

# Carbon Ion Radiotherapy

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1885 Chejungwon

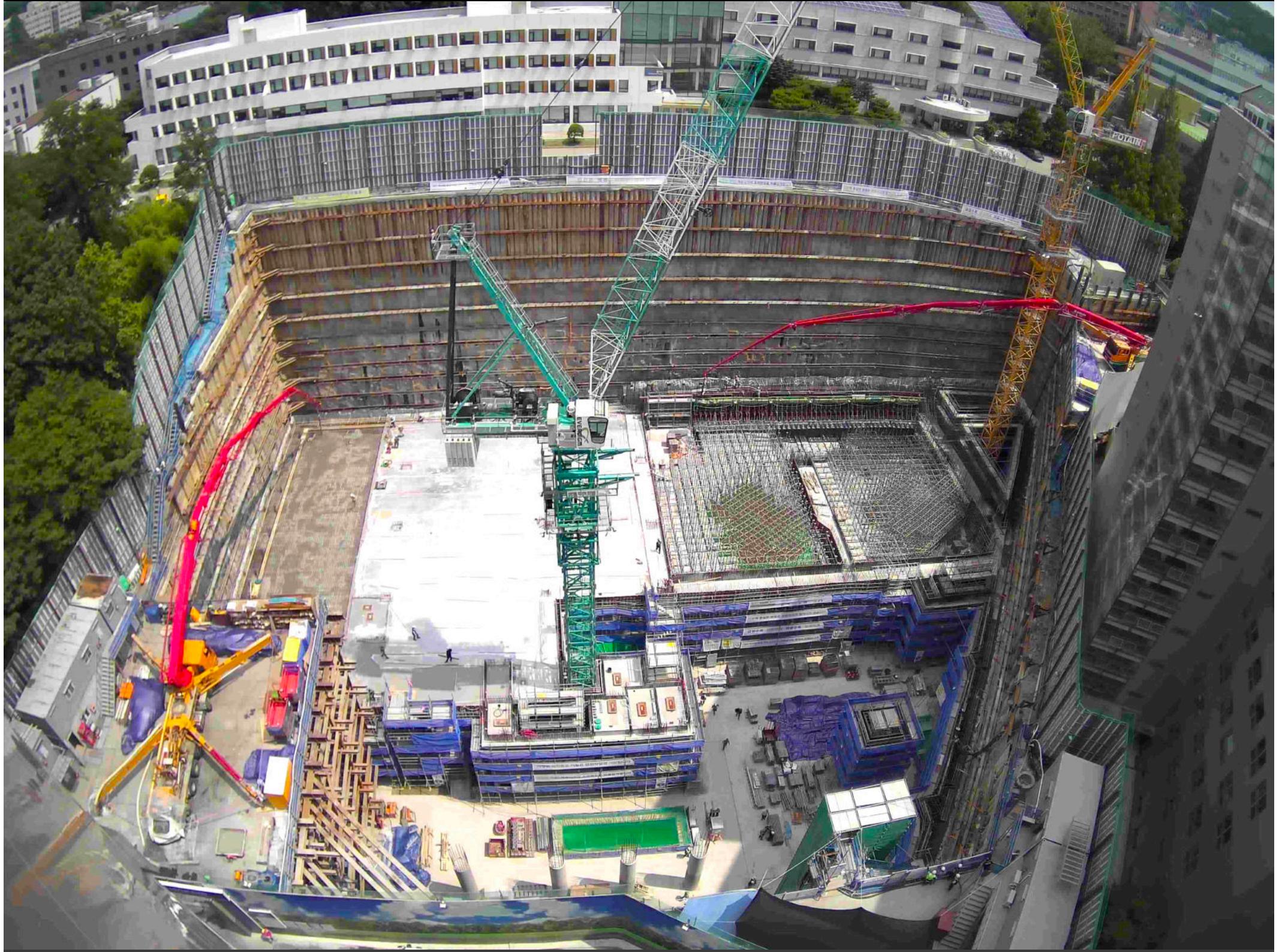
1904 Severance Memorial Hospital

1913 Severance Medical School

2005 Main building of the Severance Hospital



1885 Chejungwon



# My Life with Particle

- 2007.03-2009.02
  - 국립암센터
  - 양성자치료센터 - Proton, IBA
- 2009.03-2016.02
  - 삼성서울병원
  - 양성자치료센터 - Proton, Sumitomo
- 2016.03-
  - 연세대학교 의과대학
  - 중입자치료기 - Carbon, Toshiba



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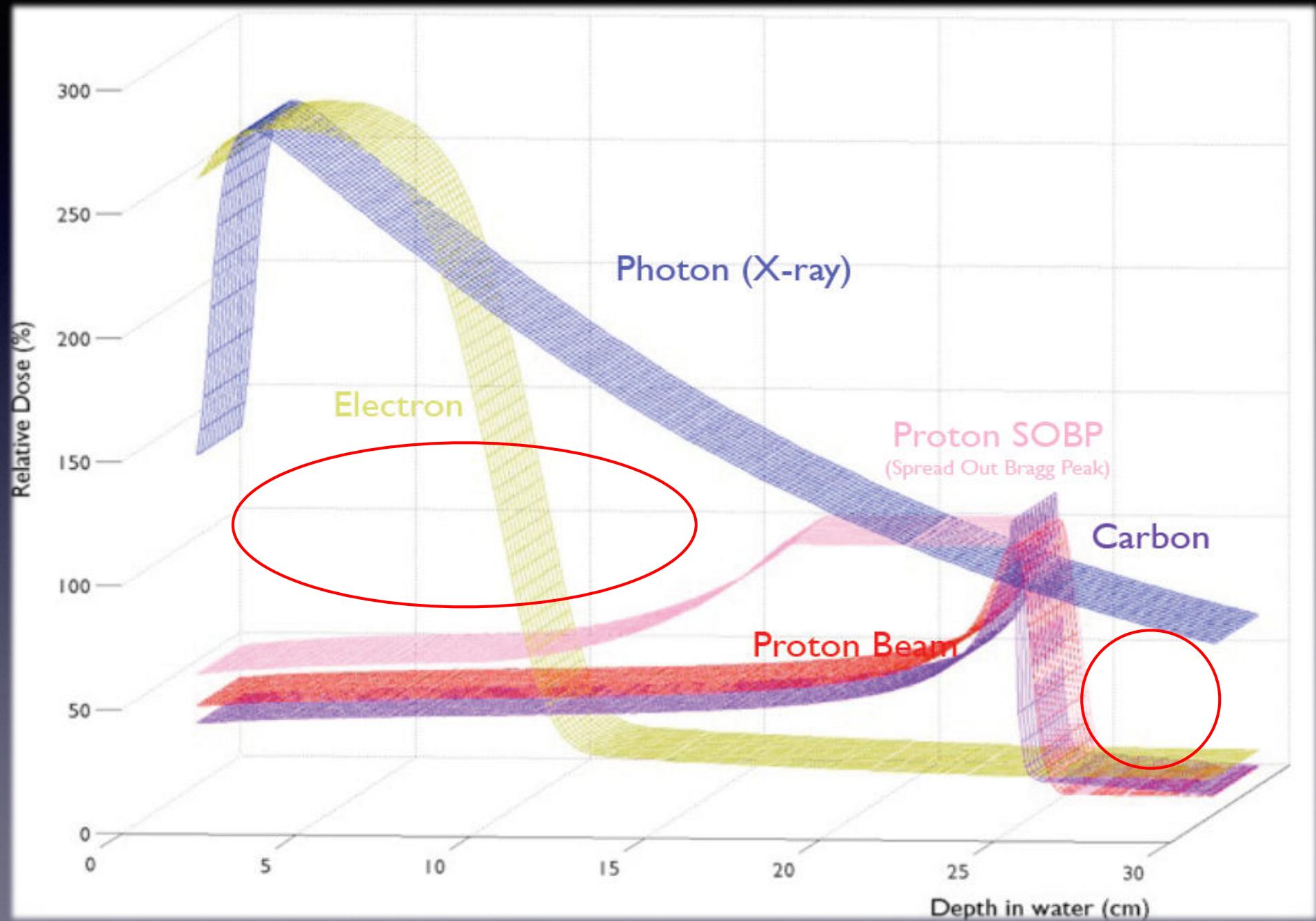
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- Why in Yonsei?
- Advanced carbon ion therapy
- Summary



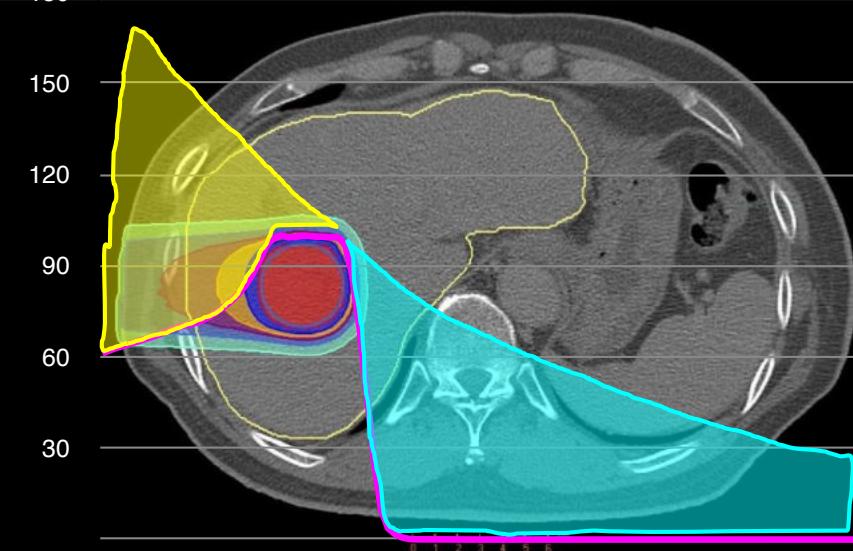
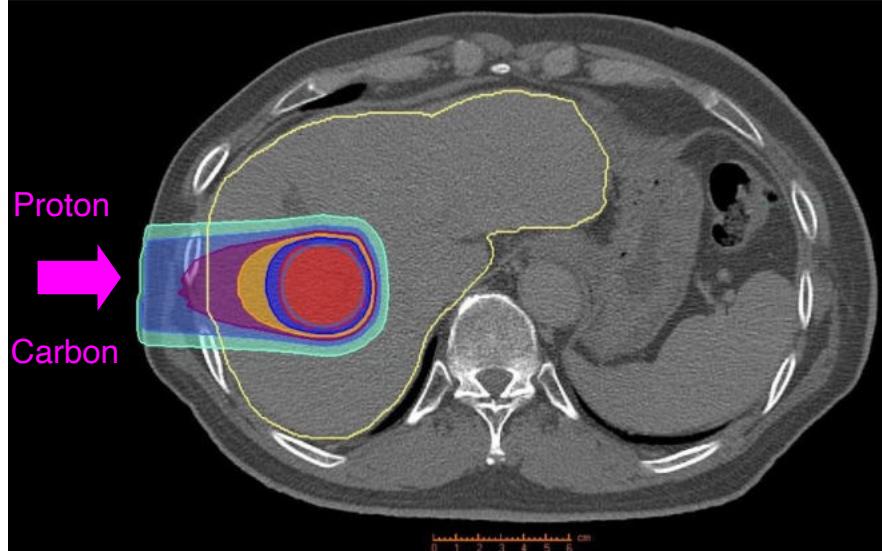
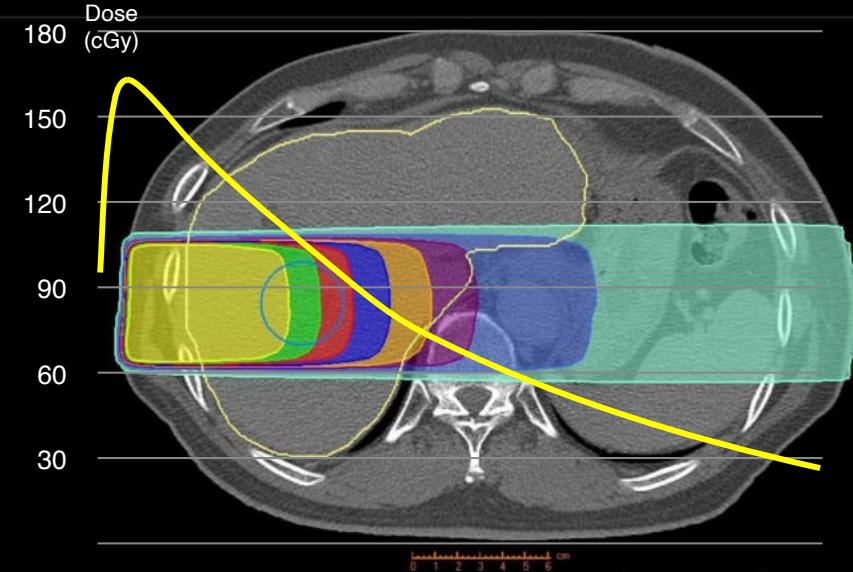
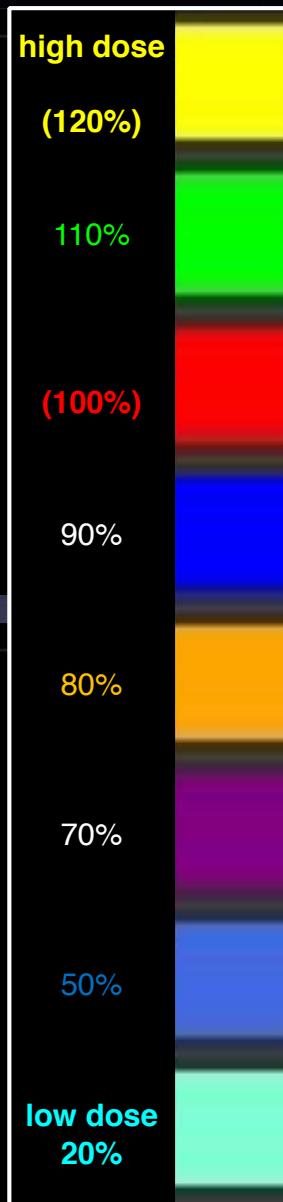
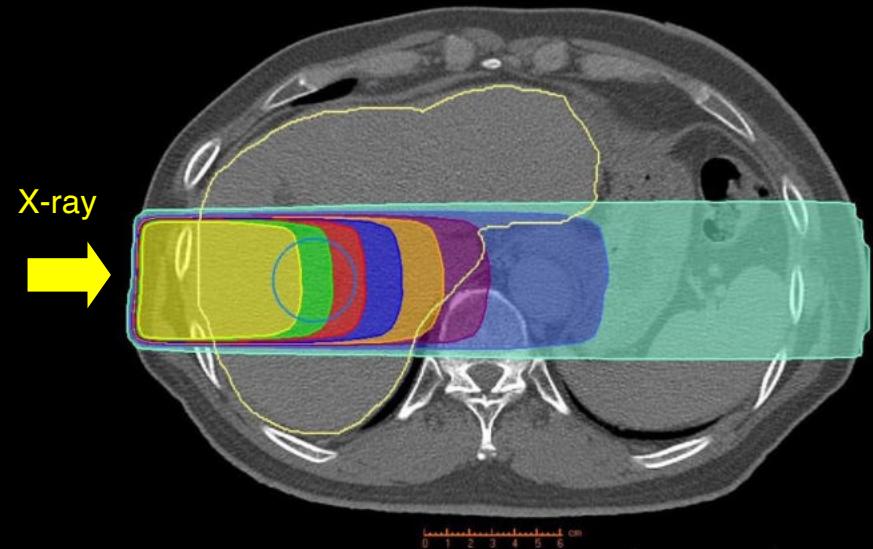
# Carbon?



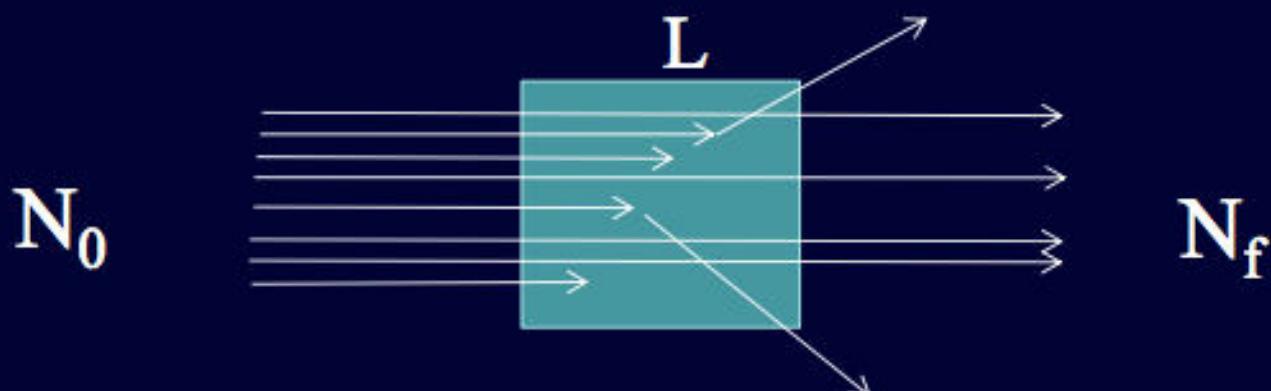
# Percent Depth Dose



# Why Particle?



# X-ray, Photon



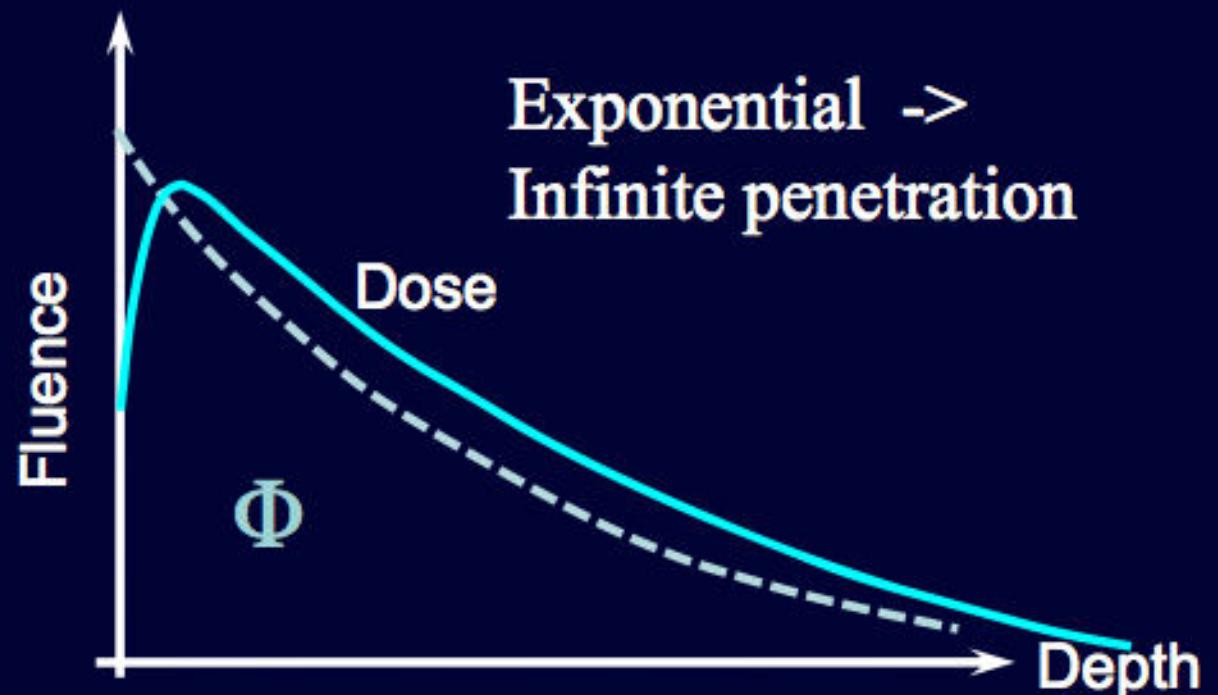
Number of photons  
decreases exponentially

$$N_f = N_0 e^{-\mu L}$$

Fluence:

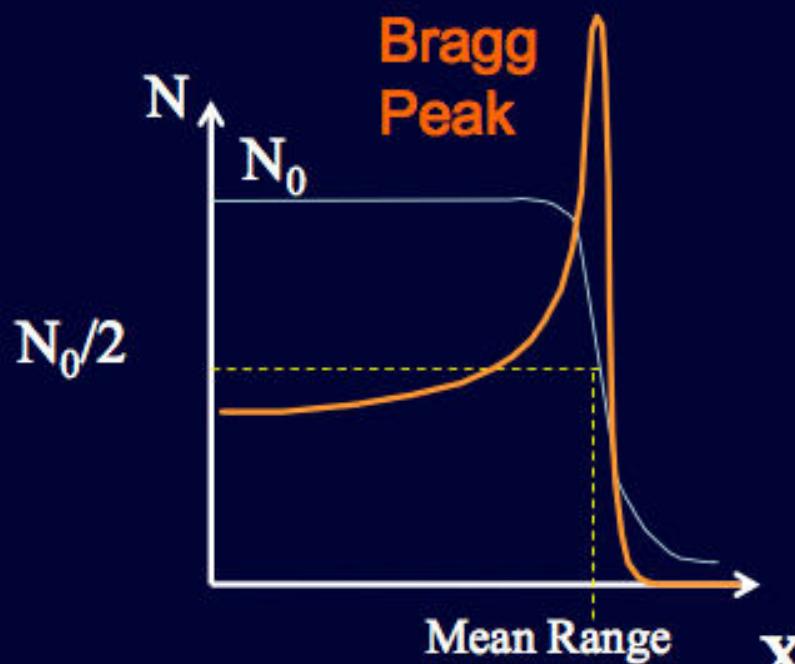
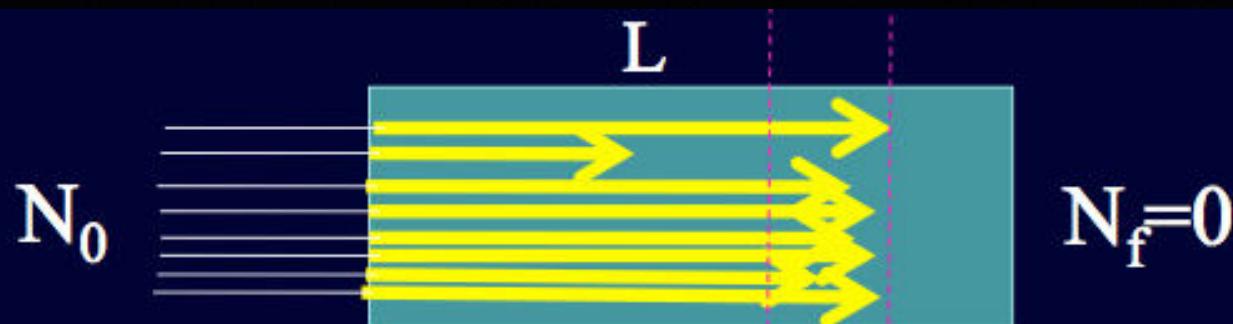
$$\Phi = N / A$$

Exponential ->  
Infinite penetration



# Attenuation!

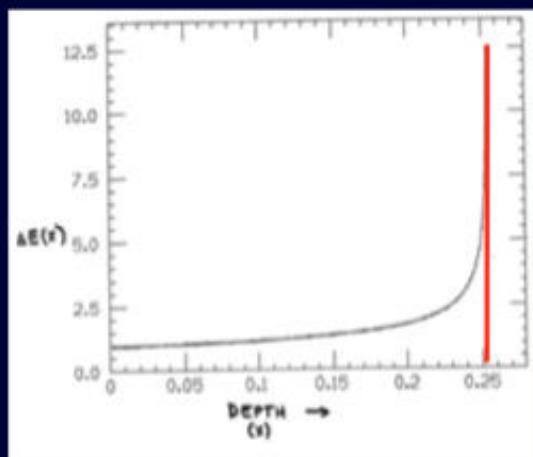
# Particle = No attenuation!



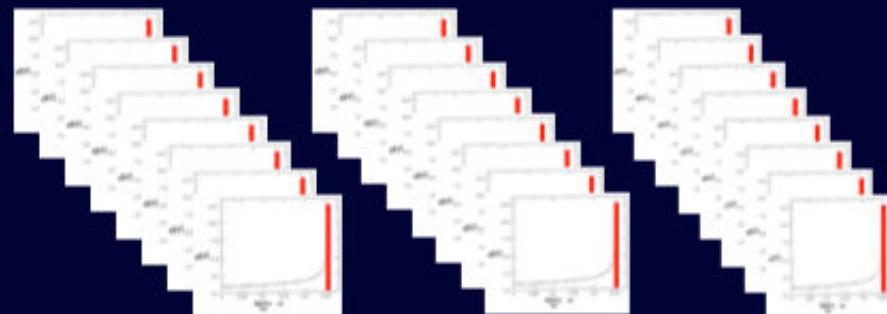
- A heavy charged particle endures multiple interactions through matter, but “stays” in the beam, because it is deflected only slightly.
- It loses only a small fraction of its energy in each interaction (except in “rare” nuclear interactions) until it stops, i.e., continuous slowing down.
- It deposits most energy near the end

# example) Proton's Bragg Peak

A Single Proton

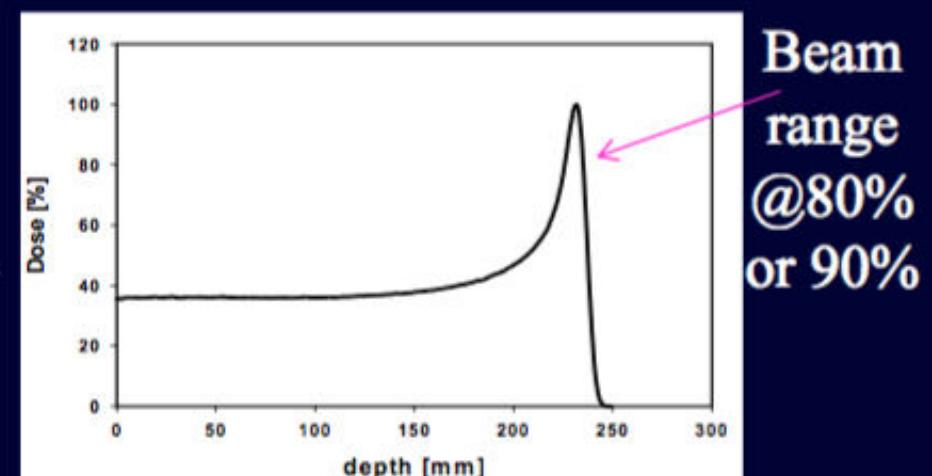
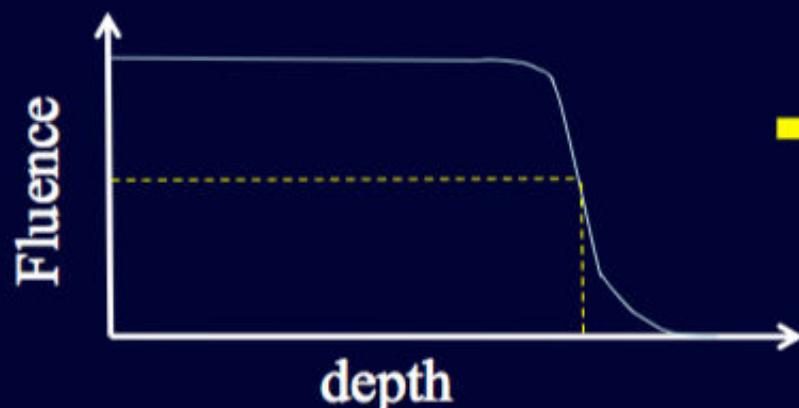


Many Protons



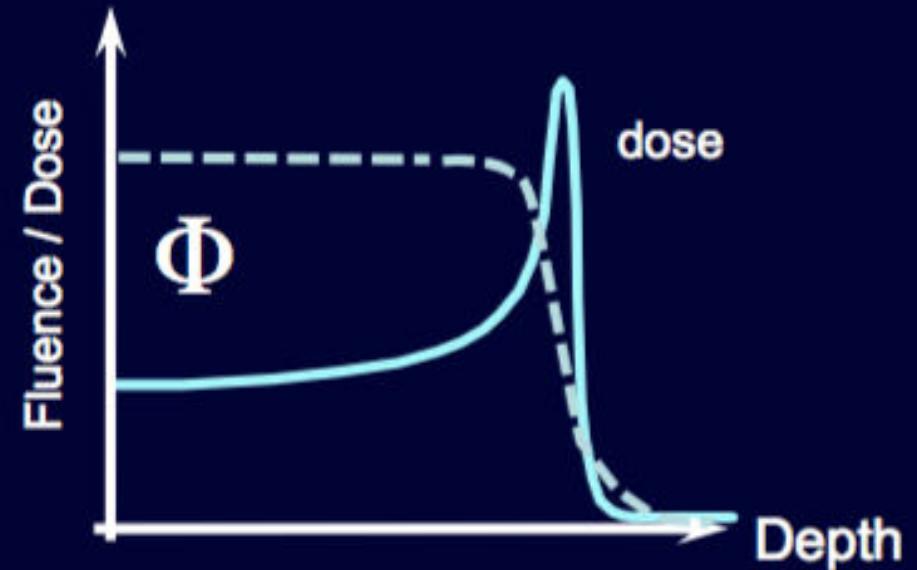
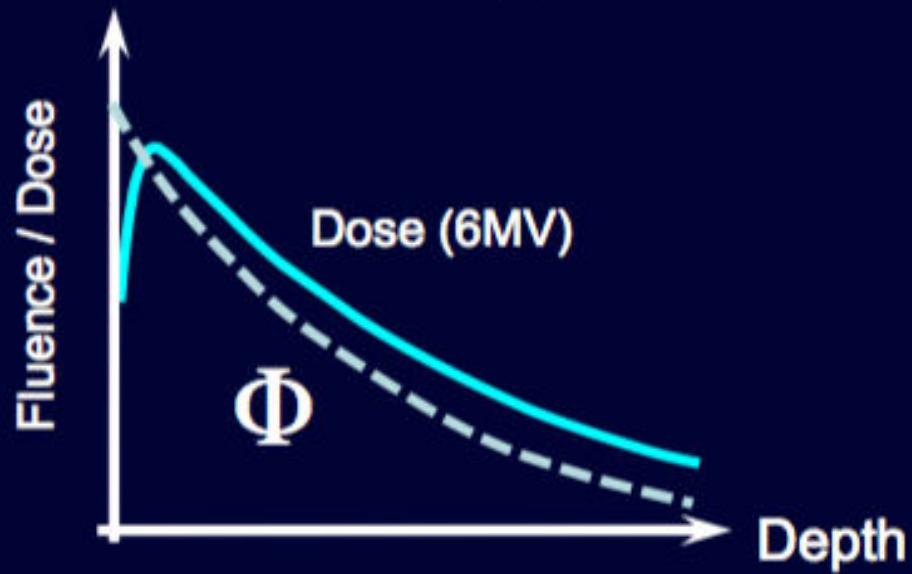
Each has different number of interactions  
Loses different amount of energy each time

Protons stop at different depths

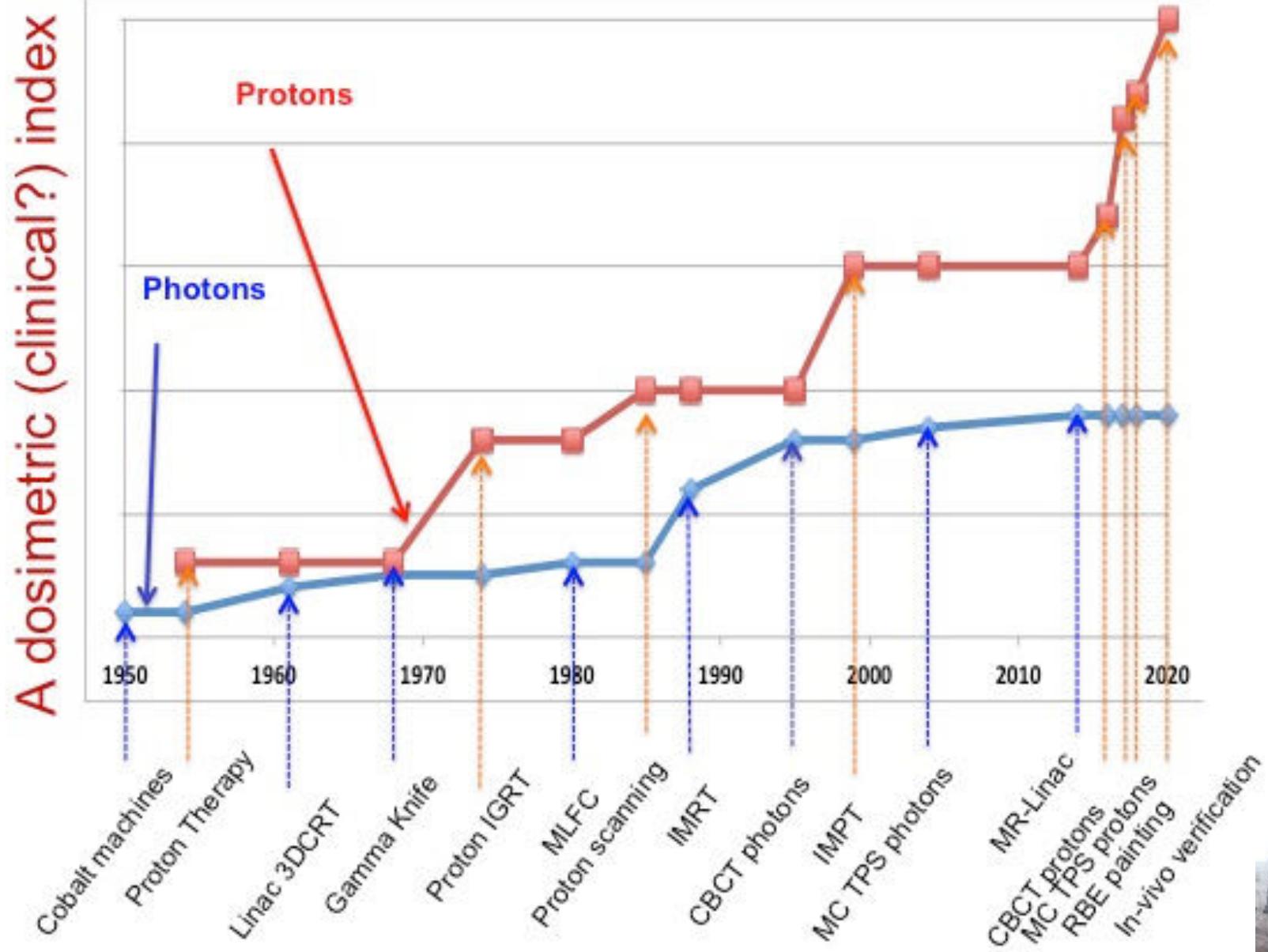


Total Dose Distribution in Depth

# Xray vs Particle



- Attenuation, fluence decreasing
- No substantial change in energy spectrum
- No change in ratio between biological dose and physical dose
- Compton electron E mostly high → dose buildup near surface
- No attenuation, fluence stays constant except near the end
- Particles lose energy gradually
- Energy loss per ion pair stays same
- Increase in LET, and possibly RBE
- Electron energy low → no buildup



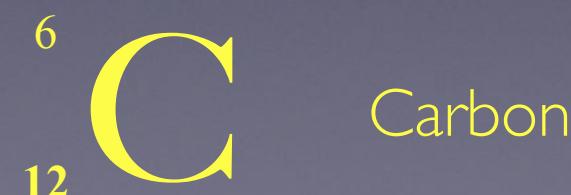
- Generic advances are typically developed first on one side
- Modality specific advancements will influence the gap long term



# Do you remember?

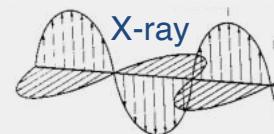
Group →	1	2	3
↓ Period	1 H		
2	3 Li	4 Be	
3	11 Na	12 Mg	
4	19 K	20 Ca	21 Sc
5	37 Rb	38 Sr	39 Y

12	13	14 C	15	16	17	18 He
5 B	6 C	7 N	8 O	9 F	10 Ne	
13 Al	14 Si	15 P	16 S	17 Cl	18 Ar	
30 Zn	31 Ga	32 Ge	33 As	34 Se	35 Br	36 Kr
48 Cd	49 In	50 Sn	51 Sb	52 Te	53 I	54 Xe

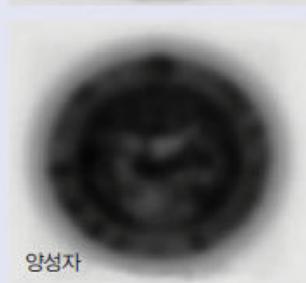
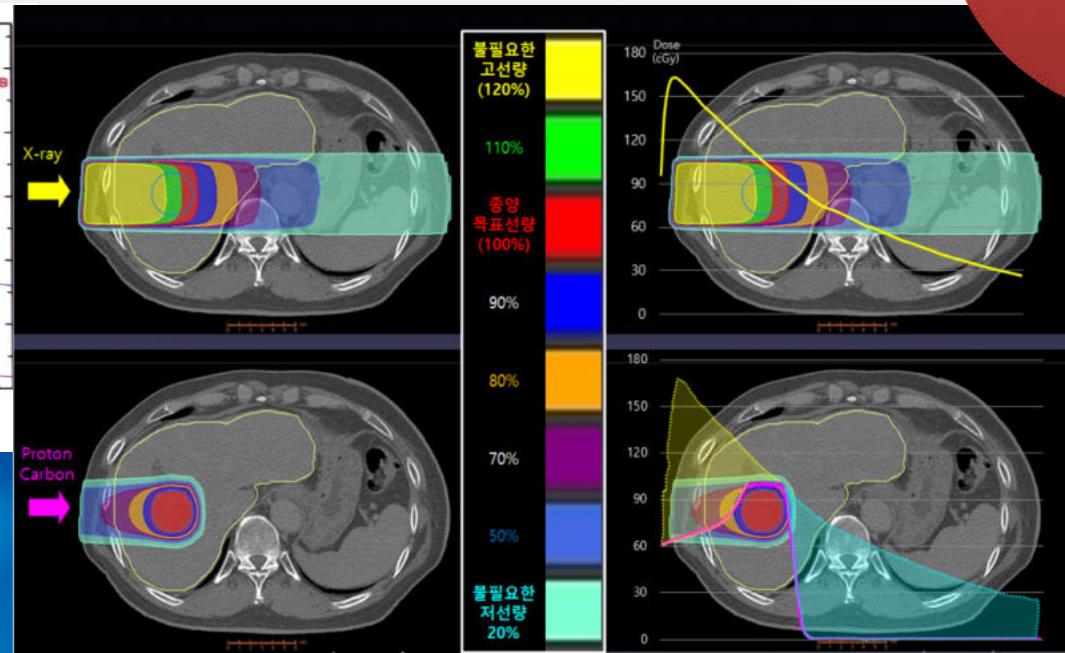
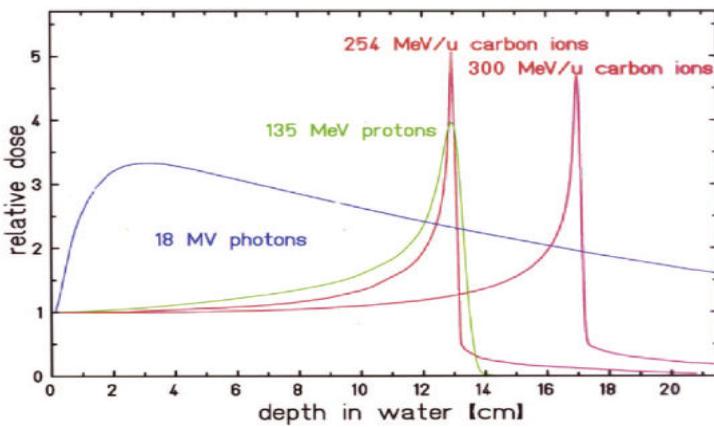


# 중입자란? 重粒子, Heavy Ion

	X-ray	Electron	Proton	Neutron	Helium	Carbon
Mass	X	0.0005	1	1	4	12
Charge	X	-1	+1	0	+2	+6
RBE	1	1	1.1	10~100	1.1~1.3	2~3

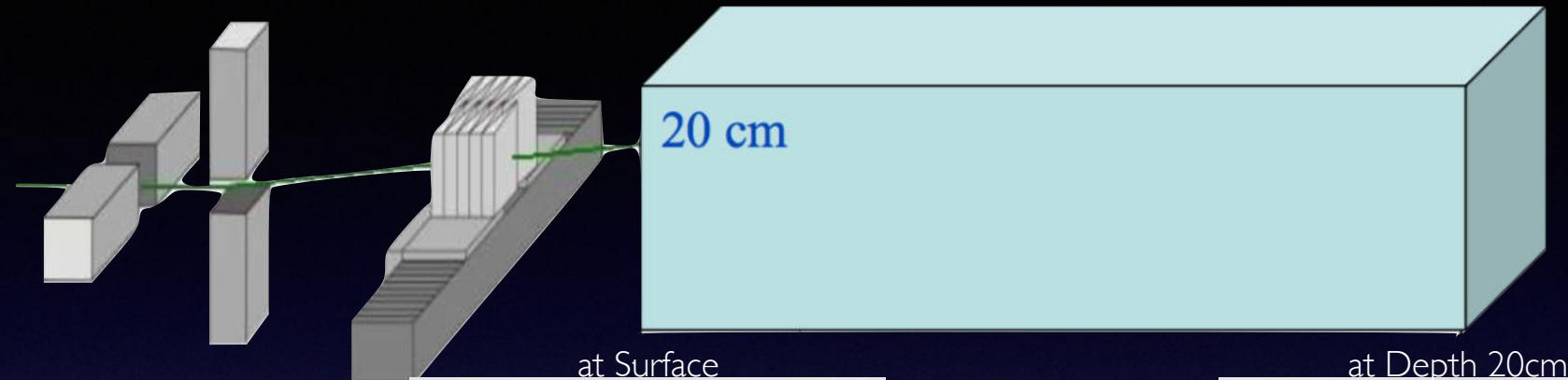


RBE: 2~3 times than x-ray, proton!  
but... not sure...

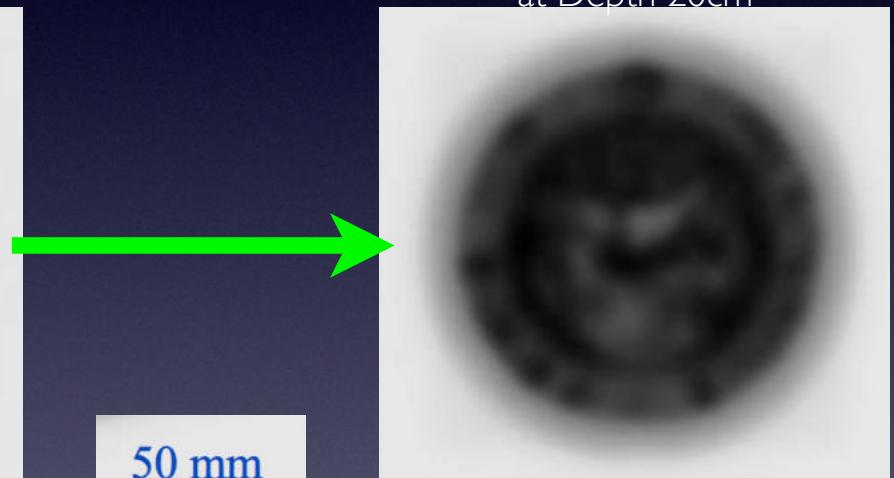
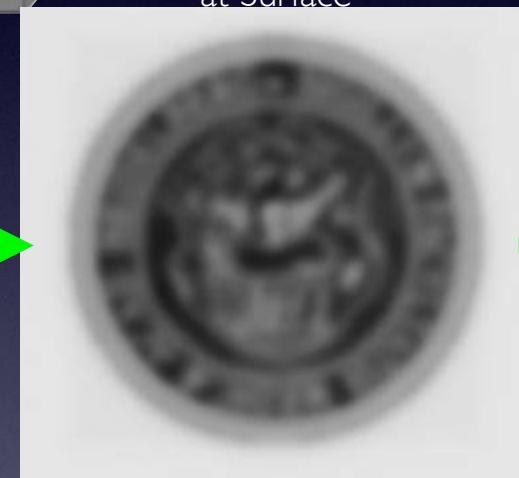


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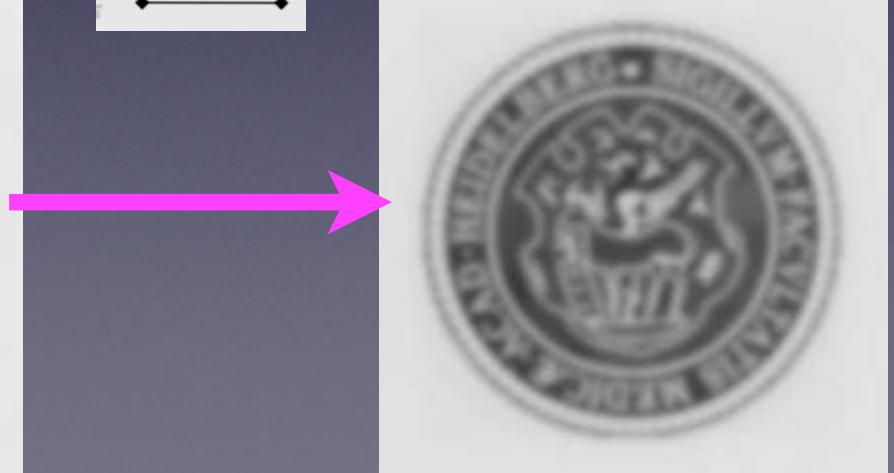
# Penumbra in water - Proton vs Carbon



Proton  
220 MeV

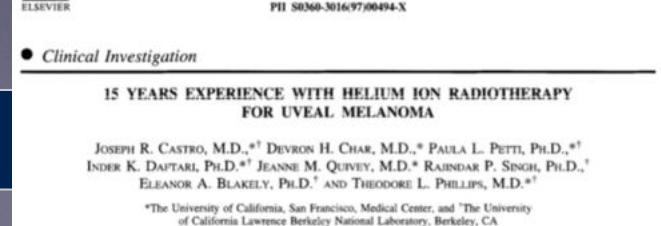
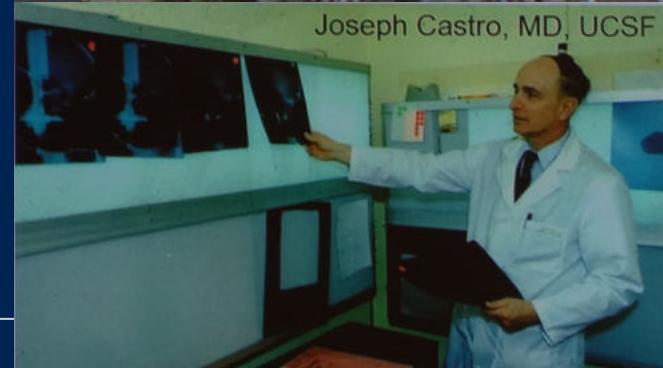


Carbon  
380 MeV/u



# Various particle therapy in the world

Where	What?	Start	End	No. Patients
Berkeley	<b>Proton</b>	1954	1957	30
Uppsala	Proton	1957	1976	73
Berkeley	<b>He</b>	1957	1992	2,054
Harvard	Proton	1961	2002	9,116
Los Alamos	<b>Pion</b>	1974	1982	230
Berkeley	<b>Carbon</b>	1977	1992	433
	<b>Ne</b>	1977		
	<b>Ar</b>	1979		
	<b>Si</b>	1982		
PSI	Pion	1980	1993	503
Tsukuba	Proton	1983	2000	700
Chiba	Carbon	1994	Ongoing	10,486



# Carbon could be better?

## 1. Past, present, and future of radiotherapy for the benefit of patients

*Nature Reviews Clinical Oncology* 10, 52-60 (January 2013)

## 2. Cancer treatment: Sharp shooters

*Nature* 508, 133–138 (03 April 2014)

## 3. Carbon ion radiotherapy in Japan: an assessment of 20 years of clinical experience

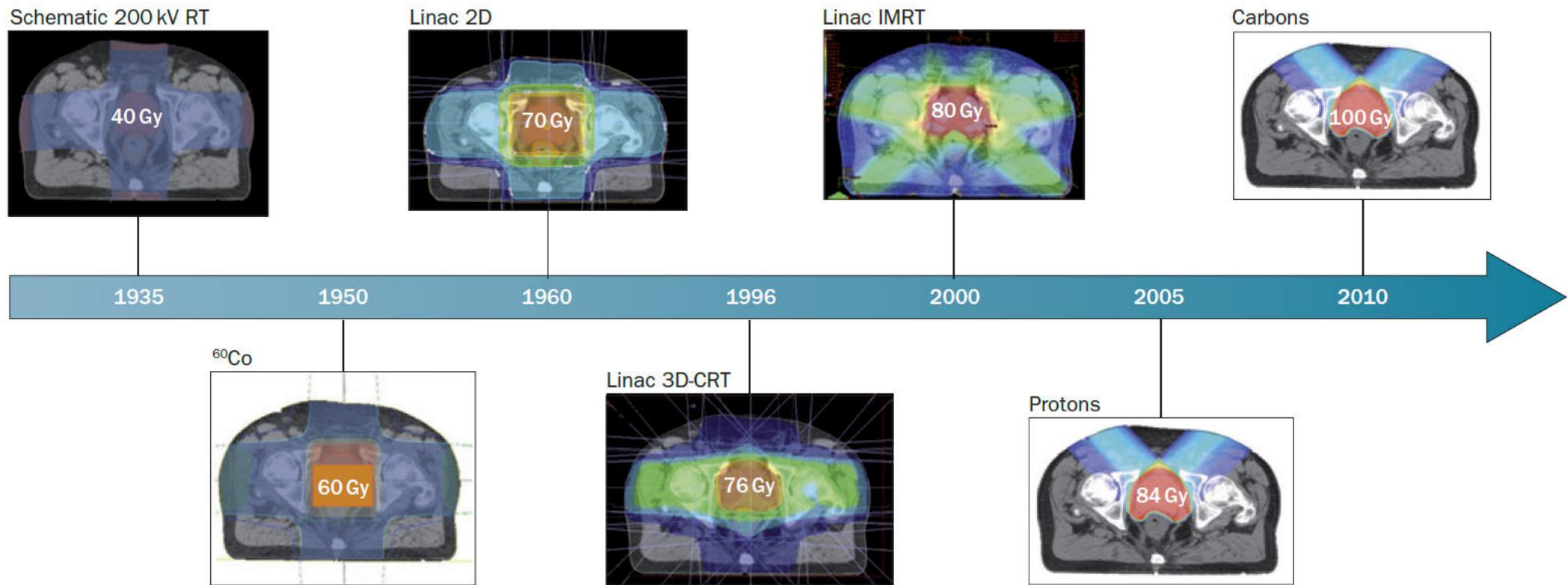
*Lancet Oncol* 2015; 16: e93–100



# Innovation in Radiation Therapy

We have some history in radiation therapy

- the RT option for prostate is changing from x-ray to particle..



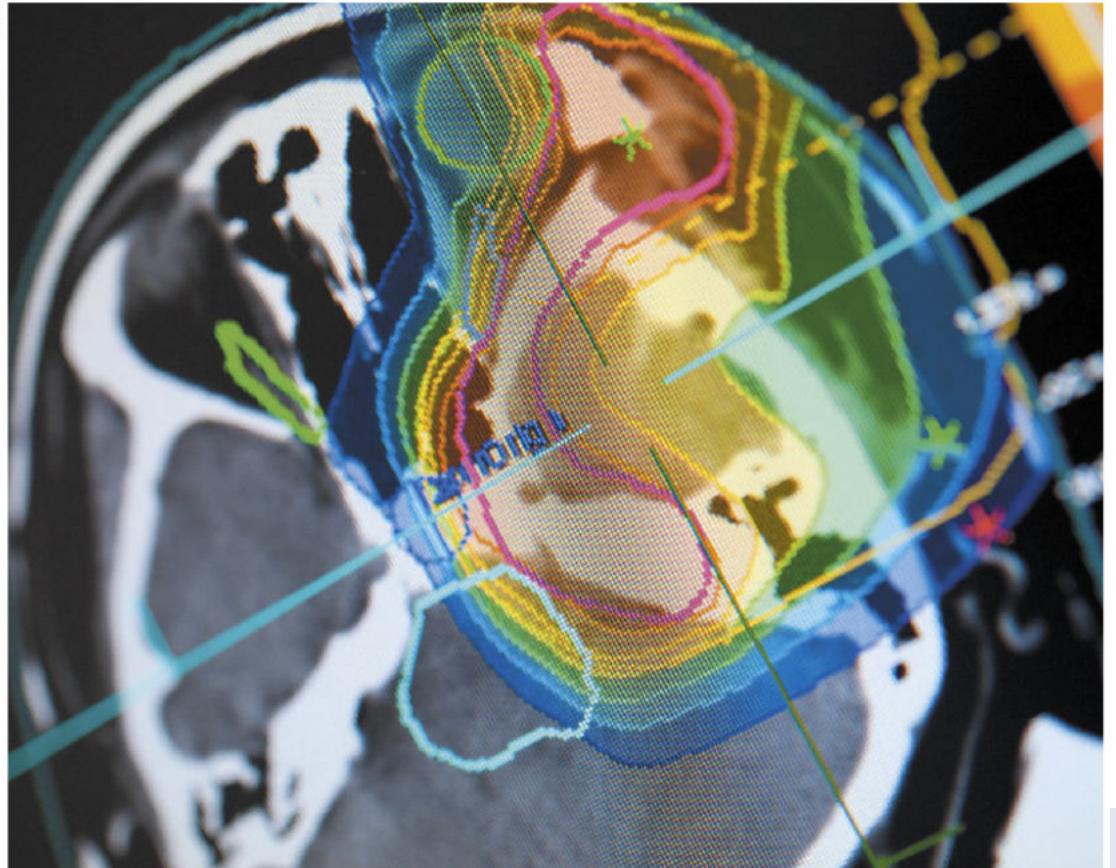
**Figure 1** | Prostate cancer radiotherapy 1935–2010. Prostate cancer irradiation is a good example of the improvement of radiotherapy technology over the past decades. By increasing the beam energy and the precision of the targeting, it was possible to escalate the dose to the prostate without exceeding the tolerance dose of healthy tissues; allowing the move from palliative irradiation to curative treatment. Abbreviations: 3D-CRT, 3D conformal radiotherapy; IMRT, intensity modulated radiotherapy; RT, radiotherapy.

# TECHNOLOGY FEATURE

# SHARP SHOOTERS

Beams of charged particles can treat cancer more safely and effectively than X-rays. Physicists and biomedical researchers are working to refine the technology for wider use.

HEIDELBERG UNIV. HOSPITAL



A computed-tomography scan shows a tumour and the ion-beam dosage that will be used to treat it.

BY VIVIEN MARX

Clinicians attack cancer with many types of weapon, ranging from scalpels to physically remove all or most of a tumour to drugs that kill the tumour cells where they are. In about half of people with cancer, doctors go after the malignant cells with ionizing radiation.

along their path through the body — damaging healthy cells as they go — clinicians and researchers are increasingly paying attention to beams that use charged particles such as protons and carbon ions<sup>1</sup>. Charged particles can deposit most of their lethal energy mainly at the tumour site, largely sparing the healthy tissue. Protons are slightly more lethal to cancer cells than X-rays, and carbon ions seem

s deadly.

00,000 people have

received proton treatments for cancer. Japan, China, Germany and Italy have built ion-beam facilities that have treated some 12,000 patients with carbon ions, the majority in Japan and Germany (see 'Carbon count').

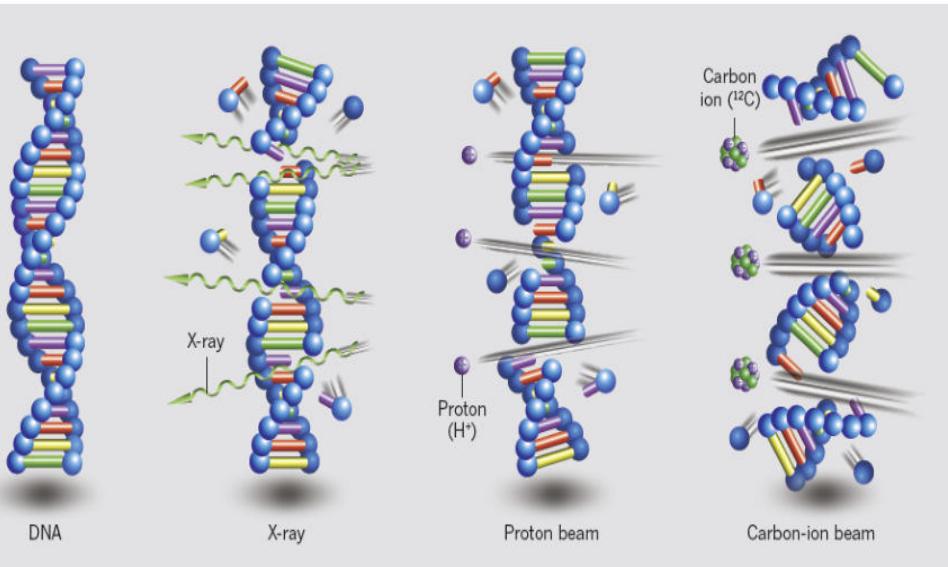
Carbon ions are heavier than protons, so the facilities to deliver them are pricier. The charged-particle facilities in Germany and Japan cost between US\$130 million and \$200 million each to build. Nonetheless, there has been a spike in research and

## Cancer treatment: Sharp shooters,

Nature 508, 133–138 (03 April 2014)

### CARBON COUNT

Around 12,000 patients worldwide have been treated at dedicated carbon-ion facilities in Europe, China and Japan. The construction of two new facilities, encouraging clinical-trial results and advances in the technology mean those numbers are likely to grow.



# Carbon's 20 years clinical outcome

- More than 8,000 patients
- Clinical trial only for 9 years
- **Outstanding outcome + Lower toxicities + Short Tx time**

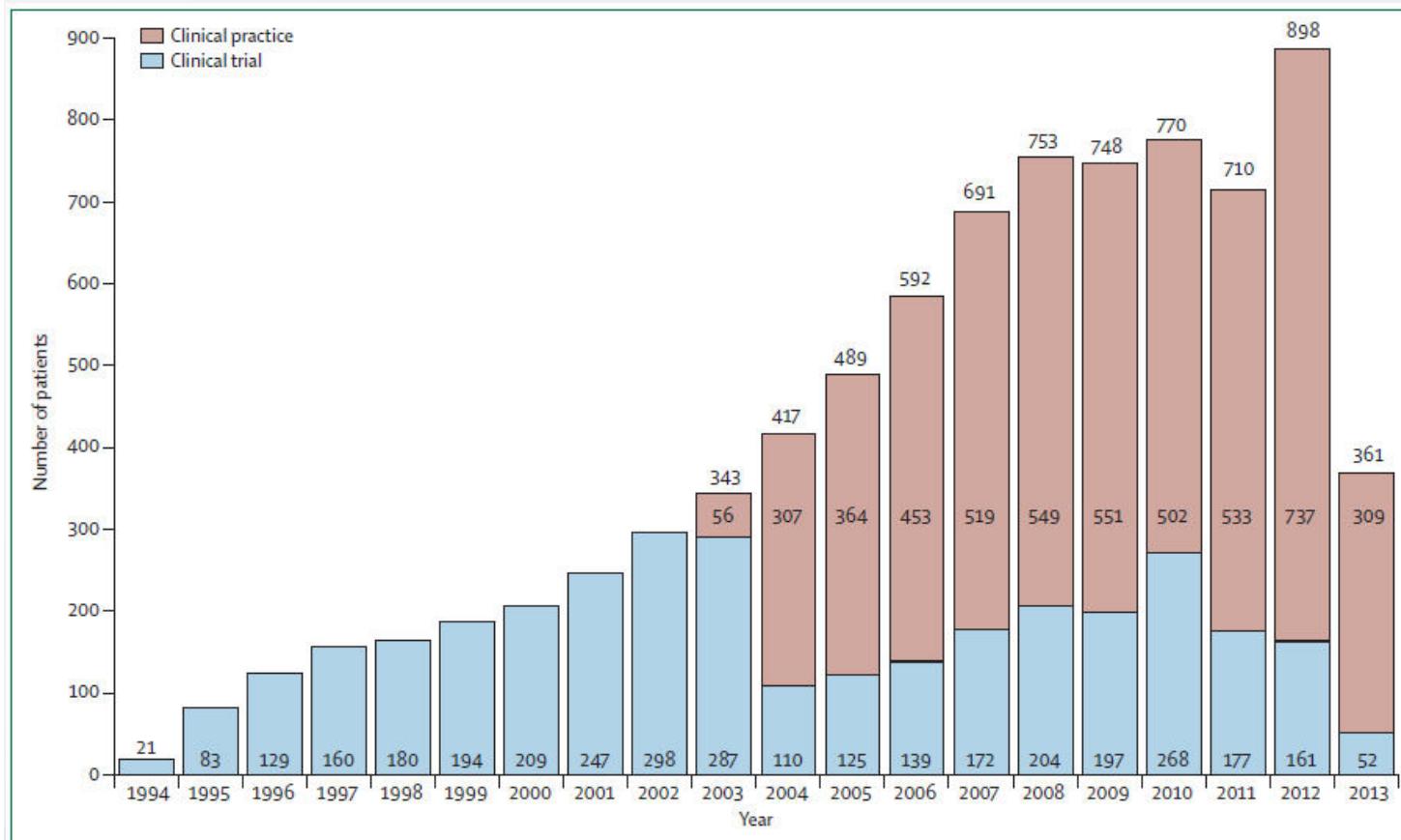


Figure 2: Number of patients treated at National Institute of Radiological Sciences with carbon ion radiotherapy each year from June, 1994, to August, 2013

	Total number of patients (%)	Clinical practice
Prostate	1731 (22%)	1399
Bone and soft tissue	1033 (13%)	780
Head and neck	854 (11%)	529
Lung	795 (10%)	207
Liver	485 (6%)	250
Post-operative rectum	408 (5%)	338
Pancreas	353 (4%)	113
Gynaecological	207 (3%)	10
Eye	128 (2%)	86
CNS	106 (1%)	0
Para aortic lymph node	94 (1%)	87
Skull base	85 (1%)	56
Oesophagus	71 (1%)	0
Lacrimal gland	24 (<1%)	1
Scanning	11 (<1%)	0
Miscellaneous	1547 (20%)	715

Table 3: Distribution of patients treated with carbon ion radiotherapy at the National Institute of Radiological Sciences by tumour type



# Why Yonsei?



# Needs to understand S. Korea

## Future life expectancy in 35 industrialised countries: *Lancet* 2017; 389: 1323–35 projections with a Bayesian model ensemble

Vasilis Kontis\*, James E Bennett\*, Colin D Mathers, Guangquan Li, Kyle Foreman, Majid Ezzati



### Summary

**Background** Projections of future mortality and life expectancy are needed to plan for health and social services and pensions. Our aim was to forecast national age-specific mortality and life expectancy using an approach that takes into account the uncertainty related to the choice of forecasting model.

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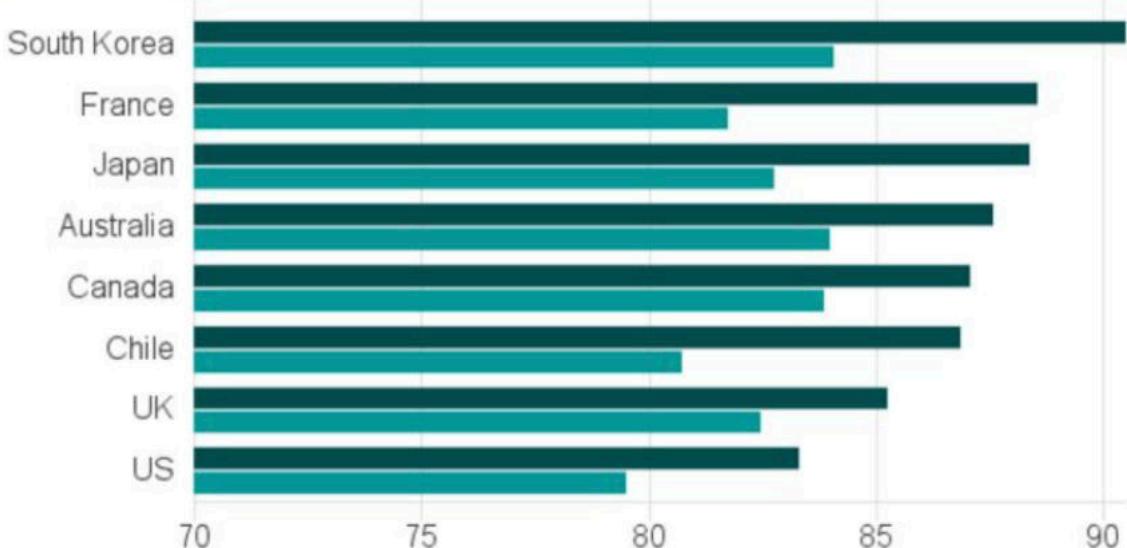


### Korea

- 50 M population
- 200,000 cancer patients/year
- Live longer than others @ 2030

Average life expectancy at birth by 2030 (in years)

■ Women ■ Men



Source: Imperial College London / World Health Organization

BBC

# Another Understanding for Seoul !



## Seoul (+ Gyeonggi-do)

- 20 M population
- High quality + Super dense Medical city in the world
- 5 Proton rooms + over 100 RT machines

### Yonsei Cancer Center

- 26,000 cancer patients/year
- Over 10% of Korean patients
- 5,000 RT patients/year

# Yonsei; Pioneer of Radiation Oncology in Korea

## First Radiotherapy in Korea (1922) ; Dr. Hopkirk, Severance Hospital

Surgical Case Reports.

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SURGICAL CASE REPORTS; (1) SPINDLE-CELL SARCOMA OF THE NECK; (2) CONGENITAL PAPILLOMA OF BUTTOCK \*

A. I. LUDLOW, M.D., F. A. C. S., Seoul, Chosen (Korea).  
SPINDLE-CELL SARCOMA OF THE NECK.

China Medical Journal 1923



On waiting for a ship to take them to Europe, 関東大震災 struck Tokyo (1923). My father helped as many people as he could! After helping to clean up the affected area, the family got on a cruiser and headed to Europe

## First Introductions of New Technologies in Korea



LINAC (1972)



HDR Brachytherapy (1979)



TBI (1983)



Hyperthermia (1984)



IORT (1986)



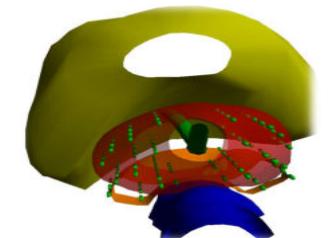
LINAC-based RS (1988)



3DCRT (1996)

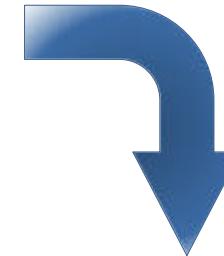


Eye plaque with Ru (2006)

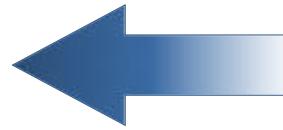


LDR Brachy (2012)

# History of Yonsei Cancer Center



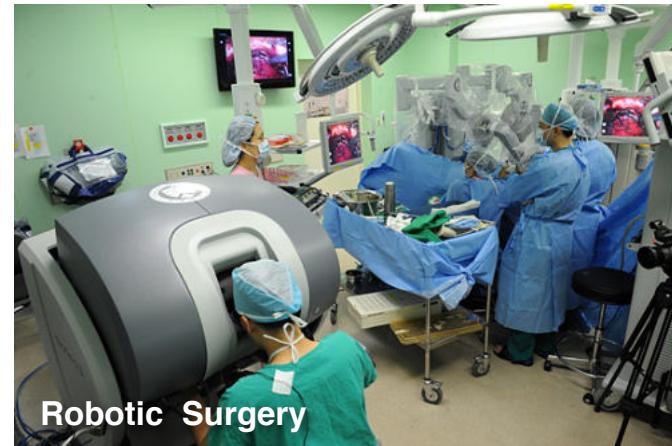
**Yonsei Cancer Center 1969**  
**<Korea's first independent Cancer Special Center>**  
1969. 11. 10  
2 above ground floors, 1 basement floors



**Yonsei Cancer Center**  
**1969~2014**

**Yonsei Cancer Center 2014**  
2014. 4. 14  
15 above ground floors, 7 basement floors, 508 beds

# Portfolio to conquer the cancer of Yonsei Cancer Center



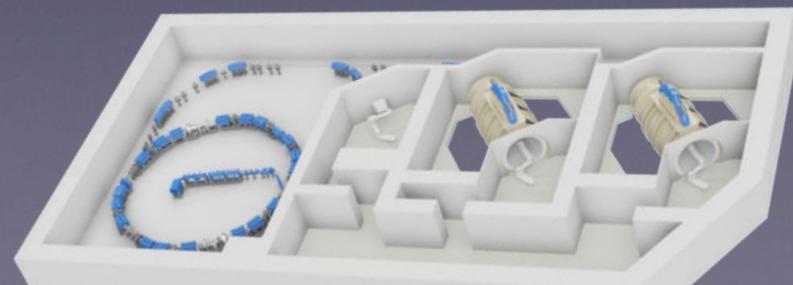
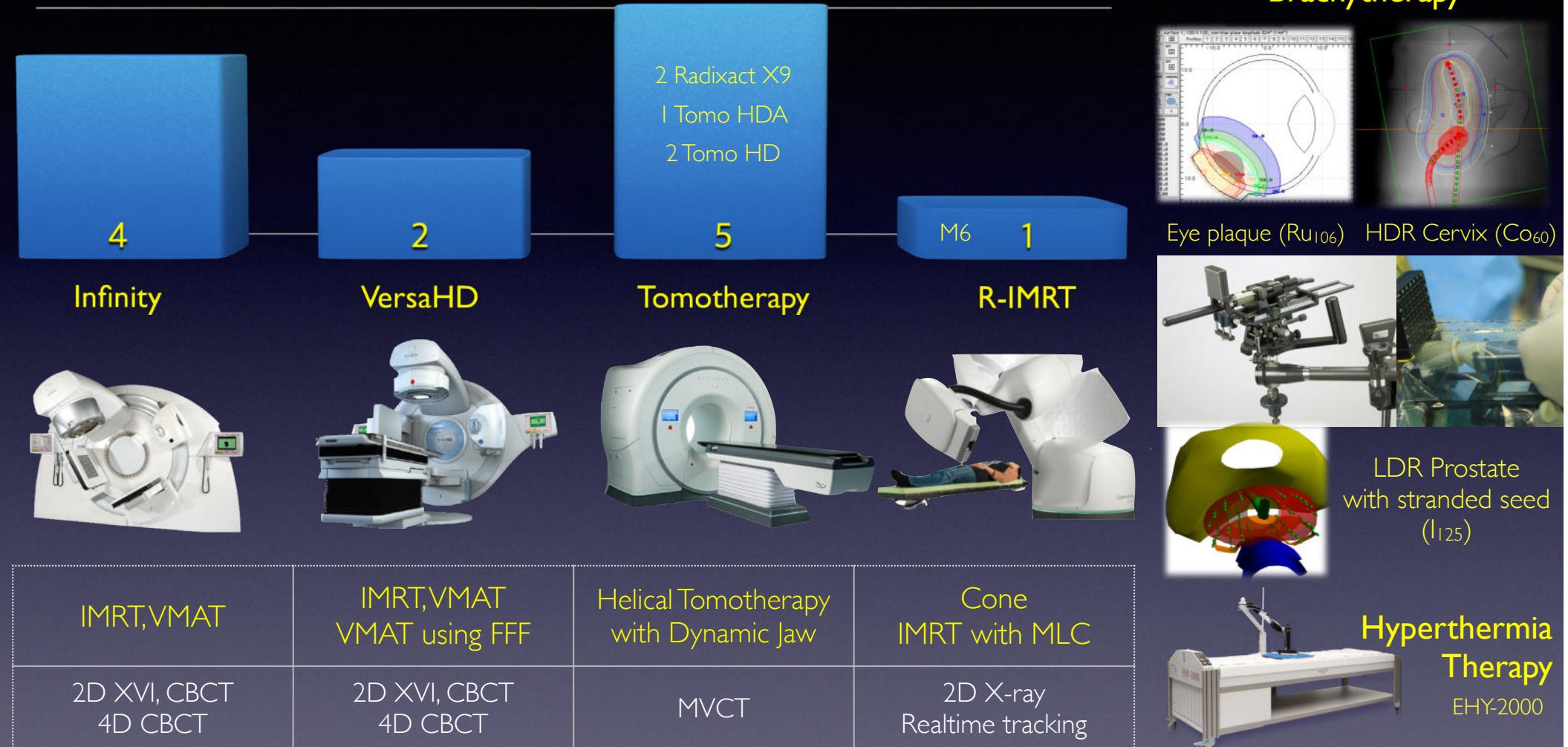
## Carbon Ion Therapy



# Yonsei RadOnc Tx options

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400 patients/day (IMRT 80%)



# Carbon Ion Therapy Center in World





# Advanced Tech in Carbon

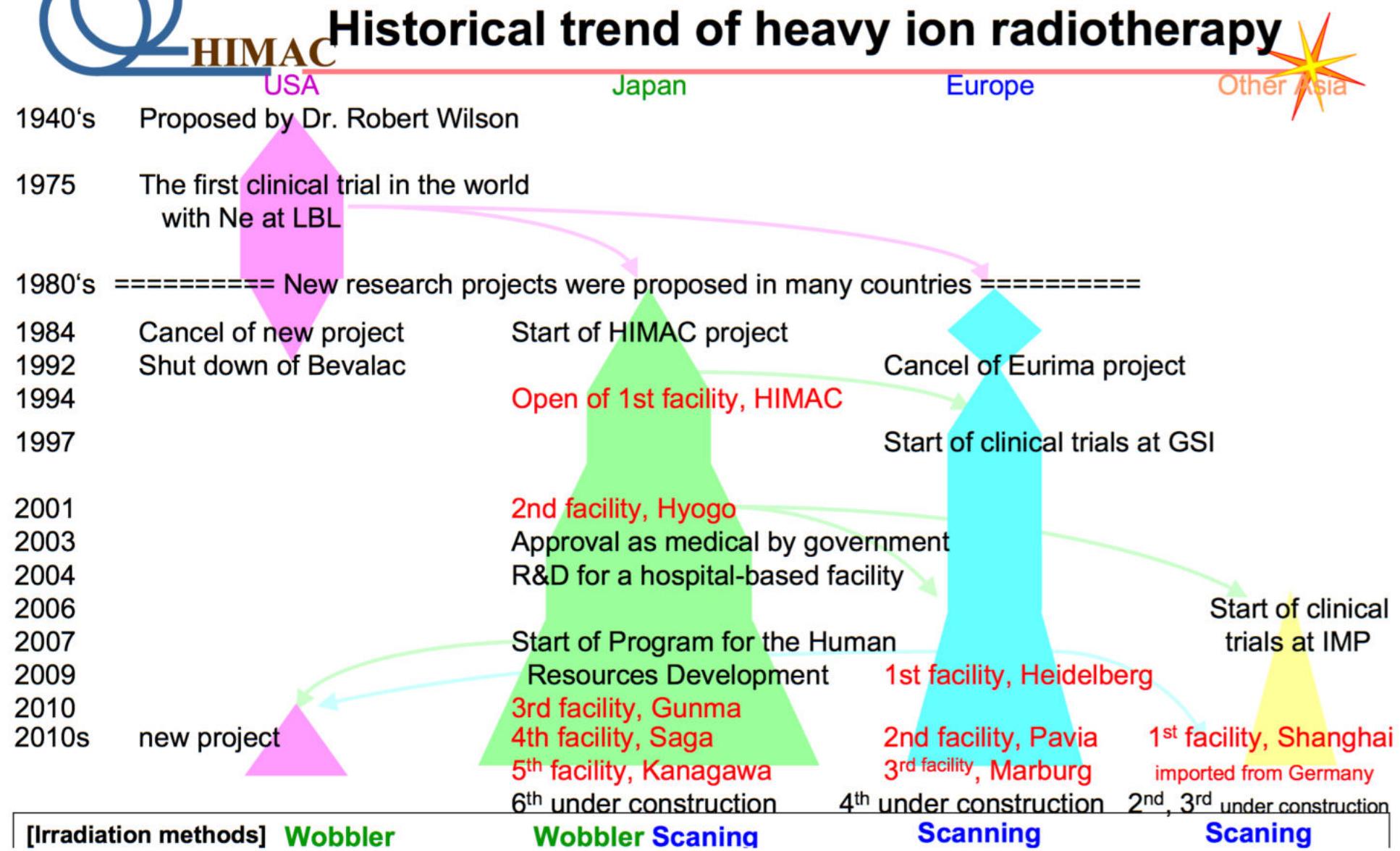


# Carbon's History

NIRS

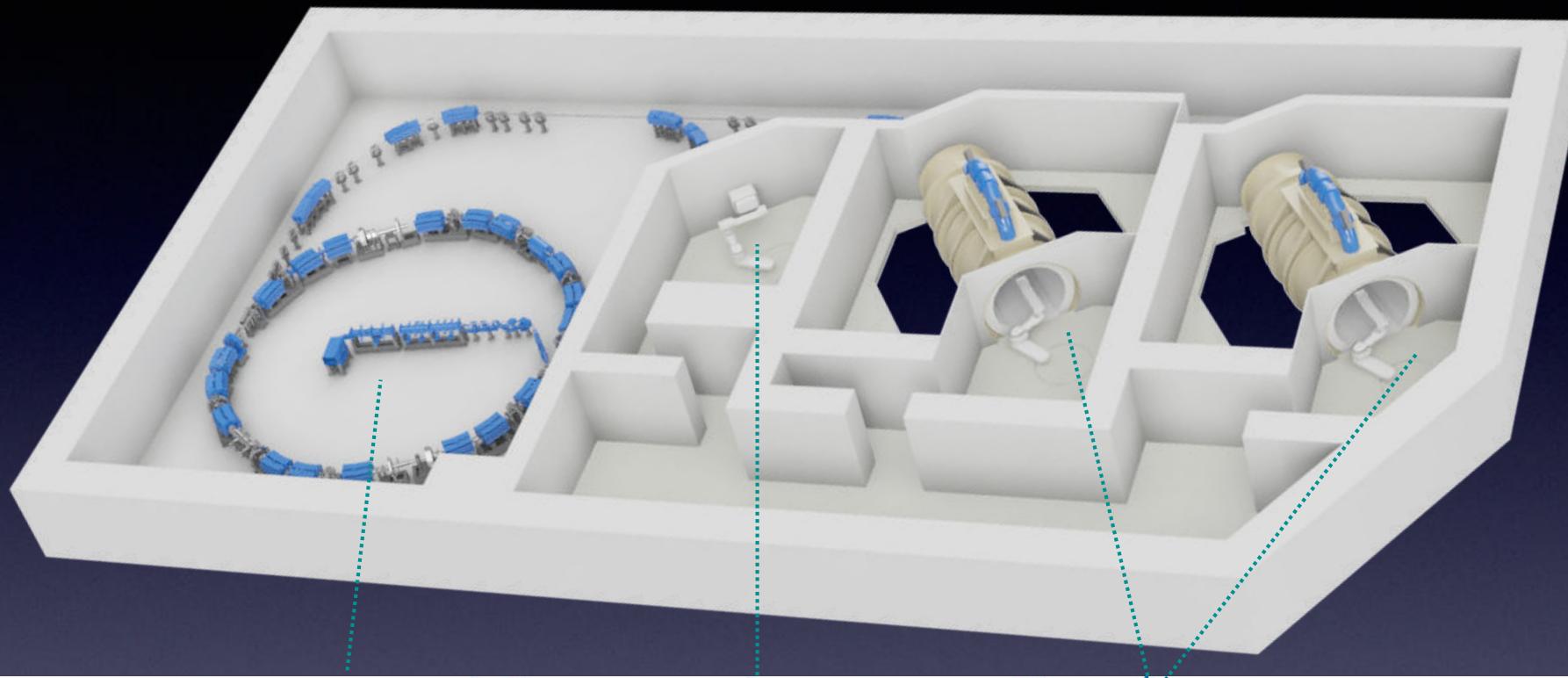


## 3. Facilities in Japan and worldwide



	Site	Start	Tx Room			Vendor	Scat	Scan	Pts.No (~2015)
			Tot	Fixed Room	Gantry				
운영 중	HIMAC(NIRS)	1994	3	2(H+V)	1G*	Japan	O	OO	10,486
	HIBMC	2002	2	1H , 1(45)		Mitsubishi	O	X	2,366
	Lanzhou	2006	1	1H		China	O	X	213
	Gunma	2010	3	1H, 1H+V, 1V		Mitsubishi	O	X	1,909
	HIT	2012	3	2H	1G	Siemens	O	O	2,086
	CNAO	2012	4	3H, 1H		Siemens	X	O	591
	SAGA-HIMAT	2013	3	2(H+V),1(45+H)		Mitsubishi	O	X	1,136
	Shanghai	2014	3	3H		Siemens		O	149
	i-Rock	2015	4	2H, 2(H+V)		Toshiba		OO	-
	MIT	2015	4	3H, 1(45)		Siemens		O	-
건설 중	Wuwei	2017	4	4 (H+V+45)		China	O	O	-
	MedAustron	2017	2	1H, 1(H+V)		CERN	X	O	-
	Osaka	2019	3	3		Hitachi	X	OO	-
	Yamagata	2020	2	1H+V	1G	Toshiba	X	OO	-
	Yonsei	2022	3	1H	2G	Toshiba	X	OO	
계획	Taiwan	2023	3	H+45+V, 45+V, H		Hitachi	X	O	-
	SNUH	2024	2	1H	1G	Toshiba?	X	OO	-
	Mayo	2024?	2	1H	1G	Hitachi?	X	OO	-

# Yonsei Carbon ion Therapy Center



## Accelerator system

- Advanced Operation  
(Extended flat-top operation)
- Ion Beam Injector
- Synchrotron
- Beam Transport Line

## Fixed Beam Treatment Room

1  
Fixed

- Horizontal/  
vertical irradiation ports

## 360° Rotating Gantry Rooms

2  
Gantry

- **Automated patient positioning**
- **3D high-speed scanning**
- **Respiratory-gated irradiation**

- **Compact gantry  
by superconducting magnets**

# Advanced Carbon ion therapy Technology

3次元スキャニング方式

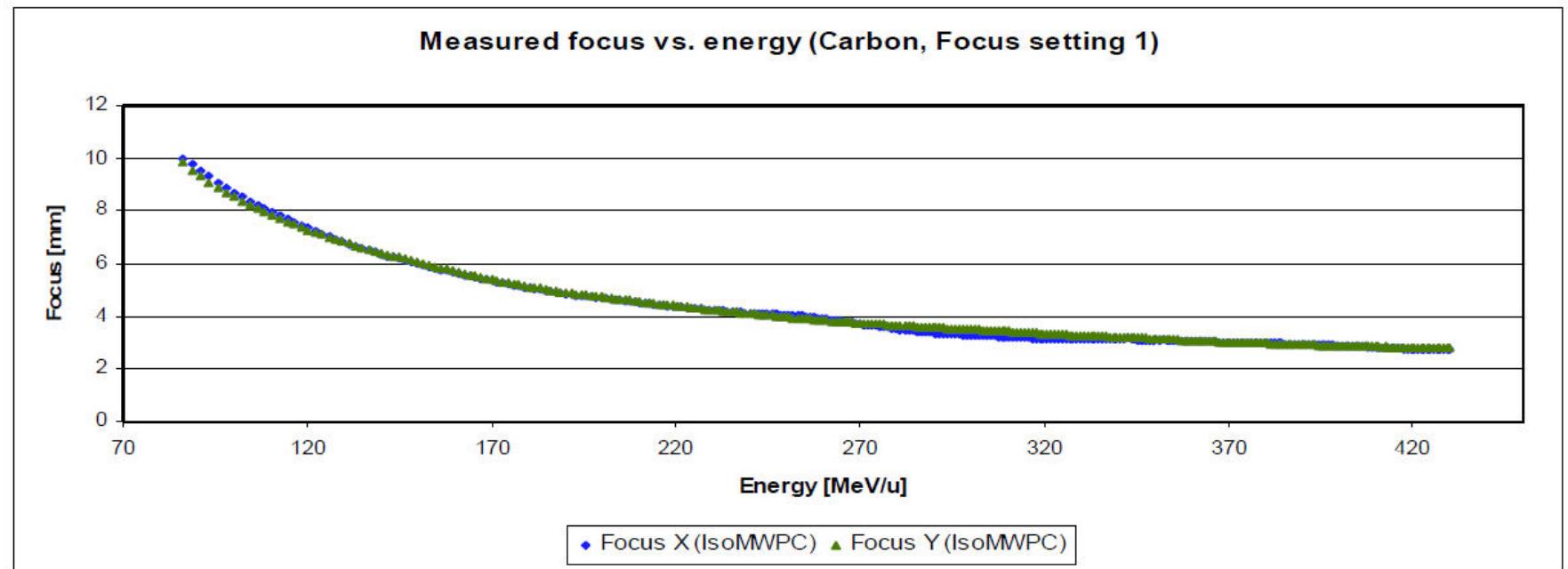
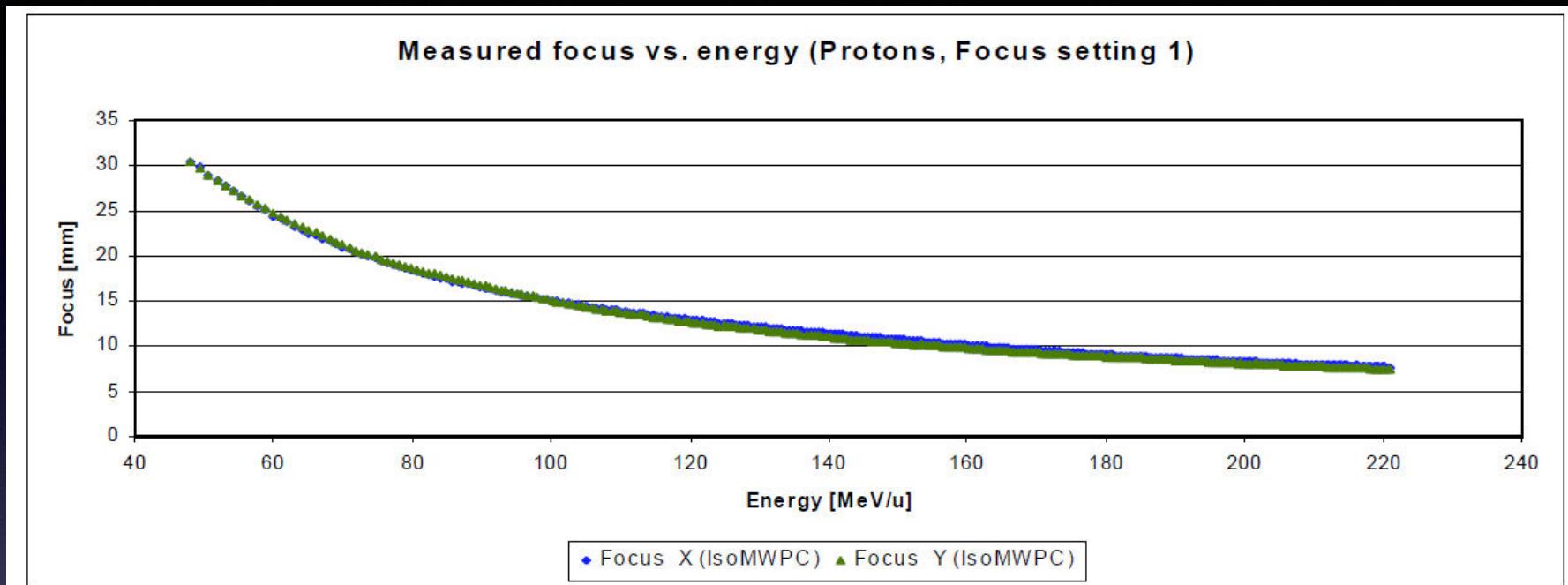


シンプルな装置構成  
조사빔을 그대로 손실없이 암병灶에 조사할  
수 있는 **高いビーク利用効率** 입니다.

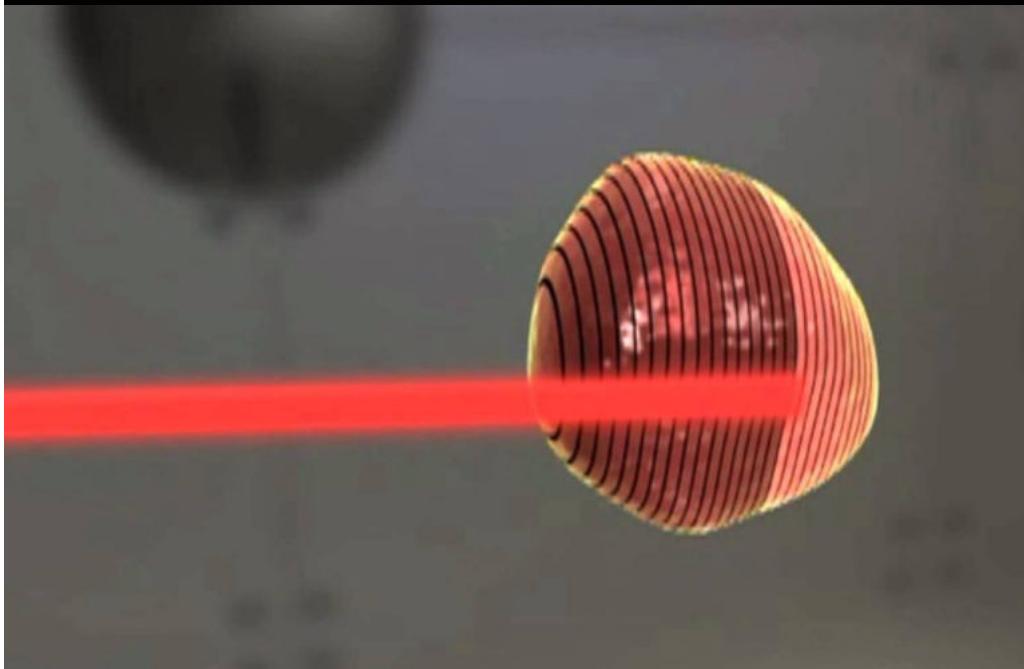
# Advanced Carbon Scanning System

- Small spot size + large field size
  - Fast X-Y Scanning speed (rescanning)
  - Fast energy switching time
  - No. of Energy level without ridge filter
  - Rescanning+Gating without fiducial marker
  - Automated Integrated QA system
  - I need another 2 hours to explain this comparison!
  - Vendors offered own techniques based on their experience
    - We need time to understand our vendors before big decision!
  - However we prefer Toshiba for our Carbon ion project at 2018
- These specs  
should be integrated  
+
- We would like to have  
Already proven &  
Most advance tech

# Particle's spot size, penumbra



# How many E layer we need for carbon?

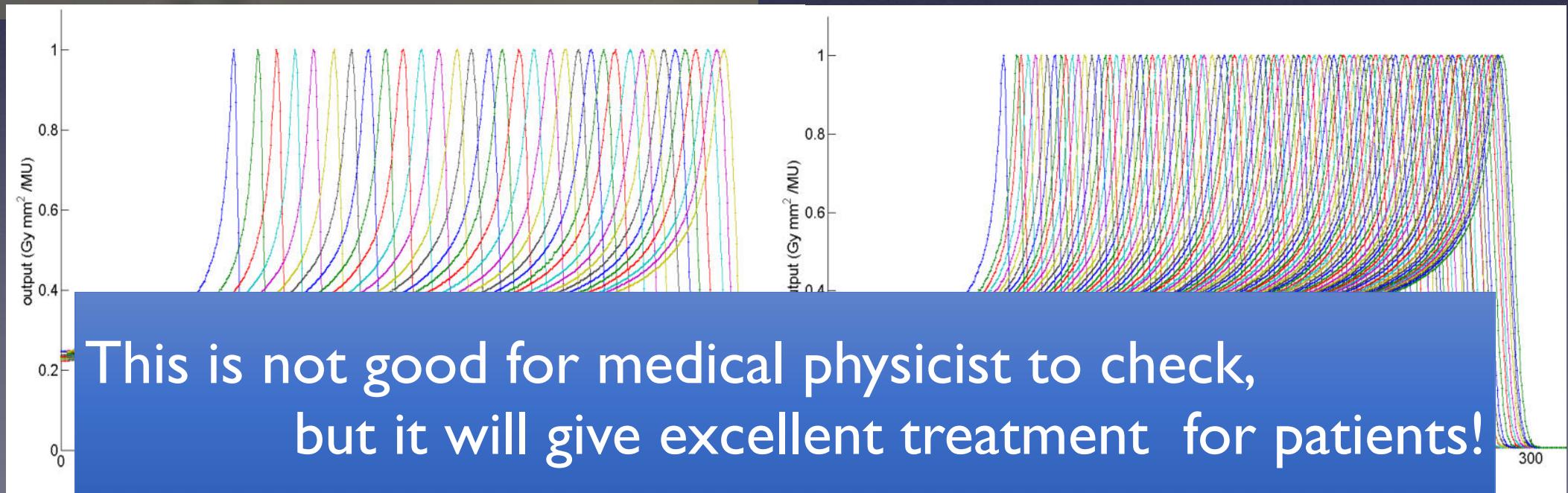


We can have...

1. 11E with Ridge shifter
2. 100 E (2-3mm step)
3. 600 E (0.5mm step)

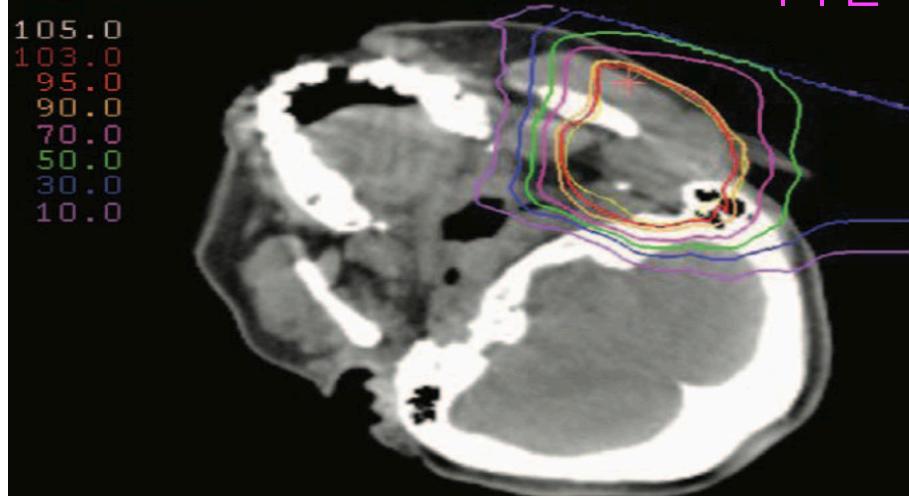
More Important for shallow depth !!!

Need to cover from **0 cm** to 30 cm

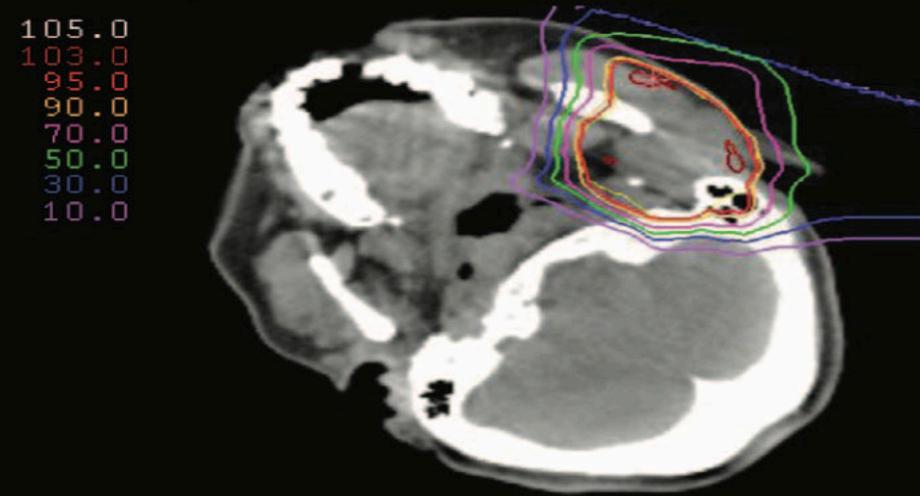


# How many E layer we need for carbon?

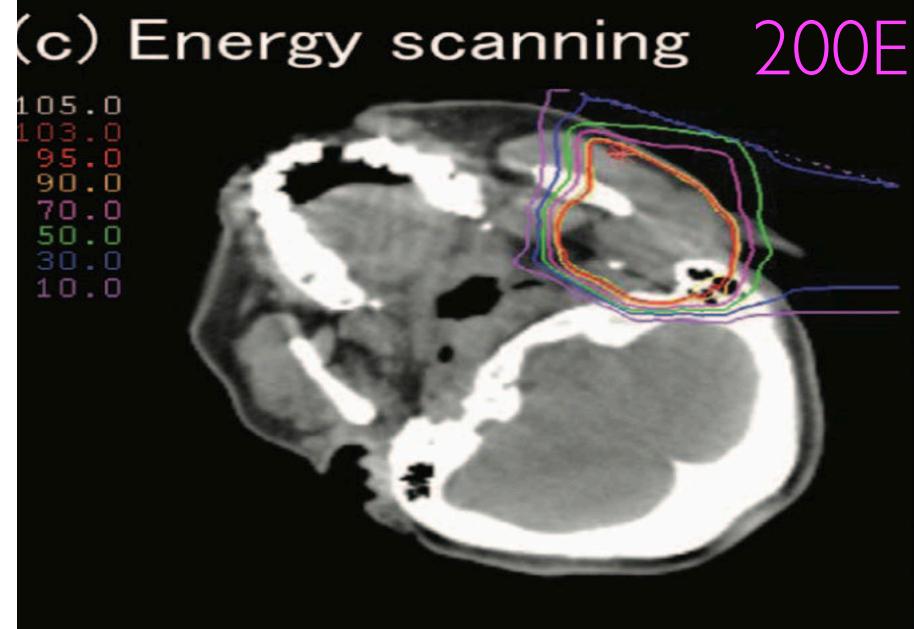
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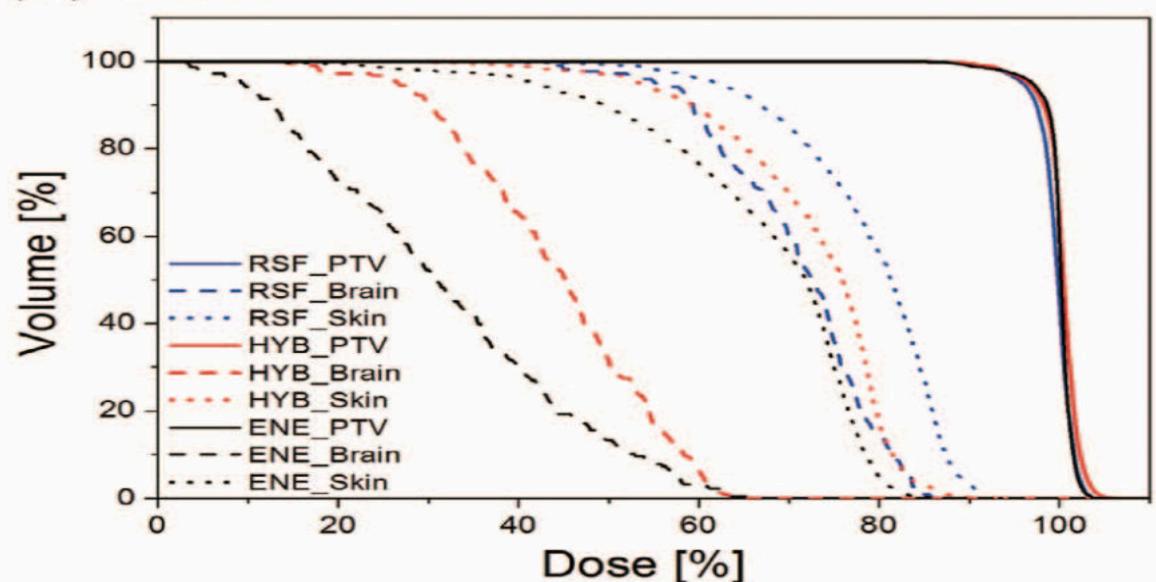
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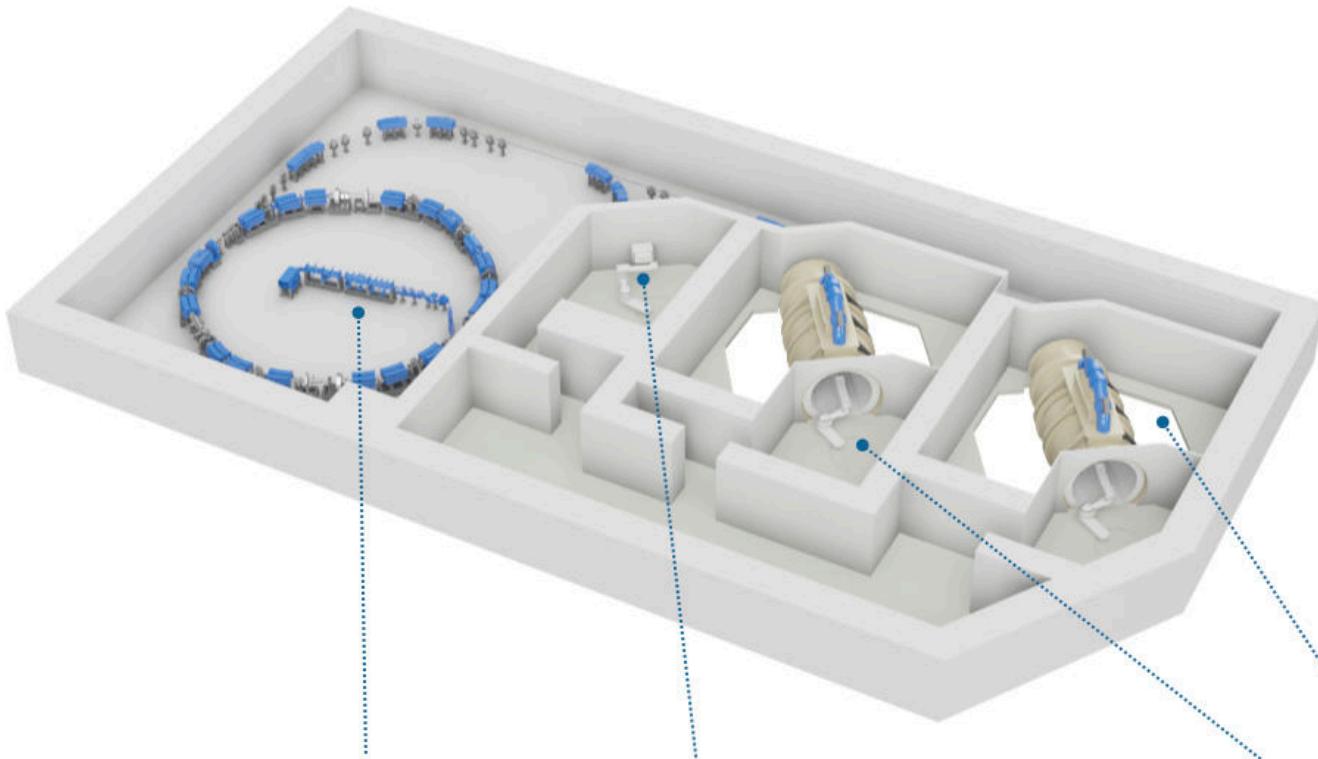
(c) Energy scanning



(d) DVH



# Final decision



## Accelerator system

- Advanced Operation  
(Extended flat-top operation)
- Ion Beam Injector
- Synchrotron
- Beam Transport Line

## Fixed Beam Treatment Room

- Automated patient positioning
- 3D high-speed scanning
- Respiratory-gated irradiation

· Horizontal irradiation ports

## Two 360° Rotating Gantry Rooms

· Compact gantry  
by superconducting magnets

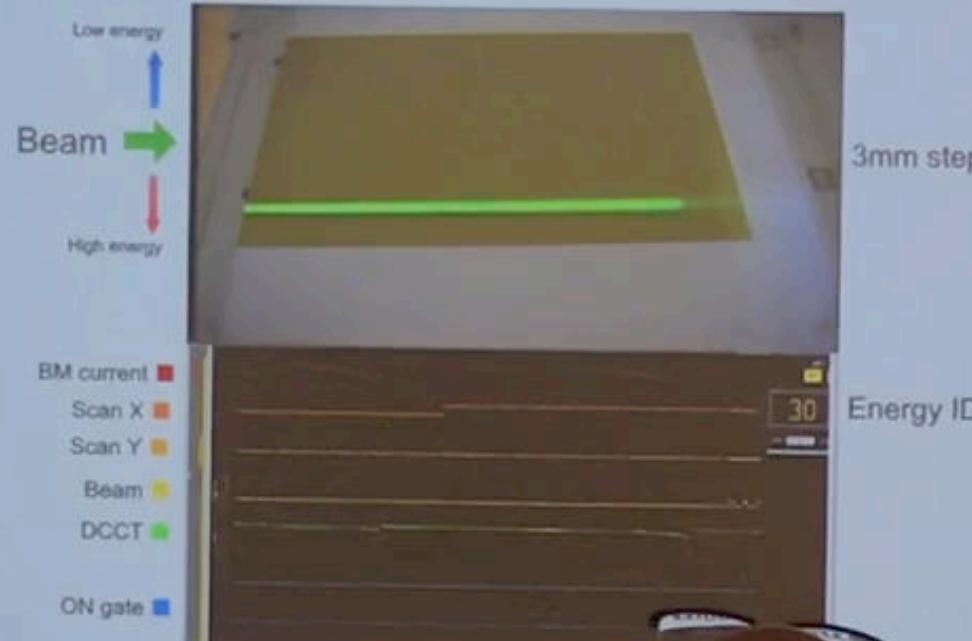


# Key specifications

Item	Specification
1 No of Tx Room	2 Superconducting Gantry + 1 Fixed
2 Accelerator	Synchrotron
3 Ion Species [Max E]	Carbon [430 MeV/u]
4 Field Size	20 cm x 20 cm at isocenter
5 Range (Max, Min)	30 g/cm <sup>2</sup> , 4 g/cm <sup>2</sup>
6 E switching Time	0.3 sec using Multi Energy Extraction
7 Image guidance	2D X-ray, Real-time monitoring, (InRoom CT)
8 Respiratory Tx system	Rescanning with gating system with/without makers
9 Scanning speed	Fast 3D scanning (over 100 m/s)

# Energy switching (with 600 Energy)

## Multiple energy operation

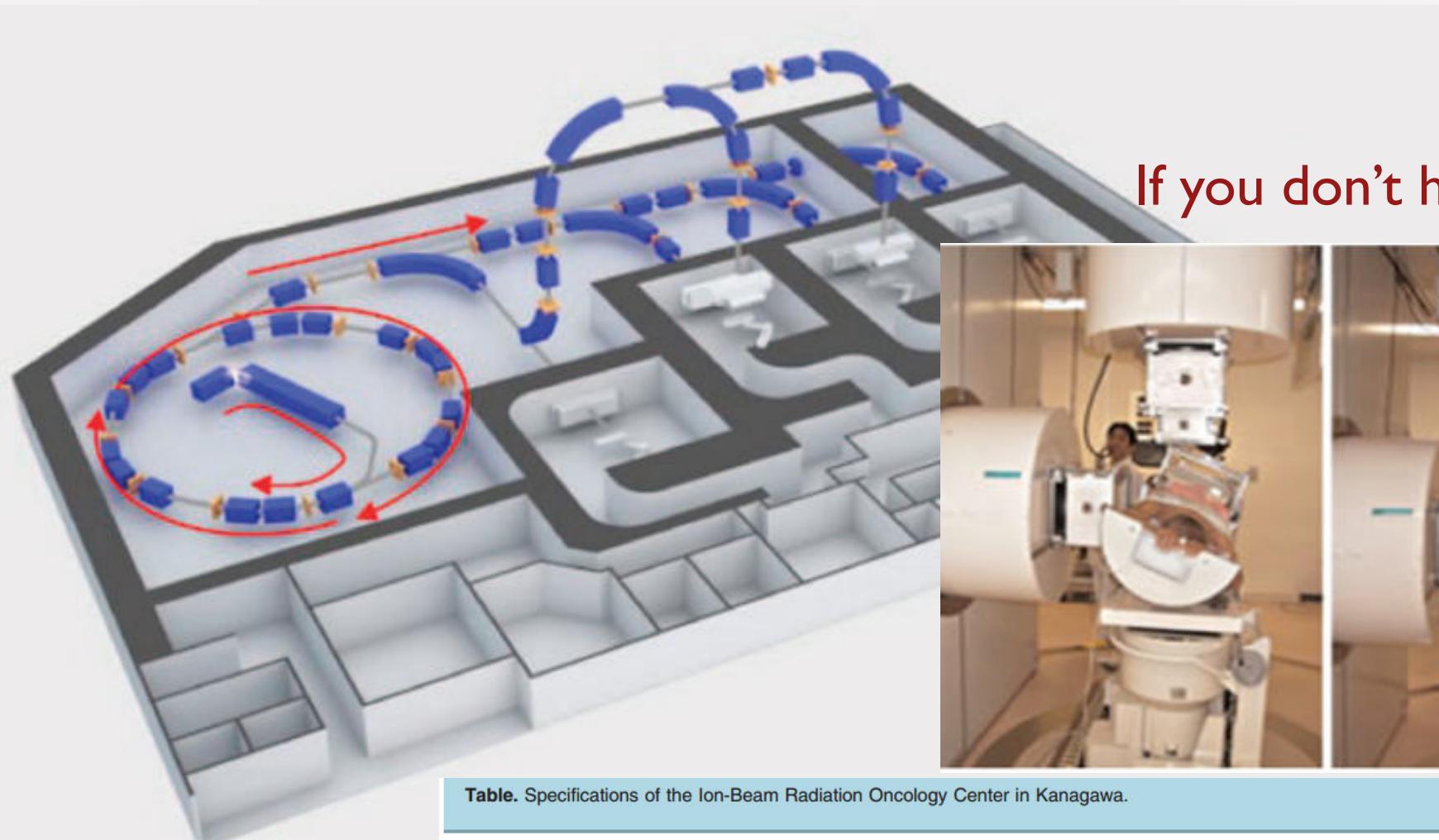


Energy change < !

# Rescanning, Gating without markers



# Do we need a carbon gantry?



**Table.** Specifications of the Ion-Beam Radiation Oncology Center in Kanagawa.

Ion species	Carbon ion
Maximum energy	430 MeV/u; Residual range > 25 cm in water
Range control	0.2 mm step; fine-range shifters with multistep variable energy
Beam delivery	3-dimensional pencil beam fast scanning Irradiation field: 200 × 200 mm
Number of treatment rooms	4 rooms with fixed beam port; 2 with horizontal and vertical beam ports, 2 with horizontal beam port
Treatment couch	Robotic couch with 7 degrees of freedom
Patient positioning	Orthogonal x-ray flat panel detector imaging system Rail-on in-room computed tomography

# Gantry

- Do we really need a Gantry for Carbon?

## Technological Advances

### **Reassessment of the Necessity of the Proton Gantry: Analysis of Beam Orientations From 4332 Treatments at the Massachusetts General Hospital Proton Center Over the Past 10 Years**

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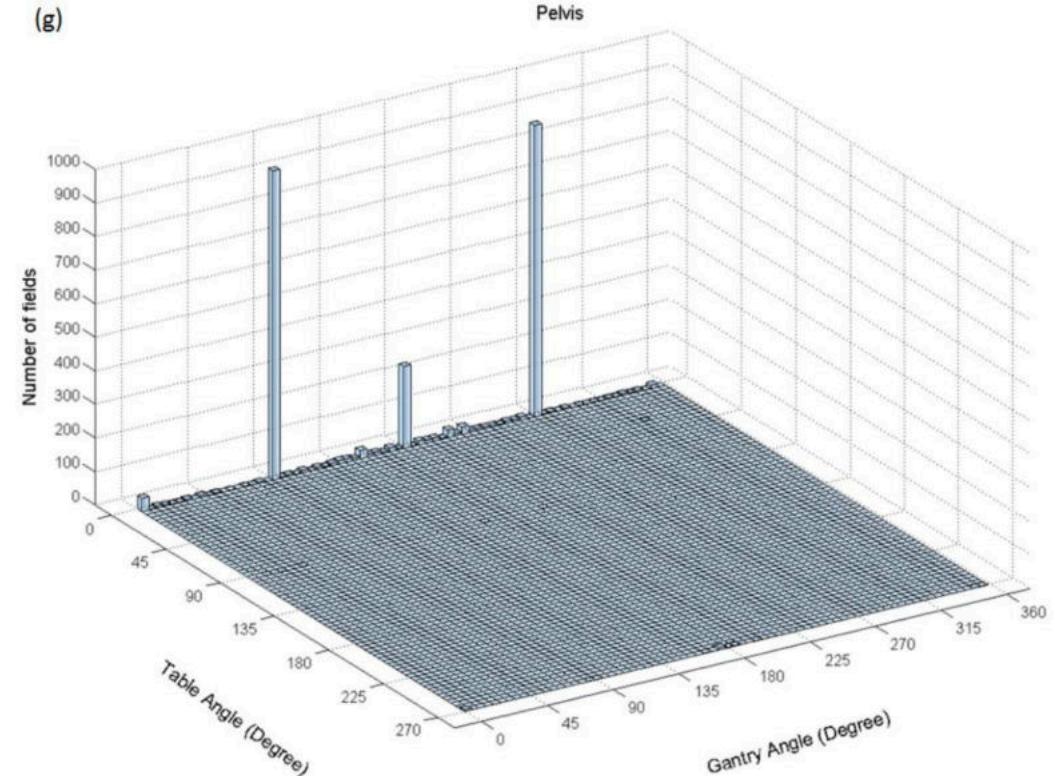
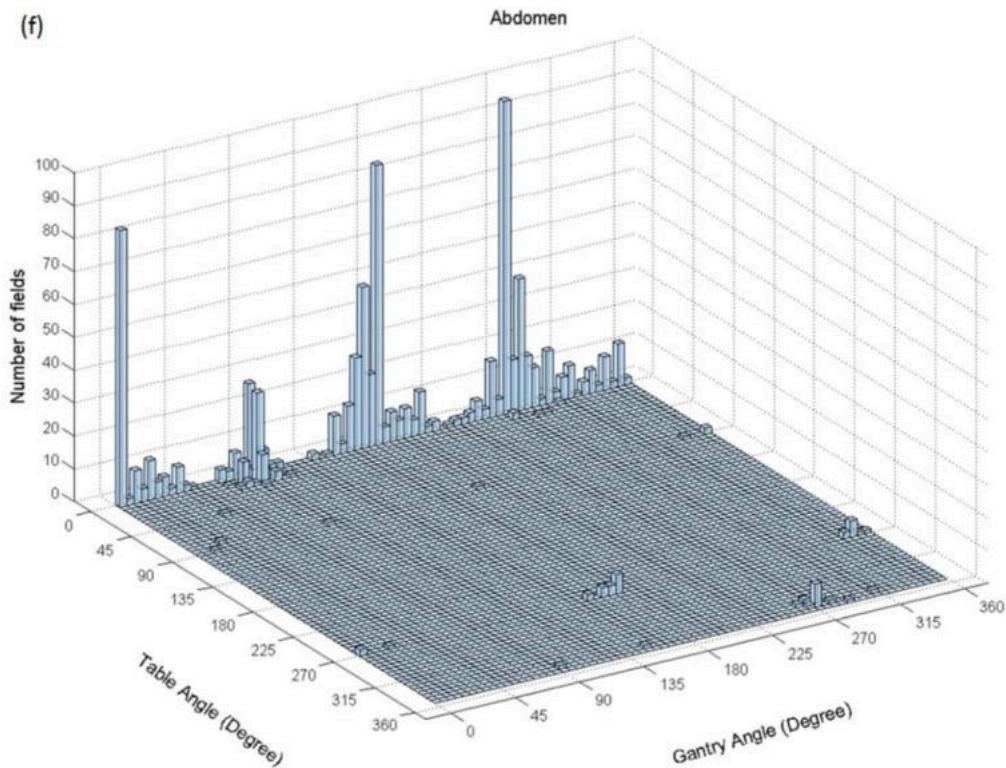
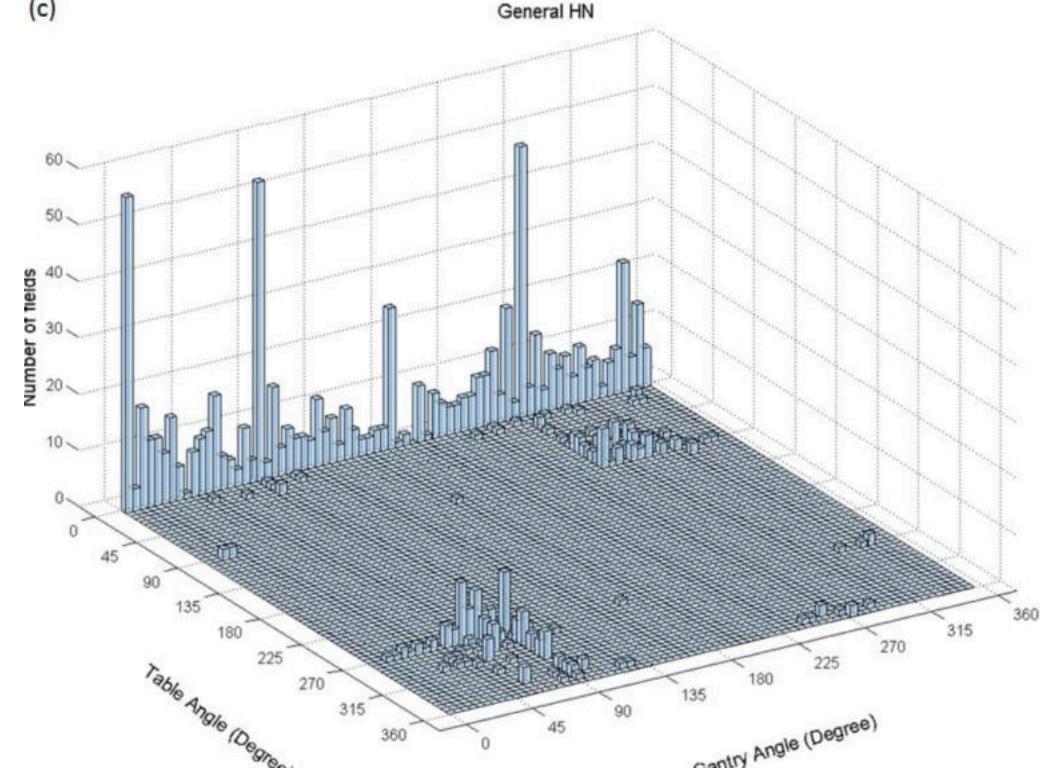
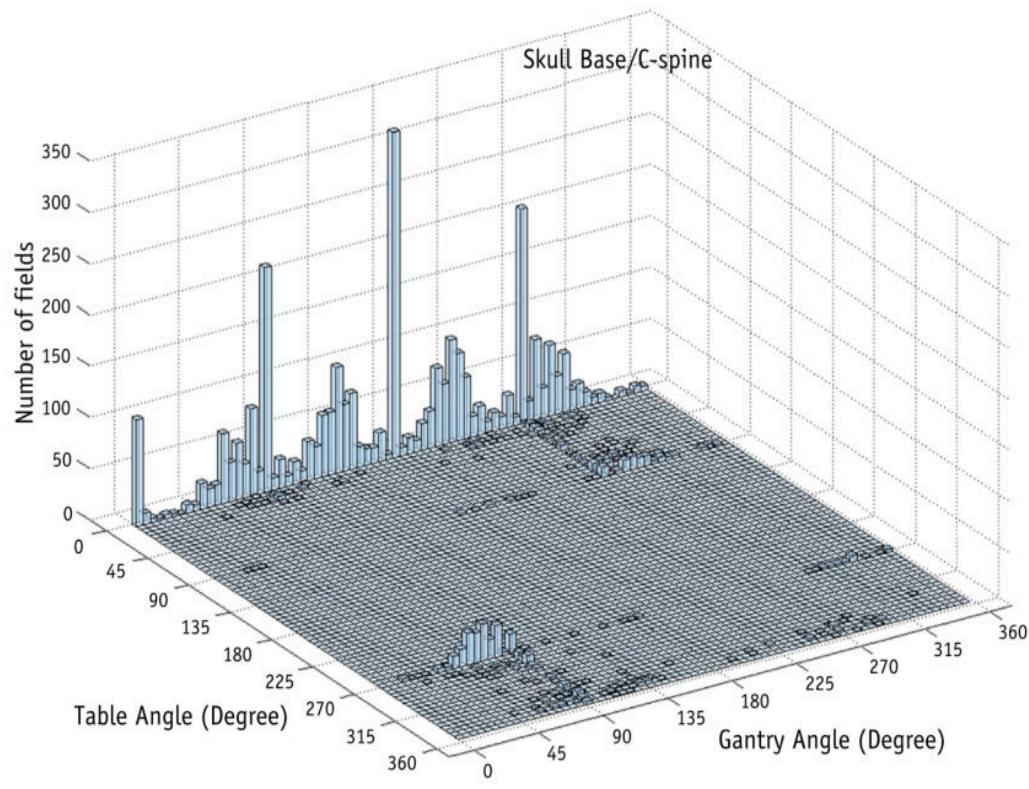
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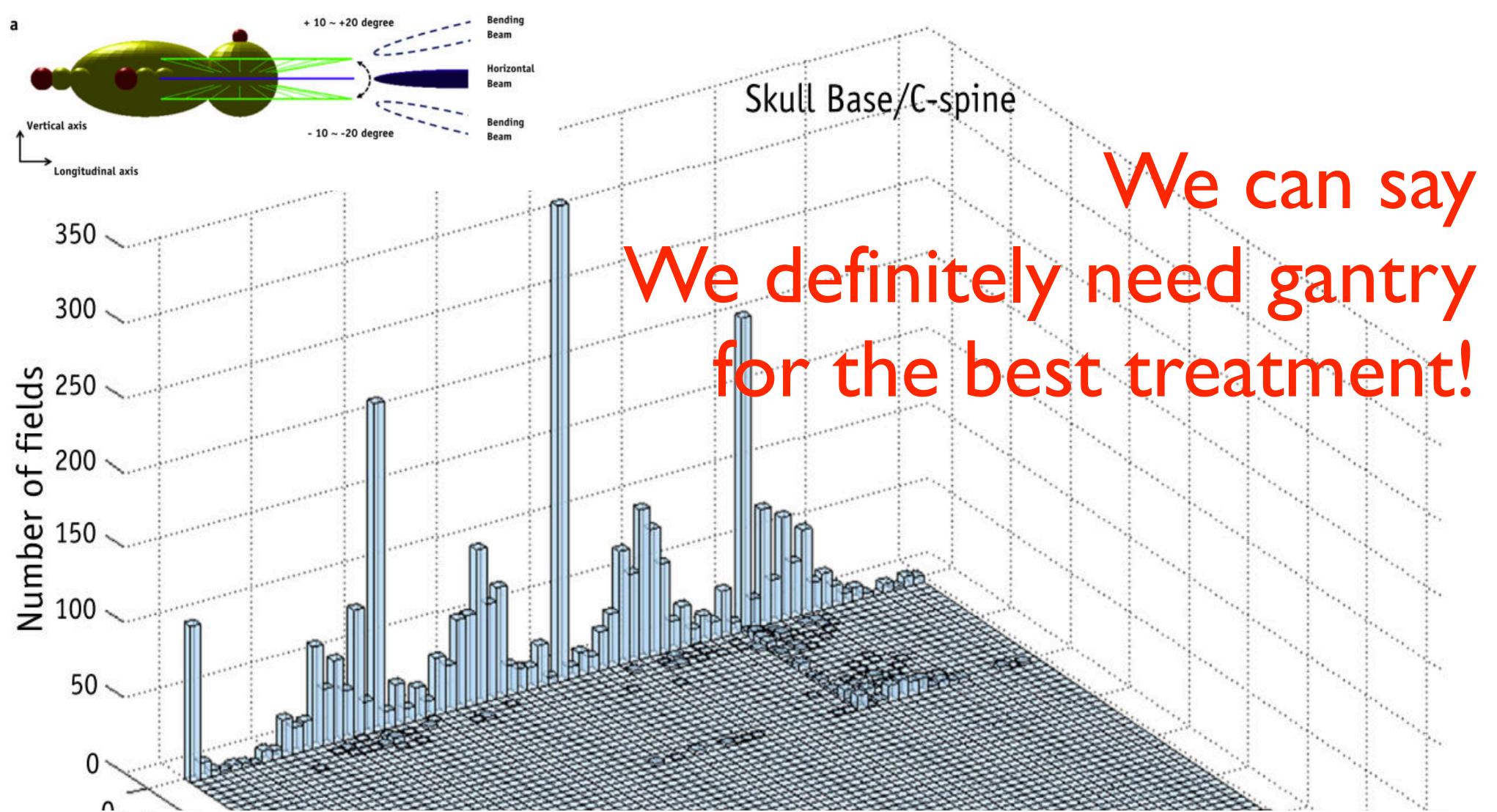
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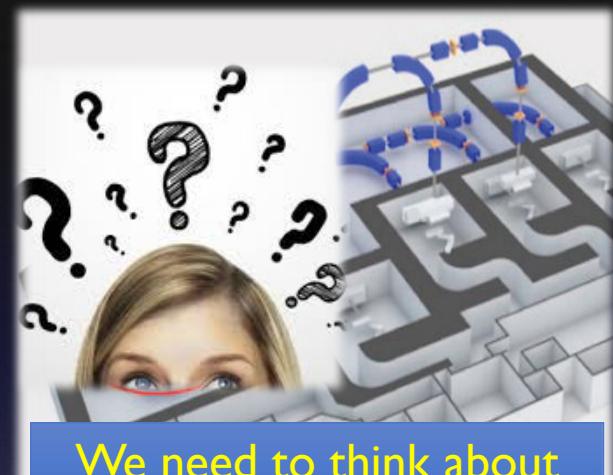
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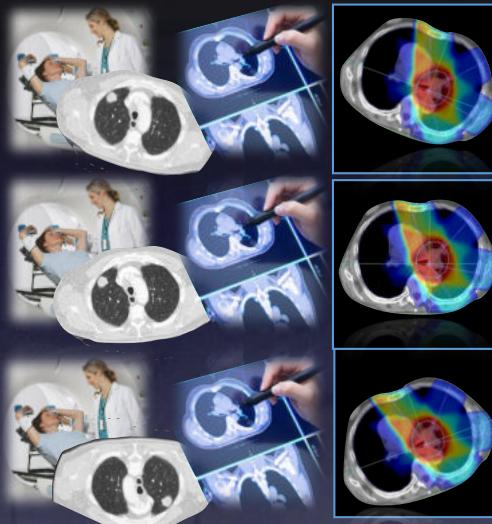


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# If you don't have a Gantry,

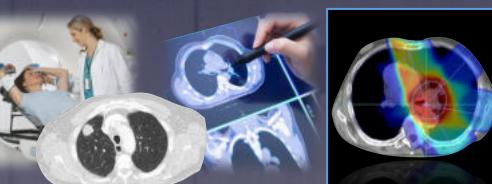
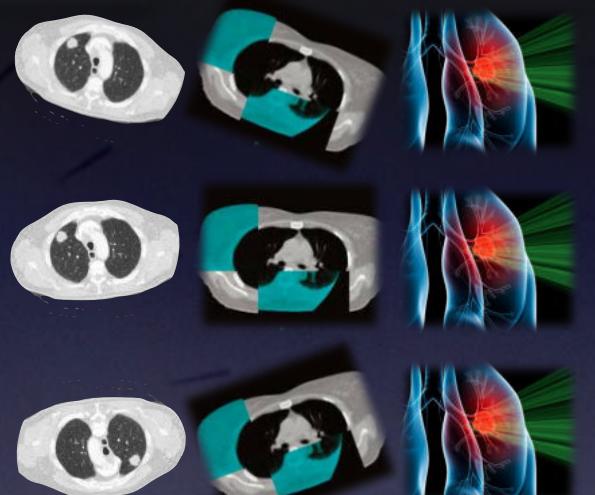


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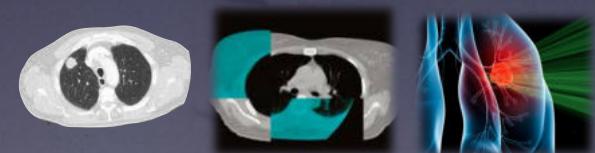


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Summation  
+  
Confirm  
-  
Difficult  
to make  
IMCT plan

Setup IGRT Beam!!



Simple  
Workflow  
with IMCT



## Gantry can make everyone happy!

- Doctors, Physicist, Dosimetrist, RTT, Nurse and Patient!!!!
- Even hospital !!!! to get high patients number!

# MEDICAL PHYSICS

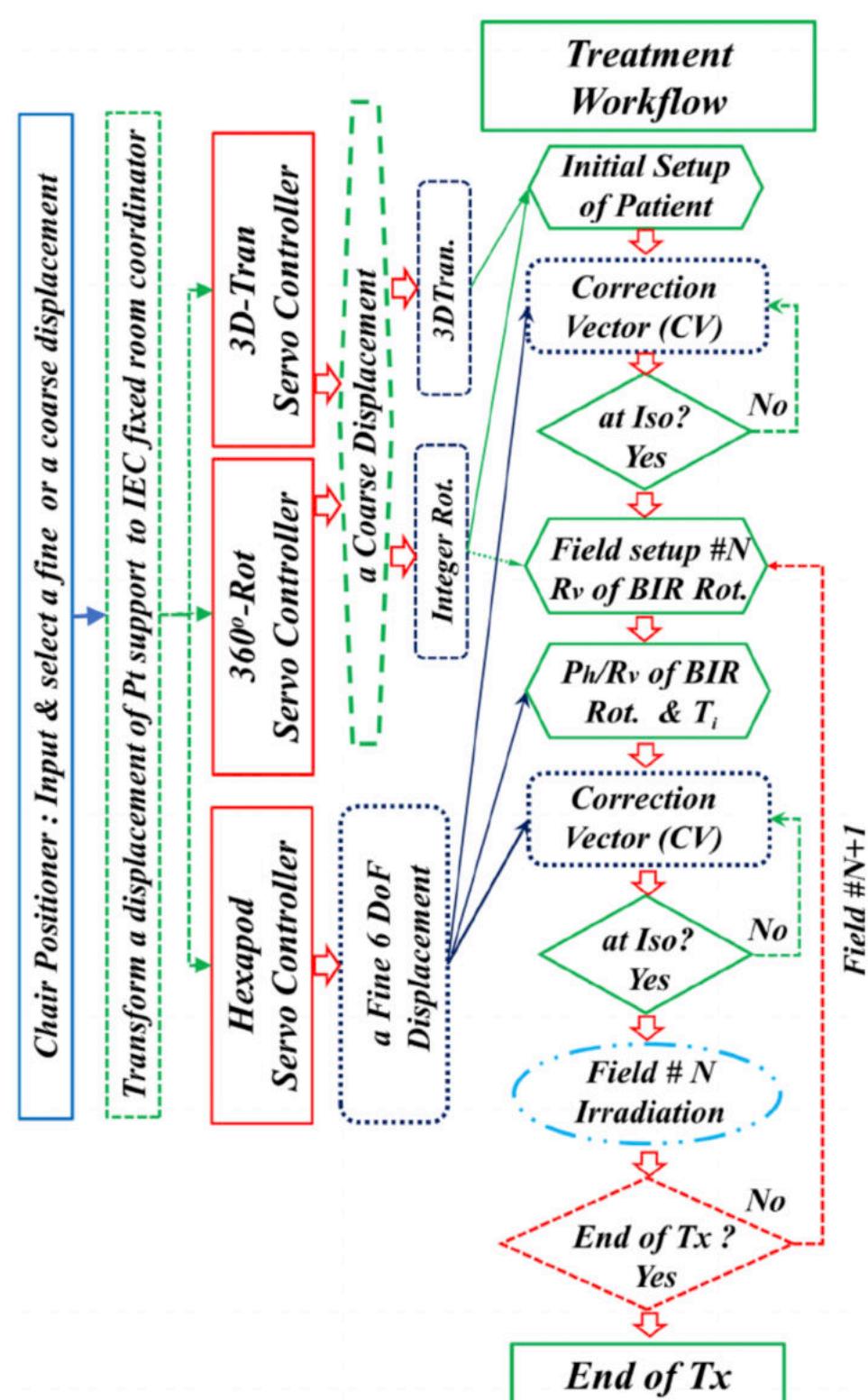
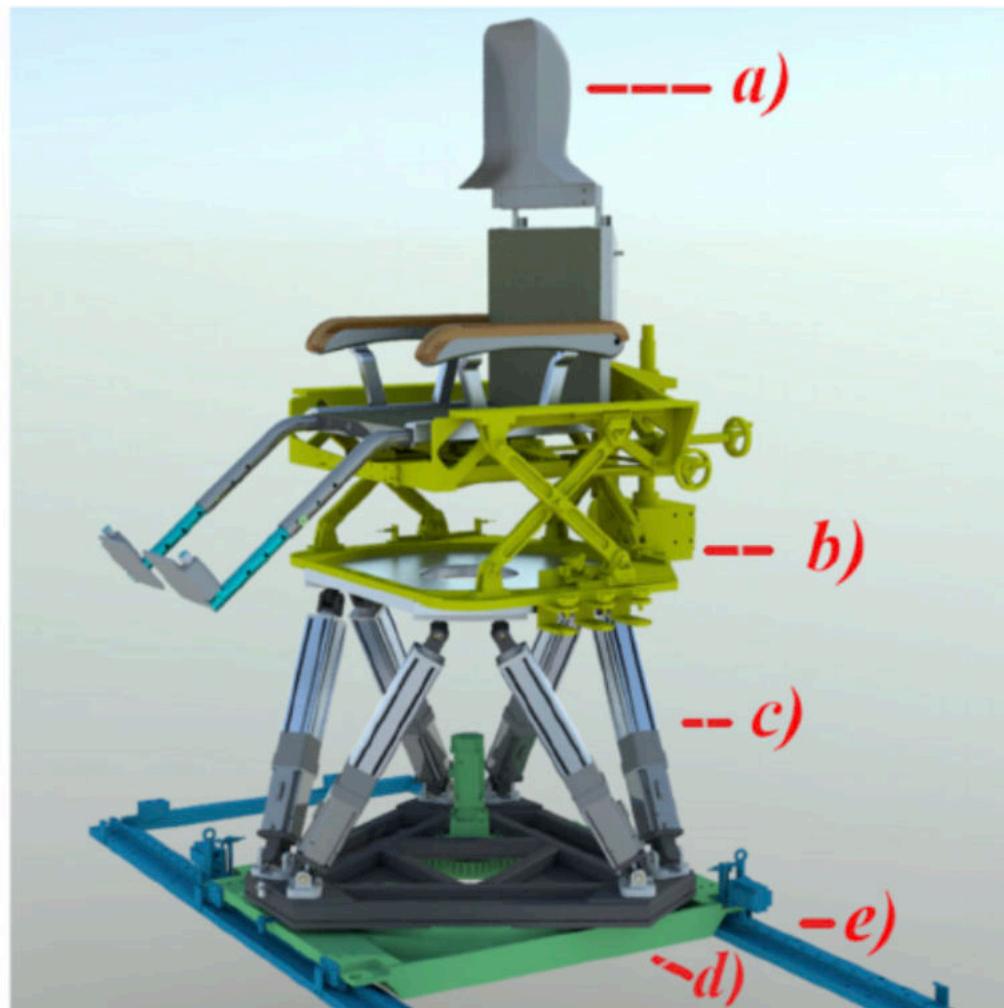
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Development of an isocentric rotating chair positioner to treat patients of head and neck cancer at upright seated position with multiple nonplanar fields in a fixed carbon-ion beamline

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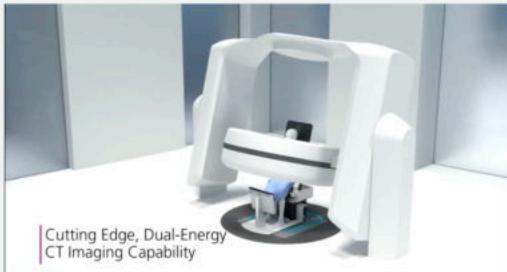
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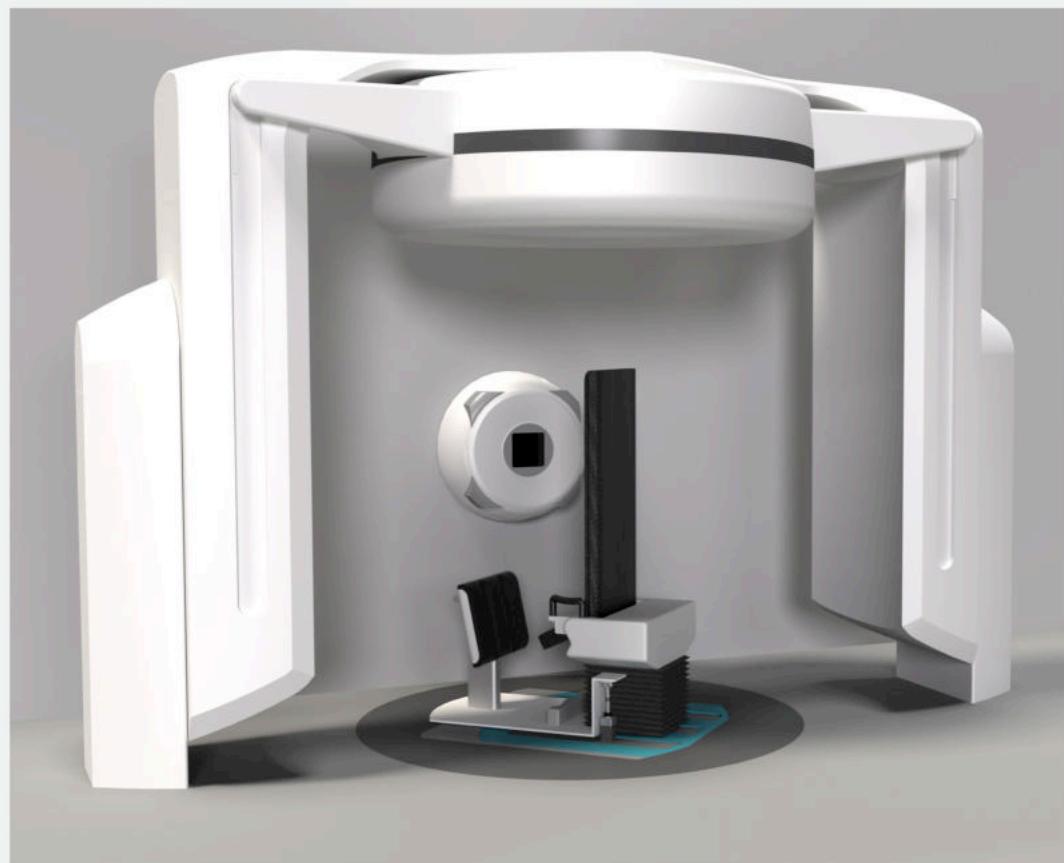
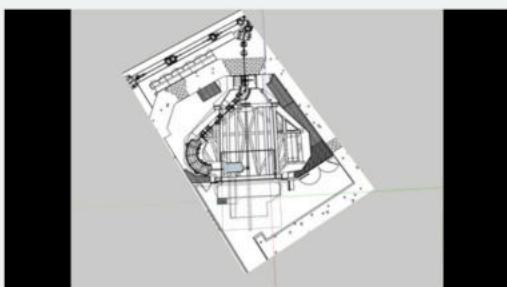
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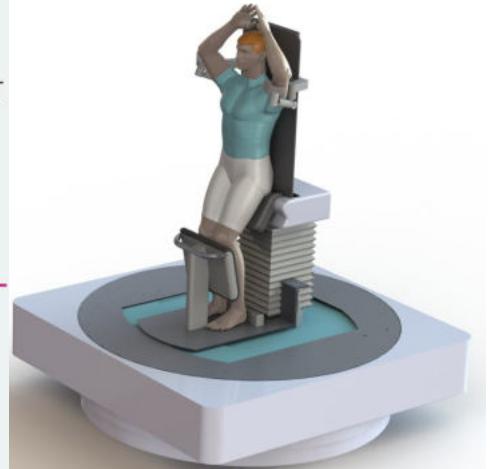
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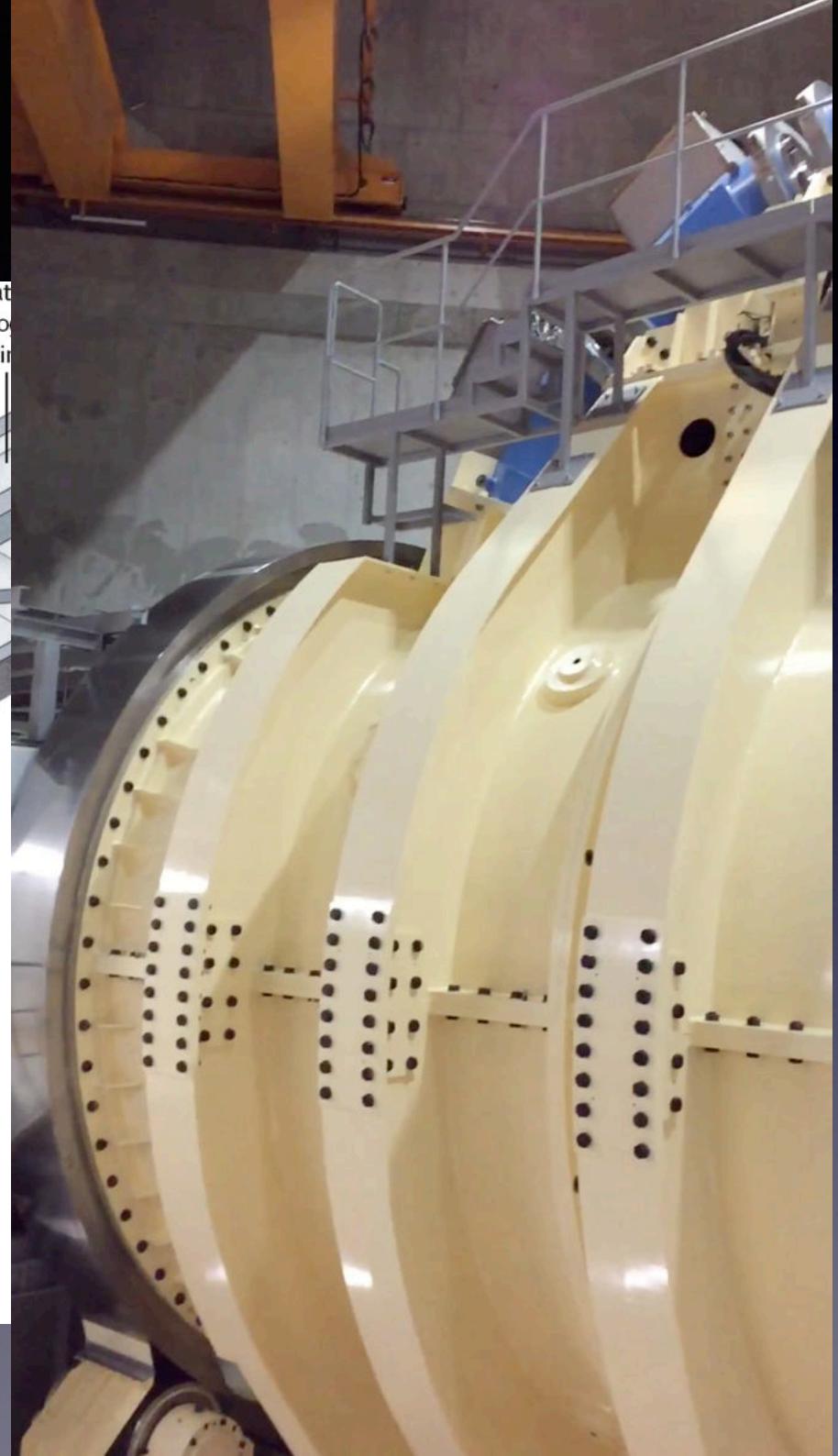
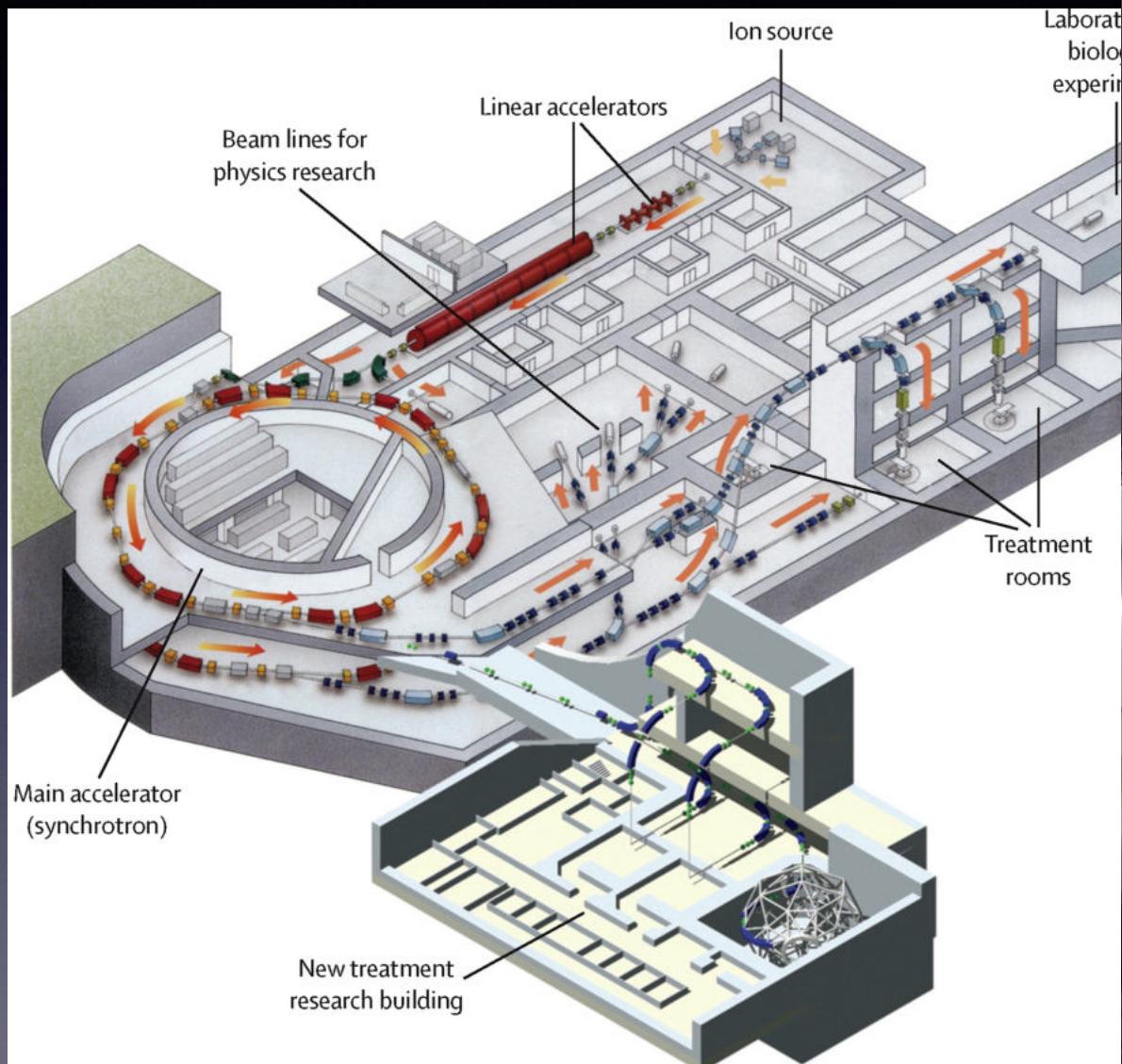
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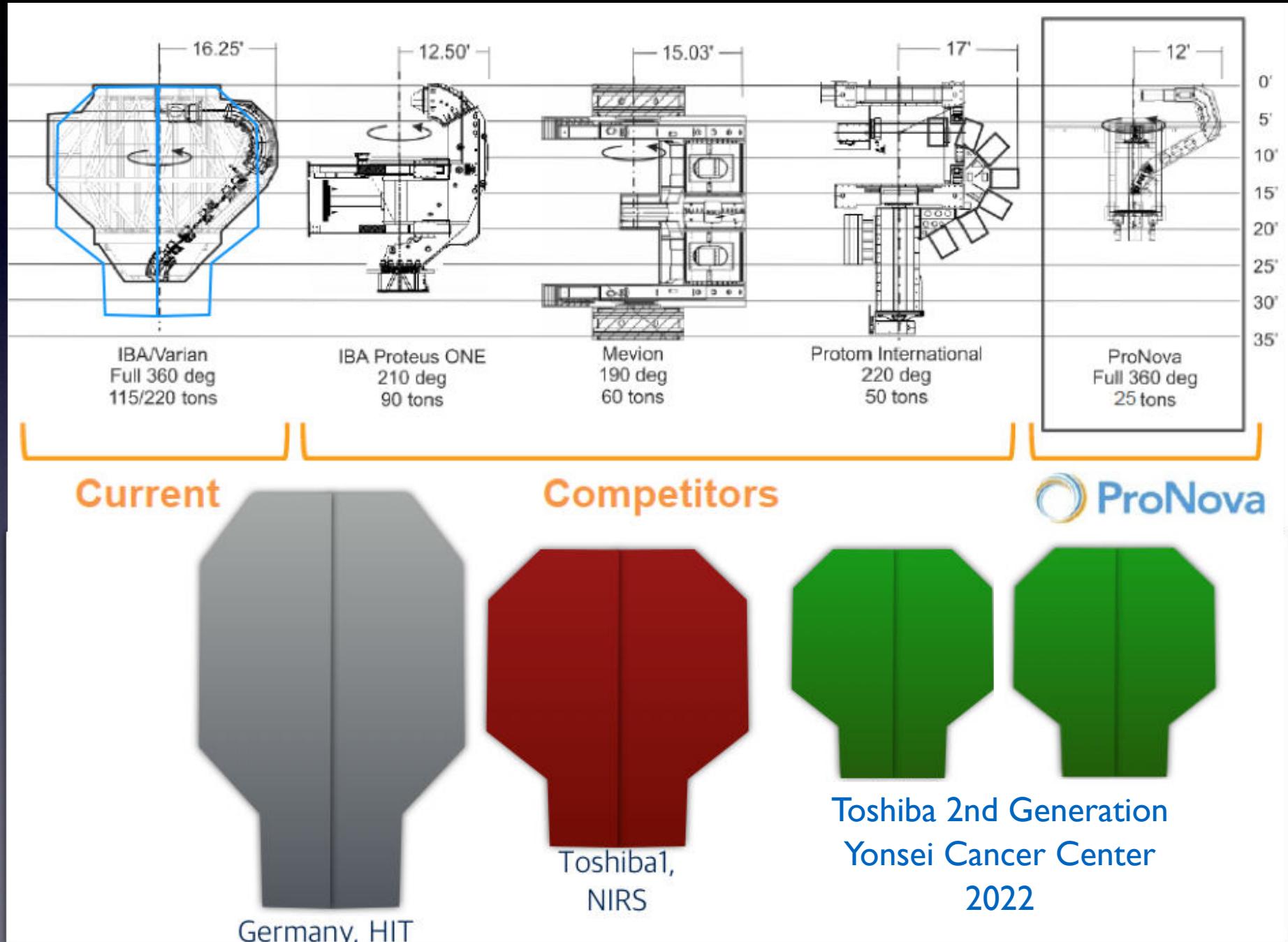
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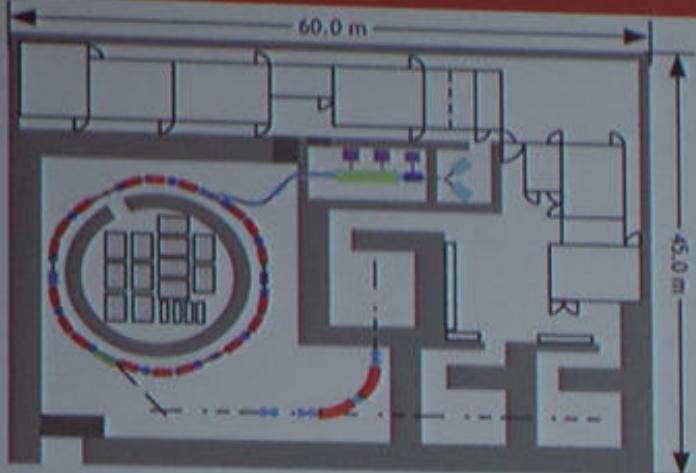


# Particle's gantry (proton,carbon)



# Next generation's carbon

## Future Ion beam Facility R/D Plan



### 3<sup>rd</sup> generation

Present

Synchrotron: diameter 20m

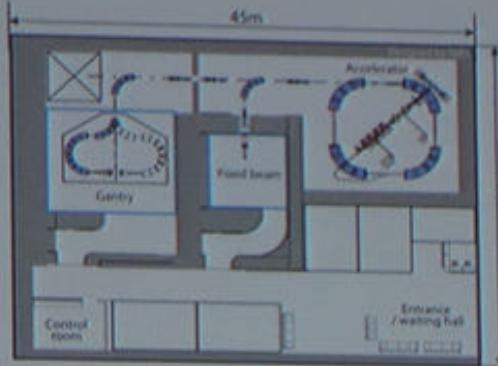
Foot print: 60m x 45m

Beam delivery:

Fixed port wobbler type

Fixed port scanning

Gantry scanning (SCM: 2.9T)



### 4<sup>th</sup> generation

Near future

synchrotron: diameter 10m  
(SCDM synchrotron)

Foot print 45m x 34m

Beam delivery:

Fixed port scanning

Gantry scanning (SCM: 2.9T)



### 5<sup>th</sup> generation

2030~

synchrotron: diameter 7m  
(HMFSCDM synchrotron)

Injector: length 2m  
(Laser acceleration)

Foot print 20m x 10m  
(in house installing)

Beam delivery:  
Gantry scanning  
(HMFSCM: 4T)

SCM : super conducting magnet

HMF : High magnetic field

# 2030?

**Super MINIMAC(next to the next)**

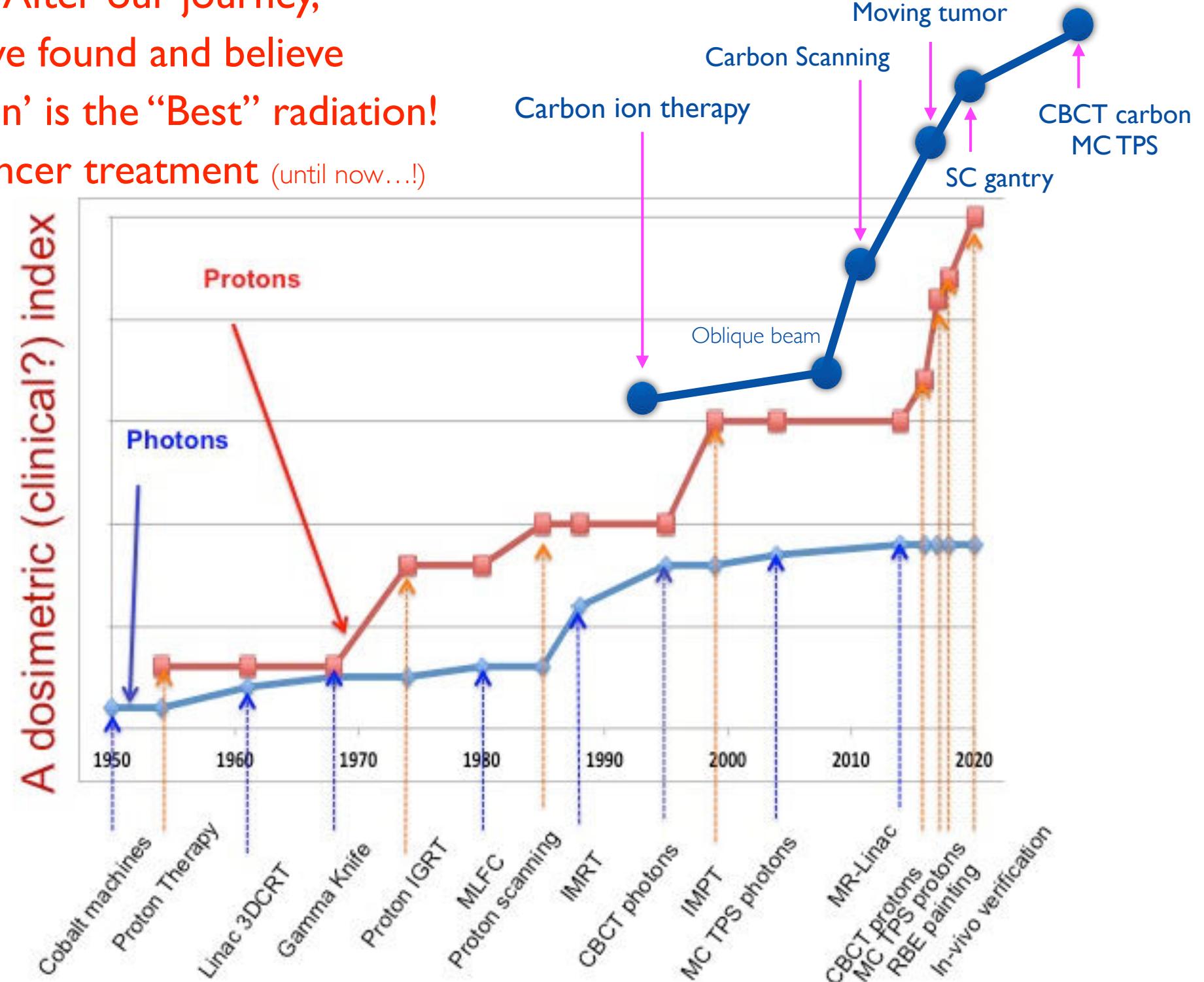
Rotating Gantry 回転ガントリー

Superconducting Magnet Installed Ion Medical Accelerator in Chiba

- ✓ Realize cost of less than \$50M before 2030
- ✓ Treatment capacity of 500 patients/year
- ✓ Multi-ion “Quantum Mess”

<http://www.japantimes.co.jp>

After our journey,  
we found and believe  
**'Carbon'** is the “**Best**” radiation!  
for cancer treatment (until now...!)



# **Assessment of potential advantages of relevant ions for particle therapy: A model based study**

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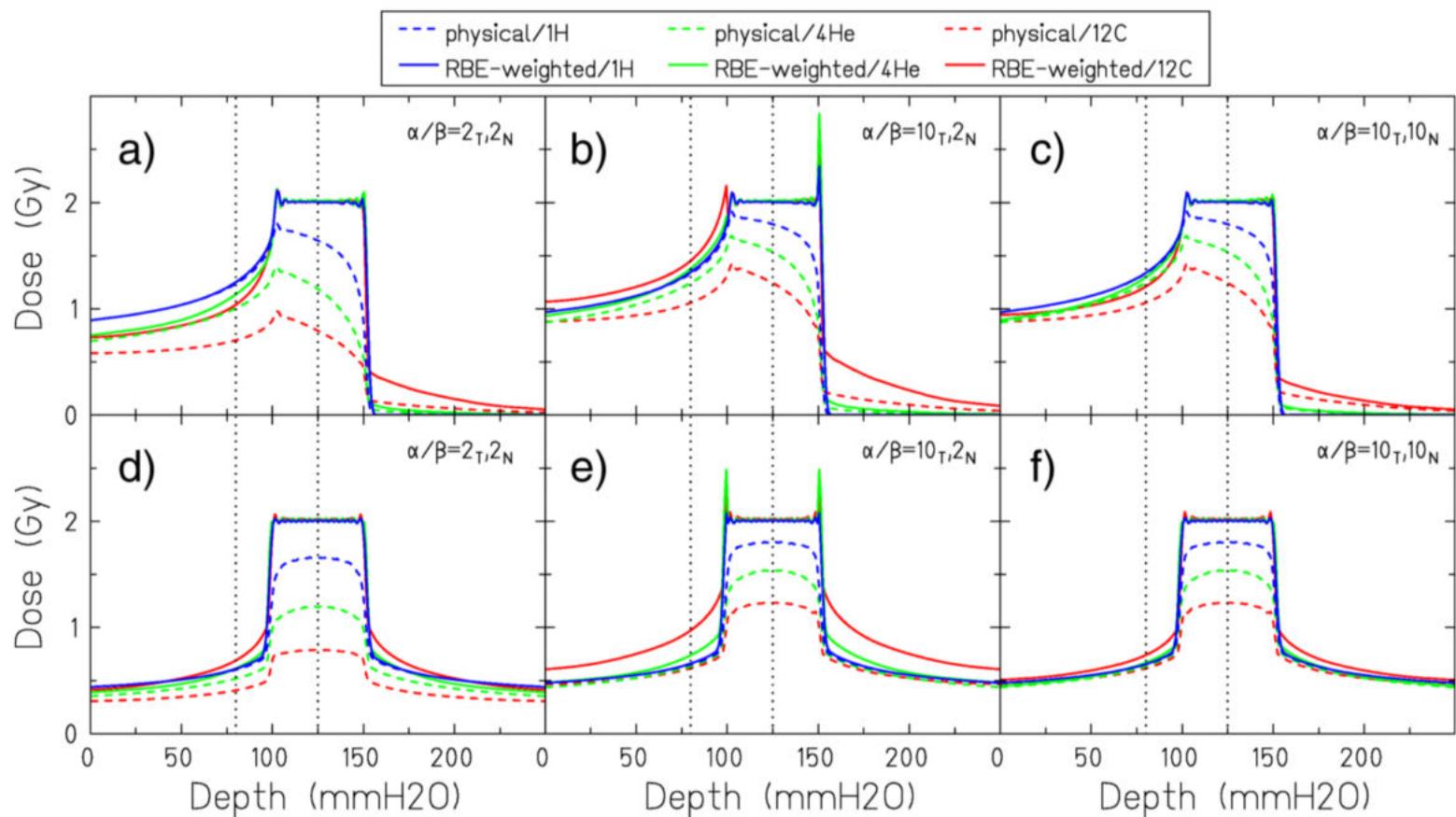
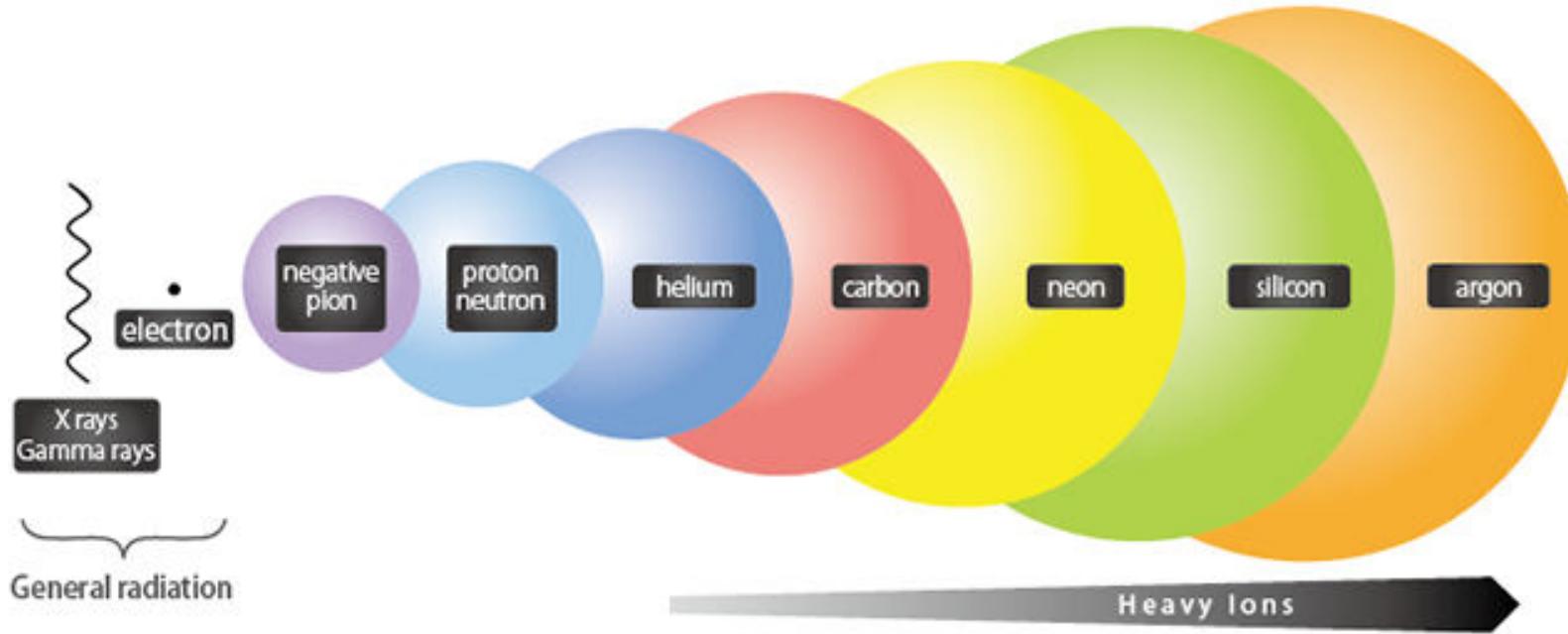
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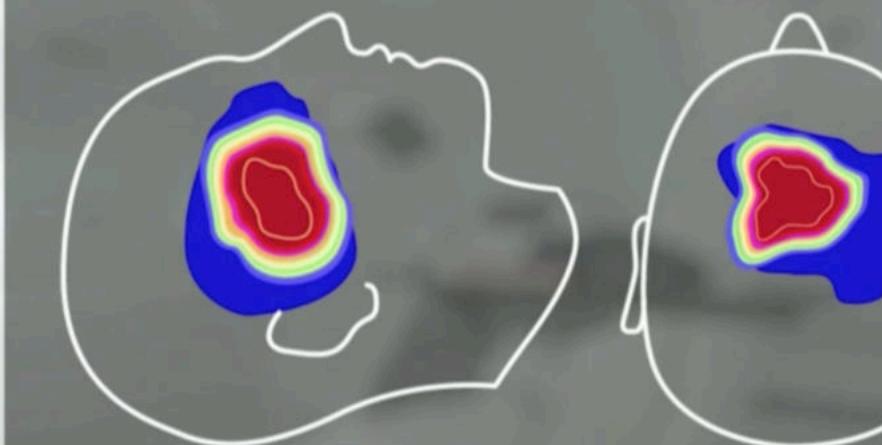
Helium ions are thus expected to represent a promising alternative to protons and carbon ions overcoming the weakness of both with an intermediate effectiveness.



# Summary



## IBA Arc Therapy



\*Source: Li et al. Radiotherapy and Oncology 137 (2019) 130–136

FLASH IRRADIATION AT ISOCENTER  
IN CLINICAL MODE  
Cube 2x2x2 [cm]

Flash dose rate: **60 Gy/s**

1 kHz pulsed

June 15, 2020

Germany's Heidelberg University Hospital will become the world's first cancer center to use RayStation for helium ion therapy planning

PDF

RaySearch Laboratories AB (publ) and Heidelberg University Hospital's Ion Beam Therapy Center announce the world's first clinical release with support for helium ion therapy in treatment planning system RayStation®\*.



RayStation is the first commercial treatment planning system in the world to support helium ion therapy. Heidelberg University Hospital's Ion Beam Therapy Center will become the first in Europe with helium, and first in the world with pencil-beam scanning (PBS) delivery.

The leading oncology center in Heidelberg, Germany, bought licenses from RaySearch for helium PBS in March 2018 and intends to conduct a clinical study of 20-50 patients starting 2021 to demonstrate the effectiveness of helium ion therapy on cancer patients.

RayStation offers support for robust optimization and evaluation, dose tracking and everything else that is already supported for proton and carbon ion therapy. Physical dose calculation is performed using a pencil beam dose algorithm implemented on the graphic processing unit, and the relative biological effective dose is determined using either the local effect model or microdosimetric kinetics model.

Prof. Dr. Dr. Juergen Debus, chairman of the department of radiation oncology at Heidelberg and director of the national center of tumor diseases, says: "It will now be possible to integrate helium treatment planning into our precision radiotherapy program including modern photon and particle beams on the RayStation platform and seamlessly optimize the treatment for every patient."

Johan Löf, founder and CEO, RaySearch, says: "Heidelberg has been an important clinical partner for RaySearch for several years, and it's exciting to enter clinic trials for helium ion therapy with the esteemed team in Germany. Collaboration on this level is the drive force of innovation within precision health care and a cornerstone of our approach to innovation."



Particle therapy  
is the future.

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# Ongoing in Yonsei

- Full Maintenance
- KINS approval - 2020
  - RIST(Research Organization for Information Science and Technology)
    - performed radiation shielding calculations for all carbon ion centers
- Staffing
  - 0 Professors
  - 00 Medical Physicists
    - medical physicists, operators, planners
- Research
  - Clinical research, Medical physics, Biological, Translational research



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