

# Bethe-Bloch Formula

Mean rate of energy loss (Stopping power) for a charge particle is:

$$\frac{-dE}{dx} = K z^2 \frac{Z}{A} \frac{1}{\beta^2} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{2m_e c^2 \beta^2 \gamma^2 T_{max}}{I^2} - \beta^2 - \frac{\delta(\beta\gamma)}{2} \right],$$

Where,

$A$ : atomic mass of the absorber

$$\frac{K}{A} = 4\pi N_A r_e^2 m_e c^2 / A$$

$$= 0.307075 \text{ MeVg}^{-1} \text{ cm}^2, \text{ for } A = 1 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$$

$z$ : atomic number of incident particle

$Z$ : atomic number of absorber

$T_{max}$ : max. transferable energy

$I$ : characteristic ionization constant material dependent

$\delta(\beta\gamma)$ : density effect correction

$x = \rho s$ , mass thickness, where,  $s$  is the length

# Max. transferable energy

*Inelastic collision – energy loss*

$$\text{Maximum transferable kinetic energy: } T_{max} = \frac{2 m_e c^2 \beta^2 \gamma^2}{1 + 2 \gamma \frac{m_e}{m_o} + \left(\frac{m_e}{m_o}\right)^2}$$

Where,

$$\beta^2 = \frac{v^2}{c^2} = \frac{P^2}{E^2} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{m_e^2}{p^2}}$$

since,  $m_e \ll P$ ,  $\beta \approx 1$ .

For  $m_e = m_o$

$$\gamma \beta \approx 1$$

$$m_e c^2 \approx 0.55 \text{ MeV}$$

$$T_{max} \approx \frac{1}{1+2+1} = 0.25 \text{ MeV}$$

## Ionization energy Loss For Hydrogen

*Ionization constant :*

$$\frac{I}{Z} = \left(12 + \frac{7}{Z}\right) eV.$$

*For H atom  $Z = 1$ ,*

$$\text{So, } I = 19 \text{ eV.}$$

*So, the mean rate of energy loss due to ionization :*

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{dE}{dx} &= 0.307075 \left[ \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{0.25 \times 10^3}{19^2} - 1 - \frac{1}{2} \right) \right] \\ &\approx -0.517 \text{ MeV/cm.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\left( \frac{dE}{dx} \right)_H = 0.517 \text{ MeV/cm.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Average ionization energy loss} &= -\frac{dE}{dx} \frac{\Delta x}{2} \\ &= 0.517 \times 7.5 \\ &= 3.8777 \text{ MeV} \end{aligned}$$

## For Aluminum

*Ionization constant :*

$$\frac{I}{Z} = \left(12 + \frac{7}{Z}\right) eV.$$

*For Al atom  $Z = 13$ ,*

$$\text{So, } I = 163 \text{ eV.}$$

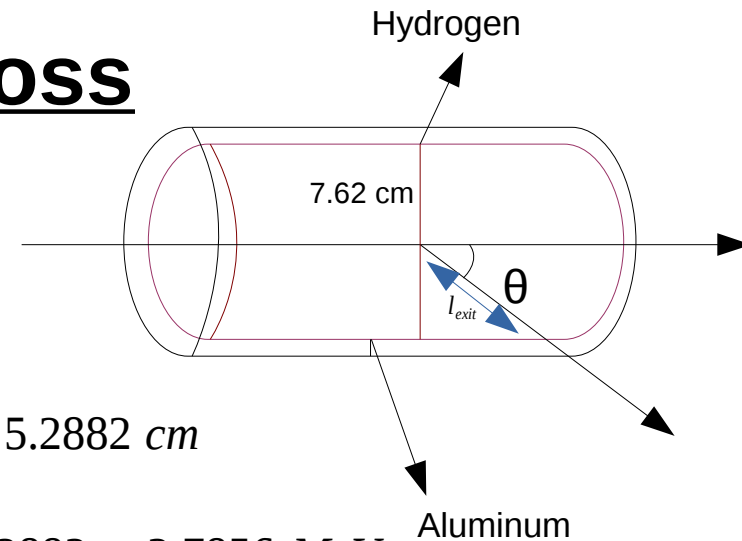
*So, the mean rate of energy loss for electron is:*

$$-\frac{dE}{dx} = \frac{0.307075}{26.98} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{0.25 \times 10^3}{163^2} - 1 - \frac{1}{2} \right) \right]$$

$$\approx -0.04362 \text{ MeV/cm.}$$

$$\left( \frac{dE}{dx} \right)_{Al} = 0.04362 \text{ MeV/cm}$$

# Event by Event Loss



For Hydrogen,

$$\text{The amount of material exit } (l_{exit}) = \frac{d}{2 \sin 45} = \frac{7.62}{\sqrt{2}} = 5.2882 \text{ cm}$$

$$\text{Ionization energy loss } (\Delta E)_H = \frac{dE}{dx} \times l_{exit} = 0.517 \times 5.2882 = 2.7856 \text{ MeV}$$

For Aluminum,

$$\text{Thickness} = 0.44 \text{ cm}$$

$$l_{exit} = \frac{0.44}{2 \sin 45} = 0.3111 \text{ cm}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\Delta E)_{Al} &= 0.3111 \times 0.04362 \\ &= 0.01357 \text{ MeV} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So, the total ionization energy loss } (\Delta E) &= (\Delta E)_H + (\Delta E)_{Al} \\ &= 2.7856 + 0.01357 \\ &= 2.7992 \text{ MeV} \end{aligned}$$