

Nuclear Physics Gamma-ray Imaging System for Real-Time Rare Isotope Harvesting, Monitoring and Radiochemical Separation – NP Imager

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- PHDS Co. Introduction
- NP Imager Concept
- Continued NP Imager Prototype Development
- Sales of NP Imager Products!!
 - Already sold 3 NP Imager systems + 1 pending!!

Introduction to PHDS Co.

- Est. Fall 2004 Nuclear and Solid-State Physics Origin
 - History: Custom Nuclear-Physics Detectors like NPX
 - Recently: Modular HPGe Systems like GeGI
- Complete Germanium Detector Manufacturing and R&D
 - Concept and Design
 - HPGe Crystal Growth
 - Detector Fabrication
 - System Integration
 - Software application
 - Sales & Service



2008 NPX (150 lbs.)





2017 GeGI-5 (15 lbs.)

















10,000 ft² Manufacturing and R&D Facility in Knoxville, TN









Radiochemistry is Dynamic \rightarrow Things necessarily move NP Imager combines *Imaging, Spectroscopy and Time.*



¹⁷⁷Lu/¹⁷⁵Yb Column Separation at MURR



t = 0 - 10 minutes







NP Imager Technical Development Phase-II Prototypes



PHDS

NP IMAG









ZoomFactor[™]



ZF1

naging Detectors

NSCL Rare Isotope Imaging – NP Imager 102





Last year



Highlights of the recent year:

- 1. Continued work on prototype NP Imager systems
 - a. Built a gantry for NP Imager 102
 - b. Delivered NP Imager 102 and gantry to ORNL REDC, October 2019
 - c. Built new NP Imager 103 prototype
 - a. Modified the detector geometry
 - d. NP Imager 103 to NSCL for ⁴⁸Ca beam imaging measurements
 - i. Several novel isotopes observed during beam and after collection
 - ii. New Imaging observations ghosts
 - e. Coded Aperture Development a tool for enhanced imaging sensitivity

2. NP Imager Product Development

- a. Sold 3 (soon 4) Commercial NP Imager Systems
- b. NP Imager was featured at the RRMC in October 2019

Built a gantry for NP Imager 102





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Delivered NP Imager 102 + Gantry to ORNL REDC, October 2019

- 1. REDC Gathered ~ 15 people
- 2. Presentation of PHDS Co. Technology EH
- 3. Training Presentation DL (MK) NP Imager User Manual Refinements
- 4. REDC has been using their NP Imager for daily activities











Figure 6. The Aperture and Detector can be aligned at various ZoomFactor Settings using the cartry imaging plate. The left-hand using show the contiguration for ZoomFactors of 1 and 6. The right-hand usens show images made of the same source contriguration with ZoomFactors of 1 and 6. Note the black thumb screws rightly hold the aperture and detector in the plate.

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²²⁷Th – ²³⁹Pu Separation





²²⁷Th

Made by ORNL REDC Radiochemists





NP Imager Process Modification:



Recirculating Beam Stop Harvester PHDS Co.: Desmond Longford (Radiochemist and NP Imager Product Beam strikes front face of blocker Manager), Ethan Hull (CEO, PI) (0.5 mm thick SS, 25mm Water) **MSU/NSCL:** Greg Severin, Katharina Domnanich, David Morrissey, Brad ⁴⁸Ca Thermocouple Sherrill Chloe, Colton, Wes Walker on exit tube vault wall LN2 cold trap molecular sieve Recirculation Pump Tank NP Imager 103

NSCL ⁴⁸Ca beam December 20, 2019

NP Imager 103 to NSCL for 48Ca beam imaging measurements NIL MILL



1.9 meters from the columns and gas trap

NP Imager 103 to NSCL for 48Ca beam imaging measurements







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X=97 Y=9 Kel.Count=0.08



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Ghost Image !!









37 ROIs

Several ghost images at lower energies

Auto Detect helps avoid

Compton Images at higher energies





Radiochemistry back in the lab









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Rank-19 MURA at PHDS

- PHDS mask design
 - Manufactured for PHDS Co. by <u>Brock Roberts at</u> <u>Electrodynamic</u>
- Data collected at PHDS with mask positioned on platform
 - *c* = 0.25 cm
 - f = 8 cm
 - z = 50 cm
 - *m* = 1.1905
 - Δα = c/f = 0.031 rad = 1.8°
 (1.6 cm at source plane)
 - $FOV_x = 29.7 \text{ cm} (\sim 33^{\circ})$ Image pixel size = 0.78 cm





Image Reconstruction

X Value





Mask + Anti-mask



Red Source Box:





Thank you



