

## CR-39

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**ABSTRACT**

The rates of bulk etching ( $V_B$ ) and track etching ( $V_T$ ) are considered an important parameters in identifying the track profiles and its growing rate. So, this paper aims at determining an empirical relation for the bulk etch rate of CR-39 (250  $\mu\text{m}$ ) with etching time and  $\gamma$ -irradiation dose. A number of CR-39 detector pieces were exposed to different doses of exposure times (9-30) hrs with 3 hrs step of increasing. A KOH solution of concentration 25% and temperature  $(70 \pm 1)^\circ\text{C}$  was used in chemical etching of the exposed and the standard pieces of the detector which have showed increasing of  $V_B$  with  $\gamma$ -doses that exposed to. A fitting process of  $V_B$  curves was carried out with different exposure times for used etching times, and it was found that the polynomial form is the appropriate one to estimate the constants of the suggested empirical equation for  $V_B$  as it is related to the etching and  $\gamma$ -exposure time. However, the results of the suggested equation of  $V_B$  have showed a good agreement with the experiment ones under the considered conditions.

	$V_T$	$V_B$
CR- $V_B$		
	3 hrs	(9-30) hrs

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	(70±1)°C	25%	(KOH)
V <sub>B</sub>	V <sub>B</sub>	.	
.	V <sub>B</sub>		Polynomial
V <sub>B</sub>			
.(Track Etch Rate)			(Bulk Etch Rate)
			[Nikezic and Yu., 2004]
	[Khan.,1980]	V <sub>B</sub>	
V <sub>B</sub>	.		
	[Durrani and Bull.,1987 Nikezic and Yu, 2004]		
	V <sub>B</sub>		
			V <sub>B</sub>
V <sub>B</sub>			
Δt (hr)	Δh (μm)		V <sub>B</sub>
			:[Durrani and Bull.,1987]
$V_B = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\Delta h}{\Delta t}$			..... (1)
.[Nikezic and Yu, 2004]		V <sub>B</sub>	

[Amin  $V_B$   $\Delta t$  (hr)  $\Delta m$  (gm) :1981]

$$V_B = \frac{1}{2\rho A} \frac{\Delta m}{\Delta t} \dots\dots\dots (2)$$

$\rho$  (gm.cm<sup>3</sup>)  $A$  (cm<sup>2</sup>)

$V_B$

$V_B$

<sup>252</sup>Cf

$V_t$

$V_B$

[Nikezic and Yu., 2004; Durrani and Bull. 1987]

$$V_B = \frac{1}{2} \frac{df}{dt} \dots\dots\dots (3)$$

(df/dt)

$V_B$

(Scalar parameter)

(Isotropic)

(Homogenous)

(Directional parameter)

$V_B$

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(Non-homogenous)

$V_B$

(Non-isotropic)

[Pandey *et. al.*,1998]

[Al-Niaemi, 1998, Fazal *et. al.*, 1999]

(Defects)

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[Tager.,1978]

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[Al-Niaemi,1998]

[Thermal stability]

(V<sub>B</sub>)

(CA80-15 PM-355 CR-39)

(V<sub>B</sub>)

[1999 Yamauchi et al., 2001, Szydlowski et al.; 2003]

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(1.5×1.5)cm<sup>2</sup>

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$V_B$   
 (0.2754, 0.3672, 0.4590, 0.5508, 0.6427, 0.7344, 0.8262, 0.9180)Rad  
 (Atomic Energy of Canada) Gamma Cell-220  
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 6430 Ci 5.27 yr  $^{60}\text{Co}$   
 .1982  
 50 C°  
 10<sup>-5</sup>  
 1.25 hr  $m_1$  gm  
 (KOH, 6.25 N, 70±C°)  
 $m_2$   
 $V_B$   $\Delta m$   
 (2.25, 3.25, 4.25, 5.25, 6.25, 7.25, 8.25)  
 $V_B$   
 (V<sub>B</sub>)  
 CR-39  $V_B$   
 1.25 hr 1.73  $\mu\text{m hr}^{-1}$  (1)  
 $V_B$   
 (Fazal *et. al.*, 1999; Yamauchi *et. al.*, 2001 1999 )  
 (1.25, 2.25, 3.25, 4.25, 5.25) hr  $V_B$   
 (6.25, 7.25, 8.25) hr  
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(6.25, 7.25, 8.25) hr

.(6.25, 7.25, 8.25) hr

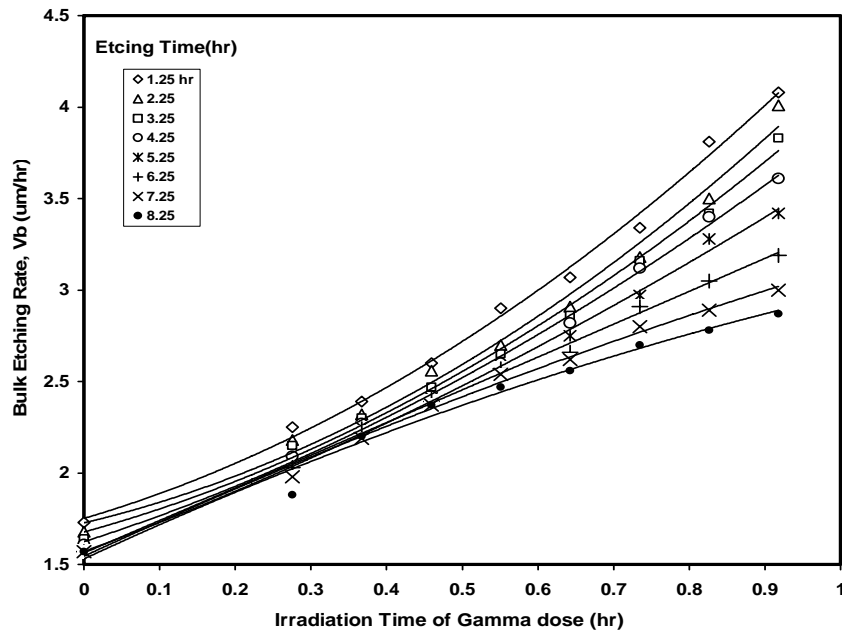
$V_B$

( $V_B$ )

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.(24 27 30) hr



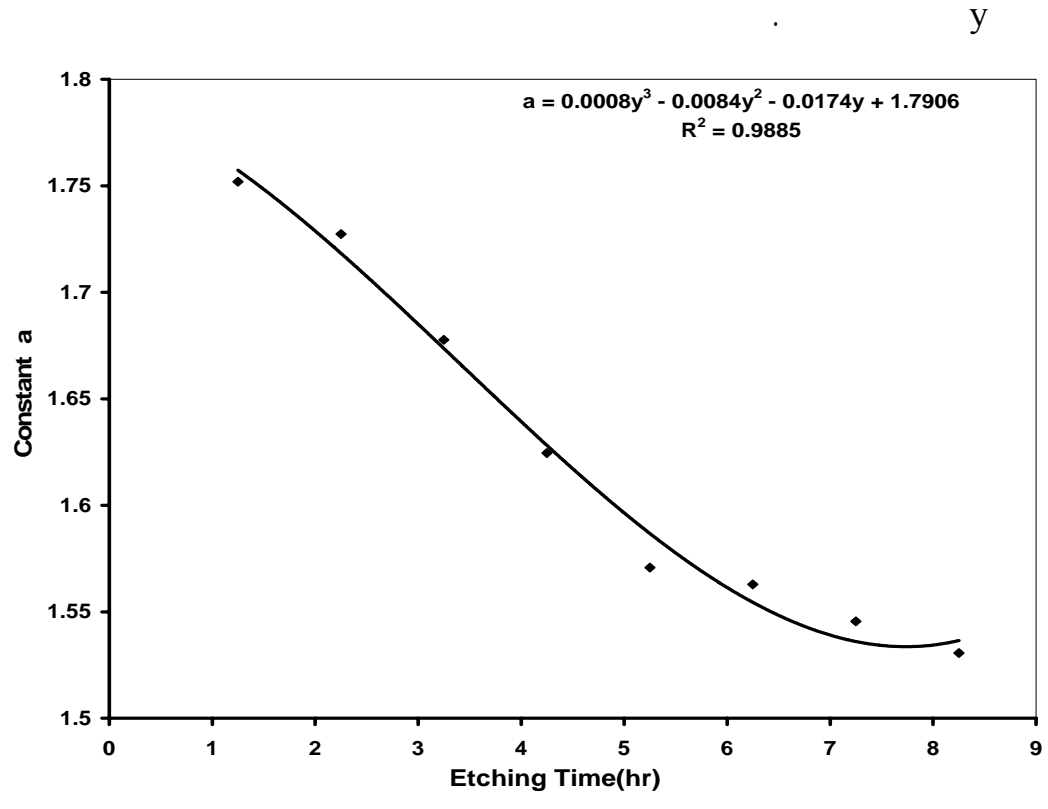
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( $V_B$ )  
(fitting)  $R^2$  (1) ( $t_e$ )  
(1.25-  
(c b a) (0--30)hr -8.25) hr  
(2)

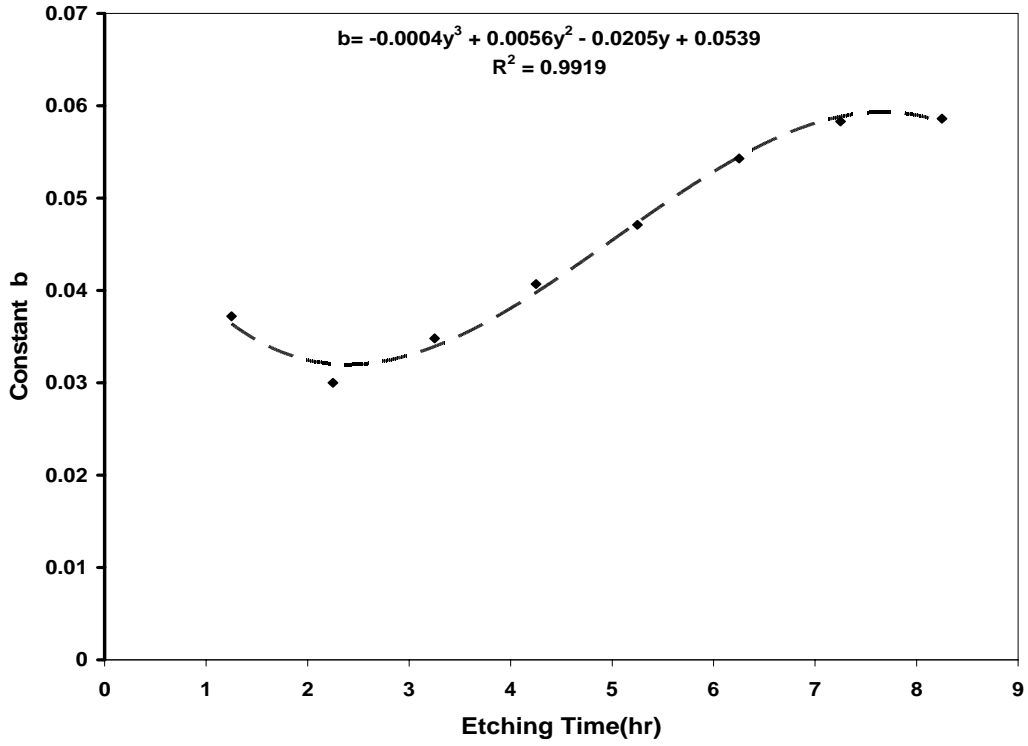
c b a .(4 3 2)

$V_B = cx^2 + bx + a$  .....(2)  
x c b a

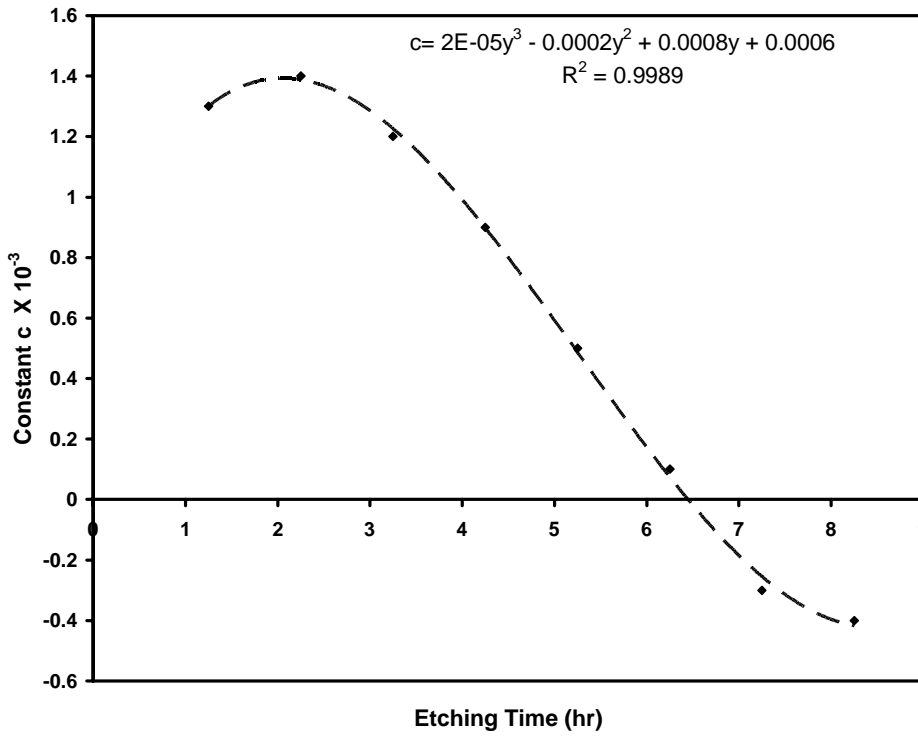
$a = 0.0008y^3 - 0.0084y^2 - 0.0174y + 1.7906$   
 $b = -0.0004y^3 + 0.0056y^2 - 0.0205y + 0.0539$   
 $c = 2E - 05y^3 - 0.0002y^2 + 0.0008y + 0.0006$



a :(2)



b : (3)



c : (4)



:(1)

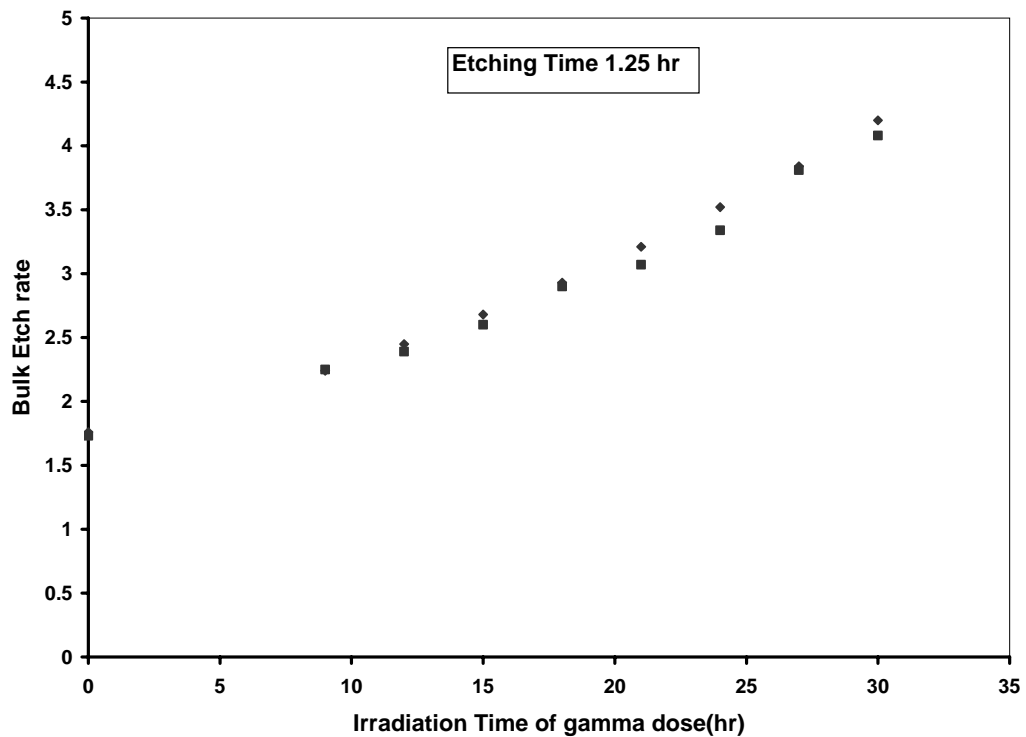
<b>t (hr)</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>c</b>
1.25	1.7519	0.0372	0.0013
2.25	1.7273	0.03	0.0014
3.25	1.6776	0.0348	0.0012
4.25	1.6245	0.0407	0.0009
5.25	1.5707	0.0471	0.0005
6.25	1.5629	0.0543	0.00001
7.25	1.5455	0.0583	-0.0005
8.25	1.5306	0.0586	-0.0004

:(2)

<b>t (hr)</b>			( )
1.25	$y = 0.0788x + 1.542$ $R^2 = 0.9698$	$y = 0.0013x^2 + 0.0372x + 1.7519$ $R^2 = 0.9956$	$y = 1.7165 e^{0.0286x}$ $R^2 = 0.9963$
2.25	$y = 0.0736x + 1.5073$ $R^2 = 0.9577$	$y = 0.0014x^2 + 0.03x + 1.7273$ $R^2 = 0.9899$	$y = 1.6709 e^{0.0277x}$ $R^2 = 0.9927$
3.25	$y = 0.0607x + 1.497$ $R^2 = 0.9712$	$y = 0.012x^2 + 0.0348x + 1.6776$ $R^2 = 0.9951$	$y = 1.6457 e^{0.0273x}$ $R^2 = 0.9965$
4.25	$y = 0.0676x + 1.4885$ $R^2 = 0.9827$	$y = 0.009x^2 + 0.0407x + 1.6245$ $R^2 = 0.9976$	$y = 1.6221 e^{0.0269x}$ $R^2 = 0.9981$
5.25	$y = 0.0629x + 1.4908$ $R^2 = 0.9907$	$y = 0.0005x^2 + 0.0471x + 1.5707$ $R^2 = 0.9967$	$y = 1.6018 e^{0.026x}$ $R^2 = 0.9952$
6.25	$y = 0.0548x + 1.5608$ $R^2 = 0.9975$	$y = 0.00001x^2 + 0.0543x + 1.5629$ $R^2 = 0.9975$	$y = 1.6363 e^{0.0235x}$ $R^2 = 0.9863$
7.25	$y = 0.0489x + 1.5932$ $R^2 = 0.9913$	$y = 0.0003x^2 + 0.0583x + 1.5455$ $R^2 = 0.9948$	$y = 1.6472 e^{0.0216x}$ $R^2 = 0.972$
8.25	$y = 0.0449x + 1.6003$ $R^2 = 0.9724$	$y = 0.0004x^2 + 0.0586x + 1.5306$ $R^2 = 0.9812$	$y = 1.6422 e^{0.0204x}$ $R^2 = 0.9497$

(1.25) hr

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(V<sub>B</sub>)

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(30-24)

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