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EURAMET EMPIR PRISM-eBT

Een Europees samenwerkingsverband voor de ontwikkeling van primaire standaarden en herleidbaarheid voor elektronische brachytherapie

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Inhoudsopgave



Wat doet VSL ook alweer ... ?



Wat is EURAMET en EMPIR ... ?



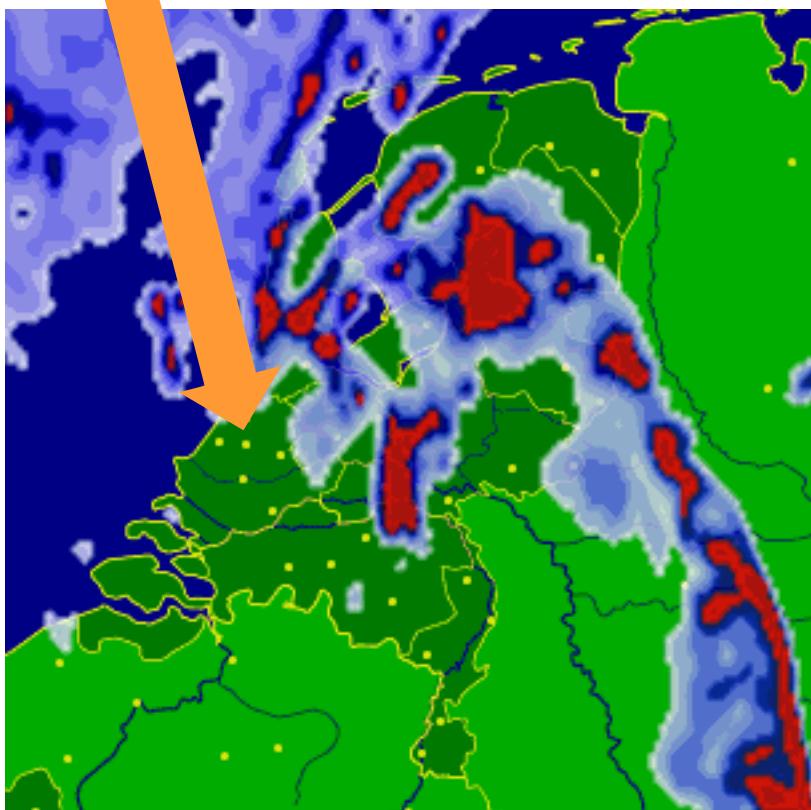
Wat is PRISM-eBT project binnen EMPIR ... ?



Wat doet VSL in hierin ... ?



VSL, Delft, The Netherlands



“Bij VSL maken we de maten en gewichten voor Nederland.”

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meter
seconde
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VSL is the Dutch National Metrology Institute
VSL is situated in Delft, South-West The Netherlands

METROLOGY AND PRIMARY MEASUREMENT STANDARDS



Wat is ... EURAMET

Regionale metrologieorganisaties (RMOs):

**AFRIMETS
COOMET
GULFMET
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EURAMET**

EUROpean **A**sso**C**ciation of **M**ETrology institut**e**s



EURAMET ... coördinatie van Europese metrologie-activiteiten op het gebied van:

- onderzoek, herleidbaarheid, internationale erkenning van nationale standaarden en CMCs
- door kennisoverdracht, samenwerking tussen de Europese nationale metrologie instituten (NMIs)
- via Europese onderzoeksprogramma's:

EMRP (2009 – 2017): European Metrology Research Programme

EMPIR (2014 – 2024): European Metrology Programme for Innovation and Research

EPM (2021 – 2030): European Partnership in Metrology

Wat is ...



European Metrology Programme for Innovation and Research



EMPIR coördineert Europees metrologisch samenwerkend onderzoek tussen:

- metrologie-instituten (NMIs en DIs)
- industrie
- ziekenhuizen
- universiteiten

Ter bevordering van de Europese positie op het gebied van:

- industrie en handel
- energie(transitie)
- milieu
- gezondheidszorg
- normen
- fundamentele eenheden (SI)
- metrologische samenwerking

Wat is ...



het PRISM-eBT project?



De voordelen van brachytherapie zijn bekend.

Elektronische brachytherapie heeft een aantal aanvullende voordelen:

- Het betreft röntgentoestellen tot 70 kV (geen radioactieve materialen).
- Dit heeft voordelen voor regelgeving.
- De bronnen zijn relatief eenvoudige af te schermen.
- Sterke, goed gedefinieerde dosisprofielen.

Waarom dit project?

- Kalibratie en dosimetrie van de systemen is fabrikantspecifiek.
- Dosismeting is wellicht precies (lees: herhaalbaar), maar niet nauwkeurig of herleidbaar.
- Er bestaat momenteel nog geen herleidbaarheid naar internationaal geaccepteerde standaarden.
- Er bestaan nog geen normen die meetmethoden onafhankelijk maken van de fabrikantkalibratie.
- Momenteel wordt nog vaak gewerkt met grote onzekerheden: 10 % - 15 %, $k = 1$, is niet ongebruikelijk.

Dit remt de ontwikkeling voor veilige toepassing.



Het PRISM-eBT project



partners

stakeholders



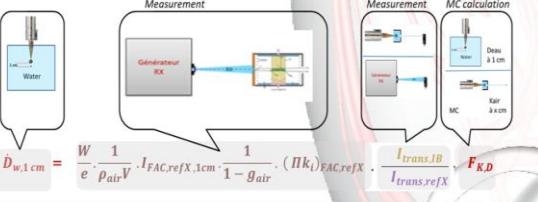
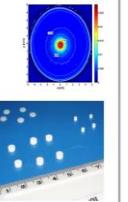
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Het PRISM-eBT project

<p>Primary and transfer standards</p> <p>Establishment of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary standards for D_w. • Transfer standards for D_w. • Traceability chains for D_w. <p></p>	<p>WP1</p>	<p>Traceability for superficial treatment</p> <p>Establishment of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surface dose ($D_{70\mu m}$) via air kerma standards. • Conversion between surface dose ($D_{70\mu m}$) and depth-dose (D_w, WP1). • Traceability chains for the absorbed dose rate to water. <p></p>	<p>WP2</p>	<p>Characterisation and calibration of detectors for 3D dose distribution measurements</p> <p>Characterisation and traceable (D_w, WP1) calibration of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small volume online detectors. • Fricke gel dosimeters. • Characterisation and calibration of alanine dosimeters. <p></p>	<p>WP3</p>
<p>3D dose distribution measurements</p> <p>Measurement of the 3D dose distributions close to the eBT devices with or without applicators.</p> <p>Comparison of measurements with vendor supplied dose maps.</p> <p></p>	<p>WP4</p>	<p>Creating impact & Coordination</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dissemination of the project outputs given by close cooperation with National (DIN), European (BrappyQS) and International (IAEA) Organisations. • IAEA substantially support this project and agreed to be the Chief Stakeholder. • Update of IAEA Tecdoc 1274 (2 members of the JRP will be members of the Working Group). • Medical Physics organisations are represented in the advisory board. 			



WP2 PRISM-eBT: Traceability for superficial treatment

WP2

Traceability for superficial (skin) external treatment



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in de beste handen



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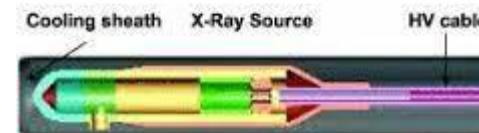
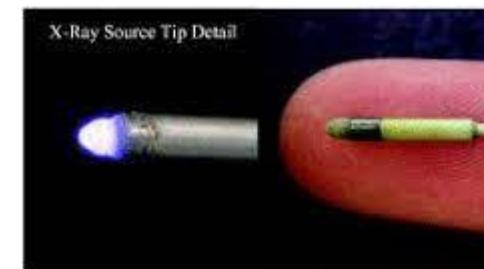
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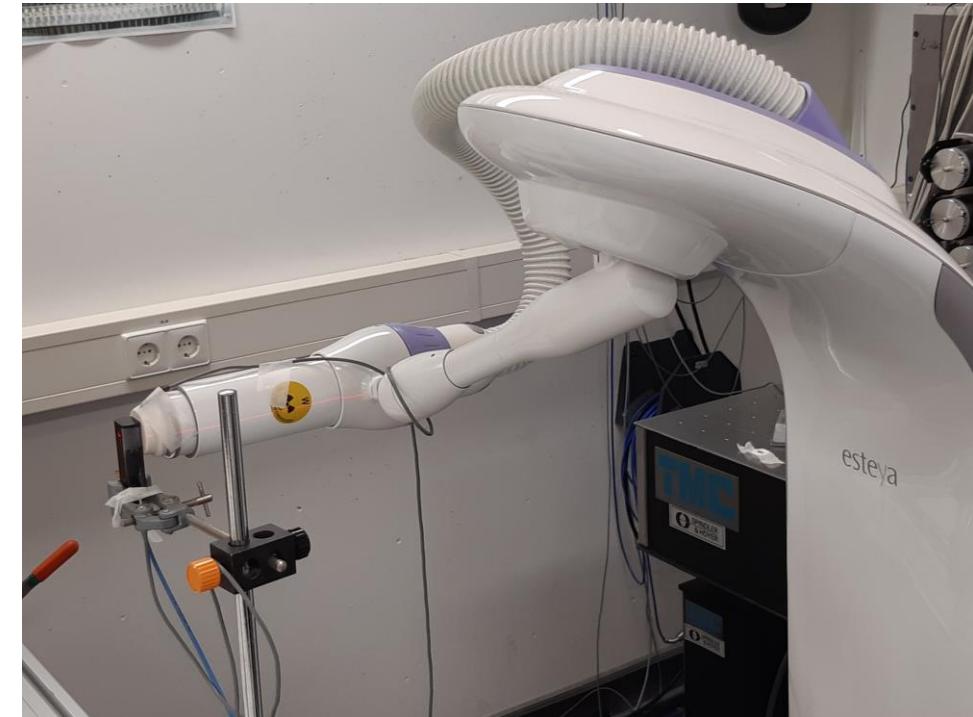
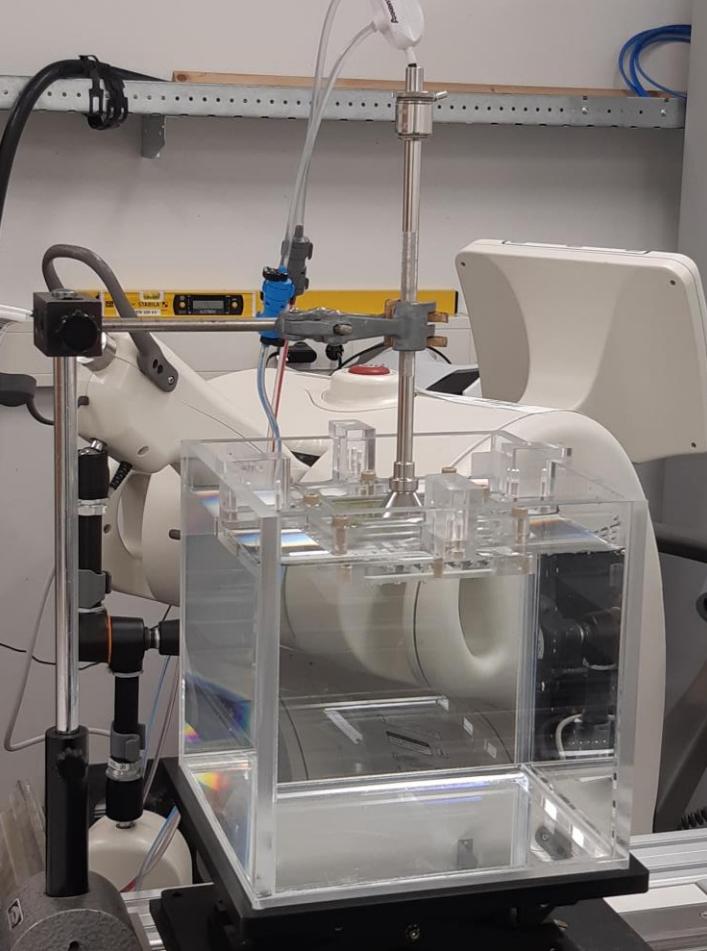


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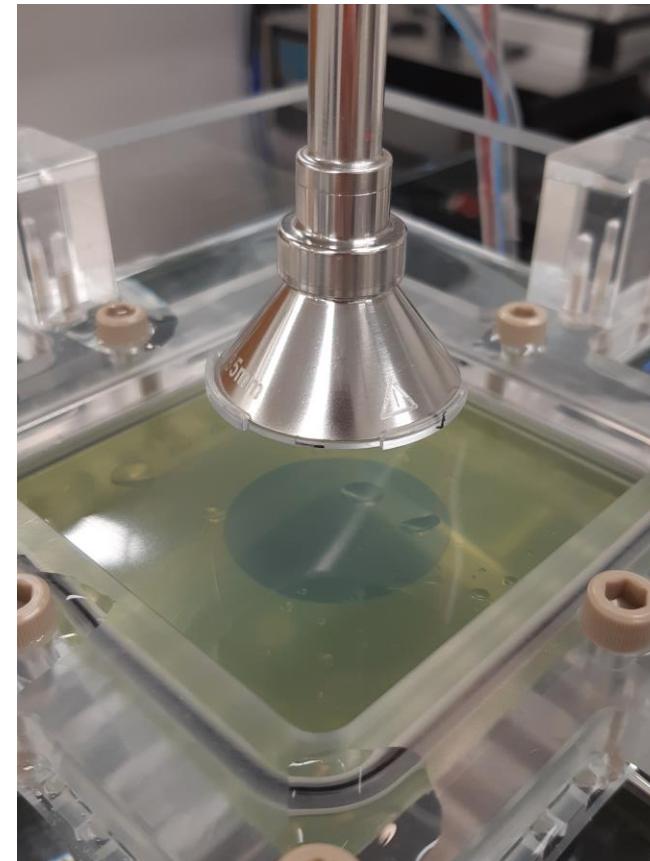
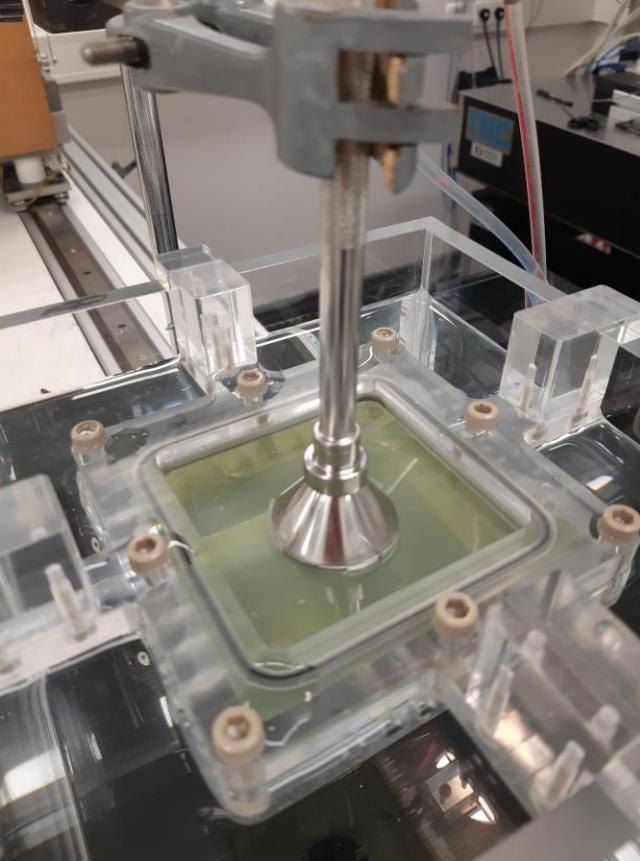


Applicators

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WP2 PRISM-eBT: Doel

To establish a dosimetric methodology for superficial (skin) treatment with eBT devices, in terms of **absorbed dose to water at the surface of a water phantom** (based on IAEA-TRS398, AAPM-TG61, DIN 6809-4 and NCS-10):

$$D_w(d_{\text{surface}})$$

Dose to surface will be converted to dose to 1 cm depth via radiochromic film in a water phantom:

$$D_w(d_{1\text{cm}})$$

Target uncertainties ($k = 1$)

$$u[D_w(d_s)] = 3.5 \%$$

$$u[D_w(d_{1\text{cm}})] = 5 \%$$



WP2 PRISM-eBT: beoogd formalisme

based on NCS-10 and AAPM TG-61

$$D_{w,surface} = K_{air} \cdot \left(\frac{\bar{\mu}_{en}}{\rho} \right)_{air}^w \cdot B_w$$

NOTE:

The actual D_w at the phantom surface is neither measurable nor clinically relevant.

However:

for low-energy photons TCPE is present at a specific (small) depth in the phantom

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D_w is therefore only defined at the minimum depth at which TCPE is achieved (neglecting attenuation over this depth)

Thus:

TCPE is assumed at the 'phantom surface' starting at D_{max} ($\geq 70 \mu\text{m}$)

WP2 PRISM-eBT: basis is NCS-10 (en AAPM TG-61)

apply from left to right

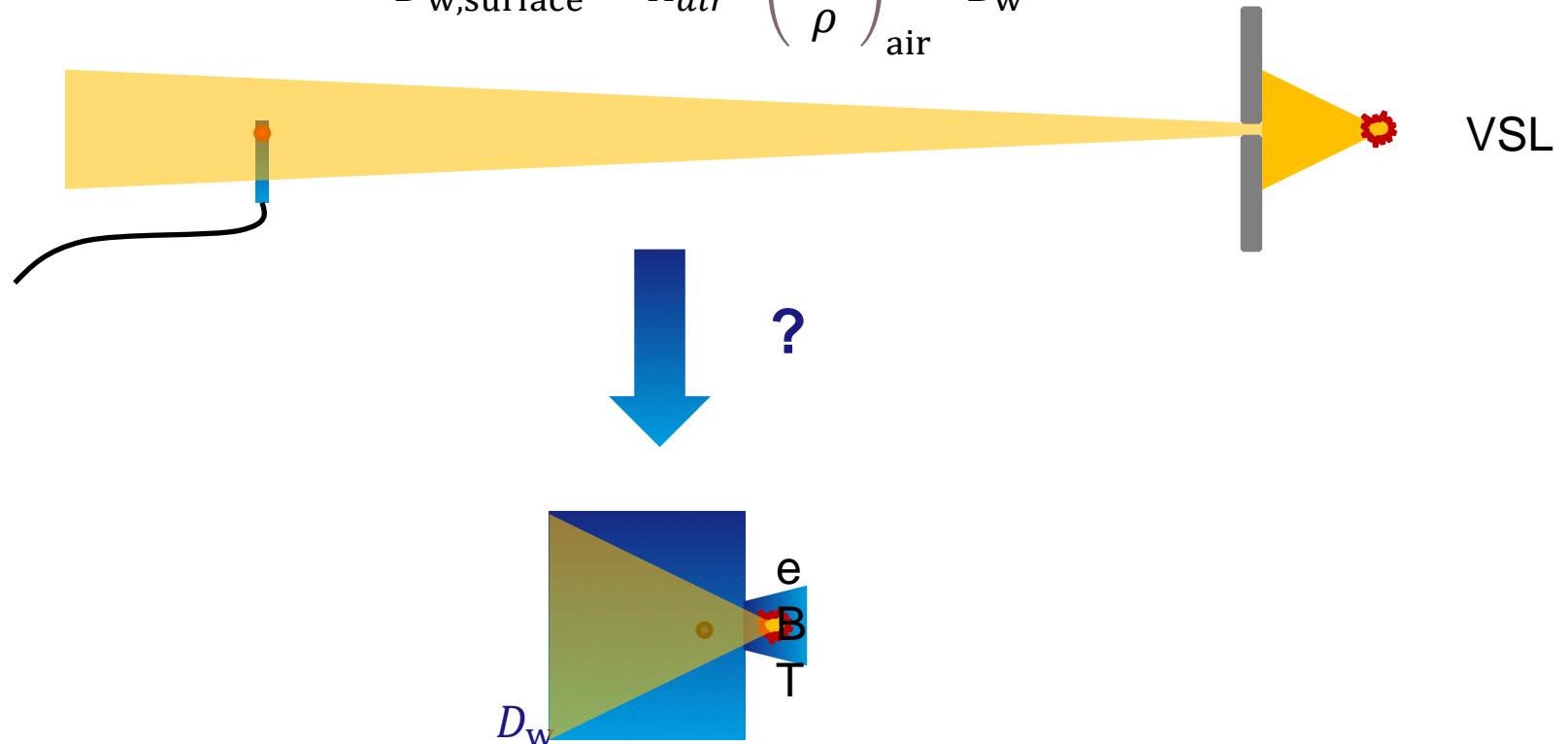
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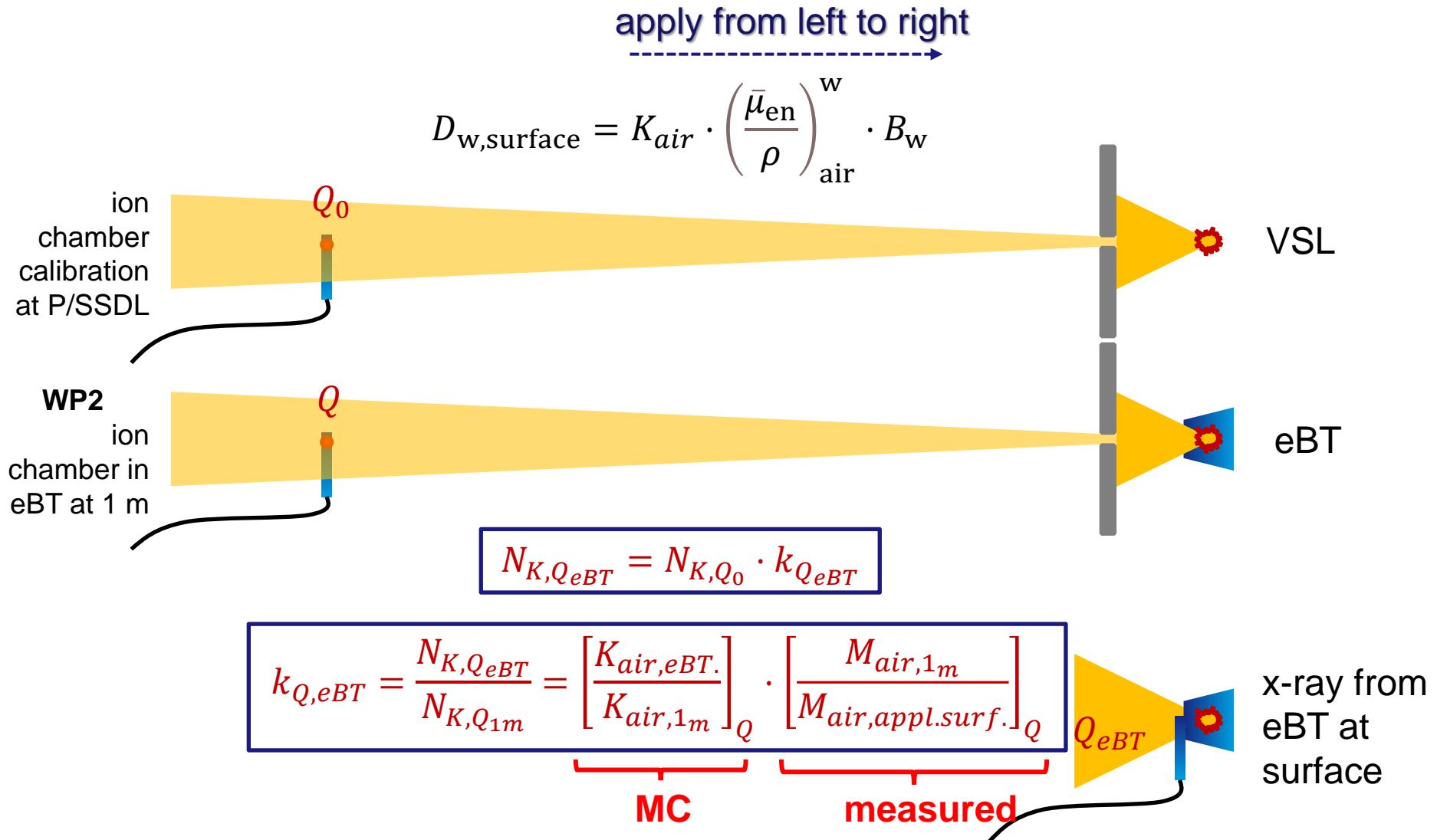
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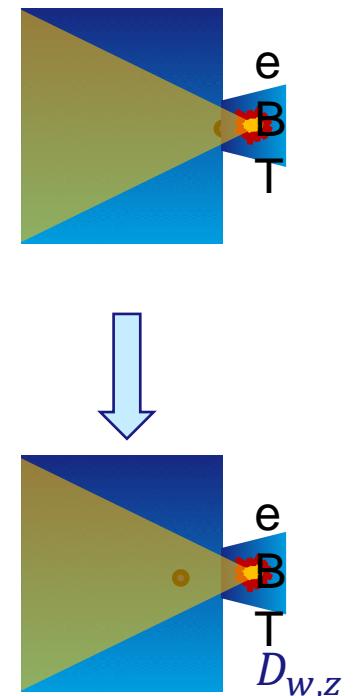
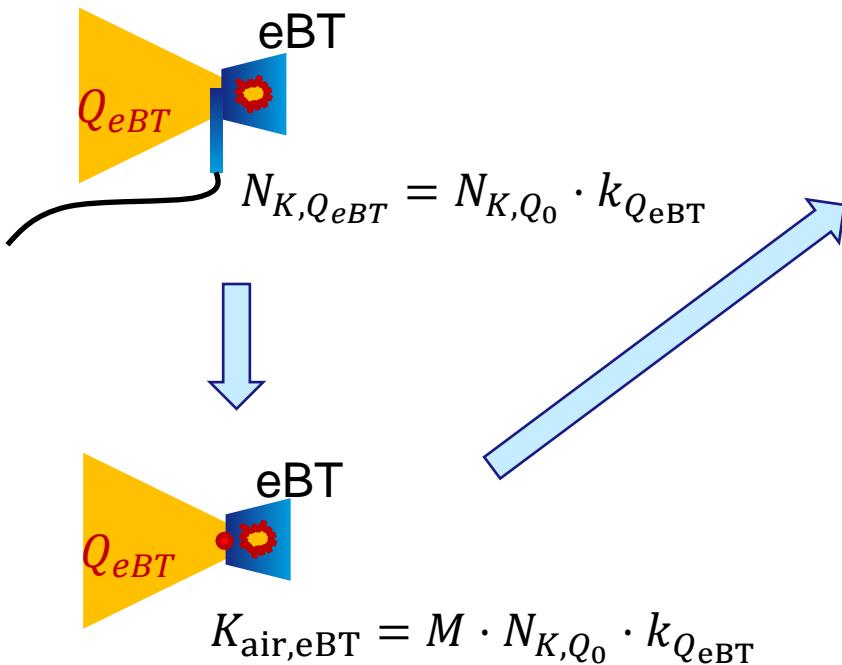


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$$N_{K,Q_{eBT}} = N_{K,Q_0} \cdot k_{Q_{eBT}}$$



$$D_{w,surf} = K_{air,eBT} \cdot B_{w,eBT} \cdot \left(\frac{\bar{\mu}_{en}}{\rho} \right)^w_{air}$$

MC **spc**

$$D_{w,z} = D_{w,sur} \cdot k_{z,eBT}$$

measured

PRISM-eBT: WP2 Traceability for superficial treatment

Potential achievements:

Based on the eBT X-ray spectra, conversion factors for air-kerma (K_a) to surface-dose-to-water ($D_{w,surface}$) can be determined in a consistent way via existing protocols (NCS-10, AAPM TG-61 or DIN 68094) or by modification of the Monte Carlo calculations – with small uncertainties of ~5% ($k=1$).

For the first time a collection of beam spectral data was obtained under similar circumstances in order to establish eBT dosimetry for superficial systems in a consistent way.

Potential impact:

The impact of the current work will be, that, independent of the system used, a potential method will become available that enables users of different superficial eBT-devices to obtain comparable results in terms of absorbed surface-dose-to-water, $D_{w,surface}$.

Future work (2022):

$D_{w,surface}$ of the phantom, extending this to a depth of 1 cm in a water phantom and then comparing this with the results obtained with standards developed in other work packages of the project, i.e. in WP1.

Questions & Answers ...

Wie van jullie gebruikt eBT systemen voor oppervlakte (huid) therapie?