

EU Scientific Seminar: Light Ion Beam Therapy

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Experimental-area

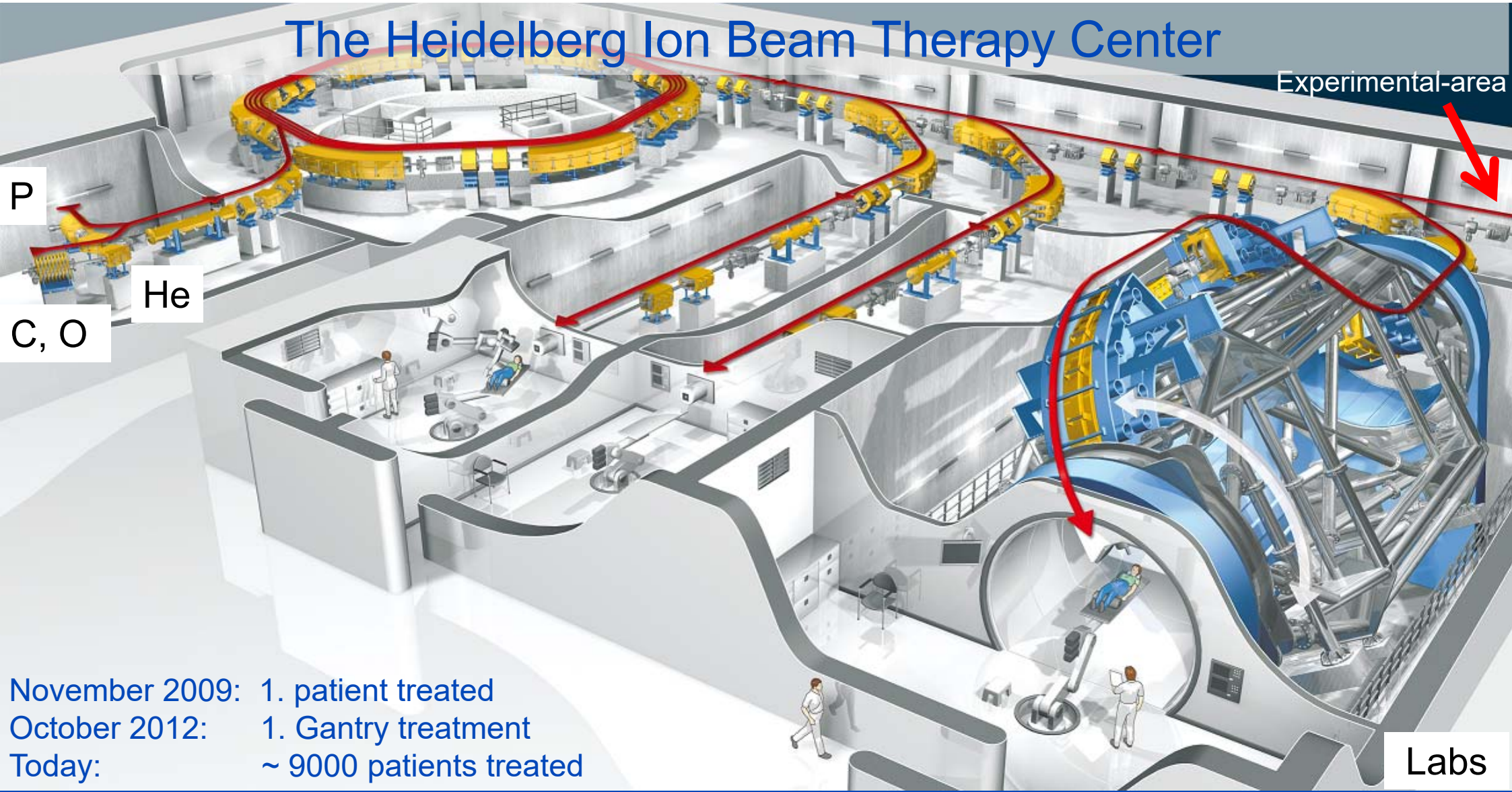
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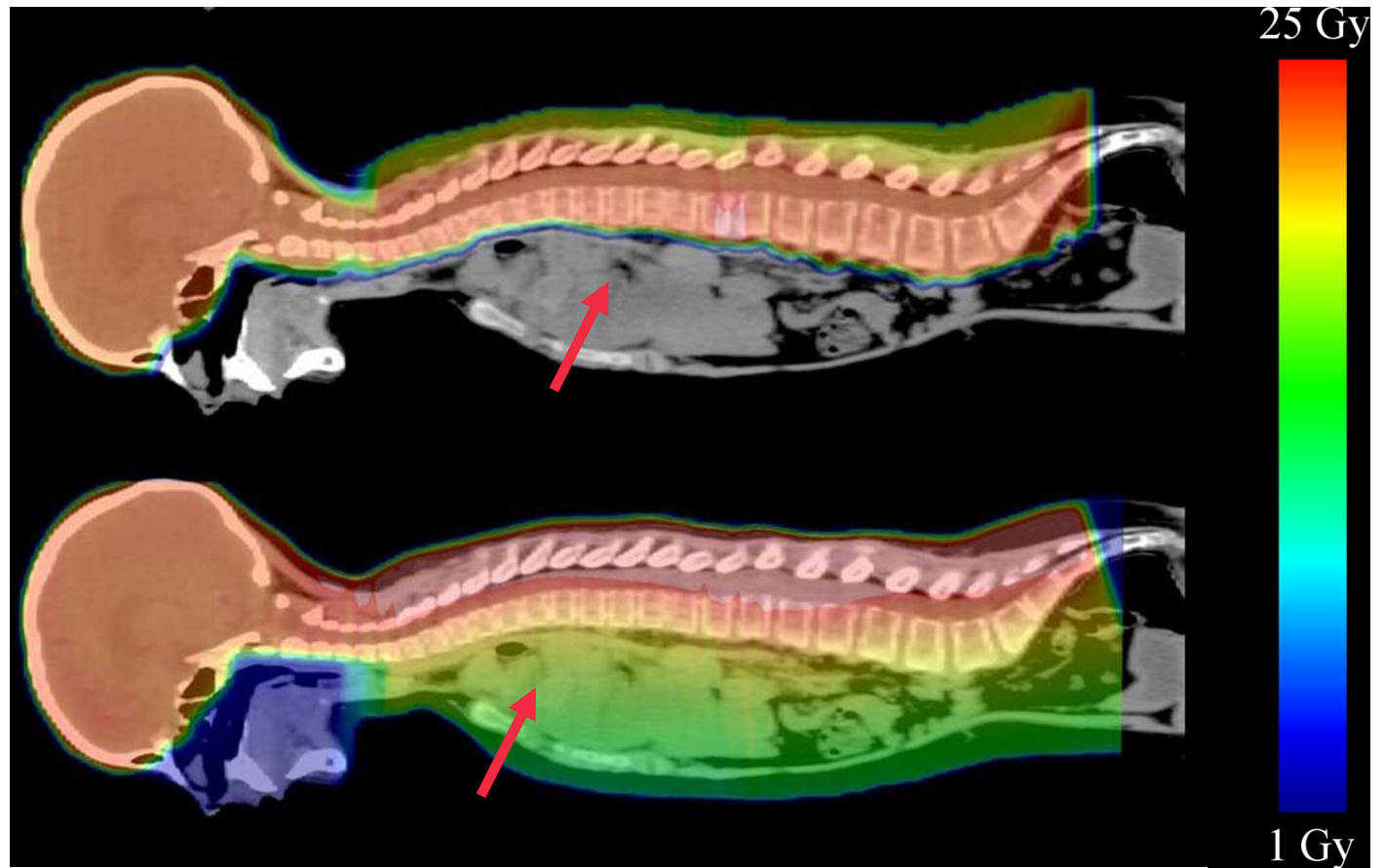
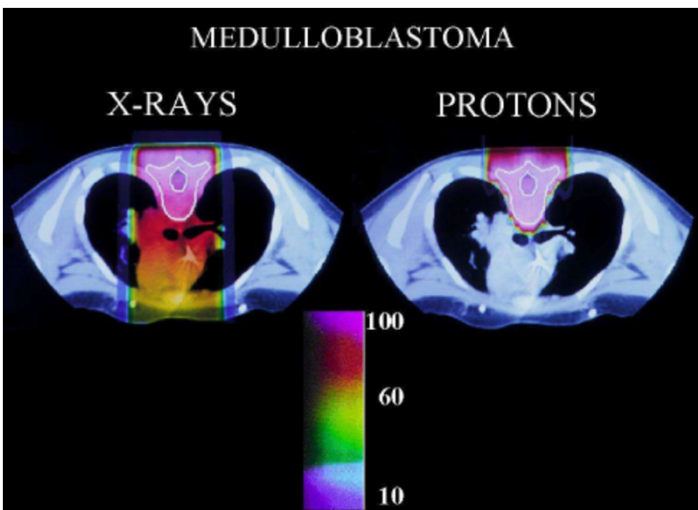
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November 2009: 1. patient treated
October 2012: 1. Gantry treatment
Today: ~ 9000 patients treated

Labs



Proton therapy for Medulloblastoma patients

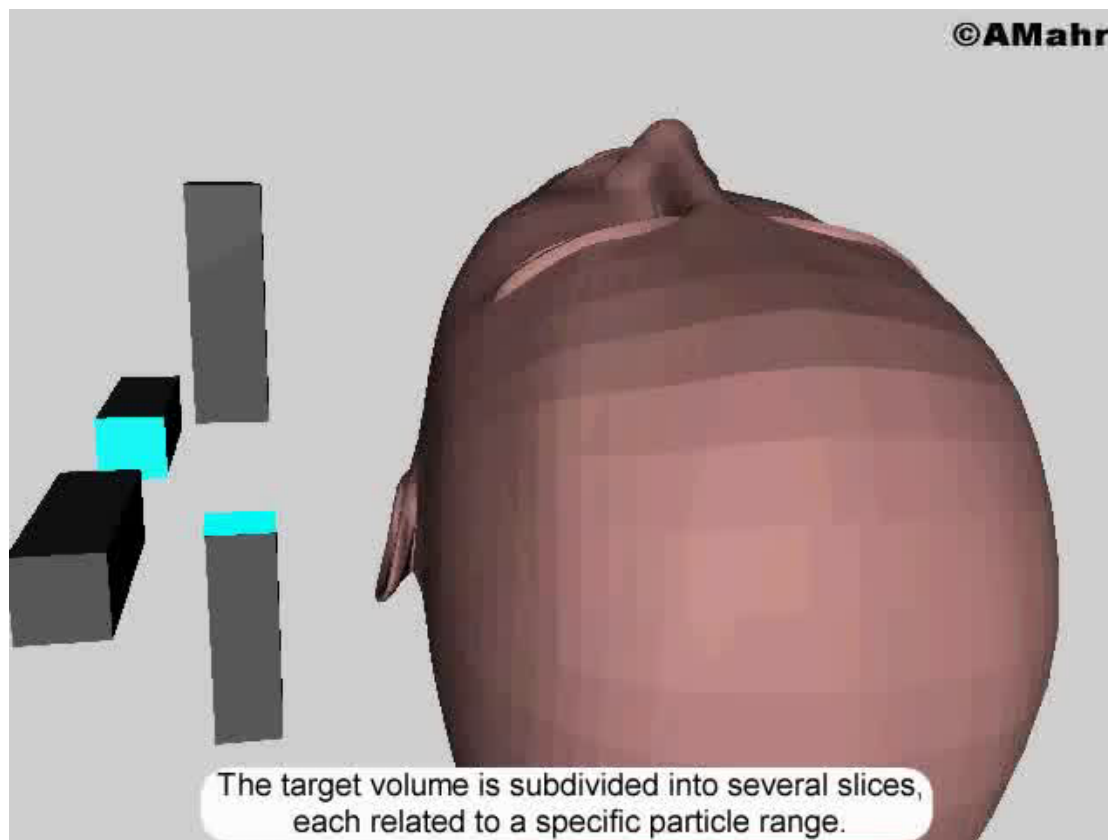


Stokkevåg et al. *Acta Oncol* 2014

No dose to the heart, lung, mediastinum, bowel

Dose delivery by beam scanning

Pointwise delivery with 5mm beam, 1mm resolution in 3D



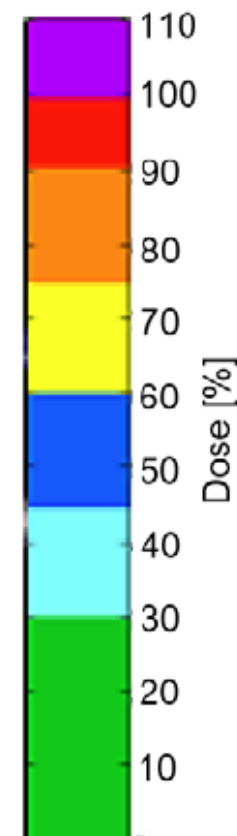
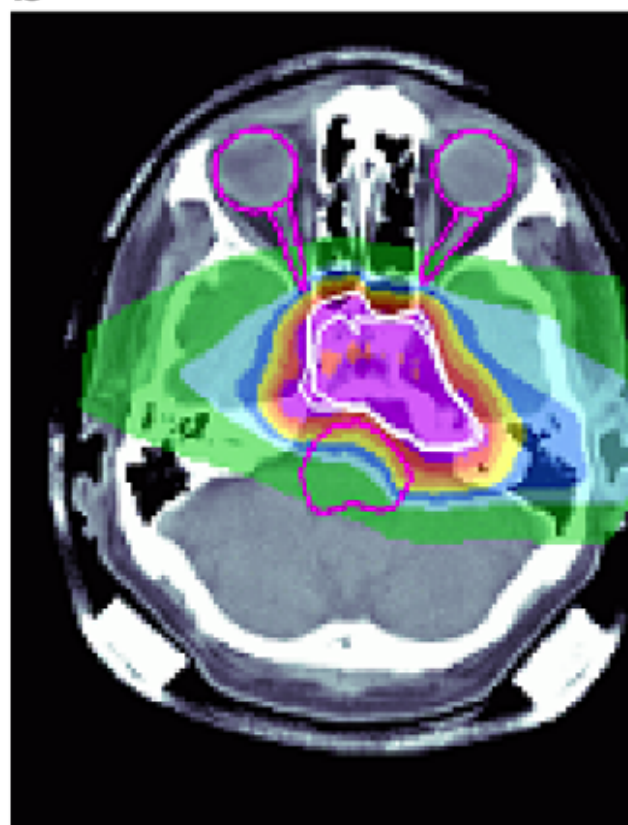
typ. 30-50 energies, 20000 -50000 single beams

Heavier particles have a smaller lateral penumbra

Treatment plan for identical parameters (scanned beams)

Carbon (GSI)

Protons (MGH)

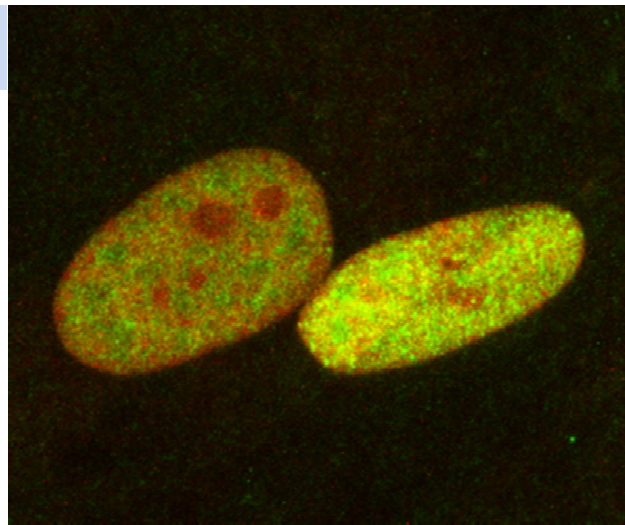


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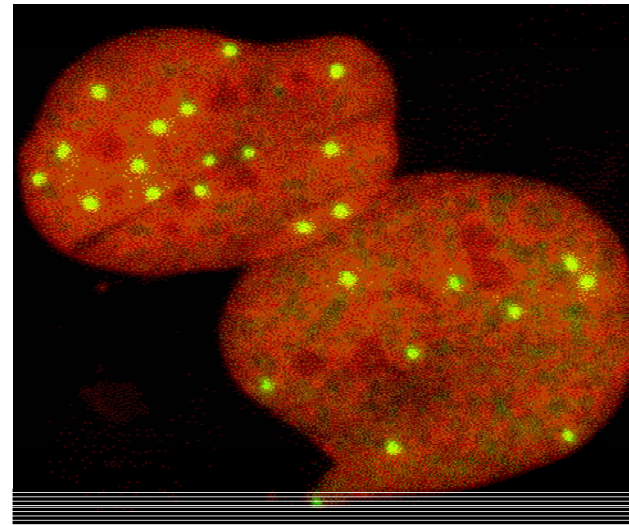
Low vs. high LET



Low LET

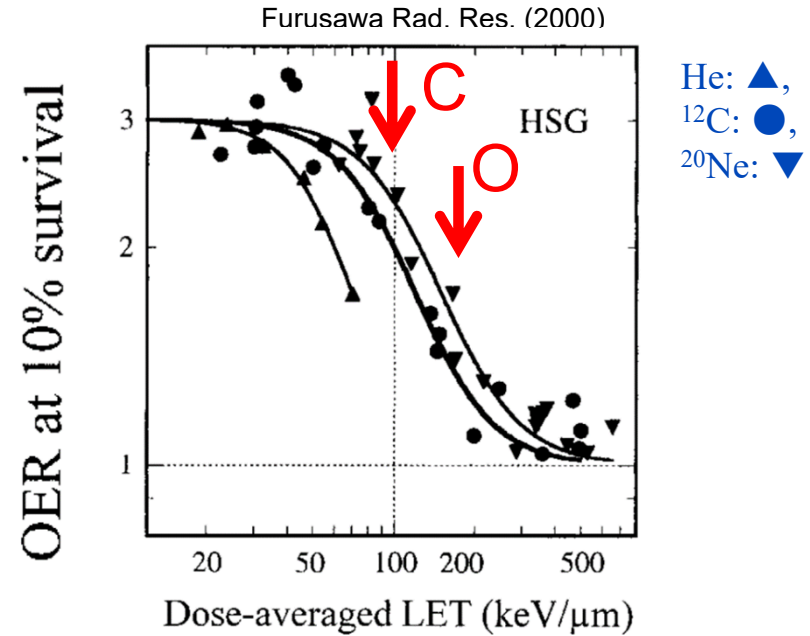
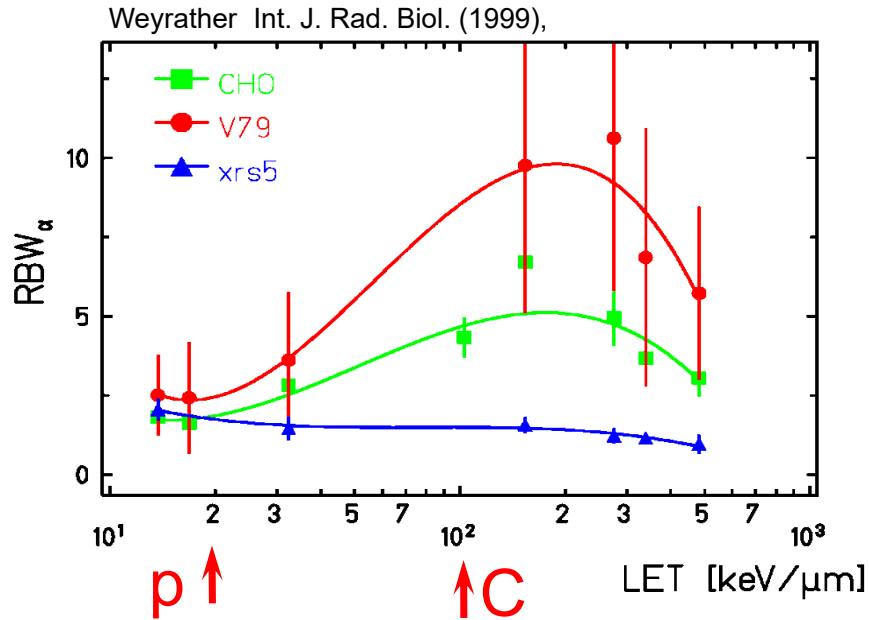


High LET



High LET means, that more of the transferred energy is deposited into a smaller volume along the track!

Biological Effectiveness: RBE and OER



- Increased RBE in resistant tumors.
- Improved outcome in hypoxic tumors.
- Differential RBE for Carbon

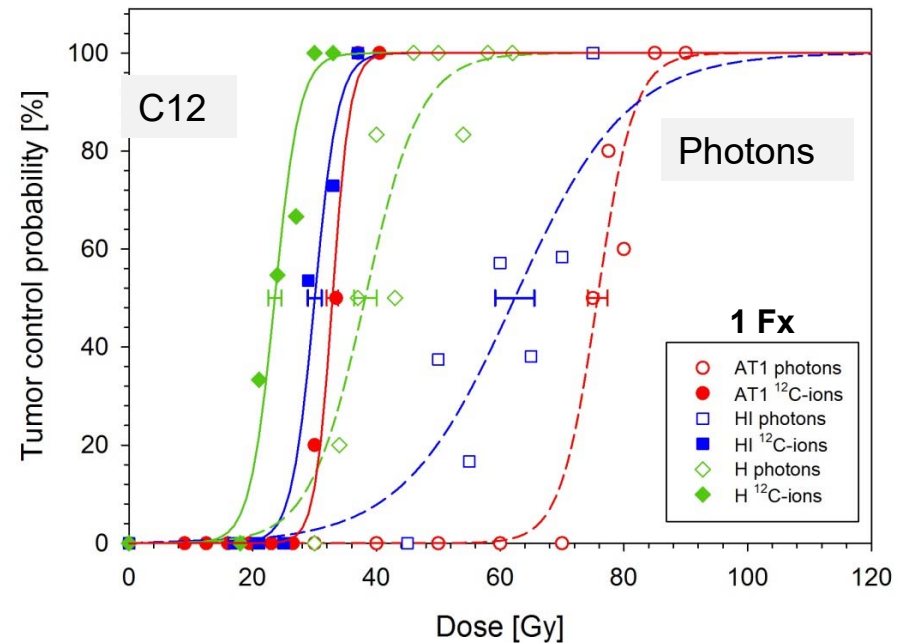
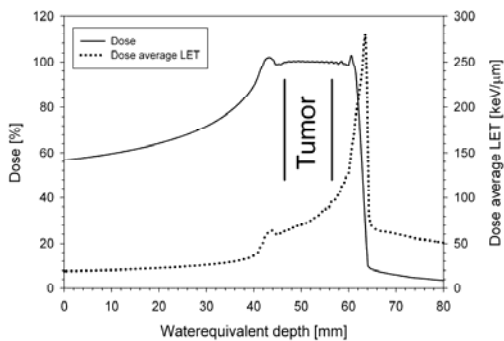
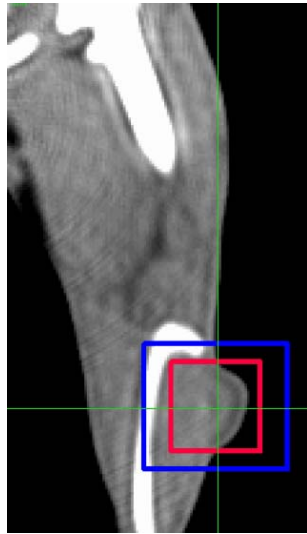


Scanned
Oxygen
beam @HIT

Reduced importance of tumor cell heterogeneity in response to Carbon ion beams

Glowa 2016 (Cancer Lett.)

Xenograft rat tumor model



Tumor*	Progression status	Vol.-doubling time	Hypoxic fraction
AT1	Anaplastic	5 d	High (chronic)
HI	Moderately differentiated	10 d	Moderate (acute)
H	Well differentiated	20d	low

Long term follow up in skull base chordoma

Uhl M et al., Cancer 2014; 120(10)

Cohort:

- **155 patients (76 m + 79 w)**
- median age 48 years (15y -85y)
- Scanned carbon ions
- median total dose **60 Gy, 3 Gy/Fx (RBE)**
- median boost PTV 70 ml (2-294 ml)
- **median follow-up 72 mo. (12-165)**

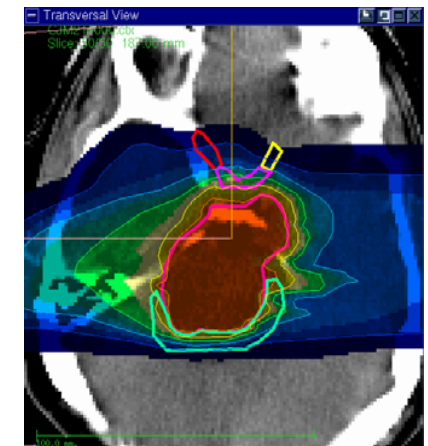
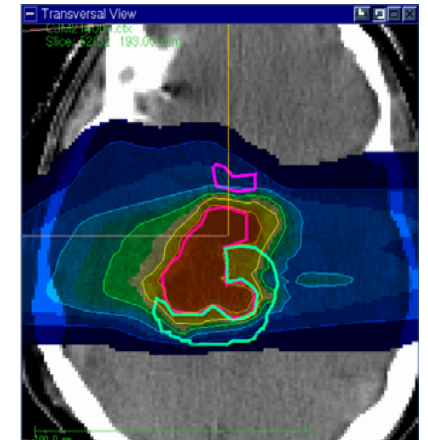
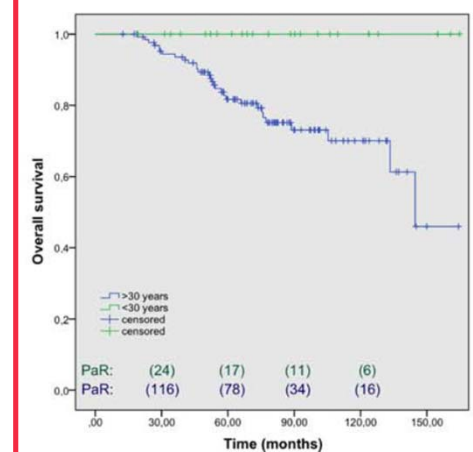
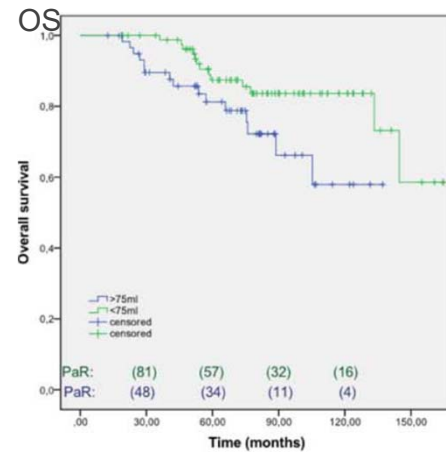
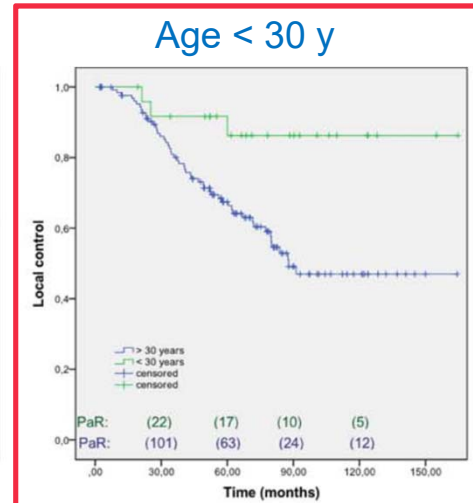
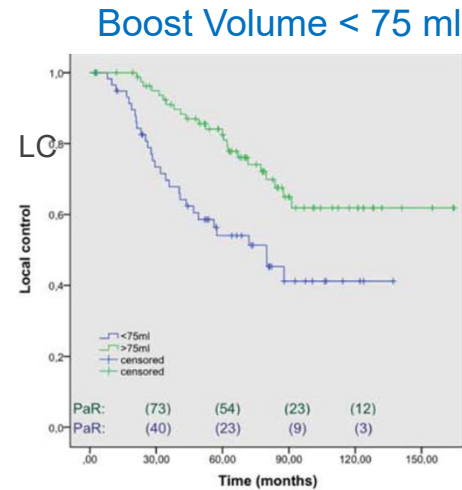
Endpoints:

- local control (LC)
- overall survival (OS)
- long-term toxicity

Results:

- **No higher late toxicity** could be detected after 12 Ctreatment.
- **55 local recurrences (35%)** during f/u

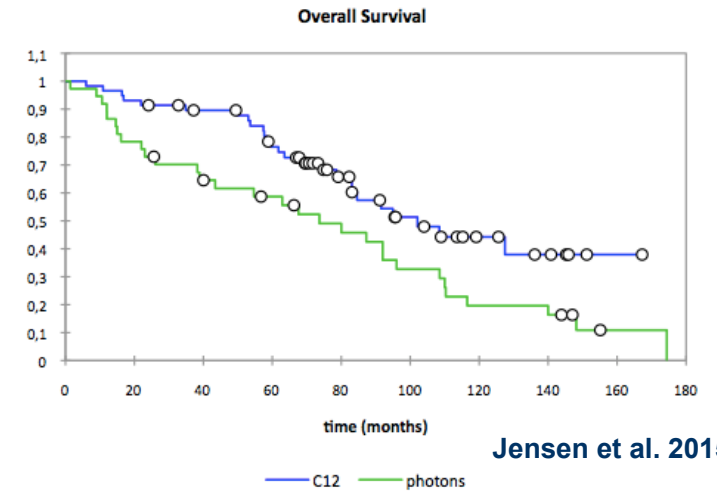
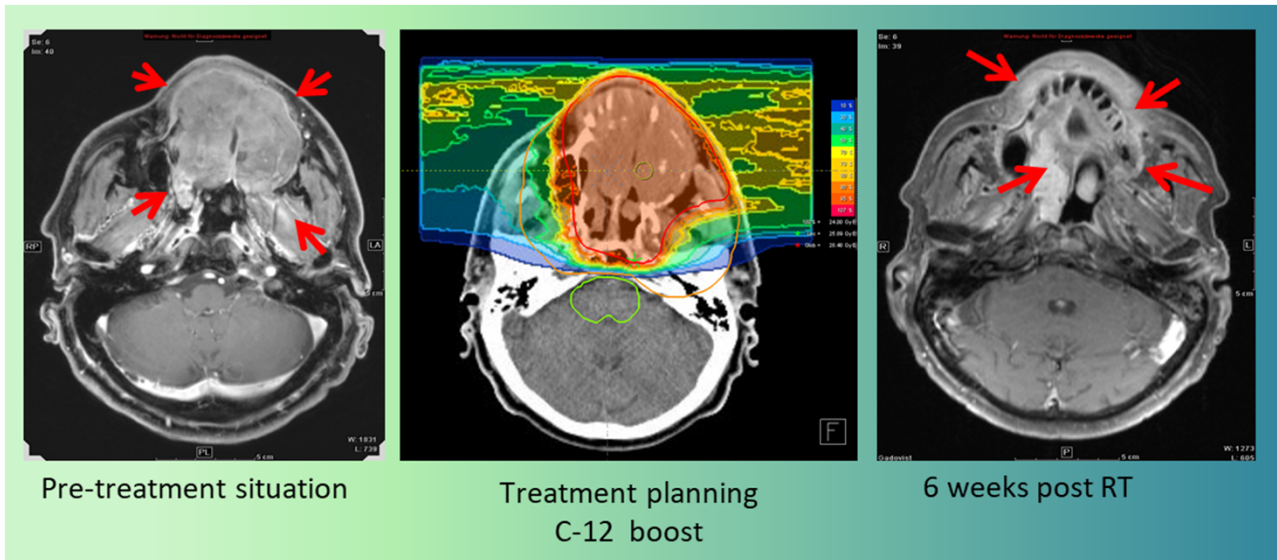
	3 years	5 years	10 years
LC	82%	72%	54%
OS	95%	85%	75%



Locally advanced Adenoidcystic Ca.: COSMIC

- Combined therapy of malignant salivary gland tumors with IMRT and carbon ions
- Phase II feasibility study

- No dose limiting acute toxicity
- Late Toxicity G > CTC grade 2 < 5%



Jensen et al. 2015, Cancer



Original Article

Combined intensity-modulated radiotherapy plus raster-scanned carbon ion boost for advanced adenoid cystic carcinoma of the head and neck results in superior locoregional control and overall survival

Better local tumor control by C-12 irradiation leads to better long-term survival of locally advanced adenoid cystic carcinoma

Thank you for your attention

