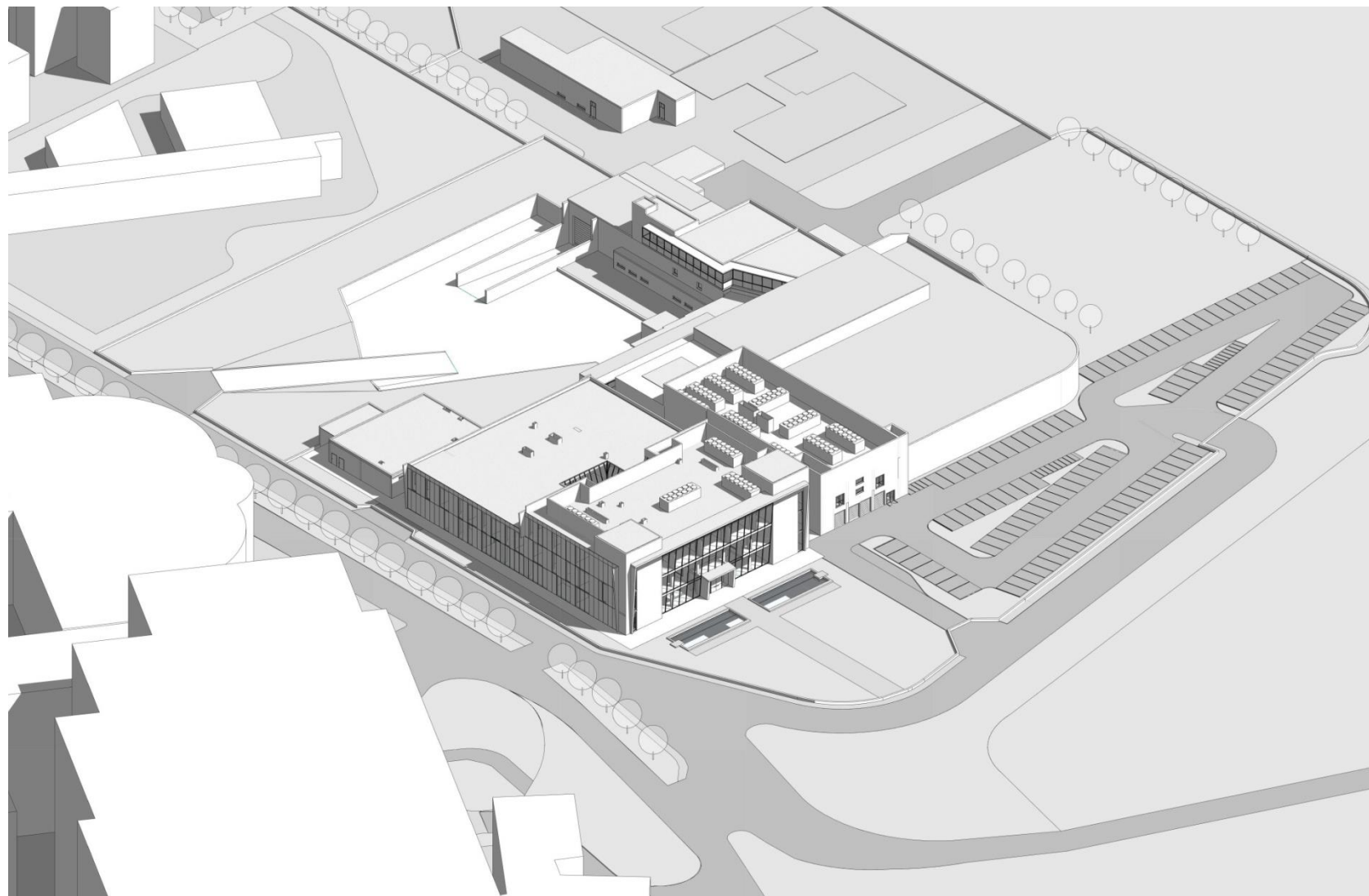




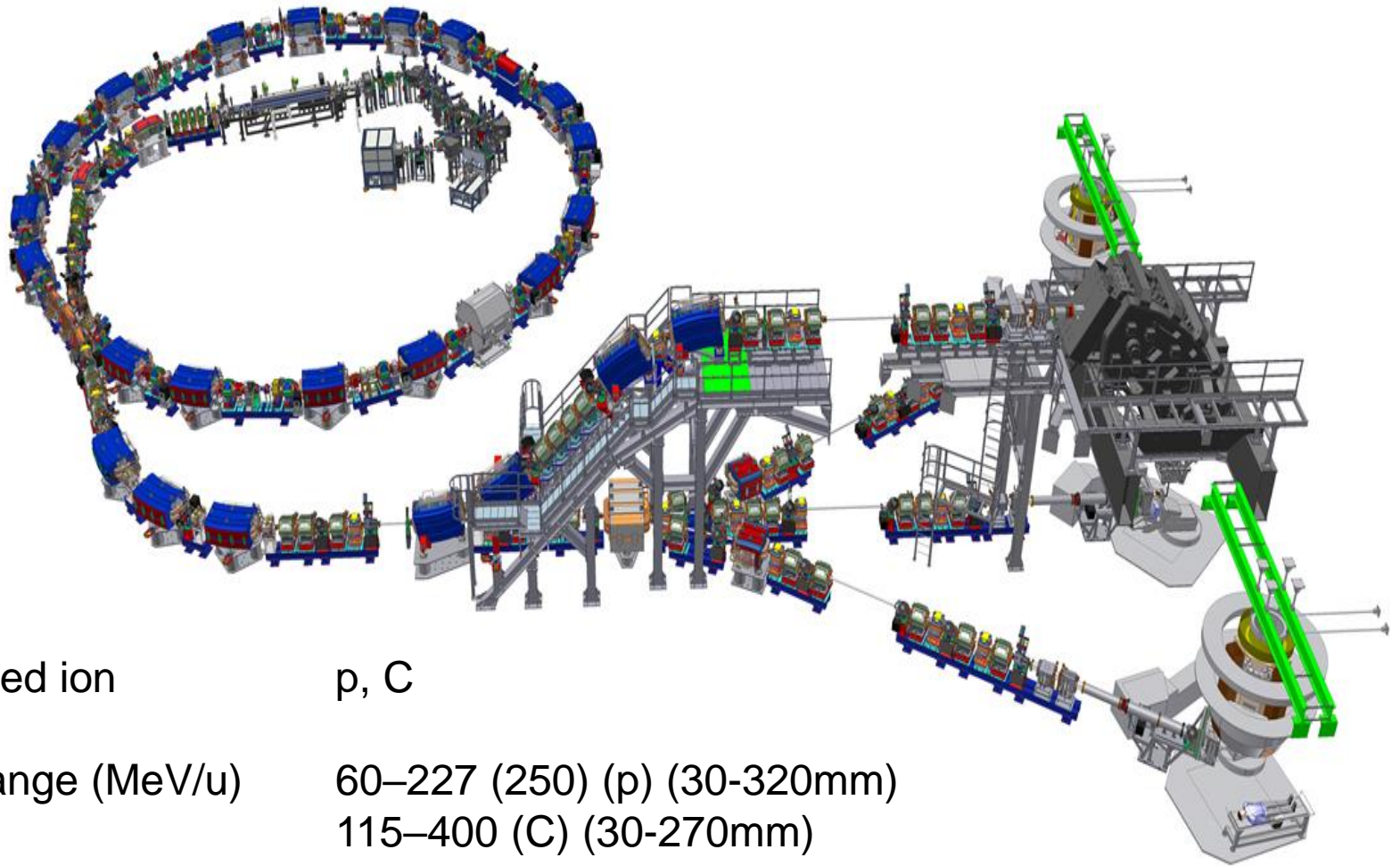
# CNAO

**Marco Donetti**

# Present layout



# CNAO accelerator system



Accelerated ion

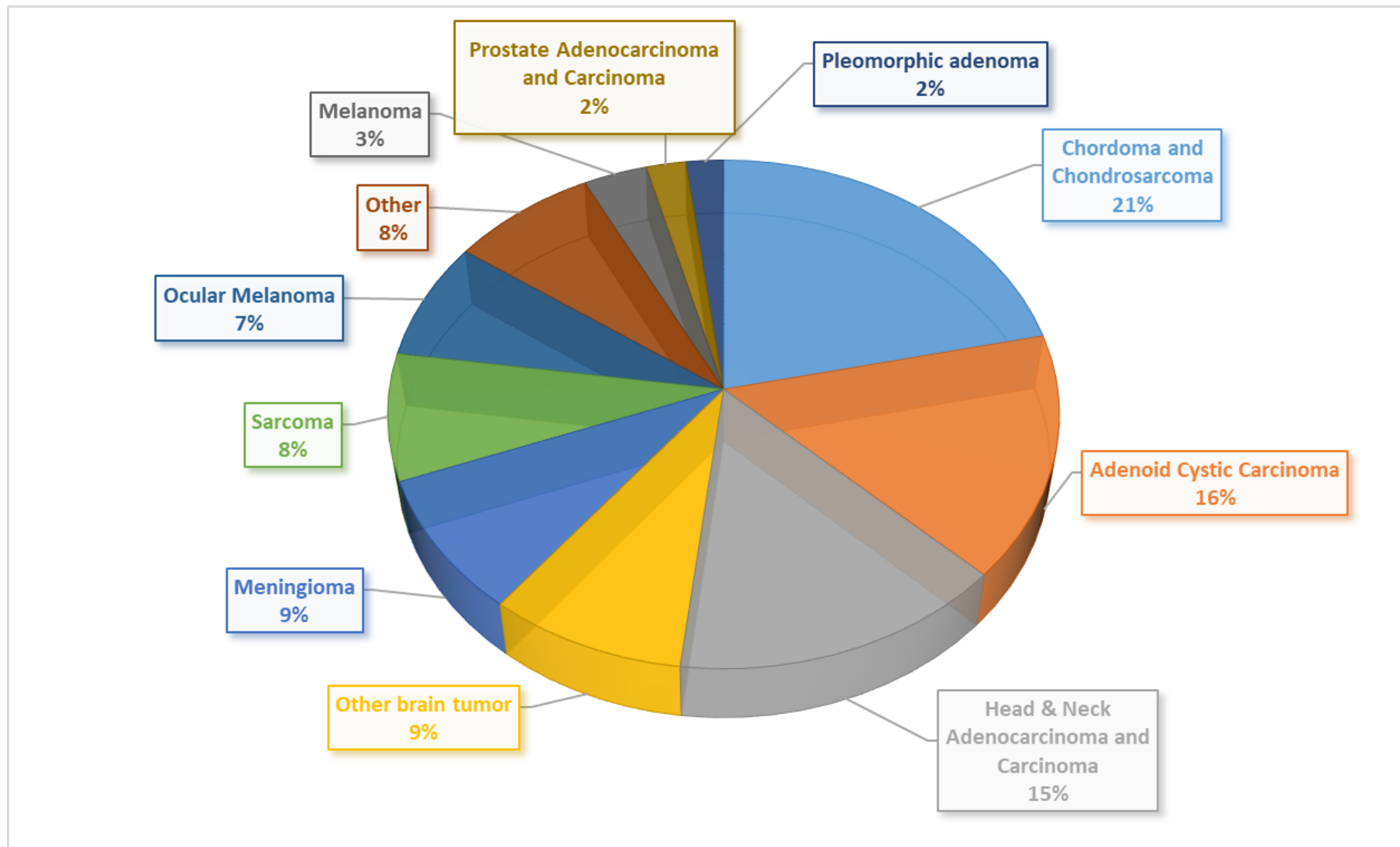
p, C

Energy range (MeV/u)

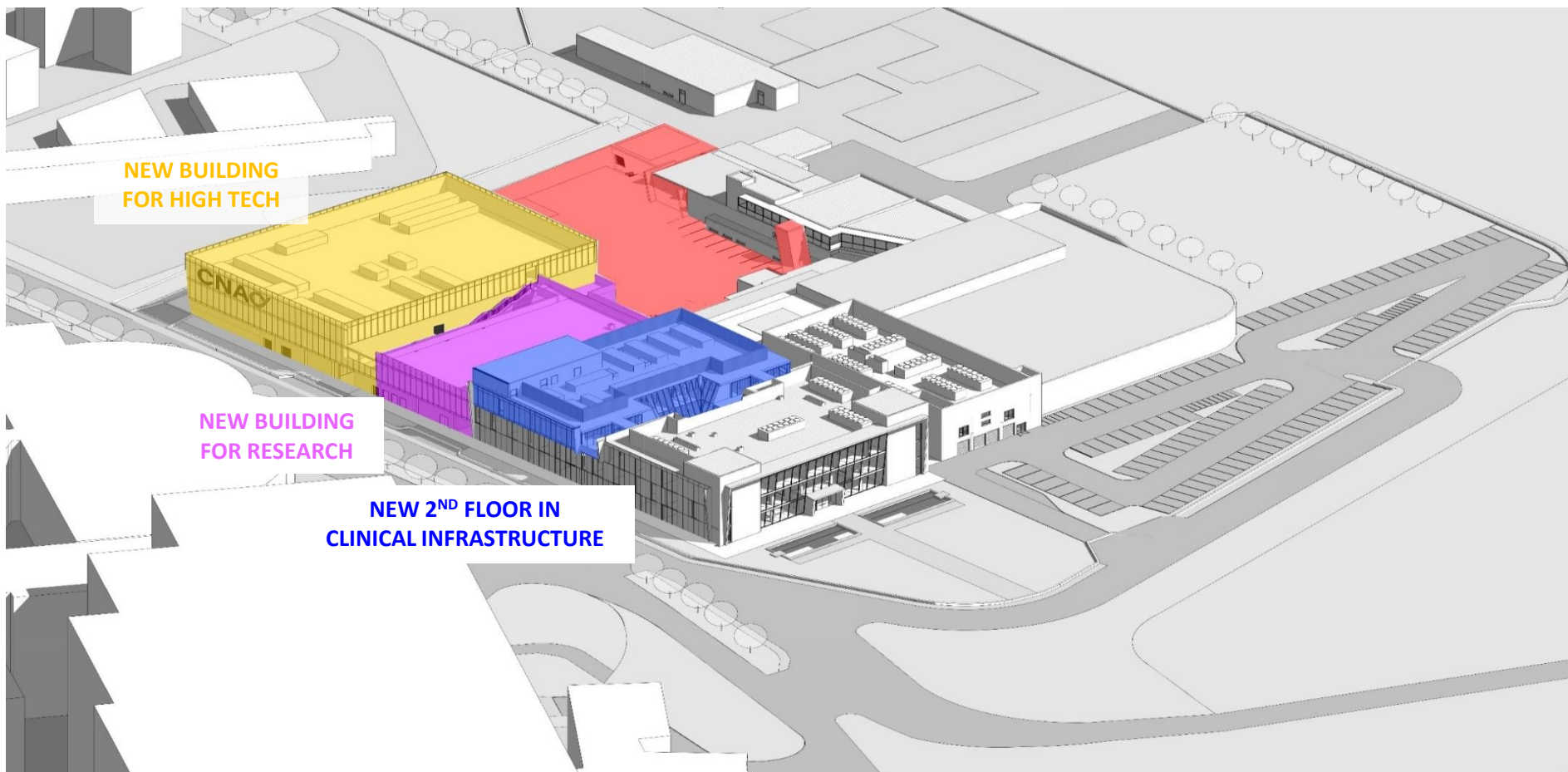
60–227 (250) (p) (30-320mm)  
115–400 (C) (30-270mm)

# Clinical activities

**CNAO: >4700 patients**  
**54% carbon ions – 46% protons**



# CNAO 2.0





# New modalities

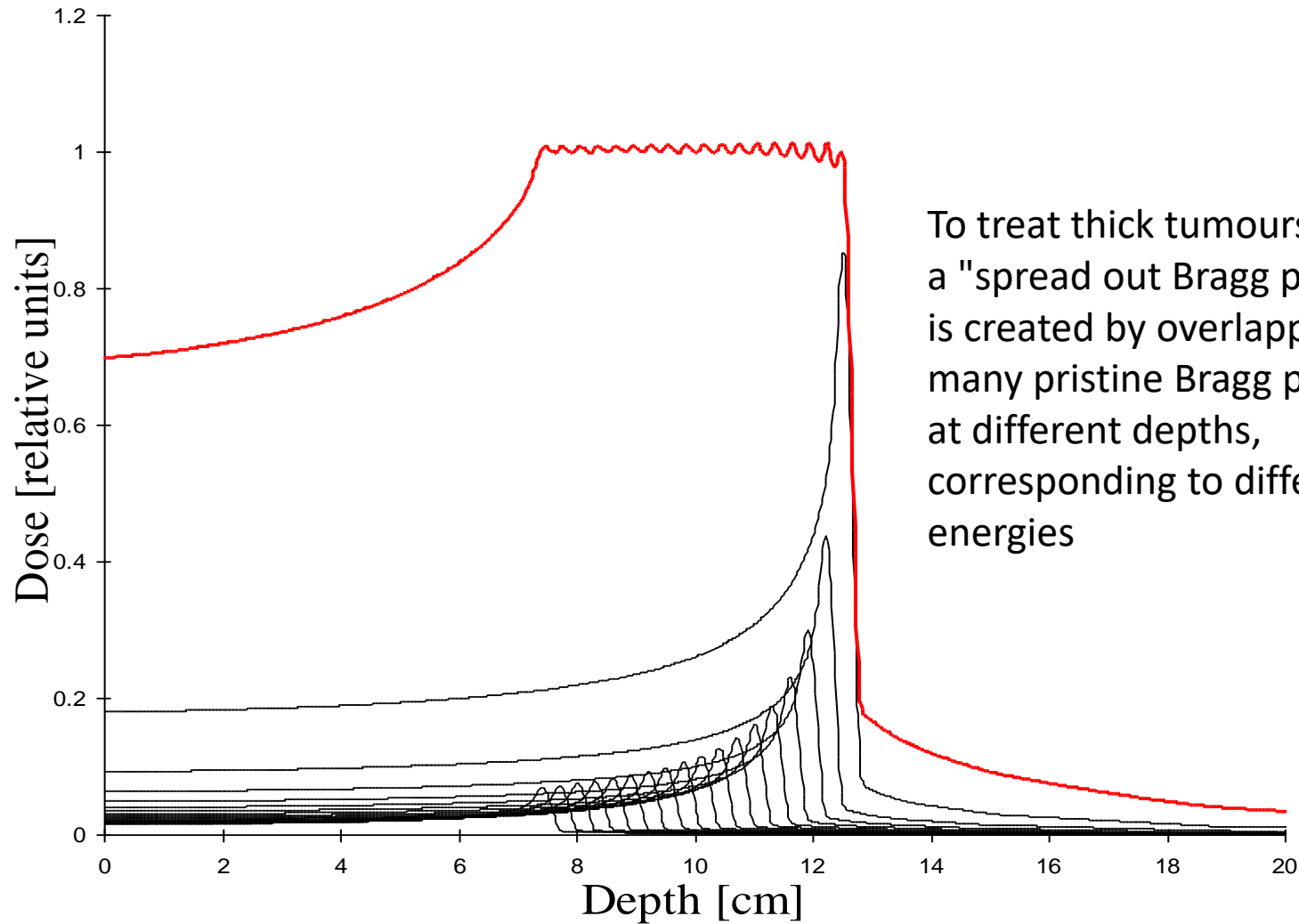


**Proton single room facility**



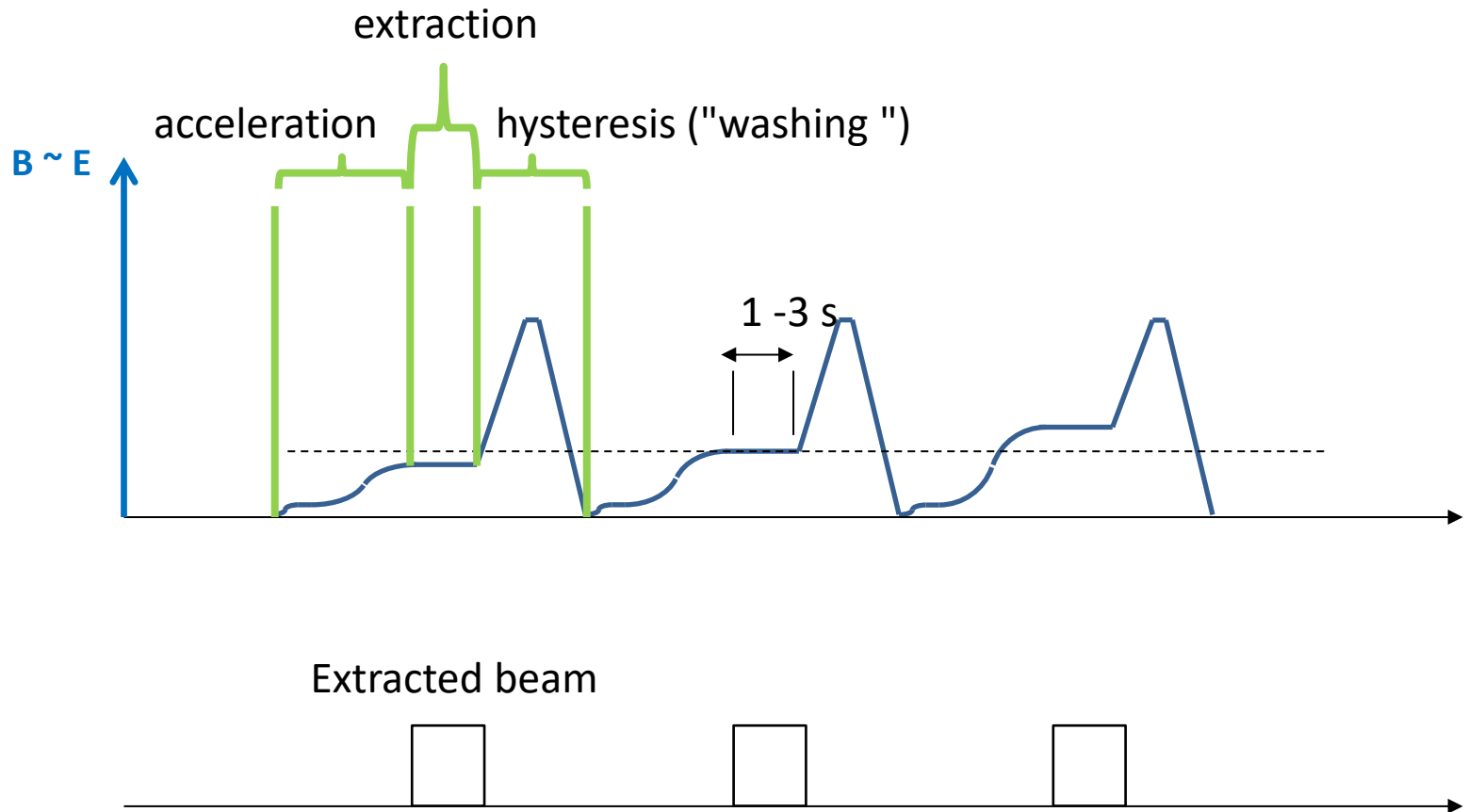
**BNCT  
Boron Neutron Capture Therapy**

# Spread Out Bragg Peak



To treat thick tumours a "spread out Bragg peak" is created by overlapping many pristine Bragg peak at different depths, corresponding to different energies

# Treatment execution





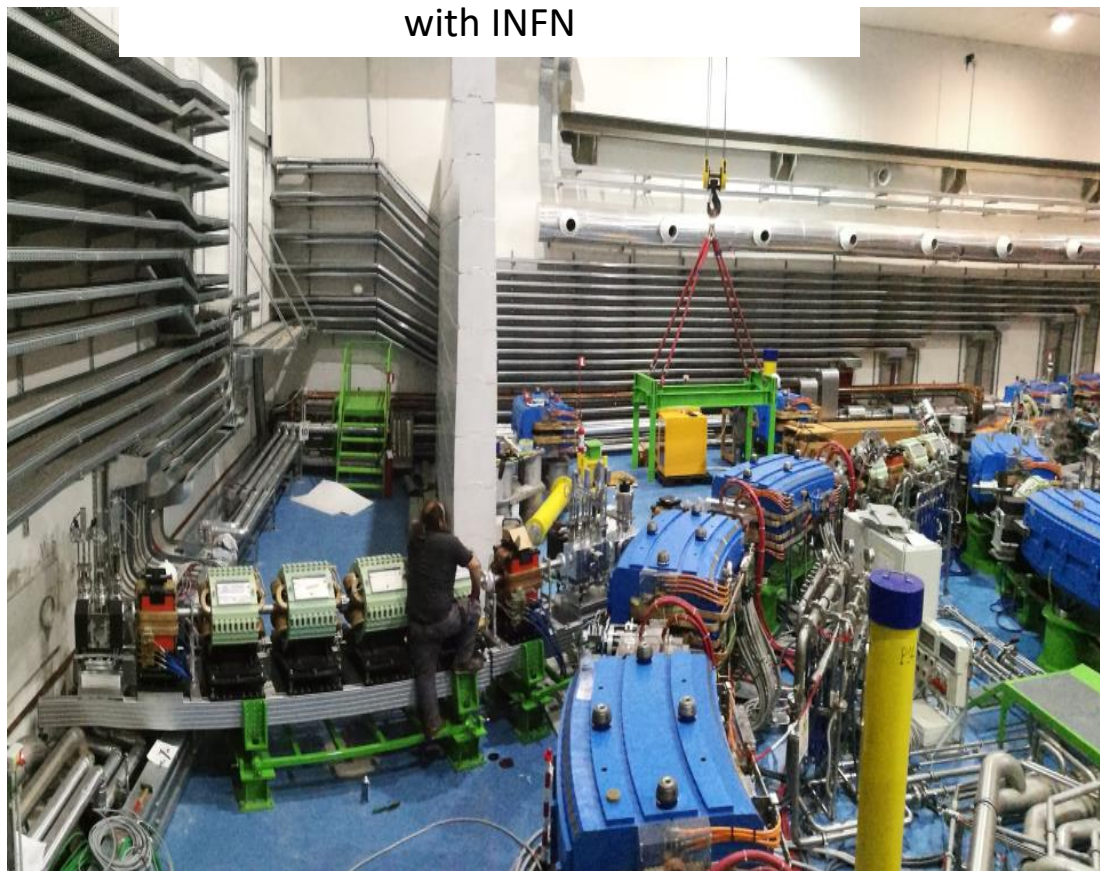
# Research at CNAO

- Besides clinical activity, CNAO has also research as institutional purpose.
- Many research activities on technical, preclinical and translational subjects
- Typical research subjects carried out at CNAO are aimed at improving treatment
  - Improving the understanding of biological mechanisms
  - Improving the knowledge of basic physical processes
  - Improving the technical performance of the accelerator system
  - Improving the technical performance of the dose delivery
  - Providing new types of radiation (new weapons to the clinician)
- Collaborations with many institutions

# The CNAO experimental facility: a unique opportunity to perform research activities at 360°

For researchers a dedicated experimental irradiation room is available, using the CNAO beams, in time slots not impacting on patients treatment, but specifically devoted to research purposes: i.e. some night shifts (22:00 - 4:00) during the week and some full shifts (8h) during weekends.

Developed and built in collaboration with INFN



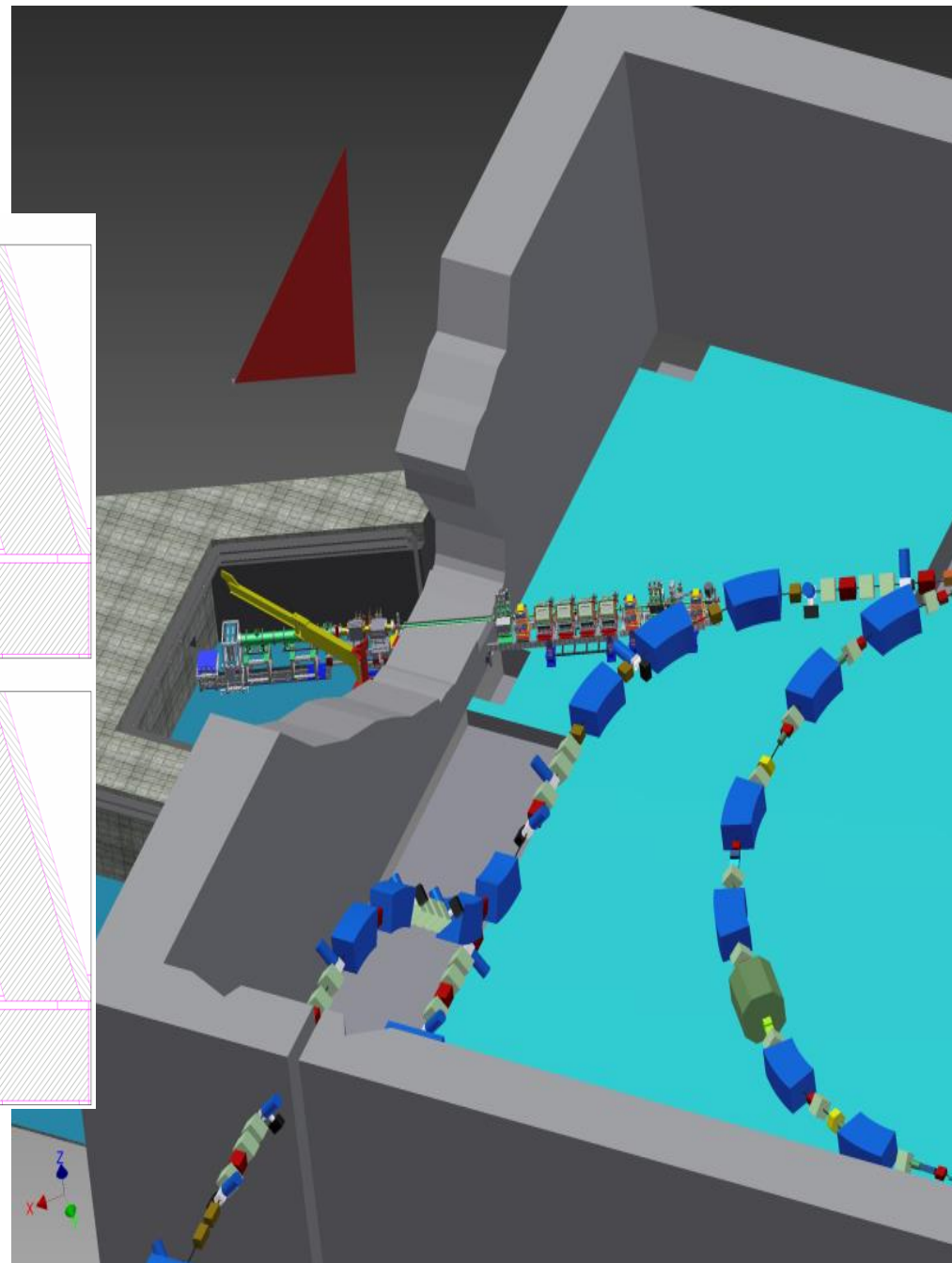
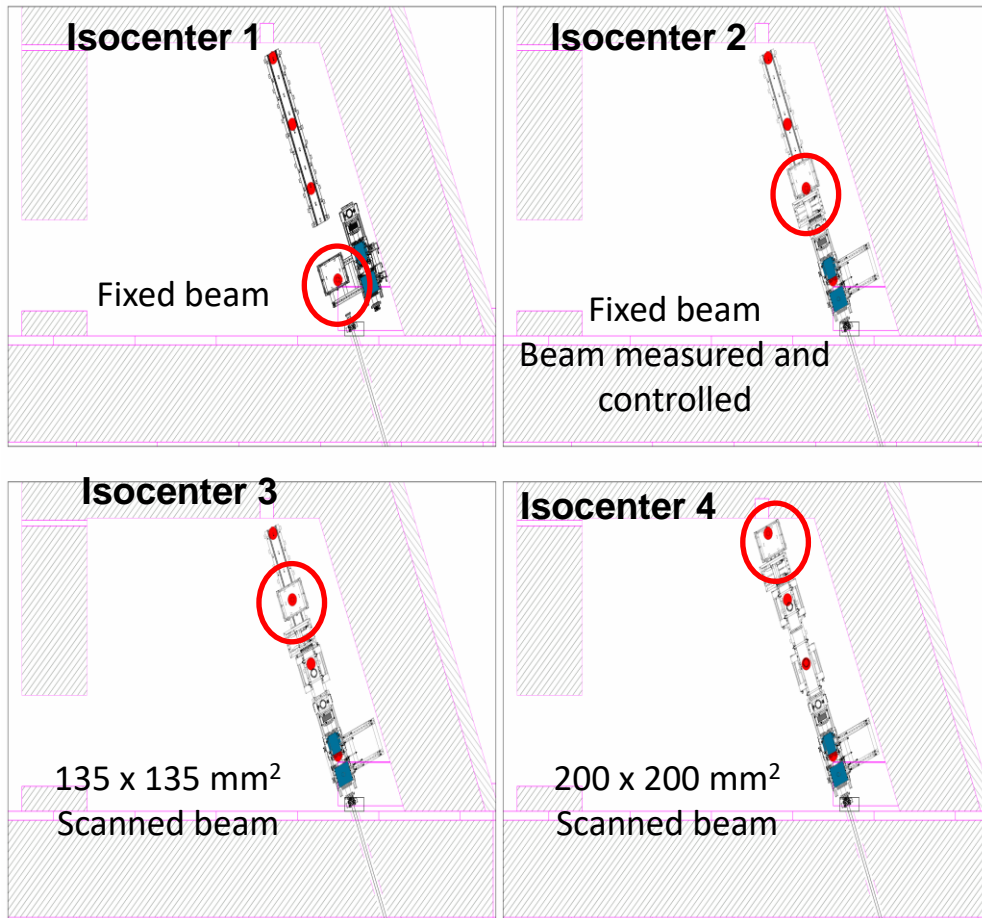
# CNAO radiobiology laboratory



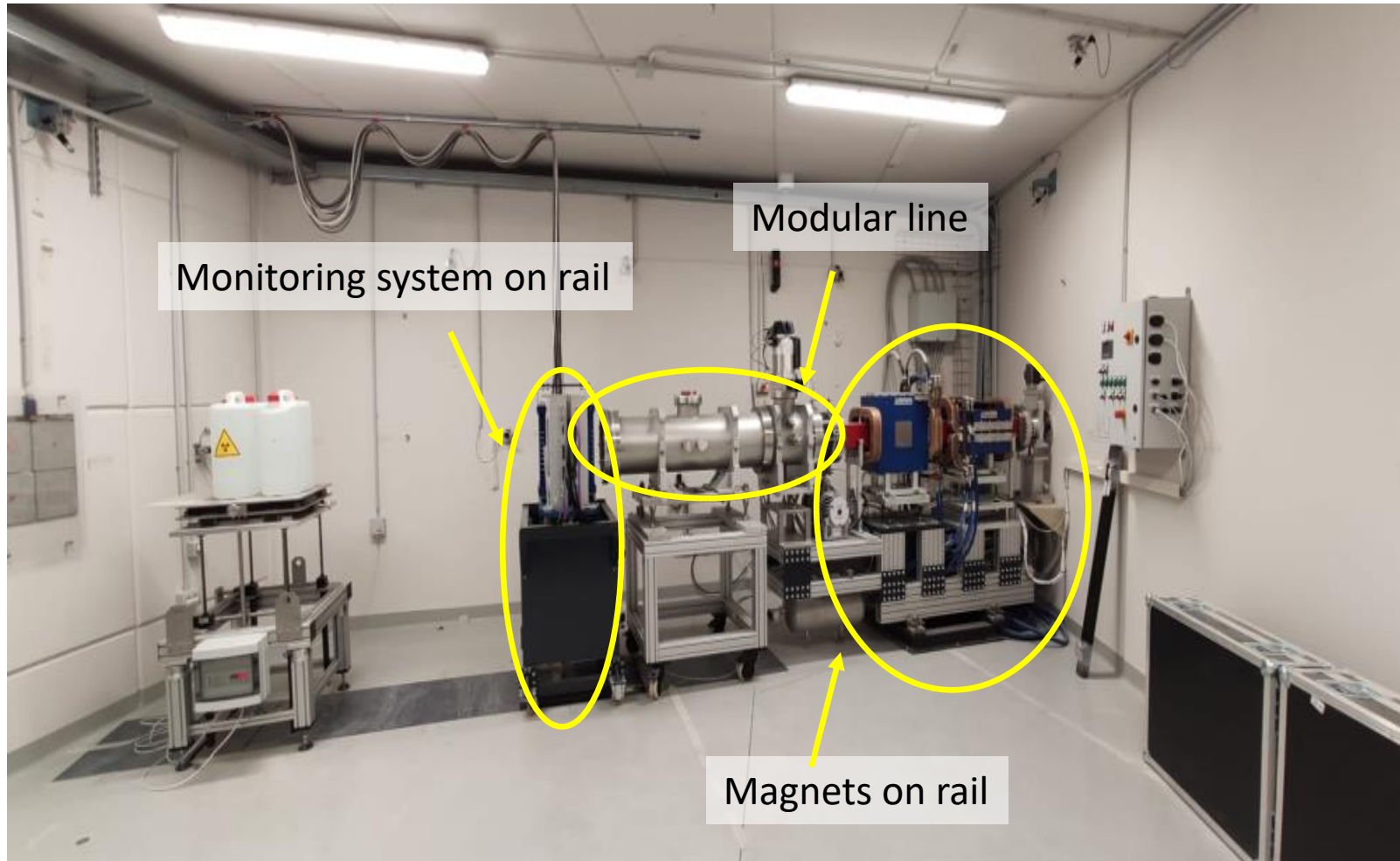
Biological laboratory with all the necessary equipment including biological laminar flows, incubators, centrifuges, fluorescence microscope, cell counters is provided. Furthermore, in the next 2 years the research area will be expanded and rooms dedicated to microscopy, cell handling, cytology/histology and small animals preparation will be accessible



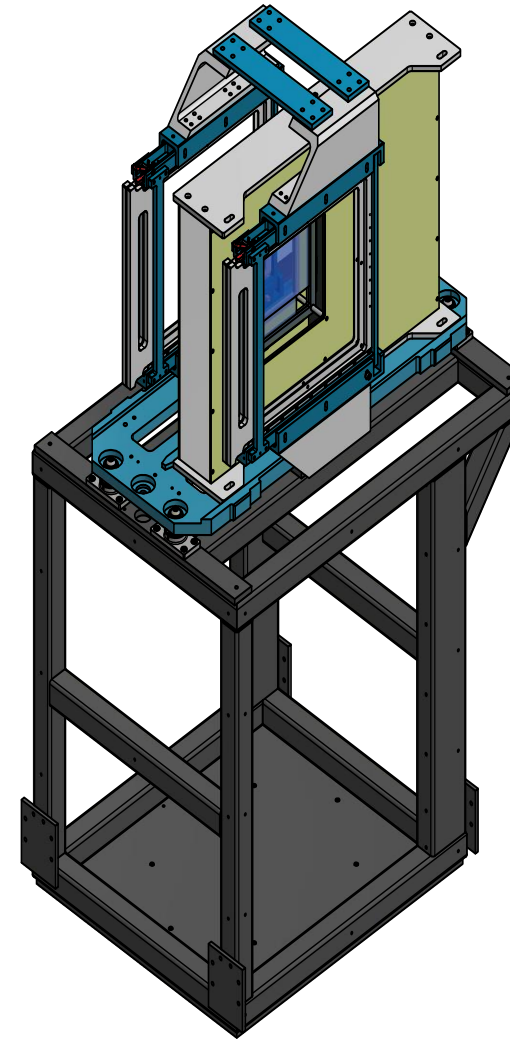
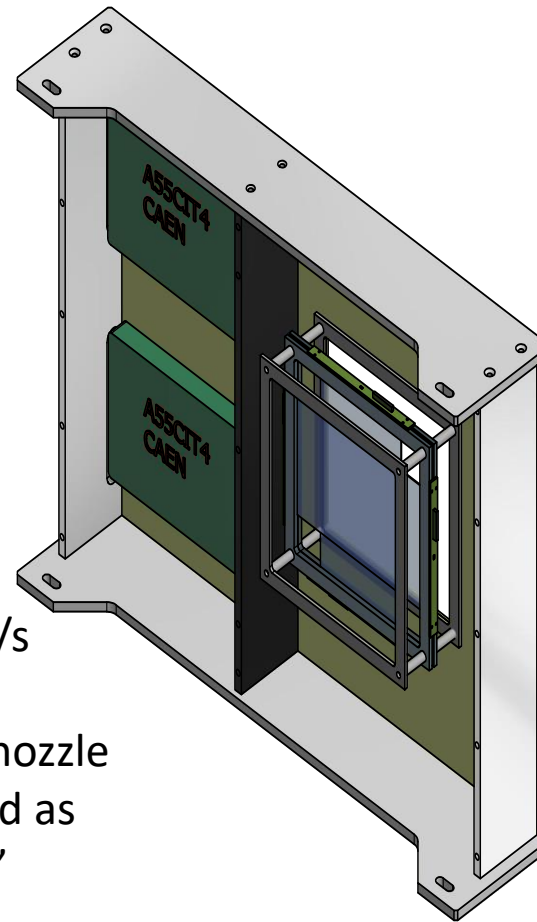
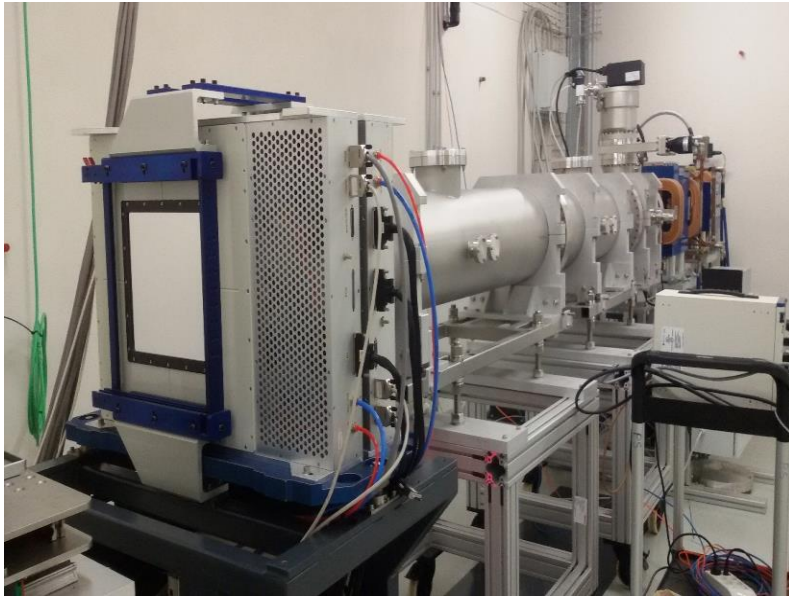
# Experimental room



# XPR components



# Low intensity Monitor for XPR



Monitor for intensities up to  $10^5 - 10^6$  part/s  
It measures intensity, position and size  
It can replace one of the DDS boxes in the nozzle  
It can work both as standalone detector and as  
DDS monitor for low intensity "treatments"  
128 + 128 scintillating fibers 1 mm wide  
Commercial boards (CAEN) based DAQ

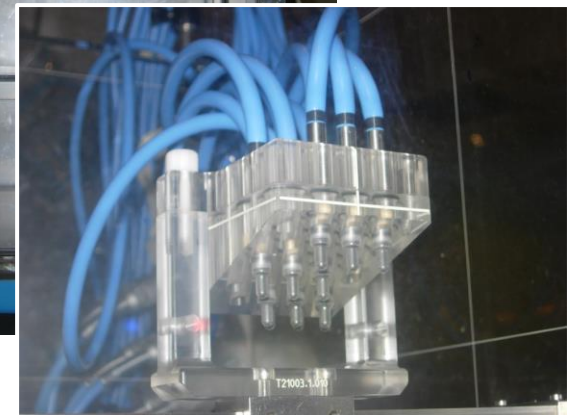
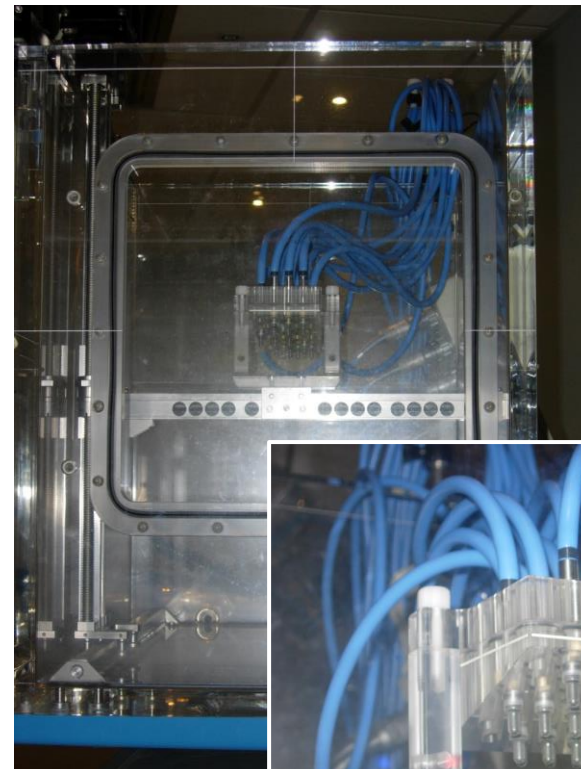
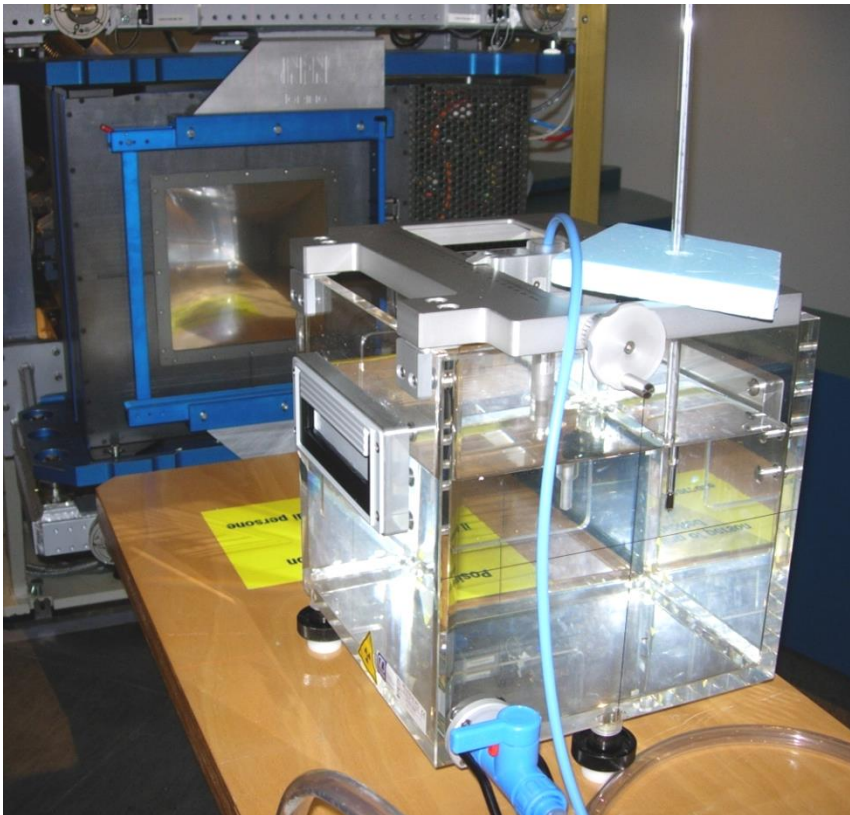
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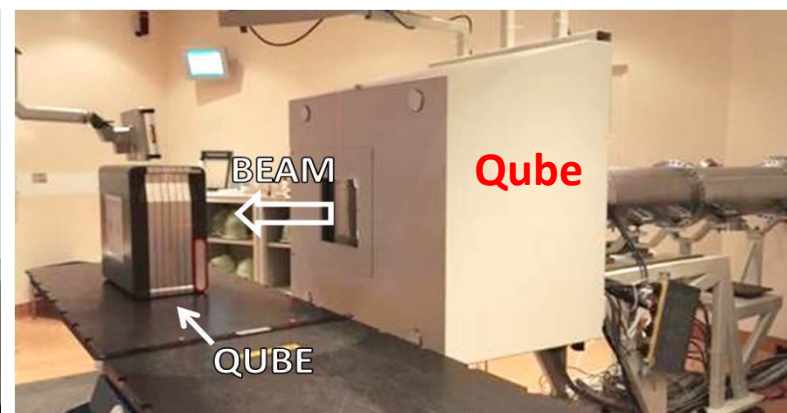
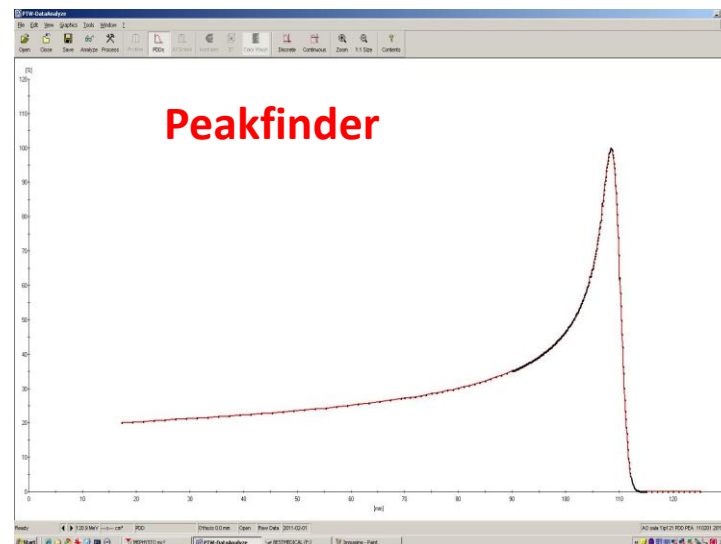
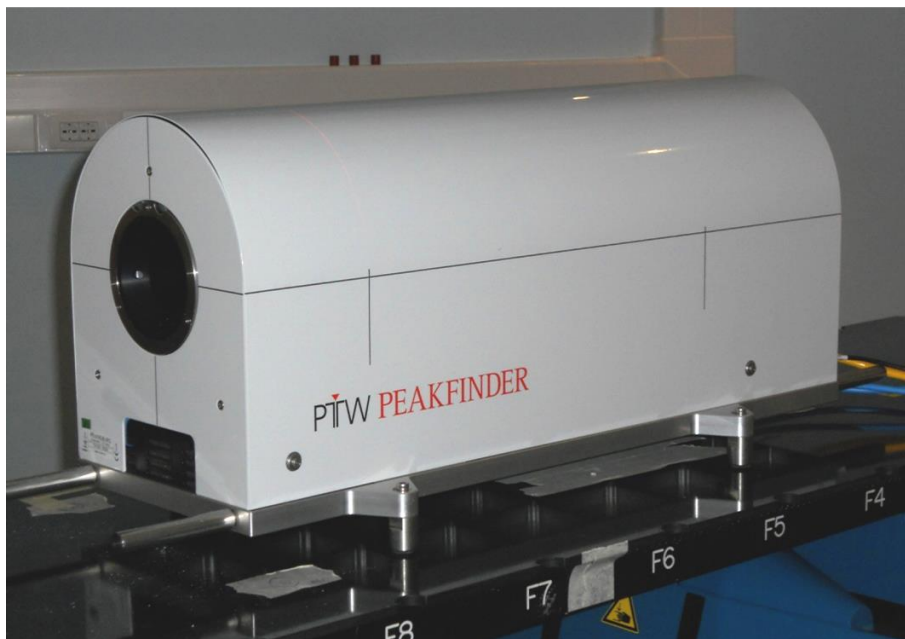


# Beam characterization (Dose to water)

IAEA TRS 398 (2000)

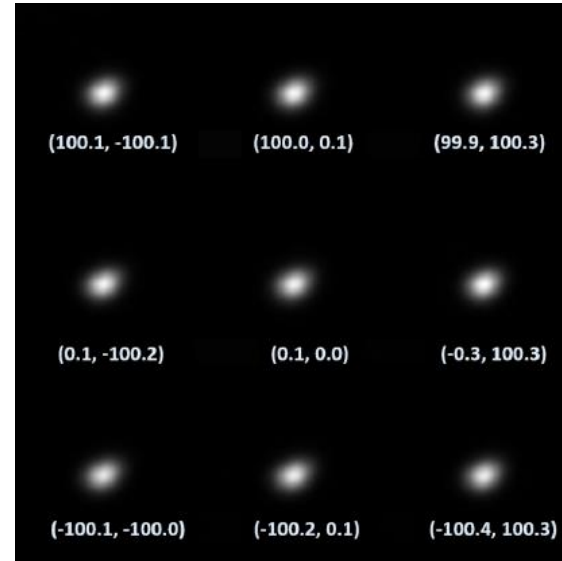
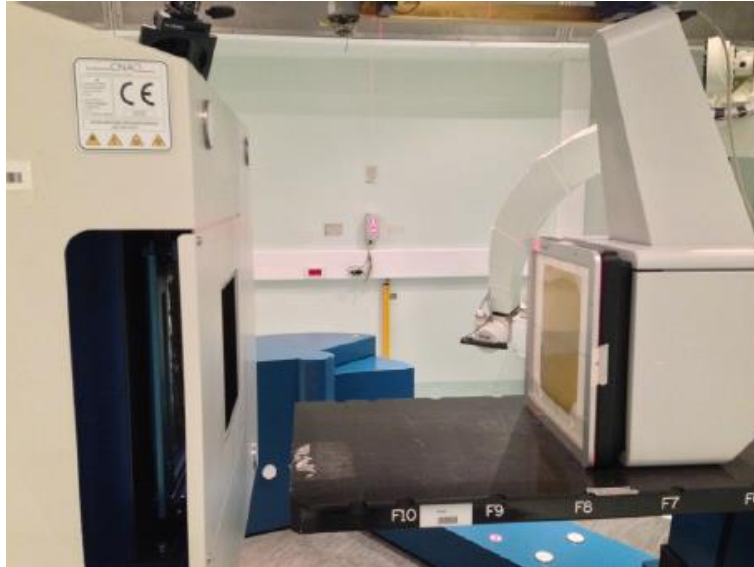


# Beam characterization (dose vs depth)

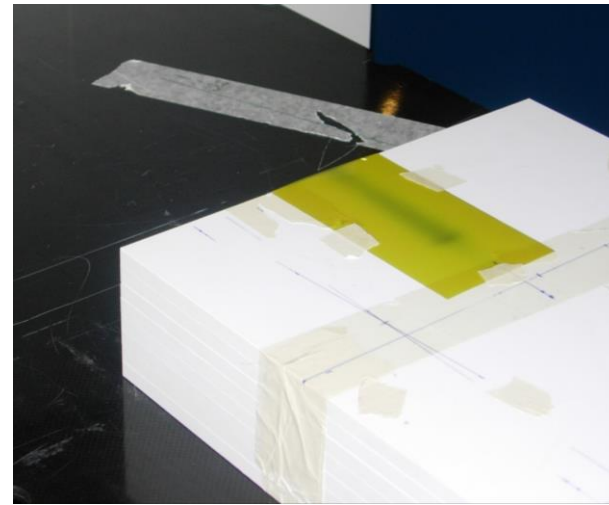
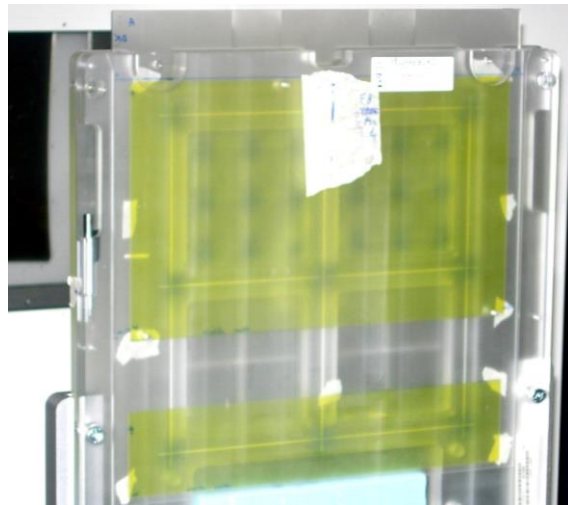


# Beam characterization (shape and position)

Lynx

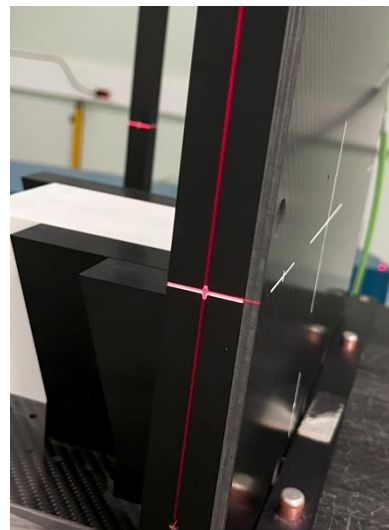
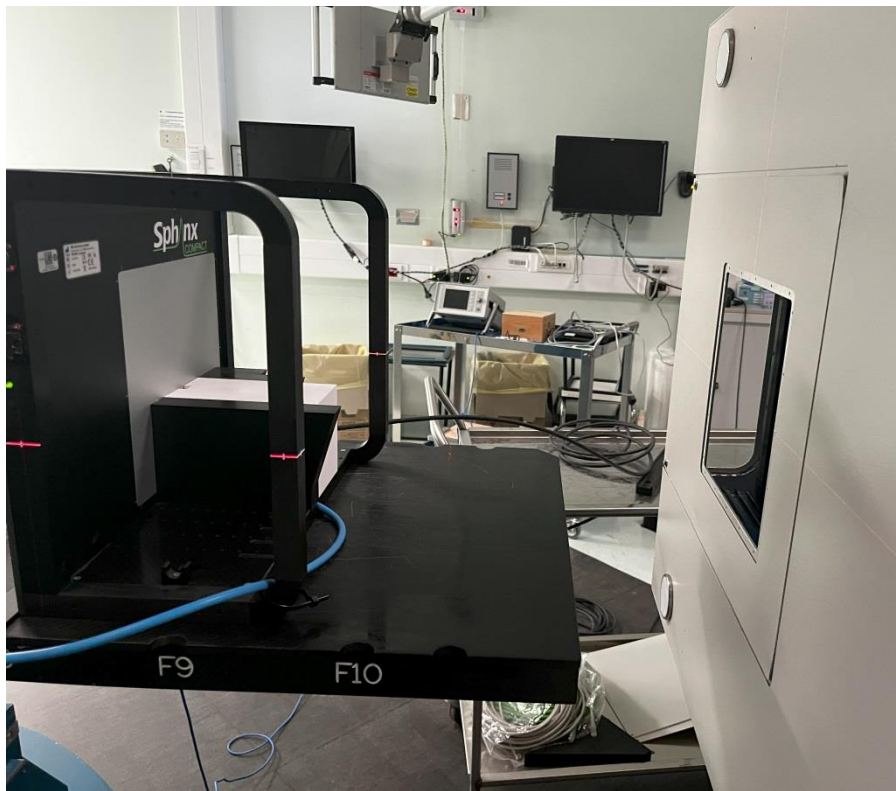


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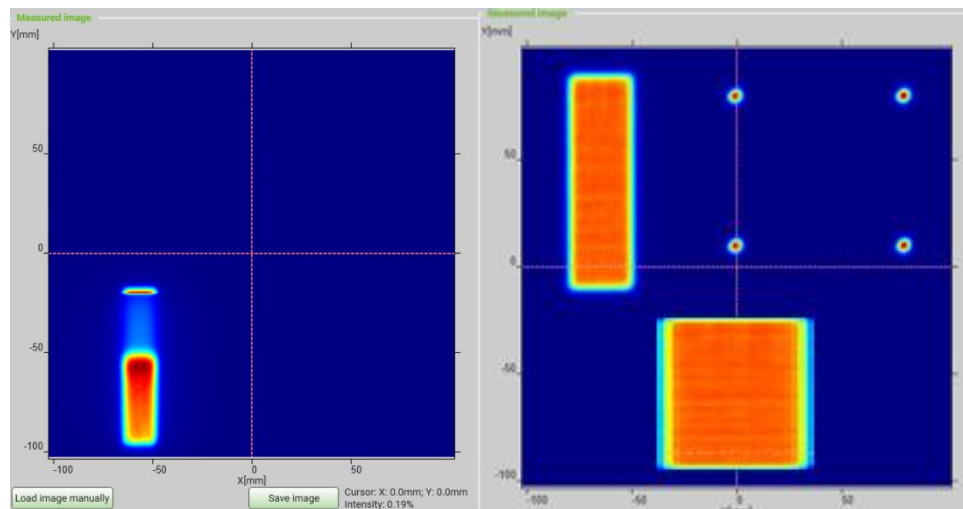


# Beam characterization (Daily QA)



**Sphinx Compact**

Currently used for Daily QA



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