

Benchmark Calculation of Neutron Spectra and Dose Distribution from an Iron Target for Protons

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Abstract

Neutron spectra from an iron target for protons and dose distribution according to thickness of concrete were calculated using MCNPX code. Calculated neutron spectra at various emission angles were in good agreement with the experimental and calculated results of preceding researchers. The calculated dose distribution overestimated the experimental data for all emission angles, but the discrepancies were small. Through this calculation, the possibility and validity of the shielding analysis and dose evaluation in building of proton accelerator by Monte Carlo code were obtained.

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¹⁾ . (NCC) 가 235 MeV
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^{2,3)} 가

MCNPX ver. 2.4.0 ⁴⁾
 . 230 MeV

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2.1 MCNPX ver. 2.4.0

가 가 MCNPX(ver. 2.4.0) . 150 MeV
 LA 150 library⁵⁾ , 150 MeV
 가 Intranuclear cascade(INC) model ISABEL ⁶⁾
 . default physics module
 Intranuclear cascade pre-equilibrium model .

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2-1 . 2m 1 mm spherical
 shell Track length estimator MCNPX (tally) F4
 . 256 MeV ,
 (=160 mm × 80 mm) .
 7.5, 30, 60, 120, 150. 2-1 ± 2 ° .
 가 % 10⁷
 history .

230 MeV

2-2 가 가 1 m

4 m 116 mm 75.1 mm

230 MeV 가 가

1 Siebers ⁷⁾ 가 0, 22, 45, 90 °

2-3 200 MeV Iwai ⁹⁾ 가 ICRP 74⁸⁾ , 200 MeV 가

5×10^7 history

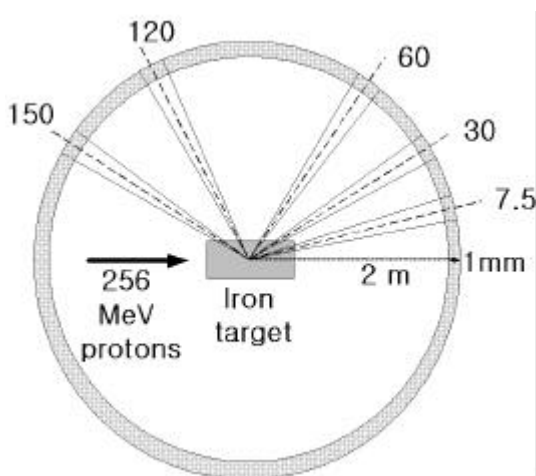


Fig. 2-1. Geometrical model for neutron yield calculation.

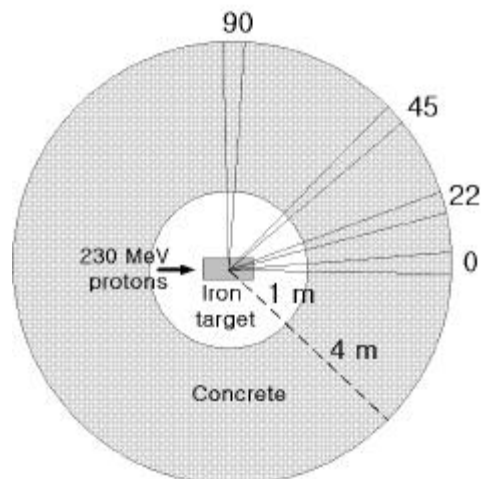


Fig. 2-2. Geometrical model for radiation shielding calculation.

Table 1. Density and compositions of concrete used in shielding calculation.

| Density (g/cm ³) | Element | number density (10 ²² atom/cm ³) | Element | number density (10 ²² atom/cm ³) |
|------------------------------|---------|---|---------|---|
| 1.88 | O | 3.84e+00 | Mg | 1.60e-01 |
| | H | 1.90e+00 | Al | 1.60e-01 |
| | Si | 6.80e-01 | Fe | 4.00e-02 |
| | Ca | 3.60e-01 | K | 3.00e-02 |
| | C | 3.30e-01 | Na | 1.00e-02 |

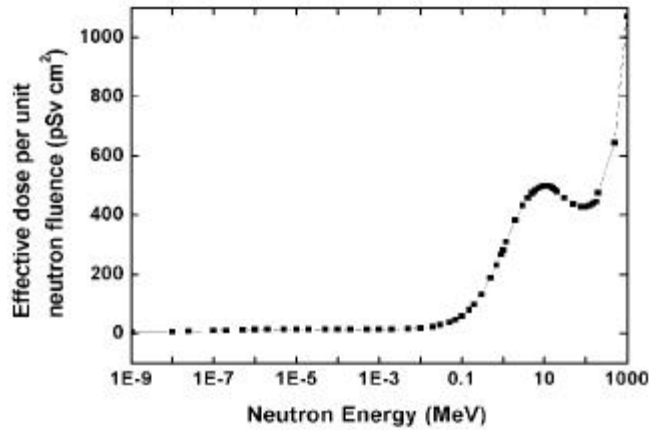


Fig. 2-3. Fluence-to-dose conversion factors were based on ICRP Pub. 74 up to 200 MeV neutrons and data evaluated by Iwai et al.

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3-1 256 MeV

Ryuichi Tayama²⁾ MCNPX ver. 2.1.5 NMTCC/JAM + MCNP-4A
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3-2 MCNPX ver. 2.4.0

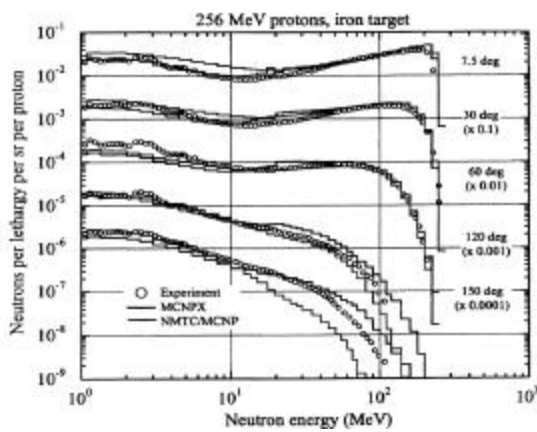


Fig. 3-1. Comparison between measured and calculated neutron leakage spectra from a thick iron target bombarded with 256 MeV protons at various angles in reference.

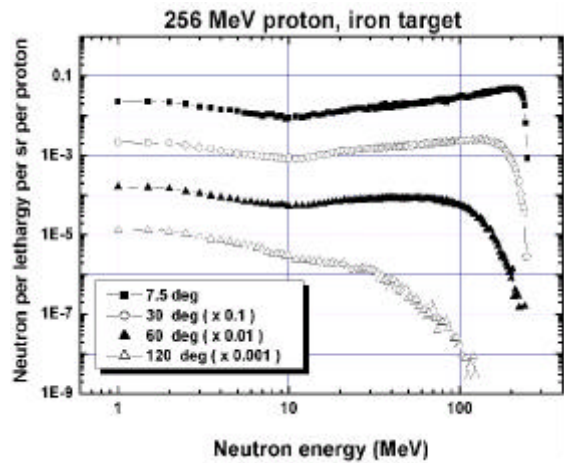


Fig. 3-2. Calculated neutron leakage spectra from a thick iron target bombarded with 256 MeV protons at various angles with MCNPX code in this study.

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factor 3

fitting

Attenuation

parameters H_0

3

50%

Tayama

$$H(t) = H_0 \exp(-t/\lambda) / r^2$$

, $H(t)$: Equivalent dose(pSv) at concrete thickness t (g/cm^2)

H_0 : source term(pSv cm^{-2})

λ : attenuation length for equivalent dose through concrete (g/cm^{-2})

r : distance from the source to the calculation points

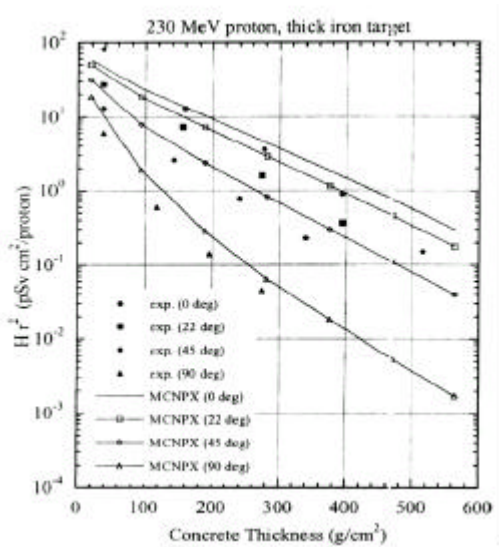


Fig. 3-3. Comparison between measured and calculated dose distribution of concrete from a thick iron target for 230 MeV protons multiplied by the distance from target to calculation point squared in reference.

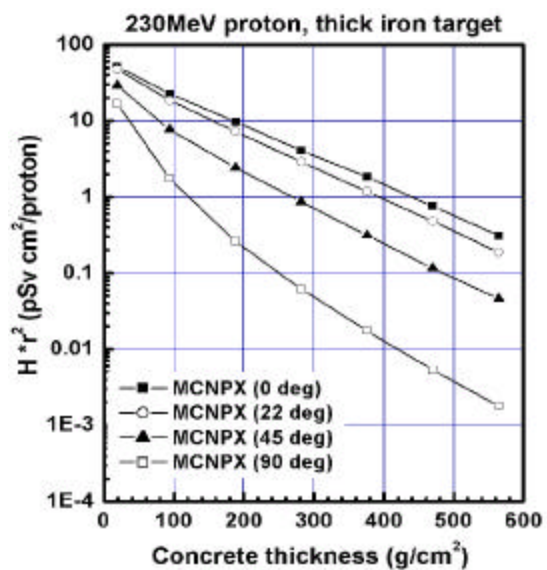


Fig. 3-4. Calculated dose distribution of concrete from a thick iron target for 230 MeV protons multiplied by the distance from target to calculation point squared with MCNPX code in this study.

Table 2. Comparison between calculated and measured attenuation parameters H_0 and L_0 of concrete for 230 MeV protons.

| Emission angle (deg) | Experiment - Siebers | | Calculation - Tayama | | Calculation - this study | | Cal. this study / Experiment | | Cal. this study / Cal- Tayama | |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------|----------------------|----------|--------------------------|----------|------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------|-------|
| | H_0^a | L_0^b | H_0 | L_0 | H_0 | L_0 | H_0 | L_0 | H_0 | L_0 |
| 0 | 1.06E+02 | 8.00E+01 | 5.75E+01 | 1.07E+02 | 5.73E+01 | 1.08E+02 | 0.54 | 1.35 | 1.00 | 1.01 |
| 22 | 4.94E+01 | 8.06E+01 | 4.68E+01 | 1.01E+02 | 5.08E+01 | 1.00E+02 | 1.03 | 1.24 | 1.08 | 0.99 |
| 45 | 1.48E+01 | 8.20E+01 | 2.02E+01 | 9.00E+01 | 1.95E+01 | 9.22E+01 | 1.32 | 1.12 | 0.96 | 1.02 |
| 90 | 3.94E+00 | 6.06E+01 | 5.39E+00 | 6.84E+01 | 5.26E+00 | 6.95E+01 | 1.33 | 1.15 | 0.97 | 1.02 |

^a H_0 (pSv cm² p⁻¹)

^b (L_0 g cm⁻²)

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MCNPX ver. 2.4.0

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