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REFERENCE DATA BASE FOR NEUTRON ACTIVATION ANALYSIS

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~~~ Consultancy on measured  $k_0$ 's and related nuclear data ~~~

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## Gamma spectrum peak evaluation test

| Menno Blaauw     | 11 July 2006 | Coordinate activity.                          |           |
|------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------|
|                  | 5 Dec 2005   | Provide standard spectra for pupperticipants. | irpose to |
| All participants | 30 Apr 2006  | Submit results to coordinator.                | FDC: done |
| Menno Blaauw     | Next RCM     | Summarize contributions.                      |           |

| Detector efficiency calibration |             |                                                                            |
|---------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Zsolt Revay                     | May 2006    | Coordinate activity.                                                       |
|                                 |             | Provide standard calibration spectra and calibration data to participants. |
| All participants                | 31 Oct 2006 | Submit results according to specifications to coordinator. FDC: done       |
| Zsolt Revay                     | Next RCM    | Summarize contributions.                                                   |

# Neutron spectrum characterization

| Andrej Trkov     | Next RCM              | Coordinate activity.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| Frans De Corte   | Dec 2005<br>FDC: done | Provide recommendations for other candidate materials that have suitable capture and threshold reactions.                                                                                                                                             |
| All participants | Dec 2006              | Monitoring material from the k0-IAEA package to<br>be used by all participants for spectrum<br>characterization of their irradiation facility, in<br>addition to any other available monitor materials.<br>Determine f and a by conventional methods. |
| All participants | Dec 2006              | If available, also provide neutron spectra in 640<br>group structure from statistical model calculations<br>or from direct measurements. To be sent to<br>Andrej Trkov for further analysis.                                                          |
| Andrej Trkov     | Next RCM              | Further analysis of spectrum characterization results.                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Andrej Trkov     | Next RCM              | Summarize contributions.                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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| Frans De Corte   | Dec 2005<br>FDC: done                                 | Provide recommendations for other candidate materials that have suitable capture and threshold reactions. |
| All participants | Dec 2006                                              | Monitoring material from the k0-IAEA package to                                                           |
| All participants | FDC: reactor Thetis Ghent decomissioned December 2003 |                                                                                                           |
|                  |                                                       | Andrej Trkov for further analysis.                                                                        |
| Andrej Trkov     | Next RCM                                              | Further analysis of spectrum characterization results.                                                    |
| Andrej Trkov     | Next RCM                                              | Summarize contributions.                                                                                  |



| Nuclear data             |           |                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|--------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Andrej Trkov             | Sep 2006  |                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                          |           | Data currently in the k0 database to be<br>intercompared with equivalent data from<br>other sources to identify discrepant data<br>that may require re-evaluation or new<br>measurements. |
| <b>Richard Firestone</b> | Dec 2006  |                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                          |           | Compare and evaluate Pg and k0 values for the EGAF library.                                                                                                                               |
|                          |           | Data from the k0 database, ENSDF,<br>DDEP, EGAF, and the literature to be<br>considered.                                                                                                  |
| Frans De Corte           | Oct 2005  |                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                          | FDC: done | Provide half-life data from the k0 database to M. Kellett.                                                                                                                                |
| Mark Kellett             | Jan 2006  | 6                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                          |           | Compare half-life data from the k0<br>database with values from the evaluated<br>databases.                                                                                               |



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- <sup>‡</sup> listed together as often only available as a mixed source.
- <sup>\*</sup> requires extension of the energy efficiency curve beyond the usual upper energy limit, which could be achieved using a locally produced <sup>24</sup>Na source (has a γ-ray at 3.75 MeV).



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| Nuclide                                           | Value                          | Method                    | Capability exists/comments                                         |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <sup>115</sup> Cd                                 | $k_0.Q_0$                      | Two channel /             | Arribére, Jonah, Jaćimović                                         |
| <sup>192</sup> Ŀ                                  | k <sub>0</sub>                 |                           | $k_0$ value missing <sup>†</sup> from ADNDT 85 (2003) <sup>*</sup> |
| <sup>197</sup> Hg                                 | $k_0, Q_0$                     |                           | Arribére, Jonah                                                    |
| <sup>75</sup> Se                                  | k <sub>0</sub> ,Q <sub>0</sub> |                           | Kenned                                                             |
| <sup>153</sup> Gd/ <sup>153</sup> Sm <sup>‡</sup> | <b>k</b> o                     |                           |                                                                    |
| <sup>159</sup> Gd                                 | $\mathbf{k}_0$                 |                           | oit tout of and                                                    |
| <sup>131</sup> Ba                                 | $k_0, Q_0$                     | Two channel/              | as outpet the 210                                                  |
| <sup>109</sup> Pd                                 | $\mathbf{k}_0$                 | Ben oblemation vaila      | ble peport of                                                      |
| <sup>116m,n</sup> [f)                             | k                              | other prove when avoing   | ary No.                                                            |
| <sup>134m</sup> Cs                                | -+C                            | for our studied to "Summe | Jonah                                                              |
| <sup>36</sup> S <sup>#</sup>                      | 's elu                         | will be 3 and 3 have      | Révay, Jonah                                                       |
| <sup>4</sup> °Ca <sup>#</sup>                     |                                | Tables Section o          | Révay, Jonah                                                       |
| <sup>95</sup> Zr                                  |                                | PCM-Se                    | all participants could undertake measurements                      |
| <sup>90m</sup> Y                                  |                                |                           | Biaauw                                                             |
| <sup>58</sup> Fe                                  | 05 20                          |                           | problem when compared with the resonance                           |
| <sup>186</sup> W                                  | k <sub>0</sub> ,Q <sub>0</sub> | }                         | integral value from differential data                              |

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Discussions on these and other topics will be contributed to by FDC in the coming sessions of the present RCM