

# Nuclear data for particle therapy and spatial radioprotection

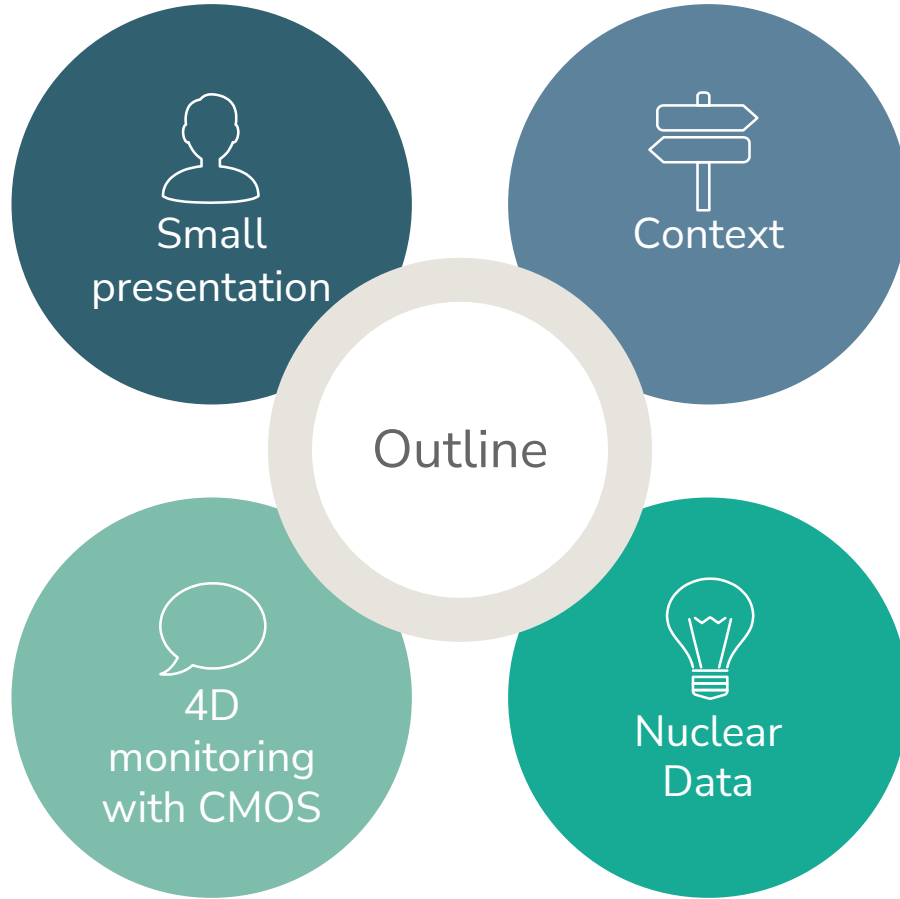
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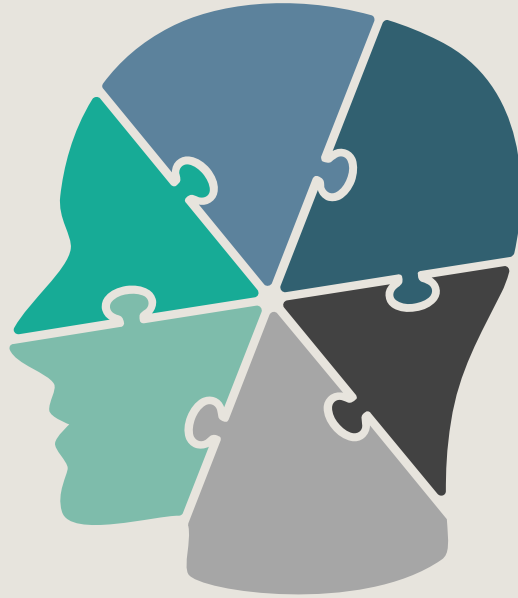
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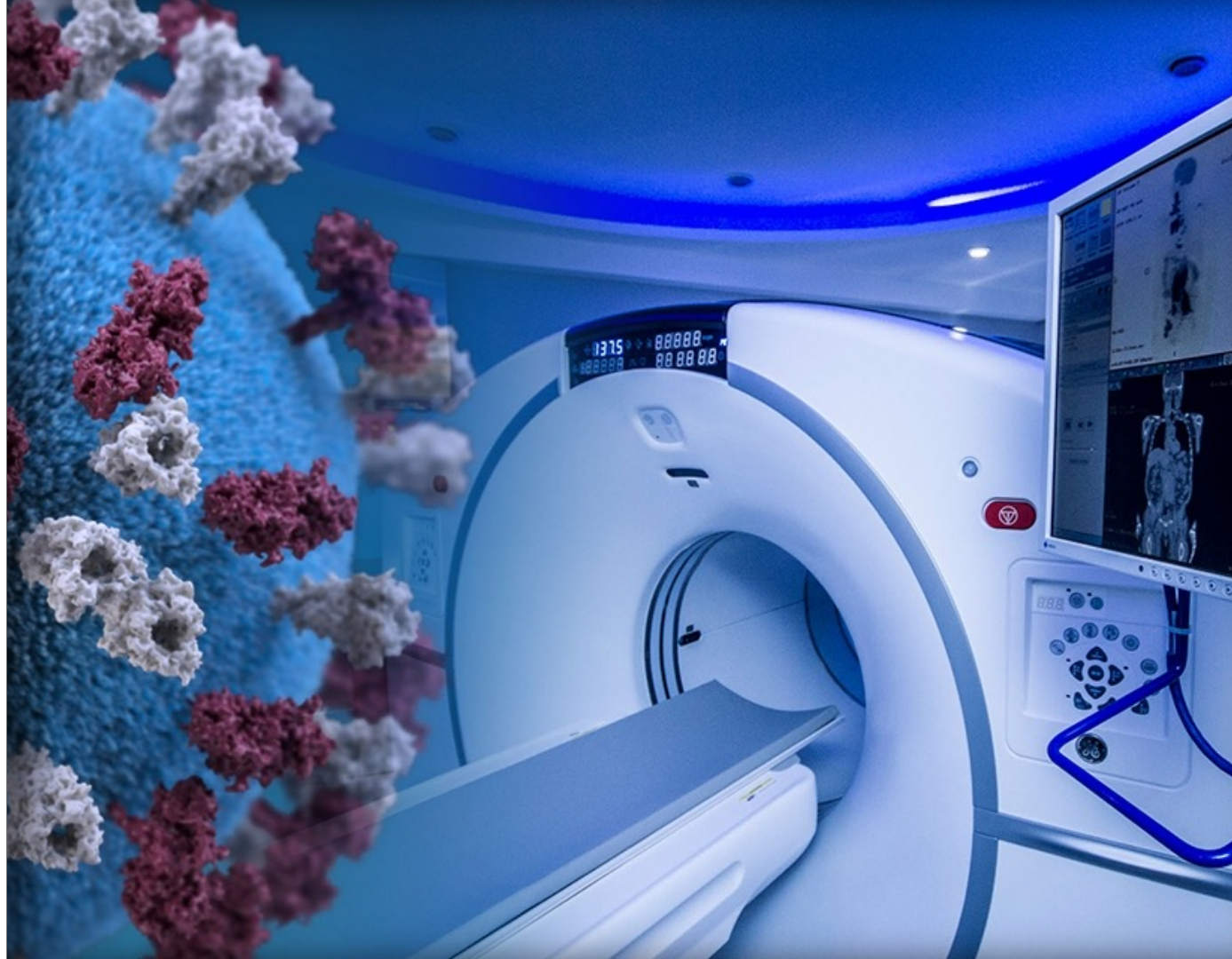
- Second year PhD student in nuclear physics for medical and space radioprotection applications
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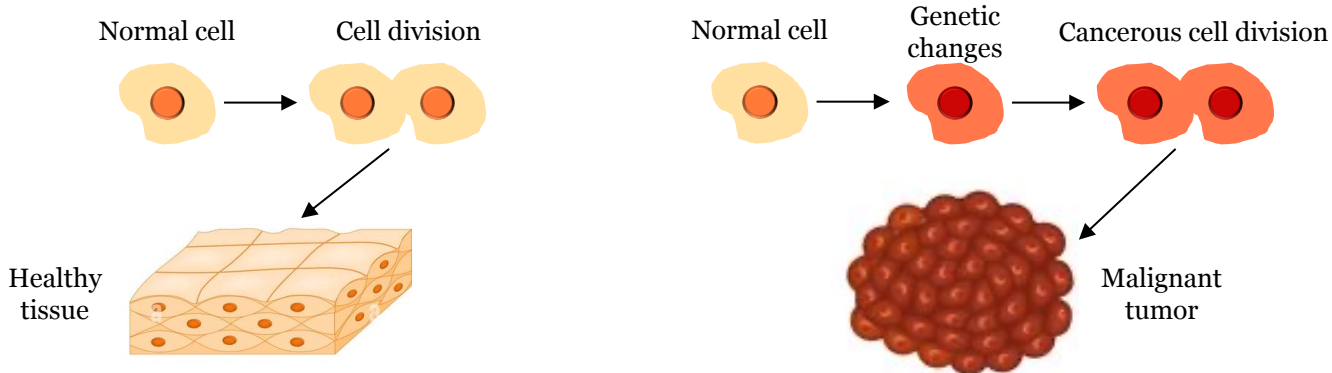
Context :  
Cancer and  
particle therapy



# What is cancer ?



- » Cancer can start in any cell of the body
- » Cancer cells come from genetic mutations
- » Cancer exist in many different forms
- » Grow out of control or not die when it should
- » Cancer cells divide and eventually form a tumor which will grow

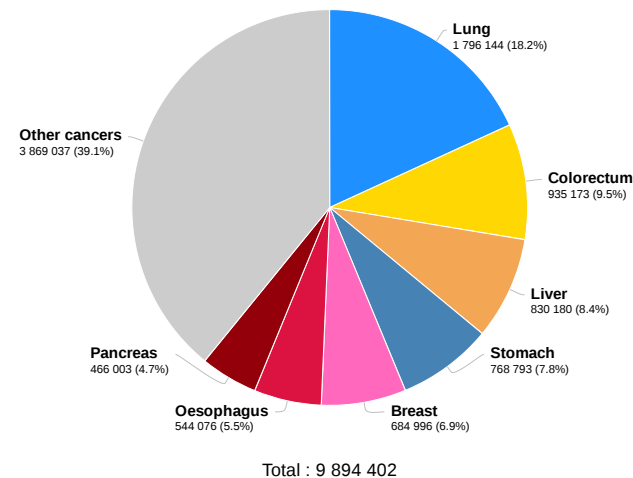
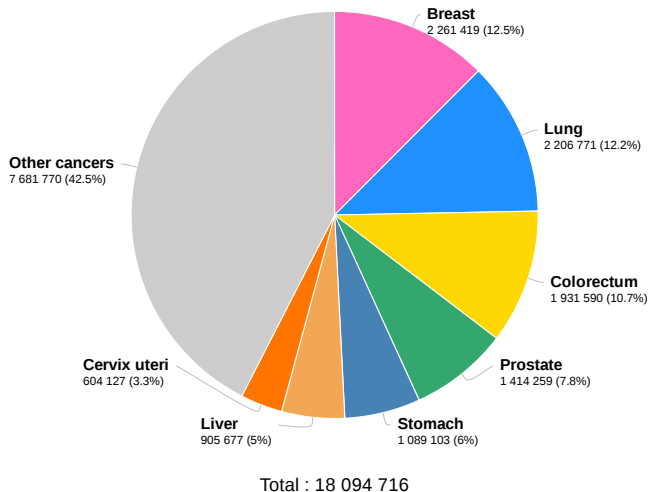




# Informations about cancer

## » First cause of death in Europe and North America

Estimated number of new cases in 2020, worldwide, both sexes, all ages (excl. NMSC) Estimated number of deaths in 2020, worldwide, both sexes, all ages (excl. NMSC)



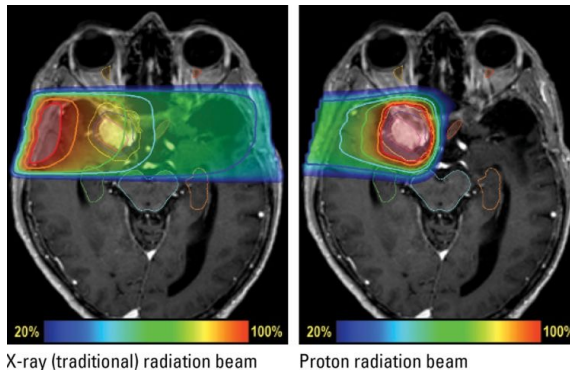
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 Graph production: Global Cancer  
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International Agency for Research on Cancer  
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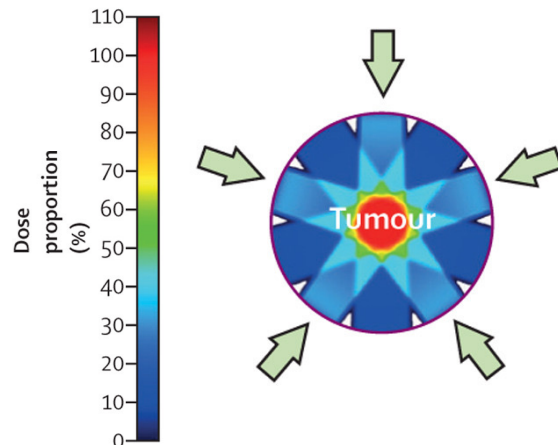
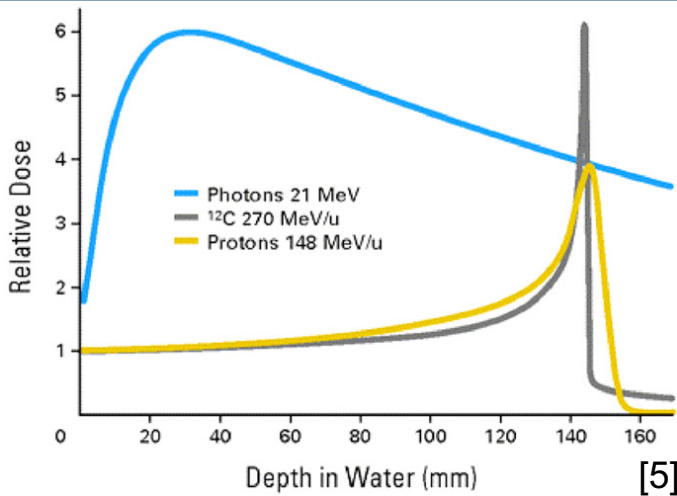
## » Most common treatments :

- Surgery
- Chemotherapy
- Radiotherapy

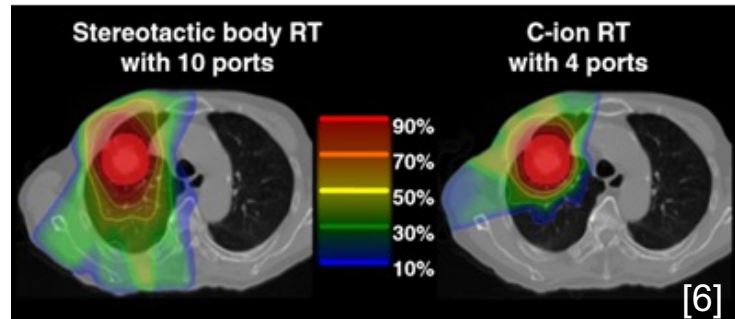
→ Ion beam therapy



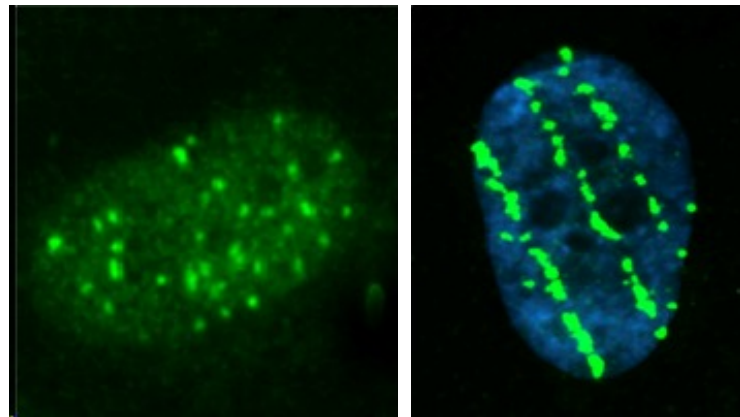
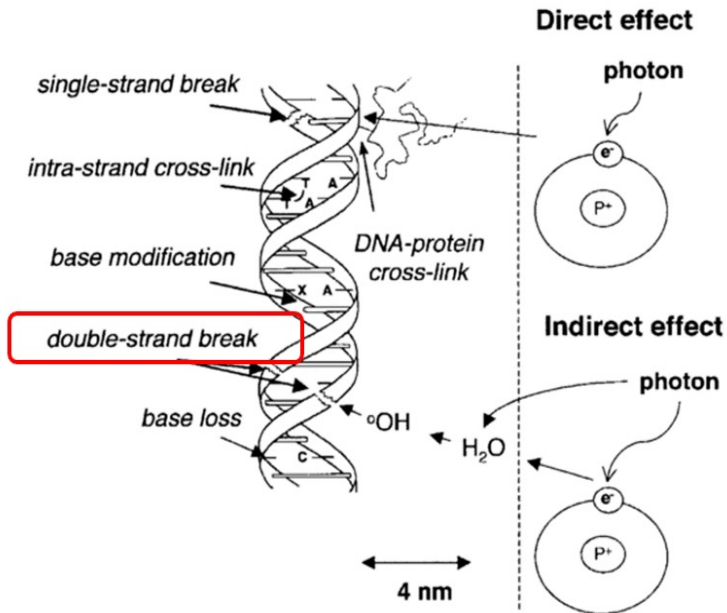
Example of dose differences between X-rays therapy and carbon ion-beam therapy



Beam treatment in multiple direction to lessen the dose deposition in healthy tissues

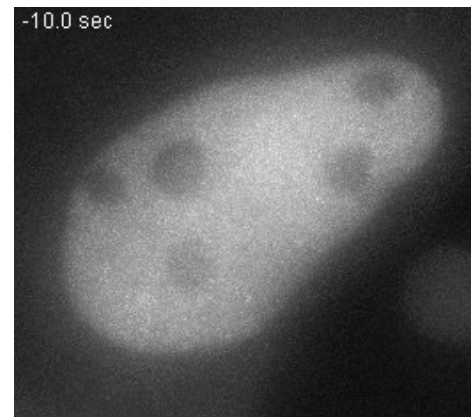


# What happens in cells ?



X-rays

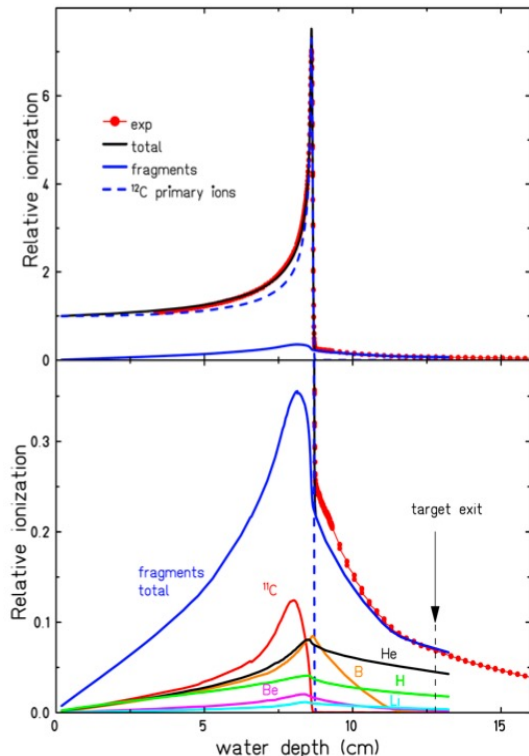
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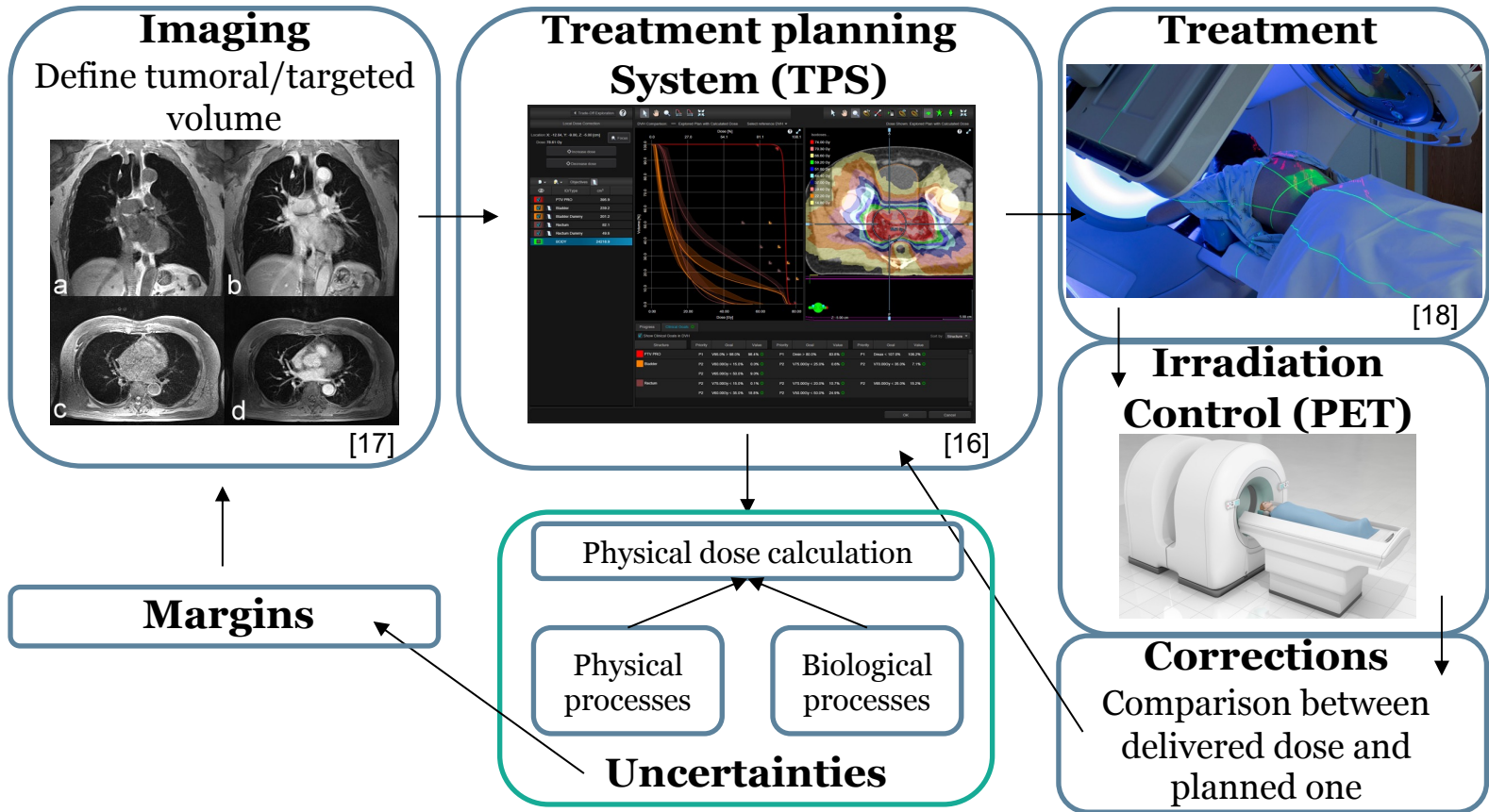


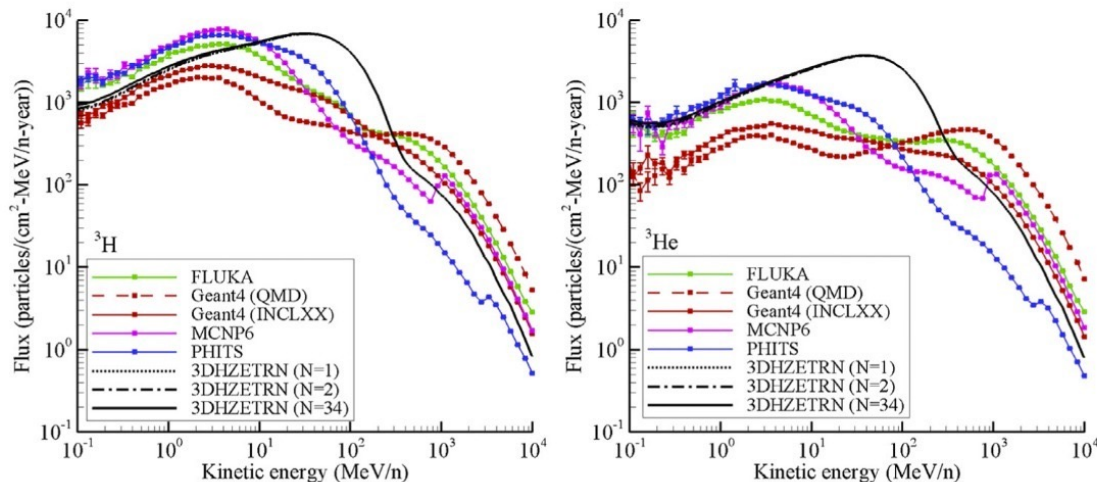
## » Ionisations and Nuclear reactions



- » Secondary particles used for online control
- » Online monitoring :  
to determine Bragg peak position during irradiation to permit TPS correction if needed
- » Most used : Prompt  $\gamma$  and protons

From **Gunzert-Marx et al.**, "Secondary beam fragments produced by 200 MeV/u  $^{12}\text{C}$  ions in water and their dose contributions in carbon ion radiotherapy", *New J. Phys.* (2008).

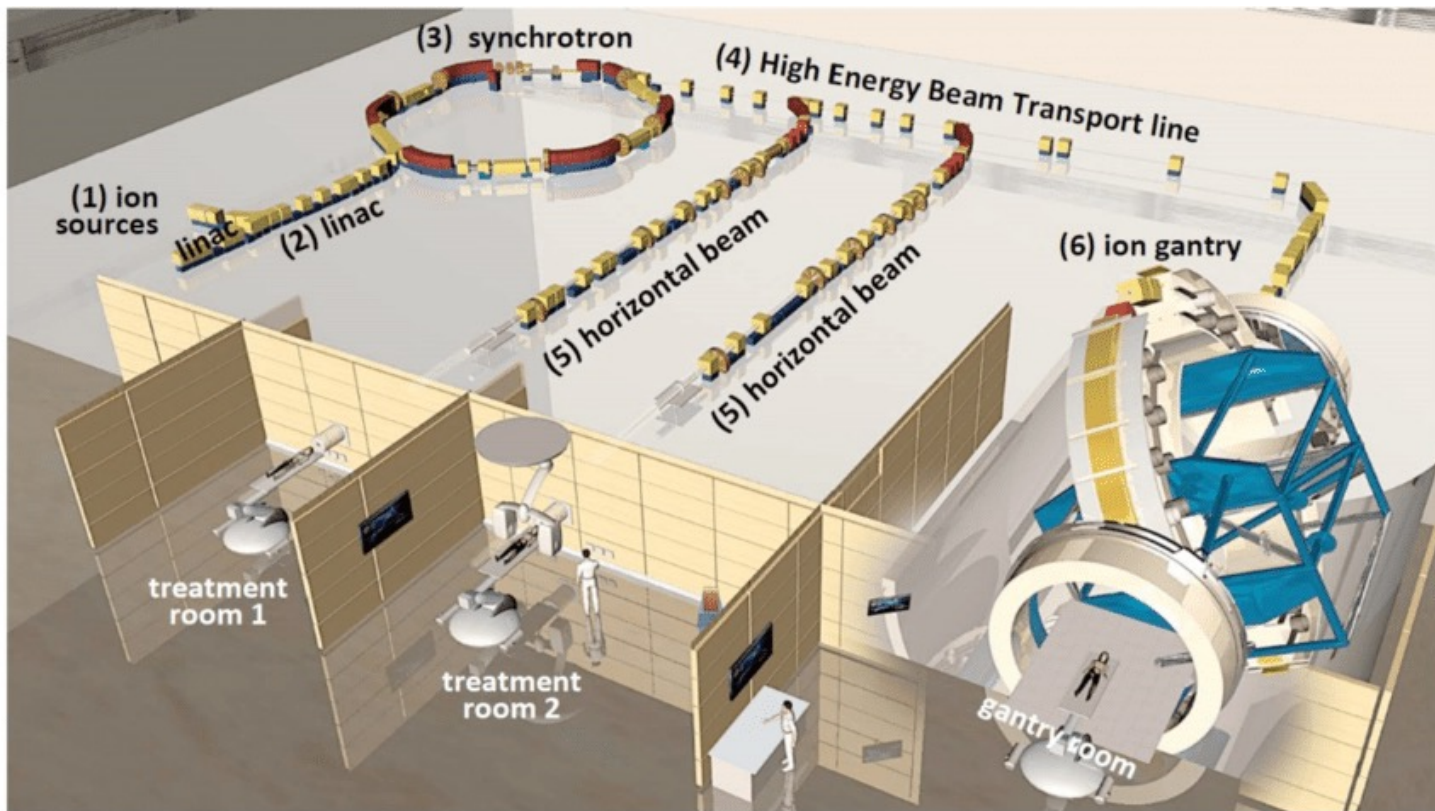




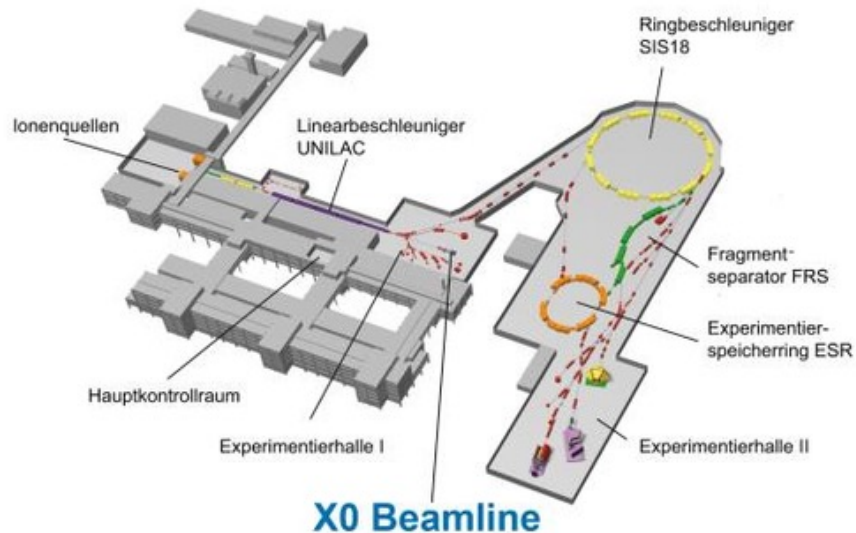
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- » Simulation codes do not agree together
- » Data does not agree with simulations

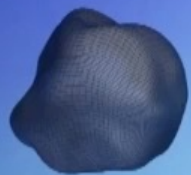
# Clinical center (HIT, Heidelberg)



# Ion accelerator (GSI, Darmstadt)







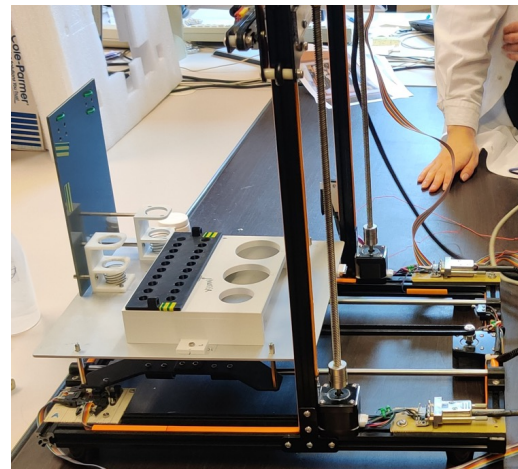
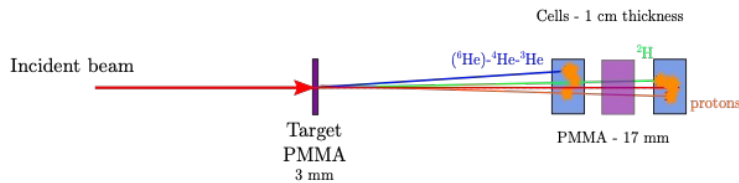
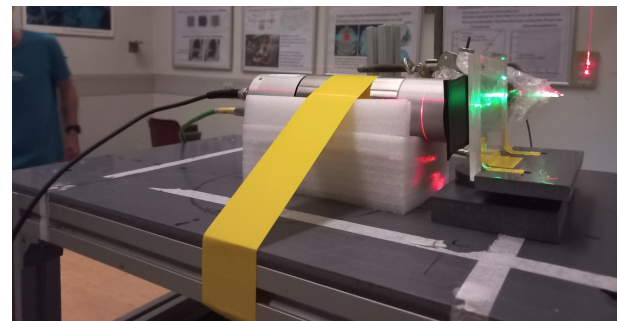
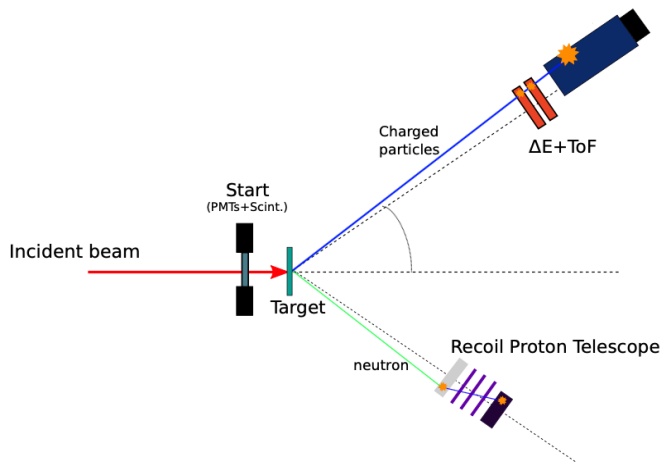
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## Nuclear Data





» Combine measurement of secondary particles and radiolys effectiveness



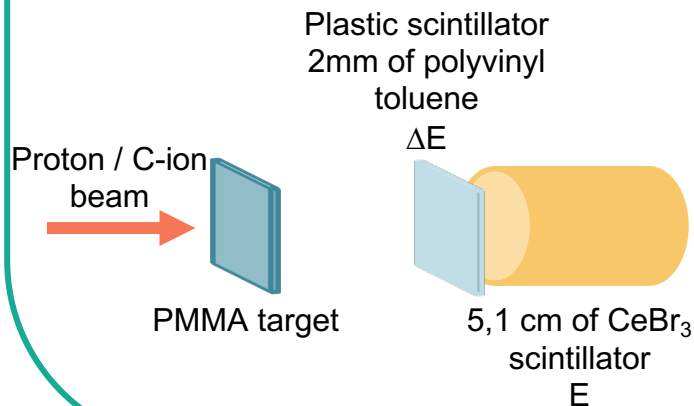




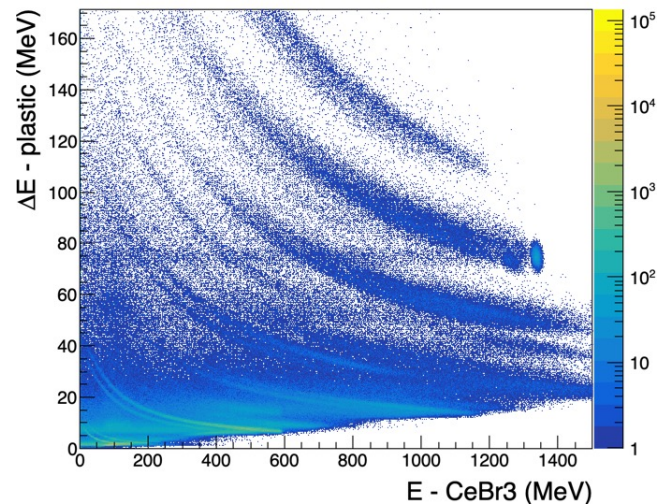
# Secondary particle qualitative/quantitative characterization

## $\Delta E$ -E method :

Secondary particles depose energy in a plastic detector ( $\Delta E$ ), then in a  $\text{CeBr}_3$  detector where they stop (E).



## $\Delta E$ -E method :



$\Delta E$ -E results from simulation with a carbon-ion beam of 200MeV, the detectors at  $5^\circ$  from the beam axis, and a PMMA target of 4 cm

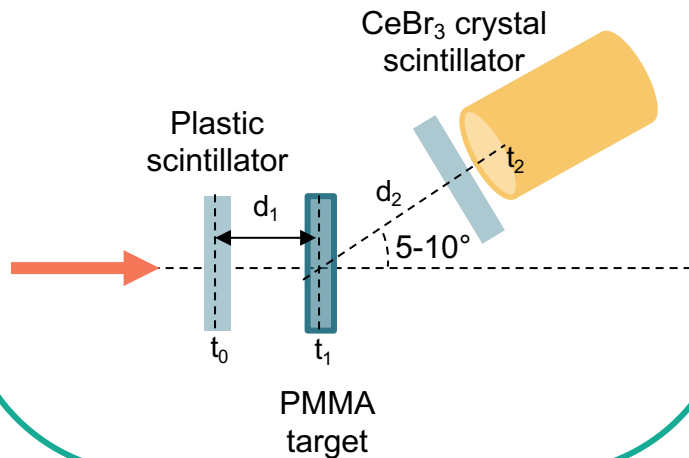
*Work done by M. Vanstalle*



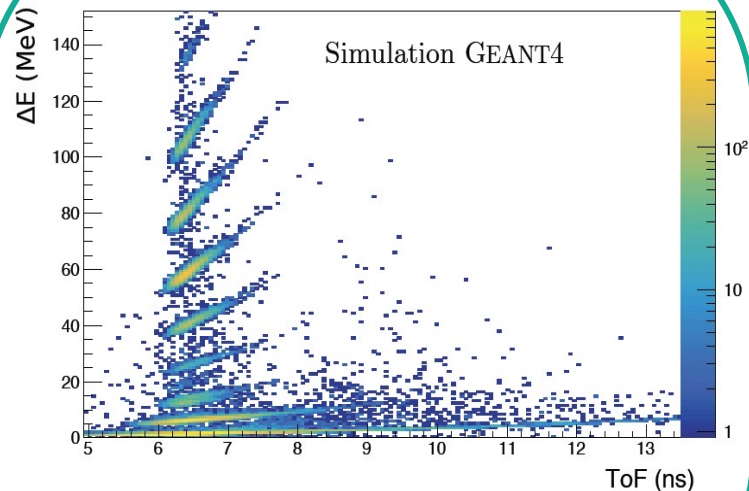
# Secondary particle qualitative/quantitative characterization

## Time of flight method :

Measurement of the time the secondary particles take to go from the target to the detector



## Time of flight method :



TOF results from simulation with a carbon-ion beam of 200MeV, the detectors at 5° from the beam axis, and a PMMA target of 4 cm

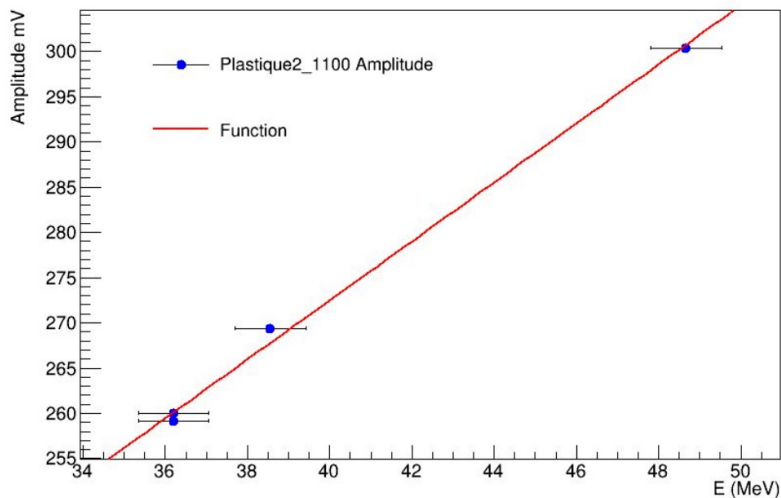
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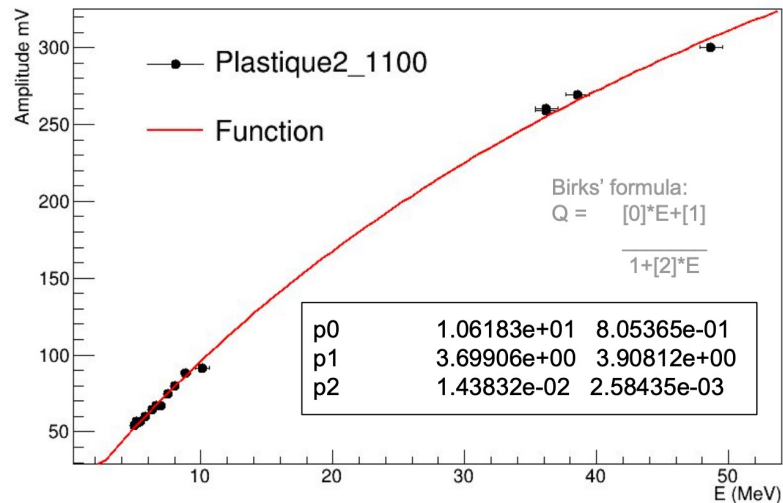


# Calibration in amplitude for plastic scintillator

## Carbon-ion beam



## Carbon-ion + proton beam



Work done with C.Mozzi and J.Gross during their internship

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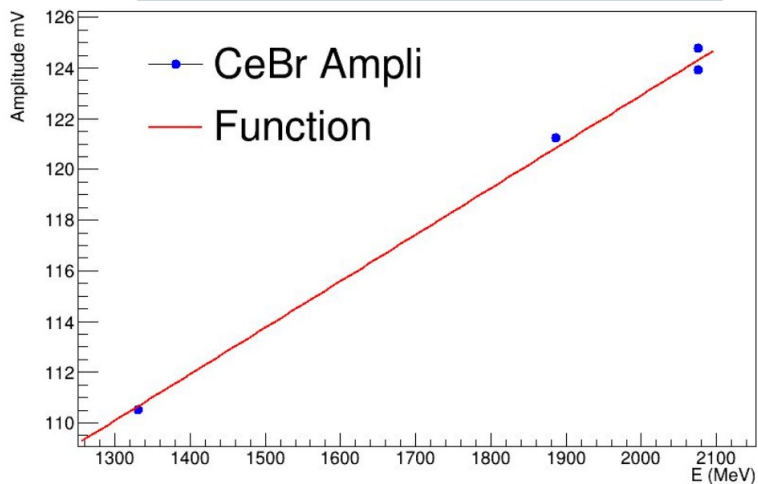
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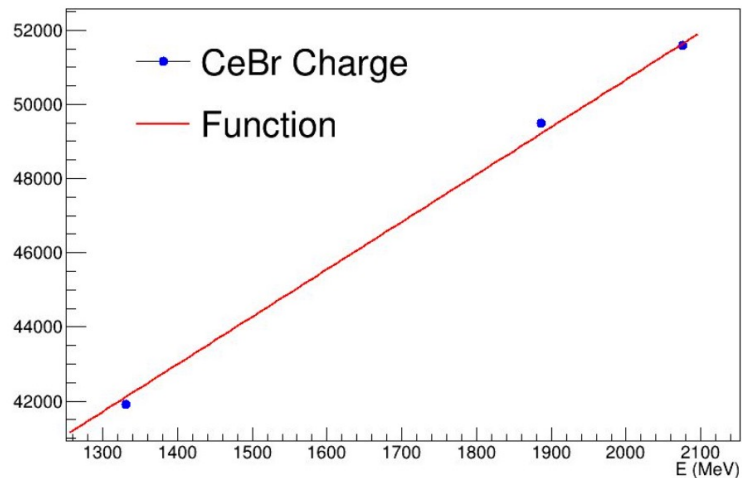
Tension applied : -1100V

Calibration CeBr<sub>3</sub> scintillator with  
carbon-ion beam

## Amplitude



## Charge



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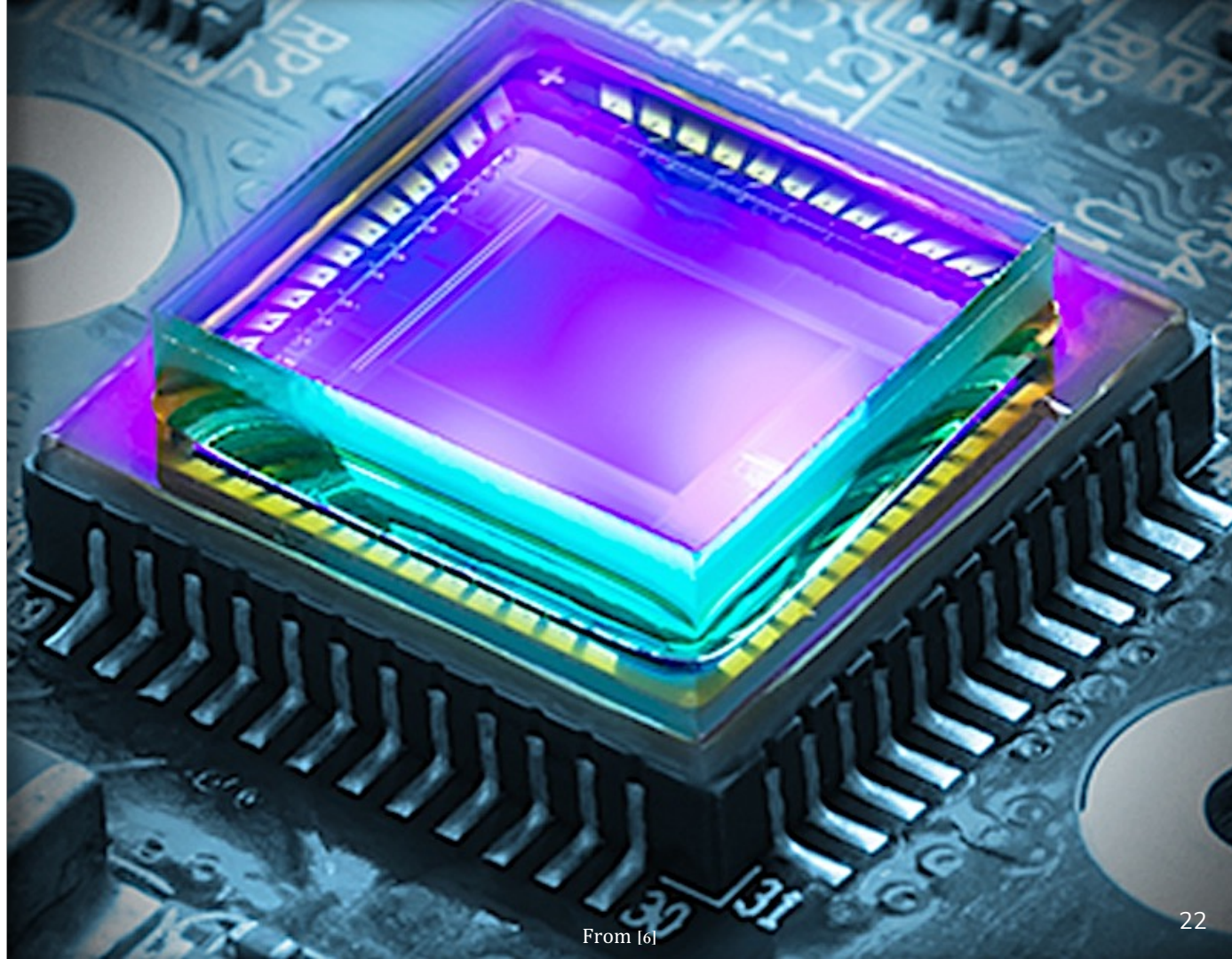
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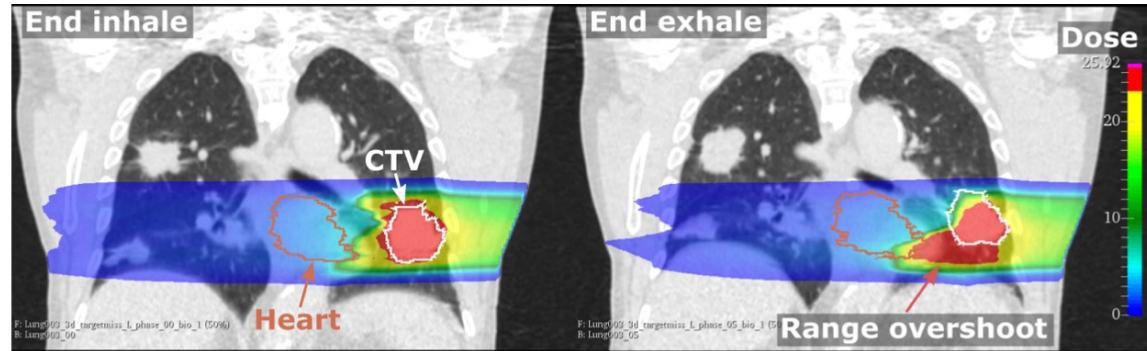
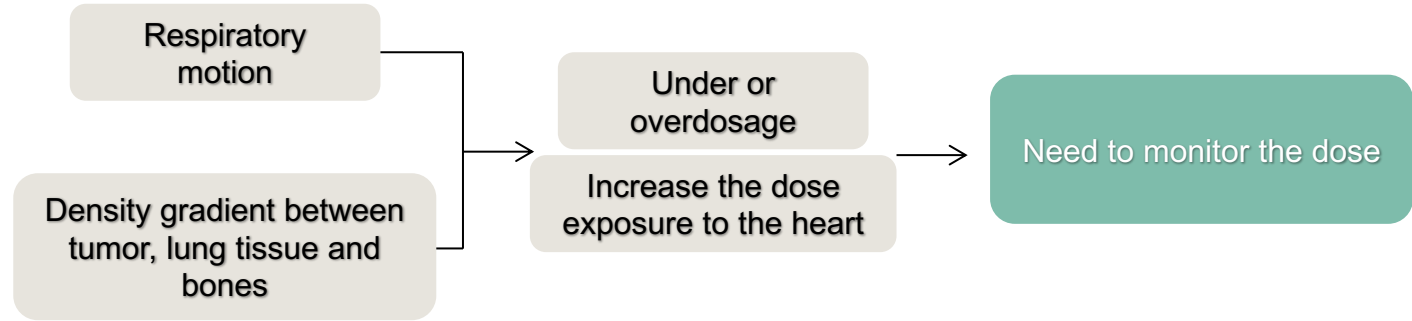
## 4D monitoring with CMOS





# Motivations

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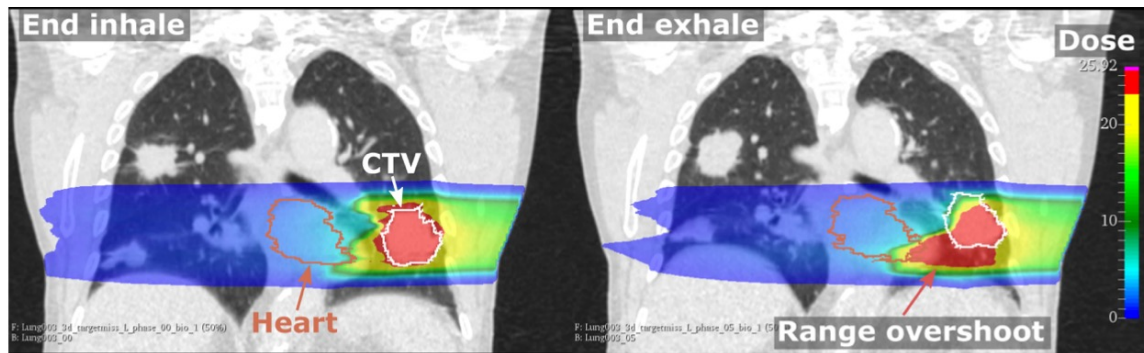
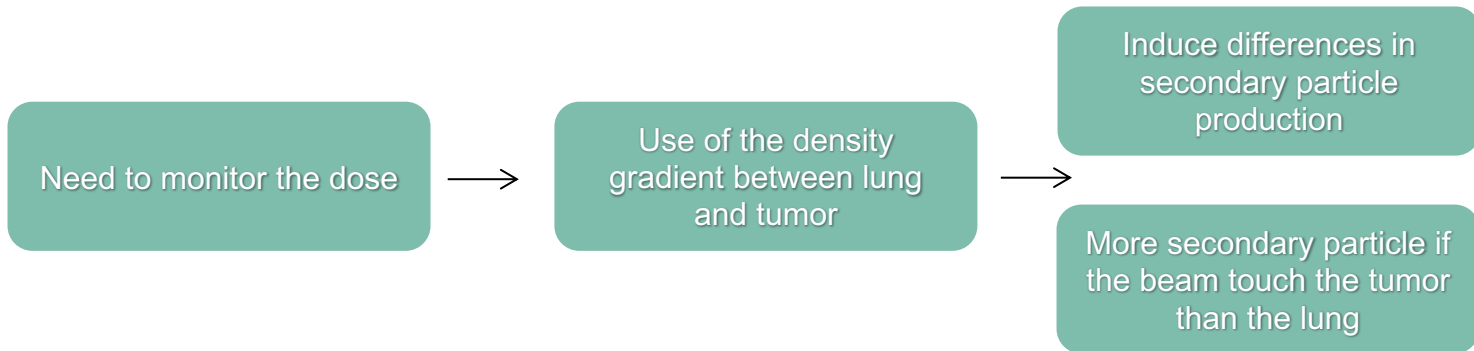
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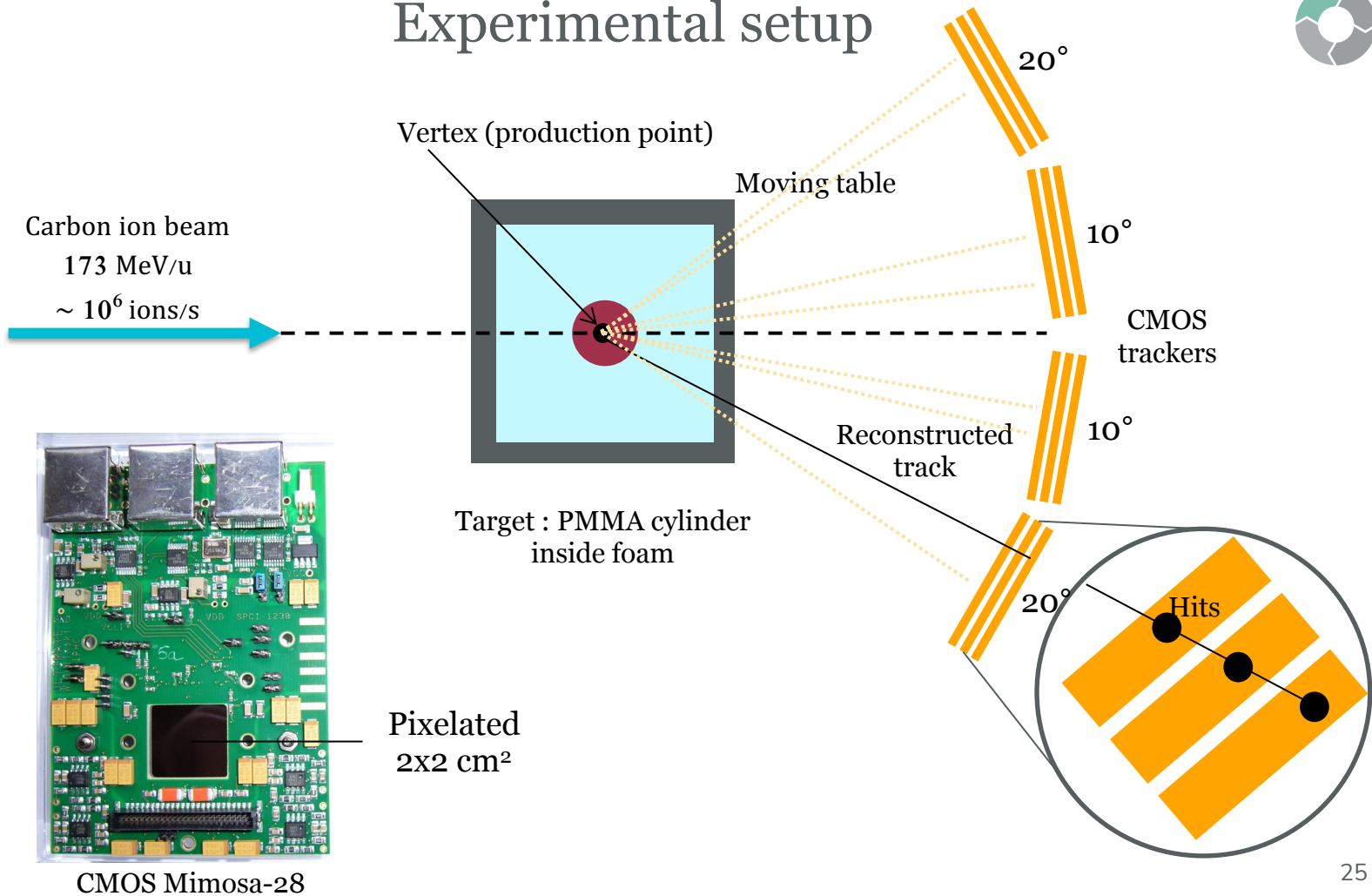
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# Experimental setup

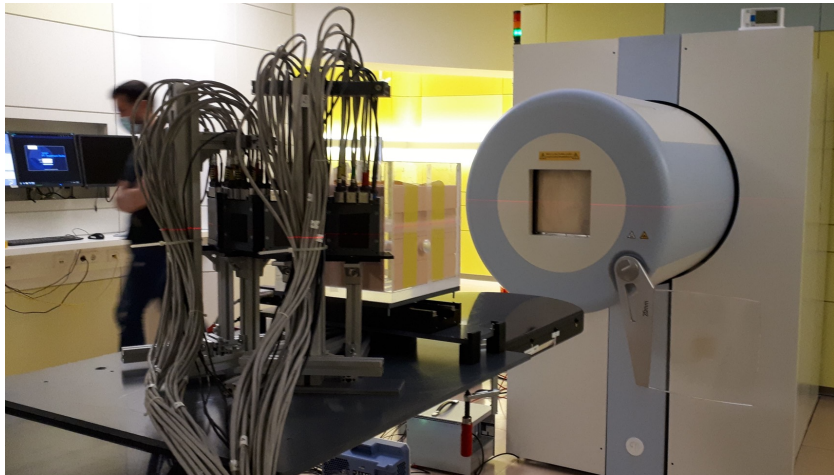


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# Experiment in MIT

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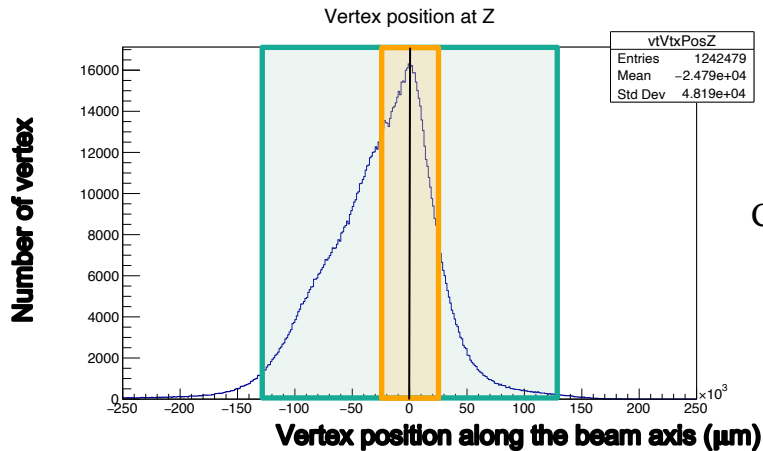


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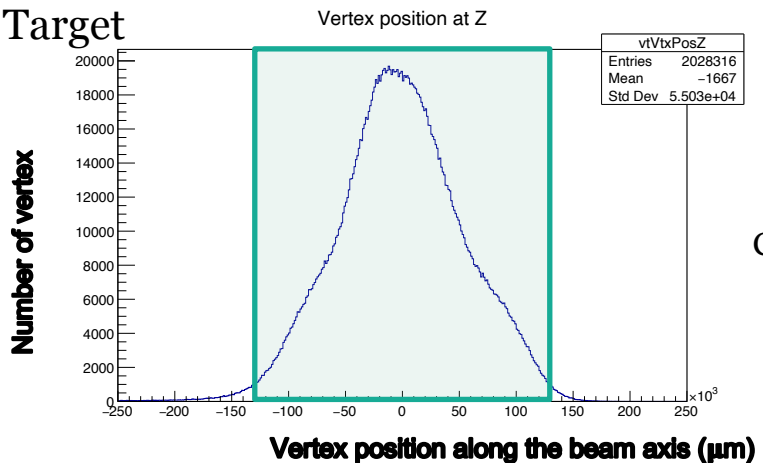
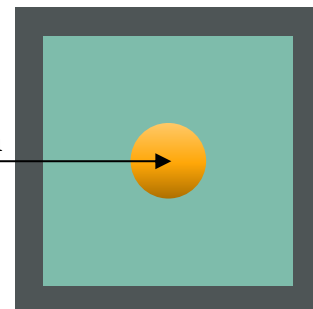
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 Foam

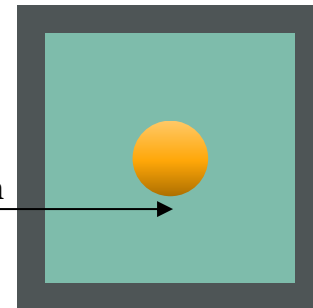
 PPMA Target



Carbon ion beam



Carbon ion beam



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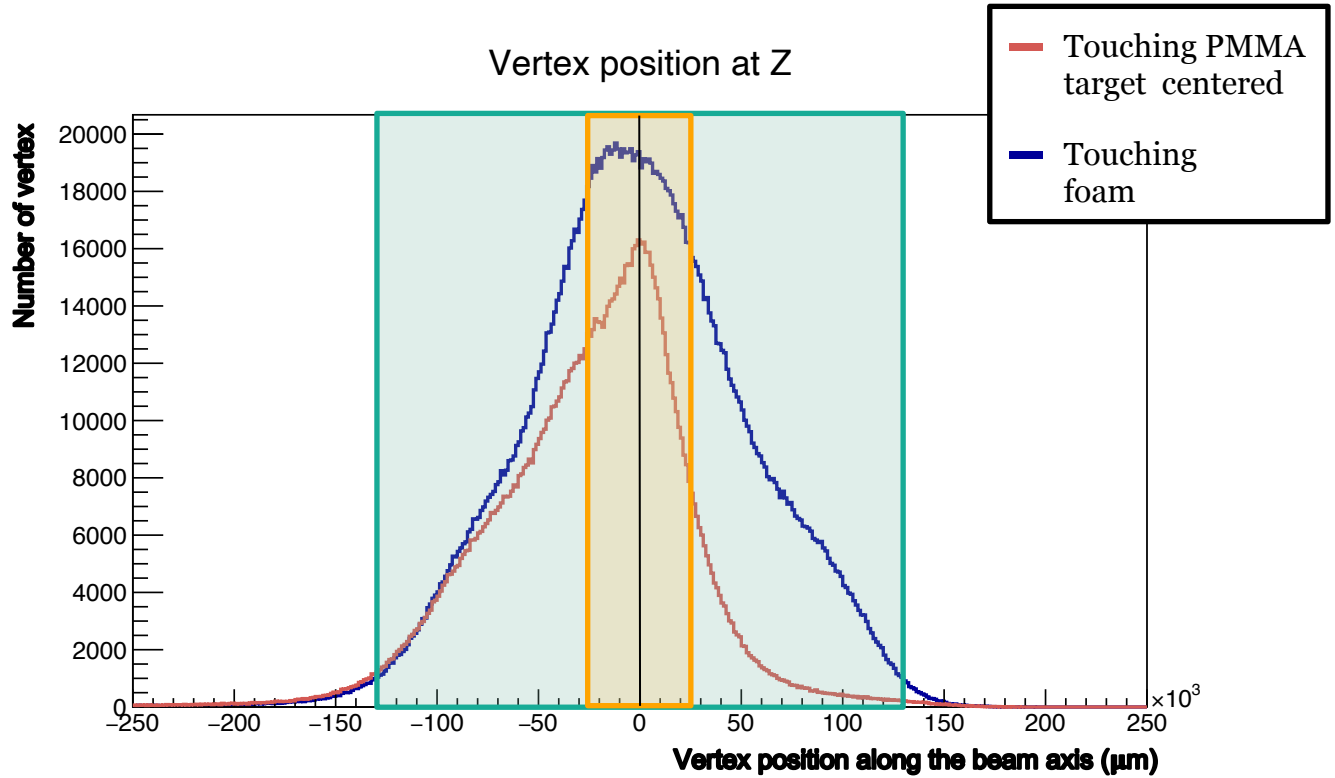
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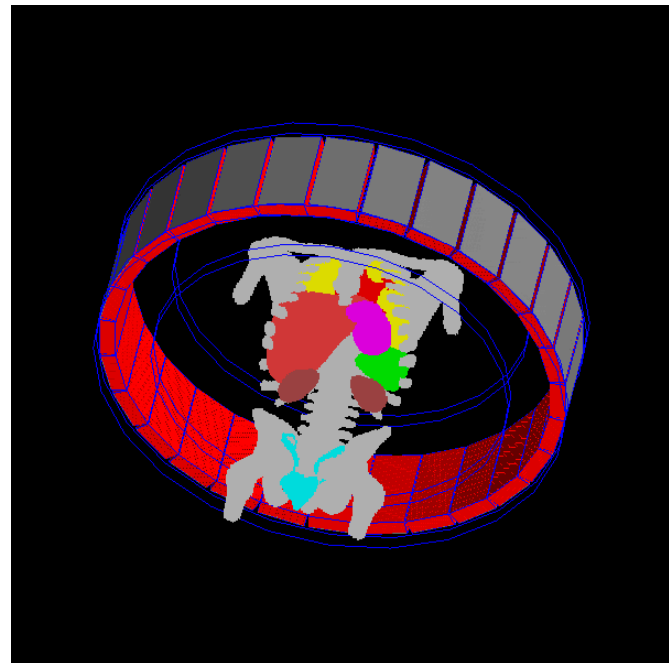
- Foam
- PPMA Target



## To clinical application

4D  
monitoring  
with CMOS

- » **GATE** → advanced opensource software for numerical simulations in medical imaging an radiotherapy  
→ based on Geant4
- » Simulate on a human phantom
- » Create a device based on CMOS monitoring usable in clinic





Particle therapy :  
Secondary particles  
produced by the  
beam fragmentation  
and the interaction  
between the beam  
and the patient

Need to understand  
dose contribution of  
those secondary  
particles

## Conclusion

Dev. of a beam time  
monitoring during  
lung cancer  
treatment with  
CMOS detectors,  
usable in clinics

Nuclear data with  
 $\Delta E-E$  and TOF  
method to  
characterize  
secondary particles  
production



# Thank you for your attention



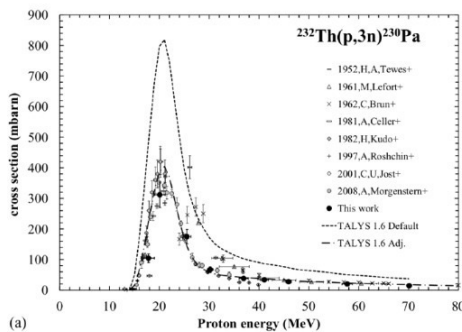
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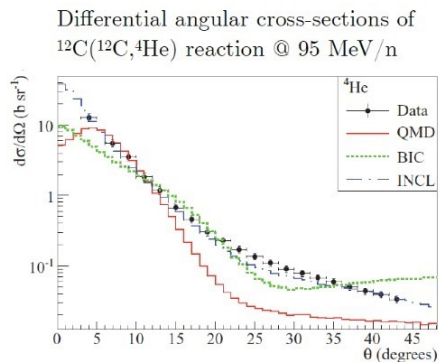
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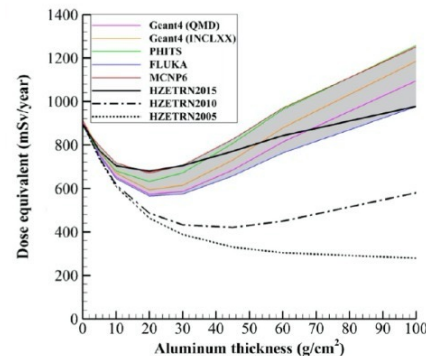
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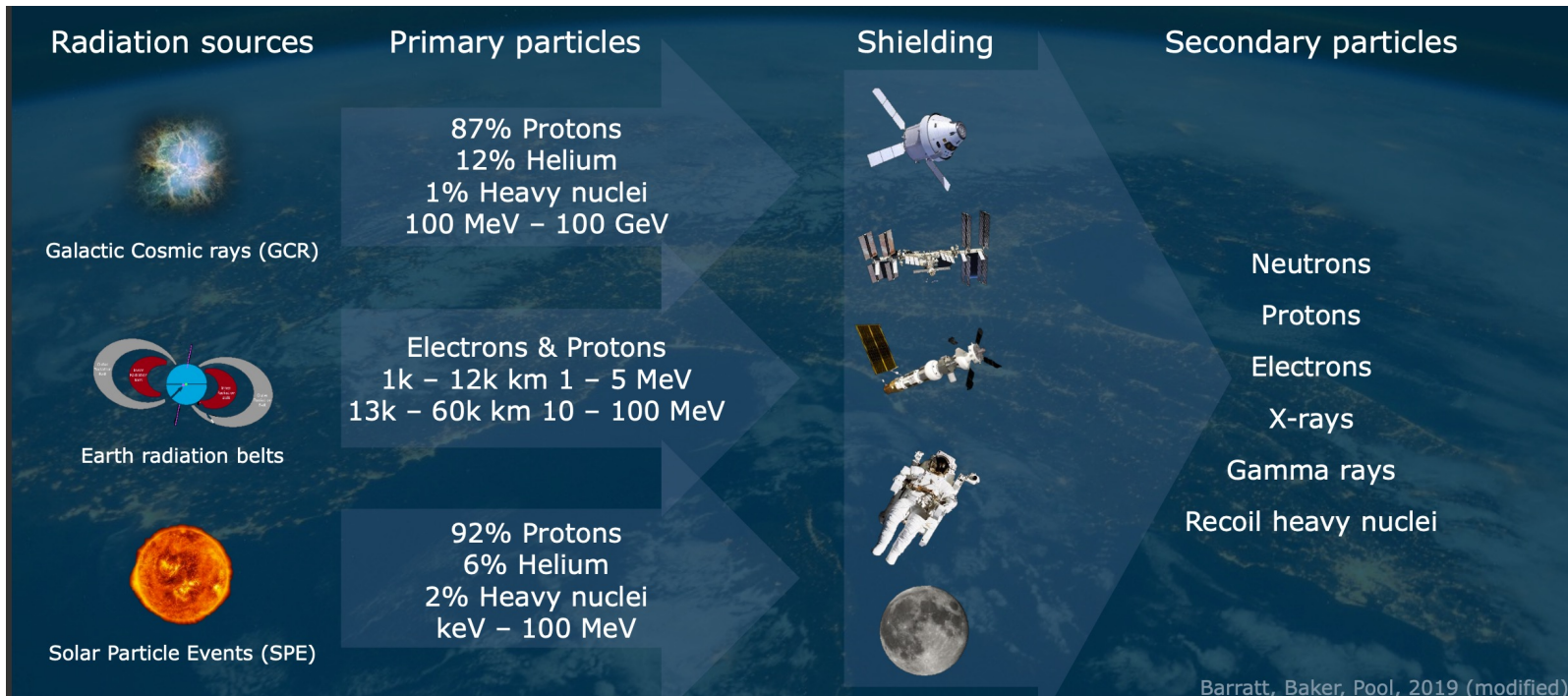
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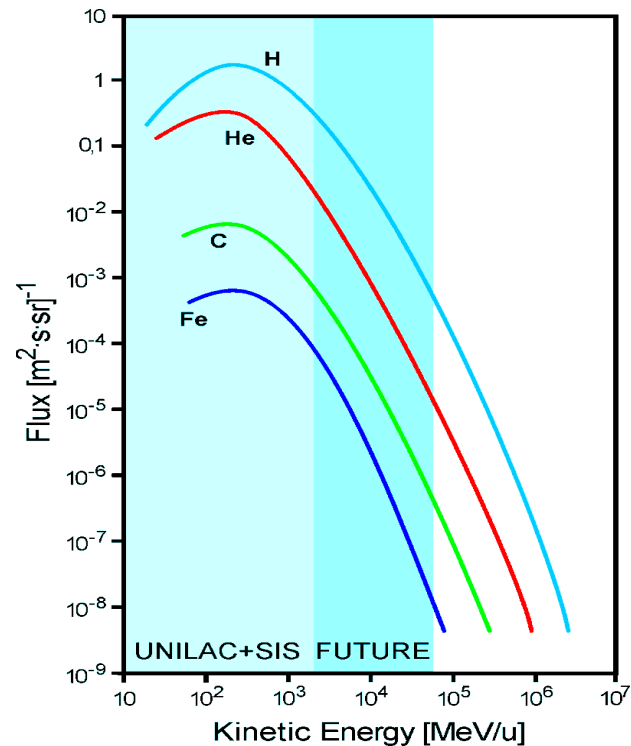
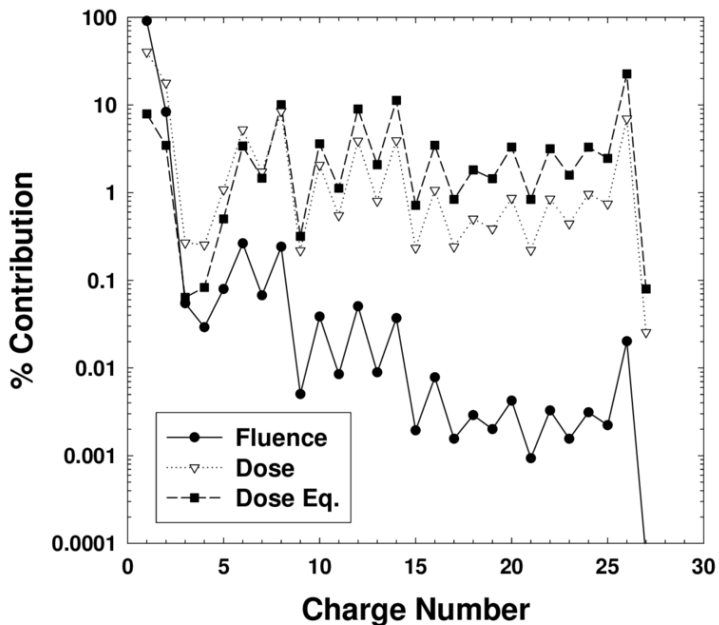


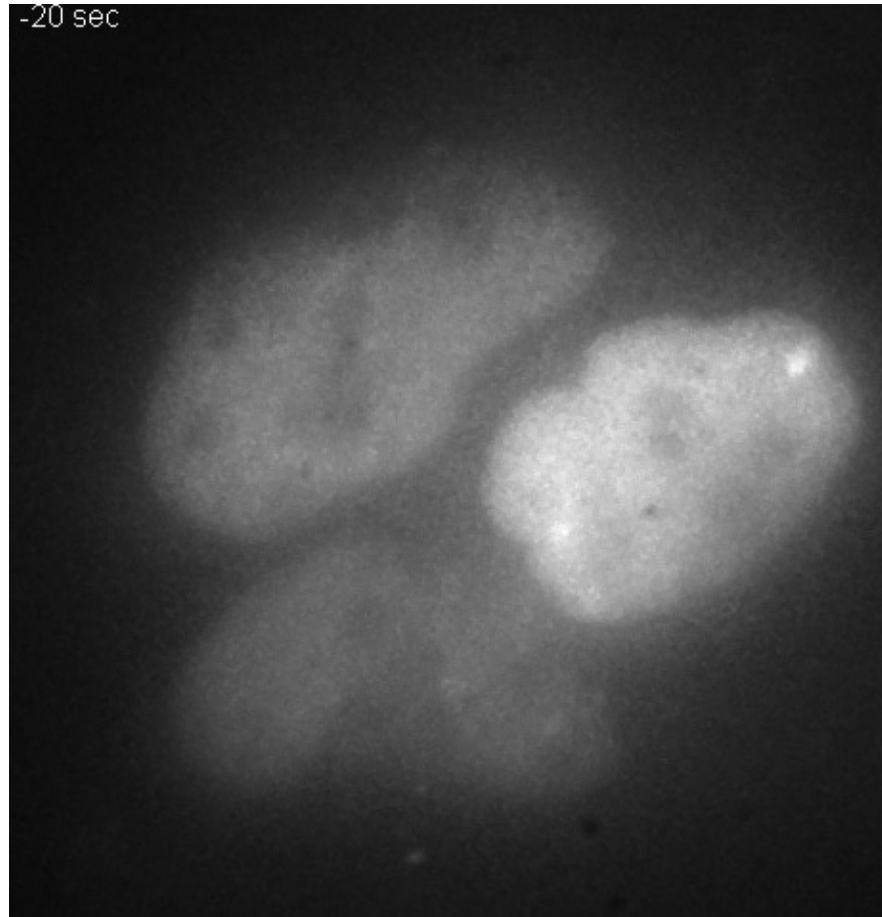
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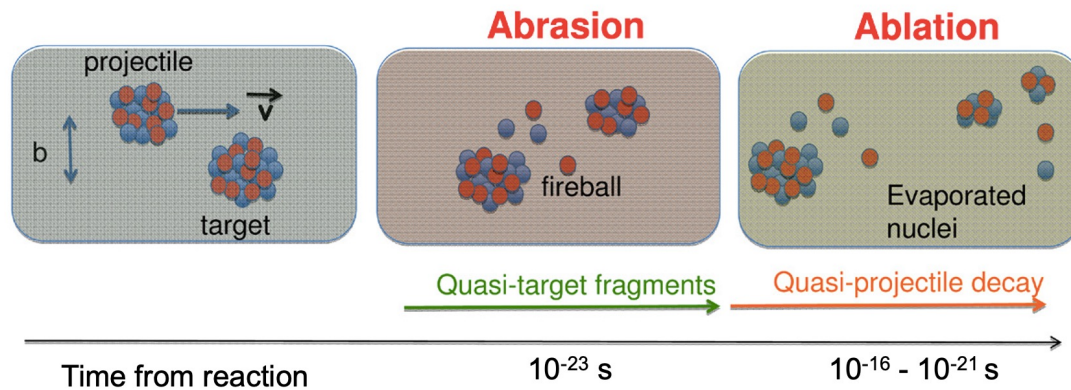
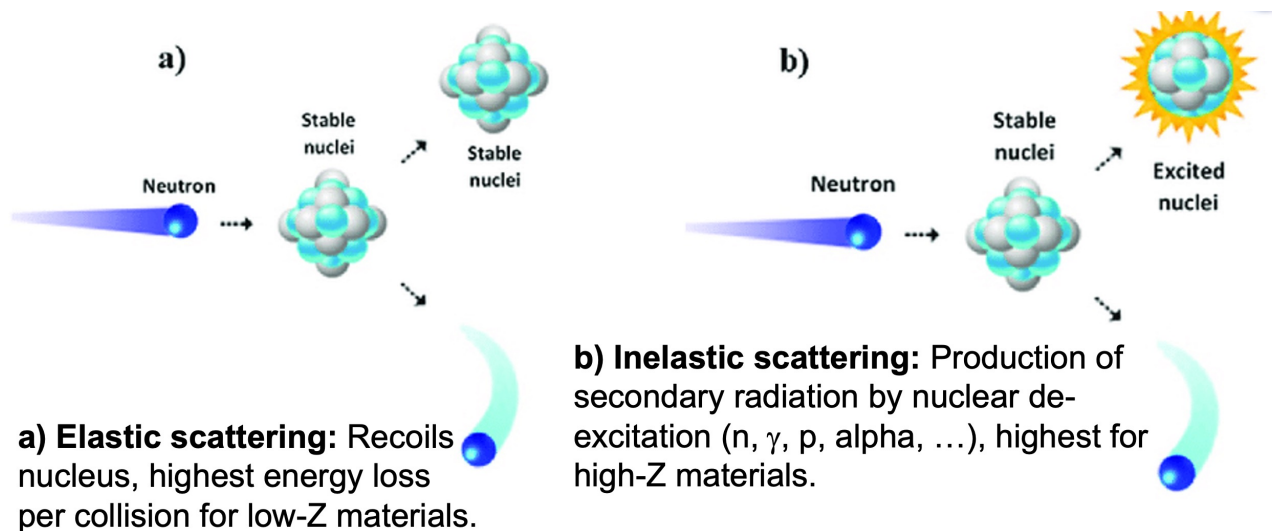
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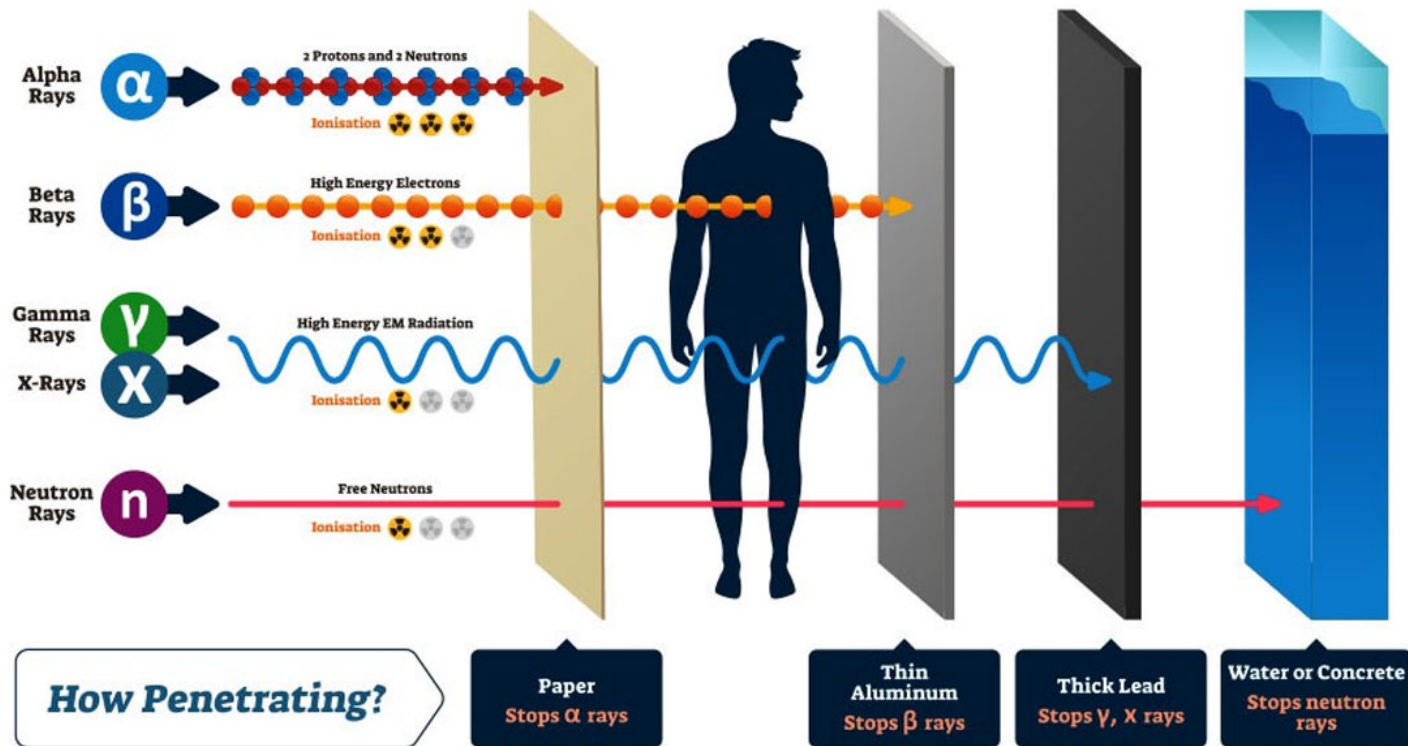


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# Nuclear interactions



# Radiations interactions with matter



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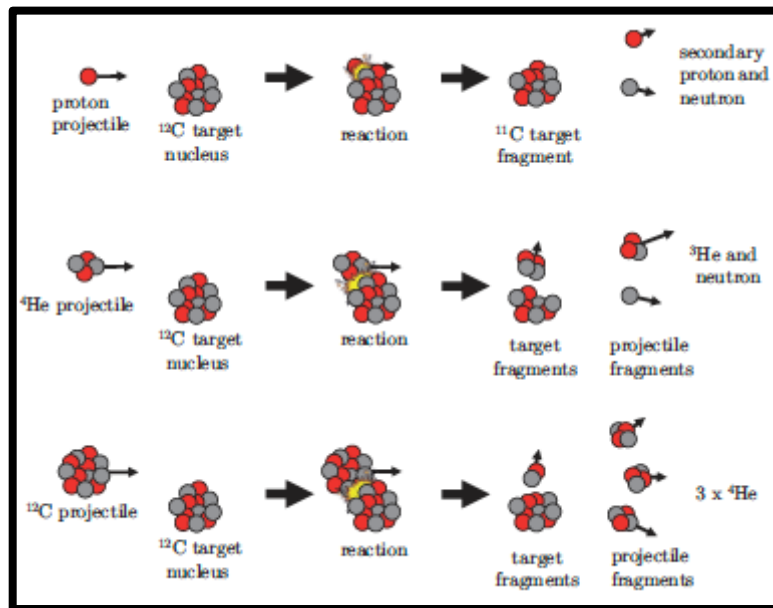
- Photons (only EM)
- Photoelectric effect
  - Compton scattering
  - Pair production

Charged particles (EM and strong\*)

- Coulomb elastic or inelastic with  $e^-$  and nucleus
- Strong inelastic scattering with nuclei
- Fission/Fusion\*

\*only for ions

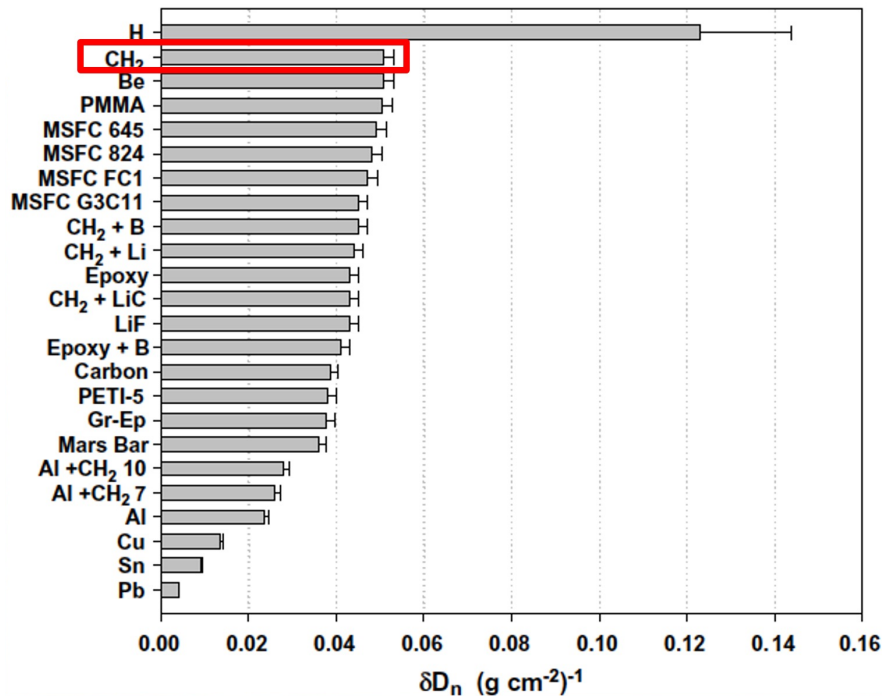
- Neutrons (strong)
- Absorption/capture
  - Elastic scattering
  - Inelastic scattering



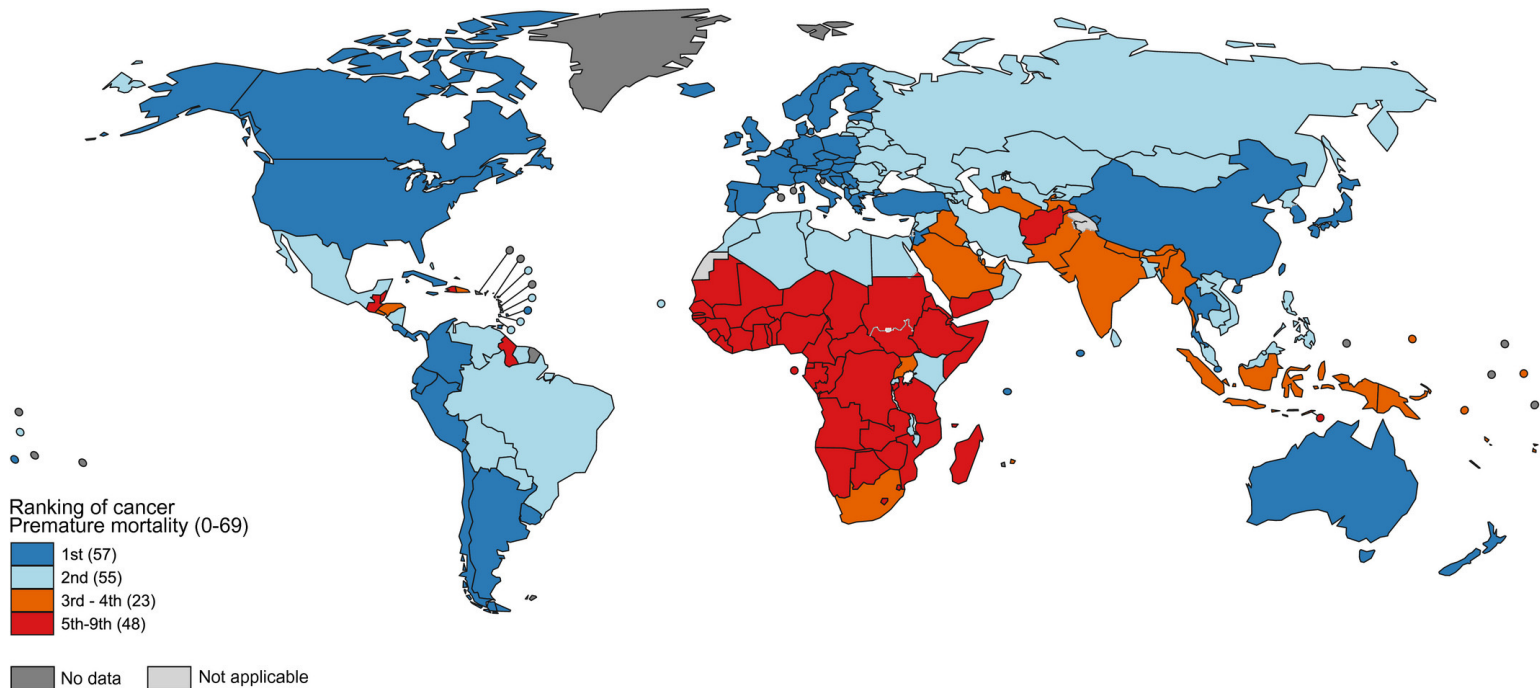




# Material effectiveness as shielding (1 GeV/u $^{56}\text{Fe}$ as proxy GCR)



# Statistics about cancer

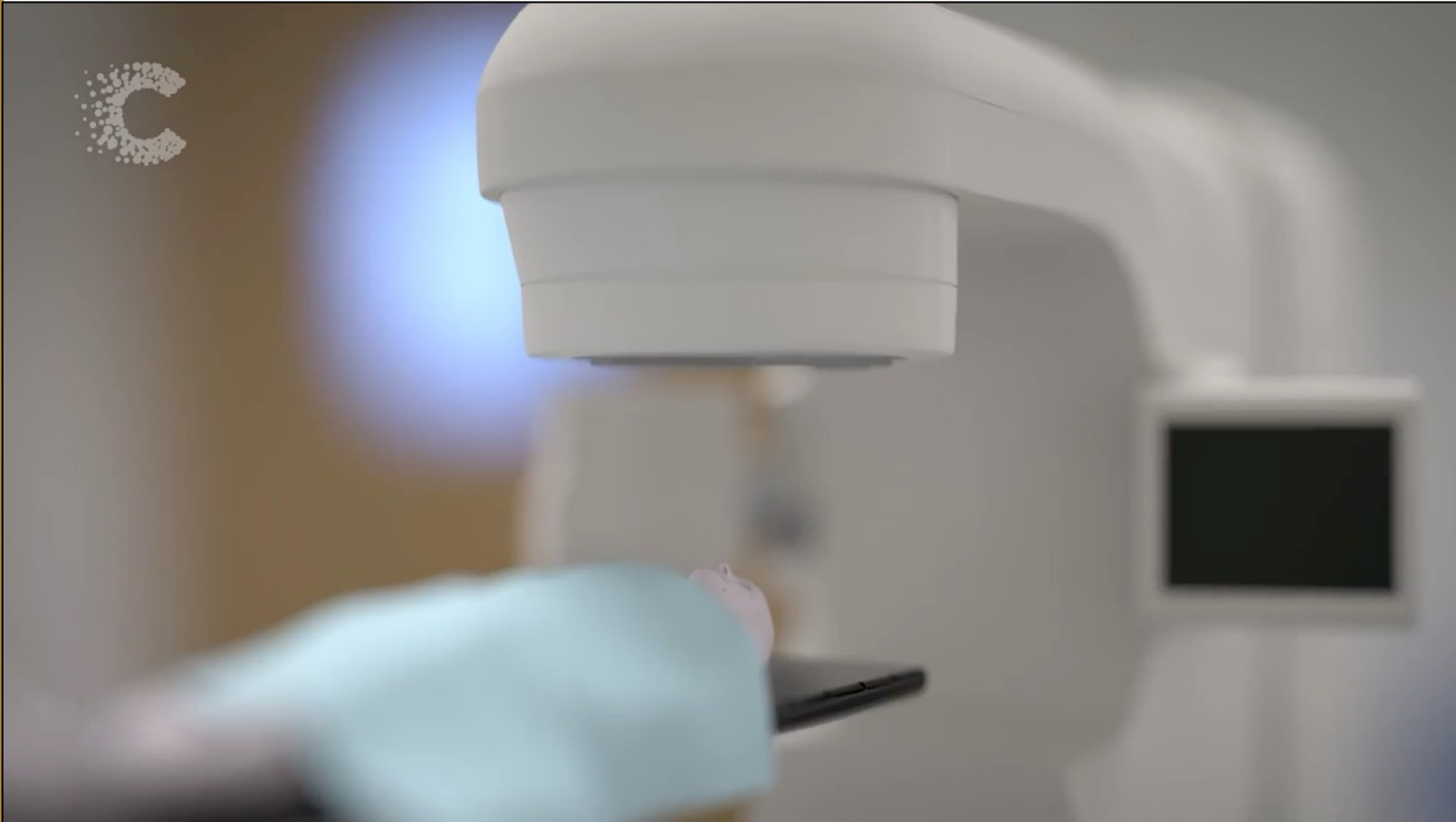


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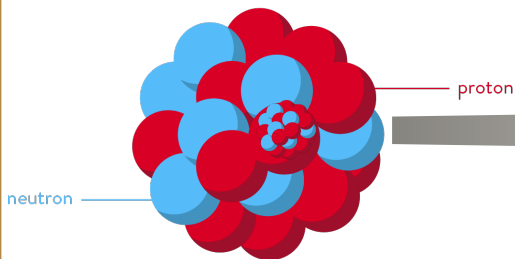
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Heavy ion beam

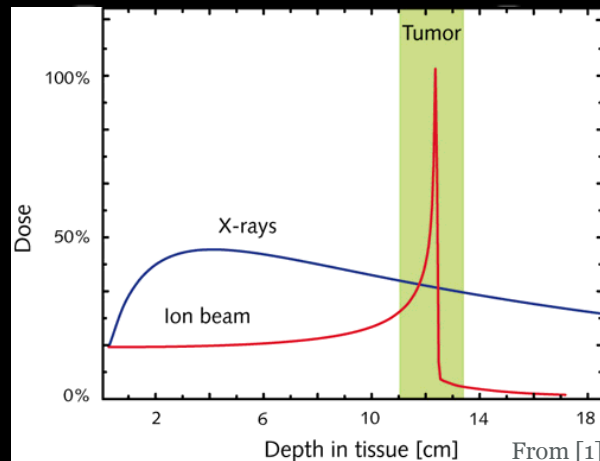
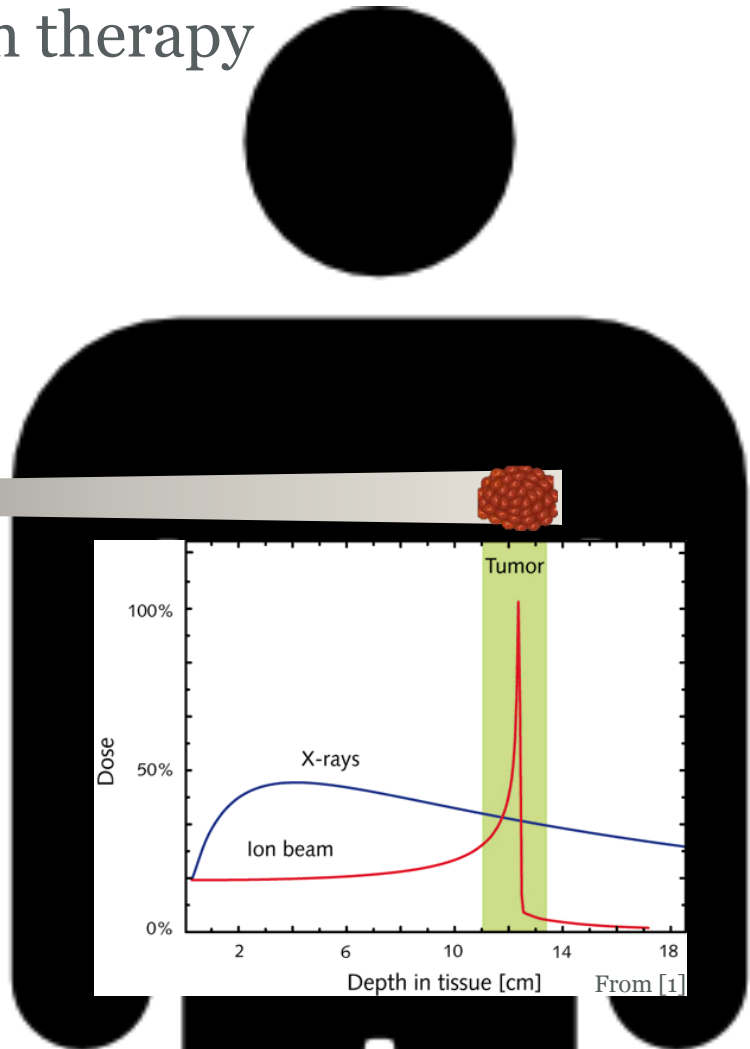
$^{12}\text{C}^{6+}$  ions



$$\text{Dose} = \frac{dE}{dm}$$

High dose delivered to cancer tumor

More conformal dose





# X-RAY THERAPY

TREATMENT EXPLAINED



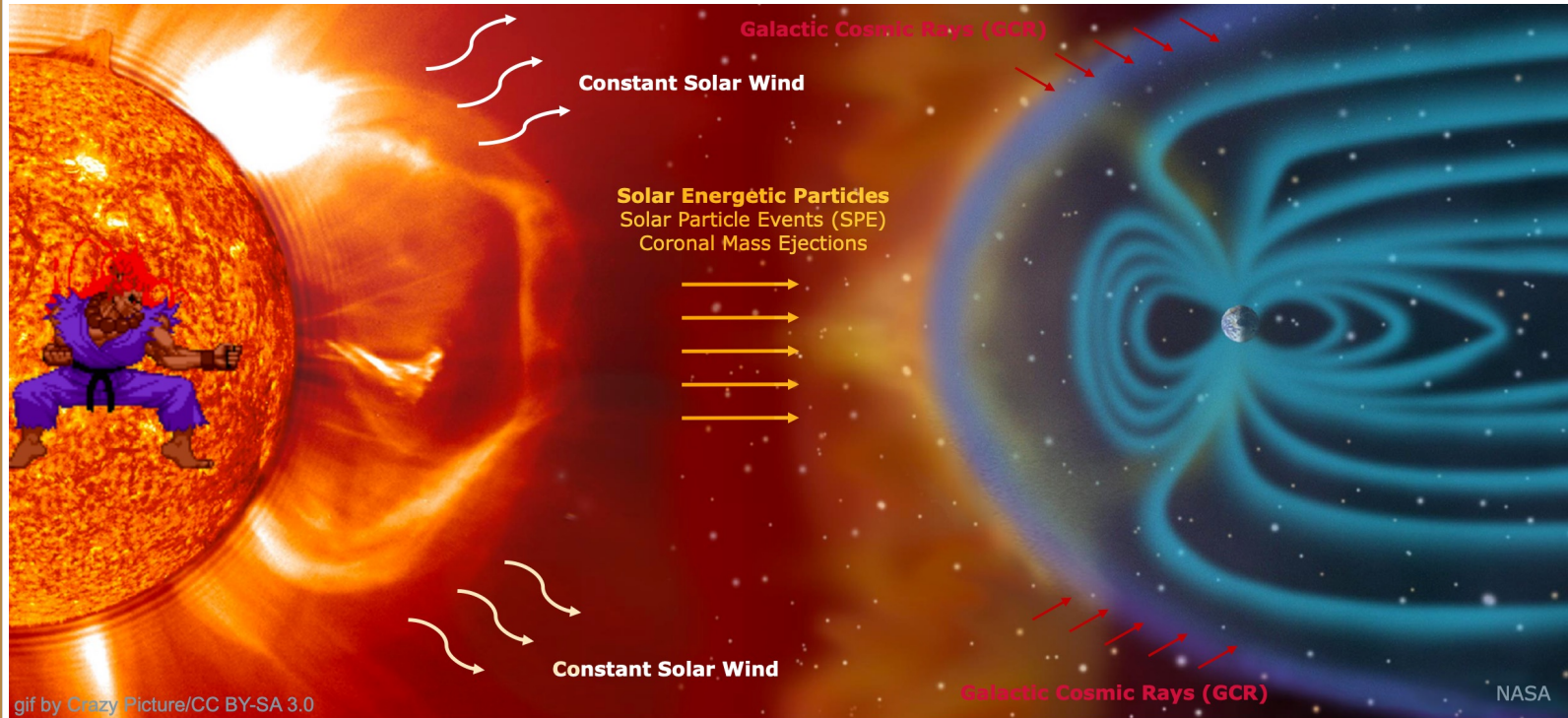


# Particle therapy in the world

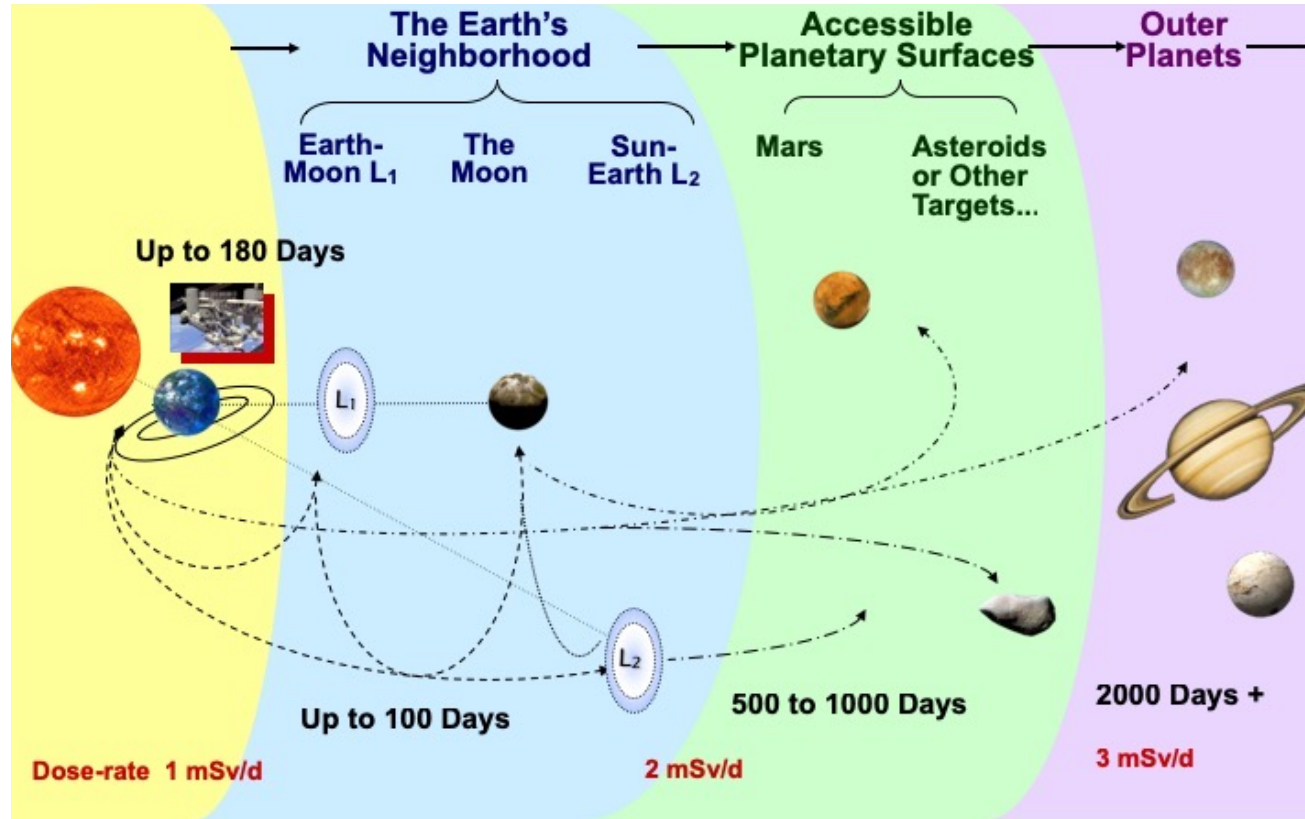


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# Spatial radiations



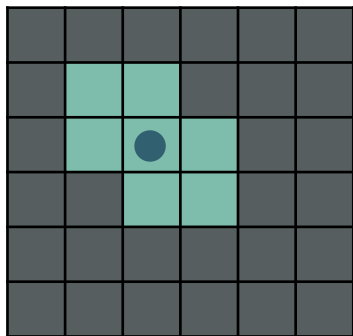
# Plan of exploration and colonization



# Vertex reconstruction

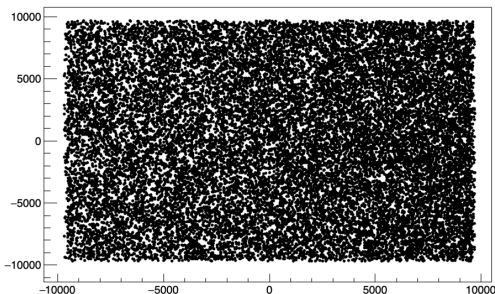


Clustering

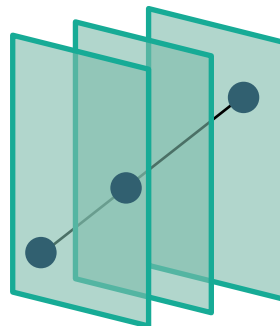


● Center of mass

Vertex - clusters map for sensor 2

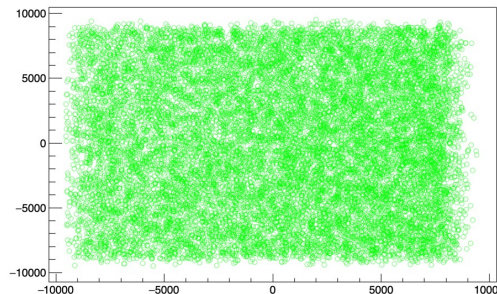


Tracking

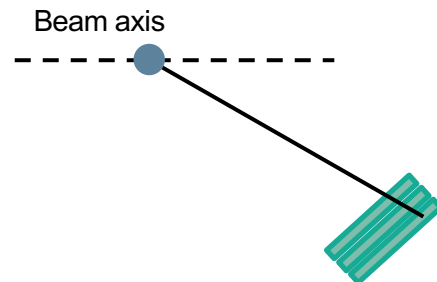


Search of a corresponding line between the 3 CMOS of a tracker

Vertex - Tracks map for sensor 2



Vertexing



Intersection between the beam axis and the track reconstructed

Vertex position at Z

