



# Dosimetry Technology For Radiation Oncology

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# Personal Introduction

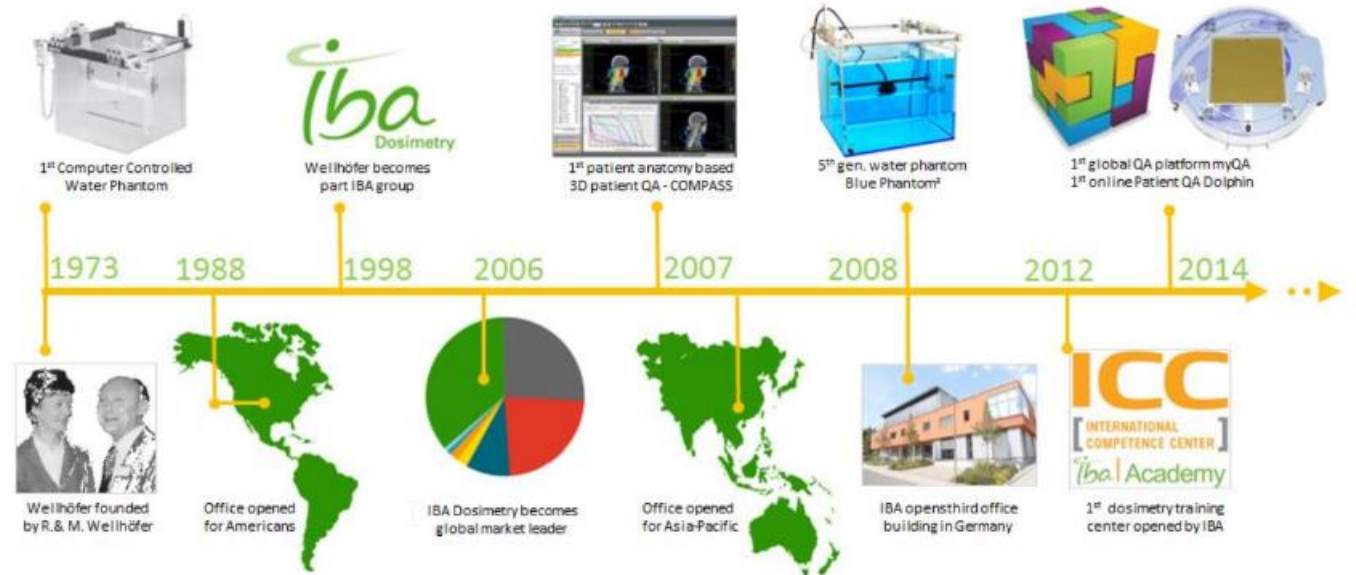
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  - Therapy
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    - Therapist
  - Vendor
    - Applications Specialist
      - Hardware
      - Software
    - Project Management
    - EMR Implementation Consultant



# Introduction to IBA



- Proton Therapy
- Dosimetry
  - 220 International Employees
  - 4 Offices
    - USA, Germany, China, France



- Radiation Oncology
  - 'Mysterious' Portion of Healthcare
- Radiation has been an effective tool for treating cancer for more than 100 years.
- About two-thirds of all cancer patients will receive radiation therapy as part of their treatment.
- Radiation therapy works by damaging the DNA within cancer cells resulting in cell death.
- The goal is to destroy as many of the cancer cells as possible while committing as little damage to the healthy cells as possible.

Radiation therapy is used different ways.

- Destroy Tumors
- Shrink Tumors
  - Pre / Post Surgery or Chemotherapy
    - Pre – reduce size for resection
    - Post – residual / microscopic
- To reduce symptoms - Palliation
  - Shrink tumors affecting quality of life, like a lung tumor that is causing shortness of breath or tumor causing compression.



# Traditional Radiation Oncology

- **Photon Beam (X-Ray):**  
Energy: 6 MV and 15 MV
- **Electron Beam:**  
Energy: 6, 9, 12, 15 and 18 MeV



- Treatment is the point of no return.....
- Similar to a pharmacist checking a Rx
- QA is extremely important.....
  - Short Term: Disease Management
  - Long Term: Side Effects

- Medical Imaging
- Radiation Therapy
  - Photon
  - Electron
  - Proton
- Software
  - MyQA Product Suite
    - Machine QA
    - Patient QA
    - Real Time Analysis
    - Trending / Analytics



## ■ StarTrack

- Machine QA
- 452 Chambers
- 5mm Resolution



## ■ MatriXX

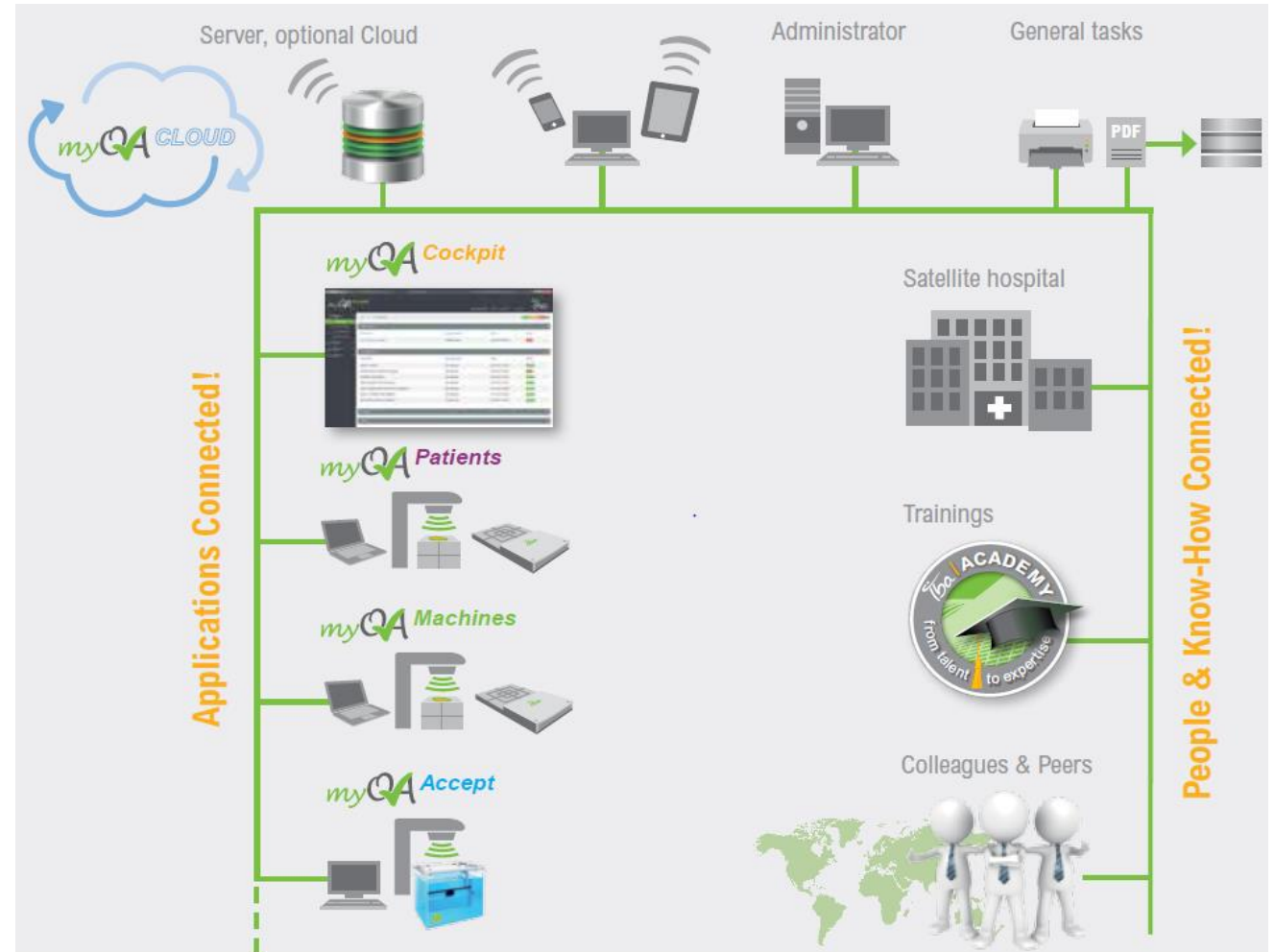
- Machine QA
- Patient QA
- 1020 Chambers
- 7.6mm Resolution



- ✓ All QA applications **integrated**
- ✓ Instant QA **overview**
- ✓ **Intuitive** and **unique** interface
- ✓ Simple and clear **reporting**

**All data**

- managed by **one Platform**
- saved into **one database (SQL)**



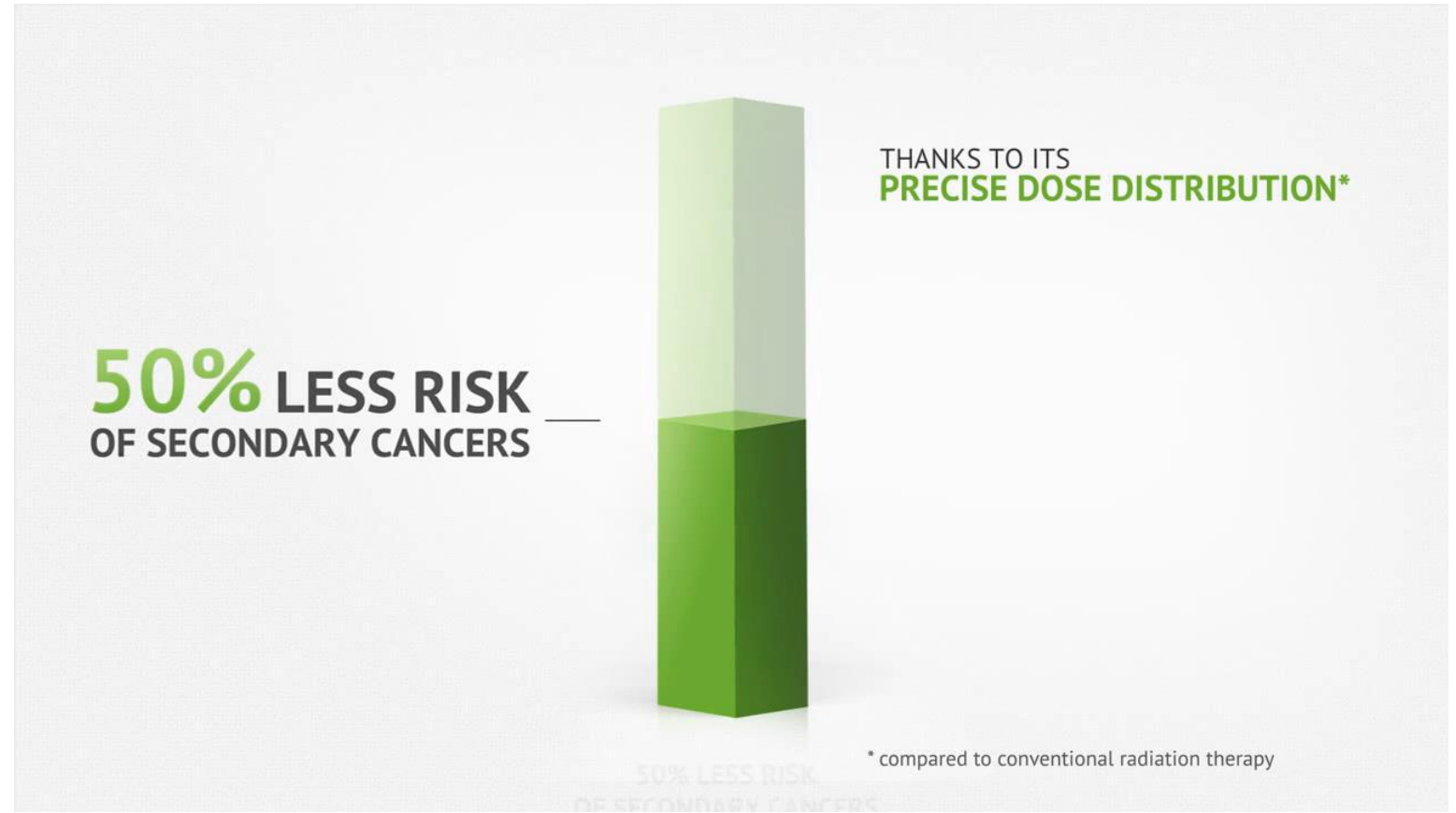
# IBA Proton Dosimetry Product Line



- Beam Models
  - PBS
  - DS
- QA Equipment
  - Commissioning



- Patient QA



# FROM COMMISSIONING TO PATIENT QA



Blue Phantom<sup>2</sup>

**Lynx** PT



Commissioning

Machine QA

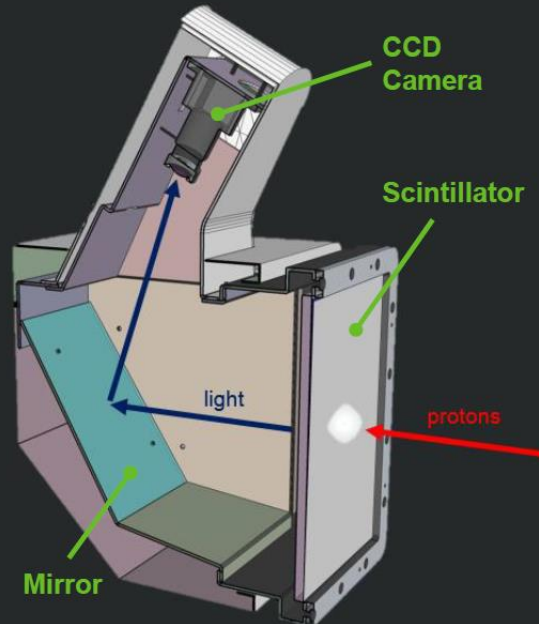
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**Stingray**

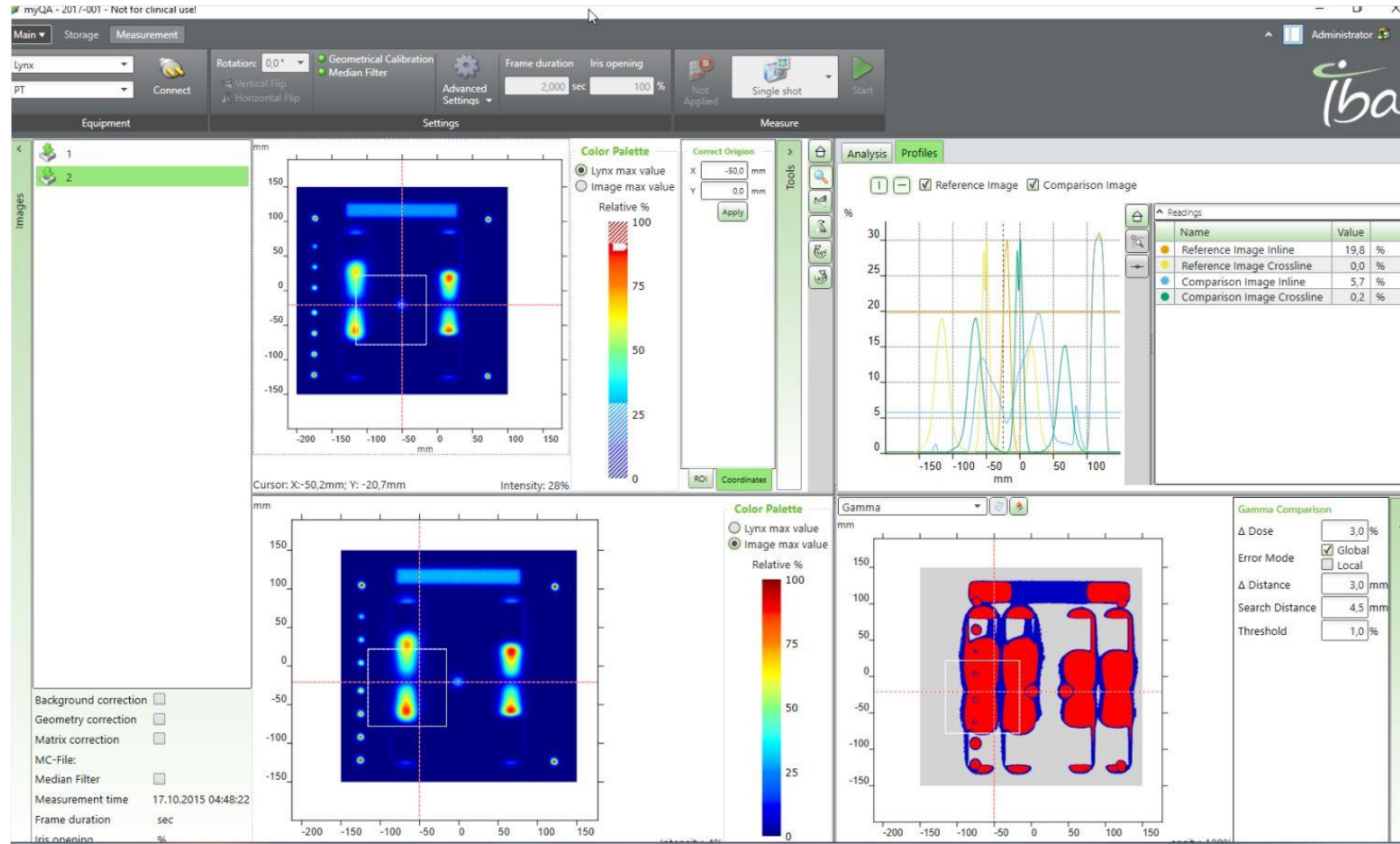


## How it works



- **Scintillator**
  - Active surface: 30 x 30 cm
  - Gadolinium based
- **Mirror**
- **CCD Camera**
  - Resolution= 0.5 mm
  - 1024x1024, 12-bit
  - Controllable Iris
    - For beam current saturation control
  - Different modes

# MyQA – Lynx Plugin





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Giraffe



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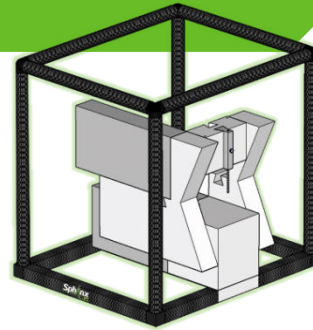
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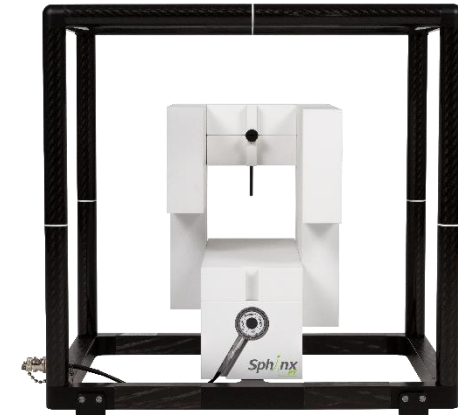
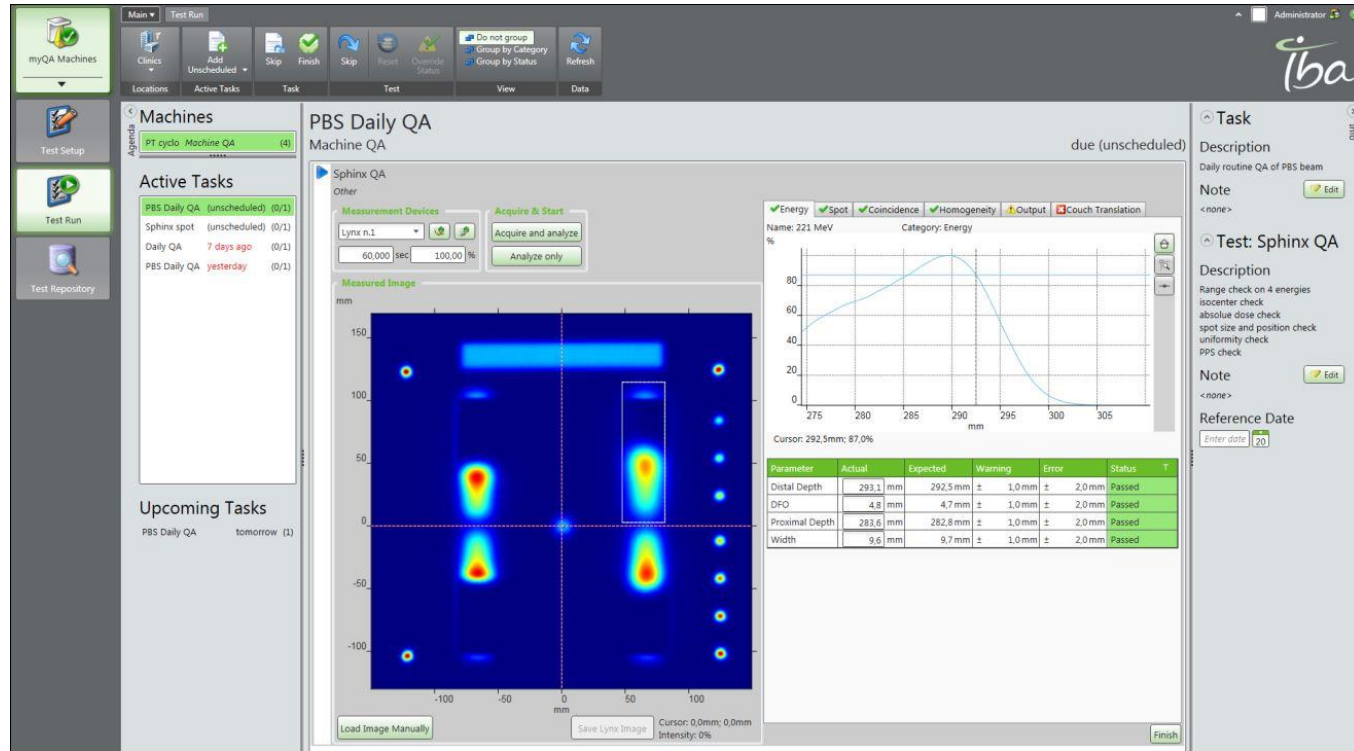


Zebra



Sphnix  
PT

# Sphinx - MyQA





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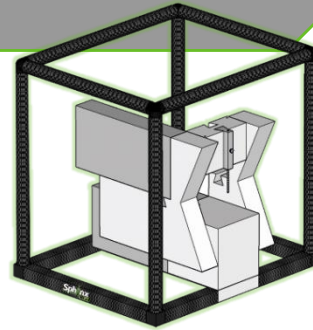
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DigiPhant<sup>PT</sup>

- More Efficiency
  - Less QA Time = More Patient Care Time
  
- Peace of Mind
  - SBRT
    - High Dose
    - Small Fractions
    - One incorrect treatment = 20% Error

# Absolute and Relative Dosimetry

- AAPM TG 142 Protocol
- Overwhelming amount of QA for Physics teams
  - Daily, Weekly, etc.
  - kV, mV, CBCT, SRS, SBRT, etc.
- Water Phantoms
  - Cumbersome
  - Time consuming: Long setup and measurement time
  - Gold Standard



- Needs

- Equipment
  - Dosimetric
  - Imaging
  - Mechanics

- Challenges

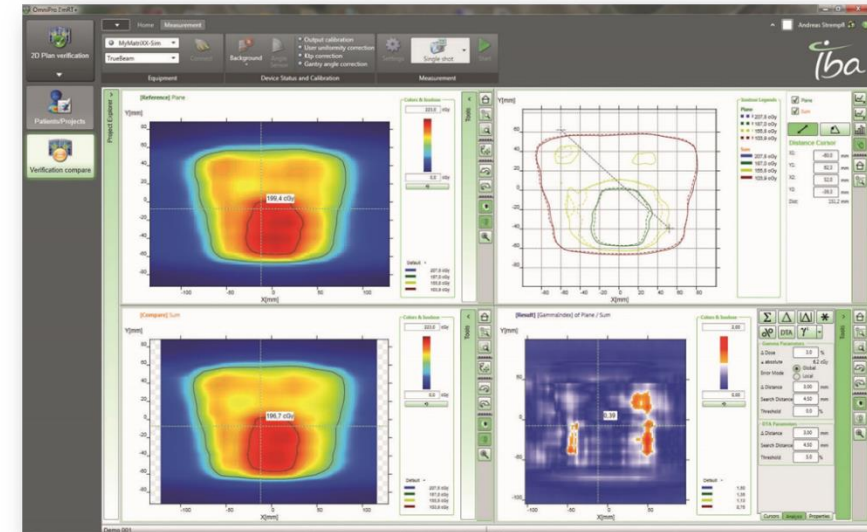
- Different Vendors
- File Formats

- Solution?

- 'Standard' Detectors
- Single File Protocol

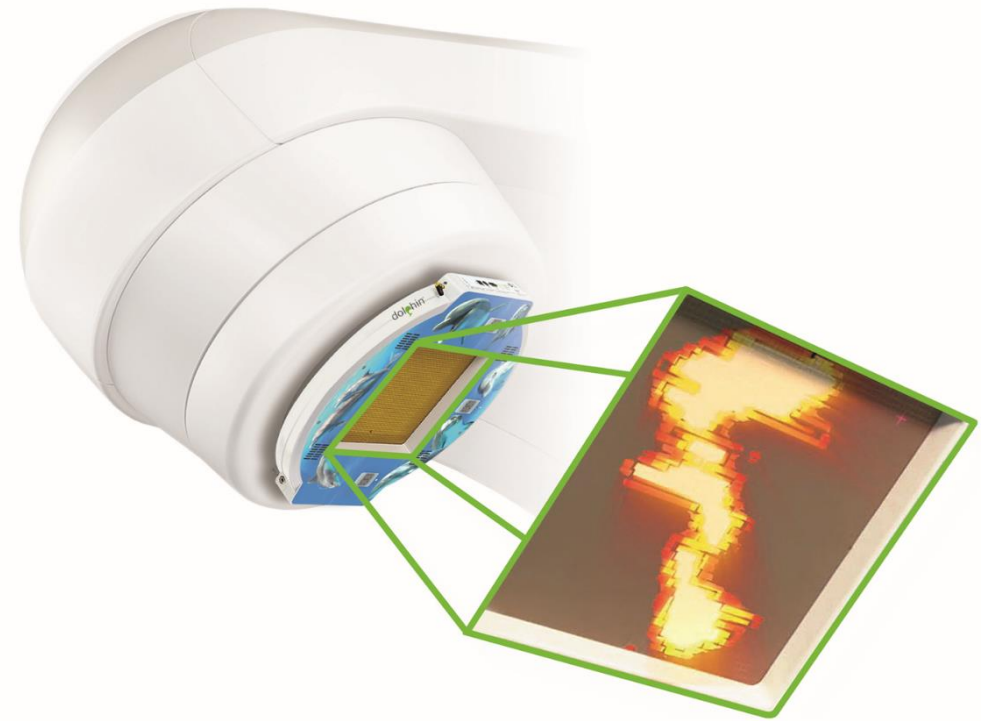


- Most Time Intensive QA
  - Trend = Adopt Most Effective Method
    - Quick Verifications
      - EPID
      - Calibration Concerns by customers
    - Additional Measurements only when necessary (Europe)
      - Not currently strong in US
        - Mandatory
        - Reimbursed
- Normal Fractionated IMRT
  - Solutions are abundant
  - Rotational QA
- Stereotactic Treatment
  - Small Fields need small resolution
  - Measurement at Isocenter
  - Currently there are no good solutions



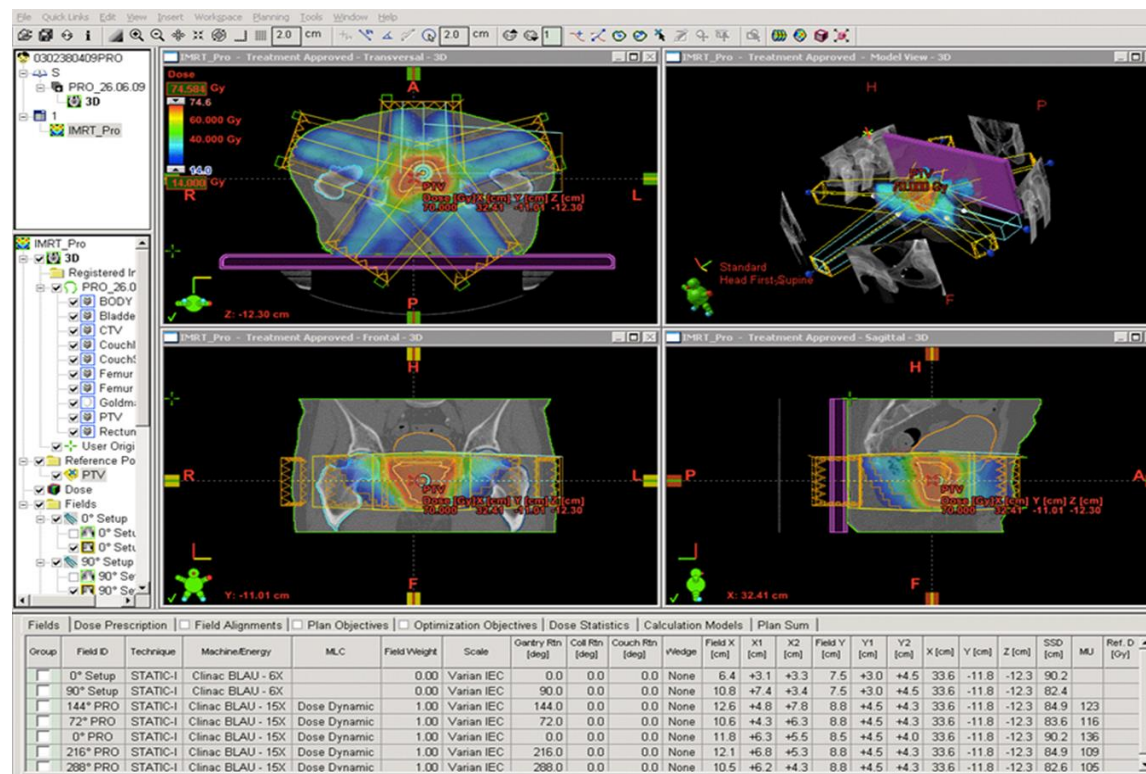
## ■ EPID

- Same concerns with calibration
- 2D Analysis
  - Good for Patient positioning and Anatomy
  - Not good for dose distribution
- Transmission Detectors
  - Measures ‘clean’ data without patient anatomy
  - Beam Attenuation
    - Multiple Vendors
      - Nominal Resolution
      - Pre-treatment measurement with phantom
      - No fluence map = No Dose
- Log Files
  - Not real measurement?
  - Not independent of machine manufacturer under test



# Patient QA – Data

- How is it utilized?
  - TPS
  - QA Dose Engines
  - Adaptive Radiation Therapy (Real Time)
    - Registration of Components
      - CBCT
      - Dose Distribution
      - Planning CT
- Leads to Automated Re-planning
- Requires more patient time
- Requires more CMD resources





- Many Vendors
  - Different File formats
  - Competition – leads to inability to work together for a solution
    - Proprietary Hardware / Software
- MR Linacs
  - Elekta
  - ViewRay
- IT
  - Network Concerns
    - Data Breaches
    - Wireless Connectivity
    - HIPAA
- Cardiac Treatments



- AI
- New Technologies
- More Automation



Thank you for your time!