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LOW-ENERGY ELECTRON ACCELERATORS

Applications in medicine and industry

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| <u>APPLICATION</u> | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| <p>Accelerators in the world *</p> <p>year 2007</p> <p>(approximate numbers)</p> | High-energy physics research | 120 |
| | Synchrotron radiation sources | 50 |
| | Ion beam analysis | 200 |
| | Photon or electron therapy | 9100 |
| | Hadron therapy | 30 |
| | Radioisotope production | 550 |
| | Ion implantation | 9500 |
| | 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


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~ 60% low-energy electron accelerators

Low-energy electron machines



X-rays



electrons

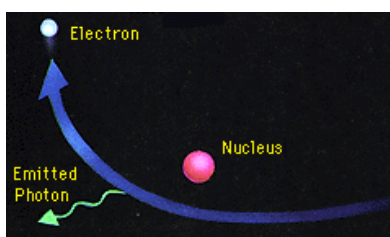
1. Basic principles of X-ray production
 → *bremsstrahlung*
 → *synchrotron radiation*

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

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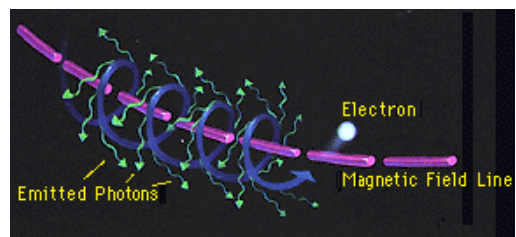
Radiation of electrons in a transverse field

Coulomb field of atomic nuclei



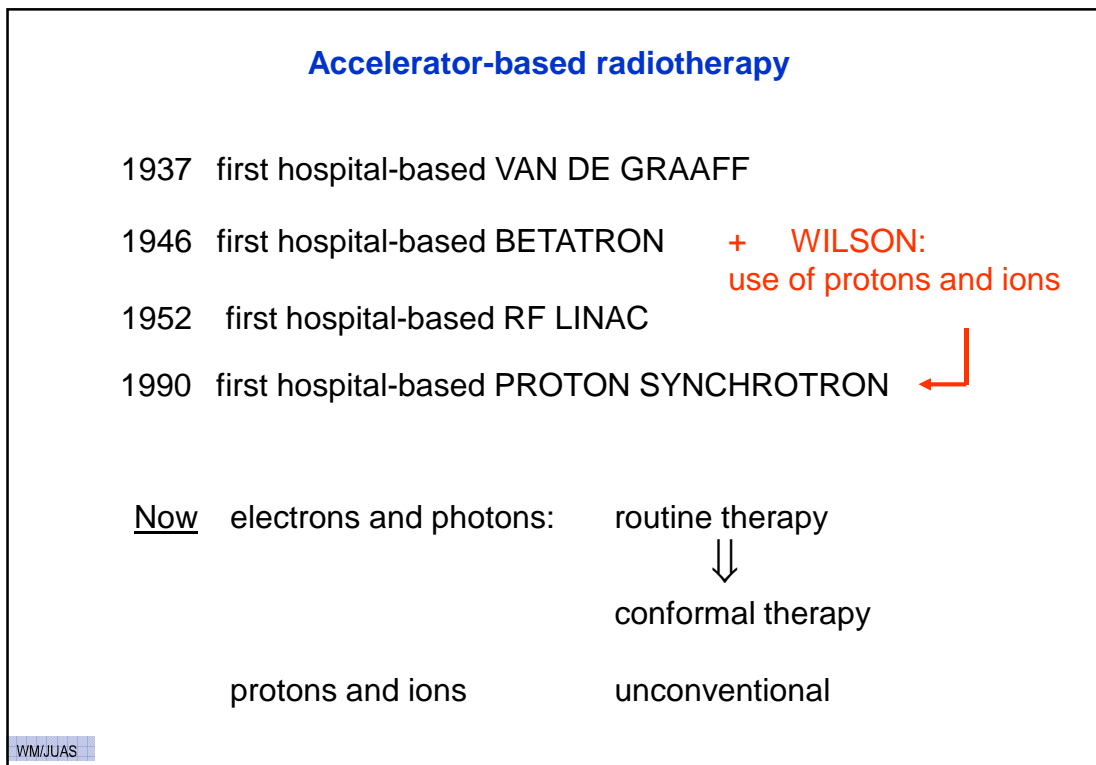
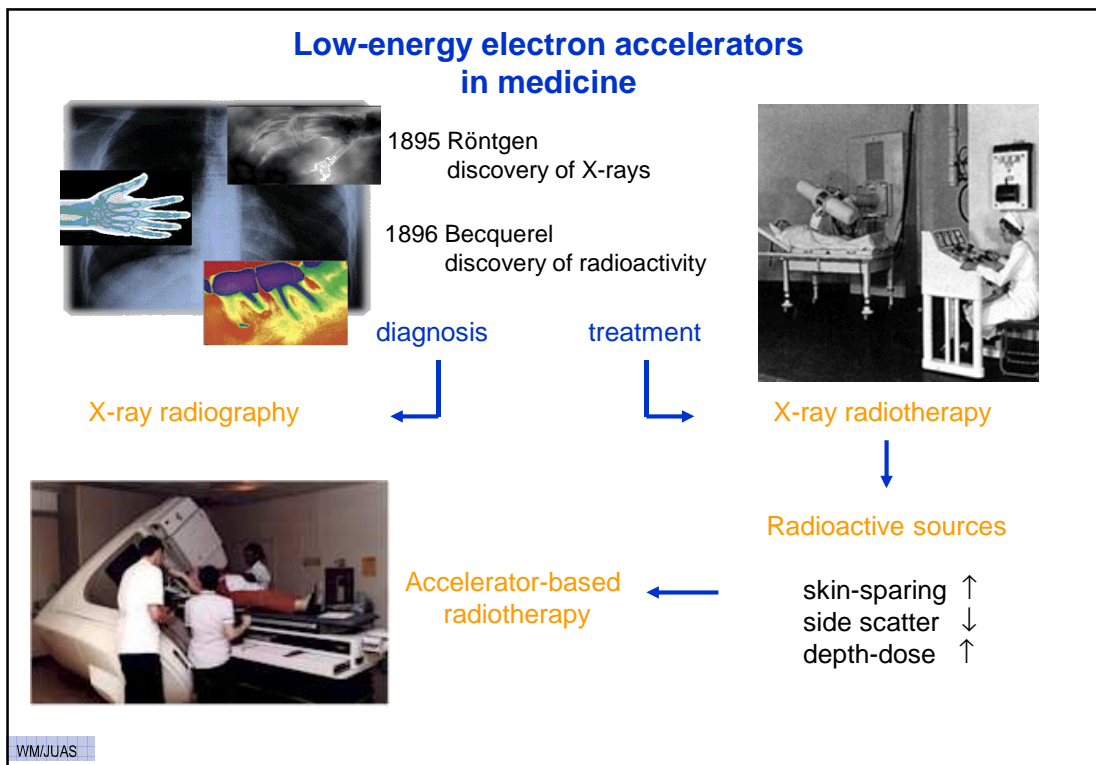
BREMSSTRAHLUNG
braking radiation

Magnetic field



SYNCHROTRON RADIATION

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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

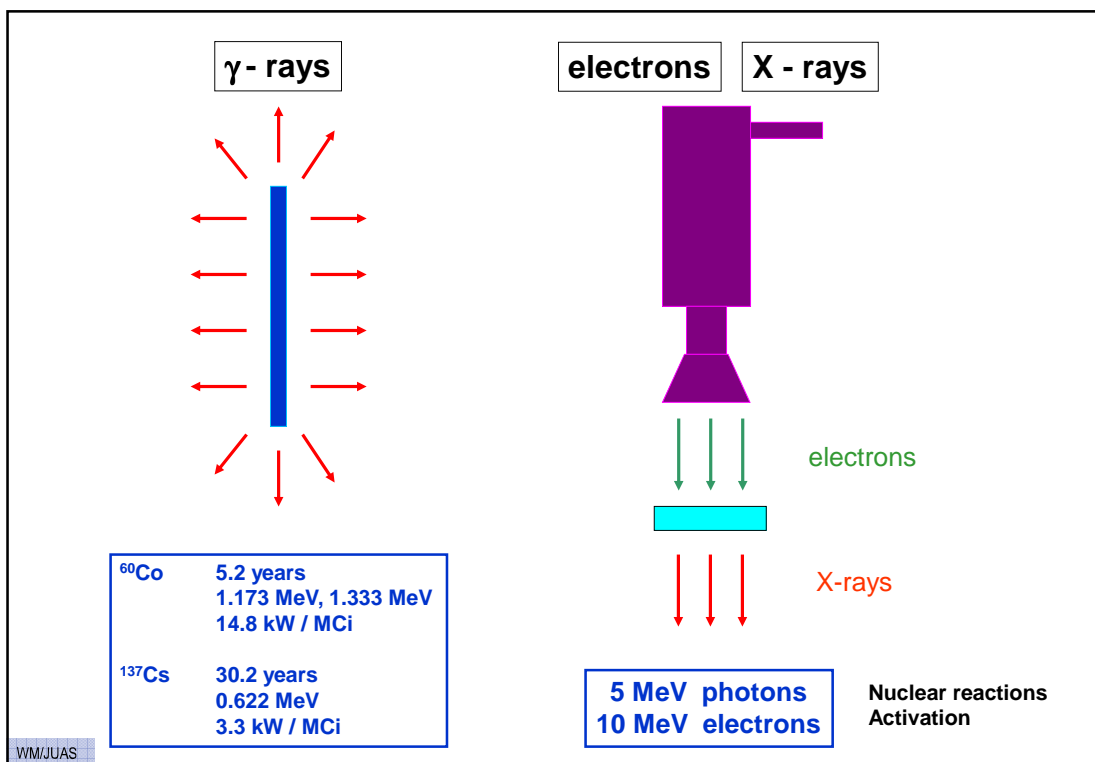
INDUSTRY

in a car:
in an airplane:
at the doctor:
in the supermarket:
in the clothing shop:
at home:
in the human body:

radiation processing

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 ...

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Bremsstrahlung production

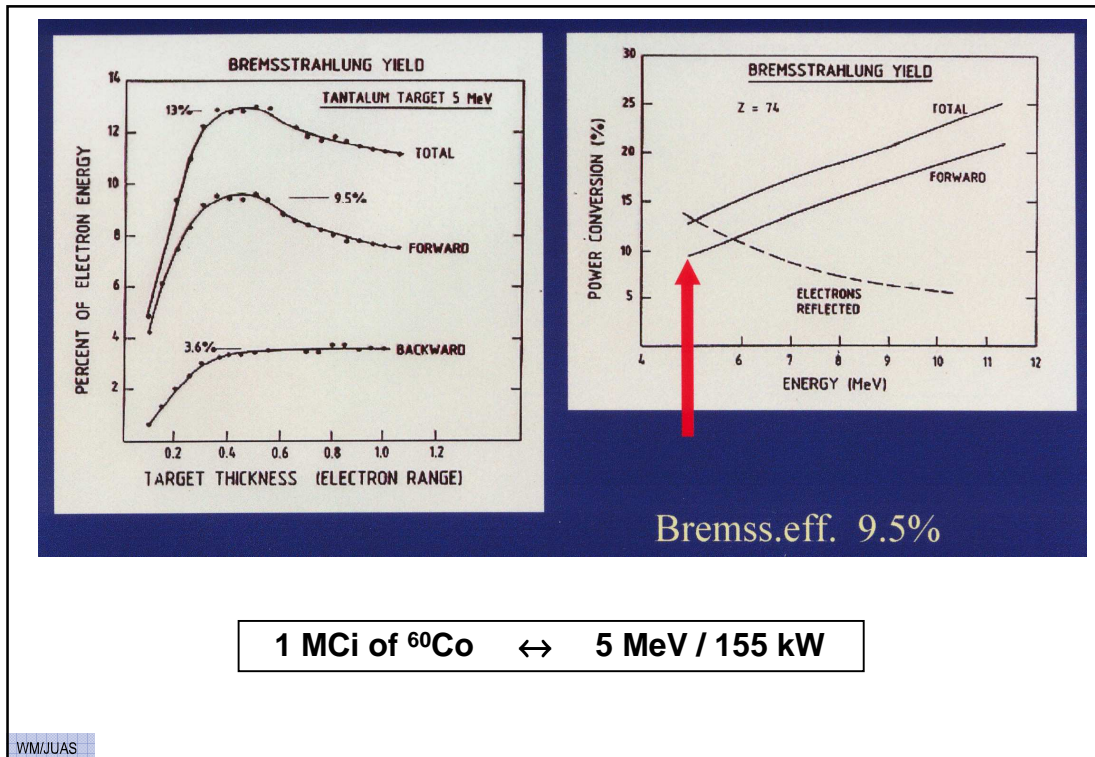
COLLISION STOPPING POWER → HEAT !!!

$$-\left(\frac{dT}{dx}\right)_c = 2\pi \frac{e^4 N Z}{m_e \beta^2 c^2} \left[\ln \frac{m_e \beta^2 c^2 T}{2I^2 (1-\beta^2)} + (1-\beta^2) - \ln 2(2\sqrt{1-\beta^2} - 1 + \beta^2) + \frac{[1-\sqrt{1-\beta^2}]}{8} \right]$$

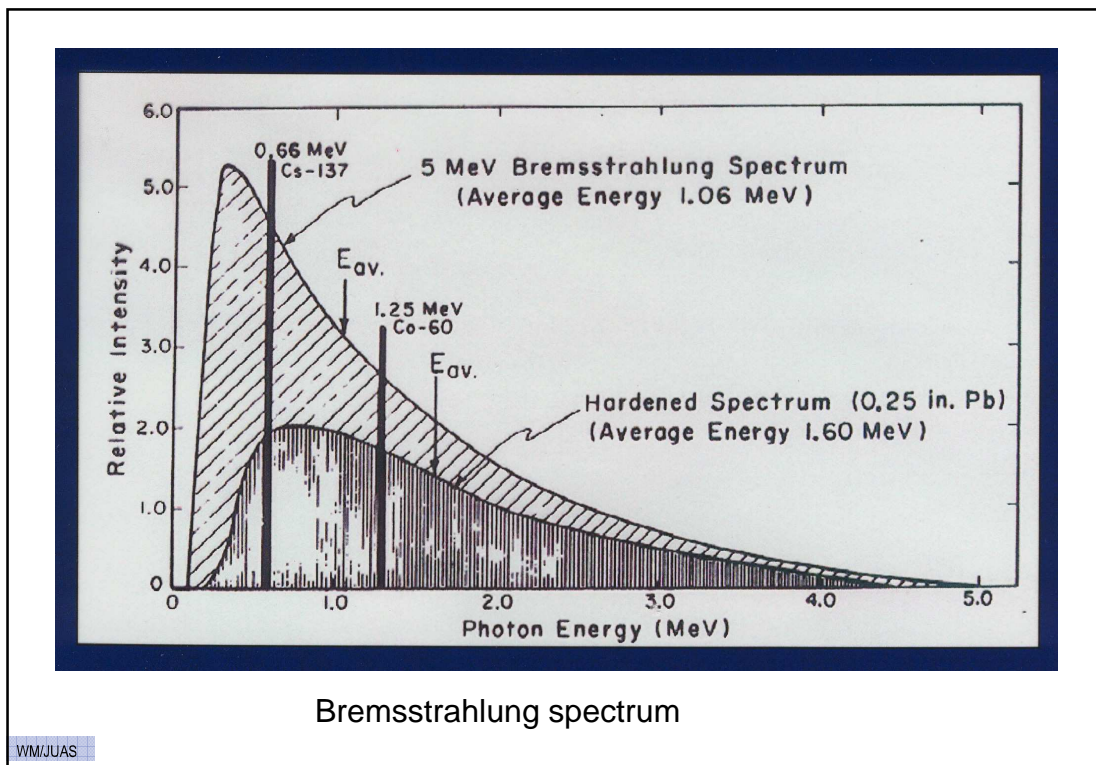
BREMSSTRAHLUNG STOPPING POWER

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

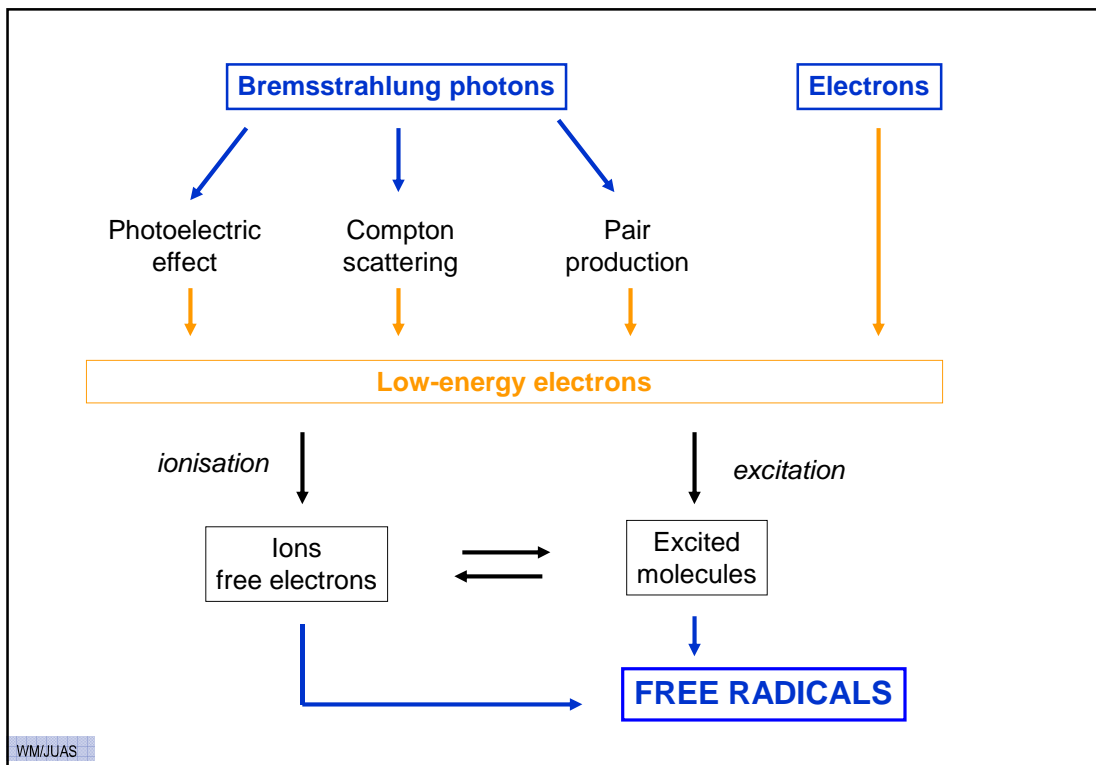
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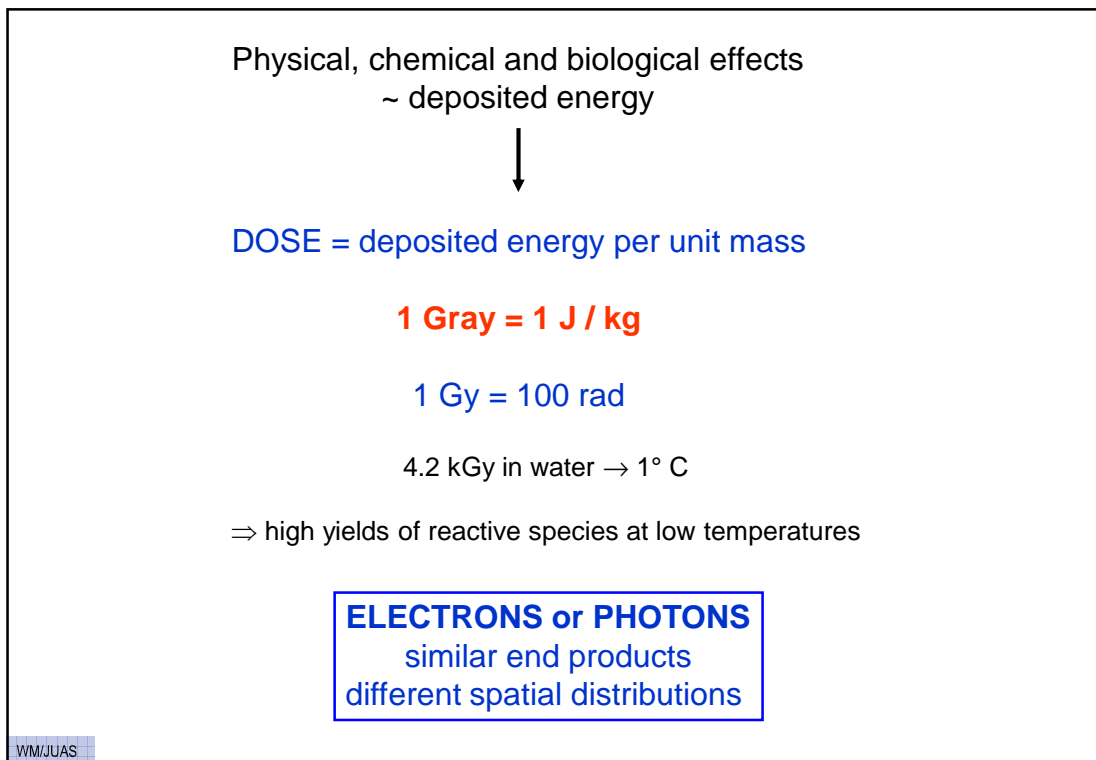
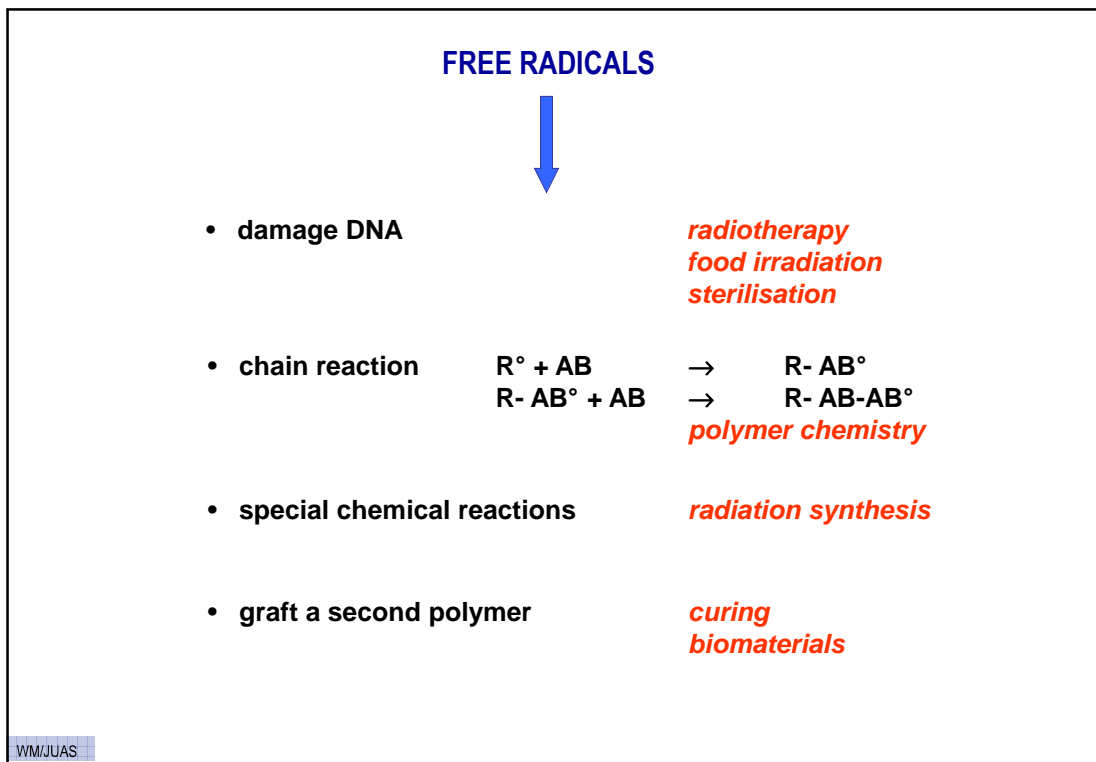


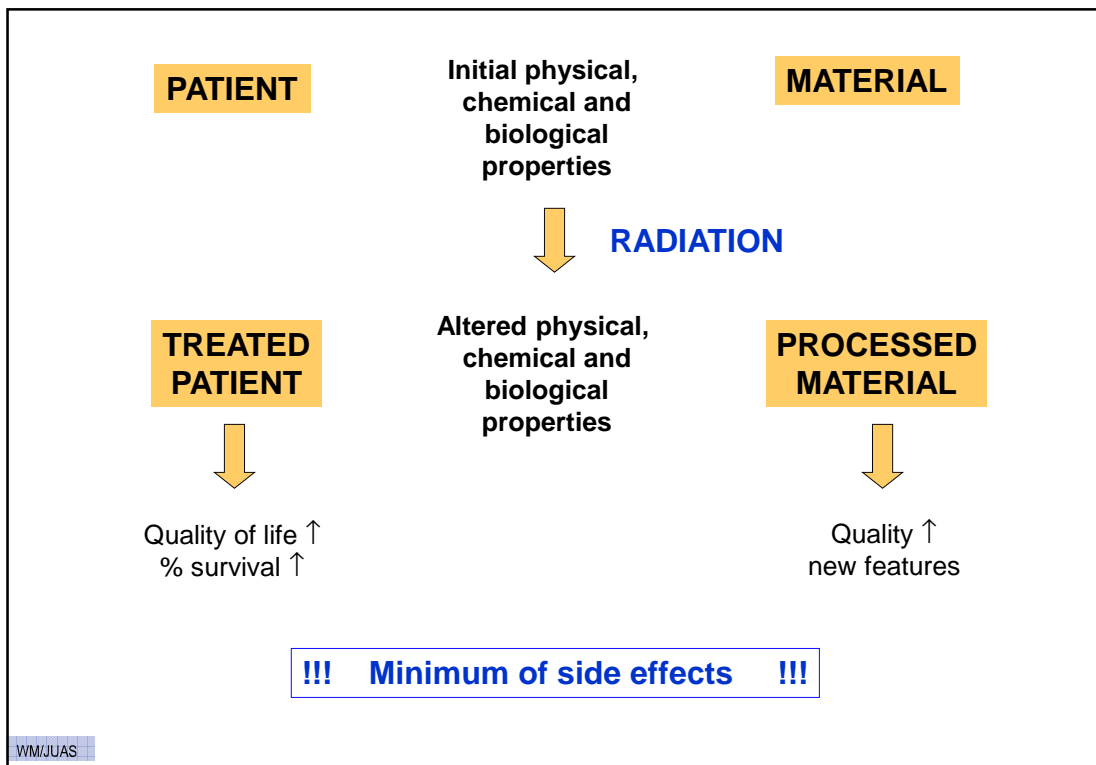
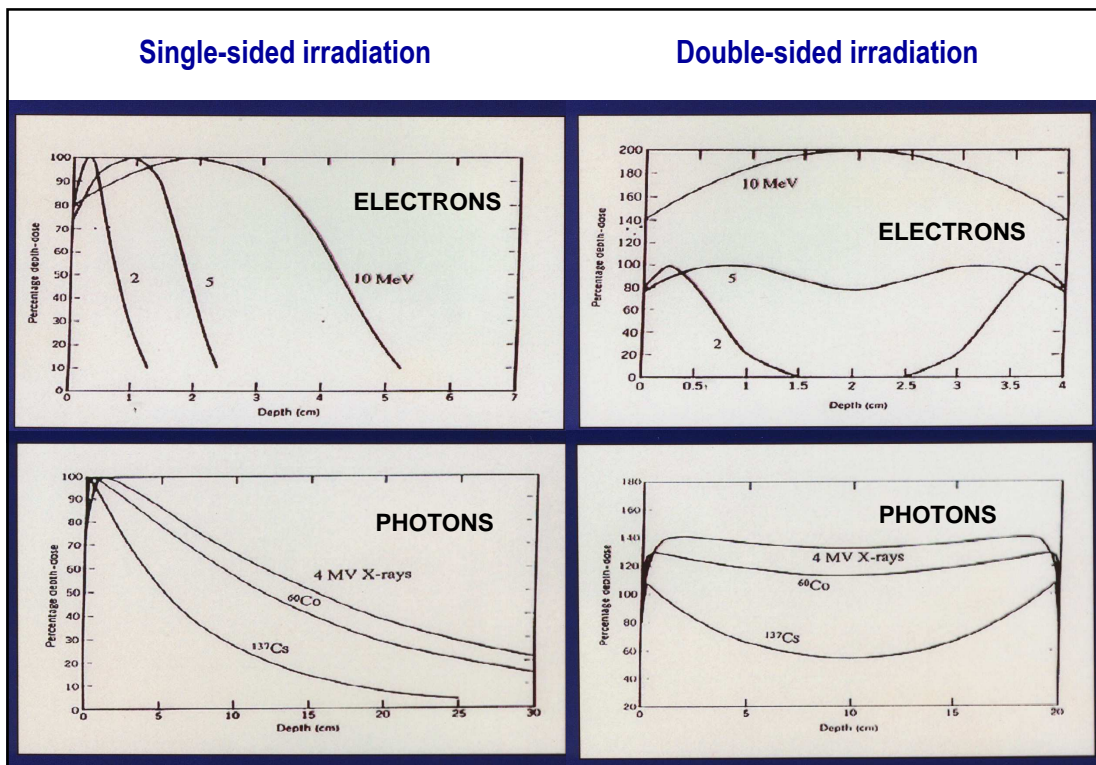
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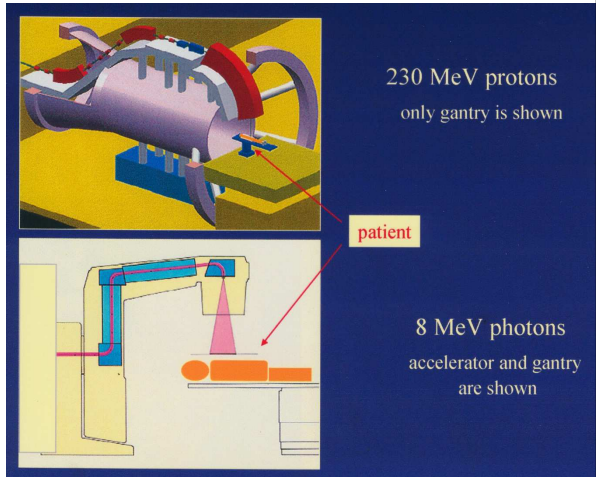
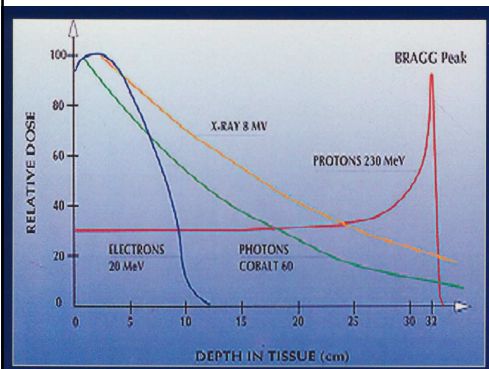
Bremsstrahlung spectrum





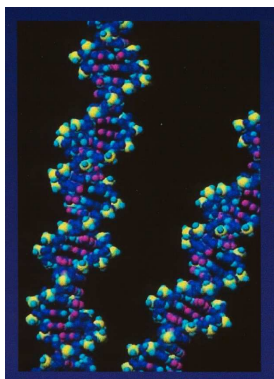


Low-energy electron accelerators in medicine



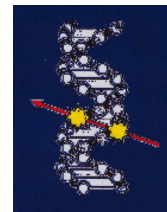
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Photons and electrons in radiotherapy



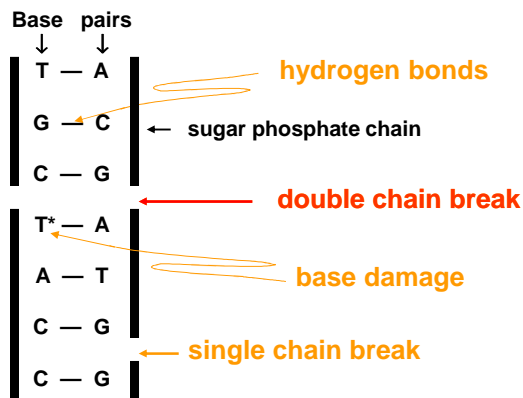
Radiation damage to DNA:

- direct
- indirect by free radicals and reactive species



Repair mechanisms

60 Gy survival probability
 10^{-9}



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Dose fractionation

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

X-Rays
Aerated Cells
15% Hypoxic Cells
Immediately After Irradiation
Mostly Hypoxic Cells
Reoxygenation

$\ln S/S_0$
1
 10^{-5}
DOSE FRACTIONS
FAST REPAIR
SLOW REPAIR
NO FRACTIONATION

Cell cycle
SURVIVING FRACTION
0.1
0.05
0.02
0.005
0.001
0 3 6 9 12 15 18 21 24 25
TIME (hrs)

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Radiotherapy

30 fractions of 2 Gy

4 Gy / min

40 x 40 cm²

↓

Accuracy of dose delivery
± 3.5 %

**Treatment dose
PLANNING
DELIVERY**

100%
0%
Dose to tumour
probability to kill tumour
probability to kill healthy cells
survival probability

Collimator motion
Table translation
Source trajectory relative to patient

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Conformal therapy: IMRT

Comparison of conventional and intensity-modulated radiotherapy.

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IMRT

Multileaf collimation

Scanned elementary beams

(a)

A-Leaves B-Leaves

(b)

Intensity modulation with a multi-leaf collimator using the static technique (a) and the dynamic technique (b).

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Radiation field requirements

BEAM

- well defined
- variable in size
- moveable in three dimensions
- variable energy
- variable intensity
- X-ray \leftrightarrow electron mode
- pure and well-confined

TREATMENT UNIT

- reliable and reproducible
- easy maneuverable
- simple and fail-safe
- very compact

DOSE RATE

- high
- irradiation time ~ 1/2 minute
- accurately monitored
- fail-safe feedback to accelerator

DOSE DISTRIBUTION

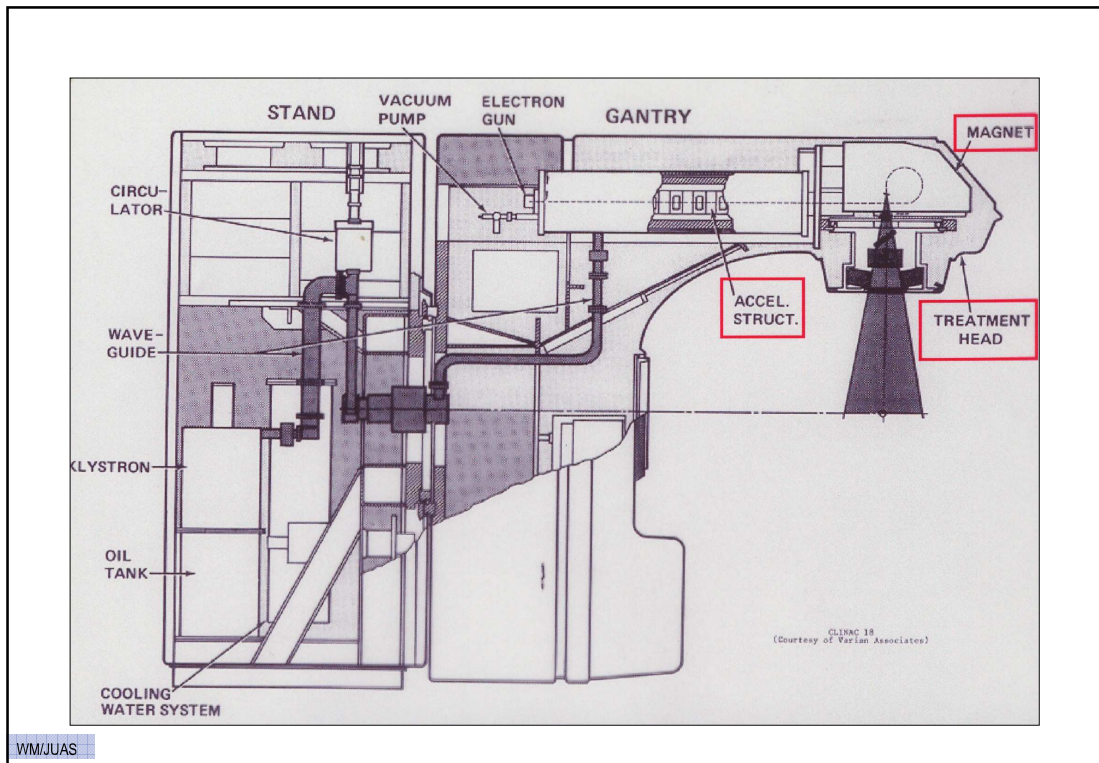
- uniform or
- non-uniform in predefined way
- controllable
- reproducible
- stable

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Machine requirements

- | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| • energy range | 4 - 25 MeV |
| • intensity range | 0.5 - 50 μ A |
| • dose rates | 1 - 4 Gy / min |
| • number of electron energies | 5 |
| • number of X-ray energies | 2 |
| • homogeneity of X-ray fields | 5 % over 40 x 40 cm ² |
| • homogeneity of electron fields | 5 % over 25 x 25 cm ² |
| • leakage doses | below 10 ⁻³ at 1 m |
| • gantry rotation | 360° |
| • isocentre definition | 1 mm |
| • degrees of freedom | 15 (rotation and translation) |
| • good definition at target | energy, position, direction |
| • volume | 5 x 3 x 3 m ³ |

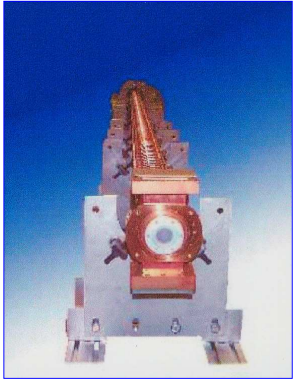
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Energy of the electron accelerator

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

- 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

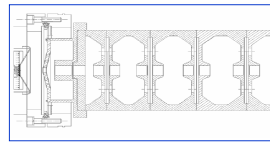


Accelerating structures

Energy: 4 - 25 MeV

Length: ~ 1 m

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



Shunt impedance ↑↑

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

- travelling wave structure
- standing wave structure

→

- biperiodic structure
- side-coupled structure

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Energy variation

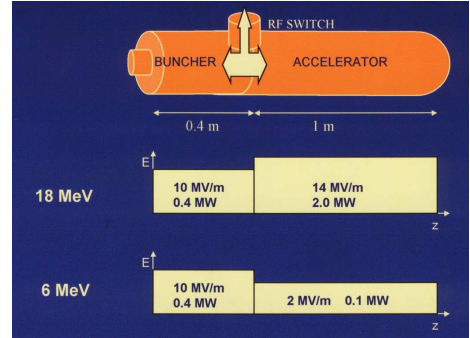
1. Variation of input power P₀ or accelerated current I

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

BEAM LOADING

2. Variation of RF frequency

3. Buncher + accelerator section



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Electrons in bending magnet systems

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

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

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

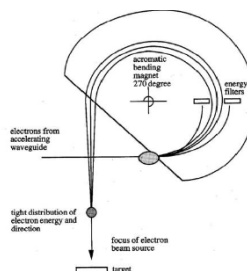
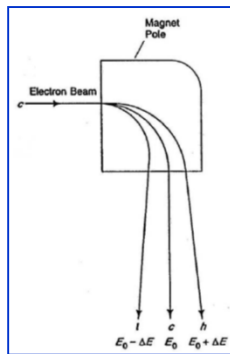
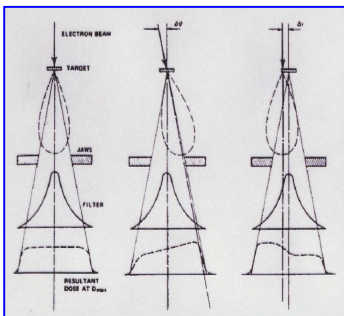
- NI = number of Ampere-turns
- B = magnetic field induction in Tesla
- g = gap between magnet poles in meters
- $\mu_0 = 4\pi \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ Tm/A}$

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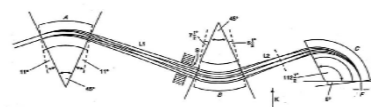
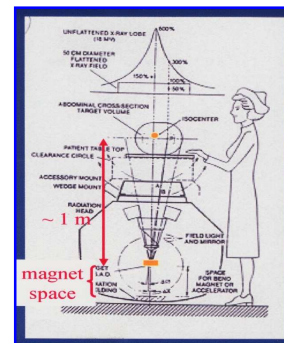
Bending magnet systems

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

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



Energy spread
 medical ~ 10 %
 research < 1 %



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Bending magnet systems**TRANSPORT calculations****DRIFT PIECE**Length L

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

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

HOMOGENEOUS BENDING MAGNETLength L Bending angle α Bending radius ρ

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

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

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WEAK FOCUSING BENDING MAGNETField index $0 < n < 1$ Length L Bending angle α Bending radius ρ

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

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

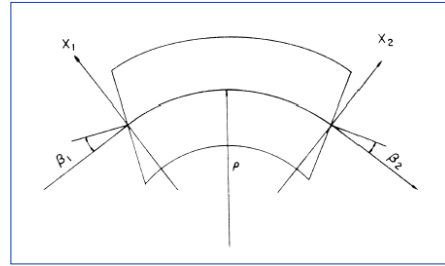
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HOMOGENEOUS BENDING MAGNET with ROTATED POLE SHOE EDGES

Length L Bending angle α Bending radius ρ

β_1 angle of pole edge rotation at entrance

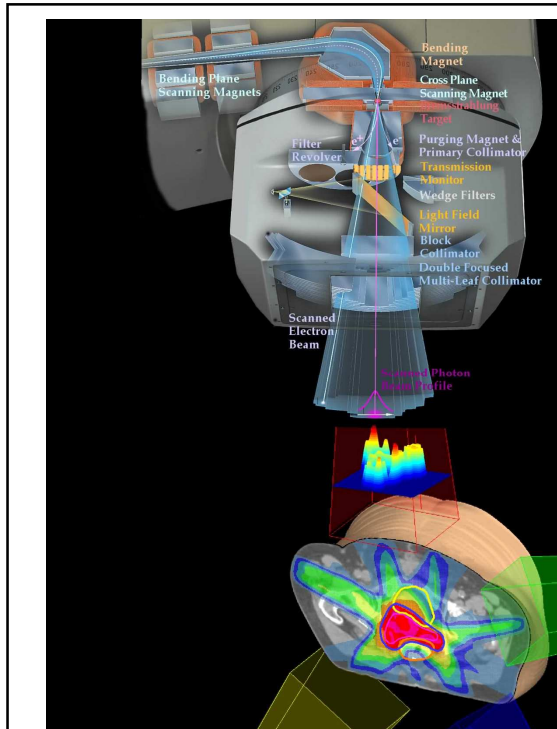
β_2 angle of pole edge rotation at exit



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

$$M_V = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{\tan\beta_2}{\rho} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \rho\alpha \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{\tan\beta_1}{\rho} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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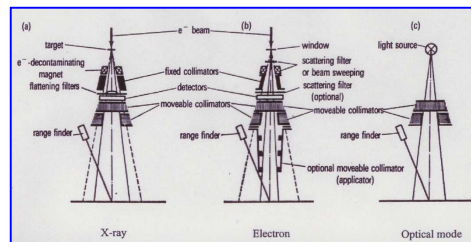


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Treatment head



Multileaf collimator



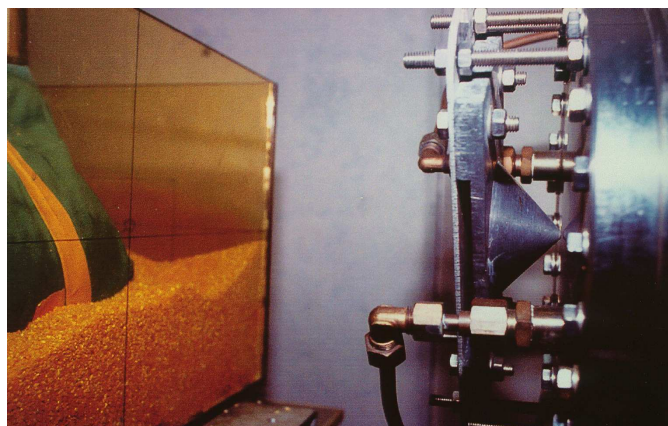
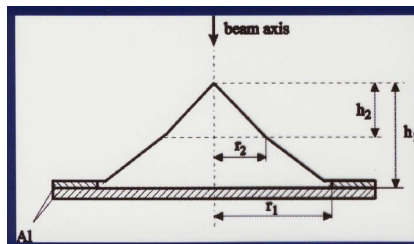
New trends

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

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Extracorporeal bone tumours irradiation

Homogeneity
< 2 %



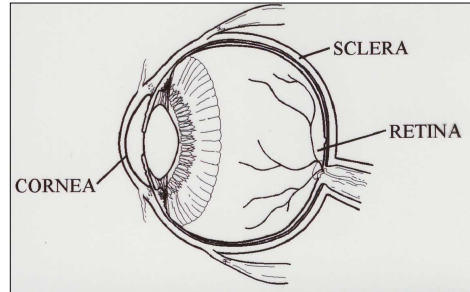
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Radiation treatment of human grafts and artificial implants

• **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

$$\text{BEAM POWER} = \text{ENERGY} \times \text{INTENSITY}$$

Energy

< 10 MeV electrons
< 5 MeV photons

~ penetration depth

DOSE RATE



INTENSITY

150 KW

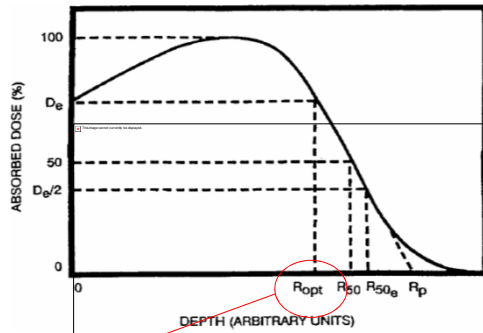
5 MeV / 30 mA
0.5 MeV / 300 mA

ACCELERATORS

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

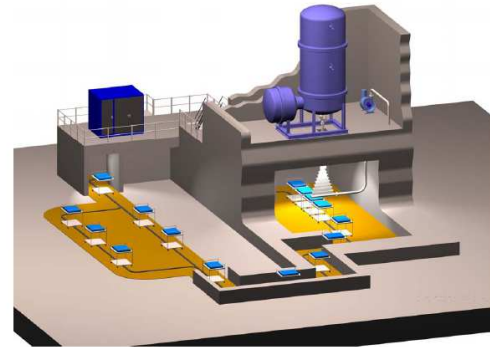
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Electron range in radiation processing



R_{opt} : exit dose equals entrance dose

R_{opt} = optimal range in g/cm^2
 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)

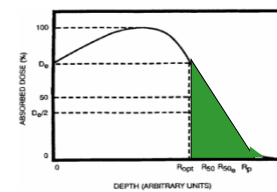
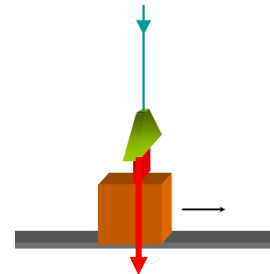
Mass throughput

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

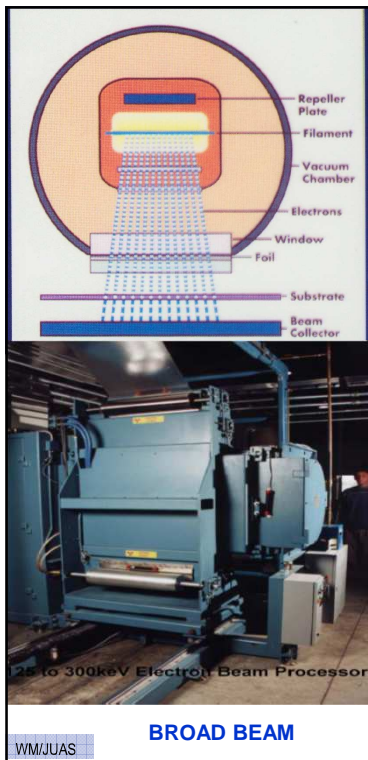
M = mass in kg
 T = time in seconds
 P = emitted radiation power in kW
 $D(ave)$ = average absorbed dose on kGy

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

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



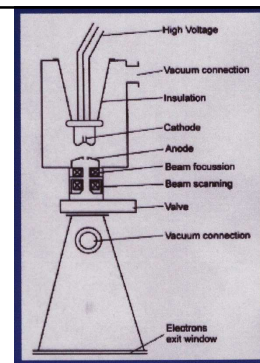
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Energy range 0.1 - 0.5 MeV

Single-stage machines

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



SCANNING TYPE

APPLICATIONS:

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

BROAD BEAM

Energy range 0.5 - 5 MeV

Multi-stage machines

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

COCKROFT-WALTON

INSULATED-CORE TRANSFORMER

DYNAMITRON

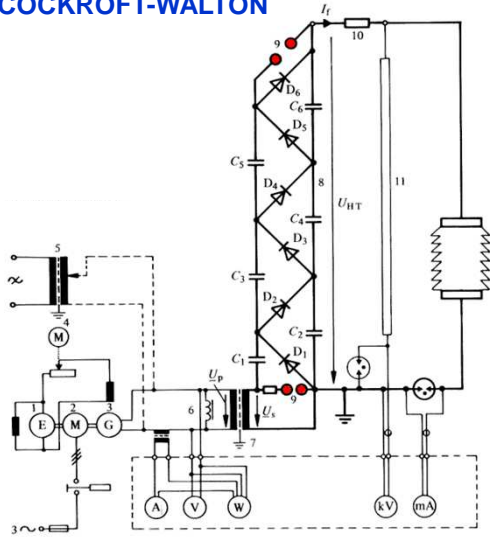
APPLICATIONS:

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

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Energy range 0.5 - 5 MeV

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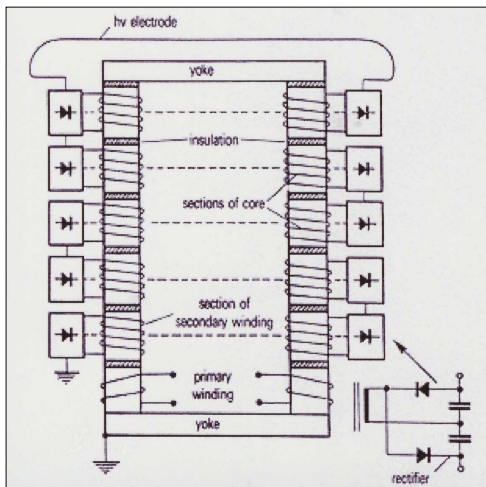


Greinacher cascade generator

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Energy range 0.5 - 5 MeV

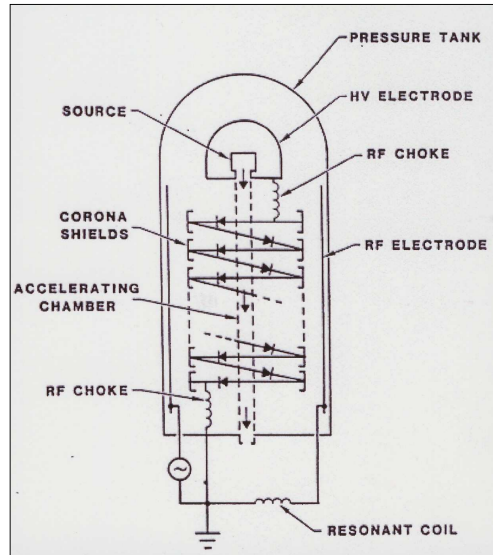
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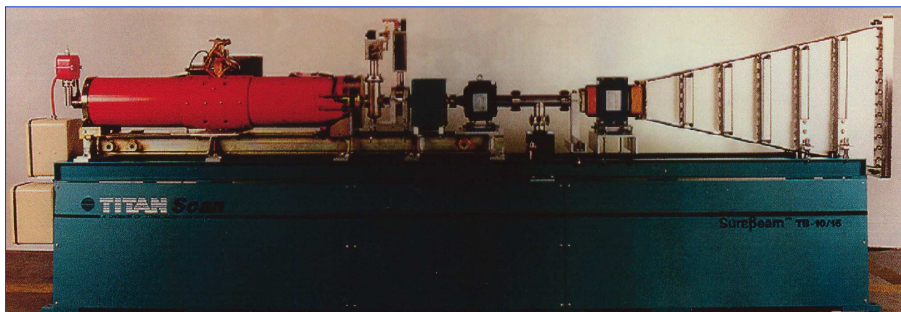
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Energy range 5 - 10 MeV

- 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



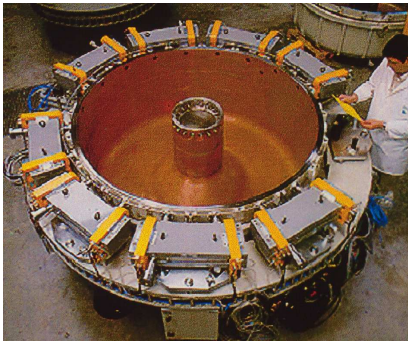
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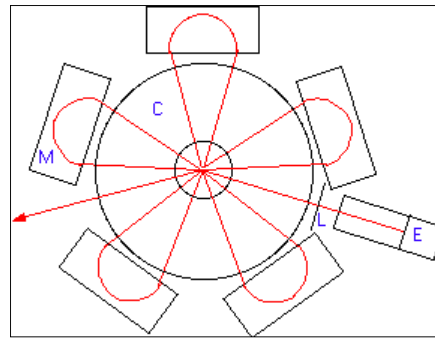
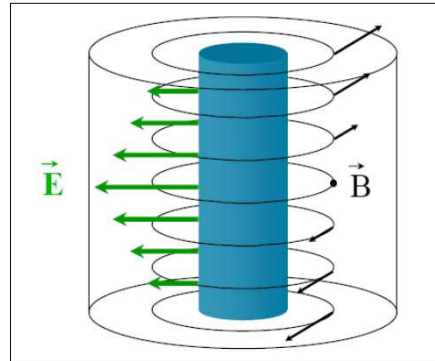
RHODOTRON

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

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



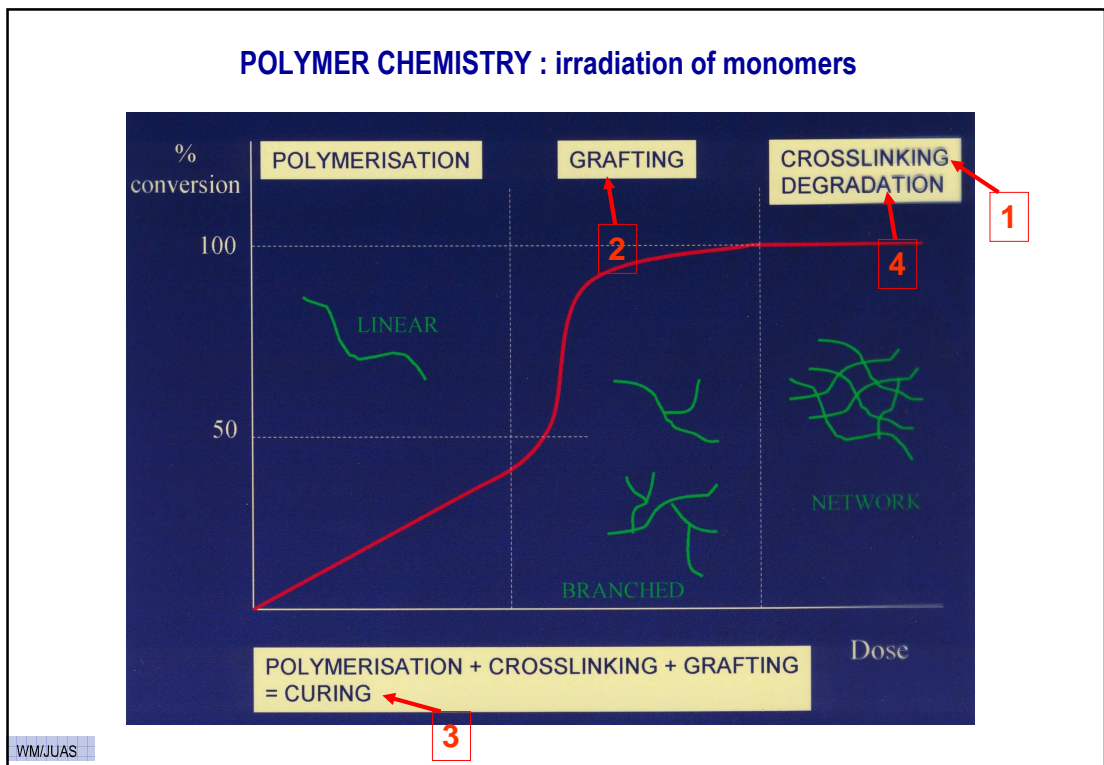
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INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS of ELECTRONS and BREMSSTRAHLUNG

1. POLYMER CHEMISTRY
 - crosslinking
 - grafting
 - curing
 - degradation
2. STERILISATION
3. FOOD TREATMENT
4. RADIOGRAPHY
5. WELDING AND CUTTING

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CROSSLINKING

Linear molecule → 3D structure
e.g. polyethylene

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≠ physical properties

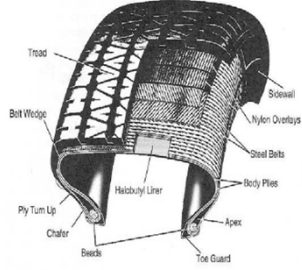
- heat resistance ↑↑
- insulation properties ↑
- mechanical strength ↑
- breakdown voltage ↑
- chemical resistance ↑
- creep ↑
- 'memory effect'

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EXAMPLE : Pre-vulcanisation of tires

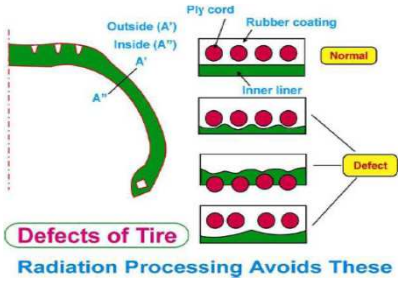
partial crosslinking before the tire is assembled:

- stabilizes thickness of sections during final thermal curing process
- prevents steel belt from migrating through its supporting rubber layer



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- improves manufacturability
- better dimensional stability
- higher quality tire
- more uniform thickness
- better balance
- thinner thus generating less frictional



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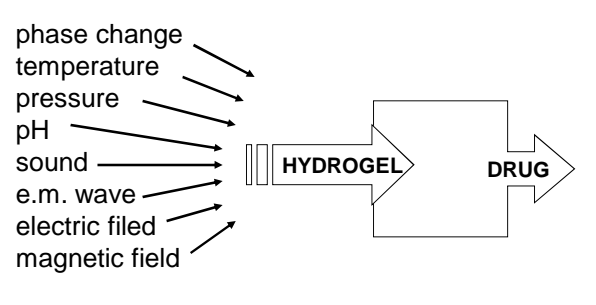
EXAMPLE : Synthesis of biomaterials

HYDROGELS = crosslinked macromolecular networks swollen in water

- rubbery structure
- substantial water content
- ~ soft living tissue → **BIOCOMPATIBLE**
- porous network → **BIOFUNCTIONAL**

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phase change
temperature
pressure
pH
sound
e.m. wave
electric field
magnetic field



- biodegradable polymers
- hydrogels for burn wounds
- porous polymeric hydrogels for advanced drug delivery systems

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constant release
signal responsive

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GRAFTING

H- Abstraction

Recombination

Polymer backbone + monomer

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≠ surface properties

- biocompatibility
- adhesion
- permeability
- wettability
- chemical resistance
- chemical compatibility
- printability
- hydrophilic / phobic quantities
- functionalisation
- mechanical properties

- finishing of textiles
- adhesion of polyethylene on aluminium
- weak hydrogels on polymeric support
- biofunctional groups on inactive supports

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EXAMPLE : Immobilisation of bioactive agents

Grafting of biofunctional groups on polymer supports

- **HEPARINE FILTER**

+ X-rays

+ PAA

= heparine absorber

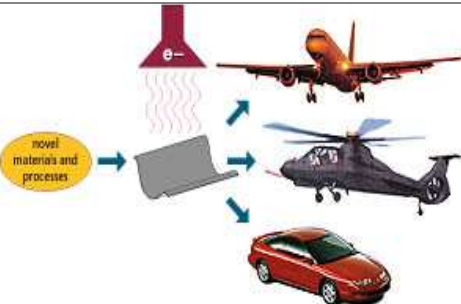
Hemodialysis of uremic patients
blood + artificial surfaces → coagulation

heparine adsorbing filters

blood

- **FIXATION of HD CELL CULTURES**
→ natural skin
→ pancreas cells

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e.g. carbon fiber reinforced epoxies

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

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)

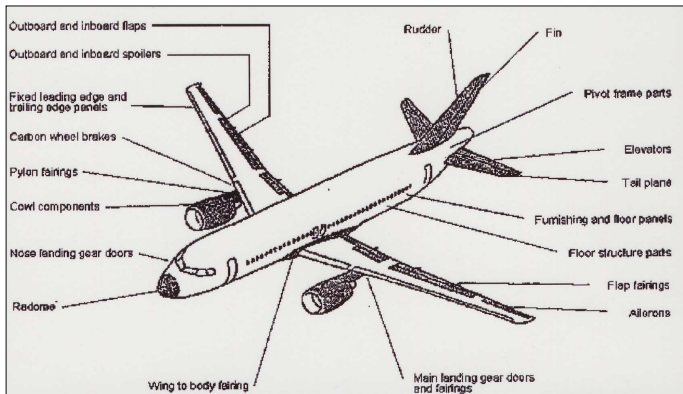
- wood-polymer composites
- concrete-polymer composites
- advanced composites



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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

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20 - 25 % of aircraft structural weight


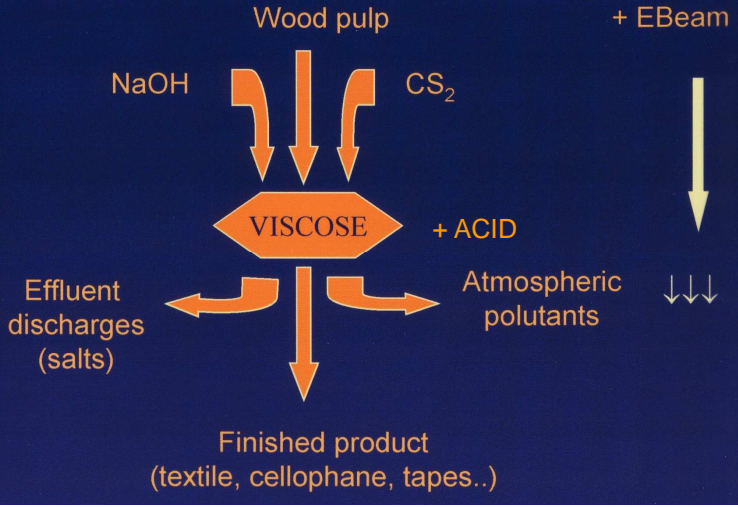
AIR CANADA Airbus A320
 on aircraft repair with mobile accelerator



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DEGRADATION

- cellulose in viscose industry

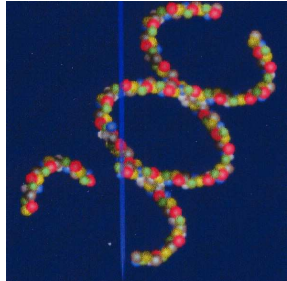



- powdered Teflon molecular weight ↓
lubricants, high quality inks
- degradation of pollutants
water, industrial or hospital waste
sewage sludge, flue gases




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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)

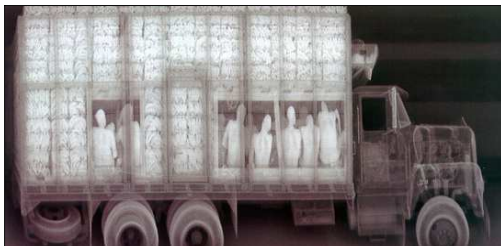
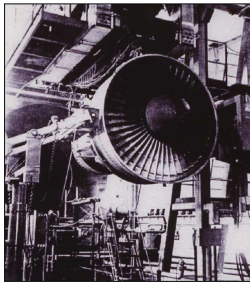
- **Control of foodborne pathogens** (beef, eggs, crab meat, oysters...)
- **Shelf-life extension** (chicken, pork, low fat fish, strawberries, mushrooms...)
- **Spice irradiation**

High Dose Applications (> 10 kGy)

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

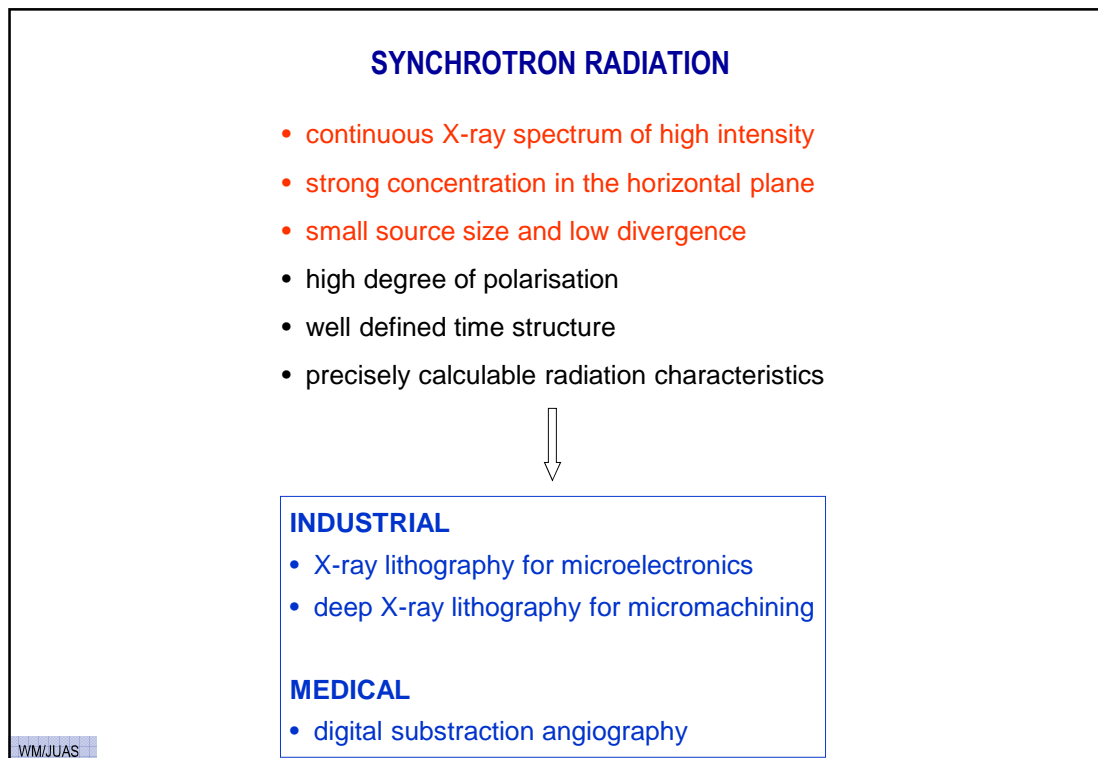
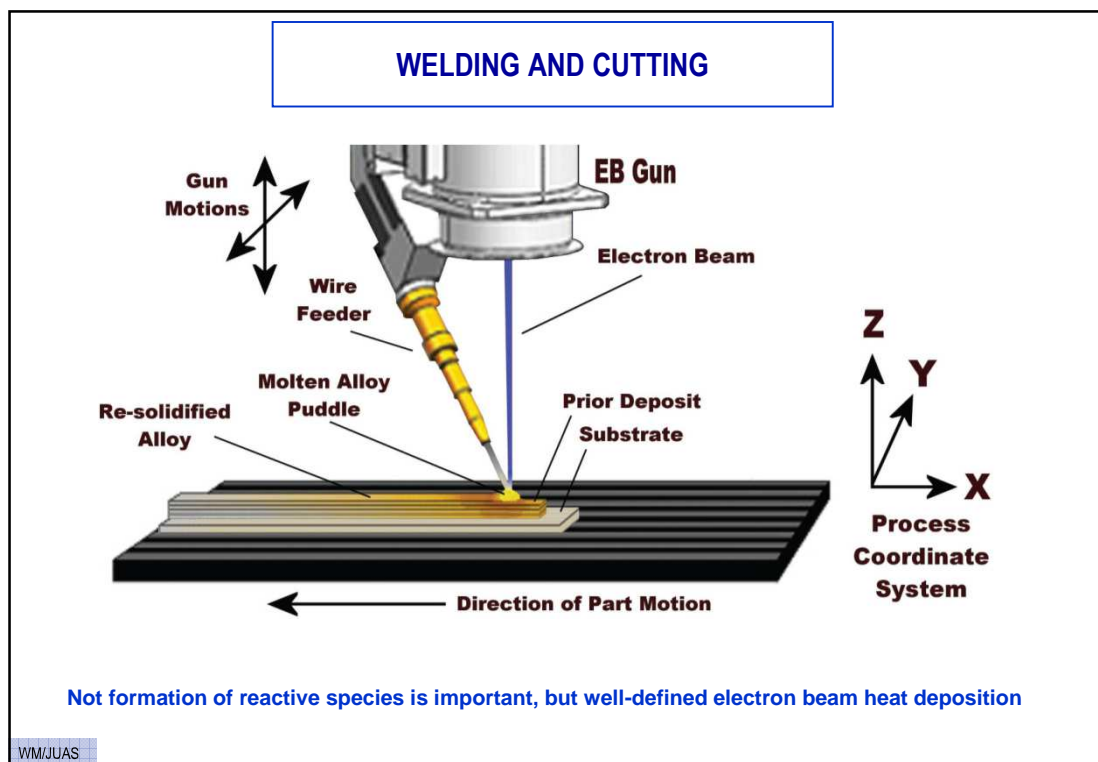
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RADIOGRAPHY



- 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

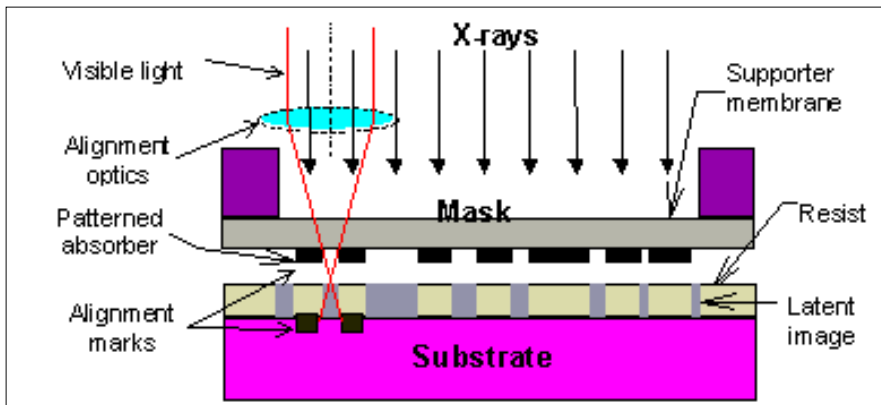
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X-ray lithography for microelectronics

the **SMALLER** the wavelength the better the resolution

X-ray lithography
(resolution better than 100 nm)

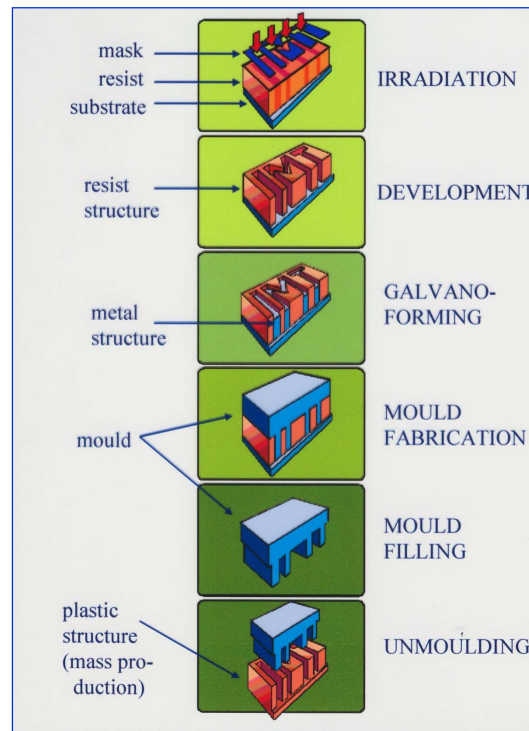


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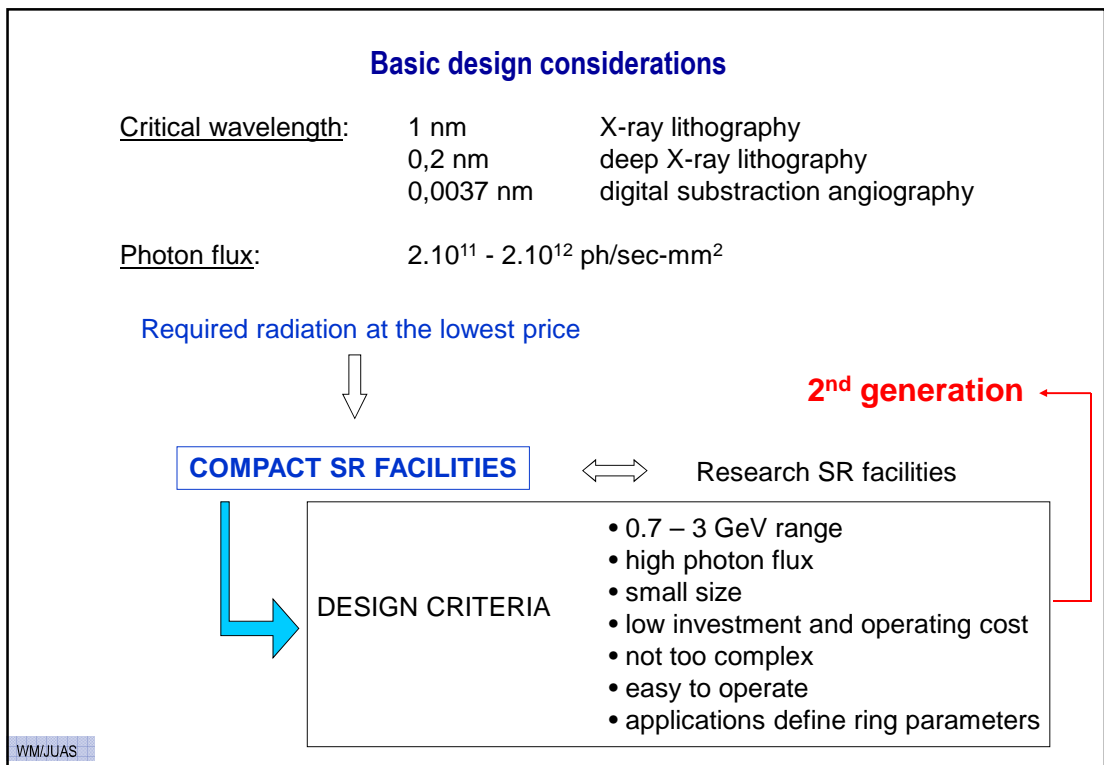
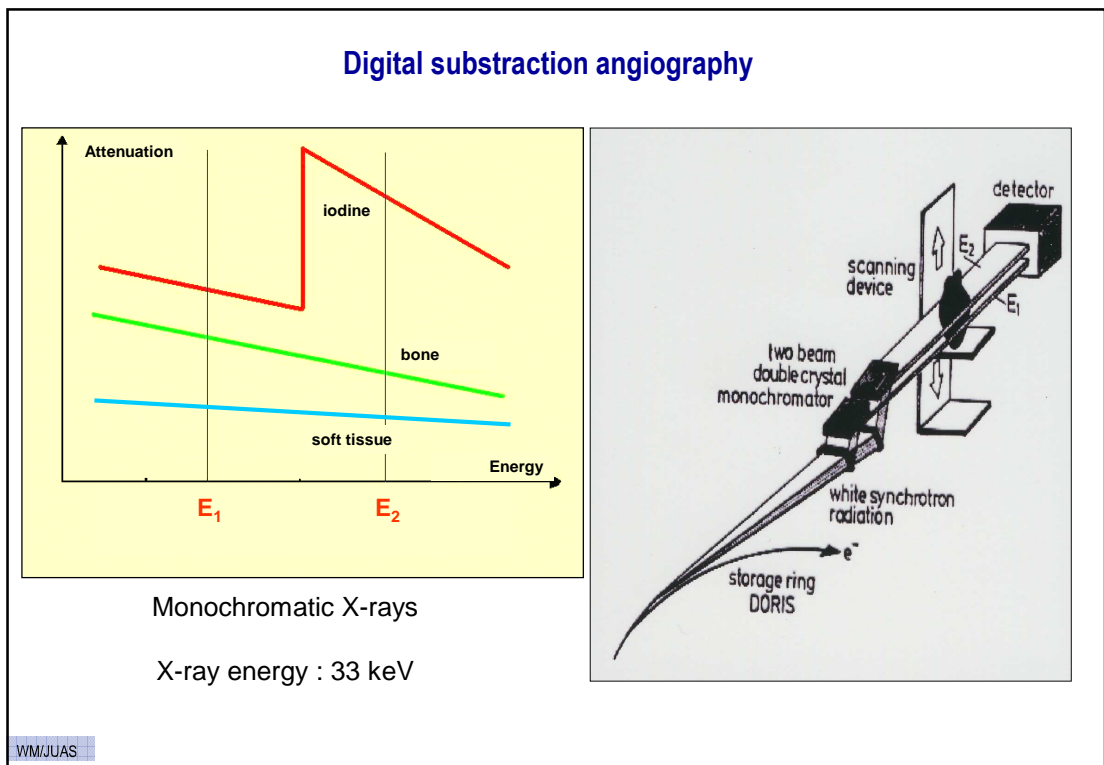
X-ray energy : 1 keV

Deep X-ray lithography for micromachining

LIGA process



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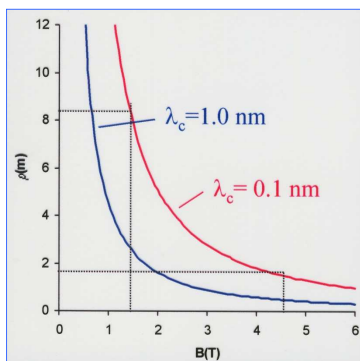


1. MAGNETS

COMPACTNESS

Normal-conducting

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



↔ superconducting magnets ?

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

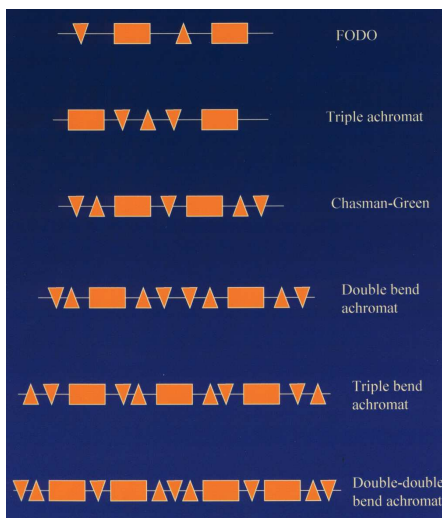
$$\lambda_c = \frac{20.7}{\rho^2(\text{m})B^3(\text{T})}$$

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|-------------------|-------|----------|
| Normal conducting | 1,5 T | |
| Superconducting | 4,5 T | $\rho/5$ |

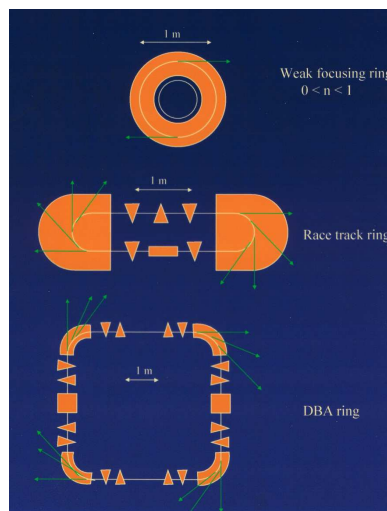
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2. LATTICES

IRON MAGNET LATTICES



SUPERCONDUCTING LATTICES



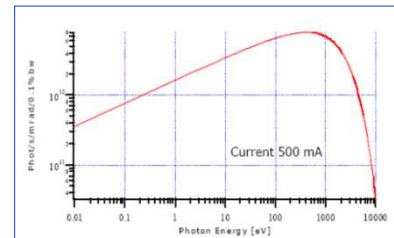
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HELIOS

HELIOS 1 IBM East Fishkill
 HELIOS 2 Singapore

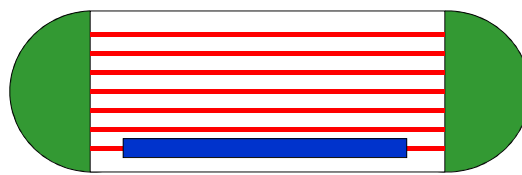


- Energy 700 MeV
- Stored current 620 mA
- Magnets 2 superconducting 180°
- Critical wavelength 0.84 m
- Nb of beamports 20
- Dimensions 6 m x 2m
- Injector 200 MeV linac (HELIOS 1)
100 MeV microtron (HELIOS 2)



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Stable motion in HELIOS ring



Stability condition in periodic rings:

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

period

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

traceM = 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

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