

“Implementazione di un programma IMRT  
in un centro di Radioterapia”

## **Considerazioni di natura fisica**

***S.O.S.D. Fisica Sanitaria***

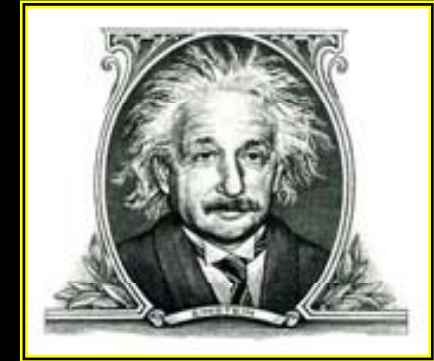
***Dr. Claudio Fasano, Dott.sa S. Emanuelli, Dott.sa D. Masenga,  
Dott.ssa E. Rizzi, Dr. Michele Zeverino, TSRM L. Arcadipane,  
TSRM O. Maggiore, TSRM V. Penna  
Dott.sa S. Amerio***

***Ospedale “Cardinal Massaia”***



# IMRT

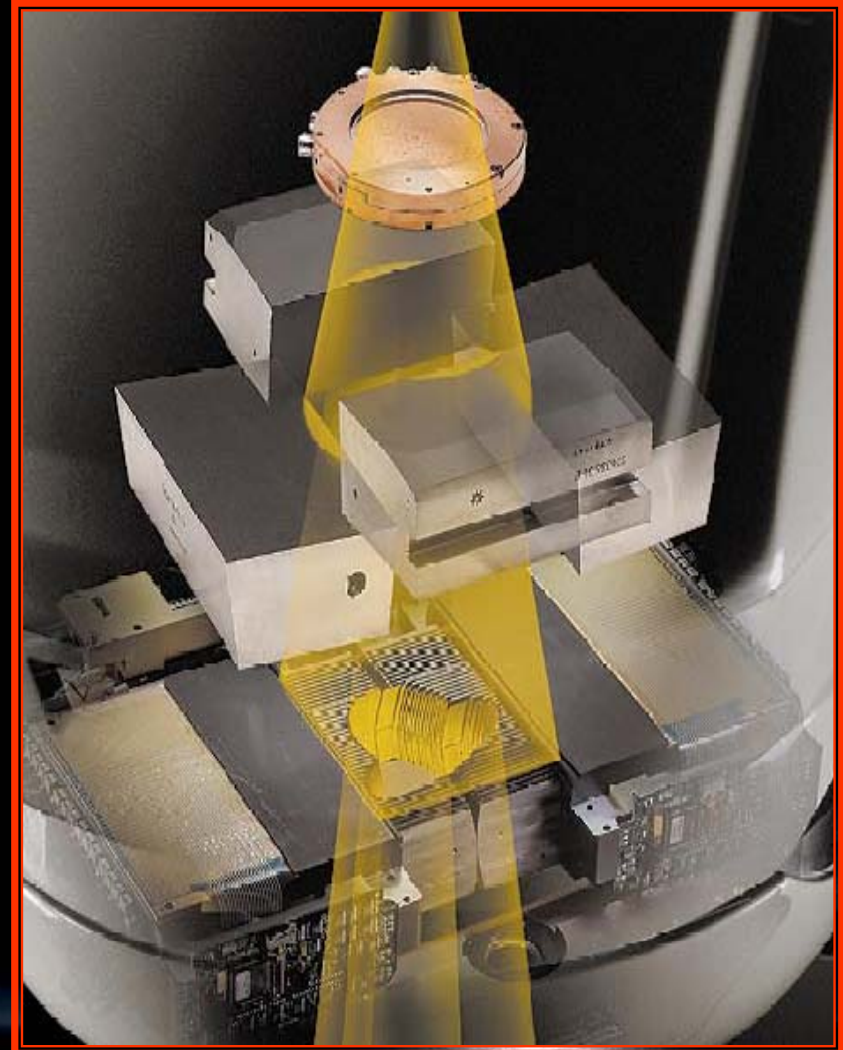
## Il ruolo del fisico



1. Commissioning LINAC
  - Dosimetria non convenzionale, MLC
2. Commissioning TPS
  - Distribuzioni modulate di dose
3. Esecuzione del piano di trattamento
  - Inverse planning
4. Verifica del piano di trattamento
  - Dosimetria 2D, 3D
5. Stesura protocolli per l'assicurazione di qualità
  - Introduzione nuovi CQ

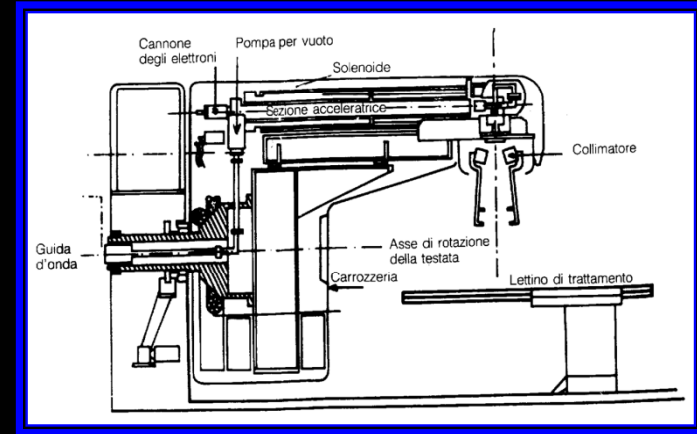
# IMRT @ S.O.C. Radioterapia - ASTI

- **Varian Clinac 600 DBX**  
(single 6MV photon energy)
- **Varian Millennium 120M**
  - 60 pairs of leaves
  - Leaf width of 5 mm @ IC for the inner 40 pairs
  - Leaf width of 10 mm @ IC for the outer 20 pairs
  - Maximum leaf speed of 2.5 cm/s
  - **CMS XiO**



# LINAC IMRT: *commissioning*

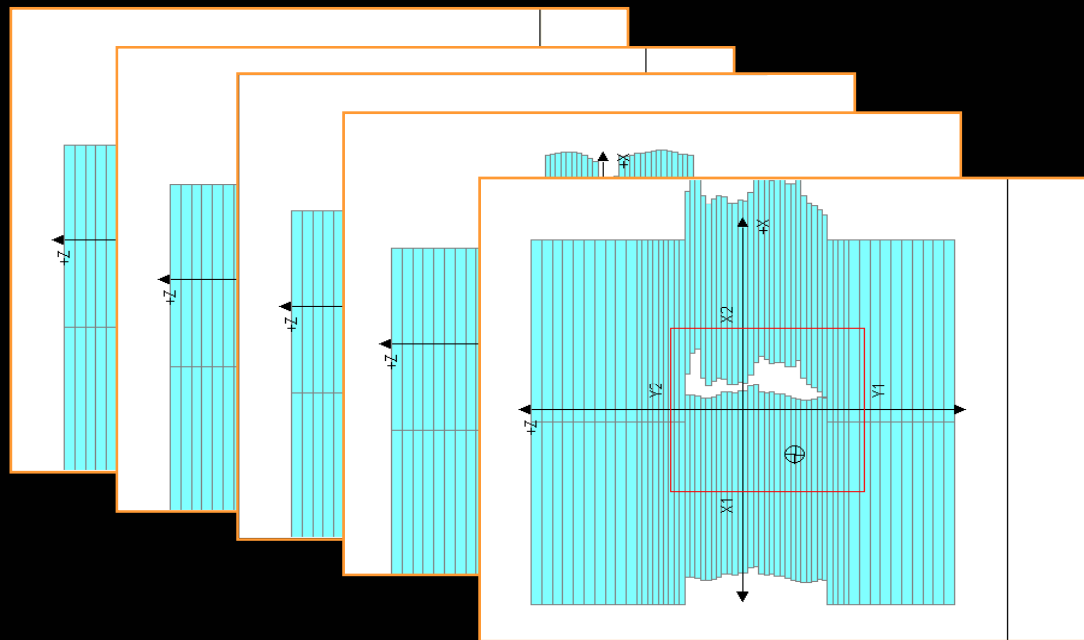
1. Small field dosimetry
2. Small MU delivery
3. MLC characterization
  - a) *Leaf positional accuracy*
  - b) *Leaves penumbra*
  - c) *Penumbra effect vs leaf position*
  - d) *Inter- and intra-leaf transmission factor*
  - e) *Tongue and groove effect*
  - f) *Leaf speed accuracy*
  - g) *Minimum leaf separation*



# Small field dosimetry\_I



Fluence modulation is the result of the superposition of very narrow fields (segments) both for static delivery (less segments) and for dynamic delivery (hundreds of segments)



*N.B.: small field (less than  $3 \times 3 \text{ cm}^2$ ) dosimetry is then required for the commissioning of IMRT treatment planning systems.*

# Small field dosimetry\_II



**Two cylindrical ionization chambers different in size were compared:**

- **IBA CC13**
  - a) Active volume :  $0.13 \text{ cm}^3$
  - b) inner diameter : 6 mm
- **IBA CC04**
  - a) Active volume :  $0.04 \text{ cm}^3$
  - b) Inner diameter : 4 mm



**Measurements in water:**

1. Output factors @ 10 cm depth for field sizes:

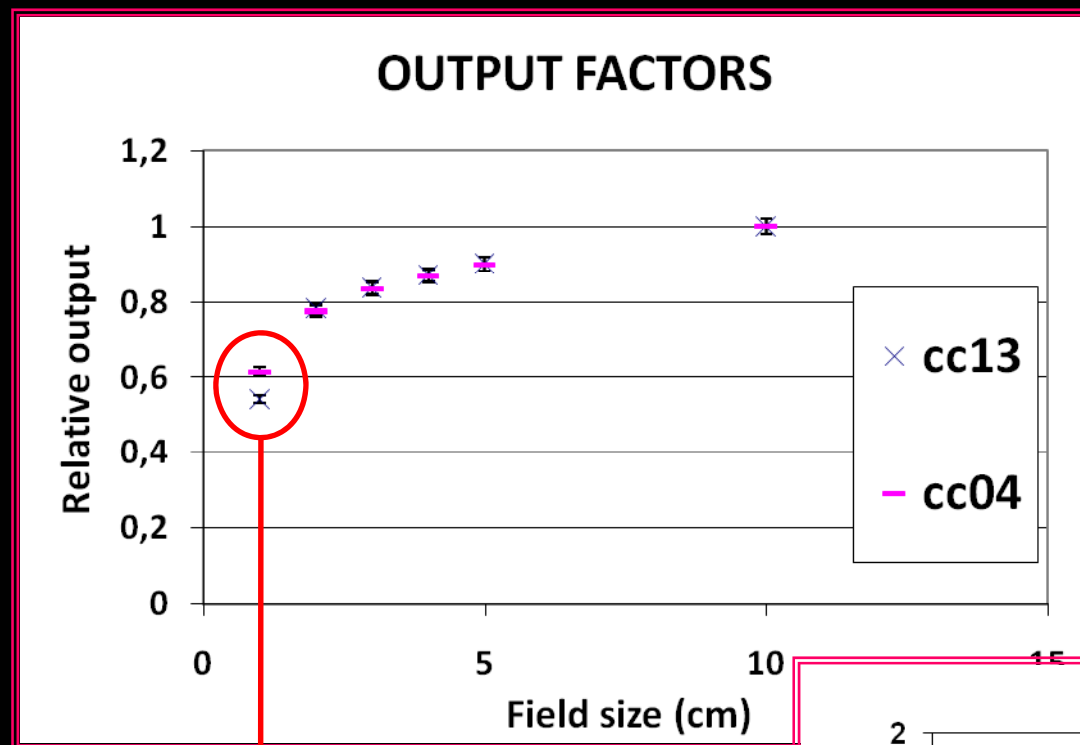
5 x 5 cm<sup>2</sup>, 4x 4 cm<sup>2</sup>, 3 x 3 cm<sup>2</sup>, 2 x 2 cm<sup>2</sup>, 1 x 1 cm<sup>2</sup>

2. PDDs for field sizes:

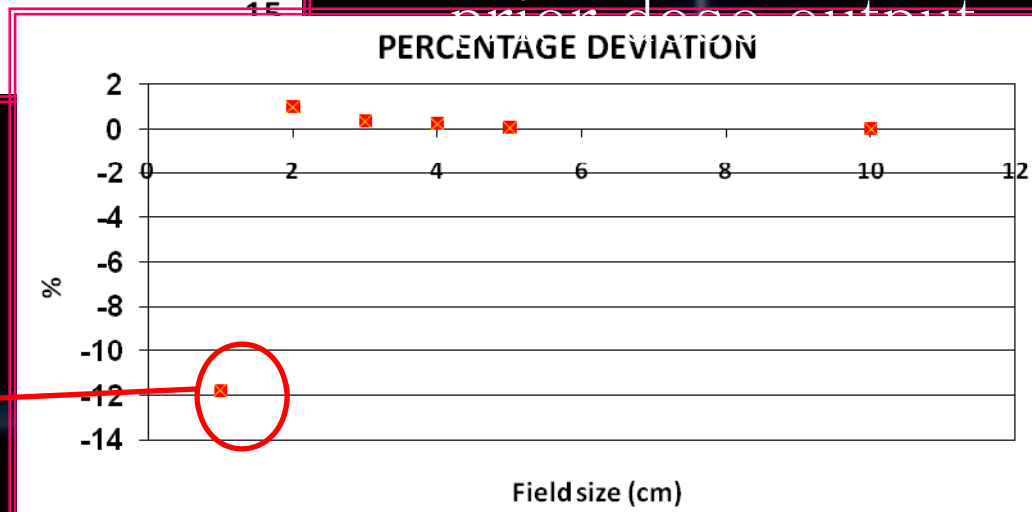
5 x 5 cm<sup>2</sup>, 4x 4 cm<sup>2</sup>, 3 x 3 cm<sup>2</sup>, 2 x 2 cm<sup>2</sup>



# Output factors



**CC13 underestimates dose output for a 1 x 1 cm<sup>2</sup> field size of about 12 %**



- I. Output normalized to 1 at 10 x 10 cm<sup>2</sup> field size
- II. Five repeated measurements for each field size
- III. Radiation field size measured

error dose output

# Small MU delivery



Static segments deliver few (and even fractional) MU depending on the treatment planning

Limits of the linear accelerator need to be checked for

Dose vs MU linearity and stability

(IC Farmer-type measurements)

Beam uniformity (F&S) for small MU delivery

(Gafchromic EBT vs. Mapcheck SNC measurements)





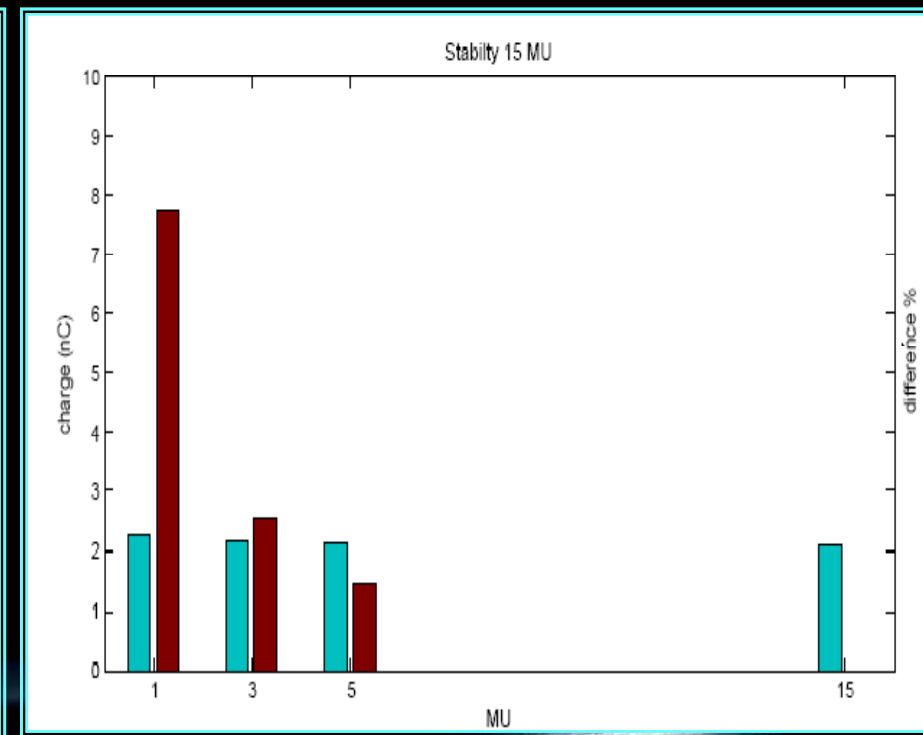
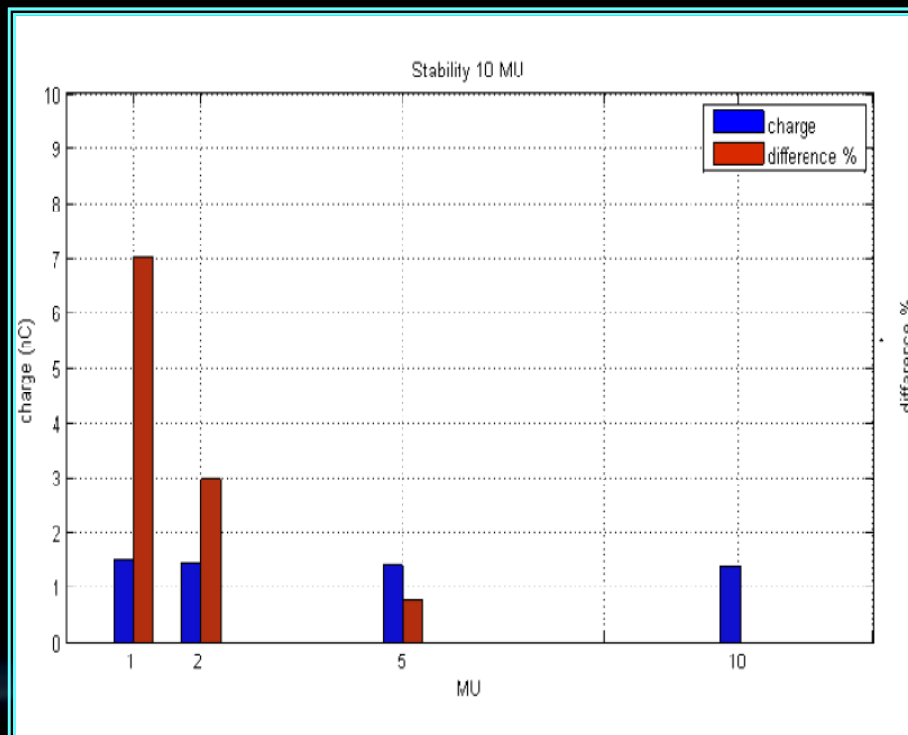
# Dose vs. MU stability

Single 10 MU delivery  
vs. sum of

- 1 MU delivered ten times
- 2 MU delivered five times
- 5 MU delivered two times

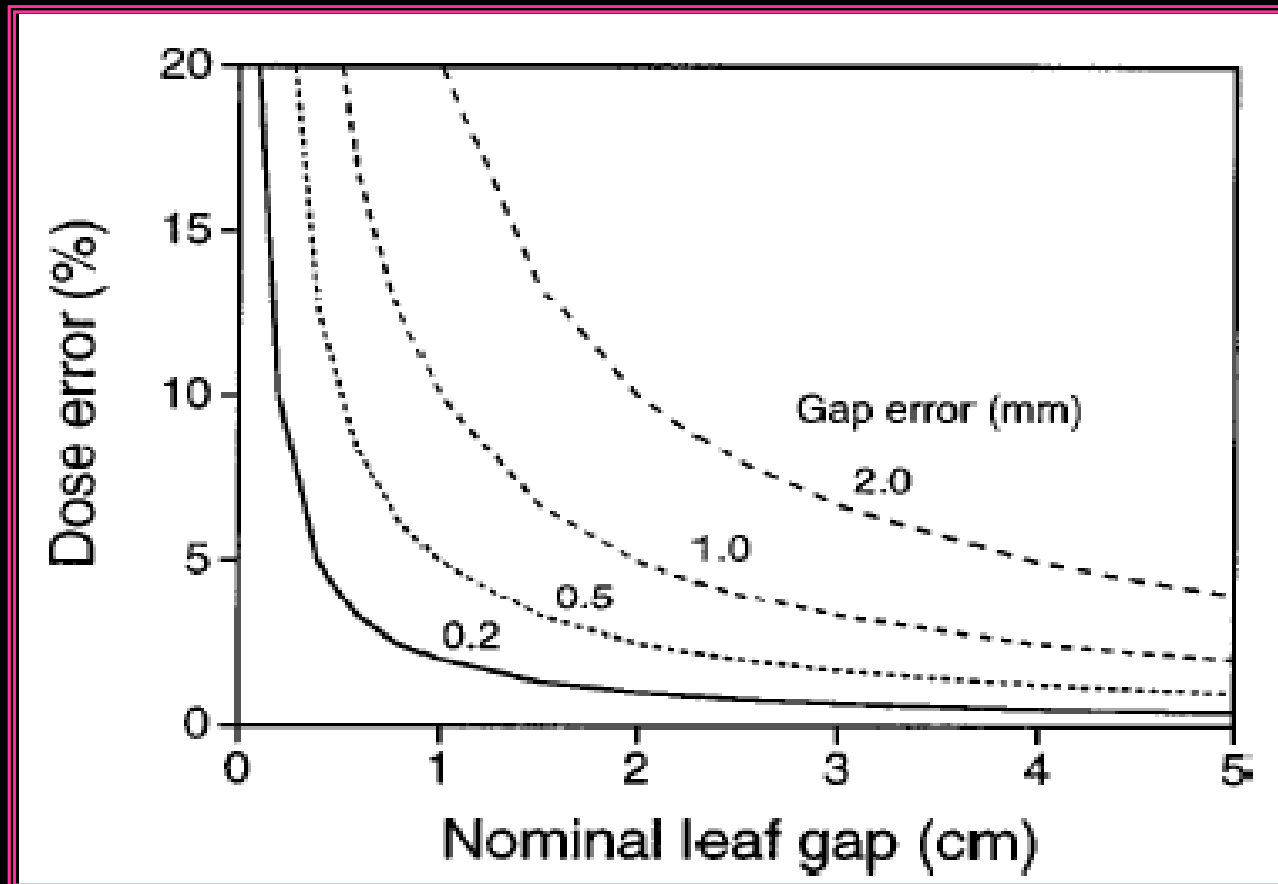
Single 15 MU delivery  
vs. sum of

- 1 MU delivered fifteen times
- 3 MU delivered five times
- 5 MU delivered three times



# MLC

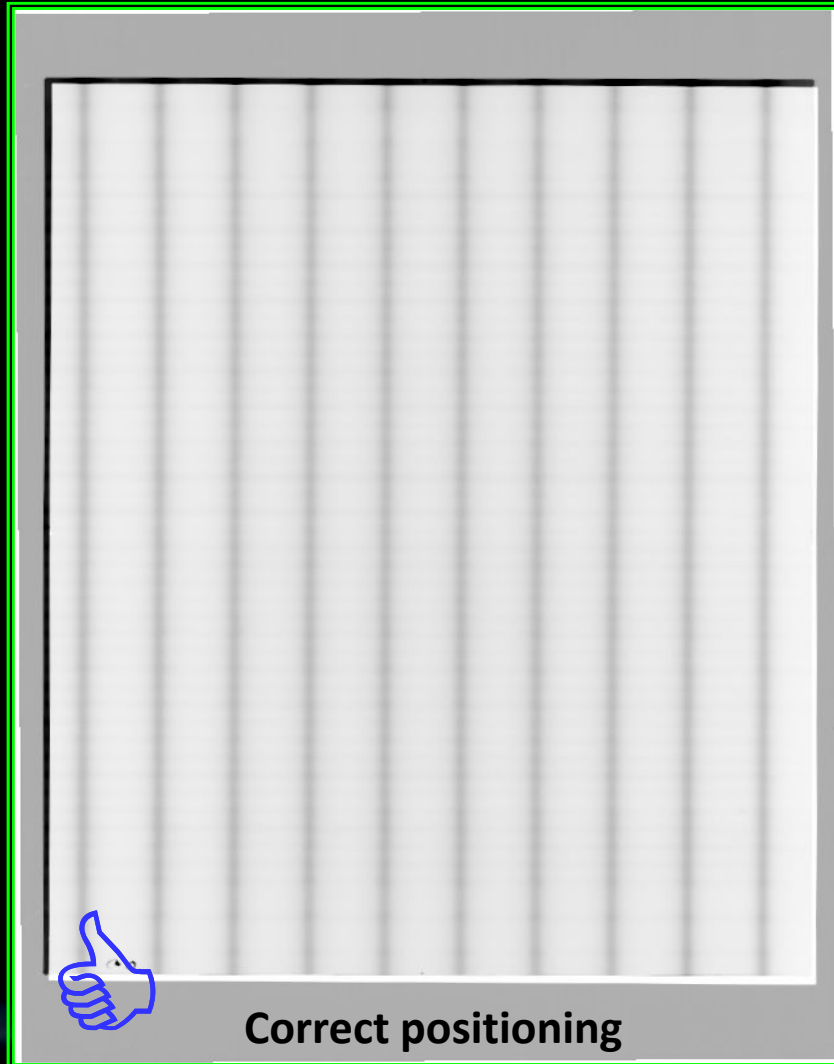
## Leaf positional accuracy



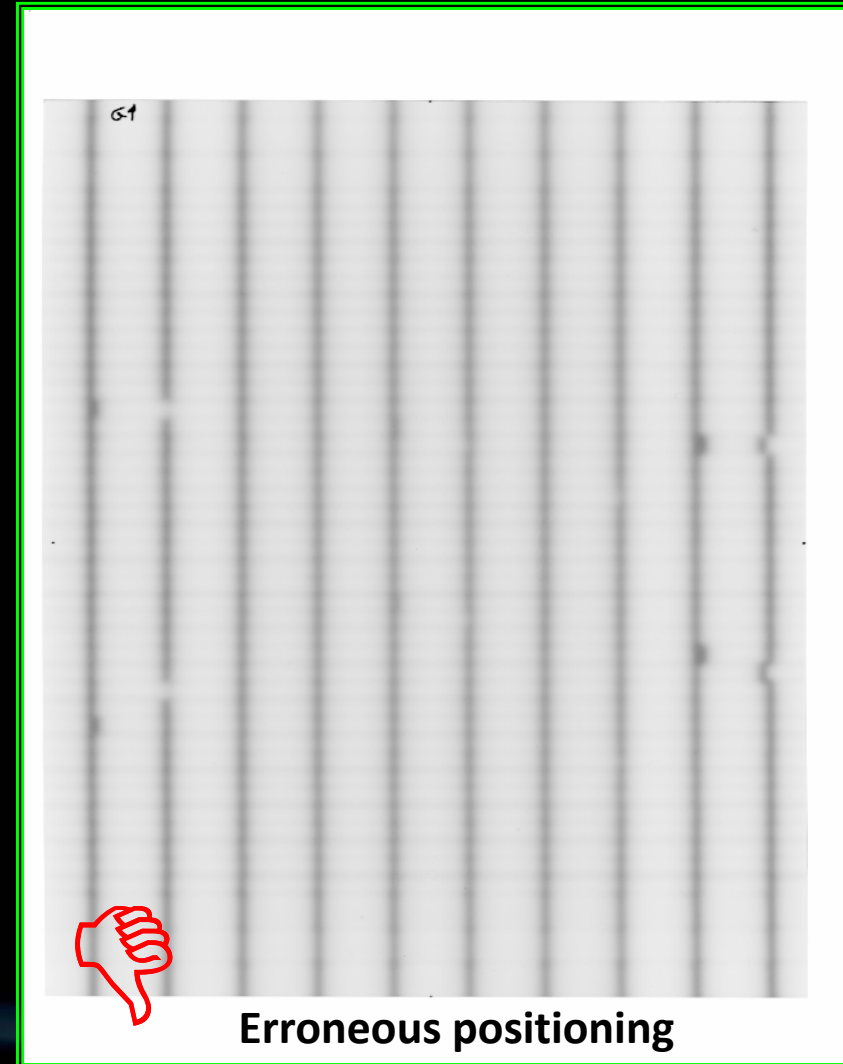
*T. LoSasso et al, Med Phys (28), 2001*



# Leaf positional accuracy Qualitative analysis

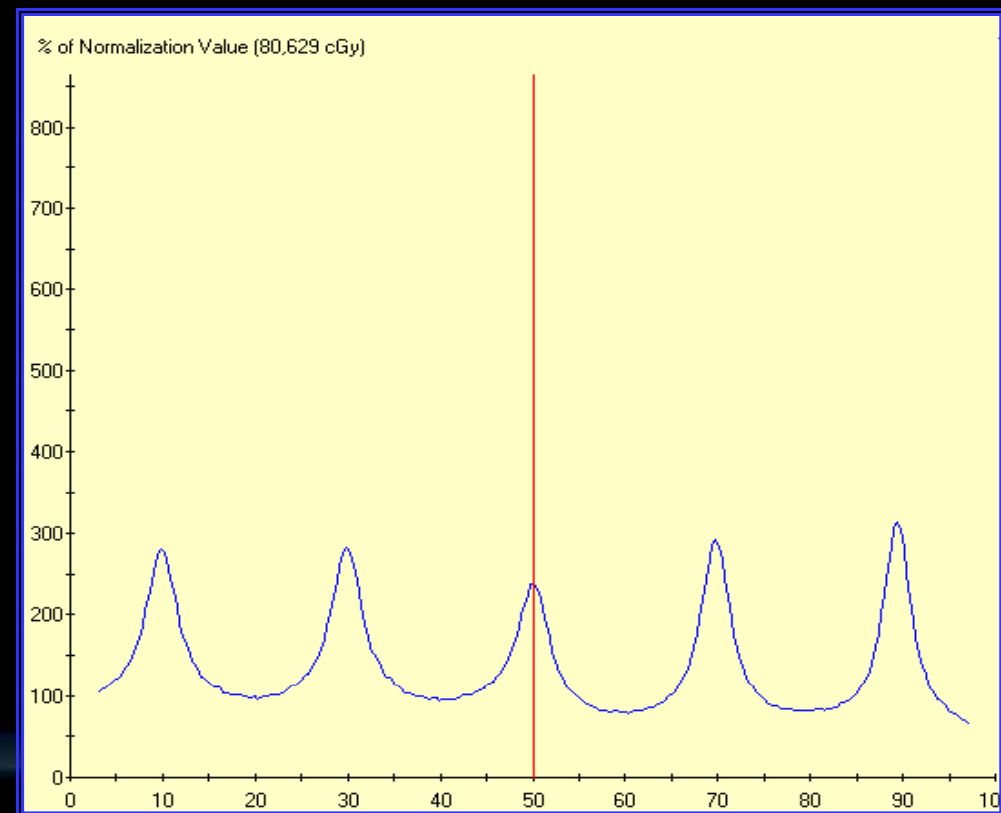
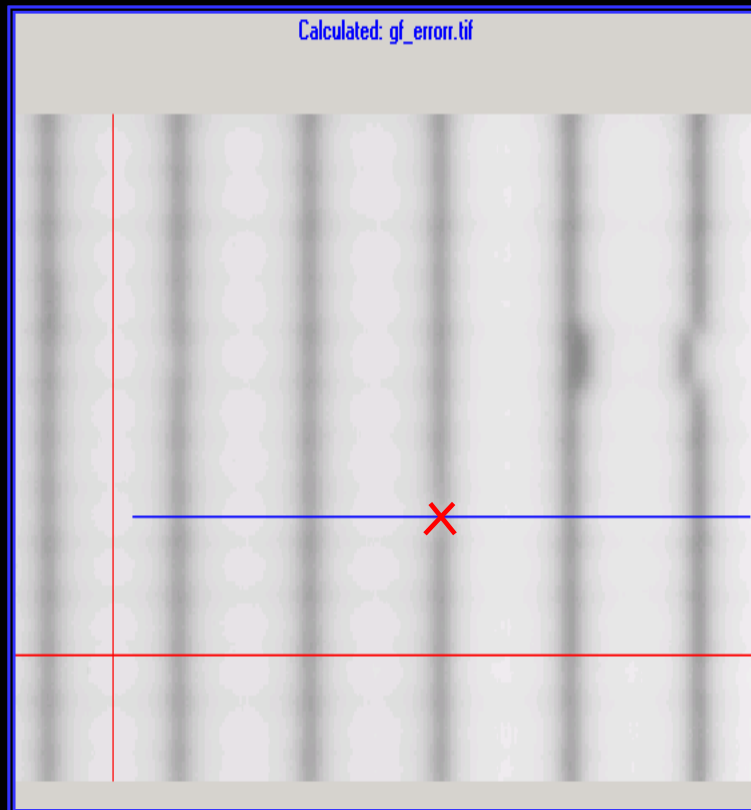


Correct positioning

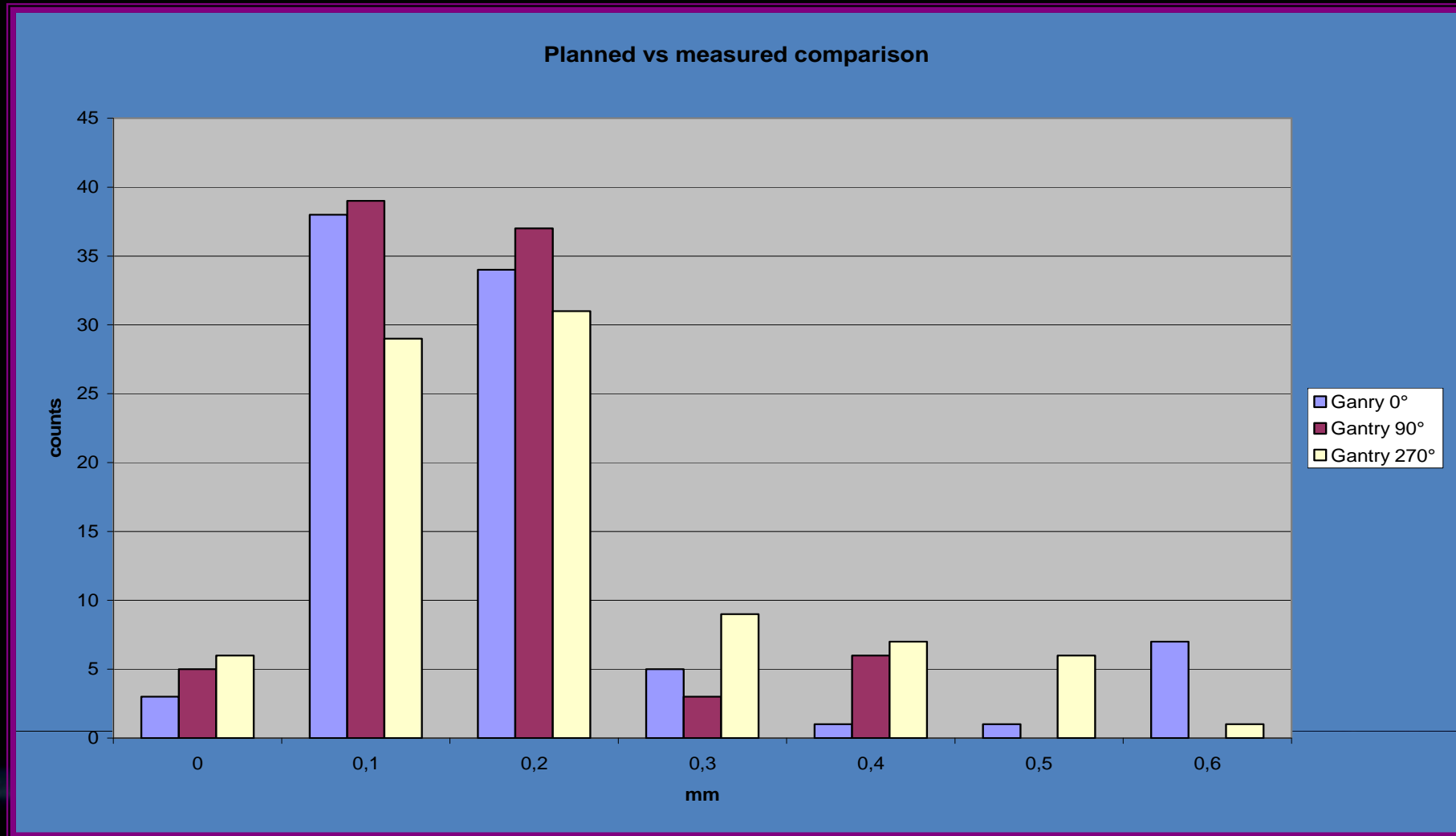
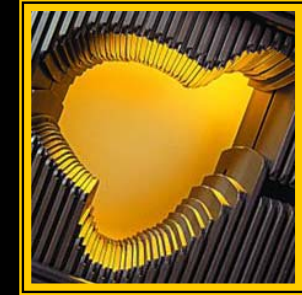


Erroneous positioning

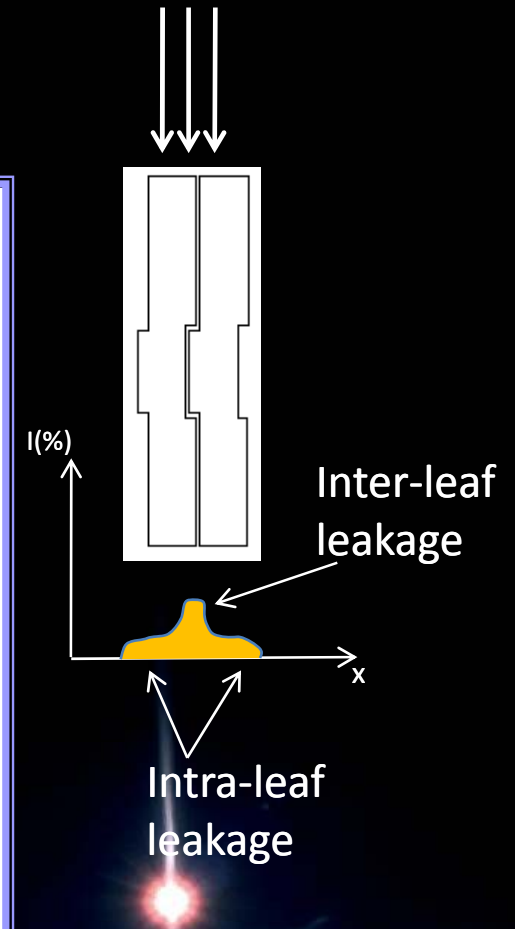
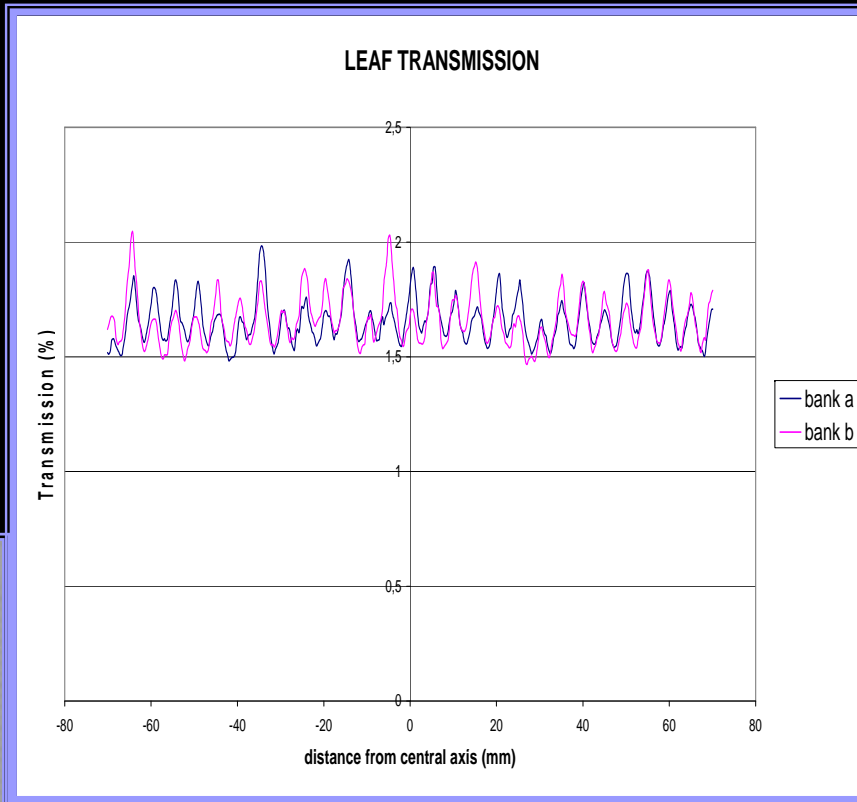
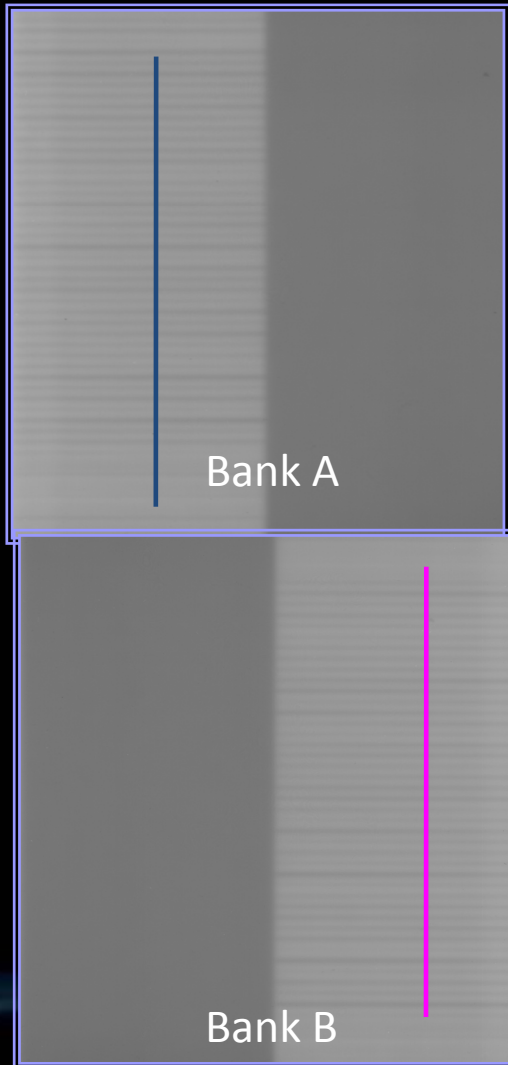
# Leaf positional accuracy Quantitative analysis



# Leaf positional accuracy Quantitative analysis : Gravity effect

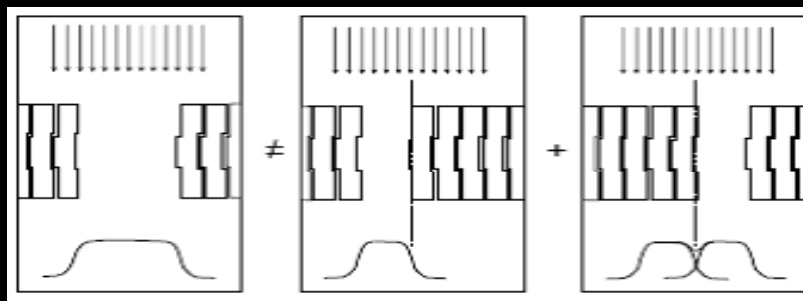


# LEAF TF – film dosimetry

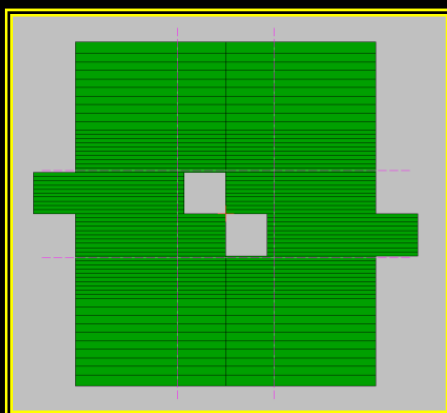


**Range LEAF TF: from 1.45 % to 2.05 %  
Inter-leaf ca. 0,6 % greater  
than intra-leaf TF**

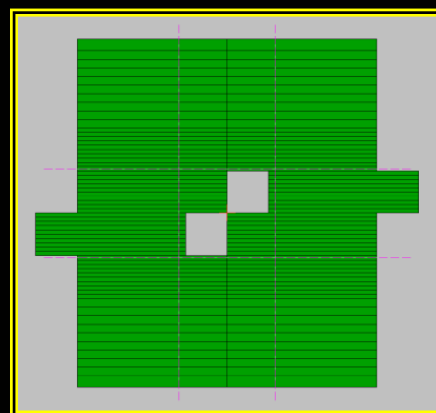
# Tongue and groove effect



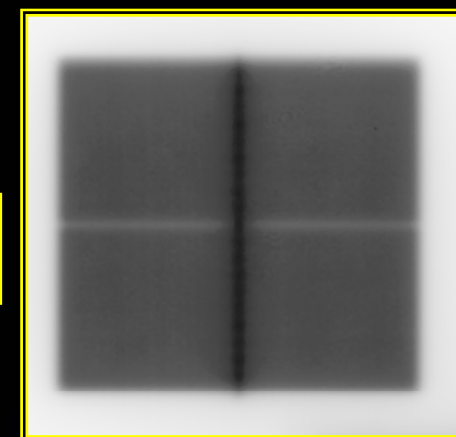
TEST  
A



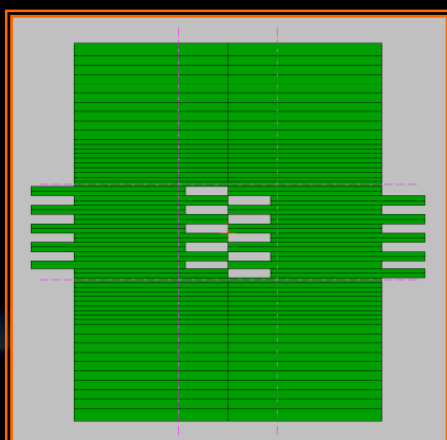
+



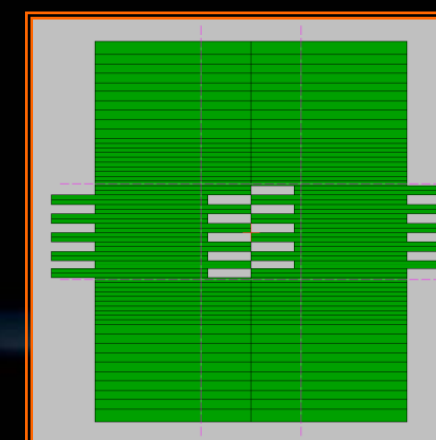
=



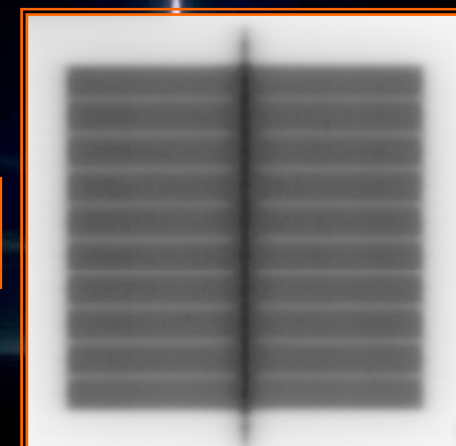
TEST  
B



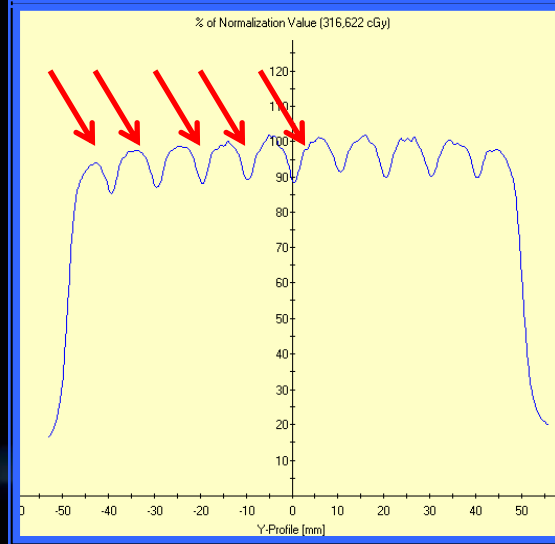
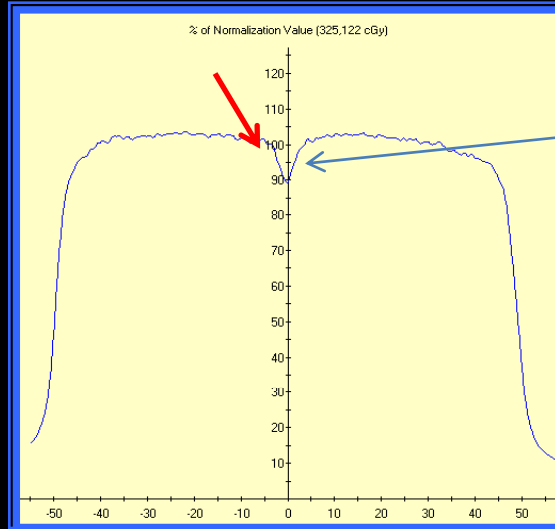
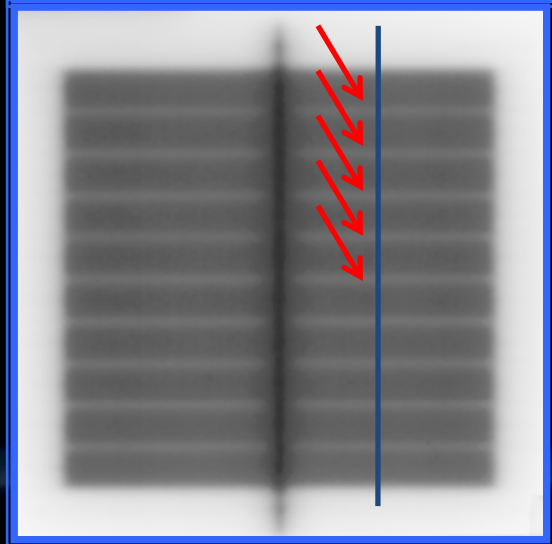
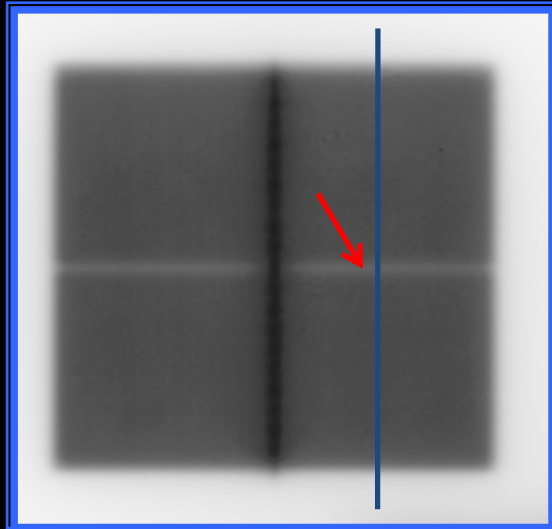
+



=



# Tongue and groove effect Results



Dose deficit:  
12.5 %

Position	Dose %	FWHM (mm)
1	87,8	3,9
2	88,3	3,3
3	88,6	3
4	88,7	3
5	89,5	2,8
6	90,4	3
7	90,6	3,3
8	90,5	3,3
9	90,5	3,8



# Leaf speed accuracy

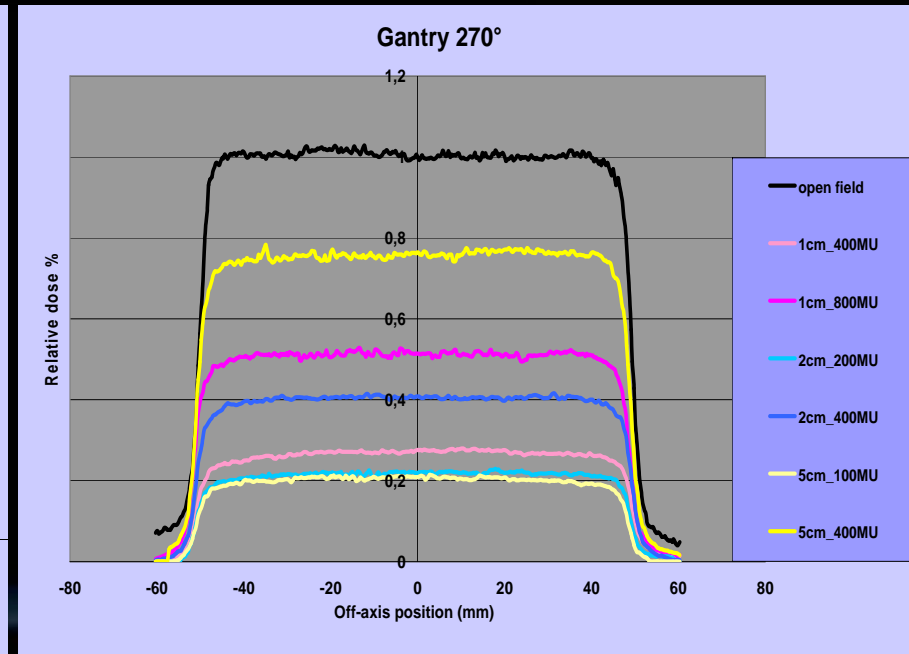
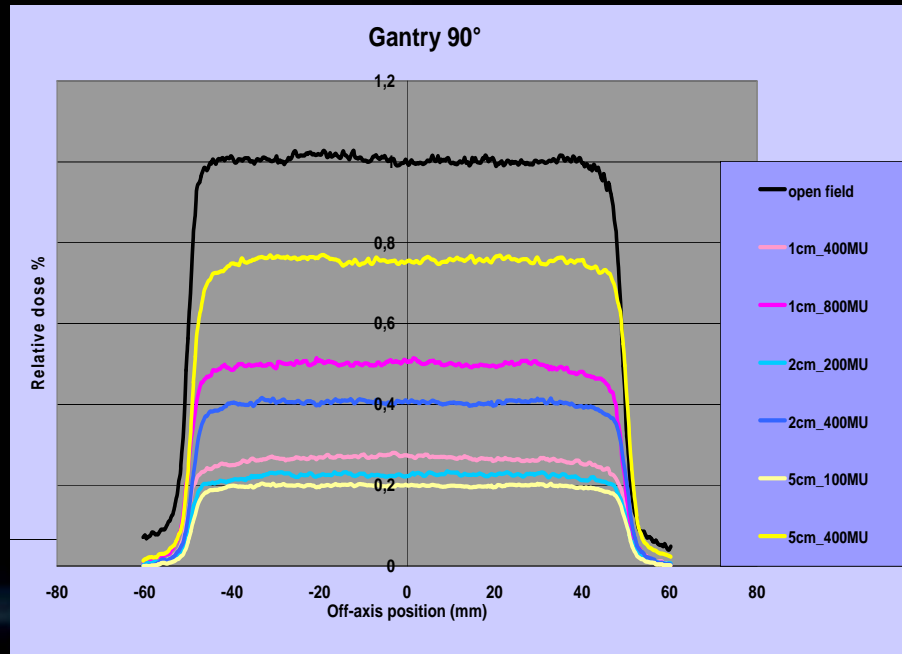
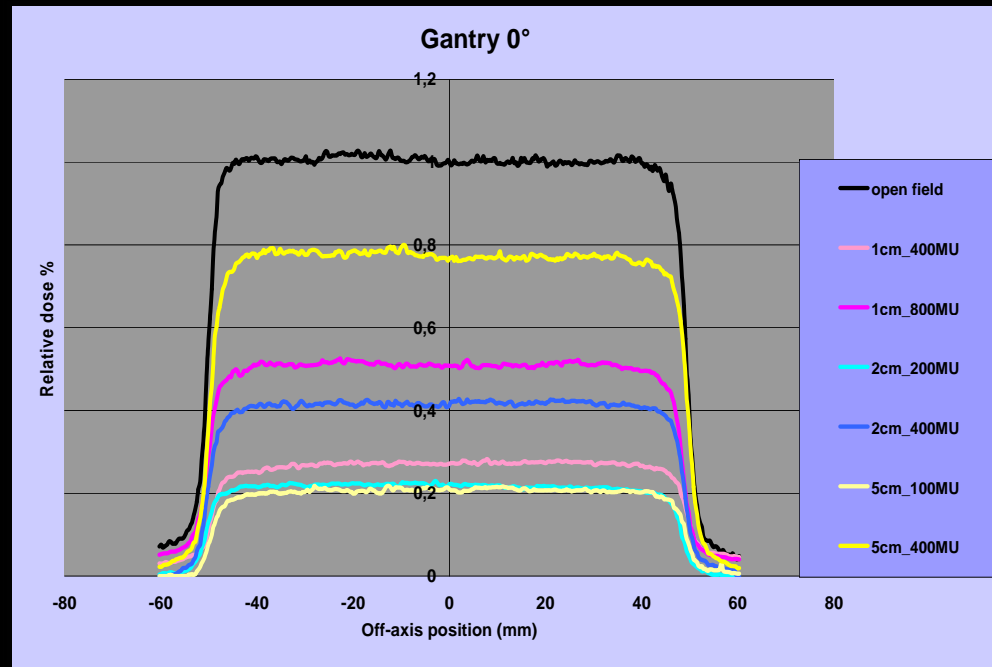
$$\text{Leaf speed (cm/s)} = \frac{\text{Segment leaf travel (cm)} \cdot \text{Dose rate (MU/s)}}{\text{Segment MU fraction} \cdot \text{Total MU}}$$

Three sweeping MLC fields across the field ( $10 \times 10 \text{ cm}^2$ ) with constant gap but different in size were examined:

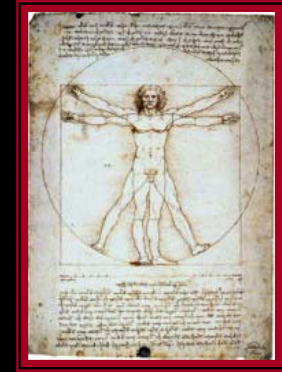
Gap width (cm)	MU fraction	Total MU	Leaf speed (cm/s)
1	0,0909	400	0,14
		800	0,07
2	0,1666	200	0,30
		400	0,15
5	0,3333	100	0,75
		400	0,19

**Sweeping gaps with constant speed should produce uniform fluence pattern (assumed that leaves are moving properly)**



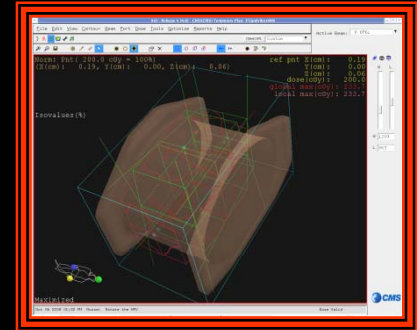


# First clinical patient



- 74 anni
- Adenoca. T2c, Gleason 8 (4+4),  
PSA 28.2 ng/ml
- Iter terapeutico: irradiazione  
linfonodi pelvici + (prostata e  
vescichette) + prostata
- 45 Gy pelvi, 57 Gy p+v, 75 Gy  
prostata
- 6 ultime sedute IMRT su pelvi  
(10,8 Gy totali, 180 cGy/die)

# Piano di trattamento



- Sette fasci coplanari

- Angoli gantry

0°, 45°, 100°, 150°, 210°, 260°, 315°

- Collimatore 0°

direzione di movimento lamelle parallelo piano  
rotazione gantry

- Step and shoot modality

- Dimensione minima lato equivalente  
segmento 2 cm

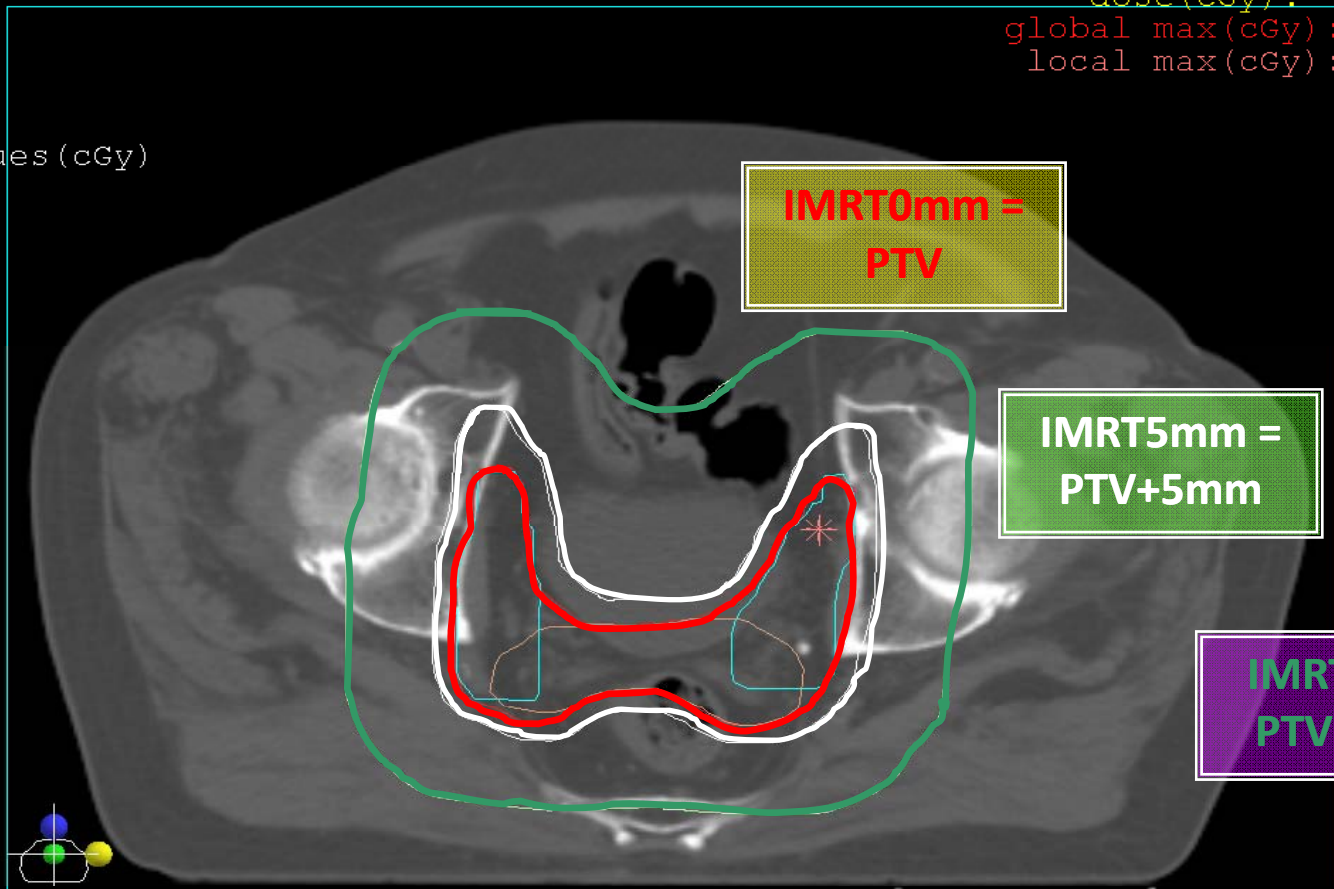
- 12 livelli di intensita'

# IMRT contouring

Norm: Abs

ref pnt X(cm): -0.10  
Y(cm): -11.75  
Z(cm): 2.00  
dose(cGy): 835.1  
global max(cGy): 1201.3  
local max(cGy): 1185.2

Isovalues (cGy)

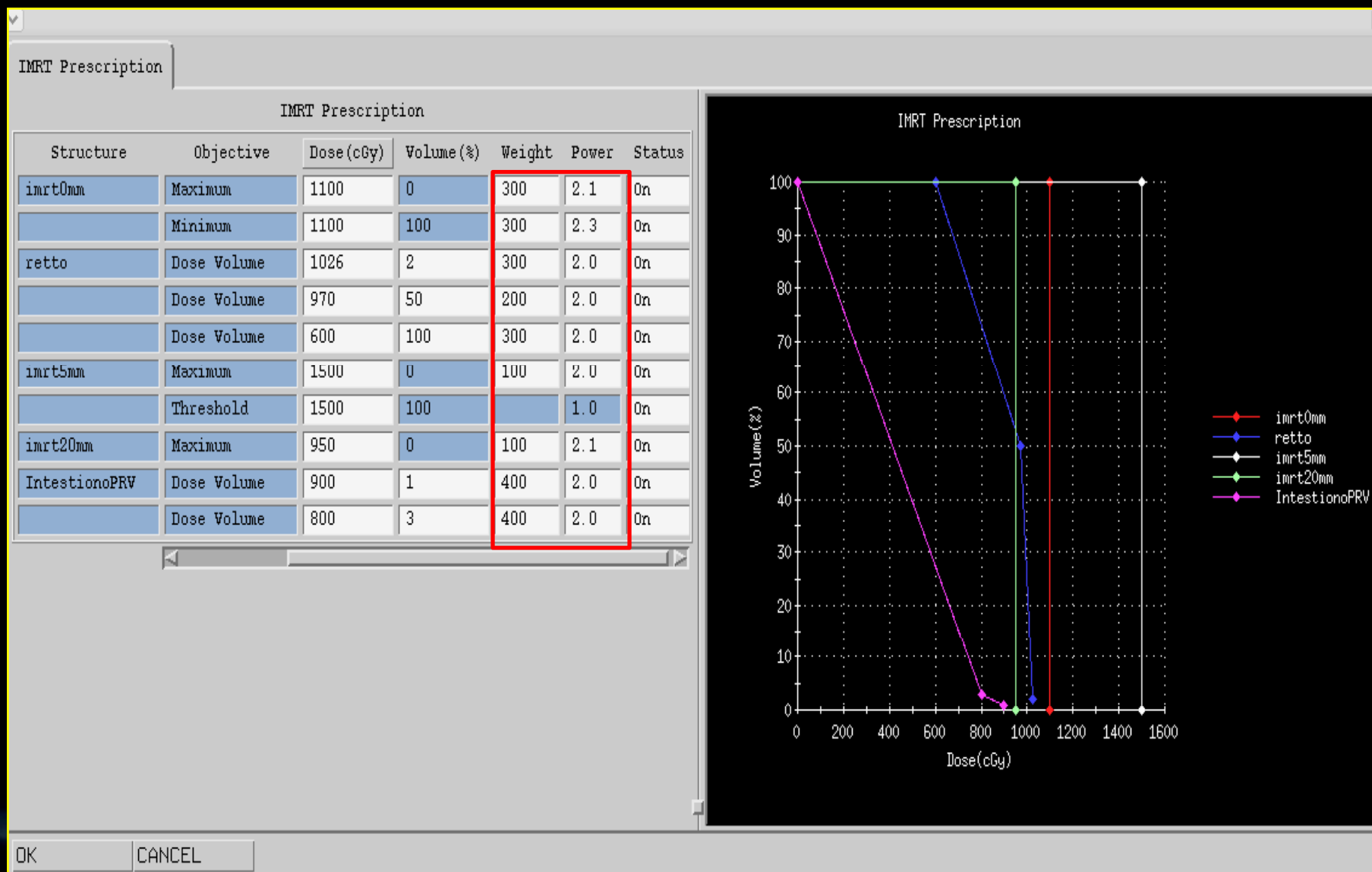


Maximized

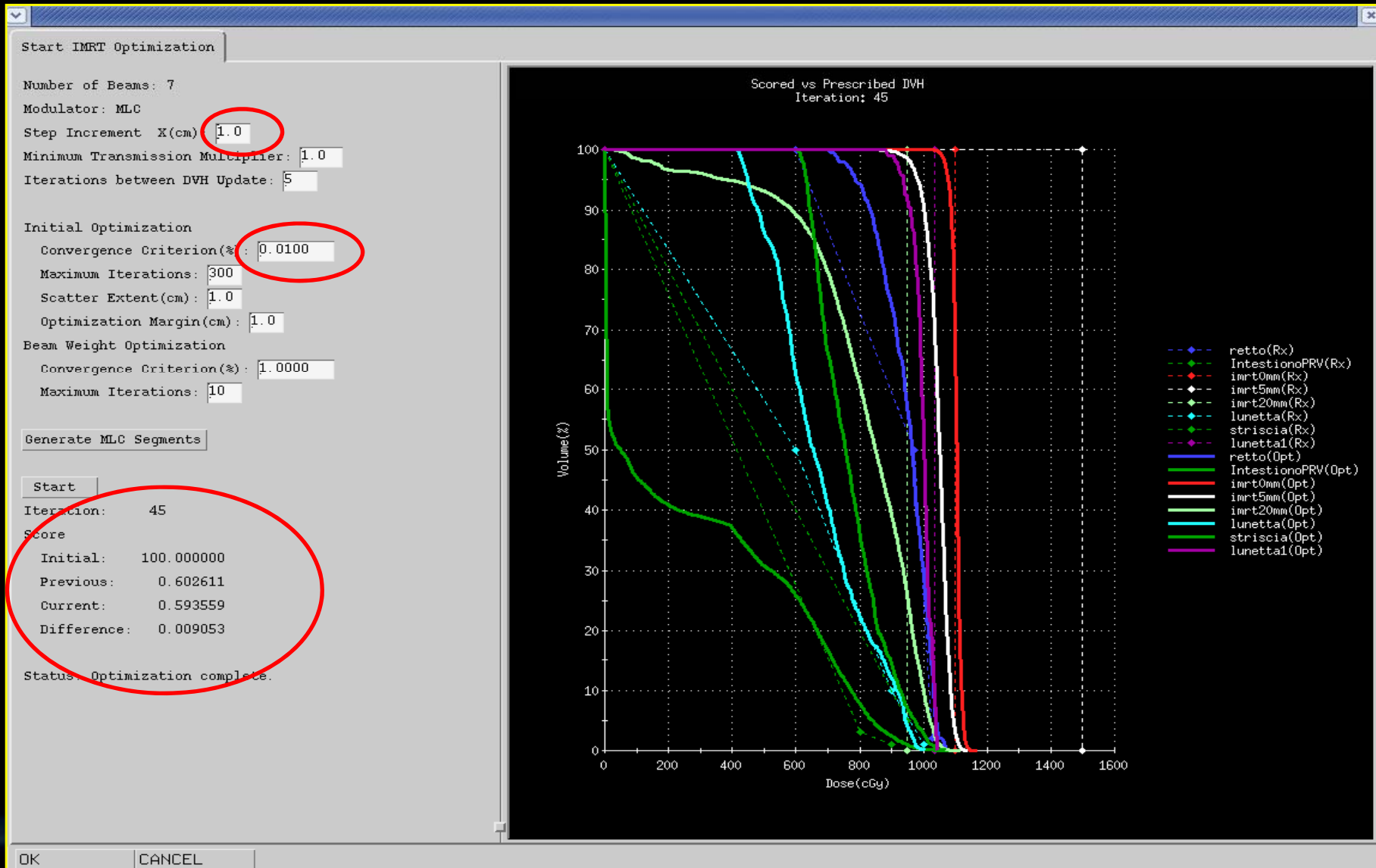
T: -15.00 (cm)

Scale=1: 1.45

# IMRT prescription



# IMRT optimization



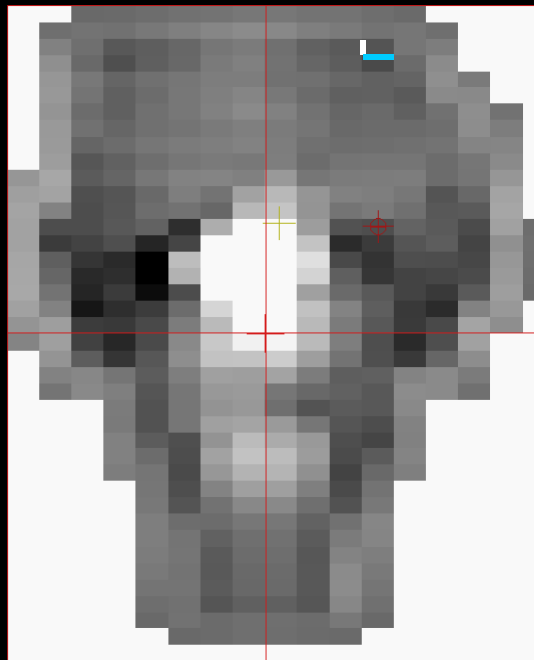
# From optimal fluence to actual fluence

*Leaf Motion  
Calculator*



Calcolo delle traiettorie delle lamelle in  
funzione dei limiti fisici e meccanici

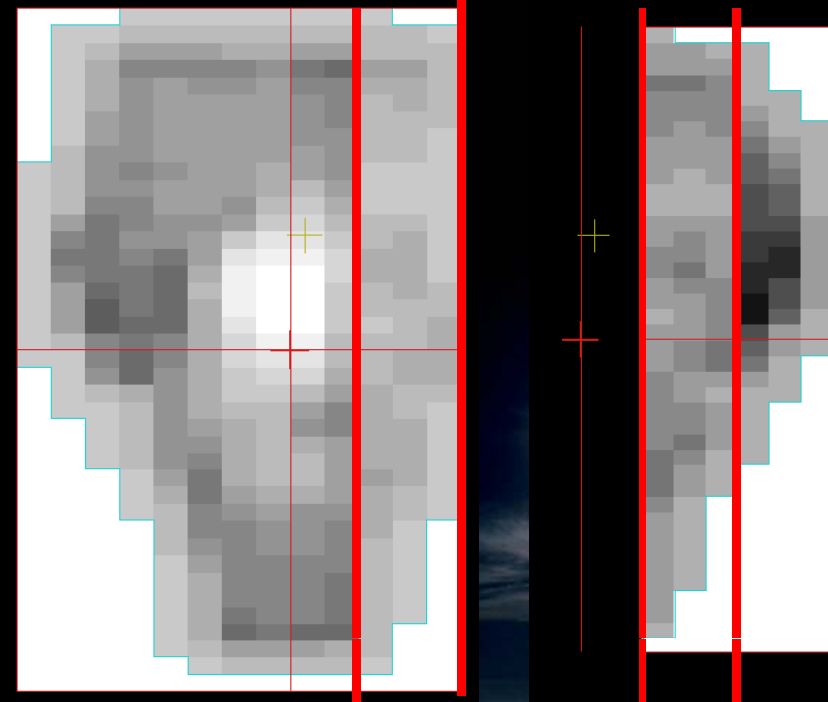
Optimal Fluence



| Leaf width  
— Step incr.

*LMC*

Actual Fluence

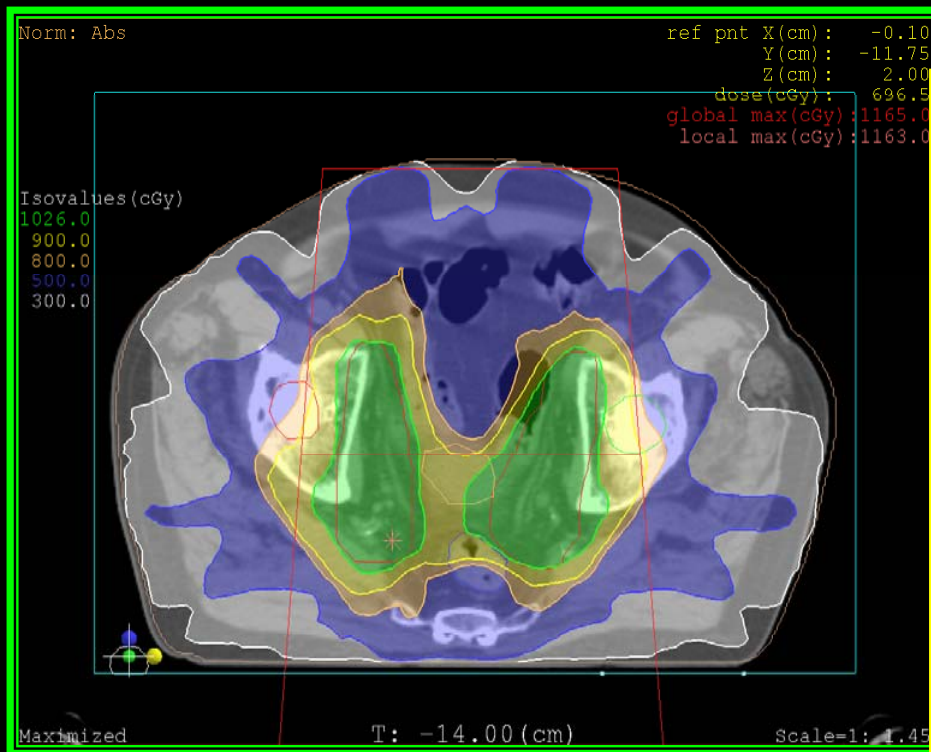


Overlapping area

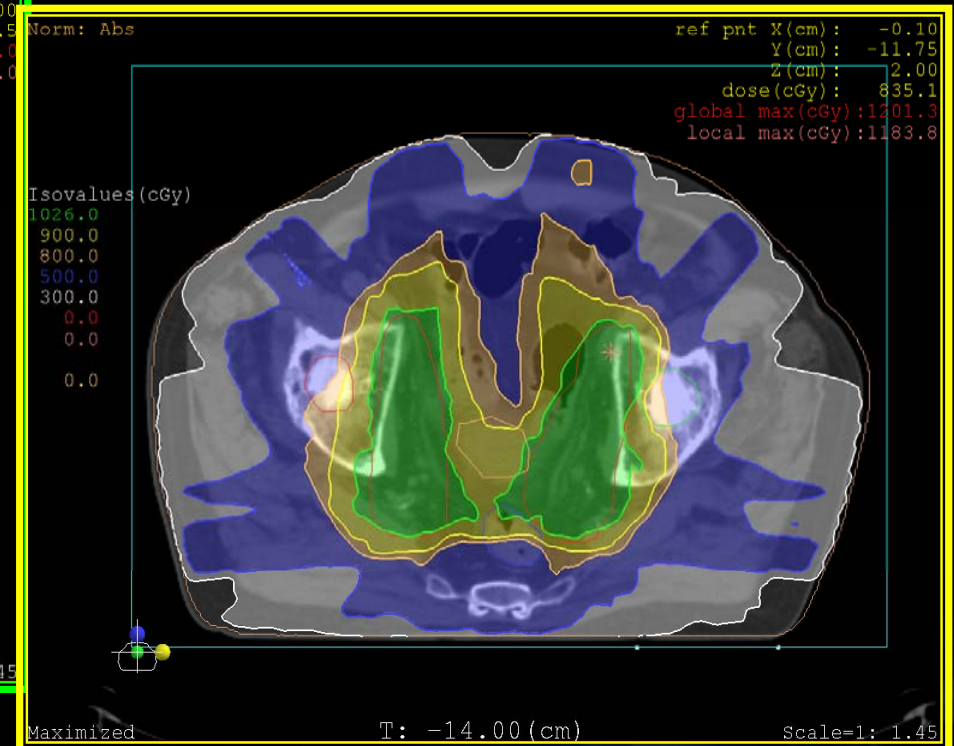
> 14,5 cm



# From optimal dose to delivered dose

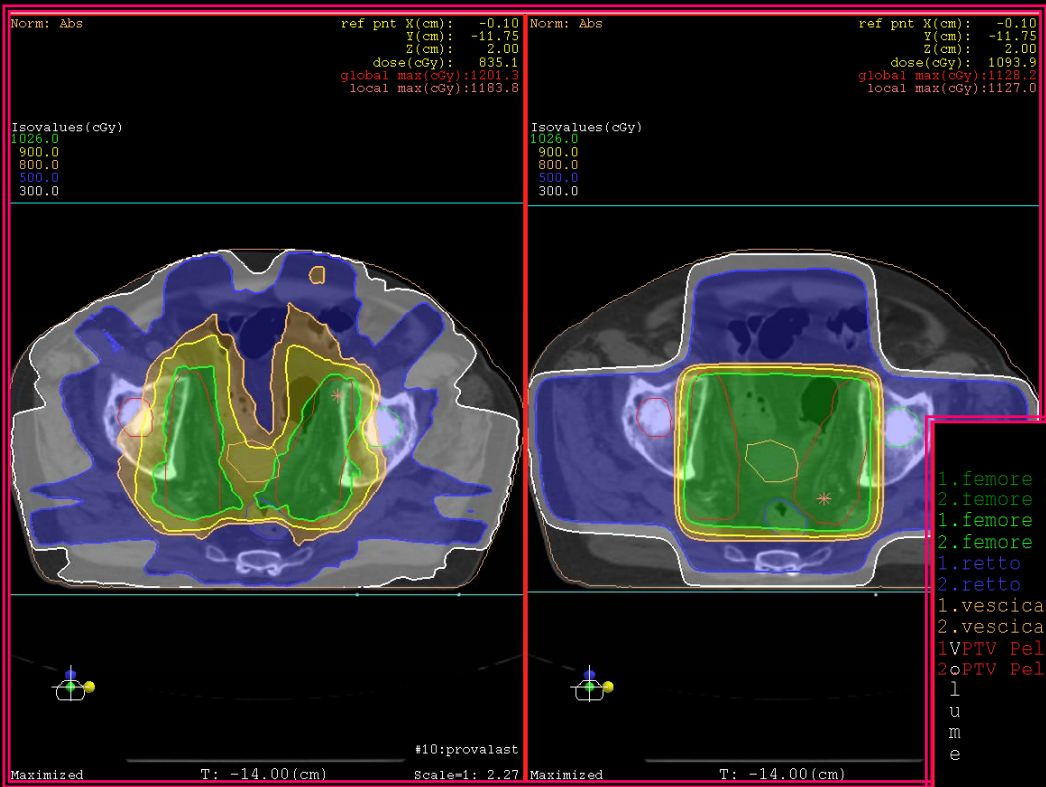
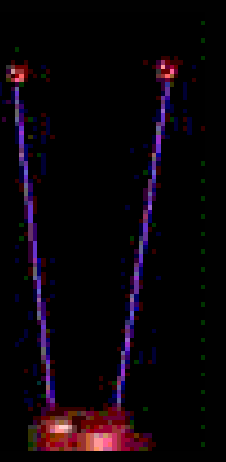


**Optimal dose distribution**



**Delivered dose distribution**

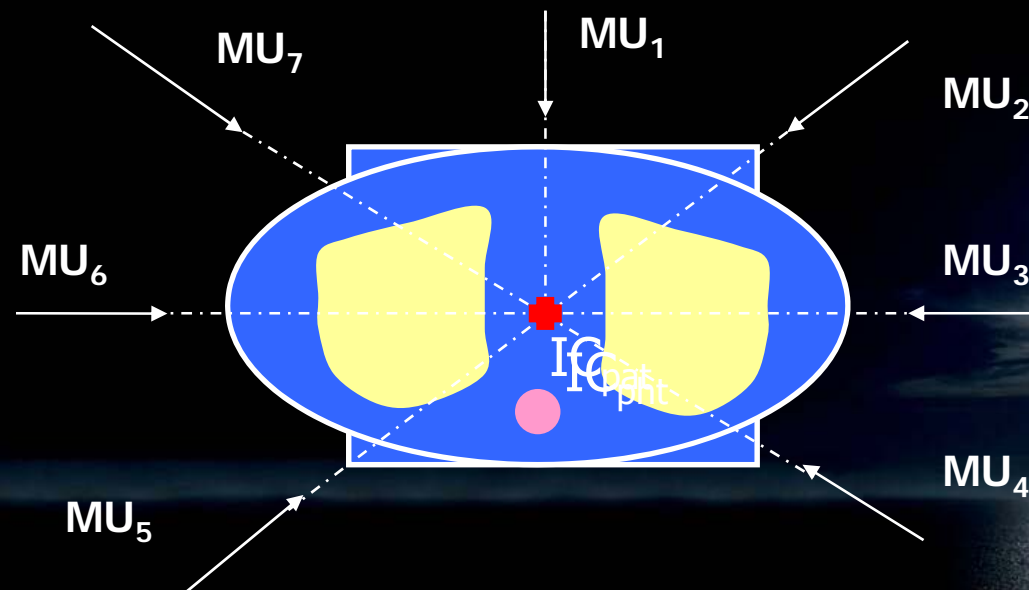
# IMRT vs 3D-CRT



# IMRT verification

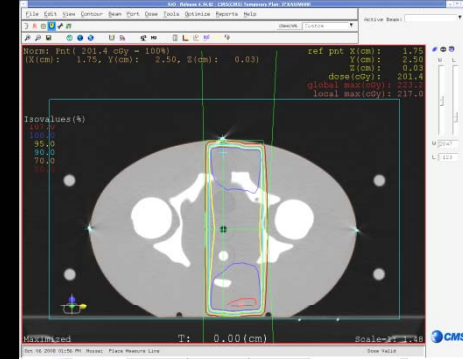
*Due to high complex dose distribution delivered mostly delivered by treatment fields IMRT requires 2D dose map verification rather than canonical point dose check.*

Concept of **verification plan**: treatment plan with its own geometric and dosimetric characteristics is moved to “an easy to verify” patient, a cubic phantom.



$$D_{pat} \neq D_{pht}$$

# IMRT verification



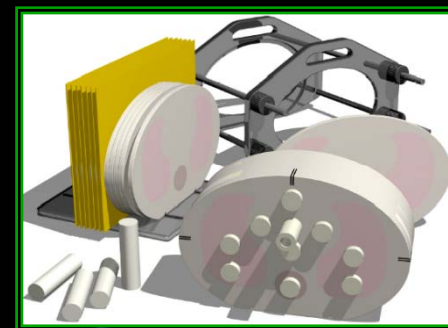
- a) Misura di dose puntuale in fantoccio antropomorfo
- b) Misura mappe di dose con matrici di diodi (SunNuclear Mapcheck)
- c) Misura mappe di dose con pellicole radiocromiche (EBT)

# Misura di dose puntuale

- Esecuzione dell'intero trattamento su fantoccio antropomorfo
- Confronto dose misurata / dose calcolata

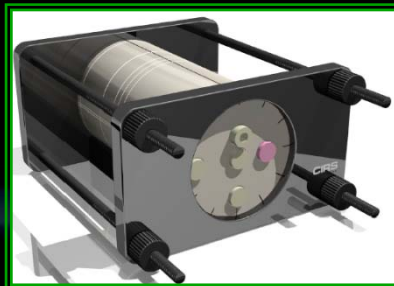
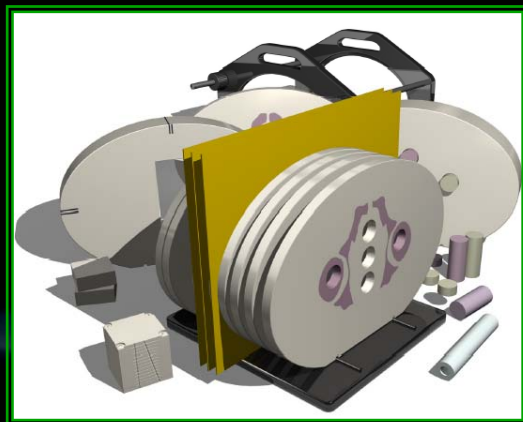
A) Microcamera a ionizzazione  
(Scanditronix Wellhofer CC01)

**Dose<sub>diff</sub> < 1,4%**



B) Camera a ionizzazione Farmer

**Dose<sub>diff</sub> ~ 10 %**

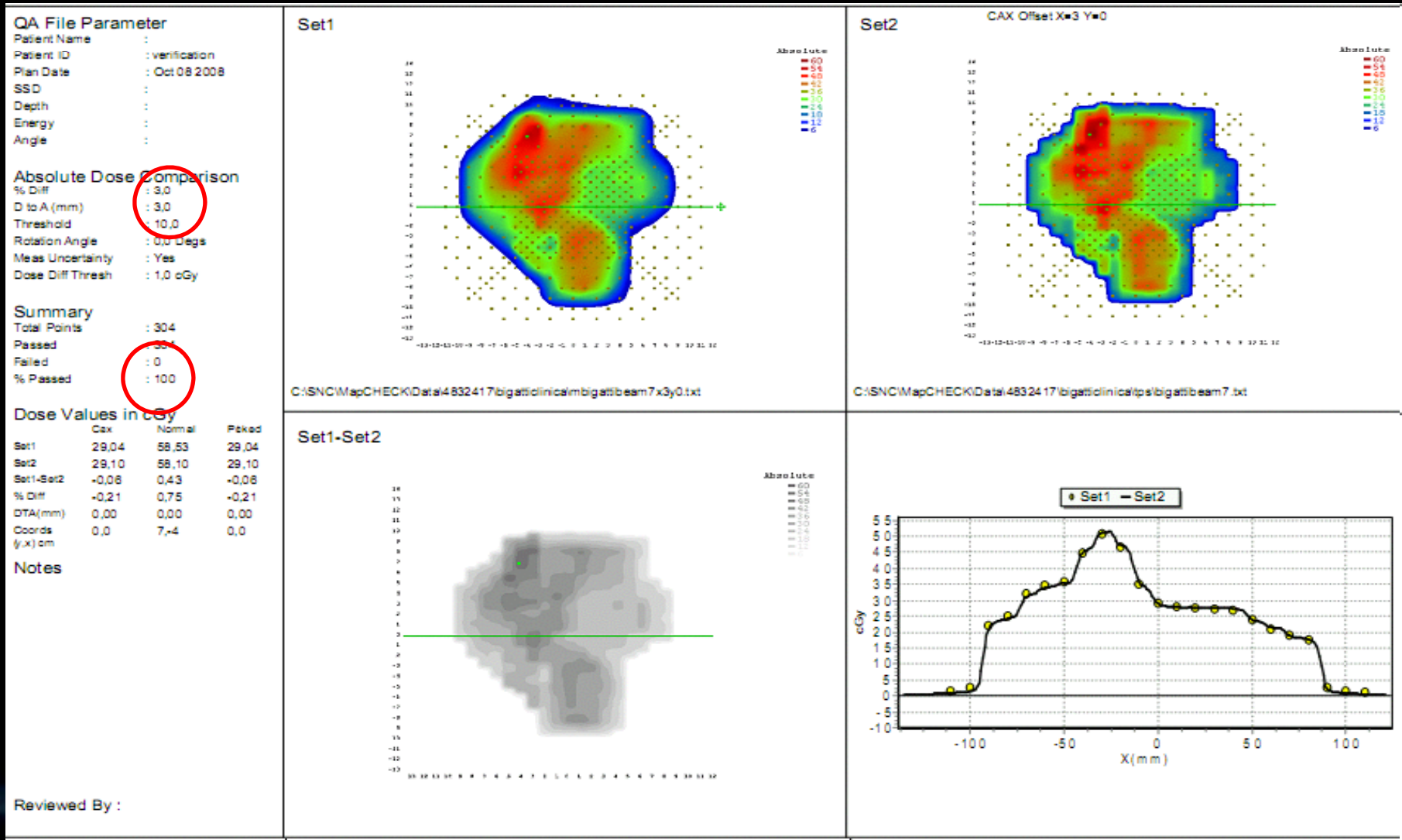


# Misura mappe di dose - procedura

1. Posizionamento fasci di trattamento ad angolo  $0^\circ$  di gantry
2. Esecuzione piano di verifica su TPS
3. Esportazione mappe di dose a profondità di 5 cm per singolo fascio di trattamento
4. Misura della mappa di dose alla medesima profondità
5. Confronto delle mappe (indice  $\gamma$  e profili)



# Mapcheck datasheet





# EBT verification

File Edit View Project Tools ?

Open A Scan A 2D-Array A Open B Scan B 2D-Array B Close Save Compare Profiles Isodoses 3D 2D-Array Contents

Options

View Advanced

Matrices Diagrams **Compare Mode**

Local Percentage Difference  
 Show dose below  % of maximum of Matrix A as 0 % dose difference

Difference in % of normalization value of Matrix A

**Gamma Index Method**  
 mm Distance-To-Agreement  
 % Dose Difference  
 Use increased tolerance of  % Dose Difference below  (unit of the matrices to compare)  
 Show dose below  % of maximum of Reference Matrix as 1st pass

OK Cancel Apply

Cursor  
Rotate/Flip

Diagrams  
Color Wash  
Legend  
Lines  
Actions

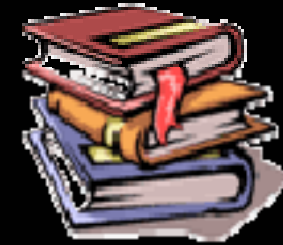
mm

mm

Difference: beam2corrbi\_MA.tif <-> beam2corrbi\_MB.tif



# Conclusioni



Lavoro complesso:

molto time-consuming per la Fisica Sanitaria!

Si ritengono indispensabili controlli ripetuti in tutte le fasi dell'implementazione e del commissioning.

Necessaria la collaborazione e la partecipazione dell'equipe medica di Radioterapia sia nella stesura dei protocolli ("definizione accurata dei constraints") sia nella valutazione conclusiva del piano di trattamento.



# Futuro

IMRT della pelvi  
e della prostata  
per l'intero corso  
del trattamento;

IMRT della  
testa-collo.





# GRAZIE



- Dott. **Nicola Poggi** e Ing. **Gabriele Rinaldi**  
di TEMASnergie per il supporto e la disponibilità in questi mesi di lavoro
- Dott. **Emanuele Pignoli** dell'Istituto Nazionale Tumori di Milano per  
l'amicizia mostrata e per gli innumerevoli preziosi consigli
- Dott. **Ugo Nastasi** del San Giovanni Antica Sede di Torino  
per la strumentazione prestata.



E A VOI TUTTI.....

A scenic waterfall cascading over large, mossy rocks into a clear, greenish pool of water. The water is captured in a long-exposure shot, creating a soft, misty effect. The surrounding environment is lush and green, with moss and small plants visible on the rocks.

GRAZIE PER  
L'ATTENZIONE!