



Applications

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Medical Applications in IPARCOS

- Motivation (this slide)
- Training
- Improvements in the description of the interaction of radiation and matter
- Instrumentation
- Applications and transfer to industry
- Following the lead of...
 - Institut Curie in France
 - Most large international particle and/or nuclear physics and/or cosmology/astrophysics institute or large national labs have a division for applications in medicine: GSI (Germany), CERN, BNL, INFN

In Spain: CIEMAT, IFIC/IFIMED, IFAE, CNA, IGFAE, not quite the same

Training: IPARCOS has access to one of the largest number of physics graduates in Europe



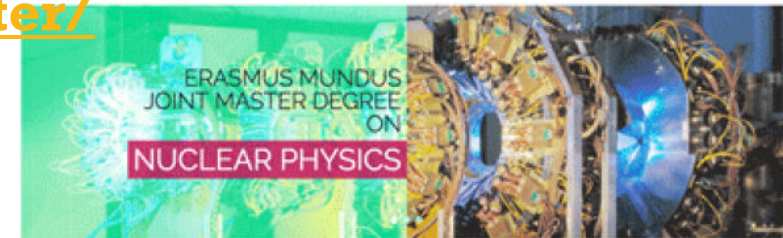
- Master in Biomedical Physics, coordinated by Fernando Arqueros

<https://www.ucm.es/masterfisicabiomedica/fisica-biomedica>

- Interuniversity Master in Nuclear Physics and European Master in Nuclear Physics (NUPHYS), coordinated at UCM by José M. Udías

<http://nuclear.fis.ucm.es/master/>

<http://www.emm-nucphys.eu/>



- PhD Program in Physics

- Favourite student pick: More than 50 MSc projects about applications in medicine during the last years. About 10 PhD defended.



Instrumentation: essentially the same devices are used for applications and for state of the art experiments

For instance: Characterization and modelling of SiPMs

Activities:

- Experimental characterization and waveform analysis
- Statistical models of afterpulsing and crosstalk
- Modelling of nonlinear response
- Gamma-ray spectroscopy with scintillation crystals

Collaborations:

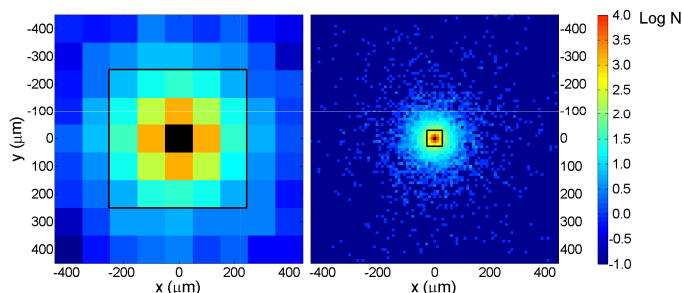
- Hamamatsu
- Institute of Microelectronics of Barcelona (IMB-CNM)

References:

- L. Gallego, J. Rosado, F. Blanco and F. Arqueros, [2013 JINST 8 P05010](#)
- J. Rosado and S. Hidalgo, [2015 JINST 10 P10031](#)
- J. Rosado, [NIMA 912 \(2018\) 39-42](#)



Setup for gamma-ray spectroscopy with scintillator, J. Rosado et al.



Simulation of optical crosstalk

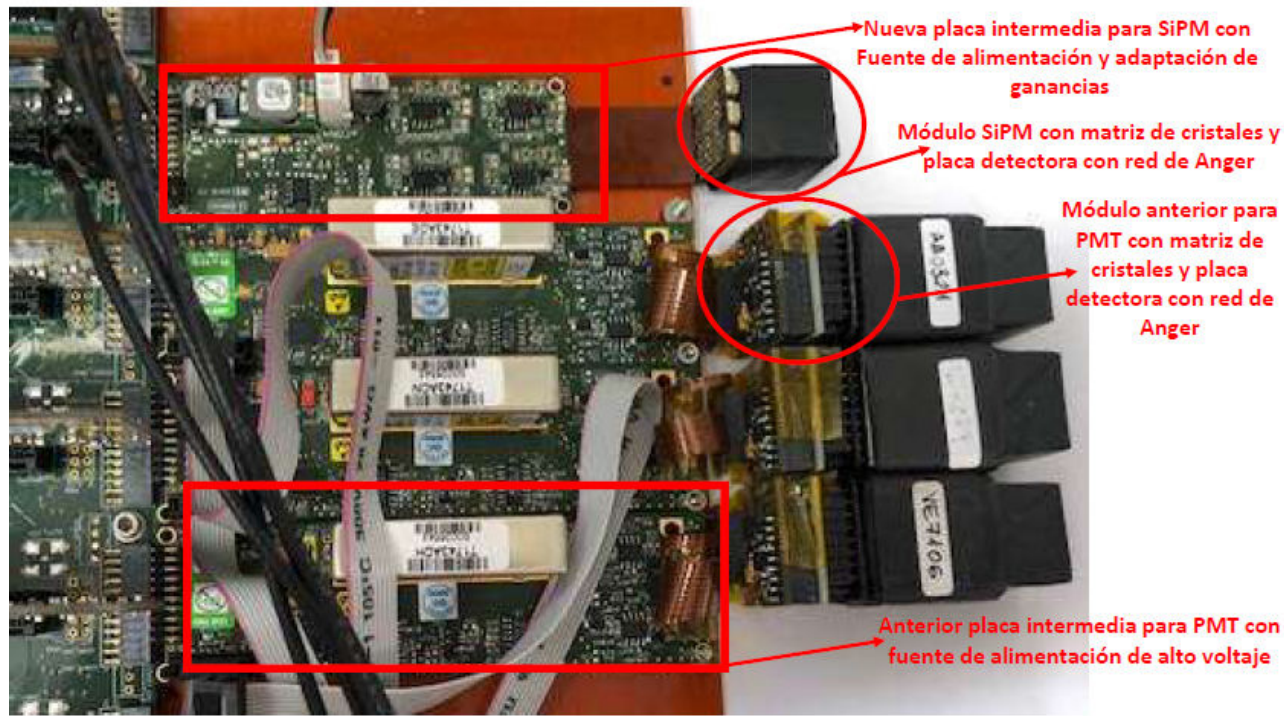


Setup for PET detector, JM Udías et al.
Proyecto RTC-2015-3772-1 with SEDECAL
Molecular Imaging (SMI)

MRI COMPATIBLE DOI-ToF PET DETECTOR

- Designed and developed by SEDECAL in partnership with UC3M and IPARCOS (Proyecto Retos Colaboración RTC-2015-3772-1, gobierno de España)
http://nuclear.fis.ucm.es/webgrupo_2014/proyectos/Retos-colaboracion-2015.html

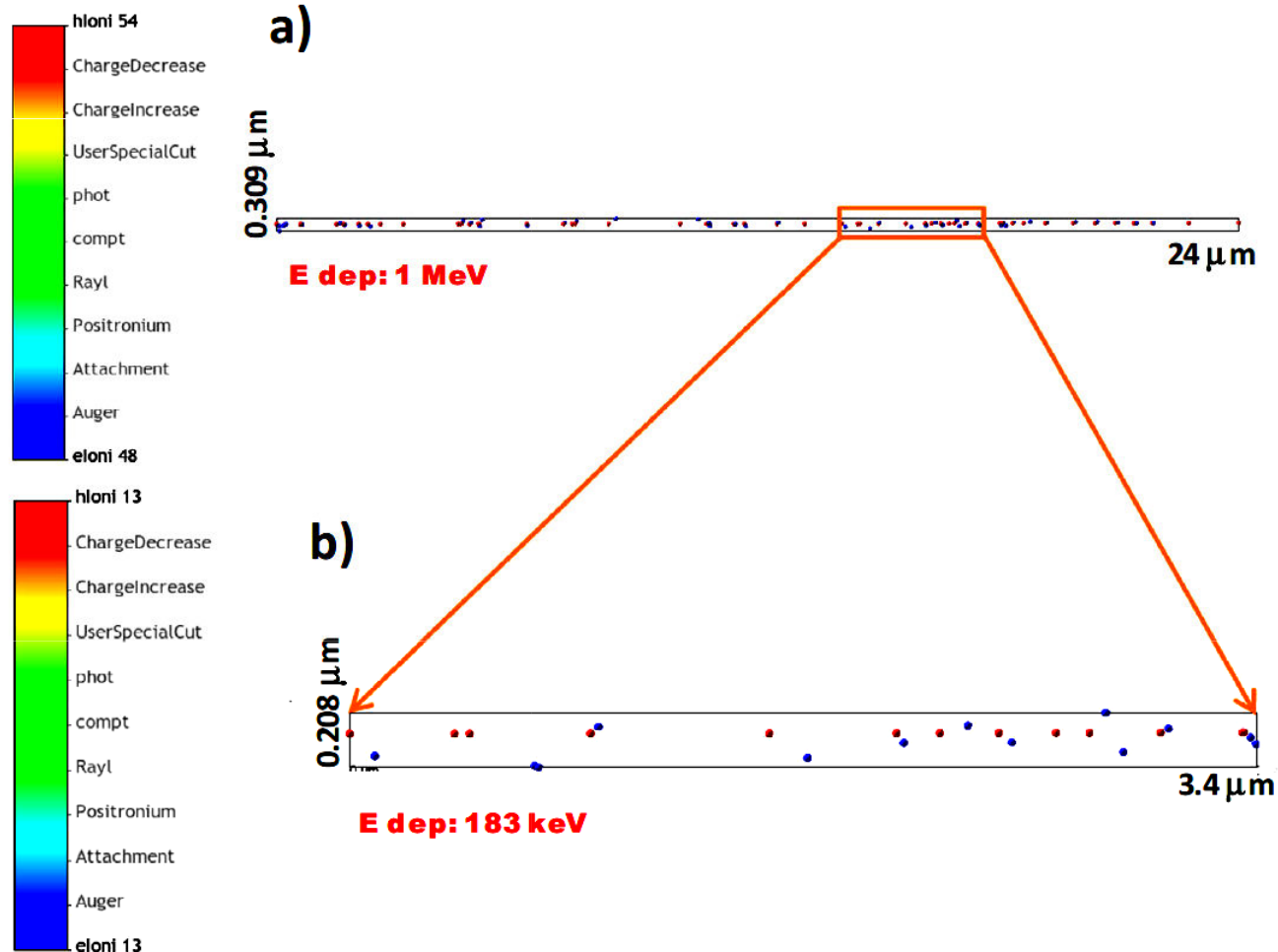
- High sensitivity, high spatial (< 1 mm) and time resolution (< 250 ps) detector, MRI compatible**
- Substitute PMT by SiPM**
- New array of scintillators and electronics**
- New RF and magnetic materials and shieldings**
- Tested in a system, with new and old detectors**



Fundamental Physics: Detailed calculations of radiation-matter interactions. Towards nano-dosimetry

LOW ENERGY PARTICLE TRACK SIMULATION

Francisco Blanco *et al.*



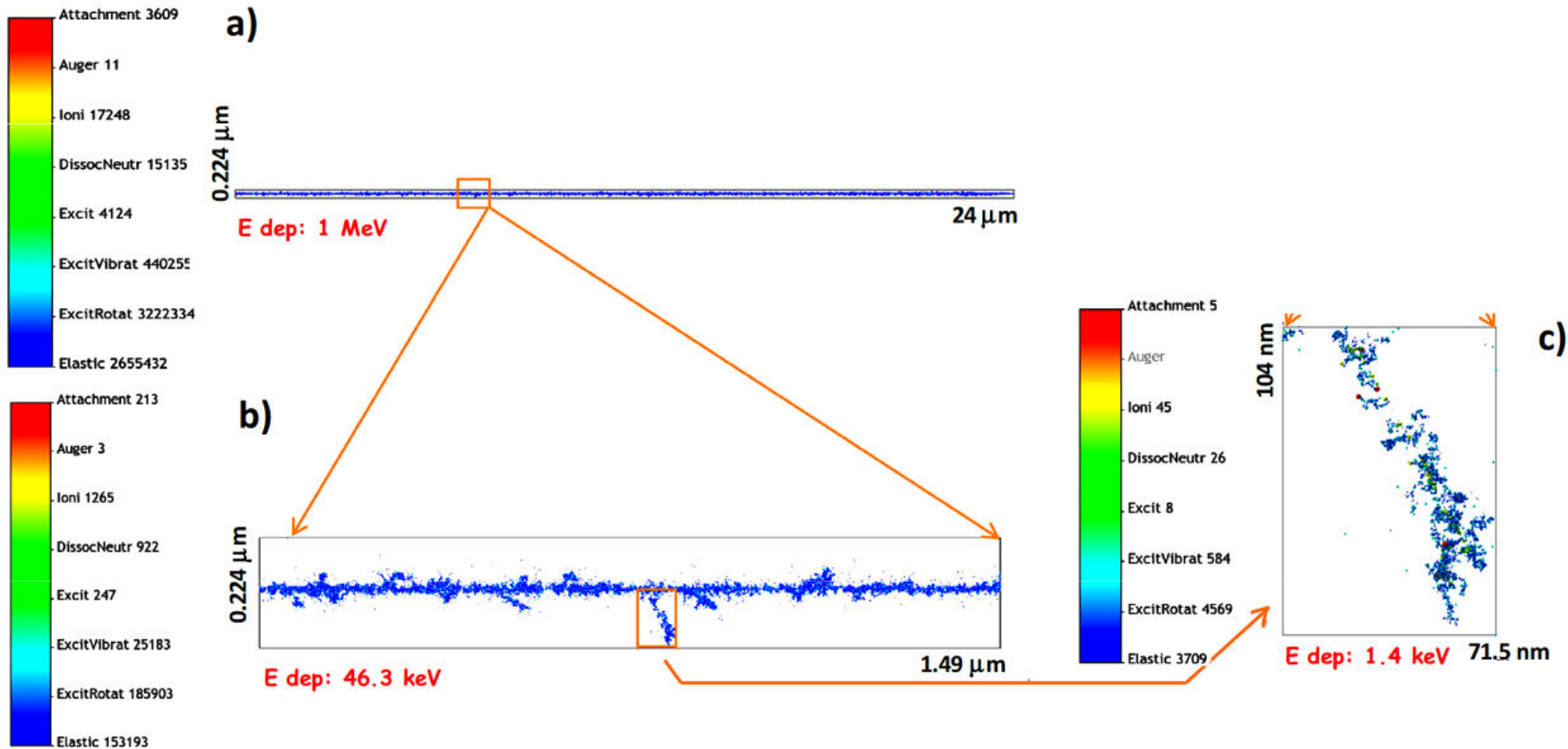
1 MeV protons, GEANT4 standard

Towards nano-dosimetry

LOW ENERGY PARTICLE TRACK SIMULATION (LEPTS)

Francisco Blanco *et al.*, Radiation Physics and Chemistry 130 (2017) 371–378

The European Phys. J. D (2015) 69: 188



GEANT4-DNA y LEPTS to track electrons. Interactions considered down to very low energies, including ionizing dissociations, excitations and attachment.

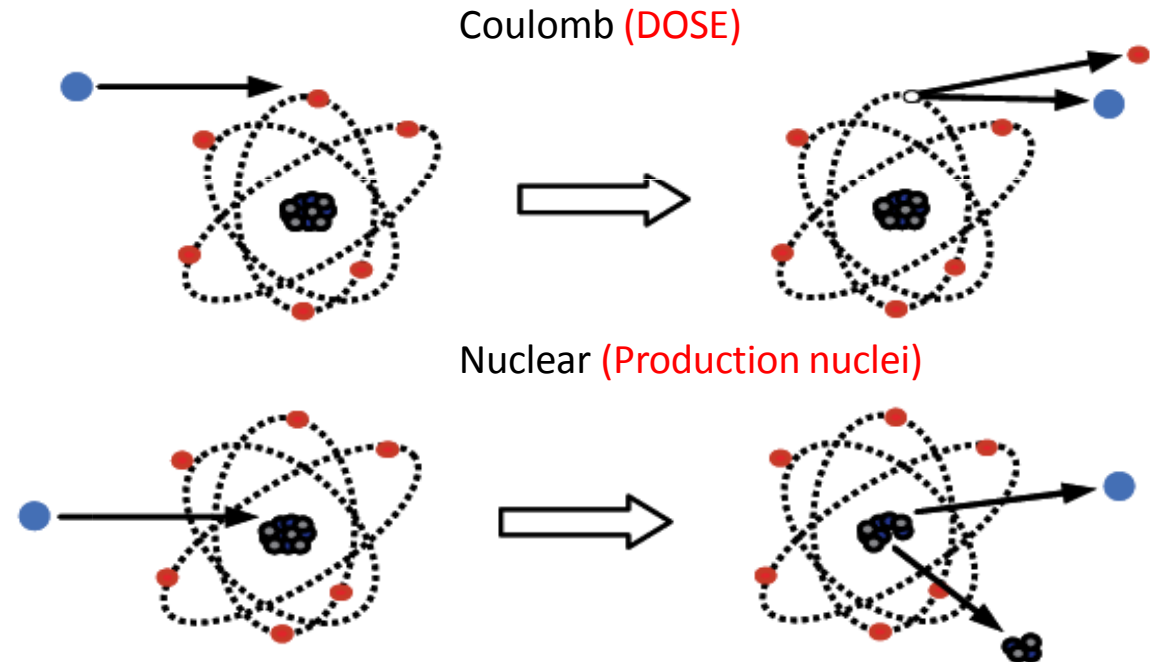
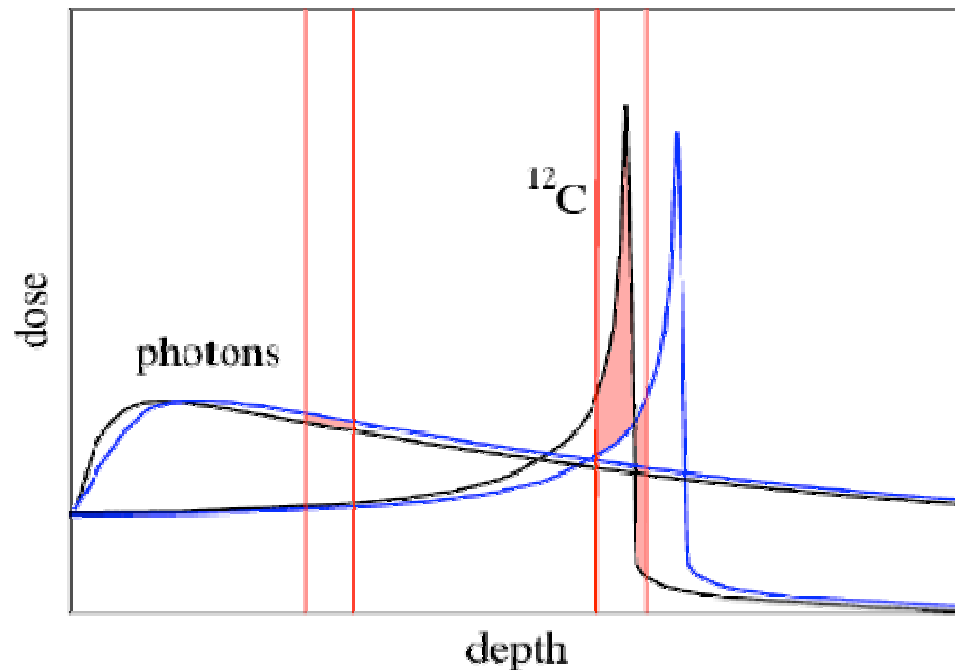
Fundamental tool to understand RBE of protons and heavy ions

Nuclear Activation during hadrontherapy

Towards accurate proton range verification tools

PRONTO: Protontherapy and Nuclear Techniques for Oncology

LM Fraile, coordinator



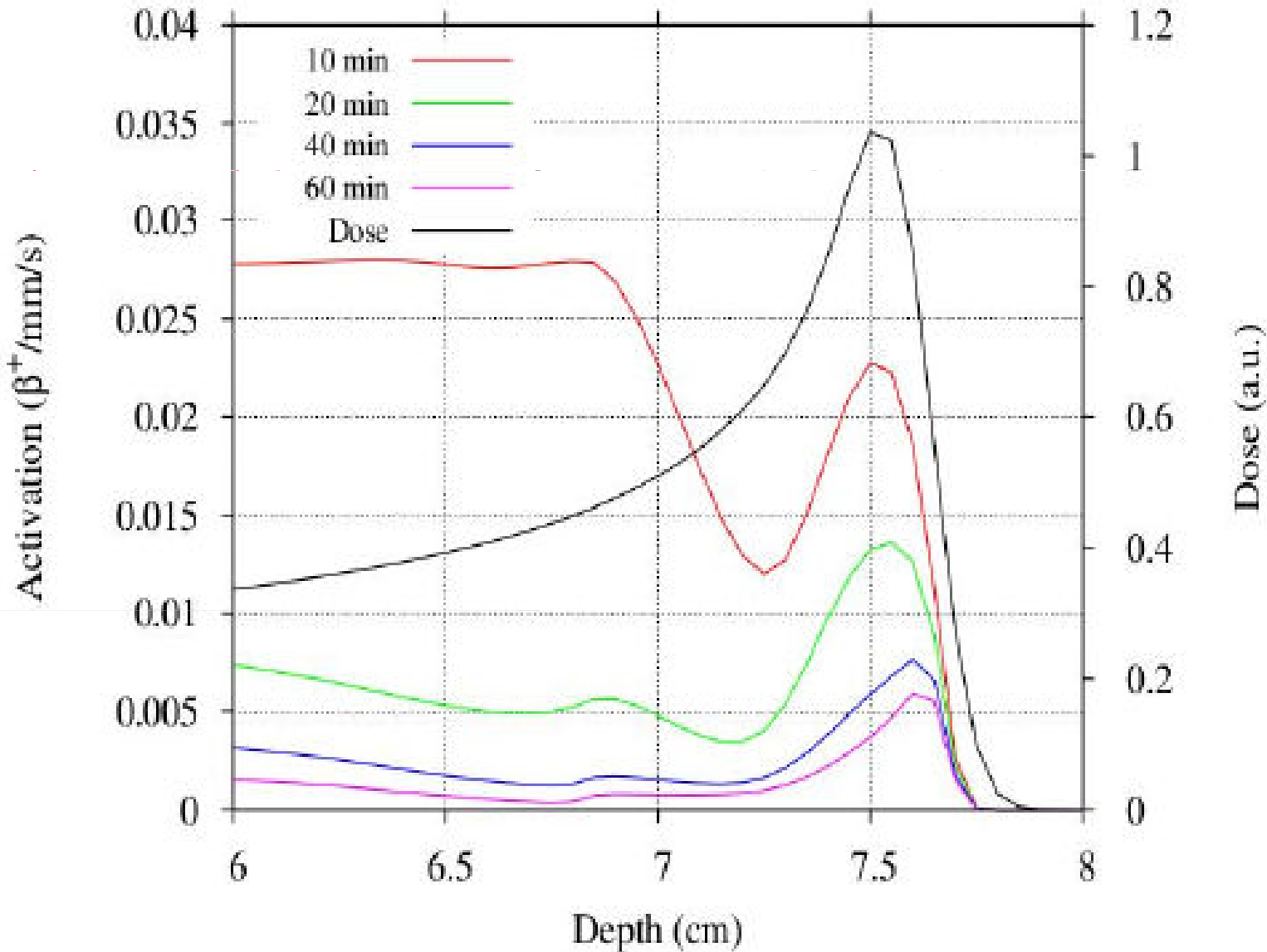
Nuclear reactions and projectile fragmentation contribute to dose and to nuclear activation. Radiation from activated nuclei can be used for range verification

Proof of concept experiment performed at CMAM. Irradiating natural Zn foils with 10 MeV protons and imaging on a high resolution PET scanner. LM Fraile et al., NIMA 814, 110 (2016)

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Towards accurate proton range verification tools

Emission Profiles in Water-180 at Different Times



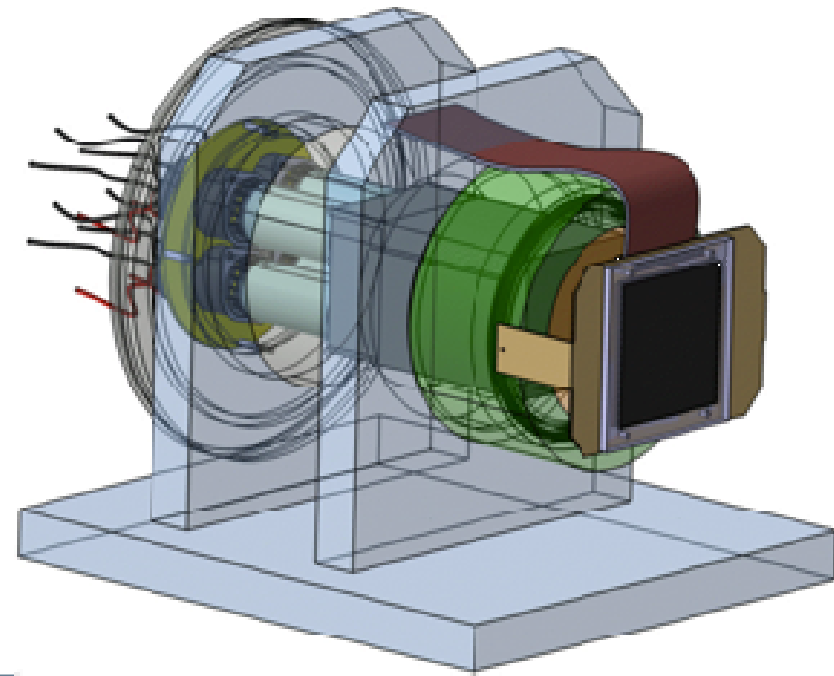
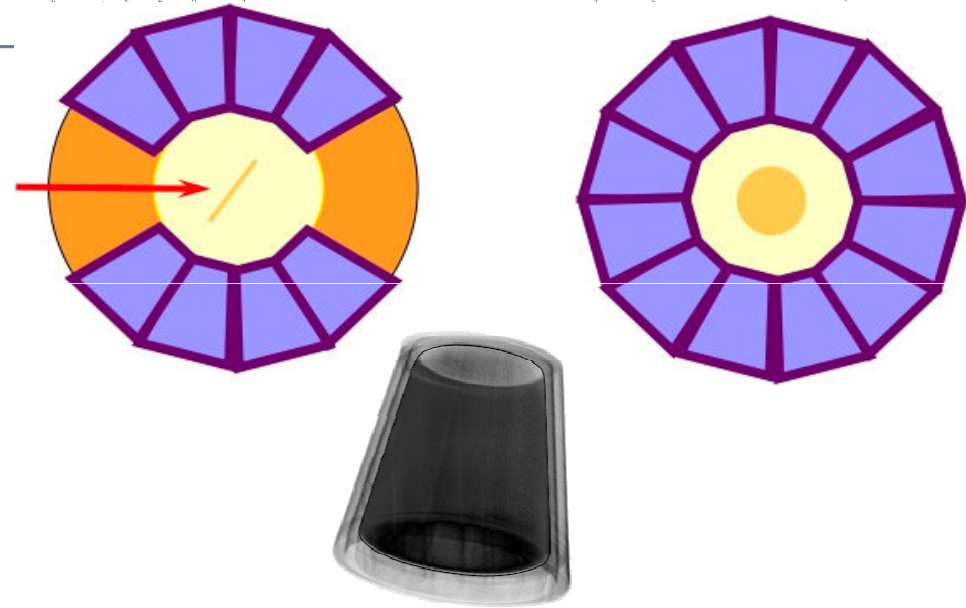
Nuclear re
activation.
verificatio

- **Detector developments**

- PG detector based on FATIMA technology
 - comparison with SEDECAL design
 - Fast and efficient detectors
- Adapt CEPA detector for proton range verification
 - Protons and gamma-rays
 - Good energy range

- **Clinical application**

- Guide research by realistic objectives and utility for future practice
 - Contact with facility and oncologists



Some examples of technology transfer to companies

Mobile accelerator:

- 50 keV electron beam into a target
- Low energy X-Rays (up to 50 kV)
- Needle, spherical, flat and surface applicators:



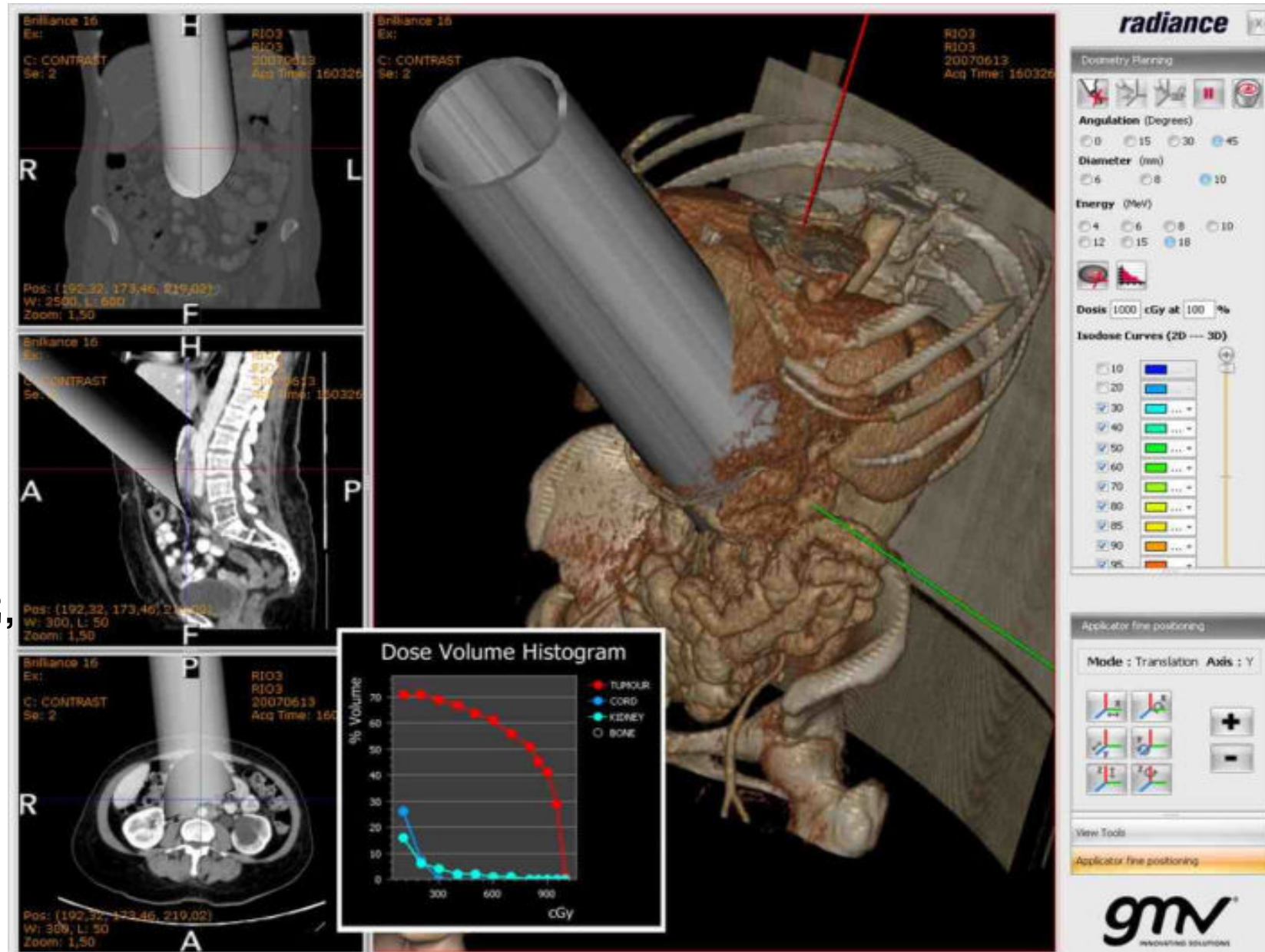
Intrabeam (Carl Zeiss Meditec)

Objectives:

- To generate optimized Phase-space files for each applicator
- To compute fast and accurate dose from simple data
- To validate the whole dose calculation process against simulations and measurements (homogeneous and heterogeneous phantoms)



MonteCarlo dose calculation incorporated into Radiance, the FIRST dose planning tool available in IOERT, worldwide, developed by GMV Aerospace in collaboration with researchers from IPARCOS. Electrons: Elena Herranz, PhD thesis (2013), Intrabeam: Paula Ibáñez, PhD thesis (2017) at IPARCOS



Transl. Cancer Res, 42,
196-209 (2015)

PERFORMANCE STUDY

Particles and simulation time needed to reach the same noise level in water (less than 5% at D50, 3 cm spherical applicator)

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Code	Particles	CPU time (1 core)
MC	10^{10}	55:30:00
Hybrid	$5 \cdot 10^6$	00:22:00

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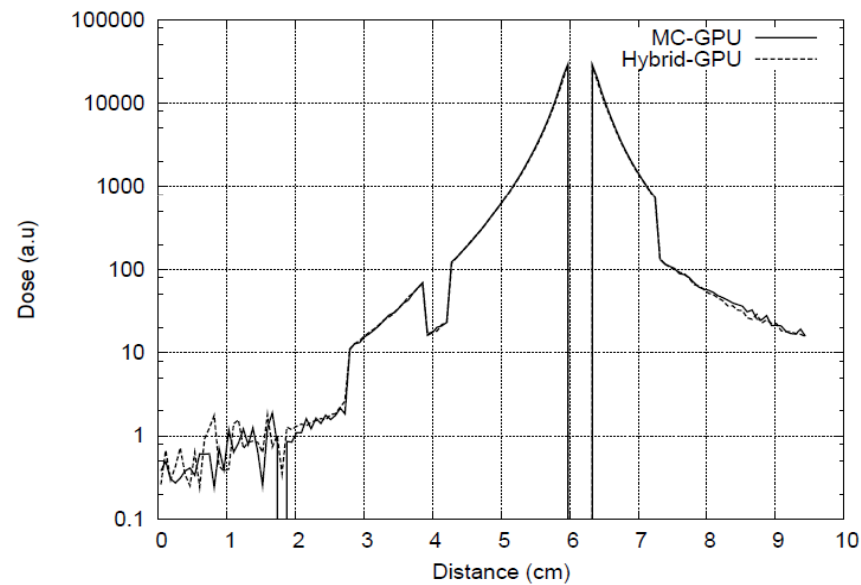
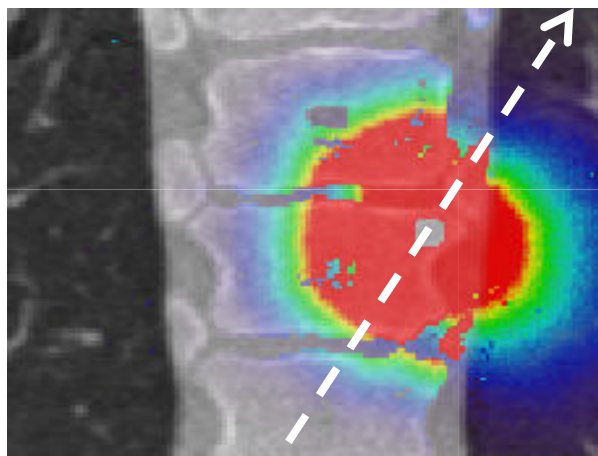
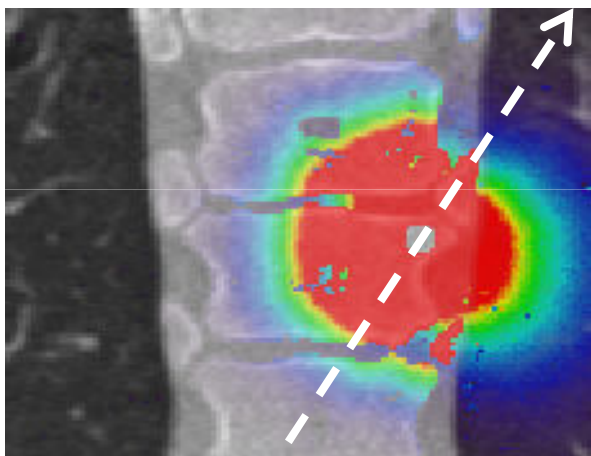
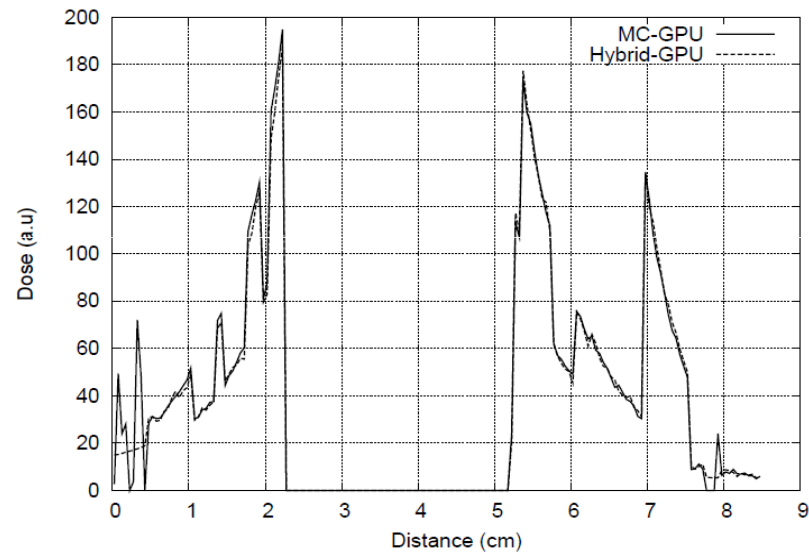
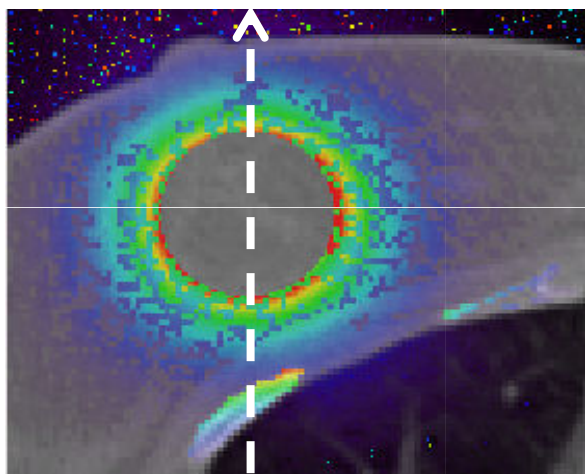
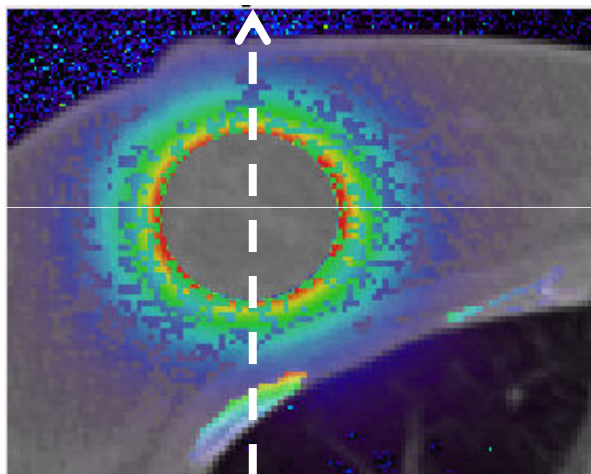
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RESULTS



MC-GPU

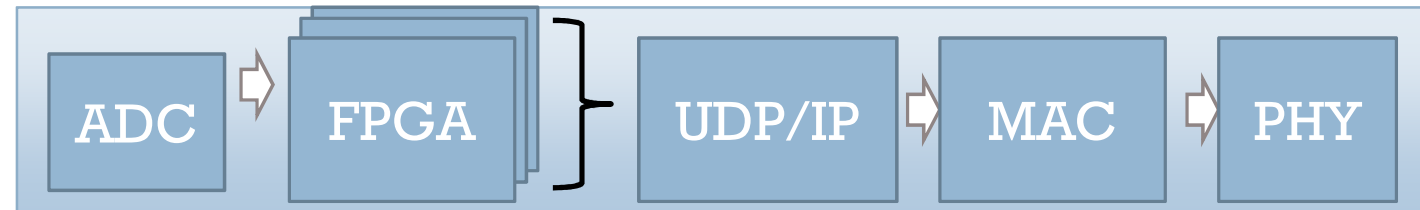
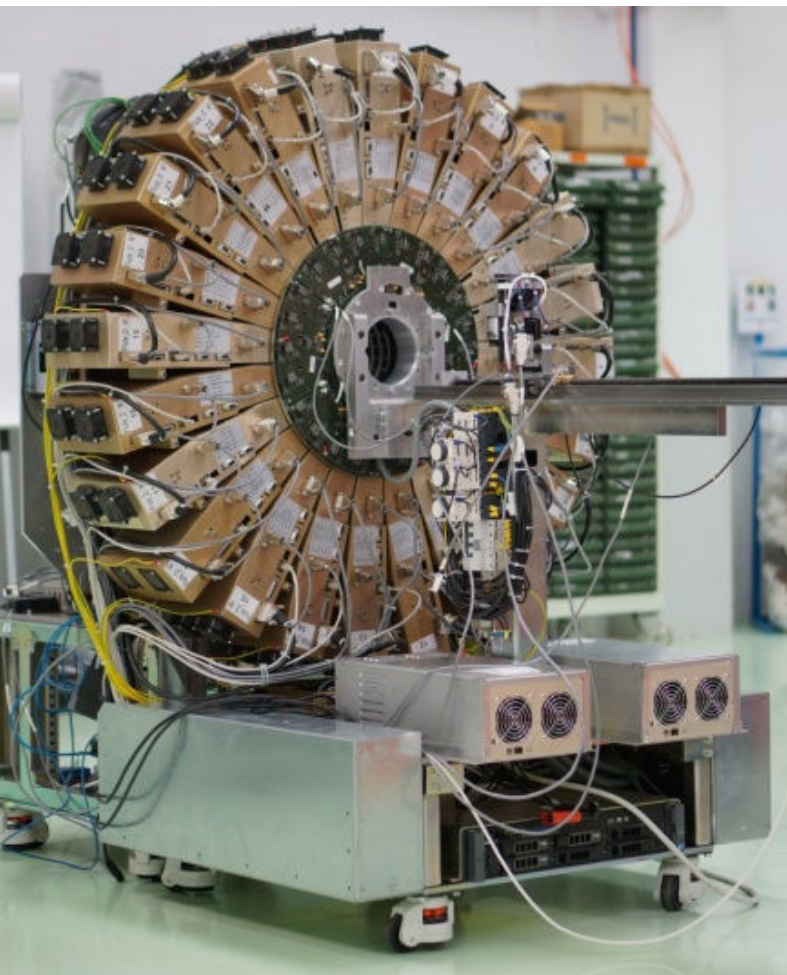
Hybrid-GPU



SuperArgus extended FOV preclinical scanner

- Designed and developed by SEDECAL in partnership with UC3M, UPM and IPARCOS
 - (CDTEAM and AMIT projects, CENIT@INGENIO)
- http://nuclear.fis.ucm.es/webgrupo_2014/web-ingles/technology-transfer/superargus.html

Fully modular electronics



- **144 dual layer detectors**
 - **42000 individual pixels**
 - **500 millions of lines of response**
 - **30 ps electronics jitter time**
- **DAQ: 48 FPGA, 128 ports 10 GB switch, 40 cores CPU+powerful GPU**
- **World record processing capabilities:**
- **+100 millions of single events per second**
 - **+10 million coincidences per second sorted out to disk**
- **Only existing PET scanner with real time imaging capability**

**Real time imaging:
Wixtar rat, 520 g, 410 uCi FDG
irst-pass dynamic study with 150
ms frames**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7SotIU_XZol

axial

sagittal

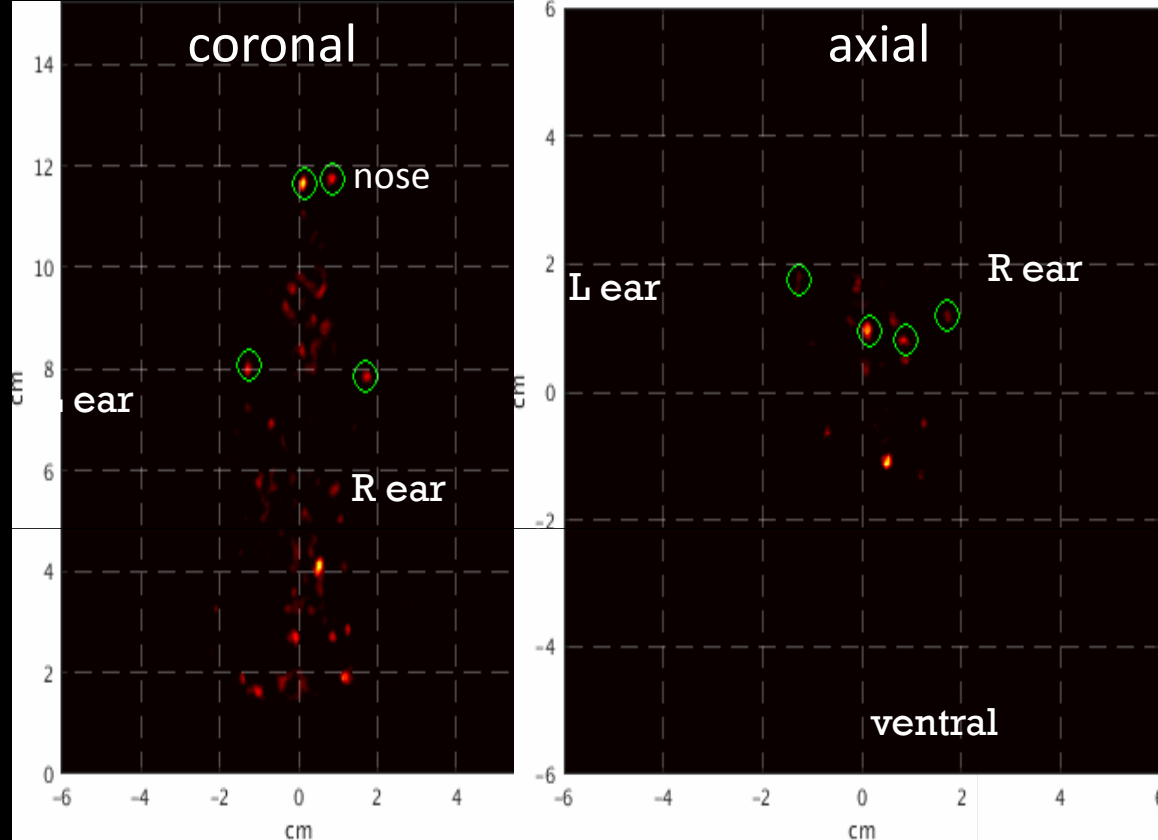
coronal



**Slow motion render (25x
slower)**

**First-pass 100 ms frames
afterwards longer frames**

0:00:01



Unrestrained awake animal real time imaging: Female Wistar rat (250 g) injected with 500 uCi of FDG and four 7 uCi point sources attached to the head. Frames of 20 ms



Following the work of Miranda et

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LaSSuvcln>



Conclusion: Excellent Basic Research can lead to applications eventually translated into commercial products



Fast Iterative Reconstruction Algorithm for PET (FIRST): licensed to SEDECAL for the Argus small animal PET/CT scanner, distributed in nearly 50 research centers worldwide.

For several years it settled a world record for spatial resolution (< 1 mm) with scintillator-based PET scanners. Ongoing collaboration with SEDECAL for the new SuperArgus scanner already sold in USA (four), China, Korea and other countries. Two in Spain

http://www.sedecal.com/sedecal.com/es/divisiones/division_prod.php?p=52&c=5

UltraMC dose calculation and phase space generation tools developed at the GFN-UCM for IOERT and Intrabeam (Carl Zeiss Meditec), licensed to the company GMV, who has included algorithms developed in IPARCOS within ©Radiance, the first and only world-wide commercially available platform for dose planning and simulation in intraoperative radiotherapy. FDA and UE approved

<http://www.gmv.com/en/Healthcare/radiance/>



14 hospitals have acquired Radiance in 2018. 9 for intrabeam, 5 for IOERT
None of them in Spain

IPARCOS Applications

People

>4 permanent staff, >4 postdocs, >9 students