# Medical Applications-2



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# ENVSION

**European NoVel Imaging Systems** for ION therapy

## DNA damage and its consequences



# Timing of damage efect

- Immediate/early effects: cell death, animal death
- Short term: minutes, hours, weeks.....
- Delayed effects: cancer induction, genetic effects
- Long term/late effects: years, centuries
- Bystander effect



Figure 6.2. The oxygen enhancement ratio (OER) for various types of radiation. The OER for  $\alpha$  particles is unity. X-rays exhibit a larger OER of 2.5. Neutrons (15-MeV  $d^+ \rightarrow T$ ) are between these extremes, with an OER of 1.6. (Adapted from Barendsen GW, Koot CJ, van Kersen GR, Bewley DK, Field SW, Parnell CJ: Int J Radiat Biol 10:317, 1966; and Broerse JJ, Barendsen GW, van Kersen GR: Int J Radiat Biol 13:559, 1967, with permission.)

# Re-oxygenation in Radiotherapy

- Hypoxia confers resistance to X-rays/ gamma rays - also to chemotherapeutic drugs
- Human tumours that do not respond to radiotherapy may not re-oxygenate
- Optimal fractionation regimen depends on reoxygenation

# Fractionation

- Increased survival when a dose is split into two or more fractions separated by a time interval
- There is a point at which an increase in the number of fractions will no longer increase survival - plateau in the response



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# Cell survival and fractionation



**60-75 Gy are typically given in around 30 fractions over 6 weeks** 

**The tumour dose is limited by the close-by healthy tissues which cannot receive more than 25-35 Gy** 

#### Cells spend most time in GO phase—out of the cell cycle

Go= growth arrest  $G1 =$  $Gap 1$  $G2 + Gap2$  $S =$ synthesis  $M =$ mitosis

Fate of different Chromosomes in each Phase of the cell cycle



▲ FIGURE 13-1 The fate of a single parental chromosome throughout the eukaryotic cell cycle. Although chromosomes condense only during mitosis, they are shown in condensed form to emphasize the number of chromosomes at different cellcycle stages. The nuclear envelope is not depicted. Following mitosis (M), daughter cells contain 2n chromosomes in diploid organisms and 1n chromosomes in haploid organisms including yeasts maintained in the haploid state. In proliferating cells, G<sub>1</sub> is the period between "birth" of a cell following mitosis and the initiation of DNA synthesis, which marks the beginning of the S phase. At the end of the S phase, cells enter G<sub>2</sub> containing twice the number of chromosomes as  $G_1$  cells (4n in diploid organisms). The end of  $G_2$  is marked by the onset of mitosis, during which numerous events leading to cell division occur. The G<sub>1</sub>, S, and  $G<sub>2</sub>$  phases are collectively referred to as interphase, the period between one mitosis and the next. Most nonproliferating cells in vertebrates leave the cell cycle in  $G_1$ , entering the  $G_0$  state. See also Figure 1-10.



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# Regulation of the cell cycle



### P53-guardian of the genome…..Lane,92



### Simplified view of some of the cellular pathways involved in response IR



**Connell, P. P. et al. Cancer Res 2009;69:383-392** 





**Brahme 2004 Interest Actions-1, July 2016** Brahme 2004<br>*Int J Radiat Oncol Biol Phys, V* 58, pp 603-616

# Radiation Therapy

# Cancer Treatment Options…



# The ideal treatment

eliminate all tumour cells without afecting normal cells

### + Physics :

- $\Diamond$  100% of the dose on target
- $\Diamond$  0% dose in surrounding healthy tissues or critical organs
- $\div$  Biology :
	- $\Diamond$  differential effect
	- $\Diamond$  kill 100% of cancer cells
	- $\Diamond$  "protect" normal cells



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**electrons**



**X** 

**2000 patients/year every Courtesy of Elekta 1 million inhabitants have a 30-35 session treatment of about 2 grays (Gy) (\*)** 



**(\*) dose = energy / mass - measured in gray = joule / kg** 

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**50% of all the existing accelerators above 1 MeV** 

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# Linacs for radiation therapy

#### electrons



The most used accelerator in hospitals worldwide is a linear accelerator (linac)

Around 10, 000 electron linacs are used daily for radiotherapy

1 linac for every 250,000 inhabitants is considered optimal, you can see how many are needed globally in order to have access conventional RT

#### Defining the Problem:



### WHO Global Burden of Disease

http://www.who.int/healthinfo/global\_burden\_disease/projections/en/index.html



#### Defining the Problem: http://www.iceccancer.org

Radiotherapy is<br>an essential part of the treatment of cancer **ACCESS TO RADIOTHERAPY:** 

There is a shortfall of over 5000 radiotherapy machines in the developing world

#### **Over 30 African and Asian countries** have no access to radiotherapy

#### **Availability of treatment**

of people served by a single radiotherapy centre Uatest available data 1995-2003

below 500 000 500 000 - 999 999  $1-4.9$  million 5-9.9 million

10-19.9 million

20 million and above

no centre no data

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

### 3 "Cs" of Radiation



Cure  $(~50-60$  % cancer cases are cured) Conservative (non-invasive, few side effects) Cheap (5-10% of total cost of cancer on RT)

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**60-75 grays (joule/kg) given in 30-35 fractions (6-7weeks)** 

**to allow healthy tissues to repair:** 

**90% of the tumours are radiosensitive**



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# How to improve outcome?

- Physics technologies: better dose distribution, higher dose, more localised
- Imaging: accuracy, multimodality, real-time, organ motion
- Data: storage, analysis, sharing, patient referral, second opinion
- Biology: fractionation, radiobiological effectiveness, radioresistance, radio-sensitization
- Collaboration: cancer is a multidisciplinary field



Founder and first director of Fermilab

### Hadrontherapy: all started 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

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#### Photons and Electrons vs. Hadrons

- Physical dose high near surface
- DNA damage easily repaired
- Biological effect lower
- Need presence of oxygen
- **Effect not localised**

- Dose highest at Bragg Peak
- DNA damage not repaired
- Biological effect high
- Do not need oxygen
- **Effect** is localised

*First Cyclotron (Lawrence& Livingston, 1930)*

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#### Nobel Prize 1939

### 184-Inch Cyclotron and Hadron Therapy

*The beginning, 1947*

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*The first beam, November 1, 1947* 

*E. Blakely, LBNL* 

### *FIRST PROTON THERAPY PATIENT TREATED September 1954*

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- •*1948: Biology experiments using protons*
- •*1954: Human exposure to accelerated proton, deuteron and helium ion beams*
- •*1956-1986: Clinical Trials– 1500 patients treated E. Blakely, LBNL*

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*Prof. Cornelius A. Tobias* 

### *CERN WAS FOUNDED 29 September 1954*

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• *The first meeting of the provisional CERN Council 15 Feb 1952 Key people: Sir Ben Lockspeiser, Edoardo Amaldi, Felix Bloch, Leew Kowarski, Cornelis Bakker, and Niels Bohr* 

*E. Blakely, LBNL* 

### Tumours treated by HT at LBNL

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### Avantages of protons and carbon ions

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**1. Healthy tissues are spared by protons and carbon ions**

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**protons: 230 MeV** 

**C ions : 5000 MeV** 

**charge = 6 and produce in the DNA clustered unrepairable damages thus killing at the end of the range the cells which are radioresistant to both X rays and protons.** 

# IMPT = Intensity Modulated Particle Therapy with protons

4 NON-UNIFORM FIELDS

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## Comparison of Collateral Damage

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# The Bragg Peak

- Allows more precise allocation of the dose to the tumour
- BUT makes dosimetry and diagnostics more difficult because the energy is deposited preferentially inside the patient
- To take full advantage, we need improved diagnostics
	- To steer the beam spot by measurement of the location of the energy deposition
	- To control the dose (dosimetry)

### Standard procedure: Passive beam spreading with respiratory gating

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### Spot scanning with a proton beam

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2B. Active "raster scanning" technique by GSI with respiratory gating (Villigen)

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**The synchrotron beam is moved continously**

# 3 crucial years for HT

In the years 1992-1994 the rate of progress changed: 

- 1992 at Loma Linda first proton patient
- 1993 MGH (Boston) orders the first commercial protontherapy centre
- 1993 GSI starts the carbon ion 'pilot project'
- 1994 HIMAC first carbon ion patient

### Key Milestones of Hadron therapy

1991 — First hospital based *Proton* facility Loma Linda University Medical Center, CA, USA

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#### **360<sup>0</sup> Gantry**

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### HIMAC in Chiba is the pioneer of carbon therapy

#### Yasuo Hirao

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Since the cells do not repair. less fractions are possible **HIMAC: reduced fractions! Even single fraction** 

#### The Darmstadt GSI 'pilot project' (1997-2008)

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# Real-time monitoring

- In-beam PET @ GSI (Germany)
- MonteCarlo simulations
- Organ motion

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### First results at MGH-Harvard with protons

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### Tumour control Rate: Chordomas

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*Schulz-Ertner, IJROBP 2007* 

# 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**

(\*) Combining studies made in Austria, Germany, France and Italy in the framework of ENLIGHT - Coordinator: Manjit Dosanjh

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### Heidelberg ion gantry: 600 tons and 400 kW

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- Life Sciences Team

Useful links

- *cern.ch/crystalclear*
- *cern.ch/enlight*
- *cern.ch/virtual-hadron-therapy-centre*
- *http://cds.cern.ch/record/1611721*
- *cern.ch/knowledgetransfer*
- *cern.ch/medipix*
- *cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AXIALPET*
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