

Mössbauer Sources for Undergraduate Labs

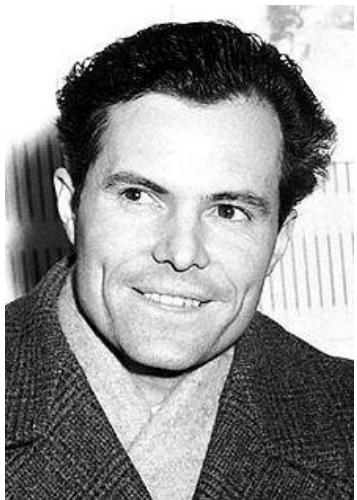
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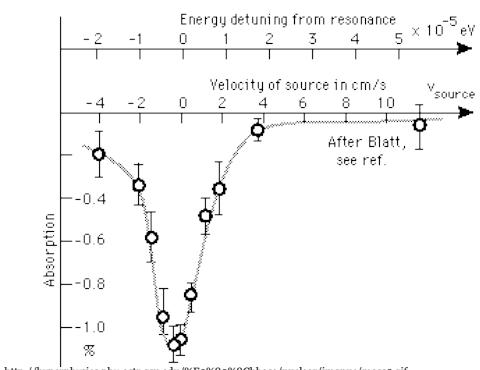
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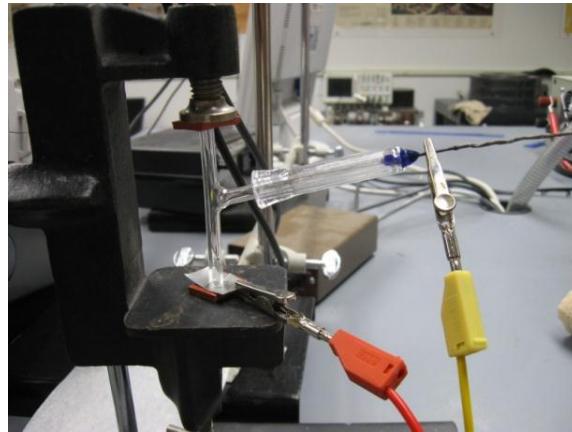
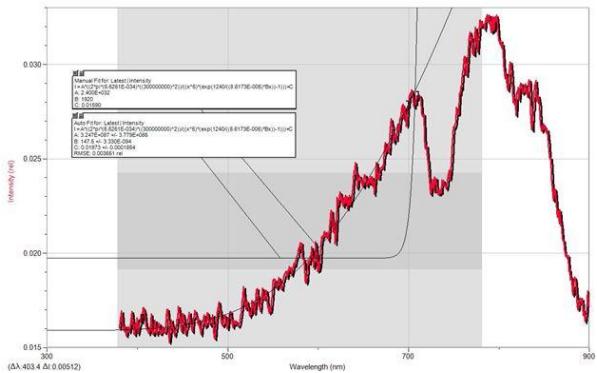
Overview



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rudolf_M%C3%BCssbauer

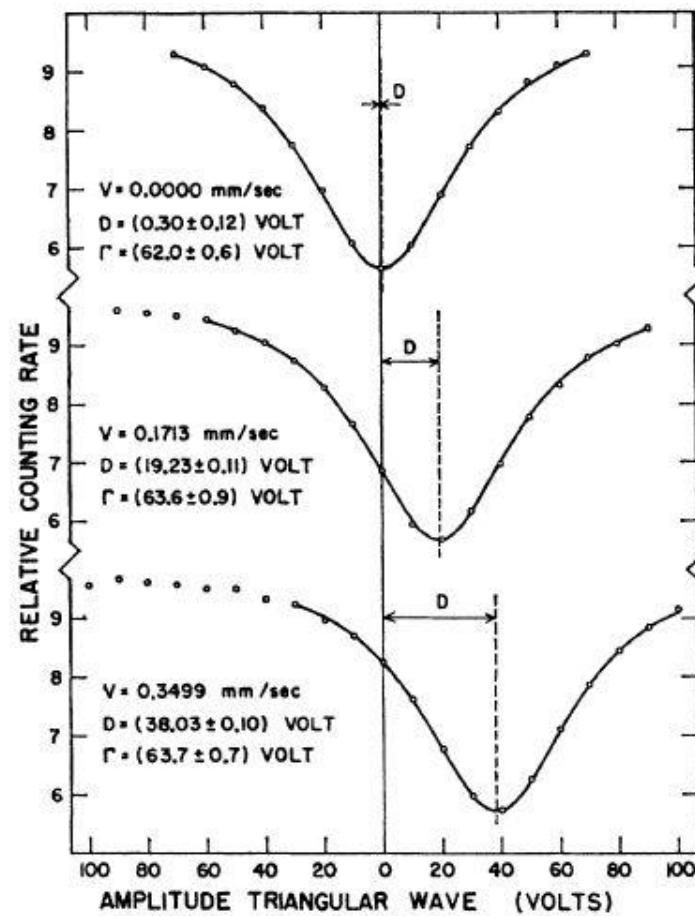
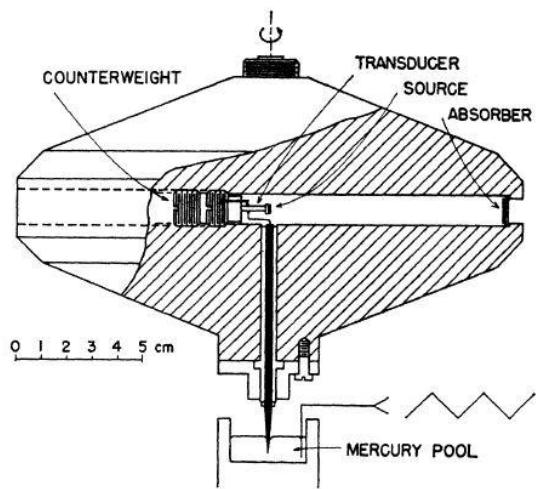


<http://hyperphysics.phy-astr.gsu.edu/%E2%80%8Chbase/nuclear/imgnuc/moss2.gif>

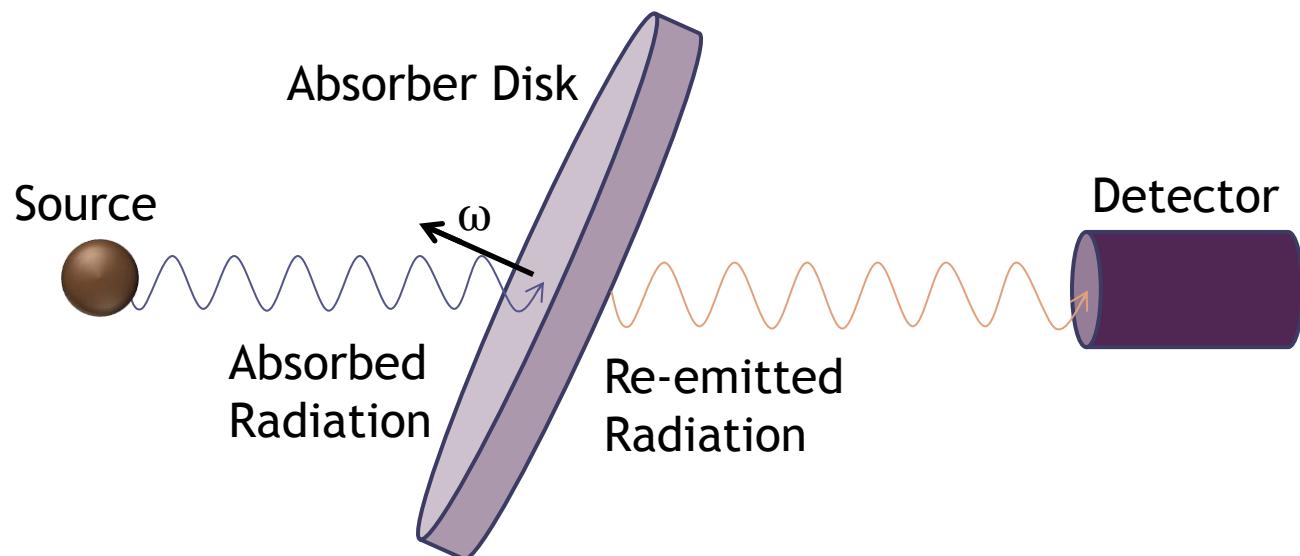


Resonance and the Doppler Effect

- Line width $\sim 10^{-6}$ eV
- $|P_R| = |P_\gamma|$



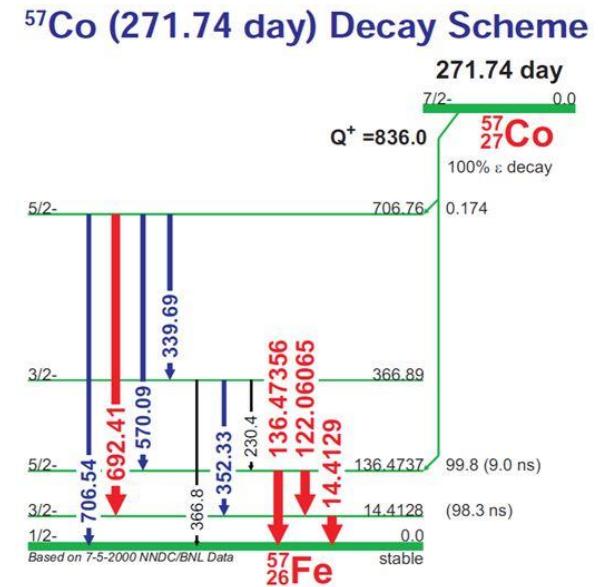
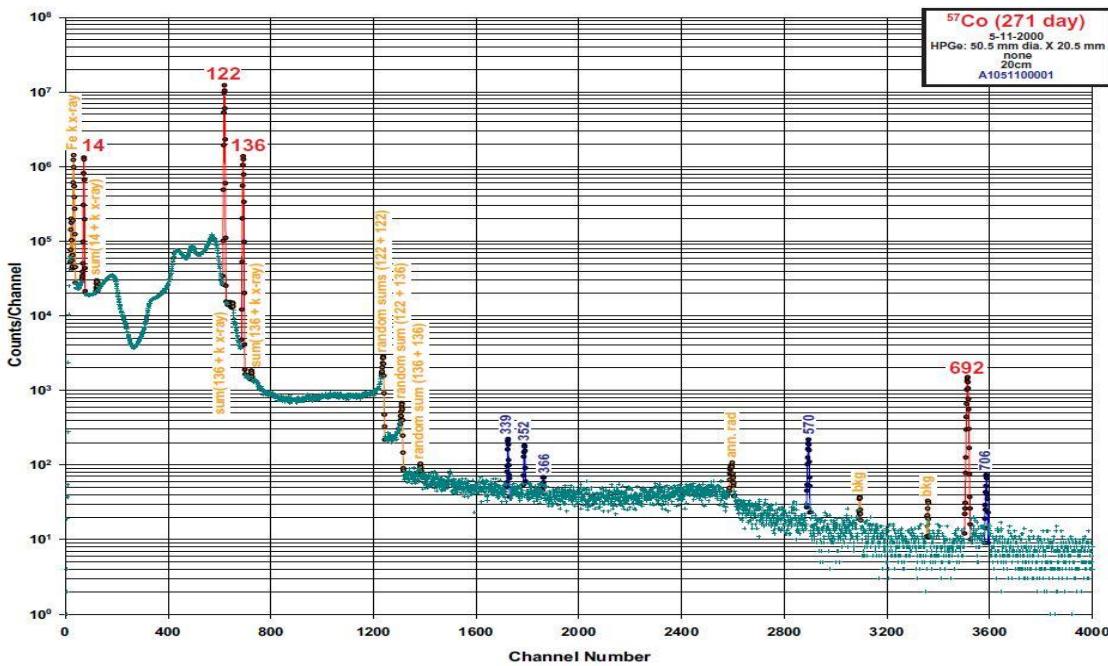
Longitudinal Doppler Effect



Count Rate Estimates

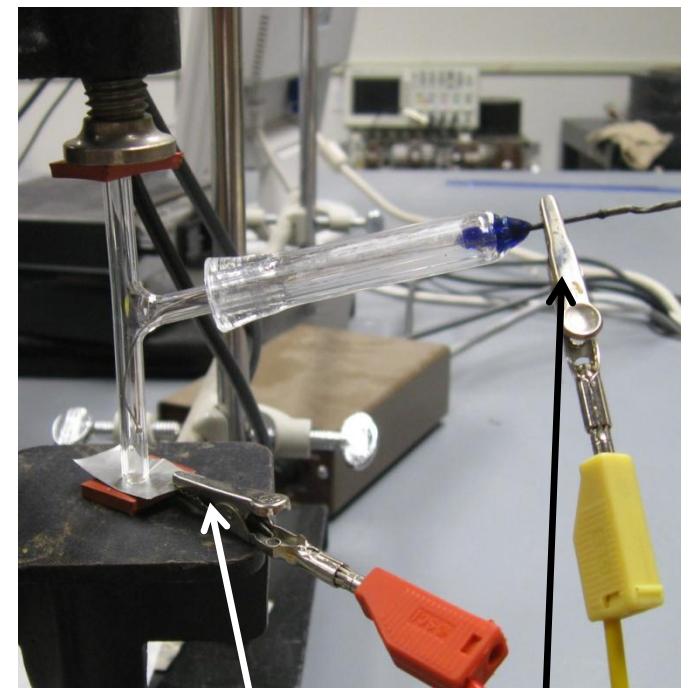
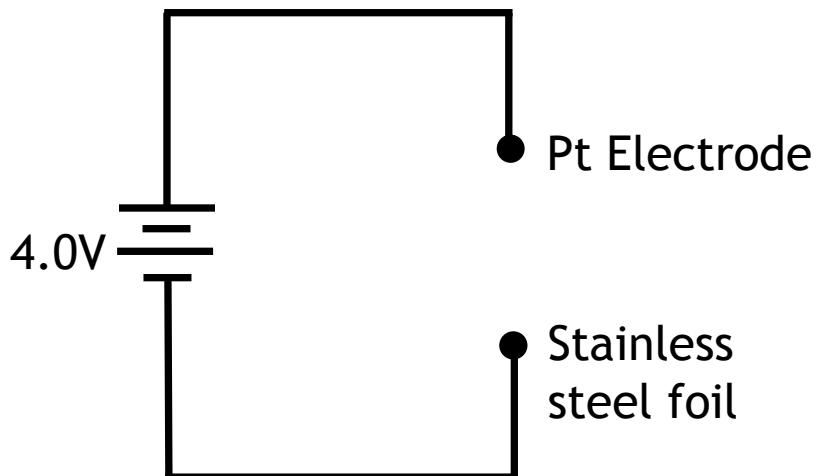
- $t_{\text{collection}} = 100\text{s}$
- Source Activity = $5 \times 10^{-6}\text{Ci}$
- Transmitted ~ 519 incidents

Mössbauer Source Material



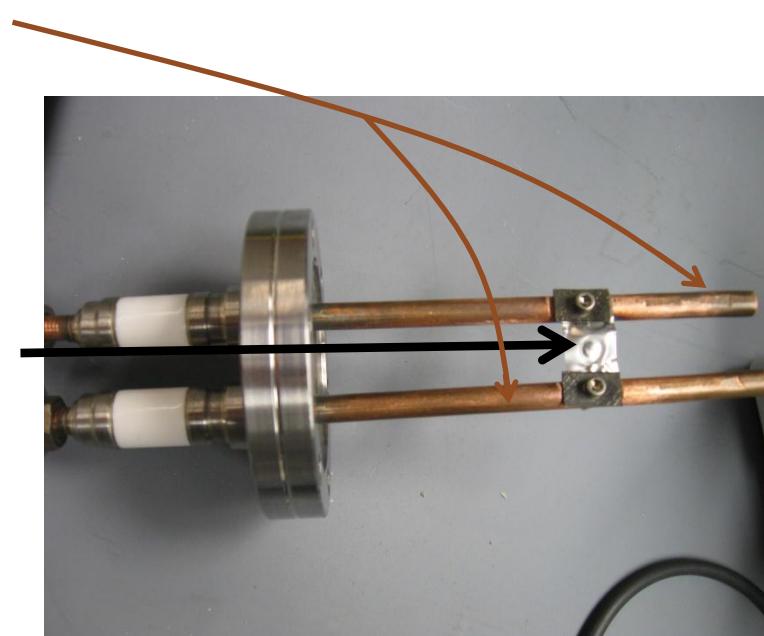
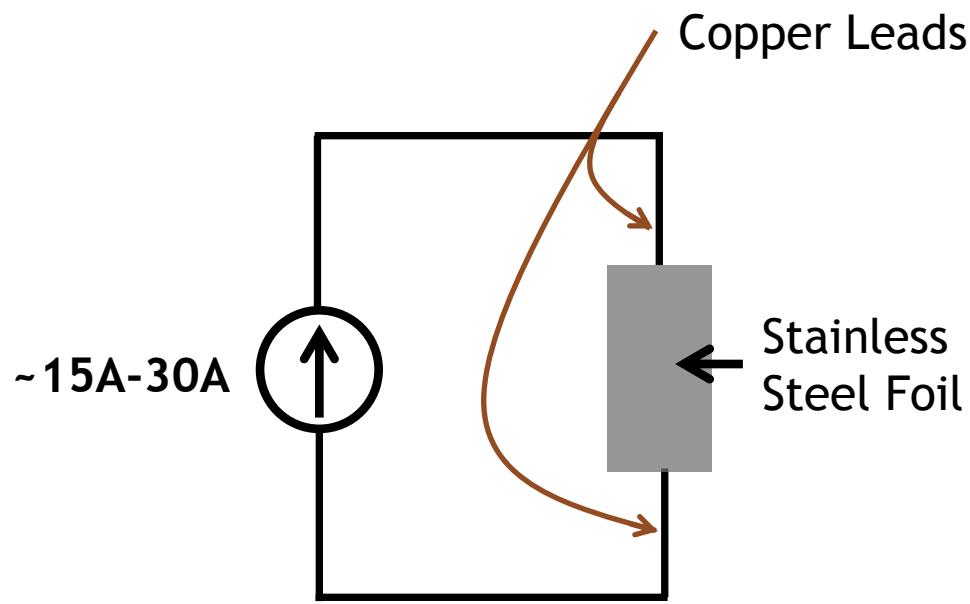
Electroplating the Source

- ^{57}Co & $^{59}\text{Co}\cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ with HCl



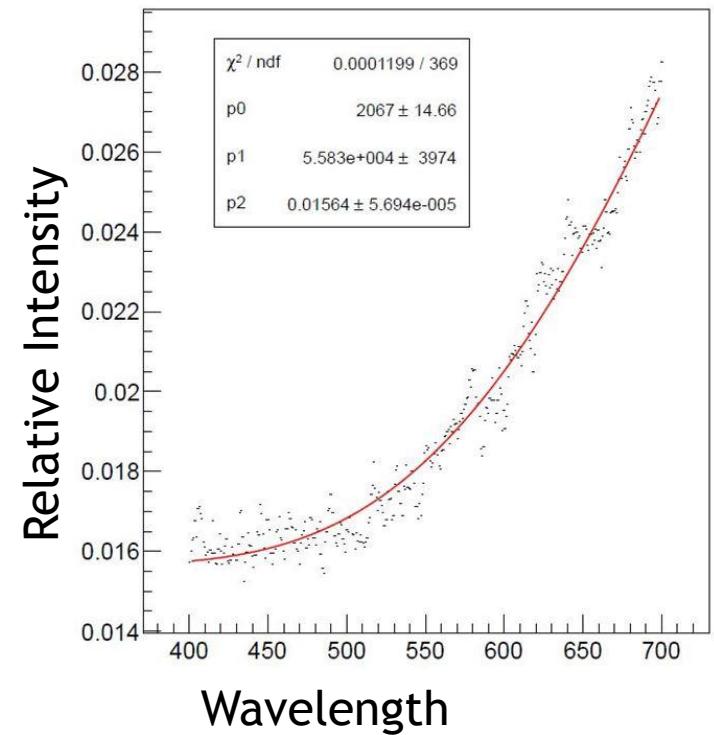
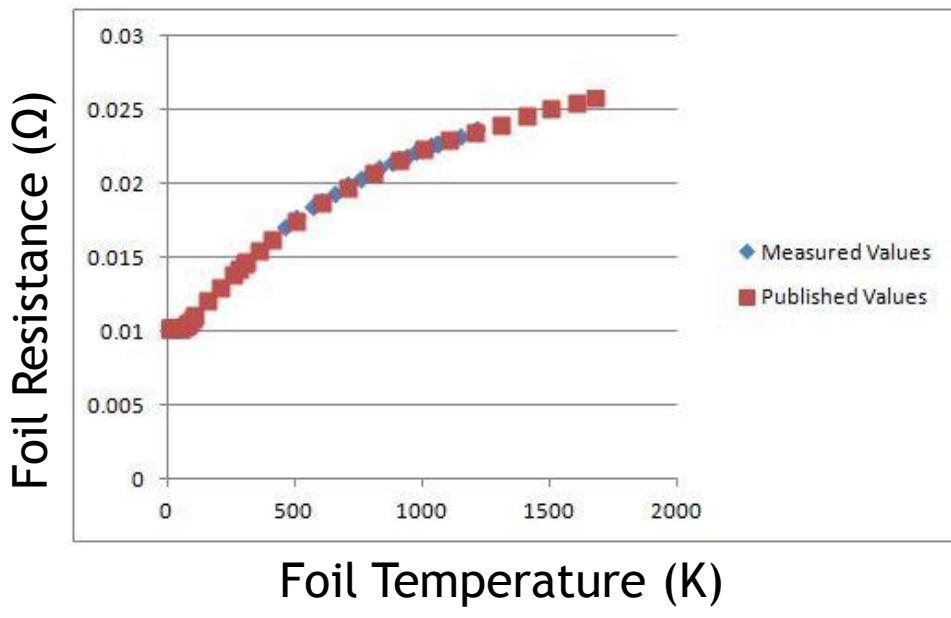
Negative lead Positive lead

Heating the Source



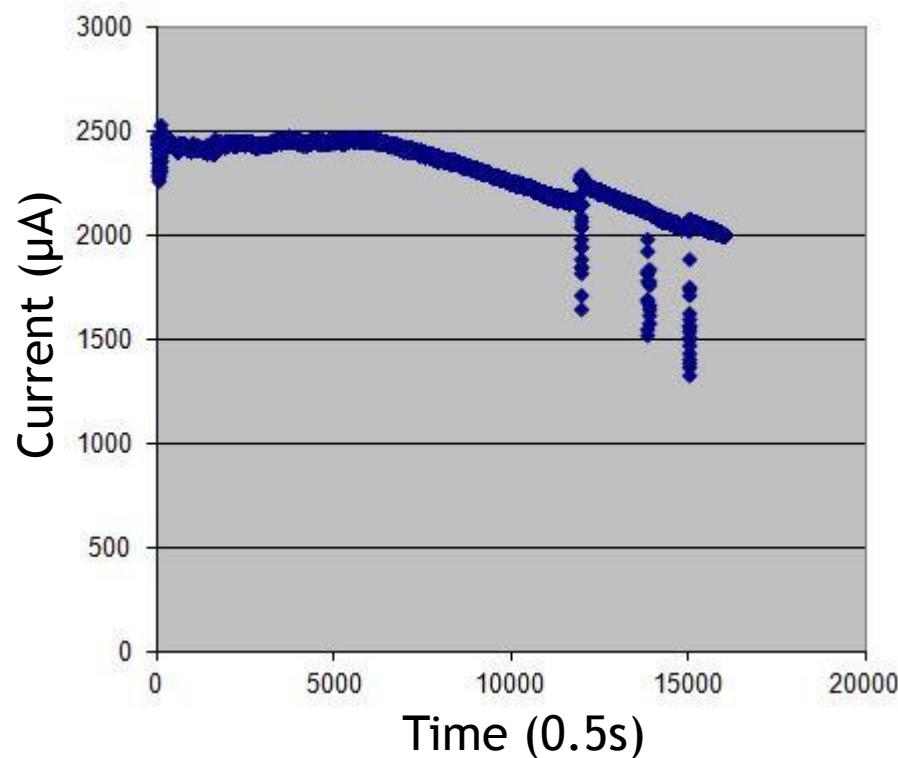
Measuring the Temperature

- Needs to reach 1000°C



Electroplating the Foil

- HCl current
 $\sim 1750 \mu\text{A}$
- $5 \mu\text{L}$ of ^{57}Co



Future Plans

- Mixing ^{57}Co with more $^{59}\text{CoCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- Successfully electroplate and bake ^{57}Co source
- Observe both Longitudinal and Transverse Doppler Effect

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