# A BRIEF STATUS REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF NUCLEAR DATA PHYSICS CENTRE OF INDIA (NDPCI)

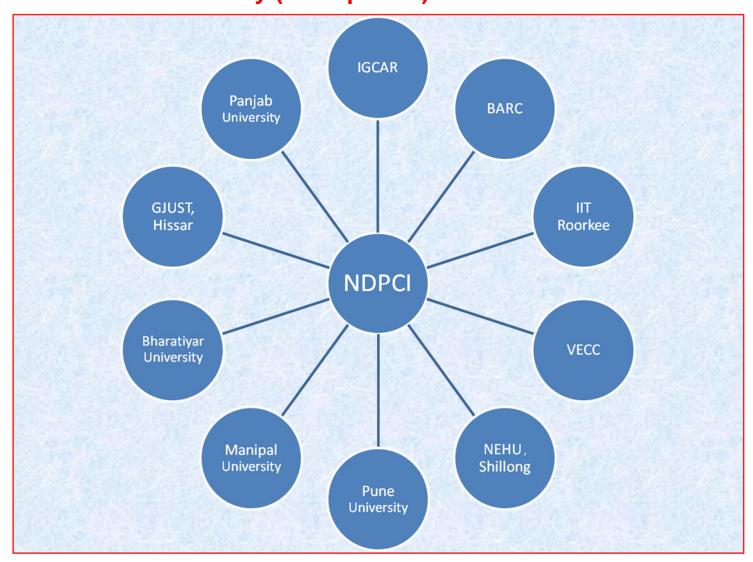
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On Behalf of NDPCI

#### Activities such as the following pursued by NDPCI

- Organize theme meetings and national conferences on nuclear data physics
- Provide support for joint experiments and development of computer programmes interfacing with nuclear databases.
- Provide support to advanced reactor applications to enable use of updated nuclear data
- Coordinate experimental and theoretical programmes on nuclear data physics involving IAEA Nuclear data Section and be a single window from India for all its nuclear data physics activities as required by the IAEA-NDS.
- Coordinate experimental and theoretical programmes on nuclear data physics involving international formal [e.g, CERN n\_TOF – BARC MOU programme] and informal [e.g, Korea informal collaborations] collaborations
- NDPCI can help to form useful local neutron data centres in Universities and Institutes on a coordinated programme mode. (IIT R, PU etc)

# Linkages of NDPCI with DAE Units and Universities As on Today (19-Sep-2011)



Vishvabharati University, Calcutta and Mizoram University

NDPCI has been very successful to bring people in various fields (e.g., Nuclear Physics, Reactor and Radiochemistry Divisions of BARC, IGCAR, VECC etc.) and students and staff from various Universities across India. A very unique activity. Both experimentalists, theoreticians are being covered.

## The Composition of the Programme Review Committee (PRC) as per MOU:

•	S. Kailas, Dir. Physics Group, BARC	Chairman
•	S. G. Markandeya, Scientific Secretary (BRNS)	Member
•	A. Chatterjee, Head, NPD, BARC	Member
•	A. Goswami, Head RCD, BARC	Member
•	P. K. Sarkar, Head, HPD, BARC	Member
•	D. Srivastava (VECC)Head, Physics Group, VECC, Kolkatta	Member
•	V. N. Bhoraskar (Pune University)	Member
•	A.K.Jain, Dept. of Physics, IIT, Roorkee	Member
•	P. D. Krishnani, Head, RPDD, BARC	Member
•	R.S. Keshavmurthy, Head, RPD, IGCAR	Member
•	A.G.Apte, Head, Computer Div. BARC	Member

Member-Secretary (NDPCI)

A.Saxena, NPD BARC

#### The Composition of the Programme Implementation Committee (PIC) as per MOU:

•	P.D. Krishnani, Head, RPDD, BARC	Chairman

• D. Raj Member

• Rajeev Kumar Member

H. Naik, RCD, BARC
 Member

• Sarbjit Singh, RCD, BARC Member

Amar Sinha, PM, NXPF
 Member

B.K.Nayak, NPD, BARC
 Member

V. Gopalakrishnan, NDS, RPD, IGCAR Member

G. Pandikumar, NDS, RPD, IGCAR Member

CSR Murthy, Computer Division
 Member

Gopal Mukherjee, VECC Member

• C. P. Reddy, FBTR, IGCAR Member

• D. Roy, Programme Officer, (BRNS) Member

Alok Saxena, NPD, BARC
 Member-Secretary (NDPCI)

S. Ganesan, EX BARC
 Permanent Invitee Member

# The 4th DAE-BRNS Theme Meeting on EXFOR Compilation of nuclear data, (April 4– 8, 2011), Punjab University, Chandigarh

was phenomenally successful; more than 80 Indian new EXFOR entries into the IAEA database increasing visibility to India's nuclear physics experiments and data generated in Indian experiments.

S. Ganesan (BARC), A. Saxena (BARC) and B. Behera (Panjab University) were main organizing committee members as Chairman, Technical convener and local convener respectively.

**FACULTY:** S. Dunaeva (Ex-IAEA), Russia (Supported from NDPCI funds) and Prof. N. Otsuka from IAEA **PARTCIPANTS:** 70 scientists various institutes of India attended;

covering a wide geographical scope, as well as scientific career profiles, from graduate students to several distinguished senior professors. See: <a href="http://physics.puchd.ac.in/events/exfor2011/">http://physics.puchd.ac.in/events/exfor2011/</a>

**THEME** Every day after 1-2 lectures participants made compilation to EXFOR in small groups on 20 PCs and additionally on 15 laptops. The identification for coding into EXFOR of all the suitable Indian articles published in the literature was done in consultation with and by the IAEA-NDS staff.

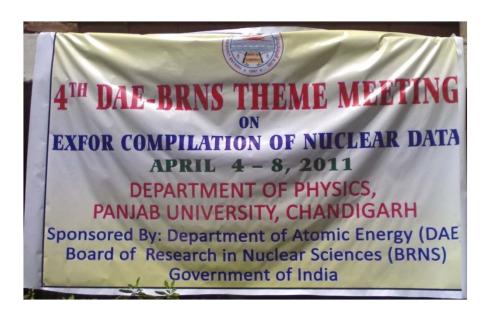
This process is continuing even after the workshop as many scientists and students are following up the EXFOR compilation activities after the Chandigarh meeting.

Prof. Svetlana also visited VECC, BARC for training and interaction related EXFOR compilations.

India successfully contributed more than 200 EXFOR entries.

see: http://www-nds.iaea.org/nrdc/india/

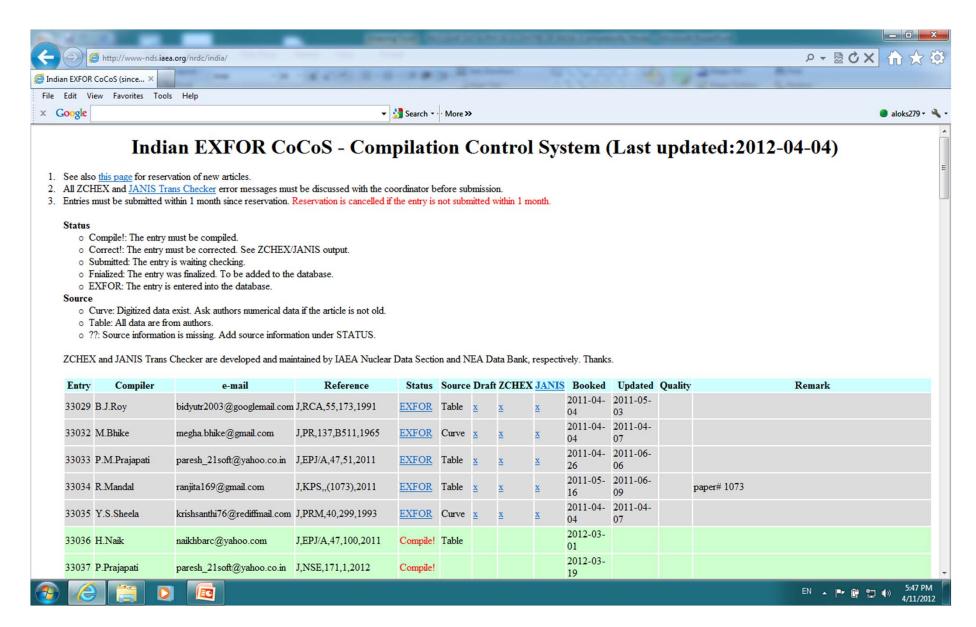
NEXT MEETING in BHU, VARANASI during Feb. 18-22, 2013







# Extracts from this website http://www-nds.iaea.org/nrdc/india/ as on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2012 are shown below and in the next few slides





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MAY 2010, IAEA-NDS, VIENNA, EXFOR WORKSHOP S.V. Surayanarayana and H. Naik participated

May 2011, IAEA-NDS, VIENNA, EXFOR WORKSHOP Sarbjit Singh and Megha Bhike participated.

AASPP-1, 2010, Hokkaido University: Attended by S. Ganesan, Devesh Raj, Paresh Prajapati and H. Naik.

AASPP-2: 2011: Beijing, China: Attended by H. Naik, Dr. M. Balasubramaniam and S. Ganesan This 2<sup>nd</sup> Asian Nuclear data Development Workshop, 5-9 Sep. 2011, Beijing was supported by China Nuclear Data Center (CNDC), Science and Technology on Nuclear Data Laboratory and the Asia-Africa Science Platform Program (AASPP) of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS). This workshop was being organized by CNDC, China Institute of Atomic Energy (CIAE).

#### **DAE-BRNS** project for EXFOR

- Special Project under Nuclear data Physics Centre of India entitled, "EXFOR COMPILATION OF NUCLEAR REACTION DATA" Sanctioned by DAE-BRNS to North eastern University, Shillong Prof. (Mrs.) B. Jyrwa, Rs 8,15000/- lakhs for two years
- Two Project assistants (M.Sc. (Physics) Level qualification) Ms. Rituparna GHOSH and Ms. Sylvia Badegar were recruited by NEHU for a 2-year period on contract. (Interacted with IAEA experts at VECC, Chandigarh meeting) (one year Completed)
  - 2. Another project has been approved recently for funding under NDPCI by Prof. Sudipta Narayan Roy, for a project in Vishva-Bharati University, Shantiniketan for Rs 9.11 lakhs for two years (with Dr. Gopal Mukherji, VECC as PC and A. Saxena as Co-PC).
- 3. Another project being processed involves B. Lalremruata from Mizoram university as principal investigator is in review stage which will include EXFOR compilation in addition to nuclear data measurements and evaluation. We are evolving a mechanism to coordinate the EXFOR compilation activities with IAEA-NDS (SVS Surynarayan as PC-1 and A.Saxena as PC-2 and H. Naik as PC-3).

# The second DAE-BRNS Workshop on Covariance error matrix and its applications in reactor fuel cycle and technology", November 29 - Dec. 3, 2010, Vel Tech Dr.RR& Dr.SR Technical University, Chennai, Tamilnadu.-PARTIALLY FUNDED BY HOST was very successful.

Dr. Peter Schillibecx from IRRM, Belgium, Prof. Leeb of Vienna, Hiroshi NOTO, Japan, O. Cabellos, Spain, M. Lee, Korea were among the speakers in this workshop.

Conducted detailed presentations, lectures and discussions in the field of variance-covariance matrix of nuclear data for nuclear system applications "Establishing methodology and evaluation of Indian nuclear data file for a few selected neutron induced nuclear reactions including covariance error matrix for applications to advanced nuclear systems in India"

Project proposal from Manipal university in proposal stage

 Phase-I of DAE-BRNS nuclear data covariance project (2007-2011) successfully completed at the Statistics Department, Manipal University. Project closed. The NDPCI project by Prof. A.K. Jain (IIT-R) "Improved Nuclear Structure and Decay Data for Nuclear Models in the Heavy Nuclides Region" has been formulated, processed and sanctioned. (Rs 25 lakhs) for three years

Nuclear Structure and Decay Data evaluation activity is being carried out at IIT Roorkee since 2003 under the auspices of IAEA. New detection arrays and new accelerators in India and abroad have made it possible to reach regions of high spin and high excitation and obtain accurate data even for nuclei far from the stability. Large amount of such data are being accumulated which need systematic evaluation and standardization. The project aims at compilation and evaluation of recent data, and carry out fresh evaluation primarily in the mass region 218 to 229.

Evaluated data for *A*=222 was published in Nuclear Data Sheets for A=222, 112 (2011) 2851-2886, S. Singh, A.K. Jain and J.K. Tuli.

Currently evaluation of A=224 mass chain is going on.A

#### AT VECC

ENSDF Evaluation of A = 95 has been completed during this period in collaboration with National Nuclear Data Centre (NNDC), BNL, USA in the ENSDF formalism and has been published in the journal Nuclear Data Sheets. (S.K. Basu, G. Mukherjee)

ENSDF Evaluation of A = 150 has been completed during this period in collaboration with National Nuclear Data Centre (NNDC), BNL, USA.

The evaluation has been submitted for publication in the journal Nuclear Data Sheets. (S.K. Basu)

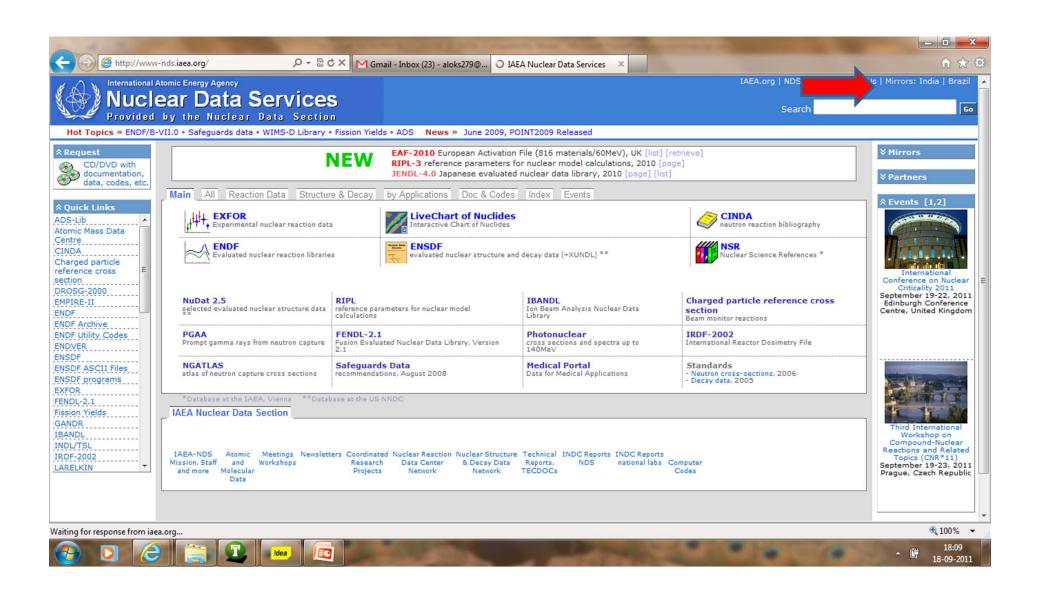
# **DAE-BRNS Project Transfer**

- Transfer of Project from Thematic sub-committee no. 4 (TSC-4) of NRFCC to NDPCI (under NRFCC, BRNS) with Title: Theoretical simulation of induced activity and production cross section of radionuclides in neutron and charged particle induced reactions. Principle Investigator: Dr. Sneh Lata Goel, GJUST, Hisar
  - Transfer completed. Project in progress. Total budget 14.5 lakhs for three years.
- The project is aimed to understand the reaction mechanism in high energy neutron and charged particle bombardment of various target nuclei. The fast reactor, ITER and ADSS programmes require the cross section data in the energy range to be studied in this project.

### INDIAN MIRROR WEBSITE

The Indian mirror web-site of IAEA-Nuclear Data Section (<a href="http://www-nds.indcentre.org.in">http://www-nds.indcentre.org.in</a>) greatly helps the contributing scientists, and the number of visits to this site is continually on the increase.

Therefore, the relevant MOU between DAE/BARC and the IAEA which was to end in 2010 and has been continued beyond 2010. This mirror web-site is being maintained by Computer Division at HBNI campus in Anushaktinagar. This was appreciated and mentioned by Chairman, DAE in the Annual IAEA General Conference in 2010.



# Indian experimental criticality benchmarks

Preparation of integral Indian experimental criticality benchmarks for integral nuclear data validation studies. (KAMINI, PURNIMA-II benchmarks has been completed and accepted by the US-DOE). PURNIMA-I benchmarking in final stage of progress.

Nuclear data sets are being used for reactor sensitivity studies —AHWR, CHTR (RPDD, BARC); Fast Reactors (IGCAR), ITER-Test Blanket Module & Indian Fusion Reactors (IPR and BARC).

## **CERN n\_TOF collaboration (Geneva)**

- MOU was signed in Nov., 2008 for Indian participation n\_tof experiments in phase II
- The annual O & M fee this time CHF 4264 was paid from the NDPCI funds
- Mr. Devesh Raj of RPDD participated in the n\_tof experiments in 2010 and Mr. Pandikumar of IGCAR participated in 2011.
- Main Objectives:
- (1) neutron cross section measurements for nuclear astrophysics, (2) nuclear data measurements for advanced nuclear technologies and nuclear waste transmutation, and (3) neutron cross section measurements for basic nuclear physics.

#### **Nuclear Data Measurements using BARC-TIFR Pelletron Facility**

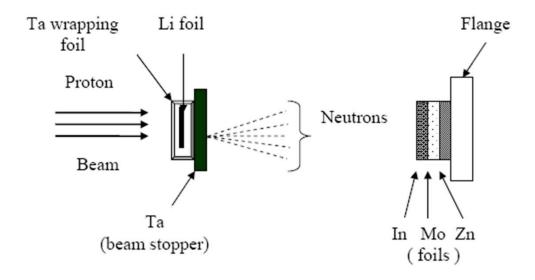


Fig. 1. Simple sketch diagram showing the arrangement used for neutron irradiation.

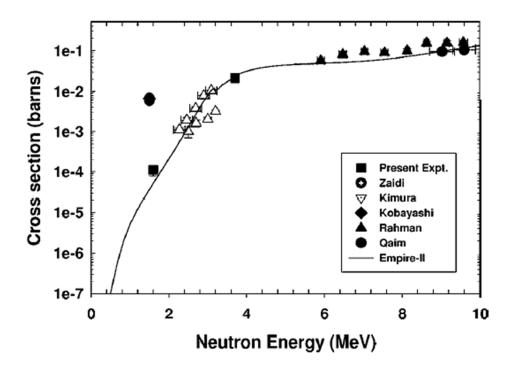
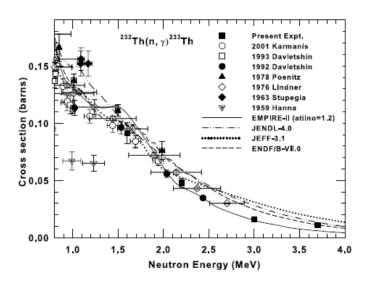
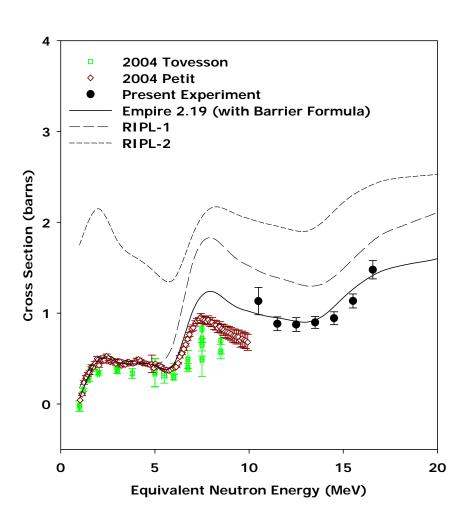


Fig. 4. Excitation function of  $^{92}$ Mo(n, p) $^{92m}$ Nb reaction. Filled square represents present measurement. Solid line represents Empire-2.19 calculations.



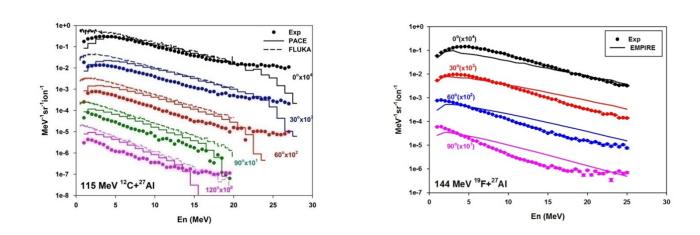
Excitation function of <sup>232</sup>Th(n,γ) (From M. Bhike et al., NUCLEAR SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING: 170, 1–10 (2012)

# <sup>233</sup>Pa(n,f) Cross section



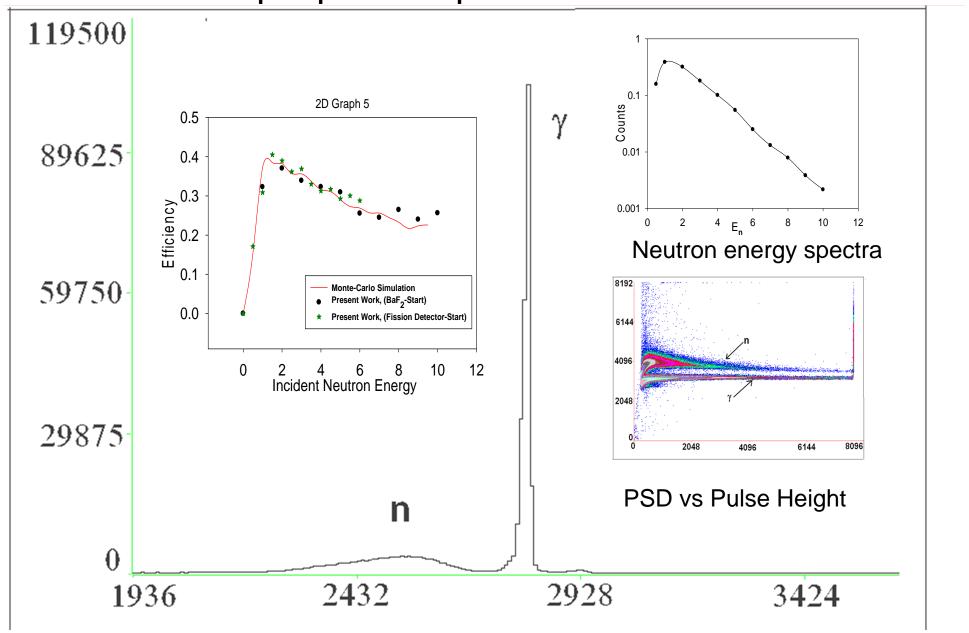
More work is being carried out using <sup>7</sup>Li+<sup>238</sup>U for <sup>241</sup>Pu(n,f)

Measurement of neutron yield from thick targets bombarded by heavy ions of energy 7-9 MeV/amu.



Five liquid scintillators of 5cm diameter and 5cm thickness were placed at 1.5 meters from the target. Pulse shape discrimination was used to separate the neutrons from the photons while time of flight technique was used to measure the energy. The experimental results were compared with the statistical model codes PACE and EMPIRE and by the Monte Carlo code FLUKA. Preliminary results indicate that the codes do not reproduce the experimental data satisfactorily.

# CHARCATERIZATION OF NEUTRON DETECTORS WITH <sup>252</sup>Cf SOURCE For CRP on prompt neutron spectra





The TAGS set up at VECC using BaF2 scintillator detectors. The 50 detector elements ( $3.5 \times 3.5 \times 5 \text{ cm}3$ ) were arranged in two halves each consisting of 25 detectors in the staggered castle type geometry. The two halves are shown in the figure separately.



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A theme meeting on nuclear reaction data evaluation was held at the Homi Bhabha National Institute in Mumbai during 13-17 February 2012.

#### List of Publications in 2010-12

# 1.Inter-comparison of JEF-2.2 and JEFF-3.1 Evaluated Nuclear Data through Monte Carlo Analysis of VVER-1000 MOX Core Computational Benchmark

- L. Thilagam, R. Karthikeyan, V. Jagannathan, K. V. Subbiah, S. M. Lee Annals of Nuclear Energy, 37, 144–165, (2010).
- •2. Mass-yield distributions of fragments from photo-fission of natPb induced by 50-70 MeV bremsstrahlung
  Haladhara Naik, Guinyun Kim, Ashok Goswami, Sarbjit Singh, Vijay Kumar Manchanda, Devesh Raj, Srinivasan Ganesan, Young Do Oh,

Hee-Seock Lee, Kyung, Sook Kim, Man-Woo Lee, Moo-Hyun Cho, In Soo Ko, and Won Namkung.

- J. Radioanal. Nucl. Chem. 283, 439 (2010).
- 3. Measurement of photo-fission cross-section of <sup>238</sup>U using microtron facility
- H. G. Rajprakash, Ganesh Sanjeev, K. B. Vijaykumar, H. G. Harish kumar, K. Sidappa, B. K. Nayak and A. Saxena International Journal of Modern Physics E 20, (2011) 2361–2375
- 4. Measurement of photofission excitation of <sup>237</sup>NP
- H G Rajaprakash, Ganeshsanjeev, K B Vijay Kumar, K Siddappa, B K Nayak and A Saxena Radiation Measurements, 46, 413 (2011)
- 5. Experimental determination of photofission cross-sections of <sup>232</sup>Th using electron accelerator
- H.G. Raj Prakash, Ganesh Sanjeev, K.B. Vijay Kumar, K. Siddappa, B.K. Nayak, A. Saxena

**Annals of Nuclear Energy 38 (2011) 757–766** 

6. Analysis of coolant void reactivity of Advanced Heavy Water Reactor (AHWR) through isotopic reaction rates, Umasankari Kannan and S. Ganesan

**Nucl. Science and Engineering**, 167, Issue 12 (2011), pp 105-124.

- 7. Mass-yield distribution of fission products from photo-fission of natPb induced by 2.5 GeV bremsstrahlung
  - H. Naik, S. Singh, A. Goswami, V.K. Manchanda, S.V. Suryanarayana, D. Raj, S. Ganesan, Md. S. Rahman, K.S. Kim, M.W. Lee,
  - G. Kim, M. -H. Cho, I.S. Ko, W. Namkng
    - E. Phys. J. A. 47, 37 (2011).
  - 8. Measurement of photo-neutron cross-sections in <sup>208</sup>Pb and <sup>209</sup>Bi with 50-70 MeV Bremsstrahlung.
  - H. Naik, S. Singh, A. Goswami, V.K. Manchanda, G. Kim, K.S. Kim, M. -W. Lee,
  - Md.S. Rahman, D. Raj, S.V. Suryanarayana, S. Ganesan, M. -H. Cho, W. Namkng
  - Nucl. Instruments Methods in Phys. Research B 269, 1417 (2011).

- 9. Mass distribution in the bremsstrahlung-induced fission of <sup>232</sup>Th, <sup>238</sup>U and <sup>240</sup>Pu.
- H. Naik, V.T. Nimje, D.Raj, S.V. Suryanarayana, A.Goswami, Sarbjit Singh, S.N. Acharya, K.C. Mttal, S. Ganesan, P. Chandrachoodan, V.K. Manchanda, V. Venugopal, S. Banarjee,

Nucl Phys. A 853 (2011) 1.

- 10. <sup>233</sup>Pa(2n<sub>th</sub>, f) cross-section determination using a fission track technique.
- H. Naik, P.M. Prajapati, S.V. Suryanarayana, P.N. Pathak, D.R. Pravu, V. Chavan, D. Raj, P.C. Kalsi, A.Goswami, S. Ganesan and V.K. Manchanda

Eur. Phys. J. A 47,100 (2011).

- 11. Measurement of the neutron reaction cross-section of <sup>232</sup>Th using the neutron activation technique.
- H. Naik, P.M.Prajapati, S.V. Surayanarayana, K.C.Jagadeesan, S.V.Thakare, D.Raj, V.K. Mulik, B.S.Sivashankar, B.K. Nayak, S.C. Sharma, S. Mukherjee, Sarbjit Singh, A. Goswami, S. Ganesan and V.K. Manchanda

Eur. Phys. J. A 47, 51 (2011).

- 12. Measurement of the neutron capture cross-sections of <sup>232</sup>Th at 5.9 MeV and 15.5 MeV
- P.M. Prajapati, H. Naik, S.V. Suryanarayana, S. Mukherjee, K.C. Jagadeesan, S.C. Sharma, S.V. Thakre, K.K. Rasheed, S. Ganesan and A.Goswami

Eur. Phys. J. A (2012) 48 35

- 13. Systematic study of (n, p) reaction cross sections from the reaction threshold to 20 MeV
- B. Lalremruata, N. Otuka, G. J. Tambave, V. K. Mulik, B. J. Patil, S. D. Dhole, A. Saxena,
- S. Ganesan, and V. N. Bhoraskar

Phys. Rev. C 85, 024624 (2012)

14. Measurement of <sup>232</sup>Th(n,  $\gamma$ )<sup>233</sup>Th, <sup>98</sup>Mo(n,  $\gamma$ )<sup>99</sup>Mo, <sup>186</sup>W(n,  $\gamma$ )<sup>187</sup>W, <sup>115</sup>In(n,  $\gamma$ )<sup>116m</sup>In and <sup>92</sup>Mo(n,p)<sup>92m</sup>Nb reaction cross sections in the MeV range

Megha Bhike, B. J. Roy, A. Saxena, R. K. Choudhury, S. Ganesan

Nuclear Science and Engineering, 170, 1–10 ~2012

15. Fission Neutron Spectrum Sensitivity Study for the Case of Advanced Heavy Water Reactor

Anek Kumar and S. Ganesan

**Nuclear Science and Engineering (in press)** 

16. Measurement of  $^{232}$ Th(n,  $\gamma$ ) and  $^{232}$ Th(n, 2n) cross-section at neutron energies of 13.5, 15.5 and 17.28 MeV using neutron activation techniques

Sadhana Mukerji, H. Naik, S.V. Suryanarayana, S. Chachara, B.S. Shivashankar, V. Mulik, Rita Crasta, Sudipta Samanta, B.K. Nayak, A. Saxena, S.C. Sharma, P.V. Bhagwat, K.K. Rasheed, R.N.Jindal, S. Ganesan, A. Goswami and P.D. Krishnani paper accepted for publication in *Pramana*, *Journal of Indian Academy of Sciences*.

#### **FUTURE PLANS**

- Procurement of gamma spectrometry system for dedicated use by NDPCI at 40 lakhs in 2011-12 is foreseen.
- Measurement of prompt neutron spectra for <sup>232</sup>Th(n,f)
- Recruitment of students, post-docs, trainees has been proposed.
- Web-design for NDPCI are in formulation stage.
- The 5th Indian EXFOR compilation workshop is planned for in Feb., 2013 at BHU. It is under informal discussions. Application for funding will be made.
- A workshop on surrogate reaction is proposed by Dr. Surjit Mukherjee of Baroda University to be held this year.