

# Qualification For Gamma and EB Machine

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Pelatihan Penyegaran Petugas Iradiator

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1. What do you expect from an operation?

2. Is the Operation related to IQ OQ and PQ?

- Installation Qualification
- Operational Qualification
- Performance Qualification

## HIGHLIGHT AGENDA

1. Installation Qualification

2. Operational Qualification

3. Performance Qualification

4. Process Control

Which modality is more beautiful? Gamma? Xrays? EB?

$\gamma$

- $^{60}\text{Co}$  (1.17 & 1.33 MeV)
- Two photon energies, act like waves
- Attenuated

$e^-$

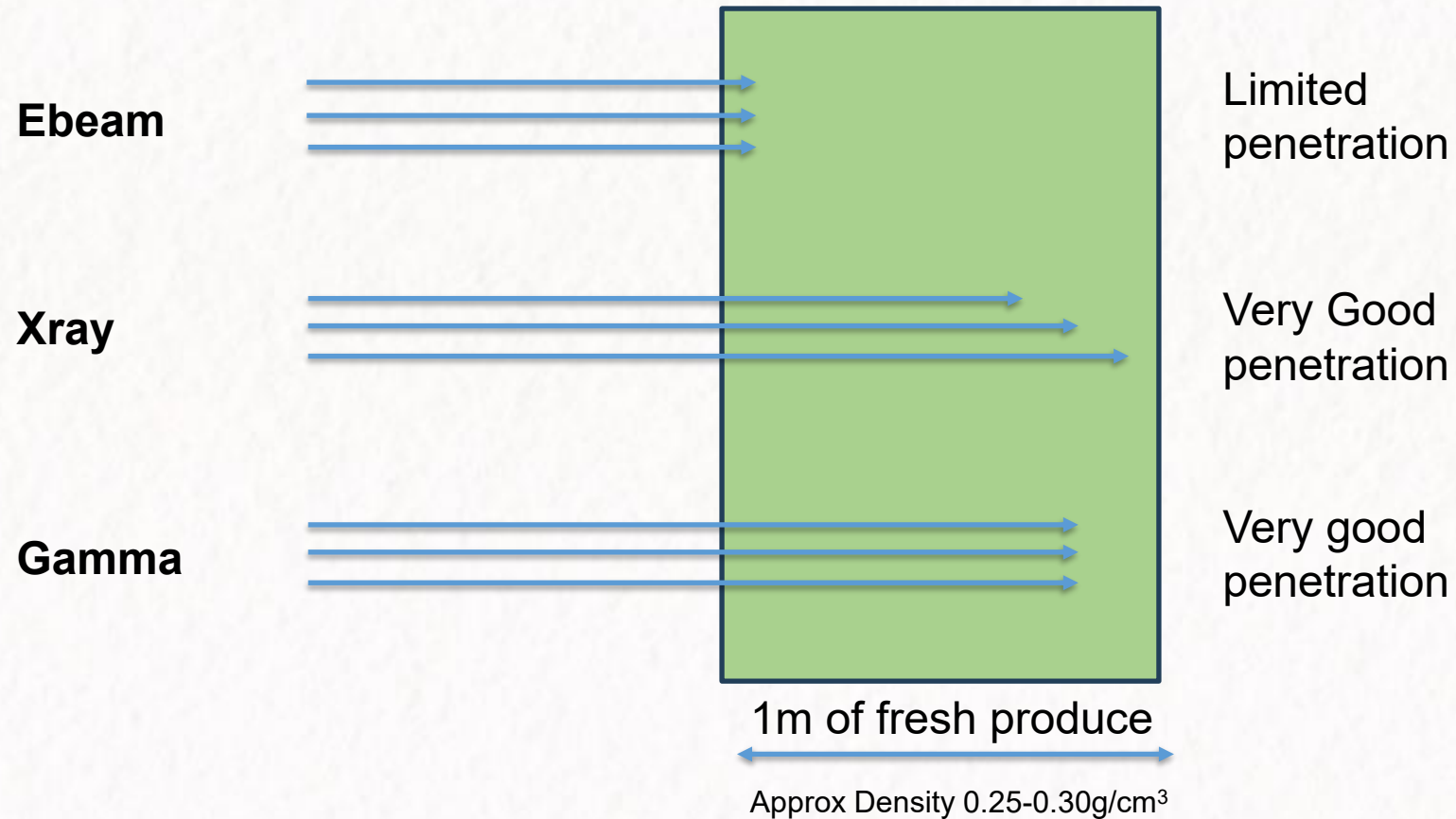
- 5, 7.5, & 10 MeV
- Monoenergetic electrons, act like particles
- Stopping power

X

- 5 & 7.5 MeV
- Bremsstrahlung energies, act like waves
- Attenuated



## Comparison Technology



## Comparison Technology

Feature	eBeam (10 MeV)	Gamma (Co-60)	X-ray ( $\leq 7.5$ MeV)
Public/Consumer Acceptance	★★★★☆	★★★☆☆	★★★★☆
Maintenance Requirement	★★★☆☆	★★★★★	★★★☆☆
Infrastructure Cost	★★★☆☆	★★★★☆	★★★☆☆
Dosimetry Uniformity	★★★☆☆	★★★★★	★★★★☆
Regulatory Risk	★★★★★	★★★☆☆	★★★★★
Speed / Throughput	★★★★★	★★★☆☆	★★★★☆
Penetration Depth	★★★☆☆	★★★★★	★★★★☆

Which modality is more beautiful? ALL TECHNOLOGY ARE BEAUTIFUL!

## Gamma Parameters

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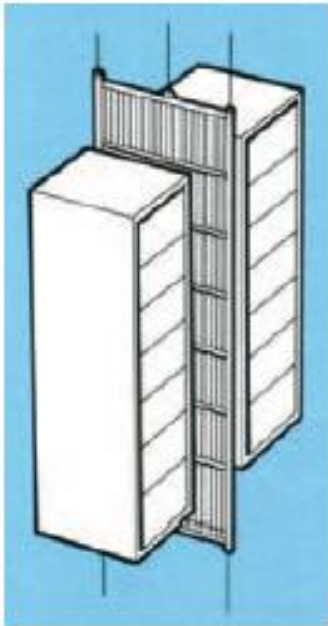
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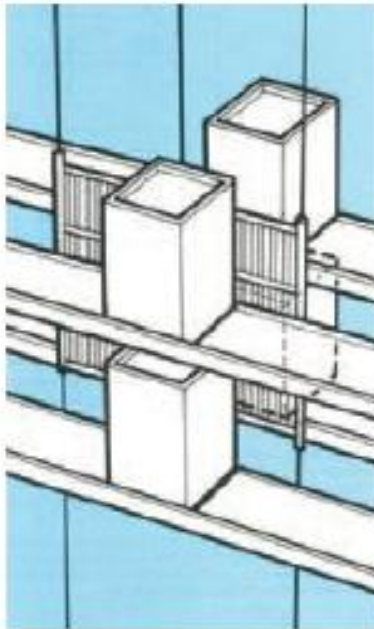
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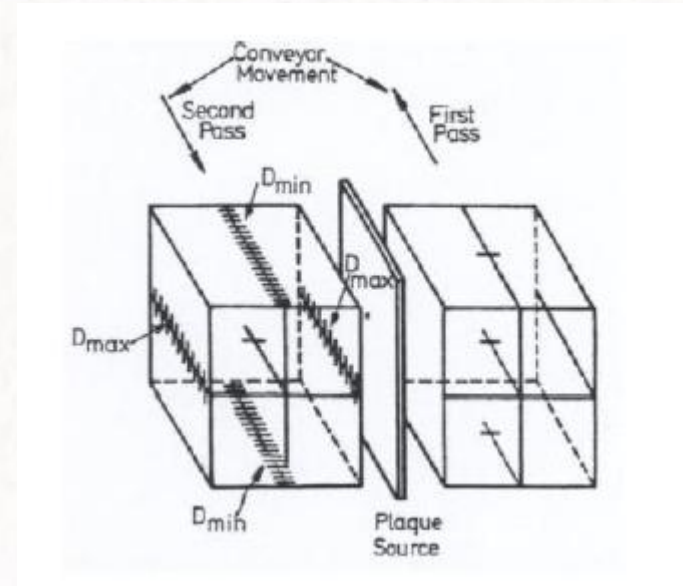
## Gamma



Source overlap



Product overlap



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## Gamma



Credit: Iradiator Gamma Merah-Putih

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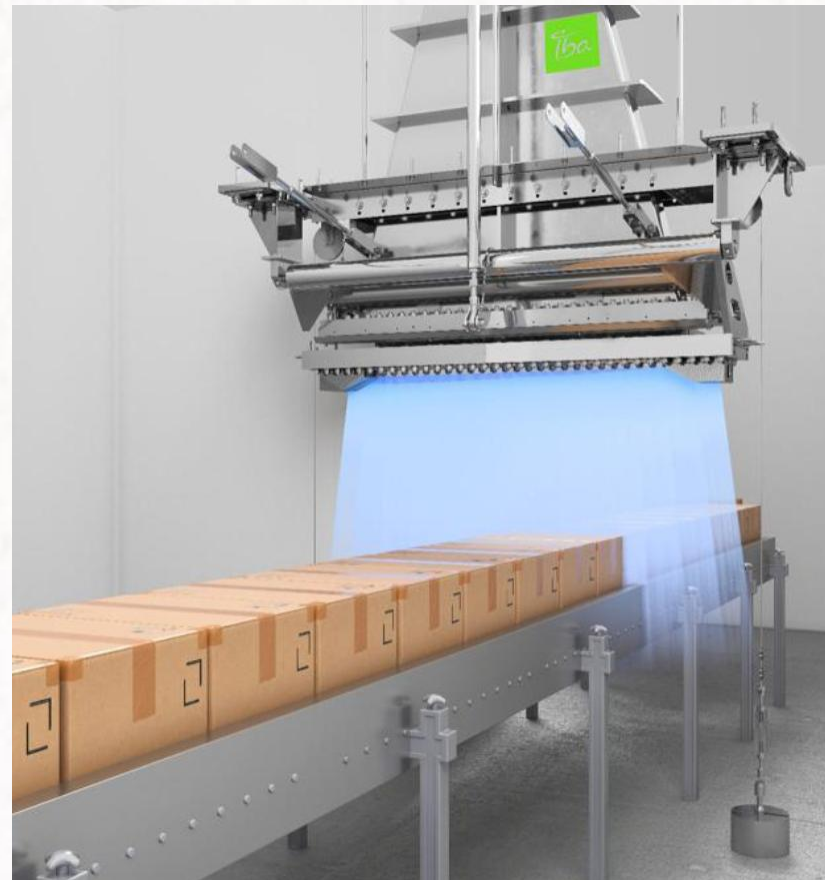
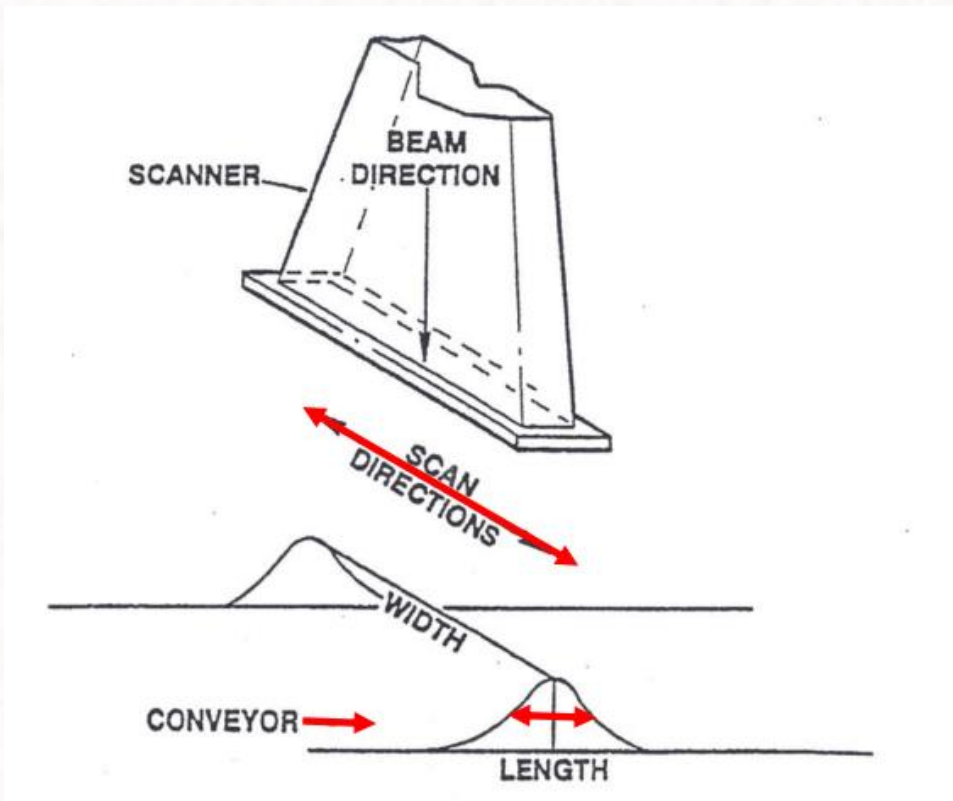
Radiation Power –  $P = V.I$  (Example. kW =  $V (10 \text{ MeV}) * I (5 \text{ mA}) = 50 \text{ kW}$  – Gives the throughput of irradiation

- **Scanned Lenght (m or cm) meters or centimeters**

Dimensions of irradiation zone to the product movement at a specified distance from the accelelator window



## eBeam



Credit: IBA Industrial

## eBeam/Xray



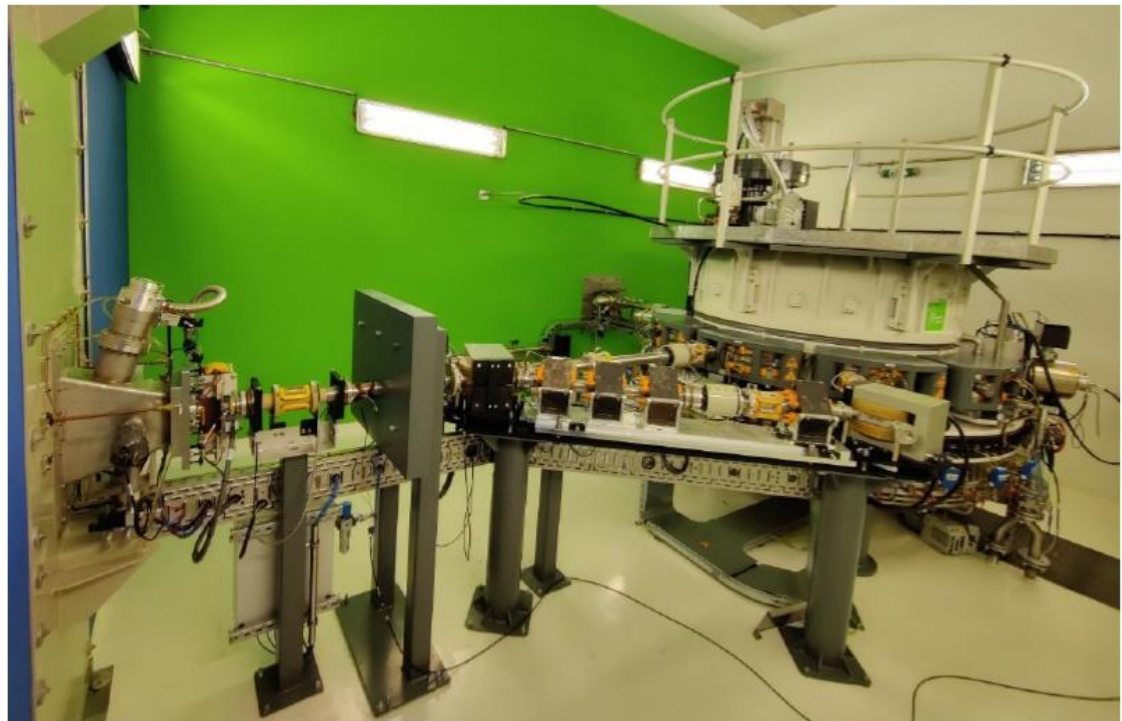
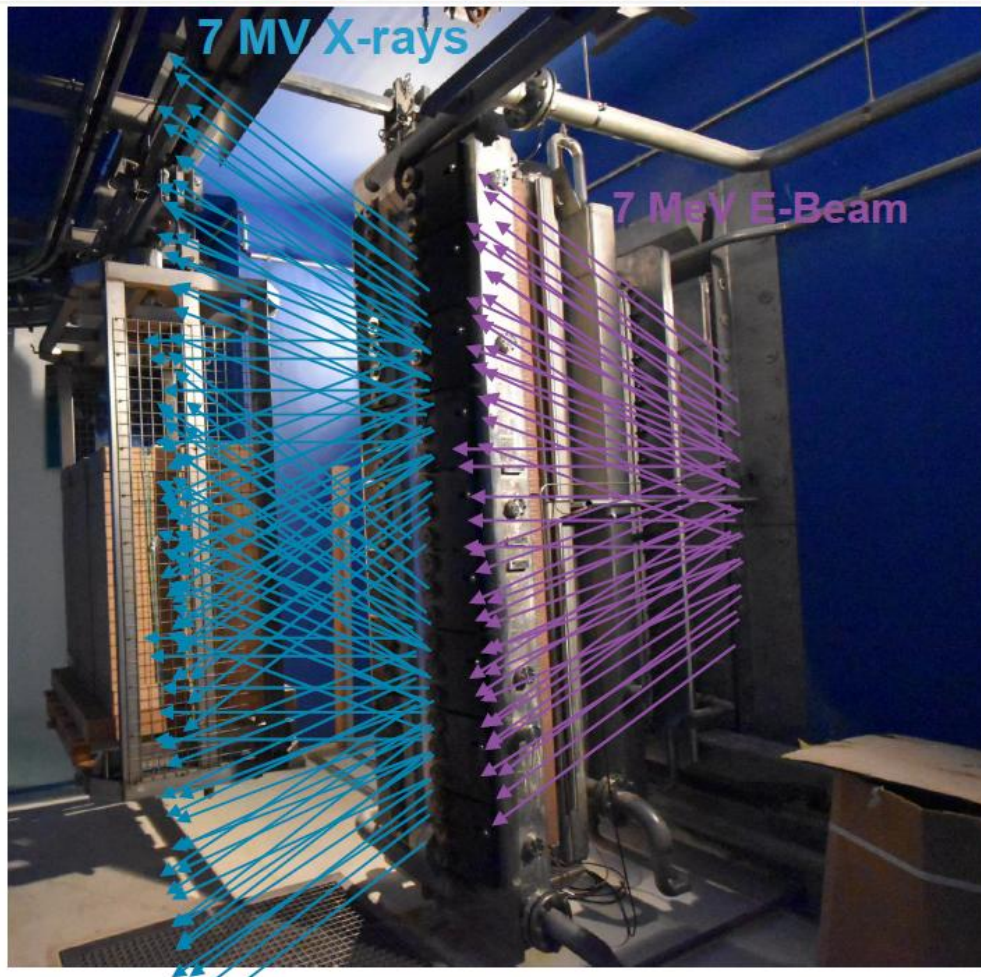
Credit: Steritech Australia



Credit: IBA Industrial



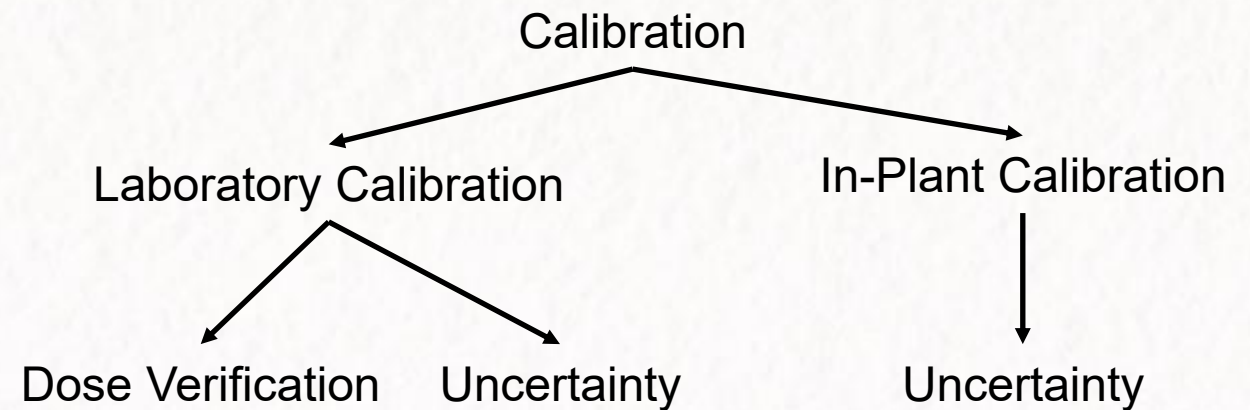
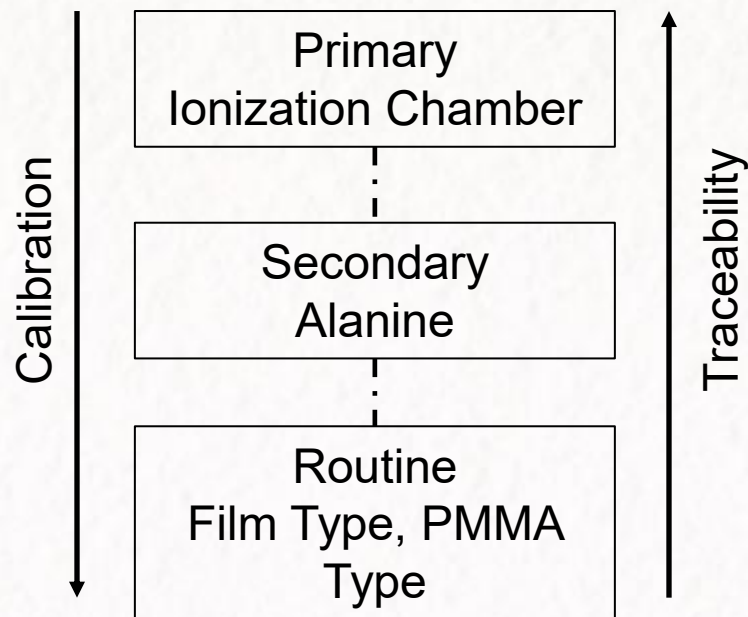
## Aerial + IBA Project



## Calibration

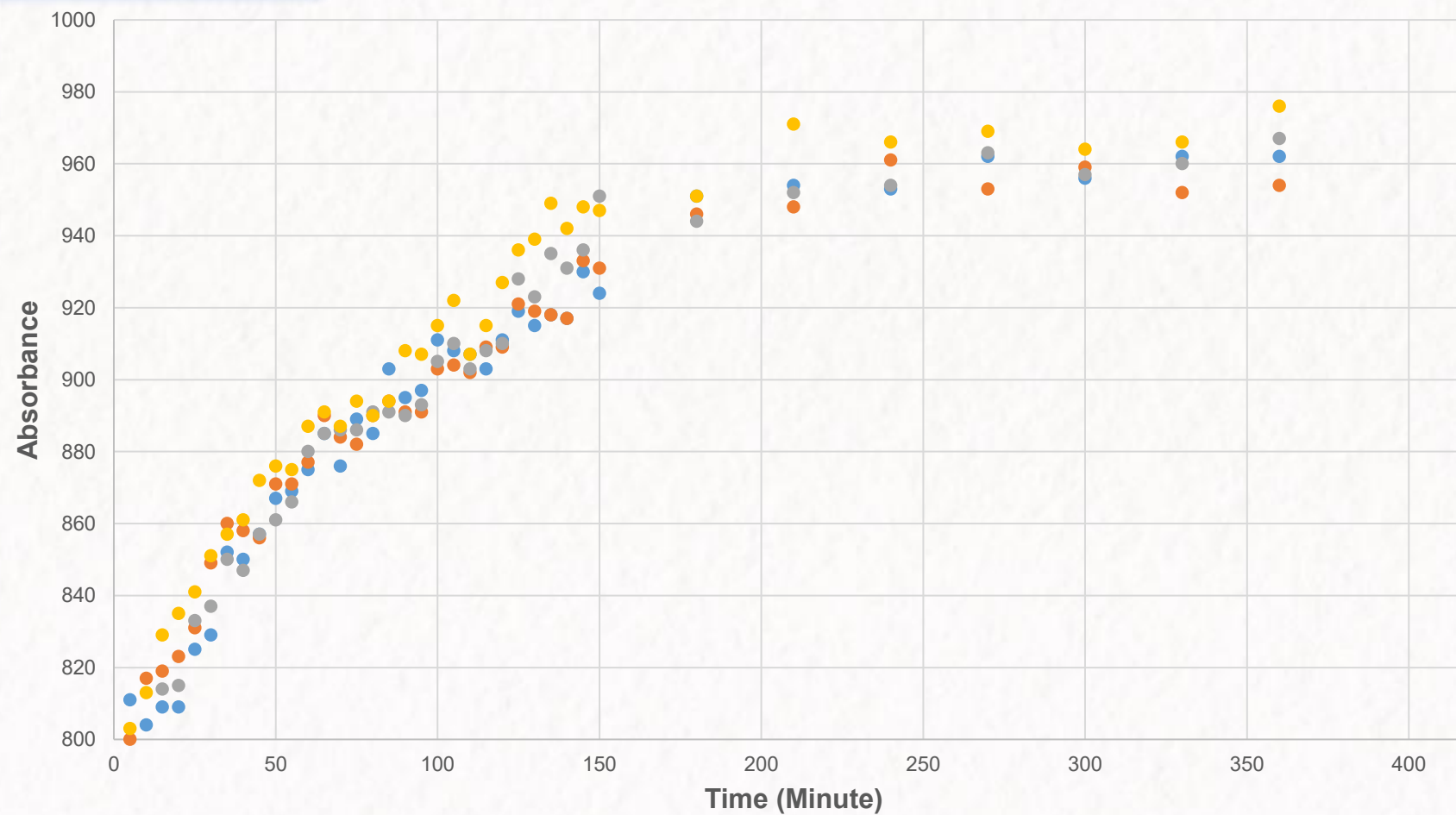
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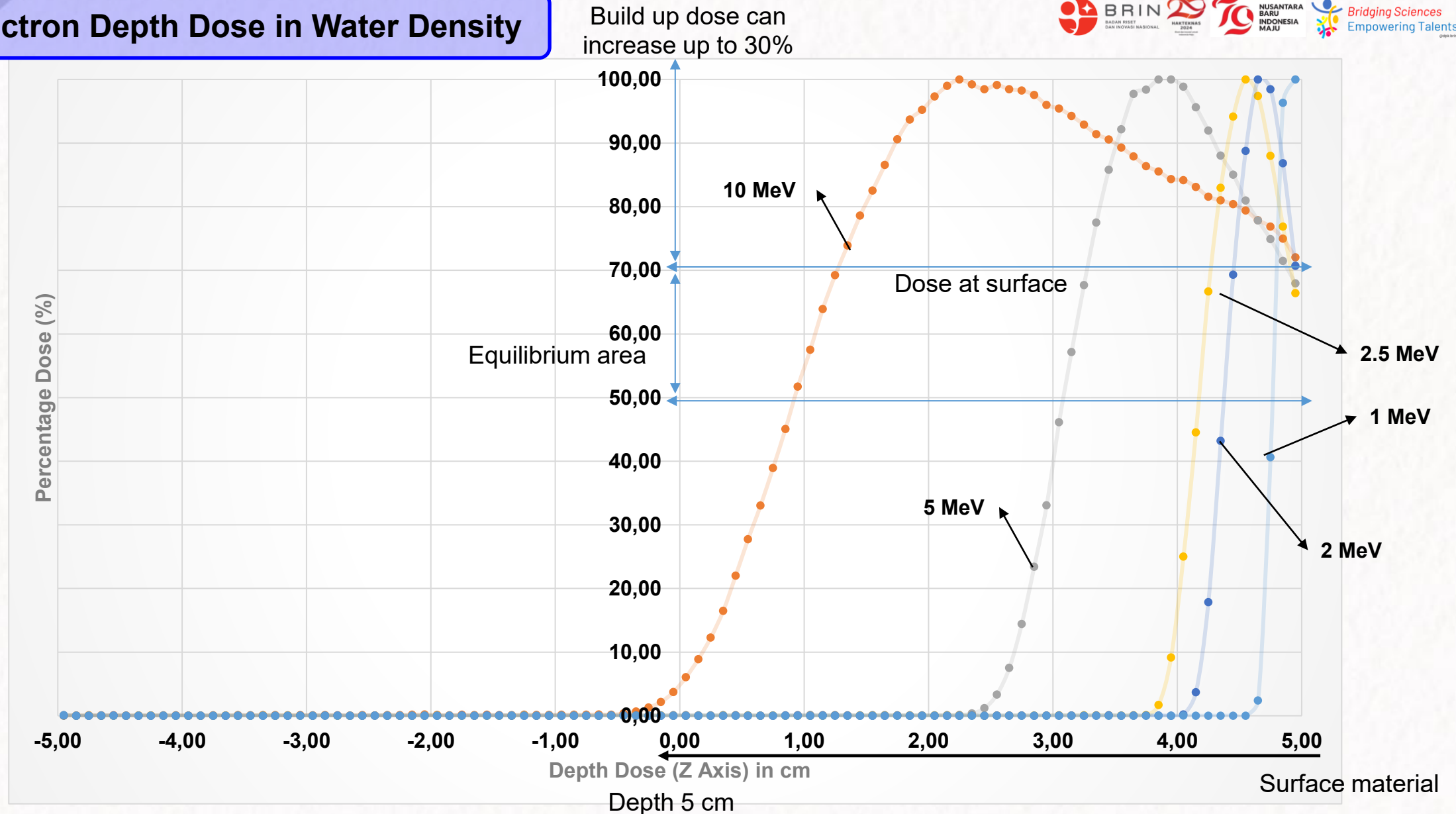
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Wafer Fading 0.5 kGy





## Electron Depth Dose in Water Density



10 MeV is about 5 cm in water density

# 1

## Installation Qualification



## Definitions

### 9.1 Installation qualification

#### 3.16 - installation qualification - IQ

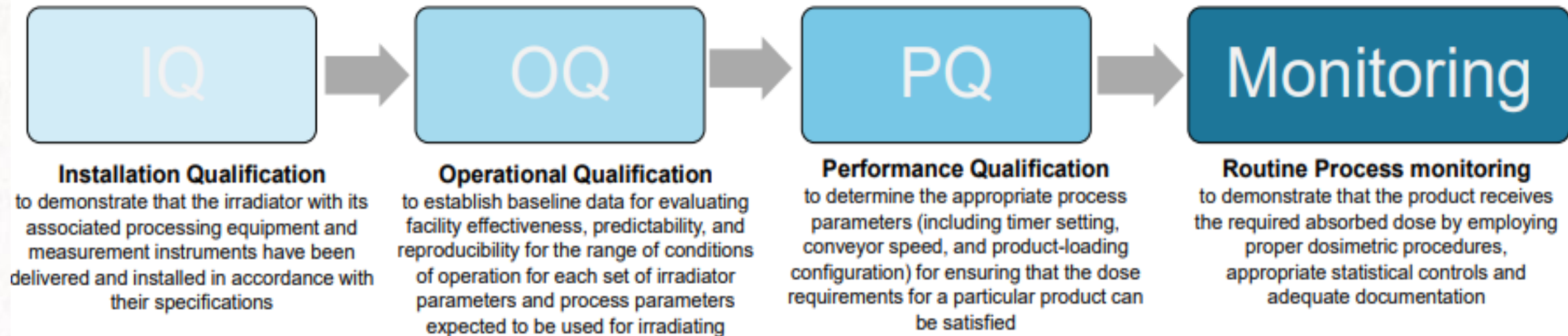
process of obtaining and documenting evidence that equipment has been provided and installed in accordance with its specification.

Keywords: Whether or not data are “in accordance with their specification” depends on agreement between supplier and user.

## Definitions

### International Standards:

- ISO 14470:2011 Food irradiation — Requirements for the development, validation and routine control of the process of irradiation using ionizing radiation for the treatment of food *and many others ...*



## Definitions

- **Installation Qualification**

To demonstrate that irradiator has been supplied and installed in accordance with its specifications

- **Operational Qualification**

To demonstrate that the irradiator, as installed, is capable of operating and delivering appropriate doses within defined acceptance criteria

**(characterize the radiation facility)**

- **Performance Qualification**

To determine the appropriated process parameters for ensuring that the dose requirement for a particular can be satisfied

**(dose distribution in irradiated products)**

- **Process Control**

To demonstrate that the product receives the required absorbed dose by employing proper dosimeter procedures, appropriate statistical control, and adequate documentations

**(monitor the irradiation process)**

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# 2

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Keywords: Provides baseline data to show consistent operation of the facility

## Operational Qualification

12.4.1 Requalification of a sterilization process shall be carried out for defined product and specified equipment; it shall be performed at defined intervals and after the assessment of any change (see 12.5). The extent to which requalification is carried out shall be justified.

12.5.1 Any change in the irradiator which could affect dose or dose distribution shall be assessed. If one or both of these is judged to be affected, then a repeat of part or all of IQ, OQ and/or PQ shall be carried out.

TABLE A11.1 Needs for requalification following changes of an electron beam facility

Irradiator Change	Installation Qualification	Operational Qualification			
	Installation Testing & Equipment Documentation	Operational Testing	Equipment Calibration	Irradiator Dose Mapping	Type of Dose Mapping
Accelerator mechanical alignment	✓			✓	Scan uniformity in the direction of beam scan and depth-dose in the direction of beam travel
Steering or focusing magnet systems	✓			✓	Scan uniformity in the direction of beam scan and depth-dose in the direction of beam travel
Bending magnet systems	✓		✓	✓	Scan uniformity in the direction of beam scan and depth-dose in the direction of beam travel
Beam current monitoring system	✓		✓	✓	Scan uniformity in the direction of product travel
Scanning magnet system	✓		✓	✓	Scan uniformity in the direction of beam scan
Conveyor speed monitoring and/or control circuitry	✓		✓	✓	Scan uniformity in the direction of product travel Process interruption testing
Conveyor system motors, belts, and gearing.	✓	✓			Scan uniformity in the direction of product travel Process interruption testing
NOTE OQ dose mapping results may lead to repeat of PQ					



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9.2.4 Dose maps must be made with fully loaded irradiation chamber

9.2.5 OQ dose mapping shall be carried out on a sufficient number of irradiation containers to allow determination of the distribution and variability of dose between containers.

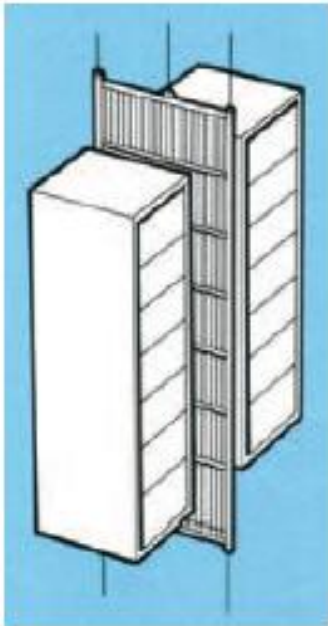


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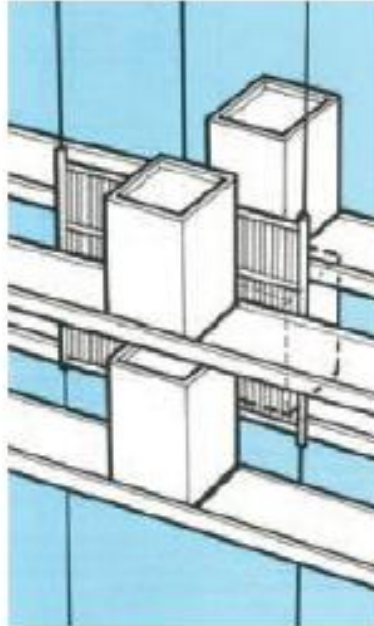
### 4.3 Product realization

4.3.4 Dosimetry used in the development, validation and routine control of the sterilization process **shall have** measurement traceability to national or international standards and **shall have** a known level of uncertainty.

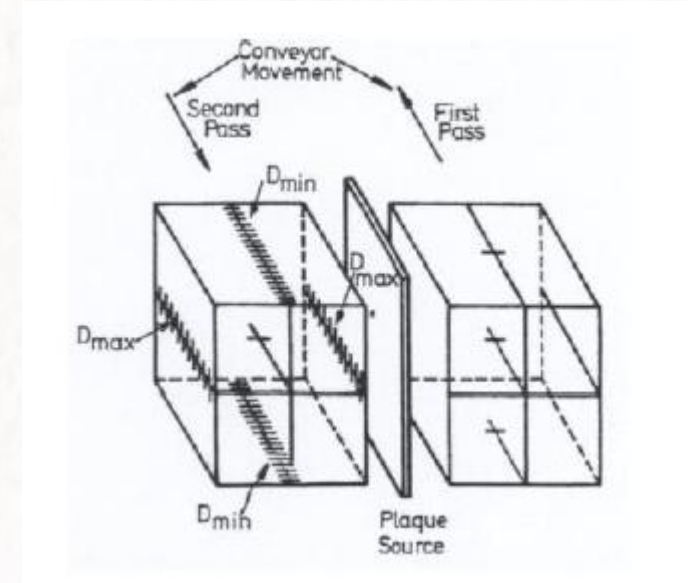
## Gamma



Source overlap

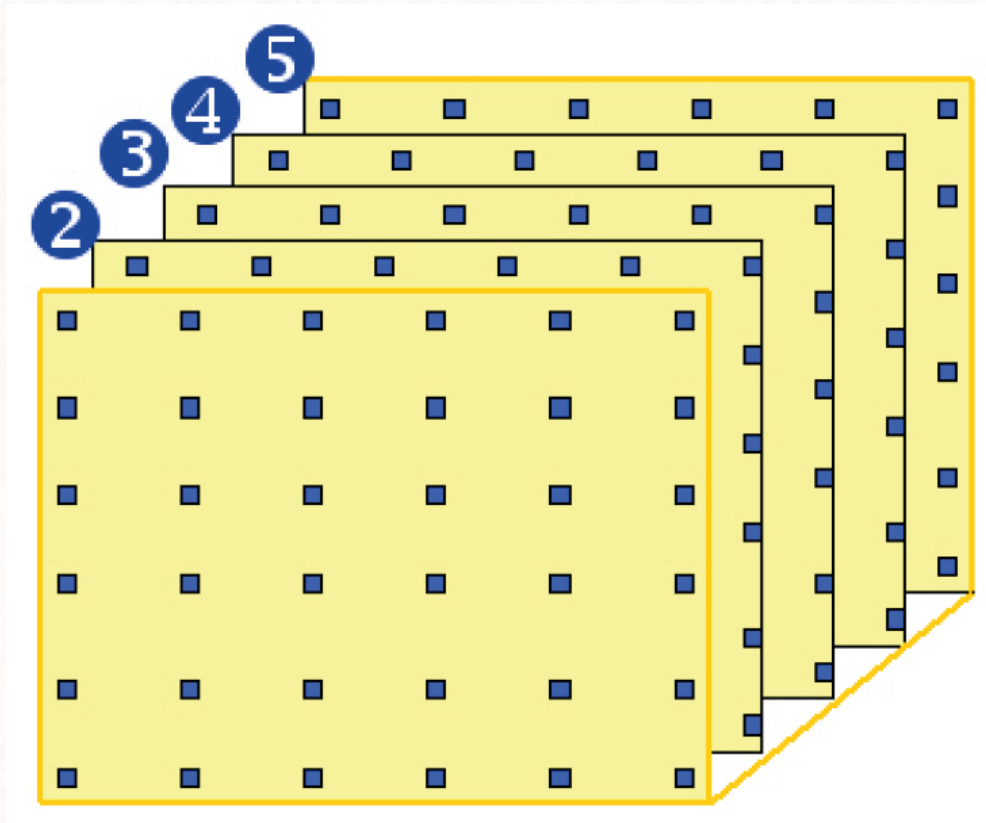


Product overlap

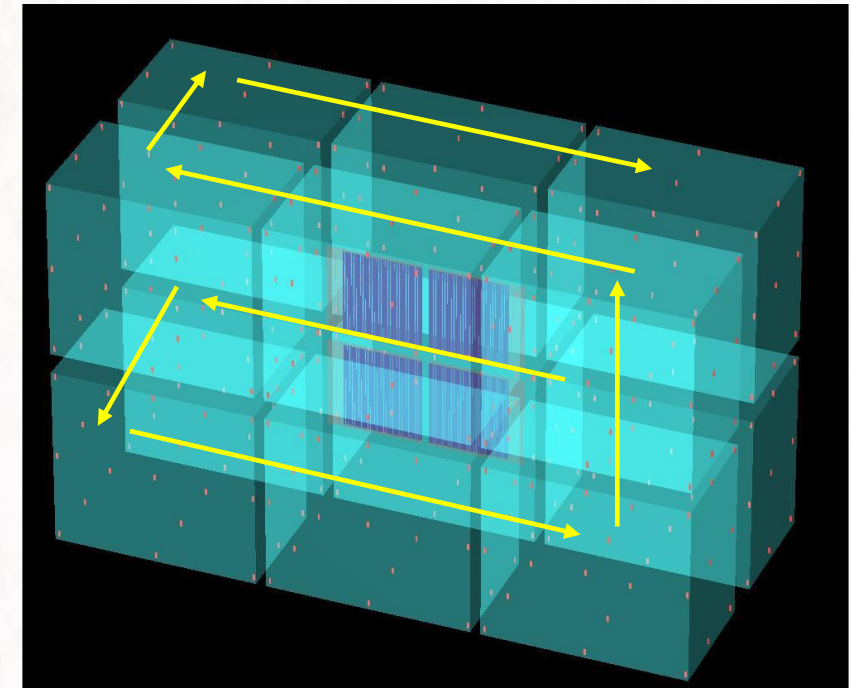


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## Gamma



The number of dosimeter depends on the characteristic of irradiator.



## eBeam

### ❖ Determination of operating parameters

Based on the mathematical equation from NIST, the dose at the material surface can be estimated.

$$\text{Dose at Surface} = \frac{\text{Beam current } (\mu\text{A}) \times \text{Stopping Power Collision } (\text{MeV} \frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{g}})}{\text{Scan Width (cm)} \times \text{Conveyor Velocity } (\frac{\text{cm}}{\text{s}})}$$

- Energy = 10 MeV
- Stopping power collision pada 10 MeV water density = 1.968 MeV cm<sup>2</sup>/g
- <https://physics.nist.gov/PhysRefData/Star/Text/ESTAR.html>



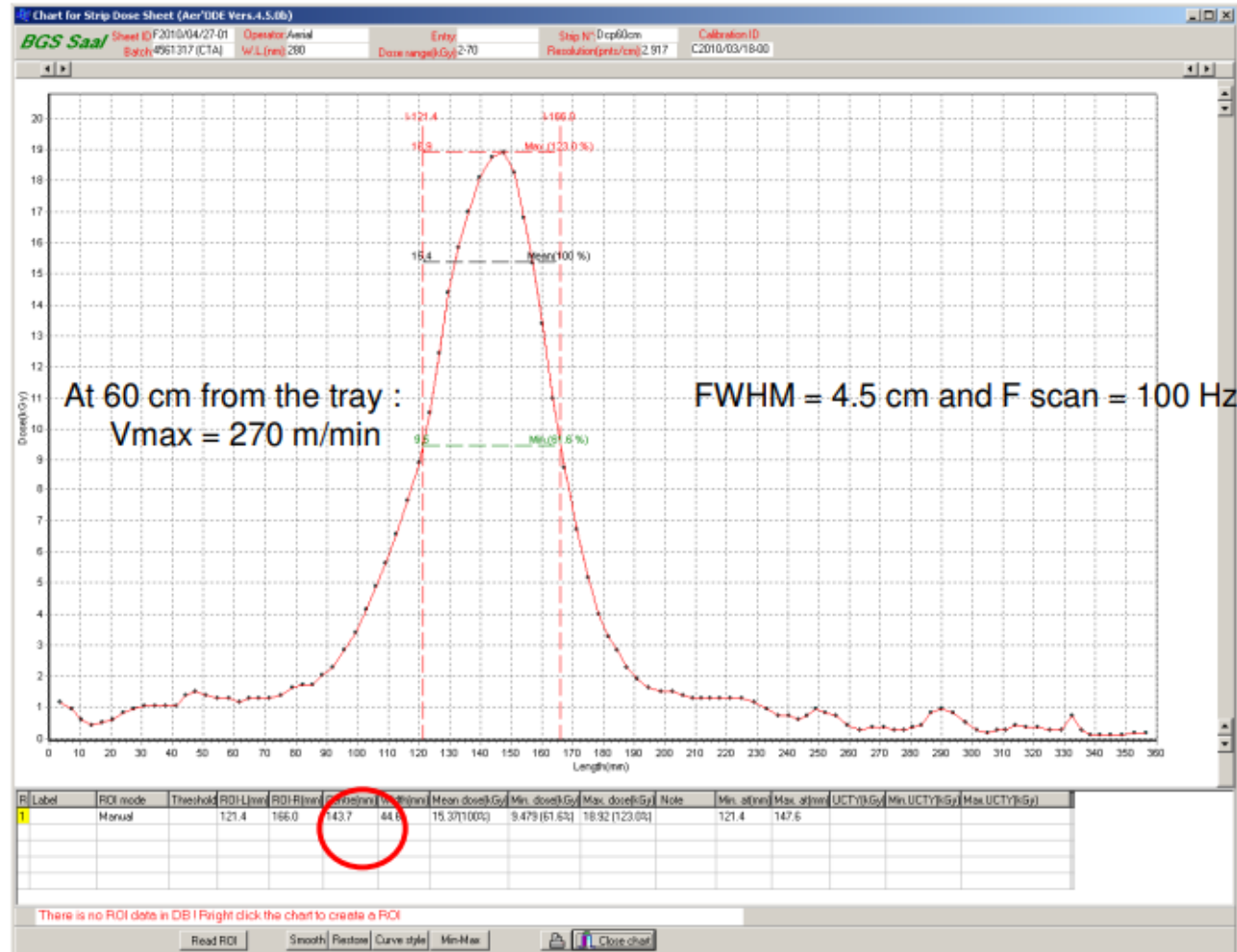


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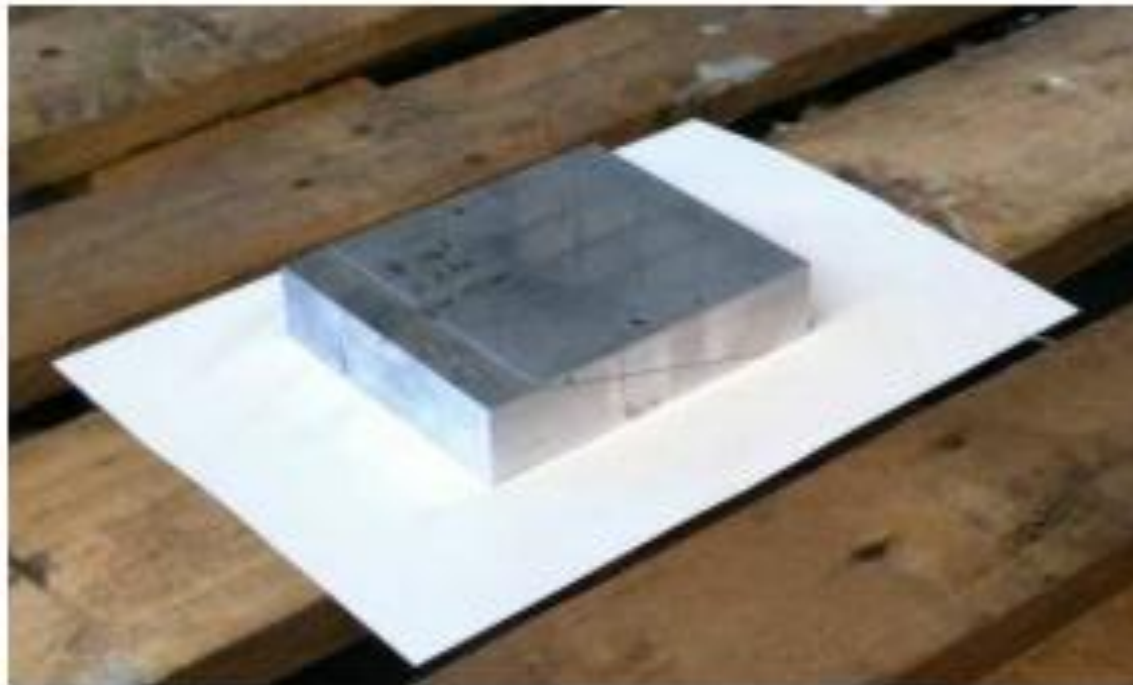
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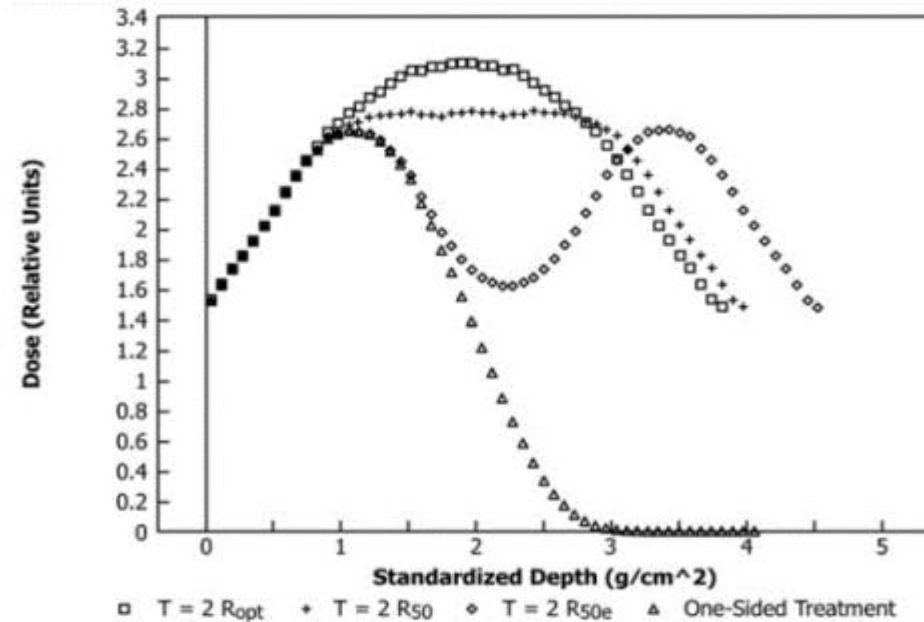
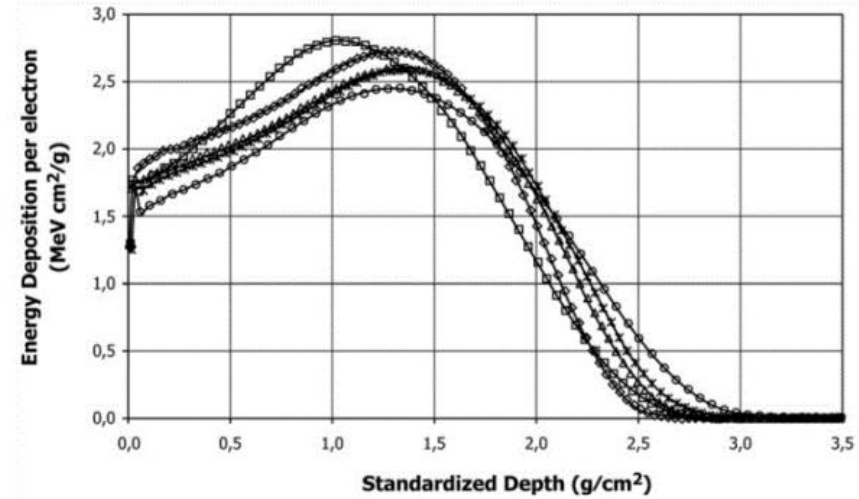
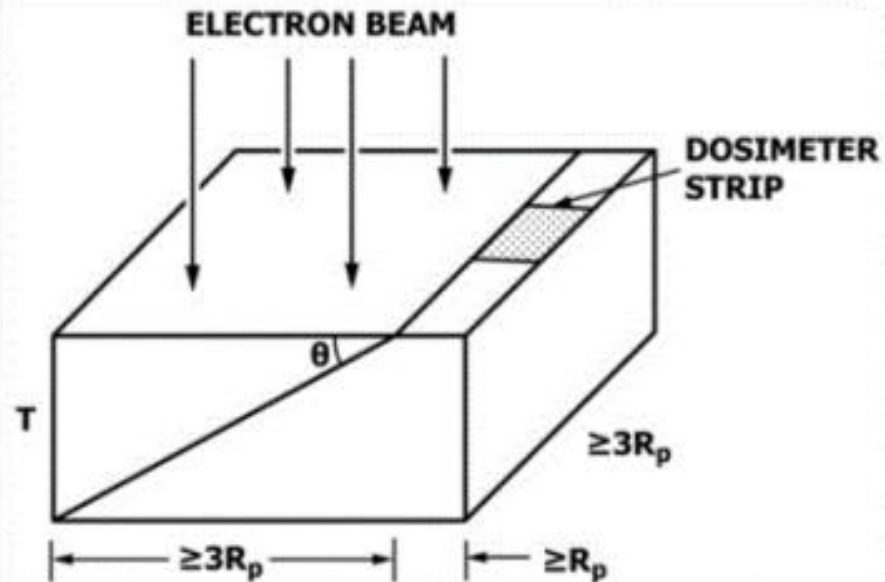


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Density :  $2.73 \text{ g/cm}^3$   
Angle :  $16^\circ$

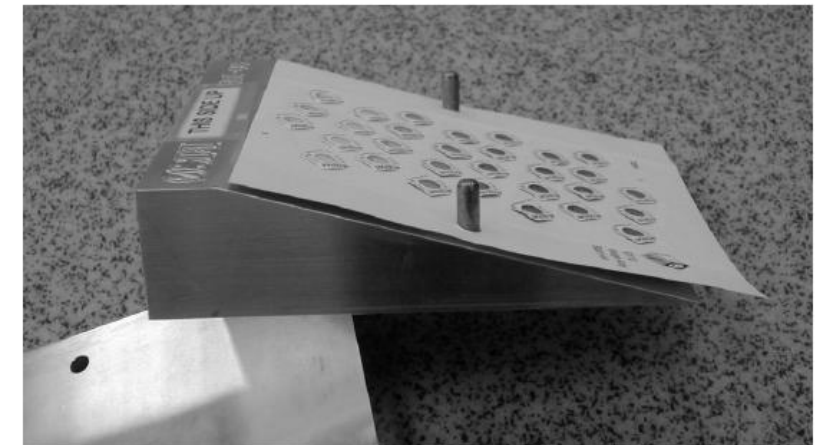
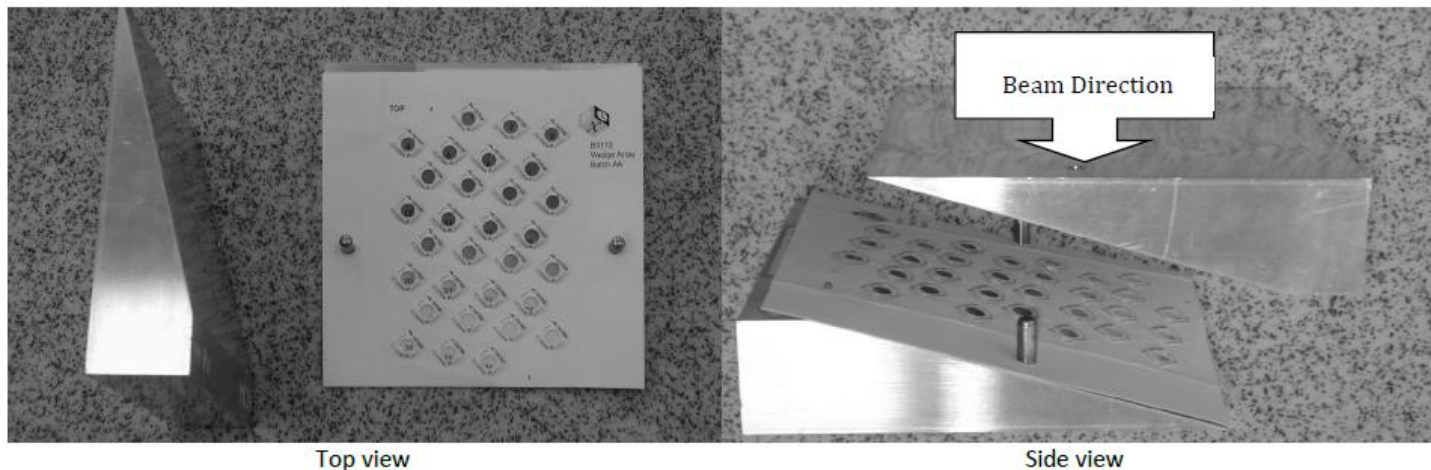
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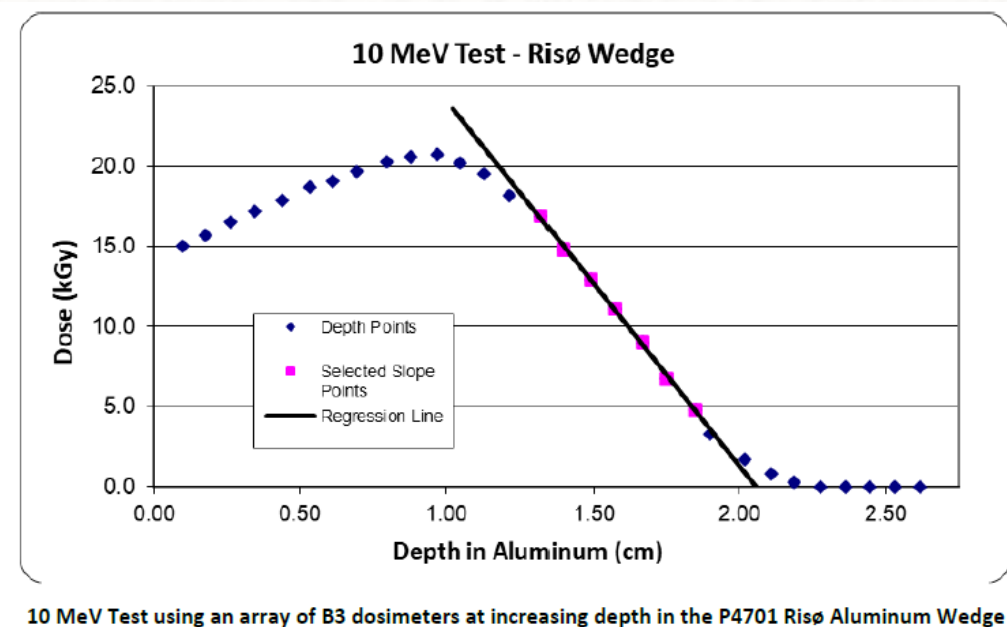
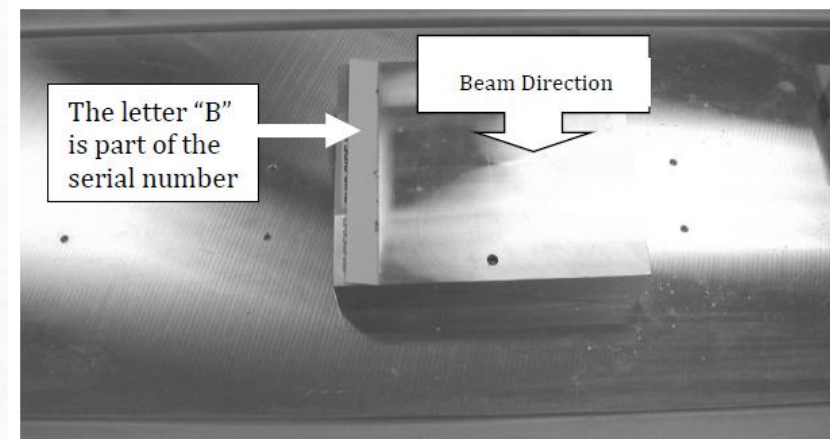
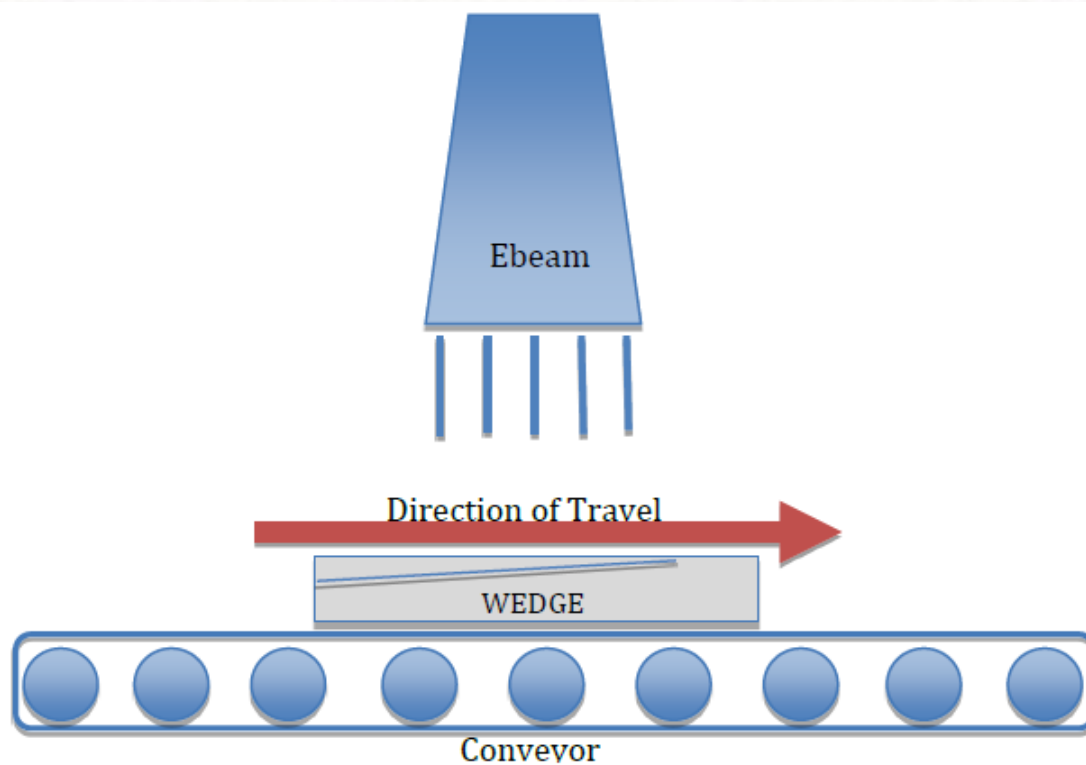


## SPECIFICATIONS

Nominal Product Dimensions	Packaging Dimensions	Product Weight
12cm (L) x 14cm (W) x 2.9cm (H) $\pm$ 0.1mm	8.5" x 5" x 1.25" / 22.9cm x 15.2cm x 5.1cm	4.0 lbs. / 1.81 kg
<b>Material:</b>	Aluminum	
<b>Color:</b>	Silver (natural)	
<b>Printing:</b>	Engraved serial number denoting A (top) and B (bottom) halves of the wedge.	
<b>Angle:</b>	$16.0^{\circ} \pm 0.3^{\circ}$	
<b>Energy Range:</b>	Using strip film: approximately 2 MeV to 20 MeV	
	Using arrays of B3 WINdose dosimeters: 4 MeV to 12 MeV	
<b>Precision (MeV):</b>	Precision of the measured energy will depend on the precision of the electron beam system, but experience confirms that the user should expect $\pm 0.3$ MeV or better.	



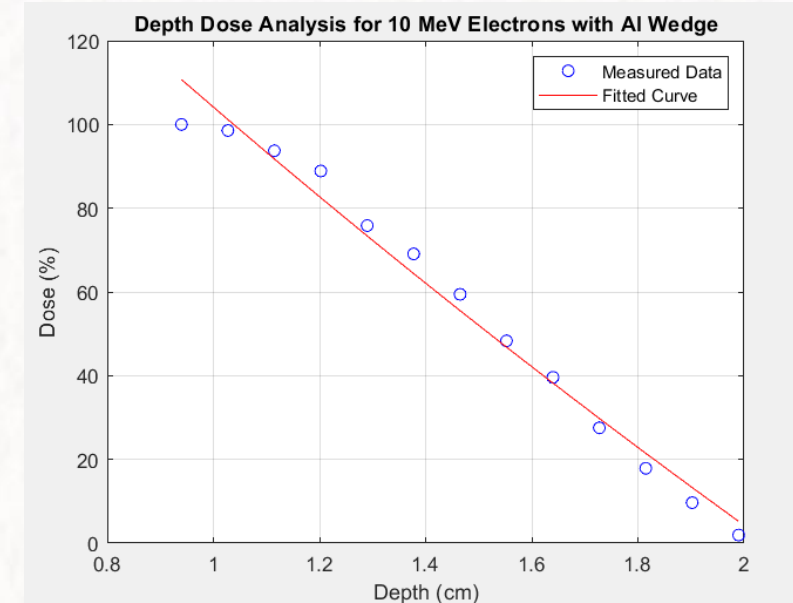
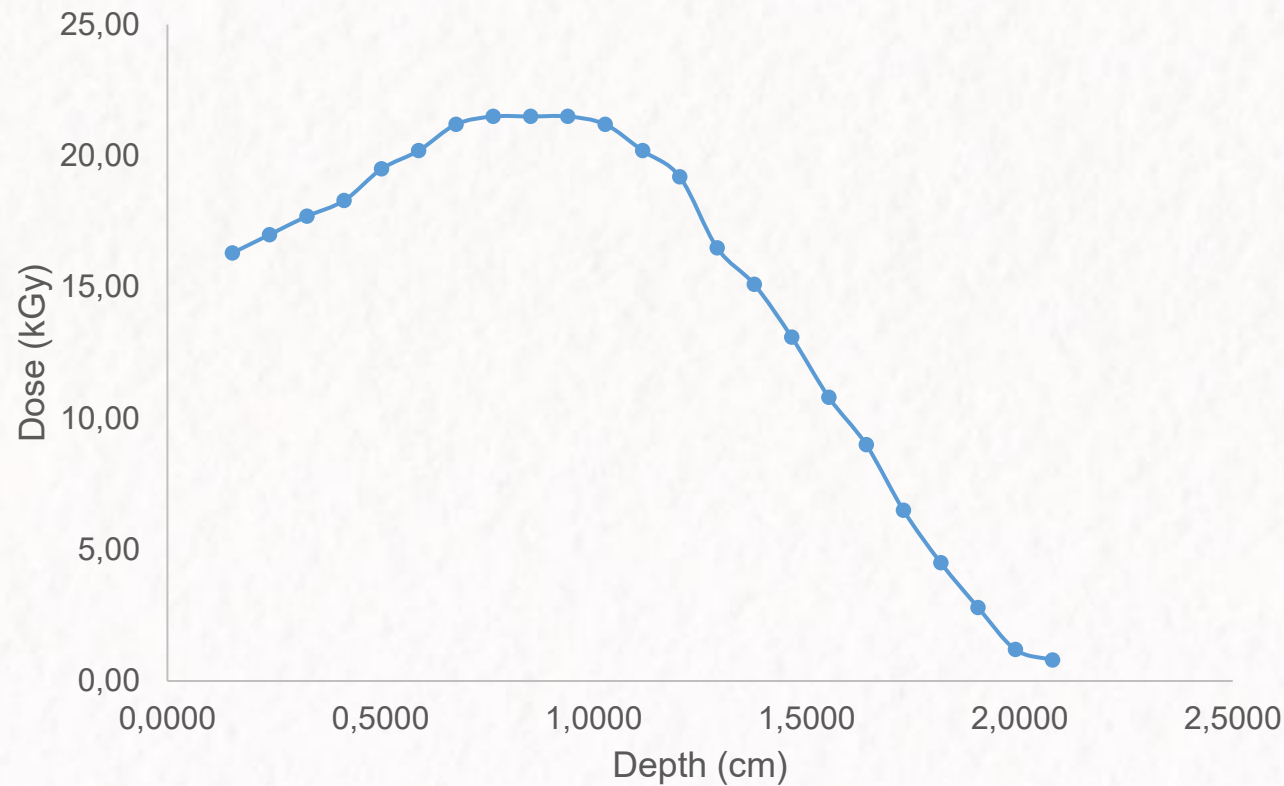
## eBeam



RECORD SHEET OF DOSIMETERS				
Sample: Energy		Irradiation		
irradiation dose: 15 kGy		Date:05/12/2024		
		Speed of conveyor (m/min): 0.75		
		Scanning width: 50 cm		
Group: 1		F <sub>syn</sub> : 151 Hz		
		Single - slided irradiation		
		Dosimetry		
		Date:05/12/2024		
Dosimete				
Dosimeter	r	Dosimeter	Irradiated	Dose
Position	Number	ID Number	Absorbance (Ai)	(kGy)
1		3266583A	0.282	16.3
2		3266640A	0.220	17.0
3		3266580B	0.302	17.7
4		3266641A	0.310	18.3
5		3266641B	0.326	19.5
6		3266640B	0.337	20.2
7		3266581A	0.350	21.2
8		3266642B	0.354	21.5
9		3266660B	0.355	21.5
10		3266642A	0.354	21.5

Dosimeter	Dosimeter	Dosimeter	Irradiated	Dose
Position	Number	ID Number	Absorbance (Ai)	(kGy)
11		3266581B	0.350	21.2
12		3266582B	0.337	20.2
13		3266660A	0.322	19.2
14		3266580A	0.285	16.5
15		3266583B	0.265	15.1
16		3266584A	0.237	13.1
17		3266582A	0.204	10.8
18		3266584B	0.177	9.0
19		3266600A	0.142	6.5
20		3266661A	0.112	4.5
21		3266661B	0.088	2.8
22		3266664A	0.069	1.2
23		3266662A	0.059	0.8

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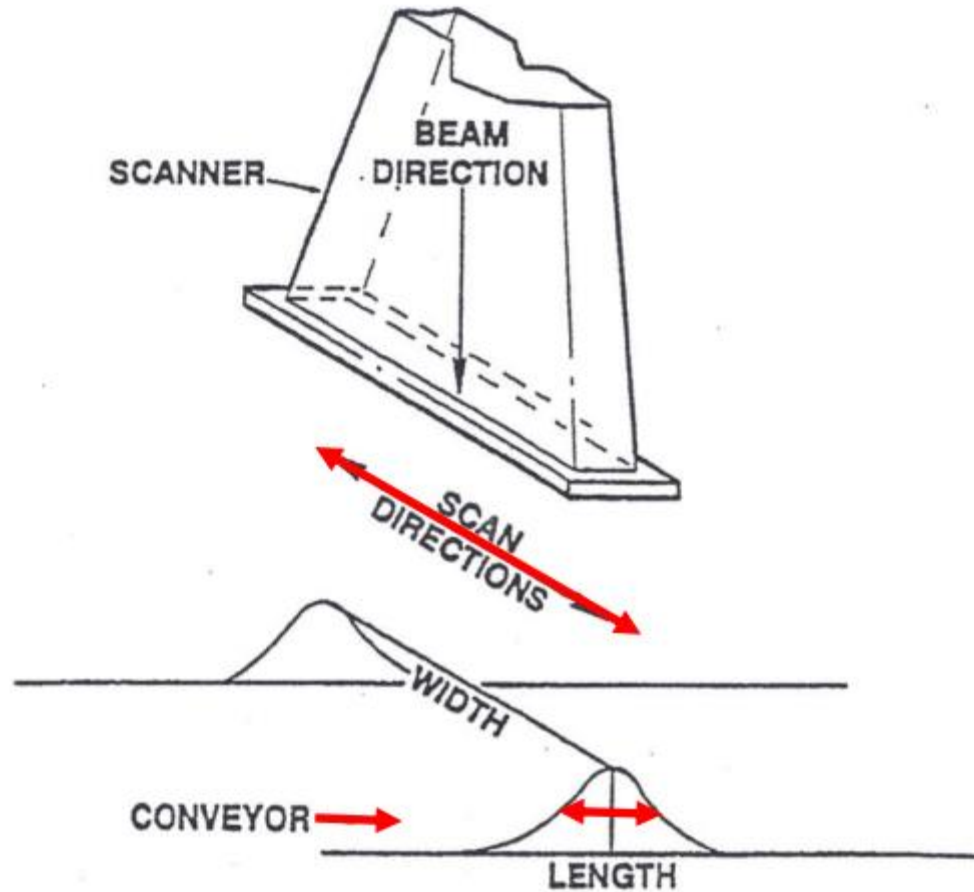
$$E_p = 0.20 + 5.09 \cdot R_p$$

$$E_a = 6.2 \cdot R_{50}$$

- R50 (Depth at 50% dose): 1.54 cm
- R<sub>p</sub> (End of penetration): 1.99 cm
- E<sub>p</sub> (Energy using R<sub>p</sub>): 10.33 MeV
- E<sub>a</sub> (Energy using R50): 9.54 MeV



## eBeam



Speed Conveyor (m/min)		
Conveyor Speed Setting (m/min)	Tachometer Reader (m/min)	Average Speed (m/min)
0.5	0.49	0.495
1	0.99	0.995
1.5	1.48	1.49
2	1.99	1.995
2.5	2.49	2.495
3	2.99	2.995
3.5	3.49	3.495
4	3.98	3.99
4.5	4.5	4.5
5	4.98	4.99
5.5	5.48	5.49
6	5.98	5.99
1.1	1.09	1.095
1.4	1.38	1.39
1.56	1.55	1.555
2.07	2.06	2.065
2.92	2.9	2.91
3.38	3.37	3.375
4.03	4.02	4.025
6.6	6.57	6.585

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### Conveyor speed control

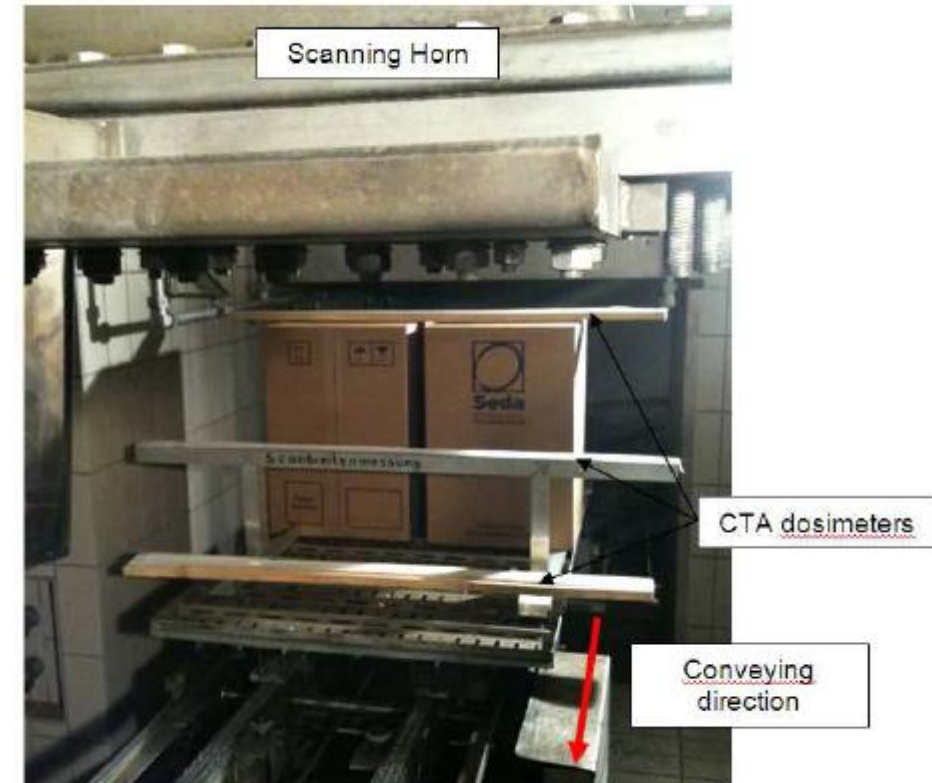
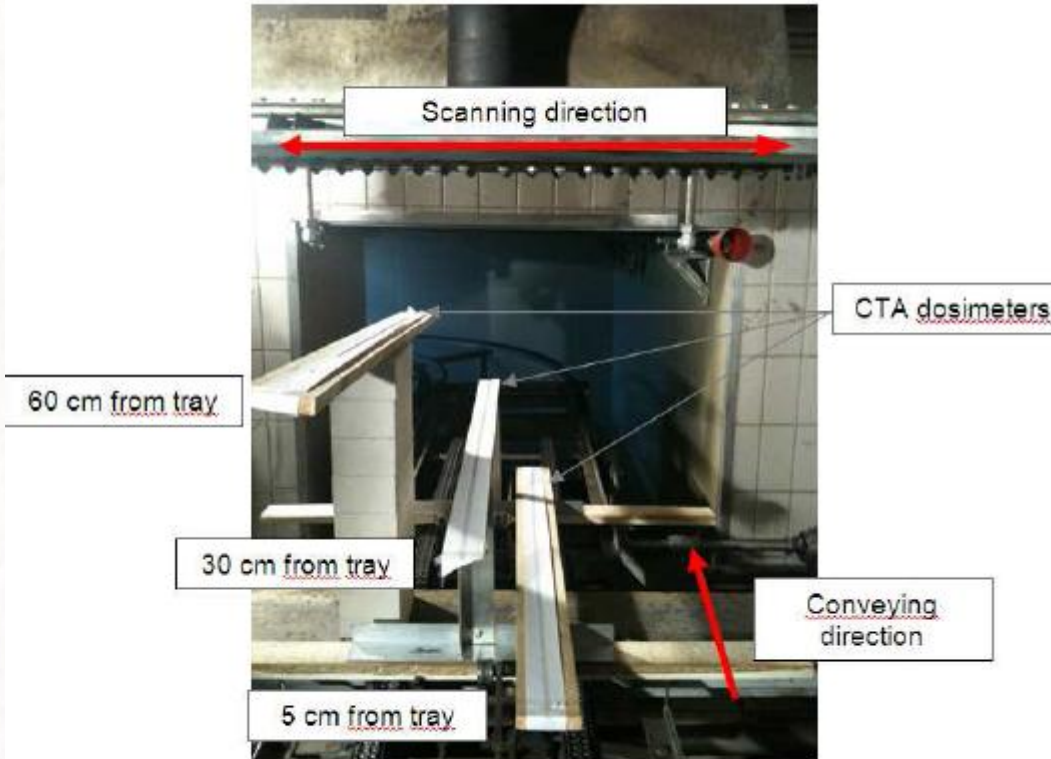
First part of tray (before the beam stop)		Second part of tray (after the beam stop)	
Duration s	Calculated speed m/min	Duration s	Calculated speed m/min
2,98	5,03	3,13	4,79
3,04	4,93	2,94	5,10
3,12	4,81	2,94	5,10
2,99	5,02	3,07	4,89
3,08	4,87	3,13	4,79
2,85	5,26	3,03	4,95
3,03	4,95	2,98	5,03
3,07	4,89	3,05	4,92
3,02	4,97	3,02	4,97
3,02	4,97	3,03	4,95
2,98	5,03	3,09	4,85
3,09	4,85		
Average	4,97	Average	4,94
Standard dev.	0,12	Standard dev.	0,11
CV%	2,4%	CV%	2,2%

→ no significant difference in speed between the conveyors  
located before and after the beam stop

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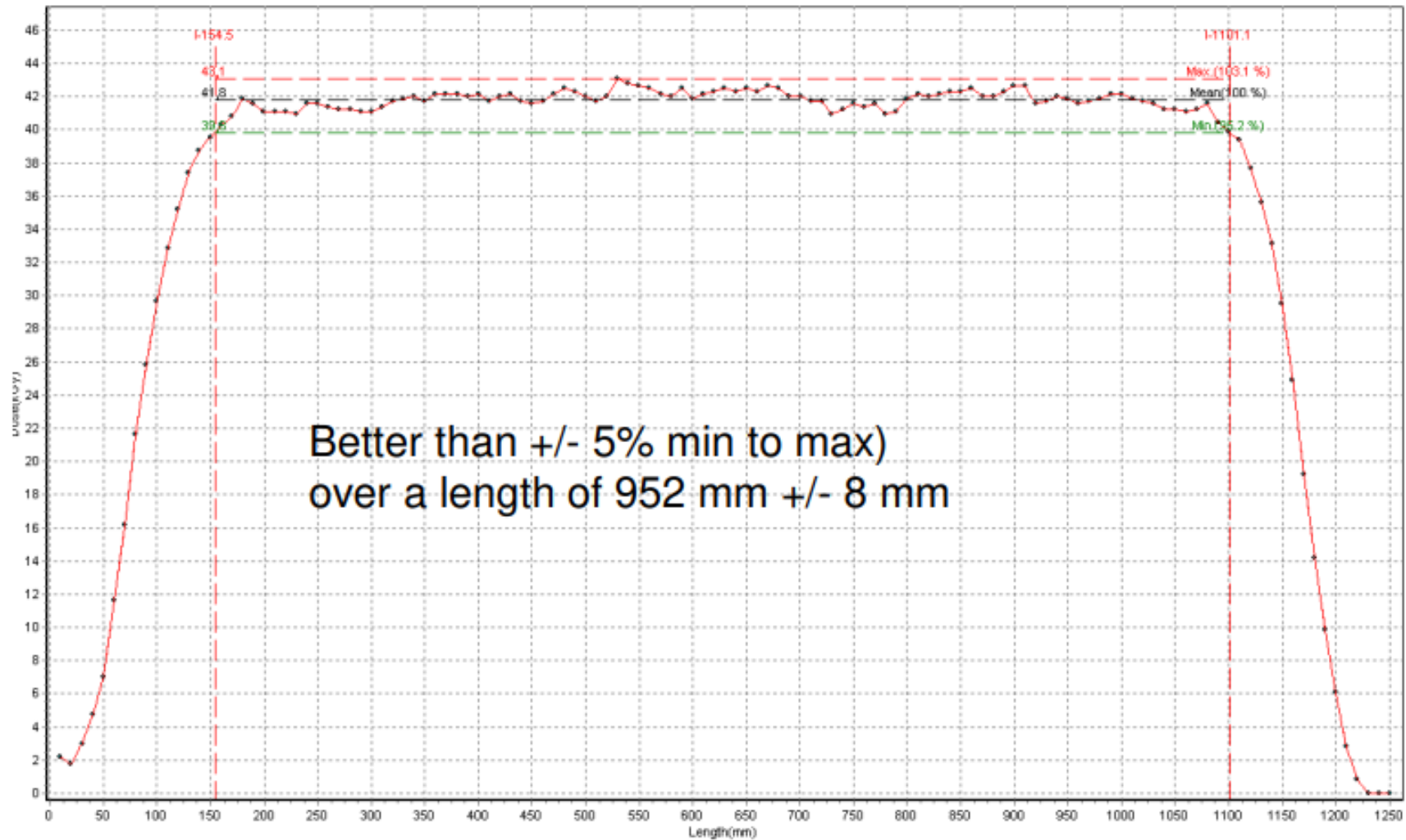








## eBeam



Better than +/- 5% min to max)  
over a length of 952 mm +/- 8 mm

# 3

## Performance Qualification

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### 9.3.1 Concerns dose mapping of real product

to identify the location and magnitude of minimum and maximum doses and to determine the relationship between the min and max doses and the routine monitoring dose

It is impossible to measure dose everywhere in/on an irradiated product. Where to measure?

Strategies for dose mapping based on:

- OQ measurements
- Inhomogeneous product distribution, orientation, voids, interfaces.
- Monte Carlo calculations of dose distributions can help choosing measurement locations and might in the future replace (at least some) measurements

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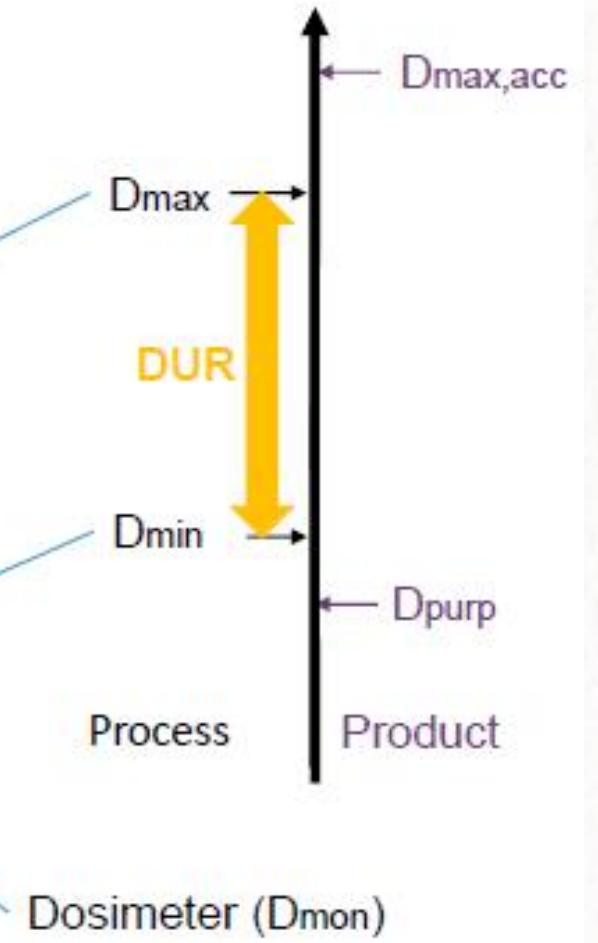
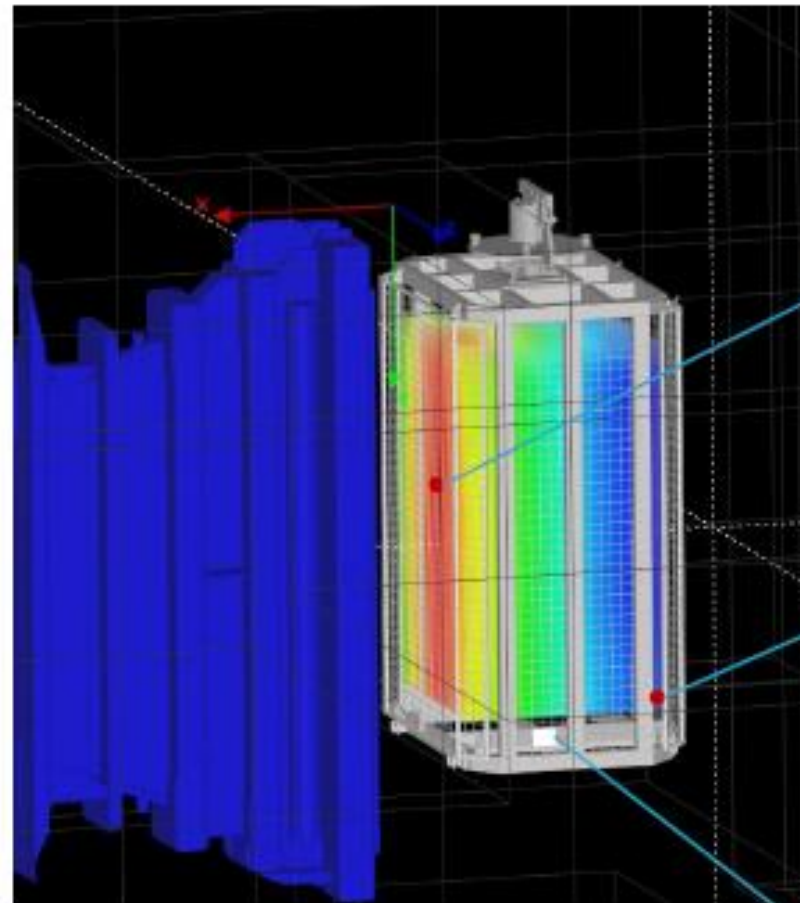
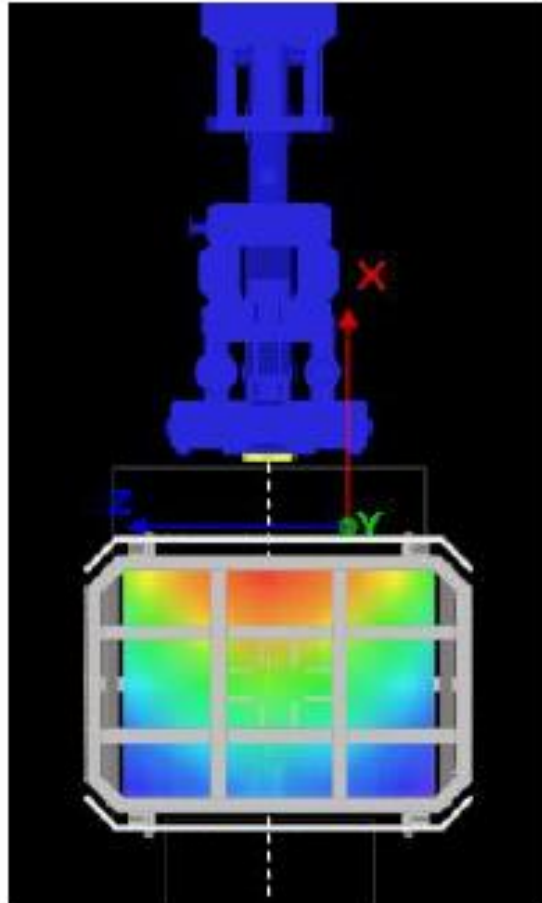
$$D_{\min} \geq D_{\text{Ster}}$$

$$D_{\max} \leq D_{\max, \text{acc}}$$

$D_{\min}$  determined by sterilization requirements

$D_{\max}$  determined by radiation-induced changes in product





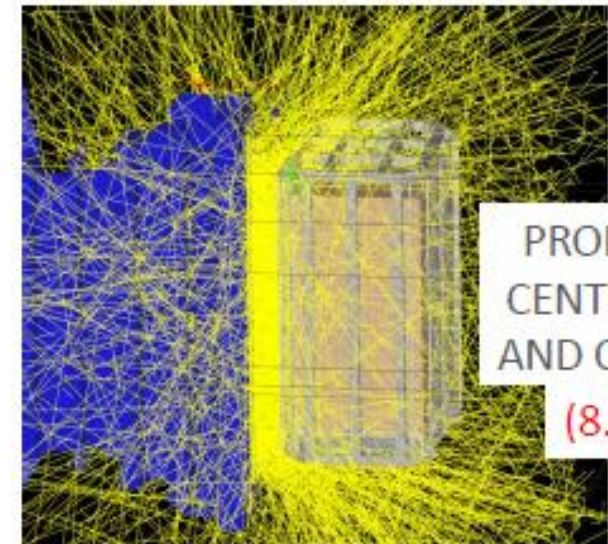
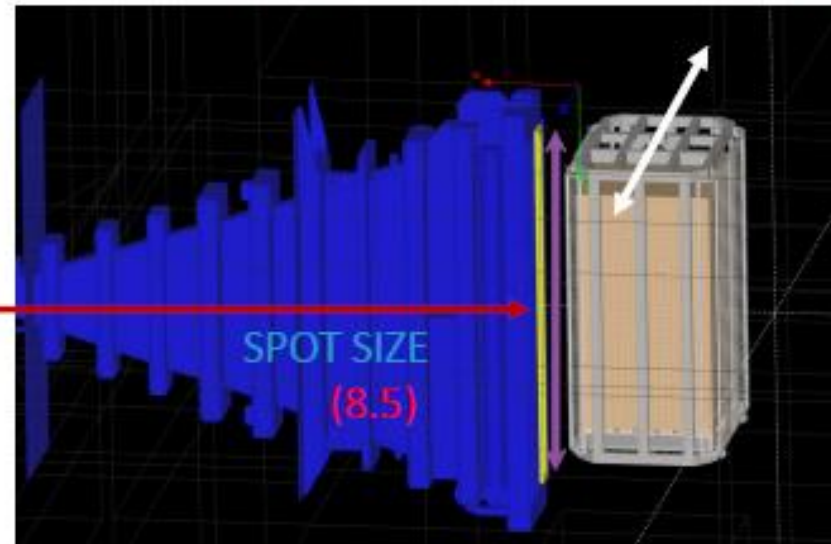
ENERGY/CURRENT  
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SCAN WIDTH  
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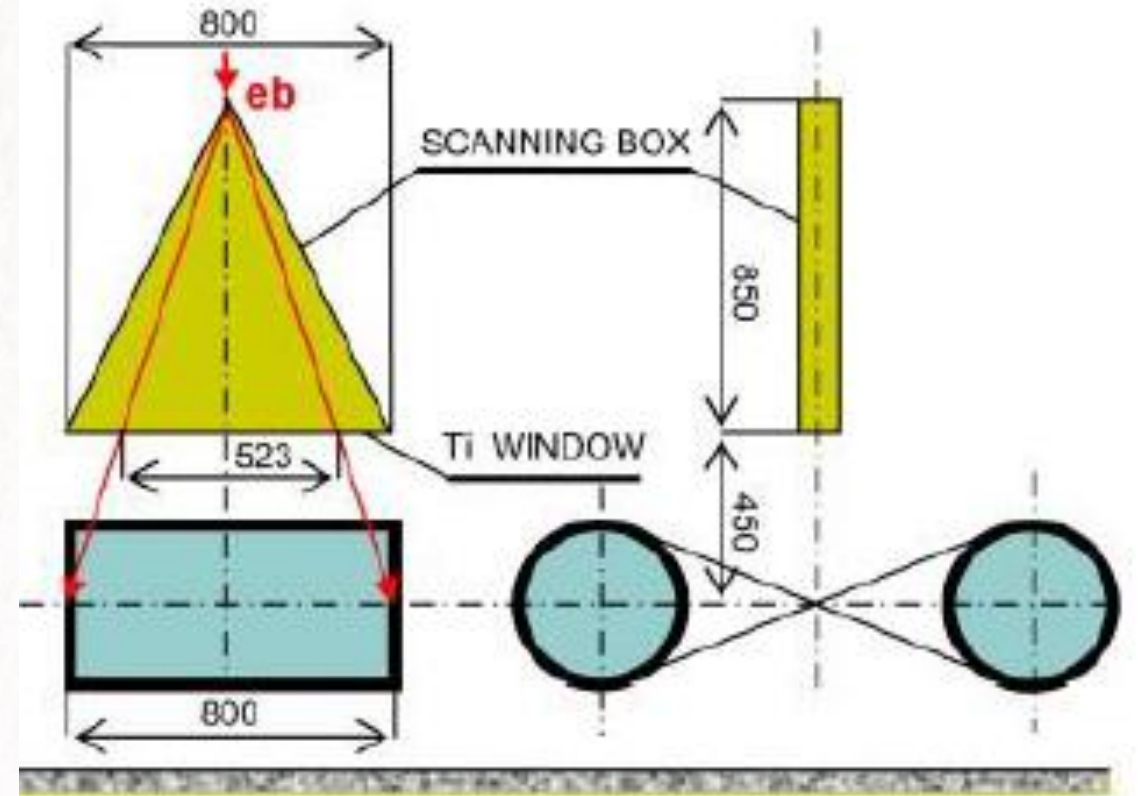
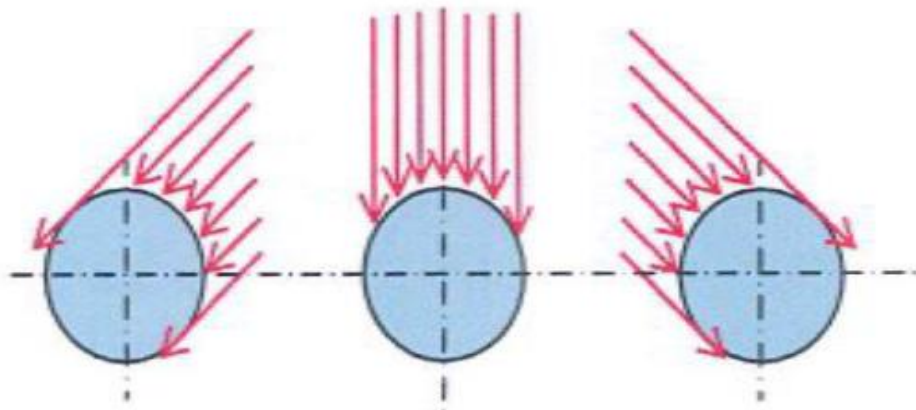
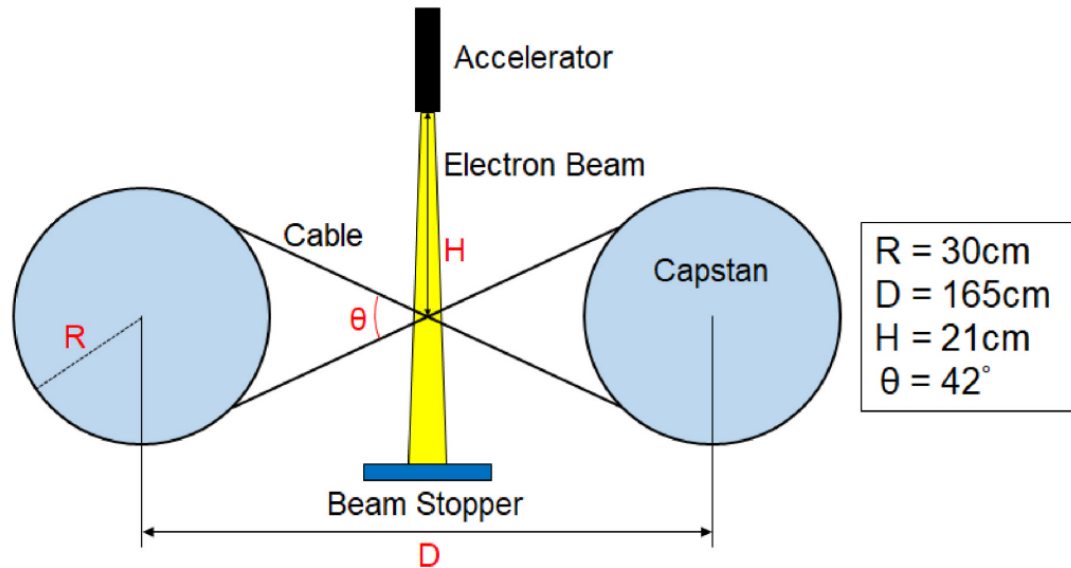
CONVEYOR SPEED  
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PRODUCT  
CENTERING  
AND OFFSET  
(8.6)

SCAN UNIFORMITY





Electron energy (MeV)	Av. dose (insulation) (kGy)	Temperature rise (°C)	Av. dose (copper) (kGy)	Temperature rise (°C)
0.5	125	54	14.1	37
1	136	58	48.3	127
1.5	125	54	71.9	189

wire diameter 2.8 mm, insulation thickness 1.3 mm  
and copper conductor 1.5 mm

Specific heat:

copper 0.38 J/g °C - temperature rise 2.63 °C/kGy

polyethylene 2.30J/g °C – temperature rise 0.43 °C/kGy.



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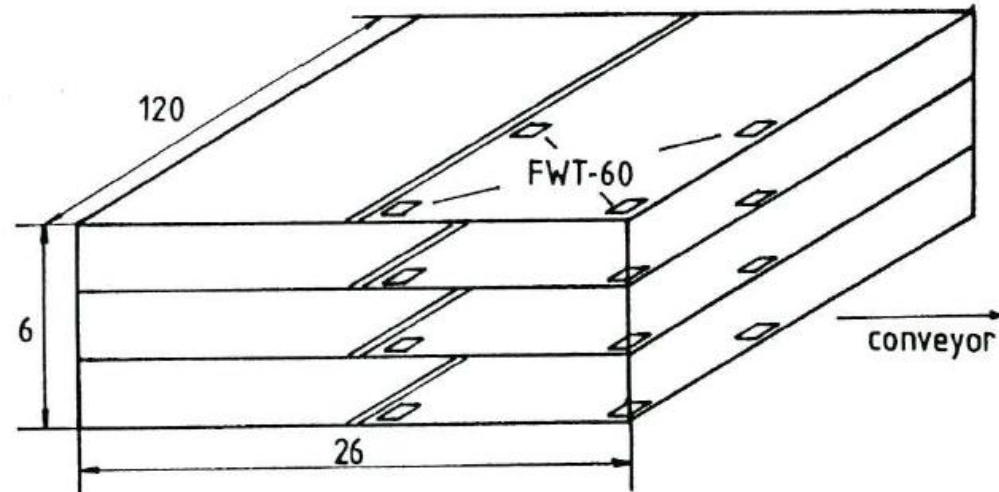
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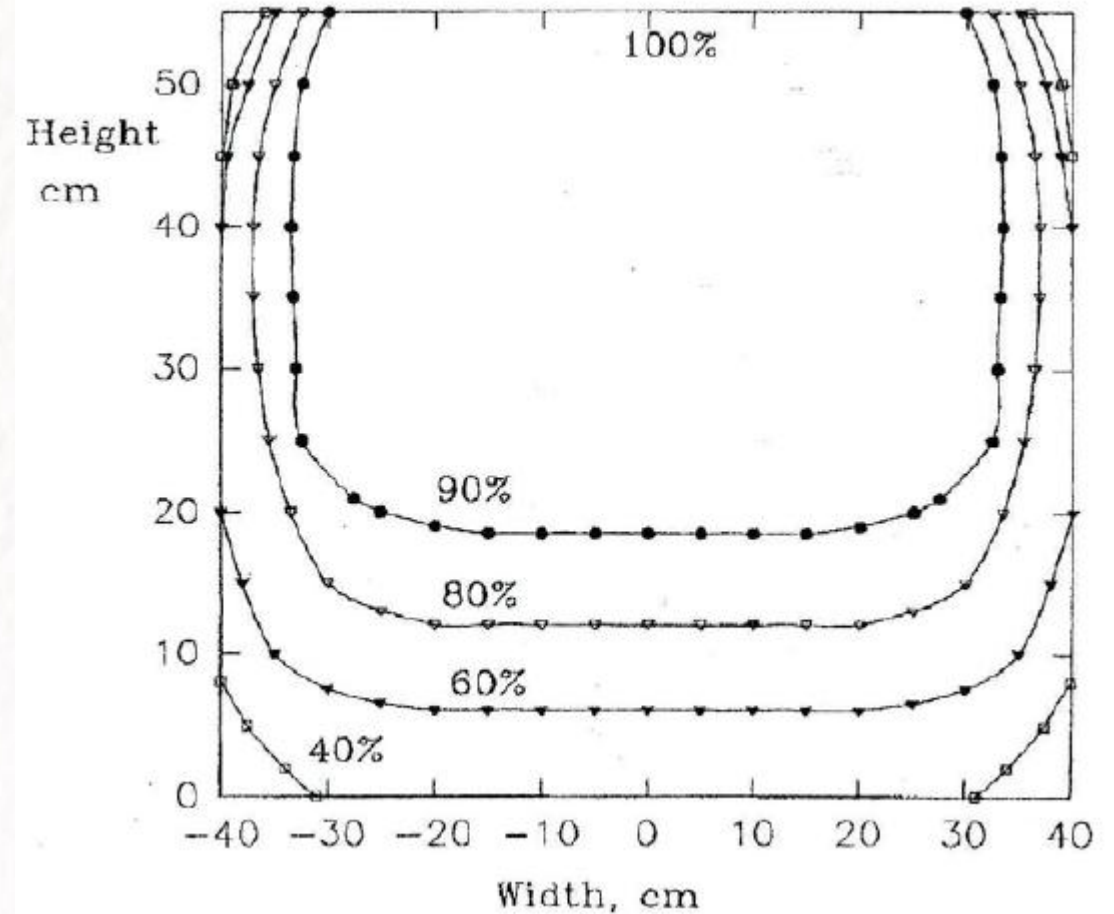
General requirements of dose mapping:

1. over a range of operating parameters covering the operational limits;
2. density within the range of use (more is better);
3. at least three irradiation containers to be dose mapped;
4. to place dosimeters in a three dimensional array including surface;
5. mathematical modelling to optimize the positioning of dosimeters;
6. to establish the effect of process interruption on the dose;
7. to determine relationships between characteristics of the beam, the conveyor speed and the magnitude of dose at a defined location

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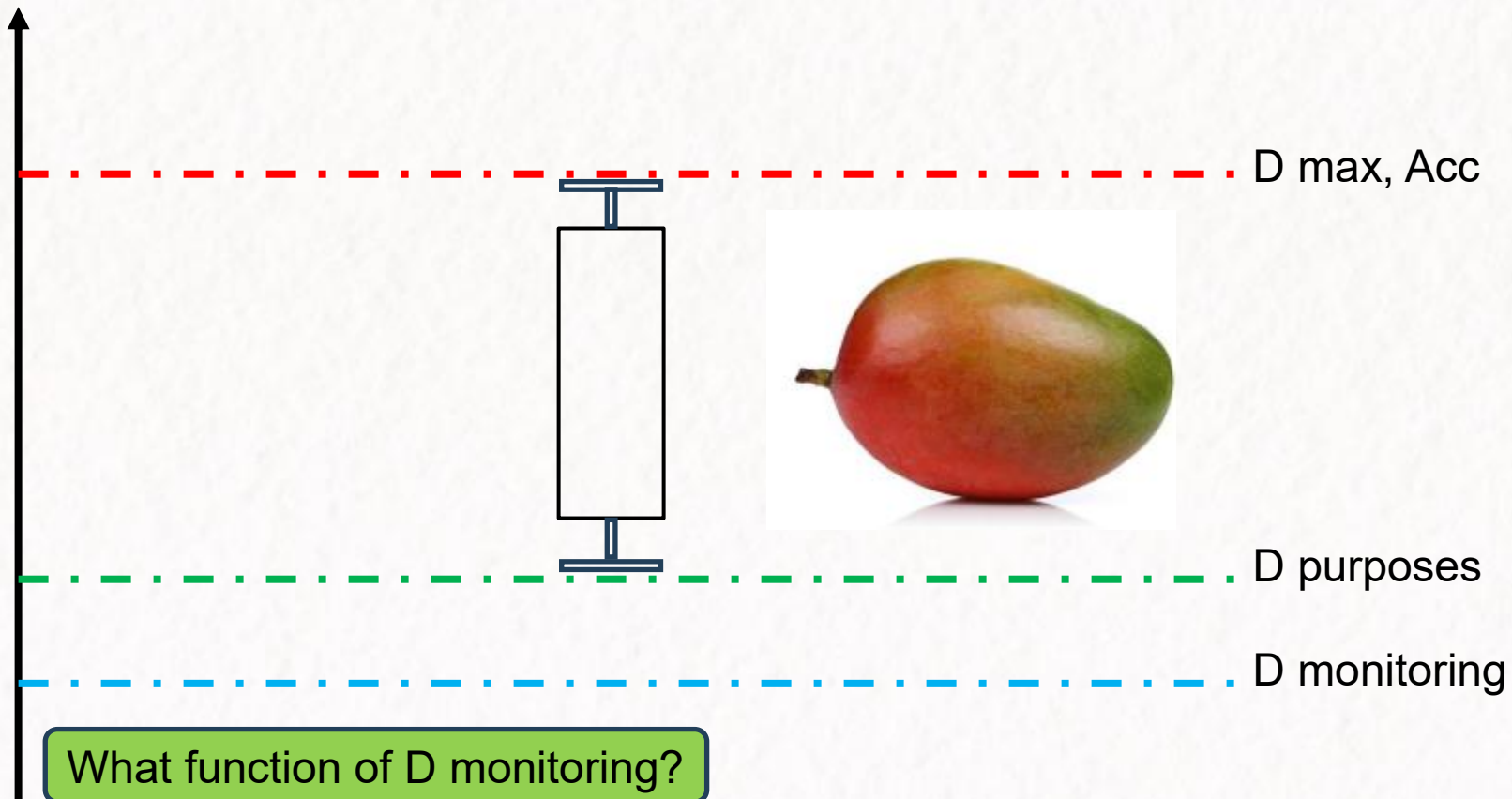


Key point: Higher density, lower penetrations



## Process Control

Dose (kGy)





## Process Control

### Experimental

- GEX Windose B3 and alanine were used for dose mapping
- 10 MeV E-Beam double sided irradiation along the Z axis
- Dosimeters placed at suspected minimum and maximum dose zones

### Organized box

- DUR (alanine) = 1.55
- DUR (B3) = 1.57



### Monte Carlo

#### Organized box

- DUR = 1.67

### Unorganized box

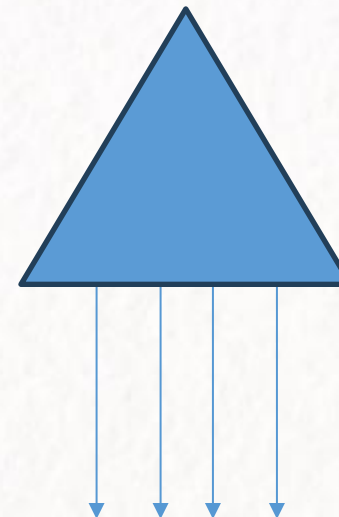
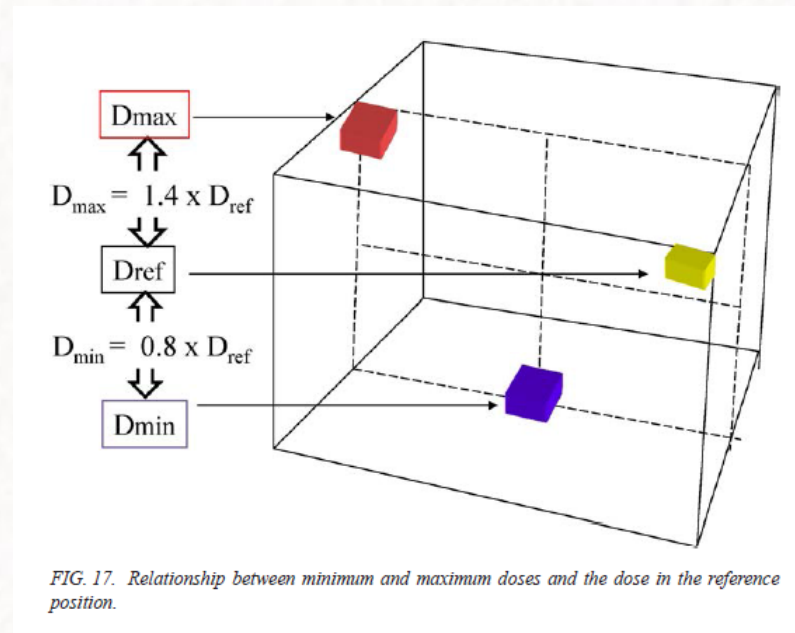
- DUR (alanine) = 1.76
- DUR (B3) = 1.79



### Monte Carlo

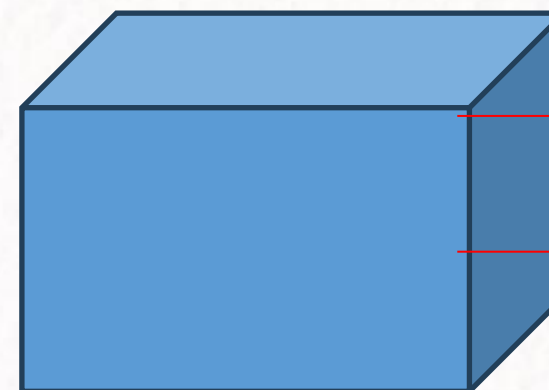
#### Unorganized box

- DUR = 1.88



D max, Acc

D purposes



D monitoring



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