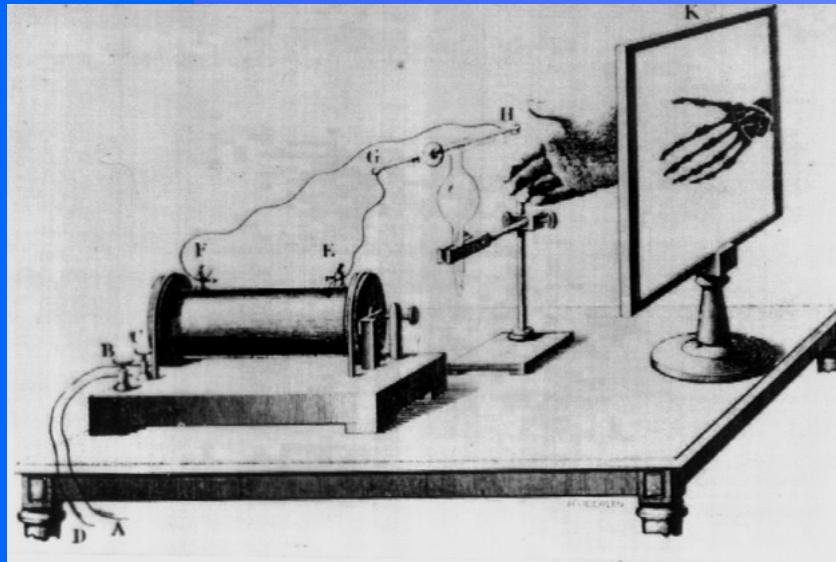


# **FROM THE DISCOVERY OF X RAYS TO CT/PET DIAGNOSTICS AND CONFORMAL RADIATION THERAPY**

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*University of Milano Bicocca and TERA Foundation*

# *The beginnings of modern physics and of medical physics*



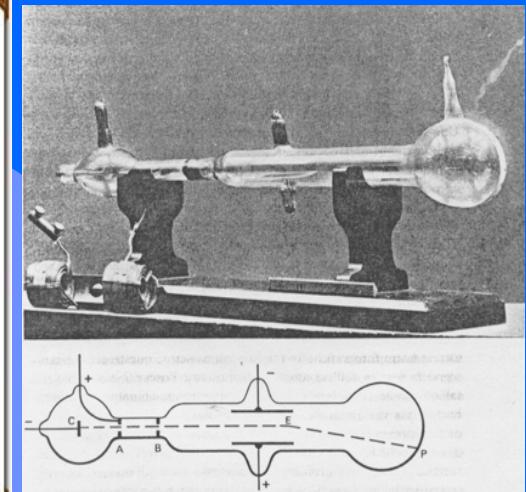
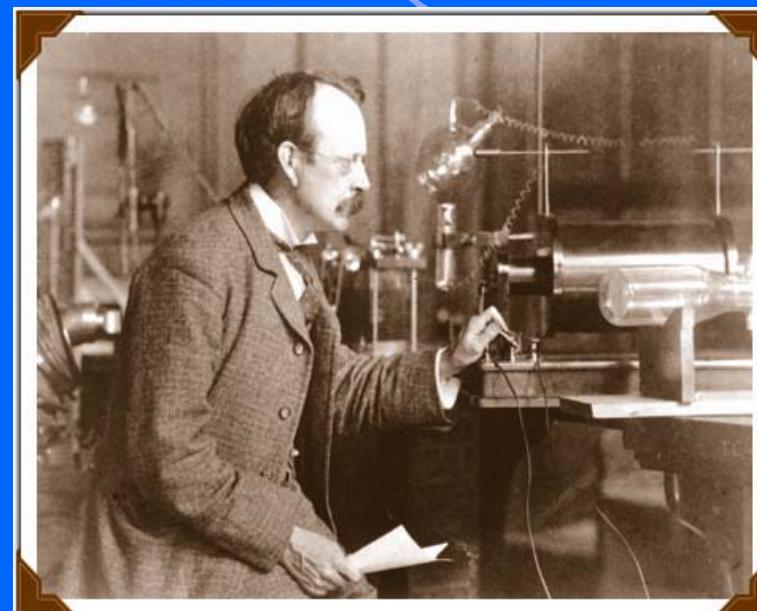
1895  
discovery of X rays

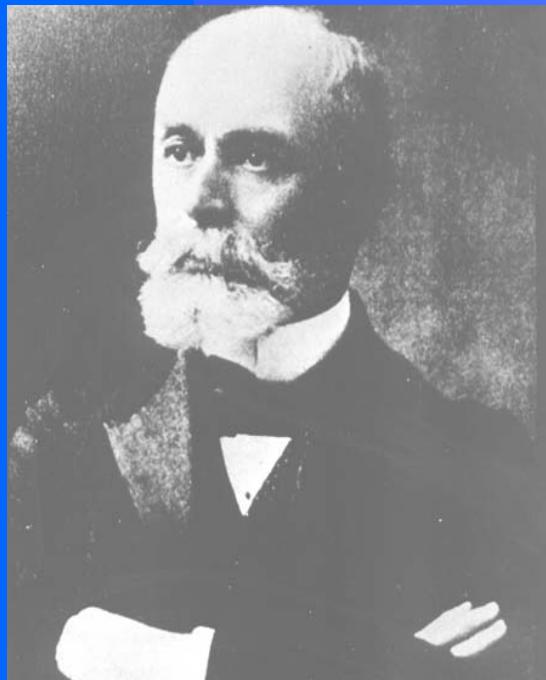
Wilhelm Conrad  
Röntgen



J.J. Thompson

1897  
“discovery” of the  
electron

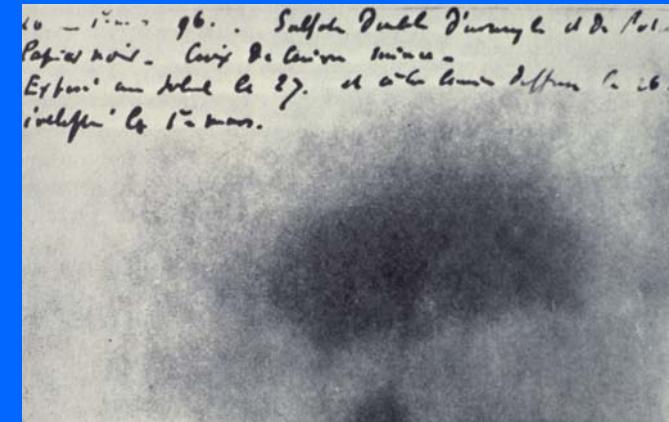




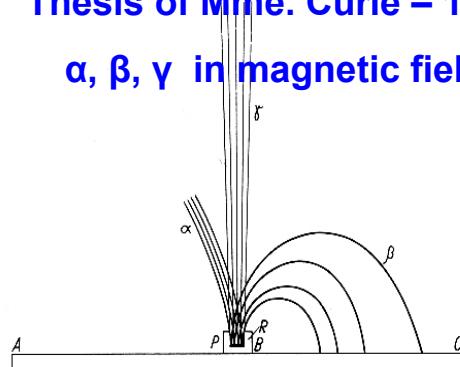
# The beginnings of modern physics and of medical physics

Henri Becquerel  
(1852-1908)

1896:  
Discovery of natural  
radioactivity



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



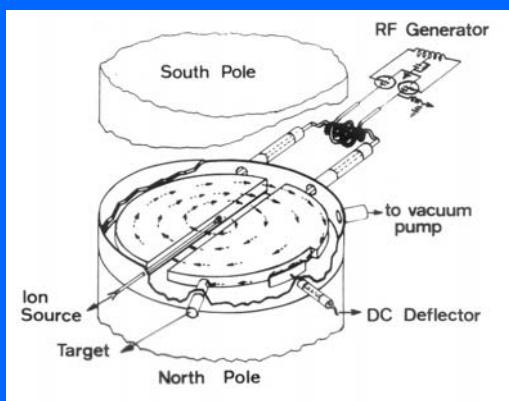
Hundred years ago

1898  
Discovery of radium



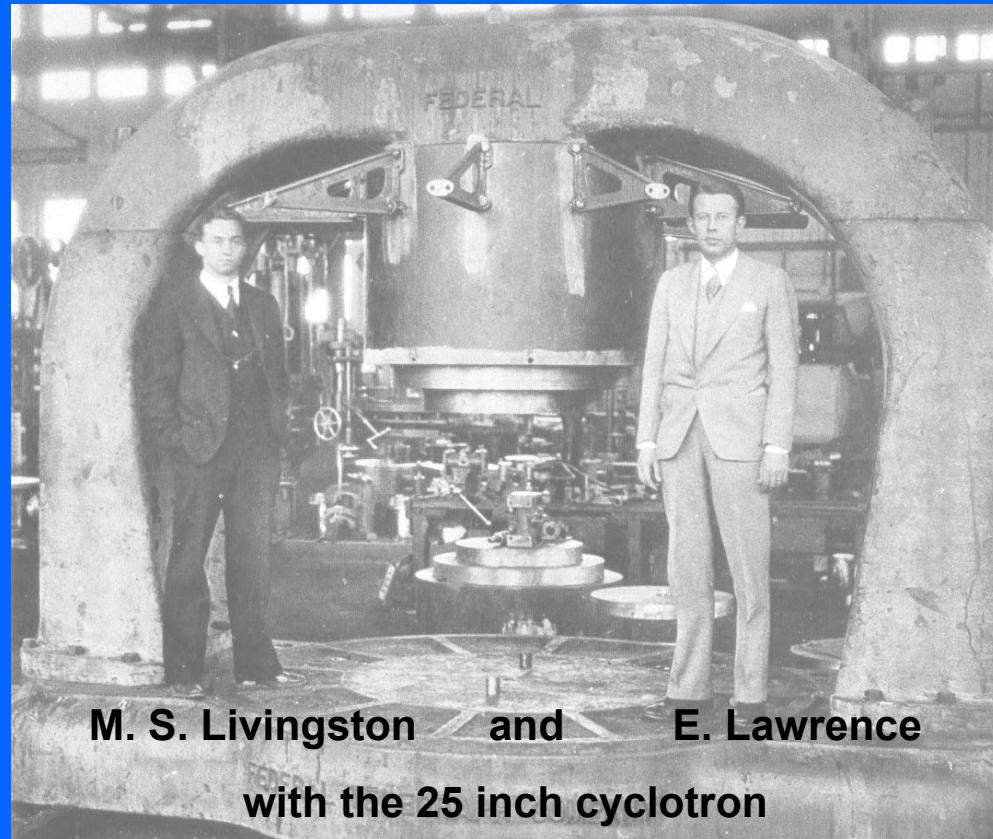
Marie Curie    Pierre Curie  
(1867 – 1934)    (1859 – 1906)

# *The next magnificent four years for experimental physics and medical physics*



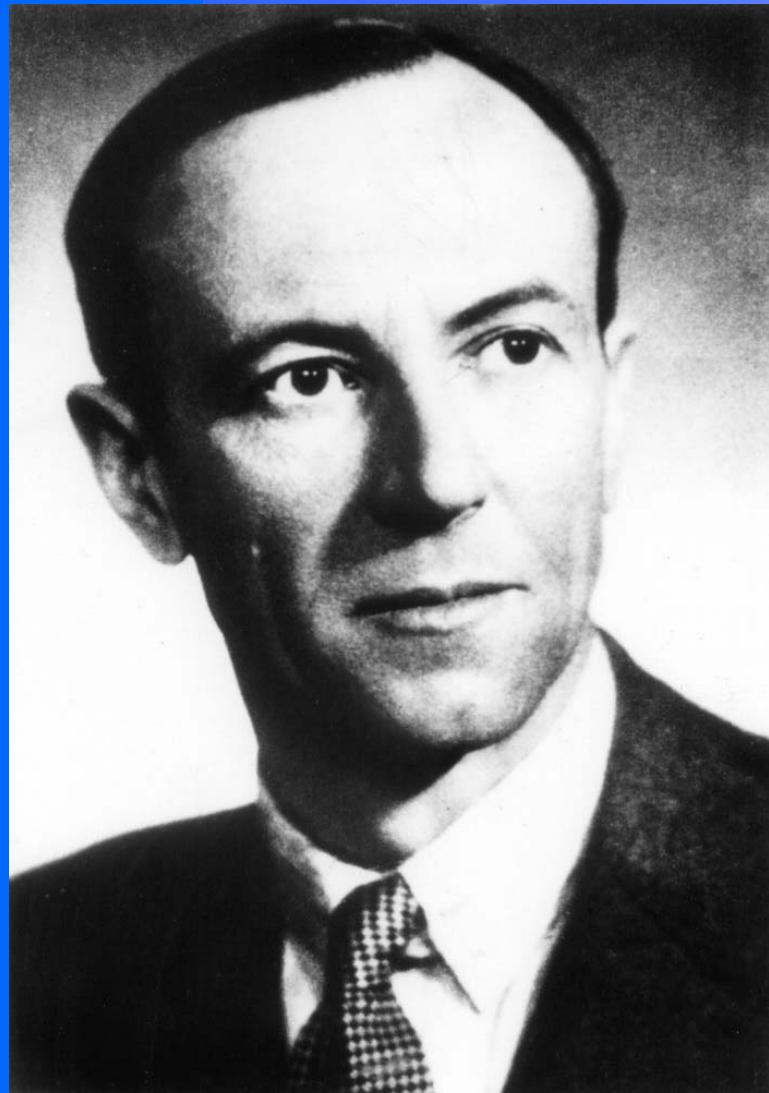
1930

**Ernest Lawrence invents the cyclotron**



**M. S. Livingston and E. Lawrence  
with the 25 inch cyclotron**

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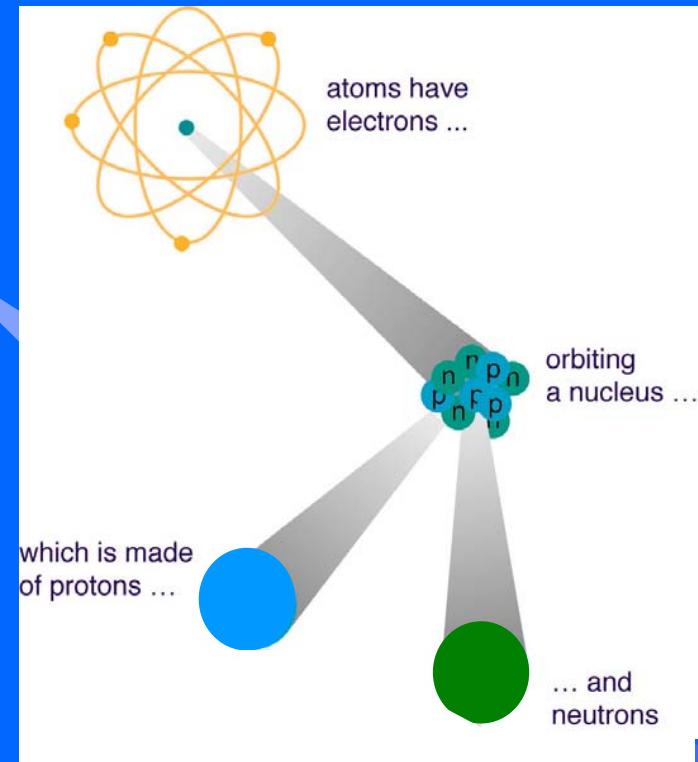
James Chadwick

(1891 – 1974)

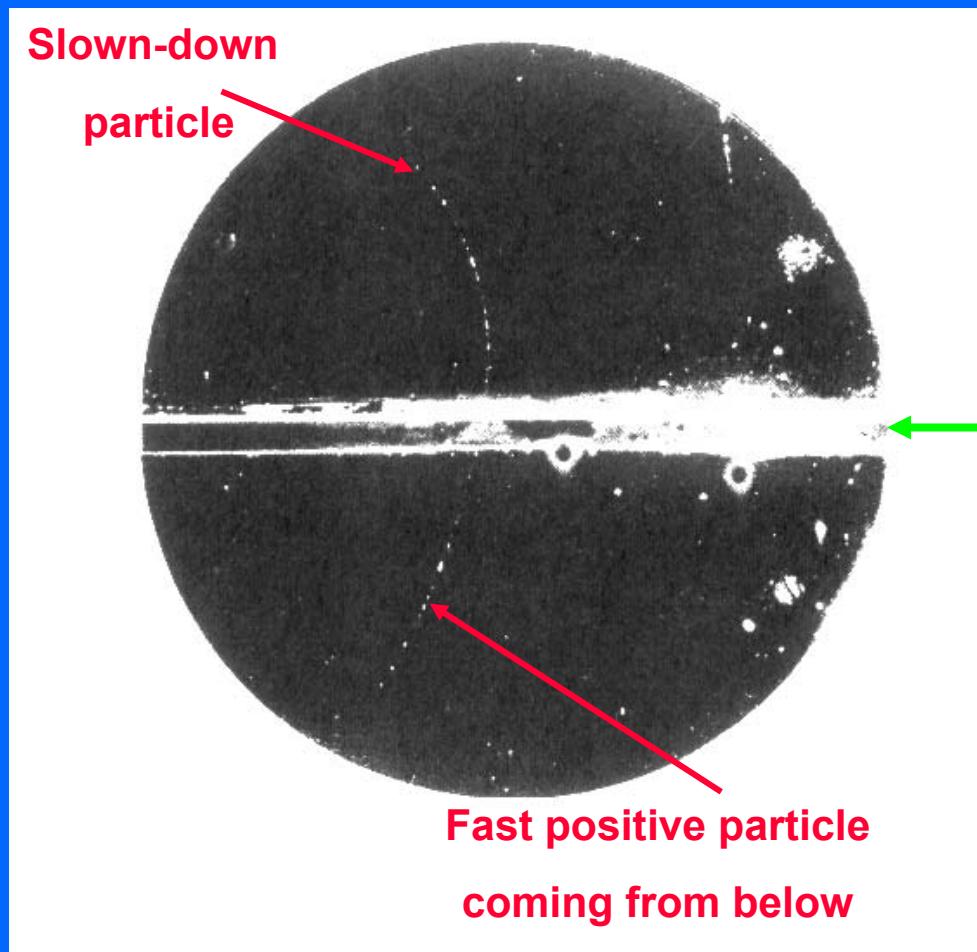
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1932

## Discovery of the neutron



# *The next magnificent four years for experimental physics and medical physics*



1932 – C. D. Anderson

Positron discovery

# *The next magnificent four years for experimental physics and medical physics*

RADIOATTIVITÀ «BETA» PROVOCATA  
DA BOMBARDAMENTO DI NEUTRONI. — III.

E. AMALDI, O. D'AGOSTINO, E. FERMI, F. RASETTI, E. SEGRÈ  
«Ric. Scientifica», 5 (1), 452-453 (1934).

Sono state proseguiti ed estesi le esperienze di cui alle Note precedenti (1) coi risultati che ricordiamo appresso.

*Idrogeno - Carbonio - Azoto - Ossigeno.* — Non danno effetto apprezzabile. Sono stati esaminati paraffina irradiata al solito modo per 15 ore con una sorgente di 220 mC, acqua irradiata per 14 ore con 670 mC e carbonato di guanidina irradiato per 14 ore con 500 mC.

*Fluoro.* — Il periodo del Fluoro è sensibilmente minore di quanto indicato precedentemente e cioè di pochi secondi.

*Magnesio.* — Il Magnesio ha due periodi, uno di circa 40 secondi e uno più lungo.

*Alluminio.* — Oltre al periodo di 12 minuti segnalato precedentemente ve ne è anche un altro dell'ordine di grandezza di un giorno. L'attività corrispondente a questo secondo periodo segue le reazioni chimiche caratteristiche del Sodio. Si tratta probabilmente di un  $\text{Na}^{24}$ .

*Zolfo.* — Il periodo dello S è assai lungo, certamente di molti giorni. L'attività si separa con le reazioni caratteristiche del Fosforo.

*Cloro.* — Si comporta analogamente allo S. Anche qui si può separare

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*Cloro.* — Si comporta analogamente allo S. Anche qui si può separare un principio attivo; probabilmente si tratta di un  $\text{P}^{33}$  identico a quello che si ricava dallo S.

*Manganese.* — Ha un effetto debole con un periodo di circa 15 minuti.

*Cobalto.* — Ha un effetto di 2 ore. Il principio attivo si comporta come Mn. Data l'identità di periodo e di comportamento chimico si tratta quasi certo di un  $\text{Mn}^{56}$  identico a quello che si forma irradiando il Fe.

*Zinco.* — Ha due periodi, uno di 6 minuti e uno assai più lungo.

*Gallio.* — Periodo 30 minuti.

*Bromo.* — Ha due periodi, uno di 30 minuti e l'altro di 6 ore. L'attività corrispondente al periodo lungo e probabilmente anche l'altra, seguono chimicamente il Br.

*Palladio.* — Periodo di alcune ore.

*Jodio.* — Periodo 30 minuti. L'attività segue chimicamente lo Jodio.

*Praseodimio.* — Ha due periodi. Uno di 5 minuti e l'altro più lungo.

*Neodimio.* — Periodo 55 minuti.

*Samario.* — Ha due periodi uno di 40 minuti e uno più lungo.

*Oro.* — Periodo dell'ordine di grandezza di 1 o 2 giorni.

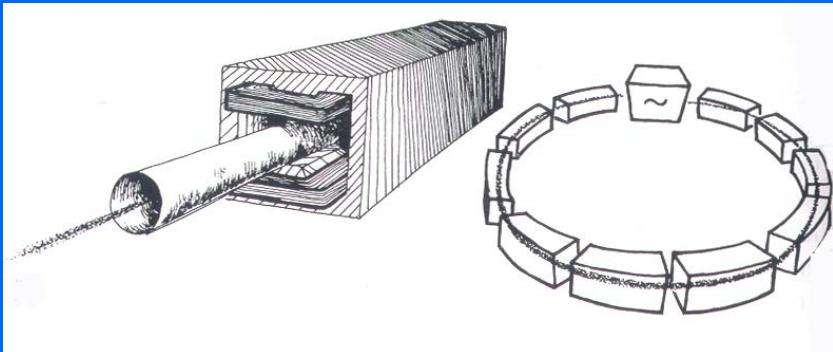


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E. Amaldi F. Rasetti E. Fermi

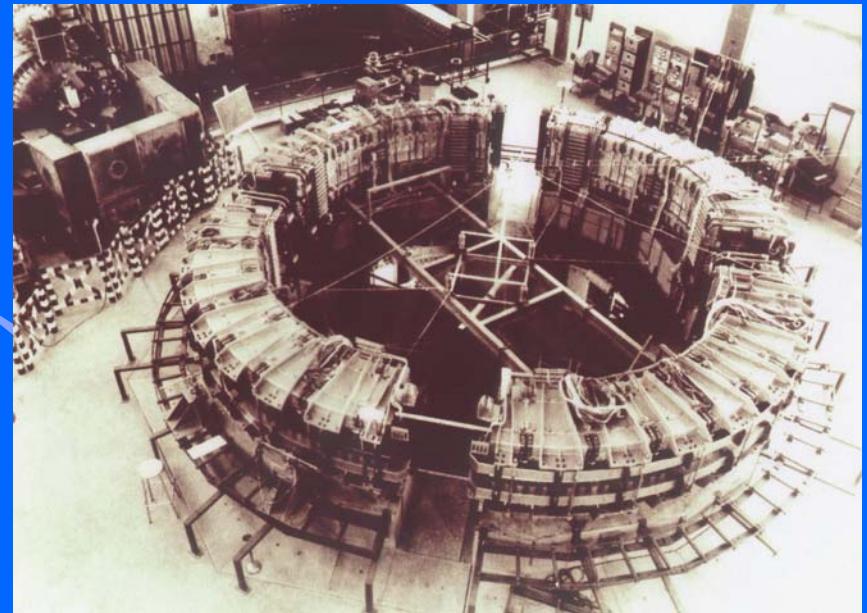
**Discovery of the effect of slow neutrons - 1934**

1945: E. McMillan and V.J.Veksler  
discover the  
principle of phase stability



## *The synchrotron*

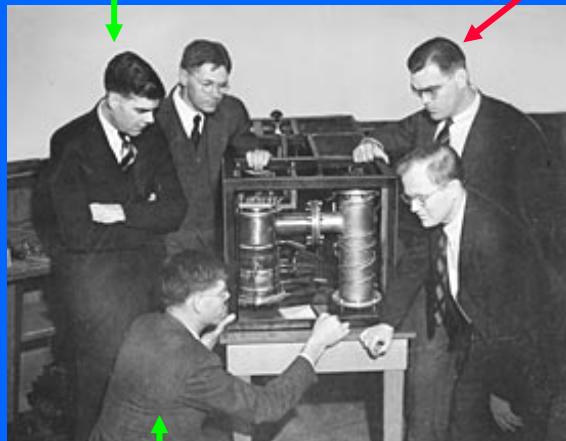
1 GeV electron synchrotron  
Frascati - INFN - 1959



1959: Veksler visits McMillan at Berkeley

# *The electron linac*

Sigmund Varian

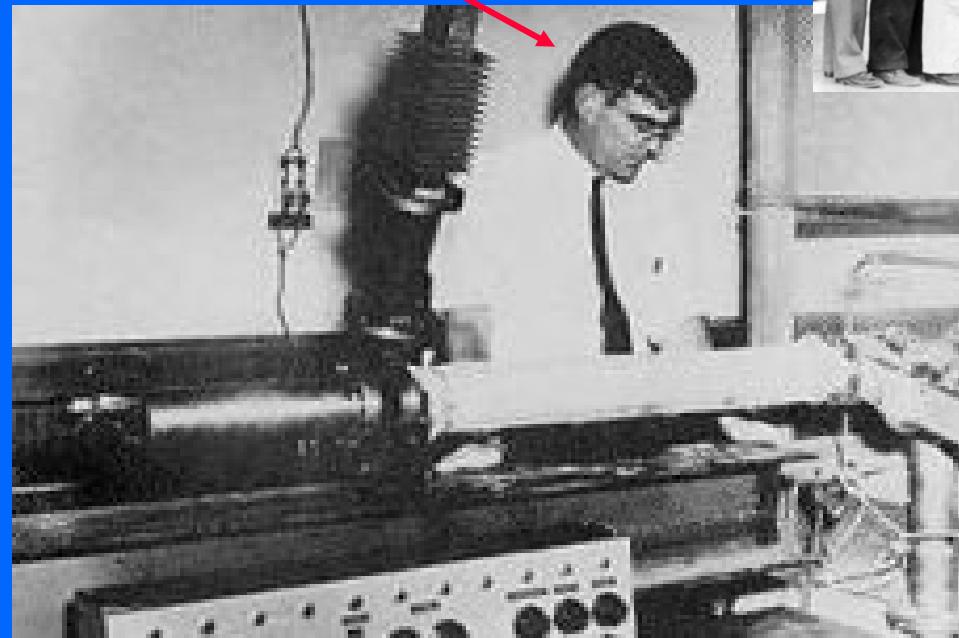


William W. Hansen

Russell Varian

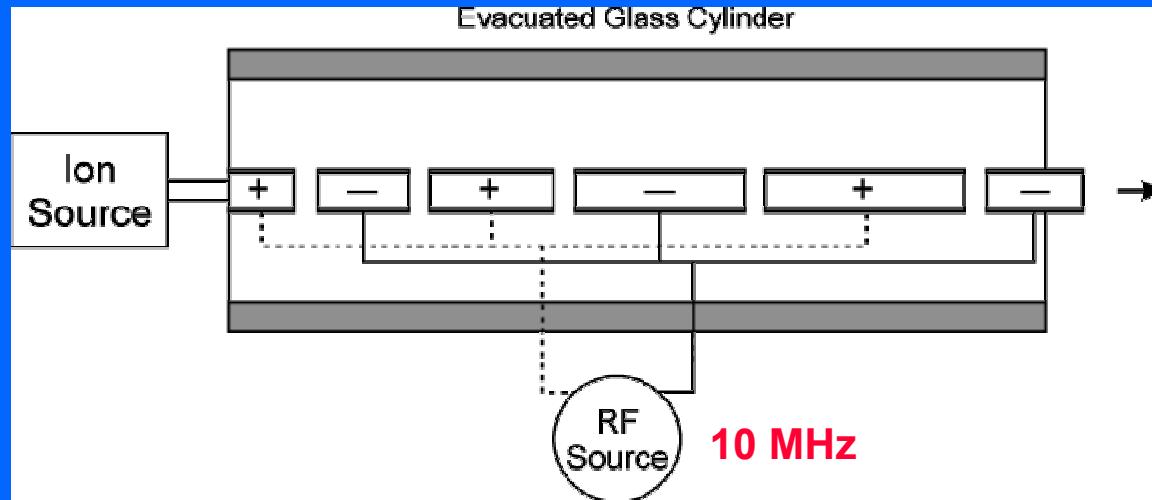
1939

Invention of the klystron

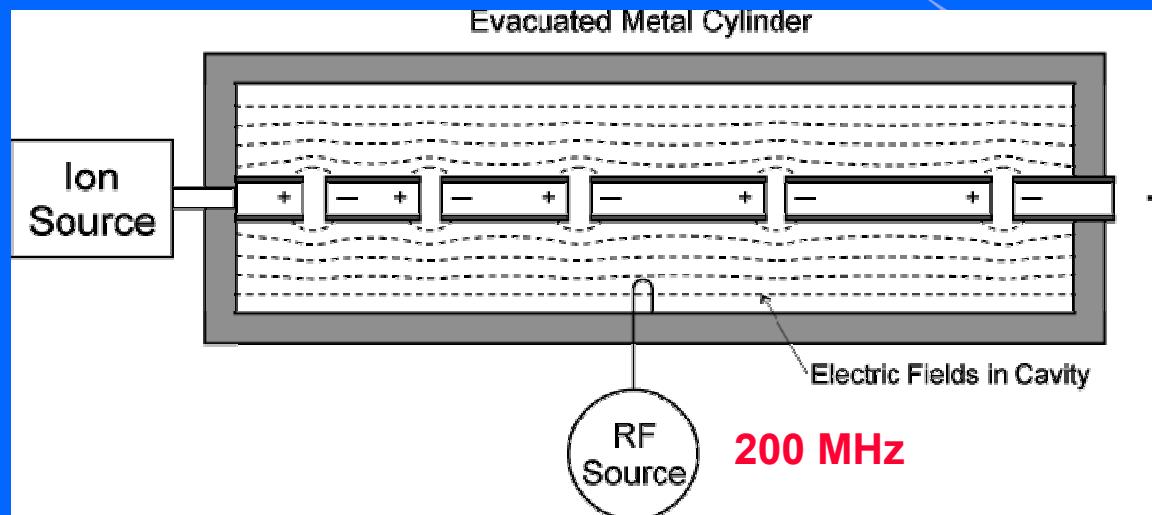


1947  
first linac for electrons  
4.5 MeV and 3 GHz

# *Linacs for protons and ions*



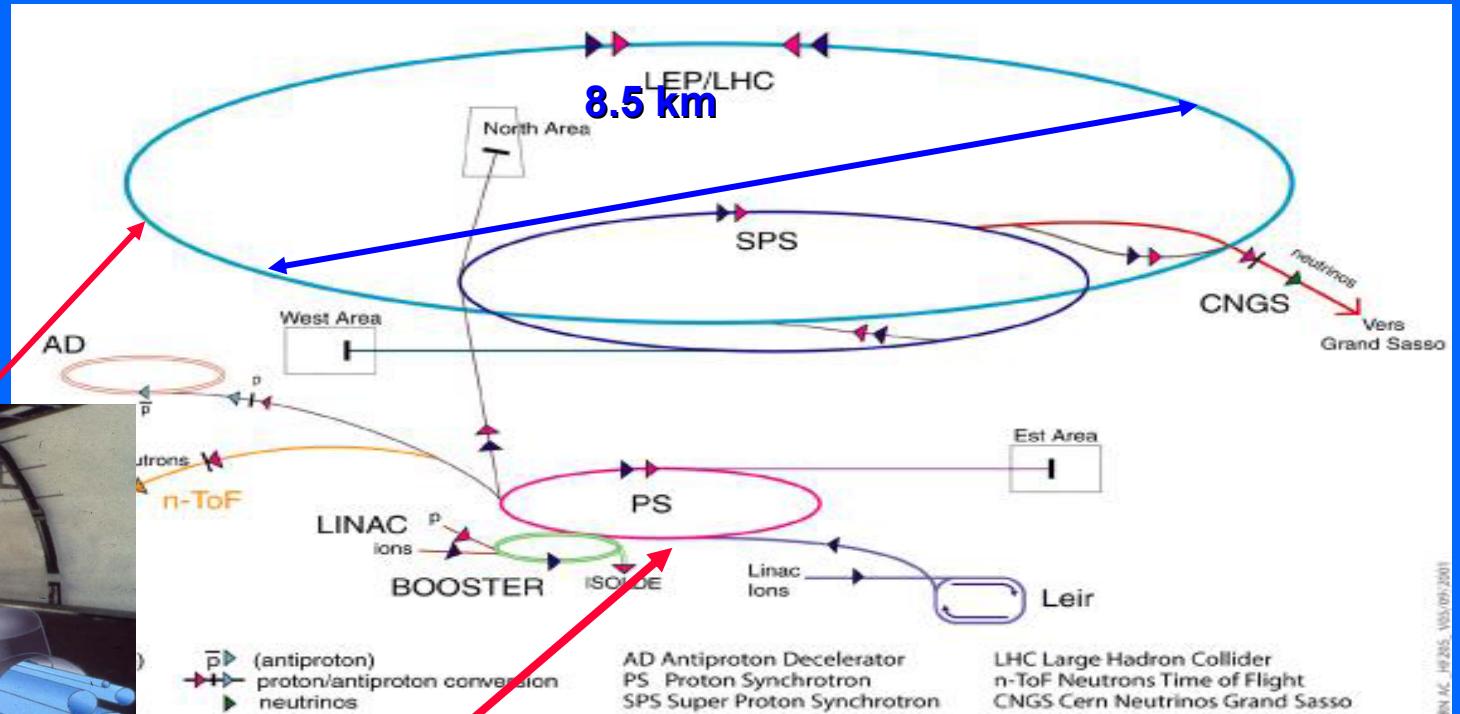
1928 – R. Wideröe  
Invention of  
the linac for ions



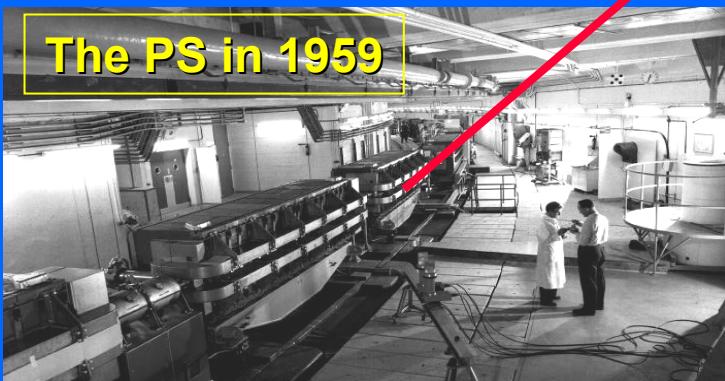
1946 – L. Alvarez  
Drift Tube Linac  
(DTL)

# At CERN we have linacs and strong-focusing synchrotrons

Large Hadron Collider  
(14+14) TeV  
2007



The PS in 1959



In 1952 the “strong-focusing” method invented at BNL (USA) was chosen for the CERN PS

## *The beginnings of CERN 50 years ago*



**Isidor Rabi**  
UNESCO talk in 1950



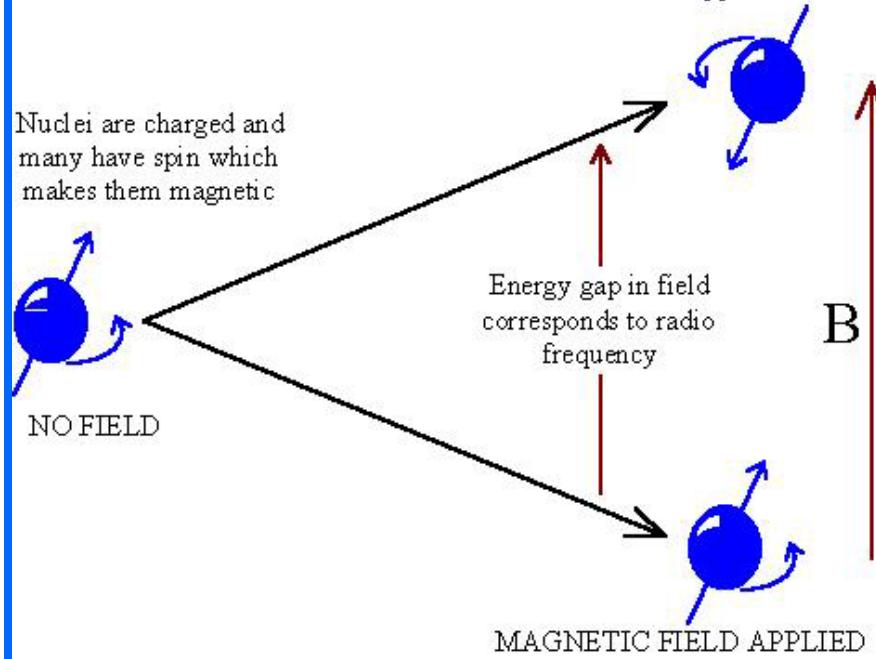
**1952: Pierre Auger      Edoardo Amaldi**  
**Secretary General**

at the meeting that created the provisional CERN

## THE BASIS OF NMR

The case of the spin half nucleus

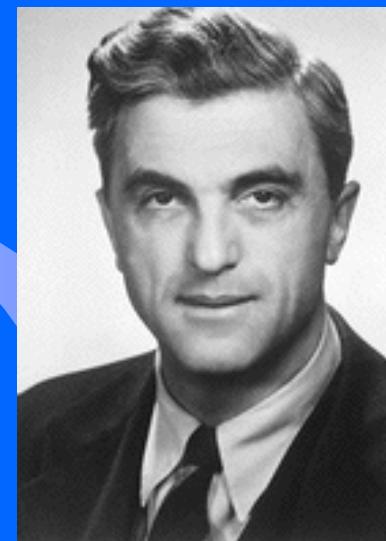
A spinning nucleus has more energy when its magnetic field opposes the applied field



## Nuclear Magnetic Resonance

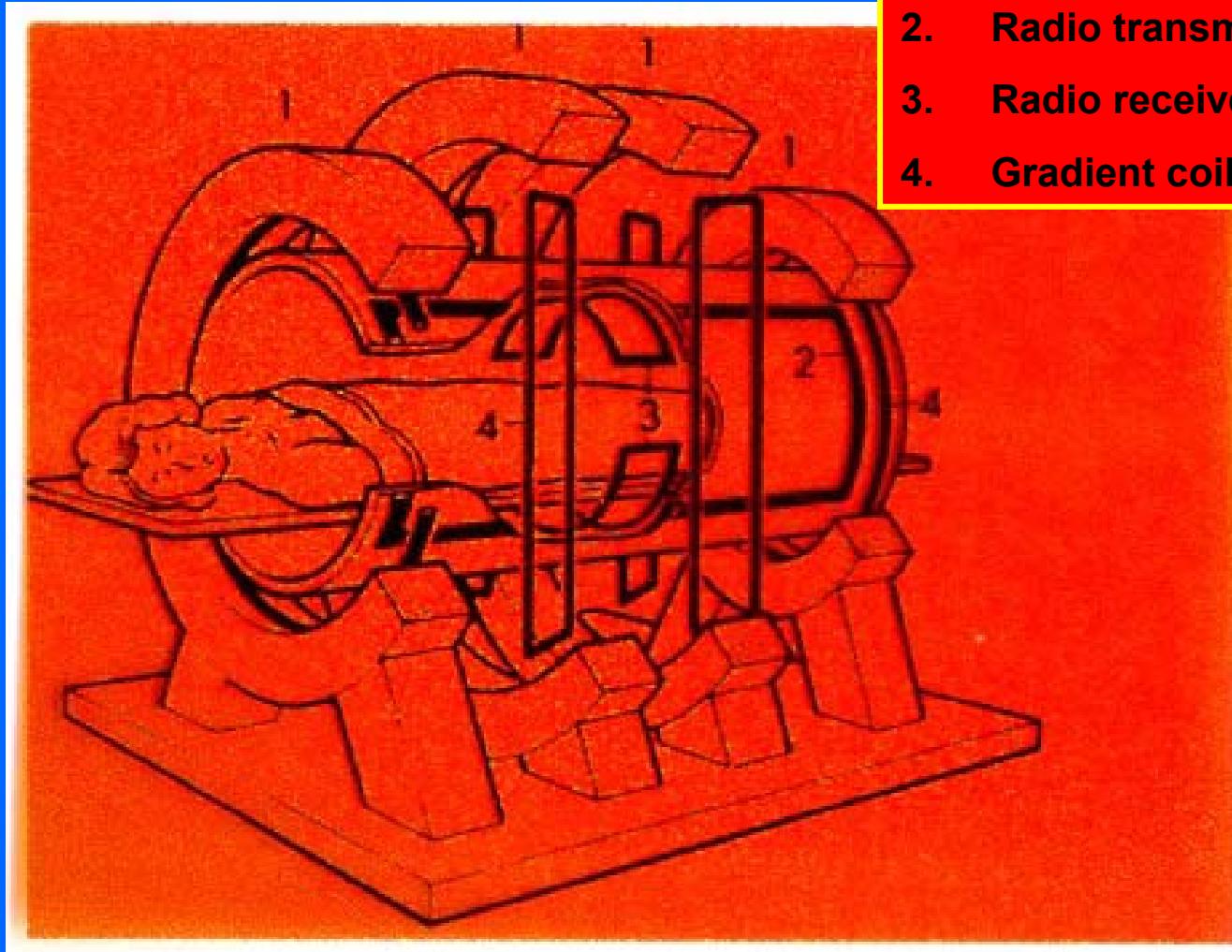
1938-1945

Felix Bloch and Edward Purcell  
discover and study  
NMR



In 1954 Felix Bloch became  
the first CERN Director General

# ***MRI = Magnetic Resonance Imaging***



1. Main magnet (0.5-1 T)
2. Radio transmitter coil
3. Radio receiver coil
4. Gradient coils

In diagnostics  
**MRI sees the protons  
of the tissues**

## *Summary of accelerators running in the world*

CATEGORY OF ACCELERATORS	NUMBER IN USE (*)
High Energy acc. ( $E > 1\text{GeV}$ )	~120
Synchrotron radiation sources	>100
<u>Medical radioisotope production</u>	~200
<u>Radiotherapy accelerators</u>	$\geq 7500$
<u>Research acc. included biomedical research</u>	~1000
Acc. for industrial processing and research	~1500
Ion implanters, surface modification	>7000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>&gt; 17500</u></b>

(\*) W. Maciszewski and W. Scharf: Int. J. of Radiation Oncology, 2004

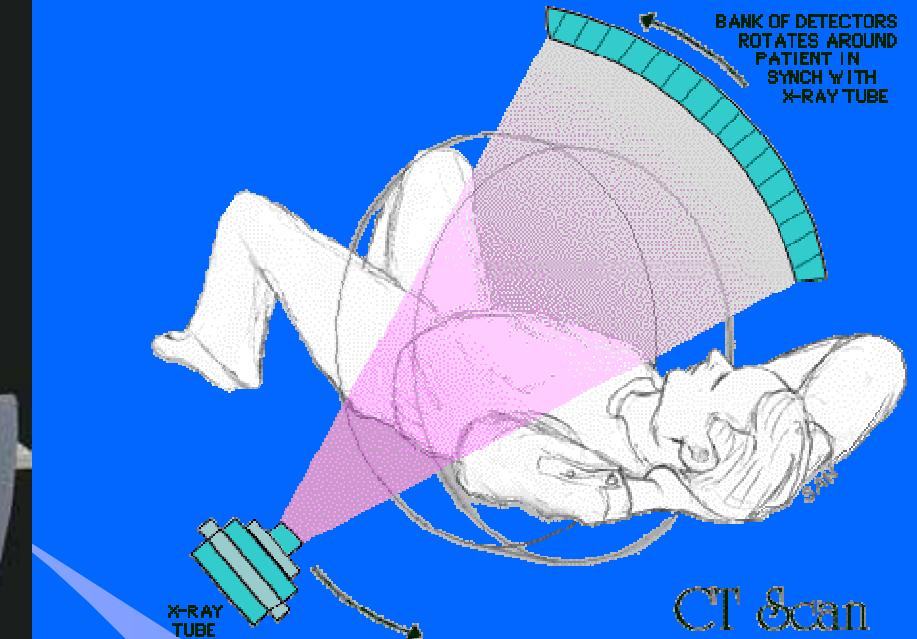
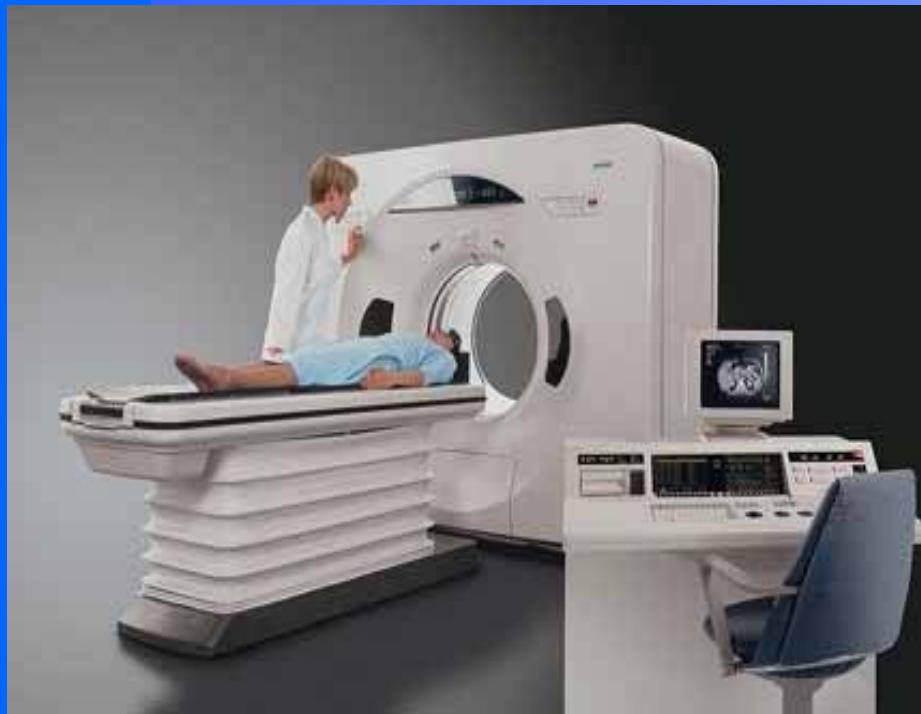
# RADIOACTIVITY AND ACCELERATORS (\*)

## 1. IN DIAGNOSTICS

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(\*) No time to discuss the use of detectors developed for subatomic physics

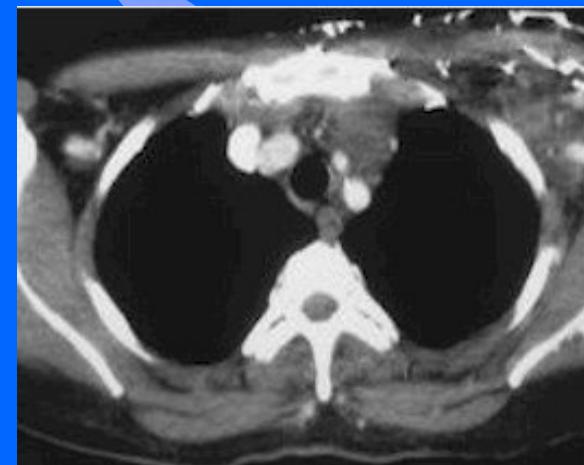
# *CT = Computer tomography*



CT Scan

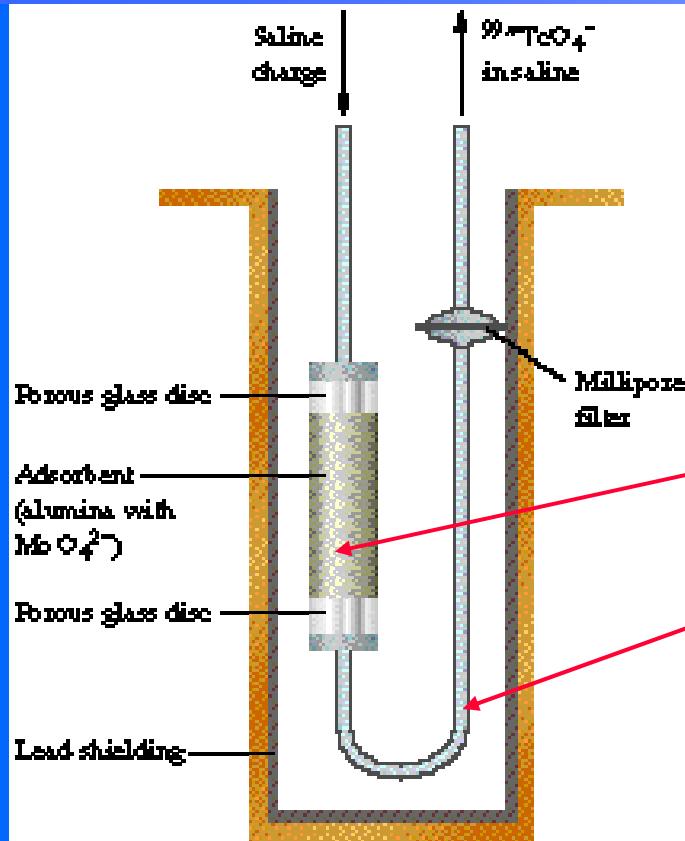


Abdomen



Lungs

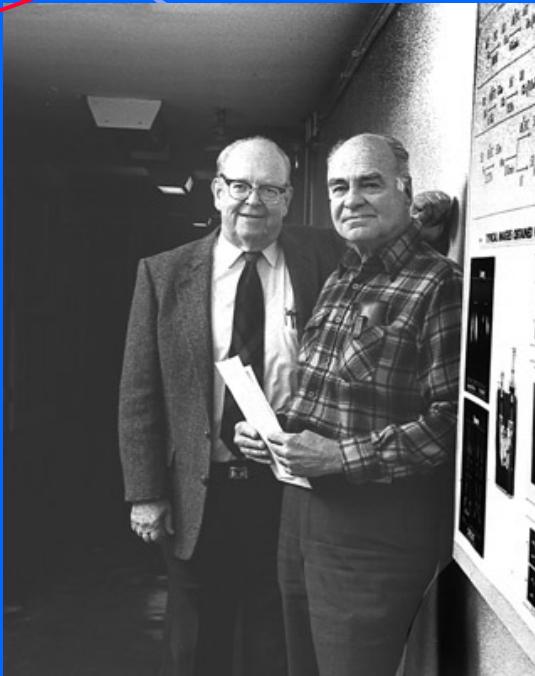
# *SPECT = Single Photon Emission Computer Tomography*



In reactors slow neutrons produce



gamma of 0.14 MeV

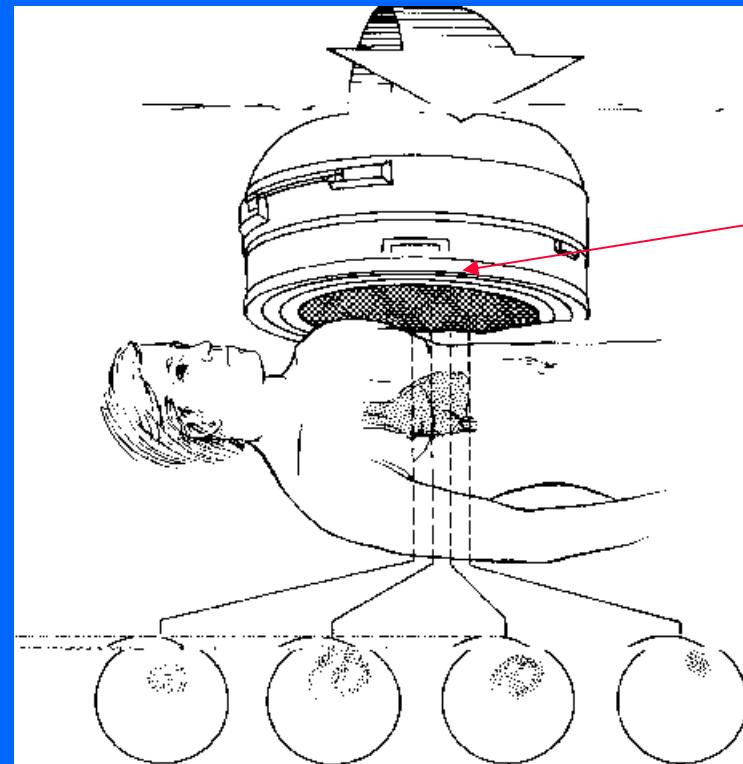
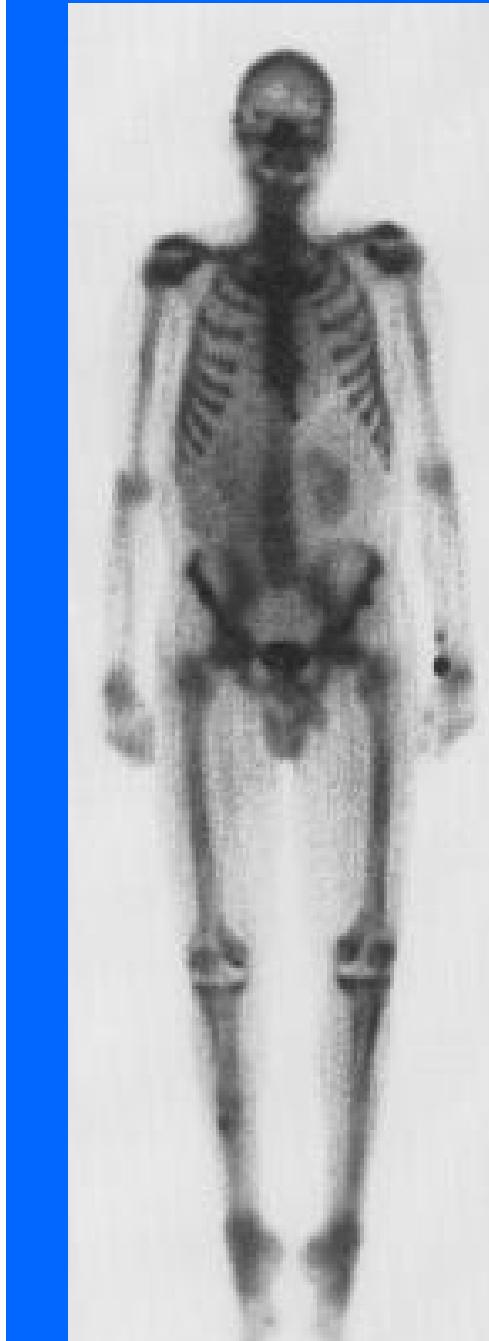


Molibdenum 'generator'

BNL - 1960

Powel Richards  
and Walter Tucker

## **SPECT scanner**



**Collimators of the  
0.14 MeV gammas**

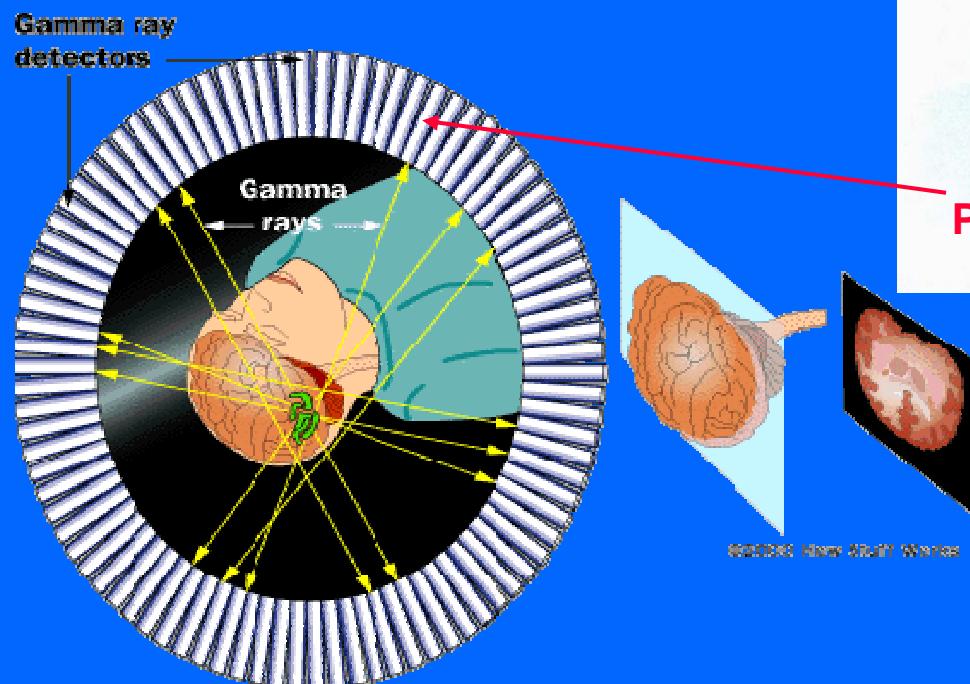
**85% of all nuclear medicine  
examinations use  $^{99m}\text{Tc}$**

For PET the most used compound

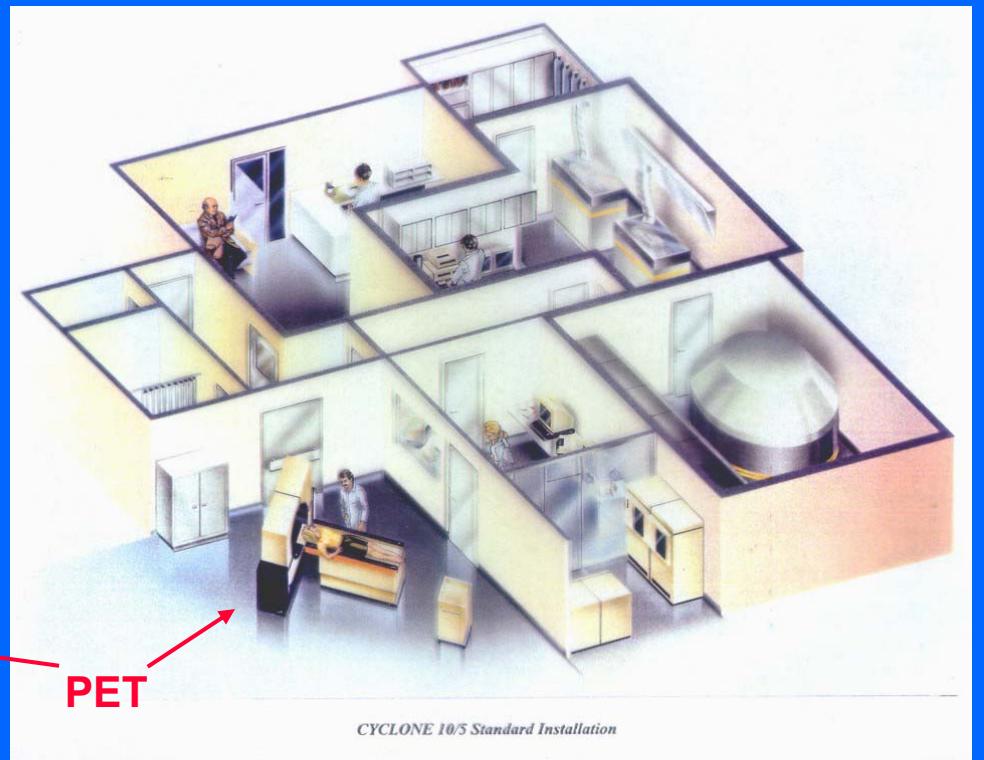
FDG = sugar

F =  $^{18}\text{F}$

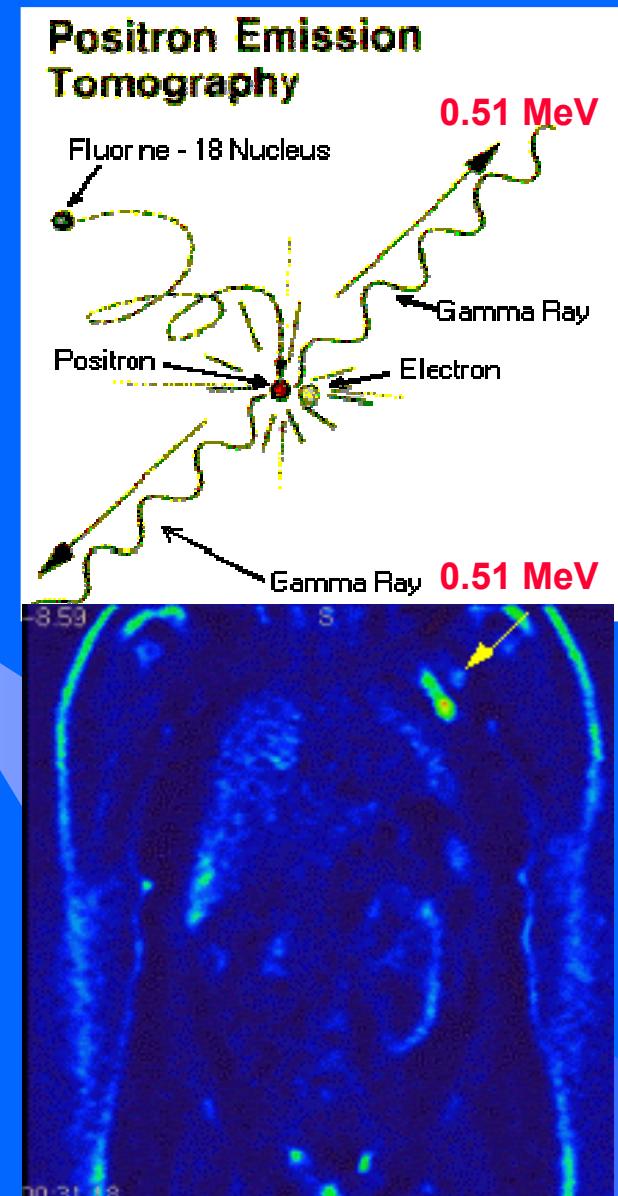
with half-life 1.6 h



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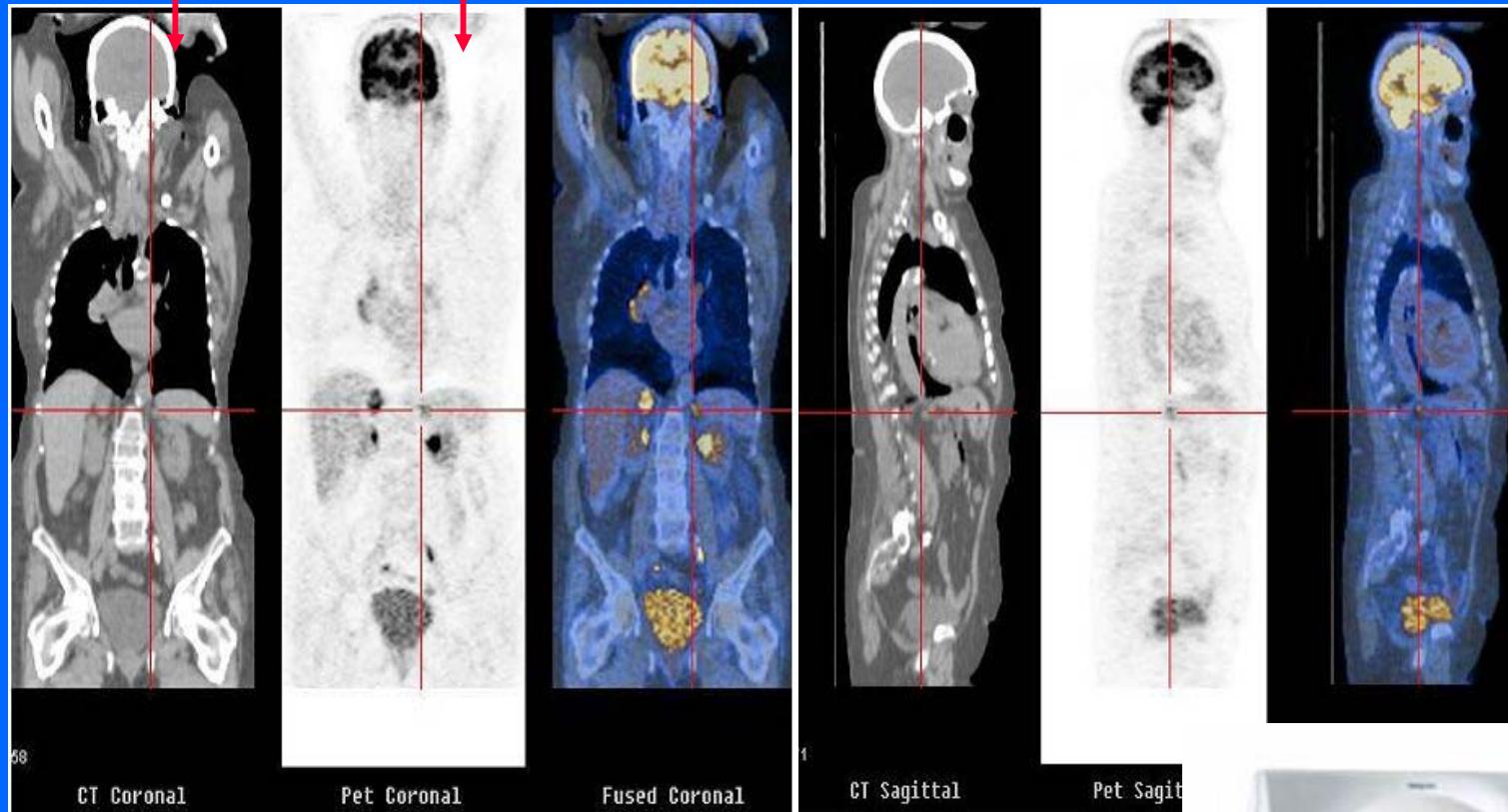


# *PET = Positron Emission Tomography*



**CT-PET**

**CT**      **PET**  
**morphology**      **metabolism**



**The future of diagnostics**



# RADIOACTIVITY AND ACCELERATORS (\*)

## 1. IN CANCER THERAPY

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(\*) No time to discuss the use of detectors developed for subatomic physics

# *Radioactivity in cancer therapy*

**targeted radioimmunotherapy**

$\alpha$  particles from Bismuth-213

for leukaemia

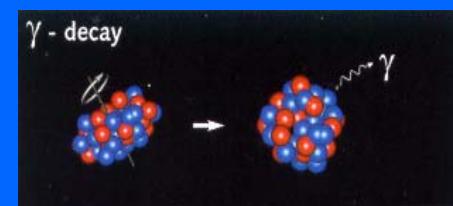
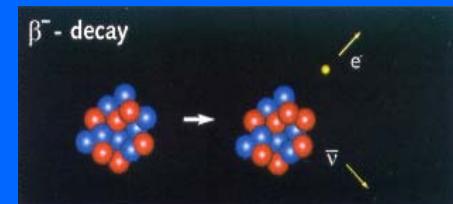
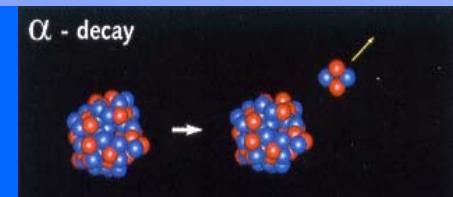
$\beta$  particles from Yttrium-90

for glioblastoma

**teletherapy**

gammas from Cobalt-60

for deep tumours



COBALT "BOMB" - PICKER (1960)

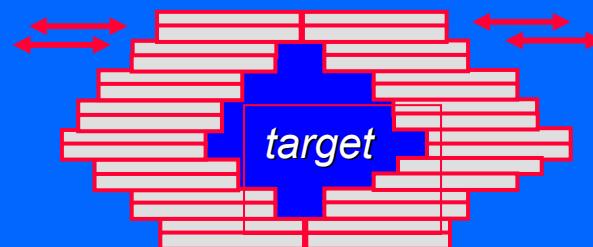
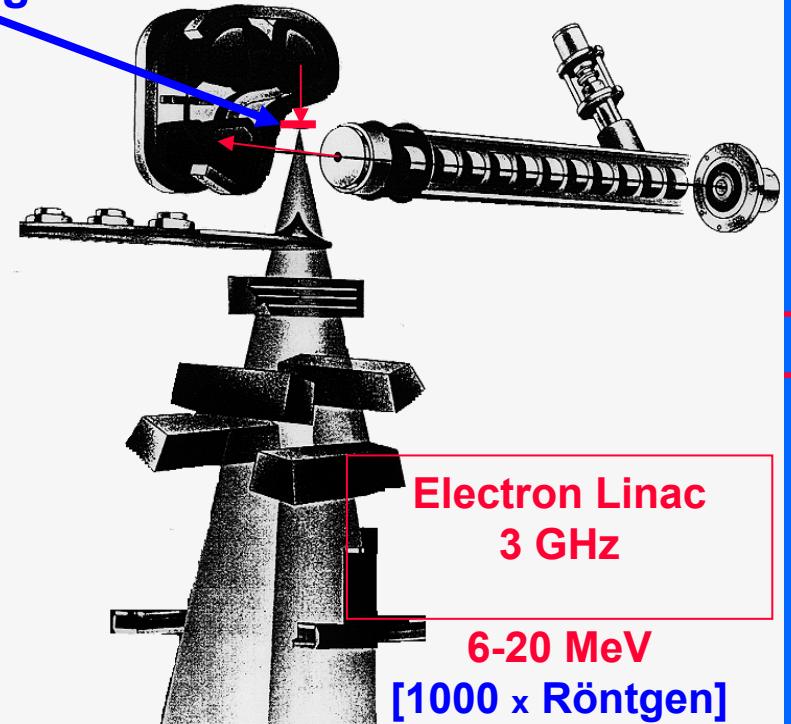


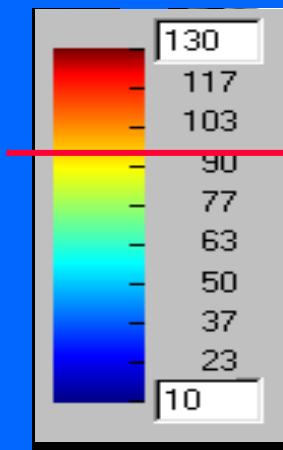
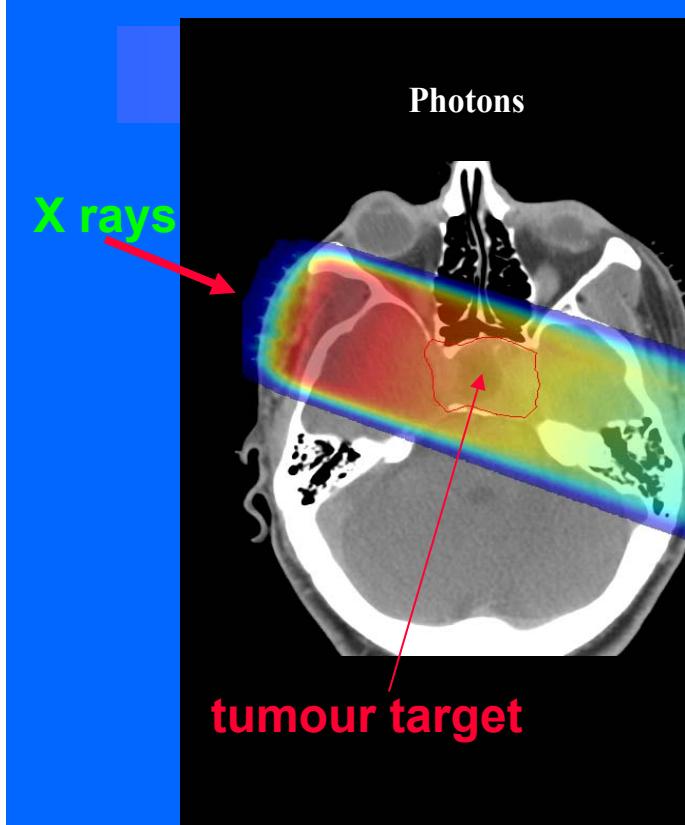
**Cobalt-60**  
(1 MeV gammas)  
is produced in reactors  
by slow neutrons



## X-rays in radiotherapy: linacs

$e^- + \text{target} \rightarrow X$

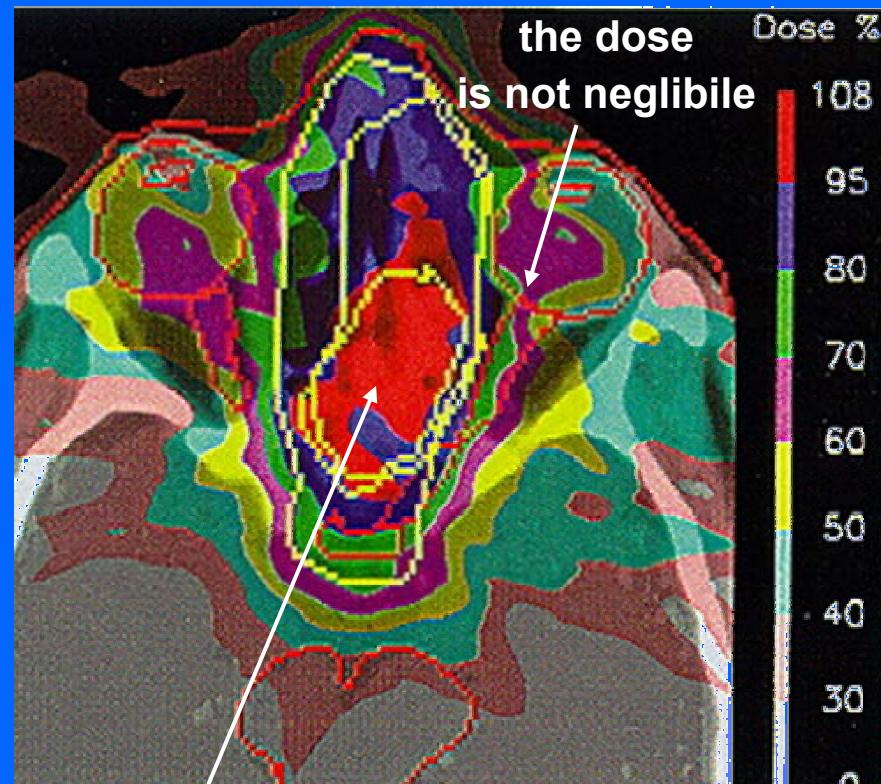




**X rays have a poor energy deposition**

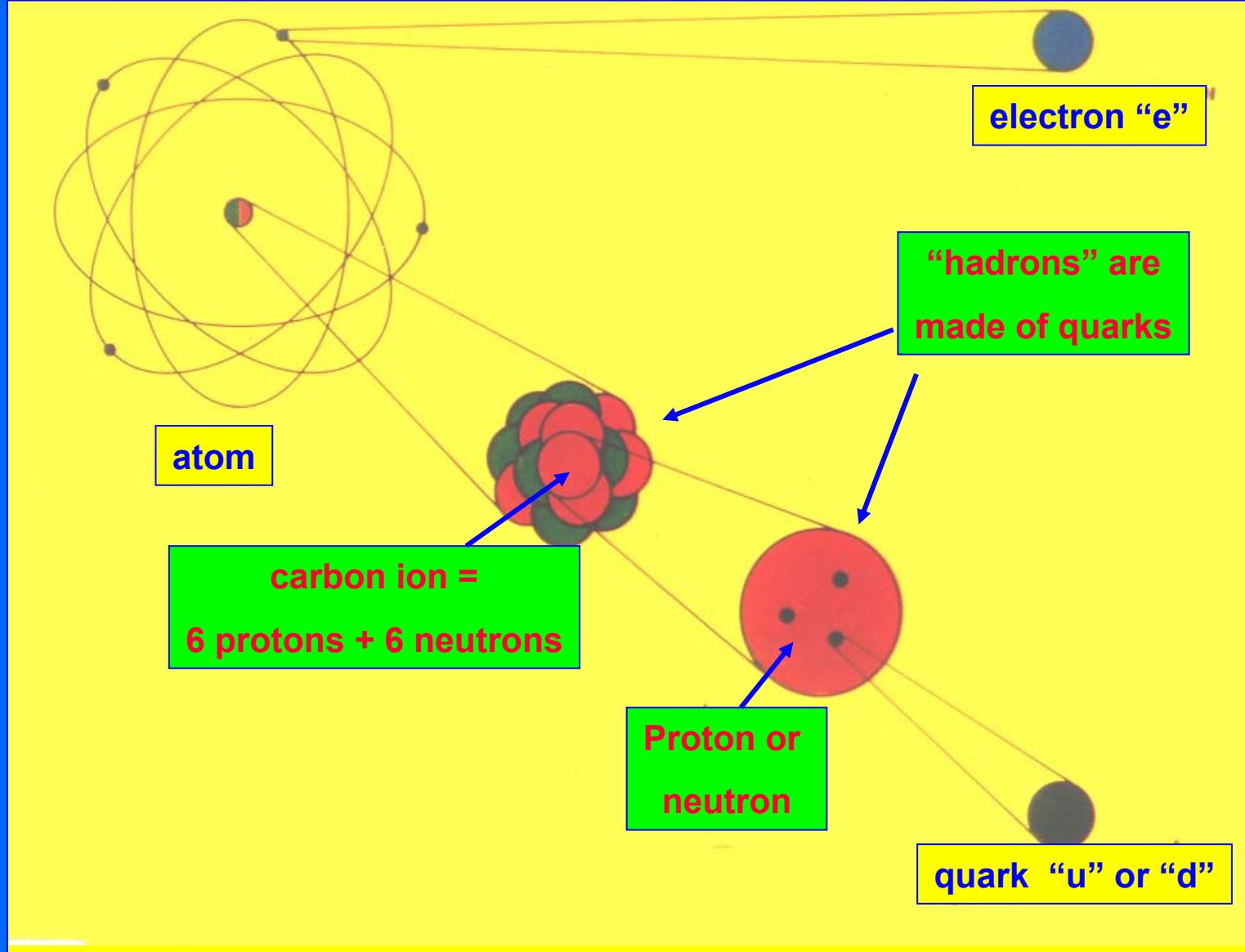
**IMRT (Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy)**

**with 9 crossed beams**

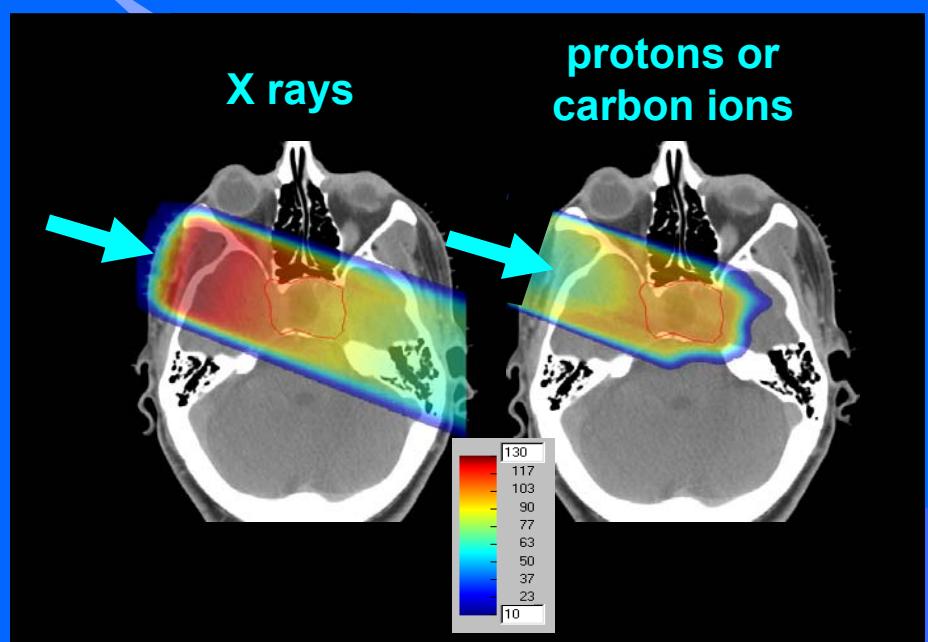
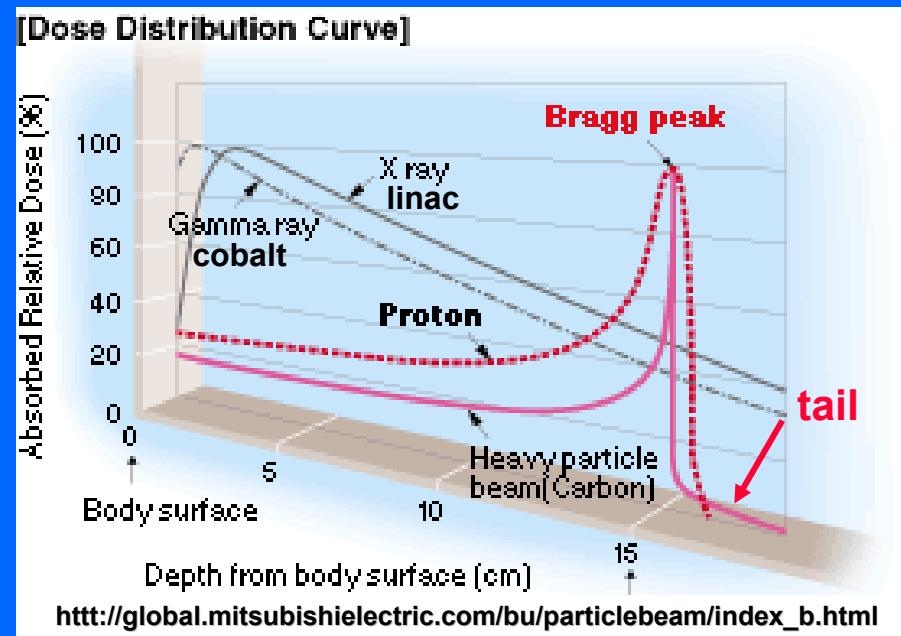
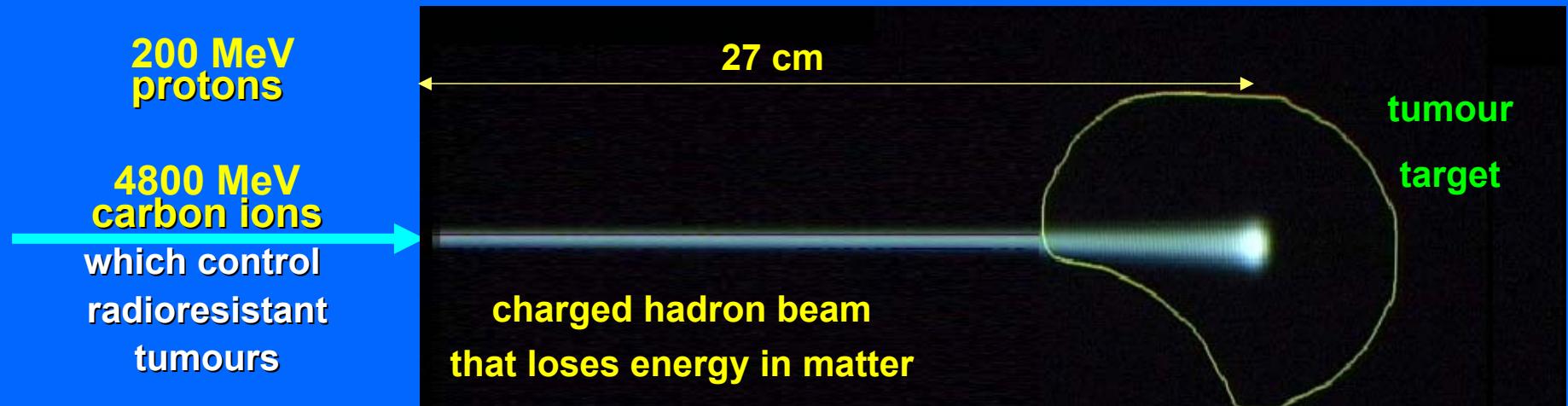


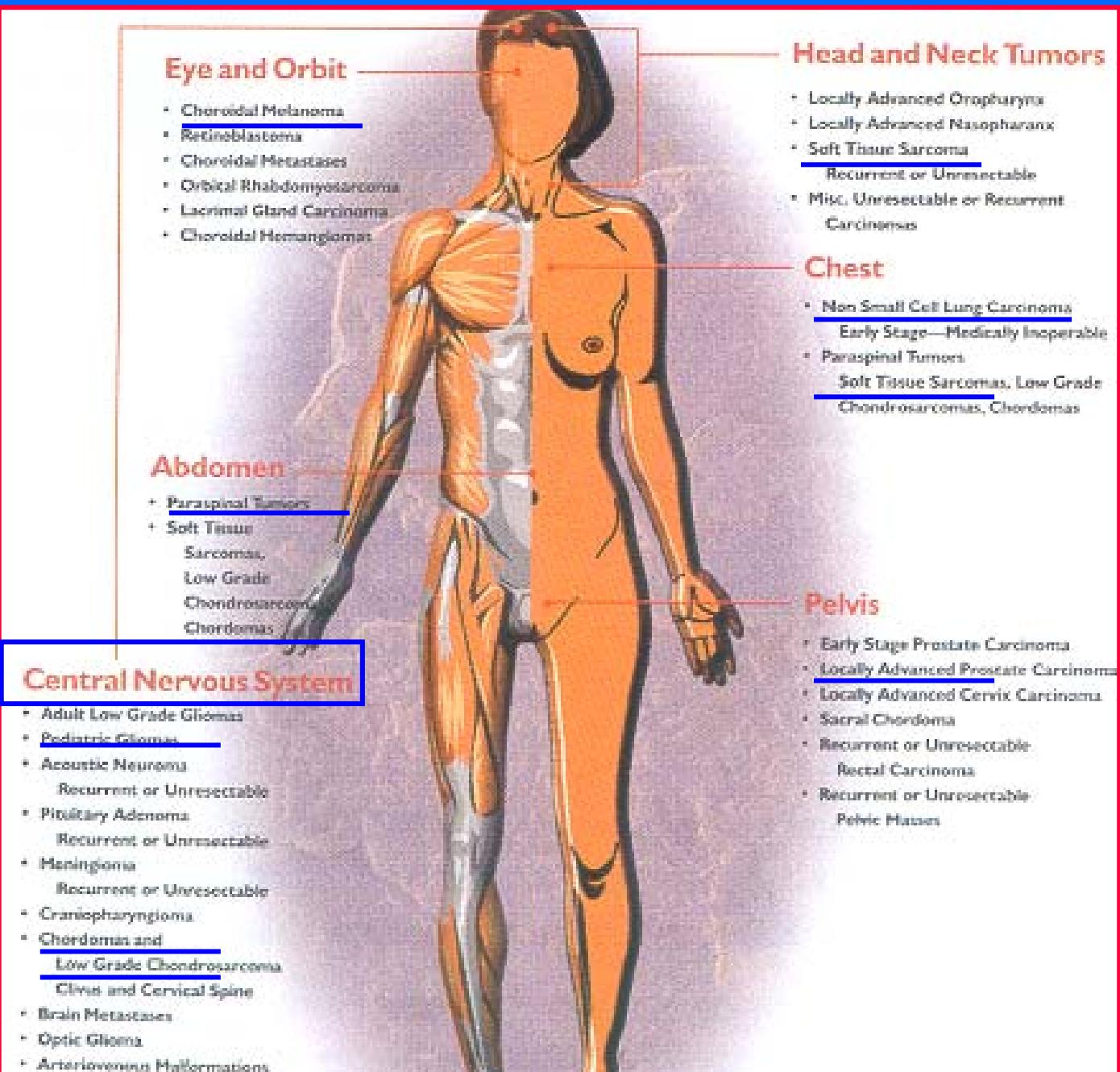
**Tumour between the eyes**

## *“Hadrontherapy” uses n, p and C-ion beams*



## *Charged hadrons have a much better energy deposition*





**The sites**

**Protontherapy:  
40'000 patients**

**Cost about 20'000 Euro**

**2-3 x X-rays**

**If cost would be  
the same  
as for X-rays**

**90% of the treatments  
would be with  
protons !**

## *Hospital centres for deep protontherapy ( >500 pts/year)*

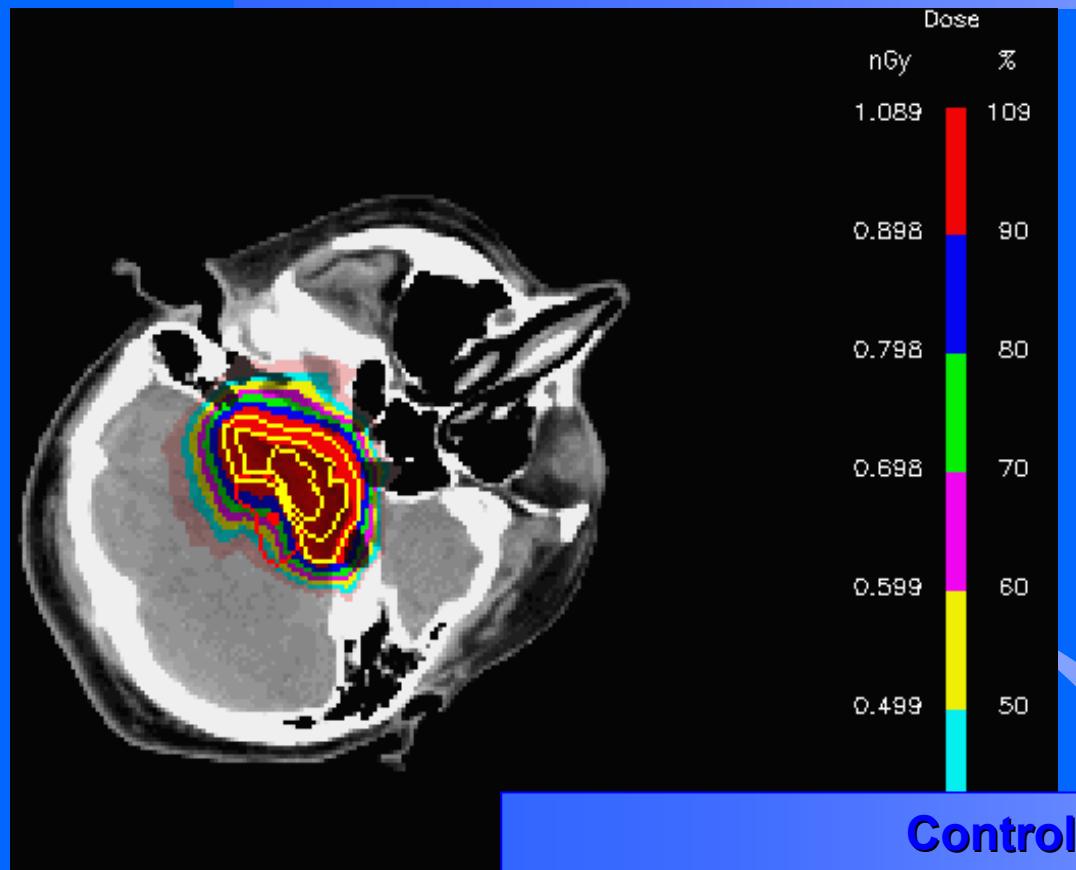
5 in USA, 4 in Japan, 2 in China, 1 in Switzerland, 1 in Germany,  
1 in Korea, 1 in Italy

(running or financed)



**Five companies offer turn-key centres**

## *Tumours of the central nervous system*



The percentages are larger  
with carbon ions

Control at 5 years

RT

Protoni

Chordomas

17-50%

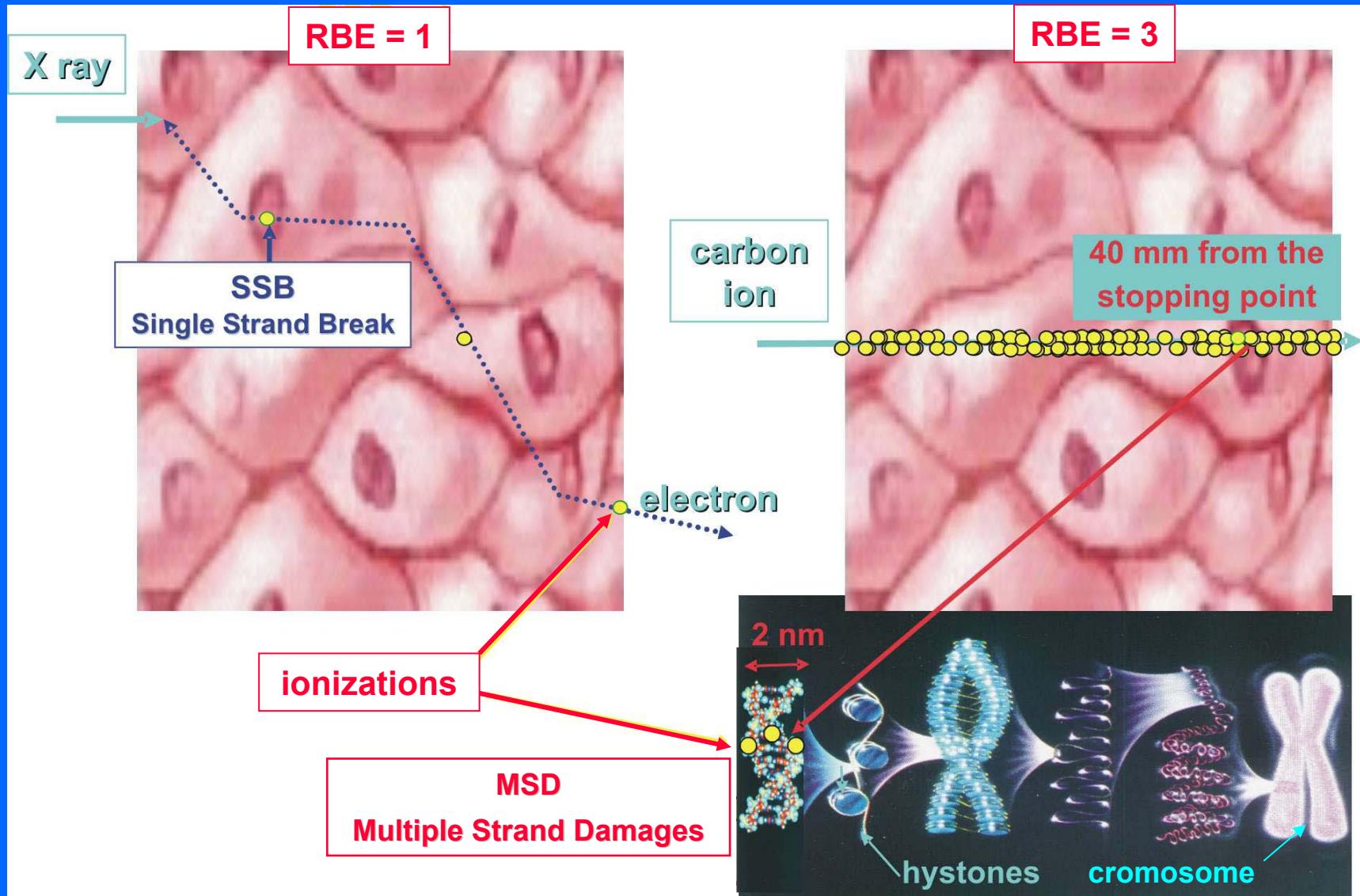
73-83%

Chondrosarcomas

50-60%

90-98%

# *Radiobiological efficiency of carbon ions*



## *Numbers of potential patients*

### X-ray therapy

every 10 million inhabitants:      20'000 pts/year

### Protontherapy

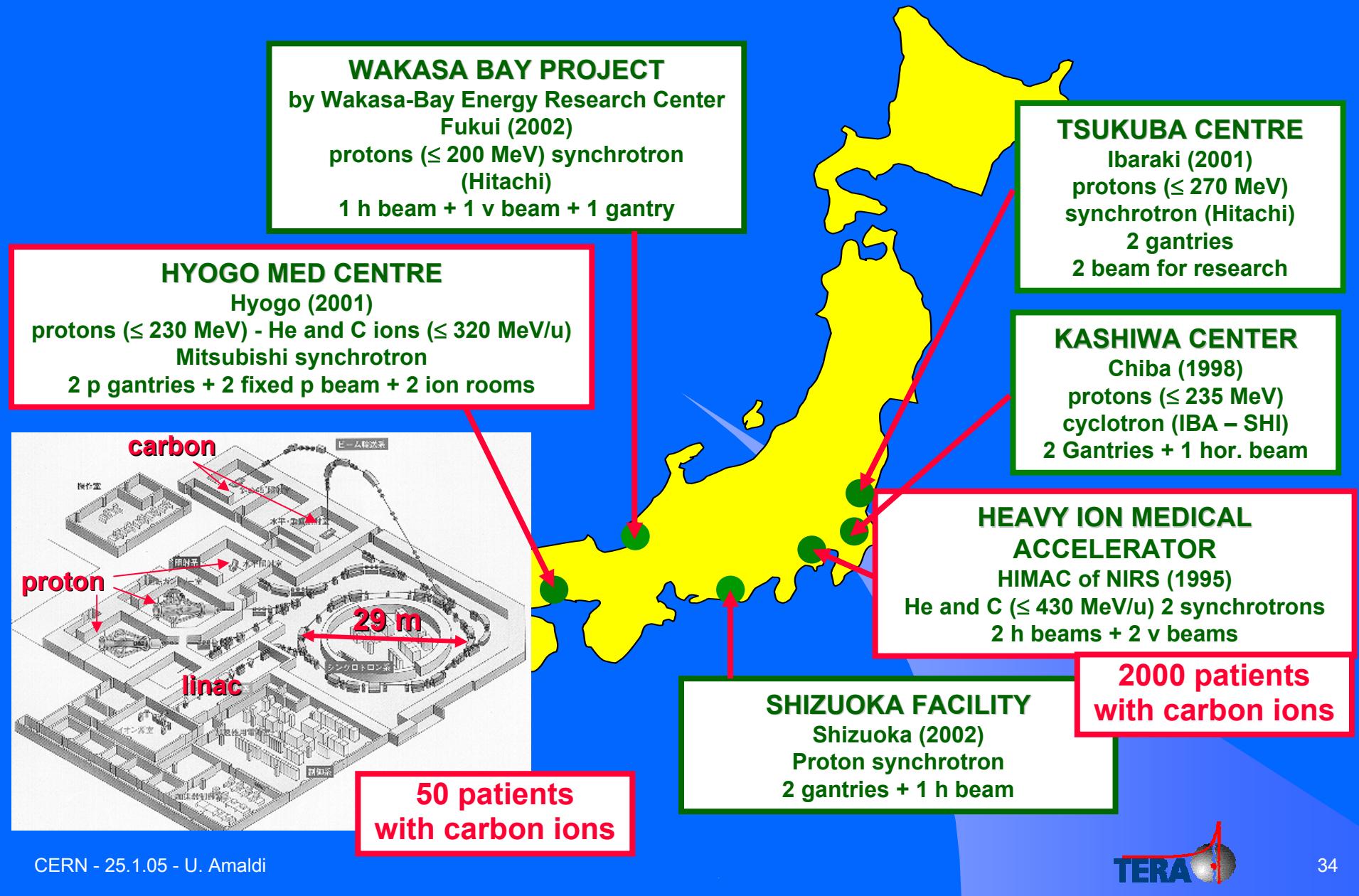
12% of X-ray patients                  2'400 pts/year

### Therapy with Carbon ions for radio-resistant tumour

3% of X-ray patients                  600 pts/year

**TOTAL every 10 M**                  **about 3'000 pts/year**

# Japan: 4 proton Centres and 2 carbon ion centres



**1998 - GSI pilot project**

**G. Kraft**

**200 patients treated  
with carbon ions  
under  
J. Debus (Heidelberg Univ.)**



**PET on-line**



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## *Projects of the TERA Foundation*

### In collaboration with CERN

TERA (created in 1992) has proposed and designed a National Centre for carbon ions:



The Italian National Centre is being built in Pavia

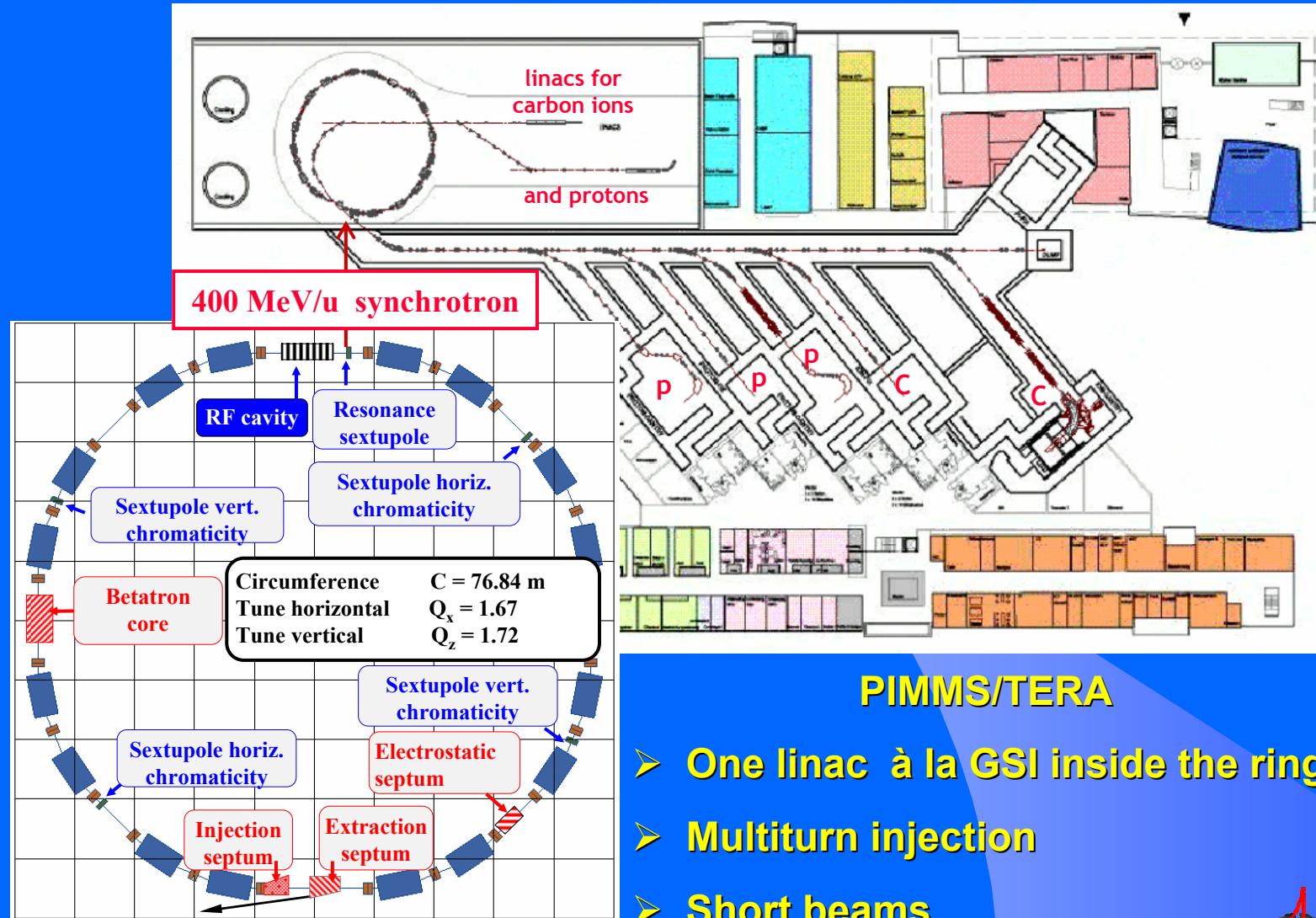
TERA has developed a novel technique for diagnostics and protontherapy



The “cyclinac”

# Proton Ion Medical Machine Study = PIMMS: 1996 - 2000

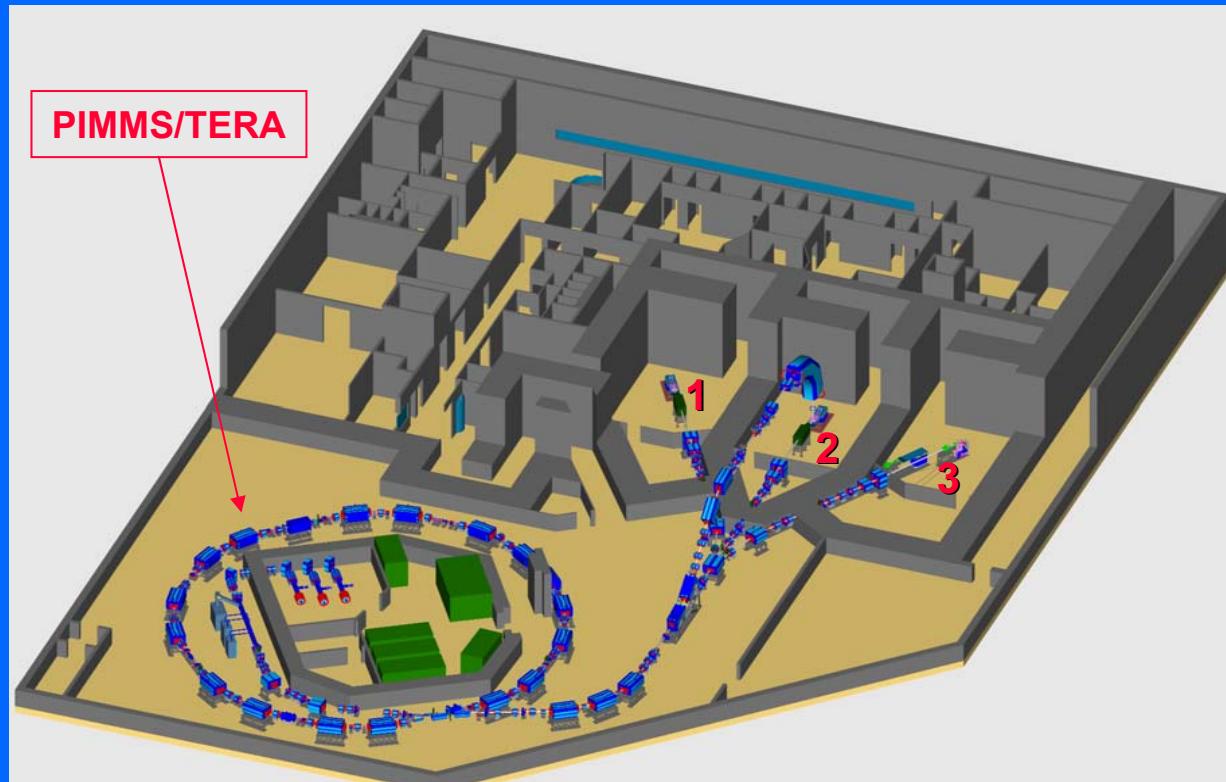
CERN–TERA–MedAustron–Oncology 2000 Collaboration



# **CNAO = Centro Nazionale di Adroterapia**

**CNAO Foundation was created by the Italian Government in 2001  
to realize CNAO: 4 Hospitals in Milan, 1 Hospital in Pavia and TERA  
Since 2003 INFN is Institutional Participant**

**In September 2003 TERA has completed and passed to CNAO  
the design of the high-tech part of CNAO and 25 people**



**President: E. Borloni**

**Med. Dir.: R. Orecchia**

**Tech. Dir: S. Rossi**

## CNAO on the Pavia site

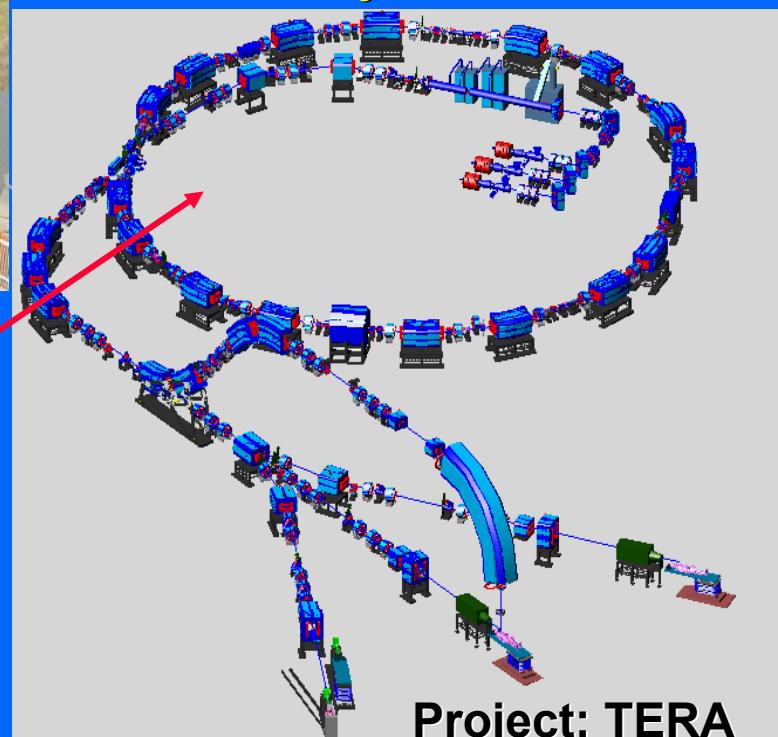
Project: Calvi –TEKNE



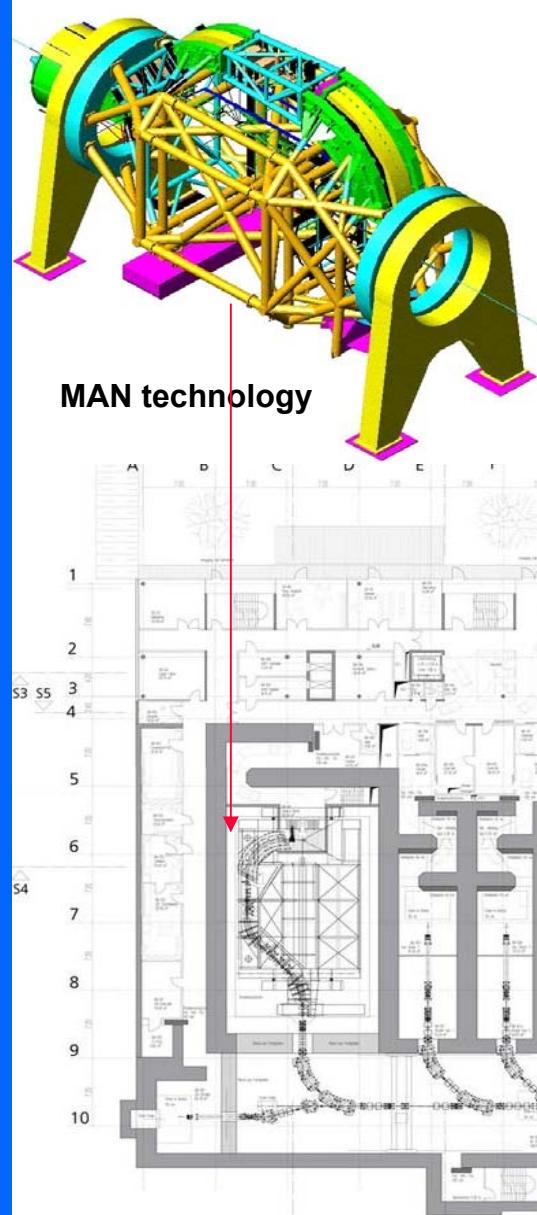
Investment: 75 M€

Main source of funds:  
Italian Health Ministry

Ground breaking: 14 March 2005  
Ready: end of 2007



# HIT – University of Heidelberg



Financed with 72 MEuro:

Public funds: 36

loan: 36

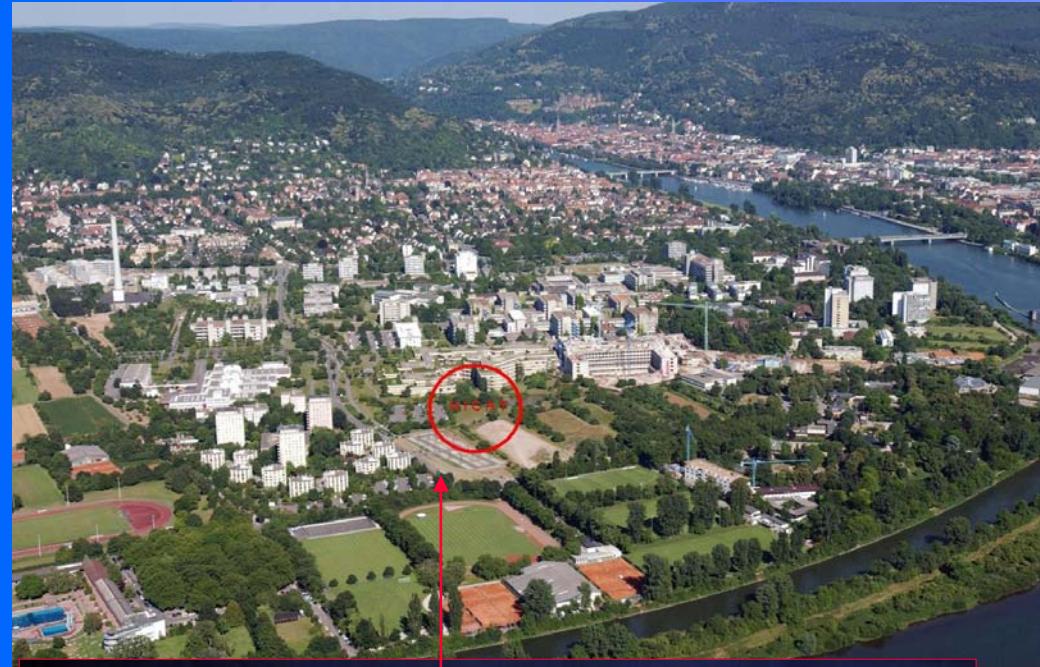
Heidelberg: J. Debus

U. Weber

GSI: H. Eickhoff

Th. Haberer

Project started in 2001



## *The site of HIT*

Sept 98 proposal

Dec 02 tendering

Mid 06 pre-clinical  
operation

Beginning 07 clinical  
operation

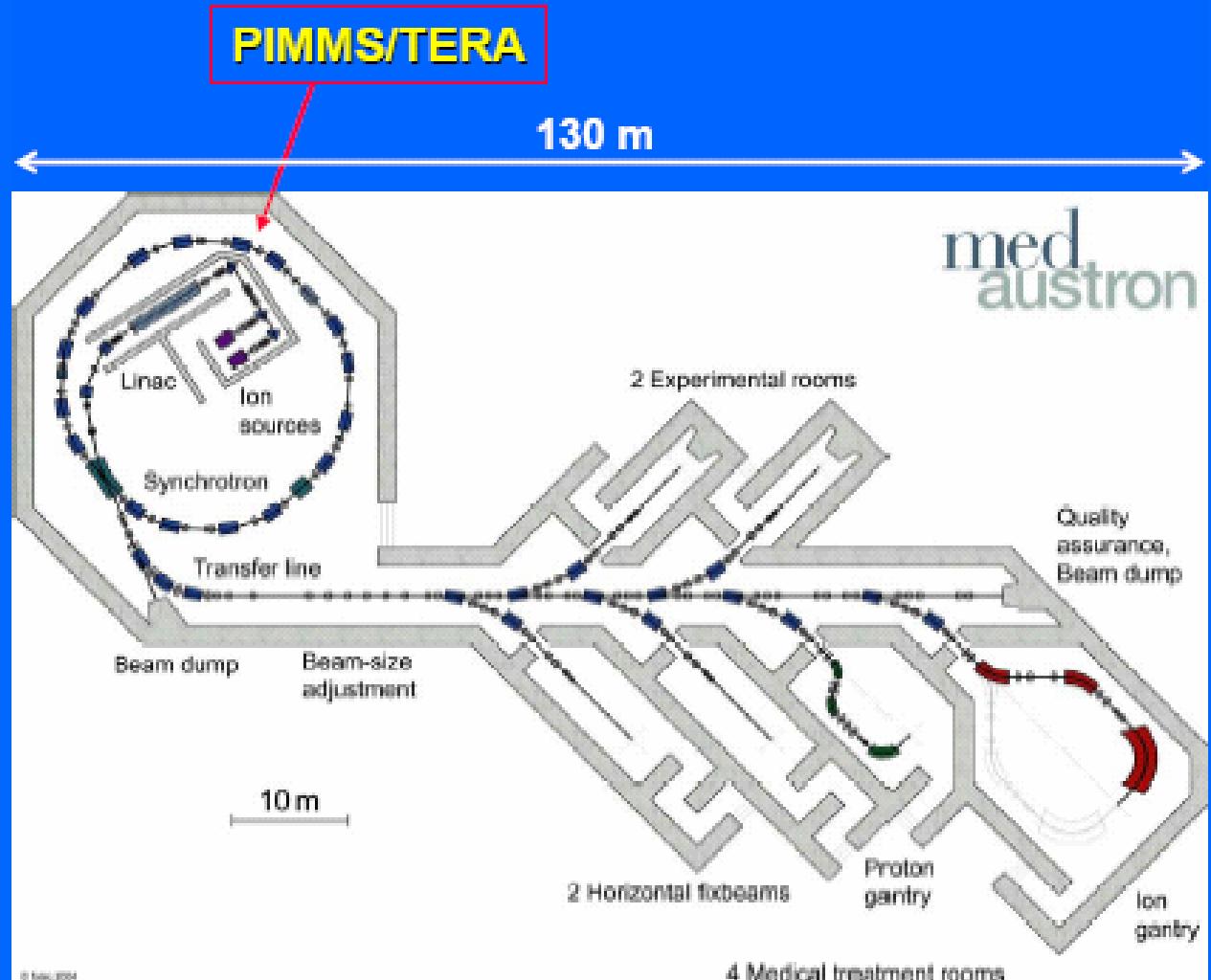
Architects Nickl & Partner, Munich and  
Heidelberg University Building Authority

## *Other European projects: MedAustron in Wiener Neustadt*

**Approved in  
November 2004**

**Chairman: R. Pötter**

**Med. Dir.: T. Auberger**  
**Tech. Dir: E. Griesmeyer**



# ***ENLIGHT and the European projects***

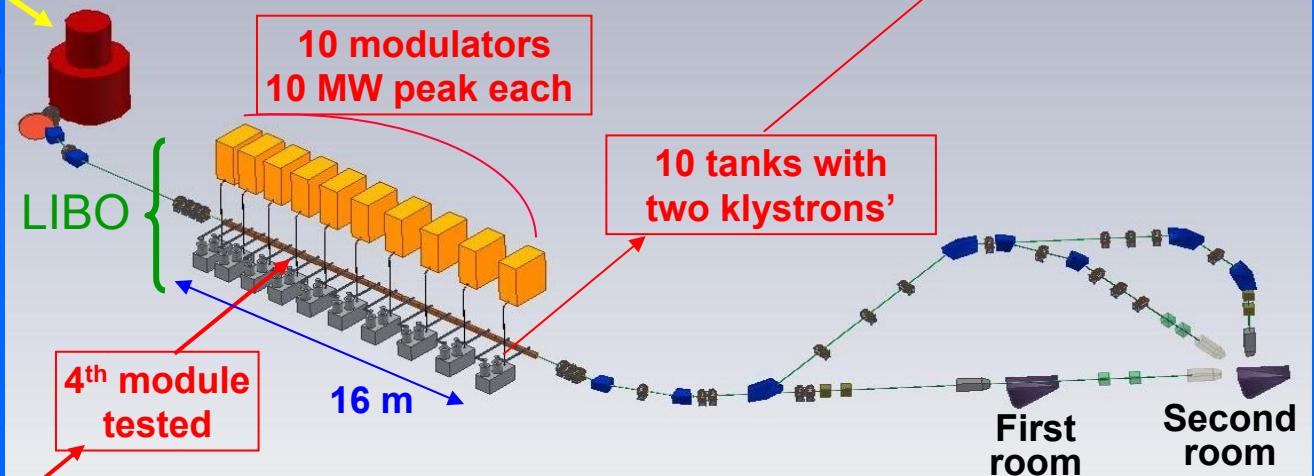
*European Network for LIGHT-ion Therapy*

- GSI project for the University of Heidelberg Clinics
  - TERA project for CNAO in Pavia
  - Med-Austron for Wiener Neustadt  
partner of PIMMS since 1996
  - ETOILE in Lyon (expects approval in few weeks)  
preliminary design by IN2P3 and CEA based on PIMMS/TERA  
[ASCLEPIOS in Caen in 2004]
  - Baltic Centre in Stockholm  
preliminary design by TERA: NIM B184 (2001) 569
- } in construction

# *At the end: TERA new instrument for hadrontherapy: the cyclinac*



**IBA Cyclone 30  
produces radioisotopes  
for diagnostics  
and therapy**



**3 GHz  
17 MV/m**

**Linear accelerators have  
a brilliant future!**

