

Gamma ray Shielding Properties of the 57.6TeO₂-38.4ZnO-4NiO system

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Abstract:

The radiation shielding is important for human health as it is hazardous for cell. New material development is under research for alternative shielding materials. Thus 57.6TeO₂-38.4ZnO-4NiO system was developed and its shielding capacity were inspected in terms of some parameters of the linear attenuation coefficient (LAC), half value length (HVL), mean free path (mfp), effective atomic number (Z_{eff}) and Effective electron density (N_{eff}).

1. Introduction

With the development of technology, the radiation started to be used in a variety of applications and this required protection processes from its hazardous effect. The protection processes are namely time-distance and shielding. The latest one is important and lead and lead based materials have been conventional materials for this purpose. On the other hand because of negative effect of lead and lead based materials, alternative non-conventional materials started to be investigated [1-10]. This made researcher to focus on this subject for several years and many different types of materials have been tested for this purpose [11-26]. In this study 57.6TeO₂-38.4ZnO-4NiO system were inspected their radiation defensive mechanism. To assess the radiation-protective characteristics of sample, the LAC, mfp, HVL, Z_{eff} and N_{eff} have been obtained.

2. Material and Methods

A glass sample formulated as 57.6TeO₂-38.4ZnO-4NiO was the material to be investigated.

The chemical formulation and density of glass sample are given as follow [27]:

57.6TeO₂-38.4ZnO - 4NiO, density=5.43 g.cm⁻³

The Phy-X/PSD program was used in to test LAC and related other parameters. The program is a friendly software to calculate parameters [28].

3. Results and Discussions

The LAC and other related parameters are calculated at various energies for 57.6TeO₂-38.4ZnO-4NiO system. The obtained LAC results as a function of gamma ray energies for sample is displayed in Fig.1. As can be seen from this figure that the distribution of LAC values decreases with increasing energy. This is consistence with the previous works done on this subject [29-34]. The HVL and mfp have been displayed in Fig. 2 and 3 as a function of gamma ray energies respectively. The Z_{eff} and N_{eff} of the tested glass sample as a function of gamma ray energies are graphed in Fig.4 and Fig.5 respectively. It can be seen from these figure that HVL and mfp are similar to each other. In the same time the Z_{eff} and N_{eff} are similar shape too.

4. Conclusions

The present work is about radiation shielding properties of glass sample formulated as 57.6TeO₂-38.4ZnO-4NiO. The changes LAC, HVL, mfp, Z_{eff}

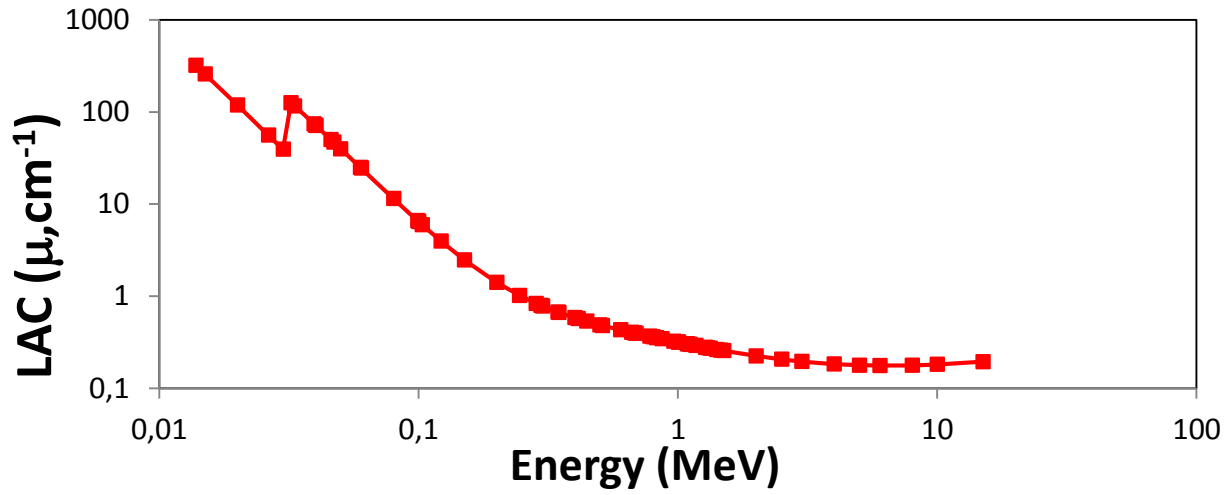


Figure 1. The LAC value obtained for the glass sample.

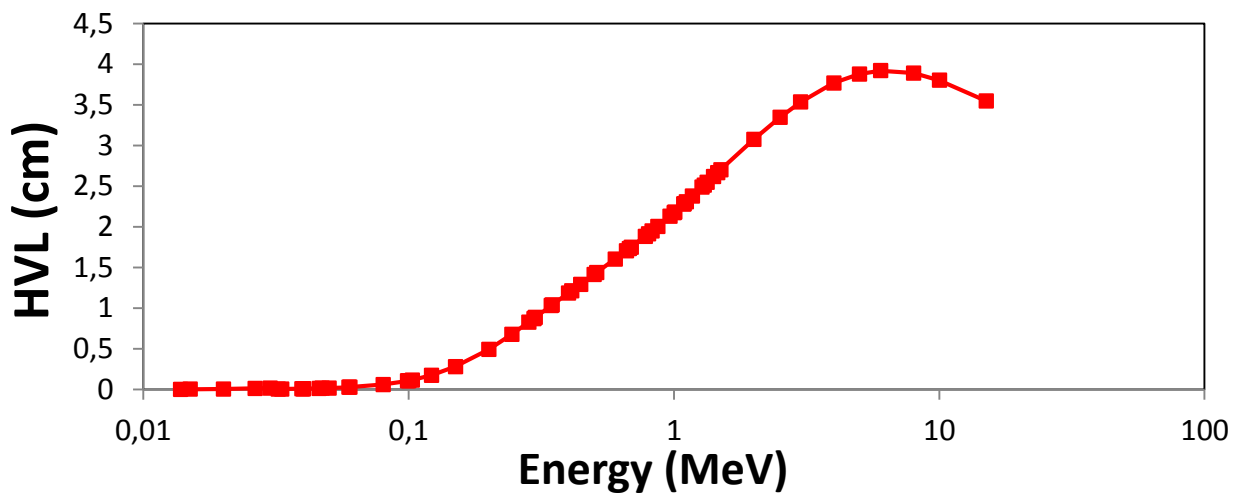


Figure 2. The HVL value obtained for glass sample.

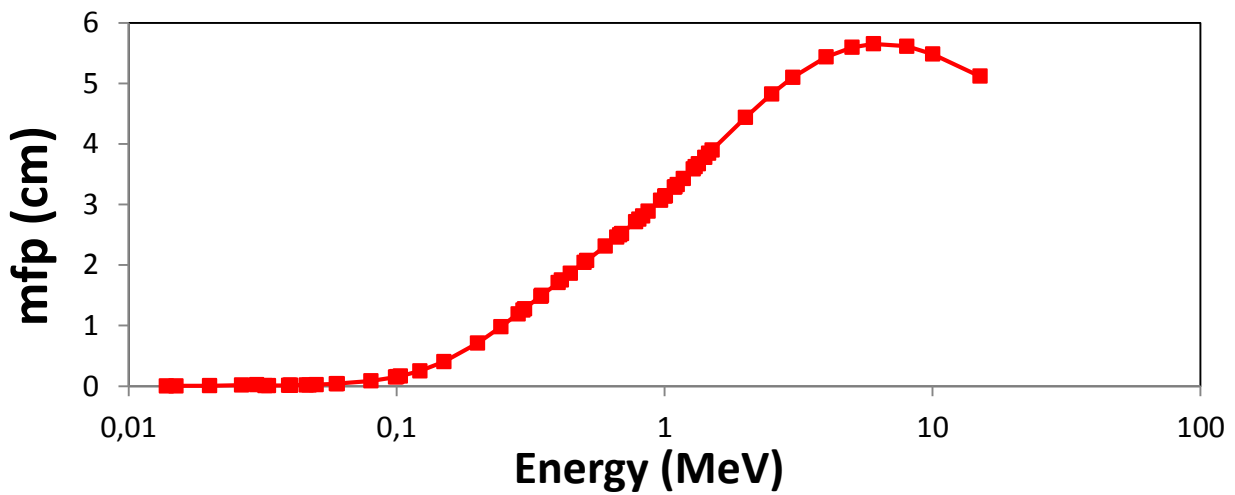


Figure 3. The mfp values obtained for the glass sample.

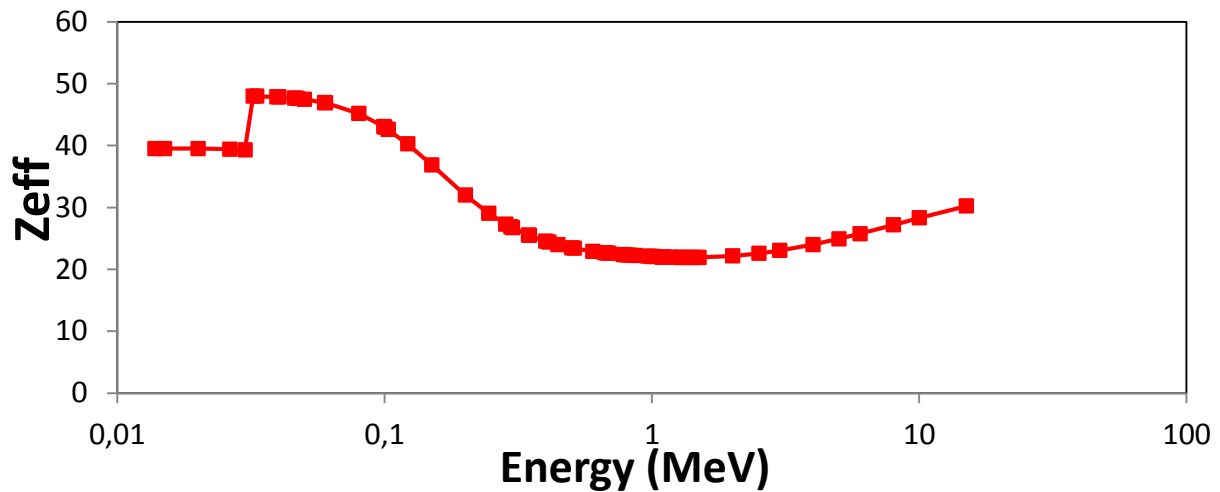


Figure 4. The Z_{eff} values for the glass sample.

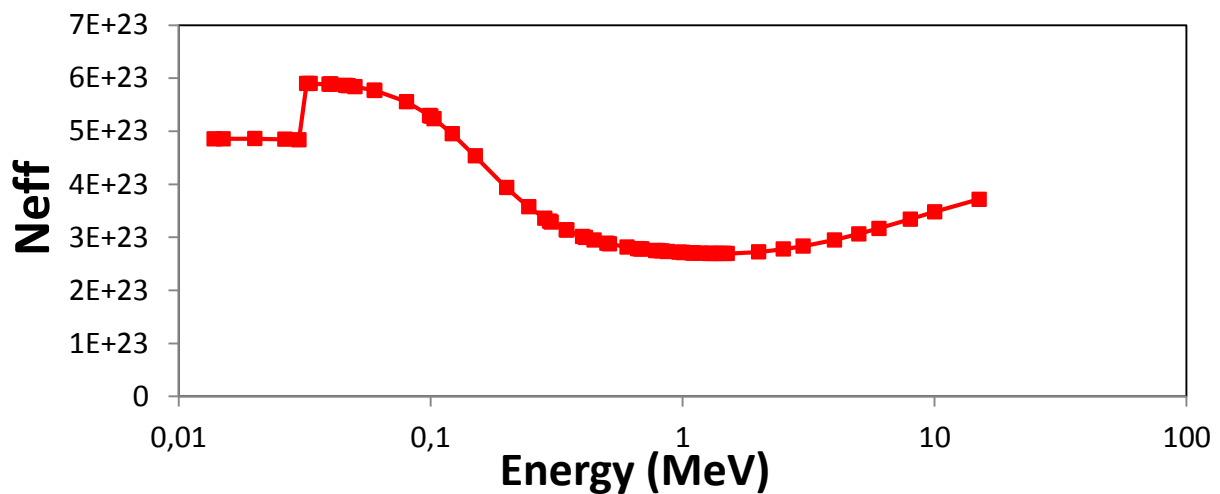


Figure 5. The N_{eff} values for the glass sample.

and N_{eff} were studied. It can be concluded that the LAC values decreased with the increasing gamma ray energies.

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