

## **Appendix C**

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# Abstract

## Negative Ion Survey Using Accelerator Mass Spectrometry

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Accelerator mass spectrometric methods have been used successfully in the detection of  $\text{Ca}^-$ ,  $\text{Sr}^-$ ,  $\text{Ba}^-$ ,  $\text{La}^-$ ,  $\text{Ce}^-$ ,  $\text{Pr}^-$ ,  $\text{Nd}^-$ ,  $\text{Sm}^-$ ,  $\text{Eu}^-$ ,  $\text{Gd}^-$ ,  $\text{Tb}^-$ ,  $\text{Dy}^-$ ,  $\text{Tm}^-$ ,  $\text{Yb}^-$ ,  $\text{Lu}^-$ , and  $\text{Hf}^-$ . The elements Zn, Cd, Hg, Ho, and Er, have also been studied and no detectable signal could be attributed to their atomic negative ions.

Using the published (experimental)  $\text{Ca}^-$  binding energy, the binding energies of  $\text{Sr}^-$  and  $\text{Ba}^-$  were estimated to be 110 meV and 170 meV respectively.

$\text{Dy}^-$  was observed to be dissociated by the electric fields of the accelerator. Lower limits on the binding energies of the detected lanthanide negative ions have been placed based on their yields, and similar upper limits on the binding energies of the undetected ones have also been estimated.

Ambiguities surrounding the AMS method in the detection of the above ions have been identified and resolved. This adds to the versatility of AMS, especially as a promising tool in atomic spectrometry.

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SEARCH FOR ISOBARIC ANALOGUE STATES IN

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## ABSTRACT

The  $^{56}\text{Fe}(\text{p},\gamma)^{57}\text{Co}$  reaction has been studied over the proton energy range of  $E_p=3694\text{--}3855$  keV. Four resonances were observed at  $E_p=3720$ ,  $3727$ ,  $3774$  and  $3793$  keV. Decay schemes were established for the four resonances, and angular distributions were measured at  $E_p=3720$ ,  $3774$  and  $3793$  keV. A  $J^\pi=9/2^+$  has been assigned for the resonances at  $E_p=3720$  and  $3727$  keV, and  $J^\pi=5/2^+$  has been assigned for the resonances at  $E_p=3774$  and  $3793$  keV.

In this work it was concluded that the two resonances at  $E_p=3720$  and  $3727$  keV ( $E_x=9682$  and  $9689$  keV) are fragments of an isobaric analogue state in  $^{57}\text{Co}$  corresponding to the  $g_{9/2}$  at  $E_x=2455$  keV in  $^{57}\text{Fe}$ . Moreover, it was concluded that the two resonances at  $E_p=3774$  and  $3793$  keV ( $E_x=9734$  and  $9753$  keV) are two fragments of an isobaric analogue state in  $^{57}\text{Co}$  corresponding to the  $d_{5/2}$  at  $E_x=2506$  keV in  $^{57}\text{Fe}$ .

Levels at  $E_x=4586$  and  $4675$  keV in  $^{57}\text{Co}$  are identified as the antianalogue states ( $T^<$ ) corresponding to the  $g_{9/2}$  and  $d_{5/2}$  isobaric analogue states respectively.