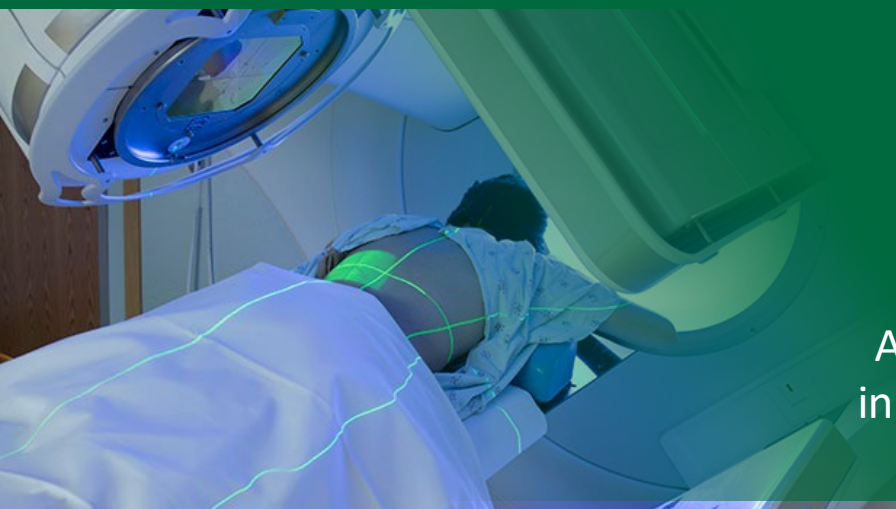


Fast Time-gated Intensified Camera Electronics for Proton and FLASH Dosimetry

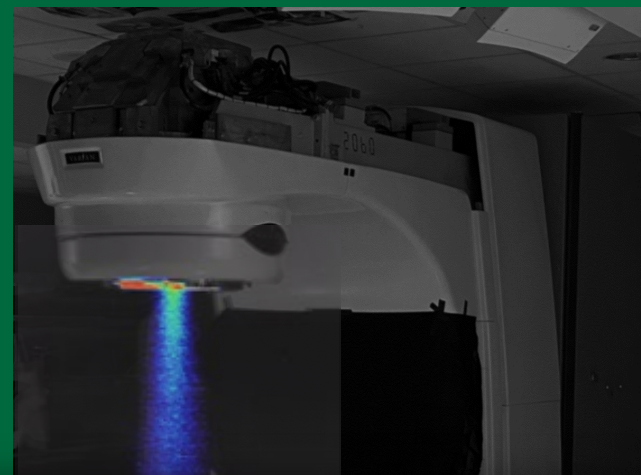
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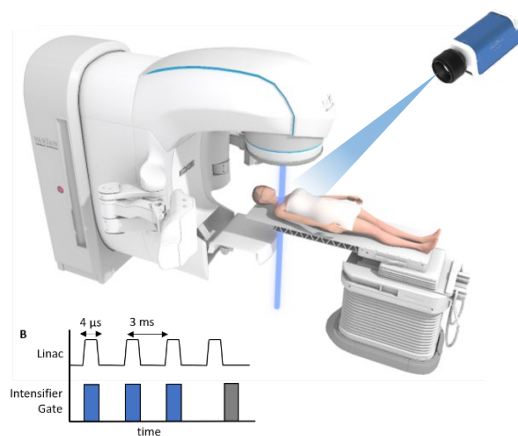
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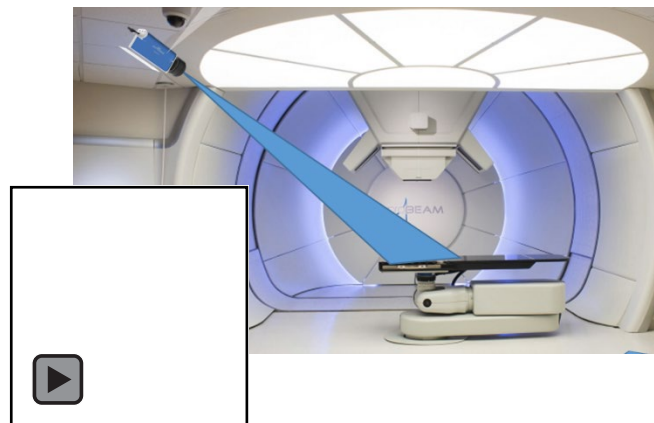
Gated optical imaging at Dartmouth – translating to clinics

L. A. Jarvis, et al. *IJROBP* 1; 109(5), 2020
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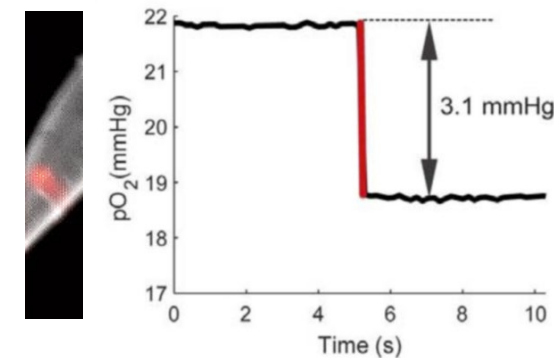
Cherenkov imaging visualizes dose in patients “for free”



Fast cameras image ultra-high dose rate beams (FLASH) *in vivo*

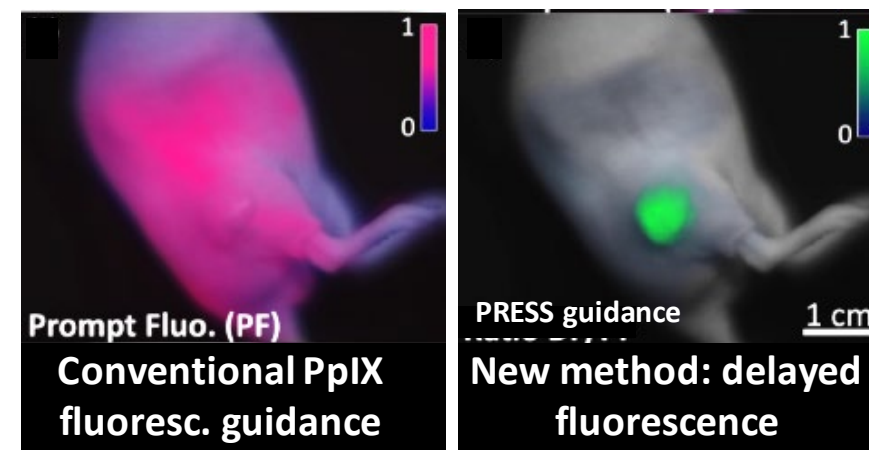


Fast gated cameras measure i.c. oxygen *in vivo* during FLASH RT...



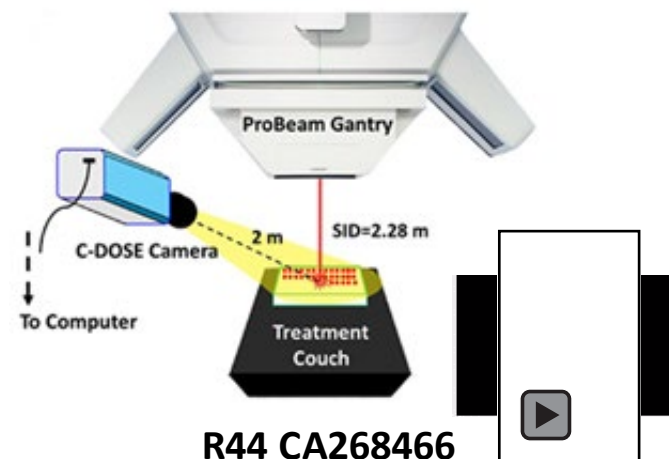
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...and navigate surgeons (tumor resection, trauma..)

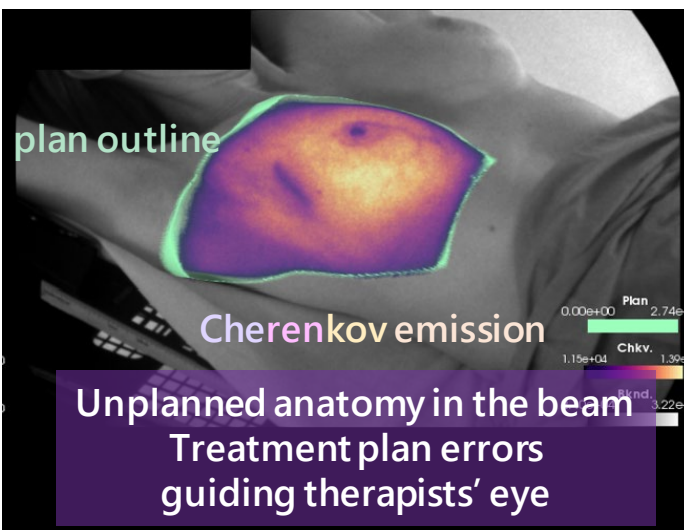


DHC Pilot award, Not NIH funded (yet!)

Capture kHz time-resolved dose dynamics of PBS proton beams



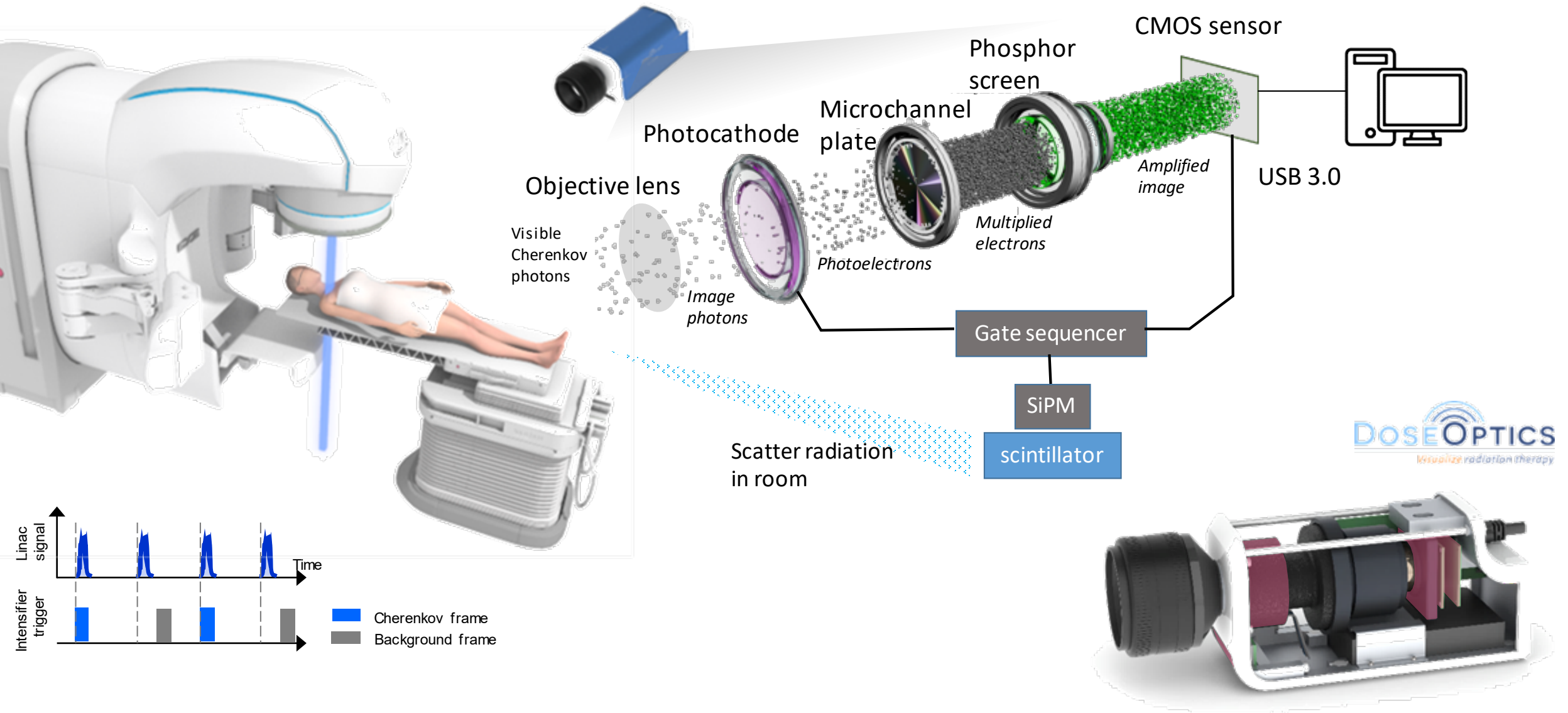
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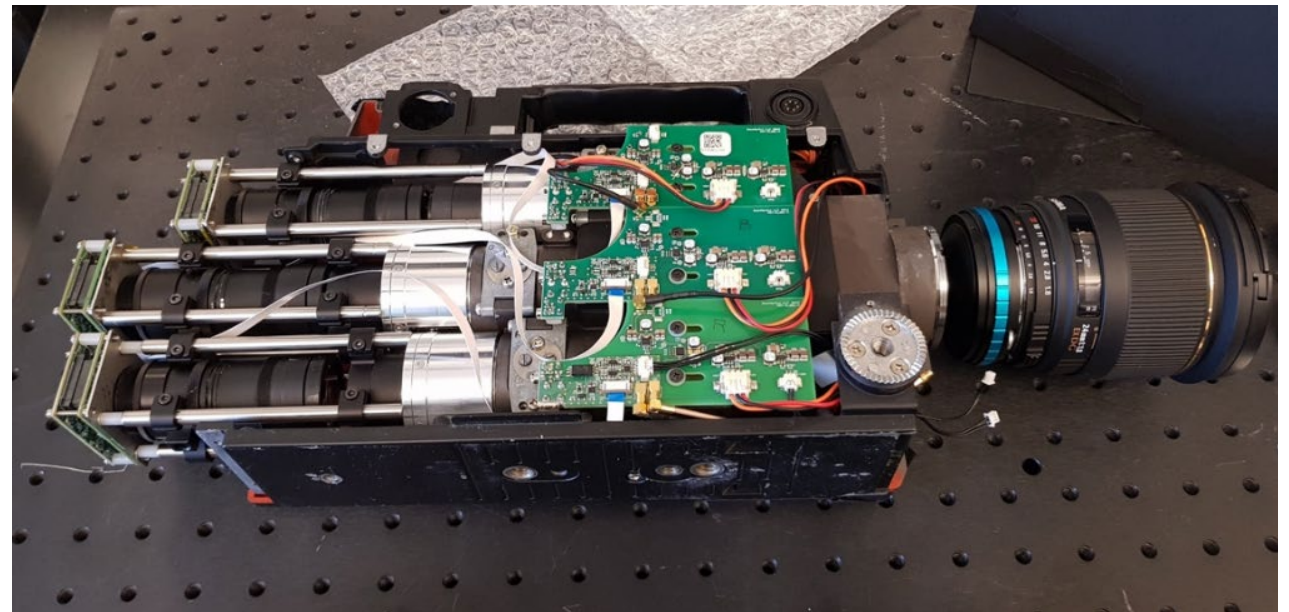
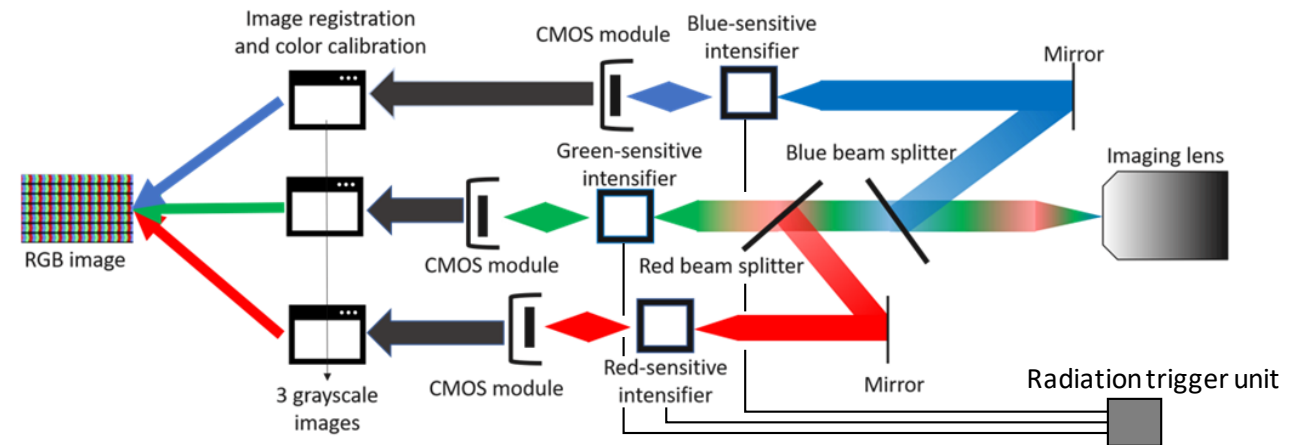
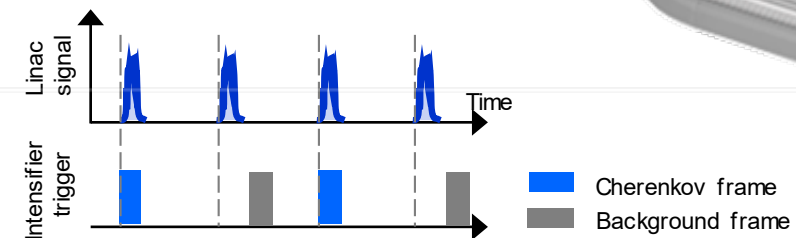
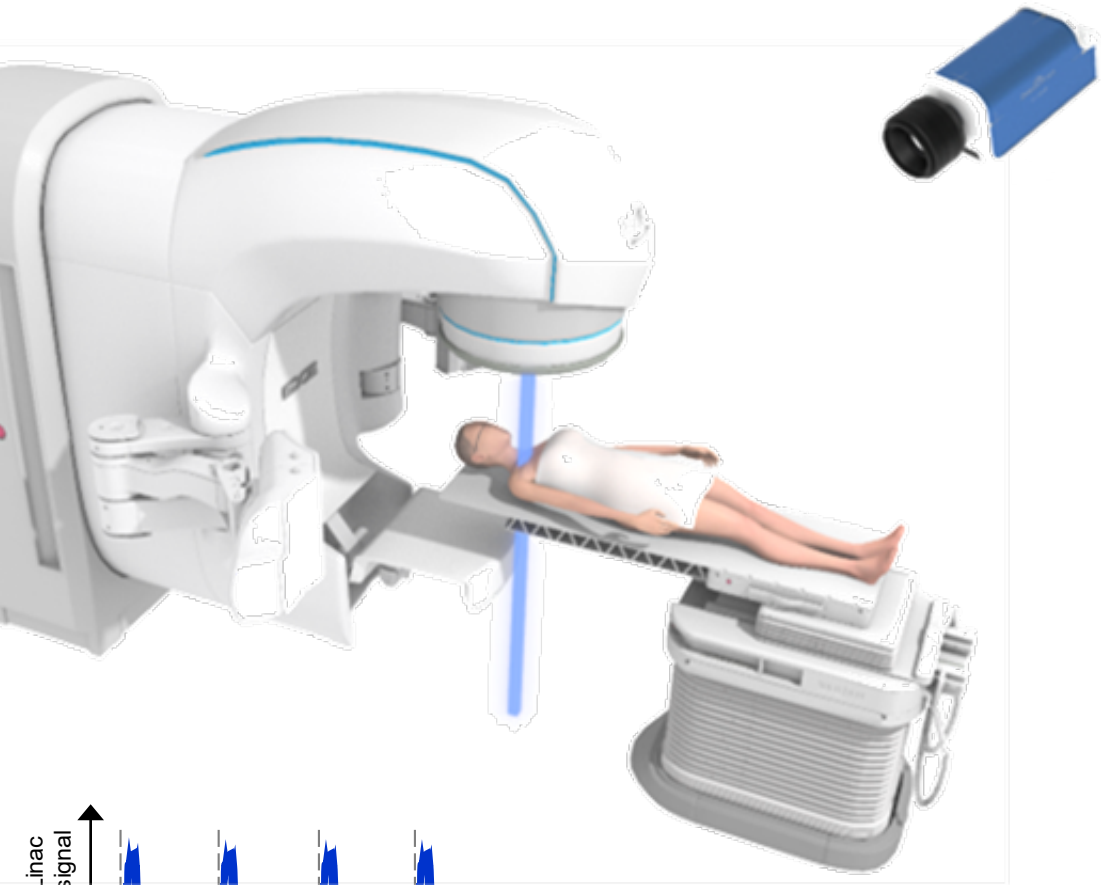
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Gated camera to capture weak visible Cherenkov light during radiotherapy

Cherenkov light directly indicates dose deposition in patients treated with external radiotherapy beams



Imaging Cherenkov light in color



Cherenkov light: How does it really look like?

Color Cherenkov image

Superficial CT# (10 mm)

Superficial dose plan (10 mm)

CT (HU)
-2.00e+02 2.00e+02

Dose (cGy)
0.00e+00 2.70e+02

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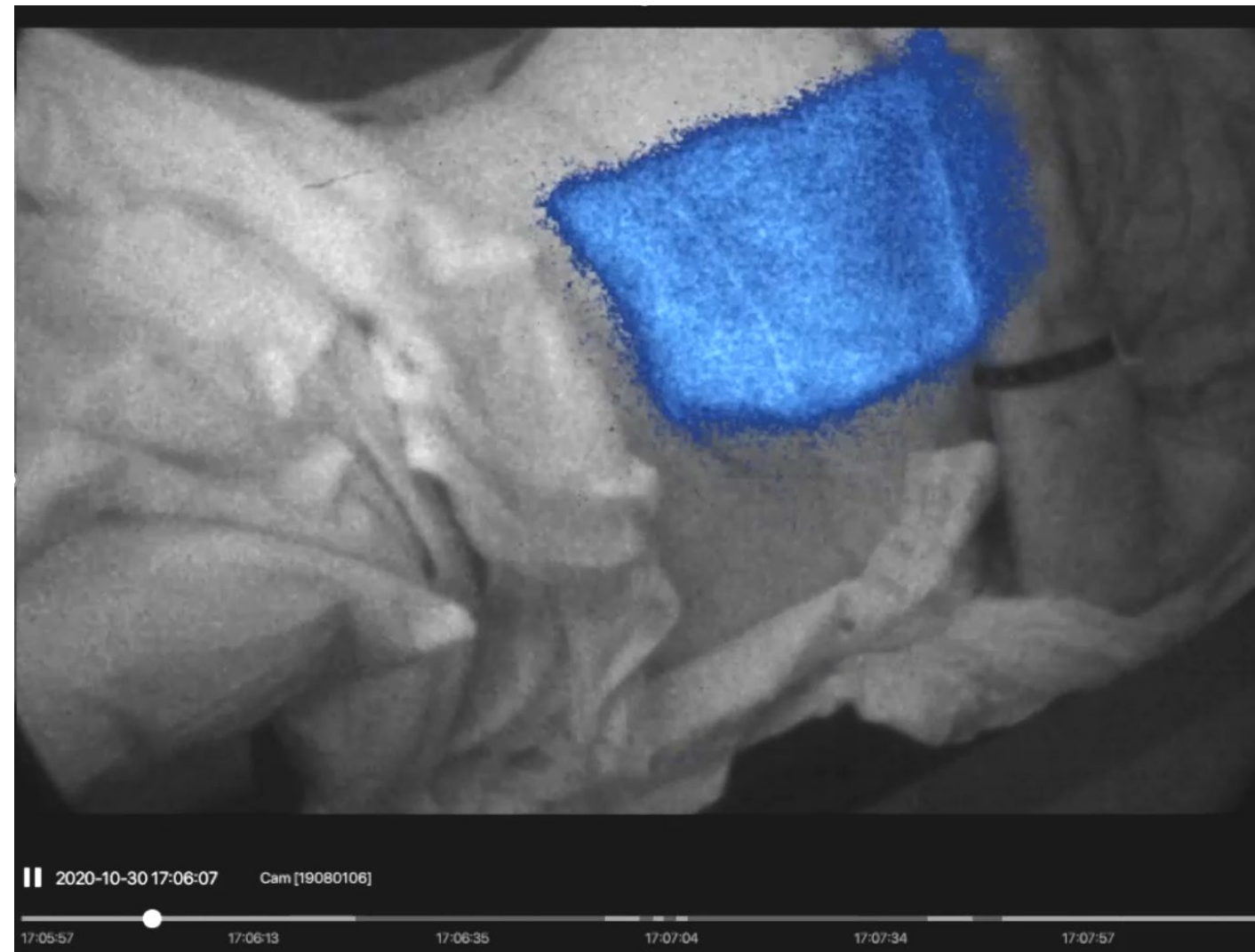
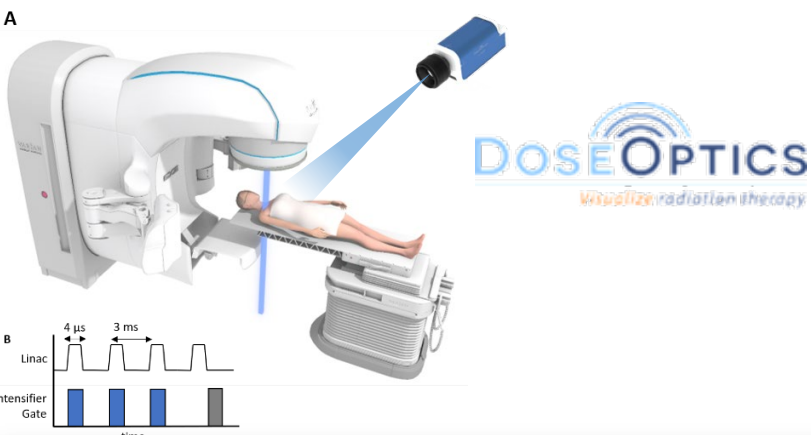
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DA Alexander, ..., P Bruza.

Color Cherenkov imaging of clinical radiation therapy. Light: Science & Applications 10 (1), 1-7

Successful research & business story: Cherenkov imaging

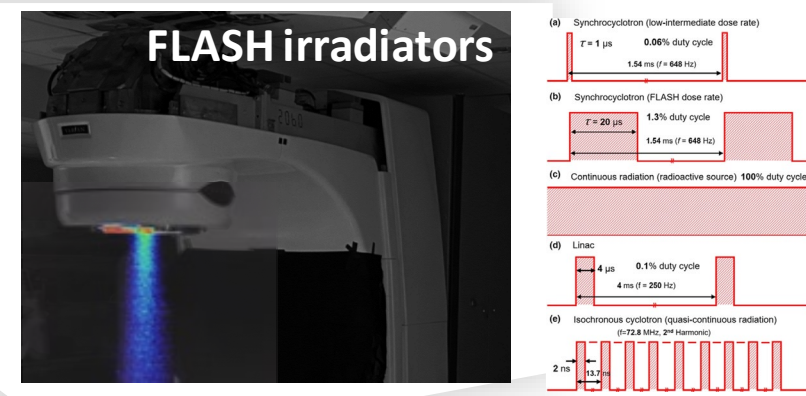
To prevent mis-treatments and secondary cancer as a result of external beam radiotherapy
Simple, low cost, visual feedback - easy deployment in less advanced RT sites



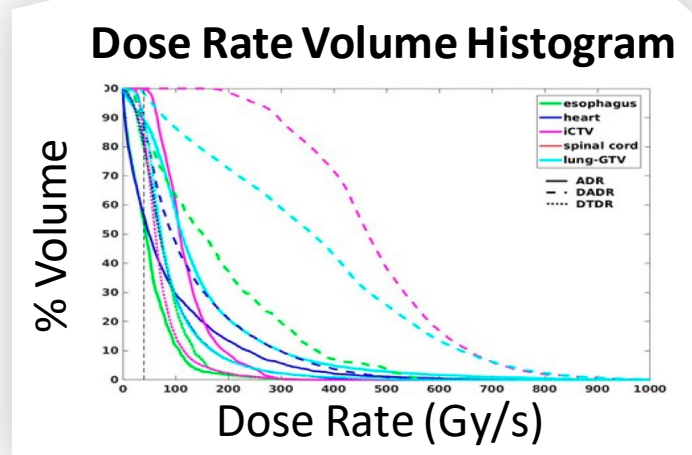
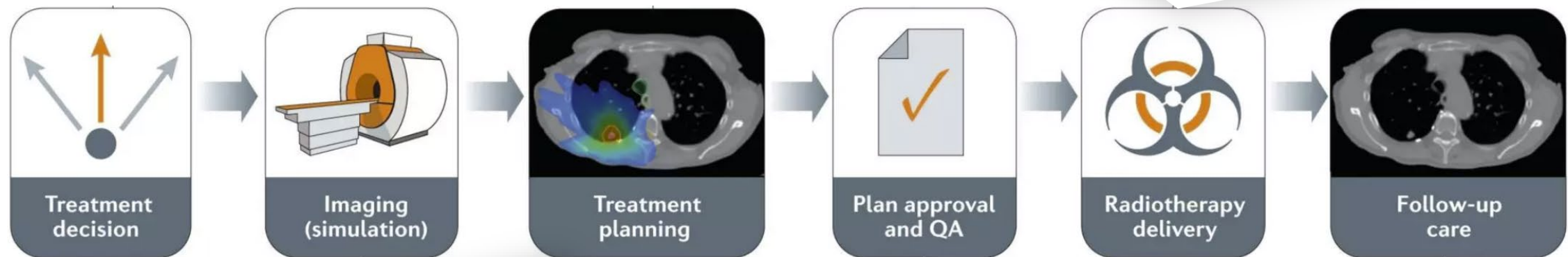
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Same technology helps improving accuracy and safety of FLASH radiotherapy

Dose rate paradigm shift:
Conventional: 0.01 Gy/s
FLASH: >40 Gy/s

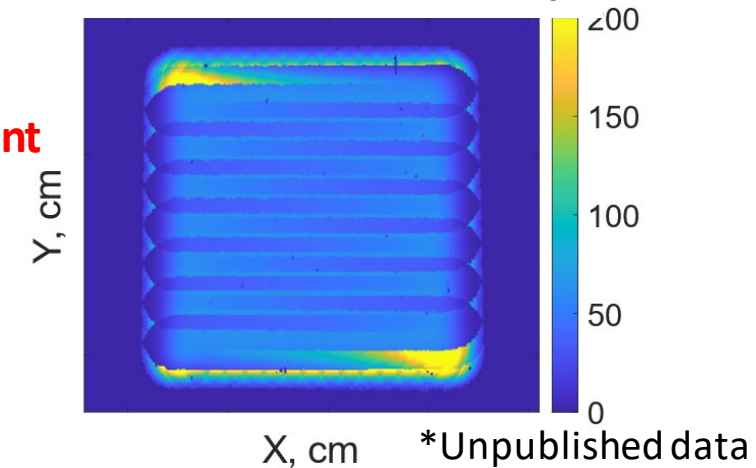


Radiotherapy course:



Example of new treatment quantities to validate:
Dose-averaged dose rate

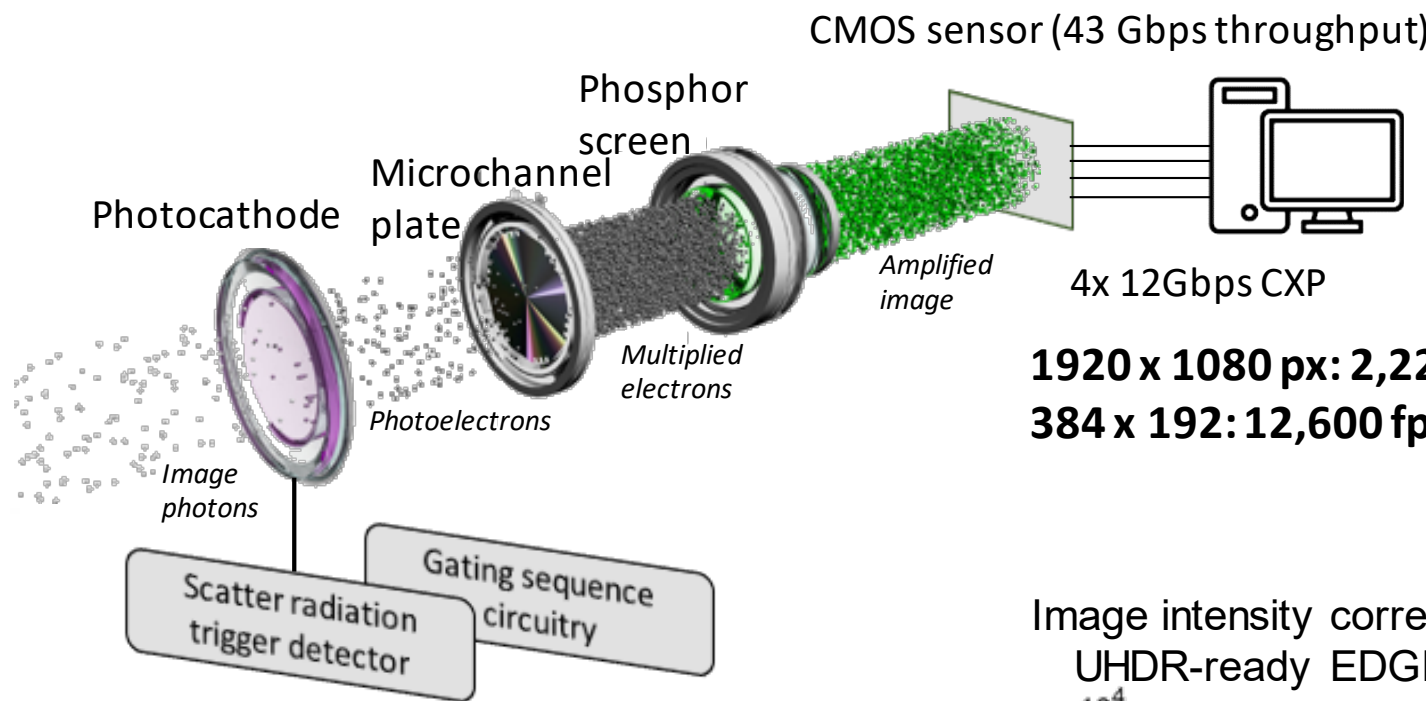
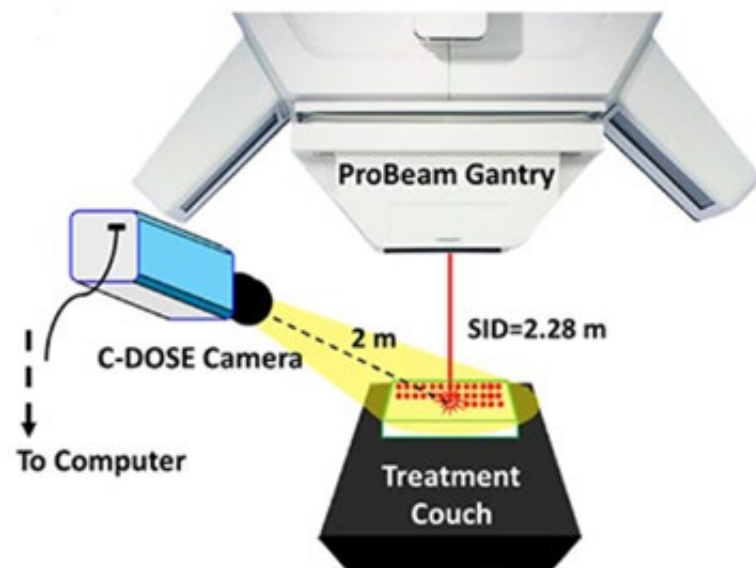
Proton FLASH DADR map Gy/s



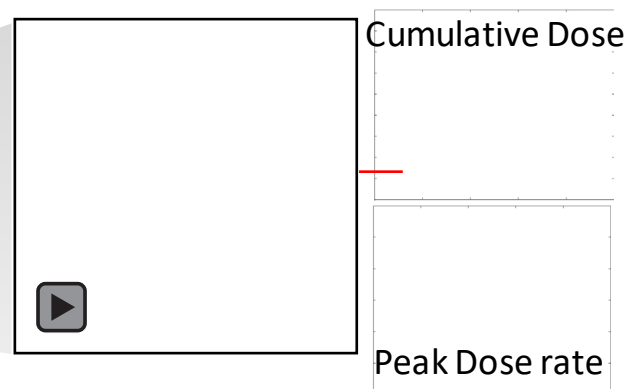
New multi-kHz camera developed for UHDR imaging

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Visualize radiation therapy

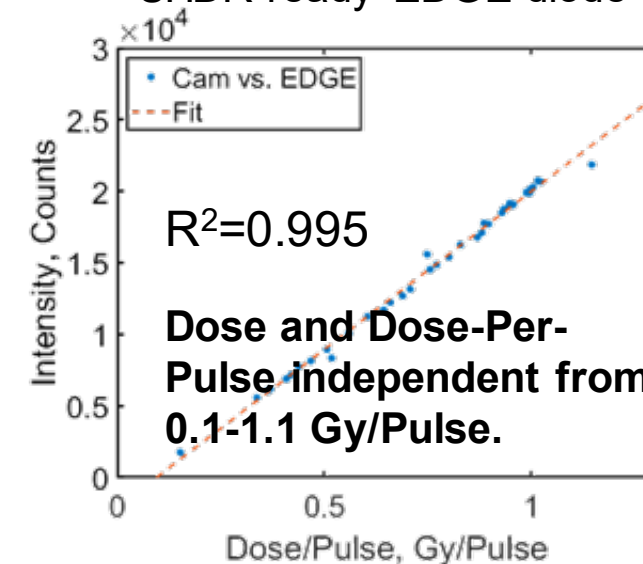


1920 x 1080 px: 2,220 fps
384 x 192: 12,600 fps

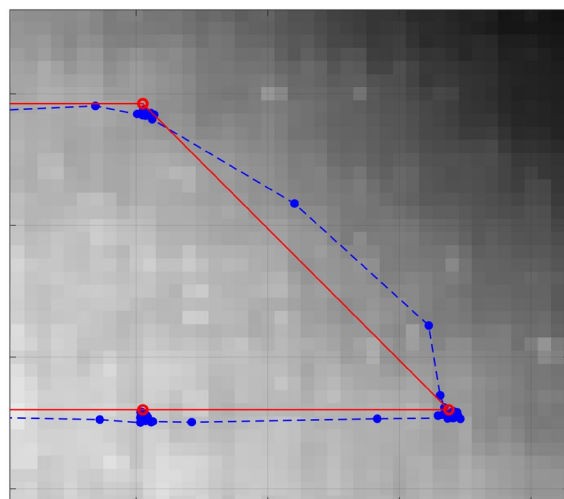
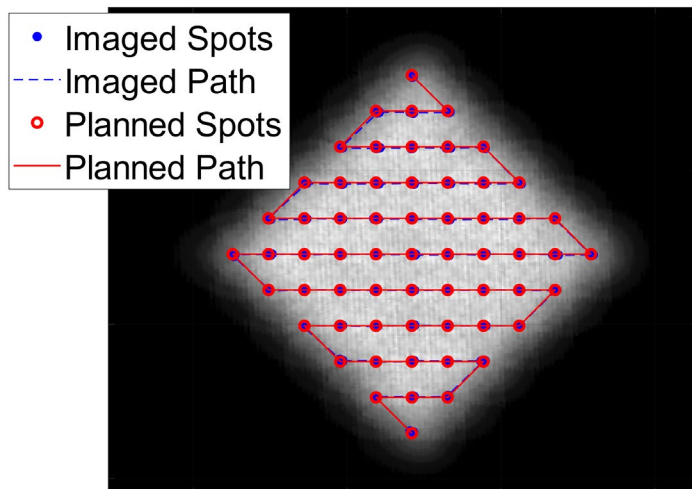


7x20cm field,
250 MeV PBS, 459ms total duration, 4500 fps

Image intensity correlates with
UHDR-ready EDGE diode

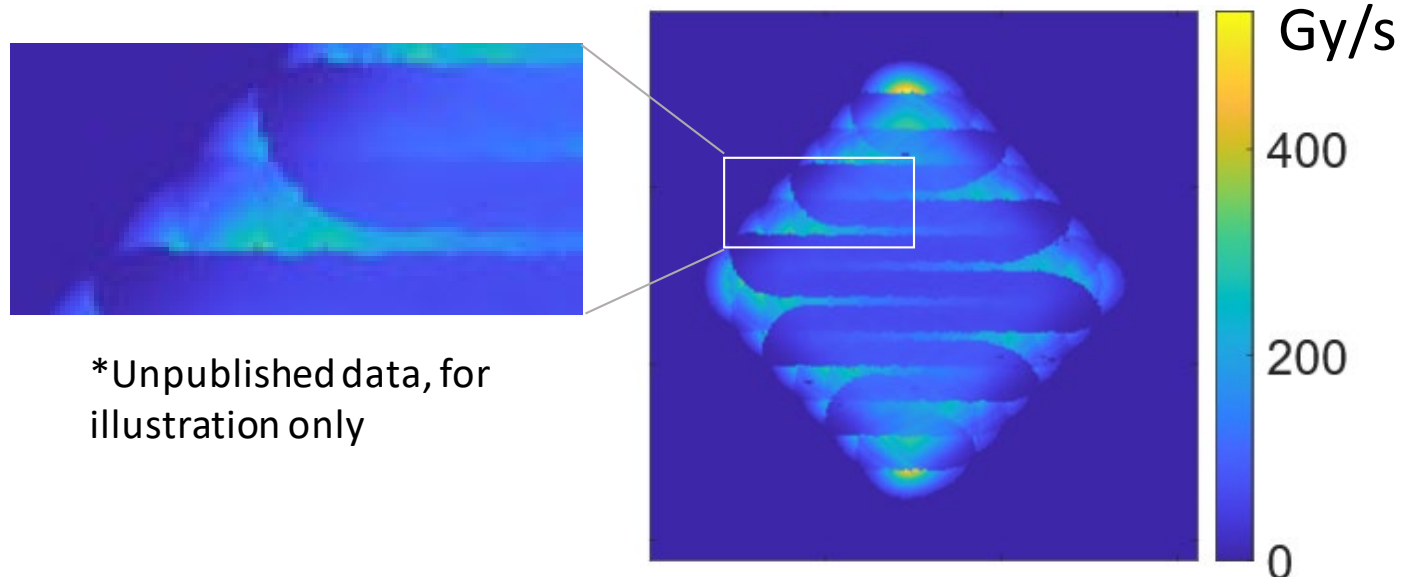
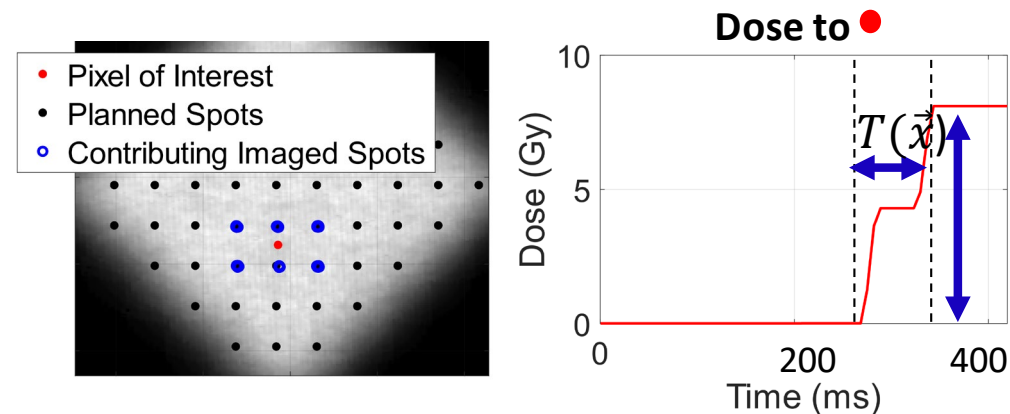


Capturing beam trajectory and true scanning speeds



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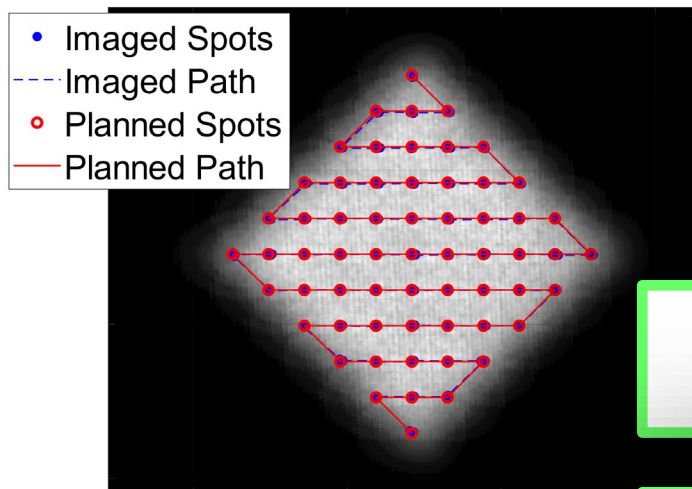
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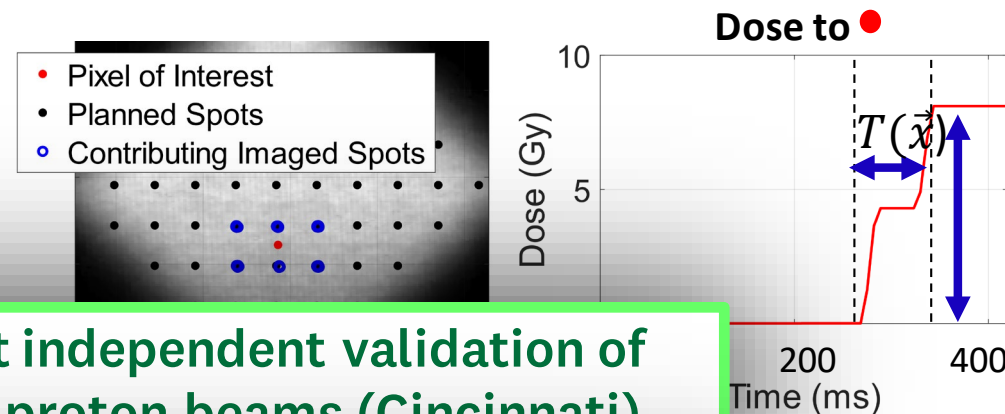
*Unpublished data, for illustration only

Validated 215 nA UHDR beams used in recent FLASH clinical trial,
stay tuned for results

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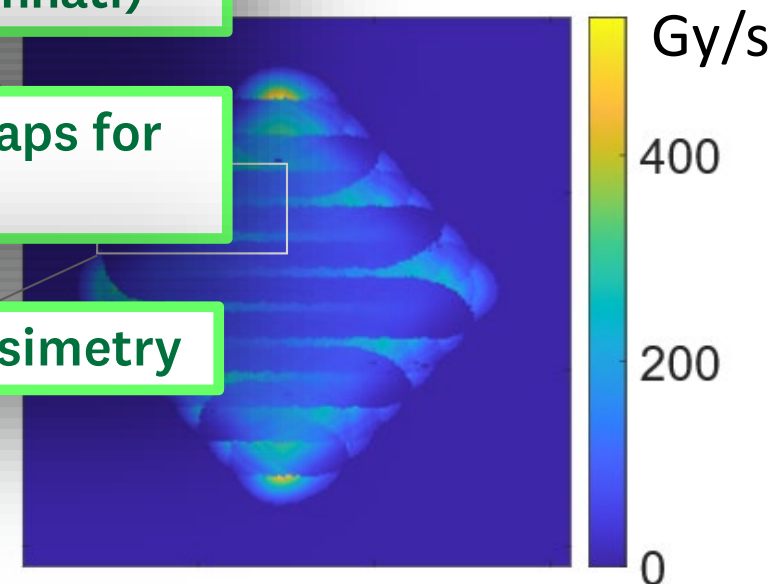


Just performed first independent validation of FLASH clinical trial proton beams (Cincinnati)

Measuring scanning speeds and DADR maps for dose rate optimization in TPS

Open geometry allows seamless *in vivo* dosimetry

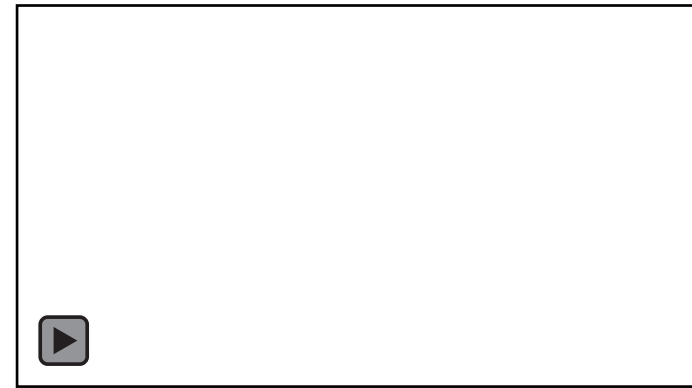
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- We use intensifiers: High-speed imaging needs single- or few photon detection capability
- Intensified cameras are proven but have disadvantages (damage threshold, mfg scalability..)

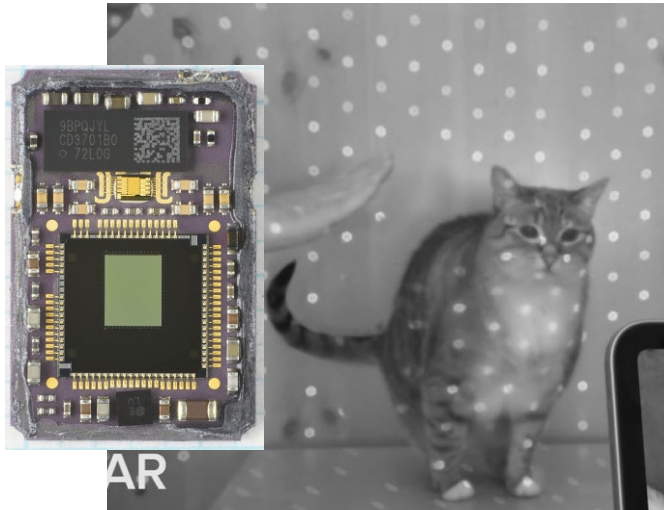
Alan Bean looking at sun
with an intensified camera
during Apollo 12 mission
(1969)



- Semiconductor high-performance sensors (SPADs, QIS) to replace ~century-old intensifier concepts

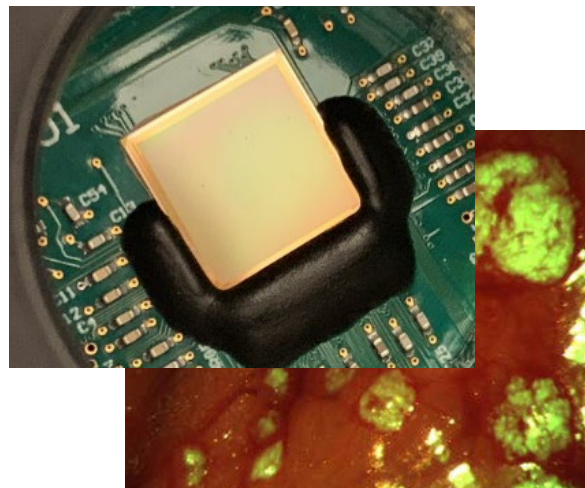
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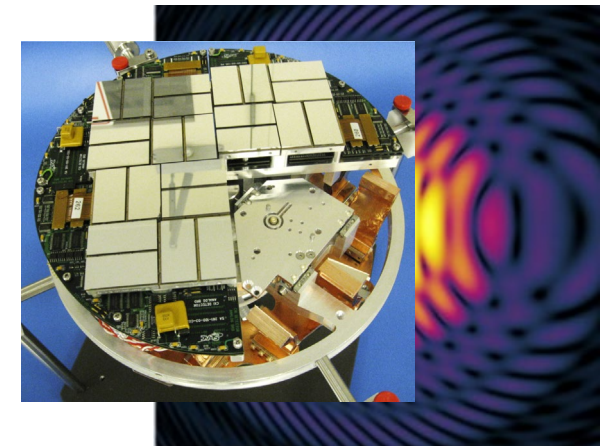
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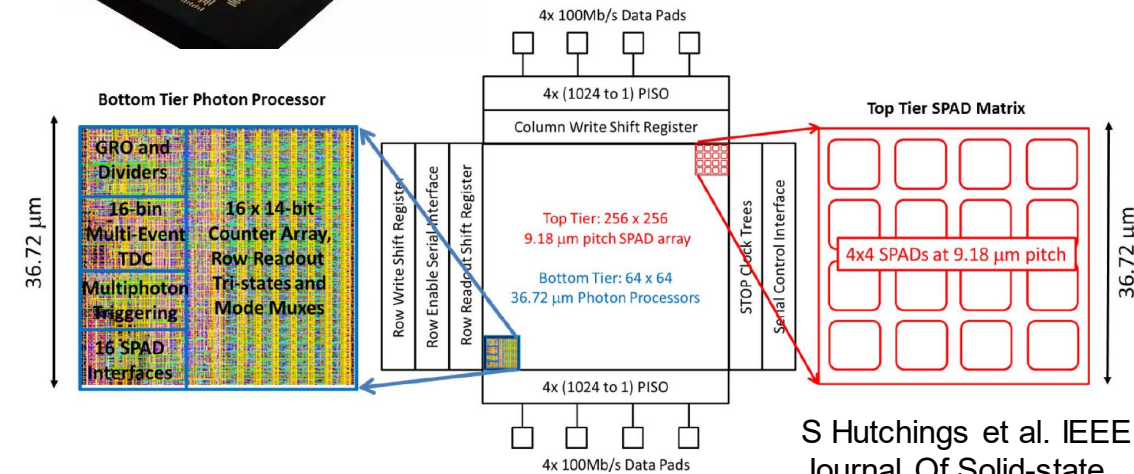
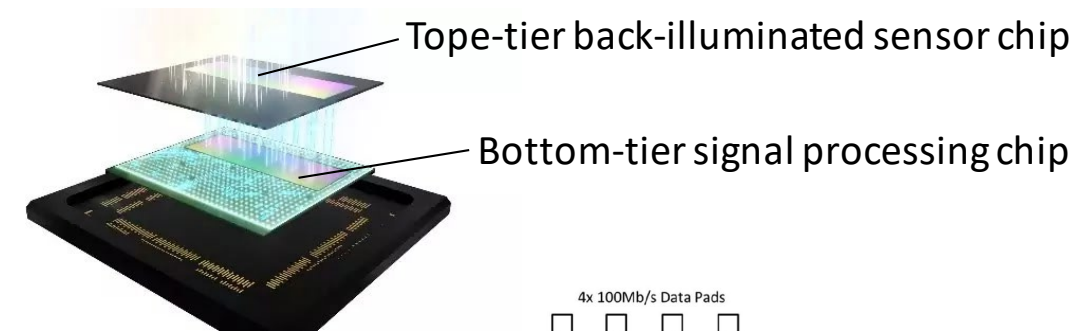
P. Hart et al., 2012 IEEE NSS/MIC, 2012.

- **Message #1: Accelerate technology transfer of an 1-ph sensitive, ps-ns gated, 10^{3-5} kfps sensor for optical medical imaging...**

Heinz Graafsma: *"You cannot develop the ultimate detector for every application"*

... we'd be fine with a good enough one that will replace intensifiers

- **3D stacked optical SPADs/QIS are the future ---->**
- **Similar approach as CERN -> Medipix?**
- **Optical detectors and applications as one of the focus areas of the NIH/DOE dialogue**



S Hutchings et al. IEEE Journal Of Solid-state Circuits 54(11), 2019

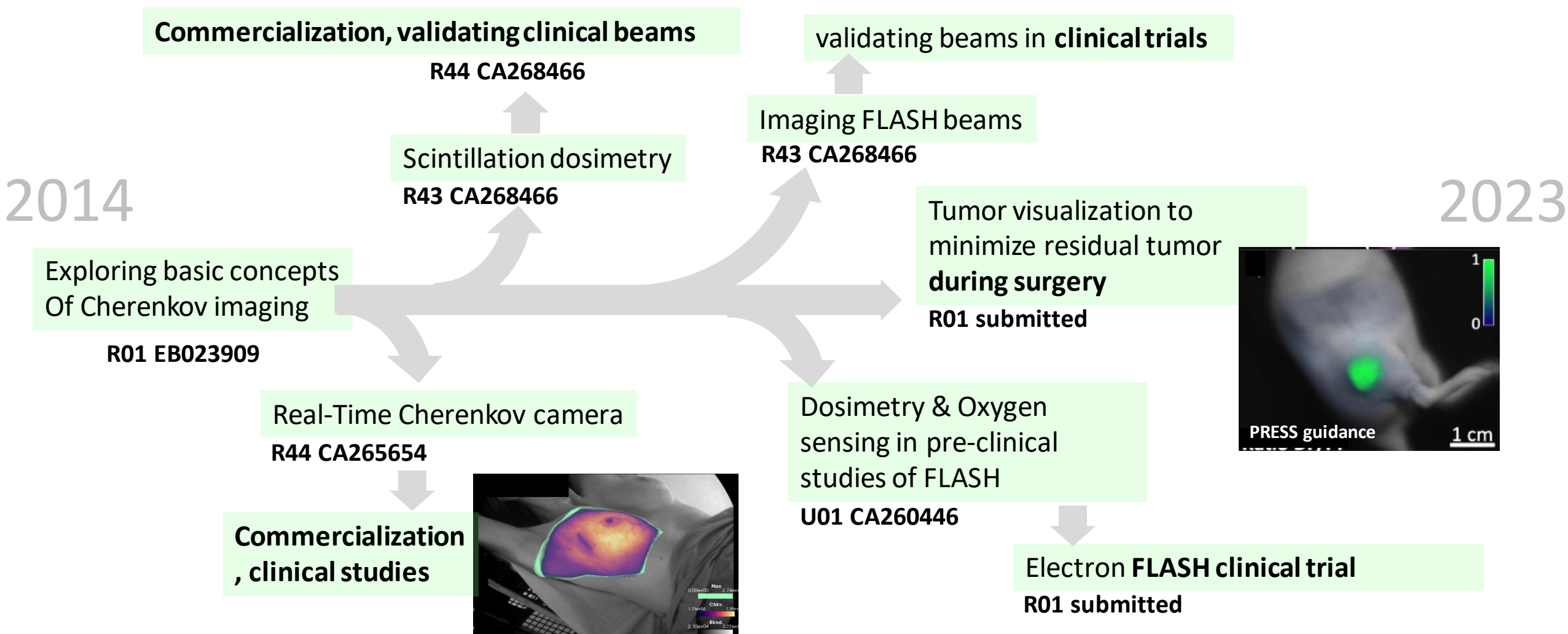
- **Flexibility of in-pixel signal processing**
- **Good competitor to iCMOS in terms of photon detection efficiency**
- **~10-100 kfps readouts**

.. for safer radiotherapy, better diagnostics & surgeries.

- **Message #2: Combining cutting edge technology with immediate clinical translation is a big plus for NIH science**

*Certainly with existing, proven technology backup

- **This can incredibly broaden the impact**



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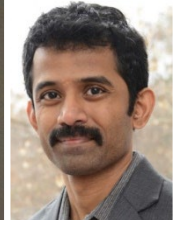
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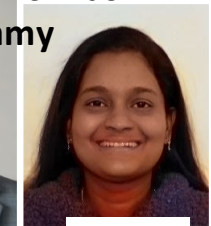
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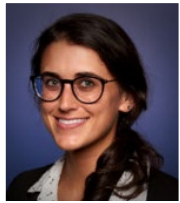


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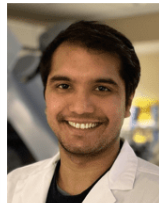
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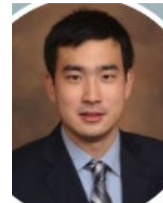
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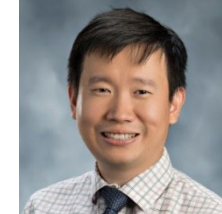
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