

Safety and Radiation Protection for ThomX

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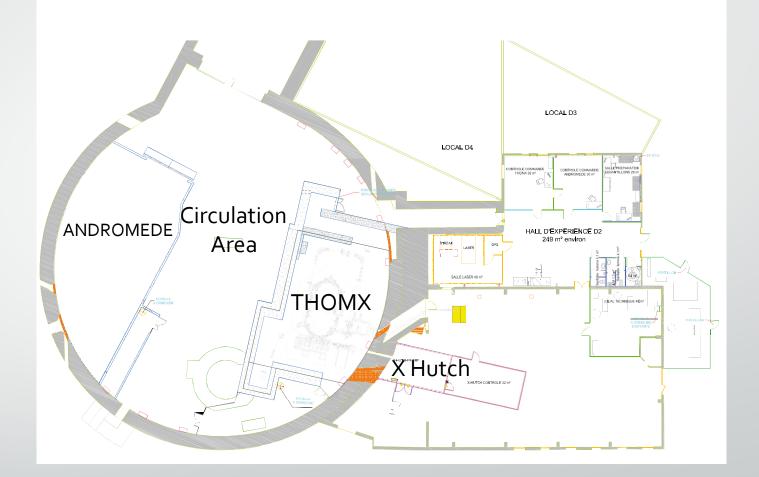






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- Two accelerators in the same building: need to be operated independantly
- A common area between both devices called « circulation area », where presence of workers is possible.
- Two bunkers need to be designed, one for each machine.





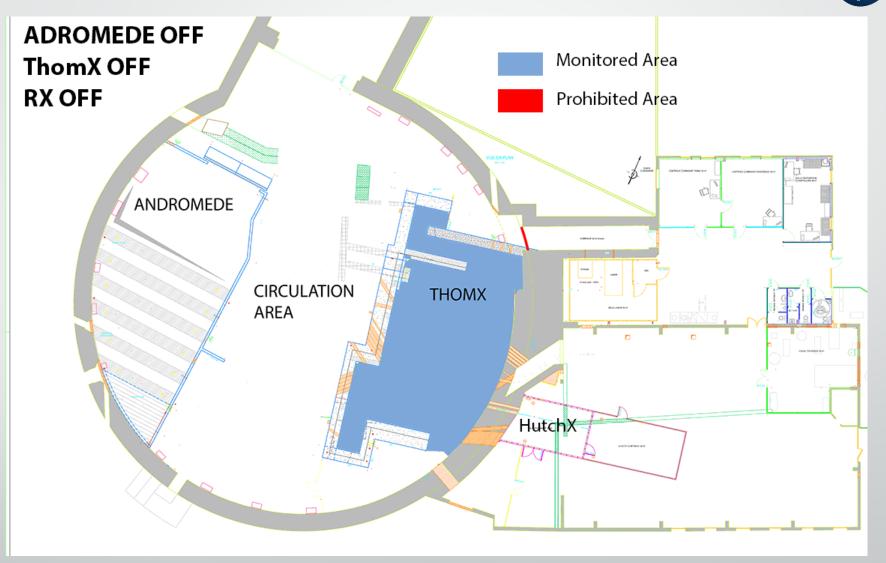


Radiation Protection Zoning



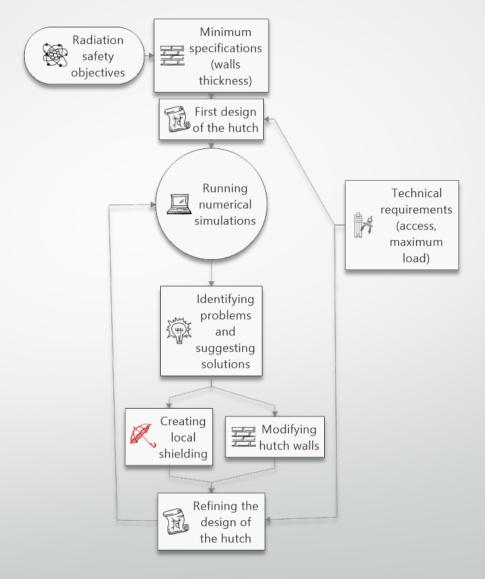


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ThomX Shielding Design – Methods and Tools

Step-by-step methods have been followed using FLUKA code:

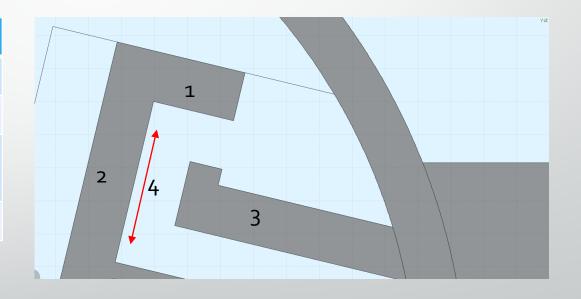
- Empirical assessment of minimum specifications
- First design of the hutch
- Running numerical simulations until compliance with radiation safety objectives and technical/financial requirements





ThomX Optimization of the Hutch walls

Wall	Changes	
1	Length: + 45 cm	
2	Width: -50 cm	
3	Width: -70 cm + baryte concrete	
4	Length: -120 cm	



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ThomX Optimization of the Hutch walls– Scraper shielding

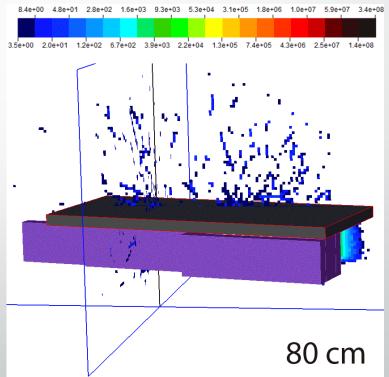
- Wall of 1,5 m of regular concrete: Rate dose above the objective
 - Modelling a new wall of baryte concrete
 - Optimization in order to reduce total volume
- Modelling a local shielding
 - Lead with Tantalum
 - Three purposes:
 - Reduction of the volume of concrete added
 - Photons produced are collimated by the lead pipe
 - Dose rate reduced when accelerator is off (shielding against delayed radiation)





ThomX Optimization of the Hutch walls - Roof

- Initial width of the roof was defined to entirely stop prompt radiations: 1 meter of regular concrete
- The area over the roof will be prohibited during accelerator running => width and weight or the roof can be reduced to 55 cm.
- Classical step-by-step method to find the best compromise between radiation protection and technical limitation

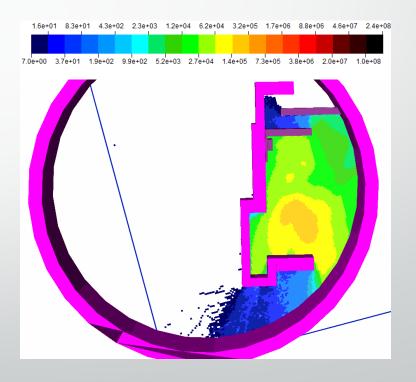






ThomX Final design and results

	Weight removed (t)	Money saved (k€)	Costs (k€)
Optimizati on of the Hutch walls	350	152	
Local shielding added			20-30
Baryte walls for scraper			66



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Radiation Monitoring System

Gamma and neutron detectors provide a continuous radiation monitoring of

- Areas outside the Hutches
- Inside the hutches when beams are stopped

