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# Advanced Oncotherapy

## Delivering Affordable Proton Therapy

*Energy Focused on Saving Lives*

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# Who

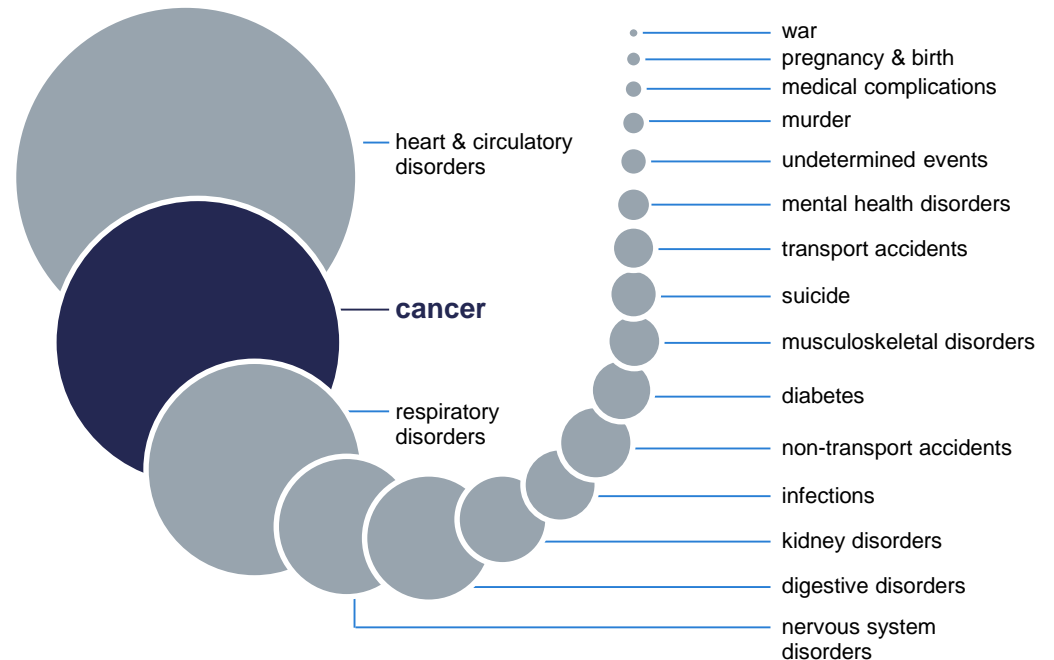
- **Advanced Oncotherapy** is a **Medical Device Manufacturing Company** developing a breakthrough proton therapy system:  
*the LIGHT system*
- **AIM listed company**
- **Market capital ~111M£**
- **Operations in**
  - UK, head office in London
    - V&V site at STFC
  - US, Syracuse, NY
  - CH, R&D facility ADAM S.A.



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# Why - Cancer, Second Cause of Death

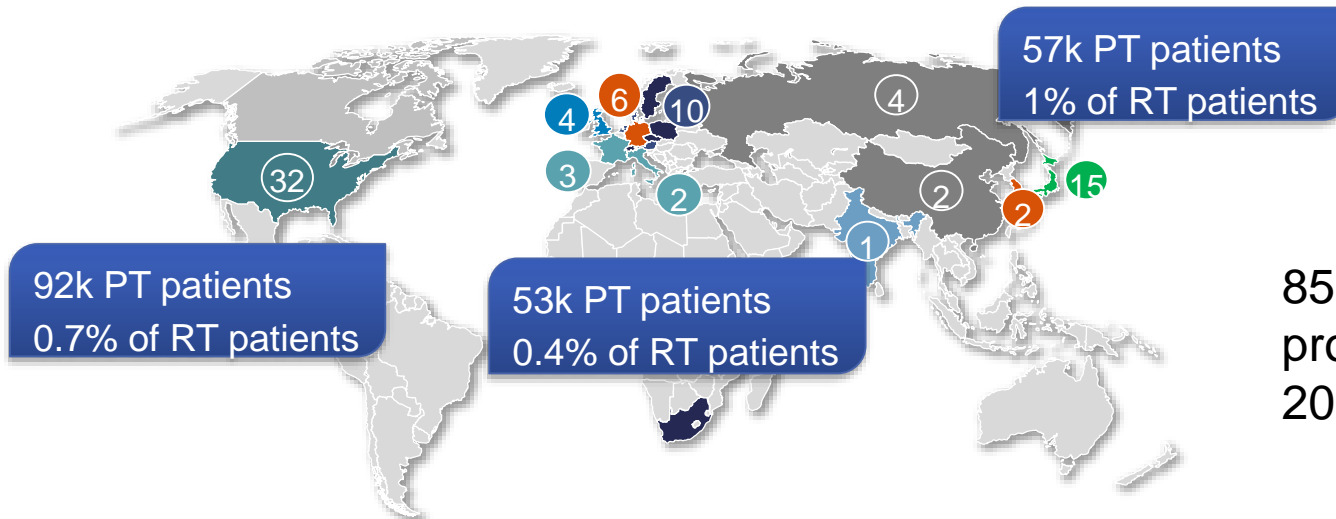
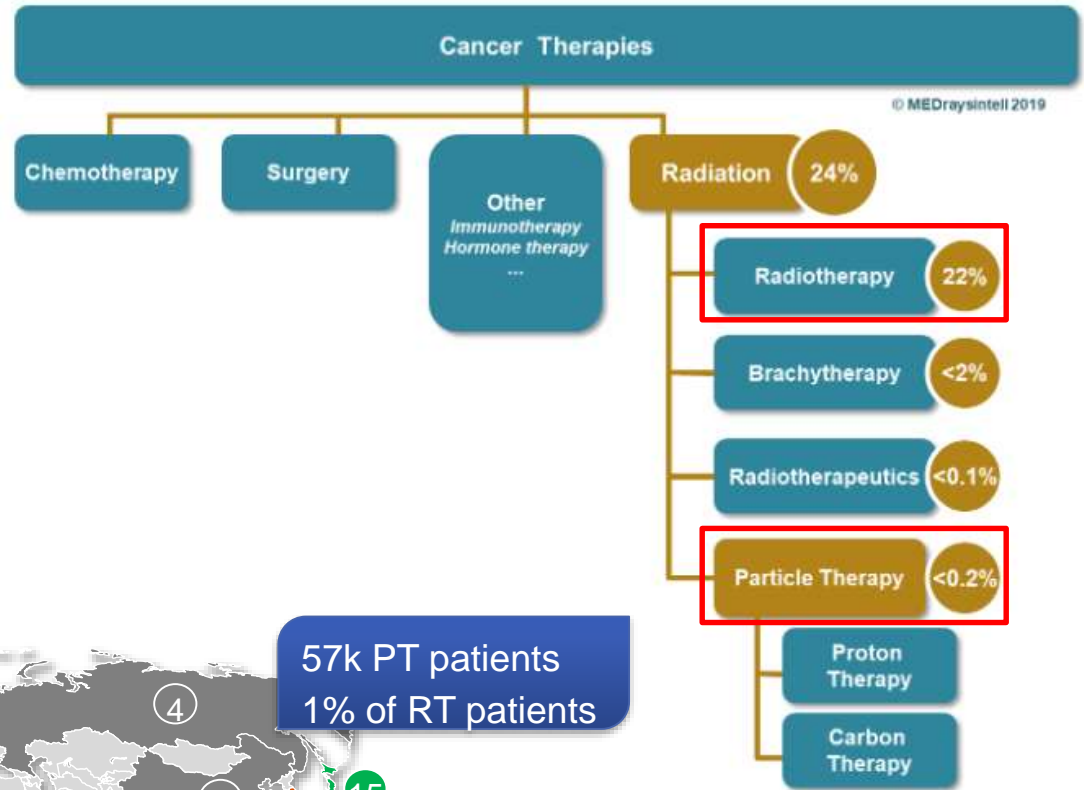
- Cancer is the second leading cause of death globally
- Responsible for an estimated 9.6 million deaths in 2018 – **about 26k people died of cancer every day in 2018!**
- Cancer affects 1 in 2
- Globally, about 1 in 6 deaths is due to cancer



Source: IHME, Global Burden of Disease (GBD)

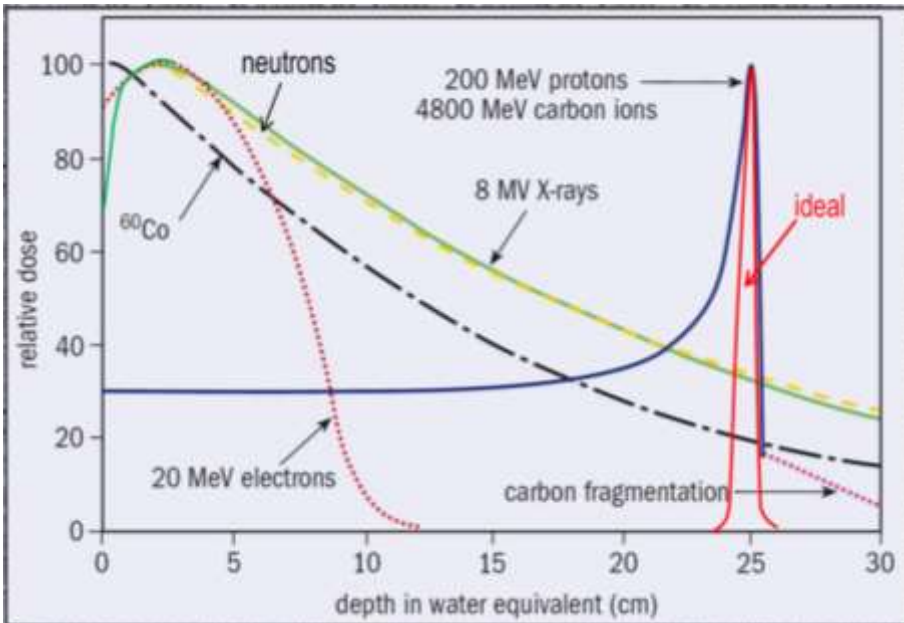
# How – cancer treatment techniques

- **Surgery**
- **Radiation Therapy**
  - External beam
  - Brachytherapy
- **Chemotherapy**
- **Immunotherapy**
- **Targeted Therapy**
- **Hormon Therapy**
- **Stem Cell Transplant**
- **Precision Medicine**



85 PT operational proton facilities in 2019

# Clinical benefits - Radiotherapy vs Protontherapy

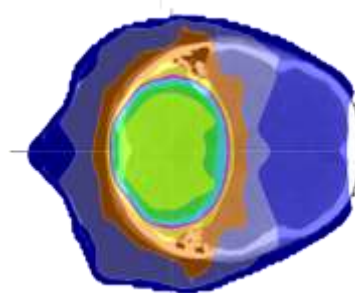
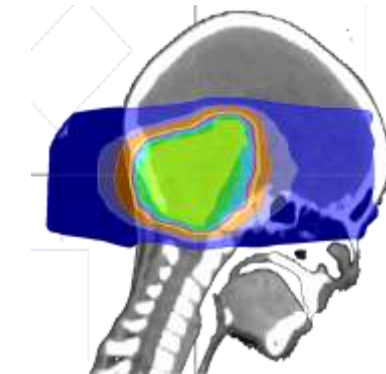


**Distribution of deposited dose in tissue is different for each type of particle.**

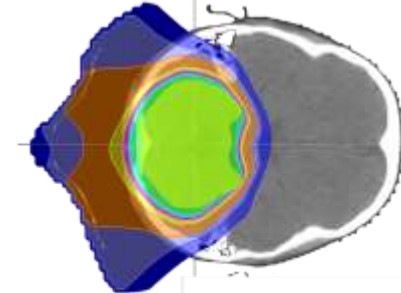
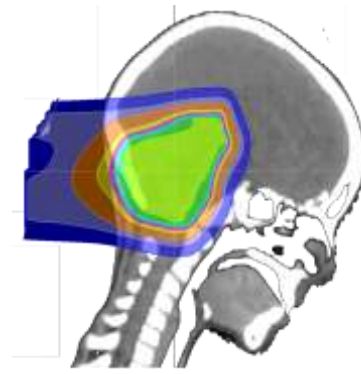
**Radiation dose must take into account a number of factors:**

- the goals of the physician
- the tumor being treated
- the amount of fractionation planned
- the presence of nearby organs
- whether chemotherapy or immunotherapy is being given at the same time

## Photon Therapy (X-rays)



## Proton Therapy



Radiation (Gy): 31 29 28 24 15 9 2

Source: American Society of Clinical Oncology & BCG

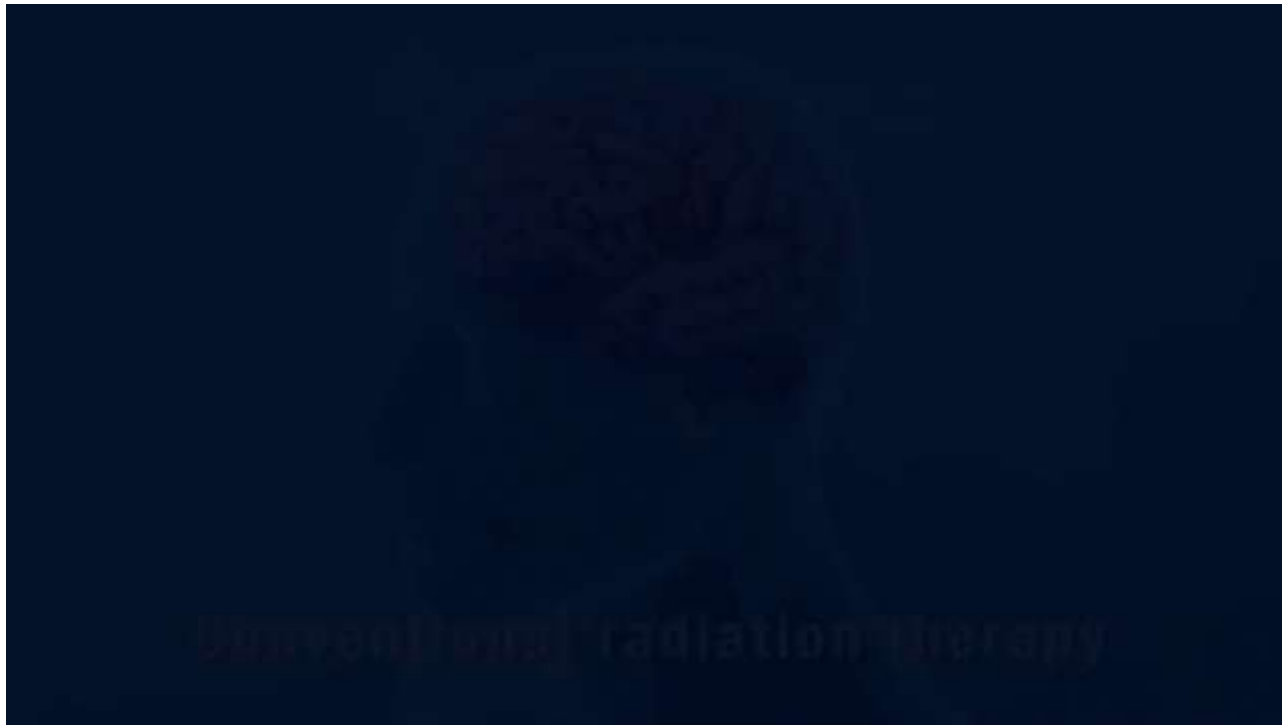
Example:

- Stage I lung cancer: 54 Gy total given over 3 sessions
- Stage III lung cancer: 60 Gy total given over 30 sessions
- Stage I breast cancer: 40 Gy total given over 15 sessions
- Stage IV prostate cancer, spread to the bone: 8 Gy total given over 1 session



# Conventional radiotherapy vs protontherapy (PT)

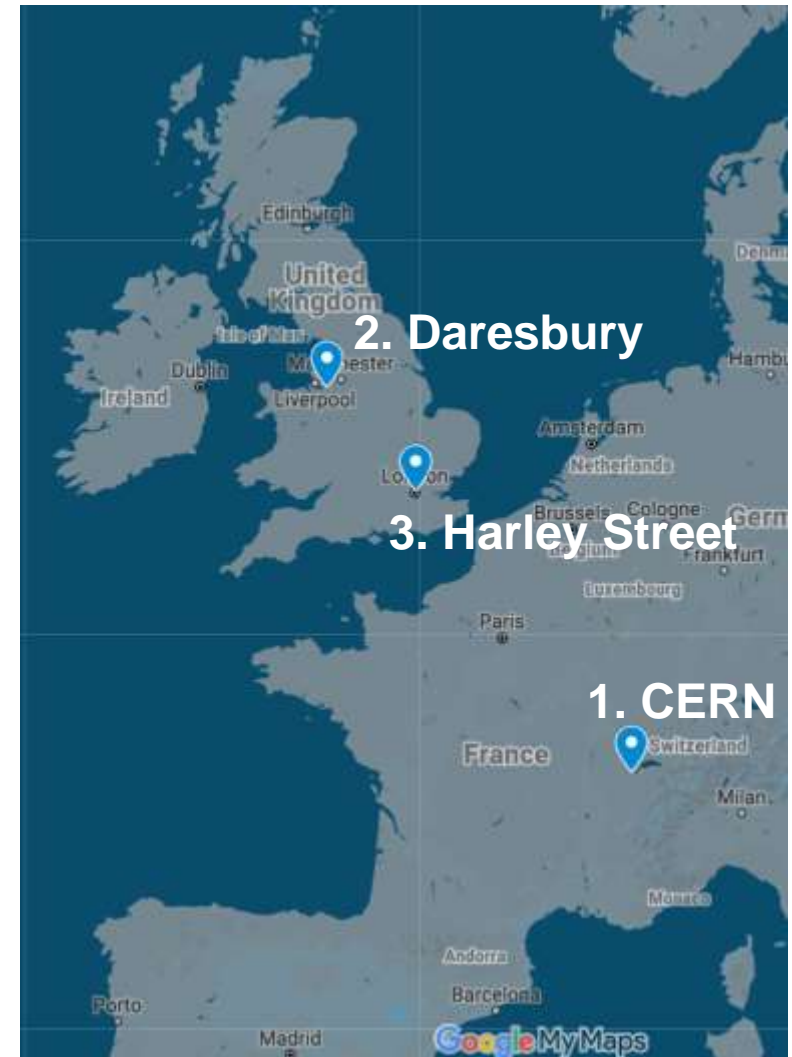
- PT destroys the primary tumour site while **leaving surrounding healthy tissue and organs intact and unharmed.**
- Is a **highly effective treatment** for a wide range of localized tumors in **head and neck area, lung, prostate, bladder, spinal cord, gastro malignancies, ocular tumours, liver, breast, esophagus, rectum, skull base sarcomas, among others**
- Is a **highly preferred** radiation treatment option **for pediatric cases.** Children are susceptible to injury from standard x-ray radiation because their tissues and organs are growing rapidly.



# LIGHT project

## Milestones:

1. Technology Validation  
(Prototype at CERN)
2. Medical Certification  
(Verification & Validation at Daresbury)
3. First commercial product  
(Harley Street)



# LIGHT – Linac technology

The LIGHT accelerator comprises 4 sections: the Proton Injector, the RFQ, the 4 SCDTLs and the CCLs

## Active energy modulation

- No absorber and degrader.

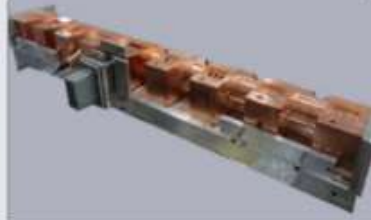
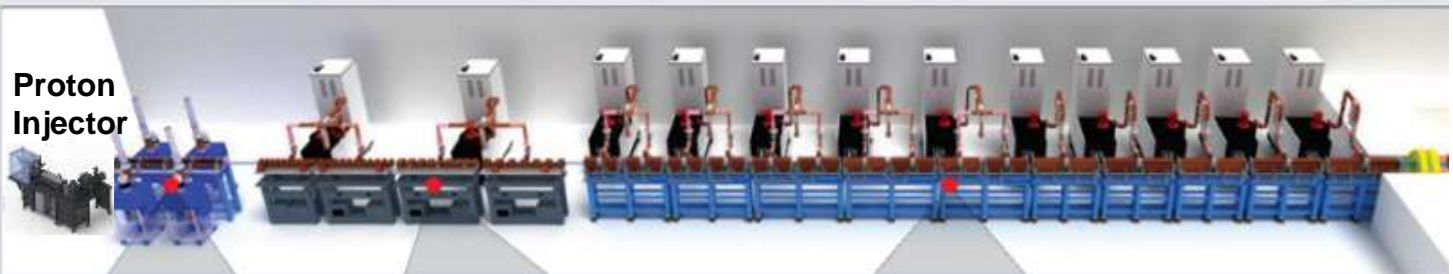
## Pulsed beam at 200Hz

- Fast intensity and energy modulation
- Image guided hadron therapy.

## Pencil beam scanning or 'spot' scanning

Modularity and flexibility

## Proton Injector



## Proton Injector

- **Pantechnik** (at Pt2 bunker)
- **Dreebit** (at DIS)
- **ADAM**: adapt and optimize for variable intensity

## Radio Frequency Quadrupole

- **CERN-ADAM** (2013-2015)
- 1<sup>st</sup> prototype, unique in the world
- Industrialization by **ADAM**

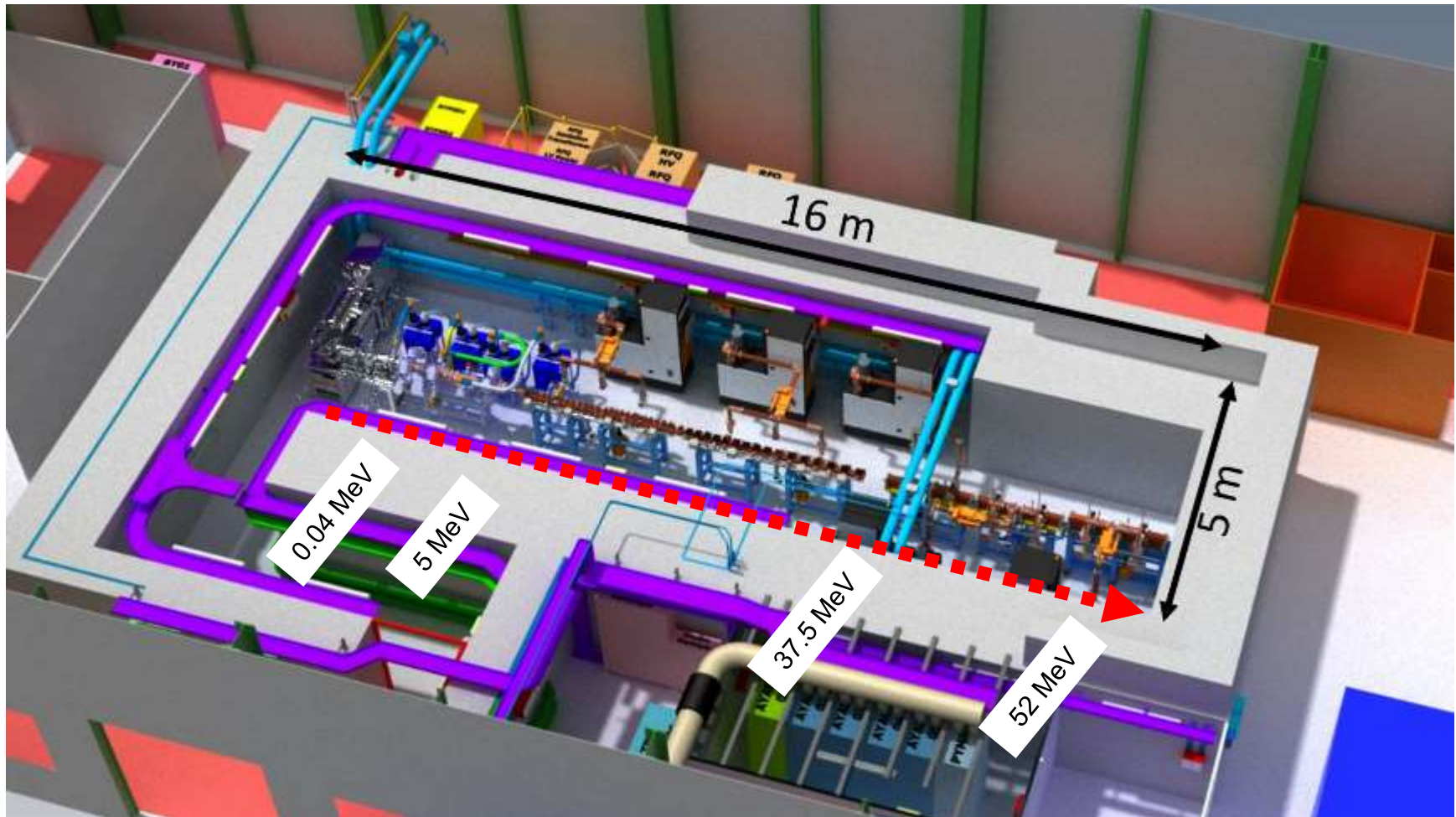
## Side Coupled Drift Tube Linac

- **ENEA** concept (Picardi et al. 1996)
- Tested with beam in ENEA Frascati (IMPLART project) since 2011
- Industrialization by **ADAM**
- Mass production by **ADAM**

## Coupled Cavity Linac

- **TERA-CERN-INFN** concept (LIBO, 1998-2000)
- Tested **with beam** in Catania in 2002
- Industrial design by **ADAM** (first Unit, 2010)
- Mass production by **ADAM**

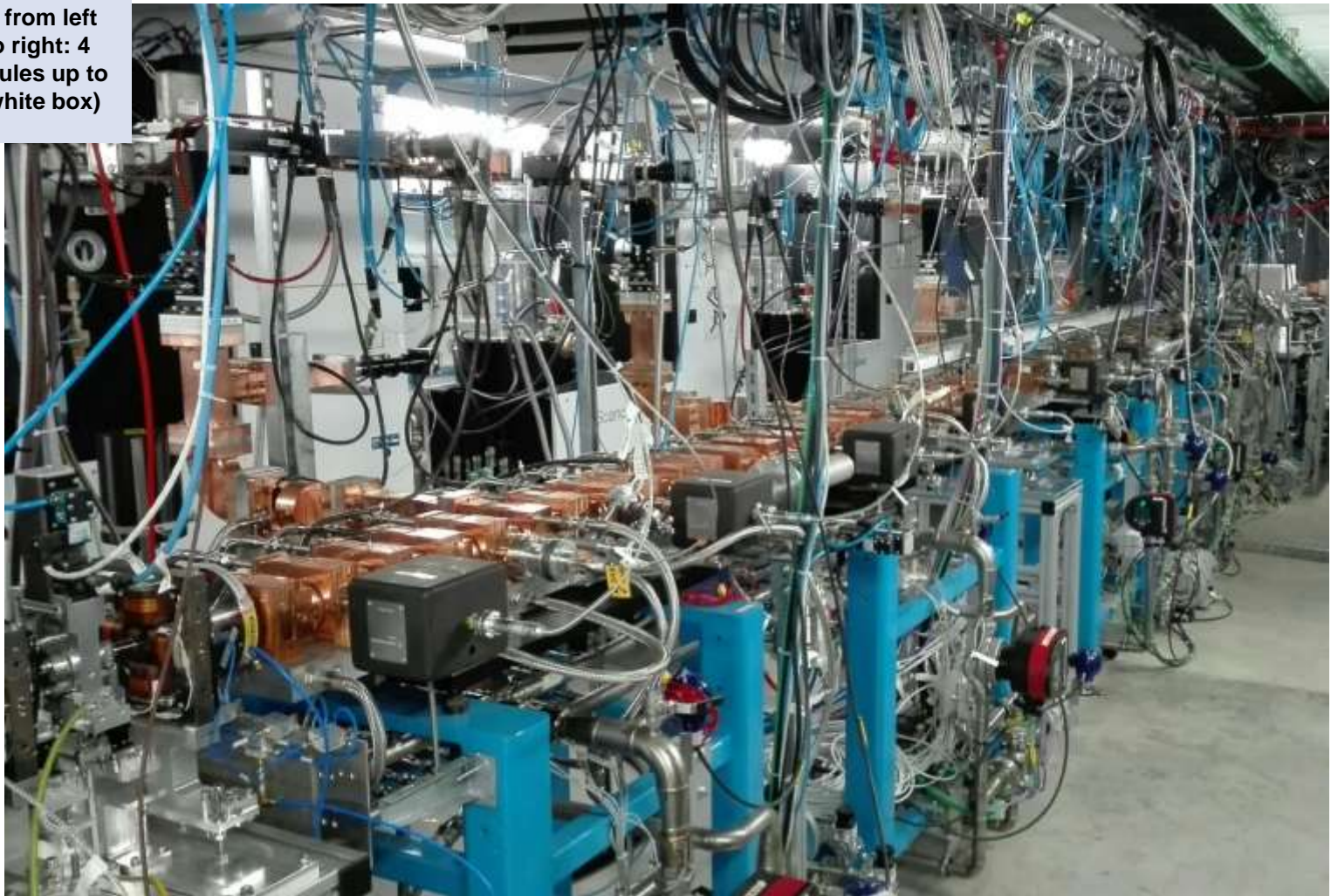
# LIGHT Linac Technical Development: P2 bunker (CERN)



Integration:	Source	RFQ	SCDTL1	SCDTL 2	SCDTL3	SCDTL4	CCL1-2
B. energy:	40 keV	5 MeV	7.5 MeV	16 MeV	26.5 MeV	37.5 MeV	52 MeV

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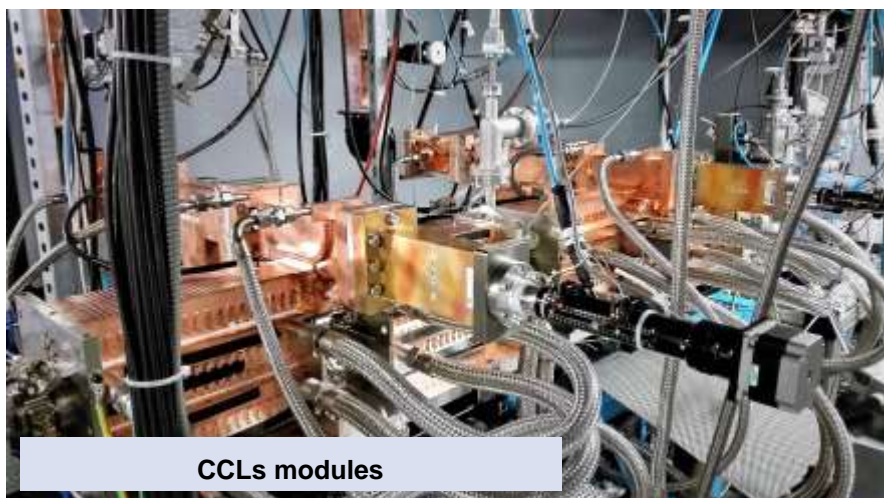
P2 bunker - from left (injection) to right: 4 SCDTL modules up to the MLFC (white box)



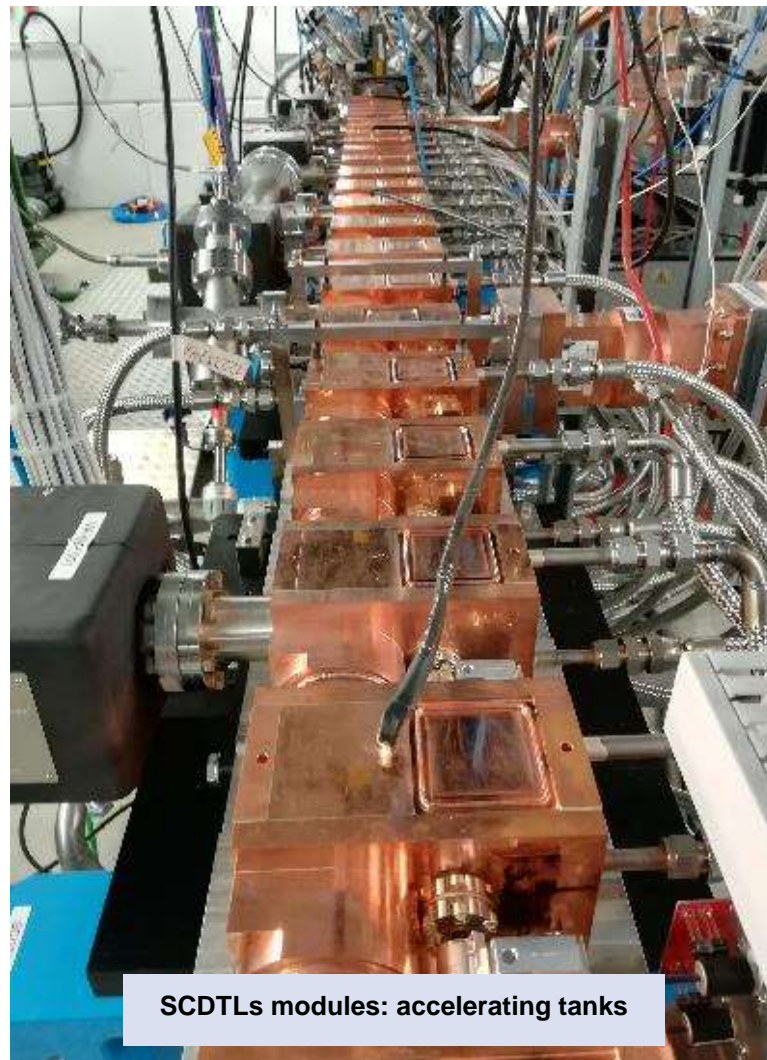
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RFQ and its coaxial power lines

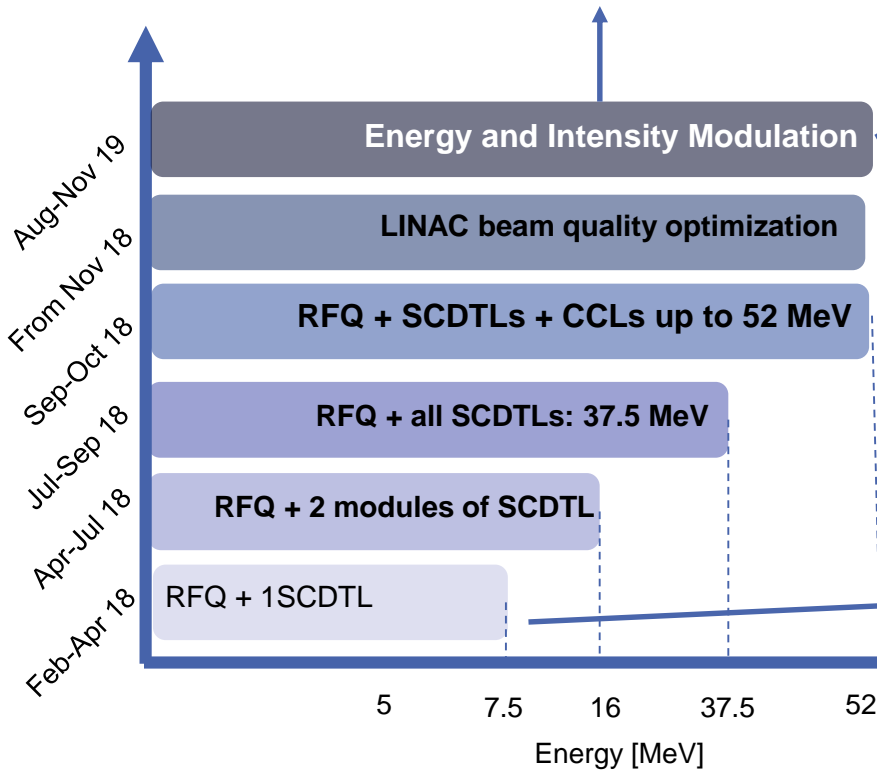
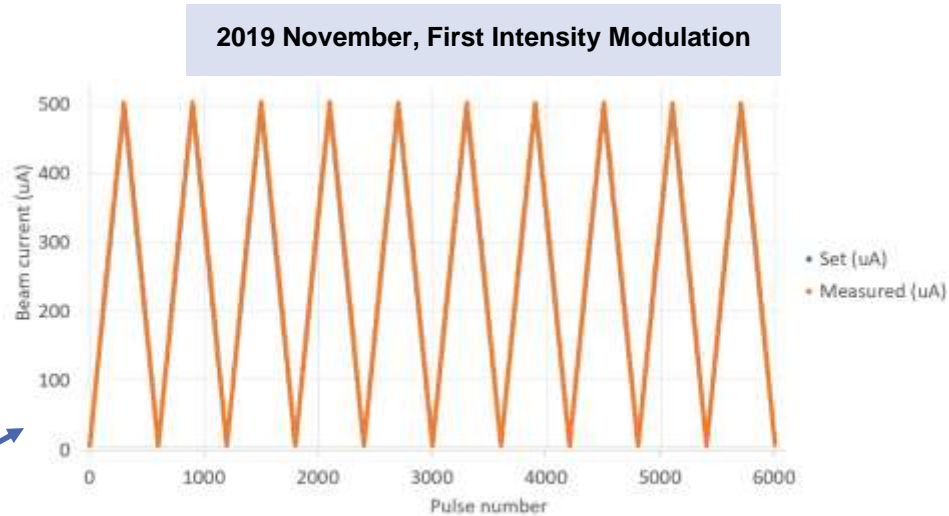
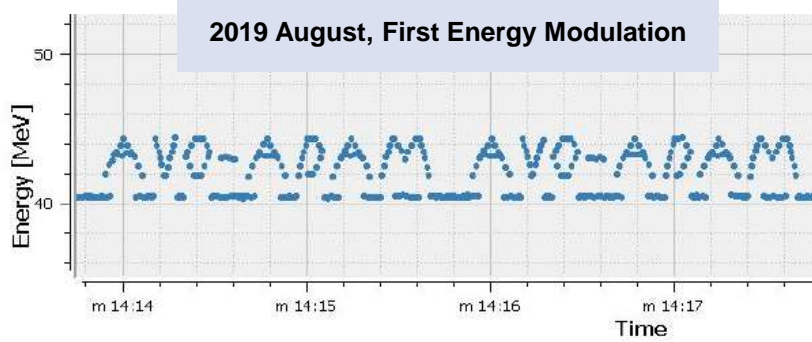


CCLs modules

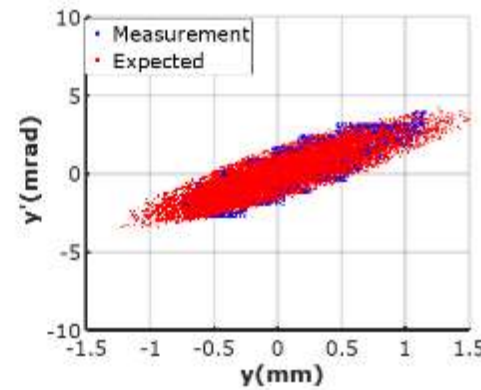
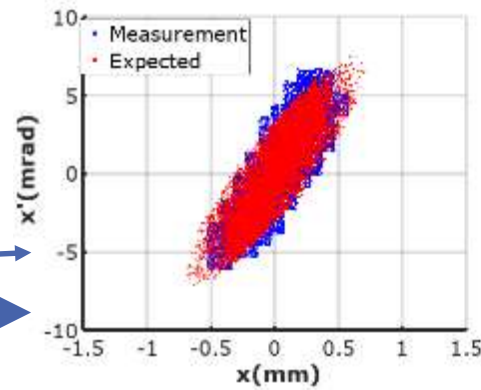


SCDTLs modules: accelerating tanks

# Technology Validation @ CERN



RFQ Beam characterization

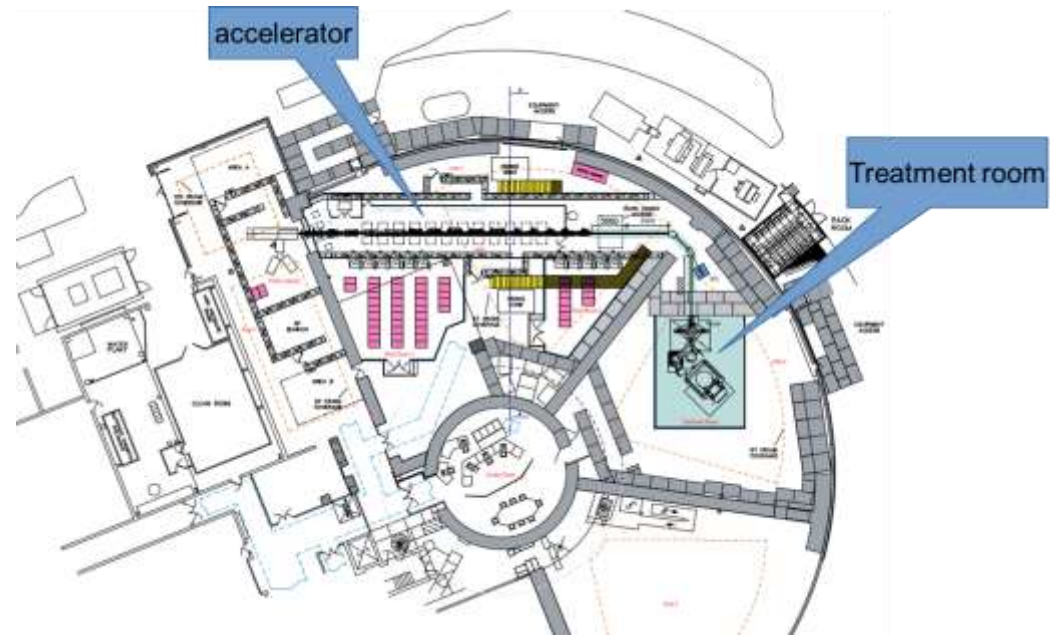


# The LIGHT Proton Therapy Solution



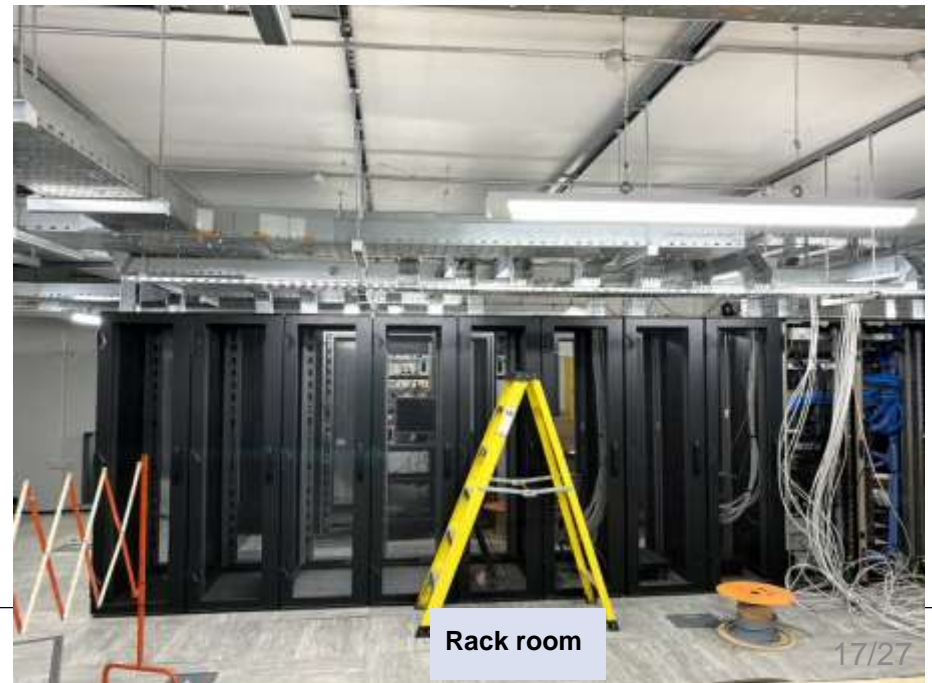
# Daresbury Integration Site

STFC Daresbury laboratory, Daresbury, Warrington

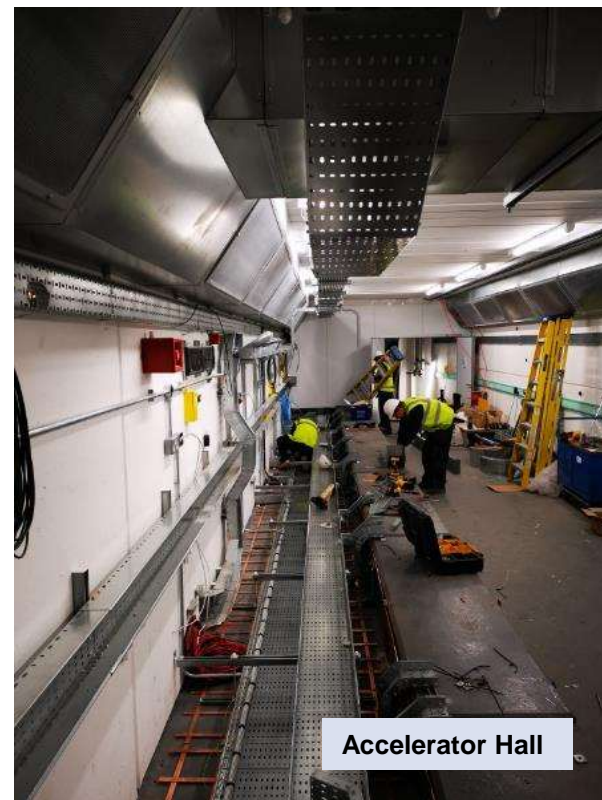
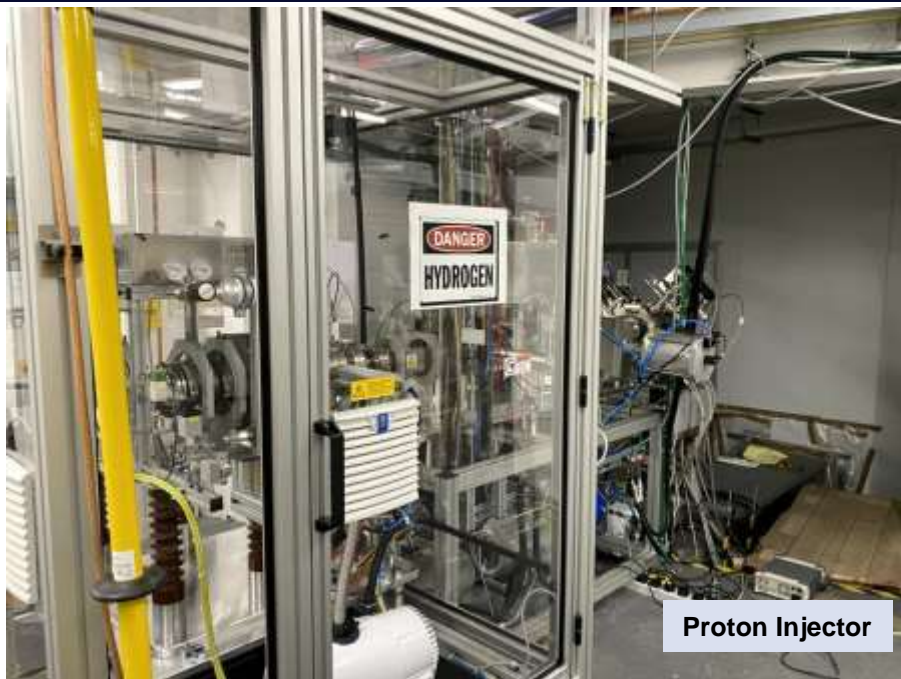


- **Daresbury Integration Site (DIS):** technical test site in UK
- **End-to-end testing:** Accelerator & Medical technical systems
- After the complete installation and integration → **V&V tests**
- **Partnership with University Hospital Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust ("UHB")** is aimed at treating patients in Daresbury in the context of our certification plan

# Hardware for DIS



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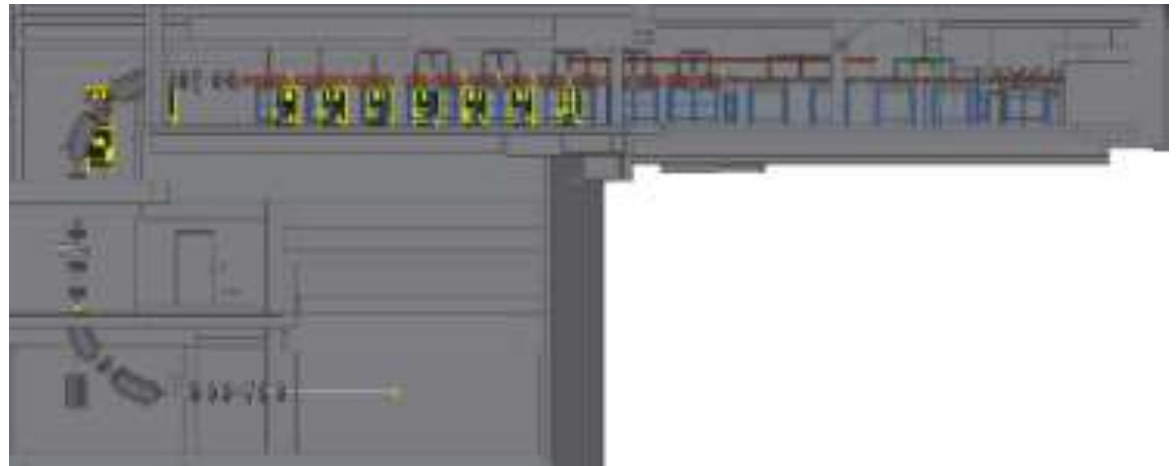
# Harley Street, London, the First Site Housing LIGHT



## Challenge:

Install and Operate a high energy Proton Therapy Center here

Harley Street project is the demonstration of the LIGHT integration flexibility thanks to its modularity.



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## Personal Details

- **Advanced Oncotherapy, plc, London, UK and Geneva, Switzerland** 2017 –  
*(Deputy Technical Director | Product Manager)*
- **Advanced Oncotherapy, plc, London, UK and Geneva, Switzerland** 2014 –  
*(RF Head | People Management | Technical Leader)*



- **EPFL, Lausanne, CH - PSI, Villingen, CH – CERN – Geneva, CH** 2011 – 2014  
*(Ph.D. in Acc. Physics – senior engineer)*



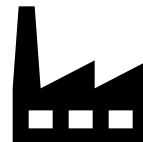
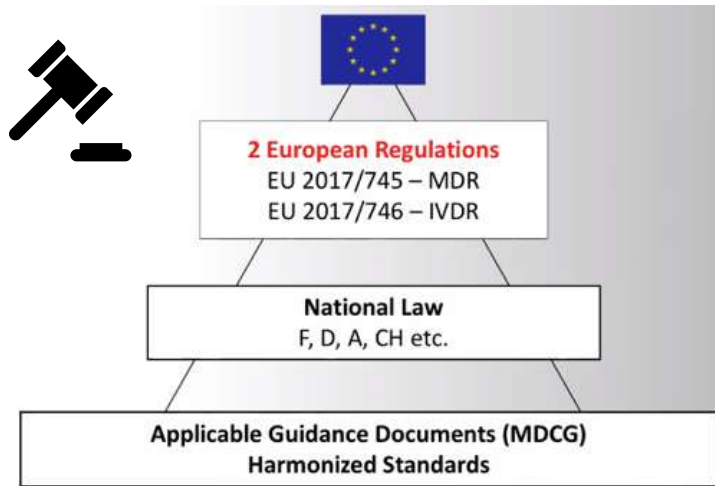
- **CERN, Geneva, CH** *(senior engineer)* 2008 - 2010
- **CERN, Geneva, CH** *(junior engineer)* 2007 - 2008
- **M.Sc. Telecommunication Engineering** 2007

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# Case study: a particle accelerator to treat patients

- **Medical Devices:** products, services, or solutions that prevent, diagnose, monitor, treat and care for human beings by physical means
- **A particle accelerator** design and development is very different when the accelerator is used for **medical purposes vs. fundamental research.**
- Need to prove **safety and effectiveness**, by observing regulations, implementing standards and following guidelines.



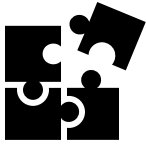
The manufacturer is the legal responsible body for the medical device. He is responsible to ensure the device is safe and performs as expected



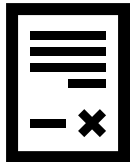
In EU, the Notified Body, is an organization that has been accredited by a Member State to assess whether a product meets defined requirements.



# The particle accelerator: one piece of a puzzle



The particle accelerator is only a system among the others: it is responsible for the **beam production**. In addition one needs to measure and control the dose delivery (**dose delivery system**), to accurately position the patient (**patient imaging and positioning system**), to control the operation and execution of the treatment (**treatment planning system**), etc. All together is a medical device.



In order to **meet customer's requirements, meet applicable regulatory requirements**, the company has to put in place a **QMS** (ISO13485) which is an organizational structure to ensure consistent design, development, production, installation and delivery of a medical device that is **safe and effective** for its intended use.



**“Say what you do”**  
*Written procedures*

**“Do what you say”**  
*Follow procedures*

**“Record what you did”**  
*Keep records*

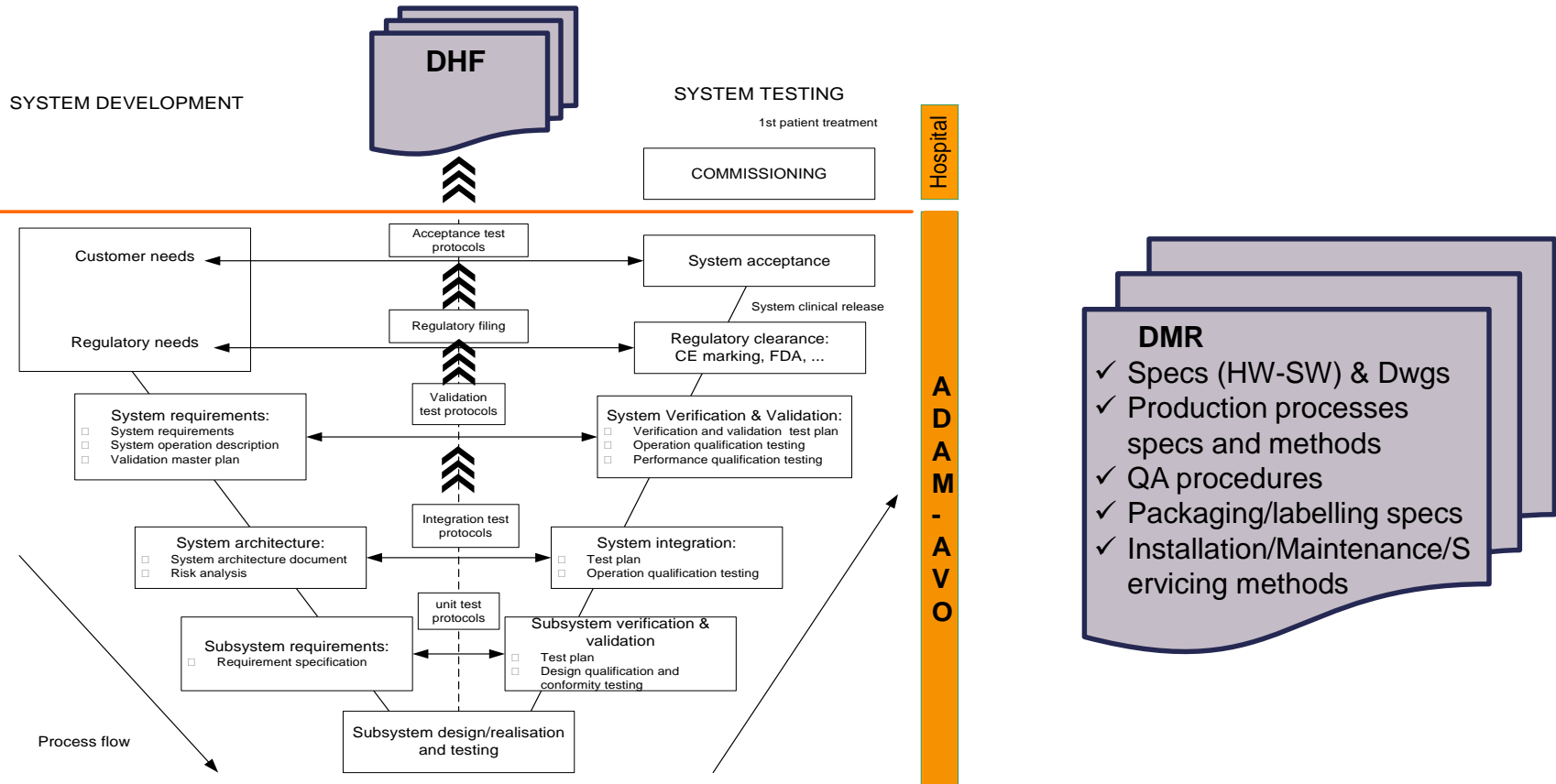
**“Check the results”**  
*Did ‘it’ pass or fail*

**“Act on the difference”**  
*Procedures for OOT conditions*

# QMS – Product Realization

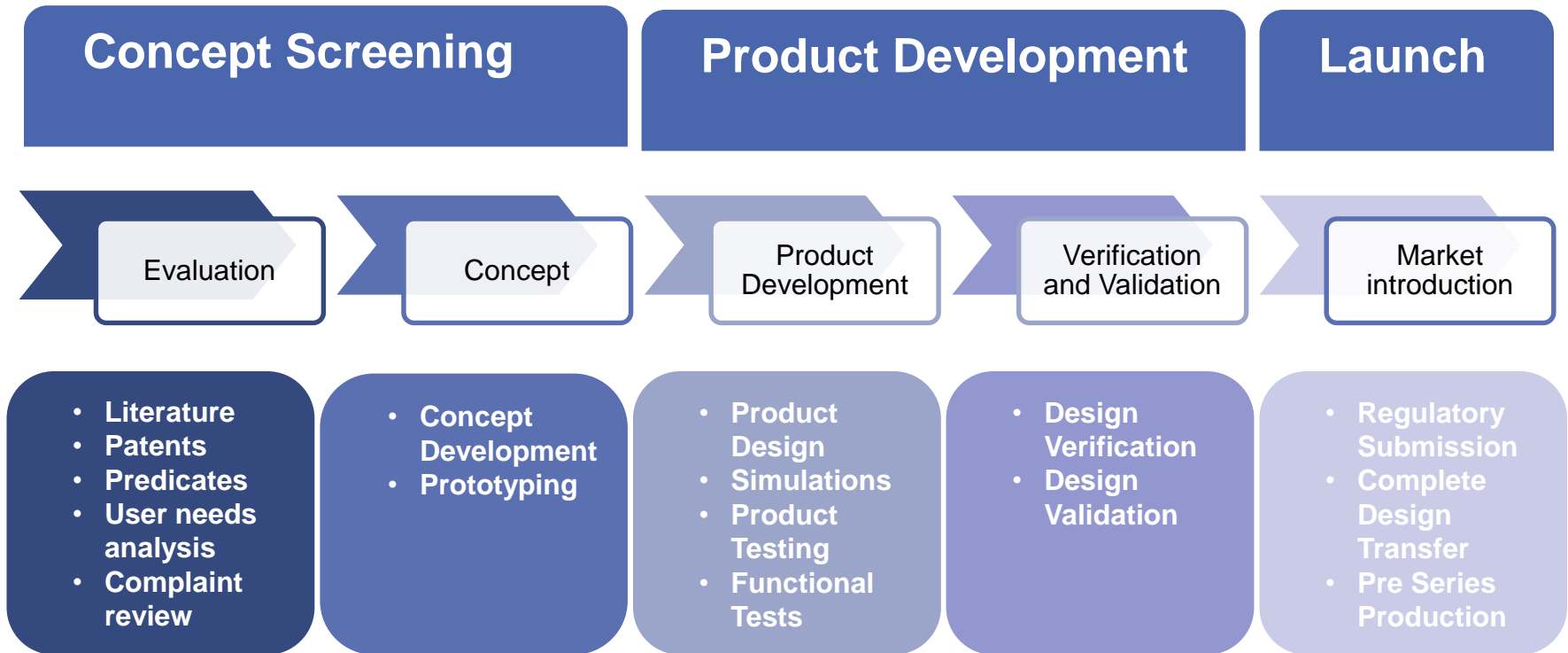
**Design History File (DHF):** history of the design to ensure it was done according to the regulations.

**Device Master Record (DMR):** to ensure you have all of the necessary items to build, test, package, and service the device.

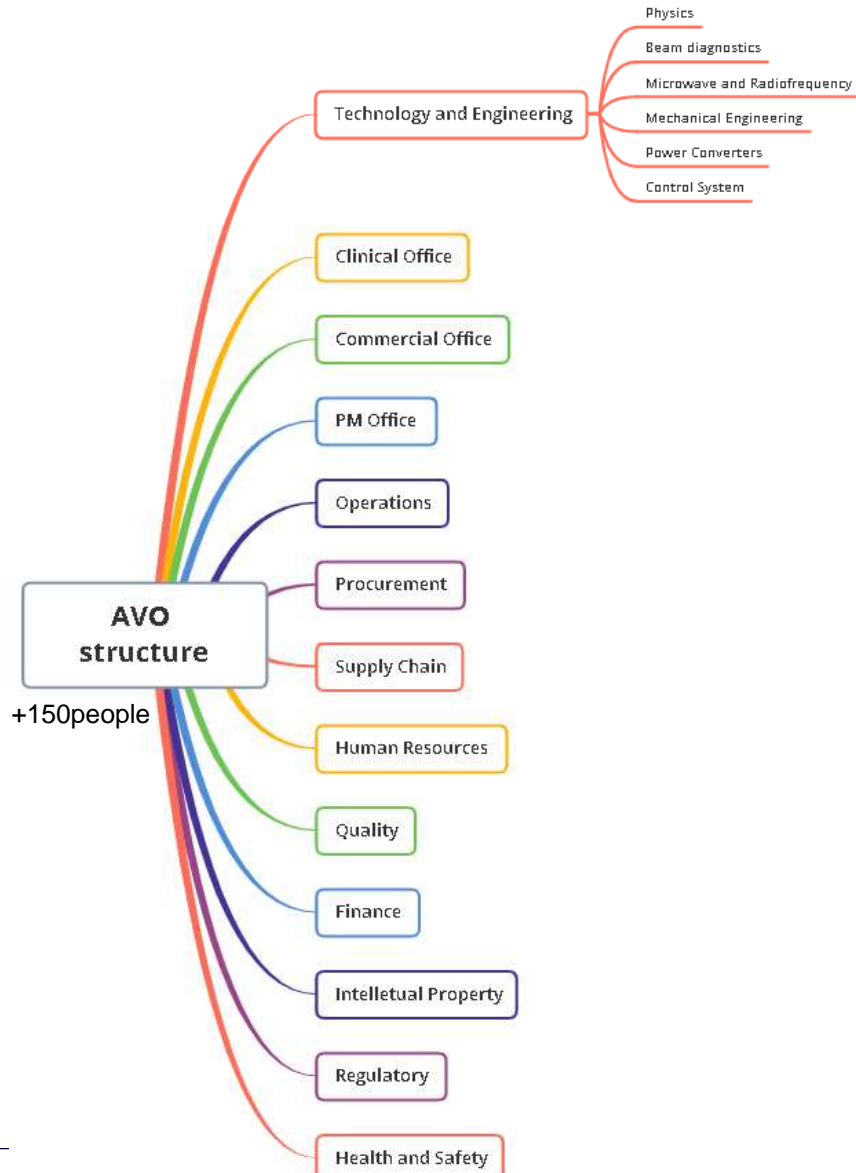


- DMR**
- ✓ Specs (HW-SW) & Dwgs
  - ✓ Production processes specs and methods
  - ✓ QA procedures
  - ✓ Packaging/labelling specs
  - ✓ Installation/Maintenance/Service methods

# Medical Device Design and Development



# Company Structures, Technologies, Software



FLUKA, Altium Designer, redhat, ORACLE, etm, Micro-Research Finland Oy, CST, AUTODESK, C++, LabVIEW, MATLAB, ANSYS, VHDL, Opera Simulation Software, SIMULIA, python, EPICOR, SIEMENS, **Soft skills**



**Thank you**

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*“The opportunity to work with Advanced Oncotherapy is a shining example of how the public sector can work with industry towards game-changing technologies that will have a huge impact on people's lives”*

*Prof. Susan Smith,  
Head of STFC's Daresbury Laboratory*