AN AUTOMATED METHOD FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE OF LIGHT AND RADIATION FIELD COINCIDENCE AND SYMMETRY USING AN IONISATION CHAMBER ARRAY

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Purpose - Goal

- Simultaneous measurement of light and radiation field
- · Filmless method
- Improved reproducibility
- Online results
- Reduce workload

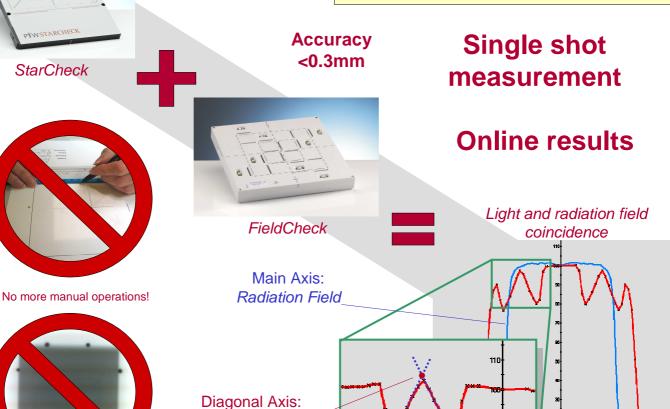
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Reproducibility <0.2mm

Conclusions

- The coincidence of light field and radiation field can be checked with an accuracy of 0.3 mm using the FieldCheck phantom.
- The automated method offers good reproducibility (0.2 mm (sd) for 10x10 cm fields and 0.4 mm (sd) for 20x20 cm fields)
- Method is faster than the conventional, manual analysis.
- Results are available online which results in shorter machine maintenance.



Method

No more film!

Together with the STARCHECK ionisation chamber array (*PTW Freiburg*), the FIELDCHECK phantom (*PTW Freiburg*) is used to check the congruence of light field and radiation field. The limits of the radiation field size are measured on the main axes of the STARCHECK detector. To detect the exact position of the light field, four movable sliders are adjusted to the edges of the light field. These sliders move markers on the diagonal axes of the STARCHECK detector. With "beam on" the markers are displayed as patterns on the diagonal profile. Software (*MultiCheck, version 3.3 or higher, PTW Freiburg*) derives from these patterns the position of the markers and the light field edge.

Light Field



Example of projected marker pattern