

# ELIMED: a future Hadrontherapy concept based on the laser-driven beams

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#### What users generally require:

- Wide energy and fluence range
- Homogeneous lateral beam distribution
- Stability in terms of energy and fluence distributions
- Variable beam spot size (from 2 mm up to 40 mm)
- Beam control (diagnostic and dosimetry) with < 5% errors
- Possibility of in-air irradiation
- Different ion species



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# ELIMED phase 1

- Investigating the possibility to use the laser-driven ion beams generated at ELIMED for **Hadrontherapy** application:  
⇒ **a good candidate for a demonstration-case**
- **A medical application is the most demanding in terms of beam characteristics and performances because:**
  - It requires the best effort in the development of the beam delivering system;
  - It requires the best effort in the development of the diagnostic tools of this non-conventional beams;
  - Efficient beam transport, absolute and relative dosimetry and radiobiology are challenges in this context;

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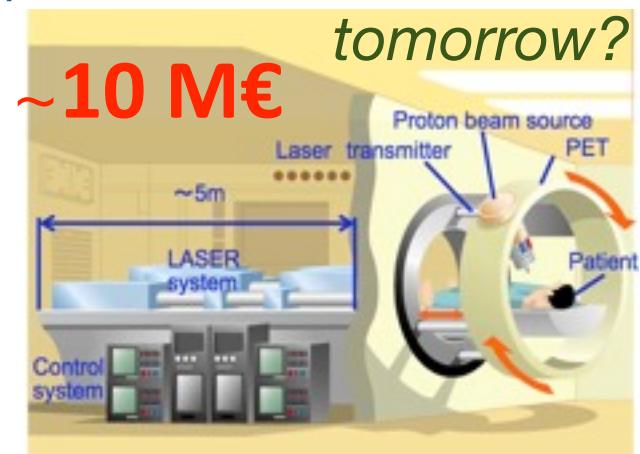


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- Why laser-driven proton beams?
  - **Compactness**
  - **Cost-reduction**
  - **Innovative treatment modalities**



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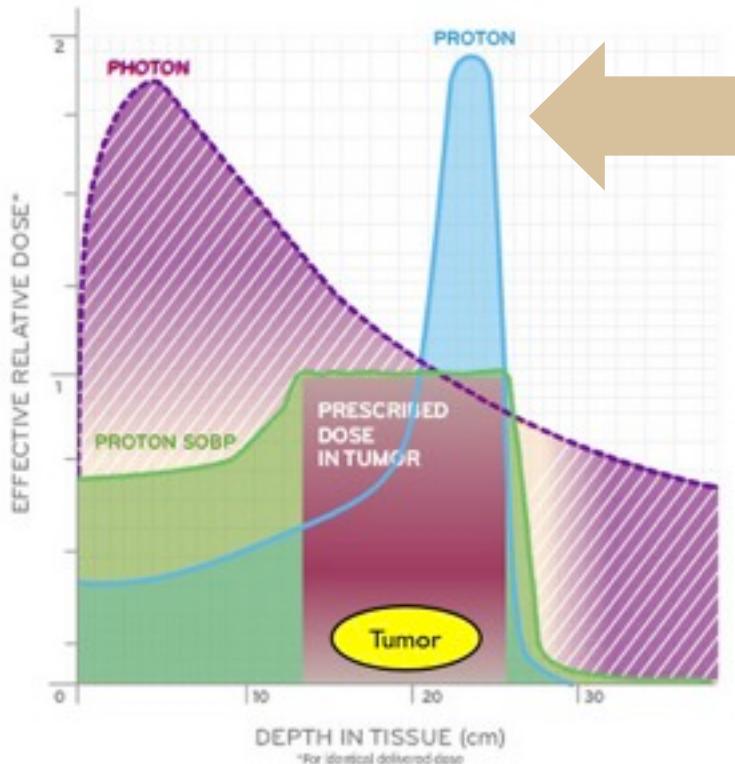
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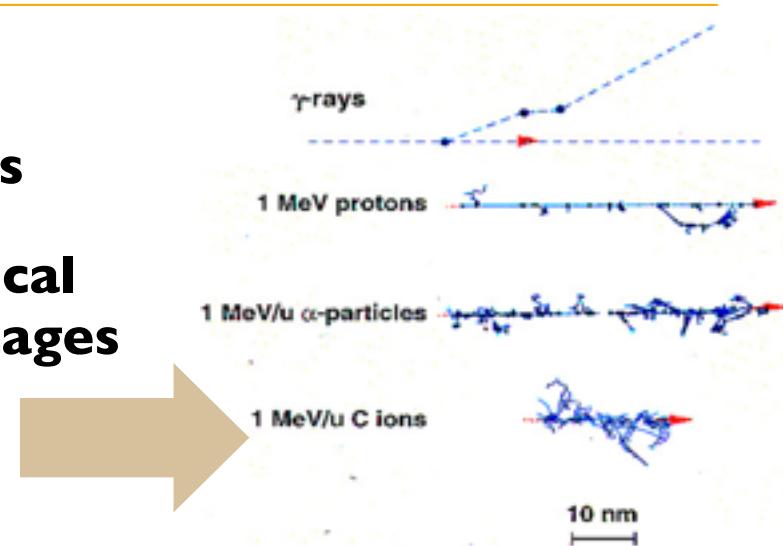
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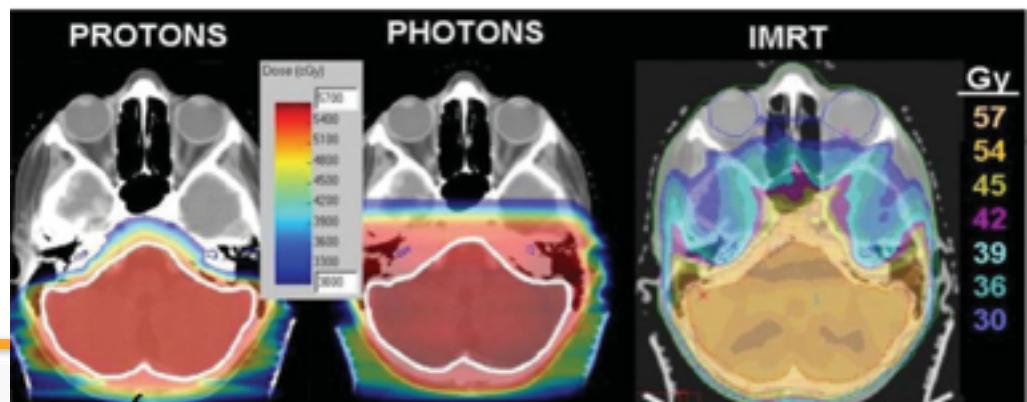
Physical advantages

Biological advantages



Density of secondary electrons is higher for charged radiation and enhance the DNA double strand break

Image from Greco C. Current Status of Radiotherapy With Proton and Light Ion Beams. American CANCER society April 1, 2007 / Volume 109 / Number 7



## Benefits

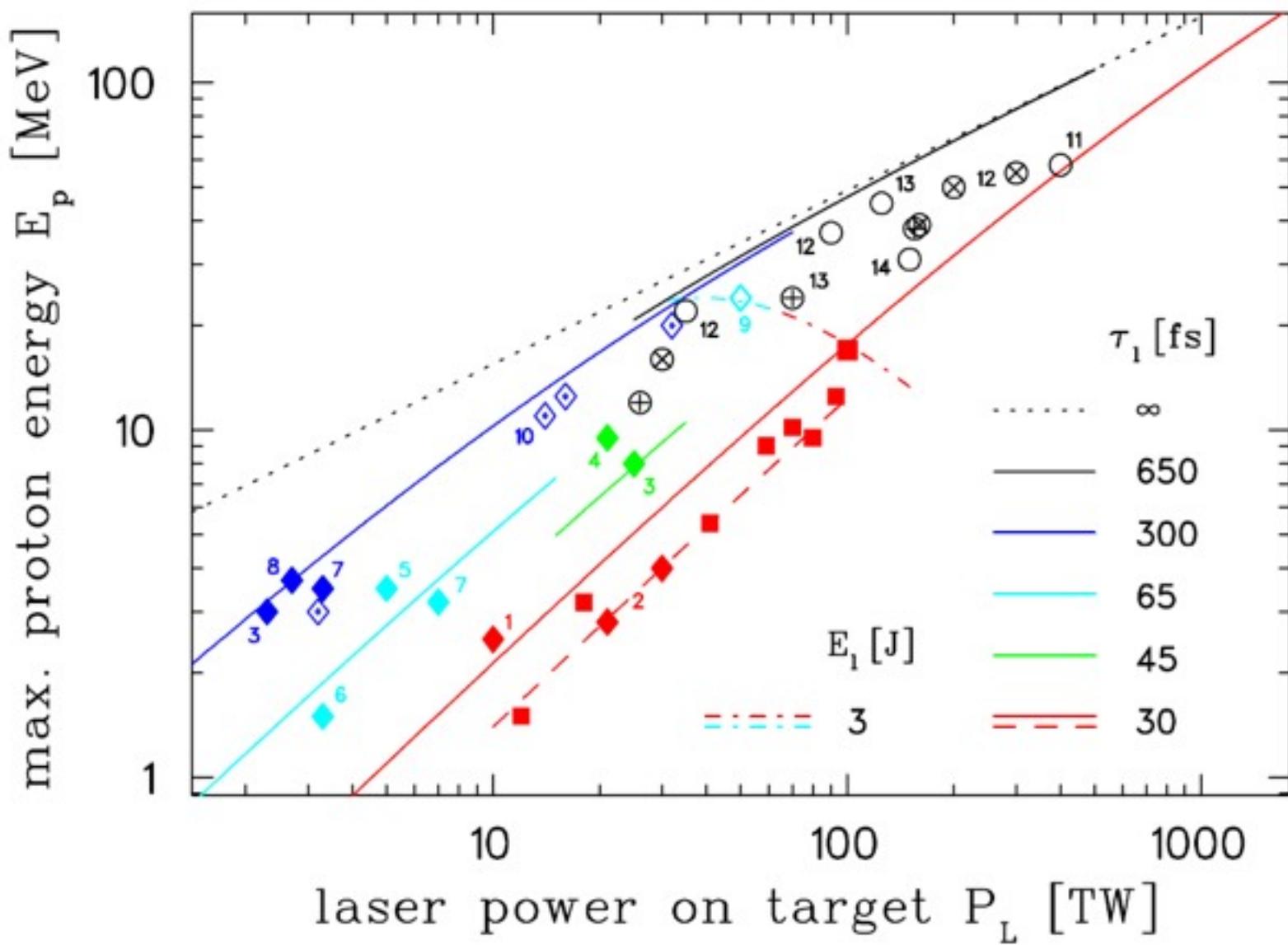
- Large accelerating field (GV/m)
- High flux and high dose-rate per bunch: ~ **10<sup>9</sup> Gy/sec**  
( ~ **10 Gy/sec** maximum for conventional accelerators)



## Challenges



- Very short particle bunch duration: < 100 psec  
(> 5 nsec for conventional accelerator)
- Tunable energy spectrum
- Significant angular divergence ( $\pm 25^\circ$ )

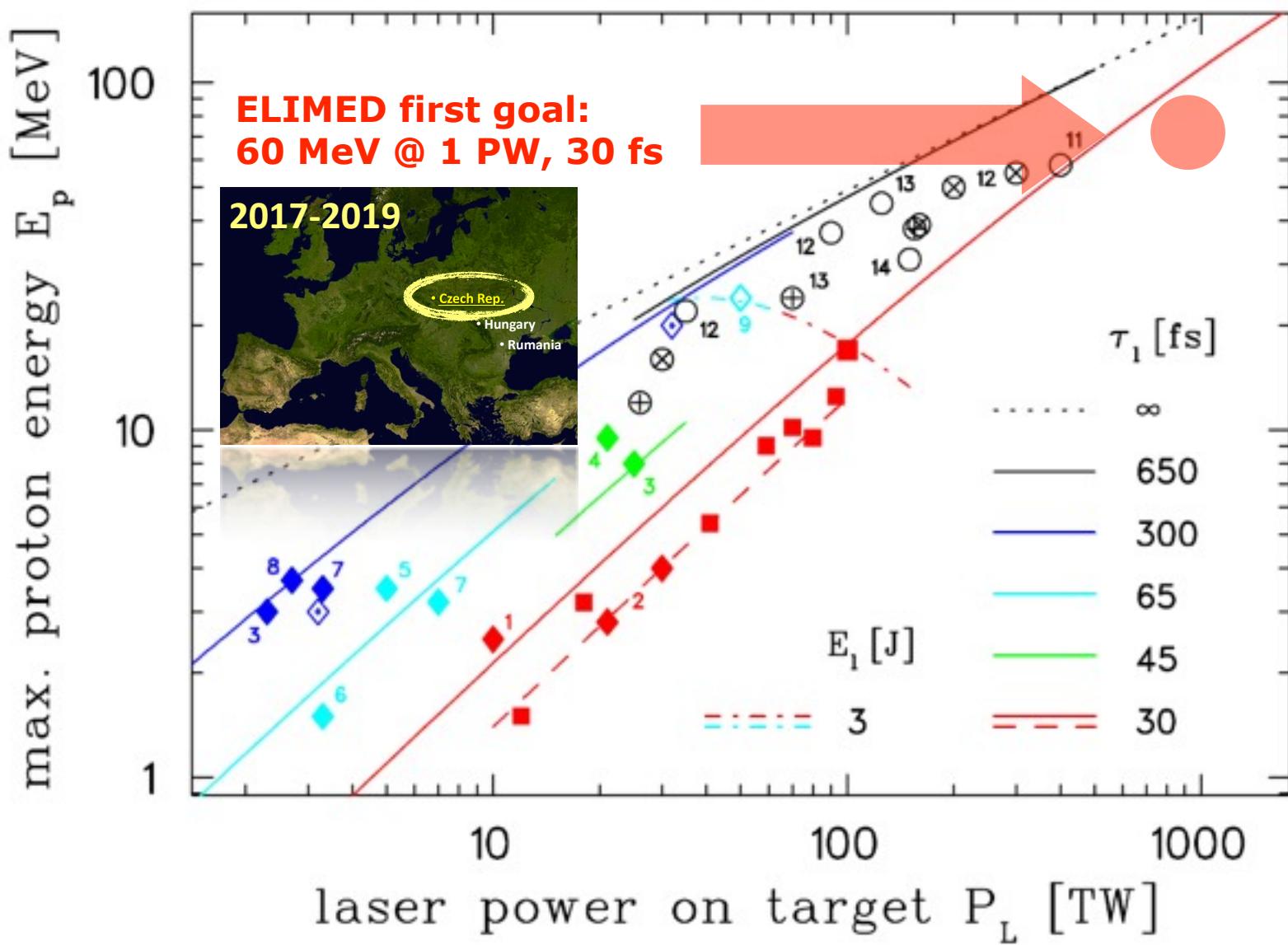


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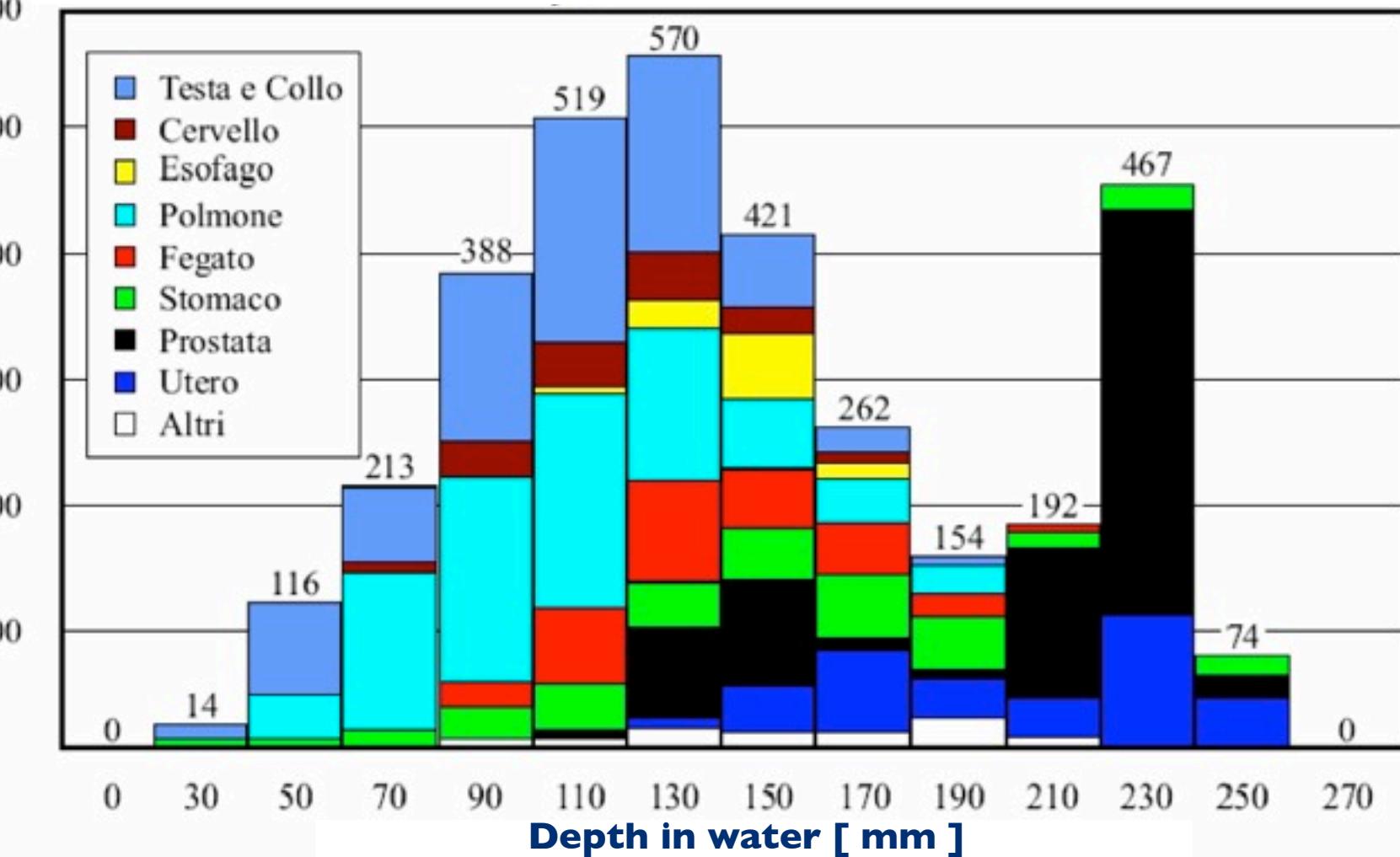
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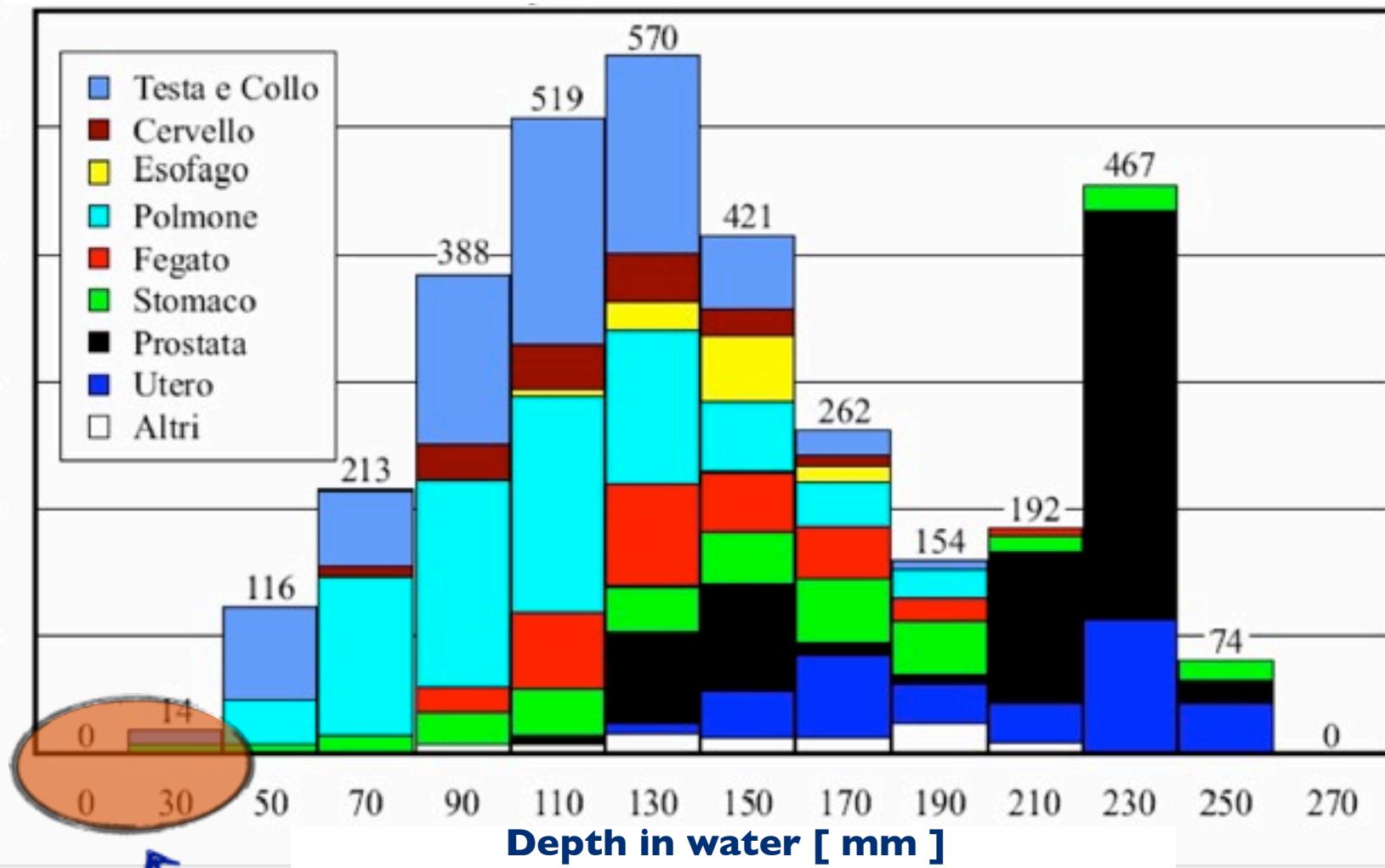
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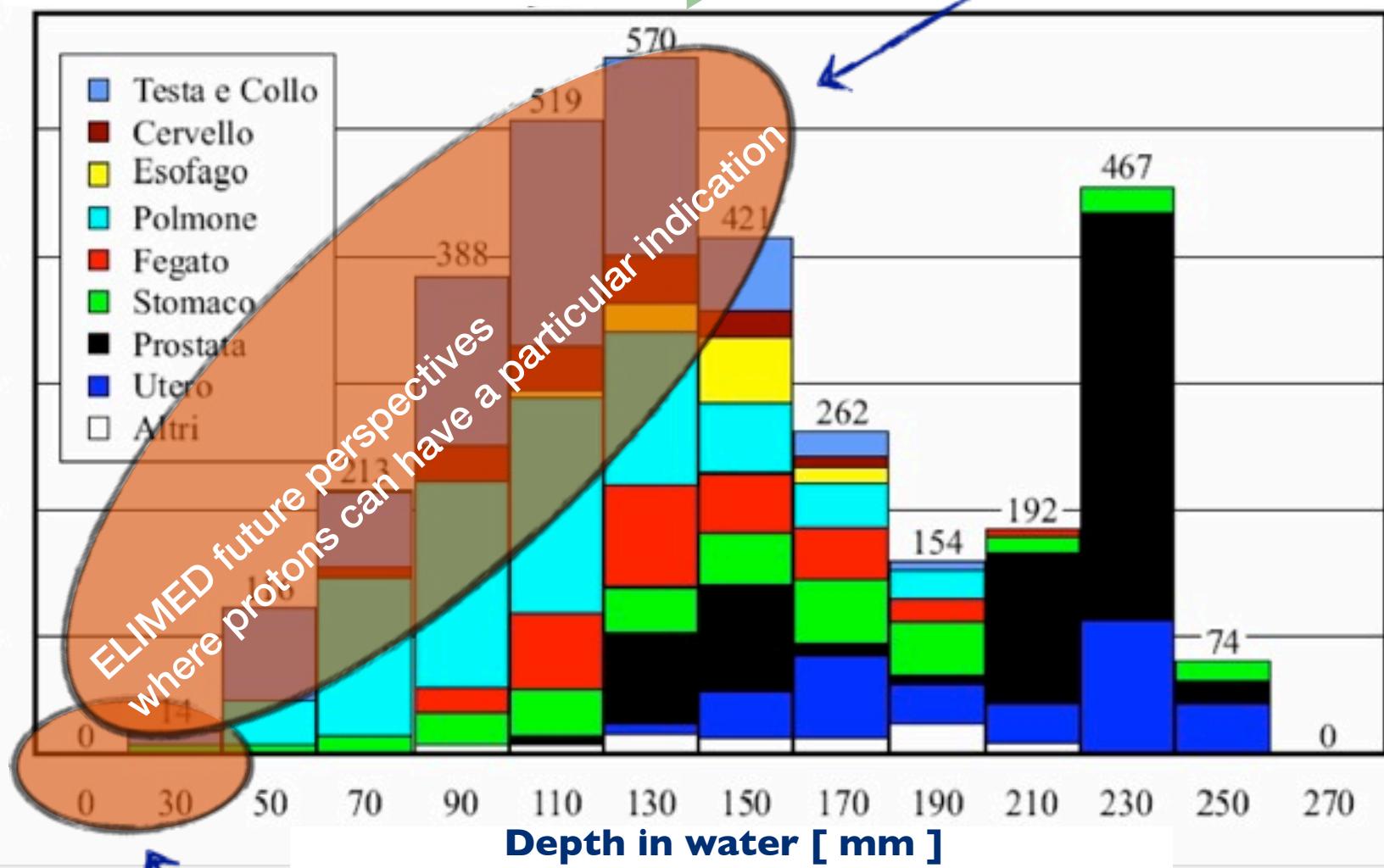
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Protons, 150 MeV

Future ELIMED applications



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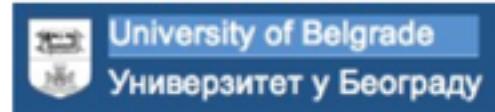


## 2nd ELIMED Workshop and Panel, 18-19 October 2012 @ INFN-LNS, Catania



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# The Italian eye proton therapy center



Hadrontherapy Centre and Advanced Nuclear Applications

## Target volume and dose

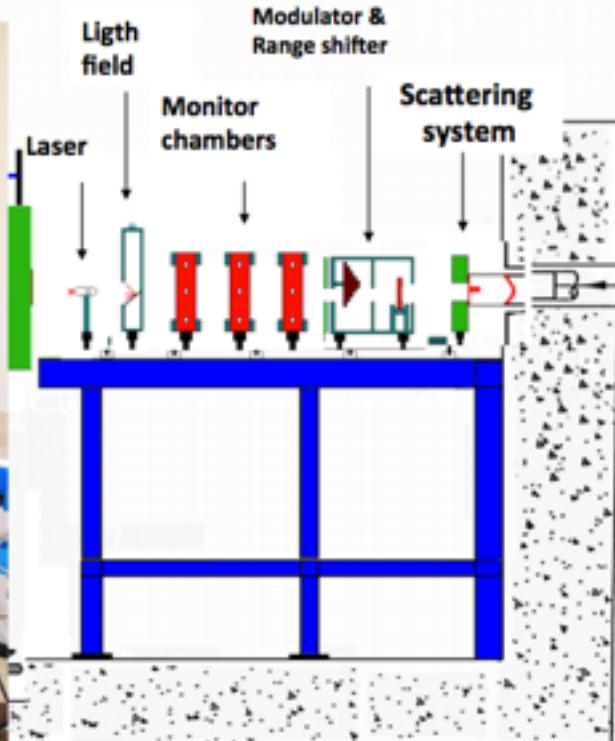
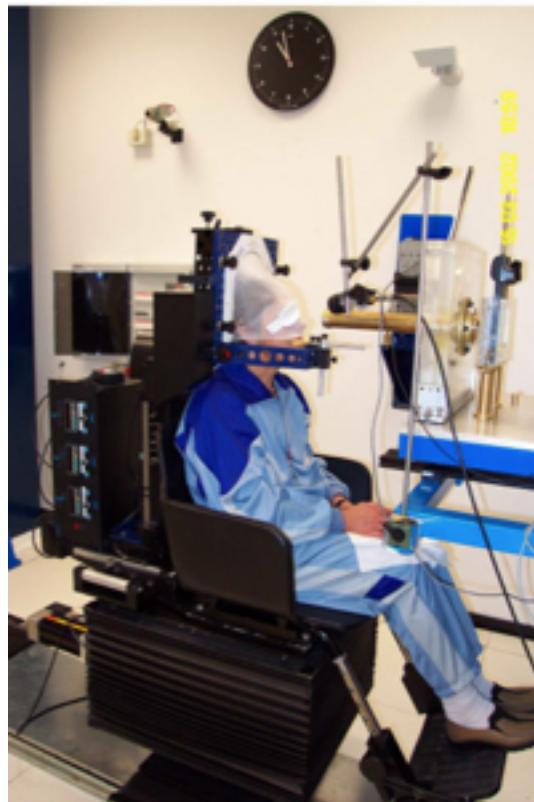
### Uveal melanoma

(eye melanoma: rare but very aggressive disease)

- 30-40 mm of spot size required

- 60 - 70 MeV maximum energy is required

- 60 CGyE in 4 fractions of 15 CGyE for 4 consecutive days, duration between 20-50 sec in average



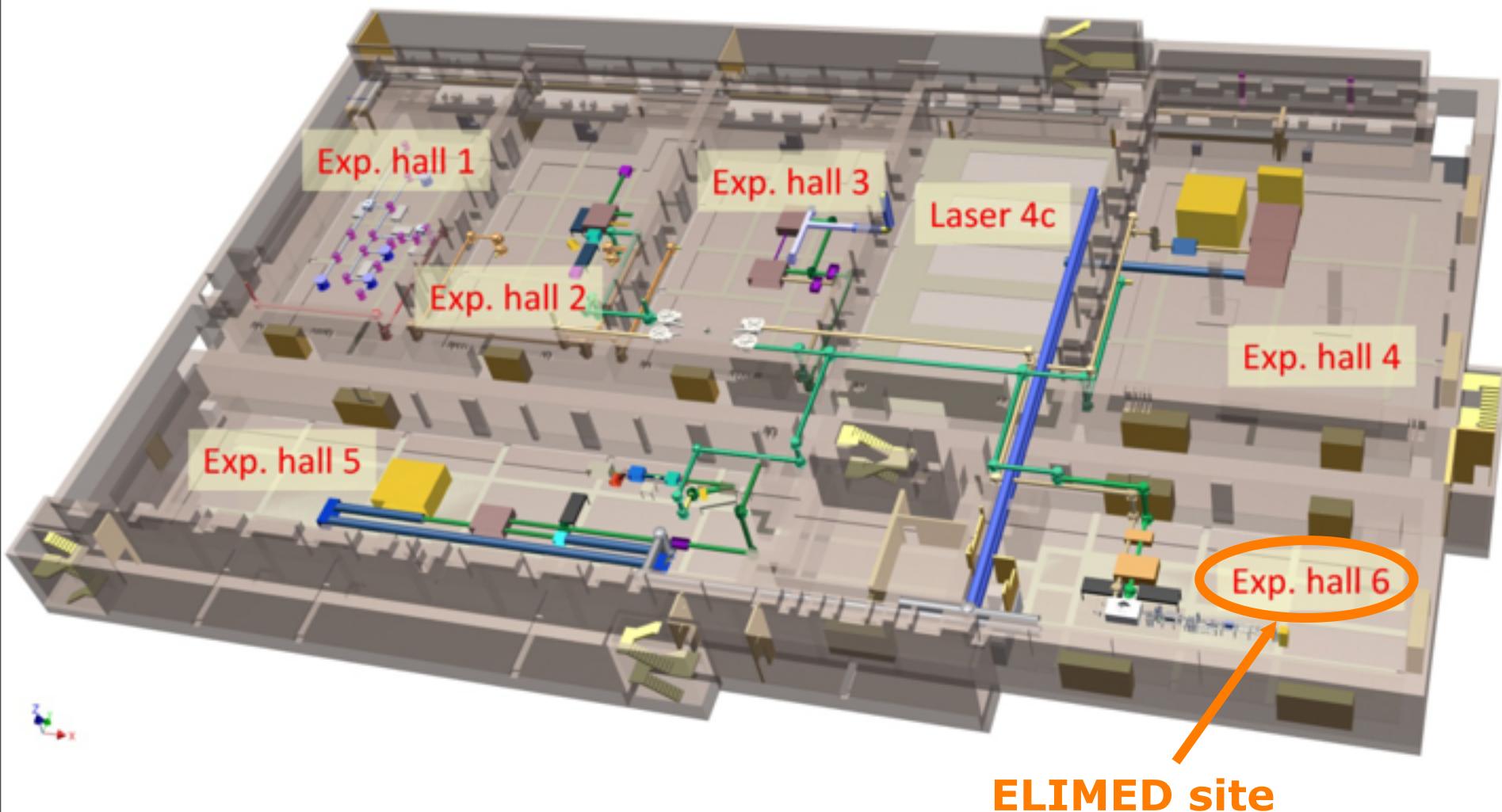
Project started in 1996  
First patient: March 12, 2001  
More than 300 patients treated



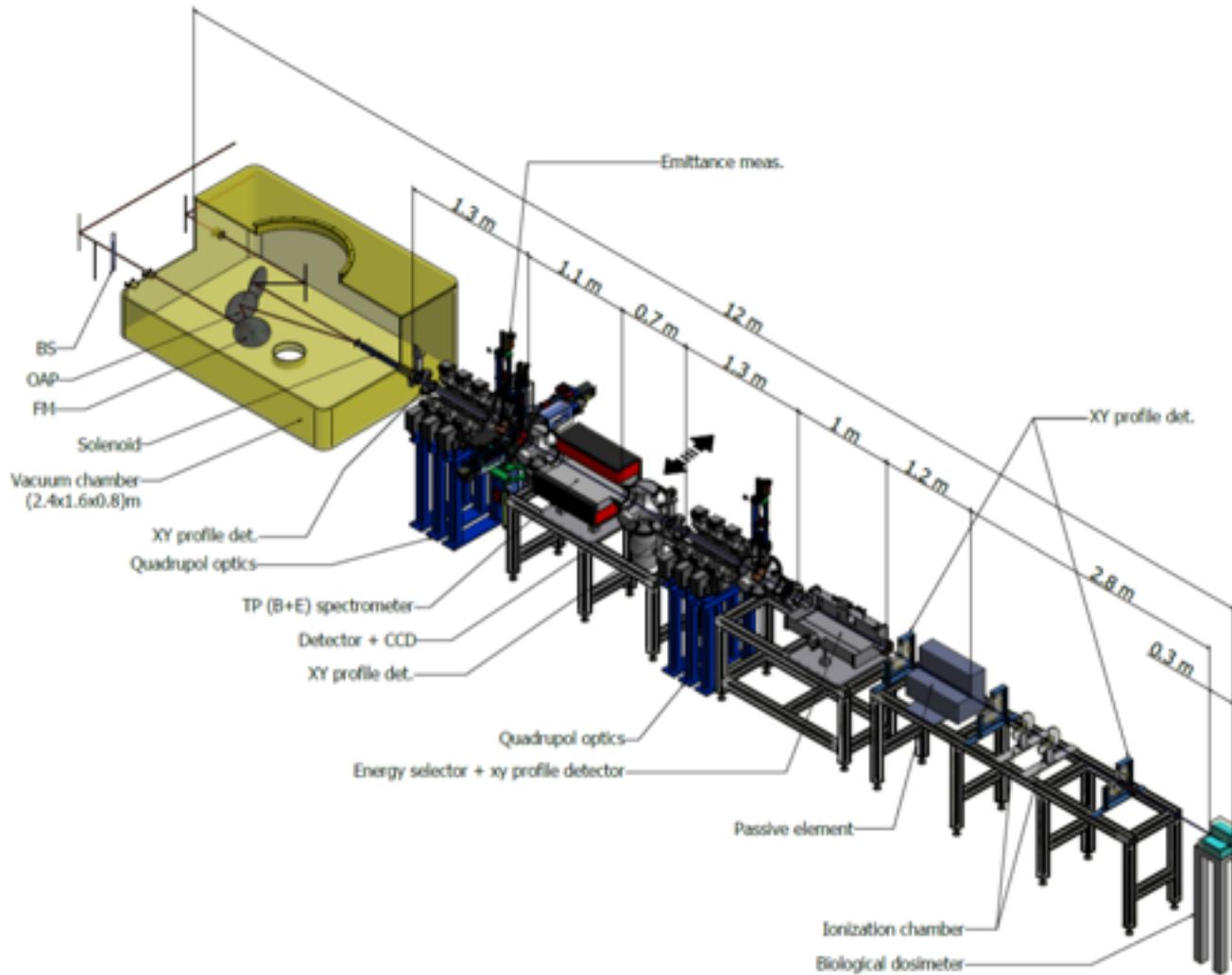
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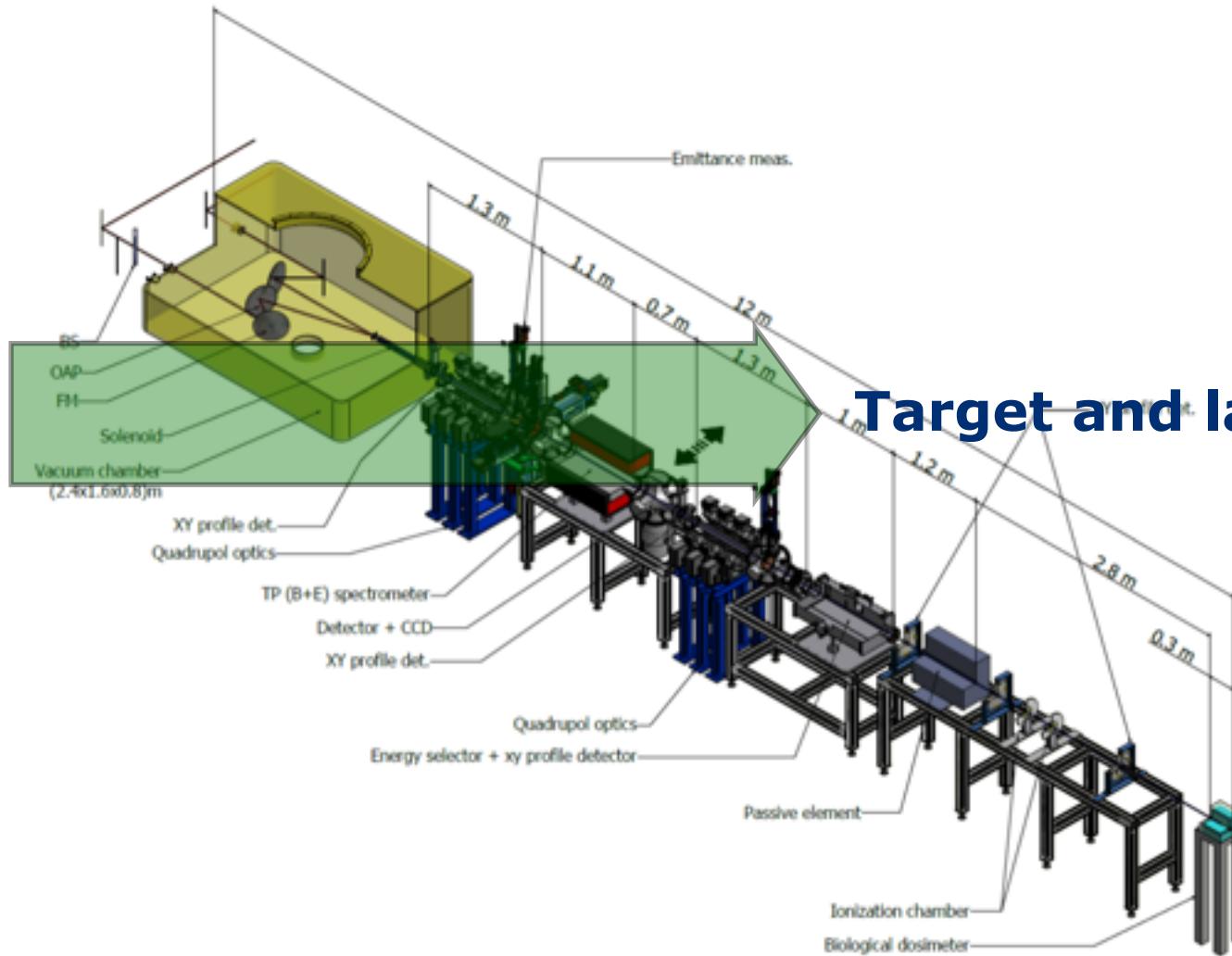
# ELIMED area at ELI-Beamlines



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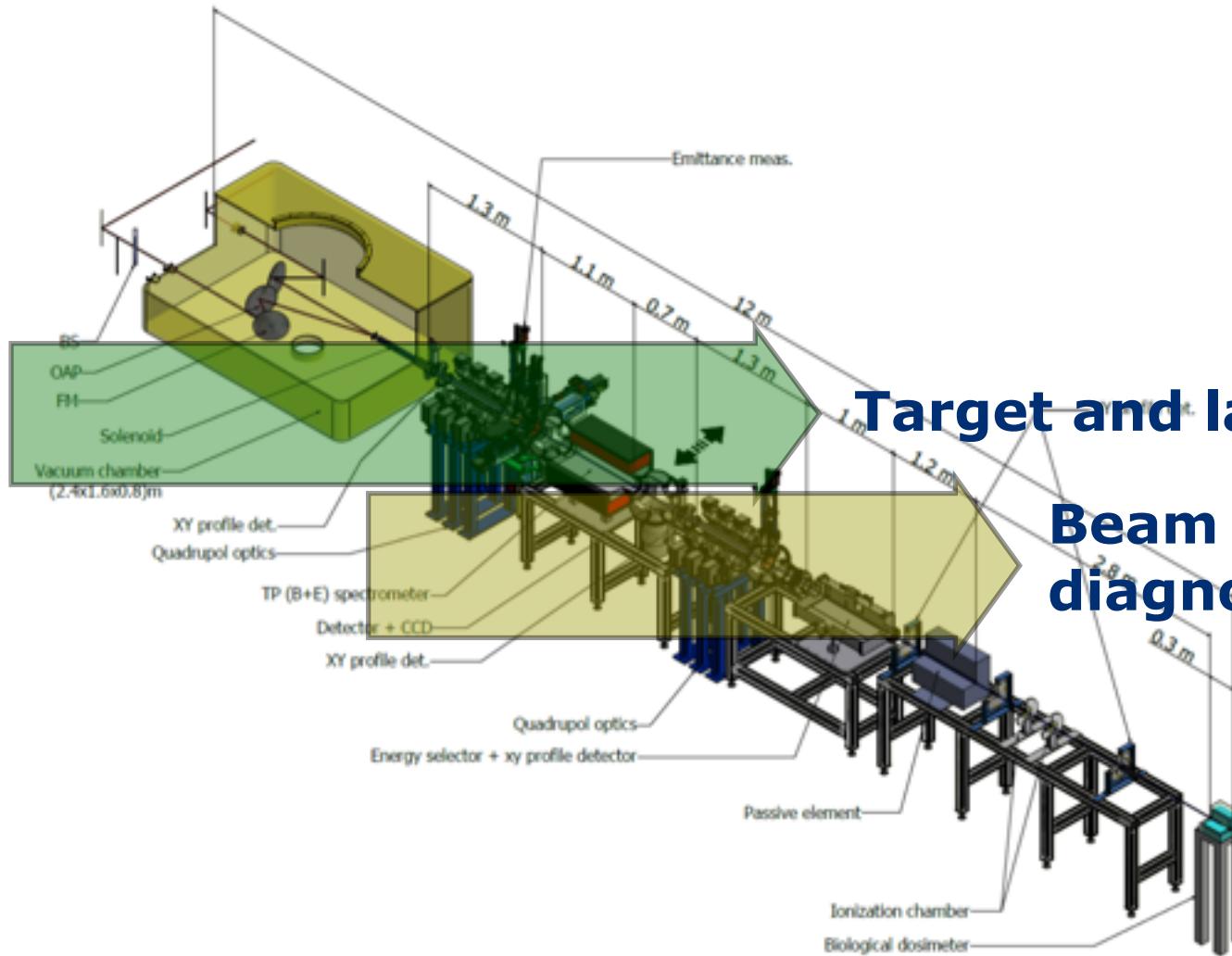


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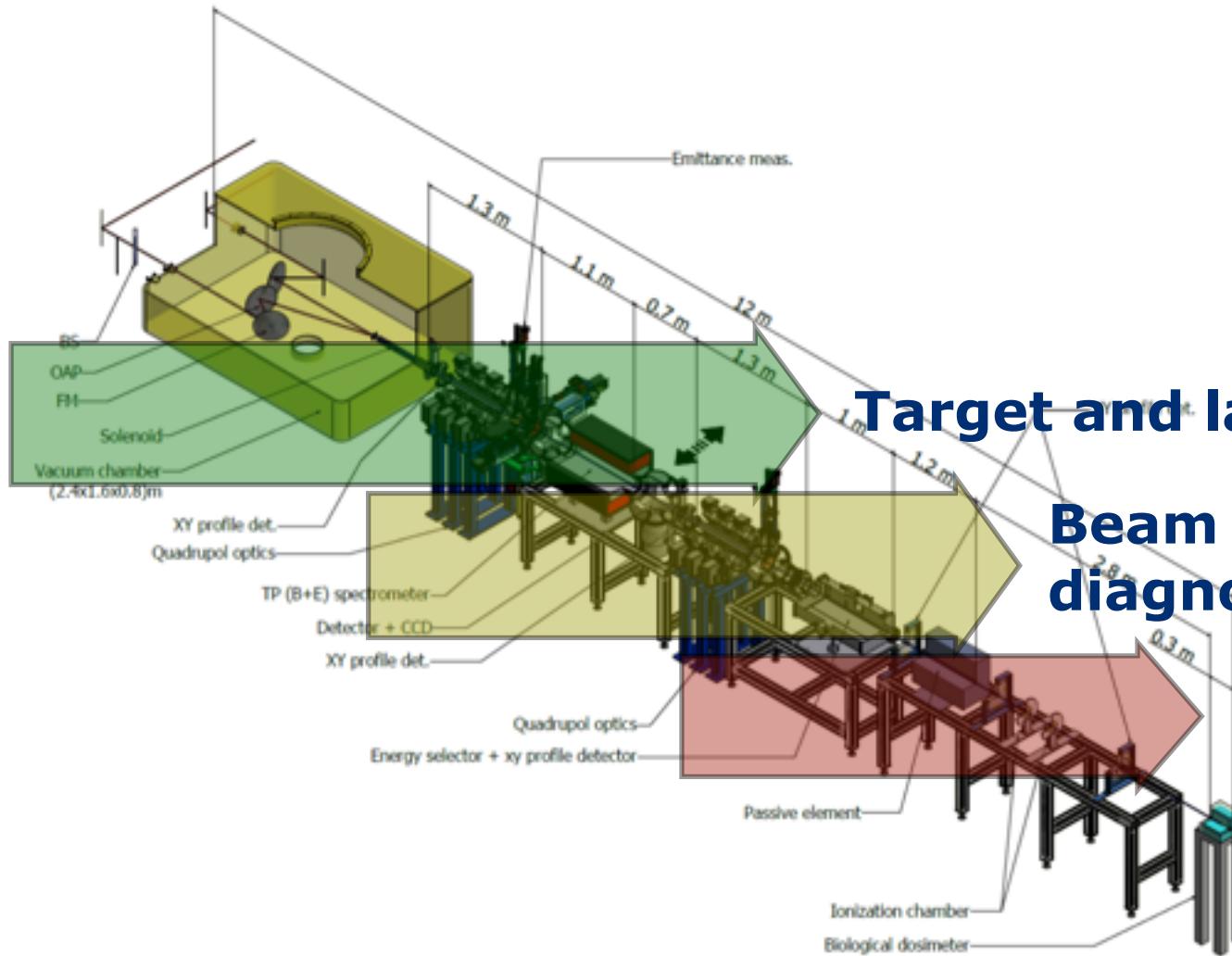
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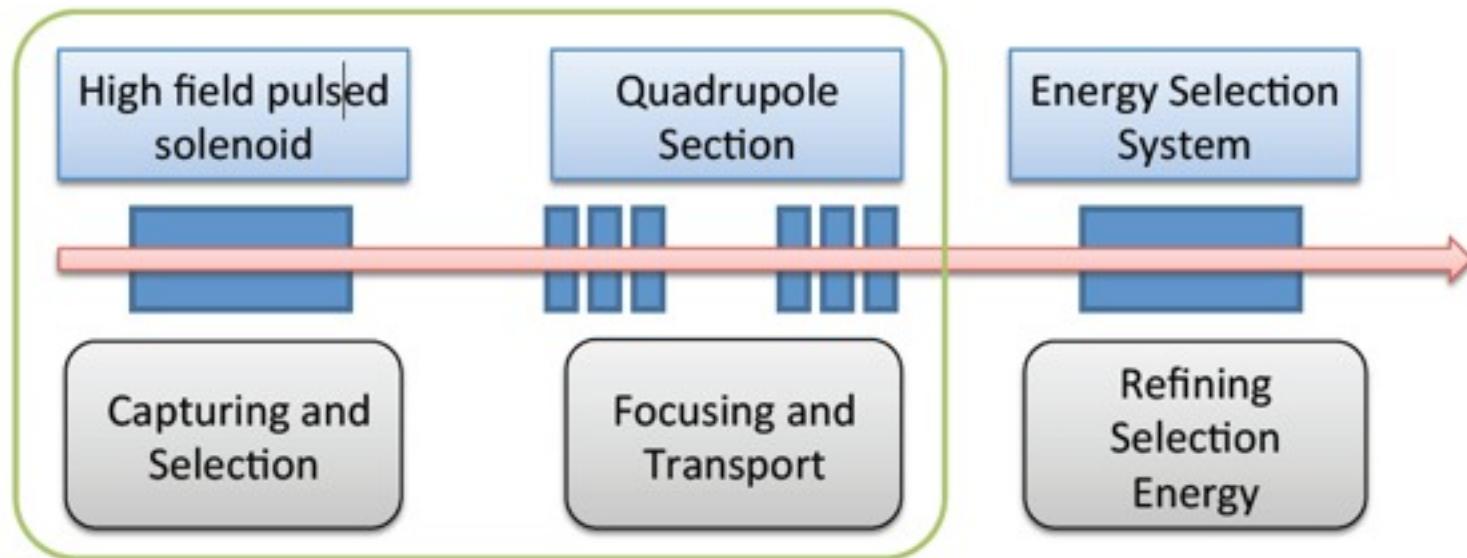
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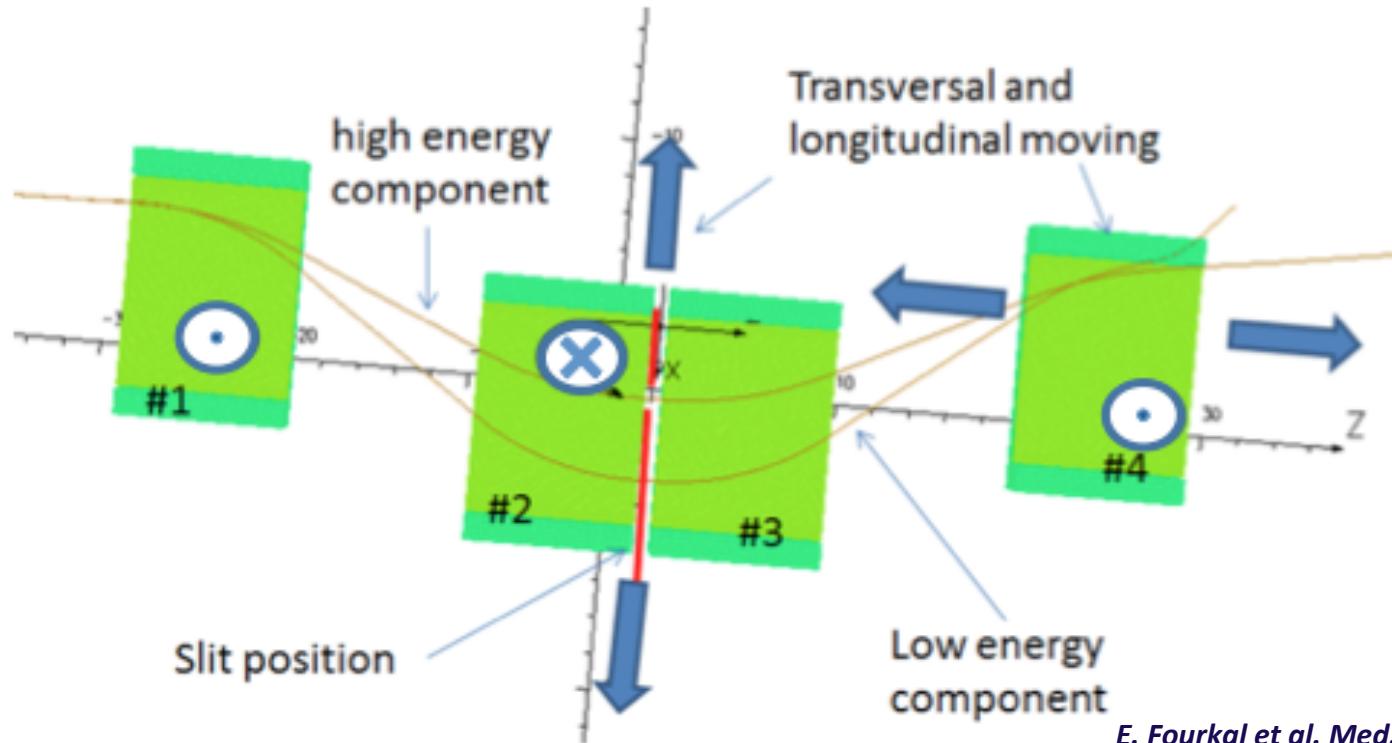
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**ESS Prototype already developed @ LNS-INFN:**

- Wide energy range (1 – 60 MeV)
- Controlled energy spread (1 - 30 %) – related to the transmission efficiency and clinical necessities
- Compact design
- Passive magnetic elements

# ESS prototype: working principles



E. Fourkal et al. Med. Phys. 30 (7) 2003

- Transversal moving of the slit permits the energy selection
- Transversal moving of #2 and #3 dipoles to decrease the selectable low energy limit
- Longitudinal movement of dipole #4 permits to compensate the magnetic field asymmetries of the whole structure

# The INFN-LNS Thomson Spectrometer eli

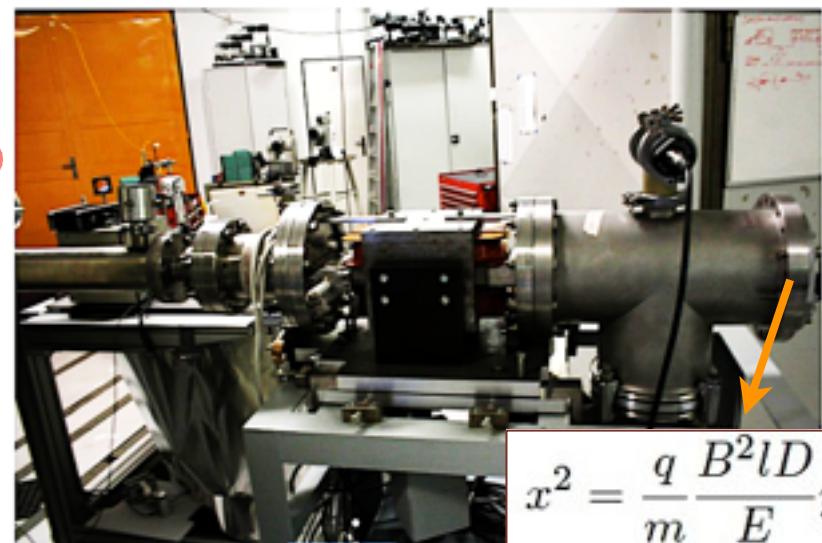
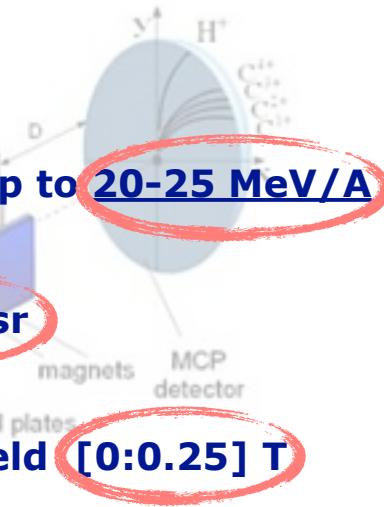


## INFN-TP features:

- ✓ High energy resolution up to 20-25 MeV/A
- ✓ Wide acceptance  $10^{-4}$  msr
- ✓ Tunability of Magnetic field [0:0.25] T

A. Macchi et al.

Accepted for publication on Reviews of Modern Physics (2013)



$$x^2 = \frac{q}{m} \frac{B^2 l D}{E} y$$

The INFN Thomson Spectrometer has been developed within the **INFN-LILIA** project  
(G.A.P. Cirrone, G.Cuttone, C. de Martinis, D. Giove, A. Fazzi, G. Turchetti, S. Sinigardi)

The INFN-TP has been tested as laser-driven ion beam diagnostic system within the **ELIMED** collaboration during an experimental campaign

→ PALS in Prague, May 2012 and February 2013



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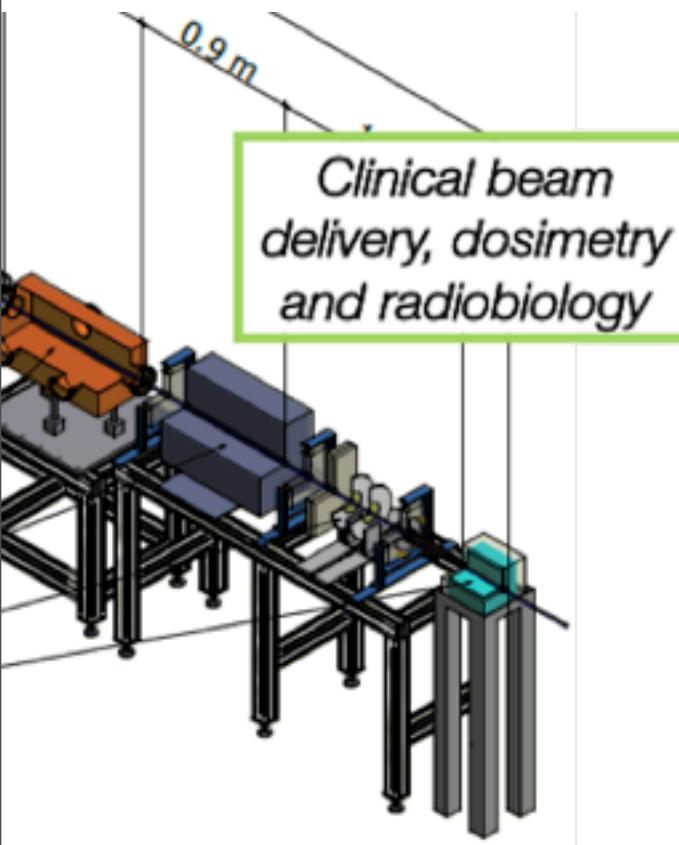


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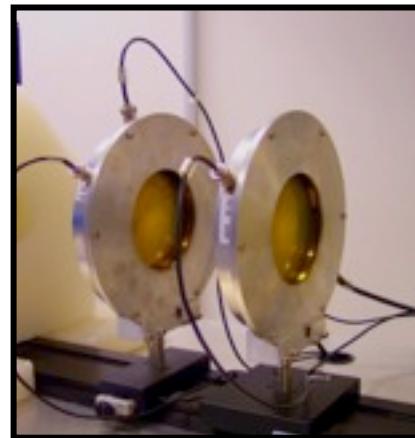
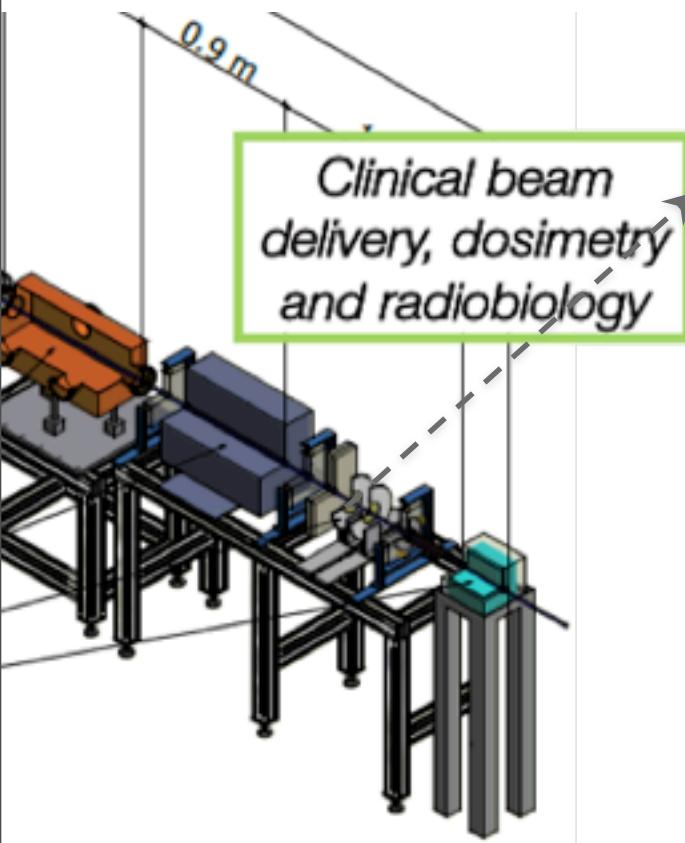
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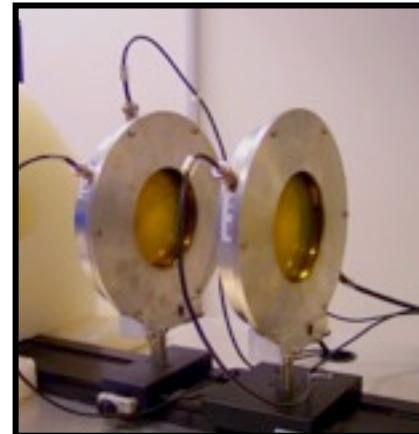
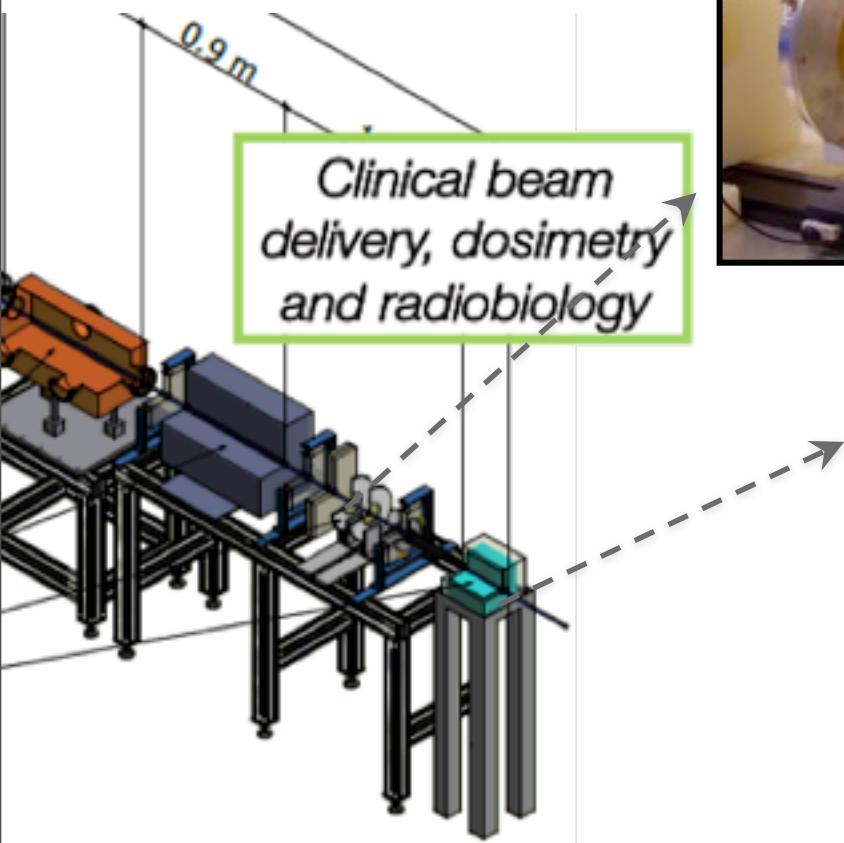
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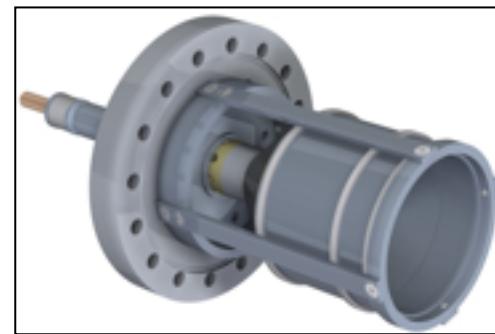
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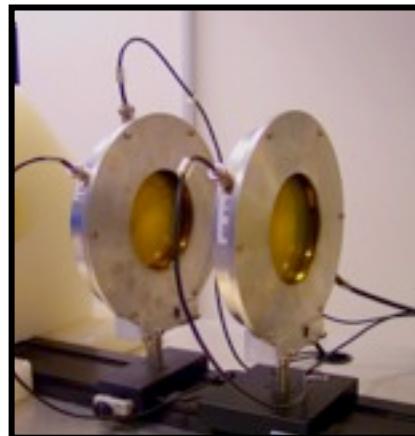
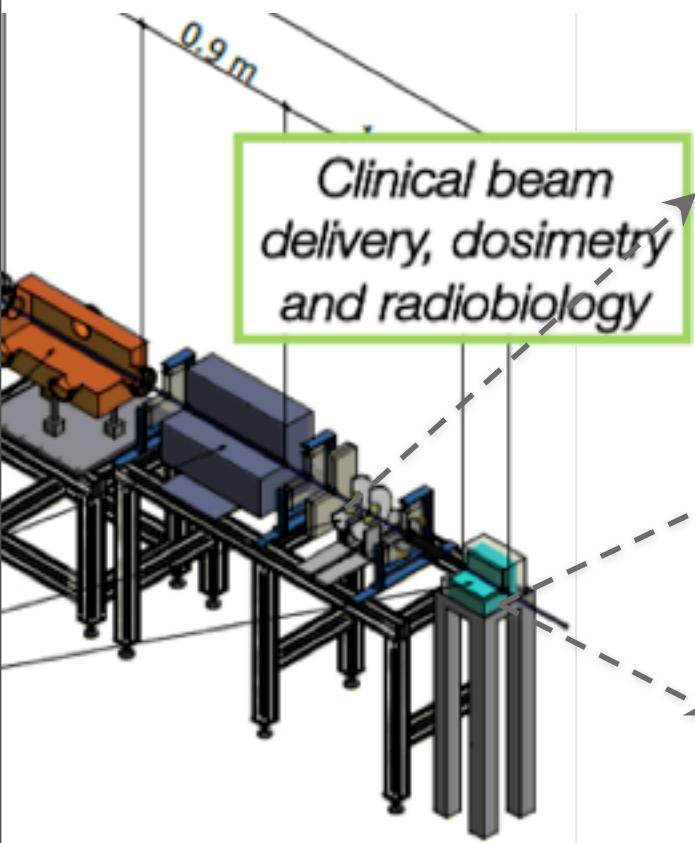
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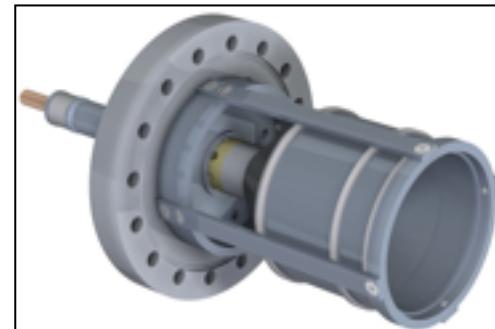
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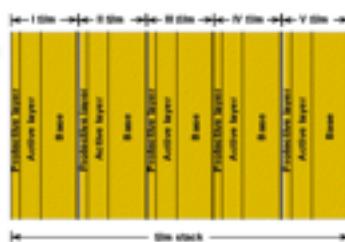
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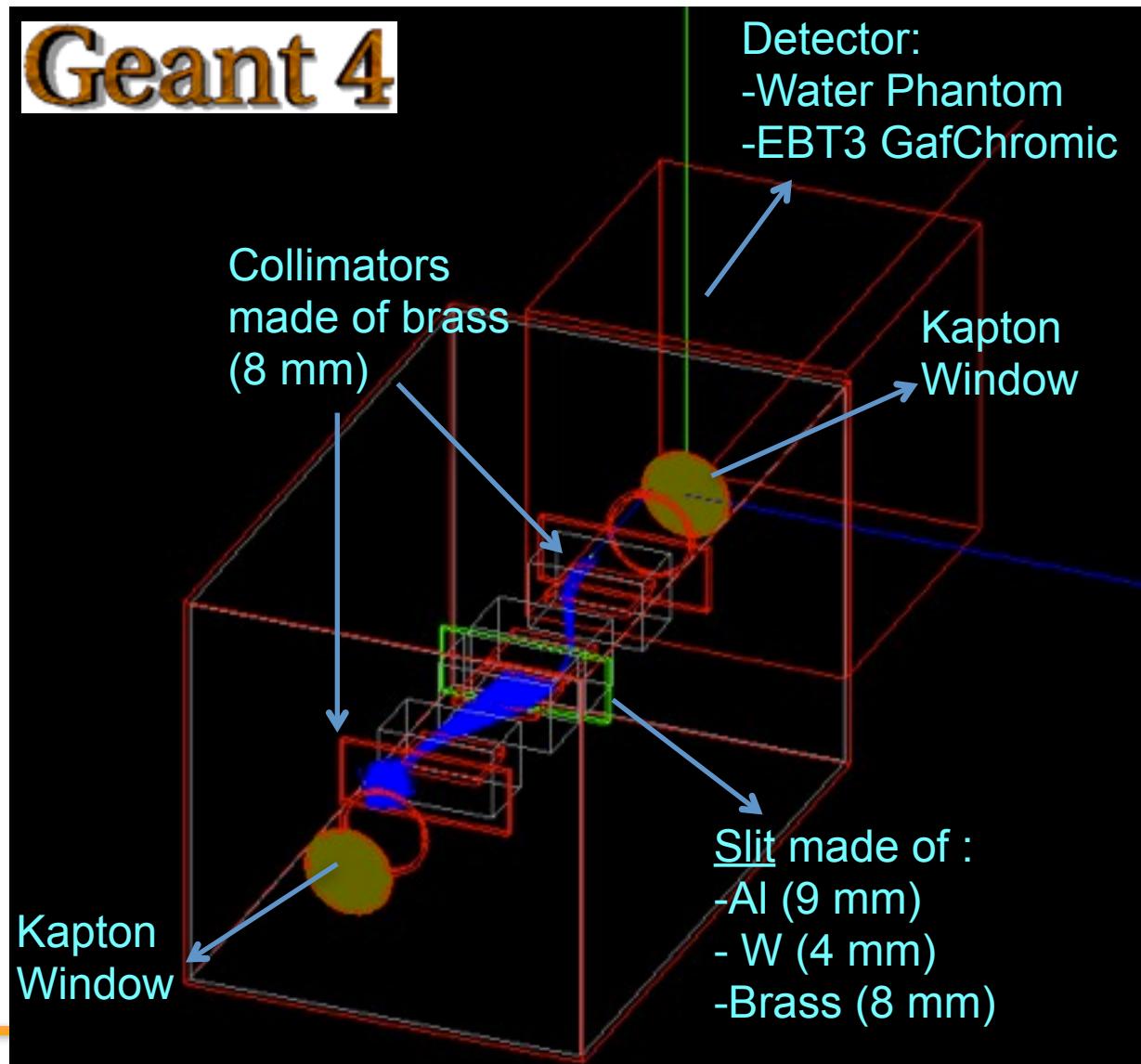
- Radiochromic films (stack)
- CR39 detectors
- Scintillating fibers (real-time)

# Monte Carlo activity with Geant4



- Design and optimization of the **ELIMED** beamline
  - Energy selection system
  - Transport beam line optimization
  - Irradiation approaches
  - Radio-protection and dosimetry
- MC simulation of the available test sites (**FLAME**, **TARANIS**) for the final dose evaluation in the preparatory phase

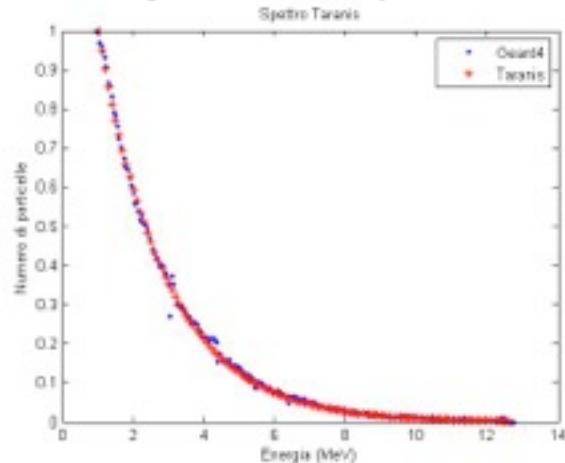
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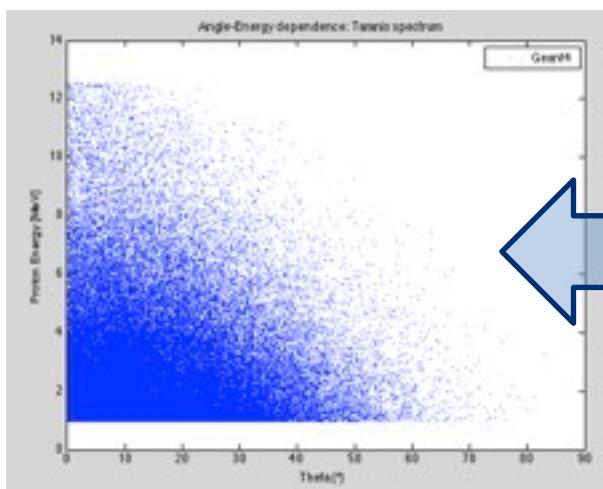
# Preparation to the TARANIS run

$$\frac{dN}{dE} = 2.15 \times 10^{11} \exp(-0.44E) \text{ MeV}^{-1}$$

for  $1 \text{ MeV} \leq E_p \leq 12 \text{ MeV}$  (T.Dzelzainis, et al ...)



- The following energies have been selected:
  - 4, 6 MeV
- Geometrical configuration:
  - Collimators diameters: 3 mm
  - Slit diameter: 3 m



Angular dependence,  
come from RCF analysis,  
implemented in the  
simulation input

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