

Beam Transport Line of CIAE Medical Cyclotron and Its Magnetic Elements Design Studies

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Abstract

More than 300 μA proton beam has to be transported from exit of a cyclotron to target. The final beam spot less than $\Phi 8$ mm in diameter was asked. To reduce the cost of the system the beam aperture is limited to 50 mm in diameter and the magnetic elements are carefully designed with easier fabrication and loose tolerance. For example, the cross section of the pole faces of the quadrupoles are broken line shaped instead of hyperbola. And the two steering magnets have been added to control the vertical and horizontal position of the beam on the target.

I. INTRODUCTION

CIAE Medical Cyclotron is a fixed-field, fixed-frequency cyclotron. It is built to produce short-lived radioisotopes. Its vault and target room is shown in fig. 1. More than 300 μA proton beam has to be transported from exit of the cyclotron to target for isotopes production. The beam line for this purpose is being built in CIAE.

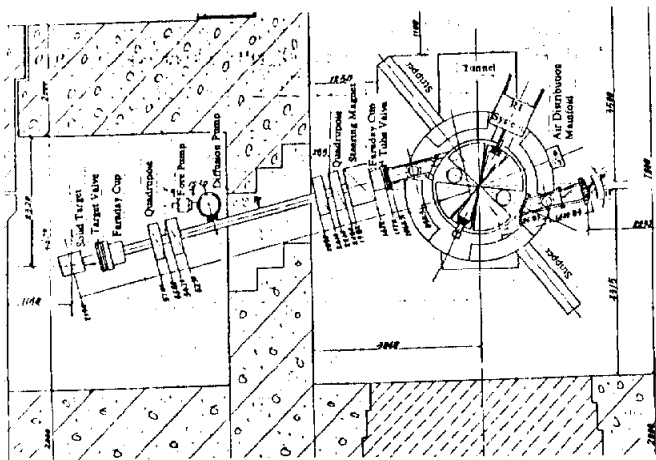


Fig. 1 The vault and target room

II. BEAM LINE DESIGN

The beam is able to be extracted from the cyclotron after H^- ion stripped cross a thin carbon foil. The proton is bent out of the cyclotron by the edge field. The stripper is radially and azimuthally adjustable, that make the extracted beams at different energies are directed towards the centre of the switching magnet. To reduce the cost of the system the beam aperture is limited to 50 mm in diameter. In order to meet the requirement of the final beam spot less than $\Phi 8$ mm, two pairs of quadrupole are used instead of a triplet or a pair of quadrupole^{1,2}. Two steering magnets are used to control the vertical and horizontal position of the beam on the target. The bending angle is more than 2° .

After stripper, the beam emittance is provided as:

$$\varepsilon_x = 8.4 \times 6.38 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m.rad}$$

$$\varepsilon_y = 2.7 \times 6.25 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m.rad}$$

The beam line is designed based on the code TRANSPORT.

For 30 MeV beam, the results are:

1. The maximum of envelope in X direction is limited in 24.87 mm, in Y direction 17.77 mm.

2. Position of the elements is shown in fig. 1.

3. In the working condition, the magnetic field gradients are:

$$K_1 = -0.57605 \text{ kG/cm}$$

$$K_2 = 0.57308 \text{ kG/cm}$$

$$K_3 = -0.66457 \text{ kG/cm}$$

$$K_4 = 0.72957 \text{ kG/cm}$$

For 20 MeV beam, the results are:

1. The maximum of envelope in X direction is limited 24.40 mm, in Y direction 21.19 mm.

2. Position of the elements is the same as above.

$$\begin{aligned} K_1 &= -0.44126 \text{ kG / cm} \\ K_2 &= 0.45866 \text{ kG / cm} \\ K_3 &= -0.57052 \text{ kG / cm} \\ K_4 &= 0.63962 \text{ kG / cm} \end{aligned}$$

III. Quadrupole Design

$$\frac{dB_x}{dy} = \frac{dB_y}{dx} = \text{const.}$$

C_i	R_p
0.0	0.00
0.2	0.04
0.4	0.08
0.6	0.11
0.8	0.08
1.0	0.06

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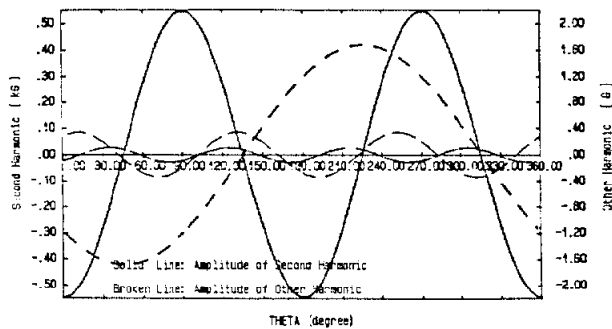


Fig. 7 The mapping results — harmonic field

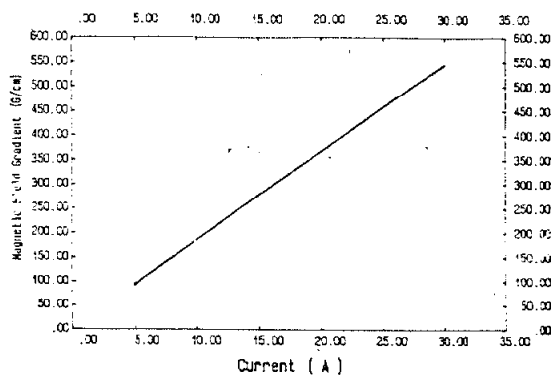


Fig. 8 The mapping results — magnetic field gradient



Fig. 9 The quadrupole

IV. STEERING MAGNET DESIGN

In order to adjust the the vertical and horizontal position of the beam on the production target, two steering magnet are designed. The central the beam position ± 20 cm in the target.

The structure of steering magnet showed in fig. 11 . The pole breadth of steering magnet is 12 cm. The gap

height is 7.2 cm.and the effective length will be approximately equal to:

$$L_{\text{eff}} = 12 + 2 \times 0.65 \times 7.2 = 21.36 \text{ (cm)}$$

The computation results of magnetic field distribution is showed in fig. 12. The field indensity in the gap is 1521 G given by computation and measurement. With the beam energy 30 MeV, the rotated angle is

$$R = \frac{m_0 c}{qB} \sqrt{\left(2 + \frac{K}{E_0}\right) \frac{K}{E_0}} = 5.2448(m)$$

Where K is kinetic energy. E_0 is rest mass. Then the beam bending angle is 2.3331° and the movement on target is 22.26 cm. magnet .

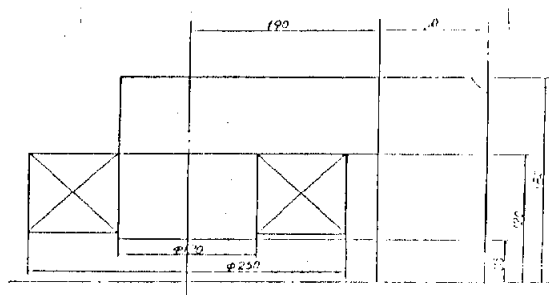


Fig. 10 The structure of steering magnet

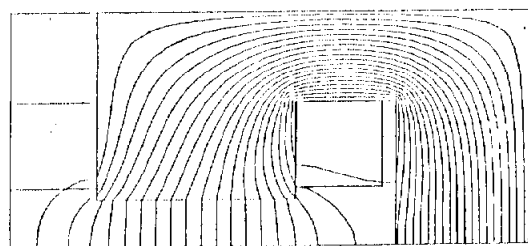


Fig. 11 The magnetic field distribution of steering magnet

V. CONCLUSION

The beam transport line is designed according to the requirements.

All magnetic elementsc possess same common characteristics: easier to machine, loose tolerance and lower power consumption et al.