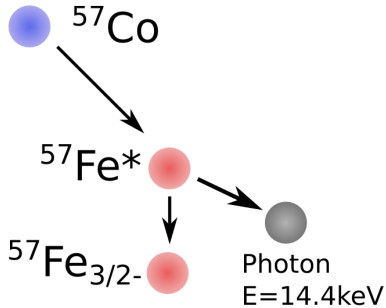


Determining Natural Line-Width, Quadropole and Zeeman Effects in Iron Compounds using Mössbauer Spectroscopy

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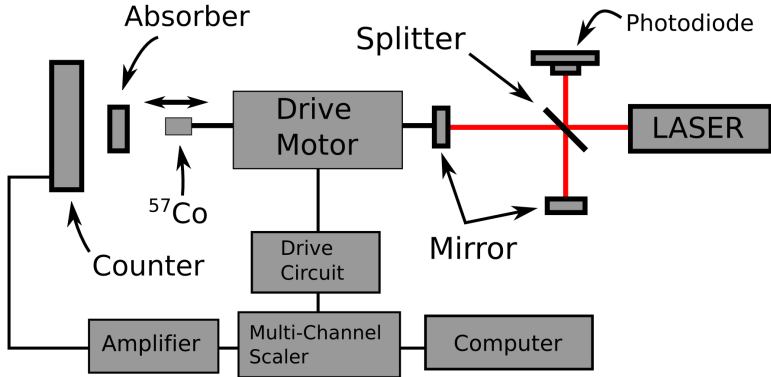
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Principle Behind Mössbauer Spectroscopy

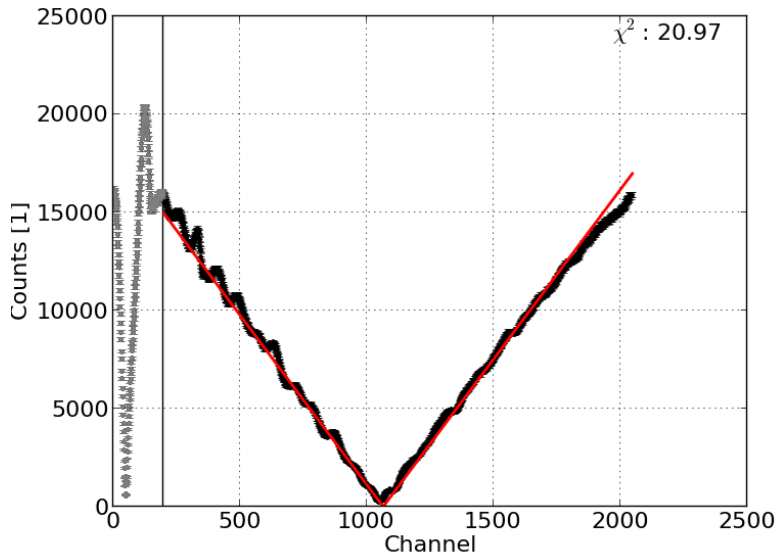


$$E' = E (1 + v/c)$$

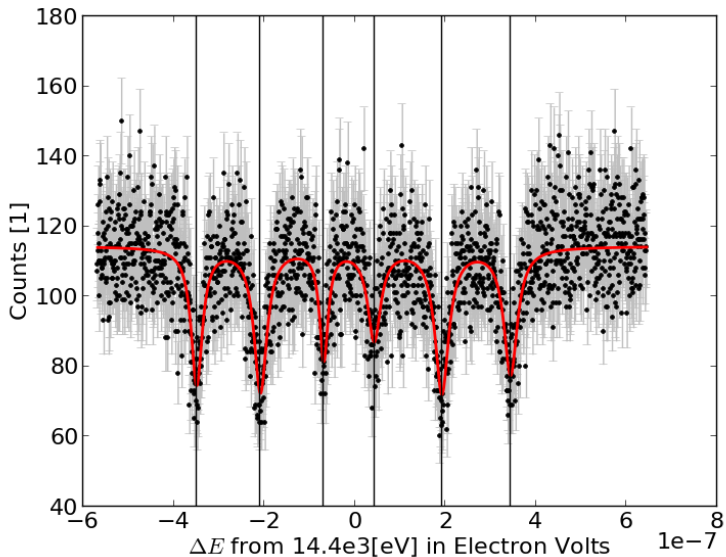
Equipment Setup



Absolute Velocity Calibration



^{57}Fe Absorption Spectrum



Absorption Line Width and Sample Thickness

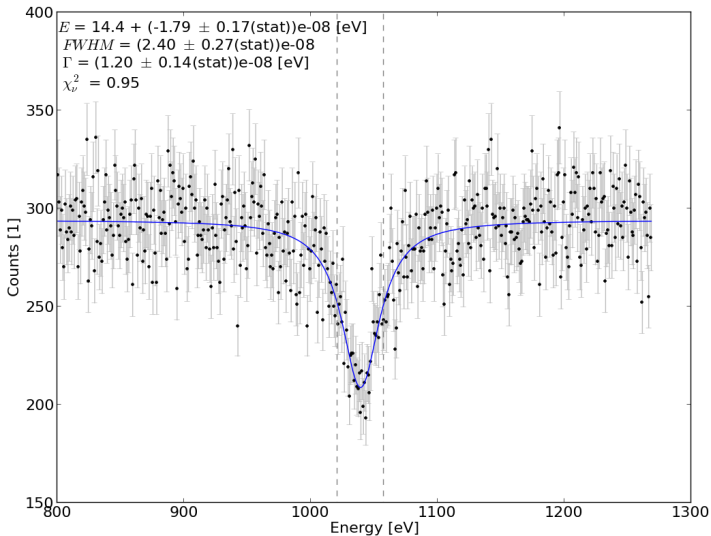
Absorption Profile,

$$I(E) = \frac{I_0(\Gamma)^2}{(E - E_0)^2 + (\Gamma)^2}$$

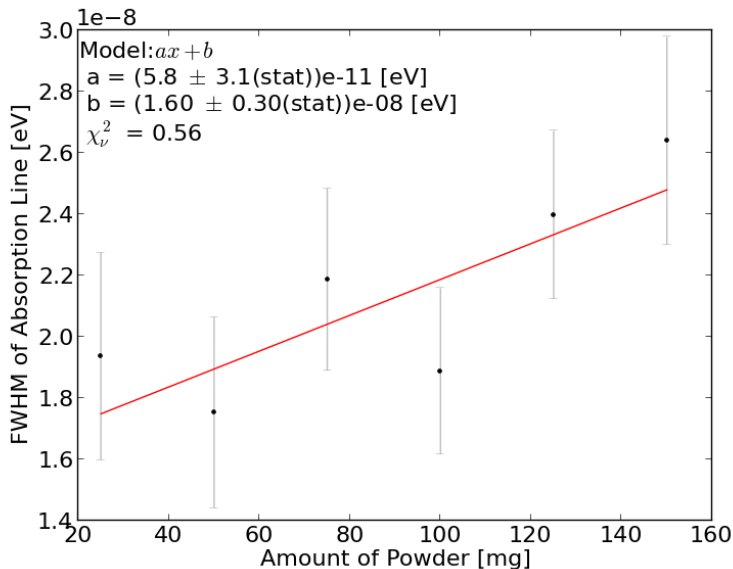
Photons Transmitted (Assuming Thin Sample)

$$C(E) = C_0 \left(1 - \frac{B}{(E - E_0)^2 + \Gamma^2} \right)$$

Example FWHM Fit of Absorption Line - 125[*mg*] Sample



Determining Natural Line Width



Measured Values for ^{57}Fe Natural Line Width

Accepted Values

$$\tau_{1/2} = 9.8 \times 10^{-8} [\text{sec}]$$

$$\Gamma = \frac{h \ln 2}{2\pi\tau_{1/2}} = 4.7 \times 10^{-9} [\text{eV}]$$

Measured Values

$$\Gamma: (8.0 \pm 1.5(\text{stat})) \times 10^{-9} [\text{eV}]$$

Factor of σ Off Accepted Γ : 2.19

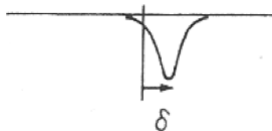
$$\tau_{1/2}: (5.7 \pm 1.1(\text{stat})) \times 10^{-8} [\text{sec}]$$

$$\text{FWHM } \Delta E: (1.60 \pm 0.3(\text{stat})) \times 10^{-8} [\text{eV}]$$

$$E: (1.439999999998364 \pm 0.000000000000072(\text{stat})) \times 10^4 [\text{eV}]$$

$$\text{Fractional Width: } (1.11 \pm 0.21(\text{stat})) \times 10^{-12}$$

Isomer Shift



$$\delta = C \cdot (R_e^2 - R_g^2) |\phi_s^2(0) - \phi_a^2(0)|$$

where,

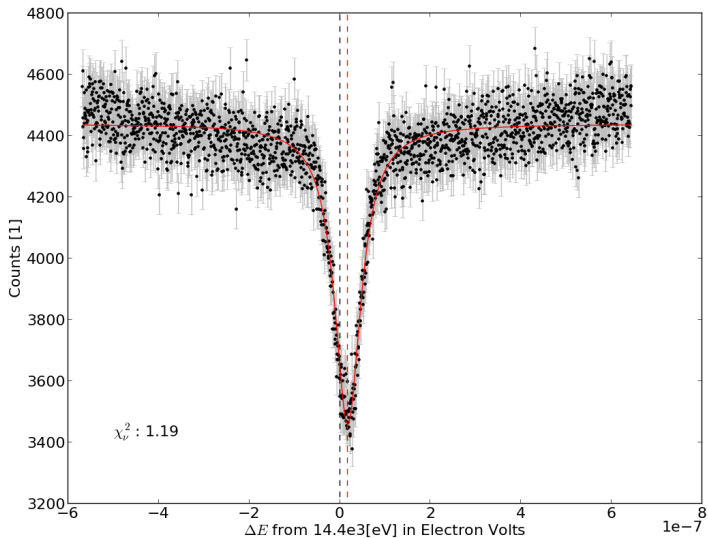
R_e = Absorber nucleus charge radius in excited state

R_g = Absorber nucleus charge radius in ground state

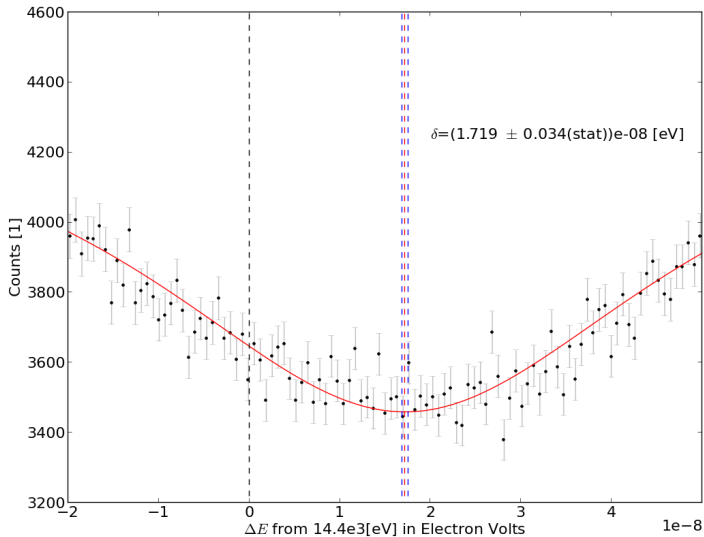
ϕ_s = Source Electron Density

ϕ_a = Absorber Electron Density

Absorption Spectrum of $\text{Fe}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3$

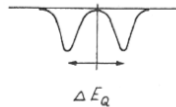
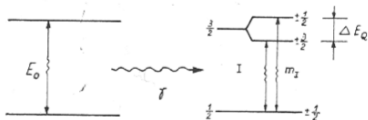


Isomer Shift in $\text{Fe}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3$

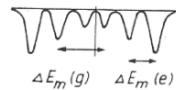
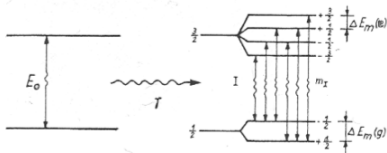


Quadrupole and Zeeman Effects

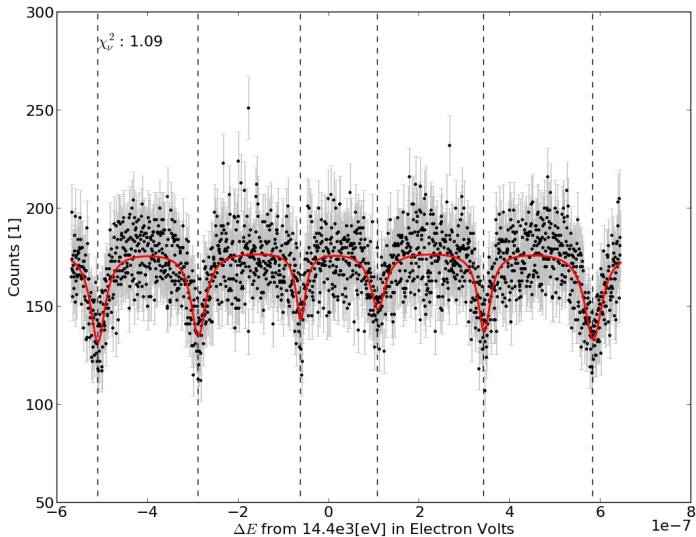
Quadrupole



Zeeman



Peak Fitting Quadrupole and Zeeman Effects in Fe_2O_3



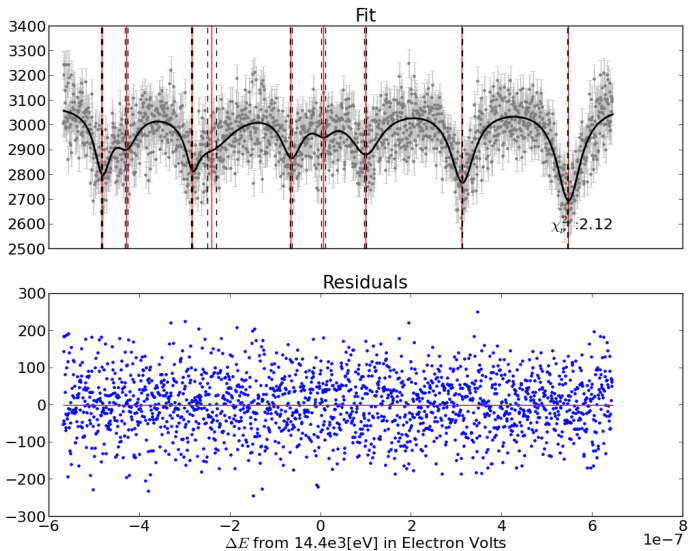
Measured Values for Quadrupole and Zeeman Effects in Fe_2O_3

$$\Delta E_g = (4.018 \pm 0.013(stat))e - 07 [eV]$$

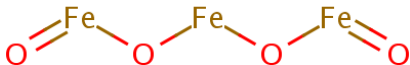
$$\Delta E_m = (2.294 \pm 0.013(stat))e - 07 [eV]$$

$$\Delta Q = (9.4 \pm 1.6(stat))e - 09 [eV]$$

Measurement of the Absorption Spectrum for Fe_3O_4

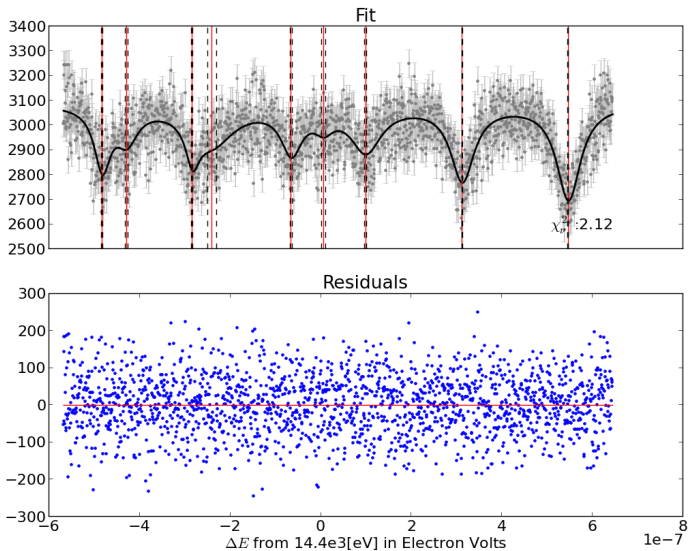


Chemical Structure of Fe_3O_4



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Measurement of the Absorption Spectrum for Fe_3O_4



Final Remarks

- ▶ Mössbauer spectroscopy allows for fine measurements of atomic structure.
- ▶ We have confirmed accepted measurements for $\tau_{1/2}$ in ^{57}Fe .
- ▶ The technique can be applied to provide information about the chemical structure of a substance as demonstrated by our application to Fe_3O_4 .

