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**Optimal Design of an Epithermal Neutron Beam for Accelerator-Based BNCT  
and Its Dosimetric Evaluation Using Head Phantom**

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**ABSTRACT**

Neutron beam quality as well as neutron intensity are matter of concerns and interests for accelerator-based BNCT. And also it is essential to produce an epithermal neutron beam which has proper spectral feature for BNCT. Therefore, on the basis of the epithermal neutron beam quality improvement study, previously performed, optimized epithermal neutron beam in spectral feature of narrowness and in enhancement of epithermal neutron flux is designed. And it is evaluated that the dosimetric characteristics using mathematical

and VOXEL head phantoms. The dosimetric evaluation results shows that the optimized epithermal neutron beams have better dosimetric characteristics and can deliver more radiation dose to the brain center by a factor of 2, compared with the reference beams. Therefore it is expected that the optimized epithermal neutron beams are more effective to treat deep-seated tumor and can reduce treatment time.

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(BNCT, Boron Neutron Capture Therapy) 가 , 4 eV  $E_n$  40 keV 가 [1]. 가 가 BNCT 가 ,  ${}^7\text{Li}(p,n){}^7\text{Be}$  가 BNCT 가 , (intensity) (quality) BNCT (flux)  $1 \times 10^9$  neutrons/cm<sup>2</sup>-sec , (forward directional property) 가 (beam shaping assembly) BNCT 가 AD (Advantage Depth) 가 , AD 가 , B-10 B-10 . MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) [2,3] AD 가 10 keV 가 ( ) (narrow)

[4] ,

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## 2.

${}^7\text{Li}(p,n){}^7\text{Be}$  가 1.88 MeV  
(threshold energy) 가

가 2.5 MeV 가

PLINS(Proton Lithium Induced Neutron Source) [2] 2.5 MeV

( , ) 0.8

MeV

가 가  ${}^7\text{Li}(p,n){}^7\text{Be}$

(yield)  $8.98820\text{E}+11$  neutrons/mA

## 3.

### 3.1

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가 2001 IAEA

FWHM(Full Width at Half Maximum)

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- ;  $D_n/\phi_{\text{epithermal}} < 2.0 \times 10^{-13} \text{Gy-cm}^2/\text{n}_{\text{epi}}$

- ;  $D_\gamma/\phi_{\text{epithermal}} < 2.0 \times 10^{-13} \text{Gy-cm}^2/\text{n}_{\text{epi}}$

- ;  $\phi_{\text{thermal}}/\phi_{\text{epihermal}} < 0.05$

- ;  $J_{\text{total}}/\phi_{\text{total}} > 0.7$

- ; FWHM

### 3.2

[4]

$\text{AlF}_3$

Al Ni-60

Pb 15 cm 30 cm  
 95%  
 3 가 가  
 2000

- [1] LiF Al/AlF<sub>3</sub>  
 Reference Beam (I)  
 Beam (1): AlF<sub>3</sub> 20 cm + <sup>60</sup>Ni 15 cm  
 Beam (2): AlF<sub>3</sub> 25 cm + <sup>60</sup>Ni 5 cm  
 Beam (3): AlF<sub>3</sub> 20 cm + Al 10 cm

가 1 2 가 1  
 가  
 가 0.6  
 (peak) 가  
 FWHM lethargy FWHM 2  
 1.9 Ni-60  
 0.4 ~ 0.5 , Al-27 1.2

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 3.3

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 가  
 1 30 cm Pb 가  
 가

Beam (4), Beam (5), Beam (6)

Reference Beam (II)

4 가 Pb 2.7 가 FWHM

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Pb 가

가 0.7

Pb 가

#### 4. 가

BNCT

LET LET

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4가

(D<sub>b</sub>),

<sup>14</sup>N(n,p)<sup>14</sup>C

(D<sub>b</sub>) , <sup>1</sup>H(n,γ)<sup>2</sup>H

(D<sub>γ</sub>)

가 (recoil)

(D<sub>n</sub>)

VOXEL

가

가

(x , 4 ~ 5)

cell

가

Caswell *et al.*

Zamenhof *et al.*

B-10

RBE

40 ppm

가

4:1

RBE

4.0, 4.0, 1.0

(current) 20 mA 가

#### 4.1

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Deutsch Murray가  
 - (skin-skull-brain) 4  
 - 가 (homogeneous) .  
 5 가 I  
 AD ( 7.5 cm) . ( )  
 6) AD . AD  
 5 6  
 1.8 ~ 4

**4.2 VOXEL**

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 BNCT 가 5 VOXEL  
 . VOXEL National Library of Medicine(NLM)  
 VHP(Visual Human Project) CT, MR  
 Tomotherapy NLM  
 VHP  
 Visual Human CT .  
 256x256 pixel 70 slice , pixel 1.8x1.8x3  
 mm . CT 1.8 mm cell 가 5 , 5 3 mm  
 3 9x9x9 mm VOXEL . VOXEL  
 [5].  
 7 VOXEL AD  
 (6.98 ~ 7.13 cm) AD (6.83 cm) 7 cm  
 . VOXEL 가 AD 7 cm  
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 , cell

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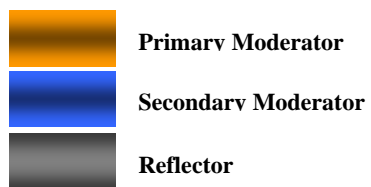
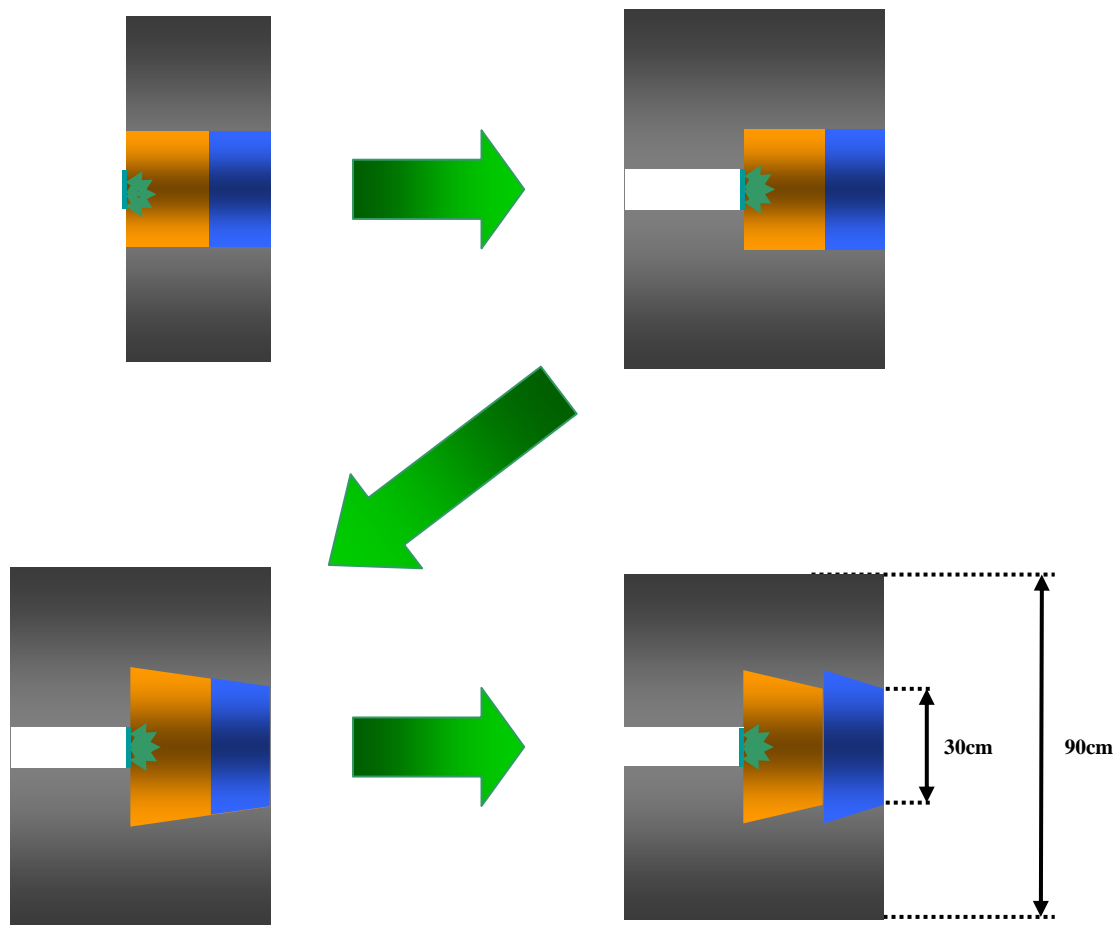
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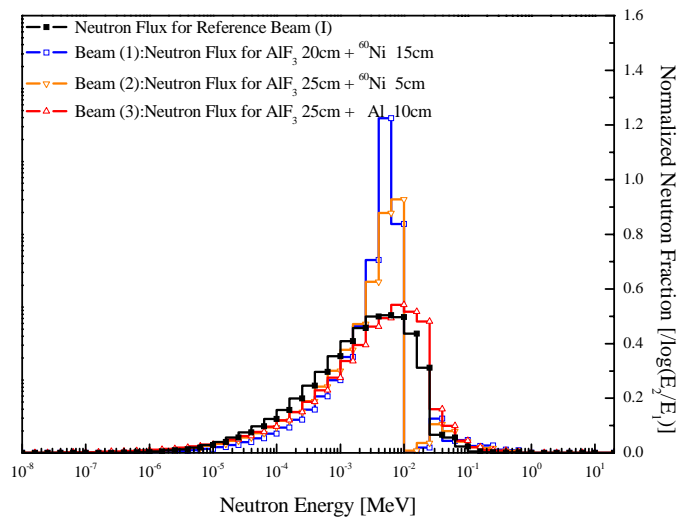
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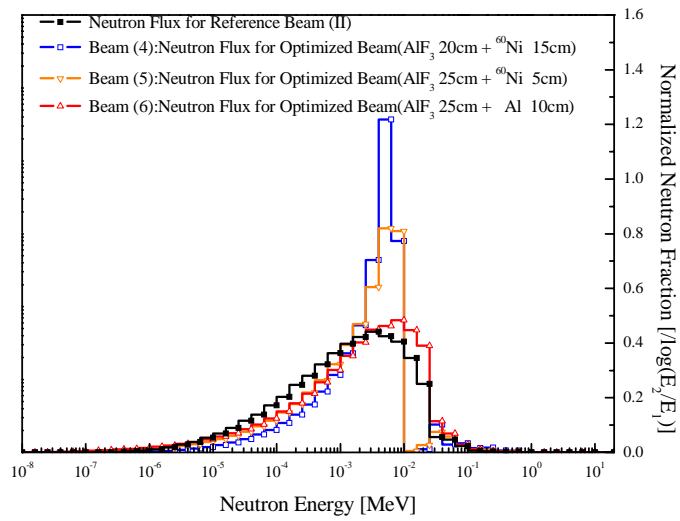


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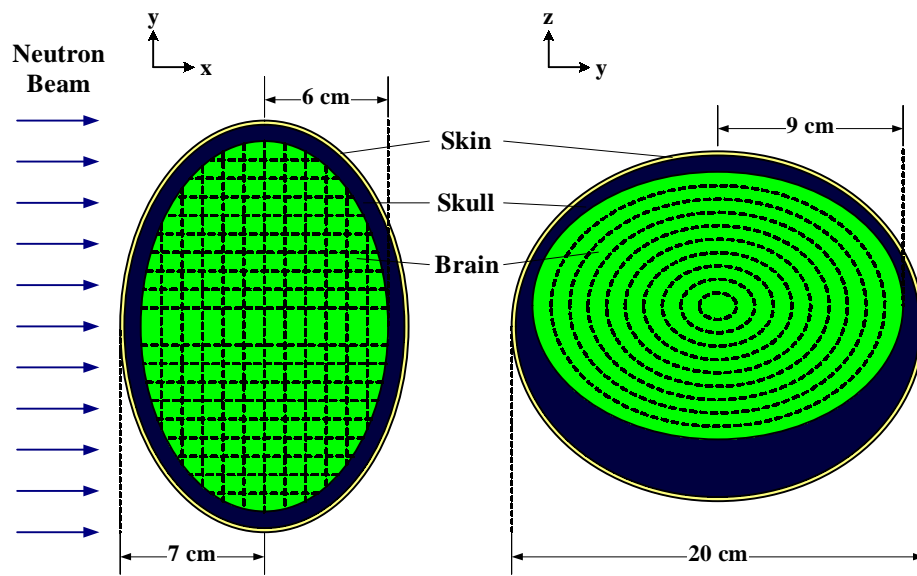




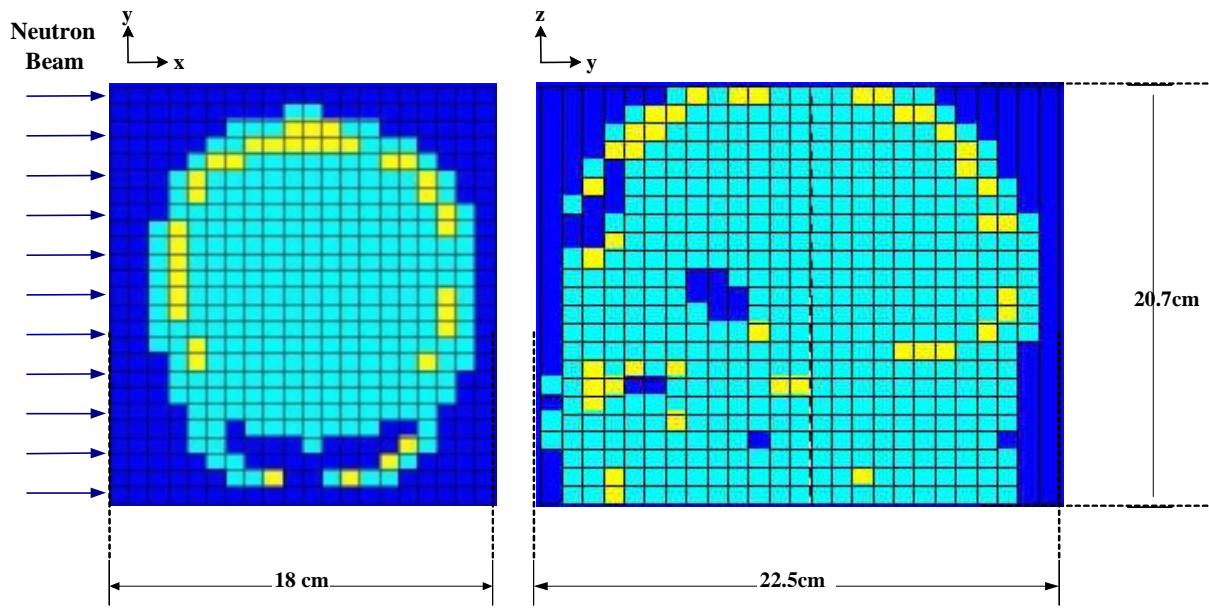
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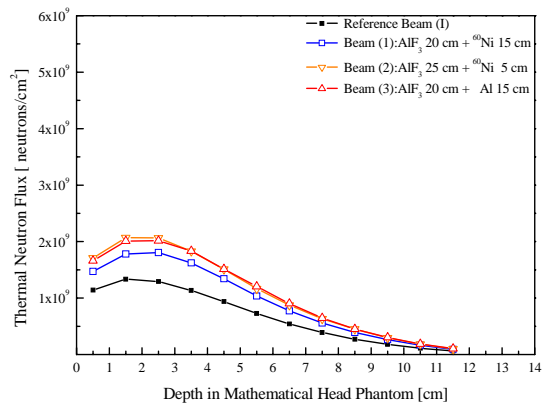


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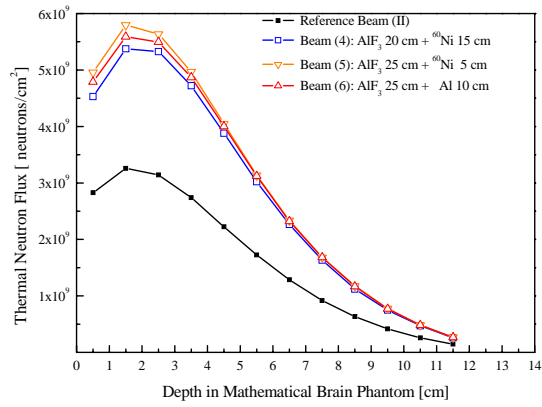


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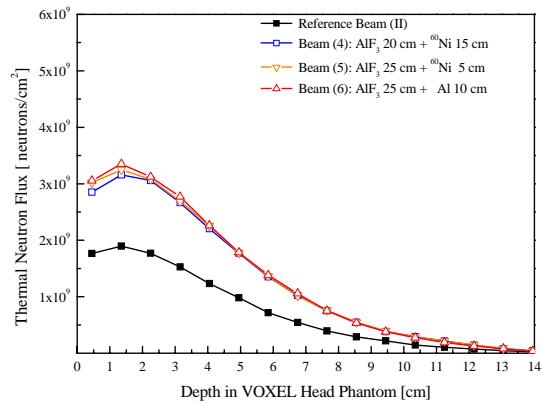
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Beam	Fast Neutron Dose, (D <sub>n</sub> )	Gamma Dose, (D <sub>γ</sub> )	Thermal Flux/n <sub>epi</sub> , ( $\phi_{th} / \phi_{epi}$ )	Forward Directional Property,(J/ $\phi$ )
Reference Beam (I)	$4.38835 \times 10^{-14}$	$7.47468 \times 10^{-15}$	0.0070	0.59
Beam (1)	$4.49513 \times 10^{-14}$	$1.05385 \times 10^{-14}$	0.0005	0.63
Beam (2)	$4.17571 \times 10^{-14}$	$1.46718 \times 10^{-14}$	0.0020	0.60
Beam (3)	$1.20516 \times 10^{-13}$	$1.17404 \times 10^{-14}$	0.0034	0.62

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Beam	Neutron Flux [neutrons/cm <sup>2</sup> /source]			FWHM
	$\phi_{th}$	$\phi_{epi}$	$\phi_f$	
Reference Beam (I)	$3.01114 \times 10^{-7}$	$4.29141 \times 10^{-5}$	$8.05861 \times 10^{-7}$	1.9
Beam (1)	$2.99371 \times 10^{-8}$	$6.03747 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.57859 \times 10^{-6}$	0.4
Beam (2)	$1.34956 \times 10^{-7}$	$6.84571 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.27560 \times 10^{-6}$	0.5
Beam (3)	$2.31028 \times 10^{-7}$	$6.70519 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.18943 \times 10^{-6}$	1.2

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Beam	Fast Neutron Dose, (D <sub>n</sub> )	Gamma Dose, (D <sub>γ</sub> )	Thermal Flux/n <sub>epi</sub> , ( $\phi_{th} / \phi_{epi}$ )	Forward Directional Property,(J/ $\phi$ )
Reference Beam (II)	$3.56365 \times 10^{-14}$	$7.18278 \times 10^{-15}$	0.0156	0.59
Beam (4)	$2.37495 \times 10^{-14}$	$1.35981 \times 10^{-14}$	0.0051	0.62
Beam (5)	$2.15764 \times 10^{-14}$	$1.99374 \times 10^{-14}$	0.0155	0.60
Beam (6)	$6.47950 \times 10^{-14}$	$1.23159 \times 10^{-14}$	0.0272	0.60

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Beam	Neutron Flux [neutrons/cm <sup>2</sup> /source]			FWHM
	$\phi_{th}$	$\phi_{epi}$	$\phi_f$	
Reference Beam (II)	$1.59825 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.02747 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.78965 \times 10^{-6}$	2.1
Beam (4)	$9.18895 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.79577 \times 10^{-4}$	$4.14635 \times 10^{-6}$	0.4
Beam (5)	$2.93395 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.89691 \times 10^{-4}$	$4.77419 \times 10^{-6}$	0.8
Beam (6)	$4.94140 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.81769 \times 10^{-4}$	$5.14747 \times 10^{-6}$	1.6

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Ellipsoidal Head Phantom		
Beam	AD [cm]	Dose Rate at Phantom Center [RBE cGy/min]
Reference Beam (I)	7.43	50.4
AlF <sub>3</sub> 20 cm + <sup>60</sup> Ni 15 cm	7.58	71.8
AlF <sub>3</sub> 25 cm + <sup>60</sup> Ni 5 cm	7.57	81.0
AlF <sub>3</sub> 25 cm + <sup>27</sup> Al 10 cm	7.69	83.2

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Ellipsoidal Head Phantom		
Optimized Beam	AD [cm]	Dose Rate at Phantom Center [RBE cGy/min]
Reference Beam II	7.43	120.20
AlF <sub>3</sub> 20 cm + <sup>60</sup> Ni 15 cm	7.59	211.82
AlF <sub>3</sub> 25 cm + <sup>60</sup> Ni 5 cm	7.46	220.83
AlF <sub>3</sub> 25 cm + <sup>27</sup> Al 10 cm	7.56	216.06

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VOXEL Head Phantom		
Optimized Beam	AD [cm]	Dose Rate at Phantom Center [RBE cGy/min]
Reference Beam II	6.83	83.35
AlF <sub>3</sub> 20 cm + <sup>60</sup> Ni 15 cm	6.98	151.13
AlF <sub>3</sub> 25 cm + <sup>60</sup> Ni 5 cm	6.93	152.94
AlF <sub>3</sub> 25 cm + <sup>27</sup> Al 10 cm	7.13	153.94