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Interaction of particles with matter

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Scope of talk:

- 1) Particle penetration through matter (light ions, electrons, basic phenomena: scattering, ionization)
- 2) Scattering:
 - Coulomb collision
 - Rutherford cross section
 - Multiple scattering
- 3) Ionization and production of X-rays
 - X-ray lines
 - Ionization models and computer codes
 - Experimental data
- 4) Nuclear reactions
- 5) Biologic aspects, dosimetry
- 6) Photon-induced charged particles

Particles in matter – trajectories of electrons and protons



Cu target (Demortier)

Computer simulations of particle trajectories

1 MeV protons (TRIM89)



(CASINO)





Principal effects in solid targets

- 1) Scattering
 - with nuclei: zig-zag trajectory → lateral spread of the beam, backscattering (RBS)
 - with electrons: stopping \rightarrow finite range for ions
- 2) Ionization \rightarrow emission of X-rays, Auger electrons (PIXE)
- 3) Displacement of atoms: lattice defects, emission of light atoms (ERD)



Coulomb collision – target charge infinitely heavy

1) Head-on collision

half-distance of closest approach:



Atomic units



$$\alpha = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 \hbar c} \approx \frac{1}{137}$$

fine-structure constant

$$a_{B} = \frac{\hbar}{\alpha mc}$$

$$Ry = \frac{1}{2}\alpha^2 mc^2$$

Bohr radius (0.053 nm) Rydberg (13.6 eV)

$$\frac{d}{a_B} = Z_1 Z_2 \frac{Ry}{\frac{1}{2} M_1 v_1^2}$$
Non-central collision with heavy target:
 θ
 b
 b

tan
$$\frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{d}{b}$$

$$\tan\frac{\theta}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos\theta}{1 + \cos\theta}}$$

Scattering (Rutherford) cross section

cross section:
$$\frac{dN}{dt} = \sigma \ j$$

no. of events per unit time [s⁻¹] density of projectile flux [m² s⁻¹]
events: scattering into solid angle $\Delta\Omega$, ionization...
 $\Delta\Omega$
 $b=d\sqrt{\frac{1+\cos\theta}{1-\cos\theta}}$ $d\sigma = 2\pi b \ db$
differential scattering cross section:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{2\pi b \ db}{2\pi \ d(\cos\theta)} = d^2 \sqrt{\frac{1+\cos\theta}{1-\cos\theta}} \ \frac{d}{d(\cos\theta)} \left(\sqrt{\frac{1+\cos\theta}{1-\cos\theta}}\right) = \frac{d^2}{(1-\cos\theta)^2}$$

 $1-\cos\theta = 2\sin^2\frac{\theta}{2}$

Target atom heavy, but not infinitely \rightarrow mass analysis



Concept of mass resolution $(\theta = \pi)$:

Example: 1

- 1) Energy of scattered particles is measured with a resolution ΔE
- 2) What is the smallest difference ΔM_2 that can be detected?

$$E = KE_1$$

$$\Delta E = E_1 \frac{dK}{dM_2} \Delta M_2$$

$$\Delta M_2 = \frac{\Delta E}{E_1} \frac{(M_1 + M_2)^3}{4M_1(M_2 - M_1)}$$

$$\longrightarrow \text{ minimal at } M_2 = 2M_1 \qquad \Delta M_2 = \frac{\Delta E}{E_1} \frac{27}{8} M_2$$
MeV alpha ($\Delta E = 15 \text{ keV}$): $M_2 \sim 16 \Rightarrow \Delta M_2 = 0.6 \text{ a.m.u. } (0.8 \text{ for } M_1 = 8)$
 $M_2 \sim 100 \Rightarrow \Delta M_2 = 11 \text{ a.m.u. } (5 \text{ for } M_1 = 50)$

Thick targets: projectiles gradually loose energy

$$\frac{dE}{dx} = \rho S(E) \qquad \text{stopping power}$$

energy of surface-scattered ions: KE_1

energy oh ions scattered at depth *h*: *E*

$$\Delta E = KE_1 - E$$

Variation of S with energy only partly taken into account: $S(E_1)$, S(E)

$$E_{1}$$

$$C' = O S(E) - h$$

$$E' = E_1 - \rho S(E_1) \frac{h}{\cos \alpha} \qquad E = K E' - \rho S(E) \frac{h}{\cos \psi}$$

$$\Delta E = \rho \left(K \frac{S(E_1)}{\cos \alpha} + \frac{S(E)}{\cos \psi} \right) h = [S] h$$

Rutherford spectrum from a thin slice of material

Number of scattered ions:

$$N = \sigma j_p N_{at} t$$

Detected ions – yield Y:

$$Y = \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \Delta \Omega j_p N_{at} t$$

$$N_{at} = \frac{m_i}{M} N_A = \frac{\rho \, Ad}{M_i \cos \alpha} N_A x_i$$

 x_i – weight fraction

$N_{\rm p}$ – number of projectiles

areal density

$$Y_{i} = \frac{d\sigma_{i}}{d\Omega} \Delta \Omega \ \underline{j}_{p} \xrightarrow{\rho A d}{M_{i} \cos \alpha} N_{A} x_{i} \underline{t} = \frac{d\sigma_{i}}{d\Omega} \Delta \Omega \ N_{p} N_{A} \xrightarrow{x_{i} \rho d}{M_{i} \cos \alpha}$$
$$n_{i} = \frac{\rho N_{A}}{M_{i}} x_{i} \longrightarrow Y_{i} = \frac{d\sigma_{i}}{d\Omega} \Delta \Omega \ N_{p} \frac{n_{i} d}{\cos \alpha}$$
$$density of atoms$$

Rutherford scattering from a thick target

I. Scattering cross section – finite mass, electron screening

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = d^2 \frac{\left[\left(M_2^2 - M_1^2 \sin^2 \theta \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} + M_2 \cos \theta \right]^2}{M_2 \sin^4 \theta \left(M_2^2 - M_1^2 \sin^2 \theta \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}} d \sim \frac{Z_1 Z_2}{E_1}$$

tion factor for screening of atomic electrons:

Correction factor for screening of atomic electrons:

$$f = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{V}{E_1}} \qquad V = 1.586 \frac{Z_1 Z_2 e_0^2}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 . 0.8853 a_B} \sqrt{Z_1^{\frac{2}{3}} + Z_2^{\frac{2}{3}}}$$

H.H. Andersen et al., Phys. Rev. A21 (1980) 2070.

II. Infinitely thick target

smearing due to stopping – energy spectrum dY/dE distribution of the target into slices: $dz = \frac{d}{\cos \alpha}$

$$\frac{dY_i}{dE} = \frac{d\sigma_i}{d\Omega} (E') \Delta \Omega N_p \frac{\rho N_A}{M_i} x_i \frac{dz}{dE}$$

analytical approximations:
$$\frac{d\sigma_i}{d\Omega}(E') = \frac{d\sigma_i}{d\Omega}(E_1).(\frac{E_1}{E'})^2$$

 $z = \frac{h}{\cos\alpha} \longrightarrow \frac{\rho \, dz}{dE} = \left[K_i S(E_1) + \frac{\cos\alpha}{\cos\psi} S(E)\right]^{-1}$

$$\frac{dY_i}{dE} = \frac{d\sigma_i}{d\Omega} (E') \ \Delta \Omega N_p \frac{N_A}{M_i} \frac{X_i}{K_i S(E_1) + \frac{\cos \alpha}{\cos \psi} S(E)}$$



impact energy: E_0

Target chemical compound $A_{m1}B_{m2}...Z_{mn}$

→ stopping cross section $\varepsilon = \Delta E_1 \sigma$ ΔE_1 – energy loss in a single atomic collision in Δx : $\Delta E_{tot} = \Delta E_1 N = \Delta E_1 \sigma jt N_{at}$ $\Delta E_{tot} = \varepsilon \int t A dx \frac{\rho N_A}{M}$ Δx $N_{at} = \frac{\rho A \, dx}{M} N_A$ $\Delta E = \frac{\Delta E_{tot}}{N_{r}}$ energy loss of a single ion: $\frac{\Delta E}{\Delta x} = \varepsilon \frac{\rho N_A}{M} \qquad \longrightarrow \qquad \varepsilon = S \frac{M}{N}$

Stopping cross section of a molecule $A_{m_1}B_{m_2}...Z_{m_n}$:

$$\varepsilon = \frac{SM}{N_A} = \sum_i m_i \varepsilon_i$$

Scattering spectrum of a thick target:

$$\frac{dY_i}{dE} = \frac{d\sigma_i}{d\Omega} (E') \Delta \Omega N_p \frac{m_i}{K_i \varepsilon(E_1) + \frac{\cos \alpha}{\cos \psi} \varepsilon(E)}$$

Measured quantity:
$$H_i = \frac{dY_i}{dE} \Delta E_{ch}$$

energy width of the channel

Example: a layer of compound $A_{m_i}B_{m_j} \longrightarrow m_i, m_j = ?$

$$\frac{m_i}{m_j} = \frac{H_i}{H_j} \frac{\frac{d\sigma_j}{d\Omega}(E_1)}{\frac{d\sigma_i}{d\Omega}(E_1)} \frac{\Delta E_i}{\Delta E_j} \approx \frac{\frac{d\sigma_j}{d\Omega}(E_1)}{\frac{d\sigma_i}{d\Omega}(E_1)} \frac{Y_i}{Y_j} \approx \frac{Z_j^2}{Z_i^2} \frac{Y_i}{Y_j}$$

Ionization





X-ray spectra





Separation of electronic and projectile coordinates:

1. Momentum approach (P. Amundsen)

$$\frac{1}{\left|\vec{r}-\vec{R}\right|} = \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int \frac{d^3s}{s^2} e^{i\vec{s}(\vec{r}-\vec{R})} = 8 \int ds \sum_{LM} j_L(sr) j_L(sR) Y_{LM}(\vec{r}) Y_{LM}^*(\vec{R})$$

Bethe's integral

$$a_{lm} = iZ_1 \alpha \frac{c}{v_1} \int ds F_l(s) B_{lm}(s,q)$$

$$F_{l}(s) = \int_{0}^{\infty} R_{kl} j_{l}(sr) R_{0} r^{2} dr$$

$$B_{lm}(s,q) = \frac{4}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{iqT} j_{l}(sR) Y_{lm}^{*}(\vec{R}) dT$$
electronic form factor
$$q = \frac{\Delta \omega}{v_{1}}$$
path factor
momentum transfer

1. Coordinate approach (Trautmann et al.)

$$\frac{1}{\left|\vec{r} - \vec{R}\right|} = \sum_{LM} \frac{4\pi}{2L+1} \frac{r_{<}^{L}}{r_{>}^{L+1}} Y_{LM}^{*}(\vec{R}) Y_{LM}(\vec{r})$$

multipole expansion

$$\longrightarrow \quad G_{l} = \frac{1}{R^{l+1}} \int_{0}^{R} R_{kl} R_{0} r^{l+2} dr + R^{l} \int_{R}^{\infty} R_{kl} R_{0} r^{1-l} dr$$

$$a_{lm} = iZ_1 \alpha \frac{c}{v_1} \int e^{iqT} G_l(R) \frac{4\pi}{2l+1} Y_{lm}^*(\bar{R}) dT$$

$$\rightarrow \operatorname{any} \overline{R}(T)$$
 atomic potentia

Time-variation of atomic wave function: coupled channels



Comparison of experimental and calculated cross section K-shell ionization



- coupled channel calculation, transition to a single final state (wave packet), Hartree-Fock wave functions
- hydrogenic bound state
- ----- united atom approximation
- ----- reference cross section of Paul (with error limits

$$\xi = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\Theta}} \frac{v_1}{(Z_2 - 0.3)\alpha c} \qquad E_B$$

$$E_B = \Theta(Z_2 - 0.3)^2 Ry$$

Ž. Šmit, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. B 189 (2002) 1.

II. Plane-wave Born approximation

projectile-atomic electron wave functions:



Improvements of the PWBA approach: ECPSSR theory (Basbas, Brandt, Lapicki, Laubert, 1978-1981)

| | ECPSSR | SCA |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| projectile kinematics | corr. for hyperbolic paths | exact hyperbolic paths exact kinematics in screened potential |
| atomic wave functions | PSS | united atom |
| | (averaged binding energies) | coupled channels |
| relativistic effects | electron mass | hydrogenic Dirac w.f. |
| recoil | Ø | + |
| inelasticity | exact momentum transfer | symmetrized v |
| CODES | Paul, Cipolla, Šmit | IONHYD, HIPGL |

K-shell cross sections – experimental values (H. Paul et al.)

$$\sigma_{K\alpha} = \sigma_{ion} \omega_K \frac{1}{1 + K_{\alpha}/K_{\beta}}$$

$$\sigma_{ion} = \sigma_{ECPSSR} s_c$$



L- shell reference cross sections



J.L. Campbell, K. Dinelle, PIXE 2004. J.L. Campbell, ADNDT 85 (2003) 291.

Ratios between new and 1979 (Krause) yields

Cross section data:

- K-shell

reference cross section of Paul:

H. Paul, J. Muhr, Phys. Rep. 135 (1986) 47H. Paul, J. Sacher, At. Data Nucl. Data Tables 42 (1989) 105

- L-shell

averaging procedures:

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M.A. Reis, A.P. Jesus, At. Data Nucl. Data Tables 63 (1996) 1.





Nuclear reactions

elastic scattering:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \left| f_{Coul} + f_{nucl} \right|^2$$

excitation of compound nucleus:

$$a + A \to X^* \to B + b$$
$$\sigma(E) = \frac{\pi}{k^2} \frac{g\Gamma_i \Gamma_f}{(E - E_R)^2 + \frac{\Gamma^2}{4}}$$



Breit-Wigner formula

Reactions: -particle-particle

-particle-photon (γ)

Concentration profiles:

$$h = \frac{E - E_R}{\rho S(E)}$$
 $\Delta h = \frac{\Gamma}{\rho S(E)}$



PIGE



PIGE spectrum on glass

Particle-particle reactions for protons and alphas

| | $E_R(MeV)$ | | |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| $^{15}\mathrm{N}(\mathrm{p},lpha)^{12}\mathrm{C}$ | ~1 | | |
| Q=4,966 MeV | 1,21 | | |
| | ${ m E}_R({ m MeV})$ | $\Gamma(\text{keV})$ | $\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}$ (mb) |
| $^{18}\mathrm{O}(\mathrm{p}{,}lpha)^{15}\mathrm{N}$ | $0,\!152$ | $0,\!05$ | |
| | 0,629 | 2,1 | 60 |
| Q=3,9804 MeV | 、1,165 | 0,05 | |
| | 1,766 | 4,5 | 135 |
| | $E_R(MeV)$ | $\Gamma(\text{keV})$ | $\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}$ (mb) |
| $^{19}\mathrm{F}(\mathrm{p}{,}lpha)^{16}\mathrm{O}$ | $1,\!347$ | 36 | 3,2 |
| | 1,713 | 72 | 2,9 |
| Q=8,1137 MeV | $1,\!842$ | 122 | 3,2 |
| | $E_R(MeV)$ | ······ | |
| $^{19}F(lpha,\mathrm{p})^{22}\mathrm{Ne}$ | $2,\!443$ | | |
| Q=1,6746 MeV | | | |
| ······································ | $E_R(MeV)$ | | |
| $^{31}P(lpha,\mathrm{p})^{34}\mathrm{S}$ | 2,79 | | |
| | 3,048 | | |
| Q=6,316 MeV | 3,64 | | |
| | 3,97 | | |

$$E_1 = E_{cm} + Q$$

Energy of gamma rays, induced by 3-4 MeV protons

Thick targets:

$$Y_{i} = \frac{\Delta \Omega}{4\pi} N_{p} \frac{\varepsilon_{i} \eta_{i}}{M_{i}} N_{A} x_{i} \int \frac{\sigma_{\gamma}}{S(E)} dE$$

$$\Lambda \equiv \int \sigma_{\gamma} dE = \frac{2\pi^2 g}{k^2} \frac{\Gamma_i \Gamma_f}{\Gamma}$$

Projectile energy exceeding energies of several resonances:

$$Y_{i} = \frac{\Delta \Omega}{4\pi} N_{p} \frac{\varepsilon_{i} \eta_{i}}{M_{i}} N_{A} \frac{x_{i}}{\langle S \rangle} \sum_{j} \Lambda_{ij}$$

| Element | $E_{\gamma}(keV)$ | Reaction |
|---------|-------------------|---|
| 0 | 459 | $16O(p,\gamma_1)^{17}F$ |
| | 871 | $^{17}O(p,p_1\gamma)^{17}O$ |
| | 1982 | $^{18}O(p,p_1\gamma)^{18}O$ |
| F | 197 | $^{19}F(p,p_2\gamma)^{19}F$ |
| | 1236 | $^{19}F(p,p\gamma_{3-1})^{19}F$ |
| | 1349 | $^{19}F(p,p\gamma_{4-1})^{19}F$ |
| | 1357 | $^{19}F(p,p\gamma_{5-2})^{19}F$ |
| | 1459 | $^{19}{ m F}({ m p,p_4\gamma})^{19}{ m F}$ |
| Na | 440 | 2^{3} Na(p,p ₁ γ) ²³ Na |
| | 1634, 1636 | 23 Na(p,p γ_{2-1}) ²³ Na |
| Mg | 585 | 25 Mg(p,p ₁ γ) ²⁵ Mg |
| | 975 | $^{25}\mathrm{Mg}(\mathrm{p,p_2}\gamma)^{25}\mathrm{Mg}$ |
| Al | 844 | $^{27}\mathrm{Al}(\mathrm{p,p_1}\gamma)^{27}\mathrm{Al}$ |
| | 1014 | $^{27}\mathrm{Al}(\mathrm{p},\mathrm{p}_2\gamma)^{27}\mathrm{Al}$ |
| Si | 1266 | $^{30}\mathrm{Si}(\mathrm{p},\gamma_1)^{31}\mathrm{P}$ |
| | 1273 | 29 Si(p,p ₁ γ) ²⁹ Si |
| | 1779 | $^{28}\mathrm{Si}(\mathrm{p,p_1}\gamma)^{28}\mathrm{Si}$ |
| | 2028 | $^{29}\mathrm{Si}(\mathrm{p},\mathrm{p}_2\gamma)^{29}\mathrm{Si}$ |
| Р | 1266 | $^{31}P(p,p_1\gamma)^{31}P$ |
| S | 1219 | $^{34}\mathrm{S}(\mathrm{p},\gamma_1)^{35}\mathrm{Cl}$ |
| Cl | 1219 | $^{35}\mathrm{Cl}(\mathrm{p,p_1}\gamma)^{35}\mathrm{Cl}$ |
| K | 980 | 41 K(p,p ₁ γ) 41 K |
| | 1294 | $^{41}\mathrm{Si}(\mathrm{p},\mathrm{p}_2\gamma)^{41}\mathrm{K}$ |
| Ca | 371 | $^{48}Ca(p,n\gamma_{2-1})^{48}Sc$ |

| Element | Reaction | E _R | $\sigma(mb)$ | Γ | Energies of strongest |
|---------|---|----------------|-----------------|-------|-----------------------------------|
| | Reaction | (keV) | or $\Sigma(eV)$ | (keV) | γ (MeV) |
| Li | $^{7}\mathrm{Li}(\mathrm{p},\gamma)^{8}\mathrm{Be}$ | 441,4 | 6 mb | 10 | 17,65 (63 %), 14,75 (37 %) |
| С | $^{12}C(p,\gamma)^{13}N$ | 457 | 0,127 mb | 35 | 2,36 |
| | $^{13}\mathrm{C}(\mathrm{p},\gamma)^{14}\mathrm{N}$ | 551 | 1,44 mb | 25 | 8,06 (80 %) |
| N | $^{15}\mathrm{N}(\mathrm{p},lpha\gamma)^{12}\mathrm{C}$ | 429 | 300 mb | 0,12 | 4,43 |
| | | 897 | 800 mb | 1,7 | 4,43 |
| | | 1028 | 15 mb | 140 | 4,43 |
| 0 | $^{18}{ m O}({ m p},\gamma)^{19}{ m F}$ | 630 | | 2,0 | 8,39 (42 %) |
| F | $^{19}\mathrm{F}(\mathrm{p},lpha\gamma)^{16}\mathrm{O}$ | 340,5 | 102 mb | 2,4 | 6,13 (96,5 %) |
| | | 483,6 | 32 mb | 0,9 | 6,13 (79 %), 7,12 (20 %) |
| | | 668 | 57 mb | 6 | 6,13 (81 %), 7,12 (19 %) |
| | | 872,1 | 661 mb | 4,5 | 6,13 (68 %), 6,71 (24 %) |
| | | 935 | 180 mb | 8,6 | 6,13 (76 %), 7,12 (21 %) |
| | | 1371 | 3 00 mb | 11 | 6,13 (87 %) |
| Na | 23 Na(p, $lpha\gamma$) 20 Ne | 1011 | 55 eV | <0,1 | 1,634 |
| | | 1164 | 160 eV | 1,2 | 1,634 |
| Mg | 26 Mg(p, γ) ²⁷ Al | 1548 | 3 eV | 0,020 | 7,552–9,761 |
| Al | $^{27} m Al(p,\gamma)^{28} m Si$ | 632 | 5,3 eV | 0,016 | 10,42 (74 %) |
| | | 992 | 31 eV | 0,10 | 10,76 (76 %) |
| Si | $^{30}\mathrm{Si}(\mathrm{p},\gamma)^{31}\mathrm{P}$ | 620 | 3,9 eV | 0,068 | 7,897 (93 %) |

Important proton-induced resonant reactions in light atoms.

Biological aspects, dosimetry



dose: absorbed energy per unit mass $D = \frac{E}{m} [J/kg = gy]$ **equivalent dose**: multiplication by RBE [J/kg = sv]Relative Biological Effectiveness: (density of ionization) photons, fast electrons: 1 slow neutrons: 3 protons 1-10 MeV: 2 fast neutrons: 10 alpha particles: 10-20 fission products: 20

Photon-induced charged particles

- 1) Photoelectrons
- 2) Compton electrons
- 3) Pairs electron-positron

1. Photo effect

K-shell, hydrogenic atom:













μ

$$\sigma_{K} = \frac{2^{9} \pi^{2}}{3} \alpha a_{K}^{2} \left(\frac{\hbar \omega}{(Z - 0.3)^{2} Ry} \right)^{-4} \frac{\exp\left(-\frac{4}{a_{K} k} \arctan a_{K} k\right)}{1 - \exp\left(-\frac{2\pi}{a_{K} k}\right)}$$
$$a_{K} = \frac{a_{B}}{(Z - 0.3)^{2}} \quad \text{K-shell radius}$$
$$\frac{\hbar^{2} k^{2}}{2m} = \hbar \omega - E_{B} \quad \text{Photoelectron energy}$$

Scaled photon energy: $\varepsilon_{ph} = \frac{\hbar\omega}{(Z-0.3)^2 Ry}$

High-energy limit:

$$\sigma_{K} = \frac{2^{8}\pi}{3} \alpha a_{K}^{2} \varepsilon_{ph}^{-\frac{7}{2}}$$



Hubbell, Seltzer, NIST



Hubbell, Seltzer, NIST

2. Compton scattering



Limits: 1) $hv \ll mc^2$: $hv' \approx hv$ 2) $hv \gg mc^2$: $hv' = \frac{mc^2}{1 - \cos \theta}$ backscattering $(\theta = \pi)$: $hv' = \frac{mc^2}{2}$ Differential cross section:



Total cross section: $\varepsilon \to \infty$: $\sigma_{\rm C} \approx \pi r_e^2 \frac{\ln 2\varepsilon}{\varepsilon} Z$

3) Pair production

Threshold energy: $2mc^2$ (field of nucleus) $4mc^2$ (field of electron)

$$\sigma_p \sim Z^2 \ln 2\varepsilon$$

γ

Total attenuation coefficient



Measured gamma spectrum

e

mos mos mos



X-ray attenuation coefficients

Tabulations

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XCOM (M.J. Berger, J.H. Hubbel, NBSIR 87-3595, 1987)

| | E _x (keV) | $\mu_{LT}(cm^2/g)$ | $\mu_{\rm XCOM}({\rm cm}^2/{\rm g})$ | diff. |
|----|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Fe | 1 | 1.11e4 | 9.08e3 | 22% |
| | 3 | 555 | 558 | -0.5% |
| | 10 | 174 | 171 | 1.8% |
| Ν | 1 | 3180 | 3310 | -3.9% |
| | 3 | 141 | 146 | -3.4% |
| | 10 | 3.52 | 3.88 | -9.3% |