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1. INTRODUCTION

Cross sections of the reactions leading to material activation by neutrons with energies corresponding to the region of the D-T fusion neutron spectrum have been measured for a long time by many experimentalists. At present, there is a lot of data available, especially, in the region of neutron energy around 14 MeV. However, some unsolved problems still remain in this area. First, there are some reactions which are very important for fusion and applications but never have been measured satisfactorily. These are, for example,

 64 Ni(n, n α)⁵⁶Fe, 92 Mo(n, np)⁹¹Nb, 241 Am(n, 2n)²⁴⁰Am, etc.

Second, tens of reactions exist for which either the measurement was performed only once or a sharp disagreement between results of different experiments is observed. The urgent need is to repeat independently such measurements. Among these, the following reactions may be mentioned:

92_{Mo(n, np)}91m_{Nb}, 106_{Pd(n, p)}106m_{Rh}, 106_{Cd(n, 2n)}105_{Cd}, etc.

Finally, in spite of a great number of results that were obtained for reaction cross sections at neutron energies around 14 MeV, the evaluated data often have rather large uncertainties that exceed noticeably the attainable experimental errors. This is usually connected with a large scattering of data obtained by different authors.

The requests for new experimental data were discussed at many meetings that addressed various problems related to the peaceful application of atomic energy, such as the activation of structural materials, the generation of hydrogen and helium, tritium breeding, the delayed decayheat of the reaction products, shielding problems, waste disposal, transmutation, etc. It was many times emphasized by specialists that increased accuracy of the basic data will lead to significant cost savings, for example, for the ITER Project, by reducing the engineering safety margins.

The purpose of the present work was the systematic and precise measurement of activation cross sections for some reactions of importance for fusion and other applications. Among them, special attention was paid to those reactions that were recommended to measure by IAEA Specialists.

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Besides, starting the measurements, the authors aimed to prepare a broad experimental database that would permit making a new, more exact evaluation of reaction cross sections at neutron energies around 14 MeV, using the most modern results. Examples of such investigations are the systematic cross section measurement program that was recently completed with high accuracy for 190 reactions at JAERI (Japan) [1, 2], and measurements for 58 reactions performed at IAE (China) [3].

In the experiment carried out at the Khlopin Radium Institute, the conventional methods were modernized. This enabled a high accuracy for activation cross sections to be achieved in spite of the rather modest parameters of the Neutron Generator NG-400. Measurements were started in 1989 but were practically stopped in the beginning of 1992 due to a lack of finances and were then continued only at the end of 1994 after signing of corresponding contracts with IAEA and ISTC. To date, more then 400 differential cross sections have been measured us for 70 reactions. The main cycle of measurements is planned to be completed in 1997. In the present paper the experimental method is described, and the measurement results are presented for those cross sections where the data processing is already finished.

2. EXPERIMENTAL METHOD

Activation cross section measurements were curried out using a conventional, widely used scheme: irradiation - cooling - gamma counting. Briefly, the main features of the measurement procedure are as follows:

a) most of the reaction cross sections were measured at 7 or 8 neutron energy values in the interval 13.4-14.9 MeV for rigidly fixed standard conditions. To increase the reliability of these results, some standard reactions known with accuracy of 1.5 - 3%, were measured for the same conditions;

b) the scattered neutron contribution was minimized by the use of thin-wall constructions and air cooling of the target;

c) for neutron fluence determination, two reference reactions were used simultaneously, namely, the ${}^{27}\text{Al}(n, \alpha){}^{24}\text{Na}$ and the ${}^{93}\text{Nb}(n, 2n){}^{92m}\text{Nb}$, that are known with accuracy 0.5 - 2.5%;

d) the neutron flux was measured using the scanning scintillation detector that worked online with a PC. This allowed continuous monitoring of both angular and energy distributions of neutrons during irradiations;

e) the neutron field parameters were also calculated in detail. For this, a special code was written that took into account the real properties of the target and the real geometry of experiment.

f) accumulation, treatment and presentation of the data were fully computerized. The complete information about the measurements is stored in a structured data bank that was provided with service codes.

g) some effort was made to prepare a handbook on activation data in electronic format. At present, this handbook includes activation cross sections for about 4000 reactions, binding energies for about 3000 nuclei and data on approximately 15000 gamma rays from 2777 decays.

Below, these issues are considered in more detail.

The irradiation arrangement is shown in Fig. 2.1. The samples were gathered into assemblies that were mounted relative to the beam direction at the angles of 0, 40, 60, 80,100, 120 and 140 degrees (the ring No. 1 for seven assemblies) and at 0, 40, 60, 75, 91, 107, 125 and

150 degrees (the ring No. 2 for eight assemblies). The distance from the center of the target to the centers of the front foils was 30 mm. In this arrangement, the neutron energy interval 13.4 - 14.9 MeV was covered when the D-T neutrons were used.

Special attention was paid to minimizing the contribution of scattered neutrons to the primary neutron spectrum. The target chamber and the sample holders used in the irradiations had thin walls with thickness of only 0.25 - 0.5 mm (see Fig. 2.1). The thickness of the sample packets varied from 1.5 to 5 mm. The distance between the target and the samples was much less then the distance between the target and the thick concrete walls of the experimental hall (3 cm and 150-1000 cm respectively). As a result, the fraction of scattered neutrons inside the samples was as low as 1 - 2%.

The 93 Nb(n, 2n) 92m Nb reaction was used as the primary standard for neutron fluence determination. This reaction has some properties that make it very suitable for this purpose. Among them, a small, no more than 5%, change of cross section over the neutron energy interval 13.5 - 14.9 MeV, and an almost optimal half-life of 92m Nb (10.2 d) which does not require large corrections for decay during irradiation but, on the other hand, allow re-use of samples after 2 - 3 months of cooling.

Typically, 2 - 4 different materials were irradiated simultaneously. The samples were gathered in packets in which the first and the last position were occupied by the Nb foils. This permitted reliable interpolation of neutron flux that varied inside the assembly from sample to sample. Moreover, the fixed geometry of irradiation allowed to use 14 (for 7 sample positions) or 16 (for 8 sample positions) values of the neutron fluence deduced by Nb monitor foils for the calculation of neutron fluence accumulated by a sample. This reduced the uncorrelated part of errors by a factor approximately 2.5 in comparison with the conventional method where the fluence is determined independently for each assembly.

In addition, Al foils were placed in the middle of each packet. They were used to improve the accuracy of the absolute neutron flux determination, because the ${}^{27}Al(n, \alpha)^{24}Na$ cross section is known with high precision.

Variations of neutron flux during irradiation were measured by two independent scintillation detectors, one of which was fixed rigidly and the other was rotated around the target, at the distance 1 m, over the angular range -160 to +120 degrees. A standard period of 20 s was set for a rotation cycle, however, if necessary, that could be changed from 5 s to 2 min.

Three parameters were determined by this scanning scintillation detector for each event pulse: angle, amplitude and time of flight. The data were accumulated event by event in a buffer that was sorted to the relevant arrays at the moment when the detector changed the direction of movement at the backmost position. Detailed information on the angular and energy distribution of neutrons, and their variations during the irradiation, was written periodically to the PC disk and this was used then in the data processing.

The induced gamma activity was counted by a large volume Ge(Li) detector. Its efficiency was measured at different distances using standard gamma sources (OSGI) as well as other radioactive nuclides produced at the Neutron Generator. The efficiency dependence on energy and distance were approximated by analytical formulas. At the standard distance between sample and detector, which was 33 mm from the upper surface of detector to the lower side of the sample, the absolute efficiency of the detector was 0.992% for $E_{\gamma} = 661.6$ keV and 0.506% for $E_{\gamma} = 1332.5$ keV. The detector was secluded in a heavy shield consisting of consecutive layers of lead, cadmium and steel. This provided a background level as low as 0.00018 counts/s/keV at a gamma energy about 1330 keV. The count rate for the most intense background peak (due to 40 K) was 0.0048 counts/s.



Fig. 2.1. Near target arrangement at the irradiation.

The data treatment included gamma spectra processing, peak identification, calculation of the induced activity of the sample, neutron flux determination and calculation of the activation cross section. For this, a packet of programs was written in TURBO PASCAL 7.0. It operated on a structured data bank of the experimental and reference data. This allowed recalculation of any cross section very quickly if some new information appeared, for example, about the reference data.

A special electronic handbook was created to make the job of preliminary data analysis, and preparation for new measurements, more productive and comfortable. By means of this, a great variety of information could be retrieved quickly, such as isotopic abundance of natural materials, reaction thresholds, expected cross sections, half-lives of reaction products, gamma ray energies and yields, interfering reactions, etc. At present, this electronic handbook works with databases that contain information on binding energies for about 3000 nuclei [4], approximately 4000 reaction cross sections [5], and about 15000 gamma rays from 2777 decays [6]. It is governed through a choice of 19 menu items that may be linked in various combination using logical conditions .AND., .OR. and .NOT. Although the handbook was created to service a rather special task, nevertheless, it seems to be able to meet various requests of specialists working in other areas of nuclear physics.

The decay data of isotopes that were involved in the process of cross section calculation for the present study are presented in Table 2.1. If several gamma lines of an isotope were observed in the experiment, then the cross section was deduced as the mean weighted value for all observed gamma peaks...

Nucleus	T _{1/2}	E _γ [keV]	Υ _{γ.} [%]
²² Na	2.6088(14) y	1274.5	99.944(14)
²⁴ Na	14.9590(12) h	1368.6	99.99(1)
		2754.0	99.88(1)
²⁷ Mg	9.458(11) m	843.76	73.10(1)
		1014.4	28.50(1)
³⁸ C1	37.24(5) m	1642.7	31.0 (10)
		2167.6	42.0 (30)
⁴¹ Ar	109.34(12) m	1293.1	99.10(1)
³⁸ K	7.636(18) m	2167.6	99.87(2)
⁴⁸ Sc	43.67(9) h	983.5	100.1(3)
		1037.5	97.6(7)
		1312.1	100.1(7)
52 V	3.743(5) m	1434.1	100.00(15)
⁵⁴ Mn	312.12(10) d	834.8	99.976(1)
⁵⁶ Mn	2.5785(2) h	846.8	98.87(3)
		1810.7	27.19(80)
		2113.0	14.34(40)
⁵⁹ Fe	44.503(6) d	192.4	3.08(12)
		1099.3	56.5(19)
		1291.5	43.2(14)
57Co	271.79(9) d	122.1	85.60(17)
		136.5	10.68(8)
⁵⁸ gCo	70.82(3) d	810.8	99.448(8)

⁶⁰ Co	1925.1(5) d	1173.2	99.9736(7)
		1332.5	99.9856(4)
⁵⁷ Ni	35.60(6) h	127.2	16.66(3)
		1377.6	81.7(2)
		1919.5	15.0(3)
⁶⁵ Ni	2.5172(3) h	366.3	4.805(60)
		1115.5	15.43(14)
		1482.0	23.59(14)
⁶⁴ Cu	12.700(2) h	1345.8	0.473(10)
^{×5m} Kr	4.480(8) h	151.2	75.4(18)
		304.9	14.0(4)
^{86m} Rb	1.017(3) m	556.07	98.17(9)
^{86g} Rb	18.631(18) d	1077.0	8.64(4)
^{87m} Sr	2.827(1) h	388.5	81.9(5)
⁹¹ Sr	9.63(5) h	555.6	56.11(10)
		749.8	23.6(5)
		1024.3	33.4(5)
⁸⁸ Y	106.65(4) d	898.0	93.7(3)
		1836.1	99.2(3)
^{90m} Y	3.244(5) h	202.1	97.3(4)
		479.5	90.74(5)
⁹² Y	3.54(1) h	934.5	13.9(13)
		2339.9	4.78(2)
^{89m} Zr	4.18(1) m	587.8	89.50(5)
		1507.3	6.04(7)
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^{89g} Zr	78.41(12) h	909.1	99.871(3)
⁹⁵ Zr	64.02(5) d	724.2	44.17(15)
		756.7	54.46(10)
^{92m} Nb	10.15(2) d	912.6	1.8(1)
		934.2	99.07(4)
^{91m} Mo	65.0(7) s	652.9	48.2(13)
		1208.1	18.78 (58)
		1508.0	24.40 (73)
103Ru	39.26(2) d	497.1	91 (3)
¹⁰⁵ Ru	4.44(2) h	469.4	17.5(6)
		676.4	15.7(5)
^{106m} Rh	131(2) m	429.4	13.3(21)
		450.8	24.2(13)
		616.1	20.2(14)
		717.2	28 9(16)
		748 5	193(11)
		825.0	13 6(8)
		1046 7	30 4(16)
		11277	13 7(9)
		1529.4	17.5(16)
101 Pd	8 47(6) h	269.7	$\frac{17.5(10)}{6.4(4)}$
1 u	0.47(0)11	296.3	19.2(10)
		590.4	12.2(10)
		1289.0	228(14)
$106m\Delta\sigma$	8 28(2) d	406.2	1342(30)
<u>ns</u>	0.20(2) u	420.2	13.42(30) 13.15(30)
		451.0	$\frac{13.13(30)}{28.23(70)}$
		$1 - \frac{1}{6162}$	21.57(60)
••••		717.3	21.97(00) 28.94(80)
		748 4	20.54(60)
		8247	15.34(50)
		1045.8	19.9+(90)
		1128 0	11.75(50)
		1120.0	11.75(50) 11.22(30)
		1527 7	11.22(50) 16.31(50)
$108m\Delta\alpha$	418(21) v	1327.7	90.5(6)
<u> </u>	+10(21) y	6143	80.8(10)
		722 0	0.0(1)
112 A g	3 130(0) h	606.2	351(10)
Ag	5.150(9)11	617.0	3.31(10)
105Cd	55.5(1) m	246.0	42.80(20)
Cu	55.5(4) 11	1 340.9	4.20(40)
		433.2	2.01(20)
		607.2	3.74(30)
ļ		1 961.8	4.69(30)
		1302.5	3.97(30)
		1388.5	2.70(20)
		1693.3	3.53(30)
Cd	48.54(5) m	150.8	29.1(3)
		245.4	94.0(5)
Libra i	44.6(3) d	933.8	2.0(7)
Cd	53.46(10) h	336.2	45.9(2)
		492.6	8.03(10)
		527.9	27.5(2)

^{113m} In	1.6582(6) h	391.7	64.2(8)
^{114m} In	49.51(1) d	190.5	15.6(7)
		558.0	4.39(20)
		725.2	4.33(20)
		1300.0	0.19(3)
^{115m} In	4.486(4) h	336.2	45.79(10)
^{135m} Xe	15.29(5) m	526.5	80.5(5)
^{135g} Xe	9.14(2) h	249.8	90.5(5)
		608.6	2.38(5)
¹³⁷ Cs	30.07(3) y	661.6	85.1(1)
^{137m} Ba	2.552(1) m	661.6	90.11(6)
^{148m} Pm	41.29(11) d	550.1	94.55(90)
		629.9	88.6(7)
140		725.6	32.69(30)
¹⁴⁹ Eu	93.1(4) d	277.1	3.56(6)
150mm		327.0	4.03(12)
^{1.50} ^m Eu	12.8(1) h	333.9	3.85(10)
		406.5	2.73(10)
		831.8	0.23(5)
		921.7	0.27(5)
1500-		1165.7	0.24(5)
Eu	36.9(9) y	334.0	96.0(30)
		439.4	80.4(30)
		505.5	4.8(2)
		584.3	52.6(25)
		749.0	<u>9.6(3)</u>
		1040.0	5.2(2)
152ml En	0.2116(12) h	1049.0	$\frac{5.4(2)}{7.21(00)}$
Eu	9.5110(15) h	244.2	7.21(90)
		562.0	2.44(30)
		841.6	0.25(5)
		063.3	14.00(21)
		1314.7	0.95(13)
		1389.0	0.70(20)
¹⁵² Fu	13 573(5) v	121.8	$\frac{0.70(20)}{28.40(23)}$
Ľu	15.575(5) y	344.3	26.40(20)
		778 9	12.96(7)
		964 1	14 62(6)
		1112.1	13.54(6)
		1408 0	20.85(8)
²⁰³ Pb	51,873(9) h	279.19	80.8(2)
		401.3	3.46(17)
		680.5	0,70(8)
²³⁷ U	6.75(1) d	208.0	21.14(23)
²³⁹ Am	11.9(1) h	226.4	3.3(2)
		228.2	11.3(6)
		277.6	15.0(7)
²⁴⁰ Am	50.8(3) h	888.8	25.1(4)
		987 6	73.2(10)

As was mentioned above, the primary reference reaction cross section in the entire experiment was the cross section of the ${}^{93}Nb(n, 2n){}^{92m}Nb$. At the beginning, it was supposed that it invariant with neutron energy over the range 13.4 - 14.9 MeV, and equal to 460 mb. This proposal corresponded to the evaluations available at that time [7, 8]. The uncertainty of these evaluations was 1.1% at 14.5 MeV neutron energy and it increased to 1.5 - 2.3% at the endpoints of the interval 13.4 - 14.9 MeV. Using the large volume of data obtained in this experiment, it was possible to improve the accuracy of the primary reference cross section. For this, use was made of the ${}^{27}Al(n, \alpha){}^{24}Na$ reaction for which the cross section is known with an accuracy of 0.3 - 0.6%. Experimental mean weighted values of this cross section, (obtained) on the assumption of a the constant value 460 mb for the ${}^{93}Nb(n, 2n){}^{92m}Nb$ cross section, were then normalized to the EAF-4 evaluation for the ²⁷Al(n, α)²⁴Na. This is shown in Figure 2.2. Then, the resultant bias factors were used to correct the ${}^{93}Nb(n, 2n){}^{92m}Nb$ cross section. The result is shown in Fig. 2.3. The cross section was altered by no more then 2% (at neutron energy 13.47 MeV). These primary cross sections were then used as the reference values for calculation of all other cross sections obtained in the present work. The digital values of the primary cross sections used in this paper are given in the Table 2.2. Characteristics of the samples used are presented. in Table 2.3. In the cases when powder materials were used, these samples were pressed into tablets of standard sizes.



Fig. 2.2. Cross section data of 27 Al(n, α) 24 Na.

Fig. 2.3. Cross section data of 93 Nb(n, 2n) 92m Nb.

E _{n.} (MeV)	Cross section (mb)	
,	27 Al(n, α) 24 Na	93 Nb(n 2n) 92m Nb
13.47	125.7 (1.4)	451.7 (6.2)
13.56	125.2 (1.3)	452.4 (5.7)
13.64	124.6 (1.3)	452.4 (6.2)
13.74	123.6 (1.3)	453.6 (5.6)
13.88	122.6 (1.2)	454.9 (6.2)
13.96	122.3 (1.2)	455.6 (5.6)
14.05	121.9 (1.2)	457.1 (6.5)
14.19	120.3 (1.2)	459.1 (5.6)
14.28	118.7 (1.2)	459.2 (6.7)
14.42	116.1 (1.2)	460.2 (5.6)
14.47	114.9 (1.2)	460.4 (6.6)
14.61	112.9 (1.2)	459.9 (5.6)
14.68	112.0 (1.2)	458.9 (6.7)
14.78	111.0 (1.2)	457.3 (5.5)
14.86	110.6 (1.3)	455.3 (6.2)

Table 2.2. Cross section data for the 27 Al(n, α) 24 Na and 93 Nb(n 2n) 92m Nb reactions which were used in the present work as reference values.

The uncertainties expressed in milibarns are shown in the brackets.

Target nucleus	Chemical form	Physical form	Weight (mg)	Abundance
²³ Na	NaCl	powder	900	100
²⁷ Al	Al	metal	90	100
³⁹ K	KNO ₃	powder	1250	93.2584(44)
⁴¹ K	KNO3	powder	1250	93.2584(44)
⁵¹ V	V	metal	450	99.750(2)
⁵⁵ Mn	KMn04	powder	1100	100
⁵⁶ Fe	Fe	metal	450	91.754(36)
⁵⁹ Co	Со	metal	400	100
⁵⁸ Ni *	Ni	metal	100	99.8(1)
⁶⁰ Ni	Ni	metal	400	26.223(8)
⁶³ Cu	Cu	metal	360	69.13(3)
⁶⁵ Cu	Cu	metal	360	30.83(3)
⁸⁸ Sr *	SrCO ₃	powder	800	99.94(3)
⁸⁹ Y	Y	metal	70	100
⁹⁰ Z	Zr	metal	300	51.45(3)
⁹² Z	Zr	metal	300	17.15(2)
⁹⁴ Z	Zr	metal	300	17.38(4)
⁹⁶ Z	Zr	metal	300	2.80(2)
⁹³ Nb	Nb	metal	180	100
⁹² Mo	Мо	metal	900	14.84(4)
¹⁰² Pd	Pd	metal	250	1.02(1)
¹⁰⁶ Pd	Pd	metal	250	27.33(3)
¹⁰⁸ Pd	Pd	metal	250	26.46(9)
¹⁰⁷ Ag	Ag	metal	150	51.839(7)
¹⁰⁹ Ag *	Ag	powder	1200	99.4((1)
¹⁰⁶ Cd	Cd	metal	700	1.24(4)
¹¹² Cd	Cd	metal	700	24.13(14)
¹¹⁶ Cd	Cd	metal	700	7.49(12)
¹¹³ In	In	metal	500	4.29(2)
¹¹⁵ In *	In	metal	450	99.98(4)
¹³⁸ Ba *	BaCO ₃	powder	1500	99.8(1)
¹⁵¹ Eu *	Eu ₂ O ₃	powder	650	97.5(1)
¹⁵³ Eu *	Eu ₂ O ₃	powder	1000	99.2(8)
²⁰⁴ Pb	Pb	metal	1000	1.4(1)
²³⁸ U	U	metal	2300	99.2745(15)
²⁴¹ Am *	Am(NO ₃) ₃	solution	2.6	99.9

Table 2.3. List of chemical properties, weights and abundances of samples.

* - Separated isotope were used

3. BASIC ALGORITHM FOR DETERMINATION OF ACTIVATION CROSS SECTIONS

By definition, the cross section of the nuclear reaction A(n, x)B is determined by the relation:

$$\sigma_{AB} = \frac{N_B}{N_A \cdot \Phi_n},\tag{3.1}$$

where N_B is the number of nuclei **B** produced in the reaction and N_A is the number of target nuclei **A**; Φ_n is the fluence of the particles that induce the reaction. Now, consider the procedures used to determine each of the three values in the formula (3.1).

3.1. Determination of target nuclei number

The number of the initial nuclei, N_{A} , is connected with the mass of the sample through:

$$N_A = \frac{m \cdot Aw \cdot p_1 \cdot p_2}{At}, \qquad (3.2)$$

where m is the sample mass, g;

Aw is the Avogadro's number;

 p_1 is the abundance of the isotope A in the chemical element;

 p_2 is the share of the chemical elements in the chemical formula;

At is the atomic weight of atoms of the sample, a.e.m;

3.2. Neutron fluence determination

There are several methods used to measure integrated flux. The approach used in this work involves the use of ratios. Then, many factors cancel diminishing the total uncertainty of the data.

In this approach, the integrated neutron fluence accumulated by the reference sample is determined as

$$\Phi_n = \frac{N_{rB}}{N_{rA} \cdot \sigma_{rAB}},$$
(3.3)

where the formula is similar to (3.1) and "r" means "reference". Usually, $\sigma_{_{RAB}}$ is known with good accuracy; $N_{_{RA}}$ and $N_{_{RB}}$ should be determined by the same procedures as $N_{_{A}}$ and $N_{_{RB}}$.

The fluence accumulated by each sample depends on the sample position in the assembly. This dependence is described well by the $\frac{1}{r^2}$ -law if the neutron scattering and size of sample and target are neglected. For the realistic conditions of the experiment (the target-sample distance is 30 mm, beam diameter 5 mm, diameter of the sample 14 mm, and sample thickness 0.3 mm), the neutron fluence dependence on distance is approximated by the same law rather well because the effects of neutron scattering and finite size remain small and have opposite signs. To simplify

the following formulas one can introduce a new variable, the so called "reverse fluence", φ_n , that is connected with the fluence Φ_n by:

$$\varphi_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\Phi_n}} \tag{3.4}$$

Then the reverse fluence $\varphi_n^{r_i}$, accumulated by the sample *i*, placed at the distance r_i from the neutron source will be calculated as:

$$\varphi_n^{r_i} = \varphi_n^{r_1} \cdot \frac{r_i}{r_1} \tag{3.5}$$

where $\varphi_n^{r_1}$ is the reverse fluence accumulated by the reference sample located at the distance r_1 from the neutron source.

Often, as in the present case, the two reference foils occupy the first and last positions in the assembly. For them,

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_n^{r_1} &= \varphi_0 \cdot r_1 \\ \varphi_n^{r_2} &= \varphi_0 \cdot r_2 \end{aligned}$$
 (3.6)

where ϕ_0 is the reverse fluence at the unitary distance from the neutron source;

 r_1 and r_2 are the positions of the two reference foils.

The solution of the system (3.6) is equivalent to drawing a straight line in the plane (r, φ_n) . The straight line goes out from the point (0, 0) and must pass through two other points with coordinates (r_1, φ_n^r) and $(r_2, \varphi_n^{r_2})$. It is natural to use the method of weighted least squares for finding the slope of the line, φ_0 :

$$w_{1} \cdot \left(\varphi_{n}^{r_{1}} - \varphi_{0} \cdot r_{1}\right)^{2} + w_{2} \cdot \left(\varphi_{n}^{r_{2}} - \varphi_{0} \cdot r_{2}\right)^{2} = \min \qquad (3.7)$$

where w_1 and w_2 are the weights of measurements for the first and second reference samples. Then,

$$\varphi_{0} = \frac{W_{1} \cdot \varphi_{n}^{r_{1}} \cdot r_{1} + W_{2} \cdot \varphi_{n}^{r_{2}} \cdot r_{2}}{W_{1} \cdot r_{1}^{2} + W_{2} \cdot r_{2}^{2}}$$
(3.8)

The reverse fluence accumulated by the sample located at the distance r_i will be determined as:

$$\varphi_n^{r_i} = \varphi_0 \cdot r_i \tag{3.9}$$

It is not a rare situation when several sample packets placed at different angles to the accelerator beam are irradiated simultaneously in order to obtain cross sections at different neutron energy values. At the Khlopin Radium Institute, seven or eight packets are typically arranged near the target. To find the flux at the unitary distance, ϕ_0 , the same scheme can be applied to all assemblies at once. However, it is necessary to take into account two new circumstances:

1) the neutron source is anisotropic;

2) the effective center of the neutron beam may be shifted from the geometric center of the accelerator target.

Let us assume that there are n packets with the samples and these are placed in one plane. Then only the beam deviation in this plane will have a practical importance. Let it be denoted by u. Anisotropy of the neutron flux, V(9), is defined by:

$$V(\vartheta) = \frac{\Phi(\vartheta)}{\Phi_0}$$
(3.10)

where $\Phi(\vartheta)$ is fluence of neutrons emitted in direction ϑ , and Φ_0 is the mean neutron fluence:

$$\Phi_{0} = \frac{N_{n_tot}}{4\pi} \tag{3.11}$$

Here N_{n_tot} is the total number of neutrons emitted in all directions during the irradiation.

In Fig. 3.1 the changing of the distance to the neutron source is shown that is caused by shifting the beam center from the center of the target.



Fig. 3.1. The vicinity of the target.

- u the deviation of the beam center from the center of the target;
- r_k the distance between the center of the target and the center of the sample;
- r_k^* the distance between the center of the sample and the effective center of the neutron beam;
- ϑ_k direction to the sample;

As it is seen from Fig. 3.1, the real distance from the neutron source to the sample, r_k^* , is connected with the mechanically fixed distance from the target to the sample through:

$$r_{k}^{*2} = r_{k}^{2} + u^{2} + 2r_{k} \cdot u \cdot \sin(\vartheta_{k})$$
(3.12)

Then we will have a system of equations like (3.7):

$$w_{1k} \cdot \left(\varphi_{1k} - \frac{\varphi_{00}}{\sqrt{V_k}} \cdot r_{1k}^*\right)^2 + w_{2k} \cdot \left(\varphi_{2k} - \frac{\varphi_{00}}{V_k} \cdot r_{2k}^*\right)^2 = \min \qquad (3.13)$$

where k runs from 1 to n.

The system (3.13) has no analytical solution similar to (3.8), however it can be easily solved with a computer using an iteration procedure. As a result, the total number of neutrons emitted during the irradiation time, N_{n_tot} , and the real position of the beam on the target, u, will be deduced. It is worth noticing that for determination of these two parameters, more then two

independent equations are used. It means, the uncorrelated error of the neutron fluence determination decreases $\sqrt{n_r - 2}$ times, where n_r is the number of reference samples.

Finally, the neutron fluence accumulated by the i-sample in the k-assembly will be calculated by the formula:

$$\varphi_{ik} = \varphi_{0k} \cdot r_{ik}^{\star} \tag{3.14}$$

$$\varphi_{0k} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\Phi_0 \cdot V(\vartheta_k)}} \tag{3.15}$$

$$r_{ik}^{*2} = \sqrt{r_{ik}^{2} + u^{2} + 2r_{ik} \cdot u \cdot \sin(\varphi_{k})}$$
(3.16)

3.3 Determination of the number of nuclei produced in the reaction

As indicated above, this analysis is restricted to activation cross section measurements. In this case, the induced activity of the sample, A_{B} , is measured experimentally. It is related to number of nuclei of type **B**, N_{B} , through the simple relation: (17)

$$A_{B} = \lambda_{B} \cdot N_{B} \tag{3.17}$$

where λ_{B} is the decay constant.

The total number of the **B** nuclei produced during the irradiation, N_{B0} , is connected with N_{B} by the radioactive decay law:

$$N_{B} = N_{B0} \cdot e^{-\lambda_{B} \cdot t}$$
 (3.18)

Here *t* is the "age" of the sample at the moment of the measurement.

Equation (3.18) is correct if the nucleus **B** has no parent in the radioactive chain. If it has a parent nucleus \mathbf{B}_{m} that also is produced at the irradiation, then:

$$N_{B} = N_{B0} \cdot e^{-\lambda_{B} \cdot t} \cdot \left[1 + \frac{\sigma_{B}}{\sigma_{B^{m}}} \cdot \frac{\lambda_{B}}{\lambda_{B} - \lambda_{B^{m}}} \cdot \left(e^{-\lambda_{B} \cdot t} - e^{-\lambda_{B} \cdot t} \right) \right]$$
(3.19)

The formula (3.19) covers almost all situations that have practical significance because the production of the radioactive chains consisting of three or more members is rather unusual for irradiations involving fast neutrons.

Generally speaking, the ratio $\frac{\sigma_B}{\sigma_{B^{m}}}$ is unknown and has to be determined from the

experimental data. Moreover, it may depend on neutron energy and, hence, is specific for each sample packet. There are some methods for its determination. At the present stage it is assumed to be deduced already. Then it is possible to take into account the influence of the finite irradiation time and fluctuation of neutron flux during the irradiation. As each group of the nuclei produced in subsequent moments of the irradiation decays independently, then:

$$N_{B} = N_{B0} \cdot \frac{\int_{t_{1}^{i}}^{t_{2}^{i}} \Phi_{n}(t) \cdot e^{-\lambda_{B} \cdot t} \cdot \left[1 + \frac{\sigma_{B}}{\sigma_{B^{m}}} \cdot \frac{\lambda_{B}}{\lambda_{B} - \lambda_{B^{m}}} \cdot \left(e^{-\lambda_{B} \cdot t} - e^{-\lambda_{B} \cdot t}\right)\right] \cdot dt}{\int_{t_{1}^{i}}^{t_{2}^{i}} \Phi_{n}(t) \cdot dt}, \qquad (3.20)$$

where the variable t is the time between the moment of irradiation and the moment of gamma counting.

Note that this approach allows one to account for decay of reaction products during the irradiation and cooling time. The change of the induced activity during gamma counting can be accounted for in the similar way.

Since the activity averaged over the gamma counting time is obtained in the experiment

$$\overline{A_{B}} = \frac{\int_{t_{1}}^{t_{2}} A_{B}(t) \cdot dt}{t_{2} - t_{1}},$$
(3.21)

Then:

$$\overline{A_{B}} = \frac{N_{B0} \cdot \lambda_{B}}{t_{2}^{c} - t_{1}^{c}} \cdot \int_{t_{1}^{c}}^{t_{2}^{c}} dt^{c} \frac{\int_{t_{1}^{c}}^{t_{2}^{c}} \Phi_{n}(t) \cdot e^{-\lambda_{B} \cdot t} \cdot \left[1 + \frac{\sigma_{B}}{\sigma_{B^{m}}} \cdot \frac{\lambda_{B}}{\lambda_{B} - \lambda_{B^{m}}} \cdot \left(e^{-\lambda_{B} \cdot t} - e^{-\lambda_{B} \cdot t}\right)\right] \cdot dt}{\int_{t_{1}^{c}}^{t_{2}^{c}} \Phi_{n}(t) \cdot dt}, (3.22)$$

where an additional integration is made over the counting interval (t_1^c, t_2^c) .

The mean activity can be expressed through:

$$\overline{A_{B}} = \frac{S_{\gamma}}{(t_{2}^{c} - t_{1}^{c}) \cdot \varepsilon_{\gamma} \cdot Y_{\gamma}}, \qquad (3.23)$$

where S_{γ} is the area of the gamma-peak, ε_{γ} is the absolute efficiency of gamma spectrometer and Y_{γ} is the yield of the relevant gamma line.

At last, one has all the values that are necessary for the determination of the reaction cross section (3.1):

$$N_{B}$$
 - equations (3.17)-(3.23);

$$N_{A}$$
 - equation (3.2);

$$\Phi_n$$
 - equations (3.3)-(3.16).

It should be noted that the algorithm described above is rather universal and includes many effects that are usually regarded as corrections. This allows to conduct the data processing in a standard way that enhances the productivity of set-up and the reliability of results. Besides, a careful calculation of geometrical factors, and detailed measurement of detector characteristics, allows to carry out experiments in "close" geometries leading to optimization of the use of the neutron flux generated by the Neutron Generator. The algorithm has been implemented in a computer code that was used for analysis of activation data measured at the Khlopin Radium Institute.

4. NEUTRON FIELD CALCULATION

A calculation of the space and energy distribution of neutrons generated in the ${}^{3}H(d,n)^{4}He$ reaction was made taking into account the realistic experimental conditions, such as finite sizes of the beam and sample, inhomogeniety of the tritium distribution in the target, changes of the energy and angle parameters of the beam due to slowing down, etc. As the base model, the method described in [9] was used. In the present work, this approach was extended to the event of noncoaxial geometry. Some results of neutron field calculation are shown in Figs. 4.1 - 4.8.



Fig. 4.1. Neutron spectra calculated by taking account (+) (or not (-)) the tritium distribution in the target and straggling effects.



Fig. 4.2. Neutron spectra calculated for different deuteron energies



Fig. 4.3. Neutron spectra calculated for different diameters of the sample.



Fig. 4.4. Neutron spectra calculated for a target-sample distance of 5 mm.



Fig. 4.5. Neutron spectra calculated for a target-sample distance of 30 mm.



Fig. 4.6. Dependence of the averaged neutron energy on the sample-target distance at $E_d = 220$ keV.



Fig. 4.7. Dependence of the full width at half of maximum (FWHM) of the neutron spectrum on the sample-target distance at E_d = 220 keV.



Fig. 4.8. The sample-target distance dependence of the averaged neutron flux multiplied by squared distance at $E_d = 220$ keV.

5. MAIN RESULTS OF CROSS SECTION MEASUREMENTS

The data obtained in this work are presented in Tables 5.1 - 5.70 and in Fig. 5.1 - 5.70. In these tables the cross section uncertainty is given in the absolute units. In the figures, the present data are compared only with the data of Y.Ikeda et al. [1, 2] and Zhao Wenrong et al. [3] which are, in the opinion of authors, most complete sets of experimental data obtained recently. The evaluated values of the Russian Activation Data Library ADL-3 are presented as well. This library is a most detailed library that contains more then 20000 excitation functions [10]. Sometimes, the EAF-4 evaluations are also shown in the figures.

Among the cross sections measured in this work are some that are easy to measure and are therefore known with high accuracy. These are, for example, ${}^{27}Al(n, p){}^{27}Mg$, ${}^{51}V(n, \alpha){}^{48}Sc$, ${}^{56}Fe(n, p){}^{56}Mn$, ${}^{90}Zr(n, 2n){}^{89}Zr$, etc. The present measurements were performed to confirm the correctness of the procedures used. As is seen in Figs. 5.2, 5.6, 5.9, and 5.30, in these situations the present data agree very well with evaluations and other experimental data.

The second class of measurements contains cross sections for which a definite scattering of the earlier results was observed. There is a rather large number of such cross sections. Since the possible reasons for data disagreement are various, it is impossible to discuss each reaction here due to a limitation of space. However, it is worth noticing that in most cases, but not always, the present data agree with the most recent data obtained by Y.Ikeda at al. [1, 2].

In the present work data are also presented for situations in which the data scattering was remarkable. These cross sections were recommended to be measured by IAEA specialists [11]. These are the ¹⁰²Pd(n, 2n)¹⁰¹Pd, ¹⁰⁶Pd(n, p)^{106m}Rh and ¹⁰⁶Cd(n, 2n)¹⁰⁵Cd reactions. In all the three cases, the results of the present measurements are closest to the data of reference [2]. The last reaction, the ¹⁰⁶Cd(n, 2n)¹⁰⁵Cd (Fig. 5.46) is most interesting because for it the data of [2] differed strongly from all others. Nevertheless, the present measurements confirmed namely these cross section values. It appears to be necessary to make the new evaluation of the ¹⁰⁶Cd(n, 2n)¹⁰⁵Cd cross section taking into consideration the latest experimental results.

Several cross sections were measured in the frame of Co-ordinated Research Program on Activation Cross Sections for the Generation of Long-lived Radionuclides of Importance in Fusion Reactor Technology organized by IAEA [12, 13]. From this category, the ¹⁰⁹Ag(n, 2n)^{108m}Ag, ¹⁵¹Eu(n, 2n)^{150g}Eu and ¹⁵³Eu(n, 2n)^{152g}Eu are presented in the present paper. Before the beginning of this CRP, the situation with the identified reactions was qualified as unsatisfactory. The measurements carried out in frame of CRP by several experimental groups gave the results in good agreement (Figs. 5.45, 5.64 and 5.66). This allows improvement in the accuracy of corresponding evaluations.

In this work, the results of the first measurement of the 241 Am(n, 2n) 240 Am and 241 Am(n, 3n) 239 Am cross sections are presented for which no experimental data were available earlier (Figs. 5.69 and 5.70).. This experiment will be described in more detail in a separate paper where the yields of about 40 fission fragments will be presented as well.

Recently, some new measurements are being carried out in the Khlopin Radium Institute. Among them, the ${}^{50}V(n, \alpha){}^{47}Sc$, ${}^{51}V(n, n'\alpha){}^{47}Sc$, ${}^{50}V(n, n'\alpha){}^{46}Sc$, ${}^{50}V(n, 2n){}^{49}V$, ${}^{92}Mo(n, np){}^{91m}Mo$, ${}^{92}Mo(n, np){}^{91m}Mo$, ${}^{92}Mo(n, np){}^{91m}Mo$, ${}^{204}Pb(n, p){}^{204}Tl$ and ${}^{206}Pb(n, \alpha){}^{203}Hg$ reaction seem to be most interesting. Despite their importance, there is not much prior data available for them. The experiments are rather difficult but they are in progress already.

Brief information about all the reactions investigated is presented in the table 5.71. In the first column of the table the reaction is identified; the reaction energy is given in the second column, spins and parities of initial and final states are shown in the third and fourth columns. The

fifth column contains the reaction cross section at neutron energy 14.1 MeV. This cross section was obtained by approximating the experimental data by the straight line whose parameters were calculated by the weighed mean squares method. In the sixth column, the cross section rate of change averaged over the energy interval covered is given.

5.1^{23} Na(n, 2n)²²Na

E _{n,} (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.56	4.58 (0.97)
13.74	9,79 (0.98)
13.96	14.0 (0.11)
14.19	21.9 (0.15)
14.42	29.9 (0.19)
14.61	32.4 (0.17)
14.78	37.6 (0.17)

$5.2.^{27}$ Al(n, p)²⁷Mg

E _{n.} (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.47	78.4 (1.7)
13.66	72.9 (1.6)
13.88	74.7 (1.6)
14.04	70.6 (1.6)
14.26	69.9 (1.5)
14.44	70.3 (1.5)
14.63	65.3 (1.5)
14.81	62.9 (1.4)

$5.3.^{39}$ K(n, 2n)³⁸K

E _{n,} (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.48	0.034 (0.015)
13.65	0.24 (0.03)
13.87	0.68 (0.04)
14.07	1.39 (0.15)
14.27	2.50 (0.13)
14.46	3.08 (0.16)
14.66	4.52 (0.25)
14.85	5.37 (0.30)

5.4. 41 K(n, α) 38 Cl

E _{n,} (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.48	39.2 (2.3)
13.65	36.4 (2.2)
13.87	35.2 (2.0)
14.07	35.7 (1.9)
14.27	33.6 (1.9)
14.46	34.0 (2.0)
14.66	30.4 (1.9)
14.85	30.8 (1.8)

5.5. 41 K(n, p) 41 Ar

$E_{n_{2}}$ (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.48	55.3 (2.5)
13.65	55.9 (2.4)
13.87	51.4 (2.5)
14.07	53.5 (2.4)
14.27	50.3 (2.2)
14.46	49.1 (2.1)
14.66	49.8 (2.0)
14.85	46.6 (2.0)

5.6. ${}^{51}V(n, \alpha)^{48}Sc$

$E_{n,}$ (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.56	14.51 (0.45)
13.74	15.02 (0.55)
13.96	14.98 (0.57)
14.19	16.56 (0.54)
14.42	16.92 (0.56)
14.61	17.53 (0.65)
14.78	18.25 (0.60)

5.7. ${}^{55}Mn(n, \alpha){}^{52}V$

E _{n,} (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.47	20.6 (0.8)
13.66	20.9 (0.9)
13.88	22.6 (1.0)
14.04	22.7 (1.0)
14.26	22.9 (1.0)
14.44	23.3 (0.9)
14.63	23.5 (0.9)
14.81	22.8 (1.0)

5.8. 55 Mn(n,2n) 54 Mn

$E_{n,}$ (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.56	620 (26)
13.74	632 (26)
13.96	656 (27)
14.19	708 (27)
14.42	740 (28)
14.61	763 (27)
14.78	781 (28)

5.9. ⁵⁶Fe(n, p)⁵⁶Mn

E _{n,} (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)	
13.56	115.3 (4.2)	
13.74	115.3 (4.3)	
13.96	111.8 (2.3)	
14.19	113.7 (2.4)	
14.42	109.0 (2.6)	
14.61	105.8 (2.3)	
14.78	103.9 (2.1)	

5.10. 59 Co(n, α) 56 Mn

E _n (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.56	31.27 (0.97)
13.74	31.04 (0.78)
13.96	31.70 (0.98)
14.19	31.47 (0.82)
14.42	31.89 (0.78)
14.61	31.48 (0.79)
14.78	32.09 (0.83)

5.11 ⁵⁹Co(n, p)⁵⁹Fe

E _n (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.56	53.0 (1.9)
13.74	52.5 (1.9)
13.96	51.0 (1.8)
14.19	51.6 (1.9)
14.42	47.8 (1.7)
14.61	46.2 (1.6)
14.78	47.18 (1.6)

5.12. ⁵⁹Co(n, 2n)^{58m}Co

E _n (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.56	384 (14)
13.74	410 (14)
13.96	401 (23)
14.19	439 (18)
14.42	478 (17)
14.61	481 (19)
14.78	482 (18)

5.13. 59 Co(n, 2n) ${}^{58m+g}$ Co

E _n (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.56	588 (21)
13.74	627 (21)
13.96	658 (25)
14.19	668 (25)
14.42	728 (25)
14.61	731 (27)
14.78	731 (26)

5.14. ⁵⁸Ni(n, np)⁵⁷Co

E _n (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.47	511 (29)
13.56	538 (27)
13.64	548 (22)
13.74	570 (16)
13.88	561 (32)
13.96	589 (18)
14.05	597 (26)
14.19	637 (19)
14.28	637 (27)
14.42	656 (33)
14.47	650 (32)
14.61	676 (21)
14.68	658 (34)
14.78	679 (28)
14.86	682 (28)

5.15. ⁵⁸Ni(n, p)^{58m}Co

E _n (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.56	234 (9)
13.74	218 (9)
13.96	197 (8)
14.19	182 (8)
14.42	170 (7)
14.61	173 (11)
14.78	150 (6)

5.16. ${}^{58}Ni(n, p){}^{58m+g}Co$

E _n (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.47	421 (28)
13.56	414 (14)
13.64	394 (20)
13.74	383 (16)
13.88	374 (25)
13.96	359 (17)
14.05	351 (18)
14.19	330 (14)
14.28	339 (20)
14.42	314 (14)
14.47	315 (16)
14.61	292 (14)
14.68	293 (18)
14.78	276 (12)
14.86	273 (17)

5.17. ⁵⁸Ni(n, 2n)⁵⁷Ni

E _n (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.47	11.52 (0.37)
13.56	12.55 (0.46)
13.64	14.55 (0.40)
13.74	15.29 (0.52)
13.88	19.55 (0.59)
13.96	20.01 (0.62)
14.05	23.42 (0.65)
14.19	25.04 (1.31)
14.28	27.73 (0.95)
14.42	29.76 (1.10)
14.47	32.92 (0.83)
14.61	33.38 (0.68)
14.68	35.90 (1.00)
14.78	35.68 (0.75)
14.86	39.07 (1.01)

5.18. ⁶⁰Ni(n, p)⁶⁰Co

E _n (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.47	166.7 (5.9)
13.64	158.8 (6.6)
13.88	156.8 (4.9)
14.05	157.4 (4.6)
14.28	155.1 (4.6)
14.44	150.7 (6.3)
14.63	142.6 (7.1)
14.86	136.7 (6.4)

5.19. ${}^{63}Cu(n, \alpha){}^{60}Co$

E_n (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.47	47.5 (2.7)
13.64	45.6 (1.6)
13.88	45.6 (2.5)
14.05	45.5 (1.4)
14.28	45.8 (1.4)
14.44	46.1 (1.7)
14.63	43.2 (1.5)
14.86	42.3 (1.3)

5.20. ⁶⁵Cu(n, p)⁶⁵Ni

E _n (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.56	22.33 (0.76)
13.74	20.28 (1.27)
13.96	21.45 (0.91)
14.19	20.45 (1.16)
14.42	20.36 (0.71)
14.61	21.46 (0.65)
14.78	20.58 (0.87)

5.21. ${}^{65}Cu(n, 2n){}^{64}Cu$

E _n (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.56	834 (49)
13.74	863 (37)
13.96	918 (62)
14.19	867 (37)
14.42	952 (43)
14.61	903 (38)
14.78	965 (50)

5.22. 88 Sr(n, α) 85m Kr

E _n (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.47	0.80 (0.08)
13.64	1.03 (0.09)
13.88	1.06 (0.08)
14.05	1.24 (0.09)
14.28	1.30 (0.10)
14.47	1.36 (0.10)
14.68	1.51 (0.11)
14.86	1.61 (0.10)

5.23. 88 Sr(n, 2n) 87m Sr

E _n (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.47	175 (11)
13.64	197 (11)
13,88	215 (13)
14.05	227 (12)
14.28	242 (12)
14.47	248 (12)
14.68	269 (17)
14.86	280 (14)

5.24. 89 Y(n, α) 86m Rb

E _n (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.47	1.03 (0.26)
13.65	1.19 (0.17)
13,88	1.3 (0.19)
14.04	1.32 (0.19)
14.26	1.6 (0.30)
14.43	1.81 (0.16)
14.62	1.84 (0.18)
14.78	1.99 (0.19)

5.25. 89 Y(n, α) ${}^{86m+g}$ Rb

E _n (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.47	4.41 (0.76)
13,65	5.81 (0.96)
13.88	5.64 (1.00)
14.04	5.56 (1.00)
14,28	6.56 (1.20)
14.47	6.24 (1.20)
14.68	7.32 (1.10)
14.86	7.35 (1.20)

5.26. ⁸⁹Y(n, 2n)⁸⁸Y

E _n (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.47	680 (21)
13.64	725 (23)
13.88	791 (26)
14.05	887 (29)
14.28	902 (28)
14.47	961 (28)
14.68	978 (30)
14.86	1031 (30)

5.27. 90 Zr(n, α) 87m Sr

E _n (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.56	3.50 (0.30)
13.74	3.51 (0.27)
13.96	3.70 (0.21)
14.19	4.00 (0.28)
14.42	4.07 (0.27)
14.61	4.00 (0.41)
14.78	4.09 (0.23)

5.28. 90 Zr(n, p) 90m Y

E _n (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.56	10.86 (0.47)
13,74	11.36 (0.50)
13.96	11.89 (0.48)
14.19	12.07 (0.59)
14.42	12.50 (0.56)
14.61	12.25 (0.40)
14.78	12.44 (0.44)

5.29. 90 Zr(n, 2n) 89m Zr

E _n (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.47	30.82 (0.81)
13.66	40.11 (1.23)
13.88	62.8 (1.6)
14.04	77.8 (2.1)
14.26	92.5 (2.7)
14.44	116.3 (2.9)
14.63	124.2 (3.2)
14.81	142.0 (3.6)

5.30. 90 Zr(n, 2n) ${}^{89m+g}$ Zr

E _n (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.56	447 (10)
13.74	497 (10)
13.96	577 (12)
14.19	639 (13)
14.42	704 (15)
14.61	740 (16)
14.78	774 (16)

5.31. 92 Zr(n, p) 92 Y

E _n (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.56	14.2 (2.0)
13.74	16.4 (2.1)
13.96	19.6 (2.3)
14.19	18.7 (2.1)
14.42	19.6 (2.1)
14.61	22.9 (2.4)
14.78	20.5 (2.3)

5.32. 94 Zr(n, α) 91 Sr

E _n (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.56	4.20 (0.49)
13.74	4.51 (0.43)
13.96	4.74 (0.34)
14.19	4.62 (0.45)
14.42	4.90 (0.43)
14.61	5.00 (0.49)
14.78	5.30 (0.36)

5.33. ⁹⁶Zr(n, 2n)⁹⁵Zr

E _n (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.56	1621 (106)
13.74	1600 (153)
13.96	1580 (78)
14.19	1538 (65)
14,42	1627 (149)
14.61	1624 (165)
14.78	1607 (88)

5.34. 93 Nb(n, α) 90m Y

E _n (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.47	5.12 (0.54)
13.56	4.87 (0.33)
13.64	5.17 (0.37)
13.74	5.20 (0.28)
13.88	5.33 (0.26)
13.96	5.40 (0.33)
14.05	5.75 (0.27)
14.19	5.77 (0.31)
14.28	5.66 (0.24)
14.42	5.68 (0.22)
14.47	5.95 (0.27)
14.61	5.90 (0.32)
14.68	5.82 (0.33)
14.78	5.87 (0.36)
14.86	5.97 (0.34)

5.35. ⁹³Nb(n 2n)^{92m}Nb

E_n (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.47	451.7 (6.2)
13.56	452.4 (5.7)
13.64	452.4 (6.2)
13.74	453.6 (5.6)
13.88	454.9 (6.2)
13.96	455.6 (5.6)
14.05	457.1 (6.5)
14.19	459.1 (5.6)
14.28	459.2 (6.7)
14.42	460.2 (5.6)
14.47	460.4 (6.6)
14.61	459.9 (5.6)
14.68	458.9 (6.7)
14.78	457.3 (5.5)
14.86	455.3 (6.2)

5.36. ${}^{92}Mo(n, \alpha)^{89m}Zr$

E_n (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.47	6.42 (0.27)
13.66	6.10 (0.39)
13.88	6.67 (0.31)
14.04	6.60 (0.40)
14.26	6.53 (0.42)
14.44	7.16 (0.59)
14.63	6.82 (0.30)
14.81	6.73 (0.56)

5.37. ${}^{92}Mo(n, \alpha)^{89m+g}Zr$

E _n (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.47	21.1 (1.3)
13.66	20.6 (1.2)
13.88	21.3 (1.5)
14.04	24.6 (2.3)
14.26	22.9 (0.9)
14.44	24.3 (1.7)
14.63	24.4 (0.9)
14.81	26.5 (1.4)

5.38. ⁹²Mo(n, p)^{92m}Nb

E _n (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.47	79.4 (3.2)
13.66	77.3 (5.0)
13.88	72.8 (2.5)
14.04	74.4 (3.3)
14.26	66.7 (4.4)
14.44	64.9 (2.4)
14.63	60.8 (2.7)
14.81	60.0 (2.1)

5.39. ⁹²Mo(n, 2n)^{91m}Mo

$E_{n,}$ (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)	
13.66	1.44 (0.60)	
13.88	3.68 (0.60)	
14.04	6.43 (0.80)	
14.26	11.0 (1.3)	
14.44	16.2 (2.2)	
14.64	22.4 (2.8)	
14.81	26.9 (3.2)	

$5.40.^{-102}$ Pd(n, 2n)¹⁰¹Pd

$E_{n,}$ (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.47	840.1 (43)
13.64	861.4 (45)
13.88	914.8 (47)
14.05	985.7 (52)
14.28	1023.6 (54)
14.47	1035.7 (53)
14.68	1030.2 (55)
14.86	1049.1 (55)

5.41. 106 Pd(n, α) 103 Ru

E _{n,} (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.47	3.3 (0.5)
13.64	4.6 (0.6)
13.88	4.8 (0.8)
14.05	4.9 (0.6)
14.28	4.9 (0.6)
14.47	4.9 (0.5)
14.68	5.4 (0.5)
14,86	5.6 (0.7)

5.42. 106 Pd(n, p) 106m Rh

E _n (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13,47	6.71 (0.49)
13.64	6.91 (0.48)
13.88	7.98 (0.54)
14.05	7.97 (0.54)
14.28	8.08 (0.55)
14.42	9.07 (0.61)
14.61	9.42 (0.65)
14.78	9.67 (0.68)

5.43. 108 Pd(n, α) 105 Ru

$E_{n,}$ (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)	
13.47	2.17 (0.25)	
13.64	2.35 (0.31)	
13.88	2.38 (0.32)	
14.05	2.69 (0.31)	
14.28	2.87 (0.38)	
14.47	3.26 (0.32)	
14.68	3.25 (0.31)	
14.86	3.70 (0.48)	

5.44. ¹⁰⁷Ag(n, 2n)^{106m}Ag

E _n (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.74	541 (19)
13.96	577 (20)
14.19	601 (21)
14.42	592 (21)
14.61	599 (21)
14.78	599 (20)

5.45. 109 Ag(n, 2n) 108m Ag

E _n (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.70	634 (40)
14.10	682 (40)
14.50	695 (40)
14,80	709 (40)

5.46. ¹⁰⁶Cd(n, 2n)¹⁰⁵Cd

E _n (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.47	398 (37)
13.64	439 (44)
13.88	454 (42)
14.05	482 (40)
14.28	477 (48)
14.47	546 (54)
14.68	521 (41)
14.86	555 (58)

5.47. 112 Cd(n, p) 112 Ag

E _n (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.47	10.1 (1.0)
13.64	10.4 (1.0)
13.88	12.1 (1.1)
14.05	13.5 (1.3)
14.28	14.7 (1.2)
14.47	14.6 (1.2)
14.68	16.9 (1.3)
14.86	15.3 (1.2)

5.48. 112 Cd(n, 2n) 111m Cd

E _n (MeV)	Cross Section. (mb)
13.47	642 (52)
13.64	625 (59)
13.88	634 (52)
14.05	627 (50)
14.28	592 (59)
14.47	635 (52)
14.68	647 (49)
14.86	643 (44)

5.49. 116 Cd(n, 2n) 115g Cd

E _n (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.56	851 (27)
13.74	834 (25)
13.96	825 (45)
14.19	830 (26)
14.42	815 (26)
14.61	802 (54)
14.78	806 (56)

5.50. ¹¹³In(n, n')^{113m}In

E _n (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.56	73.6 (5.0)
13.74	60.5 (5.0)
13.96	68.0 (5.9)
14.19	59.2 (4.7)
14.42	52.6 (5.4)
14.61	54.2 (6.2)
14.78	51.8 (5.8)

5.51. 115 In(n, α) 112 Ag

E _n (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.56	1.66 (0.18)
13.74	1.92 (0.22)
13.96	2.03 (0.18)
14.19	2.30 (0.20)
14.42	2.05 (0.16)
14.61	2.26 (0.18)
14.78	2.58 (0.20)

5.52. 115 In(n, p) 115m Cd.

E _n (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.47	3.99 (0.86)
13.64	4.08 (0.79)
13.88	4.84 (0.83)
14.05	5.04 (0.85)
14.28	5.15 (0.86)
14.47	5.20 (0.88)
14.68	5.60 (0.90)
14.86	6.09 (0.96)

5.53. 115 In(n, p) 115g Cd.

E _n (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.47	3.90 (0.38)
13.64	3.81 (0.20)
13.88	4.30 (0.19)
14.05	4.62 (0.41)
14.28	4.78 (0.32)
14.47	4.94 (0.20)
14.68	4.97 (0.20)
14.86	5.15 (0.19)

5.54. ¹¹⁵In(n, 2n)^{114m}In

E _n (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.56	1228 (71)
13.74	1242 (100)
13.96	1328 (65)
14.19	1331 (120)
14.42	1314 (68)
14.61	1426 (100)
14.78	1249 (85)

5.55. ¹¹⁵In(n, n')^{115m}In

E _n (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.56	79.3 (4.4)
13.74	72.0 (4.2)
13.96	67.4 (3.2)
14.19	64.5 (3.9)
14.42	61.9 (3.1)
14.61	62.0 (3.1)
14.78	59.0 (3.0)

5.56. 138 Ba(n, α) 135m Xe

E_n (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.47	0.73 (0.06)
13.66	0.72 (0.07)
13.88	0.86 (0.06)
14.04	0.79 (0.07)
14.26	0.98 (0.07)
14.44	0.98 (0.06)
14.63	0.98 (0.06)
14.81	1.11 (0.06)

5.57. 138 Ba(n, α) $^{135m+g}$ Xe

E_n (MeV)Cross Section, (mb)13.471.86 (0.11)13.662.05 (0.13)13.882.27 (0.15)14.042.21 (0.15)14.262.40 (0.15)14.442.63 (0.17)		
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	E_n (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	13.47	1.86 (0.11)
$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	13.66	2.05 (0.13)
$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	13.88	2.27 (0.15)
14.26 2.40 (0.15) 14.44 2.63 (0.17)	14.04	2.21 (0.15)
	14.26	2.40 (0.15)
	14.44	2.63 (0.17)
14.63 2.55 (0.17)	14.63	2.55 (0.17)
14.81 2.71 (0.17)	14.81	2.71 (0.17)

5.58.	¹³⁸ Ba(n.	$(x)^{137}Cs$
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E _n (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.73	0.36 (0.07)
14.73	1.21 (0.14)

5.59. ¹³⁸Ba(n, p)¹³⁸Cs

E _n (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.47	1.60 (0.12)
13.66	1.76 (0.12)
13.88	2.09 (0.14)
14.04	2.14 (0.14)
14.26	2.27 (0.13)
14.44	2.60 (0.14)
14.63	2.74 (0.14)
14.81	2.92 (0.16)

5.60. ¹³⁸Ba(n, 2n)¹³⁷^mBa

Ē _n (MeV)	Cross Section. (mb)
13.47	796 (31)
13.64	771 (30)
13.88	800 (35)
14.05	818 (34)
14.28	834 (43)
14.47	886 (33)
14.68	874 (34)
14.81	897 (36)
14.86	939 (35)

5.61. 151 Eu(n, α) 148m Pm

E _n (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.56	1.82 (0.29)
13.74	2.13 (0.26)
13.96	1.89 (0.23)
14.19	2.19 (0.24)
14.42	1.98 (0.23)
14.61	2.41 (0.36)
14.78	2.01 (0.20)

5.62. ¹⁵¹Eu(n, 3n)¹⁴⁹Eu

E _{n,} (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
14.65	0.2 (0.2)
14.81	1.26 (0.24)

5.63. ¹⁵¹Eu(n, 2n)^{150m}Eu

E _n (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.56	500 (100)
13.74	498 (98)
13.96	498 (96)
14.19	504 (102)
14.42	520 (110)
14.61	496 (98)
14.78	506 (105)

5.64. ¹⁵¹Eu(n, 2n)^{150g}Eu

E _n (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.56	1127 (63)
13.74	1167 (60)
13.96	1137 (63)
14.19	1091 (64)
14.42	1126 (57)
14.61	1140 (55)
14.78	1218 (54)

5.65. 153 Eu(n, 2n) 152m1 Eu

E _n (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.56	292 (42)
13.74	286 (39)
13.96	282 (39)
14.19	285 (40)
14.42	281 (39)
14.61	275 (40)
14.78	266 (39)

 $5.66.^{-153}Eu(n, 2n)^{152m2+g}Eu$

E_n (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.56	1464 (70)
13.74	1515 (74)
13.96	1516 (67)
14.19	1500 (76)
14.42	1445 (68)
14.61	1545 (63)
14.78	1460 (58)

5.67. ²⁰⁴Pb(n, 2n)²⁰³Pb

$E_{n,}$ (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)					
13.47	2044 (162)					
13.64	2179 (176)					
13.88	2158 (169)					
14.05	2134 (182)					
14.28	2203 (177)					
14.47	2164 (175)					
14.68	2216 (191)					
14.86	2185 (183)					

5.68. 238 U(n, 2n) 237 U

E _n (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)					
13.47	692 (52)					
13.64	752 (64)					
13.88	786 (59)					
14.05	858 (63)					
14.28	959 (76)					
14.47	1048 (78)					
14.68	1105 (82)					
14.86	1204 (101)					

5.69. 241 Am(n, 2n) 240 Am

E _n (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
13.42	253 (24)
13.48	247 (20)
13.56	239 (25)
14.09	207 (22)
14.21	229 (25)
14.69	199 (22)
14.84	193 (22)
14.86	215(15)

5.70. 241 Am(n, 3n) 241 Am

E _n (MeV)	Cross Section, (mb)
14.73	3 (2)
14.86	12 (3)





Fig. 5.12.



Fig. 5.18.



Fig. 5.24.



Fig. 5.27.

Fig. 5.30.



Fig. 5.36.

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Fig. 5.42.









Fig. 5.63.



Reaction	Q [MeV]	I _{init}	Ifinal	σ [mb]	dơ/dE
				En=14.1 MeV	[mb/MeV]
23 Na(n, 2n) 22 Na	-12.42	3/2+	3+	19 (2)	27 (2)
$^{27}Al(n, p)^{27}Mg$	-1.83	1/2+	1/2+	71.0 (1.5)	-10 (2)
39 K(n, 2n) 38 K	-13.08	3/2+	3+	1.53 (0.13)	2.53 (0.23)
41 K(n, α) ³⁸ Cl	-0.12	3/2+	2-	34.7 (1.6)	-5.6 (1.3)
41 K(n, p) 41 Ar	-1.71	3/2+	7/2-	51.9 (1.8)	-6.2 (1.6)
51 V(n, α) 48 Sc	-2.06	7/2-	6+	16.0 (0.7)	3.0 (0.4)
$^{55}Mn(n, \alpha)^{52}V$	-0.62	5/2-	3+	22.2 (1.0)	1.9 (0.9)
$^{55}Mn(n, 2n)^{54}Mn$	-10.23	5/2-	3+	690 (25)	142 (12)
56 Fe(n, p) 56 Mn	-2.91	0+	3+	112 (4)	-10 (3)
59 Co(n, α) 56 Mn	0.33	7/2-	3+	31.5 (0.9)	0.6 (0.3)
⁵⁹ Co(n, p) ⁵⁹ Fe	-0.78	7/2-	3/2-	50.3 (1.8)	-5.7 (1.5)
⁵⁹ Co(n, 2n) ^{58m} Co	-10.48	7/2-	5+	434 (9)	86 (14)
59 Co(n, 2n) ${}^{58m-g}$ Co	-10.45	7/2-	2+	662 (10)	127 (22)
⁵⁸ Ni (n, np) ⁵⁷ Co	-5.95	0+	7/2-	610 (20)	120 (20)
⁵⁸ Ni(n, p) ^{58m} Co	0.38	0+	5+	193 (4)	-64 (8)
⁵⁸ Ni(n, p) ^{58m-g} Co	0.40	0+	2+	349 (5)	-106 (11)
⁵⁸ Ni(n, 2n) ⁵⁷ Ni	-12.22	0+	3/2-	236 (5)	19.8 (1.1)
⁶⁰ Ni(n, p) ⁶⁰ Co	-2.04	0+	5+	155 (4)	-18 (5)
⁶³ Cu(n, α) ⁶⁰ Co	1.71	3/2-	5+	45.3 (0.8)	-2.9 (0.4)
⁶⁵ Cu(n, p) ⁶⁵ Ni	-1.35	3/2-	5/2-	21.3 (0.7)	-0.9 (0.9)
⁶⁵ Cu(n, 2n) ⁶⁴ Cu	-9.91	3/2-	1+	888 (25)	80 (40)
⁸⁸ Sr(n, α) ^{85m} Kr	-1.10	0+	1/2-	1.20 (0.7)	0.54 (0.07)
$^{**}Sr(n, 2n)^{*7m}Sr$	-11.50	0+	1/2-	226 (10)	72 (6)
89 Y(n, α) 86m Rb	0.13	1/2-	6-	1.48 (0.12)	0.75 (0.10)
89 Y(n, α) $^{86m+g}$ Rb	0.69	1/2-	2-	6.0 (0.6)	1.9 (0.5)
89 Y(n, 2n) 88 Y	-11.48	1/2-	4-	851 (25)	260 (30)
90 Zr(n, α) 87m Sr	1.36	0+	1/2-	3.79 (0.15)	0.54 (0.15)
$^{90}Zr(n, p)^{90m}Y$	-2.18	0+	7+	11.8 (0.4)	1.2 (0.3)
$^{90}Zr(n, 2n)^{89m}Zr$	-12.56	0+	1/2-	82 (2)	83 (4)
$^{90}Zr(n, 2n)^{89m+g}Zr$	-11.97	0+	9/2+	607 (8)	283 (20)
$\int \frac{92}{2} Zr(n, p) \frac{92}{2} Y$	-2.83	0+	2-	18.3 (1.8)	5.6 (2.0)
94 Zr(n, α) 91 Sr	2.04	0+	5/2+	4.72 (0.30)	0.74 (0.18)
$^{96}Zr(n, 2n)^{95}Zr$	-7.85	0+	5/2+	1580 (50)	5 (6)
93 Nb(n, α) 90 mY	4.24	9/2+	7+	5.52 (0.20)	0.73 (0.23)
⁹³ Nb(n, 2n) ^{92m} Nb	-8.97	9/2+	(2)+	457 (4)	5 (3)
92 Mo(n, α) 89m Zr	3.12	0+	1/2-	6.6 (0.3)	0.4 (0.3)

Table 5.71. List of reactions for which cross section were measured and presented in this work.

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92 Mo(n, α) $^{89m+g}$ Zr	3.71	0+	9/2+	22.8 (0.8)	3.7 (1.1)
92 Mo(n, p) 92m Nb	0.29	0+	(2)+	70.5 (1.5)	-14.6 (1.7)
$^{92}Mo(n, 2n)^{91m}Mo$	-13.33	0+	1/2-	8.6 (1.0)	18.6 (2.7)
102 Pd(n, 2n) 101 Pd	-10.57	0+	(5/2)+	958 (40)	160 (50)
106 Pd(n, α) 103 Ru	3.00	0+	3/2+	4.7 (0.5)	1.3 (0.5)
106 Pd(n, p) 106m Rh	-2.90	0+	(6)+	8.1 (0.4)	2.3 (0.4)
108 Pd(n, α) 105 Ru	2.06	0+	3/2+	2.77 (0.3)	1.02 (0.15)
107 Ag(n, 2n) 106m Ag	-9.62	1/2-	6+	576 (15)	49 (21)
109 Ag(n, 2n) 108m Ag	-7.25	1/2-	6+	668 (30)	60 (20)
¹⁰⁶ Cd(n, 2n) ¹⁰⁵ Cd	-10.86	0+	5/2+	480 (30)	100 (20)
112 Cd(n, p) 112 Ag	-3.18	0+	2(-)	13.1 (0.9)	4.7 (1.1)
112 Cd(n, 2n) 111m Cd	-9.80	0+	11/2-	630 (40)	6.7 (2.1)
116 Cd(n, 2n) 115g Cd	-8.70	0+	1/2+	828 (25)	-36 (10)
113In(n, n') 113 mIn	-0.39	9/2+	1/2-	61 (4)	-16 (7)
¹¹⁵ In(n, α) ¹¹² Ag	2.73	9/2+	2(-)	2.05 (0.14)	0.6 (0.2)
115 In(n, p) 115m Cd	-0.84	9/2+	11/2-	4.92 (60)	1.46 (0.26)
115 In(n, p) 115g Cd	-0.66	9/2+	1/2+	4.45 (0.15)	1.0 (0.2)
115 In(n, 2n) 114m In	-9.23	9/2+	5+	1300 (50)	64 (80)
$115 In(n, n')^{115m} In$	-0.34	9/2+	1/2-	67.5 (2.5)	-14 (3)
138 Ba(n, α) 135m Xe	3.35	0+	11/2-	0.88 (0.05)	0.28 (0.06)
138 Ba(n, α) $^{135m+g}$ Xe	3.88	0+	3/2+	2.28 (0.05)	0.6 (0.1)
138 Ba(n, x) 137 Cs	-6.28*	0+	7/2+	0.68 (0.08)	0.85 (0.15)
138 Ba(n, 2n) 137m Ba	-9.27	0+	11/2-	833 (30)	100 (25)
¹³⁸ Ba(n, p) ¹³⁸ Cs	-4.59	0+	3-	2.21 (0.10)	1.0 (0.1)
$^{151}Eu(n, \alpha)^{148m}Pm$	7.73	5/2+	6-	2.0 (0.2)	0.11 (0.24)
¹⁵¹ Eu(n, 3n) ¹⁴⁹ Eu	-14.35	5/2+	5/2+	*	
¹⁵¹ Eu(n, 2n) ^{150m} Eu	-7.98	5/2+	0-	500 (80)	6.4 (9.0)
$^{151}Eu(n, 2n)^{150g}Eu$	- 7.94	5/2+	5(-)	1143 (40)	36 (55)
153 Eu(n, 2n) 152m1 Eu	-8.60	5/2+	0-	282 (30)	-17 (5)
153 Eu(n, 2n) $^{152m2+g}$ Eu	-8.55	5/2+	3-	1490 (60)	-6 (50)
204 Pb(n, 2n) 203 Pb	-8.39	0+	5/2-	2150 (150)	-30 (12)
238 U(n, 2n) 237 U	-6.15	0+	1/2+	940 (60)	-343 (25)
$^{241}Am(n, 2n)^{240}Am$	-6.63	5/2-	(3-)	217 (14)	-39 (14)
241 Am(n, 3n) 239 Am	-12.60	5/2-	(5/2)-	*	

* - the procedure of approximation the data near the threshold is not correct.

6. MEASUREMENT OF ISOMERIC RATIOS

Isomeric ratios are a rather sensitive test for parameters used in calculation of nuclear reaction cross sections. Since there is no universal systematics available for isomeric ratios, an experimental study of them is an important task. However, until recently, only few such investigations had been performed. In the present work the data for eight isomeric ratios are given. Six ratios are derived from the separate measurement of cross sections leading to population of ground and metastable states. For two others, the ${}^{59}Co(n, 2n){}^{58m,g}Co$ and ${}^{58}Ni(n, 2n){}^{58m,g}Co$ p)^{58m,g}Co, a special method was developed that enabled the determination of isomeric ratios directly and with good accuracy. In this measurement, six gamma spectrometers from five different laboratories in the Khlopin Radium Institute were involved.

Isomeric ratios are presented in Figs. 6.1 - 6.9 where they are compared with the ADL-3 and EAF-4 evaluations. It could be noted that, on the whole, the data agree better with the ADL-3 evaluation.



Fig. 6.2

Fig. 6.4.

15.

Present data

14.5

Present data

14.5

ADL-3

EAF-4

Fit to the data

15.0

ADL-3

EAF-4

Fit to the data





 σ_{m}

 σ_{m^+g}

IR=

Fig. 6.9.

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7. CONCLUSION

The results of systematic cross section measurement made for 70 nuclear reactions in neutron energy range of 13.4 - 14.9 are presented in the paper. The main part of the data were obtained under standard, rigidly fixed conditions. Their accuracy is mostly of order 2 - 5 %. The data are compared with evaluations and sets of experimental data obtained recently, for example [1, 2, 3]. Although results of comparison of the data and evaluations are strictly individual, nevertheless, the general tendency could be noted also. It is, in opinion of authors, a better agreement between the latest experimental data than between experiments and evaluations. Sometimes this difference is essential, as for instance, for ⁹³Nb(n, α)^{90m}Y, ⁹²Mo(n, α)^{89m}Zr, ¹⁰⁶Cd(n, 2n)¹⁰⁵Cd, ¹¹⁵In(n, 2n)^{114m}In, ¹⁵³Eu(n, 2n)^{152m1}Eu.

The isomeric ratios measured in the present work showed a better agreement with the evaluation ADL-3 in which complex nuclear models were involved.

The authors hope that the data obtained will be used for further progress in evaluations of nuclear data.

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