

PROTON AND CARBON LINACS FOR HADRONTHERAPY

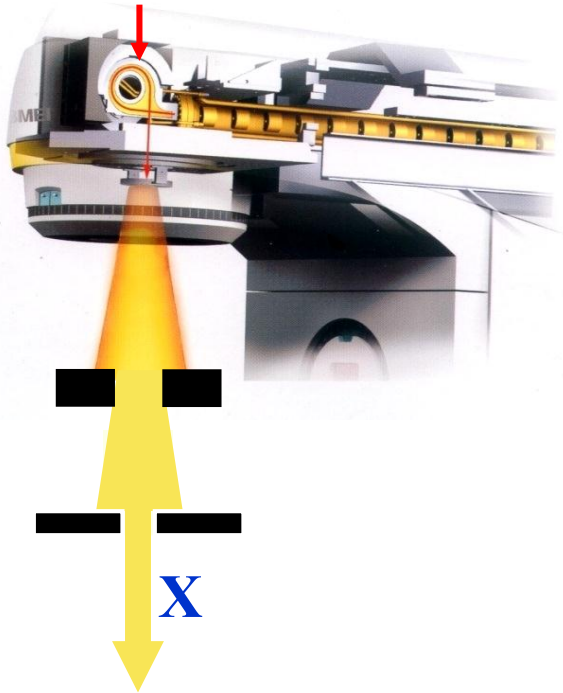
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The beginnings

Conventional X-ray therapy

electrons



**2000 patients/year every
in 1 million inhabitants**

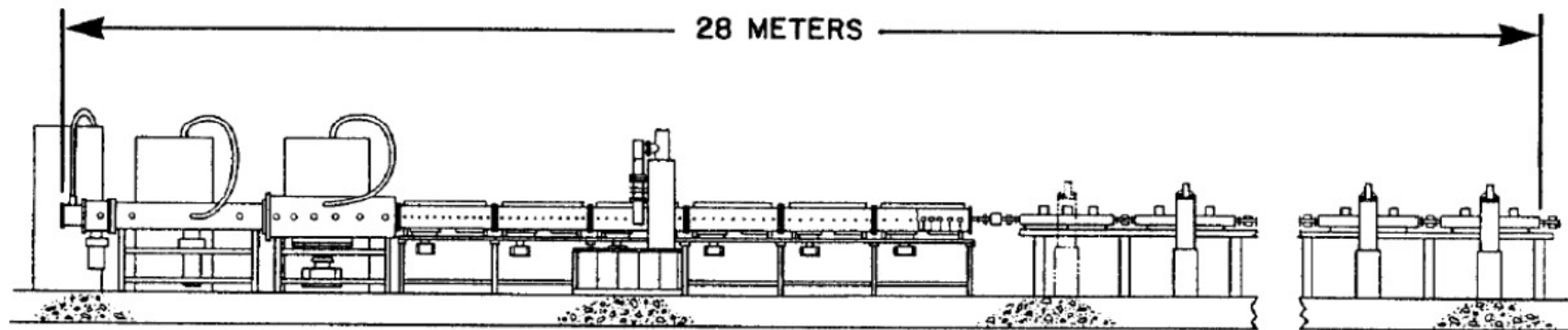


Courtesy of Elekta

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

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

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



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

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

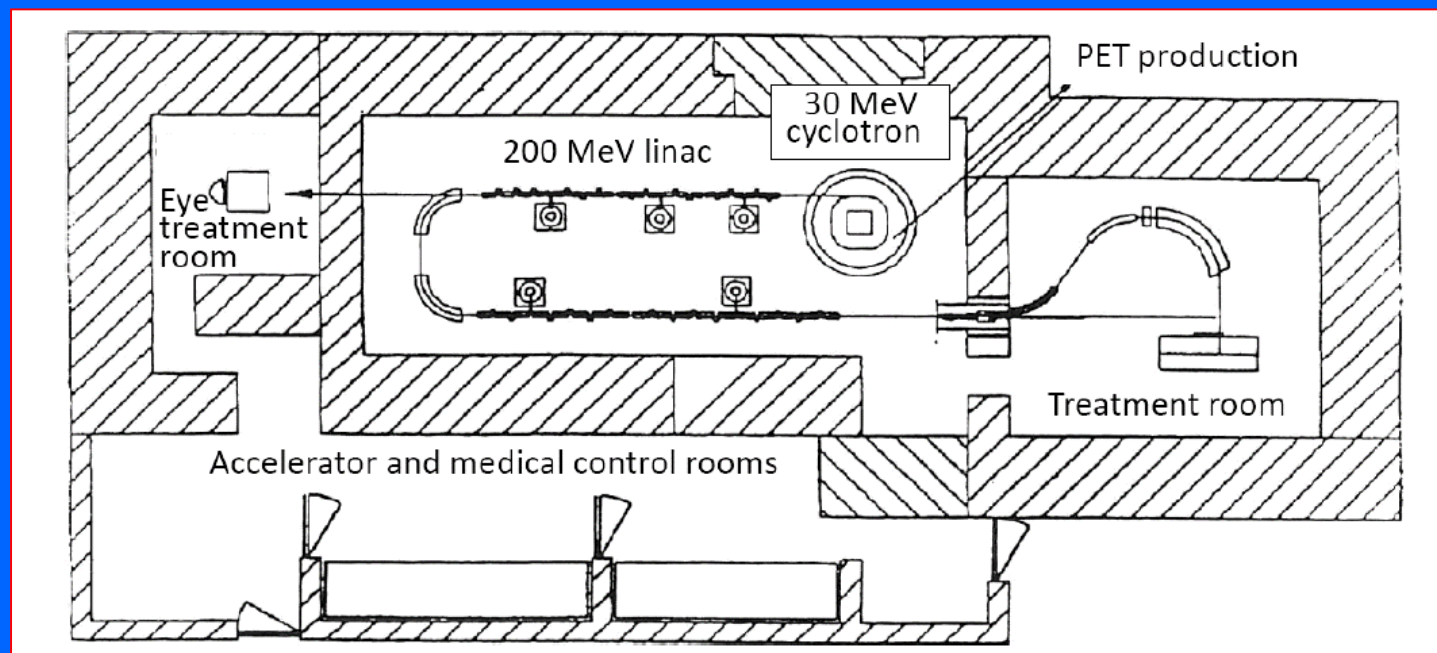
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High Frequency Linacs for Hadrontherapy

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1994: “cyclinac” approach to proton therapy



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

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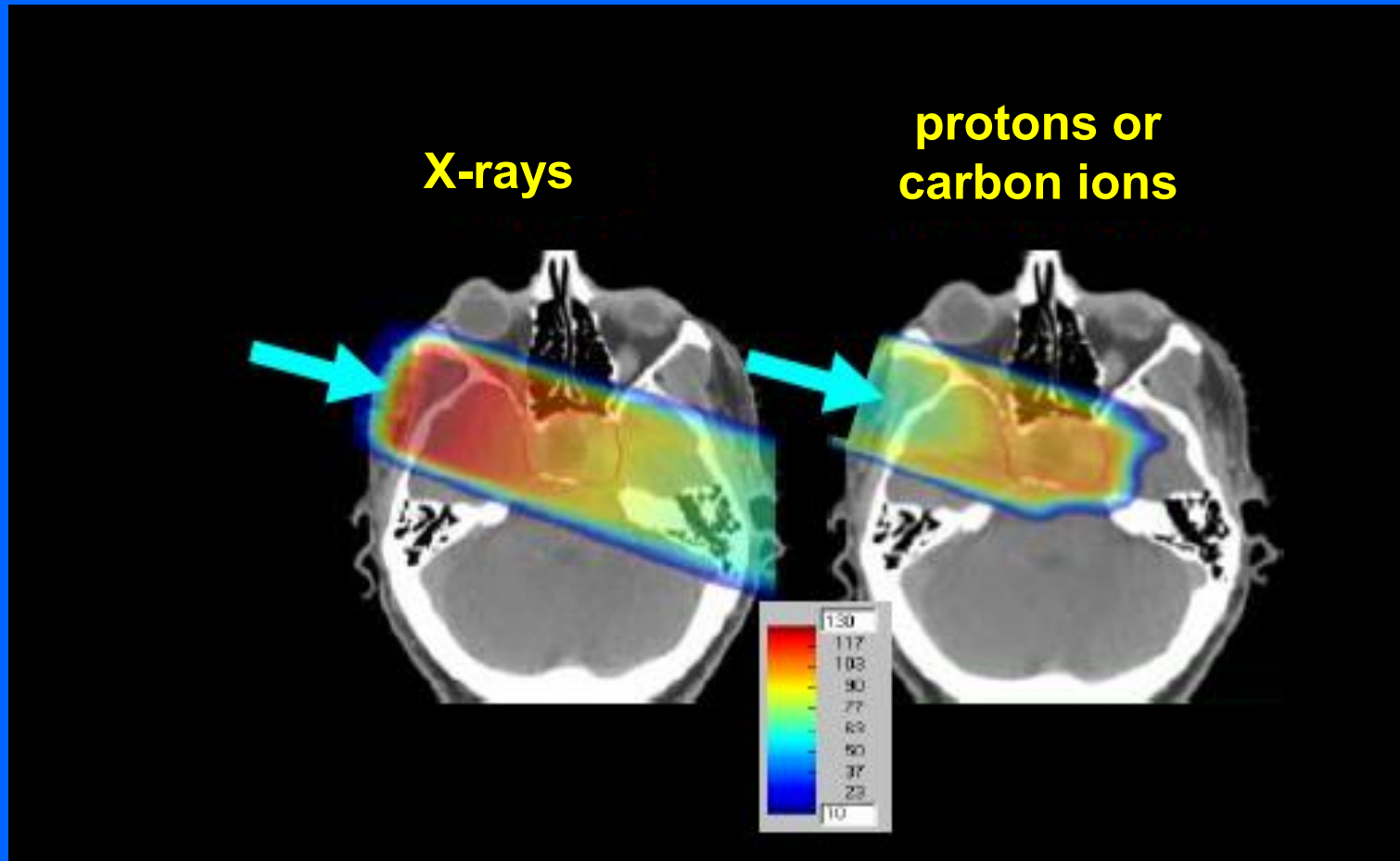
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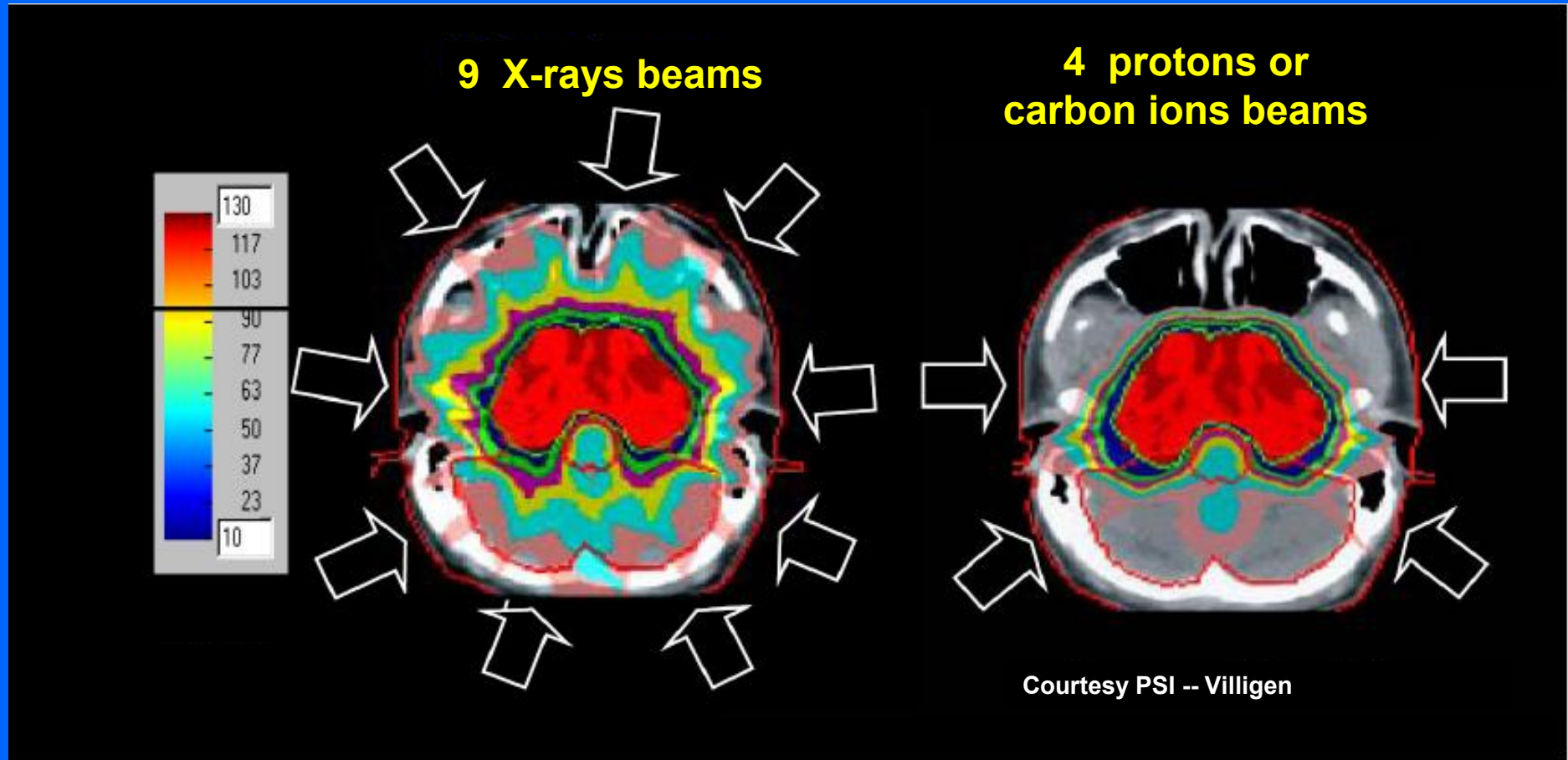
The rationale of proton and carbon tumour therapy

X-rays have two problems :

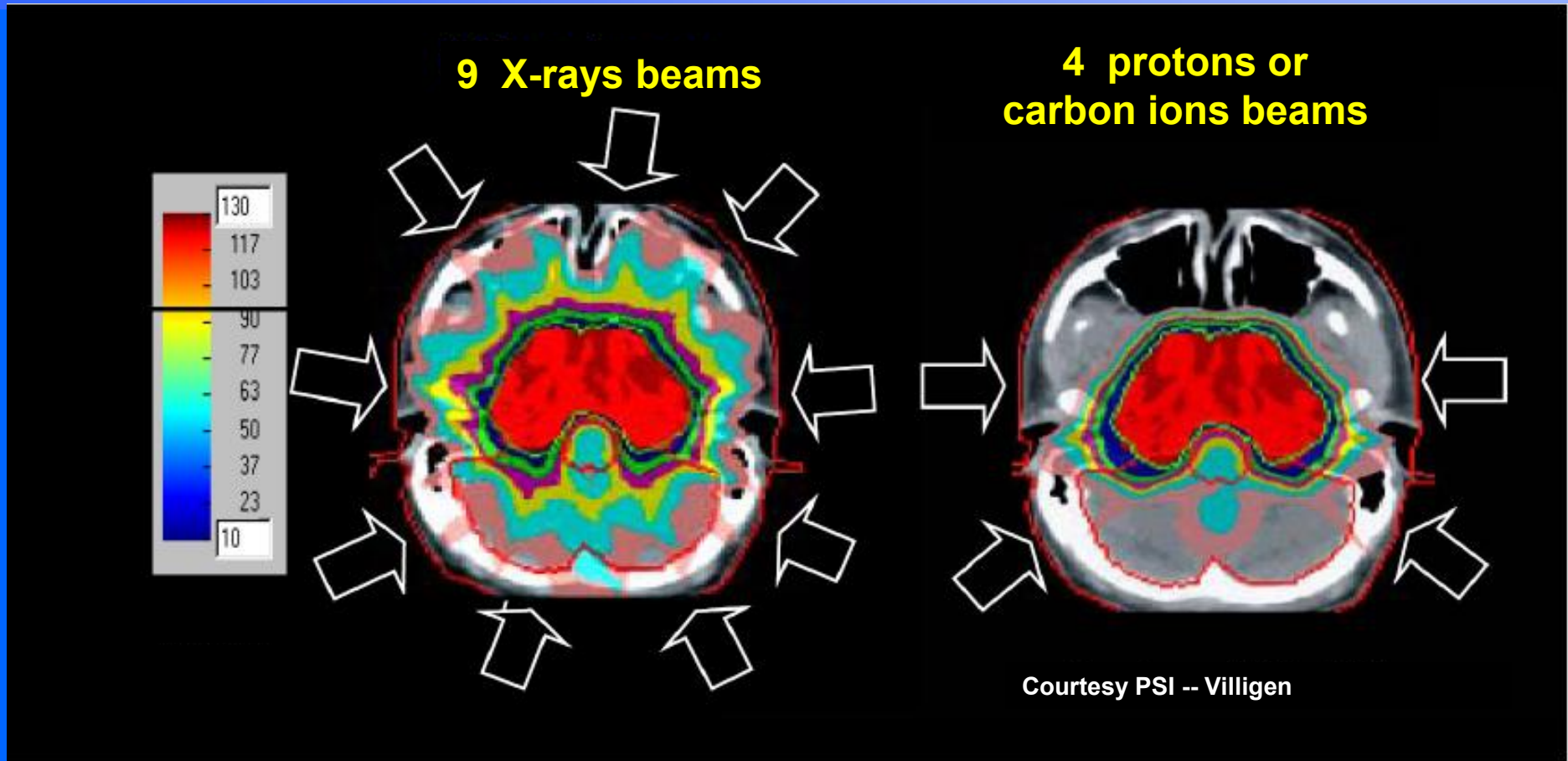
- 1. they irradiate unwanted close-by 'critical' organs***
- 2. they cannot cure 'radioresistant' tumours (about 5%)***



Advantages of hadrontherapy: 1. normal tissues are spared



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



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

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



Mario Weiss

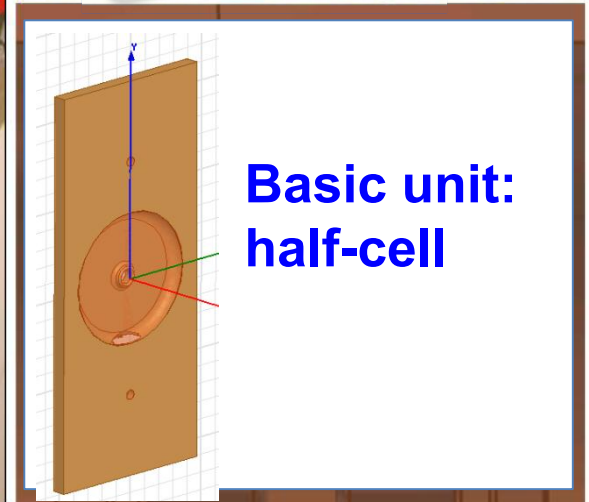
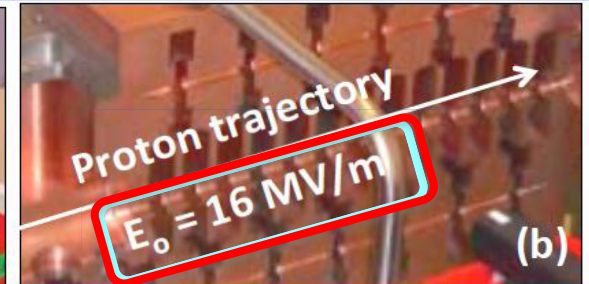
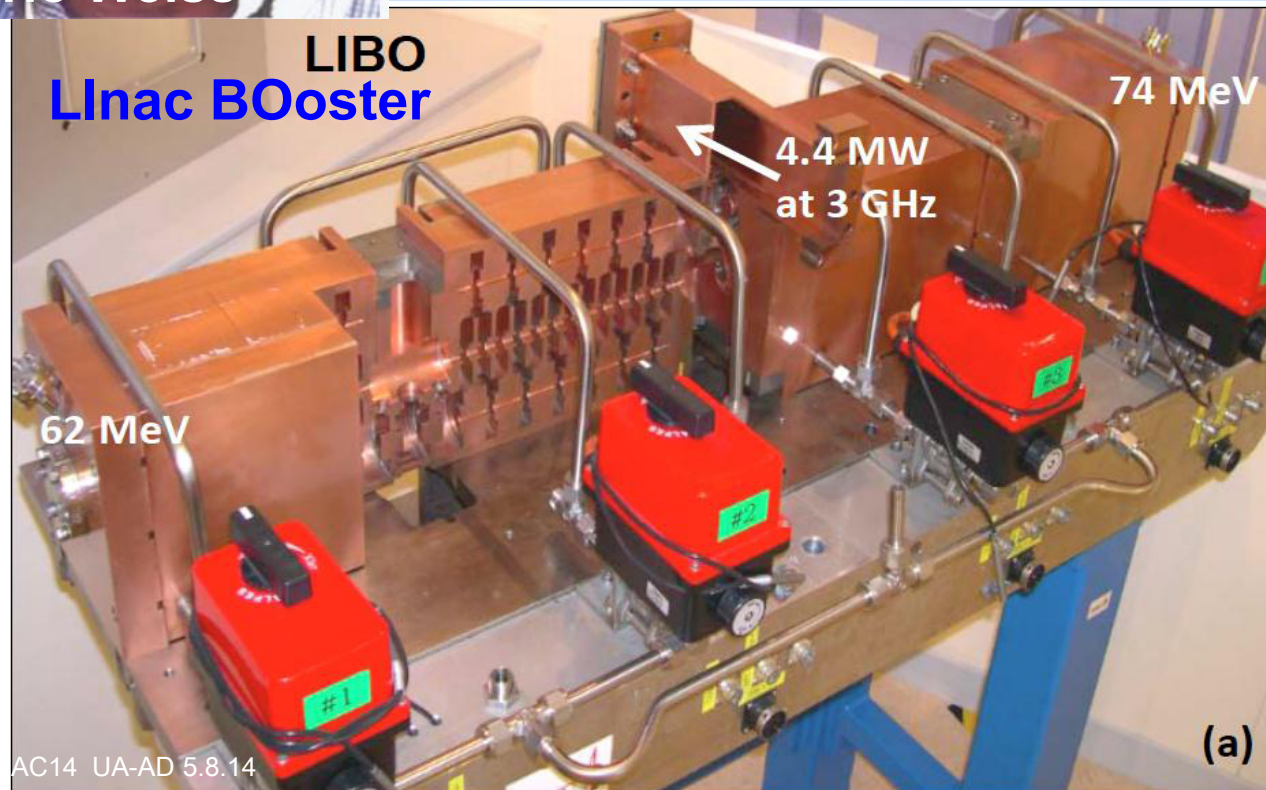
3 GHz LIBO accelerating unit built and tested by TERA – CERN – INFN

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

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

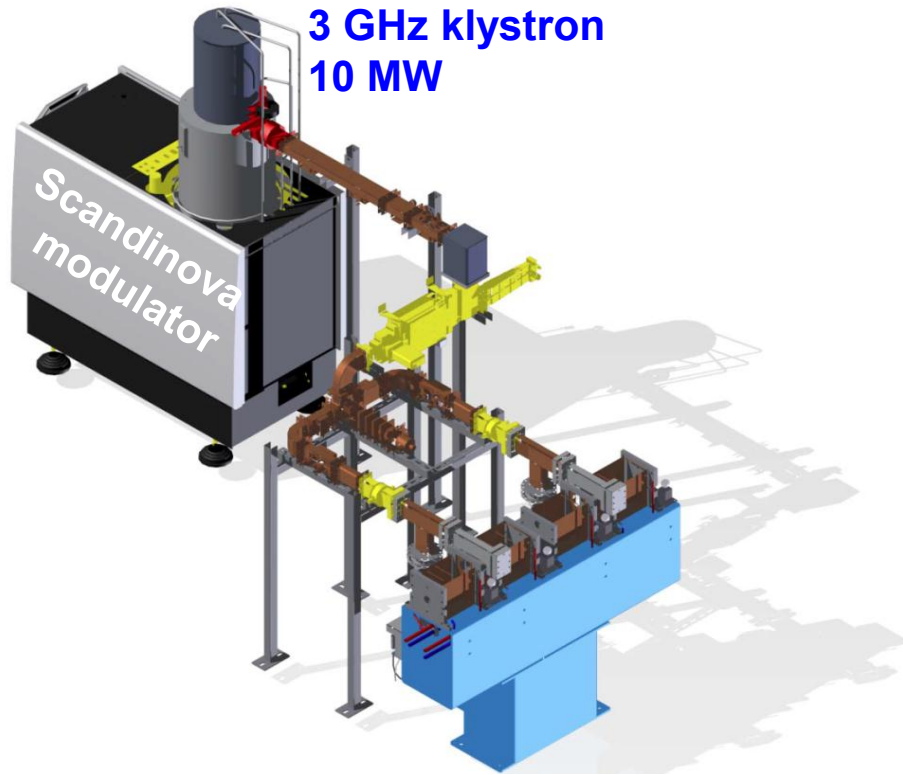
LIBO—a linac-booster for protontherapy: construction and tests of a prototype

U. Amaldi^{a,g,1}, P. Berra^a, K. Crandall^a, D. Toet^a, M. Weiss^a, R. Zennaro^a,
E. Rosso^b, B. Szeless^b, M. Vretenar^b, C. Cicardi^{c,d}, C. De Martinis^{c,d}, D. Giove^{c,d},
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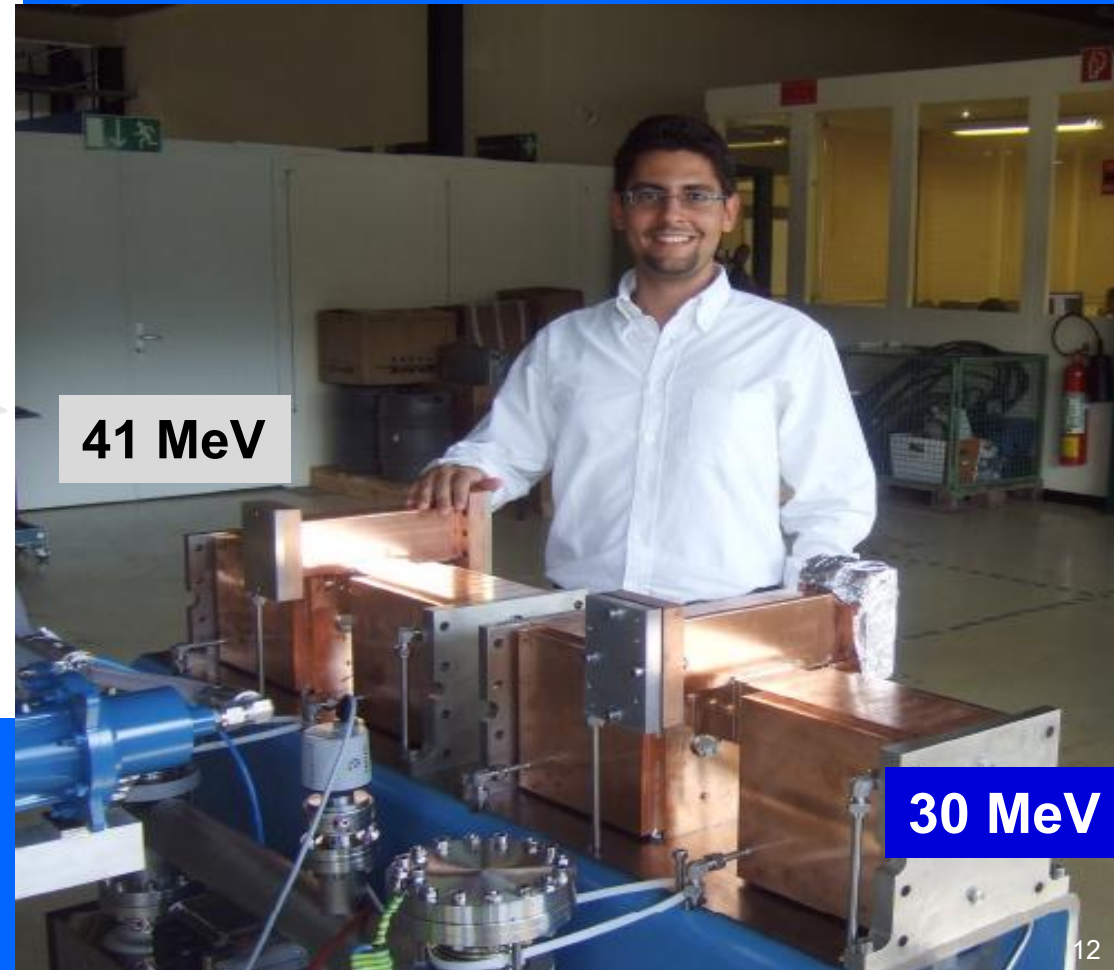


First Unit of LIGHT built and power tested by A.D.A.M.: 2011

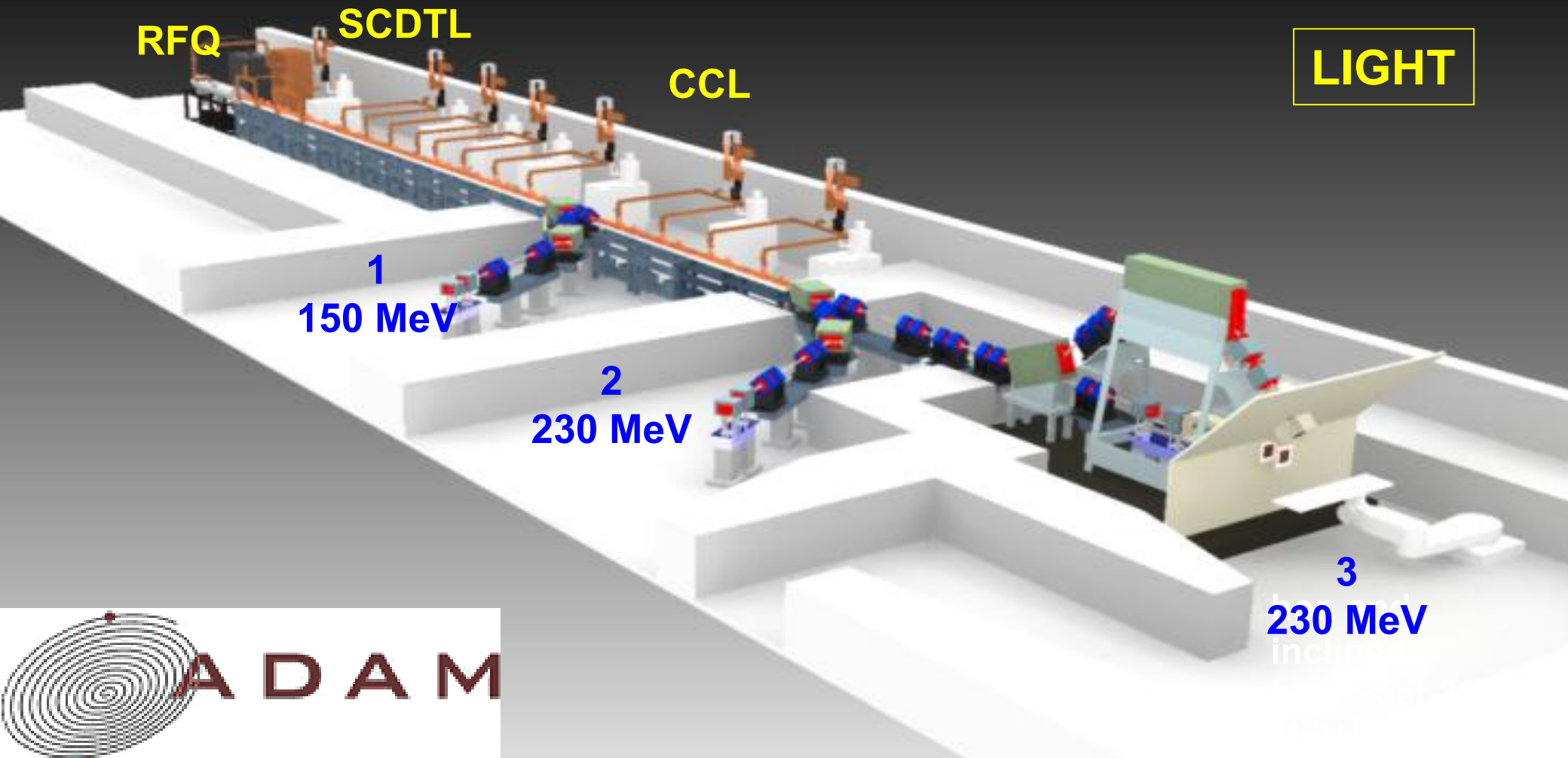
A.D.A.M. = Applications of Detectors and
Accelerators to Medicine



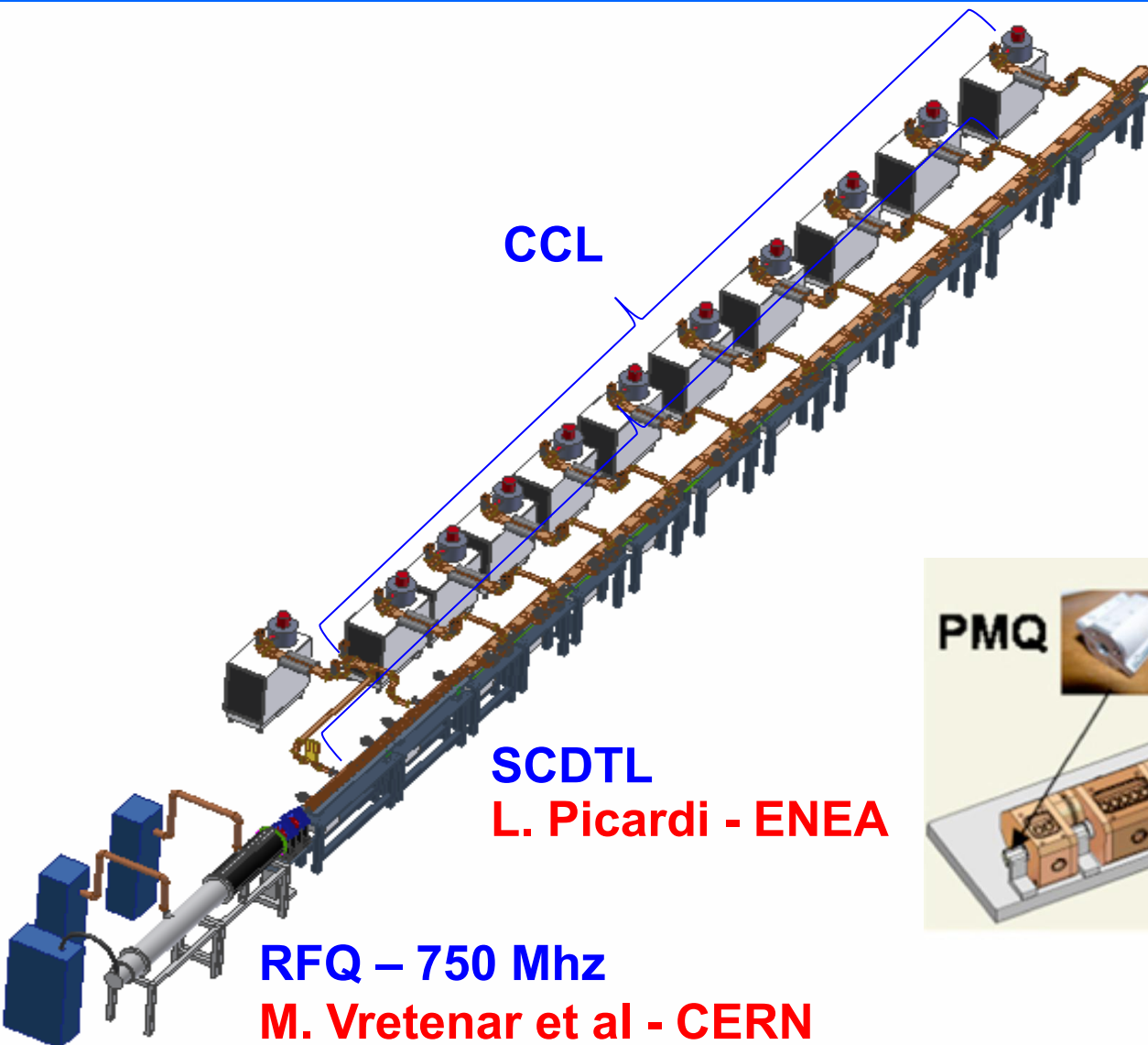
**Linac for Image Guided
Hadron Therapy**



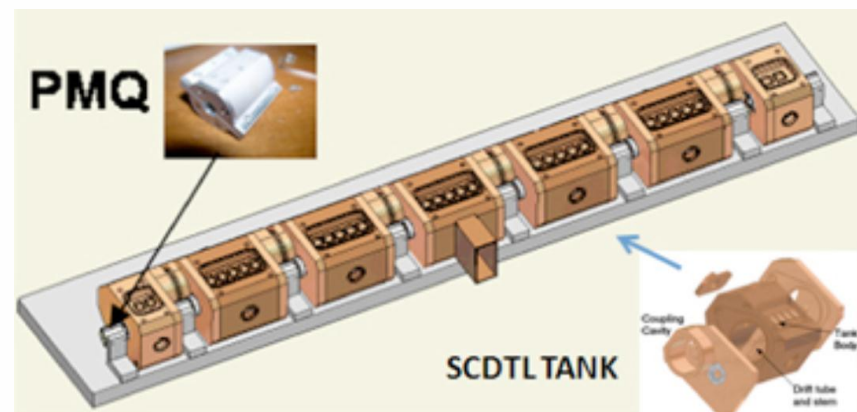
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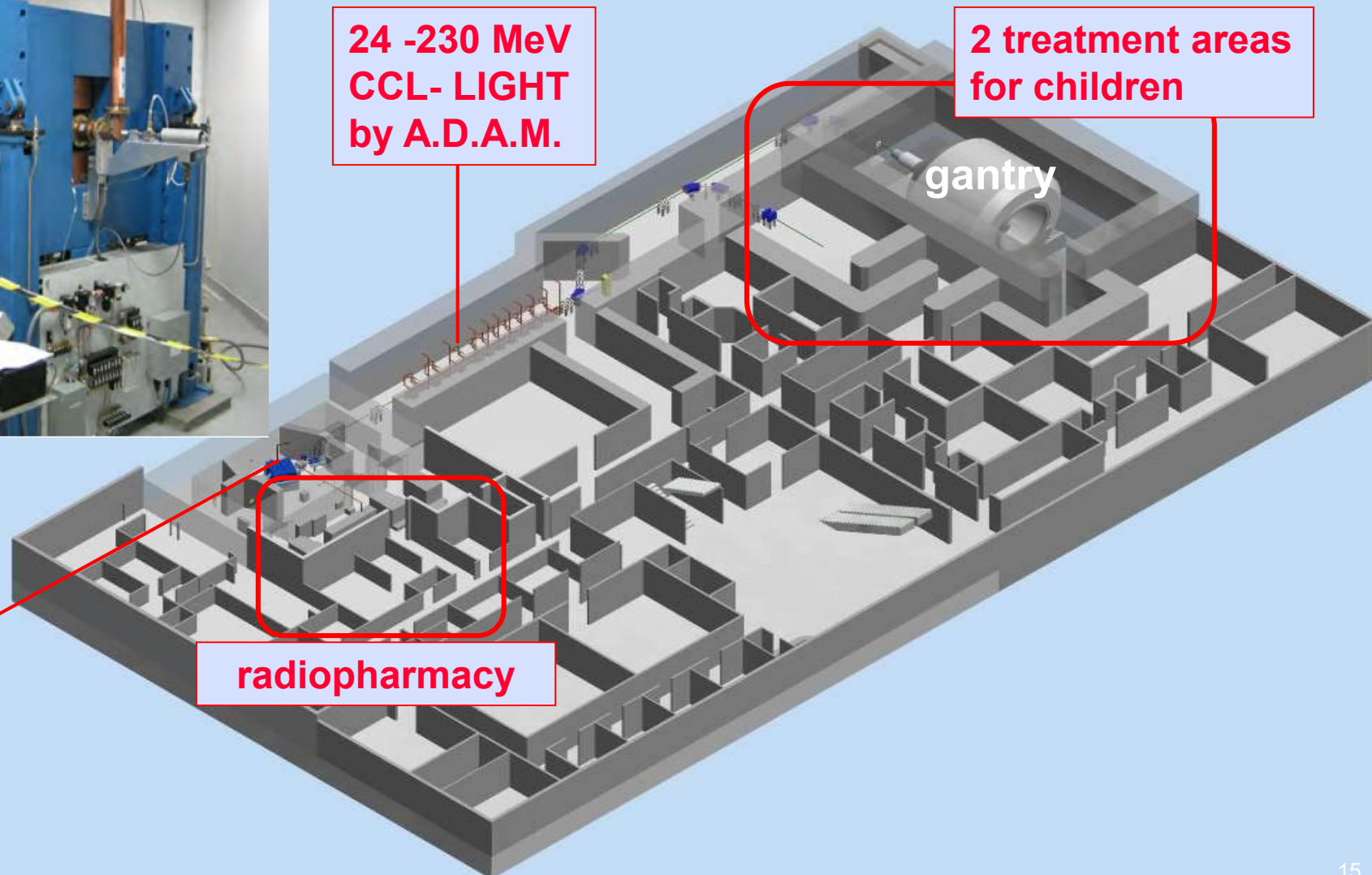
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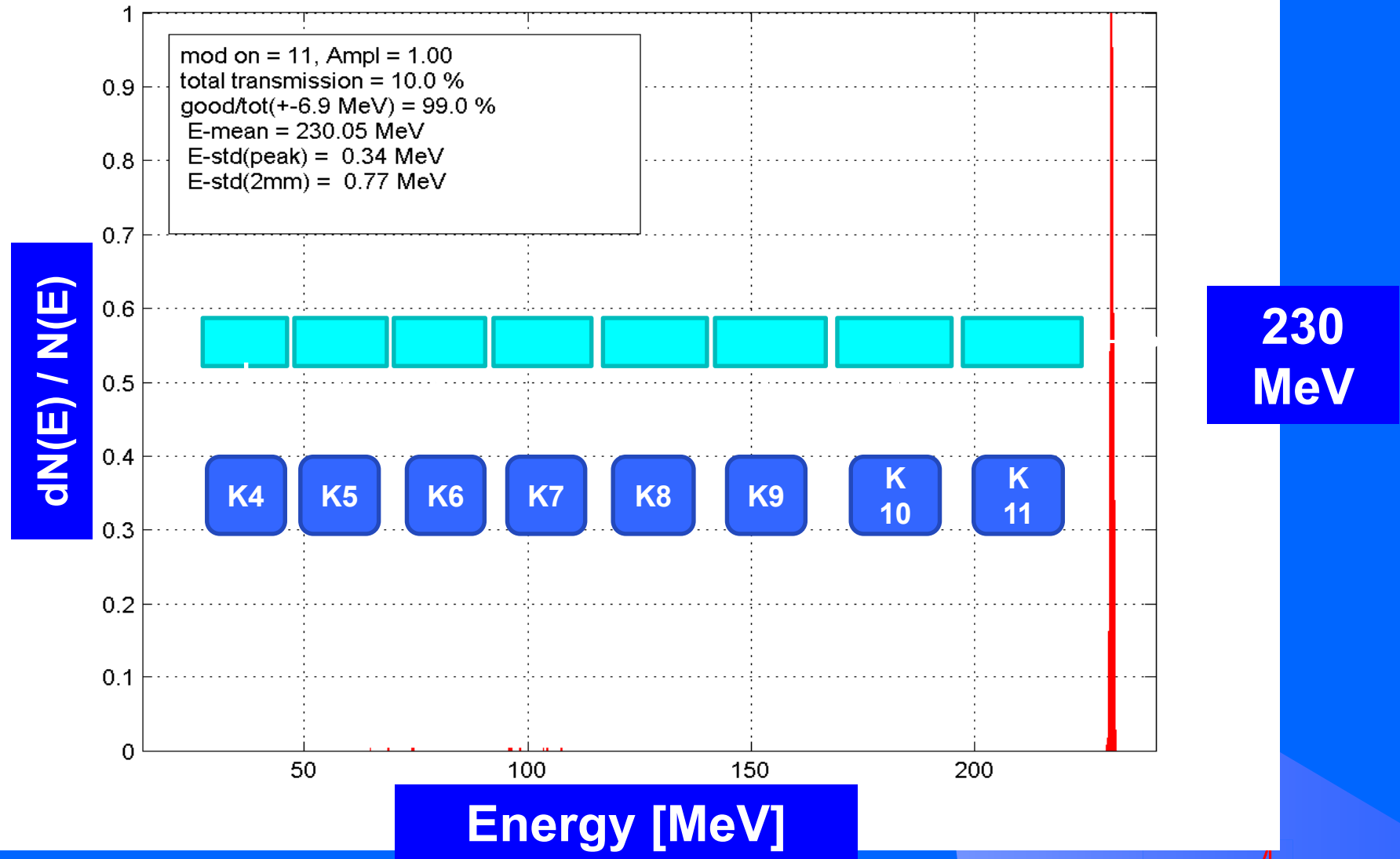
proton pulses
@ 200 Hz



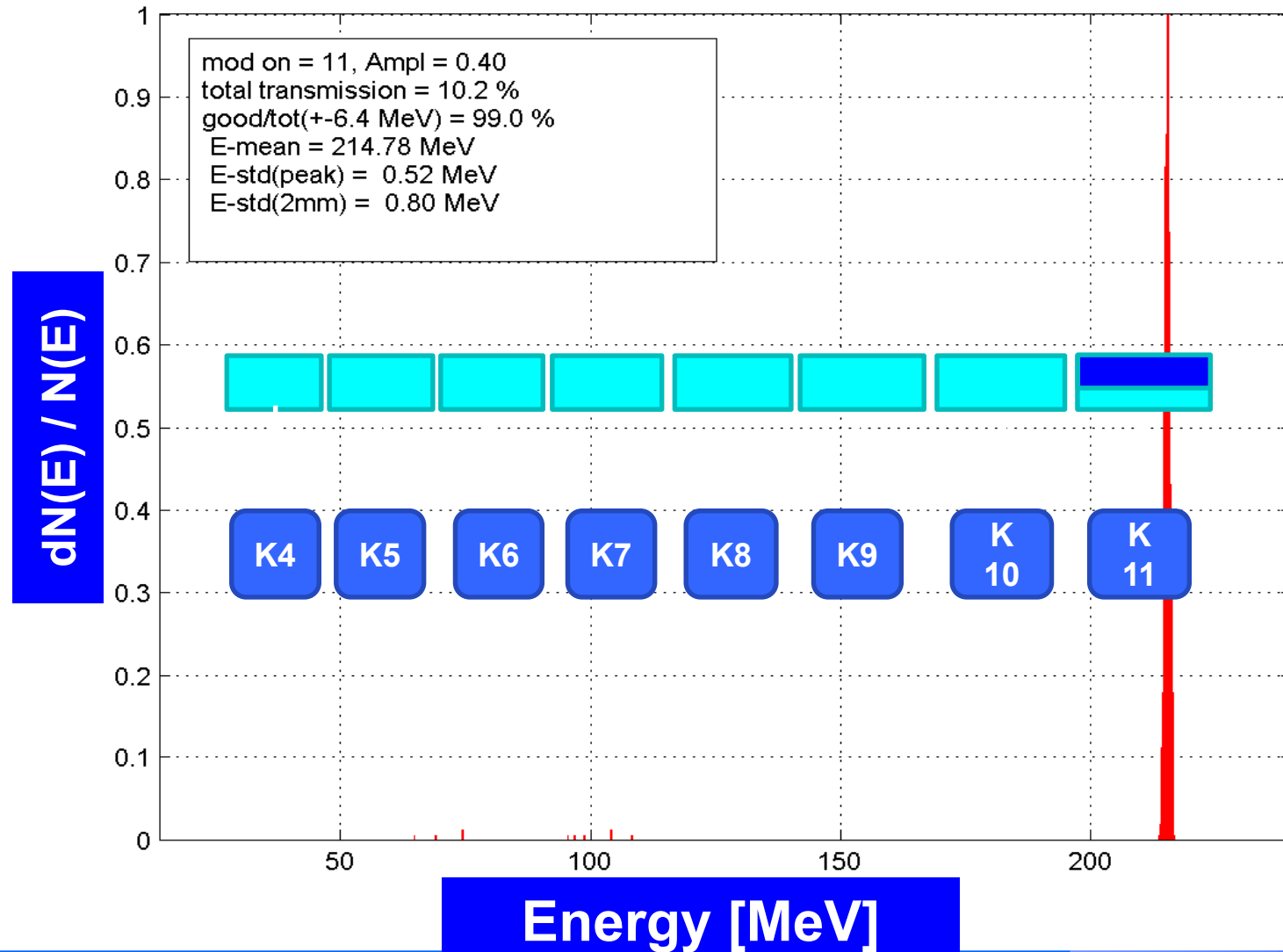
The cyclinac PERLA to be built in Tuscany by TERA: Protontherapy and Exotic Nuclei from Linked Accelerators



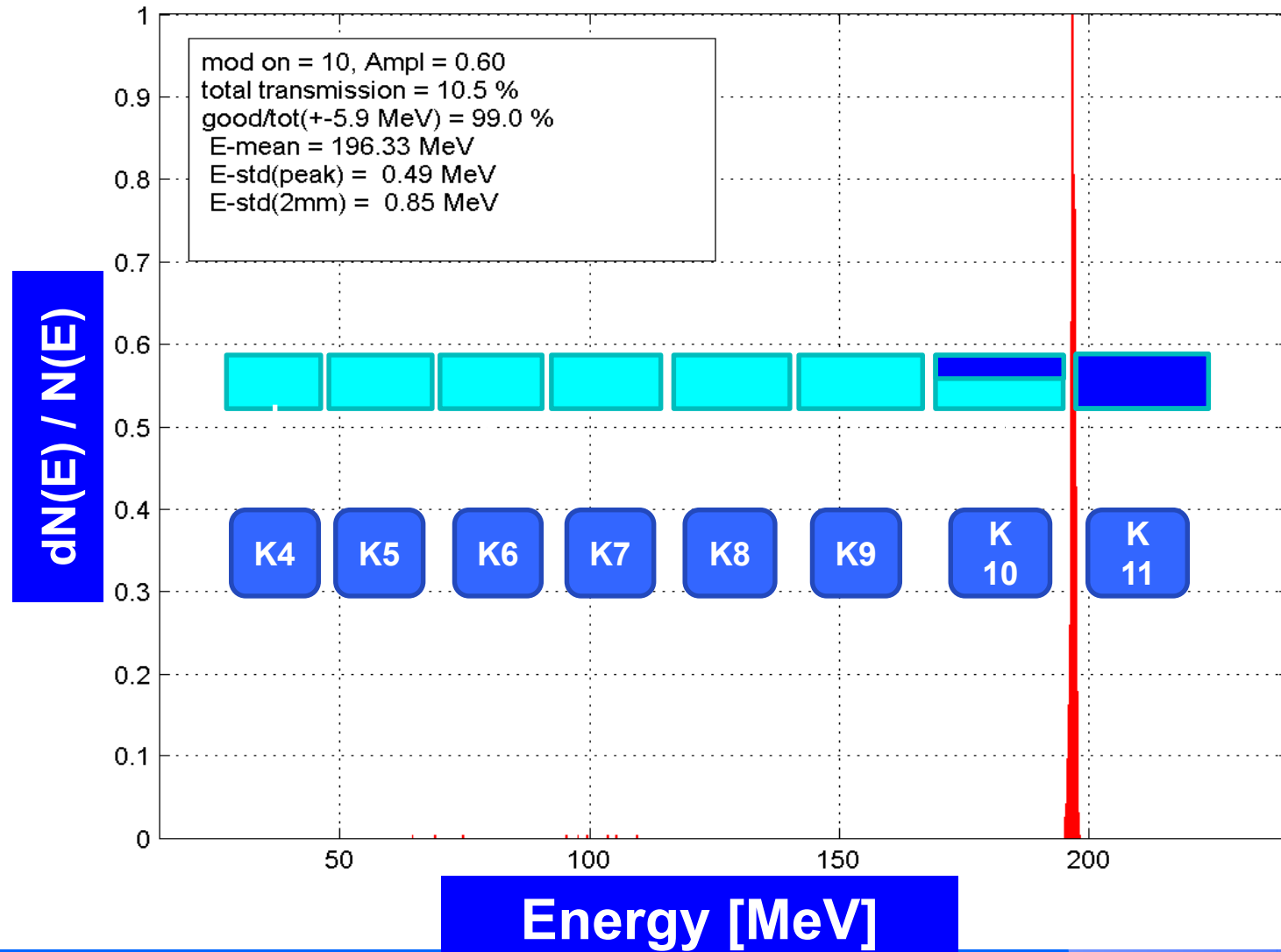
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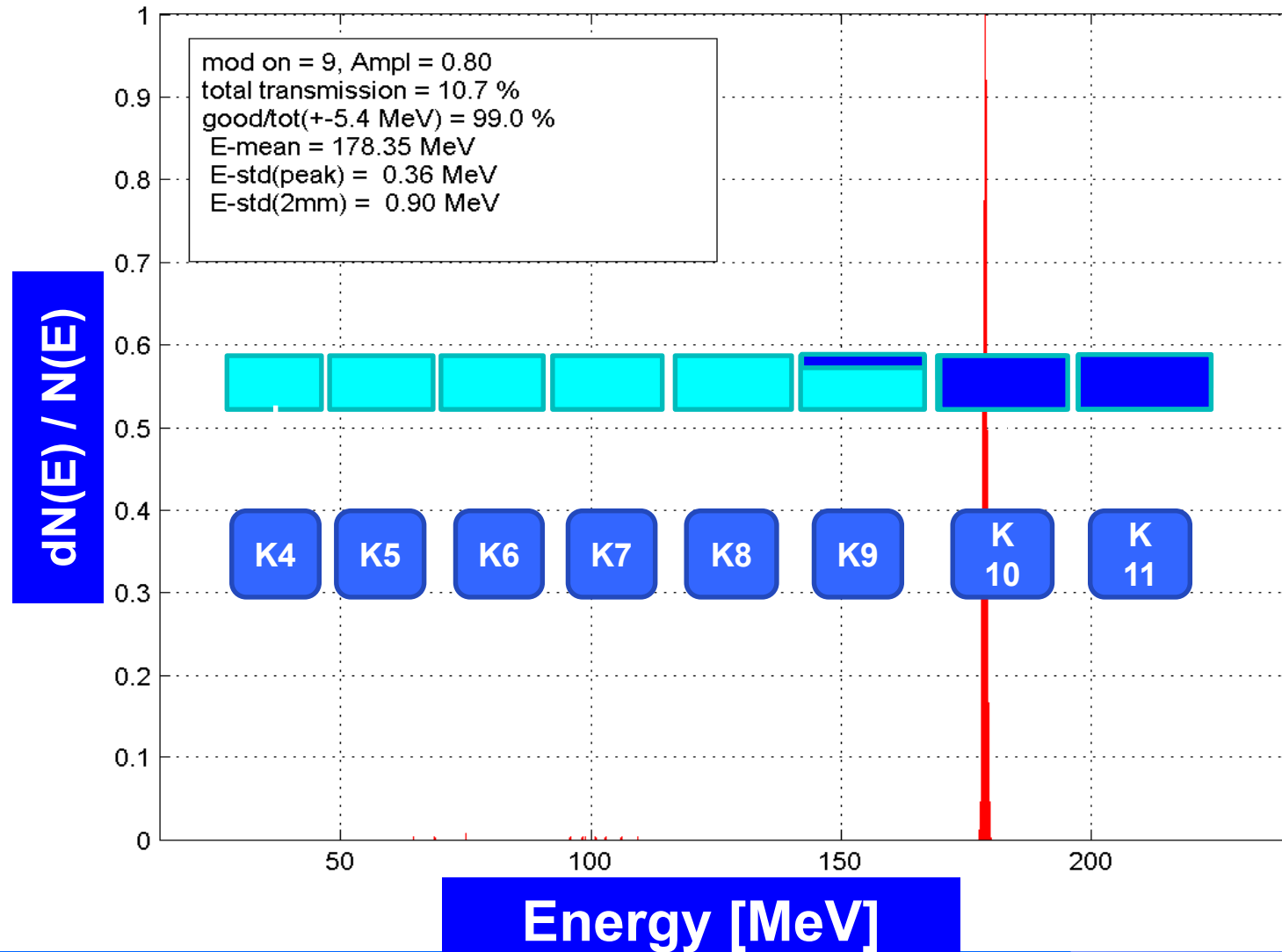
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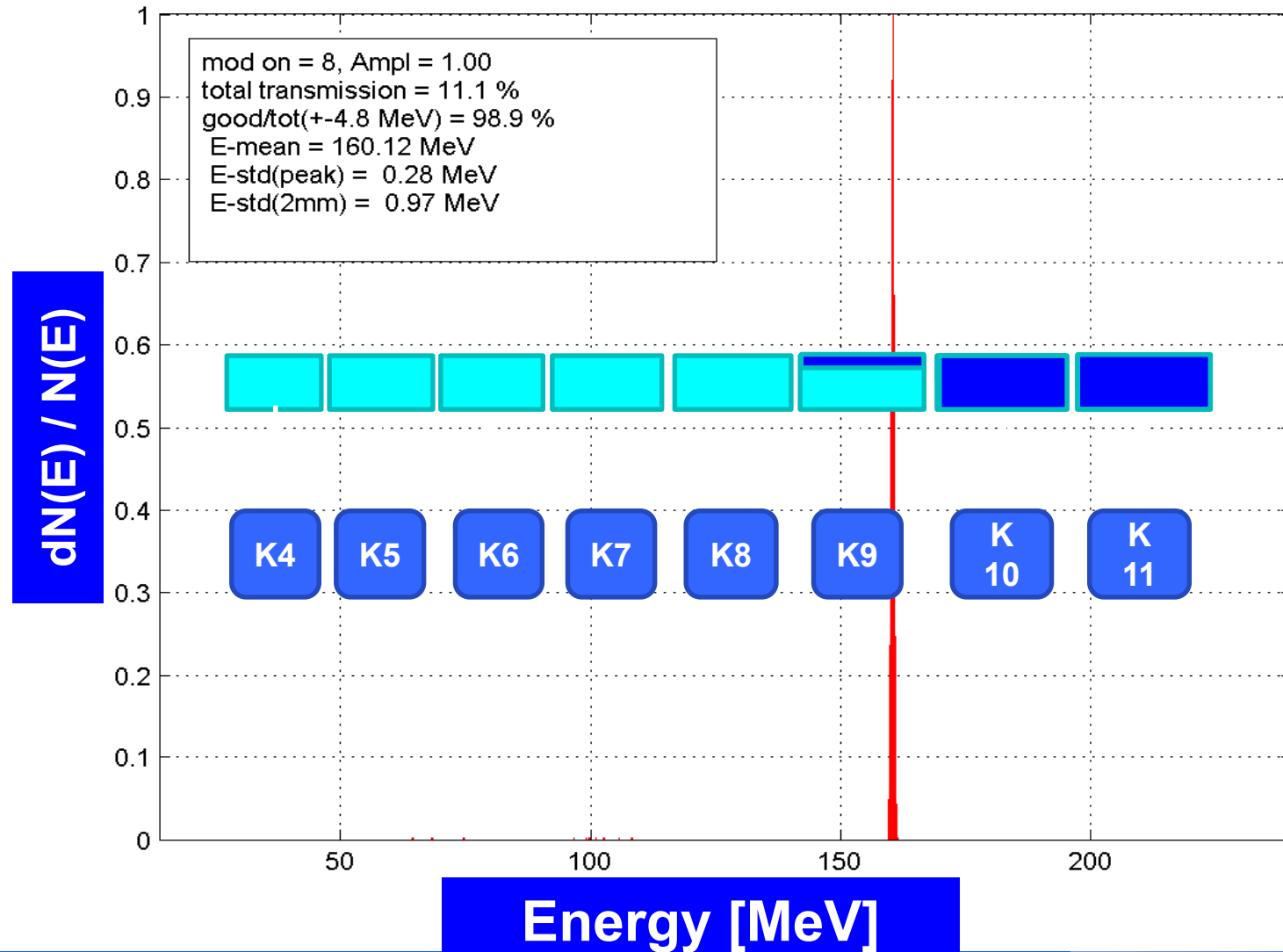


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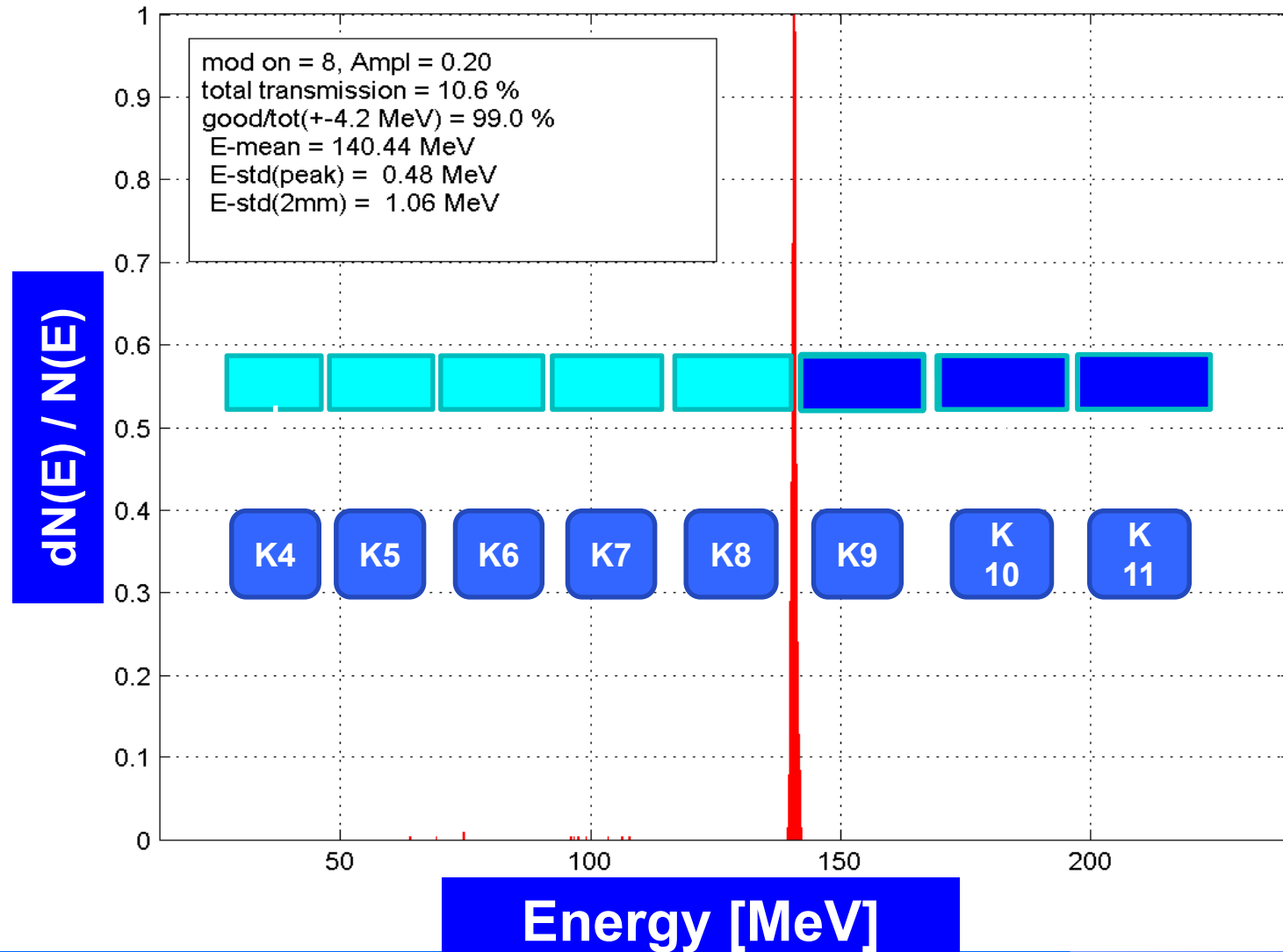


**176
MeV**

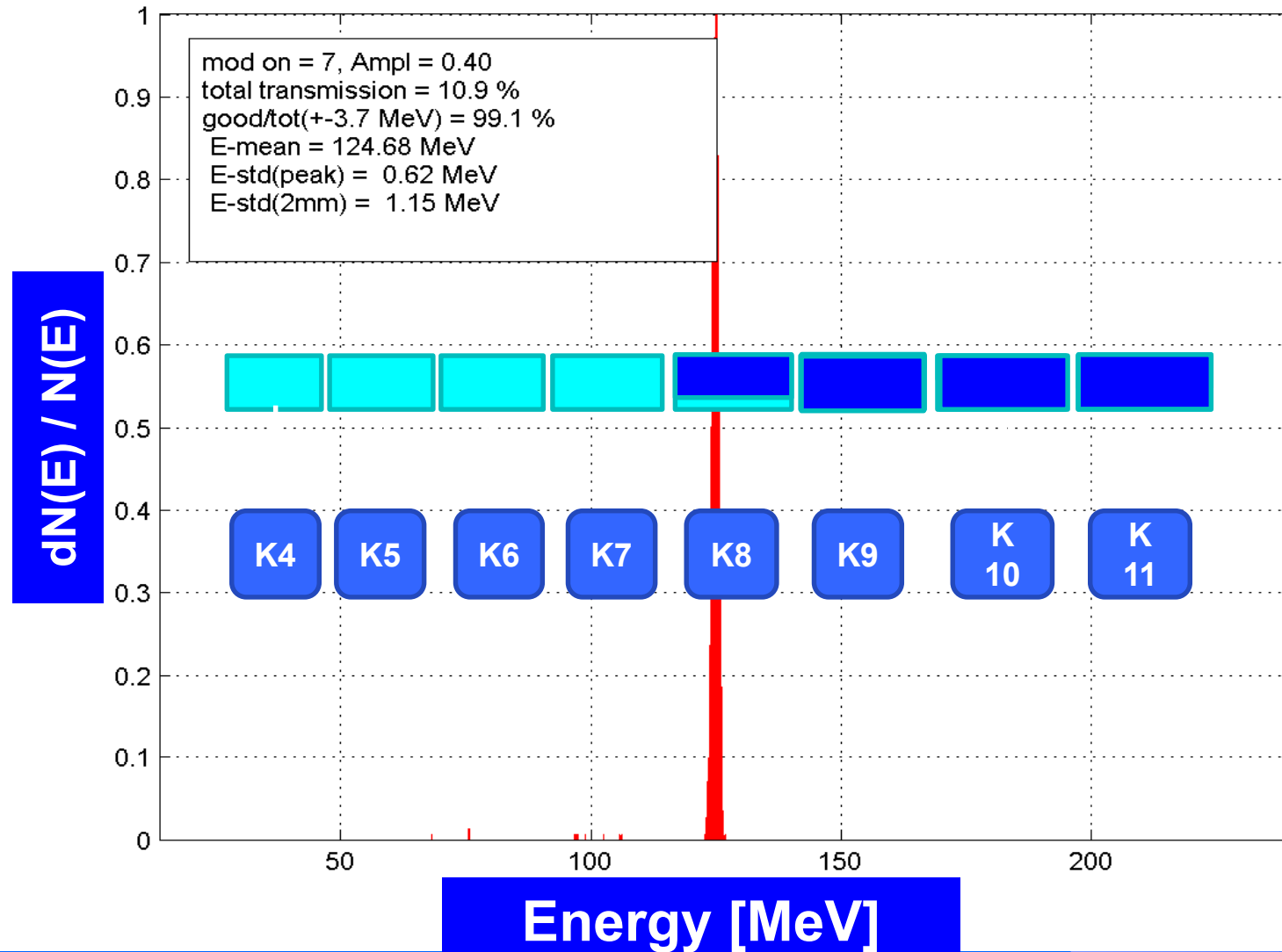
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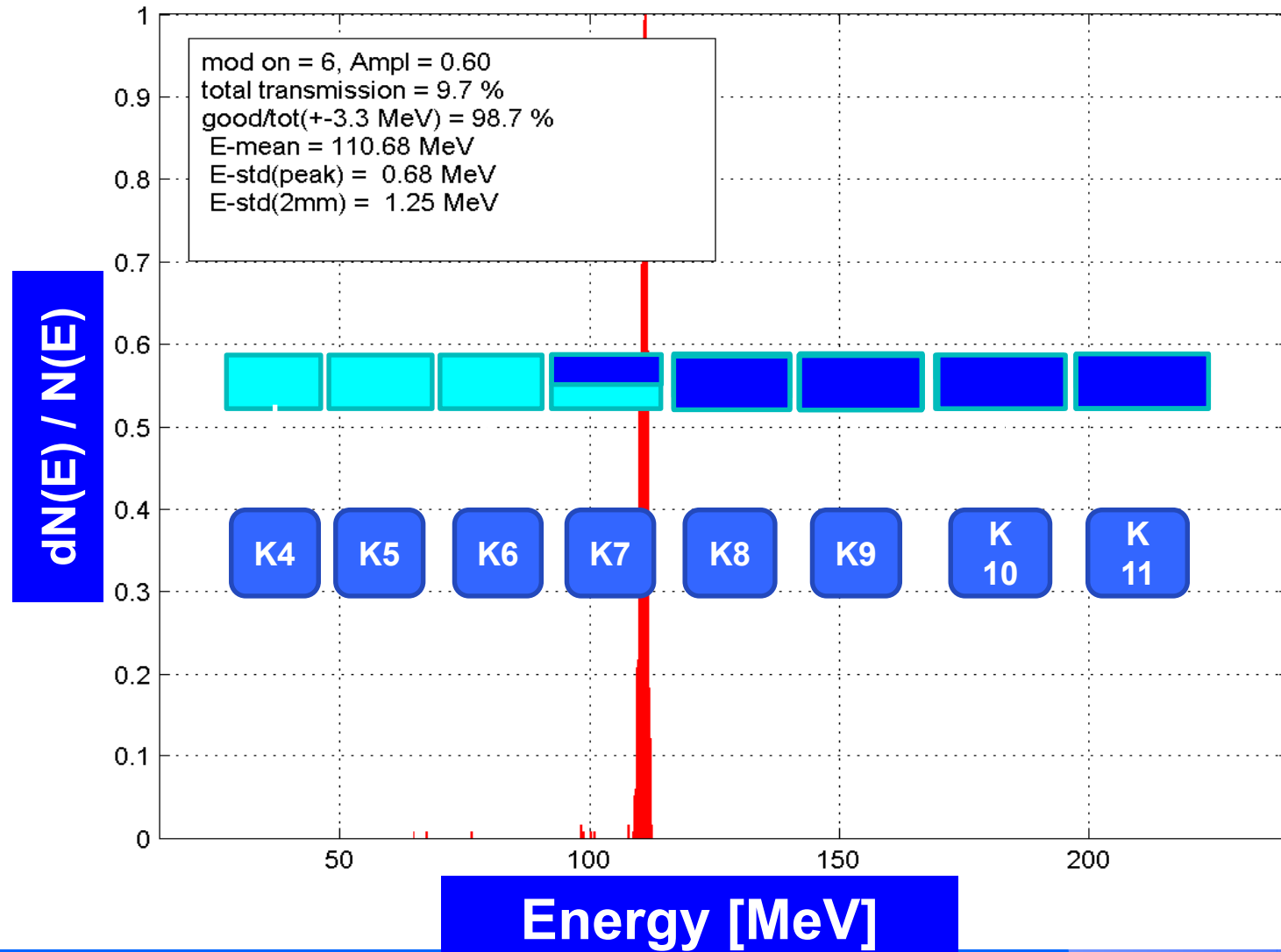
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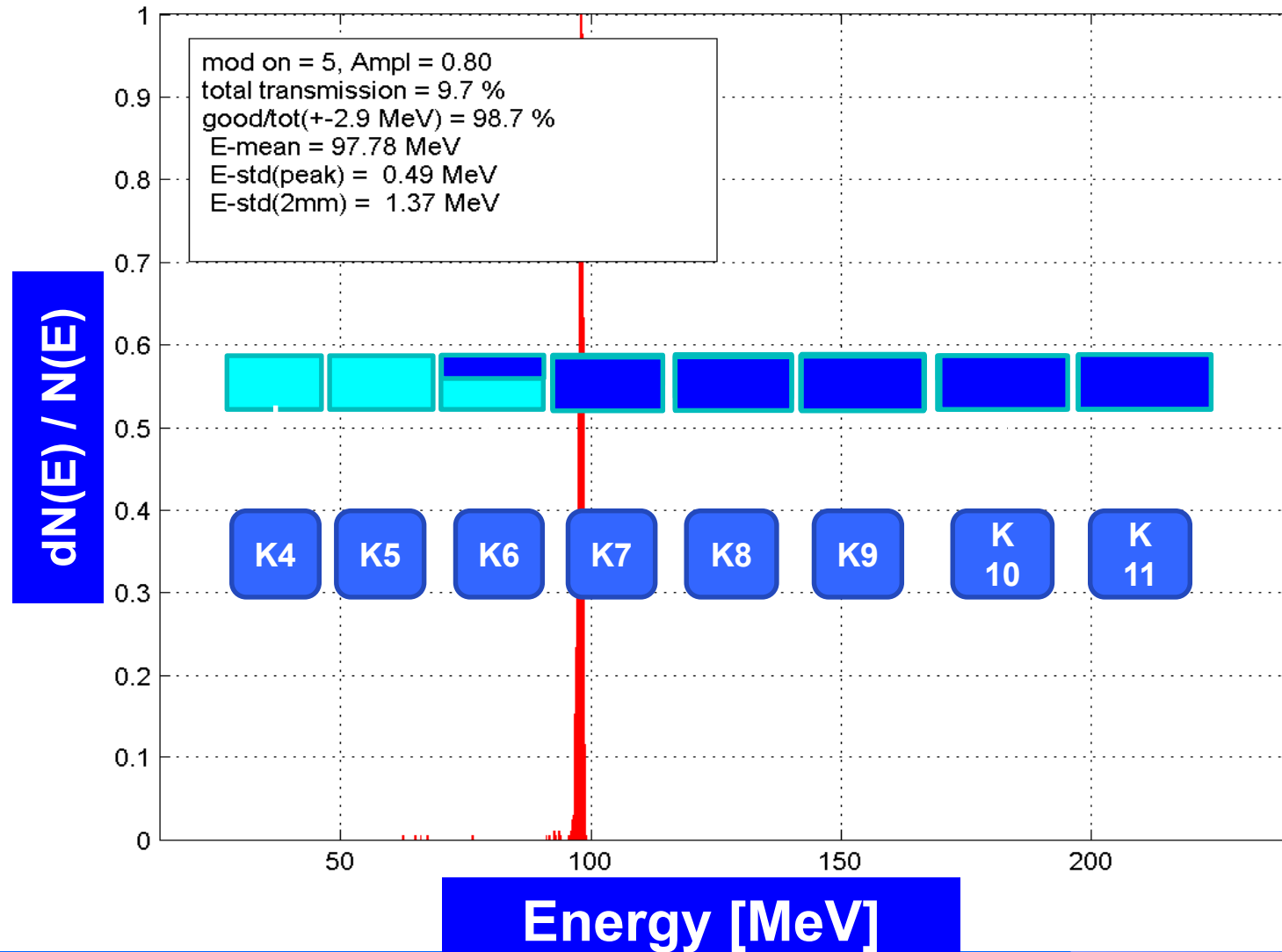
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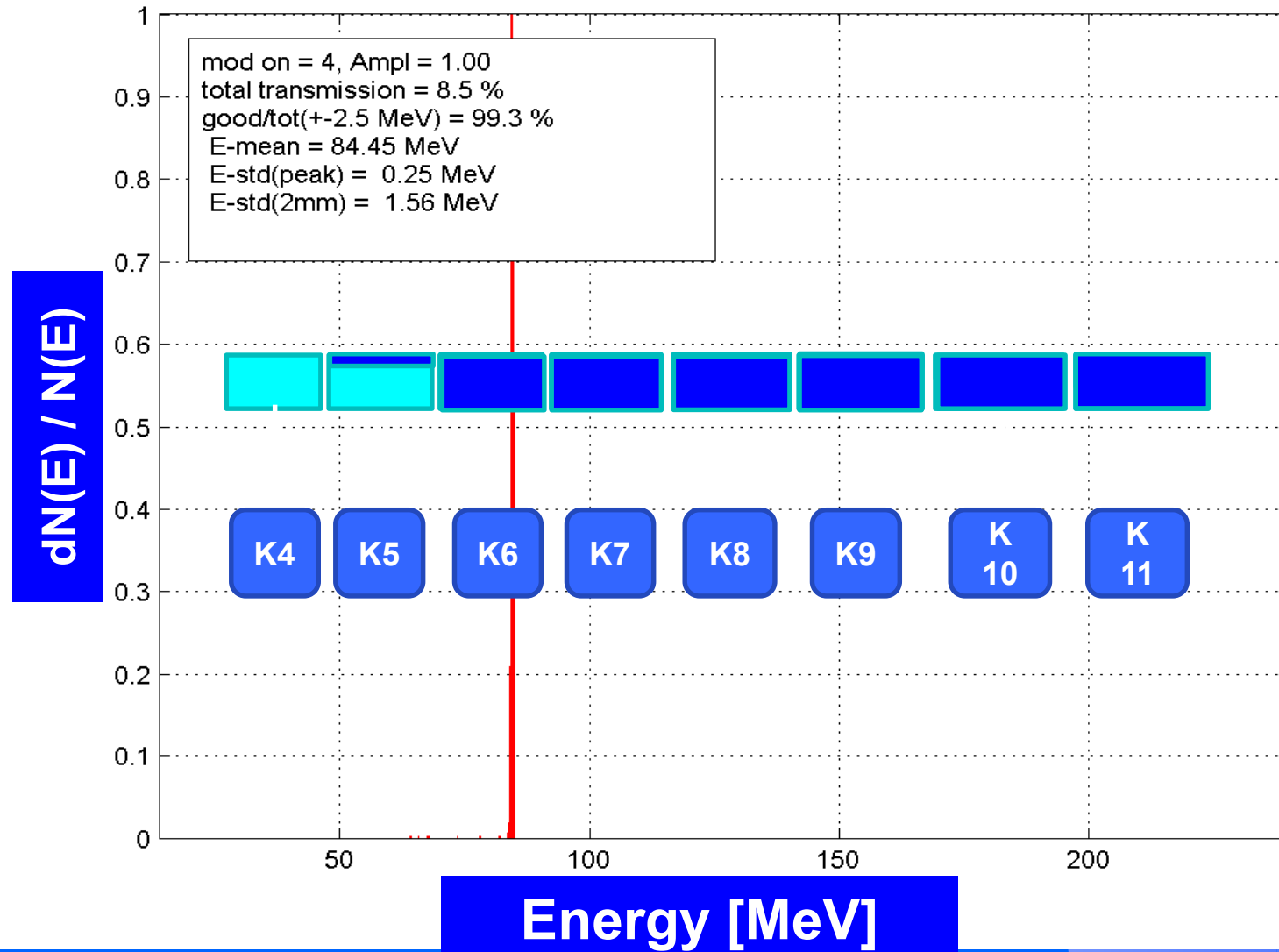
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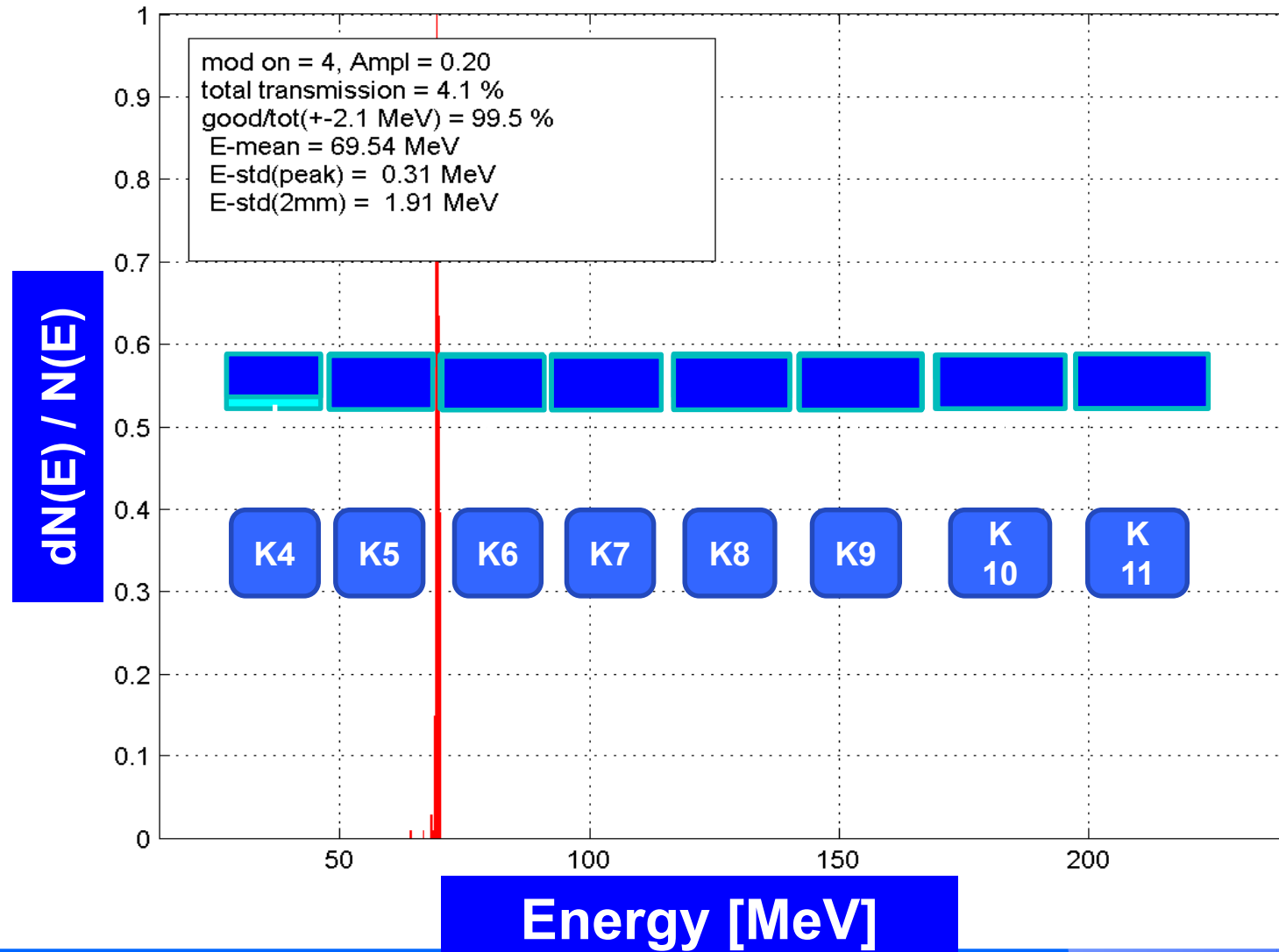
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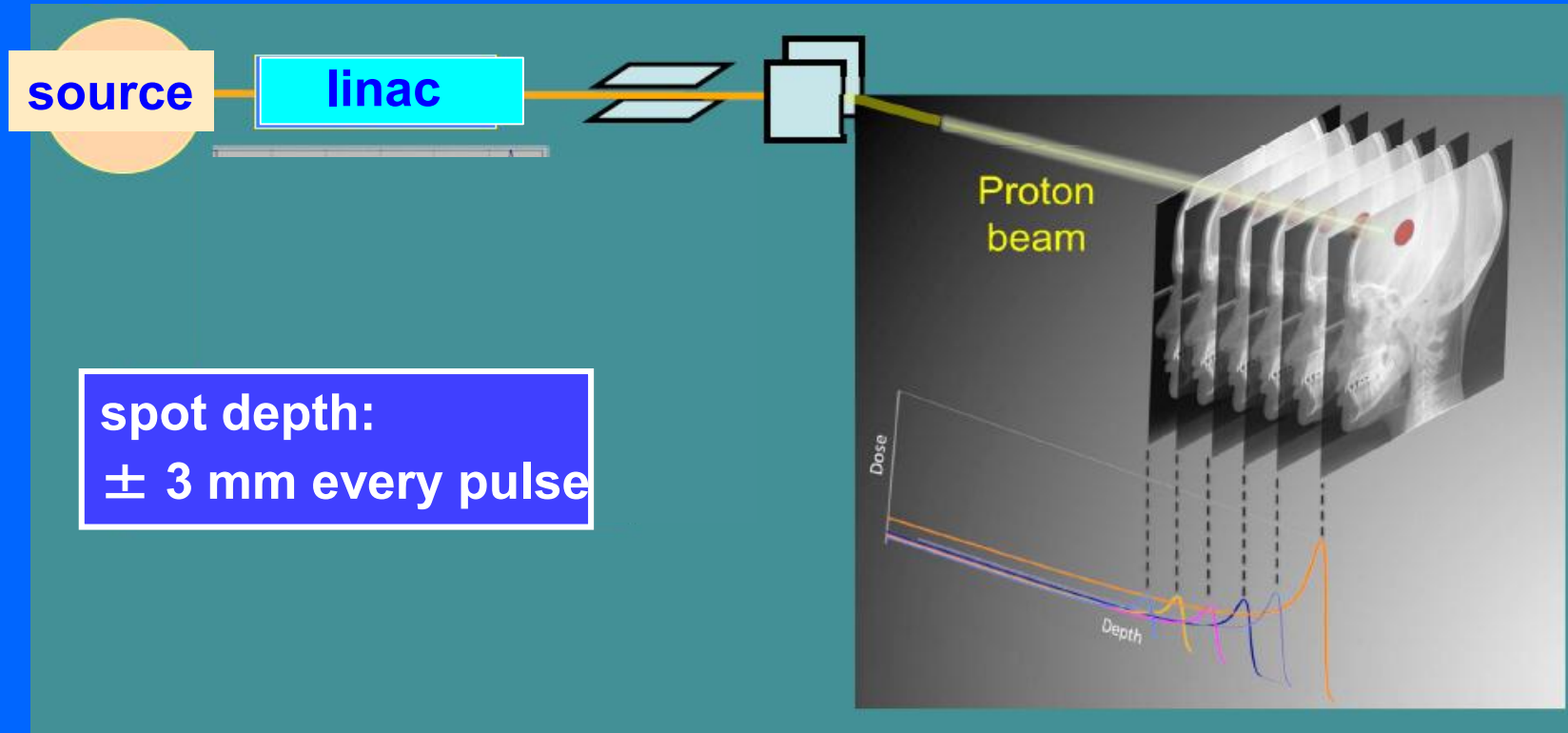


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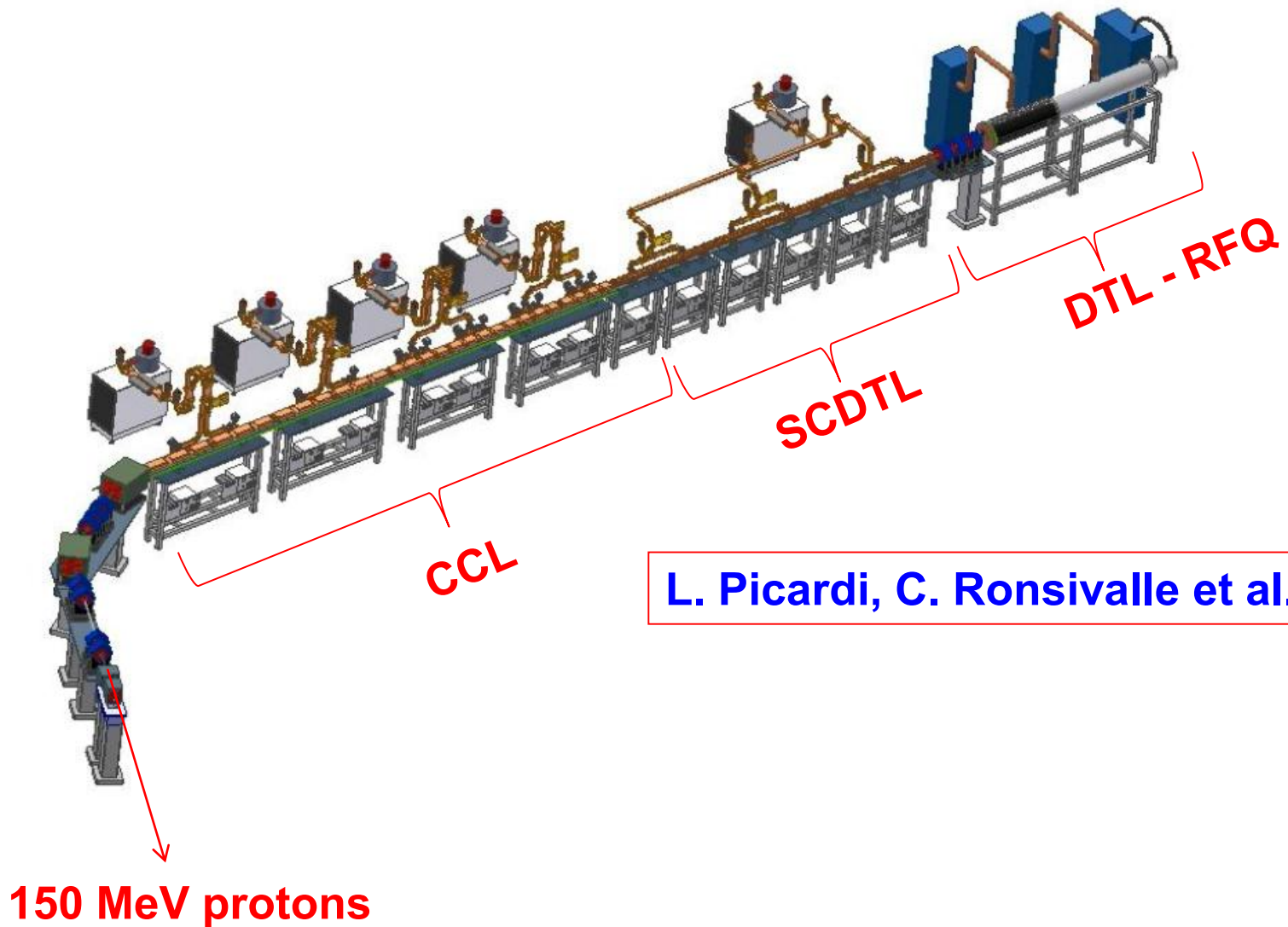
The dose deposition depth can be adjusted every 3 ms

The linac pulses 200-300 times per second



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

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

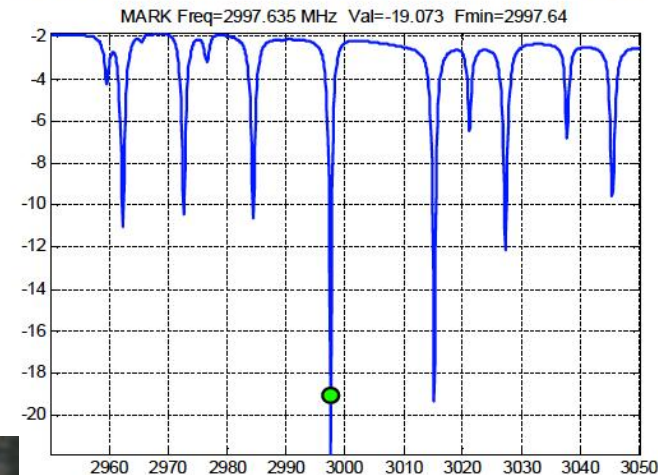


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**SCDTL module 1(11.6 MeV): operating;
module 2 and 3 (27 MeV): ready for end of the year**

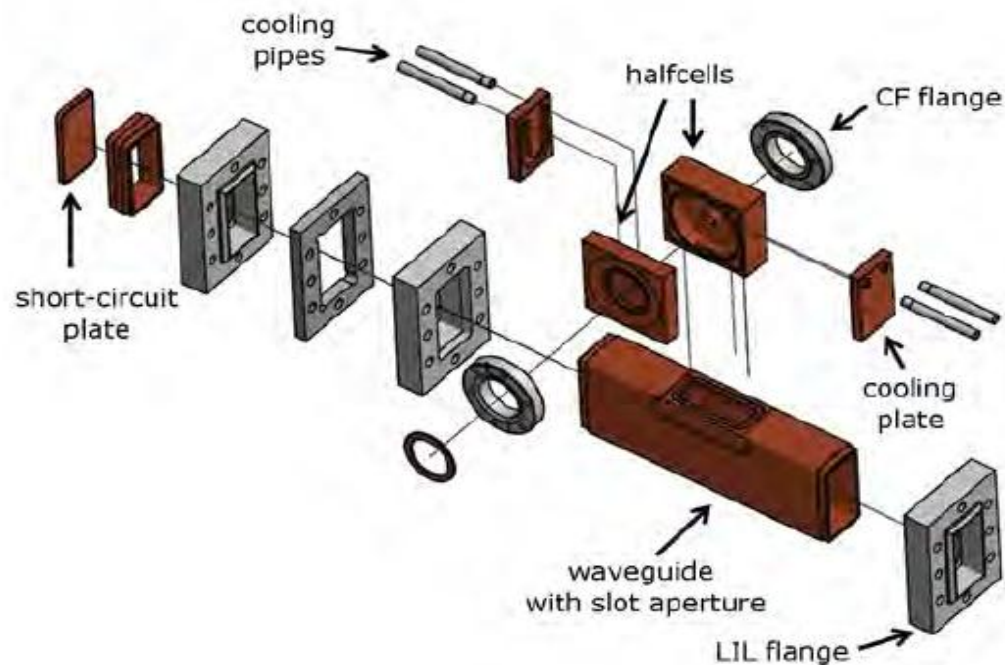


**Module 1 at CECOM (Guidonia, RM)
During construction and tests**

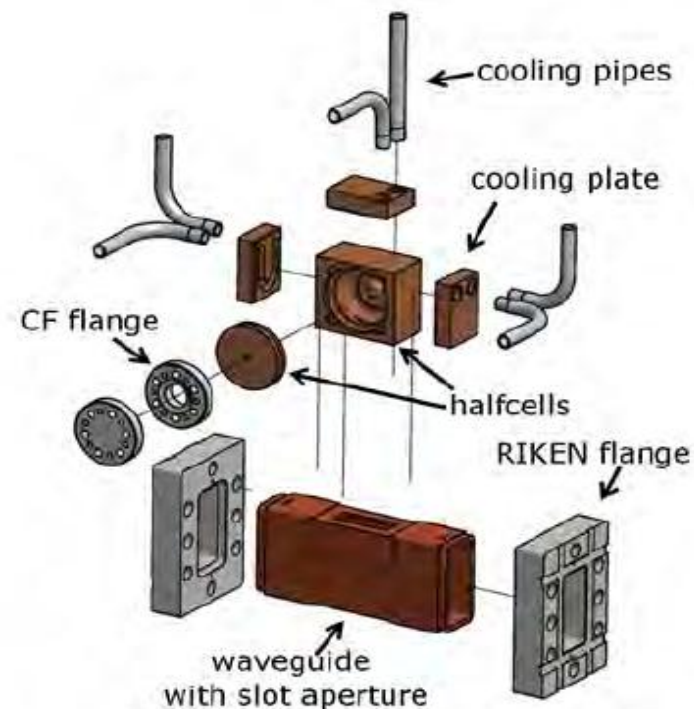


Studies for the future: high-gradient hadron structures

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

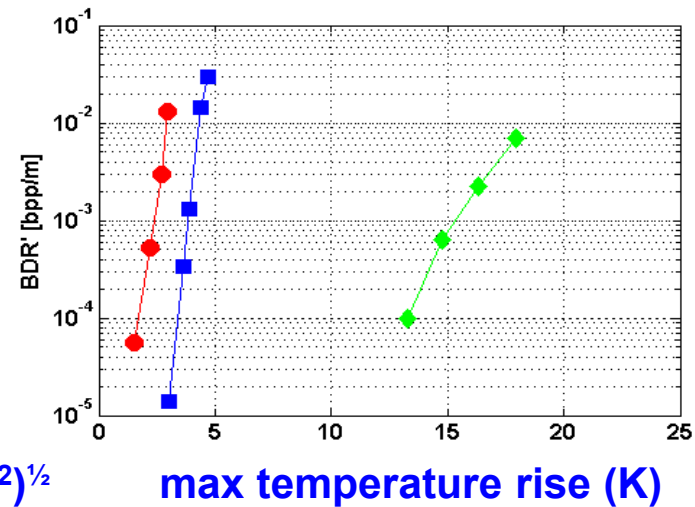
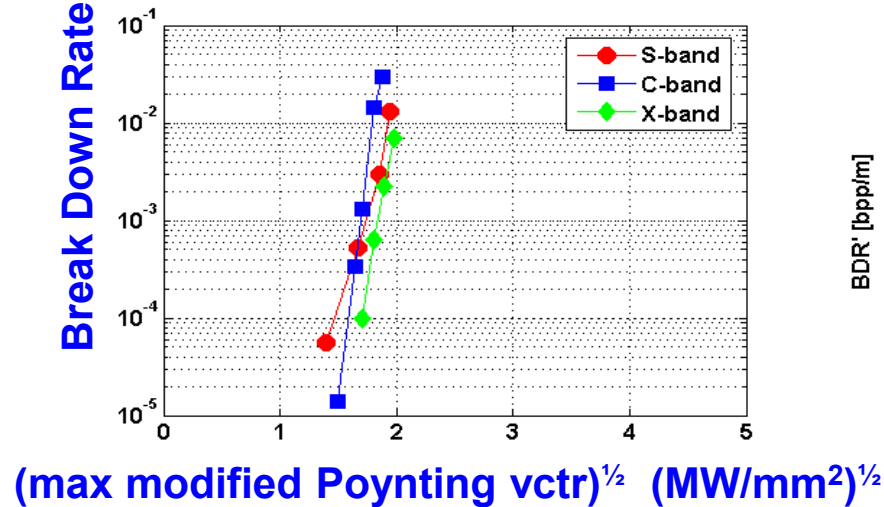
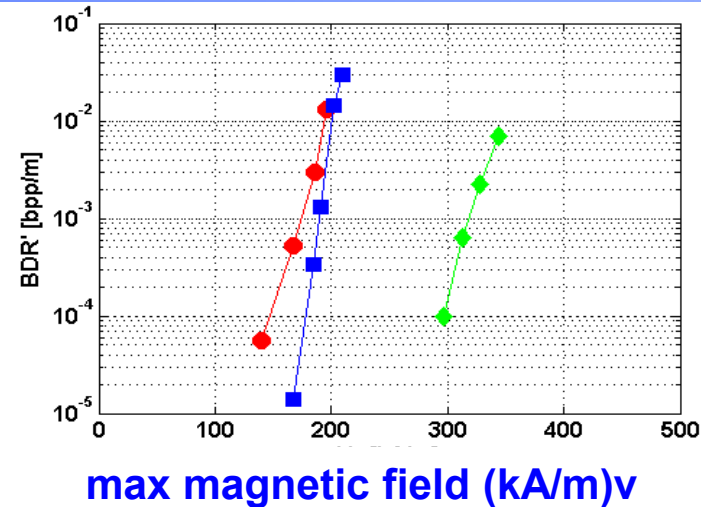
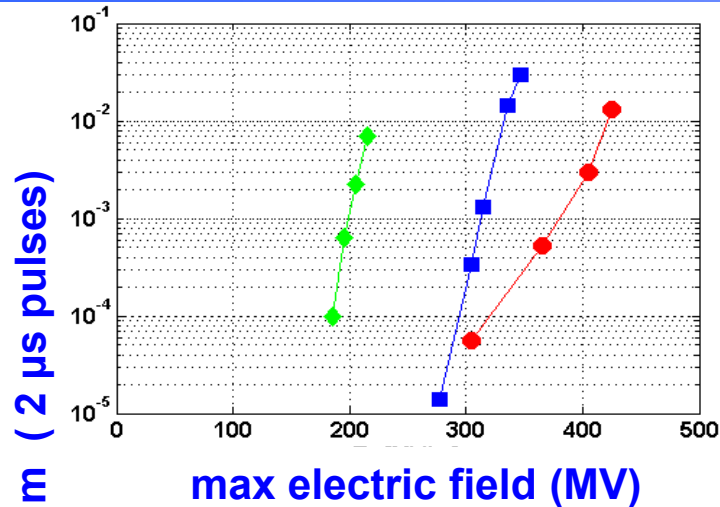


(a) S-band test cavity



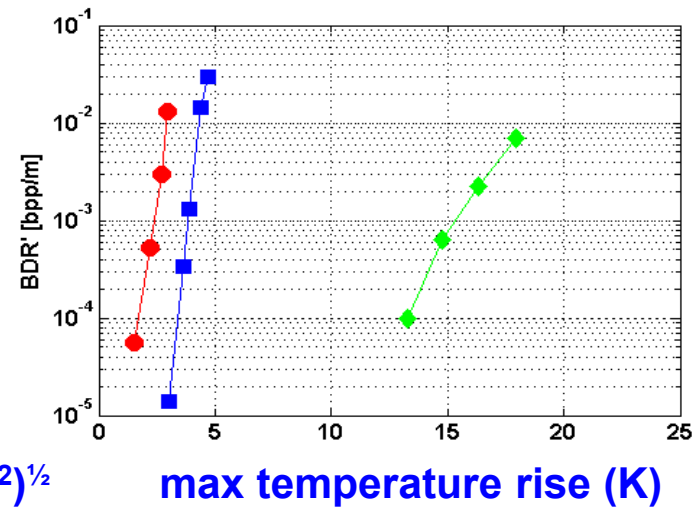
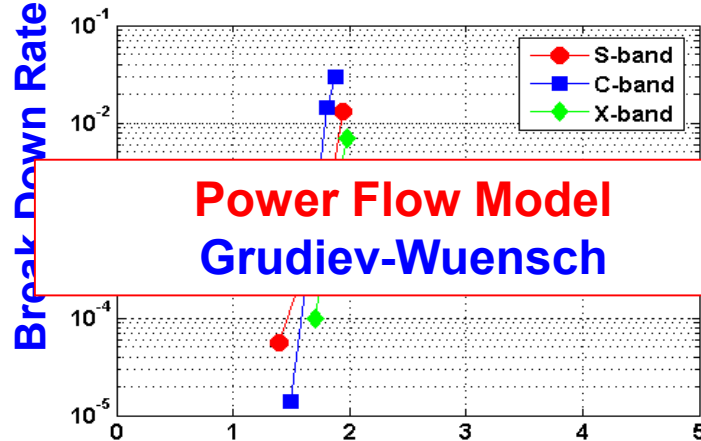
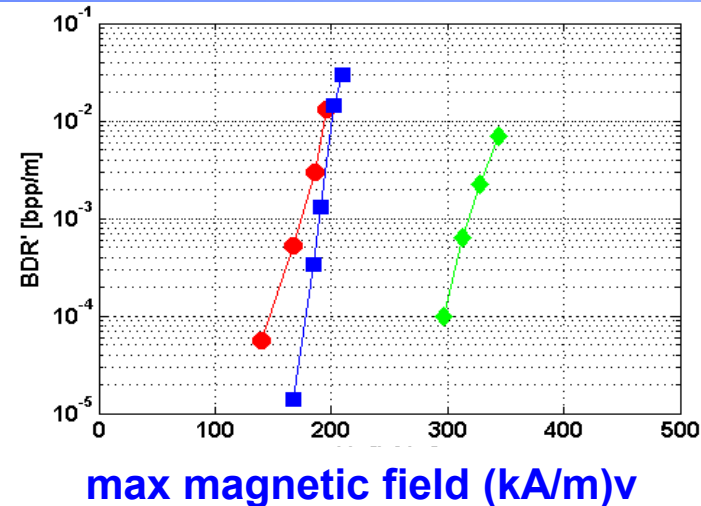
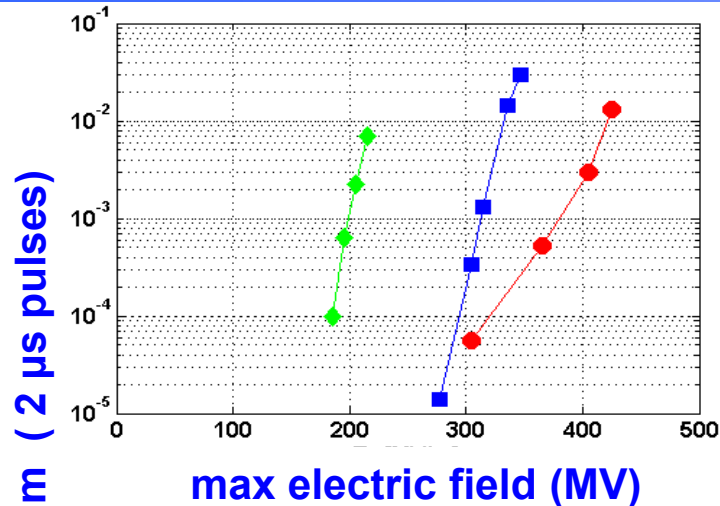
(b) C-band test cavity

Test cavities at 3 and 5.7 GHz have been built and tested by TERA



EPFL thesis by A. Degiovanni

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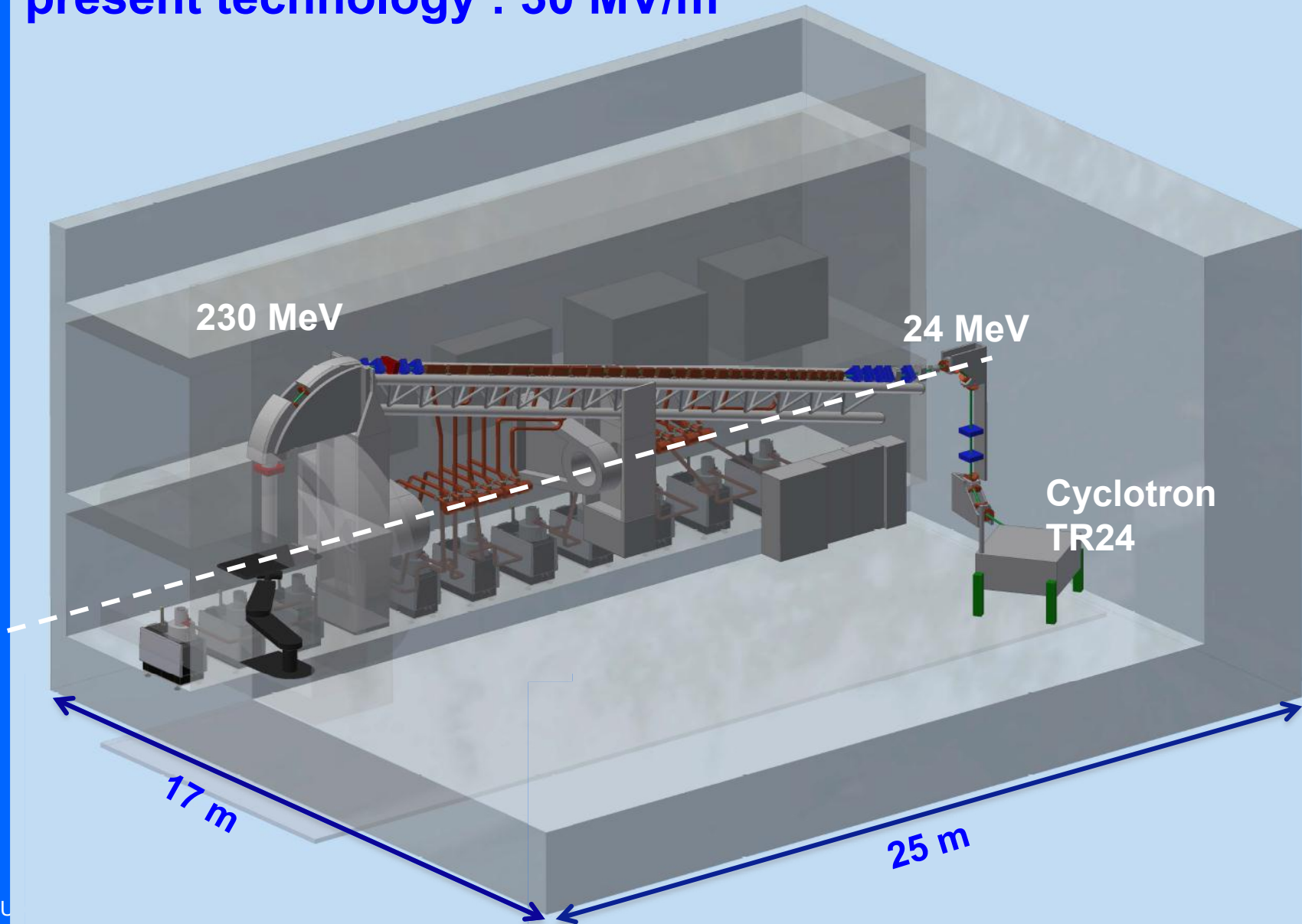


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*The future high-gradient linac: TULIP
TUrning LInac for P^rotontherapy*

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

present technology : 30 MV/m



New high-gradient “backward” TW structure

‘NEW’ bwTW

50 MV/m

BDR = 10^{-6} m^{-1}

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

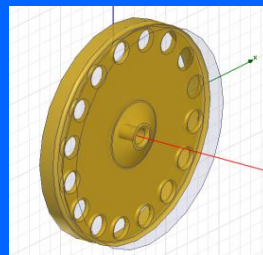
**PROPOSED by
A.GRUDIEV /CLIC**

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

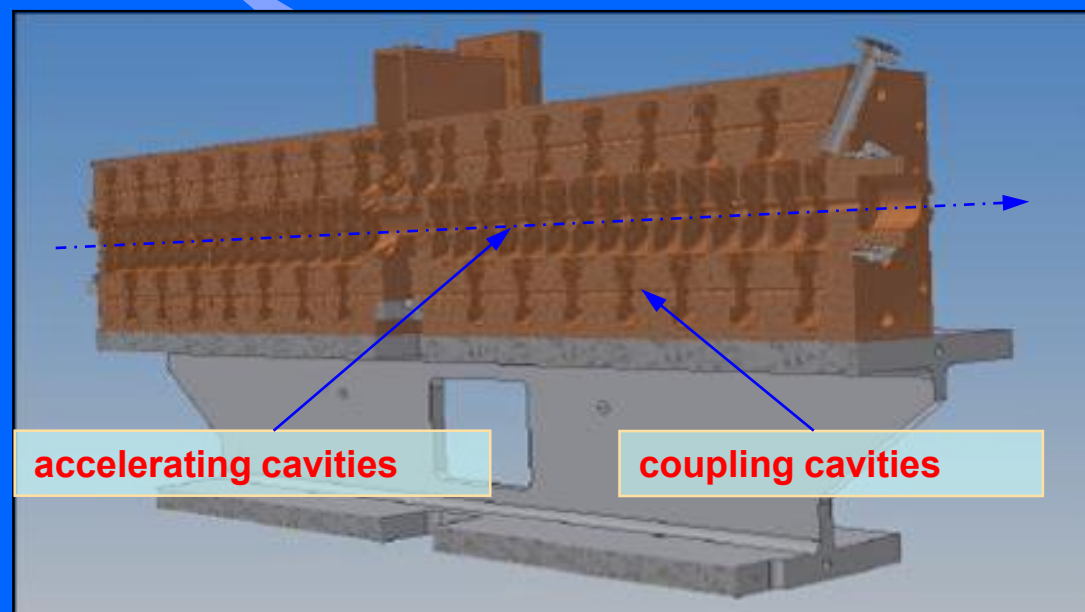
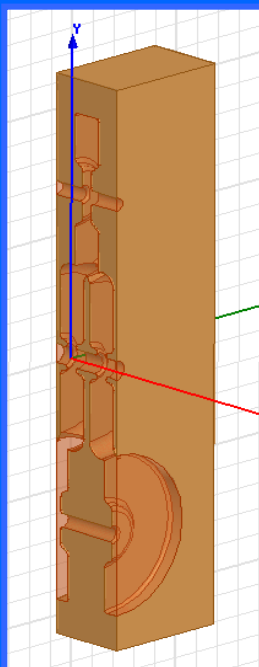
‘OLD’ SW CCL

30 MV/m

BDR = 10^{-6} m^{-1}



**With recirculation:
I. SYRATCHEV**

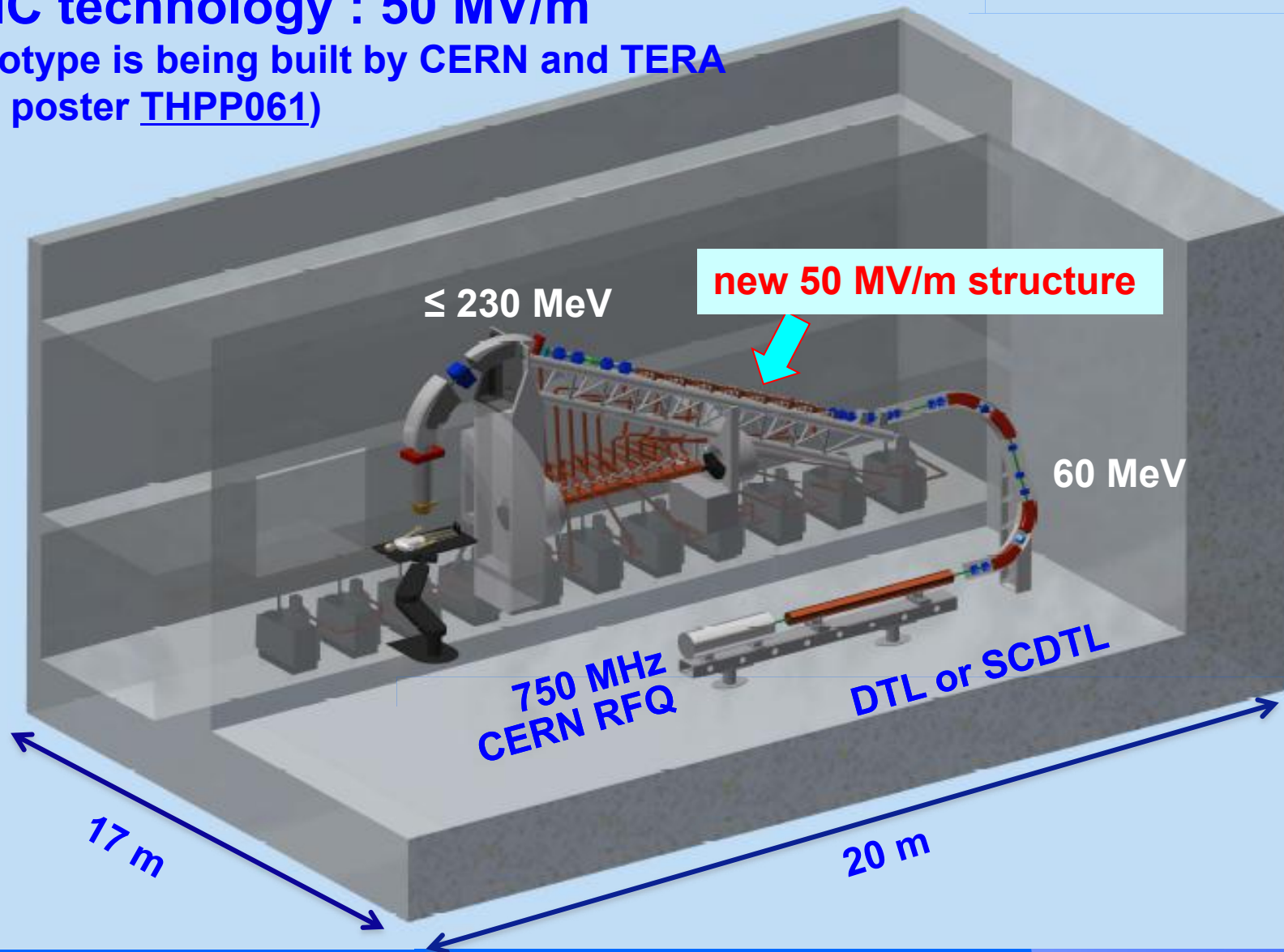


accelerating cavities

coupling cavities

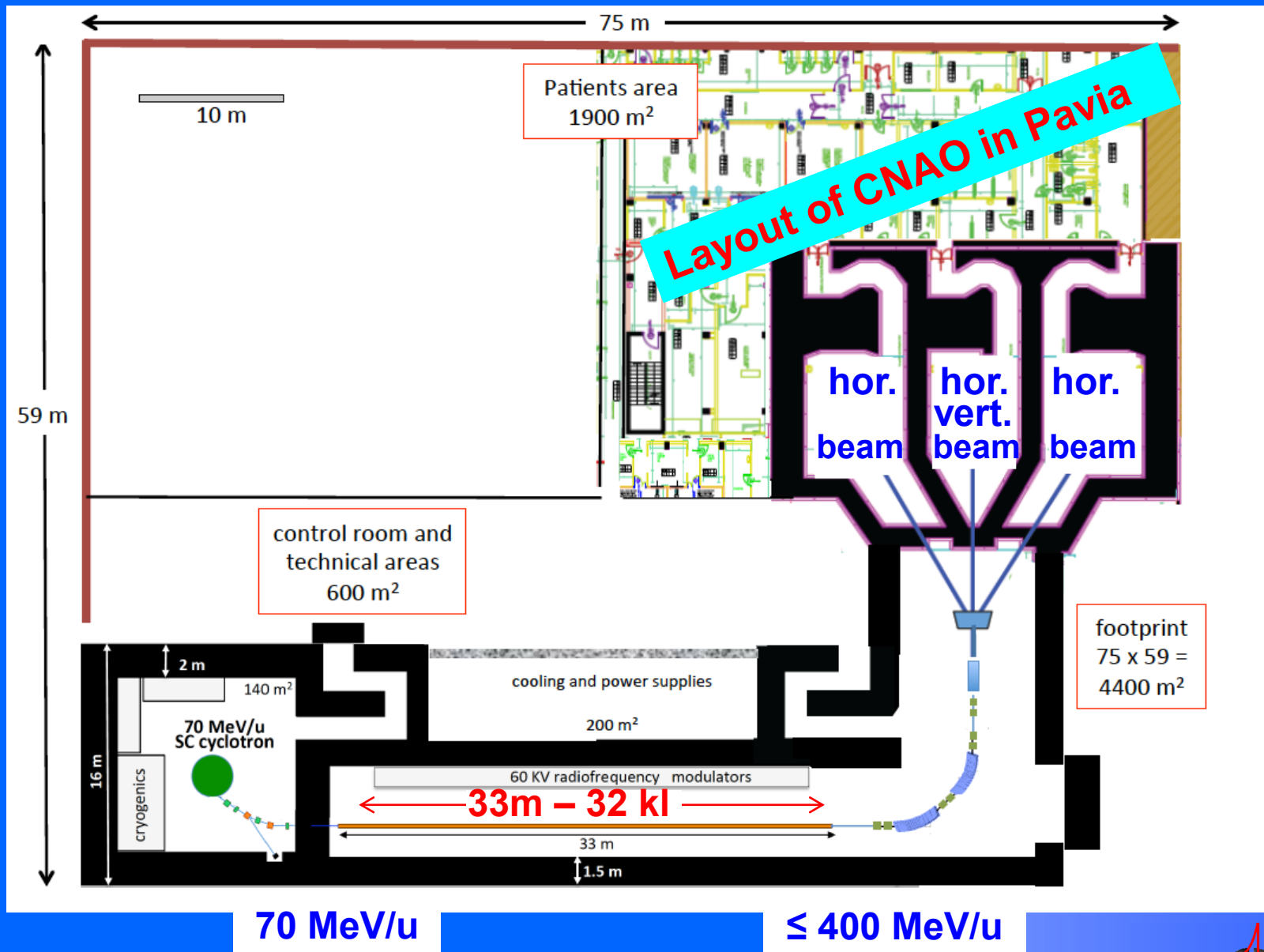
CLIC technology : 50 MV/m

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

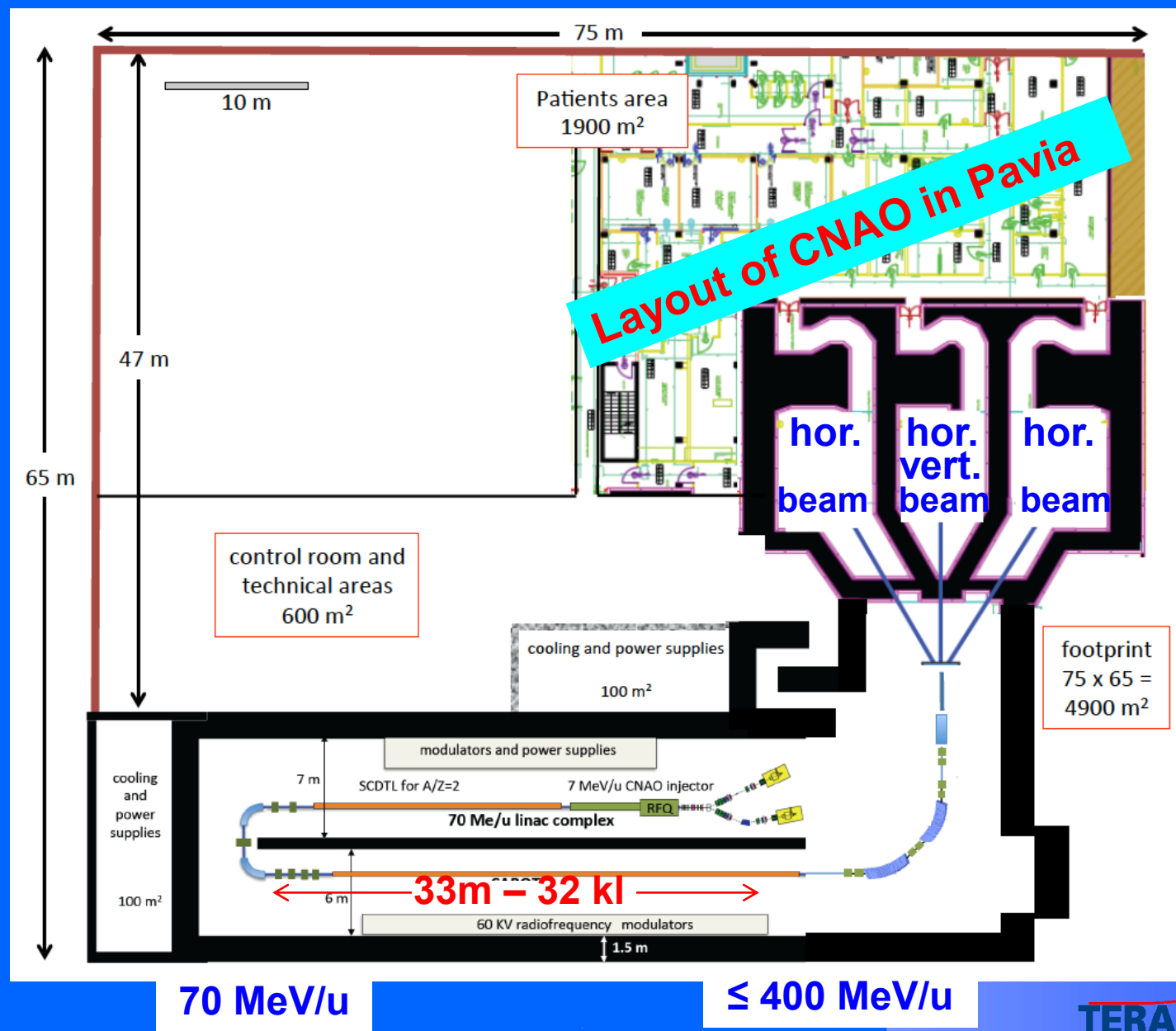


*The future high-efficiency linac: CABOTO
CArbon BOoster for Therapy in Oncology*

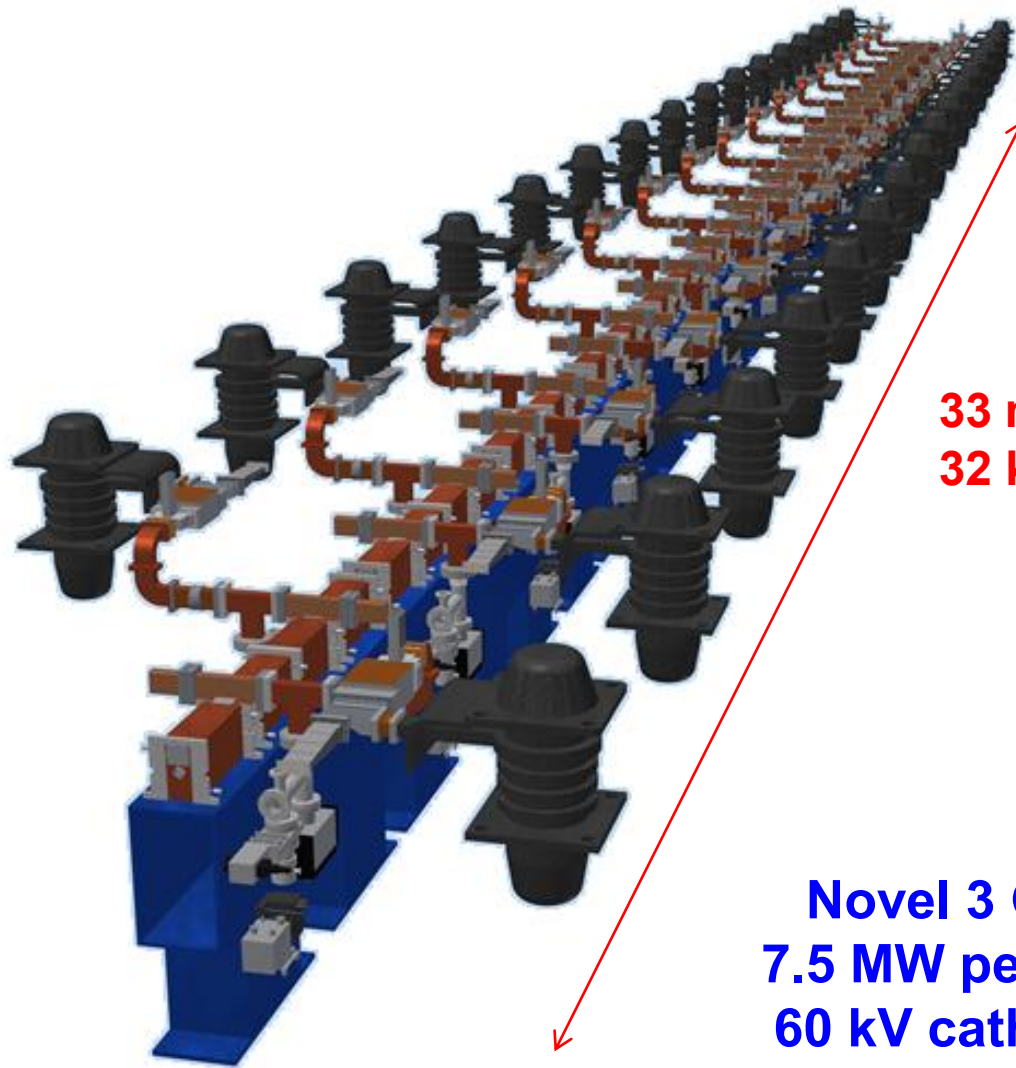
The cyclinac CABOTO runs at 300 Hz



The all-linac CABOTO runs at 300 Hz



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



**33 meters
32 klystrons**

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

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION !