

LA PROTECCIÓN RADIOLÓGICA EN 2006

Hitos en Dosimetría e Instrumentación
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Dos aspectos destacables:

Ámbito nacional:

Necesidad inaplazable de completar el desarrollo de la **dosimetría interna**

Ámbito internacional:

Nuevos detectores **superconductores** para espectrometría gamma

Dosimetría Interna en España

Métodos “in vivo” (emisores gamma):

razonablemente cubierto: CIEMAT, TECNATOM, CCNN

Métodos “in vitro” (emisores alfa y beta)

desarrollo insuficiente: solamente CIEMAT

Evaluaciones de Dosis:

CIEMAT (todos emisores),

Tecnatom, CCNN (productos fisión y activación)

Resaltar complejidad evaluaciones para Actínidos

Necesidades futuras en dosimetría interna:

derivadas de actividades de D+D instalaciones nucleares:
exposición a ACTINIDOS, emisores alfa

Sectores con riesgos de contaminación interna insuficientemente atendidos: Medicina Nuclear

Asunto Po:

necesidad desarrollar **métodos rápidos** para evaluar niveles de contaminación interna que pudieran requerir tratamientos de decorporación: Emergencias, terrorismo nuclear, tráfico ilegal fuentes....

NIST PRESS RELEASE
Record-breaking Detector May Aid Nuclear Inspections
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Boulder, Colo.—Scientists at the Commerce Department's National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) have designed and demonstrated the world's most accurate gamma ray detector, which is expected to be useful eventually in verifying inventories of nuclear materials and detecting radioactive contamination in the environment.

An array of the new **superconducting sensors** might give inspectors new capabilities such as enabling them to determine the Pu content of spent reactor fuel without handling the fuel. Plutonium content can indicate whether a reactor is being used to produce weapons or electrical power.



Silicon chip built by NIST researchers with 16 tiny gamma ray detectors that may help nuclear inspectors improve analysis of plutonium and other radioactive materials. Each detector is one millimeter square.

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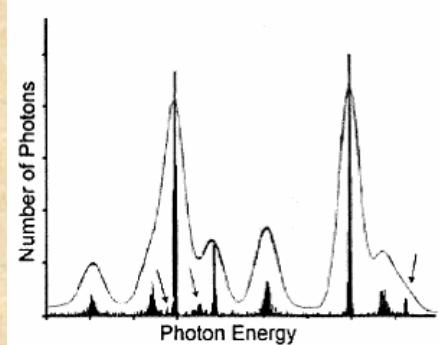
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Desing of a Multi-Channel Ultra-High Resolution Superconducting Gamma-Ray Spectrometer

S. Friedrich et.al. (Advanced Detector Group, LL National Laboratory, USA)

Superconducting Gamma-ray microcalorimeters , operated at temperatures around **100mK** offer an order of magnitude improvements in energy resolution over conventional high-purity Germanium spectrometers .

The calorimeters consist of a 1mm^3 superconducting absorber and a sensitive thermistor weakly coupled to a cold bath.



The data plots above show detection of gamma rays with specific energies. Arrows point to energies identified with the new detector that are difficult to detect in the red plot made with a conventional detector.

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