

Thesis Title Rutherford Backscattering Spectrometry Using 140 keV D⁺ Ion

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Abstract

This research studies the Rutherford Backscattering Spectrometry (RBS) at low mass and medium energy projectiles such as a deuteron at 140 keV. The backscattered deuteron energy at 149 degrees is measured via Pulsed Time-of-Flight (TOF) technique with a pulse width of about 5 ns. The start signals are produced by a capacitive pick-off and the stop signals are produced by Microchannel Plate (MCP) that placed 192.25 cm from the sample. The TOF-RBS system has a timing resolution of 7.4 ns or equivalent to a energy resolution of 3.7 keV and a mass resolution of 143 u around Au.

The samples used in analysis were pure gold films of different thickness on silicon substrates and a mixed copper-gold film, of areal density 61.5×10^{15} and 88.2×10^{15} atom/cm² respectively, on a silicon substrate. The measured RBS spectra displayed clear separation of Au from Si but not from Cu and also could tell, qualitatively, the thickness of metal thin film. The experimental result was in agreement with the simulation by the SIMNRA code.