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APPLICATION OF LaBr₃(Ce) SCINTILLATION DETECTORS IN RADIATION MONITORING EQUIPMENT

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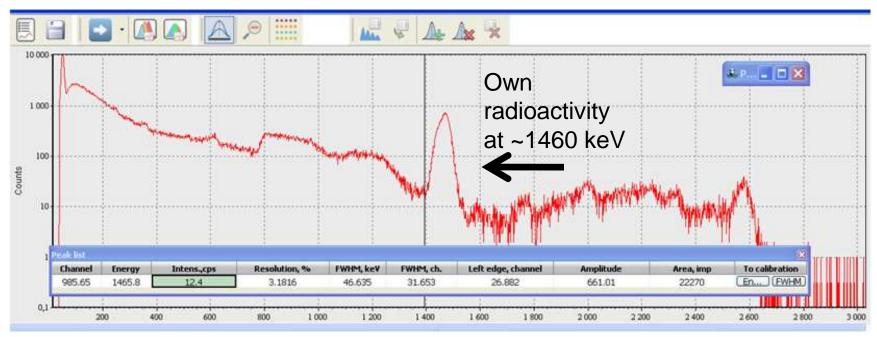
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KEY PROPERTIES OF SOME SCINTILLATION MATERIALS

	Hygro scopic	Own background	Density, g/cm ³	Decay constant, μs	Light yield, ph/keV	FWHM @ 662 keV (2"x2"), %	Efficiency (5 cm, point, Cs-137, 2"x2"), %	Emission wavelength maximum, nm
Nal(Tl)	+	negligible	3.67	0.23	38	~6.5	~0.65	415
LaBr ₃ (Ce)	+	significant	5.08	0.016	63	~ 3	~1	380
CeBr ₃	+	negligible	5.23	0.018	60	~ 4.2	~1	370
Srl ₂ (Eu)	+	negligible	4.60	1-5	90	~3.1-3.6 (1.5″x1.5″)	~0.4 (1.5"x1.5")	450



Background spectrum by LaBr₃(Ce) 2"x2" (no shield)



Key Components of LaBr₃(Ce) Spectrometers by BSI





Impact of temperature and magnetic field

□PMTs performance sensitive to magnetic fields => Mu-metall shielding

□Crystall's performance sensitive to temperature =>

oThermostatic housing

oSpectrometer's Stabilization

- by LED
- by Am-241 alpha-peak
- by background K-40 peak
- by own radioactive impurities

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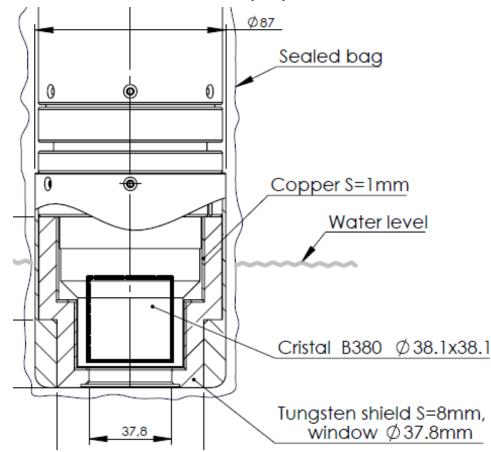


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Medium resolution gamma spectrometry system with scintillation detector <...> to be used in activities related to the refurbishment of the fuel storage tank and ancillary systems of the TRIGA research reactor (from the request)

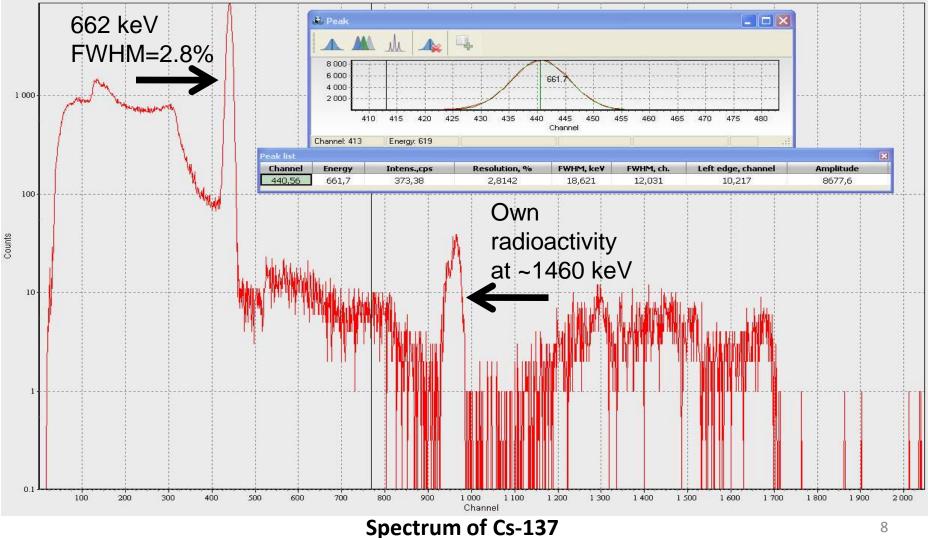






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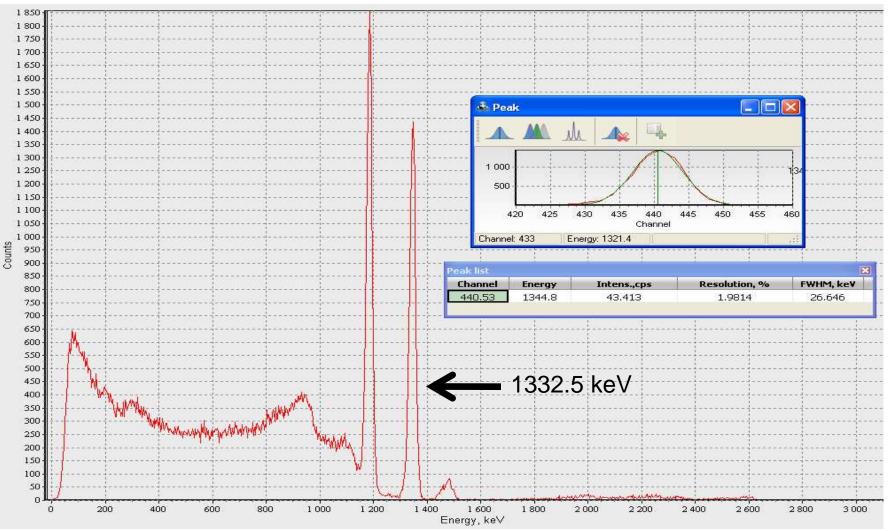
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Spectrum of Co-60



Environmental Radiation Monitoring and Early Warning Systems





Aerosol monitor for environmental monitoring

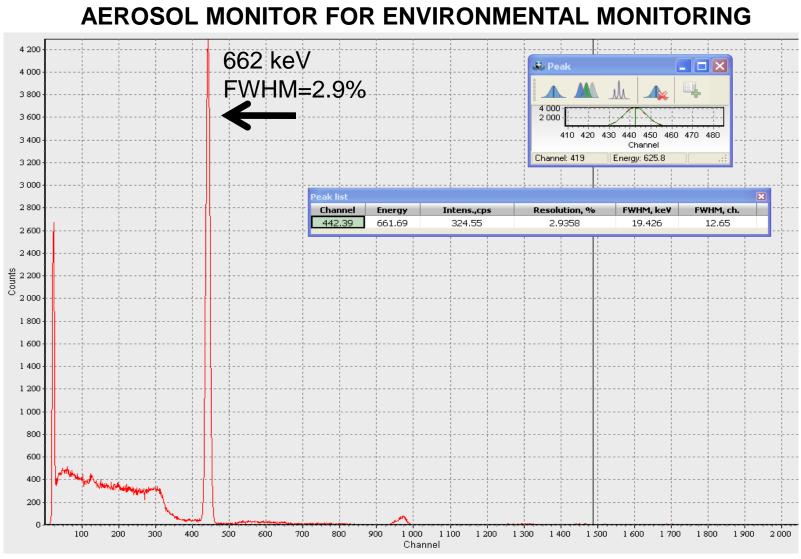
It performs real-time on-line full alpha, beta and high resolution gamma spectrometric analysis.

□ Flow-rate range: program. 2- 6 m³/h;
□ Filters: circular Ø 47 mm;
□ Pump: rotating, oil free, max 18 m³/h - free air.





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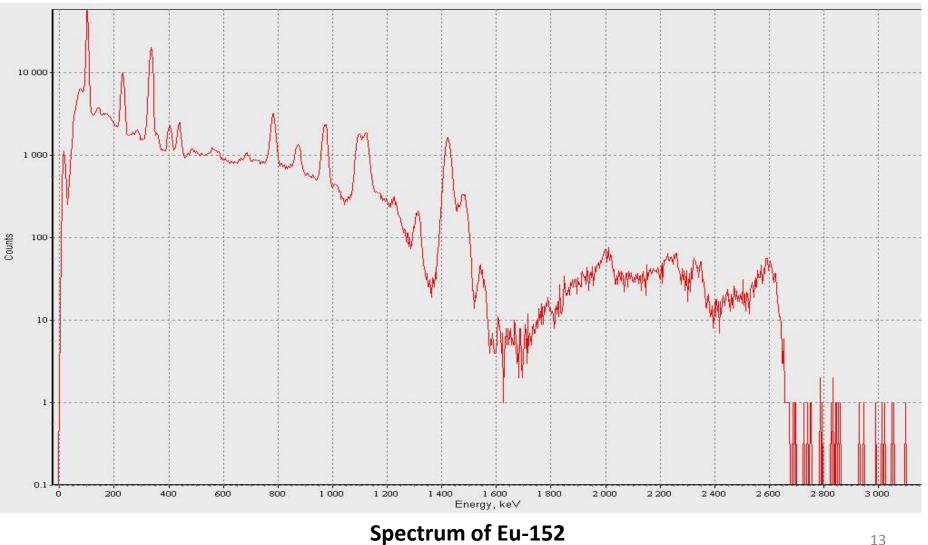


Spectrum of Cs-137 (LaBr₃(Ce) 2"x2")



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AEROSOL MONITOR FOR ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING





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MOBILE GAMMA SPECTROMETRY SYSTEM FOR RADIATION CONTROL OF POLLUTED AREAS





Radiation monitoring of industrial and other areas for:

- decomissioning of radiation hazardous sites;
- examination of polluted sites and areas of radioactive fallout precipitation;
- free release of sites/areas;
- environmental remediation of used/polluted areas.

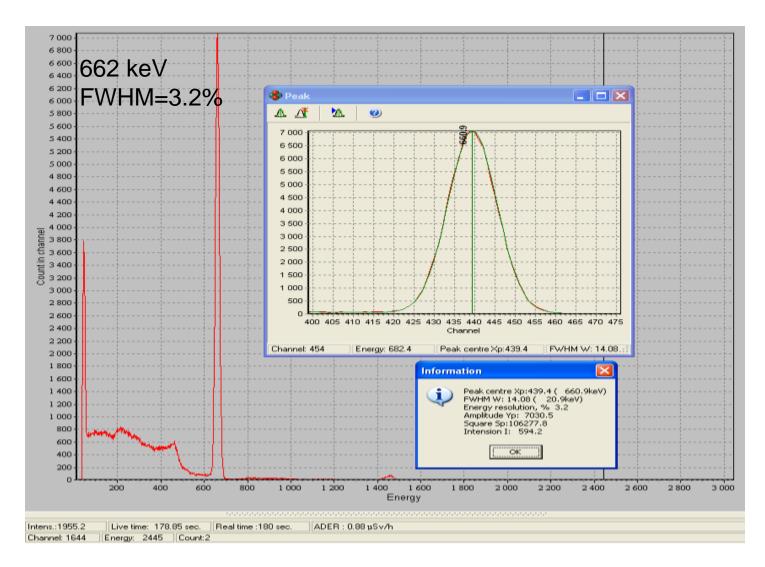


FEATURES OF THE MOBILE GAMMA SPECTROMETRY SYSTEM

- 2 x \emptyset 51x51 LaBr₃(Ce) detectors;
- Multichannel Analyzer Polynom for 2 detectors;
- Gain stabilization by La-138 full energy peaks at 32-37 keV and 1436 keV;
- FWHM @ 661.7 keV: 3.2% or better;
- Thermostatic housing with liquid cooling;
- Ambient temperature range: -40 °C to +60 °C;
- Offroad electrodriven car as a mobile platform;
- GPS navigation with RTK correction.

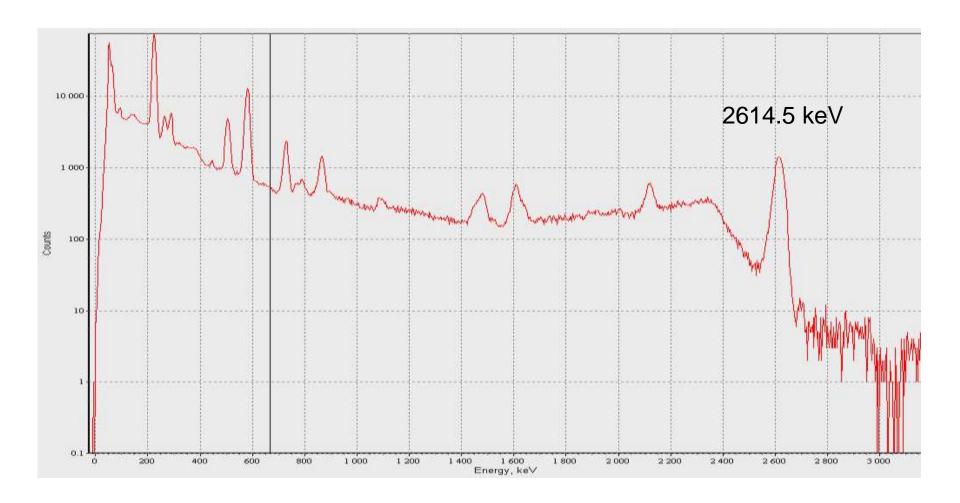


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Spectrum of Th-228



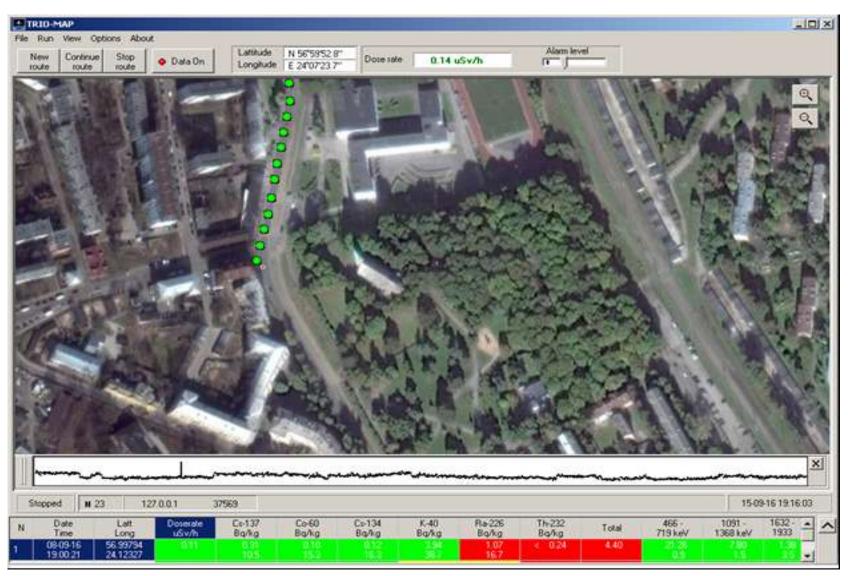
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SOFTWARE FEATURES

- Standard spectrometry software functions
- Special functions such as:
 - •Data exchange with the navigation system
 - •Smart indication of measurement and calculation results
 - •Map view



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ACTIVITY CALCULATION

Activities are calculated by the Matrix Method. The reference spectra are calculated by the Monte Carlo method. The expanded uncertainty of the surface and specific activity calculated does not exceed 30% (k=2).

Distance between the detector's endcap and the ground, cm	Radionuclide	Measured activity range, Bq/cm ²
	¹³⁷ Cs	0.035 1300
25	⁶⁰ Co	0.021 650
	¹³⁴ Cs	0.024 500
	¹³⁷ Cs	0.04 1400
40	⁶⁰ Co	0.023 720
	¹³⁴ Cs	0.025 560
	¹³⁷ Cs	0.046 1600
60	⁶⁰ Co	0.028 820
	¹³⁴ Cs	0.028 620

The limits of the ranges calculated have an error of 50% (P=0.95). Each measurement time is 300 s, the detectors are oriented against the ground.



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Distance between the detector's endcap and the ground, cm	Radionuclide	Measured activity range, Bq/g
	¹³⁷ Cs	0.0074 125
	⁶⁰ Co	0.0034 50
25	¹³⁴ Cs	0.005 50
25	⁴⁰ K	0.19 930
	²²⁶ Ra	0.01 50
	²³² Th	0.013 40
	¹³⁷ Cs	0.0086 130
	⁶⁰ Co	0.0038 55
40	¹³⁴ Cs	0.0054 55
40	⁴⁰ K	0.20 1000
	²²⁶ Ra	0.01 50
	²³² Th	0.014 45
	¹³⁷ Cs	0.0090 1300
	⁶⁰ Co	0.0040 650
	¹³⁴ Cs	0.0055 500
60	⁴⁰ K	0.21 500
	²²⁶ Ra	0.01 50
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