

# QUALITY ASSURANCE OF IMRT

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# 'Chain' of IMRT Process



Adapted from an illustration presented by Webb and ASTRO/AAPM Scope of IMRT Practice Report

# *IMRT QA*

## Two types of QA

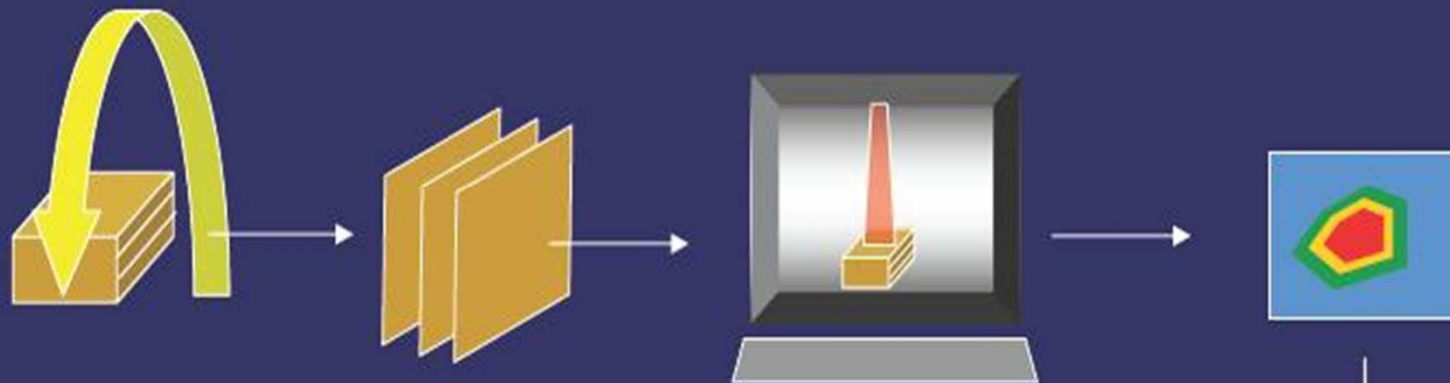
### System related

- Accuracy of delivery system
- Treatment planning system data integrity
- Various test to be added to periodic QA

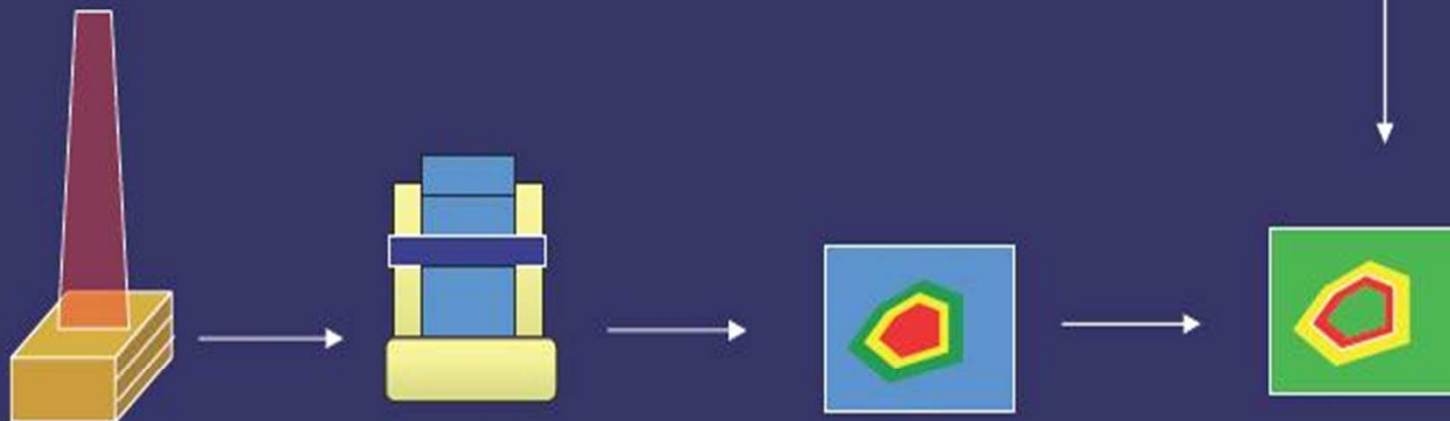
### Patient Specific

- Check of plan parameters
- Independent check of planned dose calculation

# IMRT QA WORK FLOW



CT scan phantom, plan with patient beams, calculate doses



Treat phantom, perform film dosimetry, get doses, compare to calculation

# IMRT QA

- ❖ Point dose measurement
- ❖ Evaluation of Fluence map generated by the TPS
- ❖ Leaf positioning Check (BEV)

# POINT DOSE MEASUREMENT

Goal: measurement of absolute dose value in a reference point

For head & Neck	- 5 cm
For Pelvis & abdomen	- 10 cm

**Verification of the planned versus delivered dose**



# POINT DOSE MEASUREMENT

Equipments required : ionization chambers, electrometer, phantom

CC0.13



CC0.01



point ionization chamber



Dose 1 electrometer

# PATIENT SPECIFIC ABSOLUTE DOSE MEASUREMENT

## BEAM DOSE MEASUREMENT

Date : 28/07/2007

Patient Name :  
Patient IMRT No. : 0186\_2007  
Tem. : 22.2° C  
Pressure : 914 mbar  
Ionization Chamber : 0.13cc chamber  
Model : Compact chamber CC13  
Make : Scanditronix wellhofer  
Absorbed-dose-to-water calibration factor  $N_{D,w}$  :  $26.36 \times 10^{-7}$  Gy/C

Beam No.	M.U	Meter Reading				Dose ( cGy )		Variation in Dose cGy
		R1	R2	R3	Avg.	Mes.	TPS	
1(15%)	118	117.1	117.1	117.1	117.1	116.5	116	+0.5
2(15%)	12							
3(16%)	108	115.0	115.0	115.0	115.0	114.4	113	+1.4
4(16%)	11							
5(16%)	115	117	117	117	117	116.41	116	+0.41
6(16%)	11							
7(16%)	113	113	113	113	113	112.4	112.5	-0.1
8(16%)	12							
9(16%)	112	119	119	119	119	118.4	116.9	+1.5
10(16%)	11							
11(16%)	115	124	124	124	124	123.4	123	+0.4
12(16%)	12							
13(14%)	117	114.4	114.4	114.4	114.4	113.8	113.6	+0.2
14(14%)	12							

Measurement at a depth of 10 cm of perspex

Average difference in dose is 0.616 cGy

Measured By

Medical Physicist

**TOLERANCE  $\leq 2\text{cGy}$  OR  $\leq 3\%$**



# RADIATION FLUENCY QA

Goal :- To compare of Fluence maps generated by the Treatment planning system and measured

# RADIATION FLUENCY QA

All IMRT QA checks are done at 0 gantry position and compared with dose distributions recalculated from the TPS at the same gantry angle. Acceptance criteria of 3% and 3 mm DTA resulted in agreement of > 94% of the points for all IMRT fields

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# RADIATION FLUENCY QA -PROCEDURE

PATIENTS PLAN TRANSFER TO MAP CHECK  
( EACH ARC CONVERTED IN TO SINGLE ORIENTATION ( GANTRY =0 )  
& SPECIFIED DEPTH IN PHANTOM )

## MESUREMENT

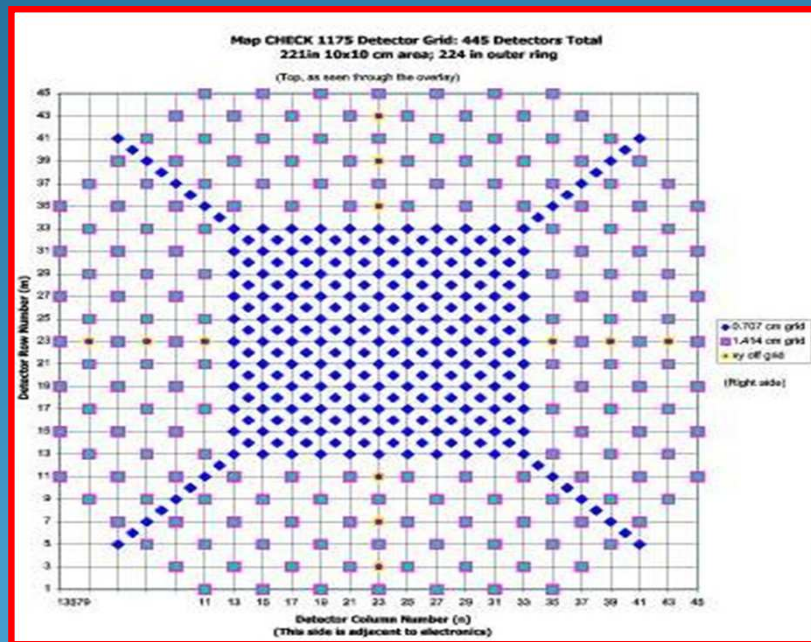
PELVIC - 10 CM

HEAD AND NECK - 5 CM

MAP CHECK or Film dosimetry

# MAP CHECK

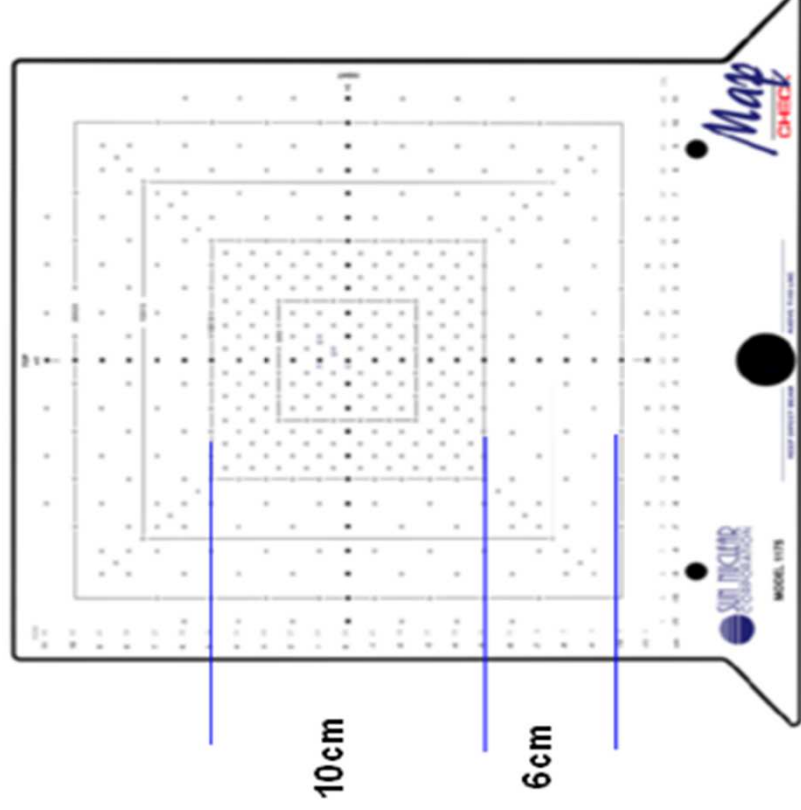
- 2 – dimensional therapy beam measurement system
- Contains 445 diode detectors arranged in a grid
- 10x10 cm center portion of the grid contains detectors with 7mm spacing
- Outer area contains detectors with 14mm spacing



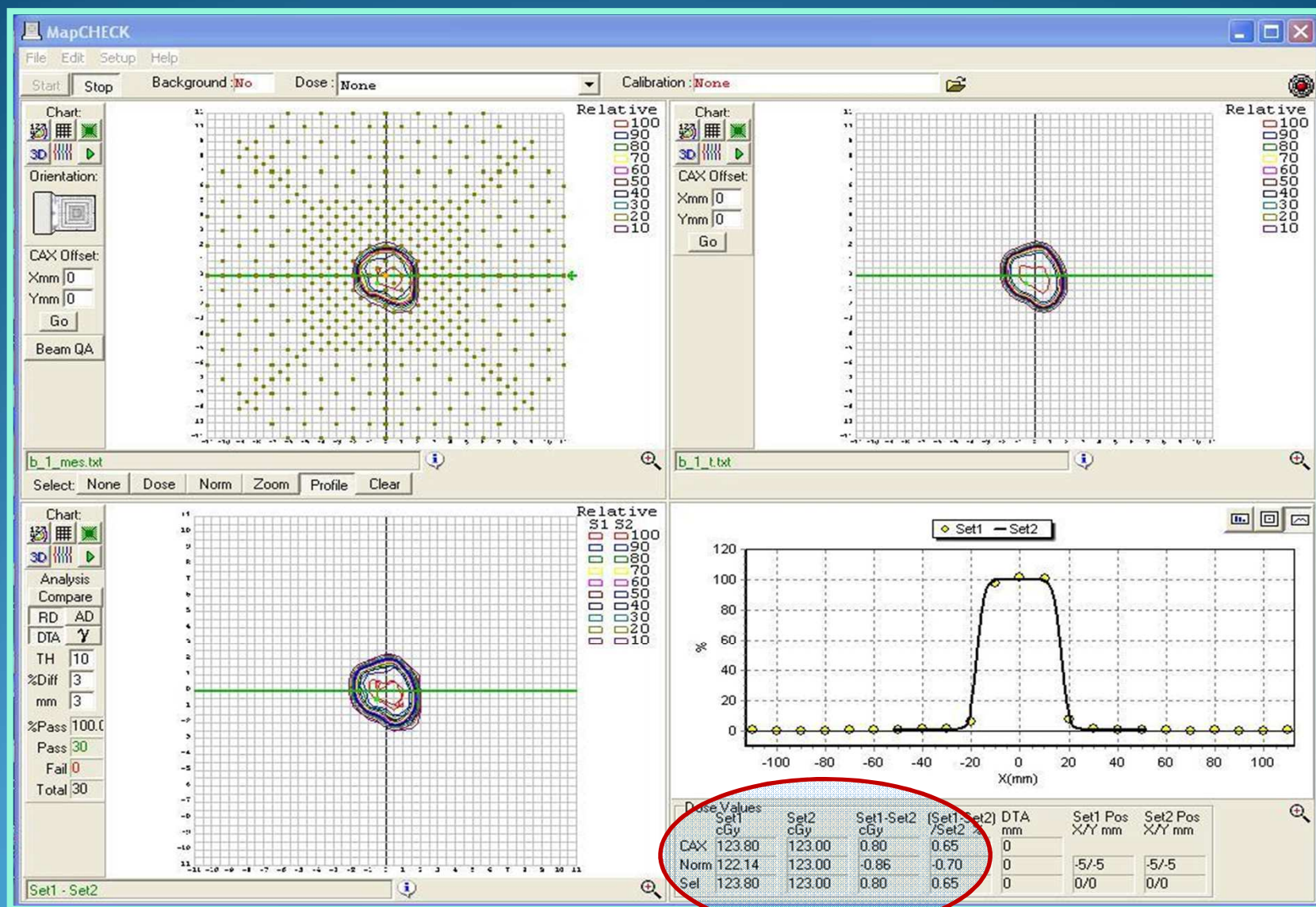


# Detectors

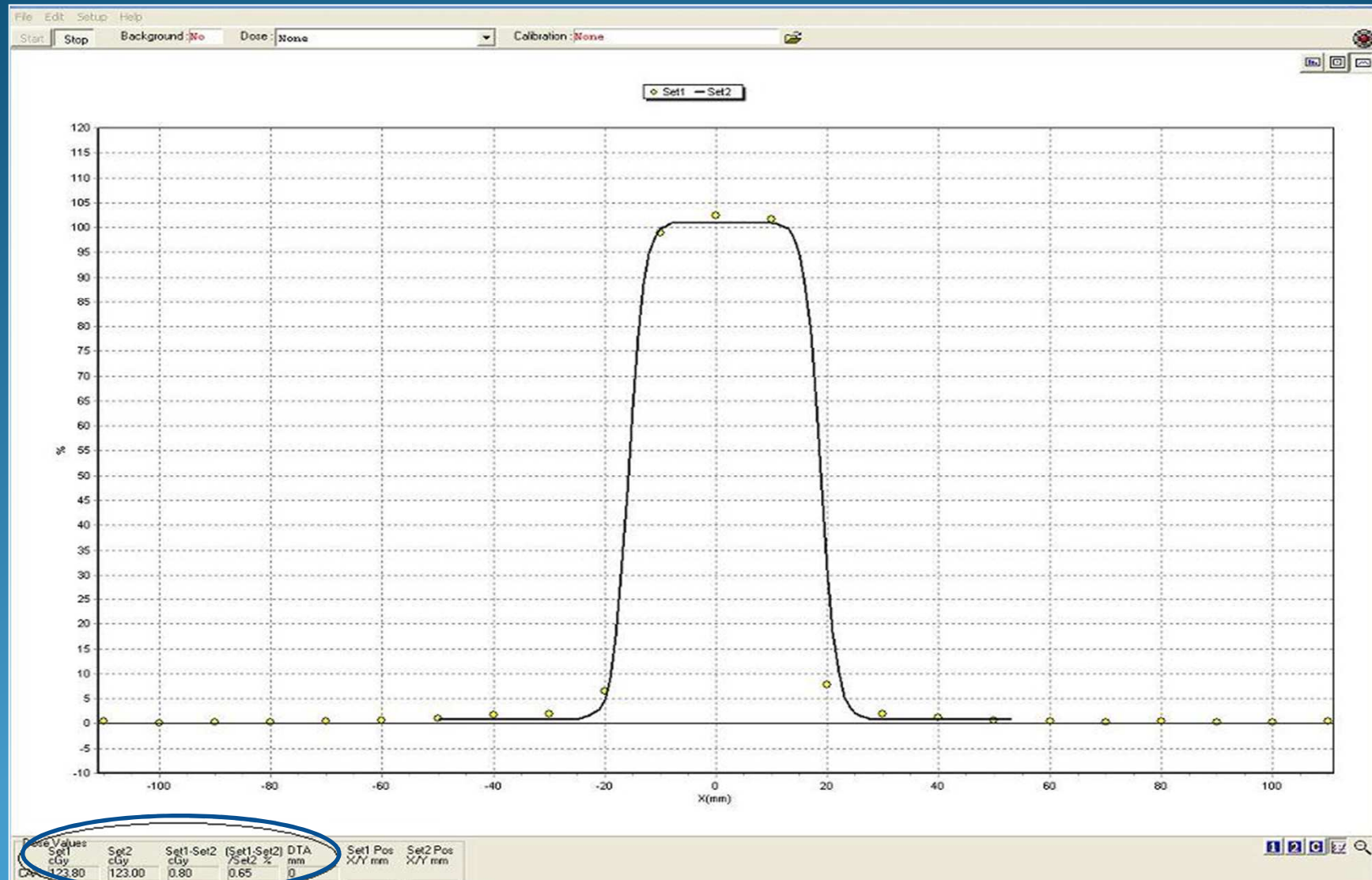
- Beneath the acrylic top, there are 445 detectors arranged in a precise grid
  - 221 detectors in the inner 10 x 10cm array with a resolution of 0.707cm
  - 224 detectors in the outer array (6cm wide) with a resolution of 1.41cm
- The detectors are housed beneath inherent buildup of 2.0 g/cm<sup>3</sup>
  - Physical distance from the surface to the detector plane is 1.35cm
- The MapCHECK field size is 22cm x 22cm
  - Fields of up to 40cm x 40cm are supported using the NEW Combine feature (shown later in the presentation)



# ISODOSE DISTRIBUTION: MEASURED vs PLANNED

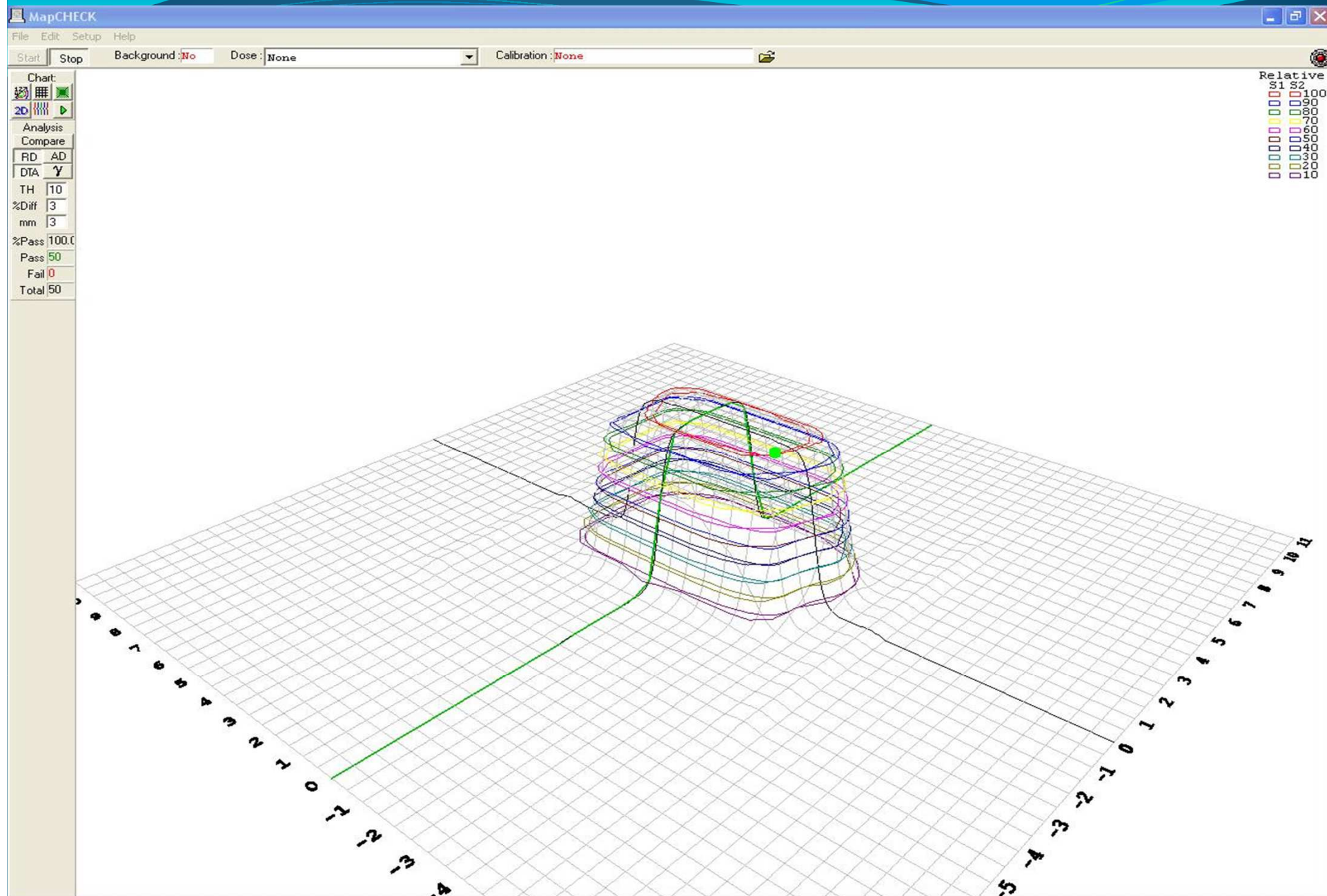


# BEAM PROFILE: MEASURED vs PLANNED





# 3D ISODOSE DISTRIBUTION - COMPARISON

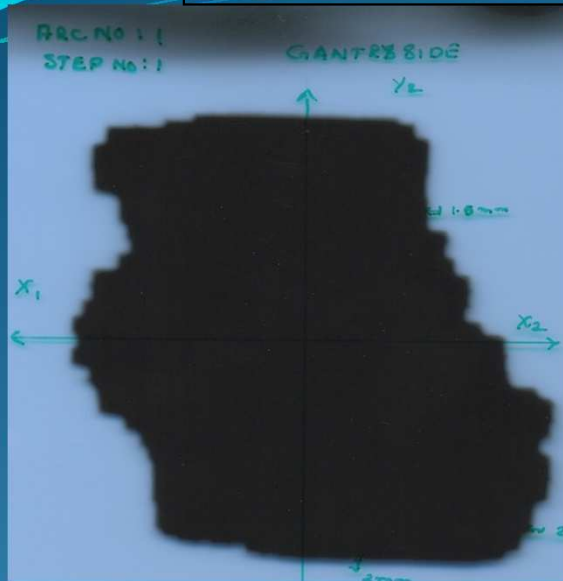




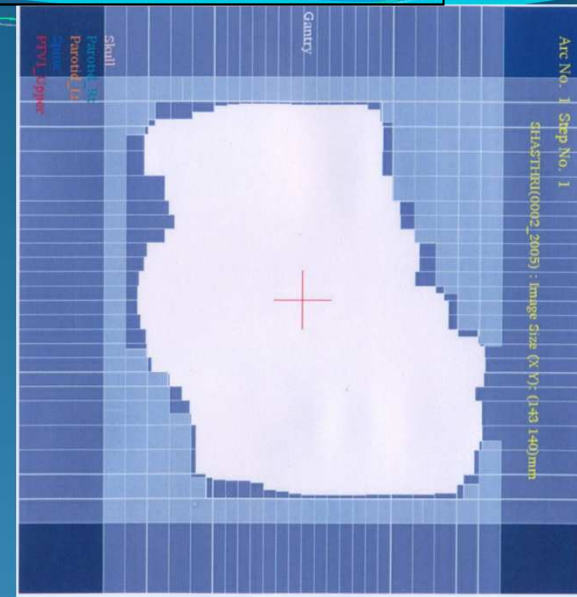
## DTA : Planned Vs Measured

- If DTA passes at 3%/3mm level proceed with the treatment .
- At the 5%/5mm level examine sources of discrepancies. Proceed with treatment only if
  - Discrepancies can be resolved or
  - Region of error are clinically insignificant
- Beyond 5%/5 mm, Perform the measurement

## BEAM EYE VIEW VERIFICATION



**RADIATION FIELD**



**TPS FIELD**

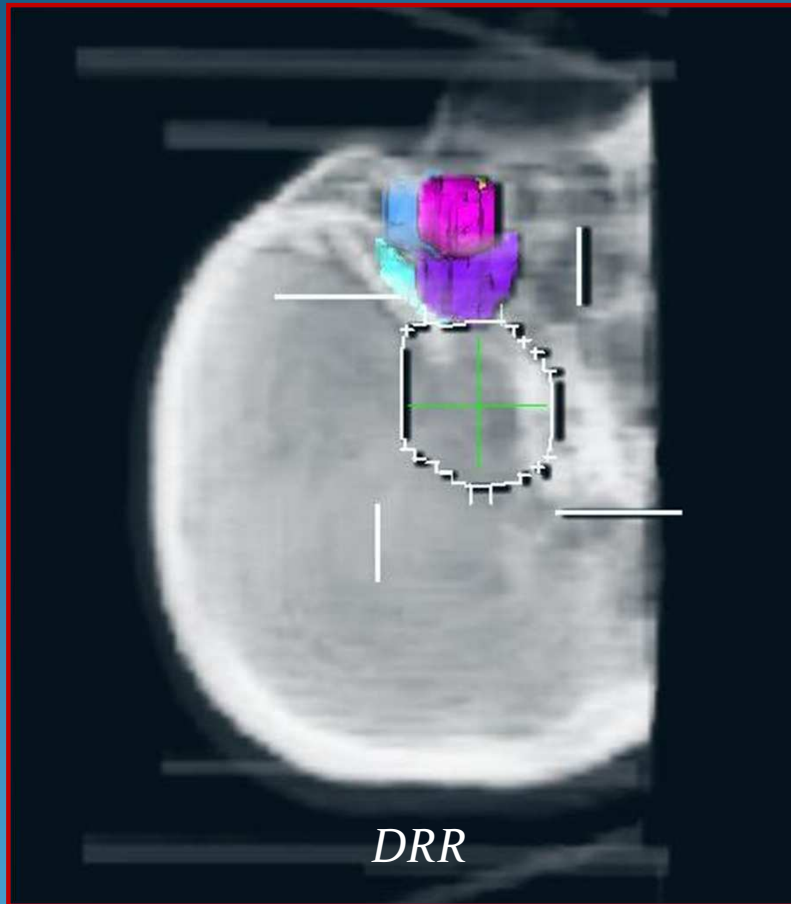


**FUSION**

Acceptable limited  
is less than 2 mm

At curie ~ 200 fields checked  
and found less than 2 mm

## LEAF POSITIONING & ISOCENTRE CHECK ( DRR vs PORT FILM)



TOLERANCE : 2mm

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