# Neutron Source with Emittance Recovery Internal Target (ERIT)

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#### **Boron Neutron Capture Therapy (BNCT)**



Li ions and a particles are high linear energy transfer particles with high biological efficiency. Li ions and a particles destroy cells within about 10  $\mu$ m path length from the site of capture reaction.

It is theoretically possible to kill tumor cells without affecting adjacent health cells, if <sup>10</sup>B atoms can be selectively accumulated in tumor cells.

How to do?



<sup>10</sup>B compound

# Boron Neutron Capture Therapy (BNCT)





Borocaptate sodium (BSH) L-p-Boronophenyl alanine (BPA)



 $^{1}n + ^{10}B \rightarrow ^{4}He(\alpha) + ^{7}Li + 2.8 \text{ MeV}$ 



著しいがん細胞の 成長により体内に 止まらず皮膚をも 破りさらに増大 絶大なるがん細胞縮小の
 効果を得ただけでなく
 他の放射線治療では
 成し得ない、
 皮膚の再生を確認。

腫瘍はほぼ完全に縮退。 高いQOLを達成。

lung, liver etc.

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#### **Progression-Free Survival**

#### gliobrastomer



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Dose concentration: better than hadron therapy Total amount of the dose (Gy-eq/h) therapy <sup>10</sup>B-concentration: normal lung ;11.4ppm, Lung cancer; 38.8ppm

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# BNCT



The successful treatment of cancer by BNCT requires the selective delivery of relatively high concentration of <sup>10</sup>B to malignant tumor tissues and cells.

Advantage :  $\alpha$ -particles with short range as  $10\mu$ m

Disadvantage : (1)Low intracellular localization of <sup>10</sup>BSH against tumor cell via systemic administration (2)Neutron source with nuclear reactor of >10MW

Strategy : (1)DDS Targeting carrier (liposome, polymer ···) Ligand for internalization (antibody, TF, EGF ···) (2)ABNS Accelerator based neutron source

# Neutron source for BNCT

- High flux
  - > 1 x 10<sup>9</sup> n/cm<sup>2</sup>/sec at patient for 30minutes treatment
- Low energy spectrum
  - Thermal/epi-thermal (En<1keV) neutrons

Nuclear reactor of >10MW output power is requested.





# **ABNS**

### (accelerator-based neutron source)

- Neutron production reaction
  - 9Be(p,n)B, 8Li(p,n)Be
- Low energy proton
  - 3-10MeV
    - (Coulomb barrier ~2MeV)
    - – Low gamma-ray background
- Large reaction cross section
  - ~500mb

## **Difficulties of ABNS with external target**



- Large gamma-ray production from target/moderator
  - difficult to shield

# ABNS with internal target FFAG-ERIT

(FFAG Accelerator with Emittance/Energy Recovery Internal Target)

Y.Mori, Nucl. Instr. Meth., PRS, A562(2006) 591-595.



# **FFAG-ERIT** for **ABNS**

#### • Energy loss

- Recovered by RF re-acceleration
- Emittance growth due to scattering
  - Cured by "Ionization Cooling"
- Beam intensity
  - Required accelerating averaged beam current is reduced by number of turns

# **Energy loss**

- Proton energy : 10MeV(dE/dx = 30MeV/g/cm<sup>2</sup>)
- Target thickness : 5 micron for Be
- Beam intensity : 100mA
  - Energy loss / turn ~30KeV
  - Beam power lost in the target ~ 2.4kW
- Heat load & radiation damages are modest.

### **Temperature rise of Be target**



### Irradiation damage of Be target

### **SRIM code**

proton beam current IA energy I0MeV Be target 8micro-m

> Dislocation < 0.1 dps small enough

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# **Emittance growth**

 Using an internal target, the beam emittance is increased by multiple scattering and straggling. However, in ERIT, "Ionization Cooling" suppresses the emittance growth.



# **Ionization Cooling**

$$\frac{d\varepsilon}{ds} = A\varepsilon + B \qquad \qquad \varepsilon: \text{ beam emittance}$$

transverse

$$= -\frac{1}{\beta^2 E} \left\{ \frac{dE}{ds} \right\} \qquad B = \frac{\beta \gamma}{2} \beta_T \frac{\left(13.6 MeV\right)^2}{\left(\beta cp\right)^2 L_s}$$

longitudinal

$$A = 2 \frac{\partial \left(\frac{dE}{ds}\right)}{\partial E}$$

A

Rutherford multiple scattering

$$B = 4\pi \left( r_e m_e c^2 \right)^2 n_e \gamma \left[ 1 - \frac{\beta^2}{2} \right]$$
  
straggling

proton beam 10MeV Be target

#### Transverse→Cooling Longitudinal→Heating

3D beam cooling becomes possible if transverse and longitudinal motions are coupled.

Sum of distr. function:

$$\sum_{1}^{3} g_i > 0$$

### **Emittanc growth**



#### No. of turn

NO.

#### Need a large momentum acceptance ring --> FFAG (zero-chromaticity)

### **R&D Project of Next-generation DDS-type** Malignant Tumor Therapy System

#### Purpose

 Development of a prototype of compact accelerator-based thermal/epithermal neutron source for BNCT(boron neutron capture therapy)

#### • Performance

- Neutron flux enough for 1 hour treatment
- thermal/epithermal neutron flux :  $\phi \sim 1 \times 10^9 \text{ n/cm}^2/\text{sec}$  @patient
- Three-year (2005-2007) project supported by New Energy Development Organization (NEDO) in Japan
  - Construction was successfully completed.
  - Beam test has been carried out.

# **FFAG-ERIT ring for ABNS**



### **Characteristics of ABNS** with FFAG-ERIT ring

- Large beam current/beam power
  - circulating beam
    - ciruculating beam current(beam power) >50mA(500kW equi.)
- more than 10times compared with external target
   Modest loads for the target and accelerator

   small heat load and low radiation damage with thin
  - target
    - heat load ~3kW
    - radiation cooling : temeprature 650-700 C
       radiation damage 0.1dps
    - Lifetime >month
  - small beam current for the accelerator
     accelerator beam current
     Ia = Ic / N(# of turns)

    - beam current Ia=Ic/N=50µA : if N=1000turns
- Small gamma-ray production
   thin target, no cooling medium and no beam dump at target region
- multi-target & multi-directional irradiations
- Small radiation shielding
   modest beam current
  - - small buildings and low infrastructure cost

# **ABNS with FFAG-ERIT ring**



# Characterisitcs & Performance

#### • FFAG-ERIT ring

- circ. beam current
- beam life(# of turns)
- acceptance
- magnet
  - gap height
- rf cavity
  - frequency
  - rf voltage
- beam energy
- averaged beam current

#### • Injector

- beam current
- Neutron production target
  - Be,10µm
- Moderator
  - thermal+epithermal
  - gamma-ray · fast neutron

#### 70mA

#### 1000turns

Av>500mm.mrad(rms), dp/p>+-5%(full) large aperture, small fringing filed 15cm

~20MHz(harmonic number :5 >200kV Injector 11MeV 70µA

>70µA (20-200Hz, duty ~2%)

heat load <6.6W/cm<sup>2</sup>,Lifetime>1 month

>10<sup>9</sup> n/cm<sup>2</sup>/sec

Nuclear reactor level (IAEA)

# Ion Source

- particle: negative hydrogen
- extraction energy : 30 keV
- rep. rate : 200Hz (goal : 500Hz)
- beam duration : 2%, maximu
- beam current :
  - 100µA (ave.)
  - 5mA(peak:goal10mA)
  - commissioning: 1mA(cw)achieved(Dec.2006)
- nor. emittance : <1πmm-mrad





# Proton linac

#### $PULSAR: developed for <math display="inline">PET_{\circ}$

#### AccSys Inc. PULSAR





RFQ



DTL

# FFAG-ERIT RING



-beam energy -circ. beam current -beam life(# of turns)

11MeV 70mA 500-1000turns

-acceptance Av>3000mm.mrad, dp/p>+-5% (full)



### **Parameters of FFAG-ERIT ring**



### Radial sector FFAG magnet

FDF lattice Cell num. = 8 F-Mag. = 6.4[deg], D-Mag. = 5.1[deg], F-D gap 3.75[deg], F-Clamp gap = 1.9[deg], Clamp thick = 4[cm]Mean radius = 2.35[m]





 $n_X \sim 1.75$ ,  $n_Y \sim 2.23$ FD ratio  $\sim 3$ 

### **Vertical beta function & acceptance**



Vertical beta function@target ~ 0.83 [m]

Vertical acceptance ~  $3000\pi$  [mm-mrad]

(Horizontal acceptance >  $7000\pi$  [mm-mrad])

### **RMS** emittance / energy spread



### Number turns for beam survival



Average turn numbers for beam survival ~ 910 turns

### rf cavity for ERIT ring



•Inner diameter  $\phi$  200cm, •axial length 40cm, cap. electrode:  $\phi$  160cm × t2cm,

- gap btw cap. electrode and cavity end plate 3cm,
- •tuner:  $\phi$  20cm × L50cm,
- beam duct : w38cm × h20cm,
- •coupler : diameter 12cm × L30cm,  $\phi$  2cm

# rf cavity for FFAG-ERIT



End plate

#### frequency 18.1MHz

#### rf voltage >200kV







### Neuron production target lifetime

• Lifetime is mainly determined by evapolation.

- $\rightarrow$  Low temperature operation(<650C) is essential.
- •Heat power density <6.6W/cm2 for 3 months operation.



### Moderator

#### basic layout

1st moderator(Fe/AIF3)): $0 \sim 10$ cm, 2nd moderator(60%AIF3/40%AI): $10 \sim 30$ cm, 3rd moderator(AIF3/D20): $10 \sim 20$ cm,  $\gamma$ -ray shield(Bi): $5 \sim 10$ cm



# Neutron spectrum : example of simulation (under optimization)



### **Performance of moderator**

#### • Neutron flux

- Thermal neutron flux :  $7 \times 10^8$  (cm<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>)
- Epi-thermal neutron flux :  $5 \times 10^8$  (cm<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>)
- Total (thermal + epi-thermal) : 1.2×10<sup>9</sup> (cm<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>) @ patient
- Contamination of fast neutron
  - 2-2.5 times larger than IAEA standards, however, comparable with those from ordinary nuclear reactors(KUR,JRR4 etc.)
- Contamination of gamma- ray
  - Lower than IAEA standards, however, not includes those from target nucleus.



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# Measurement of emittance growth

 Emittance growth as a function of turn numbers is measured with beam scrapers (hor.&vert.) placed in the ring.

$$\mathcal{E}_{T} = \frac{B}{A} + \left(\mathcal{E}_{0} - \frac{B}{A}\right) e^{-As},$$
$$A = -\frac{1}{\beta^{2} E} \left\{\frac{dE}{ds}\right\}$$
$$B = \frac{\beta \gamma}{2} \beta_{T} \frac{\left(13.6 MeV\right)^{2}}{\left(\beta cp\right)^{2} L_{s}}$$



# Summary

- Intense neutron source for BNCT with FFAG-ERIT(emittance/energy recovery internal target) scheme was constructed and works as expected.
  - Storage beam current was 50mA equ. for 200Hz operation.
  - Emittance growth agreed well with ionization cooling model.
  - Neutron yield measured with He<sup>3</sup> detector was ~5x10<sup>8</sup> n/cm<sup>2</sup>/sec equ. for 200Hz operation at the moderator exit.
- Future
  - Target lifetime test for full beam duty operation.
  - Neutron spectrum measurement