

# Proton Therapy and Research at the Bronowice Cyclotron Centre IFJ PAN

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# National Consortium of Hadron Radiotherapy, NCRH

## Application for funding

Poland joined European Union on May 1, 2004.

In 2007 -2013 **1.3 billion €** for infrastructure in science and technology from Structural Funds of EU

### National Consortium of Hadron Radiotherapy

15 institutions (universities, oncology clinics, medical universities) since 2006

#### IFJ PAN proposal :

- Modern 230-250 MeV cyclotron
- New eye treatment room
- Experimental room for physics and radiobiology
- Gantry with active Pencil Beam Scanning (PBS)

#### International consultations:

- H. Nystrom (Uppsala)
- J. Farr (Essen)
- A. Mazal (Orsay)



# Time schedule of the NCRH-CCB project and Gantry project



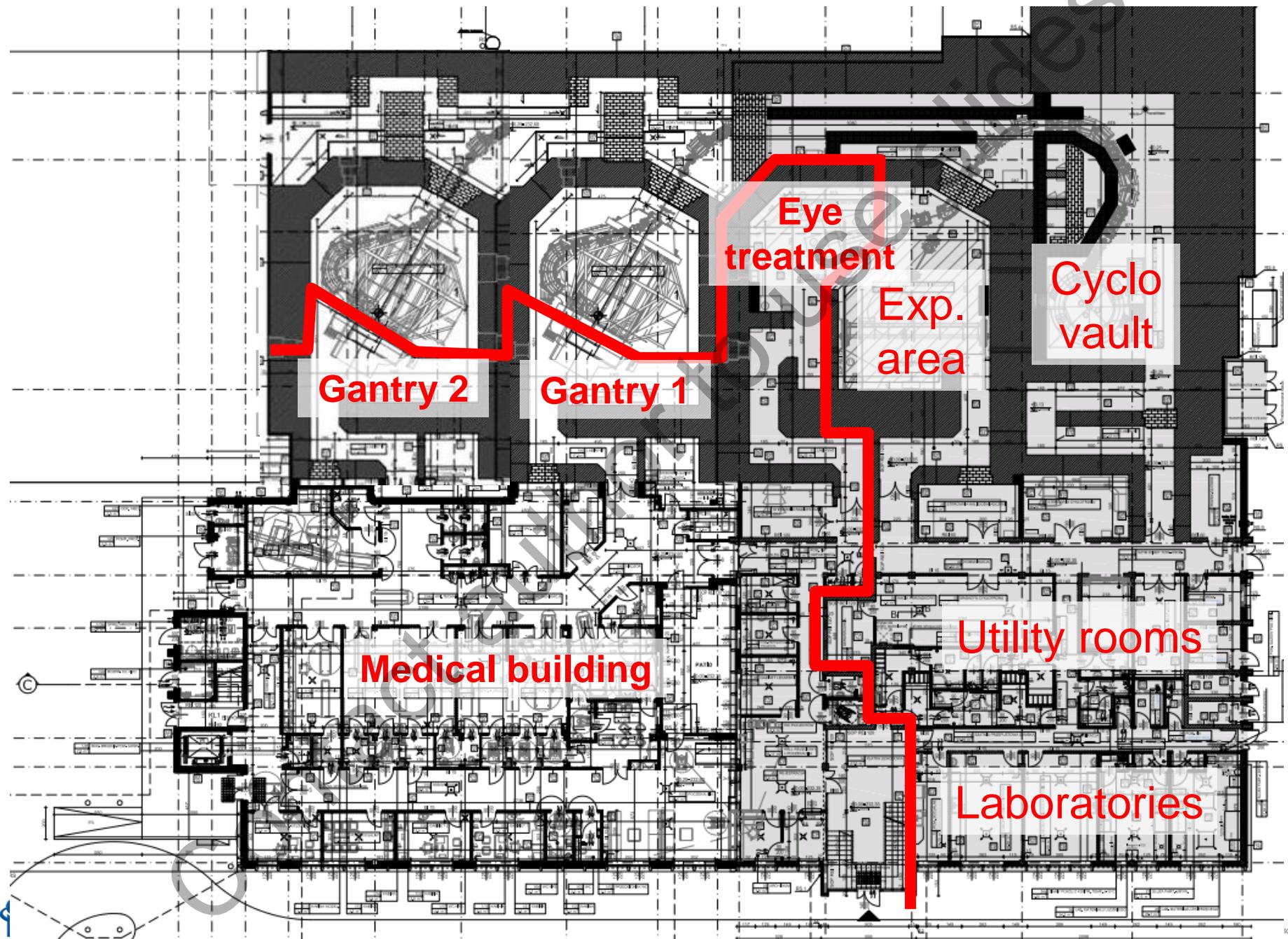
## Cyclotron project: 30 M€

- signing the contract 08.2010
- start of the construction 03.2011
- installation of the cyclotron 05.2012
- starts of experiments 01.2013

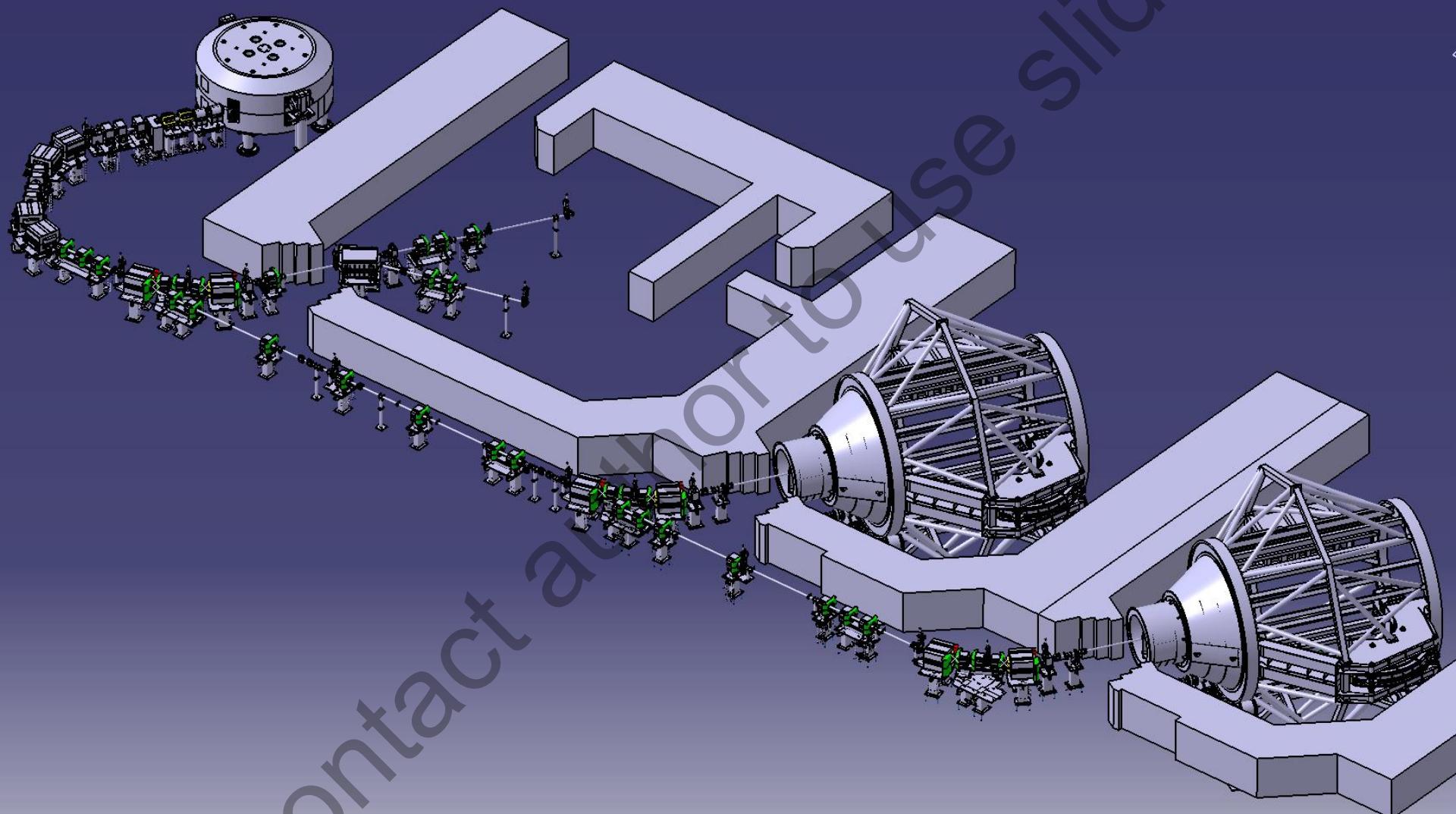
## Gantry project: 30 M€

- gantry 1 operational 06.2014
- gantry 2 operational 06.2015
- end of the contract 09.2015

# General layout NCRH



# Beam lines at NCRH-CCB



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C-235 Proteus produced by Ion Beam Applications S.A. (IBA), Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium

energy selector : 70 MeV – 230 MeV

Current : 500 nA

time to change energy by 10 MeV: < 1 s

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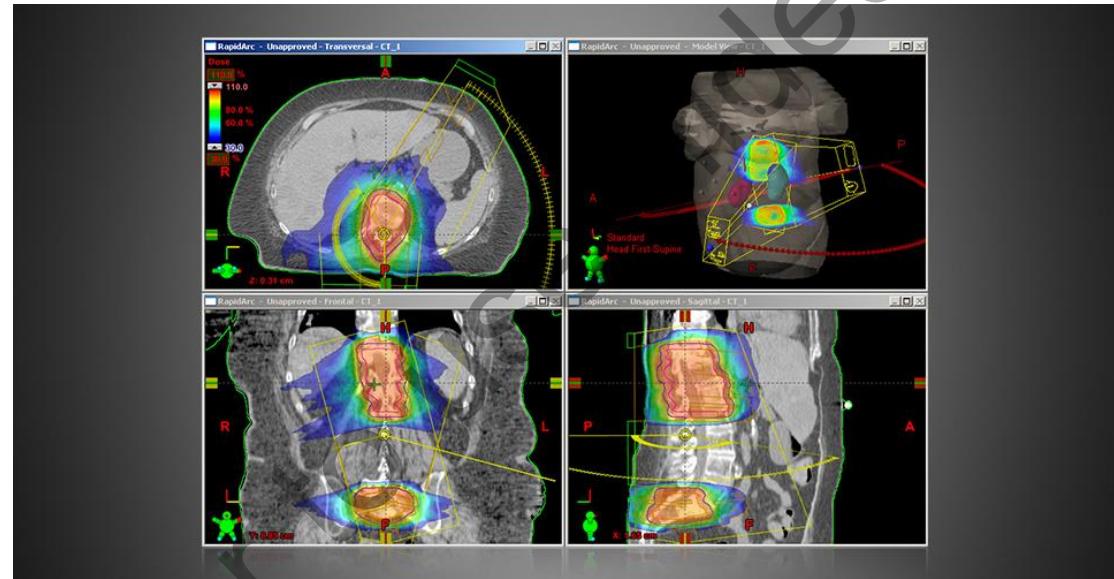
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- dedicated IBA gantry (Pencil Beam Scanning)
- 360 degrees
- 2 spot sizes  $1 \sigma = 2.7 \text{ mm}$  and  $4 \text{ mm}$  (at 230 MeV)
- irradiat. 1 liter volume to  $2\text{Gy}$  in less than 90 s
- max. field  $30 \text{ cm} \times 40 \text{ cm}$
- robotic treatment table, 6 degrees of freedom
- orthogonal kV X-rays positioning
- Vision RT optical positioning
- gating
- anesthetic arm

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- Eclipse Protons for PBS v. 13 (Varian)
- Eclipse Ocular Proton Planning EOPP v. 8.9
- ARIA Oncology Information System (Varian)
- Machine centric OIS/TPS integrated solution
- Cytrix remote access for collaborating partners



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- Siemens Somatom Definition AS Open
- Wide bore 80 cm
- 64 slices
- Qfix kVue CT overlay
- Metal Artifact Reduction
- Single Source Dual Energy
- Care Dose 4D

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Tools dedicated to proton therapy:

- Blue Phantom
- MatriXX Ion Chamber Array (2-D dosimetry)
- DigiPhant PT
- Lynx scintillation system (2-D dosimetry)
- Giraffe (Bragg peak measurement)

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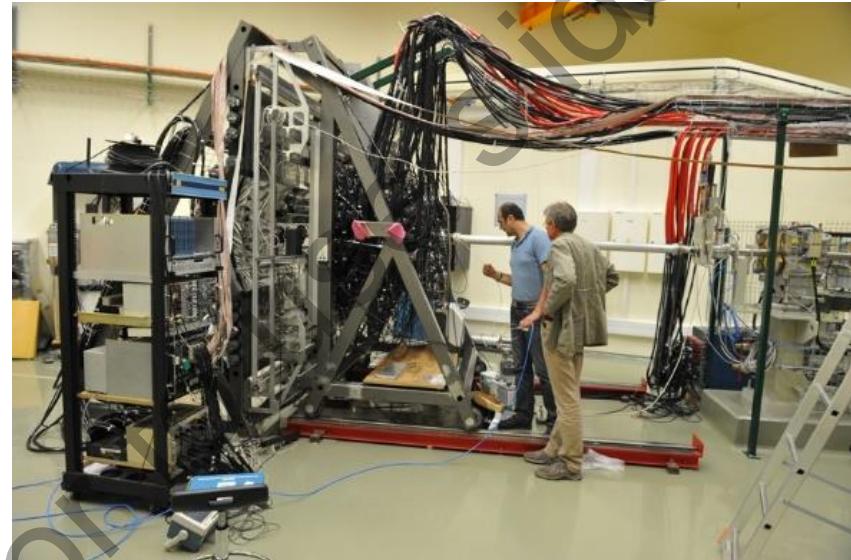
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- developed by group of J. Swakon (IFJ)
- no limitation of energy (range)
- isocentric treatment chair (HEPHA BFI, France)
- CE marking in collaboration with IBA

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- nuclear physics (Prof. A. Maj)
- radiobiology: RBE of protons
- tests of electronics for space flights
- detector testing

International Advisory Committee evaluates proposals for experiments

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1. Integrated Raman-AFM system
2. NanoIR system
3. Vacuum FTIR spectrometer with microscope, FPA detector and bolometer
4. Independent fast imaging IR microscope
5. Atomic force microscope integrated with a fluorescent microscope
6. System for automatic analysis of chromosome aberrations
7. RT-PCR system for real-time testing of DNA sequence
8. UV-VIS Spectrometer - plate reader

# *Our staff*

- Cyclotron service and operation by our own staff
  - Beam physicists
  - Cyclotron engineers
  - IT personnel
  - Medical physicists
  - Dosimetrists
  - QA specialists



# Our main clinical partners



Adults

**Center of Oncology**  
Prof. B. Sas-Korczyńska  
5.5 km from IFJ PAN

Eyes

**University Hospital**  
Prof. B. Romanowska-Dixon  
7 km from IFJ PAN

Children

**Children University Hospital**  
Dr. K. Małecki  
30 km by highway

Proton therapy facility

**IFJ PAN – NCRH CCB**



# Italy- Poland – Austria - Czech – Sweden (IPACS) collaboration

In Europe many new PT centers start to treat patients using IMPT

## Goal:

- harmonization of the modern proton therapy in order to rapidly increase the scientific evidence level for PT compared to modern conventional treatment techniques.

## Collaboration:

- to standardize principles of treatment planning
- to develop common treatment protocols
- to perform planning exercises for different tumors



31.10.2014 The 2nd PACS meeting in Kraków

Thomas Björk-Eriksson.... Skandion Klinik  
Jiri Kubes .....Prague. PTC  
Ramona Mayer.....MED Austron  
Pawel Olko.....IFJ Kraków  
Beata Sas-Korczyńska.....COOK Krakow

# Operation of CCB-NCRH

- 230 MeV cyclotron is used for research since January 2013
- The medical part of the center will be fully operational in October 2015
- The first patient on the gantry is planned for January 2016
- After the initial learning period (1-2 years) it will be possible to treat in CCB up to 600-800 patients per year (250-350 patients per one gantry plus 100 patients in the eye treatment room)
- The procedure is still not reimbursed by the National Health Fund (NFZ).

