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A novel fiber-optic beam monitor

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Organic and inorganic Optical Fibers (OFs) are increasingly utilized in space and medical applications, including accelerator and reactor environments to monitor beam currents and shapes, doses, temperatures, and pressures [1-5]. OFs are ideal as they can be radiation hard, small in size, independent from electro-magnetic environments, and linear over a large measurement range. Here we present a new application in conjunction with a medical cyclotron, where a collar of four Ce-doped silica fibers is mounted onto a beam line. In our experiments, measurements of the OF scintillation signal from prompt neutrons and gammas produced by the proton beam as its bombardment position changes in a beam dump are made. This is an extension of our previous work with a similar setup to monitor beam delivery onto a medical isotope target at a cyclotron [6]. The advantage is that the OFs are outside of the vacuum and do not need to intercept the beam. Initial testing shows that monitoring of a 150 nA beam of 18 MeV protons into a beam dump is possible. The monitor can measure relative beam current and beam displacement in X and Y as a function of magnetic steering. Further testing is underway.

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