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## CONUNDRUM OF SRS BEAM COMMISSIONING

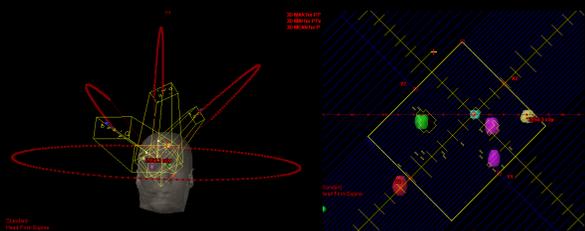


## Motivations

- Traditionally one lesion at isocenter
- Time consuming with multiple lesions
- Investigate the feasibility of Eclipse with small fields
  - Energy = 6x
  - Machine = Varian TB
  - MLC = HD120 / M120
  - Model = AAA



## Single iso VMAT for multi-mets



Challenge:

- Dosimetry
- Setup accuracy

Courtesy of Ase Ballangrud-Popovic



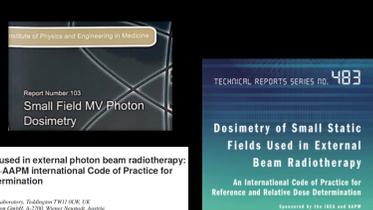
## Commissioning Process

- Basic Beam Acquisition and Validation
  - Output Factor ( $S_c$ )
  - Depth Dose (%DD)
  - Profile
  - Absolute Output Calibration
  - MLC
- Clinical field Validation
  - In phantom film dosimetry with clinical fields
- E2E




## Challenges

1. Beam Source Size / Shape
2. Lateral Electron Disequilibrium
3. Detector Characteristics

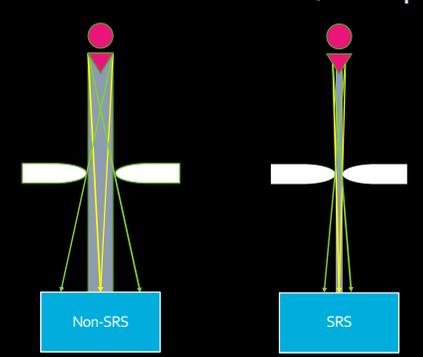


Dosimetry of small static fields used in external photon beam radiotherapy: Summary of TRS-483, the IAEA-AAPM International Code of Practice for reference and relative dose determination

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## 1. Beam Source Size / Shape



Non-SRS

SRS



## 2. Lateral Electron Disequilibrium

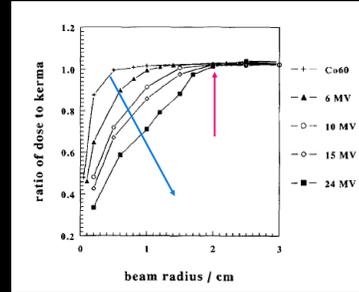
- Occurs at high energy photon beams
- Narrow field when beam radius is small compared maximum range of secondary electron
- Small field effect happens at larger field for higher energy!
- FWHM – seems larger than geometric setting\*

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## Lateral Electron Equilibrium



Lateral electron equilibrium and electron contamination in measurements of head-scatter factors using miniphantoms and brass caps

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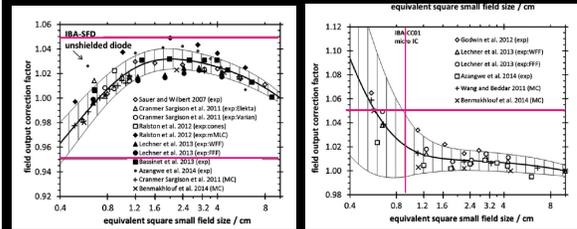
## 3. Detector

- Spectral response
  - Small fields have harder spectrum
  - Potentially affects silicon-based diode detectors
  - Ion chamber with high-Z electrodes
- Size
  - Volume averaging effect
  - Min FS for Reference Output
    - $FWHM > dim_{max} + 2r_{LCPE}$
    - $r_{LCPE} = 77.97 \times 10^{-3} \%dd(10,10)_x - 4.382$



## Detector

### Field Output Correction Factor



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## Detector Recommendations

- Good list on TRS-483
- Daisy Chain
  - Use Larger IC for intermediate to larger field
  - Use small detector for small fields
- Detector Size
  - Small enough with reasonable signal
  - Correction factor should be < 5%
- Directional response
  - < 0.5% within  $\pm 60^\circ$  from recommendation orientation



## Reference Dosimetry

- Conventional LINAC
  - Use TG-51
    - In water
    - SSD or SAD = 100cm
    - Field size =  $10 \times 10 \text{ cm}^2$
- Others
  - TRS-483



## Typical MSR

TABLE 2. msr FIELDS FOR COMMON RADIOTHERAPY MACHINES

Machine type	msr field
CyberKnife	6 cm diameter fixed collimator
TomoTherapy	5 cm × 10 cm field
Gamma Knife	1.6 cm or 1.8 cm diameter collimator helmet, all sources simultaneously out
Brainlab micro MLC add-on	For example 9.8 cm × 9.8 cm or 9.6 cm × 10.4 cm
SRS cone add-ons	The closest to a 10 cm × 10 cm equivalent square msr field achievable

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## Field Size Considerations

Detector	dim <sub>msr</sub> (mm)	FWHM <sub>msr</sub>			
		co-60	6x	6FFF	10FFF
PTW 30013	23.6	27.5	39.2	39.8	47.5
A12	21.6	25.5	37.2	37.8	45.5
FC65-G/P	23.0	26.9	38.6	39.2	46.9
PTW 31010	6.5	10.4	22.1	22.7	30.4
PTW 31015	5.7	9.6	21.3	21.9	29.6
PTW 31014	3.6	7.5	19.2	19.8	27.5
PTW 31018	5.7	9.6	21.3	21.9	29.6
A1	6.5	10.4	22.1	22.7	30.4
A14	2.7	6.6	18.3	18.9	26.6
A16	2.5	6.4	18.1	18.7	26.4
cc13	5.8	9.7	21.4	22.0	29.7
cc08	6.0	9.9	21.6	22.2	29.9
cc04	3.6	7.5	19.2	19.8	27.5
cc01	3.6	7.5	19.2	19.8	27.5

Farmer Chamber

Cylindrical Chamber

- Farmer Chamber
  - FS ≥ 60x60 mm<sup>2</sup> upto 18MV
- Cylindrical chamber
  - FS ≥ 30x30 mm<sup>2</sup> for 6 to 10FFF
  - FS ≥ 10x10 mm<sup>2</sup> much smaller for <sup>60</sup>Co

## k<sub>Q</sub> from TG-51 Addendum

Chamber type	Comment	k <sub>Q</sub> values for the most common beams (as function of beam-quality specifier %dd(10) <sub>e</sub> )				
		63	67	73	77	81
Capintec PR-06CG*	0.6 cc Farmer-type	0.998	0.993	0.985	0.979	0.971
Exradin A19	Water proof Farmer	0.996	0.991	0.981	0.974	0.966
Exradin A12	0.6 cc	0.997	0.992	0.983	0.976	0.968
Exradin A12S	0.2 cc "short Farmer"	0.996	0.992	0.983	0.976	0.968
Exradin A18	0.125 cc waterproof	0.997	0.992	0.983	0.976	0.969
Exradin A1	0.06 cc waterproof	0.996	0.991	0.981	0.975	0.967
Exradin A1SL	0.06 cc waterproof	0.997	0.992	0.983	0.977	0.969
NE NE2561 *	0.3 cc NPL Sec. Std	0.999	0.994	0.985	0.978	0.971
NE NE2571 *	0.6 cc Farmer	0.997	0.992	0.983	0.976	0.968
PTW PTW30010*	0.6 cc Farmer-type	0.997	0.992	0.983	0.976	0.968
PTW PTW30011*	0.6 cc Farmer-type	0.997	0.992	0.983	0.976	0.969
PTW PTW30012*	0.6 cc Farmer-type	0.998	0.994	0.985	0.979	0.971
PTW PTW30013	Waterproof Farmer	0.996	0.991	0.982	0.975	0.967
PTW PTW31013	0.25 cc waterproof	0.997	0.992	0.982	0.975	0.967
IBA FC65-G	Waterproof Farmer	0.997	0.992	0.983	0.976	0.968
IBA FC65-P	Robust Farmer	0.997	0.991	0.982	0.975	0.967
IBA FC23-C	0.2 cc "short Farmer"	0.996	0.991	0.982	0.975	0.968
IBA CC25	0.25 cc waterproof	0.997	0.992	0.984	0.977	0.969
IBA CC13	0.13 cc waterproof	0.996	0.992	0.983	0.976	0.969
IBA CC08	0.08 cc waterproof	0.995	0.990	0.982	0.975	0.967

Addendum to the AAPM's TG-51 protocol for clinical reference dosimetry of high-energy photon beams

## TRS-483 (Reference dosimetry)

- TRS-483
  - Generalized form of TG-51
  - msr – machine specific reference field
    - TG-51 condition not possible
    - Farmer chambers with msr ≥ 6x6cm<sup>2</sup>
    - Smaller cylindrical chambers for msr < 6x6cm<sup>2</sup>
  - k<sub>Q,msr</sub> correction (IAEA: k<sub>Q,msr</sub><sup>f</sup> k<sub>Q,msr</sub><sup>f,ref</sup>):
    - Cyberknife, TomoTherapy, and Gamma Knife
- Three acceptable approaches

## 1. Chamber calibrated for msr

- Preferred method
- ADCL calibrate the chamber at msr
- Formalism

$$D_{w,Q_{msr}} = M_{Q_{msr}} N_{D,w}^{Q_{msr}}$$

Corrected measurements of the chamber at reference depth and msr

From ADCL

## 2. Chamber with conventional factors with k<sub>Q,msr</sub>

- Most of the cases
- Q<sub>0</sub> for reference field (ref) of 10x10 cm<sup>2</sup>
- Formalism

$$D_{w,Q_{msr}} = M_{Q_{msr}} N_{D,w}^{Q_0} k_{Q_{msr}}$$

When msr = 10x10

$$D_w^Q = M N_{D,w}^{60Co} k_Q \quad (TG-51)$$

## Correction factor $k_{Q_{MSR}}$

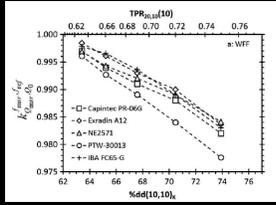


TABLE 14. CORRECTION FACTORS  $k_{Q_{MSR}}$  FOR THE GAMMA-KNIFE MODELS PERFEKON AND 4C (10, 15)

Chamber type	Perfekon		4C	
	$r_{50} = 10 \text{ mm}$ (D)	$r_{50} = 15 \text{ mm}$ (D)	$r_{50} = 10 \text{ mm}$ (D)	$r_{50} = 15 \text{ mm}$ (D)
PTW T31010	1.0037	1.0346	1.0003	0.9958
PTW T31014	1.0040	1.0338	0.9995	1.0014
Exradin A12L	1.0046	1.0338	1.0008	1.0014
Exradin A12EL	1.0134	1.0394	1.0112	1.0116
Exradin A16	1.0167	1.0295	1.0217	1.0163
IBACCU	1.0213	1.0292	1.0189	1.0203
IBACCU4	1.0107	1.0317	1.0062	1.0086
Capintec PR16P-2.7	1.0059	1.0070	1.0010	1.0007
Capintec PR16P-7.6	1.0025	1.0128	0.9976	0.9973

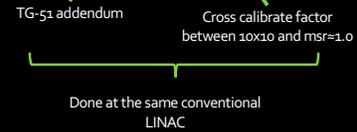
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## 3. Chamber with conventional factors without $k_{Q_{MSR}}$

### Formalism

$$D_{w,Q_{MSR}} = M_{Q_{MSR}} N_{D,w}^{Q_0} k_Q k_{Q_{MSR}}$$



## Beam Quality Specifier

### For MSR < 10x10

$$TPR_{20,10}(10) = \frac{TPR(S)+c(10-S)}{1+c(10-S)} \quad s = \text{equivalent square of } msr$$

$$\%dd(10,10)^{SSD} = \frac{\%dd(10,S)+80c(10-S)}{1+c(10-S)}$$

$$c = (16.15 \pm 0.12) \times 10^{-3} \quad (TPR)$$

$$c = (53.4 \pm 1.1) \times 10^{-3} \quad (\%dd)$$

### For SSD or SAD different from 100cm

TPR (80cm ≤ SSD ≤ 150)

- No correction needed

%dd(10,10) =

$$\%dd^{SSD}(10,10) = \frac{TMR(10,11)}{TMR(10, \frac{100+z_{max}}{SSD})} \frac{NPSF(11)}{NPSF(\frac{100+z_{max}}{SSD})} \left( \frac{100+z_{max}}{110} \frac{SSD+10}{SSD+z_{max}} \right)^2$$

## Other Considerations

### Addition FFF correction

$$D_{w,Q_{MSR}} = M_{Q_{MSR}} N_{D,w}^{Q_0} k_Q k_{Q_{MSR}}$$

$$D_{w,Q_{MSR}} = M_{Q_{MSR}} N_{D,w}^{Q_0} k_Q k_{FFF}^{WFF} k_{Q_{MSR}}$$

### Pb foil for FFF beam quality

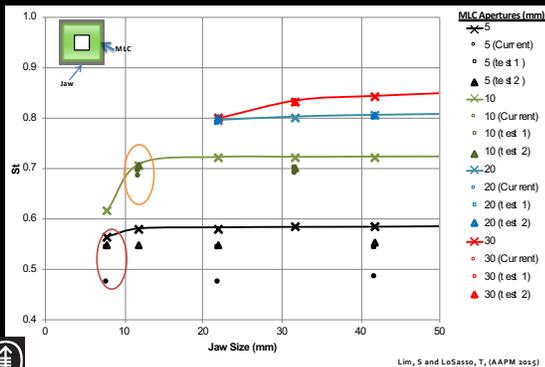
AAPM TG-51 addendum

### Non-water correction

Solid water or PMMA

## St with FS (MLC/Jaws) and models

Measurements: Blue Phantom, SD/cc01, SSD 100 cm, d = 10.0 cm Eclipse: AAA



## Modeling

### Modify model current clinical 6x AAA model

- $S_i$  input
- Focal spot
  - Clinical spot: (1.75, 0.75)
- limit FS to (1.5x1.5)
- Secondary scatter
- Retain current DLG

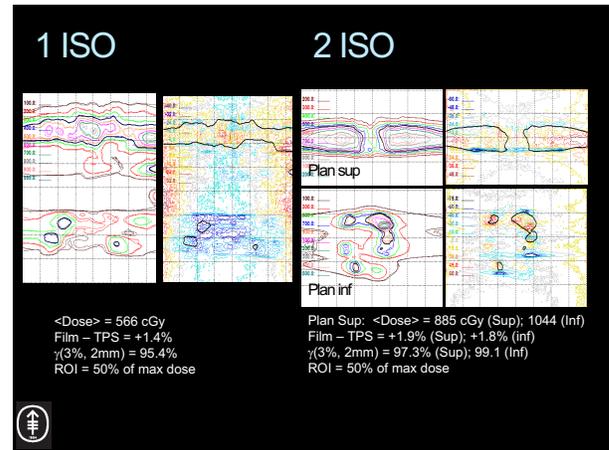
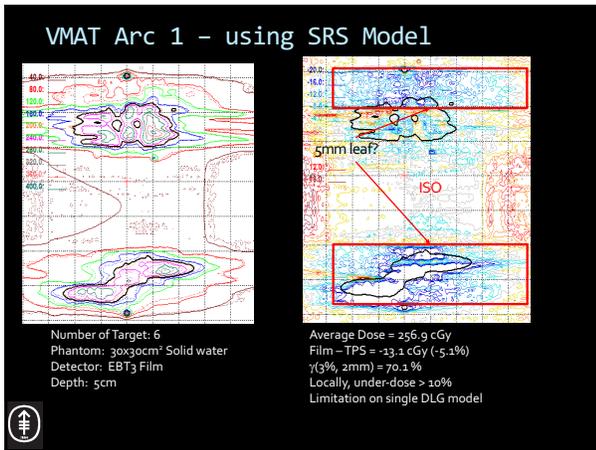
### Verification

- $S_i$  output
- OCR
- PDD
- Static clinical fields

### Clinical VMAT Implementation

Apertures ≥ 10mm up to 10 cm expect dose agreement of 0.5%; Apertures < 10mm expect underdose by at least 3.5% or more; Small lesions (5mm) at 10cm depth can be under-dose by 7% or more.

A Feasibility Study of Using Eclipse AAA for SRS Treatment; Lim, S and LoSasso, T, Medical Physics, 43, 2259-2330 (2015)



- ### Dosimetry Summary
- 7 plans with film and EPID
  - 2 single ISO and 4 multi-ISO plans
  - Single ISO
    - 5mm leaves region gives under-dose > 10%
    - 2.5mm region gives 2 to 6% over dose
  - Multi-ISO
    - Aimed to avoid using 5.0mm leaves
    - Dose difference +1.9% to -10.1% per arc
    - Arcs with small apertures tend to under-dose
      - 10.1% with small aperture (5-8 mm) as expected from model limitation
    - Composite dose (per plan) = +1.9% to -1.9%

- ### Challenges
- VMAT M120
    - Different dosimetric challenges from HD120
    - Model for VMAT HD120 does not provide satisfactory dosimetry
  - Solution
    - Two Different models
      - VMAT M120 (focal spot = 1.75, 0.75)
      - DCA M120 (focal spot = 0.0, 0.0)
    - S<sub>t</sub> (1x1) modified (similar to HD120 model)
    - FS (jaw): 1x1 to 15x15 cm<sup>2</sup>

### Pre-Clinical (VMAT)

film (VMAT) & Razor Diode (DCA)

Machine	Plan	Number of Arc	TPS Max Dose (cGy)	Average Dose (cGy) (ROI 80% of Max Dose)	Film - TPS		$\gamma$ (3%, 2mm)
					cGy	%	
MON_TB2	1	3	1175	1028	53.7	5.2	96.1
	2	3	1763	1590	14.8	0.9	97.9
	3	3	2170	1923	38.0	2.0	97.9
	4	4	2122	1829	75.1	4.1	94.5
	5	4	1368	1207	20.5	1.7	100.0
444	6	3	1175	1028	3.5	0.3	95.9
	7	3	2105	1894	76.7	4.0	98.4

Target Dimension (cc)	Field	Measurement Dose (cGy)	Eclipse (0,0) (DCA) (cGy)	Eclipse (1.75, 0.75) (VMAT) (cGy)	Dose/Eclipse (DCA)	Dose/Eclipse (VMAT)
	10	724.0	719	719	1.006	1.007
	11	881.5	877	877	1.005	1.005
	12	904.1	900	899	1.004	1.005
	15	703.3	687	622	1.024	1.131
	16	689.5	678	615	1.016	1.121
0.1	17	717.6	718	643	0.999	1.117
	18	711.5	722	651	0.985	1.093

### End-to-End Test

- AAA\_SRS\_11031
- head anthropomorphic phantom
- Dosimetry
  - MU/Avg Dose = 3.3
  - L-R films: -2.3% to -3.4%
  - Sag Film: -2.7%
- Localization

Plane	Error (mm)
A-P	-0.07
S-I	0.10
L-R	-0.09

Courtesy of Lovelock

Question?

