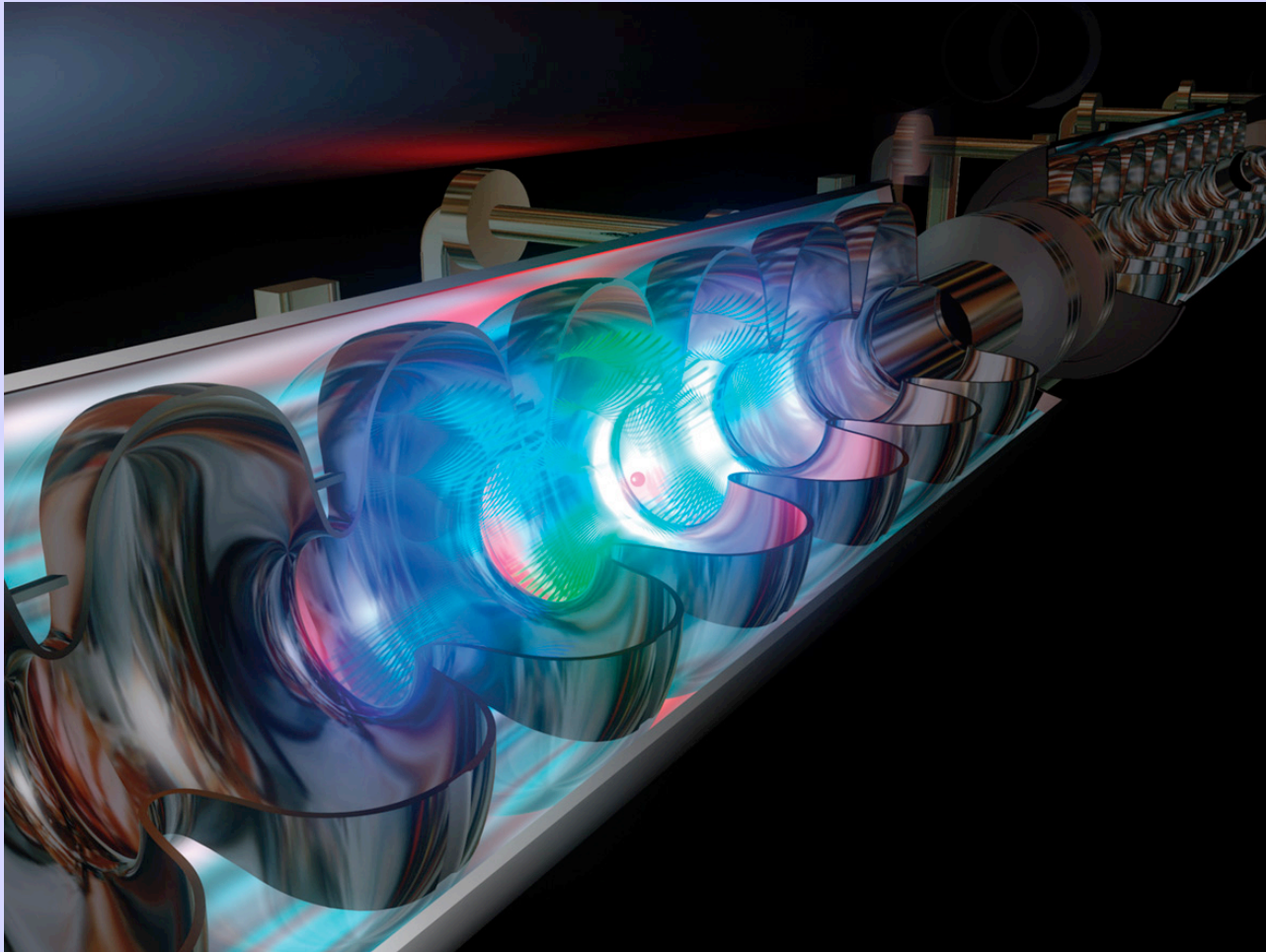


# Multimodality imaging: CT with PET

morphology    metabolism



# Accelerators for cancer treatment

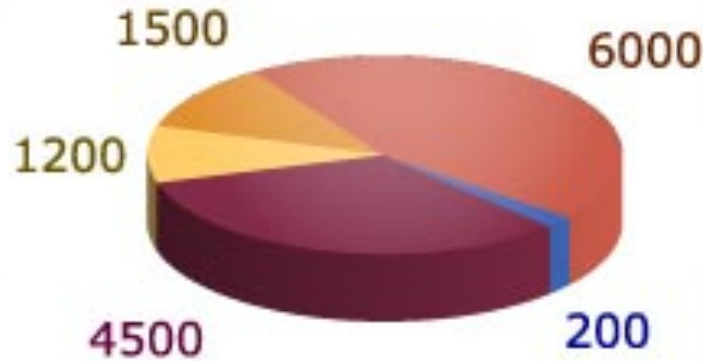


# Use of Accelerators Today

**General industrial use:**  
Sterilisation, imaging

**Research accelerators:**  
Particles, synchrotron light used in biomedical, physics, chemistry, biology, material research

**Radiotherapy:**  
Cancer treatment with X-rays, protons and other particles

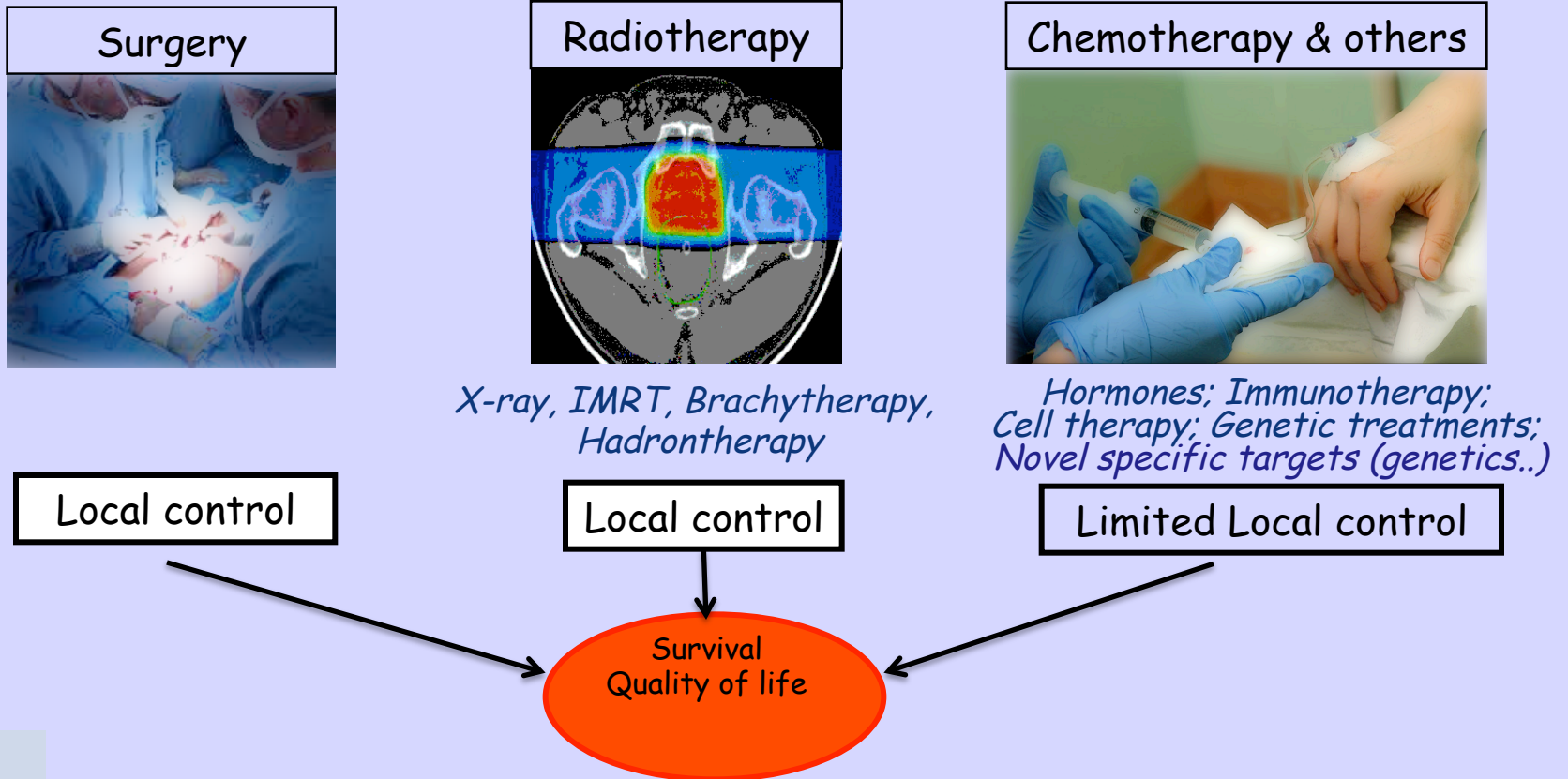


**Ion implantation, surface modifications:**  
Controlled semiconductor doping; Changing properties of surfaces

**Radioisotope production:**  
Cancer treatment; imaging organs for medical use

# Cancer - a growing societal challenge!

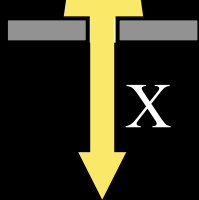
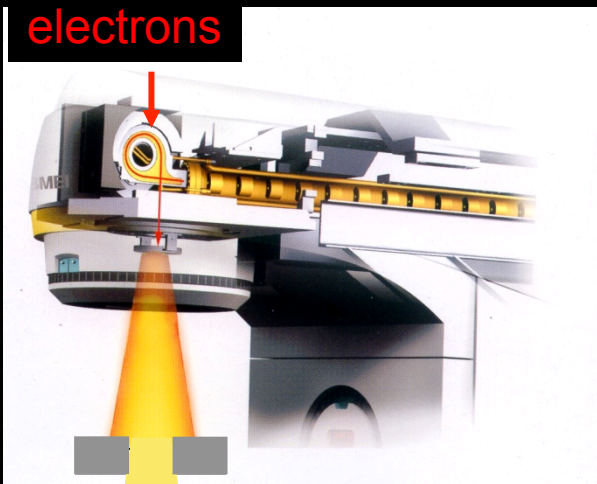
Over 3 million cancer cases in Europe each year



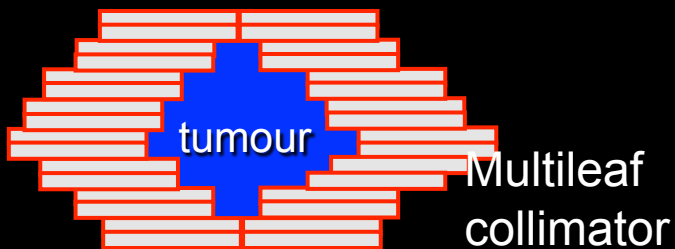


# 'Conventional' radiotherapy: linear accelerators dominate

Courtesy of Elekta



Linac for electrons  
@3 GHz  
5-20 MeV



20 000 patients per year every  
10 million inhabitants

1 linac every <250,000 inhabitants

# Radiotherapy in the 21<sup>st</sup> century

## 3 "Cs" of Radiation

Cure (~ 45% cancer cases are cured)

Conservative (non-invasive, few side effects)

Cheap (~ 5% of total cost of cancer on radiation)

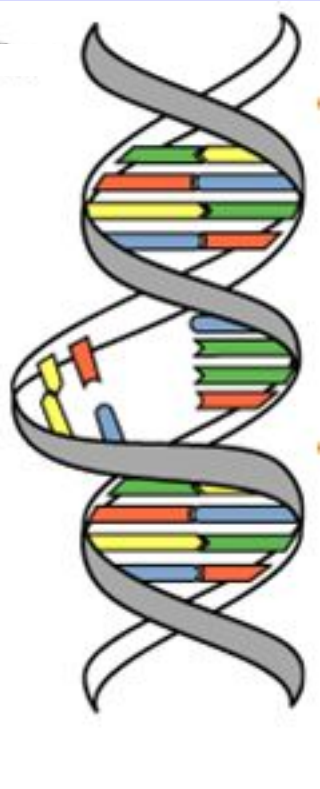
There is no substitute for RT in the near future

The rate of patients treated with RT is increasing

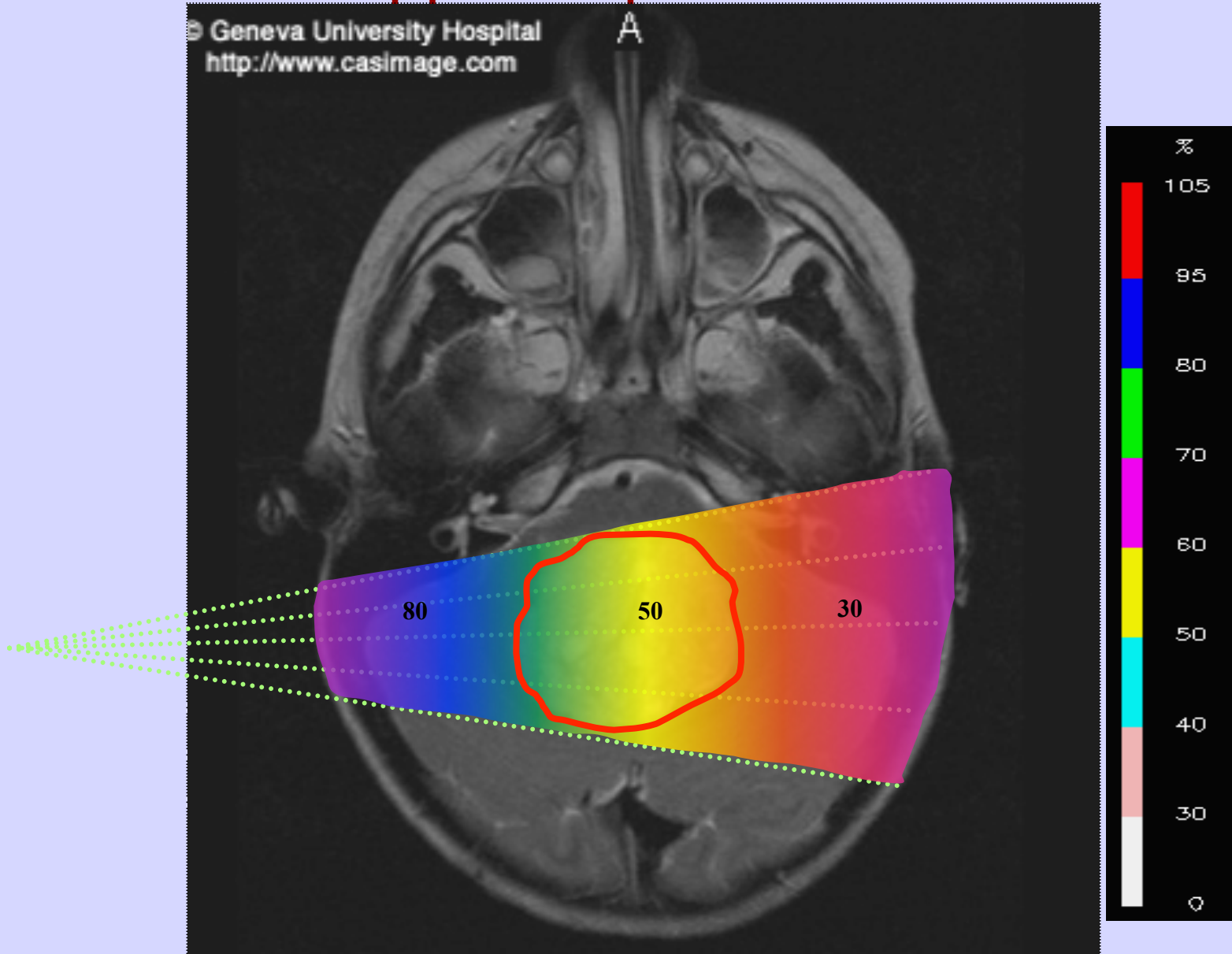
Present Limitation of RT:

~30% of patients treatment fails locally

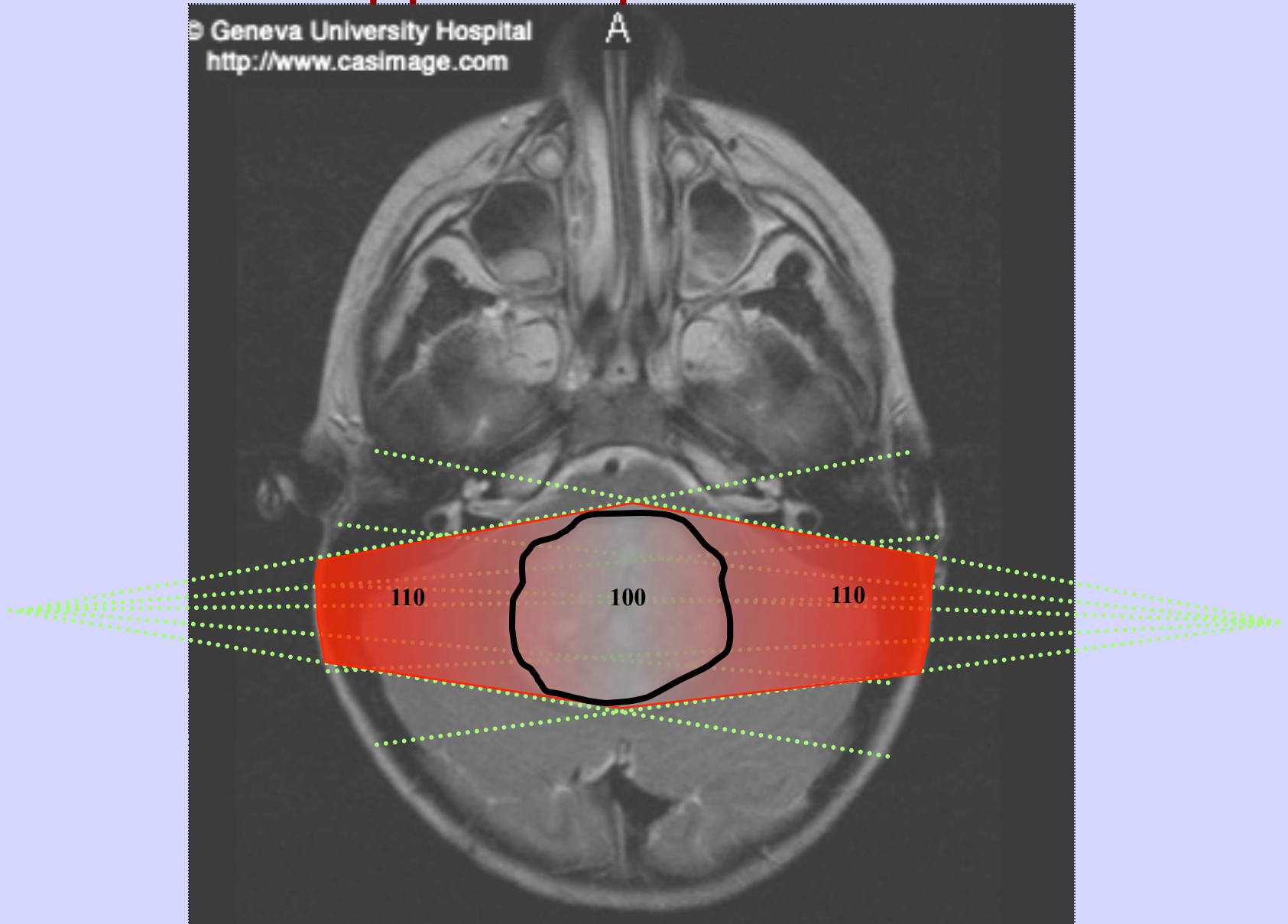
*(J.P.Gérard)*



# Two opposite photon beams



# Two opposite photon beams



# How to decrease failure rate?

- Accelerator technologies to improve treatment: higher dose
- Detectors/imaging: accuracy, multimodality, real-time, organ motion
- Biology: fractionation, radio-resistance, radio-sensitization
- Data: storage, analysis and sharing
- Collaboration in this multidisciplinary field is key

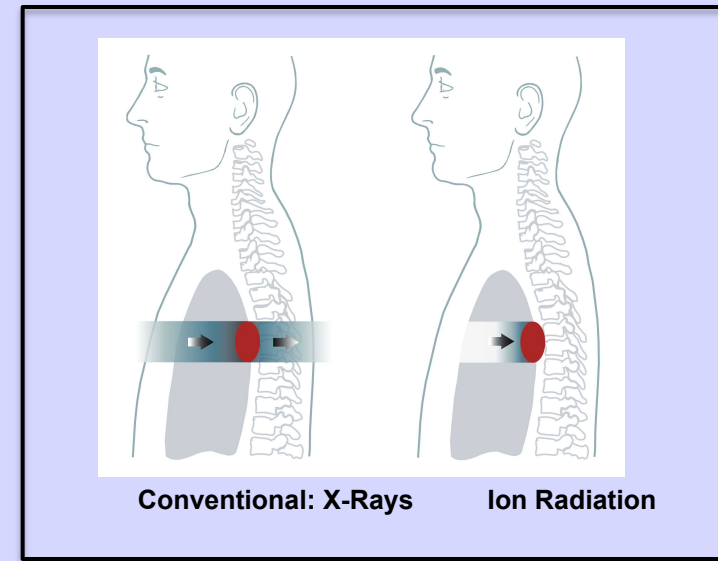
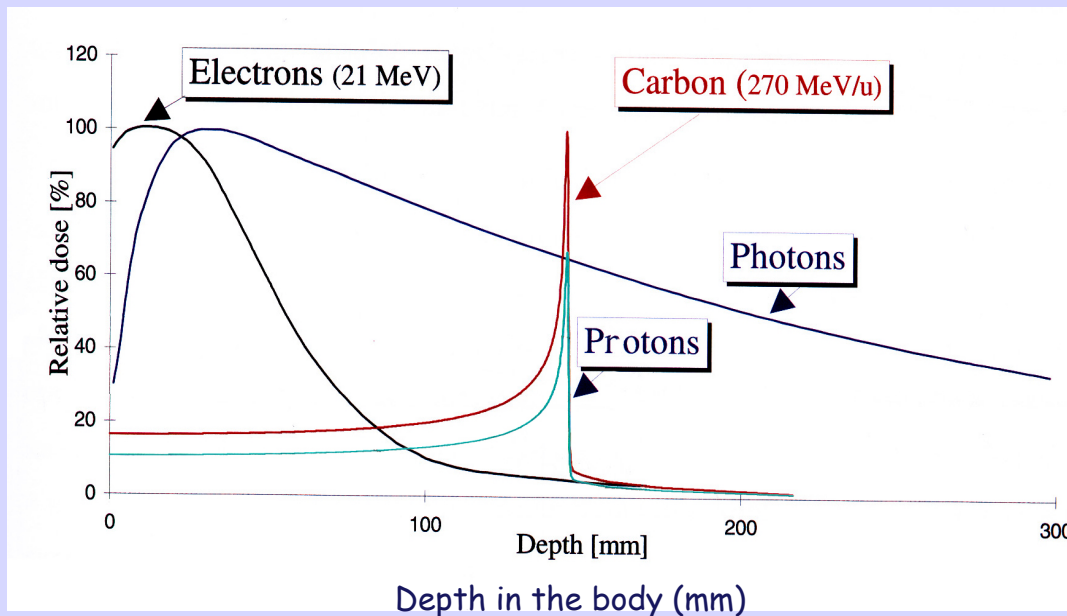
*Raymond Miralbell, HUG*

# Hadrontherapy: all started in 1946

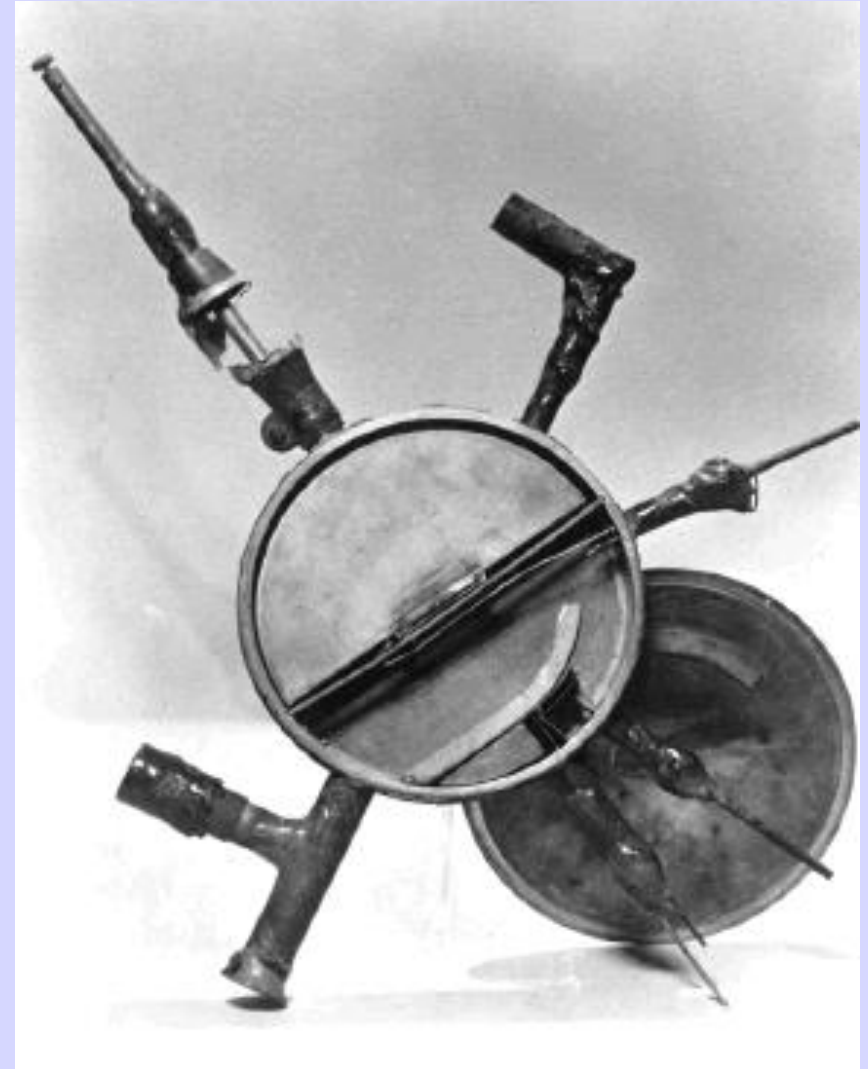
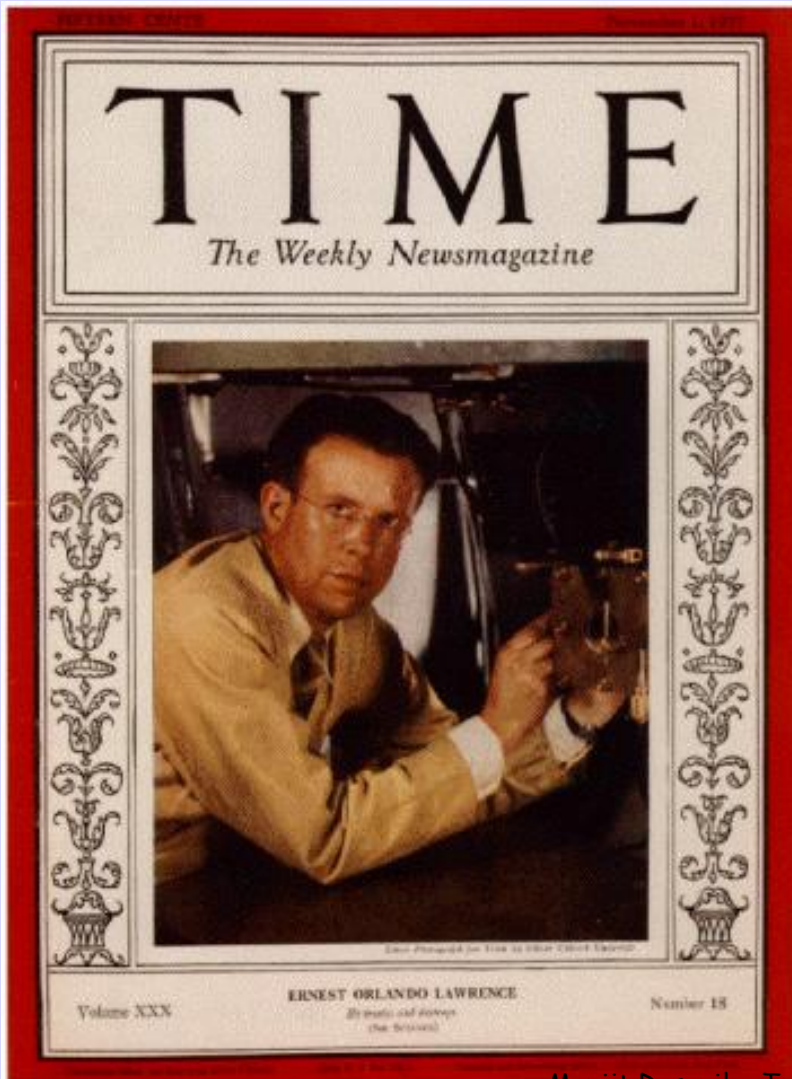
In 1946 Robert Wilson:

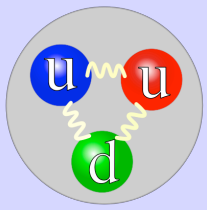
- Protons can be used clinically
- Accelerators are available
- Maximum radiation dose can be placed into the tumour
- Particle therapy provides sparing of normal tissues

- Tumours near critical organs
- Tumours in children
- Radio-resistant tumours



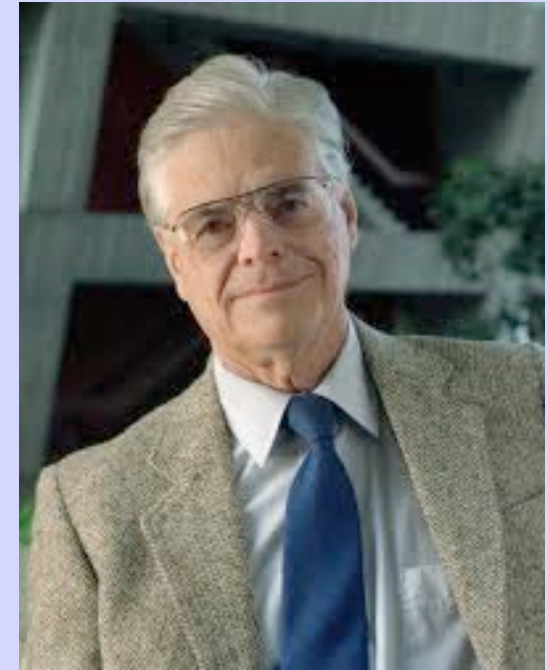
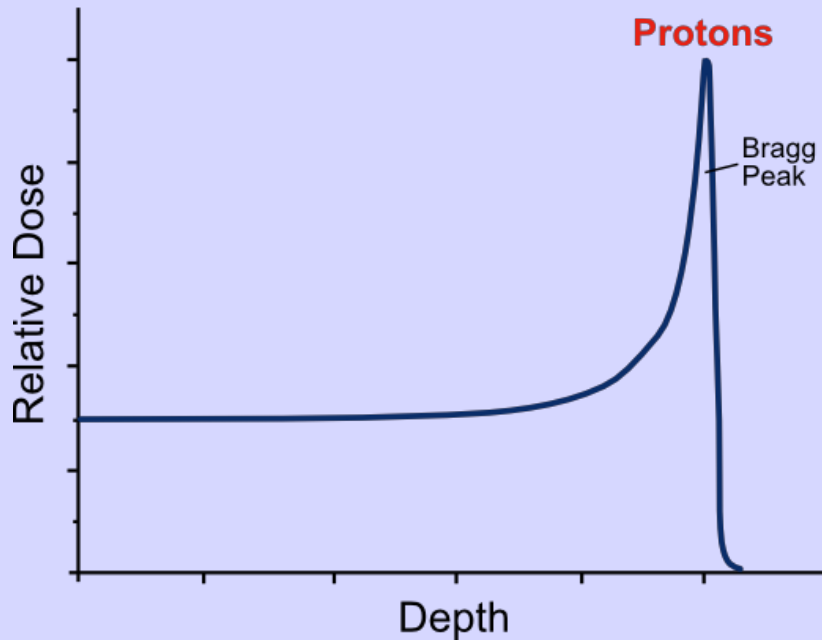
*E. O. Lawrence is awarded Nobel Prize in 1939 for inventing the cyclotron*





# Hadron Therapy

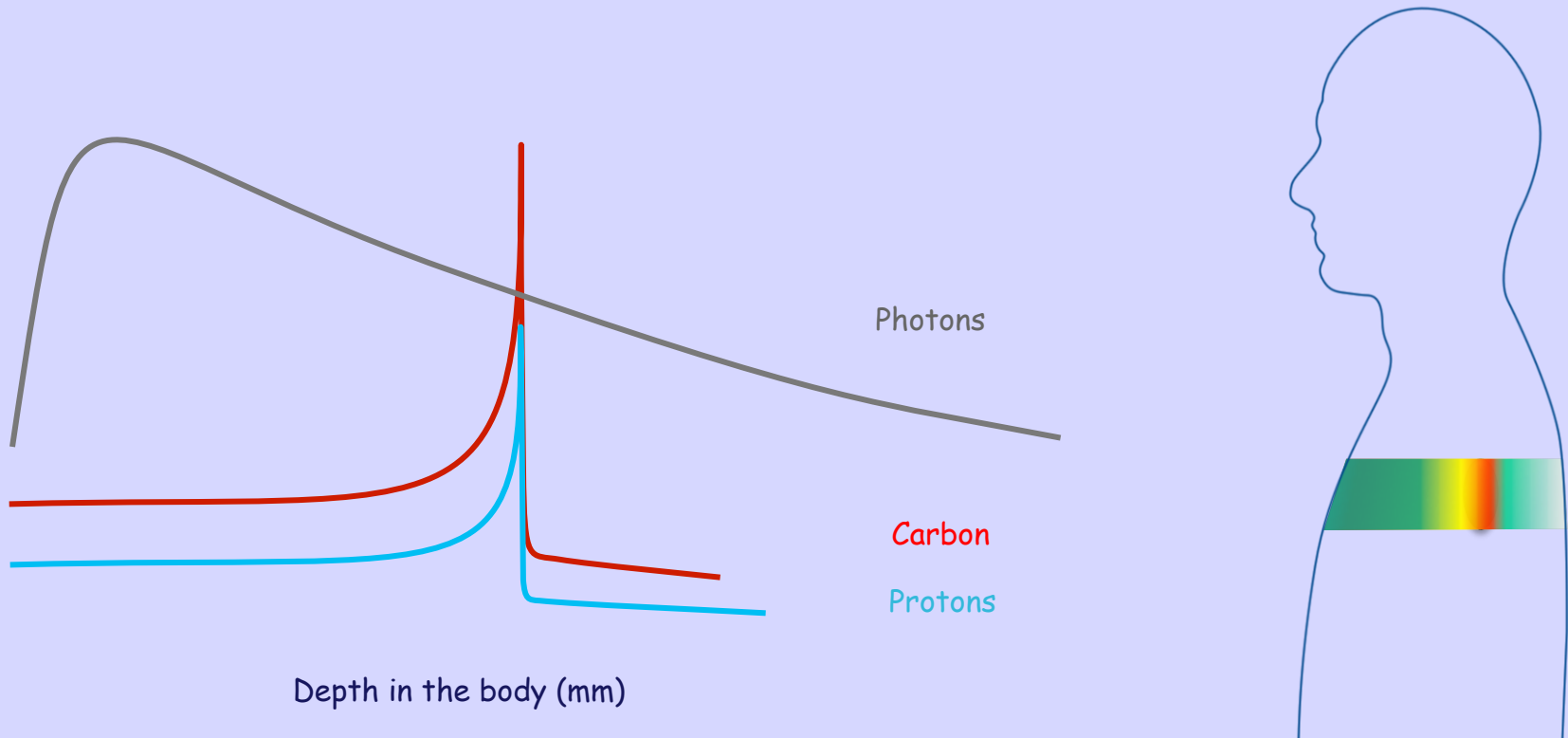
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Protons can be used clinically



Robert Wilson

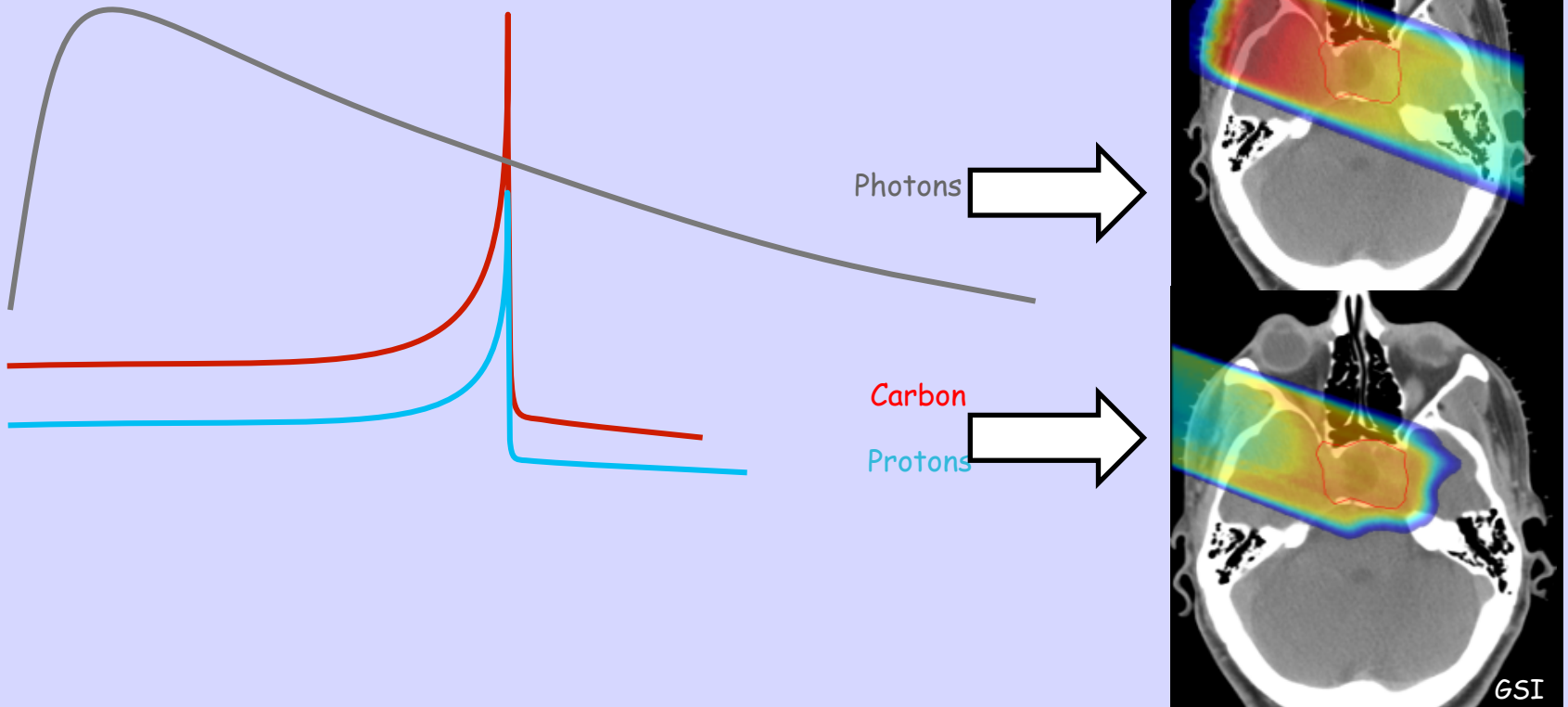


# Why hadron therapy



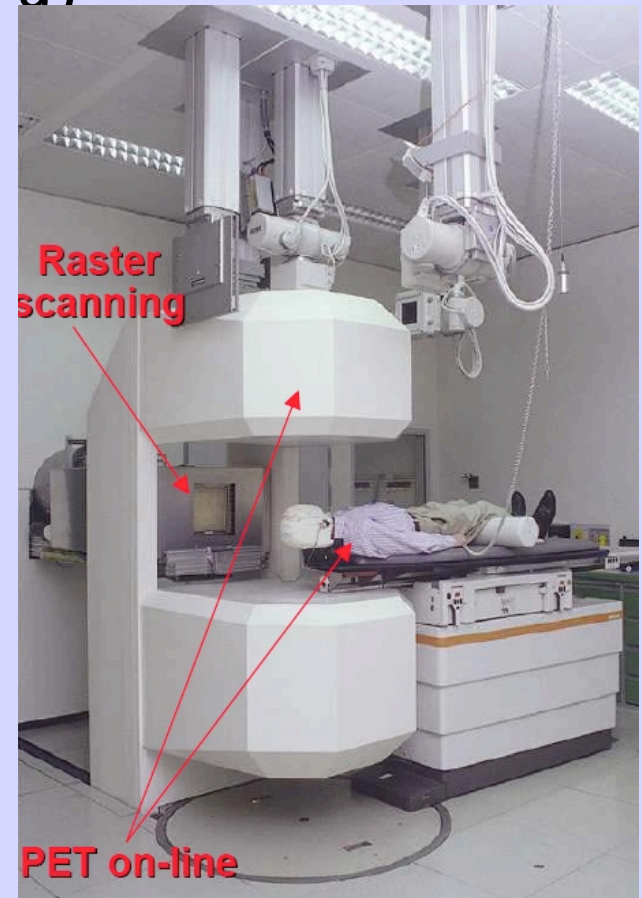
**Tumours near critical organs**  
**Tumours in children**  
**Radio-resistant tumours**

# Photons vs. Hadrons

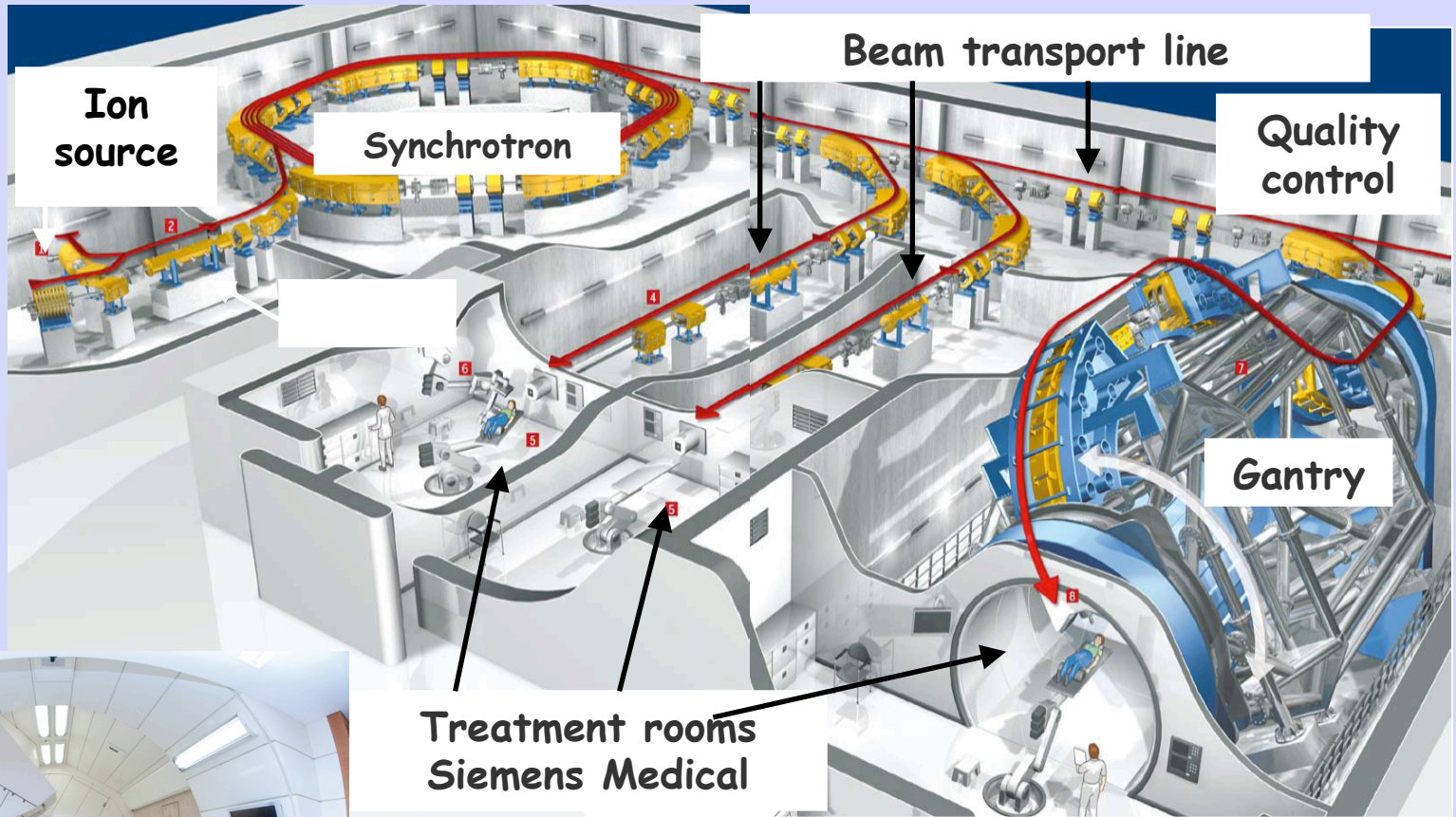


# Carbon ions: pilot project in Europe

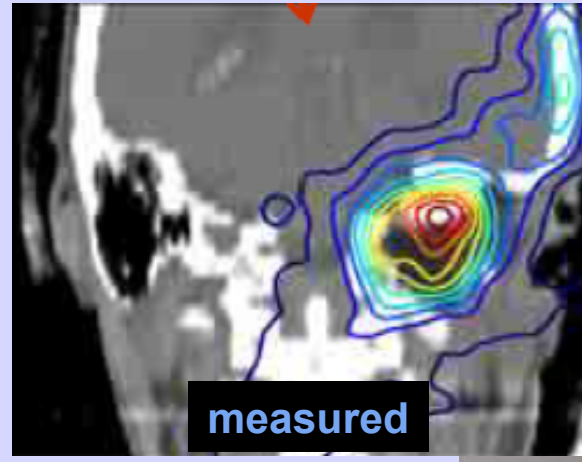
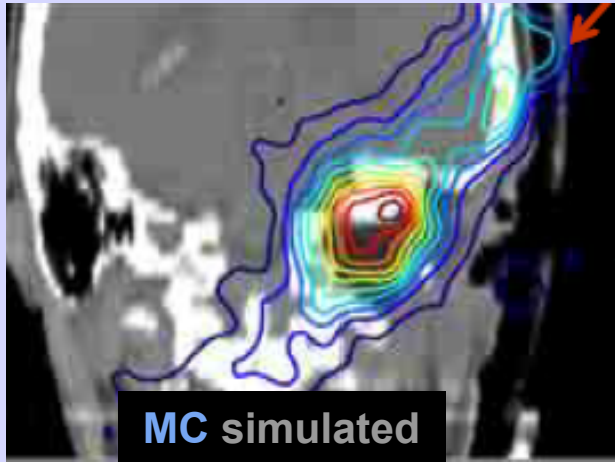
- GSI - Darmstadt (1997 - 2008)
- G. Kraft (GSI) & J. Debus (Heidelberg)
  - 450 patients treated with carbon ions



# HIT - Heidelberg



# Real time monitoring



On-line determination of the dose delivered  
First time in 110 years!

Modelling of beta<sup>+</sup> emitters:

Cross section

Fragmentation cross section

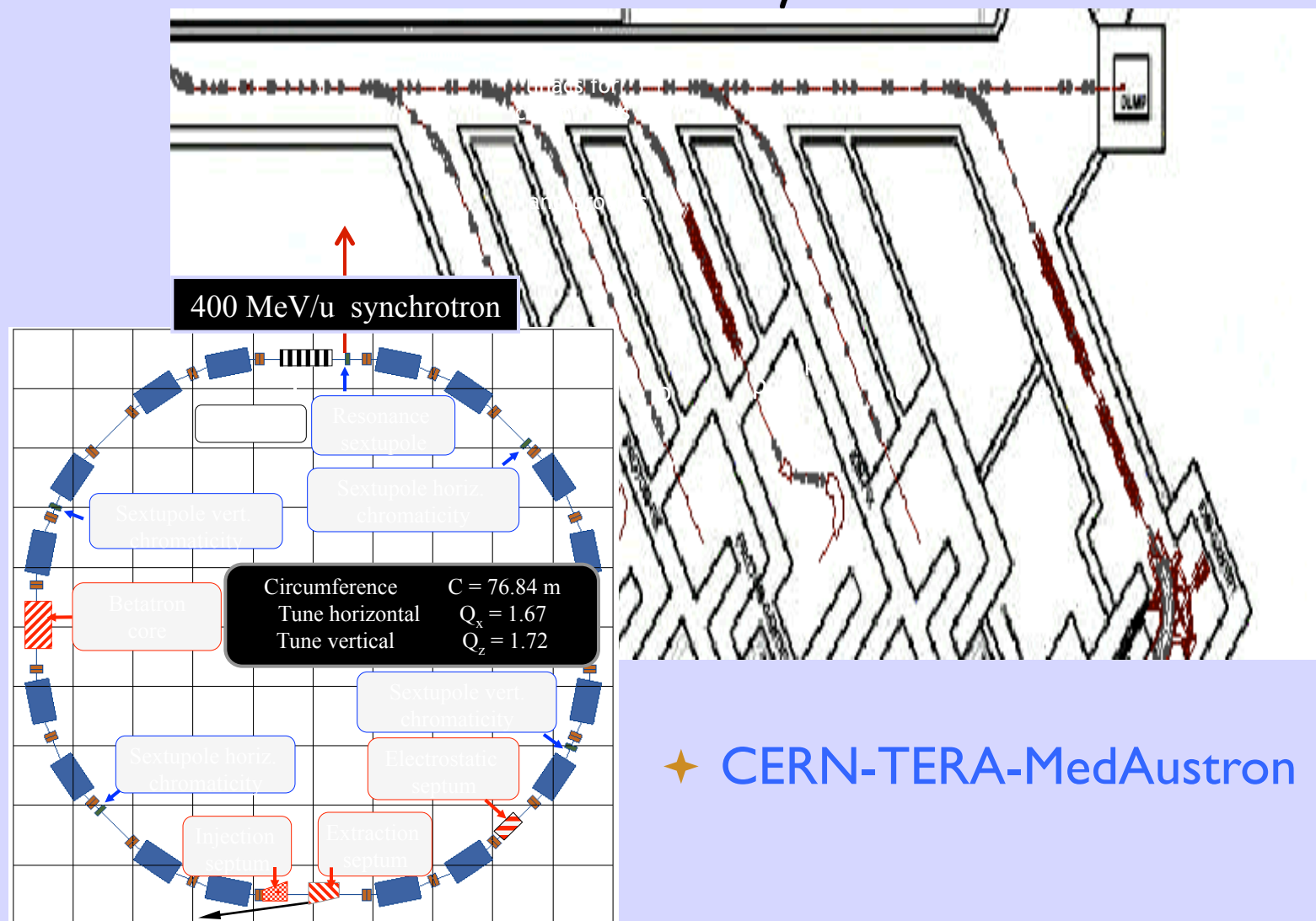
Prompt photon imaging

Advance Monte Carlo codes



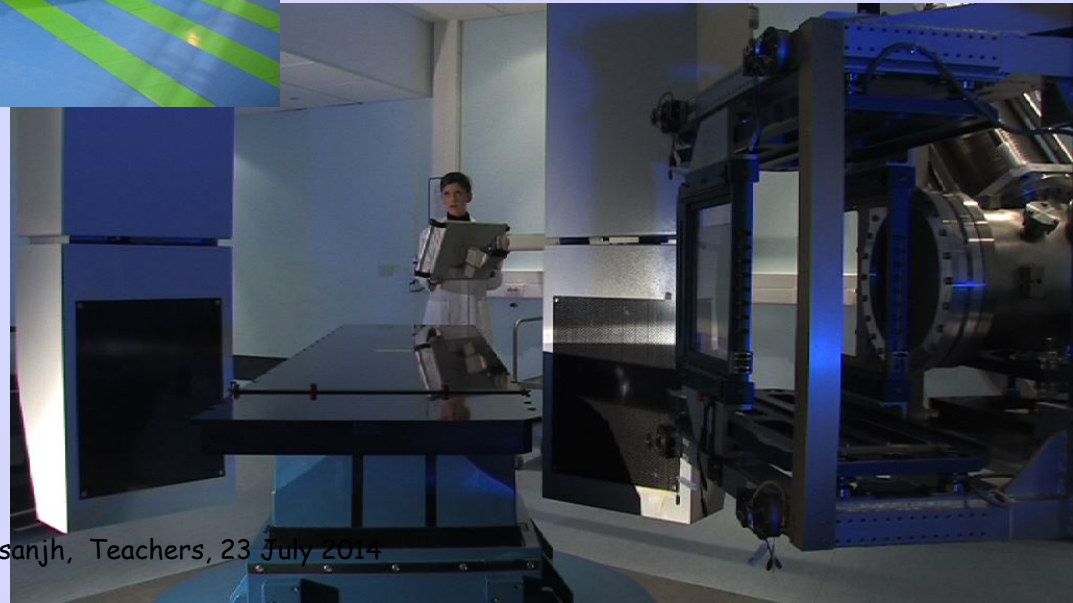
# PIMMS at CERN (1996-2000)

- Proton Ion Medical Machine Study

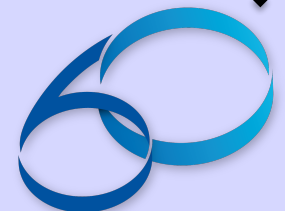
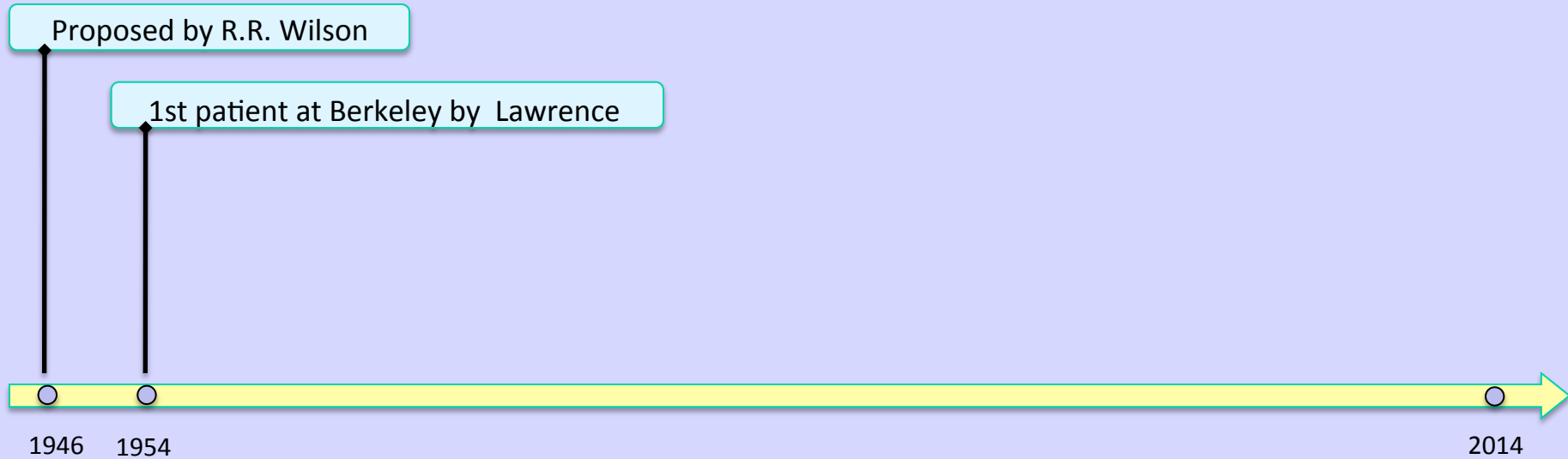


✦ CERN-TERA-MedAustron

# CNAO - Italy (Pavia)

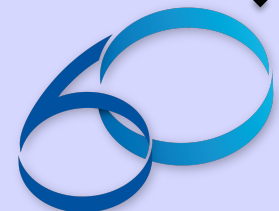
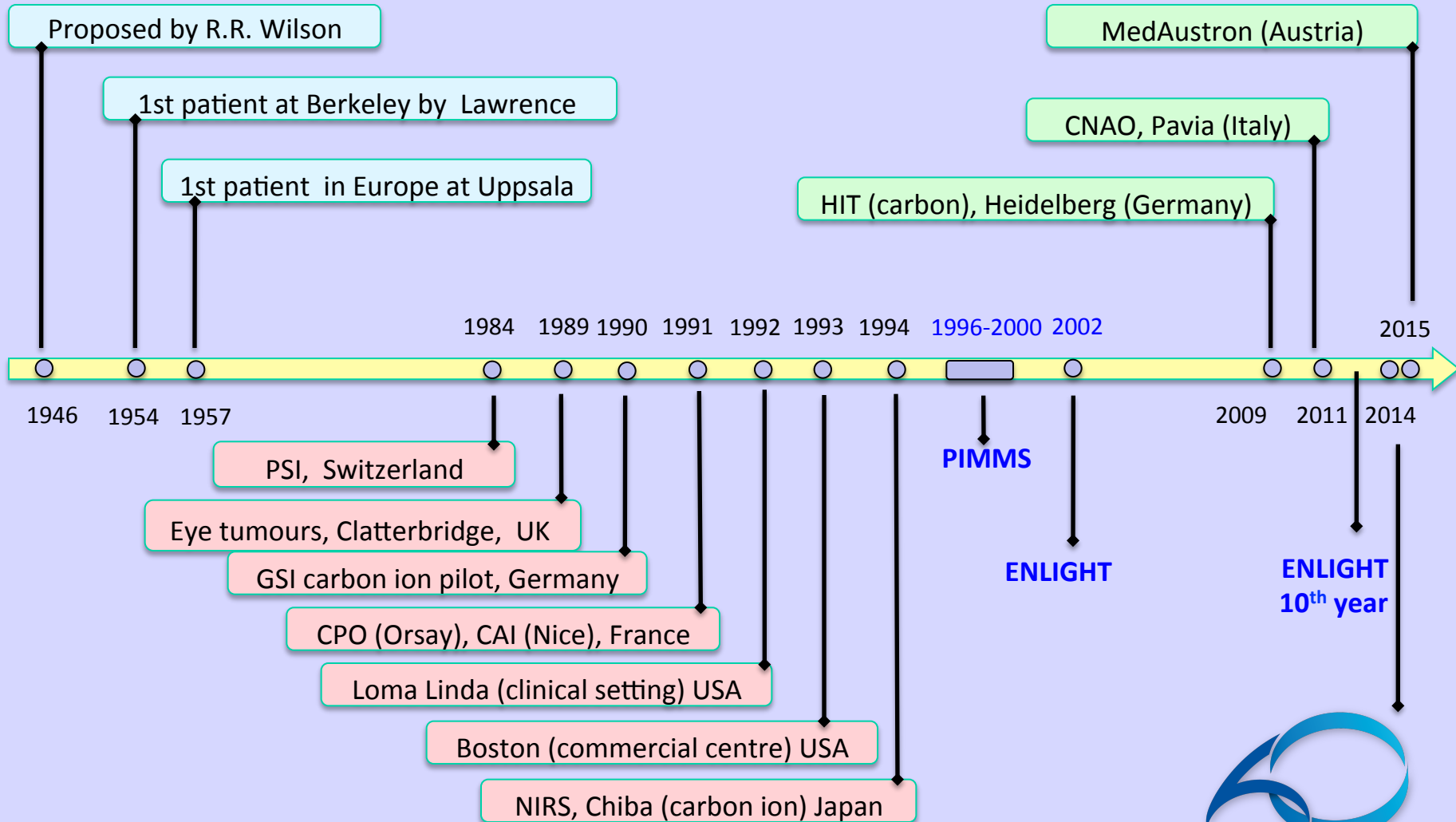


# Hadrontherapy Timeline



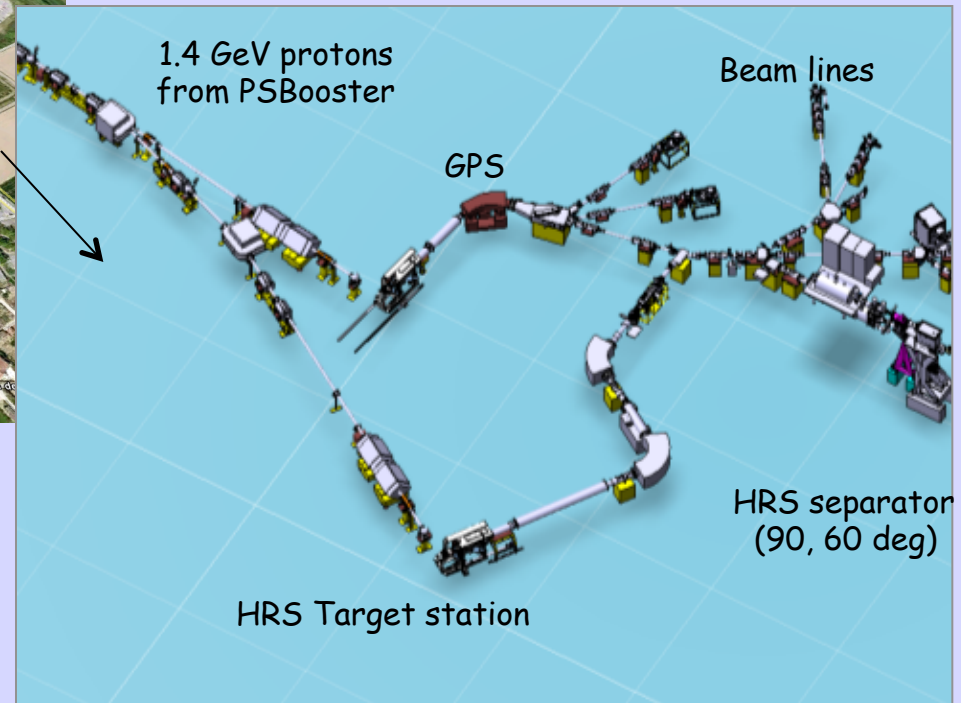
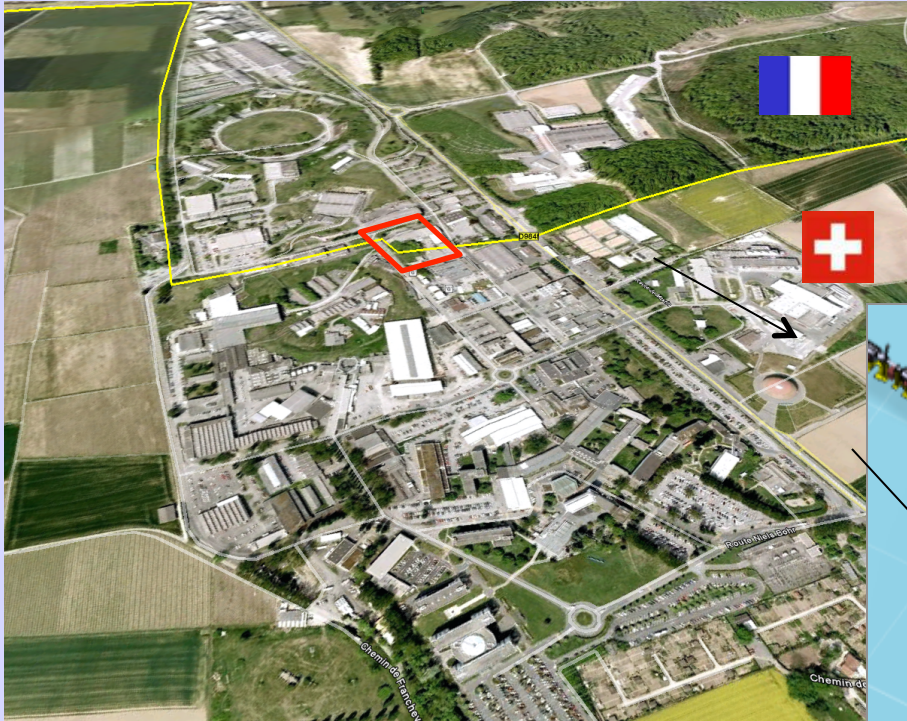


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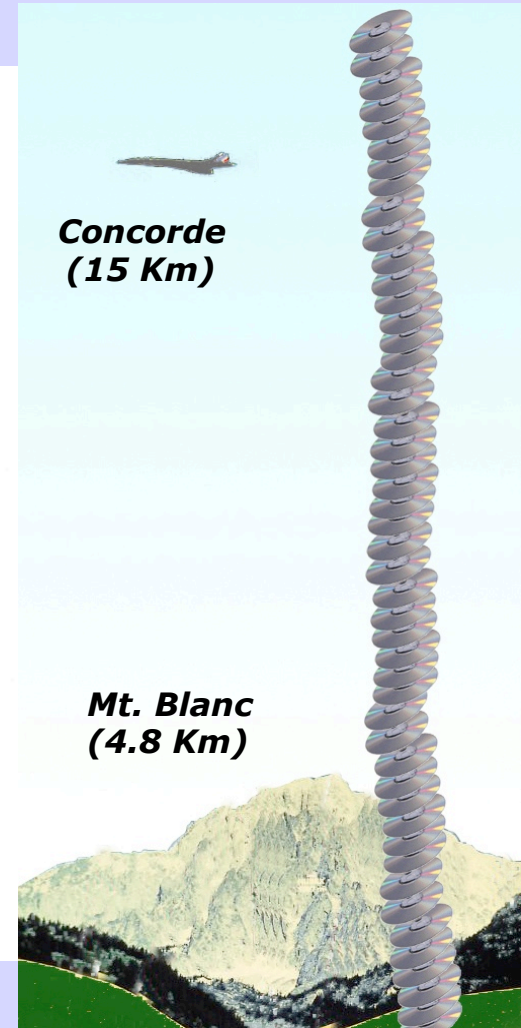
# ISOLDE

isotopes for detection & treatment



In collaboration with  
University Hospital Geneva

# Computing for medical applications

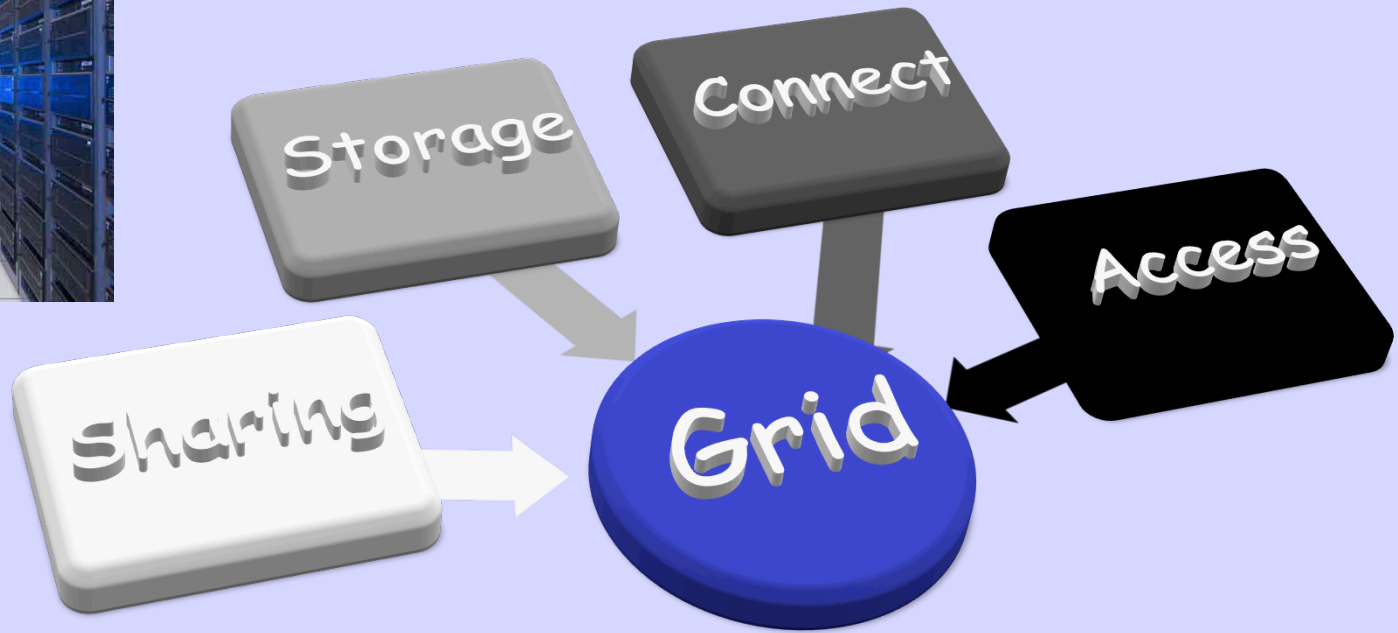


# www and grid

- WWW: sharing information
- GRID: sharing computing power



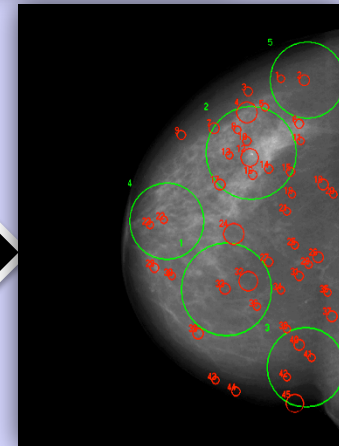
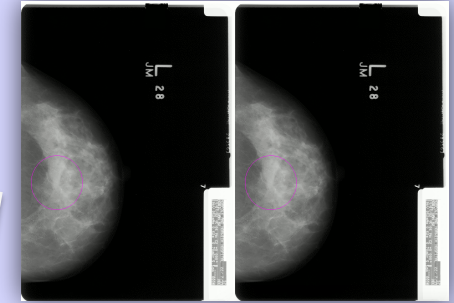
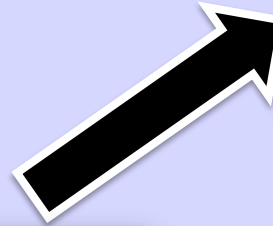
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Data and Resources

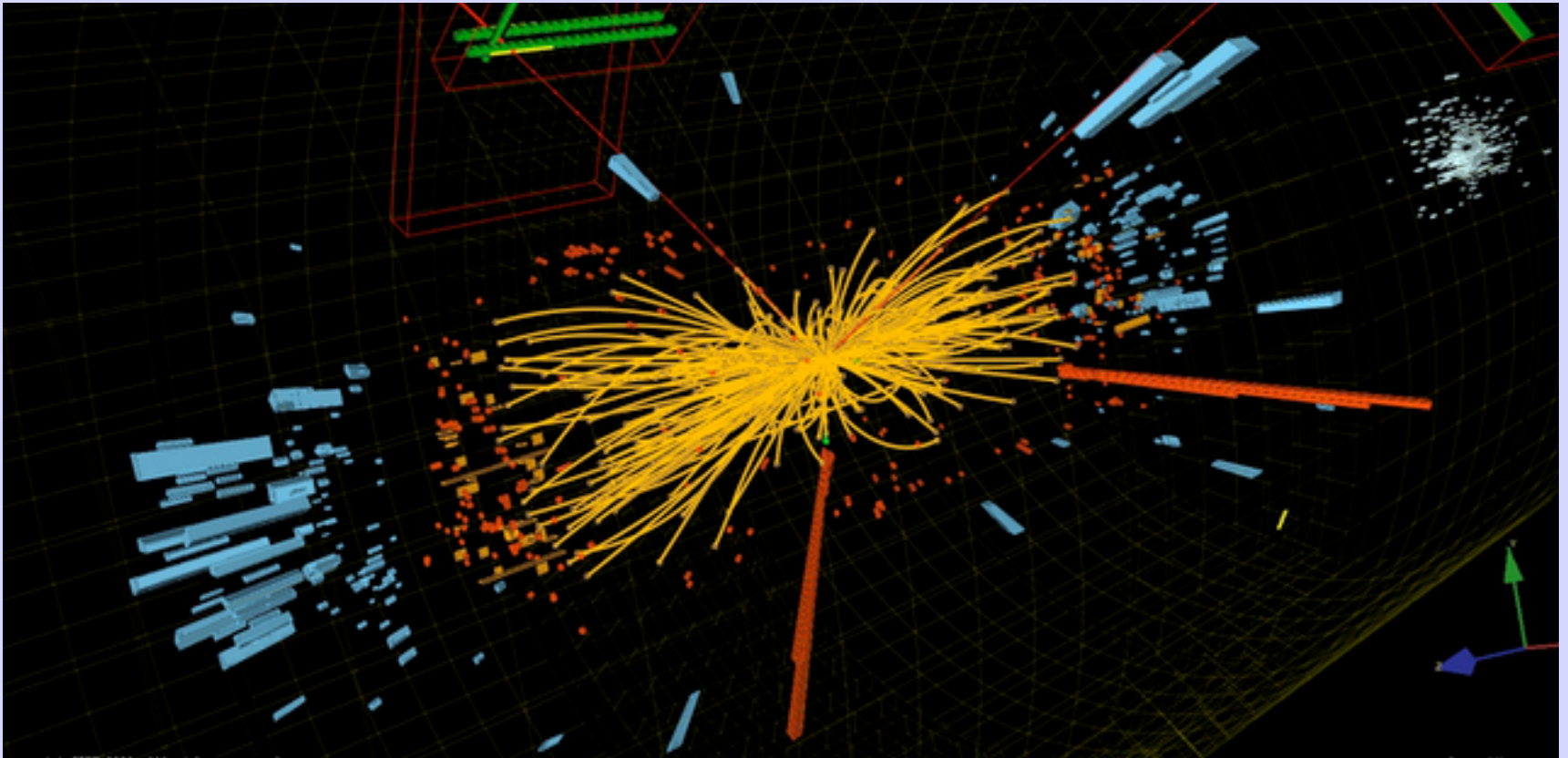
# Mammogrid - a grid mammography database

- Second Opinion
- Cancer Screening
- Education and Training
- Reference Database / Repository

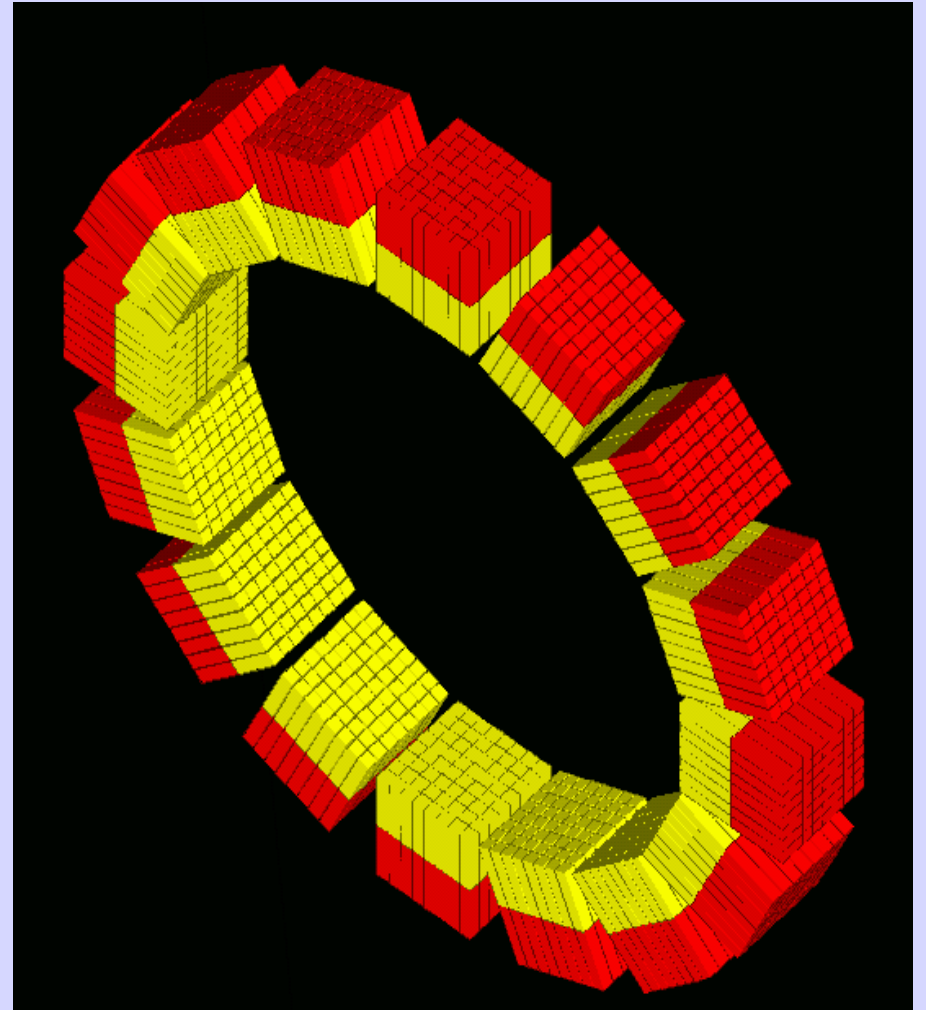
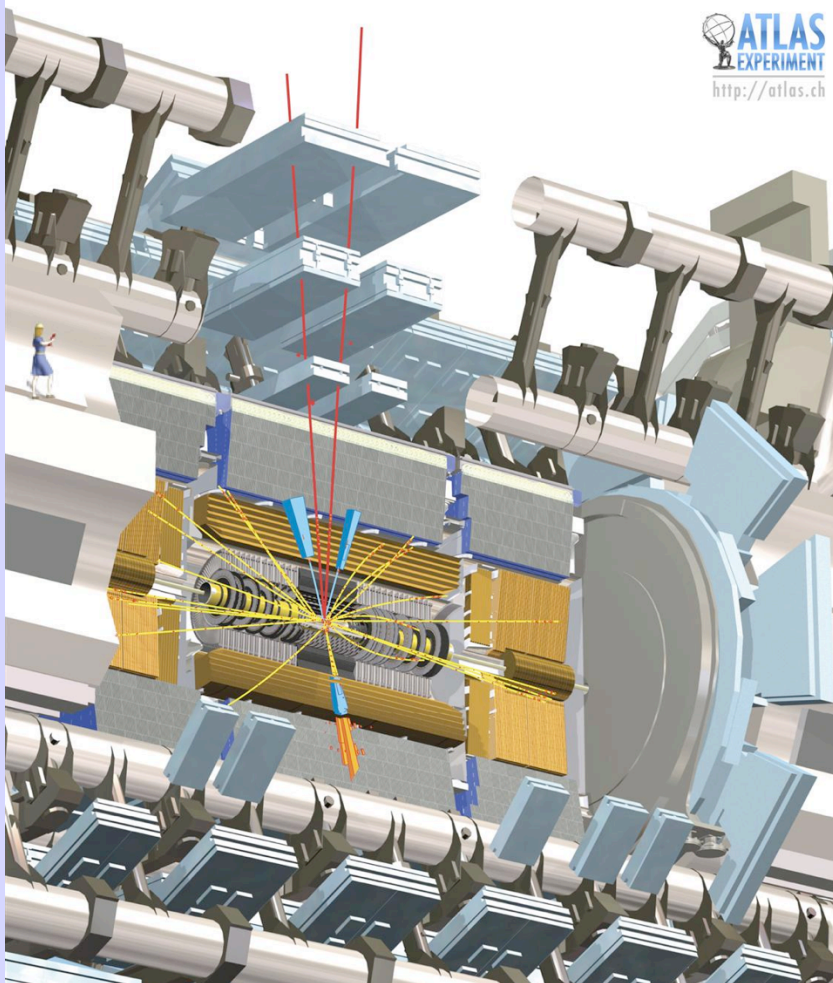


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