

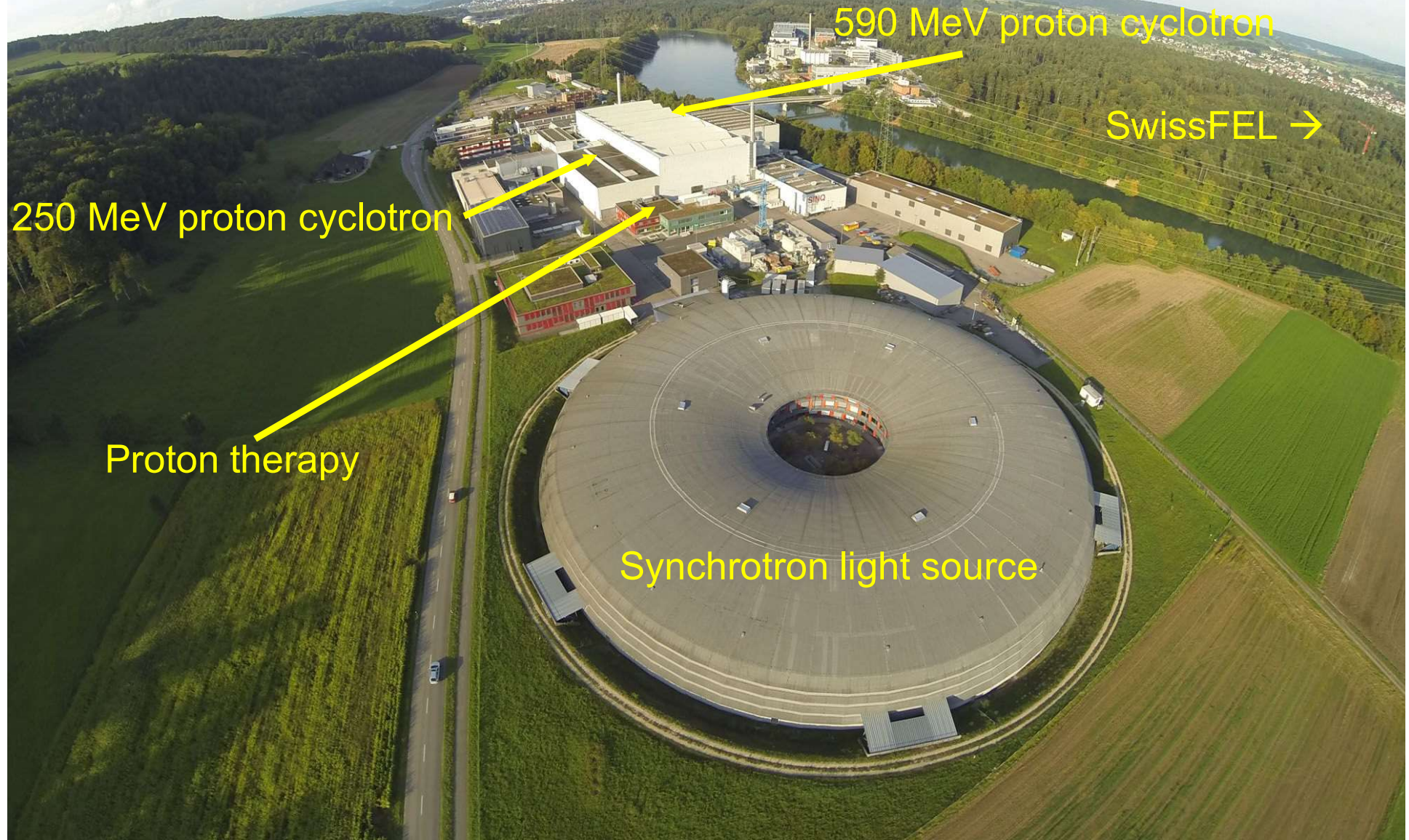
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Martin Grossmann :: Center for Proton Therapy :: Paul Scherrer Institute

Protontherapy at PSI

Paul Scherrer Institute



590 MeV proton cyclotron

SwissFEL →

250 MeV proton cyclotron

Proton therapy

Synchrotron light source

Why Protons?

Proton therapy

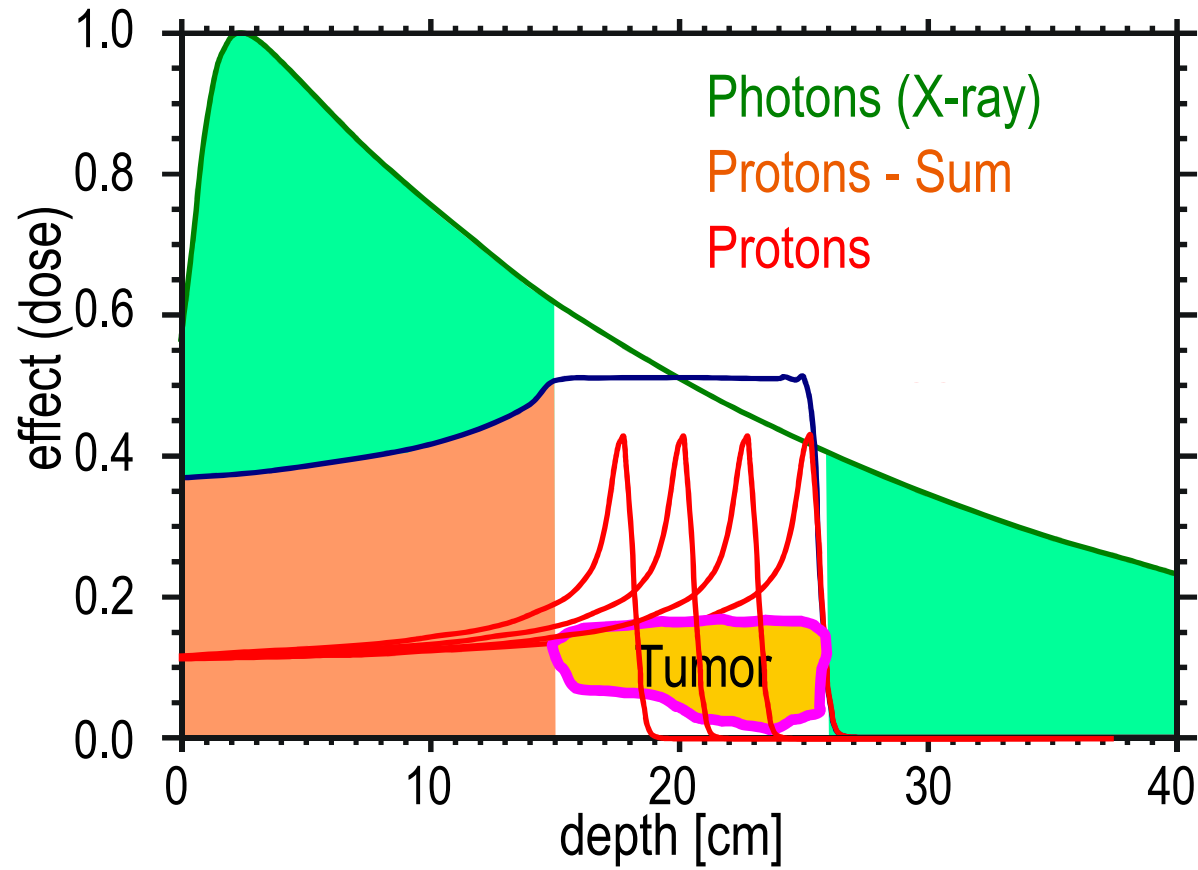
Mass: ~200 tons

Diameter: ~8 m

Conventional therapy (LINAC)



Why Protons?



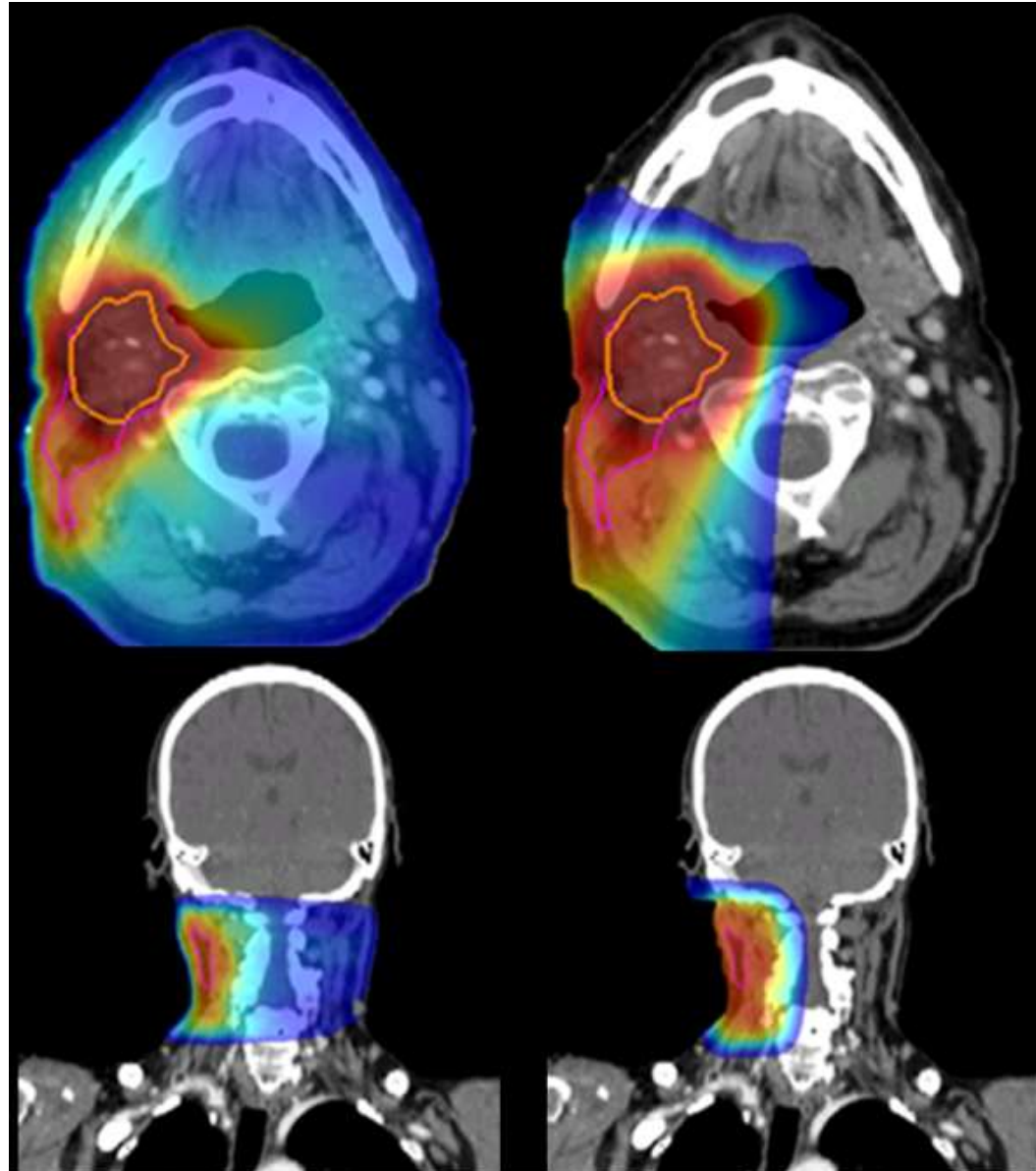
Dose burden - photons

Dose burden - protons

Why Protons?

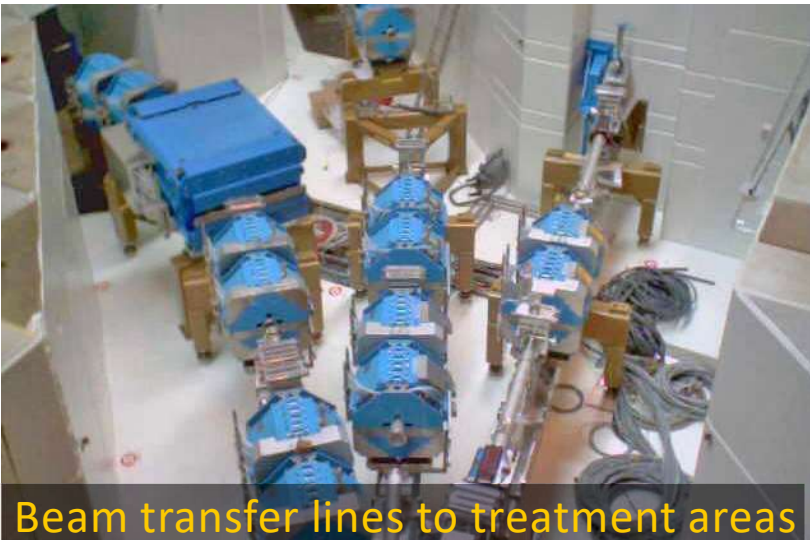
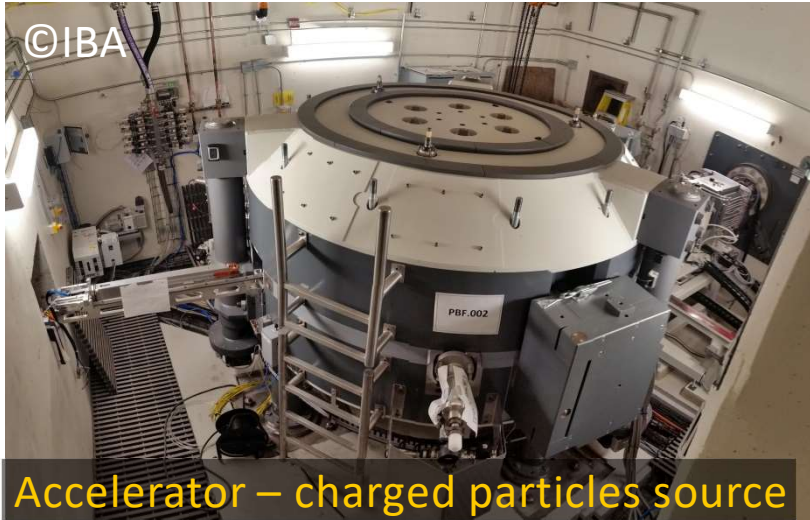


Photons



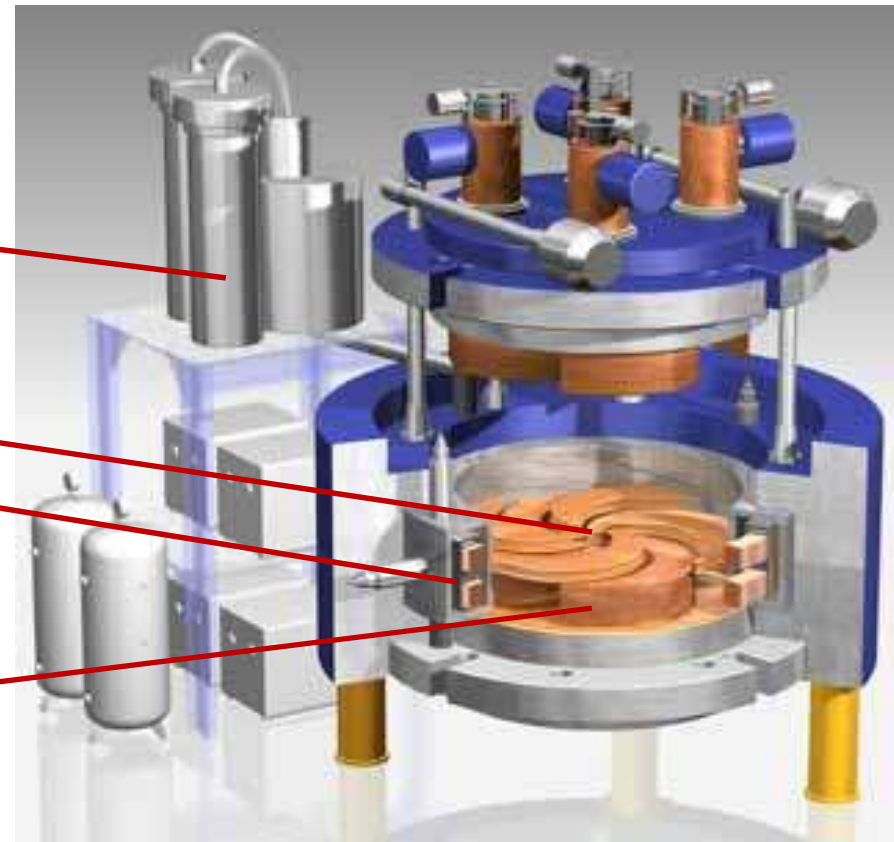
Protons

Main parts of a particle treatment facility

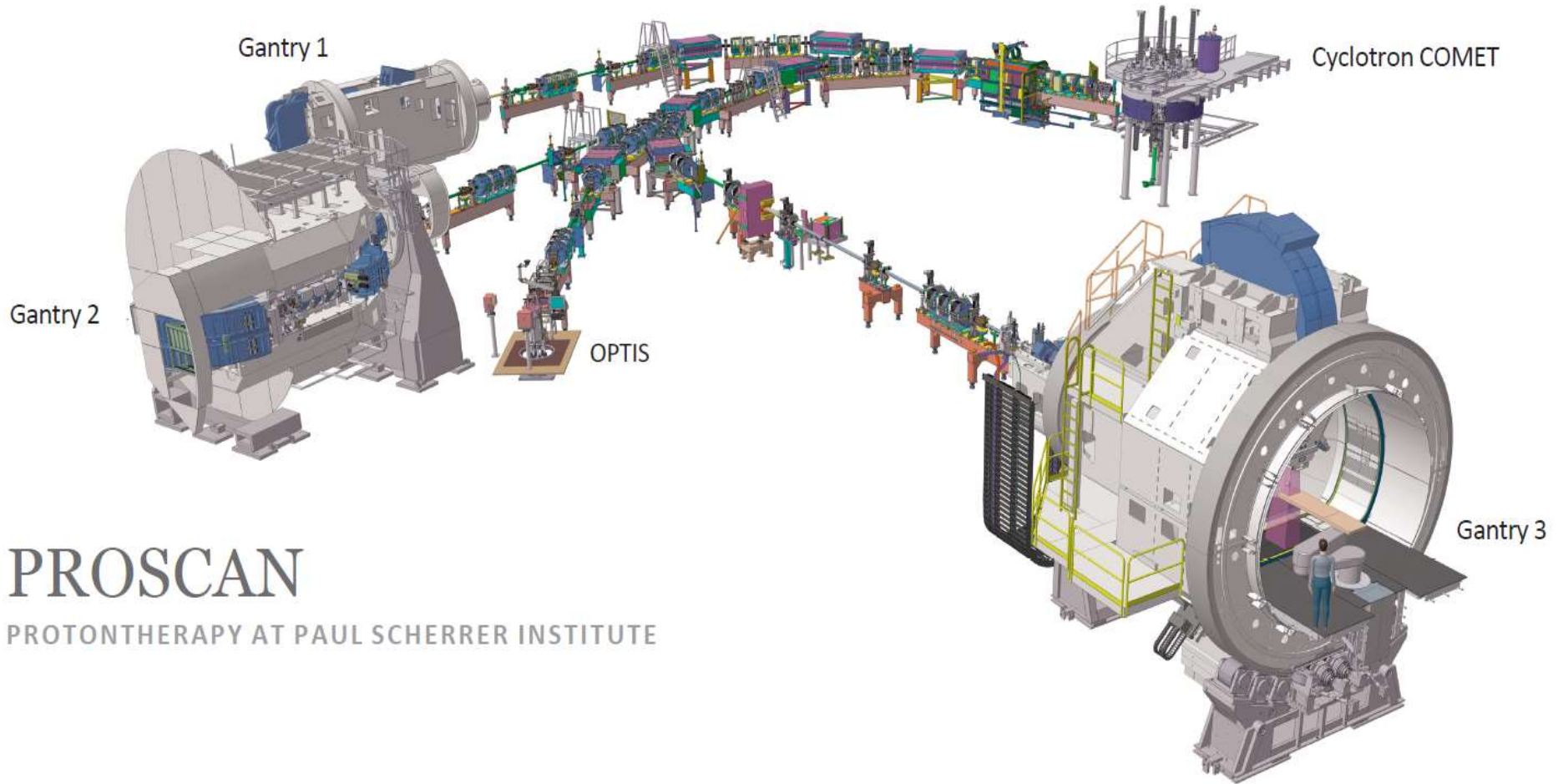


Superconducting Cyclotron COMET (Accel/Varian)

- 90 tons, 300 kW
- Closed He system
4 cryostats @ 4K
- Protons source
- Superconducting coils 2.4 – 3.8 T
- 4 RF cavities 72 MHz @ 80 kV



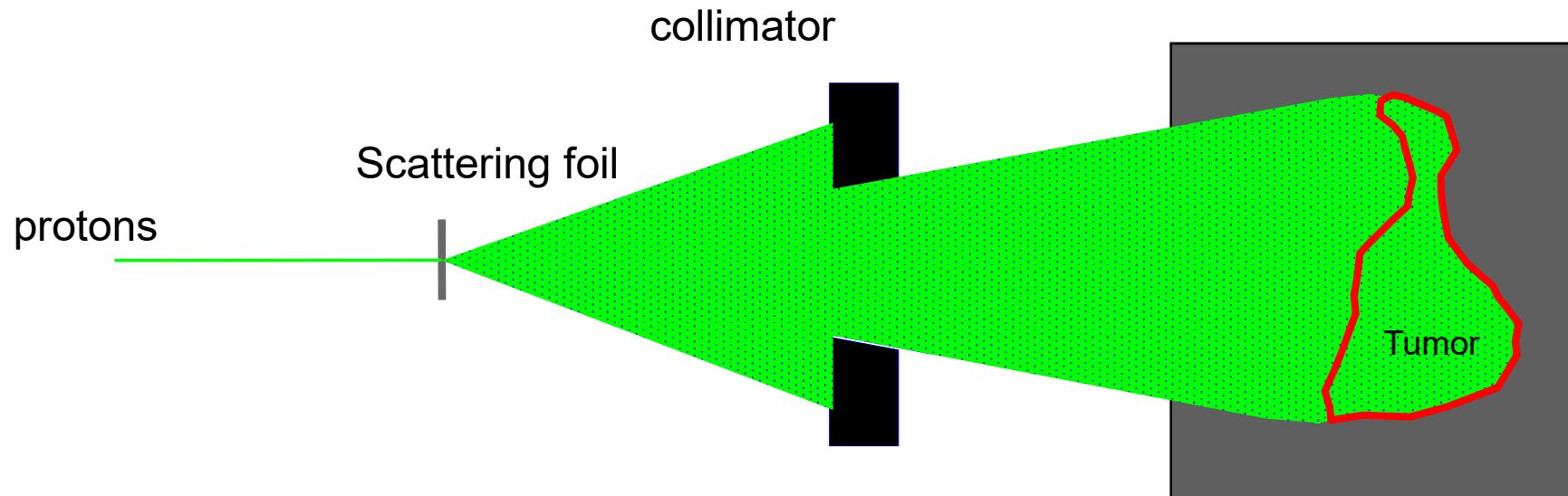




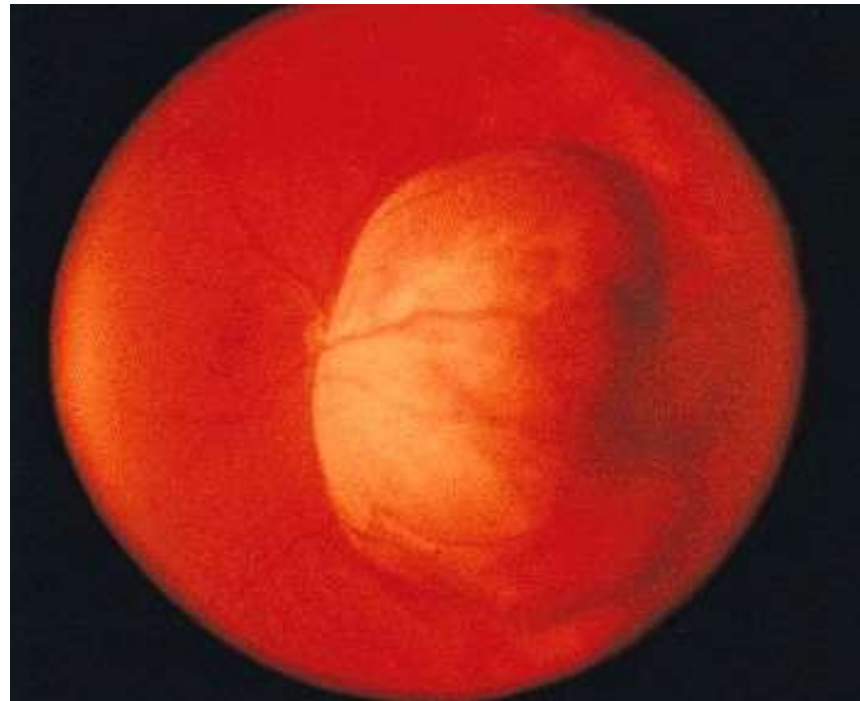
PROSCAN

PROTONTHERAPY AT PAUL SCHERRER INSTITUT

Irradiation technique - classical



- Treating Eye Melanoma
- Collaboration with eye clinic in Lausanne
(Hôpital Ophtalmique Jules Gonin,
Prof. L. Zografos)



PSI's OPTIS program



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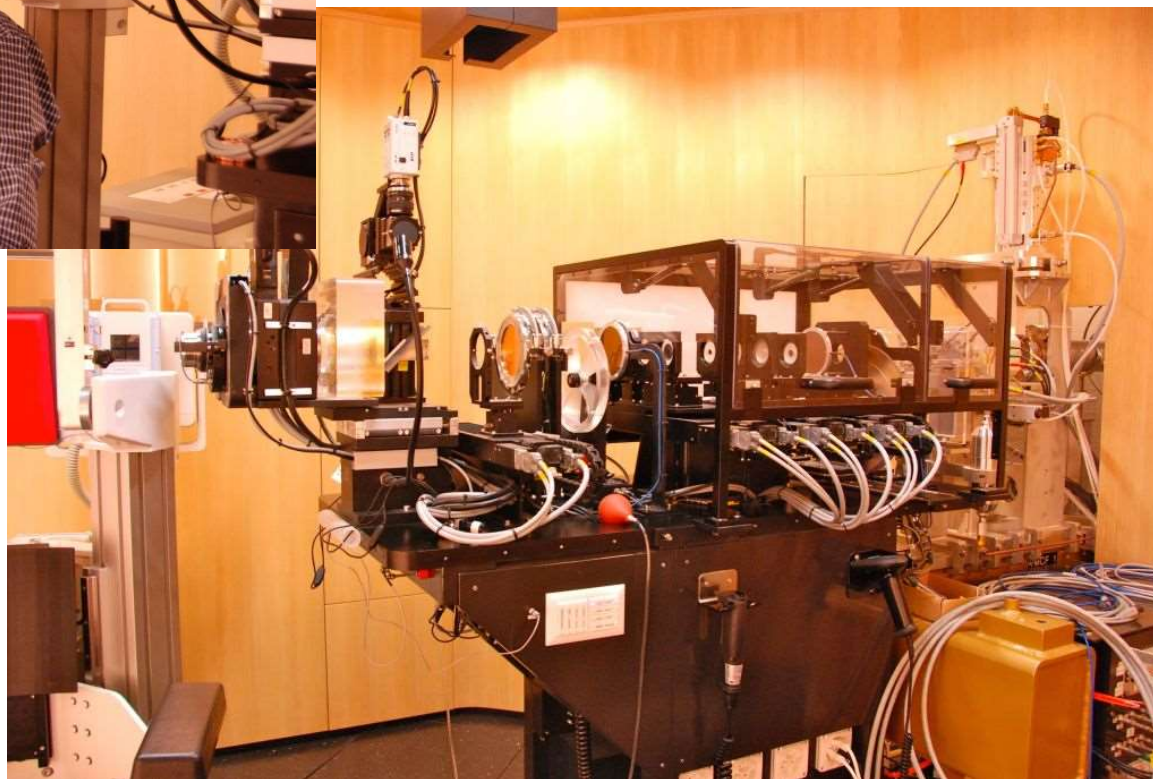
Date: 10.8.04 Opérateur: ZAGRATZ
Assistant: ABOU-Z Anesthésiste: BISKY
AG ALS AL Durée de l'opération: 30' 226
Diagnose: Inflammation Hémorragie Adhérences Dérivés Autre: Bes diffus

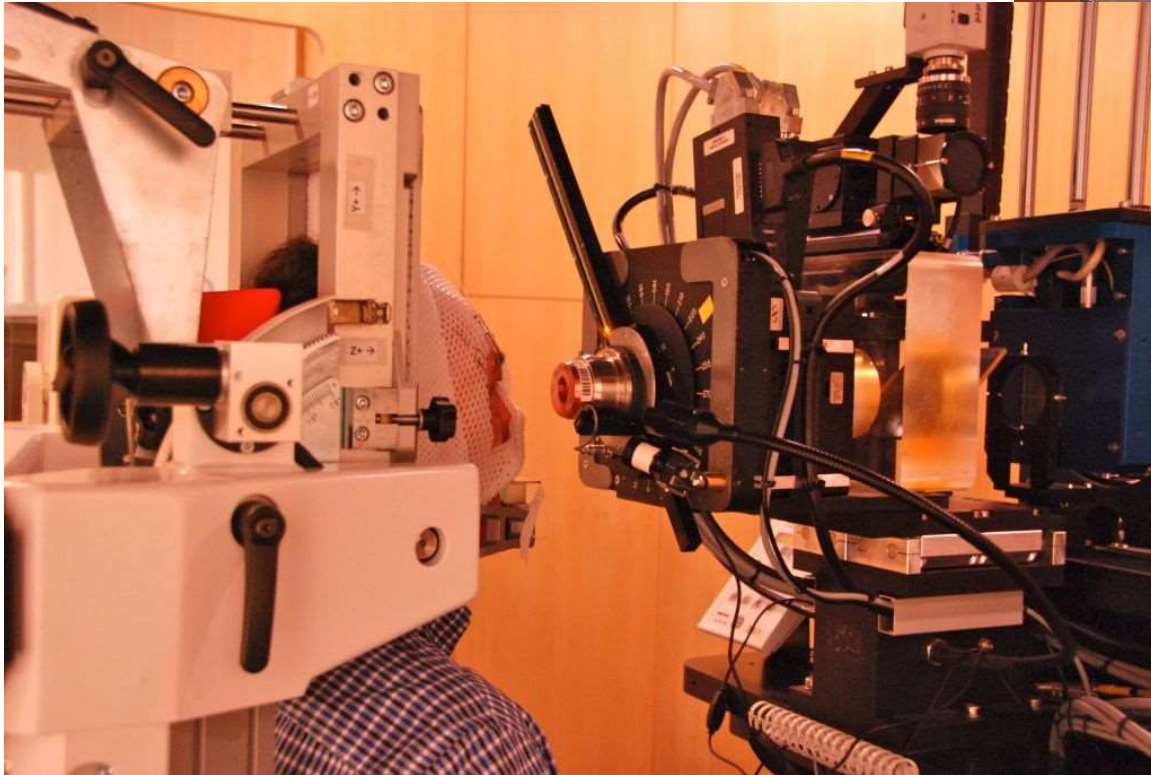
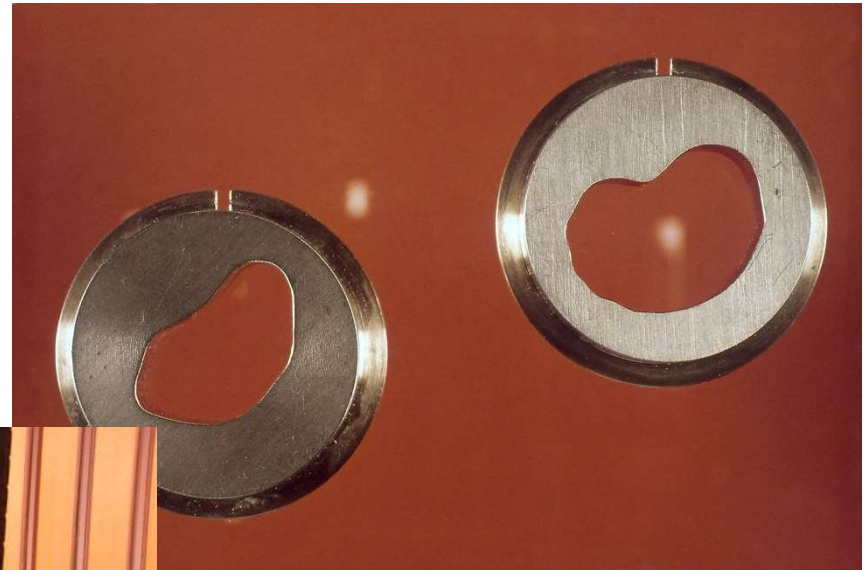
OD OO Nasal Temporal Supérieur Inférieur
Invasion ciliaire Invasion papillaire Invasion iris Diamètre: _____
Diamètre tumoral maximal: _____ Diamètre tumoral minimal: _____
Ouverture conjonctive: au limbe autre
Fils de traction: Droit Supérieur Droit Inférieur Droit Extérieur Droit Intérieur
Rétroillumination: non Diamètre: D=15 H=4

Distance Invasions	Invasions sclérales		Distance
	Invasions	Clips	
	1-3	16	
	2-4	13,5	
	1,5		

Tumeur en partie opérée: Tumeur vasculaire Tumeur transparence
 Ophtalmoscopique
No UBM
Exempteur: AS
Longueur axiale: 27,7
Remarques: _____
Signature: [Signature]

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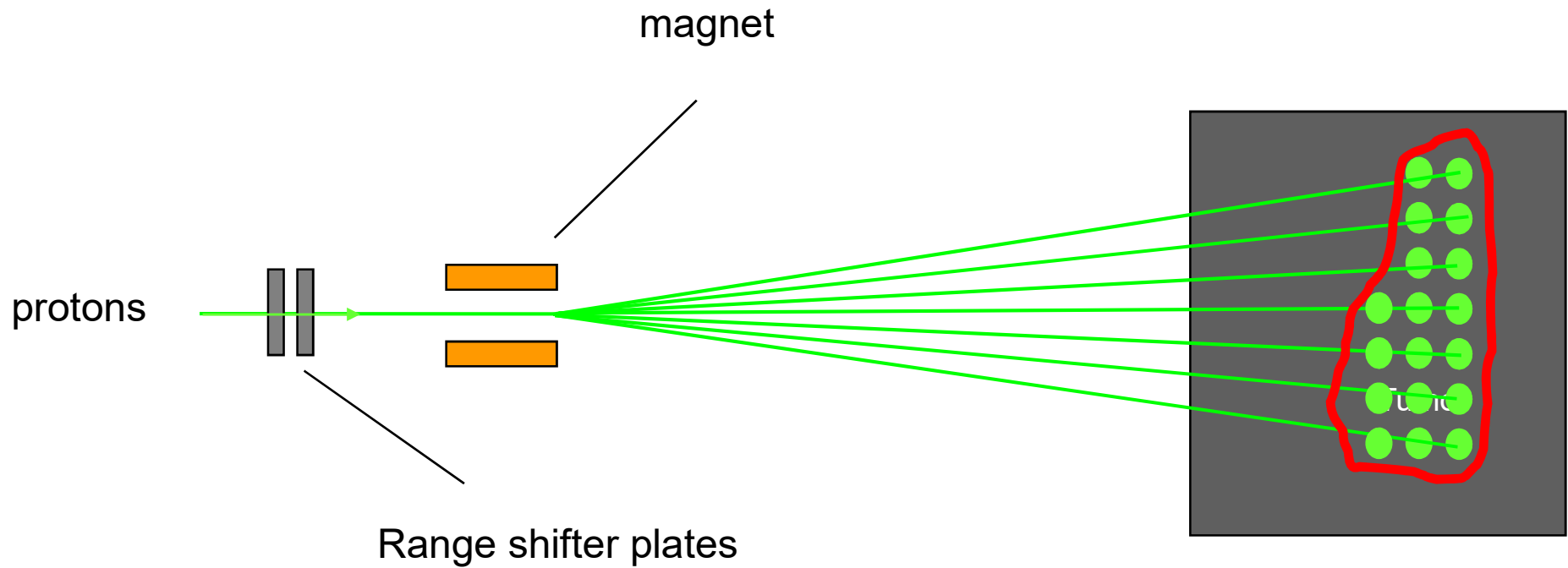
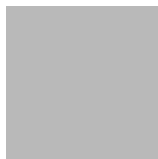
- Since 1984:
treated more than 6'500 patients
- 98% cure
(local tumor control)
- Conservation of vision
100% for small tumors
90% for big tumors

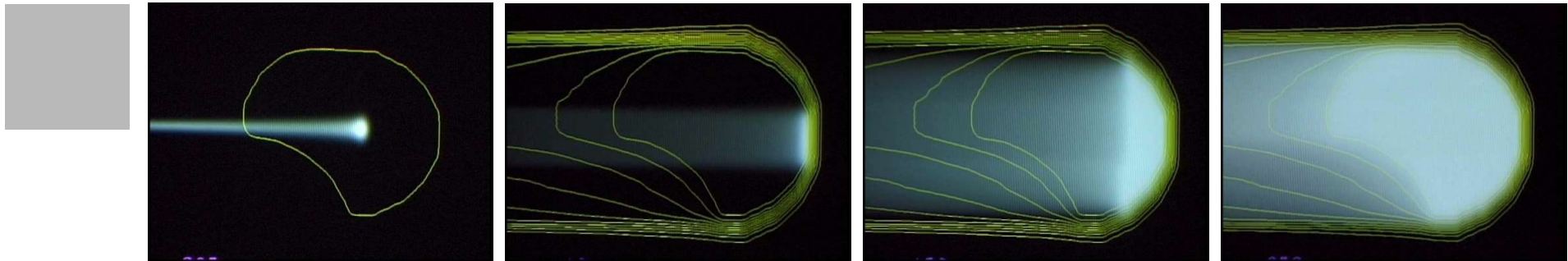


5 J., retinoblastoma, left eye,
18 months after treatment

Protons
are the
standard!

Irradiation technique – «spot scanning»

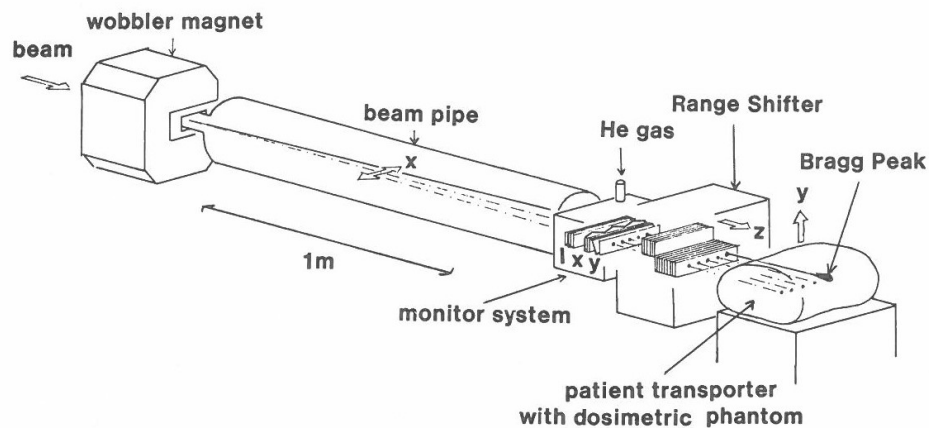




Experimental setup for spot scanning with protons

Horizontal beam line

- Scanning in 1 dimension only
- Range shifter to modify proton energy



Annex II
Annual Report 1989



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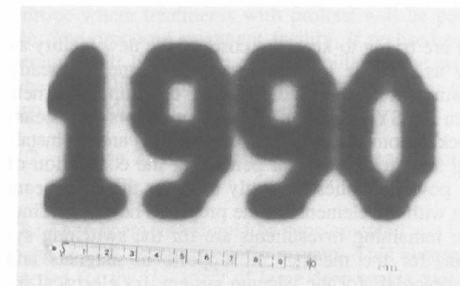


Fig. 4: X ray film irradiated with the 200 MeV proton beam using the spot scanning method.

Gantry 1: A compact system for spot scanning

Implementation of spot scanning technique

Start patient operation 1996

During 12 years the only spot scanning gantry worldwide

Due to eccentric design still the most compact system, $r = 2\text{m}$



Single pencil beam

Lateral scanning

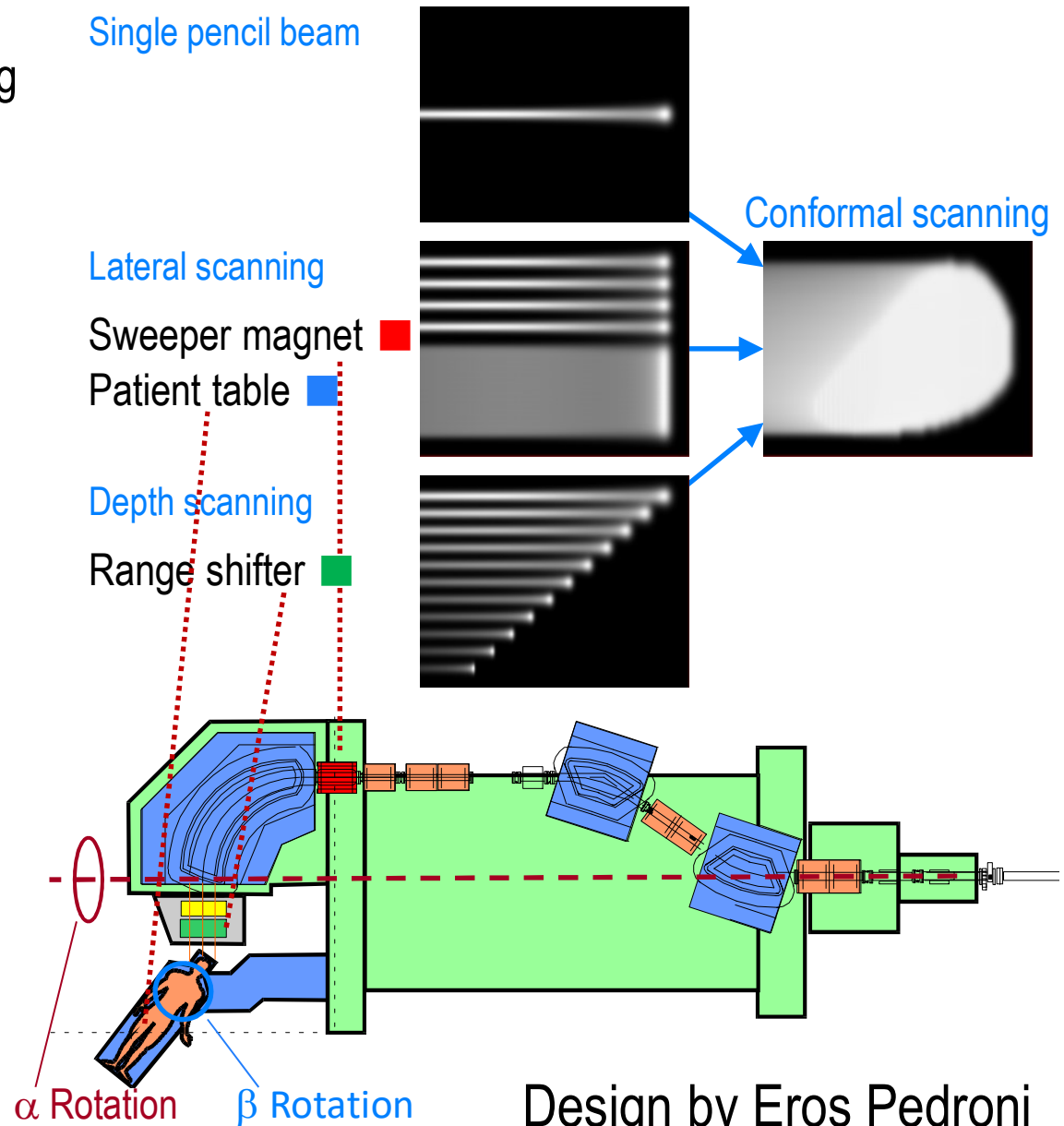
Sweeper magnet

Patient table

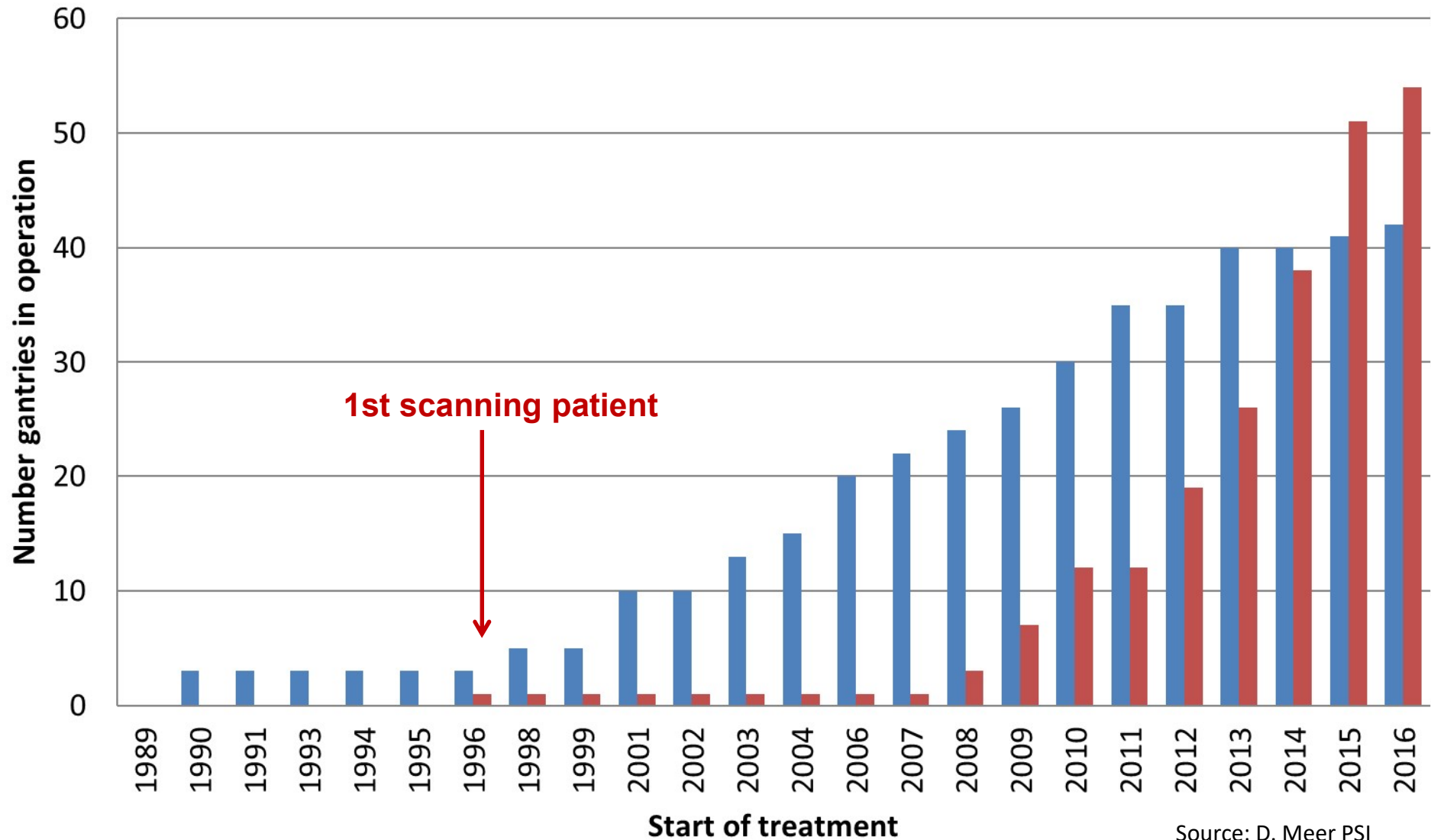
Depth scanning

Range shifter

Conformal scanning



Scanning-Technology is today's standard



Gantry 2: next generation spot scanning

Easy access to patient at all times

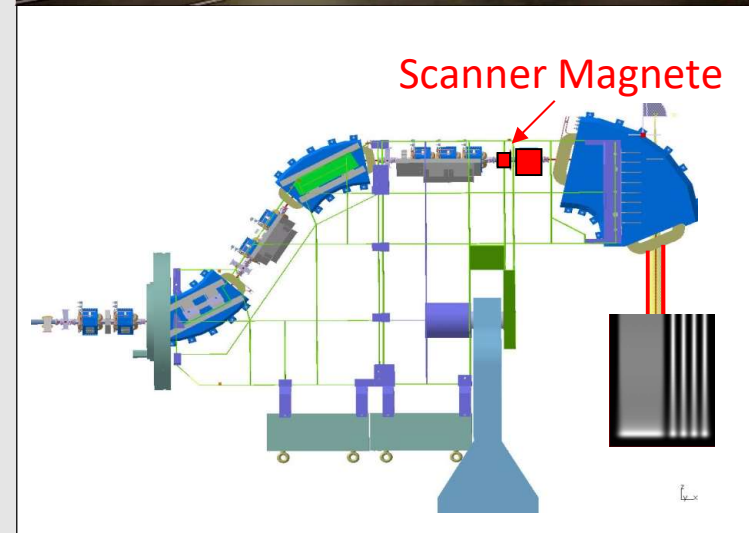
- Rotation limited to 210°
- Patient table rotatable 180°
(→ still full flexibility)
- No pit

Fast scanning in 2 dimensions

- Re-scanning possible
- Parallel Scanning
- Field size 12 x 20 cm

Fast energy change → 3rd dimension

- Energy step < 100 ms
- Re-scanning possible in 3 dimensions



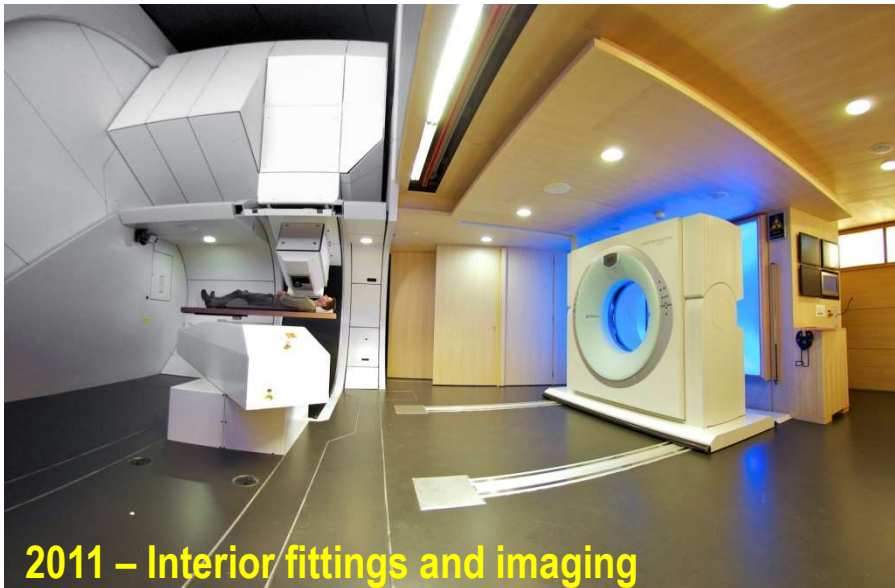
Gantry 2: next generation spot scanning



2006 - Delivery of mechanical structure



2008 - Beam line with innovative 90° dipole

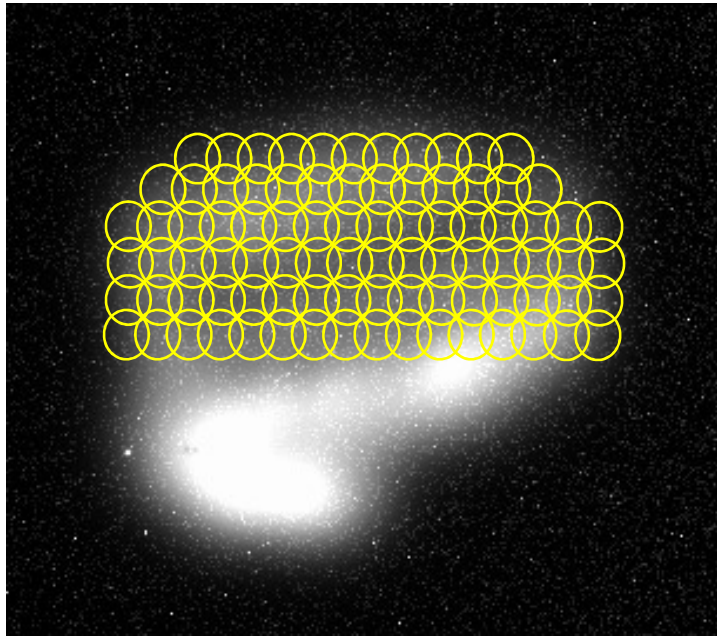


2011 - Interior fittings and imaging



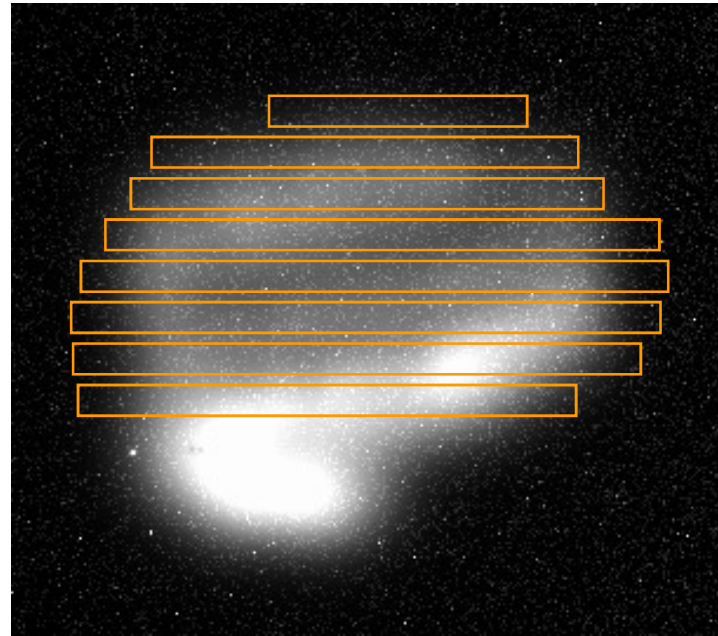
2013 - 1st patient treated

Improvements in scanning technology



Discrete spot scanning

- Switching off the beam after each spot
- Dead time per spot ~3 ms.
Typically field: 10'000 spots
→ 30 s dead time, scales with number of re-scans!
- Accurate dose delivery
- Spot scanning is **actual operation mode** of Gantry 2

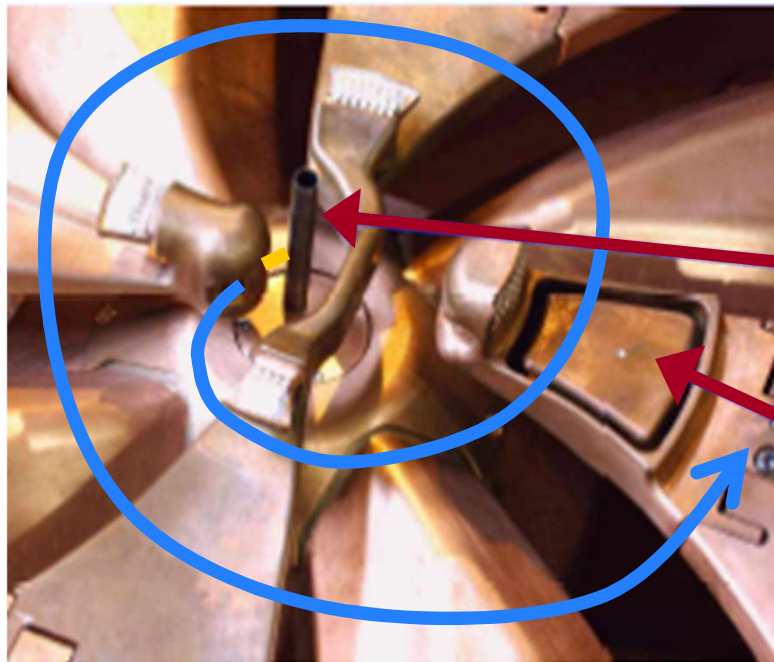
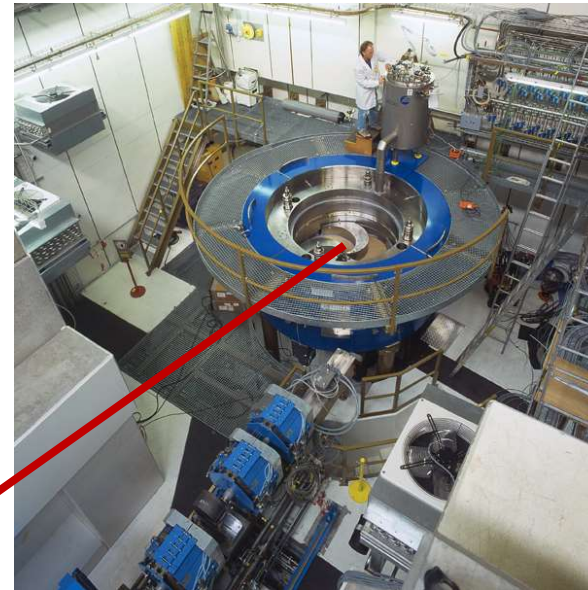


Continuous line scanning

- Paint lines of dose with continuous beam on using
 - **Beam intensity modulation**
 - **Beam motion speed modulation**
- For efficient and effective repainting
- Operational in experimental mode, in development

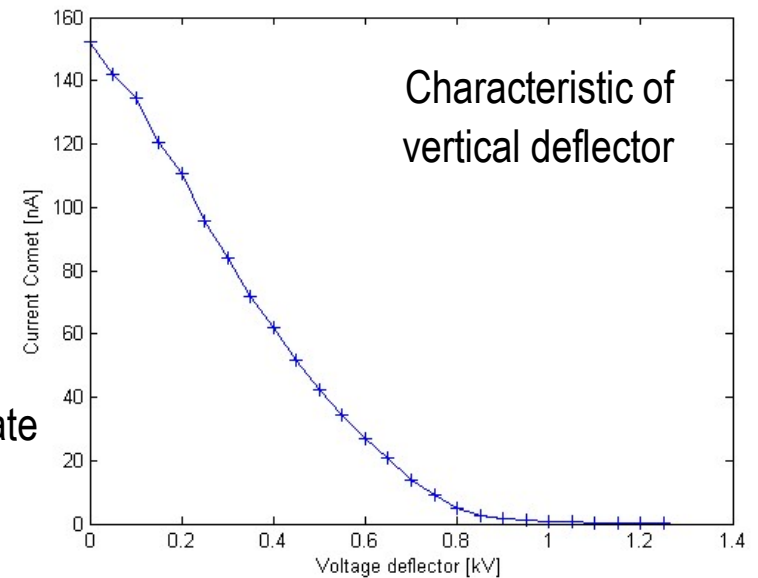
Proton beam intensity modulation

- Fast electrostatic beam deflection inside cyclotron ($< 50 \mu\text{s}$)
- Switch beam on/off
- Intensity modulation
- Little activation of the cyclotron



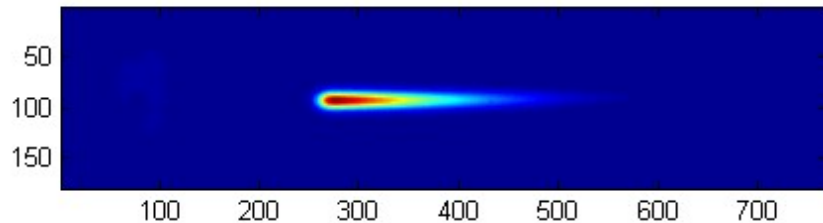
Ion source

Vertical deflector plate

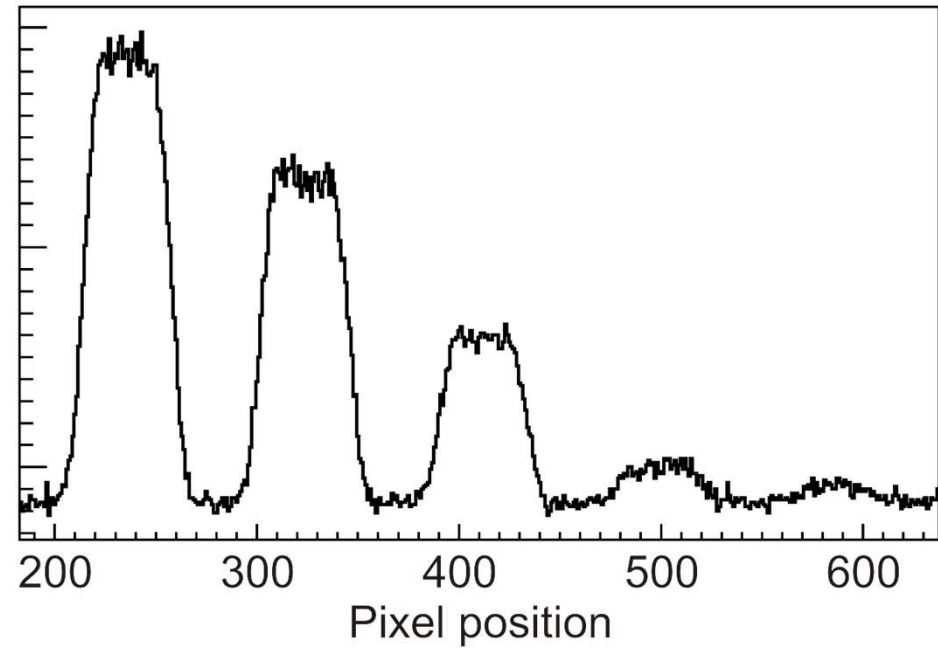
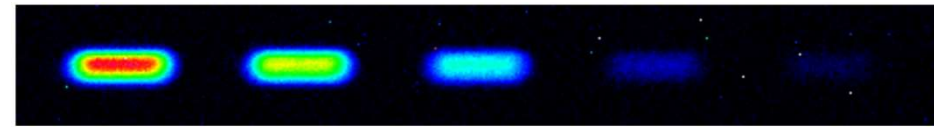
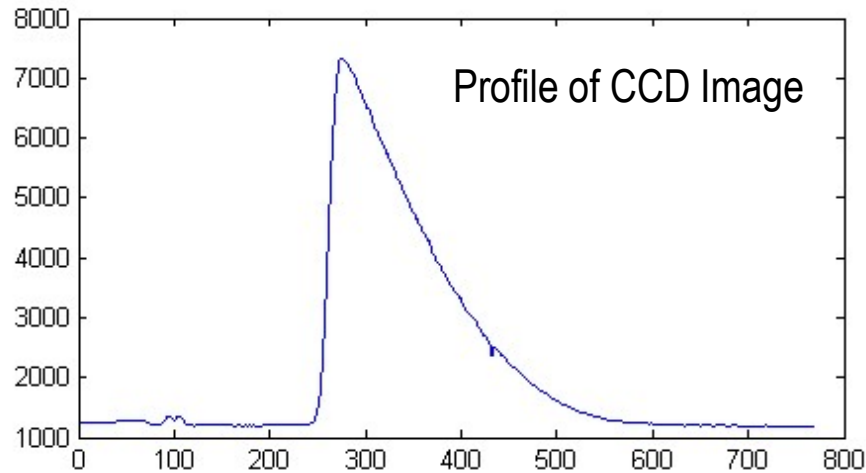


Painting intensity modulated lines

Continuous line (18 cm) with linear increasing vertical deflector voltage

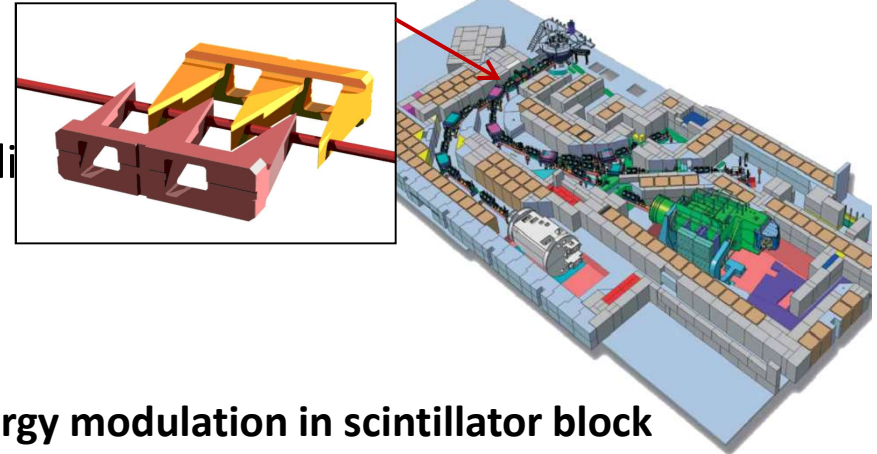


18 cm



Fast changes of the beam energy

- The Gantry 2 and PROSCAN are optimized for fast energy changes:
 - Cyclotron provides fixed energy
 - Fast degrader mechanical
 - Laminated magnets / dedicated power supplies
 - Need to consider magnetization and hysteresis effects
 - On-line correction of “drift” effects

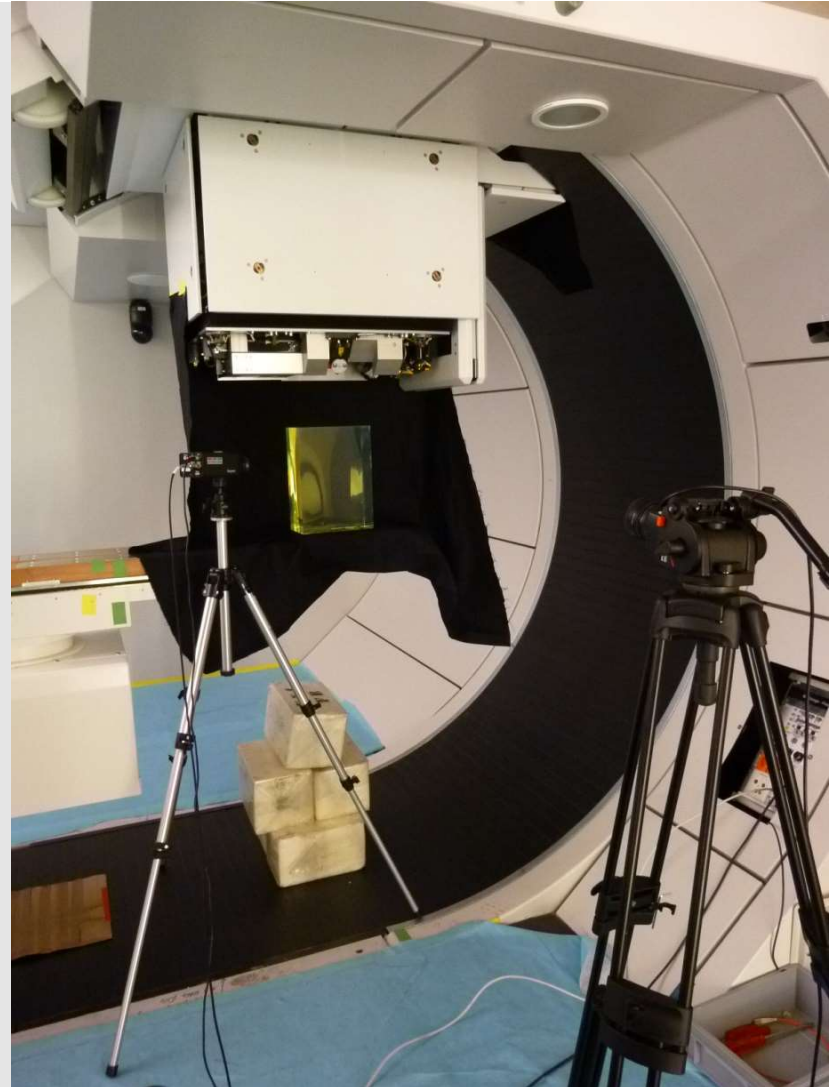


Energy modulation in scintillator block

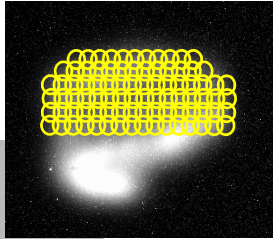
- Realized:
 - **~100 ms dead time** for range steps of 5 mm

Benefit

- **Faster** treatments
- Potential for **volumetric repainting**



Demonstration to show potential of fast line-scanning



Discrete spot scanning

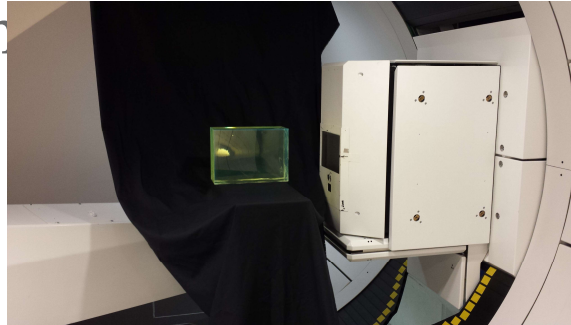
20412 spots, 28 energy layers

Beam-on time: 17s

Dead time: 80s

Total time: 97s

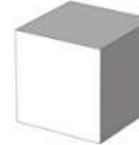
→ 5 re-scans: ~7min



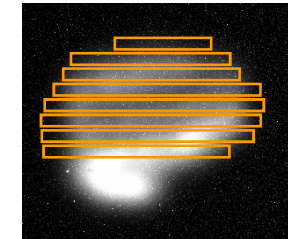
Cubical target, $V = 1\text{l}$

Spot grid 4 mm

Dose: 0.6 Gy (typical 3 field fraction dose)



Standard dose rate (<6 Gy/s)



Continuous line scanning

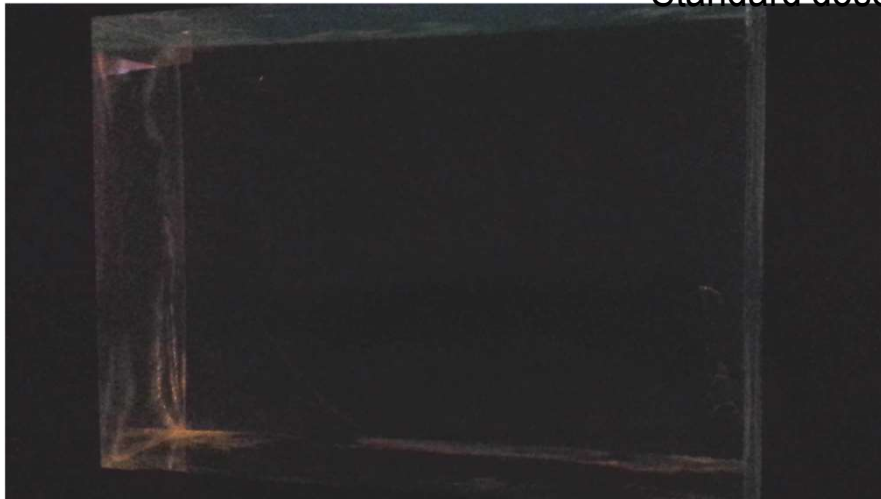
27 lines / energy, 28 energy layers

Beam-on time: 17s

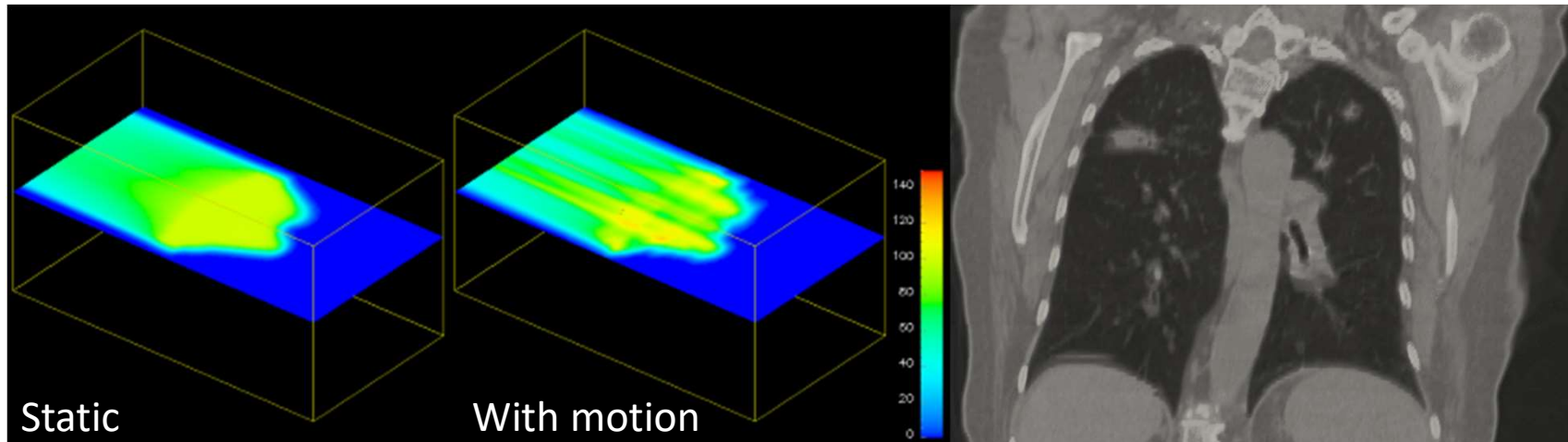
Dead time: 3s

Total time: 20s

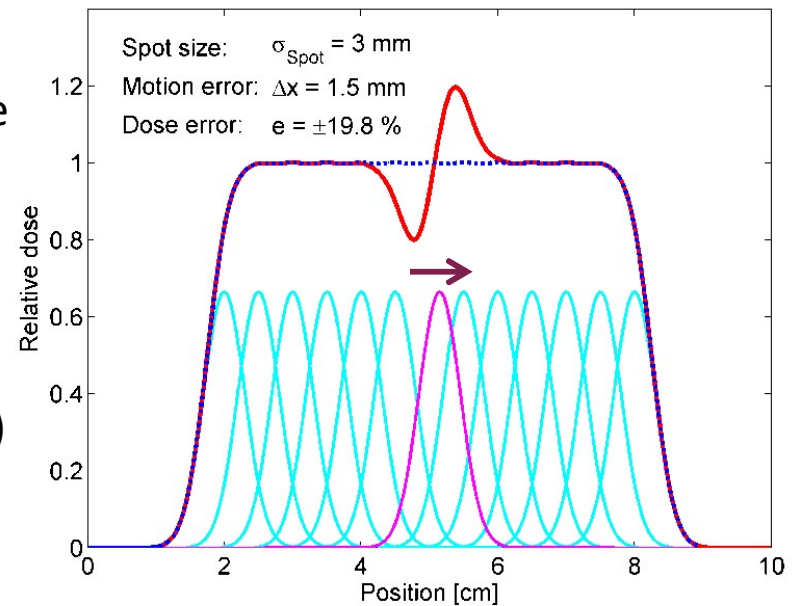
→ 5 re-scans: ~30s



A mayor challenge in PBS: Moving targets / organ motion

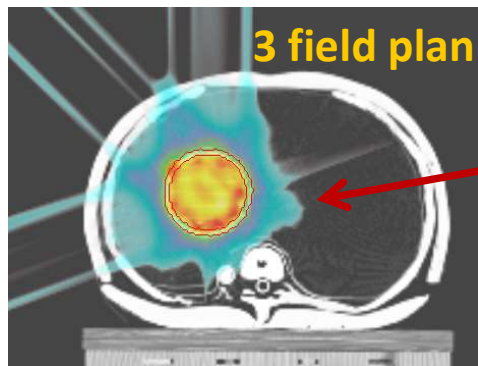
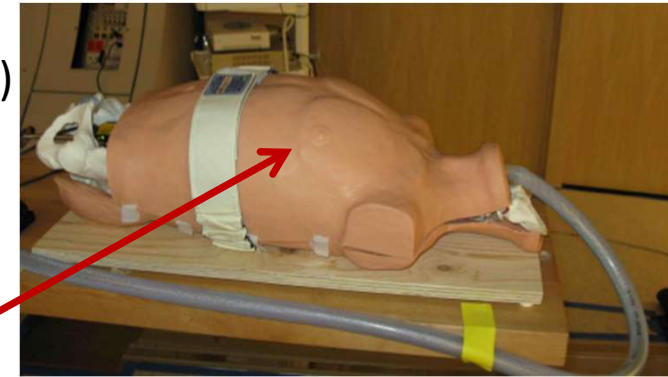


- Interplay effect between beam delivery sequence and organ motions destroys dose homogeneity
 - Mitigation techniques:
 - Deliver dose multiple times (Rescanning)
 - Patient hold his/her breath (Breath-hold)
 - Irradiation only in exhaled phase (Gating)
- ⇒ All approaches require fast beam delivery



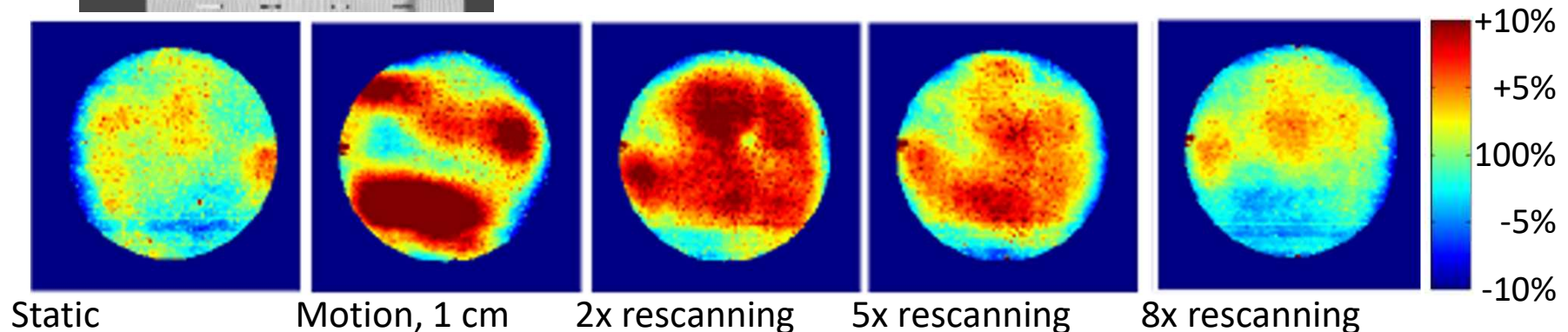
Experimental validation of rescanning

- Anthropomorphic phantom with lung tumour and tissue equivalent materials (bone, skin, lung)
- Simulation of different **breathing parameters**
- Rescanning to minimize motion interferences
→ Dose homogeneity can be recovered



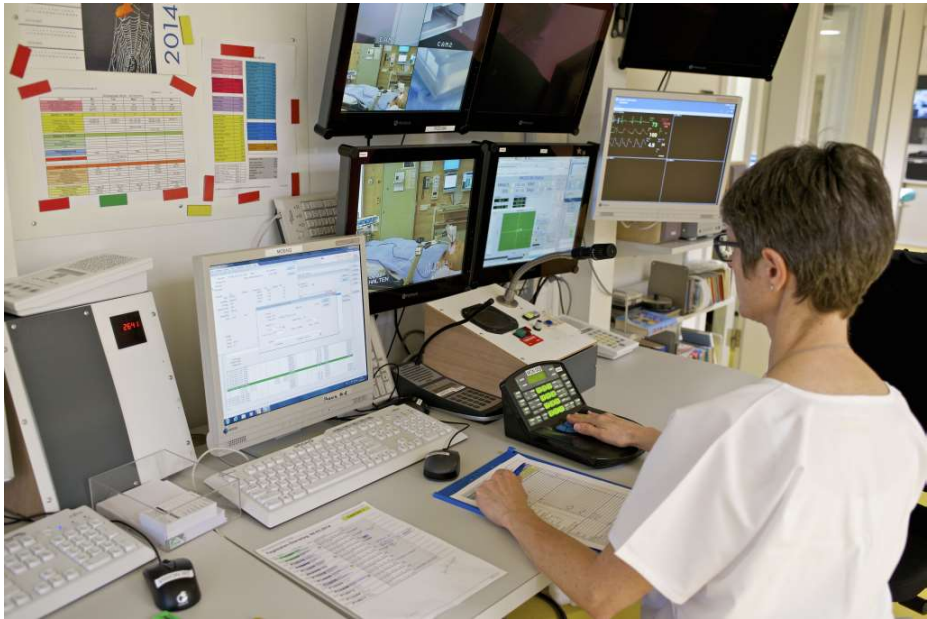
Tumour with insert for dose measurements with film

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- Since 2004 treatments of small children
→ **anesthesia team from children's hospital in Zurich**
- Ca. 500 patients

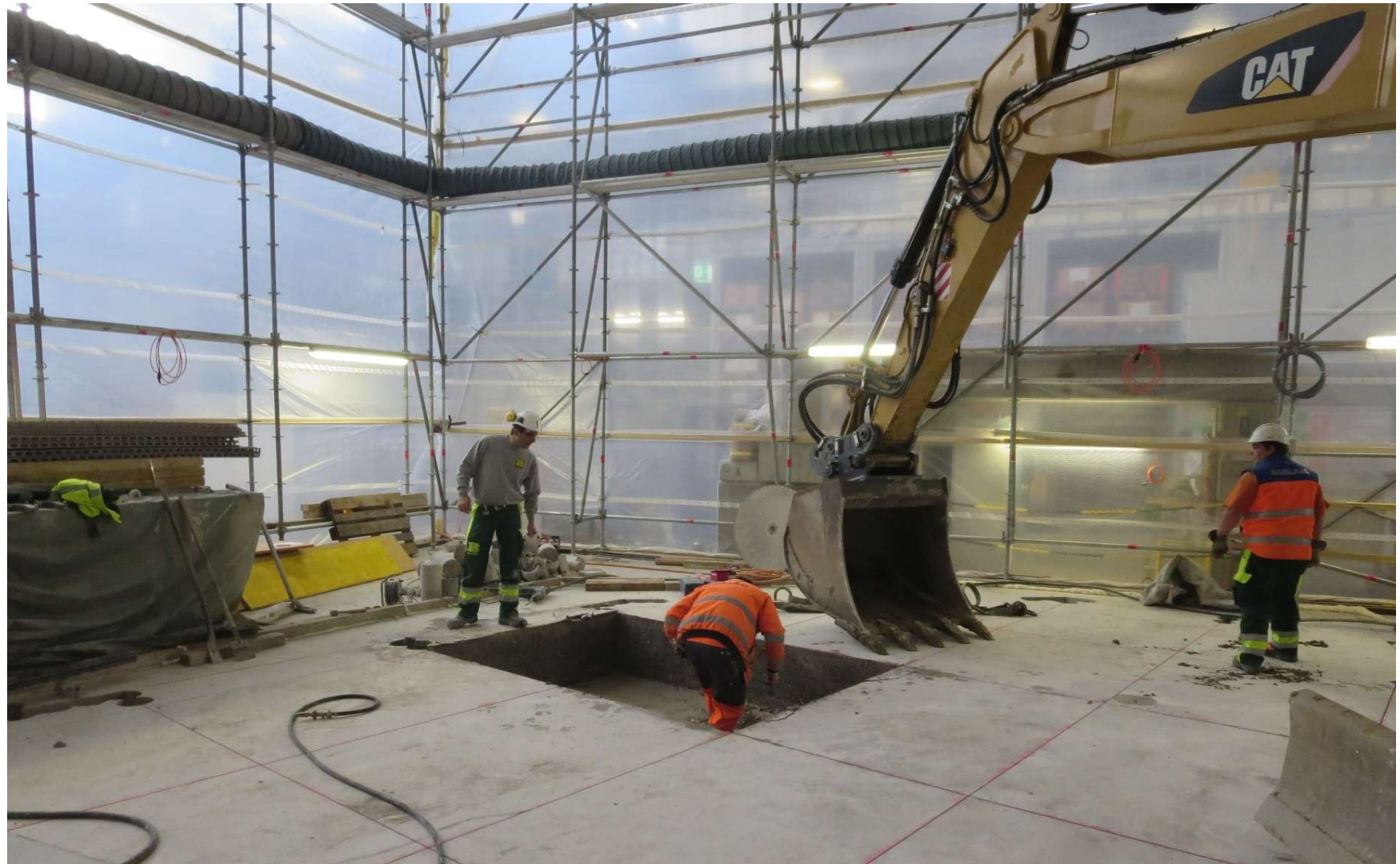


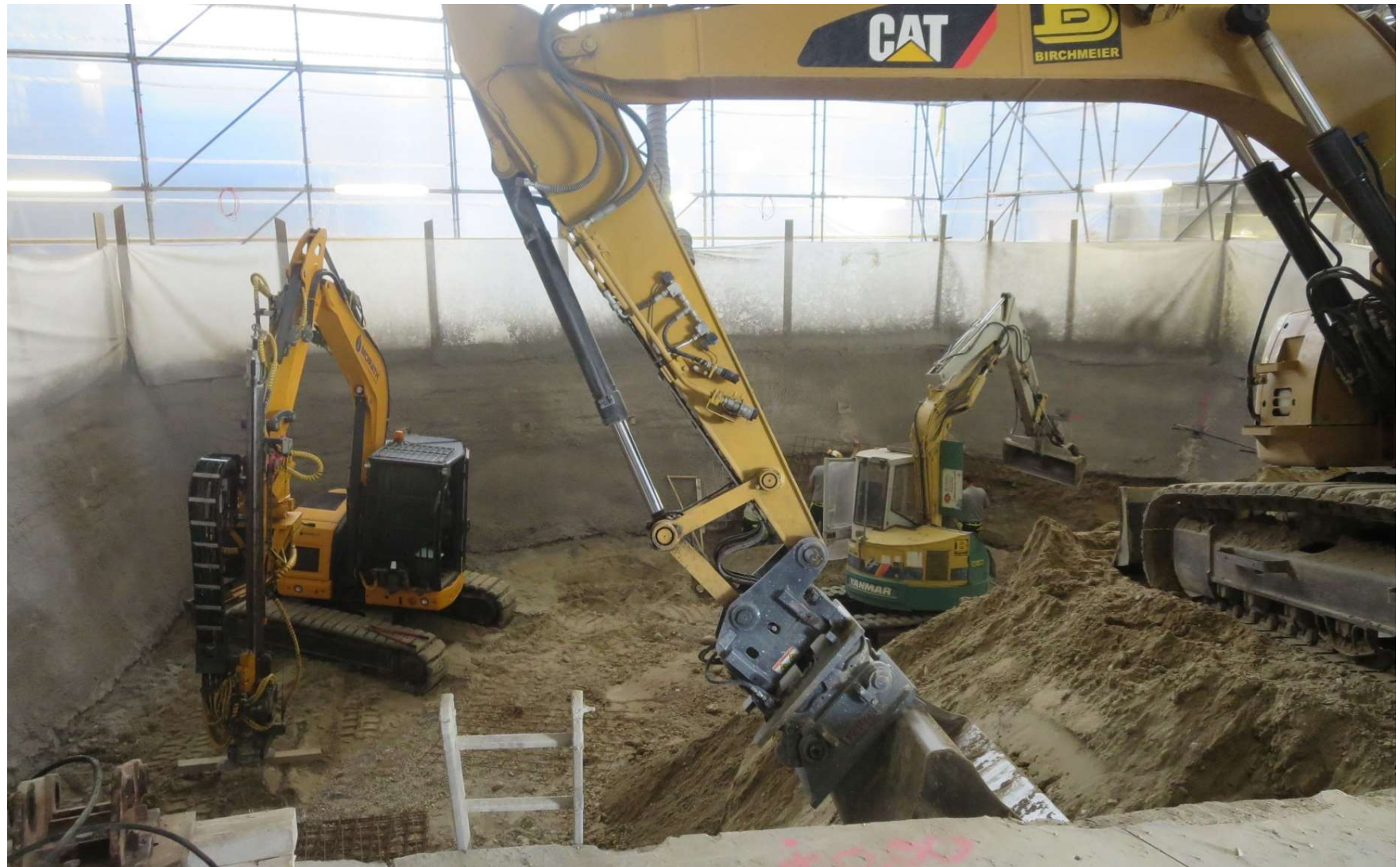










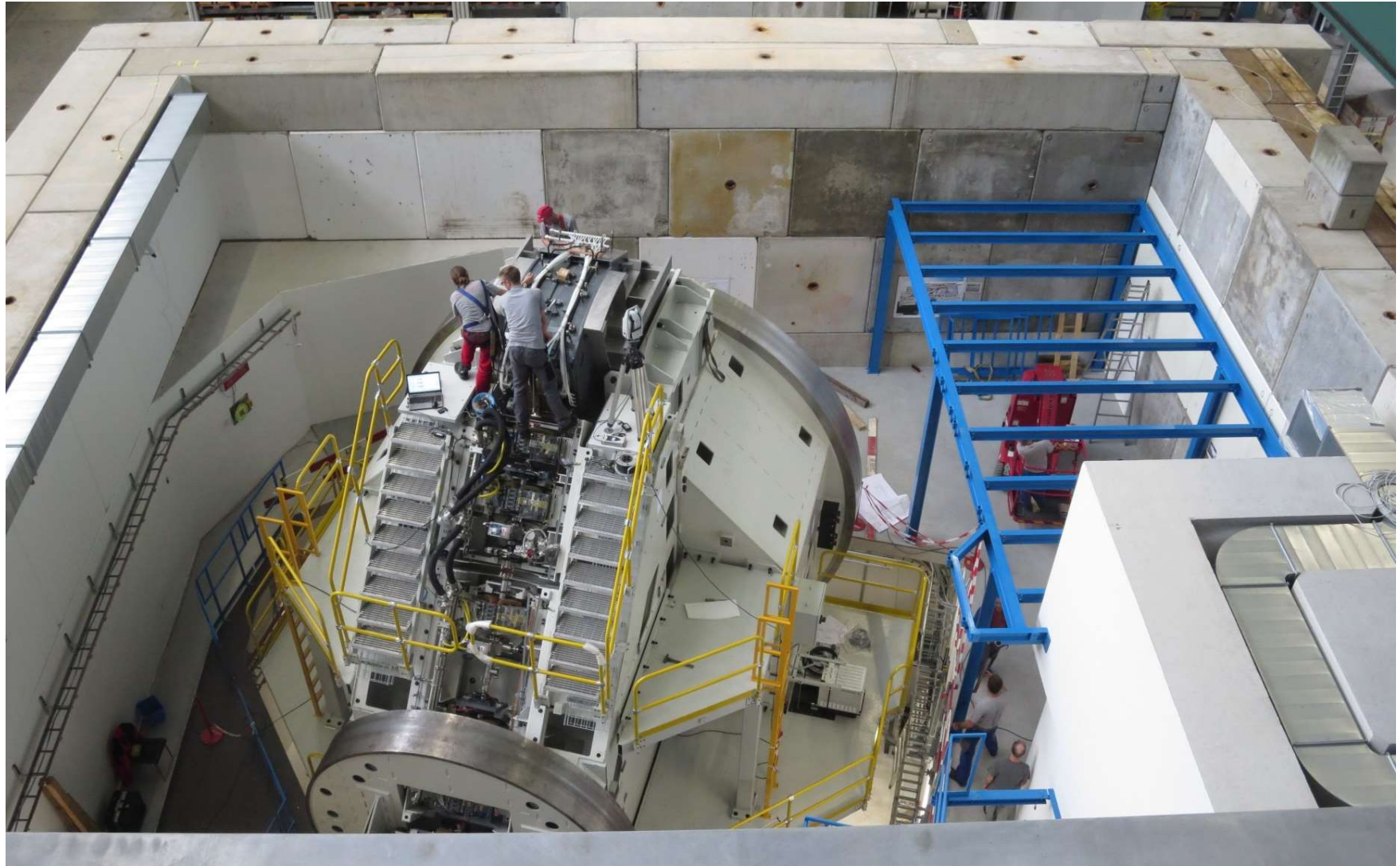


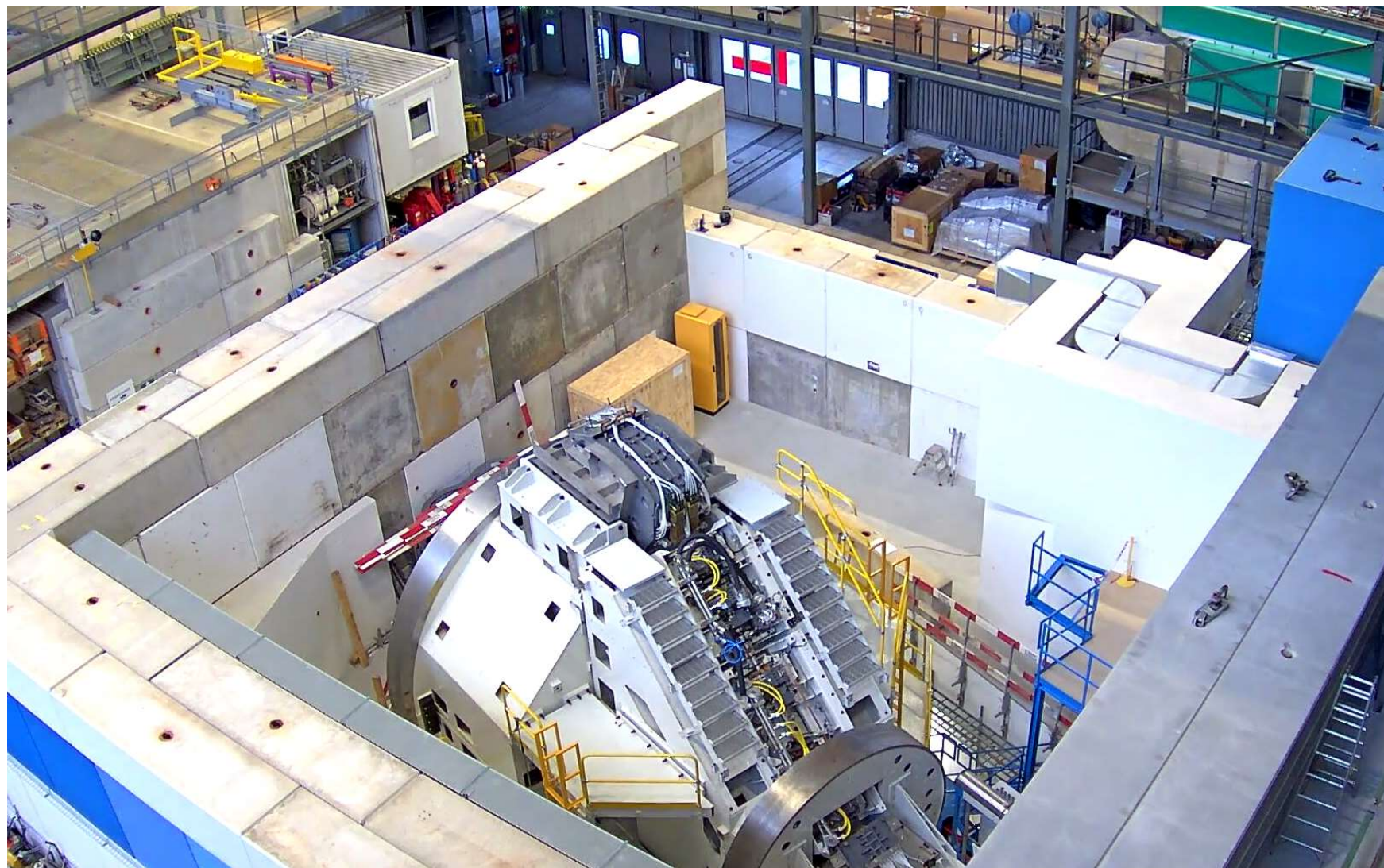


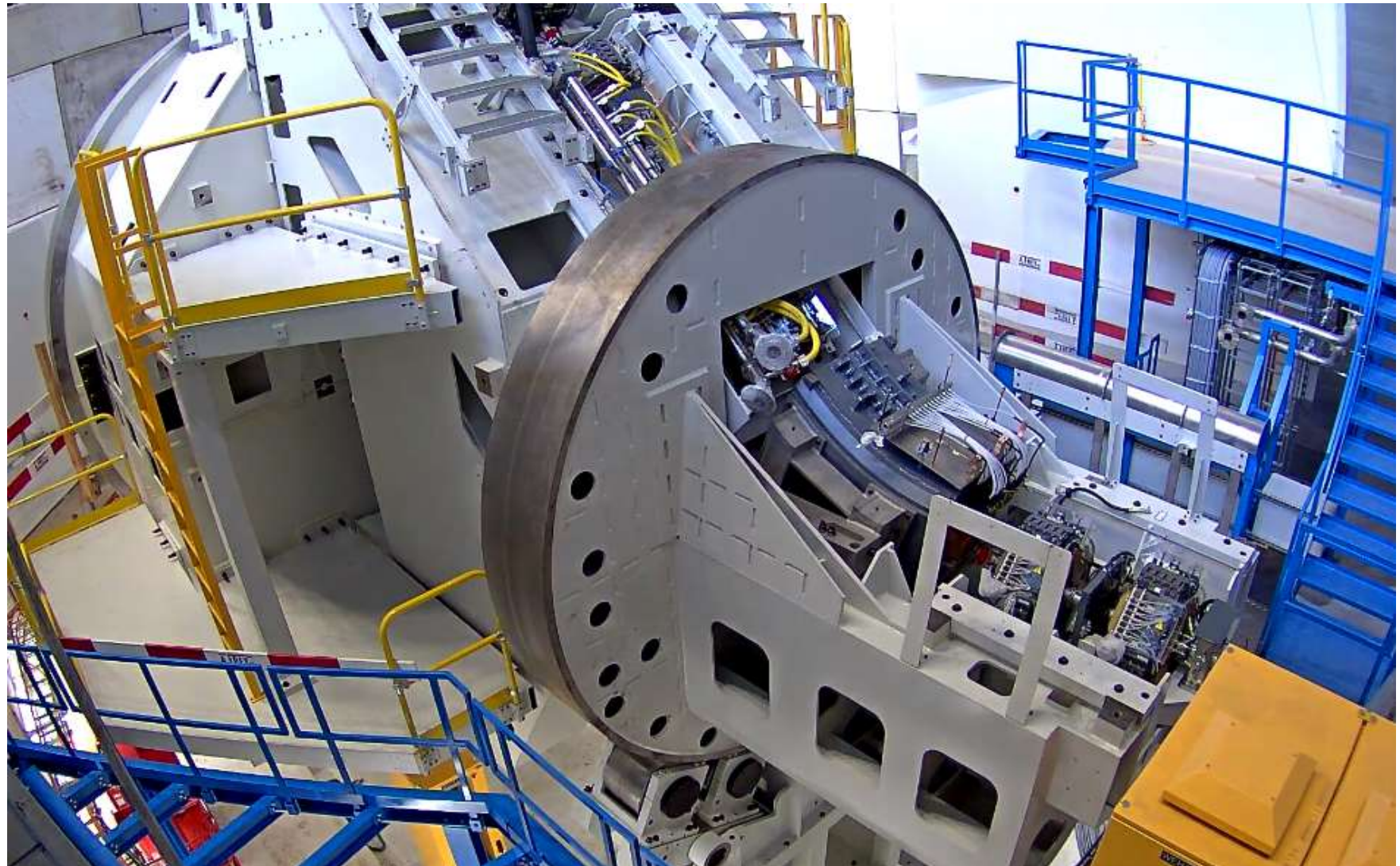














First beam 01.12.2015 19:00:20

