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#### CHAPTER I

#### INTRODUCTION

The **interaction and** propagation **of** high **-** energy heavy ions in extended matter is a subject of much current interest and activity. Transport studies are applicable **to** several diverse research areas including shielding **against** heavy ions originating **from** either space radiation or **terrestrial** accelerators, **cosmic** rays propagation studies in the galactic medium, or radiobiological effects resulting from workplace or clinical exposures<sup>1</sup>. For space application, **carcinogenesis** or damage **to** nonregenerative tissues resulting from **accumulated exposure** to galactic heavy **ions** may ultimately limit an astronaut's career. In **terrestrial radiation** therapy and **radiobiological research,** knowledge **of** the clinical composition and interaction necessary **to** properly **evaluate** the **effects on** human and **animal exposures dictates** the need **for** suitable transport codes **with** sufficiently accurate input parameters to carry out the intended applications.

#### *A,* Scope of **Thesi\_**

In the present work, attempts **to** model the **transport** problem for heavy ion **beams in various targets,** employing **the** current **level of** understanding **of** the physics **of** highcharge and - energy ( **HZE** ) particle **interaction with** matter are made.

This work represents an energy independent transport model, with the most simplified assumptions and proper parameters. The first and essential assumption in this case (energy independent transport) is the high energy characterization of the incident beam. The energy independent equation wilt be solved and application will be made to

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high **energy neon** (20No) **and iron (\_Fc)** beams **in water. The numerical solutions will be** given and compared to the **numerical** solution **of** reference 23 to **determine** the accuracy **of** the model. The lower limit energy for neon and iron to be high energy beams is calculated due to Barkas and Burger theory by LBLFRG **computer** program developed by J. W. Wilson (NASA Langley Research **Center).** The calculated values in the density range of interest (50 g/cm<sup>2</sup>) of water are: 833.43 MeV/nuc for neon and 1597.68 MeV/nuc for iron.

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The analytical solutions of the energy independent transport equation gives the flux of different collision terms. The fluxes of individual collision terms are given in the tables and the total fluxes are shown in graphs relative to different thicknesses of water. The values for fluxes are calculated by the *ANASTP* computer *code.*

#### B. Background

It has been known for some time that there are several intense sources of radiation in space that pose a hazard to manned space flight. If man is to venture into *space,* adequate shielding against these radiations must be provided. To determine the shielding required, it is necessary to consider the nature and strength of the radiation, the interaction of the radiation with the shield materials, and the effect of the radiation that leaks through the shield on the astronauts2. In addition, knowledge of the nature of radiation interaction with matter is necessary for radiobiological and medical therapy purposes. The detailed explanation of the indicated areas requires further special research, that is outside of the **scope** of this **work.** So each area **will** be **discussed** very briefly, **only.**

#### a. Radiation Sources

It is not necessary to give an exhaustive **discussion** of the radiation sources in

space. Here only the general features of the sources which are of significance to the transport problem will be discussed. There are in general, three sources of radiation in space: galactic cosmic rays, solar cosmic rays, and trapped radiation in the earth's magnetic field.

#### Galactic Cosmic Ray

The galactic cosmic rays are the familiar cosmic rays in the earth's atmosphere that have been studied for many years. They are composed of electrons, protons, alpha particles, antiprotons, and small admixtures of heavier elements. According to Mc Donald these cosmic rays are high energy charged particles<sup>3</sup>. The energy spectrum of these particles decreases rather rapidly with increasing energy but extends to very high energies. Fortunately the intensity of these cosmic rays is not large [  $\approx$  2 particles/(cm<sup>2</sup> sec)] and the dose an astronaut will receive from them is of the order of 10 (rad/year) without shielding<sup>2, 4, 5</sup>. This dose rate may be neglected unless very long missions are contemplated. So our consideration of these kinds of cosmic rays are very important for the career exposure of future astronauts.

#### **Solar Cosmic Rays.**

Solar cosmic rays are high energy particles emitted when solar flare events take place on the sun. These particles present a major radiation hazard for space travel outside the earth's magnetic field. The particle flux is composed of protons, a varying number of alpha particles, and a small admixture of heavier nuclei<sup>2</sup> or the flux of these particles have the same composition of the galactic cosmic rays but compose the solar wind. The intensity of these particles in the vicinity of the earth builds to a maximum within the order of hours and then slowly decreases. In some cases the intensity remains above the galactic

**cosmic ray** background **for days.** During **the early stages of such events, the particles** angular **distribution is quite** anisotropic, **but** the **distribution rather rapidly tends toward isotropy and is roughly isotropic during most of the life of the event. An extensive compilation of data on solar events may be found in** the **manual edited by Mc Donaldr.**

#### The Earth's Trapped Radiation

**The** trapped radiation **in** the **earth's magnetic field,** the radiation that **makes** up the Van *Allen* belts, is reasonably localized and is of primary importance. When one considers orbital missions about the earth which repeatedly pass through the belt. This radiation is mainly composed of both protons and electrons. This paper is not interested in these radiations here, but in **some** cases the protons are important in the transport problem for *shielding* purposes.

In general, the data obtained from Trans-Lunar *Apollo* missions show that the HZE fluence within a spacecraft in free space can be estimated at  $[$   $\approx$  17 particles/(cm<sup>2</sup> day)] with LET (linear energy transfer) greater than 100 KeV/mm7. For a theoretical three-year Mars8 mission during solar minimum, even behind heavy *shielding,* 33% of body **cells** would be hit by at least one particle of Z (charge number) greater than 10.

The depth-dose profiles behind the shielding materials of a spacecraft is dependent on the type, energies, and range of the primary radiation involved. *Accurate* transport equations and models thus depend on a knowledge of the physical interaction of HZE particles with a variety **of** materials **over** the entire range **of cosmic** ray **energies** and masses in order to provide meaningful predictions of dose distributions and other quantities required for management of space radiation hazards. Flight operational **considerations** impose severe constraints on shielding weight and volume limitations, and therefore is an important factor in obtaining optimal efficiency and minimal generation of secondary

**radiations. Verifiable** mathematical **evaluations are required before innovative shielding concepts can** be investigated9.

#### b. Radiobiological **Considerations**

When radiation (heavy ions) passes through a living cell, biological effects can be expected only when one or more ionizations occur in, or in the immediate vicinity of, some particularly radiation-sensitive molecule or structure which exists within the living cell; usually in the cell nucleus. However, ionization which occurs within the cell, but outside this volume of sensitivity is considered to be less effective. The sensitive volume is termed the "target" and the production of ionization in it is termed a "hit". The presence of the target can be demonstrated and its size and shape determined by the biological response of the organisms irradiated with a given (received) dose<sup>10</sup>.

It has been suggested that, because of the length of the track and the density of the ionization along the particle track there are important differences between the radiobiology of HZE particles and the radiobiology of other types of radiations 1!. The relationship of relative biological effectiveness (RBE) and linear energy transfer (LET) has been determined for various end-points, but not cancer initiation. The relative biological effectiveness (RBE) cannot be determined for cases in which the end point is unique to heavy ions. Despite the problems with determination of meaningful LET values and the debate about their appropriateness, it is important to have information about the LET- RBE relationship for tumor induction, but not as important in transport problems.

There is evidence that high LET radiation at low dose rate can be more harmful than at moderately higher rates. It has been observed from energetic iron (600 MeV, 200 KeWmm, 2 Gy/min ). *A* similar enhancement effect has been shown for argon, but not for neon particles. Suggesting that low-dose-rate effect for cell transformation is LET dependent, with enhancement at 140-200 KeV/mm (LBL 1988).

The combination of a complex mixture of HZE particles, energy, relative biological effectiveness with either microgravity, low LET radiations, dose protection and other factors produces great uncertainty in the ultimate level of risk and radiation protection requirements. The RBE concept is of limited use for practical applications to many radiobiological protection purposes. In radiobiological protection, many different organs, effects, dose rates and other parameters are involved and a weight factor referred to as the quality factor, (QF), is used. The QF is specified in terms of the linear collision stopping power, (S), in water, which is equal to the unrestricted linear energy transfer, LET, or  $LET_{\alpha}$  (This is the case that locally there is no energy imparted to the medium, some times it is the same as stopping power). The relationship between QF and LET is specified by International Commission on Radiobiological Protection (ICRP 1977). Unlike RBE, QF never decreases at high LET as currently defined.

#### C. Medical Therapy

Heavy ions used for laboratory research are produced at particle accelerators and are generally made available in the form of a beam whose spatial extent, divergence, energy, and energy spectrum can be substantially controlled. Heavy ions were first accelerated to relativistic energies and used in radiobiological and nuclear physics experiments at the Princeton Particle Accelerator in 1971<sup>12</sup>. The continuing heavy ion program has been the one at the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory (LBL), where heavy ions are being studied and used for cancer therapy in order to take advantage of the steep depth-dose profiles available with accelerated beams. The heavy ion beams that have received the most interest in the biomedical program at LBL are beams of helium, carbon, neon, silicon, and argon<sup>13</sup>.

#### CHAPTERII

#### ONE DIMENSIONAL HEAVY ION BEAM TRANSPORT

Heavy **ions, in passing** through extended matter, lose their energy through interaction with atomic orbital electrons along their trajectories. On occasion there is a violent collision with nuclei of the target medium. These collisions produce projectile fragments moving in the forward direction and low-energy fragments of the struck target nucleus which are nearly isotropically distributed<sup>14</sup>.

In the present work the *short-range* target fragments have been neglected. The transport equation for these target fragments can be solved in closed form in terms of collision density (for more details see Wilson<sup>15</sup>). Therefore, the projectile fragment transport in the forward direction is the major subject of this work.

#### A. Straight Ahead Approximation Transport Equation

In this approximation, ions are not angularly deflected; and, as the colliding ions break up in nuclear fragmentation, the fragments continue in the incident ion direction. Thus, for ions of charge number j, the appropriate transport equation, neglecting target secondary fragments, is

$$
\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial}{\partial E} \widetilde{S}_j(E) + \sigma_j \right] \phi_j(x, E) = \sum_k m_{jk} \sigma_k \phi_k(x, E)
$$
 (2. 1)

where  $\phi_j(x,E)$  is the flux of ions of type j with atomic mass number  $A_j$  at x in units of  $g/cm<sup>2</sup>$  moving along the x axis at energy E in units of MeV/nucleon;  $\sigma_j$  is the

corresponding macroscopic nuclear absorption cross **section** in unit of cm2/g, Sj(E) is the change in energy **E** per unit **distance** and mjk **is** the multiplicity **of ion** type j produced **in** collision by **ion** type k passing the **mediumt4,** 16. iT. **The details** for nuclear absorption cross section and multiplicities **which** are **required** for calculation in the present **work, will** be **given** in Chapter **3.**

**The** present work **is** essentially concerned with high energy beams, which would not be stopped in the **interested range of** tissue, i.e the energy **loss for them in** this medium **is very** small **or** almost zero. **The** transport problem for such a beam **is** studied as an energy **independent** case.

#### B. Energy Loss and Range - Energy Relation

Charged particles such as electrons, protons, and heavy ions passing through matter, interact with nuclei and orbital electrons of the target material by the Coulombic force. For the heavy ions the two principal processes are:

- I. Inelastic collisions with orbital electrons.
- 2. Elastic scattering from nuclei.

Other processes with much smaller cross *sections* include:

- 3. Bremsstrahlung.
- 4. Cerenkov Radiation.
- 5. Nuclear Reaction.

Most of the energy loss of the incident ions is a result of the inelastic collision with the orbital electrons. The energy is transferred to the target atoms causing excitation and ionization. The energy transfer per collision is very *small,* but a substantial energy loss is observed even in thin targets because of a large number of collisions.

There are essentially two methods of calculating the linear rate of energy loss,

**or** stopping **power, passing** through a **medium.** First **one, based** on **classical considerations,** was **developed by Bohr (1913, 1915), and** the **other one is quantum mechanical method** which was **developed by Bethe (1930, 1933).**

**In classical consideration the calculation of stopping power is based on simplified assumptions concerning the structure of** the **material in which** the **ion moves. The medium is represented as an assembly of free** electrons **at rest and distributed uniformly** in space; the charged particle is moving swiftly  $(v < v_0)$ , so that the electrons do **not move appreciably during a collision.** *Under* **these conditions only small momentum transfers** from **the ion to** the electrons **occur, and since the ion** has **a relatively largc mass, its** *trajectory* **is substantially unaffected by the momentum transfers.**

**The collision of** the **moving ion with an** electron **is represented schematically as below;**



Schematic **Track of an Ion**

**The ion** has **velocity v** and passes the **electron** at an "impact parameter" **b, which is** the distance **of** closest approach **of** the **ion** to the electron. The total momentum **change** of the ion from the collision with the electron is due only to the  $\varepsilon_L$  component of the ion's electric **field.**

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$$
\varepsilon_{\perp} = \frac{Z e b}{(v^2 t^2 + b^2)^{3/2}}
$$
 (2. 2)

The momentum change, designated as  $\Delta P_{\perp}$ , is given by the time integral of the force;

$$
F = e \varepsilon_{\perp} \tag{2.3}
$$

as

$$
\Delta P_{\perp} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e\epsilon_{\perp} dt = 2 \frac{Ze^{2}b}{v^{3}} \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{dt}{(t^{2} + b^{2}/v^{2})^{3/2}} = 2 \frac{Ze^{2}}{bv}.
$$
 (2.4)

The amount **of energy** lost by the ion in **the collision** is equal to the amount of **energy** gained by the electron from the passage **of** the ion. Therefore the **energy** lost by the ion is given by

$$
-\Delta E = \frac{(\Delta P_{\perp})^2}{2m} = \frac{2 Z^2 e^4}{mv^2 b^2},
$$
 (2. 5)

where m is the mass **of** electron.

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If there are n **electrons** per cubic **centimeter,** then a **cylindrical** section lying between impact parameters b and  $(b + db)$  and having length dx, there are 2Pnb dx electrons. *Hence* the total energy **change** of the ion in moving a distance dx is given by

$$
dE_T = \int_{b_{\text{min}}}^{b_{\text{max}}} 2T l b n (-\Delta E) \, db \, dx \tag{2.6}
$$

where  $b_{\min}$  and  $b_{\max}$  represent the "minimum" and "maximum" impact parameters, which are discussed further below. Substituting Eq. (2.5) in Eq. (2.6) and performing the integration over db, we will **have**

$$
-\frac{dE_T}{dx} = \frac{4\pi Z^2 e^4}{mv^2} n \ln \frac{b_{\text{max}}}{b_{\text{min}}}.
$$
 (2.7)

The quantity  $(-dE_T/dx)$  in Eq. (2.7) is known as Stopping Power, which is related to **(2.** 7)

$$
\widetilde{S}_j(E) = -\frac{1}{\Lambda_j} \frac{dE_T}{dx}
$$

in Eq.  $(2, 1)$  for ion type j.

The probability density for finding the particle at rest at a given position inside the target at a later time is known as the range distribution for the ion injected through the surface of a target. In range theory, range is regarded as the end effect of the transport problem and distributes the motion of the ion during their slowing down to zero energy. The range of ion type j is related to stopping power  $\widetilde{S}_i(E)$  and depends on energy E as problem and **distributes** the motion **of tile ion during** their slowing **down to** zero energy.

$$
R_j(E) = \int_0^{\pi} \frac{dE'}{\widetilde{S}_j(E')}.
$$
 (2.8)

 $\frac{1}{2}$  **based** on Ziegler's egicr's i follows from Bethe's theory<sup>19</sup> and classical theory (Equation 2.7) that

$$
\widetilde{S}_{j}(E) = \frac{\Lambda_{p} Z_{j}^{2}}{\Lambda_{j} Z_{p}^{2}} \widetilde{S}_{p}(E) ,
$$
\n(2. 9)

for which

$$
\frac{Z_j^2}{\Lambda_j} R_j(E) = \frac{Z_P^2}{\Lambda_P} R_P(E) .
$$
 (2. 10)

zquanon (2. 10) is quite accurate at mgn energy and

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**only approximately true at low energies because of electron capture by** the **ion which** effectively **reduces its** charge, higher **order Born** corrections to **Bethe's theory,** and nuclear stopping at the lowest energies<sup>15</sup>. Herein the parameter  $v_j$  is defined as:

$$
v_j R_j(E) = v_k R_k(E) , \qquad (2.11)
$$

**so** that

$$
v_j = \frac{Z_j^2}{A_j} \tag{2.12}
$$

Equations (2. 10) and (2. I I) are used **in subsequent developments** and **the** energy variation in  $v_j$  is neglected. The inverse function of  $R_j(E)$  is defined as:

$$
E = R_i^{-1} [R_j(E)] , \t\t(2.13)
$$

and **plays** a **fundamental** role subsequently.

#### Minimum Impact **Parameter**

Equation **(2.5) demonstrates** that **the** energy **transfer-** DE **is inversely proportional** to the square of the impact parameter so that close collisions involve very large energy transfers. In order to apply our approximate calculations to determine b<sub>min</sub>, the maximum possible energy transfer is equated to the expression (2. 5) in which we set  $b = b_{min}$ .

Since the velocity of **the** ion is considerably higher than that of the electron, it was assumed that the electron remained stationary **during the** collision. Following the collision, however, the electron acquires a velocity  $v_2$  and the velocity of the ion decreases from v to v<sub>1</sub>. The conservation of energy for the collision can be written as :

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$$
\frac{1}{2} Mv^2 = \frac{1}{2} Mv_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} m v_2^2
$$
 (2. 14)

**where M is the** mass **of ion.** For **the** conservation of **momentum we** have

$$
Mv = Mv_1 + mv_2 \tag{2.15}
$$

The **maximum** momentum transfer corresponds **to** a "head-on" collision **in which the** velocity **vectors** in **Eq.** (2. **15)** lie **in** the same direction. Replacing the **vectors** by their magnitudes in Eq. (2. 15) and eliminating  $v_1$  from Eqs. (2. 14) and (2. 15) we obtain for the maximum momentum transfer

$$
(mv_2)_{\text{max}} = \frac{2 \text{ mM}}{m + M} v \,. \tag{2.16}
$$

Since it is assumed that  $(m/M << 1)$  then, approximately one can obtain

$$
(mv_2)_{\text{max}} = 2mv \tag{2.17}
$$

The maximum energy an electron acquires as a result of a collision with an ion is

$$
(DE)_{\text{max}} = \frac{mv_2^2}{2} = 2mv^2, \qquad (2.18)
$$

which is the maximum value of the energy lost - DE by the ion. Using this expression in Eq. (2. 5), we find that the impact parameter corresponding to the maximum energy transfer is

$$
b_{\min} = \frac{Z e^2}{m v^2} \tag{2.19}
$$

#### Maximum Impact Parameter

For large impact parameters the duration of the collision becomes comparable with the orbital period of atomic electrons, and the electrons **can** no longer be treated as if they were free. The effect of the passage of the ion on a bound electron depends on the relative collision time  $\tau$  defined as

$$
\tau = \frac{v}{b},\tag{2.20}
$$

and the period of oscillation  $T=2\pi/\omega$  ( $\omega$  is the orbital frequency of the electron). The net *fransfer of momentum to an electron is most effective when*  $\tau \sim T$ *. For interaction time* which are comparable to or larger than this period, the probability of a quantum transition **loss by the lon, is negligible. Thus, in order for** energy to be exchanged, we have

$$
\frac{b}{v} < \frac{1}{\omega} \tag{2.21}
$$

Therefore, the maximum value of the impact parameter is given by

$$
b_{\max} = \frac{v}{\omega} \,. \tag{2.22}
$$

#### *CHAPTER* Ill

#### ENERGY INDEPENDENT HEAVY ION TRANSPORT

If the **ion beam is** of **sufficiently** high energy (detail **for** high **energy beam** will **be given in section 3. A) so** *that* the energy **shift due to atomic/molecular collisions brings none of the particles to rest in the region of interest, then we will consider a special case rather than** the **case where the** beam **lose all its** energy **in** the **medium. This case is called** the energy **independent case.** The **number of particles moving in** the **forward direction in the medium (ap,'u-t from concerning** energy) **is studied as** energy **independent flux, which is** the **main subject for this work.**

#### A. The Lower Limit Energy for High Energy Beam

**According to** development of **technology the** concept of high **energy** has been changed, the 3 GeV high energy particle of Bertini's **time** is not **a** high energy particle any more. Nowadays with CEBAF **facilities 4** GeV particle is intermediate energy particle.

In our view point, **the** concept of high **energy** beam is not based on **the technical problems.** In our consideration **the** limit **for** energy is studied **according to** atomic/molecular interaction of the beam with **the** medium.

In this work, the high energy neon (20Ne) and iron (<sup>56</sup>Fe) beams transport in water are going to be studied. According to the theory of beam's energy loss in the medium, when a beam of ions enters a medium, its energy is lost **and** eventually comes **to** rest, **after** traveling a certain **thickness.** In the energy independent case we consider the beam of sufficient high energy that they will not come **to** rest in **thickness** L of interest.

The energy lost in crossing the thickness is less than the particle's initial energy.

$$
\overline{(-\frac{dE}{dx})}L < E
$$
 (3. 1)

where  $\overline{(-\frac{dE}{dx})}$ is the mean energy loss rate across the thickness L.

Now the least limit energy of the incident beam to pass through the thickness of interest is going to be studied. So for this case, it is necessary to det the initial energy beam for the range greater than the thickness of interest, i.e, the energy of the initial beam is required for  $R > L$ . For this purpose we will use Equation (2. 13) will the initial energy beam for **the** range greater than **the** thickness of interest, i.e, the energy of

$$
E = R_j^{-1} [ R_j(E) ]
$$
 (2. 13)

To calculate the range - energy relation, subroutine RMAT has been used which is part of computer program LBLFRG developed by Wilson, J. W. (NASA Langley Research Center). These programs require a data file named ATOMICS. The calculations were done for neon and iron ion beams in water and the results are shown in Table (1) and Figure (1) for the ions lighter than neon and the results for the ions heavier than neon are shown in Table (2) and Figure (2). For evaluation of the method, the results for neon incident beam in silicon target have been compared with the results from the Handbook of Range Distributions for Energetic Ions in all Elements<sup>19</sup> and the comparison is shown in incident beam in silicon **target** have been compared with the Handbook of the

The development of the computer codes for Range-Energy relation have been done to determine the least limit initial energy for neon and iron incident ion beams to pass 50 cm (50 g/cm<sup>2</sup>) of water, which is the maximum target thickness of interest for the purpose of Section (3. 2). From Table (1) and/or Figure (1) one can see that, the incident neon beam in water must have the initial energy greater than at least 833.43 (MeV/nuc) to

**pass 50** cm **of water.** In the same **way, from Table (2)** and/or Figure **(2) we can see** that **the** incident **iron** beam must have the initial energy at **least** greater than 1579.68 (Mev/nuc) to pass 50 cm **of** water. So at **this** point the 833.43 (Mev/nuc) incident neon and 1579.68 (MeV/nuc) incident iron **beams in** water are **the** high **energy** beams **for** us.

#### B. Energy Independent Flux

As mentioned **in** Chapter 2. **the energy independent** flux **is the main** subject **of** present work. In this part the flux **of** secondary fragments **from** incident high energy heavy ion beams are **to** be studied. High energy **beam** means **that** none **of** the particles **in the region of interest** come **to rest** and **energy** loss per unit **distance in** the matter **due** to atomic/molecular **collisions** can be **ignored** in **calculating thc total particle flux.** So that

$$
\frac{dE}{dx} \equiv 0 \tag{3.2}
$$

**or**

$$
\widetilde{S}_j(E) = 0 \tag{3.3}
$$

in Equation (2. I) and the last conclusion brings us to the energy independent case.

The energy independent transport equation is obtained from the heavy ion transport Equation (2. I) by first assuming that the cross sections and fragmentation multiplicities are constant (independent of energy). Equation (2.1) is then integrated over all energies to yield the following energy independent transport equation.

$$
\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \sigma_j\right]\phi_j(x) = \sum_{k}^{J} m_{jk}\sigma_k\phi_k(x) , \qquad (3.4)
$$

where J>k>j+l and the **initial** boundary condition **is**

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$$
\phi_j(0) = \delta_{jJ} , \qquad (3.5)
$$

**and** the **energy independent** flux **is given** by

$$
\phi_j(x) = \int_0^\infty \phi_j(x,E) \, \mathrm{d}E \,. \tag{3.6}
$$

The *solution* of Equation (3. 4) for a given incident ion type j, which gives us the flux of secondary fragments, will be given in terms of g functions in Chapter (4. *A).*

#### C. Nuclear Absorption Cross-Section

Typical **cosmic** ray transport calculations use energy **independent** microscopic absorption **cross** sections, sj, obtained from some form of Bradt-Peter parameterization21.22.

$$
\sigma_{ij} = \pi r_0^2 (\Lambda_i^{\frac{1}{3}} + \Lambda_j^{\frac{1}{3}} \cdot \delta)^2, \qquad (3.7)
$$

where  $r_0$  and d are energy independent parameters which have been fitted to a particular set of cross section data and *Ai* and *Aj* are the mass numbers of **colliding** nuclei. While certainly adequate for high energies where the cross sections are nearly asymptotic, significant differences exist, at energies below 2 GeV/nucleon, between experimental data1, **21** detail of theoretical formalism and the values predicted by Equation (3. 7).

To test the sensitivity of the dose predictions to the absorption cross *section* energy independence, the s<sub>ij</sub>were fixed at their 2 GeV/nucleon values, which are representative of the asymptotic results obtained from Eq. (3. 7). The input fragmentation parameters used in the calculations were the fully energy dependent ones. The results are displayed in Figure (4) as the ratios of calculated to experimental doses<sup>20</sup>. For the renormalized

**fragmentation parameters predictions (label VR) the calculated dose is** underestimated **by <10 % before the Bragg peak** and up **to 35 % beyond the Bragg peak. For** the **unrenormalized fragmentation parameters (label** ST ) **the calculated dose is underestimated by** up **to 33%** before **the** Bragg **peak** and **by** almost **a factor of** 4 beyond the Bragg **peak.**

#### D. Nuclear Fragmentation **Parameter**

Aside from the use **of** energy **independent** absorption cross section another possible simplification **to the** heavy ion transport problem **is the** use **of** energy **independent** fragmentation parameters. To test this approximation dose calculations for the neon beam in **water were** performed using fragmentation parameters mjk **fixed** at the **values** applicable to the incident beam energy **of** 670 **MeWnucleon. The** absorption cross sections **were** fully energy **dependent.** The results are displayed **in** Figure (5) as **the ratios of** calculated **to** experimental dose20. **For** the **VR** fragmentation parameters, **the** calculated dose **is within 3% of** the experimental **dose** in the **region** before the **Bragg** peak and **generally within** 10% beyond **the Bragg** peak. **For** the ST fragmentation parameters, the calculated dose underestimates the experimental **dose** by up to 20% before the Bragg peak and **by** a **factor of 2** beyond **it.** Thus, as **long** as fragment charge and mass are conserved through **renormalization,** the use of energy **independent** fragmentation parameters may be **reasonable.** Recently an energy **independent** fragmentation model, **which** conserves fragment charge and mass without **renormalization,** has been **developed for** use in heavy **ion** transport **studies.**

#### CHAPTER IV

#### **SOLUTIONS**

When a beam **of** heavy ions enters **a tissue** filled region, **the** ions break up **and** produce several **secondary fragments.** Heavy ion beams passing **through** tissue consist of primary particles and of fragments produced by nuclear interaction with **the** materials in **the** path of **the** particle beam. The produced charged fragments can include different isotopes of the primary ion and isotopes of any lighter **elements,** with a mass number less **than the** mass number of **the** projectile. The mathematical model for **the** flux of secondaries are given by **the** analytical solution of the Equation (3.4).

#### A. *Analytical* Solution

Let us consider the general energy independent heavy ion beam transport equation and solve it for different collision terms :

$$
\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \sigma_j\right]\phi_j(x) = \sum_{k}^{J} m_{jk}\sigma_k\phi_k(x)
$$
 (4. 1)

where the boundary **condition** is

$$
\phi_j(0) = \delta_{jJ}.
$$

#### a. **Flux of** Incident Ion Beam

This part considers the portion **of** *the* incident beam which passes the target without any interaction. So, the equation for this kind of beam that is not related to any secondary fragments is:

$$
[\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \sigma_j] \phi_j(x) = 0
$$
  

$$
\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \phi_j(x) = -\sigma_j \phi_j(x)
$$
  

$$
\frac{d\phi_j(x)}{\phi_j(x)} = -\sigma_j dx
$$
  

$$
\ln[\phi_j(x)] = -\sigma_j x + c
$$
  

$$
\phi_j(x) = e^{-\sigma_j x} e^c
$$
  

$$
x = 0: \phi_j(0) = e^c = \delta_{jJ}
$$

then the flux of incident ion beam is expressed as :

$$
\phi_j^{(0)}(x) = \delta_{jJ} e^{-\sigma_j x} \tag{4.2}
$$

To determine the fluxes of secondary fragments, the integral form of the general energy independent heavy ion beam transport of Equation (4. 1) has been considered here, which consists of the initial beam term and secondary terms as :

$$
\phi_j(x) = e^{-\sigma_j x} \phi_j(0) + \sum_k \int_0^{\bullet} e^{-\sigma_j z} m_{jk} \sigma_k \phi_k(x-z) dz,
$$
 (4. 3)

which is a Voltere equation, which may be solved using the Neumann series. Each term in the Neumann series is a collision term to be discussed below.

In the first collision term (first generation secondaries), the first secondaries are the **same as** the **final** particles. **So, subscript k can be replaced by** J **and there is no summation required. Then,**

$$
\phi_j^{(1)}(x) = \int_0^x e^{-c_j z} m_{jI} \sigma_J \phi_j(x-z) dz.
$$
 (4.4)

From equation (4.2) with

$$
\phi_{\rm J}(x-z)=\delta_{\rm JJ} e^{-\sigma_{\rm J}(x-z)}
$$

$$
\phi_J(x-z) = e^{-\sigma_J(x-z)}
$$

the Equation ( 4. 4 ) **can** be written

$$
\phi_j^{(1)}(x) = \int_0^x e^{-c y z} m_{jJ} \sigma_J e^{-c J(x-z)} dz \phi_j^{(1)}(x) = \int_0^x e^{-c J z} m_{jJ} \sigma_J e^{-c J(x-z)} dz
$$

$$
= m_{jJ} \sigma_J e^{-c J x} \int_0^x e^{(c J - c J) z} dz
$$

$$
= m_{jJ} \sigma_J e^{-c J x} \frac{1}{\sigma_J - c J} [e^{(c J - c J) x} - 1].
$$

Therefore

$$
\phi_j^{(1)}(x) = \frac{m_{jJ} \sigma_J}{\sigma_J \cdot \sigma_j} [e^{-\sigma_j x} - e^{-\sigma_J x}].
$$
 (4.5)

#### Flux of **Second Collision** T\_rm

the summation **over** k **(i.e.** summation **over** all possible types of first generation secondary In the second **collision** term there are **secondaries** from the first **collision** term, so **particles) is needed** only. Then, the flux **of second collision secondaries can be written :**

$$
\phi_j^{(2)}(x) = \sum_{k} \int_0^x e^{-\sigma_j z} m_{jk} \sigma_k \phi_k^{(1)}(x-z) dz.
$$
 (4.6)

From Equation **(4.** 5) replacing j by k we have **:**

$$
\phi_k^{(1)}(x-z) = \frac{m_{kJ} \sigma_J}{\sigma_J \sigma_k} [e^{-\sigma_k(x-z)} - e^{-\sigma_J(x-z)}]
$$

and Equation **(4.** 6) **can** be written as :

$$
\phi_j^{(2)}(x) = \sum_k \int_0^x e^{-\sigma_j z} m_{jk} \sigma_k \frac{m_{kj} \sigma_j}{\sigma_j - \sigma_k} \left[ e^{-\sigma_k(x-z)} - e^{-\sigma_j(x-z)} \right] dz
$$

$$
= \sum_k \frac{m_{jk} m_{kj} \sigma_k}{\sigma_j - \sigma_k} \left[ e^{-\sigma_k x} \int_0^x e^{(\sigma_k - \sigma_j) z} dz - e^{-\sigma_j x} \int_0^x e^{(\sigma_j - \sigma_j) z} dz \right]
$$

**which** reduces to

$$
\phi_j^{(2)}(x) = \sum_k \frac{m_{jk} m_{kJ} \sigma_k \sigma_J}{\sigma_J - \sigma_k} \left[ \frac{e^{-\sigma_j x} - e^{-\sigma_k x}}{\sigma_k - \sigma_j} - \frac{e^{-\sigma_j x} - e^{-\sigma_j x}}{\sigma_J - \sigma_j} \right]. \tag{4.7}
$$

where  $J - 1 > k > j$  indicates all possible values of  $k$ .

### .Flux of Third Collision Term

In the third collision term there are **secondaries** from **second collision** term. So, the secondaries for third collision term should sum over I (i.e. **summation** over all possible types of *second* generation secondary particles). So, from equation (4. 3) the flux of third collision term secondaries is written as :

$$
\phi_j^{(3)}(x) = \sum_i \int_0^x e^{-c_j z} m_{jl} \sigma_l \phi_l^{(2)}(x-z) dz.
$$
 (4.8)

From Eq. **(4. 7)** with **relabcling** j **to I it** can **bc written**

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$$
\varphi_1^{(2)}(x-z) = \sum_k \frac{m_{1k} m_{kJ} \sigma_k \sigma_J}{\sigma_J \cdot \sigma_k} \left[ \frac{e^{-\sigma_l(x-z)} - e^{-\sigma_k(x-z)}}{\sigma_k \cdot \sigma_l} - \frac{e^{-\sigma_l(x-z)} - e^{-\sigma_l(x-z)}}{\sigma_J \cdot \sigma_l} \right]
$$

Equation **(4. 8)** has then the form **:**

 $\ddot{\phantom{a}}$ 

$$
\phi_{j}^{(3)}(x) = \sum_{i} m_{j1} \sigma_{i} \int_{0}^{x} \sum_{k} \frac{m_{ik} m_{k} J \sigma_{k} \sigma_{j}}{\sigma_{j} \cdot \sigma_{k}} e^{-\sigma_{j} z} \left[ \frac{e^{-\sigma_{i}(x-z)} - e^{-\sigma_{k}(x-z)}}{\sigma_{k} \cdot \sigma_{l}} \right]
$$
  

$$
- \frac{e^{-\sigma_{i}(x-z)} - e^{-\sigma_{i}(x-z)}}{\sigma_{j} \cdot \sigma_{l}} d z
$$
  

$$
= \sum_{i,k} m_{j1} \sigma_{i} \frac{m_{ik} m_{k} J \sigma_{k} \sigma_{j}}{\sigma_{j} \cdot \sigma_{k}} \int_{0}^{x} \left[ \frac{e^{-\sigma_{i} x} e^{(\sigma_{i} \cdot \sigma_{j}) z} - e^{-\sigma_{k} x} e^{(\sigma_{k} \cdot \sigma_{j}) z}}{\sigma_{k} \cdot \sigma_{l}} \right]
$$
  

$$
- \frac{e^{-\sigma_{i} x} e^{(\sigma_{i} \cdot \sigma_{i})} - e^{-\sigma_{i} x} e^{(\sigma_{i} \cdot \sigma_{i})}}{\sigma_{j} \cdot \sigma_{l}}
$$
  

$$
= \frac{m_{j1} m_{ik} m_{k1} \sigma_{i} \sigma_{k} \sigma_{j}}{\sigma_{j} \cdot \sigma_{k}} \left[ \frac{e^{-\sigma_{i} x}}{\sigma_{k} \cdot \sigma_{l}} \right]_{0}^{x} e^{(\sigma_{i} \cdot \sigma_{j}) z} dz - \frac{e^{-\sigma_{k} x}}{\sigma_{k} \cdot \sigma_{l}} \int_{0}^{x} e^{(\sigma_{k} \cdot \sigma_{j}) z} dz
$$
  

$$
- \frac{e^{-\sigma_{k} x}}{\sigma_{j} \cdot \sigma_{l}} \int_{0}^{x} e^{(\sigma_{i} \cdot \sigma_{j}) z} dz + \frac{e^{-\sigma_{i} x}}{\sigma_{j} \cdot \sigma_{l}} \int_{0}^{x} e^{(\sigma_{i} \cdot \sigma_{j}) z} dz
$$
  

$$
\phi_{j}^{(3)}(x) = \sum_{ik} \frac{m_{j1} m_{ik} m_{k1} \sigma_{i} \sigma_{i} \sigma_{k}}{\sigma_{j} \cdot \sigma_{k}} \left( \frac{1}{\sigma_{k} \cdot \sigma_{l}} \left[ \frac{e^{-\sigma_{j}
$$

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$$
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$$

$$
-\frac{1}{\sigma_J-\sigma_l}\left[\frac{e^{-\sigma_j x}-e^{-\sigma_l x}}{\sigma_l-\sigma_j}-\frac{e^{-\sigma_j x}-e^{-\sigma_l x}}{\sigma_l-\sigma_j}\right]\,\,.
$$
\n(4.9)

#### Flux **of** Fourth **Collision Term**

In the **fourth collision** term **there** ate secondaries from the **third** collision term. So, the secondaries for **fourth** collision term should sum **over** m **(i.e.** summation **over** all possible type **of** third **generation** secondary particles).

From Equation **(4. 3)** the **flux of** fourth collision term secondaries **is written :**

$$
\phi_j^{(4)}(x) = \sum_m \int_0^x e^{-\sigma_j z} \, m_{jm} \, \sigma_m \, \phi_m^{(3)}(x-z) \, dz \,, \tag{4.10}
$$

and considering Eq. **(4.** 9) **by** *replacing* j **with** m **it** can **be written :**

$$
\phi_{m}^{(3)}(x - z) = \sum_{l,k} \frac{m_{m1} m_{lk} m_{kl} \sigma_{l} \sigma_{k} \sigma_{l}}{\sigma_{l} - \sigma_{k}} \left\{ \frac{1}{\sigma_{k} - \sigma_{l}} \left[ \frac{e^{-\sigma_{m}(x-z)} - e^{-\sigma_{l}(x-z)}}{\sigma_{l} - \sigma_{m}} \right. \right.
$$
\n
$$
= \frac{e^{-\sigma_{m}(x-z)} - e^{-\sigma_{k}(x-z)}}{\sigma_{k} - \sigma_{m}} \left\{ -\frac{1}{\sigma_{l} - \sigma_{l}} \left[ \frac{e^{-\sigma_{m}(x-z)} - e^{-\sigma_{l}(x-z)} - e^{-\sigma_{l}(x-z)}}{\sigma_{l} - \sigma_{m}} - \frac{e^{-\sigma_{m}(x-z)} - e^{-\sigma_{l}(x-z)}}{\sigma_{l} - \sigma_{m}} \right] \right\}.
$$

Now **Equation (4. 10)** can be **written :**

$$
\phi_{j}^{(4)}(x) = \sum_{m} \int_{0}^{x} e^{-\sigma_{j}z} \, m_{jm} \, \sigma_{m} \, dz \sum_{l,k} \frac{m_{ml} \, m_{lk} \, m_{k,l} \, \sigma_{l} \, \sigma_{k}}{\sigma_{j} - \sigma_{k}} \left\{ \frac{1}{\sigma_{k} - \sigma_{l}}
$$
\n
$$
\left[ \frac{e^{-\sigma_{m}(x-z)} - e^{-\sigma_{l}(x-z)}}{\sigma_{l} - \sigma_{m}} - \frac{e^{-\sigma_{m}(x-z)} - e^{-\sigma_{k}(x-z)}}{\sigma_{k} - \sigma_{m}} \right] - \frac{1}{\sigma_{j} - \sigma_{l}} \left[ \frac{e^{-\sigma_{m}(x-z)} - e^{-\sigma_{l}(x-z)}}{\sigma_{l} - \sigma_{m}} \right]
$$
\n
$$
= \frac{e^{-\sigma_{m}(x-z)} - e^{-\sigma_{l}(x-z)}}{\sigma_{l} - \sigma_{m}}
$$

$$
\phi_{j}^{(4)}(x) = \sum_{m1k} \frac{m_{jm} m_{ml} m_{k} m_{k} J \sigma_{m} \sigma_{1} \sigma_{k} \sigma_{j}}{\sigma_{j} - \sigma_{k}} \left\{ \frac{1}{\sigma_{k} - \sigma_{1}} \left[ \frac{1}{\sigma_{1} - \sigma_{m}} \left( e^{-\sigma_{m} x} \right) \right] \right\}
$$
\n
$$
\int_{0}^{1} e^{(\sigma_{m} - \sigma_{j})x} dz - e^{-\sigma_{j} x} \int_{0}^{1} e^{(\sigma_{1} - \sigma_{j})x} dz \right\} - \frac{1}{\sigma_{k} - \sigma_{1}} \left[ \frac{1}{\sigma_{1} - \sigma_{m}} \left( e^{-\sigma_{m} x} \right) \right]_{0}^{1} e^{(\sigma_{m} - \sigma_{j})x} dz
$$
\n
$$
- e^{-\sigma_{j} x} \int_{0}^{1} e^{(\sigma_{j} - \sigma_{j})x} dz \right\} - \frac{1}{\sigma_{j} - \sigma_{m}} \left\{ e^{-\sigma_{m} x} \int_{0}^{1} e^{(\sigma_{m} - \sigma_{j})x} dz \right\}
$$
\n
$$
- e^{-\sigma_{j} x} \int_{0}^{1} e^{(\sigma_{j} - \sigma_{j})x} dz \right\} = \frac{1}{\sigma_{j} - \sigma_{m}} \left\{ e^{-\sigma_{m} x} \int_{0}^{1} e^{(\sigma_{m} - \sigma_{j})x} dz \right\}
$$
\n
$$
\phi_{j}^{(4)}(x) = \sum_{m1k} \frac{m_{jm} m_{m1} m_{k} m_{k1} \sigma_{m} \sigma_{1} \sigma_{1} \sigma_{k} \sigma_{j}}{\sigma_{j} - \sigma_{k}} \left\{ \frac{1}{\sigma_{k} - \sigma_{1}} \left[ \frac{1}{\sigma_{l} - \sigma_{m}} \left( \frac{e^{-\sigma_{j} x} - e^{-\sigma_{m} x}}{\sigma_{m} - \sigma_{j}} \right) \right] \right\}
$$
\n
$$
- \frac{1}{\sigma_{j} - \sigma_{j}} \left[ \frac{1}{\sigma_{l} - \sigma_{j}} \left( \frac{e^{-\sigma_{j} x} - e^{-\sigma_{m} x}}{\sigma_{m} - \sigma_{j}} \right] \frac{e^{-\sigma_{j} x} - e^{-\sigma
$$

For **simplicity** and easy use **of** these expressions for fluxes of different **collision** terms for computer calculations, in Equations  $(4.5)$ ,  $(4.7)$ ,  $(4.9)$ , and  $(4.11)$  g-functions is introduced as follow :

1. For First Collision Term (i.e. Equation 4. 5)

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$$
g(j, J) = \frac{e^{-\sigma_j x} - e^{-\sigma_j x}}{\sigma_j - \sigma_j}
$$
 (4. 12)

2. For Second Collision Term (i.e. **Equation** 4.7)

$$
g(j,k,J) = \frac{1}{\sigma_J - \sigma_k} \left[ \frac{e^{-\sigma_j x} - e^{-\sigma_k x}}{\sigma_k - \sigma_j} - \frac{e^{-\sigma_j x} - e^{-\sigma_j x}}{\sigma_J - \sigma_j} \right]
$$

with **respect to Equation (4.** 12) the last **relation can be** written"

$$
g(j,k,J) = \frac{g(j,k) - g(j,J)}{\sigma_J - \sigma_k} \tag{4.13}
$$

3. For Third Collision Term **(i.e.** Equation 4. 9)

$$
g(j,l,k,J) = \frac{1}{\sigma_J - \sigma_k} \left[ \frac{1}{\sigma_k - \sigma_l} \left( \frac{e^{-\sigma_j x} - e^{-\sigma_k x}}{\sigma_l - \sigma_j} - \frac{e^{-\sigma_j x} - e^{-\sigma_k x}}{\sigma_k - \sigma_j} \right) \right]
$$

$$
- \frac{1}{\sigma_J - \sigma_l} \left( \frac{e^{-\sigma_l x} - e^{-\sigma_l x}}{\sigma_l - \sigma_j} - \frac{e^{-\sigma_j x} - e^{-\sigma_l x}}{\sigma_J - \sigma_j} \right) \right], \tag{4.14}
$$

and considering **relation (4.** 12), and switching **the** indices in Equation (4.14) it will have the form:

$$
g(j,k,l,J) = \frac{1}{\sigma_J - \sigma_l} \left[ \frac{g(j,k) - g(j,l)}{\sigma_l - \sigma_k} - \frac{g(j,k) - g(j,J)}{\sigma_J - \sigma_j} \right].
$$

With respect **to** Equation **(4.** 13) the last relation takes the form :

$$
g(j,k,l,J) = \frac{g(j,k,l) - g(j,k,J)}{\sigma_J - \sigma_l}
$$
 (4. 15)

4. For Fourth Collision Term **(i.e.** Equation 4. I 1)
$$
g(j,m,l,k,J) = \frac{1}{\sigma_J - \sigma_k} \left\{ \frac{1}{\sigma_k - \sigma_l} \left[ \frac{1}{\sigma_l - \sigma_m} \left( \frac{e^{-\sigma_l x} - e^{-\sigma_m x}}{\sigma_m - \sigma_j} - \frac{e^{-\sigma_l x} - e^{-\sigma_l x}}{\sigma_l - \sigma_j} \right) \right. \right.\left. - \frac{1}{\sigma_k - \sigma_m} \left( \frac{e^{-\sigma_l x} - e^{-\sigma_m x}}{\sigma_m - \sigma_j} - \frac{e^{-\sigma_l x} - e^{-\sigma_k x}}{\sigma_k - \sigma_j} \right) \right\} - \frac{1}{\sigma_J - \sigma_l} \left\{ \frac{1}{\sigma_l - \sigma_m} \left( \frac{e^{-\sigma_l x} - e^{-\sigma_m x}}{\sigma_m - \sigma_j} - \frac{e^{-\sigma_l x} - e^{-\sigma_l x}}{\sigma_l - \sigma_j} \right) \right\} \right\}.
$$

Considering **equation** (4. 12) and switching k **with** m **to** each **other** in **the** last relation it will have **the** form:

$$
g(j,k,l,m,J) = \frac{1}{\sigma_J \cdot \sigma_m} \left\{ \frac{1}{\sigma_m \cdot \sigma_l} \left[ \frac{g(j,k) - g(j,l)}{\sigma_l \cdot \sigma_k} \cdot \frac{g(j,k) - g(j,m)}{\sigma_m \cdot \sigma_k} \right] \right\}
$$

$$
\frac{1}{\sigma_J \cdot \sigma_l} \left[ \frac{g(j,k) - g(j,l)}{\sigma_l \cdot \sigma_k} \cdot \frac{g(j,k) - g(j,l)}{\sigma_J \cdot \sigma_k} \right] \}
$$

with regarding Equation (4. 13) it can be written:

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$$
g(j,k,l,m,J) = \frac{1}{\sigma_J - \sigma_m} \left\{ \frac{1}{\sigma_m - \sigma_l} \left[ g(j,k,l) - g(j,k,m) \right] \right\}
$$

$$
- \frac{1}{\sigma_J - \sigma_l} \left[ g(j,k,l) - g(j,k,J) \right] \right\}.
$$

According to Equation (4. 15) the last relationwill have the form :

$$
g(j,k,l,m,J) = \frac{g(j,k,l,m) - g(j,k,l,J)}{\sigma_J \cdot \sigma_m} \,, \tag{4.16}
$$

with considering Equations (4. 12), (4. 13), (4. 15), and (4. 16 ) we can write the general form for g - functions as :

$$
g(j_1, j_2, j_3, \ldots, j_n, j_{n+1}) = \frac{g(j_1, j_2, \ldots, j_n) - g(j_1, j_2, \ldots, j_{n-1}, j_{n+1})}{\sigma_{j_{n+1}} - \sigma_{j_n}}
$$
(4. 17)

where **:**

$$
g(j_1) = e^{-\sigma_{j_1}x} \tag{4.18}
$$

Now by switching 1 with k in  $\phi_j(3)(x)$  and m with k in  $\phi_j(4)(x)$  according to the left sides of the Eqs. (4. 12), (4. 13), (4. 15), and (4. 16) the following very simple form for  $\phi_j(1)(x)$ ,  $\phi_j(2)(x)$ ,  $\phi_j(3)(x)$ ,  $\phi_j(4)(x)$  can be written:

$$
\phi_j^{(1)}(x) = \sigma_{j1} g(j, J) \tag{4.19a}
$$

$$
\phi_j^{(2)}(x) = \sum_k \sigma_{jk} \sigma_{kJ} g(j,k,J) , \qquad (4.19b)
$$

$$
\phi_j^{(3)}(x) = \sum_{k,l} \sigma_{jk} \sigma_{kl} \sigma_{lj} g(j,k,l,J) , \qquad (4.19c)
$$

$$
\phi_j^{(4)}(x) = \sum_{k,l,m} \sigma_{jk} \sigma_{kl} \sigma_{lm} \sigma_{ml} g(j,k,l,m,J). \tag{4.19d}
$$

where

$$
m_{jl}\sigma_{J} = \sigma_{jJ},
$$
  
\n
$$
m_{jk}\sigma_{k} = \sigma_{jk}, m_{kJ}\sigma_{J} = \sigma_{kJ},
$$
  
\n
$$
m_{jk}\sigma_{k} = \sigma_{jk}, m_{kl}\sigma_{l} = \sigma_{k1}, m_{lJ}\sigma_{J} = \sigma_{lJ},
$$
  
\n
$$
m_{jk}\sigma_{k} = \sigma_{jk}, m_{kl}\sigma_{l} = \sigma_{kl}, m_{lm}\sigma_{m} = \sigma_{lm}, m_{ml}\sigma_{J} = \sigma_{mJ}.
$$

The total flux of secondary fragments **in** different thicknesses x of the target is

$$
\phi_j(x) = \sum_i \phi_j^{(i)}(x) , \qquad (4.20)
$$

i indicates the collision (i.e. generation ) *number.*

The Equation (4. 20) which is the solution for energy independent transport equation, is equivalent to the one derived by Ganapol et al.<sup>23</sup>. In this stage it is better to study the numerical solution of the above formalism.

#### *B,* Numerical Solution

To evaluate the accuracy **of** the model solve Equation (4. 1) numerically. For this purpose one can start from a simple approximation of the derivatives.

$$
\frac{d\overline{\phi}(x)}{dx} = \frac{\overline{\phi}(x+\Delta x) - \overline{\phi}(x)}{\Delta x}
$$

with very small  $\Delta x$  ( $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$ ).

$$
\overline{\phi}(x+\Delta) = \overline{\phi}(x) + \frac{d\phi(x)}{dx} \Delta + o(\Delta^2) + \cdots
$$
 (4. 21)

To determine  $(d\phi(x)/dx)$  let us consider the general energy independent transport equation

m

$$
\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \sigma_j \right] \phi_j(x) = \sum_k m_{jk} \sigma_k \phi_k(x)
$$

is considered and expanded for J\_> k **>** j , where J denotes the incident **ion** beam's charge number.

$$
\left[\frac{d}{dx} + \sigma_1\right] \phi_1(x) = 0 + m_{12}\sigma_2\phi_2(x) + m_{13}\sigma_3\phi_3(x) + ... + m_{1J}\sigma_J\phi_J(x)
$$
  

$$
\left[\frac{d}{dx} + \sigma_2\right] \phi_2(x) = 0 + 0 + m_{23}\sigma_3\phi_3(x) + ... + m_{2J}\sigma_J\phi_J(x)
$$
  

$$
\left[\frac{d}{dx} + \sigma_J\right] \phi_J(x) = 0 + 0 + 0 + ... + 0
$$
 (4. 22)

The system of **Equations** (4. **22)** can be written in matrix representation as :

$$
\frac{d\phi(x)}{dx} + \overline{\sigma} \overline{\phi}(x) = \overline{A} \overline{\phi}(x)
$$

m

**or :**

$$
\frac{d\overline{\phi}(x)}{dx} = A\overline{\phi}(x) \cdot \overline{\sigma}\overline{\phi}(x) \,.
$$
 (4. 23)

**where** A is the matrix **of** fragmentation **parameters** and **shown as :**



The entries of matrix A **satisfy the** assumed **simplified** nuclear **model23.** According to **this** model

$$
m_{jk} = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{k-1} & k > j \\ 0 & k \leq j \end{cases}
$$

and

$$
\sigma_j = \sigma_0 \, j^{(2/3)}
$$

Here the choice **of oj** is based upon nuclear liquid drop model, and the multiplicities are chosen so as to conserve charge in each interaction. The matrix for nuclear absorption

**cross section has** the form **:**

$$
\overline{\sigma} = \left[\begin{array}{cccc} \sigma_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_J \end{array}\right]
$$

where the solution matrix **is like :**

$$
\overline{\phi}(x) = \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1(x) \\ \phi_2(x) \\ \phi_3(x) \\ \vdots \\ \phi_j(x) \end{bmatrix}
$$

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So, with the known values of A and  $\sigma$  in Equation (4. 23), we can easily determine the values of  $f(x+D)$  from the Equation (4. 21):

$$
\phi(x+\Delta) = \overline{\phi}(x) + \frac{\overline{d\phi}(x)}{dx} \Delta
$$

where the initial condition is :

$$
\phi(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}
$$

The results **of calculation** for **25Mg incident** beam **in water** in thicknesses up to **100**

(g/cm2) has **been done** by computer code IONFLM (i.e. the **program which** has been **developed for** calculation **of** total flux **related** to **Eq.** 4. 21). **The** same calculation **for 25Mg** was **done by** Ganapol et ai.23. In **Table** (1) the **results for total** flux from **this** code is *compared* with the **results** from **reference 23.**

#### **CHAPTER V**

#### **APPLICATIONS**

In this part the application of the energy independent beam transport formalism is going to be studied in order to calculate the four different contributing terms and total flux from incident neon (20Ne) and iron (56Fe) beams in water. The maximum depth of interest for both neon and iron cases is 50 g/cm<sup>2</sup> (50 cm, special for water as target). From the energy independent formalism, our incident beams must have sufficient energy to pass the range of interest (detail in previous chapters). Based on the calculations of Chapter (3. 1) the least initial energy for the neon beam must be 833.43 MeV/nuc and the iron incident beam must have 1597.68 MeV/nuc initial energy to qualify as high energy beams for our case. Using the computer programs and subroutines developed for the equations derived from the energy independent transport equation in Chapter (4.1), the different contributing terms and the total flux of different generation secondary fragments have been calculated. The related equations from Chapter (4. A) are the following : Incident beam:

$$
\phi_j^{(0)}(x) = \delta_{jJ} e^{-\sigma_j x}
$$

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Flux of 1<sup>st</sup> generation secondaries :

$$
\phi_j^{(1)}(x) = \sigma_{jJ} g(j,J)
$$

Flux of 2<sup>nd</sup> generation secondaries :

$$
\phi_j^{(2)}(x) = \sum_k \sigma_{jk} \sigma_{kJ} g(j,k,J)
$$

**Flux of third generation secondaries :**

$$
\phi_j^{(3)}(x) = \sum_{k,l} \sigma_{jk} \sigma_{kl} \sigma_{lj} g(j,k,l,J)
$$

**Flux of fourth generation** secondaries :

$$
\phi_j^{(4)}(x) = \sum_{k,l,m} \sigma_{jk} \sigma_{kl} \sigma_{lm} \sigma_{mJ} g(j,k,l,m,J)
$$

**The total flux for all secondary fragments"**

$$
\phi_j(x) = \sum_i \phi_j^{(i)}(x) \qquad i = 1, 2, 3, 4
$$

Now, the specific terms will be **discussed.**

### *A.* Neon Beam Transport

In the **case of** neon (20Ne) **incident** beam transport **on** water **first** it **is** noted that 19Ne and 19F have only one contributing term **in** Equation (4. *20).* The fluxes of these secondary fragments and *some* other *secondary* ion fragments are *shown* in Figures **(6),** (8), (9) and Tables (6 - 10). The effect of successive terms of Equation (4. 20) is shown in Table (6) for Oxygen (t60) **flux.** From the Table (6) it is clear that the fourth and higher order collision terms are completely negligible, and that third collision terms are rather minor contributions. The relative magnitude **of** the terms **contributing** to the 7Li **flux** generated by the 20Ne beam is presented in Table (7). The fourth **collision** term is negligible at small penetration distances and it is small, but not negligible, at distances

**greater than 30 g/cm2. The fluxes of secondary fragments for some lighter ions which are produced in 20Ne** beam **transport in water arc presented in Figure (7) and** Tables **(11 - 13).**

#### B. Iron Beam **Transport**

In the case of 56Fe incident beam on water it **is** noted that 55Fe and 55Mn have only one contributing term in Equation  $(4, 20)$ . The  $\frac{54 \text{Mn}}{1000 \text{Mn}}$  has two contributing terms in Equation (4.20), and the results can be seen in Figure (10) compared with some other ion secondary fragment **fluxes.** *Also,* the fluxes of some secondaries from 56Fe beam include the results for 52V are shown in Tables (14 - 17). The convergence rate of Eq. (4. *20)* is determined in Table (18) for vanadium 52V from iron 56Fe beam on water. *Again* we see the fourth **collision** term to be negligible while the three term expansion that has been used by Wilson et al.<sup>24</sup>, before seems quite accurate at these depths for these ions. In distinction to prior results, the <sup>16</sup>O flux has significant contributions from higher order terms for depths beyond 20 g/cm2 as seen in Table (19). *Also,* the **fluxes** of secondary fragments for some lighter ions compare with 55Fe which are produced in 56Fe beam transport in water, are presented in Figure (11) and Tables (17) (20), (21). Figures (12) and (13) show the comparison of the total **flux** and the **fluxes** of individual collision terms.

#### CHAPTER VI

### SUMMARY *AND* **CONCLUSIONS**

**Determination of** the fluxes **of** *secondary* fragments in an energy independent model of heavy ions beam transport in one dimension is the focal point of this work. The concept of energy independent term is related to high energy incident beam in a medium which passes the interested thickness of the medium without coming to rest. The solutions which give the fluxes of secondary fragments for different generations, are obtained from the integral form of the energy independent transport equation analytically. The numerical solution of the general energy independent transport equation gives us the results for total flux of secondary fragments of all generations. The results are compared to benchmark results of reference 23 in order to determine the accuracy of the model.

The fluxes of secondary fragments of incident <sup>20</sup>Ne beam with initial energy 833.43 MeV/nuc and incident iron 56Fe beam with the initial energy 1597.68 MeV/nue has been studied in 50 g/cm<sup>2</sup> of water (which almost represents normal tissue). Results show that fourth and higher order collision terms are negligible, and third collision terms are rather minor. *Also* it is seen that with exceptions of the lighter isotopes of the primary ions secondary ions are exponentially attenuated at a slower rate than the primaries.

The calculations in this present method have taken a rather long execution time on computer. The next step of this work will be the studying of the same model with a different method which is expected to take less computer execution time.

*A* rather important thing for transport problems of this kind is the solution of

**coupled partial differential** equations **which requires** a **special work. As** has **been indicated in reference** 23, the solution **of this** kind **of** equation **for** transport problem **will be** the subject of their future work<sup>23</sup>.

## The Lower Initial Energy of Incident Ions Beam to Pass<br>the Indicated Depth of Water





## The Lower Initial Energy of Incident Ions Beam to Pass<br>the Indicated Depth of Water



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# Total Flux from Numerical Solution of Present Work Compare<br>with Data from Reference 23



#### **Normalized** Contributions to the <sup>15</sup>O Fluxes from Successi Collision **Terms of** 20Ne **Beam** Transport **in Water**



#### **Normalized** Contributions to the <sup>7</sup>Li Fluxes from Successi **Collision Terms** of <sup>20</sup>Ne Beam **Transport** in Wate



## Successive Collision Terms and the Total Fluxes of 18Ne from 20Ne Transport in Water



#### **Successive Collision Terms and the Total from 20Ne Transport in Water Fluxes of** 18F





# Successive Collision Terms and the Total Fluxes of 19Ne<br>from <sup>20</sup>Ne Transport in Water



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## Successive Collision Terms and the Total Fluxes of 19F from 20Ne Transport in Water



#### SuccessiveCollisionTerms **and the**TotalFluxes of 10B **from** 20Nc Beam Transport inWater



# Successive Collision Terms and the Total Fluxes of 10B<br>from 20Ne Beam Transport in Water





#### *Successive* **Collision Terms and the Total Fluxes of 14N¢ from** <sup>20</sup>Ne Beam Transport in Water





# Successive Collision Terms and the Total Fluxes of 7Li from 20Ne Beam Transport in Water





#### **Successive Collision Terms and the Total** *Fluxes* **of** z2C **from 20Ne Beam Transport in Water.**



#### Successive Collision Terms and the Total Fluxes from <sup>56</sup>Fe BeamTransport in Water of 55Mi



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#### Successive Collision Terms and the Total Fluxes of 54Mn from 56F Transport in Water

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#### Successive Collision Terms and the Total Fluxes of 52V **from** 56Fe **Beam Transport in** Water



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# Successive Collision Terms and the Total Fluxes of 55Fe from 56Fe Transport in Water



#### **Normalized** Contributions to the <sup>52</sup>V Fluxes from Success **Collision Terms of 56Fe Beam Transport in Wate**





# Normalized Contributions to the <sup>16</sup>O Fluxes from Successive<br>Collision Terms of <sup>56</sup>Fe Beam Transport in Water

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#### Succcssivc CollisionTerms **and the** Total**Fluxes** of 2sSi**from** 56Fe Beam **Transport**in**Watcr**



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## $S$ uccessive Collision  $T_{\text{max}} = 1.1$   $m = 1.0$ **From 56Fe Beam Transport in Water**





Figure 1. Range - Energy Relation for Ions Lighter than <sup>20</sup>Ne with the Least Initial Energy E to Pass x Thickness of Water

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Figure 2. Range - Energy Relation for Ions Heavier than 20Ne with the Least Initial Energy E to Pass x Thickness of Water

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Figure 3. Range - Energy Relation of Incident <sup>20</sup>Ne Beam in <sup>28</sup>Si.


Ratio of Calculated to Experimental Doses, as a Function of Figure 4. Depth in Water, for a 670 MeV/nucleon <sup>20</sup>Ne Beam. The Calculation used Energy - Dependent Renormalized (VR) and Unrenormalized (ST) Silberberg -Tsao Fragmentation Parameters, and Energy - Independent Nuclear Absorption Cross Section. For Reference, the Bragg Peak Location is Labeled  $(BP)$ .

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Figure 5. Ratio of Calculated to Experimental Doses, as a Function of **Depth in Water, for a 670 MeV/nucleon 2°Ne Beam. The Calculation used Energy - Independent Renormalized (VR) and** *Unrenormalized* (ST) **Siberberg - Tsao Fragmentation** Parameters. **The Nuclear Absorption Cross Sections were Fully Energy - Dependent. For References,** the **Bragg** Peak **Location is Labeled** (BP).

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Figure 6. Ions Fragments Flux of Various Isotopes as a Function of Depth, from <sup>20</sup>Ne Beam Transport in Water

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Figure 7. Flux of Some Light Ion Fragments as a Function of Depth, from <sup>20</sup>Ne Beam Transport in Water

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**Figure 8.** Successive **Collision Terms and** lhe **Total** Fluxes **of** t\_Nc **from 20Ne Transport in Water**

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Figure 9. Successive Collision Terms and the Total Fluxes of <sup>7</sup>Li from <sup>20</sup>Ne Beam Transport in Water

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Figure 10. Ion Fragments of Various Isotopes as a Function of the Depth, from 56Fe Beam Transport in Water

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Figure ! I. **Total** Flux **of** Light **Ion** Fragments Compared with 55Fe Ion Fragments Flux, as a Function of Depth from <sup>56</sup>Fe Transport in Wate

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Figure 12. Successive Collision Terms and the Total Fluxes of 52V from 56Fe Transport in Water

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Figure 13. Successive Collision Terms and the Total Fluxes of 54Mn from 56Fe Beam Transport in Water.

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## **ABSTRACT**

## ONE DIMENSIONAL **HEAVY** ION BEAM **TRANSPORT: ENERGY** INDEPENDENT MODEL

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**The present** work, which **is a step to better understand the nature of interaction of radiations (heavy ions) with matter, studies energy independent flux of** heavy **ion beam transport in one dimension (straight ahead approximation method). The** transport **of** high **energy** heavy **(HZE) ions through bulk materials that is studied** here **neglects energy dependence of the nuclear cross section. In the density range of 50 g/cm2 for water a 833.43 MeV/nucleon neon beam and a 1579.68 MeV/nucleon iron beam represent the lower limit for** high **energy** beams. The **four term fluxes of secondary fragments which arc given by an analytical solution of the energy independent transpon equation, show that the fluxes of first and second collision terms** are **important, where the flux of third collision** term **is minor and the fluxes of fourth and** higher **order terms arc negligible.**