

# Accelerators for Medical Science

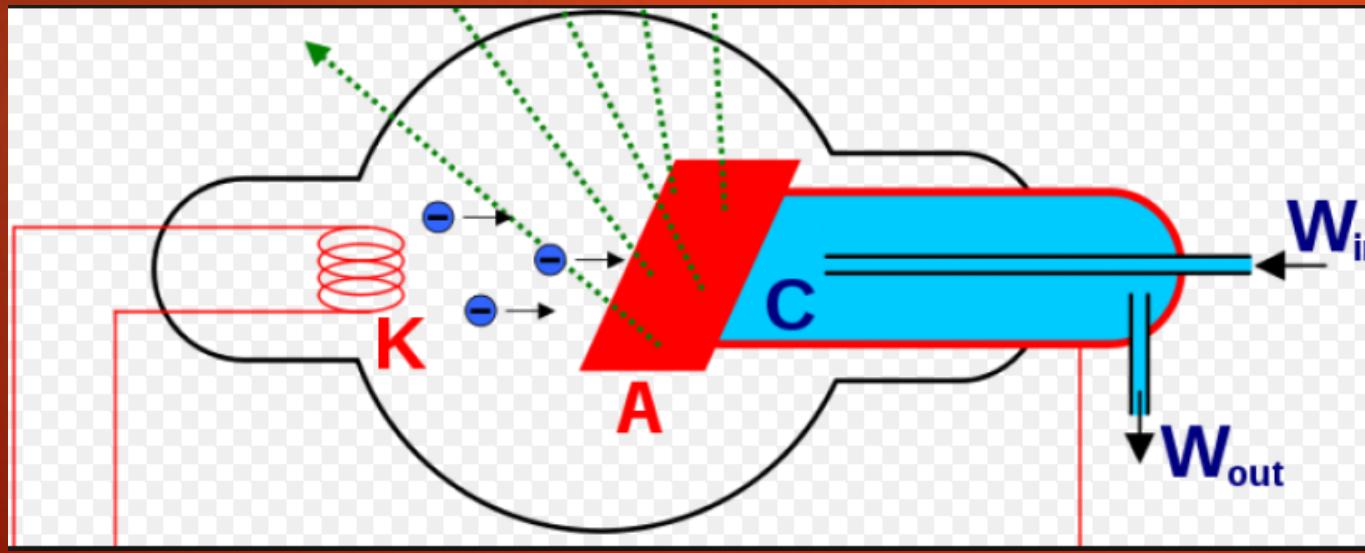
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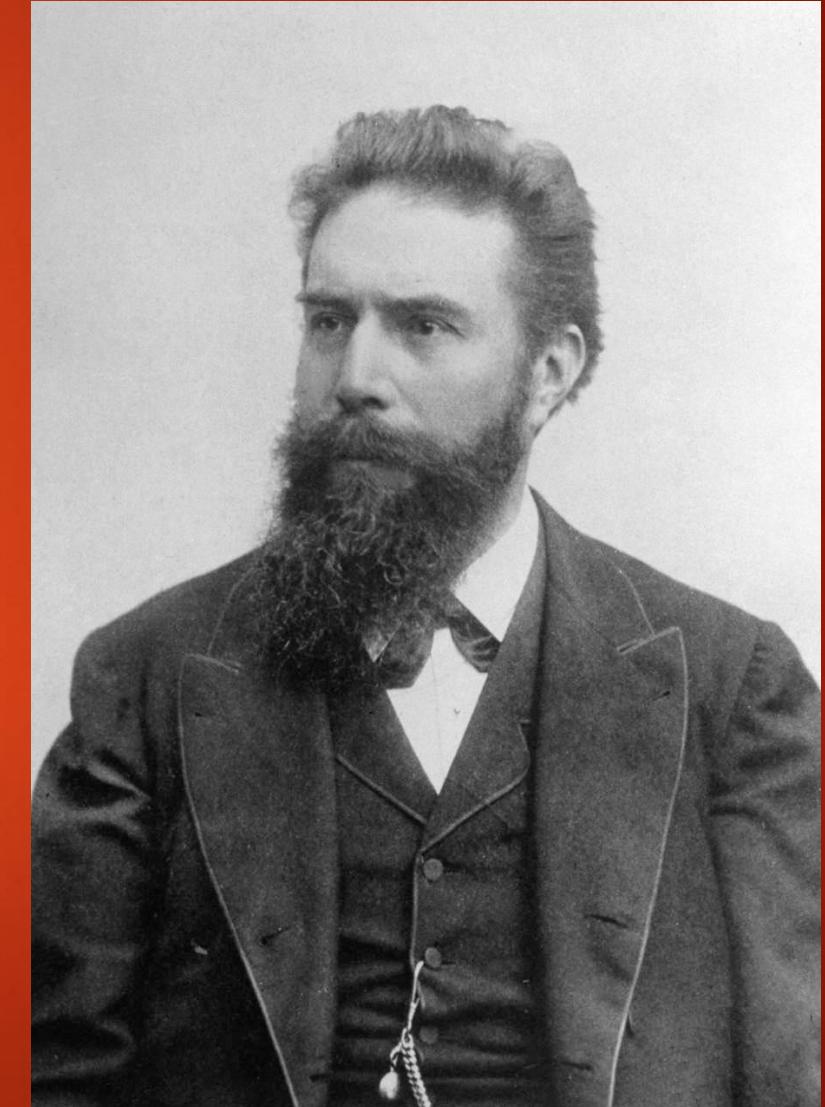
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# 1. Historical developments of accelerators for medical Applications

- ▶ 1895 W.K Röntgen discovers X-ray/röntgen rays
- ▶ First attempts of treating malignant tumors



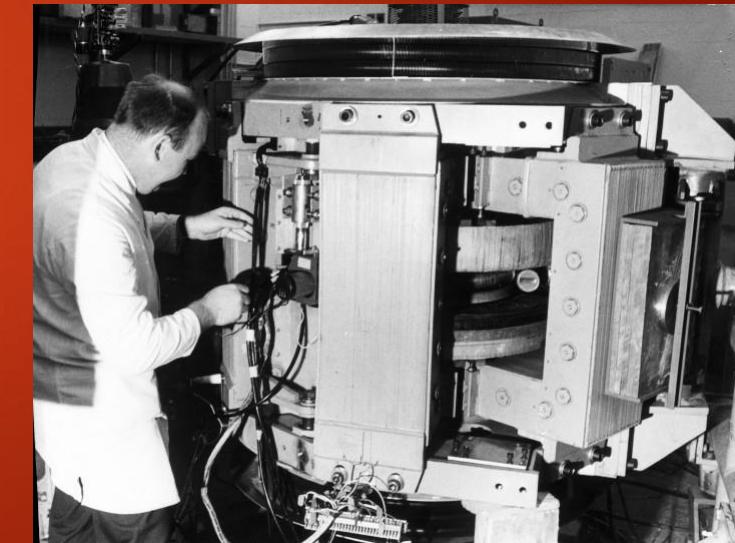
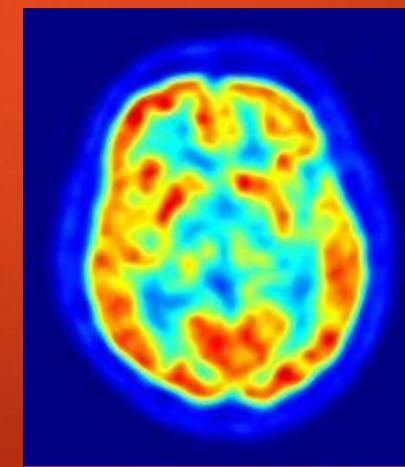
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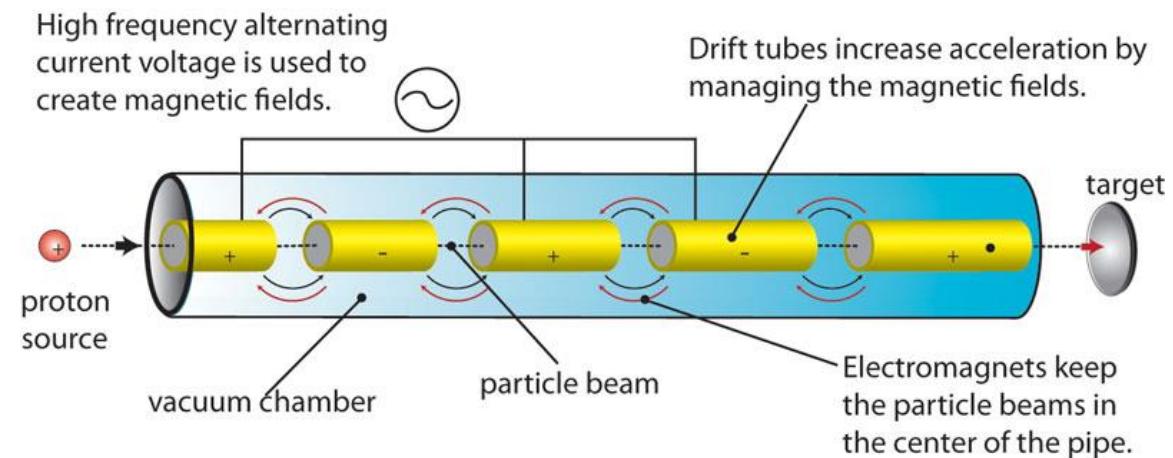
# 1.Historical developments of accelerators for medical Applications

- ▶ 1913 W.D Coolidge vacuum Tube with tungsten cathode
- ▶ 1912 first radium cannon with radium 226
- ▶ 1930's focus on megavoltage therapy
- ▶ 1949 first patient treated with x-rays from betatron
- ▶ 1973 first Positron camera
- ▶ 1990 first hospital used proton synchrotron for radiotherapie



# 2.1 linear Accelerators

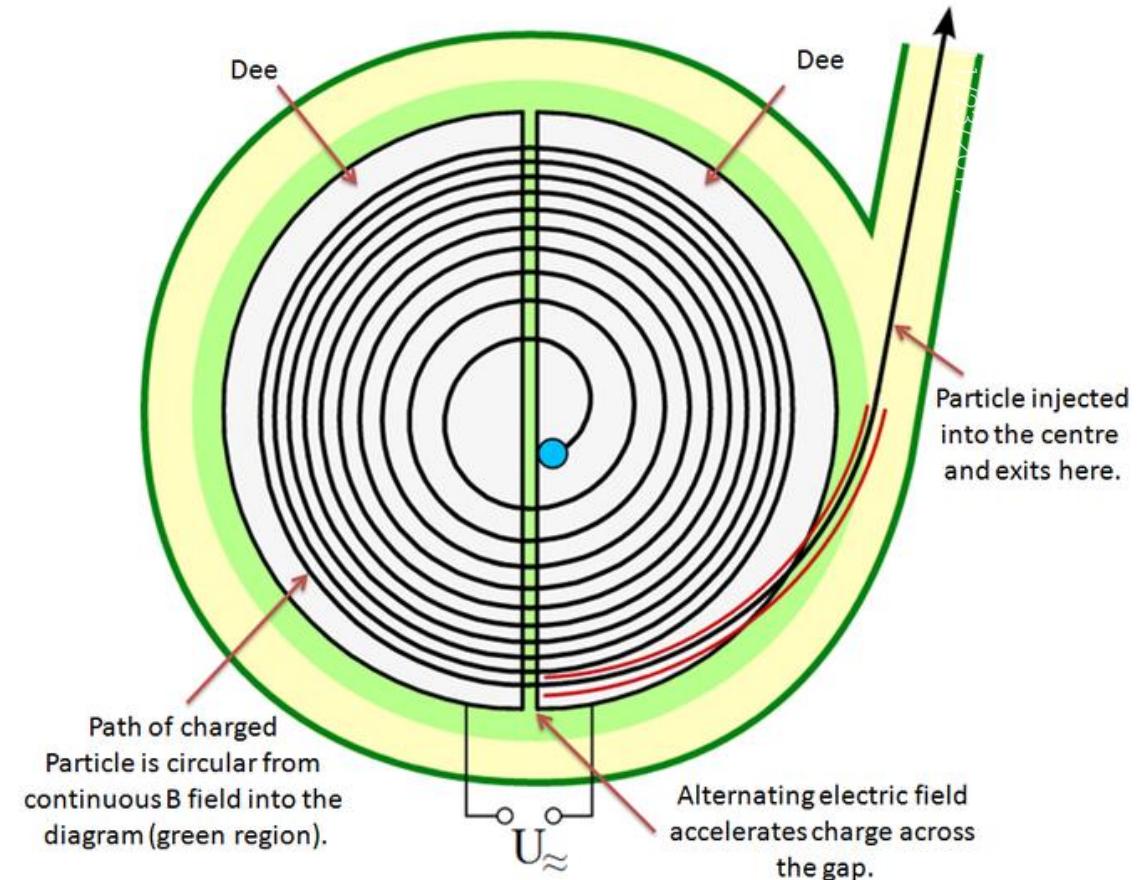
- ▶ capable of accelerating heavy ions
- ▶ Produces a continuous stream of particles
- ▶ can produce electrons at relativistic speed



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## 2.2 circular Accelerators

- ▶ allows continuous acceleration
- ▶ particles emit synchrotron radiation
- ▶ smaller than a linear accelerator
- ▶ Periodically output of particles



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# 3. Applications of Accelerators

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- ▶ Radiation Therapy
- ▶ Hadron Therapy
- ▶ Medical Imaging
- ▶ Isotope Production
- ▶ Equipment Sterilization



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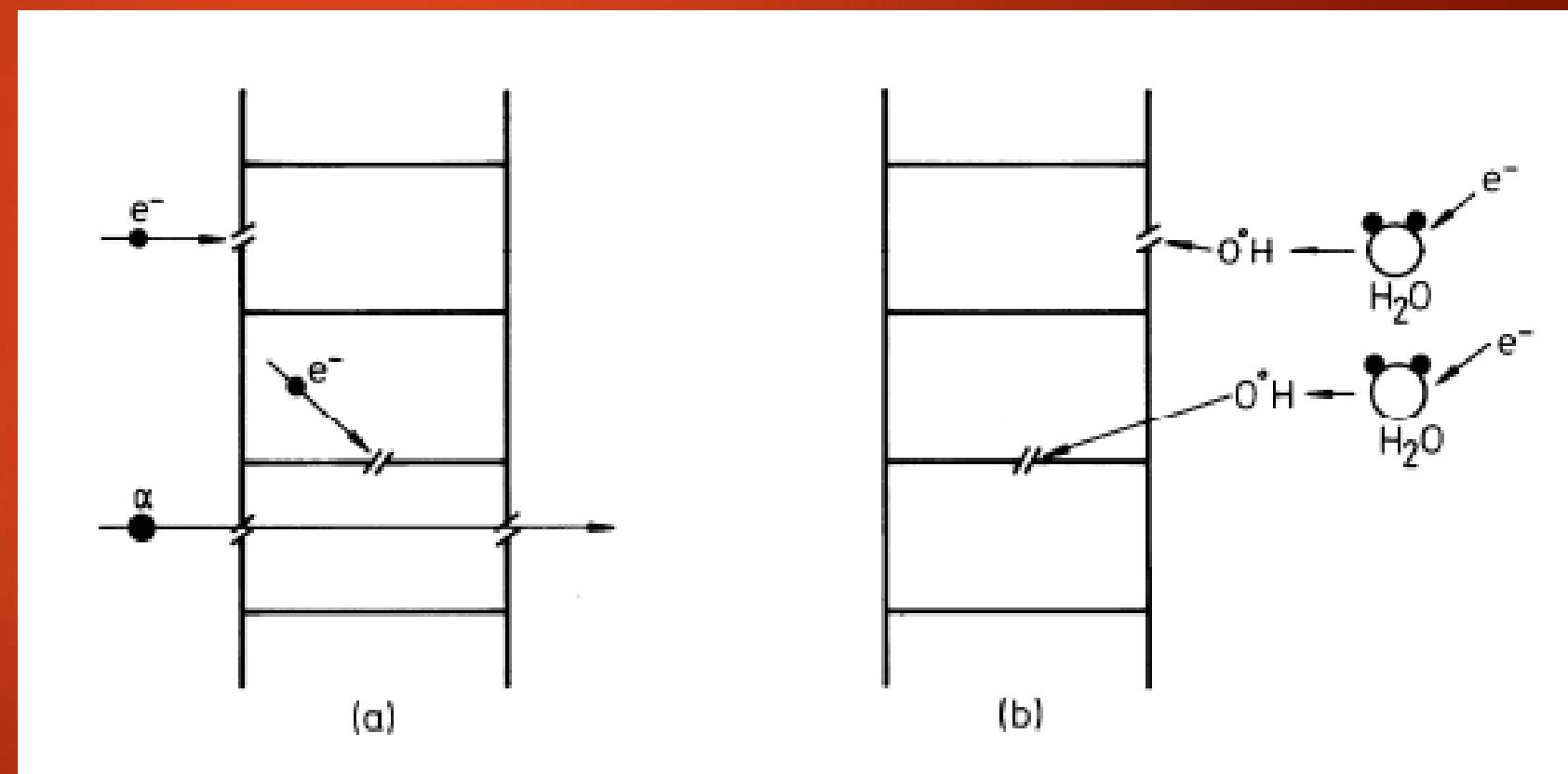
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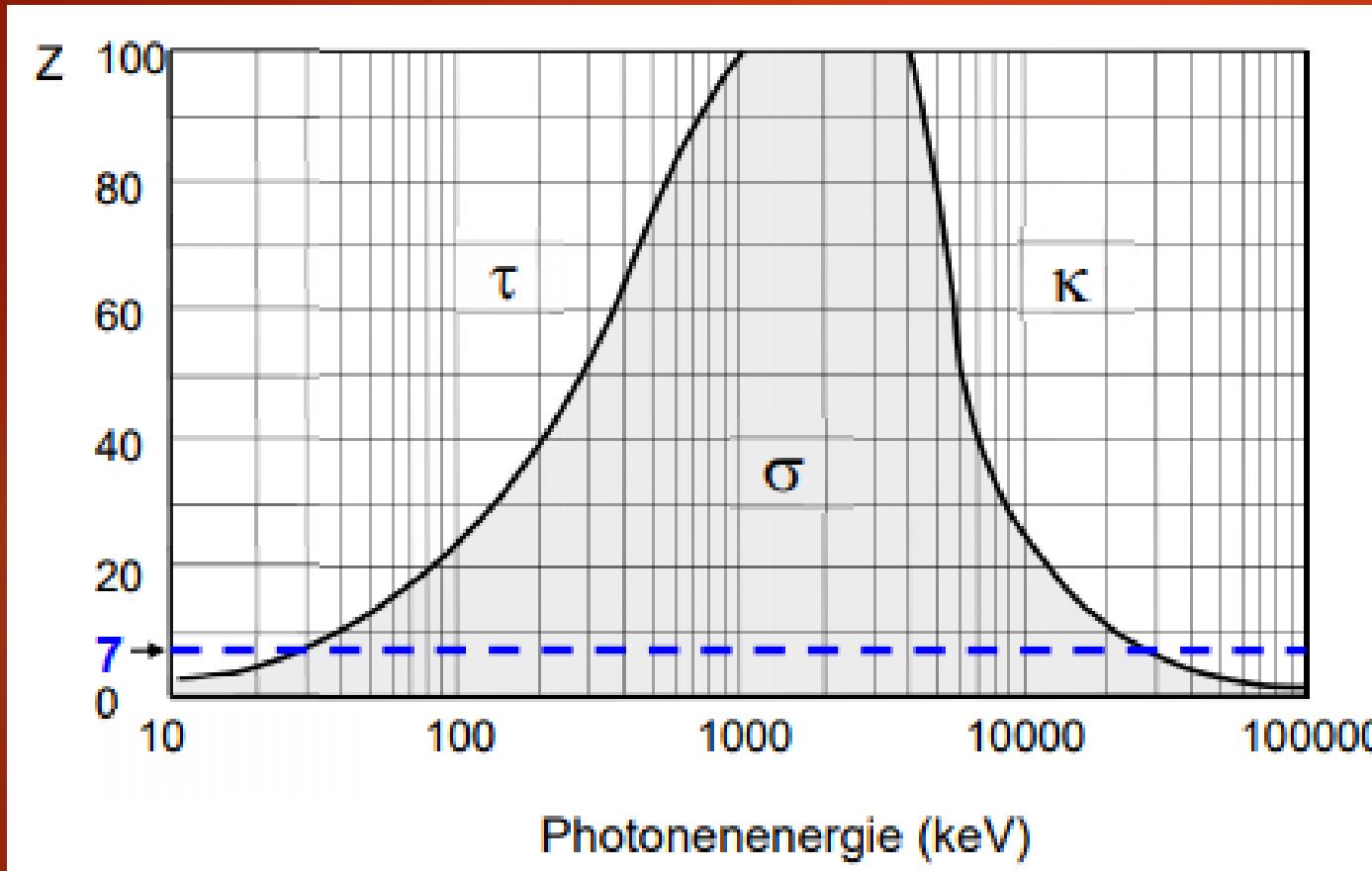
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# 4.1 Basic Idea

- ▶ a) direct radiation effect
- ▶ b) indirect radiation effect



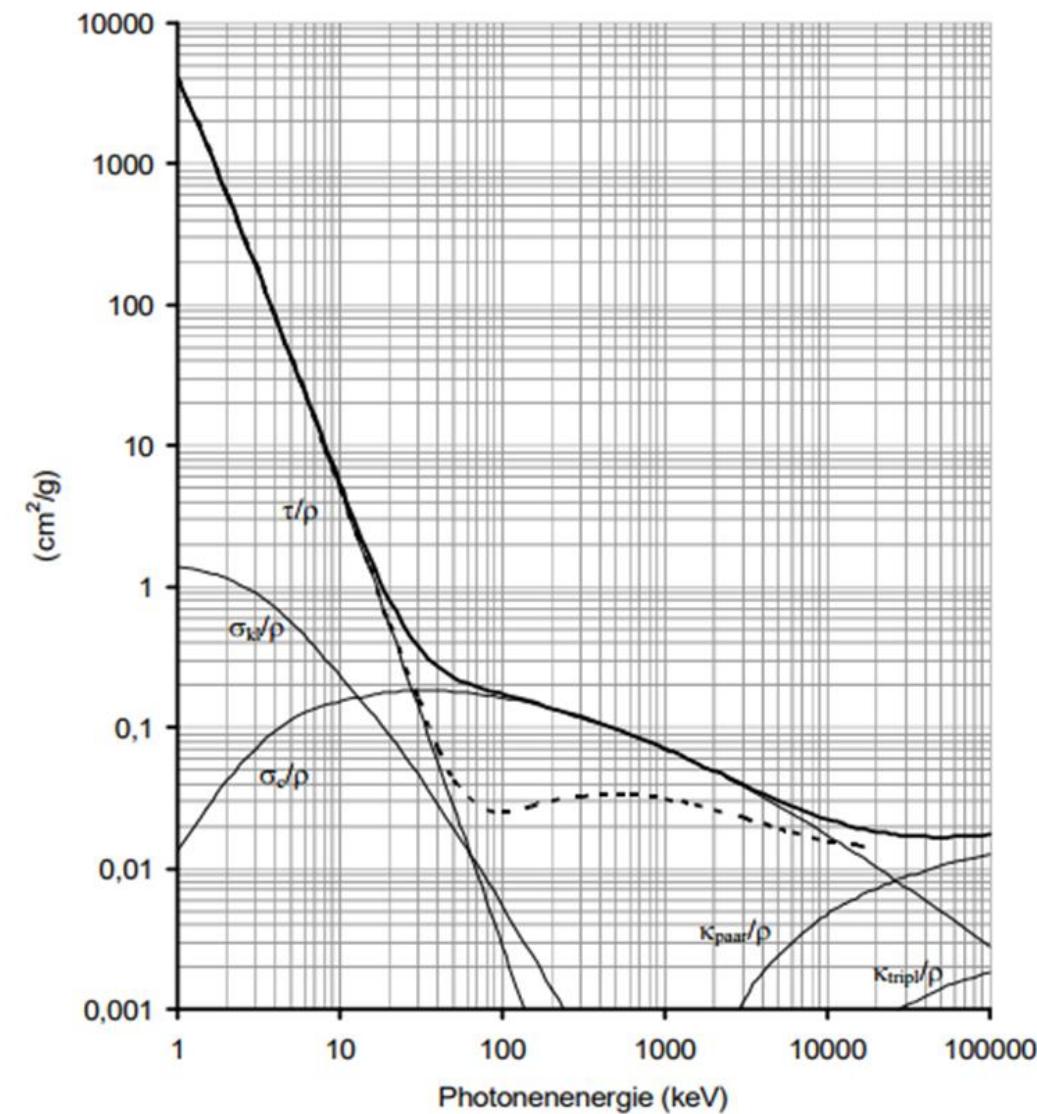
## 4.2 X-Ray therapy



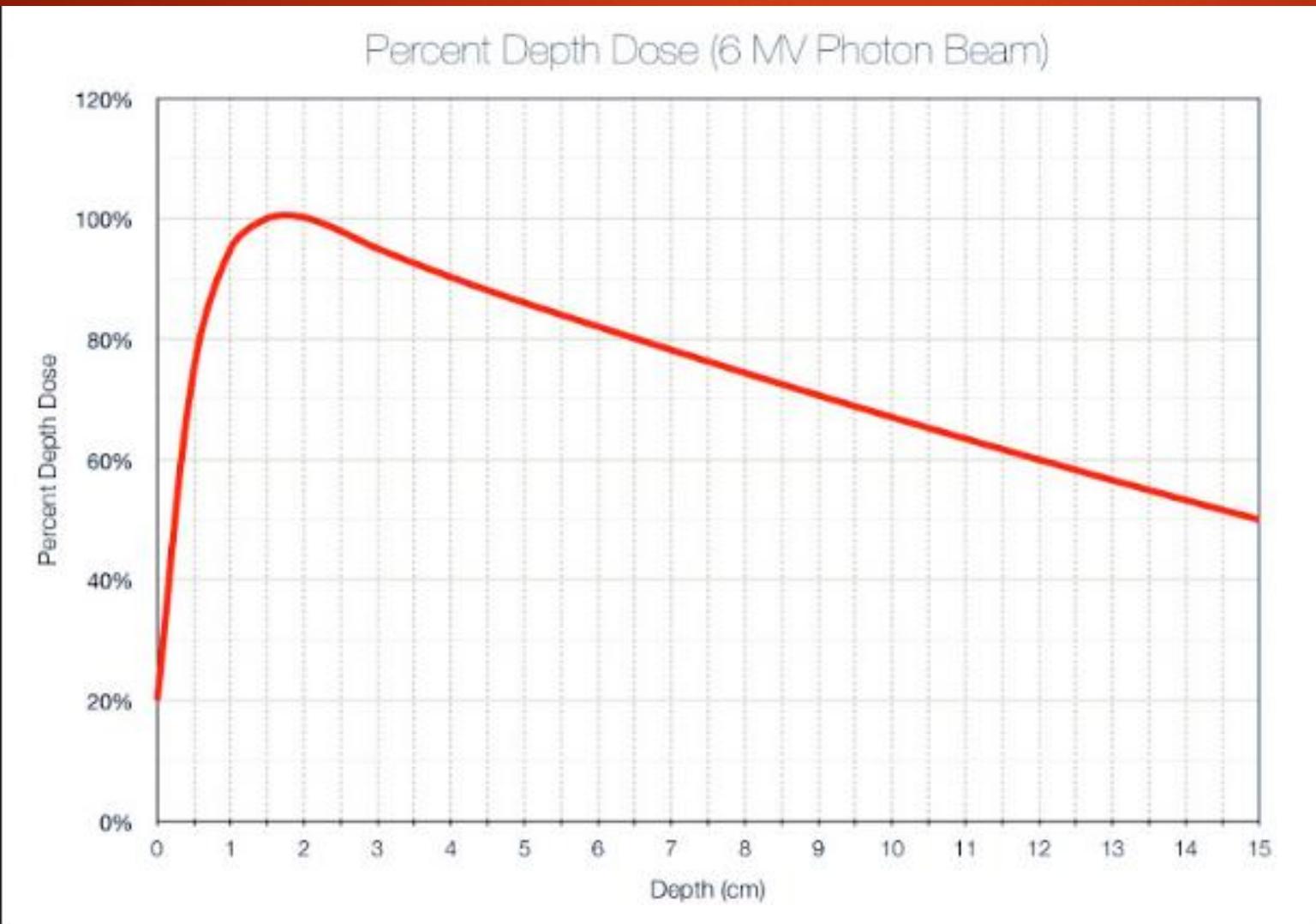
- ▶ Mass attenuation coefficient  $\mu$
- ▶  $\tau$  ... Photoeffect
- ▶  $\sigma$  ... Comptoneffect
- ▶  $k$  ... Pairproduction
- ▶ line follows the path where neighbouring effects have same probability

# 4.2 X-Ray therapy

- ▶  $\frac{\mu}{\rho}$  as a function of the energy of the photon
- ▶ resulting curve is sum of contributions of single effects
- ▶ For hight energie pair production overweights

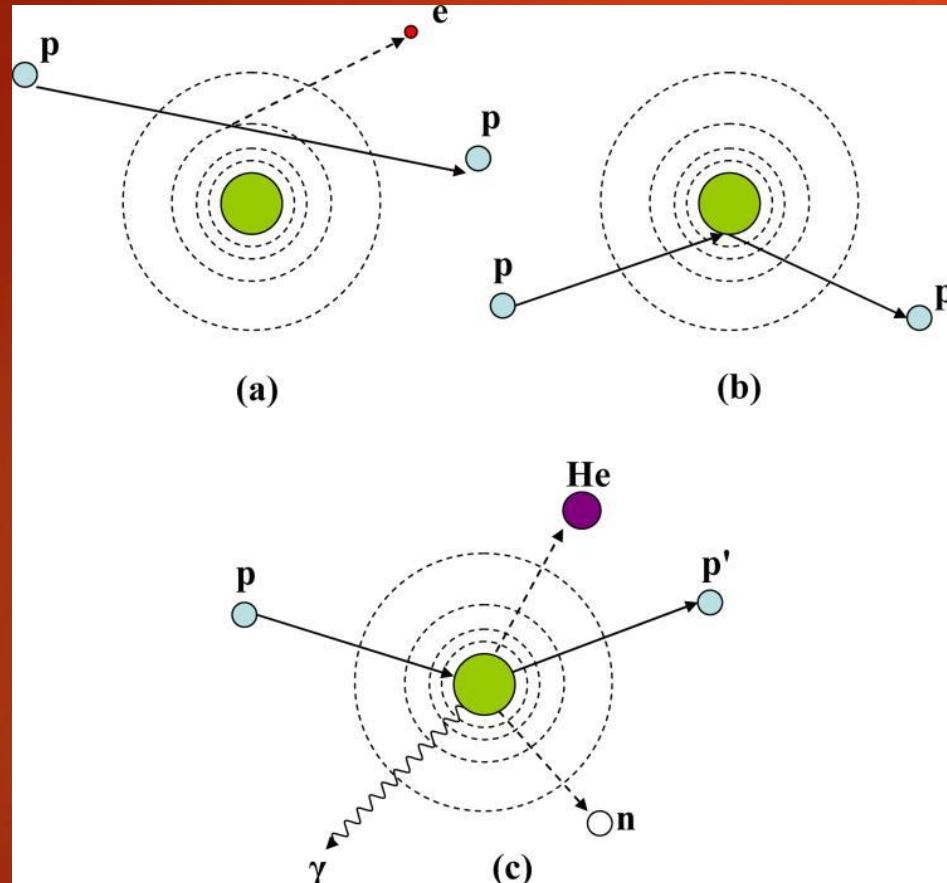


## 4.2 X-Ray therapy



- ▶ Delivered dose varies with exponential decay
- ▶ healthy tissue in front and behind gets high dose
- ▶ Reduced by rotating the x-ray source

# 4.3 Hadron therapy



- ▶ Primarily loss due coulomb interactions
- ▶ Define Stopping power as Quotient of energy loss and travelled distance

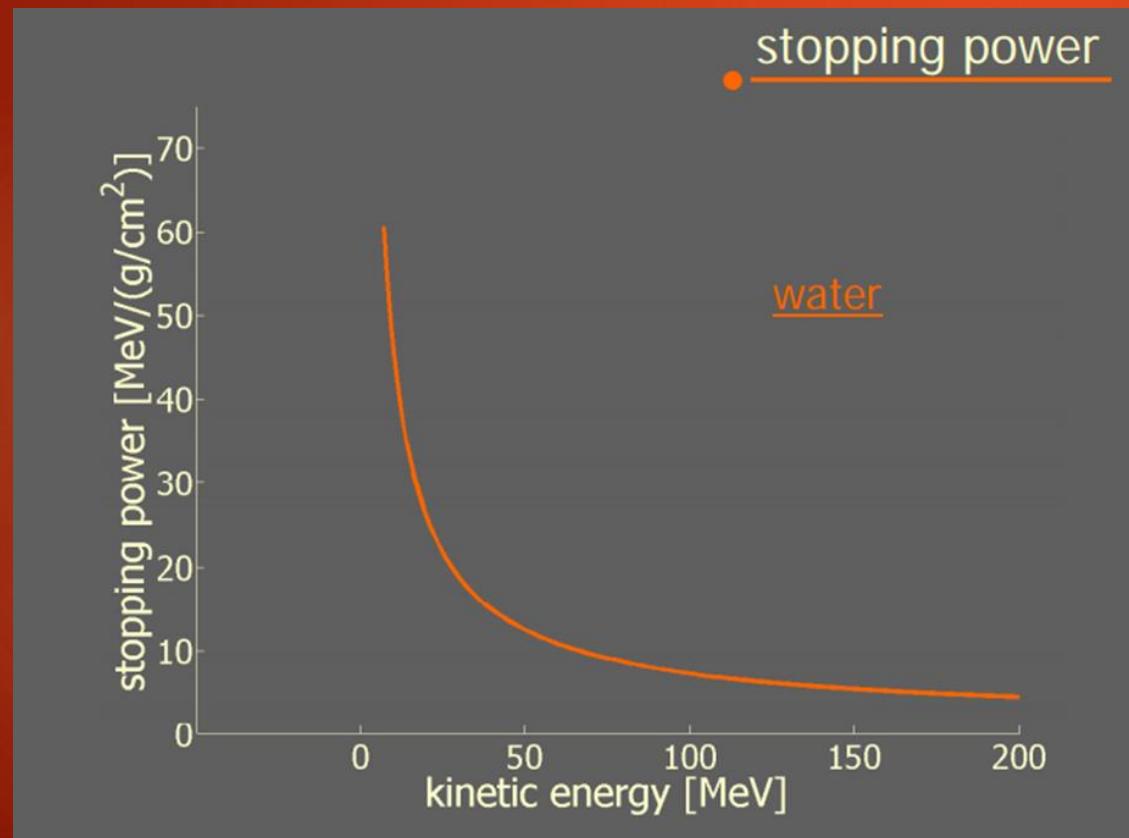
- ▶ 
$$S(E) = -\frac{dE}{dx}$$

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$$\frac{dE}{dx} \propto (dp)^2 \propto \frac{1}{v^2}$$

## 4.3 Hadron therapy

$$-\left\langle \frac{dE}{dx} \right\rangle = \frac{4\pi}{m_e c^2} \cdot \frac{n z^2}{\beta^2} \cdot \left( \frac{e^2}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \right)^2 \cdot \left[ \ln\left( \frac{2m_e c^2 \beta^2}{I \cdot (1 - \beta^2)} \right) - \beta^2 \right]$$

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► For small velocities  $\beta \ll c$  :

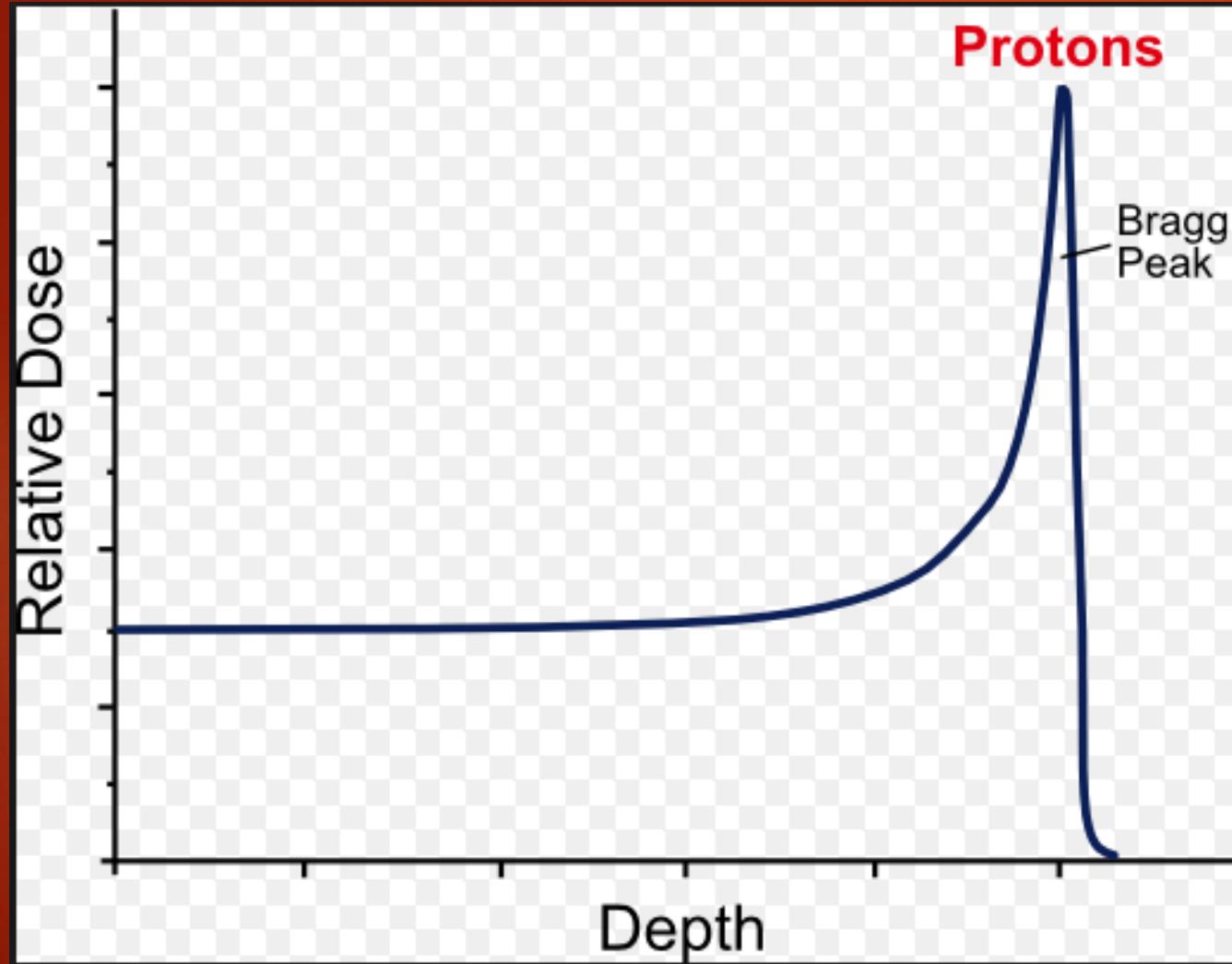
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► Decreases approximately like  $v^{-2}$

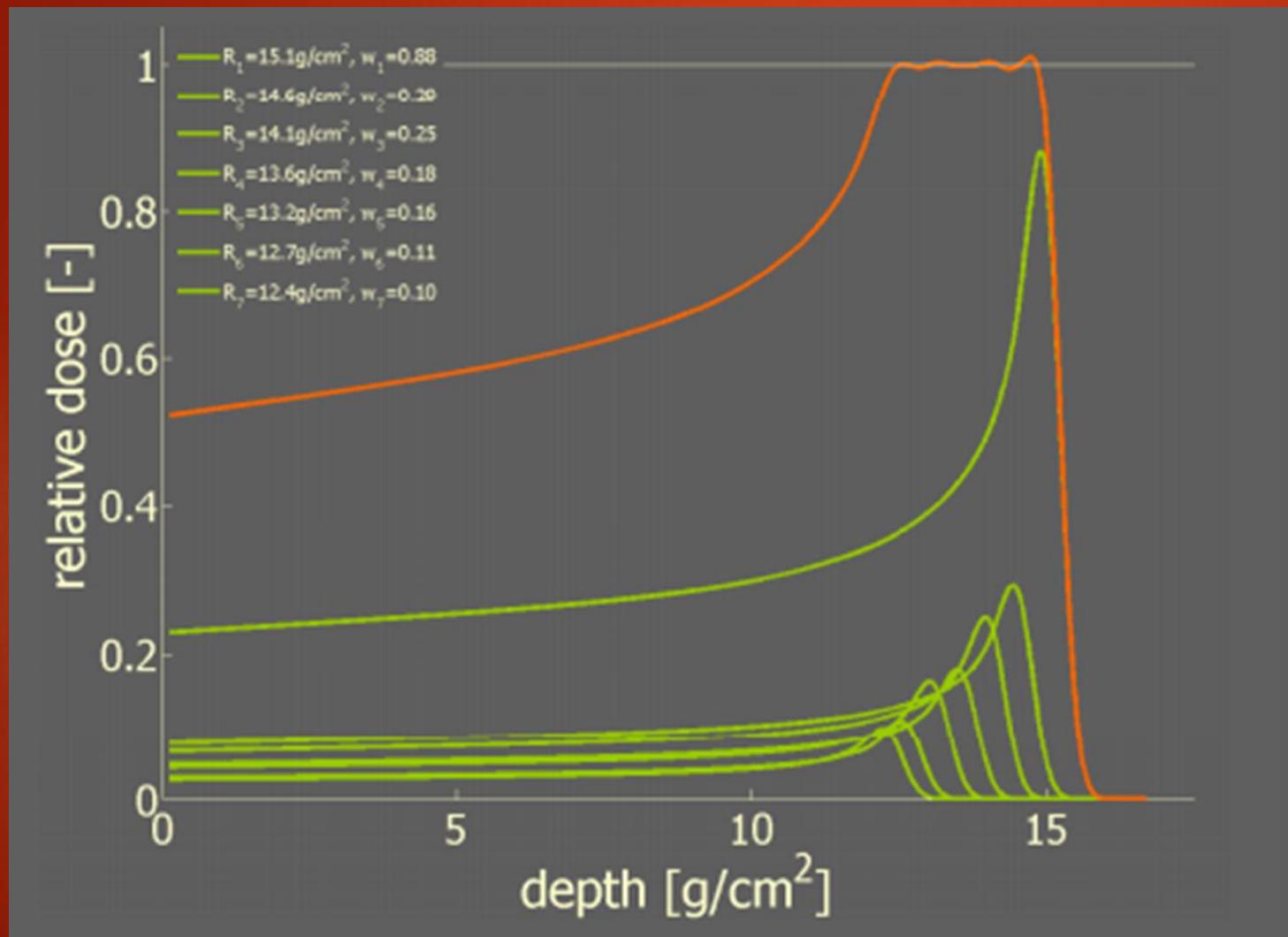
► Minimum for protons at about 3000 MeV"

## 4.3 Hadron therapy



- ▶ dose as function of the depth for a proton
- ▶ proportionality to  $v^{-2}$  results in braggpeak for low kinetic energies
- ▶ delivered dose is focused on a small range

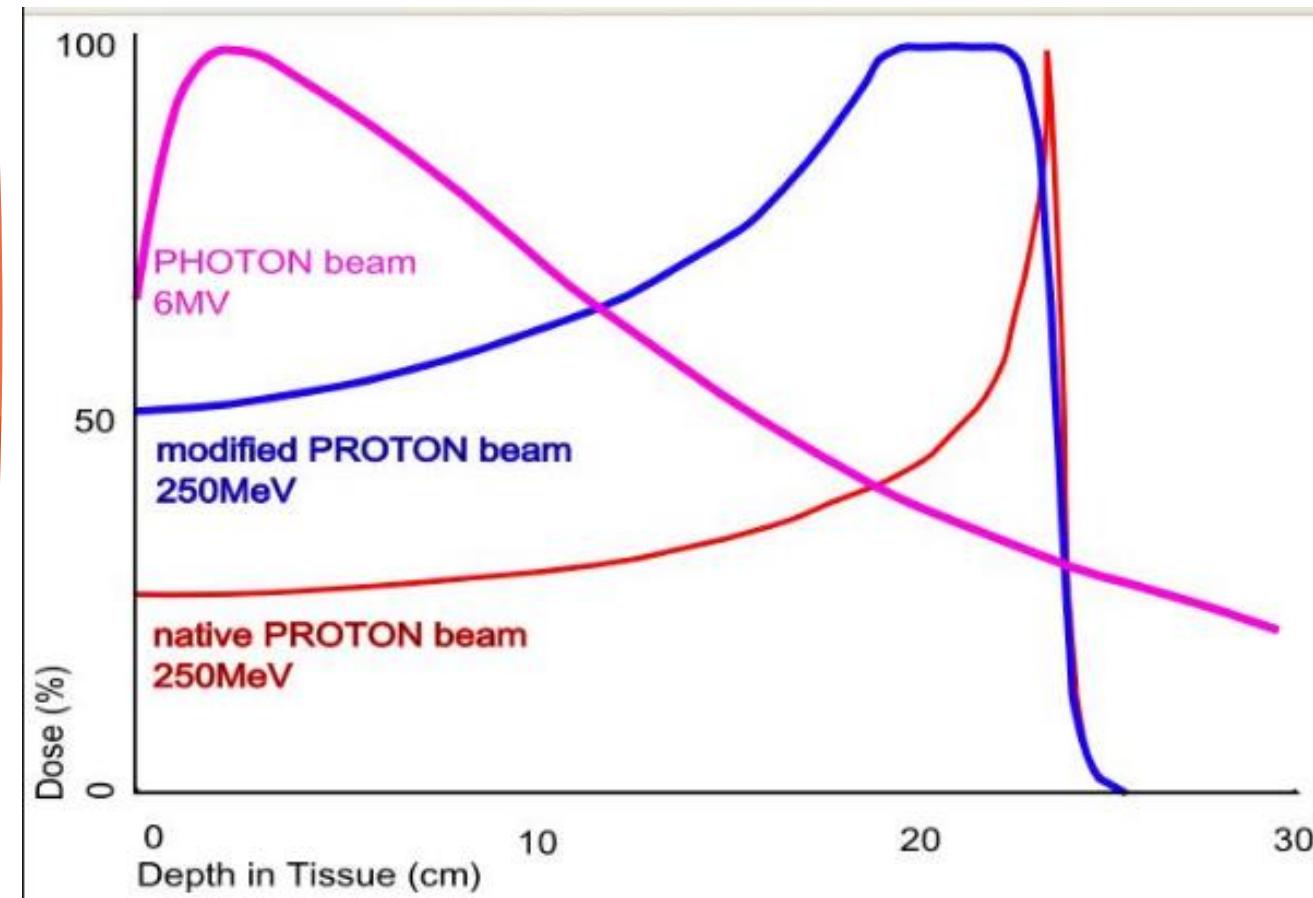
## 4.3 Hadron therapy



- ▶ Adding shifted bragg peaks to creat spreadout bragg peak

## 4.3 Hadron therapy

- ▶ Delivers radiation dose more precisely
- ▶ Reduces probability of side effects on surrounding healthy tissue
- ▶ Appropriate for some cancers where x-ray radiotherapy is riskful



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