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11. CHARACTERIZATION OF A MONOCHROMATIC HIGH INTENSITY
VARIABLE WAVELENGTH X-RAY SOURCE IN THE 5-20 KEV REGION

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Reasonably definitive answers have resulted from the above approach

to the question; What is the effect of ionizing radiation on cells,

are now beginning to emerge. This new approach involves study of

effects produced by radiation from adjustable monochromatic sources

In general x-radiation effects have been observed to vary slowly as
function of radiation energy. However, little work has been done in

the region of x-ray energies below twenty kilovolts, a region of con-

siderable importance since it contains the K-edge absorption energies

of the constituent atoms of most living systems. X-radiation of such
energies is produced from incident radiation of such higher energies

(as cobalt-60 gamma rays, 250 Kv x-rays) by degradation through Compton

It was felt important, therefore, to study x-radiation effects in

the 5-20 Kv energy range upon biological systems, which are composed

primarily of light elements with but traces of heavier atomic weight

elements. As a first system for study, the enzyme catalase, containing

four atoms of iron in its porphyrin ring structure, was chosen and

the question asked

Does radiation absorbed by the iron atom produce

more damage (inactivation) per electron volt absorbed than radiation

absorbs

only by the lighter elements (carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, etc.),

which make up the bulk of the catalase molecule? Experiments were

designed to show or disprove the presence of a true action spectrum

of radiation damage in the kilovolt region. The presence of such a

spectrum indicates unique effects of such radiation, entirely divorced

from the general "indirect" effects of radiation (which may be simulated

chemically).

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Work at the University

under the direction

Dr. Henry Gosberg, has been 200%:

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?Two separate studies have been carried out by this group on the enzyme

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(one was done by Dr. Ardath H. Emons and another by Dr. Peter

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Kevoudakis. Both demonstrate that 100 electron volts absorbed at

photon energies just beyond the K.

sorption edge of iron produce

to react with hydrogen peroxide,

on the other hand, tests made by Dr. William Clendenning in the

same group on the free radical yield in L-brom-butane, as

erained

by reaction with DPPH, showed a unique response as a function of

energy. Likewise, studies made by Dr. Marvin Atkine on damage through

irradiation at the "L?"

presence of certain mercury organo-metallic compounds

yield

negative results.

ly, Dr. Gouberg moved to Puerto Rico where a new grou

attacking the sane problem but with different equipment and under

4tfferent environmental conditions, was

eablished, The Ann Arbor

Broup is continuing its study under the Leadershtp of Dr. Hoyt Whipple.

Im Puerto Rico, Dr. Robert Luse has made a completely independent rerun

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the experiment and has confirmed the existence of « unique

ly high damage rate for photon energies in the vicinity of the K-

absorption edge in catalase

During the course of this work, Dr. Vazquez Martiner, alias of the

author

staff, has developed extremely effective techniques for obtaining

substantial yields of sonochromatized x-rays for irradiation purposes

from

General Electric Co. XRD-type spectroscopy.

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Accidental, but significant problems have been solved or are being

worked on in the course

of this research, These include 4 types of

calorimeter for low energy x-rays, being developed in Ann Arbor, and

high

activity chemical dosimetry, being developed in Puerto Rico.

Work 18 now in progress

HE PRNC on the x-ray action spectrum of
carboxypeptidase (a zinc metallo-enzyme) and on *E. coli*

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RESONANCE RADIATION EFFECTS OF LOW ENERGY

MONOCHROMATIC X-RAYS ON CATALASE

Robert A. Luse

A. summary

Experiments using monochromatic x-radiation in the energy range

6.4 - 8.3 KeV have shown increased inactivation of the metalloenzyme

caval

at or near the K-absorption edge of iron (7.11 KeV). This

was taken to confirm the resonance radiation hypothesis of Gosberg and

previous experimental work of Emons and Paraskevoudakis

radiation intensities of 2×10^{14} photons per hour have been

measured in the capsule holder with Fricke ferrous ammonium sulfate

dosimeter. A more sensitive method for detection of the ferric ion

product

has been developed, using the ferric-thiocyanate complex.

rePRODUCTION

Previous work by Emmons (3) and by Paraskevoudakis (8) has indi-

cated that there is an enhanced inactivation of the metalloenzyme

catalase by monochromatic x-rays at wavelengths near the K:

sorption

of Aron. Indeed, a plot of enzyme inactivation

1 function of

the x-radiation wavelength (or photon energy) follows closely the

normalized mass absorption spectra for iron (see 2438, I-L and 1-2).

Since no such resonance radiation effects have been reported by other

workers, it was desired to confirm the work of Emmons and of Paraske-

voudakis using other equipment and personnel. The present report

As concerned with such confirmatory experience,

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EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURES

1, Development of present irradiation system,

To obtain x-radiation of precise energy, the irradiation

system described in this report by Vézques Martines was utilized.

Where 4 portion of the x-ray energy produced in the x-ray tube was

selected by collimation and crystal diffraction, a beam of

monochromatic x-rays having photon energies within the 4-50 Kev range

with a high purity of energy (± 50 ev) was available.

The characteristics of this radiation beam defined the re-

quirements for the holder in which the enzyme solutions were placed,

viz: irradiation chamber dimensions 9

- wide, and 4 cm, deep; verti-

cal solution height not to exceed 6 mat

Irradiation of solutions of catalase was carried out in the

sample holder sketched in Fig. 1-3. This holder is constructed of

The measurement of the beam area and position was done by placing «

4 x 4 cm sheet of X-ray film (in Light proof envelope) directly in

front of the sample holder. After a short irradiation period, the

position of the film relative to the holder was marked by piercing

envelope, film, and holder with a sharp scribe. After photographic

development of the film, it was replaced on the holder, and the

holder adjusted so coincide with the darkened area of the film.

Later, very accurate characterization of the distribution of energy

across the X-ray beam was done by Vasquez (15).

curing the course of early work, there were utilized three other
?staple holders having the characteristics tabulated below. Experience
gained in their use allowed design of the present holder.

Construction Capacity Solution thickness

?A round polyethylene bottle top 1,5 ab oo

2 faceted lucite block 10 16

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Pertonts ("Michigan cell") 0,2 2

Cells A and 2 had Mylar windows, cell C was covered with acetate

until it was found that contact with such
of catalase solution

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Percent of Catalase

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?Activity Lost

Percent of Catalase

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Catalase Solution Lots of Acts

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Fig. 1-2. Refer to caption above. paca

of Paraskevoudaki.

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was 9.5×10^{10} xerays/ead-ne. for Fig.

fo. sd from 1.5×10^{10} ae

xerays/ea var at 10 kev.

For Fig. I-L, each sample absorbed a dose of 1.8×10^{12}

The incident dose rate

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3 kev to 7.0×10^4

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Fig. 13,

* Distance between chamber and
sample compartment = 2.5

Sketch of sample holder

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polyester file

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che biological sasple. Comparteant thickness vas determined by balan-

cing che factors of solution absorption and sample size: a2 am

sample thickness vas seasured to absorb approximately 95% of incident

7 Kev photons, yet this thickness vould permit only a 100 pl sample,

too small for accurate manipulation and analysis. A depth of 4 cm.

permitted a 220 ml. ang

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ditions of complete absorption was avoided by mechanical stirring with

sking of solution under such con-

20.5 mm, glass rod in

ted into the solution and rotated at 88 rpm.

?To minimize evaporation and inactivation of the catalas

solution,

samples were covered and maintained at 5°C. by passing water from a

constant temperature refrigerated bath through the holder block.

2, Development of ferrous-ferric micro-dosimetry system.

The prime requirement specified for the dosimeter system was

the ability of direct substitution for the sample, so that values of

radiation intensity measured with the dosimeter correspond directly

with those

absorbed by the biological sample. Other considerations

were simplicity of use and reliability in the low dose

ranges involved

in this work,

The Fricke ferrous-ferric dosimeter is the most commonly used

and best characterized secondary standard available

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of a dosimeter as a primary method for ferric ion

analysis. Recent work by Scharf and Lee (11) has shown that a more

sensitive

method for ferric ion measurement of the absorbance at

226 nm; here the molar absorptivity of ferric ion is 4565 L mol⁻¹ cm⁻¹!

compared to the value 2196 at 204 nm wavelength

?The absorption

sorption spectrum for the ferric ammonium sulfate solution used in this

work coincides with that of the ferric sulfate solution used by Seharé

and Lee was confirmed by Laboratory measurement.

[A considerably more sensitive assay of ferric ion concentration

is measurement of the absorbance of the red-orange ferric-thiocyanate

complex; the molar absorptivity of this complex is 10,000 - 14,000

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at 480 mμ (see Fig. 1-4). Pribicevic, Gal, and

Draganic (10) have characterized this complex formation and proposed

the use

of a colorimetric system in the 300 - 100 x6

dose range. Not all

their results could be confirmed, and that further characterization and modification of the system were undertaken. Differences were found in the location of the absorption maximum (480 nm, not 470 nm) and in the potassium thiocyanate concentration yielding greatest complex-absorbance

(2.0.8, not 0.658) the

changes were incorporated into the procedure

developed. In addition, to avoid dilution of the irradiated solution,

optical measurements were taken with the

Beaman DU spectrophotometer

in cuvettes of 3 cm x 10 cm x 25 cm chamber dimensions; as little as

0.22 at of solution may be assayed in such cuvettes.

The term molar absorptivity (ϵ) is equivalent to the older extinction coefficient and molar absorption coefficient.

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Absorbance

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X= 304 eu

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Concentration of ferric iron at (mg/L) x 37>

Fig. 1-4 Comparison of sensitivity of various

, Determining ferric iron in color:

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The procedure for determining iron in color was as

follow

To the four different

se aces portions (approxieatar

Ay 0,23 al in voluse) of 5×10^3 mM ferrous amosiue sulface in 0.8 8

sulfuric acid, treated vis: a) not irradiated, stored in refrigerator,

b) irradiated for the specified time ac 5°C . with aechemical stirring,

?) and 4) controls 1 and 2, kept in bolder compartment

B and ϕ during

irradiation. Measurements of absorbance at 224 and 306 mp vere mad

using che stored control

blank, One of the controls was then set,

ide and 220 pl. of the ferrous solution containing ferric ammonium
surface to the extent of 1×10^{-3} M ferric ion was placed in the
cuvette. Fifty mg. portions of potassium thiocyanate were then added

to the cell and dissolved by shaking. Absorbance at 480 mμ was

measured after 10 min. The value of the absorbance at

480 mμ was calculated

from the standard ferric solution and used to estimate the ferric

ion concentration in the irradiated and control samples

3. Assay for catalase activity.

Calculation

concentrations were determined using essentially the standard assay developed by Beers and Sizler (2), in which the disappearance of hydrogen peroxide was followed spectrophotometrically at

212 nm. Catalase activity was expressed

in units of enzyme (v) per

These authors used 240 nm wavelength for measurement and show that any wavelength in the 200 - 300 nm region is appropriate. The 212 nm wavelength was used for two reasons: to repeat work of Eanons and Paraskevoudakis, and to utilize the larger (or nearly five times) molar absorptivity of hydrogen peroxide at the lower wavelength.

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minute under apecified conditions.

Assay reagents vere as follows: Enzyne solution - An approxi-

mately 4,5 mg % solution of catalase (Worthington Biocheaical Co,
lyophilized material, lot no. CTL \$535) was prepared in 0.067 H po-
cassiun phosphate buffer, pH 6.80 (made from 0.067 M solutions of

0.04M, 0.12M, and 0.12M), Such solutions were stored at 5°C. in

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volumetric flasks, Calculation of enzyme concen

tration by spectrophotometric measurement was done using the molar

extinction coefficient value 340 at 405 nm for horse Liver catalase.?

Substrate

solution - A 0.03% (8.8×10^{-4}) solution of hydrogen per-

oxide was prepared from Fisher reagent grade 30% material by 1:1000

dilution with 0.05M phosphate buffer, pH 6.80, This solution was

prepared fresh daily before use, as dilute peroxide solutions are not

stable at room temperature, Water used for enzyme and substrat

lutions was distilled in glass from previously demineralized water.

Buffers and water were stored in polyethylene bottles to minimize

trace metal contamination.

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?Such terminology follows recommendations made by the Commission
for Enzymes of the International Union of Biochemistry (see

?Thompson, 13).

Such a calculation indicates

that a 4.80 mg. % solution, nominally

2.1×10^{-7} M (molecular weight of 225,000) was actually 1.0×10^{-7}

©, ?This means that the lyophilized material has

to approximately half its total weight.

gated moisture

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?The as

ny procedure was as follows: The sample of catweave so

ution (normally 0.1 - 0.2 ml. in volume) was placed in a quartz

seater cuvette (1.0 cm. path length, 4 ml. capacity, fused silica «

ultraviolet transmission). At zero re

ion tise, 2 al. of substrate

was rapidly pipetted into the cuvette, and the change in percent tras

sitcance at 212 mi of the solution measured over the first 90 sec. of

sction tine, This change in transaitance vas measured using a

Servo/riter atrip chart recorder attached to the Beckasn DU spectro-

Photoneter with a Becknan energy recording attacheent (ERA). The Linnts

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?adjusting che pen to OZ transmittance with the spectrophotonater dark

current adjust with no Light striking the photocell, and chen to 100%

erenamittance with the ERA "100% adjust knob with Light passing through

4 solution of buffer only. No attempt wes made co add che hyerogen

peroxide to the enzyme and to start the recorder simultaneously;

the

substrate was added at zero time (as judged from a sweep second hand
timer), the spectrophotometer shutter was opened, and the recorder was

started, in a sequence requiring about seven

?The ninety second

interval was accurately measured, at which point the shutter was clo

using « rapid deflection of the chart pen to 2410. Points on the

chart corresponding to 60 sec. were determined by carefully measuring
back from the

deflection point with a ruler, Since chart speed was

18.3 cm. min." the 60-90 «4

+ interval was equivalent to 9.15 ca.

In some measurements, increased sensitivity in the chart recording was

achieved by setting the 100% T margin with 4 solutions of

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absorbance approximately 0.9. By the method, absorbances in the

0.9 - 2 region were more accurately measured, and the slope of the

curve ET vs. time increased by a factor of approximately eight

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?The values of 12 ca from the caacc etsip seco:

converted to absorbance values by the relationship
absorbance $\log(100/\text{percent transmittance})$.
and these absorbance values used in the equation

enzyme units per mg. = $A \text{ per cm} \times 1000$

As described at.

Of reaction mixture (

2»

where 146 is the molar absorptivity of hydrogen peroxide at
212 m μ (measured at this Laboratory).

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at the same time that the molar absorptivity at 240 m μ was measured

and found to agree with published values

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The intensity of x

radiation in the 6.5 - 7.5 keV photon energy

measured by the ferrous dosimeter, 16 shown in Fig. 1-5, based

The following equations were

used in calculating this data:

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the thiocyanate complex at 480 ay was estimated from ferric atandarde,

eribed previously.

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, Cc rate of radiation absorption

ny

where © = concentration of ferric ton, aoles/al.

ϵ = factor for conversion of electron volts to ergs,

1.6×10^{-12} erg/eV

Yield of the ferrous ion (G value), equal to 0.135 ions

Yield of oxidized ferrous ion per electron volt, in the 8 - 10 KeV range

(Cottin and La Porte, 1964)

t = period of irradiation, in hours

S = dose rate, in rads/hr (as ergs/cm² hr $\times 7.16 \times 10^{-8}$ (eqs. 42)

N = number of photons/cm² (as photons/cm² hr $\times c \times 10^{-10}$)

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Photon energy, as Kev

Fig. T-5. Monochroaatic x-ray bees intensity

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Total dose delivered co sempl

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The most iaportant features of these data are a) chat the beam

Ancensity is approximately 2×10^{11} photons per hour in the 6.4 = 7.2

Kev photon energy region, b) that the intensity is increasing with

increasing photon energy (as found by Paraskevoudakis), and c) that

where ϕ is the re

wance radiation effect in the ferrous dosimeter at

sorption edge of iron, This ϕ is

finding 18 as expected, since

the radiation effect measured for an oxidation, the ϕ value for which ϕ

is energy independent over at least one hundred orders of magnitude.

2, Resonance radiation effects in catali

?The extent of catali

inactivation by monochromatic x-radiation

4a shown graphically in fig. 1-6. This curve is based only on eos

4, from experiments in which inactivation of control catalase solutions by scatter radiation was minimized by additional shielding

(table 2), That there is enhancement of catalase inactivation by

radiation of energies at or near the K_α and K_β-absorption edges of iron 4s obvious, and confirms the findings of Emons and Paraskevoulakis.

In general, the shape of the curve approximates that of the iron-α₁

absorption curve,

Vertical arms from these points indicate the extent of difference
in duplicate assays on irradiated sample, Horizontal arms indicate
the variation in photon energies within the x-ray beam (+ 50 electron
volts),

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Percent catalase inactivation

65 70 75 80 as

Photon energy, KeV

Fig. 1-6. Resonance radiation effect of anochromatic
arrays on catalase

Total dose absorbed by sample = 1.4×10^{29} photons/cm²
(except for starred point, where dose = 0.2×10^{29})

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CONCLUSIONS AND DISCUSSION

The interesting comparison:

present dose rates and corel doses

With those of Bmons and Paraskevoudakis, A summary of these data is

given in Table 3. Emons reports dose rates watch a1

0.1 to 0.025

those found in his work,

1d total doses which are 0.02-0.03 pre

TABLE 3. SUMMARY OF DOSE RATES AND TOTAL DOSES ASSIGNED
IN CATALASE SAMPLES

Dose rate | total dose, | sample volume

activity | activity | Se'photon? | ?PS 3

17x 100 13.3 x 10⁶ | 0.18

Emons ~ first order | 4.5 x 10⁶ to 5 x 10⁶ | 0.18 of 1.957

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Luse - first order 2x 10⁶ 1s x 10d | +23

Vazquez - first order | 1.7×10^9 | - | -

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(20-40%) for both arudies using first order radiation caste soae doube

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(or energy f1ux) as measured by the SP-1

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chat measured with the Fricke dosiseter. Comparison of the dose rai

values measured by Luge with the Fricke

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Efficiency is approximately one percent, that is, the counter registers one out of every 100 incident counts. A possible reason for the ten-fold difference is that the surface area of the dosimeter was not

matched to the x-ray beam area

It is noted that the apparent energy flux per

cm² was in error. For example, it seems that a standard 4 sample holder

is often used in dosimetry studies having a surface area equal to 2.26 cm², where

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the beam area may have been only about 0.26 cm² (Zoesidie

defined by the collimating slits used, area 0.6 x 0.3 cm².) In the previous
work, this discrepancy is eliminated since the sample surface exposes

the x-ray beam is exactly the same as the beam area

in stepped form,

the scheme below illustrates this situation,

source emits 100 photons; SPC-1 detector

registers 1 photon

the beam area is

100, dosimeter absorbs $100 \text{ hv/A} = 100/a$; counter efficiency

= 1/100

in case 2, dosimeter absorbs $100 \text{ hv/A}' = 10 \text{ hv/a}$; apparent counter

efficiency = 1/10

? An apparent quantum yield for catalase inactivation at the K α

absorption edge of iron may be calculated from present experimental

results, via:

Quantum yield = molecules inactivated / photons absorbed, where

molecules of catalase inactivated =

$(1.4 \times 10^{19} \text{ molecules}) \times (0.25/1000 \text{ tters}) \times (1/3 \text{ inactivation}) \times (6.02 \times 10^{23})$

photons of 7.11 keV energy absorbed =

$(1.4 \times 10^{19} \text{ e/Ar}) \times 72 \text{ bec}$.

Hence the

apparent quantum yield

$(1.4 \times 10^{19}) / (1.4 \times 10^{19})$, or 0.36 molecules/photon.!

The quantum yield calculated is 200-fold less than the 70 molecules

so activated per photon reported by Emons using dry catalase. Quantum yields considerably greater than unity have not been reported for enzymes in the many studies of con-resonance radiation effects. A part of this

discrepancy may be due to error in estimation of doses absorbed in sample

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It must be realized that the apparent quantum yields are not the true

quantum yield, since the above are not corrected for ab-

sorption by the solvent. The

ratio of the relative absorption of 7

of photons by solvent and solute in a 1×10^{-4} M catalase solution may

be made as follows (cf. data of Banon

Total Absorption, ϵ

Material Coefficient, ϵ concentration, g/l. ϵ

nas 0.022 0.26

0.087 + 13.60 13.7 1000 13,700

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se absorbs 1/57,000 the energy absorbed by the solution.

?An exact measure of the quantum yield can be obtained only from

experiments using very enzyme preparations. However, rough

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may possibly be made by extrapolation from 4 series of enzyme concentrations.

Calculation also may be made of the G value for catalase based on

present results, Since 0.36 molecules are inactivated per photon of 7100 ev

energy absorbed by the solution the G value equals 0.005 molecules/100 ev.

This is approximately half the value of 0.009 previously reported for x-

radiation of much higher energies where the resonant effect is not present.

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PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE RESEARCH

As present results confirm the presence of resonant effect in the

x-ray inactivation of catalase, it is proposed to enter the

conclusion phase

of the research--examination of second metalloenzyme. Carboxy

peptidase A has been chosen for study for several reasons, viz:

4) Its radiosensitivity should allow much shorter irradiation periods so that use of the present low-intensity x-ray source is feasible;

5) Its physical chemical characterization has been well developed by Vallee and coworkers (3, 14), which provides a rather well defined enzyme for study:

c) Zn is presently unique in that the single zinc atom present per molecule which is necessary for peptidase and esterase

activity may be replaced with mercury, cadmium, lead, cobalt,

nickel, or manganese to give a series of new metalcarboxy-

peptidases displaying specific activities towards a

srten of

new substrate

character of the particular metal which

is incorporated.

The ability of substitution of the metal associated with the

active site of carboxypeptidase permits the following experiment:

Irradiation with monochromatic x-rays of carboxypeptidases con-

taining different metals, e.g, zinc and nickel, at the K-absorption

edges of the respective metals, Enhanced inactivation of the zinc-

enzyme would be expected at 9.66 Kev (nickel K_α), inactivation of the

Irradiation of catalase at higher doses would be possible until a more

intense x-ray source is available.

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nickel enzyme at 8.33 Kev (nickel K_β); no inactivation should be pro-

duced in the sine enzyme by photons of

23 Kev, nor in the nickel

enzyme by photons of 9.66 Kev energy.

Phase three of the experimental program will be « study of Living

systems where the resonance effect may be observed. Were the single

cellular bacterium *Escherichia coli* provides « well-characterized test
organism, In addition, it contains the sine metalloenzyme alkaline

Phosphatase, which is obtainable in pure form (9). It is

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compare the resonance radiation effect in this enzyme (inactivation vs.

Photon energy) with the resonance radiation effect in the bacterium

(percent survival vs, photon energy). Should the enzyme be sal

for bacterial reproduction, the two affects should be static.?

?A whole new range of experinents can be initiated when vacua x-ray

?equipment becomes available. With photons of 2.1 and 2.5 Kev energies,

?the resonance radiation effects may be studied in sulfur and phosphorus

?tous renpectively. At this point, the {eportance of disulfide bonds

to three-disensional enzyme structure and the role of inorganic phosphate

stous in the active aite of certain ansynes (

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may be studied,

Te te hoped ehat auch resonance radiation studies vill introduce

4 new dimension of specificity in the field of radiobiolog. Low enecay

sonochromatic x-radiation offers @ tool as ?clean? 4s monochromatic

ultraviolet Light, but in an energy range one to three thousand: fold
that of UV. With such a host of new radiobiological studies as

the important field of enzyme structure and function becomes possible,

It is interesting to speculate on enzyme-nucleic acid interrelations
at this point,

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6. Appendix

1. Notes on catalase

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?The method of calculating catalase activity given in this re

port differs from that used by Emmons (and presumably, Paraskevoudakis),

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snd fy = 1.2×10^2 (concenteatton:8 even. 2)

Ky vas determined tn each

say by plotting che percent transnittance

values measured by the recording system as $\log(100 - 7)$ and determia-

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e of his Line over the first 60 sec. of enzyme reaction,

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gy vee at a np stow on te) = 13g ee

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?That values so calculated are negative seeme unrecognized by fmmons.

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ieieal Linear relationship was found between log x; and tog

?enzyme concentration in the 0.3 - 2x 10⁷ M range. The equation best

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subsequently to eatinate enzyne

concentration in controle and irradiated seaples.

?Tois method was rejected because it is not an accurate expression

of the fundavental kinetics of the enzyse reaction. The reaction of

catalase with hydrogen peroxide is described by first order kinetics

during the initial part of the reaction (before product concentration

Feaches @ point where che enzyse is poisoned, The equations describing

such first order reactions are

$K_y = L \log_e (S_0/S_t)$ where S_0 and S_t = substrate concentrations

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and $K_y = k$ (enzyme concentration) Keqea. 3)

Beers and Sizer (2) have shown that $0.01 = 0.02$ hydro

peroxide

substrate follows Be

18 Law for wavelengths of 210 - 300 m μ , i.e.

Ay 4a proportional to $\log I_0/I$, hence

$Ky = \log(I_0/I)$. (eqn. 6)

Substitution of percent transmittance for absorbance results in an

equation of the form

$Ky = \log(I_0/I) = \log(100/T) = \log 100 - \log T$

4° Slope of $\log T$ vs Ky is -1

(eqn. 7)

(the term $(\log 100 - \log T)$ is not equal to $\log(100-T)$. Eg. if

$T = 22\%$, $\log 100 - \log T = 0.688$; $\log(100 - 22) = 0.892$).

Comparison of the shapes of the curves

obtained by plotting equation

plots 1 and 9 against enzyme concentration may be made using #impli-

fold data. See Table 4 and Figs. 1-7 and 1.

That Emons obtained «

straight line relation between $\log K_m$ and $\log \tau$ for various and some

indication of the insensitivity of « \log function of T . Such insensi-

tivity to the

change of enzyme concentration may be responsible for

the wide variations in enzyme inactivation reported,

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TABLE 4. ILLUSTRATION OF DIFFERENT METHODS OF HANDLING KINETIC DATA FROM CATALASE REACTION

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Fig. 1-8. Apparent velocity constant

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2, Survey of radiation levels about x-radiation equipment

A survey of the radiation levels existing about the x-ray 476c

prior to its routine use for Sr radiations and Laces after additional shielding was found necessary in the vicinity of the sample holder. A Nuclear-Chicago model 2612 survey meter equipped with thin-window probe for beta-counting was used, and results found in Table 5,

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?TABLE 5. RADIATION LEVELS ABOUT X-IRRADIATION EQUIPMENT

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te 100-150,

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cond collimator

slit, 0-26" above table ?5000-20000

?At sample holder, with single shield (3/16" Lead

sheet) at diffraction crystal 60,000 20

At sample holder, with additional shield at crystal

and over second collimator, horizontal 350 La

Ditto, vertical measurement . 1500 5

Ditto, with additional shielding over crystal

and first collimator 1200 ?

To minimize the effects of scatter radiation striking detectors

and irradiated sample from above, lead shields 1/16" thick were placed

?Atop the compartment in the sample holder:

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3. Preliminary experiments on the culture of *E. coli*!

Tests desired in the future to test the effect of resorcinol

Reaction in in vivo systems. In preparation for this work, the con

ditions for culture of the unicellular bacterium *Zscherichia coli* were

A culture of *E. coli* obtained from the U.S. Army, Biology

Department was inoculated in a sterile medium containing 1000 ml. water,

7.0 g. K_2HPO_4 , 3.0

$CaCl_2$, 0.5 g. sodium acetate, 0.1 g.

$MgSO_4 \cdot 7H_2O$, 1.0 g. (Wiley) 7804, and 2.0 g. glucose, After 15 days growth

at $35^\circ C$ the culture was stored at $5^\circ C$ to inhibit further growth. For

Purposes of counting the cells/ml. of this suspension, ≈ 0.1 ml, aliquot

was diluted 1:100,

1000, 1:10,000, 1:100,000 and 1:10,000,000. A 0.1

ml. aliquot of each of these dilutions was inoculated with the tip of

a pipet on peptone-beef extract agar (Saltzman Bacteriological Laboratories nutrient no. 01-125) in Petri dishes. Samples of 0.1 ml. of

sterilized distilled water were used

as control. Counts

of visually-

observable colonies after 2-day incubation at 35°C indicated 1:100,000

dilution would give most accurate plate counts within the standard

region of measurement (30300 colonies per plate)

Repetition of this

initial experiment using the pour plate modification yielded the data

tm Table 6, the precision between replicate plates 1a high, 40 that

ets technique should permit « rather sensitive measure of resonant

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VARIABLE WAVELENGTH X-RAY SOURCE IN THE 5-20 GV GION

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The x-ray eation system utilized for the present cesonnce radi-
ation studies has been characterized quantitatively a# to intensity and
photon energy distribution, and second harmon{e contamination,

?The monochromatic x-ray beam resulting from crystal diffraction
and colliaatation vas analyzed horizontally serosa ite front for a) ta-
eenaity distribution, utilizing 4 special moving slit devices and
) photon eneray discribucion, using double diffraction by a second
analyzer crystal.

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scond harmonic energies vas made from

2) absorption measurenants relying on the different sass absorption

coefficients at the first and second harmonic wavelengths and ») double

as fraction we

measurements in which photons with second harmonic energies

were analyzed separately. Correction for percentage of reflection by

second harmonic energy also was

determined by the double diffractometer

coverage method. Contamination by higher harmonics was shown to be considerable

at higher operating voltages; monochromatic beams can be obtained

only by proper selection of tube potential.

The effects on the beam of positioning the various components of

the x-ray system (tube, diffraction crystal, two Soller slits) were

investigated and

we system as selected high provides niga uniformity
of photon energy distribution,

Asa result, @ diffraction system vas developed which peraitte irrads-
ation wich photons of usiforn energy distribution (+ 50 a.v, in 6000 -

9000). Such selectivity of photon energies 18 not possible wich

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8. aNTaqDUCTION '

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transformations involved and, on that basis, a clear definition of the

mechanism for production of change by irradiation.

In particular, we have concentrated on the study of effects pro-

duced as a function of X-ray energy. Resonant effects may occur, and

At 46 necessary to utilize an X-ray source in which photon energy can |
be changed slowly and by appropriate steps.

We must also be concerned with the setting of the irradiating beam

at the proper energy and with obtaining the maximum possible intensity.

once these prerequisites are present, we should be able to deliver the |
required dose in a reasonable time. |

Two other important conditions must be met here: {

2) Setting the dose as wide

possible in order to avoid the

problems arising from very small irradiated samples, and

») obtaining « beam of uniform energy and intensity 40 4s to

deliver to all particles in the sample, no matter their position, « homogeneous external radiation field.

TE 4a difficult to meet all the above requirements simultaneously because some of them are contradictory, for example, the higher the energy resolution of the beam, the lower the intensity. Also, the continuous range of energies is only possible with lower intensities

than this.

practical when discrete energy X-ray energies are utilized,

?This problem has given rise to two different monochromatic irradiation

techniques:

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2) The us

of high intensities at discrete energy points.

?This method was used by M.C. Atkinson and R. Clandinin..

9) The use of lower intensities, but with almost continuous

energy adjustment. This is the technique studied in the

present report.

ALL the work reported was done with a General Electric X-ray

diffraction unit XR0-5 shown in Fig. 1-1 located in the Laboratories

of the Department of Physics of the University of Puerto Rico at

Mayaguez. Nevertheless

our results may be applied to any other

statistical machine,

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C. GENERAL PROPERTIES OF X-RAY PRODUCTION AND ABSORPTION

Each factor entering into the technique of radiation, and the

relative speed:

Each of each factor must be known, Brief descriptions

of the most interesting problems involved in X-ray production and

diffraction are included here,

1, xeray production

nen, in a X-ray tube, a voltage V_0 is applied between the

target and the cathode, all electrons coming from the cathode impinge
on the target in such a way that photons are produced, with a distri-

bution of intensities

and energies.

TE we plot the intensities

against the energies as shown in

Fig. 11-2, we get, in general, a continuous distribution of intensity start-

Angular point "A" with peaks at definite energies appearing afterwards,

intensity

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for the wave number T_n at

the energy e_v ,

Fig. 1-2. See also

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there are two reasons for these two superimposed distributions.

lines an electron with energy

" stoppage on target it may lose its

energy by steps AE with the corresponding appearance of photons with energies according to the equation

or)

This is the so-called Bremsstrahlung effect. Since the maximum energy of the electron is $(V_0 e)$ the maximum possible energy of photons is given by:

$$M_{\text{max}} = h\nu_{\text{max}} = eV_0$$

and is shown in point A, defined by the applied voltage V_0 .

The distribution extends from $h\nu = 0$ to $h\nu = eV_0$ and is

independent of the target material.

There is also the possibility that the impinging electron may eject another electron from any orbit of the target atoms. As soon as the vacancy is produced, an exterior orbital electron falls into it and a photon is produced with an energy given by the difference of the energies of the two corresponding orbits. This last effect is known as

the fluorescence effect and 18 the ri

a for the high intensity peaks

shown in Fig. 11-2. For this case; we will get a particular peak if the |
impinging electron has enough energy to eject the electron of « definite }

orbit, The peak distribution depends

the electron orbit of cerget

Betog interested in radiations with 4 continuous change of

?energies around a definite value and with constant int

ity, we use

radiation from the continuous part of the X-ray spectra.

Let us summarize some properties of this part of the spectra,

L.+ The intensity in a narrow band of energy $d(3\%)$ t_4 pro 4

portional to the tube pover (V.4.)

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?The total intensity and the intensity in a sarcow band are

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? $h\nu$, $3h\nu$, and 50 on.

5.+ As che maxiqun voltage applied to the tube is increased,
the spectra shife to che left as can be seen in Fig. 11-2,

?The peaks in ehis figure do not correspond to any specific

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2. xeray diffraction

An Xray beas incident on a crystal is diffracted according to

Bragg's Law:

$aA = 26 \ 1$

here n is an integer, λ is the wavelength of diffracted x-ray

interplanar spacing between successive atomic planes in the

θ is the angle between

the atomic plane and both the incident and the

reflected beams,

The beam obtained after diffraction is monochromatic with the

following conditions:

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Let θ be the Bragg angle is defined by sine with d distance

width of the diffracted beam also has a range of photon energies $h\nu + Q$ as

according to the incident angles $\theta + \epsilon$,

2.+ The crystal produces dispersion which also causes energy

diffraction,

3.+ If there are photons in the incident beam with energies ZV ,

$h\nu \approx \pm \Delta E$, they are also diffracted,

So T_n diffracts

the intensity of the incident beam is strongly

reduced, The percentage diffracted is quite dependent on the type of

crystal. Also, depending on the crystal, the percentage diffracted is

quite different for fundamental, second, third

harmonics, in such a

way that some crystals strongly reduce diffracted harmonics,

5.+ The Bragg equation Limits to $2d$ the maximum wavelength that

can be measured with « given crystals

since $\sin \theta$ cannot exceed unity.

5. A relation between the width of the beam and the length of

the crystal is easily observed (see Fig. 11~

V.- the analyzer crystal, by its atomic structure, determines the

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the efficiency of the crystal is not very high, due to it can vary substantially from one crystal type to another. Selection of the crystal is therefore an important decision,

Two theories have been developed to explain analyzer crystal reflecting power. The first, developed by Darwin and quoted in Janes (8) assumes that the crystal consists of perfect parallel planes of atoms

with equal spacing between planes

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where ρ , is the reflecting power of the "perfect" crystal

λ is the wavelength diffracted

N is the number of atoms per unit volume

f is the atomic scattering factor for the diffracted wave direction

ρ has a maximum value of 2 for angle $2\theta = 0$, and decreases

as 2θ increases

r_e , is the classical electron radius??

2θ is the angle

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structure in che crystal; the crystal consists of sual "crystallites",

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bbe neglected,

Note that Rp contains the number of atone (or electrons) per unit voluae

and the scattering factor f , which is also proportional to Z , however

f_m contains both factors to the 2nd power. Thus, R_e will always be much larger than R_p . In nature, most crystals are much closer to isotropic!!

in structure,

Adopting Z , calculations were made for crystals!

of Lithium Fluoride,

Aluminum, Sodium Chloride and Quartz, The corresponding

values of R_a

$$\text{LiF (200)} = 1543 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$\text{Al QM} = 670 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$\text{NaCl (200)} = 360 \times 10^{-6}$$

Quartz (1011) 490×10^6 (experimental)

These indicate that, for a wavelength of 1,739 Å (K absorption edge of

1100), 4 Lithium Fluoride crystals are superior. In this case, μ , the

Linear absorption

coefficient is

small, and the number of atoms per unit

volume is large. This is sufficient to compensate for the smaller number

of electrons per atom,

never, the diffracted energy is still only «

small part of the incident energy.

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]. ANTENSITY AND ENERGY DISTRIBUTION

Most of the studies in chie

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1. The first provides for detailed measurement

of intensity distetbution across

the diffracted x-ray bean.

?The second device is used co analyze the photon energy content at

alt points across the bet

Both instruments are described below.

1, Intensity distribution

[A photograph of the device used 4s shown in ig. IT-4 with the corresponding sketch in Fig. 11-5.

?The device replaces the normal support of the X-ray detector
aesger counter vich @ evo section mechanism, The lover section is fixed
to the goniometer protractor and the upper section carries the geiger
counter in such a way a6 to provide a sliding motion normal to the X-ray
bean, A lead screw moves the counter to the desired position, The window
of the counter {2 covered with a shield containing « well-defined slit.

Photons from the beam enter the counter only through ehis slit, ay slid=
ing the window slit across the beam, and counting at different points, che

intensity distribution can be establish

TE the width of the window slit is such le

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the individual medium resolution (MR) sollar slits we can also get the

intensity distribution across the individual sollar slits, as shown in

Fig. 11-6, A, Here, each peak corresponds to the center of a sollar

slit, If the width of the window is \geq that of the MR sollar

slits, we obtain a sharp intensity distribution across the beam Like that

drawn in Fig. 11-6, B, Figs 11H

+ Ch, shown, at the bottom, is a cross-section

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Fig. 11-6, Intensity distribution

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sample position, 1? can be seen how the shadows in the film are:

with the NG scale

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+ Also by a0d Cp, show similar diagrams for the case of a
high resolution collimator slit system. Here, 19 maxima occur, corresponding
to 19 collimator elements. The MR collimator contains only 9 corresponding elements,

The intensity of the whole beam can be obtained by int

grating under

the curves, If the slit has a width w , the distance between two co

secutive counting points $4s$, and the seatur

intensities are given by

Sty S_2y \rightarrow Say then the total intensity I_a :

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of 10 seconds duration, the intensity of the whole bean vas obtained with

good statistical accuracy.

[A similar procedure was used in comparing intensities for the

azeterone cases.

2. Double diffraction - Photon energy analysis.

In order co determine energy distribution of the

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designed to be obtained from the rotary table of the crystal holder. A support bracket holds a shield and slit in such a way that photons which arrive at the second crystal have come from the first crystal without intervening scatter.

A counter is mounted on the plate, in such a way as to permit rotation around the crystal axis. It is turned by means of a circular steel strip and a screw, as shown in Fig. 11-8. Another slit and shield

are attached to the counter so as to block scattered radiation from the first crystal

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Double diffraction device

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4. CHARACTERISTICS OF X-RAY

Much of the research in this study has been done by irradiating at

energies close to the K absorption edge of a particular element,

Once the x

ray energy around which we are to radiate is decided, the

next problem is selection of the appropriate X-ray tube anode. Some

of the criteria for the

selection are commented on briefly below.

1, Selection of anode material

The higher the atomic number of the anode the higher the

ation intensity, at any fixed values of anode voltage and current. However,

since we can adjust the energy of the radiation striking the material under study, the output should change smoothly as a function of

energy. 7

anode material should be free of strong sharp emission

Lines in the energy region under study. (See Fig. 11-2)

2. operating voltage

A precise determination of the anode voltage to be used can

sade only after the permissible second harmonic contamination has been established. As a starting point, we can apply a voltage giving twice the minimum photon energy desired, since up to this value, no second harmonic is generated for the energies under study, (this 960

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As discussed in detail in # later section,

3. Operating current

Once the voltage and the anode material have been set

selected, the

maximum operating current is determined on the basis of either the

maximum allowable anode-power dissipation or the maximum filament

current permitted. These vary with the tube type. Our present equip-

est allows 4p to \$0 ma, anode current. We plan to install aew 100 aa

equipment soon,

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double diivaction az described above.

5. Anode shape and orientation

?The importance of the atomic number of the anode material was

mentioned earlier. We will now consider the form of the anode surface

The 6:

General Electric Ch-7 tube has a target which is 0.8 x 15 mm, and
windows which are disposed as shown in Fig. 11-9. The surface of the
target is perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the tube, Fig. 11-9

also shows the emission pattern; taken with two films at

positions

position of the first goller slice, We found that window 3 of the
tube was not well filled, but with windows A and C, the results were
much improved,

?The General Electric AEC S0-T tube has a target which is 5x5 mm.

in projection and forms an angle of 70° with the cube axis, This angle

is important from the viewpoint of getting higher intensities, a question which will be considered in the next section, The effect of # large projected areas across the width of the soler slit is to produce

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As was stated earlier, the higher the voltage applied to the tube,
the higher the intensity obtained. However, there exists a potential
V_g above which the beam contains higher harmonics, which are not want

ed.

fast, therefore, determine the maximum voltage that can be
applied, taking into account the percentage of second harmonic which can
be tolerated

Jas Were used to find the percentage of second harmonic present. To find one is based on the different mass absorption coefficients of an absorber for two different wavelengths. The second is based on double slit fraction.

The absorption method

Let us suppose that the diffraction unit is arranged for irradiation as shown in Fig. 11-10.

When the probe is placed at a point A, where the sample is to be

placed, the percentage of the second harmonic as a function of voltage

Since the position of the counter is close to point A, the intensity of the second is the same as EAC received by the counter.

hence I_2 is the intensity as measured by the counter, then

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where ϵ and μ are the efficiencies

of the counter for energies E and

$2E$ respectively

we put in place "B", an absorber with a large difference in

the absorption coefficient for the energies E and $2E$, and in which

energy E is strongly absorbed, then the intensity I given by the

$I = I_0 e^{-\mu x}$

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With d fixed, values of che factors A and B may be calcula:

1d of tables of monochromatic absorption coefficients or by measurement, using the X-ray unit,

If direct measurements are:

made for a given frequency, ν , the X-ray

unit must be operated initially at a voltage lower than V_0 , at which the second harmonic will appear,

The intensities T and T_0 , with and without the absorber

are to be measured,

$T/T_0 = \mu x$

To obtain the second factor, the spectrometer angle is set for

frequency 2ν and a voltage above V_p but less than $2V_p$ uses

Once we have the electron source seeded and the detector, the efficiencies of

the counter, determinations are made of T/T_0 at different voltages

to obtain the percentage

of second harmonic present,

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Fig. 11-10, Component orientation for second harmonic studies

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Por this ethod, the proper arrangement of the auin diffraction

oie and che added double diffraction unit are

shown in Fig. II-L1.

Let us suppose Line A-A to correspond to the front surface of

the sample, and let us select with a slit in point 4.4 fraction of the total beam which we are to analyze. Also, let us suppose the mixed beam to be composed of intensities I_1 and I_2 . Placing a second crystal with appropriate angle $\theta_p(\nu)$ to diffract energy ν , and measuring $I_1(\nu)$ intensity at the counter, we have

$I_1(\nu) = R_1 I_1 + R_2 I_2$

where $R_1 = R_1(\nu)$

and

$R_2 = R_2(\nu)$ the crystal percentage of reflection and

ϵ is the counter efficiency

In the

we way, with the crystal in position G2 (24) we get

$I_1(\nu) = R_1 I_1 + R_2 I_2$

where $R_1 = R_1(\nu)$

Hence the pure

ϵ of the second harmonic present is given by

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For precision measurements, it is necessary to take into account
different absorption by air of photons with energies Y and $2Y$ between

Point A and counter. However, by computation the above was found to

of the short distance between the crystal end

the counter,

Another important correction must be made for the second harmonic

photons measured in 1 (¥). The correct equation should be

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Ae the starcing point for second haruoate production, The curves were

caken with the crystal set to diffract 7.111 Kev energy photons, Both curves change slope at about 21 KVP and 28.5 KVP, which indicates the

presence of the third and fourth harmonics at these operating

voltages.

Both curves are similar at the lower voltages, hence both

methods cross-check each other. For the higher voltages it is necessary

to use $\theta = 4$ instead of $\theta = 1$.

In the present problem where we were interested in avoiding all

second harmonics, the voltage 14 KVP was chosen for all irradiations.

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G. ORIENTATION OF X-RAY TUBE, PROTRACTOR, AND SOLLER SLITS FOR OPTIMUM INTENSITY AND RESOLUTION

In the following sections the relative positions of the spectro

matter elements are studied with the general objective of getting the highest possible uniform distribution of intensity. Particular attention is given to obtaining maximum energy resolution.

Analysis of the general procedure is based on

1. made by following the

steps used in the particular case of irradiating at the X-ray absorption

of iron.

1. Tube position

The X-ray tube must be positioned correctly to obtain a symmetrical intensity distribution,

To obtain:

symmetrical distribution along the height of the

slit, it is necessary to place the tube with target surface

parallel to the rotation axis of the crystal. The centering of the

soller mist be at the sane level as the center of the carget. This adjustment As made vith sereve 4, My P, @ and with the levelling acreve

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by the tube holder walls and by the insulation of the high cension cable, The advantage gained ia pute ting the cube in such # skewed position 42 a slightly Larger angle etween the carget surface and beam center Line, thus increasing the ?flux tnto the sotler colliiaator. When the target plane of the cube ta Perpendicular to che tube axta, ehis device aay be useful, There are other cechaiques

16 adjustments for this type of tube, described ta

Later sections, voich also may be used co tneres

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In the case of cube with the target plane at an angle of θ ,
the additional angle obtained in the steep position is insignificant.

The C. E. Aeeay cube CA-7 has a Flat anode. This tube is ordi-

parity weed for crystal structure diffraction studies. The tube with
he anode ac 70° is che Machlett AEG 50-T, which a ordinarily used to
excite characteristic radiation in sampler to be analyzed. Usually, chio

cube is placed 6o chat the radiation passes dovmuard into « box contain
ing the specizen to be analyzed. Yor our vork, the tube ia rotated 90°
along the cube axis to obtain aide d{echarge, a# shown in Fig. 11-13.

Anccher adjuscment available {n tube position 4s placement along
the cube axis. The tube is moved forward in small ?steps until the out-
put pactern reaching the crystal posttion ts symmetrical around the

crystal axis, This dacement may be made by survey with the getger
counter, covered by a aask with a chin slic,

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When using a CA? tube ia the ARD-5 diffraction uate, it is

possible to change the angle between the surface of the target and the
Akrection of che beam by rotating the base plate around point A, a# shove
ta Fig. 1-14,

?The omission intensity pattern of the CA-7 cube {a siaitar to

that shown in Fig. 11-14, If we need a bean angle of "" degrees, to

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the higher angle so chat higher intensity 12, 1'2, and decer distes-

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protractor was always used,

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?The 100-5 Ls equipped with sollar slic collimators ta waaca che plates are stacked one above the other, with each plate parallel to the horizontal plane. As supplied by the manufacturer, che sollar site are designed to mininize vertical dispersion of the bess, Resolution

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ermined by separate vertical slit systems, which allow for beans with angular epread of 3° , 1%, 0.4%, etc. The small angle slit eysten transnite 4 such sealer number of photons, but spatial resolution is high, This eysten ie used with characteristic emission radiation from

4 Che? tube co study, for example, powder diffraction or crystal lattice

spacing. .

For our problem, the need is to direct a relatively parallel beam of white radiation at an analyzer crystal, and then to accept a relatively monochromatic beam from that crystal to be directed against a target. This latter beam may be fairly large, about 0.5 cm square, but it should

be as monochromatic

possible, commensurate with intensity.

It was decided to try Soller slit systems to provide the initial parallel beam and also to collimate the monochromatic beam. The Soller

slit system provides in effect several parallel narrow slits. Medium

and high resolution (WR and HR) Soller slits were available with dimensions as shown in Fig. TT-15.

As indicated previously, provision is made by the manufacturer

only for chair use with plates horizontal. In our work, they were used
with the plates vertical, for test purposes they were fixed to the
support, which has positive alignment grooves, with masking tape wrapped

around the oiler seal cage and the support. The positions occupied by

the rollers and chain arrangement used for separating the energy

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the arrangements tested, the output from each inci

vidual slice of the roller slice system on the number 2 position was

measured, obtaining intensity as a function of photot

sults for combination of the High Resolution slit system in position
2B, near the target, and the Medium Resolution slit system in position
LA, near the cube window, are shown in Fig. 11-16.

Five different slit system arrangements were tested in

the way, with the results

shown in Figs. 11-17 and 11-18. The

horizontal straight lines on the

energy scale indicate spread between

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anticipated spread is thus about +46 e.v. The experienc

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saaxtuum for any one slit.

Finally, for the case in Fig. 11-16, the energy distribution for

the whole beam was obtained by graphical inte

ration. The beam intensity

44 function of photon energy is repre

ed in Fig. 11-19a, This te

the result for one slit. In Fig. 11-19b, the beam intensity as a

function of its position in the beam cross section is shown, Combining the information in these curves for each measurement position in the beam cross section, we obtain Fig. 11-20, the energy distribution of the photons in the whole beam. The energy resolution is quite good.

The spread to the half intensity point is only +35 eV. within + 50 eV, 81.6 per cent of all the energy is found. Thus, meaningful irradiation

at intervals of 100 eV. can be carried out.

The interval

between the K₁ emission lines for elements

around iron is about 500 eV. This is important in comparing the use

of the "monochromatic" radiation available from « crystal diffraction

extension. The closest

unit with energy available by use of fluores

emission Line to the K absorption edge of Iron at 7.111 KeV for the

cobalt K α Line at 6.930 KeV, If the effect being sought has a energy

Dependence on energy, and is associated with the absorption edge, it

could easily be missed if only fluorescence radiation were used.

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