

Task 3.4: Medium energy electron beams: new technology development

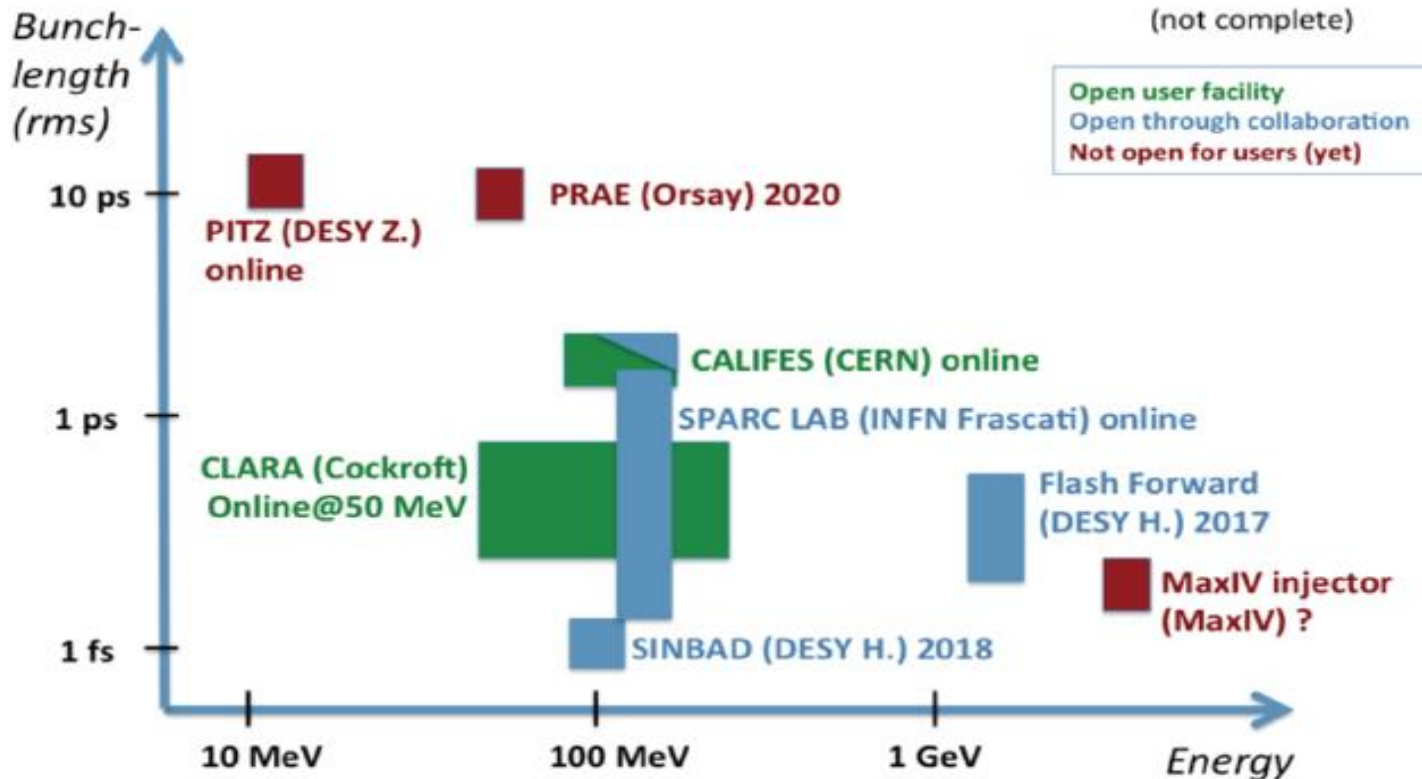


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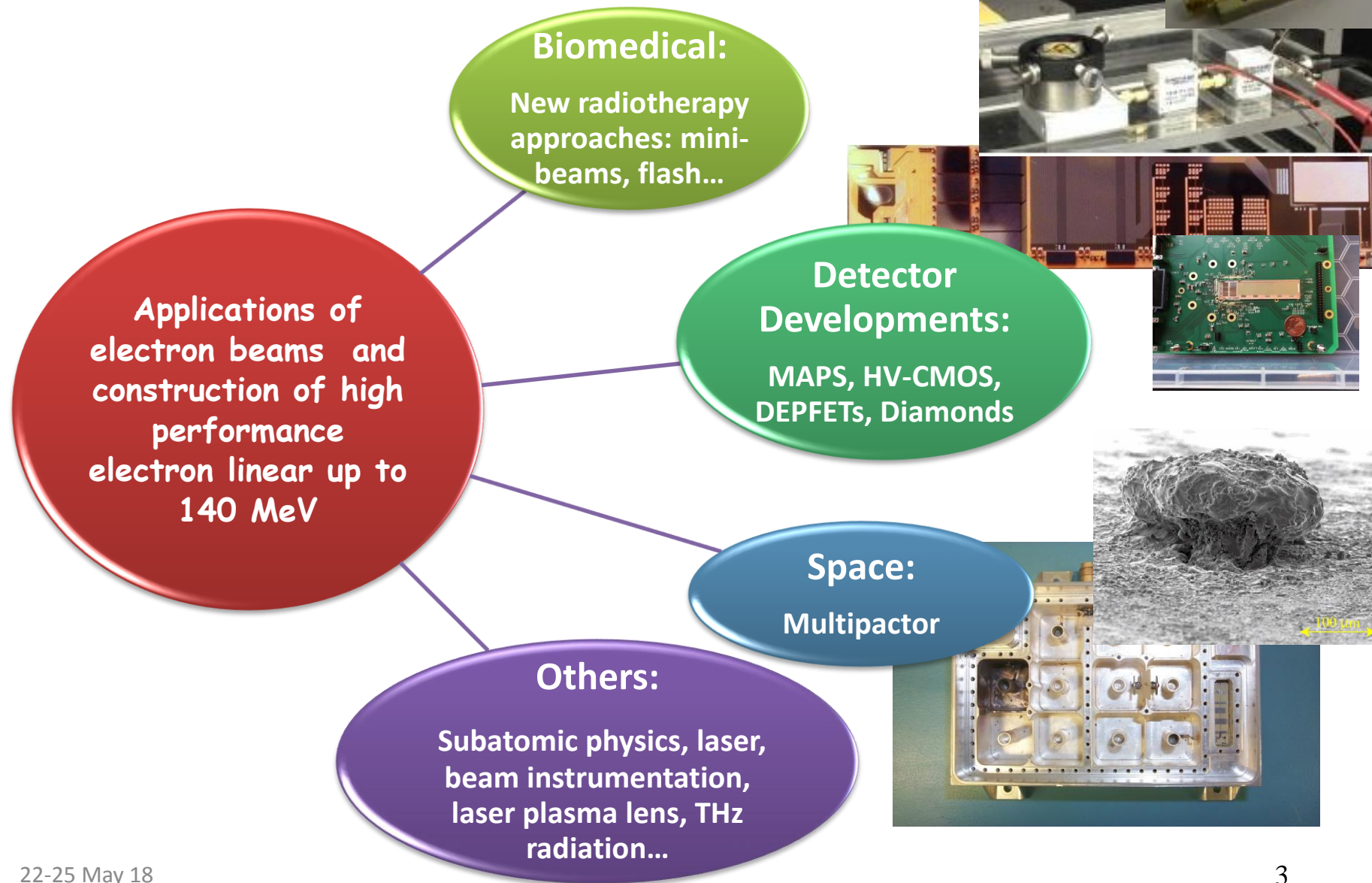
Motivation:

From lowest to highest energies, electron beams represent exploration and measurement tools of high quality and unparalleled wealth. If the number and quality of research tools at both ends of the energy scale are encouraging, it should be noted the **poverty** of the **accelerator park** in the **range of tens to hundreds of MeV**.

Present and planned European electron test beams



Task objectives



Work plan:



- Organization of **dedicated workshops**:
 - There is already one being organized in medical applications
<https://www.cockcroft.ac.uk/events/VHEE17/>
 - Special session in the CLIC 2018 workshop dedicated to CLEAR where the applications in: beam instrumentation developments (cavity BPMs, Diamond Cherenkov diffraction beam size monitor, Electro-Optical BPMs, wake field monitors...) , irradiation of material and components, plasma lens acceleration, Tera-Hertz radiation developments, VHEE RT,
<https://indico.cern.ch/event/656356/overview>
 - A general workshop the other possible applications will be organized at Fall 2018 in Orsay (PRAE).
- Make a **survey** about the **accelerators** at this energy in **Europe** and investigate what will be the best technology in order to make more compact (**High-Gradient** warm linac...), efficient and adapted to the different applications. Synergies with others EU projects <http://www.compactlight.eu>

PRAE: Platform for Research and Applications with Electrons

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The PRAE Project

□ PRAE

- Multidisciplinary R&D Platform
- Transversal, Complementary expertise

□ PROJET PHASES

- Phase A (2016-2019) : 70 MeV
- Phase B (from 2020): 140 MeV

□ 4 AXES DE DEVELOPPEMENT

Accelerator



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Radiobiology



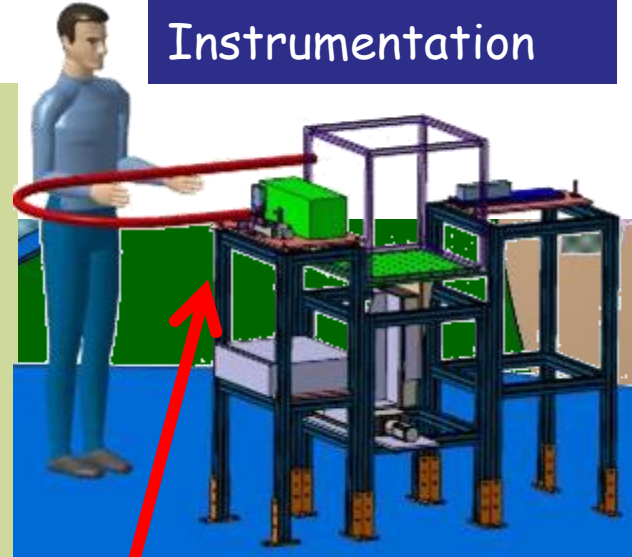
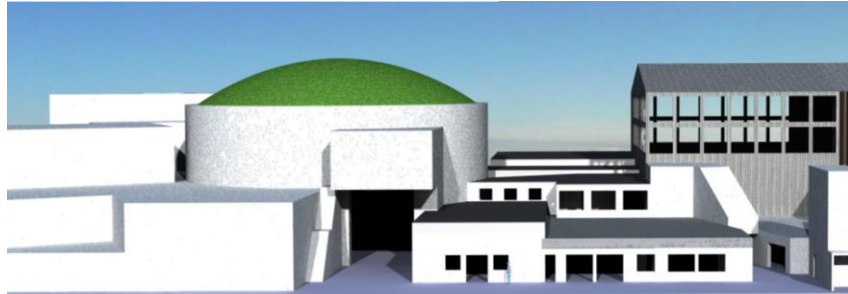
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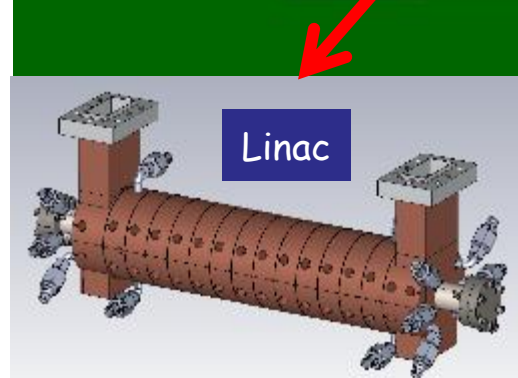
Energy compressor

Instrumentation

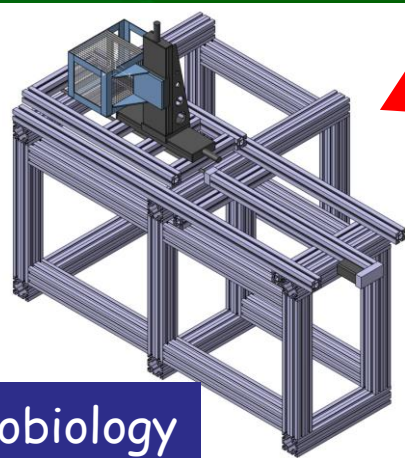


RFgun

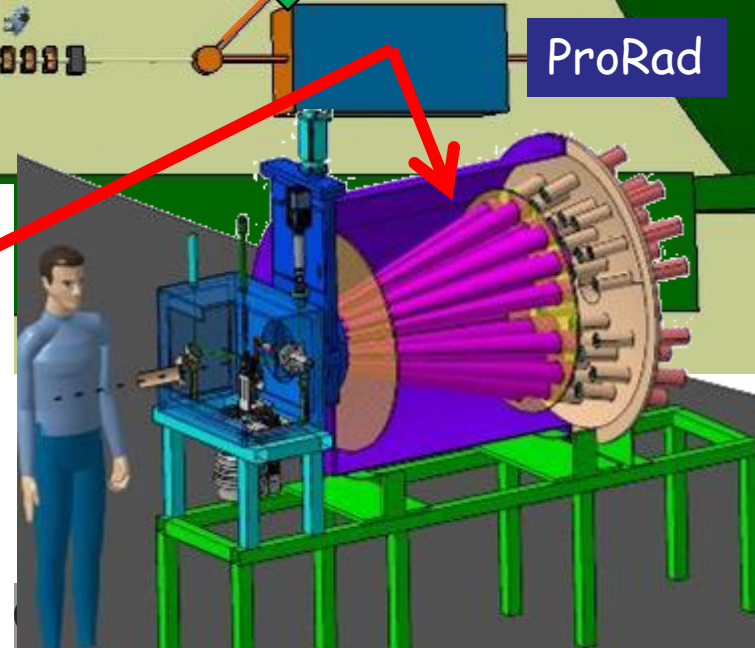
ProRad



Linac



Radiobiology



The accelerator construction and related R&D

- ❑ *Parameters and Phases*
- ❑ *RF gun and High-Gradient Linac*
- ❑ *Optics design and simulations*
- ❑ *Beam diagnostics*

PRAE Parameters and Phases

Beam parameters	Phase A-B
Energy, MeV	50-70 (100-140)
Charge (variable), nC	0.00005 – 2
Normalized emittance, mm.mrad	3-10
RF frequency, GHz	3.0
Repetition rate, Hz	50
Transverse size, mm	0.5
Bunch length, ps	< 10
Energy spread, %	< 0.2
Bunches per pulse	1

☐Phase A: RF gun at 50 Hz; 50-70 MeV, two lines:

☐Direct: magnetic chicane for ProRad and radiobiology in mode "Push-Pull"

☐Deviated: for Instrumentation

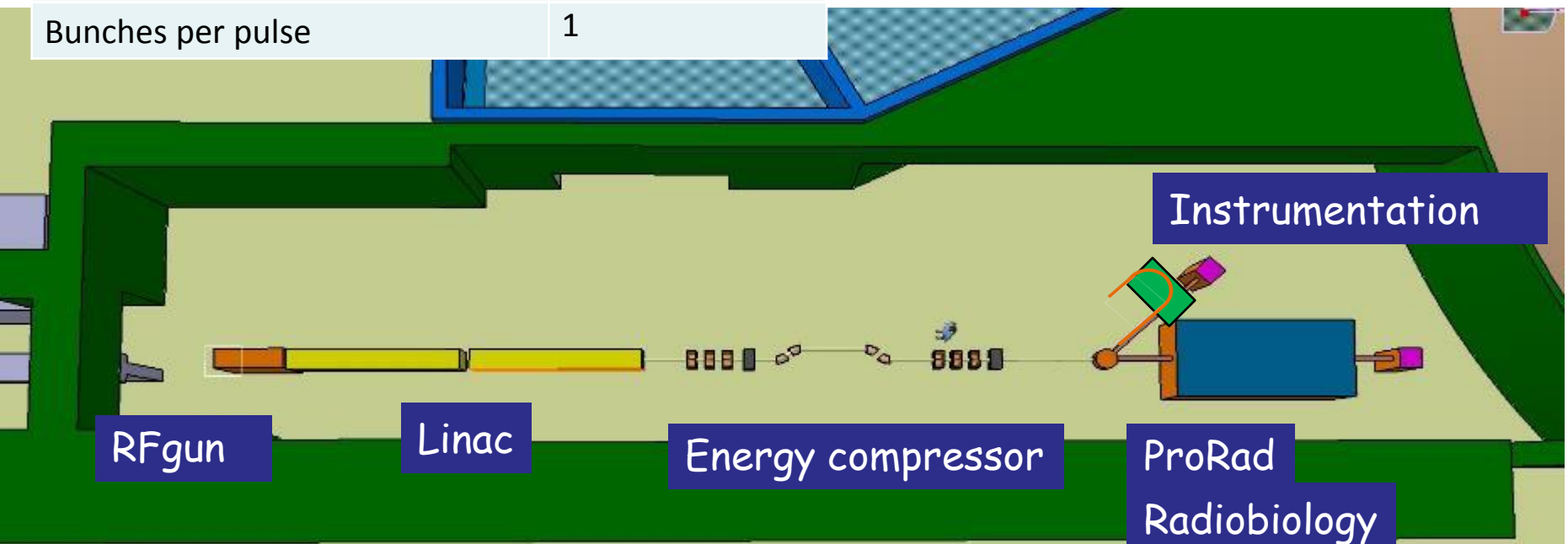
☐Phase B:

☐Spectrometer for Instrumentation line

☐Scanning dipole for radiobiology

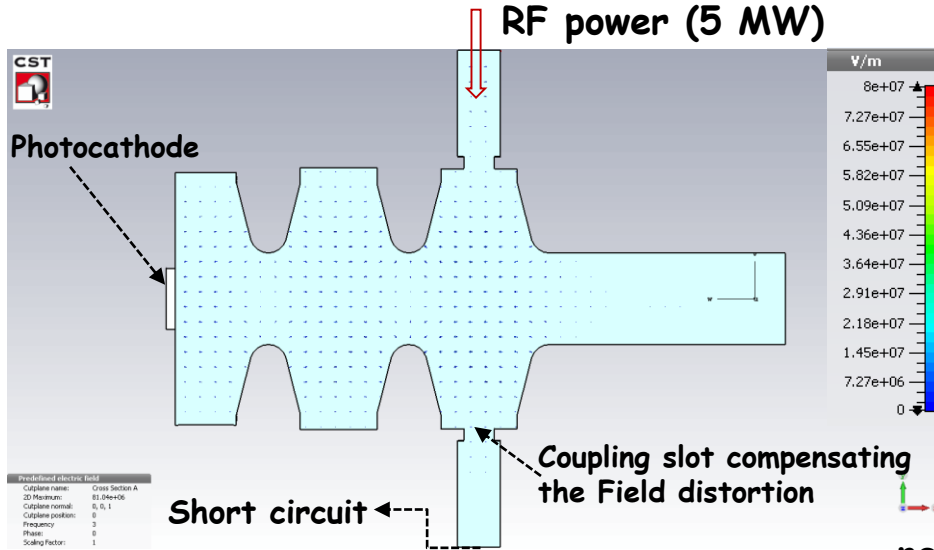
☐Complete set of channels

☐140 MeV



The RF gun "revisited"

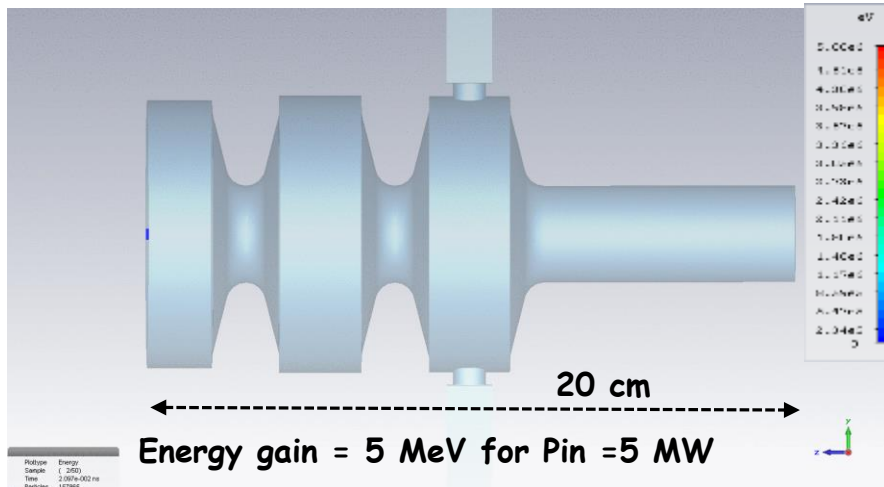
Accelerating gradient (TM₀₁₀ - π mode):
80 MV/m at P_{in}=5 MW



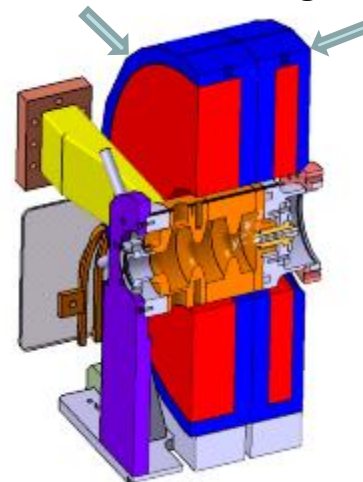
Photoinjector specification

Operation frequency	2998,55 MHz (30° C, in vacuum)
Charge	1 nC
Laser wavelength, pulse energy	266 nm, 100 μ J
RF Gun Q and Rs	14400, 49 M Ω /m
RF Gun accelerating gradient	80 MV/m @ 5 MW
Normalized emittance (rms)	4.4 π mm mrad
Energy spread	0.4 %
Bunch length (rms)	5 ps

CST-Particle in cells, simulation results



new coil configurations focusing coil bucking coil



2.5 cells RF gun designed and produced at LAL for ThomX



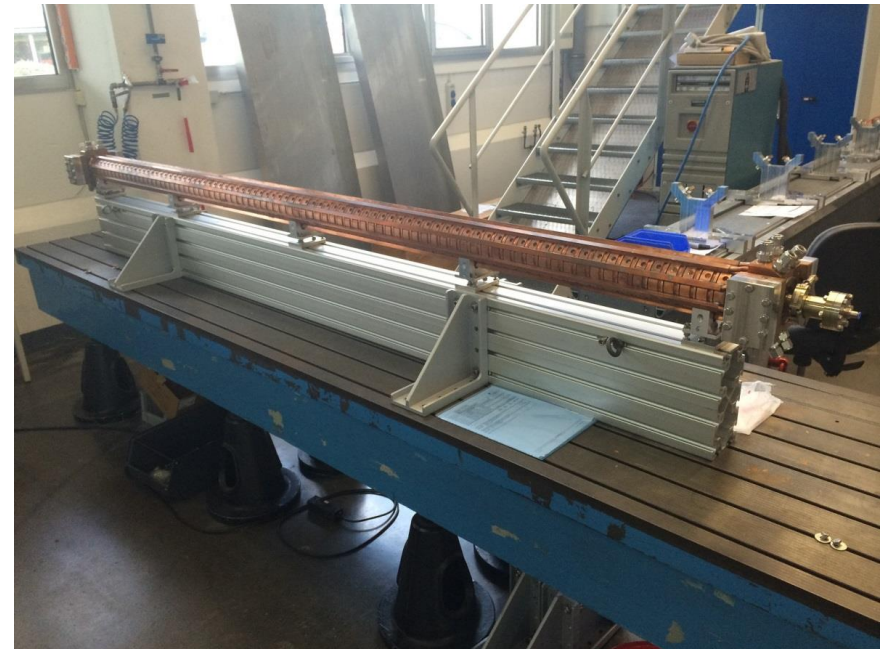
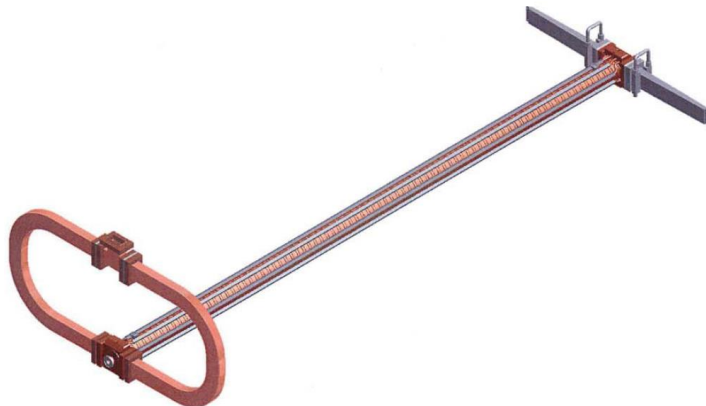
The High-Gradient linac

TW S-Band structures from RI



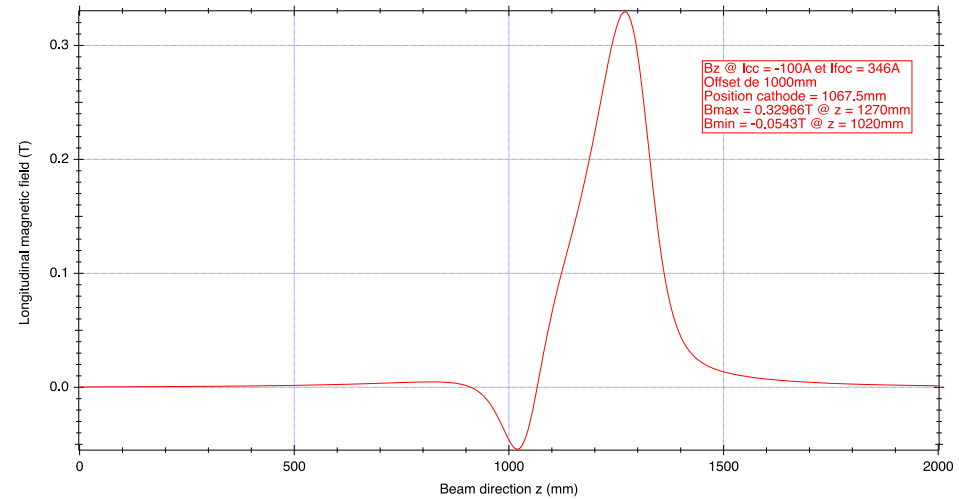
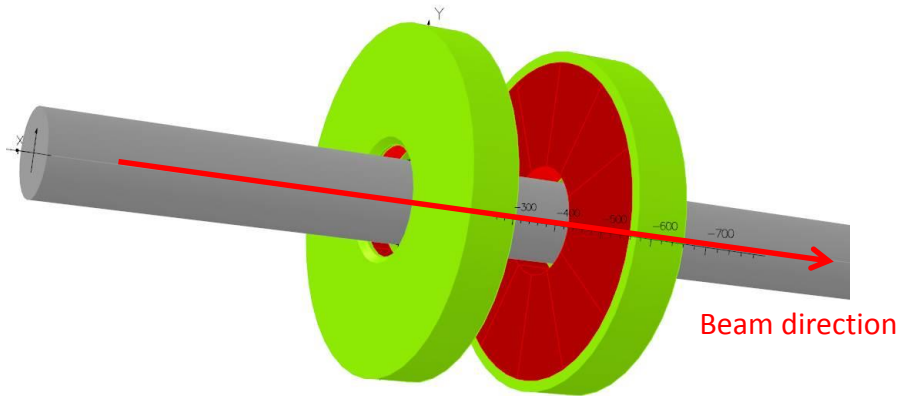
Parameter	Value
Length	3.5m
Number of Couplers + Cells	1+96+1
Type	Constant gradient
Phase Advance	$2\pi/3$
Frequency	2998.55 @ 30° C
Pulse Width	3 μ s
Repetition Rate	50Hz
Max. input Power	40 MW
Max. average power	5 kW
Guaranteed unloaded energy gain	>65MeV

- The Structures are **SLAC-type structures**
- Constant gradient
- Race track coupler for quadrupole compensation
- BIG Splitter for dipole compensation
- 2 RF loads



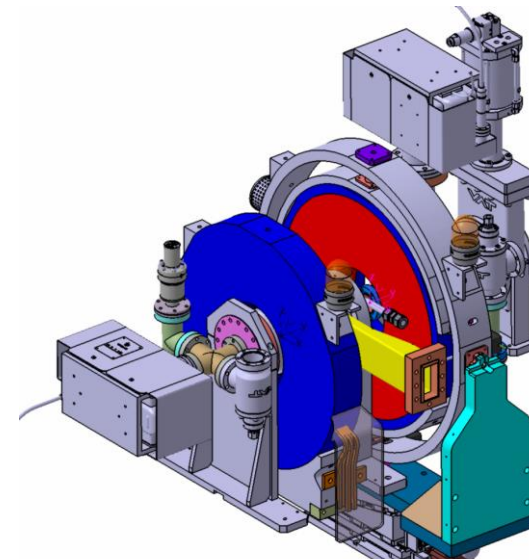
The RF gun solenoids

Based on ThomX RF Gun configuration



bobine de contre champ	Pour 4 galettes de 21 spires conducteur 6x6t4 2 circuits d'eau courant de 400A			
	pression (bars)	10	15	20
	puissance (W)	12025	11518	11239
	échauffement (°C)	56.91	43.79	36.58
	débit total (l/min)	3.03	3.78	4.41

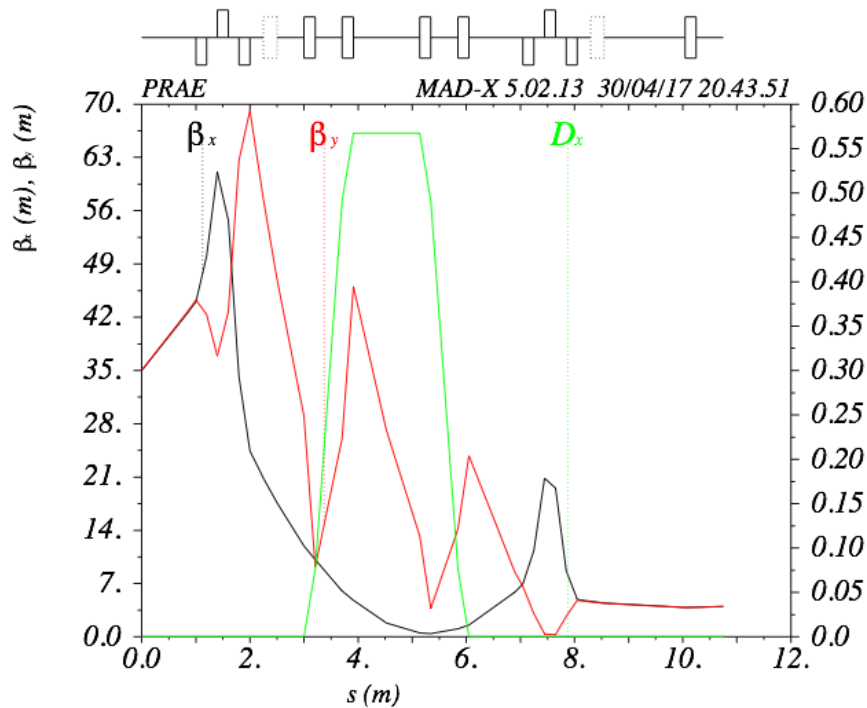
bobine de focalisation	Pour 8 galettes de 21 spires conducteur 6x6t4 4 circuits d'eau courant de 400A			
	pression (bars)	10	15	20
	puissance (W)	24051	23036	22478
	échauffement (°C)	56.91	43.79	36.58
	débit total (l/min)	6.07	7.55	8.82



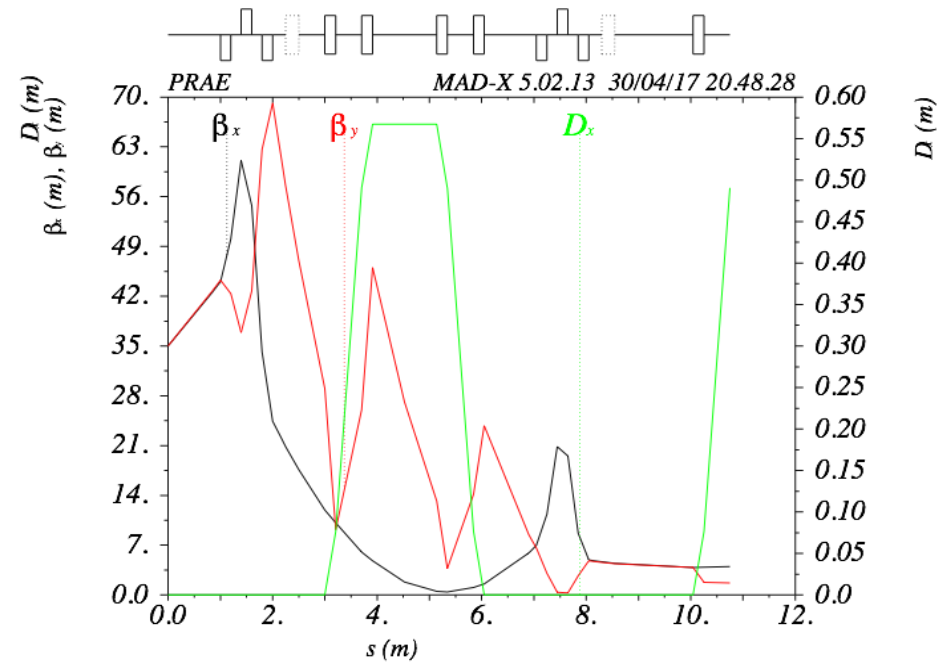
New solenoids configuration

Optics design and Simulations

Two triplets, flexible final conditions, with a Energy compression System (ECS) in the direct line and a dedicated Beam Energy Measurement in the deviated line.



Direct line:
ProRad and Radiobiology

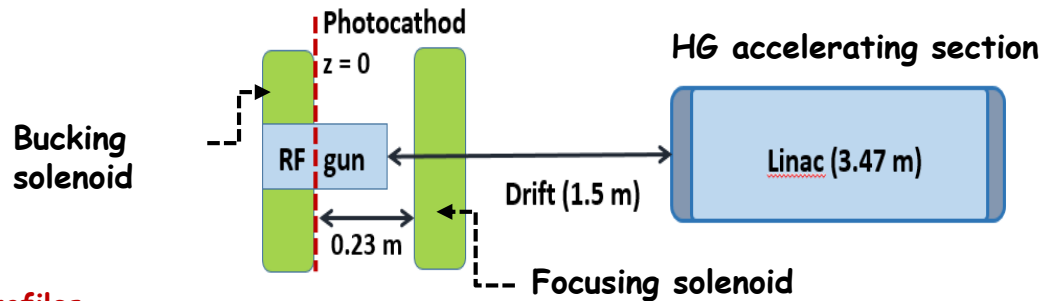


Deviated line:
Instrumentation

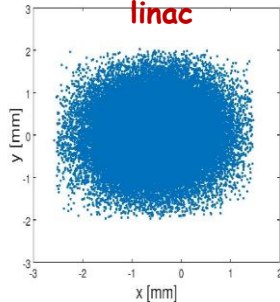
Beam dynamics

RF-track simulations

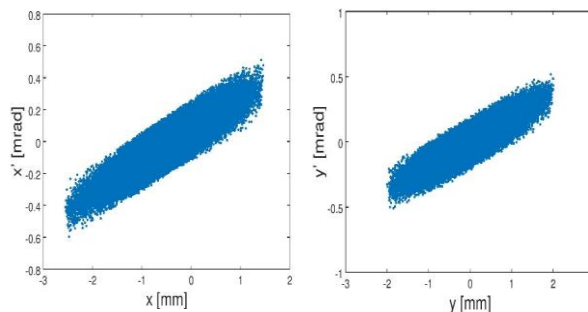
- RF-Track is a novel tracking code developed at CERN for the optimization of low-energy linacs in presence of space-charge effects. The RF structures are described by means of the 3D electromagnetic fields and it is able to treat directly the output of HFSS or CST programs.
- Subsequent calculations are performed using the full 3D EM field (97 cells) of the HG accelerating structure generated via CST.



Beam profiles at the exit of linac



transverse phase space at the exit of linac



Beam performances at the exit of linac

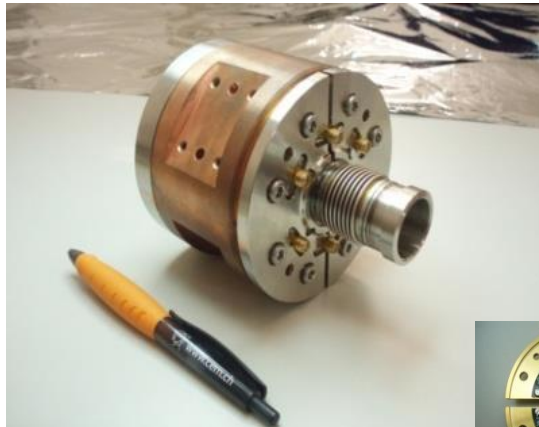
E [MeV]	67
$\Delta E/E$ [%]	0.2
$\epsilon_{x,y}$ [mm mrad]	5.31/5.40
$\sigma_{x,y}$ [mm]	0.66/0.65
$\beta_{x,y}$ [m]	10.33/10.96

- Realistic and reliable result based on the analysis of the given EM field.
- The next beam optimization are planned to be performed using the RF track.

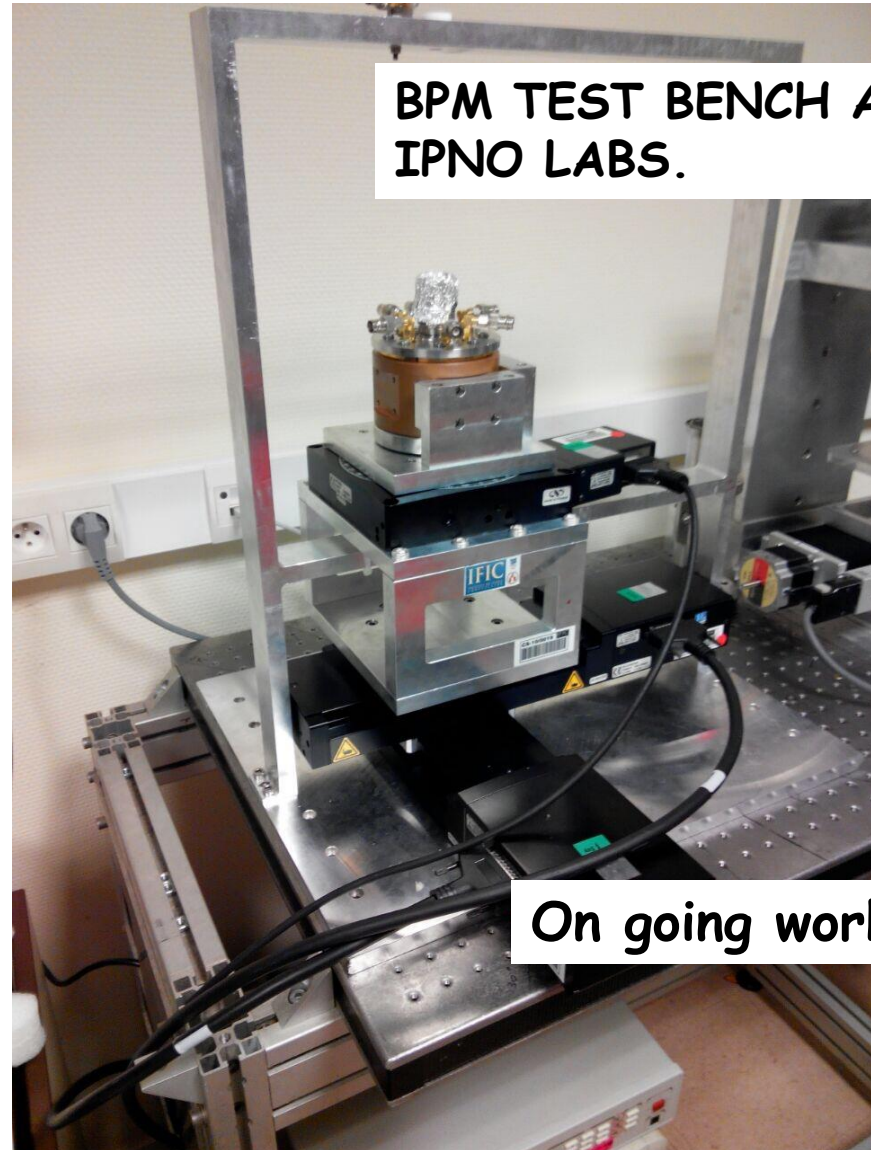
A. Vnuchenko et al, Proceedings of IPAC 2018, Vancouver, Canada

Beam Diagnostics

Inductive BPMs recuperated from CTF3, tests at IPNO in collaboration with BI-CERN

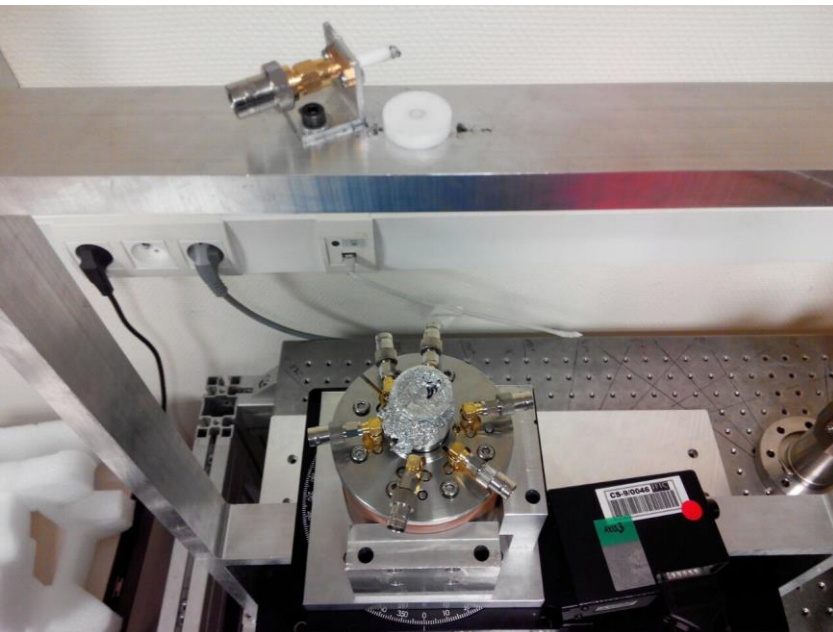


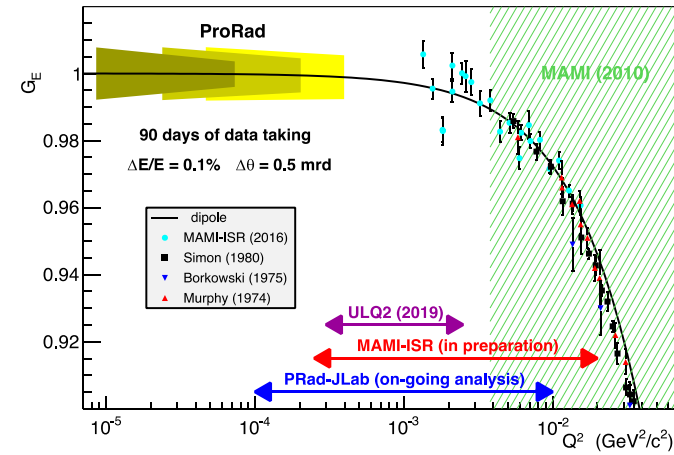
INDUCTIVE BPM



BPM TEST BENCH AT IPNO LABS.

On going work...

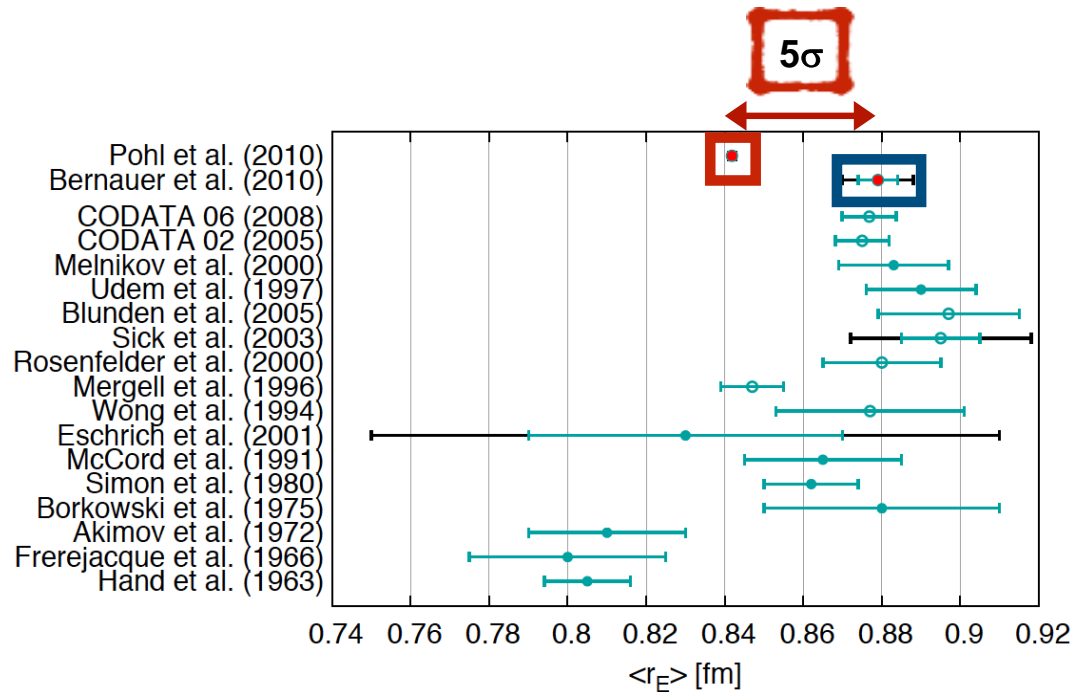




The nuclear physics / nucleon structure

- Principle experiment: proton charge radius measurement, 30-70 MeV

ProRad: the proton radius puzzle



Muonic hydrogen spectroscopy

$$r_p = 0.84184 \pm 0.00067 \text{ fm}$$

Direct measurement
(10 times more precise)

Electron scattering experiments

$$r_p = 0.87900 \pm 0.00800 \text{ fm}$$

Indirect measurement
(extrapolation of Form Factor data to $Q^2 = 0$)

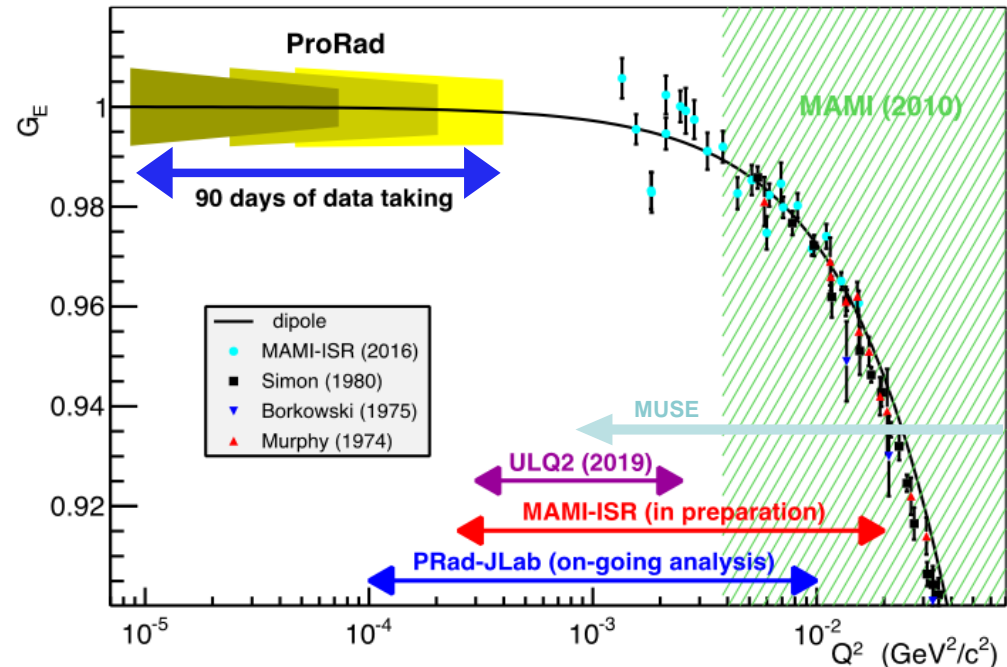
$$r_p = \sqrt{\langle r^2 \rangle} = \sqrt{-6 \frac{\partial G_E^2(Q^2)}{\partial Q^2} \Big|_{Q^2=0}}$$

→ Problem: the proton is smaller as « seen » by muons than by electrons

ProRad: the proton radius puzzle

Need for low Q^2
experimental electron
scattering data

linear region in the form factor:
'Exact extrapolation'



ProRad goal: A high precision measurement of the proton electric form factor at very low Q^2

Foreseen results:

- Better knowledge of the dependence of Form Factor on Q^2
- Significant impact on the measurement of the proton charge radius

new physics?

ProRad: experiment requirements

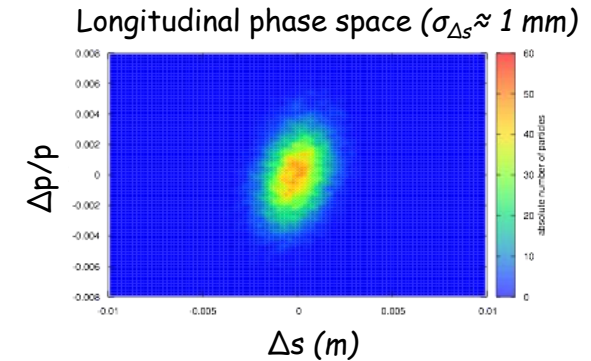
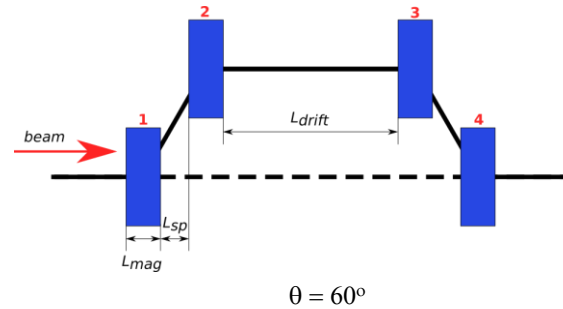
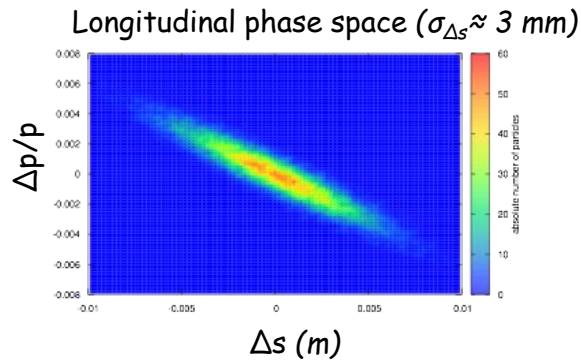
ProRad accelerator experiment requirements:

- High precision beam: reduced energy dispersion (5×10^{-4})
- Precise knowledge of the beam energy (5×10^{-4})

Association with a RF cavity or dechirping structure

Energy Compression System

D chicane of 4 identical dipoles

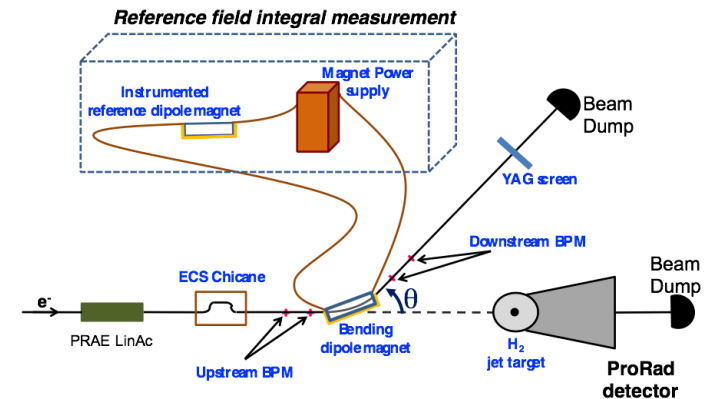


Beam energy measurement

Deviate the beam in a controlled magnetic field: absolute knowledge of the beam energy

$$\delta E/E = 3 \times 10^{-4}$$

With a possible configuration of 1 m long dipole with 0.5 T field and a 60° deviation angle



ProRad: experiment requirements

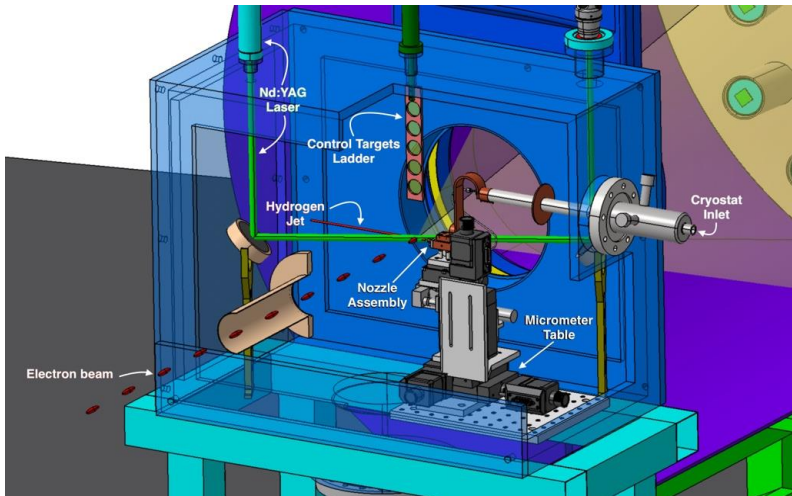
ProRad target experiment requirements:

- A stable hydrogen target
- Optimized measurement of the scattered electron energy and position

French-German
collaboration

Hydrogen target

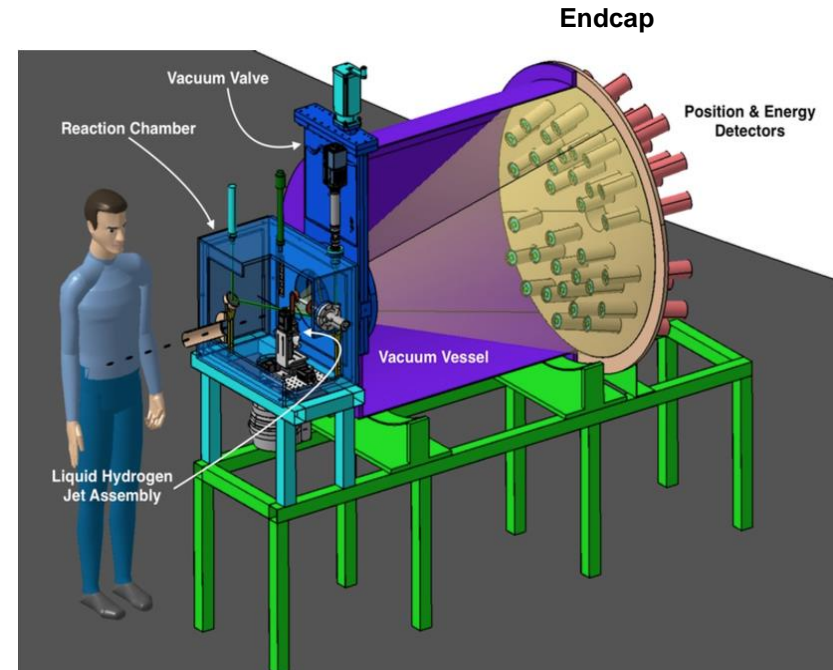
A very **stable windowless** and **self-replenishing** target of **15 μm diameter**



Ultra cold liquid technology developed at Frankfurt University

Reaction chamber with target assembly

32 **elementary detectors** placed at **5** different **scattering angles** at a distance of **1.5 m** from the target



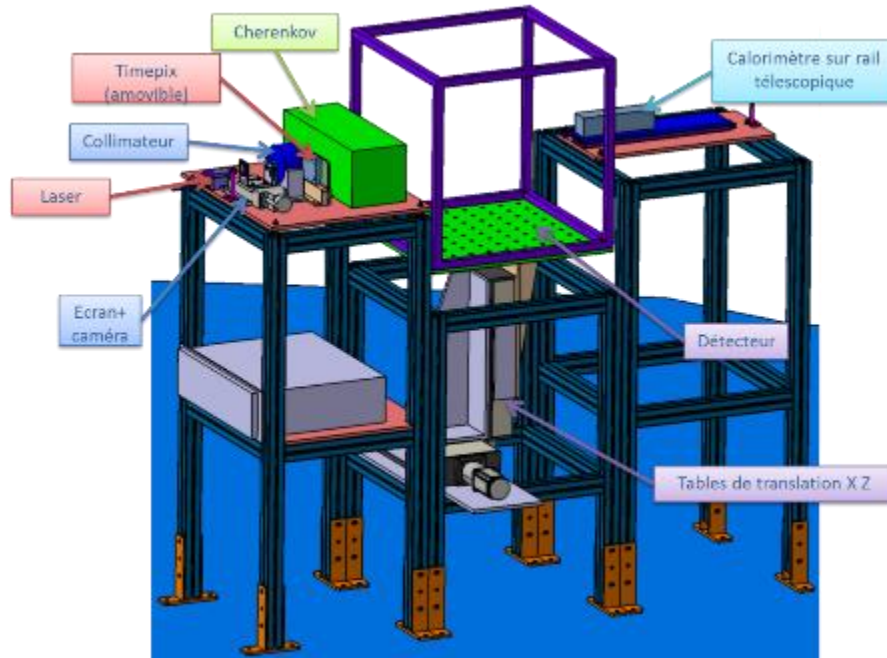
Instrumentation R&D

- ❑ *Principle goal is to construct versatile tool for detector R&D and tests: deliver calibrated beam with adjusted and known kinematics and number of electrons per sample*

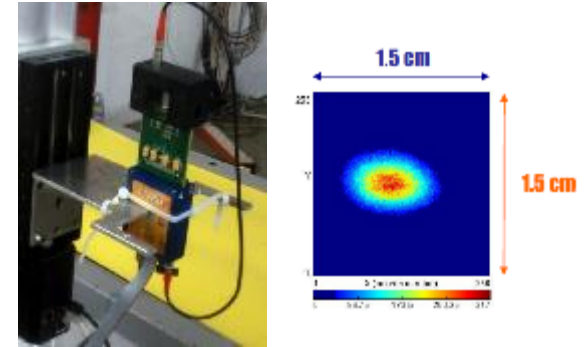
- ❑ **Fully-equipped versatile tool for precision instrumentation R&D based on high-performance electron beam**
- ❑ **Excellent technical performance**
 - ❑ **Timing** reference, < 10 ps bunch length
 - ❑ **Charge accuracy**, $\text{RMS} < 2 \times 10^{-3}$
 - ❑ **Low straggling** (energy $\gg 1$ MeV)
- ❑ **High-performance, remotely controlled tools**
 - ❑ **Beam position, profile and monitoring**
 - ❑ **60 digitization channels for users on NARVAL-based data acquisition**
 - ❑ **Motorized moving table for scans**, accuracy $< 500 \mu\text{m}$
- ❑ **No need to place the detectors in vacuum**

Measure the time, charge and imaging performance of particle detectors
→ Calibration for charge, trigger, tracking detectors

Deliverables



Timepix detector for precision spot measurement

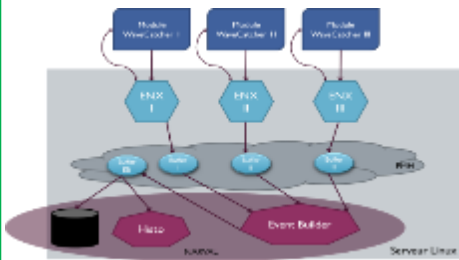


Cherenkov quartz counter for intensity monitoring

2 channel Cherenkov counters (LAL) tested at BTF (Frascati); installed in the SPS (CERN) beam pipe

DAQ + slow control

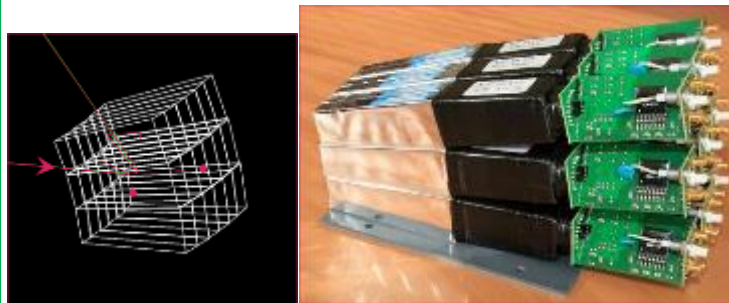
- 60 user digitization signals (WaveCatcher)
- DCOD = NARVAL + ENX



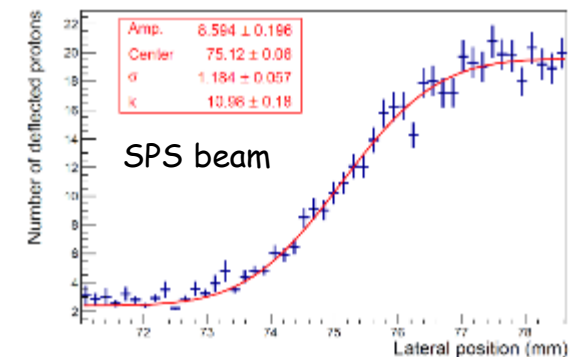
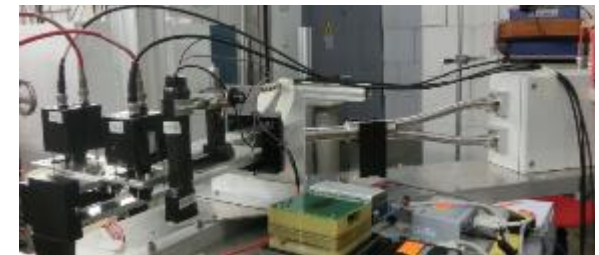
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Calorimeter for energy monitoring

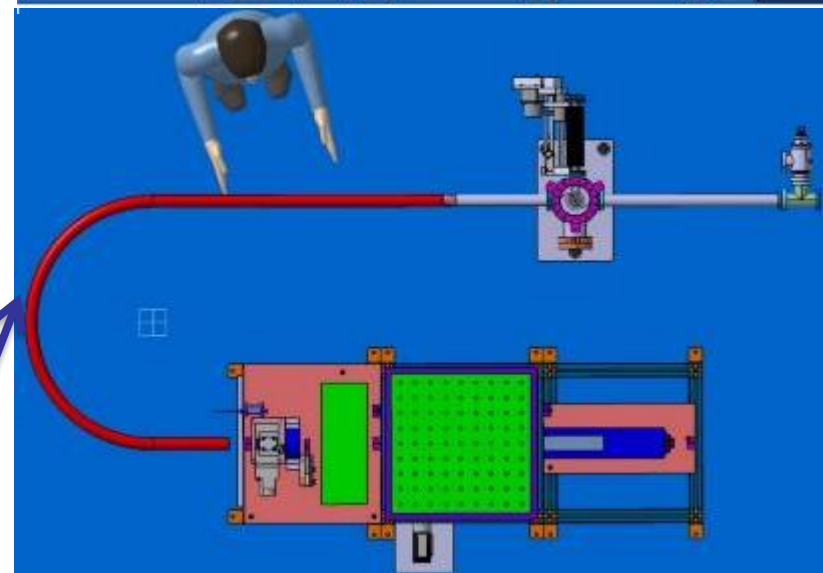
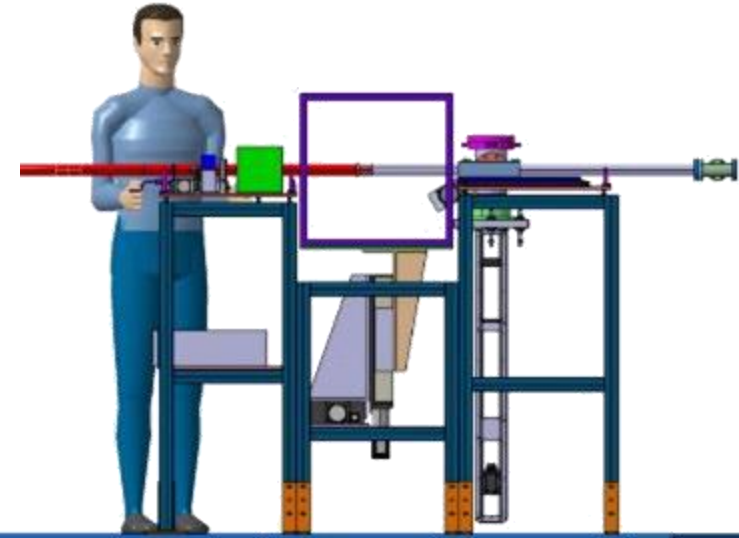
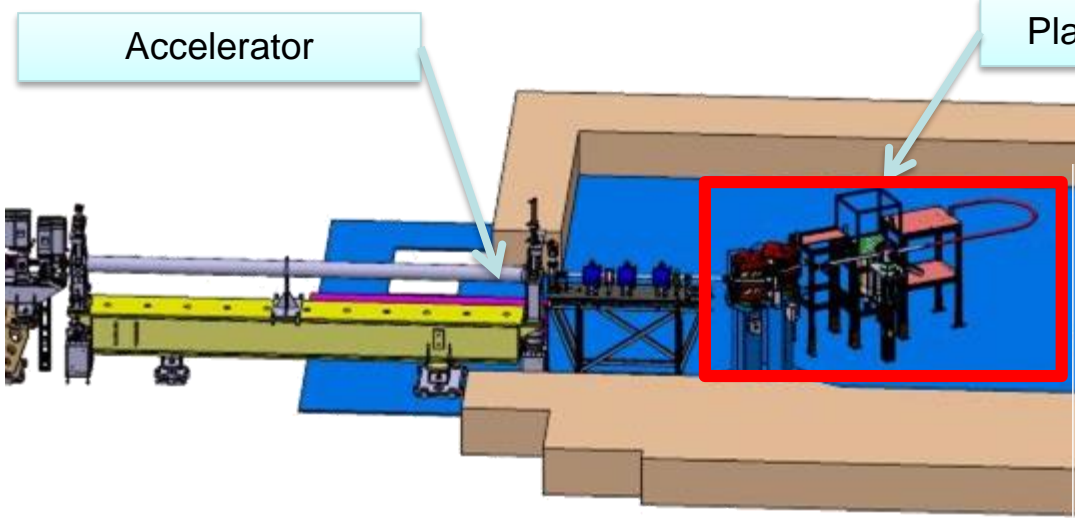
BGO scintillator crystals in compact matrix geometry



Example of a calorimeter realized at IPN



Instrumentation R&D: draft implementation



SPECTROMETER

The Radiobiology experiment

- ❑ *New approaches in radiotherapy: VHEE*
- ❑ *Delivery doses:*
 - ❑ *Grid mini-neam (Y. Prezado, R. Delorme, IMNC)*
 - ❑ *FLASH (V. Fauvadon CPO)*

New approaches in radiotherapy

- ❑ Radiotherapy (RT): treatment of some **radio resistant tumors**, **pediatric cancers** and tumors close to a delicate structure (i.e. spinal cord) is currently **limited**
- ❑ One main challenge is to find novel approaches to **increase normal tissue resistance**
- ❑ Standard RT restricted to the few temporal and spatial schemes, dose rates, broad field sizes: mainly photons, 2 Gy/session, 1 session/day, 5 days/week, dose rates ~ 2 Gy/min, field sizes $> \text{cm}^2$, homogeneous dose distributions

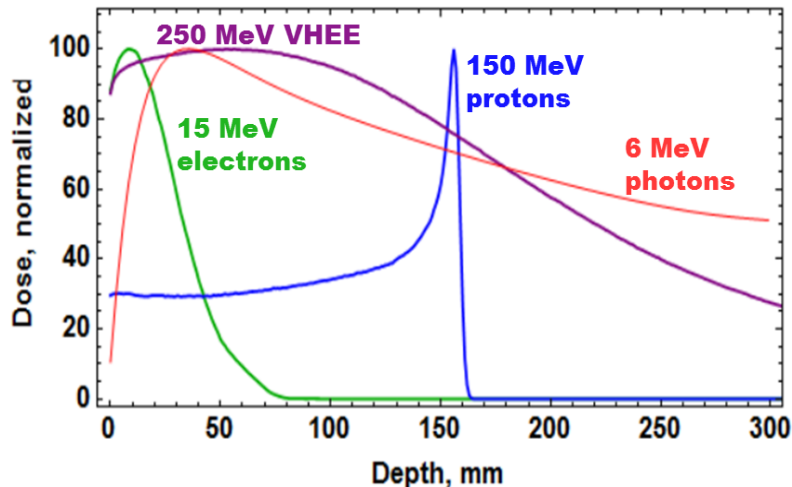
Possible strategies to spare normal tissue

- ❑ Different particle types: **Very High Energy Electrons (VHEE)**
- ❑ Different dose delivery methods: **Grid Mini-beam or FLASH**

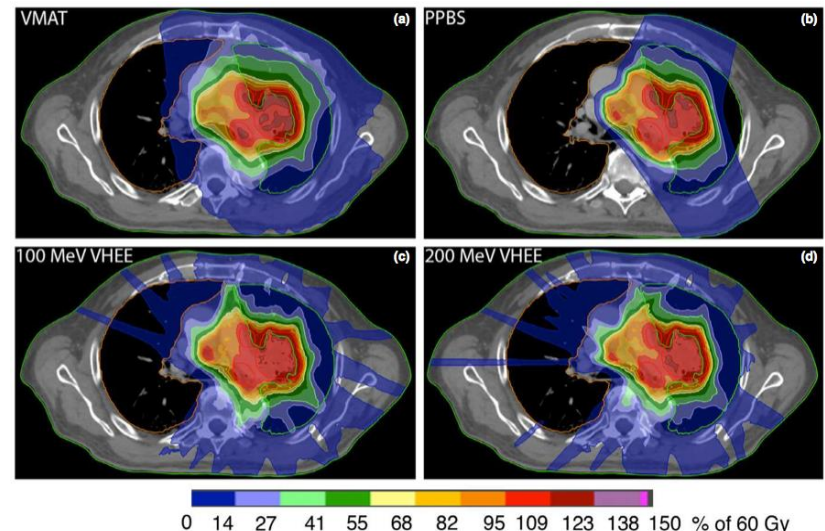
VHEE State of the art:

5-25 MeV electrons are classically used in the clinic but, due to their physical energy deposition profile, their use is restricted to treat superficial tumors. Increasing the energy above 70 MeV (VHEE) will overcome these limitations and, in addition, present the following advantages:

- i) the penetration becomes deeper and the transverse penumbra sharper thus allowing a more precise treatment of deeper tumors
- ii) the small diameter VHEE beams can be scanned avoiding mechanical solutions such as the multileaf collimator
- iii) a rather smaller sensitivity to tissue heterogeneity can be achieved with VHEE beams under certain conditions
- iv) VHEE accelerators may be constructed at significantly lower cost than current proton facilities.



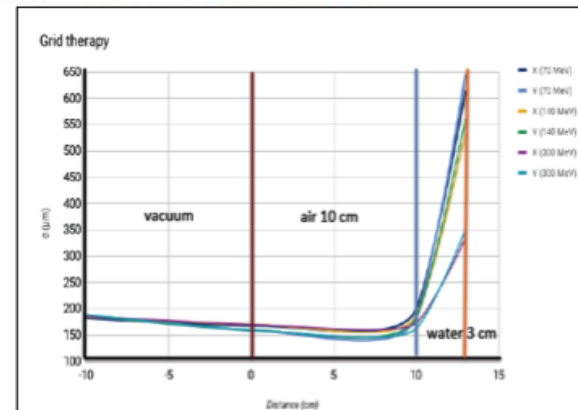
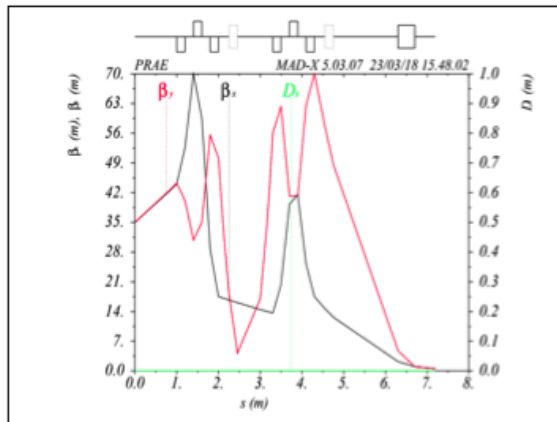
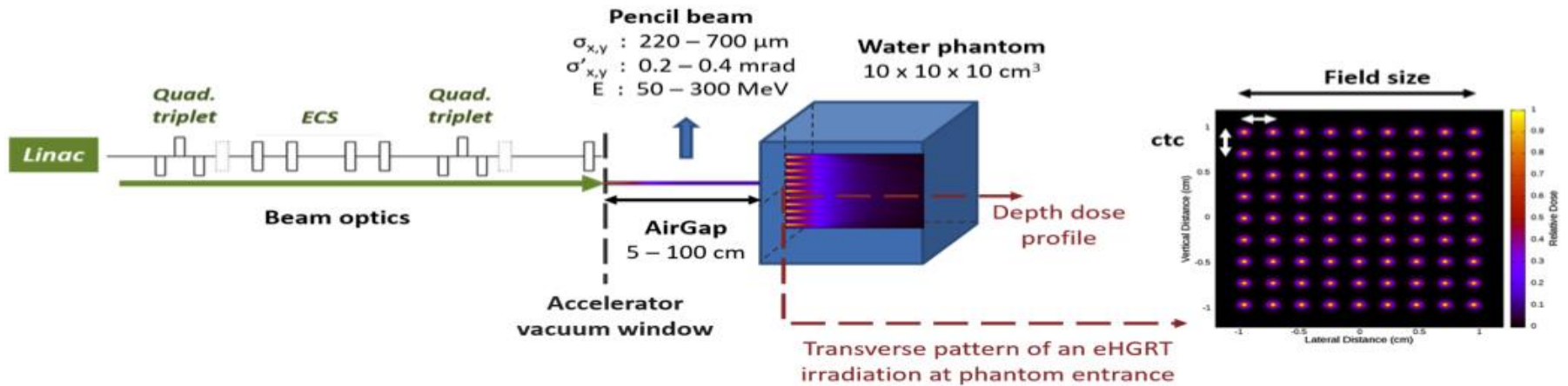
Dose profiles for various particle beams in water (beam widths $r = 0.5$ cm)



Treatment plan comparison between VHEE, VMAT and PBS

Grid or mini-beam therapy:

One possible strategy to further improve the healthy tissue tolerance by using the concept of Spatially Fractionated Radiation (SFR) dose is the Grid or Mini-Beam Therapy (MBRT). In contrast to conventional RT the lateral dose-profile resulting of such grid-irradiation consist in a pattern of high doses in "peaks " and low doses in "valleys". First beam optics design to get transverse beam sizes of less than 700 μm with low beam divergence and tracking simulations have been performed.

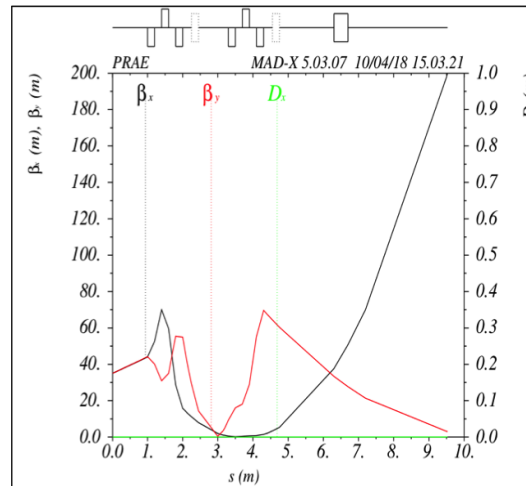
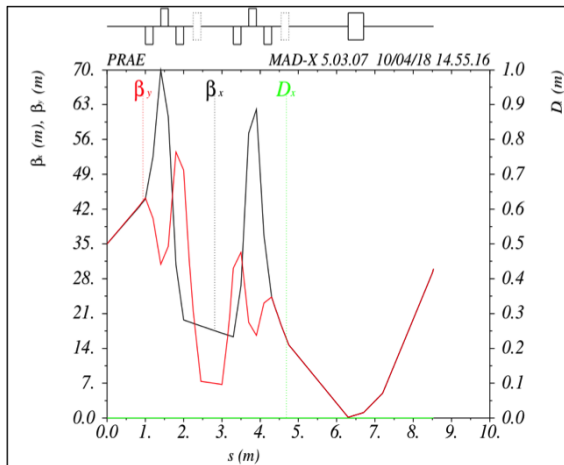


FLASH therapy:

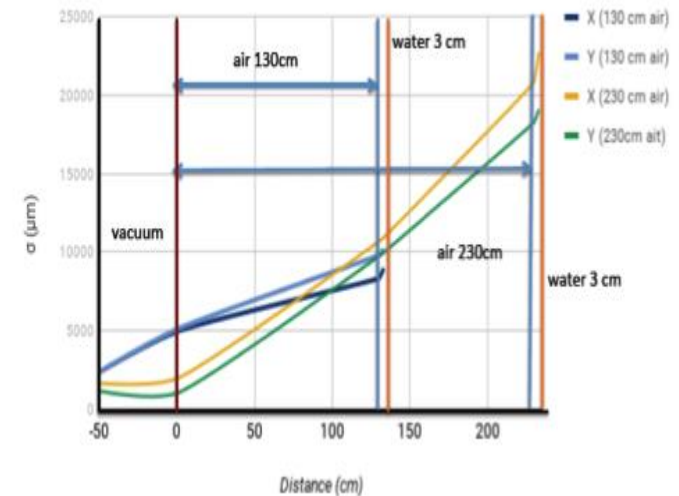
The FLASH methodology consists of millisecond pulses of radiation (beam-on time $\leq 100\text{-}500$ ms) delivered at a high dose-rate ($\geq 40\text{-}100$ Gy/s), hence over 2000 times faster than in conventional RT. Recently it has been shown that FLASH spares normal brain in mice from the loss of both memory and neural stem cells as endpoints.

In PRAE direct beam line two different scenarios for FLASH tests in small animals:

- i) Sparing brain from radiation-induced loss of stem cells: round transverse beam sizes of around 10 mm with a dose of 10 Gy with beam on time 100 ms (5 bunches at 50 Hz), i.e. 10Gy/s
- ii) Sparing lung from radiation-induced fibrosis: transverse beam sizes of around 26 mm in horizontal and 18 in vertical with a dose of 15 Gy with beam on time 500 ms (25 bunches at 50 Hz), i.e. 30 Gy/s.

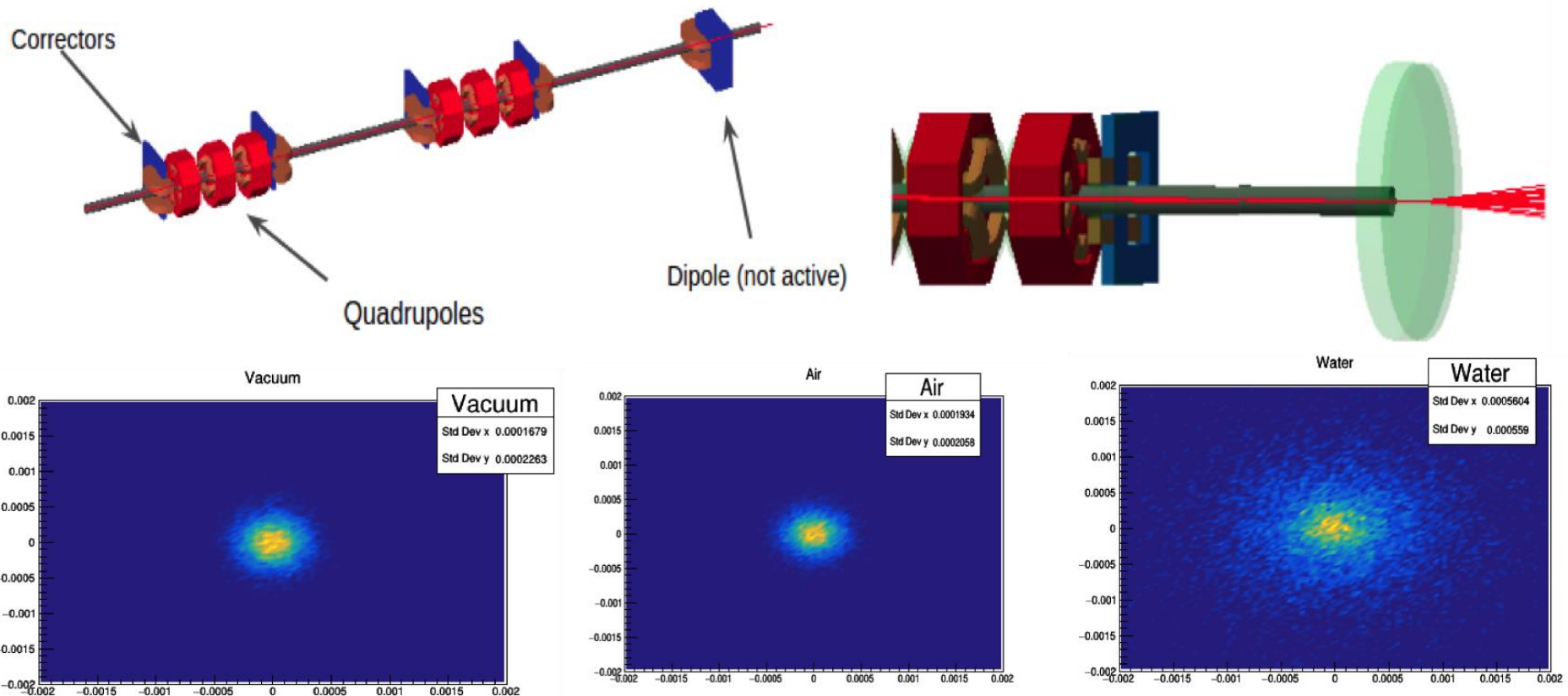


FLASH therapy



BDSIM simulations : modelling and beam evolution:

Tracking simulations of a Gaussian bunch through the under vacuum accelerator beam line, an air gap of 10 cm and liquid water phantom of 3 cm depth has been performed with a Geant4 (Penelope module) based program BDSIM for 70, 140 and 300 MeV. A benchmarking of the BDSIM results with MADX for the vacuum part and with the results with GATE (Geant4-based) in air and water has been made.



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Motivation and Objectives:

The main goal of FEVHER project is to demonstrate that VHEE are suitable for innovative RT applications in particular by allowing Grid and FLASH methodologies, which are likely to represent a major breakthrough in RT.

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Adaptation
and
Exploitation
of the
existing
Facilities

Medical
Physics:
Modelling
and
Dosimetry

In Vitro
Radiobiology

In Vivo
and pre-
Clinical
studies

Design of an
optimized
future
machine for
VHEE

FEVHER facilities

Beam performances of CLEAR, VELA-CLARA and PRAE

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Beam parameters (end of linac)	CLEAR	VELA-CLARA	PRAE	Units
Energy	130 - 220	50 - 250	70 - 140	MeV
Bunch charge	0.01 - 0.5	0.02 – 0.250	0.00005-2	nC
Normalized emittances	3/20 for 0.05/0.4 nC	~1	3-10	mm
Bunch length	500 - 1200	15 - 600	<300	mm
Relative energy spread	< 0.2 %	<0.03 %	<0.2%	
Repetition rate	1 - 5 (25 upgrade)	1 – 100	50	Hz
Number of micro-bunches in train	1- >100	1	1	
Micro-bunch spacing	1.5			GHz

- ❑ Task 3.4 is progressing well
- ❑ A dedicated session for others applications of e^- up to 140 MeV could be organized in the PRAE workshop in Fall 2018