Name PIXE Homework #2 - Physics 100 Union College Fall 2014

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1. What are the  $K_{\alpha}$  and  $K_{\beta}$  energies for the following elements: Ni(Z=28), Fe(Z=26), Au(Z=79), and Pb(Z=82)? (Please use the equations given in the lecture and not the table of x-ray energies to do the calculation.)

2. What is the ratio of the  $K_{\alpha}$  energies of uranium(Z=92) to carbon(Z=6)? (Do not use the table of x-ray energies when doing the calculation.)

3. What is the ratio of the  $K_{\beta}$  energies of tungsten(Z=74) to calcium(Z=20)? (Do not use the table of x-ray energies when doing the calculation.)



4. Given the *PIXE* spectrum of a single element standard shown below, what are the elements in the spectrum?



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