



Heavy Ion Therapy Research Integration

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RESEARCH INTEGRATION PLUS A NEXT GENERATION TOOL AGAINST CANCER

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COORDINATOR'S ROLE

The management of the project is ensured by CNAO, supported by CERN, GSI, and SEEIIST.



ABOUT

Heavy Ion Therapy **Research Integration plus** (HITRI*plus*) project is a research project funded by the European Commission under the HORIZON 2020 programme H2020-INFRAIA-2020-1. The project, which started the 1st of April 2021 and has a duration of 4 years, is looking to integrate and propel biophysics and medical research on cancer treatment with heavy ions beams while jointly developing its sophisticated instruments.



CLINICAL AND RESEARCH TRANSNATIONAL ACCESS

Providing transnational access (TA) to the medical and research communities interested in acquiring knowledge in carbon-ion radiotherapy.

To apply for TNA:





JOINT RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

ADVANCED ACCELERATOR AND GANTRY DESIGN

Develop solutions to enhance the performance of existing and future accelerators for heavy ion research and therapy: multiturn injection, improved extraction and beam transport, and a new linac injector).

CONTROLS AND SAFETY

Analyse and determine the best solutions for an upgrade of current and future facilities in terms of performance and cost. A novel design for the control software and safety systems will be elaborated.

SUPERCONDUCTING MAGNET DESIGN

The objective of superconducting magnet design group is to perform a first technical and financial assessment of various magnet designs for a novel type of carbon ion synchrotron and gantry complex.

MULTIPLE ENERGY EXTRACTION SYSTEM

Investigation of multiple energy operation as a possible future mode of operating the synchrotron to shorten the phases without beam extraction.

BEAM DELIVERY

A patient chair and associated vertical imaging will be investigated to enable particle arc therapy. Novel detector technology will be used to speed-up beam delivery, and potentially allow a combination of flash and arc therapy.

RADIOBIOLOGICAL DOSIMETRY AND QA

Aims to be able to meaningfully evaluate and compare research results, and to standardize radiation dosimetry among the centres. The partners will share the same phantom for in vitro dosimetry and different biological models will be chosen and compared both in normoxia and for hypoxic conditions.



NETWORKING ACTIVITIES

NETWORKING AND COMMUNICATION, **DISSEMINATION AND OUTREACH**

A team of communication experts is working to enhance the internal synergies, produce outreach materials and provide added value by allowing information flow to/from other projects and the general public as well as within the HITRIplus.

CLINICAL NETWORKING

A review of preclinical data to identify promising novel approaches to exploit the heavy-ion radiation therapy advantages and the design of one trial as a template for bringing innovative heavy ion RT approaches to

#JOINT RESEARCH



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INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

Define and implement a roadmap for the exploitation and industrialisation of the HITRIplus technologies and innovations.

MEETING 07.12.2021

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FIRST PROJECT

Martina Baue

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Postgraduate students, postdocs, and researchers from a wider multidisciplinary community will be educated and trained to form part of this heavy ion therapy research community through specialised courses, masterclasses, e-learning courses, secondments and internships.

Heavy Ion Therapy 17 - 22 May 2021 MasterClass School **Online Course**



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LECHNIQUES
Scope
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