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# Radiotherapy in Hungary: present status and future needs

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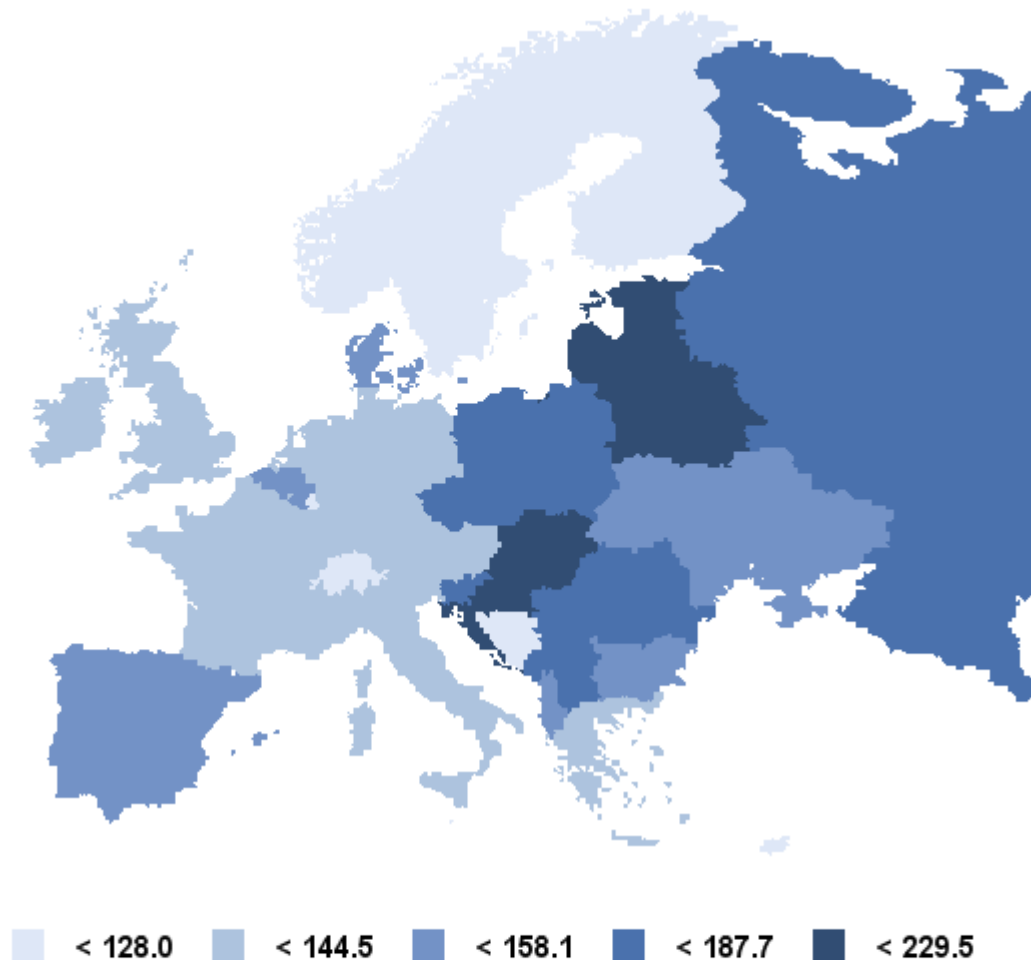
# Outline

- ◆ Cancer statistics and radiotherapy in Hungary
- ◆ The role of particle therapy in cancer management
- ◆ MedAustron – ReglonCo project

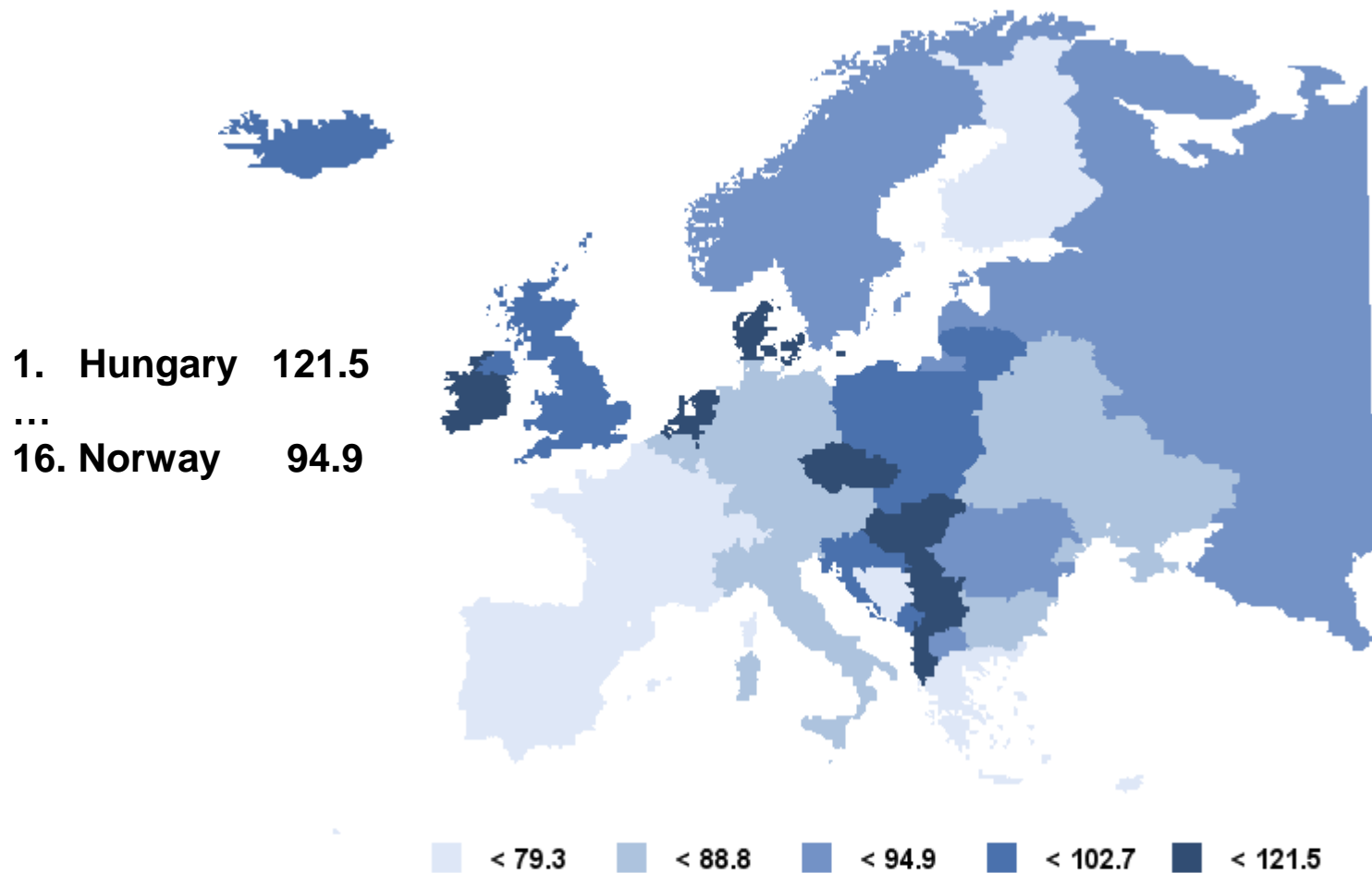


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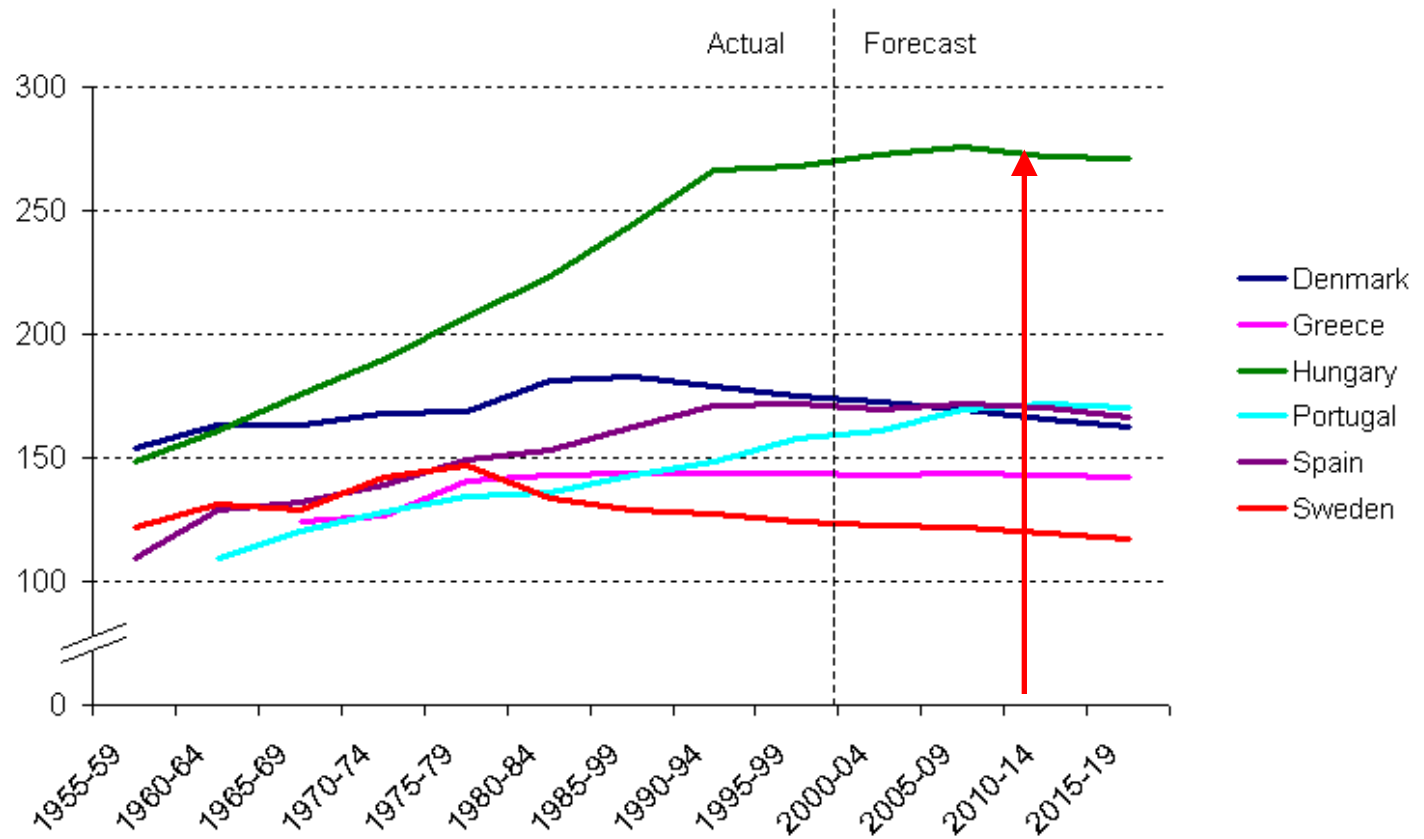
1. Hungary 229.5  
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35. Norway 124.9



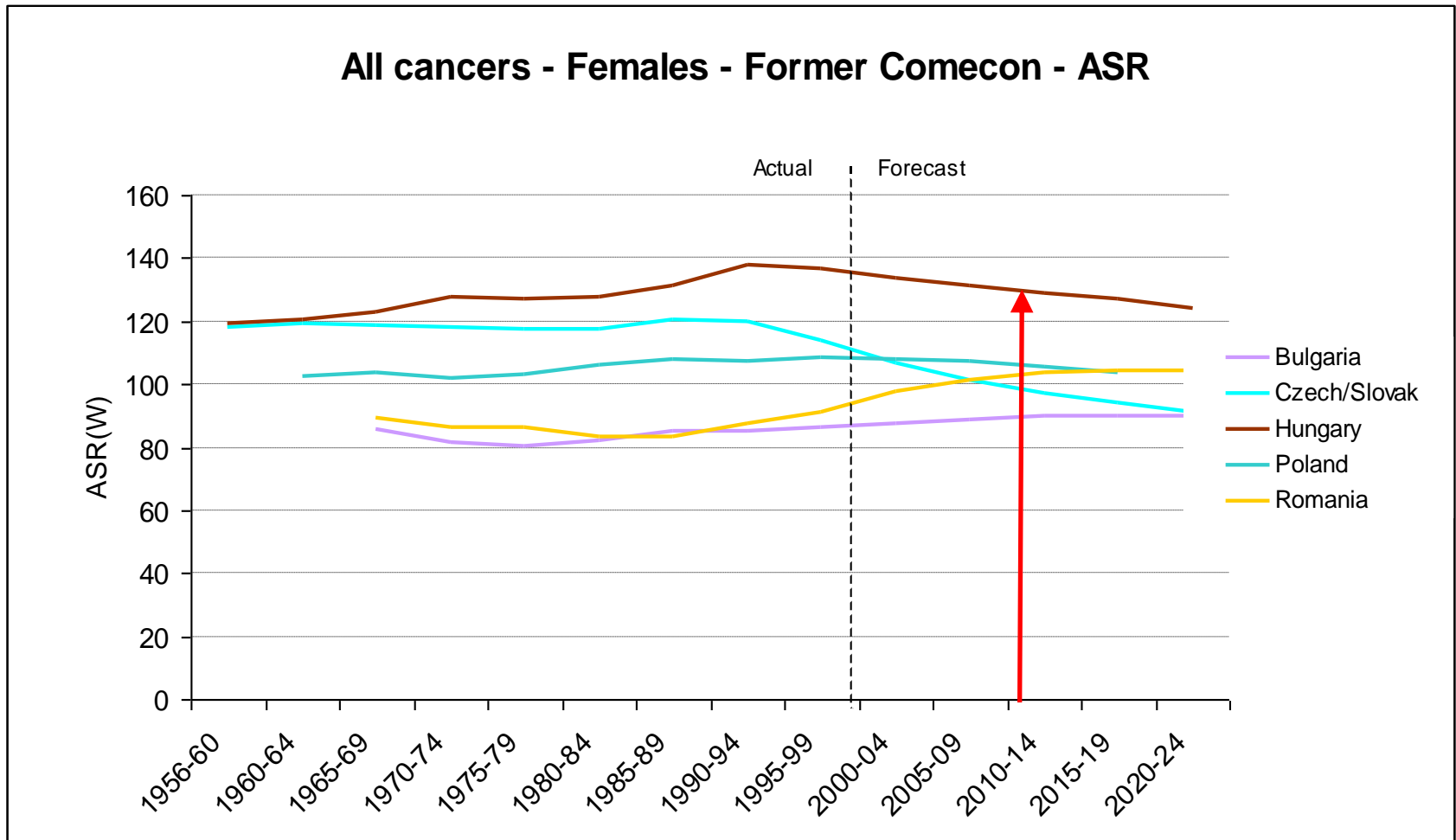
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# Cancer mortality for male population 1955-2019



# Cancer mortality for female population 1955-2019

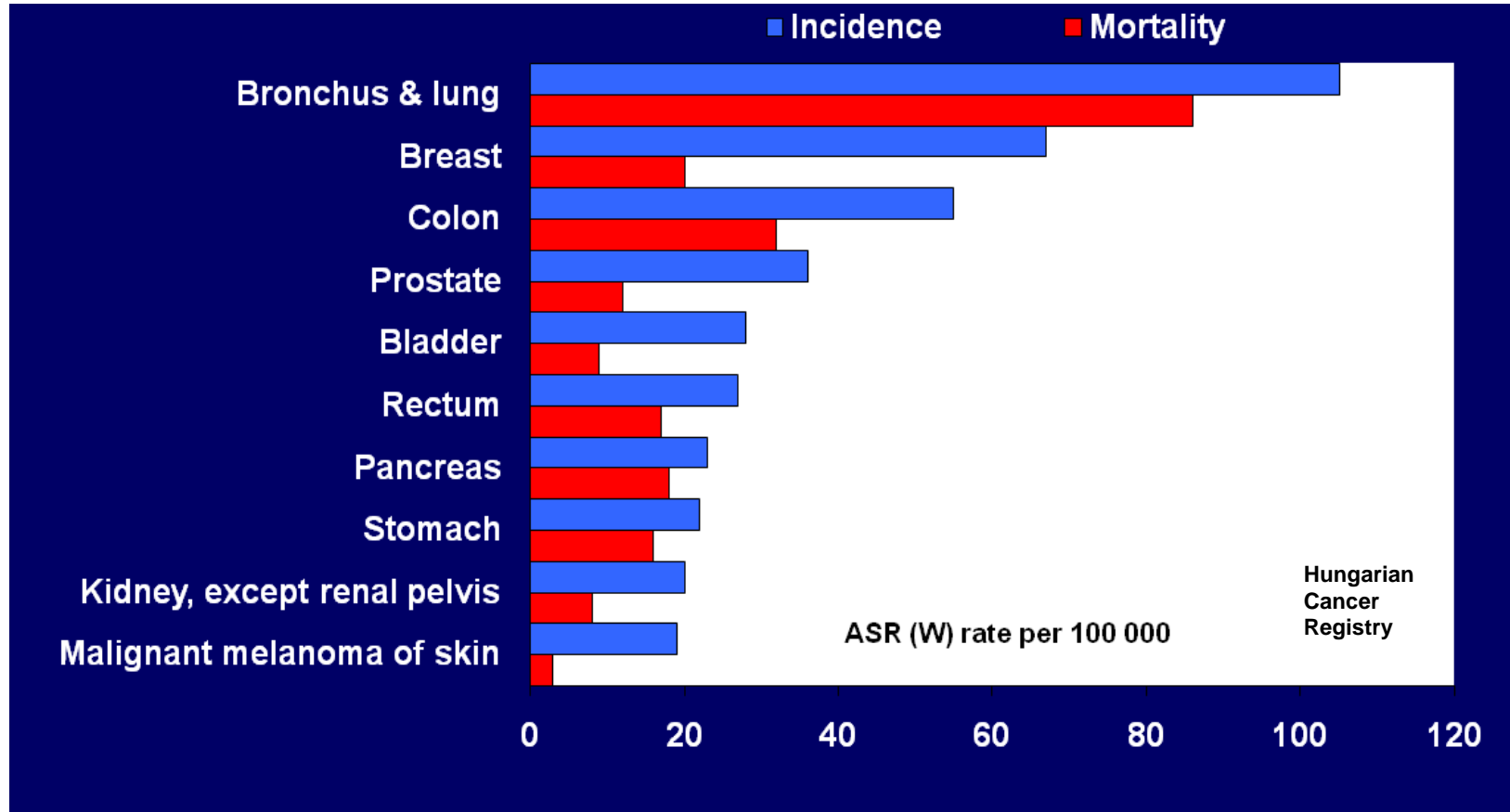


## Cancer patient characteristics in Hungary in 2010

Diagnoses ICD-10	Incidence
1. Skin (non-melanoma) C44	10 957
2. Lung & trachea C33-34	10 706
3. Colo-rectal C18-21	9 632
4. Breast C50	7 543
5. Head & neck C11-14, C30-32	5 177
6. Lymphoma & leukemia C81-96	3 877
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Altogether	<b>69 262</b>

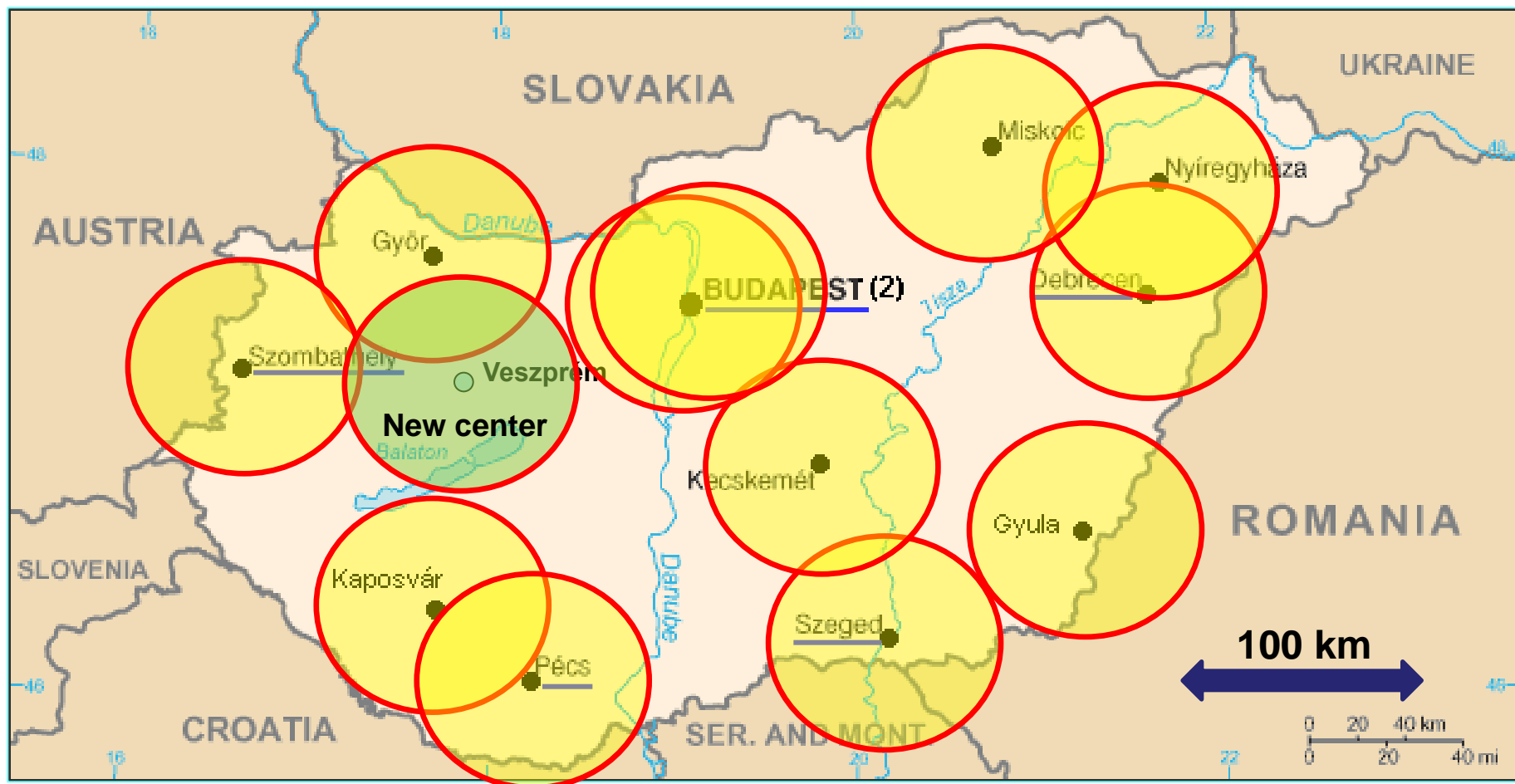
**Patients treated by radiotherapy: 23 119 (33.4 %)**

# Top 10 cancers in Hungary (2010)





## Radiotherapy centers in Hungary (n=12)



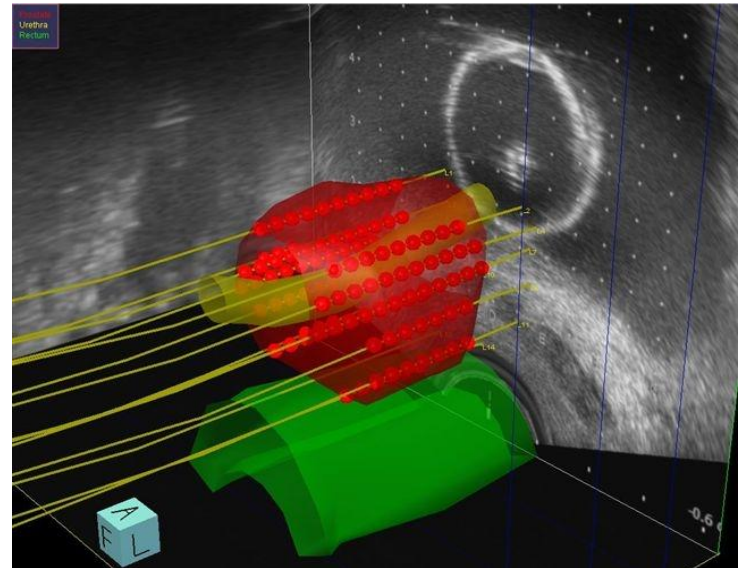
**Regional centers: 5**

**New center: 1**

# Radiotherapy infrastructure and staff in Hungary

Linear accelerators (X, e)	26
Cobalt units (Co-60)	9
HDR afterloading (Ir-192)	11
Prostate seed BT (I-125)	1

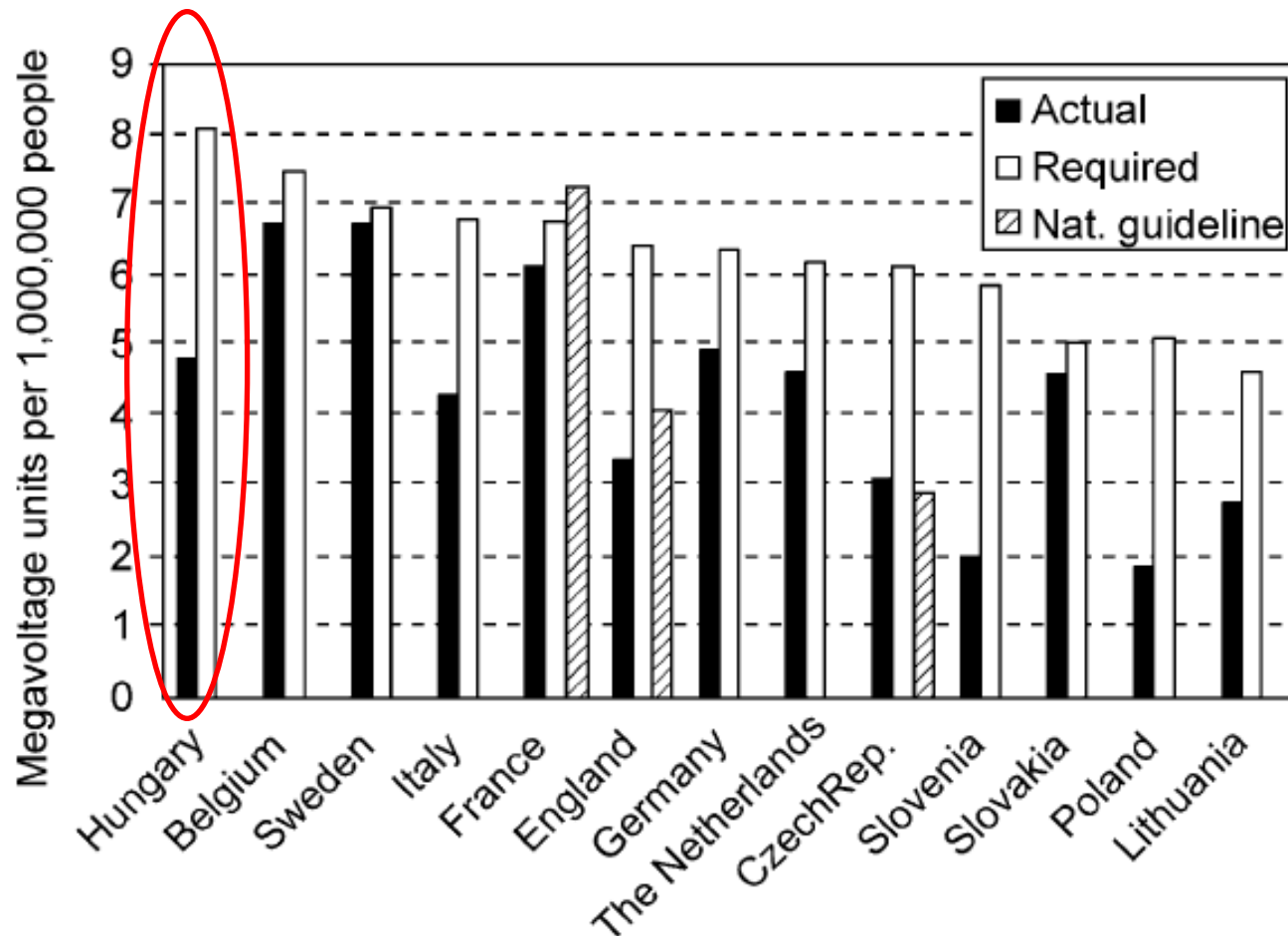
Radiation oncologists	88
RO residents	30
Medical physicists	54
RTT	202



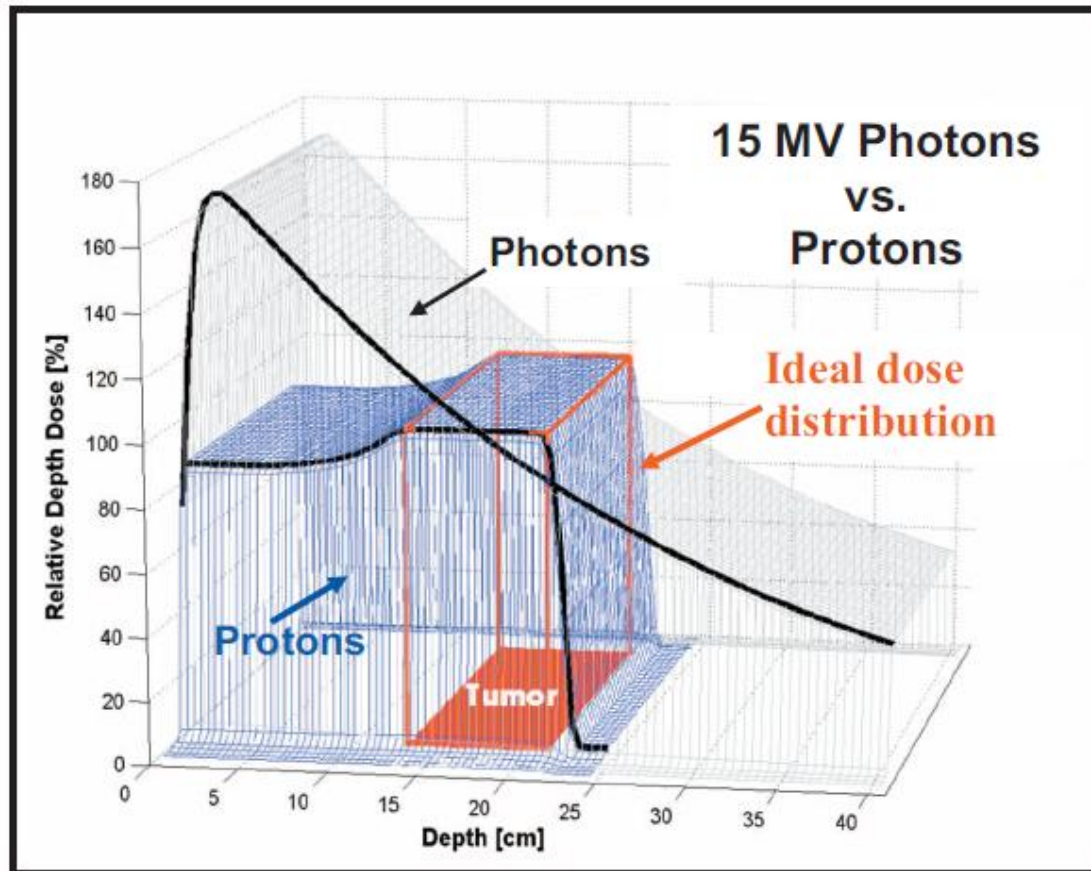
# Towards evidence-based guidelines for radiotherapy infrastructure and staffing needs in Europe: the ESTRO QUARTS project

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***Radiother Oncol 75:355-365 (2005)***

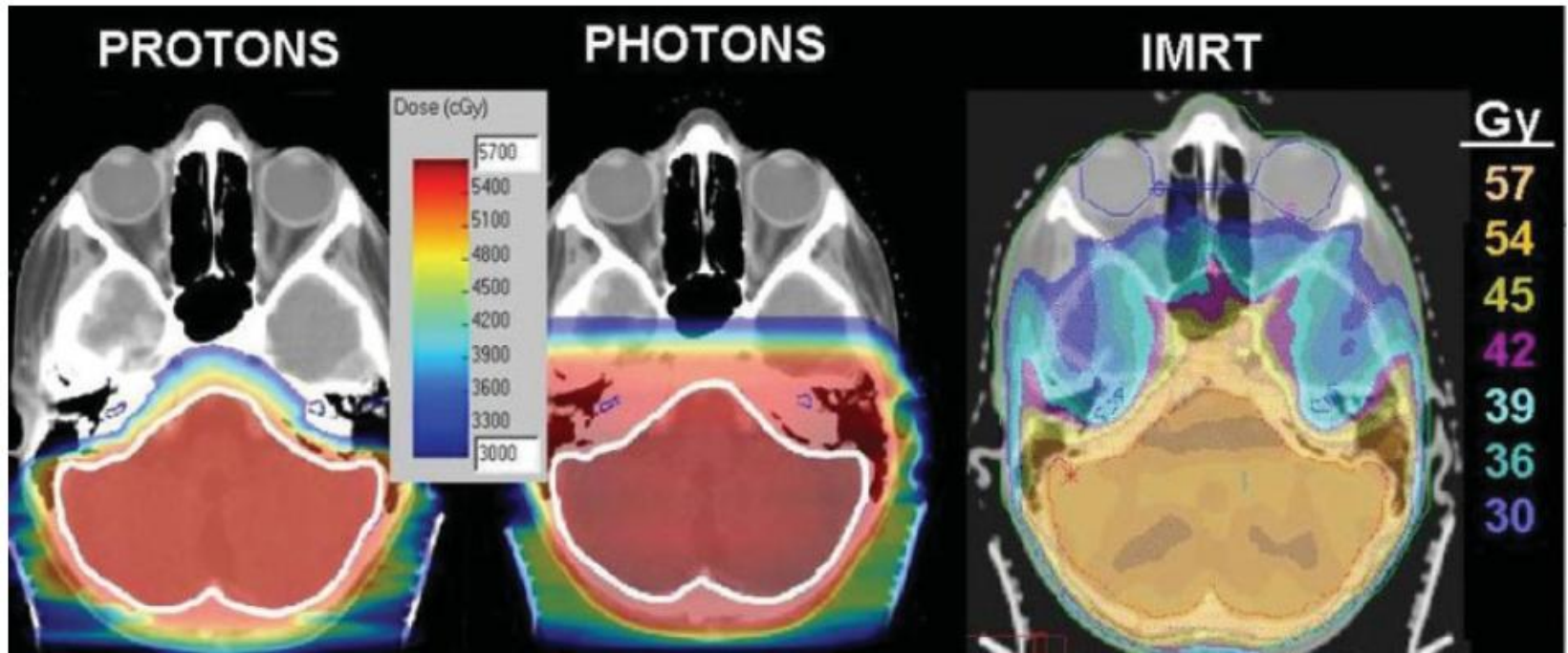


## Comparison between depth dose curves for photon and proton beams



*Smith AR, Med. Phys. 36:556-568. 2009.*

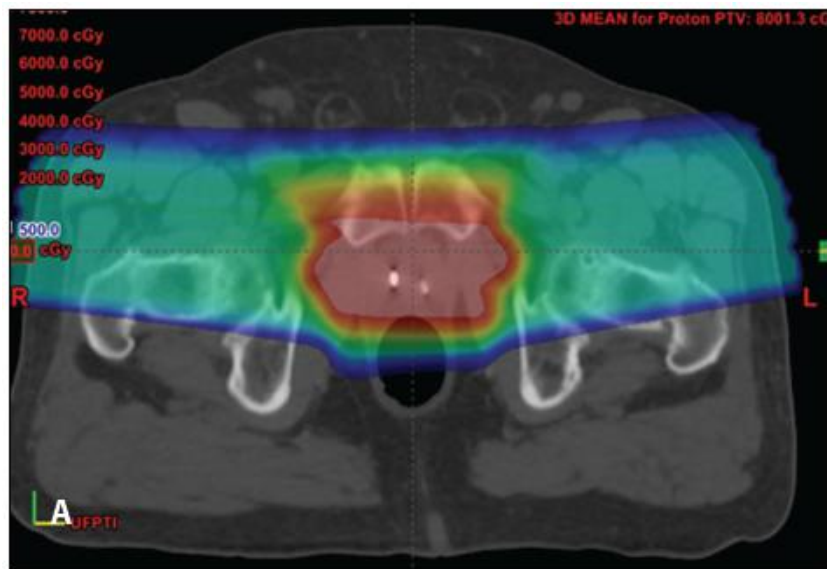
## A comparison of dose distributions for a medulloblastoma patient using protons, photons and IMRT



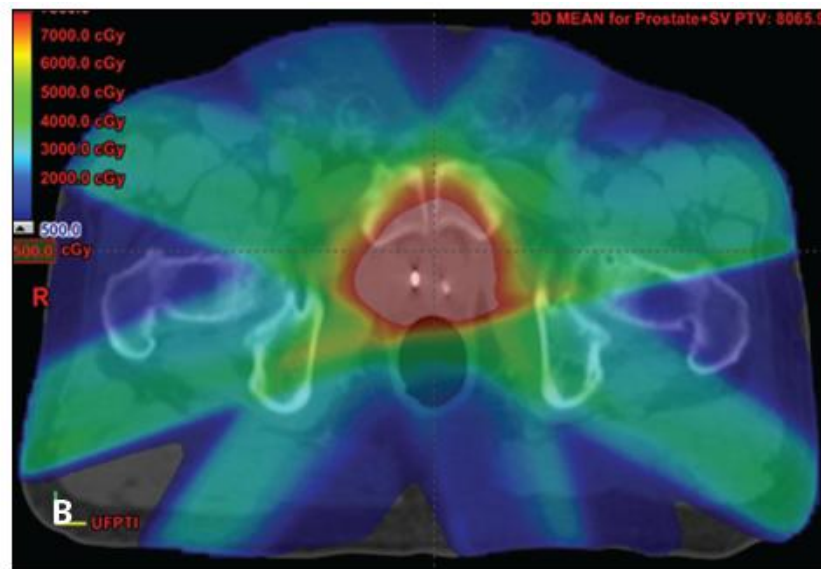
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## Irradiation of prostate with protons and photons



Proton



Photon - IMRT

*Hoppe B, et al. Oncology, June, 644-662. 2011*

# How costly is particle therapy? Cost analysis of external beam radiotherapy with carbon-ions, protons and photons

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## **Costs**

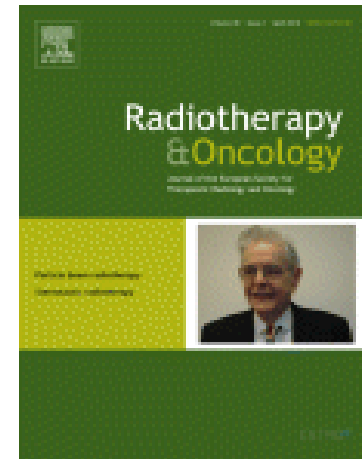
- capital
- operational

## **Three facilities**

- combined (carbon ion and proton)
- proton only
- photon

## **Four tumor types**

- prostate
- lung
- head & neck
- skull-base chordoma

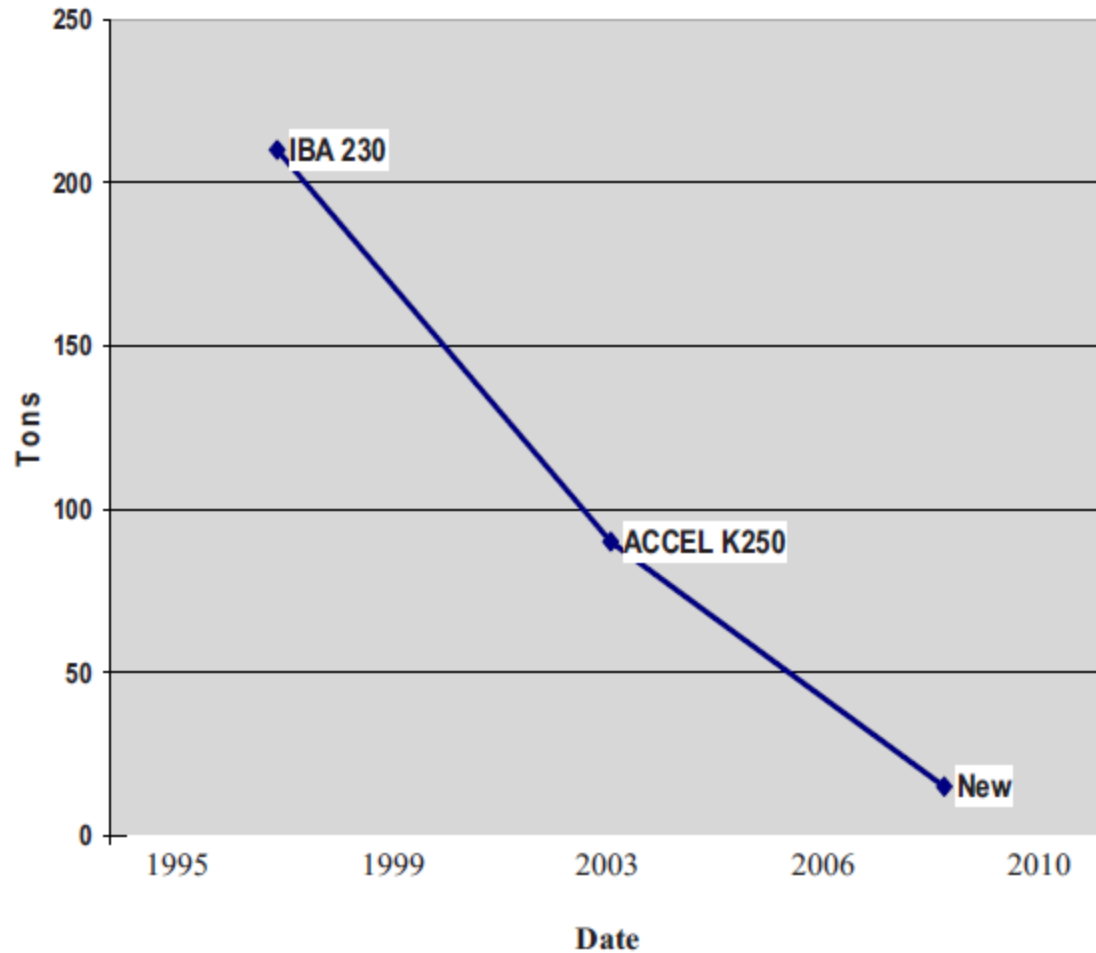


# Base-case analysis: operational model and cost estimates

Operation	Particle facility		Photon facility
	Combined (carbon-ion and proton)	Proton-only	
Number of rooms	3 rooms <sup>a</sup>	3 rooms <sup>b</sup>	2 rooms <sup>c</sup>
Treatment category <sup>d</sup>	Special	Special	Standard
Working days per week	5	5	5
Hours/day available for treatment	14	14	14
Days of operation/year	250	250	250
Time/fraction (average)	18 min	18 min	10 min
Number of fractions/room	11,667	11,667	21,000
Treatment room utilization	98%	98%	100%
Treatment room availability	95%	98%	98%
Total number of fractions/year	32,585	33,614	41,160
Number of fractions/patient (average)	18	20	18
Total number of patients/year	1810	1681	2287
Costs (€)			
<i>Capital costs</i>			
Medical equipment and IT	13,750,000	11,250,000	14,250,000 <sup>e</sup>
Particle therapy equipment	90,000,000	60,000,000	–
Building	34,850,000	23,680,000	9,180,000
<i>Total capital costs</i>	<i>138,600,000</i>	<i>94,930,000</i>	<i>23,430,000</i>
Assumed lifecycle	30 years	30 years	30 years
Capital costs/year	4,620,000	3,164,333	781,000
<i>Operational costs</i>			
Cost of operation/year	10,952,350	5,736,450	2,758,350
Cost of renewal/year	3,697,750	2,080,200	1,562,700
Cost of staff/year	6,366,304	6,366,304	2,599,716
Yearly interest for financing (5% over 20 years)	11,121,623	7,617,429	1,880,084
Operational cost/year	32,138,027	21,800,383	8,800,850
Total costs/year	36,758,027	24,964,716	9,581,850
Cost/fraction	1128	743	233
Ratio to photon	4.8	3.2	–



## Weight (size) of clinical cyclotrons vs. date



*Smith AR, Med. Phys. 36:556-568. 2009*

## Proton therapy is too expensive for the minimal potential improvements in outcome claimed

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***POINT/COUNTERPOINT Med. Phys. 34:1135-38, April 2007***

Proton therapy (PT) is „faith-based” radiotherapy without enough evidence

Not widely available for patients who may benefit from it

PT is 2-3 times more expensive than IMRT

Most of the cancer deaths are due to metastatic disease



Dose escalation will increase local control that may improve long-term DFS

PT has less side effects and about 2 times less integral dose

Cost will be reduced as more and cost effective facilities are being designed

Cost calculation should include the cure of injuries obtained by the treatment

# Current status of radiotherapy with proton and light ion beams

*Greco C, Wolden S. Cancer 109:1227-1238. 2007*

- **Evidence based**
  - Ocular tumours (uveal melanoma > 4 mm)
  - Base of skull tumours (chordomas)
- **Some evidence**
  - Pediatric malignancies (e.g. retinoblastoma)
  - Paraspinal tumours
  - Head & neck ACC (for C-ions)
- **Experimental**
  - Lung tumours
  - Breast (APBI)
  - Pelvic tumours (prostate, uterine cervix, bladder, GI)
  - Sarcomas

## Particle therapy facilities in operation I.

WHO, WHERE	COUNTRY	PARTICLE	S/C*, MAX. ENERGY (MeV)	BEAM DIRECTION	START OF TREATMENT
ITEP, Moscow	Russia	p	S 250	1 horiz.	1969
St.Petersburg	Russia	p	S 1000	1 horiz.	1975
PSI, Villigen	Switzerland	p**	C 250	1 gantry, 1 horiz.	1996
Dubna	Russia	p	C 200****	horiz.	1999
Uppsala	Sweden	p	C 200	1 horiz.	1989
Clatterbridge	England	p	C 62	1 horiz.	1989
Loma Linda	CA.,USA	p	S 250	3 gantry, 1 horiz.	1990
Nice	France	p	C 65	1 horiz.	1991
Orsay	France	p*****	C 230	1 gantry, 2 horiz.	1991
NRF - iThemba Labs	South Africa	p	C 200	1 horiz.	1993
IU Health PTC, Bloomington	IN.,USA	p	C 200	2 gantry, 1 horiz.	2004
UCSF	CA.,USA	p	C 60	1 horiz.	1994
HIMAC, Chiba	Japan	C-ion	S 800/u	horiz.,vertical	1994
TRIUMF, Vancouver	Canada	p	C 72	1 horiz.	1995
HZB (HMI), Berlin	Germany	p	C 72	1 horiz.	1998
NCC, Kashiwa	Japan	p	C 235	2 gantry	1998
HIBMC, Hyogo	Japan	p	S 230	1 gantry	2001
HIBMC, Hyogo	Japan	C-ion	S 320/u	horiz.,vertical	2002
PMRC(2), Tsukuba	Japan	p	S 250	gantry	2001
NPTC, MGH Boston	MA.,USA	p***	C 235	2 gantry, 1 horiz.	2001
INFN-LNS, Catania	Italy	p	C 60	1 horiz.	2002
Shizuoka Cancer Center	Japan	p	S 235	3 gantry, 1 horiz.	2003
STPTC, Koriyama-City	Japan	p	S 235	2 gantry, 1 horiz.	2008

## Particle therapy facilities in operation II.

WHO, WHERE	COUNTRY	PARTICLE	S/C*, MAX. ENERGY (MeV)	BEAM DIRECTION	START OF TREATMENT
WPTC, Zibo	China	p	C 230	2 gantry, 1 horiz.	2004
MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston	TX.,USA	p***	S 250	3 gantry, 1 horiz.	2006
UFPTI, Jacksonville	FL.,USA	p	C 230	3 gantry, 1 horiz.	2006
NCC, Ilsan	South Korea	p	C 230	2 gantry, 1 horiz.	2007
RPTC, Munich	Germany	p**	C 250	4 gantry, 1 horiz.	2009
ProCure PTC, Oklahoma City	OK.,USA	p	C 230	1 gantry, 1 horiz, 2 horiz/60 deg.	2009
HIT, Heidelberg	Germany	p**	S 250	2 horiz.	2009
HIT, Heidelberg	Germany	C-ion**	S 430/u	2 horiz.	2009
UPenn, Philadelphia	PA.,USA	p	C 230	4 gantry, 1 horiz.	2010
GHMC, Gunma	Japan	C-ion	S 400/u	3 horiz., vertical	2010
IMP-CAS, Lanzhou	China	C-ion	S 400/u	1 horiz.	2006
CDH Proton Center, Warrenville	IL.,USA	p	C 230	1 gantry, 1 horiz, 2 horiz/60 deg.	2010
HUPTI, Hampton	VA., USA	p	C 230	4 gantry, 1 horiz.	2010
IFJ PAN, Krakow	Poland	p	C 60	1 horiz.	2011
Medipolis Medical Research Institute, Ibusuki	Japan	p	S 250	3 gantry	2011
CNAO, Pavia	Italy	C-lon, p	S 430/u	3 horiz/1 vertical	2011
ProCure Proton Therapy Center, New Jersey	NY., USA	p	C 230	4 gantry	2012

# Planned particle therapy facilities or under construction I.

WHO, WHERE	COUNTRY	PARTICLE	MAX. CLINICAL ENERGY (MeV)	BEAM DIRECTION	NO. OF TREATMENT ROOMS	START OF TREATMENT PLANNED
PTC Czech s.r.o., Prague*	Czech Rep.	p	230 cyclotron	3 gantries, 1 horiz fixed beam	4	2012
Med-AUSTRON, Wiener Neustadt*	Austria	p, C-ion	430/u synchrotron	1 gantry (only for protons) 1 fixed beam, 1 fixed 0 + 90 deg	3	2015
ATreP, Trento *	Italy	p	230 cyclotron	2 gantries 1 horiz fixed beam	3	2013
Fudan University Shanghai CC*	China	p, C-ion	430/u synchrotron	3 fixed beams	3	2014
McLaren PTC, Flint, Michigan*	USA	p	250/330 synchrotron	3 gantries	3	2012
WPE, Essen*	Germany	p	230 cyclotron	3 gantries, 1 horiz fixed beam	4	2012
HITFil, Lanzhou*	China	C-ion	400/u synchrotron	4 horiz, vertical, oblique, fixed beams	4	2013
PTC, Marburg*	Germany	p, C-ion	430/u synchrotron	3 horiz fixed beams 1 fixed beam 0 + 45 deg	4	2012?
Northern Illinois PT Res.Institute, W. Chicago, IL*	USA	p	250 SC cyclotron	2 gantries, 2 horiz fixed beams	4	2012?
Chang Gung Memorial Hospital, Taipei*	Taiwan	p	235 cyclotron	4 gantries, 1 experimental room	4	2012
PMHPTC, Protvino*	Russia	p	250 synchrotron	1 horiz fixed beam	1	2012?
CCSR, Bratislava	Slovak Rep.	p	72 cyclotron	1 horiz fixed beam	1	?
CMHPTC, Ruzomberok*	Slovak Rep.	p	250 synchrotron	1 horiz fixed beam	1	?

## Planned particle therapy facilities or under construction II.

WHO, WHERE	COUNTRY	PARTICLE	MAX. CLINICAL ENERGY (MeV)	BEAM DIRECTION	NO. OF TREATMENT ROOMS	START OF TREATMENT PLANNED
SJFH, Beijing	China	p	230 cyclotron	1 gantry, 1 horiz fixed beam	2	?
Skandion Clinic, Uppsala*	Sweden	p	230 cyclotron	2 gantries	2	2013
Barnes Jewish St. Louis, MO*	USA	p	250 SC synchro-cyclotron	1 gantry	1	2012
Scripps Proton Therapy Center, San Diego, CA*	USA	p	250 SC cyclotron	3 gantries, 2 horiz fixed beams	5	2013
SCCA Proton Therapy, a ProCure Center, Seattle, WA*	USA	p	230 cyclotron	4 gantries	4	2013
Samsung Proton Center, Seoul*	South Korea	p	230 cyclotron	2 gantries	2	2014
Robert Wood Johnson, New Brunswick*	USA	p	250 SC synchro-cyclotron	1 gantry	1	2013
Oklahoma University, Oklahoma City, OK*	USA	p	250 SC synchro-cyclotron	1 gantry	1	2013
MD Anderson, Orlando, FL*	USA	p	250 SC synchro-cyclotron	1 gantry	1	2013
First Coast Oncology, Jacksonville, FLI*	USA	p	250 SC synchro-cyclotron	1 gantry	1	2013
IFJ PAN, Krakow*	Poland	p	235 cyclotron	1 gantry	1	2014?
PTC Zürchersee, Galgenen	Switzerland	p	230 cyclotron	4 gantries, 1 horiz fixed beam	5	2016

# Hadron therapy patient statistics

Patient Statistics (for the facilities out of operation; end of 2010):

WHERE		PARTICLE	FIRST	LAST	PATIENT	
			PATIENT		TOTAL	
Belgium	Louvain-la-Neuve	p	1991	1993	21	ocular tumors only
Canada	Vancouver (TRIUMF)	$\pi^-$	1979	1994	367	ocular tumors only
Germany	Darmstadt (GSI)	C-ion	1997	2009	440	
Japan	Tsukuba (PMRC, 1)	p	1983	2000	700	
Japan	Chiba	p	1979	2002	145	ocular tumors only
Japan	WERC	p	2002	2009	62	
Russia	Dubna (1)	p	1967	1996	124	
Sweden	Uppsala (1)	p	1957	1976	73	
Switzerland	Villigen PSI (SIN-Piotron)	$\pi^-$	1980	1993	503	
Switzerland	Villigen PSI (OPTIS 1)	p	1984	2010	5458	ocular tumors only
CA., USA	Berkeley 184	p	1954	1957	30	
CA., USA	Berkeley	He	1957	1992	2054	
CA., USA	Berkeley	ion	1975	1992	433	
IN., USA	Bloomington (MPRI, 1)	p	1993	1999	34	ocular tumors only
MA., USA	Harvard	p	1961	2002	9116	
NM., USA	Los Alamos	$\pi^-$	1974	1982	230	

**19790 Total**

thereof  
 2054 He  
 1100 pions  
 440 C-ions  
 433 other ions  
 15763 protons

**PTCOG: Particle Therapy Co-Operative Group**



# Hadron therapy patient statistics

Patient Statistics (for the facilities in operation end of 2011):

WHERE		PARTICLE	FIRST PATIENT	PATIENT TOTAL	DATE OF TOTAL	
Canada	Vancouver (TRIUMF)	p	1995	161	Dec-11	ocular tumors only
China	Wanjie (WPTC)	p	2004	1078	Dec-11	no patients in 2011
China	Lanzhou	C ion	2006	159	Dec-11	
England	Clatterbridge	p	1989	2151	Dec-11	ocular tumors only
France	Nice (CAL)	p	1991	4417	Dec-11	ocular tumors
France	Orsay (CPO)	p	1991	5634	Dec-11	4540 ocular tumors
Germany	Berlin (HMI)	p	1998	1859	Dec-11	ocular tumors only
Germany	Munich (RPTC)	p	2009	895	Dec-11	
Germany	HIT, Heidelberg	C ion	2010	568	Dec-11	
Germany	HIT, Heidelberg	p	2010	94	Dec-11	
Italy	Catania (INFN-LNS)	p	2002	290	Dec-11	ocular tumors only
Italy	Pavia (CNAO)	C ion	2011	5	Dec-11	
Japan	Chiba (HIMAC)	C ion	1994	6569	Dec-11	11 with scanning
Japan	Kashiwa (NCC)	p	1998	870	Dec-11	estimated
Japan	Hyogo (HIBMC)	p	2001	3198	Dec-11	
Japan	Hyogo (HIBMC)	C ion	2002	1271	Dec-11	
Japan	Tsukuba (PMRC, 2)	p	2001	2166	Dec-11	
Japan	Shizuoka	p	2003	1175	Dec-11	
Japan	Koriyama-City	p	2008	1378	Dec-11	
Japan	Gunma	C ion	2010	271	Dec-11	
Japan	Ibusuki (MMRI)	p	2011	180	Dec-11	

*to be continued*

Korea	Ilsan, Seoul	p	2007	810	Dec-11	ocular tumors only estimated
Poland	Krakow	p	2011	11	Dec-11	
Russia	Moscow (ITEP)	p	1969	4300	Dec-11	
Russia	St. Petersburg	p	1975	1372	Dec-11	
Russia	Dubna (JINR, 2)	p	1999	828	Dec-11	
South Africa	iThemba LABS	p	1993	521	Dec-11	277 ocular tumors ocular tumors only estimated
Sweden	Uppsala (2)	p	1989	1185	Dec-11	
Switzerland	Villigen PSI, incl OPTIS2	p	1996	1107	Dec-11	
USA, CA.	UCSF - CNL	p	1994	1391	Dec-11	
USA, CA.	Loma Linda (LLUMC)	p	1990	16000	Dec-11	
USA, IN.	Bloomington (IU Health PTC)	p	2004	1431	Dec-11	
USA, MA.	Boston (NPTC)	p	2001	5562	Oct-11	
USA, TX.	Houston (MD Anderson)	p	2006	3400	Feb-12	
USA, FL	Jacksonville (UFPTI)	p	2006	3461	Dec-11	
USA, OK.	Oklahoma City (ProCure PTC)	p	2009	623	Dec-11	
USA, PA.	Philadelphia Upenn)	p	2010	433	Dec-11	no data available
USA, IL.	CDH Warrenville	p	2010	367	Dec-11	
USA, VA.	Hampton (HUPTI)	p	2010			
				<b>77191</b>	<b>Total</b>	

thereof

8843 C-ions  
67904 protons

**Total for all facilities (in operation and out of operation):**

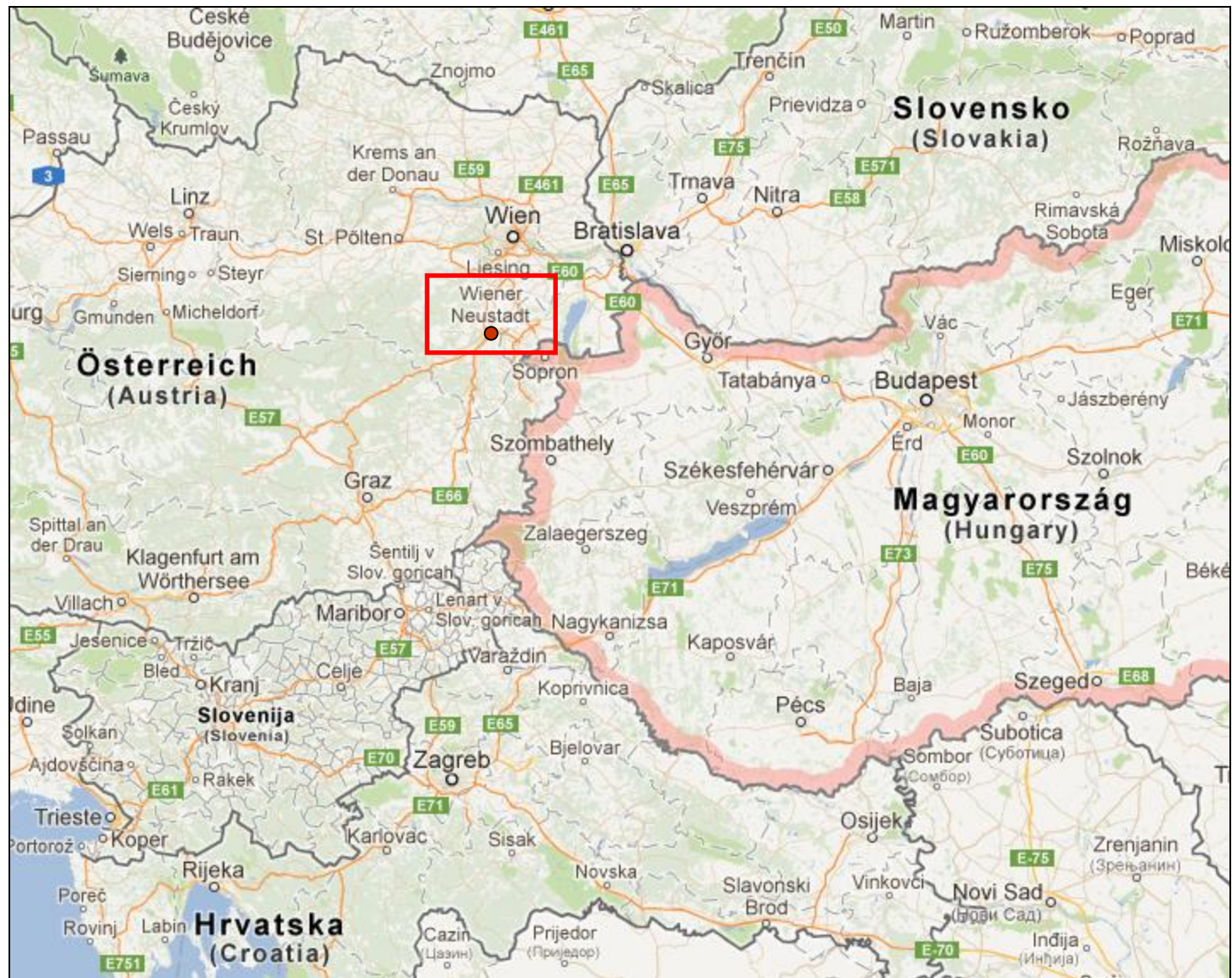
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1100 pions  
9283 C-ions  
433 other ions  
83667 protons  
**96537 Grand Total**

## How many patients eligible for proton therapy?

Country	No. of new cases	Pts. treated with RT	Suitable for proton	Percentage
Sweden* (9.3 millions)	31 050	16 000	2 350	15
Hungary** (10 millions)	58 305	23 119	2 865	13

*\*Glimelius B, et al. Acta Oncol. 44:836-849. 2005*

*\*\*Mock U, ReglonCo project, 2011*







SPITZENFORSCHUNG  
IN NIEDERÖSTERREICH

WIR HELFEN TUMORE BEHANDELN  
UND WISSEN ERWEITERN

ebg MedAustron

# Hier entsteht MedAustron

## Zentrum für Ionentherapie und Forschung

Errichtung und Betrieb:  
EBG MedAustron GmbH

Öffentliche Finanzierung der Errichtung:

Land Niederösterreich 123,7 Mio. Euro

Republik Österreich 41,0 Mio. Euro

Stadt Wiener Neustadt 3,9 Mio. Euro



Projektpartner:



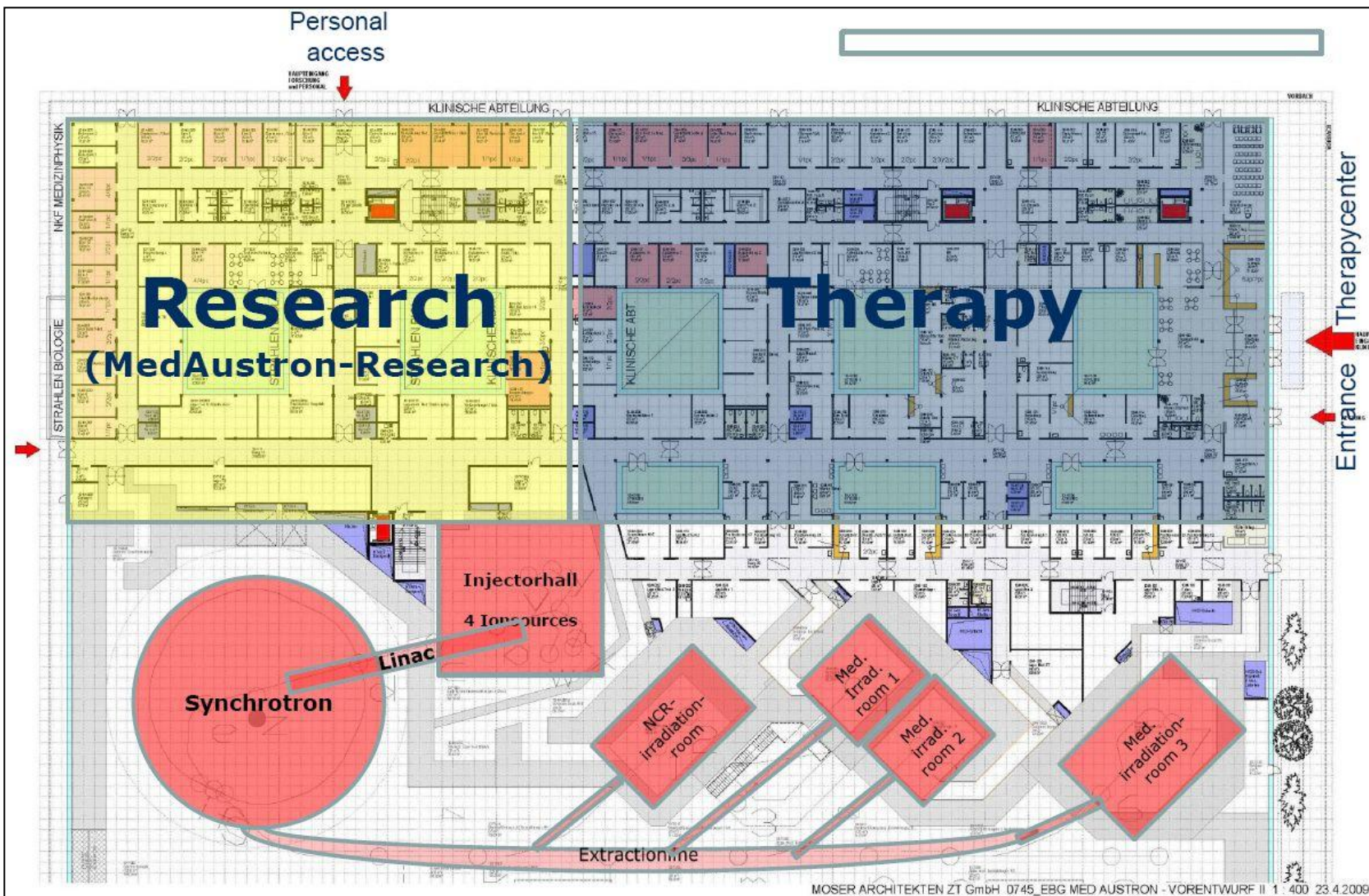
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**Cost: 170 million EUR**  
**Funds: Federal State of Lower Austria**  
**Republic of Austria**  
**City of Wiener Neustadt**



**MedAustron – Ground floor**



# MedAustron – Wiener Neustadt



Main entrance



Synchrotron hall

Courtesy of Thomas Schreiner, EBG MedAustron GmbH

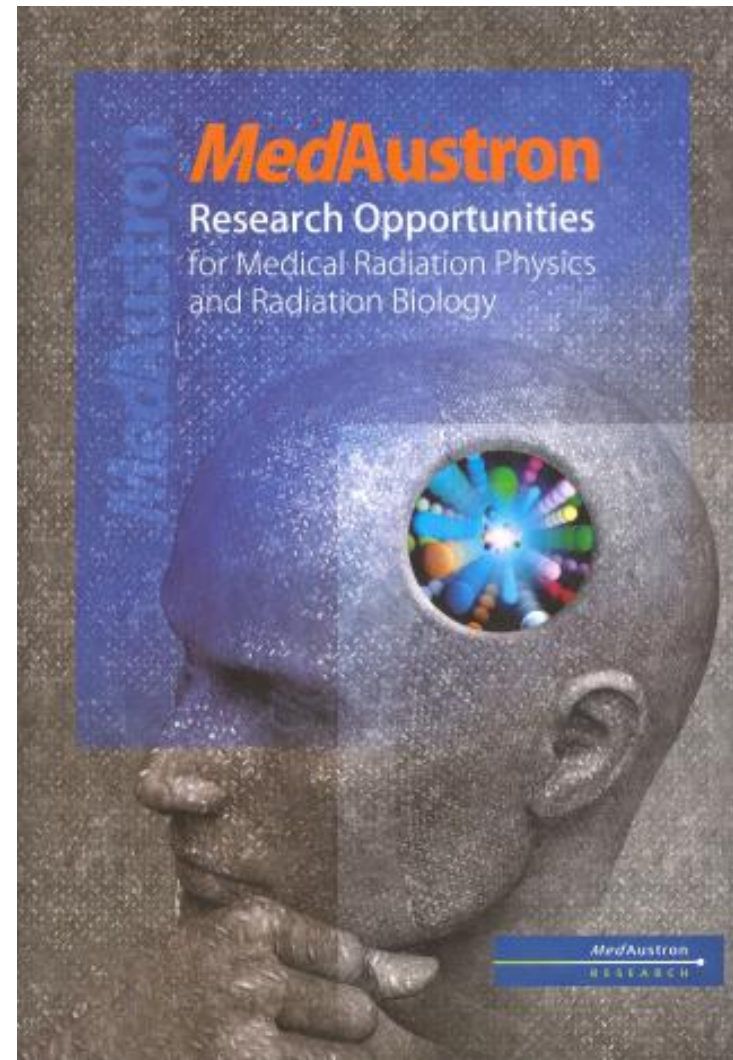
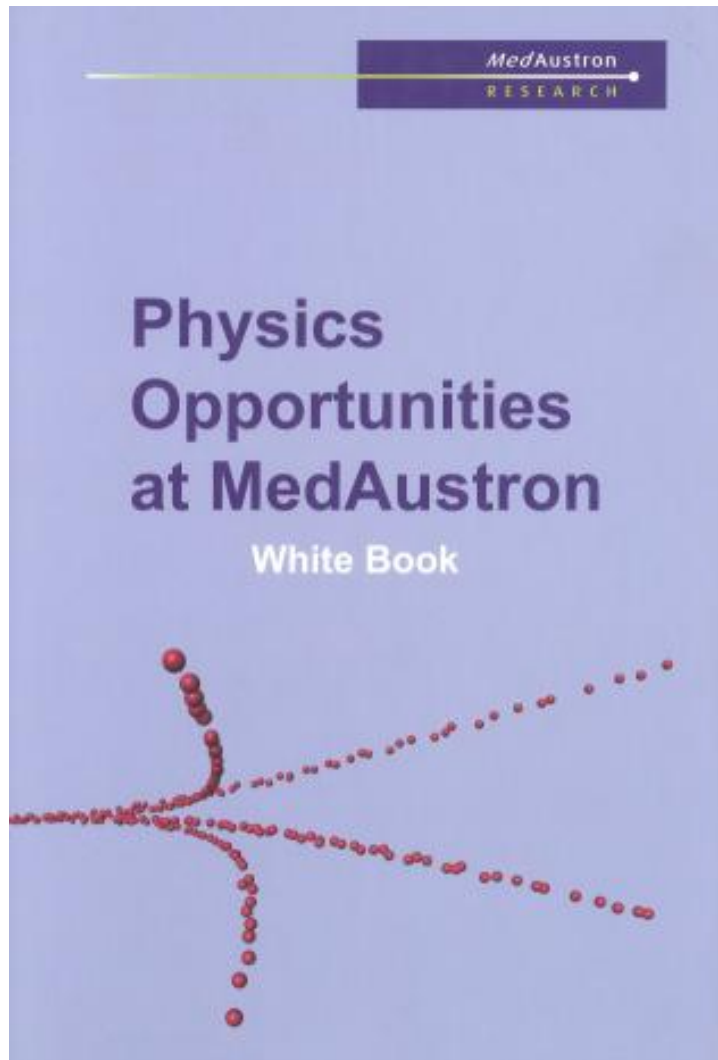
## Timeline

Treatment of the first patient	2015
2014	Trial operation of the complete plant
Technical trial operation, installation of the medical equipment	2013
2012	Installation of the particle accelerator
Construction of the centre	2011

## Particle energy

max. 800 MeV p for experiments  
max. 250 MeV p for treatments  
max. 400 MeV/A C for treatments

# MedAustron books





# Regional Iontherapy Co-operation (ReglonCo)



## Projektpartnerink:

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## ReglonCo Project Partners

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# ReglonCo Work Packages

**WP 1 Project management**

**WP 2.1 Principles of Treatment Planning with Helium ions**

**WP 2.2 Molecular imaging**

**WP 3.1 Transnational image management and IT networks**

**WP 3.2 Joint utilization of MedAustron - Research**

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## **WP 2.1 Principles of Treatment Planning with Helium ions**

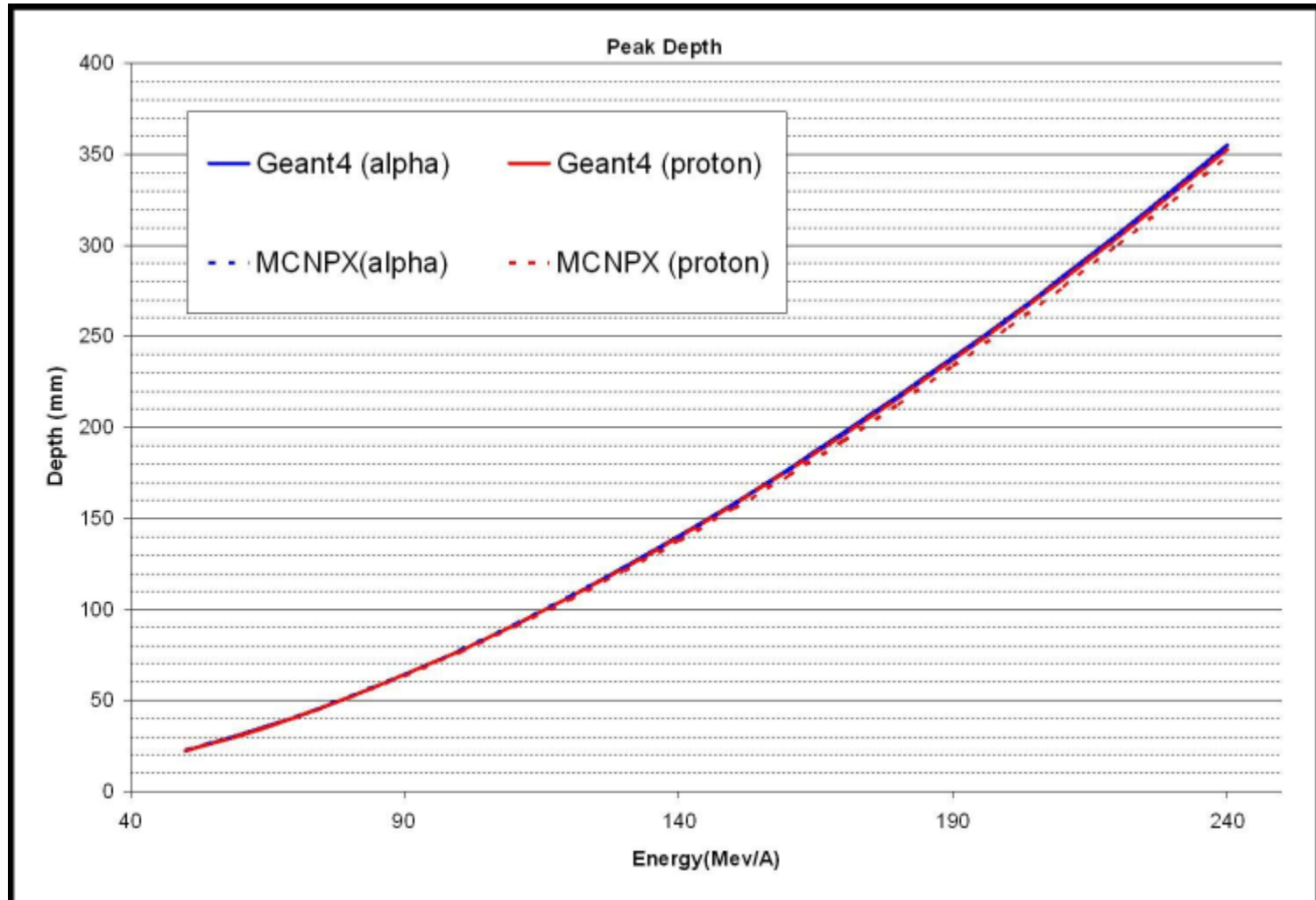
### **Monte Carlo simulations of proton and helium ion beams using**

- GEANT4 (Geometry and Tracking, CERN)
- MCNPX (Monte Carlo N-Particle Transport Code, Los Alamos)

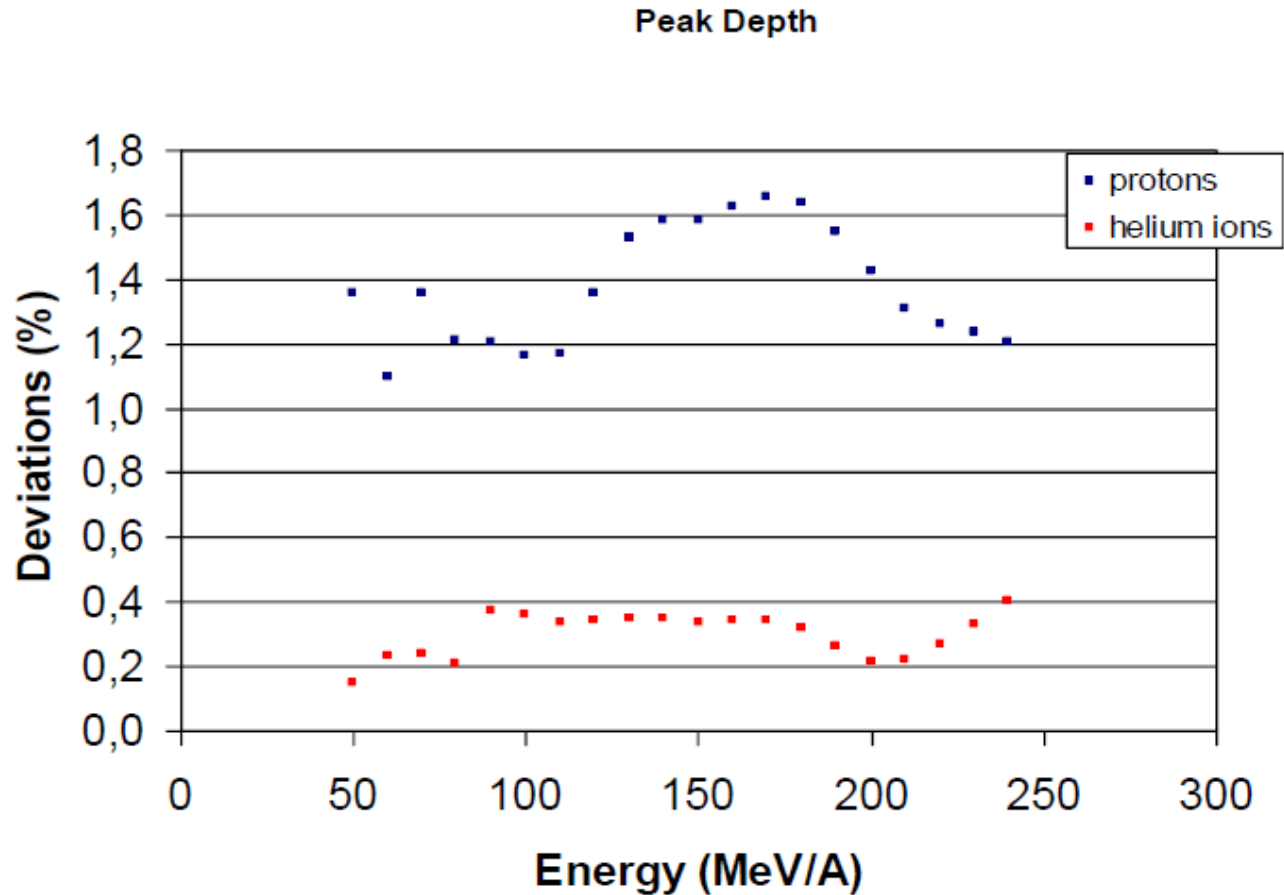
### **Two groups**

- Wien – EBG MedAustron GmbH (GEANT4)
- Budapest – National Institute of Oncology (MCNPX)

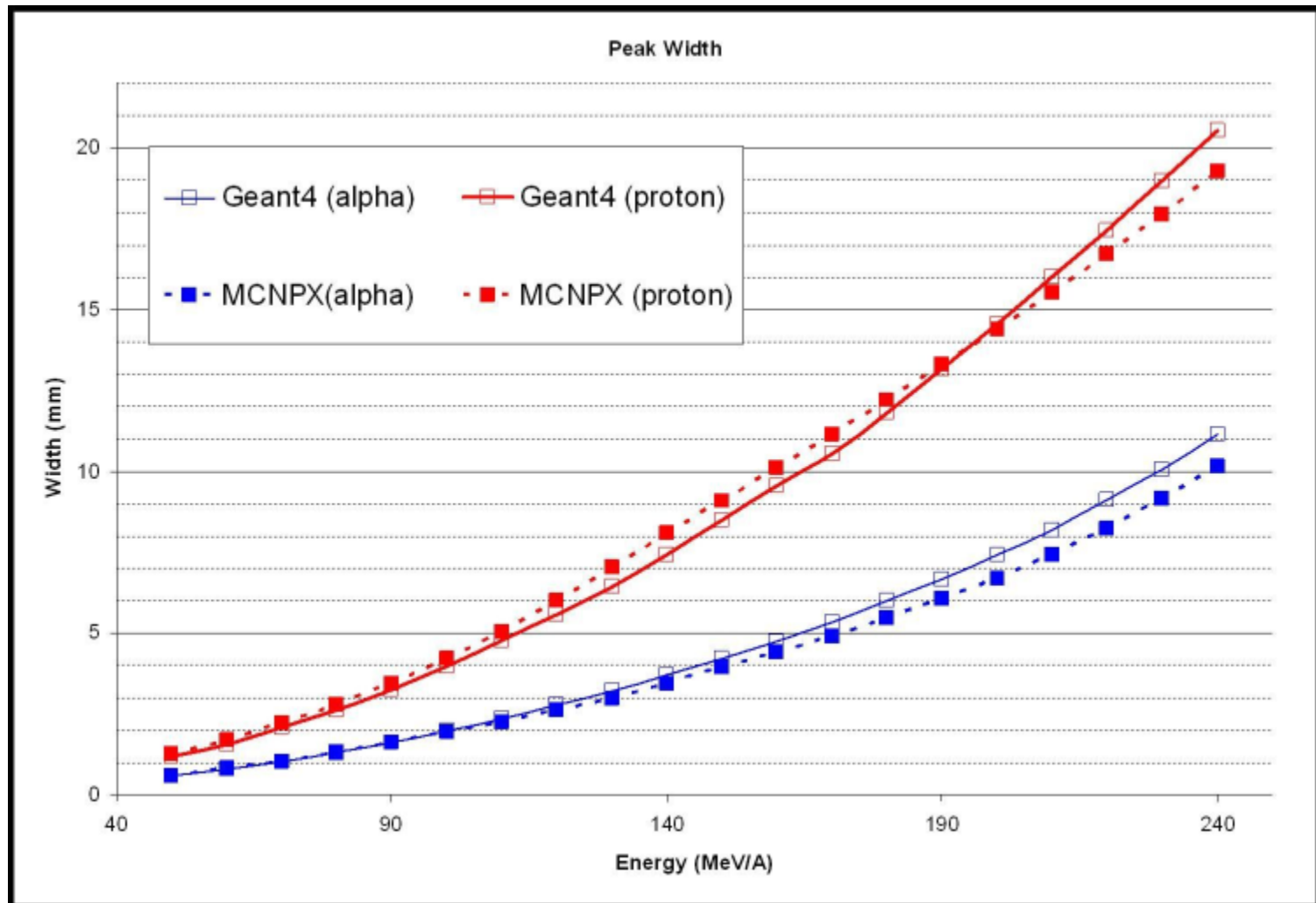
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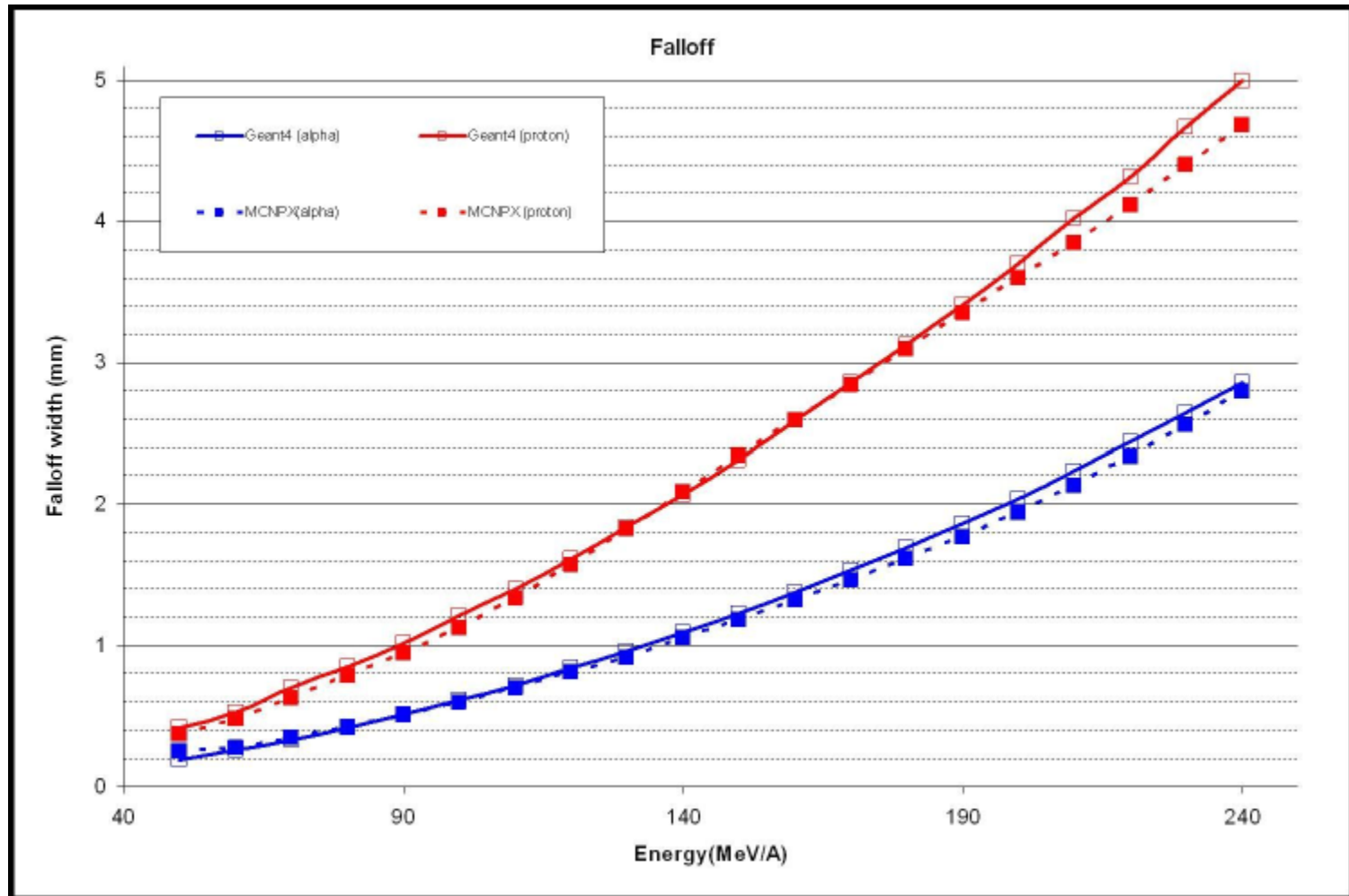
# Deviations of Bragg peak position calculated with MCNPX and GEANT4 for all initial kinetic energies



# Bragg peak width calculated with MCNPX and GEANT4



## Distal dose fall-off width calculated with MCNPX and GEANT4







Thank you for your attention!

