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June 23, 1970 DWM, ADC, JTT, JTM present.

Summary of Discussions with JPNichols  
on Nondestructive Assays of Fissile Material.

Chem Tech Div. has responsibility for

1) Waste Material Storage in Salt Mine

Primary Design for Federal Repository of  
Waste Materials

2) LMFBR Fuel Reprocessing

3) HTGR " "

4) LWBR " " (233U)

Desirable to be able to analyze non destructively

1) Irradiated Fuel Element

2) Process stream

3) Waste Materials

Waste Repository materials of 2 types

a) High Level wastes which contain fission  
products. Will be in sealed 6 to 24 in  
diameter cylinders 10 ft long

b) low level wastes at present mostly  
of contaminated wastes (from TRU)

55 gal drums

Items under b) will be stored for the next few  
years until Salt Mine ready.

DWM

Barrels are limited only by heat generation and criticality problem -- no maximum upper limit on  $^{235}\text{U}$  or  $^{235}\text{Pu}$  has been placed; however one of approx 5g of fissile / ft<sup>3</sup> may.

$$5\text{g} \times 8\text{ft}^3 = 400\text{g per bbl.}$$

Heat generation ~0.01 watt / ft<sup>3</sup> from long lived - f.p.

or  $\alpha$  radiation. This will probably char paper and plastic; temperature limit has been set to be . (I do not recall value) (no do my notes have the number)

Criticality problem --

ATMX RR car filled with Bbl must be subcrit.

$$9 \times 9 \times 50\text{ft} \approx 4050\text{ft}^3 \approx 25$$

$$3 \times 5 \times 28 = 420\text{ bbls, must subcrit.}$$

Crush conditions for Train Wreck!

Storage Facility for  $\alpha$  wastes including Rocky Flats  
150,000 ft<sup>3</sup> -- must be subcrit!

DWJm

The efforts of Keppin et al at LASL and the work of GGA at San Diego on Fissionable Materials Safeguards was discussed at some length. The extension of these efforts to the nondestructive assay of irradiated fission materials may be a very difficult problem. JPN believes that if either group has the capability of assaying the waste barrels, we should duplicate their efforts and learn how so that a similar eqpt can be installed at ORNL! JPN will support CEF -- 1 Man year + 25 k\$ to 50 k\$ for eqpt for this next fiscal year. It was emphasized that this amount of money would not allow us to buy the necessary electronics, but only to study the problem and make a proposal for the next course of action.

AWD

From JTT array calculations

1000 Bare units in 24" package

5.97 kg of  $^{239}\text{Pu}$  metal

( $6 \times 10^6$  units of 1.6 kg Pu are crit. from JTT.)

From JTT Calculations on Barrels with foamglas or Vermiculite + 10% safety factor

5.7 kg for 1000 units

6.3 kg for 100 units

AWD

Perhaps calculations should be made on barrels  
for optimum  $H/Pa$  and  $C/Pa$  ratios.

This could be done in spherical geometry which  
has equal volume and S.S. thickness equal to  
barrel weight as a series of  $k_{\infty}$  calculations.

AWP

June 24, 70

Assume one has a  $^{252}Cf$  source of strength  
 $1 \times 10^{10}$  n/sec or 4.27 mg

Assume irradiation time = 10 sec

$$St = 1 \times 10^{11}$$

Assume Solid angle @ 1m =  $1/1.2566 \times 10^5 \text{ cm}^2$

$$\text{Fast Fluence } \phi = \phi t = 0.8 \times 10^6$$

Assume 10g sample  $\tau_5 \approx 2.6$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Induced Fissions} &= \phi t \times n \times \tau_5 \\ &= 80 \times 10^6 \times \frac{10}{240} \times 0.6 \times 2 \\ &= 4 \times 10^4 \end{aligned}$$

Prompt Neutrons for  $\beta = 3$ ,  $1.2 \times 10^5$

Total Delayed Neutrons ( $D/P = 0.004$ )

$$= 4.8 \times 10^2$$

If Counting Eff = 0.05

$$\text{Total Counts} = 24.$$

In order to collect many events, source will have to be cycled  
10 sec on 10 sec out perhaps 1000 times.

2. Assume one has LMFBR Fuel in Barrel  
Source strength ( $R_{\text{Agnd}}$ ) =  $5 \times 10^2$  n/sec g

Assume 10g of Pu - - - Total Background  $5 \times 10^3$  n/sec  
 $R_{\text{ext}}$

Assume 10 sec delayed neutron collection time

Total Background  $5 \times 10^4$  n

If Signal to Background Ratio is 10

Delayed Neutrons =  $5 \times 10^5$  n

Delayed / Prompt Ratio  $\sim .005$

Prompt Neutrons =  $1 \times 10^8$  n

Inherent Fissions ( $\rho = \beta$ ) =  $3.3 \times 10^7$

Assume 14. MeV irradiation  $\sigma_f = 2.5$  for  $^{239}\text{Pu}$  and  $^{240}\text{Pu}$   
 $t_i$  = irradiation time

Fissions =  $\phi t_i \times \frac{10g}{240} \times 0.6 \times 2.56$

$\phi t_i = 3.3 \times 10^7 \times \frac{40}{2.5} = 5.28 \times 10^8$  n/cm<sup>2</sup>

Assume Solid Angle @ 1m  $\rightarrow 1.25 \times 10^5$  cm<sup>2</sup>

$\phi = \frac{S}{A} \rightarrow S = \phi A$

$S t_i = 5.28 \times 10^8 \times 1.25 \times 10^5 \times 10 = 6.63 \times 10^{13}$

If  $t_i = 10$  sec

$S = 6.63 \times 10^{12}$  n/sec !



June 25, 1970

Method for making analyses of Irradiated Fuel Elements  
From an LMFBR.

Use critical experiment with Fuel Element  
in center -- Nuclear Test Gage. Type of measurement,  
Such an experiment could be calibrated with dummy  
elements, ~~and~~ Power levels need only to be  
large enough to override source. Special gamma  
compensated instrumentation is required. Multiplication  
measurements may be sensitive enough.

Measurements of two types can be made.

1. In the center of a thermal column such  
as target region of HFIR which will  
emphasize thermal fission of  $^{239}\text{Pu}$   
and absorption in  $^{240}\text{Pu}$

2. In a much faster spectrum, perhaps  
a fast reactor spectrum which may  
then give a measure of Total Pu  
rather than a difference of  $^{239}\text{Pu}$  and  $^{240}\text{Pu}$

$$\text{Thermal } \rho = A \text{ } ^{239}\text{Pu} - B \text{ } ^{240}\text{Pu}$$

$$\text{Fast } \rho = C \text{ } ^{239}\text{Pu} + D \text{ } ^{240}\text{Pu}$$

In a fast spectrum  $^{240}\text{Pu}$  will fission  
and contribute  $\oplus$  to the reactivity.

a facility such as the RMF and/or ARMF  
(Advanced Reactivity Measuring Facility may be required)

July 14, 1970 Re Telephone J.P. Nichols

J.P.N. is preparing a budget request for the development of a waste drum "interrogator" or "assay machine" to be built and operational by the end of 1974!

He is sending over some write-ups or proposals as well as descriptive reports on L.A. Alamos (Keepin) portable in interrogator trailer, cost estimates etc. For FY 1971, he is suggesting 2 man years + \$50,000 for eqpt. Whether or not his request will be approved is yet to be ascertained!

R.W. Magnuson

J.P.N. does not want to involve either I&C or the Anal Chem. (who have developed a leaded lead monitor based on pulsed neutron interrogation and delayed antineutrinos) but wants to give full responsibility to us here in 9213.†! (I do not understand)

Many questions still unanswered

1. Can Pa samples be brought into 9213?
2. Specifications for monitor not complete only generalized, what drum content what fissile isotopes, what gamma sources what neutron sources.
3. Electronics support by whom?
4. Barrels per day?
5. Analysis cost per barrel? Upper limit?

$$10 \text{ g of } ^{235}\text{U}$$

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = \frac{6.025 \times 10^{24}}{235} \times \frac{2.196 \times 10^{-8}}{7.13 \times 10^8} = .007896 \times 10^8 = .790 \times 10^6 \text{ s/yr}$$

$$\text{Eff} = 6.25 \times 10^{-4} \times 6 = \frac{3.75 \times 10^{-3}}{2.96 \times 10^3} \text{ c/sec}$$

Assum 3X3 XTL at a distance of 1m

$$\text{Solid angle} = \frac{\pi 3.81^2}{1 \text{ m}^2 \times 10^4} = 3.629 \times 10^{-4}$$

July 21, 1971

Neutron source strength monitor for spontaneous fission

$$^{240}\text{Pu} \rightarrow t_{1/2}(\text{SF}) = 1.32 \times 10^{11} \text{ yr} \quad \lambda = \frac{2.196 \times 10^{-8}}{1.32 \times 10^{11}} = 1.664 \times 10^{-19}$$

$$\frac{1}{240} \times .60248 \times 10^{24} \times 1.664 \times 10^{-19} = .00418 \times 10^5$$

$$= 418 \text{ fissions/g} \times 2.07 = 865 \text{ n/sec/g}$$

$$\sim 31\% \text{ } ^{240}\text{Pu} \rightarrow 268 \text{ n/sec/g}$$

$$10 \text{ g} \rightarrow 2680 \text{ n/sec}$$

Coincidence Detectors

 ~~$\sim 5\%$~~ 

~~$$.05 \times .65 \times 80\% = 2.16 \text{ fissions/g} \times \text{eff} \times \text{solid angle}$$~~

~~$$\text{eff} \sim 1\%$$~~

~~$$= .0216 \text{ n/sec/g} \times \text{solid angle}$$~~

sf. f

$$(n) \sim 2510$$

$$\text{Total} \sim 5 \times 10^3 / \text{g}$$

10g of Pu 5000 n/sec

Assume "Barrel" is sphere having 30 cm rad

$$\text{Surface area} = 4\pi R^2 = 11,309.76 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$\text{Square Detector Area} = 30 \times 30 = 1800 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$\text{Eff} \sim 10\%$$

Neutron counting rate

$$\text{C.R.} = 5 \times 10^3 \times 10^{-1} \times \frac{30^2}{4\pi 30^2} = \frac{500}{12.57} = 40 \frac{\text{ct}}{\text{sec}}$$

$$10 \text{ g of } ^{239}\text{Pu} \quad \lambda = \frac{2.196 \times 10^{-8}}{2.436 \times 10^5} = 9.015 \times 10^{-14}$$

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = \frac{10}{239} \times .60248 \times 10^{24} \times 9.015 \times 10^{-14} = \frac{5.4}{24} \times 10^{10} = 2.273 \times 10^9$$

$$\text{Solid angle for } 3 \times 3 \text{ XTL NaI (th)} = \frac{\pi 1.5^2}{4\pi 30^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1600} = .000625$$

x 6 detectors

$$.00375 \times 10^{-3} \times 2.273 \times 10^9 = 8.522 \times 10^6 \frac{\text{cts}}{\text{sec}}$$

6 Detector Response Locations  $\begin{cases} (\pm 1, 0, 0) \\ (0, \pm 1, 0) \\ (0, 0, \pm 1) \end{cases}$

$$\text{Det Resp} = \sum_{i=1}^6 \frac{1}{r_i^2}$$

$$r_1^2 = (x-1)^2 + y^2 + z^2 \quad 0 \geq x \geq 1$$

$$r_2^2 = (x+1)^2 + y^2 + z^2 \quad 0 \geq y \geq 1$$

$$r_3^2 = x^2 + (y-1)^2 + z^2 \quad 0 \geq z \geq 1$$

$$r_4^2 = x^2 + (y+1)^2 + z^2$$

$$r_5^2 = x^2 + y^2 + (z-1)^2$$

$$r_6^2 = x^2 + y^2 + (z+1)^2$$

Programmed on Wang Tapes for  $x \geq .6$

$$(.8, .8, .8) \rightarrow 2.936$$

$$y \geq .6$$

$$(.8, 0, 0) \rightarrow 27.748$$

$$z \geq .8$$

Response tabulated on next pages 20-21.

DLW Aug 17, 70

The calculated response may be useful for a detector system surrounding a waste barrel. If the detectors are located a barrel diameter from the center ( $H=D$  equilateral barrel) responses are  $\pm 20\%$  except on and near the axes and far from the origin.

If the barrel is located in a diffusing medium such as  $\text{CH}_4$  or  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , the calculated responses will be much different and probably more linear. If barrel radius and height are 0.4, then range is 5.7 to 6.7, or  $\sim (6.2 \pm \frac{0.5}{6.2})$  or  $\pm 8\%$ , most between 6.0 and 6.4 (28 out of 35).

x	y	z	Response
0	0	0	6.000
	.1		6.021
	.2		6.103
	.3		6.302
	.4		6.736
	.5		7.644
	.6		9.582

x	y	z	Response
0	.1	.1	6.039
	.2		6.109
	.3		6.287
	.4		6.681
	.5		7.504
	.6		9.223

x	y	z	Response
0	.2	.2	6.144
	.3		6.258
	.4		6.542
	.5		7.151
	.6		8.369

0	.3	.3	6.267
	.4		6.389
	.5		6.728
	.6		7.421

0	.1	.3	.3	6.237
	.4			6.340
	.5			6.644
	.6			7.266

0	.2	.2	.2	6.140
	.3			6.191
	.4			6.363
	.5			6.766
	.6			7.555

0	.4	.4	6.365
	.5		6.364
	.6		6.628

0	.1	.4	.4	6.251
	.5			6.294
	.6			6.526

0	.2	.4	.4	6.107
	.5			6.106
	.6			6.252

0	.5	.5	6.133
	.6		6.060

0	.1	.5	.5	6.067
	.6			5.984

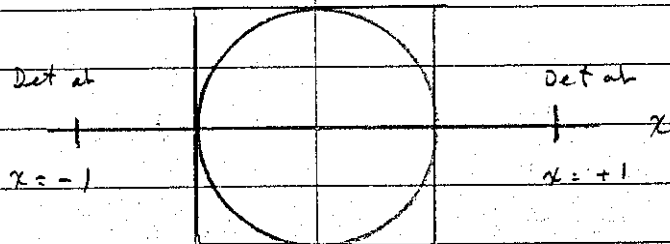
0	.2	.5	.5	5.884
	.6			5.777

0	.6	.6	5.694
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0	.1	.6	.6	5.628
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0	.2	.6	.6	5.445
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y  
Det at y = +1



Det at y = -1

Barrel  $x=y=z = \pm .5$

$x=y=z = \pm .4$

Resp 5.0 to 7.6

Resp. 5.7 to 6.8

x y z Response

3	3	3	6.082
	4		6.053
	5		6.132
	6		6.368

x y z Response

3	4	4	5.916
	5		5.851
	6		5.887
4	4	4	5.728
	5		5.585
	6		5.510

x y z Response

3	5	5	5.629
	6		5.488
4	5	5	5.351
	6		5.171
5	5	5	5.091
	6		4.867

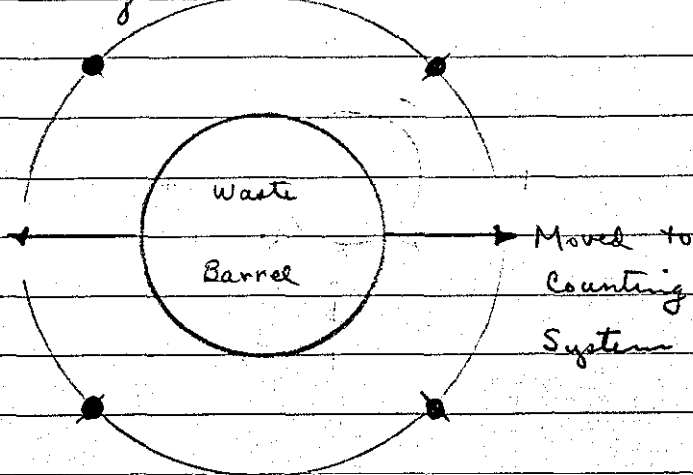
x y z Response

3	6	6	5.185
4	6	6	4.890
5	6	6	4.596
6	6	6	4.324

(729 cells size =  $\pm .45, \pm .45, \pm .45$ )  
 Average value for cube  $(\pm .4, \pm .4, \pm .4)$   

$$= \frac{4564.296}{729} = \underline{\underline{6.261}}$$

Similarly an irradiation facility can be constructed using six  $^{252}\text{Cf}$  sources at  $\pm X$ ,  $\pm Y$  and  $\pm Z$ , and the barrel of waste moves between the source



Counting System must be remote from the 6 sources

If system is in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , then the source-barrel distance should be optimized to produce the required spectrum. If fast neutron irradiation is preferred, then the sources and barrel should be in a large cavity.

Shielding between sources & counting system should reduce the flux to less than  $1 \text{ n/cm}^2\text{-sec}$

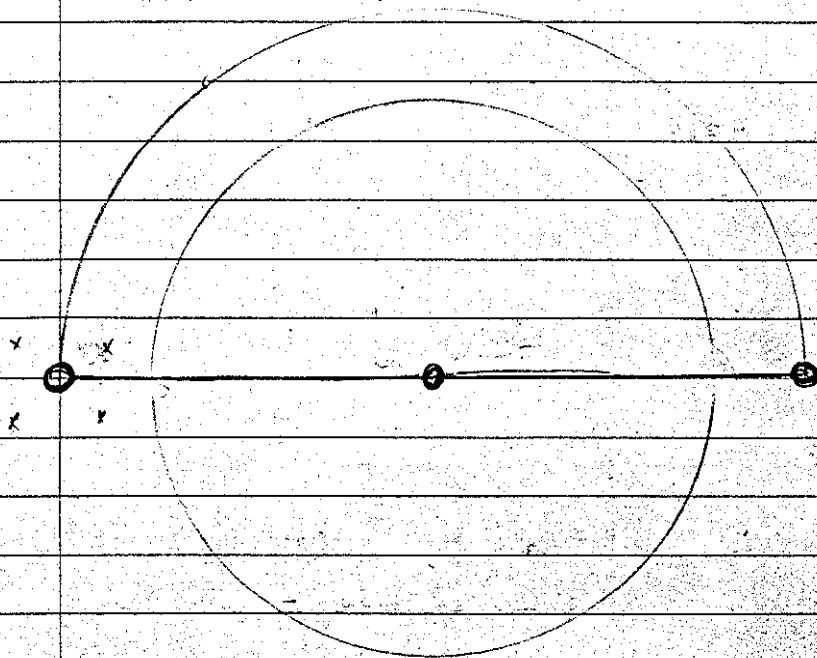
Assume 6 sources each at 50cm from the origin

$$\text{Total strength} = 10^{10} \text{ n/sec cm}^2 \quad \text{or } 4.27 \text{ mg}$$

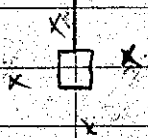
or 0.71 mg (710  $\mu\text{g}$ ) per source.

$$\text{Central flux is } \frac{10^{10} \text{ n/sec}}{4\pi 50^2} = \frac{10^{10}}{\pi \times 10^4} = 0.3183 \times 10^6 \text{ n/sec cm}^2$$





Source



Large Sled  
Detector

Assume fast flux =  $3.15 \times 10^5$  n/sec cm<sup>2</sup>

Assume 10 g of <sup>235</sup>U,  $\eta \approx 1.5$

$$\text{Fission rate} = N \sigma \phi = \frac{10}{235} \times 60248 \times 1.5 \times 3.15 \times 10^5$$

$$= .0256 \times 1.5 \times 3.15 \times 10^5 =$$

$$= 1.223 \times 10^4 \text{ fissions/sec}$$

$$\text{Delayed neutrons / Fission} = .016$$

$$= 1.95 \times 10^2 \text{ delayed/sec}$$

Assume 10 sec irradiation

$$= 1.95 \times 10^3 \text{ delayed per irr.}$$

If counting is long  $\approx 100$  sec

Counter efficiency surrounding barrel must be  $\approx 10\%$

$$= 19.5 \text{ delayed neutrons}$$

per irradiation

Irradiation repeated 100 x  
Cycles

$$\text{Total Counts} = 1950$$

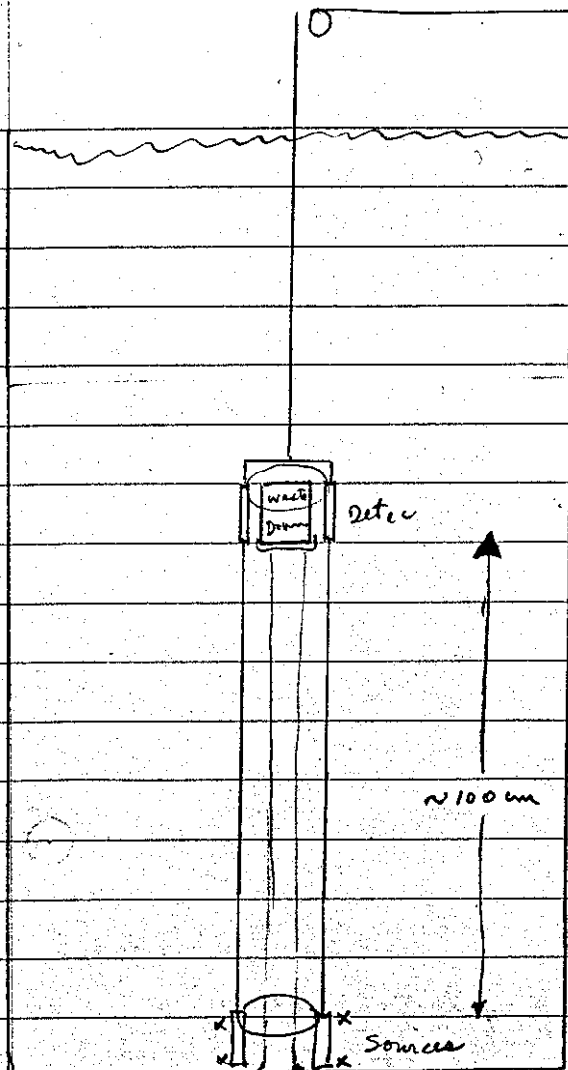
If Counter Eff can be increased to 10%  
the total counts = 19500

Cycles reduced to 20

$$\text{Total Count} = 4000$$

Fast neutron irradiation is feasible but slow  
Calculations should be made for the flux  
inside a cavity for various moderator and  
heavy reflector arrangements to maximize  
the thermal flux at the barrel location

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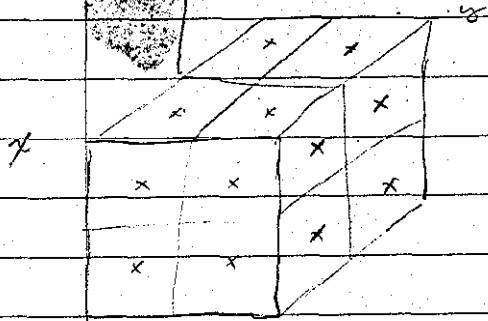
Newton atten  $\text{fm } 10^{10}$

@ 10 cm	.003	$3 \times 10^7$
20 cm	$3 \times 10^{-4}$	$3 \times 10^6$
30 cm	$3 \times 10^{-5}$	$3 \times 10^5$
40 cm	$3 \times 10^{-6}$	$3 \times 10^4$
50 cm	$3 \times 10^{-7}$	$3 \times 10^3$
60		$3 \times 10^2$
70		30
80		3
90		0.3
100		0.03

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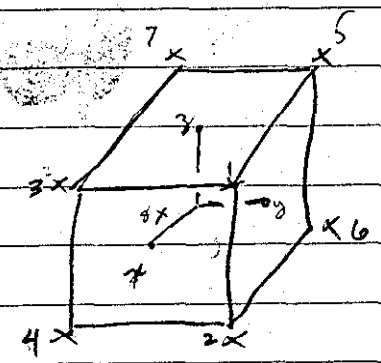
Assume  $8 \text{ mg } ^{252}\text{Cf} = 8 \times 10^{-3} \times 2.34 \times 10^{12}$   
 $= 1.872 \times 10^{10} \text{ m/sec}$

Detectors or Sources Dist. on Surfaces.



24 sources Too many

Detectors or Sources at corners



8 sources

- 10
- 7
- 6
- 5
- 4
- 3
- 2
- 3
- 9
- 10
- 11
- 12
- 13
- 14
- 15
- 16

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 \quad r_1^2 &= (x-2)^2 + (y-1)^2 + (z-1)^2 \\
 2 \quad r_2^2 &= (x-2)^2 + (y-1)^2 + (z+1)^2 \\
 3 \quad r_3^2 &= (x-2)^2 + (y+1)^2 + (z-1)^2 \\
 4 \quad r_4^2 &= (x-2)^2 + (y+1)^2 + (z+1)^2 \\
 5 \quad r_5^2 &= (x+2)^2 + (y-1)^2 + (z-1)^2 \\
 6 \quad r_6^2 &= (x+2)^2 + (y-1)^2 + (z+1)^2 \\
 7 \quad r_7^2 &= (x+2)^2 + (y+1)^2 + (z-1)^2 \\
 8 \quad r_8^2 &= (x+2)^2 + (y+1)^2 + (z+1)^2
 \end{aligned}$$

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 &(x-1)^2 + (y-1)^2 + (z+1)^2 \\
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 &(x+1)^2 + (y+1)^2 + (z+1)^2
 \end{aligned}$$

7 4 3	8 Detector Response	st. wt	2 4 3	8 Detector Response	st. wt.
0 0 0	2.666 67	1	.1 .1 .1	2.675 87	8
.1	2.669 59	6	.2	2.685 05	24
.2	2.677 94	6	.3	2.698 90	24
.3	2.690 44	6	.4	2.715 25	24
.4	2.705 02	6	.5	2.731 26	24
.5	2.718 95	6	.6	2.743 54	
.6	2.729 04	6			
			.1 .2 .2	2.695 52	24
0 .1 .1	2.672 66	12	.3	2.711 43	48
.2	2.681 41	24	.4	2.730 51	48
.3	2.694 56	24	.5	2.749 73	48
.4	2.709 99	24	.6	2.765 41	48
.5	2.724 92	24			
.6	2.736 06	24	.1 .3 .3	2.730 68	24
			.4	2.754 19	48
0 .2 .2	2.691 36	12	.5	2.778 63	48
.3	2.706 42	24	.6	2.799 89	48
.4	2.724 39	24			
.5	2.742 27	24	.1 .4 .4	2.783 63	24
.6	2.756 53	24	.5	2.815 08	48
			.6	2.843 88	48
0 .3 .3	2.724 58	12			
.4	2.746 64	24	.1 .5 .5	2.854 92	24
.5	2.769 32	24	.6	2.892 81	48
.6	2.788 66	24			
			.1 .6 .6	2.940 64	24
0 .4 .4	2.774 11	12			
.5	2.803 18	24			
.6	2.829 34	24			
			.2 .2 .2	2.707 53	8
0 .5 .5	2.839 83	12	.3	2.725 94	24
.6	2.874 12	24	.4	2.748 37	24
			.5	2.771 56	24
0 .6 .6	2.917 22	12	.6	2.791 52	24

Detector Response			St. Wt.	Detector Response			St. Wt.		
.2	.3	.3	2.748 44	24	.4	.5	.5	3.077 59	24
	.4		2.776 36	48		.6		3.176 72	48
	.5		2.806 11	48					
	.6		2.833 19	48	.4	.6	.6	3.309 61	24
.2	.4	.4	2.811 71	24					
	.5		2.850 44	48					
	.6		2.887 33	48	.5	.5	.5	3.203 97	8
						.6		3.345 32	24
.2	.5	.5	2.900 12	24					
	.6		2.949 17	48	.5	.6	.6	3.541 21	24
.2	.6	.6	3.011 91	24					
					.6	.6	.6	3.823 39	8
.3	.3	.3	2.776 30	8					
	.4		2.811 54	24					
	.5		2.850 22	24					
	.6		2.887 16	24					
.3	.4	.4	2.856 89	24					
	.5		2.908 05	48					
	.6		2.959 00	48					
								Average Value	
								(±.4, ±.4, ±.4 case)	
.3	.5	.5	2.974 90	24				1995 37 281 / 729	
	.6		3.043 81	48				= 2.737 14	
.3	.6	.6	3.133 74	24				for (±.5, ±.5, ±.5)	
								3703 437 03 / 1331	
								= 2.782 45	
.4	.4	.4	2.916 33	8					
	.5		2.985 36	24					
	.6		3.056 95	24					

August 20, 1970

Discussed with J T Thomas the feasibility of using arrays of easily contrived units (subcritical) to obtain single unit critical mass, size, etc information. Confidence in single unit calculations is markedly increased if calculations can "reproduce" an experimental array of that same material.

Materials of interest.

1. Fully enriched

Oxides at various densities and low

moderation values. XTHS of  $UO_2(NO_3) \cdot 6H_2O$  could also be used

2. Low enrichment and intermediate enrichment

Oxides

U+H

Such a scheme would reduce fabrication and preparation costs if a process stream can be tapped.

Technique would be to make 27 vessels of a size which 8 could be made critical with very small spacing. Both Bare and Reflected 8 and 27 unit critical spacings would be determined. If materials can be compacted, vibropack or pressed <sup>to uniform</sup>, it would be preferred. However, loose powder could also be used.

*[Signature]*

August 24, 1970

Telephone conversation with Rod Walton.

Los Alamos Passive Gamma Analysis Systems

1. Attenuation - Rotation for Pu

8 NaI Detectors (8 barrel Segments)

100  $\mu$ c <sup>22</sup>Na attenuation measurements  
in Transmission

Results - 1 gram  $\pm$  10%

With everything ganged, measurements not  
segmented 1 gram  $\pm$  10% in 2 or 3 MIN

2. Collimation - Rotation Method for Pu

for attenuation factors up to 100  
across barrel!

Los Alamos Passive Neutron Analysis

for <sup>240</sup>Pu Spontaneous Fission

lower limit of 1 - 10 grams of Pu

(<sup>240</sup>Pu content probably 5 to 10%) *ewm*

DW Magnuson



Sigmall Clearance for Los Alamos requested.

Taxi @ 8<sup>10</sup> TA-35 (Tensite) Bldg 27

Los Alamos Inn

Brankitt - Photo Fission 88-714-293-5000 FTS Operator

Gozani

GA → 453-1000

Castell

Brankitt Ext 486

Urbinski 1616

E. Anderson Spectrum Analysis Code

Lube Activation Analysis.

AI - Shultz

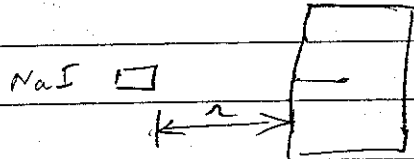
Country Square

7631 Popanga Canyon Rd

Santa Susana

Whitey Thoyce

Passive Analysis Detection of  $^{239}\text{Pu}$  385-414  
55 gal Drums

 $\pm 15\%$ 

rotate

a) correcting for  $r^2$ 

b) " for attr

One modification

Barrell assay  $\sim 1$  per 10'

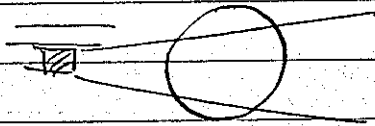
Use Collimators

use 8 detectors

for detecting

regions of

diff. attr



Change angle

as a function of attr

with Attenuations up to 20.

Use Source to measure attr factors

GeLi has resolution - and

S.F. Neutrons must know <sup>240</sup>Pu assay

- 1. 2 gal drum
- 2.

$\tau$  die away time  
or slowing down time

$$\frac{Acc}{True} = \frac{Source \tau}{True}$$

±5% for

Tricks needed — for neutron efficiency  
Add a neutronogram of <sup>252</sup>Cf

Trace Detection

UCRL-50007  
-69-1  
-69-2  
-69-3

Joe Tenny from Livermore  
20 KeV L x-rays from <sup>239</sup>Pu or <sup>241</sup>Am 60 keV

~ 5" ~ 1/4 or 1/8" NaI XTL

Used on waste water discharge to Sewage  
will detect 0.1 the tolerance for water

TA-18 1.30 Badge office

None work in high radiation fields

35% MTR measure @ 20 000 R Lead case

Fissile content of high

Pulse 50% Count 50% to maximize  $ct/t$  time

Yield Technique 14 MeV

tailor spectrum to differentiate  $^{238}\text{U}$   $^{235}\text{U}$   $^{232}\text{Th}$  from  $^{238}\text{U}$   $^{235}\text{U}$   $^{232}\text{Th}$

Kinetics Response

Short Pulse vs Long Count.

<sup>3</sup>He Counter not gated off  
Preamp gated off during Beam Pulse.

Use fast neutron interrogation for 2-3%  $^{235}\text{U}$   
use  $^{238}\text{U}$  and  $^{235}\text{U}$

1 gram min detection in Pipe filled barrel  
 $\pm 15\%$

For  $^{235}\text{U}$  only, using tailoring assembly  
for neutron flux

2 1/2 MA KAMAN 200 KeV.

~~~ 25K#~~

DC model ~ 17K#

Accelerator  $2.5 \times 10^{10}$  n/sec

1000 hrs tube life

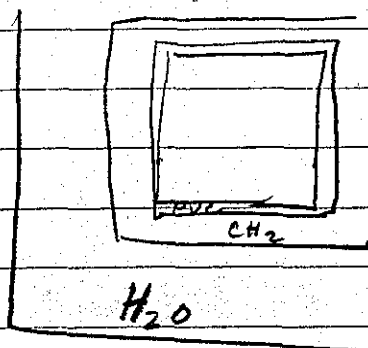
# 1300 replacement

Traps

1.  $^{17}\text{O} (n, p)^{16}\text{N}$  reactions do give delayed neutrons  
4 sec activity threshold at 11 MeV

4-6 inches of lead reduces neutron energy below 14 MeV

2. Decoupling shielding from cavity  
PVC + Boron  $\approx$  1/2" thick  
Transformer oil 6-8 inches  
30 in water

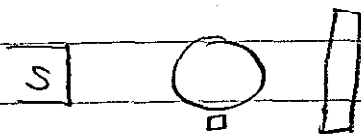


- 3: Oxygen in sample may interfere

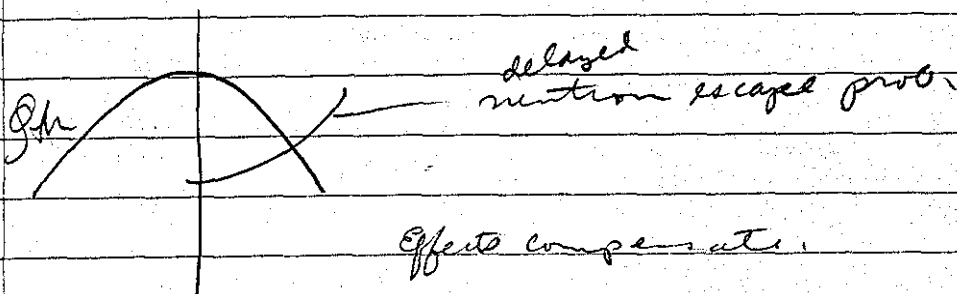
$^{16}\text{O} (n, p)^{16}\text{N}$  with 7 MeV gamma ray

a 5" NaI XTL can monitor O<sub>2</sub>  
content of sample.

Down measurements

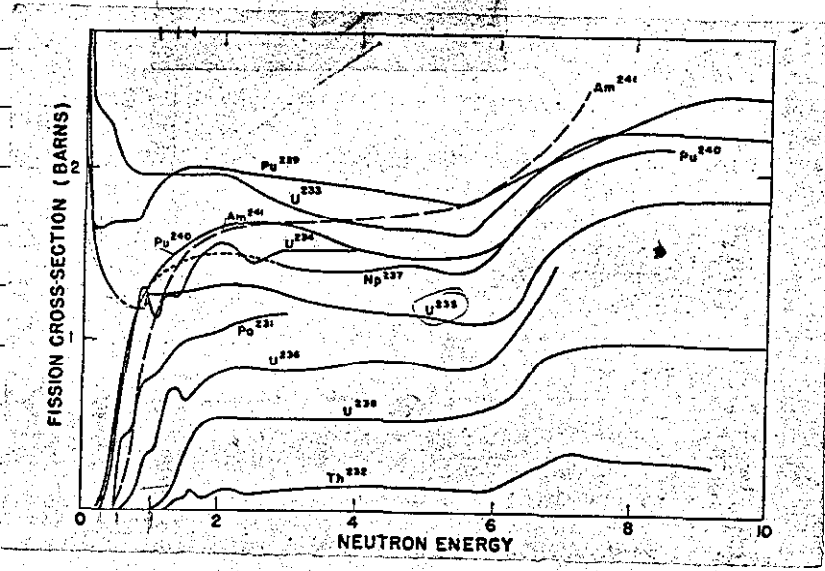


$^{235}\text{U}$   
Fission Det. measures fission rate at edge  
and measures effect of matrix material.



.3  $\text{CH}_2$  vol fraction or less

Request Distribution from Gen. Cannon



Raddy Walton

R&D

Prototype Development

operate mobile Lab. (Field)

LASL Housekeeping

D.P. att<sup>240</sup> design Pu coincidence counter

30 gallon drum for Plutonium Prod.

Non destructive Verification Lab.

U-Al mixture

1,001 MeV  $\gamma$  in  $^{238}\text{U}$  can be used for passive  
1700

Active

Neutron Interrogation

Fissile vs Fertile threshold energy

Matrix independence by having a fission monitor

Discrimination ratios for energies.

Photon Interrogation



Passive

Pu  $\sim 7 \times 10^4$   $\delta$ /gm sec in 385 - 414 group

Pu 500 f/gm  $^{240}$  Pu sec

Spark Scanning for Fission Fragment Tracks  
in Plastic Foils

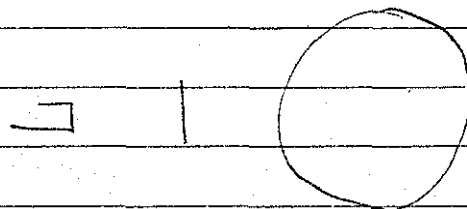
Neil L. Lark

(Niels Bohr Inst. Univ. of Copenhagen  
Denmark)

on leave from Raymond College  
Univ. of the Pacific  
Stockton, Calif.

25000 with Pulsing Accelerator, Inc.

Slab Detector  
2 Banks  
Fission Detectors



Low Doherty Rocky Flats

Standard Barrels  
containing various

S.F. Barrell Counter

'71 Budget # 1 x 10<sup>6</sup>

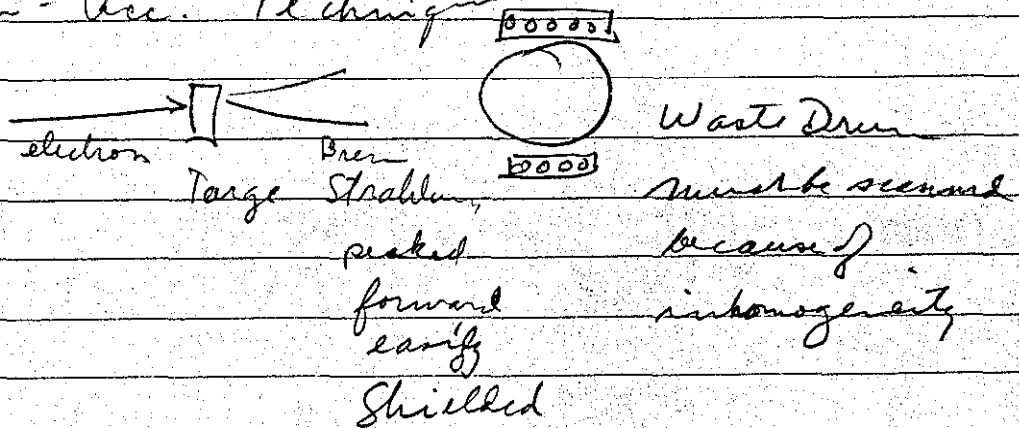
Totals 65-70

Rondquist, David  
Naliboff, David

Request Crowson -- Get on 66A Dist.

1. Photon-induced reactions for difficult part of Waste Drum
2. Various Neutron Sources  
 $56 \text{ Be}$      $7 - 24 \mu\text{g Cf} (2 \times 10^{12})$     Passing  
 $\text{NaF}$   
 $\text{GeLi}$

Electron - Acc. Technique

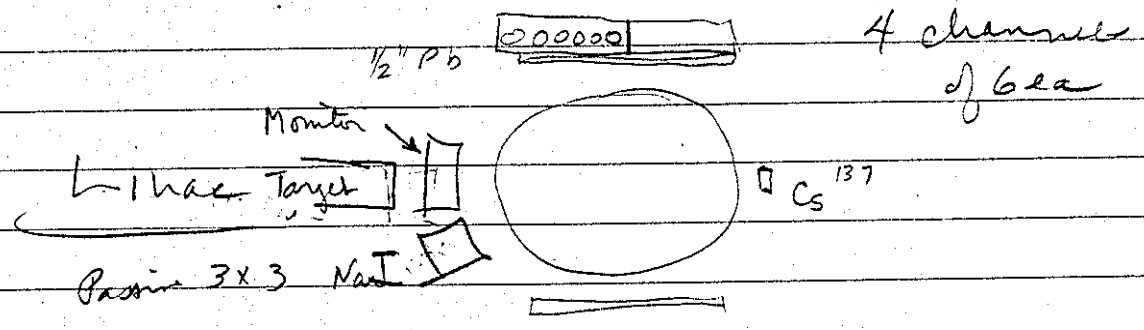


Look for prompt and delayed.

@ 5.5 MeV

N.J.  
ELRON ELECTRONICS, for PM Tubes and  
pulse shape disc.

Barrel Rotates elevates translates



24" ea 2 in.  $BF_3$  for Linac operation  
in polyethylene

Used only for Delayed Neutrons

gate of electronics 75  $\mu$ sec

with gamma flash cancellation  
gate off 10-15  $\mu$ sec

2 detectors  
+  
-  
add  
all four

100  $\mu$ sec decay or die away

Beam Pulse  $\approx$   $\mu$ sec 180 pps

Naliboff

Dave Rundquist

Sept 18,

JPN & U DeCarls,

Telephone call from Roddy Walton

Sept 23 <sup>± 1 day</sup>

LA<sub>2</sub> is going to build a Scrap Plutonium Barrel Tester which will detect sub gram quantities of ( $5\% \text{ } ^{240}\text{Pu}$ )  $\text{Pu}(95)$ . (For Merri man Pu Recovery Opn)

a) For 30 gal Drums

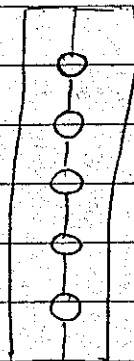
b) 78 counters in Hexagon array

and on Top & Bottom, assumed to be 2" BF<sub>3</sub> similar to previous assembly for counting  $^{240}\text{Pu}$ .

c) Polyethylene Slabs - grooved and then assembled around counters.

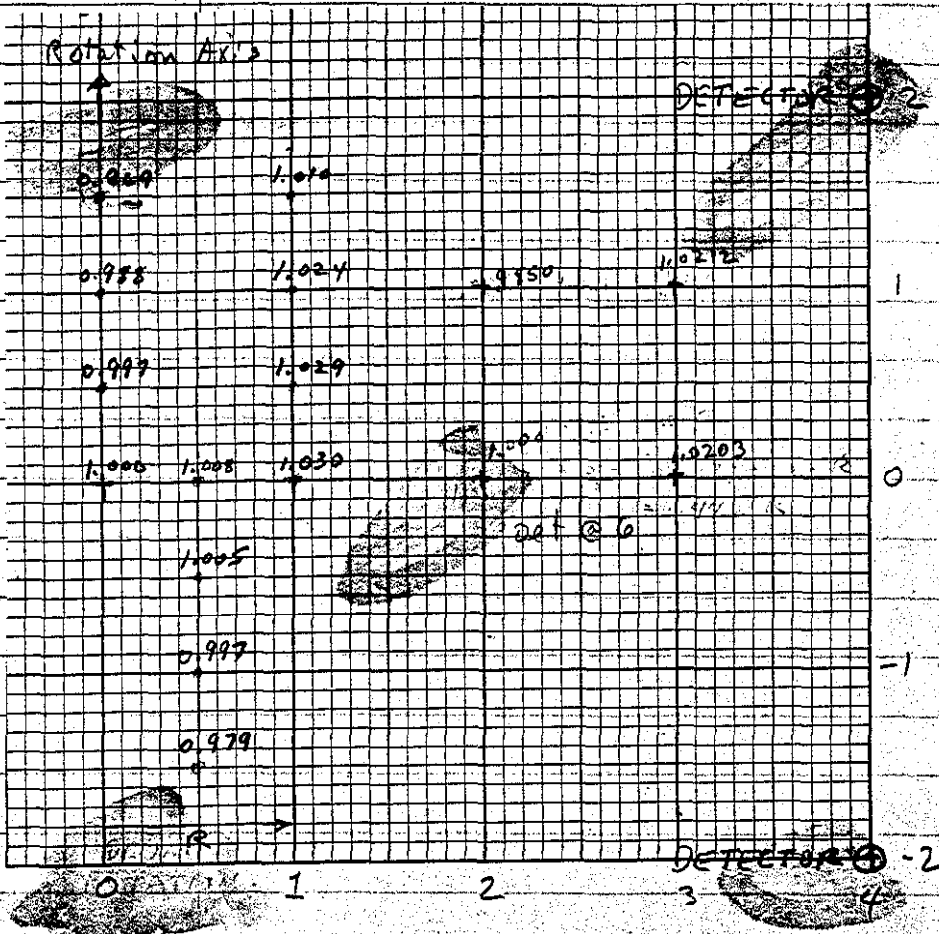
d) Will have engineering drawing in a few weeks.

e) Shielding not discussed.



$$\frac{78}{6} = 13$$





## Drum Counting System

a. Two Detectors

b. Rotation of Drum

c. No collimation to reduce efficiency.

Solution of Geometry Problem for Rotation

$$S^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$$

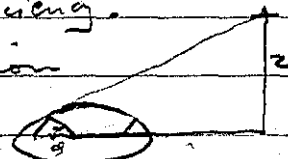
$$z = Z$$

$$y = R \sin \phi$$

$$x = X + R \cos \phi$$

$$\frac{1}{S^2} = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\phi}{S^2} / \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi b} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\phi}{(1 + a \cos \phi)} = \frac{1}{2\pi b} \left( \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{1 - a^2}} \right)$$



$$S^2 = (X^2 + 2RX \cos \phi + R^2 \cos^2 \phi + R^2 \sin^2 \phi + Z^2)$$

$$S^2 = (X^2 + R^2 + Z^2) \left( 1 + \frac{2RX}{X^2 + R^2 + Z^2} \cos \phi \right)$$

$$= b(1 + a \cos \phi)$$

Choose  $R=1$ ,  $X=4$ ,  $Z=\pm 2$  with original drum center

| $R$ | $X$ | $Z_1$ | $Z_2$ | Response                        |
|-----|-----|-------|-------|---------------------------------|
| 0   | 4   | 2     | 2     | 1.00000      0.622      1.0000  |
| 0   | 4   | 1.5   | 2.5   | .99738                          |
| 0   | 4   | 1     | 3     | .98924      0.613      .9850    |
| 0   | 4   | 0.5   | 3.5   | .96937                          |
| 0.5 | 4   | 2     | 2     | 1.00750      0.5622      1.0017 |
| 0.5 | 4   | 1.5   | 2.5   | 1.00528                         |
| 0.5 | 4   | 1     | 3     | 0.99706      0.5613      1.0011 |
| 0.5 | 4   | 0.5   | 3.5   | 0.97908                         |
| 1   | 4   | 2     | 2     | 1.03005      1.622      1.0203  |
| 1   | 4   | 1.5   | 2.5   | 1.02922                         |
| 1   | 4   | 1     | 3     | 1.02440      1.613      1.0203  |
| 1   | 4   | 0.5   | 3.5   | 1.00977                         |

AWM Oct 27, 70

$$^{232}\text{U} \sim 7 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$t_{1/2} = 74 \text{ years}$$

$$^{235}\text{U} \sim .97$$

$$t_{1/2} = 1.62 \times 10^5 \text{ years}$$

$$^{235}\text{U} \sim$$

$$t_{1/2} = 7.13 \times 10^8 \text{ years}$$

$$\frac{dN}{dt} (^{232})$$

$$= \frac{7.13 \times 10^8}{7.4 \text{ y}} \times 7 \times 10^{-6} = 67.4$$

$$\frac{dN}{dt} (^{235})$$

$$\text{Assume } 35\% \text{ branching ratio for } Tl^{208}$$

Reduced detector efficiency for 2.6 MeV vs .185 keV<sup>208</sup>

$$67.4 \times .35 = 23.6$$

$$\text{Assume } 1 \text{ g of } ^{233}\text{U}$$

$$7 \times 10^{-6} \text{ g of } ^{232}\text{U}$$

$$\frac{dN}{dt} (^{232}) = \lambda N = \frac{2.196 \times 10^{-8}}{74 \times 10^2} \times \frac{7 \times 10^{-6} \times 6.025 \times 10^{24}}{232 \times 10^2}$$

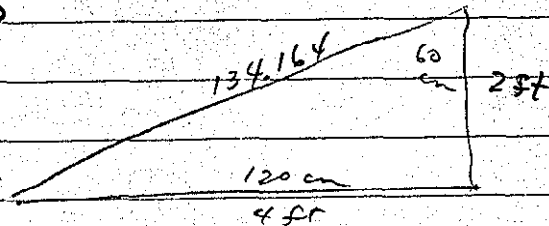
$$= 5.39 \times 10^6$$

$$\times .35$$

$$\frac{dN}{dt} (^{280} Tl) = 1.89 \times 10^6$$

Detector solid angle

$$\frac{14400}{3600} = 19000$$



$$\text{XTL area } 4\pi r^2 = 2.26 \times 10^5$$

$$\frac{\pi r^2}{4\pi r^2} = \frac{\pi 3.81^2}{4\pi 1.8 \times 10^4} = \frac{14.516}{7.2 \times 10^4} = 2.016 \times 10^{-4} \text{ Fractional S. A}$$

$$\times 2 = 4.032 \times 10^{-4}$$

Assume Detector Efficiency for  $3 \times 3$  @ 2.6 MeV

$$= .23 \quad (\text{Peak/Total Ratio})$$

$$1.89 \times 10^6 \times 4.0 \times 10^{-4} \times .23$$

$$\text{Estimated Count Rate} = 1.75 \times 10^2 \text{ cts/sec}$$

$$10 \text{ min count} \rightarrow 1.05 \times 10^5 \text{ counts}$$

this is adequate statistics for 100% of equilibrium of decay

For 10% of equilibrium 0.3 year after processing  $1.05 \times 10^4$  counts - 10 min,

It remains to be seen how other gamma emission interferes with this analysis.

Probably must use  $^{233}\text{U}$  standard having same  $^{232}$  content and processed at same time to follow the equilibrium.

Oct 30, 1970

Set up TMC-CN-110 256 pHA with 3x3 NaI, NIE PS  
 @ 1000V, linear amp input at gain 64 and 32 To "look" at  
 and record spectra from  $^{233}\text{U}$ ,  $^{235}\text{U}$ , and  $^{239}\text{Pu}$  at 1 meter  
 checkout with  $^{137}\text{Cs}$  and  $^{60}\text{Co}$ , spectra OK, Done Opera.

|                           | Isotope                                             | Peak Energy | Counts - Bkg (10 Min) | Counts/g |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|----------|
| M 229                     | $^{239}\text{Pu}$ (8.0g)                            | ~ 385       | 126 893               | 15 860   |
| Hfir 015127               | $^{235}\text{U}$ (19.8g)                            | ~ 185       | 73 087                | 3 691    |
| Calutron                  | $^{233}\text{U}$ (.101g)                            | ~ 105       | 277 235               | 109 800  |
|                           | @ 20cm ~ 2.55 @ 1m                                  |             |                       |          |
|                           | smaller peaks @ 240                                 |             |                       |          |
|                           | 335                                                 |             |                       |          |
|                           | 475                                                 |             |                       |          |
|                           | 1450                                                |             |                       |          |
|                           | No detectable pk @ 2.615 MeV in 50 Min counting run |             |                       |          |
|                           |                                                     |             |                       | Done     |
| Nov 3 11 <sup>00</sup> AM | $^{233}\text{U}$ (9.551g)                           | 2.615 MeV   | 8096                  | 847.7    |

$^{233}\text{U}$  from Hanford Shipment #4 (arrived Nov 2)  
 2-2-5 82g 3019  
 Batch or Lot No Drum 61  
 347.5 mg U/ml Sp G = 1.492  
 98.333% fissile Vol 0.02795 l > 9.7126 g U  
 Gross 54.5  
 Tare 12.7  
 Net 41.7 g  
 9.551 g  $^{233}\text{U}$

A comparison of the spectra from the  
Celutron sample and the Stanford #4 shipment  
sample (age)

Nov 10, 1970

ch 10'

Bkg

$$9.551 \text{ g } ^{233}\text{U} \quad (271-210) \quad 12,974-77 = 12,897$$

 $^{60}\text{Co}$  (1.73 mCi) set at ch 133, Baseline = 0.0

 $^{233}\text{U}$  counting  $\rightarrow$  Baseline set to 2.00  $\sim$  67 ch.

$$2.615 \text{ peak } @ \quad 187+57 = 2.54 \text{ (Non-linear)}$$

$$(171-210) \frac{131,235 - 767}{100 \text{ MIN}} = 130,468 \rightarrow 1366/10 \text{ MIN}$$

$$\frac{1366}{848} = 1.611$$

$$\frac{22 \text{ days}}{15 \text{ days}} \frac{.65}{.39} = 1.667$$

$$\frac{23}{16} \frac{.69}{.43} = 1.604$$

therefore, the age on Nov. 3 was  $\sim$  16 days  
 o age on Oct 18.

" Oak Ridge Concrete has  $4.03 \times 10^{-5}$  atoms/cm<sup>3</sup>  
 $^{40}\text{K}$   $4.03 \times 10^{19}$  atoms/cm<sup>3</sup>

$$\lambda = \frac{2.196 \times 10^{-8}}{1.3 \times 10^9 \text{ yr}} = 1.689 \times 10^{-17} \times 0.000118 \frac{\text{K}^{40}}{\text{K}^{\text{total}}}$$

$$N = \frac{4.03 \times 10^{19}}$$

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = 6.807 \times 10^2 \times 600 = 4.08 \times 10^5 / 10 \text{ MIN}$$

$$\frac{3.81^2 \times \pi}{48.1 \text{ cm}^2 / 10 \text{ MIN}}$$

$$\text{Solid Angle} = \frac{10 \text{ ft} \times 30.48 \times 4\pi}{48.1 \text{ cm}^2 / 10 \text{ MIN}} = .0125^2 \times 4 = 6.25 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$\text{Ceiling area} \times 10 \text{ cm thick} = (5 \times 30.48)^2 \times 10 = 2.32 \times 10^5$$

$$\times 1 \text{ cm thick} = 2.32 \times 10^4$$

$$\text{Count Rate} = 4.08 \times 10^5 \times 6.25 \times 10^{-4} \times 2.32 \times 10^4 = 5.916 \times 10^6$$

for 10 MIN

$$\times 1.18 \times 10^{-4} = 6918$$

Observed  $\frac{3400 \text{ Counts in peak @ } 142}{60 \times 100 \text{ MIN}}$

or 340 counts / 10 MIN

Observed rate is expected!

Portland Cement Concrete has  $0.0079 \text{ gK/cm}$

$$\times 1.18 \times 10^{-4} = 9.322 \times 10^{-7} \text{ g } ^{40}\text{K/cm}^3$$

$$\times \frac{.6024 \times 10^{24}}{40 \times 10^6} = 1.404 \times 10^{16} \text{ atom/cm}^3$$

$$\lambda = \frac{2.196 \times 10^{-8}}{1.3 \times 10^9} = 1.689 \times 10^{-17}$$

$$\lambda N = 0.2372 \text{ dis./sec./cm}^3$$

Nov 17, 1970  $^{235}\text{U}$  9.551 g Sample

Total Area in peak (171-210)  $\frac{180,381}{267} \text{ Bkg } 100'$

179,614

1881 cts/g (10 min)

Extrap to zero on 23 Oct

5 day delay (Calc Transition time to linear rise.)

Separation day 18 Oct = day zero.

Nov 24, 1970 Peak (171-210)  $\frac{228,785}{767} \text{ Bkg } 100'$

228,018

or 2387.4 cts/g (10 min)

Dec 1, 1970

287,007

767

286,240

→ 2997. cts/g / 10 min



Dec 8  $\begin{array}{r} 327\ 264 \\ \underline{767} \\ 326\ 497 \end{array}$  171-210  
 3265. ct/min  $\rightarrow$  341.85 ct/min/g

Dec 15  $\begin{array}{r} 391\ 900 \\ \underline{767} \\ 391\ 133 \end{array}$   
 $391\ 133 / 9.551 = 409.52$  ct/min/g

171-210  $\begin{array}{r} 370\ 183 \\ \underline{767} \\ 369\ 416 \end{array}$   
 $369\ 416 / 9.551 = 386.8$  ct/min/g

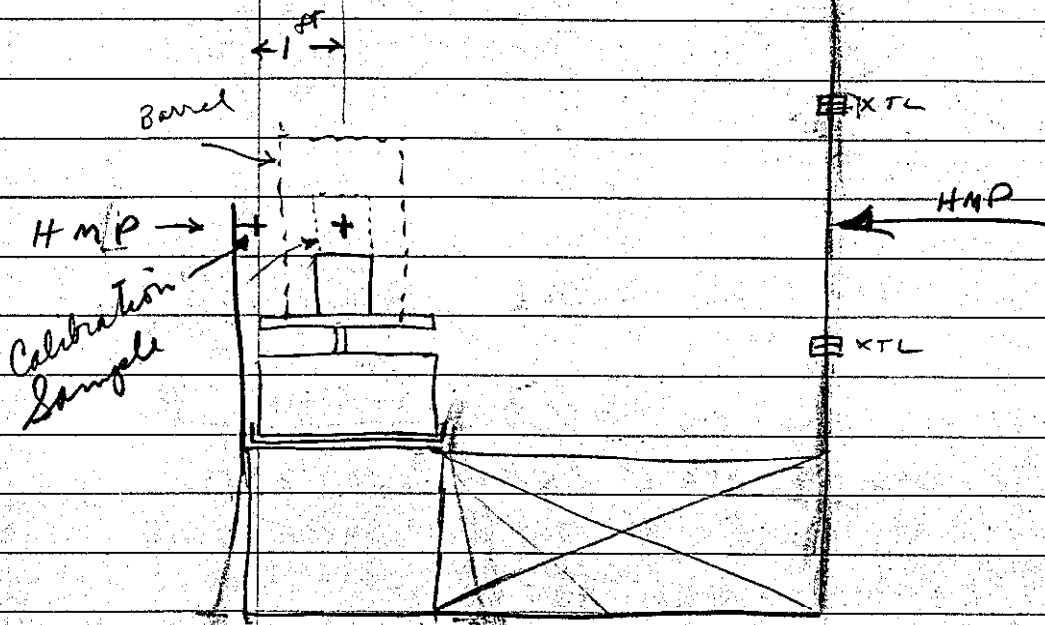
Dec 31 165-210 529 903 100 MIN 434 Bkg 50 MIN  
 Bkg  $\sim$  868  $5290^{35} / 9.551 = 554.$

Jan 6 168-210 275180 50'  
 (pk 186.5)  $\begin{array}{r} 275180 \\ = 430 \\ \hline 374750 \end{array}$   $\rightarrow 5495. / MIN = 575.3 / MIN$

Jan 19, 168-210 319,559 51  
 peak 186.5  $\begin{array}{r} 319\ 559 \\ \underline{430} \\ 319\ 129 \end{array}$   $\times 2 \times / 9.551 = 668.2$  ct/g MIN

Feb 9 168-210 407 955  
 $\begin{array}{r} 407\ 955 \\ \underline{430} \\ 407\ 520 \end{array}$   $\times 2 = 815.040 = 853.36$  ct/g MIN  
 $\frac{815.040}{9.551}$

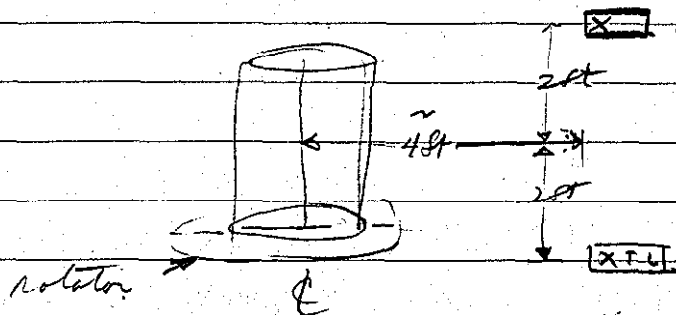
Feb 17 Baseline 3 gain  $\times 32$  29-64  
 $10' - 83295 - 101 = 83194 \rightarrow 871.05$  ct/min



February 16, 1971

On Friday Feb 12, 1971 discussed with J P Nichols and Victor di Carlo the development of a Waste monitor for <sup>233</sup>U scrap at Erwin. It was assumed that the scrap was in barrels.

My proposal was to use 2 detectors and a barrel rotator.



Need samples having <sup>232</sup>U content and age equal to Erwin scrap for developing standards.  
Need Barrel rotator.

duw

Feb 17, 1971

Set up 3x3 XTL Multi channel Analyzer with  $\frac{1}{4}$  Menu  
such that with Base line at 3.00 (100 ch) peak for  $^{60}\text{Co}$   
@ 1.33 MeV was at channel 33. Change gain from  
X64 to X32. 2.614 MeV <sup>20F</sup> TL now at channel 40

Gate Counts 10 MIN (29-64)  
Air 83424 - 101

1" of Plexiglass 74880 - 101

~~1 7/16" of Plexiglass~~

2" Plexiglass 66915 - 101

1" Pb. 26808 - 101

7.2 cm Wood 75386 - 101

3 7/16" Plexiglass 56317 - 101

Air 83167 - 101

Background 101

Arrangement for simulated Barrel atten and

38 in

A

Source atten meas  
outside BBL

B

Source on 38 in -

30 in

C

outside BBL

Source on 30 in

D

inside BBL

Plexiglass B and D

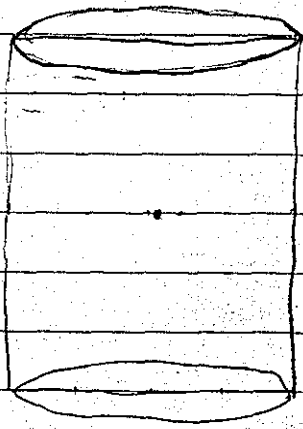
simulate absorption

around Source in

BBL

$\overset{0}{\text{XTL}}$

141  $\mu\text{s}/\text{sec}$   
~~276.00~~  
600



| A      | B  | C      | D  | Counts in 10 min      |
|--------|----|--------|----|-----------------------|
| Source | —  | —      | —  | 84652 - 101 = 84551   |
| Source | 1" | —      | 1" | 67473 - 101 = 67372   |
| Source | 2" | —      | 2" | 53742 - 101 = 53641   |
| —      | —  | Source | —  | 132834 - 101 = 132733 |
| —      | 1" | Source | 1" | 117751 - 101 = 117650 |
| —      | 2" | Source | 2" | 105933 - 101 = 105832 |

$$\frac{N_0}{N} = e^{-\mu x} = \frac{N_0}{N} \quad \text{where } \frac{\ln \frac{N_0}{N}}{\mu x} = \frac{\mu x}{2} = \frac{\mu x}{2}$$

$$1'' \quad 1.254989 \quad .22712 \quad .11356 \quad 1.1203$$

$$2'' \quad 1.576238 \quad .45504 \quad .22752 \quad 1.2555$$

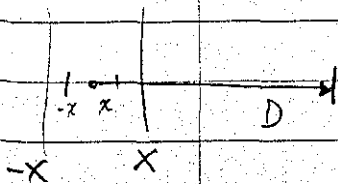
Source at 30 in.

$$1'' \quad N_0 x e^{-\frac{\mu x}{2}} = 131803 \text{ compared to } 132732$$

$$2'' \quad N_0 x e^{-\frac{\mu x}{2}} = 132870 \quad " \quad " \quad 132723$$

This simulated barrel attenuation is amenable to evaluation by putting the <sup>known</sup> source outside the barrel. For inhomogeneous conditions the accuracy will probably be affected and barrel rotation may not average properly.

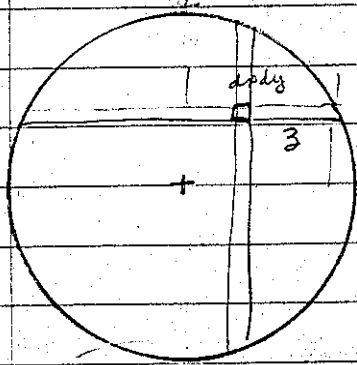
For slabs 
$$dV x \left[ \frac{e^{-\mu(x-x)}}{(D-x)^2} + \frac{e^{-\mu(x+x)}}{(D+x)^2} \right] = dV e^{-\mu x} \left[ \frac{e^{\mu x}}{(D-x)^2} + \frac{e^{-\mu x}}{(D+x)^2} \right]$$



$$= \frac{dV e^{-\mu x}}{D^2} \left[ \frac{D^2 e^{\mu x}}{(D-x)^2} + \frac{D^2 e^{-\mu x}}{(D+x)^2} \right]$$

$$\text{For } x=0, \mu = 2$$

Average value of the attenuation length for material homogeneously distributed in a barrel



$$\bar{z} = \frac{\iint dx dy z}{\iint dx dy}$$

$$= \frac{\int_{-R}^{+R} dy \int_{-\sqrt{R^2-y^2}}^{\sqrt{R^2-y^2}} dx (\sqrt{R^2-y^2} - x)}{\pi R^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi R^2} \int_{-R}^{R} dy \left[ \int_{-\sqrt{R^2-y^2}}^{\sqrt{R^2-y^2}} (\sqrt{R^2-y^2} - x) dx - x dx \right] \rightarrow \left[ (R^2-y^2)^{1/2} \left[ x \right] - \left[ \frac{x^2}{2} \right] \right]_{-\sqrt{R^2-y^2}}^{+\sqrt{R^2-y^2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi R^2} \int_{-R}^{R} dy (R^2-y^2)^{1/2} \times \left[ 2(R^2-y^2)^{1/2} - \frac{1}{2}(R^2-y^2) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi R^2} \int_{-R}^{R} dy \left[ 2(R^2-y^2) - \frac{y^3}{3} \right]_{-R}^R = \frac{2}{\pi R^2} \left[ R^2 y - \frac{y^3}{3} \right]_{-R}^R$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi R^2} \left[ \left( R^3 - \frac{R^3}{3} \right) - \left( -R^3 + \frac{R^3}{3} \right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{8}{3\pi} R = 0.8488 R$$

$$\bar{z} = 0.4244 D$$

Febr 25, 1971

Additional thoughts and work on  $^{235}\text{U}$  waste monitor

1. Checked out 2 NaI crystals — from V. De Carlo
  1. No good
  2. Poor Resolution — Can't use either
  3. Bases OK with our 3x3 in Dumont 6363 tube.

2. Proposed to J R Parrott that we set up over in 3019 and make measurements on anything and everything that he has. Essentially at these under field conditions

3. V. de Carlo will order 2 turntables
  - one for 2000 lbs 48 in diam, 1 RPM
  - one 350 lbs 12 in diam, 3 RPM

4. ~~Setup~~ The spectrum of  $^{208}\text{Tl}$  from 2.614 MeV gamma includes a single escape @ 2.103 MeV and a double escape @ 1.592 MeV

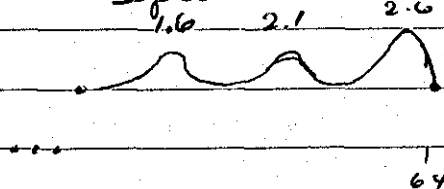
With the 3x3 XTL, integrating over all three one includes 3x as many counts.

5. Using a 1x1 XTL is not satisfactory at all — too small efficiency for the peak.



6. Adjusted gain and Baseline for only  $\frac{1}{4}$  Memory so that Channel 4 at energy  $\sim .255$  below double escape and channel 64 at  $2.164 + .255$ .

Spectrum looks like below



Base line @ 1.80

Peak @ Ch 47.5

Advantage of above set up is not as sensitive to PM drifts as previous and includes  $3 \times$  as many counts. Background is larger, but less than  $\frac{1}{3} \%$  for 9.55 g @ 38 in.

AMJ

March 1, 1971

On comparison of  $^{60}\text{Co}$  spectrum, - 2.50 MeV sum peak occurs within a channel of the supposedly high peak of  $^{208}\text{Tl}$  @ 2.614 in  $^{233}\text{U}$  sample.  $\sim 21.5$  (~~21.5~~ keV per channel) whereas it should have been  $\frac{514}{48}$  channels higher.

AMJ

March 3, 1971

Set up Multichannel Analyzer at 3019  
 Peaked @ Baseline 180  $^{233}\text{U}$  peak at ch<sup>~</sup>58

Distance  $10 \times 1.414 \times 9 + 8 + 8$

$$15 + 127.26 + 16 = 143.26 \text{ cm.}$$

$$\frac{143.26}{1.5} \text{ cm.} \rightarrow 367.69 \text{ cm}$$

1st Bird.

98767 98857

1st + 2nd Bird

2nd + 1st Bird

2nd Bird

Concent find 2nd Birdcage

Work terminated

Alvin

$$98812 \times 13.52 = 1335906.$$

$$1.3359 \times 10^6 @ 1m \quad 5'$$

$$1.33 \times 10^4/g @ 1m$$

~ 100g sample

$$2.66 \times 10^3 \frac{\text{cpm}}{\text{min g}} @ 1m$$

Distance to face of XTL

63 1/2 in

Total 65 in.

Distance to point beyond

bird cage

78 1/2 in.

Total 80 in.

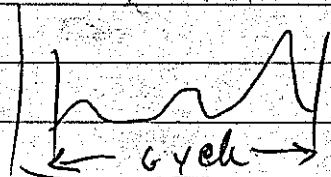
Live time

Baseline 1.80

Counting 2.614 } peaks

Single scope 2.1

Double scope 1.5



March 8, 1971

Dworn ee

| Sample             | Count time          | Integrate                 | Printout Page No | Dist                          |
|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Bkg                | 5 -                 | 6441                      | #1               | 65" In Birdcage               |
| Bkg                | 5                   | 10374                     | 2                | 65" Samples in Pen            |
| Bkg                | 5                   | 7526                      | 3                | 65" Sample, 20ft away         |
| - Bkg              | 5                   | —                         | 4                | 65" Mimory                    |
| Dworn              | 5 5331.1            | 50917 / 9.551             | 5                | 65" In Birdcage               |
| 0.54g #1           | 5                   | 5108                      | 6                | 65" "                         |
| 3.89g #2           | 5                   | 26300                     | 7                | 65" "                         |
| 18.95 #3           | 5                   | 106248                    | 8                | 65" "                         |
| 18.60 #4           | 5                   | 105336                    | 9                | 65" "                         |
| 18.70 #5           | 5 56574             | 106273                    | 10               | 65" "                         |
| 18.76 #6           | 5 $\frac{count}{5}$ | 106514                    | 11               | 65" "                         |
| 18.77 #7           | 5                   | 106154                    | 12               | 65" "                         |
| A7                 | 5                   | 54804                     | 13               | 80" Behind Bird Horiz         |
| 6                  | "                   | 54632                     | 14               | " " "                         |
| 5                  | "                   | 60200<br><del>59872</del> | 15               | " " Vert                      |
| 4                  | "                   | 59272                     | 16               | " " "                         |
| 3                  | "                   | 59814                     | 17               | " " "                         |
| 2                  | "                   | X                         | 18               | " " "                         |
| 1                  | "                   | X                         | 19               | " " "                         |
| <del>#6 + #7</del> | "                   |                           | 20               | 7 in side <del>6 behind</del> |
| #7                 | "                   | 60817                     | 13A              | 80" Beh. Bird Vert!           |
| 6                  | "                   | 60901                     | 14A              | 80" Behind Bird Vert!         |

UNH Solution from U-6  
for Testing by D. W. Magnusson

3-4-71

ALB

CWM

RGW

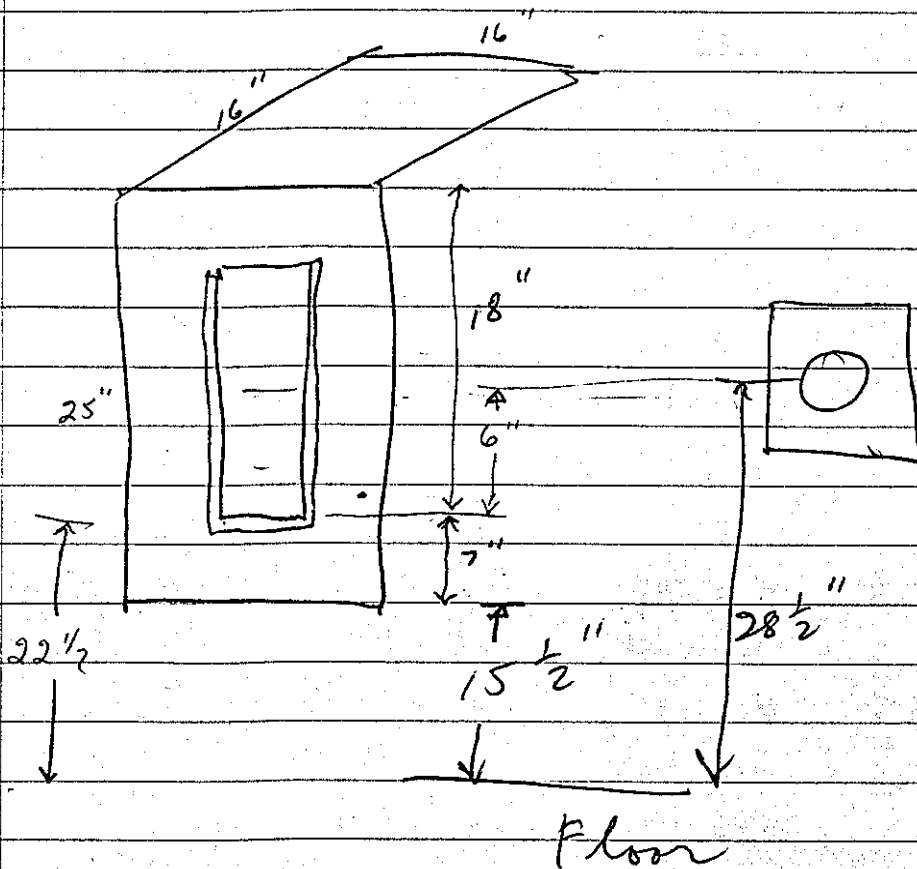
B.C. - 102-5204

SPG 1.3501

| <u>Bottle No.</u> | <u>Gross, g.</u> | <u>Tare, g.</u> | <u>net, g.</u> | <u><sup>233u</sup><br/>(g)</u> | <u>Vol<br/>(l)</u> |
|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1                 | 36.55            | 33.55           | 3.00           | .54                            | .0022              |
| 2                 | 55.00            | 33.70           | 21.30          | 3.89                           | .01578             |
| 3                 | 137.70           | 33.95           | 103.75         | 18.95                          | .07685             |
| 4                 | 135.60           | 33.70           | 101.90         | 18.60                          | .07548             |
| 5                 | 136.55           | 34.10           | 102.45         | 18.70                          | .07588             |
| 6                 | 136.45           | 33.70           | 102.75         | 18.76                          | .07611             |
| 7                 | 144.50           | 41.70           | 102.80         | 18.77                          | .07614             |
|                   |                  |                 | <u>99.78</u>   | <u>98.21</u>                   |                    |

| Sample                                          | Count Time | Net. Counts                            | Printout No | Dist       |                                |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------------|-------------|------------|--------------------------------|
| 1                                               | 5          |                                        |             | 80"        | No Birdcage                    |
| 2                                               |            |                                        |             |            |                                |
| 3                                               | 5          | 83580                                  | 24          | 80"        | No Bird                        |
| 4                                               | 5          | 82719                                  | 25          | "          | "                              |
| 5                                               | 5          | 82547                                  | 26          | "          | "                              |
| 6                                               | 5          | 82663                                  | 27          | "          | "                              |
| 7                                               | 5          | 84014                                  | 28          | "          | "                              |
| <u>6+7</u>                                      |            |                                        |             |            |                                |
| 6+7                                             | 5          | 206848                                 | 18          | 65"        | In Birdcage                    |
| 5+6+7                                           | 5          | 307120                                 | 19          | "          | " " " L to XTL                 |
| 4+5+6+7                                         | 5          | 409481                                 | 20          | "          | In Bird in plane 1             |
| 3+4+5+6+7                                       | 5          | 515509                                 | 21          | "          | "                              |
| 1+2+3+4+5+6+7                                   | 5          | 546244                                 | 22          | "          | "                              |
| 5+6+7                                           | 5          | 294043                                 | 19A         | 65"        | In Bird in line with XTL       |
| 1+( <sup>9</sup> <sub>234</sub> <sup>56</sup> ) | 5          | 516507                                 | 22A         | 65"        | Closepack in Bird<br>#1 outtop |
| #6(65")+7(80")                                  | 5          | 165546                                 | 23          | 65"<br>80" | In Bird<br>Out behind Bird     |
| Sample                                          | Time       | Counts                                 |             |            |                                |
| 7                                               | 5          | 127024                                 | 29          | 65"        | No Bird                        |
| 6                                               | 5          | <del>125935</del><br><del>789123</del> | 30          | "          | "                              |
| 5                                               | 5          | 124382                                 | 31          | "          | "                              |
| 4                                               | 5          | 125201                                 | 32          | "          | "                              |
| 3                                               | 5          | 125562                                 | 33          | "          | "                              |
| Wiggled cards in TMC CU-110, OK                 |            |                                        |             |            |                                |
| 3                                               | 5          | 127145                                 | 33A         | "          | "                              |

Ch 8-9  
droppings  
on not add's



| Sample                          | Count Time | Int. Counts | Output Tape No | Dist. |         |
|---------------------------------|------------|-------------|----------------|-------|---------|
| 3                               | 5'         | 127191      | 33B            | 65"   | No Bird |
| Adjust Hi Voltage (Duc 1/2 dia) |            |             |                |       |         |
| 3                               | 5'         | 127681      | 33C            |       |         |

|         |                                 | Distance | Count    |        |
|---------|---------------------------------|----------|----------|--------|
| 3-15-71 | #3, 4, 5, 6, 7 from U-6         | 171"     | Bkg 7423 | > 7440 |
|         | for std 93.78g <sup>235</sup> U | 105"     | 7457     |        |
|         | 8.5 ppm age ~ 150 d             |          |          |        |
|         | std                             | 148.5 in | 133713   | 126273 |
|         | Unknown + std                   |          | 325926   | 318486 |
|         | unk 6M-30-48                    | 138.0 in | 251112   | 243672 |

(12.9g 39 ppm  
Shipped TRNL

Returned

Age ~ 2000 d

Calibration factor = 1200.78

Attn factor =  $(0.5925)^{1/2} = 0.7697$

Age Factor =  $\frac{3.28}{.52} = 6.31$

$^{232}\text{U}$  count  $39/8.5 = 4.59$

28.96

$\frac{243672}{1200.2 \times 28.96} = 7.01 \text{ g}$

$\approx 12.9 \text{ g}$



7  
April 8, 1971

CC drilled a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " hole in a 4x4x4 lead brick  
and a 1" " " another " " "  
to make collimators. The 10mc  $^{60}\text{Co}$  source  
was placed 28' 4" from the surface of the 3x3  
NaI detector. Integrate over both peaks @ 1.179 1.33  
MeV

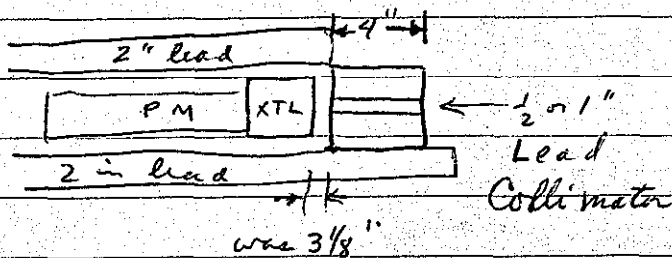
|                      | Count Rate | Bkg   |   | cts/min |
|----------------------|------------|-------|---|---------|
| No Coll.             | 215035     | - 916 | = | 214 119 |
| 1" Coll              | 30683      | - 876 | = | 29 807  |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ " Coll | 09082      | - 845 | = | 8 237   |

There was no apparent loss in resolution  
or shift in peak heights. Conclude that  
collimators and/or distance can be used  
to decrease sensitivity of the 3x3 NaI detector

| Area of XTL   | Area Ratio | Counts Ratio |
|---------------|------------|--------------|
| 36            | 9          | 26.0         |
| 4             |            | 3.6          |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1          | 1            |

DW  
Apr 8, 1971

Glass  
Window  
South



Near  
Dism  
truck  
x  
 $^{60}\text{Co}$   
10mc

Linear Abs coeff for lead @ 2.6 MeV = 0.48 cm<sup>-1</sup>

For 4 in = 10.16 cm

$$\mu x = 4.88 \quad e^{-\mu x} = .00762$$

June 1, 1971

Moved Counting Analysis System to Bldg 3019  
for demonstration of method to Bartel on June 2, 71

Baseline 180

Gain (HV) adjusted so that upper edge of 26 MeV line  
is in channel 64, peak channel  $\approx 60$ . (57)  
but all three 1.6, 2.1, 2.6 lines are accepted in  
64 channels.

Dwdm cc.

June 2, 1971

Letter to Brooks bank on Thorium interference  
with  $^{233}\text{U}$  -  $^{208}\text{Tl}$  Analysis.

July 21, 1971

Discussion with S. D. Snyder in June indicated that the NDT section NRC Div was interested in developing a neutron scanning device similar to the X-ray inspection machines that have been developed. The HFIR fuel plate scanner is an example of the latter, and it is believed that no neutron inspection machines have been conceived. The interest of NRC in neutron radiography is merely to have available a facility, but not to do much development work.

My suggestions for using critical assemblies and flux traps ~~not the latter~~ for neutron sources was appealing to him because they could be made dry. We could ~~not~~ <sup>produce</sup> the ~~critical~~ neutron fluxes in a C.A. that a reactor could produce, but having a source only for neutron radiographs ~~that~~ has many advantages.

Considerations of the fluxes that could be produced by fission <sup>252</sup>Cf sources.

Assume 10 mg of  $^{252}\text{Cf}$  at  $2.34 \times 10^{10}$  n/sec

Measured flux per  $^{252}\text{Cf}$  neutron = 0.013 /cm<sup>2</sup> sec

Source strength at ~~front~~ <sup>top</sup> of collimator =  $3 \times 10^8$  n/sec cm<sup>2</sup>  
 if area = 1 cm<sup>2</sup> =  $3 \times 10^8$  n/sec

Assume collimator = 100 cm or  $\frac{1}{100} = 10^{-4}$

Flux at end of collimator =  $3 \times 10^4$  n/sec

Statistics for pulse counting time of 1 sec = 0.67.

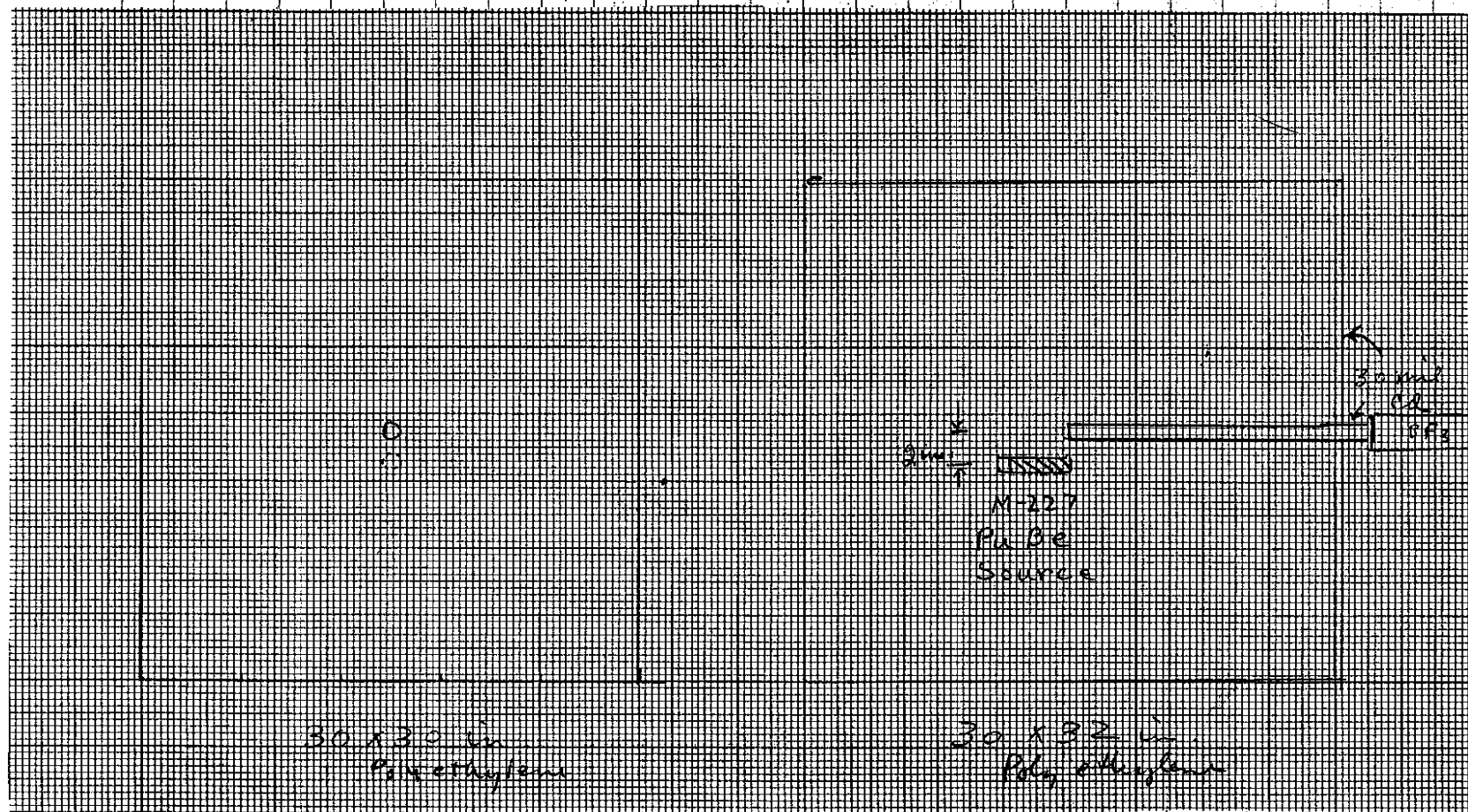
For an area of  $1 \text{ cm}^2$  from the collimator  
~~the flux~~ the count rate = 300 n/sec

and for an integration time of 10 sec, the statistic  
 would be 1.8%. Such an inspection device  
 would appear to be technically feasible, ~~and~~

Detectors such as  ~~$\text{BF}_3$  counters and  $^3\text{He}$  detectors~~  
 (C),  $\text{BF}_3$  and  $^3\text{He}$  proportional counters or  $^3\text{He}$  scintillation  
 detectors can be obtained showing <sup>high</sup> efficiencies

A preliminary experiment has been  
 designed to measure the flux or neutron count  
 rate at the end of a 16 in long 1 in  $\phi$ d  
 collimator which is lined with Cd. ~~The~~  
 The Pa-Be source which was used to measure  
 the <sup>peak</sup> neutron flux of  $0.004 \text{ n/cm}^2\text{sec}$  per source  
 neutron will be placed  $\sim 4-5 \text{ cm}$  away.  
 The source will be placed near the center <sup>(2 in. off center)</sup>  
 of a  $30 \times 30 \times 32$  assembly of  $(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)_n$  blocks  
 and which a 16 in. hole penetrates to  
 the vicinity of the source, a 2 in.  $\phi$   $^{10}\text{BF}_3$   
 counter will be used to detect the emergent  
 neutrons. Inside diam of collimator of 32 mil Cd  $\sim 0.9 \text{ in.}$   
 $\text{area} = 0.6362 \text{ in}^2 = 4.1 \text{ cm}^2$

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$\text{BF}_3$  + PRE AMP + HV @ 1300 + AID AMP @  $10^6 \times$ , PHS = 30V (pulses > 500)  
+ ORNL Decade Scale PHS @ 10 (PHS @ 5 for 60V check) - No pulses with HV @ zero.

Count rate expected to be

$$8.3 \times 10^6 \times 0.004 \times 4.1 \times \frac{1}{182} \times 90\% = 3.7 \times 10^2$$

$$= 57.4 \text{ ct/sec or } 3440 \text{ c/MIN} \quad 6.45 \text{ cm}^2/\text{in}^2$$

July 22, 1971

Observed count rate  $\text{BF}_3$  coaxial with Beam.

260 c/MIN

270 "

290 "

250 "

270 "

with Counter Offset <sup>4 in.</sup> from Collimator

16,180 c/HR

Bkg 10,870

c/HR

Net

5,310 c/hr or 1.5 cts/sec.

181 c/MIN

Bkg Covered Counter with Cadmium 160/10 m = 16 c/MIN

Counter in front of collimator 910/10 m = 91 c/MIN

with draw Cd Sleeve 2", moved detector 2 in back <sup>75 c/MIN</sup> Net

Collimator 18", protrudes ~4" from  $(\text{CH}_2)_n$  1470 c/10 MIN

131 c/MIN

with draw Cd Sleeve to 4"

1290 c/10 M = 113 c/MIN

3"

1460 = 130

1"

1260 → 110

Change  $\text{BF}_3$  Counter from # 1941 to # 1938

1"

1250 → 111

# 1938 cts, with 2" sleeve 1" od in block containing source, hole 18" deep now

1"

1820 → 166

Repeat → 2"

1770 + 690 → 161 + 153

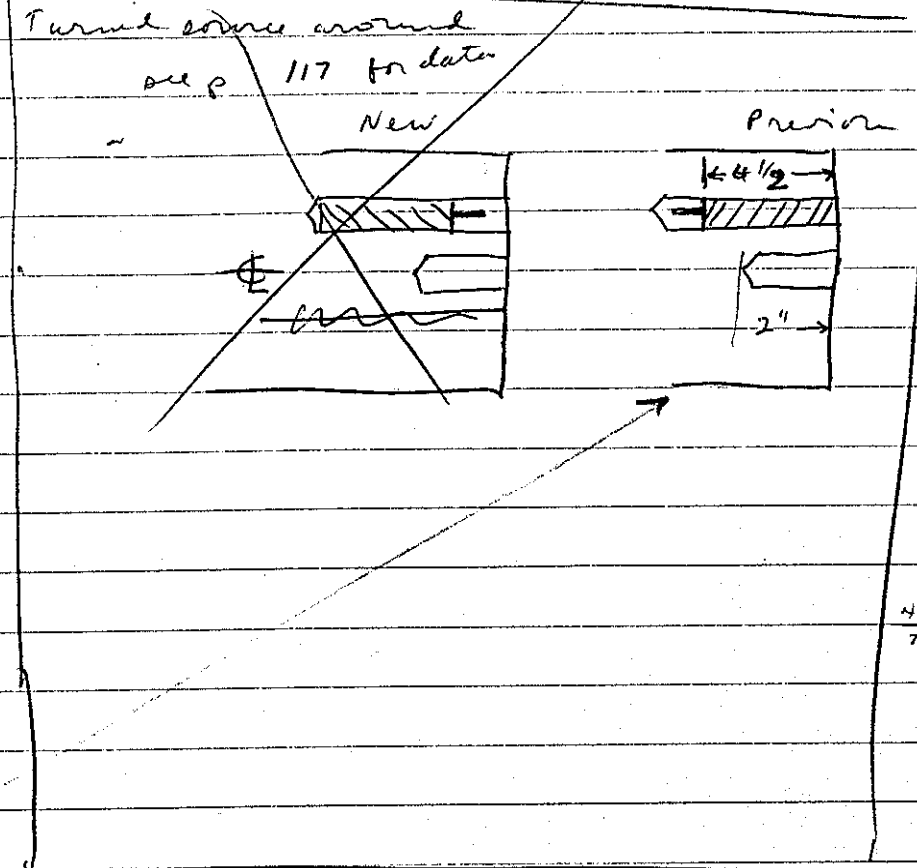
3"

1840 → 168

3"

1740 → 158

July 23, 1974



Previous In stalled 1" od counter RSN-7 40cmHg BF<sub>3</sub>  
 Source 1600 v PHS mAID @ 2.00 most pulses  
 Position 720 v, peak of list ~ 50-70 volts.  
 Used CO Position 10'

| CO Position                      | Count | Rate          |
|----------------------------------|-------|---------------|
| 0" (16" in hole from outer edge) | 2700  | 80 = 262 /MIN |
| 0"                               | 2790  | = 271         |
| 1"                               | 2910  | + 283         |
| 2"                               | 2920  | + 284         |
| 3"                               | 2940  | + 286         |
| 4"                               | 2700  | → 262         |



## Counter Efficiencies

$2.678 \times 10^{19}$  atoms/cm<sup>3</sup> std atmosphere

$$^{10}\text{B}) N_{\text{c}} = .2678 \times 10^{20} \times .3840 \times 10^{-20} \times .96 = 0.098722$$

For 2 in counter 12 in long 12 cm Hg

$$\frac{17}{76} \times 30.48 \times 0.098722 = 0.4751 \quad e^{-N_{\text{c}}} = .622$$

$$1 - e^{-N_{\text{c}}} = .378$$

For 1 in counter 8 in 40 cm

$$\frac{40}{76} \times 20.32 \times 0.098722 = 1.0558 \quad e^{-N_{\text{c}}} = .348$$

$$1 - e^{-N_{\text{c}}} = .652$$

$$\text{Counts ratio} = \frac{.652}{.378} = 1.725$$

for beam on axis

$$\frac{2920}{1800} \approx 1.62$$

Turned Source around as described on p 115

|    |      |       |
|----|------|-------|
| 4" | 2460 | → 238 |
| 2" | 2680 | → 260 |
| 1" | 2540 | → 246 |
| 0" | 2530 | → 245 |

Max.  $\frac{\text{counts/sec cm}^2}{\text{Observed counts/cm}^2 \text{ at a dist of } 22"} = \frac{286}{60 \times 4} = 1.44 \times 10^{-7} / \text{cm}^2$   
 $\frac{\text{m/sec}}{.83 \times 10^9}$

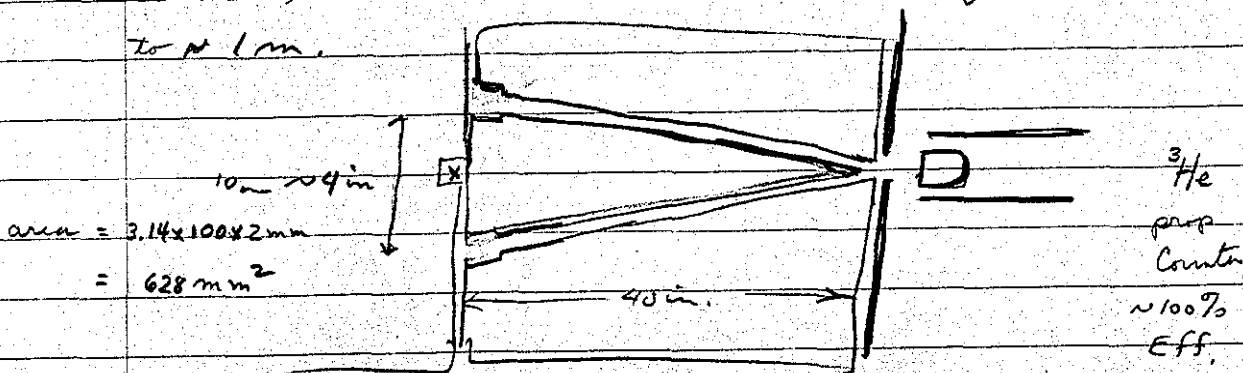
If  $25^\circ \text{C}$   $CF = 2.34 \times 10^{10} \text{ m/sec}$  (0.01 g or 10 mg)

Counts =  $3.36 \times 10^3 / \text{cm}^2 = 33.6 / \text{mm}^2$

With higher efficiency counters and smaller beam tubes (which perturb the flow much less), this can be increased to  $\sim 336 / \text{mm}^2$

and  $3360 / 10 \text{ mm}^2$   $3.16 \text{ mm} \times 3.16 \text{ mm}$

Using a cone shaped collimator, the source area can be increased and the collimator length increased to  $\sim 1 \text{ m}$ .



South to Ventura Freeway

West <sup>NW</sup> To Topanga Canyon