RUTHERFORD SCATTERING

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Rutherford Scattering

1º Bombarding a thin gold foil with alpha particles

2º Observed a numberof particles wassignificantly deviated

3^o Discovered the nucleus



Dispersion of particles alpha

ICARE Set-up



The detectors can be mounted in any configuration preferred by users, using internal mounts

ICARE is the charged particles detector system used for their identification and energy measurements.





Configuration chosen



4 Detectors:

1 silicone and 1 telescope

each side

Procedure to follow

Target prepared



1º Application sugar on glass



2º Placement glasses



4º Gold foil on glass



5º Preparation of gold foil



3º Evaporation procces



6º Mounting on the frame



7º Mounting the target on holder

9º Target holder completed







8º Disaster !!!

Calibration



Calibration



Experimental run



Objectives

Calculate the energy of the beam

Determine target thickness

Differential cross section formula

Particles paths through the matter and energy losses $E_0 - \Delta E_{scat} - \frac{y}{\cos(\alpha)} \frac{dE}{dx} = E_{min}$ $E_0 - \Delta E_{scat} - y \frac{dE}{dx} = E_{max}$

Particles paths through the matter and energy losses



Energy of the beam



Targets thicknesses



Differential cross section



$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{Z_1 Z_2 e^2}{16 \Pi \varepsilon_0 E_{kin}} \frac{1}{\sin^4(\theta_{CM}/2)}$$
$$P_{norm} = \frac{(d\sigma/d\Omega)}{(d\sigma/d\Omega)_m} = \frac{\sin^4(\theta_{m,CM}/2)}{\sin^4(\theta_{CM}/2)} = \frac{N}{\Omega} \frac{\Omega_m}{N_m}$$
$$d\Omega = \sin(\theta) d\theta d\omega$$

| Run | Target | target angle,deg | Det. Angles,deg |
|-----|------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 51 | Thick Gold | 0 | 15,25,35,45 |
| 52 | | | 15,50,55,60,65 |
| 53 | | 45 | 15,75,80,85,90 |
| 16 | | 0 | 15,20.30 |
| 19 | | 45 | 15,80,90 |





Differential cross section



Differential cross section



Conclusions

We succesfully calculated energy of the beam
Our experimental data is well described by
Rutherford scattering theory
We were able to determine the composition
and thickness of unknown target
That was a great time spent together

