

X-ray: The emerging alternative to gamma irradiation

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#### Regional Meeting on use of E-beam or X-Ray for Phytosanitary Applications

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### **Presentation outline**

- Brief introduction of IBA
- Industrial Accelerator applications
- X-ray irradiation, a comparison with Gamma
- Configurations for optimizing X-Ray DUR and throughput
- Reducing OPEX by improving accelerator efficiency
- X-ray systems installed today
- Conclusion



## IBA in a nutshell

- Based in Belgium, listed on Euronext Brussels
- Focused on particle accelerators
- >400 accelerators worldwide
- 2014 sales of €220 million
- 1,200 people worldwide, 40 nationalities
- 15 offices on 3 continents







### **IBA Main Activities**



#### **Cancer treatment**

Accurate protons Minimized side effects

#### Patient and machine QA

Calibration, validation and QA Used in most hospitals



Industrial



#### **Cancer diagnostic**

160+ Cyclotrons installed Synthera multi-tracer system

#### Industrial applications Medical Device Sterilization

Polymer crosslinking Etc...





### **IBA Industrial's Product Portfolio**

Dynamitron 0.5 -> 5 MeV Up to 160 mA Electron beam X-ray



Main application Material Modification / Crosslinking Rhodotron 3 -> 10 MeV 0 -> 560 kW Electron beam X-ray



Main application Medical device sterilization



### **IBA Industrial - Installed Base**



# **Rhodotron and Dynamitron product ranges**

#### Rhodotron product range

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**Coming soon** : very compact TT50

#### **Dynamitron product range \***



Dynamitron<sup>®</sup> 800 KeV 800 KeV, up to 160 mA (Optional Self-shielding)

550 KeV, up to 160 mA (Optional Self-shielding)

Dynamitron<sup>®</sup> 1 MeV 1000 KeV, up to 100 mA (Optional Self-shielding)



1.5 MeV, up to 65 mA



Dynamitron<sup>®</sup> 3 MeV

3 MeV, up to 50 mA

5 MeV, up to 30 mA



\*Other models can be available on request



## **Irradiation Treatment Techniques overview**





### Monte Carlo results for different treatments



• Better DUR = Better Quality

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# Dose Uniformity Ratio (DUR)

Homogenity comparison Gamma irradiator vs. X- Ray unit



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- Actual data from operational X-ray facility
- Lower DUR means better treatment quality



# Which configuration for me?

### Dedicated **E-beam** facility

- I want solely to focus on highly efficient E-beam
- I can change the packing of my products for E-beam
- I can't handle a small part of my products but that's OK

### Dedicated X-ray facility

- I want to minimize the product handling and reduce damage
- I want to maintain the pallet and pest protection integrity
- I need high quality treatment with low impact on products

### E-beam and X-ray on one single accelerator

- I want to focus on high efficiency E-beam processing
- But I need X-ray for some high density products





# **Typical E-beam and X-ray configurations**

Rhodotron E-beam 10 MeV E-beam Boxes eXelis X-ray 5 or 7 MeV X-ray Pallets

### Rhodotron Duo 10 MeV E-beam + 5 or 7 MeV X-ray Boxes



E-beam top irradiation





X-ray lateral irradiation

E-beam and X-ray top irradiation



## X-ray advantages



Electrically powered

#### **Flexibility**

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- > ON / OFF when needed
- Power / Capacity « on Demand »
- Pallet treatment
- Excellent Dose Uniformity
- Short Treatment Time

- $\rightarrow$ no radioactive source, simple regulatory compliance and licensing
- $\rightarrow$  seasonal products, power demand license
- $\rightarrow$  Ability to treat low and high density products, limit material handling and maintain insect control
- $\rightarrow$  limited overdosing because of better dose control (lower DUR)
  - $\rightarrow$  Refrigeration may not be required during treatment

# Pallet Treatment configurations

#### ROTATING

#### 2-SIDED



## **X-ray Product Overlap Configuration**





# **A Typical dedicated X-ray Center**

Animation video





# Which Configuration ?

Here is a case study for estimated throughputs for 2 different density products

### Phytosanitary application

- Products :
  - $\rho = 0.3 \text{ gr/cc} \rightarrow \text{Mangoes}$
  - $\rho = 0.5 \text{ gr/cc} \rightarrow \text{Dates}$
  - Minimum 25 tons per hour
- Doses :
  - D = 400 Gy

#### Accelerator Power :

100 kW (14.3mA @ 7 MeV)
(7.0MeV For products exported to the US)







# Which Treatment Configuration ?

Performance : (MC Simulations benchmarked by measurements)

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## **Rhodotron Reducing OPEX**

#### **Energy efficiency**

(beam power / total power consumption)



Assumptions: 10 MeV 10 MeV TT200 www.iba-industrial.com



## High power X-ray systems available



### Our vision: X-ray and E-Beam are the alternative to Gamma

- We believe the industry needs an alternative irradiation technology to radioactive sources
- We believe that X-ray Treatment (and electron beam) is the alternative because:
  - Equivalent or **better Quality treatment**
  - Proven Reliability and performance of E-Beam and X-Ray
  - X-Ray provides for maintaining pallet and pest netting
  - X-Ray reduces product handling, improving quality
  - Electrically powered, electricity is the energy of the future increasingly produced through renewable energy sources, known operational costs
  - No packaging or configuration changes required when processing in X-Ray instead of gamma pallets





# **Gracias!**

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