Capacitive Multiplexing in Germanium Radiation Imagers

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Overview

- Introduction
- Setting up the Detector
- **Predicting Peaks**
- **Reconstructing Peaks** ٠
- Inter-Strip and Ground Capacitances ٠
- Conclusions and Future work





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Introduction

- How was this research funded?
 - DOD/DOE/IAEA
- Why was this research funded?







Introduction Cont.







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Introduction Cont.^3

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- What's a HPGe imager?
- Why optimize?
- What's already been done?
- Applications
 - Compton Telescope
 - Coded Aperture**
 - Compton Camera







Compton Scattering















So many channels!

Tons of Data File Output!





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Application: Coded Aperture





Depleted uranium source



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What's the End Goal?





Three-Strip Spectra: Co-57

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Capacitive Sharing



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4-Strip All Peak Prediction Equations

Find the total capacitance at channel 29:

$$C_{total} = C_{ext1} + C_i + C_{g1} + C_{eqA}$$

$$C_{eqA} = \frac{(C_{ext2} + C_i)C_{eqB}}{(C_{ext2} + C_i) + C_{eqB}}$$

$$C_{eqB} = C_{ext3} + C_i + C_{g2}$$

$$C_{total} = C_{ext1} + C_i + C_{g1} + \frac{(C_{ext2} + C_i)(C_{ext3} + C_i + C_{g2})}{(C_{ext2} + C_i) + (C_{ext3} + C_i + C_{g2})}$$

Find the 2^{nd} peak read out from pre-amp 1, channel 30:

$$Peak_2 = (Energy)\frac{C_{ext1} + C_i}{C_{total}}$$

Find the 3^{rd} peak read out from pre-amp 1, channel 30:

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$$Peak_2 = (Energy)(\frac{C_{ext2} + C_i}{C_{total}})(\frac{C_{ext1} + C_i}{C_{ext1} + C_{ext2} + C_i + C_g})$$





Six Strip Peak Prediction Equations

• Too long to fit on slide!











Peak Reconstruction Cont.

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- How can we improve resolution?
 - Averaging both sides
 - "Better" electronics





Intrinsic Capacitances

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- Inter-strip ۲
- Strip-to-Ground •

$$Ci = \frac{\frac{Pb2}{Pb1} - 2}{\frac{Pa2}{Pa1} - \frac{Pb2}{Pb1}}Cextb$$

$$Cg = (\frac{Pa1}{Pa2} - 2)(\frac{\frac{Pb2}{Pb1} - 2}{\frac{Pa2}{Pa1} - \frac{Pb2}{Pb1}}Cextb)$$







Intrinsic Capacitance Results Cont.

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- Theoretical
 - Ci = 4.5 pF
 - Cg = 7.0 pF
- Measured
 - Ci = 4.74 pF
 - Cg = 7.37 pF
- Sources used:
 - Cs-137
 - Co-57







Future Work

- Parallel wiring set-up •
- Use both sides of the detector •
- Try it out on a coax detector •





Questions?



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Errors in Measurement

- Electronic Noise
 - 60 Hz peaks (inadequate notch-filters)
 - Cables adding capacitance
 - Ground loops & extra peaks
- Mechanical Noise
 - Vibrations
 - Ice crystal frosting
- Thermal Noise
 - Poor IR shielding (adds to background)
 - Dewar (refilling N2)
- Crystal Noise
 - Strip damage
 - Incorrect calibration





HPGe Imagers



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