



Conflicts of interest

Grant from Accuray

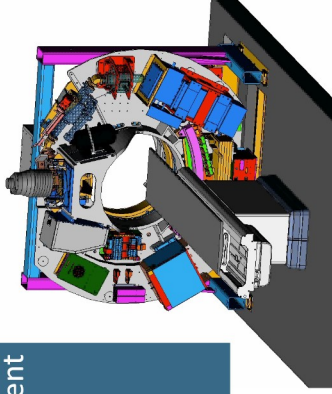
Collaborations with
RaySearch
IntraOp
PMB Alcen
CERN

Tomotherapy
CyberKnife
Flash Therapy

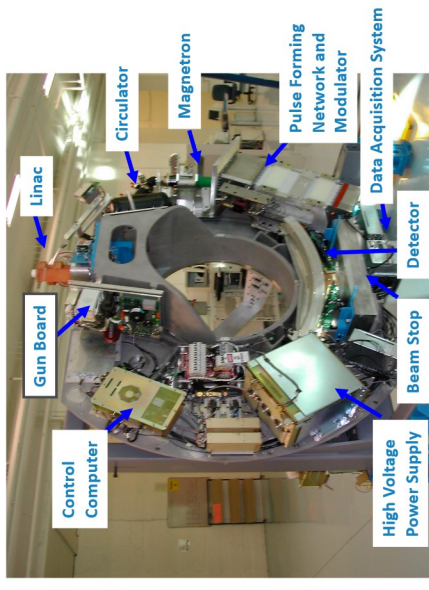
TOMOTHERAPY

Tomotherapy

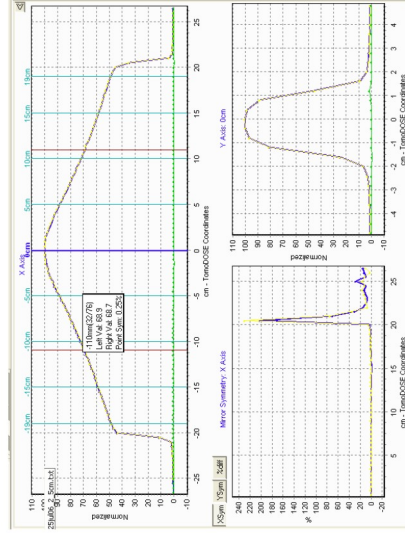
Principle: rotate a linac around the patient
 « Mix » between a CT and a linac
 Patient table moving during irradiation
 Leaves moving during irradiation
 Native IMRT and IGRT



Tomotherapy



Characteristics

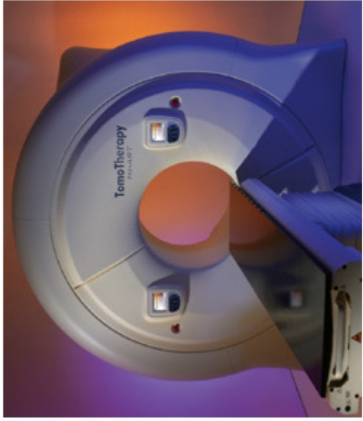


MLC

64 leaves
 1 leaf (isocentre)
 Width : 6.25 mm
 Thickness : 10 cm
 Open - close : 20 ms
 Leaf transmission: 0.5 %
 "Field sizes": 1, 2.5 and 5 cm

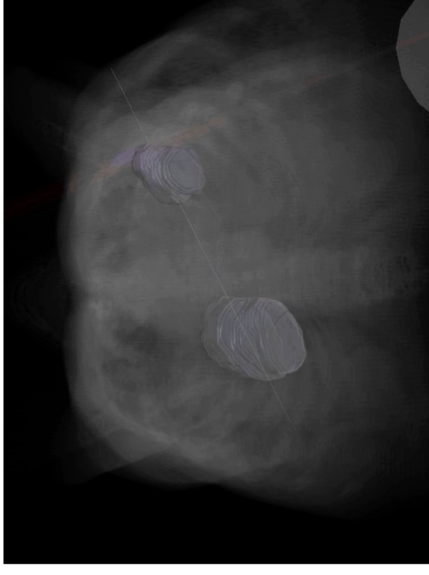


Treatment table

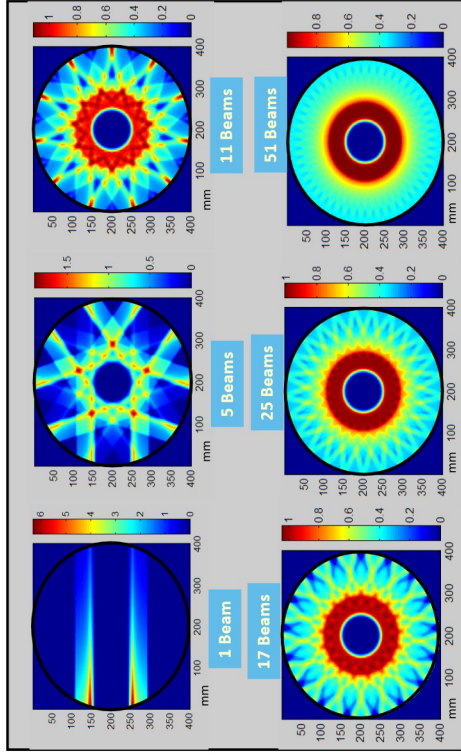


Same as CT, but flat
 Max. treatment length: 160 cm
 Pitch: between 0.1 and 1.5
 Usually: 0.35 to 0.5
 2 - 3 times same "gantry" position
 2 - 3 times diff. leaves config.
 → Helical irradiation
 → IMRT !

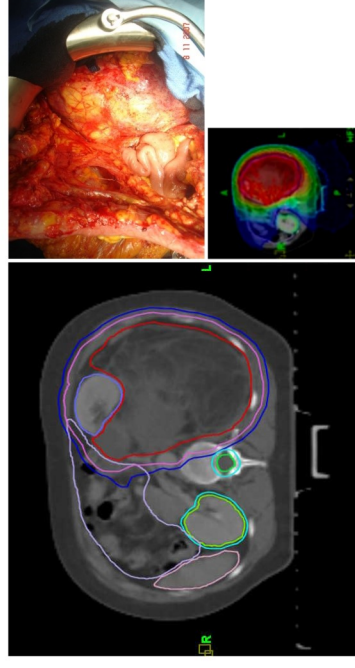
Irradiation



IMRT



IMRT Retroperitoneal sarcoma



Courtesy: G. Kantor, Bordeaux

IGRT – MVCT

MV detector

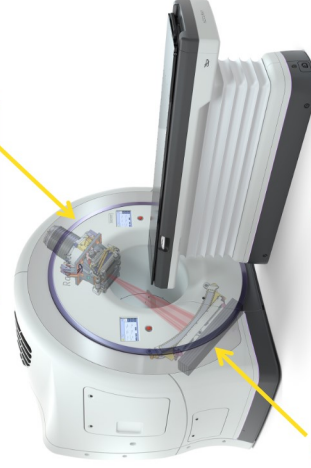
High energy CT imaging system
738 Xe ionisation chambers
Fan beam geometry
Volumetric imaging of the patient
Online acquisition of beam data during the treatment



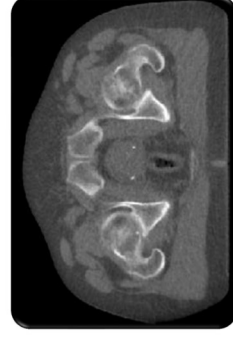
MVCT imaging

3.5MV (nominal)
imaging beam

Low absorbed dose
1 - 3 cGy



CT imaging detectors

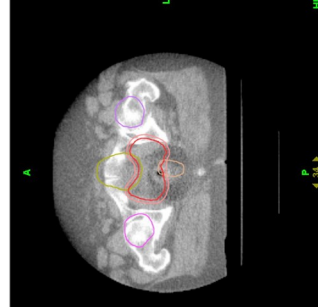


Courtesy Accrury

Prostate case

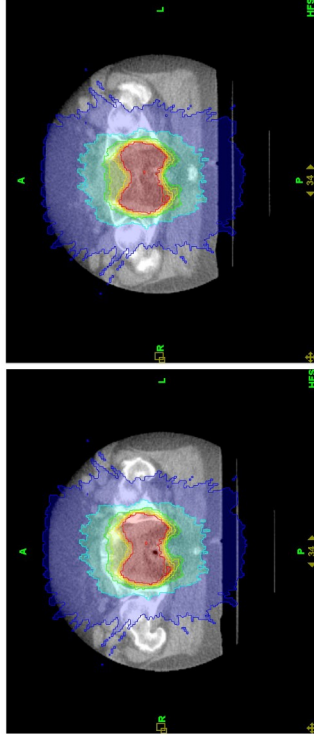


Planning CT



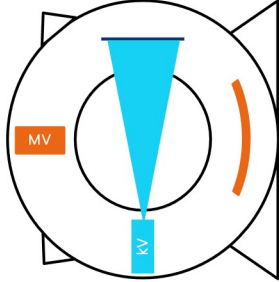
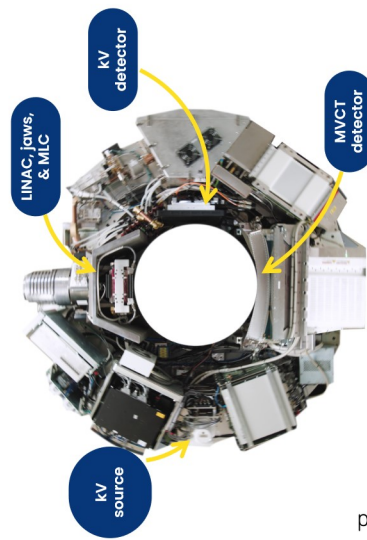
MVCT tomotherapy

Prostate case



IGRT – kVCT

kVCT



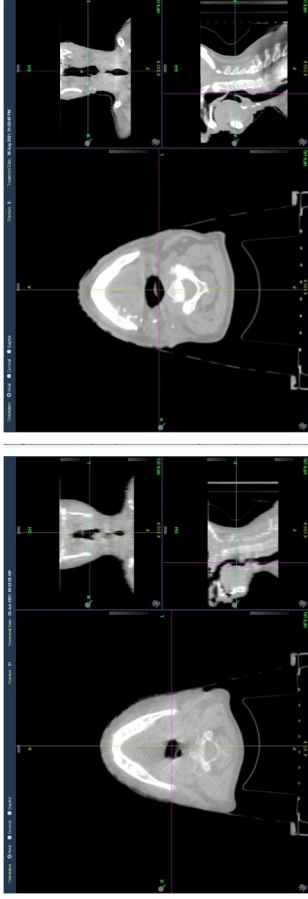
Characteristics

X-ray tube
40 – 150 kV
5 – 800 mA
Focal spot size: 0.6 or 1.2 mm²
SAD: 104 cm
Bowtie filter and filtration

Detector
aSi
28.8 cm² at isocenter
Pixel size: 150 μm²
DQE: 76% (0 mm⁻¹)
MTF: 66% (1 mm⁻¹)

Results
Improved image quality
Reduced acquisition time

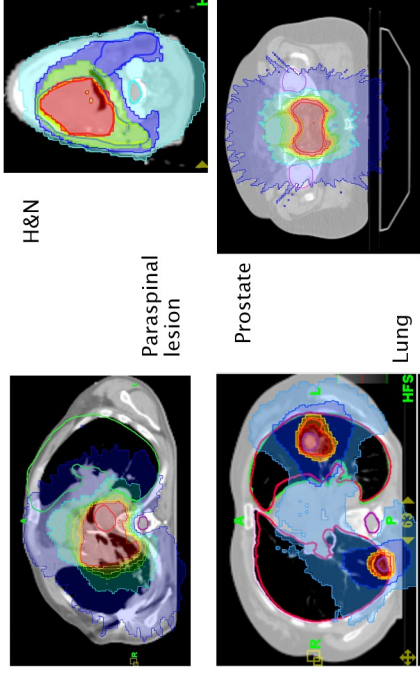
Comparison MV - kV



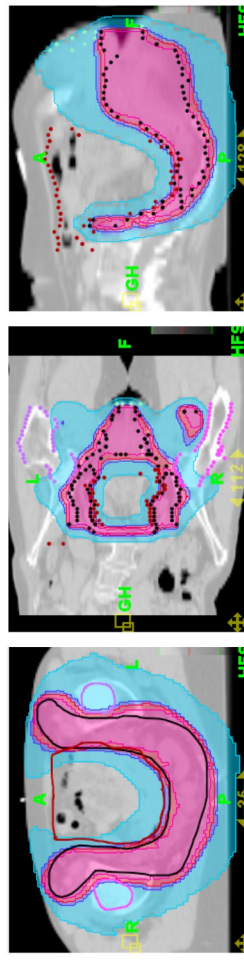
QA

Some QA are described in SSRMP recommendations 11
 Some QA have disappeared
 Virtual wedges, light fields, MLC precision, electron's check, collimator, table rotation, ...
 New QA appeared
 Dynamic
 Synchronisation between gantry, table and MLC

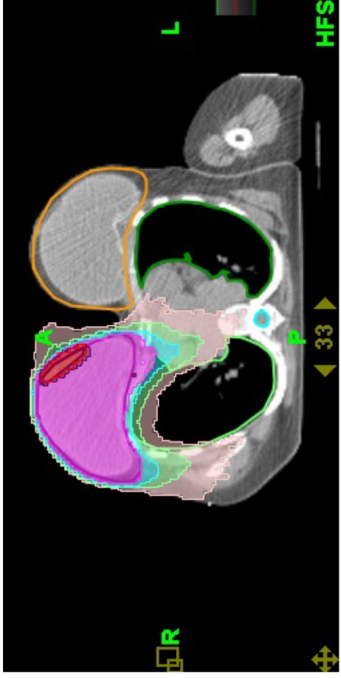
Examples



Anal canal



Breast

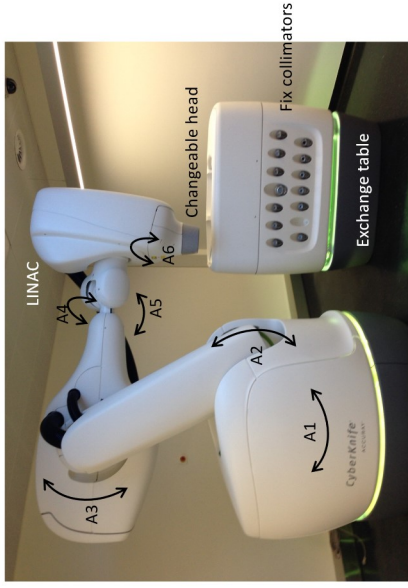


CYBERKNIFE

Cyberknife



Treatment robot



Collimators

12 fix collimators

- 5 mm
- 7.5 mm
- 10 mm
- 12.5 mm
- 15 mm
- 20 mm
- 25 mm
- 30 mm
- 35 mm
- 40 mm
- 50 mm
- 60 mm

IRIS (dodecagon)

- 5 mm
- 7.5 mm
- 10 mm
- 12.5 mm
- 15 mm
- 20 mm
- 25 mm
- 30 mm
- 35 mm
- 40 mm
- 50 mm
- 60 mm



Collimators

MLC

- 2 banks of 26 leaves
- Leave size: 3.85 mm
- 11.5 x 10 cm²
- Full digitation
- Overtravel



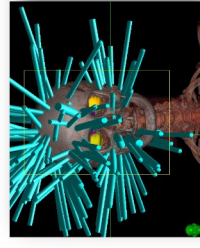
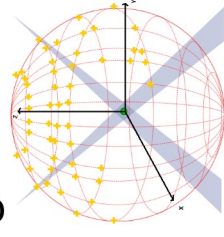
Treatment planning

3D with many beams

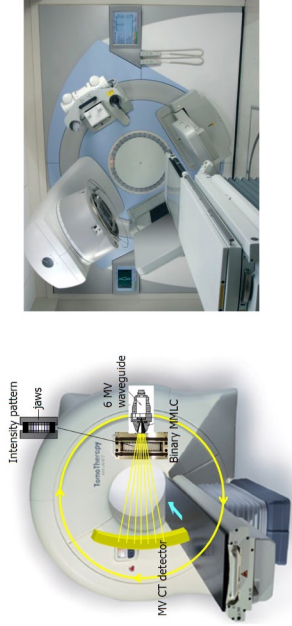
Each beam starts from a node

The available nodes depend on the chosen path during optimization

Each beam incidence is corrected according to patient position



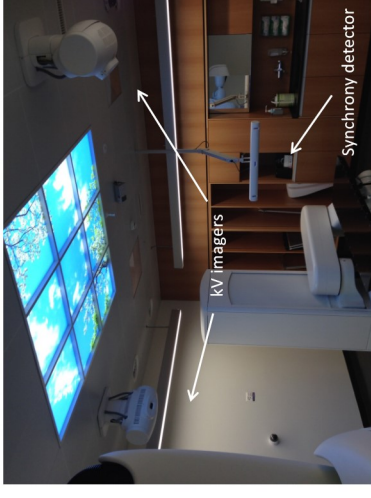
Patient positioning



Only before the irradiation



Patient positioning



Online correction \Rightarrow tracking

Moving target – Synchrony

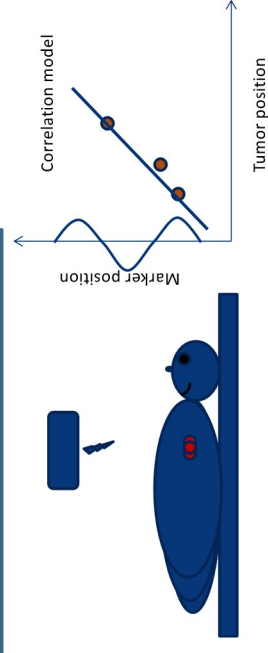
Correlation between external markers and target movement

Synchronization of the beam movement with target movement

Synchrony – Correlation model

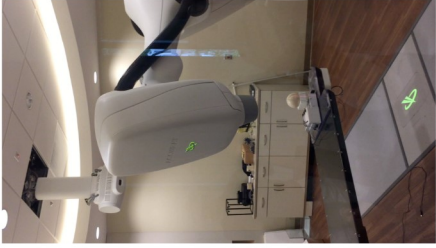
Patient on table

Creation of correlation model

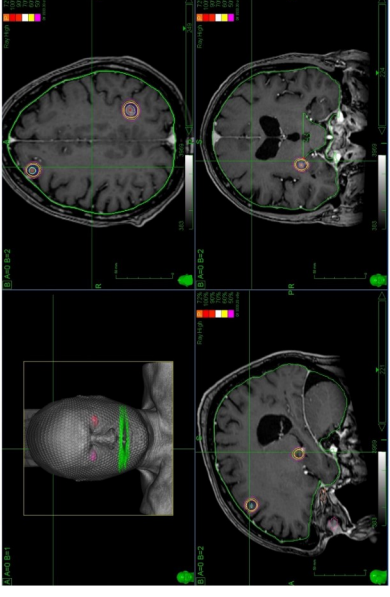


Model update during treatment

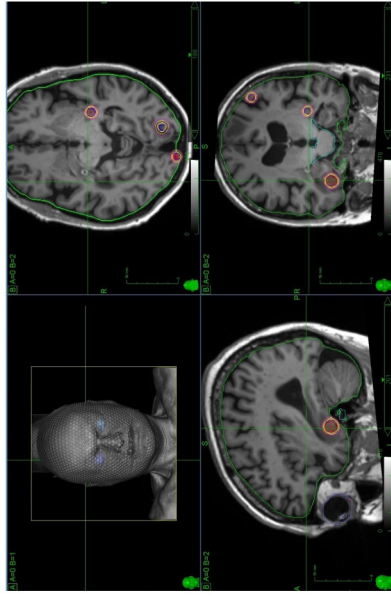
Synchrony – Correlation model



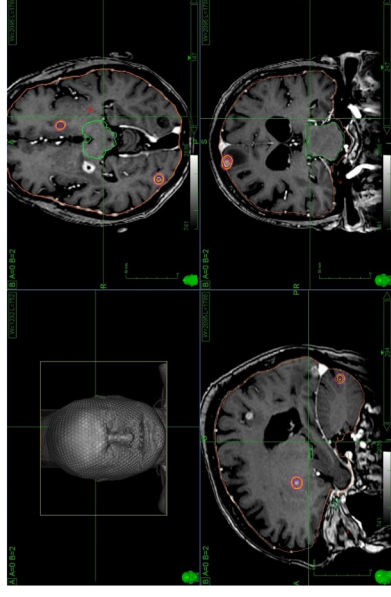
Melanoma – 8/2015 4 mets



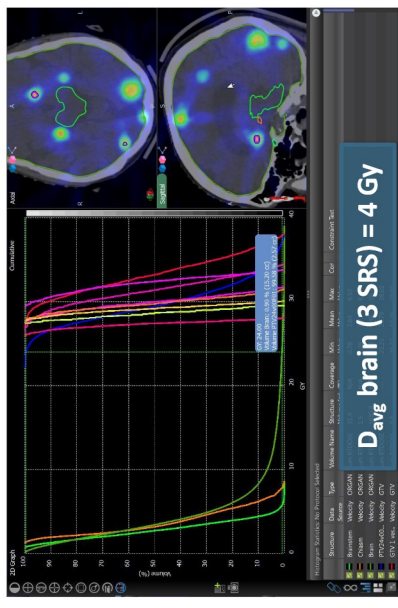
Melanoma – 10/2015 5 mets



Melanoma – 12/2015 9 mets



Composite dose of 3 SRS



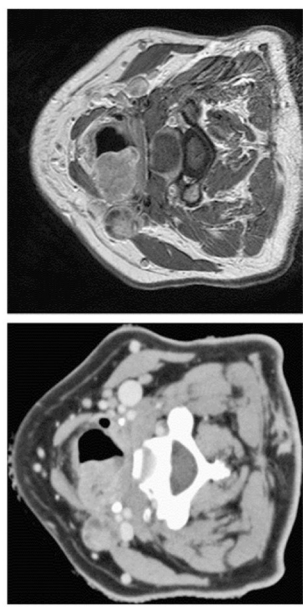
MR LINAC



Online MR imaging

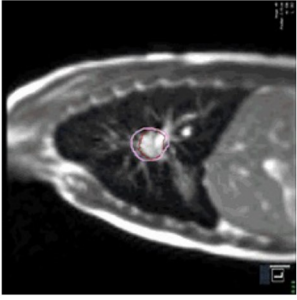


Courtesy Elekta & ViewRay



Verduijn, IJROBP, 2009

Motion management with MRI



SWOT analysis

Strengths

- Improved image quality
- Cross-sectional images
- On-board functional imaging
- No dose

Weaknesses

- Money
- Fraction time
- Magnetic field
- Bore size

Opportunities

- New workflow
- On-line adaptive RT
- Motion monitoring during irradiation

Threads

- Workflow and software
- Intra-fraction motion
- Patient selection
- Staffing
- Evidence of clinical benefit

FLASH RT

What is FLASH RT ?

Ultra high dose rate (UHDR) beam to trigger FLASH effect

Biological effect

Increase in **differential response** between normal tissue and tumors

Short treatment time (<1s)

Motion management, i.e. remove intra-fraction motion

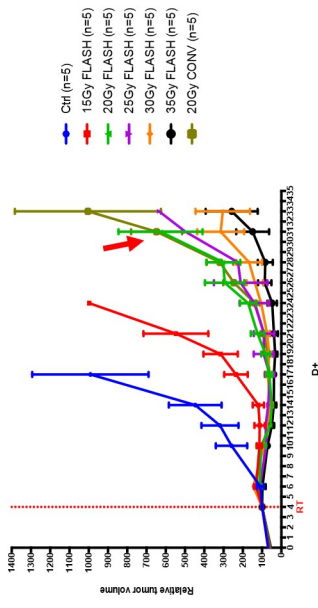
FLASH RT

| | CONV | FLASH |
|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Dose rate | ~10 ⁻¹ Gy/s | >100 Gy/s |
| Dose per pulse | ~10 ⁻⁴ Gy | ~10 Gy |
| Time for dose delivery | ~ 10 ² s | <10 ⁻¹ s |



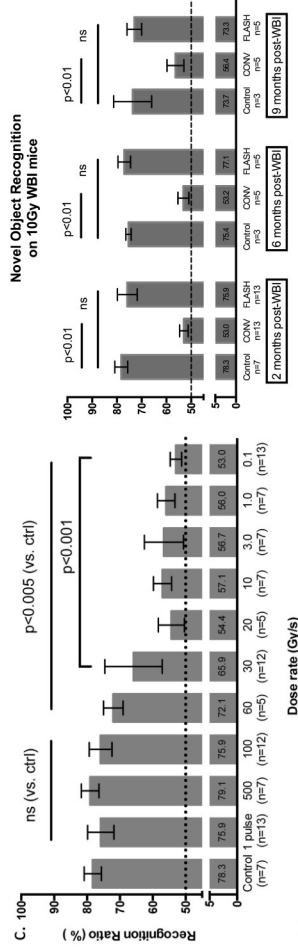
Tumor growth

10 Mio cells engrafted in mice

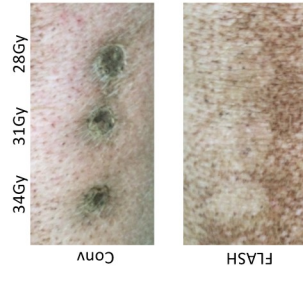
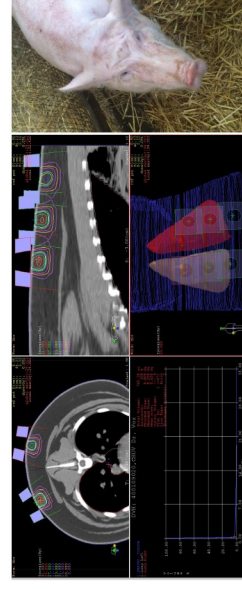


Healthy tissue tolerance

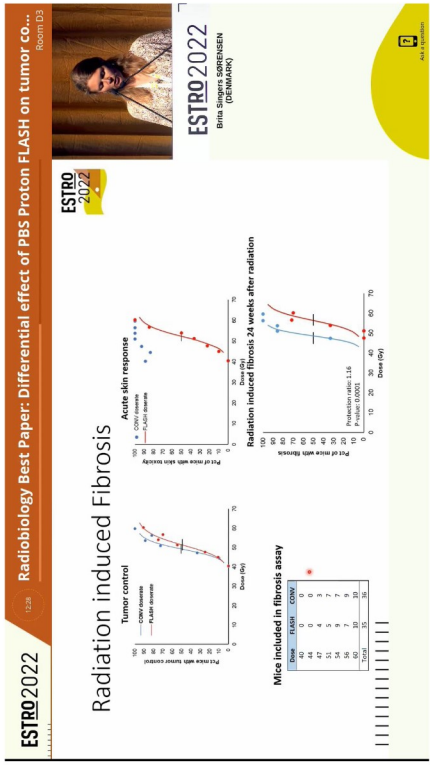
Memory testing in mice



Pig irradiation



TCP / NTCP differential



Singers Sørensen, 2022

First patient

Cutaneous lymphoma, 15 Gy single dose
10 pulses, 1 μ s, 90 ms



Bourhis, 2018

IMPulse clinical trial



IntraOp Announces First Patients Enrolled in FLASH Clinical Trial

July 08, 2021

IntraOp Medical Corporation announced today that Lausanne University Hospital (CHUV, Switzerland) enrolled the first patients in the Impulse Trial: A phase I dose-escalation study of high dose rate radiotherapy with electrons in patients with skin metastases from melanoma. The trial is a key milestone for the groundbreaking research collaboration agreement between IntraOp and the CHUV executed in 2020. The Impulse Trial is the first in the world to evaluate the potential of leveraging the biological phenomenon known as the "FLASH Effect" to provide radiotherapy with curative intent to radio-resistant cancers.

IMPulse clinical trial

Phase I dose escalation for melanoma skin metastases

Same parameters associated with FLASH in pig skin

Dose escalation 22 Gy to 34 Gy

Primary endpoint DLT (acute)

Small (< 30 cc) and large tumors (30-100 cc)

Recruiting in both cohorts (14 lesions; 8 patients yet)

<https://clinicaltrials.gov>

IMPulse clinical trial

| Dose level | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Level 4 | Level 5 | Level 6 | Level 7 |
|------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Dose | 22 Gy | 24 Gy | 26 Gy | 28 Gy | 30 Gy | 32 Gy | 34 Gy |

Current level



2,2 Gy / pulse

3,4 Gy / pulse

10 pulses, 100 ms



Jorge, in preparation

Lance clinical trial

Phase II FLASH vs CDR RT for cutaneous SCC or BCC

- T1: 22 Gy single dose
- T2: 5 x 6 Gy fractionated
- Primary endpoints
 - Safety by > grade 3 after 6 weeks
 - Efficacy by local control



Kinj, 2024

Dosimetric evaluation IMPulse

Redundent dosimetry before and after the irradiation

Alanine and TLD in treatment conditions

In vivo dosimetry when possible

Expected max variation ± 5%

| Lesion # | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
|--------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Prescr. [Gy] | 22 | 22 | 22 | 22 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 26 | 26 | 26 | 28 | 28 |
| Measure [Gy] | 22.2 | 21.6 | 22.1 | 22.6 | 24.8 | 24.8 | 24.3 | 24.3 | 24.8 | 26.2 | 26.2 | 26.2 | 27.8 | 27.7 |
| Diff. [%] | 0.9 | -1.9 | 0.4 | 2.7 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 3.3 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | -0.9 | -1.1 |



Global: 1.0% ± 1.7%



Lance clinical trial

So far

- T1: 22 Gy single dose
- 2 lesions in CDR and 4 lesions in UHDR
- T2: 5 x 6 Gy fractionated
- 5 lesions in CDR and 1 lesion in UHDR



Kinj, 2024

FAST-01 trial: Extremity bone metastases



Figure 1. Sample FLASH Treatment Plan and Bragg Curve Showing Radiation Dose in Color Wash

(A) Axial CT

(B) Coronal CT

(C) Radiation dose as a function of depth of penetration



FLASH-enabled Varian ProBeam
250 MeV transmission protons
8 Gy single fraction, 51-62 Gy/s
10 pts, palliative setting
Nov 2020 – Oct 2021

Follow up: FAST-02 trial
(Bone metastases in the thorax)
Started Feb 2023

Feasibility, efficacy, safety

Mascia 2022



VHEE

The DEFT project

First objective of FLASH therapy : contribute to increase cancer cure rate

Non curable disease first

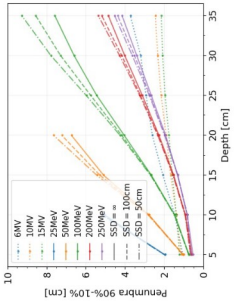
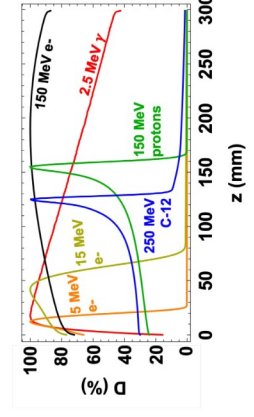
Dose escalation for glioblastoma and large-volume brain metastases

Switch from palliative 12 x 3 Gy to curative 12 x 4 Gy
All types of unresectable locally-advanced cancers

Courtesy J. Bourhis



The DEFT project



PDD to reach deep-seated tumors.

Sharp lateral penumbra for highly conformal treatments

Very High Energy Electrons – 100 to 250 MeV
Shoot-through less sensitive to heterogeneities

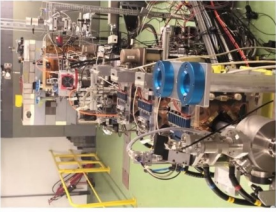
Lagzda 2019, Boehlen 2021



The DEFT project



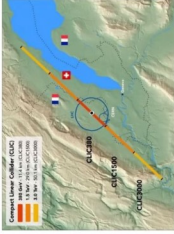
CLIC - Compact Linear Collider



The CLEAR user facility at CERN, beam energies up to 220 MeV.

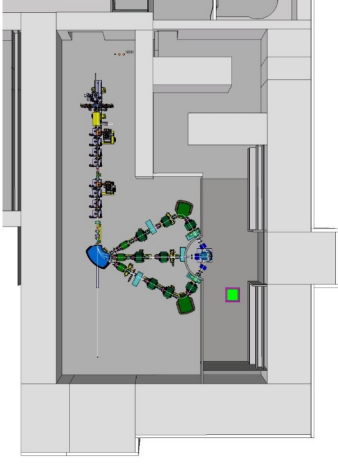


100 MeV/m accelerating gradient prototype developed for a TeV high-energy physics facility.

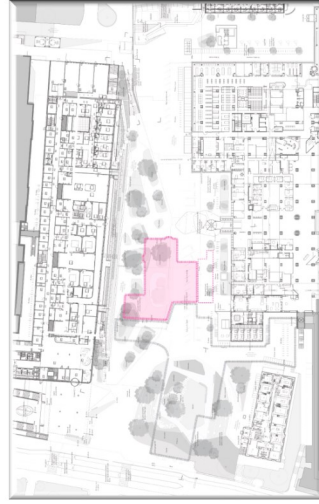


The DEFT project

Treatment from multiple directions in less than 0.1s



The DEFT project



The DEFT project



Post scriptum

