





# Gantry Optics & Some 'Challenges'

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### **Dependencies** (what creates the Gantry requirements ?)

- Prescription/Treatment plan constraints
  - Healthy tissue vs. Target Dose Distribution size and position
- □ Beam Delivery
  - Modality (Scanning; Scattering; Type of each) size and position
  - Overall Tx time & Organ motion Time
- Accelerator Beam Parameters
  - Raw Parameters (emitance value; equal or unequal; ...)
  - Beam Shaping if necessary
  - Degrader
- □ Treatment planning 'constraints' (*limitations*)
  - Gantry angle dependence (on beam size)
  - Beam phase space representation
  - Beam symmetry
  - Space & Cost





### Beam Factors that (may) Contribute to Optics (1)

### □ <u>Spatial Beam Dependence</u>

- Beam size/shape:
  - □ Is 'desired' to be independent of Gantry angle (due to treatment planning *limitations*)
  - □ Consistent with beam spreading modality & Treatment Rx
    - e.g. Provide of required edge "sharpness"
- Beam position:
  - Consistent with spreading modality tolerances
  - □ Gantry angle 'dependence' (~≠ Mechanical Isocentricity)
  - □ Beam steering correction vs. dead reckoning (e.g. self correcting)

### □ <u>Angular Beam Dependence</u>

- Account for skin to target dose difference (SAD)
- Provide for Matching capability if field size is insufficient
- Provide divergence consistent with positioning tolerances
  - □ Same conditions at distal end of target as at proximal end





### Beam Factors that (may) Contribute to Optics (2)

#### □ Energy Dependence

- Range in patient should not depend upon position in patient
- Spread of ranges should be consistent with spreading modality
  - □ "Stacking" of Bragg peaks
- Ability to change range in a time frame consistent with 'reasonable' treatment time
  - Patient comfort
    - Overall Tx time
  - □ Target Motion
    - Repainting
- □ <u>Accelerator Beam "Shaping" may be needed</u>
  - e.g. ESS Capability
  - E.g. mismatch with accelerator extracted phase space
- $\Box \quad \underline{\text{Cost } \$ \in Y}$





Assumptions?  $\Rightarrow$  Challenges?

- Particle Therapy needs a Gantry
- Infinite SAD is advantageous
- Need a small Gaussian beam
- Gantry should be Achromatic
- Mechanical Gantry "Isocentricity" is important
- Beam parameters should be Gantry angle "independent"
- Particle facilities are too big to fit in an existing Hospital





### Challenge 1: Need for a Gantry? What Assumptions? Relook at 10 years 4332 patients – MGH - Geometry



- Scattering
  - No MFO
  - No Robots
- Limited Imaging

#### A Slightly different definition of "Fixed" = Non-Gantry (Small bend + Robot Moves + Head move)



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#### Key Conclusions:

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300

250

Number of fields

50 ~

 Percentage of patients with head-and-neck tumors which could be treated without a gantry using double scattering was 44% in the FIXED, 70% in 20-degrees BEND, and 100% in 90-degrees MOVE.

• For torso regions, 99% of patients could be treated in the 20-degree BEND.

• Of 104 PBS treatments, all but one could be reproduced with FIXED geometry. The only exception would require a 10-degree BEND capability. Note here that the PBS treatments were applied to select anatomical sites, including only two patients with skull-base tumors. (So far)



#### Old Assumptions:

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(f) Non-coplanar beam is chosen instead of AP beam to minimize the air gap between the aperture and the skull for uniform dose



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# Some "Optics-related" Trade-offs

- Upstream vs. Downstream Scanning
  - Gantry Dipole Size
  - Scanning SAD
- □ Normal Temp vs. Superconducting
  - Speed of magnetic field change
  - Aperture/Field Quality
  - Cryogenics 'complexity'
  - Size of bending Radius (NOT necessarily Gantry)
- □ Trajectory corrections vs. Fixed Collimators
- Beam size vs. Sharp Edges





Para Aortic Lymph Nodes

**Field Matching** 

Overlap region



# CHALLENGE 2: SAD REQUIREMENTS Example: 2.3m SAD with PBS

### Benign Chondromyxoid Fibroma PBS with overlapping STVs and apertures





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MASSACHUSETTS DANA-FARBER FRIGHAM AND GENERAL HOSPITAL EXAMPLE TO THE FRANZ 2015 Gantry

# **BEAM OPTICS/QUICK REVIEW**

### **Beam and Ray**

• Beam is a Collection of Particles generated by a source. A beam is a collection of many particles all of whose longitudinal and transverse momenta are relatively close enough to be transported through a beam transport system and remain more or less close to each other in all coordinates.

- Trajectory of an individual particle in that beam is sometimes called a **Ray**.
- The collection of motions of the rays in a beam produce a **beam** that has an overall beam envelope/size which can be modified by a beam transport system and follows some laws.
- However the **centroid** of the **beam** can be considered to behave like a **ray**.
- Louiville's Theorem Conservation of *phase space area* in the absence of external forces.



# General Ray Coordinate Transform

• For small coordinate values the taylor series:

 $x_{f} = \frac{\partial x_{f}}{\partial x_{o}} \bigg|_{0} (x_{o}) + \frac{\partial x_{f}}{\partial \theta_{o}} \bigg|_{0} (\theta_{o}) + \cdots \text{ can also be written as;}$  $x_{f} = (x/x)x_{o} + (x/\theta)\theta_{o} + \bullet \bullet \text{ (other coordinates)}$ 

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_f \\ gf \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} (x / x) & (x / g) \\ (g / x) & (g / g) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_o \\ g_o \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} x_f \\ gf \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} R_{11} & R_{12} \\ R_{21} & R_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_o \\ g_o \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_f \\ \mathcal{G}_f \end{pmatrix} = \underline{R} \begin{pmatrix} x_o \\ \mathcal{G}_o \end{pmatrix}$$

Note the <u>**R**</u> Matrix !! The RAY "Transfer" Matrix

### **Physical Interpretations**



# Achromaticity & Energy Selection



**Energy Selection:** Installing a slit at some distance from the axis will block particles of a certain momentum from being transported.

Beam Size in dispersive region:Fold "Monochromatic" beam size withgrowth from dispersion  $(x/\delta)$  $\sigma_x = SQRT(\sigma_{ox}^2 + (x/\delta)\delta_o)$ 

**Optics Requirement:** Do not cut off monochromatic beam – monochromatic beam size should be small compared to dispersion effect to block desired energies.

**Energy Selection** 





### **Beam Phase Space Representation**



$$\gamma_{x}x^{2} + 2\alpha_{x}xx' + \beta_{x}x'^{2} = \varepsilon_{x,\text{full}}$$
$$\varepsilon_{x,\text{rms}} = (\langle x^{2} \rangle \langle x'^{2} \rangle - \langle xx' \rangle^{2})^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Phase space Area =  $\pi \epsilon$  (mm•mrad)

Particle distribution can be represented as a gaussian distribution (SOMETIMES).  $e^{-(\gamma x^2)} e^{-(\beta y^2)}$ 

Therefore, in two dimensions, the particle number density can be represented as:

 $\rho(x, \theta) = \rho_0 e^{-(\gamma x^2 + \beta \theta^2)}$ 

- Therefore the locus of constant particle distribution is  $\gamma x^2 + \beta \theta^2$  = Constant. Note that this is the equation of an ellipse and is the outline of the phase space..
- The area of this ellipse is  $\pi\alpha\beta$ , otherwise written as  $\pi\epsilon$ where  $\varepsilon$  is the 'emittance' of the beam. Note that when an emittance is quoted, it is important to ask what fraction of particles are included within the ellipse, it is not always 1/e (e.g it could be  $1\sigma$ ). This is especially important when aperture restrictions are an issue.



### **BEAM PARAMETER DEPENDENCIES**

# **Beam size Matrix Propagation**

### $\underline{\sigma}(1) = \underline{R}\underline{\sigma}(0)\underline{R}^{T}$

 $(\sigma_{11} = \beta \varepsilon = \text{beam size}^2)$ 

 $[R_{11}R_{21}\sigma_{11}(0) + (R_{11}R_{21} + R_{12}R_{21})\sigma_{21}(0) + R_{11}R_{22}\sigma_{22}(0)]$ 

- **Beam Size Related**
- $R_{12}=0$ 
  - $-\sigma_{11}(1) = R_{11}^2 \sigma_{11}(0)$ :
  - Final beam size depends only on initial beam size.
- $R_{11}=0$ 
  - $-\sigma_{11}(1) = R_{12}^2 \sigma_{22}(0)$ :
  - Final beam size depends only on initial divergence

 $[R_{11}^{2}\sigma_{11}(0) + 2R_{11}R_{12}\sigma_{21}(0) + R_{12}^{2}\sigma_{22}(0)] \qquad [R_{11}R_{21}\sigma_{11}(0) + (R_{11}R_{21} + R_{12}R_{21})\sigma_{21}(0) + R_{11}R_{22}\sigma_{22}(0)]$  $[R_{21}^{2}\sigma_{11}(0) + 2R_{21}R_{12}\sigma_{21}(0) + R_{22}^{2}\sigma_{22}(0)]$ 

- **Beam Trajectory Related**
- $R_{12}=0$ 
  - $x(1) = R_{11} x(0)$
  - final beam position **INDEPENDENT** of angle.

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$$R_{11}=0$$

- $x(1) = R_{12} \theta(0)$
- final beam position **INDEPENDENT** of position.

# Propagation of a beam in a drift length

Consider a drift length (of length L) which can be described by the transfer matrix:  $\underline{\underline{R}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & L \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ 

The sigma matrix at the end of the drift length can be related to the sigma matrix at the beginning of the drift length as shown below:

$$\begin{pmatrix} [\sigma_{11}(0) + 2L\sigma_{21}(0) + L^2\sigma_{22}(0)] & [\sigma_{21}(0) + L\sigma_{22}(0)] \\ [\sigma_{21}(0) + L\sigma_{22}(0)] & [\sigma_{22}(0)] \end{pmatrix}$$

The most directly measurable quantity is the beam size, which is related to  $\sigma_{11}$ . It is seen that  $\sigma_{11}$  is a parabolic function in length L, and depends on  $\sigma_{22}$  related to the angular divergence of the beam. This beam size growth is modified by the  $\sigma_{12}$  correlation.



Upright Ellipse = Waist (no correlations)

# What happens to the beam from the last magnet to the target?



### Effect of beam emittance on the Gantry Design



### Effect of emittance on the Gantry design

**Gantry Dipole Power / Weight** 12 PS Current ~ Gap 10 Magnet weight ~ Gap<sup>2</sup> **Dipole Power/Weight** 8 Larger Emittance Power ~ Current  $^2$  ~ Gap  $^2$ 6 Gap ~ 1/final beam size? 4 2  $v(t) = L \frac{di(t)}{dt}$ 0 5 10 15 0 1 sigma Isocenter Beam Size Smaller Emittance

Fast Energy Changes  $\Rightarrow$  POWER (or Huge Bandwidth) !

For Larger Emittance Beams, the power and weight requirements increase a factor of 3 when reducing the beam size from 6mm to 3mm

!!Even smaller optical beam size is necessary when considering scatter from MATERIAL IN THE BEAM PATH (Instruments, Windows (Acoustic Accident?), Gas, Range shifter/Ridge filter.

Small Beam at Isocenter --> Larger magnet aperture --> bigger magnet --> More power --> bigger gantry --> Higher cost



Real beam size at target !



$$\theta_{\rm f} = \sqrt{\theta_{\rm i}^2} + \theta_{\rm MS}^2$$



### Phase space representation of an Aperture



### PTCOG 36, Catania J. Flanz What Questions should we be asking about Scanning Systems. How can one achieve a sharp edge beam Without a collimator right at the patient?



• With a selectable effective drift one can also control the 'penumbra' which could be useful in matching.

# Use of a Collimator

- If  $R_{12}=0$ , then final position does not depend upon angle at Collimator
- If position at collimator changes, so does position at Isocenter (but if the beam is within the collimator aperture, then it's within(?) tolerance at isocenter OR if the beam is LARGER than the collimator opening, then beam size/position does not change because only the part through the collimator gets through (which part?) )
- The beam size at Isocenter will depend on the collimator aperture and the optics  $R_{11}$ :  $\sigma_{11}(1) = R_{11} \sigma_{11}(0)$ :
- What about angular variations? This will cause position shifts at isocenter. What is more likely position or angle shifts at collimator (or both)? See also the  $R_{11}=0$  story
- What if x and y beam sizes are unequal?
  - If focus to make equal  $\Rightarrow$  larger divergence  $\Rightarrow$  bigger beam in gantry; so just make divergence equal (and gentle) and  $R_{11}=0$
  - Or use a collimator to get rid of part of the larger beam.

# Momentum, Energy, Dispersion

- $dP/P \sim \frac{1}{2} dE_k/E_k$
- Beam size due to dispersion –  $\sigma_x = SQRT(\sigma_{ox}^2 + (x/\delta)\delta_o)$
- Beam Position Shift due to dispersion
- How to Change Energy?

50

100

150

200

230

250

**Energy Spread** 

Momentum Spread

- V= L dI/dt; OR BandWidth

- Lowest Energy Range of Gantry?
  - Where to degrade?
  - How to deal with increased divergence?

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Degrading for Bragg peak
/ spacing



Spread range before magnets ==> dispersion Spread range after magnets ==> NO Dispersion

6% momentum spread = 8cm @ 250 MeV Need something at Lower energy anyway??

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### **SURVEY OF GANTRIES:** NOT ALL SHOWN – JUST REPRESENTATIVE OPTICS

### **THE EARLY YEARS: GANTRIES**

### Scanditronix Neutron Therapy Gantry







#### **Optics Conditions**

- Almost point to point  $(R_{12}=0)$
- Achromatic (Reverse bend)
- Beam size adjusted for target heating
- Minimum (?) bend =  $180^{\circ}$



### Corkscrew Gantry



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### Corkscrew Gantry

#### Koehler, Enge ...... Sumitomo



#### **Optics Conditions**

- Stringent Focus
- Achromatic x2
- 360° of Bend

#### Proprietary



#### **Optics Conditions – Similar to Enge**

- Stringent Focus (long distance of small aperture)
- Achromatic x2
- 360° of Bend
- Beam size  $2\sigma < 7$ mm at isocenter Flanz 2015 Gantry

# DOWNSTREAM SCANNING PROTON GANTRIES

### In-Plane Gantry (Conventional) IBA/GA/MGH



#### **Optics Conditions**

- Different focusing for Scattering and scanning
- Reverse bend Achromat
- Matching section at gantry start
- Steering corrections at optimum phases

 $R_{12} \sim 0$ 

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# **ProTom Gantry**

#### **Optics Conditions**

- Achromatic Overall (Taking advantage of reduced beam energy spread) (Larger Dispersion okay)
- Focusing for Scanning (taking advantage of small emittance)
- Point to Point (Gentle parallel beam entry)
- Smaller magnets/Smaller beam
- (Gantry size dominated by field size and SAD spec)
- (Gantry weight dominated by mechanical isocentricity spec)

# The IBA "Journey" to Small



### The IBA "Journey" to Extra Small



SIZE XS

cyclotron to reach **Extra Small Status** 



Range of the energies: 35 MeV — 250 MeV

RED color for 250 MeV and YELLOW for the 35 MeV.

for protons.



Trbojevic, BNL

# **UPSTREAM SCANNING GANTRIES**

### *In-Plane Gantry - PSI Gantry 2* New Opportunities REALIZED? The Ultimate PBS Device?





### Optics Conditions

- Infinite SAD (Point to Parallel from Scan Magnet to ISO) (Adjustable?)
- EDGE CONTROL (Point to Point R<sub>12</sub> from Start to ~ISO)
- Collimator at Start Beam position independence & 1:1 Imaging
- Achromatic
- 80msec Momentum Change



# PSI Gantry 2 & MedAustron

#### **Optics Comparison:**

- PSI: (Cyclotron)
  - In = Out;  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$

MedAustron: (Synchrotron)

- Unequal beam profiles at input
- Overall magnification NOT 1:1
- Utilize "Rotator" with Gantry
- Slower Momentum Change

- SAME layout as PSI 2







Figure 2: PSI Gantry 2 beam optics characteristics  $(\beta_{x,in|out} = \beta_{y,in|out} = 0.3 \text{ m}).$ 

Figure 3: MedAustron Gantry nominal beam optics characteristics ( $\beta_y = 3 \text{ m}$ ).

### Heidleberg Heavier Ion Gantries



- Accommodate range of emittance and different emittance in x and y.
- Final result independent of Gantry angle
- Generate a spot radius between 2mm and 5mm at ISO
- $R_{11} = R_{22} = 0$  and adjust beam divergence at input for equal final size
- $R_{12} = R_{34}$
- Achromatic

### **SC GANTRIES**

# ProNova SC360 Gantry



- ProNova Gantry Optics Conditions
  - Achromatic Bend pairs (2)
    - 3% energy bandwidth (SC magnets are slower)
  - Focusing for Scanning
  - SHORT !
    - 210° bend





# **PSI SC Gantry Studies**

#### Key Points:

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 $\square$ 

First 60°

bending

section

radius = 30 mm

• Start with PSI Gantry 2 Properties/Geometry

> A O O M M M L L L C 1 2

M M L L

Second 60°

bending

section

• Increase the Momentum bandwidth (compared to ProNova)

9 9 3 3 3 4

Scanning

magnet

kick in Y

Scanning

naanet

kick in X

Col2

A Q Q M 3 3 L 1 2 AML3 - AML7

A A A A A M M M M M L L L L L 3 4 5 6 7

Final 90°

bendina

section

radius = 125 mm

Iso-center

100 in Y

120

150 X (mm)



Gerbershagen et. al.

# PSI SC Gantry

- PSI SC Gantry Optics Conditions
  - Achromatic Bend pairs
    - 10% energy bandwidth
  - Focusing for Scanning
  - Point to not quite parallel in 1 plane from Scan dipoles
  - Point to Point to Point (entrance collimator /on board collimator/isocenter)
  - Lowest Energy Range of Gantry 70 MeV
    - Degrade before final Bend
    - CONTAIN degraded beam (bottom figure)
  - Bandwidth allows for Bragg peak spacing
  - Bandwidth may also allow for 'quick' energy changes (only needing to change the dipole fields a few times during the irradiation)



FIG. 3. (a) Beta and (b) dispersion functions of the beam line in the rotating gantry. The blue and red lines show those for the horizontal and vertical coordinates, respectively.



# NIRS SC Ion Gantry



#### **Optics Conditions**

- Combined Function Dipoles (NO Quads)
- $\sigma 11 = \sigma 22$  and waist condition
- Range of beam sizes at ISO
- Use a thin Scatterer to equalize the emittances (different from Synchrotron)
- Achromatic
- Parallel Scanned Beam
- Energy Changes within 1 sec (see red line) (Consistent with Accelerator)
- ~ size of a conventional proton gantry

# **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**





B=1.6 T→ ρ~4 m B=3.2 T ρ~1.9 m



### Challenge 4: Install within an existing Department

### MGH new proton facility (ADD not Replace)





### The Francis H. Burr Proton Therapy Center



