



Activities of GFN-UCM and associates pertaining to task 1

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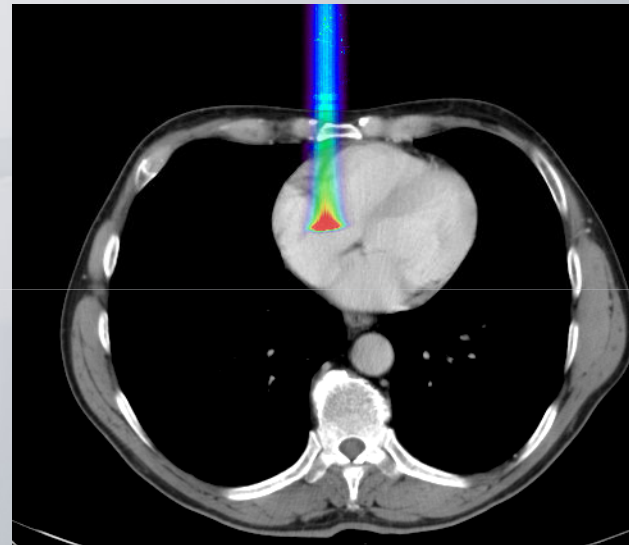
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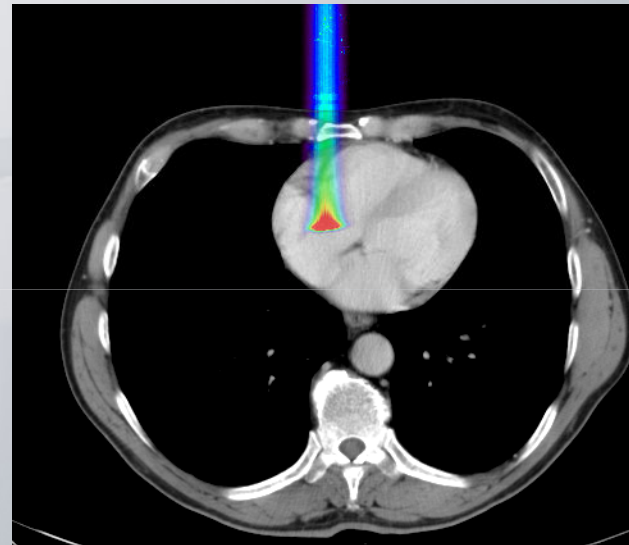
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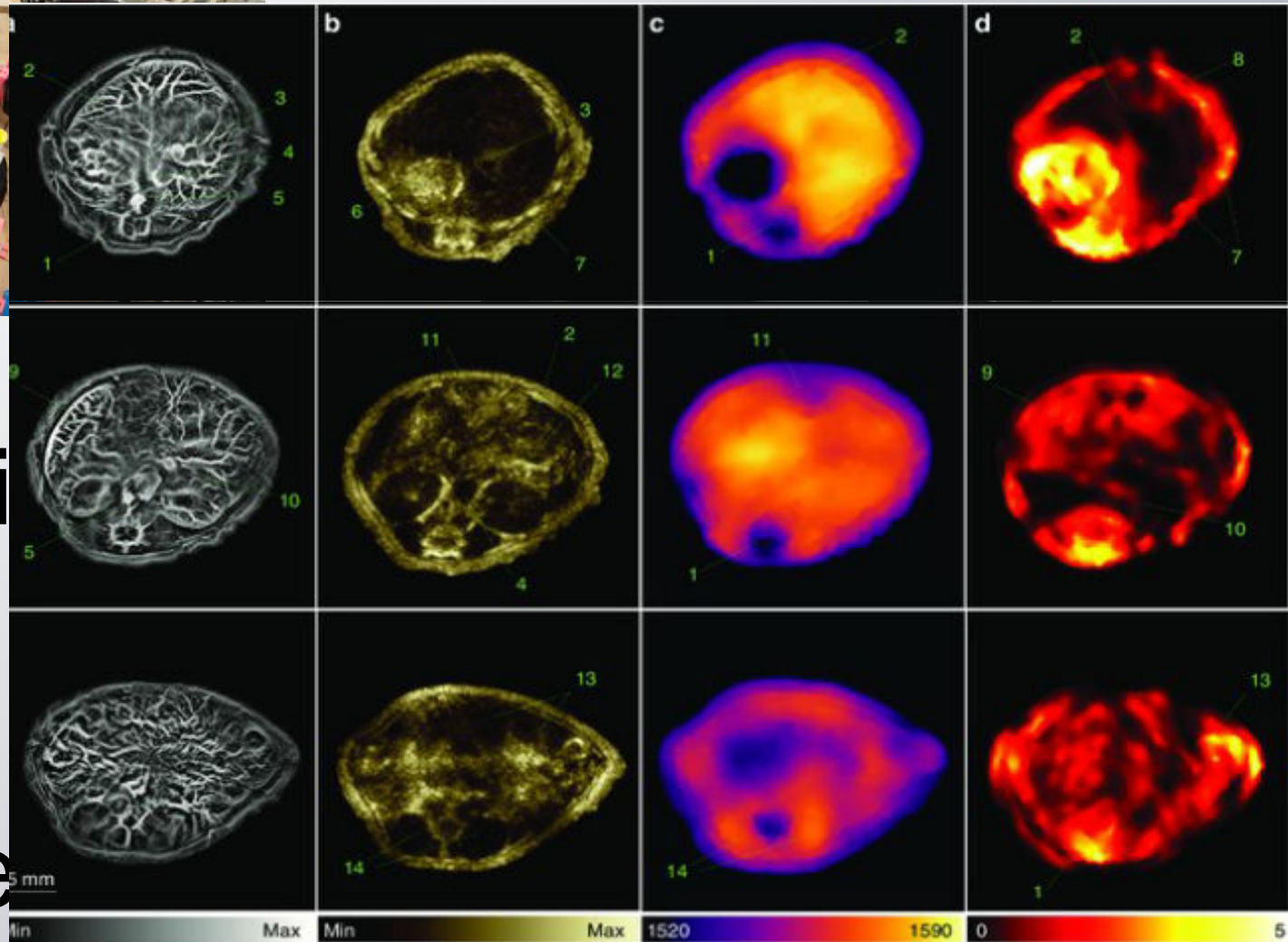
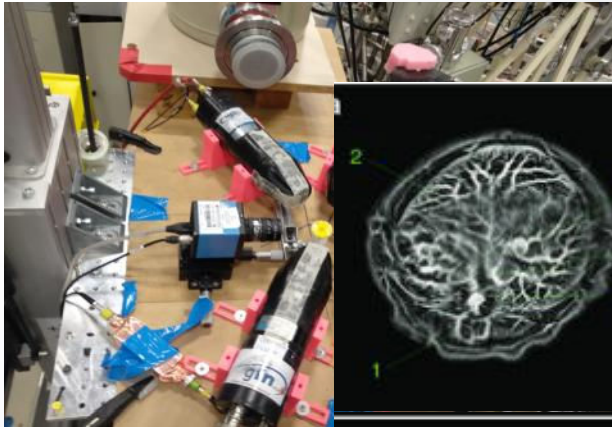
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-MC Simulations

-Image Reconstruction

-Experimental Nuclear Physics



-MC Si

-Image

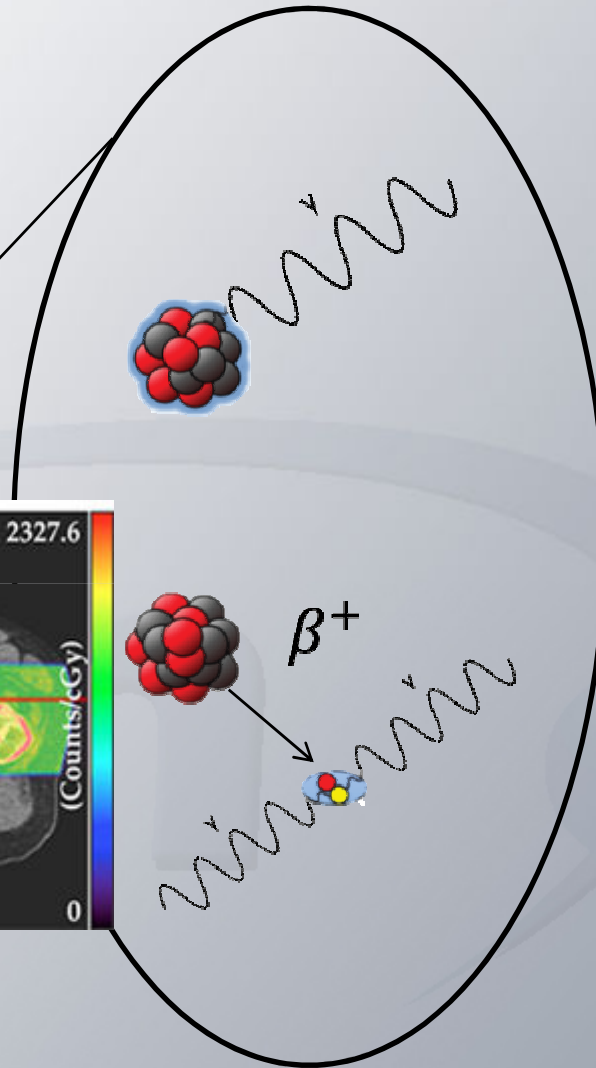
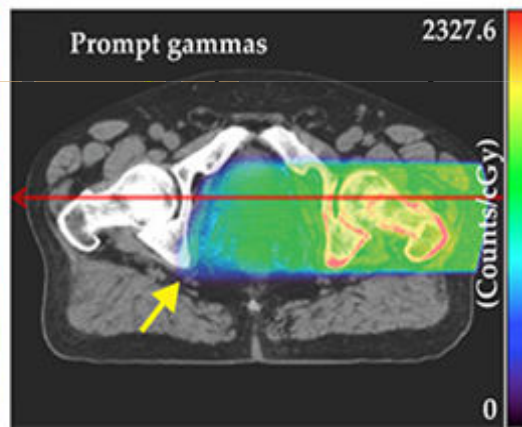
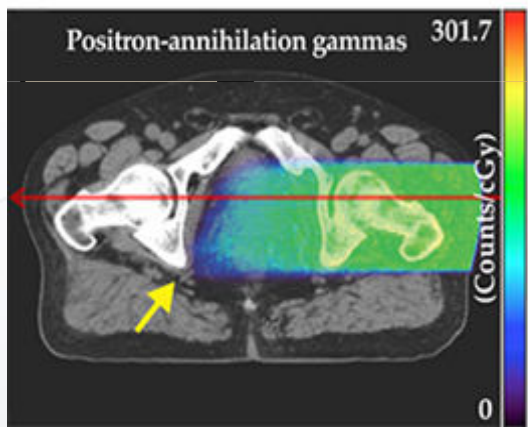
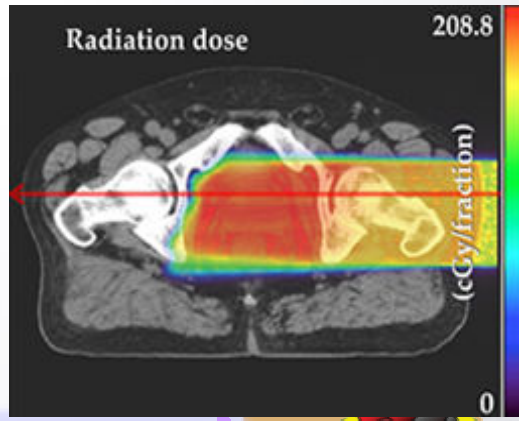
PRONTO

- Partners
 - GFN-UCM (coordinator): Luis Mario Fraile, S. España, D Sánchez-Parcerisa, JM Udías, J.L. Herraiz (...)
 - BIOMED-CIEMAT: M.A. Morcillo, E. Romero, N. Magro (**RBE**)
 - FNEXP-IEM-CSIC: E. Nácher (IFIC Valencia), M.J.G. Borge, O. Tengblad (**proton radiography, proton CT**)
- Associates
 - Sedecal Molecular Imaging
 - CUN: clinical beam (+patients), Quirón interested in joining
 - Justesa Imagen: radiopharmaceuticals
 - CMAM: low energy beams
- Funded for 4 years, we are now mid-project



- Biophysics **simulation package** including PET and prompt-gamma activation
- Exploration of **contrast agents** for PET and PG
- Development of **new detectors** for these imaging modalities
- Collaboration with clinical partners to eventually include results in **clinical protocols**

Range verification



Prompt- γ
(ns)

PET

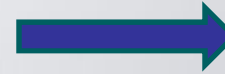
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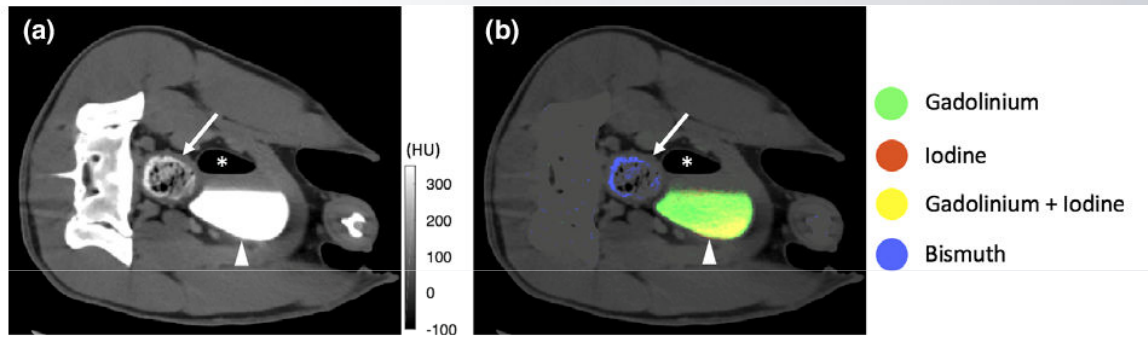
Contrast agents



Enhanced image in the medical field

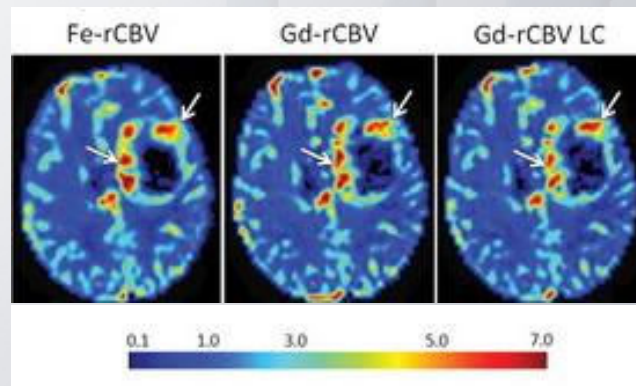


**CONTRAST
AGENTS**



CT

Symons, R. et al., *Med.Phys.*, 44(10), 5120-5127.



MRI

Gahramanov, S. et. al., *Radiology*, 266(3), 842-852.

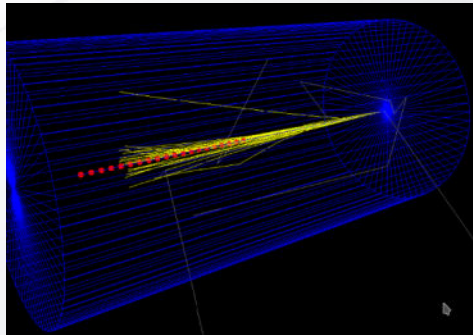
Simulation Diagram

TOPAS

10^{10} H⁺ (150 MeV)



5 Gy
TOPAS ACTIVATION
IMAGE



PeneloPET

Activation images

18F

15O

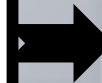
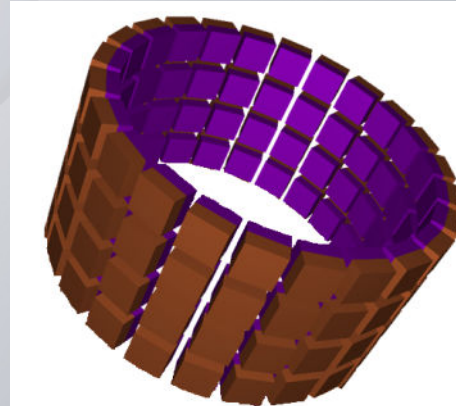
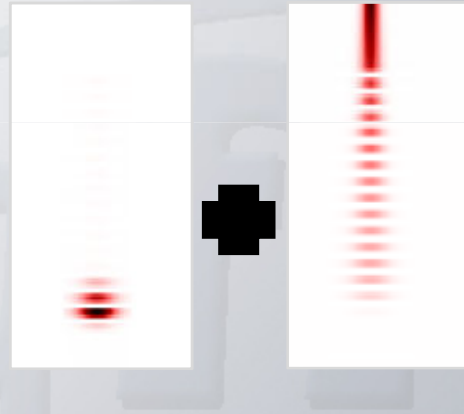
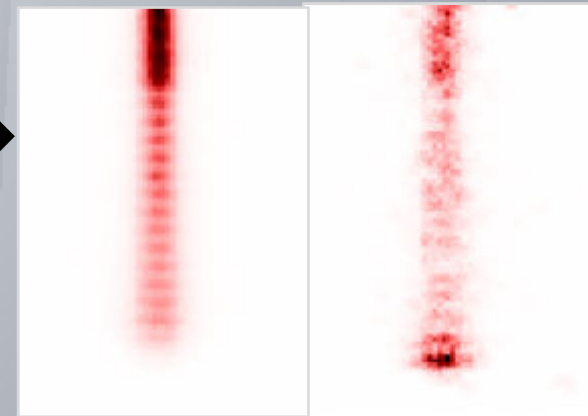


Image reconstruction software

0-5 min

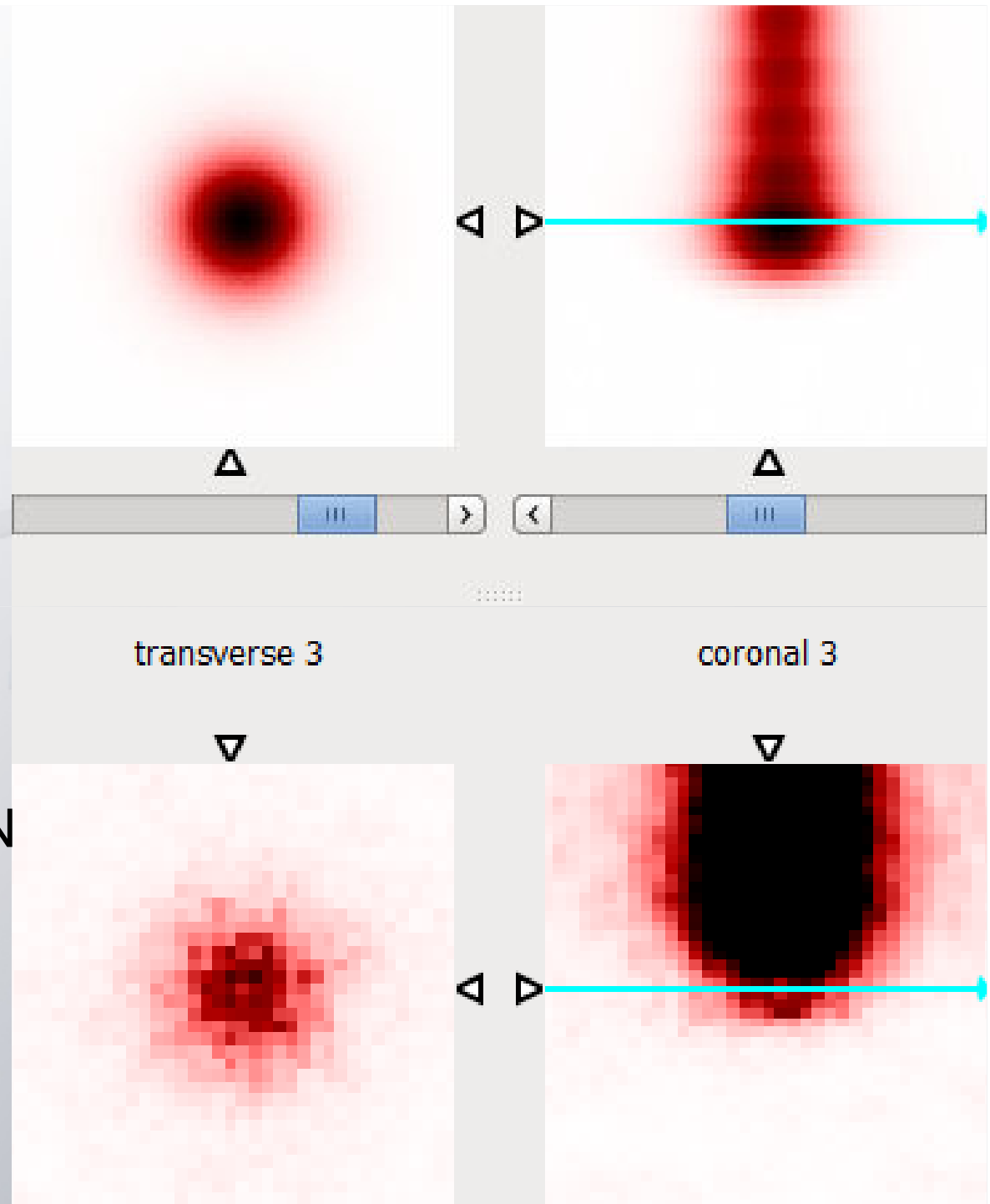
15-20 min



DOSE

3D-reconstructions allow to isolate the **distal end of the instantaneous activation**. This is the farther away in the dose that we could disentangle **instantaneous activation** if just plain water is irradiated

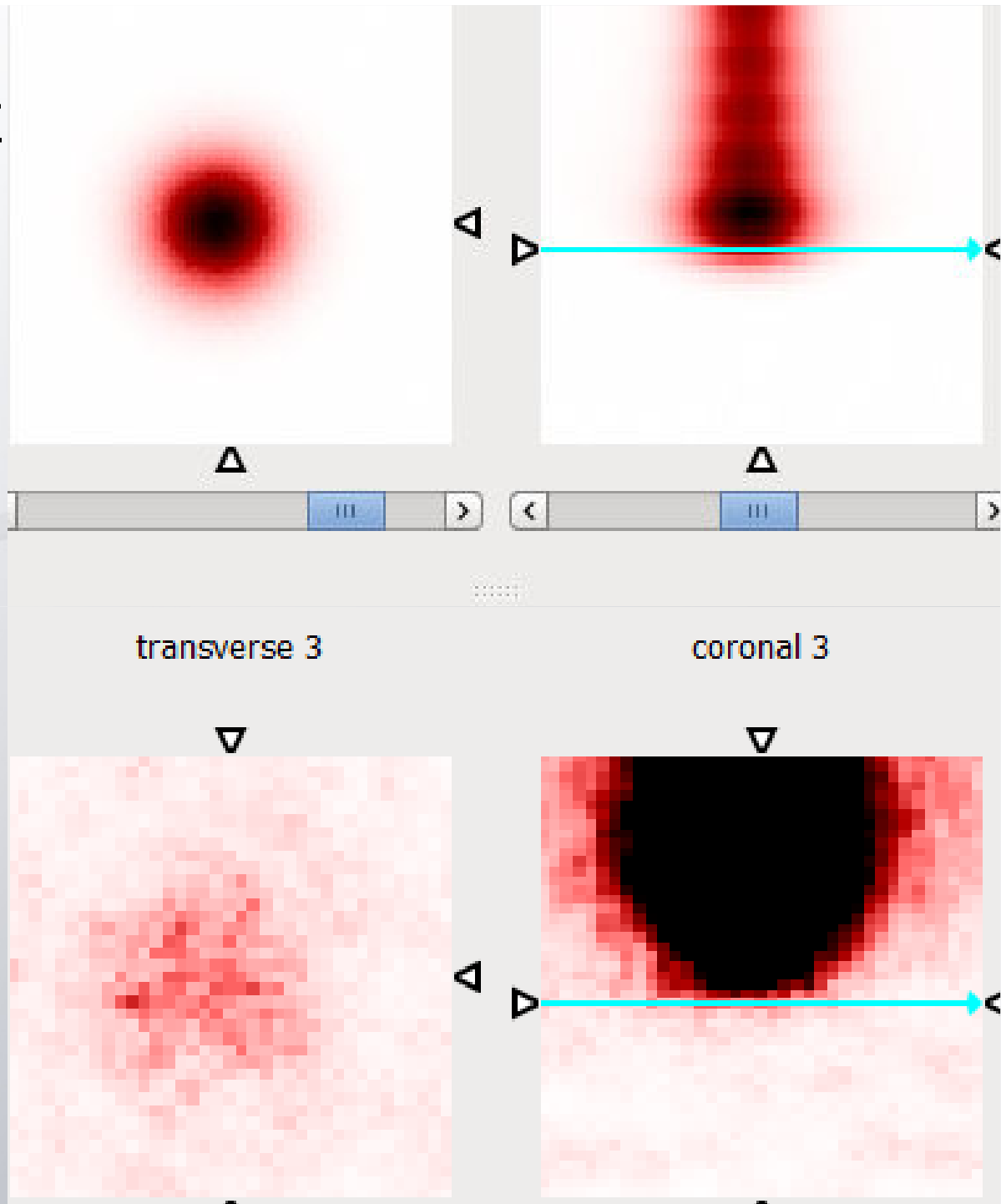
ACTIVATION



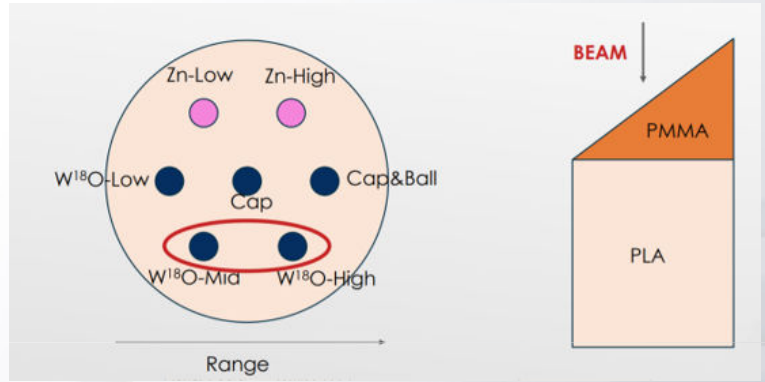
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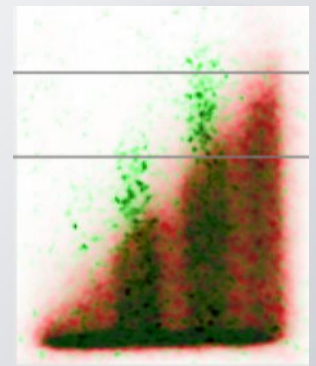
ACTIVATION



Use of contrast agents in protontherapy



Range 80 MeV
Range 40 MeV



Proton activation analysis of potential contrast agents:

Zinc, Iodine, Water-18O...

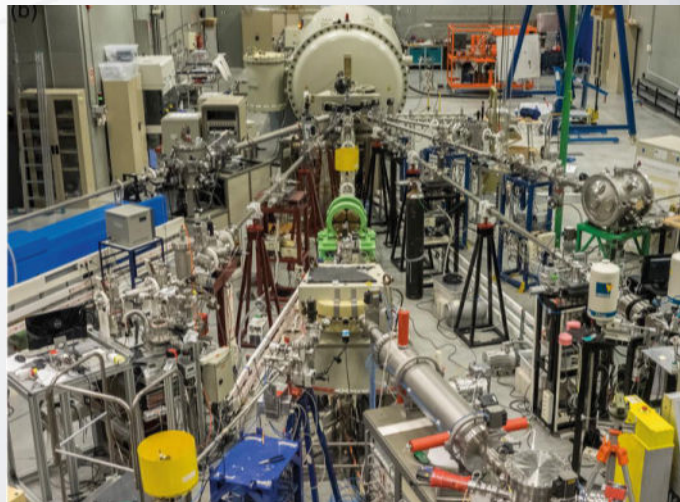
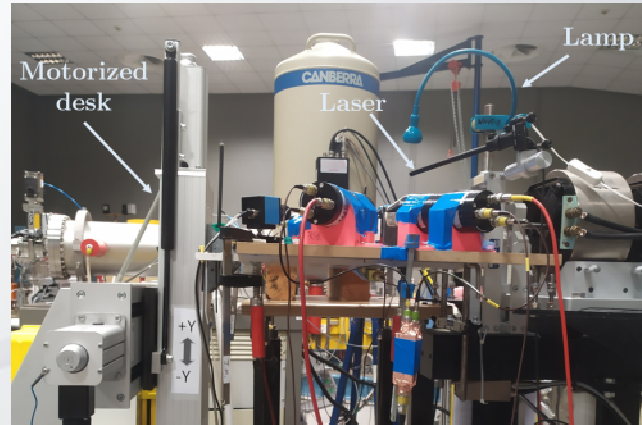
Fig. 1. Activation of an experimental phantom with Water-18 3 hours after irradiation

See poster by V. Valladolid-Onecha et al.



2-10 MeV proton beam

5 MV tandetron accelerator



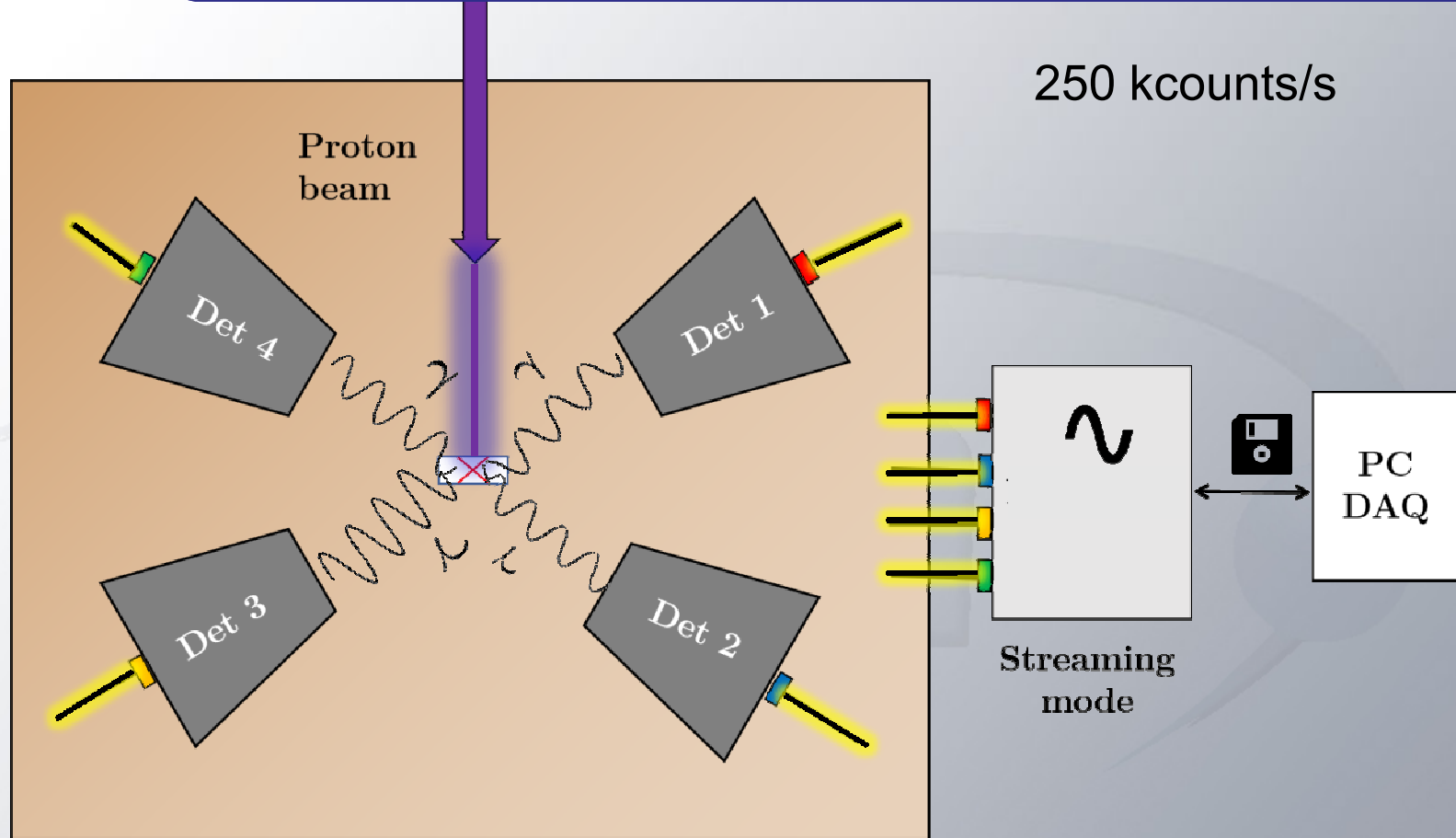
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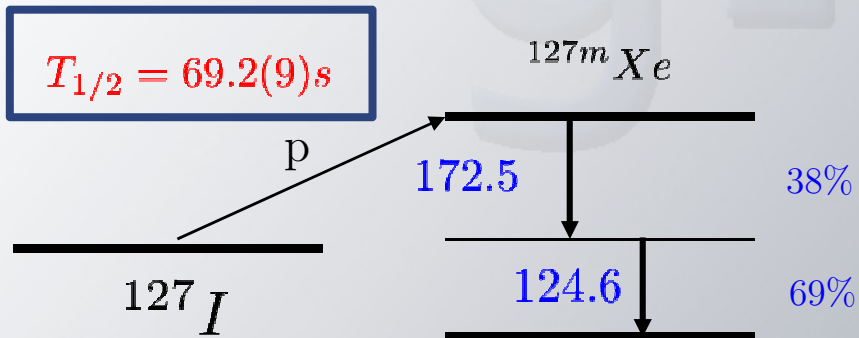
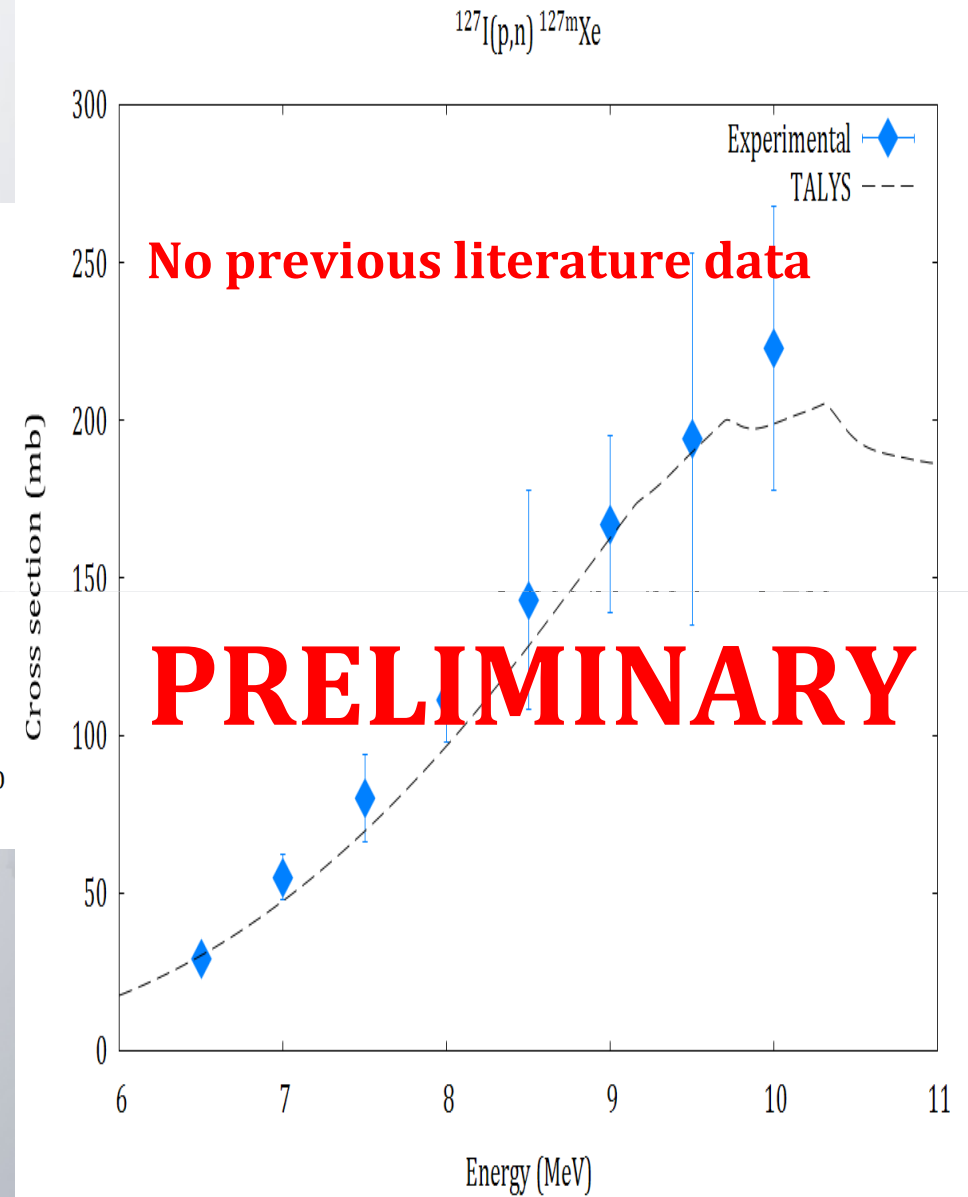
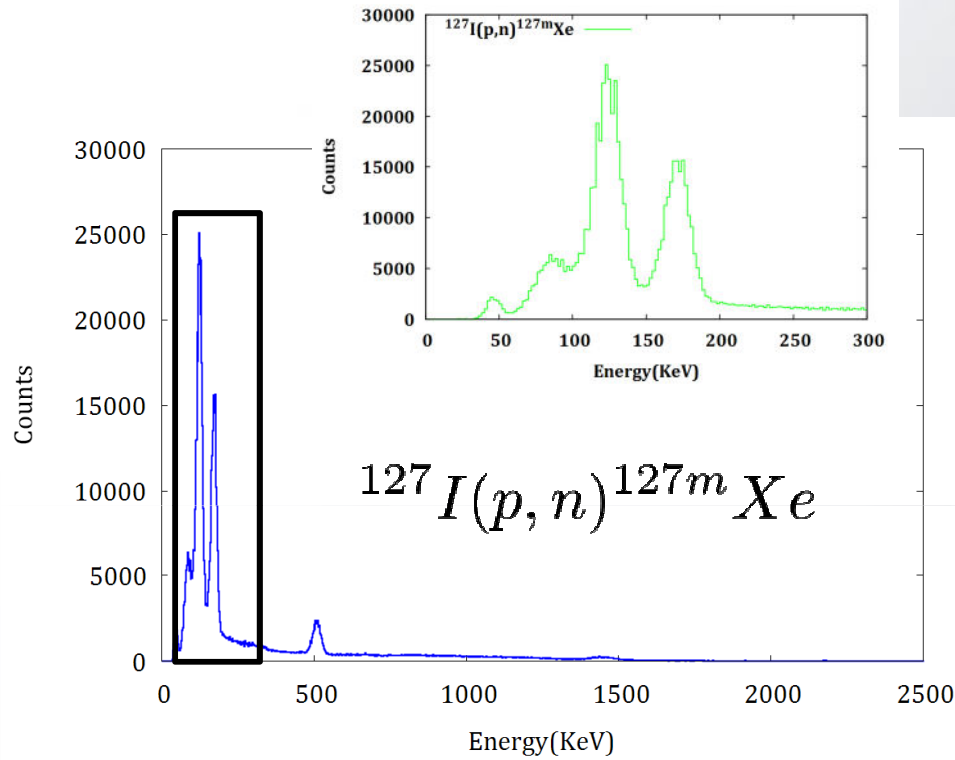


On line, fully digital 4 channel DAQ, on the fly list mode time-stamped data, limited only by detector pile-up



Sanchez-Tembleque, V., et. al (2019). Nucl. Instrum. Methods Phys. Res. A, 927, 54-62.







Next PRONTO proposal at CMAM

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Further experiments performed at KVI-CART in collaboration with C. Guerrero *et al.* (CNA) and P. Dendooven *et al.* (KVI) and at UK-Essen in collaboration with Christian Baeumer *et al.*

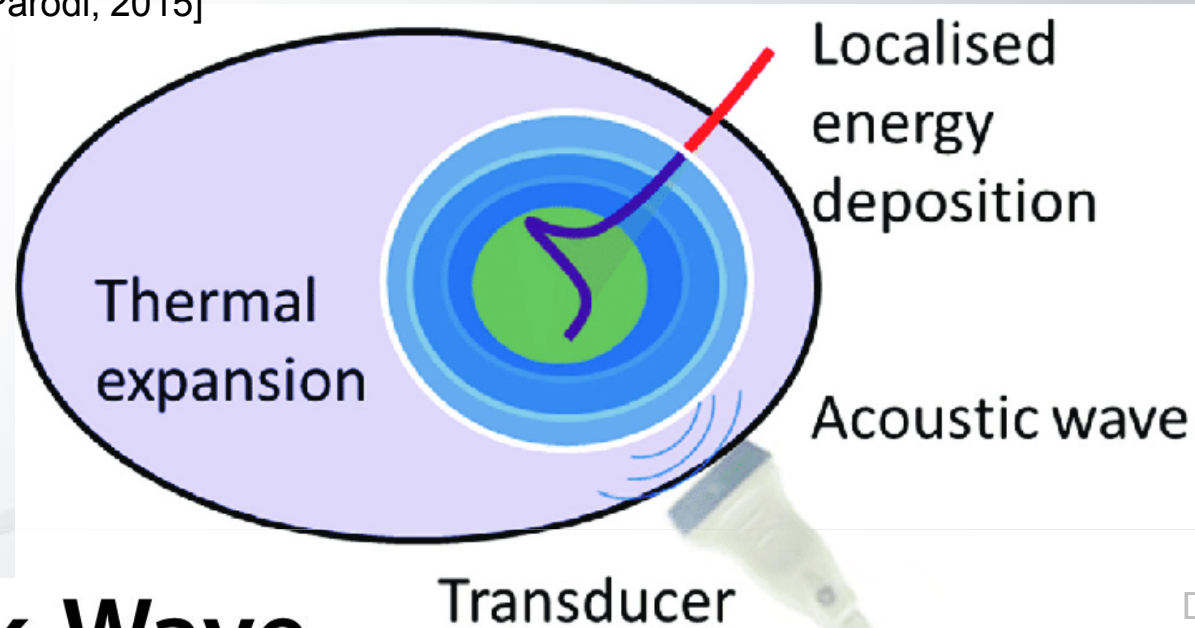
Ionoacoustics at GFN

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Builds on our experience in US imaging
Collaboration with k-wave developers to use it as a FWI image
reconstructor

Protoacoustic. Thermoacoustic effect

[Parodi, 2015]



k-Wave

A MATLAB toolbox for the time-domain simulation of acoustic wave fields

➤ Wave propagation

$$\left(\nabla^2 - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \right) p(\mathbf{r}, t) = -\Gamma \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

Wave equation

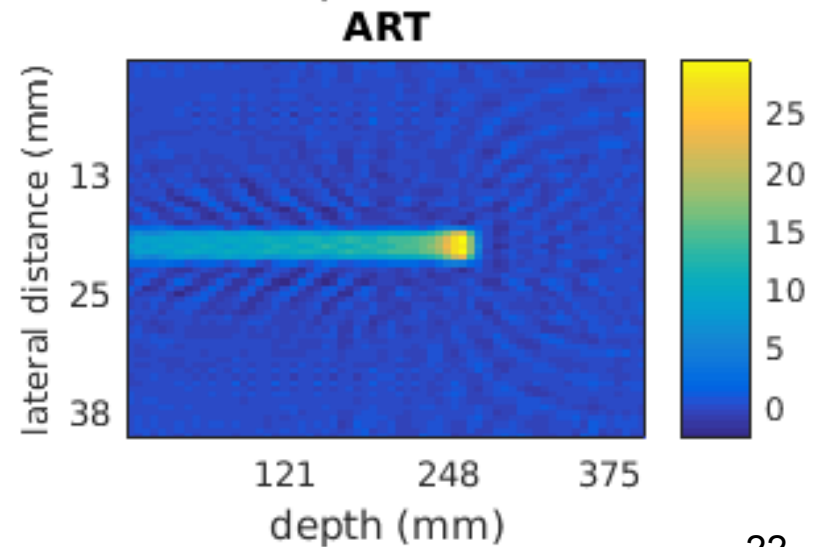
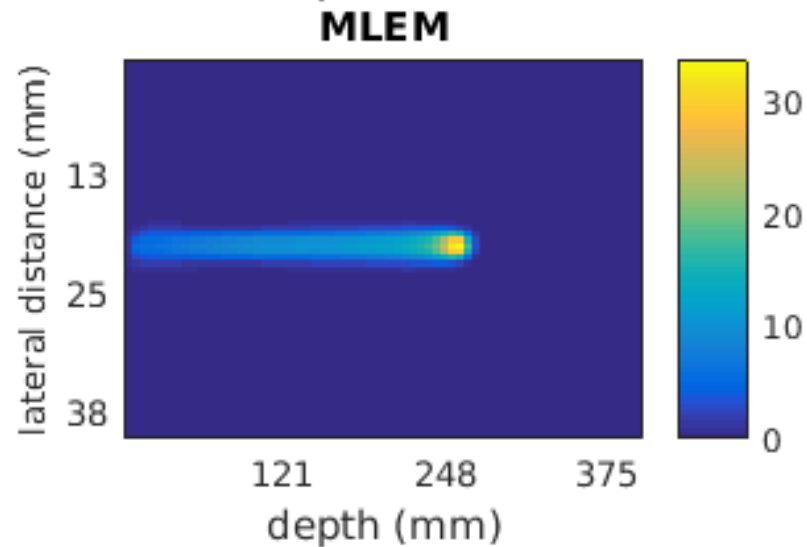
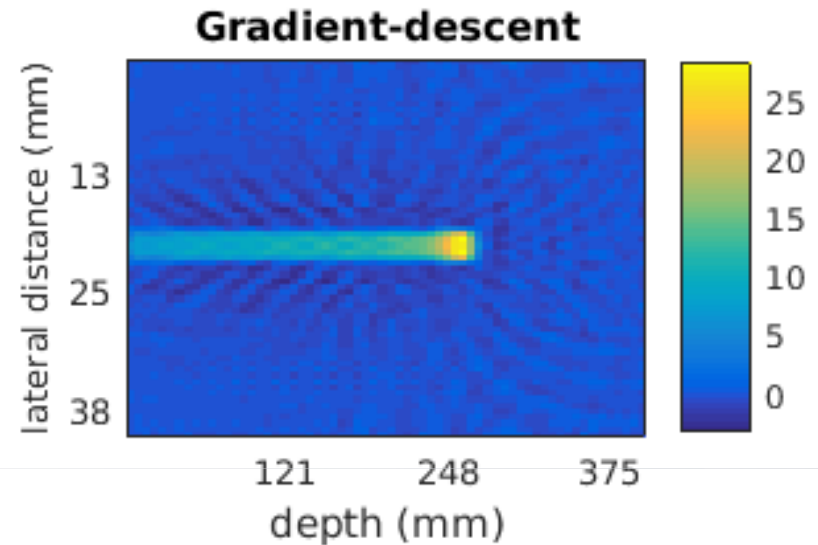
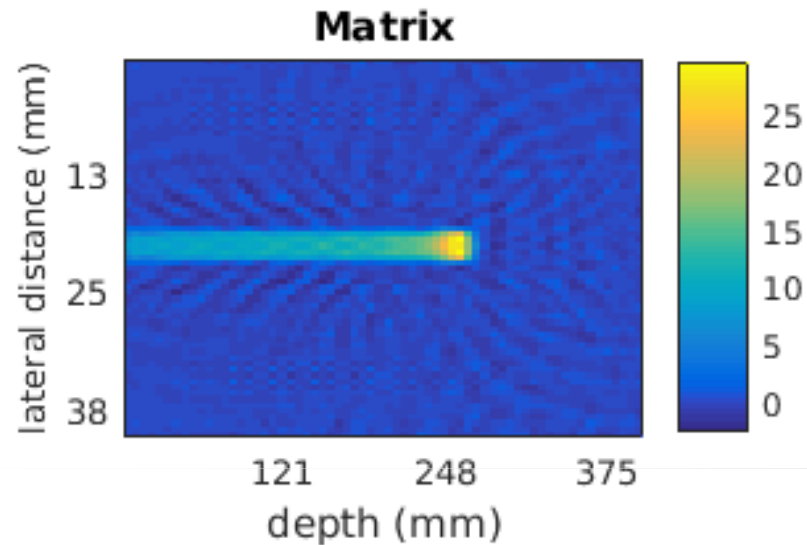
Source term:
deposited energy

$$H(\mathbf{r}) = D(\mathbf{r})\rho(\mathbf{r})$$

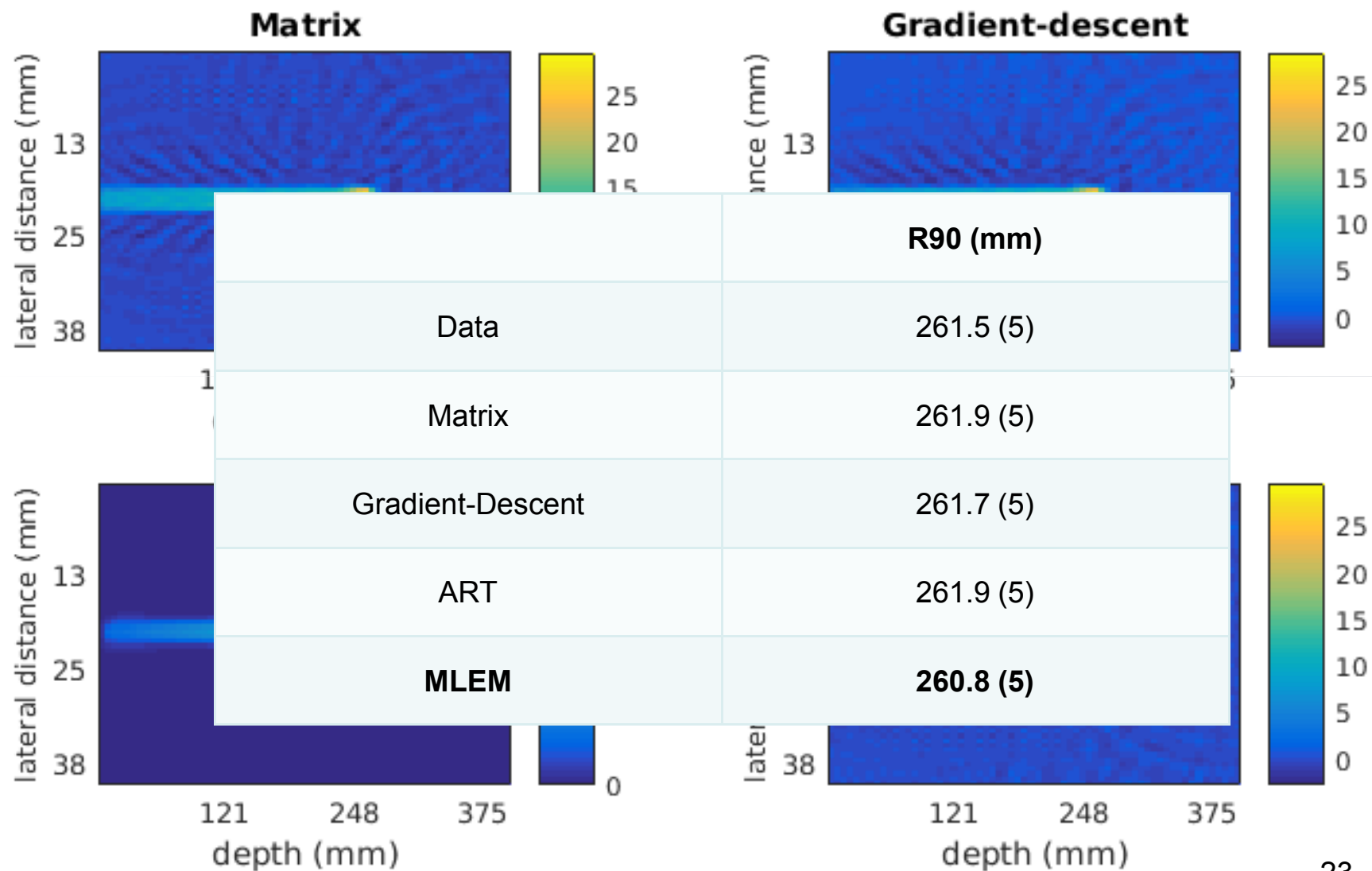
$$\Gamma = \frac{\beta c^2}{C_p}$$

Grüneisen coefficient

2D Proton Dose Distribution Reconstruction



Results. 2D Proton Dose Distribution Reconstruction



Activation monitorization
during in beam PET
we expect challenging geometries

And we need very fast
reconstructions



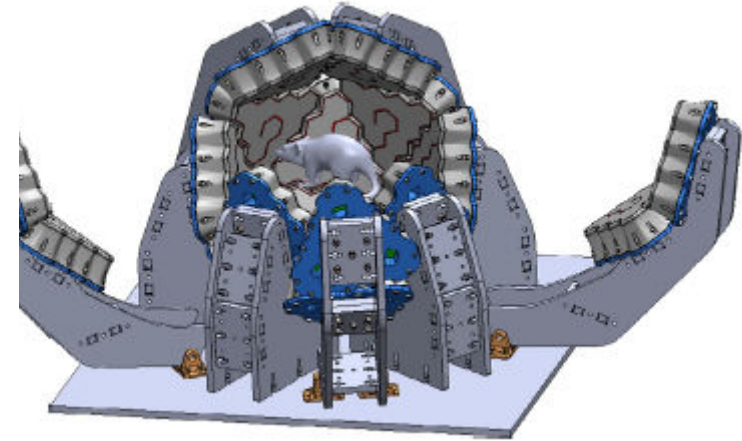
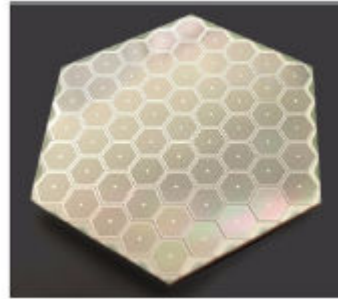
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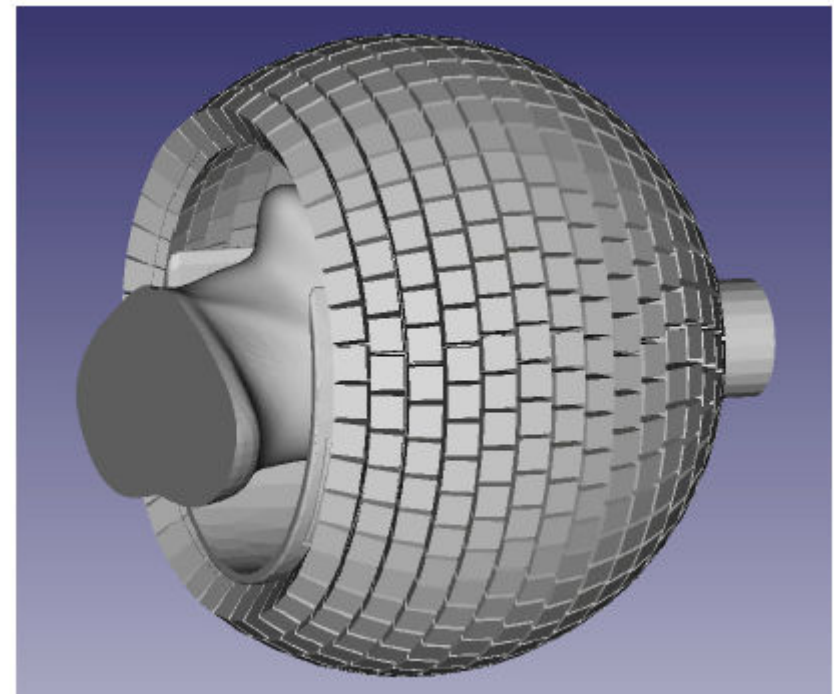
[ICOPET, D Pérez et al \(UC3M\) j.nima.2018.10.179](#)

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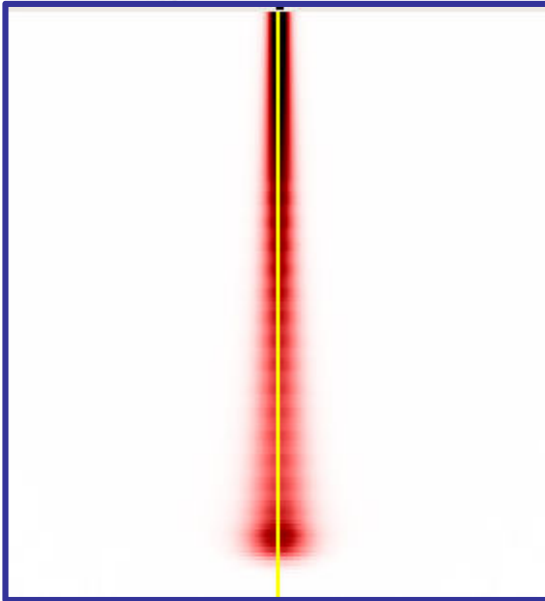
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BRAINPET-2 (Martinos Center)

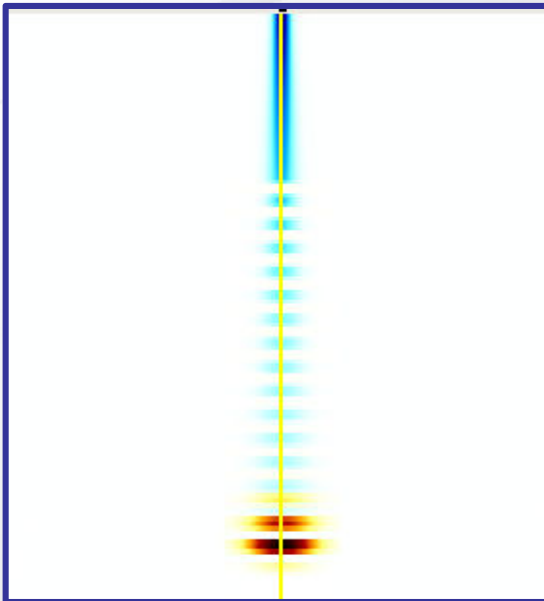
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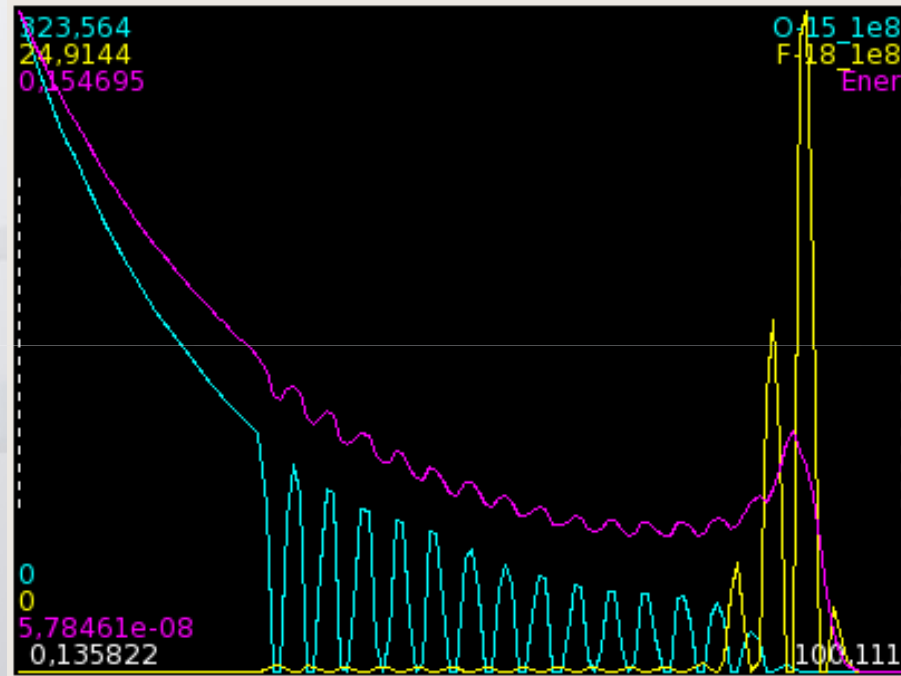
USEFUL INFORMATION FOR PROTONS



Dose distribution

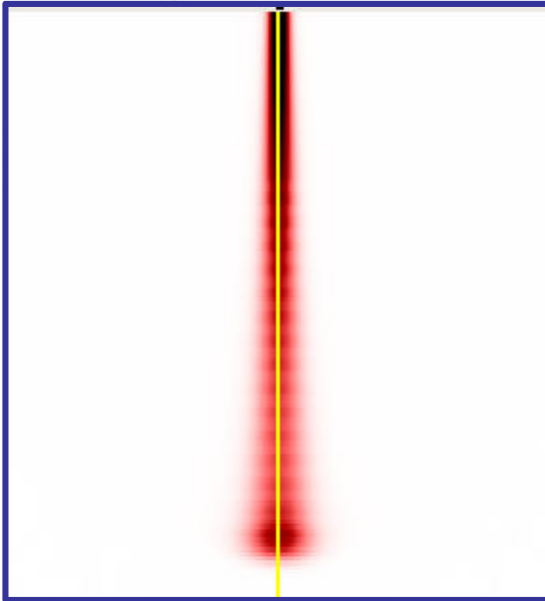


Activation maps

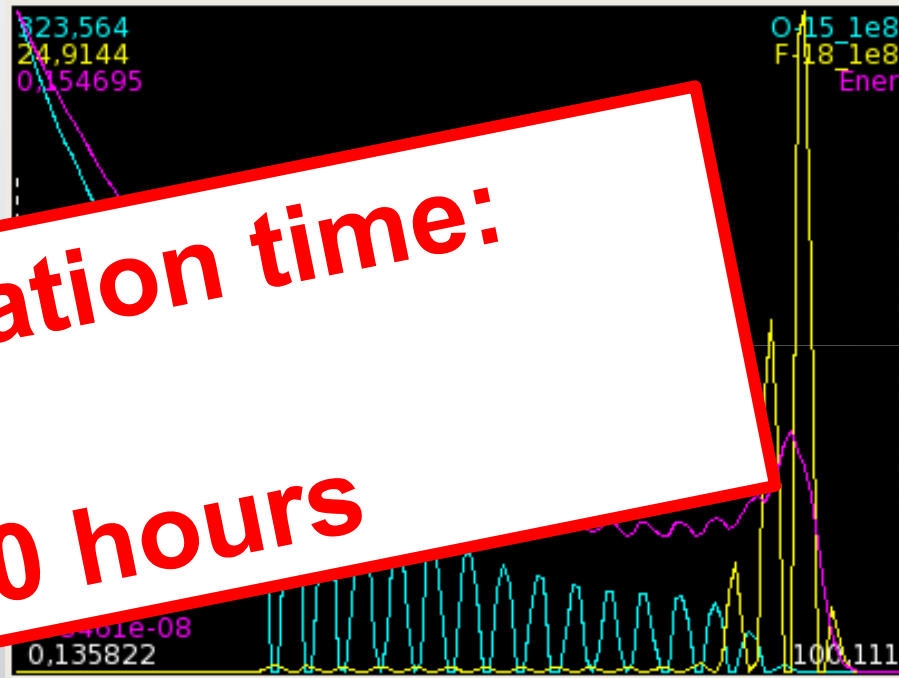


Blue: O-15
Orange: F-18
Purple: Deposited energy

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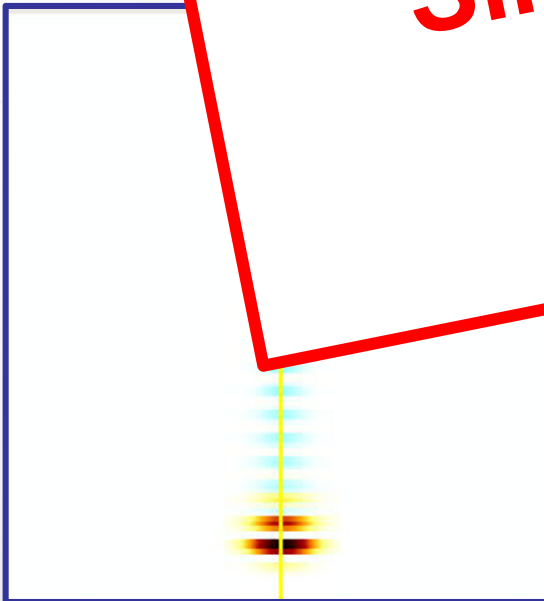
Dose distribution



Simulation time:

20 hours

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Activation maps

GHMCp: GPU-HYBRID MONTE CARLO FOR PROTONS

- **Precalculated database** of monoenergetic protons in different materials extracted from (any) MC code
 - Includes all the physics of the protons → **NOT a pencil beam approximation**
 - Possibility of changing from one physics model to another with the same code, in a snap
 - Tracking of secondary particles (electrons, photons...)
 - Allows the calculation of activation, neutron production...
 - Other reactions can be easily introduced
- **Dose normalization**
 - Simulations with a low number of initial protons and low noise
 - Noiseless energy/angle distributions
- **GPU implementation**
 - Possibility of real time dose and activation calculations

GHMCp: GPU-HYBRID MONTE CARLO FOR PROTONS



Proton nuclear absorption?
Electron emission?
Secondary proton emission?
Nuclear interaction (activation)?

- Generate tables after analyzing *thousands* of TOPAS / PenH-NUC or any other MC (FLUKA and SRIM are on the work) simulation runs for different energies and materials, with fixed thickness (about 0.1 mm)
- Tables take <8GB**: fit in modern GPUs
- Need from 1 Mhistories to 1000 Mhistories or more per tissue / energy and process. Run on a supercomputer for weeks

PERFORMANCE STUDY: EM case

Particles and simulation time needed to reach the same noise level in water (less than 5% at D50, 3 cm spherical applicator)

CPU		
Code	Particles	CPU time (1 core)
MC	10^{10}	55:30:00
Hybrid	$5 \cdot 10^6$	00:22:00

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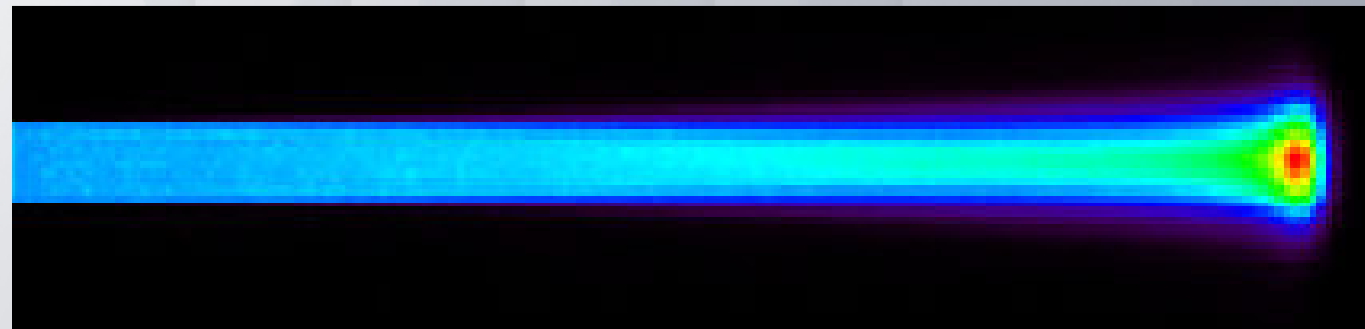
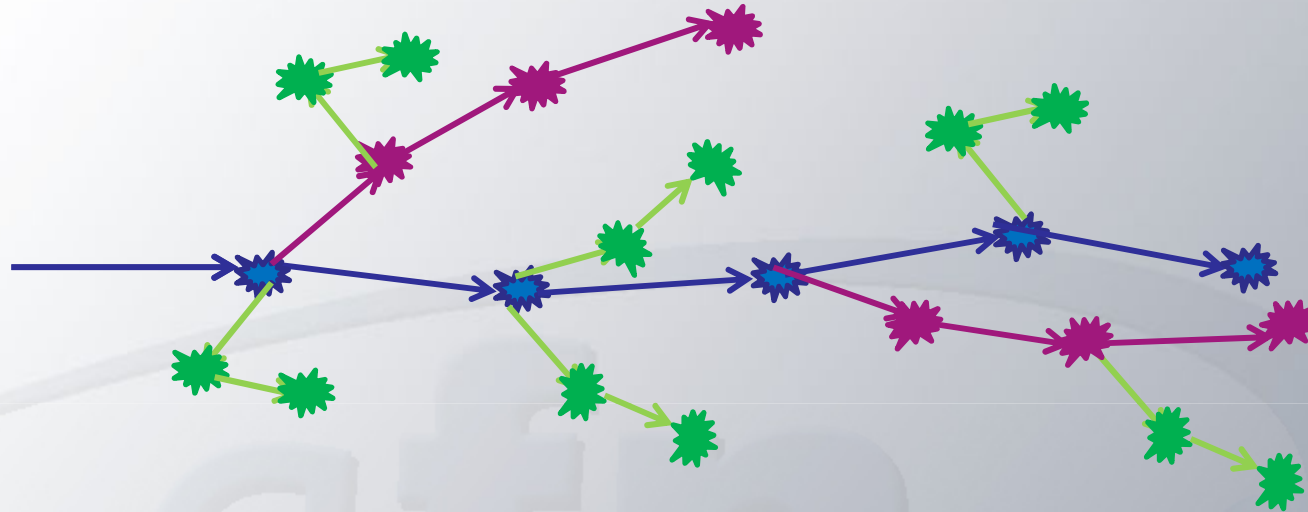
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**Speed-up
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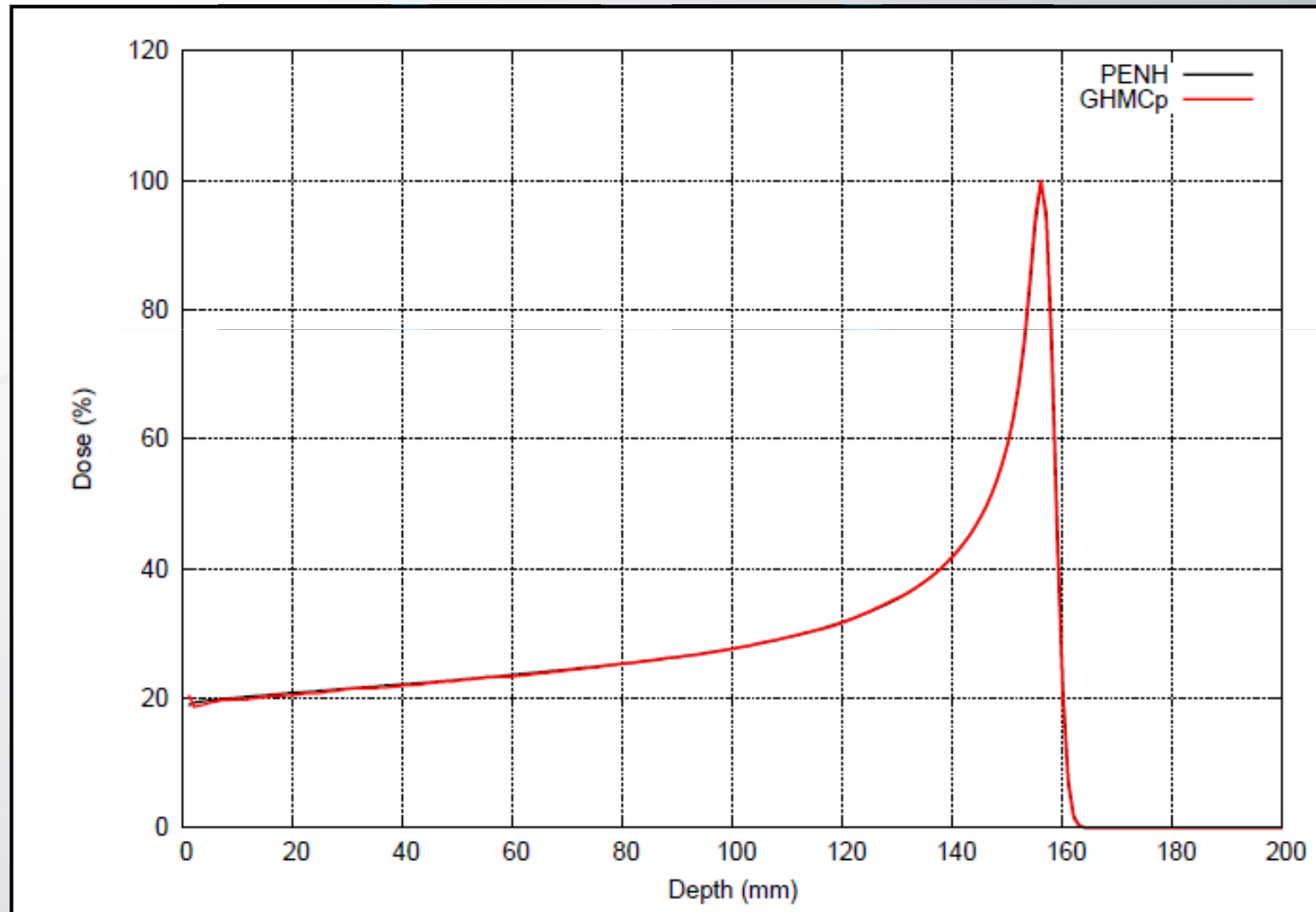
GHMCP: GPU-HYBRID MONTE CARLO FOR PROTONS

Proton
beam



GHMCp. COMPARISON WITH PENH-no NUC

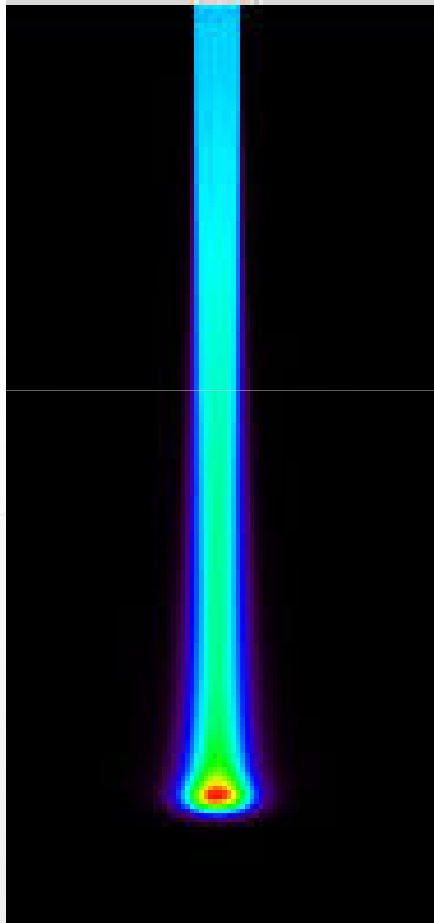
150 MeV protons in water. 10^6 histories



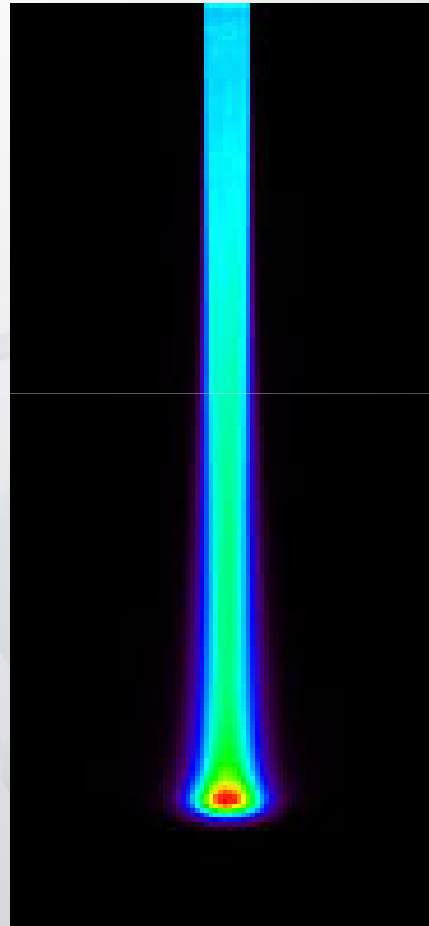
GHMCp. COMPARISON WITH PENH-NUC

80 MeV protons in lung

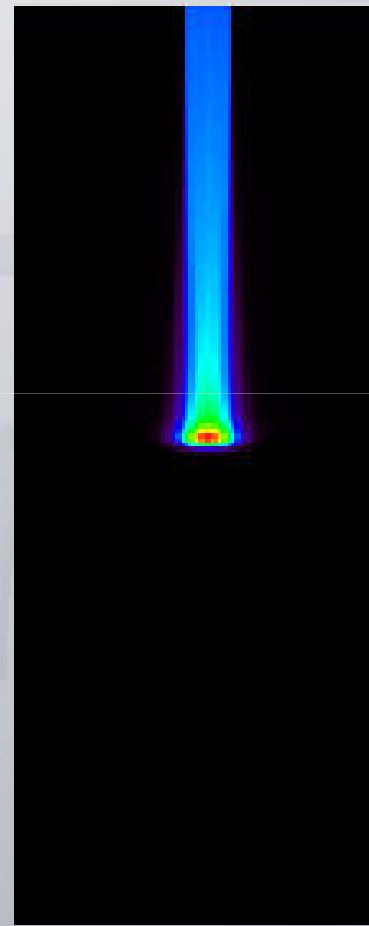
150 MeV protons in bone



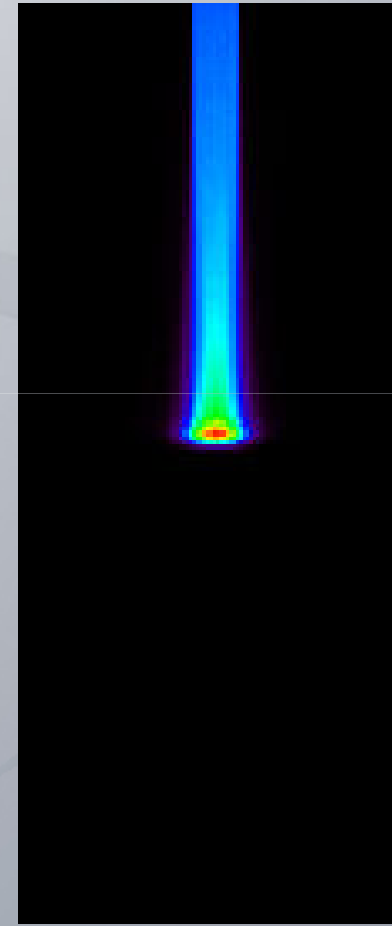
PENH



GHMCp



PENH



GHMCp

PERFORMANCE STUDY

Number of histories per second in water calculated with TOPAS, PENH and with the Hybrid Monte Carlo, for 100 MeV protons, a pencil beam of 1x1 cm² cross-section.

	Histories/s
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HMCp (CPU, 1 core)	$9 \cdot 10^4$
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CONCLUSIONS

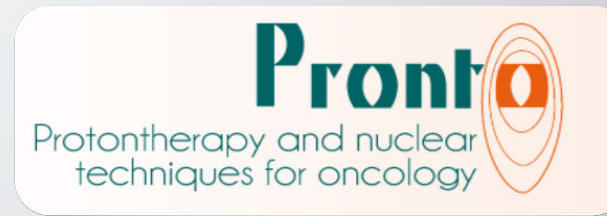
- Developed of a fast and versatile computational tool that allows:
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 - Full consideration of secondary particles or nuclear reactions of interest
 - Real time calculations of dose and activation maps



(some) collaborators and partners

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- E. Nacher et al (IFIC, Valencia)
- JJ Vaquero et al (UC3M and HGGM, Madrid)
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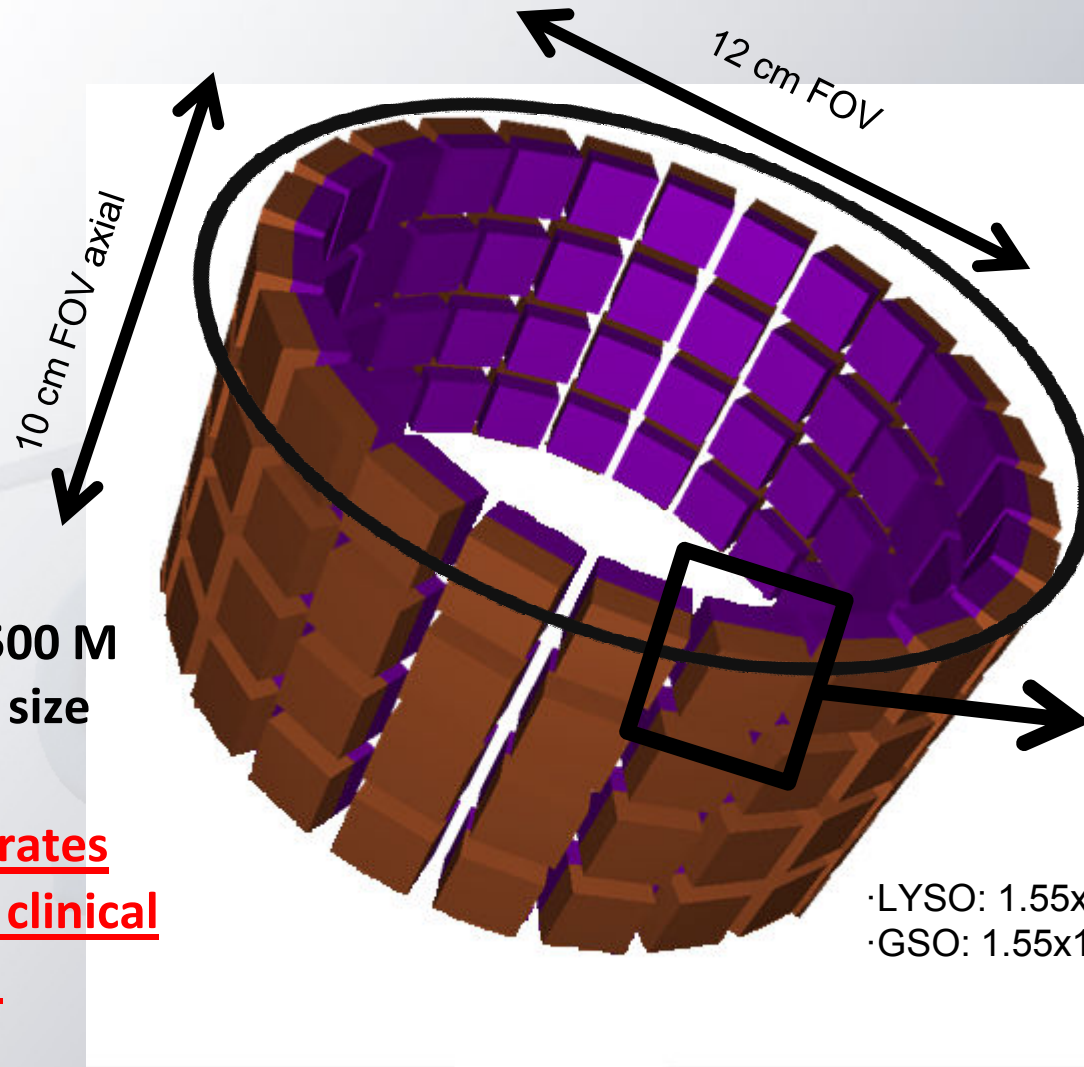


The SuperArgus PET/CT (4R, 6R)

**<1 mm
spatial
resolution!!!**

**>42000 crystals, >500 M
LORs, 17 cm bore size
Size apart,**

**complexity and rates
similar to total body clinical
PET scanners.**



24 LYSO-GSO
detector blocks per
ring (24x4)

13x13
(x2 layers)
crystals per detector
block

·LYSO: $1.55 \times 1.55 \times 0.7 \text{ mm}^3$
·GSO: $1.55 \times 1.55 \times 0.8 \text{ mm}^3$

Time resolution typically 1.5 ns, coincidence windows of <5 ns. Events can be gated and time stamped from external trigger inputs with 20 ns accuracy

Validation of physics
Models in different MC also
requires many hours of
simulations

