proportional gas-scintillation counter

A proportional counter coupled to an ultraviolet sensitive photomultiplier tube. Initial electrons produced by the interaction of the high-energy photon with the counter fill-gas are accelerated by a high electric field where they acquire sufficient energy to excite the noble gas atoms. The resulting UV radiation is observed by a photomultiplier tube.

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PAC, 1995, 67, 1745 (Nomenclature, symbols, units and their usage in spectrochemical analysis-XI. Detection of radiation (IUPAC Recommendations 1995)) on page 1754