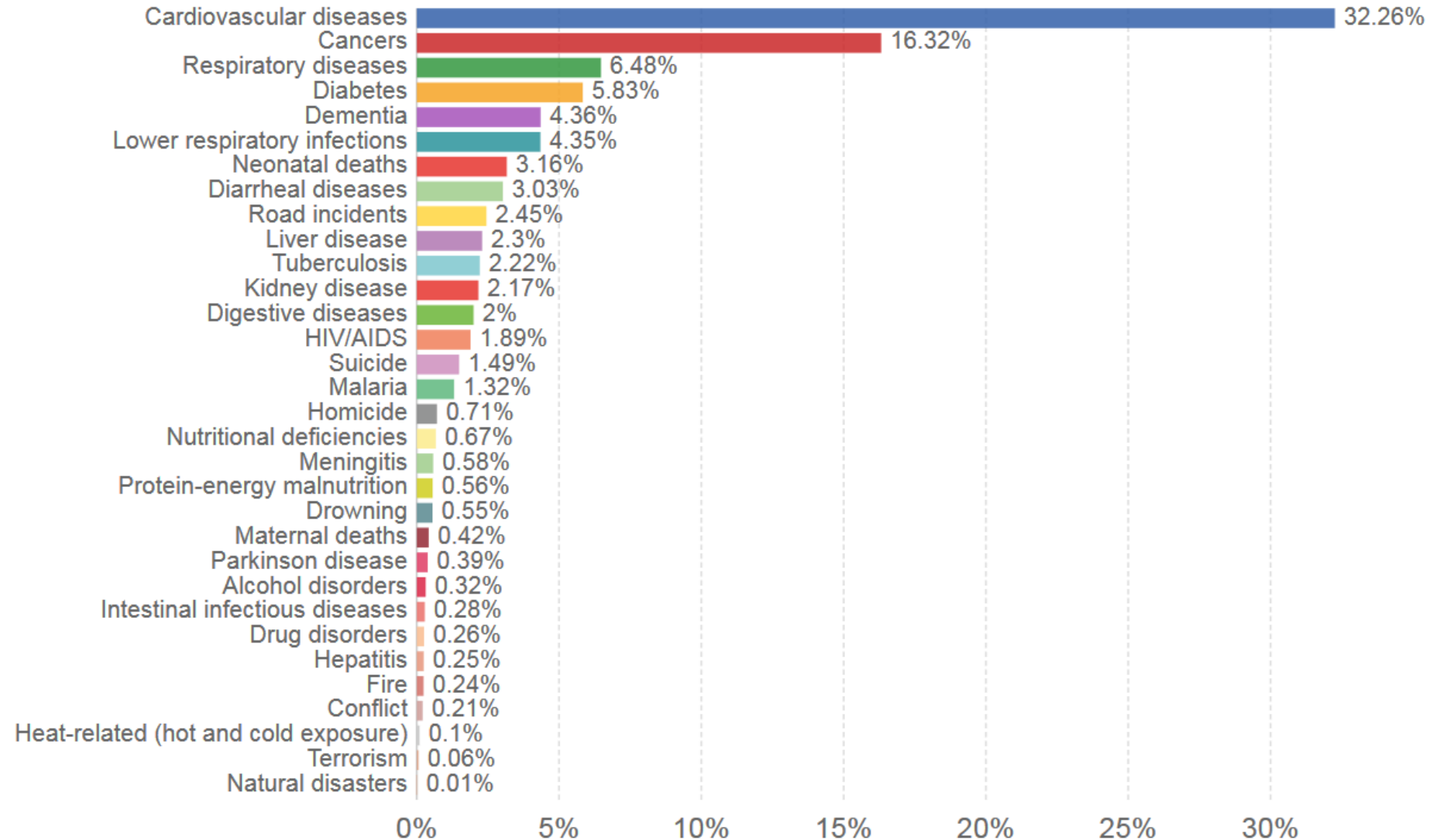


Share of deaths by cause, World, 2016

Data refers to the specific cause of death, which is distinguished from risk factors for death, such as air pollution, diet and other lifestyle factors. This is shown by cause of death as the percentage of total deaths.



Source: IHME, Global Burden of Disease

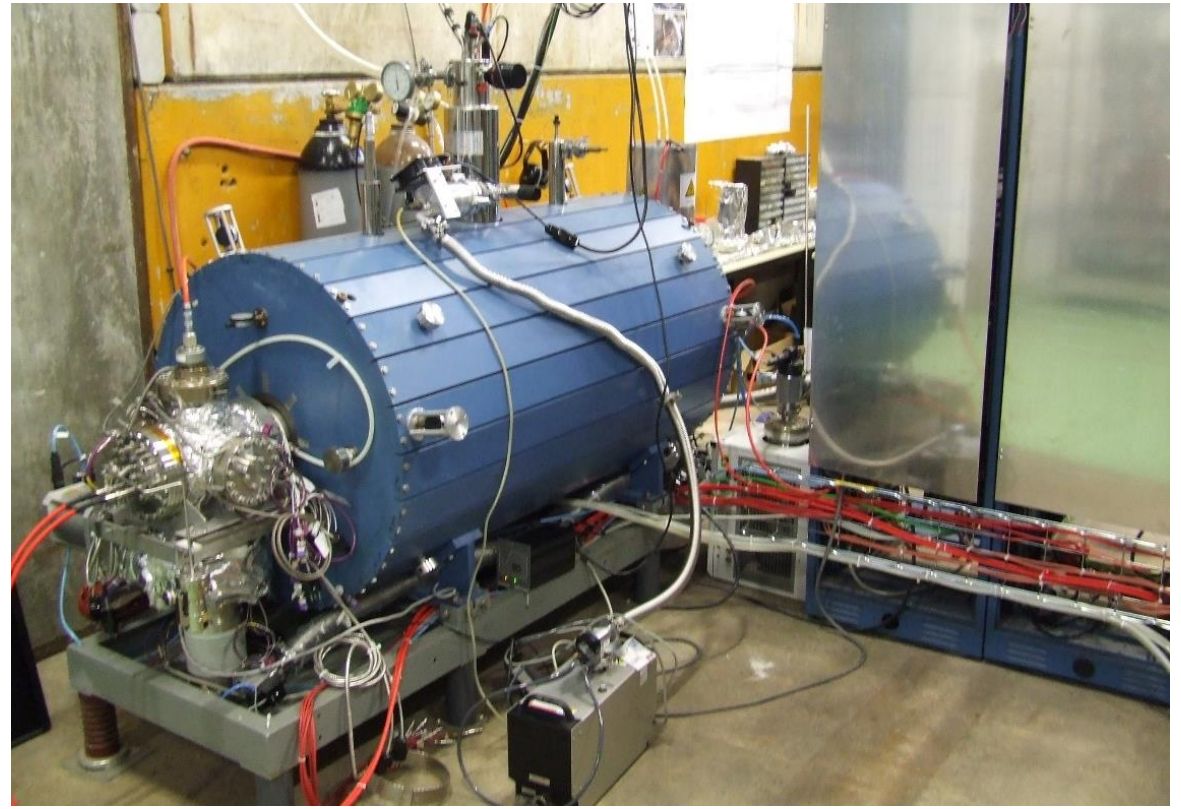
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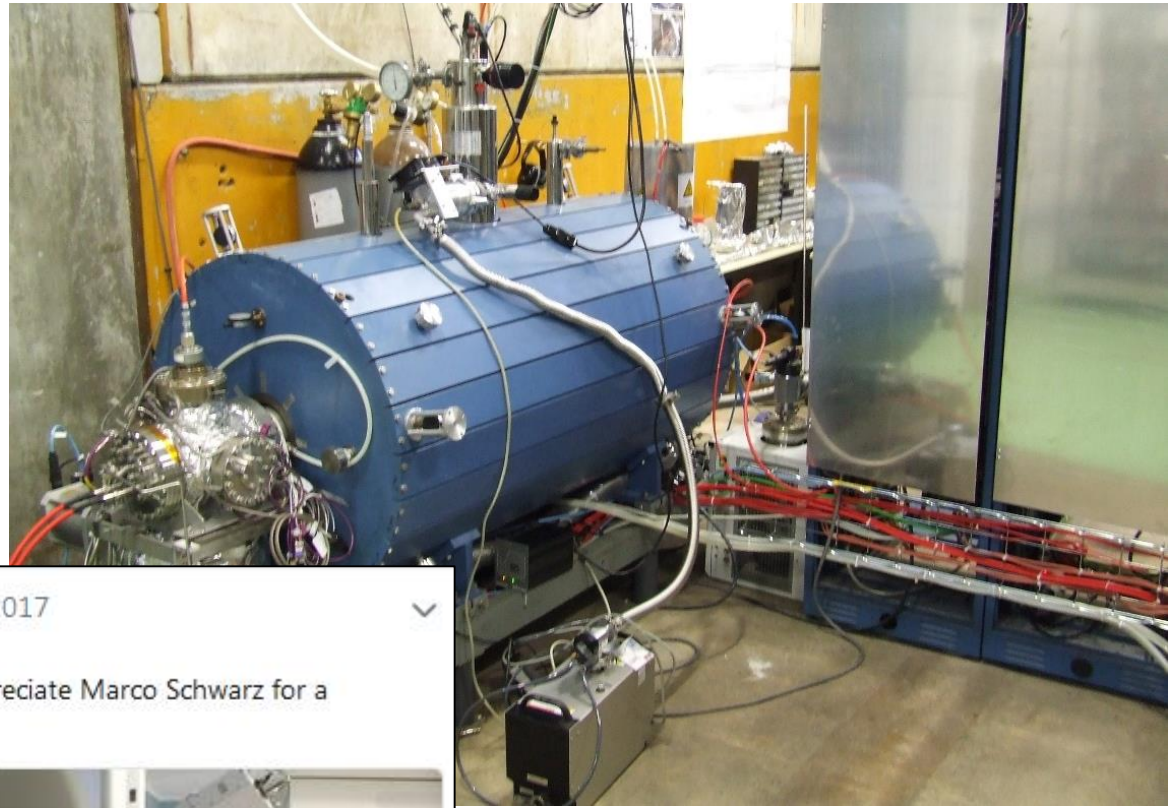
Beams for Cancer Treatment

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Summer Camp Lecture





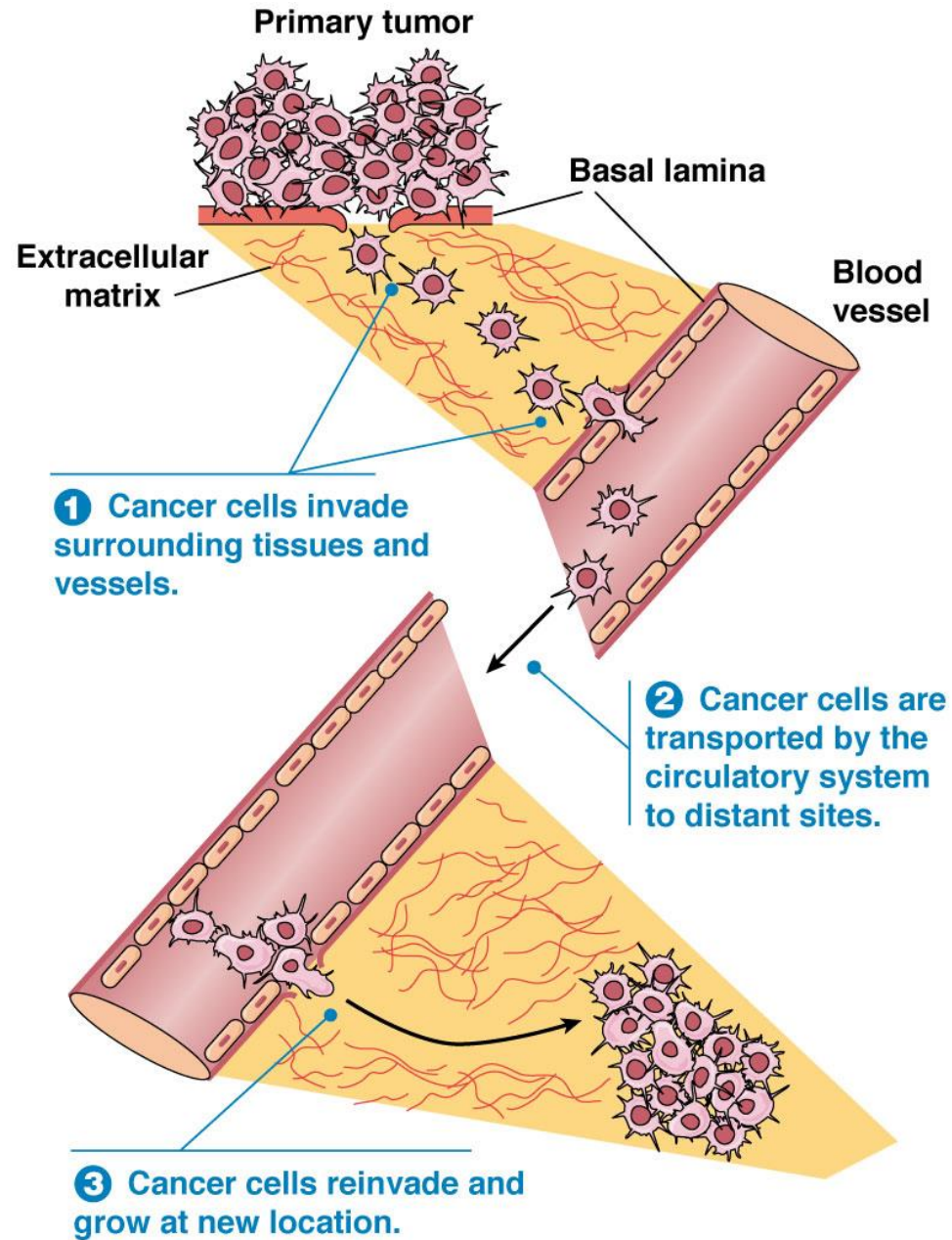
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Guess, where we were today?

Trento, Proton Therapy Center. We highly appreciate Marco Schwarz for a wonderful excursion into the facility.



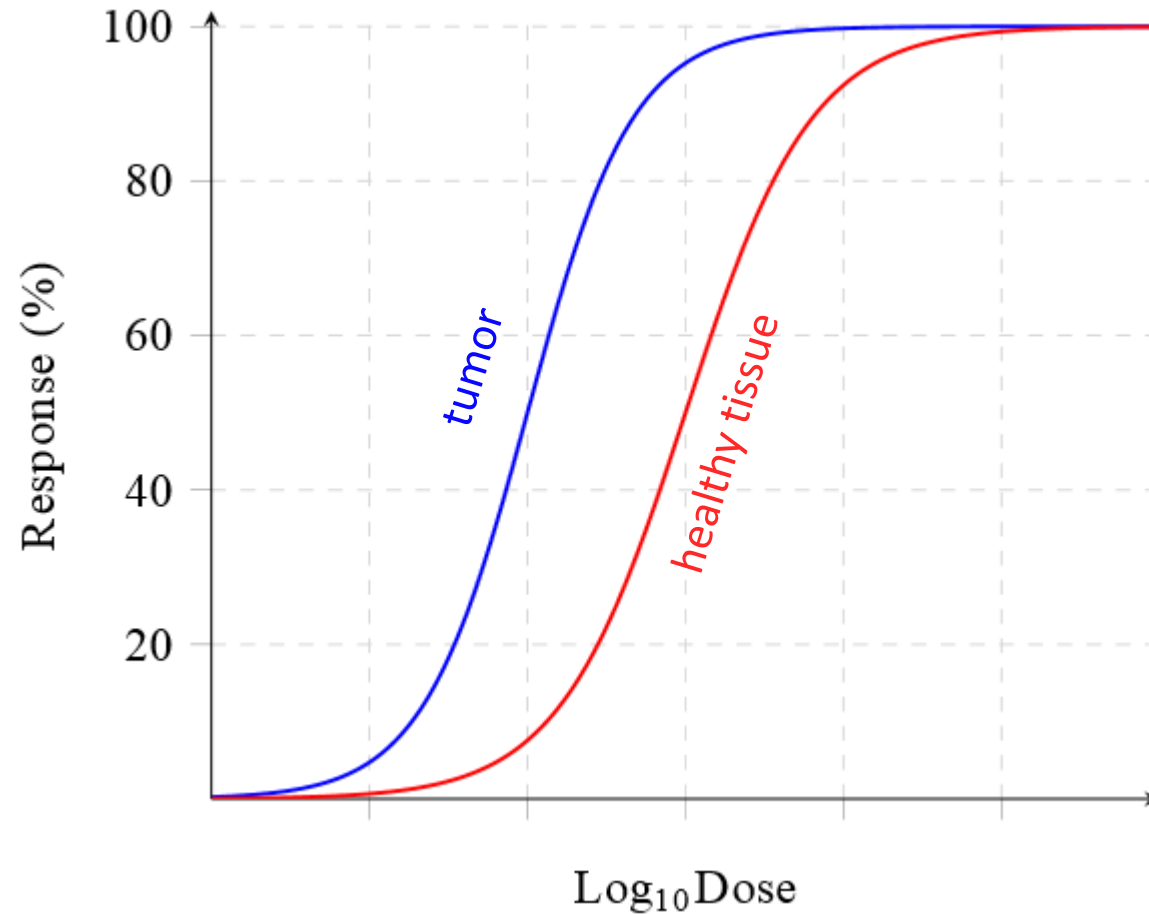
What is cancer?



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Dose-Response-Curve

- Treatment: higher response from cancer cells than normal, healthy tissue
- Harm to healthy tissue may induce unwanted side effects



Treatment methods



Chemotherapy
(Systemic
therapy)

Treatment methods



Chemotherapy
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Surgery

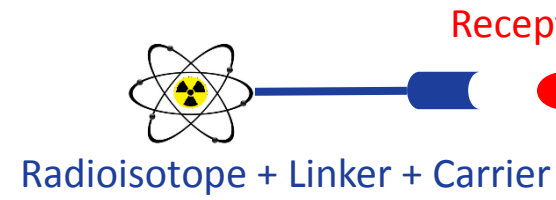


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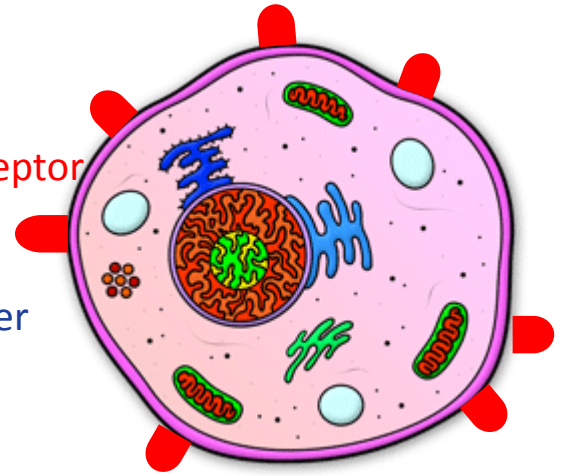
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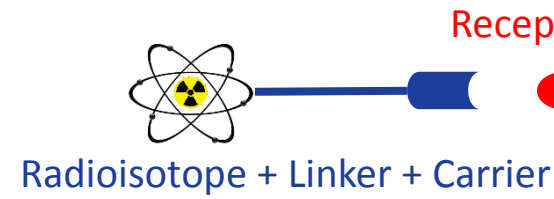
Production of radioisotopes
at CERN Medicis facility

Treatment methods



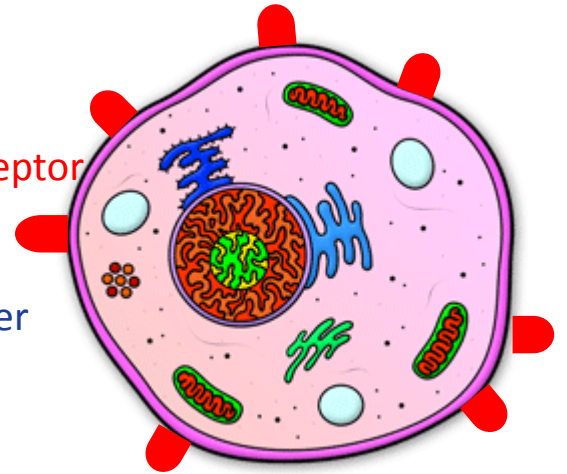
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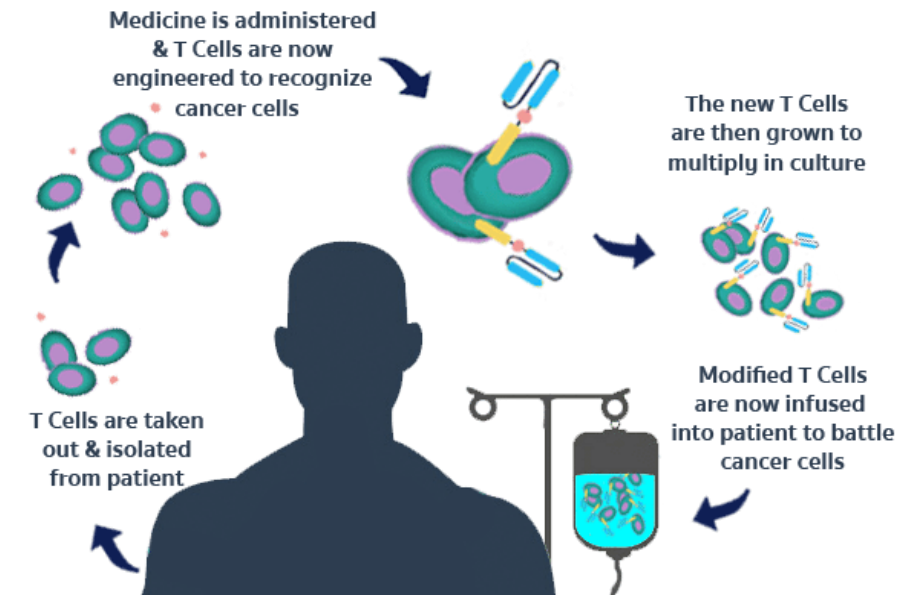


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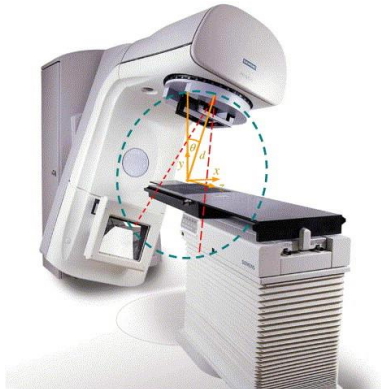


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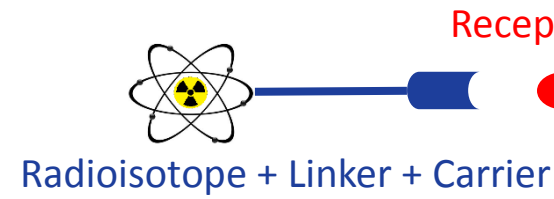


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External beam irradiation

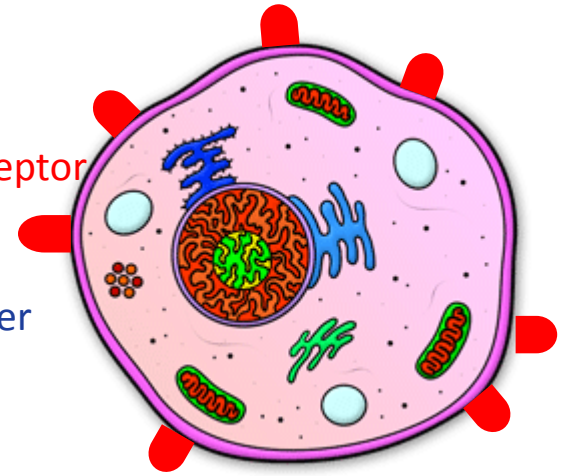


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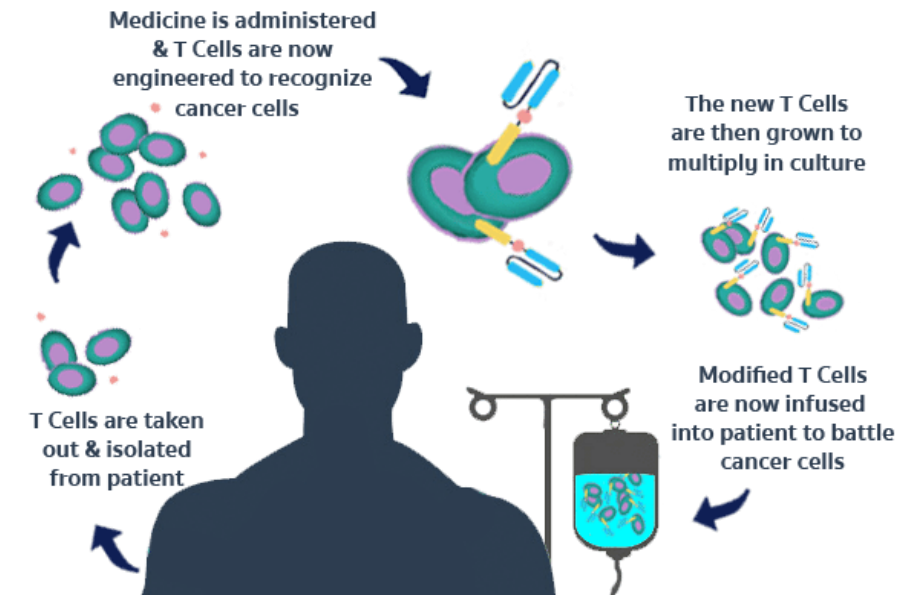


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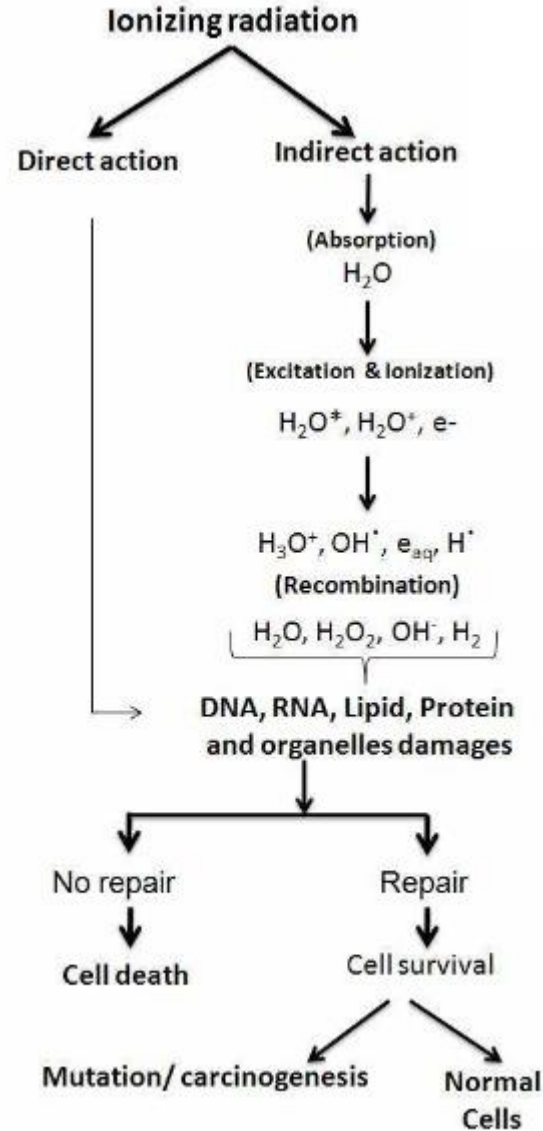
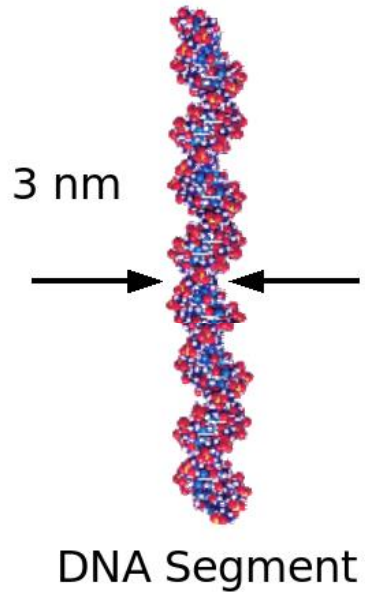
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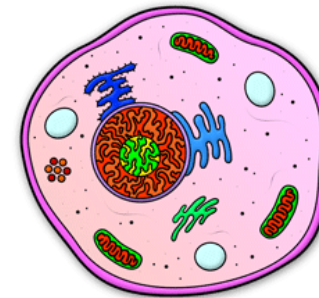
Cell damage through ionizing radiation



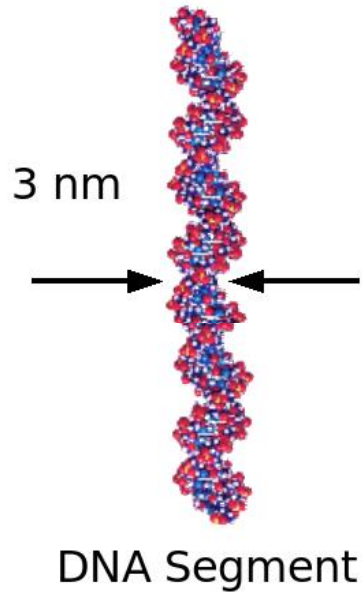
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Excitation and Ionization

Chemical stage:
-> chemical bonds break
-> formation of free radicals

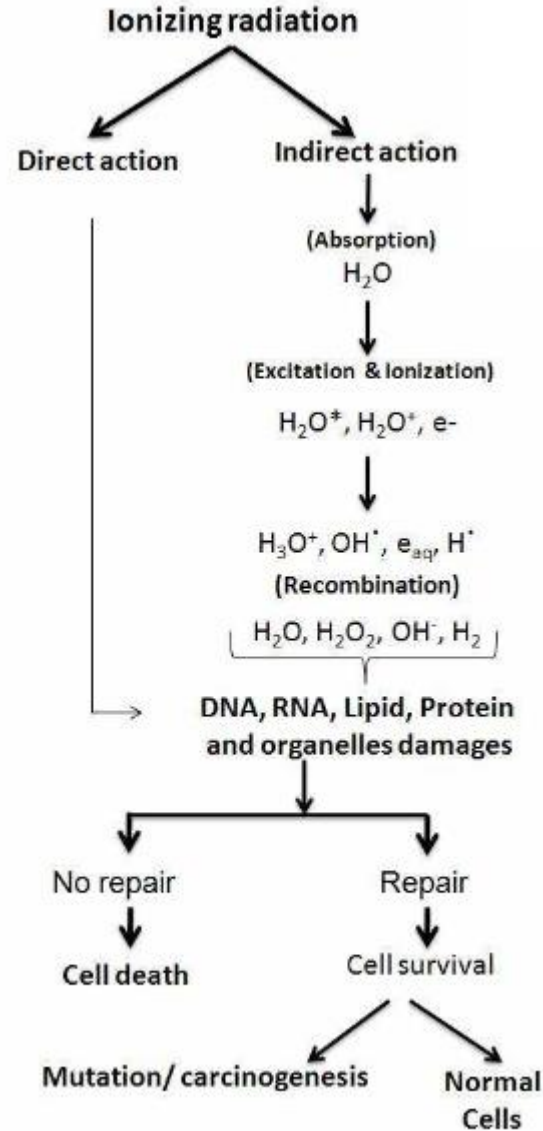
Biological stage:
cell cycle stops while cell attempts to repair



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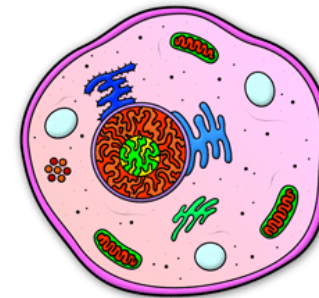
Irreversible DNA damage
-> Apoptosis



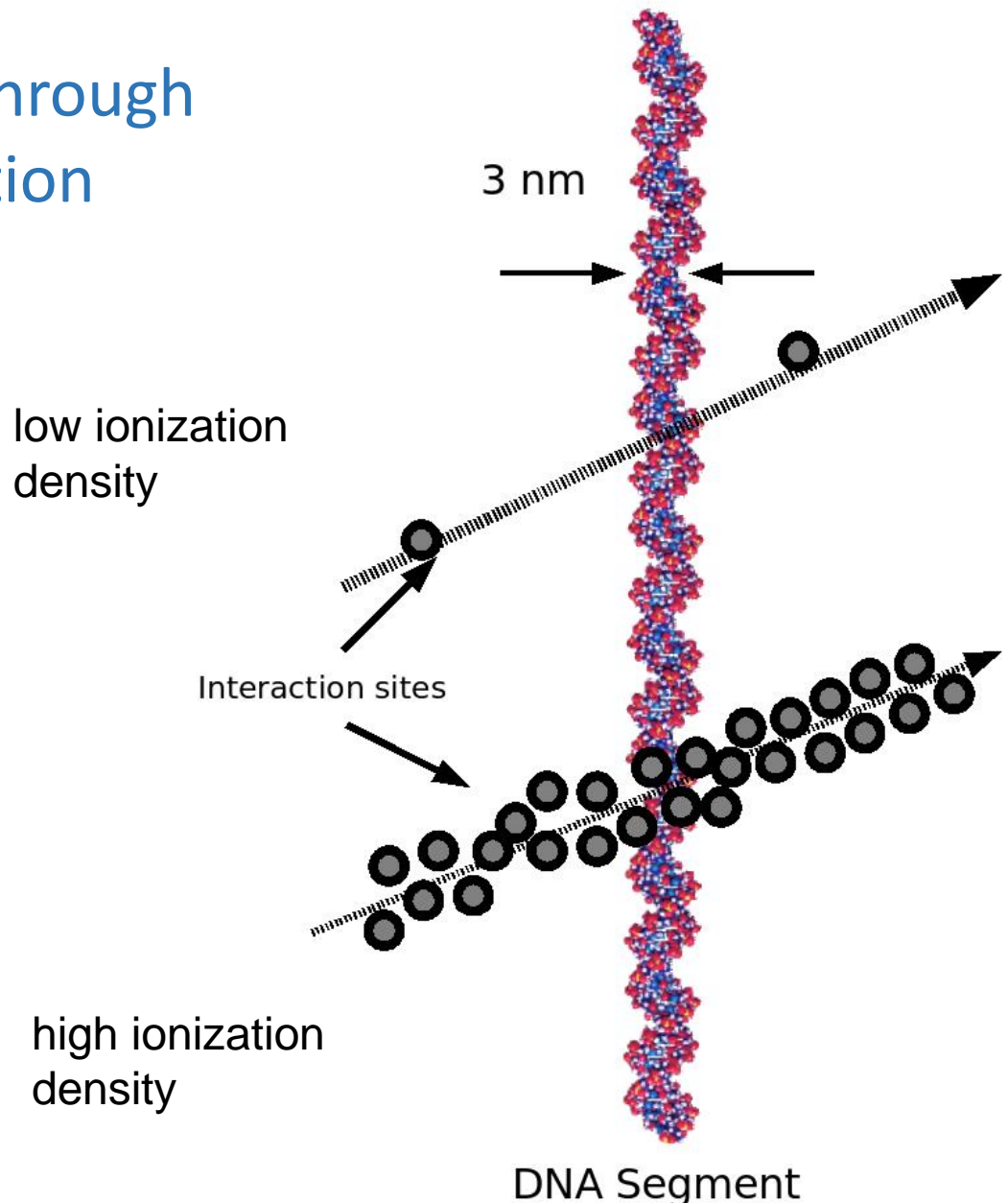
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Cell damage through ionizing radiation



More likely to cause severe DNA damage e.g. through double-strand breaks

Dose

Dose

Equivalent dose

Effective dose

Gy [J/kg]

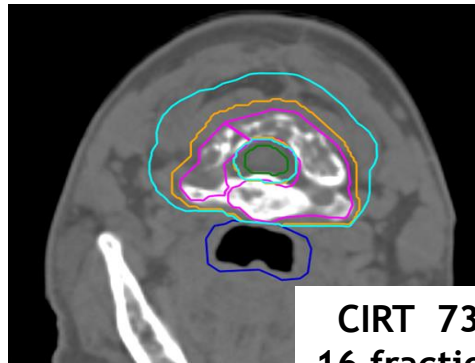
Sv [J/kg]

Sv [J/kg]

Energy deposited in tissue

Damage to tissue
weighted: radiation

Damage to organ
weighted: tissue



CIRT 73.6 GyE
16 fractions IMPT

- Photons (1)
- Electrons (1)
- Protons (2)
- Heavy ions (20)
- Neutrons
- ...

Organ/tissue	ICRP (2007)
Breast	0.12
Bone marrow	0.12
Colon ^a	0.12
Lung	0.12
Remainder	0.12 ^b
Stomach	0.12
Gonads ^d	0.08
Bladder	0.04
Liver	0.04
Oesophagus	0.04
Thyroid	0.04
Bone surfaces	0.01
Brain	0.01
Salivary glands	0.01
Skin	0.01

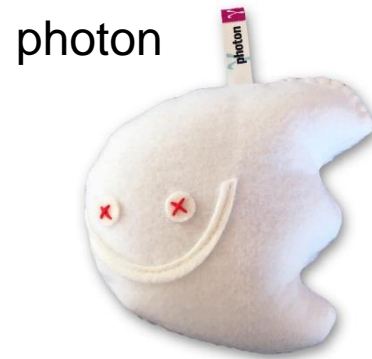
External Beam Irradiation



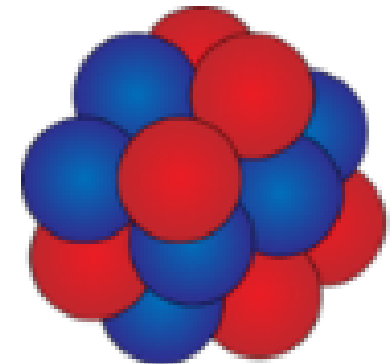
electron



proton



photon



carbon ion

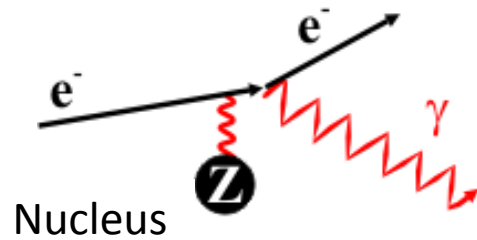
How do they deposit energy in the tissue?
Where do they deposit energy in the tissue?

Electrons

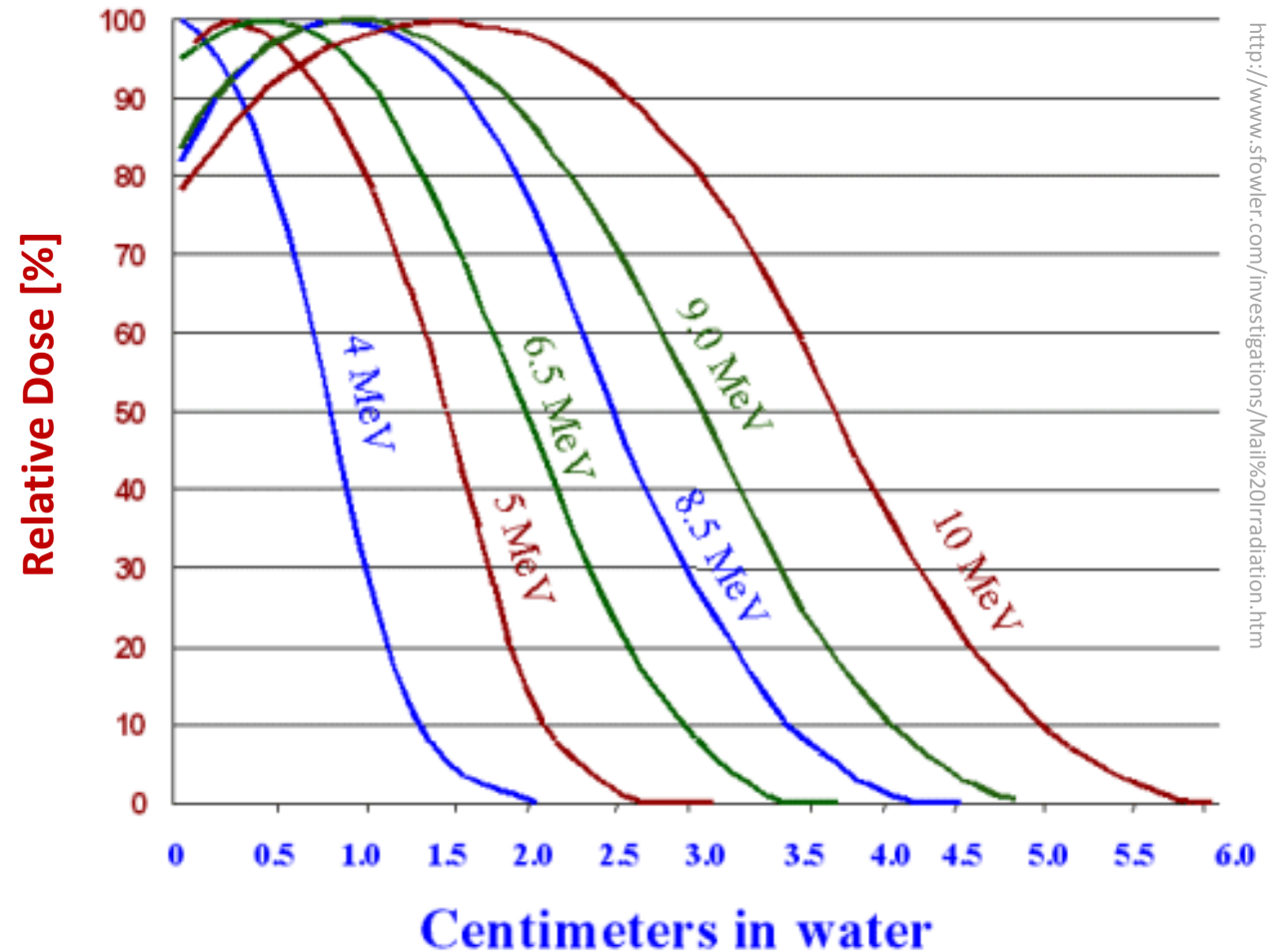


Energy loss:

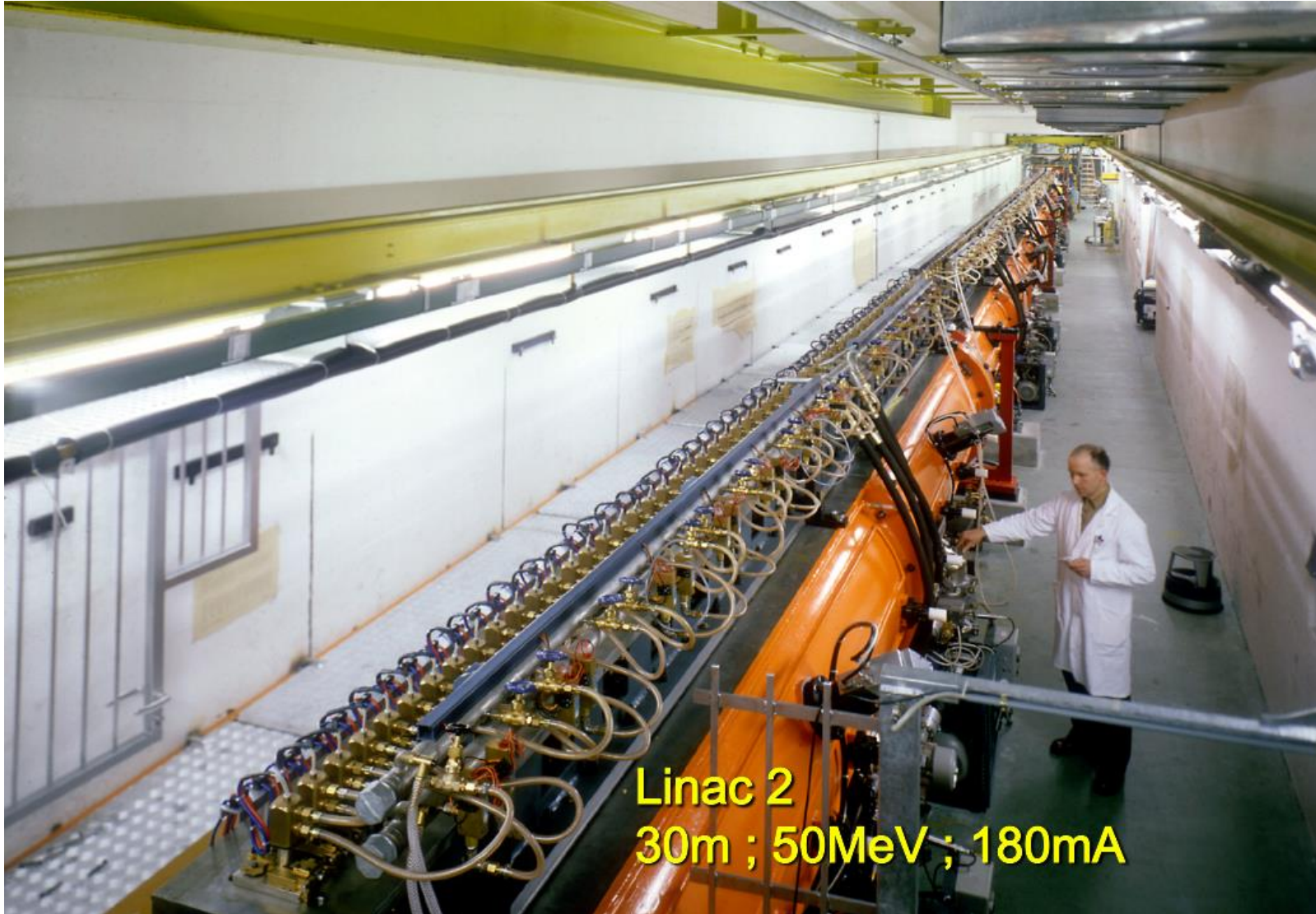
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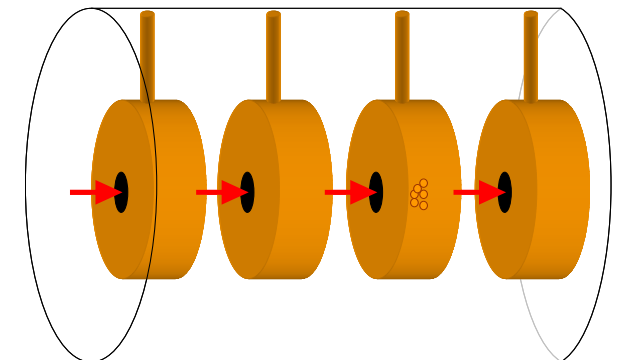
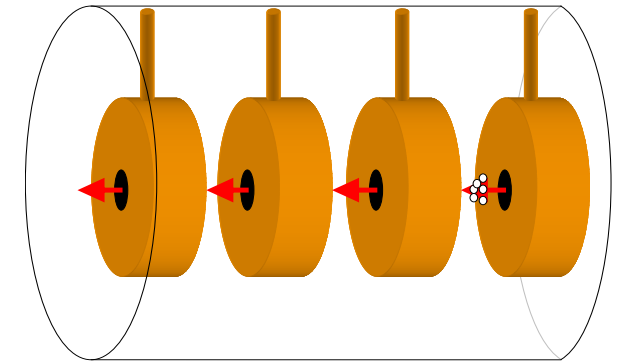
Scattering through collisions
-> broadening of the beam



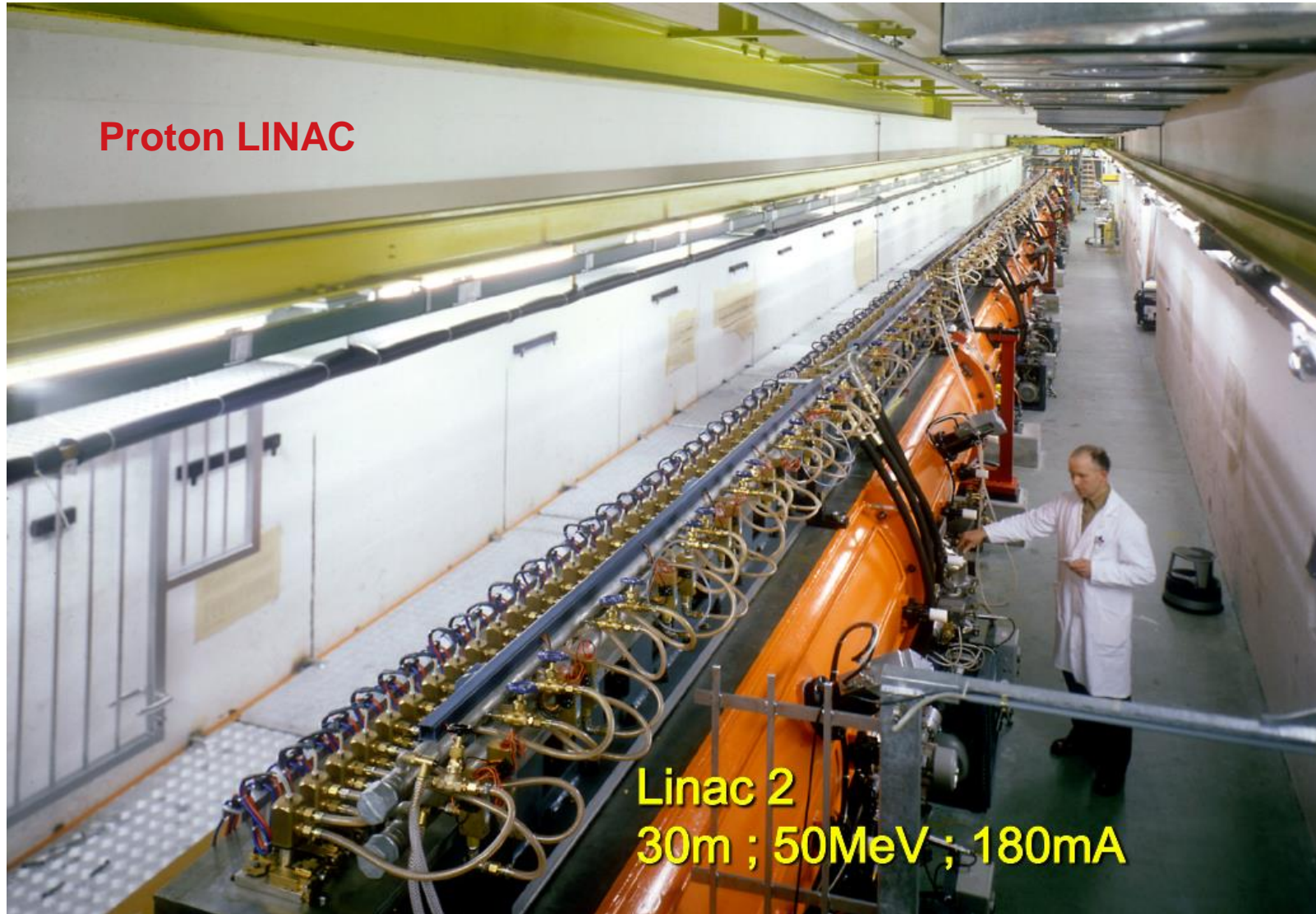
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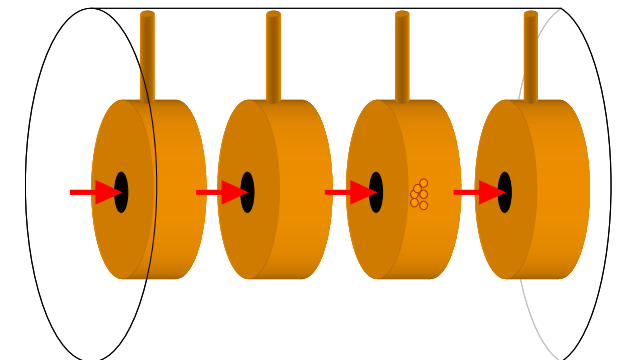
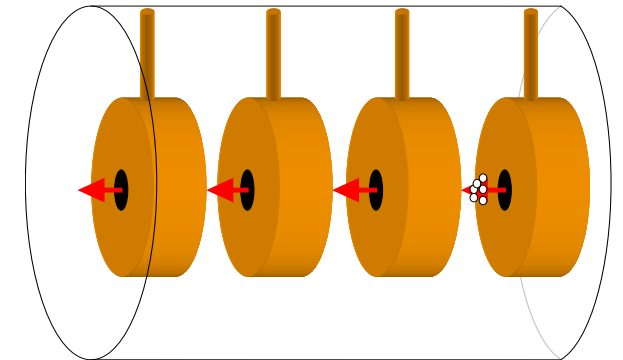
LINAC – linear accelerator



Electrons



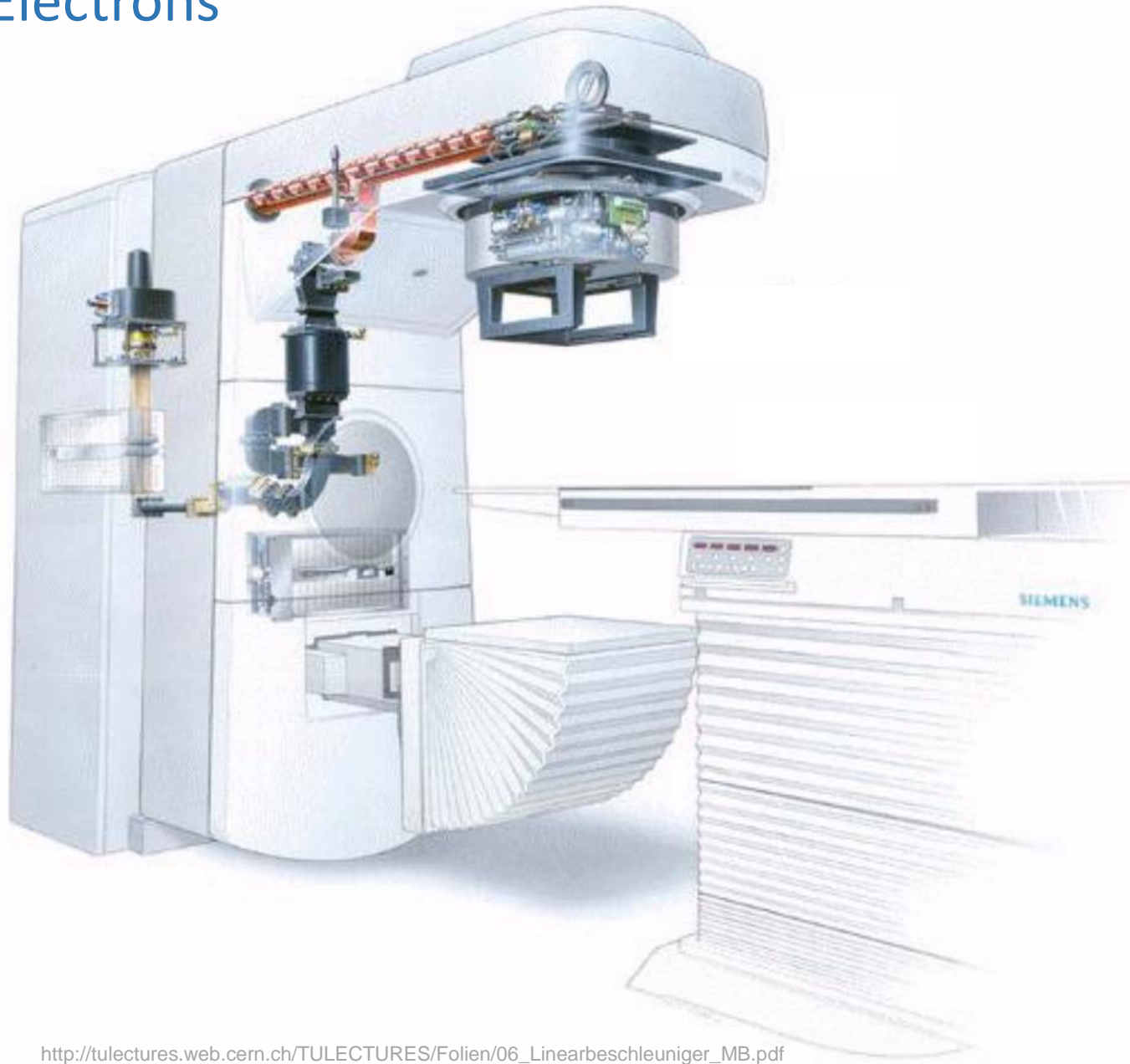
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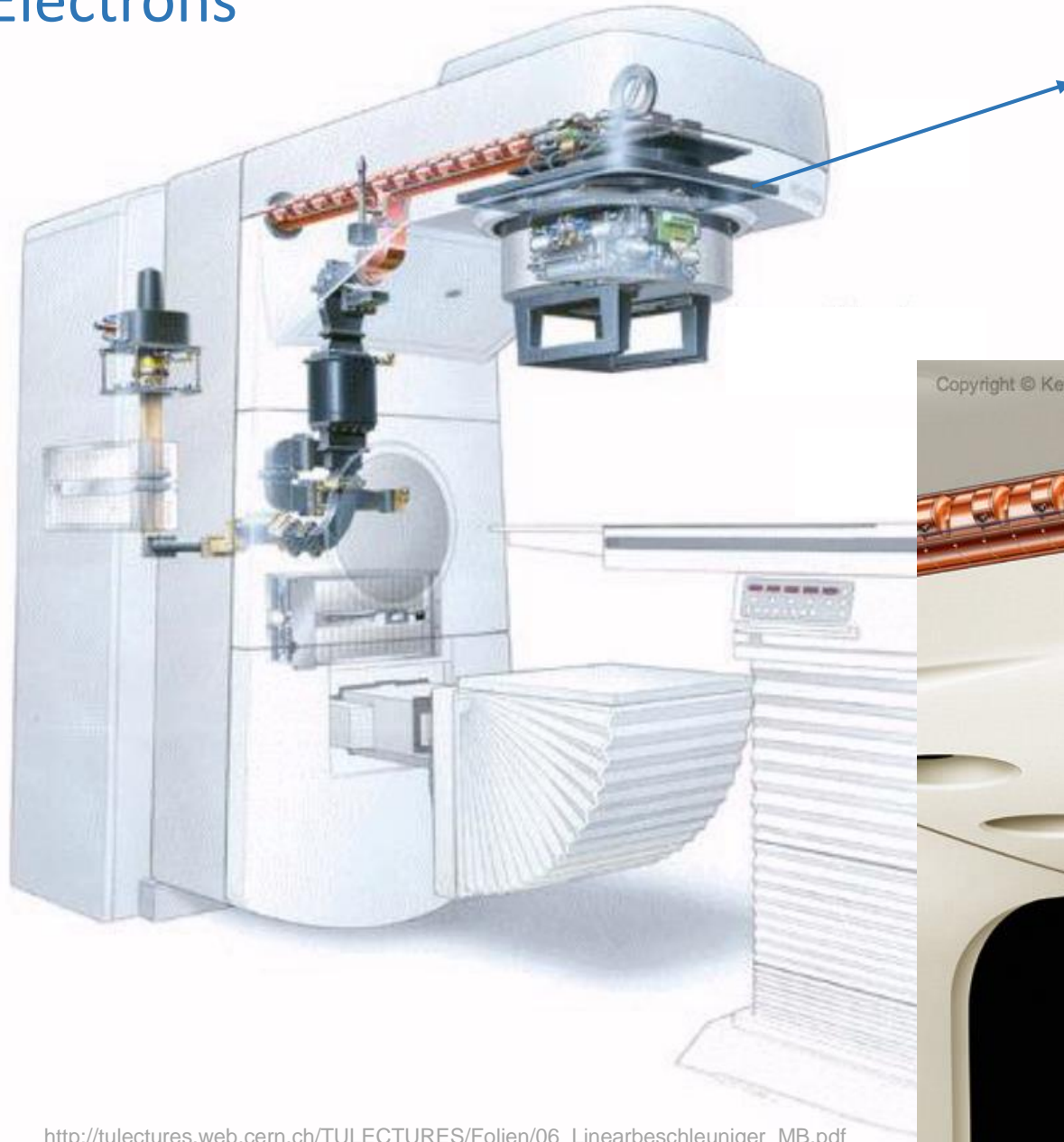
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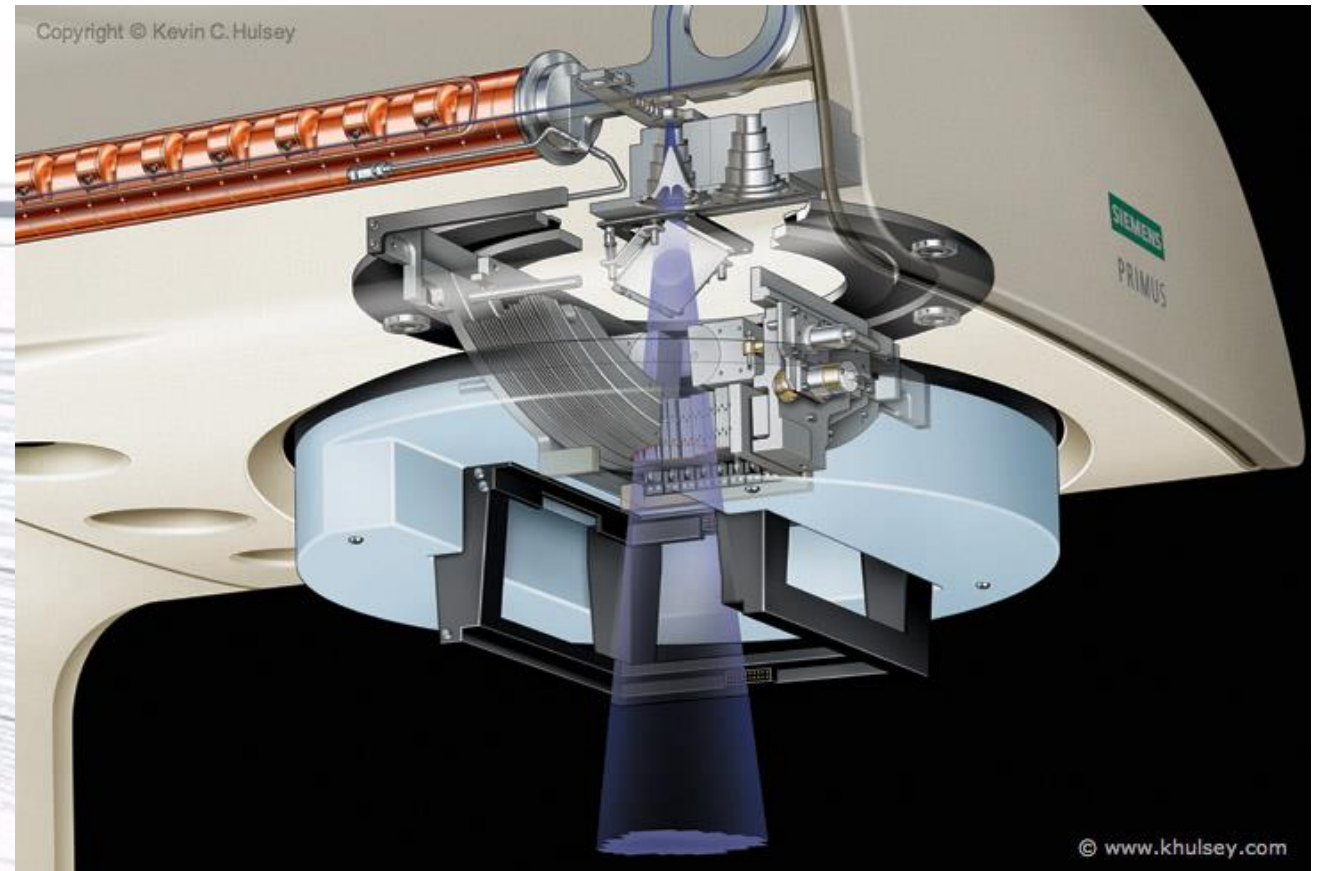
Electron LINAC
4 – 25 MeV electrons



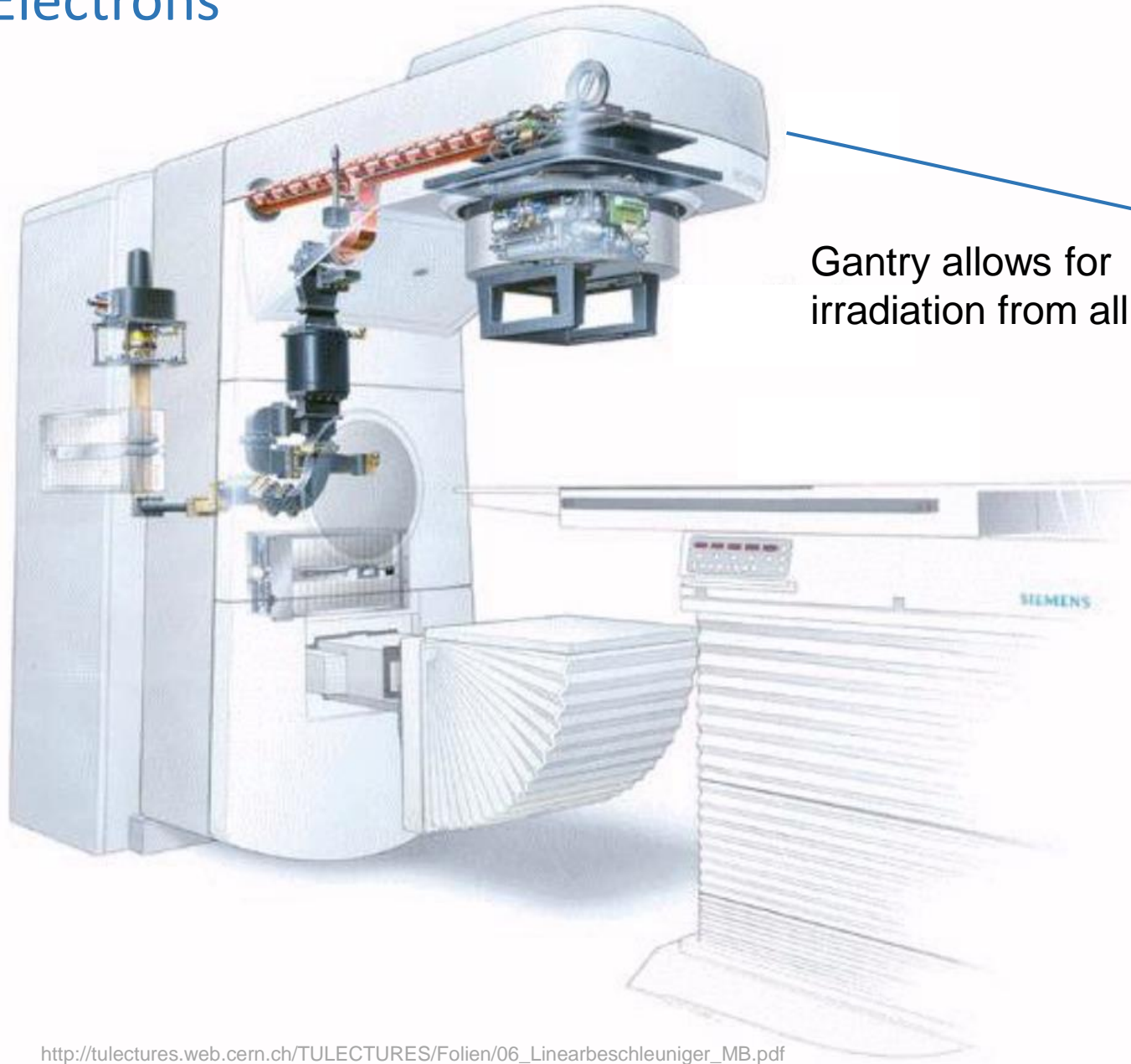
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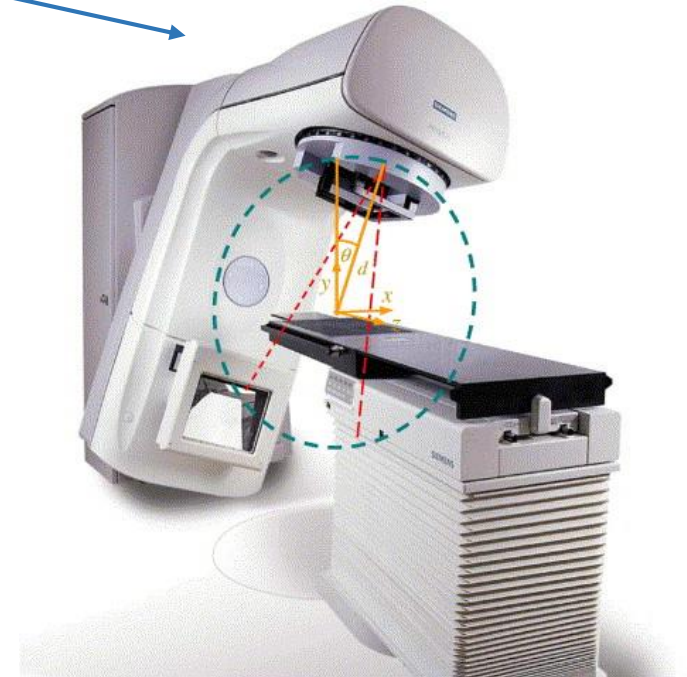
Collimator
for transverse beam shaping



Electrons



Gantry allows for irradiation from all angles



Photons

Intensity of photons decreases exponentially with penetration depth

$$I = I_0 \cdot \exp^{-\mu x}$$

Interaction with matter through:



Photons

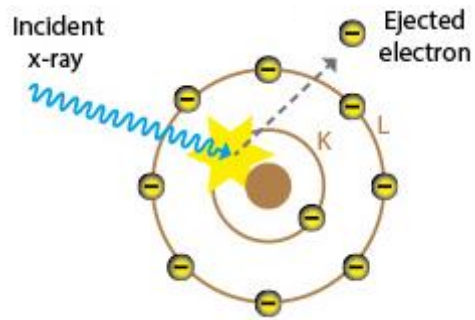


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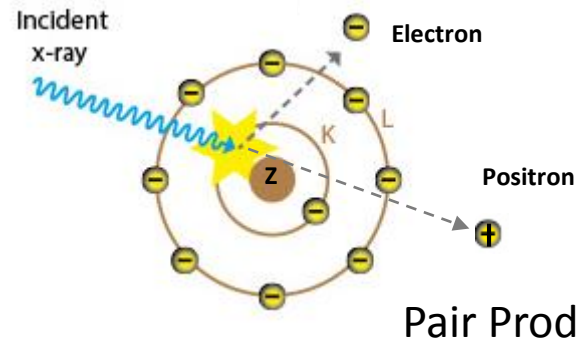
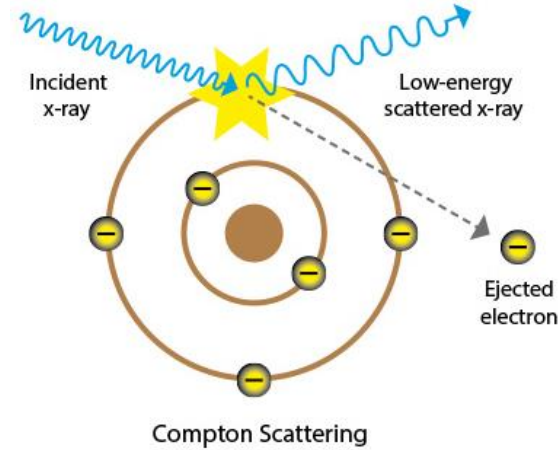
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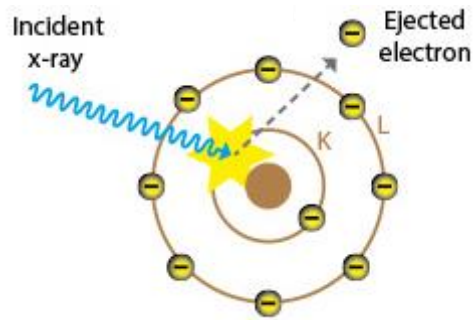


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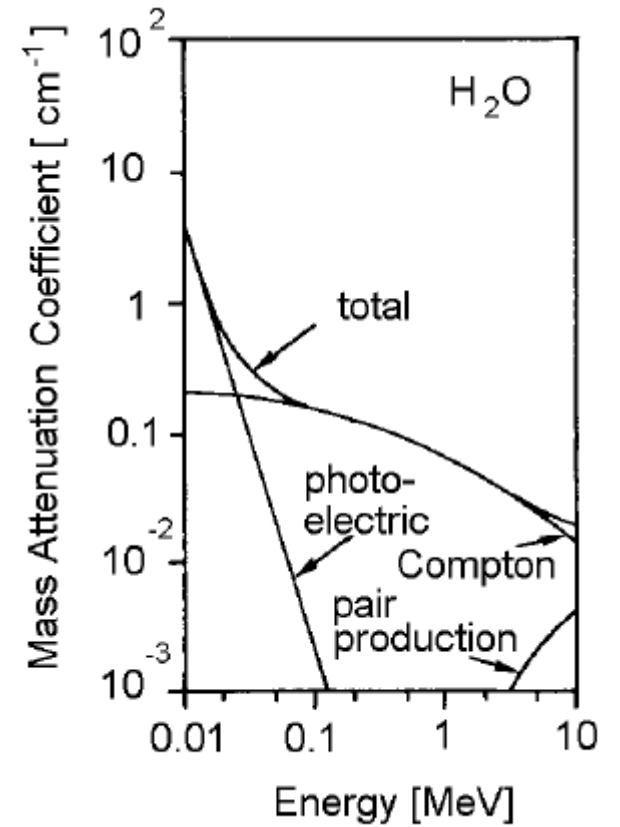
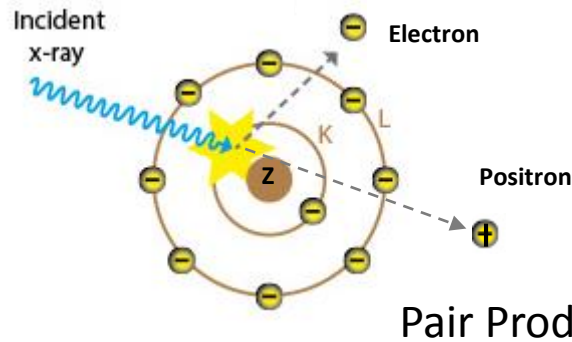
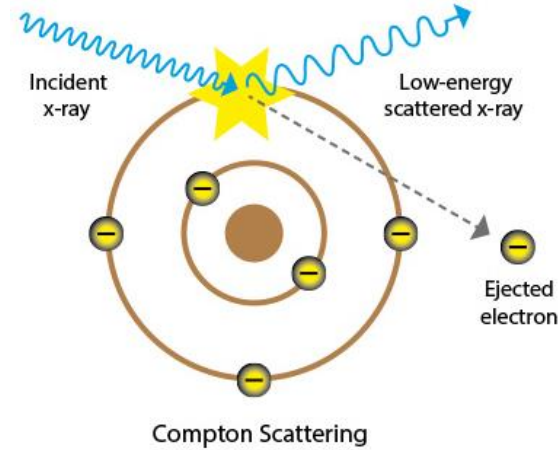
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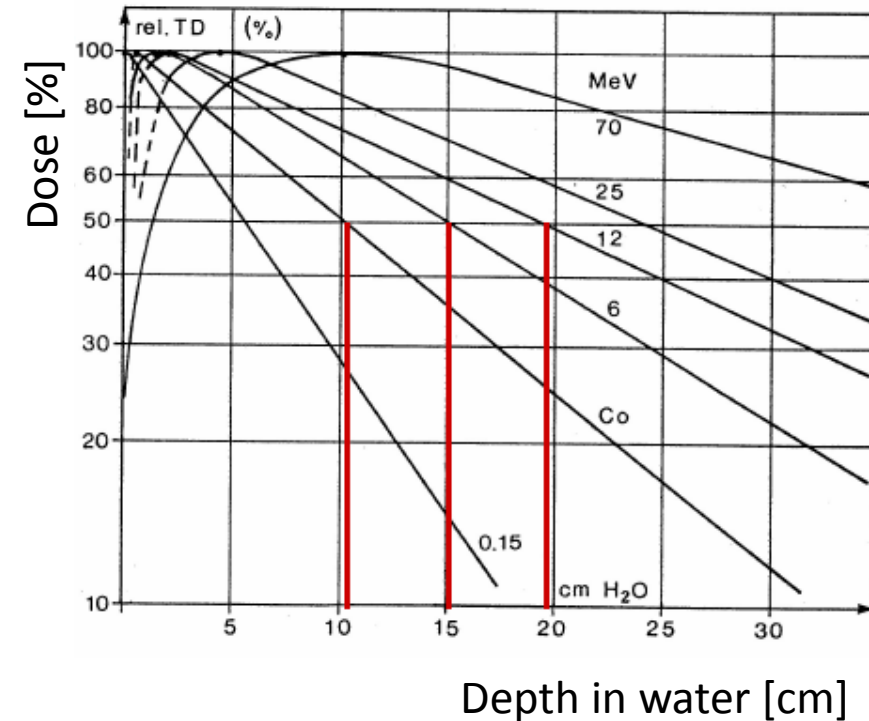
Interaction with matter through:

- Photoelectric effect
- Compton scattering
- Pair production

Most of the biological effect comes from secondary electrons

Dose build-up as electrons tend to move in forward direction

Dose build-up



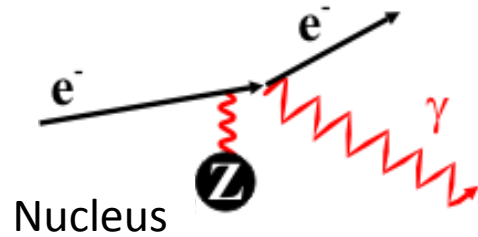
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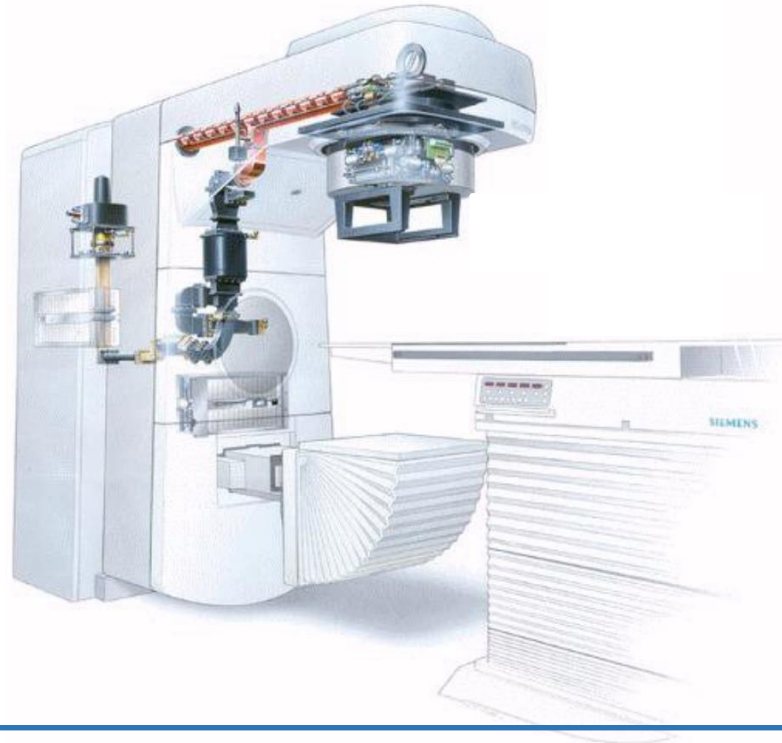
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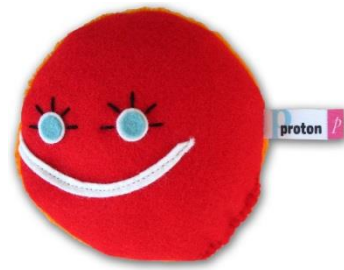


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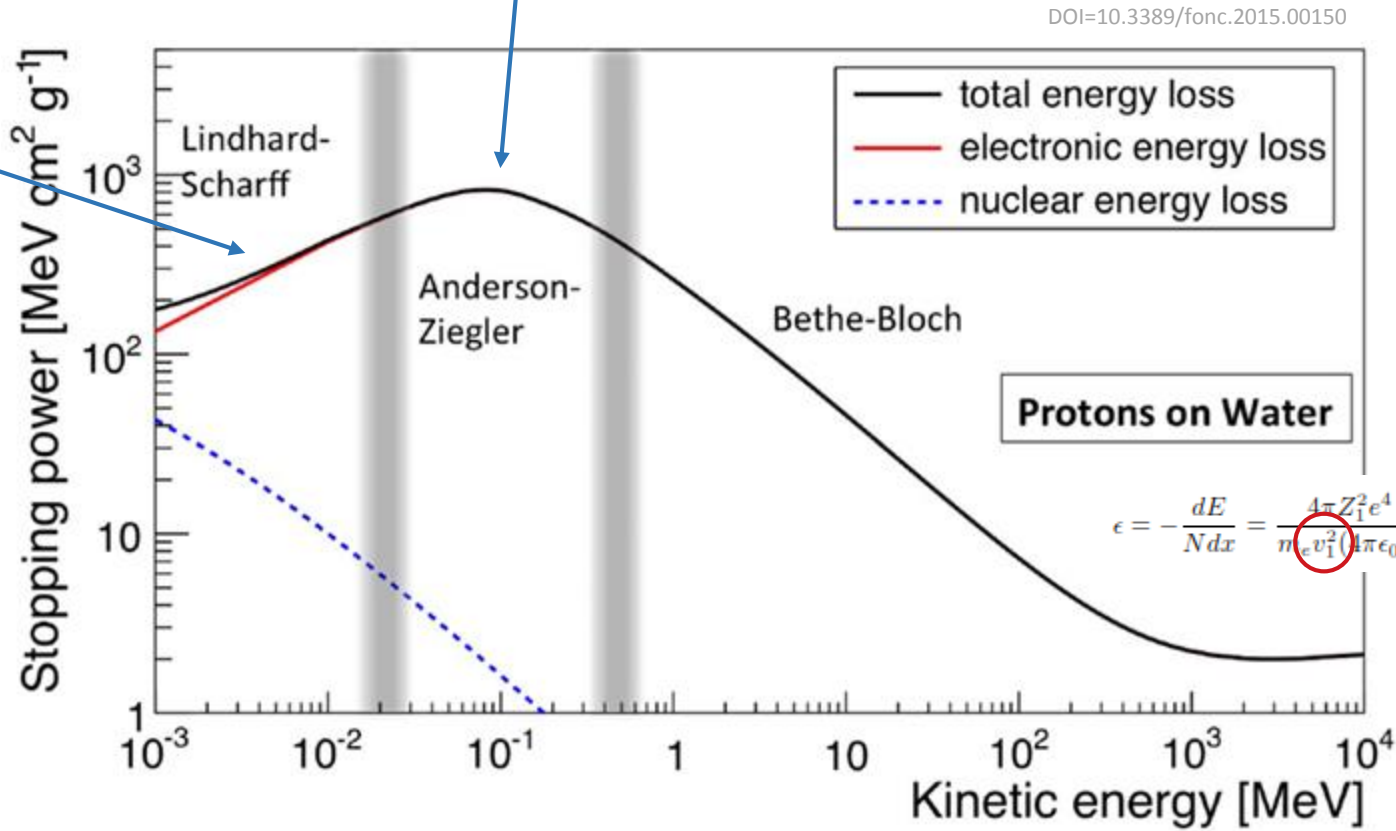
Production of photons from
bremsstrahlung of electrons on target

Protons



Ion approaches Bohr-velocity

Viscous drag $\sim v$



Excitation and ionization of target electrons

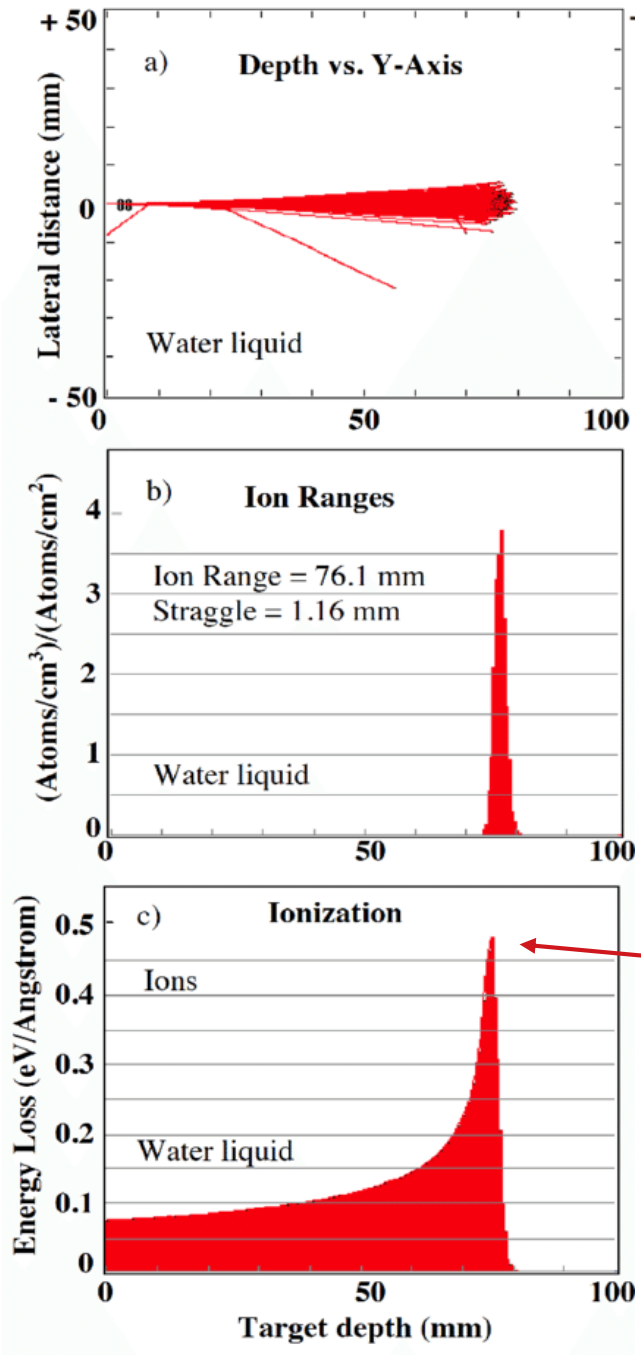
$$\epsilon = -\frac{dE}{Ndx} = \frac{4\pi Z_1^2 e^4}{m_e v_1^2 (\pi \epsilon_0)^2} Z_2 \left[\ln \frac{2m_e v_1^2}{I} + \ln \frac{1}{1-\beta^2} - \beta^2 - \frac{C}{Z_2} - \frac{\delta}{2} \right]$$

Protons



Protons stop!

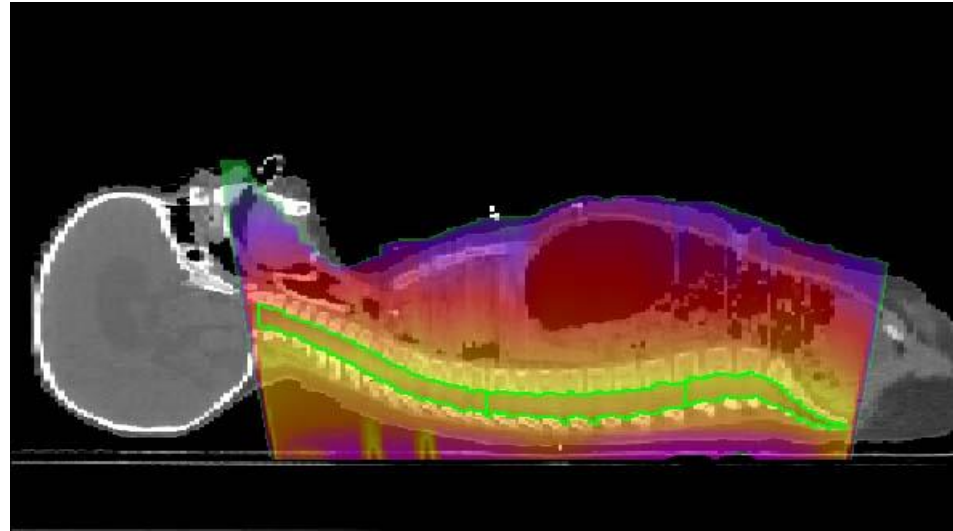
Protons lose most
of their energy
towards the end of
their track!



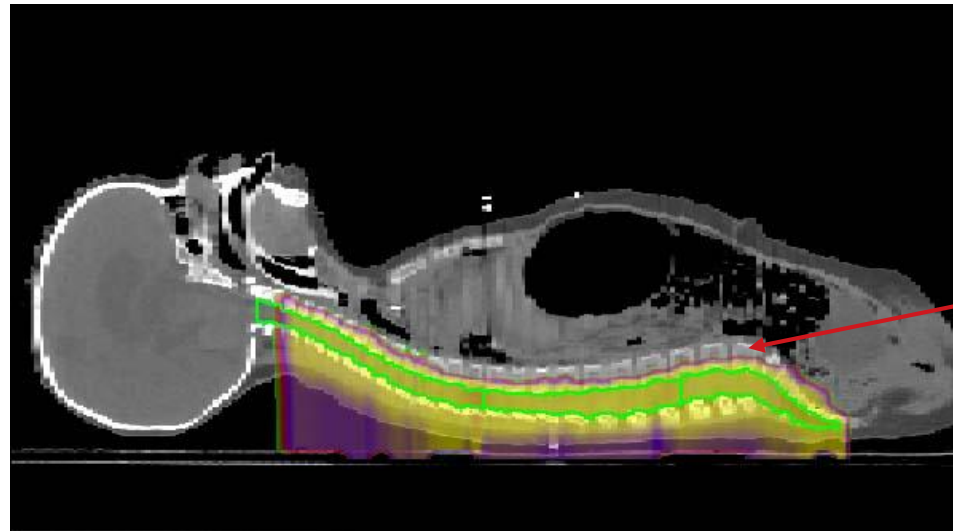
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Photons



Protons



Bragg peak

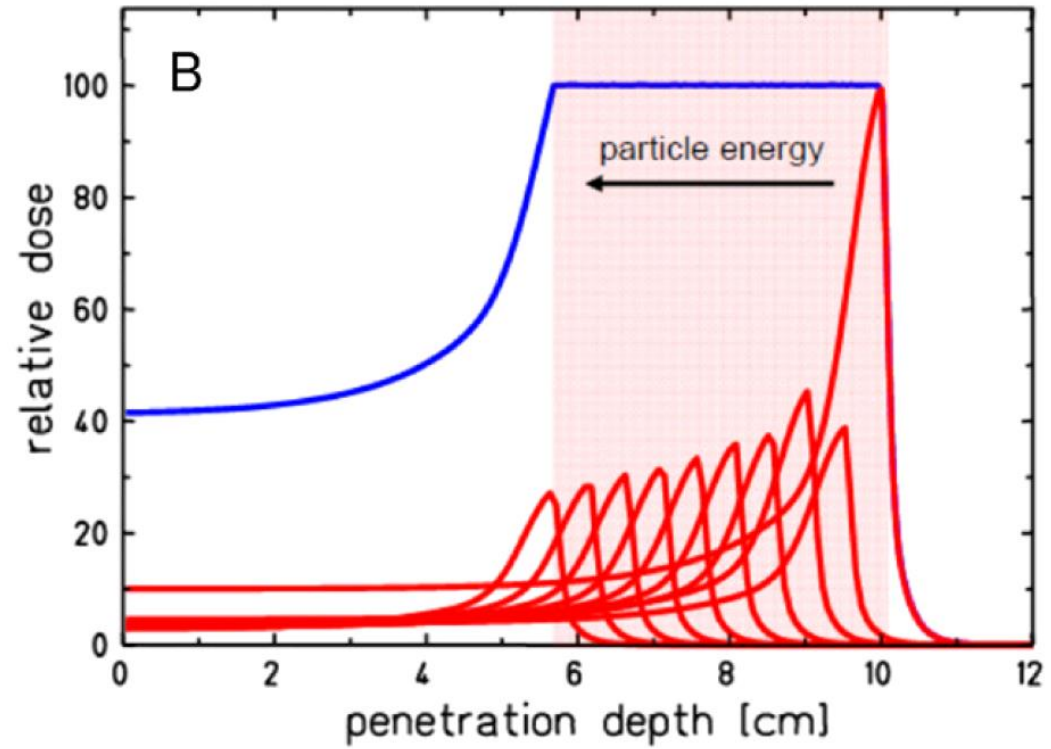
- + healthy tissue can be spared
- + very precise dose deposition

Protons

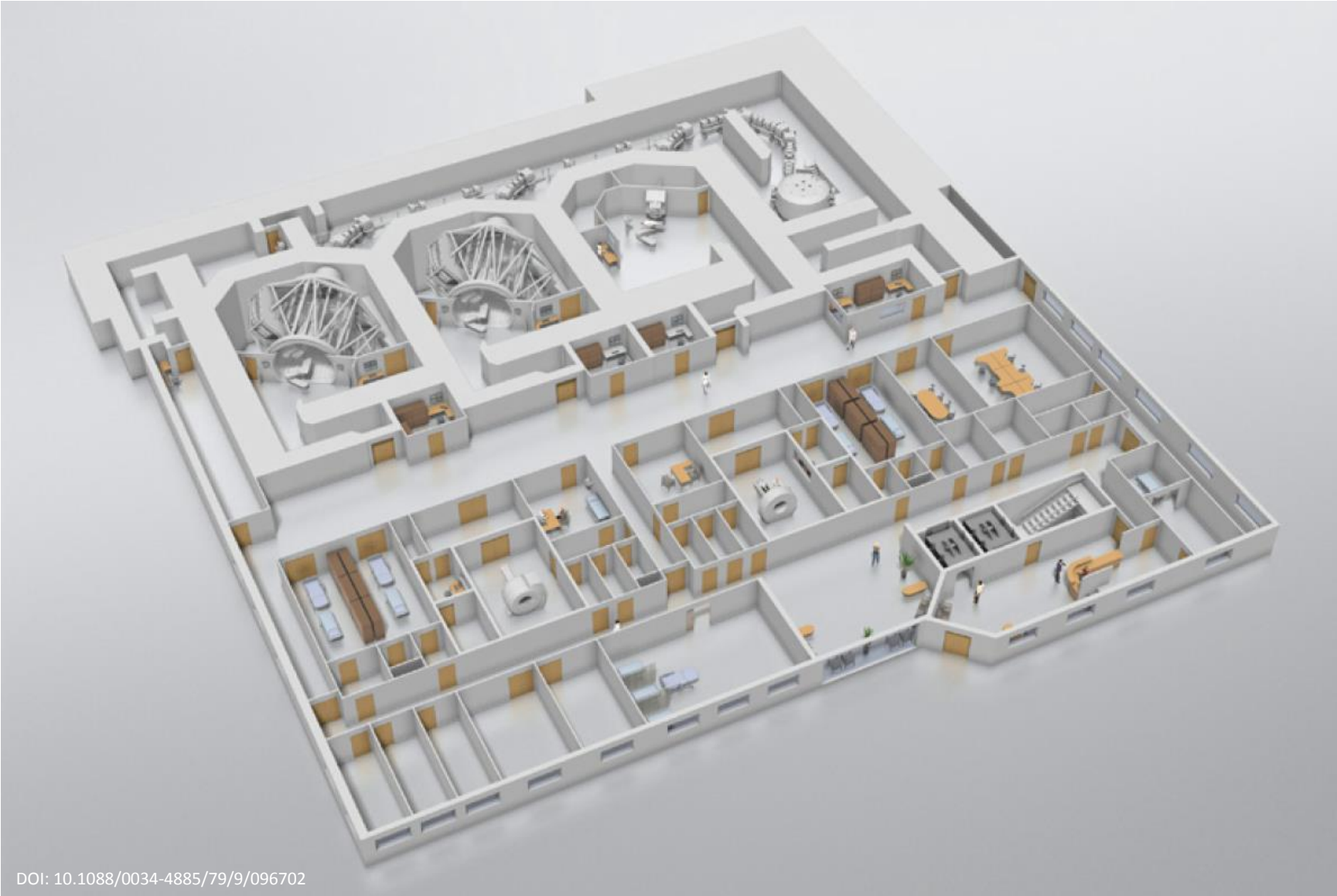
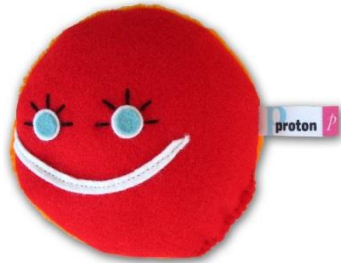


Beam delivery:
SOB – Spread-out Bragg peak

Tumor divided in slices, each slice
at a certain depth irradiated with
corresponding energy

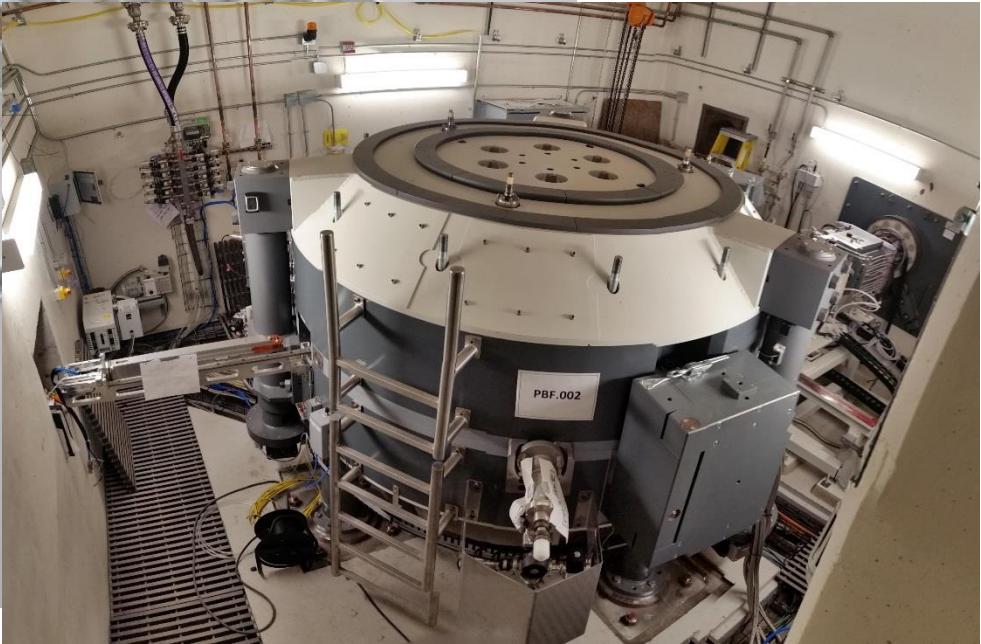
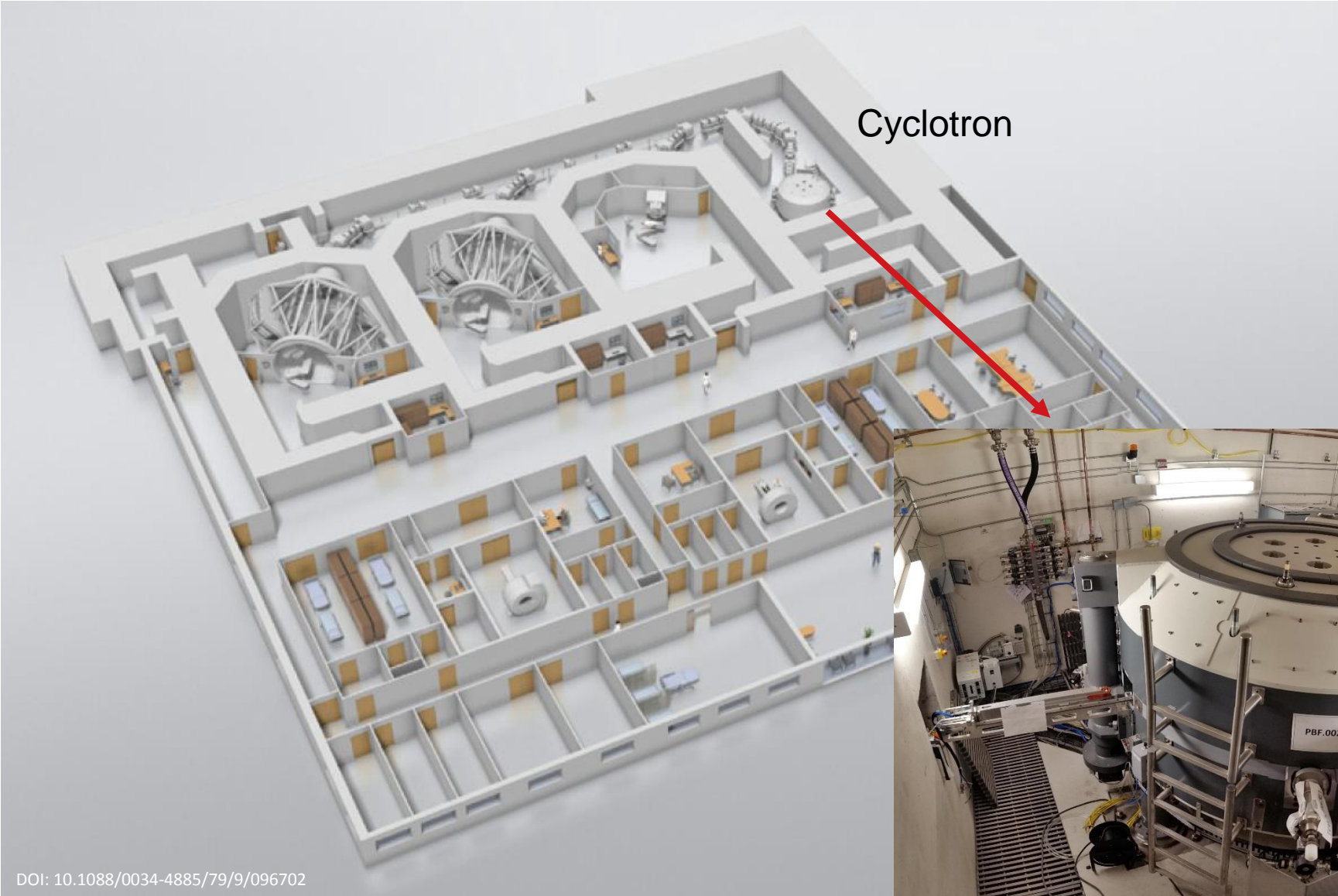
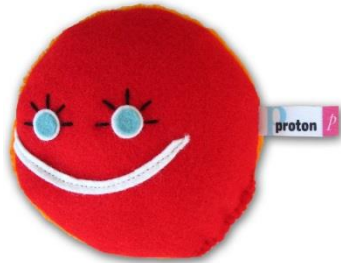


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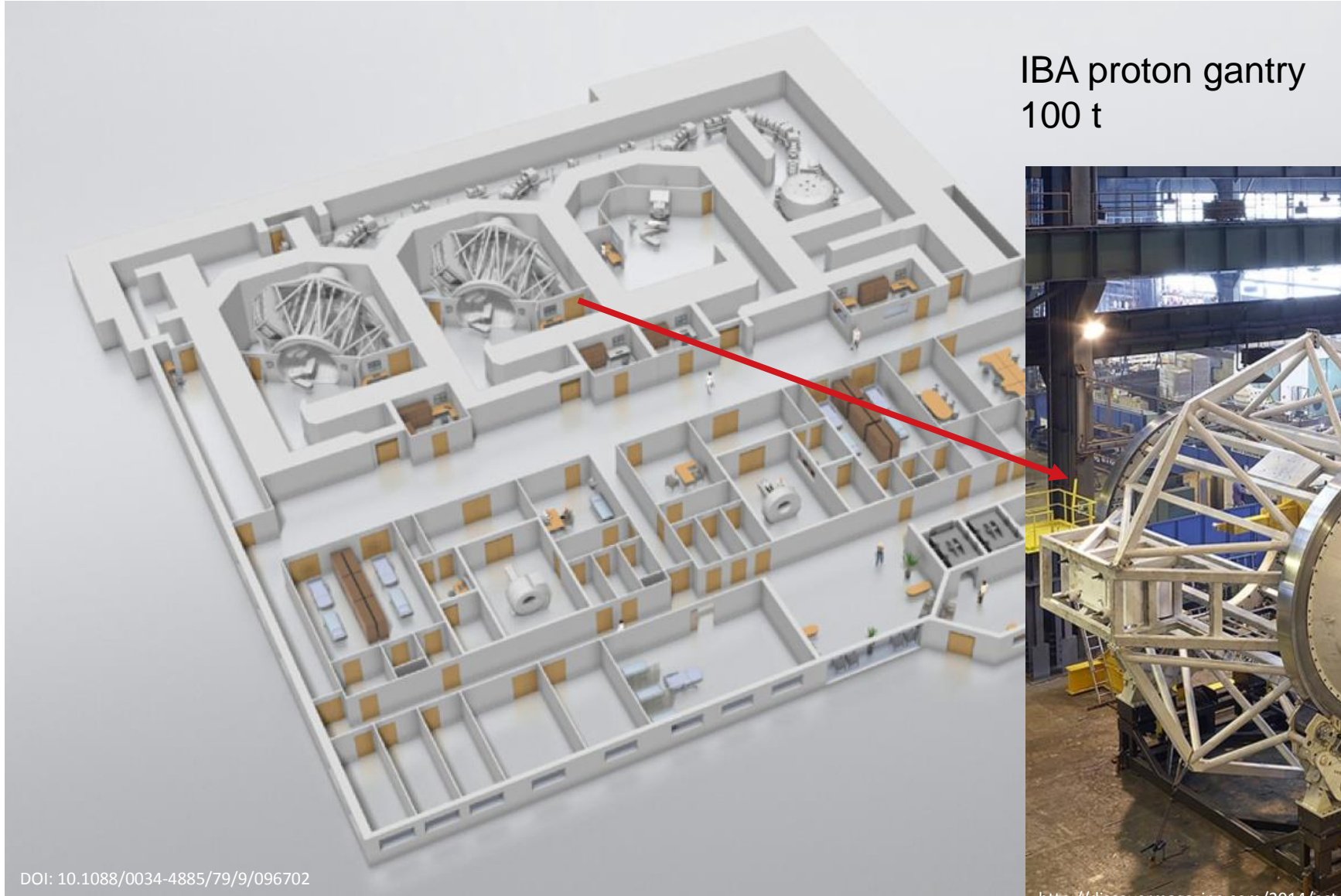


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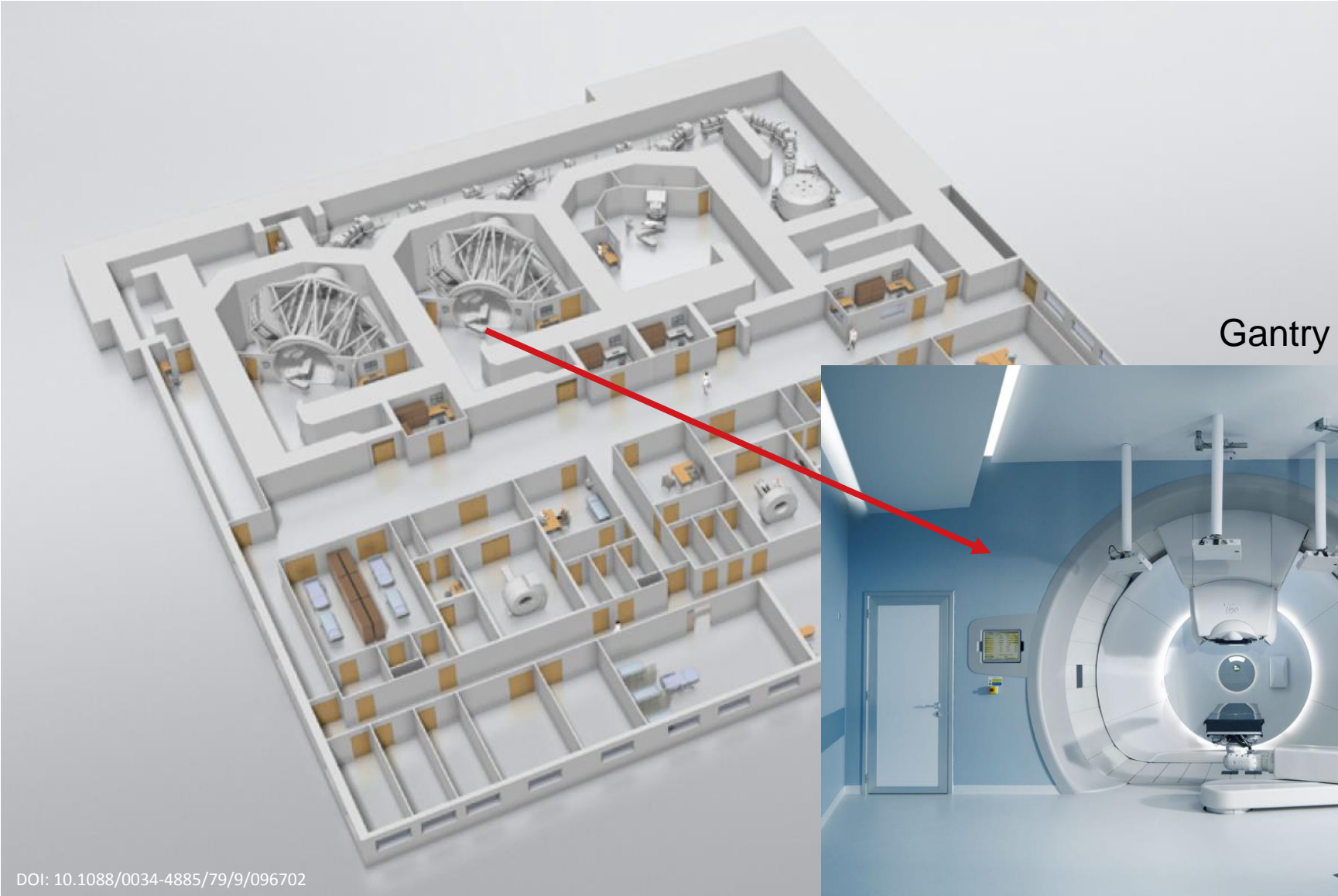
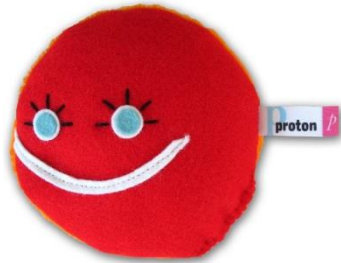
Protons



IBA proton gantry
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Protons



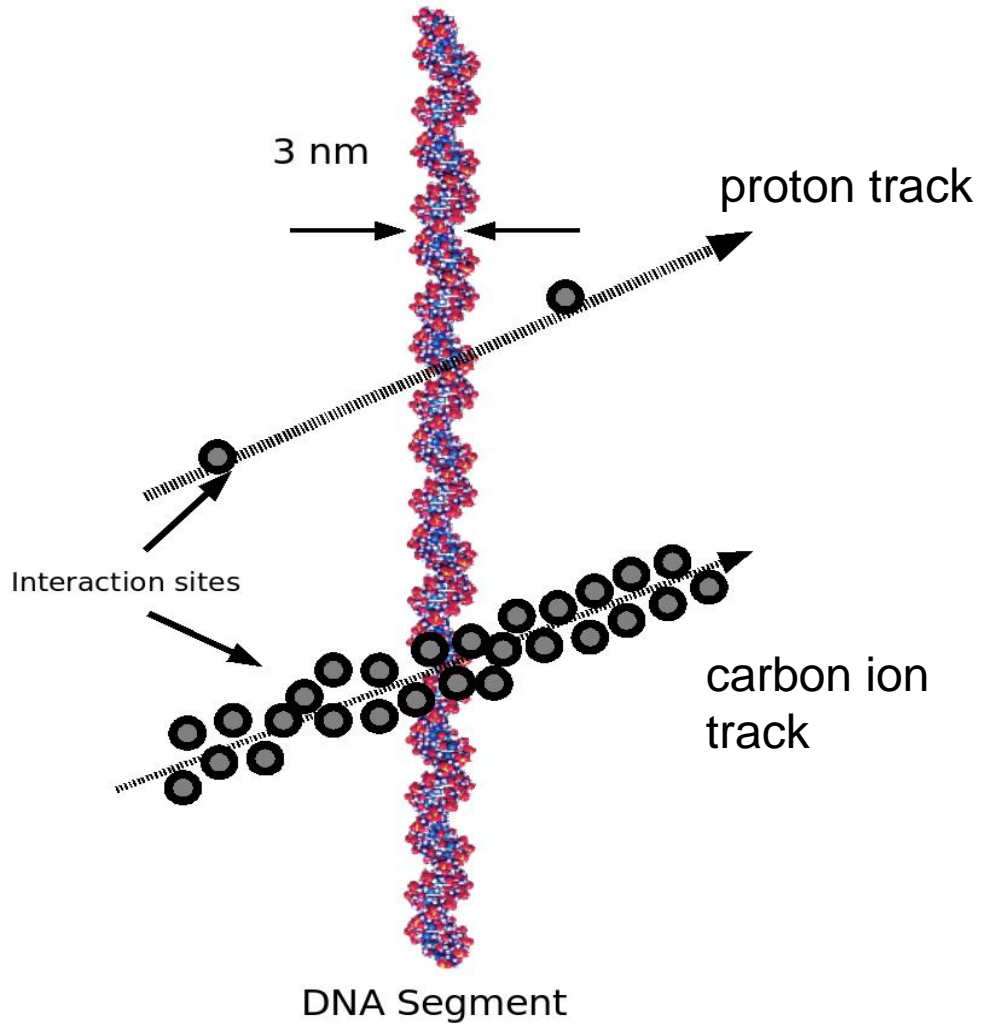
Gantry treatment room



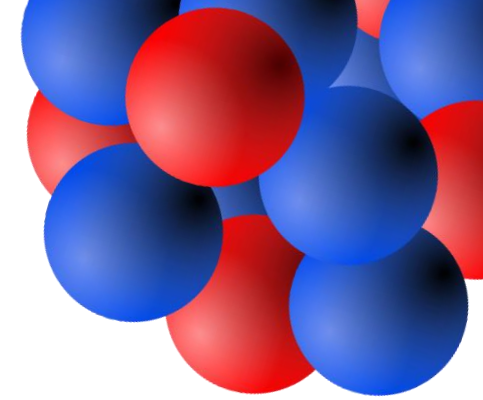
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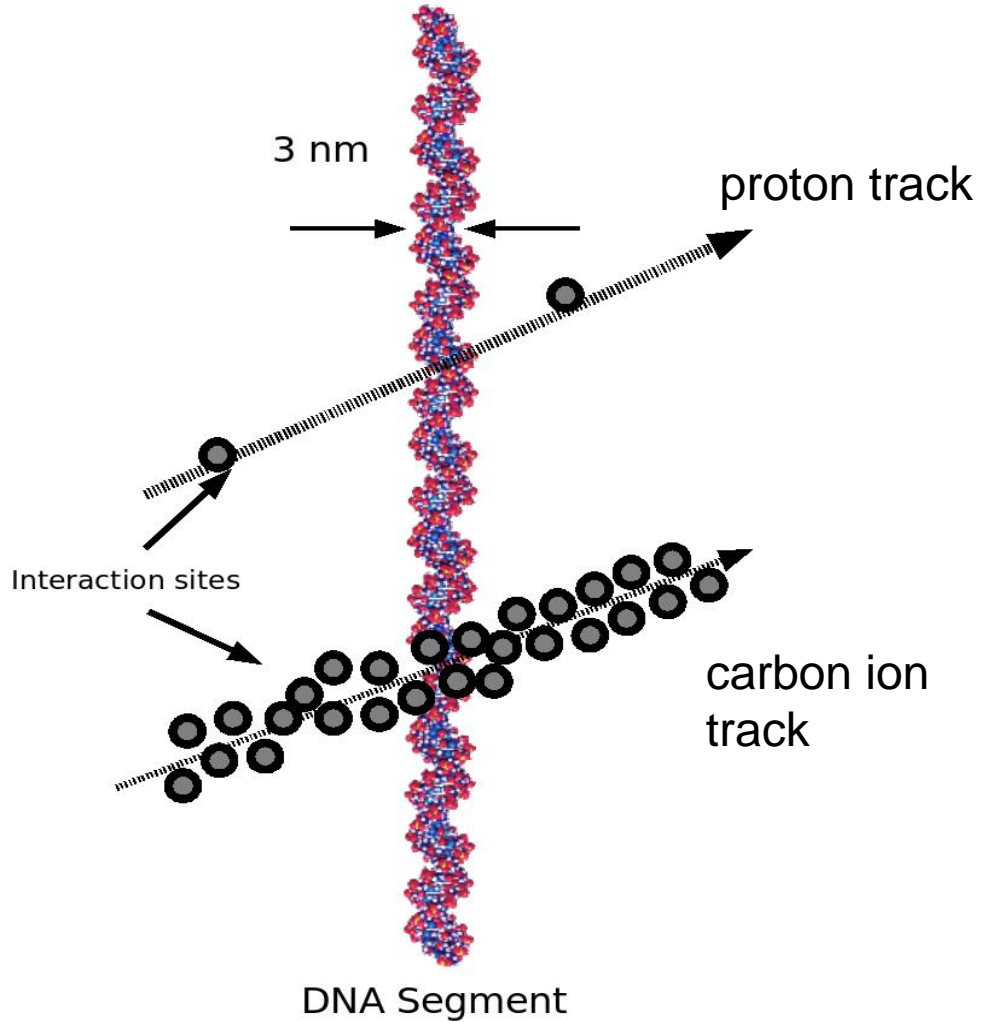
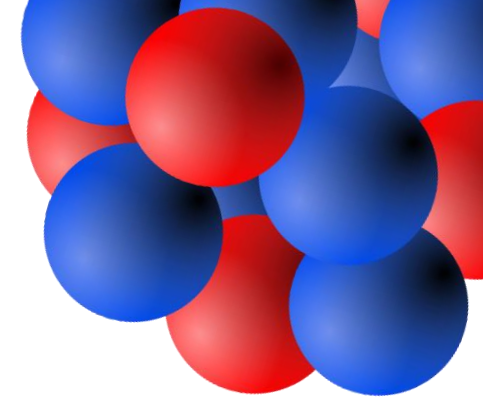
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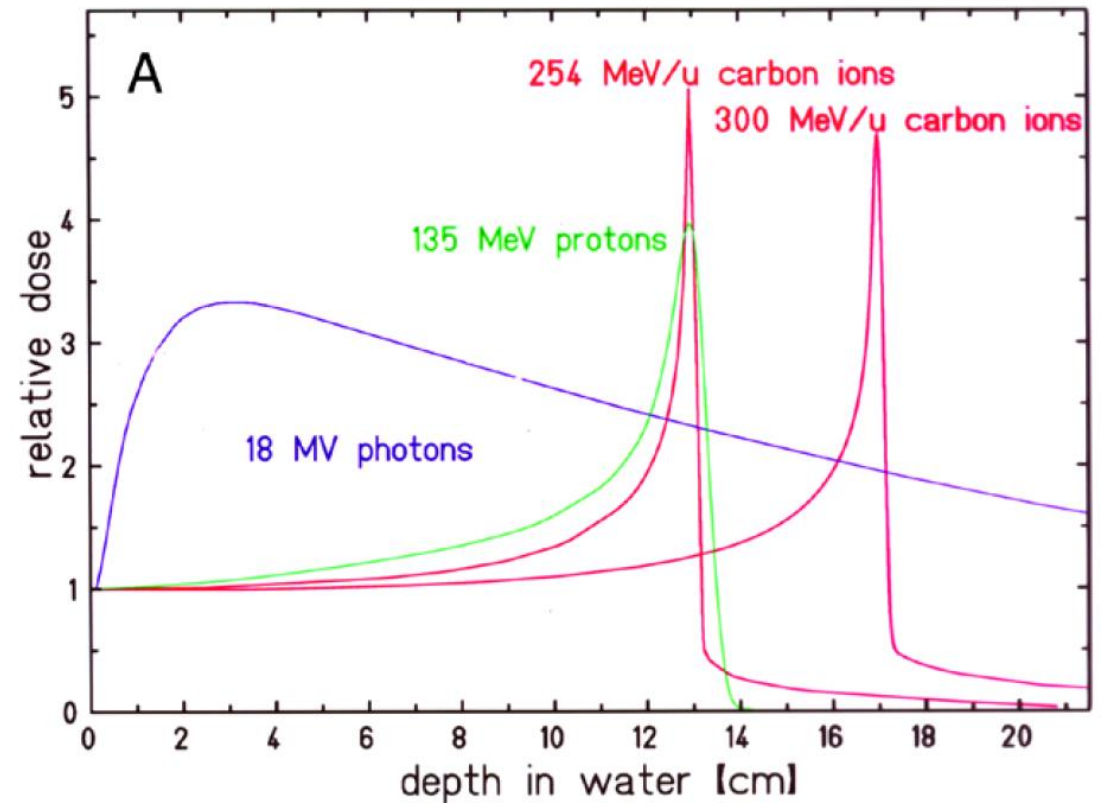
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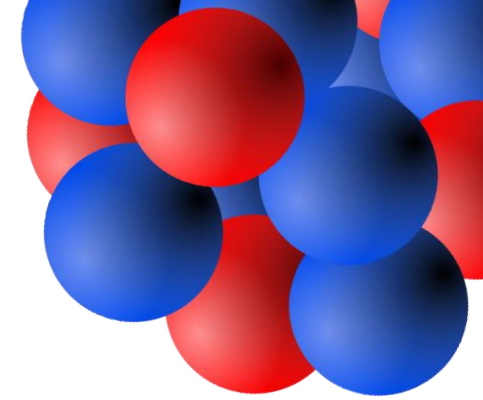
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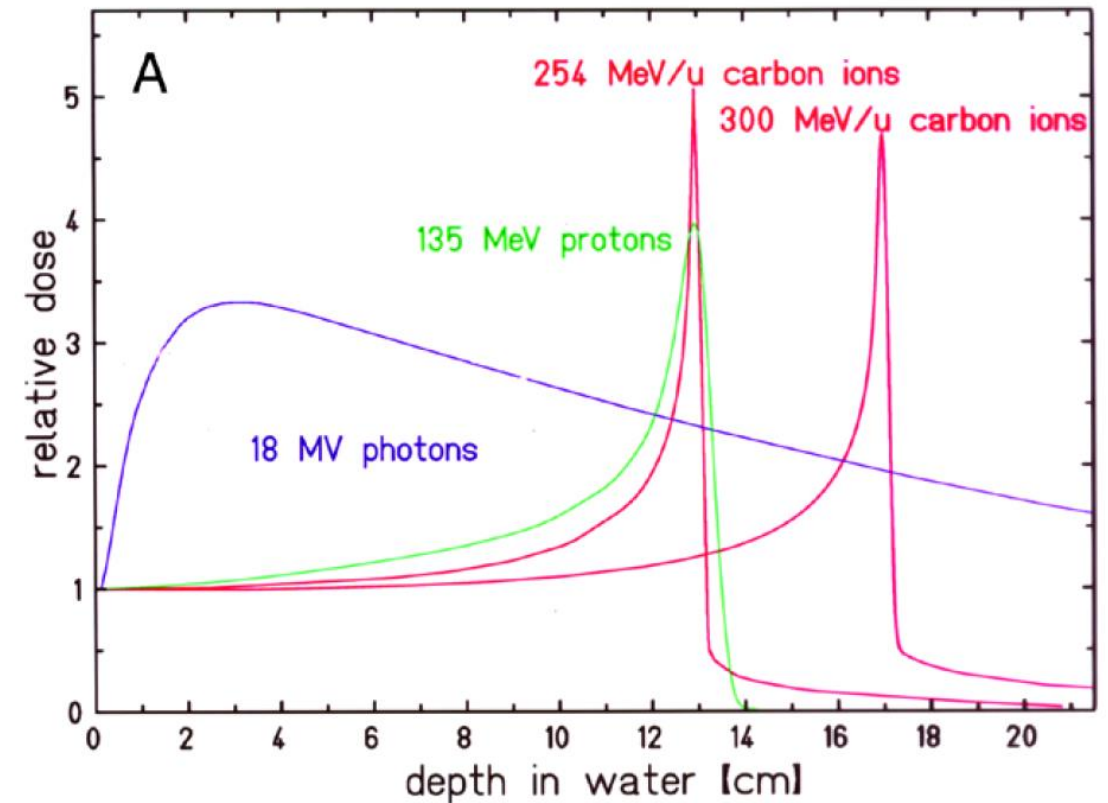
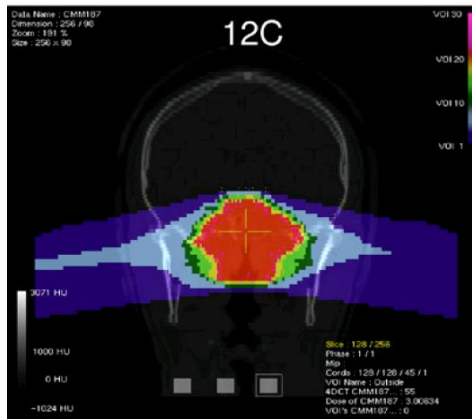
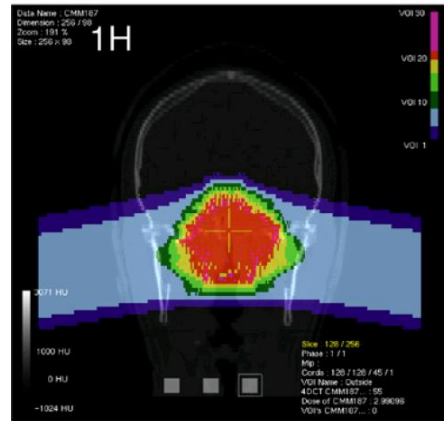


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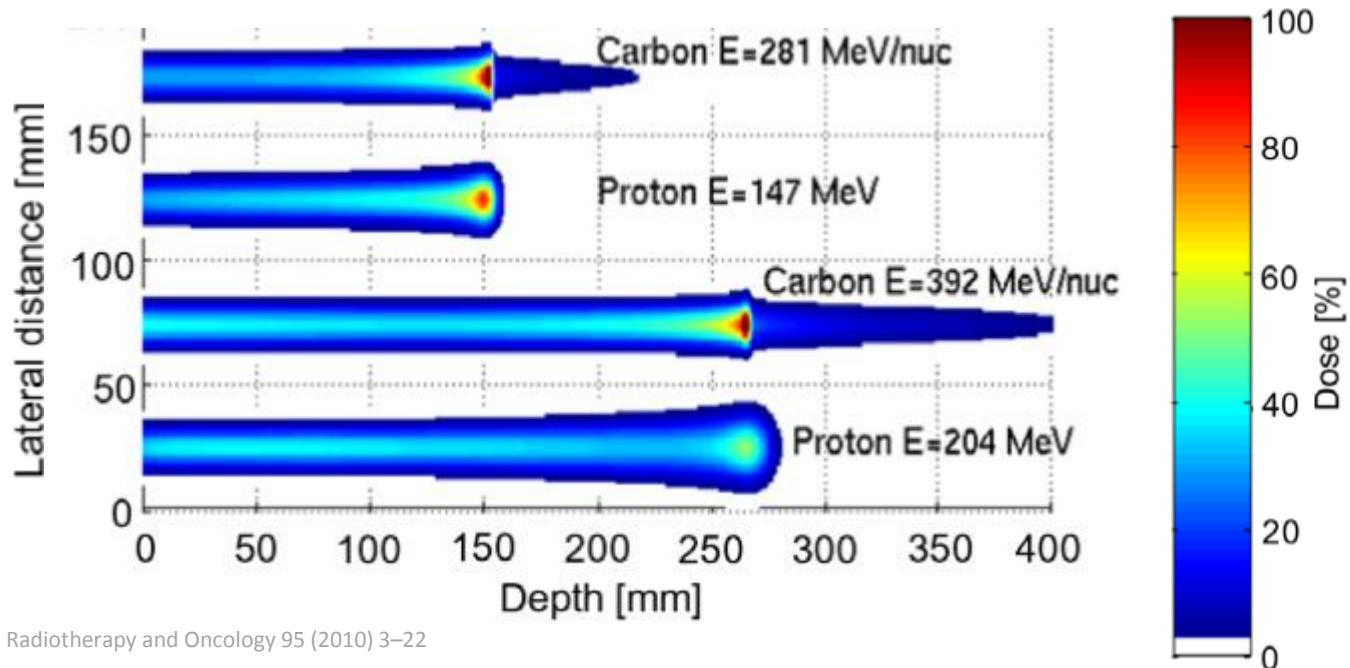
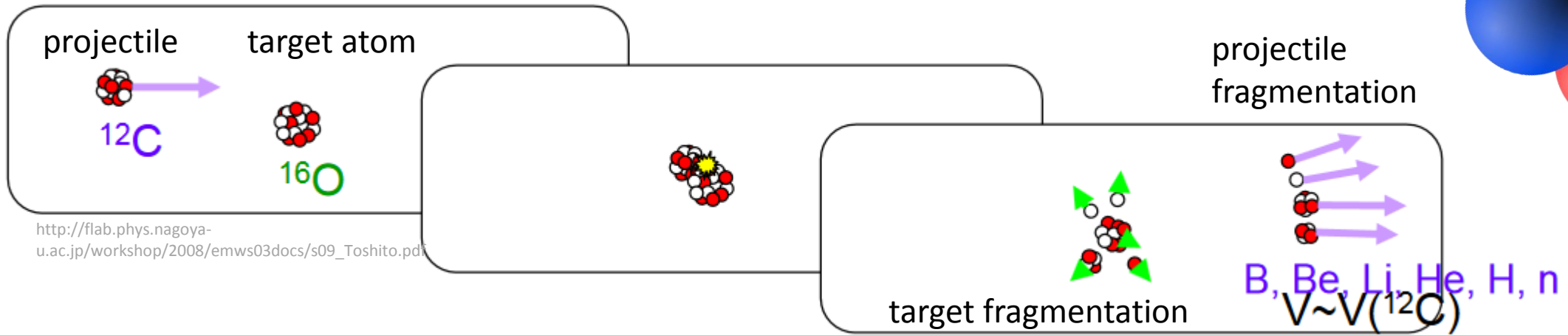
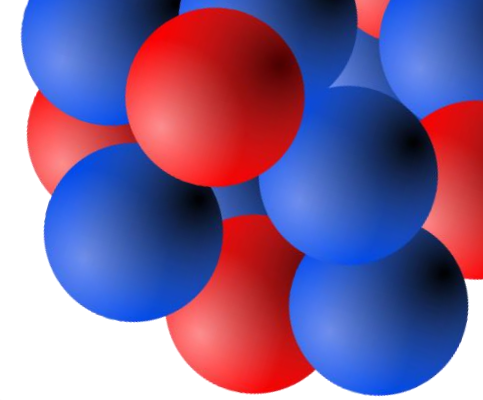
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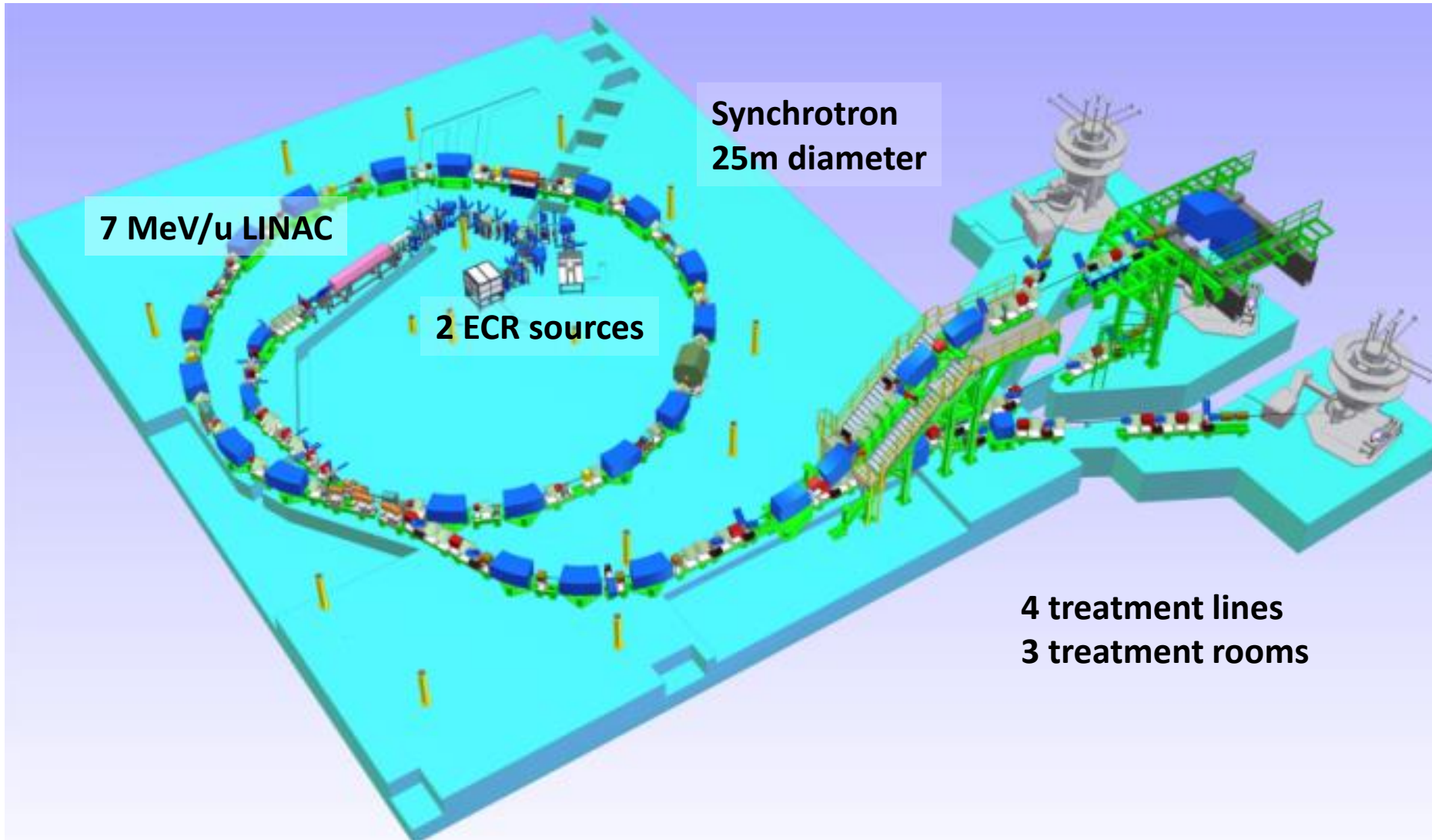
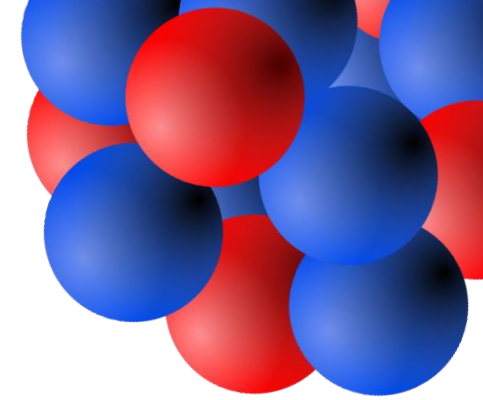
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Projectile fragments can travel beyond the Bragg peak

→ fragmentation tail

Carbon Ions



7 MeV/u LINAC

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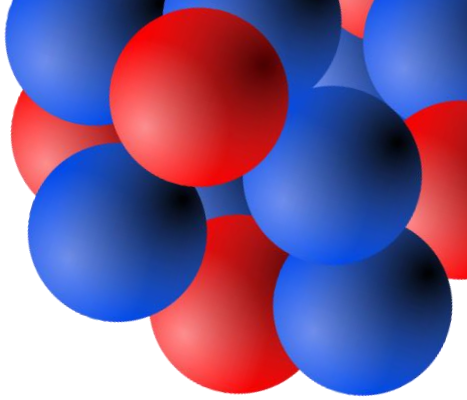
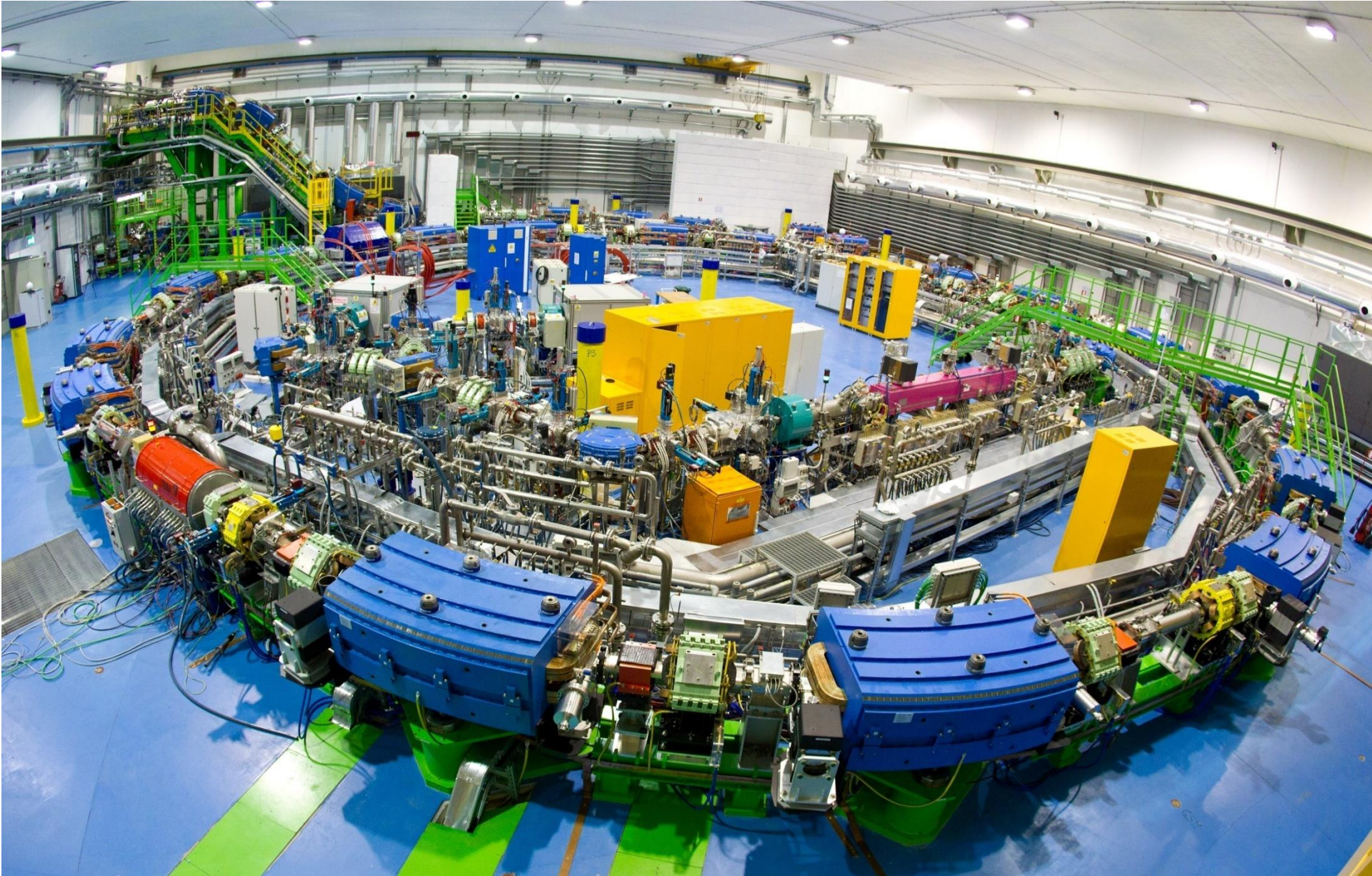
Synchrotron
25m diameter

4 treatment lines
3 treatment rooms

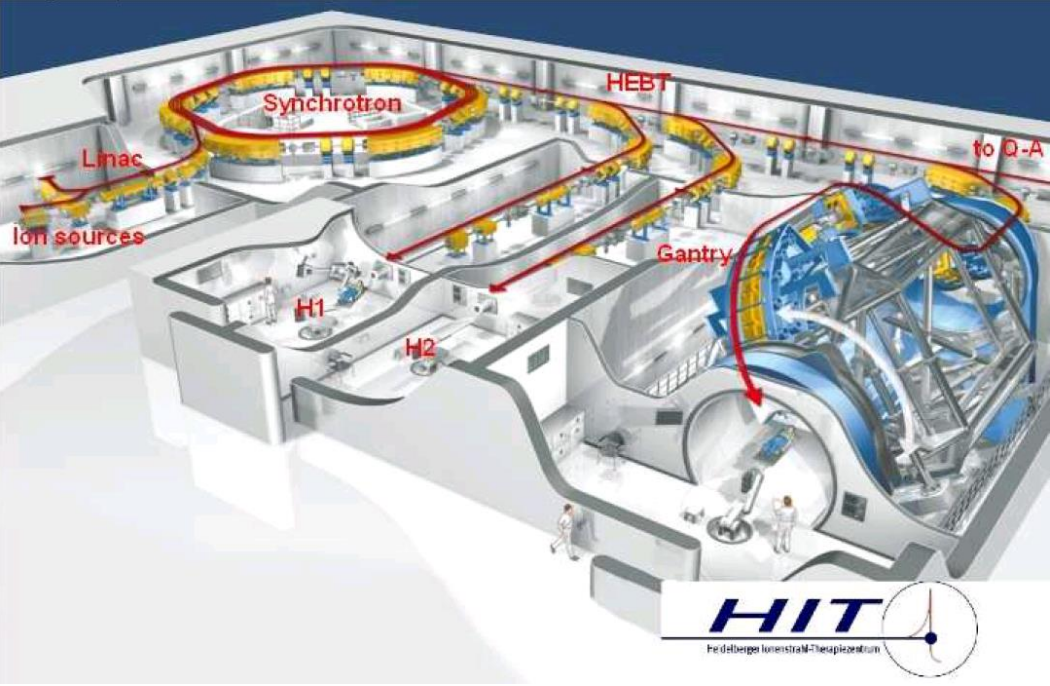
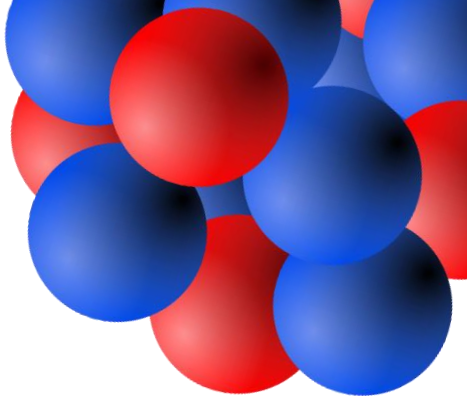
Synchrotron for
protons and carbon ions

World-wide
only 10 centers

Carbon Ions



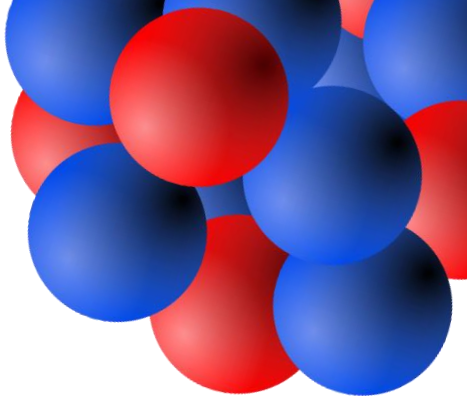
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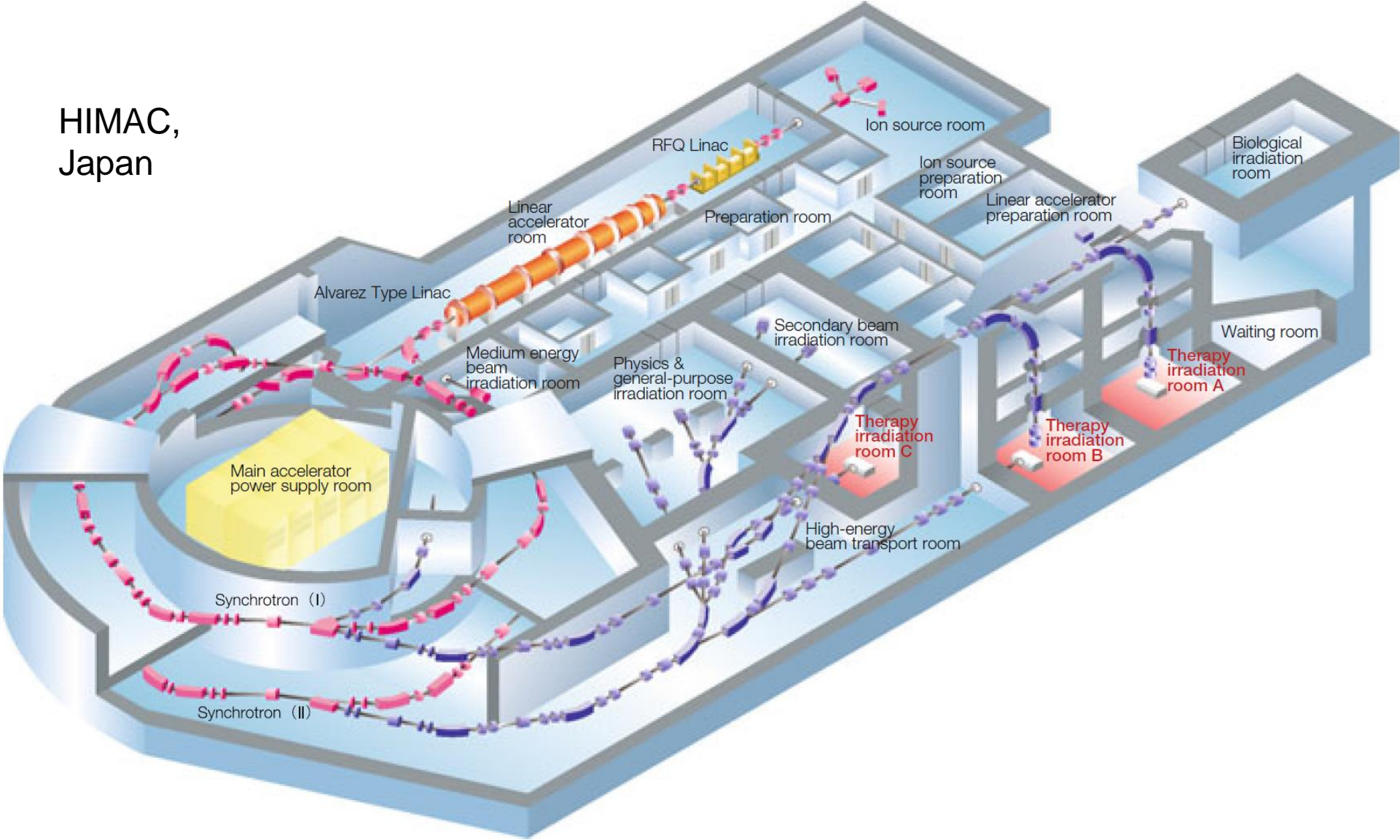
HIT carbon ion gantry
450 t of rotating parts



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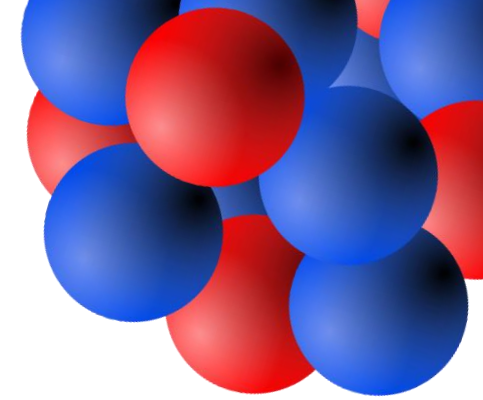
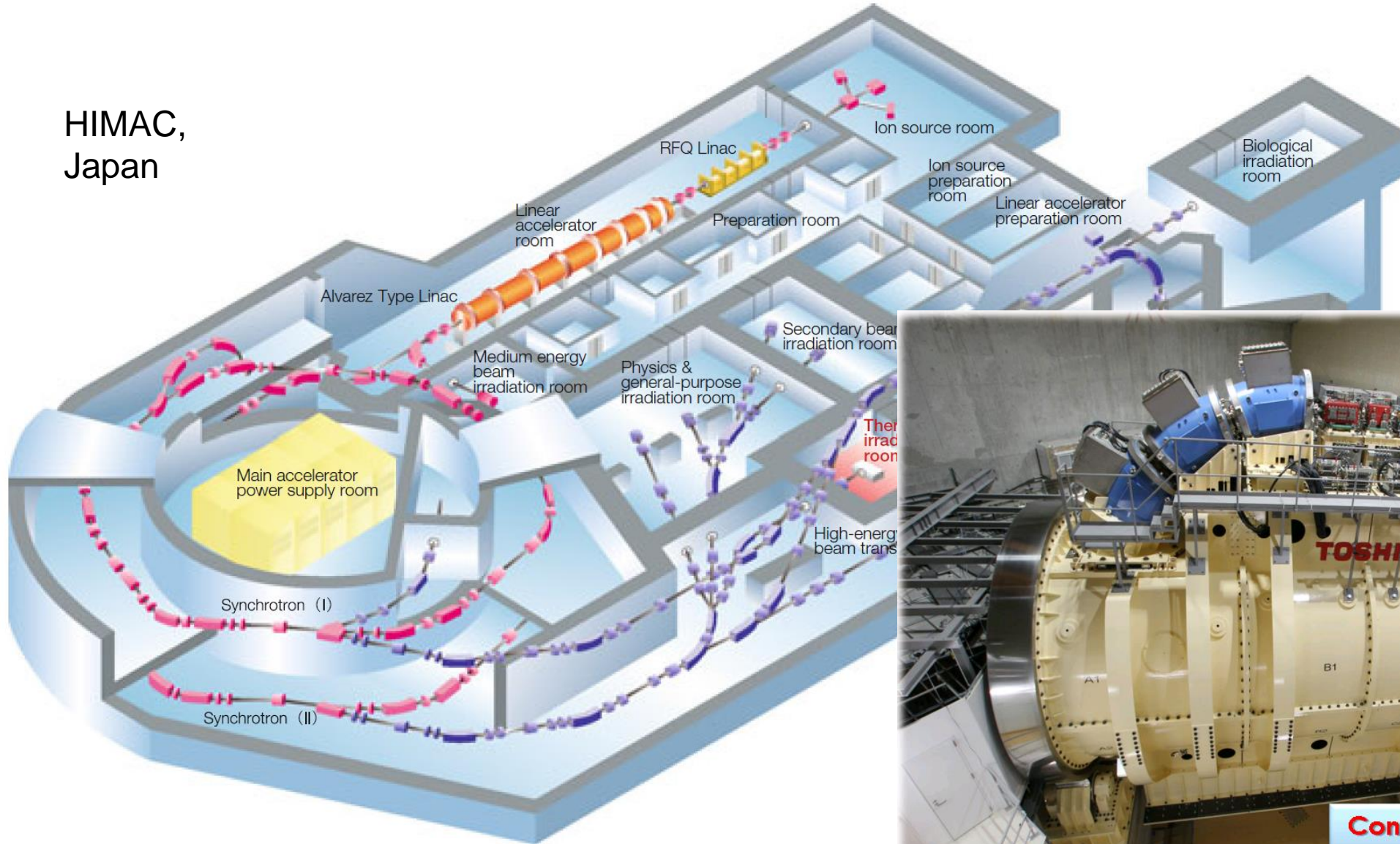


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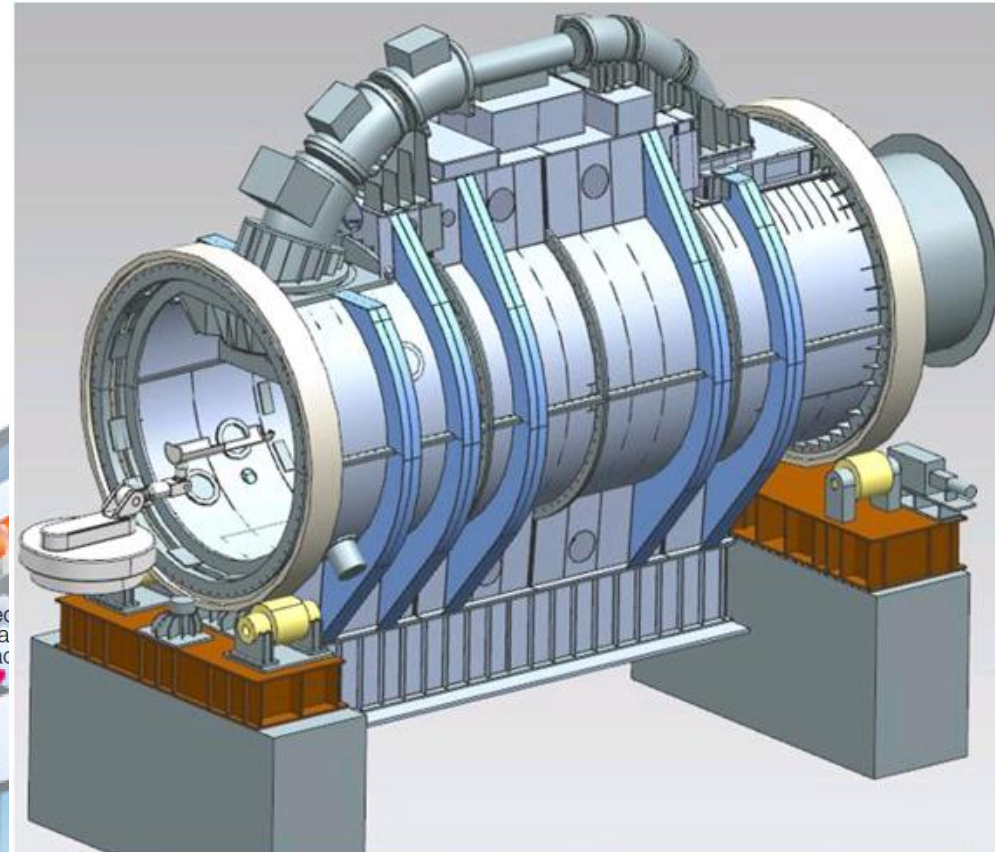
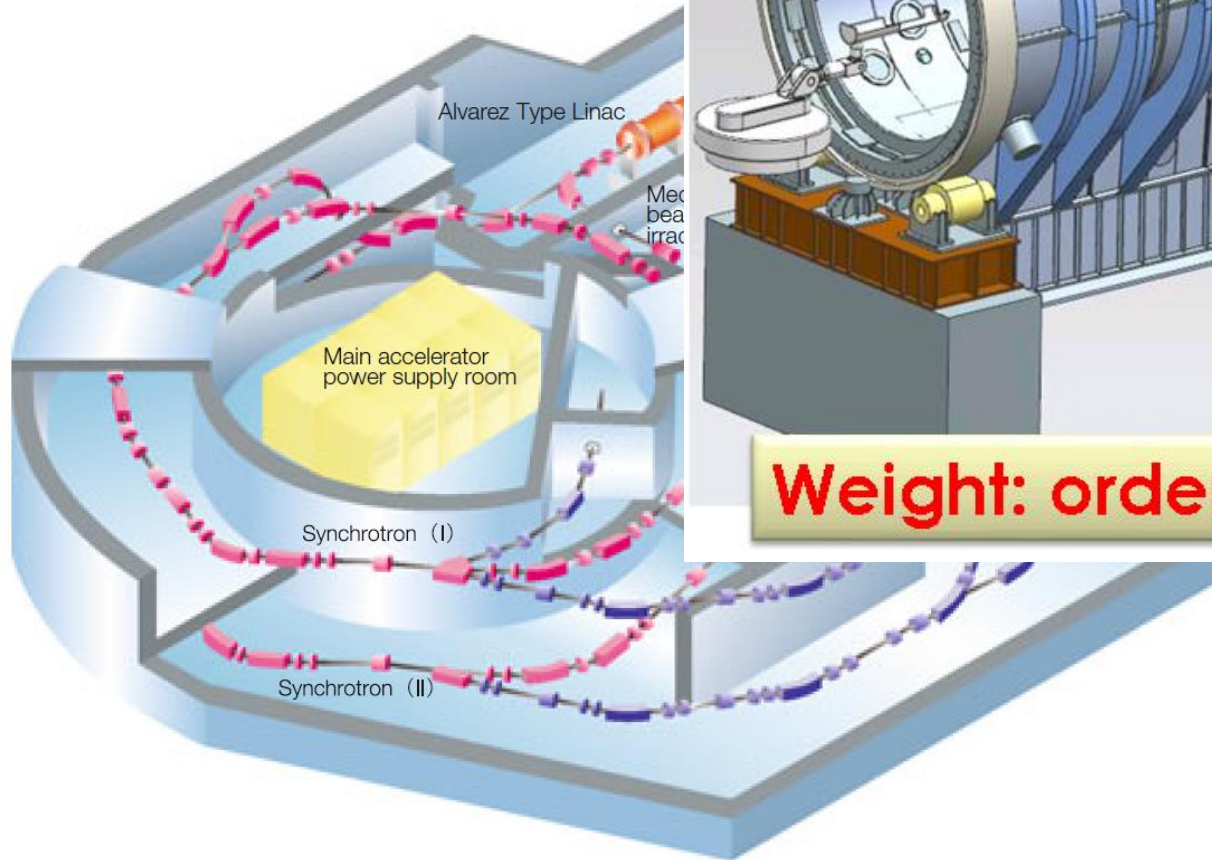
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**Construction completed by the
end of September 2015**

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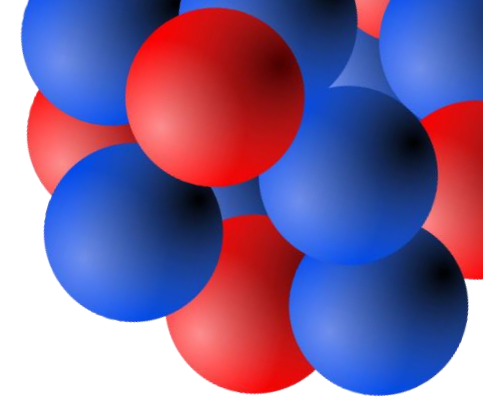
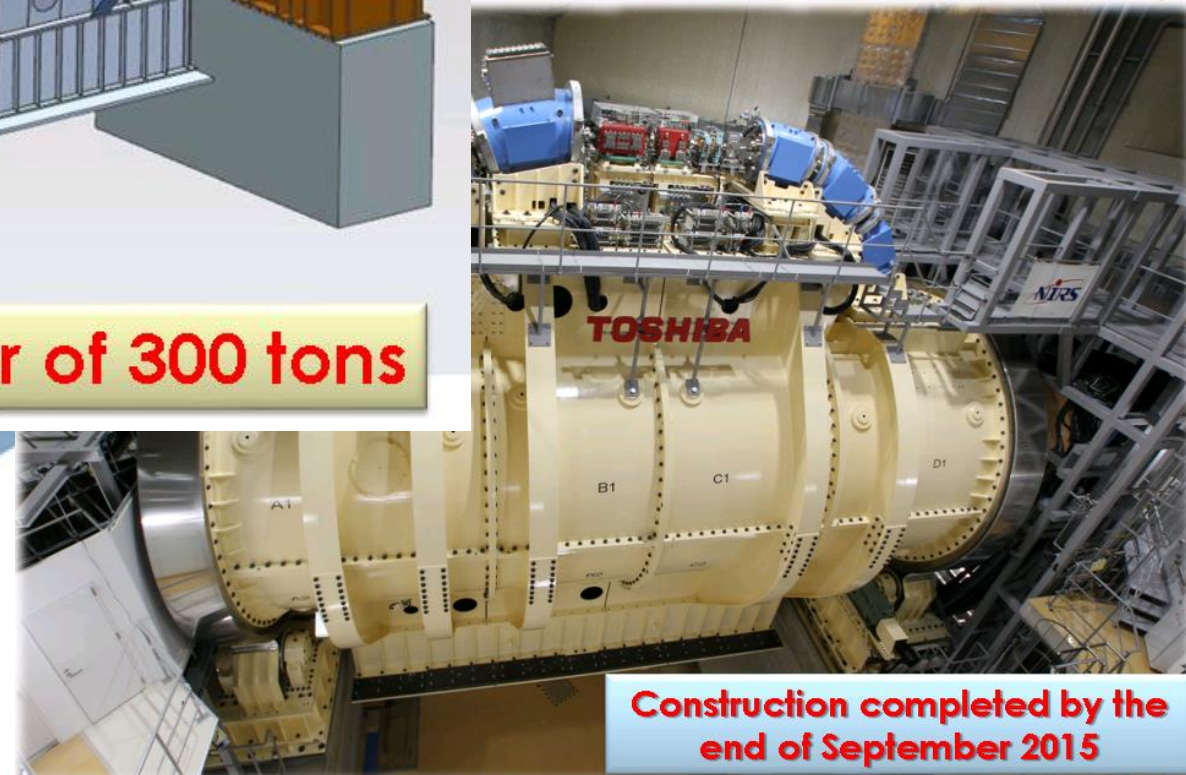
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Weight: order of 300 tons



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Proton and Carbon Centers world-wide

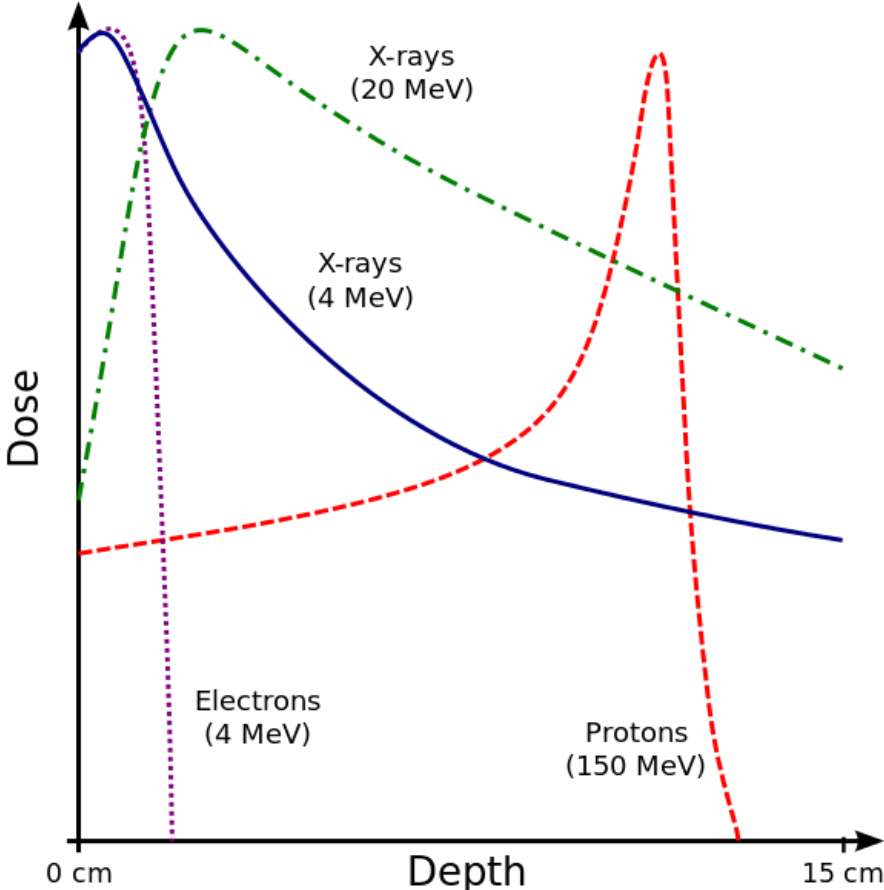


60 Proton Centers
10 Carbon Ion
Centers



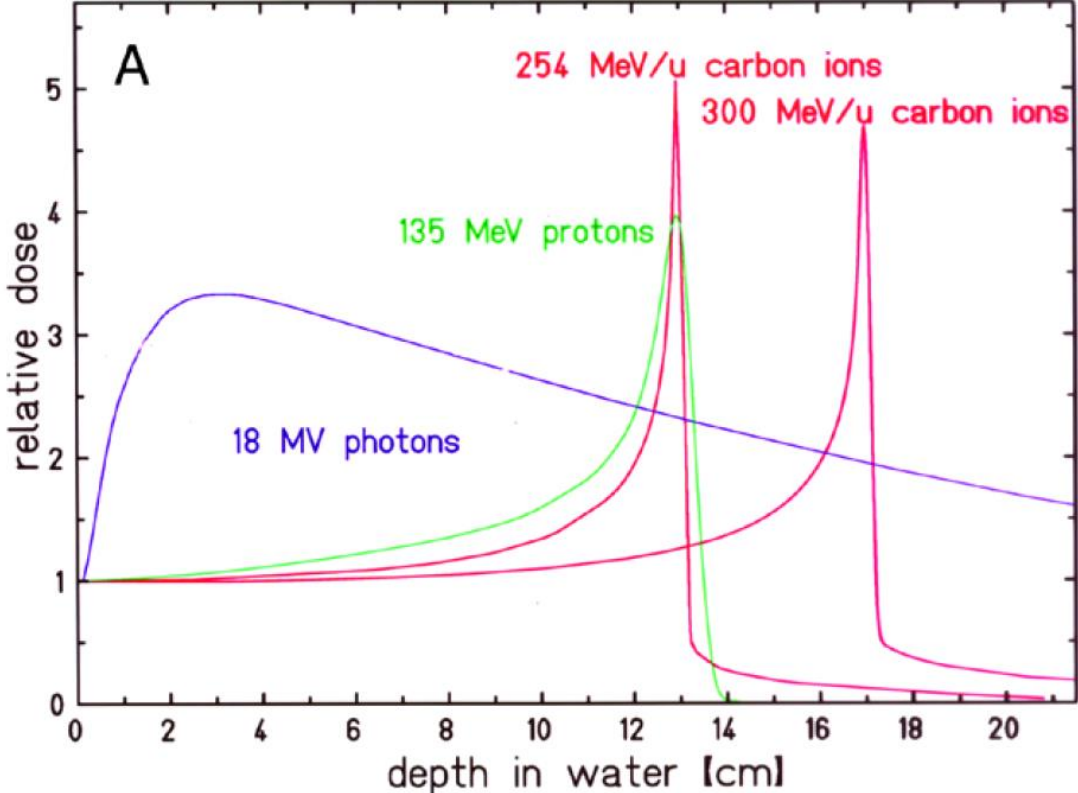
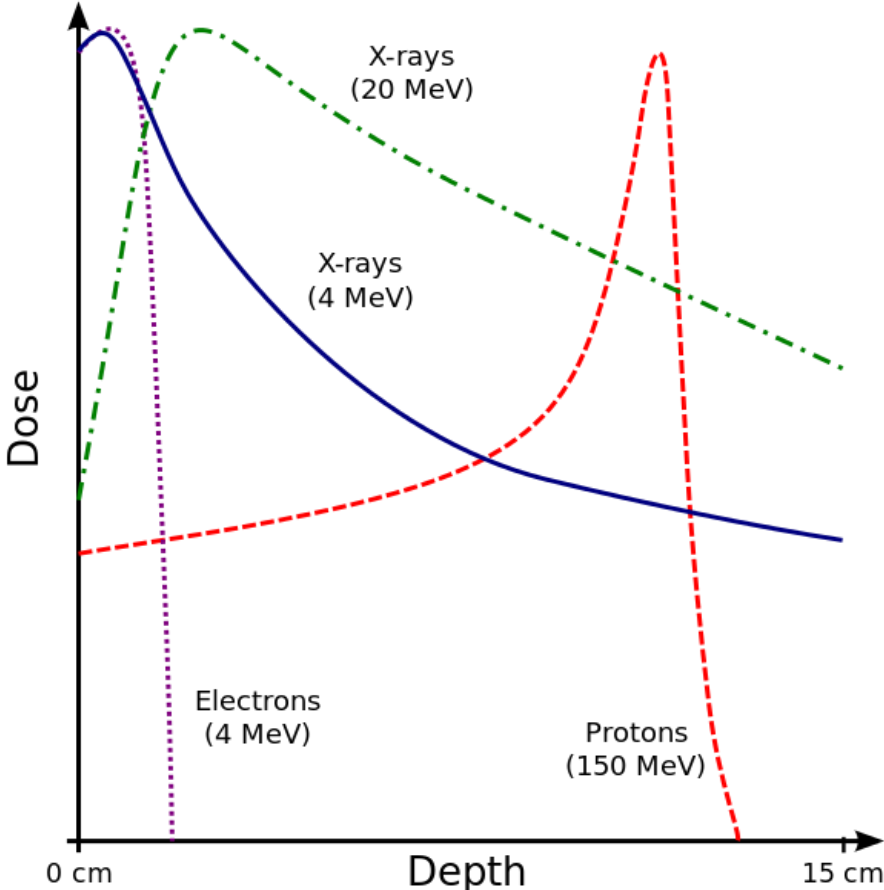
More than
120 Centres
expected for 2022

Summary: Dose-depth profile



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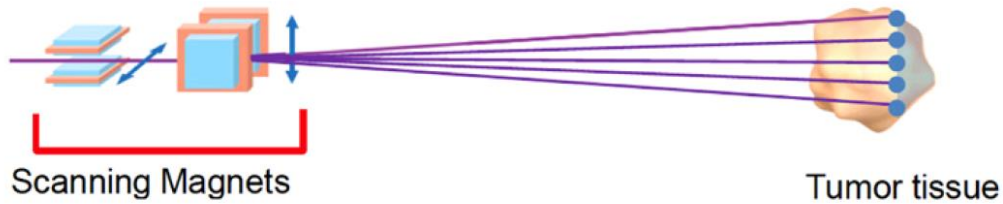
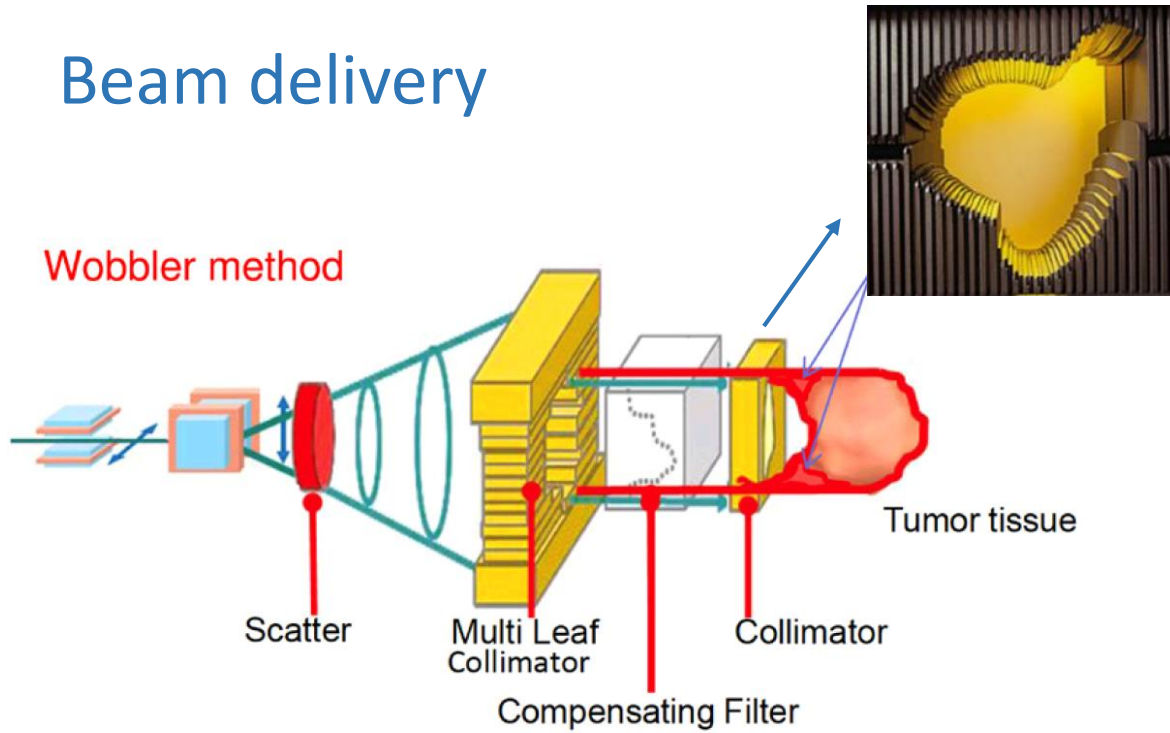
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Beam delivery

Wobbler method



Raster scanning

3D scanning:

Tumor divided in voxels

→ Z: energy slice

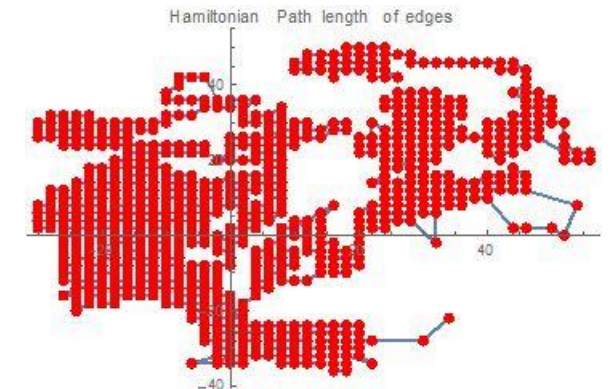
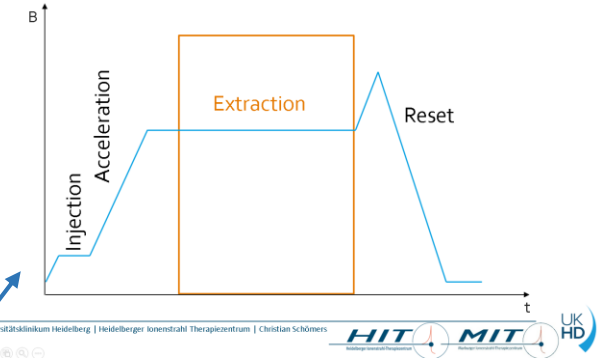
→ XY: raster scanning

Additional challenge:

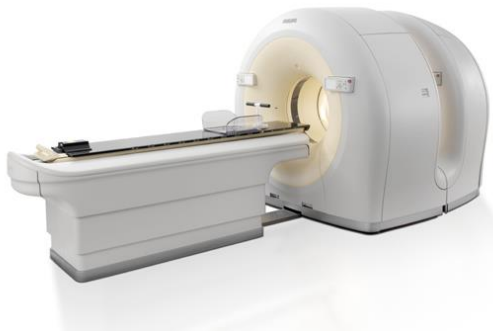
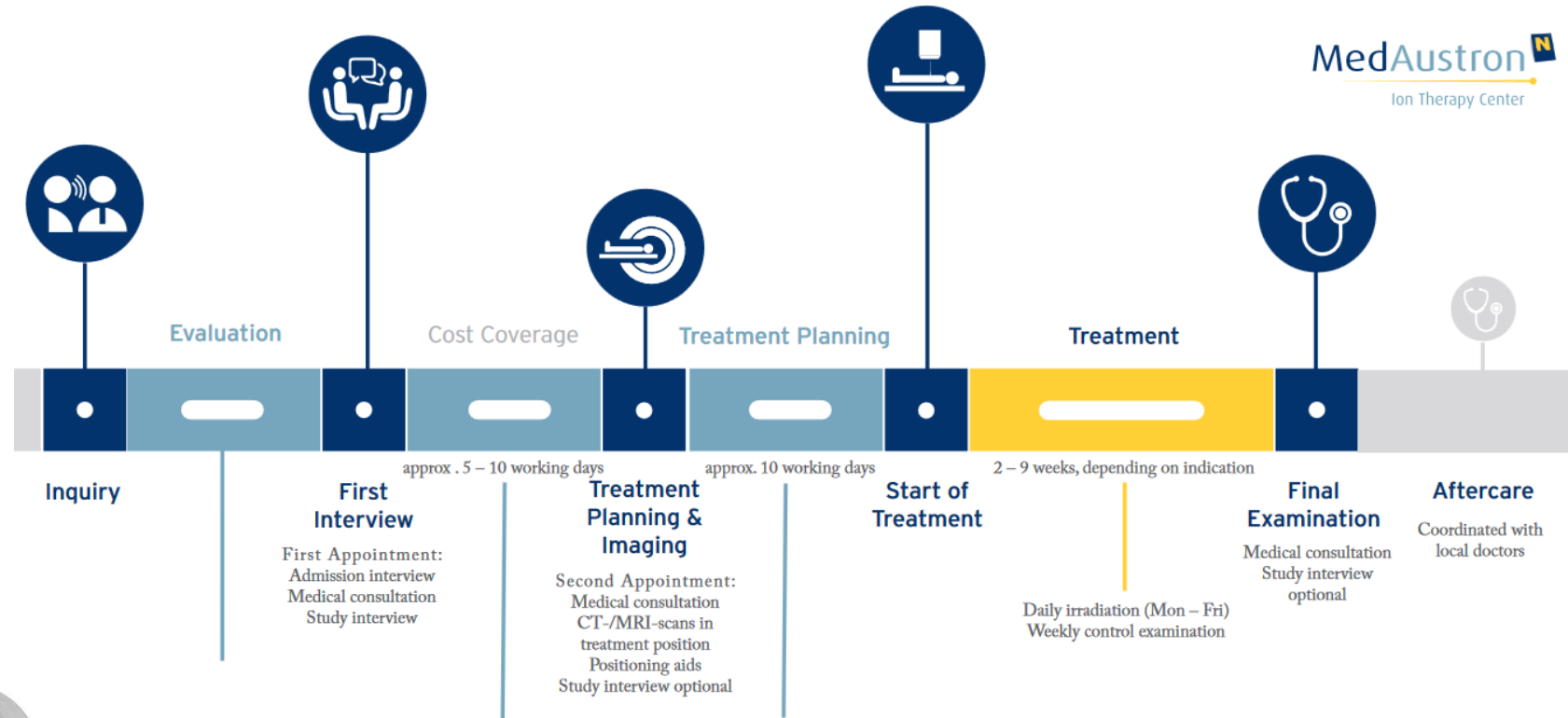
patient movements

→ beam gating

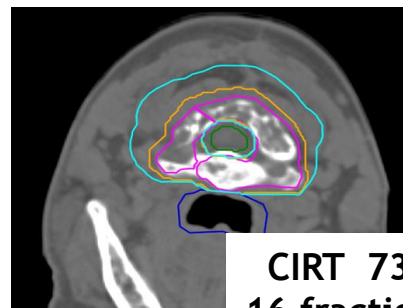
→ on-line imaging?



Procedure

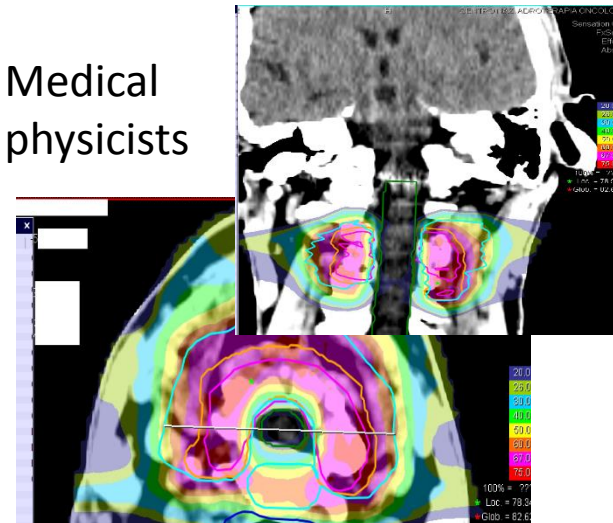


Medical doctor
-> marks boundaries
-> dose



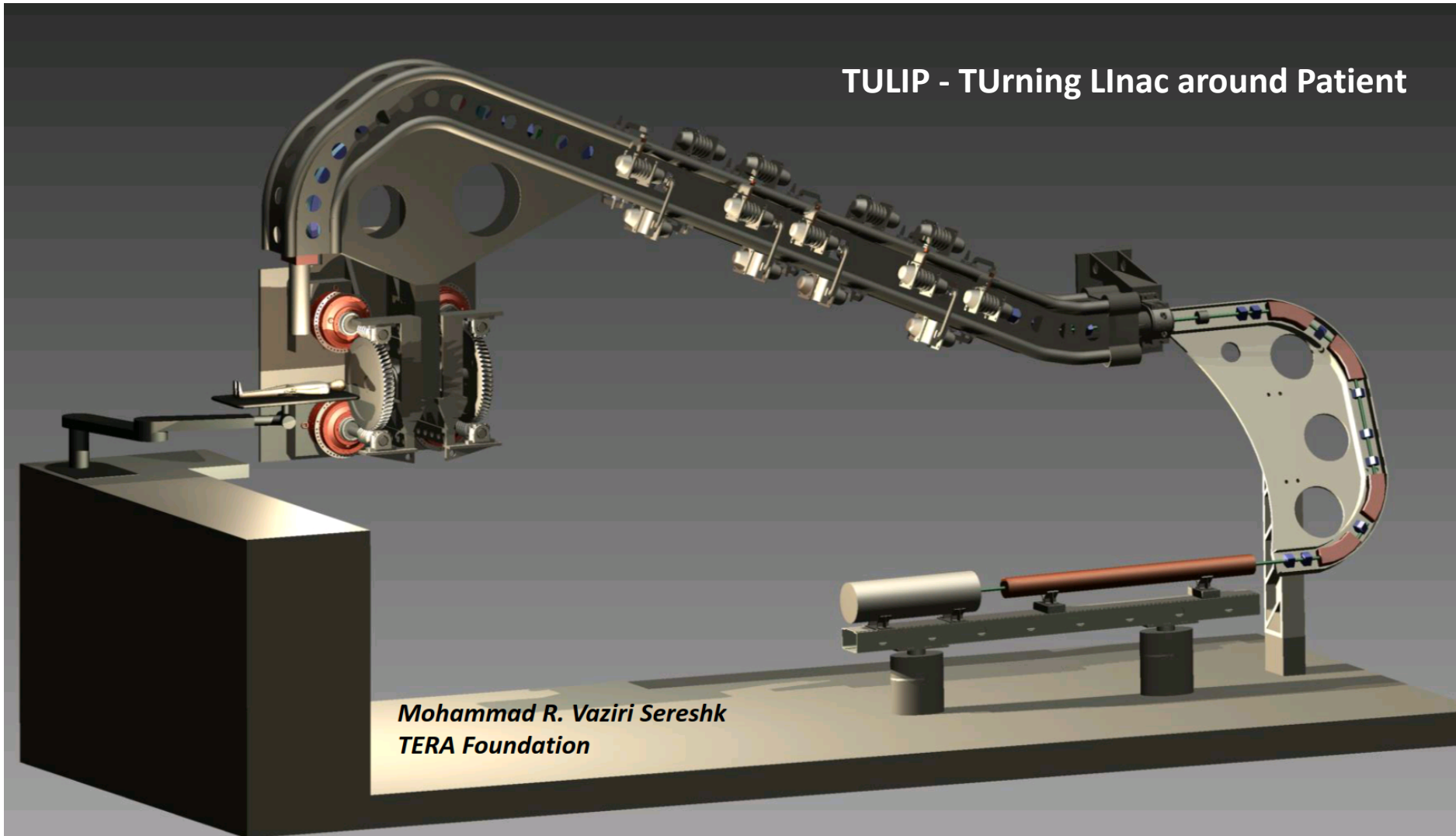
CIRT 73.6 GyE
16 fractions IMPT

Medical physicists



[Video](#)

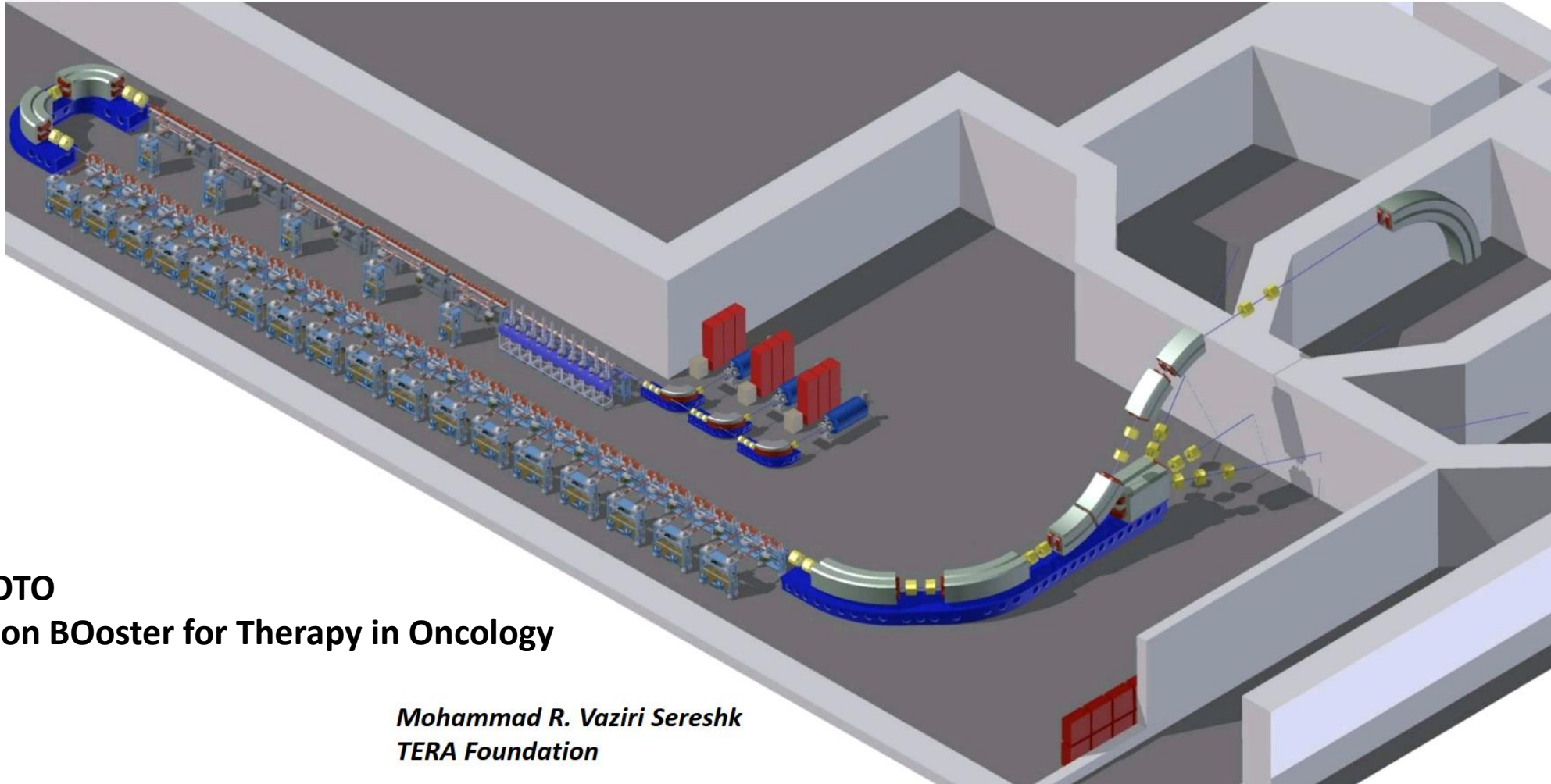
Ideas for the future – smaller, cheaper, faster



LINAC-based:

- + compact
- + fast energy change
- + shorter treatment time

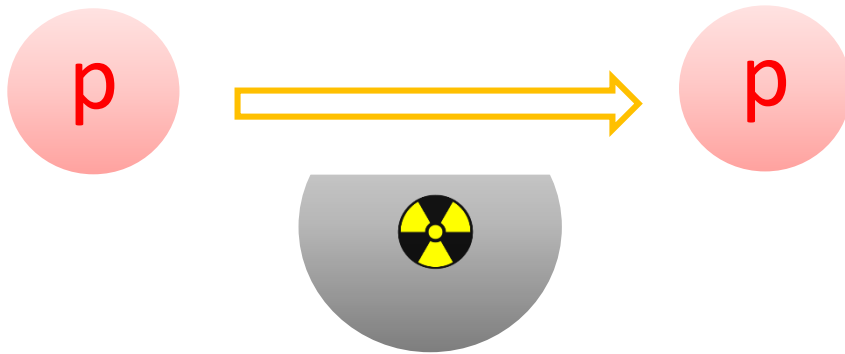
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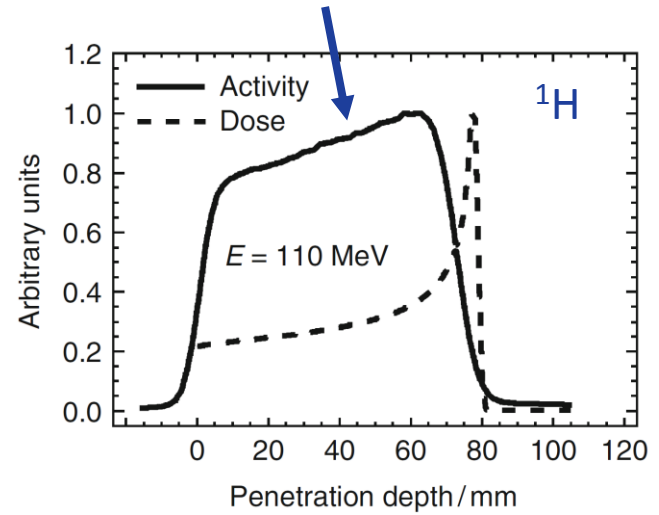
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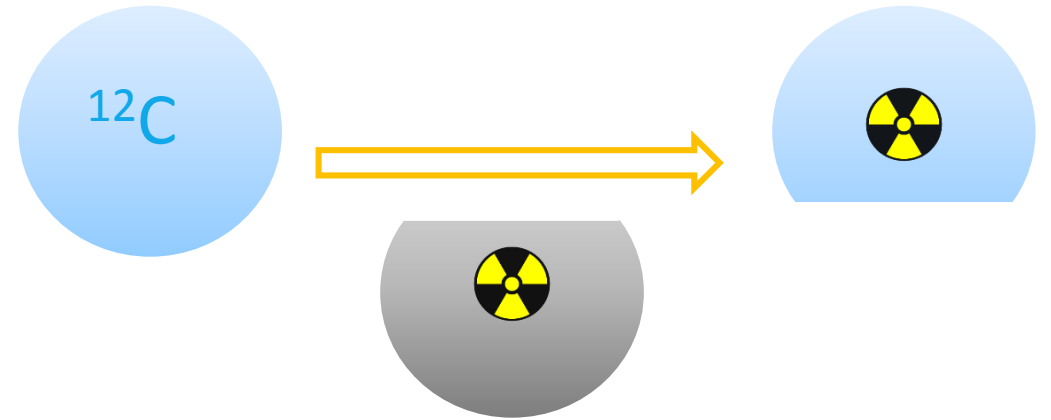
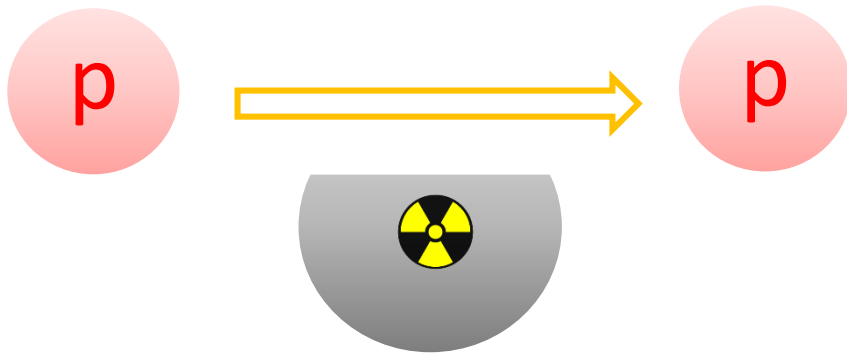
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Spare slides on PET imaging in hadron therapy

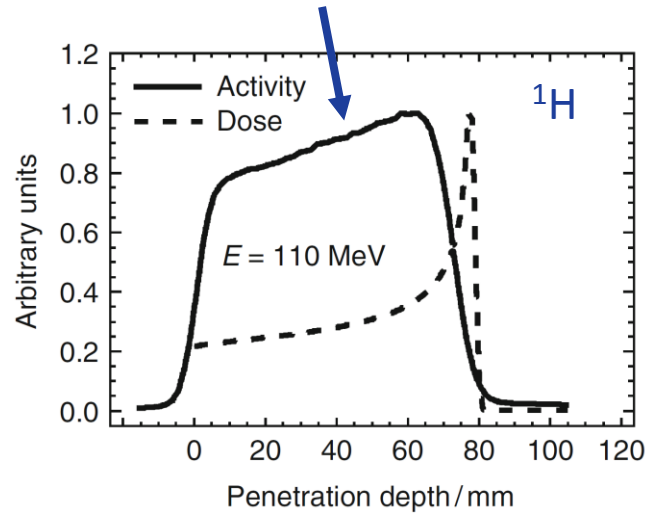


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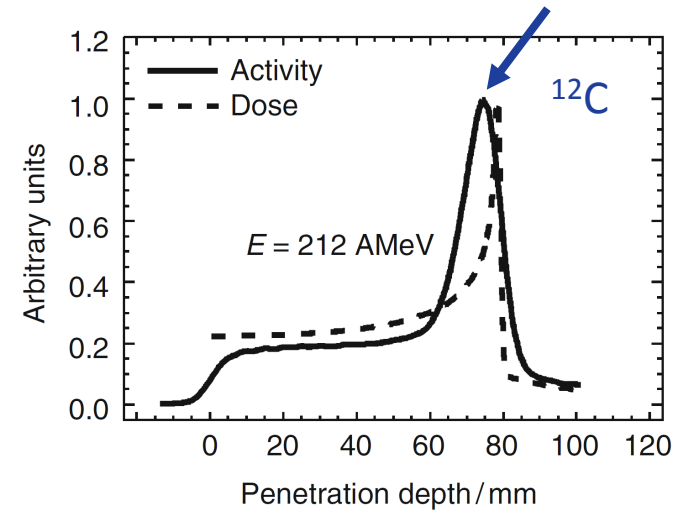




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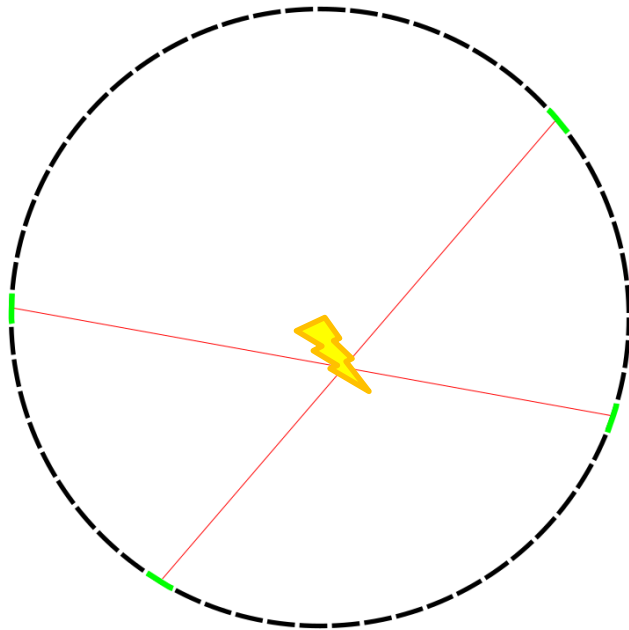


PET scanning in hadron therapy

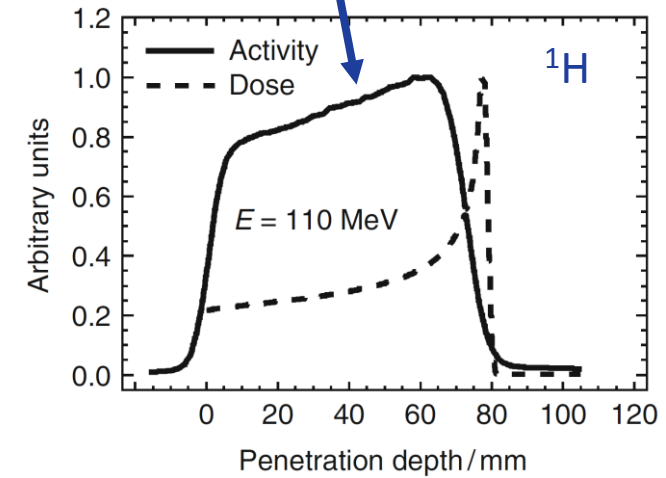
Positron
Emission
Tomography



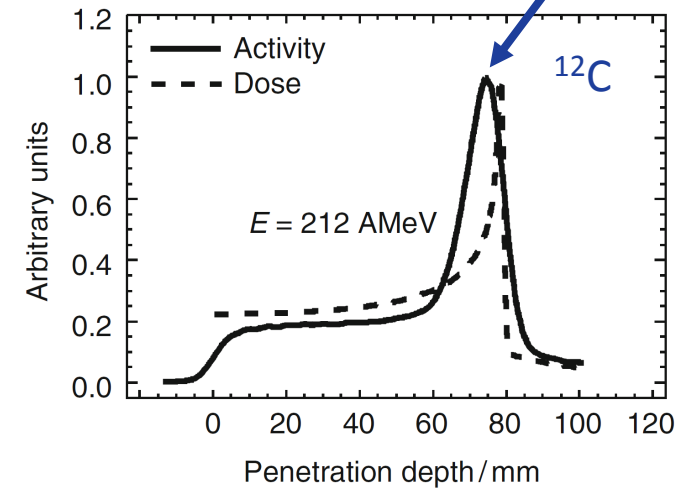
- + therapy control
- + dose verification
- biological washout
- low intensities

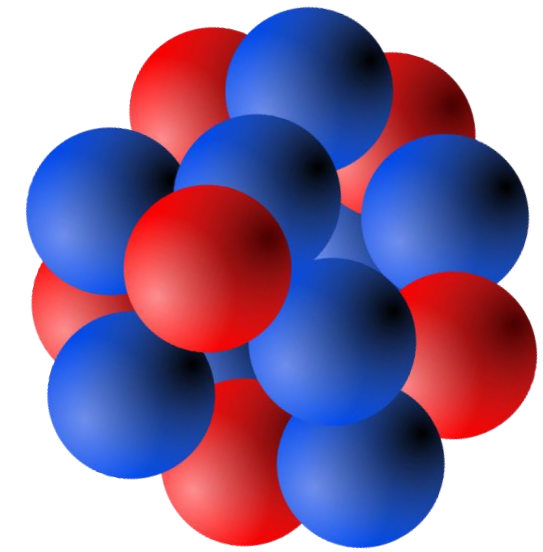


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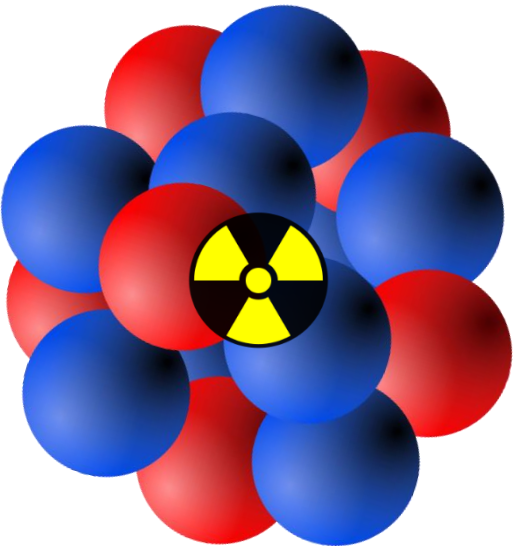


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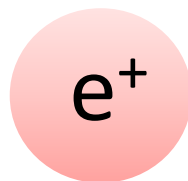
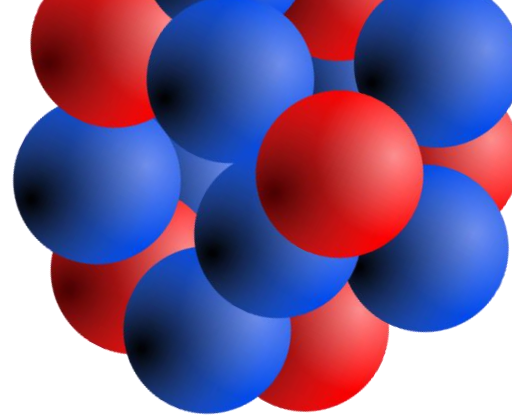


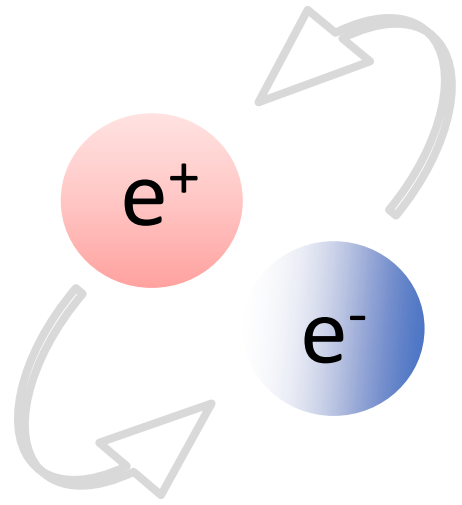
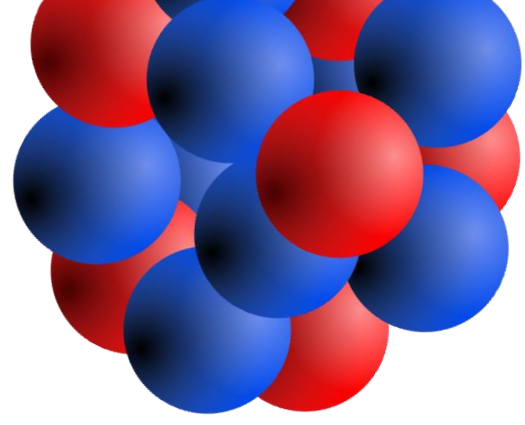


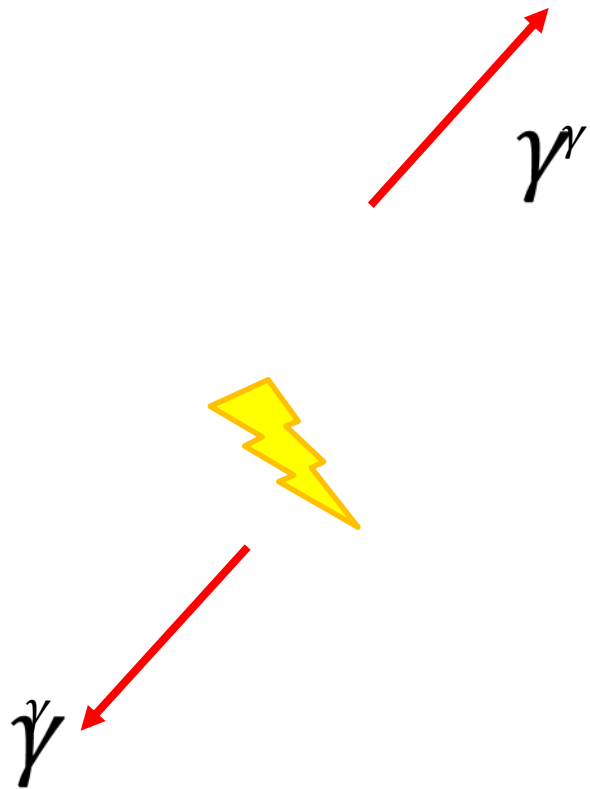
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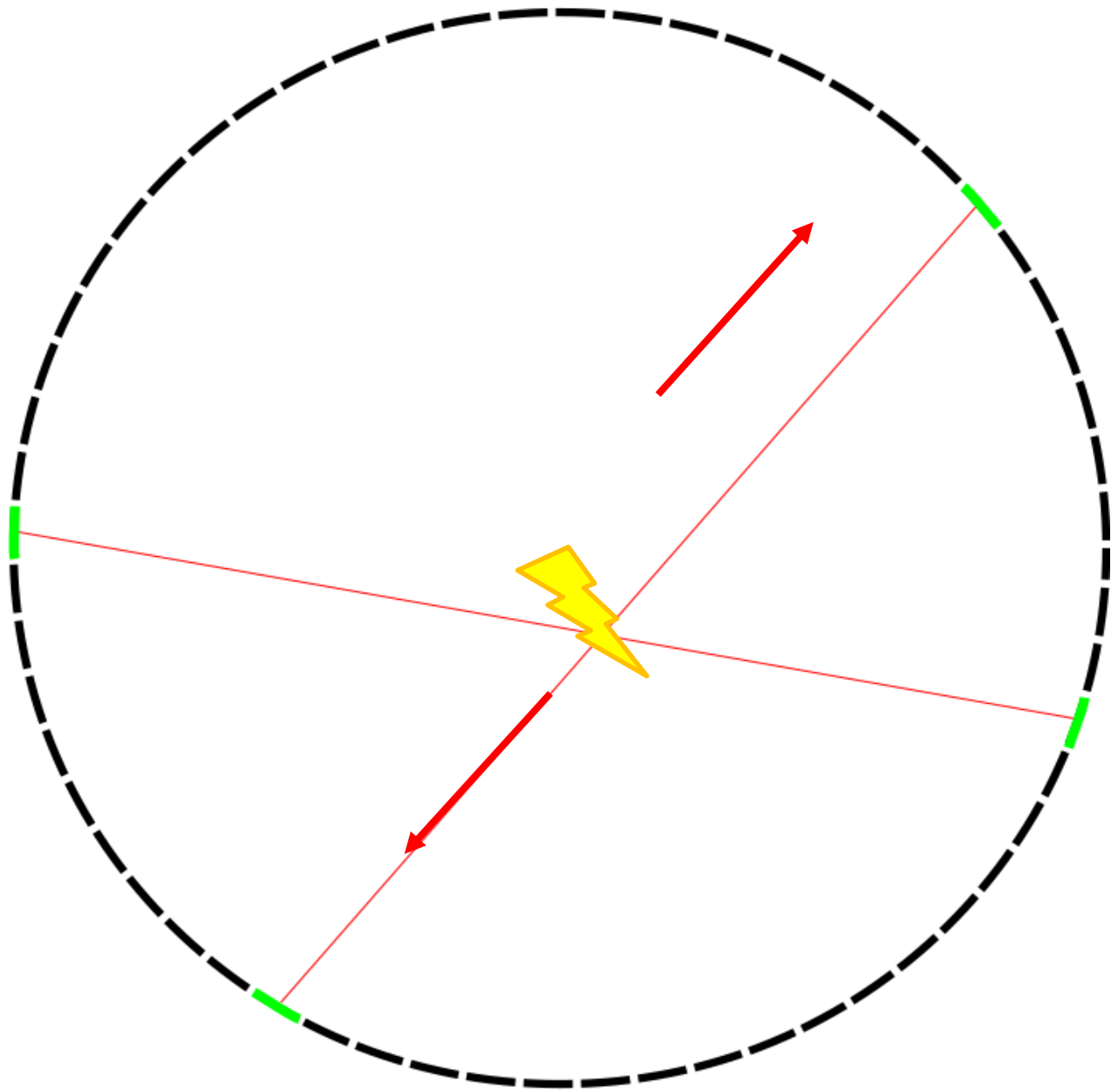


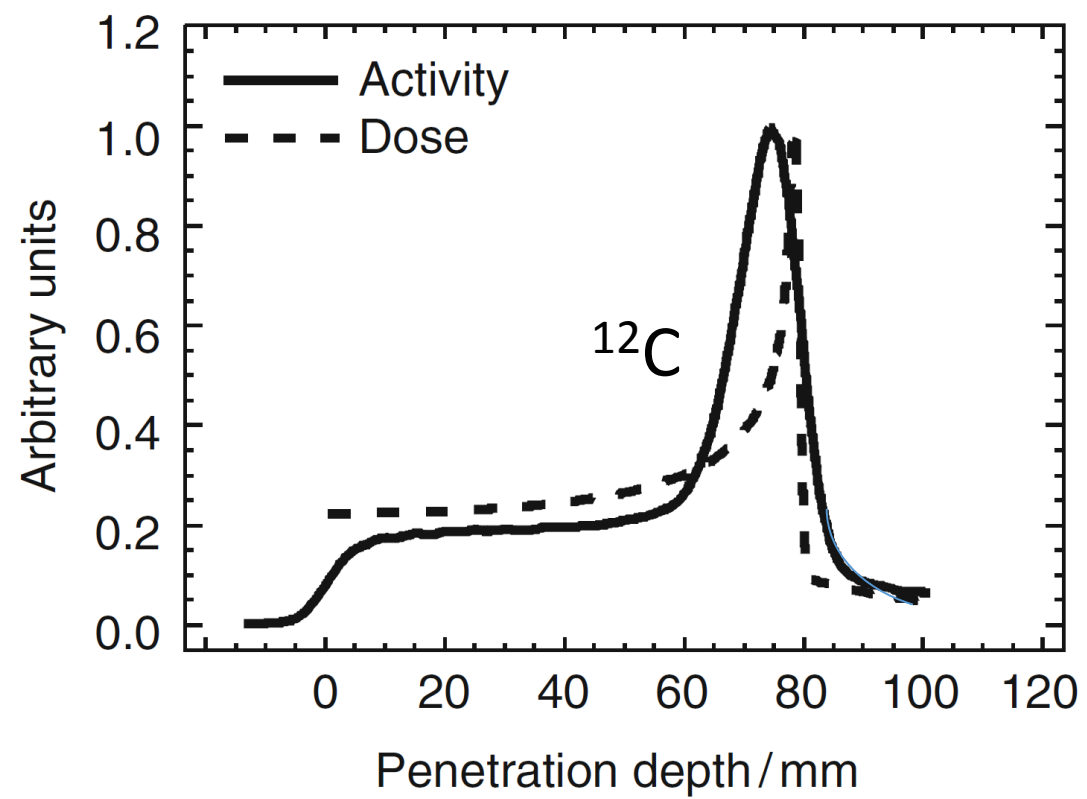
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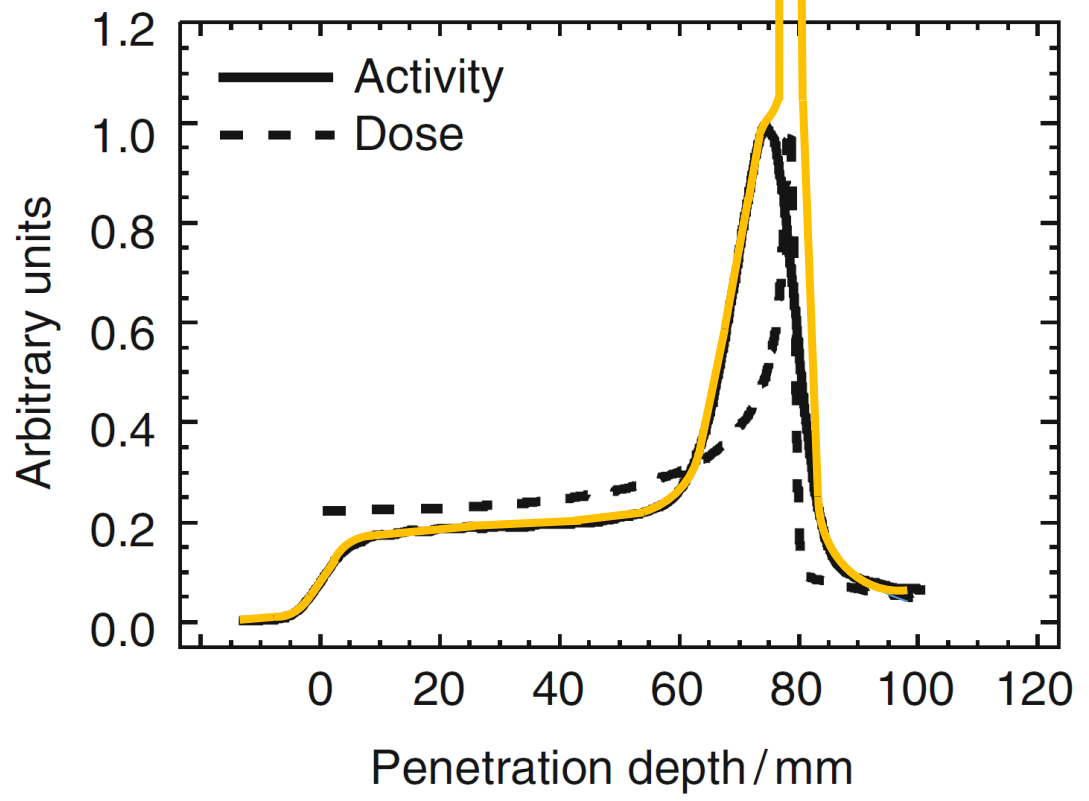




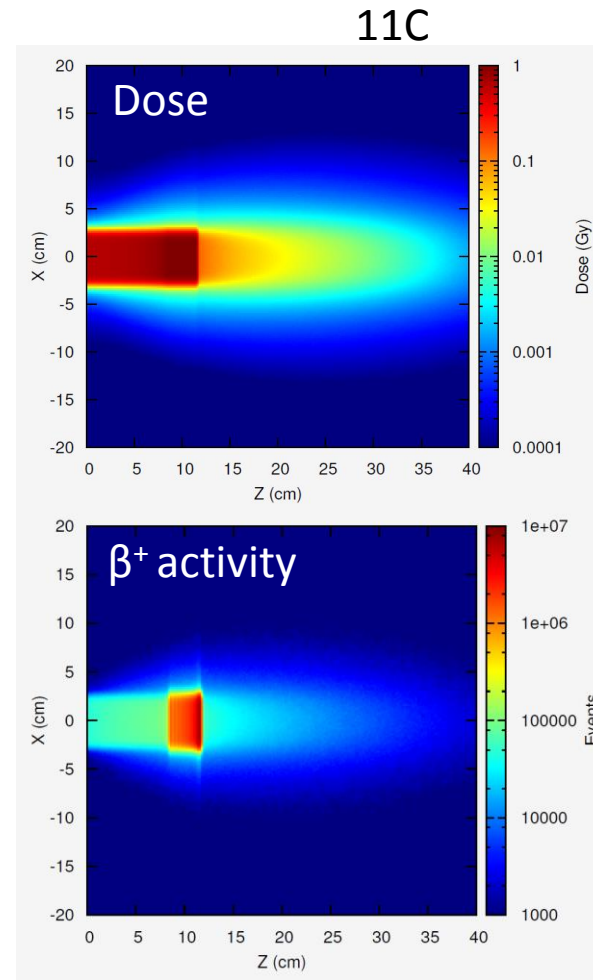
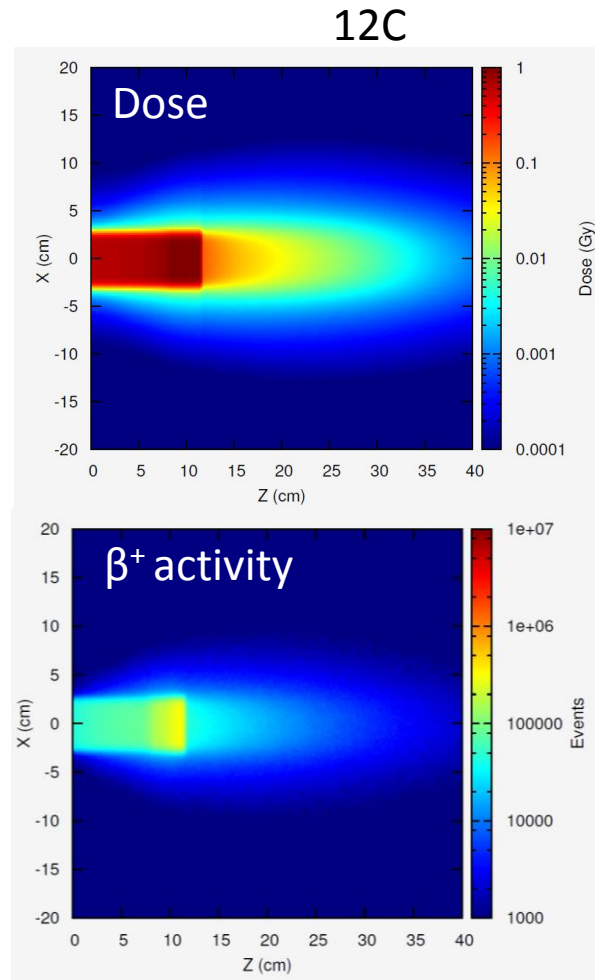




^{11}C



^{11}C aided hadron therapy



^{11}C primary beam

- increased β^+ activity
 - maximum at Bragg peak
- > **PET imaging** for dose verification

