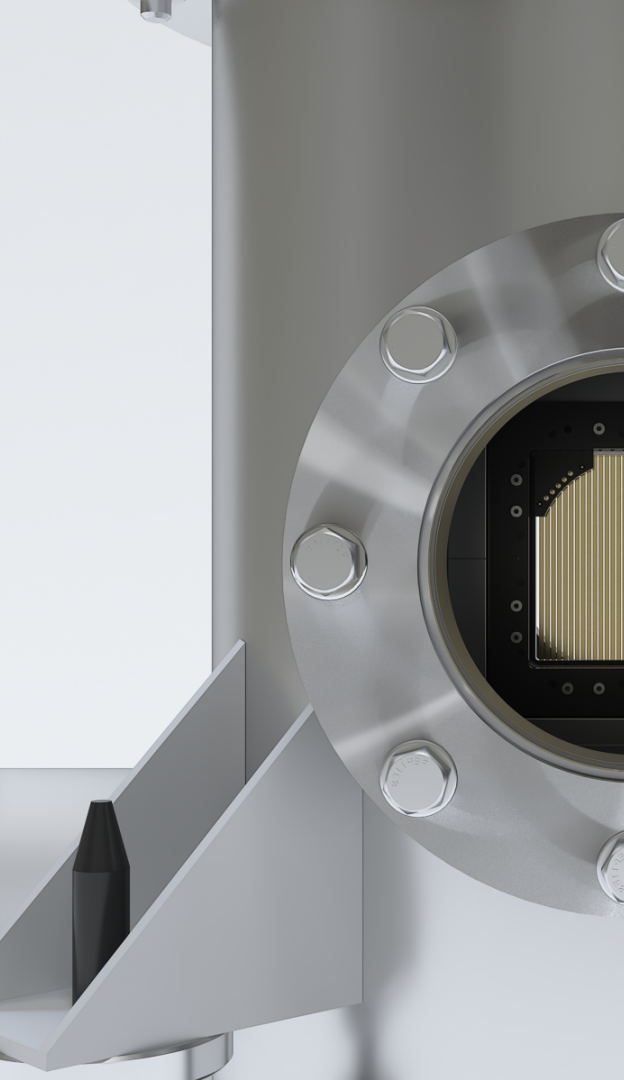




DEVELOPMENT OF A TRANSPARENT PROFILER BASED ON SECONDARY ELECTRONS EMISSION FOR CHARGED PARTICLE BEAMS



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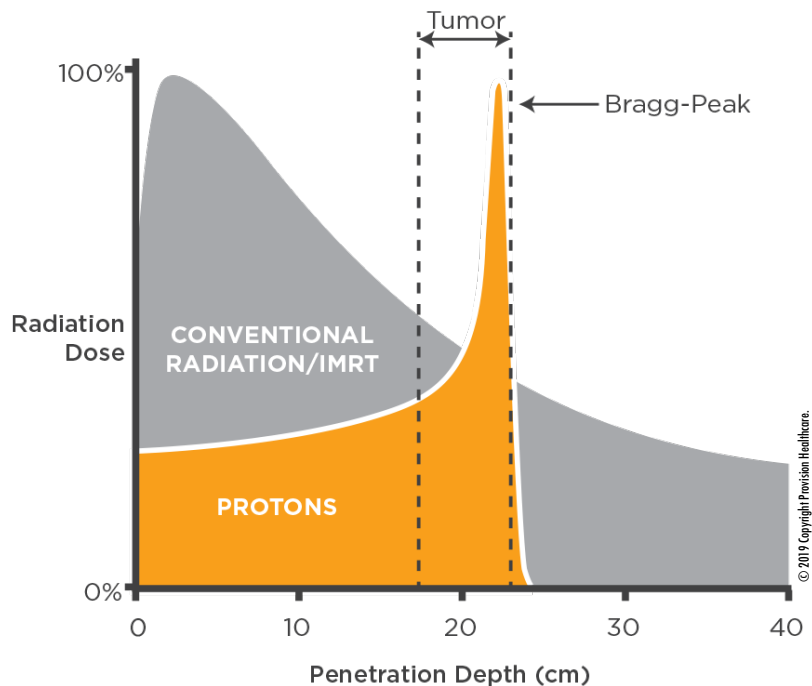
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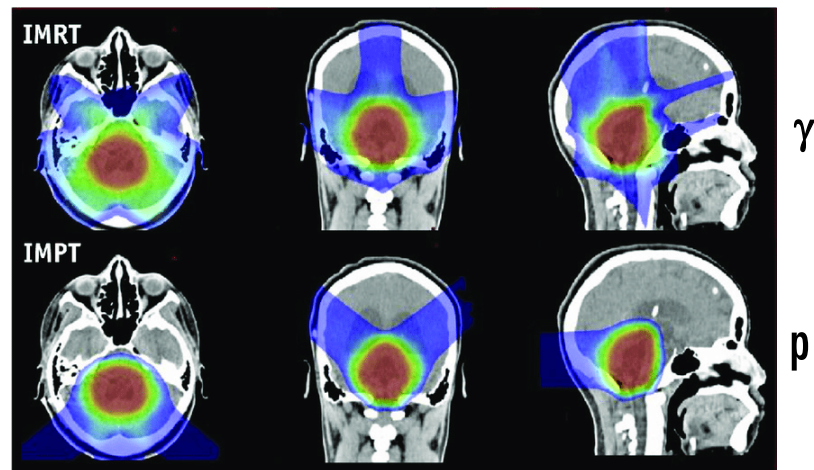
Introduction

Protontherapy context



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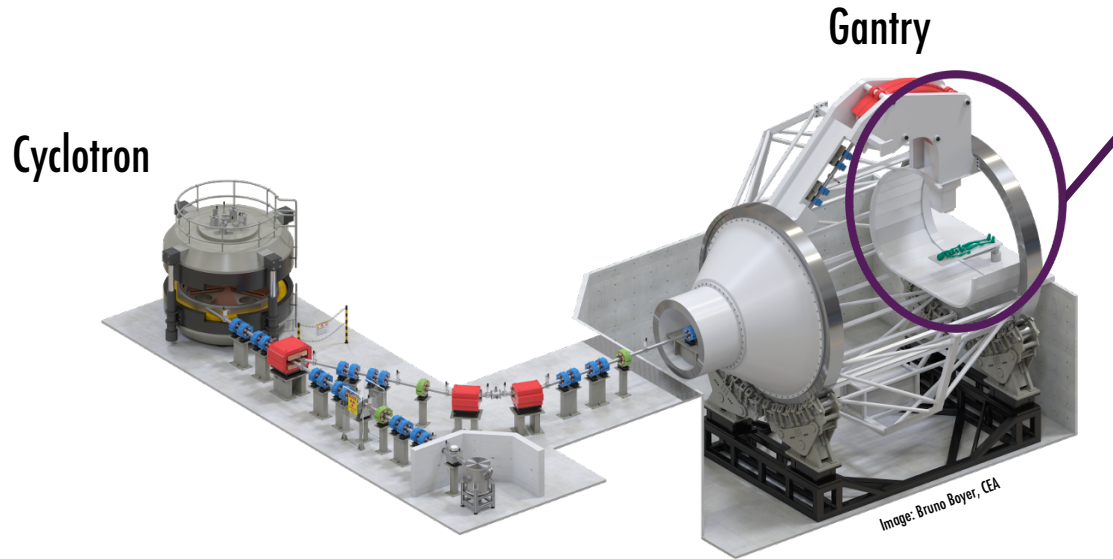
- Resistant tumors
- Non operable
- Pediatrics



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Introduction

Protontherapy



Treatment room



Image IBA

$70 \text{ MeV} < E < 230 \text{ MeV}$

$2\text{-}4 \text{ Gy} / \text{min}$

$40\text{-}50 \text{ Gy treatment}$

Introduction

Measuring without perturbing

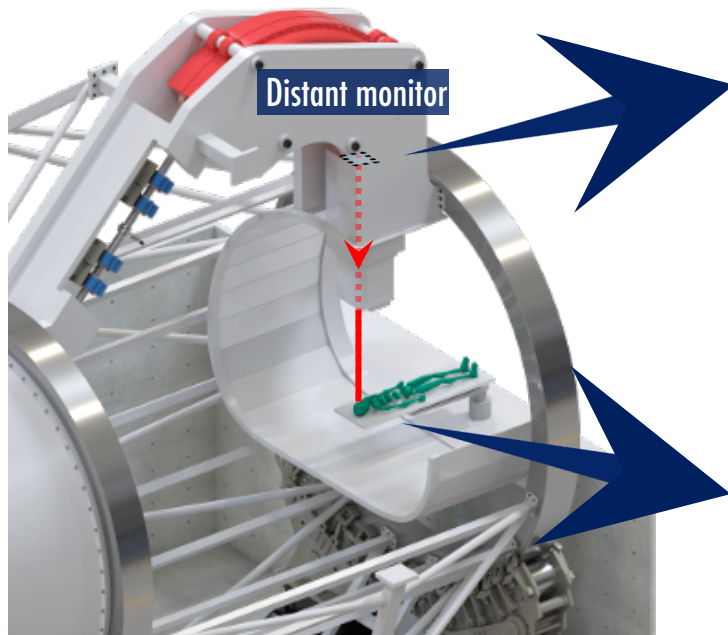
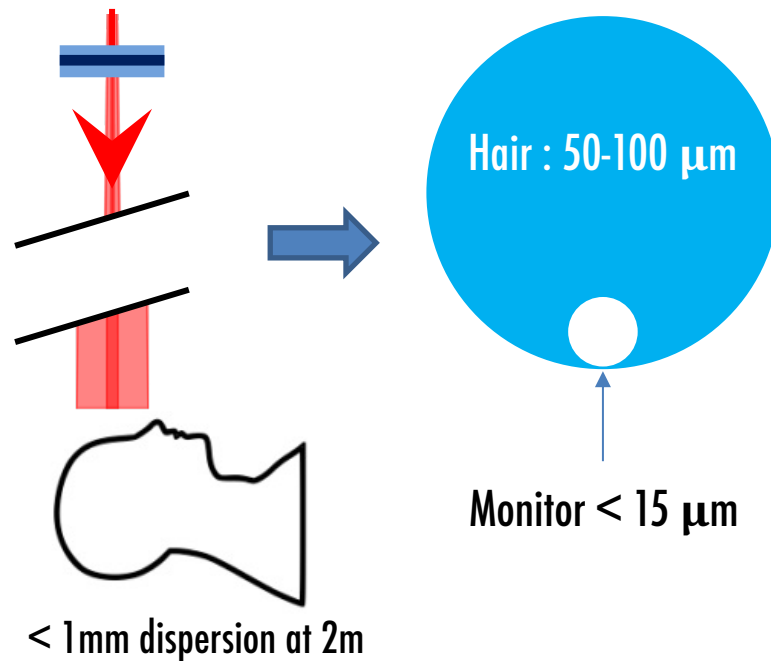
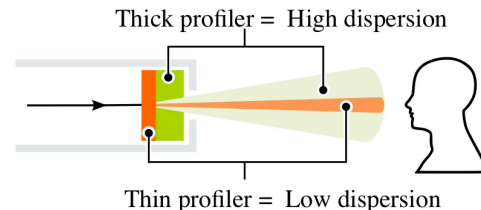


Image: Bruno Boyer, CEA



Introduction

Specifications



Goals



Beam minimal perturbation
 → Material budget: 10 μm WET



Minimum deposited dose 10^8 Gy
 → Radioresistance

Strategy

- PEPITES (Profileur à Electrons secondaires Pour Ions ThérapeutiquES)
- Development of a fully working prototype (2020) for routine operation at ARRONAX cyclotron
- Experience to go on hadrontherapy machines

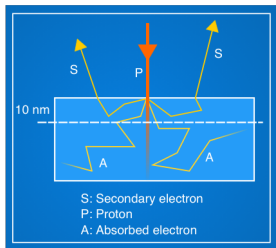
WET: Water Equivalent Thickness ($0.1 \mu\text{m Au} \simeq 1 \mu\text{m water}$ $1 \mu\text{m Kapton} \simeq 1.4 \mu\text{m water}$)

Profileur à Electrons Pour Ions Thérapeutiques

Signal

Secondary Electrons Emission (SEE) :

- Surface process
- Low energy (few eV)
→ Need to work in vacuum
- Rate proportional to dE/dx
→ Linear with beam current
- High signal= high Z → Au



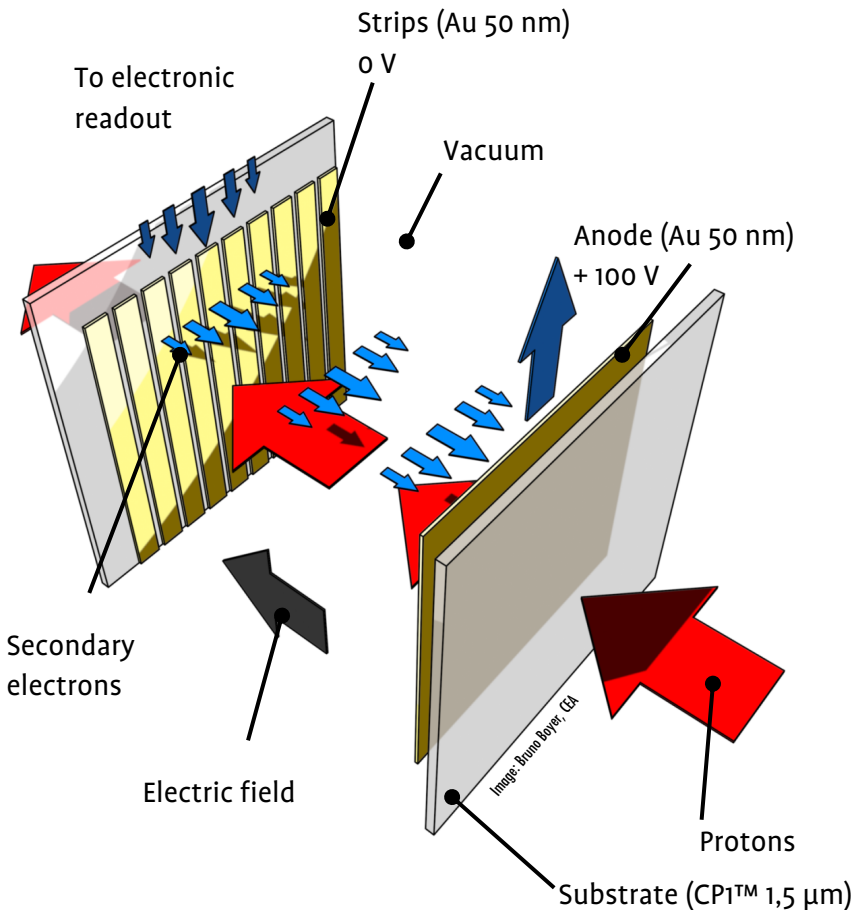
Substrate

CP1™ (Colorless Polyimide) :

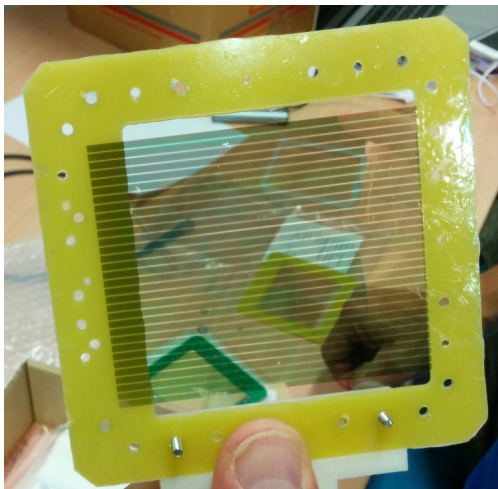
- Thermostable
- Radioresistant
- Used for solar sails !

Fabrication

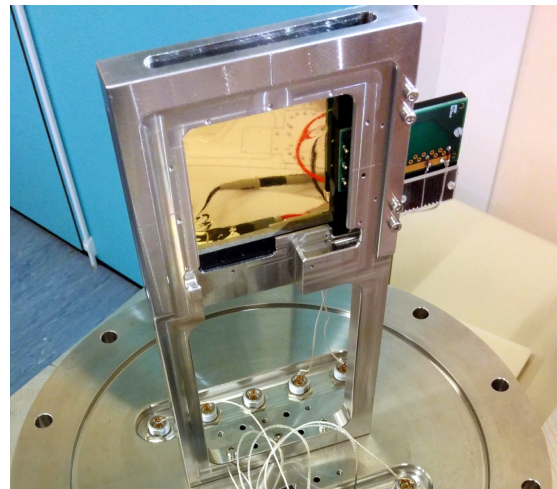
Thin film methods: Chemical Vapor Deposition (CVD)



Pictures



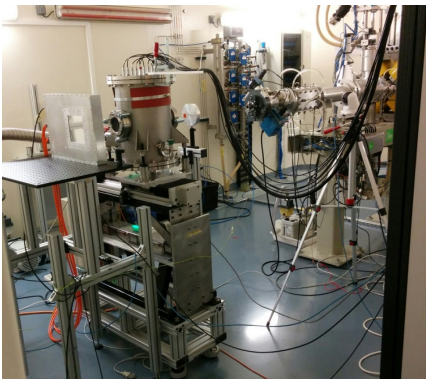
Strips, CP1[™] 1,5 μm + Au 50 nm



Support mounted Anode plane

Test Beam

Validation (ARRONAX)



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4 strips prototype,
profiles from **170 fA** to **10 nA** (proton beam)

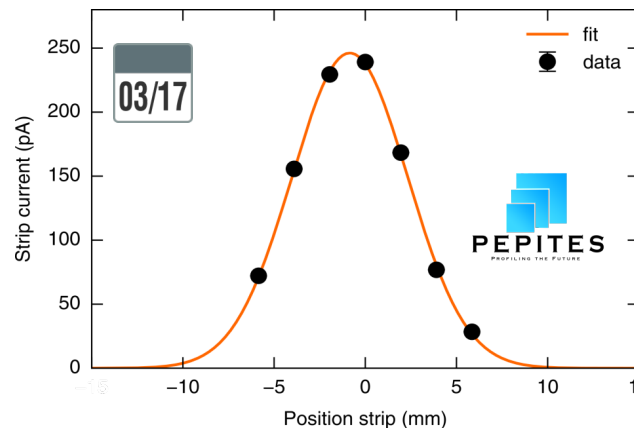
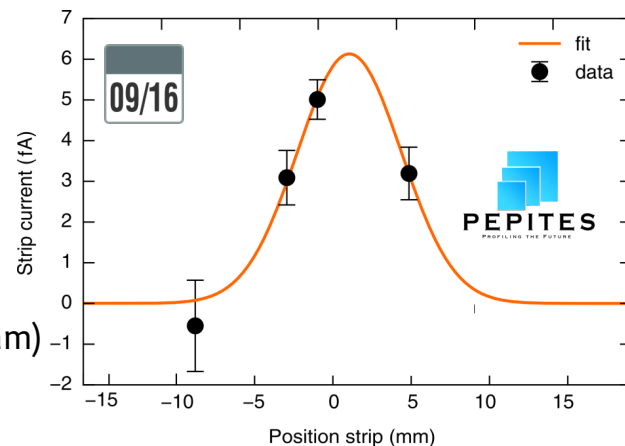
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7 strips prototype
Profiles up to **10 nA** (proton beam)

→ **PEPITES validated on a wide dynamic range**

ARRONAX has no profiler for this beam current range (1- 10 nA).

Therapeutic beams : 5 nA and more in the future



Test Beam

Signal studies (ARRONAX + CPO)

02/18

SEE rate up to **100 nA**
protons 32, 40, 50 et 68 MeV

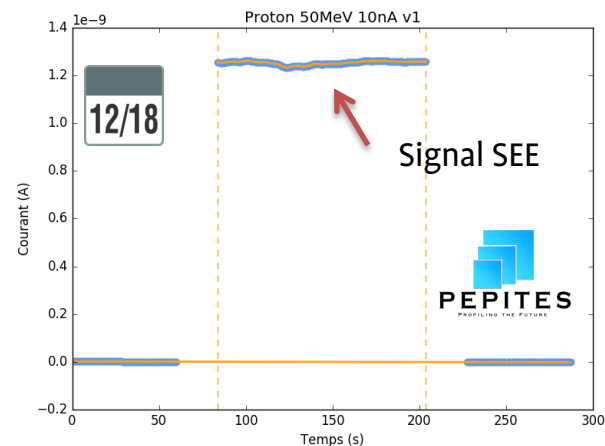
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SEE rate up to **100 nA**
protons 32, 40, 50 et 68 MeV
alpha 68 MeV (17 MeV/u) : **analyses on-going**

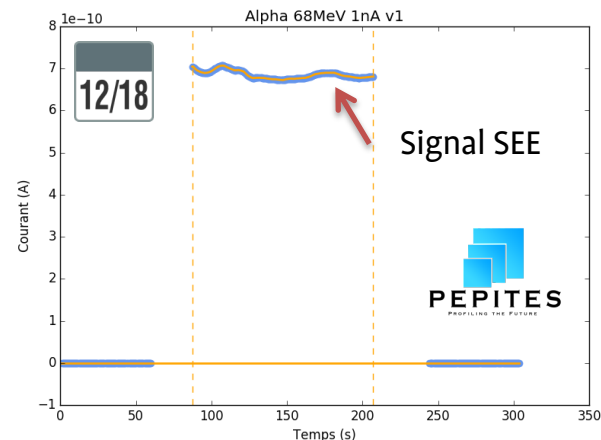
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Centre de Protonthérapie d'Orsay (CPO),
protons 100 to 230 MeV, nA beam
(therapeutic conditions)

To be published



SEE, protons 50 MeV



SEE, Alpha 68 MeV

Test Beam

Radiations studies

Laboratoire des Solides Irradiés (LSI)

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Electrons 2 MeV : 10^7 Gy

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Electrons 2 MeV : 10^8 and 10^9 Gy

25 μ A for beam current

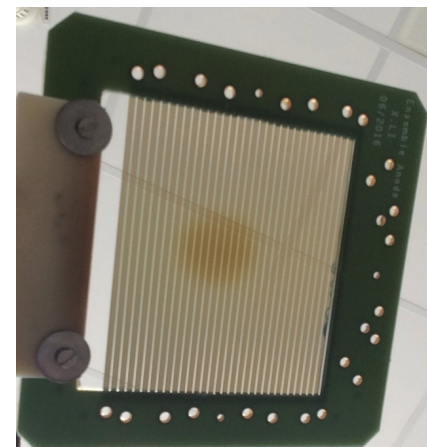
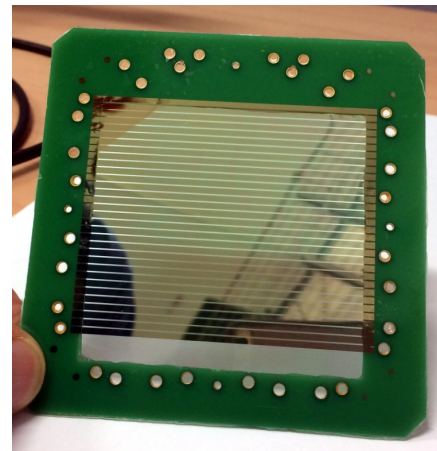
Particle	e- 2 MeV	P 200 keV	P 2 MeV	P 70 MeV	P 230 MeV
dE/dx CP1 (MeV cm ² /g)	1.6	0.7	140	8.7	3.7

Centre de Sciences Nucléaires et de Sciences de la Matière (CSNSM)

Protons 2 MeV and 200 keV (nuclear effects
important, max interaction at CP1/Au
interface) : 10^8 Gy

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→ CP1™ validated



Irradiated CP1™ at LSI
before/after

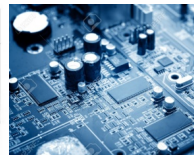
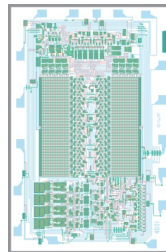
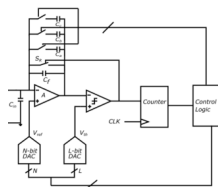
Electronic Readout

Dedicated ASIC

- Development by CEA-DEDI (Saclay, France)
- Large dynamic range (1 fA – 10 nA per channel)
- Techno XFAB 180 nm



Here we are



SPECS
01/19 – 02/19

DESIGN
03/19 – 06/19

LAYOUT
07/19 – 09/19

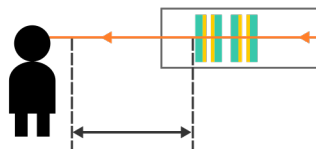
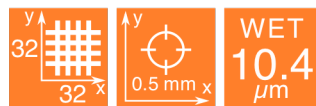
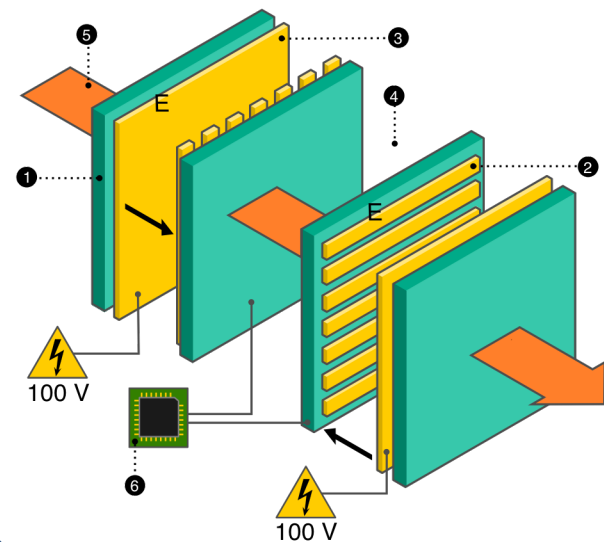
TAPEOUT
10/19 – 12/19

PCB
01/20 – 03/20

TEST
04/20 – 06/20

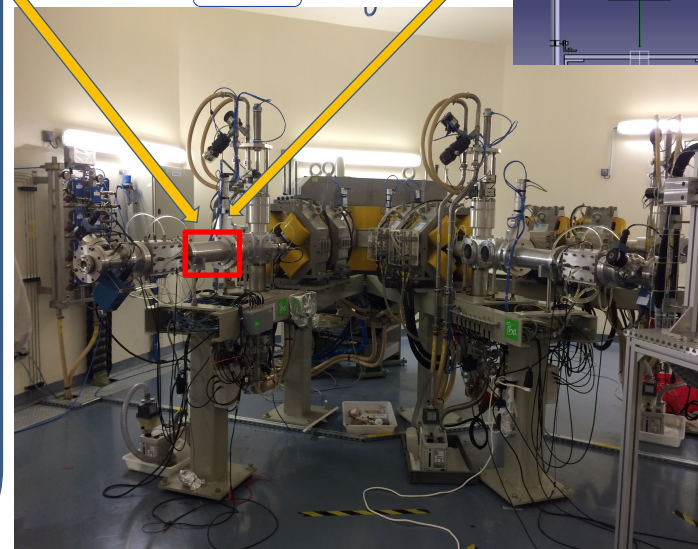
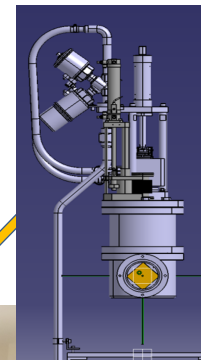
PEPITES at ARRONAX

Schematic layout



1. Polyimide (CP1™ 1.5 μm)
2. Cathode strips (Au 50 nm)
3. Anode (Au 50 nm)
4. Vacuum
5. Incident beam
6. Readout electronics

Insertion (in-off beam)



Assets



Membranes in vacuum free from mechanical constraints

→ **Radio-induced damages of less consequence**



Ultra-thinness

- Low heating from beam

→ **Tolerate high beam intensities**



SEE linearity

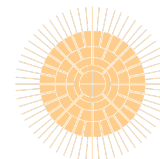
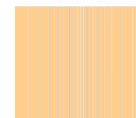
→ **Wide dynamic range**



Thin film techniques

- Flexible methods

→ **Adaptation to beam specifications**



Conclusions

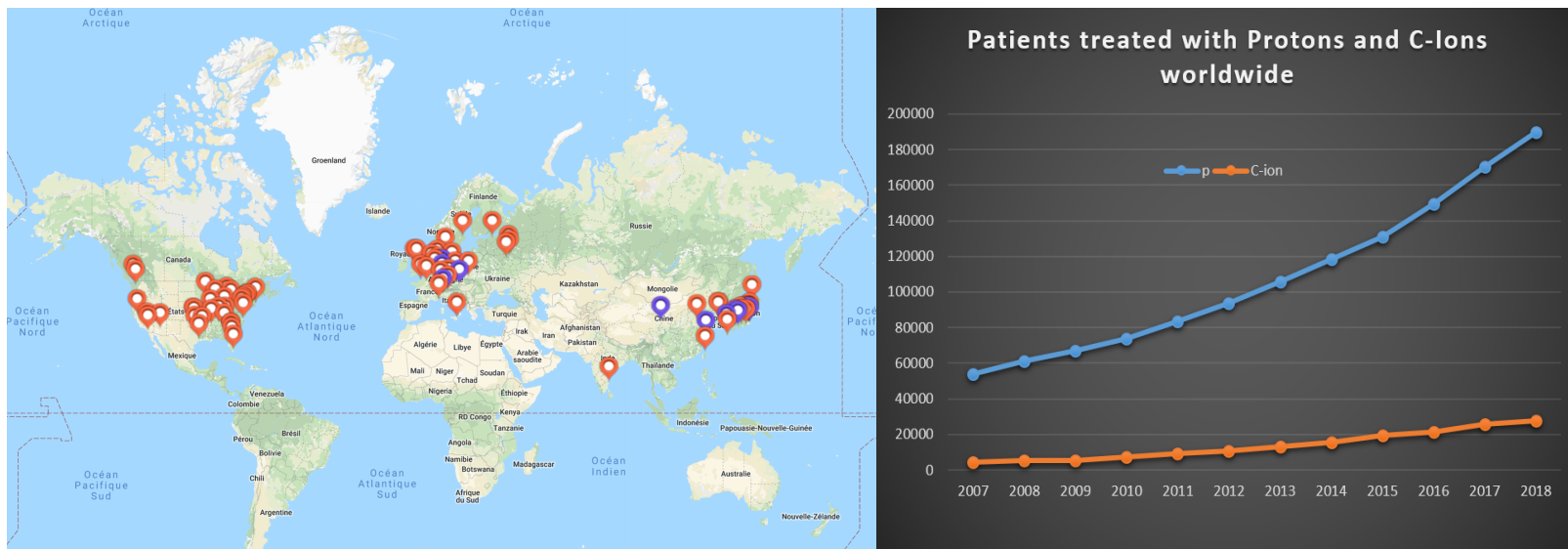
- PEPITES: a fully working ultra-thin beam monitor prototype
 - 10 μm WET
 - Able to continuously monitor beam parameters
- Installation at ARRONAX cyclotron (2020)
 - Routine operation
 - Trough further installation on other machines



Perspectives

To Medical applications

Routine operation → Precise knowledge of the detector → trough particle therapy



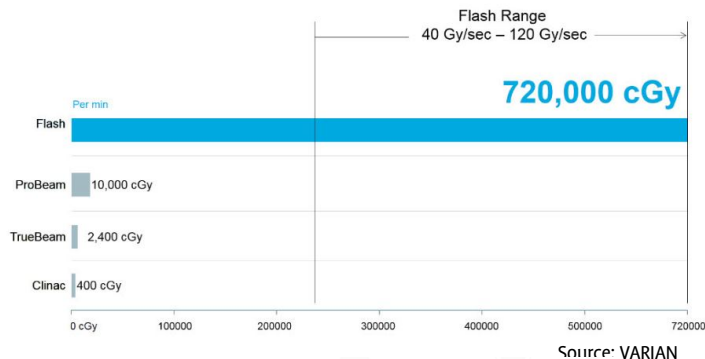
90 particle RT centers worldwide (+ 45 in construction and 25 in project)

Prospective

Future medical applications

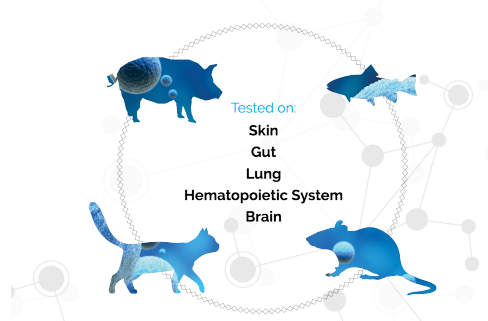


Ultra high dose rates



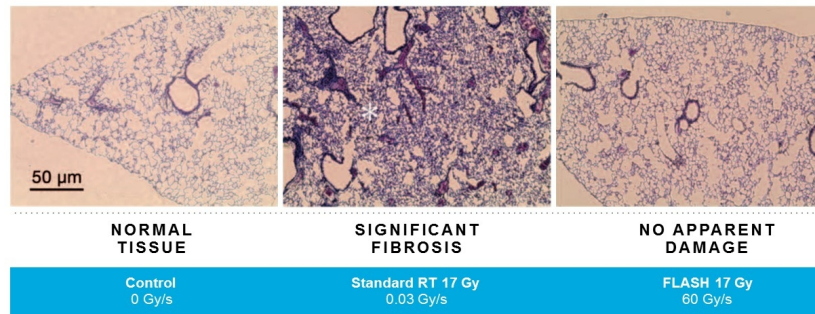
THE FLASH EFFECT

FLASH-RT does not induce damages at the normal tissue level



FLASH THERAPY

Flash spares normal tissue



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