# Transmission of X-rays Fluorescence through Vanadium, Chromium and Manganese

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# الخلاصة

درست في هذا البحث دراسة الأشعة السينية المتفاورة المنبعثة من سطوح معدنية مختلفة . هيجت هذه السطوح بالخطين المتميزين ( Cu- $k\alpha$ 1 and Cu- $k_{\beta 1}$ 1) وهي تقابل طاقات الأشعة السينية ( 8.058 و 8.051) كيلو إلكترون فولت على التوالي . ومرست نفاذية هذه الأشعة من خلال المرشحات فناد يوم ، كروميوم والمنغنيز . ومن خلال هذه الدراسة لوحظ وجود التواء واضح عند منتصف كل منحن . و هذا الالتواء ناشئ من حافة امتصاص الكوبلت .

# **ABSTRACT**

In this paper , the measurements of x-ray fluorescence emitted from different metallic surfaces which have been excited by two distinguished lines Cu-kal and Cu-k\_{\beta1} . are reported . The transmission has been studied by three filters (Vanadium , Chromium and Manganese ) . The transmission curves reveal a kink near the center . This kink is explained as due to the absorption edge of the cobalt .

# INTRODUCTION

Probably no subject in all science illustrate better than x-rays the importance to the entire world of research is pure science. X-rays provide us a kind of supper microscope by means of which we can see not only atoms and their arrangement in crystals but also even the interior of atom itself. Although characteristic x-rays

spectra are produced by bombarding the elements with sufficient energetic electrons. Other method such that by bombarding the target with positive ions (high-energy protons and  $\alpha$ -particles) are also used (3). Any method that causes the removal of an electron from one of the inner levels will results in the production of characteristic x-rays spectra (11,12,15). x-rays photons can be used to excite or eject core electrons the resulting down word transition as the atom return to its ground state will then produce additional xrays photons of smaller energy. Such spectrum are frequently termed x-rays fluorescent spectra are usually of low intensity but frequently are the best of analyzing the nature of the elements in an unknown samples. Since the discovery of x-rays by Rontgen (1895) there has been an increasing interest in the use of x-rays in many experimental and theoretical research groups (4-14). A different of detectors have been used in x-rays analysis such as (photographic film, G.M counter, proportional counter, scintillation counter and solid state detector) have been reviewed (8,10,13).

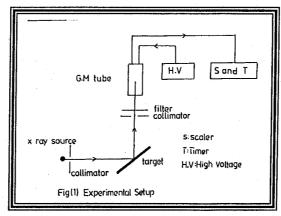
The measurements of the x-rays fluorescent emitted from different metallic surfaces were excited by Cu-k lines . The transmission have been studied through the elements (Co, Ni, Cu and Zn) (1).

Also, the measurements of the x-rays emitted from poly vinyle butral at different temperatures. The transmission have been studied through different metallic surfaces (2).

In this study , we present the measurement of the x-ray fluorescence emitted from different elements . The transmission have been carried through the elements ( V, Cr and Mn) .

#### **EXPERIMENTAL**

A schematic diagram of the experimental setup is shown in fig (1).



The apparatus is designed as a horizontal counter tube goniometer with ratable carriage arm and a sample post in the axis of rotation . The angles of rotation of carriage arm and sample post are coupled in a proportion 2:1. A slide carriage is fitted to the carriage arm . Foils of the elements (V, Cr, Mn, Fe, Ni, Co, Cu and Zn) under study are fixed in the sample post while the filters (V, Cr and Mn) are fitted in slide carriage . X-ray tube consists from high vacuum hot cathod equipped with a copper anode . The maximum current passed through the tube was( $0.08\ mA$ ) and the applied voltage a cross the tube was ( $30\ kV$ ).

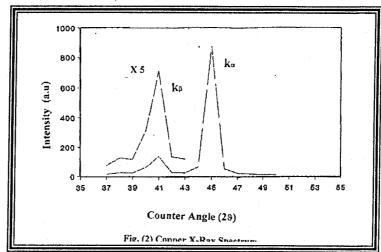
A time switch maximum two hours switching time permits easy adjustment control of exposure time and prevents in addition uncontrolled continuos operation of the apparatus.

The x-rays after passing the foils that is fixed in a sample post and passing through the filters (V, Cr, and Mn) which are fixed in the rotable carriage is detected by G.M. counter which is fixed behind the filters in the carriage arm.

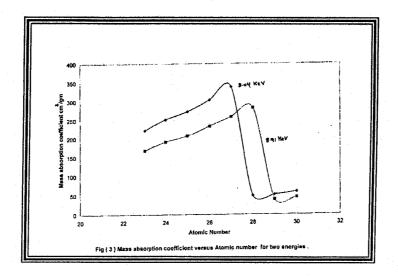
Finally , is counted by a standard counting electronics as shown in fig (1). In this study , a suitable check has been made before tacking the measurements that the number of beta particles emitted from the sample are very small and can be neglected . This can be achieved by using foils width equal to the range of beta particles . Thus only x-rays fluorescent is emitted from the sample will pass through .

# **RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS**

The copper k x-ray spectrum is shown in fig(2) . This spectrum shows  $k\alpha$  and  $k_\beta$  peaks are well resolved . In addition this spectrum shows that  $k\alpha 1$  peak behavior is guassian more than  $k_{\beta 1}$  .



The mass absorption coefficient versus atomic number for two incident x- ray energies ( 8.05 keV and 8.92 keV) is respectively (16) as shown fig(3). The XRF intensity emitted from flourescing elements versus atomic number as shown in fig (4). These elements are ( V, Cr, Mn, Fe, Co, Ni, Cu and Zn) with the corresponding atomic number between ( 24-30). The detected XRF was taken at 90 with respect to the direction of the incident x-rays. This fig shows that XRF intensity increase with the atomic number (z). This can be due to increase electron population of z. Also, this curve shows a drop in the XRF intensity at the element Ni ( Z=28) because of the absorption of the incident x-rays in the target element. Finally, the curve seems to be increase due partially absorped because XRF increases with the atomic number of the target. This behavior can be seen clearly in fig (3).



The XRF transmission versus atomic weight of the elements is shown in fig (5). The detection was taken at 90 with respect to the incident x-ray direction (corresponding to the incident energy 0.3 keV). These measurements have been carried out with the three different filters (V,Cr and Mn). These transmissions show nearly same behavior after A=59. The XRF transmissions versus atomic weight of the target elements through three different filters (V, Cr and Mn) is shown in figs (6 and 7).

The target samples were excited by Cu-  $k\alpha l$  and Cu-  $k_{\beta l}$  x-rays (corresponding to 8.05 keV and 8.92 keV) . The transmission curves show a kink in the XRF intensity near the center . This can be explained due to the absorption curves increase slowly up to the element Zn. There are no experimental and theoretical data available for comparison .

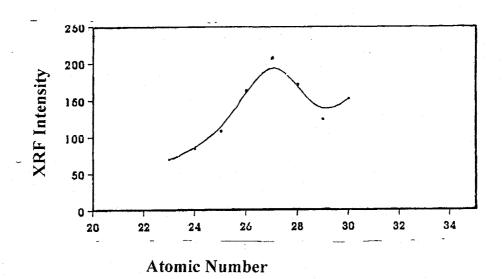


Fig. (4) XRF Intensity vs The Atomic Number of The Fluorescing Elements (detection angle  $= 90^{\circ}$ )

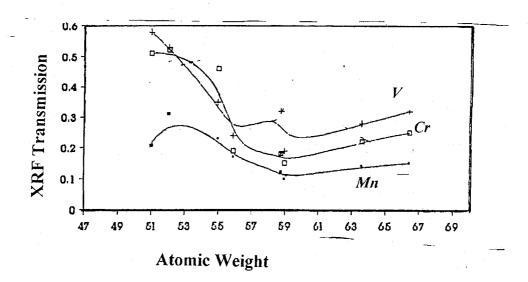


Fig. (5) XRF Transmission vs Atomic Weight of the Elements (detection angle = 90°) for a Fixed Filter

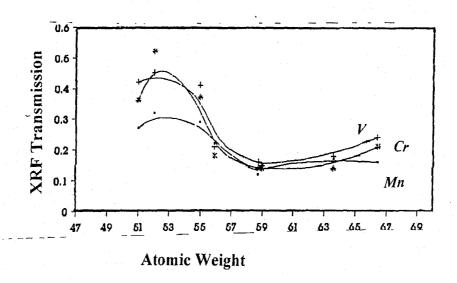


Fig. (6) XRF Transmission vs Atomic Weight of the Elements (incident energy = 8.92 keV) for a Fixed Filter

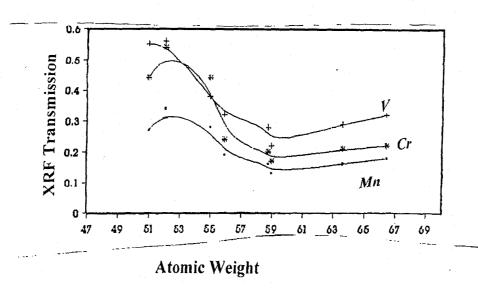


Fig. (7) XRF Transmission vs The Atomic Weight of The Elements (incident energy = 8.05 keV) for a fixed Filter

# **CONCLUSION**

Through the study of XRF transmission from the three different metallic surfaces (Vanadium, Chromium and Manganese), a kink is found near the center. This kink can be explained as due to the absorption of the cobalt. No theoretical and experimental data available for comparison. The XRF technique can be adopted as the best analyzing the absorption spectra of solid.

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