

# *Medical Physics*

## *Introduction to nuclear medicine*



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# Who I am ? -



## ■ NA3 @ CERN (Di-Muon Drell Yan) : 1974-1980

- Large MWPC (4x4 m<sup>2</sup>)

- **Trigger & DAQ**

## ■ LEP - OPAL @ CERN (1980-1990)

- TOF system

- **Trigger & DAQ → First Z<sup>0</sup>**

## ■ SSC- SDC @ Dallas/LBL Berkeley (1990-1994)

- **Trigger L2**

- Shower Max Detector electronics (APD & SCA)

## ■ LHC- ATLAS @ CERN (1994-2000)

- **L2 trigger** & LARG calorimeter Read Out electronics (SCA)

## ■ D0 @ FNAL (1996-2005)

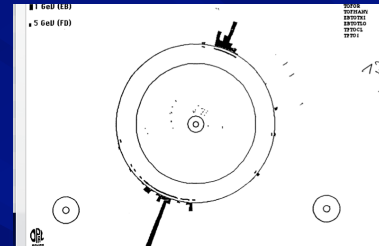
- **L1 Calormeter trigger and L2 trigger.**

## ■ ILC study group (1996-2008)

- **Trigger & DAQ convener → Software triiiger**

## ■ 2000→Technology transfer advisor for medical application (PET & Particle therapy)

## ■ Ultra fast (picosecond) timing and TOF



Experimental Physicist

-CEA Saclay (1969-2008)

-IN2P3-IPN Lyon (2009 ..)



# Goals of this lecture

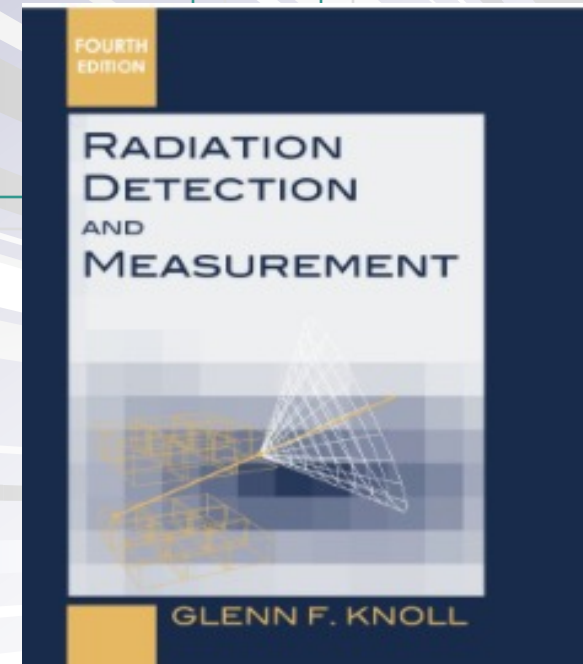
- A very simple basic introduction of Medical Physics seen from a HEP experimental physicist.
- I will present mainly the radiation instrumentation aspect around the nuclear medicine and its perspectives
- Might be a bit too naive and simple sometime BUT give a broad overview of the medical nuclear domain



# Few words about Radiation Detectors



Radiation  
Instrumentation  
THE Book  
Glenn Knoll

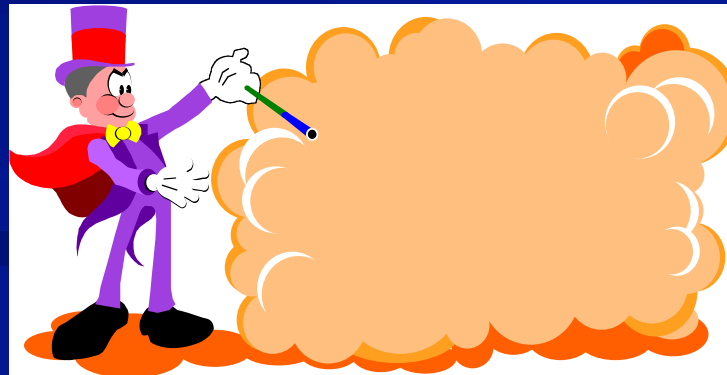


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# What is medical physics outlines

- A little bit of history
- Radiation effects units
- Basics of Radiology
- From Radiotherapy to Particle Therapy
- **Introduction to Nuclear medicine**
- Radioactive tracers for diagnosis and treatment
- Short survey of Imaging tools and techniques from diagnostic to therapy and their future



## *Some history*

*.. how the development of radiation instrumentation has been crucial for fundamental scientific discoveries and for **the improvement** of human life..*

*More in 'back up slides'*

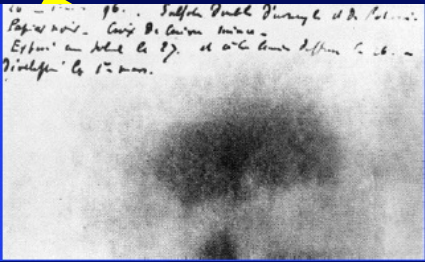




1895  
W.C. Rontgen  
Discovery of X Ray

# How physics discoveries have impacted our life (1)

- 1896 - Discovery of natural radioactivity by H. Becquerel
- 1897 - J.J. Thomson - electron
- 1899 - E. Rutherford : Alpha & Beta
- 1900 - U. Vilars - the Gamma

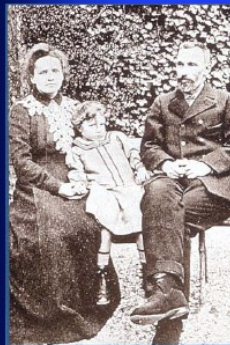


First image of potassium uranyl disulfide



1910

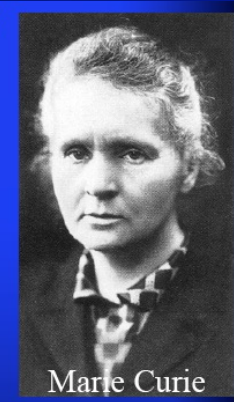
X Ray  
Radiography



Marie and Pierre Curie with their daughter Irene

## RADIOACTIVITY

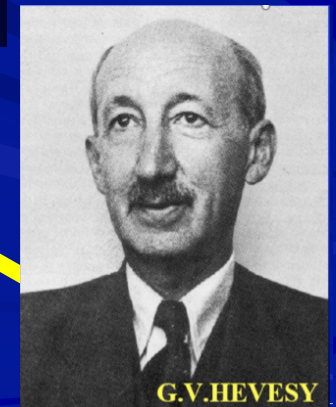
- 1898 Polonium Radium
- 1903 Nobel Prize together with Pierre
- 1911 Nobel Prize alone



Marie Curie

1898  
Pierre and Marie Curie  
the  
Radioactivity  
Polonium, Radium

1923 - The Tracer principle  
G.V.Hevesy- the father of nuclear medicine



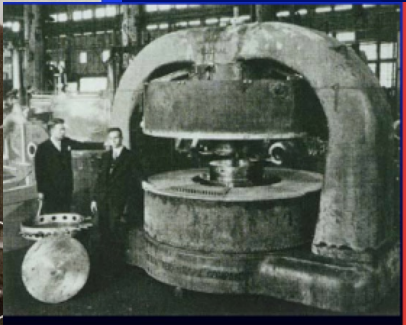
G.V.HEVESY

# How physics discoveries impact our life (2)

1932 - The Invention of the cyclotron  
Production of radioisotopes



Ernest O. Lawrence and his First cyclotron 1932



1934 - Artificial radioactivity  
Irene and Frédéric Joliot Curie in combination with the cyclotron open the door to the production of useful radio indicators.

1938-1942 Fission of Uranium

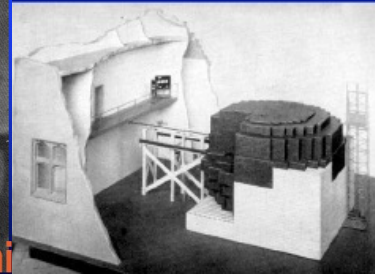
From discovery to first graphite miler in Chicago  
To the Production of long lived radio-isotopes and nuclear energy production



Otto Hahn, 1944 Nobel Prize

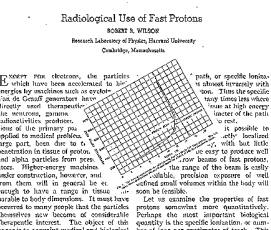
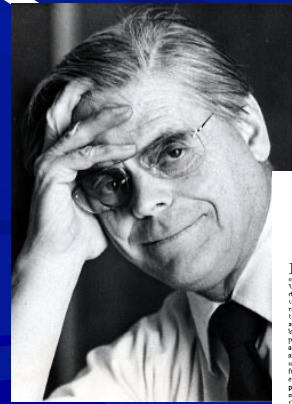


Enrico Fermi



O.Hahn  
E. Fermi

1946 - R.R.Wilson The origin of particle therapy  
Using the Bragg peak discovery (1903)





# Effects of radiation on human body

*What is a Curie, Bequerel, Seivert?*

*From Prof. Aurengo - Hopital de la Salpetriere - Paris*



# The Units - a bit of definition!

- Activity = Number of decays per second
  - Becquerel Bq : 1 decay / second
  - Curie Ci :  $37 \times 10^9$  Bq (37 GBq)
- Dose : GRAY = amount of radiation absorbed in an material = absorbed energy / mass unit
  - Gy : 1 joule / kilogram = 100 Rad
- Effective dose : SEIVERT Sv = estimates biological effect from the absorbed radiation
  - indication of global risc
  - = absorbed dose  $\times$  WR\*  $\times$  WT\*\*
    - Particle → WR\* = 1 pour RX, beta and gamma, p=5,  $\alpha=20$
    - Organ → WT\*\* = 0.05 for thyroid, 0.01 for skin



# Effective dose values

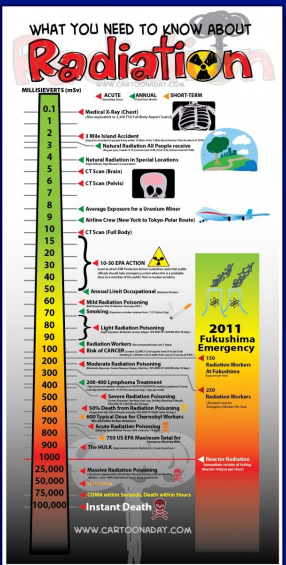
- 10.000 mSv : high irradiation / rapid death
- 1.000 mSv : moderate irradiation / clinical visible signs (burn... )
- 5 mSv : annual irradiation in Clermont-Ferrand (volcanic soil)
- 2,5mSv : annual irradiation in Paris
- 1 mSv : legal limit irradiation in France
- 1 mSv : average annual medical irradiation in France

*1 Sv = 1 J/kg equivalent      1 Sv = 100 rem*

# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT Radiation

## MILLISIEVERTS (mSv)

◀ **ACUTE** (Immediate Dose)    
 ◀ **ANNUAL** (Total Year's Worth)    
 ◀ **SHORT-TERM**

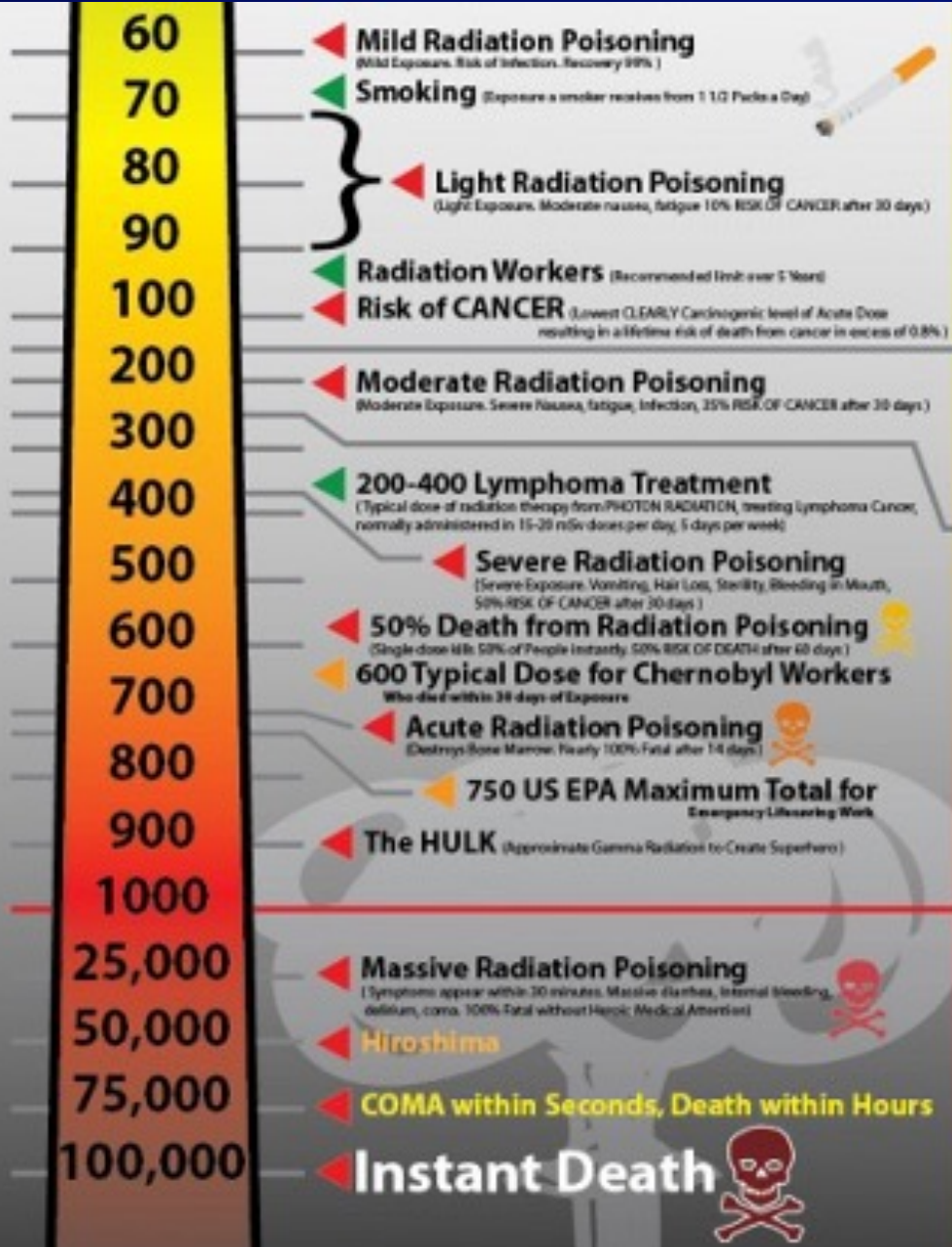


# 2011 Fukushima Emergency

150  
Radiation Workers  
At Fukushima  
(Exposure per hour)

250  
Radiation Workers  
(Elevated Limit for  
Emergency Workers Per Year)

Reactor Radiation  
(Immediate vicinity of Falling  
Reactor Output per Hour)



# Some simple exemple

a 'standard' Scintigraphy exam

	$W_R$	$W_T$	%
RX : 100 mGy / 50 cm <sup>2</sup> skin	1	0,01	30 %
<sup>131</sup> I : 10 mGy / thyroïde	1	0,05	100 %

Effective dose =  $(100 \times 1 \times 0,01 \times 0,30) + (10 \times 1 \times 0,05 \times 1)$   
**= 0,8 mSv**

- Mammogram : 2 view x 2 breasts
  - X ray with Q factor  $WR = 1$
  - Tissue weighting factor = 0,12
  - Absorbed dose:  **$4 \times 1 = 4$  mSv**
  - Effective dose:  **$4 \times 0.12 \approx 0.5$  mSv**
- Mammogram exposure equivalent to whole-body dose of 0.5 mSv

# Variation of natural radioactivity

## ■ Cosmic rays

- sea level 0,25 mSv / year
- Mexico (2240 m) 0,80 mSv / year
- La Paz (3900 m) 2,00 mSv / year

## ■ External exposure due to earth exposure

- average 0,9 mSv / year
- Espirito Santo (Bresil) 35 mSv / year
- **Maximum (Iran) 100 mSv / year**
- Marseille (France) 0,20 mSv / year
- Limousin (France) 1,20 mSv / year

## ■ Internal exposure due to water

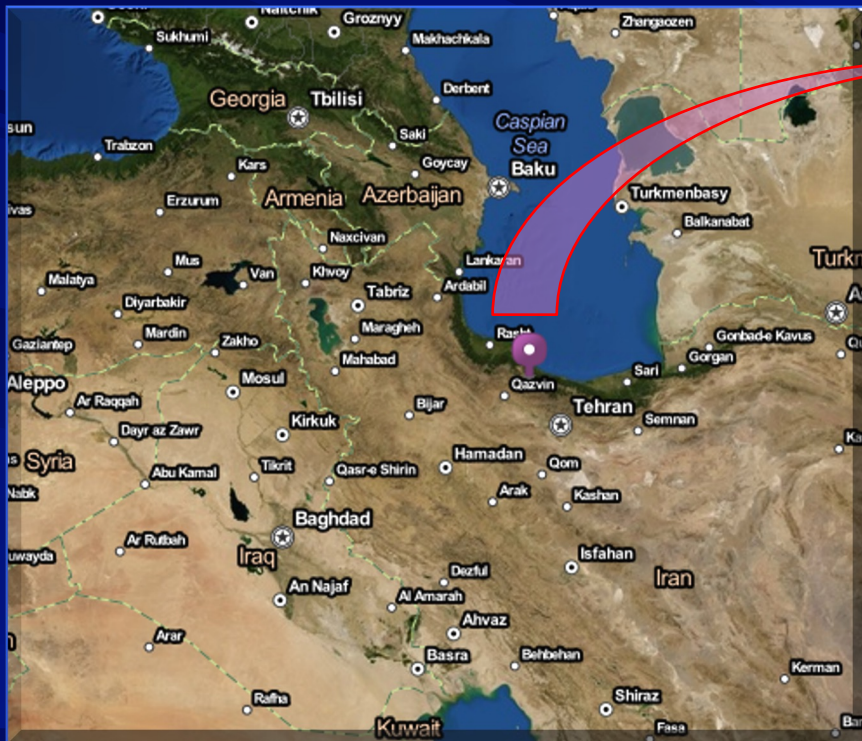
- Evian water 0,03 mSv / year
- St Alban water 1,25 mSv / year

# Most radioactive place in the world: Ramsar, Iran

Background radiation: 100- mSv / year due to <sup>226</sup>Radium

No epidemiological evidence of adverse affects

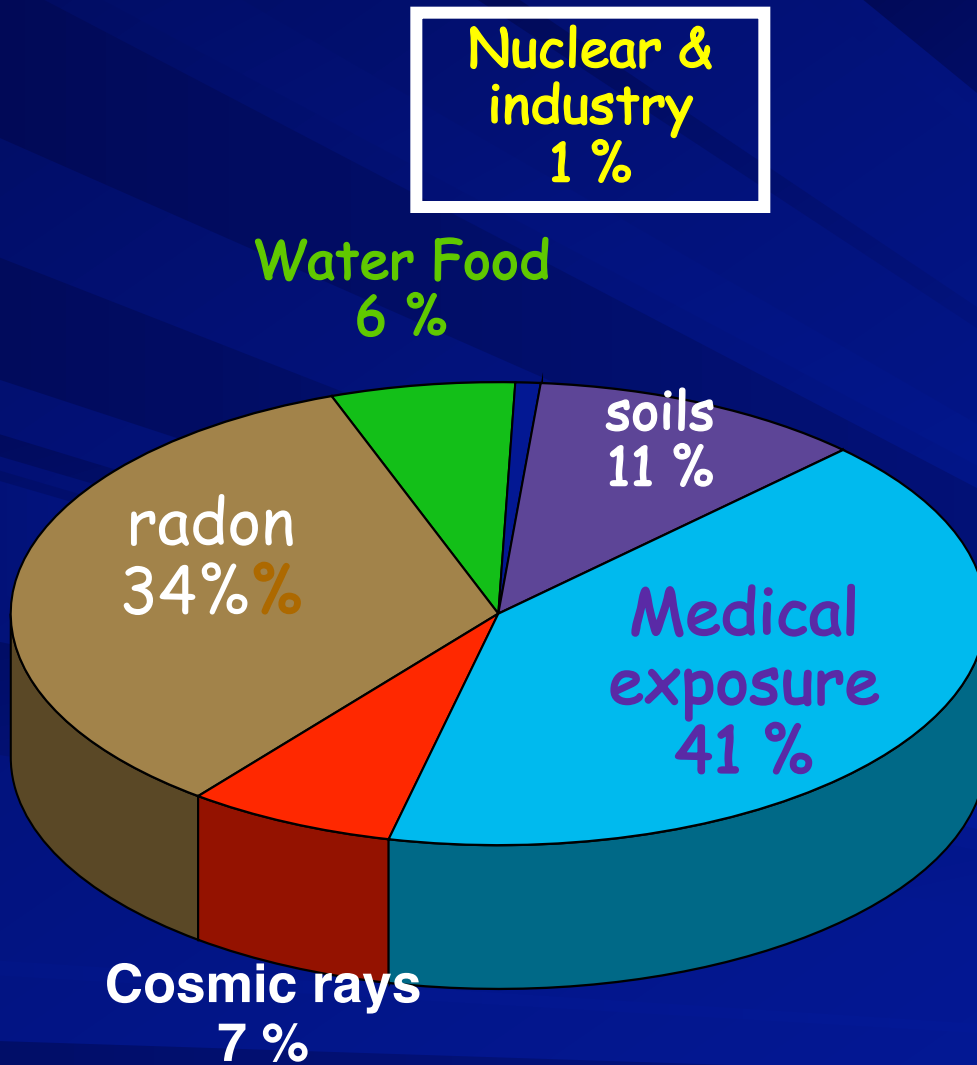
Residents demonstrate a marked increase in DNA repair capacity



*Proposal: to relocate the inhabitants (2000) to a lower radioactive area!*



# Main sources of ionizing radiation



■ Earth has been radioactive ever since its formation into a solid mass over  $4\frac{1}{2}$  billion years ago. However, we have only known about radiation and radioactivity for just over one hundred years...

# Conclusion & question ?

- Sv= Unit well adapted to radioprotection
- **However** : why this official' limit of 1 mSV/ year is so low ?
  - **No sanitary argument** : industrial irradiation :10 -15  $\mu$ Sv
  - Interpretation of the 'low' absolute value might be controversial!
- Do not take into account debit and age ..an personal sensitivity, instant vs integrates
- The total radiation accumulates along the full life
  - **At 70's I have received certainly 200—300 mSr ?**



2010



# Radiology

## *Common tools & techniques*

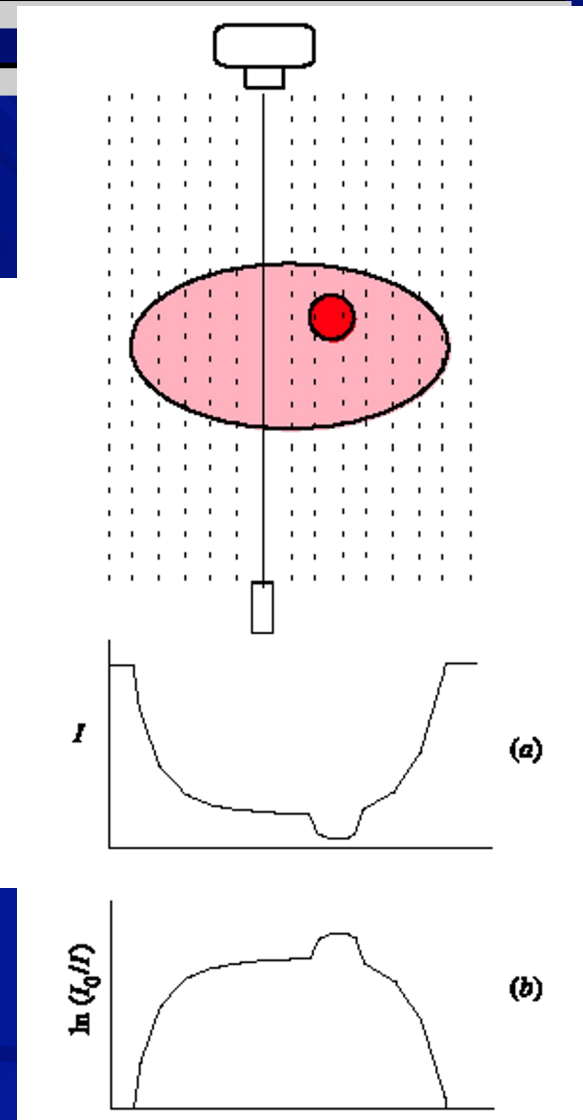
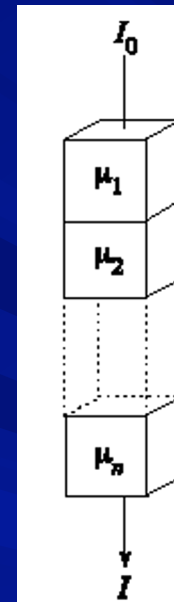


# Radiology principle

- The most common exam
- Transmission of X rays through tissue

$$I = I_0 \exp\left(-x \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i\right)$$

$$\ln \frac{I_0}{I} = x \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i$$

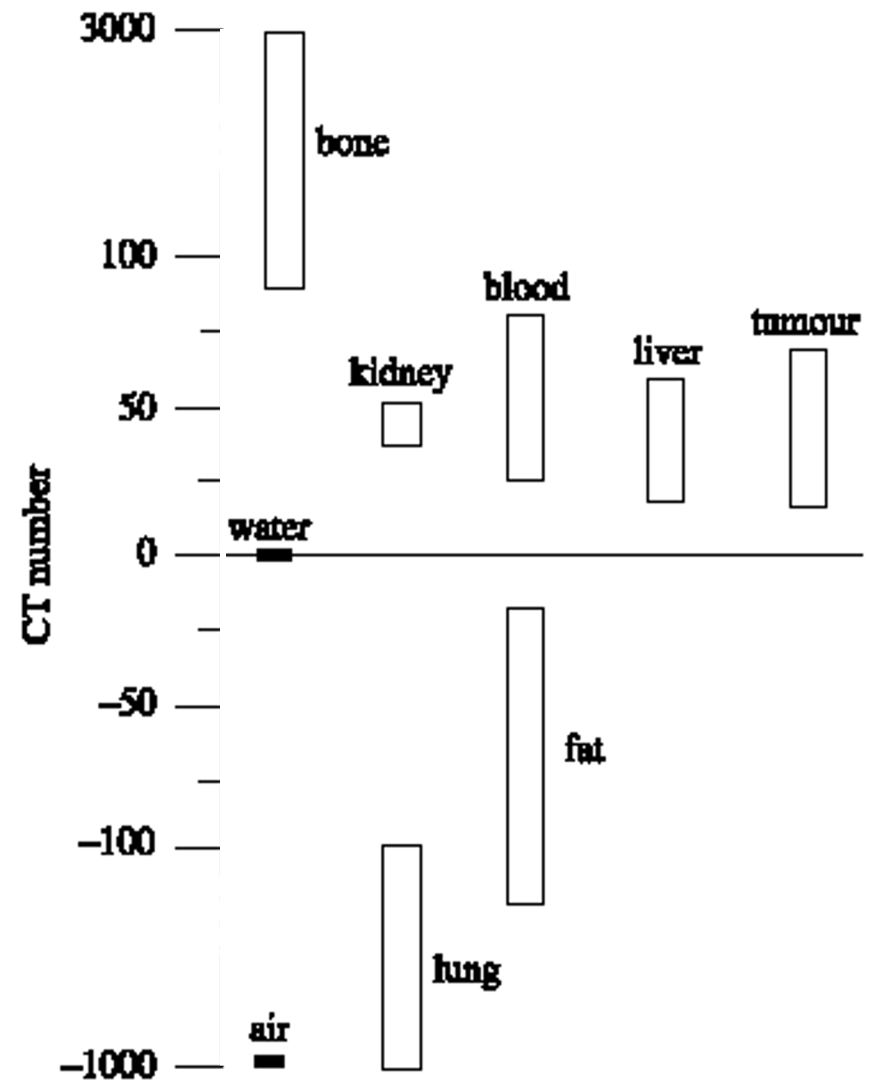


# Radiology problem = contrast

- How to get the best contrast?

black

white



# Detection techniques

- The standard : film screen system
- How to replace the film
  - More sensitive --> better contrast
  - Less dose
  - Affordable ?

Type of detector	Dynamic range
film-screen system	30:1
image intensifier	100:1
CCD detector	1000:1
flat panel detector	10,000:1
computed radiography	40,000:1

# Radiology survey of electronically readable detectors

Conversion :

Direct

Indirect

X-ray interaction

X-ray photo-conductor  
(a-Se)

Scintillator

Scintillator

visible light

Conversion to electric charge

Photodiode  
(a-Si)

(Optical coupling to CCD)

CCD

Charge readout

TFT array

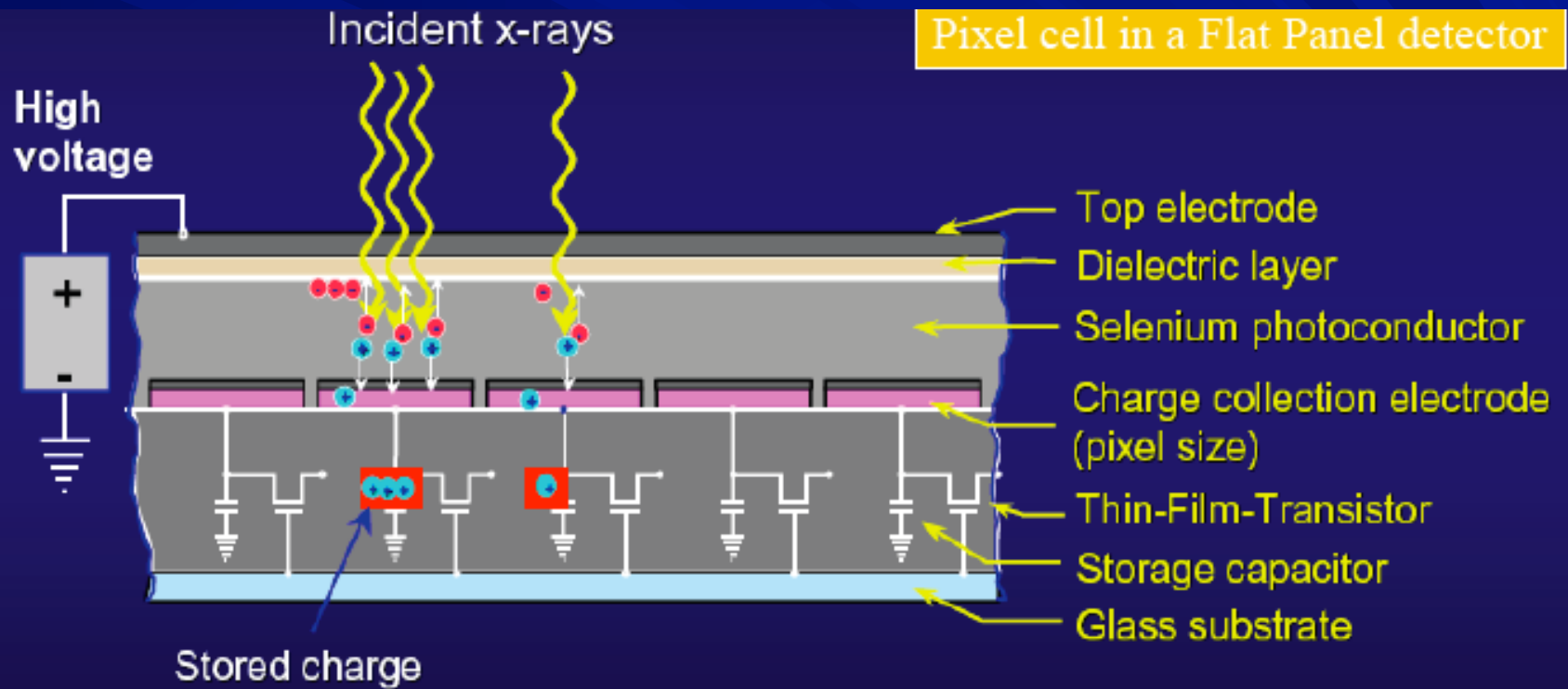
TFT array

Flat Panel Imagers

# Radiology: Flat panel direct detection

- Xray ---> electron --> electric signal

Selenium

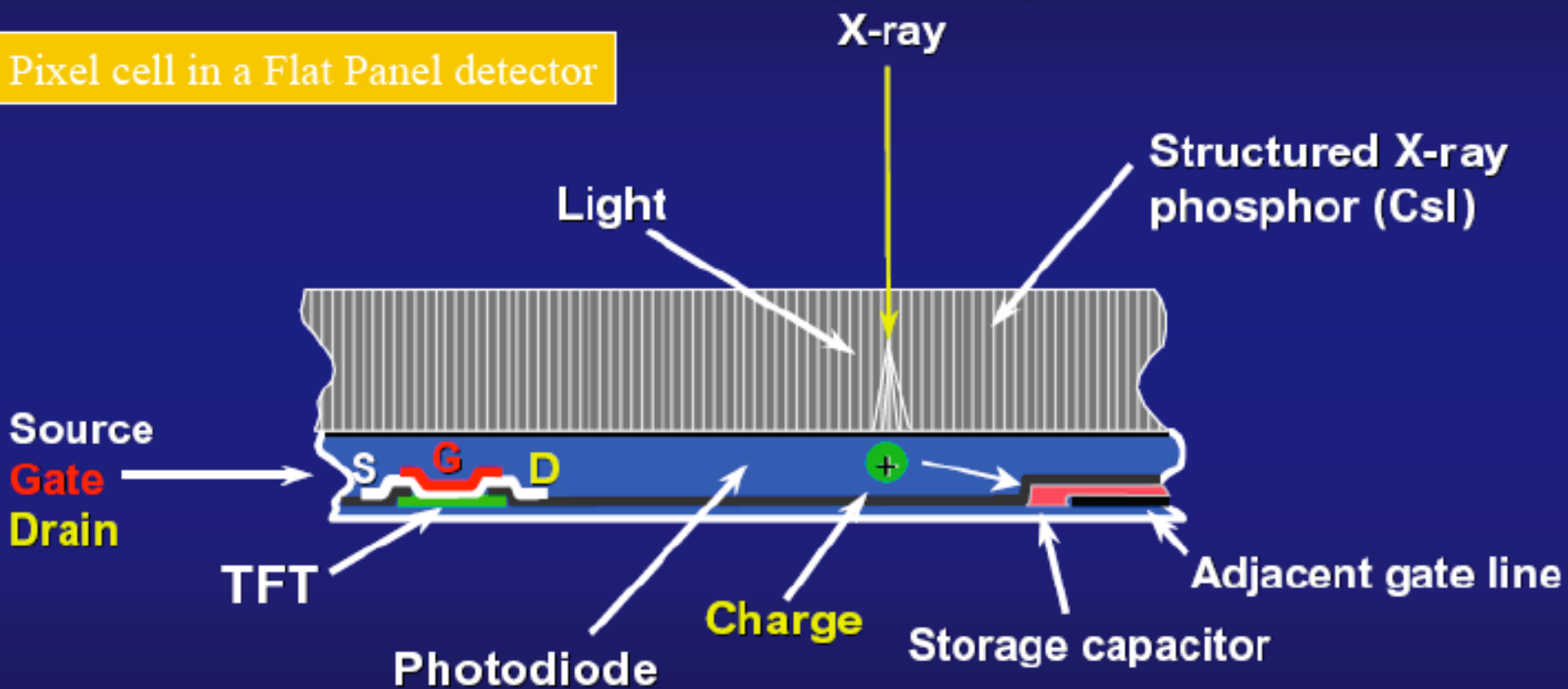




# Radiology : Flat panel indirect detection

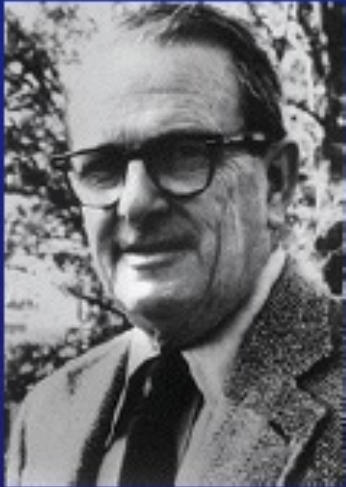
- Xray --> Light --> electron ---> electronic signal

Pixel cell in a Flat Panel detector

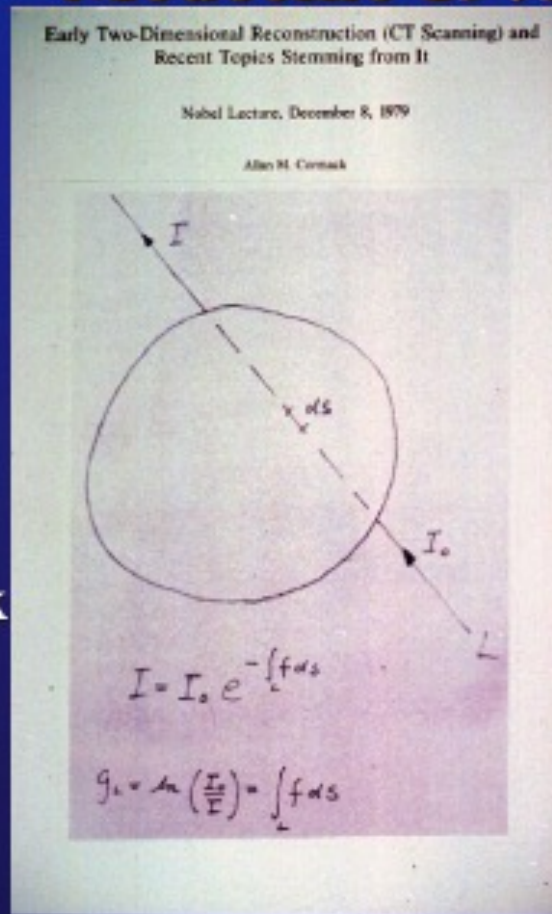


# State of the art :Computed Tomography (CT)

## Nobel Price Physiology and Medecine 1979

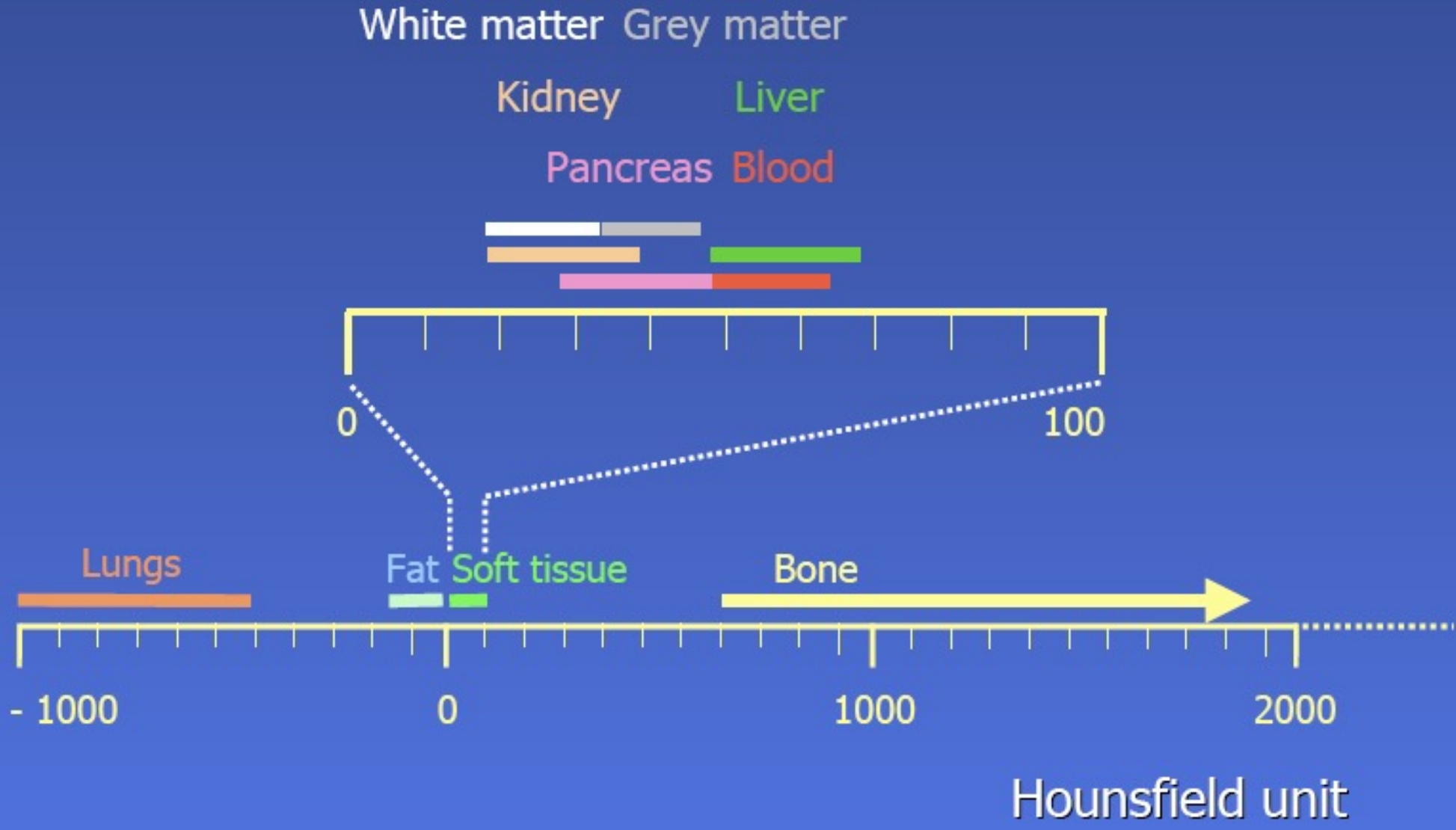


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Physicien Nucléaire  
Cape Town  
Harvard University  
Tufts University

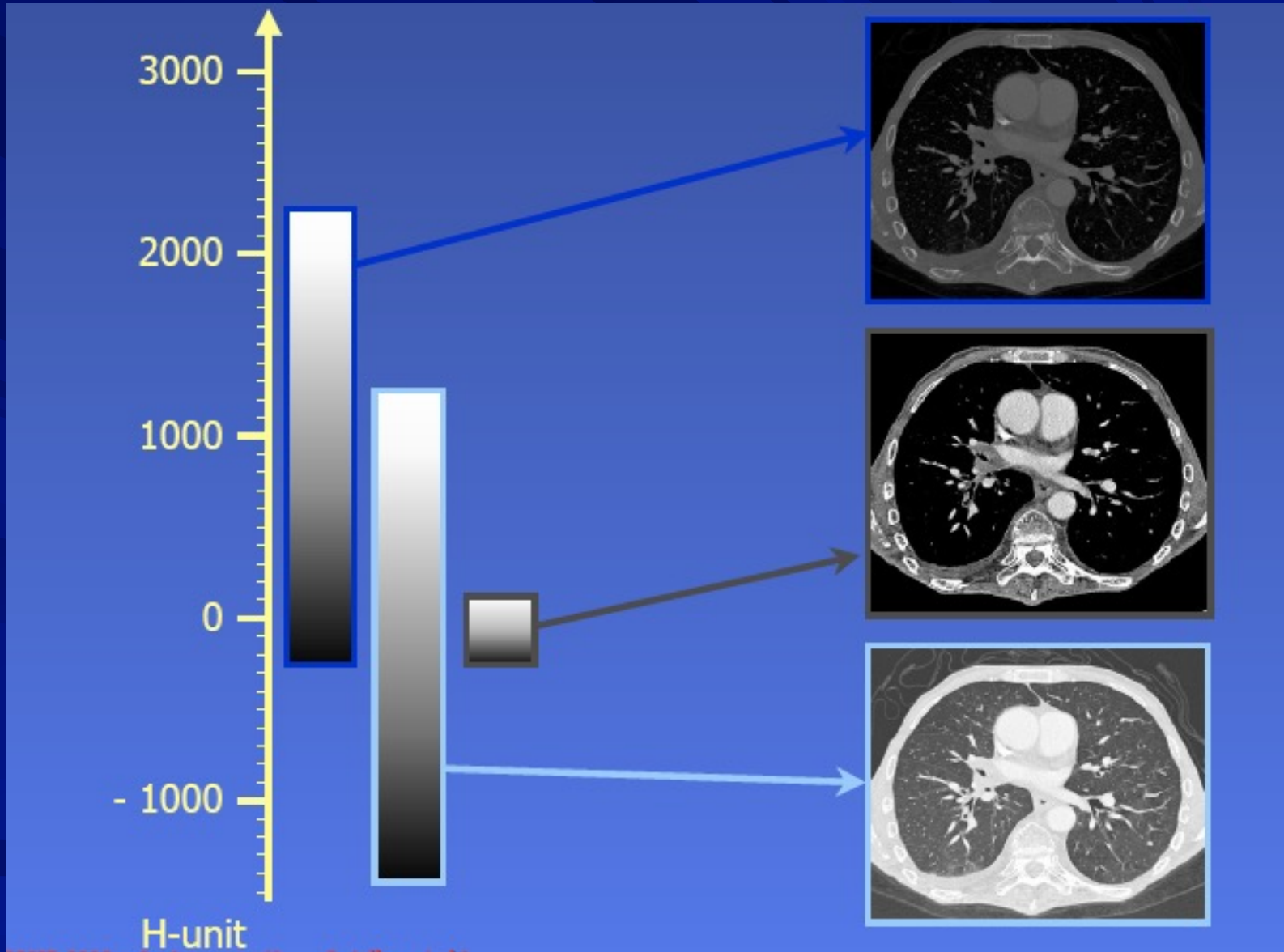


Sir Godfrey N. **Hounsfield**  
Electrical engineer  
EMI Research

# Contrast (Hounsfield) units



# From Hounfield units to image

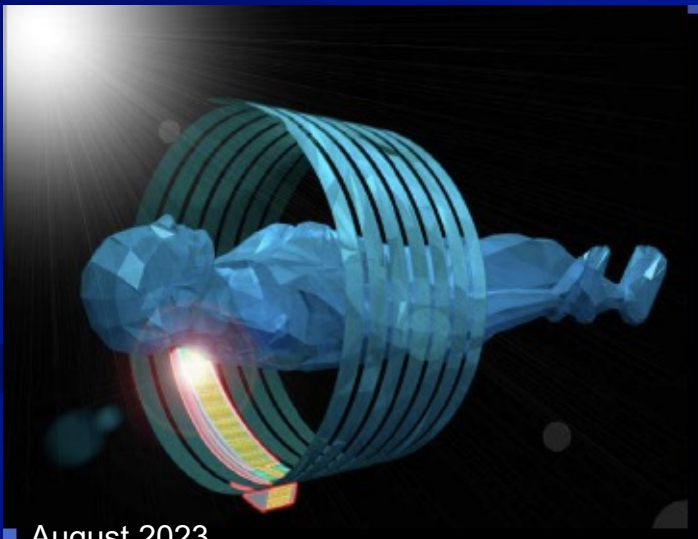


# CT Scanner principle



## ■ Spatial resolution and speed

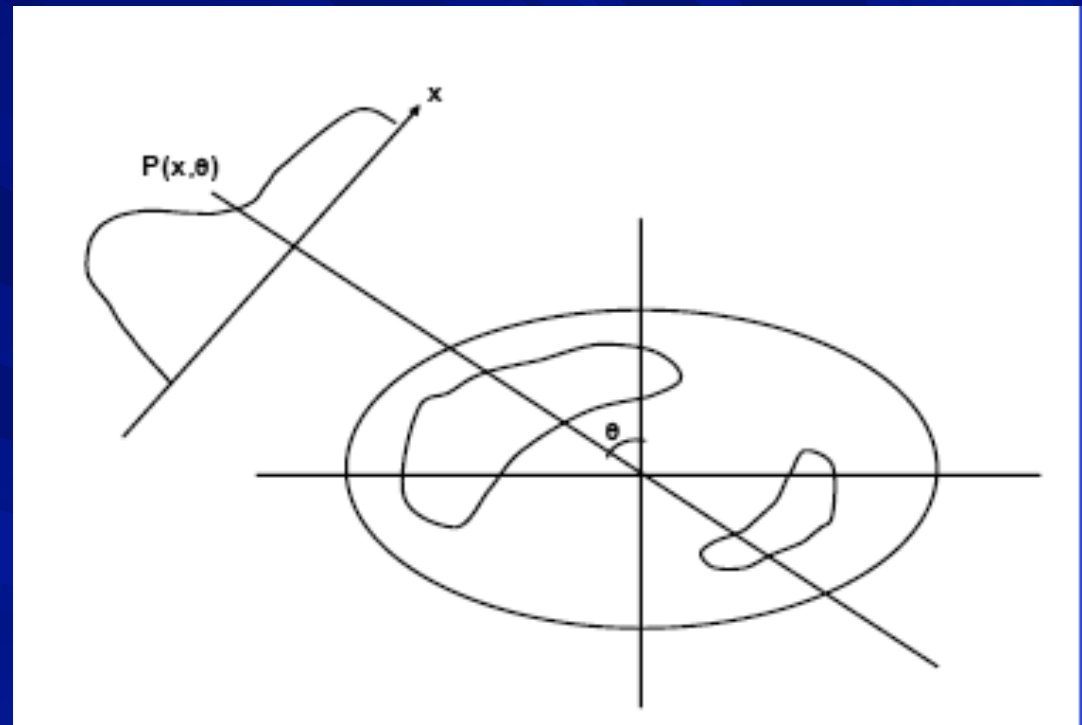
- 64 ... 320 detector rows
- Slice thickness 0.33 ... 0.6 mm
- Tube rotation time 0.3 s
  - Organ in a sec
  - Whole body < 10 sec
- dual source (180° → 90° )
- Volume coverage with one rotation: 4 ... 16 cm



# Computed Tomography

## Basic method of Image reconstruction

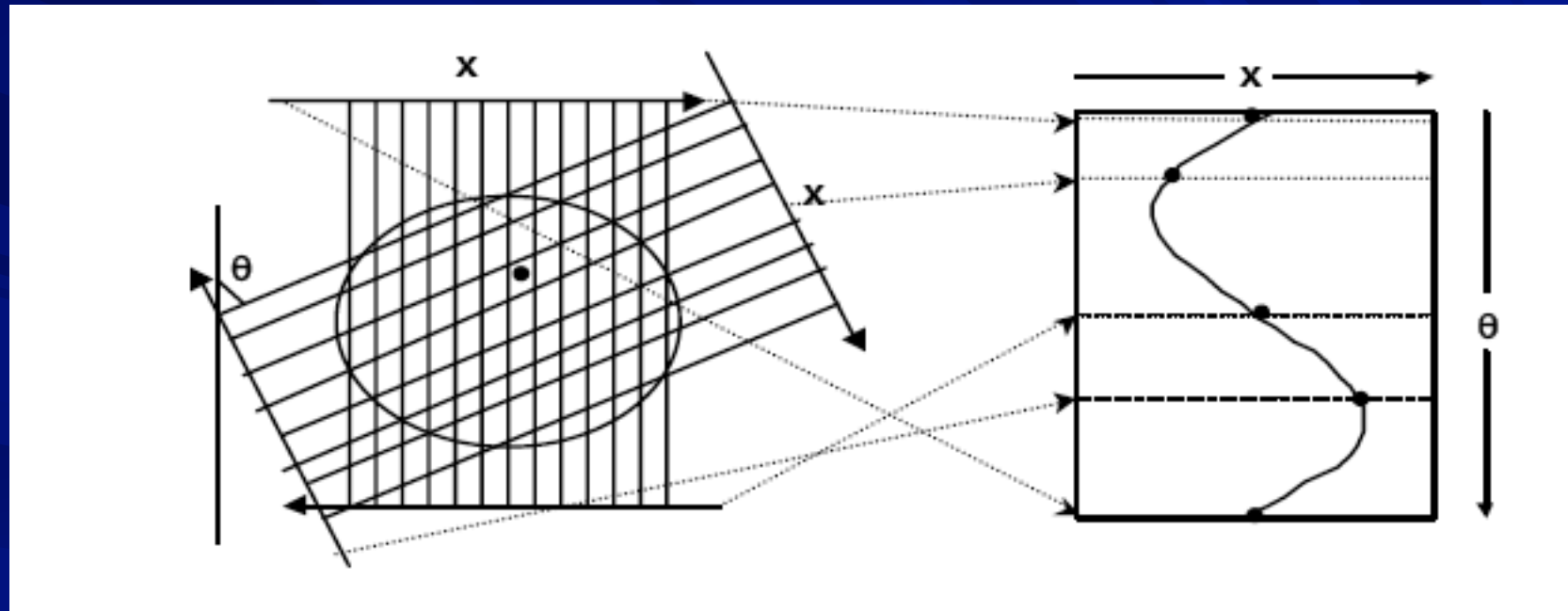
- Take 1D profiles or 2D projection at discrete angle around the object
- Assume that each measured point = sum of activity elements along the Line of Response (LOR)



Raw data can be displayed as a 'sinogram'

# Computed Tomography

## Basic method of Image reconstruction



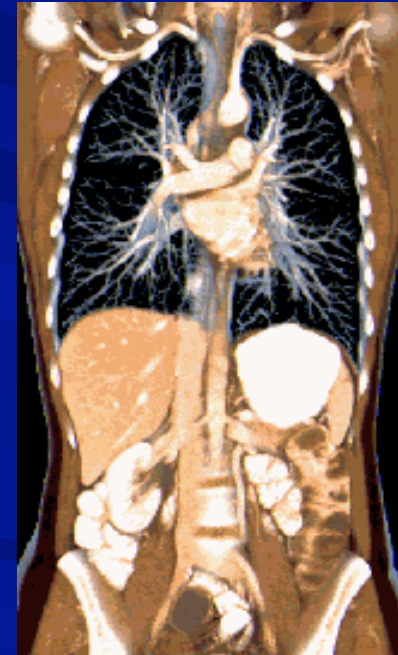
Projection

Sinogram

Raw data can be displayed as a 'sinogram'  
Then a lot of corrections ....

# Computed Tomography scanner (CT)

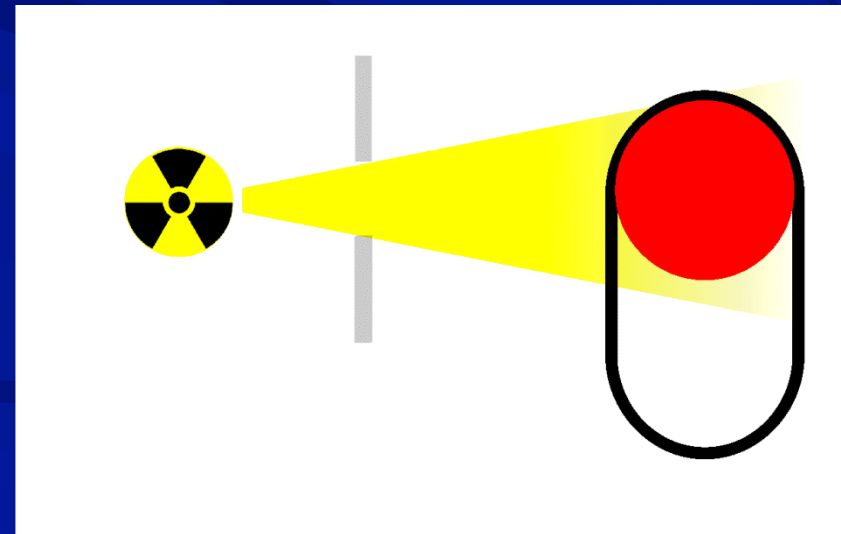
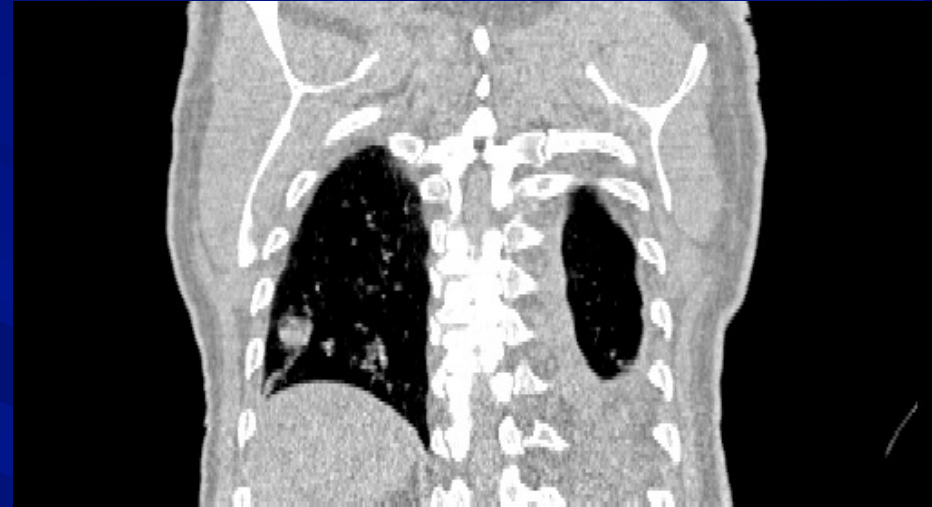
- The best device widely used for precise exam
  - Whole body
  - Cardiology
- Still a lot of radiation full body CT = 4-10 mSv (depending organ)
  - Standard radiography = 0.1 mSv





# State o the art : 4D CT

- Position influenced by the breathing motion



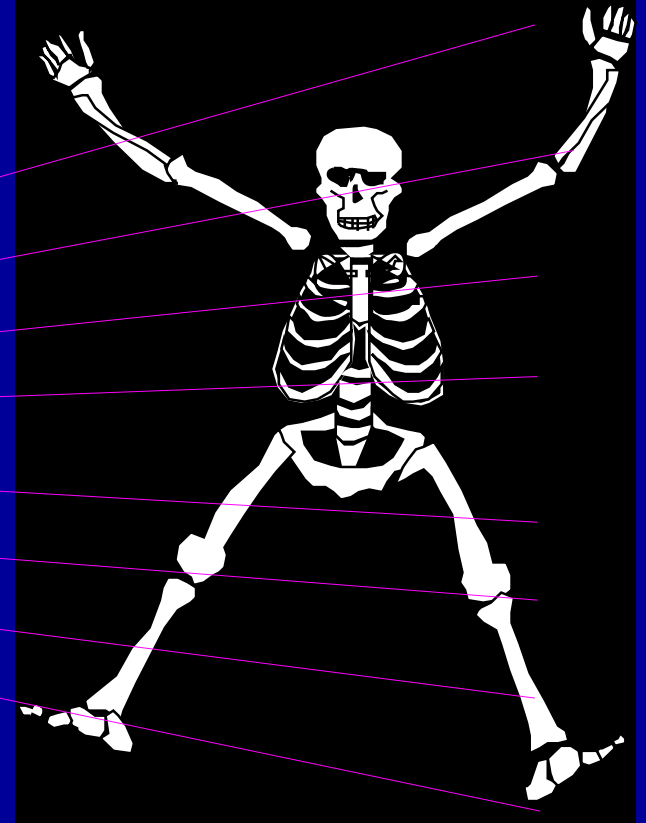
# Exposure for radiological exams

## ■ Some examples

organ	dose skin mGy	effective dose mSv
Thorax, face	0,2 - 0,5	0,015 - 0,15
Lumbar region	4 - 28	1,5
Urography	40 - 60	3
Brain scan	7 - 78	1
Whole Body scan	30 - 60	4 - 10
Mammography	7 - 25	0,5 - 1



# Patient Radiation Dose is Limited!



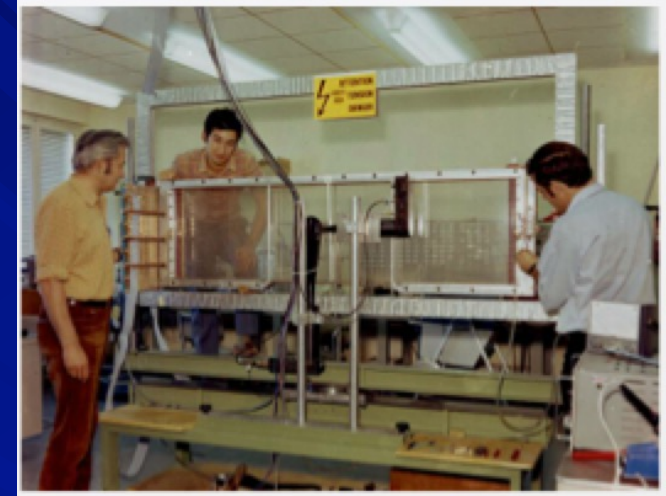
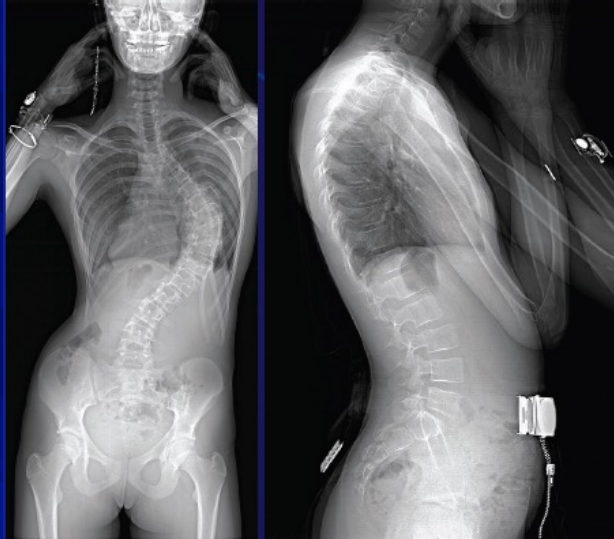
- Image Noise Is Limited by Counting Statistics
- Cannot Increase too much Source Strength
- See the BU slides about how to decrease the dose using gaseous detectors

# Decreasing the dose with HEP Gaseous detector



# The 1970's dream : Digital radiography with MWPC A tribute to George Charpak

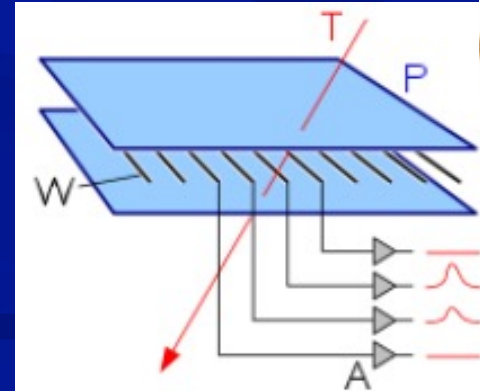
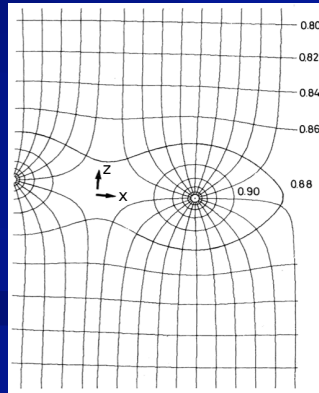
■ With 10 time less dose



G. Charpak, F. Sauli and J.C. Santiard

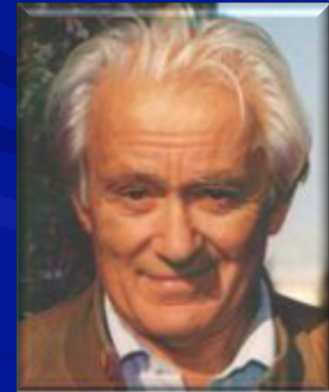


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Multiwire Proportional Chamber  
1968

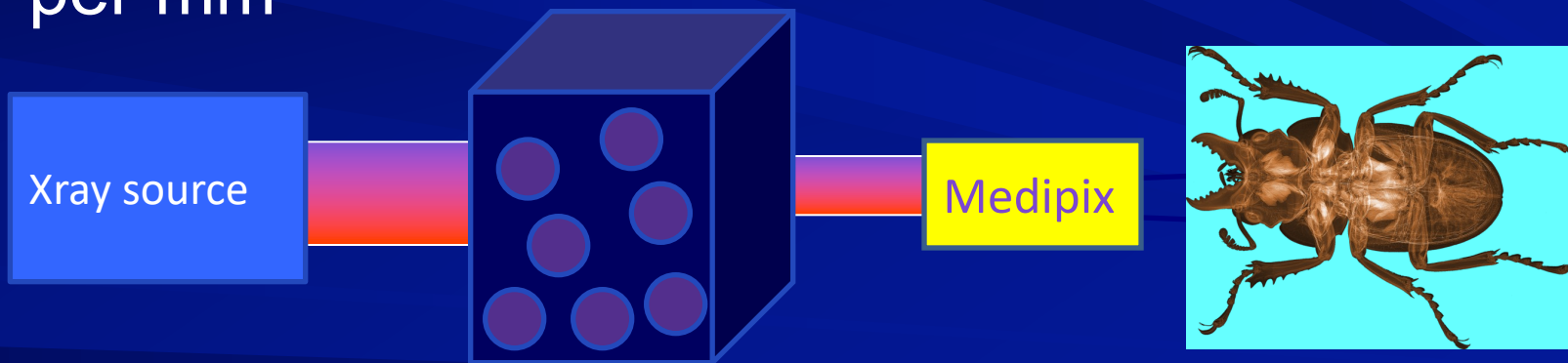
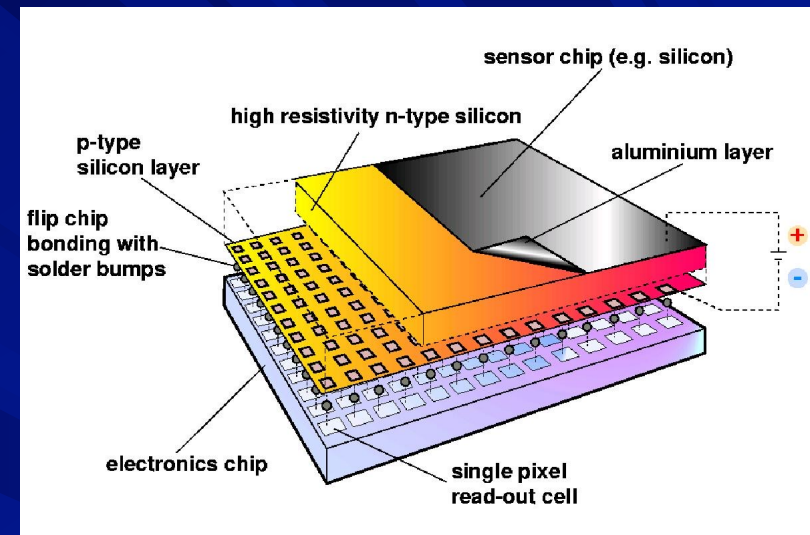


Georges Charpak  
1924 - 2010

# The Future?: New Si detector and signal processing On the way to photon counting?

## Medipix3

- 8 simultaneous energies
- 55  $\mu\text{m}$  isometric resolution
- Excellent energy resolution
- $10^8$  photons per second per  $\text{mm}^2$

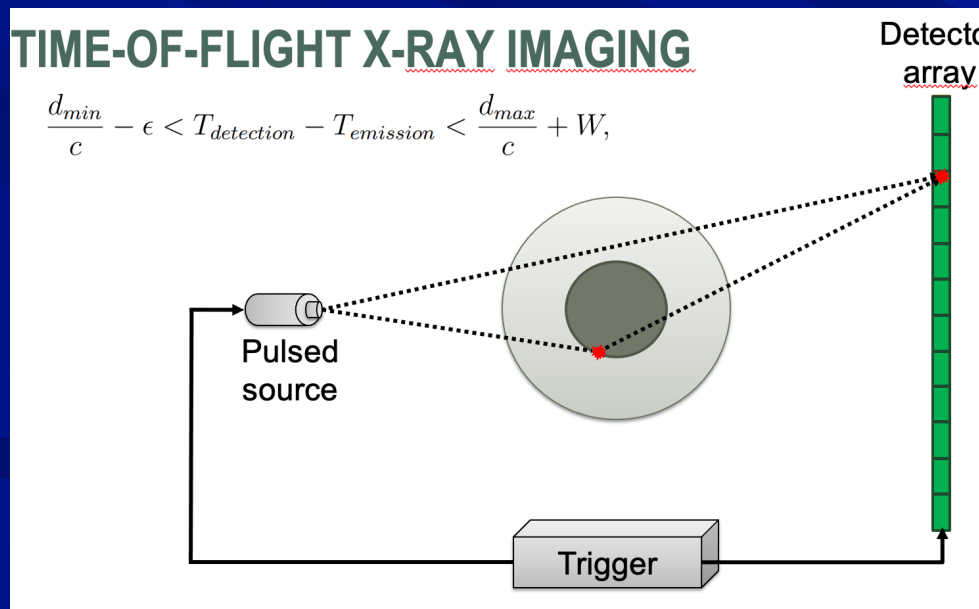


Jacubek & al.  
Prague  
University

See presentation of Stanislav Pospisil about Timepix

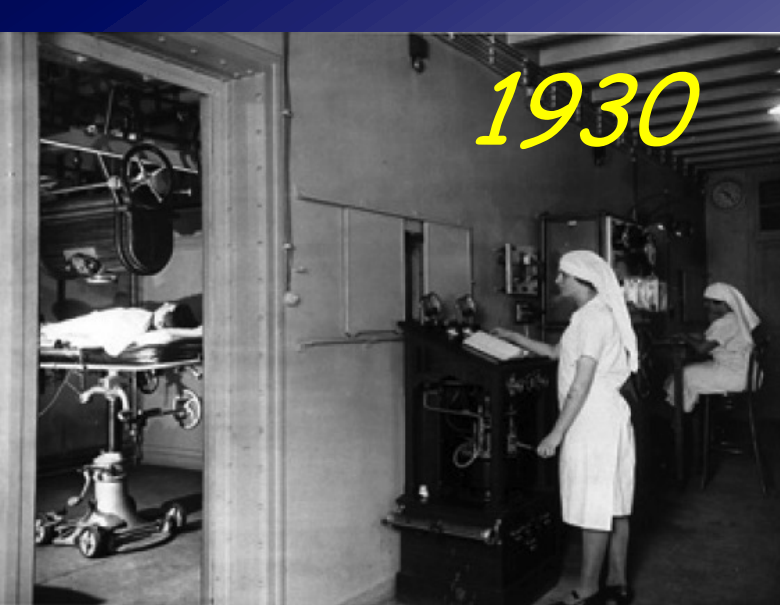
# Time Of Flight X ray imaging

- Time-of-flight gives significant insight on scattered photons in x-ray imaging
- 10 ps total timing (source + detector) required for optimal performance.
- Potential to reduce the radiation dose in X-ray imaging



Very Preliminary  
Courtesy of  
Sherbrooke  
University





1930



Today

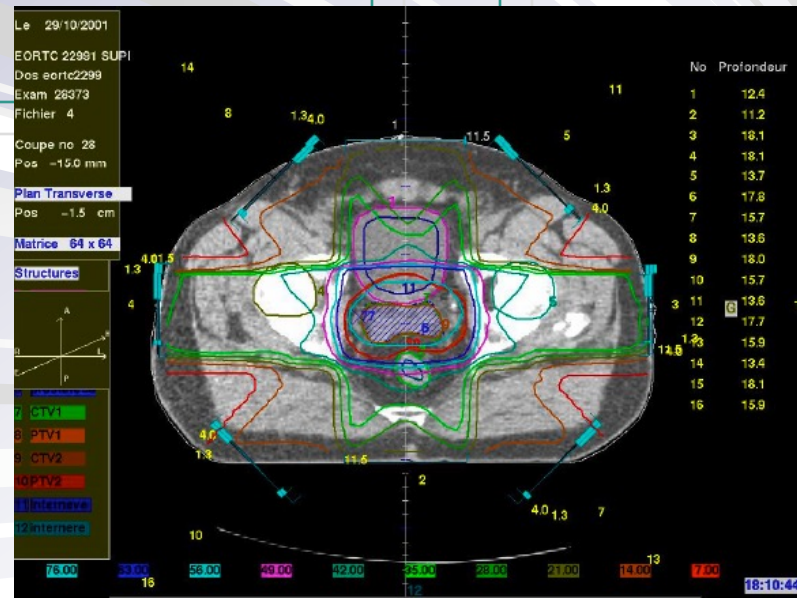
# Radiotherapy



## Common tools & techniques

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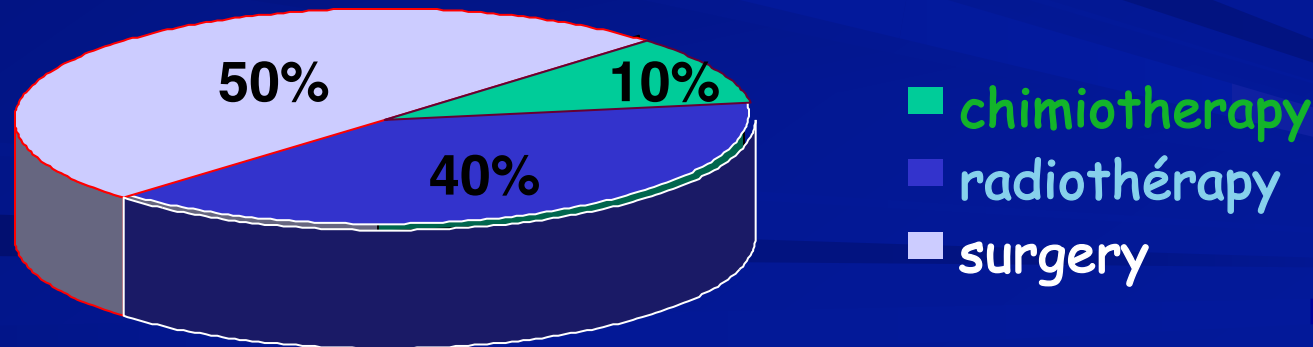
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# Fight again cancer - Radiotherapy

- Local irradiation to kill tumour → 100 Gy = 90 % of sterilization
- **Frequent treatment (2/3 of cases).**
- Efficient treatment: cure → 40 to 50% of recovery
- Allow good quality of life and tolerance
- non invasive, itinerant and without important physical effects.
- Cheap (< 10%) of the cancer budget (France)
- Essentially X rays
  - (Linear accelerators) & photons (curietherapy)



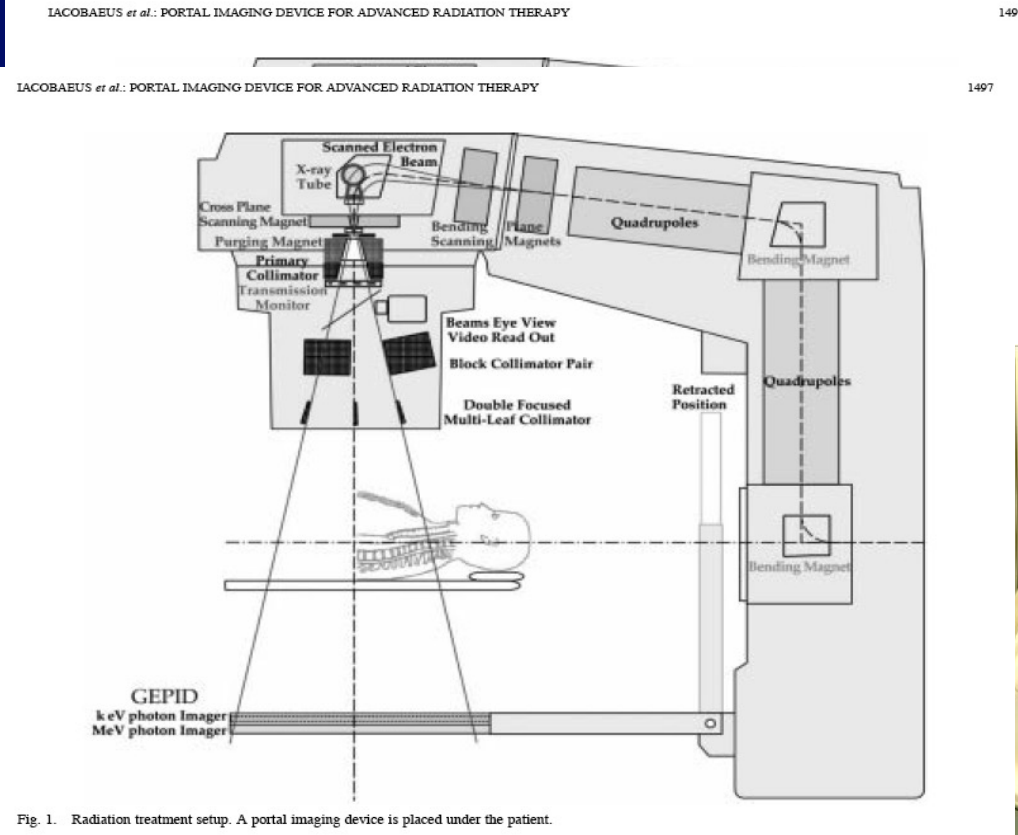
# RT modern techniques

- Conformal RT
- Intensity Modulated (IMRT)
- Image guided (IGRT)
- Robotic Stereotactic

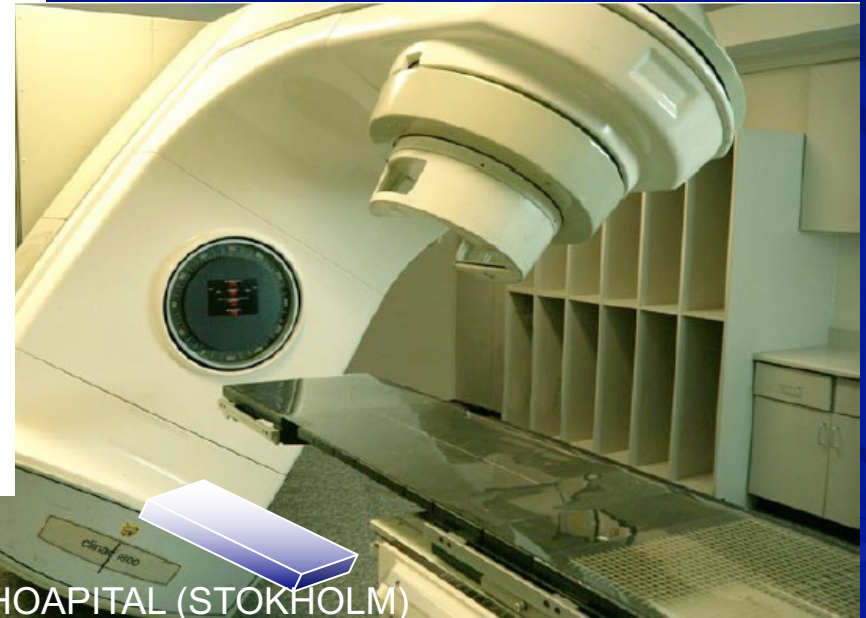


# PORTAL IMAGING

## VERY HIGH RATE GAMMA RAYS DETECTION and measurement



Real Time Imaging  
and Dosimetry

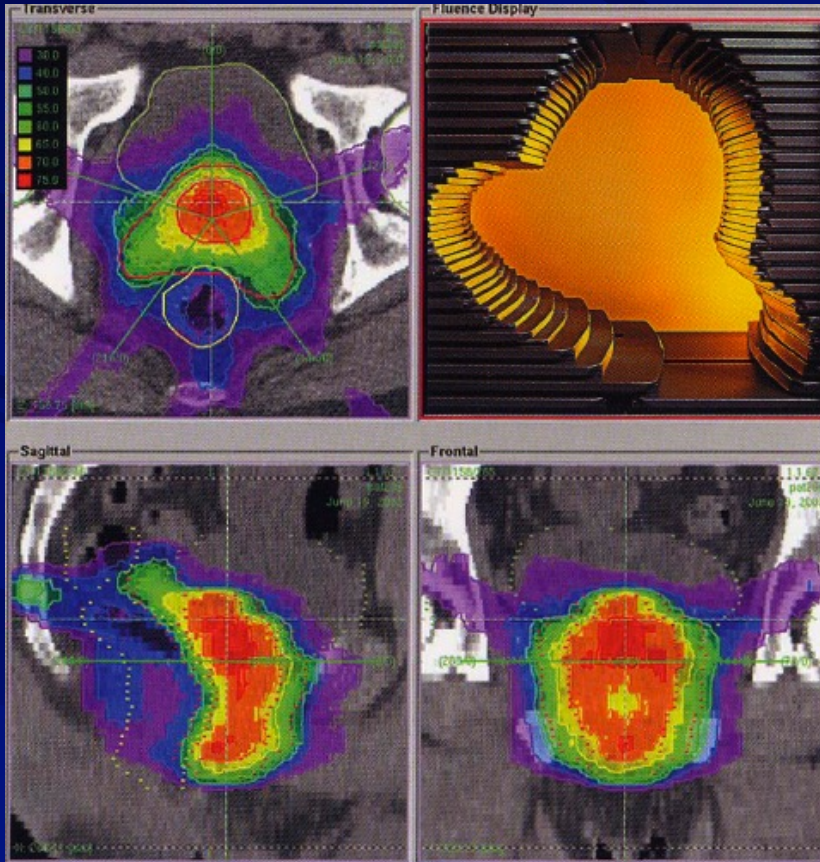


GEM-BASED PIXEL DETECTOR

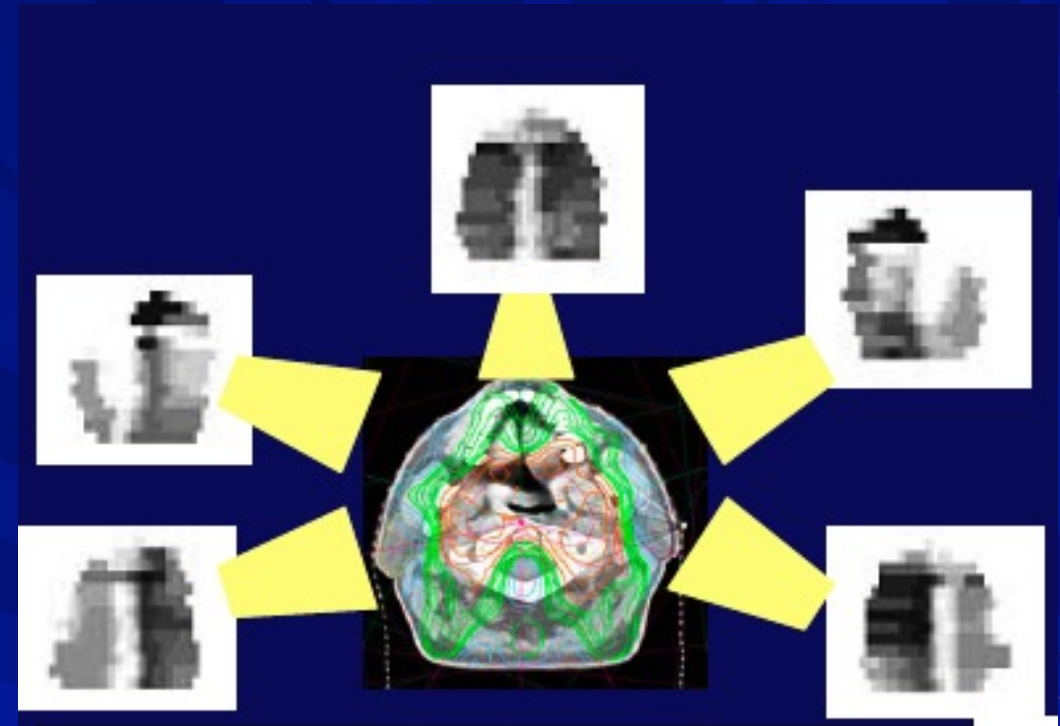
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C. Iacobaeus et al, IEEE Trans. Nucl. Sci. NS-48 (2001)1496

# 'standard' RT devices

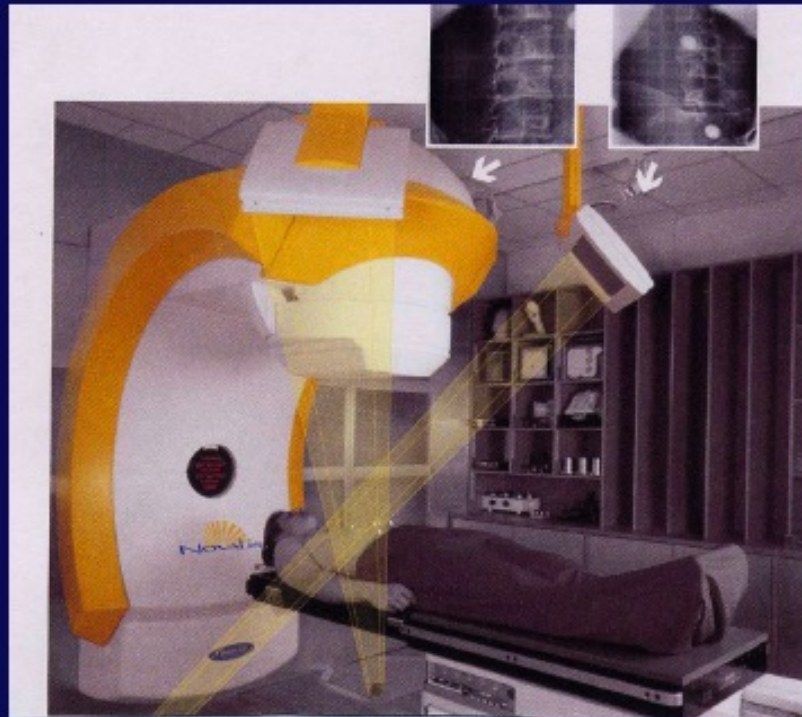


Conformal 3D radiotherapy



Intensity Modulated  
(IMRT)

# IGRT : Image guided

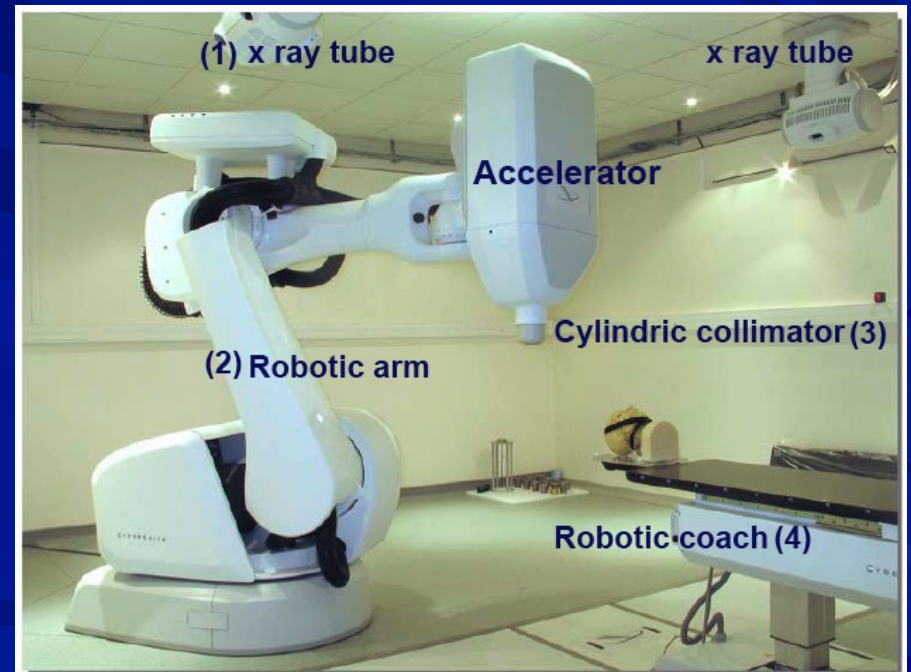


# State of the art: Robotic Stereostatic RT

- Multiple beams and radiation sources (  $Co^{60}$  )
- High Precision 1 mm
- Dedicated & invasive (radiochirurgie with  $Co^{60}$ )



VERO



Cyberknife™

# Radiation X

- No substitute for RT in the near future
- Number of patient increasing
- Present limitation of RT → 30 % of patients recurs
- Why Radiotherapy X is NOT 100 % efficient?
  - Complication < 5 %
  - Tolerance of saine tissue is the limiting factor
    - Close to Organ at Risk
  - Failures due to radioresistant tumors!
  - Second cancer 30 years after Radio Therapy (from recent statistics)
    - Adult : 1.1
    - Children : 6

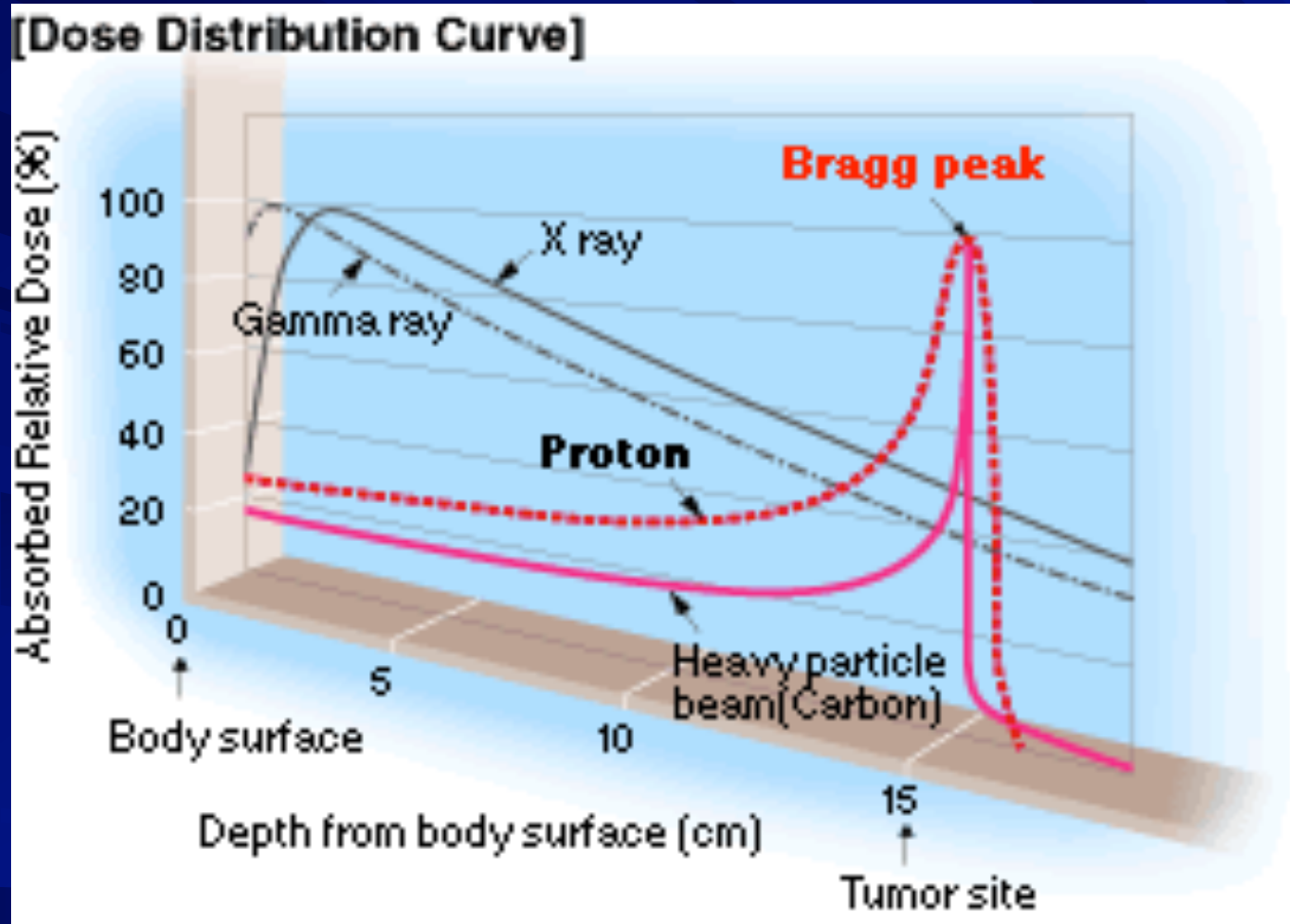
→ Particle therapy  
→ Around 25% of the case

*Today*  
**From radiotherapy to  
Particle therapy**



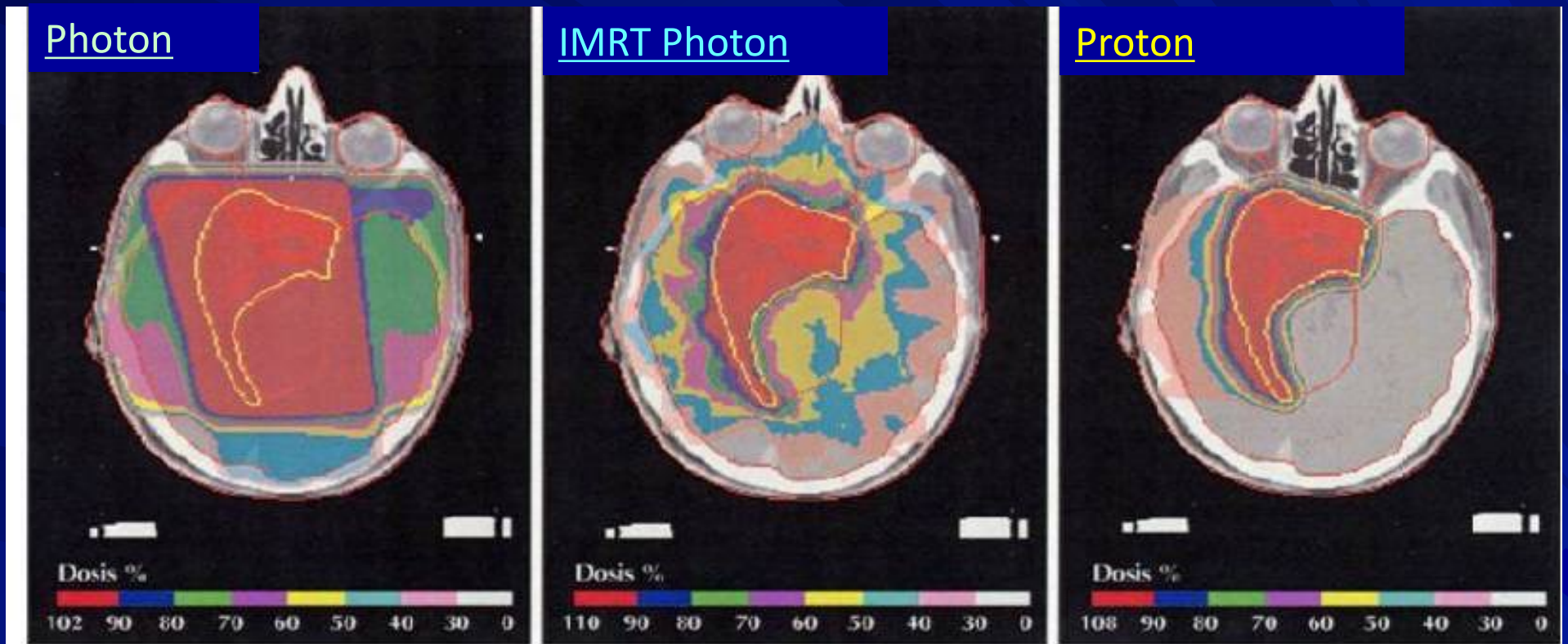


# Why use Hadrons for Therapy?



- Most dose is deposited in the sharp "Bragg Peak", with no dose beyond
- Escalate the dose in the tumor
- Reduction of dose in surrounding normal tissue

# Comparing Proton and conventional RT

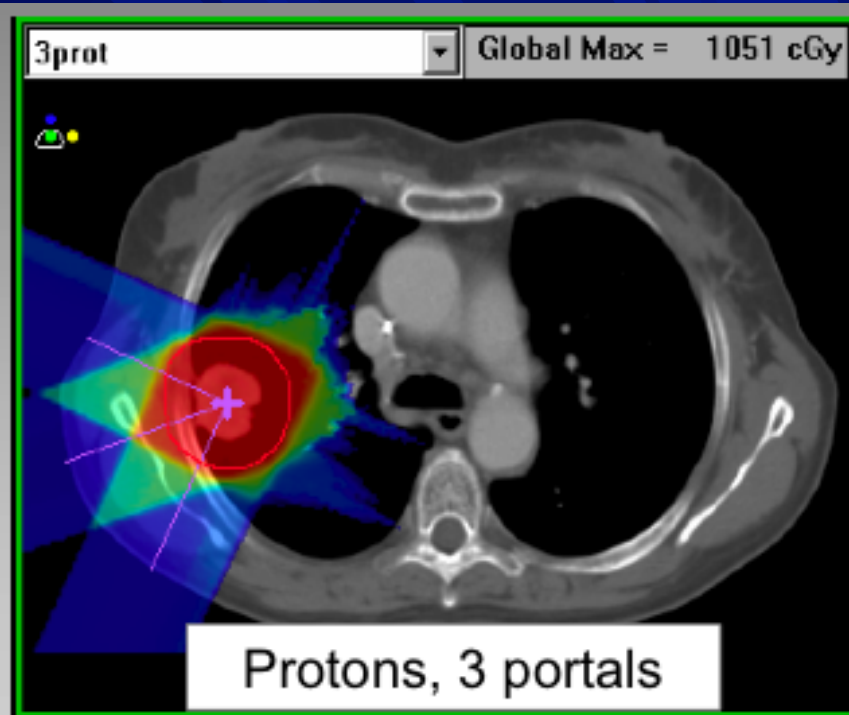
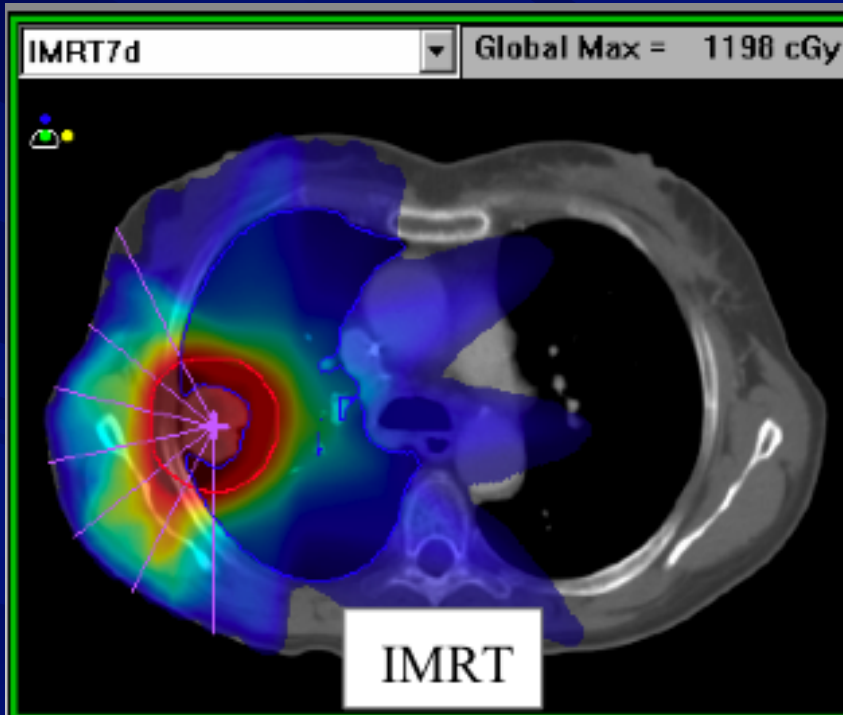


Conventional Radiotherapy:  
Important dose outside  
the tumor

IMRT = Intensity  
Modulated  
Radio Therapy:  
still non negligible dose  
outside the tumor

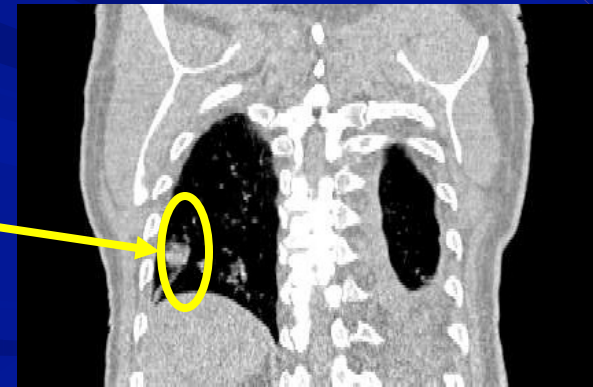
Scattering technique :  
Low dose outside

# Comparison IMRT-Protons



# What are the critical issues & challenges?

- This is NOT a 'simple target' but a human body
  - Treatment and quality assurance techniques of conventional radiotherapy not adequate for particle therapy
    - A complex procedure for the 'treatment planning'
- How to be sure that the dose is delivered at the right place (tumour)?
  - Particle beam are error sensitive
    - Displaced organ & overdose
    - Moving organ in some case

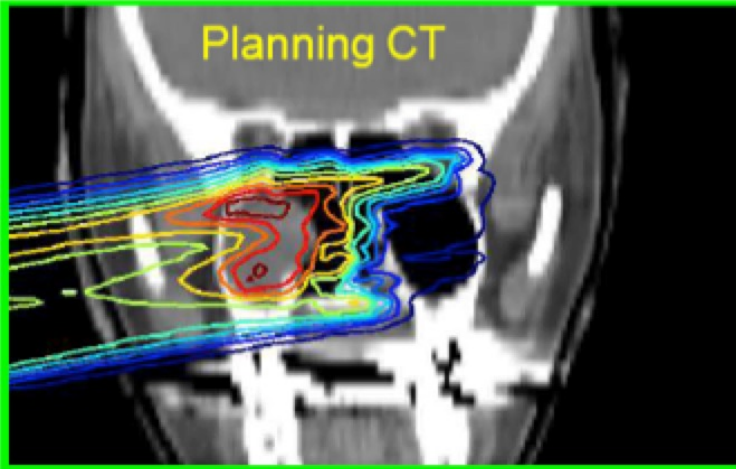


*What is the dose deposited?*  
*How to verify the treatment?*

# The two 'simultaneous' challenges

- Reducing error means → Real Time imaging
  - 3D in vivo dosimetry and tomography
    - *Use fragments of beam projectile reactions in the biological matter emerging from the tumor target volume*
- Verification using Computed Tomography/Radiography:
  - CT imaging in charged Particle therapy is needed for:
    - Target volume definition (anatomical boundaries with additional information from multimodality imaging (CT/MRI/PET studies))
    - Dose and range calculation
    - Patient alignment verification

*But today these process are made at different moment and place*



# Particle therapy workflow

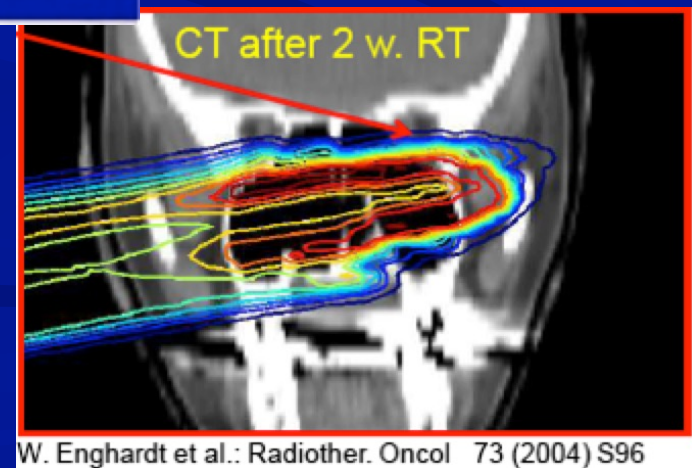
- Step 1 → Treatment planning after CT scan
  - Dose to be distributed
  - MC simulation
  - Give information to the machine



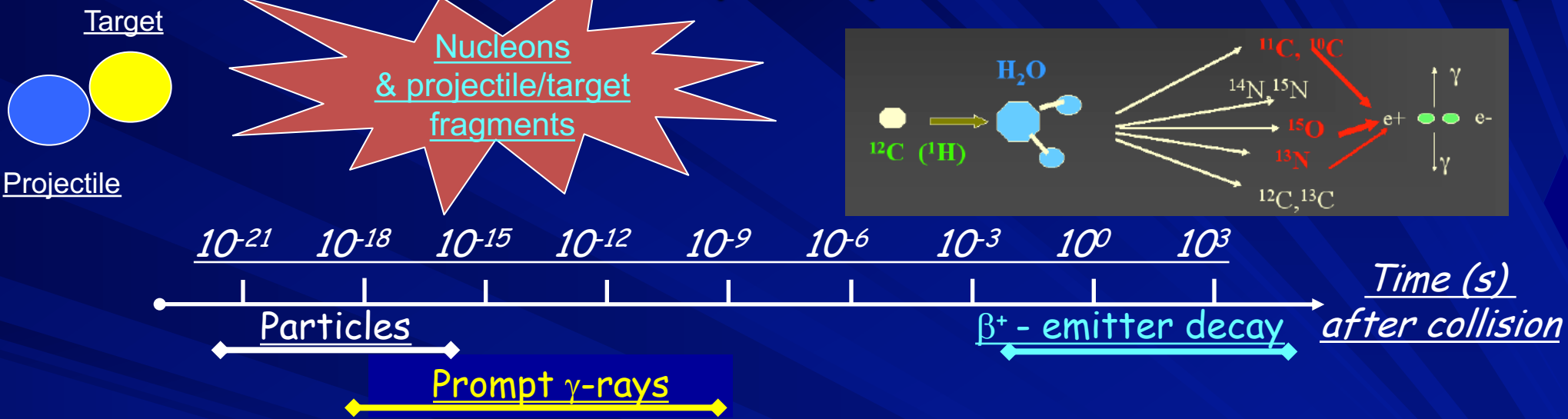
- Step 2 → Treatment
  - 10-20 fractions (tumour irradiation)

- *Step 3 → verification using CT scan*

*Overdosage in normal tissue*

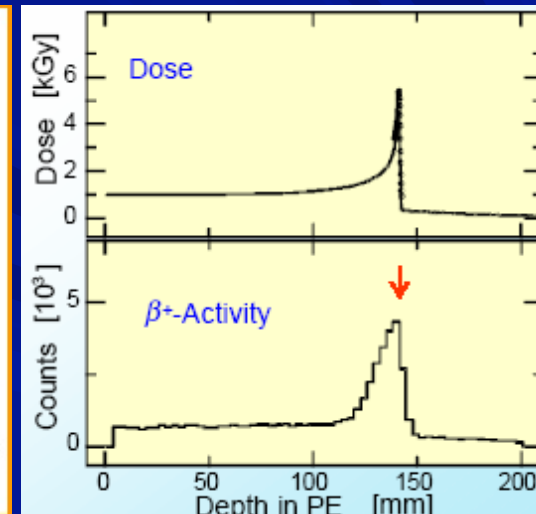
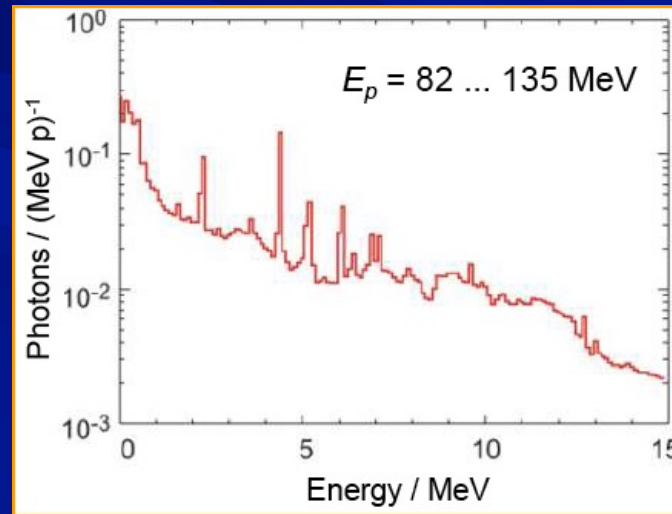


# In-beam nuclear method principle for 'in vivo' dosimetry



Balance of promptly emitted particles outside the target:

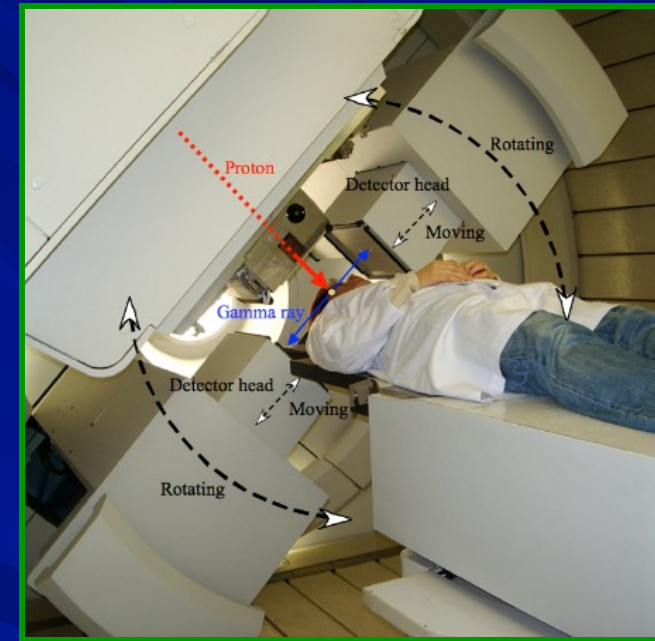
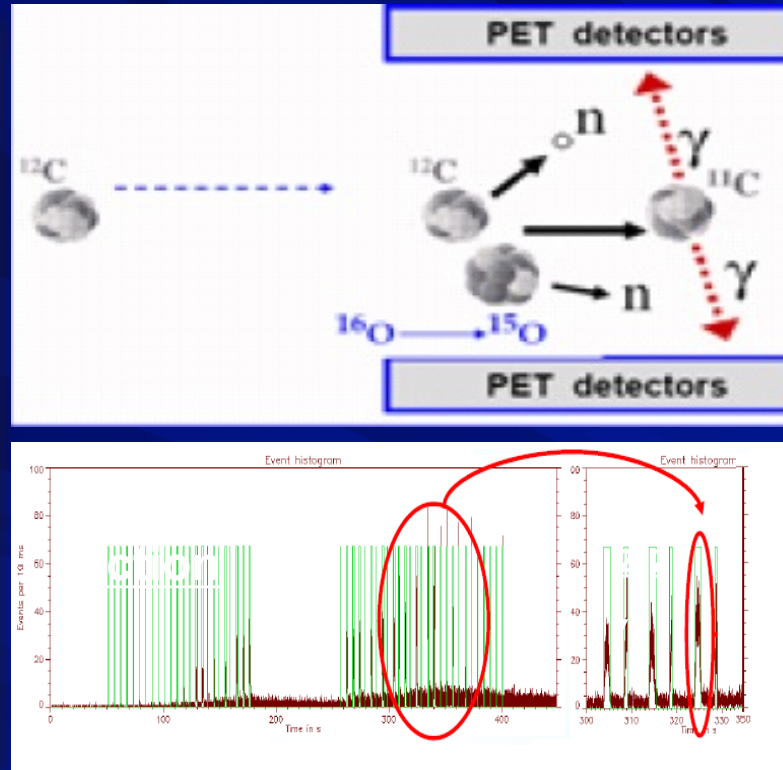
Incident protons:	1.0	( $\sim 10^{10}$ )
$\gamma$ -rays:	0.3	( $3 \cdot 10^9$ )
Neutrons:	0.09	( $9 \cdot 10^8$ )
Protons:	0.001	( $1 \cdot 10^7$ )
$\alpha$ -particles:	$2 \cdot 10^{-5}$	( $2 \cdot 10^5$ )



- However the photon energy different from standard medical (Anger) SPECT camera

Relation between dose and  $\beta^+$  activities

# Present examples: in beam PET



$^1\text{H}$ -therapy at the National Cancer Center, Kashiwa, Japan

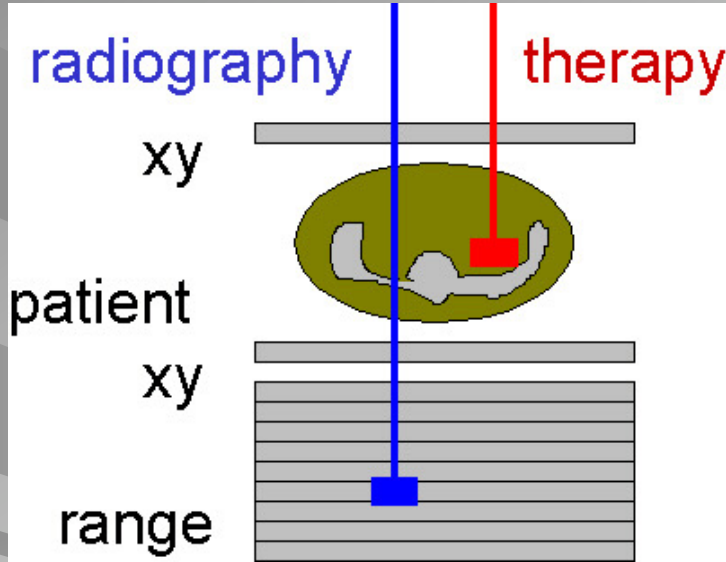
- Large beam background
- No Real time capability
- Low signal to noise ratio



# More topics on Particle therapy

*(another presentation)*

- 1946 : R. Wilson propose to use protons in radiotherapy
- 1954->1970 : first clinical trials (Boston, Uppsala, Berkeley)
- 1970 : first clinical programmes (Boston, Berkeley)
- 1990-1991 : new centers (CPO Orsay, Nice, GSI, PSI, NAC South Africa). First dedicated center : Loma Linda (cost per patient for treating prostate cancer → 120 K\$)
- Today more than around **130** Facilities are running or planned: that increase very rapidly (>10/year) over the world !
- Becoming Commercial market now (IBA, Siemens, Hitachi .... )
- Proton versus ion (use cyclotron and synchrotron ..**Linear?** )
- **NEW: FLASH THERAPY** with Minibeam projects → deliver Very High dose ( 40/GY/sec) → **Machine?**
- **Big annual conference (PTCOG)**

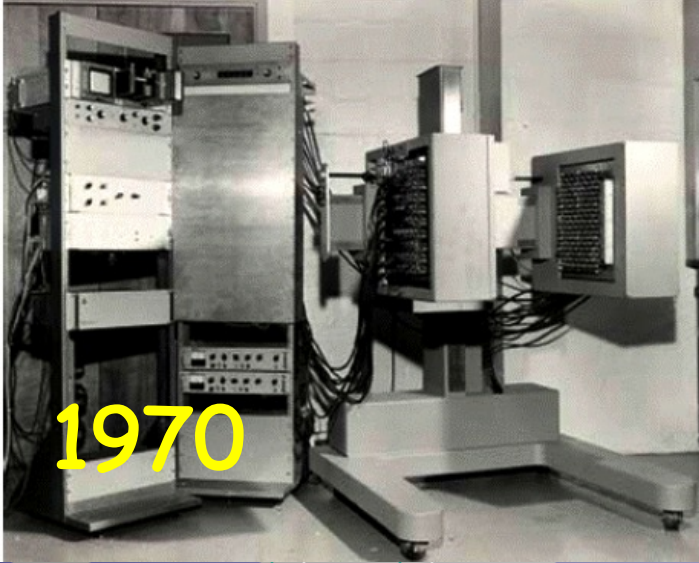


Radiograph of a phantom  
Uwe Schneider PhD thesis  
(1978, PSI)

# Another dream The Proton CT

*A tribute to G. Charpak*





1970



Today

# Nuclear medicine



# What is Nuclear medicine ? Definition

- Use in vivo of radioactive elements (tracers) injected to the patient orally or by blood injection to image the **function** of the body
- Functional and metabolic (**scintigraphy**)
- In vivo biochemistry
- Study of a radioactive molecule in a living organism
  - Images are Static 2D/3D (x,y,z)
  - Or 4D (+time) --> dynamic
  - Or 5D (+ Energy) --> Multisotopes /multitracers

# What about tracers ?

George Hevesy



1855-1966



# Isotopes in medicine

DIAGNOSIS		THERAPY		
in vitro	in vivo	internal		external
		systemic	sources	tele radio
$^{14}\text{C}$ $^3\text{H}$ $^{125}\text{I}$ others	$^{99}\text{Mo}$ - $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$  $^{201}\text{Tl}$ $^{123}\text{I}$ $^{111}\text{In}$ $^{67}\text{Ga}$ $^{81}\text{Rb}$ - $^{81\text{m}}\text{Kr}$ others  $\beta^+$ emitters for PET $^{18}\text{F}$ , $^{11}\text{C}$ , $^{13}\text{N}$ , $^{15}\text{O}$ $^{86}\text{Y}$ , $^{124}\text{I}$  $^{68}\text{Ge}$ - $^{68}\text{Ga}$ $^{82}\text{Sr}$ - $^{82}\text{Rb}$	$^{131}\text{I}$ , $^{90}\text{Y}$ $^{153}\text{Sm}$ , $^{186}\text{Re}$ $^{188}\text{W}$ - $^{188}\text{Re}$ $^{166}\text{Ho}$ , $^{177}\text{Lu}$ , others  $\alpha$ -emitters: $^{225}\text{Ac}$ - $^{213}\text{Bi}$ $^{211}\text{At}$ , $^{223}\text{Ra}$ $^{149}\text{Tb}$  $e^-$ -emitters: $^{125}\text{I}$	sealed sources $^{192}\text{Ir}$ , $^{182}\text{Ta}$ , $^{137}\text{Cs}$ many others needles for brachytherapy: $^{103}\text{Pd}$ , $^{125}\text{I}$ many others stands $^{32}\text{P}$ and others seeds $^{90}\text{Sr}$ or $^{90}\text{Y}$ , others applicators $^{137}\text{Cs}$ , others	$^{60}\text{Co}$  gamma knife  $^{137}\text{Cs}$ blood cell irradi- ation

# Common Diagnosis Tracers

Application	Requirement	Isotope
<b>DIAGNOSIS</b> In vivo <b>SPECT</b>	single photons no particles biogenic behavior $T_{1/2}$ = moderate	$^{99m}\text{Tc}$ , $^{123}\text{I}$ , $^{111}\text{In}$ , $^{201}\text{Tl}$ ,
<b>DIAGNOSIS</b> in vivo <b>PET</b>	$\beta^+$ -decay mode biogenic elements $T_{1/2}$ = short	$^{11}\text{C}$ , $^{13}\text{N}$ , $^{15}\text{O}$ , $^{18}\text{F}$



*MTR = Material Testing Reactors*



There are different solutions available worldwide to produce artificial radioisotope, i.e. by **accelerators**, nuclear reactors or research reactors such as the **JHR Material Test Reactor**.



Cyclotrons

# EU tracer production situation

Pays	Réacteur	Puissance (MWth)	Age en 2022 (ans)
Rep. tchèque	LVR15	10	66
Norvège	HBWR	19	62 (arrêté en 2018)
Pays Bas	HFR	45	62
Belgique	BR2	100	62
Pologne	MARIA	30	46
France	OSIRIS	70	(arrêté fin 15)
France	RJH	100	En cours



Very worry about the future this why we are building the RJH





# RJH Producing radioisotope for nuclear medicine

- The JHR Material Test Reactor (70MWh) has been designed to produce artificial radioisotope by way of **fission or neutron capture**, The need for artificial radioisotope has been increasing year after year, especially for nuclear medicine where radioisotopes are used for examinations (diagnostics) and cancer treatment (therapy).
- Producing between 25% (representing about 2 millions patients diagnosed) and 50% of European yearly requirements
- Diagnostic radioelement
  - $^{99}\text{Mo}/^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$  •  $^{125}\text{I}$   $^{131}\text{I}$  •  $^{133}\text{Xe}$  produced by  $^{235}\text{U}$  fission
- Therapeutic radioelement
  - $^{89}\text{Tc}$ ,  $^{90}\text{Y}$ ,  $^{153}\text{Sm}$ ,  $^{166}\text{Ho}$ ,  $^{169}\text{Er}$ ,  $^{177}\text{Lu}$ ,  $^{186}\text{Re}$ ,  $^{192}\text{Ir}$ ,  $^{103}\text{Pd}$ ,  $^{125}\text{I}$
  - $^{192}\text{Ir}$ ,  $^{60}\text{Co}$ ,  $^{75}\text{Se}$  ....

# The Jules Horowitz MTR Reactor

Cadarache France



2025?

WEB site: <https://jhrreactor.com/>

# Therapy with radioelement



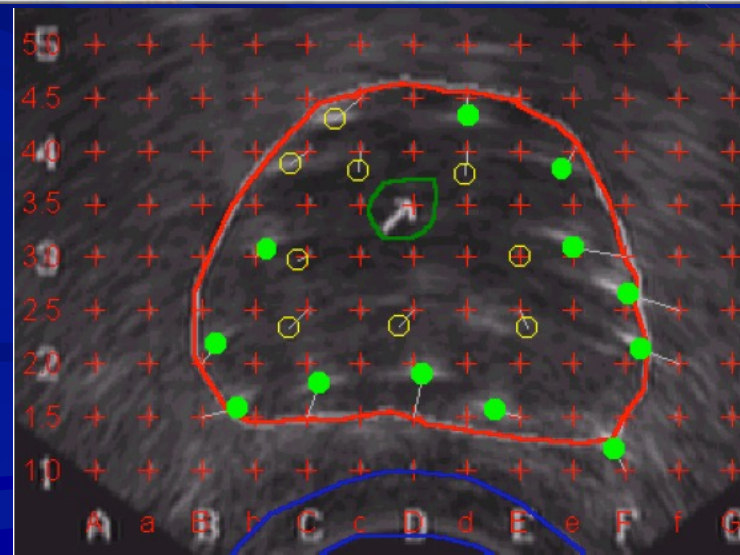
# Curietherapy/Brachytherapy

1910

Today



- Local (contact) deposit of the dose by needles or implants



# First cancer cure by brachy (ulcus rodens, basal cell carcinoma): Goldberg and London in Moscow, 1903

## Originalarbeiten.

### XXIV.

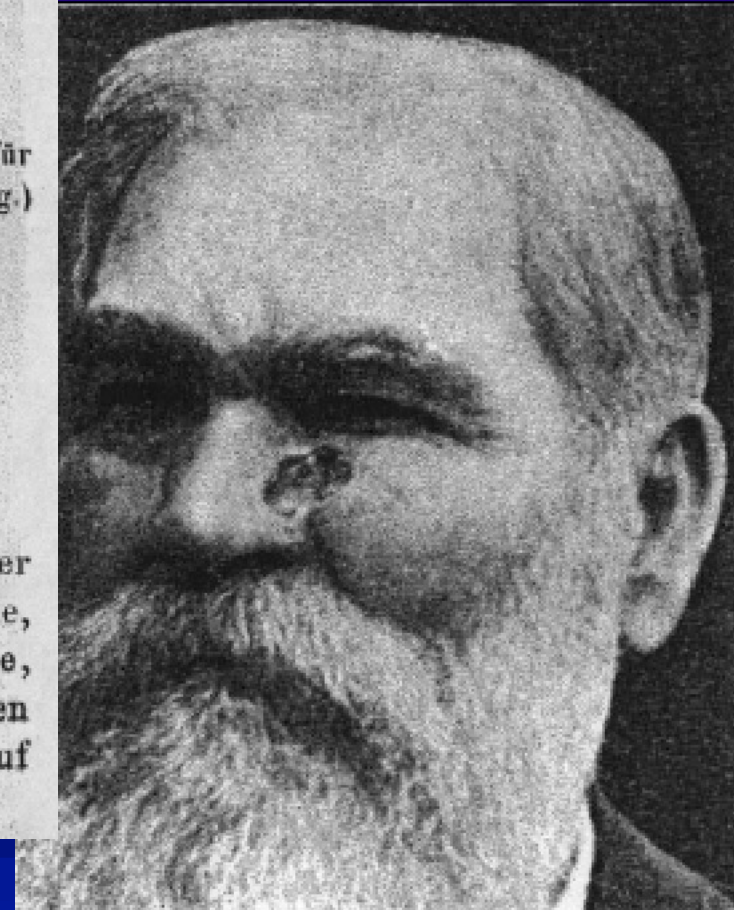
(Aus der Abteilung für allgemeine Pathologie des Kaiserlichen Instituts für experimentelle Medicin und aus dem Maximilian-Krankenhaus in St. Petersburg.)

## Zur Frage der Beziehungen zwischen Bequerelstrahlen und Hautaffectionen<sup>1)</sup>.

Von

S. W. GOLDBERG und E. S. LONDON  
in St. Petersburg.

Die neueren Errungenschaften der Verwendung verschiedener Formen der strahlenden Energie in der dermatologischen Therapie, sowie die experimentellen Arbeiten von Giesel, P. Curie, Bequerel, Aschkinass, Freund, Doulos u. a. veranlassten uns, die Wirkung der Bequerelstrahlen bei *Ulcus rodens* auf die Probe zu stellen.



# First brachy treatment, any disease, generally credited to

- Henri Alexandre Danlos,
- Parisian dermatologist,
- exhibiting a woman who he
- successfully treated for
- *lupus vulgaris* of the
- face. Pierre Curie loaned
- him the source and he



Note sur le traitement du lupus érythémateux par des applications de radium.

Par MM. DANLOS et P. BLOCH.

Le 2 mars 1896, M. H. Becquerel, dans une communication à l'Institut, indiquait que tous les sels d'uranium et l'uranium métallique émettent, sans cause excitatrice et d'une manière incessante, un rayonnement qui traverse les corps opaques pour la lumière et impressionne les plaques photographiques. L'étude de ces rayons, dits aussi rayons uraniques ou rayons de Becquerel, a été l'origine

# BRT (typically 10-20% of patients)

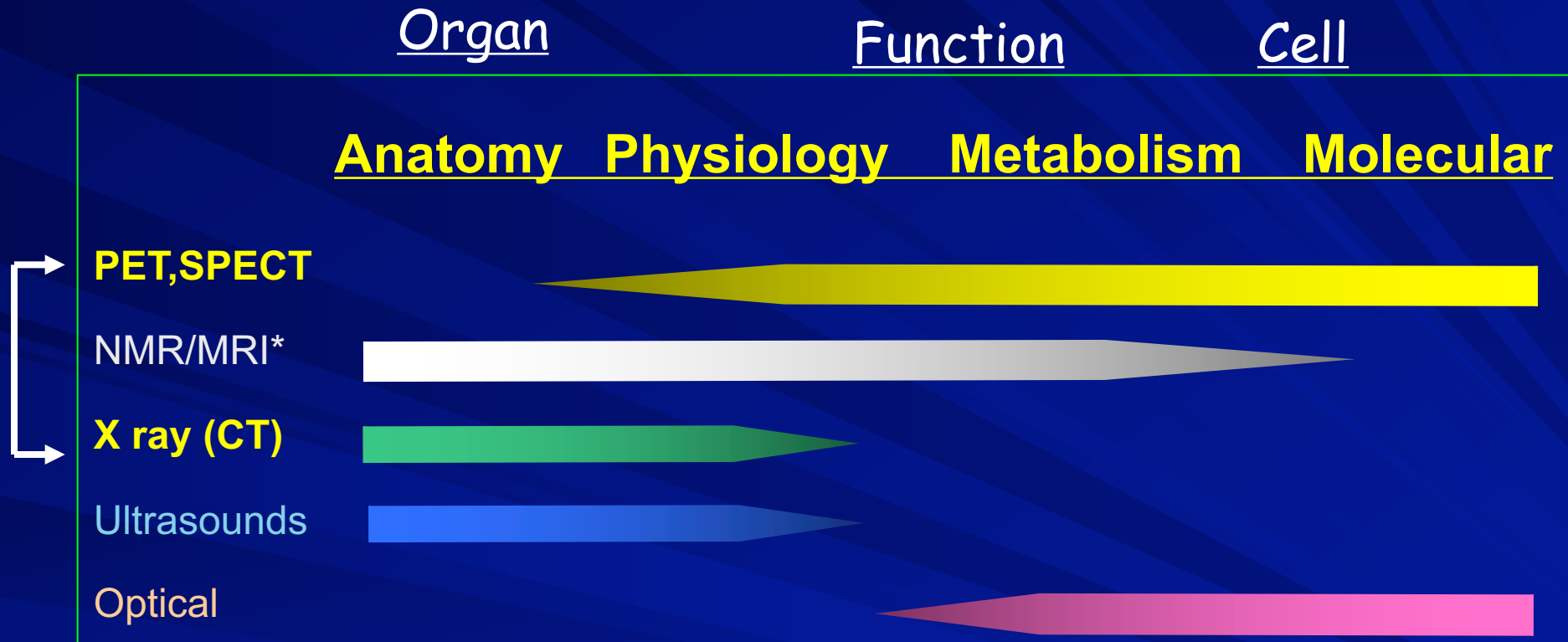
- 1) Radiation sources placed in the tumor, ergo less toxicity
- 2) Dose homogeneity in the target not an issue
- 3) Conformal treatment without complicated technological tools
- 4) Generally invasive (except intracavitary)
- 5) In BRT timing is critical
- 6) Overall risk of a second cancer is claimed to be lower for brachy
- *A. The actual dose delivered can be precisely known (a double-edged sword...)*
- *B. Full QC (operator-independent treatment)*
- *C. Ideal for focal therapy (radiobiology not needed)*

# Modern imaging





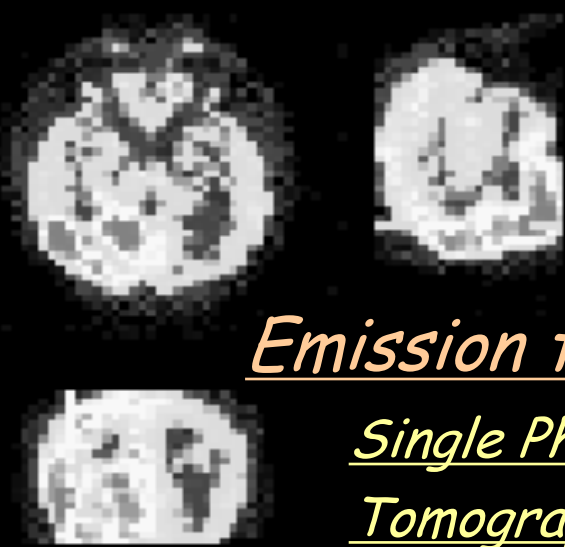
# The various types (modalities) of imaging



- Complementary !
- Depends on what you want to see

*MRI/MMR\* = Magnetic resonance*

# Medical Imaging Modalities



Emission tomography

Single Photon Emission Computerized Tomography (SPECT)

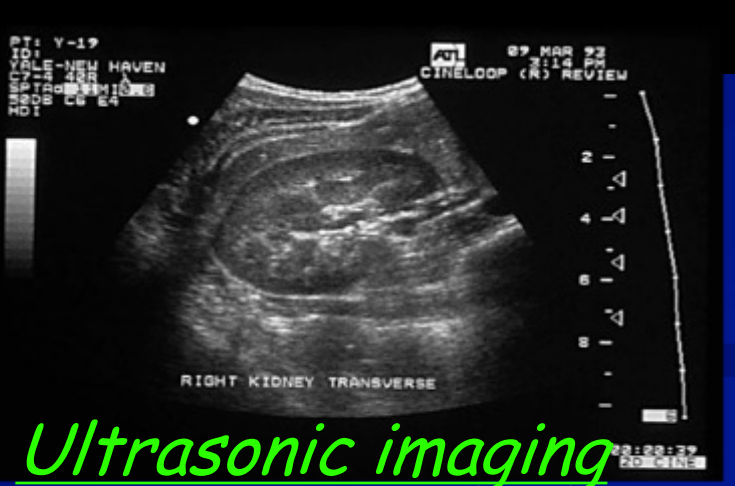
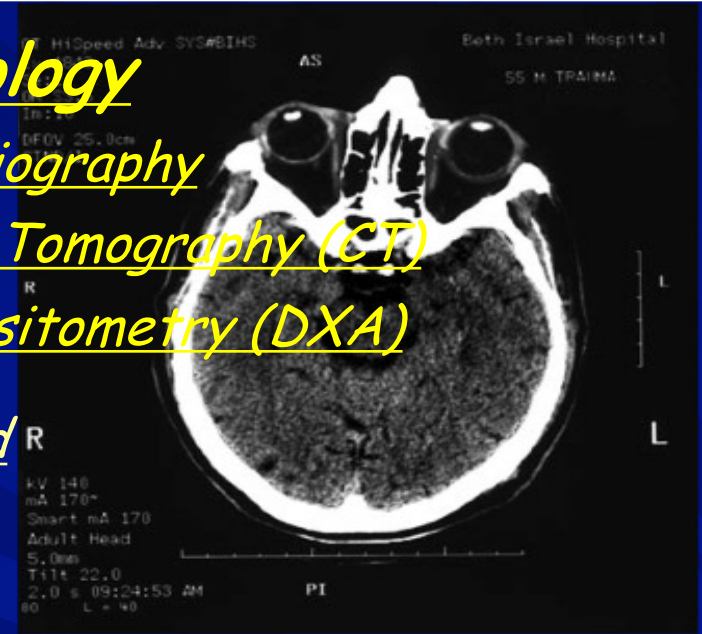
Positron Emission Tomography (PET)

X-ray radiology

X-ray Radiography

Computed Tomography (CT)

Tomo-Densitometry (DXA)



Ultrasonic imaging

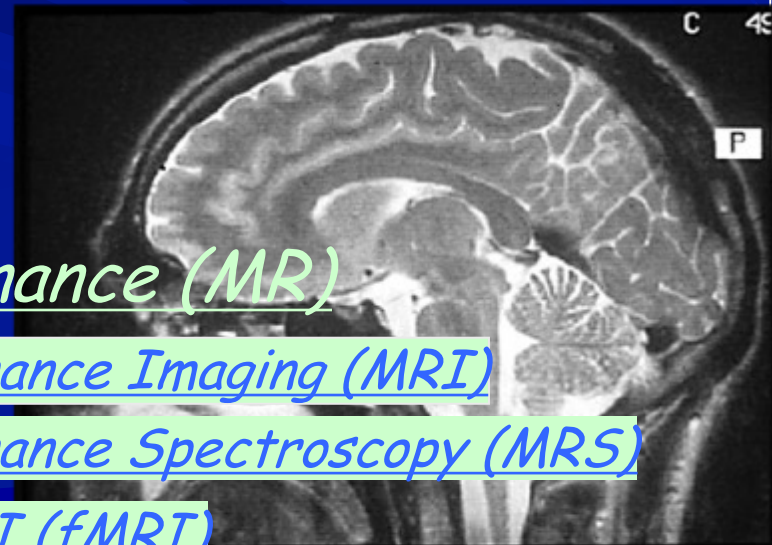
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Magnetic Resonance (MR)

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)

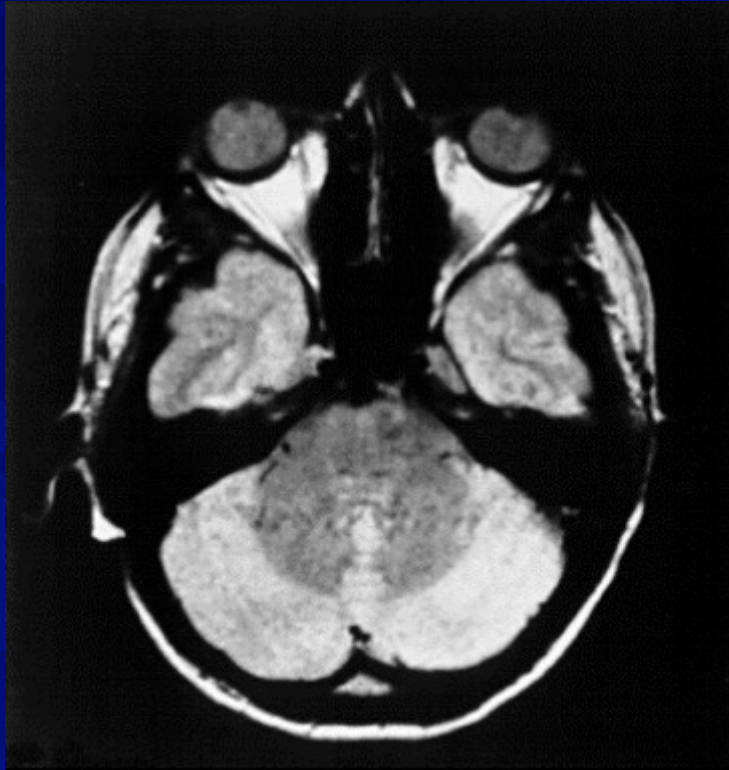
Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy (MRS)

Functionnal MRI (fMRI)

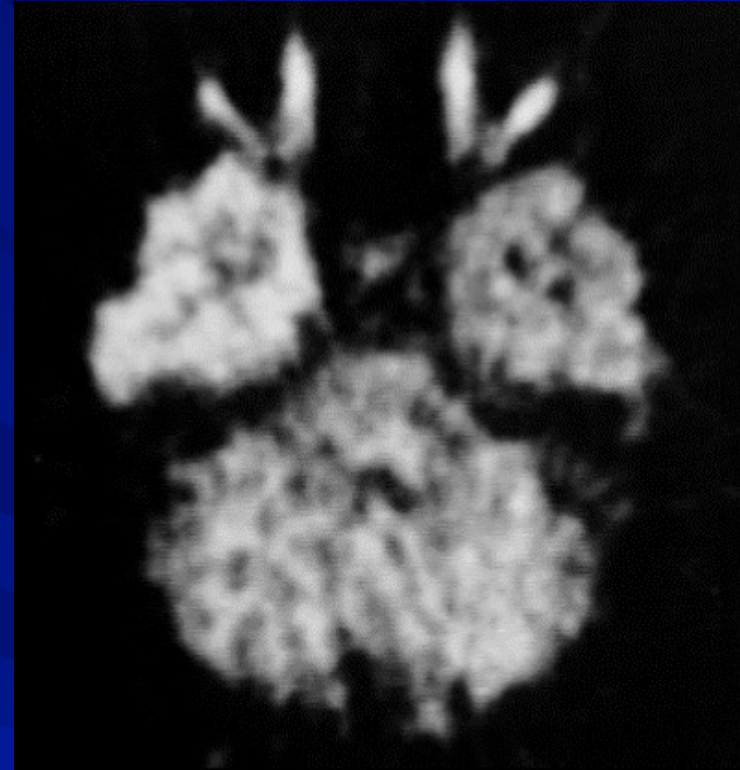


# NMR & PET Images of Epilepsy

NMR

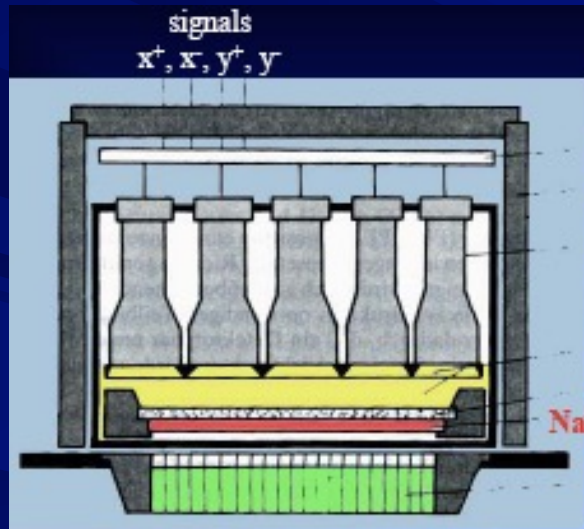


PET



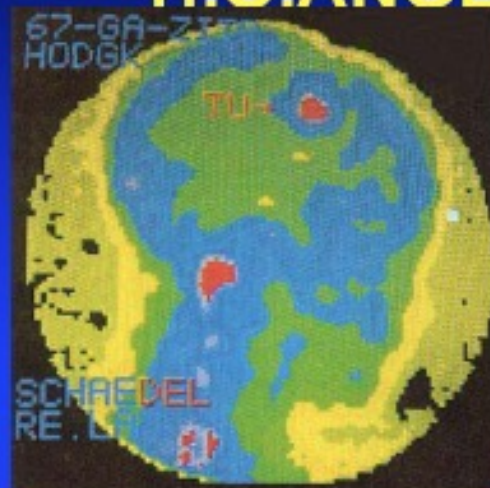
- NMR "Sees" Structure with 0.5 mm Resolution
- PET "Sees" Metabolism with Few mm Resolution but with very high sensitivity (picomolar level)

# The first gamma camera (Hanger, 1956)



Planar scintigram

## GAMMA CAMERA H.O. ANGER



# SPECT Gamma camera components

## ■ Collimator

- Ability to localize the photon source in the patient (6-12 mm)

## ■ Detection system

- Ability of the **large NaI scintillator** and photomultiplier to localize the photon interaction in the crystal

## ■ Problem :

- only few useful photons
- 1:100 000

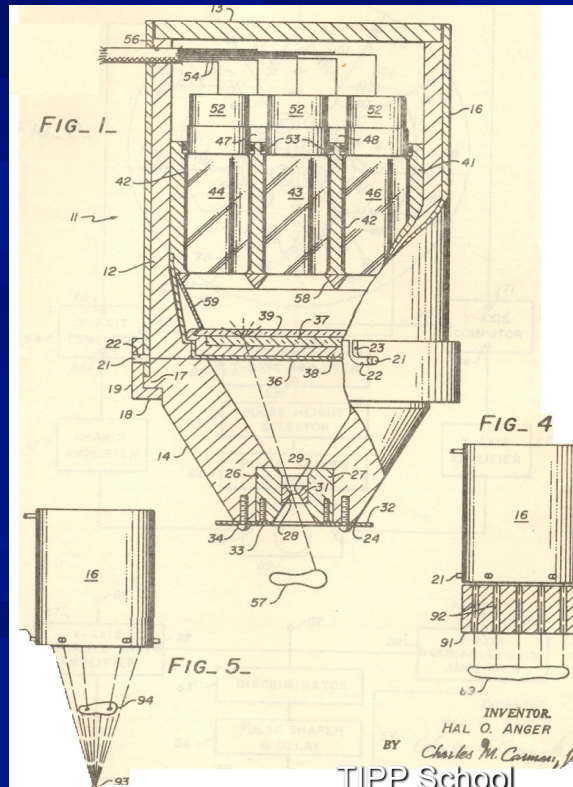


# Anger Camera



Anger camera  
invented in 1957

First camera had  
7 PMTs



First commercial Anger  
camera was delivered by  
Nuclear Chicago to W.  
Myers, Ohio State 1962



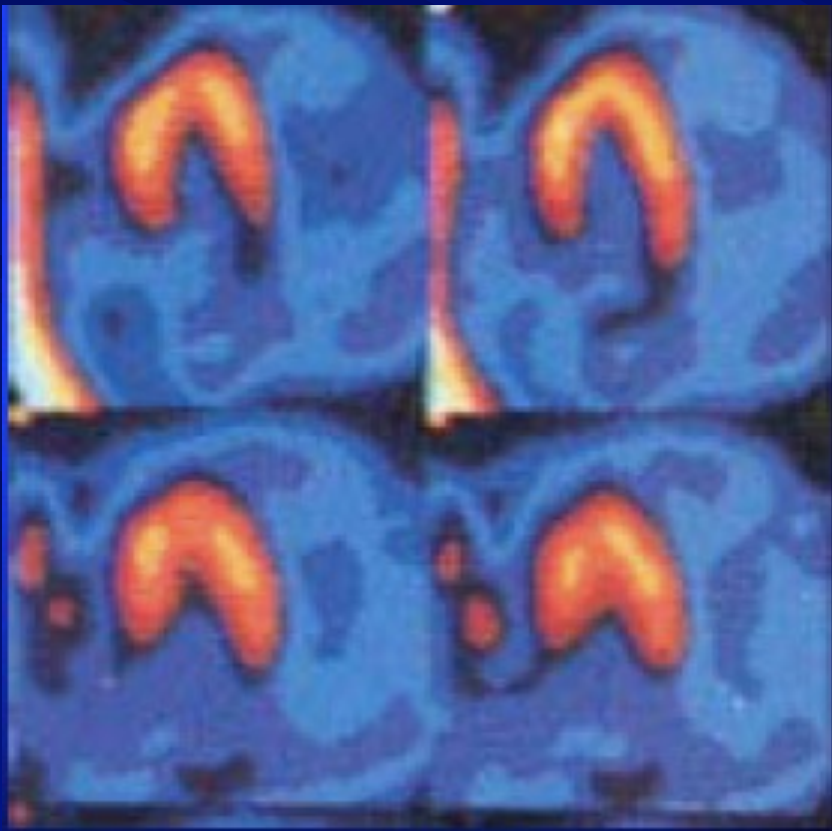
# Single Photon Emission Computed Tomography (SPECT)

## ■ Two ways

- Tc <sup>99</sup> tracer and a gamma camera
- Positron emitting tracers with positron camera

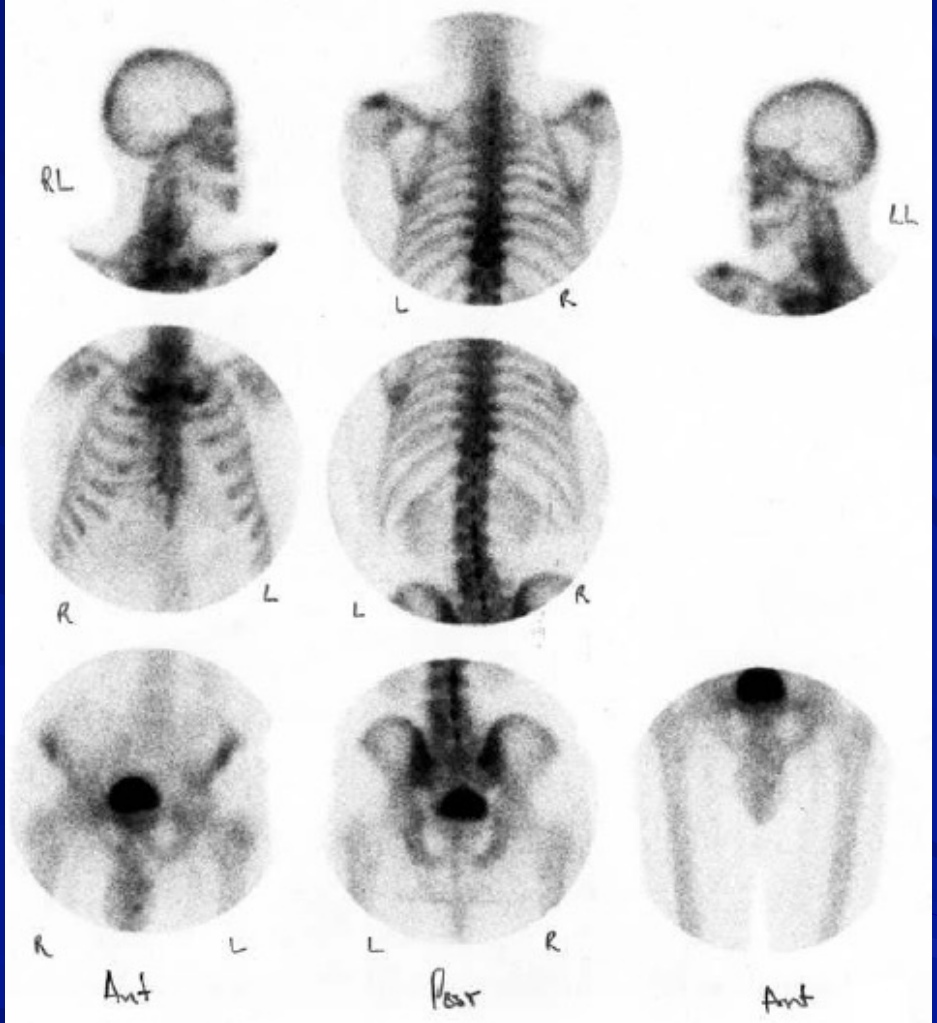


# SPETCT images



1984  $^{99m}\text{Tc}$  DMPE

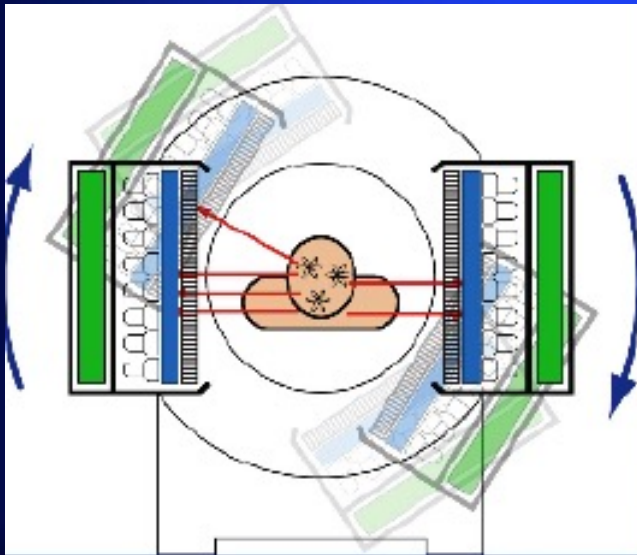
Hearth



Multiview skeleton with  $\text{Tc}^{99}$



# Modern SPECT camera



# Few word about PET



# The PET sequence



Produce radio-  
active sugar (FDG)



Cyclotron



Intravenous  
injection

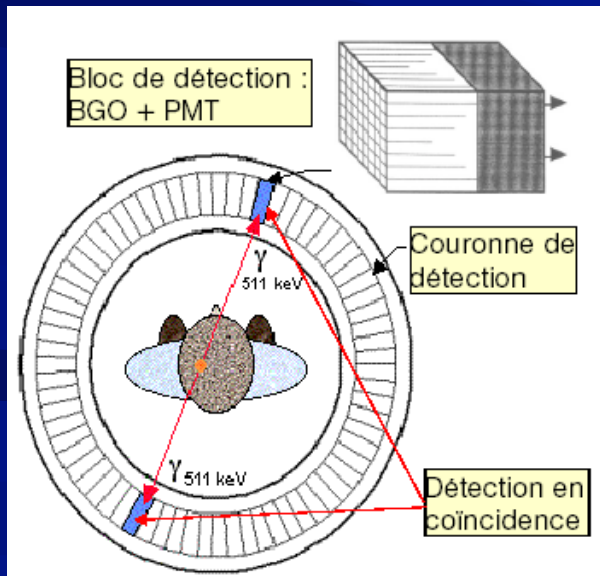
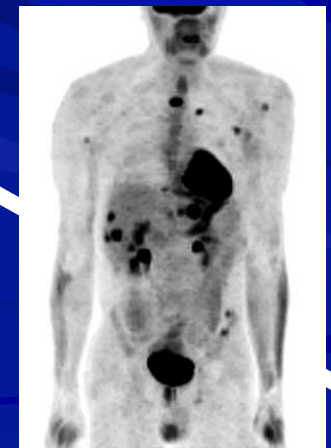
10mC

Wait for  
accumulation  
in target site



Get 2 gamma  
events

Reconstruct  
image coincidence  
events



Detect  
coincidence  
events

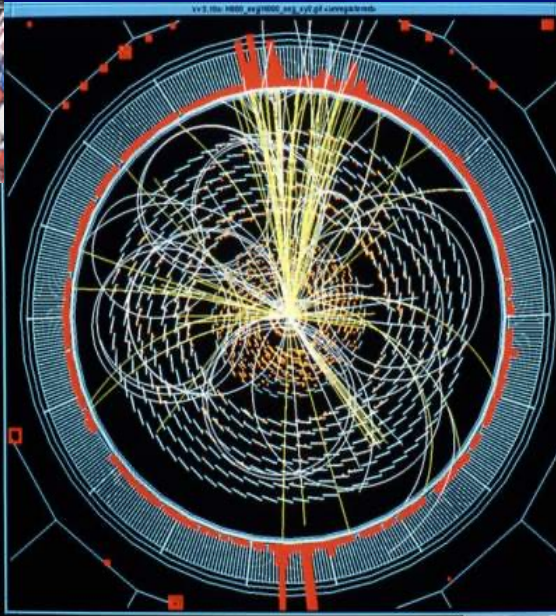
# HEP & PET

## Similarities and differences

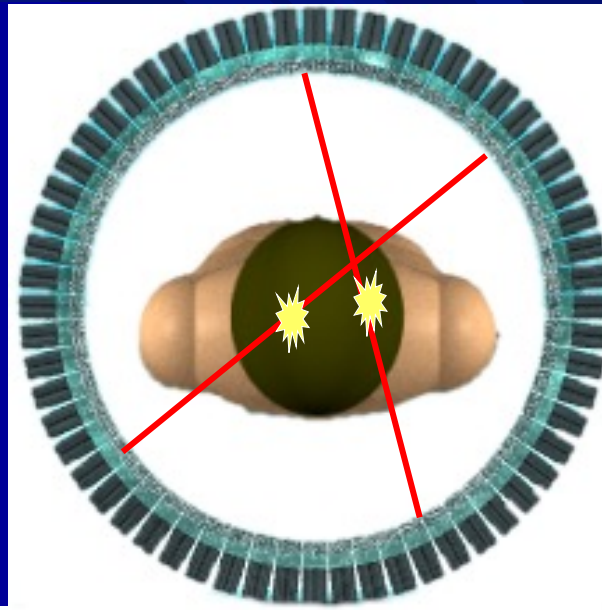


Calorimeter

HEP



$M_{\text{Higgs}} = 100 \text{ GeV}$

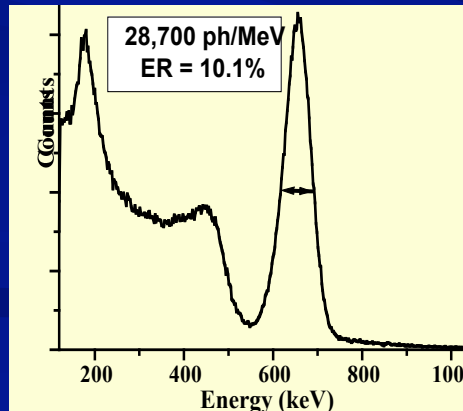


PET  
Camera

Biomedical  
Imaging

### Similarities

Geometry and granularity  
Detector (Crystals & scintillator)  
Sensor (PMT, APD)  
Digitizers: ADC, TDC,  
Data volume (Gbytes)



### Differences

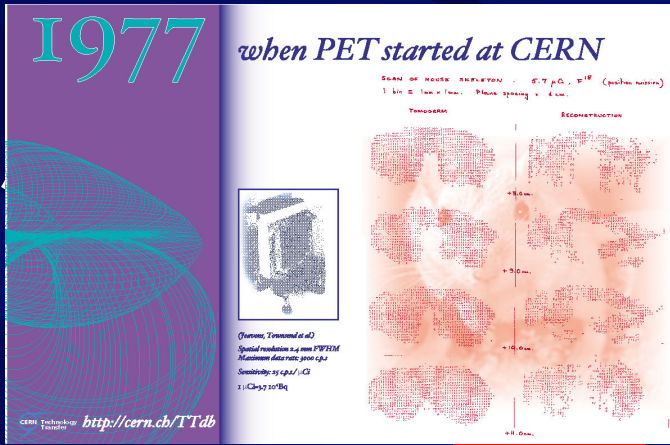
Energy range  
(10 GeV  $\rightarrow$  -511 keV)  
Event Rate 40  $\rightarrow$  10 MHz

No synchronization  
Self triggered electronics  
Multiple vertices

# Survey of common area with HEP

- Energy
  - From **Kev to Tev** with very good resolution
- Scintillator & crystal
- Photodetector
  - *compact, high QE, high gain and stability*
  - *Standard : PMT ---> SiPM/MPPC, DSiPM*
- Fast Electronics devices
  - We are speaking today to achieve the **PICOSECOND**
- # Channels
  - Billions due to **'pixellated & high granularity** detectors

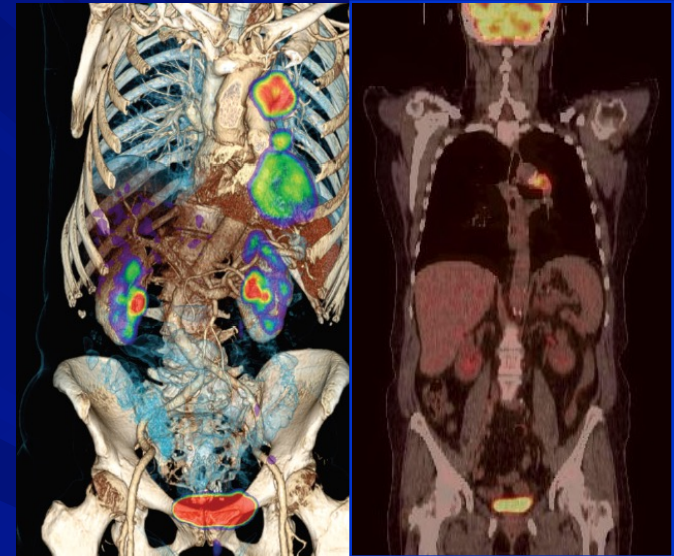
# Historical Evolution of PET



C-PET Philips

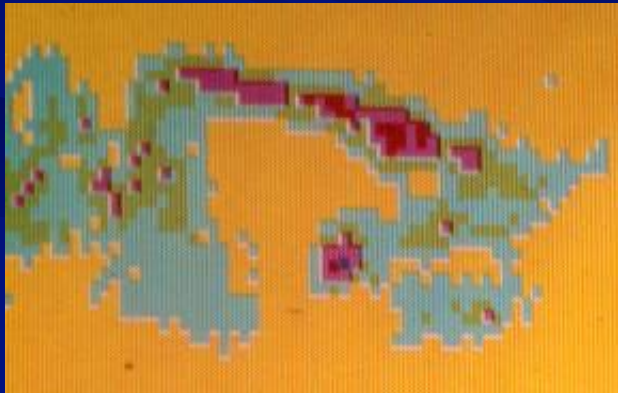


1997

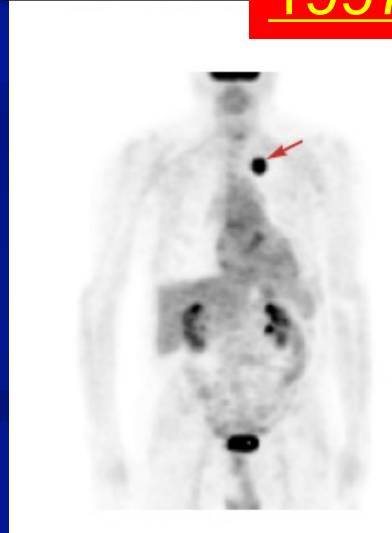


First Steps  
Townsend & Jeavons

1977



First mouse imaging with  $^{18}\text{F}$



TIPP School



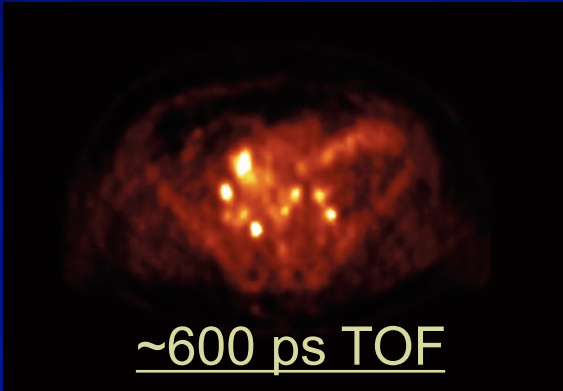
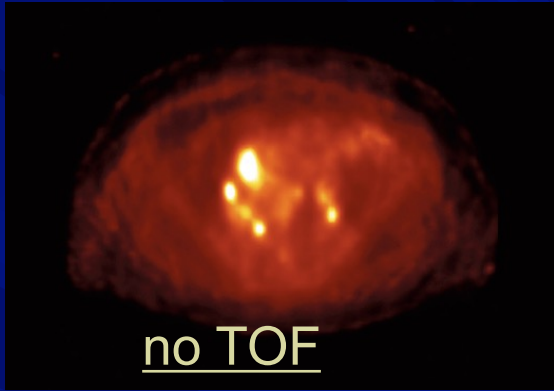
2007

Biograph PET + X ray-CT

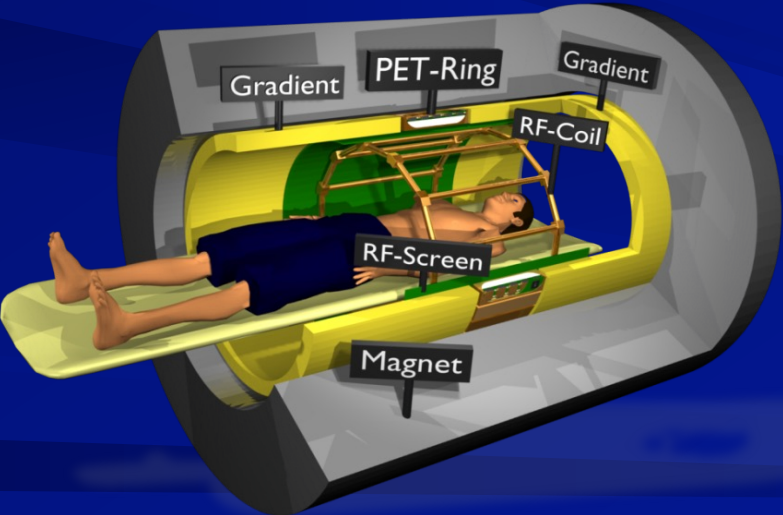
# From Today ---> Tomorrow Challenge



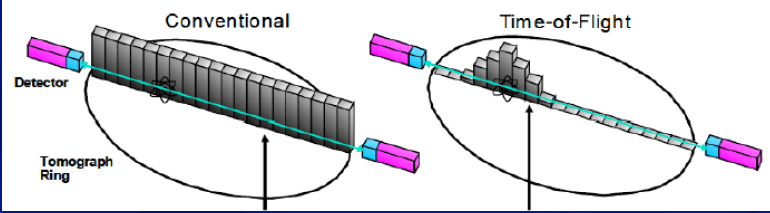
2017



TDM/PET-TOF (250 psec)



Sucima PET-MRI EU project



2022



~200-ps TOF PET Siemens Biograph Vision 600

# From Today ---> Tomorrow Challenge

2022



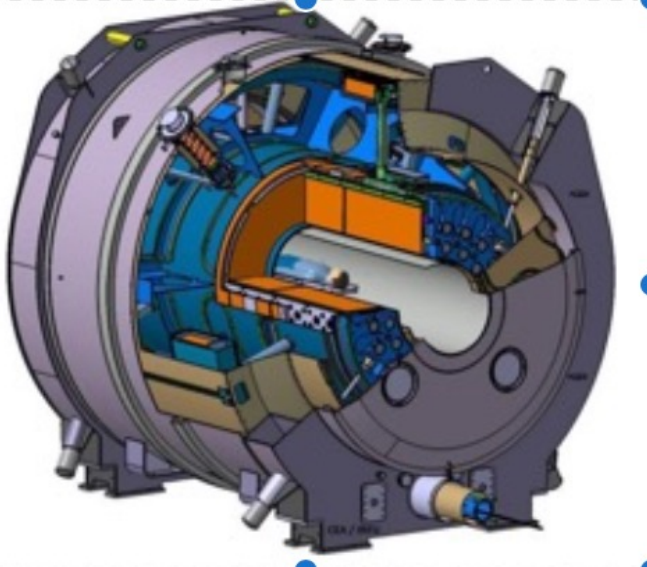
CRT = Laboratory 30ps  
→ 10 to 1 psec 3 min scan

SNR, Direct imaging Multi-photon  
imaging, Positronium imaging

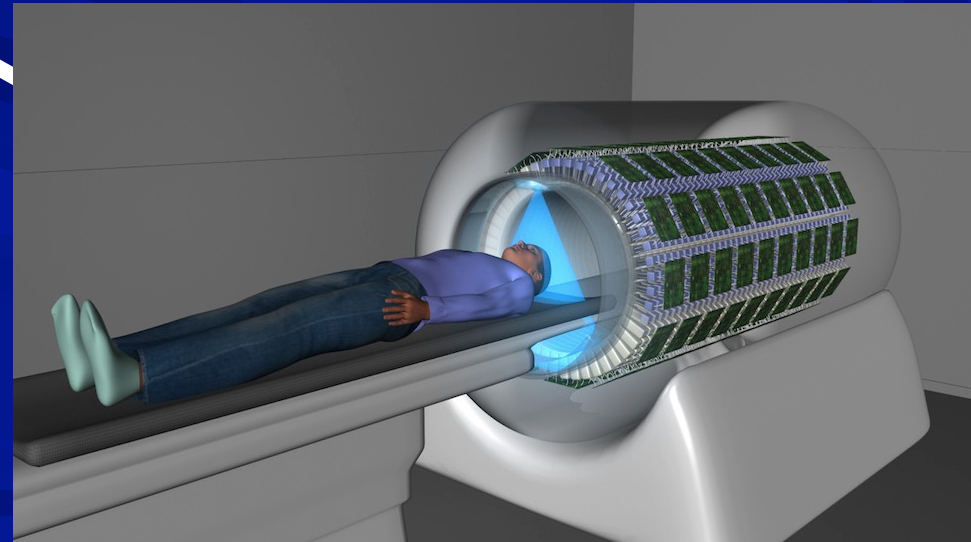
Scintillation, Cerenkov,

Metascintillators, Photonics

AI vs TOF, Cost?



2027 ?



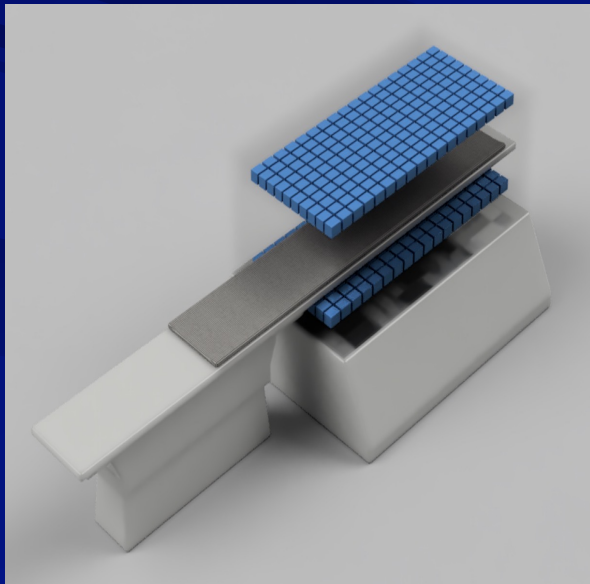
Iseult Project: 11.7T Whole-Body MRI

Explorer total body project

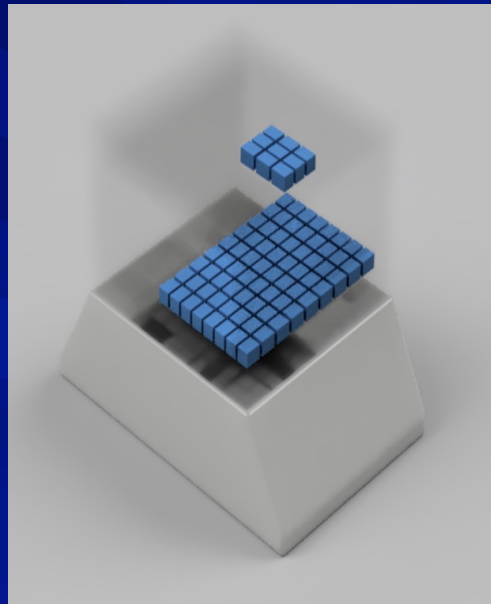


# Non conventional ideas

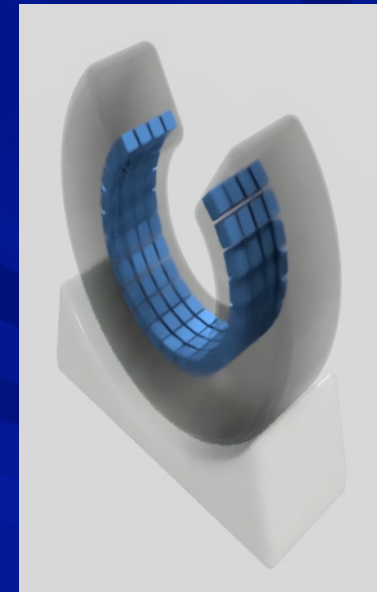
- Free of geometric constraints for tomography  
High solid angle coverage with smaller detector area



Total-Body System

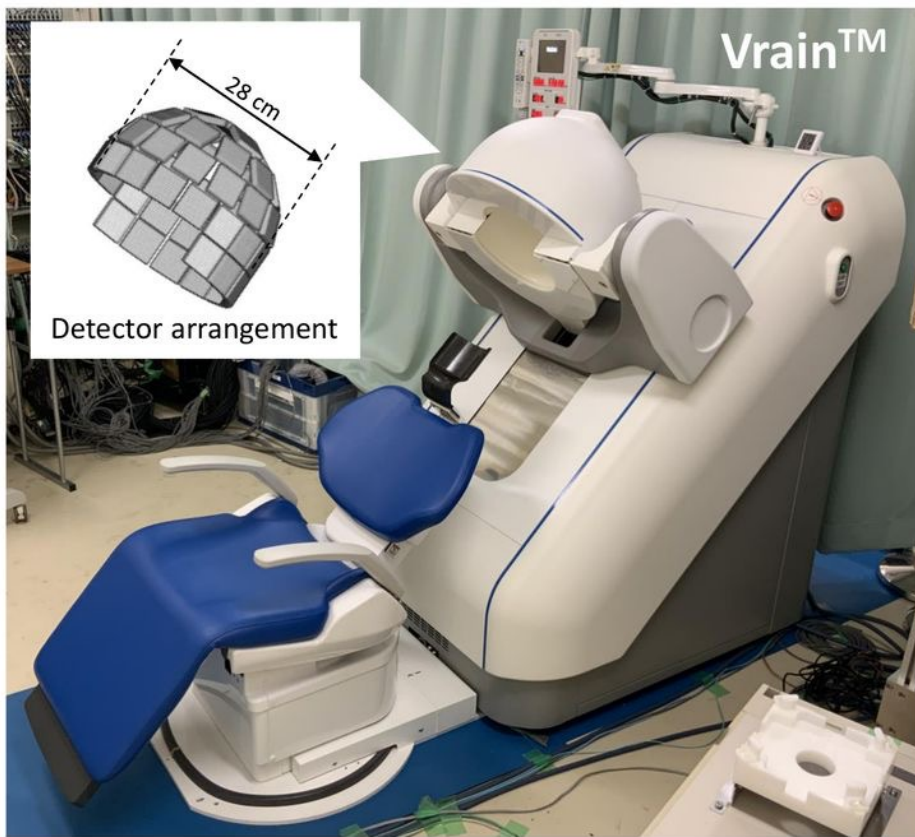


Brain Imaging System

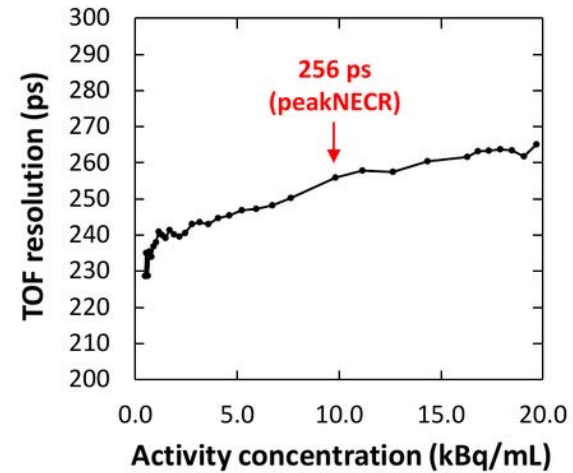


Cardiac or Breast Imaging System

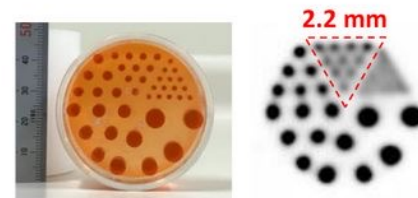
# Example : the VRAIN head PET (Japan)



### TOF resolution (NEMA NU2)

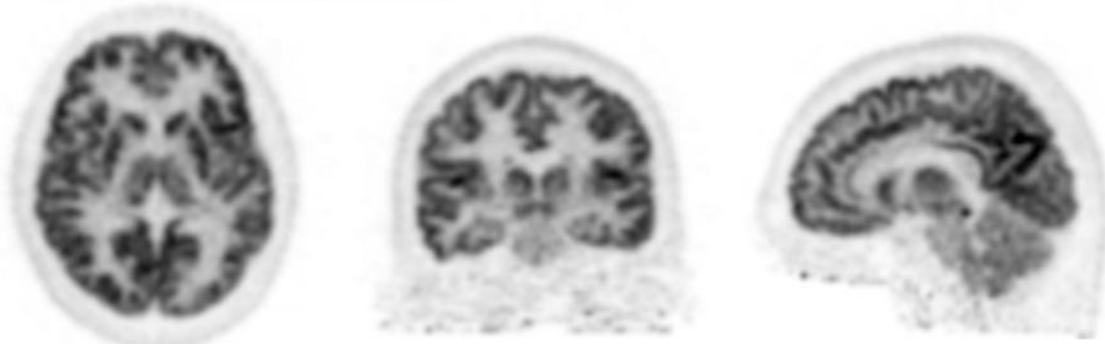


### Spatial resolution (OSEM)



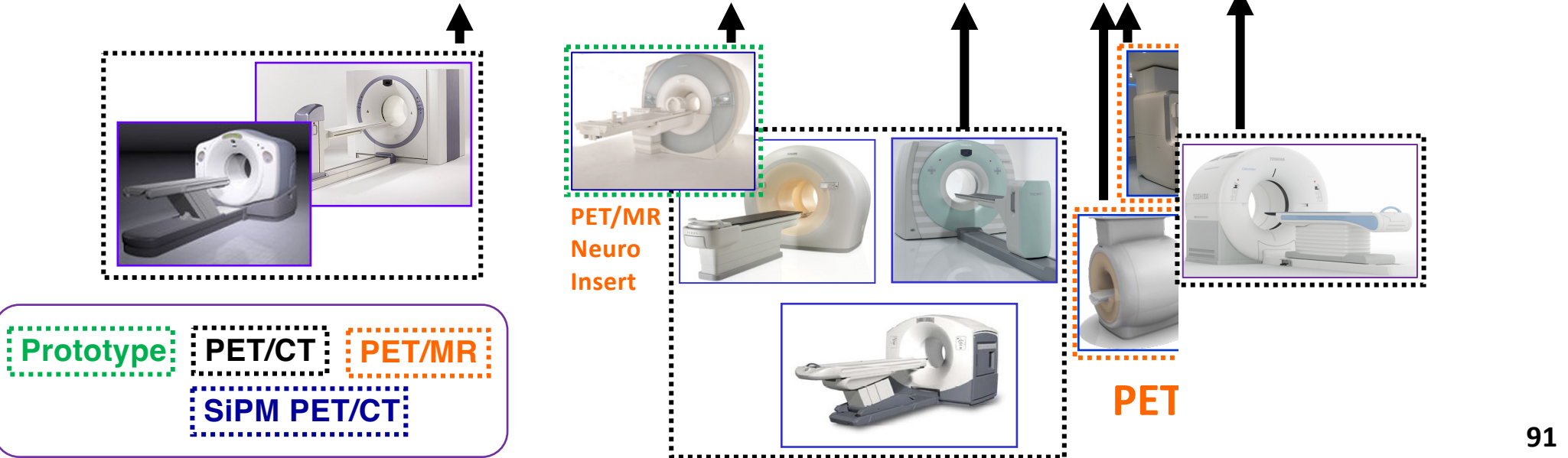
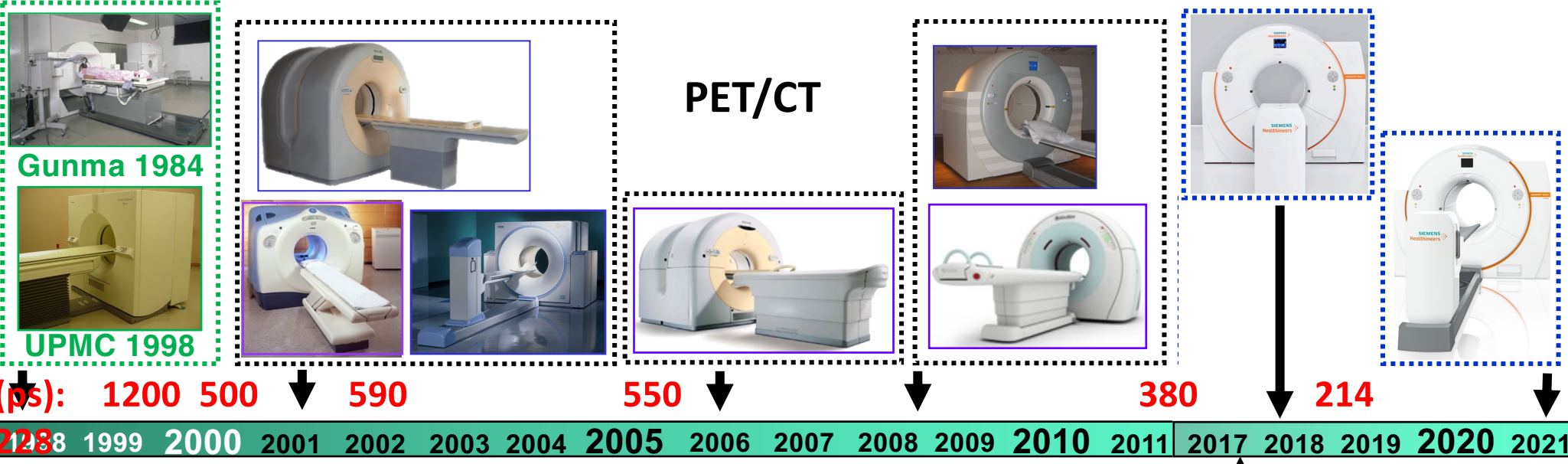
### First human FDG image

10 min measurement  
45 min uptake duration  
3.7 MBq/kg injection  
OSEM (4 iterations, 8 subsets)  
Gaussian filter 4 mm FWHM



# Imaging technology: PET/CT and PET/MR

**1984 - Today**



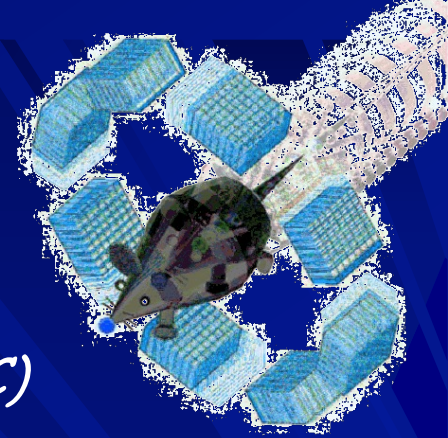
# Summary of PET evolution

- Began with Scintillators - one crystal per photosensor (PMTs for most systems to date) → SiPMT
- As we moved to smaller crystals, started doing many on one (crystals to photosensors) designs to reduce cost and allow for physical size of the photosensors
- Added time-of-flight to the mix in the 2000's
- Looked at alternatives, including plastic Scintillators and fibers, various solid state devices
- Recent advances in photosensors, crystals, and solid state materials have opened up the field for many new designs to move the capabilities of PET scanners forward.

# Simulation & Software



# GATE 'early 'Collaboration 2004)



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*Uni Joseph Fourier (LPSC) Grenoble*  
*Forschungszentrum-Jülich (IME)*  
*Uni. Massachusetts, Worcester*  
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*Uni Toronto (CAMH)*  
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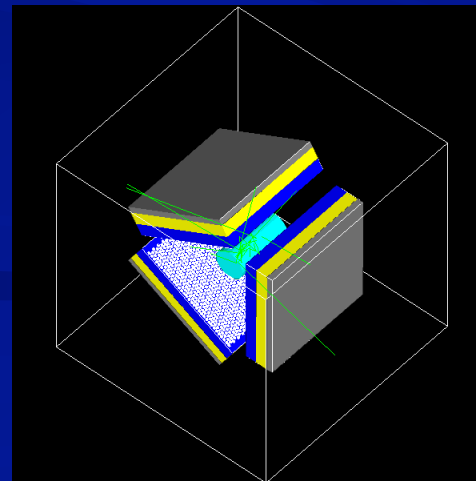
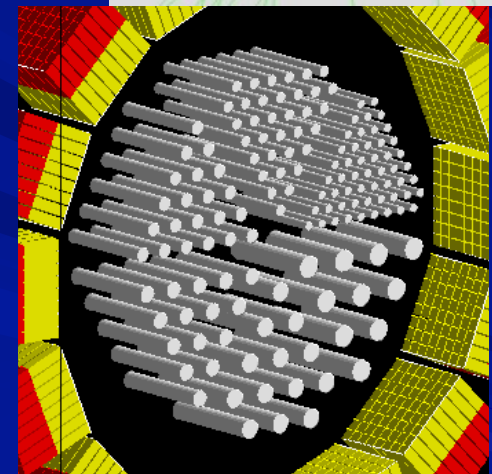
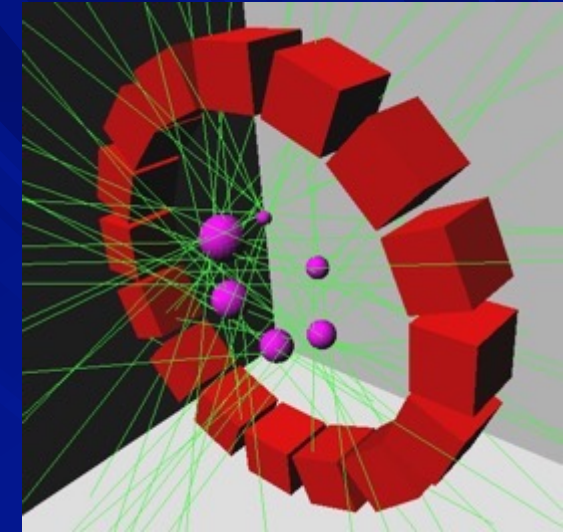
# GATE : Geant4 Application for Tomographic Emission

Monte-Carlo simulation allowing to :

- ✓ define geometries  
(size, materials,...)
- ✓ define sources  
(geometry, nature, activity)
- ✓ choice of physical process  
(low energy package of G4)
- ✓ follow track point by point

## GATE specificities:

- ✓ CERN GEANT4 libraries
- ✓ Time modelling  
(sources , movement, random...)
- ✓ Script language (avoid C++)
- ✓ Code interactivity
- ✓ Sharing development



## *GEANT4 Application to Tomography Emission*

### ■ Scientific objectives

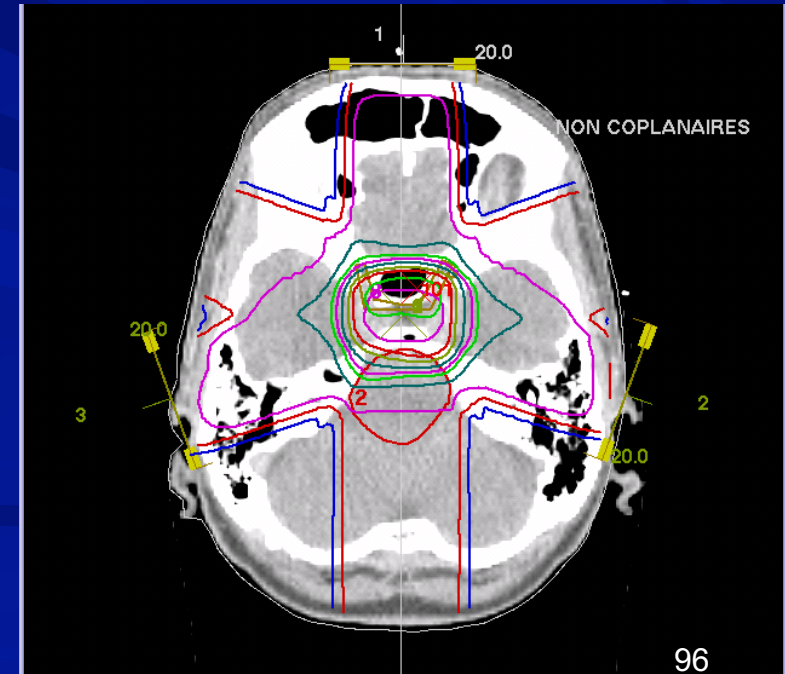
Radiotherapy planning for improving the treatment of cancer by ionizing radiations of the tumours.

Therapy planning is computed from pre-treatment MR scans by accurately locating tumours in 3D and computing radiation doses applied to the patients.

### ■ Method

GEANT4 base software to model physics of nuclear medicine.

Use Monte Carlo simulation to improve accuracy of computations (as compared to the deterministic classical approach)



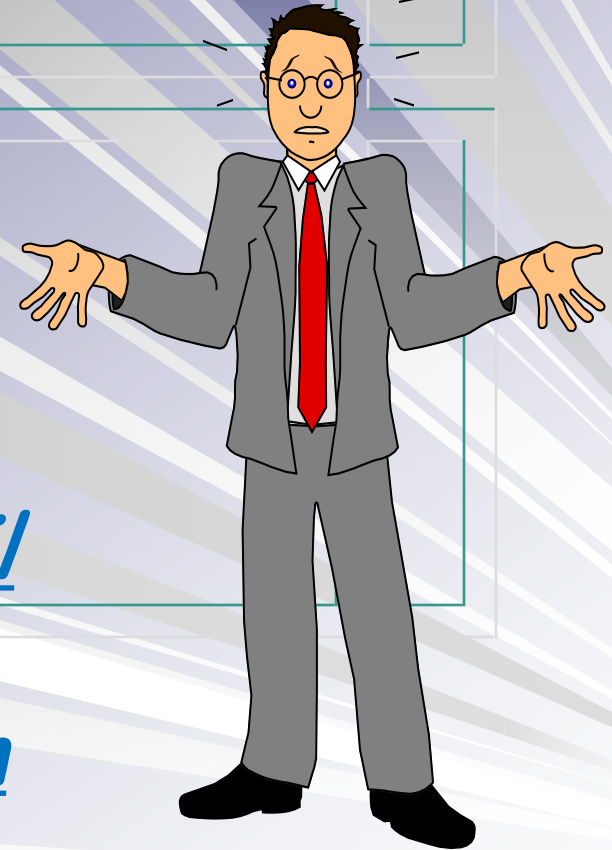


*Thank you for your attention*

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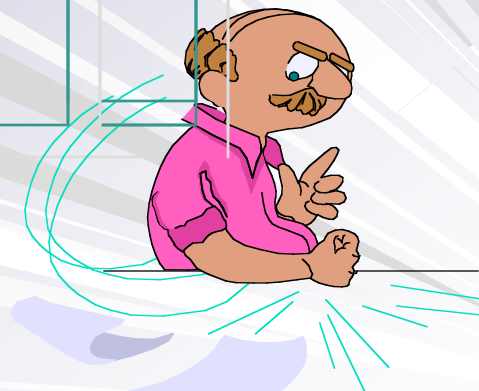
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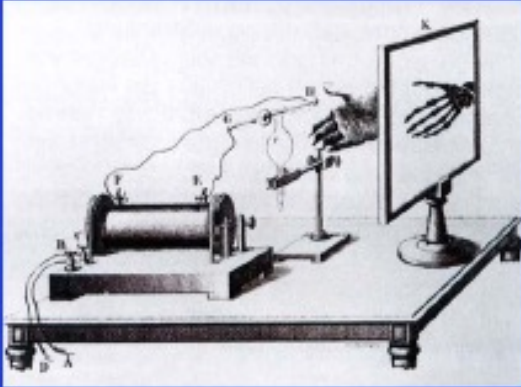
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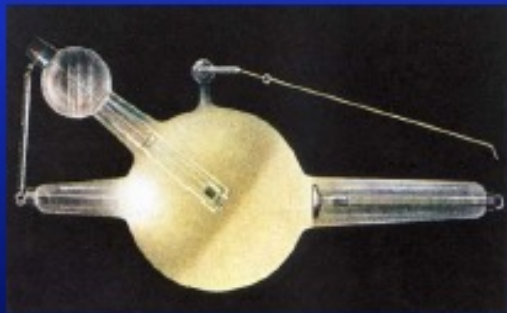
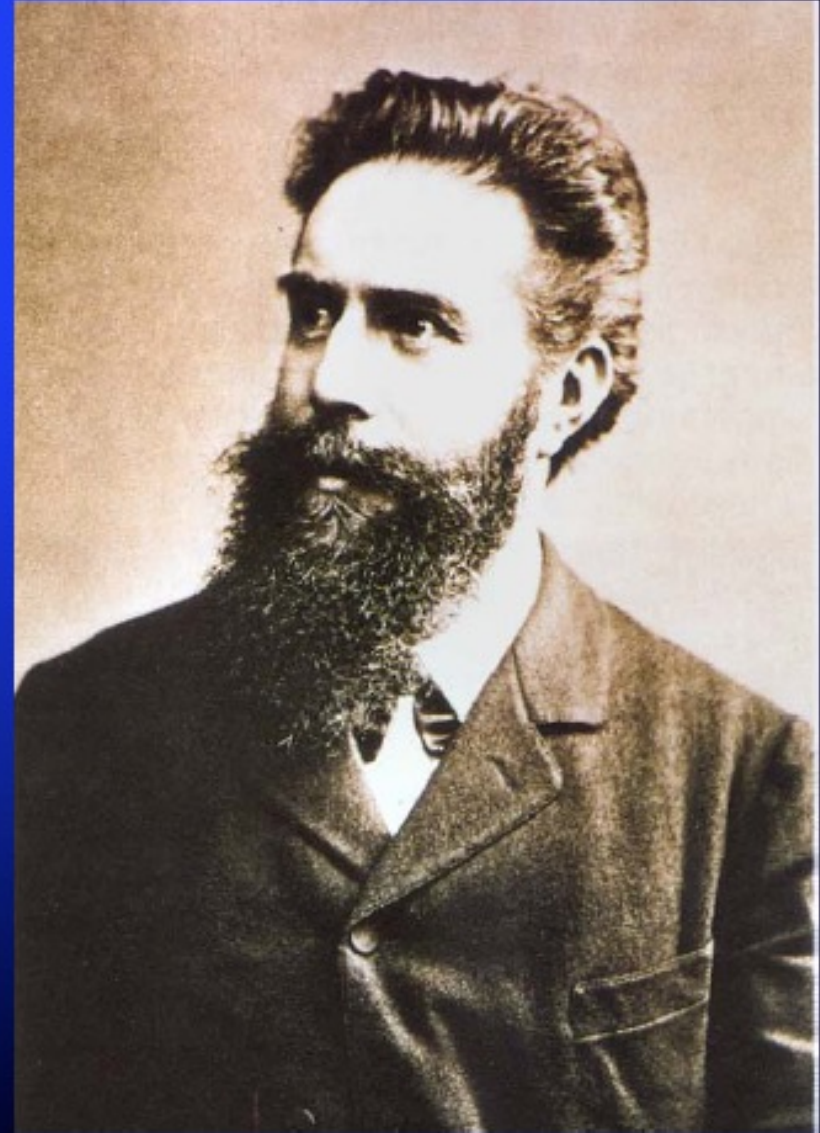
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W.C.Röntgens experiment  
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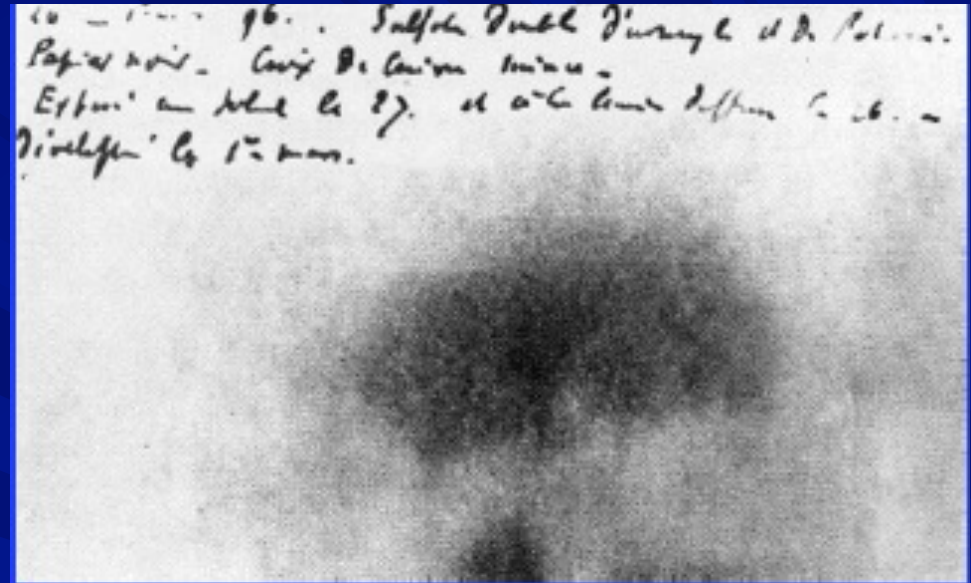
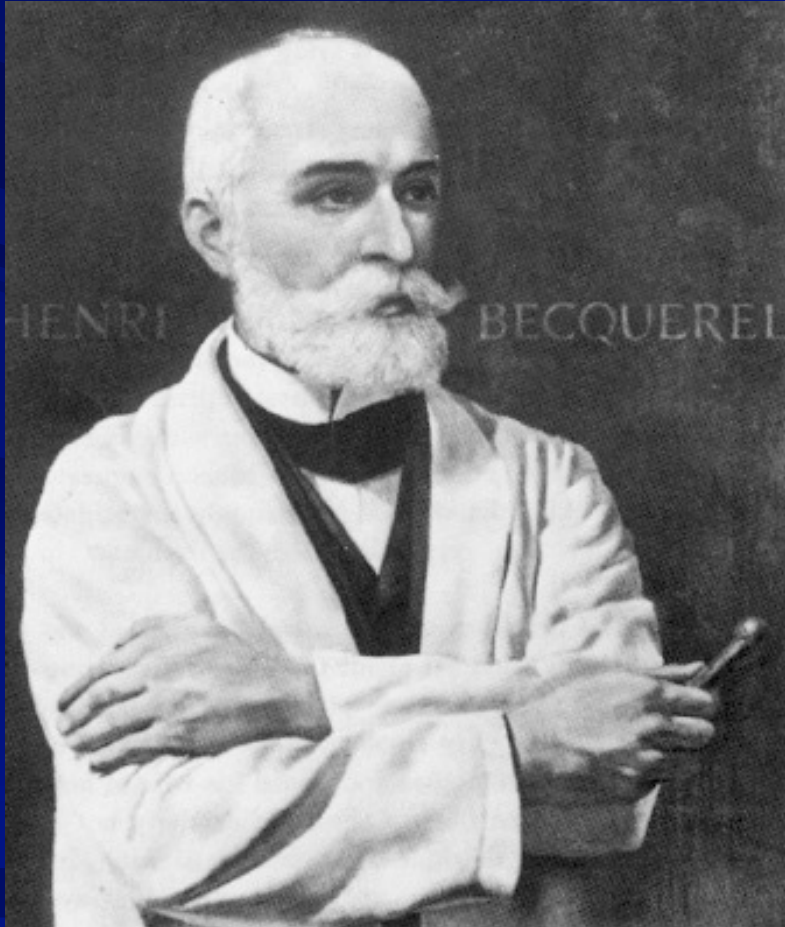


**Radiograph of  
Mrs.Röntgens hand,  
the first x-ray image  
ever taken,  
22.Dec.1895, published in  
The New York Times  
January 16, 1896**



An early XX<sup>th</sup> century  
X-ray tube

# 1996 - Discovery of the natural radioactivity by Henri Becquerel



- First image of potassium uranyl disulfide



# 1898 the Radioactivity



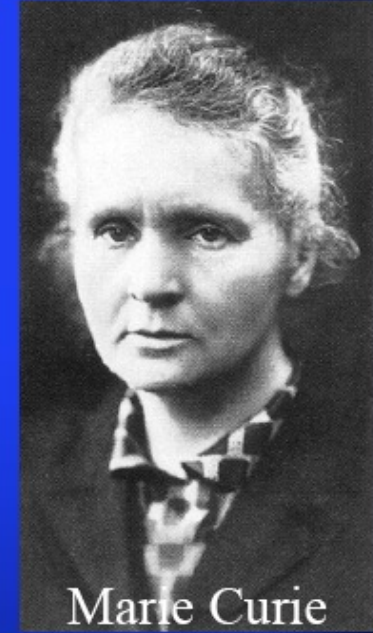
with their daughter Irene

## RADIOACTIVITY

1898 Polonium  
Radium

1903 Nobel Prize  
together with Pierre

1911 Nobel Prize  
alone



Marie Curie

**1897** Becquerel's friend, Pierre Curie, also Prof. of physics in Paris suggested to his young bride, Marie, that she study the phenomena discovered by H. Becquerel for her thesis. She found soon that some components of Uranium minerals were much more radioactive than Uranium itself. "**We shall call the mysterious rays 'radioactivity'**," she told to her husband Pierre, and the substances that produce the rays "**radioelements**".

**1898** Pierre started to join Marie in the study of the mysterious rays. In **July** that year they reported the discovery of **Polonium** ( $^{210}\text{Po}$ ) and in **December** they announced the discovery of the **Radium** ( $^{226}\text{Ra}$ )

# 1923 - The Tracer principle

G.V.Hevesy:

The Absorption and Translocation of Lead (ThB) by Plants [ThB =  $^{212}\text{Pb}$ ]  
Biochem.J. 17, 439 (1923)

Measurements of the tracer's Radioactivity provided thousand fold increases in sensitivity and accuracy over existing chemical assays. The foundation and basic rationale of much of Hevesy visualized that **a radioactive atom might be used as a "representative" tracer of stable atoms of the same element** whenever and wherever it accompanied them in biological systems.

**1943 Nobel Prize Chemistry**



**G.V.HEVESY**

**the father of Nuclear Medicine**

# 1934 - Artificial radioactivity

*Irène & Frederic Joliot-Curie*

1934 Nature, February 10

1935 Nobel Prize

“Our latest experiments have shown a very striking fact: when aluminum foil is irradiated on a polonium preparation, the emission of positrons does not cease immediately when the active preparation is removed. The foil remains radioactive and the emission of radiation decays exponentially as for an ordinary radioelement. We observed the same phenomena with boron and magnesium.”



- The discovery of artificial radioactivity in combination with the cyclotron open the door to the production of useful radio indicators. Practically any element could be bombarded in the cyclotron to generate radioactive isotopes.

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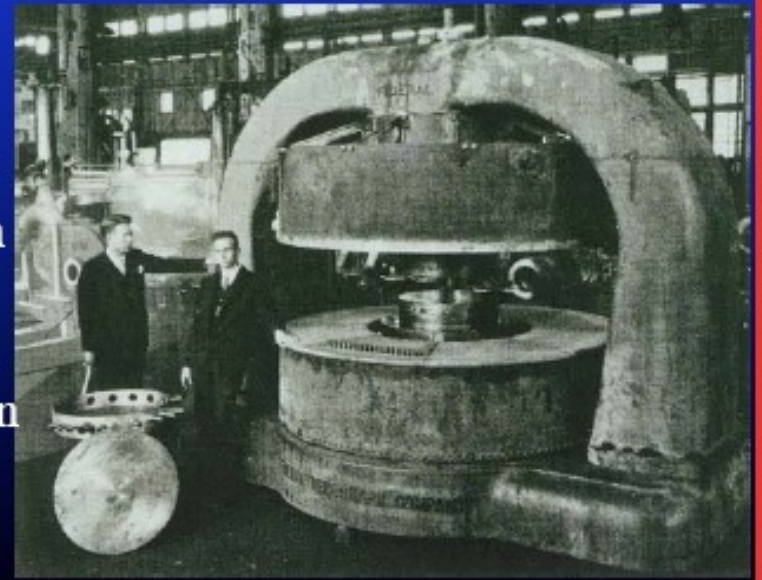
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Ernest O. Lawrence and his  
First cyclotron 1932

E.O. Lawrence and M.S. Livingston  
“The production of high speed Light ions without the use of high voltages”,  
A milestone in the production of usable quantities of radionuclides.

E.O Lawrence  
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M.S. Livingston  
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the first cyclotron  
that produced  
radioisotopes



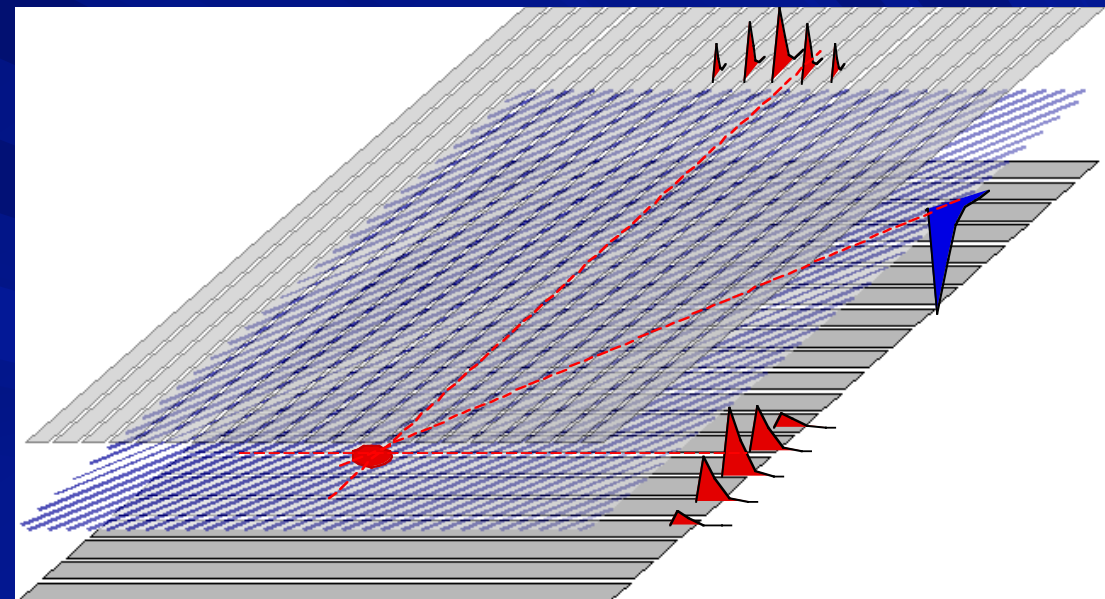
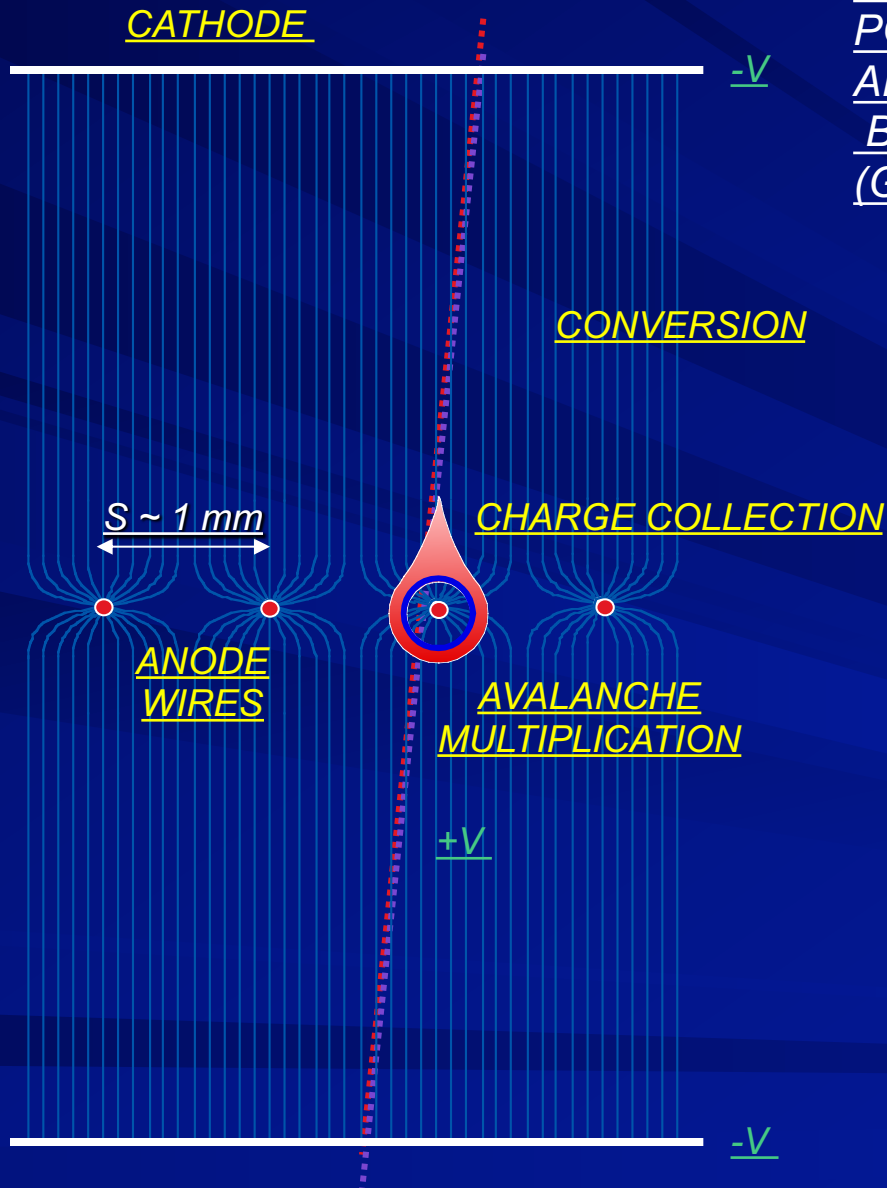
**Decreasing the dose  
with HEP Gaseous detector**



# Multi Wires Proportional chambers MWPC

MODERN GASEOUS DETECTORS:  
POWERFUL TOOLS FOR RADIATION DETECTION  
AND LOCALIZATION IN PARTICLE PHYSICS,  
BASED ON THE MULTIWIRE PROPORTIONAL CHAMBER  
 (Georges Charpak, 1967)

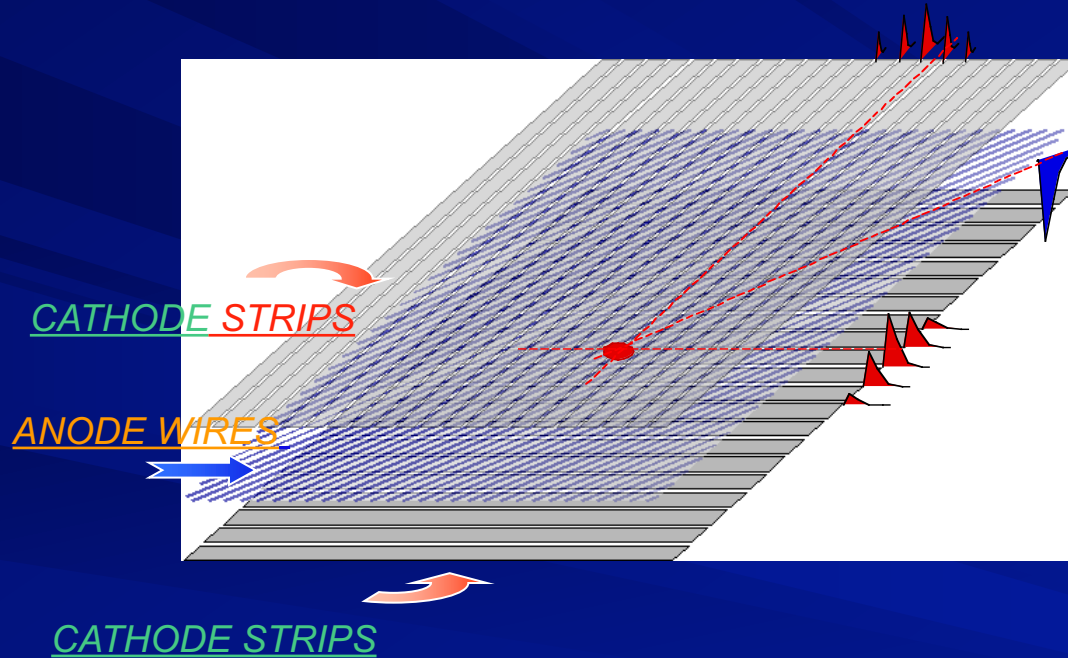
TWO-DIMENSIONAL MWPC READOUT CATHODE  
INDUCED CHARGE (Charpak and Sauli, 1973)



Spatial resolution determined by: Signal / Noise Ratio  
Typical (i.e. 'very good') values:  $S \sim 20000 e$ ; noise  $\sim 1000e$   
Space resolution  $< 100 \mu\text{m}$

# TWO-DIMENSIONAL LOCALIZATION

TWO-DIMENSIONAL LOCALIZATION FROM SIGNALS INDUCED ON CATHODE PLANES (Charpak & Fabio Sauli, ~1973)



LOW-DOSE DIGITAL RADIOGRAPHY  
WITH MWPC:  
CHARPAK'S HAND (2002):





# X Ray imaging

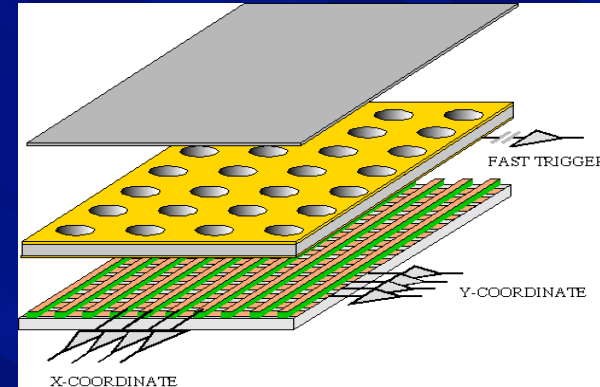
## Wire Chamber Radiography:



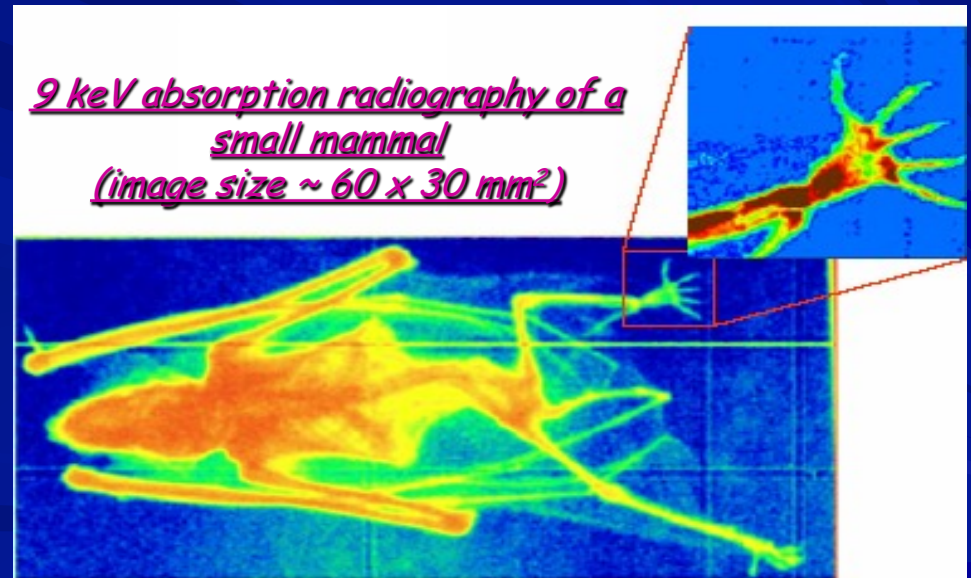
Position resolution ~ 250  $\mu\text{m}$

## GEM for 2D Imaging:

Using the lower GEM signal, the readout can be self-triggered with energy discrimination:



9 keV absorption radiography of a small mammal (image size ~ 60 x 30 mm<sup>2</sup>)



Position resolution ~ 100  $\mu\text{m}$

(limited by photoelectron range in the gas)

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# From MWPC's to MGPD's

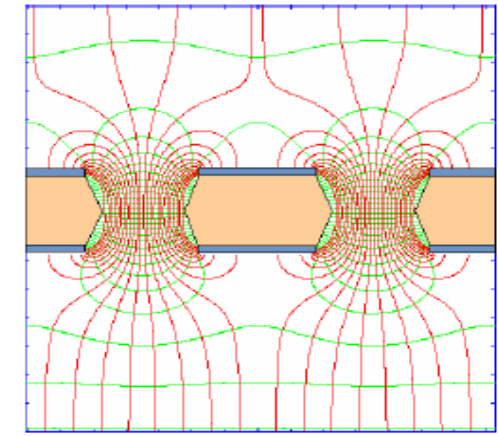
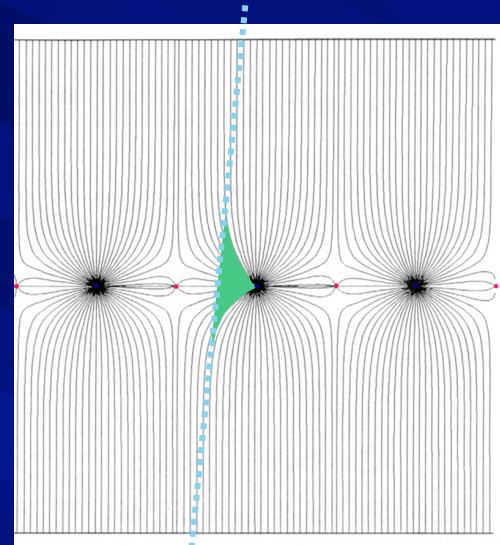
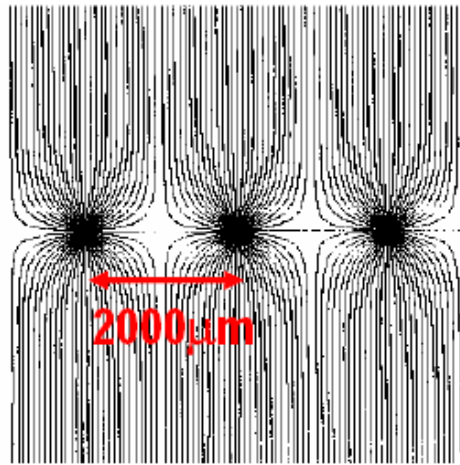
**MGPD**

**MWPC**

**Drift Chamber**

**GEMs**

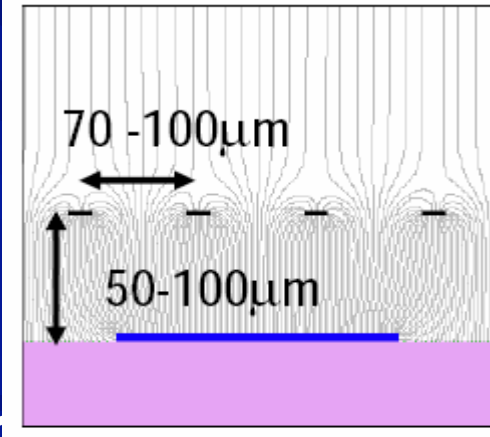
**MWPC**



1975 - 1995  
UA2-LEP

1990 -

**Micromegas**



Multiwire Proportional Chamber  
Georges Charpak 1968

GEM F.Sauli  
Micromegas Y. Giomataris

# MPGD

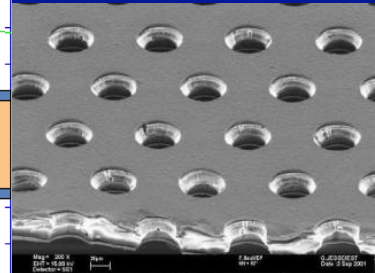
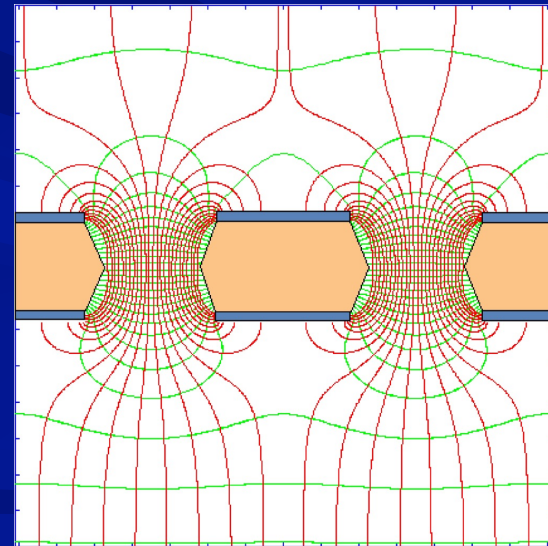
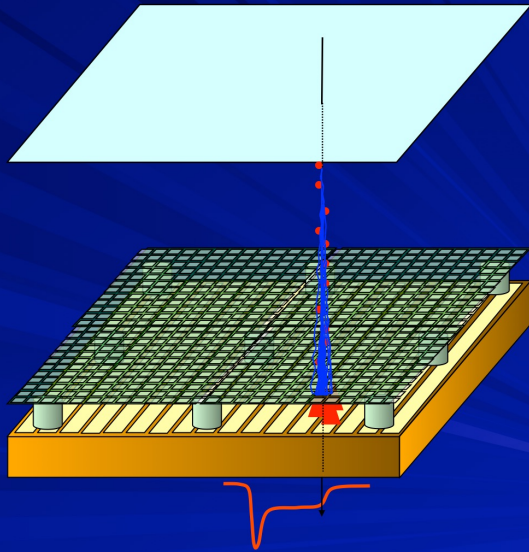
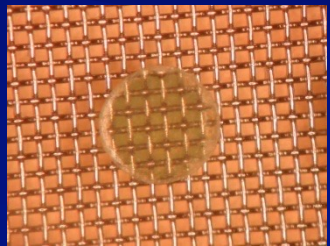
■ From 1988-1998 Micro-technologies and etching techniques allowed development of Micro Patter Gaseous Detectors

■ **MICROMESH Gaseous Structure**

- Thin gap Parallel Plate Chamber: micromesh stretched over readout electrode.

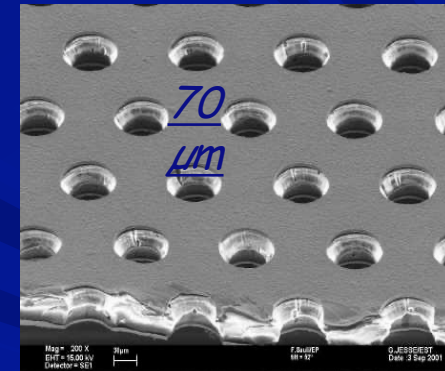
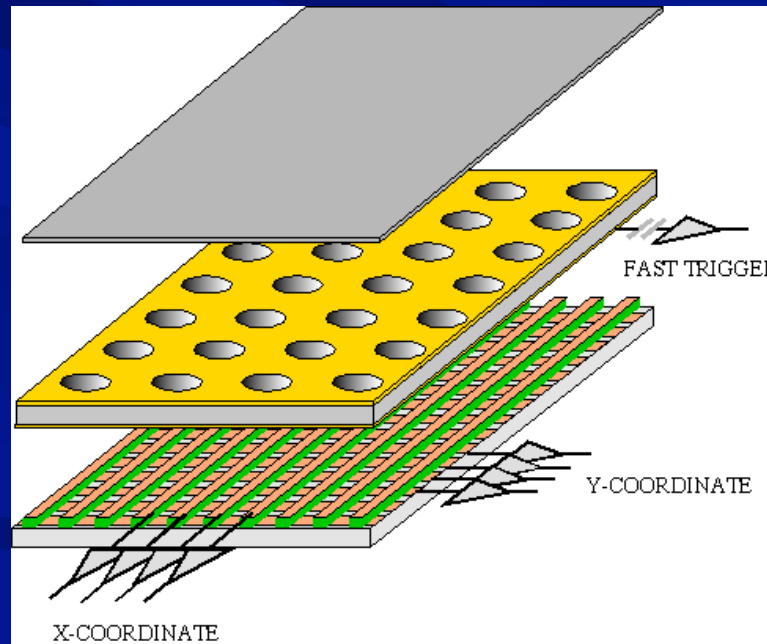
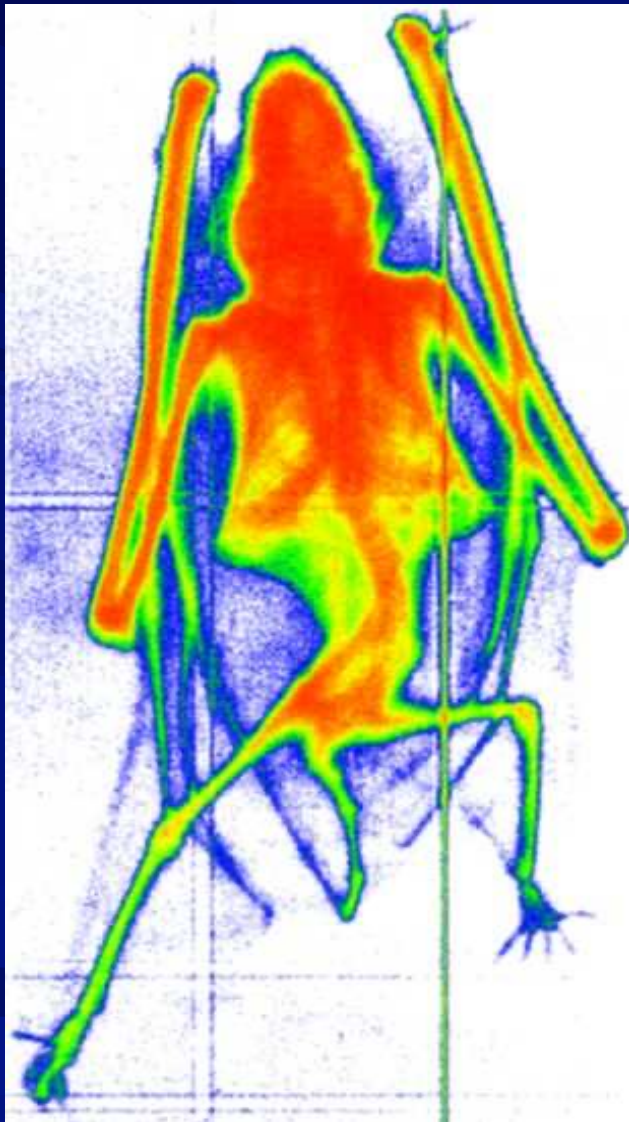
■ **Gas Electron Multiplier**

- Thin, metal-coated polymer foil with high density of holes, each hole acting as an individual proportional counter.



# Example with GEM Detector

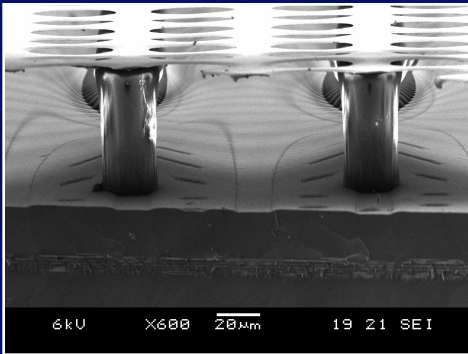
- Thin, metal-clad polymer foil, chemically pierced by a high density of holes (70-80  $\mu\text{m}$  diameter).
- On application of a difference of potential between the two electrodes, electrons released by radiation in the gas on one side of the structure drift into the holes, multiply and transfer to a collection region.
- Cascading several foils results in high multiplication factors.



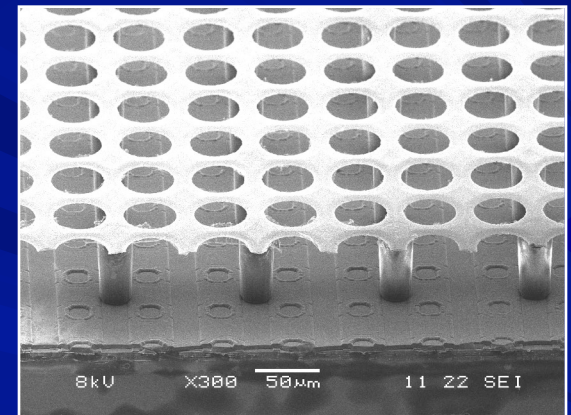
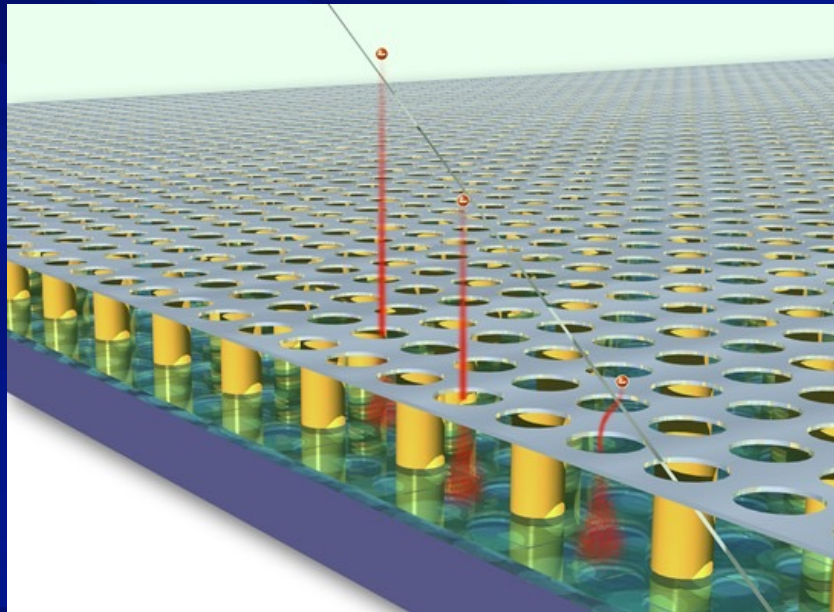
*F.Sauli & al.*

# Next → INGRID

- **InGrid**: integrate the Micromegas/GEM concept on top of a Medipix pixel CMOS chip (Timepix)
  - pixel size:  $55 \times 55 \mu\text{m}^2$
  - per pixel: preamp - shaper - 2 discr. -
  - Thresh. DAQ - 14 bit counter



metalized foil  
~100  $\mu\text{m}$  ~1mm



117Cmos Medipix chip

- Use → Large Trackers & Calorimeters

# Timepix Hybrid detector

On the way of photon counting

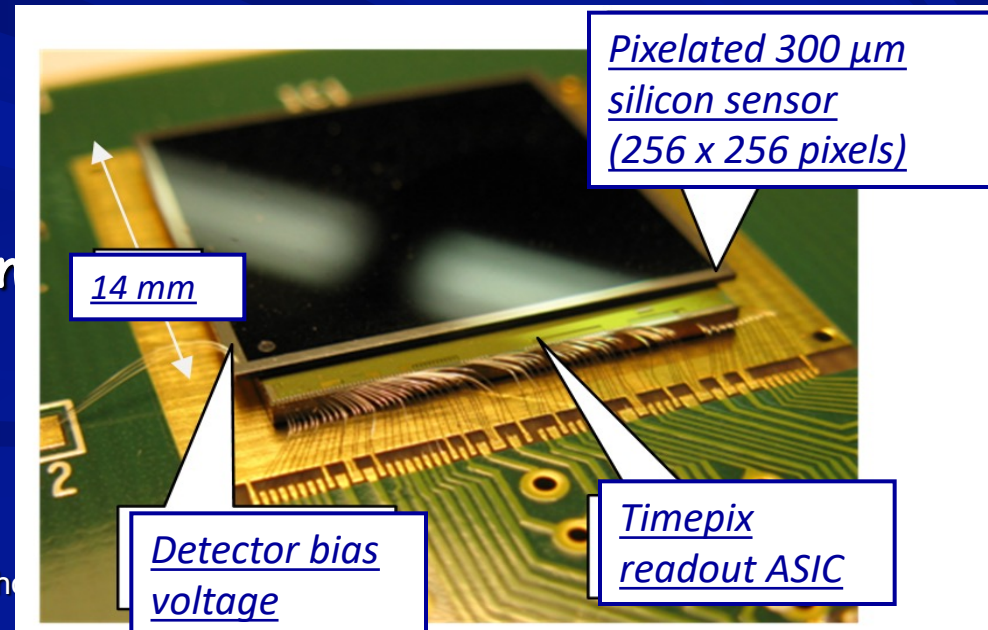
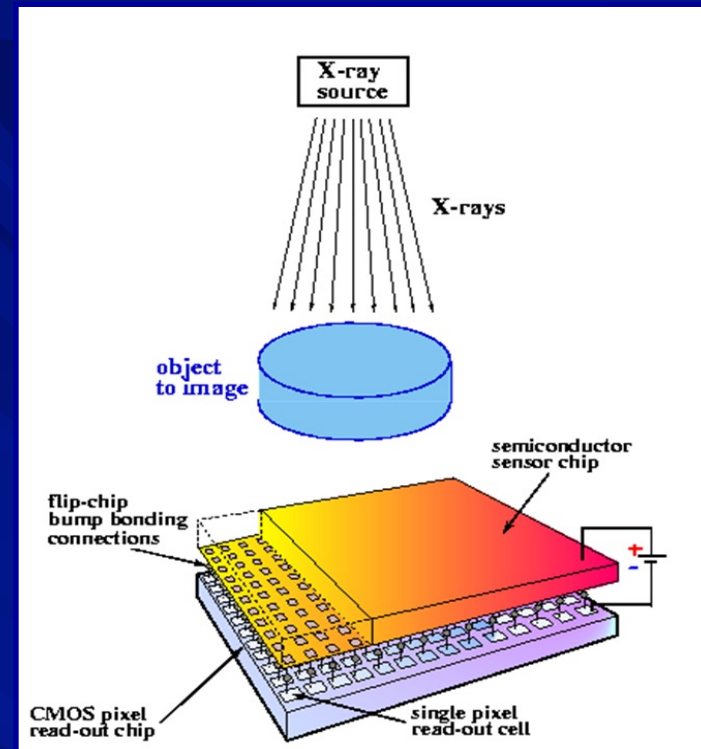
- Medipix is a Silicon pixel-based detector technology AND signal processing that can be employed to measure charged particles, photons, and neutrons.
- It is based on a read-out chip that embeds the electronics for each pixel within the pixel's footprint!
- Detector and electronics readout are optimized separately
- developed for use in the CERN LHC Central Trackers
- **Medipix 3/TimePix** This technology is an extension of designs originally
  - Integrate a TDC ....

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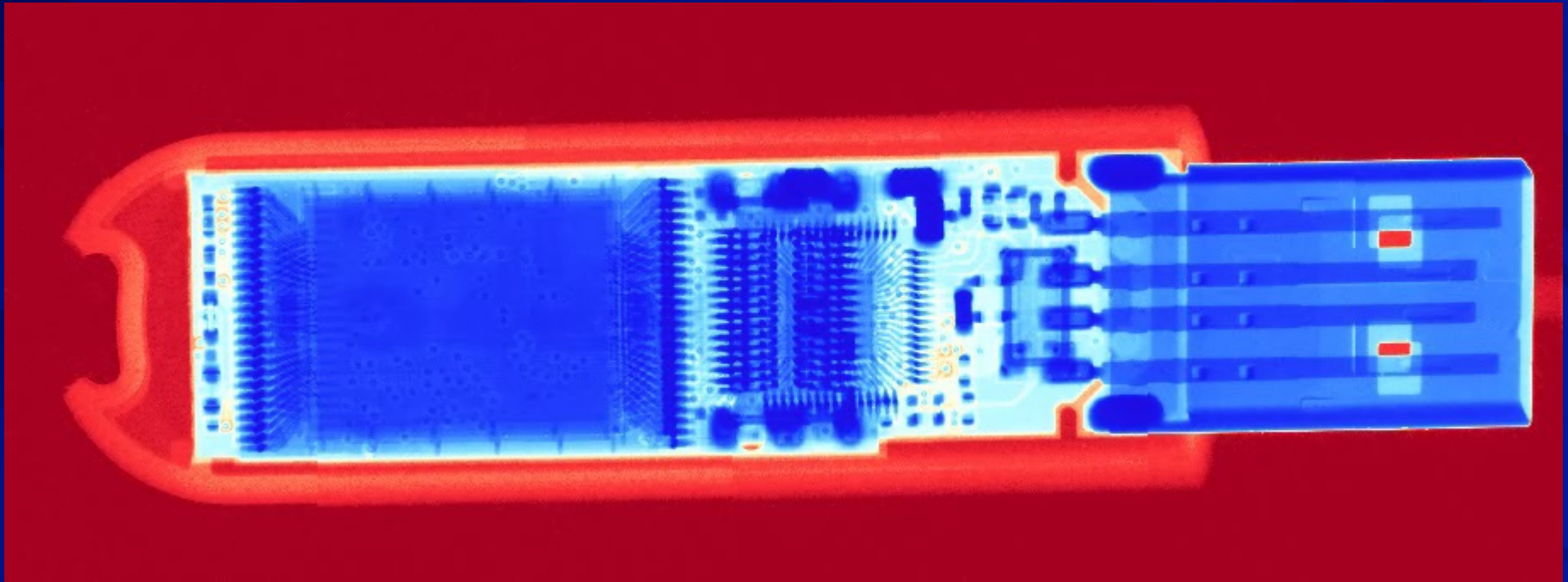
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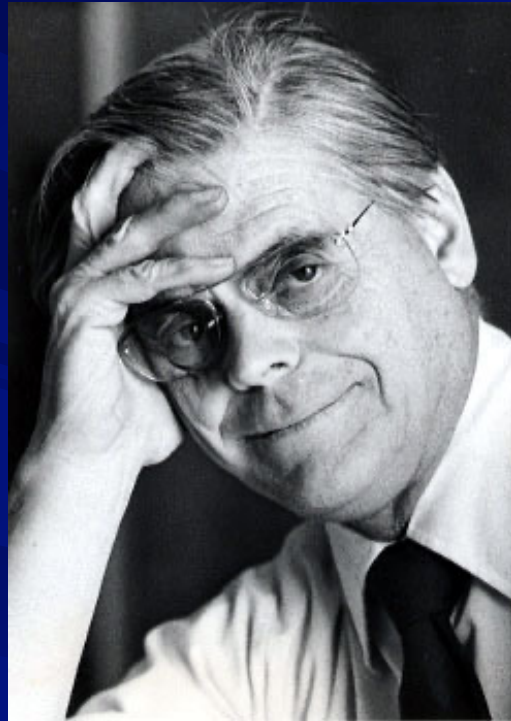
# Medipix-CT setup for detector investigations & material analysis

Example → USB flash drive



TPX 110 $\mu$ m + CdTe 2mm  
8x2 tiles / mag. 1.5x  
65kV / 200 $\mu$ A

# 1946 - The origin of particle therapy

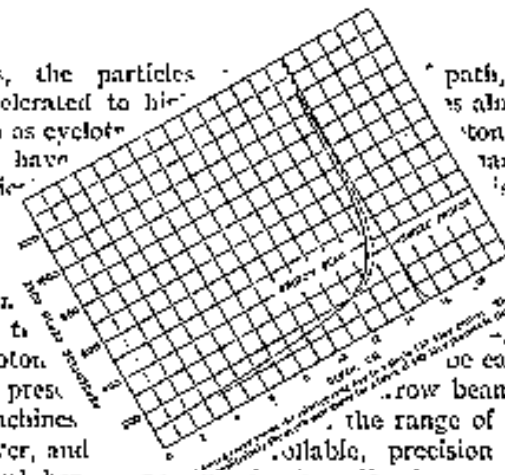


## Radiological Use of Fast Protons

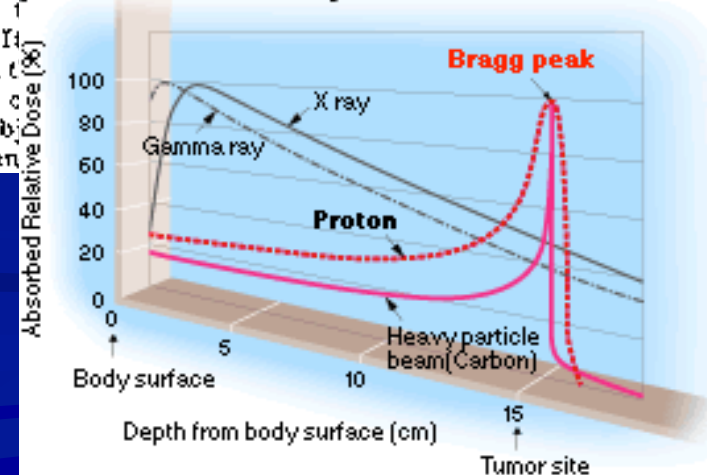
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EXCEPT FOR electrons, the particles which have been accelerated to high energies by machines such as cyclotrons, Van de Graaff generators have directly used therapeutically the neutrons, gamma rays, and radioactivities produced. The primary applications of the primary particles applied to medical problems, for the large part, been due to the penetration in tissue of proton and alpha particles from prescintillators. Higher-energy machines under construction, however, and from them will in general be able enough to have a range in tissue comparable to body dimensions. It has occurred to many people that the



[Dose Distribution Curve]



R.R. Wilson, Radiology 47(1946), 487-491

■ The origin of particle therapy using the Bragg peak discovery (1903)



# Basics of particle imaging

- The particle (proton/ion) go through the patient at high energy
- Advantages:
  - Decrease the uncertainties → better dose accuracy
  - Reduce the dose delivered to the patient
- Challenge → the data reconstruction
  - correctly reconstruct the path of the proton



Radiograph of a phantom  
Uwe Schneider PhD thesis  
(1978, PSI)

Proton CT:  
1) replaces X-ray  
absorption with proton  
energy loss  
2) reconstruct mass  
density distribution  
instead of electron  
distribution

