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$^{40}\text{K}$

$^{232}\text{Th}$

$^{238}\text{U}$

## **Measurement of Natural Radioactivity in some Marble Samples used as Building Materials**

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### **ABSTRACT**

A comprehensive and short term method has been employed to determine the radioactive contamination from natural sources. So, the natural gamma ray spectrum analysis technique using HPGe have been used to measure the emitted gamma lines from the radioactive isotopes. The specific activity of  $^{238}\text{U}$ ,  $^{232}\text{Th}$  series as well as  $^{40}\text{K}$  was determined in the studied samples, which are consisted of eleven types of marble used as building material.

:  $(^{14}\text{C})$   $(^{40}\text{K})$  :  
 $(^{235}\text{U})$   $(^{232}\text{Th})$   $(^{238}\text{U})$   
 (UNSCEAR)

(1) .(UNSCEAR, 1993) (40) Bq/kg

.(Al – Mazuri, 2000)

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( $\mu\text{Sv/year}$ )			
300	300		
15		15	
300	120	180	$^{40}\text{K}$
6		6	$^{87}\text{Rb}$
			$^{238}\text{U}$
100	90	10	$^{238}\text{U} \rightarrow ^{234}\text{U}$
7		7	$^{230}\text{Th}$
7		7	$^{226}\text{Ra}$
800		800	$^{222}\text{Rn} \rightarrow ^{214}\text{Po}$
130		130	$^{210}\text{Pb} \rightarrow ^{210}\text{Po}$
			$^{232}\text{Th}$
143	140	3	$^{232}\text{Th}$
13		13	$^{228}\text{Ra} \rightarrow ^{224}\text{Ra}$
170		170	$^{220}\text{Rn} \rightarrow ^{208}\text{Ti}$
2000	650	1340	

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(99.275%)

(<sup>238</sup>U)

(UO<sub>3</sub>)

(UO<sub>2</sub>)

(2.7)

( 2000 )

(0.003 – 3.5 ) ppm

( Kraft, et al., 1972 ) (2.7 ppm)

(1-46) Bq/kg

( Constantinescu, et al., 1996 ) (1850 Bq/kg )

( 46 Bq/kg

( ICRP., 1984 ) ( 2.643 Bq/kg)

(Othman, et al., 1994) )

(18) (<sup>238</sup>U)

(Kaplan, 1962) (<sup>206</sup>Pb)

(<sup>214</sup>Bi)

(<sup>218</sup>Po)

(<sup>222</sup>Rn)

(<sup>226</sup>Ra)

(<sup>222</sup>Rn)

(3.82)

(3.05)

(<sup>218</sup>Po)

(<sup>218</sup>Po)

(Aerosol)

(Dyson, 1981)

(1.5 - 2 )

(5 – 10 ) Bq/m<sup>3</sup>

(<sup>222</sup>Rn)

( 4-5 )

(IAEA, 1984)

(%100) ( $^{232}\text{Th}$ )

(Kraft, et al., 1972) (0.005-18) ppm

(40 Bq/kg) (UNSCER) (25.9 Bq/kg)

(UNSCER, 1993)

(UNSCER, 1982) (12) ( $^{232}\text{Th}$ )

( $^{208}\text{Pb}$ ) ( $^{220}\text{Rn}$ ) ( $^{208}\text{Tl}$ ) ( $^{228}\text{Ac}$ )

(55)

(1460 keV).(Lederer, et al., 1978) ( $^{40}\text{K}$ ) (0.01178%)

(31500 Bq/kg) ( $^{40}\text{K}$ ) (3 ppm)

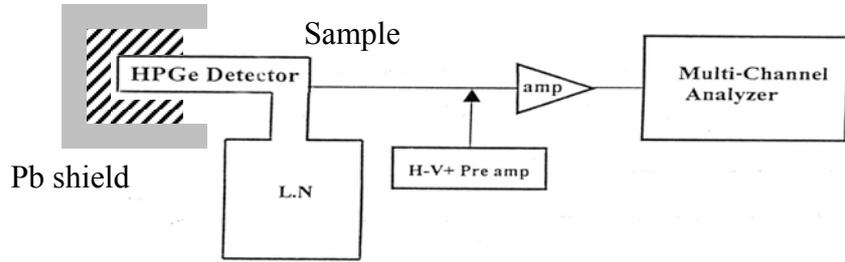
(1995, )

(NGRS)

(1332 (2.2 keV) (1) ( $^{60}\text{Co}$ ) ( $^{60}\text{Co}$ ) (96) (HPGe) keV)

(500 g) (+3000V)

(10 cm) (Marinelli Baker)



.HPGe : 1

.( 2004, ) ,(2)

.(Lederer, et al., 1978) : 2

$\epsilon$ %	I (%)	E (keV)	
0.96	46.1	609	$^{214}\text{Bi}$ ( $^{238}\text{U}$ )
1.17	86	583	$^{208}\text{Tl}$ ( $^{232}\text{Th}$ )
0.22	10.7	1460	$^{40}\text{K}$

$$A_s = \frac{N}{I \epsilon W} \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

- : N
- = I
- =  $\epsilon$
- = W

(ppm)

(Bq/kg)

0.228 %

S-19

,(ppm)

1.754 g

,(Bq/kg)

500 g

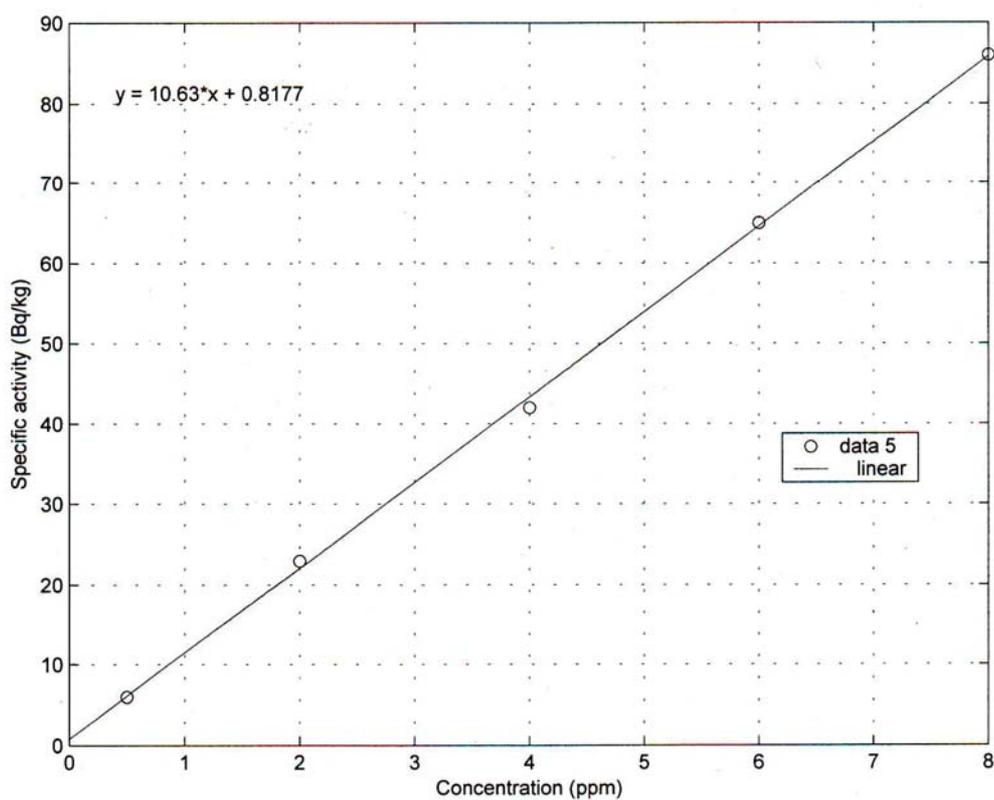
,8 ppm

(2)

$$Y = 10.63 * x + 0.8177$$

----- (2)

1 ppm =10.63 Bq/kg :



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(1983)

(IRPA)

: (Yousuf, et al., 2000)

$$H = \frac{A_s(^{238}\text{U})}{185} + \frac{A_s(^{232}\text{Th})}{259} + \frac{A_s(^{40}\text{K})}{4810} \dots\dots\dots(3)$$

.(Bq/kg)

.(Bq/kg)

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$A_s(^{238}\text{U})$

$A_s(^{232}\text{Th})$

$A_s(^{40}\text{K})$

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(3)

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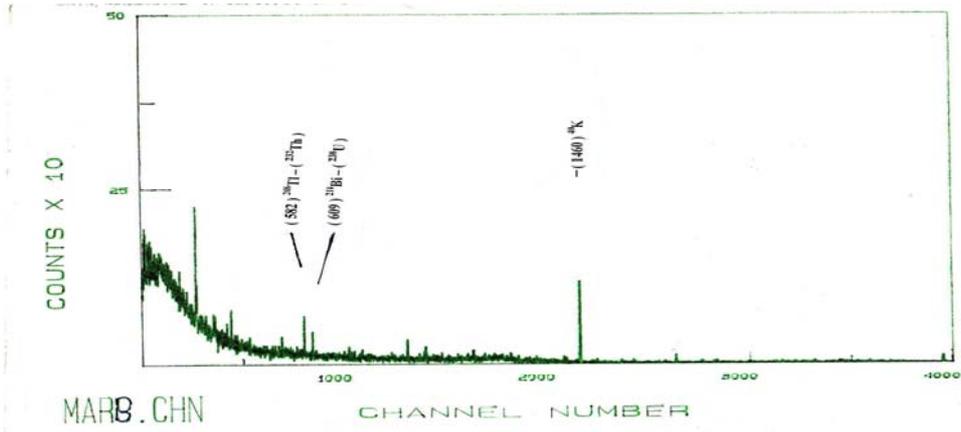
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.(40 Bq/kg)

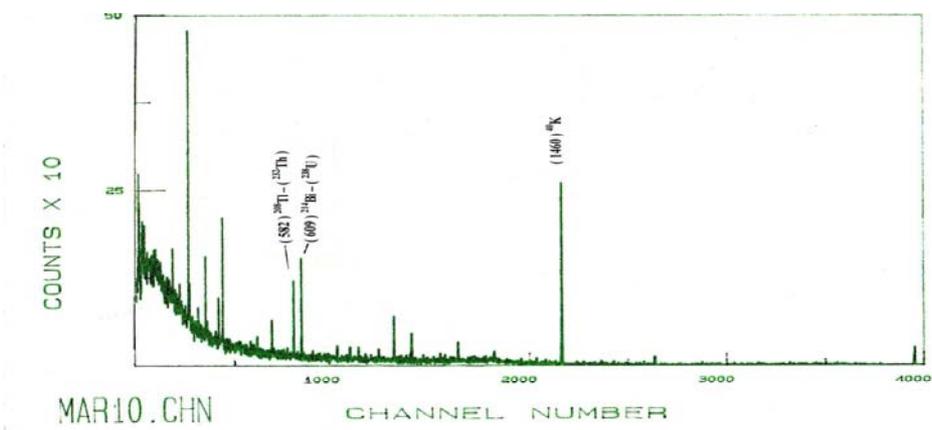
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8 7 6 5 3 2



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(3)

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$N_U \mp \sqrt{N_U}$	$N_{Th} \mp \sqrt{N_{Th}}$	$N_K \mp \sqrt{N_K}$
5616 $\mp$ 75	2898 $\mp$ 54	8275 $\mp$ 91
398 $\mp$ 20	413 $\mp$ 20	3953 $\mp$ 63
422 $\mp$ 20	*	*
1354 $\mp$ 37	927 $\mp$ 30	5898 $\mp$ 77
*	*	*
*	*	*
462 $\mp$ 21	*	*
*	*	674 $\mp$ 26
2326 $\mp$ 48	1002 $\mp$ 32	4750 $\mp$ 69
4047 $\mp$ 63	1554 $\mp$ 39	4432 $\mp$ 67
1832 $\mp$ 43	1041 $\mp$ 32	5453 $\mp$ 74

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(4)

(A<sub>s</sub>)

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H	A <sub>s</sub> ( <sup>40</sup> K) (Bq/kg)	A <sub>s</sub> ( <sup>232</sup> Th) (Bq/kg)	<sup>238</sup> U			
			(ppm)	A <sub>s</sub> (Bq/ kg)		
1.41	1953 ±16.1	160 ±1.16	6.632 ±0.11	70.5 ±1.16	1	
0.31	933 ±11.1	22.8 ±0.44	0.470 ±0.03	5.0 ±0.31	2	
0.03	*	*	0.498 ±0.03	5.3 ±0.32	3	
0.58	1392 ±13.6	51.2 0,66	1.599 ±0.054	17.0 ±0.57	4	
*	*	*	*	*	5	
*	*	*	*	*	6	
0.031	*	*	0.546 ±0.031	5.8 ±0.34	7	
0.03	159 ±4.6	*	*	*	8	
0.604	1121 ±12.2	55.3 ±0.68	2.747 ±0.071	29.2 ±0.75	9	
0.823	1046 ±11.8	85.8 ±0.85	4.779 ±0.093	50.8 ±0.99	10	
0.614	1287 ±13.1	57.5 ±0.69	2.164 ±0.063	23.0 ±0.67	11	

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(1)

4 9 11 10 ( )

8 3 7 2

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CR-39 HPGe

.2000 .

(<sup>40</sup>K) ,1995 ..

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