Neutron-Sensitive Anger Camera



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Technology Summary

With the worldwide shortage of ³He, used in most neutron detectors, people have been scrambling to find safe, effective, inexpensive alternatives. The current invention modifies the Anger camera, developed for gamma detection, for use as a neutron detector. This modified Anger camera retains the desirable characteristics of ³He detectors and thus fulfills the requirements for neutron scattering applications such as materials characterization and nuclear materials detection. The invention incorporates unique fabrication techniques such as a precision mounting system for the photomultiplier tubes and custom-designed summer boards as well as novel signal processing techniques. The resulting improved Anger camera achieves very high efficiency, high resolution, and low background noise at reduced cost.

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