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#### **PROJECT TITLE**

- HpGe detector for energy measurements of gamma-activity
  - Study of the operation principles of X-ray detectors
    - Moseley's Law in Action
      - Alpha Spectroscopy

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#### Introduction

#### 3 Types of semiconductor detectors



1. X-ray HpGe detector





2. HpGe Gamma detector













## History of Moseley's Law



Henry G.J. Moseley's 1887 - 1915



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- In his early 20's, he measured and plotted x-ray frequencies for about 40 elements of the periodic table and was described by Rutherford as his most talented student.
- Based on his experiments, this is known as Moseley's law  $E = a (Z - b)^2$ 
  - where *a* and *b* are constants depending upon the particular spectral line, E is the energy of characteristic x-ray and Z atomic number.
- Moseley volunteered for combat duty during World War I and was killed in action at the age of 27 during the attack on the Gallipoli in the Dardenelles.

## Moseley Plot of characteristic X-rays

• His data Moseley plot is still standard feature of physics textbooks (Figure 1).



Fig. 1 Moseley plot of characteristic X-rays



• Photographic recording of Kα and Kβ x-ray emission lines for a range of elements (Figure 2).

















## Applications of Moseley's Law

• Any discrepancy in the order of the elements in the periodic table can be removed by Moseley's law by arranging the elements according to the atomic numbers and not according to the atomic weights.

- Moseley's law has led to the discovery of new elements like hafnium (72), technetium (43), rhenium (75) etc.
- This law has been helpful in determining the atomic number of rare earths, thereby fixing their position in the periodic table.











### Moseley Law in action

Element Z (Atomic No.)	Energy (keV) K(α)	Energy (keV) K(β)				
<sub>38</sub> Sr	14.1	15.8				
<sub>47</sub> Ag	22.0	24.9				
49In	24.2	27.2				
<sub>57</sub> La	33.4	37.8				
<sub>62</sub> Sm	40.1	45.4				

Table 1: Energies of  $K(\alpha)$  and  $K(\beta)$  transitions in keV and elements listed with increasing atomic number obtained from nuclear data.



Figure 4:  $K(\alpha)$  and  $K(\beta)$  lines fit to Moseley's Law. We confirm the functional form of the law but different values for the constants (a & b).













## Spectrum from X-ray detector



#### Calculation and results.

E = 30.97 keVA & B = constants obtained from K $\alpha$ Moseley's plot.

$$E = a (Z-b)^{2}$$

$$Z = \sqrt{\frac{E}{a}} + b$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{30.97}{0.0115}} + 3.0706$$

$$= 54.9$$

Nuclear data: Z = 55 Element is Cs













## X-rays

X-rays are emitted when outer-shell electrons fill a vacancy in the inner shell of an atom, releasing X-rays in a pattern that is "characteristic" to each element.

Detectors are manufactured with thin face and side contacts. The area of the rear contact is less than the total area, so the capacitance of such a detector is small. And this means that the resolution will be high at low and medium energies than detectors of other geometries.











#### General view of the X-ray spectrometer















#### Preparation for measurement

- 1. Cool the detector, fill the vessel with liquid nitrogen.
- 2. Place a calibration source in the detector.
- 3. Calibrate the energy X-ray spectrometer.













### Source















X-ray specter Ra-226

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X-ray specter Eu-152







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## Main detectors used for gamma

#### Scintillators detectors

Organic (plastic, organic cristal, liquids) Inorganic (NaI(TI), CsI(TI), BaF2, BGO, etc)



#### $\succ$ Solid State detectors

HPGe detector, Si



















#### **Comparison of detectors**

	Pure Ge-detector	Plastic Scintillator
	Price	Chipper
Size	Restricted a few cm <sup>3</sup>	No size limitation
Neutron-gamma separation	No need	Need
Efficiency	Less 10 %	Large due to Z and size
Resolution	1 keV	Worst resolution

















#### Use of Nuclear Data Search

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The Lund/LBNL Nuclear Data Search Version 2.0, February 1999

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### WWW Table of Radioactive Isotopes

 Radiation search

 Nuclide search

 Atomic data (X-rays and Auger electrons, very preliminary!)

 Periodic chart interface to the nuclides

 Summary drawings for A=1-277 (PDF)

 Nuclear charts (PDF, 333 kbyte)

 Database status



The data are properly referenced as given in the database status panel. Please give your <u>feedback</u> on the usefulness of and suggestions on how to improve the Tol service.

Help and instructions are given with a "pop-up help" system:

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## Gamma spectra calibration



# Gamma spectra of unknown source



## Gamma spectra of 2-nd unknown source



### Disintegration chain of <sup>226</sup>Ra



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#### **Alpha-spectroscopy Silicon detector**





#### **Silicon detector**



## Measurement of thickness of Al-foil by balance weighting



L= 28,9 cm H= 7,8 cm M= 0,5287 g S= L\*H= 225,42 cm<sup>2</sup>  $D = M/S = 2,345 \text{ mg/cm}^2$  $\rho$ = 2698,4 mg/cm<sup>3</sup> D/ρ= 8,69 μm





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#### Measurement of thickness of Al-foil (d)

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