

High energy E-beam and X-ray: An overview of the technical solutions and typical cases of food irradiation

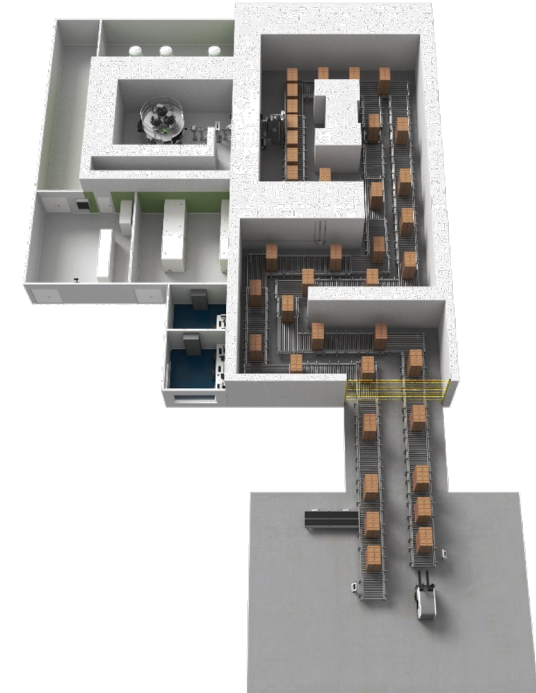
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Context & Agenda

- The high energy food irradiator layout: **fundamentals**
- **End-to-end solutions for 3 customers:**
 - E-beam – *The highly efficient*
 - X-ray – *The simple*
 - Duo box/pallet – *The best of all worlds*
- Technology roadmap: **what is next ?**
- Market trends & manufacturers' **perspectives**





High Energy Food Irradiator

Fundamentals

Shielding or Bunker
Energy & process dependent

Accelerator: circulating, DC, linear
The electric engine for all drivers

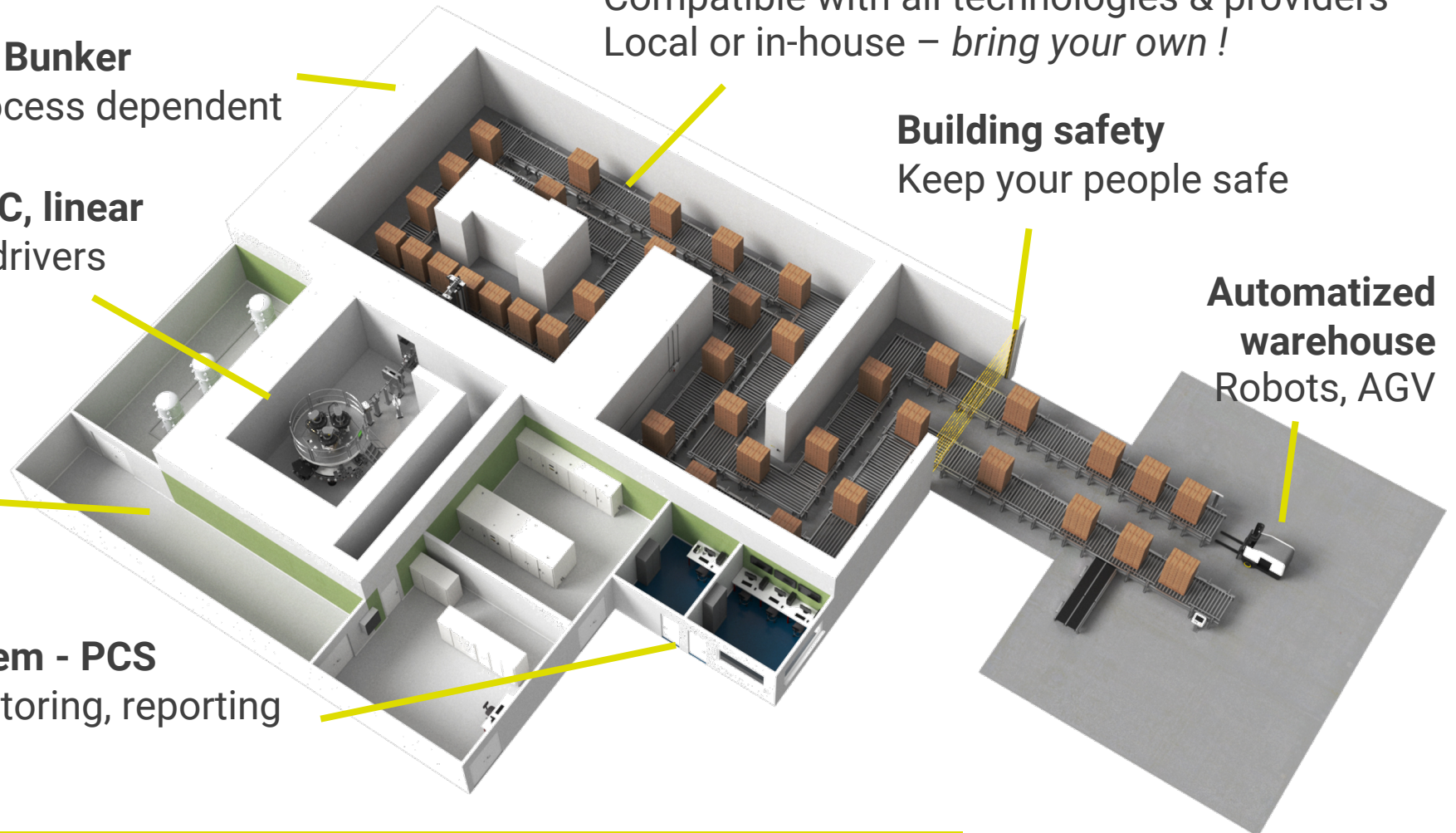
Technical rooms
Dosimetry, control, electrical
Ozone, maintenance

Process Control System - PCS
Recipes, control, monitoring, reporting
Interface with ERP

The conveyor: Box, tray, totes, pallet
Compatible with all technologies & providers
Local or in-house – *bring your own!*

Building safety
Keep your people safe

Automatized warehouse
Robots, AGV



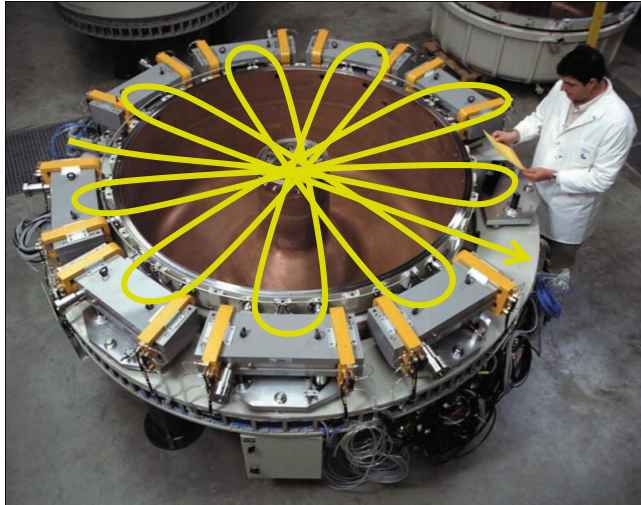


High Energy Food Irradiator

Fundamentals



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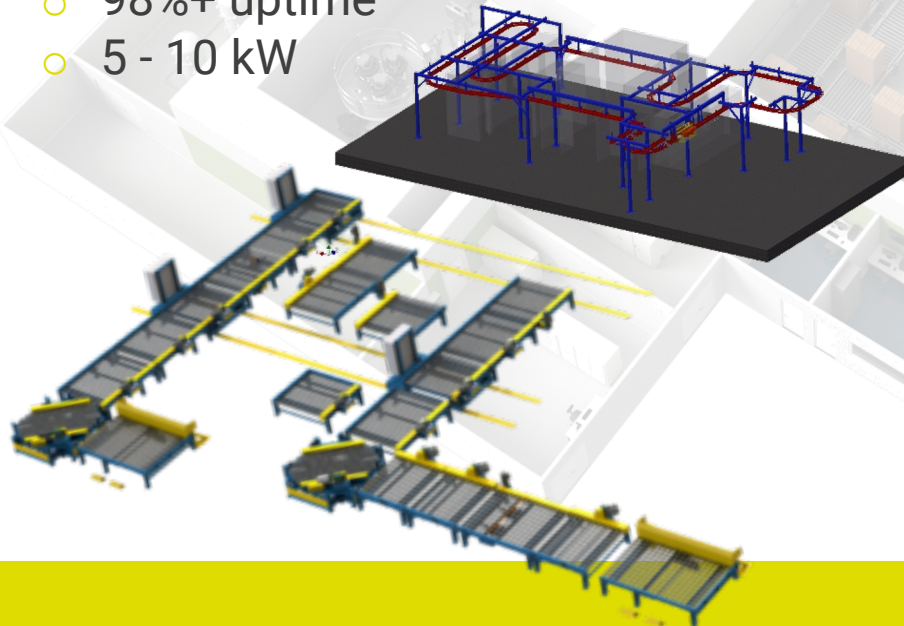


Accelerator – e.g. Rhodotron®

- 1 to 10 MeV
- Multi-Energies: 5, 7, 10MeV
- 10 to 560 kW
- **“Pay per kW, as you grow”**
- 97%+ uptime
- 20 to 55% efficiency

Product handling or Conveyor

- Rollers, trays, overhead, totes
- 0.1 to 10 m.s⁻¹
- **Modular** - Underbeam specific to irradiation: speed control & **radiation hardness**
- Product tracking, Rotation, flipping, etc.
- 98%+ uptime
- 5 - 10 kW



Process Control System – e.g. Beagle®

- Software suite to drive equipment & validate treatment
- Connected to ERP
- Data logging and tracing
- Fully flexible & “tailormade”
- FDA compliant



E-beam, X-ray or both ?

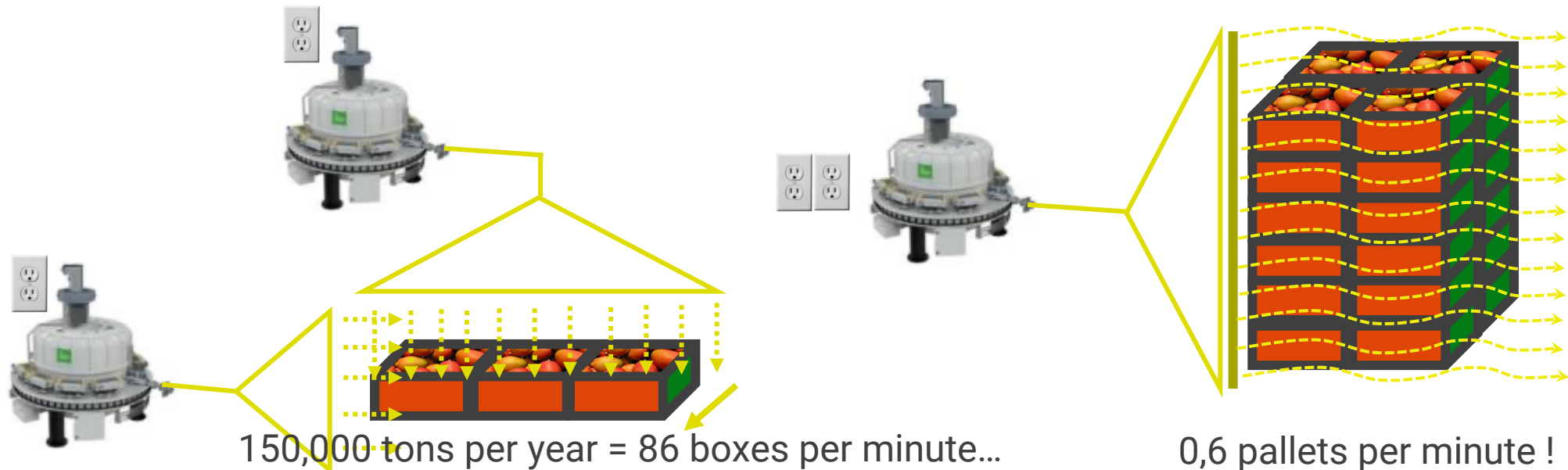
Food irradiation specificities

Design is optimized around the products and business plan:

- Higher product densities → Low penetration in EB & higher DURs in X-Ray
- 5-10 times lower dose → Higher volumes & throughput → product handling ?
- Delicate products → minimum manipulations & cold chain compatibility



0.5 gr/cm³ =
10 cm penetration in EB





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An E-beam case in Asia:
the high efficiency solution





E-beam case - Frozen food in boxes

The high efficiency solution

The customer needs:

- Service center
- Mix of products in boxes:
 - 60% seafood – 0.40 gr.cm^{-3}
 - 20% frozen fish – 0.50 gr.cm^{-3}
 - 20% pet food – 0.20 gr.cm^{-3}
 - *And some frozen fruits*
- Dose: 5 kGy – DUR: < 2.6
- Currently treated in Gamma
- Seafood is 2% of country's export
- Annual volume of ~50 kT – $120,000 \text{ m}^3$



<https://www.iaea.org/newscenter/news/viet-nam-enhances-food-quality-using-irradiation>



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The high efficiency solution

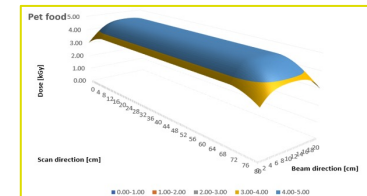


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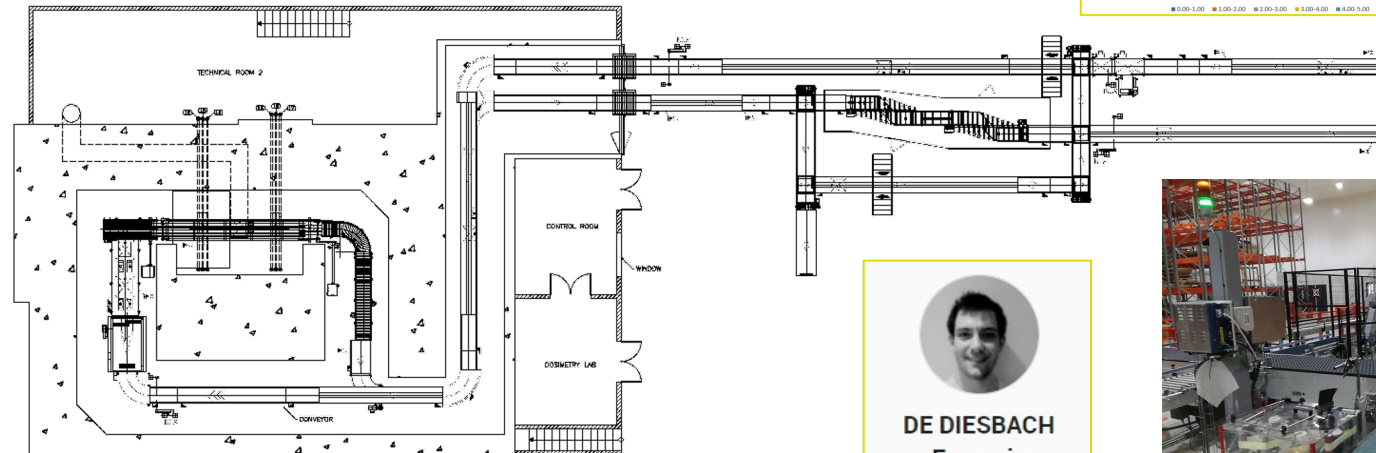
40 kW	M ³ /h	kTons/yr	DUR
Seafood	25	31	2,6
Frozen fish	20	10	2,5
Pet food	103	6	2,0

10 MeV
6000 hours



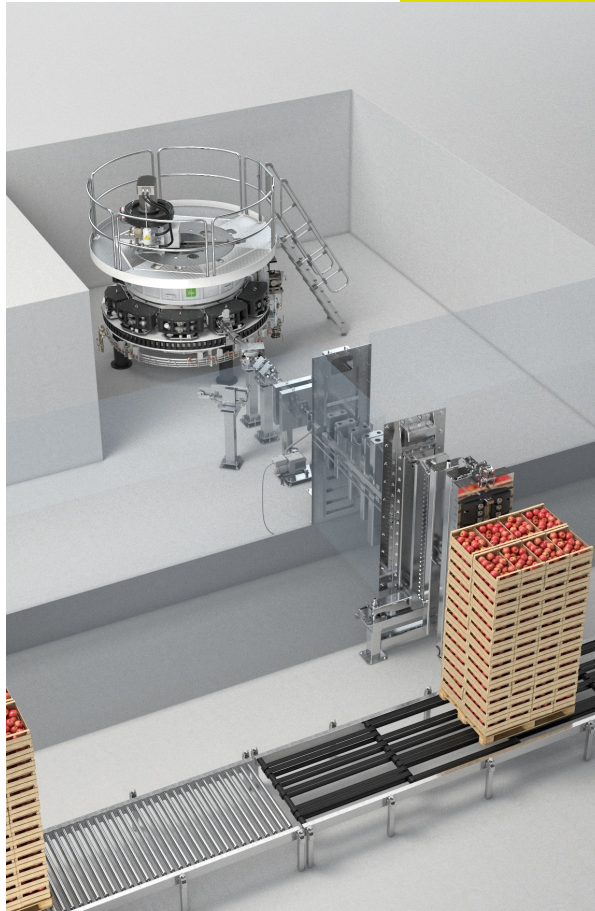
28 m

19 m



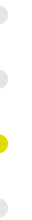
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An X-Ray case in South-America:
the simple solution



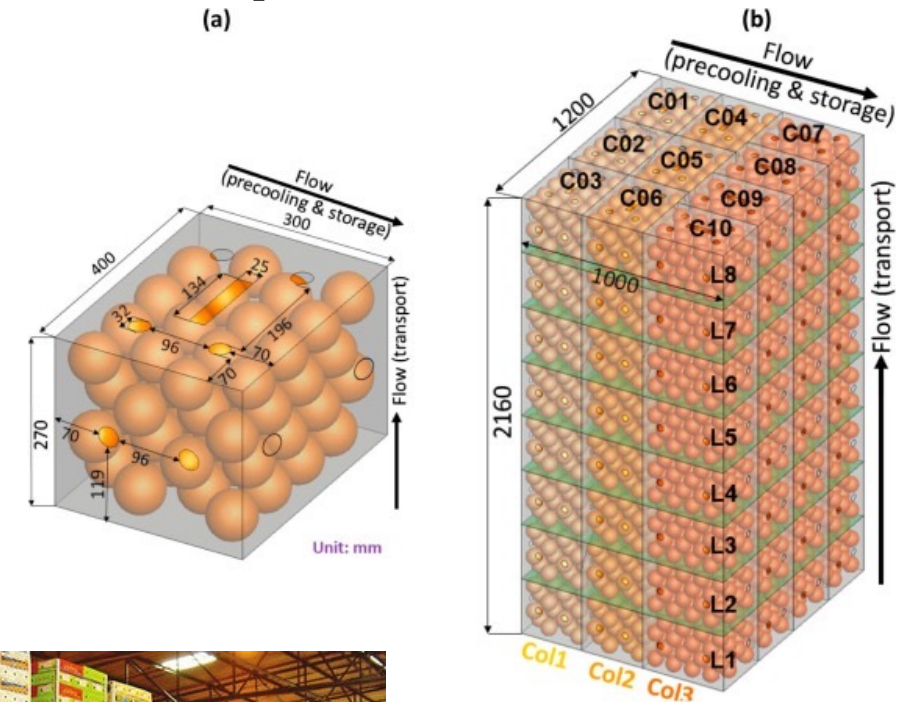


X-Ray case - Fresh products in pallets

The simple solution

The customer needs:

- Mix of fresh fruits on 2,4m high pallets:
 - 25% Grapes – 0.30 gr.cm^{-3}
 - 25% Citrus – 0.40 gr.cm^{-3}
 - 25% Oranges – 0.50 gr.cm^{-3}
 - 25% Pineapples – 0.60 gr.cm^{-3}
- Dose: 400 Gy – DUR: < 3
- 2.7m high US pallets
- Currently treated in Gamma
- Annual volume of ~50 to 100 kT



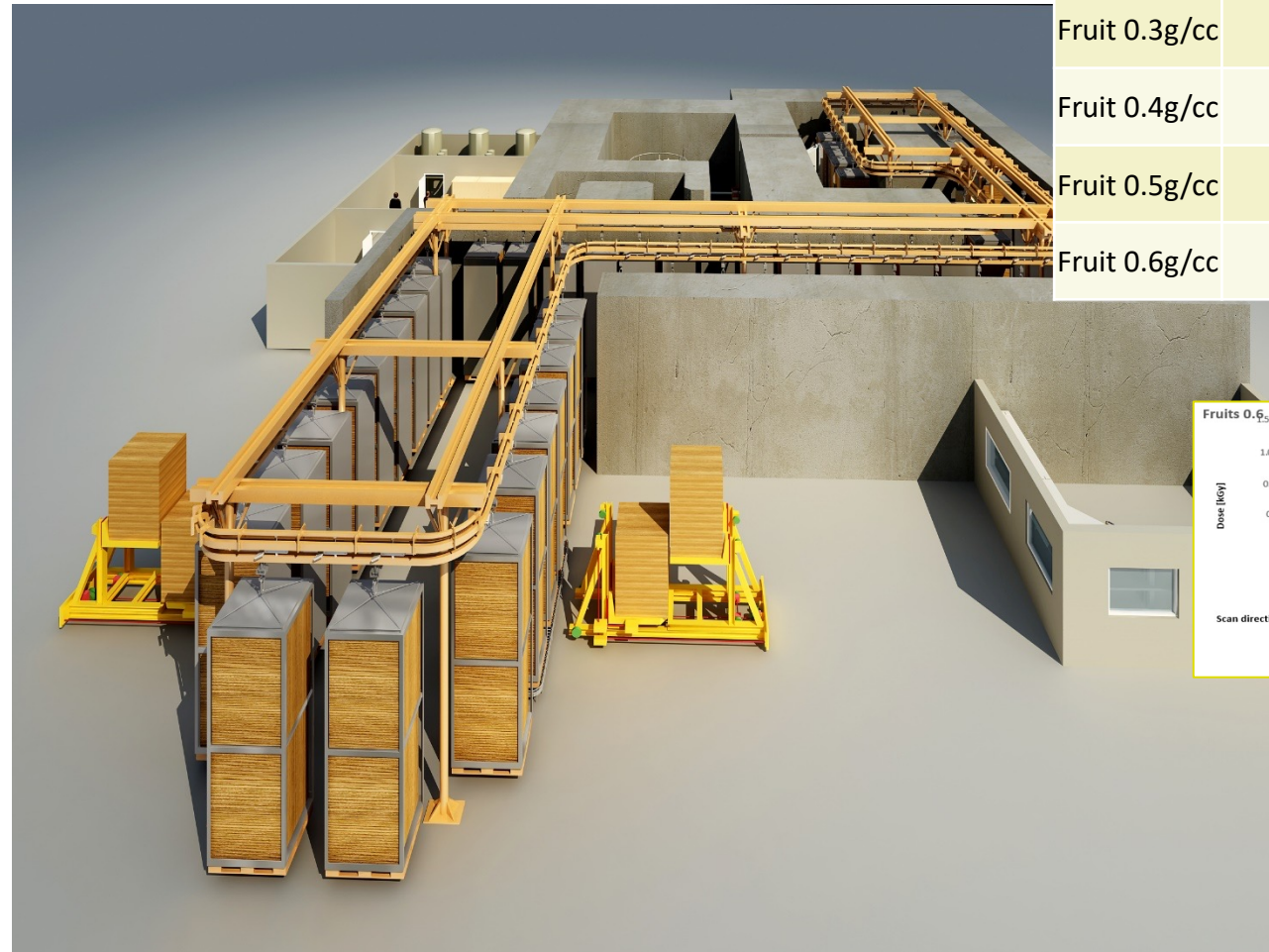
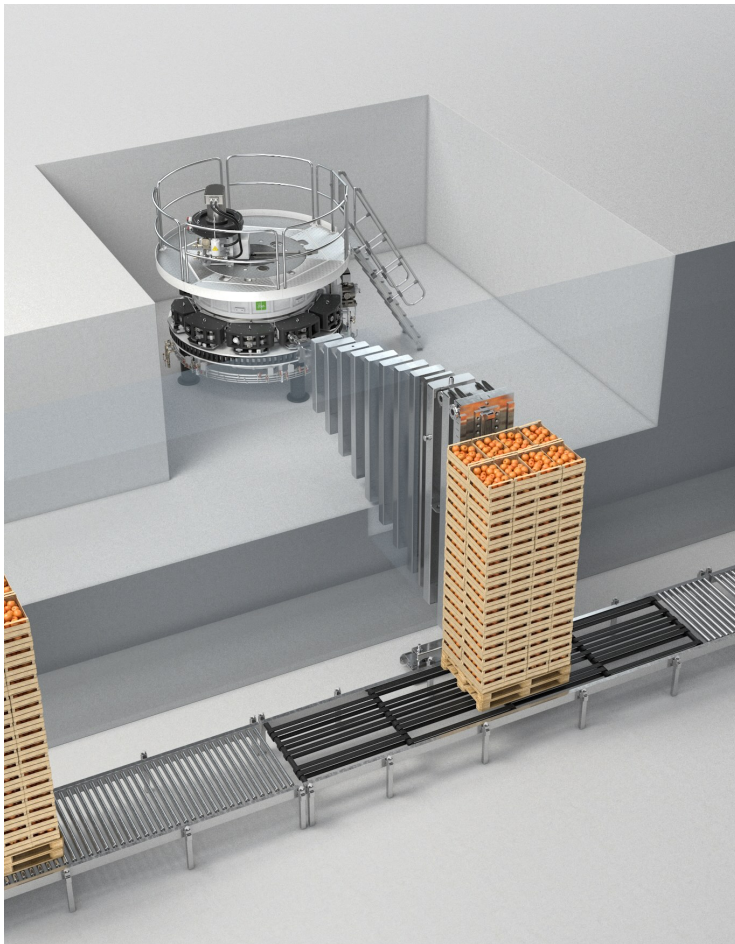


X-Ray case - Fresh products in pallets

Double side: the super simple solution

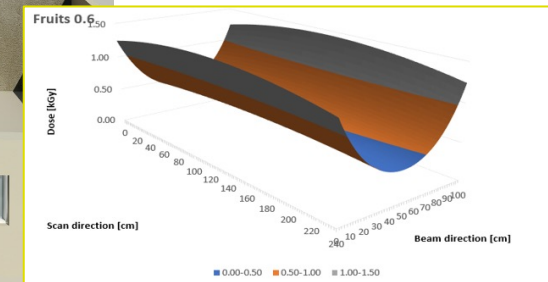


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Product Manager Industrial



190 kW	M³/h	kTons/yr	DUR
Fruit 0.3g/cc	87	45	2,26
Fruit 0.4g/cc	75	51	2,59
Fruit 0.5g/cc	65	56	2,93
Fruit 0.6g/cc	58	59	3,28

7MeV
8000 hours



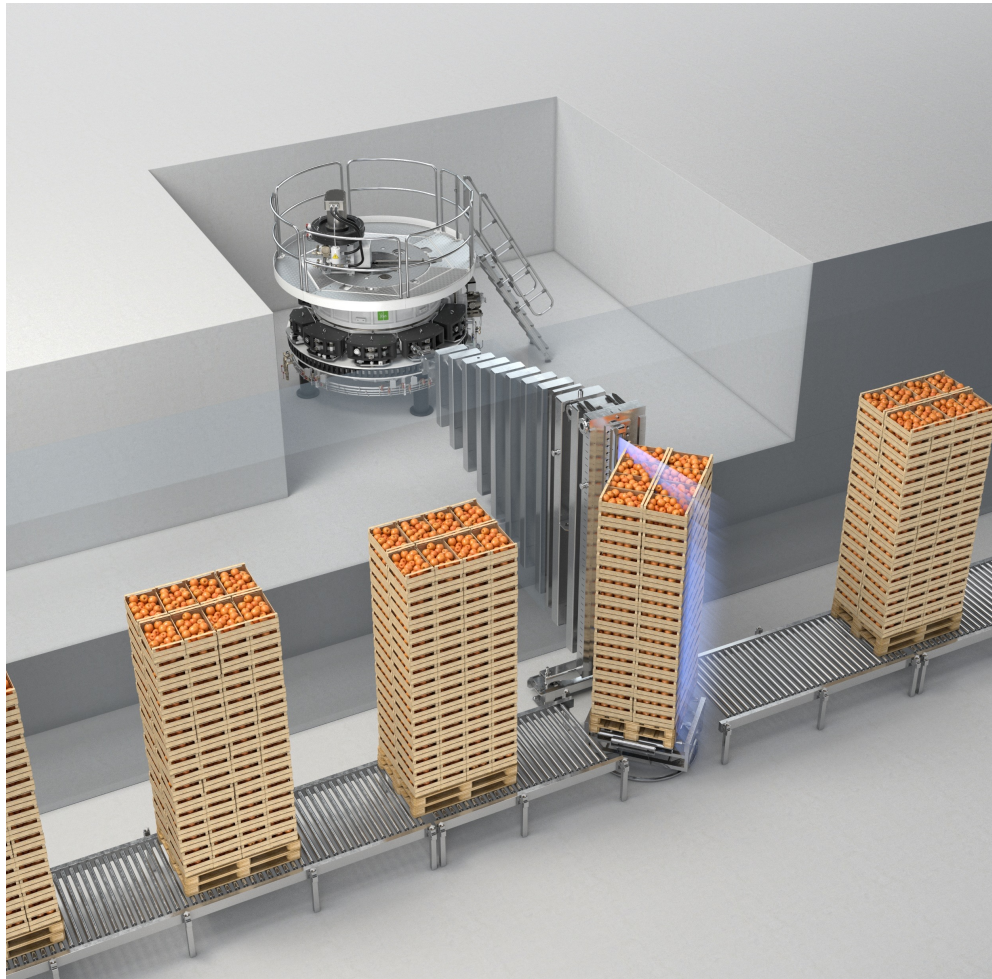


X-Ray case - Fresh products in pallets

Adding rotation for better DUR

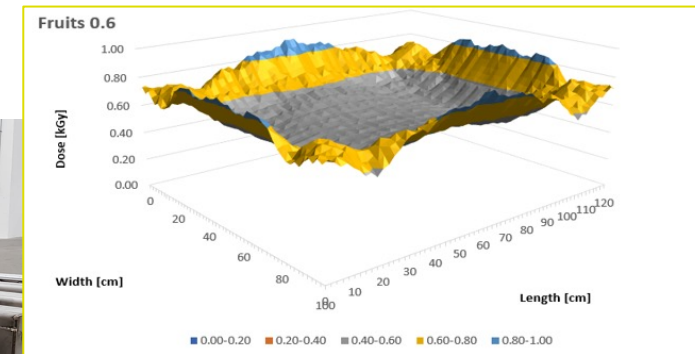


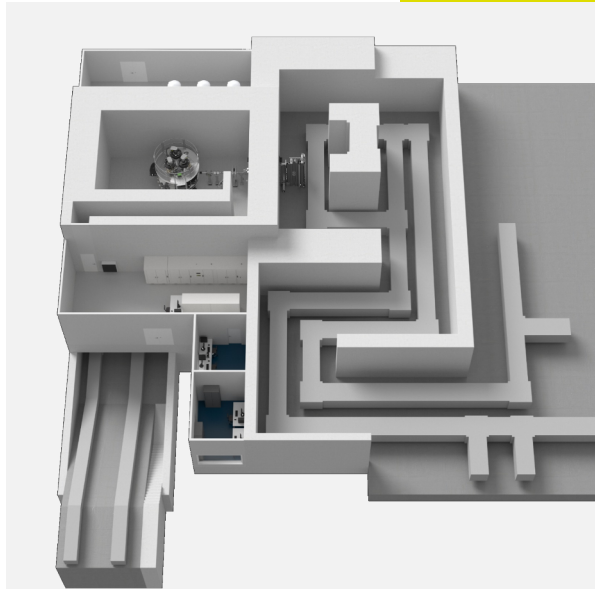
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190 kW	M³/h	kTons/yr	DUR
Fruit 0.3g/cc	57	34	1,83
Fruit 0.4g/cc	52	42	1,99
Fruit 0.5g/cc	49	49	2,15
Fruit 0.6g/cc	46	55	2,29

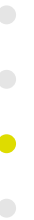
7MeV
8000 hours





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A Duo Case in Asia:
the best of all worlds





Duo case - fruits in pallets, MD in boxes

The best of all worlds

The customer needs:

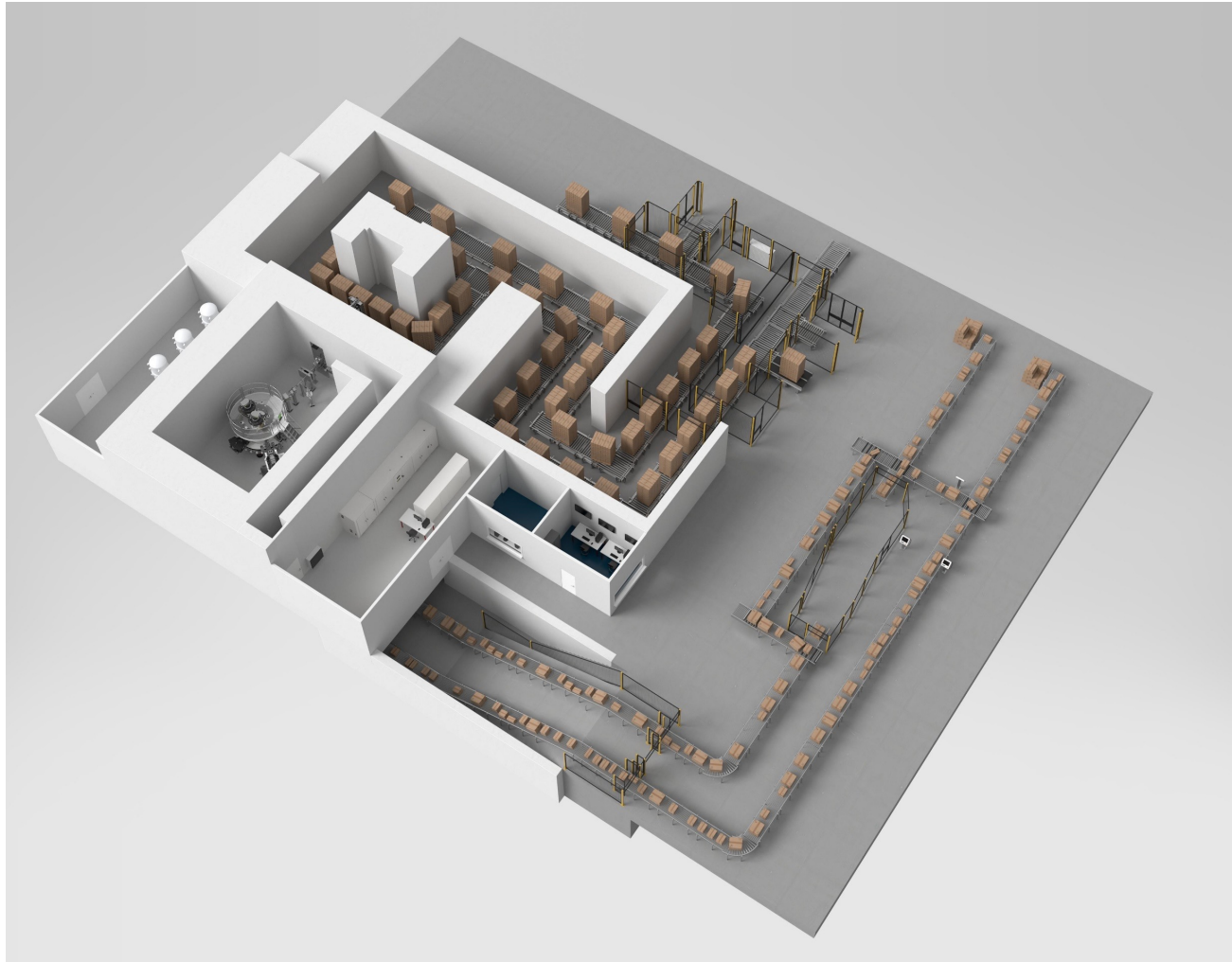
- Mix of food, fruits and medical devices:
 - 50% fruits pallets – 0.30 gr.cm^{-3}
 - 25% medical devices boxes – 0.10 gr.cm^{-3}
 - 25% frozen food – 0.50 gr.cm^{-3}
- Dose: 400 Gy to 25 kGy – DUR: < 2.5
- 1.8 m high EU pallets
- Currently treated in Gamma & EtO
- Annual volume of:
 - $\sim 40,000 \text{ M}^3$ medical
 - $\sim 50,000$ tons food





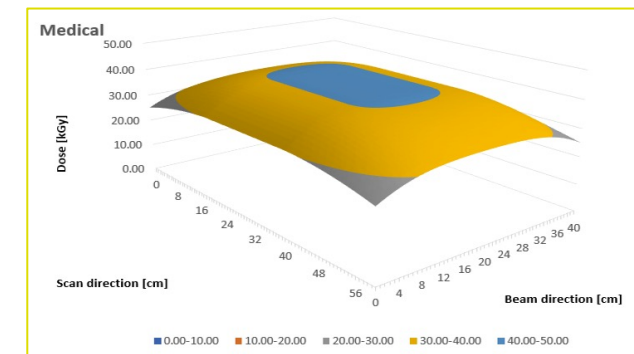
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The best of all worlds



50 kW	M³/h	kTons	DUR
Pallet of fruits	40	42	2,06
Box of medical devices	30	38,000 m³	1,62
Box of food	33	20	2,12

5, 7 & 10 MeV
8000 hours

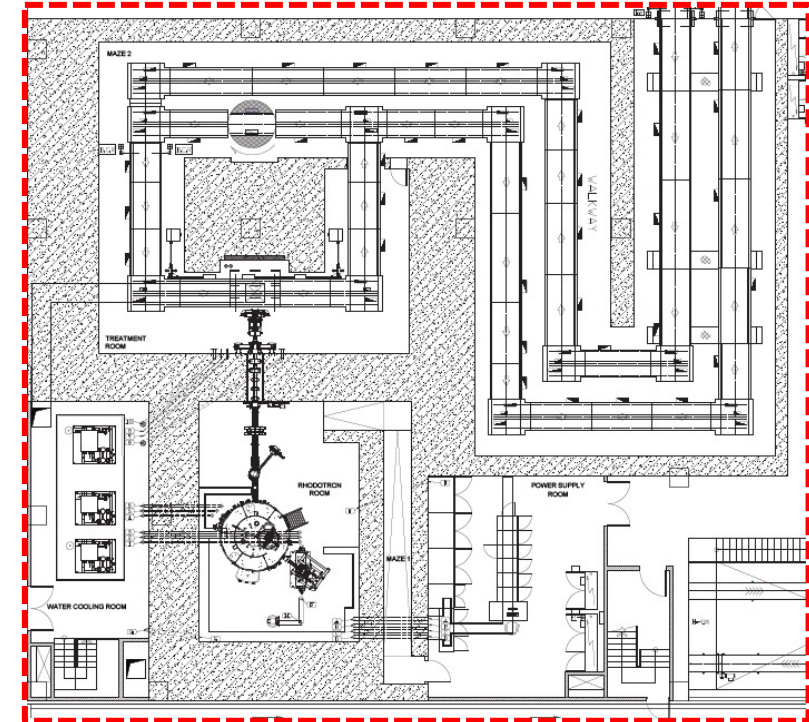
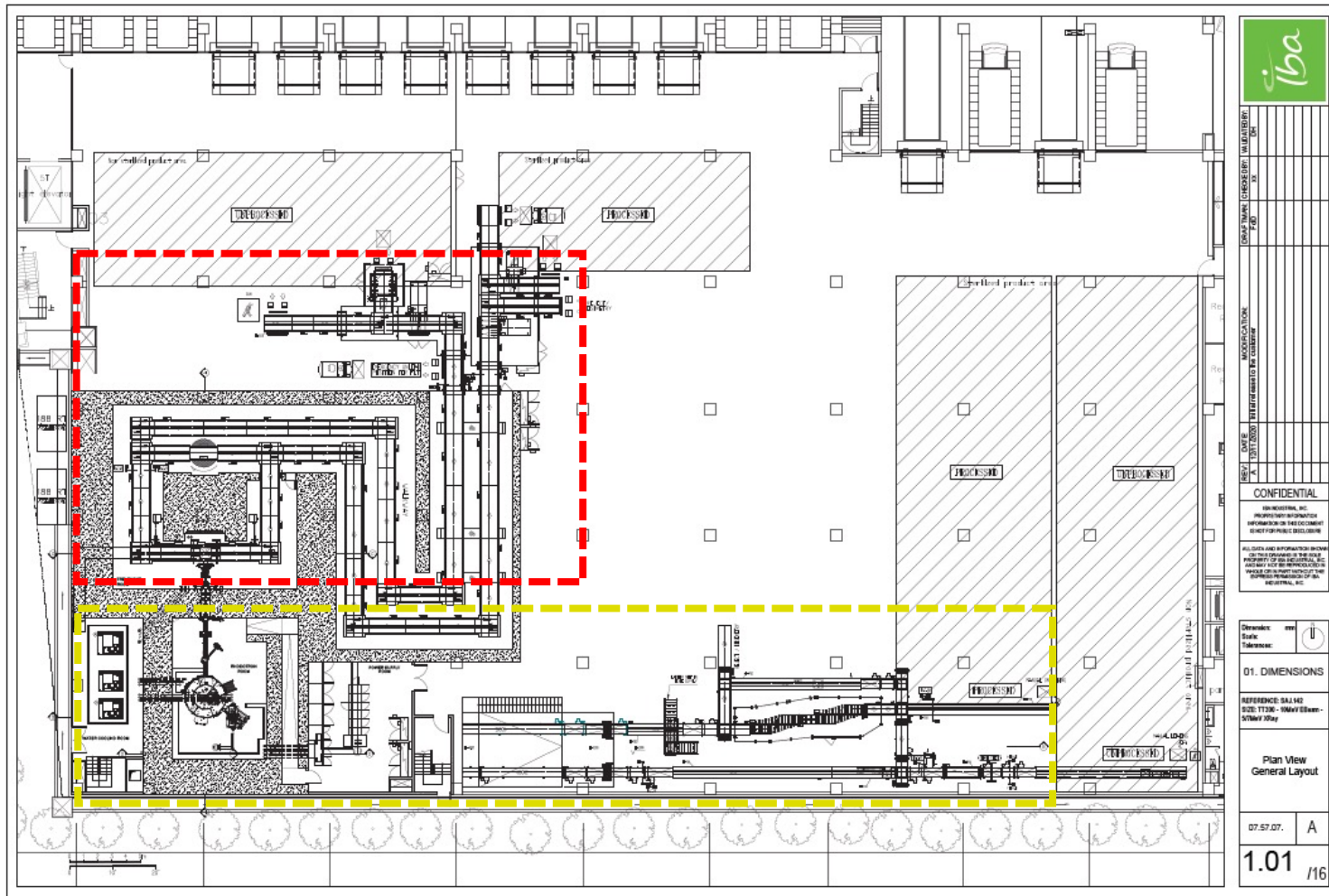




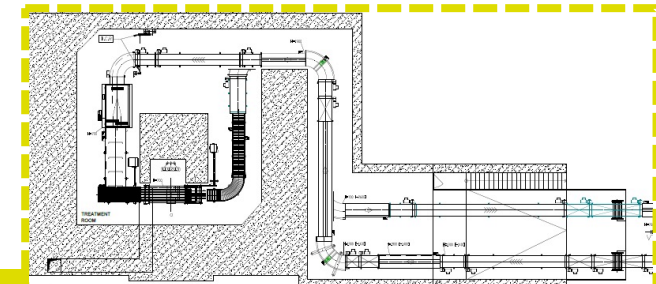
Duo case - Fresh products in pallets

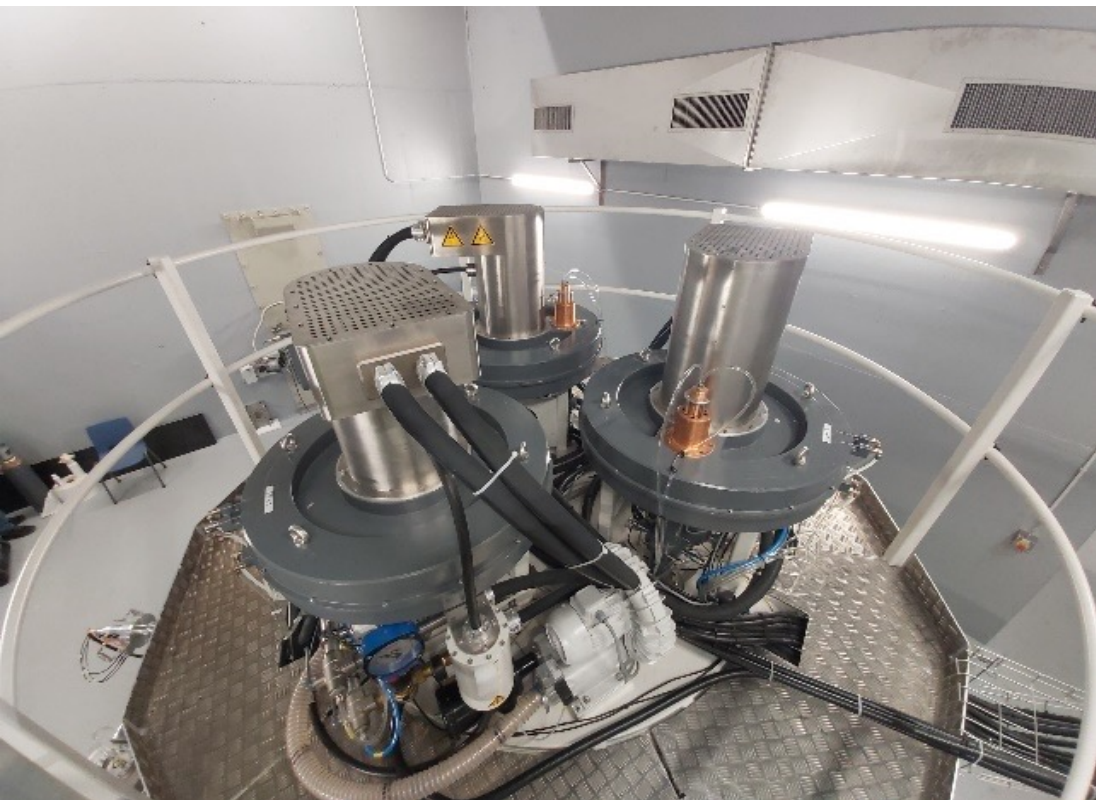
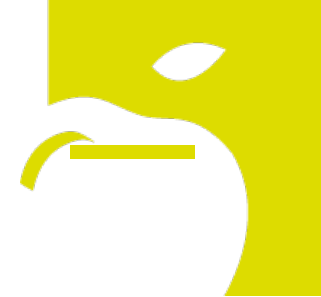
The best of all worlds

X-ray facility



E-beam facility

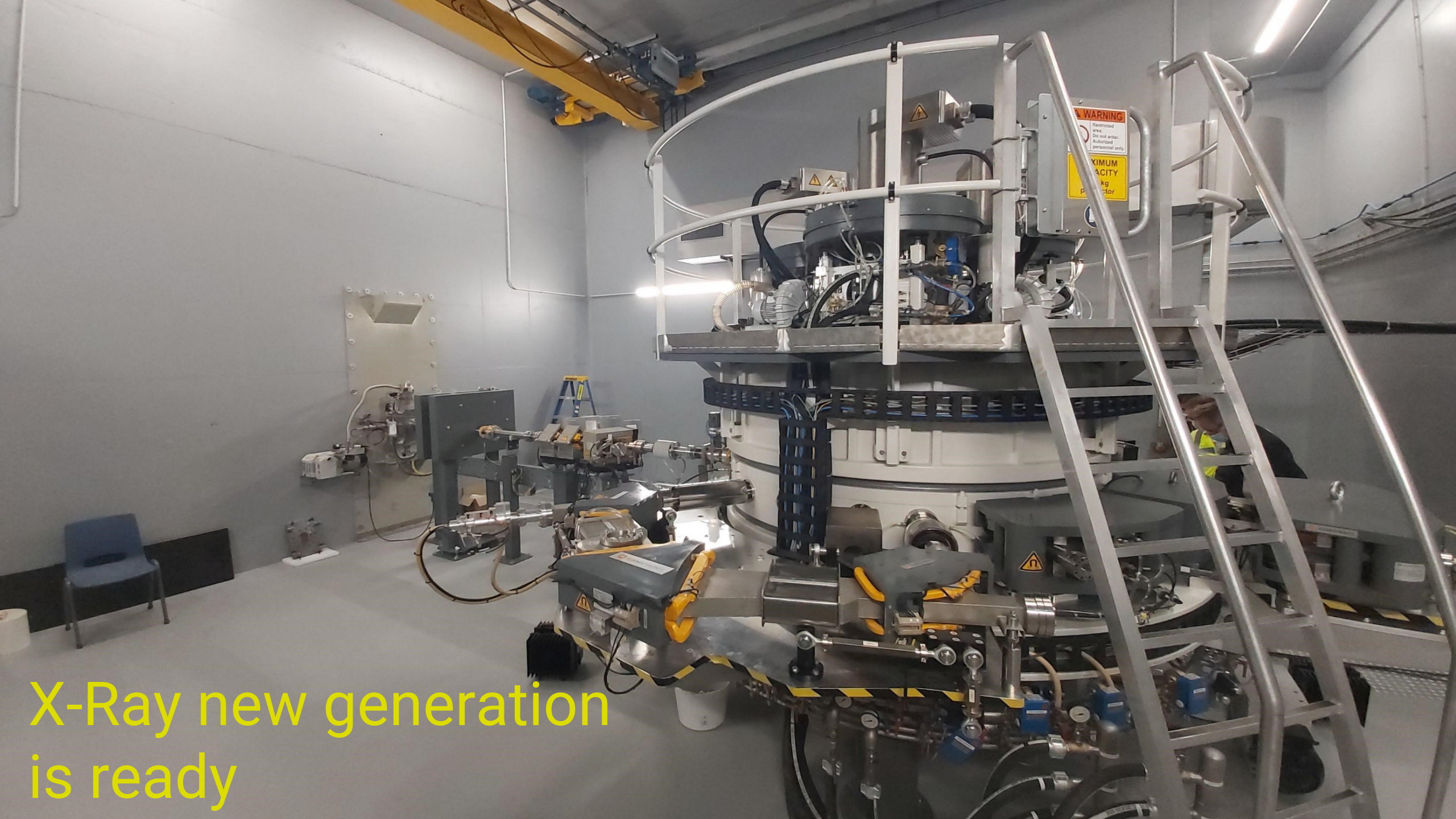




What's next ?

*Technology roadmap
For technology lovers*

**Sneak
Preview**



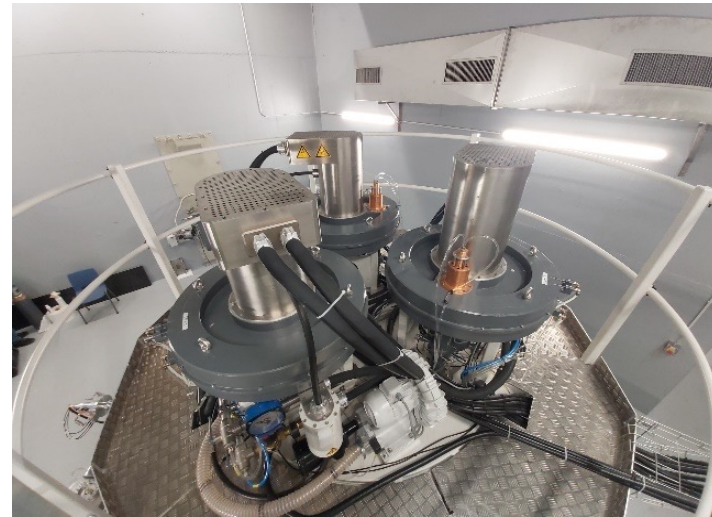
X-Ray new generation
is ready



Technology roadmap

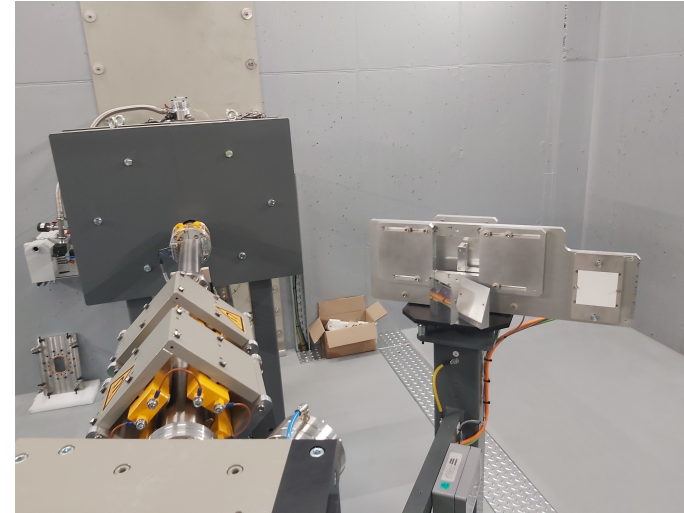
Solid State RF Drivers

Safer, Digital, plug & play



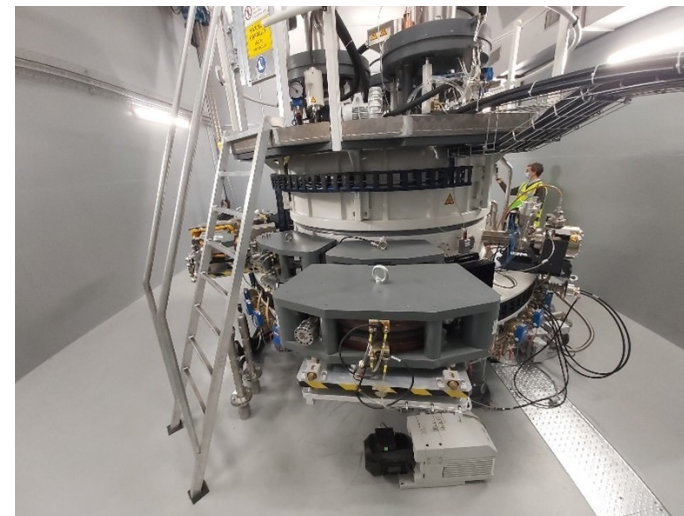
Fully redundant RF power

840 kW, target: 100% reliability



Automatic energy measurement

Accurate X-ray beam energy



Full Power Multi-Energy

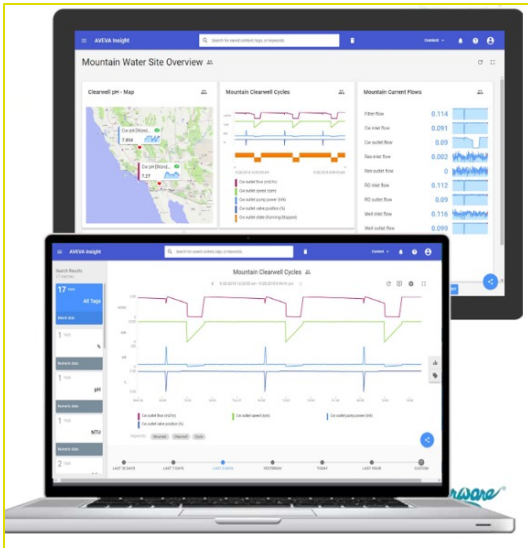
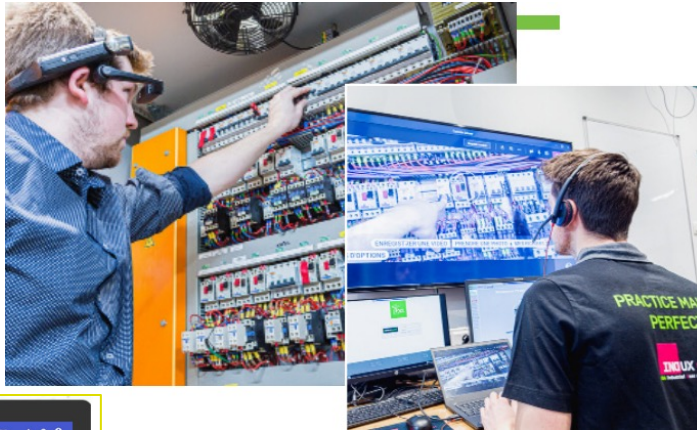
5 or 7 MeV,
by a single click



Technology roadmap

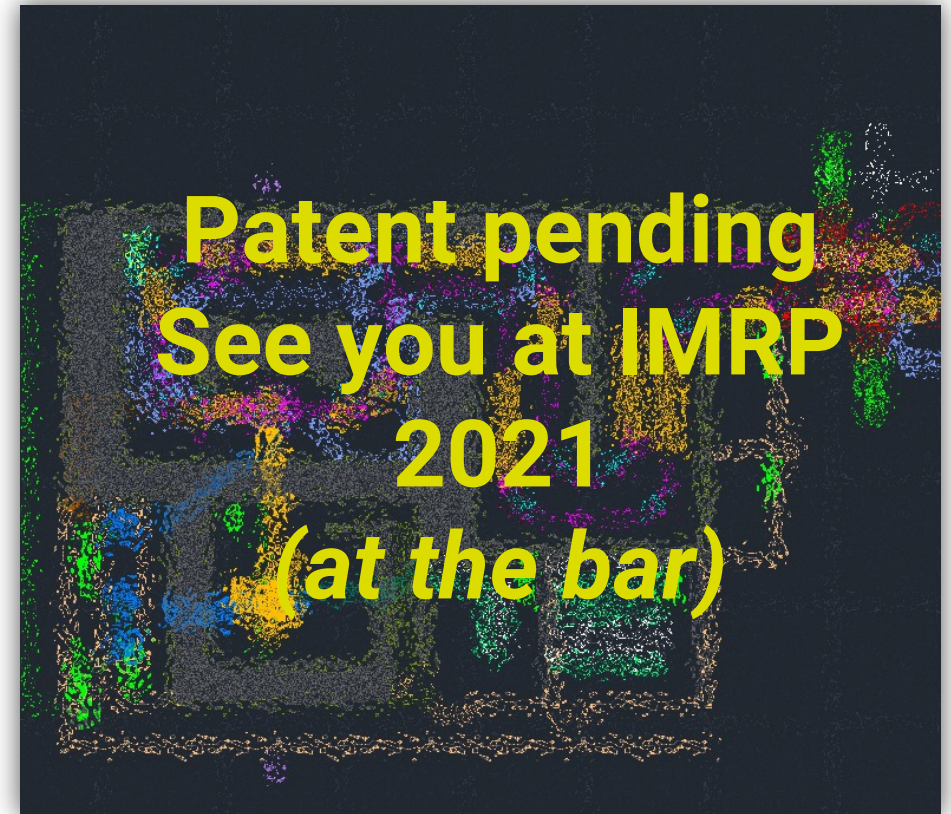
Digitalization of products & service

Body cameras, auto-monitoring & diagnostics



Process Innovations

New configurations for better DUR & efficiency



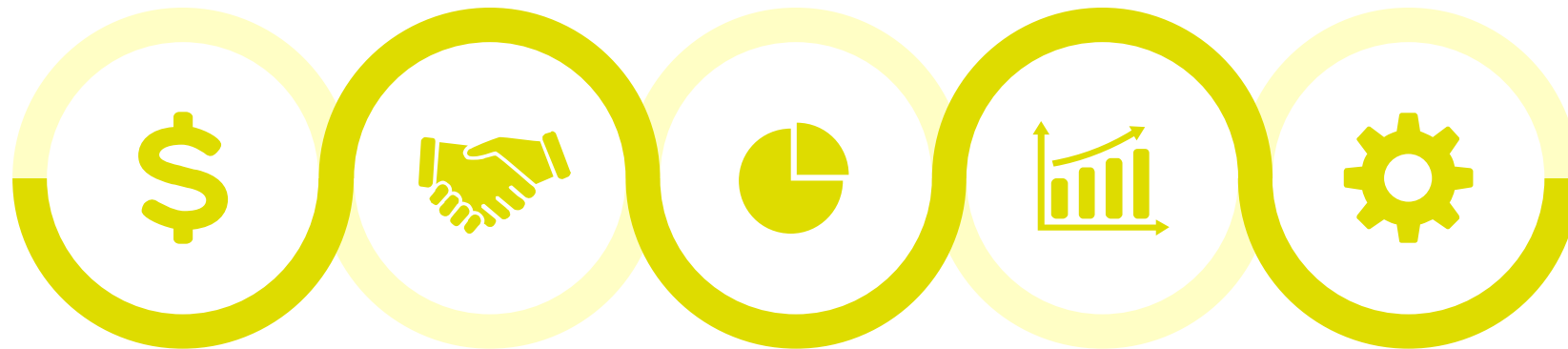


Conclusions: Market trends & manufacturers' **perspectives**



3 solutions for food irradiation
will be commissioned in 2021-2022
2/3 will have X-Ray – Asia is leading

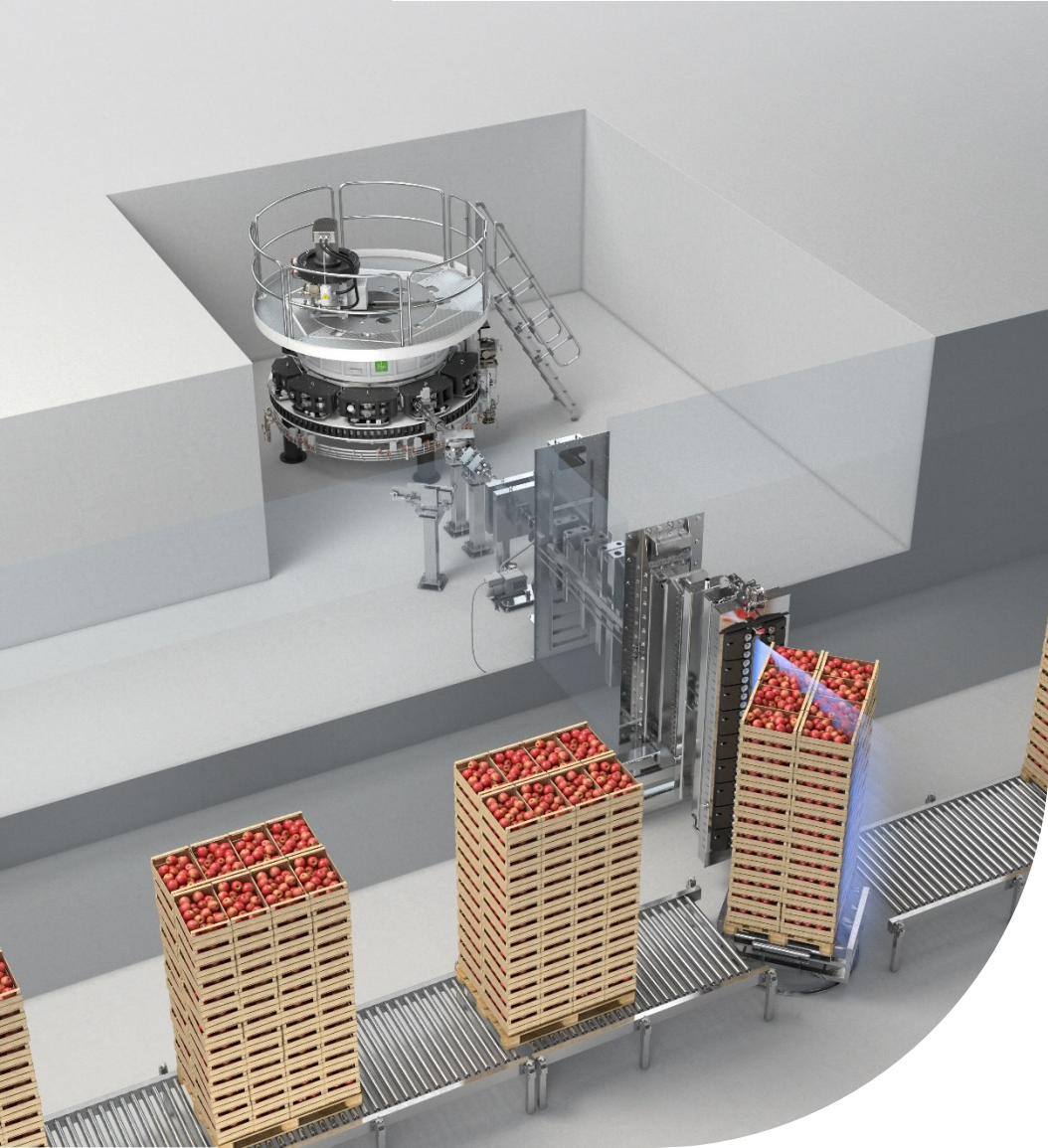
More than 10% of IBA solutions will process food daily: Frozen fish, meat, fresh food, pet food, spices, etc.



Medical sterilization growth has accelerated the maturity of products and services
Industrialization and regionalization are real

Aerial/FEERIX is a unique tool to optimize process and perform world-class research & dosimetry
> bring your ideas !

Huge opportunity for the food industry to **build on this momentum !**



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