



ADROTERAPIA A MEDAUSTRON

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Outline

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- Introduction and milestones
- Building and construction
- Treatment beam lines and beam production
- Patient alignment system and Treatment Planning System (TPS)
- Patient workflow management
- Clinical Indications at MedAustron



Introduction



- EBG MedAustron GmbH, Wiener Neustadt (close to Vienna)
- Dual mode particle facility (protons and carbon ions)
- Synchrotron based, pencil beam scanning
- Investment of € 200 Mio.
- 160 employees in the full operational phase
- Co-operations:
 - CERN
 - CNAO, PSI, INFN
 - Austrian Universities and Hospitals

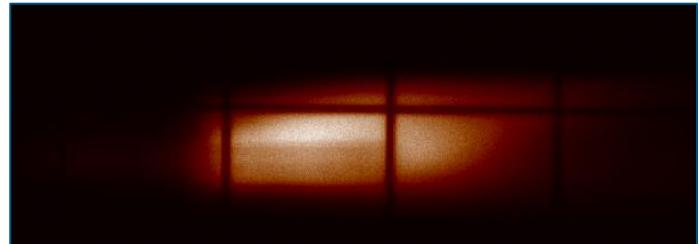


Medical staff	29
Technical staff	88
Administration	21
Total	138

Milestones

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➤ Building: ground-breaking (February 2011), complete (October 2012)



➤ 1st turn in the synchrotron: April 2014



➤ Installation ring imaging system: September 2014

➤ The first extraction of a 65MeV proton beam: **14.10.2014**

- FUTURE MILESTONES:
- First proton beam in HBL: November 2014
 - Commissioning HBL for protons: 2015
 - First patient protons: end of 2015
 - First patient Carbon ions: end of 2016

Sandwich-Technology at MedAustron

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- Excavation material used for radiation protection
- 25.000 m³ concrete saved
- 2.500 tons of steel saved
- 6 months construction time saved



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MedAustron treatment beams production:

Cooperation with CERN

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Medical treatment/research:

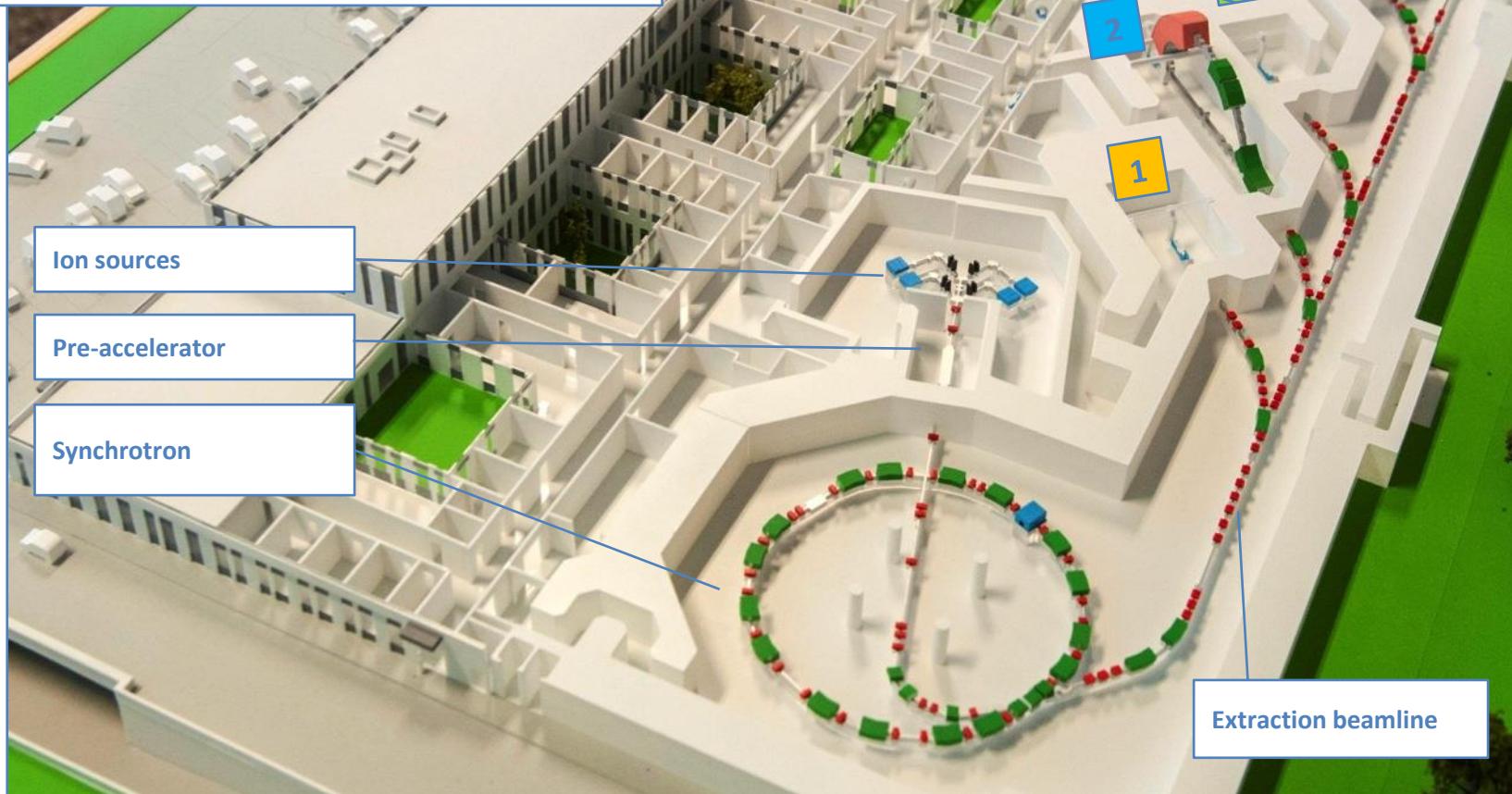
Proton-Gantry (IR 4)

Horizontal beamline (IR 3)

Horizontal and vertical beamline (IR 2)

Non-clinical research:

Horizontal beam line (IR 1)

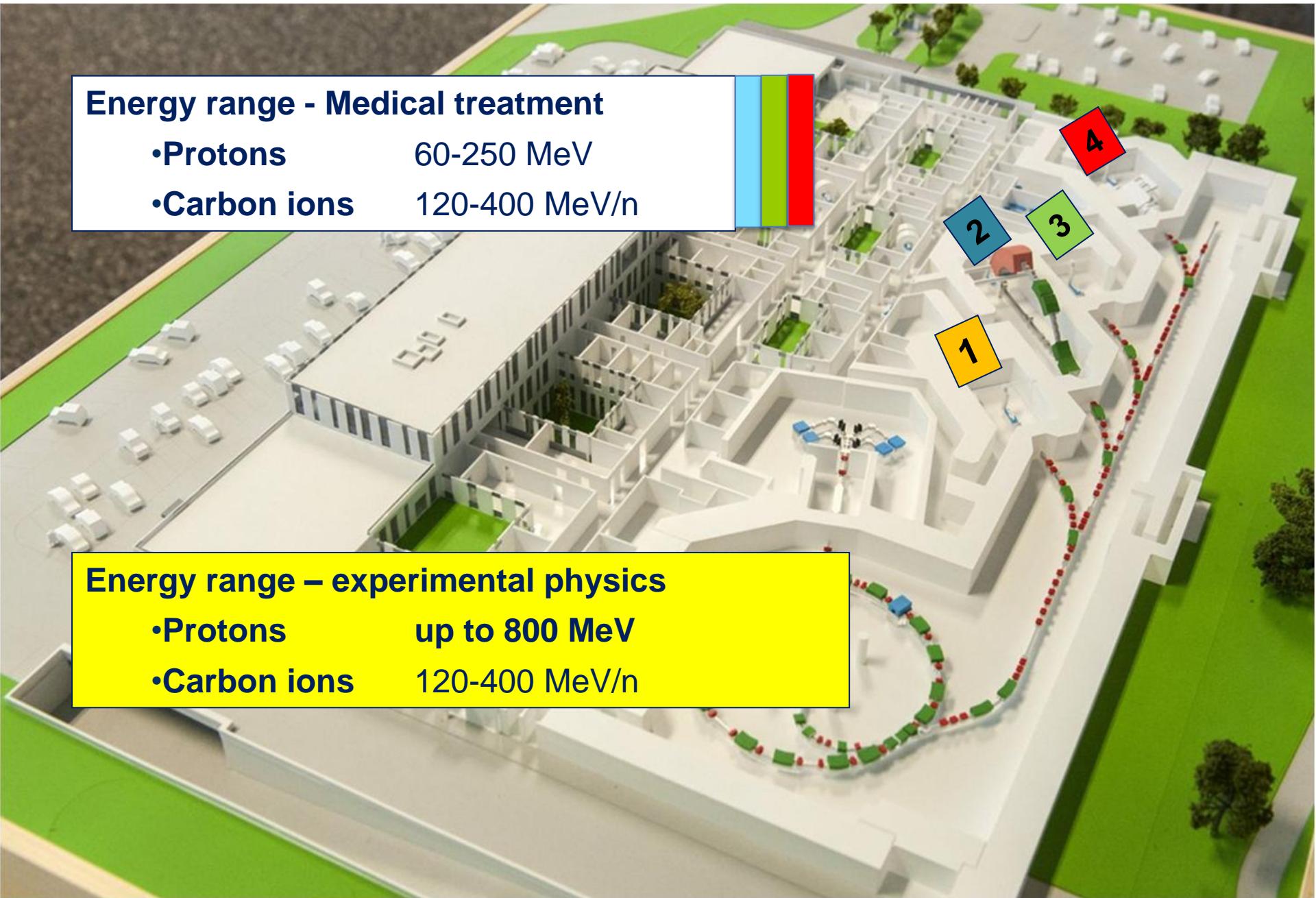


Energy range - Medical treatment

- Protons 60-250 MeV
- Carbon ions 120-400 MeV/n

Energy range – experimental physics

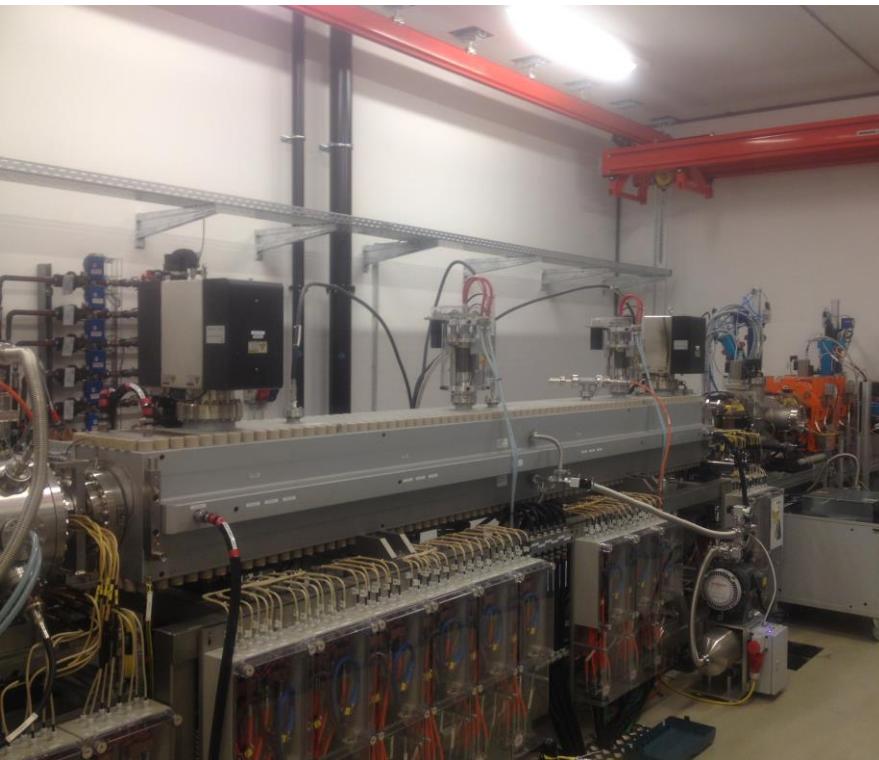
- Protons up to 800 MeV
- Carbon ions 120-400 MeV/n



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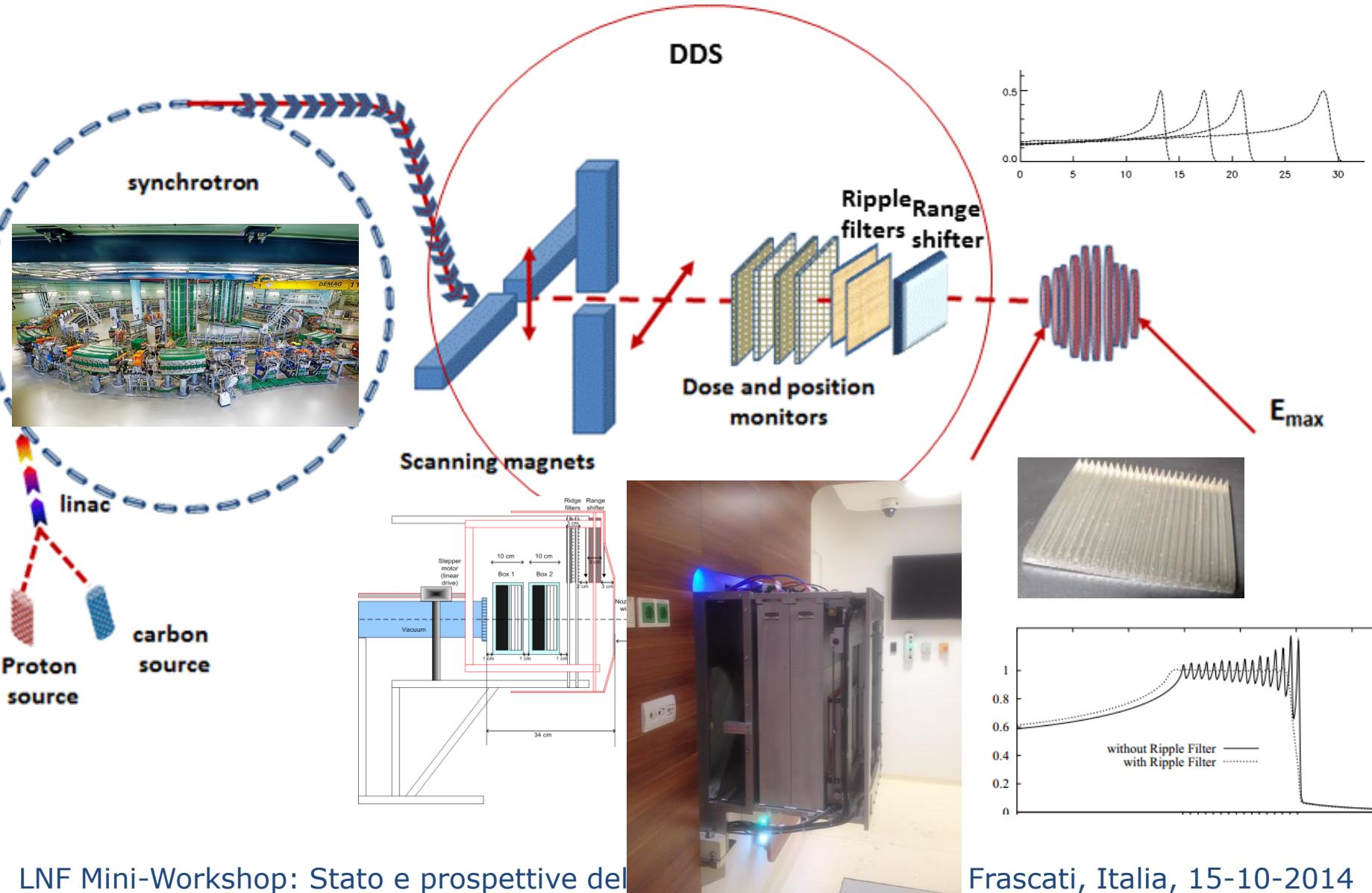
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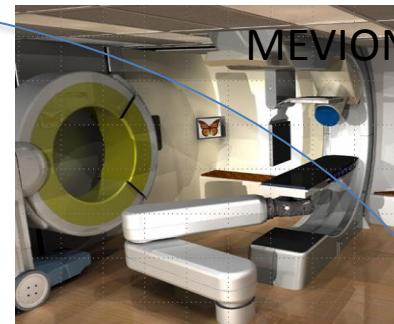
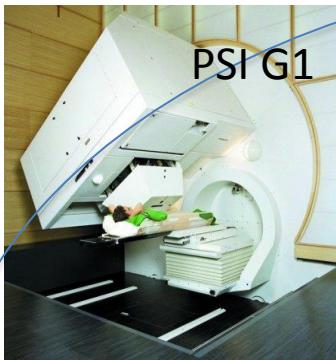


MedAustron treatment beams production: Cooperation with CNAO

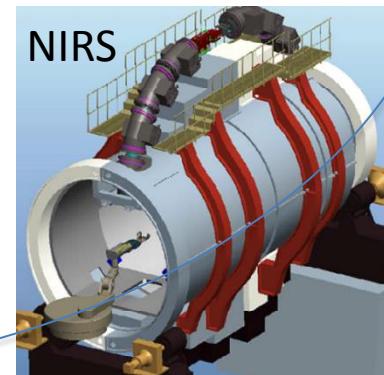
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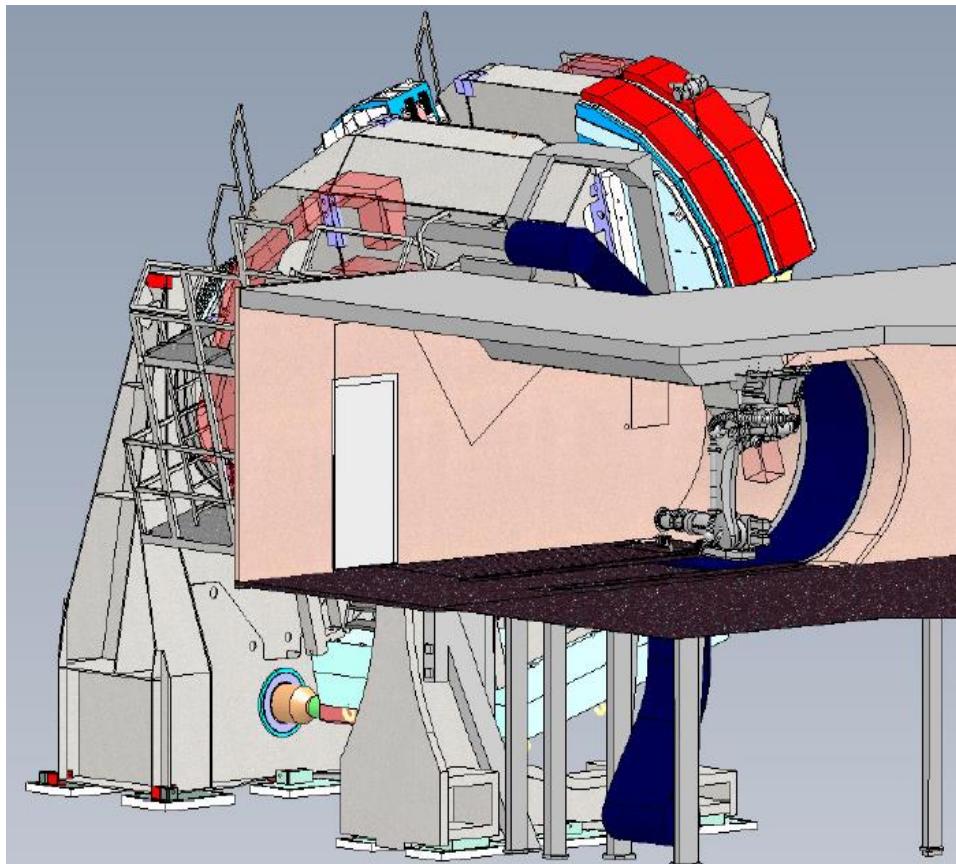
Evolution of ion beam gantry technology



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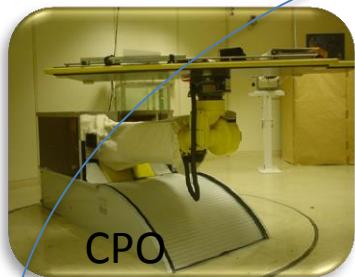
MedAustron proton gantry: cooperation with



MedAustron proton Gantry

Weight 220 tons, only protons 60-250MeV, angles from -10° to 180 °

Evolution of Patient Alignment Systems in Ion Beam Therapy



Use Robotic Patient positioner
with separate imaging system

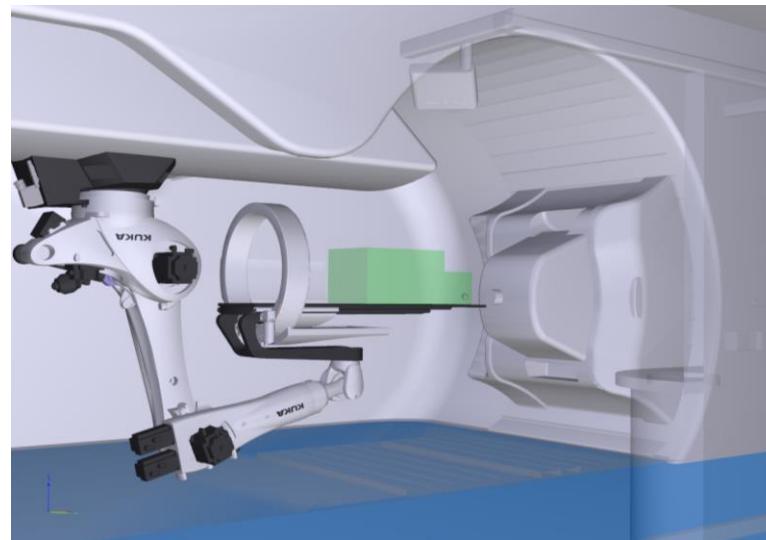
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MedAustron patient alignment system: robotic positioner and imaging ring

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Cooperation with MedPhoton and B-E-C



MedAustron robotic positioner and imaging ring

Cooperation with MedPhoton and B-E-C

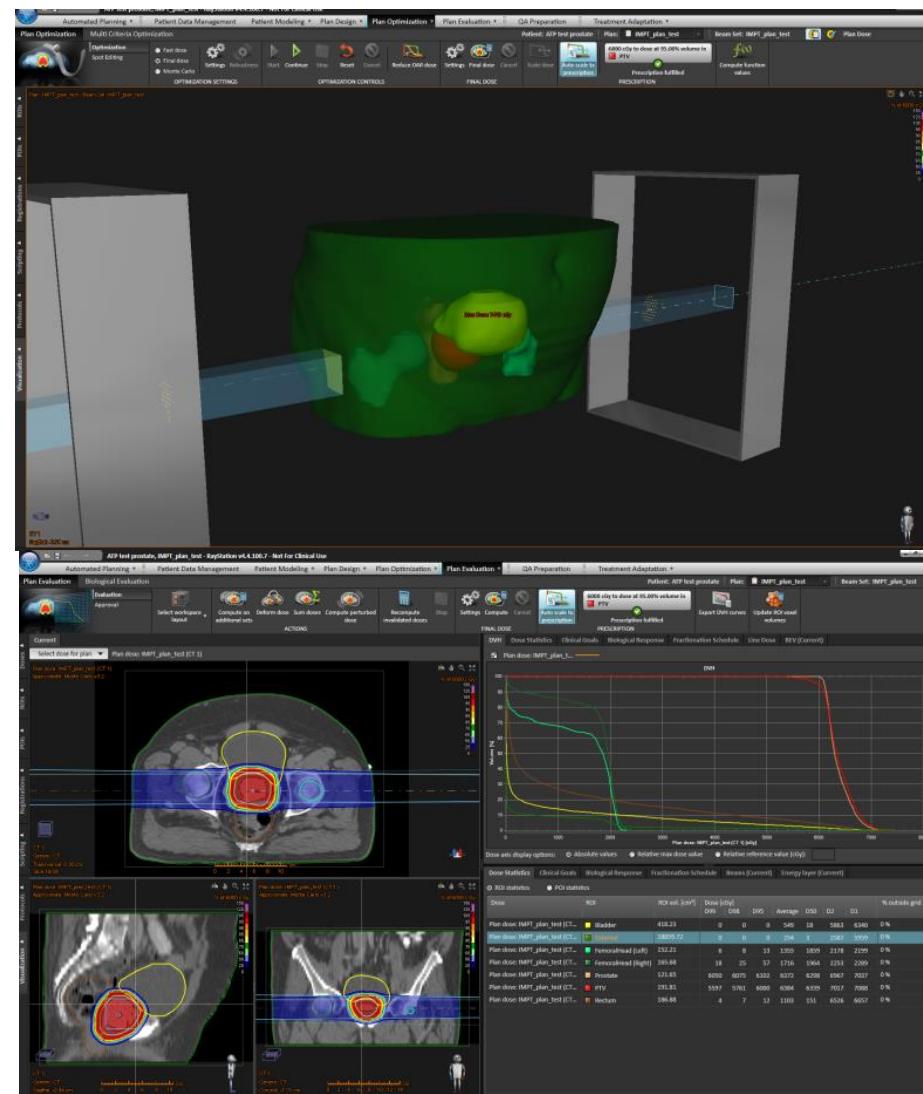


PAIR (Patient Alignment Imaging Ring)

- Ceiling mounted RP with 7 axes (additional linear rail)
- Sliding IR with independently rotating X-ray source and a flat panel detector
- Volumetric CBCT and 2D imaging
- 78 cm diameter with full resolution FOV of 60.5 cm
- Capability of dual energy X-ray imaging
- Optically tracking from the floor

MedAustron TPS RayStation:

Cooperation with RaySearch Laboratories



- Pencil beam algorithm (on GPU)
- Monte Carlo (on GPU)
- Robust optimization
- Biological optimization engine based on LEM model (LEM I and LEM IV)
- Scripting support (Python)
- Scan path optimization
- Support non-isocentric treatments
- Back up planning

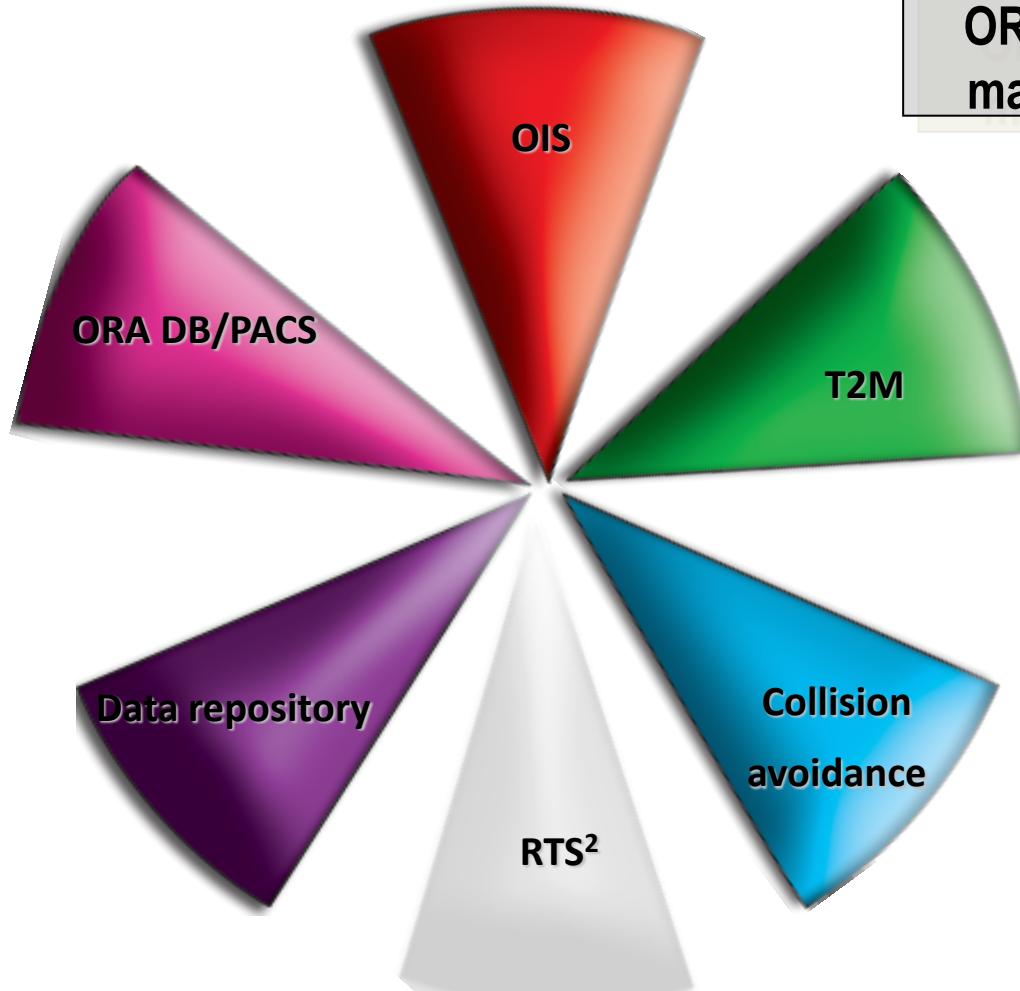
Patient workflow management

Cooperation with



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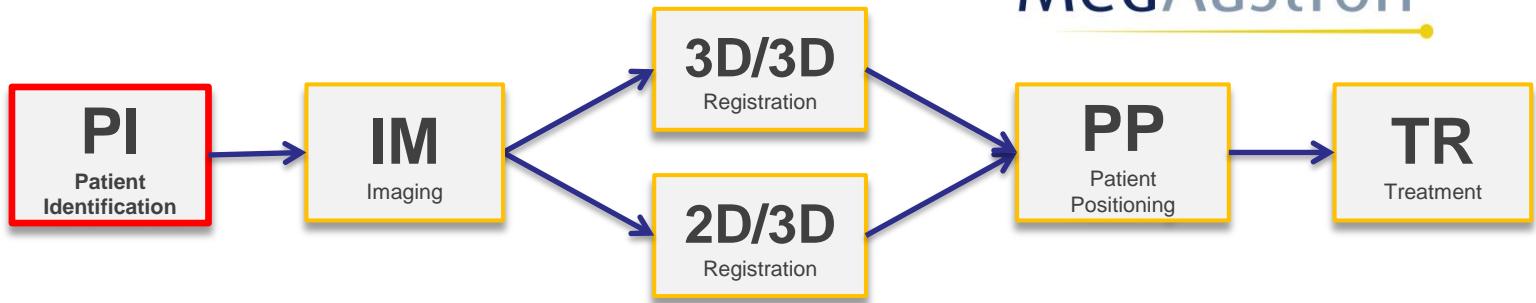


ORA_ion software is responsible for management of all data needed for:

- Workflow management
- Imaging
- Treatment
- Reporting
- Follow up

Treatment Workflow 1

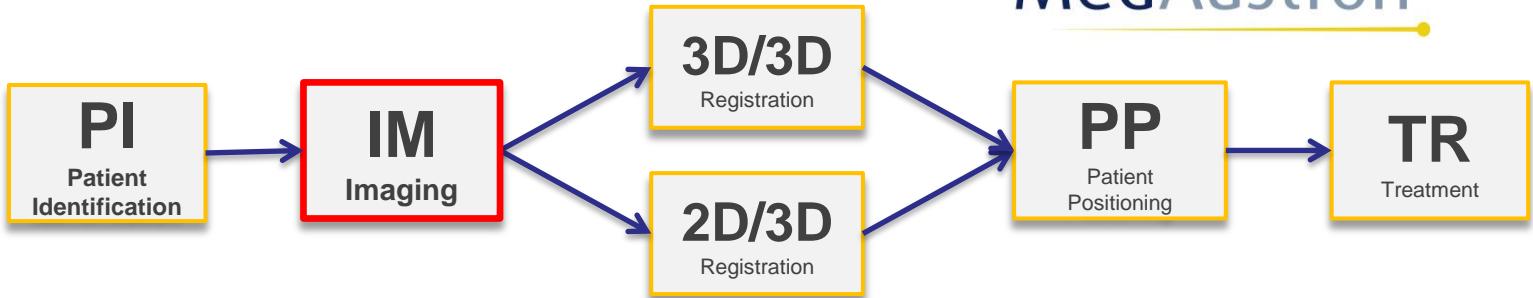
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Barcode Scanner Plugin

- ensures right patient
 - with right positioning aids
- is treated

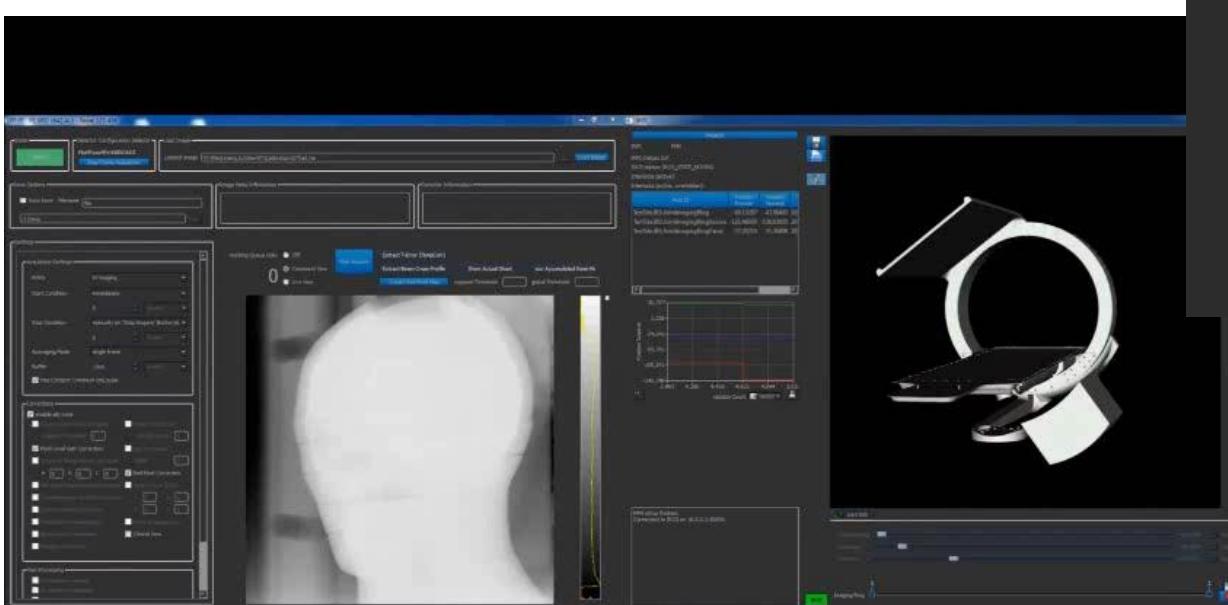
Treatment Workflow 2



Online CBCT module

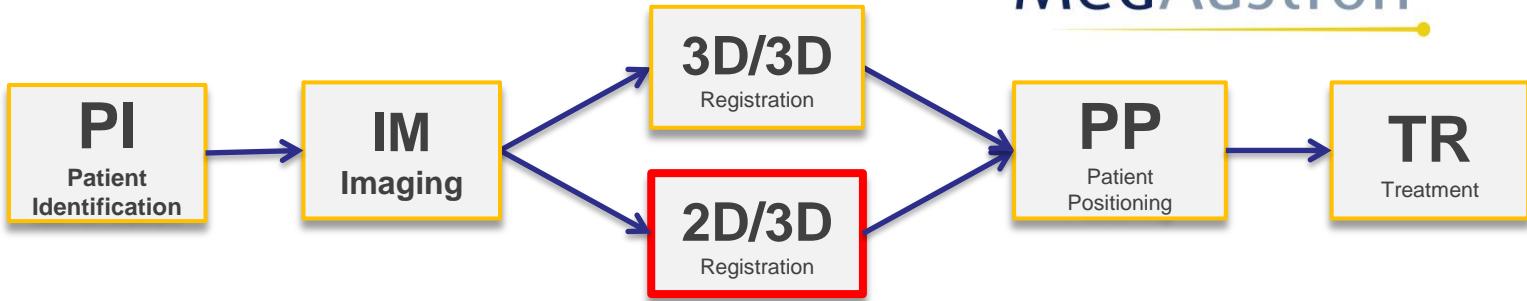
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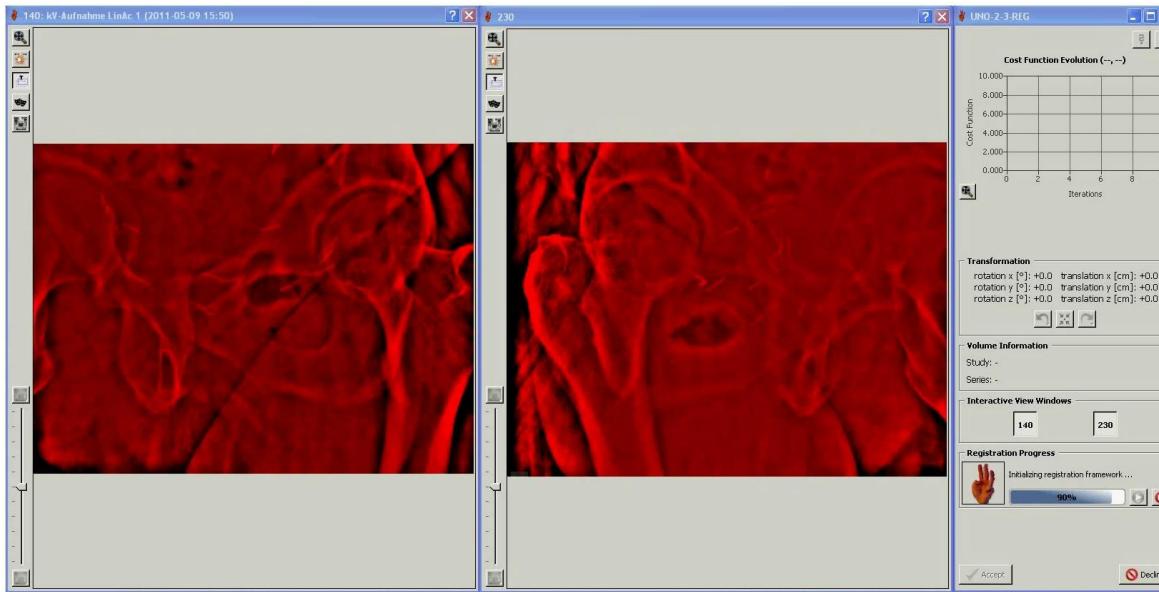


Treatment Workflow 3

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ORA ion 2D/3D registration

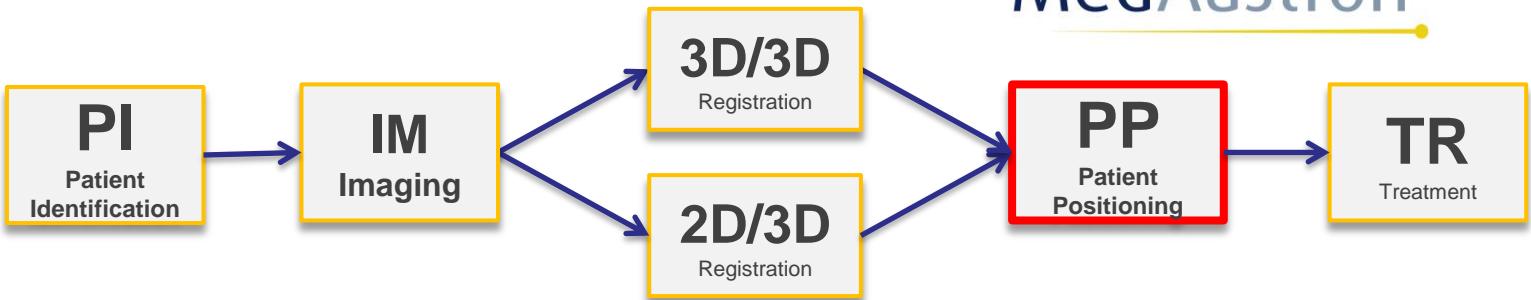


Planning CT
(-> on-the-fly
DRRs)

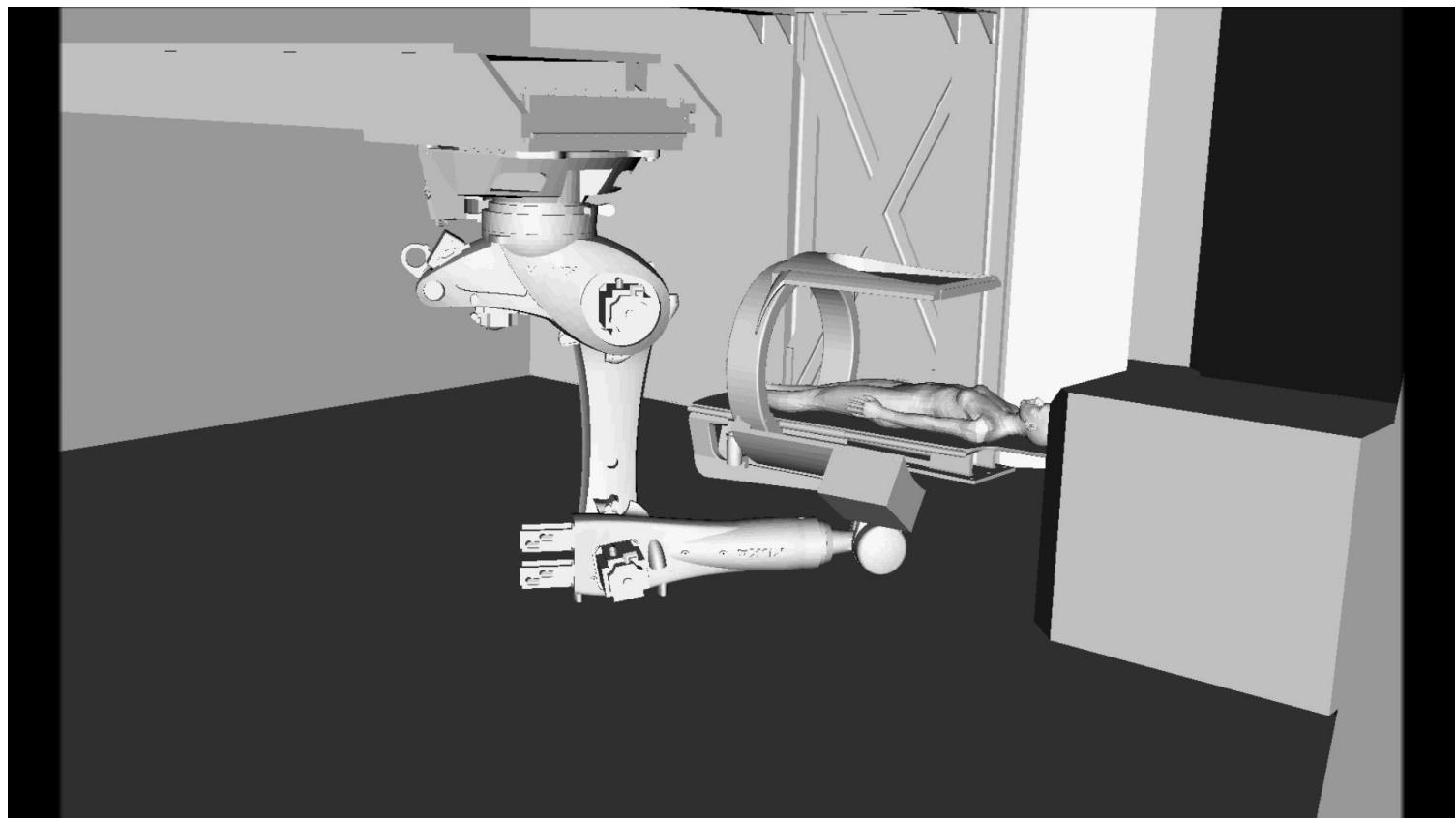
N planar
x-ray
Projection(s)

rigid registration:
 $T = (tx, ty, tz,
rx, ry, rz)$

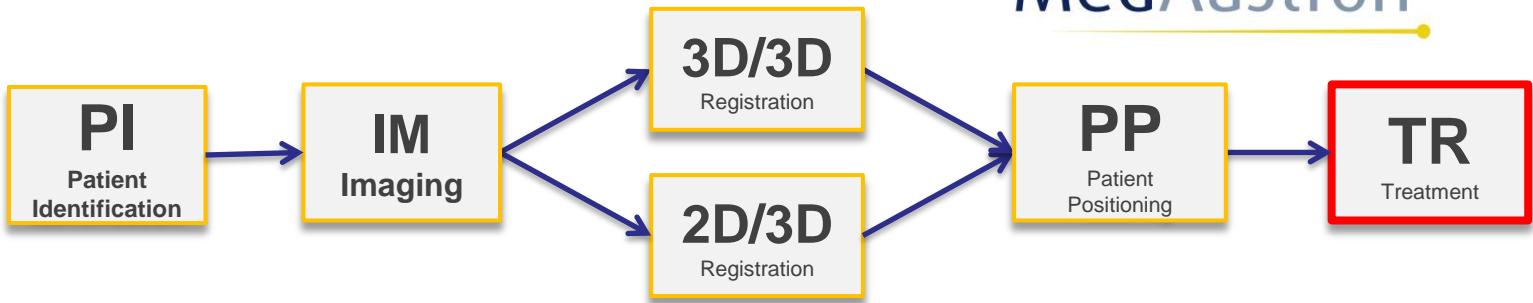
Treatment Workflow 4



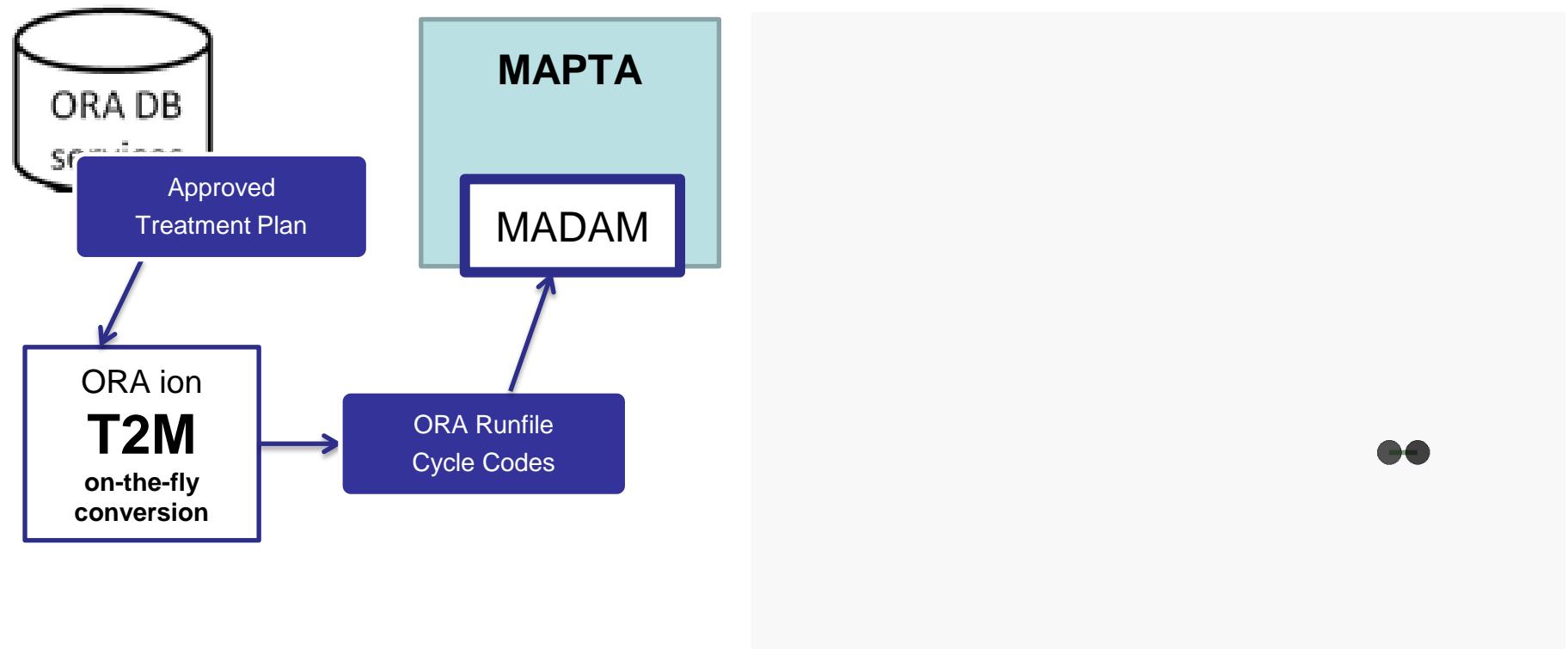
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Treatment Workflow 5



RTS² (online record & verify)



Who will be treated with Ion Beam Therapy?



- In Austria approximately 36.000 patients per year develop cancer
- The existing radiation therapy institutes in Austria treat approximately 16 000 patients per year
- Out of this number about 10-15% would benefit from the Ion Beam Therapy
- In the full operational phase (since 2020) about 1200 pts can be treated at MedAustron

Clinical indications at MedAustron 1



- **Brain tumours:**

- **Glioma:**

- Low grade glioma in young patients

Aim: reduction of late side effects in long time survivors

- **Complex Meningioma G1-G3**

Aim: reduction of side effects in long time survivors

(G1-G2 meningioma)

dose escalation (G2-G3 meningioma)

Clinical indications at MedAustron 2



➤ Tumours of the skull base region

- Chordoma
 - Chondrosarcoma of intermediate/large size
- Long term aim: evaluation protons vs. carbon ions

➤ Head and neck tumours

- Parotid carcinoma
- Adenoid cystic carcinoma (carbon ions)
- Nasopharyngeal carcinoma (IMRT + ion beam boost)
- Carcinoma of the paranasal cavities (IMRT + ion beam boost)

Clinical indications at MedAustron 3



- **Prostate carcinoma**

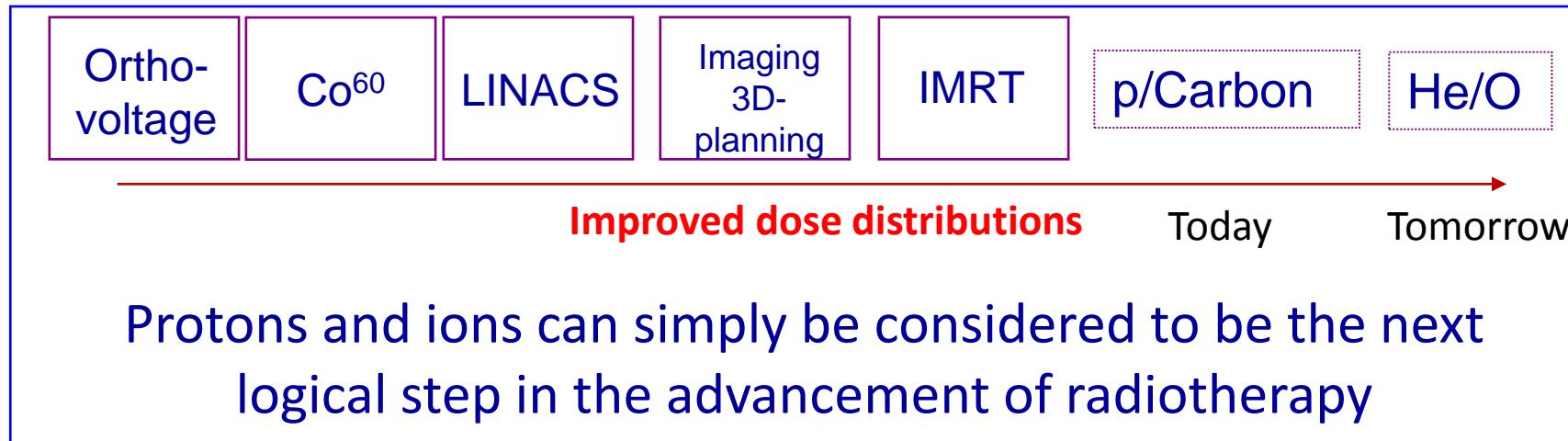
- **Sarcoma of the extremities**

Clinical indications at MedAustron: facility in full operation



- Lung cancer (NSCLC)
- Pancreatic carcinoma
- Hepatocellular carcinoma (because of moving targets no indication during the start-up phase)
- Pediatric malignancies

The future of ion beam therapy



However, light ions are NOT necessarily competitive to conventional radiotherapy ,

they could simply provide an additional treatment modality for those cases that can't be satisfactorily treated using other techniques.



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