## OBSERVATION OF CHERENKOV EFFECT NEAR L- ABSORBTION EDGE OF AL

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According to theoretical estimates (e.g., [1]), due to a jump of the dielectric permittivity of Al near the L edge of photon absorption (E = 72.6 eV) the Cherenkov radiation (CR) must be observed at the angles  $\theta = 10^{\circ} - 15^{\circ}$ relative to the electron path. This report presents the results of experimental study of the angular density of extreme ultraviolet (EUV) radiation generated by 5.7 MeV electrons from a 9  $\mu$ m thick Al foil in forward direction. The angular distributions of EUV radiation were examined using a multilayer Mo/Si mirror located in the cone of CR. For a crosscheck the spectral properties of the radiation measured from the Al foil were compared with the properties of the radiation from a Mylar foil, for which the CR in the EUV range should not be observed. The angular distributions of EUV radiation reflected by the Mo/Si mirror were measured for several angles inside the radiation cone. The comparison of the experimental results and calculations has shown that the CR with photon energy near the L edge of absorption in Al was observed for the first time in this experiment.

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