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## The Promise of FLASH: Clinical translation

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## What are FLASH & PHASER?



**FLASH:**  
*Ultra-fast near-instantaneous radiation treatment*



**PHASER:**  
*Novel technology platform being developed for clinical translation of FLASH RT*




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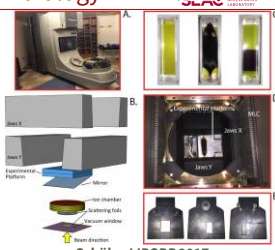
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## Ultra-rapid "FLASH" RT: New biology

### FLASH RT biology experiments at Stanford

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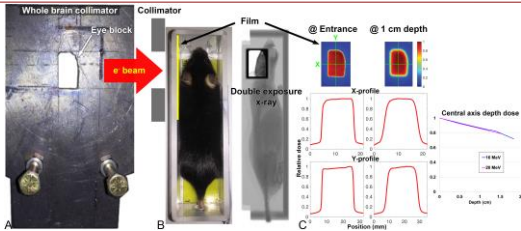
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### FLASH whole brain irradiation



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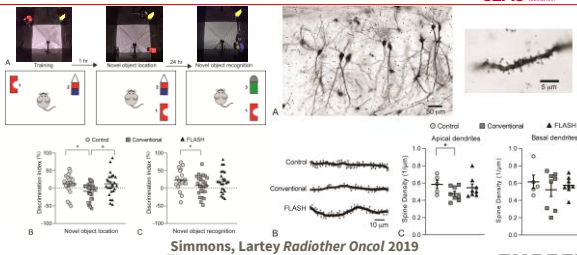
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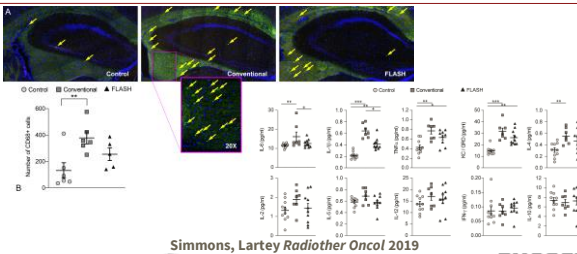
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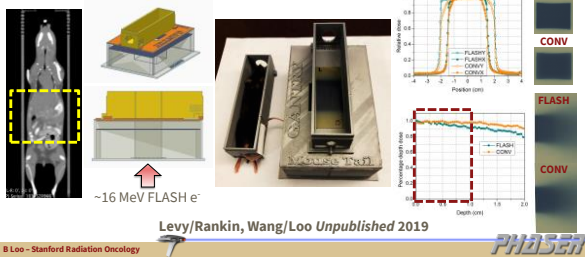
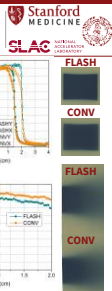
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FLASH total abdomen irradiation




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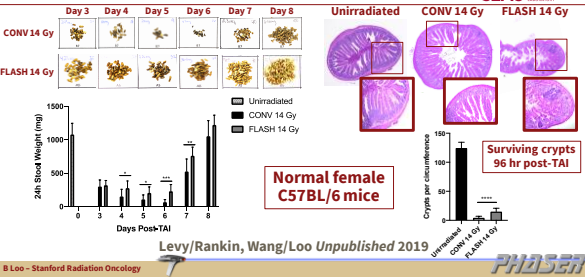
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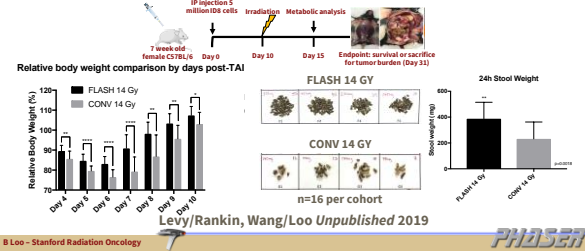
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FLASH total abdomen irradiation



Syngeneic orthotopic (peritoneal) ID8 ovarian cancer in C57BL/6




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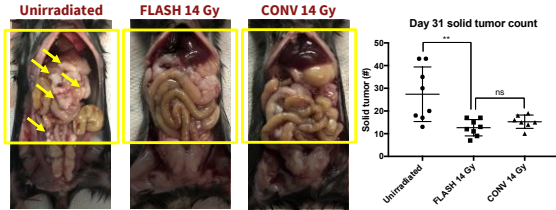
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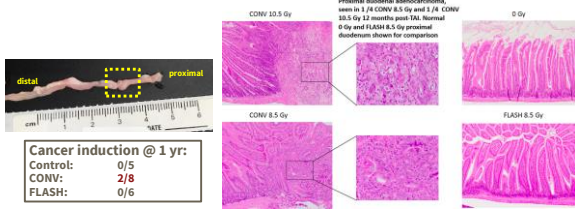


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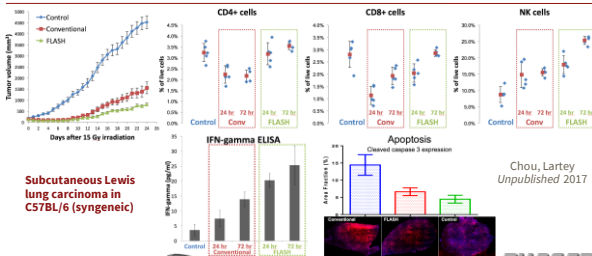
Late cancer induction



Levy/Rankin - Stanford



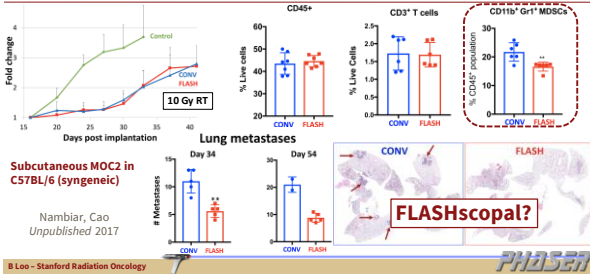
### FLASH: Improved tumor control



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## FLASH: Decreased metastasis




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## FLASH – Summary of biological findings

Compared to conventional dose rate irradiation, FLASH achieves:

- Reduced normal tissue injury
  - Multiple organ systems: lung, brain, intestinal tract, skin
  - Multiple mouse strains, multiple species
- Equal or better tumor killing *in vivo*
  - Multiple tumor models

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## Clinical translation of FLASH RT

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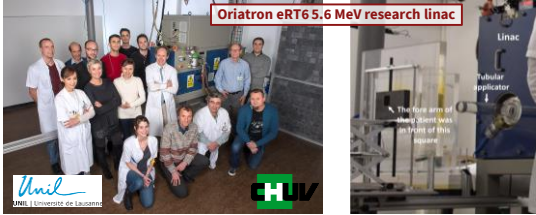
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## FLASH – First in human case report



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## FLASH – First in human case report



- 75 yo M with disseminated cutaneous T-cell lymphoma
- Progression through multiple systemic regimens over first 10 years
  - Treated with 110 courses of localized RT over last 10 years
  - 20-21 Gy in 6-10 fractions
  - Good local tumor control, severe acute toxicity taking 3-4 mo to heal



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### FLASH – Current technology



It is technically feasible to deliver FLASH to patients using modifications of existing clinical/preclinical systems:

- Electron beams: superficial targets
- Proton pencil beams: small volumes from **single** direction

**New technology is needed for FLASH RT to general cancer targets in patients**

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### Precision RT – overcoming a key barrier



Hitting moving targets – current “motion management”



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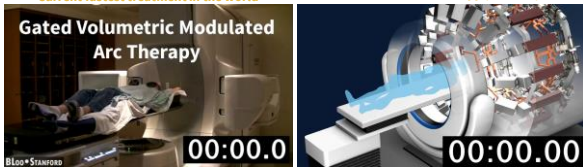
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### PHASER: Next generation radiation therapy



Current fastest treatment in the world

Pluridirectional High-energy Agile Scanning Electronic Radiotherapy (PHASER)



- **300X faster:** Freezes motion, ultimate precision
- FLASH RT: New biological advantages
- Compact & economical: Global access to RT

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## High-output linear accelerator



Distributed RF-coupling Architecture with Genetically Optimized cell design (DRAGON)



- First new design in 60 years
- **3X better** power efficiency
- **300X more** beam current
- **10X lower** manufacturing cost

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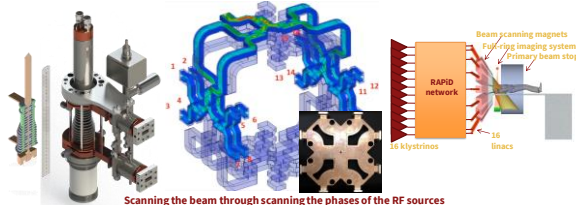
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## Eliminating slow mechanical motion



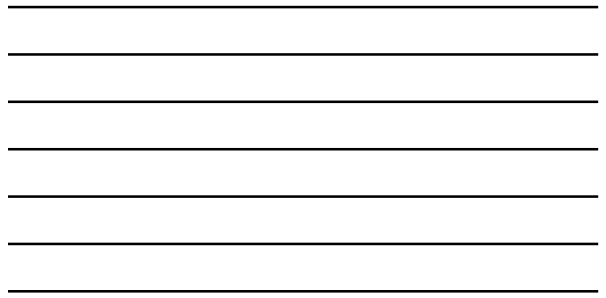
RF phased-array power distribution (RAPiD) network



Scanning the beam through scanning the phases of the RF sources

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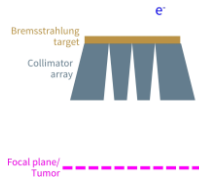
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## Eliminating slow mechanical motion



Scanning Pencil-beam High-speed Intensity-modulated X-ray source (SPHINX)



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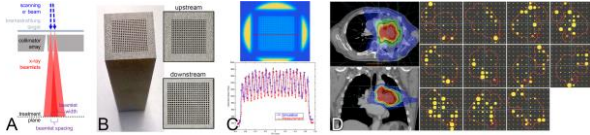
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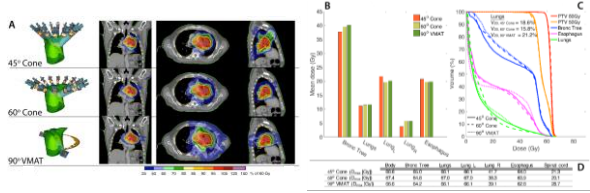
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## Integrated rapid volumetric imaging

Conical beam geometry - common isocenter between treatment beams and full ring diagnostic-quality CT imager



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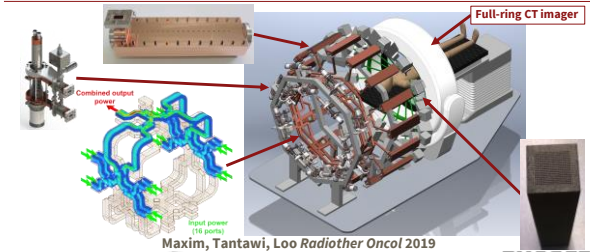
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## Integrated PHASER system



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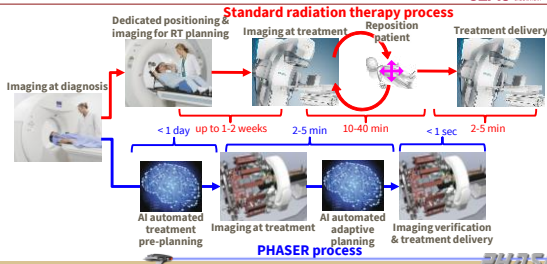
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### Accelerating clinical efficiency with AI



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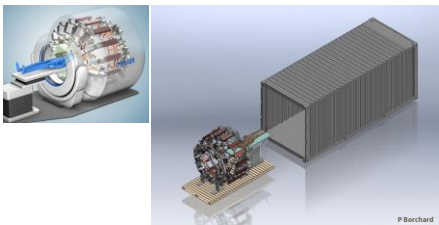
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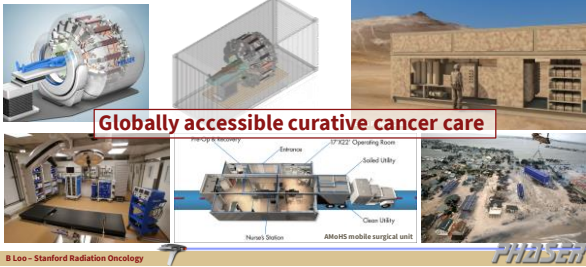
### Vision: PHASER clinical system



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### FAQs



- Don't we risk "missing" the tumor in a FLASH?
  - No, integrated rapid volumetric image-guidance is key
  - Rational margin design principles still apply
- Won't ultra-fast delivery be a nightmare for QA?
  - No, multiple relatively straightforward strategies can be designed up front

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**Get PHASER to "Cure"**

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