## **HIP 6**

A cylindrical beam of protons is aimed at a cancerous tumor. The beam current is non-uniform in both space and time and can be described by the current density function:

$$J(r,t)=a(r^2-b)t^3$$

One pulse of protons lasts for about 3.0ms, b =  $2.34 \cdot 10^{-6}$ , a =  $5.67 \cdot 10^{17}$ , and the beam has a radius of 1.73mm. The drift speed ( $v_d$ ) of the protons is  $1.00 \cdot 10^8$ m/s.

- a. What units should the variables a and b have in the above equation in order for the units to work out in SI units?
  - J is in units of  $C/(s^*m^2)$ . The value for b must be in  $m^2$  and the value of a must be in  $C/(s^{4*}m^4)$
- b. What is the current in the beam at t=3ms?

J = I/A  $\rightarrow$  I = J\*A  $\rightarrow$  since J varies over radius and time we must take the integral  $\rightarrow$  I(t) = int((a(r²-b)t³)rdrd $\theta$ )  $\rightarrow$  I(t)=int((ar³-abr)t³drd $\theta$ )  $\rightarrow$  I(t)=2 $\pi$ ((ar⁴)/4 - (abr²)/2)t³

c. How many protons are delivered to the tumor after 3ms?

To find how many protons that are delivered to the tumor we must find the amount of charge delivered over that time period and then divide that by the charge of a proton to find the number of protons.

$$I(t) = I(t) =$$

$$Q = \operatorname{abs} \left( 2 \cdot \pi \left( \left( \frac{(a \cdot r^4)}{4} - \left( \frac{a \cdot b \cdot r^2}{2} \right) \right) \cdot \frac{r^4}{4} \right) \right)$$

$$Q = 0.0000910669927049$$

$$a = 5.67 \cdot 10^{17}$$

$$a = 5.67 \times 10^{17}$$

$$r = 1.73 \cdot 10^{-3}$$

$$0 \leq \theta \leq 12\pi$$

$$b = 2.34 \cdot 10^{-6}$$

$$b = 0.00000234$$

$$t = 3 \cdot 10^{-3}$$

$$t = 0.003$$

$$N = \frac{Q}{\left( 1.6 \cdot 10^{-19} \right)}$$

$$N = 5.6916870441 \times 10^{14}$$

The number of protons delivered in this time period is estimated to be  $\frac{5.69 \times 10^{14}}{\text{protons}}$ .

The reasonableness can be checked by comparing this value to that of a mole. A mole is 6.02\*10<sup>23</sup> units which is 9 orders of magnitude greater than the amount of protons delivered. This would be a reasonable amount in light of this comparison.

d. Neglecting relativity, how much energy is delivered to the tumor in those 3ms. The protons have a mass of 1.67\*10<sup>-27</sup> kg and they are travelling at 1\*10<sup>8</sup> m/s. With this information we can find the total kinetic energy delivered.

$$K = \frac{1}{2} \text{m}^2 \text{v}^2 \rightarrow K = \frac{1}{2} \text{ (1.67*10}^{-27*} \text{5.69*10}^{14})^* (1*10^8)^2 \rightarrow \frac{K = 4751 \text{ J}}{2}$$

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