

LOW-ENERGY ELECTRON ACCELERATORS
Applications in Medicine and Industry

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APPLICATION		
	High-energy physics research	120
	Synchrotron radiation sources	50
	Ion beam analysis	200
Accelerators in the world *	Photon or electron therapy	9100
	Hadron therapy	30
year 2007	Radioisotope production	550
	Ion implantation	9500
(approximate numbers)	Neutrons for industry or security	1000
	Radiation processing	2000
	Electron cutting and welding	4500
	Non-destructive testing	650
	TOTAL	27700

* R. Hamm at 9th ICFA Seminar October 30, 2008

~ 60% low-energy electron accelerators

Low-energy electron machines

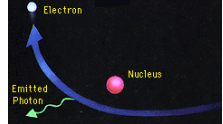
X-rays

electrons

1. Basic principles of X-ray production
→ bremsstrahlung
→ synchrotron radiation
2. Physical, chemical and biological aspects of the application of electrons and bremsstrahlung photons
3. Electron accelerators in medicine
4. Electron accelerators in industry
5. Electron storage rings for medicine and industry

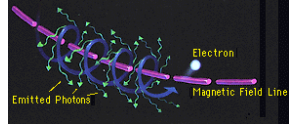
Radiation of electrons in a transverse field

Coulomb field of atomic nuclei



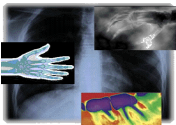
BREMSSTRAHLUNG
braking radiation

Magnetic field



SYNCHROTRON RADIATION

Low-energy electron accelerators in medicine




X-ray radiography


1895 Röntgen discovery of X-rays

1896 Becquerel discovery of radioactivity

diagnosis



X-ray radiotherapy



Accelerator-based radiotherapy

Radioactive sources

skin-sparing ↑
side scatter ↓
depth-dose ↑

Accelerator-based radiotherapy

1937 first hospital-based VAN DE GRAAFF

1946 first hospital-based BETATRON + WILSON: use of protons and ions


1952 first hospital-based RF LINAC

1990 first hospital-based PROTON SYNCHROTRON

Now electrons and photons: routine therapy
↓
conformal therapy

protons and ions: unconventional

Low-energy electron accelerators in industry



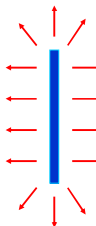
1905 APPLEBY and MILLER, patent: 'use of X-rays to bring about an improvement in the conditions of foodstuffs'

1956 JOHNSON and JOHNSON sterilisation of medical devices

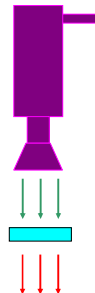
INDUSTRY radiation processing

<p>in a car: in an airplane: at the doctor: in the supermarket: in the clothing shop: at home: in the human body:</p>	<p>dashboard, tyres, cables, painting ... constructional components ... syringes, pharmaceuticals, sterile dressings ... strawberries, red meat, shrink packaging materials ... permanently-creased trousers or T-shirts, raincoats ... electrical cables, parquet ... prostheses, catheters, advanced drug-delivery systems ...</p>
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γ-rays



electrons **X-rays**



⁶⁰ Co	5.2 years 1.173 MeV, 1.333 MeV 14.8 kW / MCI
¹³⁷ Cs	30.2 years 0.622 MeV 3.3 kW / MCI

5 MeV photons **10 MeV electrons** Nuclear reactions Activation

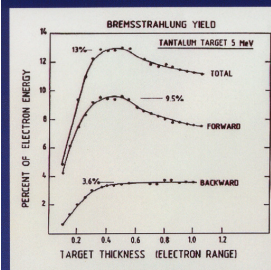
Bremsstrahlung production

COLLISION STOPPING POWER → HEAT !!!

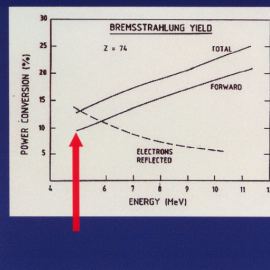
$$-\left(\frac{dT}{dx}\right)_c = 2\pi \frac{e^2 N Z^2}{m \beta^2 c^2} \left[\ln \frac{m \beta^2 c^2 T}{2 F (1-\beta^2)} + (1-\beta^2) - \ln 2(\lambda \sqrt{1-\beta^2} - 1 + \beta^2) + \frac{1-\sqrt{1-\beta^2}}{8} \right]$$

BREMSSTRAHLUNG STOPPING POWER

$$-\left(\frac{dT}{dx}\right)_r = \frac{N T Z(Z+1) e^4}{137 m_e c^2} \left[4 \ln \left(\frac{2T}{m_e c^2} \right) - \frac{4}{3} \right]$$



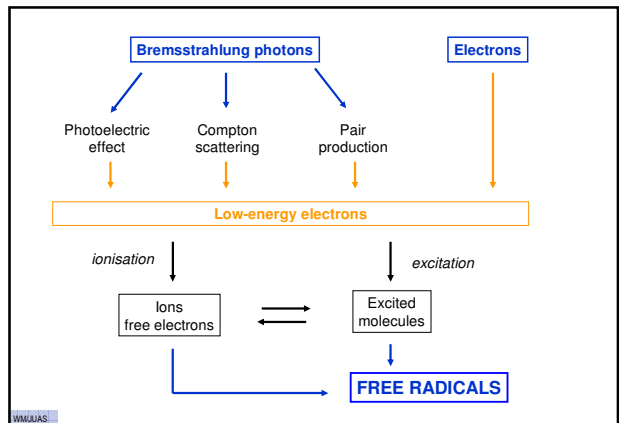
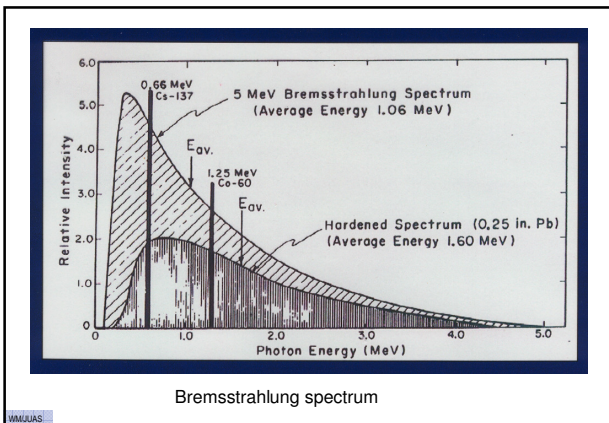
TANTALUM TARGET 5 MeV



Z = 74

Brems.eff. 9.5%

1 MCI of ⁶⁰Co ↔ 5 MeV / 155 kW



FREE RADICALS

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- damage DNA *radiotherapy*
- chain reaction $R^\bullet + AB \rightarrow R-AB^\bullet$
 $R-AB^\bullet + AB \rightarrow R-AB-AB^\bullet$ *food irradiation*
sterilisation
- special chemical reactions *polymer chemistry*
- graft a second polymer *radiation synthesis*
curing
biomaterials

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Physical, chemical and biological effects
~ deposited energy

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DOSE = deposited energy per unit mass

1 Gray = 1 J / kg

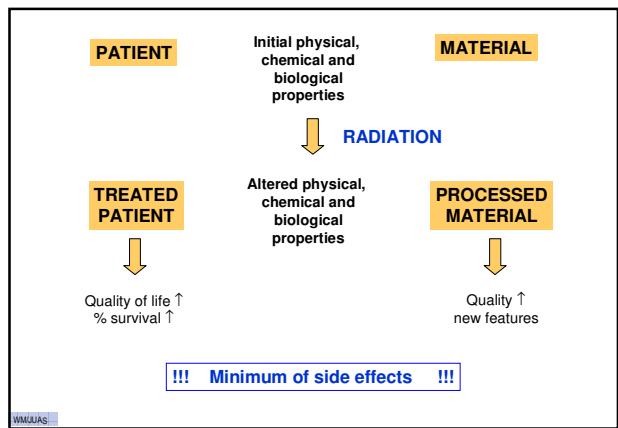
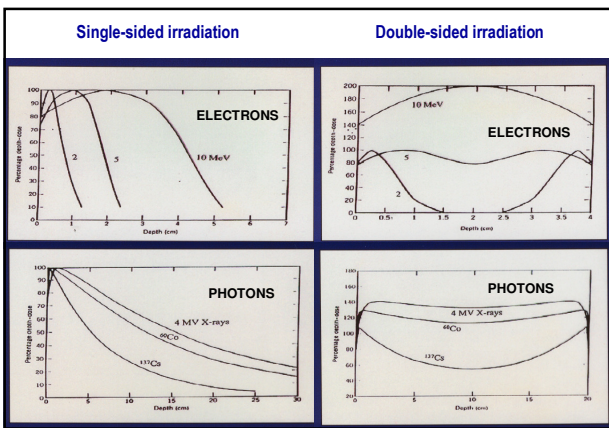
1 Gy = 100 rad

4.2 kGy in water → 1°C

⇒ high yields of reactive species at low temperatures

ELECTRONS or PHOTONS
similar end products
different spatial distributions

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Low-energy electron accelerators in medicine

230 MeV protons
only gantry is shown

patient

8 MeV photons
accelerator and gantry are shown

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Photons and electrons in radiotherapy

Radiation damage to DNA:

- direct
- indirect by free radicals and reactive species

Base pairs

T - A

G - C

C - G

hydrogen bonds

sugar phosphate chain

double chain break

base damage

single chain break

Repair mechanisms

60 Gy survival probability 10^{-2}

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Dose fractionation

- dose-dependent survival fraction
- oxygenation
- radiosensitivity during cell cycle

Radiotherapy

30 fractions of 2 Gy
4 Gy / min
40 x 40 cm²

Accuracy of dose delivery ± 3.5 %

Treatment dose PLANNING DELIVERY

Conformal therapy: IMRT

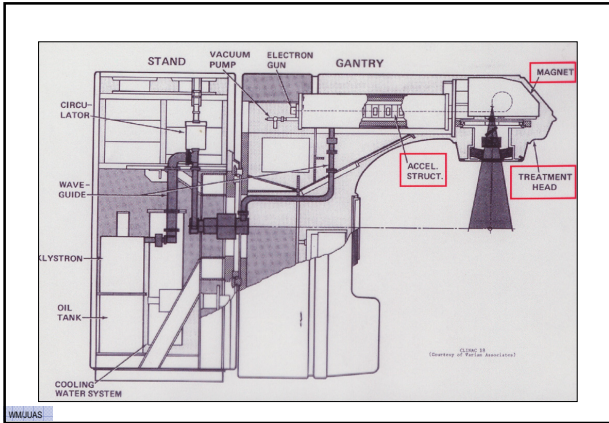
IMRT

Radiation field requirements

<p>BEAM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> well defined variable in size moveable in three dimensions variable energy variable intensity X-ray ⇌ electron mode pure and well-confined <p>TREATMENT UNIT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> reliable and reproducible easy maneuverable simple and fail-safe very compact 	<p>DOSE RATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> high irradiation time ~ 1/2 minute accurately monitored fail-safe feedback to accelerator <p>DOSE DISTRIBUTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> uniform or non-uniform in predefined way controllable reproducible stable
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Machine requirements

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> energy range intensity range dose rates number of electron energies number of X-ray energies homogeneity of X-ray fields homogeneity of electron fields leakage doses gantry rotation isocentre definition degrees of freedom good definition at target volume 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 - 25 MeV 0.5 - 50 μA 1 - 4 Gy / min 5 2 5 % over 40 x 40 cm² 5 % over 25 x 25 cm² below 10⁻³ at 1 m 360° 1 mm 15 (rotation and translation) energy, position, direction 5 x 3 x 3 m³
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Energy of the electron accelerator

$$V = \sqrt{(1 - e^{-2\tau})P_0 R_0 L} - \frac{R_0 L I}{2} \left[1 - 2\tau \frac{e^{-2\tau}}{1 - e^{-2\tau}} \right]$$

V = energy of accelerator section in MeV
 L = length accelerator structure in meters
 P_0 = high-frequency peak power in MW
 R_0 = shunt impedance in $M\Omega/m$
 τ = attenuation constant
 I = accelerated peak current in Amperes

Accelerating structures

Energy: 4 - 25 MeV

Length: ~ 1 m

HF power: 2 - 5 MW_p magnetron
5 - 10 MW_p klystron

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Disc-loaded waveguides

Shunt impedance ↑↑

$$R_0 = -\frac{E_0^2}{dP/dz}$$

- travelling wave structure
- standing wave structure

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- biperiodic structure
- side-coupled structure

Energy variation

- Variation of input power P_0 or accelerated current I
- Variation of RF frequency
- Buncher + accelerator section

$$V = \sqrt{(1 - e^{-2\tau})P_0 R_0 L} - \frac{R_0 L I}{2} \left[1 - 2\tau \frac{e^{-2\tau}}{1 - e^{-2\tau}} \right]$$

BEAM LOADING

Electrons in bending magnet systems

Magnetic rigidity $\chi_0 = B\rho = \frac{1}{299.79} \sqrt{V(V + 1.022)}$

V = energy of electrons in MeV
 B = magnetic field induction in Tesla
 ρ = bending radius in meters

Excitation of room-temperature magnet $NI \approx \frac{B}{\mu_0} g$

NI = number of Ampere-turns
 B = magnetic field induction in Tesla
 g = gap between magnet poles in meters
 $\mu_0 = 4\pi \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ Tm/A}$

Bending magnet systems

$$x_1 = m_{11}x_0 + m_{12}x'_0 + m_{13} \frac{\Delta p}{p}$$

$$x'_1 = m_{21}x_0 + m_{22}x'_0 + m_{23} \frac{\Delta p}{p}$$

Energy spread
medical ~ 10 %
research < 1 %

Bending magnet systems **TRANSPORT calculations**

DRIFT PIECE Length L

$$M_H = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & L & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad M_V = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & L \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

HOMOGENEOUS BENDING MAGNET

Length L Bending angle α Bending radius ρ

$$M_H = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\alpha & \rho\sin\alpha & \rho(1-\cos\alpha) \\ -\frac{\sin\alpha}{\rho} & \cos\alpha & \sin\alpha \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad M_V = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \rho L \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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WEAK FOCUSING BENDING MAGNET Field index $0 < n < 1$

Length L Bending angle α Bending radius ρ

$$M_H = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\sqrt{1-n}\alpha & \frac{\rho\sin\sqrt{1-n}\alpha}{\sqrt{1-n}} & \frac{\rho(1-\cos\sqrt{1-n}\alpha)}{1-n} \\ -\frac{\sqrt{1-n}\sin\sqrt{1-n}\alpha}{\rho} & \cos\sqrt{1-n}\alpha & \frac{\sin\sqrt{1-n}\alpha}{\sqrt{1-n}} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M_V = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\sqrt{n}\alpha & \frac{\rho\sin\sqrt{n}\alpha}{\sqrt{n}} \\ -\frac{\sqrt{n}\sin\sqrt{n}\alpha}{\rho} & \cos\sqrt{n}\alpha \end{pmatrix}$$

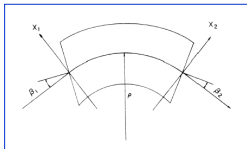
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HOMOGENEOUS BENDING MAGNET with ROTATED POLE SHOE EDGES

Length L Bending angle α Bending radius ρ

β_1 angle of pole edge rotation at entrance

β_2 angle of pole edge rotation at exit

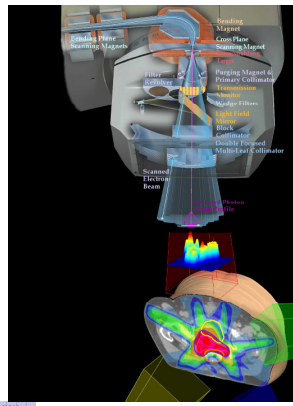


$$M_H = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \tan\beta_2 & 1 & 0 \\ \rho & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos\alpha & \rho\sin\alpha & \rho(1-\cos\alpha) \\ -\frac{\sin\alpha}{\rho} & \cos\alpha & \sin\alpha \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \tan\beta_1 & 1 & 0 \\ \rho & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

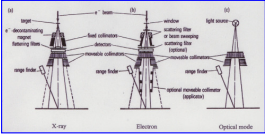
$$M_V = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \rho\alpha \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{\rho} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Treatment head



Multileaf collimator



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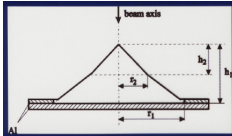
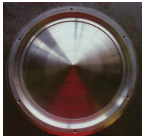
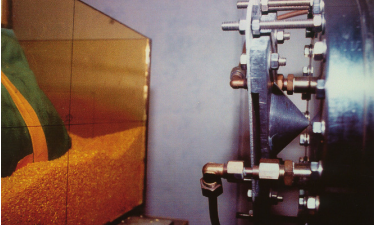
New trends

- intensity-modulated radiotherapy
- tomotherapy
- image-guided radiotherapy
- stereotactic radiosurgery
- intra-operative radiotherapy

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Extracorporeal bone tumours irradiation

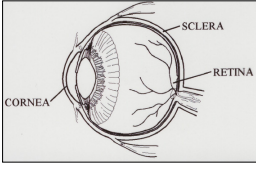
Homogeneity < 2 %

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Radiation treatment of human grafts and artificial implants

- sclerae of the human eye**
 prosthesis → inflammation rejection
 ⇒ 'packed' in human sclerae
 - less reactions
 - synchronous movement
 lyophilisation → sterilisation 25 kGy → tissue bank



- bone fragments:** maxillo-facial reconstruction
- human implants:** cardiological stents, polymeric implants, hydrogels
- blood products:** lymphocytes 40 Gy (graft-versus-host disease)

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Low-energy electron accelerators in industry

BEAM POWER = ENERGY x INTENSITY

DOSE RATE
↓
INTENSITY

150 KW
 5 MeV / 30 mA
 0.5 MeV / 300 mA

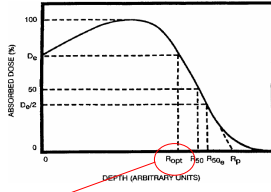
ACCELERATORS

3 energy ranges 0.1 – 0.5 MeV
 0.5 – 5 MeV
 5 – 10 MeV

Energy
 < 10 MeV electrons
 < 5 MeV photons
 ~ penetration depth

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Electron range in radiation processing

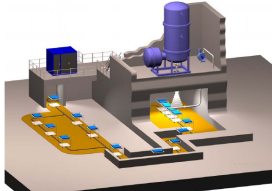


R_{opt} : exit dose equals entrance dose

R_{opt} = optimal range in g/cm²
 V = energy of electrons in MeV

$R_{opt} = 0,404V - 0,161$

$R_{opt} (cm) = R_{opt} (g/cm^2) / \rho (g/cm^3)$



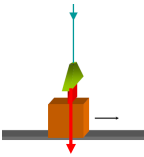
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Throughput in radiation processing (electron and X-ray mode)

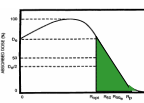
Mass throughput
 $\frac{M}{T} = F(e)F(i) \frac{P}{D(ave)}$

M = mass in kg
 T = time in seconds
 P = emitted radiation power in kW
 D(ave) = average absorbed dose on kGy

F(i) = fraction of emitted beam current intercepted by material

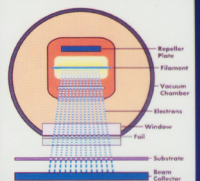


F(e) = fraction of incident electron energy absorbed by material



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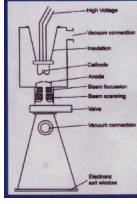
Energy range 0.1 - 0.5 MeV




Single-stage machines

- self-shielding
- low penetration capability
- integrated in production line
- beam widths ~ 2.5 m

APPLICATIONS:
 surface treatment
 irradiation of coatings, adhesives, inks
 e.g. thin film packaging
 printing industry



SCANNING TYPE



BROAD BEAM

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Energy range 0.5 - 5 MeV

Multi-stage machines

- high penetration capability
- up to 300 kW
- beam widths ~ 2 m

APPLICATIONS: processing of

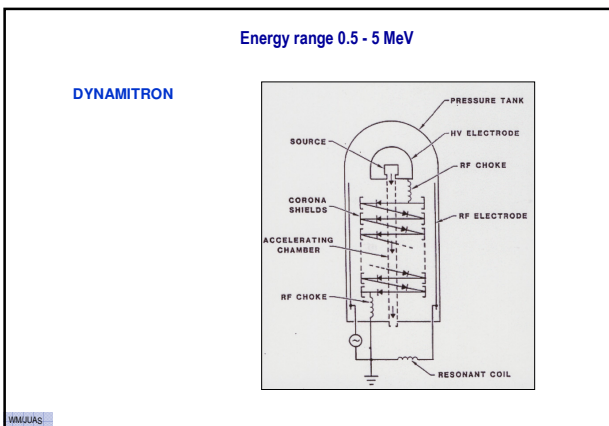
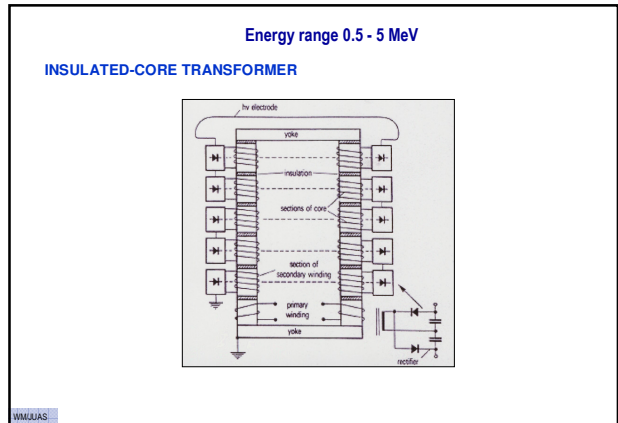
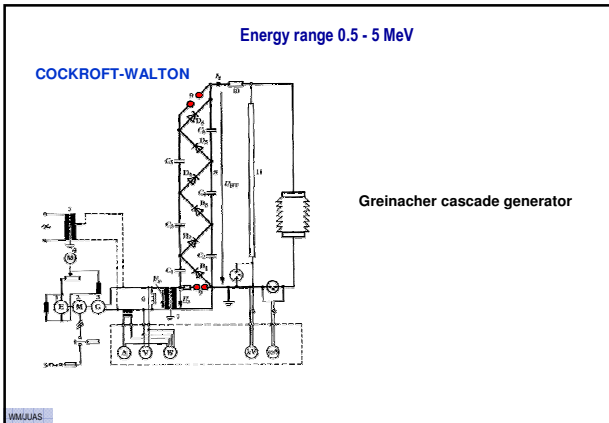
COCKROFT-WALTON

INSULATED-CORE TRANSFORMER

DYNAMITRON

thick sheets
 wires and cables
 tubes and pipes
 fiber composites
 tire components
 heat-shrinkable products
 foamed polyethylene

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Energy range 5 - 10 MeV

RF linear accelerator → 50 kW

RHODOTRON → 200 kW up to 1 MW

APPLICATIONS: < 5 MeV applications
 medical sterilisation
 food processing
 polymer crosslinking, grafting, degradation

LINAC

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Energy range 5 - 10 MeV

RHODOTRON

$$E = \frac{E_0}{r} \cos 2\pi \frac{z}{\lambda} \sin(\omega t + \phi)$$

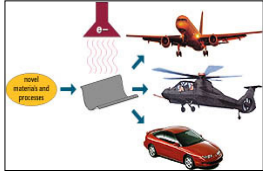
$$B = \frac{B_0}{r} \sin 2\pi \frac{z}{\lambda} \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

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- INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS
of ELECTRONS and BREMSSTRAHLUNG**
1. POLYMER CHEMISTRY
 - crosslinking
 - grafting
 - curing
 - degradation
 2. STERILISATION
 3. FOOD TREATMENT
 4. RADIOGRAPHY
 5. WELDING AND CUTTING
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CURING

Polymerisation + crosslinking + grafting



on **SURFACES** (mainly with electrons)


- antistatic films
- laminates (credits cards, telephone cards)
- offset printing
- door finishing
- parquet coating
- protective films....

in **BULK MATERIAL** (mainly bremsstrahlung)

- wood-polymer composites
- concrete-polymer composites
- advanced composites

e.g. carbon fiber reinforced epoxies

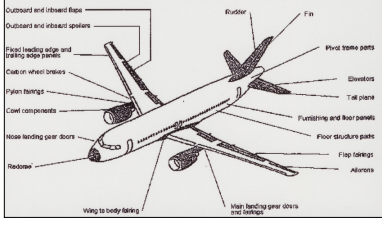
- automobiles
- aircraft
- ships
- space vehicles
- building materials
- sporting goods
- printed circuit boards



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EXAMPLE : On-aircraft repair

Composite materials (carbon-reinforced epoxies):




strength-to-weight ratio ↑
stiffness-to-weight ratio ↑
corrosion resistance ↑
impact damage tolerance ↑
wear properties ↑

↓

20 - 25 % of aircraft structural weight

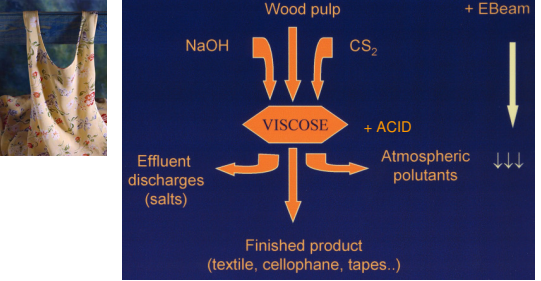
AIR CANADA Airbus A320
on aircraft repair with mobile accelerator



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DEGRADATION

cellulose in viscose industry

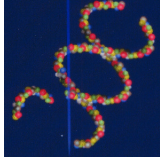


- powdered Teflon molecular weight ↓
lubricants, high quality inks
- degradation of pollutants
water, industrial or hospital waste
sewage sludge, flue gases


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STERILISATION


Radiation killing of pathogenic microorganisms




- energy-efficient (↔ heat)
- low temperature (↔ heat)
- no toxic residues (↔ EtO)
- total sterilisation (↔ EtO)
- no ozone depletion (↔ Met.B.)



- medical disposables
*syringes, needles, surgical sutures
wound and burn dressings
gloves, masks, gowns
Petri dishes and pipettes*



- medical implants
*artificial organs
bone grafts
human eyeballs*



- pharmaceuticals
- cosmetics

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FOOD TREATMENT

Low Dose Applications (< 1 kGy)

- **Phytosanitary** insect disinfection (grains, papayas, mangoes, avocados...)
- **Sprouting Inhibition** (potatoes, onions, garlic...)
- **Delaying of maturation, parasite disinfection**

Medium Dose Applications (1 to 10 kGy)

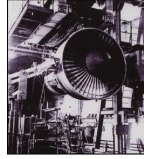

- **Control of foodborne pathogens** (beef, eggs, crab meat, oysters...)
- **Shelf-life extension** (chicken, pork, low fat fish, strawberries, mushrooms...)
- **Spice irradiation**

High Dose Applications (> 10 kGy)

- **Food sterilisation** (meat, poultry, seafood...)

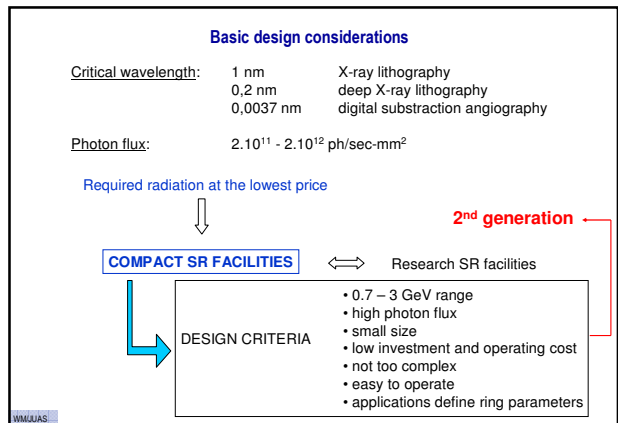
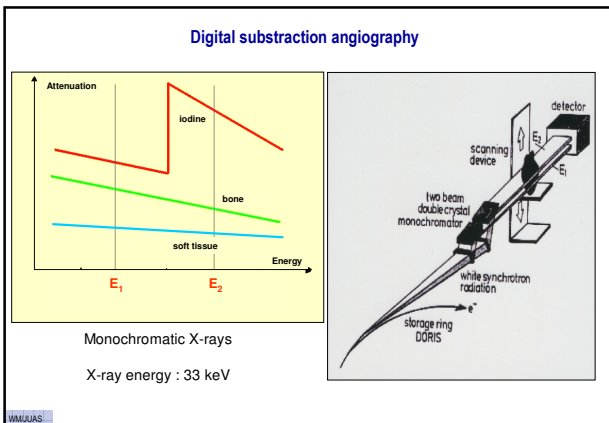
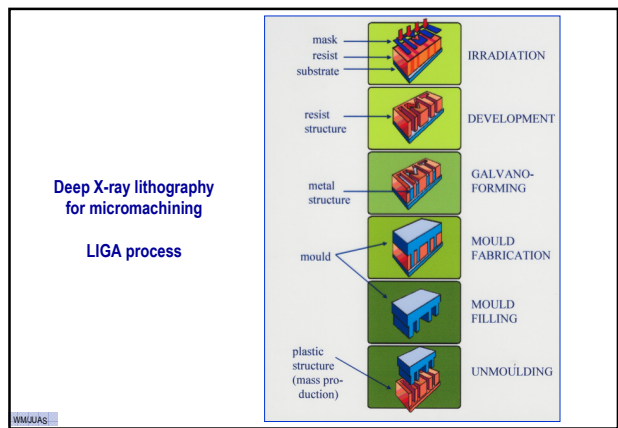
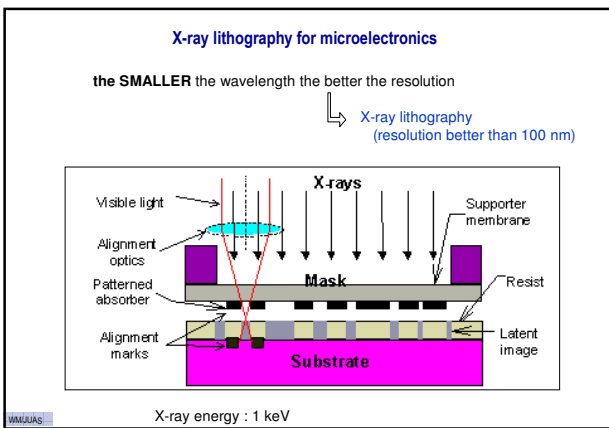
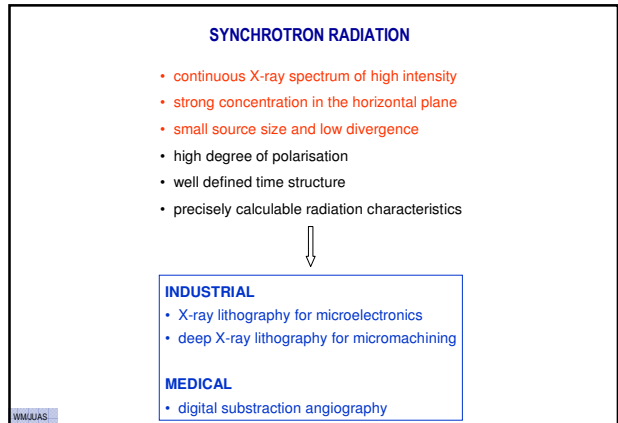
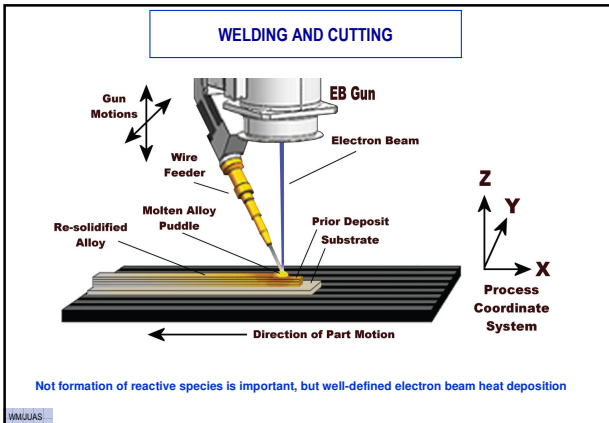
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RADIOGRAPHY

- dynamically inspecting jet engines
- X-ray screening of cargo containers
- inspecting concrete structure integrity
- inspecting castings
- reverse engineering CT studies
- nuclear waste inspection
- border control

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1. MAGNETS

COMPACTNESS

Normal-conducting

- simplify existing storage ring design
- remove some quadrupoles
- dimensions ↓

↔ **superconducting magnets ?**

- unusual storage ring design
- new optical schemes
- dimensions ↓↓

$$\lambda_c = \frac{20.7}{\rho^2 (\text{m}) B^3 (\text{T})}$$

Normal conducting	1.5 T
Superconducting	4.5 T ρ/5

2. LATTICES

IRON MAGNET LATTICES

SUPERCONDUCTING LATTICES

3. INJECTION at LOW ENERGY

Accumulation of high currents in SR facilities:

- injection of bunch
- phase space shrinks during damping time
- following bunch injected

Low energy: preaccelerator space and cost ↓↓

- weak radiation damping efficiency damping time ~ 1 / E³ ≈ lifetime
- scattering with gas atoms lifetime ↓↓
- Touscheck scattering: mutual interaction of electrons in bunch lifetime ↓

**LINACS
MICROTRONS**

ANKA

- Energy 2.5 GeV
- Stored current 400 mA
- Bending radius 5.56 m
- Magnets 8 normal conducting 22.5° 4 cells of 2 x DBA
- Critical wavelength 0.2 m
- Magnetic field 1.5 T
- Nb of beamports 11
- Diameter ring ∅ 35 m
- Injector 500 MeV booster synchrotron 53 MeV microtron

HELIOS

HELIOS 1 IBM East Fishkill
HELIOS 2 Singapore

- Energy 700 MeV
- Stored current 620 mA
- Magnets 2 superconducting 180°
- Critical wavelength 0.84 m
- Nb of beamports 20
- Dimensions 6 m x 2m
- Injector 200 MeV linac (HELIOS 1)
100 MeV microtron (HELIOS 2)

Stable motion in HELIOS ring

Stability condition in periodic rings:

$$-1 \leq \frac{1}{2} \text{trace} M \leq 1$$

period $M = \begin{pmatrix} m_{11} & m_{12} \\ m_{21} & m_{22} \end{pmatrix}$

trace M = trace of matrix M, it is equal to the sum of the diagonal elements of matrix M

M is transfer matrix of one period in ring