An introduction to USpekPy package

Uncertainty estimation on protection quantities for x-rays using SpekPy and Monte Carlo techniques

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What is USpekPy?

- Python package: Open source and GPLv3-licensed library compatible with Python 3 •
- Goal: Compute mean radiation protection quantities for a simulated x-ray spectrum with uncertainties using Monte Carlo techniques
- Based on SpekPy: Python package for modelling the x-ray spectra from x-ray tubes
- Developed by Xandra Campo & Paz Avilés (CIEMAT, Spain), based on an original idea of Paz Avilés & Jacco de Pooter (VSL, Netherlads)

Main features of USpekPy

- Compute mean values of radiation protection quantities of a simulated x-ray spectrum: \overline{E} , K_{air} and $\overline{h_K}$
- Compute mean radiation protection quantities of a simulated x-ray spectrum with uncertainties using Monte Carlo techniques: first and second HVL for Al and Cu, \overline{E} , K_{air} and $\overline{h_K}$
- Perform batch simulation to compute mean values and uncertainties of radiation protection quantities for several simulated x-ray spectra

USpekPy in a nutshell

Status

Last version: 1.0.2 Release date: Jun 2024 Maintenance: Active

Links

Source code: GitHub

Documentation: README @GitHub
Contribute: Issues @GitHub

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Testing

Tests: Passing Code coverage: 65%

Distribution

Distribution: PyPI

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GNU GPL v3.0

Requirements

Python: ≥3.8
Dependencies: spekpy pandas

openpyxl

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How to get support?



Contact developers

Contact the developers of USpekPy via email:

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How to contribute to USpekPy?

What may be a contribution?

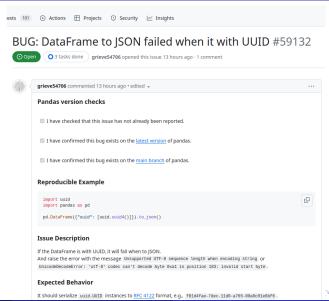
- Bug reports & fixes
- Documentation improvements
- Feature enhancements

How to deliver a contribution?

- Issues page at GitHub (Recommended)
- Contact the developers via email



What to include in a contribution?



Title

Description

Minimal.

Environment

Potential fix

Expected behavior

reproducible example

Error messages, logs

Steps to reproduce

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Compute mean radiation protection quantities

Information flow

For a single case, given an x-ray quality and an operational quantity at a specific irradiation angle:

InputToolOutputValue:SpekWrapper classValue:• Filter thickness• HVL(AI, Cu)• Peak kilovoltage• \overline{E} • Anode angle• K_{air} • $h_K(E)$ • $\overline{h_K}$

Compute mean radiation protection quantities Workflow

Workflow for \overline{E} , K_{air} and $\overline{h_K}$:

- Compute x-ray spectrum (energy and fluence) using SpekPy
- ② If necessary, interpolate $\frac{\mu_{tr}}{\rho}(E)$ and $h_K(E)$ to spectrum energies in logarithmic scale
- If necessary, apply units conversion
- Compute the integral quantity using the corresponding definition

$$\overline{E} = \frac{\int_0^\infty \phi(E) E dE}{\int_0^\infty \phi(E) dE}$$

$$K_{air} = \int_0^\infty \phi(E) rac{\mu_{tr}}{
ho}(E) E dE$$

$$\overline{h_{K}} = \frac{\int_{0}^{\infty} \phi(E) \frac{\mu_{tr}}{\rho}(E) h_{K}(E) E dE}{\int_{0}^{\infty} \phi(E) \frac{\mu_{tr}}{\rho}(E) E dE}$$

HVLs are calculated using SpekPy methods.

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Compute mean RP quantities with uncertainties

Information flow

For a single case, given an x-ray quality and an operational quantity at a specific irradiation angle:

Input Tool Output **USpek class** Value and uncertainty: Value and uncertainty: Filter thickness HVL(Al, Cu) • F Peak kilovoltage Anode angle Kair \bullet $\overline{h_K}$ $\bullet \frac{\mu_{tr}}{\rho}(E)$ Value: \bullet $h_k(E)$

Number of iterations

Compute mean RP quantities with uncertainties Workflow

A simulation is performed for the specified number of iterations.

- For each iteration:
 - Generate random values of the input variables considering their mean values, uncertainties and distributions.
 - Compute mean values of the integral quantities using the SpekWrapper class
- Once the iterations are completed: Compute statistical mean value and standard deviation of the integral quantities from the different values obtained in the iterations

Compute batch simulation for several x-ray spectra

Information flow

For a set of cases, each case for a given x-ray quality and operational quantity at an irradiation angle:

Input

For every case:

Value and uncertainty:

- Filter thickness
- Peak kilovoltage
- Anode angle
- \bullet $\frac{\mu_{tr}}{\rho}(E)$

Value:

- h_k(E)
- Number of iterations

Tool

batch_simulation function

Output

For every case, value and uncertainty:

- HVL(AI, Cu)
- <u>E</u>
- K_{air}

Compute batch simulation for several x-ray spectra Workflow

- The set of cases are provided in an input file, each case is a column in that file
- 2 For each case, a simulation is performed for the specified number of iterations using the USpek class
- Results for the set of cases are returned in an output file, appending the result to the corresponding column of the input file

Units and uncertainties convention

- All the uncertainties are standard uncertainties (k = 1)
- The units of relative uncertainties are expressed as fraction of one

Quantity	Unit
Distance	mm
Voltage	kV
Angle	deg
Energy	keV
Fluence	$1/cm^2$
Mass energy transfer coefficients of air	cm^2/g
Air kerma	μGy
Mono-energetic K to H conversion coefficients	Sv/Gy

Verification of the code

- Integral quantity values: Compared with values provided by SpekPy (except $\overline{h_K}$)
- Integral quantity uncertainties: Compared with values provided by:
 - Previous script version of USpekPy developed by Paz Avilés
 - Results obtained by CMI
- Validation against experimental measurements is yet to be made.

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How to install USpekPy?

Steps to install USpekPy using PyCharm IDE:

- Olone the seminar repository to your computer ► Seminar repository
- 2 Set up a virtual environment for the project
- Install USpekPy
- Fix SciPy dependency issue

Now you are ready to go!

▶ Detailed guide



Examples of USpekPy usage

Using USpekPy to compute integral quantities for x-ray spectra:

- Values for a single case using data files
- Values and uncertainties for a single case using data files
- Values and uncertainties for several cases using CSV/Excel input file

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Improvements on the horizon

- Bug: Fix SciPy dependency bug
- New feature: Add the contribution to the uncertainty of the variation of the mono-energetic air kerma-to-dose conversion coefficients
- Documentation: Improve package documentation (GitHub Wiki, GitHub Pages)
- Testing: Improve test code coverage

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Contribute to USpekPy package!

This sofware is for you. We want to make it fit better your necesities. Let us know if you find any issue or if you would like to have any new feature in future versions.

▶ USpekPy Issues page

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Thank you very much!

We're grateful for your time and attention today.

We appreciate your interest in USpekPy.

Thank you for joining us.