



Ultra-Fast Transmissive (UFT™) Real-Time Beam Monitor for FLASH-RT and Patient QA: Tracking Beam Position, Movement, Intensity Profile, Dosimetry in Real-Time, Upstream & Downstream from Nozzle or Collimator

July 2, 2021 – Integrated Sensors, LLC of Ottawa Hills, Ohio (“I-S”) announces the development of its ultra-fast transmissive (UFT™) beam monitor technology for ionizing *particle and photon* external beam radiotherapy (RT) including **FLASH-RT** (e.g., protons, photons, carbon & helium ions, neutrons, etc.). UFT™ devices can monitor both spot and raster pencil-beam scanning and can operate either upstream or downstream from the nozzle or collimator providing exceptional performance with self-calibration and high resistance to radiation damage. Results show order-of-magnitude advantages over ionization chambers for beam profile readout with true 2D position resolution, ultra-high dose rate operation, and beam hardening. In addition to I-S, the project development team includes scientists from Loma Linda Univ. Medical School (Biomedical Engineering) and Univ. of Michigan (Physics & Radiation Oncology), with funding provided to I-S from the NIH/National Cancer Institute and the U.S. Dept. of Energy (Office of Nuclear Physics). Prototypes for radiotherapy are being designed to demonstrate a **26 cm x 30 cm** active detection area. Smaller *upstream* prototypes are being developed for vacuum beamline operation with micron-level position resolution and intensity/shape distributions out to at least three sigma’s from the beam center, and with minimal beam energy straggling. High resolution, **10 μs images for proton beams have been demonstrated for FLASH therapy**. Preliminary specifications are:

Real-Time UFT™ Monitor Streaming Readout/Analysis: ~ **0.1 ms**, continuous tracking of downstream **beam position, intensity profile, movement, fluence/external dosimetry & angular divergence.**

Downstream UFT™ Monitor External Enclosure Depth (in beam direction): ~ **4-5 inches**

“True” 2D-Position & Ultra-High Beam Profile Resolution: < **10 μm** (depending on readout/update time)

Proton Beam Energy Loss through UFT™ Monitor:

- < **0.30 MeV** (downstream) at 70 MeV*, and ≤ **0.03 MeV** (upstream, in vacuum) at 70 MeV
- < **0.18 MeV** (downstream) at 140 MeV*, and ≤ **0.02 MeV** (upstream, in vacuum) at 140 MeV
- < **0.14 MeV** (downstream) at 210 MeV*, and ≤ **0.01 MeV** (upstream, in vacuum) at 210 MeV

Proton Beam Gaussian profile, $\sigma = 3.500$ mm. Lateral Spread (σ) 70-cm downstream from nozzle due to monitor materials (1st column); due to air (2nd column); and due to monitor + air (3rd column):

- at 70 MeV*: ≤ **0.024 mm** (monitor); **3.875 mm** (70-cm air); **3.899 mm** (monitor + 70-cm air)
- at 140 MeV*: ≤ **0.006 mm** (monitor); **3.612 mm** (70-cm air); **3.618 mm** (monitor + 70-cm air)
- at 210 MeV*: ≤ **0.003 mm** (monitor); **3.550 mm** (70-cm air); **3.553 mm** (monitor + 70-cm air)

*Calculated beam energy loss & lateral spread via TOPAS/Geant4 (<http://www.topasmc.org/>) simulations.

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