

# PROTON AND CARBON LINACS FOR HADRONTHERAPY

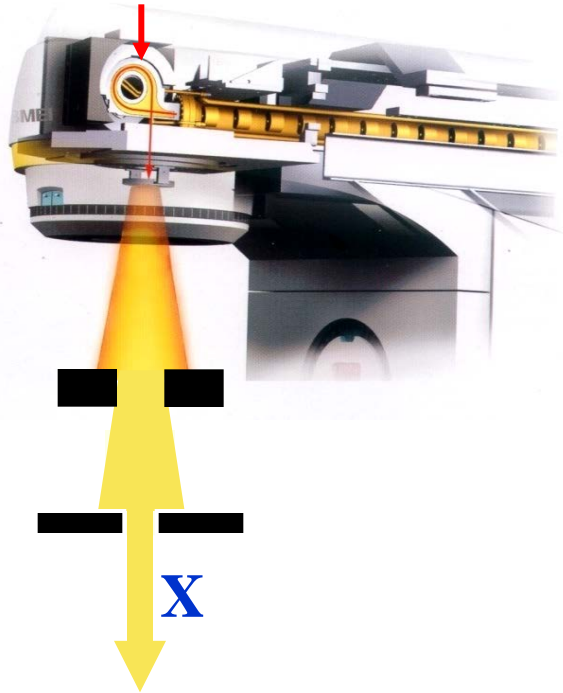
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## *The beginnings*

# Conventional X-ray therapy

electrons



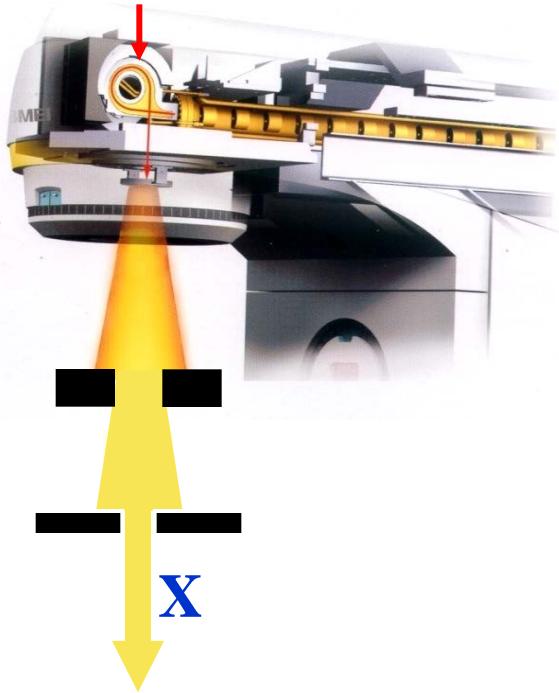
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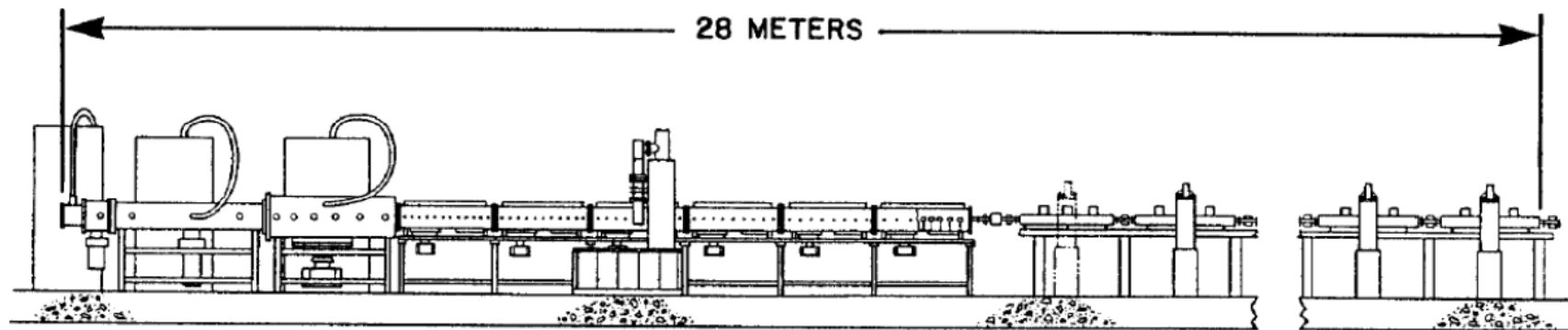
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**In the world radiation oncologists  
use 20 000 electron linacs**

**50% of all the existing accelerators  
of energy larger than 1 MeV**



# 1991: first “all-linac” approach to proton therapy



Schematic layout of the model PL-250 proton therapy linac designed in 1991 by R. Hamm, K. Crandall and J. Potter

R. W. Hamm, K. R. Crandall and J. M. Potter, Preliminary design of a dedicated proton therapy linac, in *Proc. PAC90*, Vol. 4 (San Francisco, 1991), pp. 2583–2585.

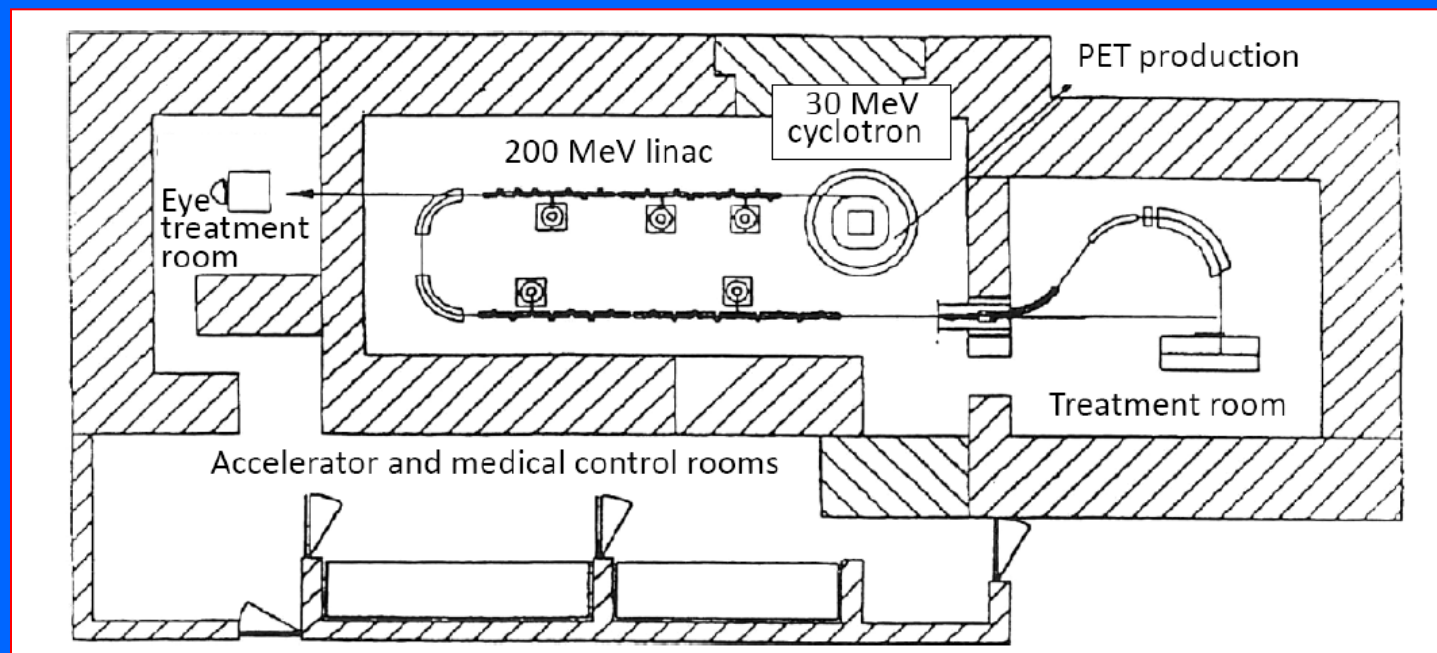
## review paper

### High Frequency Linacs for Hadrontherapy

Ugo Amaldi      Saverio Braccini      Paolo Puggioni

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## 1994: “cyclinac” approach to proton therapy



U. Amaldi, The Italian hadrontherapy project, in *Hadron Therapy in Oncology*, eds. U. Amaldi and B. Larsson (Elsevier, 1994), p. 45.

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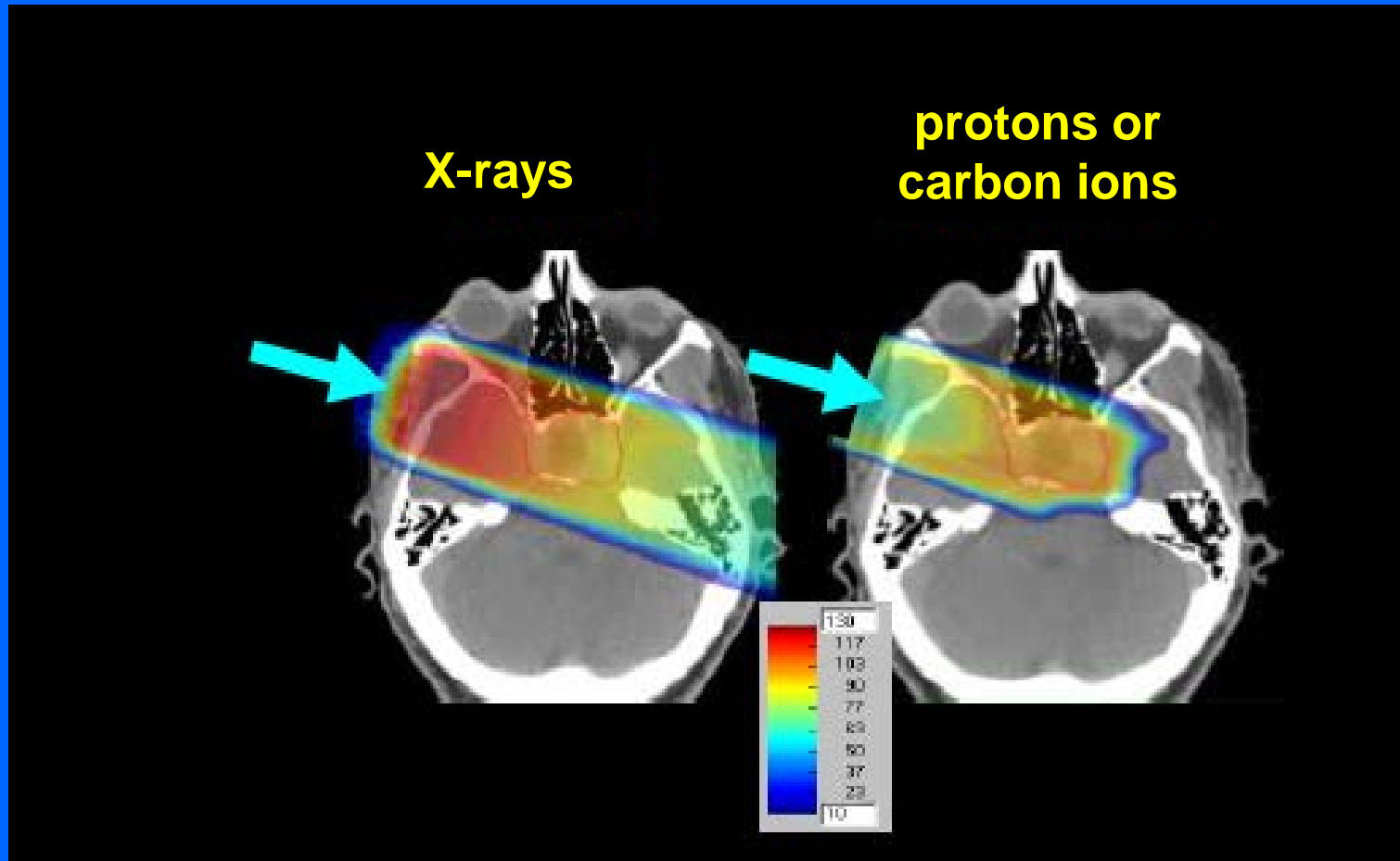
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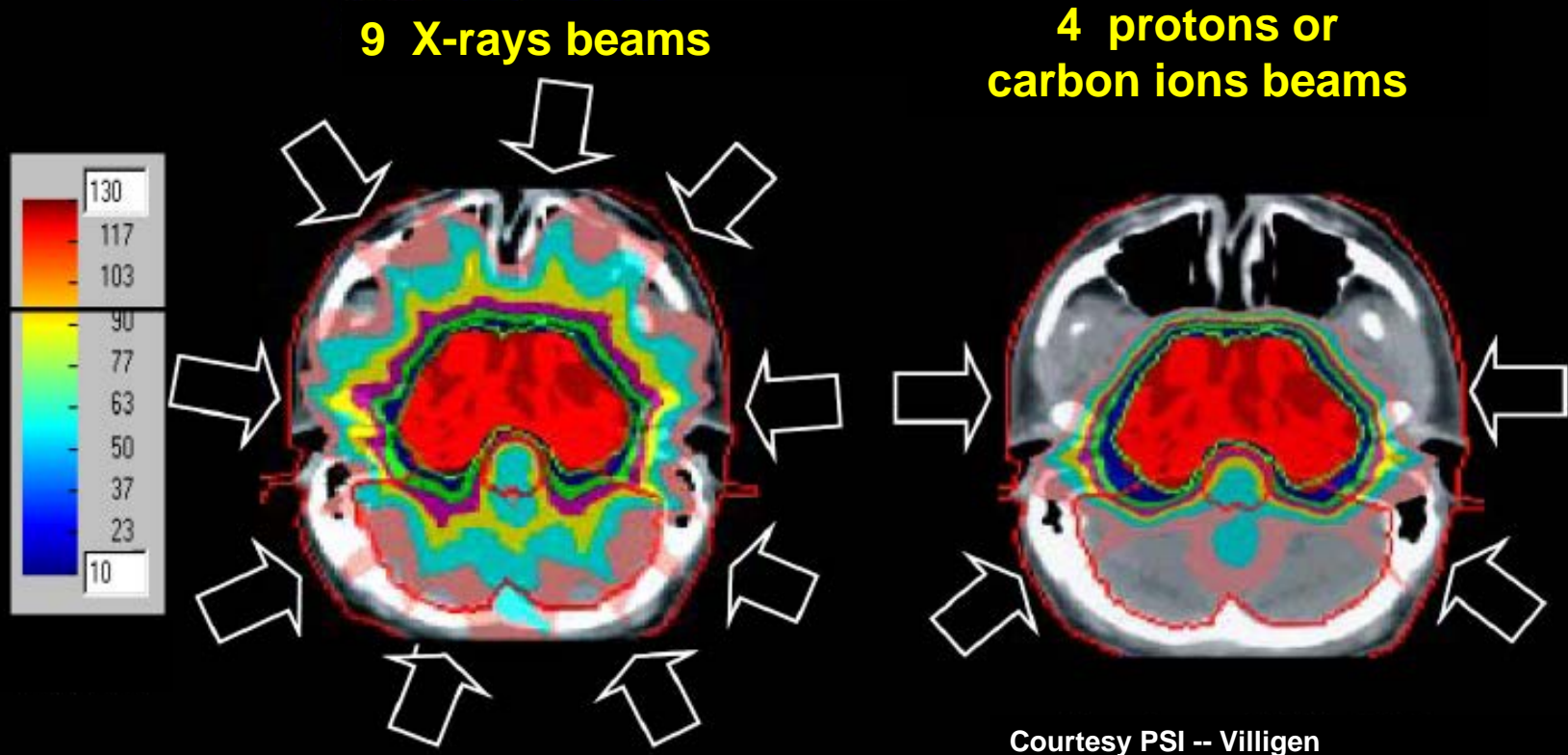
# ***The rationale of proton and carbon tumour therapy***

- X-rays have two problems :***
- 1. they irradiate unwanted close-by 'critical' organs***
  - 2. they cannot cure 'radioresistant' tumours (about 5%)***

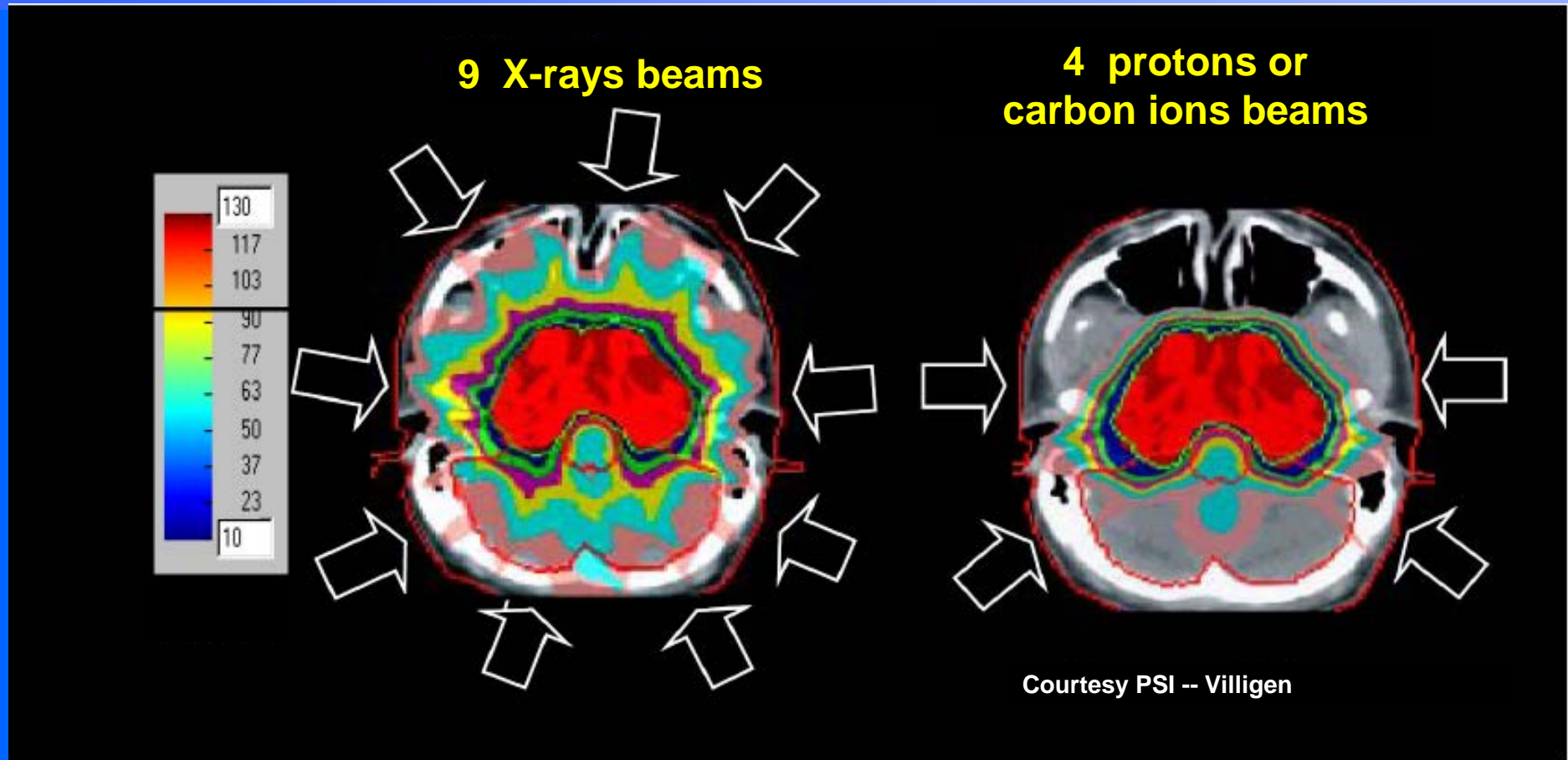




## ***Advantages of hadrontherapy: 1. normal tissues are spared***



## Advantages of hadrontherapy: 2. 'radioresistant' tumours can be controlled



A carbon ion produces along the track 25 times more ionizations than a proton causing a great number of **clustered unreparable Double Strand Breaks** that are not repaired and can kill radioresistant cells

***The present: A.D.A.M. and the Linac for Image Guided  
Hadron Therapy - LIGHT***





Mario Weiss

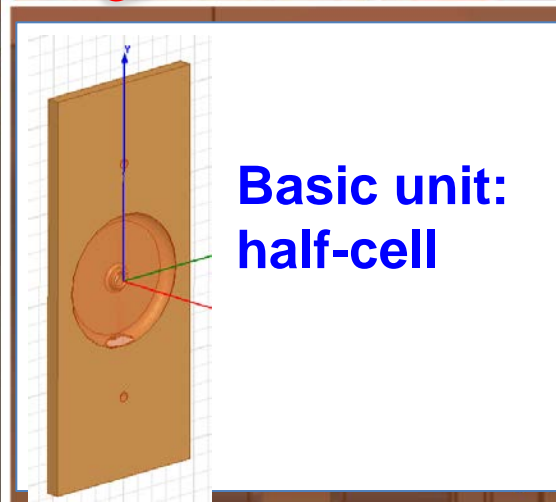
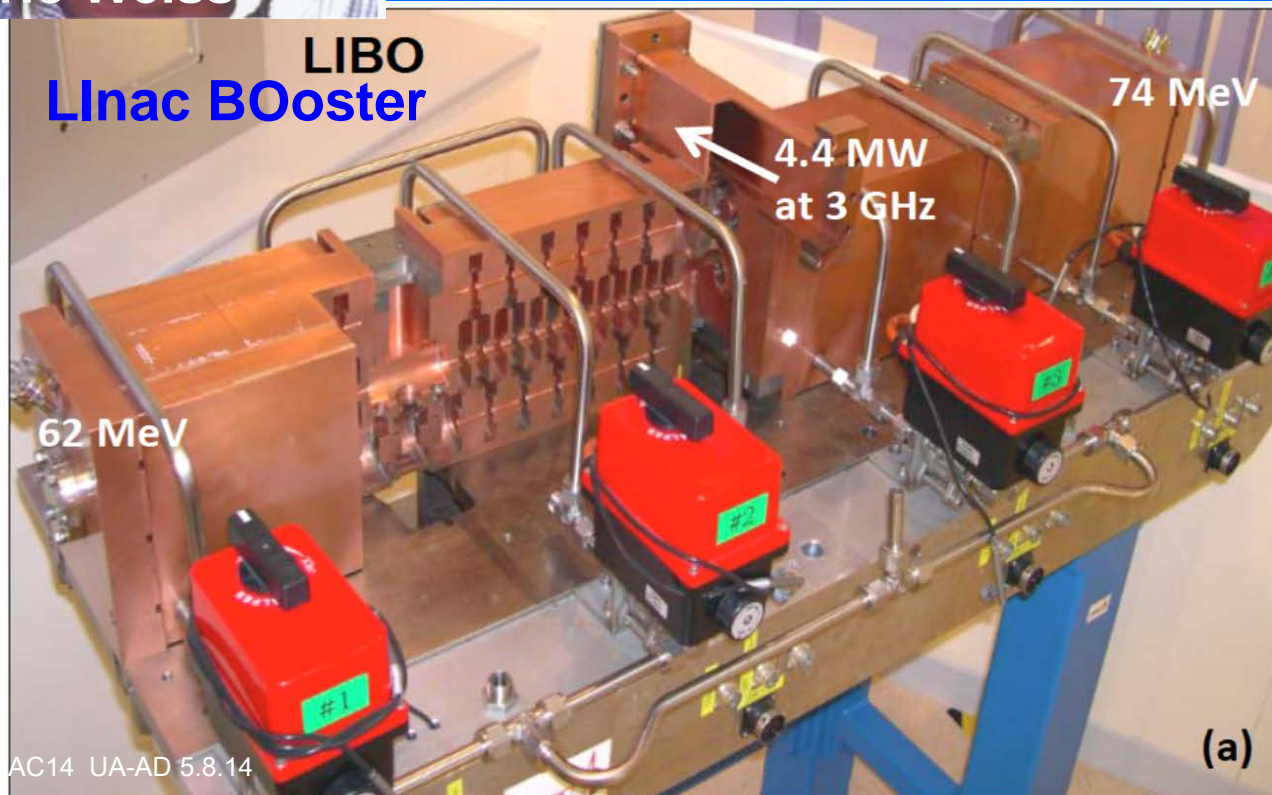
# 3 GHz LIBO accelerating unit built and tested by TERA – CERN – INFN

This Unit has accelerated protons from 62 to 74 MeV  
at the same 3 GHz frequency of electron linacs

Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research A 521 (2004) 512–529

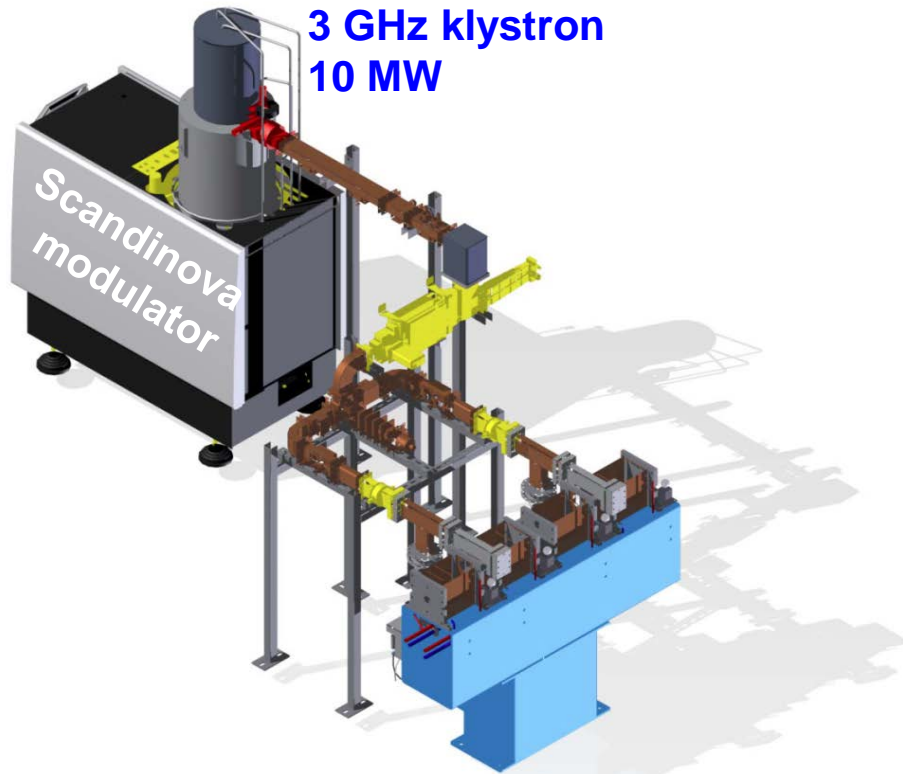
LIBO—a linac-booster for protontherapy: construction and tests of a prototype

U. Amaldi<sup>a,\*</sup>, P. Berra<sup>a</sup>, K. Crandall<sup>a</sup>, D. Toet<sup>a</sup>, M. Weiss<sup>a</sup>, R. Zennaro<sup>a</sup>,  
E. Rosso<sup>b</sup>, B. Szeless<sup>b</sup>, M. Vretenar<sup>b</sup>, C. Cicardi<sup>c,d</sup>, C. De Martinis<sup>c,d</sup>, D. Giove<sup>c,d</sup>,  
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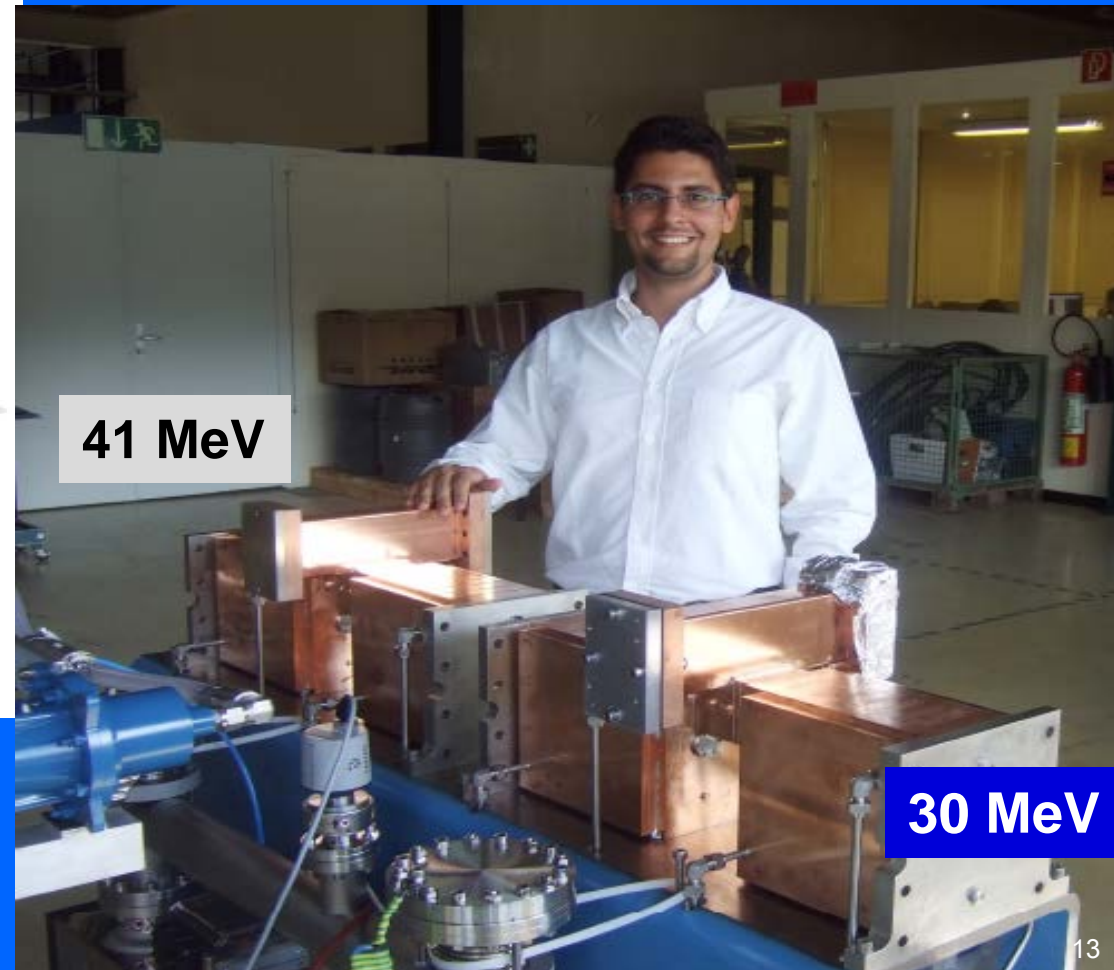


# *First Unit of LIGHT built and power tested by A.D.A.M.: 2011*

A.D.A.M. = Applications of Detectors and  
Accelerators to Medicine



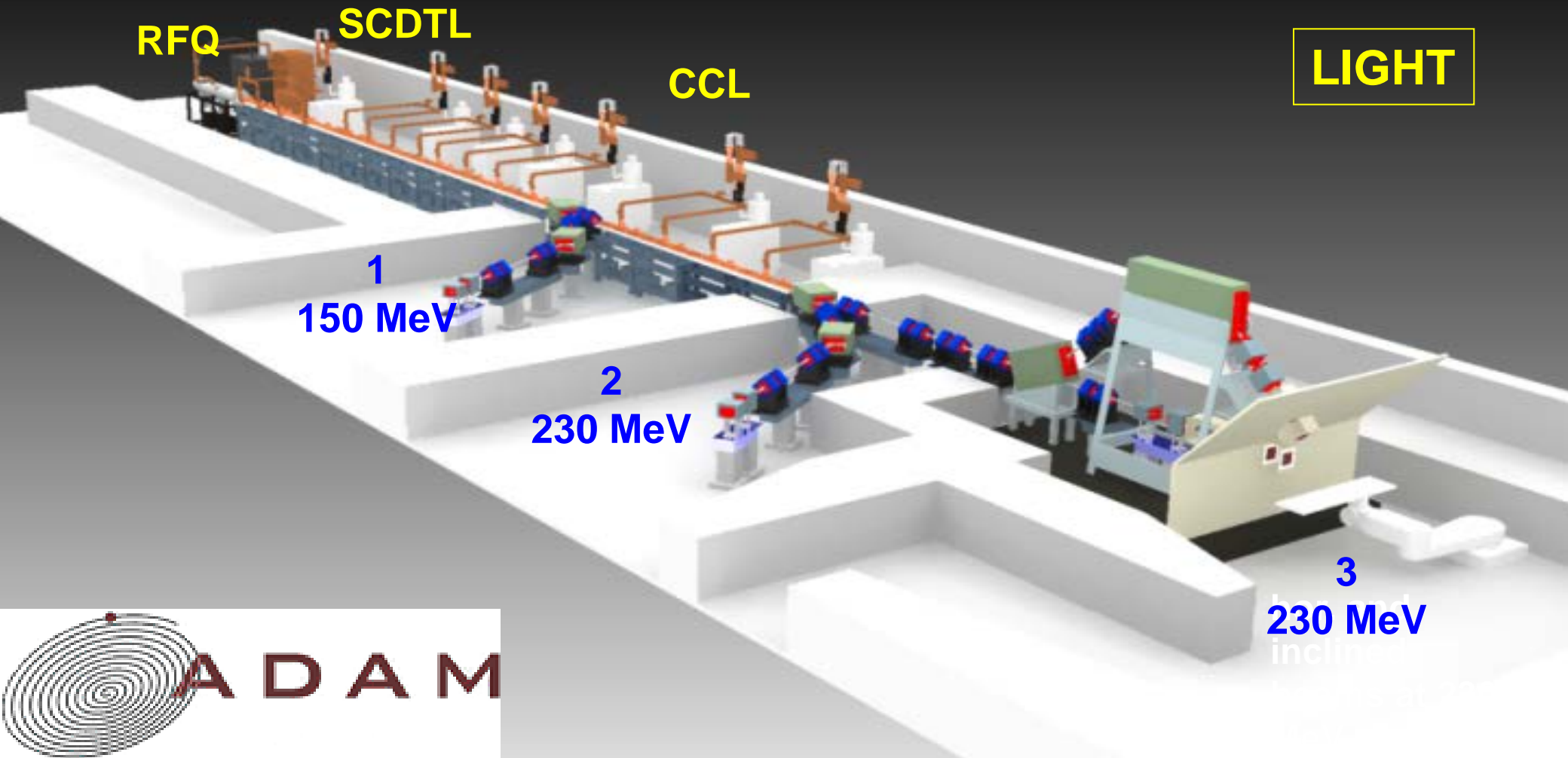
**Linac for Image Guided  
Hadron Therapy**



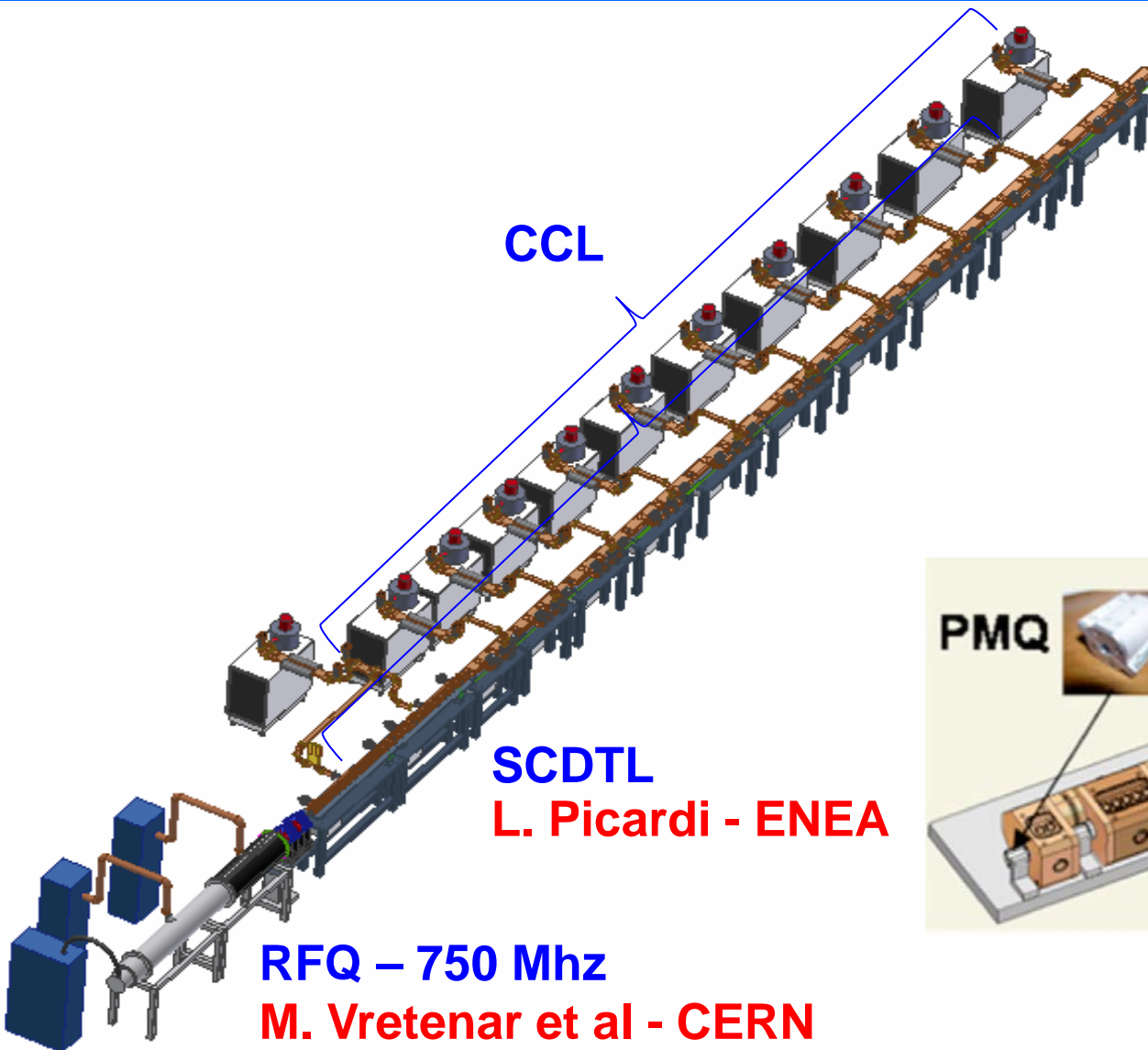
**30 MeV**



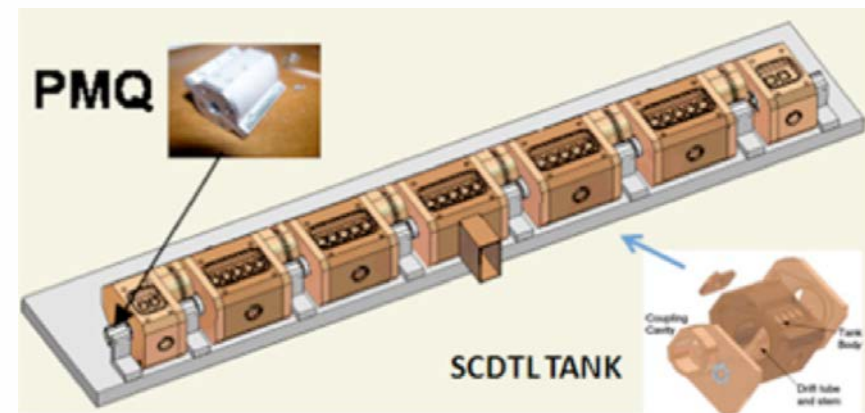
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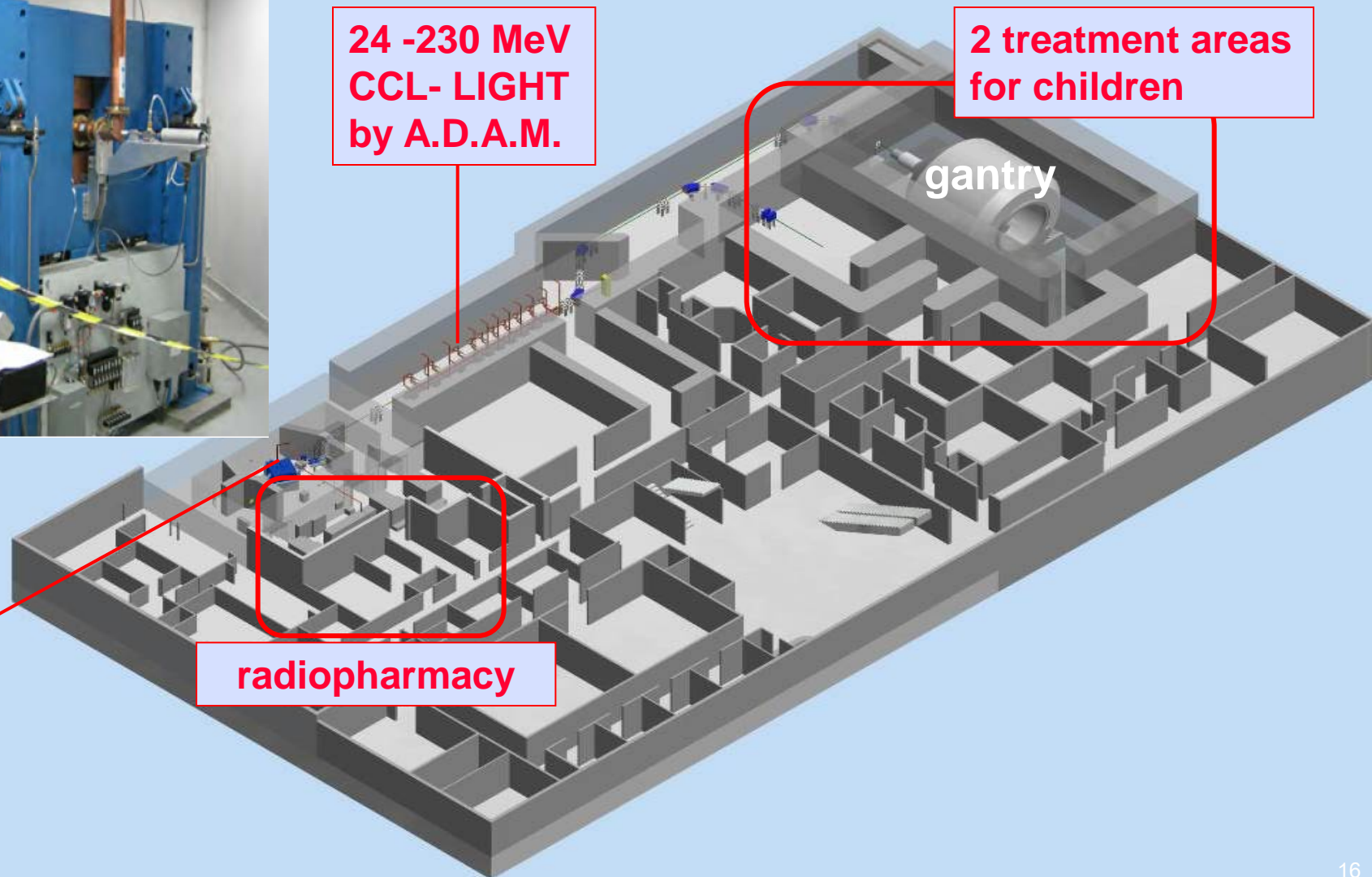
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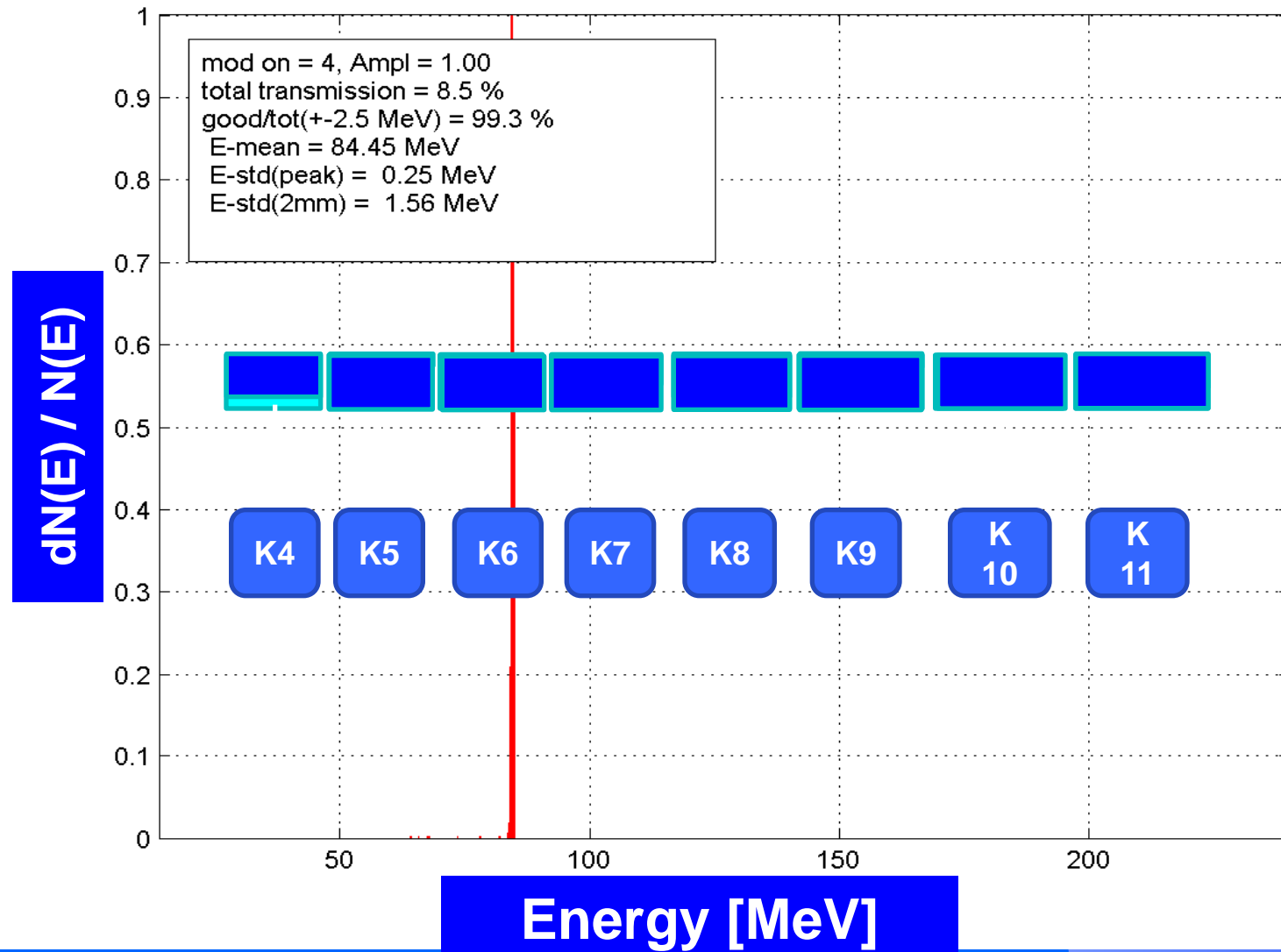
**proton pulses  
@ 200 Hz**



# *The cyclinac PERLA to be built in Tuscany by TERA: Protontherapy and Exotic Nuclei from Linked Accelerators*

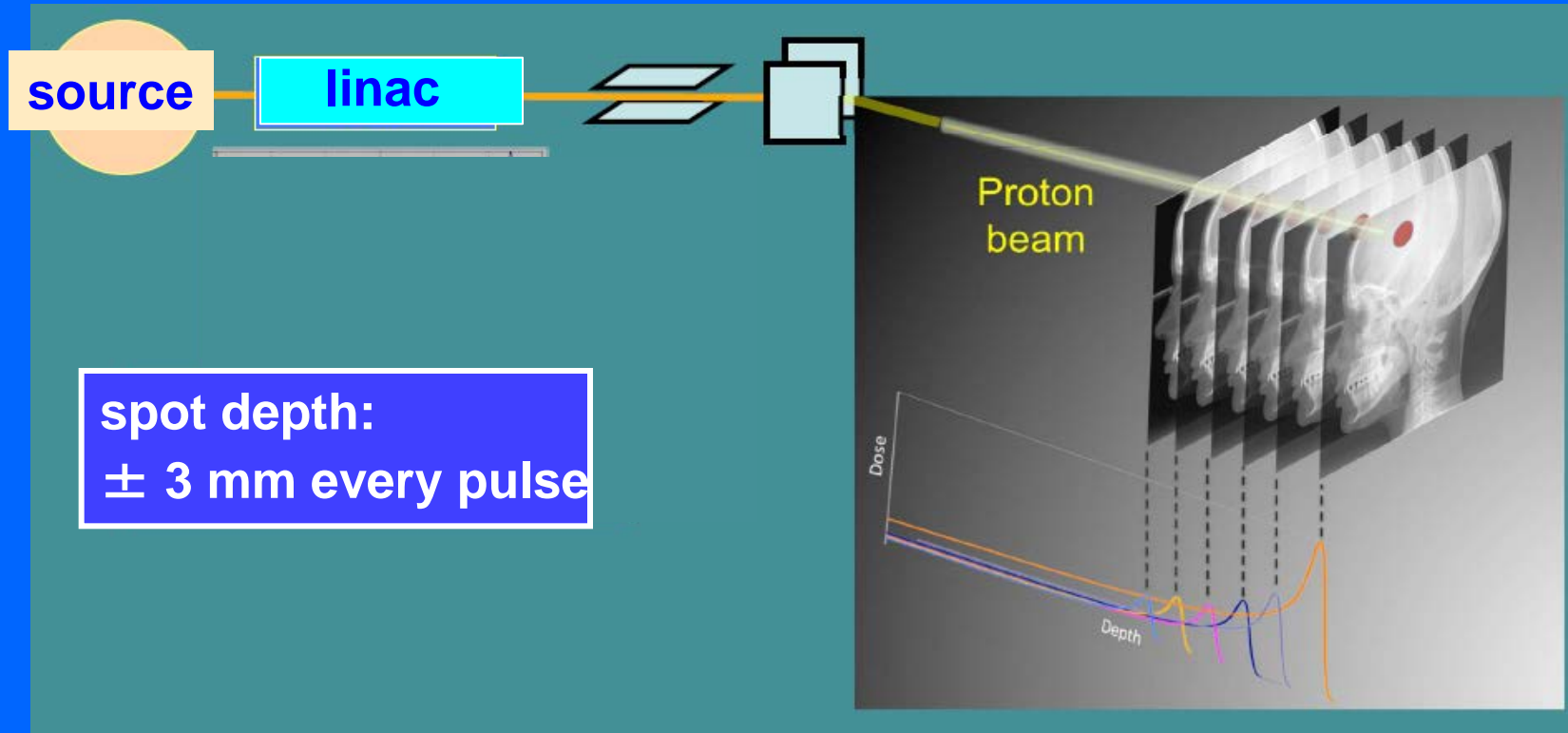


# Unique properties of a linac beam: fast and active energy variation



*The dose deposition depth can be adjusted every 3 ms*

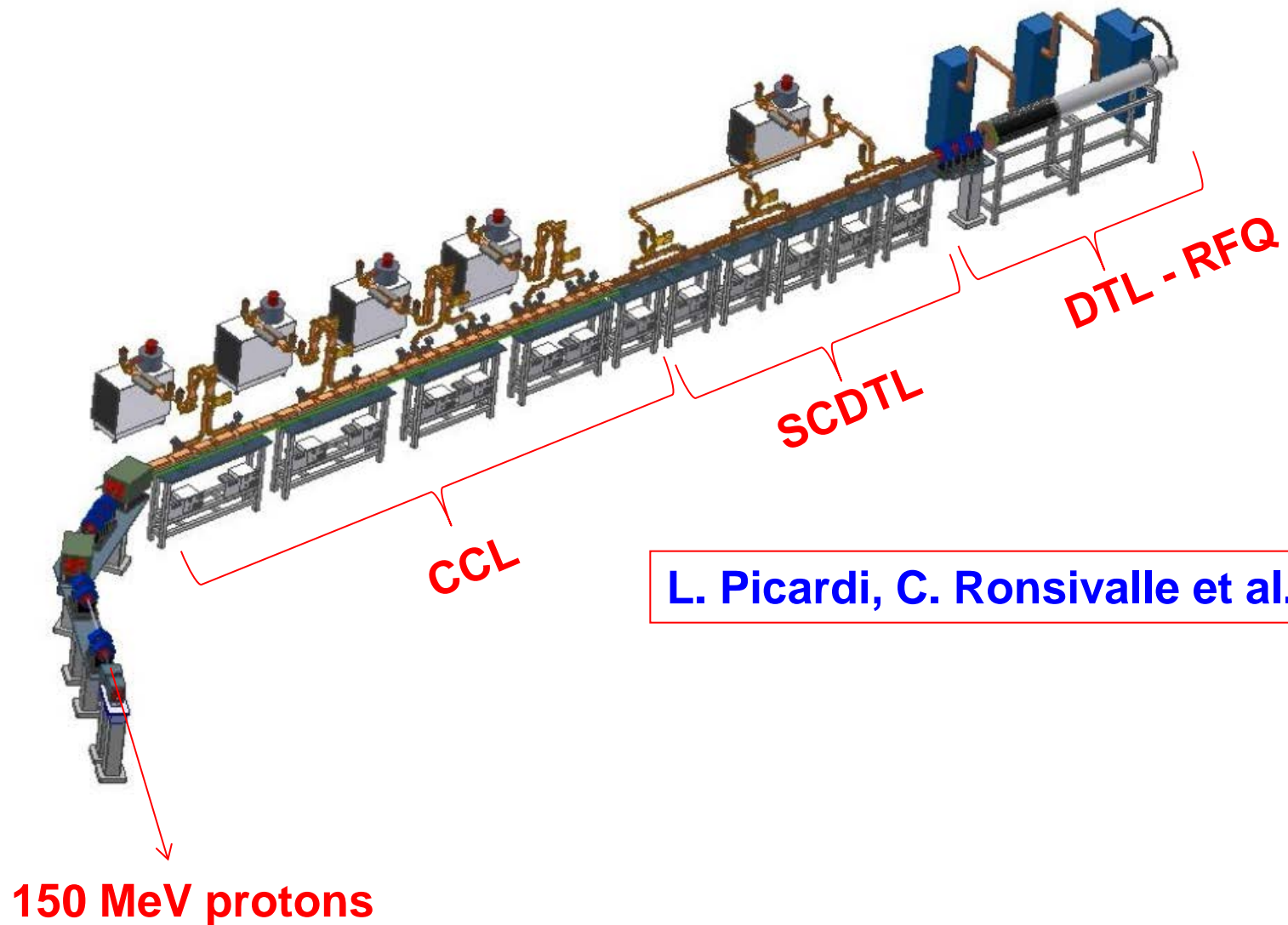
The linac pulses 200-300 times per second



To follow moving organs in 4D - with spot scanning, motion feedback and more than 10 paintings - the beam time structure of linacs is better than the ones of cyclotrons and synchrotrons



# *ENEA (Frascati) is building IMPLART= Intensity Modulated Proton Linear Accelerator for RadioTherapy*

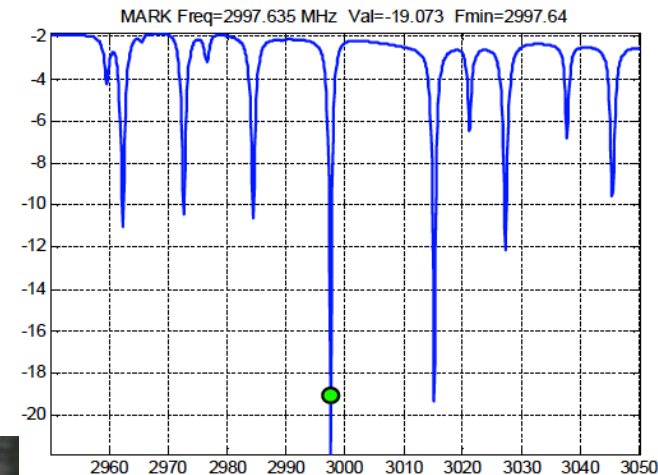


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**SCDTL module 1(11.6 MeV): operating;  
module 2 and 3 (27 MeV): ready for end of the year**

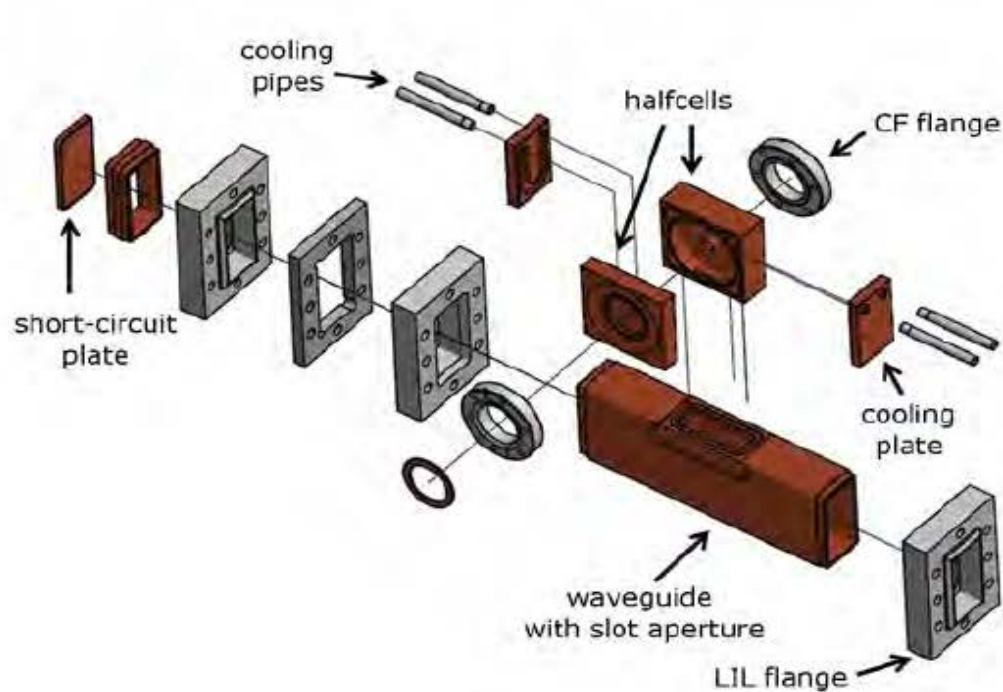


**Module 1 at CECOM (Guidonia, RM)  
During construction and tests**

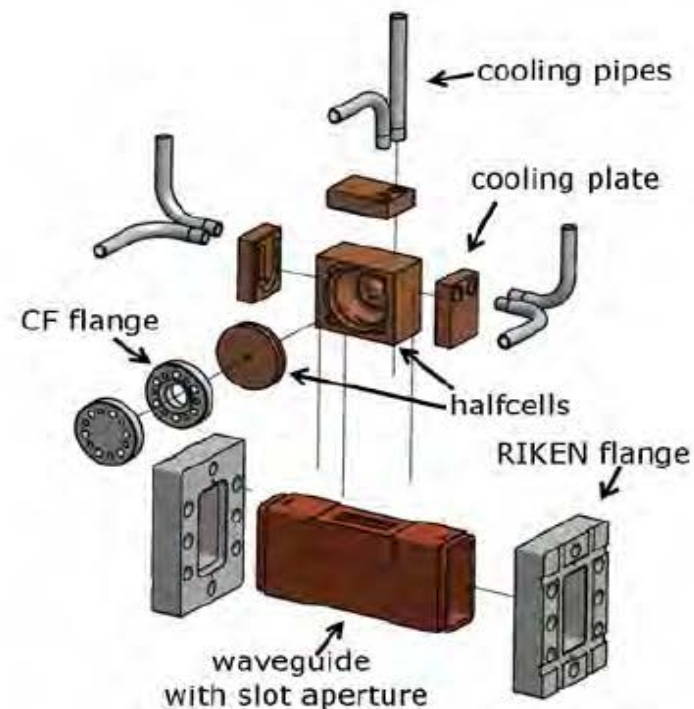


## ***Studies for the future: high-gradient hadron structures***

***Test cavities at 3 and 5.7 GHz have been built and tested by TERA in collaboration with CLIC group (W.Wuensch et al)***

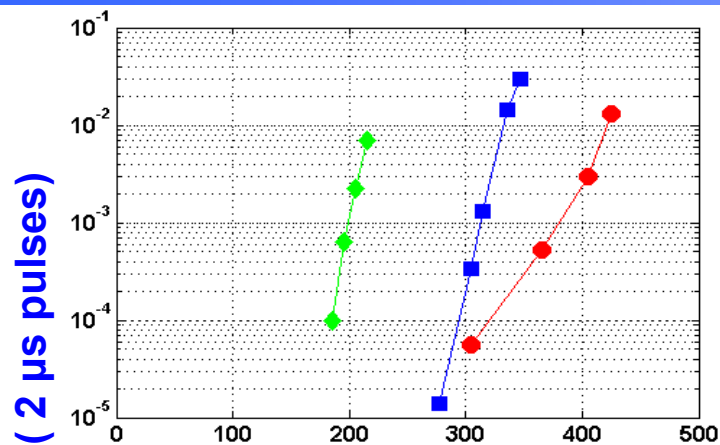


**(a) S-band test cavity**

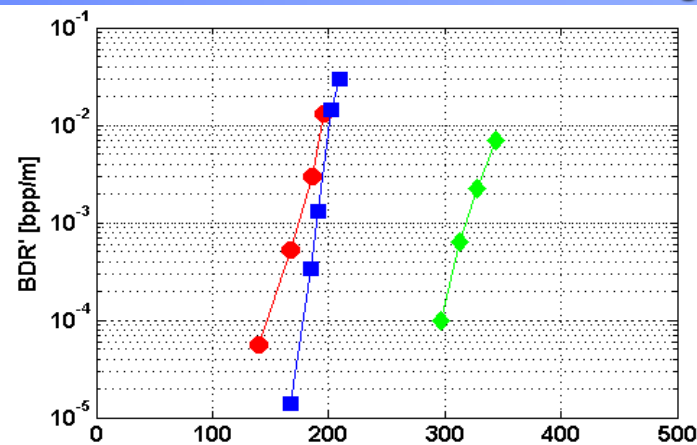


**(b) C-band test cavity**

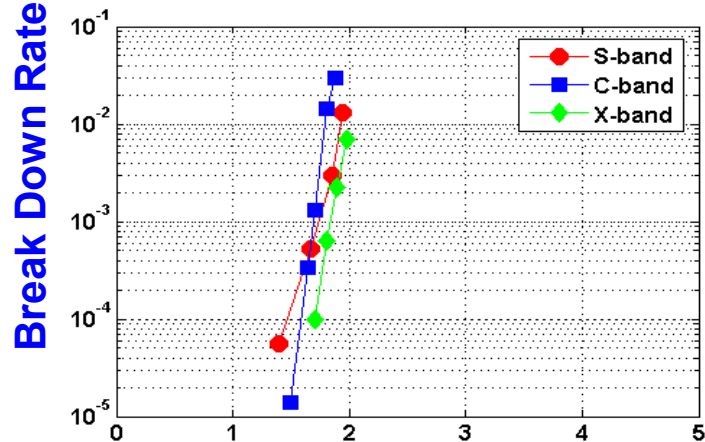
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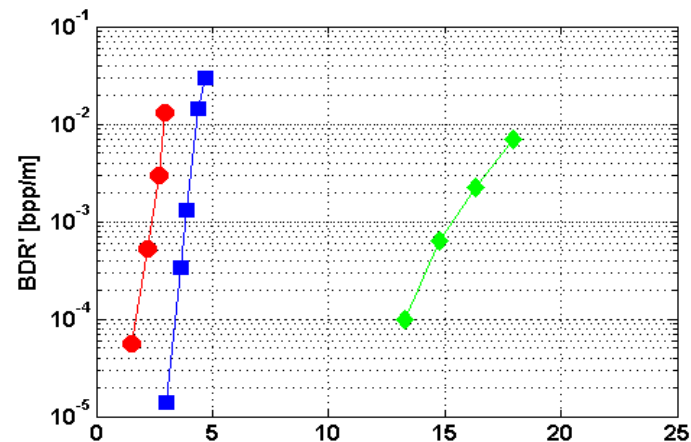
max electric field (MV)



max magnetic field (kA/m)



$(\text{max modified Poynting vector})^{1/2} (\text{MW/mm}^2)^{1/2}$

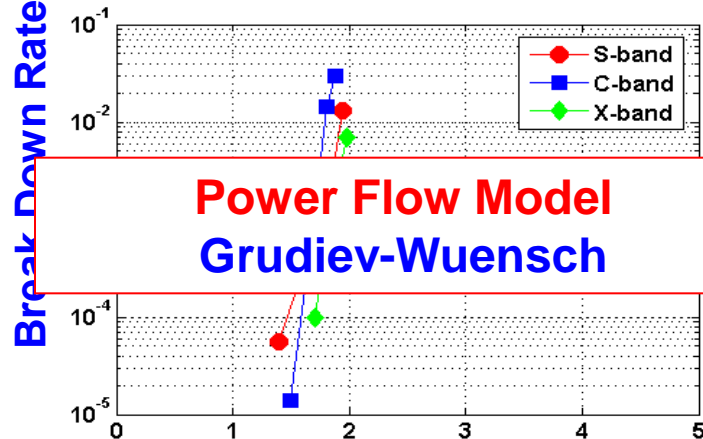
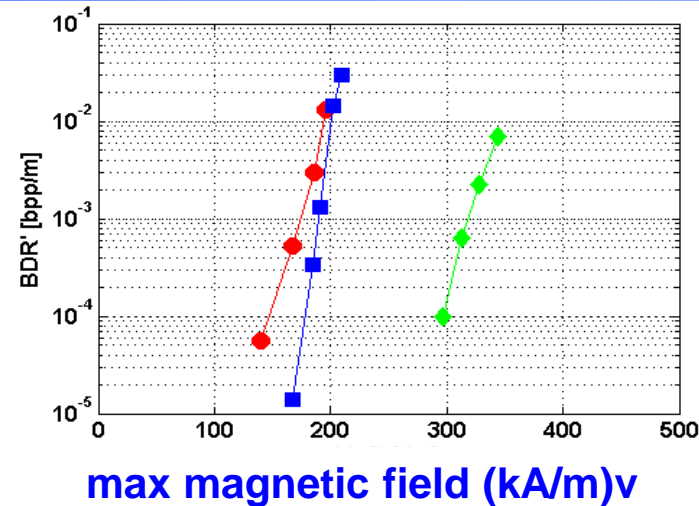
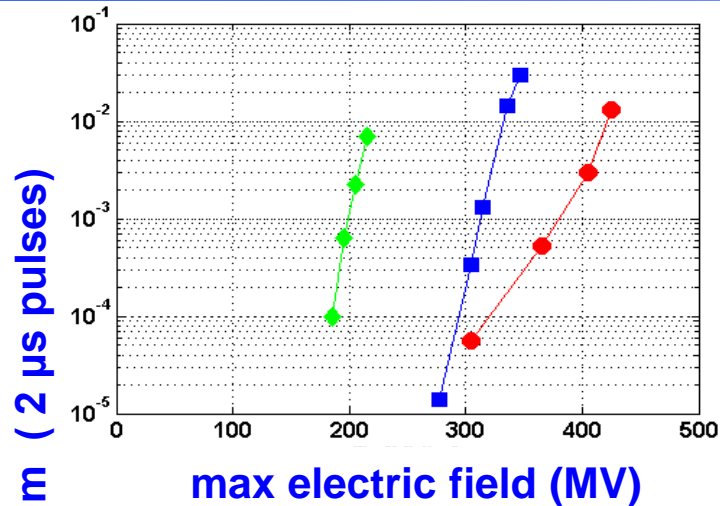


max temperature rise (K)

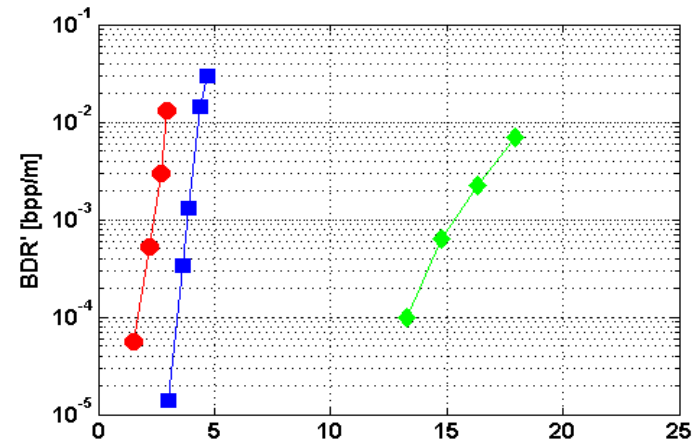
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**Power Flow Model**  
**Grudiev-Wuensch**



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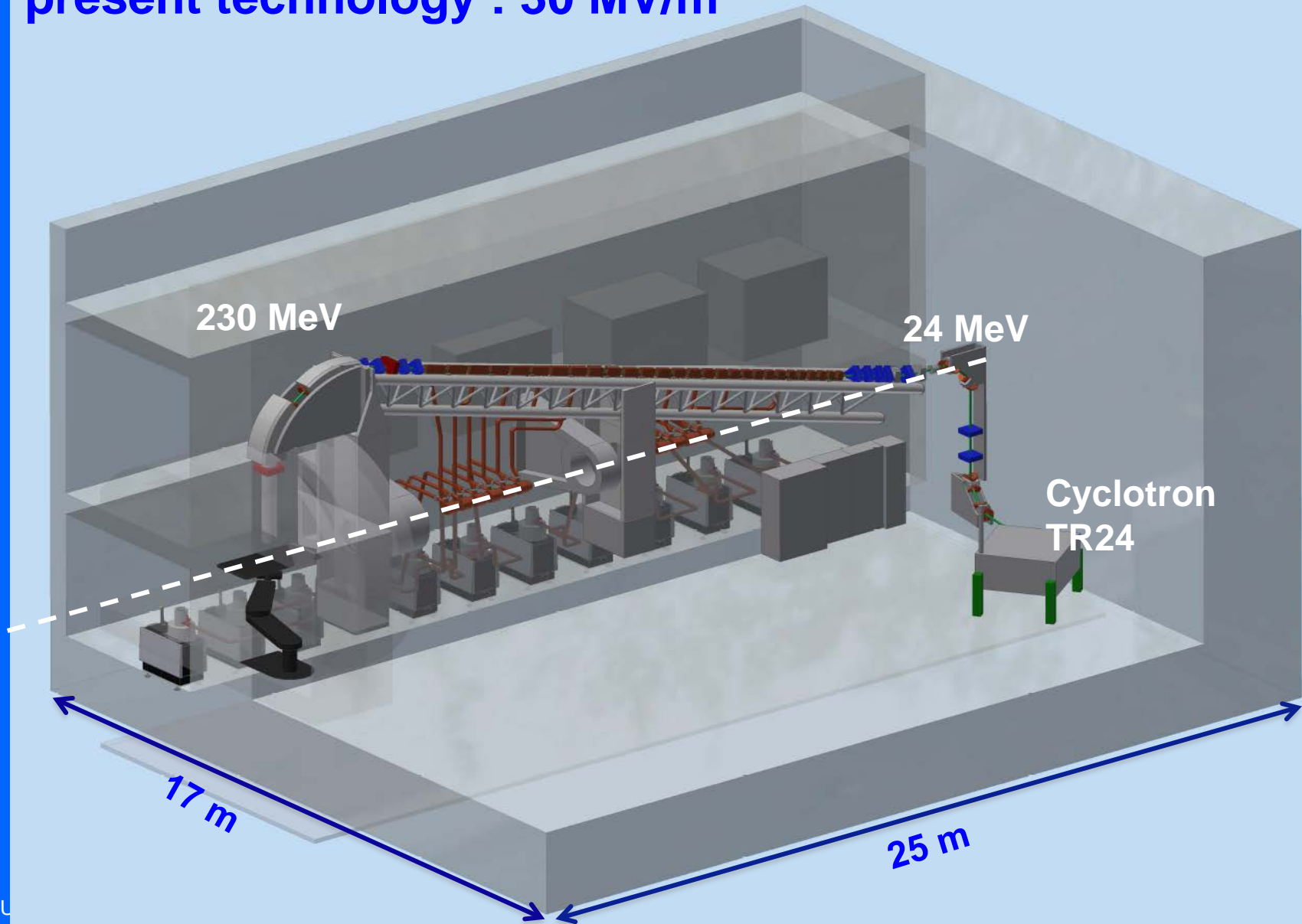
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*The future high-gradient linac: TULIP  
TUrning LInac for Protontherapy*

# *TULIP by TERA with to-day technology: 30 MV/m*

present technology : 30 MV/m



# New high-gradient “backward” TW structure

**‘NEW’ bwTW**

**50 MV/m**

**BDR =  $10^{-6} \text{ m}^{-1}$**

**(20% more power  
for same gradient)**

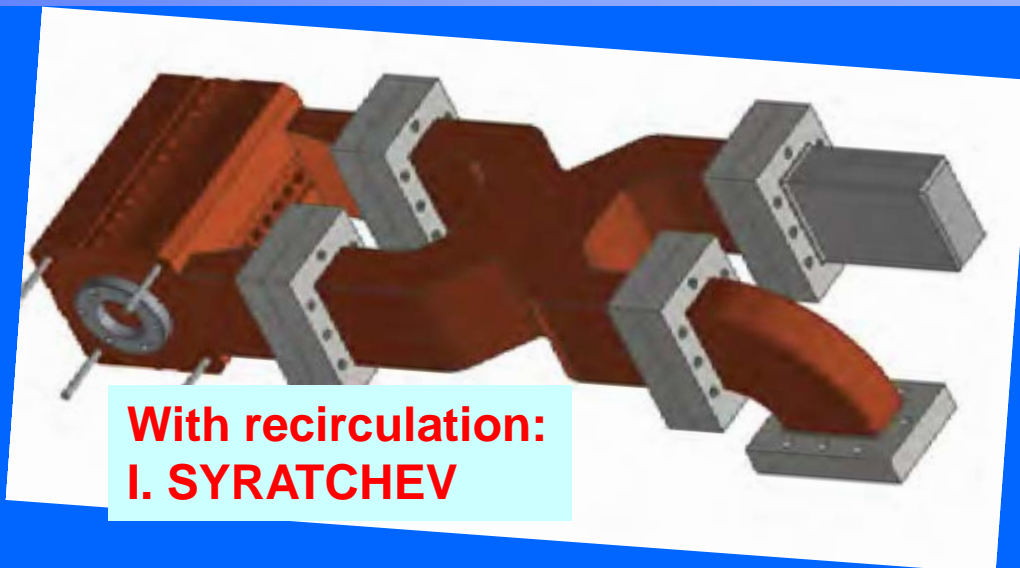
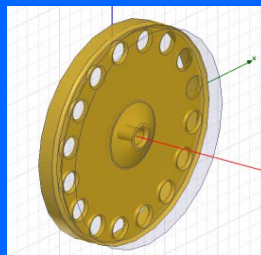
**PROPOSED by  
A.GRUDIEV /CLIC**

**financed by KT  
(see [THPP061](#))**

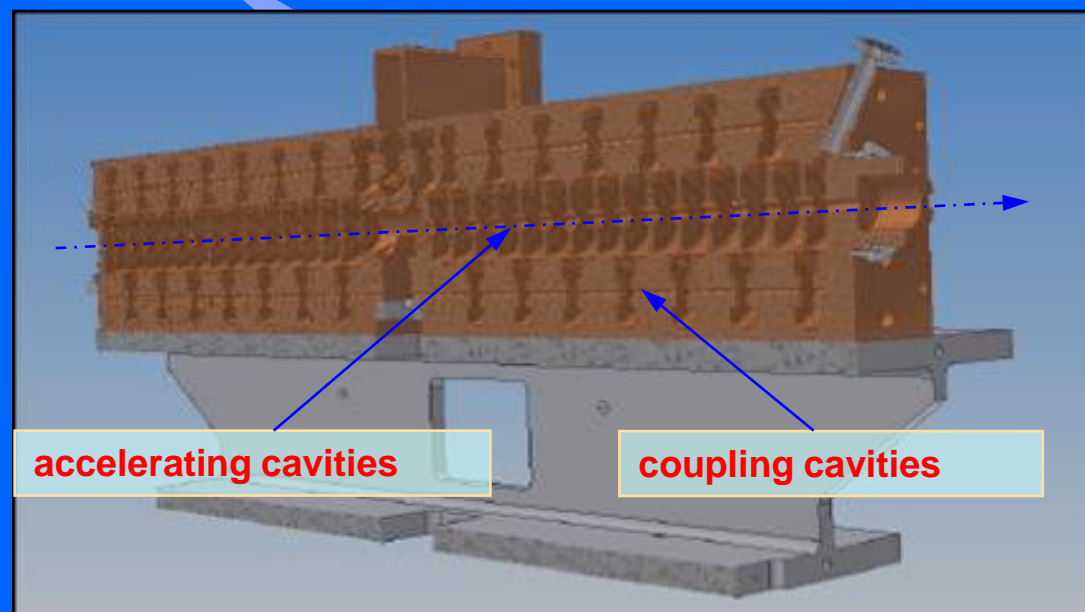
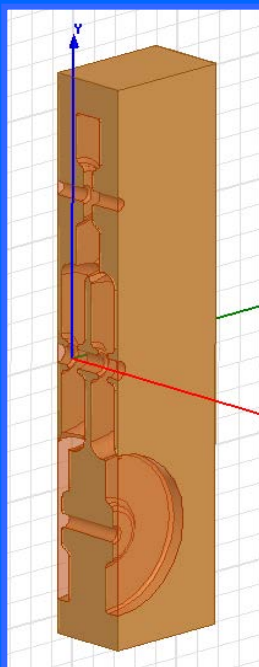
**‘OLD’ SW CCL**

**30 MV/m**

**BDR =  $10^{-6} \text{ m}^{-1}$**



**With recirculation:  
I. SYRATCHEV**

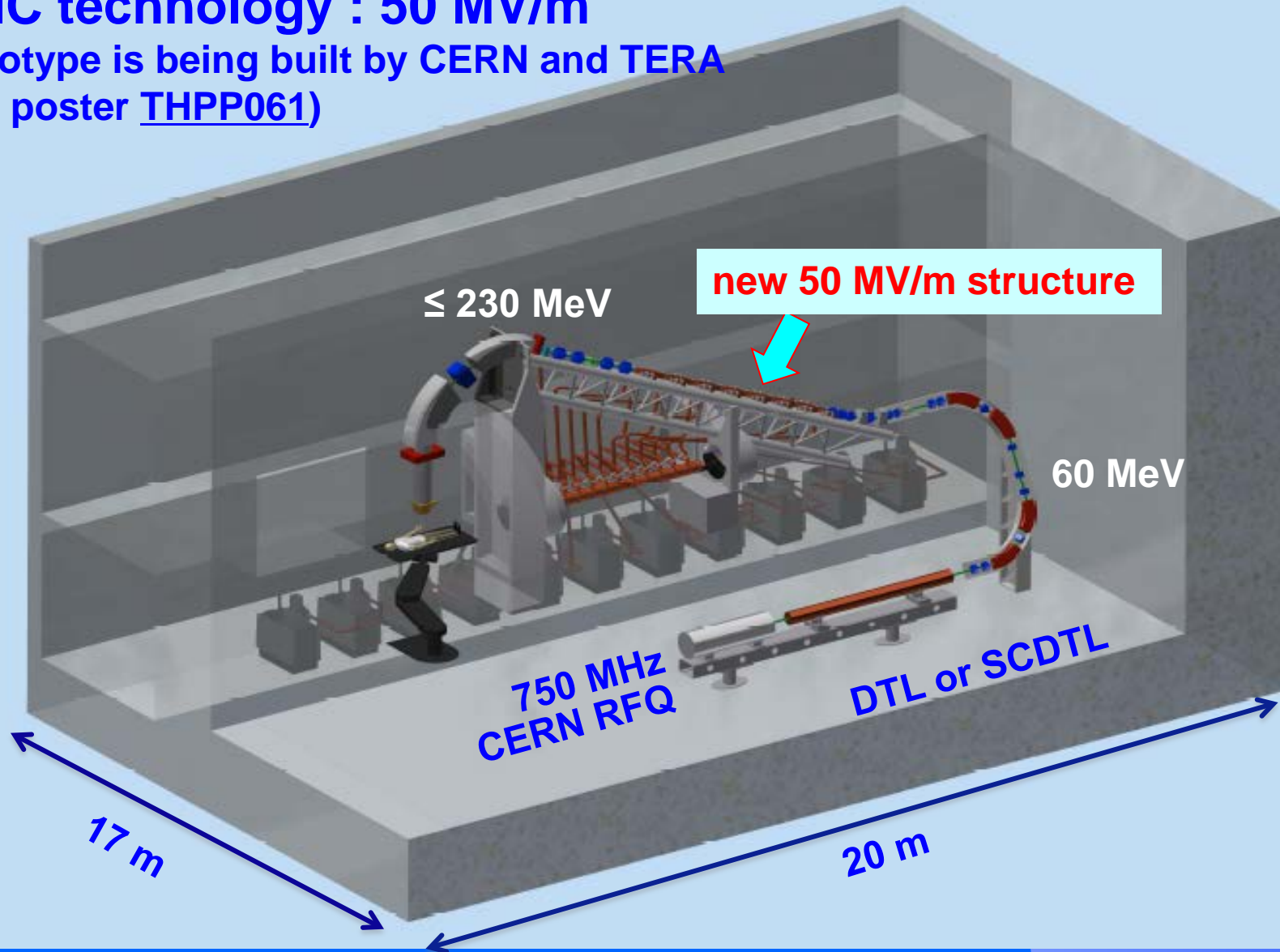


**accelerating cavities**

**coupling cavities**

## CLIC technology : 50 MV/m

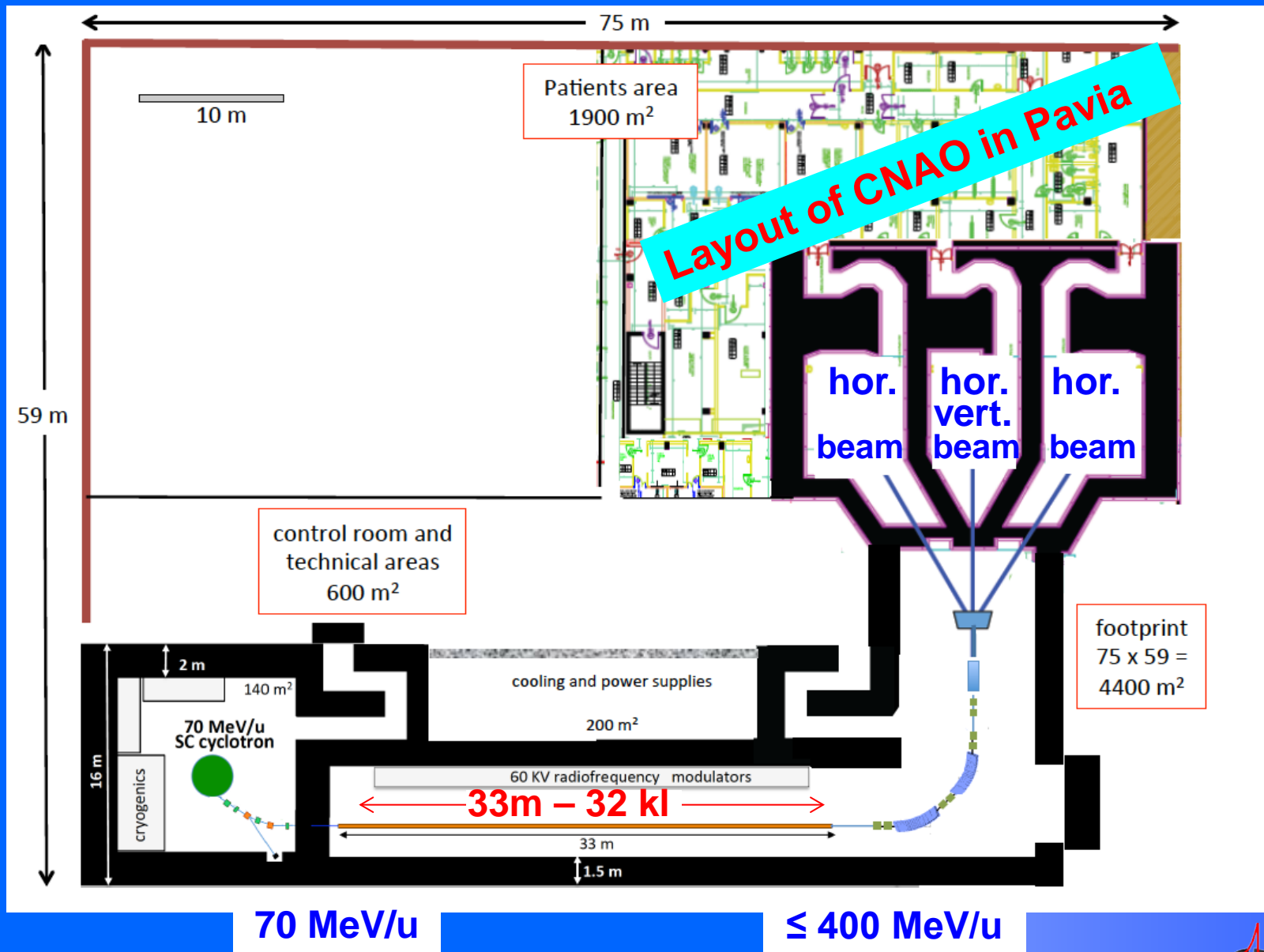
prototype is being built by CERN and TERA  
(see poster [THPP061](#))



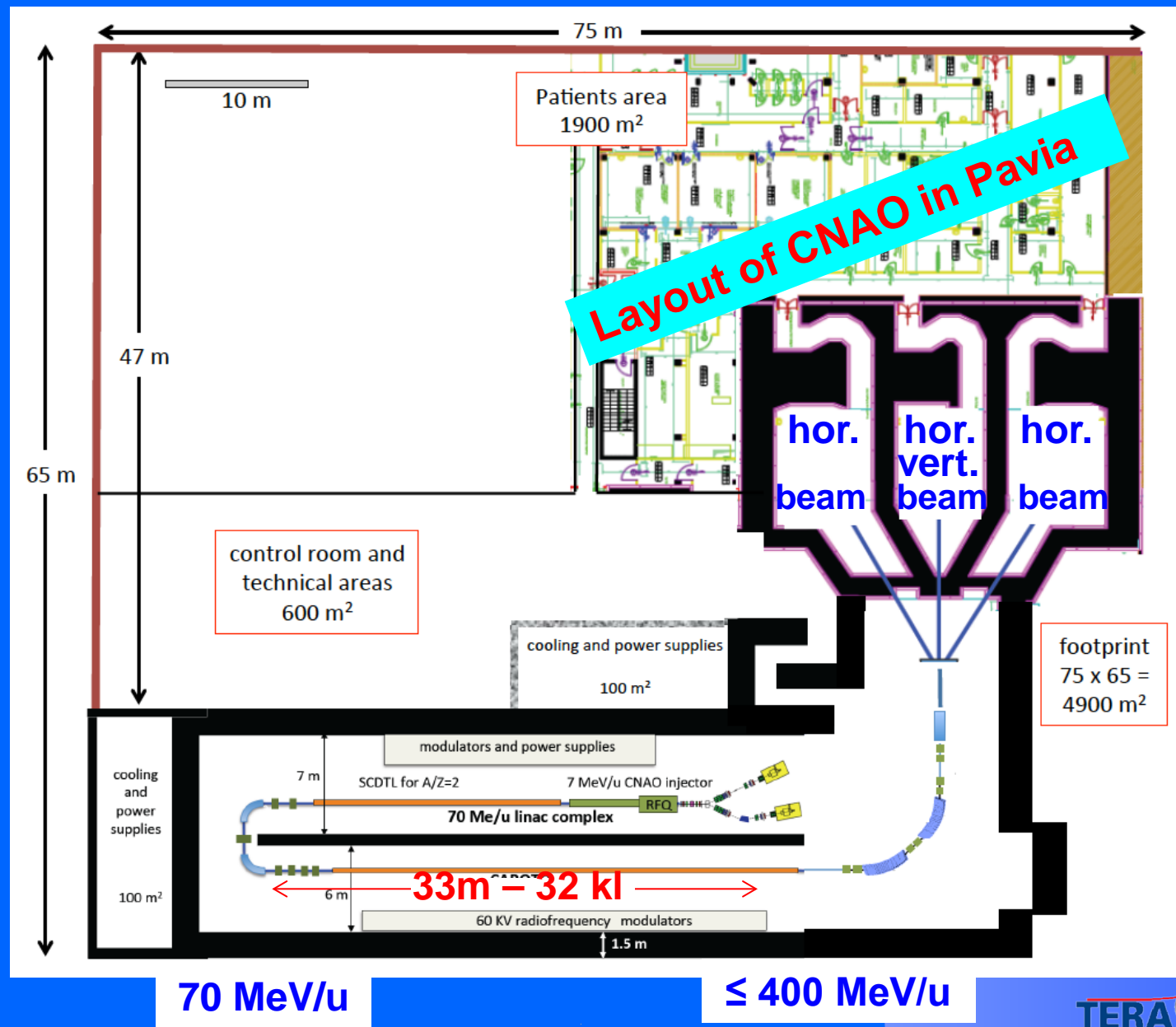


*The future high-efficiency linac: CABOTO  
C**A**rbon **B**Ooster for **T**herapy in **O**ncology*

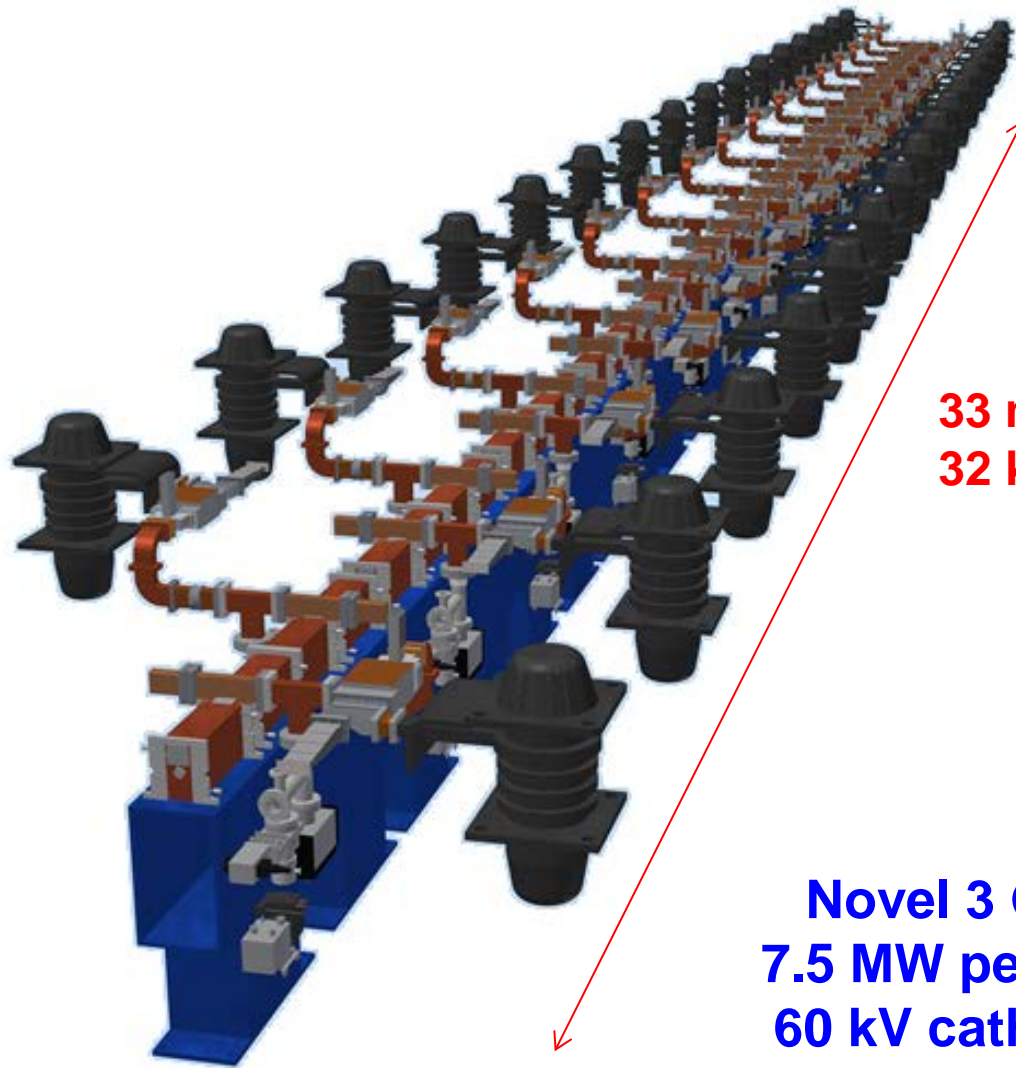
# The cyclinac CABOTO runs at 300 Hz



# The all-linac CABOTO runs at 300 Hz



***The all-linac CABOTO runs at 300-400 Hz and consumes 1 MW***



**33 meters  
32 klystrons**

**Novel 3 GHz MBK  
7.5 MW peak power  
60 kV cath. voltage  
I. Syrathev - CERN**

- 3 GHz linacs produce hadron beams that are better suited than those of cyclotrons and synchrotrons to treat moving organs with the **multi-painting spot scanning technique**
- Low-velocity SCDTL and high-velocity CCL accelerating structures **have been built and tested** by ENEA and TERA respectively
- **A.D.A.M. is building** at CERN an all-linac facility that will be transferred to an hospital to treat patients
- TERA and the CERN CLIC group are developing **high-gradient and high-efficiency structures** with the support of the Knowledge Transfer group
- In future this will lead to **TULIP**, a compact proton linac rotating around the patient, and to **CABOTO**, a high-efficiency linac for the therapy of deep-seated radioresistant tumours with carbon ions



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION !**