



LABORATÓRIO DE INSTRUMENTAÇÃO
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[Target Production]

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1. Target

What it is and what it is used for?

Target

- Thin films can be a layer, a multi-layer or a mix of materials
- Have applications in nuclear physics, optics and electronics
- Designed with Thermal Evaporation using the evaporator in FCUL

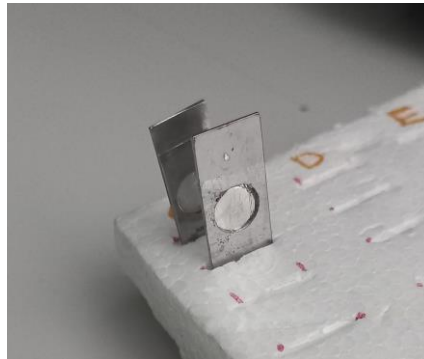


Fig. 1: Targets

2. Thermal Evaporation

Evaporator and how it works



Thermal Evaporation

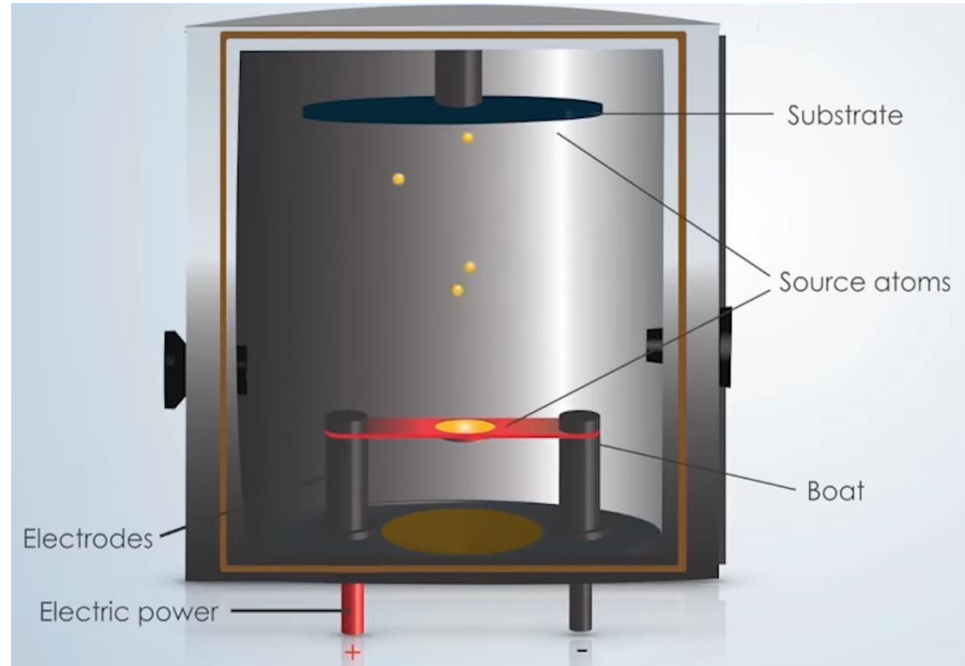


Fig. 2: Thermal Evaporation Process

Credits: [Thermal Evaporation](#), video by Duke University - SMIF

Thermal Evaporation



Fig. 3: Cleaning the chamber



Fig. 4: Boats with Tin between electrodes



Fig. 5: Shelf with glass slides placed above the boat

Thermal Evaporation



Fig. 6: Closed chamber with vacuum around 10^{-6} mbar



Fig. 7: Glowing coming for the boat inside the chamber

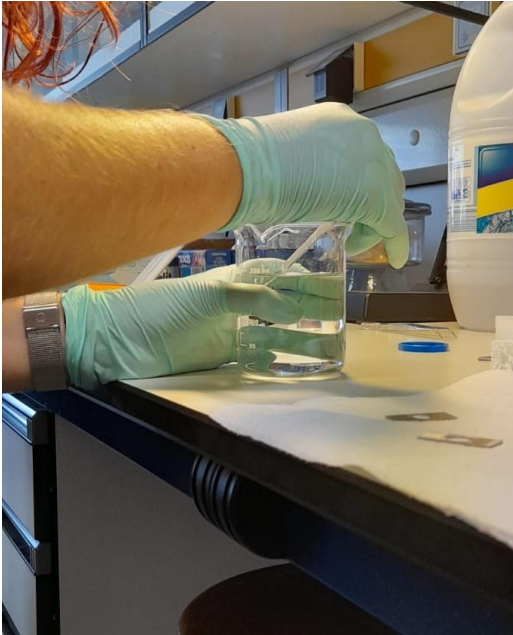


Fig. 8: Releasing the substract from the glass slide



Fig. 9: The frames and instruments used for fishing



Fig. 10: Produced targets

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Target Characterization

Alpha Loss Energy and RBS analysis and simulations

Alpha Loss Energy

- From the measured energy loss of alpha particle's, the thickness of a target is determined



Fig. 11: Chamber

- Sn targets were analysed using a Ra-226 as alpha particle's source

$$\Delta x = \int_{E_i}^{E_f} - \left(\frac{dE}{dx} \right)^{-1} dE$$



Fig. 12: The detector and the source

Alpha Loss Energy

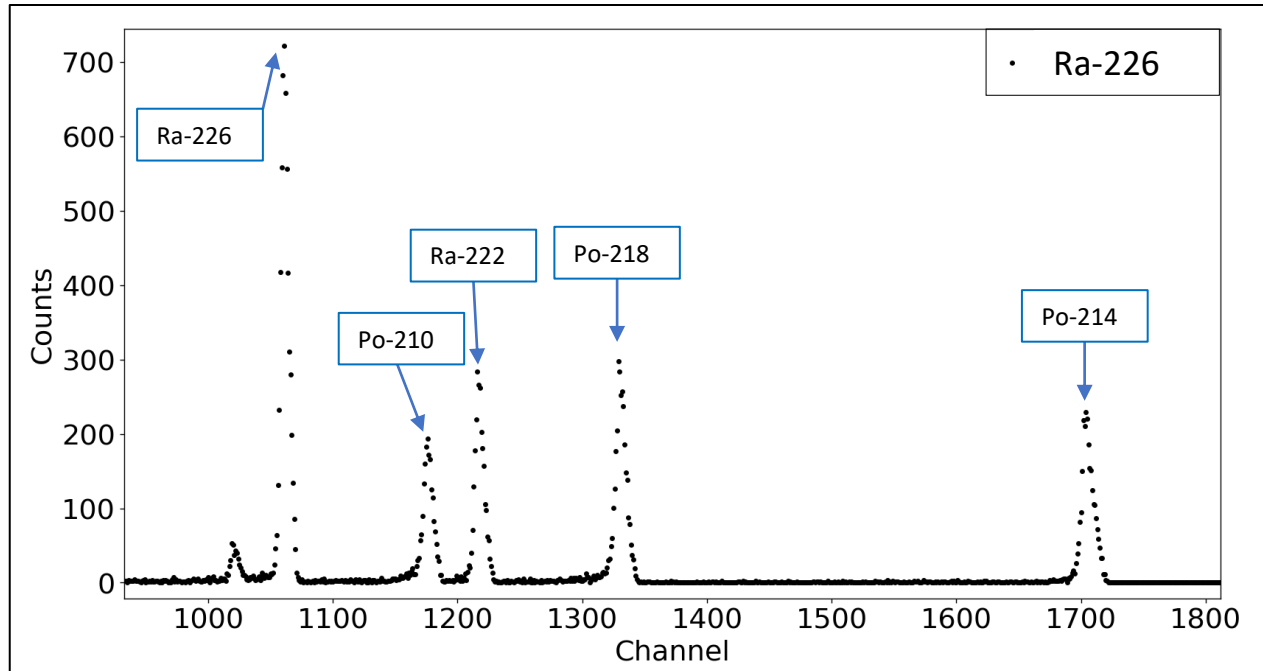


Fig. 13: Calibration for the Alpha Loss Energy

Alpha Loss Energy

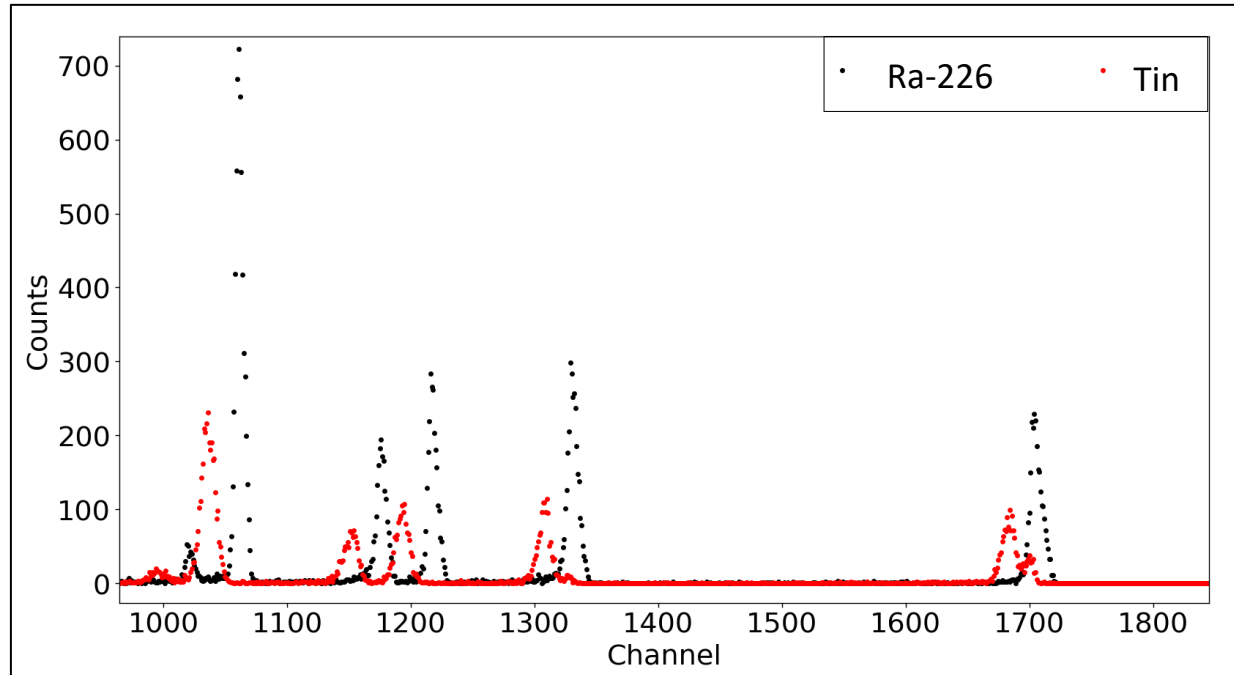


Fig. 14: Comparison between the energy of the detected alpha particles with and without the target between the source and the detector .

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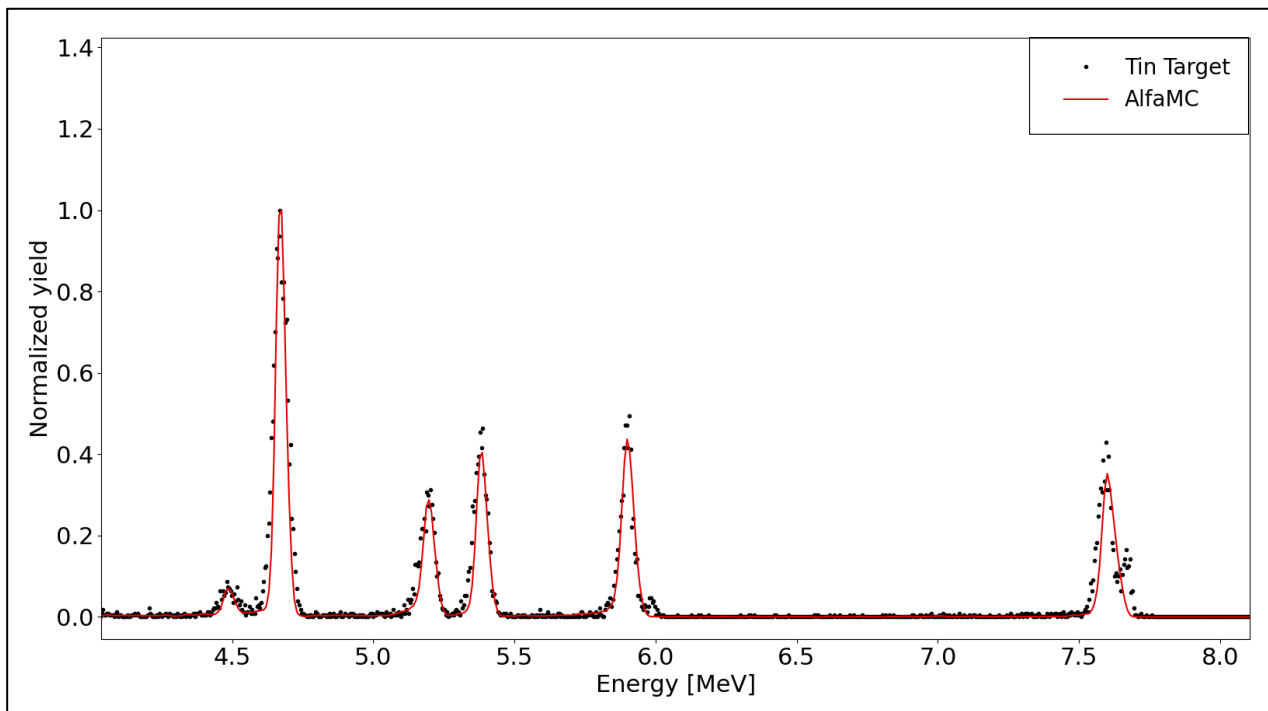


Fig. 15: Comparison between the simulated and the experimental values for a tin target

RBS

- Rutherford Backscattering Spectrometry
- Can be done by using one of the two accelerators of the CTN
- With kinematic factor, stopping power and the energy variation, we can determinate the thickness



Fig. 16: Chamber used in Tandem accelerator



Fig. 17: Chamber used in Van de Graaff accelerator

RBS

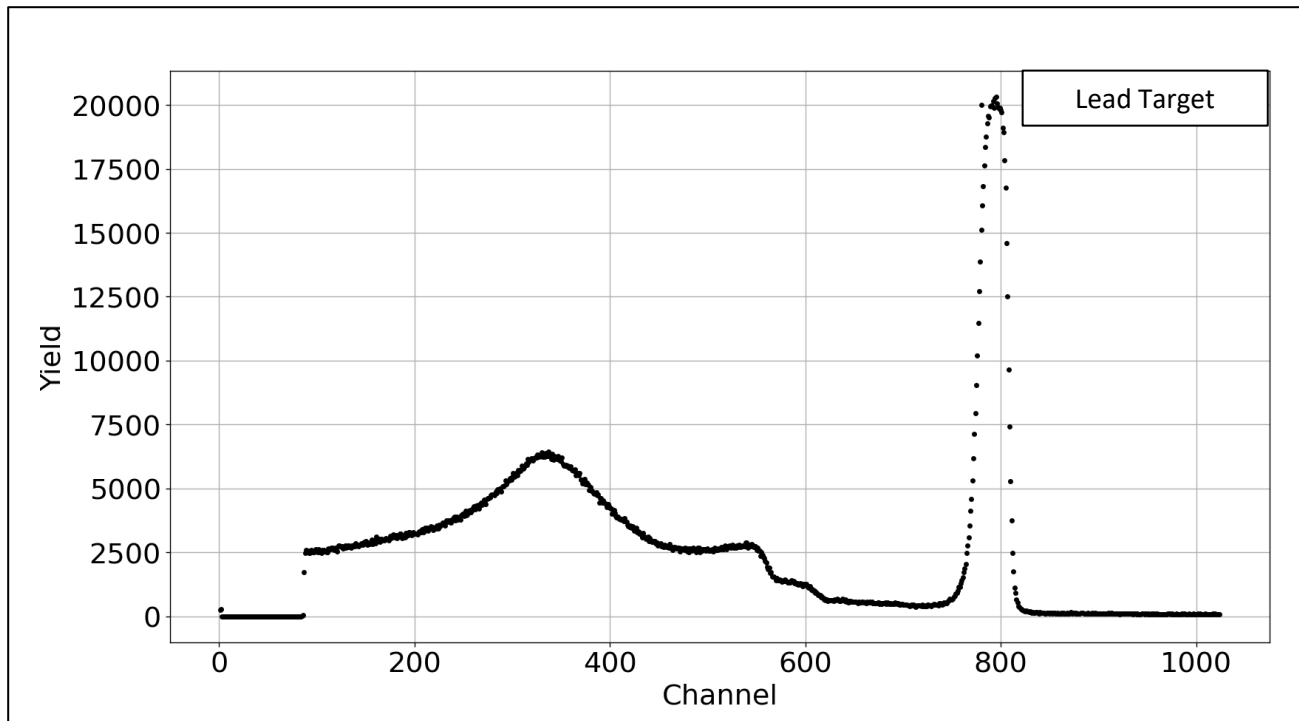


Fig. 16: Example of acquired data from Van de Graaff accelerator in CTN using lead targets

SIMNRA

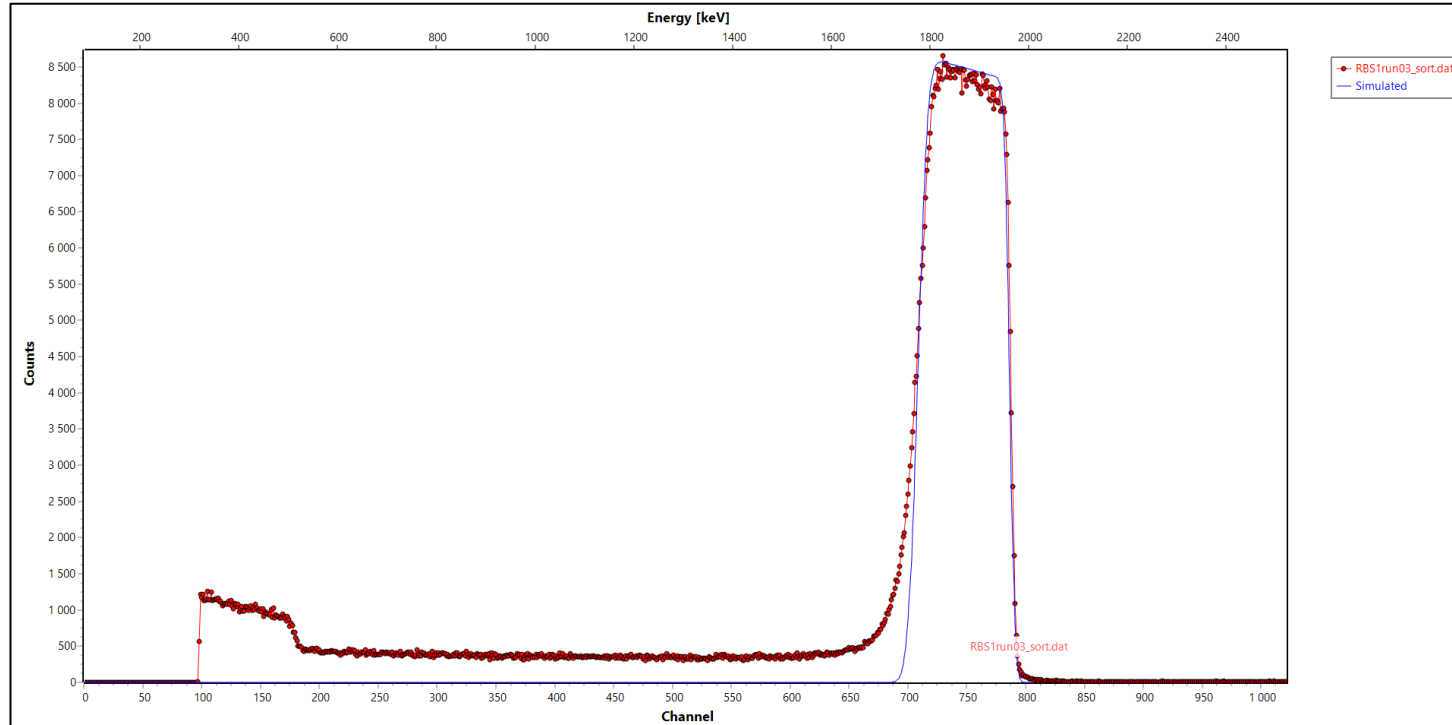


Fig. 17: Simulation using SIMNRA that compare the experimental data with simulated data.

4. Summary