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# Validation and Dose Mapping

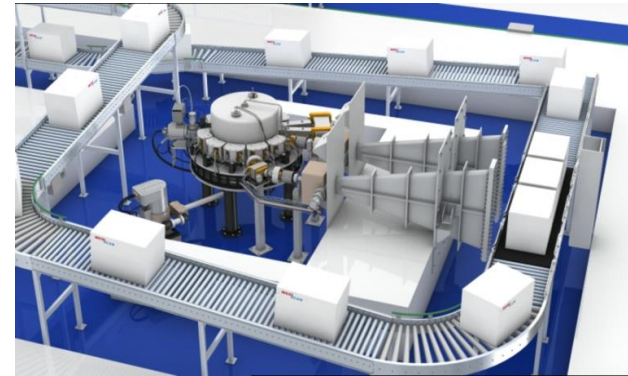
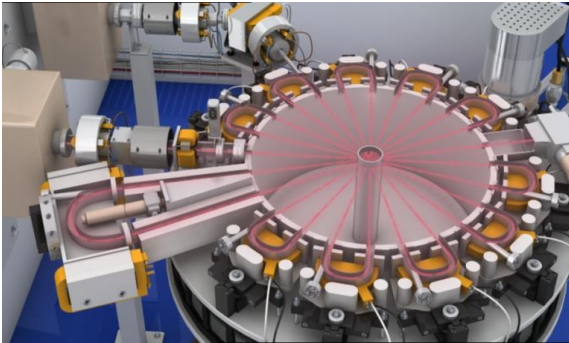
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Highly Appreciated Irradiation Service Provider since 1995

Three Technologies: E-Beam – Gamma – X-Ray

Devoted to Quality of Services and Innovation

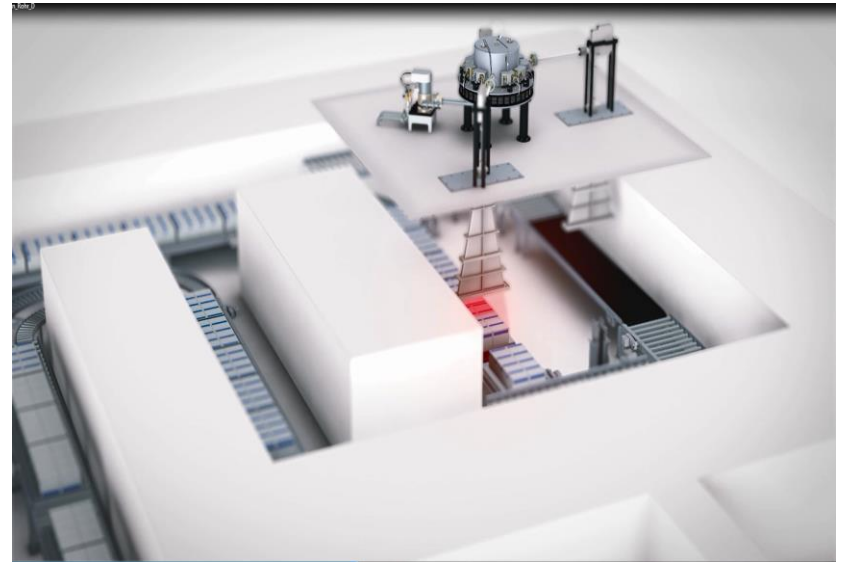


TT-100 Rhodotron 10 MeV and TT-100 10 MeV/6.6 MeV E-Beam/X-Ray

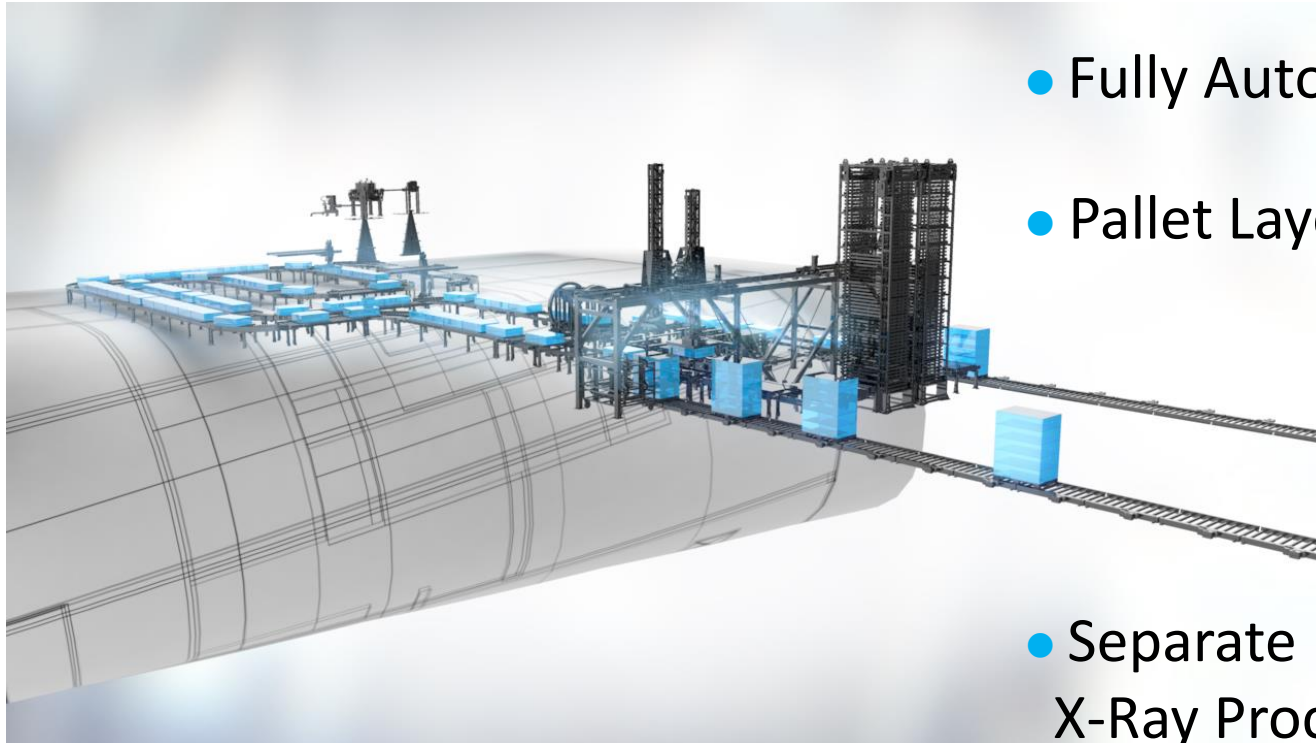
TT-300 "Duo" E-Beam "Workhorse" X-Ray "Special Products"



190 kW Power E-Beam: 10 MeV 19 mA



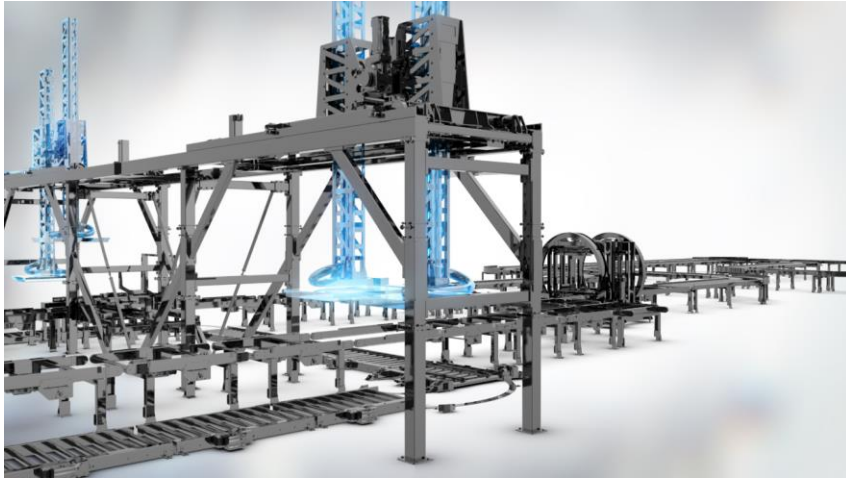
X-Ray: 7 MeV 27 mA



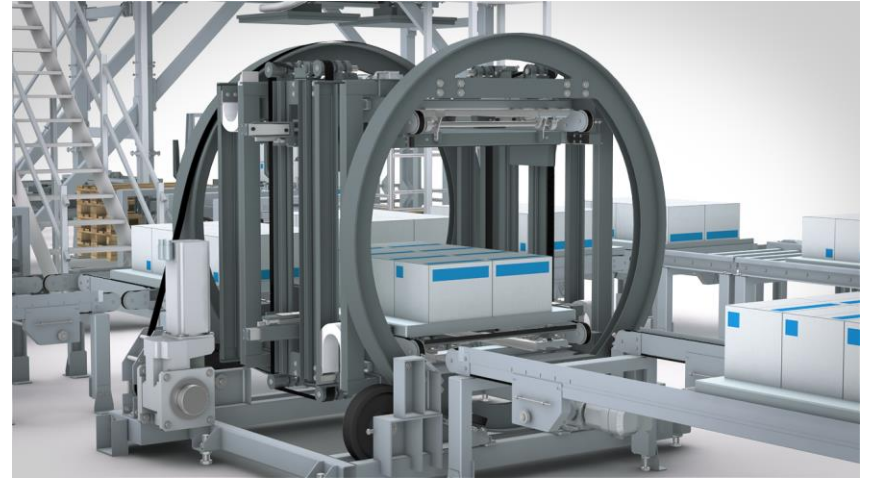
- Fully Automatic
- Pallet Layers on Trays
- Separate E-Beam and X-Ray Process Conveyors

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**MEDI**  
**SCAN**



Depalletizer/Palletizer



Product Turning

## Medical Device Example

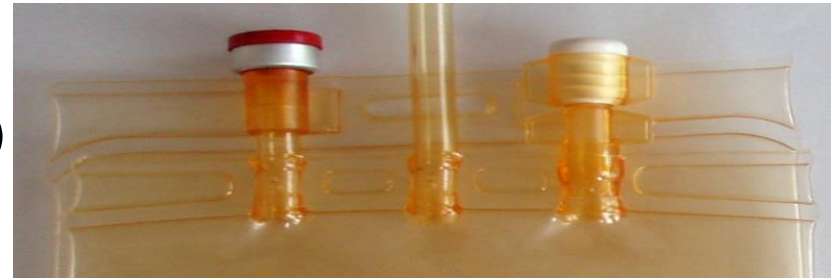


- Medical Device  
in its Shipping Container
- Sterilized using  
Ionizing Radiation
- Electron Beam

# Process Definition

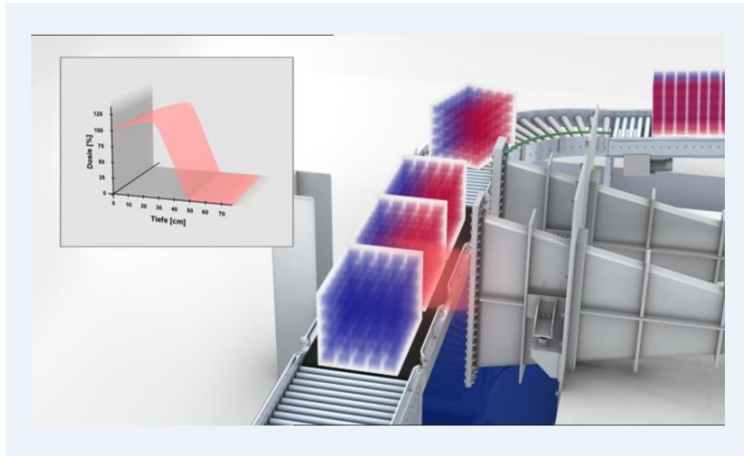
**$D_{ster}$**  Minimum dose to ensure sterility  
(Dose Setting)

**$D_{max,acc}$**  Maximum dose not  
to harm the product  
(Material Qualification)

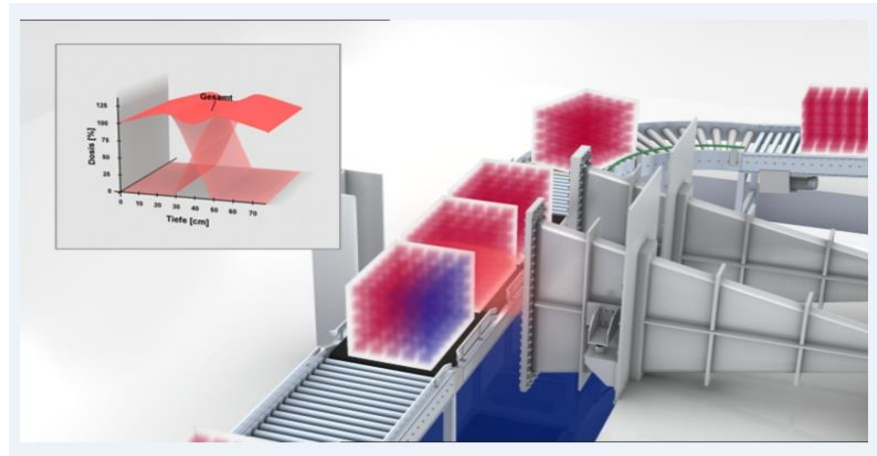


# Electron Beam Treatment Improve Penetration:

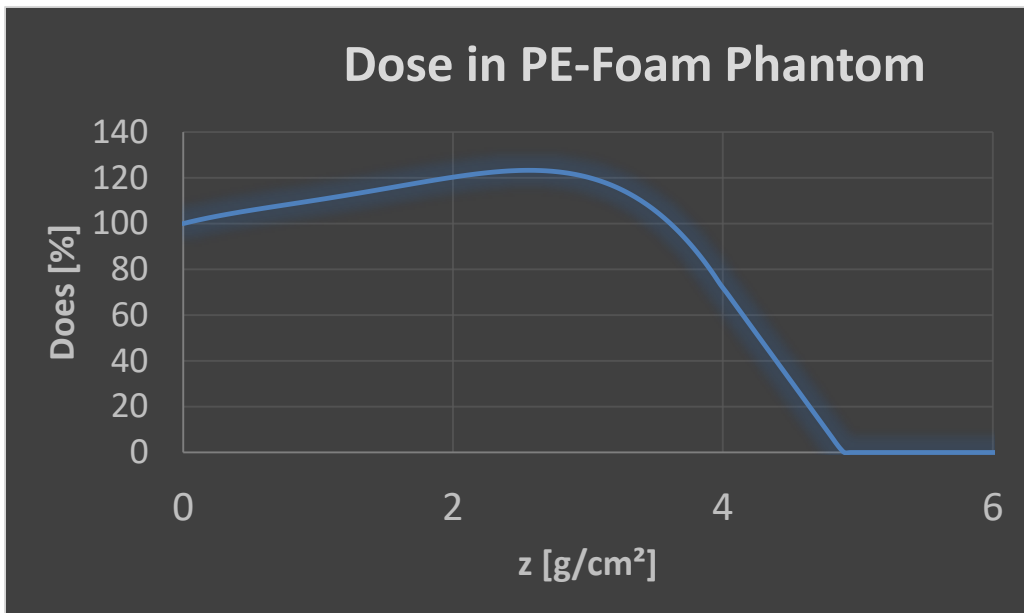
**1<sup>st</sup> Pass**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Pass**







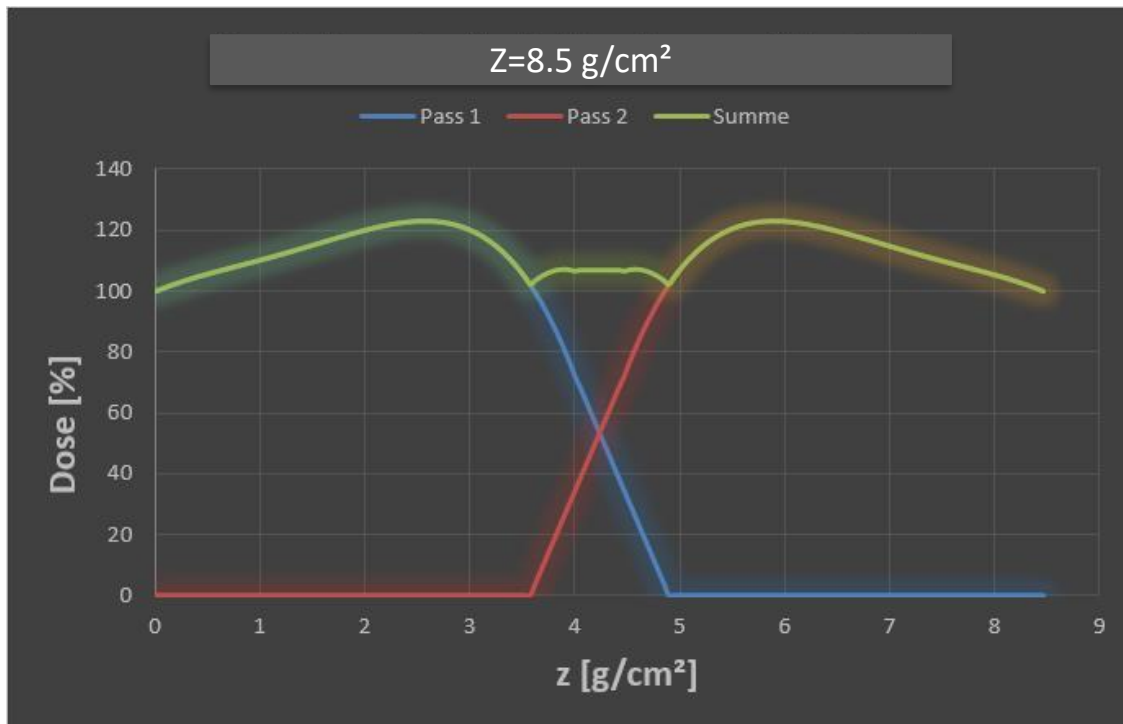
Standardized  
Depth: z

Build-Up  
Region

Fast Drop Off

$$z = \text{Depth [g/cm}^2\text{]} = \text{depth [cm]} \times \text{Density [g/cm}^3\text{]}$$

## Double Sided Treatment to Improve Penetration



# ISO 11137-1 PQ Requirements

## 9.3 Performance qualification

**9.3.1** Dose mapping shall be carried out using product loaded in irradiation containers in accordance with a specified loading pattern in order to

- a) identify the location and magnitude of the minimum and maximum dose and
- b) determine the relationships between the minimum and maximum dose and the dose(s) at the routine monitoring position(s).

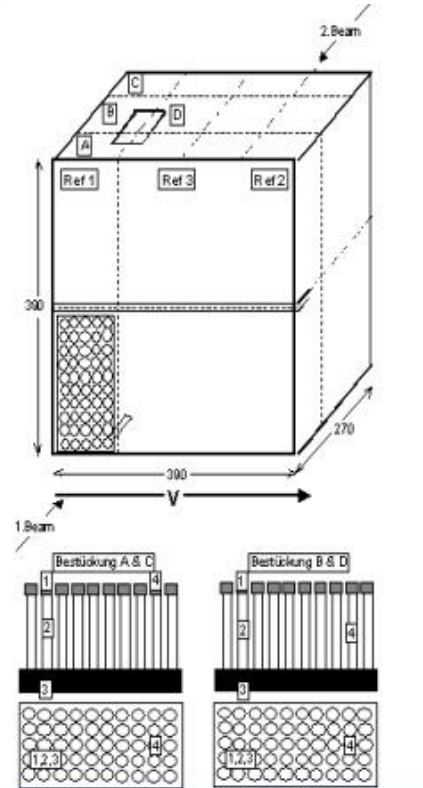
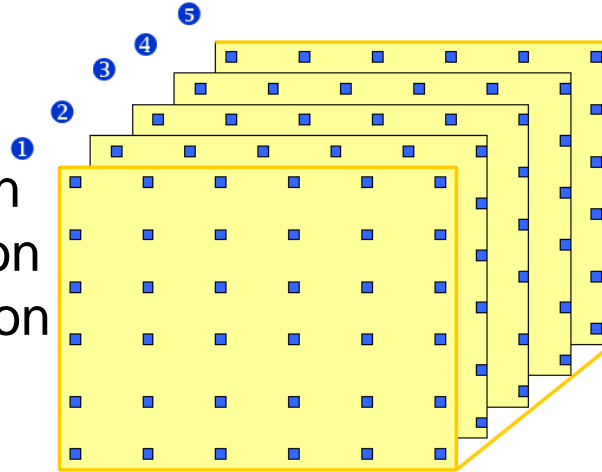
**9.3.5** Dose mapping shall be carried out on representative irradiation containers sufficient in number to determine the variability of dose between containers.

# Product Validation- Dose Mapping

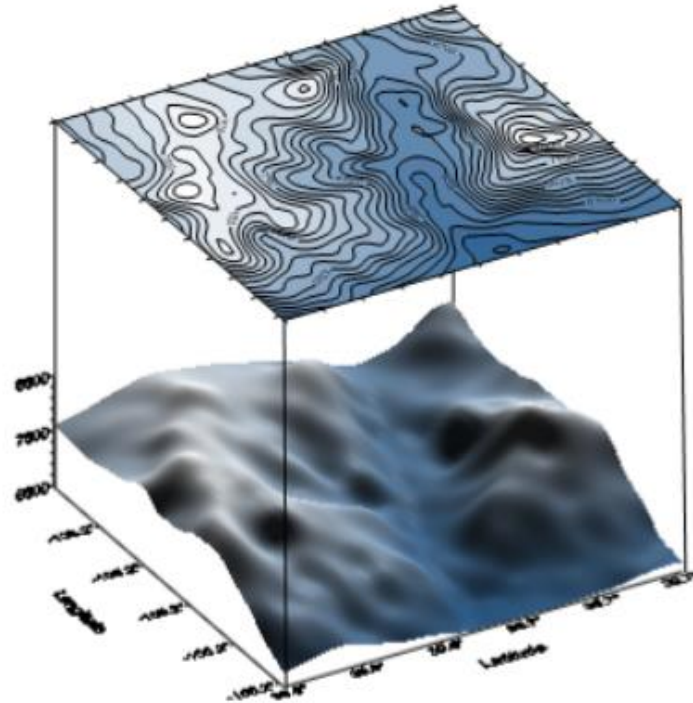
Dosimeters are placed **inside** the product to locate the minimum and maximum dose zones

Quantify:  $D_{min}$ ,  $D_{max}$ ,  $D_{mon}$

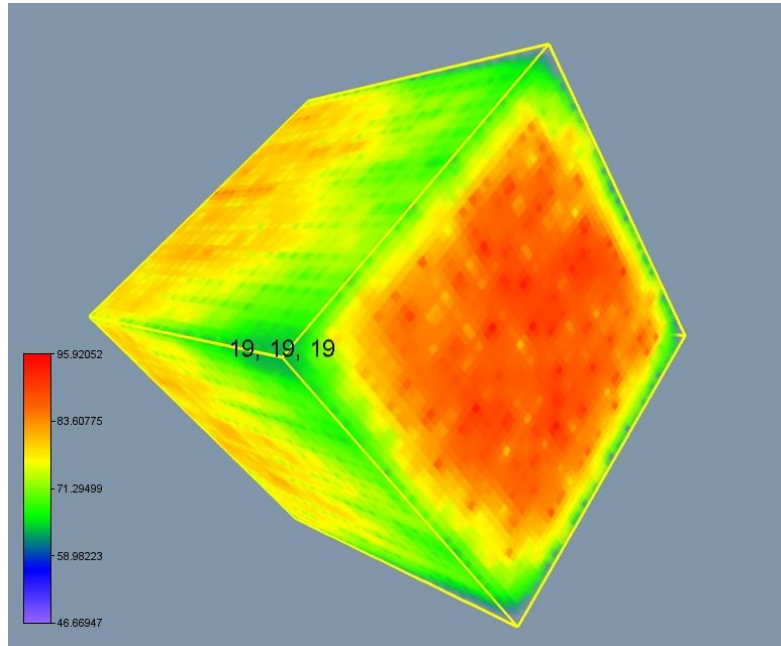
- $D_{min}$  Dose at Minimum Position
- $D_{max}$  Dose at Maximum Position
- $D_{mon}$  Dose at Monitoring Position



## Mapping in General - in 2 Dimensions



## Dose Mapping 3-Dimensional



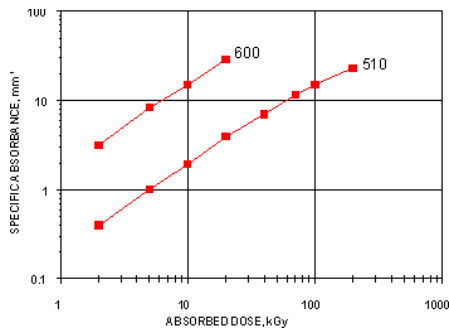
Evaluating dose in x-y-z  
inside the product:

Where ? → Locations/Grid

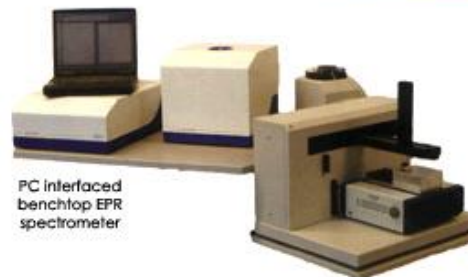
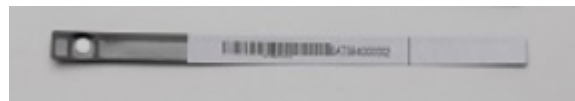
How? → Dosimeter  
Modelling

# Dosimeter

## Radiochromic Films



## Alanine Pellets



PC interfaced benchtop EPR spectrometer

Intuitive automation software



## Dosimeter Placement



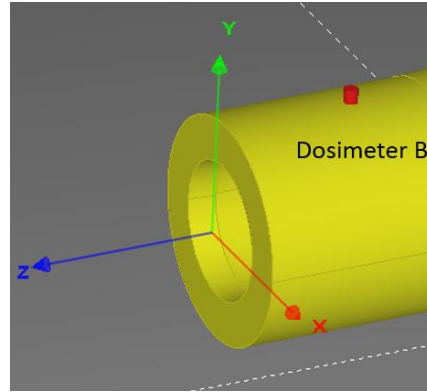
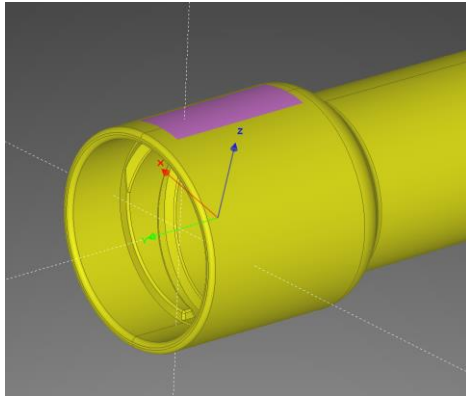
thin film dosimeter with poach  
(18- 50  $\mu\text{m}$ ) with Al- pouch

Alanine Pellets  
Cylinders R=2.4mm  
Plastic wrapping  
barcoded



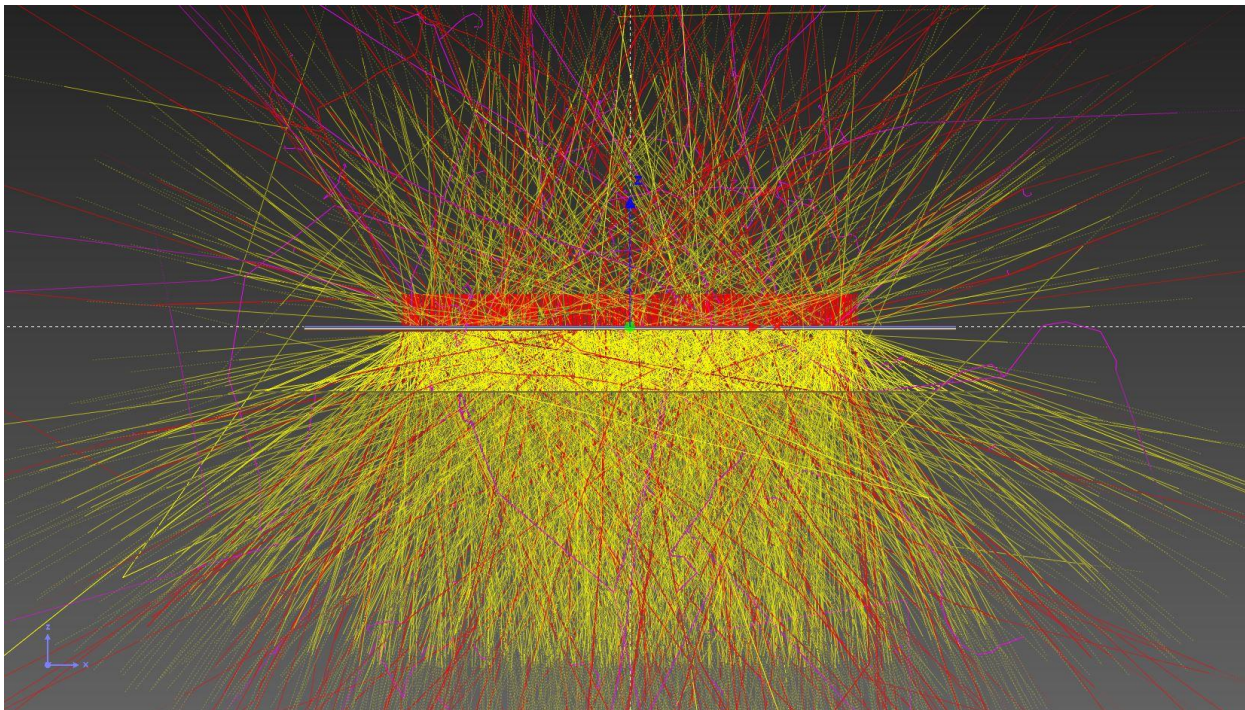


## Mathematical Modelling to assist Dose Mapping

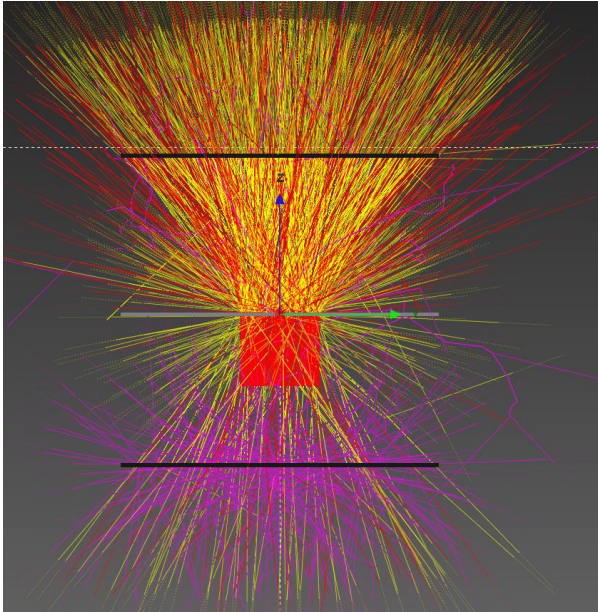


- Established in Medical Physics
- New Possibilities with CAD input
- Place Dosimeters/Object is Dosimeter
- Simulate Changes to Product/Process
- Study Dose Effects

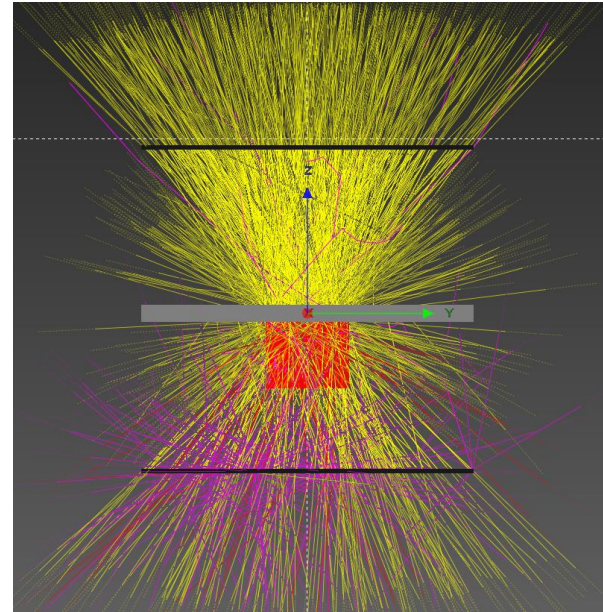
## Visualisation - Example X-Ray Treatment



## Example Shielding of Medical Devices

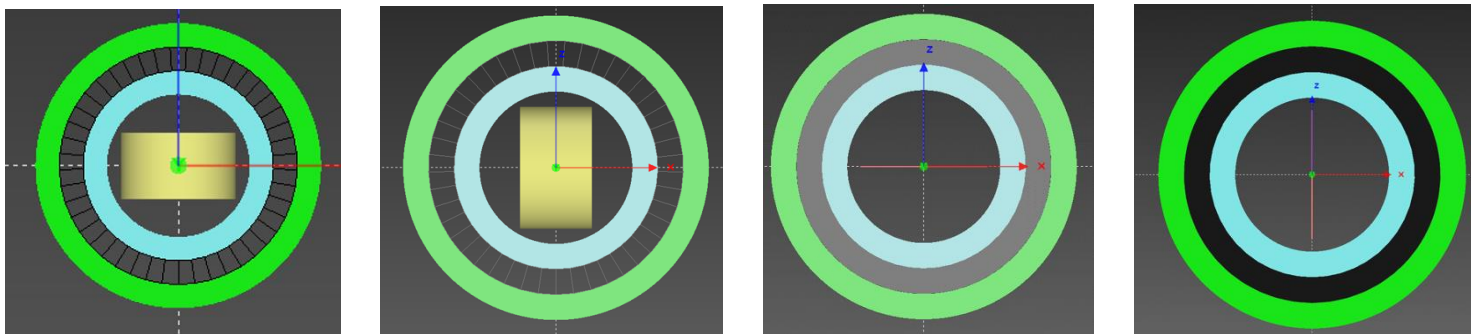


Mo 2 mm



Mo 10 mm

## Example: Dosimeter Response and Dose



Deviation between Dose in Air and Dosimeter Measurement:

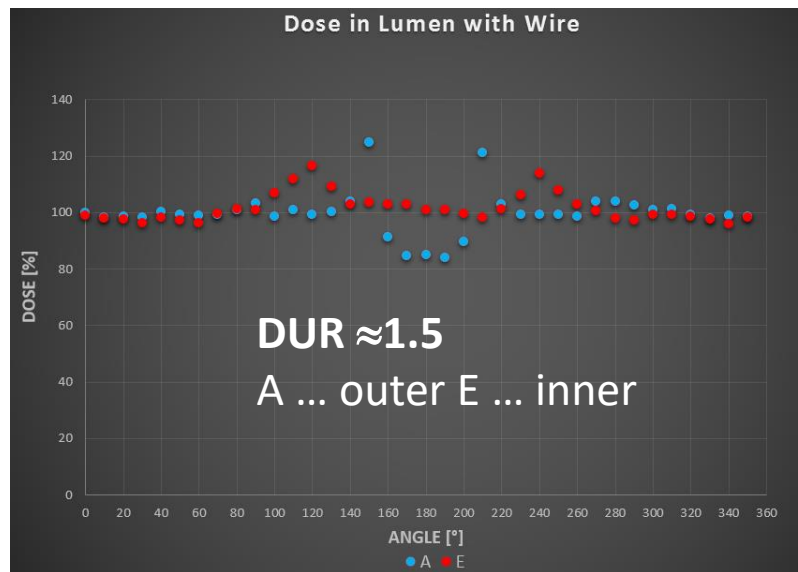
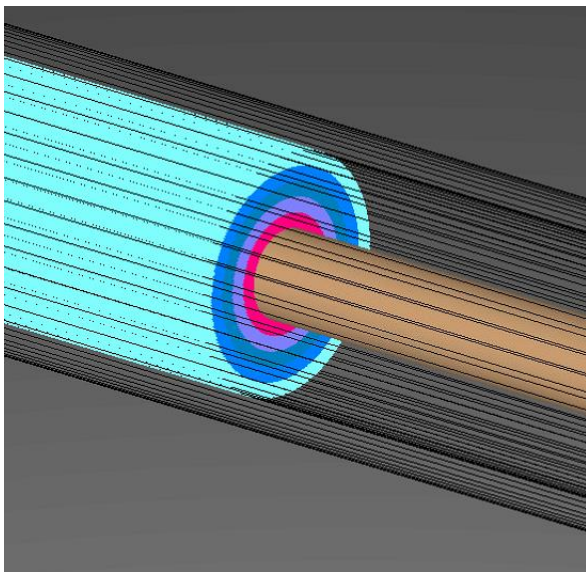
Pellet horizontal  
-0.3%

Pellet vertical.  
-2%

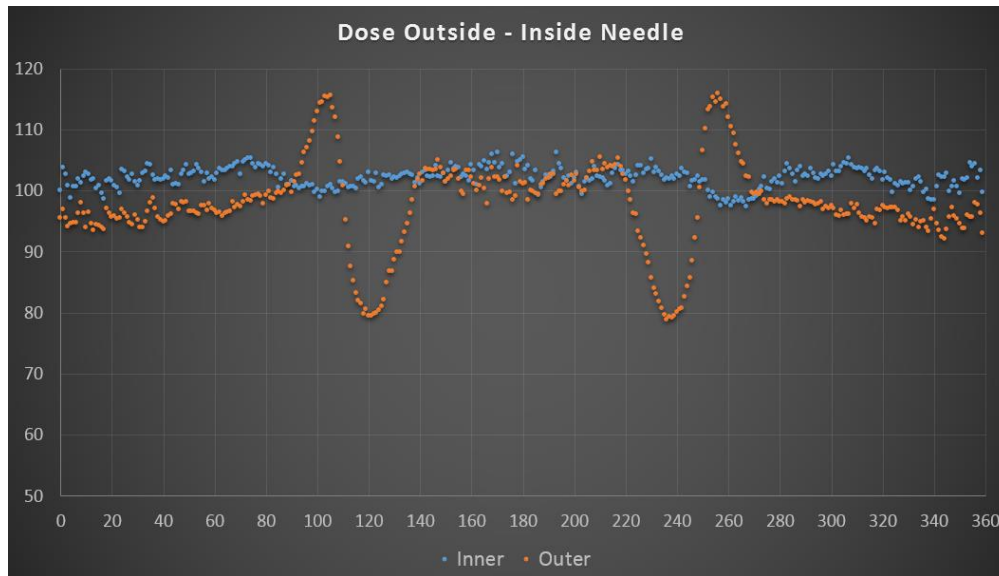
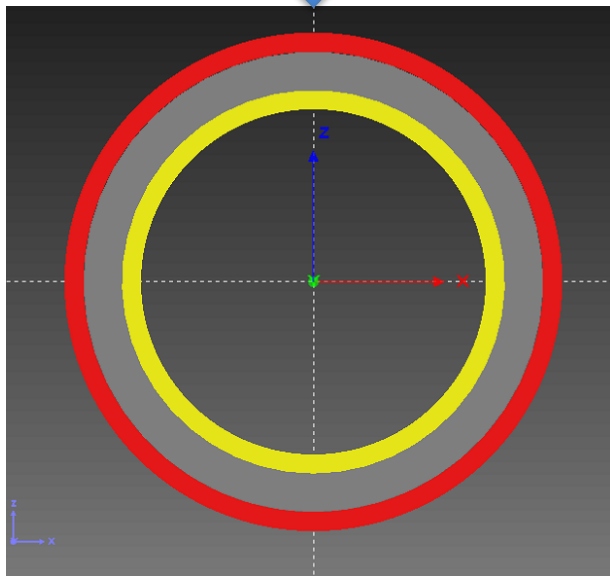
Film horizontal  
-1.8%

Film vertical  
- 14.4%

## 0.5mm Steel Wire in Tube



# Steel Needle D=1mm Thickness 100 $\mu$ m



## **Dose Mapping make synergistic use of:**

- Alanine Dosimeter ( averaging of microdose effects)
- Mathematical Modelling (validated by experiments) to study and interpret radiation physics phenomena
- No “hunt“ for dose gradients  
Understand - Interpret – Assess Risk

## Routine Monitoring Position



- On-Product – Position Laser Guided
- Manual Placement
- Automatic Removal
- Alanine Dosimeter



Validation Report					MI
DSM No.	Position	Dose [kGy]	Dose [kGy]	Dose [kGy]	RSD [%]
Ref	Standard	16,4	17,3	17,4	3,2
1	A1	27,7	30,7	30,7	5,8
2	A2	30,7	30,5	28,3	4,5
3	A3	29,7	32,5	31,8	4,7
4	A4	33,5	32,5	31,8	2,6
5	A5	29	30,2	31,4	4,0
6	B1	27,8	26,9	31,4	8,3
7	B2	28,3	30,9	30,5	4,7
8	B3	30,5	32,9	30,7	4,2
9	B4	32,1	32,8	32,9	1,3
10	B5	30,9	31,1	31	0,3
11	C1	32,6	33,9	33,3	2,0
12	C2	32,1	30,3	32,9	4,2
13	C3	34	36,2	35,4	3,2
14	C4	34,4	33,6	34,9	1,9
15	C5	31,4	34,9	32,8	5,3
16	D1	33,6	35,4	33,7	3,0
17	D2	34,9	35,9	31	7,6
18	D3	34	35,9	35,7	3,0
19	D4	35	35	32,9	3,5
20	D5	34,3	35,3	34,6	1,5

## PQ Run Summary

Color Indication:

Hot Spots – Low Dose Region

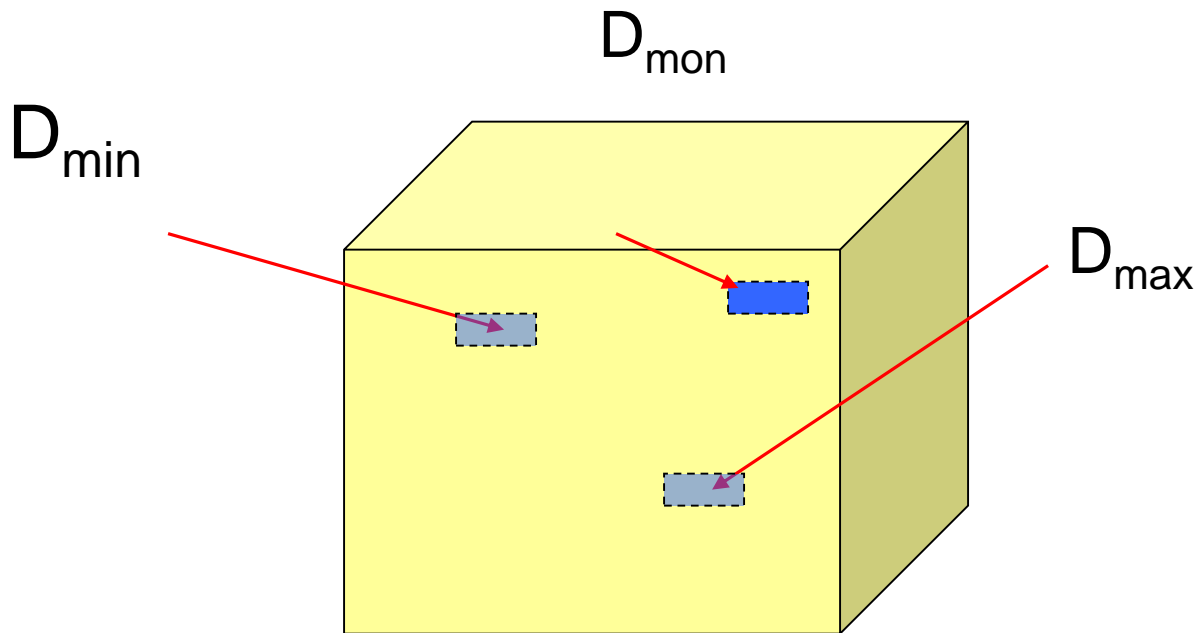
Cold Spots – High Dose Region

Variation between Runs: RSD

RSD < 4%    4% < RSD < 8%

RSD > 8%

## Dose Mapping Summary



$$R_{min/mon} = D_{min}/D_{mon}$$

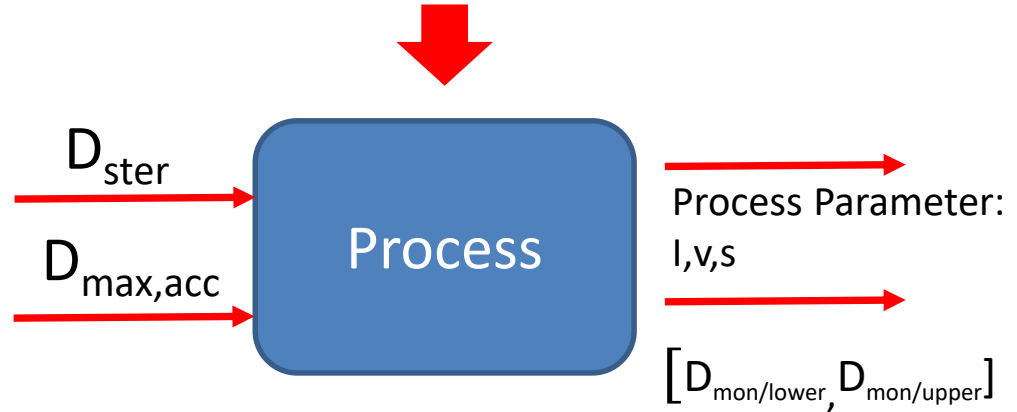
$$R_{max/mon} = D_{max}/D_{mon}$$

$$DUR = D_{max}/D_{min}$$

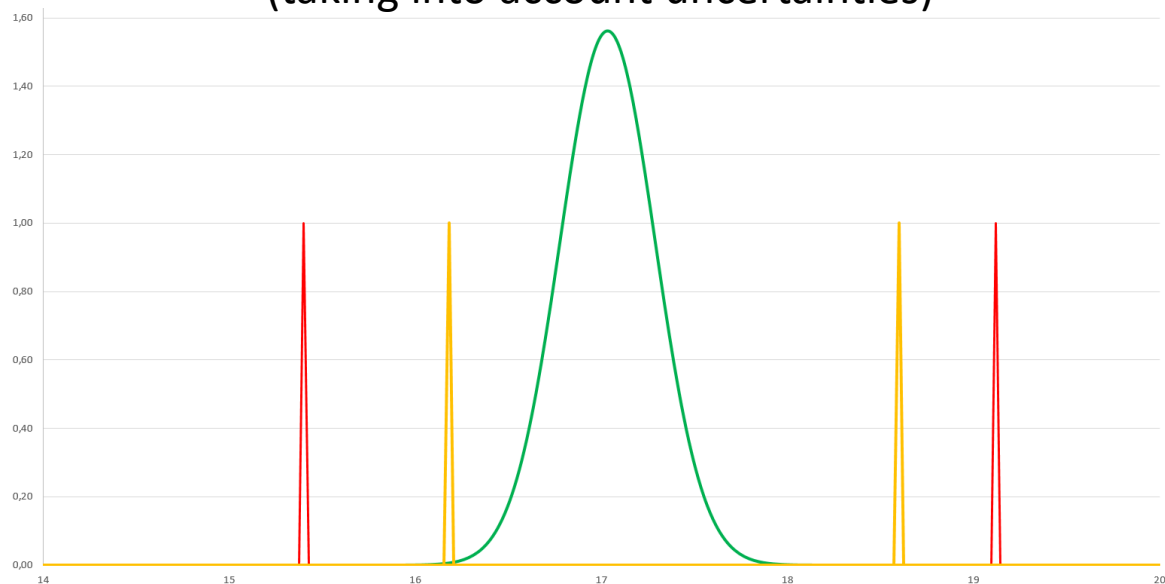
**Uncertainties:** Dose Mapping (R-factors),  
Machine, Dosimeter

### Designing the Process

Customer Requirements	$D_{ster}$ [kGy]	25
	$D_{max, acc}$ [kGy]	40

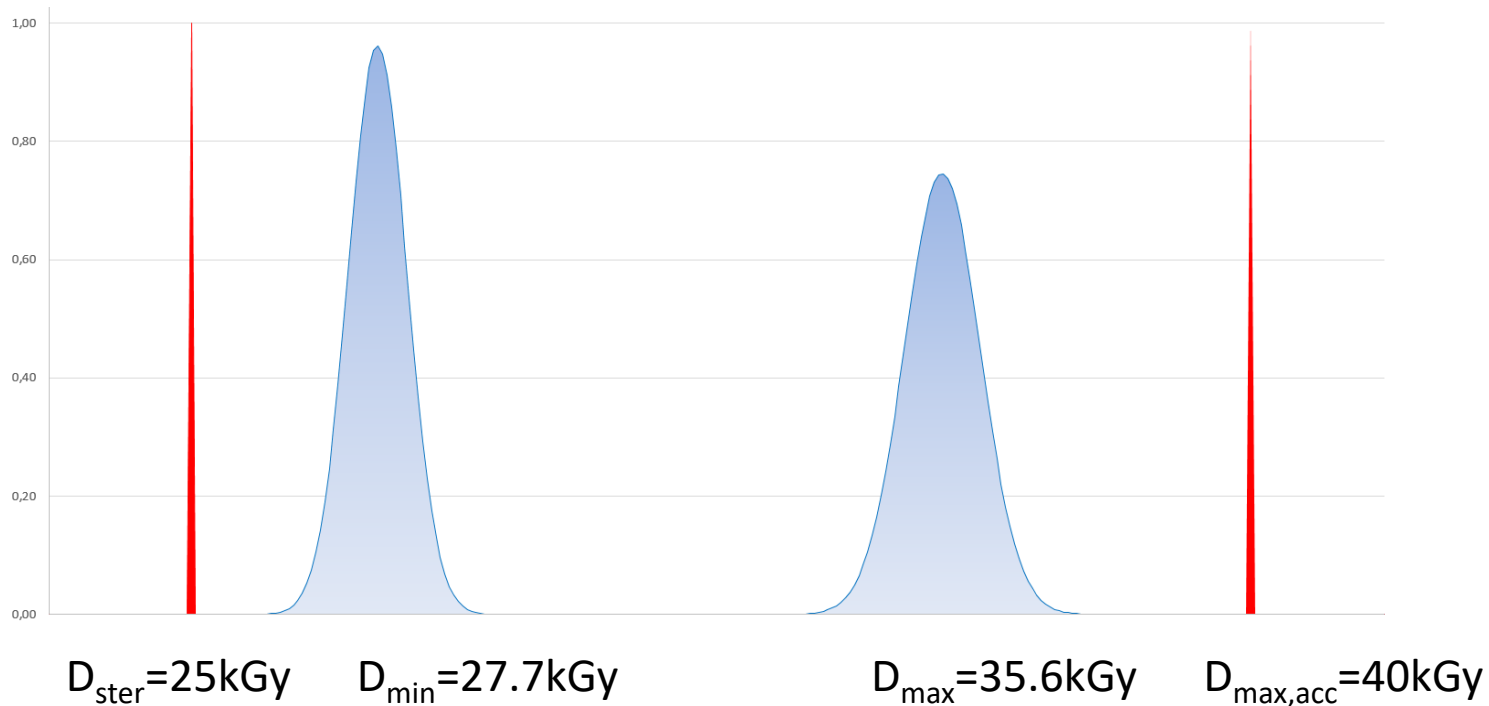


## Setting Target Dose (taking into account uncertainties)

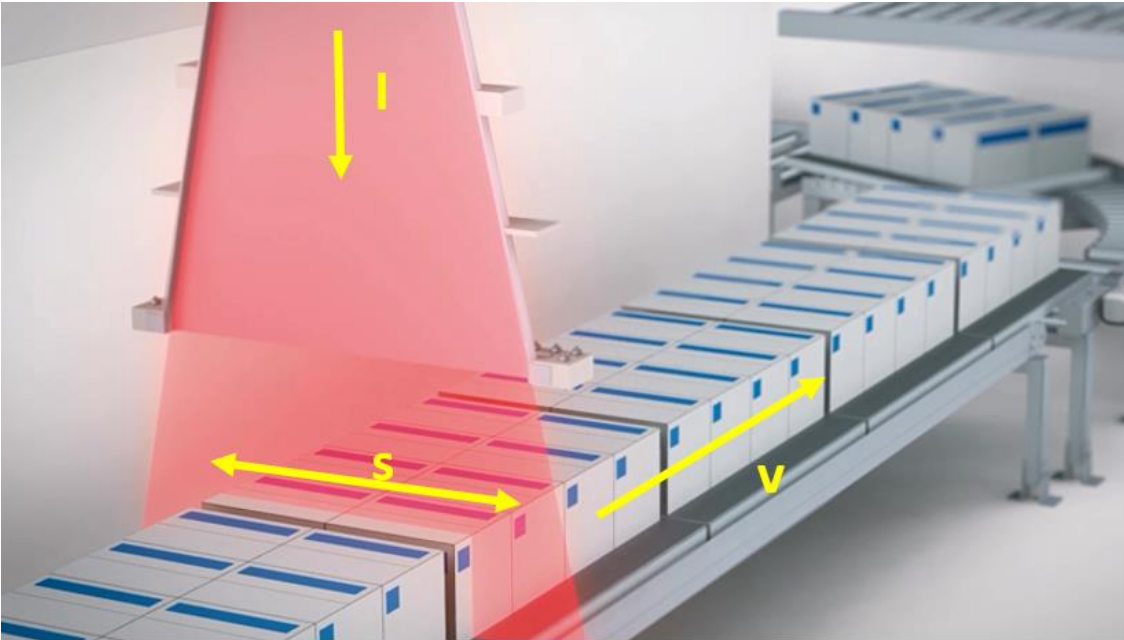


$D_{\text{mon}}^{\text{ster}} = 15.4 \text{ kGy}$     $D_{\text{target}}^{\text{lower}} = 16.2 \text{ kGy}$     $D_{\text{target}}^{\text{upper}} = 18.6 \text{ kGy}$     $D_{\text{mon}}^{\text{max,acc}} = 19.1 \text{ kGy}$

## Product Doses



## Dose vs. Process Parameter

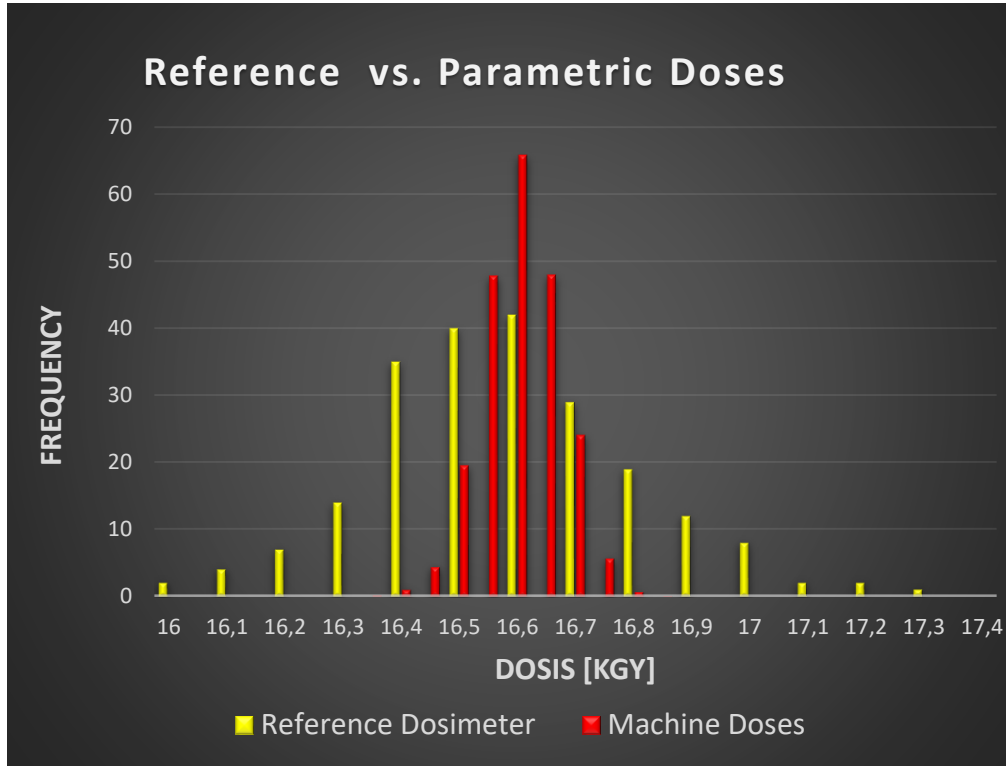


$$D = k \cdot \frac{I}{v \cdot s}$$

- D Dose in kGy  
I Beam Current  
v Process Speed  
s Scan Width

$$k = D_e(0) \cdot F$$

# Surface Dose – Beam Parameter Relationship



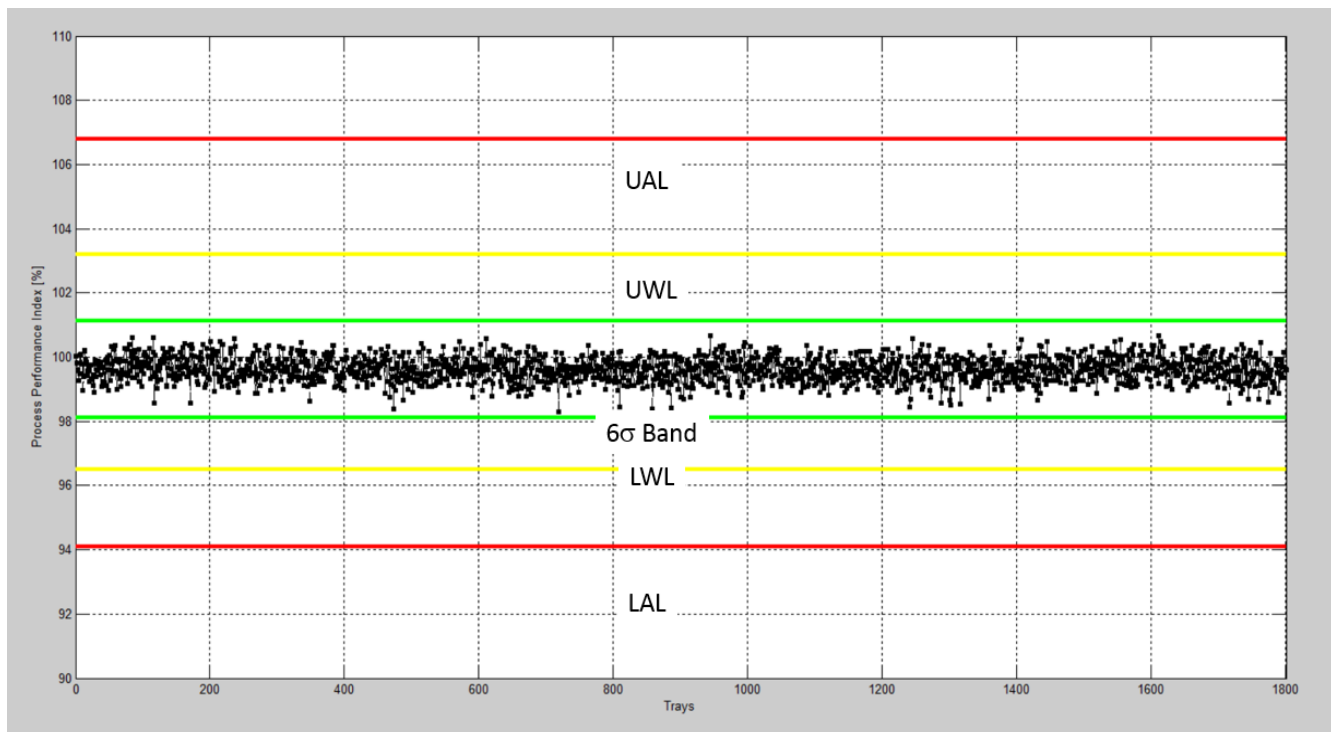
Reference Dose:

RSD  $\approx$  1.4 % (k=1)

Parametric Dose:

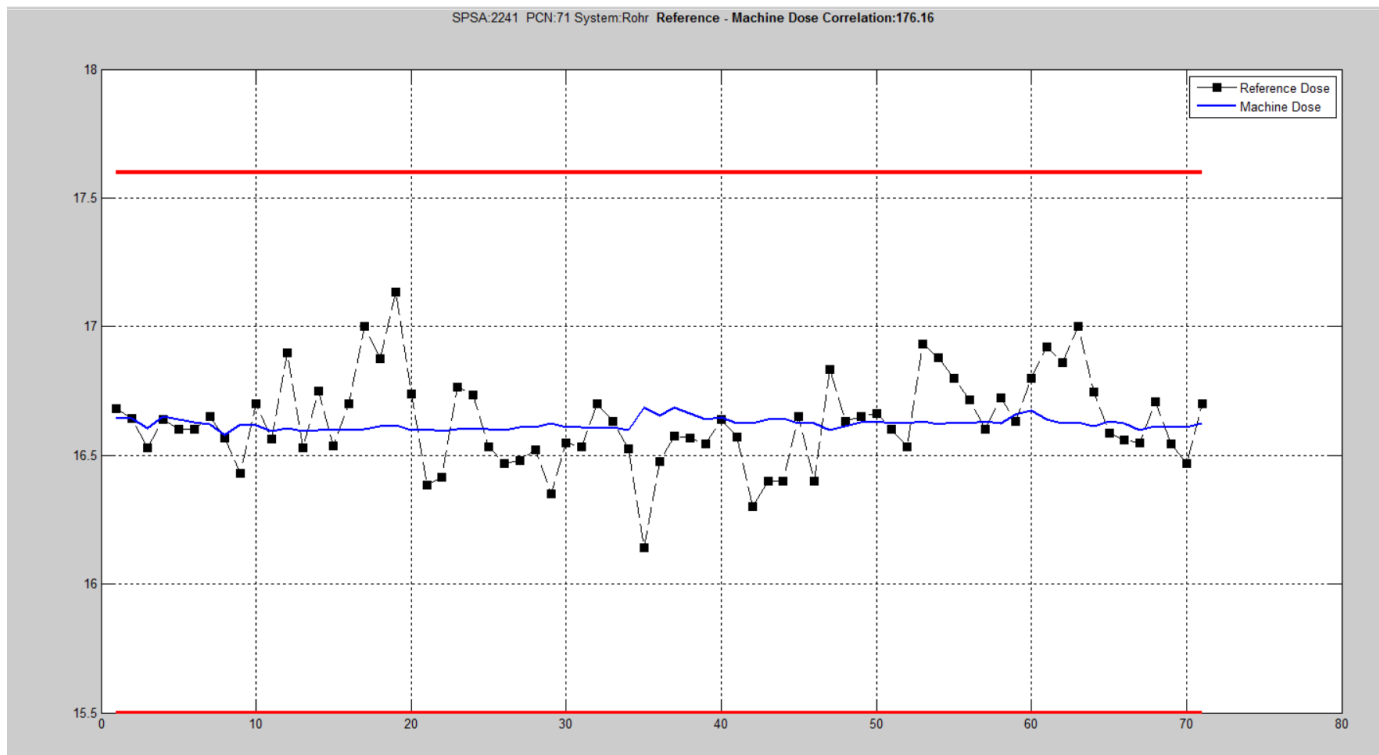
RSD  $\approx$  0.5 % (k=1)

# Product Batch Control Chart





# Long Term Reference Dose Analysis



## CONCLUSION

Dose Mapping is a core instrument to render a **sterile product** while sparing product from harm by **preventing overdosing**

A fine-tuned, robust method, state-of-the-art dosimeters and advanced modelling are vital in achieving this goal