

Mixed Low Energy Characteristics of Radiophotoluminescence
Glass Dosimeter

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[INTRODUCTION] According to the use of continuous X-rays around
15keV for mammography, radiation exposure seems to be the mixture of
various energies.

To measure the radiation exposure, the response characteristics of
photoluminescence glass dosimeter (GD) to X-ray energies should be
elucidated.

For this purpose, we used low energy monochromatic X-ray below 20keV,
which can be obtained from the synchrotron radiation at The High Energy
Research Institute, Tsukuba (KEK).

[Method] We exposed GD to monochromatic X-rays of 8,10,12,13 and
15keV in combination with 20keV. Whole GD was irradiated on the tough-
water phantom by moving in the beam.

[RESULTS] Data of monochromatic X-ray irradiation, 8 or 20keV each, and
the combination of 8 and 20keV at the depths of 1cm, 3mm, and 70 μ m are
shown in Figs.1, 2 and 3. Dose equivalents at 1cm depth by the irradiation
using 8,10,12,13 and 15keV beams with 20keV are shown in Tables 1,2,3,4
and 5. Doses measured by radiophotoluminescence (RPL) at the 4 filter

portions are shown in Table 6. The above mentioned data are demonstrated as X-ray energies of mixed irradiation, sum of two kinds of monochromatic X-ray dose equivalents and the ratio of dose equivalents of sum to those of mixed irradiation. Radiation exposure data of continuous X-ray of ordinary medical X-ray apparatus are shown in Table 7 as measured by using an ionization chamber and GD.

[DISCUSSION] Difference between dose equivalents of the sum and that of mixed of two X-ray energies at 1cm depth stayed within $\pm 20\%$. As shown in table 5, the data of irradiation energy of single monochromatic X-rays were relatively reliable in the range above 15keV, but GD did not indicate actual value below 13keV. RPL of the filtered portions of GD, however, showed a good response to exposure, suggesting the possibility of exact indication of dose and energy.

[CONCLUSION] GD used in these experiments showed the capability of exact determination of clinically used X-ray energies above 15keV.

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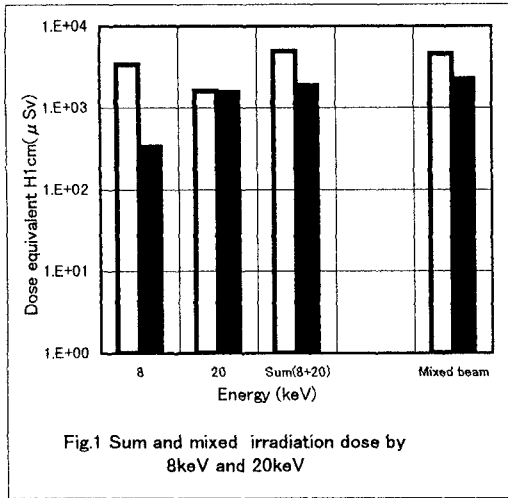


Table 1 Sum and mixed beam(8, 20 keV)

Monochro.	GD		
	Energy(keV)	keV	H1cm(μ Sv)
8	-	3373.8	340.8
20	21	1590.7	1590.7
Sum(8+20)		4964.5	1931.5
Mixed	<12	4547.5	2320.7
Mixed/Sum		0.92	1.20

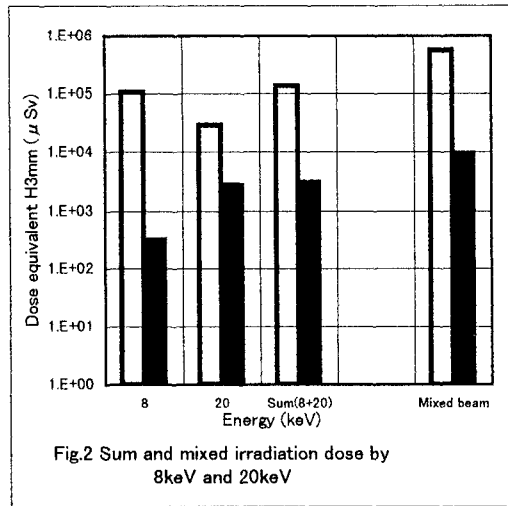


Table 2 Sum and mixed beam(10, 20 keV)

Monochro.	GD			
	Energy(keV)	keV	H1cm(μ Sv)	
10	-	8914.2	859.7	100.2
20	21	15356.7	1590.7	150.5
Sum(10+20)		24270.9	2450.4	250.7
Mixed	15	28941.7	2917.7	303.3
Mixed/Sum		1.19	1.19	1.21

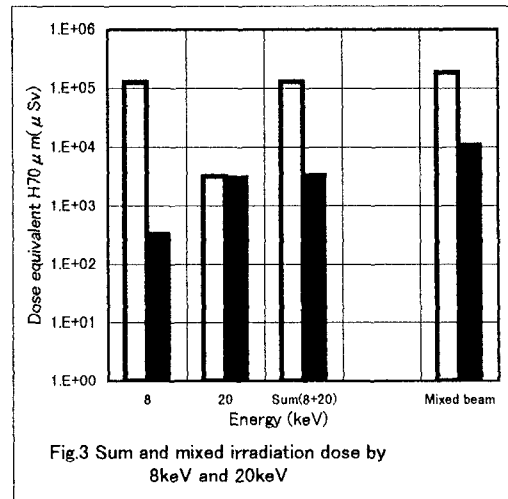


Table 3 Sum and mixed beam(12, 20 keV)

Monochro.	GD			
	Energy(keV)	keV	H1cm(μ Sv)	
12	-	15836.7	1419.8	144.3
20	21	15356.7	1590.7	1590.7
Sum(12+20)		31193.4	3010.5	1735.0
Mixed	14	33623.3	3568.5	1998.8
Mixed/Sum		1.08	1.19	1.15

Table 4 Sum and mixed beam(13, 20 keV)

Monochro.	GD			
	Energy(keV)	keV	H1cm(μ Sv)	
13	<12	20280.0	2567.3	204.2
20	21	15356.7	1590.7	150.5
Sum(13+20)		35636.7	4158.0	354.7
Mixed	14	35098.3	4235.2	424.0
Mixed/Sum		0.98	1.02	1.20

Table 5 Sum and mixed beam(15, 20 keV)

Monochro. Energy(keV)	GD		
	keV	H1cm(μ Sv)	
15	15	4945.0	533.2
20	21	15356.7	1590.7
Sum(15+20)		20301.7	2123.9
Mixed	17	22740.0	2347.5
Mixed/Sum		1.12	1.11

Table 6 RPLs at 4 positions with filters

Monochro. Energy(keV)	H1cm (μ Sv)	1(Sn) 1mm	2(Al) 1mm	3(PET) 38 μ m	4(PET) 250 μ m
15	4945.0	28	5206	70352	68092
20	15356.7	118	31399	98450	96397
Sum(15+20)	20301.7	146	36605	168800	164483
Mixed	22740.0	160	35498	168768	165034
Mixed/Sum	1.12	1.10	0.97	1.00	1.00

PET: Polyethylene terephthalate

Table 7 Conventional X-ray

Tube Voltage kV(Eeff)	Radcal ionization chamber		GD		
	Measured(M) H1cm(μ Sv)	Calculated keV	Measured(M) keV	H1cm(μ Sv)	Calculated keV
40(25.8)	700	-	24	812	-
80(33.9)	1040	-	32	923	-
Sum(40+80)	1740			1735	
Mixed (40+80)	700+1010	28.8	28	1772	28.3
Mixed (40+80)	517+269	26.7	26	835	

Table 8 Dose and effective energy calculated from 2 beams

	Energy	Dose equivalent(μ Sv)	
Beam 1	keV ₁	S ₁	} Mix
Beam 2	keV ₂	S ₂	

$$keV_{(1+2)} = [(keV_1 \cdot S_1) + (keV_2 \cdot S_2)] / (S_1 + S_2)$$

$$S_{(1+2)} = S_1 + S_2$$