

Intent behind the problem is to explore the uncertainties involved in Brachytherapy  
 First point is to do measurements that are possible in the clinic  
 The general dosimetry formulism is TG 43- the equation is below  
 TG 43 equation

$$\dot{D}(r,\theta) = S_K \Lambda \frac{G_L(r,\theta)}{G_L(r_0,\theta_0)} g_L(r) F(r,\theta)$$

The physicist can measure a value of the air kerma strength,  $S_K$   
 The other parameters are consensus values and are in the treatment planning system  
 The leakage is measured and either does not change which makes an uncertainty contribution of 0 or it would be the limit of the reading accuracy which then would be 0.05%. We will use a value of 0.

so given the readings, we are dealing with the following data

Readings	Reading / sec	leakage	RDG (A) minus leakage
2.2712E-10	3.7853E-12	-2.00E-15	3.7873E-12
2.28090E-10	3.8015E-12	-2.00E-15	3.8035E-12
2.2829E-10	3.8048E-12	-2.00E-15	3.8068E-12
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average 3.8011E-12  
 std dev 9.336E-15

Thus,  $S_K$  is determined by the following equation, where Rdg is the average above

$$S_K = \text{Rdg} * N_{sk} * k_e * k_{tp}$$

$N_{sk} = 2.361E11 \mu\text{Gy}\cdot\text{m}^2\cdot\text{h}/\text{A}$ :

$k_e = 1.001$  for electrometer

Temperature = 21.6 C

Pressure = 98.62 kPa

Therefore the  $k_{TP}$  is given by  $P = (P_0 / P)((T+273.15)/(22+273.15))$

$k_{TP} = 1.022672$

therefore  $S_K = 9.1871E-01$  or  $0.919 \mu\text{Gy}\cdot\text{m}^2\cdot\text{h}$

The uncertainty table for  $S_K$  in % is therefore

parameter	Type A	type B	comment
leakage		0	Assumed
Rdg	0.25		
Cal coeff Nsk		1.175	
Electro cal coeff		0.19	
Temperature	0.462963		
Pressure	0.2028		
	0.31796258	1.416725	

Type A & B  $k=1$ .  $u$  for  $S_K$  1.32

thus clinic determines  $S_K$  with an uncertainty of 1.32 %  $k=1$

Now determine the uncertainty for 1 seed at the point at 90 which is 0.5 and 5.0 from the source

parameter	Type A	type B
$S_K$		1.32
Data consensus		3

Uncertainty for 0.5cm at 90 3.28

Uncertainty for 0.5cm at 90 at  $k=2$  6.56

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parameter	Type A	type B
$S_K$		1.32
Data consensus		4

Uncertainty for 0.5cm at 90 4.21

Uncertainty for 0.5cm at 90 at  $k=2$  8.42