



Proton Therapy

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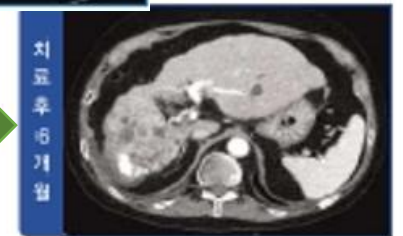
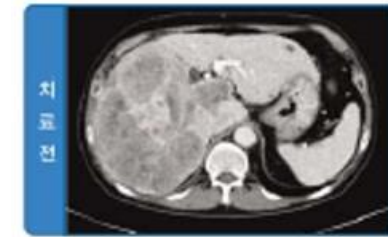
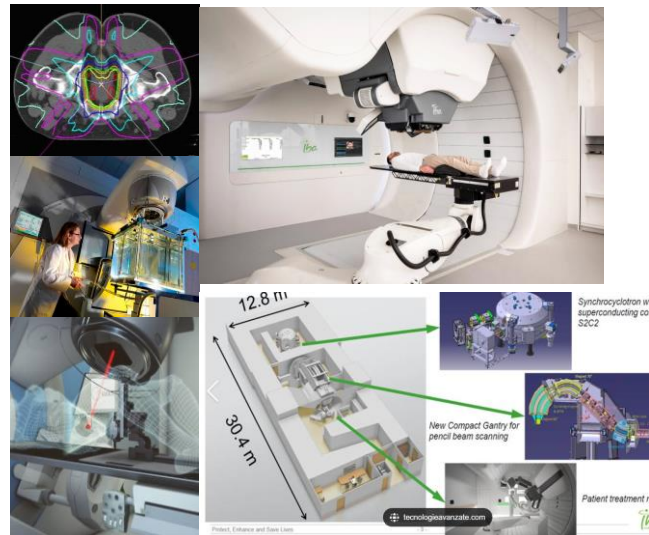
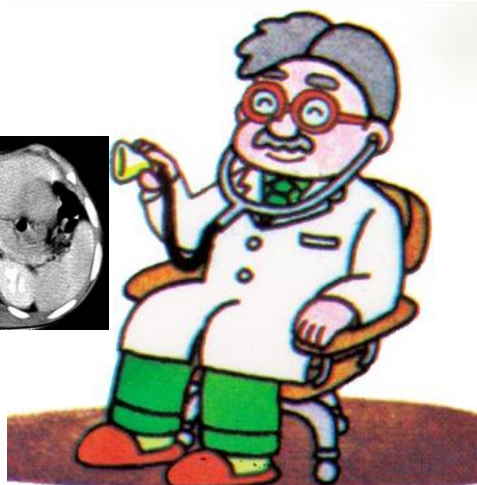
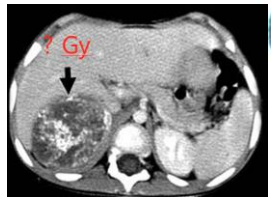
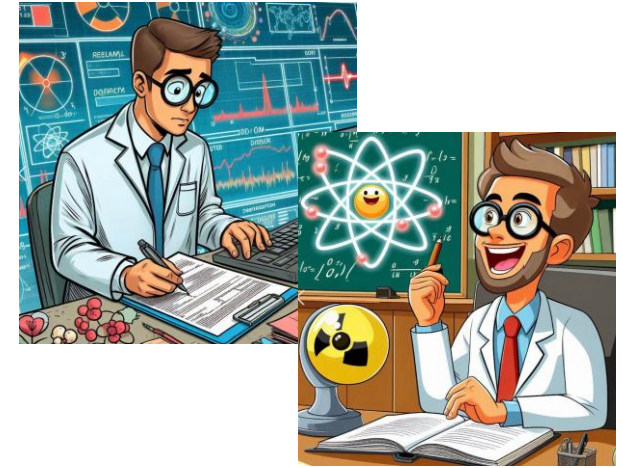
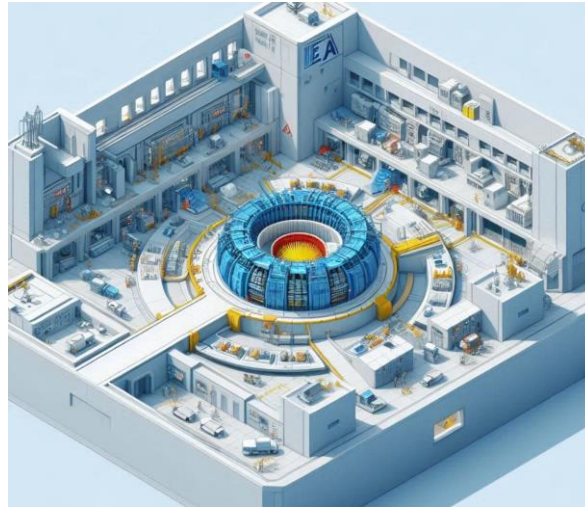
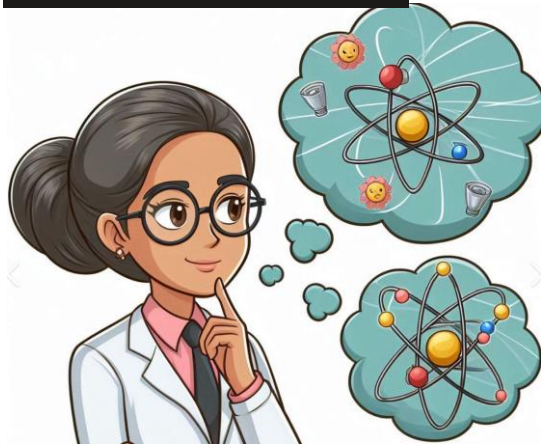
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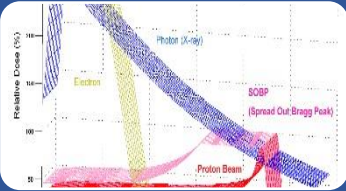
Accelerator Experiment vs. Radiation Treatment

Copilot Designer





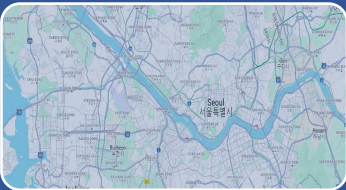
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Why we need proton therapy in clinical?

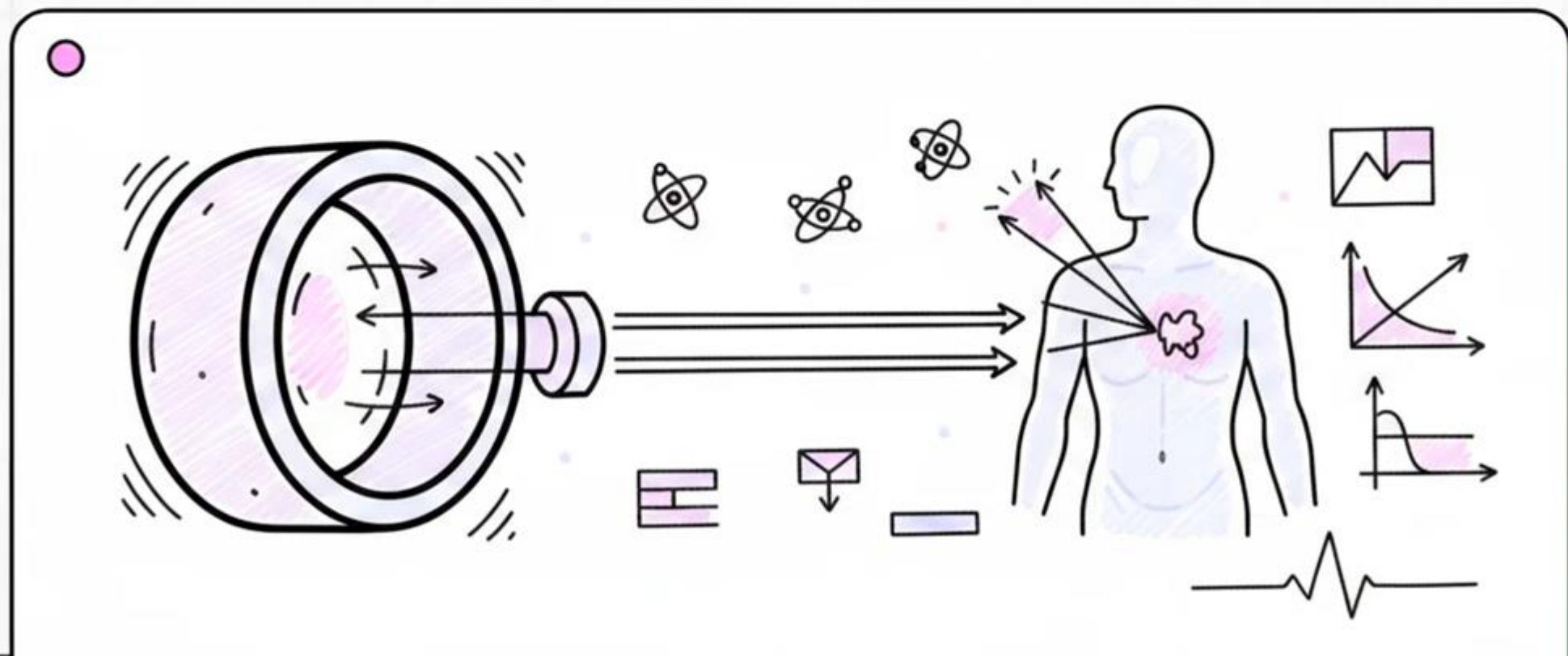


Proton therapy system & techniques



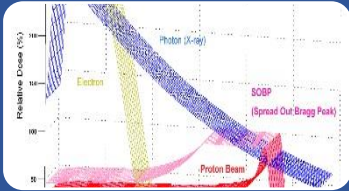
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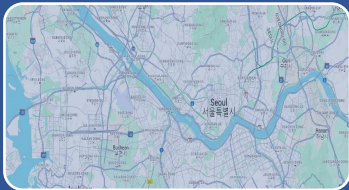
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Hospital

New Hospital

Research Institute

Proton Therapy Center

National Center For
Cancer Prevention
And Early Detection

History



2000.10

•NCC Start clinical care service

2001.6

•NCC Opening ceremony held

2001.12

•Launch of NCC proton therapy Project

2002.6.29

•Signing with IBA

2003.3.21

•Ground Breaking

2003.5-2004.12

•Building construction

2005.2.15

•Start of IBA Proteus 235 installation

2005.10.21

•First Beam Generation

2005.10-2006.12

•Beam test & tuning for Cyclotron and Beamline

2007.1-2007.2

•Commissioning and Beam data taking

2007.3.19

•First Patient Treatment start (GTR2) 27th Open in the world,
3th IBA System in the world

2007.7.9

•GTR3 Patient treatment start

2009.5.15

•First Eye melanoma proton treatment start

2010.8.27

•First Wobbling mode Tx start (GTR2)

2015.8.27

•First PBS mode Tx Start(GTR3)

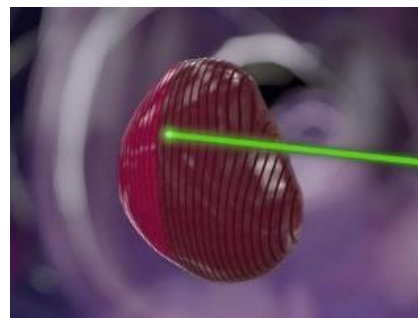
2027

•Compact Proton Therapy system(IBA Proteus one) install



2002

NCC-K purchases its
Proteus®PLUS



2015

First treatment with pencil
beam scanning at NCC-K



2019

Adapt Insight imaging
platform + first clinical use of
Cone Beam CT (CBCT) at
NCC-K



2001

Creation of NCC-K

First treatment in PT at MGH



2007

First patient treatment at
NCC-K in passive scattering
mode



2018

Introduction of Gantry
Rolling Floor and Remote
Positioning at NCC-K



2021

NCC-K purchases compact
IMPT solution Proteus®ONE



Beam line



Cyclotron



Gantry room 3

Double Scattering mode
Pencil Beam Scanning (PBS) mode



Fixed Beam 1

Single Scattering mode



Gantry room 2

Single Scattering mode
Double Scattering mode
Uniform Scanning mode

Spare bunker

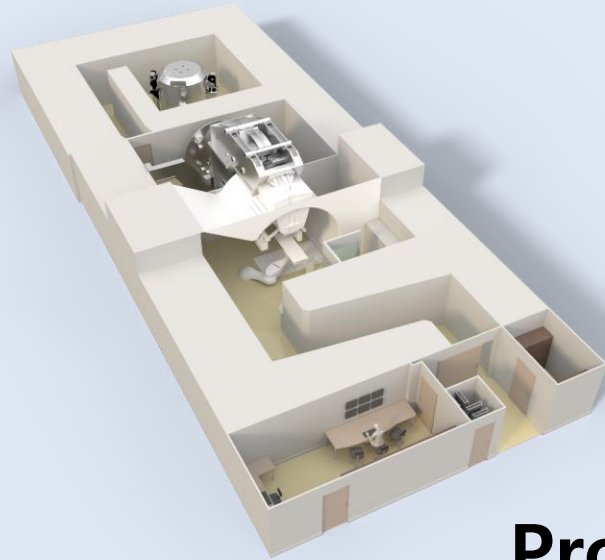
❖ People

	Staff	Fellow(Residency)
Oncologist	7	1(0)
Medical physicist	6	4(4)
Therapist		49
Nurse		6
Proton Engineer		9
Office work		3

❖ Facilities

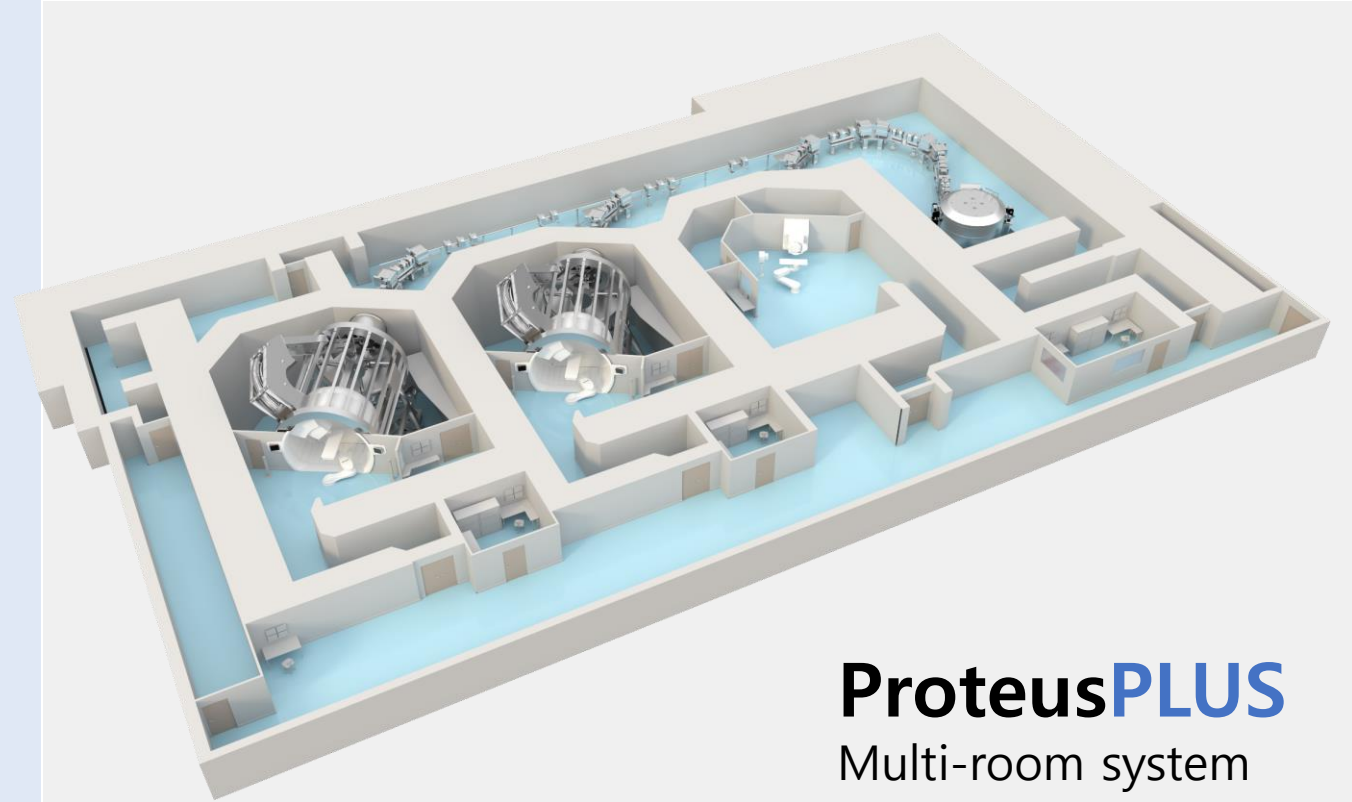
	Treatment room	
Proton	3	MCR, MMS
X-ray LINAC	3	
TOMO therapy	2	
CT simulator	2	4D &Dual Energy CT
2D simulator	1	
HDR	1	

Addition of a single room system - National Cancer Center



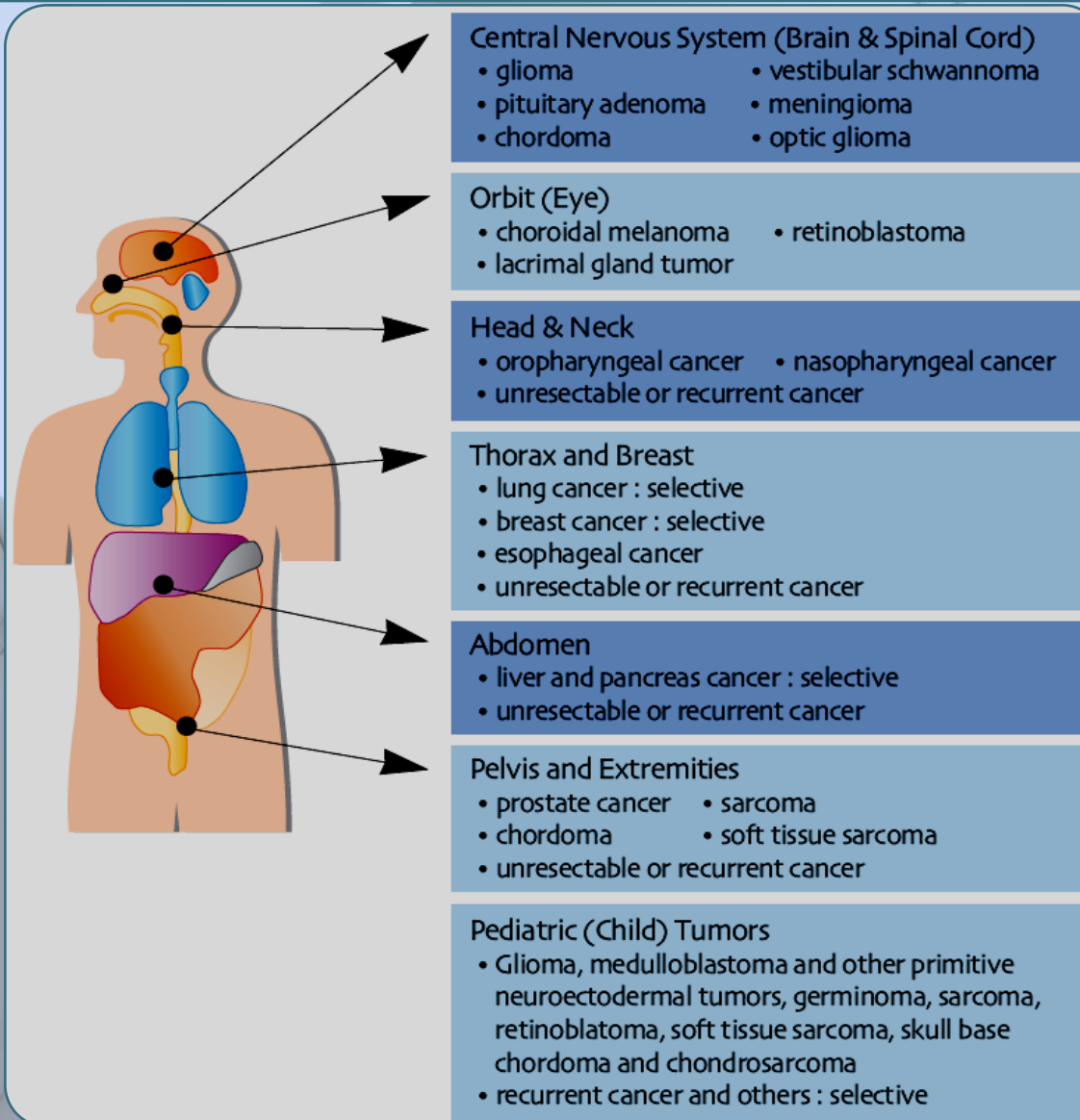
ProteusONE
Single-room system
NEW!

In **2028**



ProteusPLUS
Multi-room system
FACING OBSOLESCENCE

Treatment sites with proton therapy at NCC

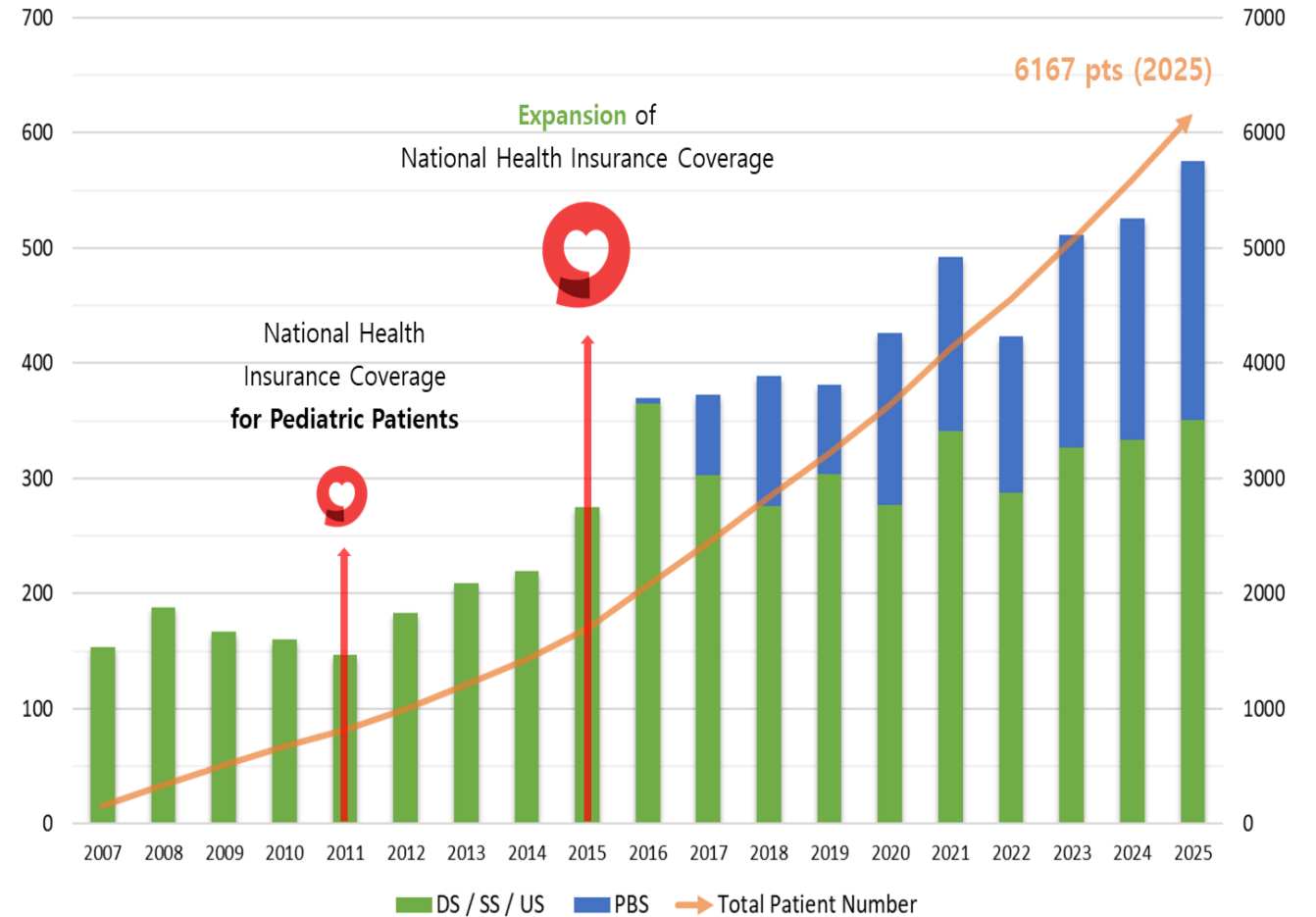


570+ patients/yr

6167 patients as per Dec 2025

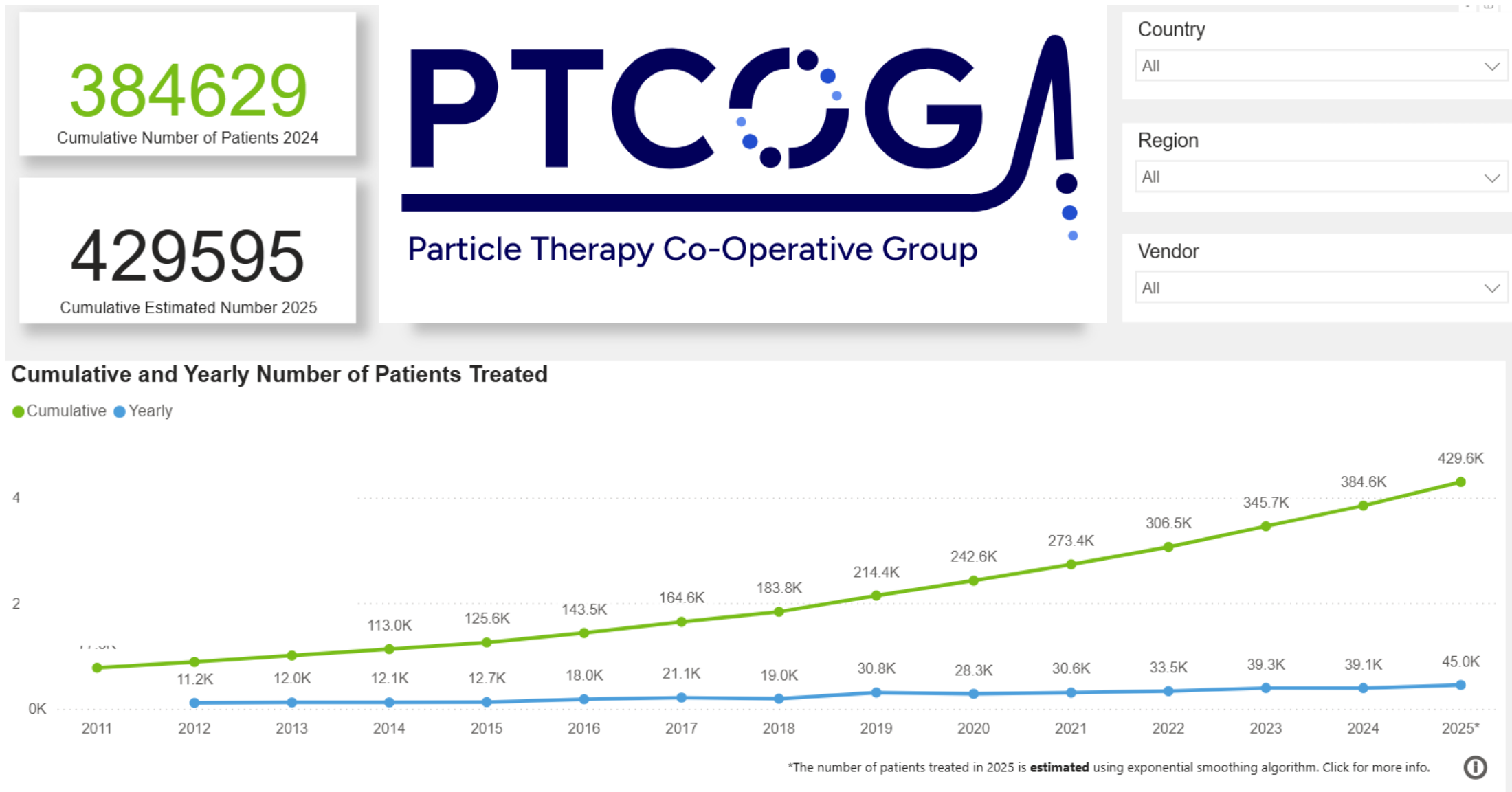
On 2 shifts (8:00AM – 10:00PM)

NCC-K is at capacity
It calls for expansion

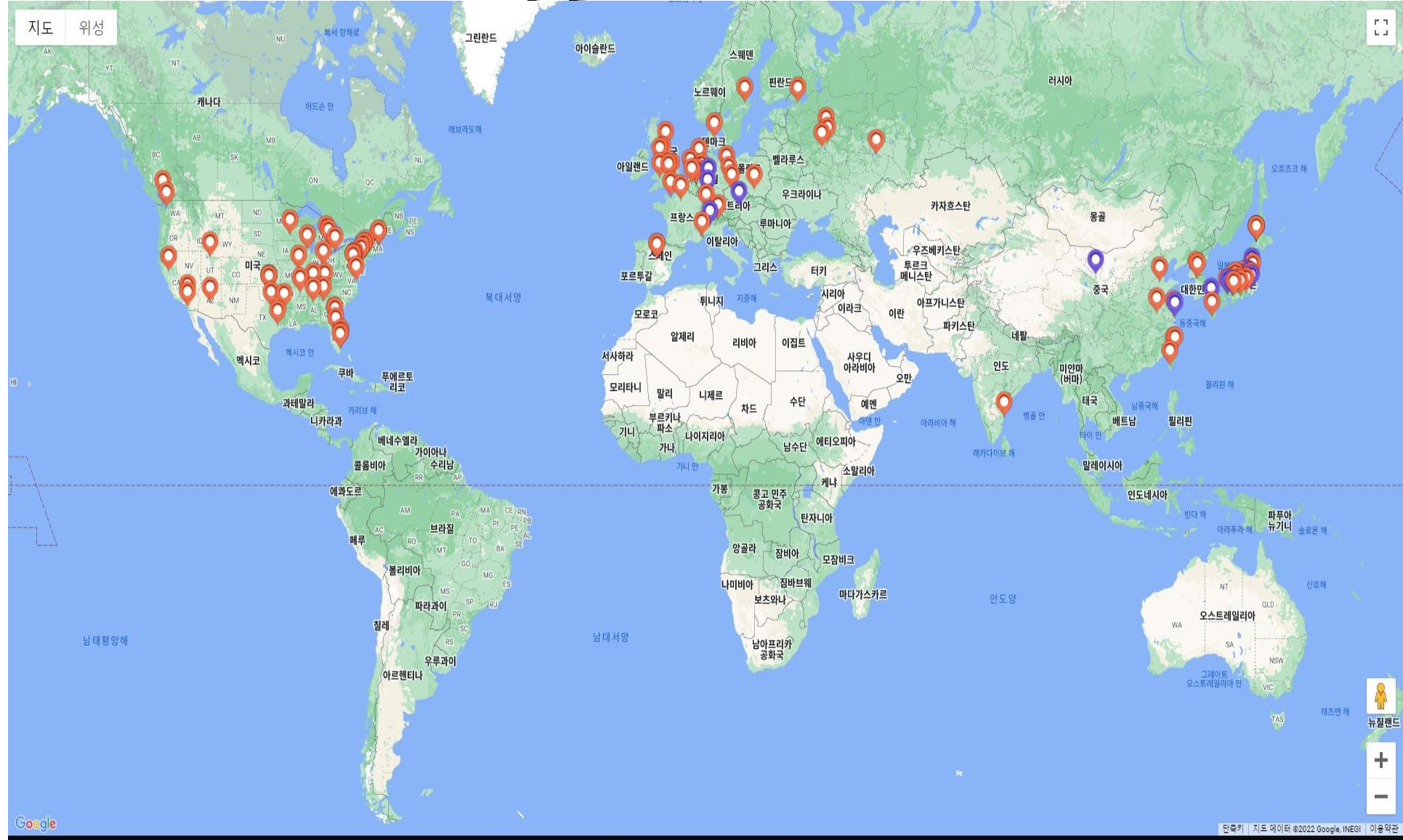


Slide and data are courtesy of Dr. Tae Hyun Kim, Medical Director at NCC-K

PTCOG: Total Number of Patients Treated Globally



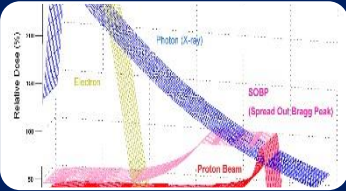
Particle Therapy Center in the world



Last update : July-2022 from PTCOG



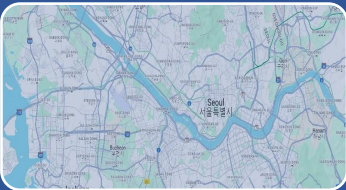
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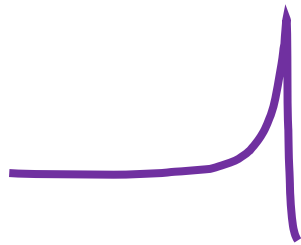
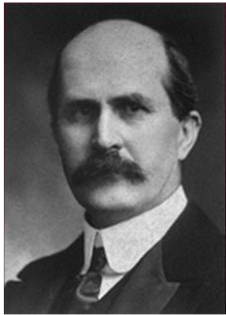
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History of Proton(Particle) Therapy

- *William Bragg* -1904: Publication of curves for ionization of air by radium alpha particles demonstrating that ionization density increased sharply near the end of range.



In 1946 Harvard physicist Robert Wilson(1914-2000) Suggested*

Proton can be used clinically

Accelerators are available

Maximum radiation dose can be placed into the tumor

Proton therapy provides sparing of normal tissues

Modulator wheel can spread narrow Bragg peak



Robert Wilson

Radiological Use of Fast Protons

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EXCEPT FOR electrons, the particles which have been accelerated to high energies by machines such as cyclotrons or Van de Graaff generators have not been directly used therapeutically. Rather, the neutrons, gamma rays, or artificial radioactivities produced in various reactions of the primary particles have been applied to medical problems. This has, in large part, been due to the very short penetration in tissue of protons, deuterons, and alpha particles from present accelerators. Higher-energy machines are now under construction, however, and the ions from them will in general be energetic enough to have a range in tissue comparable to body dimensions. It must have occurred to many people that the particles themselves now become of considerable therapeutic interest. The object of this paper is to acquaint medical and biological workers with some of the physical properties and possibilities of such rays.

To be as simple as possible, let us consider only high-energy protons; later we can generalize to other particles. The accelerators now being constructed or

per centimeter of path, or specific ionization, and this varies almost inversely with the energy of the proton. Thus the specific ionization or dose is many times less where the proton enters the tissue at high energy than it is in the last centimeter of the path where the ion is brought to rest.

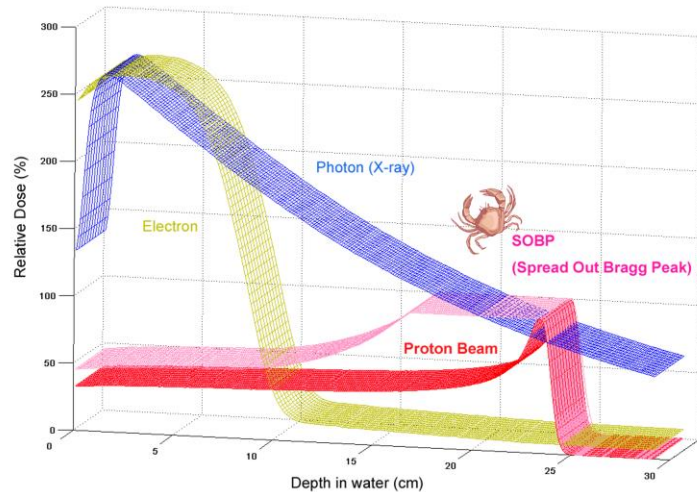
These properties make it possible to irradiate intensely a strictly localized region within the body, with but little skin dose. It will be easy to produce well collimated narrow beams of fast protons, and since the range of the beam is easily controllable, precision exposure of well defined small volumes within the body will soon be feasible.

Let us examine the properties of fast protons somewhat more quantitatively. Perhaps the most important biological quantity is the specific ionization, or number of ions per centimeter of track. This quantity is not difficult to calculate. The results of such calculations are shown in Figure 1, where the range of protons in tissue is plotted for protons of various energies. In the same figure, the specific ionization is plotted as a function of the range

Particle Therapy?

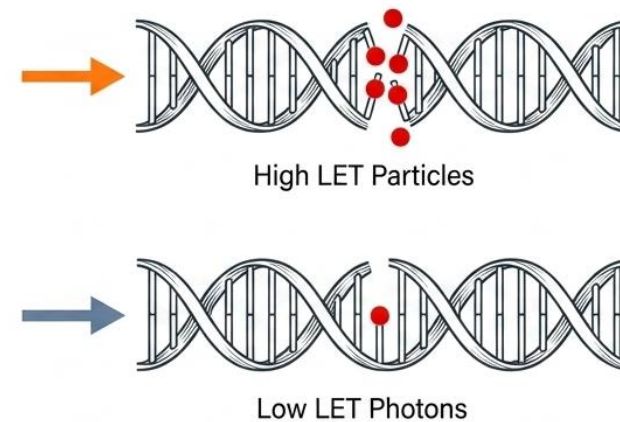
Particle therapy is an advanced form of external beam radiation therapy used primarily to treat cancer. Instead of using X-rays (photons) like conventional radiation, it utilizes heavier, charged atomic particles—most commonly **protons** or **carbon ions**.

The Macroscopic Advantage



Spatial Precision: Maximum energy is deposited exactly at the tumor site, sparing surrounding healthy tissues from unintended exposure.

The Microscopic Advantage

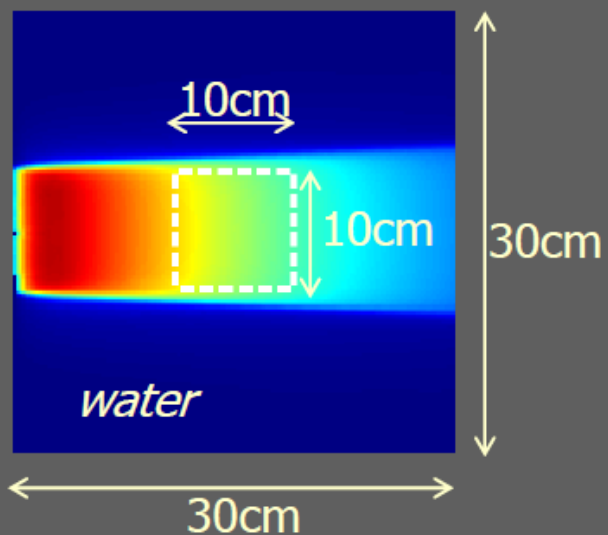


Biological Efficacy: Heavy particles induce complex, clustered DNA damage that circumvents traditional cellular repair pathways, leading to permanent tumor cell destruction.

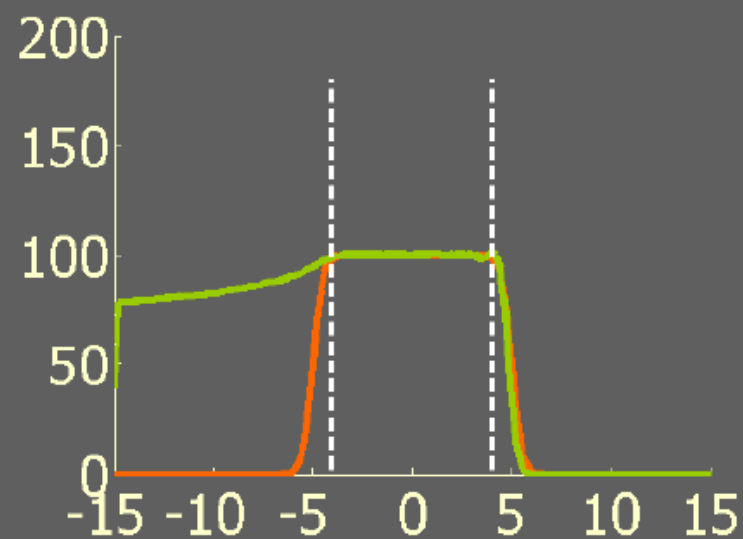
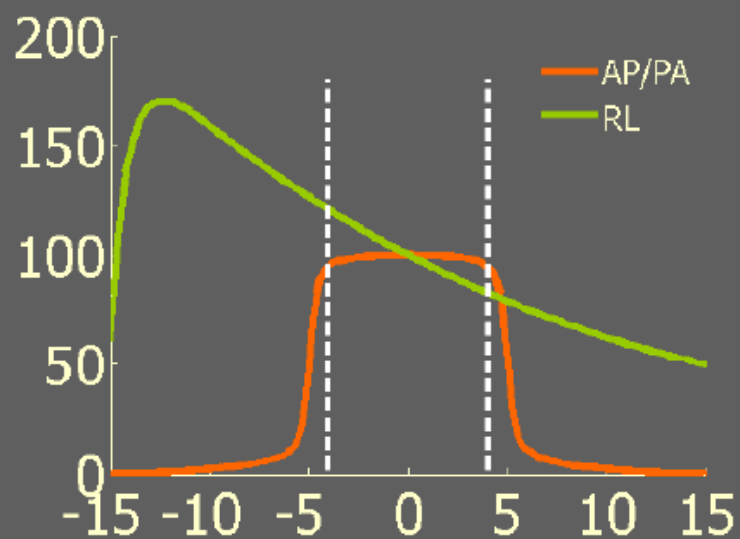
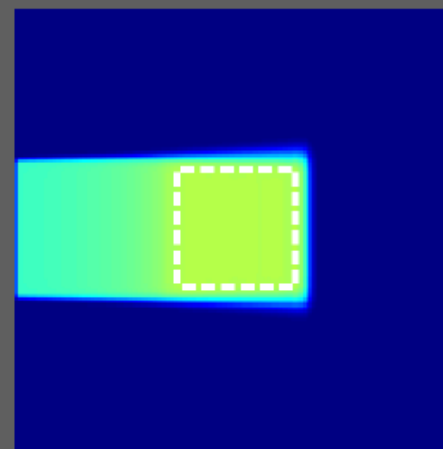
proton vs. photon pdd

1 field

15MV photons



protons (R=20,M=10)

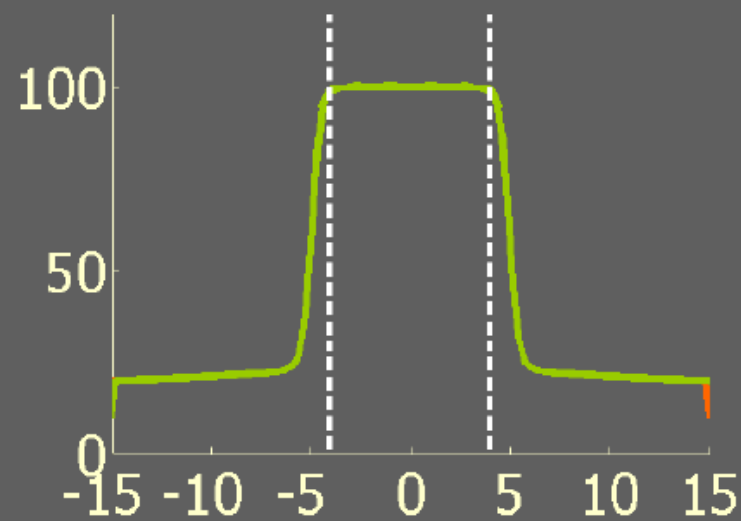
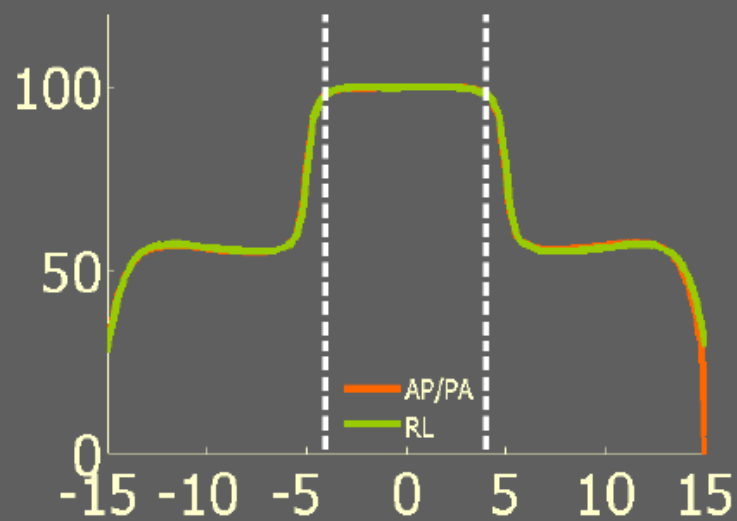
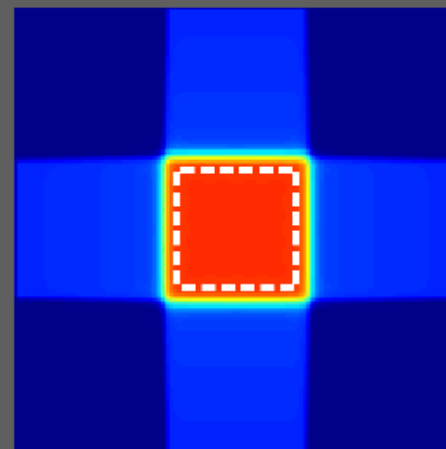
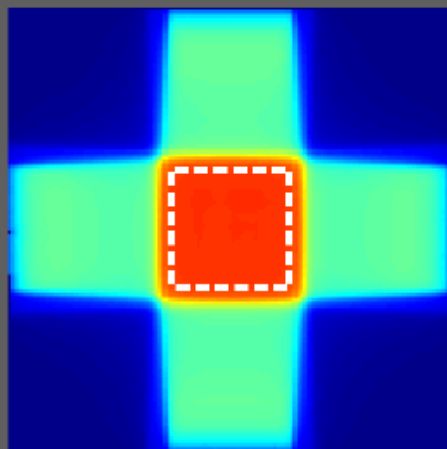


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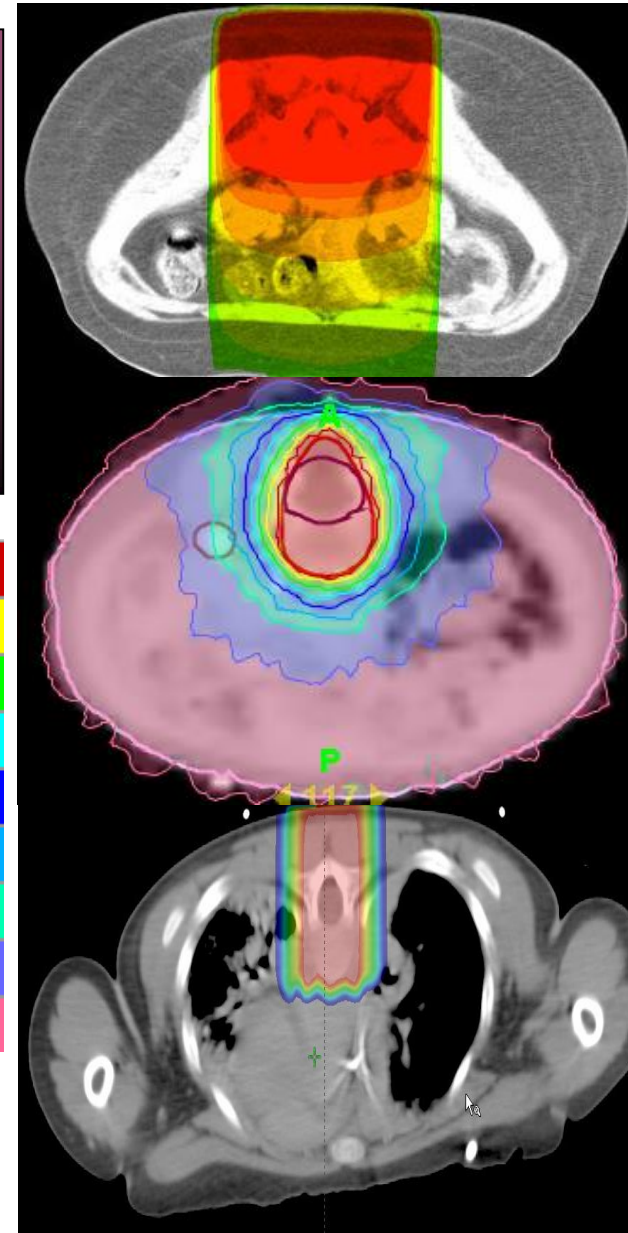
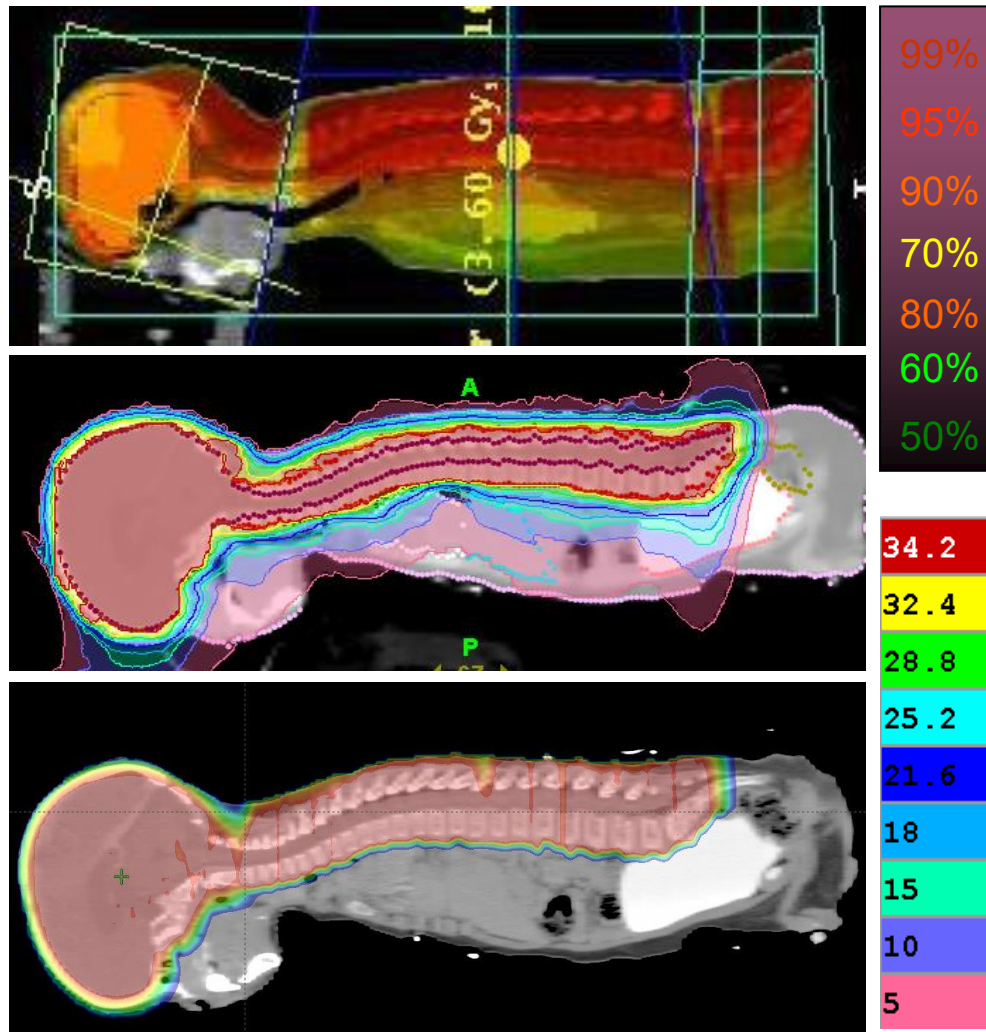
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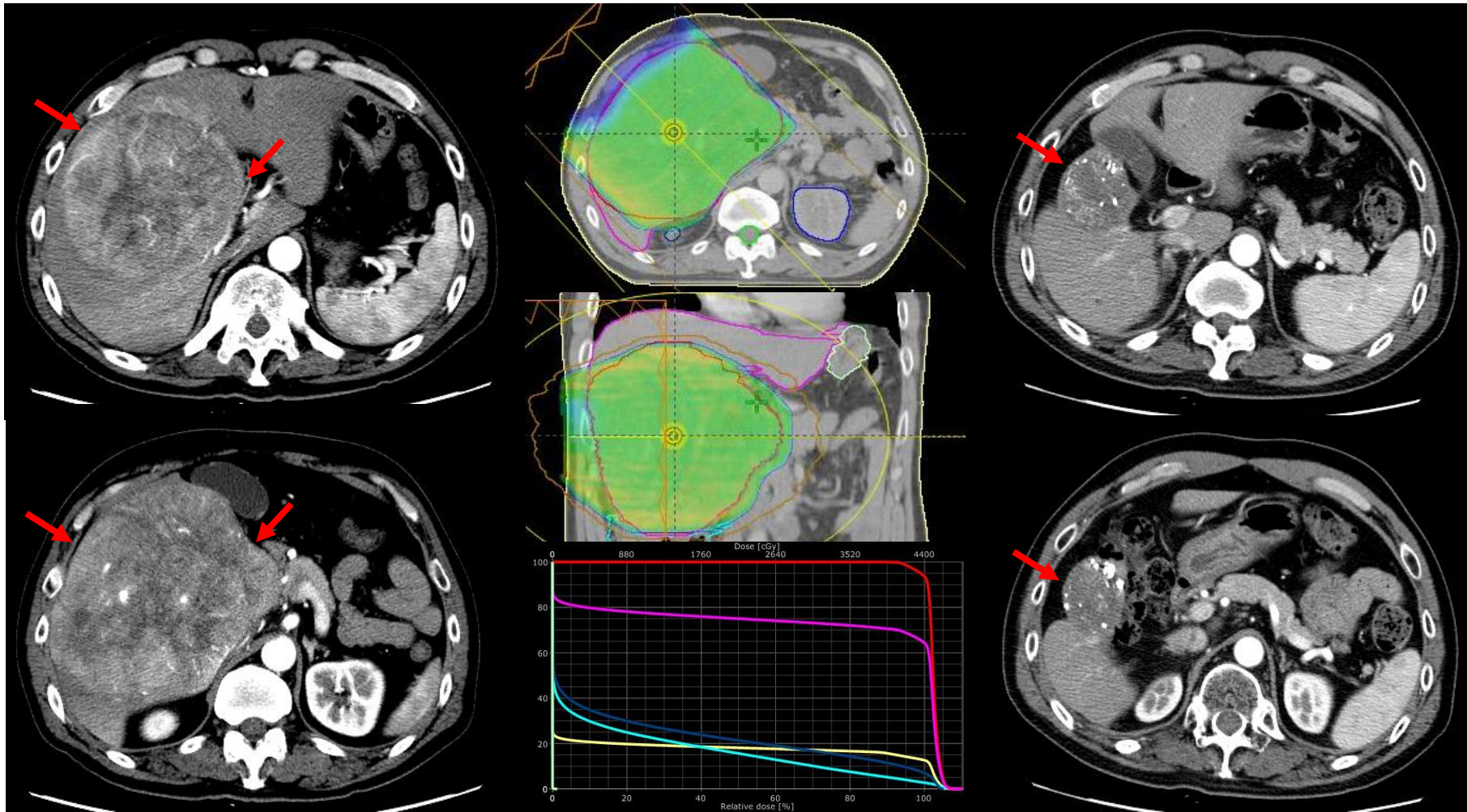
4 fields



CSI using 3D CRT, Tomotherapy, and Proton Beam Therapy



5~100% isodose line

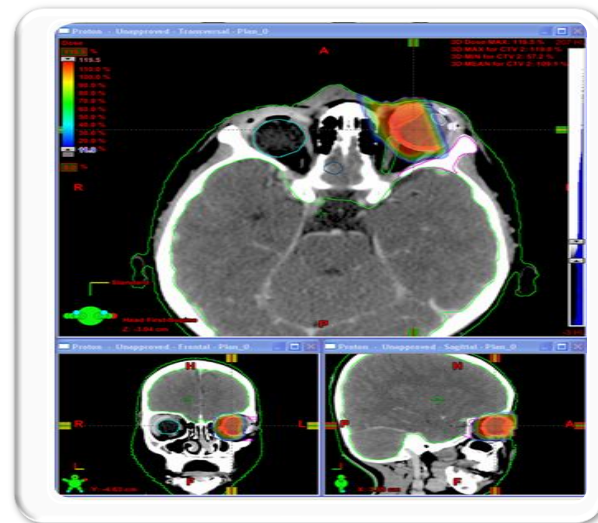
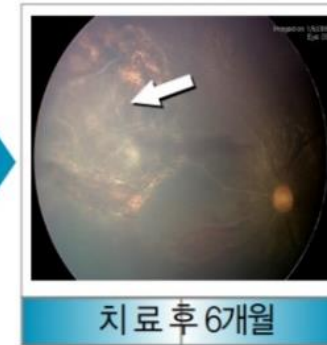
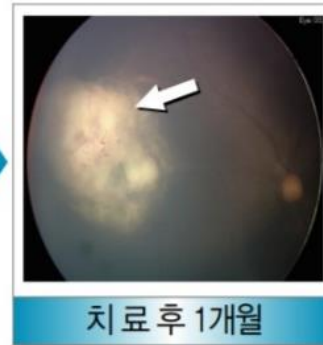


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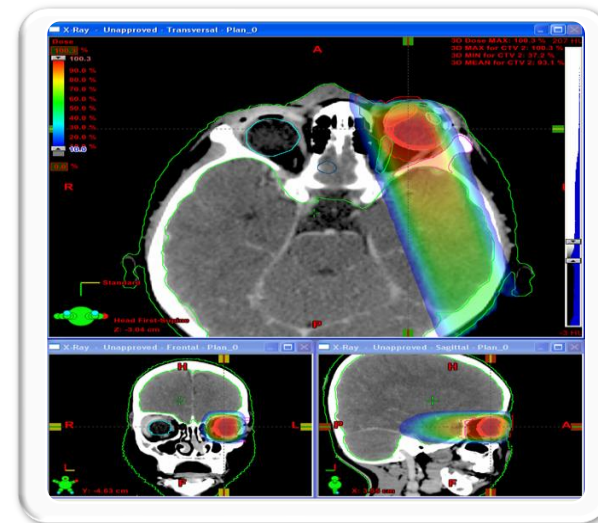
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경동맥화학색전술

1년 반 후

- 망막모세포종 (남아 3세, 오른쪽 눈)
- 눈안의 종양이 양성자 치료 후 안구손상 없이 치료됨

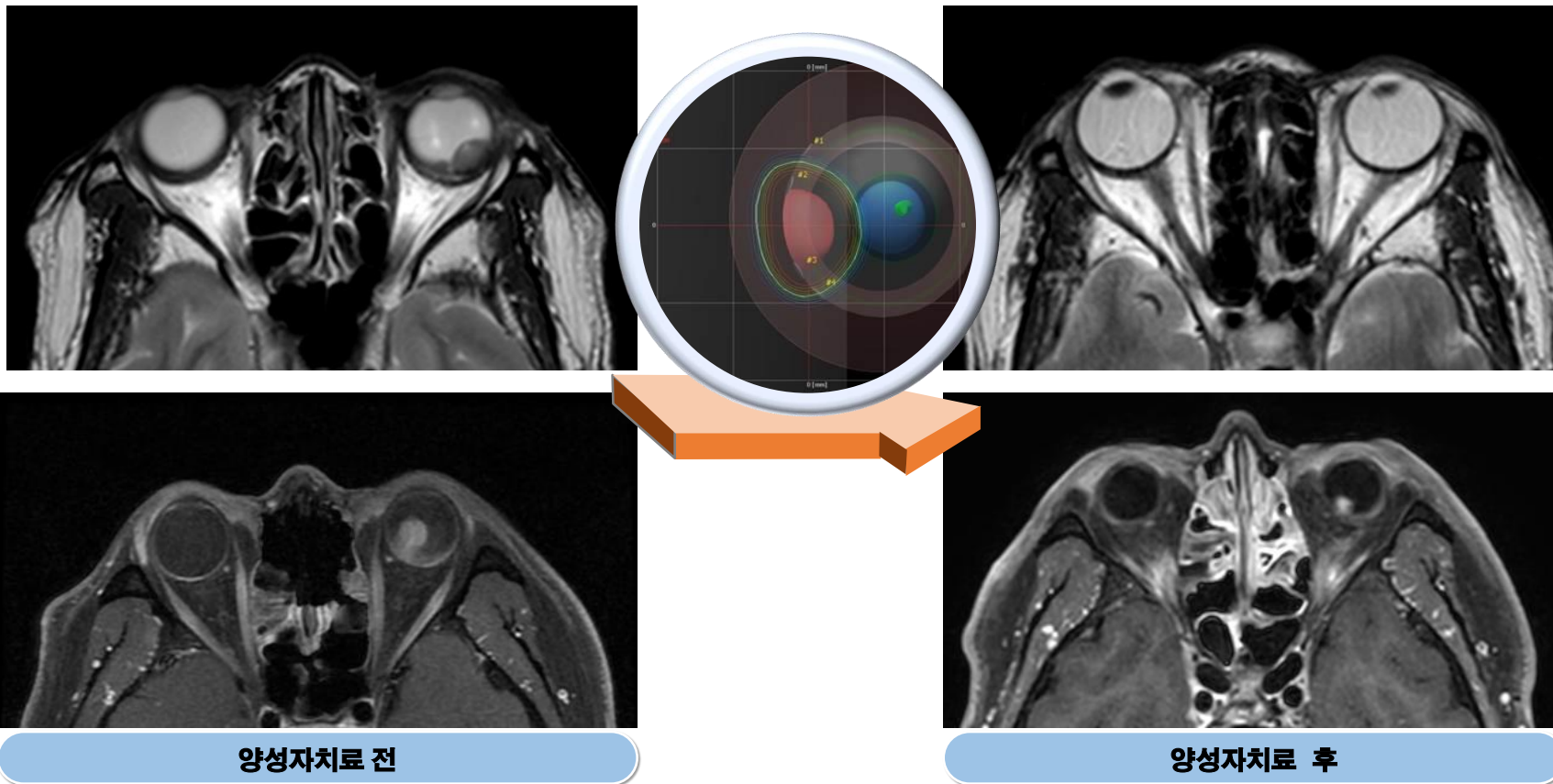


Proton Beam



X-Ray

맥락막흑색종 치료 전후 비교

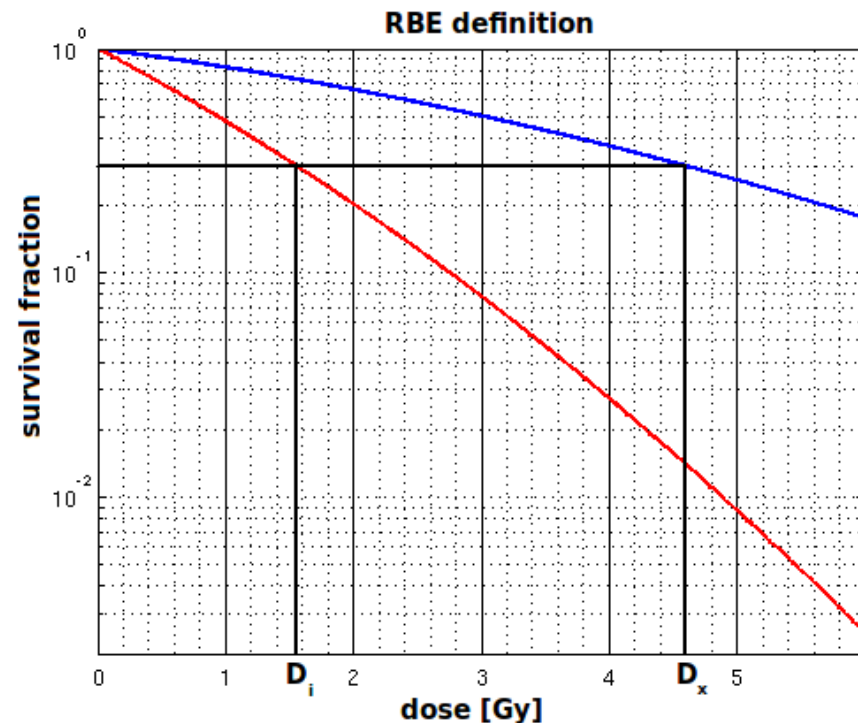


RBE (Relative Biological Effect)

- ❖ The ratio of biological effectiveness of one type of ionizing radiation relative to another, given the same amount of absorbed energy.
- ❖ An empirical value that varies depending on the particles, energies involved, and which biological effects are deemed relevant.
- ❖ It is a set of experimental measurements.
- ❖ Unit of effective dose for charged particle therapy = Gy(RBE) (SI unit)
- ❖ RBE depends on
 - Energy/LET
 - Particle species
 - Cell/Tissue type
 - Dose
 - Oxygen status
 - ...

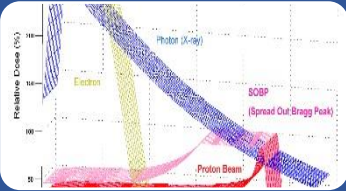
$$RBE = \frac{D_x}{D_R}$$

$$D_{eff} = D_{phy} \cdot RBE$$





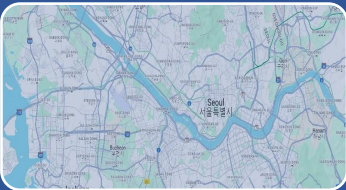
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Accelerator



Cyclotron & Synchrocyclotron



- 1. Fix time/per cycle, with increasing diameter to comply with the increasing speed of particle.
- 2. Continuous beam, not pulse. High output and dose rate.
- 3. Beam at the outlet: fixed energy.
- 4. Adjust energy by beam degrader.
- 5. Relatively more radioactivity of contamination.
- 6. Stable output, more suitable for pencil beam scanning.



synchrotron



1. Fix diameter, with increasing the speed of changes of magnetic field to comply with the increasing speed of particle.
2. Pulse beam, not continuous. lower output and dose rate.
3. Beam at the outlet: variable energy.
4. Relatively more less radioactivity of contamination.
5. Relatively not stable within a pulse, more difficult in pencil beam scan.

Cyclotron VS. Synchrotron

	Cyclotron	Synchrotron
Energy	Fixed	Variable
Spill Structure	Continuous	Pulse
Beam extract efficacy	Low (high radiation activity)	High
Temperature stability	Variable ->beam position, angle & energy (magnetic permeability > thermal expansion)	Stable
Beam current	High	Low
Beam quality (momentum spread)	Low (large)	High (small)

Requirement Specifications for Proton therapy

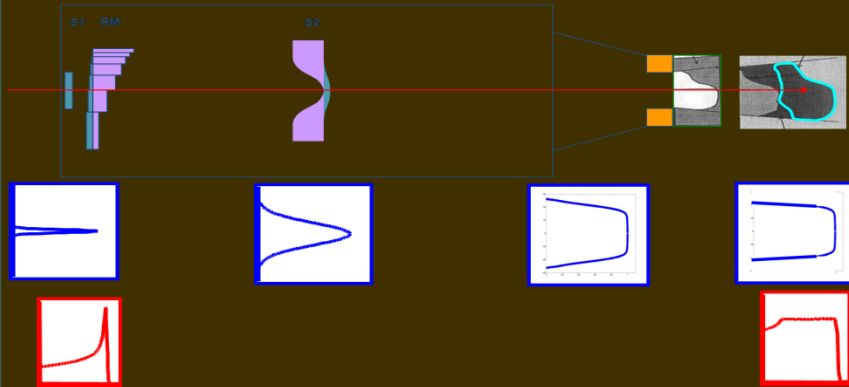
- **Accelerator energy** : ≥ 230 MeV
- **Beam current**: greater than 10 nA
- **Range in water**: $4.1 \text{ g/cm}^2 \sim 32 \text{ g/cm}^2$
- **Range Adjustment** : continuous or $\leq 0.21 \text{ g/cm}^2$
- **Range Accuracy** : $\leq 0.1 \text{ g/cm}^2$
- **Energy layer switching time** : ≤ 1.0 sec.
- **Field size** : $40 \times 40 \text{ cm}^2$, (compact $20 \times 20 \text{ cm}^2$)
- **Dose rate** : $\geq 2 \text{ Gy/min/liter}$
- **Spot size**(@iso, air, 1σ)
 - ✓ Max energy : $\leq 4 \text{ mm}$
 - ✓ Min energy : $\leq 8 \text{ mm}$

Beam Delivery Technique

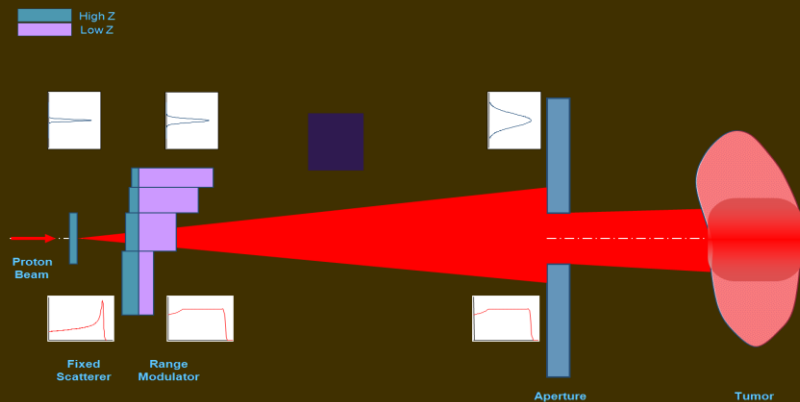
Proton Beam modes

Passive mode

Double Scattering mode

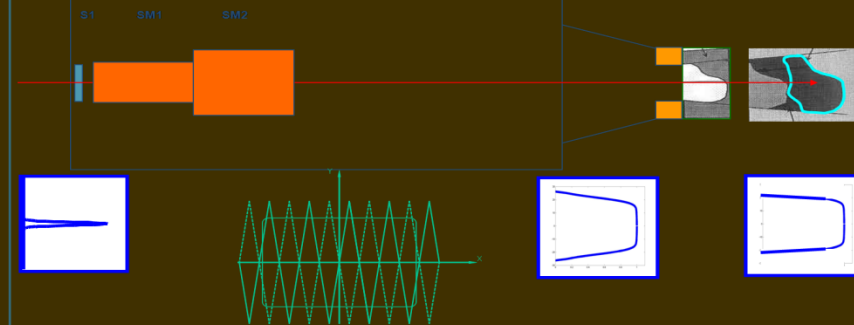


Single Scattering mode

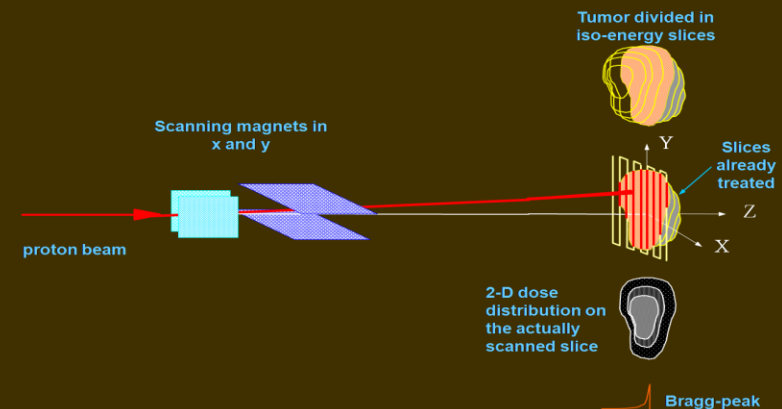


Dynamic mode

Uniform Scanning mode

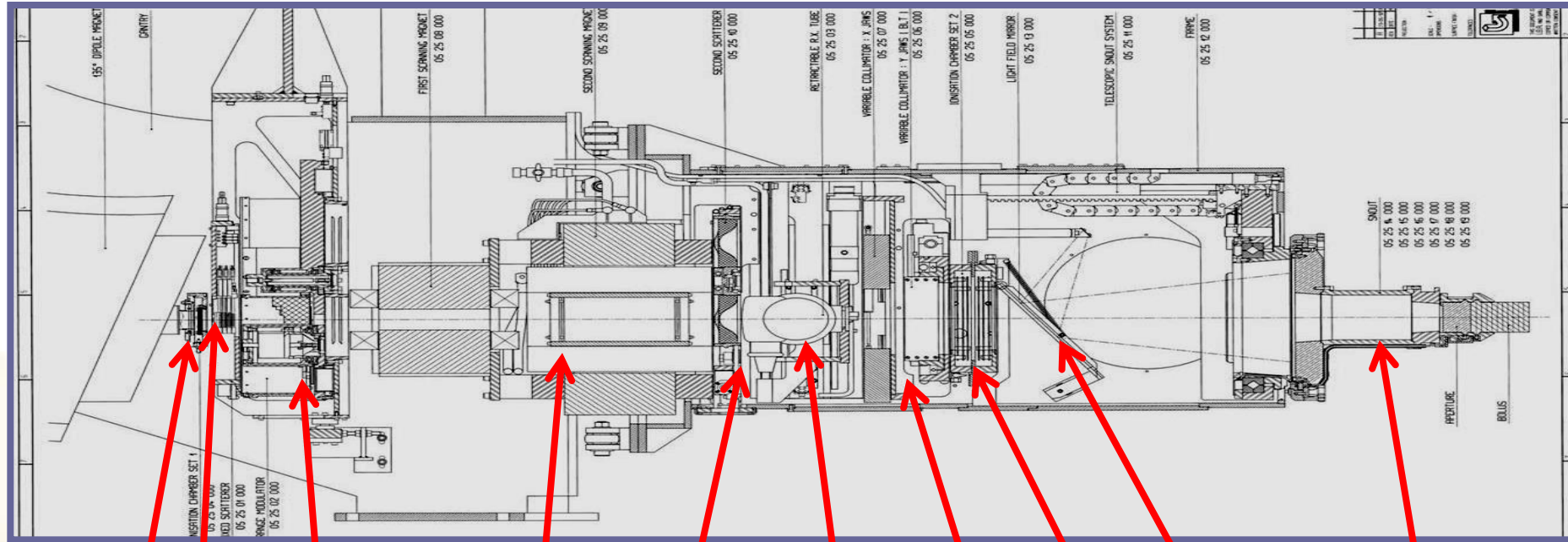


Pencil Beam Scanning mode



Passive Mode

IBA Universal Nozzle



IonChamber 1(IC1)

First Scatterer(FS)

Range Modulator(RM)

Scanning Magnet(SM)

Second Scatterer(SS)

X-ray Tube

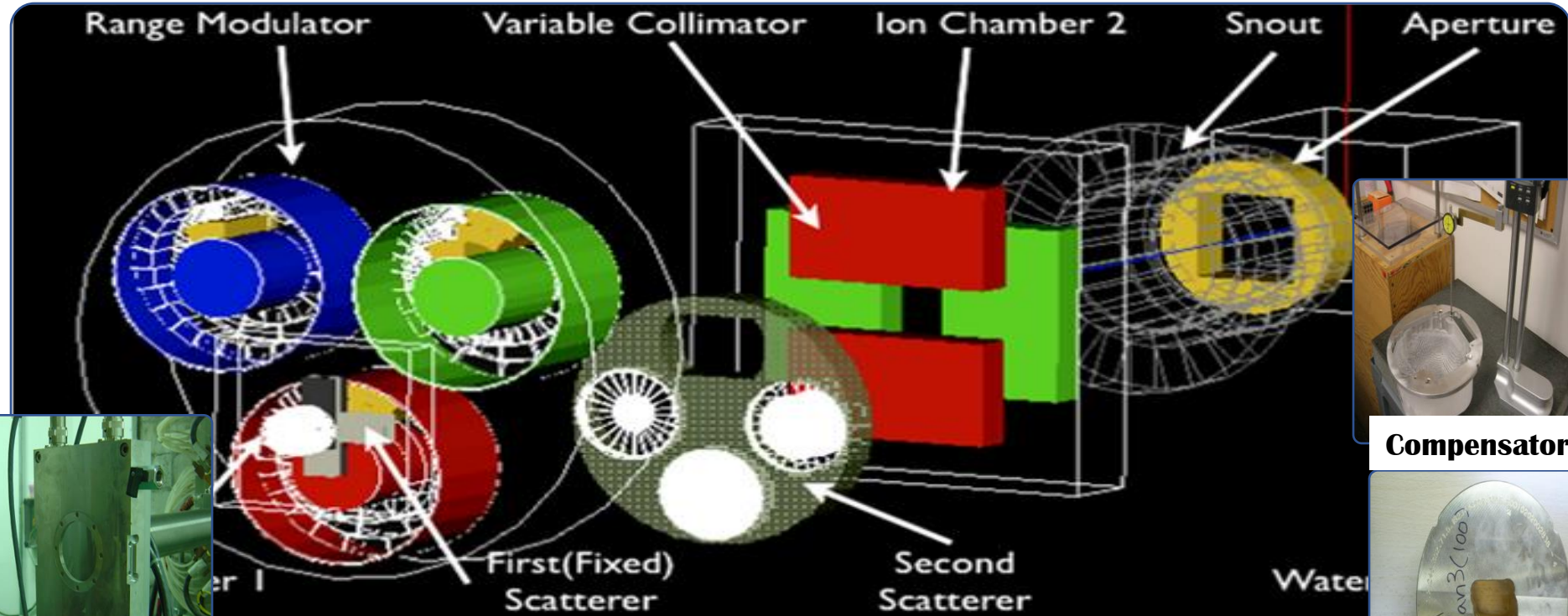
Variable Collimator(VCx,VCy)
Range Verifier (RV):VCy

Mirror

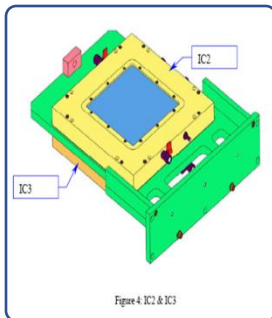
IC2/3

Snout

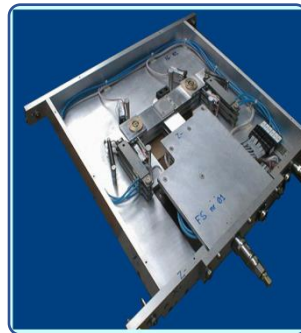
Nozzle components



Ion Chamber1



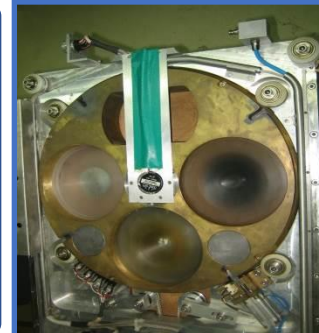
Ion Chamber2,3



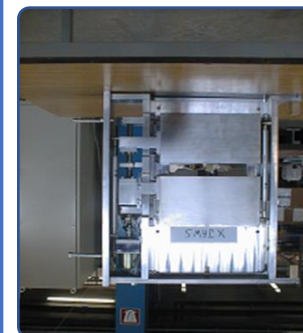
First Scatterer



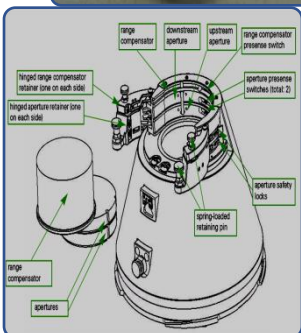
Range modulator



Second Scatterer



Variable collimator



Snout

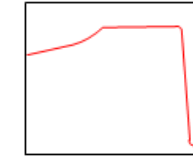
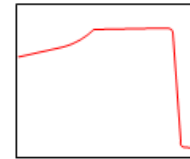
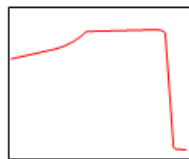
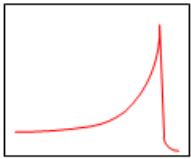
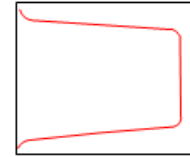
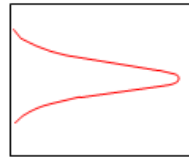
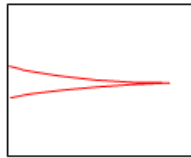
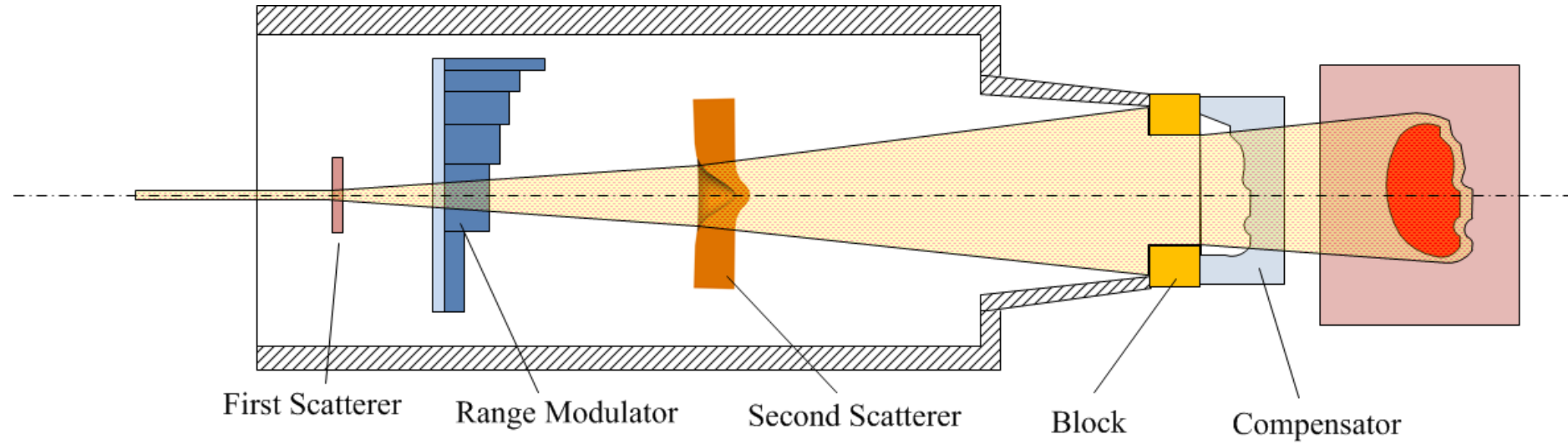


Compensator



Block

Double Scattering



Passively scattered proton beam



- Pencil beam

Passively scattered proton beam

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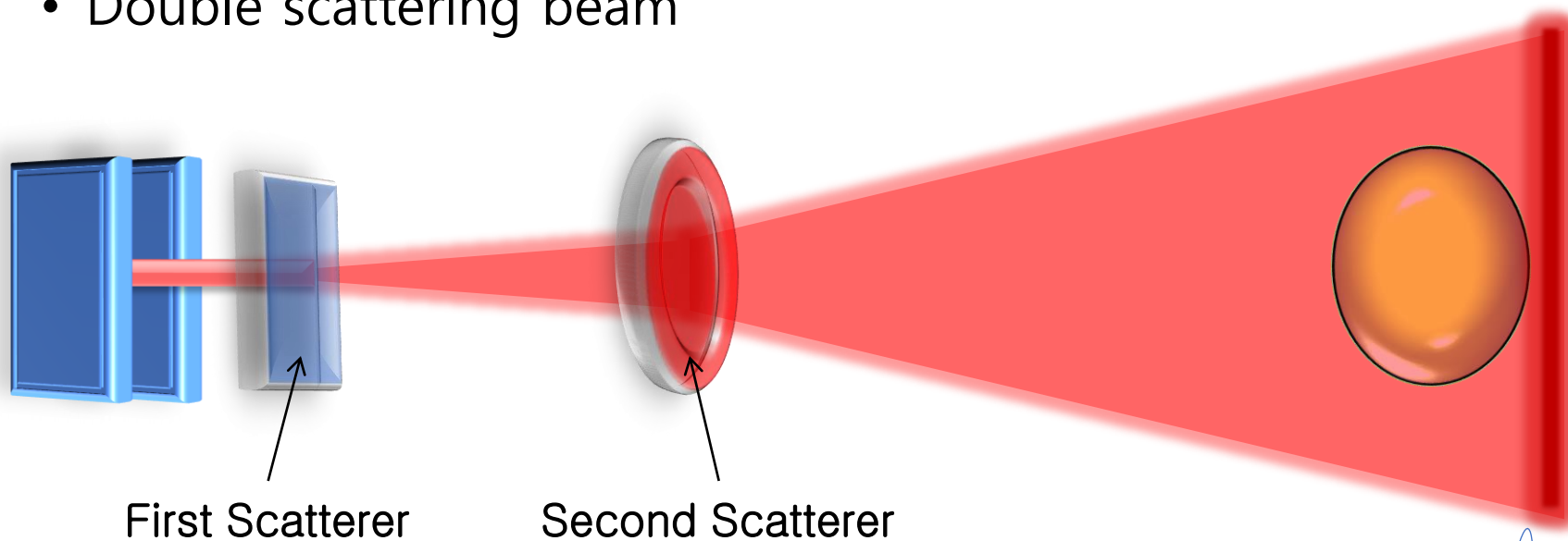


First Scatterer

- Field size: ϕ 6–7 cm
- Eye treatment
- Brain SRS

Passively scattered proton beam

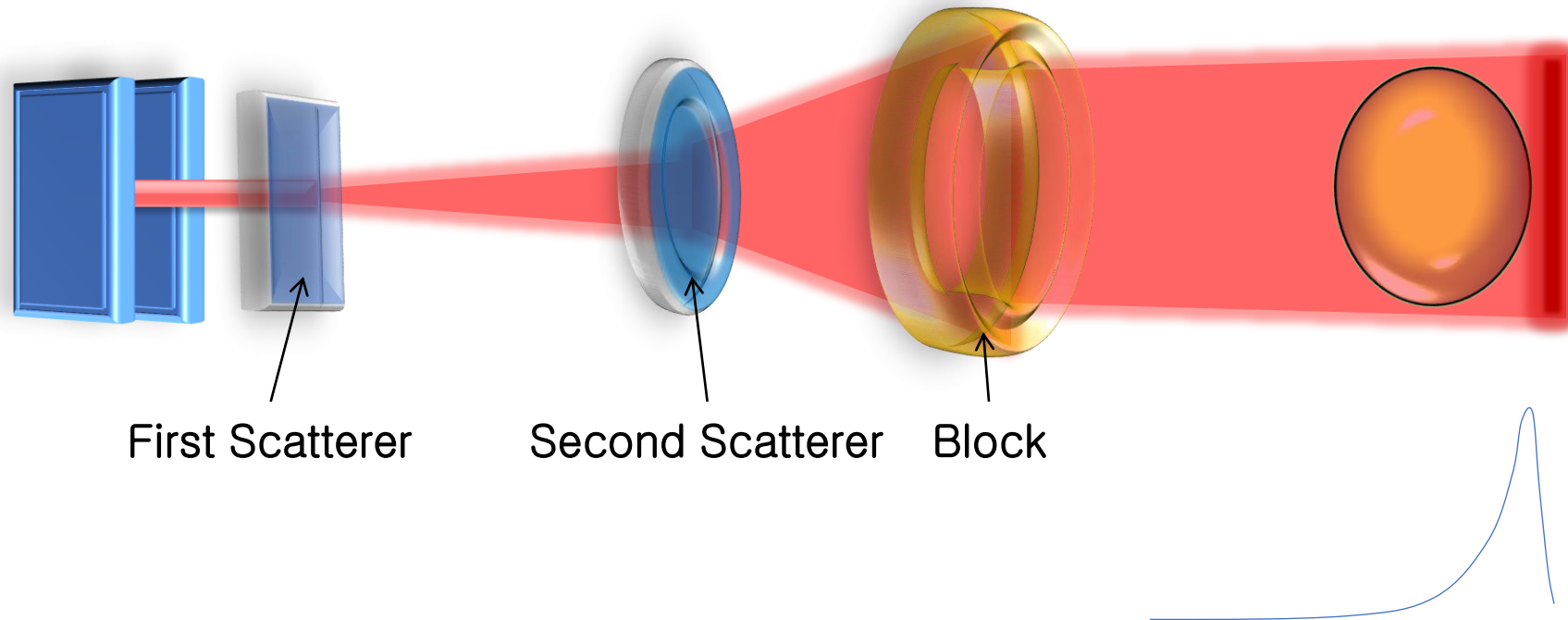
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- Field size: ϕ 22 cm
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- prostate, brain, lung, breast, CSI....

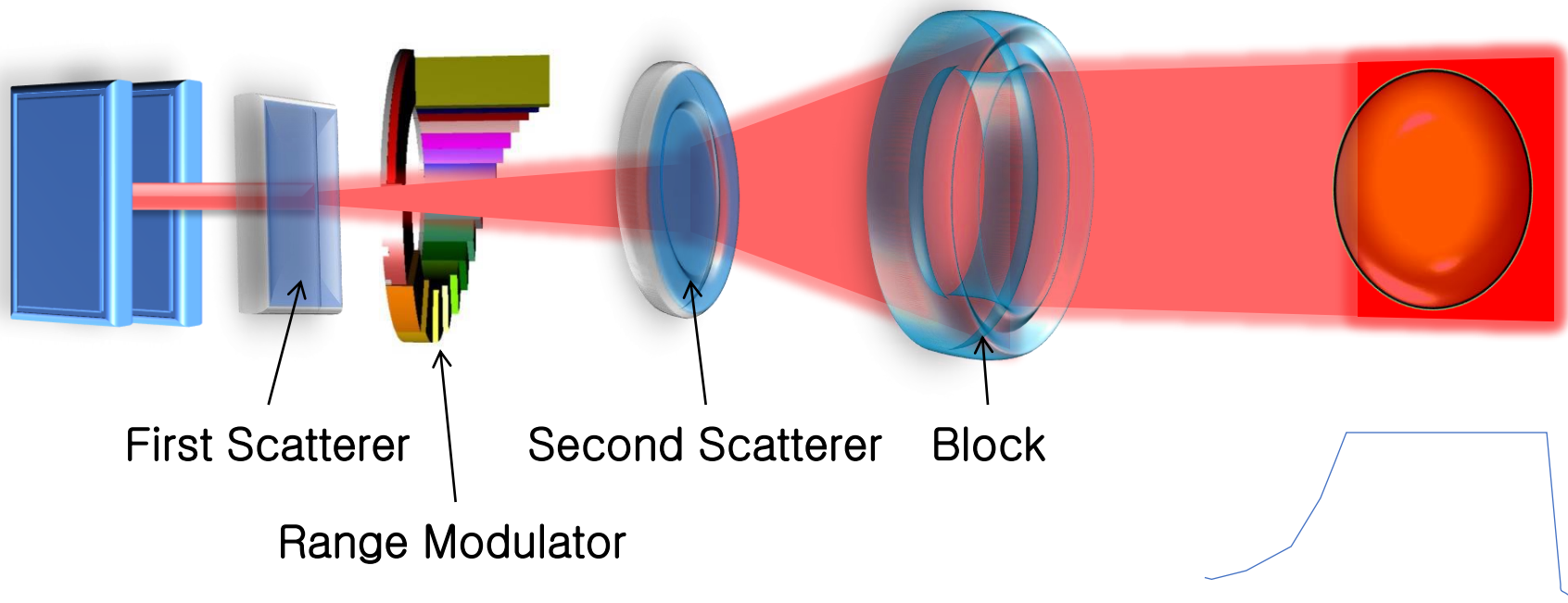
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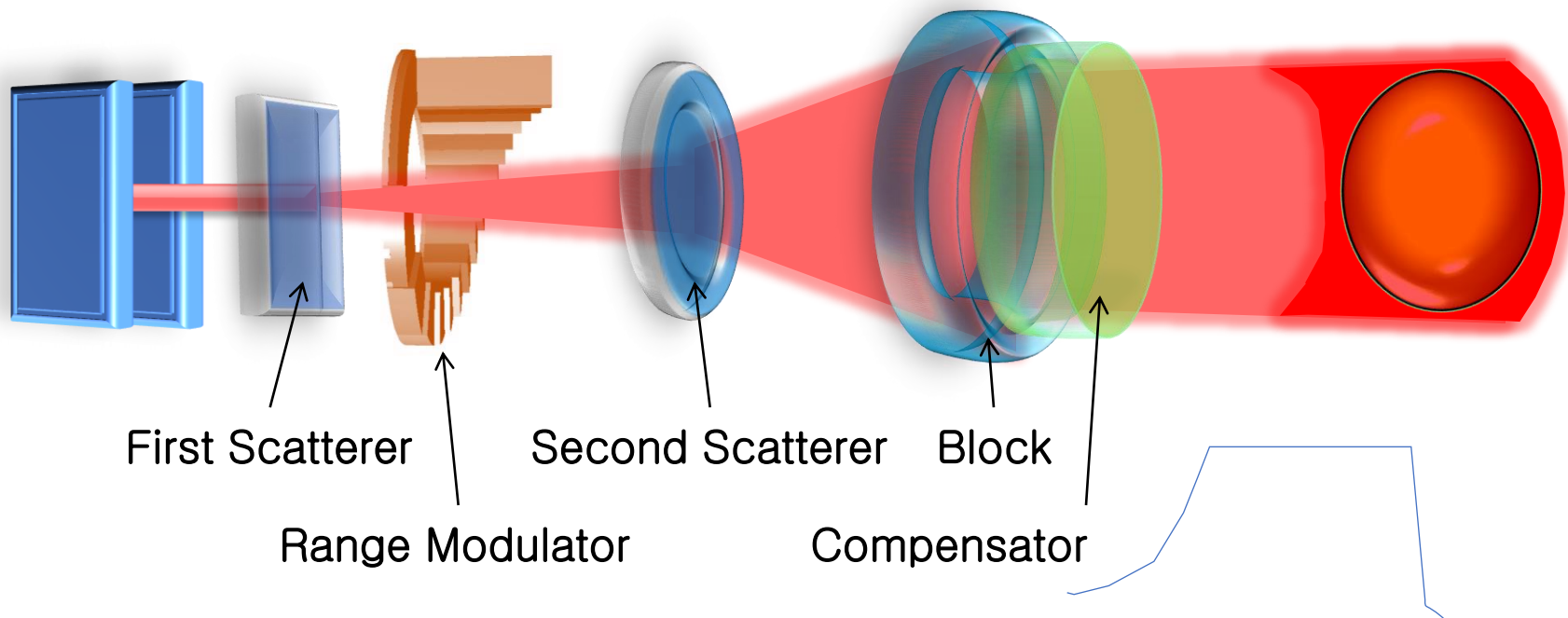
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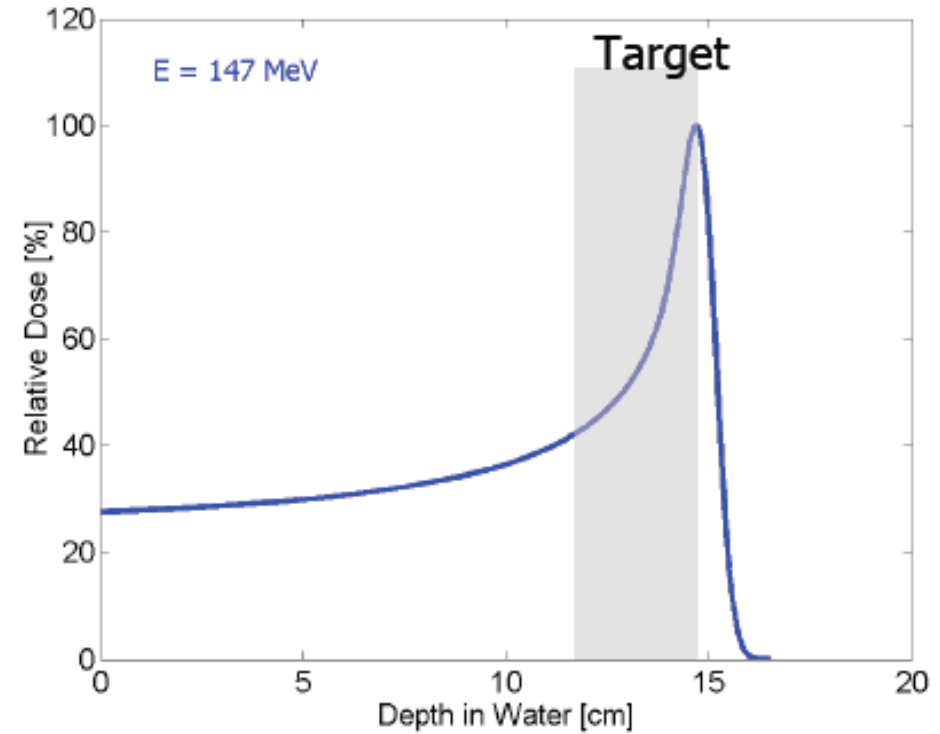
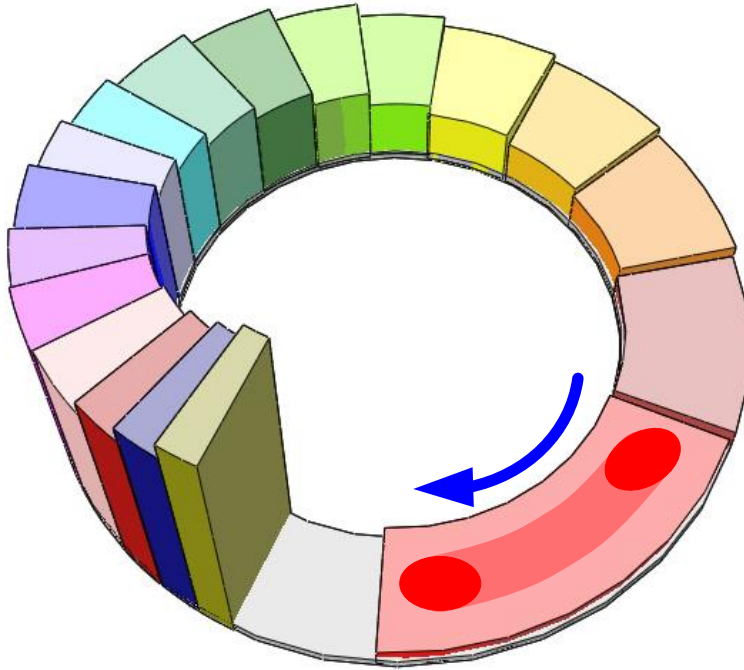


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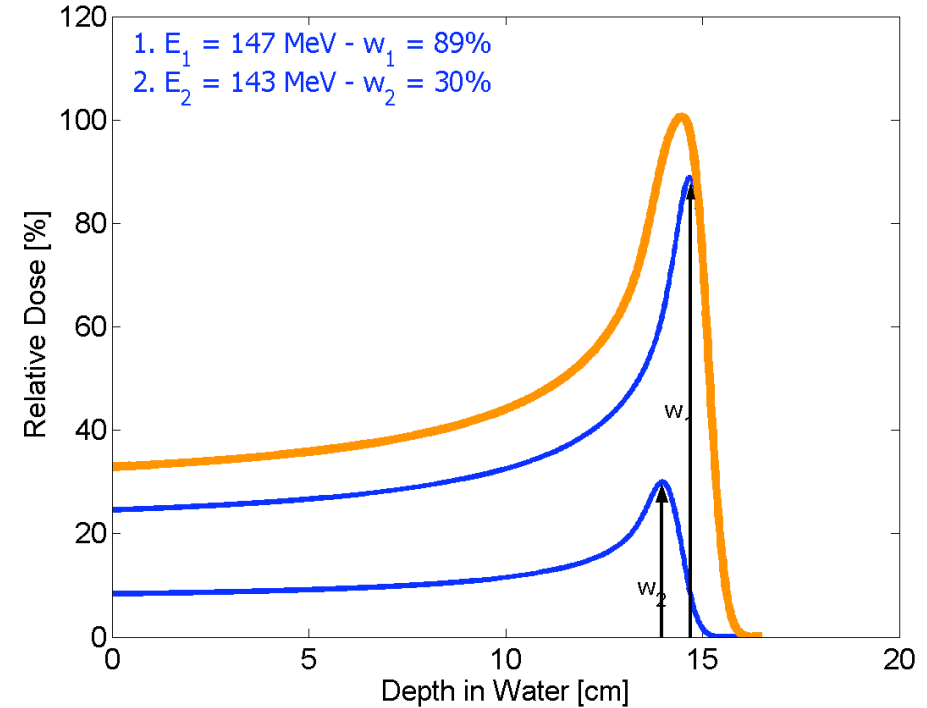
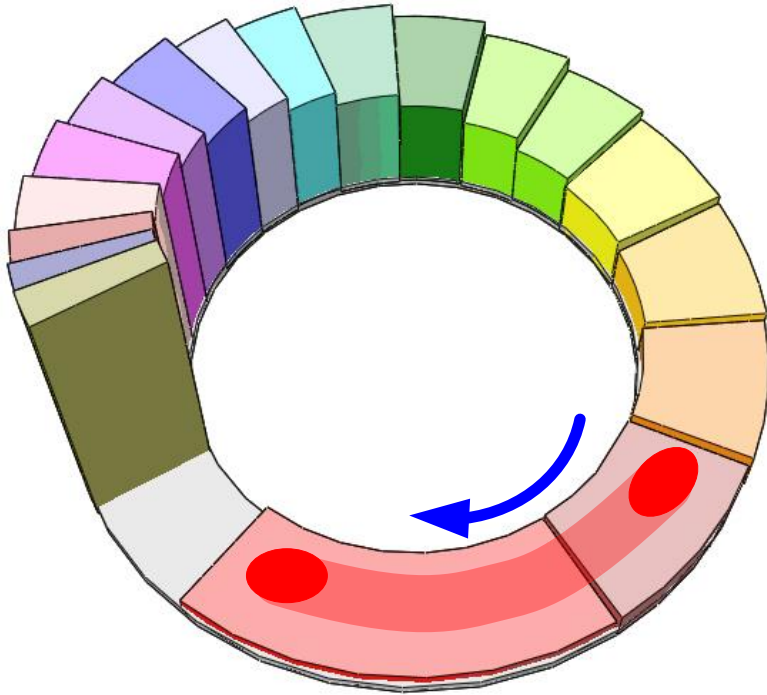
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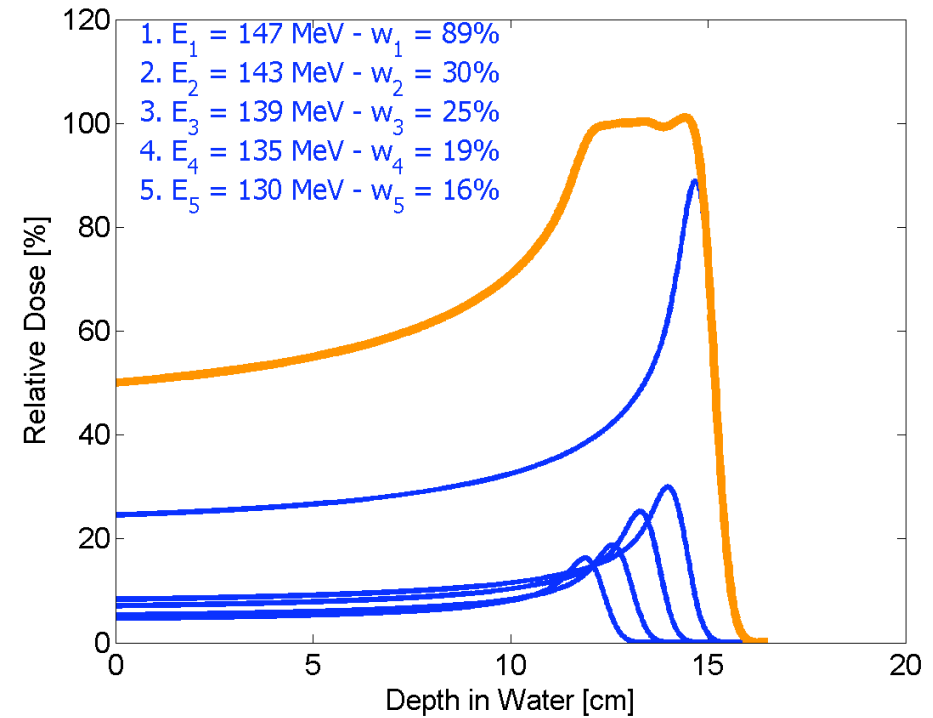
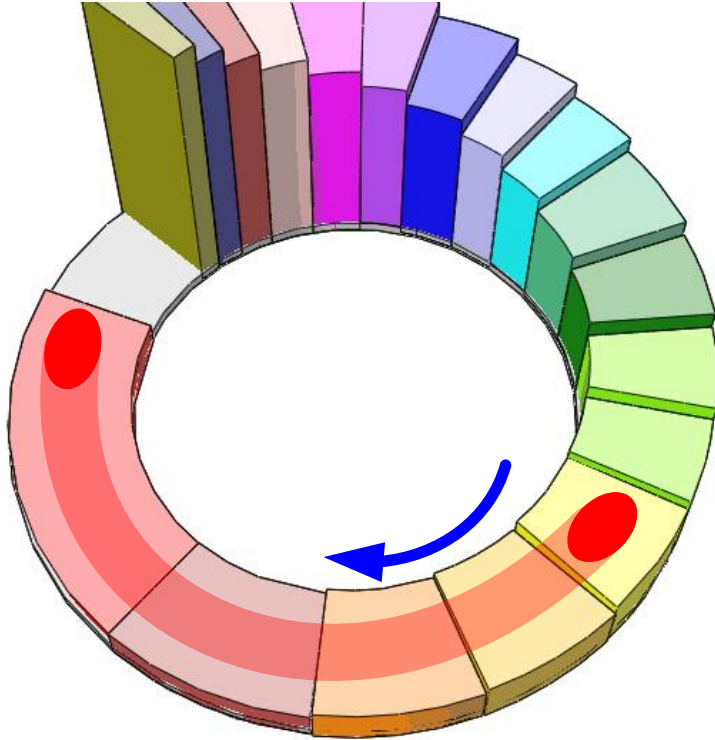
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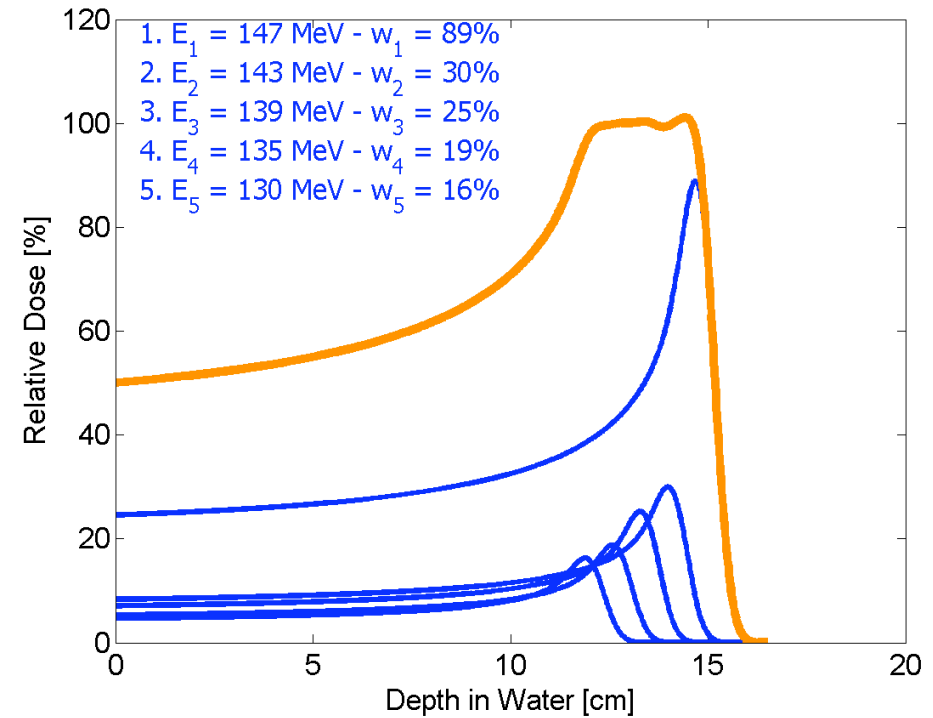
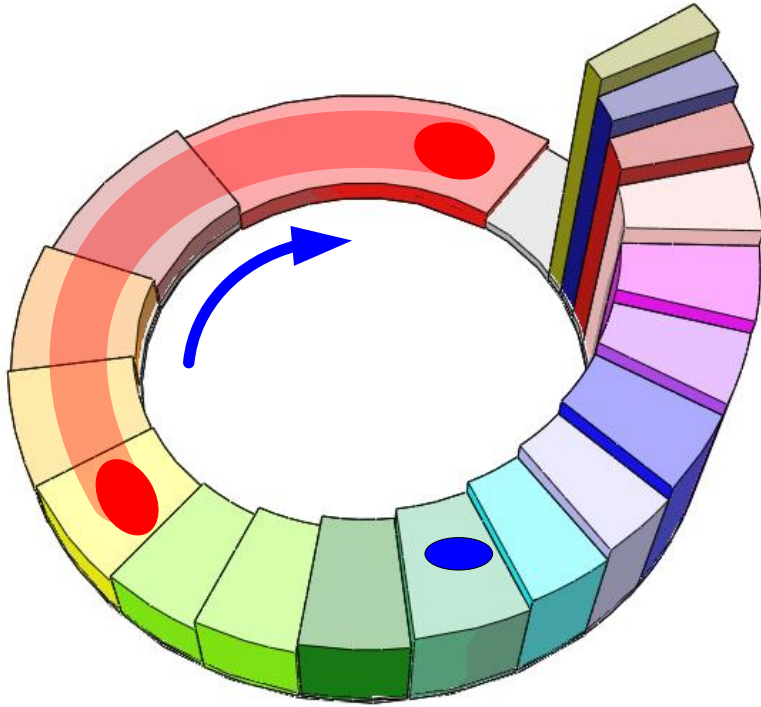
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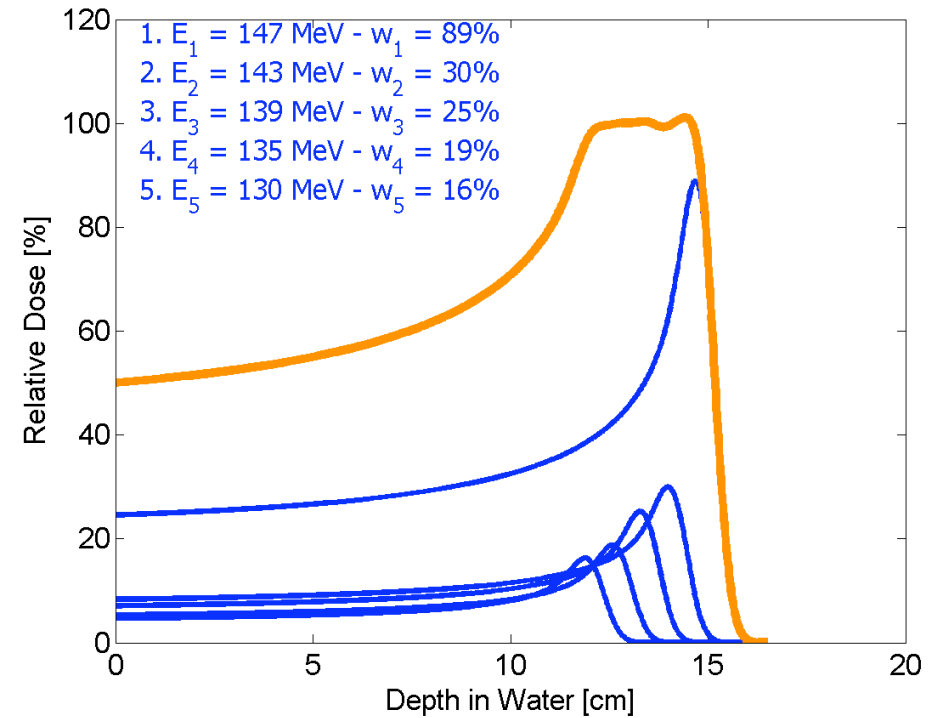
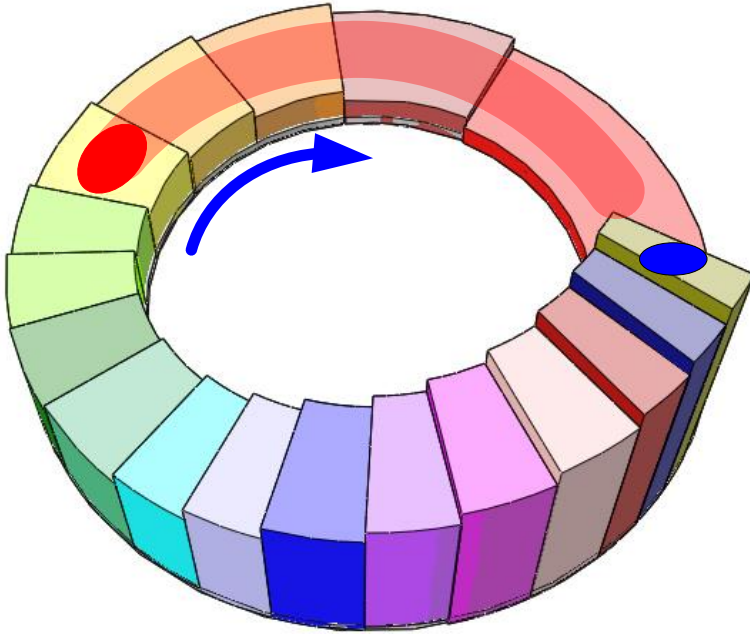
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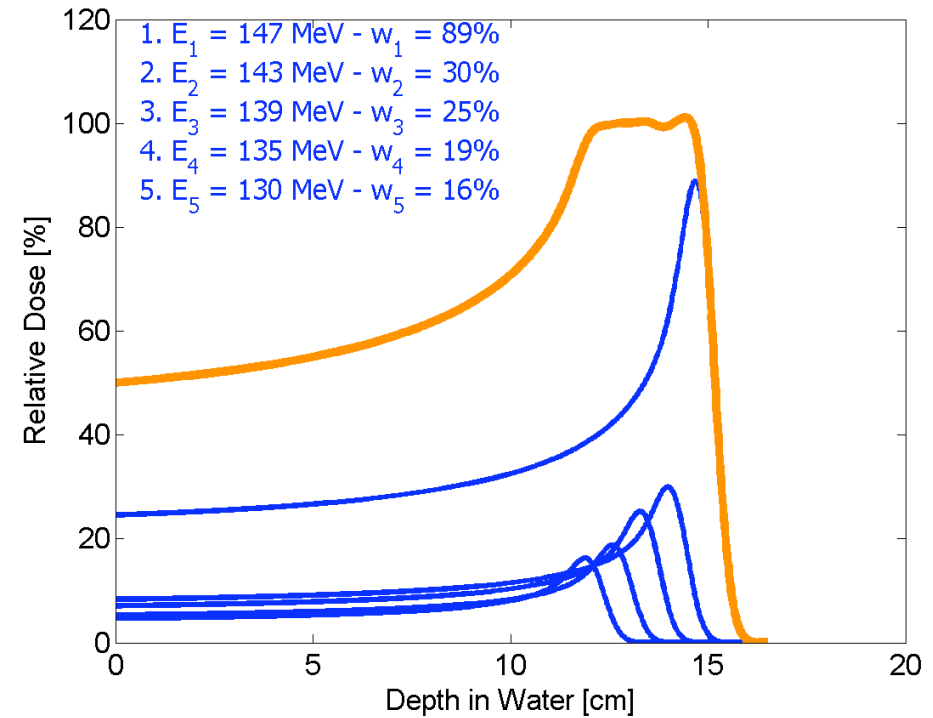
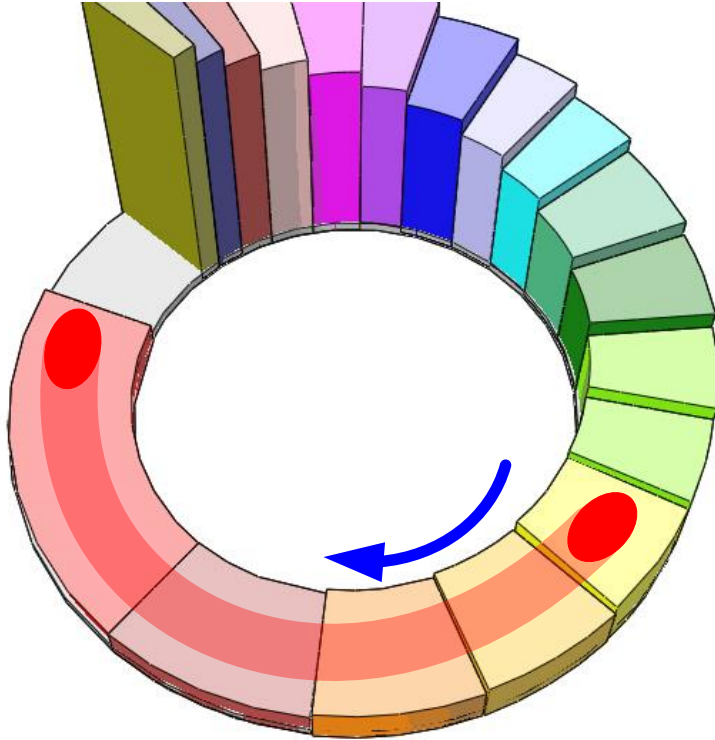
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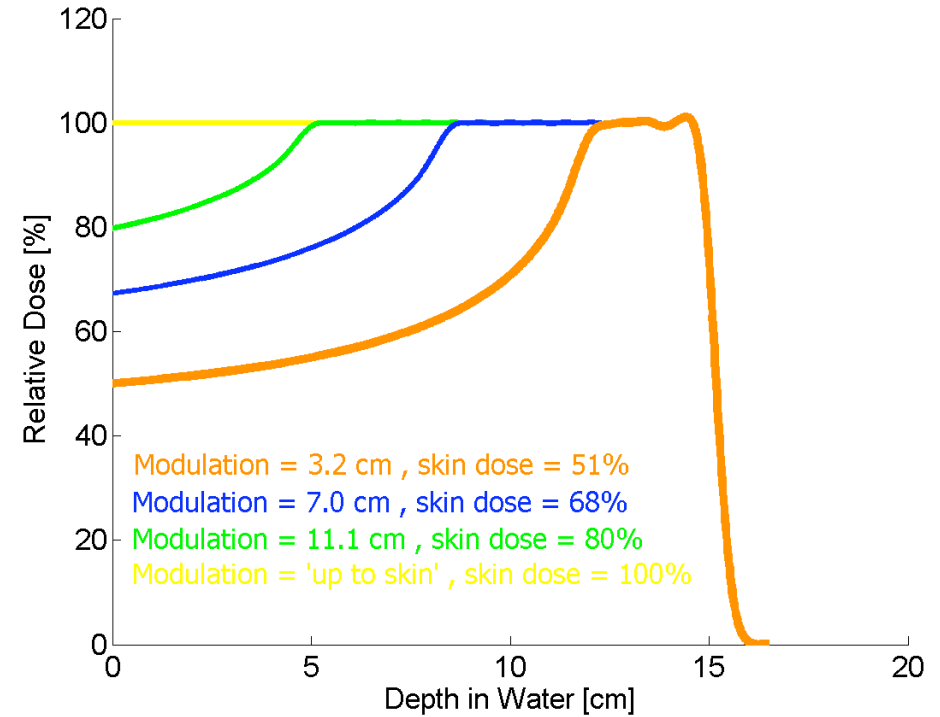
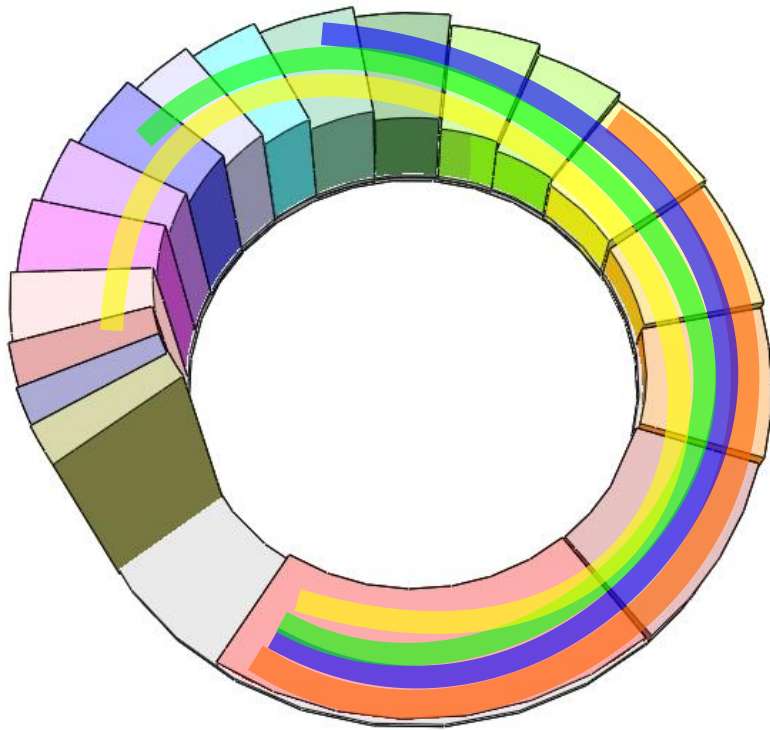
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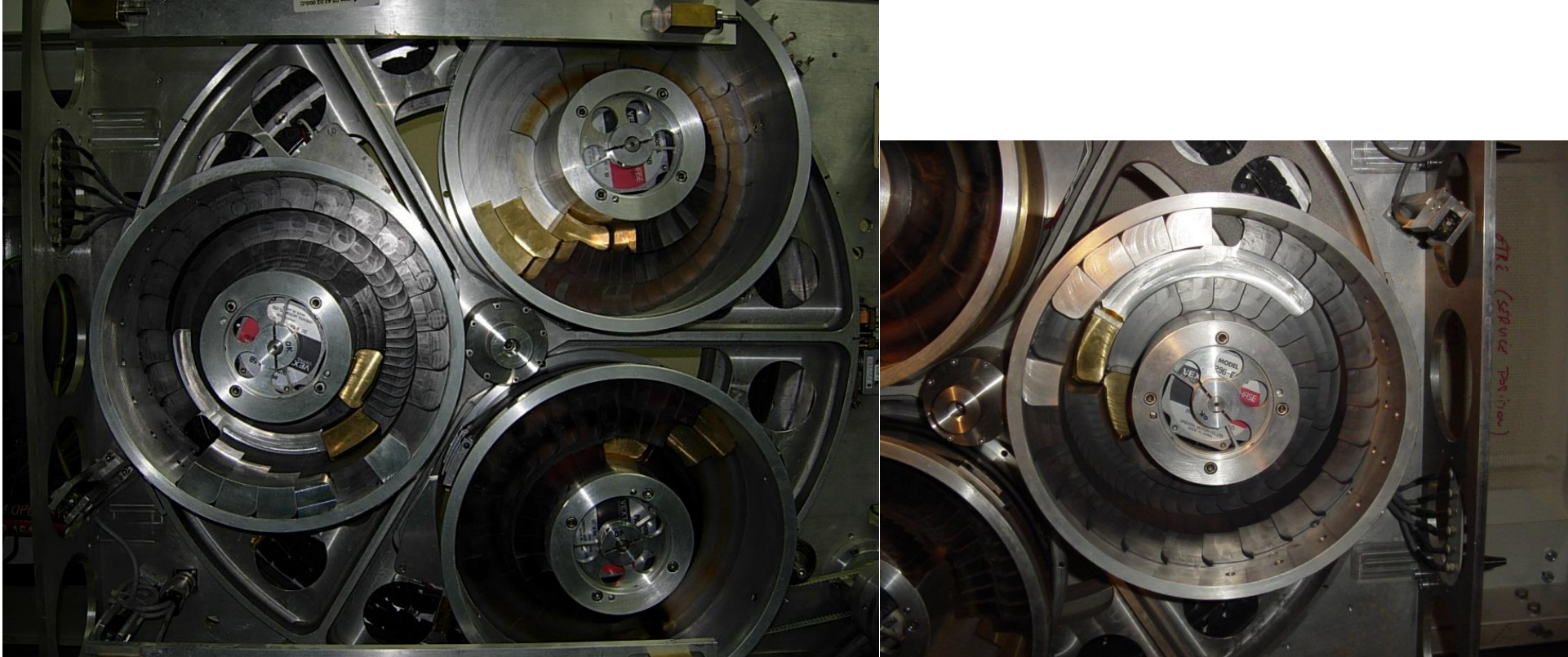
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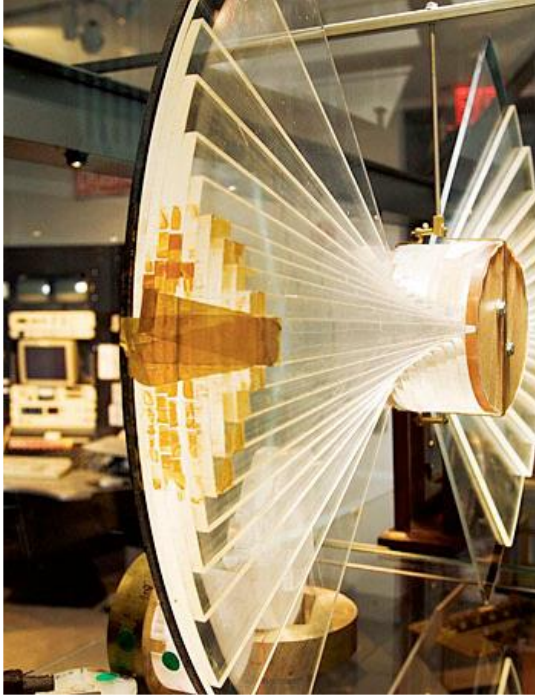


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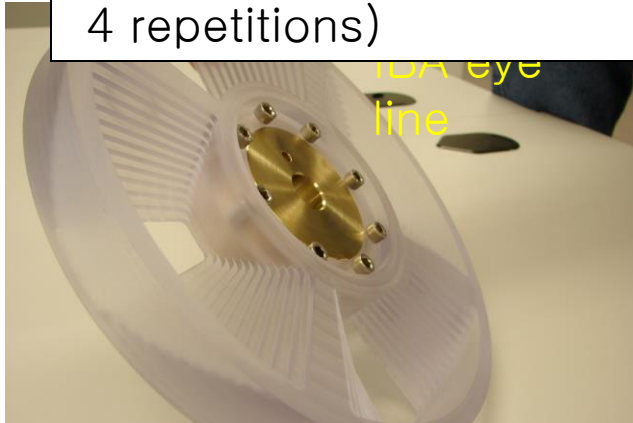


IBA design (3 tracks on single wheel, gating used to adjust modulation)

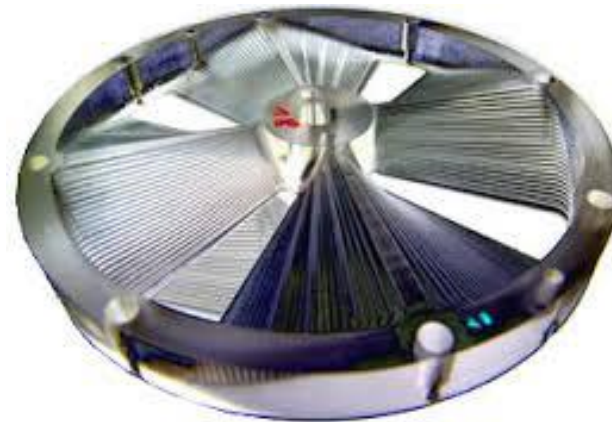
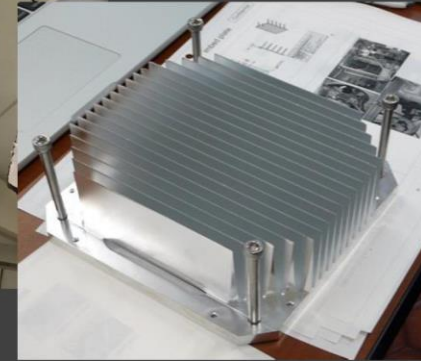
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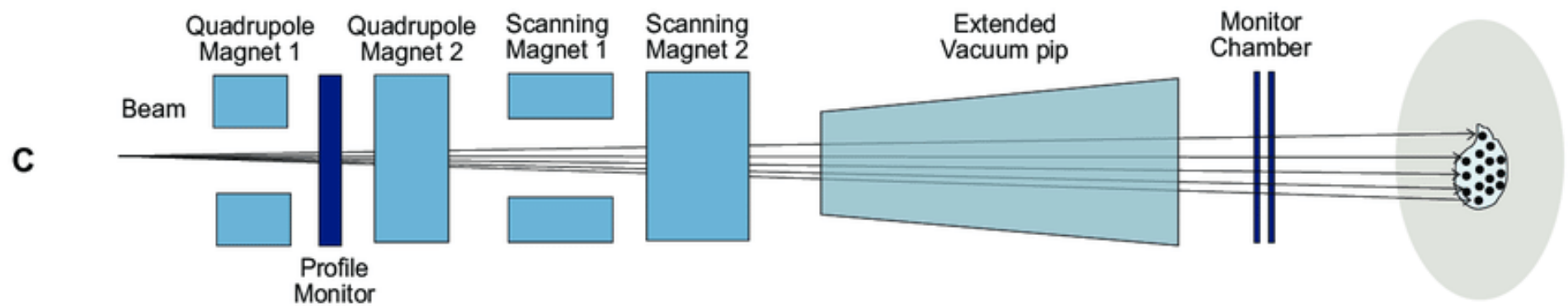
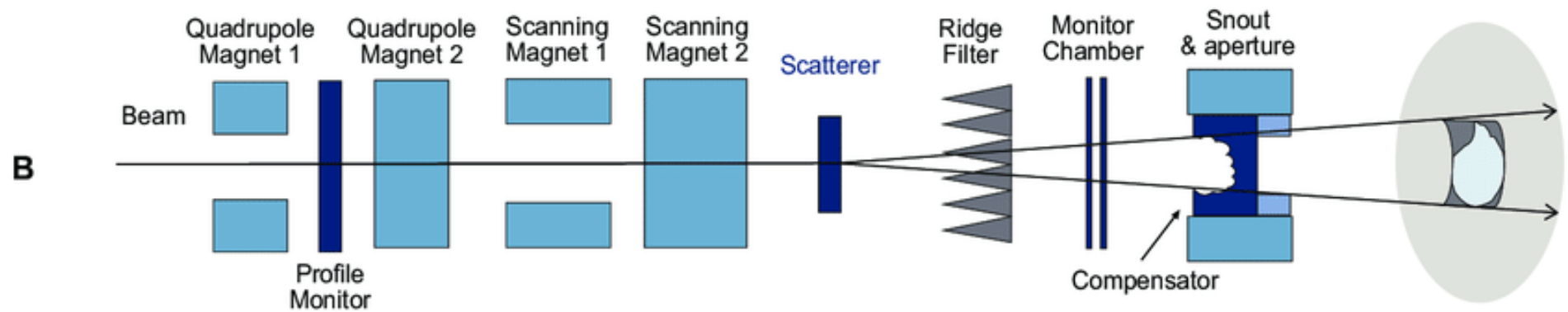
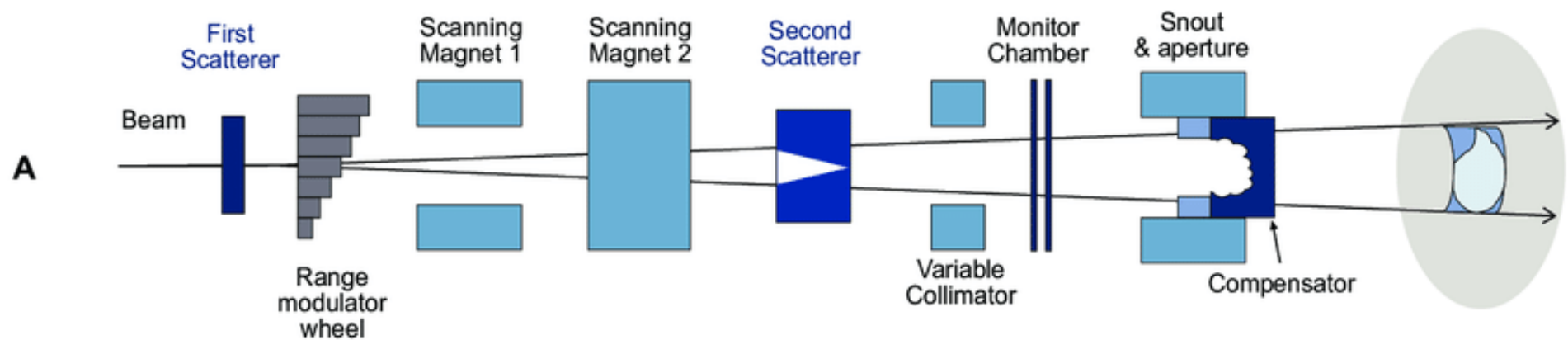


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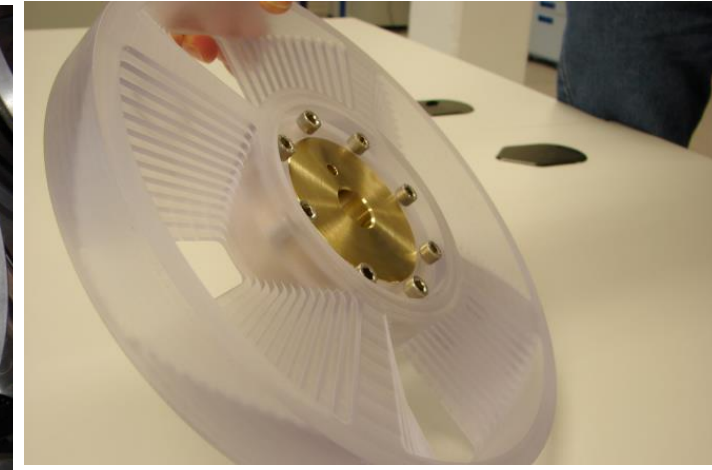
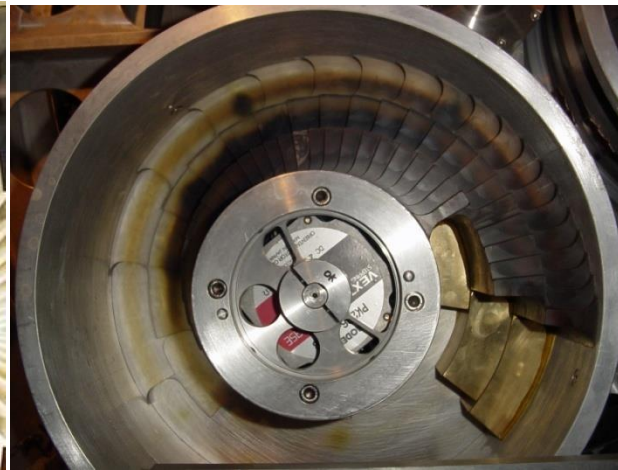
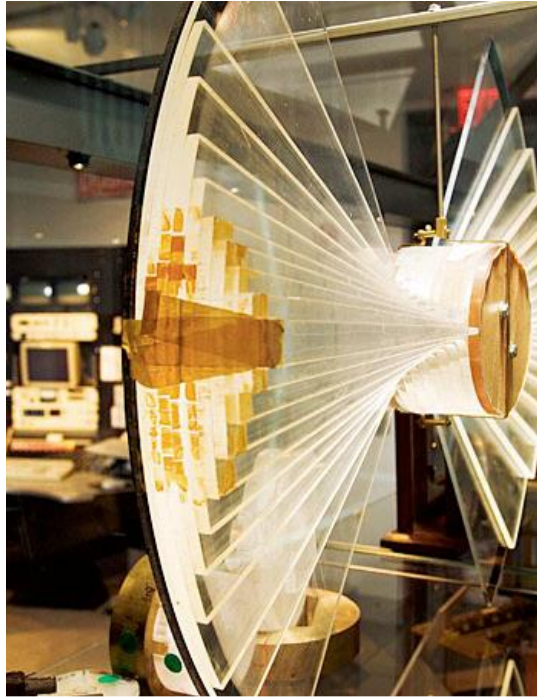


Ridge Filter





Range Modulator



IBA design (3 tracks on single wheel, gating used to adjust modulation)

IBA eye-line

HCL design (single modulation, 4 repetitions)

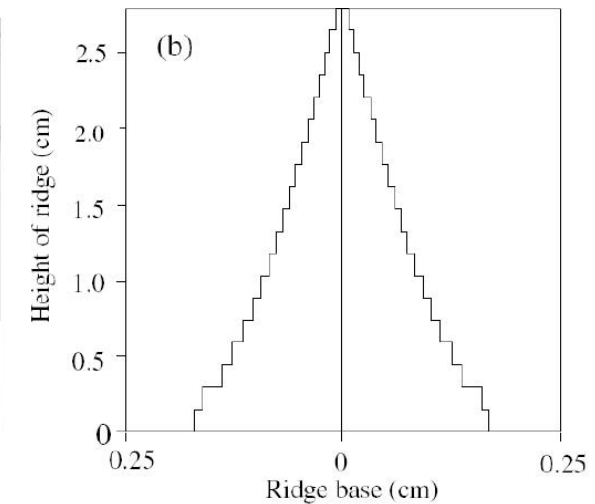
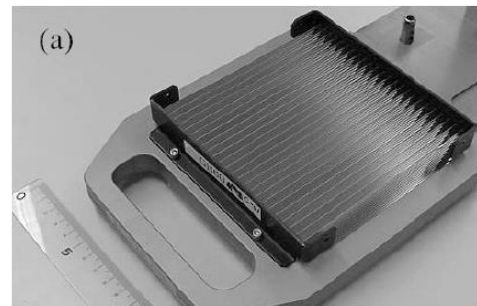
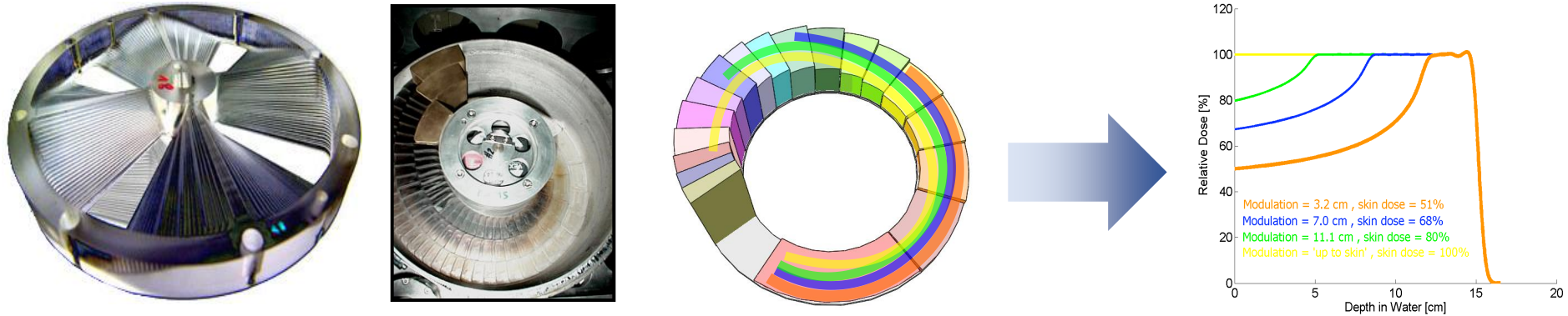


Figure 2. A bar ridge filter for the proton beam in the gantry nozzle (a), the cross-sectional shape of the ridge for 6 cm SOBP (b).

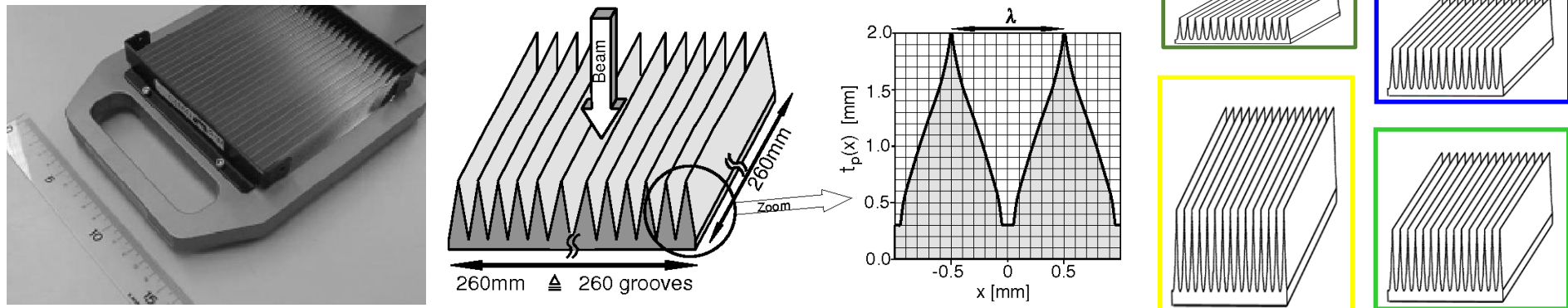
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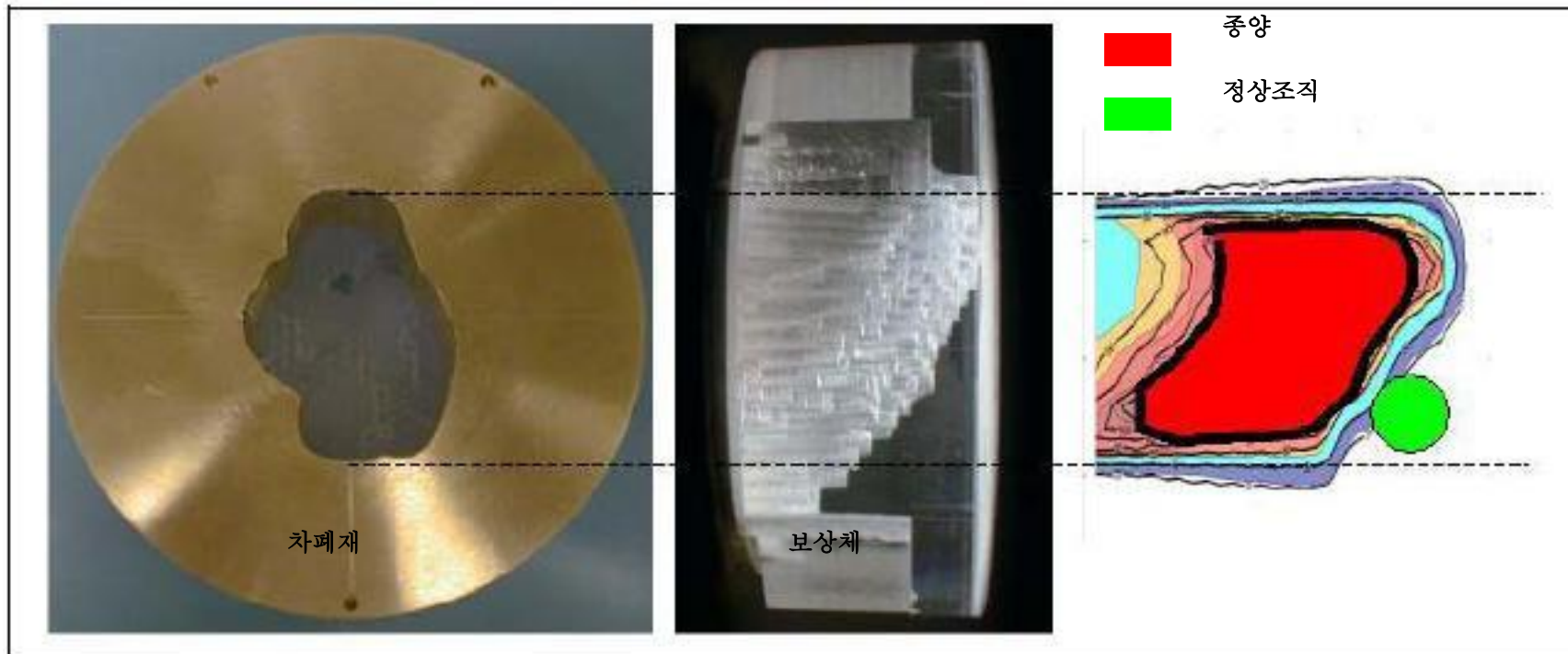
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2. Ridge Filter

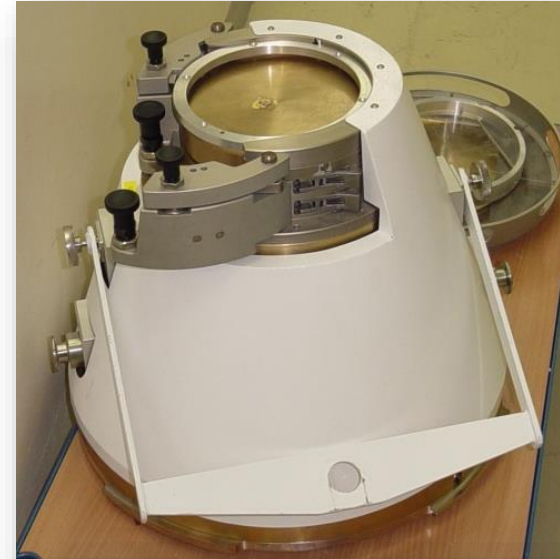
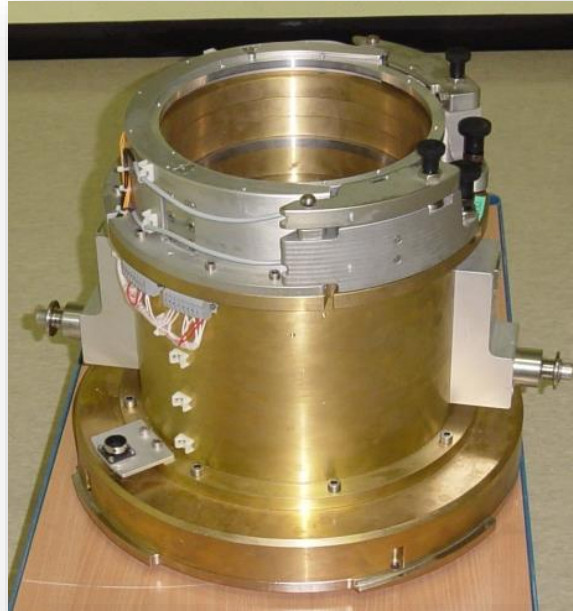
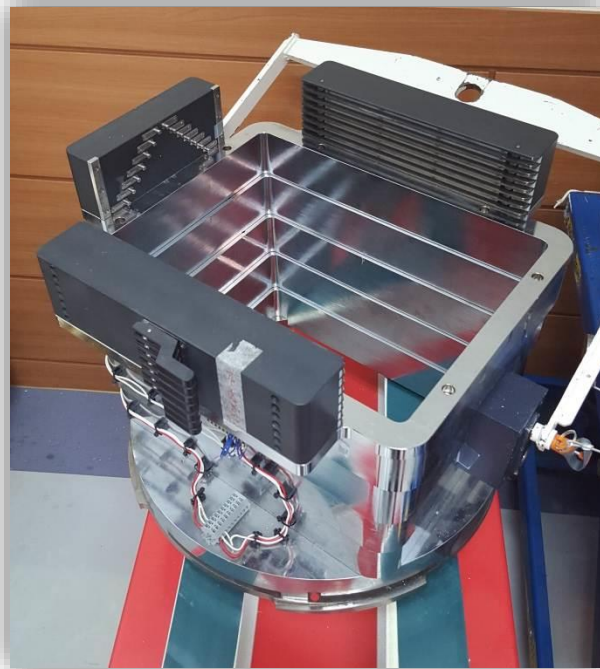


cm 단위로 SOBP 조절, 경우에 따라 Tilted 됨. 고장의 우려가 적음.

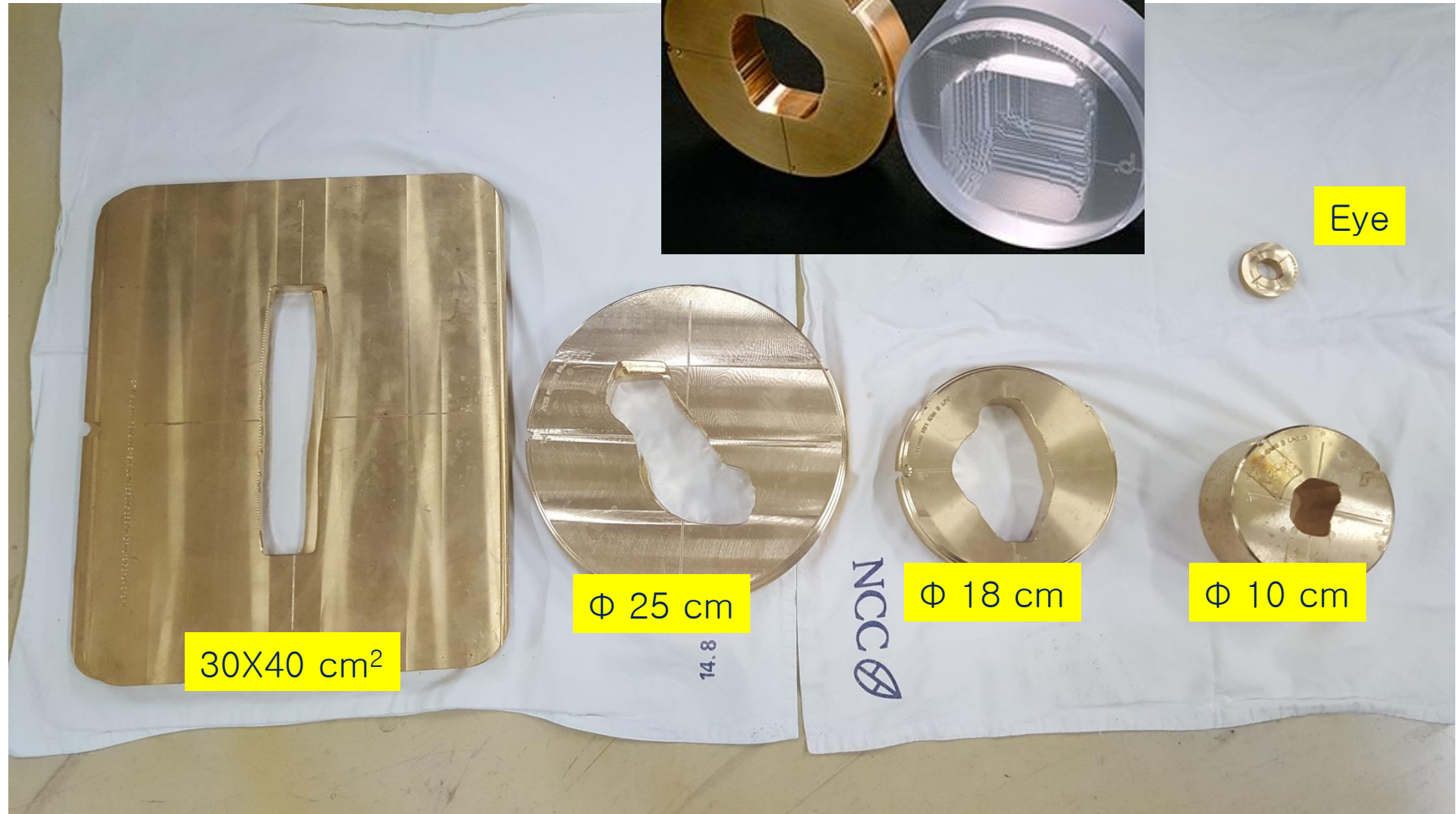
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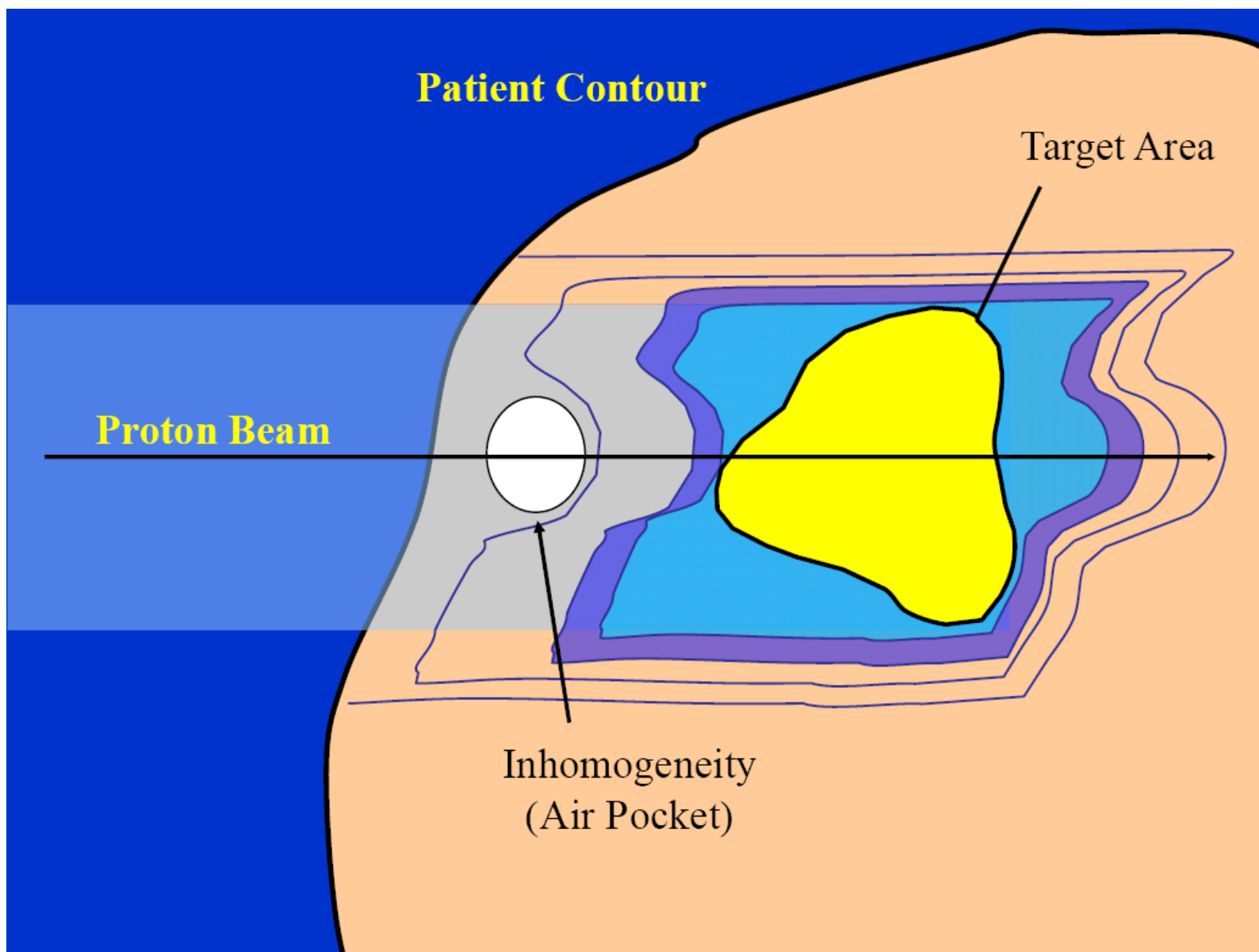


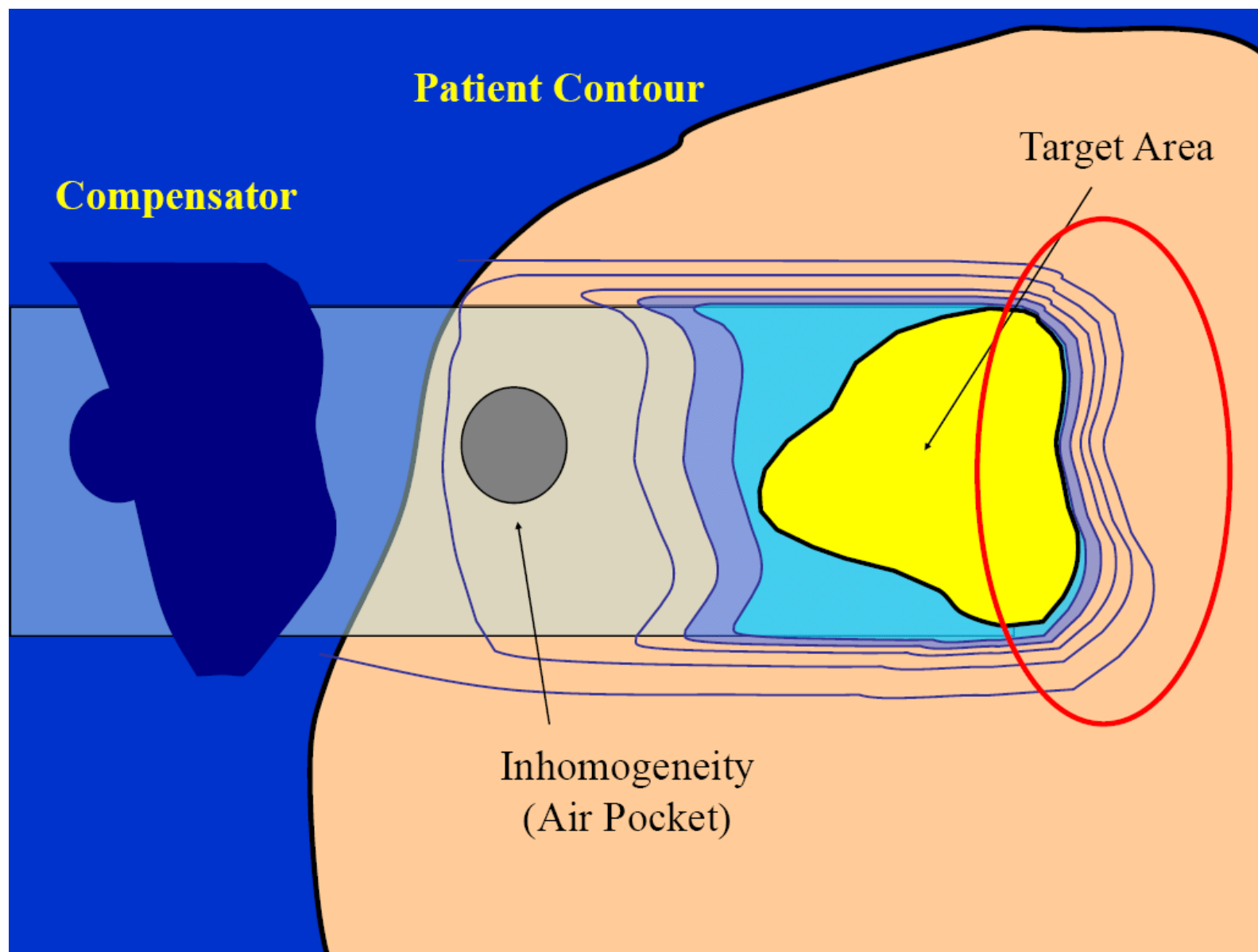
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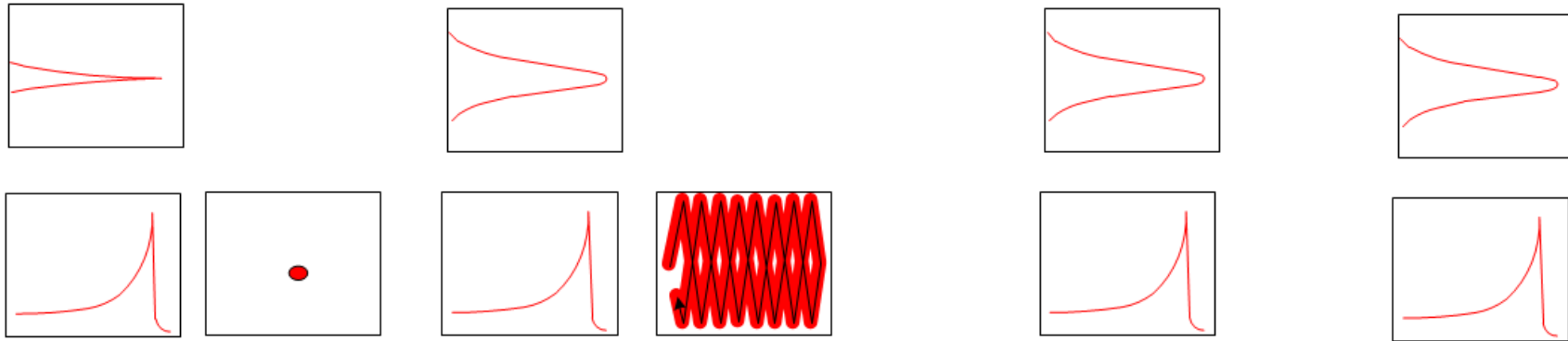
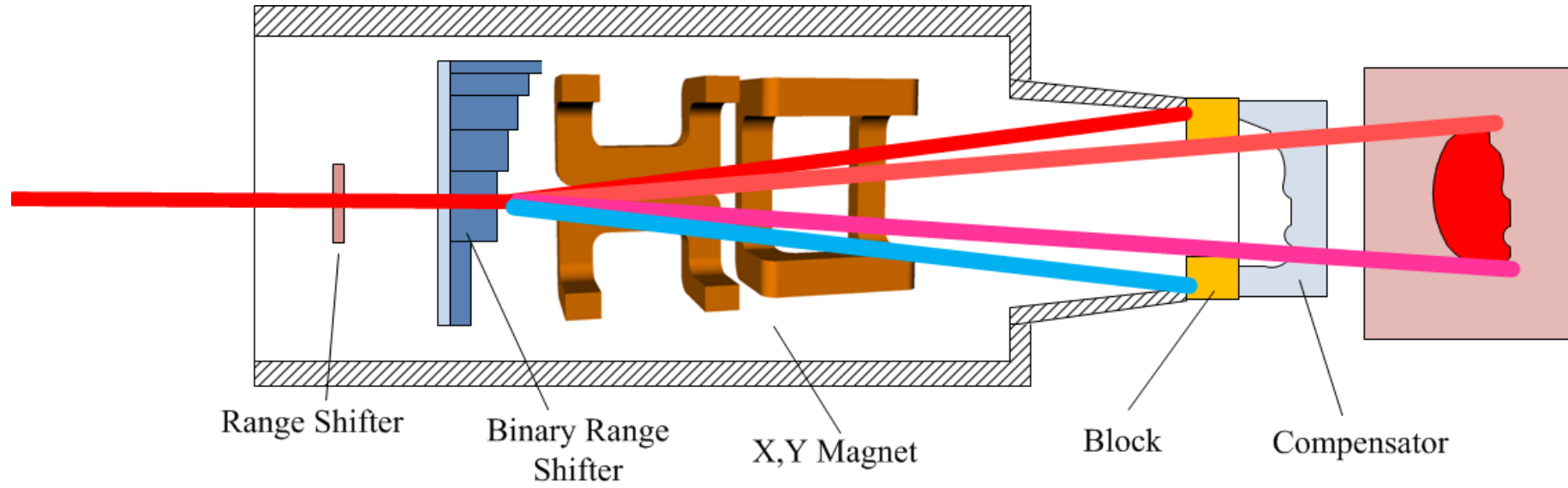




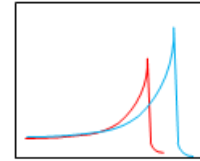
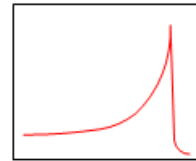
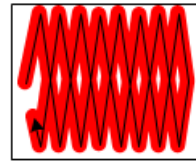
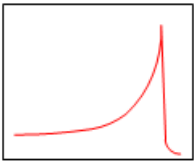
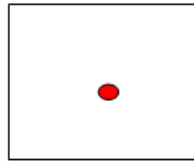
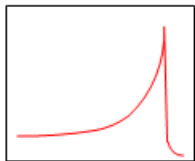
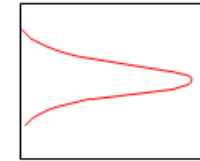
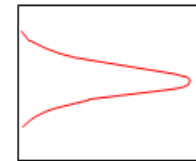
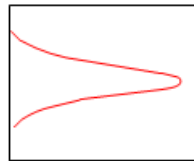
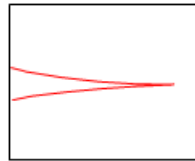
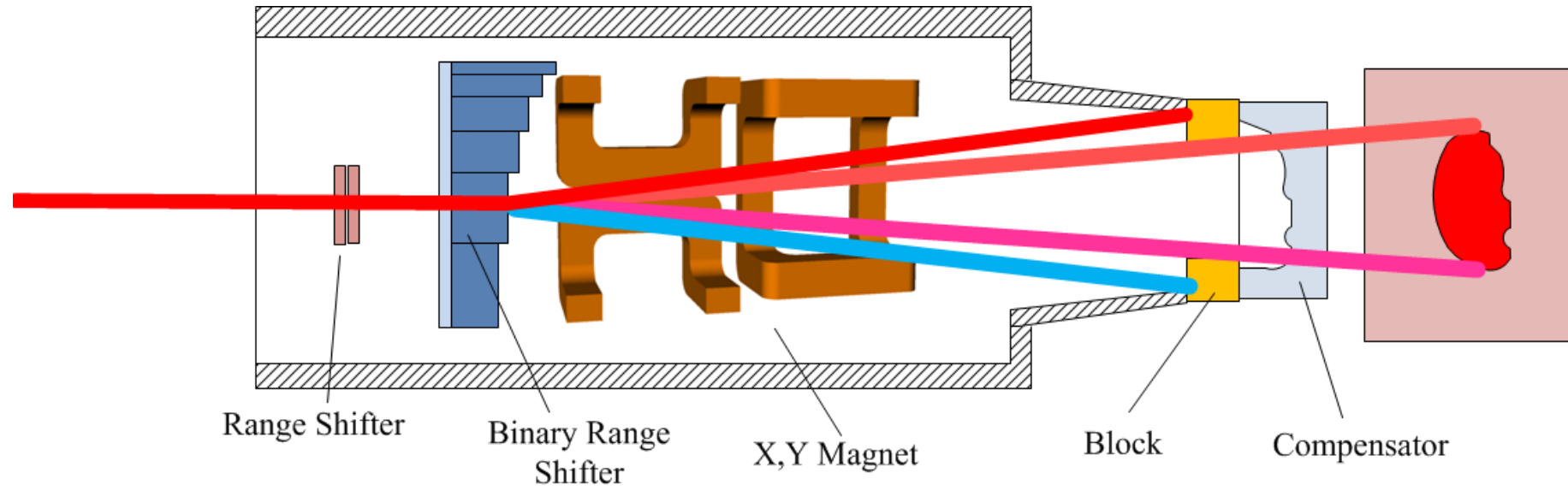


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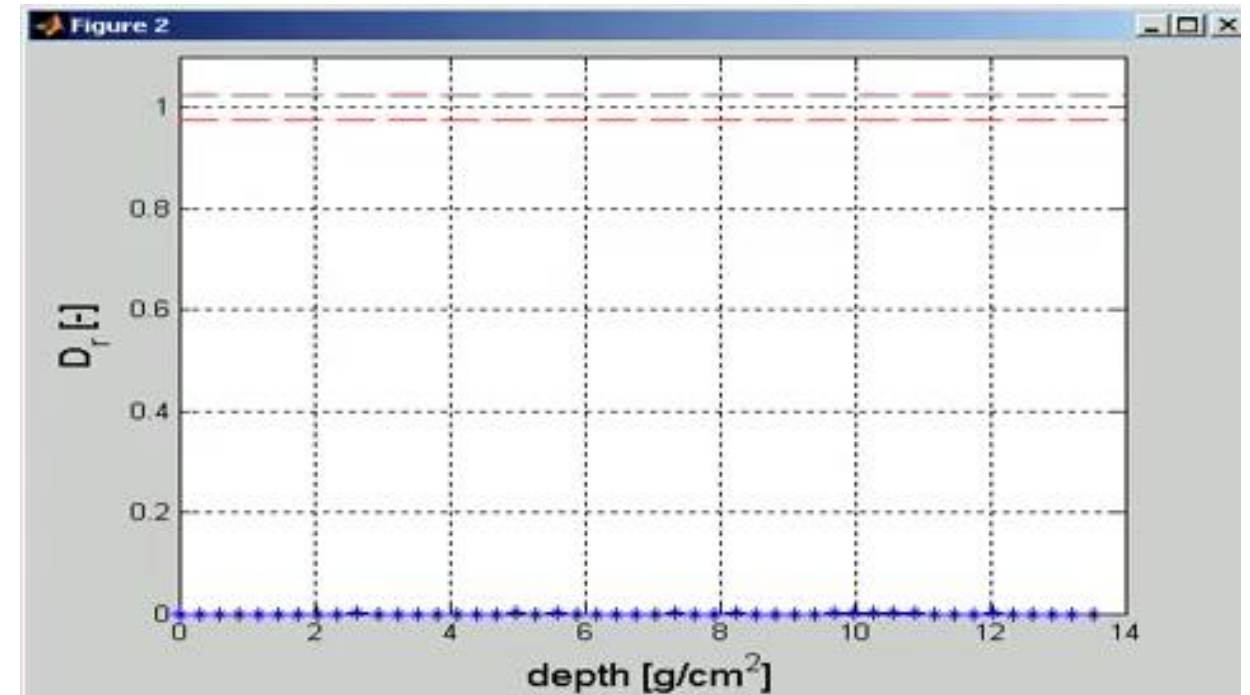
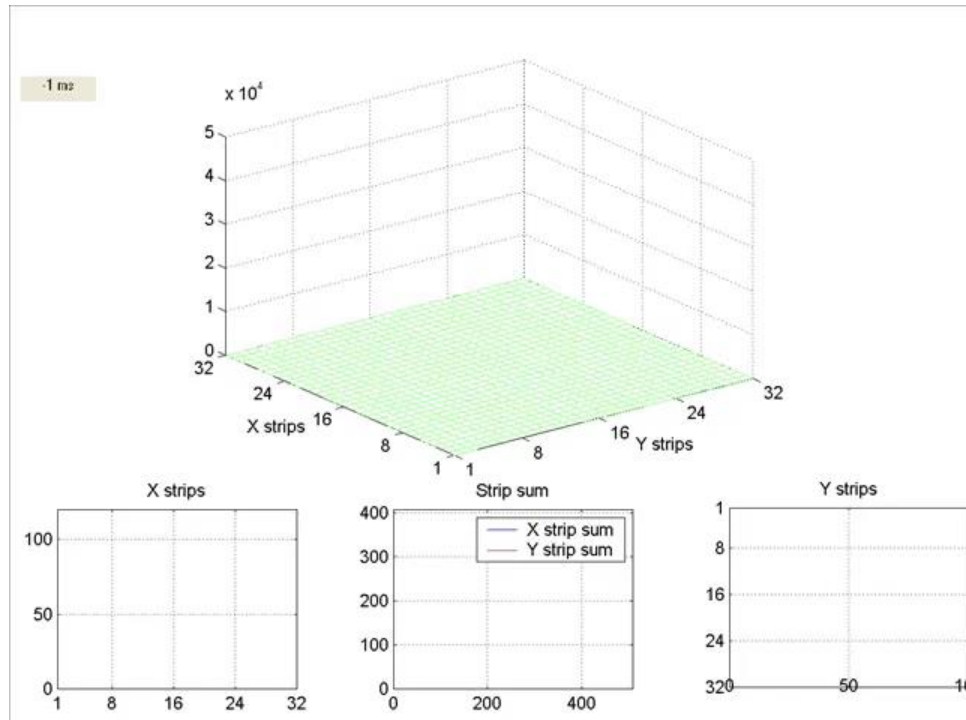
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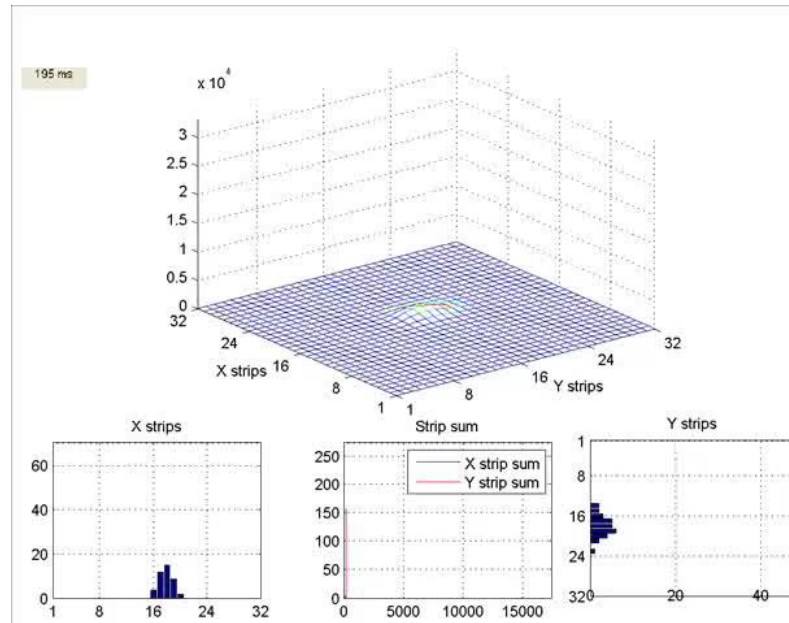
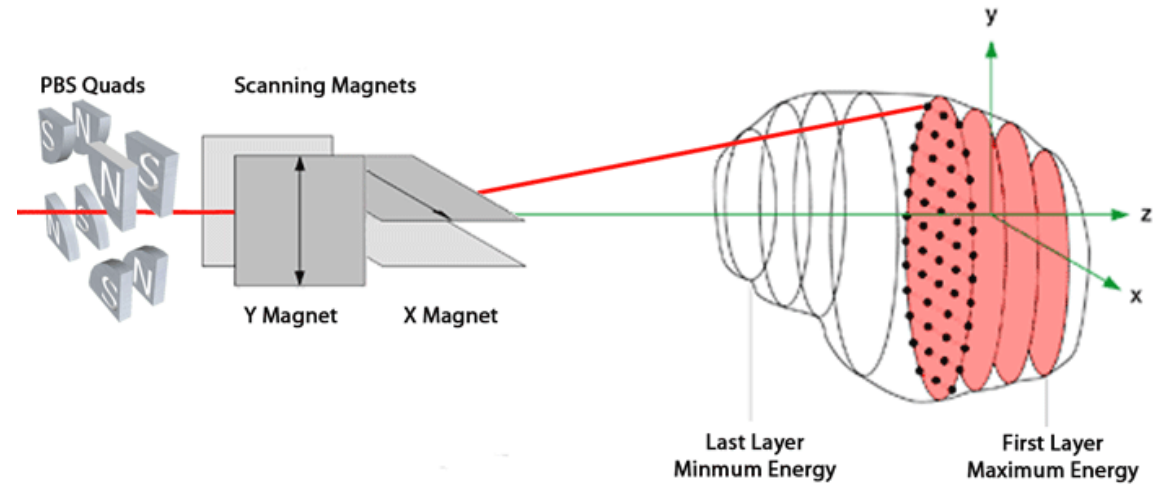


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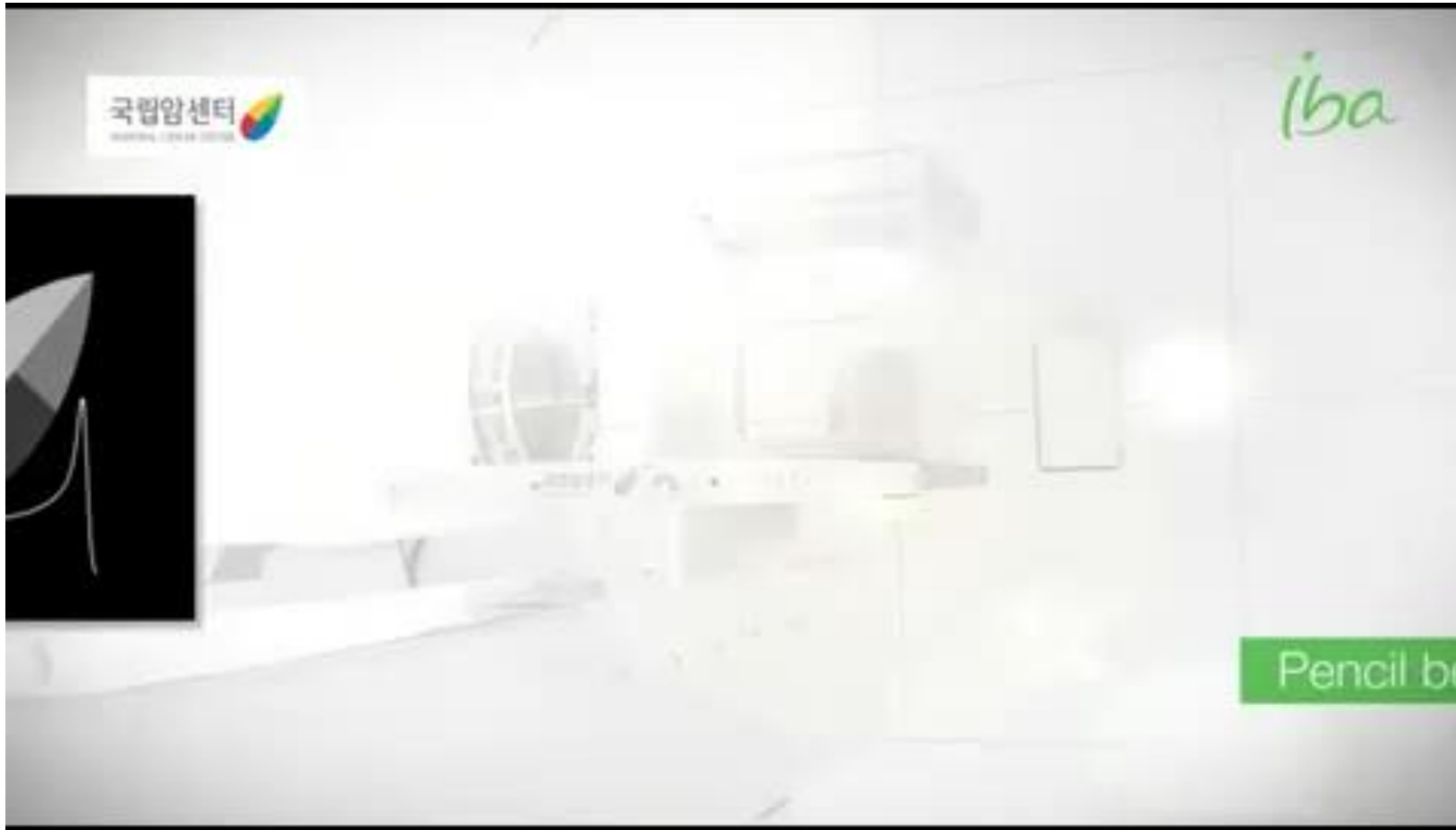


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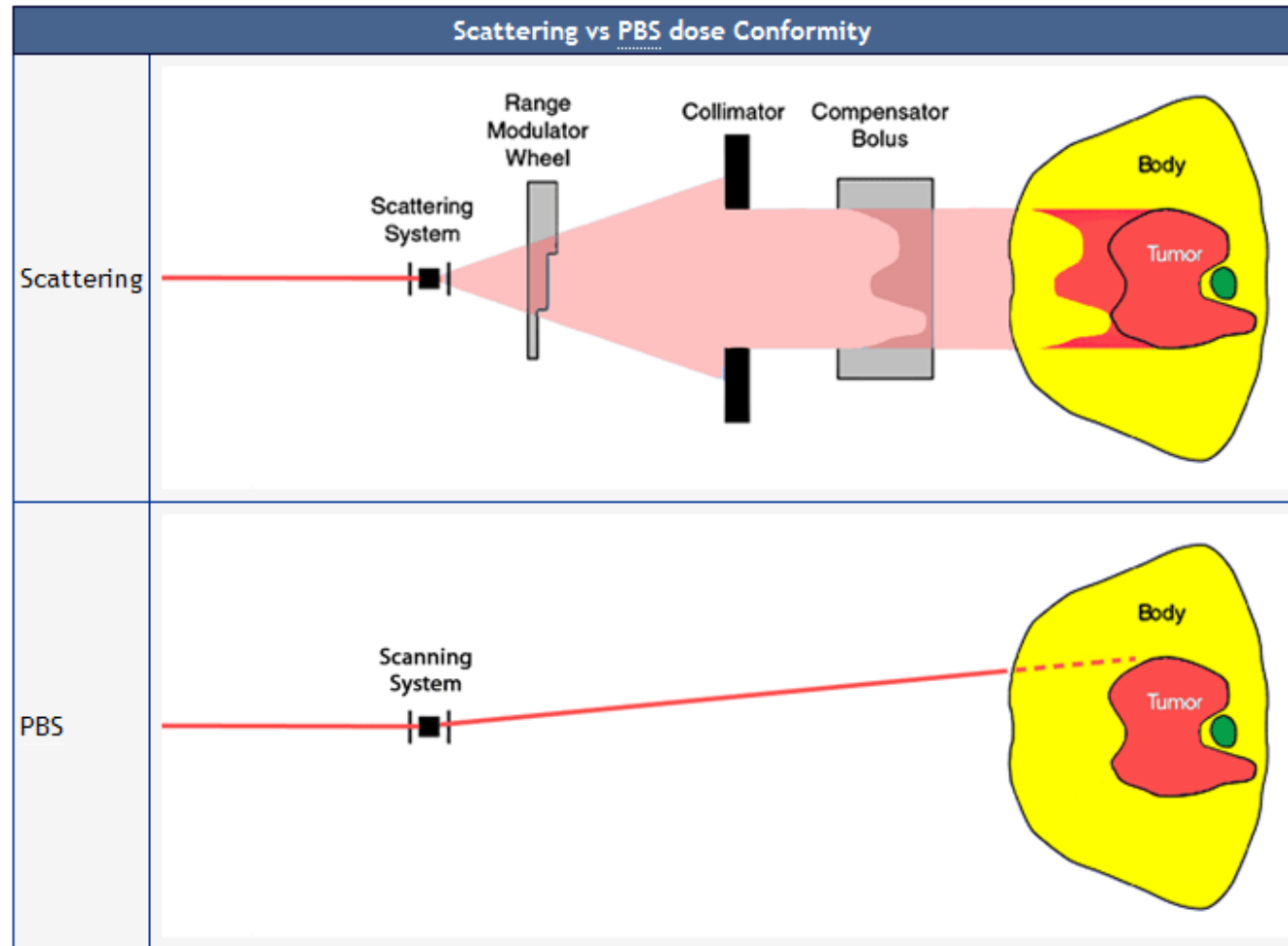
Pencil Beam Scanning (PBS)



NCC Pencil Beam Scanning (PBS)

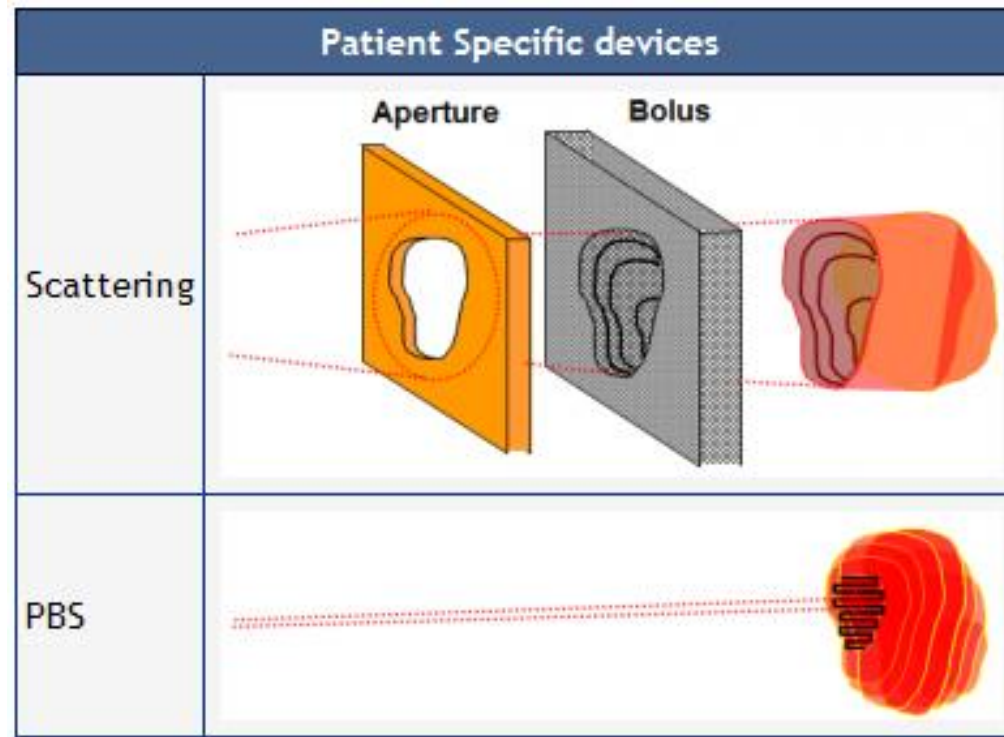


Comparison Dose Conformity



Comparison Patient Specific Devices

- PBS doesn't require patient specific compensators and bolus
 - Less neutrons close from the patient
 - Less expensive (apertures and bolis cost a lot!)
 - No more snout changes ☺



Specifications of Modulated Proton Beam(NCC)

Item	Singles Scattering	Double Scattering	Uniform Scanning	Pencil Beam Scanning
Range in Patient (g/cm ²)	3.35-20.4	4.51-28.42	3.42-32.1	7.5-35 (0.5-32)
Range modulation (g/cm ²) adjustment & Size	0.4(R>6), 0.17 9.2	0.2 20.75	0.5 Full	0.4 24
Range adjustment(g/cm ²)	0.09(R>6),0.05	0.1	0.1	0.4
Average dose rate (Gy/min)	5.93	3	1.15	-
Max. Field Size (cm)	4 (Dia)	24.3 (Dia)	40 X30	22.5 X25 @ High E
Dose Uniformity (%)	1.25	1.05	1.5(R), 2.6(L)	3
Effective SAD (m)	2.55	2.19	2.12	2.12
Distal Penumbra (g/cm ²)	0.21	0.23	0.13	Beam sigma
Lateral Penumbra(cm) / Spot size (PBS)	0.17	0.48	0.30(y), 0.22(x)	4.9 mm @32 cm 10.4 mm@ R8 cm
Clinical Use	H&N, Eye	Conventional	Large Size	IMPT

Proton ARC therapy

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A treatment planning study of proton arc therapy for para-aortic lymph node tumors: dosimetric evaluation of conventional proton therapy, proton arc therapy, and intensity modulated radiotherapy

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Abstract

Background: The purpose of this study is to evaluate the dosimetric benefits of a proton arc technique for treating tumors of the para-aortic lymph nodes (PALN).

Method: In nine patients, a proton arc therapy (PAT) technique was compared with intensity modulated radiation therapy (IMRT) and proton beam therapy (PBT) techniques with respect to the planning target volume (PTV) and organs at risk (OAR). PTV coverage, conformity index (CI), homogeneity index (HI) and OAR doses were compared. Organ-specific radiation induced cancer risks were estimated by applying organ equivalent dose (OED) and normal tissue complication probability (NTCP).

Results: The PAT techniques showed better PTV coverage than IMRT and PBT plans. The CI obtained with PAT was 1.19 ± 0.02 , which was significantly better than that for the IMRT techniques. The HI was lowest for the PAT plan and highest for IMRT. The dose to the OARs was always below the acceptable limits and comparable for all three techniques. OED results calculated based on a plateau dose-response model showed that the risk of secondary cancers in organs was much higher when IMRT or PBT were employed than when PAT was used. NTCPs of PAT to the stomach (0.29 %), small bowel (0.69 %) and liver (0.38 %) were substantially lower than those of IMRT and PBT.

Conclusion: This study demonstrates that there is a potential role for PAT as a commercialized instrument in the future to proton therapy.

Keywords: Proton arc therapy (PAT), Proton beam therapy (PBT), Intensity modulated radiation therapy (IMRT), Organ equivalent doses (OED), Normal tissue complication probability (NTCP)

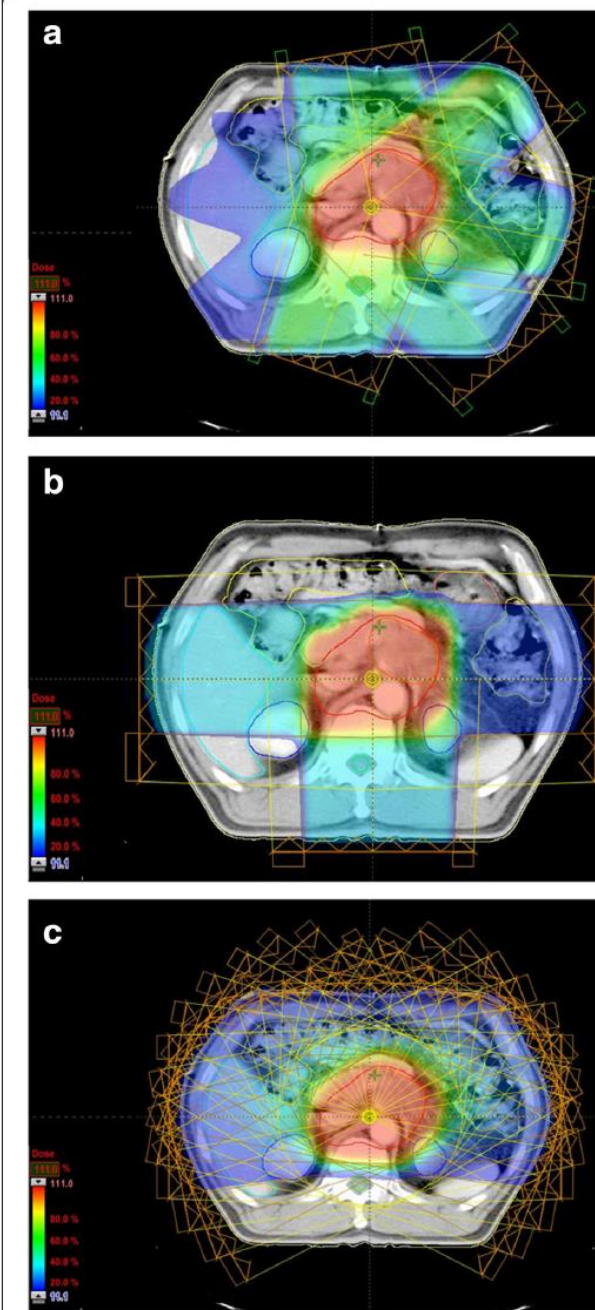
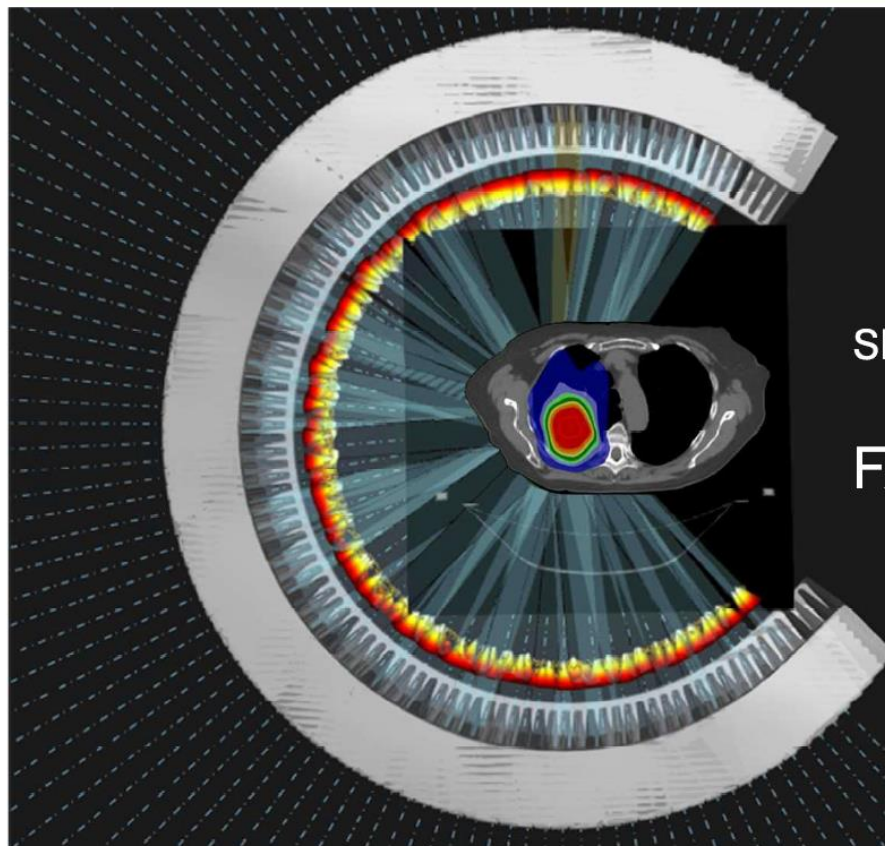


Fig. 1 Dose distribution of (a) IMRT, (b) PBT, and (c) PAT technique in axial plane. Color wash banding is restricted to relative dose range of 11–110 %

Arc Therapy: streamlining your proton therapy center

A diagram illustrating the concept of Spot-Scanning Proton Arc Therapy. It shows a cross-section of a patient's head and neck, with a central target area highlighted in red and blue. Surrounding this target is a large, semi-circular arc of numerous small, colored spots (red, yellow, orange, and blue) representing the proton beam's path. The background is dark with a grid of dashed lines.

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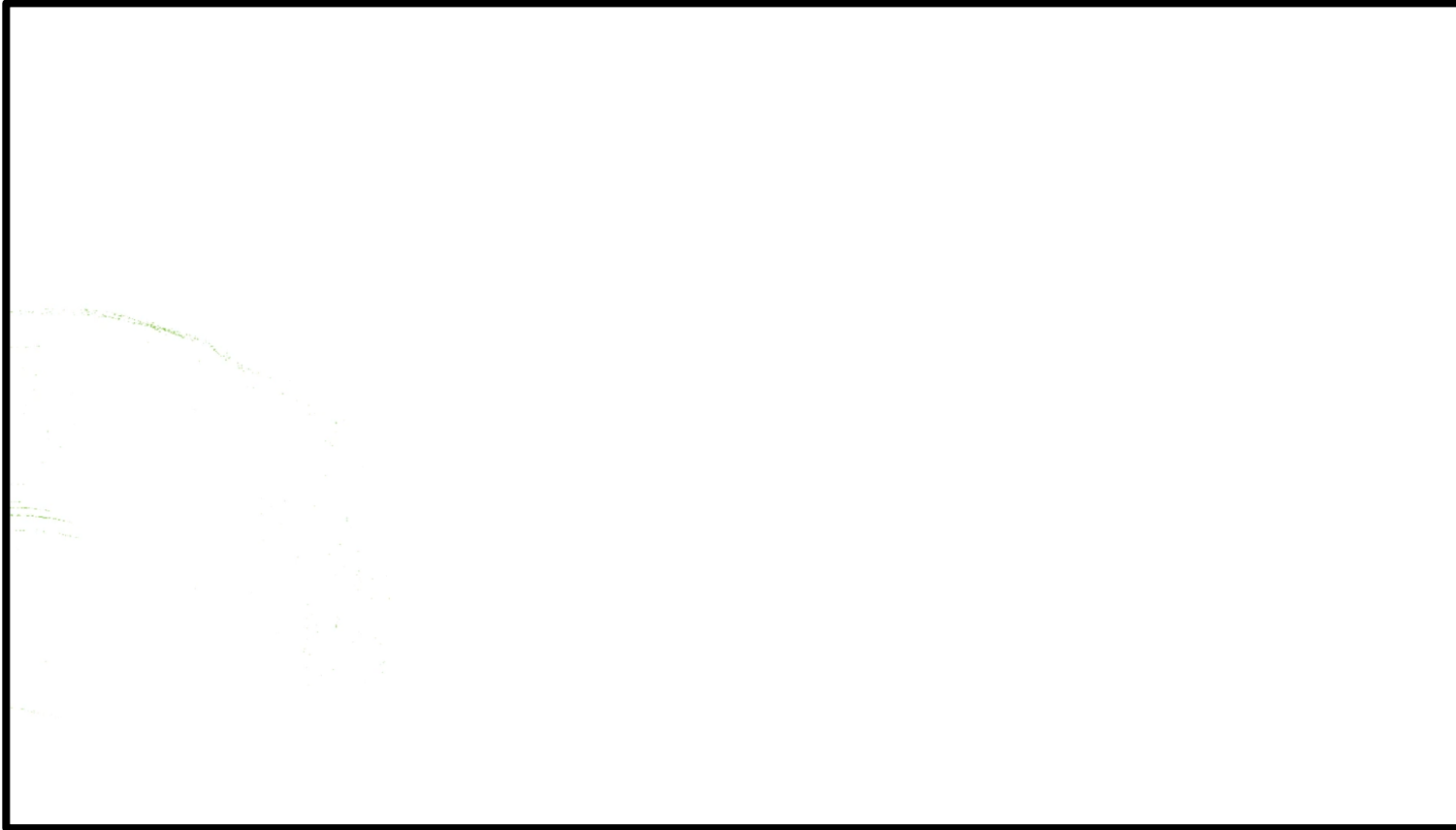
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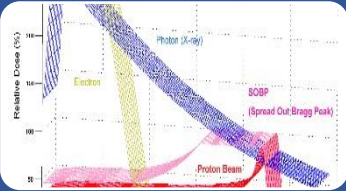
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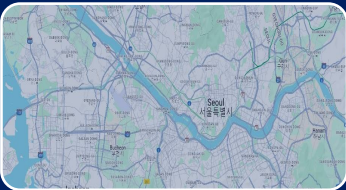
Introduction: NCC Proton Therapy & Particle Therapy



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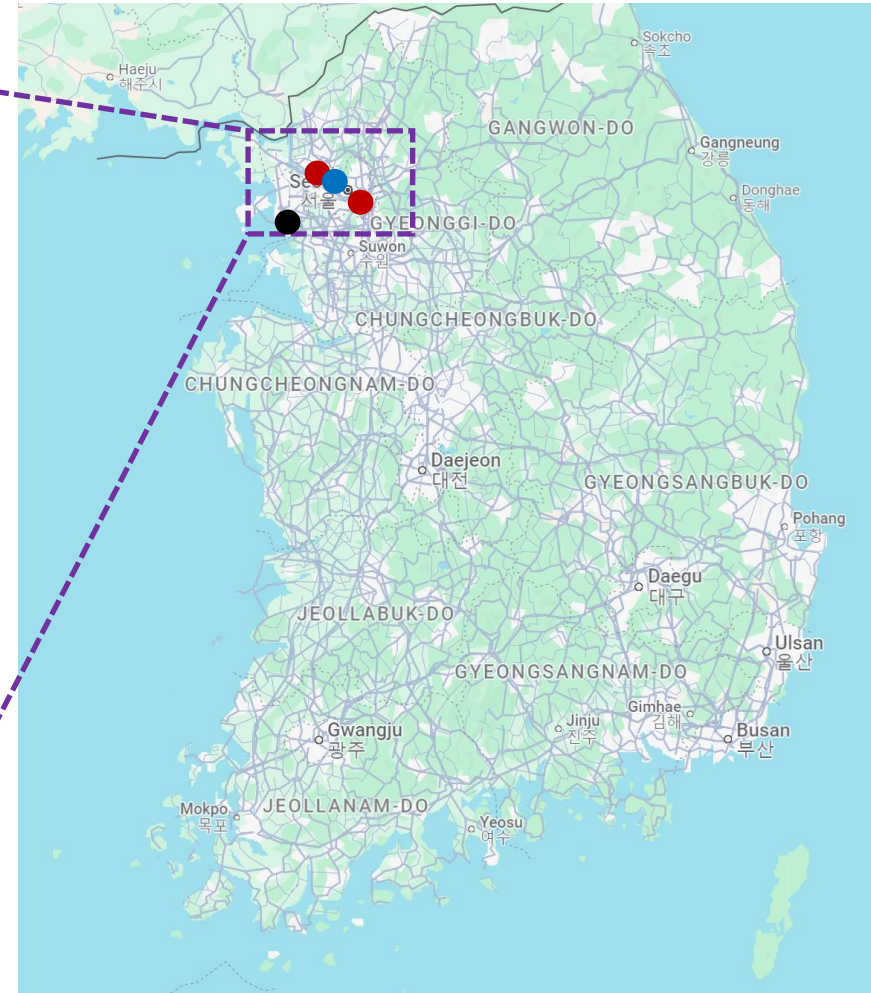
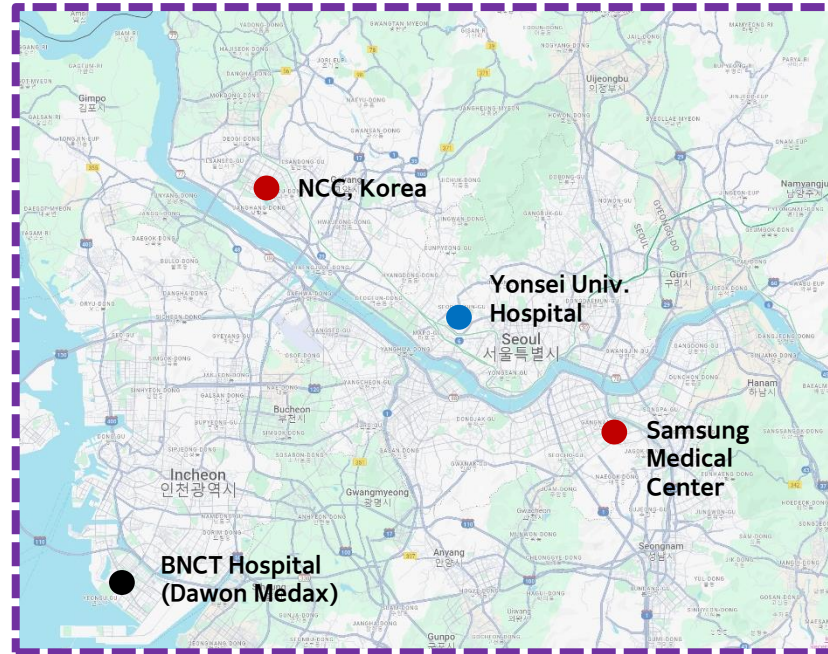


Proton therapy system & techniques



Current Status of Particle therapy in Korea

Particle Therapy Centers in Korea

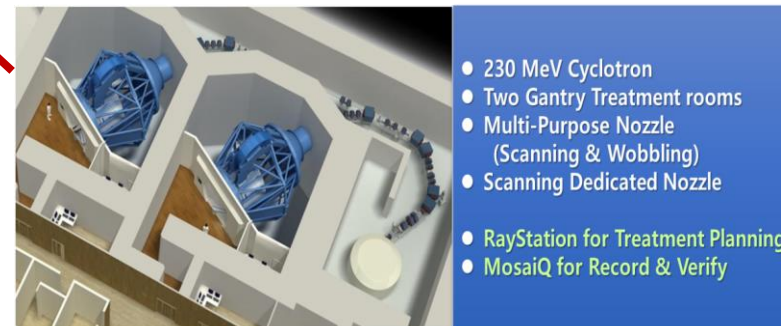
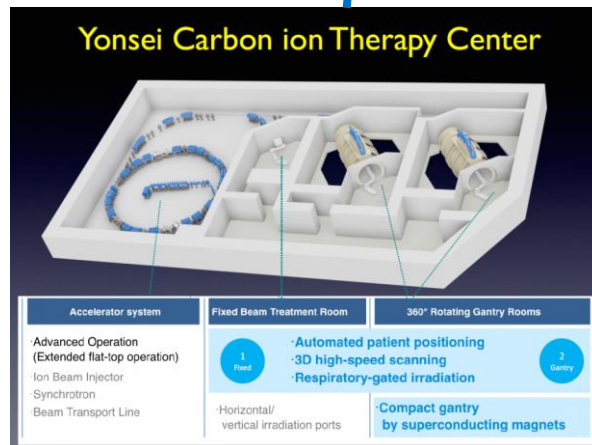
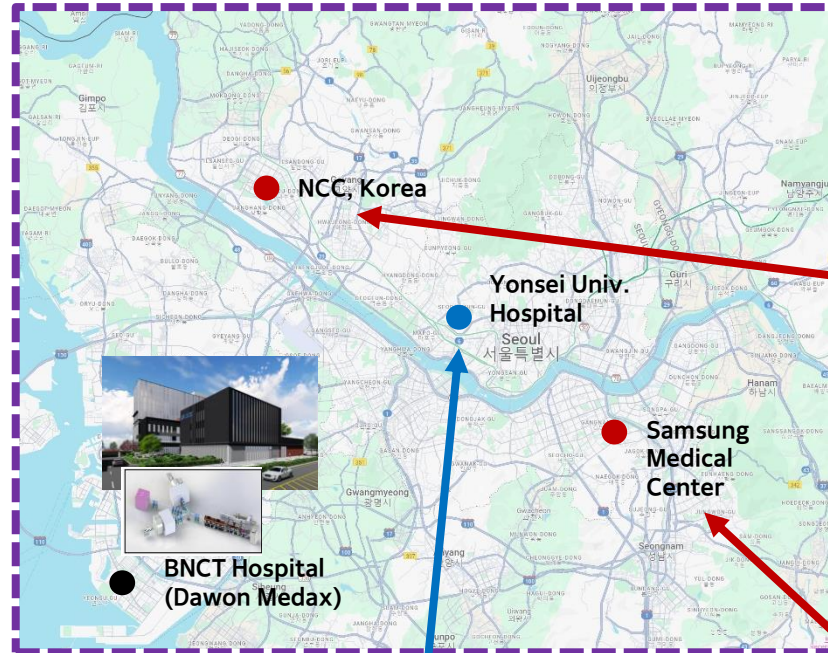


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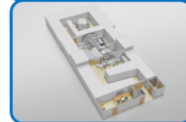
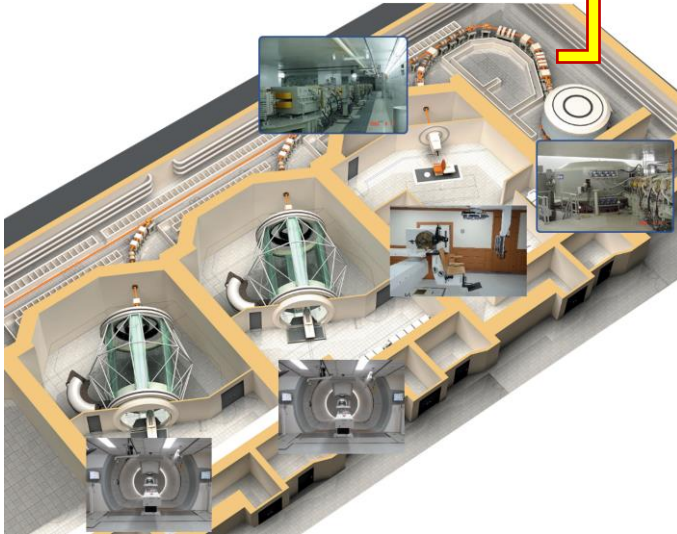
● Proton ● Carbon ● BNCT*

**Under Clinical Trial*

Facility in Operation in Korea



❖ National Cancer Center, Korea



2000.10	•NCC Start clinical care service
2001.6	•NCC Opening ceremony held
2001.12	•Launch of NCC proton therapy Project
2002.6.29	•Signing with IBA
2003.3.21	•Ground Breaking
2003.5-2004.12	•Building construction
2005.2.15	•Start of IBA Proteus 235 installation
2005.10.21	•First Beam Generation
2005.10-2006.12	•Beam test &tuning for Cyclotron and Beamline
2007.1-2007.2	•Commissioning and Beam data taking
2007.3.19	•First Patient Treatment start (GTR2) 27 th Open in the world, 3 th IBA System in the world
2007.7.9	•GTR3 Patient treatment start
2009.5.15	•First Eye melanoma proton treatment start
2010.8.27	•First Wobbling mode Tx start (GTR2)
2015.8.27	•First PBS mode Tx Start(GTR3)
2026	•Compact Proton Therapy system(IBA Proteus one) install

Proton Therapy Facility

❖ Yonsei Univ. Cancer Center

Progress of YONSEI HIT Center



February 2013

Start Particle
Therapy Review

April 2016

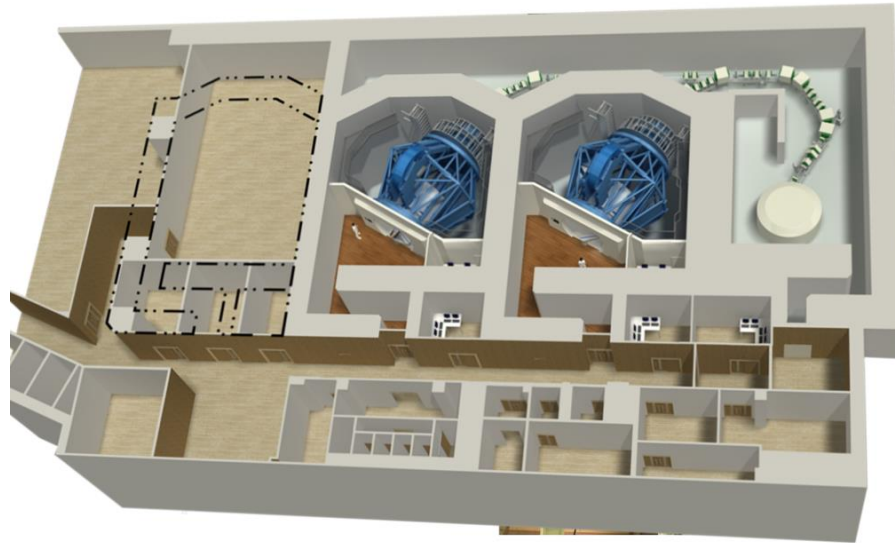
Approve HITS in
board of directors

March 2018

Contract for
Heavy Ion
Therapy System

April 2023

Permit MFDS



Construction



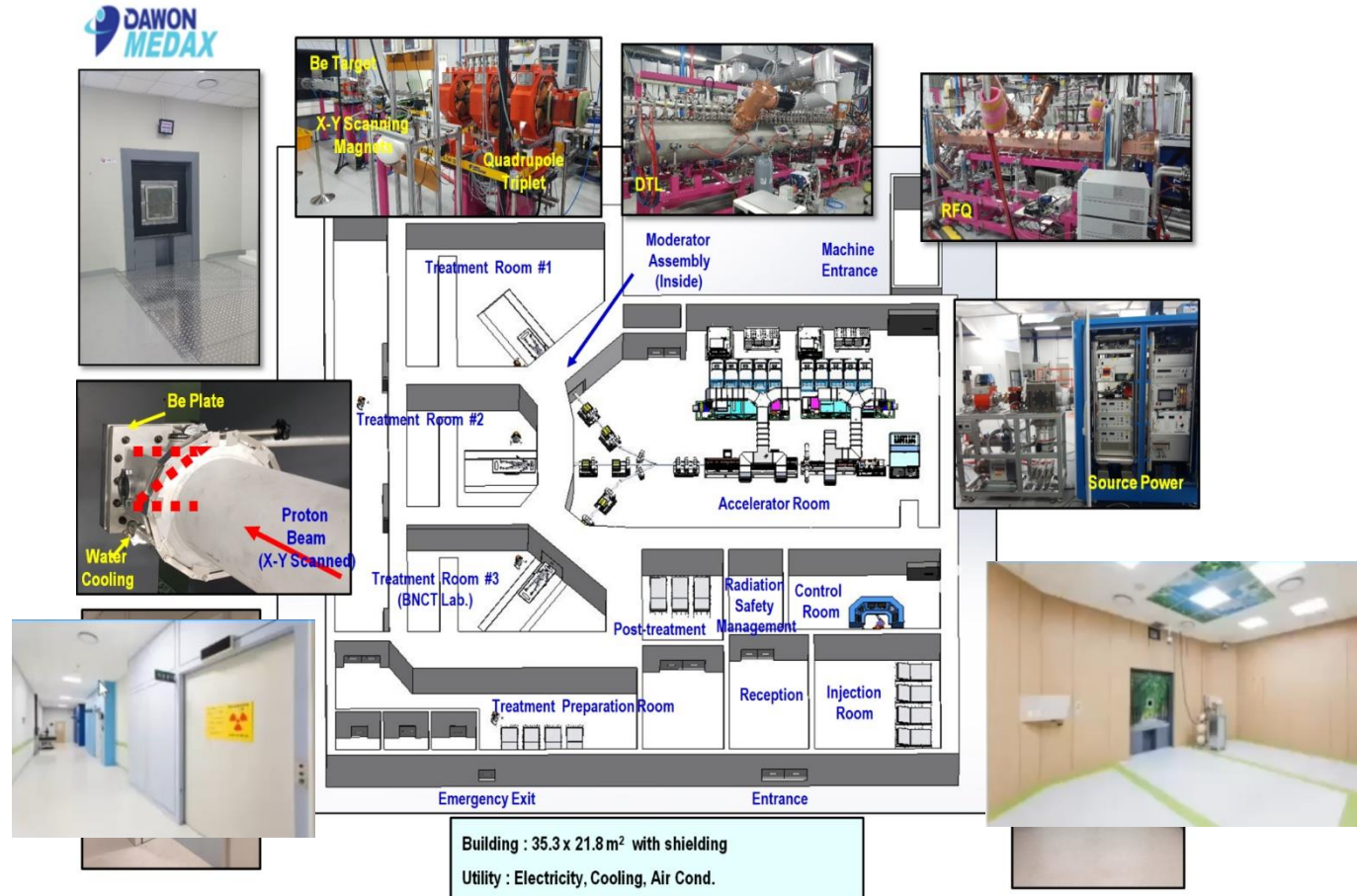
Period

- Engineering Work : July 2018 ~ September 2019 (15months)
- Construction Work : October 2019 ~ November 2021 (26months)
- HITS Installation : April 2021 ~ October 2022 (19months)

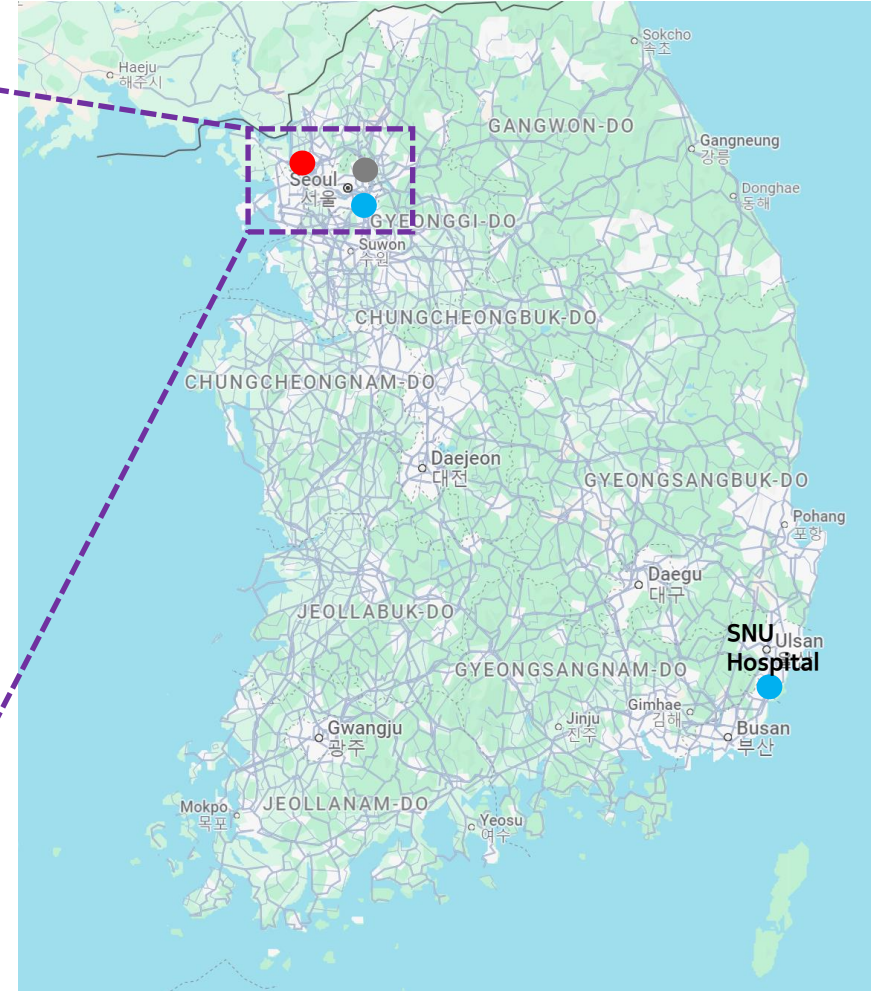
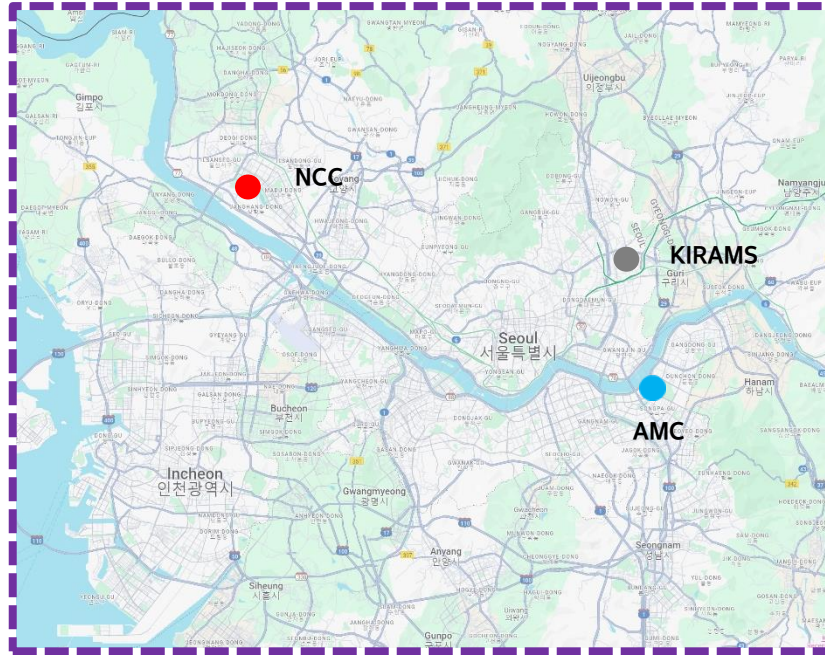
❖ A-BNCT in Gil Medical Center (Dawon Medax)



- Sept. 2015.
Establish
DAWONMEDA
X
- Nov. 2015.
BNCT
development
MOU with Gil
Hospital



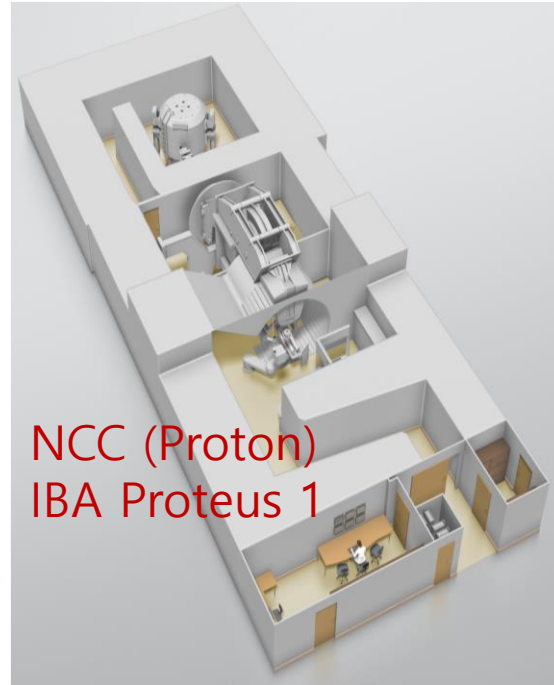
Particle Therapy Centers in Korea



Facility Project Ongoing

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Facility Project Ongoing in Korea

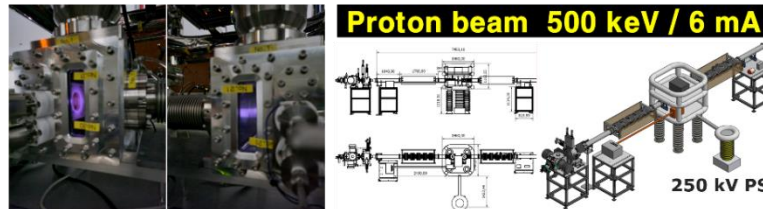


❖ Korea Institute of Radiological & Medical Science

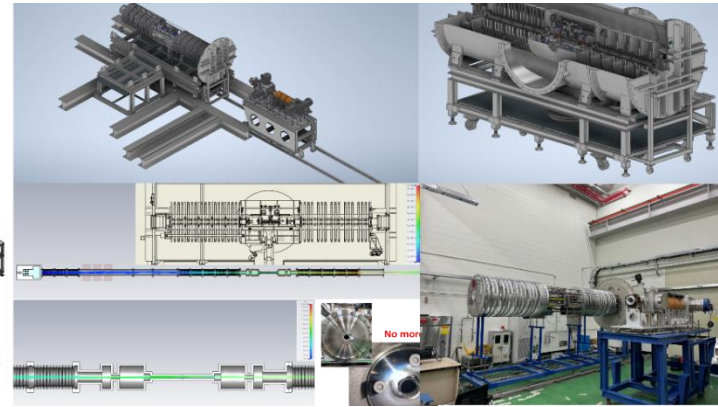
Developing tandem accelerator prototype



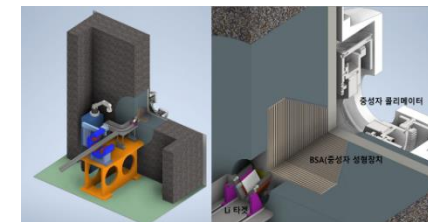
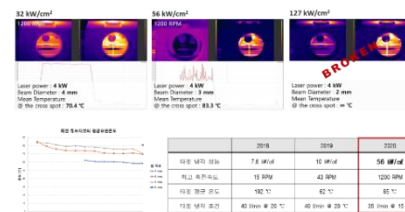
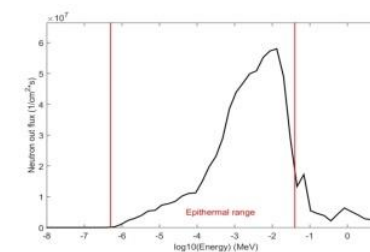
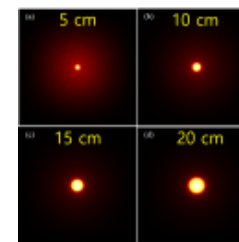
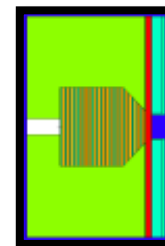
Development of Korea's first high-current
500 keV proton tandem accelerator
in 2022



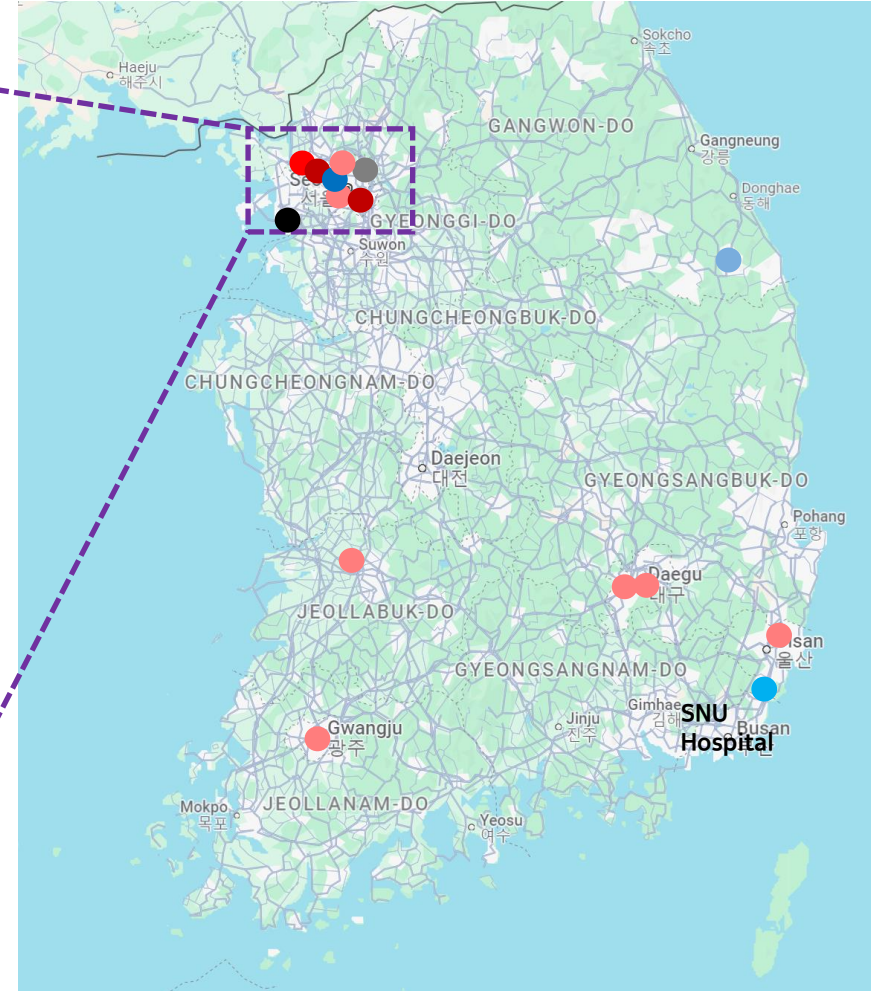
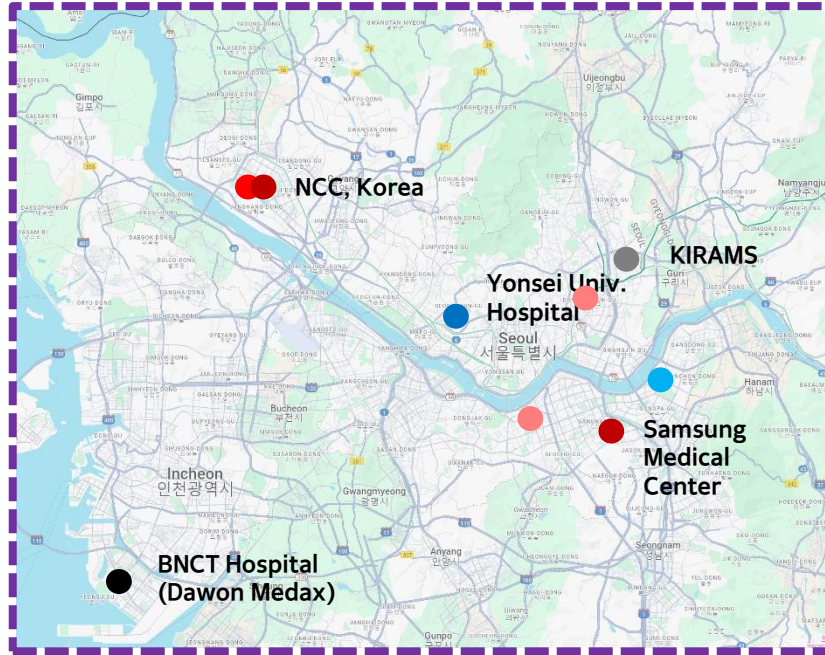
2023-current:
Design and fabrication of a high-current
2.4 MeV proton tandem accelerator under
construction.



Successful development of
Korea's first 1200 kV DC power
supply in 2024



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Facility Project Ongoing

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Facility under Consideration

● Proton ● Carbon

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Future Outlook of Particle Therapy in Korea



National Cancer Center, Proton Therapy
Treatment Started (Since 2007)



Yonsei Cancer Hospital, Heavy Ion Therapy
Treatment Started (Since 2023)



Seoul ST. Mary's Hospital, Proton Therapy
Contracted (2025.11)

Korea Univ. Anam Hospital, Proton Therapy
(in Planning)

Wonkwang Univ. Hospital, Proton Therapy
(in Planning)

Chonnam Univ. Hospital, Proton Therapy
(in Planning)

Needs Preparing for the Future



Samsung Medical Center, Proton Therapy
Treatment Started (Since 2015)

Seoul Asan Medical Center, Heavy Ion Therapy
Contracted (Expected in 2031)

Keimyung Univ. Dongsan Hospital, Proton Therapy
Contracted (2025.08)

Seoul NUH (Gijang), Heavy Ion Therapy
under Installation (Expected in 2027)

Samcheok, Heavy Ion Therapy
in the Investigation Stage (Approved in 2025)

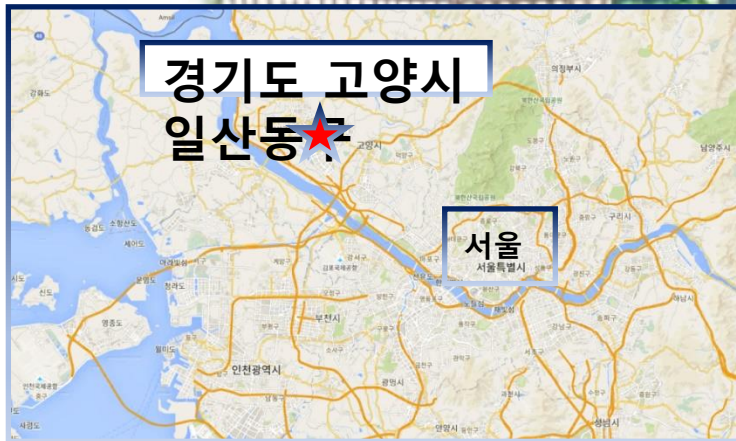
Kyungpook NUH, Proton Therapy
(in Planning)

Ulsan Univ. Hospital, Proton Therapy
(in Planning)

Hanmaeum Medical Center, Proton Therapy
(in Planning)



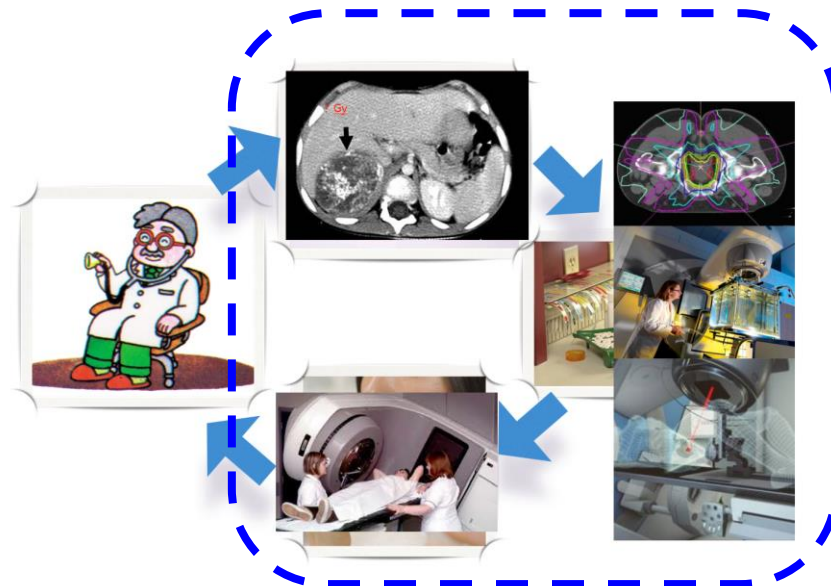
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Medical Physics 의 소개

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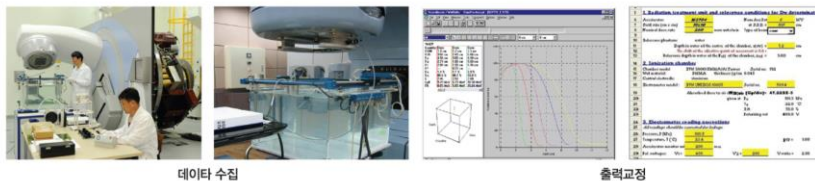
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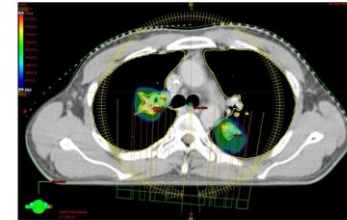
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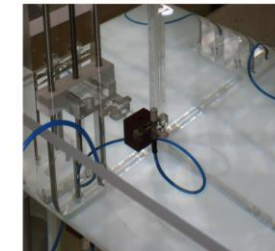
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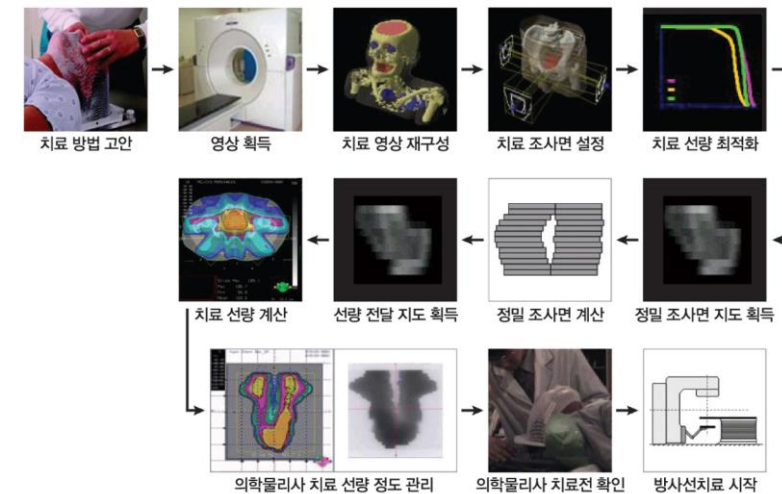
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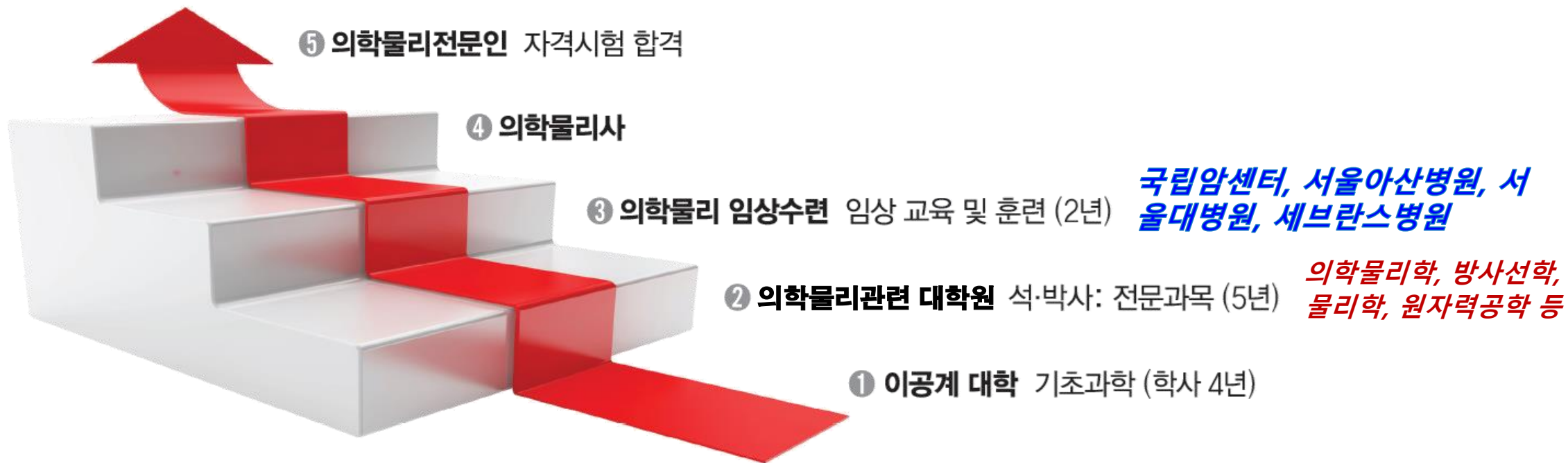
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- **학계**: 방사선 관련 학과 교수
- **기업**: 의료기기, 방사선치료기기 회사
- **연구소**: KINS, KAERI, KRISS ...

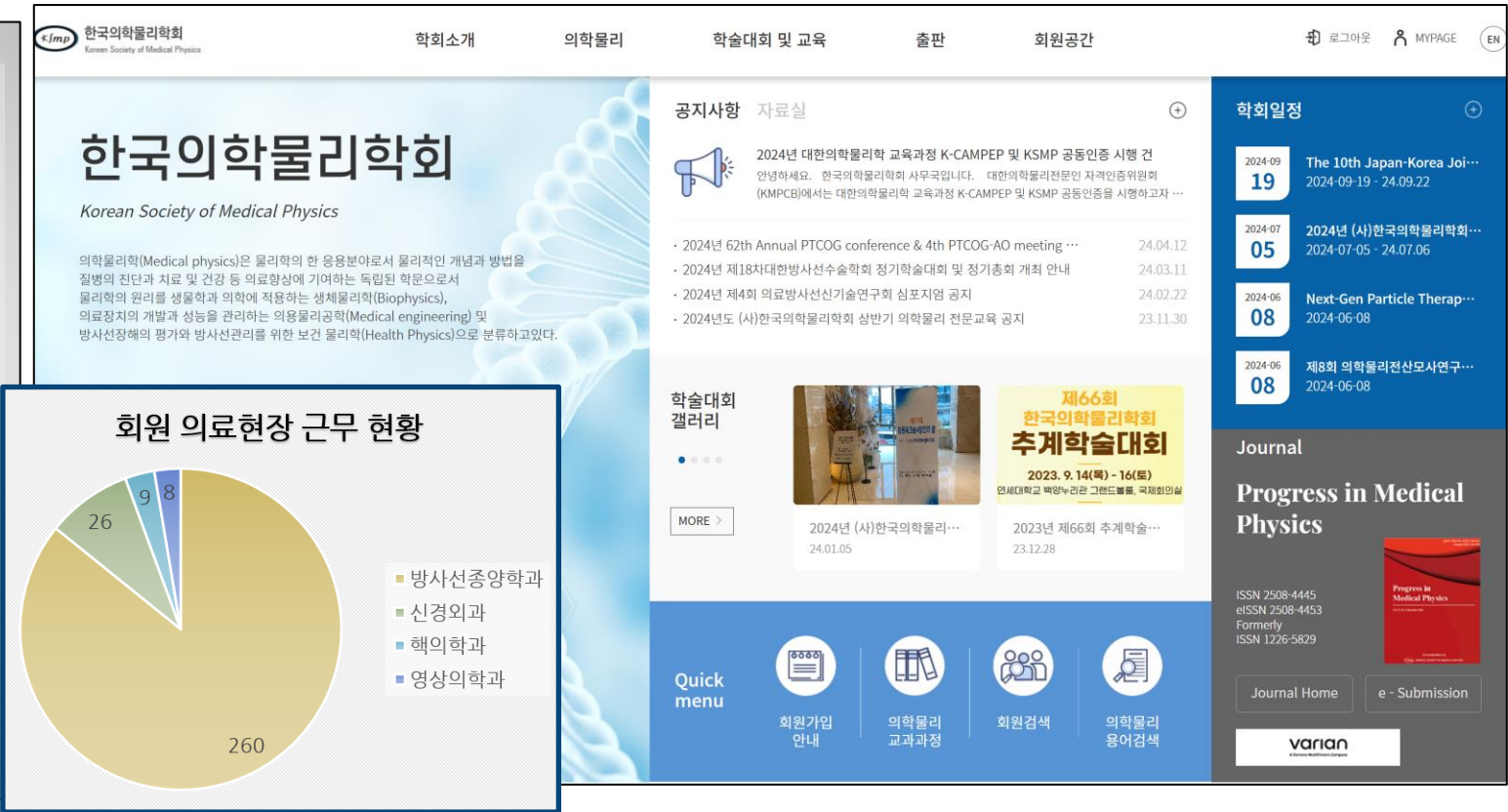
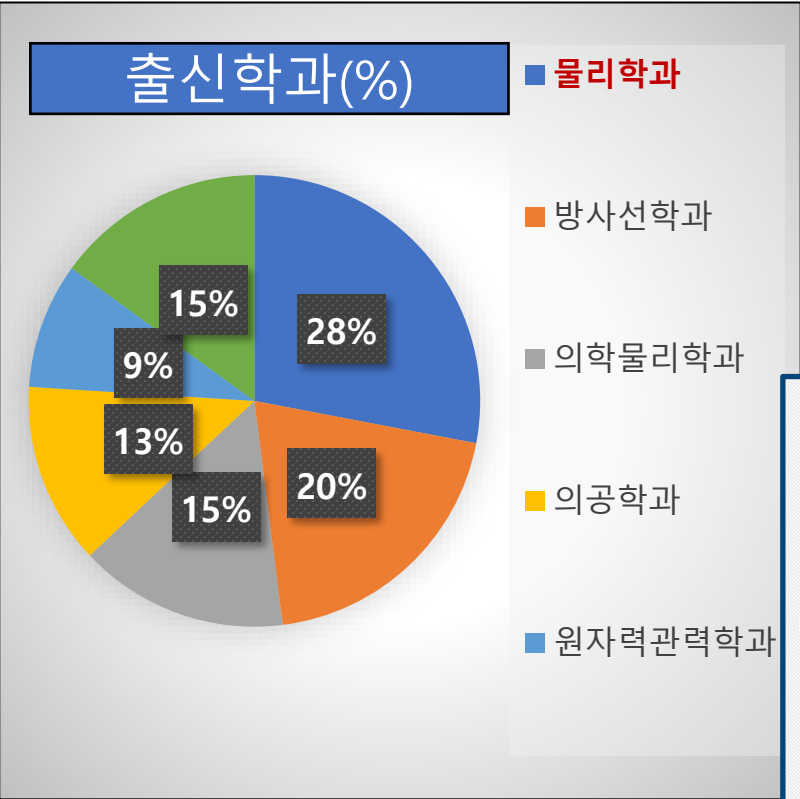
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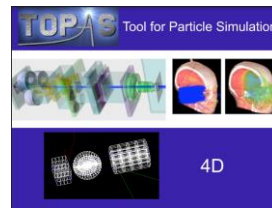
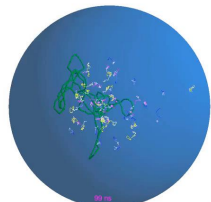
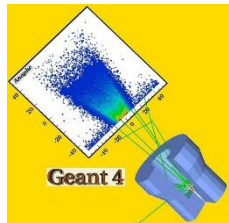


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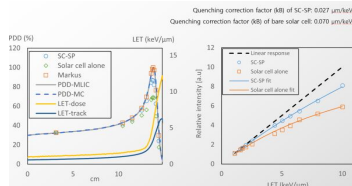
Research Tools in Medical Physics

- Monte Carlo Simulation (Geant4, MCNP, FLUKA, EGSnrc, etc.)

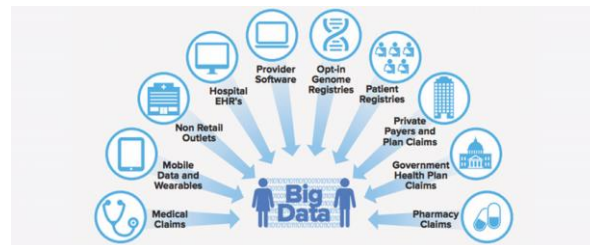
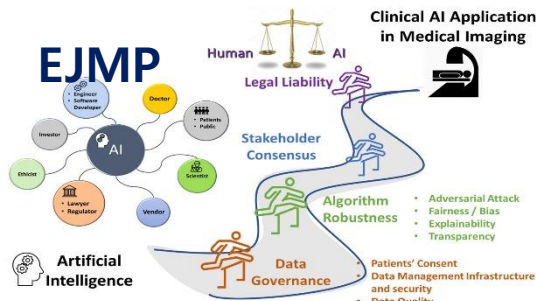


~ 45% of Adv. Example of Geant4 Toolkit is the Medical Physics Topics

- Experiment Setup & DATA Measurement/Analysis



- Artificial Intelligence(Machine Learning) & Big Data



AI in Radiation Oncology

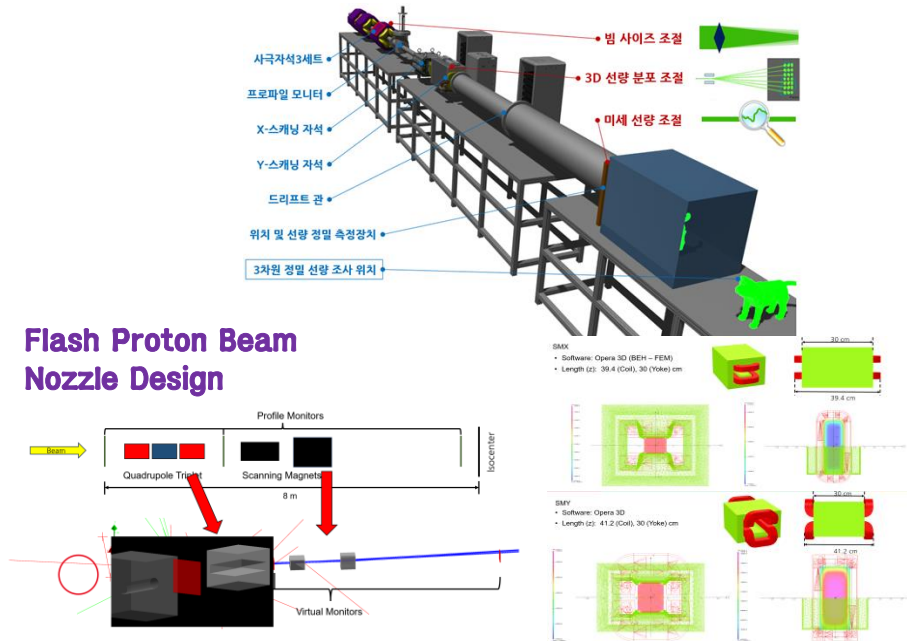
- AI may greatly improve the treat outcome and reduce toxicity by providing
 - More precise cancer detection, diagnosis, staging etc
 - More personalized and precision treatment strategy
 - More accurate target delineation and organ segmentation
 - Better and faster treatment planning and treatment delivery
 - More convenient, frequent, and accurate patient follow up
- AI may greatly improve patient safety by
 - Automatically detecting and preventing medical errors
 - Using wearable sensors and RTLS technologies
- AI may greatly reduce disparity by
 - Transferring the high quality care from major academic centers to under-served patients via well trained AI software tools

Medical Physics Research Area in RT

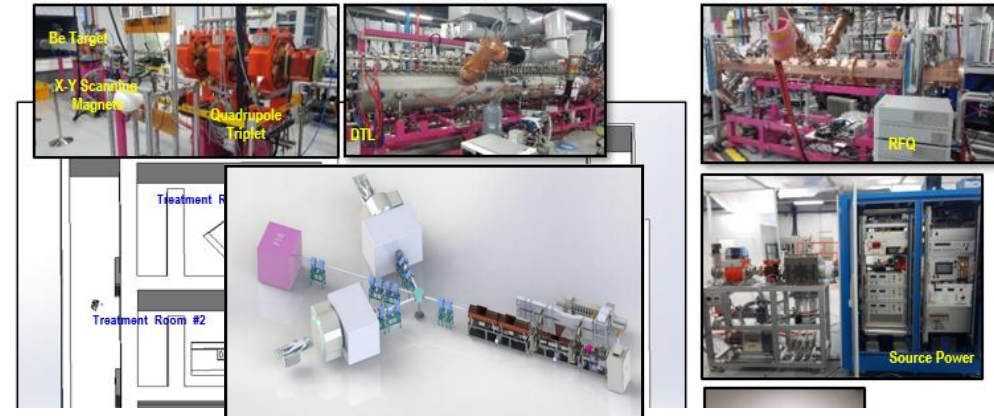
- 1. Treatment Device:** Accelerator, Beam Nozzle (Collimator & Monitor), Gantry, Patient Setup Device, Etc.
- 2. Treatment Planning System:** Absorbed Dose Calculation Algorithm, Human Organs & Cancer Tumor Volume Contouring (Target Region Decision), Optimal Beam Delivery Algorithm, Etc.
- 3. Monitoring and Measurement of Treatment Dose:** Beam Delivery Monitor, Treatment Beam Dose Measurement Detector, Etc.
- 4. Radiation Safety:** Secondary Particle Measurement, Radiation Shielding Evaluation & Design, Radioactive Waste produced by treatment beam, Etc.

1. Treatment Device

Flash Proton Beam
Nozzle Design



BNCT System Development

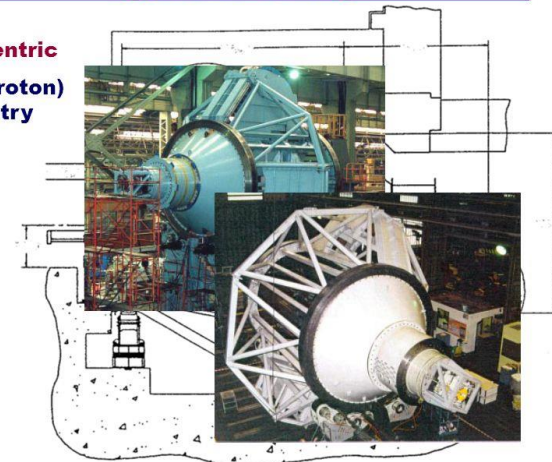


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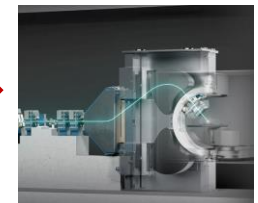


Types of Gantry

Iso-centric
IBA (proton)
gantry

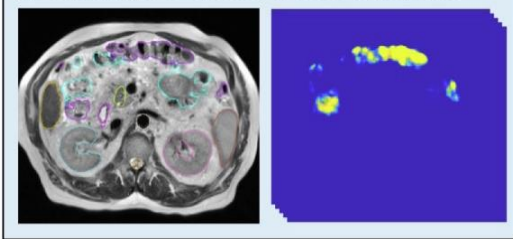


Compact Gantry

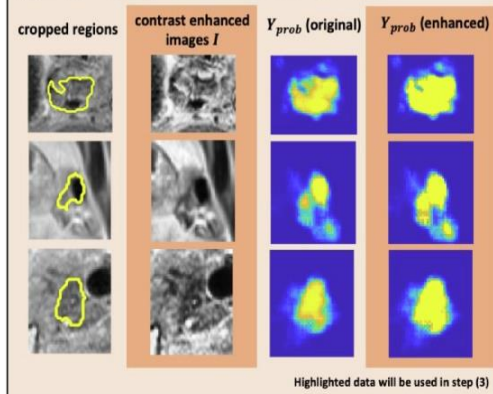


2. Treatment Planning System

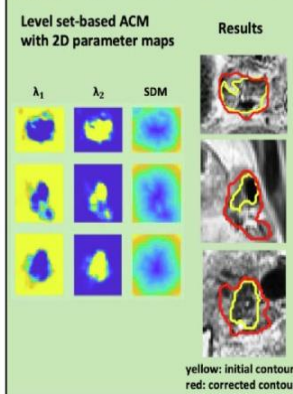
(1) Deep learning auto-segmentation with probability maps



(2) Image cropping into inaccurate subregions, e.g.:

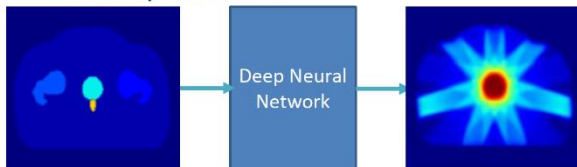


(3) ACM-based contour refinement



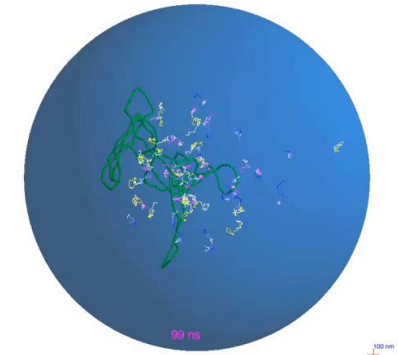
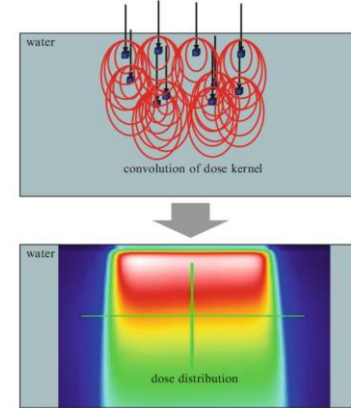
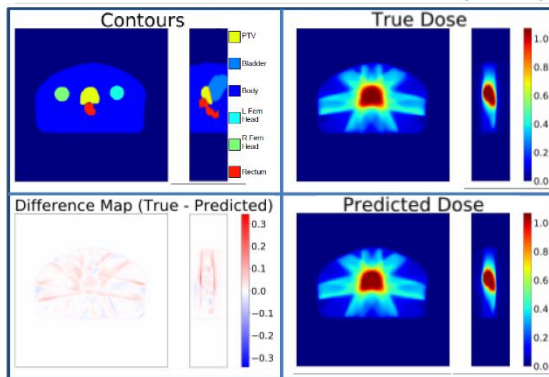
3D Dose Prediction Using Deep Learning

- Predict 3D radiation dose distribution based on
 - Patient's anatomy and physician's prescription
- Hypothesis:** Patients of similar medical conditions should have a similar relationship between optimal radiation dose and patient anatomy and this relationship can be learned with a deep neural network

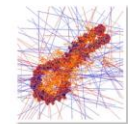


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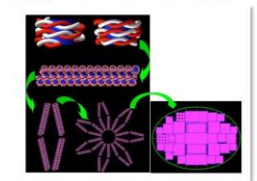
Test Results for A Prostate Case (IMRT)



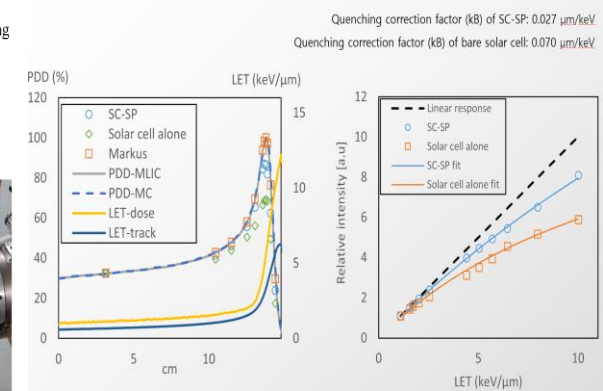
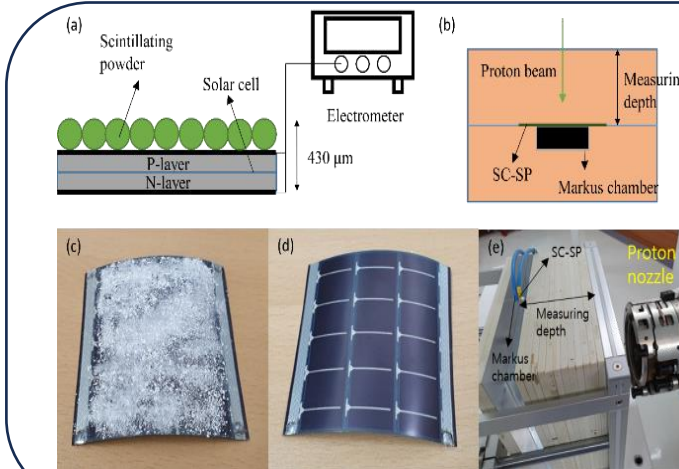
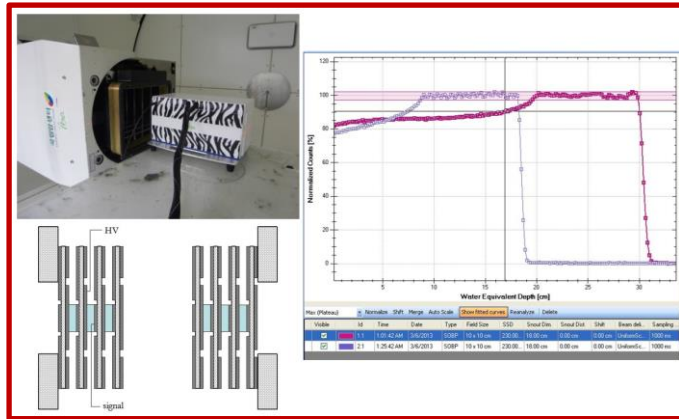
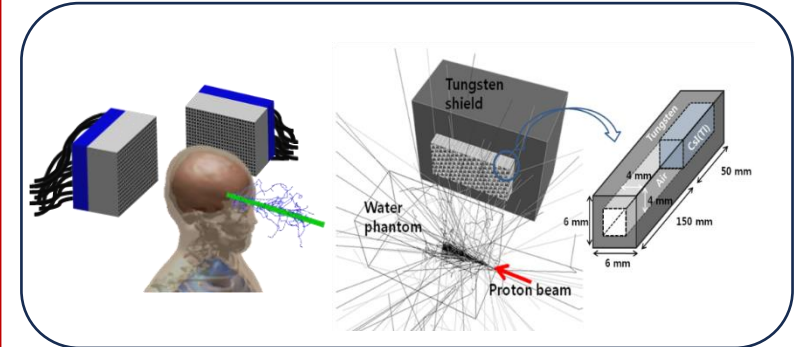
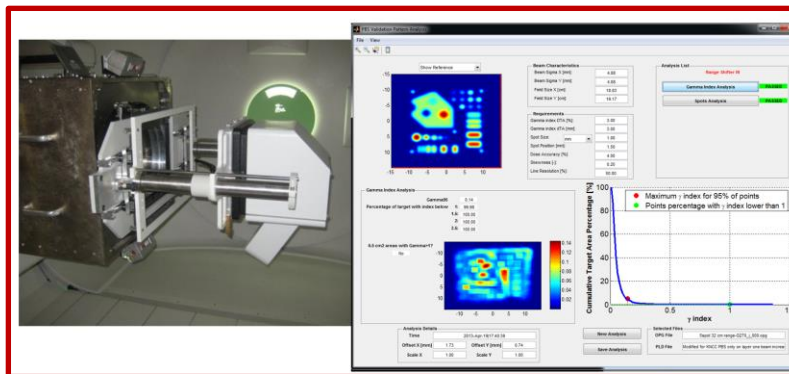
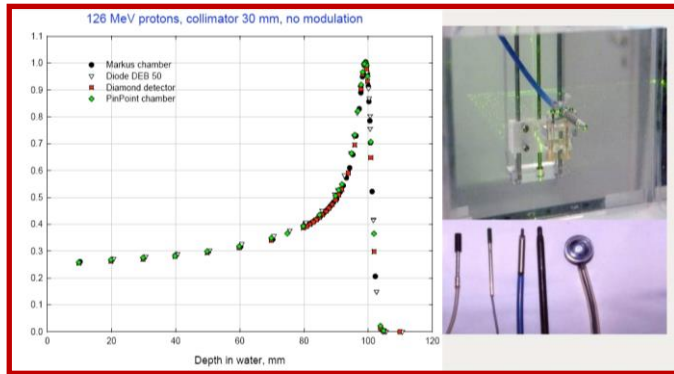
- The Geant4 - `pd4dna` - `extended/medical/dna` example shows how to model molecular geometries from the Protein Data Bank (PDB) and record energy deposition events in biological volumes of interest. It is further described at a dedicated web site: <http://pd4dna.nsls.ri.fr/>.



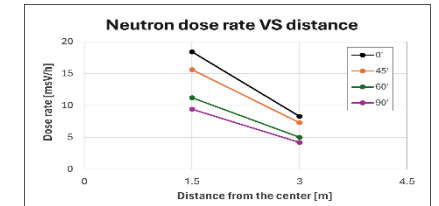
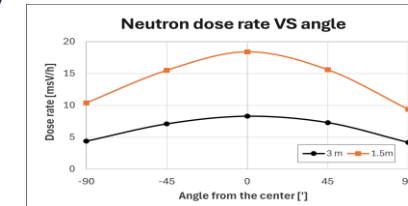
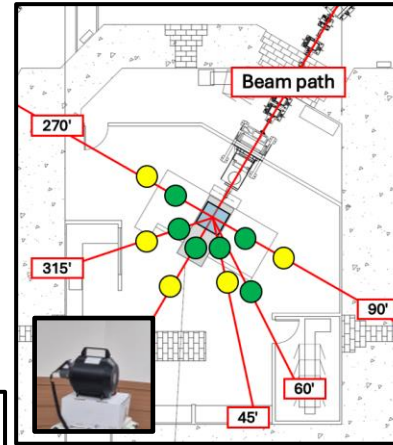
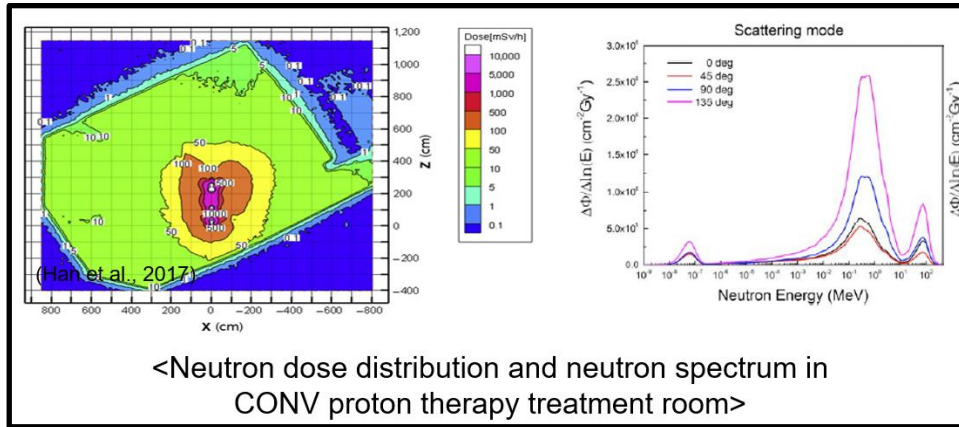
- The Geant4 - `wholeNuclearDNA` - `extended/medical/dna` example shows how to model a simplified cellular nucleus containing a geometrical model for the DNA molecule.



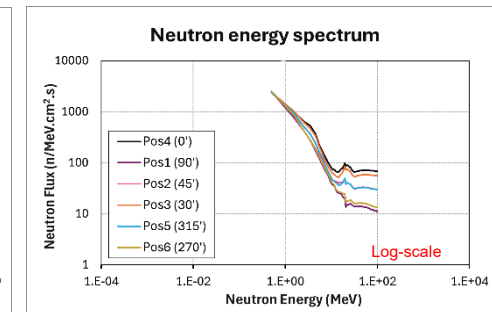
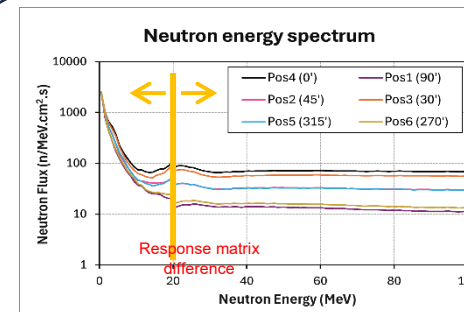
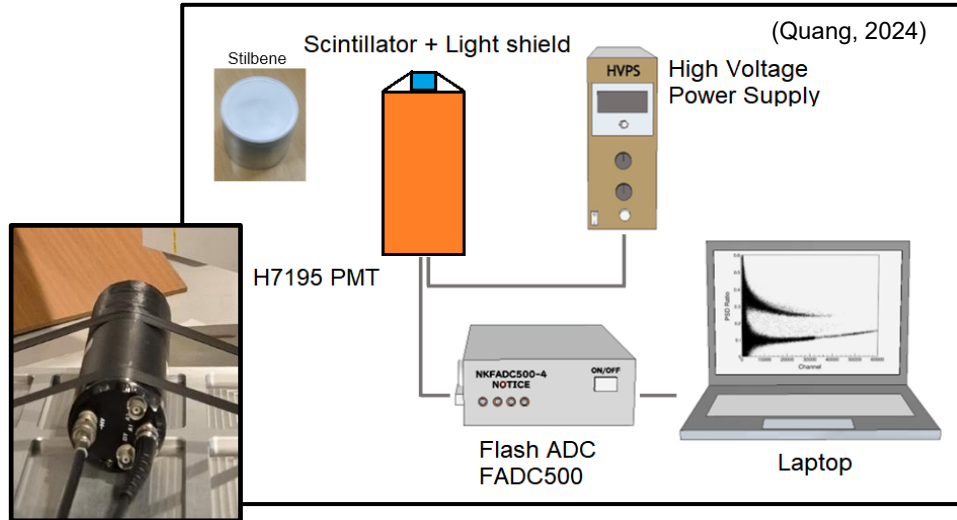
3. Monitoring and Measurement of Treatment Dose



4. Radiation Safety



<Neutron dose rate variation with angle and distance from beam center>



<Neutron energy spectrum at various position (pos1 to 6) original (left) log-scale (right)>

Summary

- The **knowledge backgrounds** for Radiation Therapy Research are **Physics, Biology, and Radiation Oncology**.
- **Artificial Intelligence** technology **become one of the necessary elements** in medical physics research and medical physicists' roles.
- **Experimental Nuclear Physics, Experimental Particle Physics, and Biophysics** are pure physics fields **close to medical physics**.
- **To do good research and produce practical results** in medical physics, one must **understand the medical doctor's needs and clinical procedures**.