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Business Model

- Commercially available Cyclotron System
- High Beam availability and current
- High number of treatment rooms
- Use “down time” between treatments for radioisotope production/radiography
- Relative low investment → High revenue
- Aim for “New Continent” without other hadron facilities competitors



Country

Brazil

- 1 Population \gtrsim 200M (2014) 5th
- 2 GDP (PPP) total \approx 3.3 trillion \$ 7th
- 3 HDI = 0.744 high

worldwide

South America

- Total Population \gtrsim 385M (2011)
- “Relatively” high political/social stability
- Absence of competitors

A lot of potential patients!!



Figure: Brazil's location in SA



São Paulo



- Metropolitan population \gtrsim 20M (2014), largest in the continent.
- Offers multiple synergetical possibilities:
 - 217 Hospitals, largest health care hub in Latin America (e.g. *AEIH, the best in Latin America*)
 - Many universities (e.g. *USP, the best in Latin America*)
 - Multiple Infrastructures (*Intl. Airport, heliports, highways, etc*)



Accelerator

- **Superconducting Isochronous Cyclotron 250 MeV**
 - Continuous Beam (72 MHz)
 - External high current Ion Source
 - Over 1 μA Extracted Current
 - Low Activation

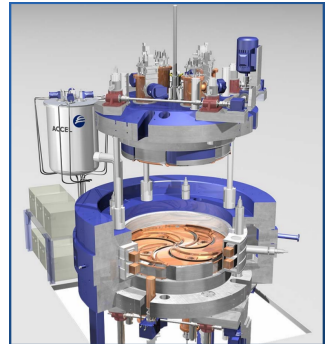


Figure: Varian SC 250 MeV

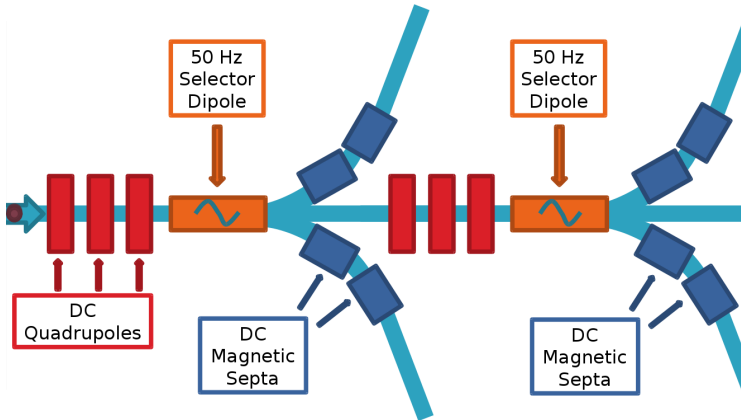


Isochronous Cyclotron

Characteristic	Value	Unit
Energy	250	MeV
Extracted Current	1000	nA
Emittance	3–5	$\pi \mu\text{m rad}$
Extraction Efficiency	80	%
Estat. Intensity Modulation	100	μs
Weight	90	tons
Central & Max B-field	2.4 & 4.0	T
Cryocooler Power	40	kW
Radio Frequency ($h=2$)	72.8	MHz
RF Power	115	kW



Beam Transport Line–Selector





Beam Delivery System

2× Trifold Dipole Selector for Rooms 1–5

- 50 Hz Selector Magnets (Bipolar)
- Permanent Magnetic – “Septa” on both outer sides

Each Room equipped with rotating degrader:

- Collimator (Beamsize)
- Degrader Rotator (Energy)
- Collimator (divergence)
- Intensity Quad (Intensity)
- Collimator (Intensity)
- Scanning Magnets (continuous)





Therapy Center

Continuous Beam Cyclotron

Fast Beam Switching (50 Hz)

- No scheduling between rooms necessary!
- No waiting for another room to be ready!

4 Treatment rooms

- 3 Gantries
- 1 Horizontal Treatment Line

1 Isotope production/Radiography line



Experimental/Production Room

Default Beam Line

Degrader System, no Energy Selection

Isotope Production focus on:

- ^{89}Y , Rb, Kr \rightarrow ^{92}Sr
- $^{82}\text{Sr} \rightarrow ^{82}\text{Rb}$ – PET/SPECT (24 days)
- $^{232}\text{Th}(n,\gamma)^{233}\text{Th}(\beta^-) \rightarrow ^{233}\text{Pa}(\beta^-) \rightarrow ^{233}\text{U}(\alpha) \rightarrow ^{229}\text{Th}(\alpha) \rightarrow ^{225}\text{Ra}(\beta^-)^{225}\text{Ac}(\alpha)$ – Carrier Molecules, Leukemia (10 days)

Neutron target for radiography

- Tungsten/Uranium Target





Building Layout

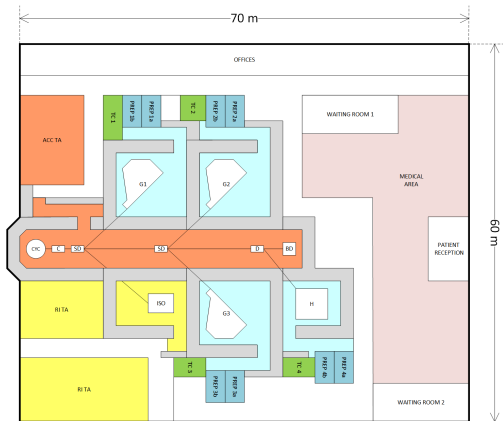


Figure: CRAP floorplan





Operation Schedule

- 2×8h Medical Shifts (including 2h QA) 5 days a week
- Bi-weekly Maintenance Intervention on the weekend
- Research Beam time bi-weekly on the weekend
- Parasitic Isotope Production

Patient Schedule

- 15 minutes in Irradiation room
- 20–30 minutes in Preparation room

Human Resources

Technical Staff	23
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Operators & Technicians ■ External Service Personnel ■ Accelerator Supervisor 	<p>18</p> <p>3</p> <p>2</p>
Medical Staff	43
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Nurses ■ RTT ■ Medical Physicists ■ Medical Doctors 	<p>20</p> <p>10</p> <p>8</p> <p>5</p>
Administration	10
Total	76

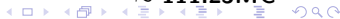


Initial Cost

1	Cyclotron	15M€
3	Gantry	21M€
4	Patient Positioning System	1M€
1	Experimental Room Equipment	1M€
5	Degrading System+Collimators	1M€
1	Room Selector System	0.75M€
1	Beam Lines from Cyclotron to Irradiation rooms	10M€
5	DDS/(x,y) chamber/I counter/scanning system	7.5M€
-	Building	50M€
-	Software	1M€
-	IT external Service Contracts	2M€

SubTotal

≈ 111.25M€





Yearly Cost

- Cyclotron	2M€
3 Gantries	0.5M€
- Electricity	0.78M€
- Facility	0.5M€
- Spare Parts	2M€
76 HR (earning an average 80k€)	≈ 6M€
- IT Software Licenses	0.25M€
- TPS Licenses	1M€
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SubTotal	≈ 13M€



Financial Viability

Safety Budget	2M€
Revenue/patient	15k€
→ Revenue/Year	24M€
Isotope Income	≈ 150k€
Operation Cost/year	13M€

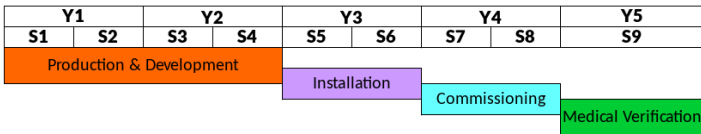
≈ 15 Years to pay back investment

Patient estimation data

minutes per treatment: 5
 hours/day for treatment: 14
 treatments a day: 168
 assuming 80% outcome: 134
 treatment days: 240
 treatments per year: 32160
 fractions/patient: 20
patients/year ≈ 1600



Timeline





Strategical Advantages

- High Patient throughput
- Simultaneous Patient treatment
- No Room scheduling needed

Drawbacks

- Protons Only
- Low Energy (research)
- Low intensities at low Energies (Isotope)