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Dose analysis and visualization tools

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The *.3ddose format

- Plain text file
 - Dose and uncertainty are slice-by-slice (X - Y planes)
1. Number of voxels in X, Y, Z directions (e.g., n_x, n_y, n_z)
 2. Voxel boundaries (cm) in X direction ($n_x + 1$ values)
 3. Voxel boundaries (cm) in Y direction ($n_y + 1$ values)
 4. Voxel boundaries (cm) in Z direction ($n_z + 1$ values)
 5. Dose values array ($n_x n_y n_z$ values)
 6. Statistical uncertainty values array (relative errors, $n_x n_y n_z$ values)

Reading *.3ddose is easy

- Read one by one (across columns) to get dose readings in X direction
- Read every (n_x) -th value to get readings in Y direction
- Read every $(n_x n_y)$ -th value to get readings in Z direction

Row (block) Number	Column Number				
	1	2	3	4	5
1	4	3	2		
2	-2.0000	-1.0000	0.0000	1.0000	2.0000
3	-2.0000	-1.0000	1.0000	2.0000	
4	0.0000	1.0000	2.0000		
5	1.0e-12	2.1e-12	2.0e-12	1.1e-12	
6	0.9e-12	0.9e-12	0.9e-12	0.8e-12	
	0.9e-12	0.9e-12	0.9e-12	0.8e-12	
	1.0e-12	2.1e-12	2.0e-12	1.1e-12	
	0.9e-12	0.9e-12	0.9e-12	0.8e-12	
	0.9e-12	0.9e-12	0.9e-12	0.8e-12	
7	1.0000E-01	1.0000E-01	1.0000E-01	1.0000E-01	
	1.0000E-01	1.0000E-01	1.0000E-01	1.0000E-01	
	1.0000E-01	1.0000E-01	1.0000E-01	1.0000E-01	
8	1.0000E-01	1.0000E-01	1.0000E-01	1.0000E-01	
	1.0000E-01	1.0000E-01	1.0000E-01	1.0000E-01	
	1.0000E-01	1.0000E-01	1.0000E-01	1.0000E-01	

Reading *.3ddose in c++

```
// Read in number of voxels
fscanf(f, "%d_%d_%d\n", &x_num, &y_num, &z_num);

// Read in boundaries
for(i = 0; i < x_num+1; i++) {
    fscanf(f, "%f", &x_bound[i]);
}
for(i = 0; i < y_num+1; i++) {
    fscanf(f, "%f", &y_bound[i]);
}
for(i = 0; i < z_num+1; i++) {
    fscanf(f, "%f", &z_bound[i]);
}
```

Reading *.3ddose in c++ (cont.)

```
// Read in the dose data
for(k = 0; k < z_num; k++) {
    for(j = 0; j < y_num; j++) {
        for(i = 0; i < x_num; i++) {
            fscanf(f, "%f", &data[i][j][k]);
        }
    }
}

// Read in the dose error
for(k = 0; k < z_num; k++) {
    for(j = 0; j < y_num; j++) {
        for(i = 0; i < x_num; i++) {
            fscanf(f, "%f", &error[i][j][k]);
        }
    }
}
```

The *.egsphant format

1. The number of media in the phantom
2. The names of the media
3. The ESTEPE value for each medium (now a dummy input)
4. The number of voxels in the X , Y and Z directions
5. A list of the voxel boundaries in the X direction
6. A list of the voxel boundaries in the Y direction
7. A list of the voxel boundaries in the Z direction
8. For each Z slice, an X - Y array containing the medium number in each voxel
9. For each slice in the Z direction, an X - Y array containing the densities in each voxel

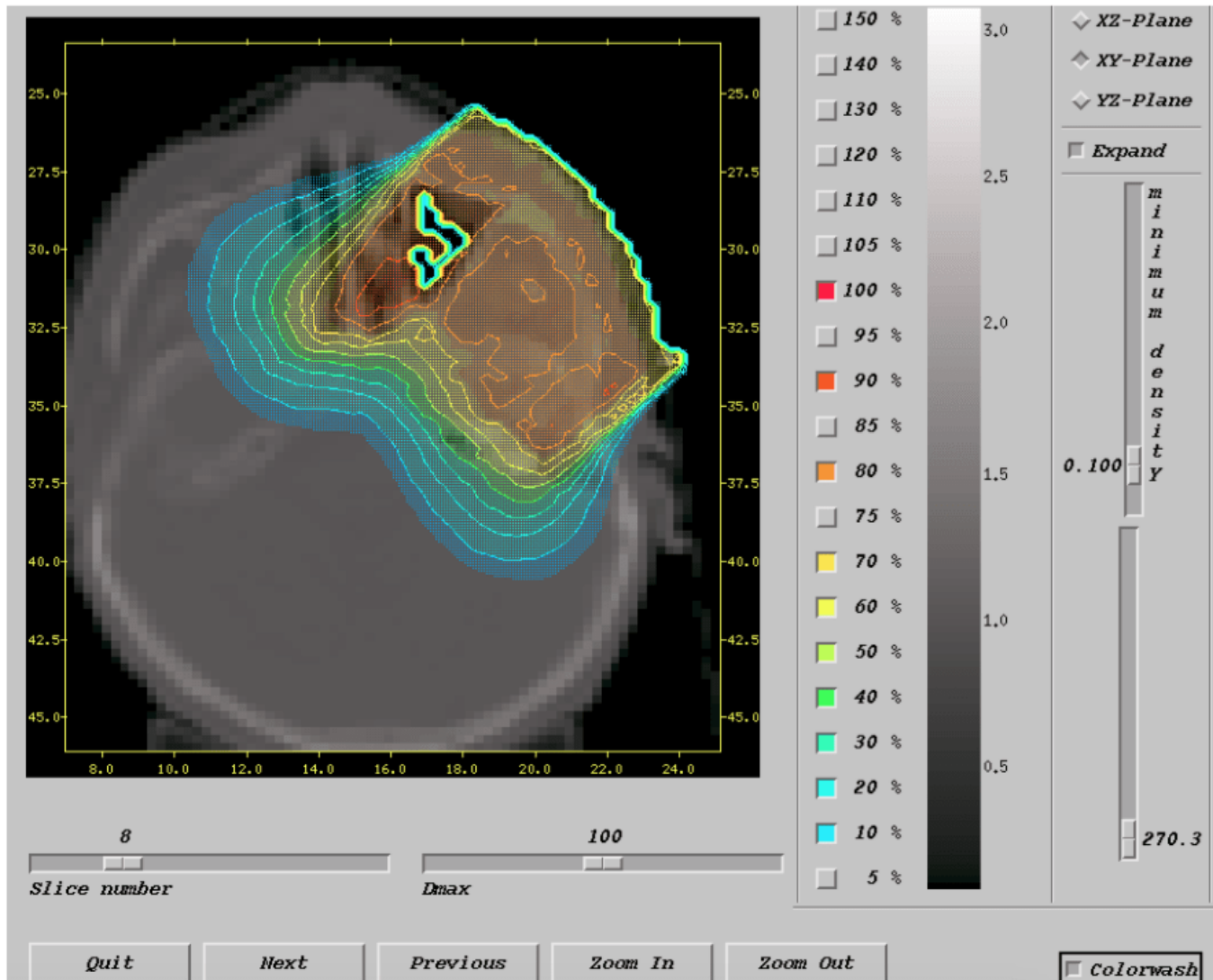
[illegible]

Visualizing dose with `dosxyz_show`

```
dosxyz_show density_file [dose_file]
```

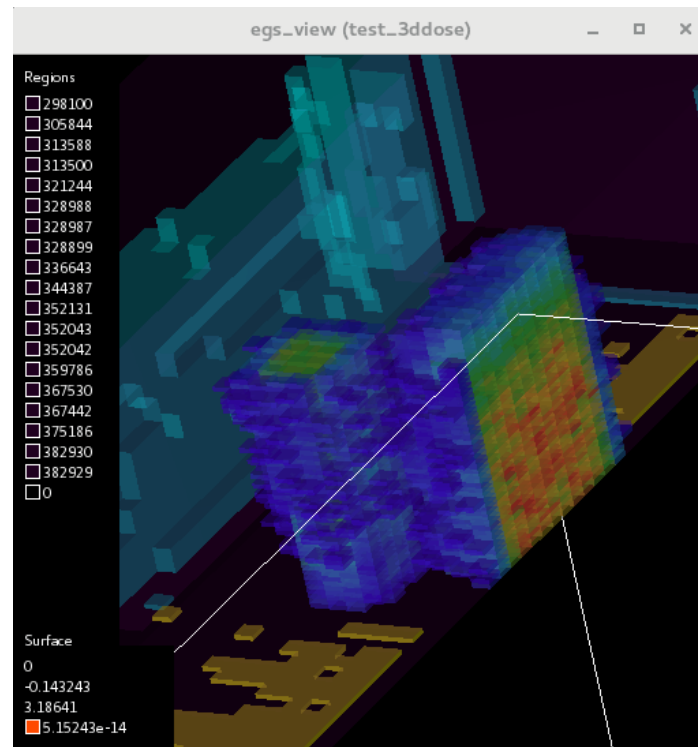
- Displays slices of a phantom (.egsphant)
- Overlays dose on each slice (.3ddose)
- The dose and density files must be on the same grid
- Open Motif is required to compile (e.g. [libmotif-dev](#))

Visualizing dose with `dosxyz_show`

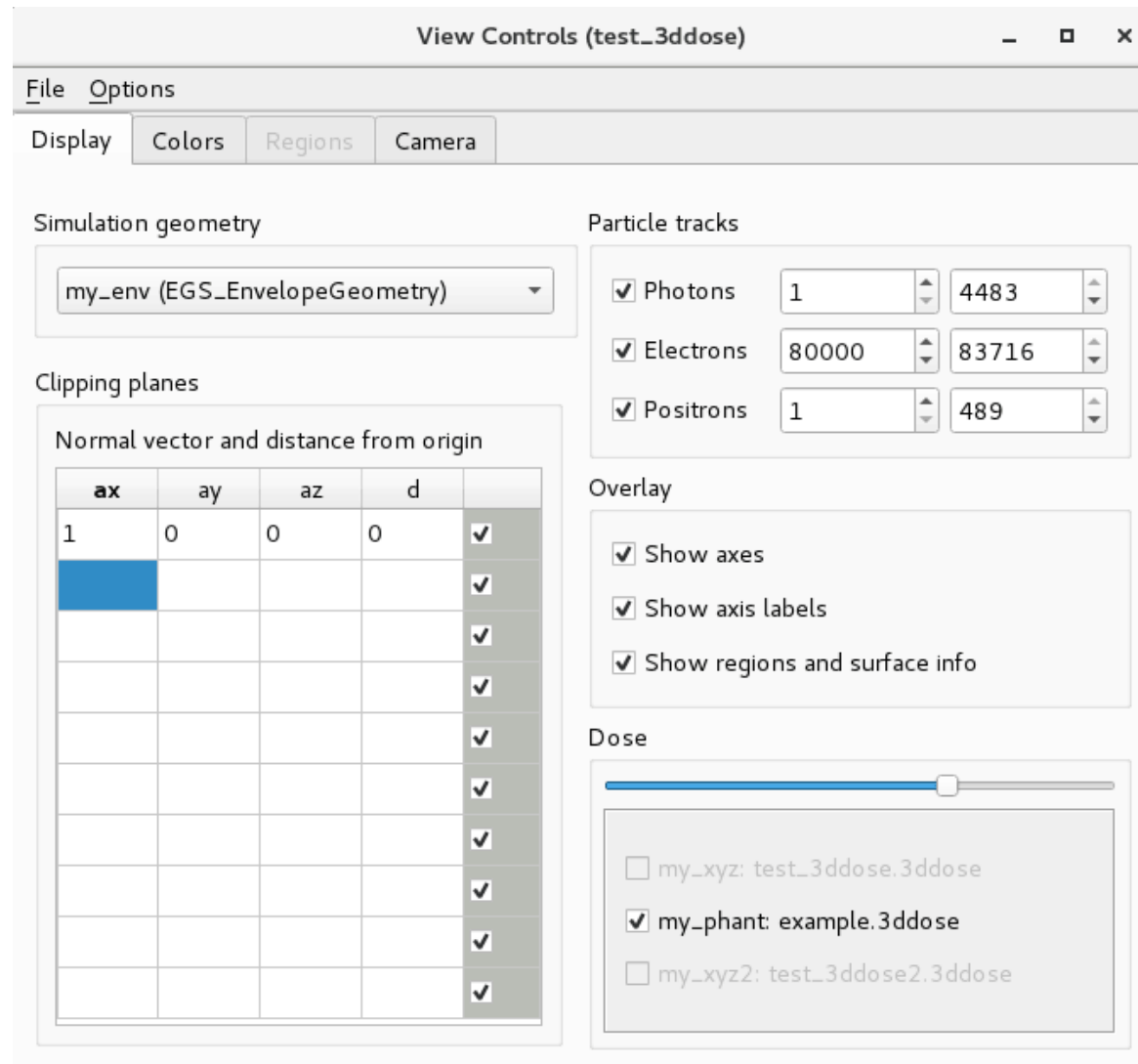


Dose display in egs_view

- Recent developments have added dose display to egs_view
- Only 3ddose files supported for XYZ geometries
- Currently no isodose lines or dose smoothing



Dose display in **egs_view**



egsphant and 3ddose in egs_view

```
:stop geometry definition:
  :start geometry:
    name = my_phant
    library = egs_ndgeometry
    type = EGS_XYZGeometry
    egsphant file = slice_files.egsphant
    ct ramp = 5MeV.ramp # this requirement will be removed in future PR
  :stop geometry:
  simulation geometry = my_phant
:stop geometry definition:

:start ausgab object definition:
  :start ausgab object:
    library = egs_dose_scoring
    name = example
    medium dose = no
    region dose = no
  :start output dose file:
    geometry name = my_phant
    file type = 3ddose
  :stop output dose file:
:stop ausgab object:
:stop ausgab object definition:
```

VICTORIA: 3ddose, egspant and DICOM viewer

<http://web.uvic.ca/bazalova/VICTORIA/>

VICTORIA

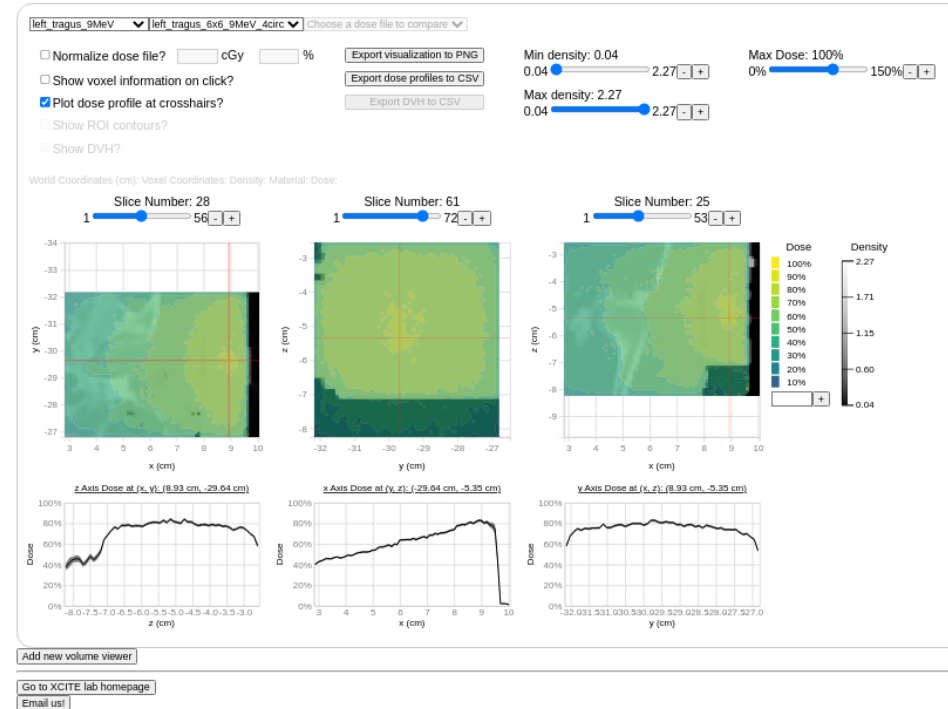
Voxel Interactive Contour Tool for Online Radiation Intensity Analytics by Ellie Badun

A short paper describing VICTORIA can be found on [arXiv](#).

Upload your own .egspant, .3ddose, .dcm, or TOPAS .csv dose files.

Drop or select one or more .egspant, .3ddose, .dcm, or TOPAS .csv dose files or use existing [test files](#).

Choose files | 2 files



Importing *.3ddose to a TPS

- Import into a TPS by overwriting DICOM RD dose values
- Requires a DICOM library (e.g. pydicom, CERR) and some coding!
- Update DICOM image parameters:
 - Image Position (0x00200032)
 - Image Orientation (0x00200037)
 - Number of Frames (0x00280008)
 - Rows (0x00280010)
 - Columns (0x00280011)
 - Pixel Spacing (0x00280030)
 - Dose Units item (0x30040002)
 - Grid Offset Vector (0x3004000C)
 - Dose Grid Scaling (0x3004000E)
 - Pixel Data (0x7FE00010)

STATDOSE for Analyzing .3ddose files

- Compiled automatically with BEAMnrc installation
- Generates dose profiles as xmgrace plots
- Dose distributions can be normalized, rebinned
- Statistical comparisons can be performed if only two or more dose distributions have been read in, and the voxel geometries are identical

STATDOSE voxel grid dimensions

For larger voxel grids, adjust the dimensions in
[\\$HEN_HOUSE/omega/progs/statdose/statdose.mortran](#) and recompile.

```
REPLACE {$MAXVOXX} WITH {128};  
REPLACE {$MAXVOXY} WITH {128};  
REPLACE {$MAXVOXZ} WITH {128};
```

STATDOSE Example

Begin by reading in one or more .3ddose files.

```
*****
      STATDOSE.MORTRAN(Rev 1.3)
      Max array dimensions:  128  128 128
      Max # data sets: 15
*****

MAIN MENU
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0 - Exit
1 - Read dose distributions
2 - Statistical analysis
3 - Normalization
4 - Rebinning
5 - Plot
6 - Save

Selection: 1      # Begin by reading dose files
```

STATDOSE: Assign each file a reference

READ DOSE DISTRIBUTIONS

- 1 16MVp_h2o_phantom_phsp_example
- 2 5MeV-2
- 3 5MeV

Input file number to Read in: (1- 7 or 0-Main Menu): 3

File number for temporary storage: (1-* or 0-Main Menu): 1

Number of voxels in X,Y,Z directions: 51 50 51

Voxel-boundary values in X-direction: -5.10 - 5.10

Voxel-boundary values in Y-direction: 0.00 - 10.00

Voxel-boundary values in Z-direction: -5.10 - 5.10

Reading dose distribution...

Reading in the uncertainties on DOSE Distribution...

Have read dose distributions

STATDOSE: Statistical analysis

STATS MENU

- 0 - Return to main menu
- 1 - Plot frequency vs. $D1-D2$
- 2 - Plot frequency vs. $(D1-D2)/[(D1+D2)/2] * 100\%$
- 3 - Plot frequency vs. $(D1-D2)/\text{max central axis dose} * 100\%$
- 4 - Plot frequency vs. $(D1-D2)/\text{sqrt}(\text{err1}^2+\text{err2}^2)$

STATDOSE: Normalization

NORM MENU

- 0 - Main menu
- 1 - Apply scaling factor
- 2 - Normalize to average dose
- 3 - Normalize to maximum dose along central axis
- 4 - Normalize to dose in specific voxel
- 5 - Denormalize

STATDOSE: Rebinning

REBINNING

Files currently loaded:

1 - 5MeV

2 - 5MeV-2

Number of file to Rebin (0-MainMenu): 1

Number of Rebinned File (1-5,0-MainMenu): 3

Name of rebinned file (default=5MeV.rb):

Axis for rebinning (1-X,2-Y,3-Z): 1

Rebinning factor: 2

REBINNING.....

NUMBER OF VOXELS IN X,Y,Z DIRECTIONS:	26		50	51
Voxel-boundary values in X-direction:	-5.10	-	5.10	
Voxel-boundary values in Y-direction:	0.00	-	10.00	
Voxel-boundary values in Z-direction:	-5.10	-	5.10	

STATDOSE: Plotting

If plot axis falls on voxel boundaries, then the plotted dose is the voxel with the lower index (lower X and/or Y value)

PLOT MENU

- 0 - Main menu
- 1 - Plot profiles
- 2 - Comparison plot

STATDOSE: Plotting

COMPARE-PLOT

Axis for Compare-plot (0-PlotMenu,1-X,2-Y,3-Z): 1

Coordinates of Axis (y,z): 0,0

Graph Title (default=Compareplot at (0.0,0.0)):

Output Filename (default=Compareplot.agr): # Remember what you put here!

Generate Automatic Offset? (y/n) [n]:

Files currently loaded:

1 - 5MeV

2 - 5MeV-2

Input curve # to be plotted in this graph (0=>View Graph): 1

3D-dose distribution 1: 5MeV

Files currently loaded:

1 - 5MeV

2 - 5MeV-2

Input curve # to be plotted in this graph (0=>View Graph): 2

3D-dose distribution 2: 5MeV

STATDOSE: Plotting

5MeV depth dose curves

