

**Overarching concepts** *Italics are "concepts"*

**Disclaimer- personal opinion of presenter**

Term-

Short term- fixing what we now use

And *Boxcare concept*

Medium term – make a much better linac- 3-7 years

Long term- new ways of doing what linac does- 7-? years

Modularity

For function- *Mars-Mission*- fixable by reasonably skilled non-expert

For complexity- upgrade head- to more complex MLC, etc, not need

New machine

Fits in cobalt room

Utilize what now exists

Replace cobalt "*Treatment, not Terror*", engage NNSA (DOE), IAEA,

Politicians and public support

Medium term may require different construction

Must be and appear to be first class *eye-rolling index*

Machines useable in Upper and Middle income countries

Critical for recruitment and retention of expertise; and market

Bury the complexity- *iphone*

Remote upgrades

Remote monitoring

Anticipate failure

Centralized oversight- QA, help,

But maintain simplicity *clinical oncologist in very high volume*

Able to do clinical set ups and treatment

Contouring-based use but not required for palliative or simple treatments

Robust (forever) vs inexpensive replacement

Consider stuff that already exists for availability, cost, replacement

Cluster concept

Available replacement parts- modular can be stored regionally

Repair can be finished in 24 hours (1 day loss of function at most)

Cluster of machines and Suite of machines in center or in region –

some workhorse and some more specialized (energy

and capability such as electrons, whole body, SRS, etc)

Potential market share

LMIC need =’s current world use

Consider global market

Fits within quality and reporting requirements of UICs

Specifications- requirements

Parameters clear- but upgradeable capability- don't lock out future options

Open-source

But- IP protected so open source possible

Interoperability among parts manufacturing

Cost- consider purchase, service, durability in the price

Clear explanation of what is included along full machine life for right

Calculation (e.g. cobalt disposal often not considered)

Interoperable

Treatment planning

Contouring 3D, IMRT, IGRT

Image acquisition

Environment- tolerant and friendly

Heat, cooling; Humidity

Sealed sources-

Safety and redundancy

Redundancy

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**Expertise- is essential** *ICEC global approach*

Build with on-the-ground expertise and community

**\*\*\*MUST own time beyond routine** service for overarching goals

Sustainable mentorship and education not "hit and run" visits

Global standards of care and global partnerships *world peace*

Academic career- opportunity for new knowledge and advancement

Economic considerations- capturing expertise now lost

**Not discussed here**

Nigel Crisp- "Turning the world upside down"- LMICs teach UICs to manage volume

Clay Christensen- Innovators Prescription (same person who wrote Innovator's DNA- disruptive and catalytic innovation)- move task down to "lowest" capable level (technicians, nurses do tasks often relegated to physicists and physicians)

Mohammed Yunus- social business model- reinvest profits after fair return on investment

### Specific components

Power supply- conditioned, stable, essential “power on” be limited so  
that backup isn’t major energy user

Recognize that medium term solutions will likely be in improved power  
settings

Moving parts-

Limited- use jaws, and some MLC- and software- “*RaySearch*”

Modularity- “color coded” swap in-

Potential to use new technology as easy swap in- klystrom, magnetron,  
solid state *printer-cartridge*

Dual utility

Can linac do both simulation and treatment- or is this poor use of linac

Beam energy? - range or workhorse vs specialty (complex)

Flattening filter, beamlets

Electrons? (required)

Magnets vs not- or where- bending vs not

Targets

Power supply

Info on chip- printed stuff

Things too hard for an MD...

Gantry- ? Beam needs to move . Issue relates to beam energy, quality assurance,  
patient mobilization

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### Next steps

\*\*Need “team” to carry the ball- CERN-ICEC-STFC

A. What are critical next steps for STFC consideration- and ready for next project

1. Defining **requirements and also criteria** for specific parts- robust vs cheap  
Build on section reports from this workshop

2. What parts need to be better- electronics? Power issues?

3. What parts need to be less expensive

4. What- or do all parts- need to be made into “color code” modularity

Engineering versus invention

What needs to be made better versus what needs more conceptualization

**Somewhat latter considerations**

B. Manufacturing

Distribution and maintenance (service)

C. Education and training (start asap to gather what exists).

D. Treatment system approach- first call to long-term followup

**Future workshops**

E. Long-term

F. Link to NCI “*Shades of Gy*” concept of radiation as a “drug”- “*accurate, precision radiation medicine*”

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**Linac guts**



**Linac brochure**



**Kathmandu wiring**



**Woodstock, Vermont (underground)**

### **Closing thoughts**

**Reminder from “Hidden Figures”** *President Kennedy Moon Speech* 12 Sept 1962  
**MUST apply this now to global cancer care** including indigenous and geographically isolated populations in UICs.

This is “Mars Landing and back”- beyond Moonshot as it must work!

“We choose to go to the moon. We choose to go to the moon in this decade (and do the other things), not because they are easy, but because they are hard, because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills, because that challenge is one that we are willing to accept, one we are unwilling to postpone, and one which we intend to win, and the others, too.”

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