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Saturation of Nuclear Matter and Radii of Unstable Nuclei

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A paper on this subject was published in Progress of Theoretical Physics 109, 631-650, 2003 with the following abstract.

We systematically examine relations among the parameters characterizing the phenomenological equation of state (EOS) of nearly symmetric, uniform nuclear matter near the saturation density by comparing macroscopic calculations of radii and masses of stable nuclei with experimental data. The EOS parameters of interest here are the symmetry energy coefficient S_0 , the symmetry energy density derivative coefficient L and the incompressibility K_0 at normal nuclear density. We estimate a range of (K_0 , L) from empirically reasonable values of the slope of the saturation line (the line joining the saturation points of nuclear matter at finite neutron excess) and find a strong correlation between S_0 and L. In light of the uncertainties on the values of K_0 and L, we perform macroscopic calculations of the radii of unstable nuclei expected to be produced in future facilities. We find that the matter radii depend appreciably on L, while being almost independent of K_0 . This dependence implies that if the matter radii are measured with an accuracy of ± 0.01 fm for a sufficiently large number of neutron-rich nuclides to allow one to smooth out the expected staggering of the radii due to shell and pairing effects, it might be possible to derive the value of L within ± 20 MeV.

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Proton-nucleus elastic scattering and the equation of state of nuclear matter

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We calculate differential cross sections for proton-nucleus elastic scattering by using a Glauber theory in the optical limit approximation and nucleon distributions that can be obtained in the framework of macroscopic nuclear models in a way dependent on the equation of state of uniform nuclear matter near the saturation density. We find that the peak angle calculated for unstable neutron-rich nuclei in the small momentum transfer regime increases as the parameter L characterizing the density dependence of the symmetry energy decreases. This is a feature associated with the L dependence of the predicted matter radii.

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Empirical properties of asymmetric nuclear matter to be obtained from unstable nuclei

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A paper on this subject was published in Nuclear Physics A718, pp. 363c-366c, 2003 with the following abstract.

We examine relations among the parameters characterizing the phenomenological equation of state (EOS) of nearly symmetric, uniform nuclear matter near the saturation density. The EOS parameters of interest here are the symmetry energy S_0 , the symmetry energy density-derivative coefficient L and the incompressibility K_0 at the normal nuclear density. By comparing macroscopic calculations of radii and masses of stable nuclei with the experimental data, we systematically obtain about 200 different EOS's, and find an empirically allowed region of (K_0, L) , together with a strong correlation between S_0 and L. In the light of the uncertainties in the values of K_0 and L, we macroscopically calculate radii of unstable nuclei. We find that the matter radii depend strongly on L while being almost independent of K_0 , a feature that will help to determine the L value via systematic measurements of nuclear size.

<u>Neutron Optical Potentials in Unstable Nuclei and</u> the Equation of State of Asymmetric Nuclear Matter

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A paper on this subject was published in Proc. 2002 Symposium on Nuclear Data, Nov. 2002, JAERI, Tokai, Japan, JAERI-Conf 2003-006, pp. 225-231, 2003 with the following abstract.

Neutron single particle potential is one of the basic macroscopic properties to describe structure and reactions of nuclei in nuclear reactors and in the universe. However, the potential is guite uncertain for unstable nuclei primarily because the equation of state (EOS) of asymmetric nuclear matter is not known well. The present authors studied systematically the empirical EOS of asymmetric nuclear matter using a macroscopic nuclear model; about two hundred EOS' s having empirically allowed values of L (symmetry energy density derivative coefficient) and K_0 (incompressibility) were obtained from the fittings to masses and radii of stable nuclei. It was suggested that the L value could be determined from global (Z, A) dependence of nuclear radii. In the present study, the single particle potential is examined assuming kinetic energies of non-interacting Fermi gases. The potential in a nucleus can be calculated easily, once the density distribution is solved using the effective nuclear interaction (EOS). Neutron and proton single particle potentials are calculated systematically for ⁸⁰Ni using the two hundred EOS' s. It is found that the neutron-proton potential difference has clear and appreciable L dependence, while the potential for each species does not show such simple dependence on L.

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The Equation of State of Nuclear Matter and the Neutron Star Structure

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A paper on this subject was published in Proceedings of the 5th Symposium on Science of Hadrons under Extreme Conditions, JAERI-Conf 2003-009, pp. 106-114, 2003 (in Japanese) with the following abstract.

We examine a relationship between the phenomenological equation of state of nuclear matter near normal nuclear density and the structure of neutron stars. We find that the neutron star mass at fixed central density is an increasing function of the symmetry energy density derivative coefficient L, and that L must be large enough to support a neutron star having the observed canonical mass (1.4 solar mass). This feature could provide a constraint on the L value, which would complement a possible constraint to be obtained from systematic measurements of radii of neutron-rich nuclei. We expect, on the other hand, that the L value, once determined experimentally, would enable us to describe more precisely the structure of neutron stars having low central densities (2-3 times the nuclear density).

Relativistic equation of state for supernova and neutron star

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A paper on this subject was published in Nuclear Physics A721, 1048c-1051c, 2003 with the following abstract.

We construct the equation of state (EOS) of nuclear matter at finite temperature and density with various proton fractions within the relativistic mean field (RMF) theory for use in supernova simulations. The properties of nuclear matter with both uniform and non-uniform distributions are studied consistently. We tabulate the outcome in terms of the pressure, free energy, entropy, etc. at a sufficiently large number of mesh points in the density range $\rho_B=10^{5.1}-10^{15.4}$ g/cm³, the temperature range T=0-100 MeV and the proton fraction range $Y_p=0-0.56$ to be used for supernova simulations. We also discuss the EOS of neutron star matter at zero temperature in a wide density range including hyperons.

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Measurements of Photo-Neutrons from Thick Targets Irradiated by 2 GeV Electrons

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Photo-neutron energy spectra were measured when 2.04 GeV electrons incident on thick targets using the time-of-flight method. Neutron yields for 90 degrees targets were obtained. The irradiation was performed at the injection Linac in Pohang Light Source, POSTECH. The organic liquid scintillator, NE-213 was located at 10.4 m distant from the target. Their efficiencies were calculated using the SCINFUL code. The measured neutron energy range was approximately between 2 MeV and 400 MeV. Thick Pb blocks, 15-30 cm, were placed in the middle of the flight path to suppress X-rays. These Pb blocks also reduced neutrons toward the detector, and this effect was estimated using the LAHET 2.7 code.

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Figure. Measured neutron spectra toward 90 degrees from 10-radiation-length thick Cu and Pb targets irradiated by 2.04 GeV electrons. Data are shown in unit of neutron /MeV/sr per incident electron. Open circle: Cu target, Full circle: Pb target

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<u>Characteristics of high-energy neutrons</u> <u>estimated by radioactive spallation products on Au</u> <u>at 500 MeV neutron irradiation facility of KENS</u>

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1. Introduction

In high-energy proton-accelerator facilities, high-energy neutrons are secondarily generated by the bombardment of proton beam. Such neutrons have high penetrability and induce activation of surrounding materials. Therefore, it is very important to investigate (1) the spectra and intensity of neutrons at the beam loss points, (2) their attenuation characteristics in shielding materials and (3) activation products induced by high-energy neutron irradiation from the view points of radiation safety. The neutron spectra can be estimated with Monte Carlo simulation codes. However, the accuracy is not clear because of the lack of the experimental data. Therefore, the high-energy-neutron irradiation course of KENS, used 500 MeV primary proton beam, was constructed for the shielding experiments [1]. We have investigated the spectra and the attenuation for secondary neutrons at the zero degree direction in the concrete shield and compared with the results calculated by the simulation code. The experiments on thermal neutrons and fast neutrons less than about 100 MeV in this irradiation course were already reported in [1-4].

In this study, we will discuss a spectrum of high-energy neutrons ranging from 10 to 500 MeV. For this purpose, the reaction rates for 13 radionuclides produced by the spallation reaction of Au target were measured by radiochemical separation techniques. These spallation products are produced from ¹⁹⁷Au at the different threshold energies ranging from several MeV to several hundred MeV. By measuring the reaction rates of these spallation products, neutron spectra can be experimentally obtained and compared with the result calculated with MARS14 code. Furthermore, the reaction rates can be used as the basic data of neutron-induced nuclear reactions at intermediate energies also. As this experiment is in progress, preliminary results will be reported in this paper.

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2. Experimental

For the neutron irradiation, the high-energy-neutron irradiation course of KENS designed for the shielding experiment was used. The details of this course are described in [1]. The secondary neutrons were generated by the bombardment of 500 MeV protons on W targets, and zero degree direction was used for irradiation of Au foils by collimating with beam guide. The primary protons are stopped entirely in W targets. The course has eight irradiation positions, called as slots 1 - 8, along with the neutron beam direction in the concrete shield.

The Au foils (chemical purity: 99.99%) of 0.05 or 0.10 mm in thickness were used as the targets. In each slot, the Au foils of three kinds of weight were irradiated. Their typical weights were 0.01 g for the measurements of short half-life nuclides; 0.2 g for the measurements of long half-life nuclides; 0.2 or 0.4 g for the measurements of nuclides after radiochemical separation. The foils were sealed in a polyethylene bag individually. The plastic capsules containing the Au targets were fixed at the bottom of the shield plugs, inserted into 5 slots, and set on the beam axis. The depths of slots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 used in this experiment are 0cm, 40cm, 80cm, 130cm, and 185cm from the surface of the concrete shield, respectively. The irradiation time was 8160 minutes. The average current of primary protons was 5.38 μ A. As the fluctuation of the proton current was within 3%, it was neglected.

After the irradiation, γ-ray spectrometry was performed with high-purity Ge detectors coupled each with a 4K-channel pulse-height analyzer. The pertinent nuclear data were taken from [5]. The radioactivities of ¹⁹⁶Au, ¹⁹⁴Au, ¹⁹²Au, ¹⁸⁸Pt, ¹⁸⁹Ir, ¹⁸⁵Os, ¹⁸³Re, ¹⁸¹Re, ¹⁷⁵Hf, and ¹⁷¹Lu were determined non-destructively. Those of ¹⁷³Lu, ¹⁷¹Lu, ¹⁶⁹Yb and ¹⁶⁷Tm were measured after radiochemical separation. The detector efficiency was obtained by a calibrated point source mixed ¹⁰⁹Cd, ⁵⁷Co, ¹³⁹Ce, ²⁰³Hg, ¹¹³Sn, ⁸⁵Sr, ¹³⁷Cs, ⁸⁸Y and ⁶⁰Co.

3. Results and discussion

The reaction rates of ¹⁹⁷Au(n, X)¹⁹⁶Au, ¹⁹⁴Au, ¹⁹²Au, ¹⁸⁸Pt, ¹⁸⁹Ir, ¹⁸⁵Os, ¹⁸³Re, ¹⁸¹Re, ¹⁷⁵Hf, ¹⁷³Lu, ¹⁷¹Lu, ¹⁶⁹Yb and ¹⁶⁷Tm in slots 1 - 5 were obtained. All the reaction rates are cumulative ones for the respective decay chains. The unit of the reaction rate is atom⁻¹ μ C⁻¹, which means the probability per a target atom and per 1 μ C of primary protons.

The reaction rates were also calculated by the MARS14 as follows. Firstly, the neutron spectrum at each slot was calculated by the MARS14. Although the cross section data is still lacking in case of neutron-induced reactions, it can be considered that neutron reactions resemble proton reactions in the case of the complicated spallation reaction which emits nucleons more than ten. Therefore, it was assumed that the excitation functions of neutron reactions are the same as those of proton reactions which produced the same nuclide. By this assumption the reaction rate is calculated in the following formula,

Reaction rate = $\int_{0}^{500 \text{MeV}} N(E_n) \cdot \sigma(E_p) \, dE$

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where E_n and E_p are the energies of neutron and proton, N is the number of neutron per 1 µC of primary proton by MARS14, and σ is the cross section of proton induced reaction. The excitation functions of ¹⁹⁷Au(p, X)¹⁸⁸Pt, ¹⁸⁹Ir, ¹⁸⁵Os, ¹⁸³Re, ¹⁷³Lu and ¹⁶⁷Tm are experimentally understood well, and those taken from literatures were substituted for $\sigma(E_p)$.

In figure 1, the reaction rates were plotted as a function of the mass number of products (A_p) . The experimental values were shown by the open symbols attached to the solid line which was drawn through the points to guide the eye. The closed symbols indicate the results by MARS14, and the dashed lines were also drawn through the points to guide the eye. Both the profiles of the reaction rates decrease with a decrease in A_p . However, the decreases in the reaction rate from the experiment are steeper than those from the calculation. In the case of $A_p > 180$, the experimental values of slots 1 and 2 are about 1.5 times as large as those by MARS14. On the other hand, the MARS14 tend to overestimate the reaction rates at $A_p < 175$. In consideration of the excitation function, it can be said that the effective neutron energies are 100 - 200 MeV for the ¹⁸⁸Pt and ¹⁸⁹Ir productions and 350 - 500 MeV for the ¹⁷³Lu and ¹⁶⁷Tm productions. Therefore, it is found that the MARS14 underestimates the number of neutrons of 100 - 200 MeV and overestimates that of 350 - 500 MeV.

In figure 2, the ratios of reaction rates of slots 2, 3, 4, and 5 to those of slot 1 were plotted as a function of the Q value of (n, xpyn) reaction. This shows a relative change of the spectra of the neutrons passing through the shield concrete indirectly. The ratios are constant over the wide energy range of the Q value. It is indicated that the profile of the neutron spectrum does not change in the concrete shield at the depth from 0 to 185 cm. That is consistent with the results of MARS14.

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Figure 1. Reaction rates of spallation of ¹⁹⁷Au as a function of the mass number of products. Open symbols denote the experimental values obtained in this work and closed symbols denote the values by MARS14 code. See text for details.



Figure 2. Ratios of the reaction rates of slots 2, 3, 4, and 5 to those of slot 1 as a function of the Q value of (n, xpyn) reaction. The solid lines indicate the average of the ratios.

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III. Japan Atomic Energy Research Institute
A. <u>Nuclear Data Center and Working Groups of Japanese</u> <u>Nuclear Data Committee</u>

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<u>Re-evaluation of Neutron Nuclear Data for ¹²⁹I and ¹⁴³Nd</u>

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A report on this subject was published as JAERI-Research 2003-020 with the following abstract.

The evaluated nuclear data for ¹²⁹I and ¹⁴³Nd stored in JENDL-3.3 were investigated comparing with other evaluated data and experimental data. New experimental data were available especially for the capture cross sections of both nuclides. The parameters used in theoretical calculations were modified so as to reproduce those experimental data. The statistical model calculation was performed using the revised parameters. The resonance parameters were also revised so that the cross sections measured in the thermal energy region were reproduced well. The present results were compiled in the ENDF-6 format.

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Evaluations of Heavy Nuclide Data for JENDL-3.3

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A report on this subject was published as JAERI-Research 2003-026 with the following abstract.

New evaluations of neutron nuclear data for Uranium, Plutonium, and Thorium isotopes which are essential for applications to nuclear technology were carried out for the Japanese Evaluated Nuclear Data Library, JENDL-3.3. The objectives of the current release of JENDL were to fix several problems which have been reported for the previous version, to improve the accuracy of the data, and to evaluate covariances for the important nuclides. Quantities in JENDL-3.2 were extensively re-evaluated or replaced by more reliable values. The heavy nuclide data in JENDL-3.3 were validated with several benchmark tests, and it was reported that the current release gave a good prediction of criticalities.

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<u>Unified Description of Neutron-, Proton- and Photon-induced</u> Fission Cross Sections in Intermediate Energy Region

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A paper on this subject was published in Proc. of the Seventh International Conference on Nuclear Criticality Safety (ICNC2003), Oct. 20-24, 2003, Techno Community Square RICOTTI, Tokai, Ibaraki, Japan (JAERI-Conf 2003-019) with the following abstract.

For an accelerator-driven nuclear waste transmutation system, it is very important to estimate sub-criticality of core system for feasibility and design study of the system. The fission cross section in the intermediate energy range has an important role. A program FISCAL has been developed to calculate neutron-, proton- and photon-induced fission cross sections in the energy region from several tens of MeV to 3 GeV. FISCAL adopts the systematics considering experimental data for Ag-²⁴³Am. It is found that unified description of neutron-, proton- and photon-induced fission cross sections is available.

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Development of a new code of coupled-channels optical model calculation

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A paper on this subject was published as JAERI-Data/Code 2003-020 with the following abstract with the title "Program CCOM -- Coupled-channels Optical Model Calculation with Automatic Parameter Search --".¹⁾

A new program of coupled-channels optical model calculation has been developed for the evaluation of actinide nuclei. The code is composed of by the modules having high independency and large flexibility. The code is written by C++ language using object oriented techniques. The program has capability of fitting of the parameters even for the several nuclei at the same time. The formulae required in the calculation, details of the numerical treatments and the input parameters are described. The examples of the input file and the output are also shown.

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<u>Evaluation of the 210m Bi/ 210g Bi Branching Ratio of the 209 Bi(n, γ) 210 Bi Cross Section in the Neutron Energy Range from 200 keV to 3 MeV</u>

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A paper on this subject was published in J. Nucl. Sci. Technol. **40**, 980 (2003) with the following abstract.

The ²⁰⁹Bi(n, γ)^{210g,210m,210}Bi cross sections were evaluated by the statistical model with the γ -ray cascade calculation. The optical model potential developed by Koning and Delaroche and the level density formula developed by Mengoni and Nakajima were adopted in the calculation. The evaluated cross sections are in quantitative agreement with the recent experiments by Tokyo Institute of Technology.

B. Advanced Science Research Center III-B-1

<u>Analysis of Nucleon Scattering Data of ⁵²Cr with a Coupling</u> <u>Scheme Built with the Soft-rotator Model</u>

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A paper on this subject was published as J. Nucl. Sci. Technol. 40, pp69-76(2003) with the following abstract:

A coupled-channel method based on a coupling scheme built with a wave function of the soft-rotator model was employed for an analysis of nucleon scattering data for 52 Cr. The parameters of the soft-rotator model were extracted to reproduce experimental collective levels of 52 Cr up to excitation energy of around 4.5 MeV. The optical model potential and deformation parameters were searched for. It was found that the present calculation can explain experimental nucleon interaction data up to 200 MeV very well.

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Possibility of ΛΛ pairing and its dependence on background density in relativistic Hartree-Bogoliubov model

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A paper on this subject was published as Phys. Rev. C 68, 015801(2003) with the following abstract:

We calculate a $\Lambda\Lambda$ pairing gap in binary mixed matter of nucleons and Λ hyperons within the relativistic Hartree-Bogoliubov model. Λ hyperons to be paired up are immersed in background nucleons in a normal state. The gap is calculated with a one-boson-exchange interaction obtained from a relativistic Lagrangian. It is found that at background density $\rho_N = 2.5\rho_0$ the $\Lambda\Lambda$ pairing gap is very small, and that denser background makes it rapidly suppressed. This result suggests a mechanism, specific to mixed matter dealt with relativistic models, of its dependence on the nucleon density. An effect of weaker $\Lambda\Lambda$ attraction on the gap is also examined in connection with revised information of the $\Lambda\Lambda$ interaction.

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<u>C. Center for Proton Accelerator Facilities</u>

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Research Activities on Radiation Safety Design for J-PARC

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A series of papers on this subject was submitted to the proceedings of the Second iTRS International Symposium On Radiation Safety and Detection Technology (ISORD-2) held at Tohoku University in 2003. The brief summary and titles are as follows.

A series of benchmark experiments and analyses on deep penetration and radiation streaming was carried out for J-PARC using high and intermediate energy accelerator facilities. As R&D for J-PARC, performance of low activationized concrete and shielding basic data such as cross section and dose conversion coefficient were also studied.

1. KENS Shielding Experiment

(1): Establishment of High Energy Neutron Irradiation Facility and Measurement of Neutron Attenuation through 4m Concrete

- 2. KENS Shielding Experiment
 - (2): Measurement of Neutron Spatial Distribution inside and outside the Concrete Shield using Activation Foil and Imaging Plate Technique
- 3. Analyses of Streamed Neutron Energy Spectra at TIARA Using DUCT-III
- 4. Benchmark Analyses of Neutron Streaming Experiments for Proton Accelerator Facilities
- 5. Analysis of Radiation Streaming Experiment through a Labyrinth in a Proton Accelerator Facility of Several Tens of MeV
- Study of Radionuclides Induced in Low-Activation Concrete Using 12 GeV Proton Synchrotron Accelerator at KEK
- 7. A Study on Induced Radioactivity in a Low-Activationized Concrete for J-PARC
- 8. Benchmark Experiments of Dose Distributions in Phantom Placed Behind Iron and Concrete Shields at the TIARA Facility
- Measurement of Differential Cross Sections for Evaluation of Radiation Dose of Ten's of MeV. Neutrons

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D-T Neutron Skyshine Experiments and the MCNP Analysis

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A paper on this subject was submitted to J. Nucl. Sci. Tech., with the following abstract.

The D-T neutron skyshine experiments were carried out at the Fusion Neutronics Source (FNS) of JAERI with a port at the roof in March 2002 and March 2003. The concrete thickness of the roof and the wall of a FNS target room are 1.15 and 2 m, respectively. The FNS skyshine port with a size of $0.9 \times 0.9 \text{ m}^2$ was open during the experimental period. The source neutron intensity was $\sim 1.7 \times 10^{11}$ n/s in those skyshine experiments. The highest total dose rate measured was about 0.5 μ Sv/h at a distance of 30 m from the D-T target point and the dose rate was attenuated to about 0.1 μ Sv/h at a distance of 100 m and 0.02 μ Sv/h at a distance of 550 m. Those experimental results were analyzed by Monte Carlo code MCNP-4C with the nuclear data library JENDL-3.2, where the FNS building and the measurement field were modeled with a simplified cylindrical geometry, and the pine forest was modeled by homogenized cell with a height of 10m. The MCNP calculation agreed well both neutron and secondary gamma-ray dose rate distributions.

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<u>Measurement of Tritium Production Rate for Enriched</u> Lithium-6 /Beryllium Assembly with D-T Neutron Source

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Two neutoronics experiments of fusion blanket have been carried out on JAERI/FNS. One was an integral experiment with lithium-6 enriched Li_2TiO_3 and beryllium assembly to evaluate tritium production rate by means of Li_2CO_3 pellet method. Another was a clean benchmark experiment of beryllium to evaluate the scattered neutron spectrum by means of slow down method using a BF3 detector. Also the weigh densities of main elements and impurities of materials used on the experiments were analyzed with ICP-mass spectroscopy. From these neutronics experiments and analysis, it is concluded that the C/E values of average TPR was about 1.1.

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Experiments of (n, CP) Cross Sections with Penciled DT Neutron in JAERI/FNS

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JAERI and Osaka-univ. started to measure cross sections of (n, charged particle) reactions with penciled DT neutron beam in JAERI/FNS. The analyzing vacuum chamber was set up near the outlet of the penciled neutron beam. ΔE -E counter telescope with silicon semiconductor detectors was locate in the chamber to detect the charged particles. As the neutron flux monitor, Fission chamber (U-238) also set up at the backward of chamber and the average flux was 1 x 10⁶ n/sec/cm². First of all, we carried out the measurements of the charged particle spectra of ²⁷Al(n, α x), ²⁷Al(n,px) H(n,p) and ¹²C(n, α x) to calibrate the measurement system at various angles. After calibrations, we tried to measure the charged-particle spectra obviously. We currently intends to carry out the measurements to obtain the charged-particle cross sections with the penciled DT neutron beam.

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Experimental Studies on W-armor Impact on Nuclear Responses of Solid Breeding Blanket

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A paper on this subjest is to be presented at 20th IAEA Fusion Energy Coference, and submitted to Nuclear Fusion, with the following synopsis.

In fusion DEMO reactors, the blanket is required to provide a tritium breeding ratio (TBR) of more than unity by neutron induced reactions in lithium in the blanket. The solid breeder blanket being developed by JAERI for tokamak-type DEMO reactors consists of Li_2TiO_3 or other lithium ceramics as the tritium breeder material, beryllium as the neutron multiplier material, reduced activation ferritic steel F82H as the structural material and water as the coolant^{1, 2)}. In the blanket design proposed by JAERI, the local TBR is around 1.4 - 1.5 for the case without an armor on the first wall. From the view point of sputtering damage of the first wall, W armors are the effective protection. However, from the view point of nuclear response, W armors affect TBR negative. In case the W armors are installed, TBR might not satisfy the requirement in case³⁾. There are a number of scattering and resonance capture reactions in the W. No experimental studies have been reported so far about the impact of the W armor on the TBR. Therefore experimental studies are very important for the evaluation of nuclear responses of the blanket in the presence of W armor. In order to evaluate this issue experimentally, neutronics experiments have been performed by using DT neutrons at Fusion Neutron Source (FNS) facility of JAERI.

DEMO blanket mockups, composed of a set of slabs of 16 mm thick F82H, 12 mm thick Li₂TiO₃ (⁶Li enrichment of 40 %) and 200 mm thick Be with about 660 mm height and about 660 mm width each, were installed at about 450 mm distant from the DT neutron source, and DT neutron irradiation experiments were conducted by using FNS 80° beam line. In the experiments three types of mockups were tested: without the armor; with 12.6 mm thick W armor; and with 25.2 mm thick W armor. Figure 1 shows a configuration of the mockup for the case with the 25.2 mm thick W armor and the installation position of the detector. DT neutron yield at the target was about 1 x 10¹¹ neutrons/s on average, which was monitored by the associated alpha particle measurement with a silicon surface barrier diode installed in the beam line. Three continuous irradiation experiments, each for ten hours, were performed, with the integrated irradiation period of 30 hours in total. Metal foils of Nb, Al, Au and Au, with 10 mm in diameter and $1 - 100 \,\mu\text{m}$ in thickness, with Cd cover, were installed at the boundary surfaces inside the mockup. After the irradiation, induced radioactivities were measured by decay gamma ray intensity with a high purity Ge detector, and neutron fluxes corresponding to each reaction rate were evaluated. Fifteen slices of Li₂CO₃ pellets, with a ⁶Li enrichment of 40 %, 13 mm in diameter and 0.5 - 2 mm in thickness were embedded inside the Li₂TiO₃. After the irradiation, induced radioactivities were measured by beta ray intensity of these pellets with a liquid scintillation counter, and tritium production rate (TPR) was evaluated.

Figure 2 shows the experimental results of the Nb reaction rate which corresponds to the neutron flux with the energy above about 9 MeV. The circles denote the experimental data with 25.2 mm armor, the squares without armor, the solid line the ratio of those with 25.2 mm armor to without armor, and the

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broken line the ratio of those with 12.6 mm armor to without armor. By installing the 25.2 mm thick W armor, the reaction rates of Nb, Al and Au inside the Li_2TiO_3 were reduced by 20 - 30, 30 and 10 - 30 %, respectively. Both of the fast and thermal neutron fluxes were reduced by installing the W armor. Figure 3 shows the experimental results of the TPR which corresponds to the ⁶Li reaction rate. By installing the 25.2 and 12.6 mm thick W armors, the TPRs were reduced by 19 and 18 %, respectively, in maximum, and the integrated TPRs in the Li_2TiO_3 were reduced by 8 and 3 %, respectively.

Numerical analyses were conducted by using the Monte Carlo neutral particle transport code MCNP-4C and the fusion evaluated nuclear data library FENDL-2. The calculation results almost show the same tendency as the experiment ones. Figure 4 shows the neutron spectra at the front surface of the F82H without the armor and with 25.2 mm armor. Similarly to the experiment results, both of the fast and thermal neutron fluxes were reduced by installing the W armor at all boundary surfaces. It is expected that the fast neutron fluxes are reduced by the scattering of the W, therefore the thermal neutron fluxes are reduced by the scattering of the W, therefore the thermal neutron fluxes are reduced by the reduction of neutron multiplying reactions between Be and the fast neutron. In addition, capture reactions of the W itself are also expected to contribute to reduction of thermal neutron fluxes. So, while W has large neutron multiplier reactions itself, it can be concluded that the TPRs were reduced by above-mentioned effects. In the blanket design proposed by JAERI, it is expected that the reduction of the TBR is less than 2 % as the thickness of the W armor.

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Fig. 1. The configuration of the mockup and the installation position of the detector.



Fig. 3. The experimental results of the TPR.







Fig. 4. The neutron spectra at the front surface of the F82H without the W armor and with the 25.2 mm thick one.

Non-Destructive Analysis of Impurities in Beryllium Affecting Evaluation of the Tritium Breeding Ratio

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A paper on this subject was submitted to Journal of Nuclear Materials, with the following abstract.

The non-destructive, pulsed neutron method was used as the most effective one in analyzing the integral effect of impurities in beryllium, relevant to the tritium breeding ratio evaluation. The integral effect was evaluated from time behavior observations of the neutron density, following the injection of a burst of D-T neutrons into the beryllium assembly. The assembly was constructed from the structural beryllium grade S-200F (Brush Wellman Inc.). Experimental data was compared with the reference data and MCNP-4B calculations. Results show, that the measured absorption cross section of thermal neutrons in beryllium blocks is approximately 30% larger than the calculated value, based on the data, specified by the manufacturing company. Impurities in beryllium, such as the Li, B, Cd and others, affect the absorption cross section even if the content of impurities is less than 10 ppm.

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Measurement of Deuteron-induced Activation Cross-Sections for Aluminum, Copper, and Tungsten in 22-34MeV Region

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A paper on this subject was submitted to JAERI CONF, with the following abstract.

Activation cross-sections for deuteron-induced reactions on aluminum, copper and tungsten were measured by using a stacked-foil technique at the AVF cyclotron in TIARA facility, JAERI. We irradiated three types of stacked-foil with 35 MeV deuteron beam and the activation cross sections for the ${}^{27}\text{Al}(d,x){}^{27}\text{Mg}$, ${}^{24}\text{Na}$, ${}^{nat}\text{Cu}(d,x){}^{62, 63}\text{Zn}$, ${}^{61, 64}\text{Cu}$ and ${}^{nat}\text{W}(d,x){}^{181-184, 186}\text{Re}$, ${}^{187}\text{W}$ reactions were obtained in 22-34 MeV region. The experimental cross sections were compared with other experimental ones and the data from ACSELAM library in the IRAC code system.

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Validation of MA Nuclear Data by Sample Irradiation Experiments with the Fast Reactor "JOYO"

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Japan Nuclear Cycle Development Institute is developing a commercialized fast reactor cycle system which involves the recycling of minor actinide (MA) nuclides. To develop a burnup calculation method and to validate MA nuclear data, we have launched the isotopic composition analysis of MA samples (²³⁷Np, ²⁴¹Am, ²⁴³Am, ²⁴⁴Cm) irradiated at the experimental fast reactor "JOYO". The irradiation was performed for 200-250 EFPD during the period of 1994 to 1999. Post irradiation examination (PIE) of the first sample (one of ²⁴³Am samples) was finished in October, 2003.

The preliminary C/E values for the ²⁴³Am sample are listed in Table 1. The sample was initially composed of 12.2% of ²⁴¹Am and 87.8% of ²⁴³Am. We focused on the production of ^{242m}Am from ²⁴¹Am, as well as that of ²⁴⁴Cm from ²⁴³Am. The main purpose of the former one was to validate the isomeric ratio (IR) of ²⁴¹Am capture reaction. There exist only two IR evaluations with the following large discrepancy: about 0.8 (ground/(ground + meta)) given from ENDF/B-VI under fast reactor spectrum, while about 0.7 from JENDL-3.3. This discrepancy influenced strongly on the production amount of ^{242m}Am. Assuming IR = 0.8 and using JENDL-3.2, we obtained the preliminary C/E value of 1.30 for the abundance ratio of ^{242m}Am/²⁴¹Am. In the case of IR = 0.85, the C/E value reduced to 1.00. To use other libraries (IR was set to 0.85) changed the C/E value no more than 6%. The experimental error was about 2% via mass spectroscopy, which was small enough. The above results implied the possibility that the IR of ²⁴¹Am capture reaction lies around 0.85. This is consistent with the independent PIE results with PFR¹⁾ and PHENIX²⁾ as shown in Table 1. Necessity of re-evaluation of the IR both in ENDF/B-VI and in JENDL-3.3 is suggested.

For the abundance ratio of ²⁴⁴Cm/²⁴³Am, the present calculations underestimated the measurement systematically. We have met the difficulty in measuring the ratio of Cm/Am, in which relatively large experimental error (about 10%) arose from alpha spectroscopy. We now try to improve the measurement accuracy by means of the isotope dilution analysis.

We carry on the analyses for the remaining samples, increase the number of results, and apply detailed calculation modeling.

	PFR [Ref.1]	JOYO (preliminary result on the ²⁴³ Am sample)					PHENIX [Ref.2]
Nuclear data library	JENDL-3.2	JENDL-3.2	JENDL-3.2	JENDL-3.3	ENDF/B-VI.5	JEF-2.2	JEF-2.2
²⁴¹ Am Isomeric ratio	0.80	0.80	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85
242m Am / 241 Am	1.29	1.30	1.00	1.02	0.94	1.03	1.03
²⁴⁴ Cm / ²⁴³ Am	0.95	0.84	0.84	0.84	0.83	0.88	0.96

Table 1 Comparison of C/E values for the isotopic abundance ratio of irradiated MA samples

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<u>Measurement of the Thermal Neutron Capture Cross Section and the Resonance</u> Integral of the ${}^{109}Ag(n,\gamma){}^{110m}Ag$ Reaction

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A paper on this subject was published in J. Nucl. Sci. Technol., 40, 119 (2003) with the following abstract.

In order to develop a neutron flux monitor for long-term neutron irradiation, the thermal neutron (2,200 m/s neutron) capture cross section (σ_0) and the resonance integral (I_0) of the ¹⁰⁹Ag(n, γ) ^{110m}Ag reaction were measured by the activation and γ -ray spectroscopic methods. Silver foils were irradiated with and without a Cd shield capsule at the Rikkyo Research Reactor. The Co/Al and Au/Al alloy wires were irradiated together with silver foils in order to monitor the thermal neutron flux and the fraction of the epi-thermal neutron part (Westcott's index). A high purity Ge detector was used for the γ -ray measurements of the irradiated samples. The σ_0 and the I_0 of the ¹⁰⁹Ag(n, γ) ^{110m}Ag reaction are 4.12 ± 0.10 b and 67.9 ± 3.1 b, respectively. The σ_0 is 12% smaller than the tabulated one (4.7 ± 0.2 b). On the other hand, the I_0 is in agreement with the tabulated one (72.3 ± 4.0 b) within the limits of error.

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<u>Measurement of Thermal Neutron Capture Cross Section and</u> Resonance Integral of the ${}^{237}Np(n, \gamma){}^{238}Np$ Reaction

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A paper on this subject was published in J. Nucl. Sci. Technol., 40, 559 (2003) with the following abstract.

The thermal neutron capture cross section(σ_0) and the resonance integral(I_0) of ²³⁷Np have been measured by an activation method to supply basic data for the study of transmutation of nuclear waste. The neutron irradiation of ²³⁷Np samples have been done at the Research Reactor Institute, Kvoto University(KUR). Samples of ²³⁷Np were irradiated Since ²³⁷Np has a strong between two Cd sheets or without a Cd sheet. resonance at the energy of 0.49 eV, the Cd cut-off energy was adjusted at 0.358 eV(thickness of the Cd sheets: 0.125 mm). A high purity Ge detector was employed for activity measurement. The reaction rate to produce ²³⁸Np from ²³⁷Np was analyzed by the Westcott's convention. **Results** obtained were 141.7 \pm 5.4 barns for σ_0 and 862 \pm 51 barns for I_0 above 0.358 eV of ²³⁷Np. By setting the Cd cut-off energy at 0.358 eV considering the resonance at 0.49 eV, a smaller value of σ_0 was obtained in this work than the values reported by the previous authors.

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<u>A large BGO detector system for studies of neutron capture</u> by radioactive nuclides

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A paper on this subject was published in Nucl. Instru. Methods. A 517, 269 (2004) with the following abstract.

The 16-section BGO scintillation detector having a total volume of 8.54 l and the associated 40 MHz flash-ADC-based data taking system have been developed. This detector system is intended for the measurements of neutron capture cross sections of radioactive nuclei by the time-of-flight method. The detector response function, efficiency, gamma-ray and neutron energy resolution, backgrounds have been evaluated experimentally and by calculation. The neutron capture cross section measurements with ¹⁰B, ¹⁹⁷Au and ²³⁷Np samples have been carried out in the energy range 1 - 1000 eV to demonstrate the performance of the system.

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<u>Measurement of Effective Capture Cross Section of ²³⁸Np</u> <u>for Thermal Neutron</u>

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A paper on this subject was published in J. Nucl. Sci. Technol., 41, 1 (2004) with the following abstract.

The effective capture cross section ($\hat{\sigma}$) of ²³⁸Np for thermal neutron has been measured as data for the burn-up analysis of irradiated fuels and for the study of nuclear transmutation of minor actinides. A sample of ²³⁷Np irradiated for 10 hours at the Kyoto University Reactor. was Neptunium-238 and -239 were produced simultaneously via the double neutron capture reaction $^{237}Np(n, \gamma)^{238}Np(n, \gamma)^{239}Np$. The neutron flux at the irradiation position was monitored using Au and Co monitor wires. The epithermal index $r\sqrt{T/T_0}$ in Westcott's convention was deduced as 0.03. To measure the activities of ²³⁸Np and ²³⁹Np, a high-purity Ge detector with a BGO ($Bi_4Ge_3O_{12}$) anti-coincidence shield has been developed. The $\hat{\sigma}$ of ²³⁸Np was deduced from the ratio of these activities. The result obtained is 479 \pm 24 b for the $\hat{\sigma}$ of ²³⁸Np. The result is compared with data in evaluated nuclear data libraries, ENDL-86, ENDF/B-VI, and JENDL-3.3.

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<u>Neutron Capture Cross Section Measurement of Praseodymium</u> <u>In the Energy Region from 0.003 eV to 140 keV</u>

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A paper on this subject was published in the Journal of Nuclear Science and Technology, Vol.40, No.7, 447-456 (2003) with the following abstract.

The neutron capture cross section of praseodymium (¹⁴¹Pr) has been measured relative to the ¹⁰B(n, $\alpha\gamma$) standard cross section in the energy region from 0.003 eV to 140 keV by the neutron time-of-flight (TOF) method with a 46-MeV electron linear accelerator (linac) of the Research Reactor Institute, Kyoto University (KURRI). An assembly of Bi₄Ge₃O₁₂ (BGO) scintillators was used for the capture cross section measurement. In addition, the thermal neutron cross section (2,200 m/s value) of the ¹⁴¹Pr(n, γ)¹⁴²Pr reaction has been also measured by an activation method at the heavy water thermal neutron facility of the Kyoto University Reactor (KUR). The thermal neutron flux was monitored with the ¹⁹⁷Au(n, γ)¹⁹⁸Au standard cross section. The above TOF measurement has been normalized to the current activation data (11.6±1.3 b) at 0.0253 eV.

The evaluated data in JENDL-3.3, ENDF/B-VI, and JEF-2.2 have been in general agreement with the current result, except that the JENDL-3.3 and the JEF-2.2 values are clearly lower than the measurement in the cross section minimum region from about 10 to 500 eV.

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<u>Neutron Capture Cross Section Measurement of Technetium-99</u> <u>By Linac Time-of-Flight Method and the Resonance Analysis</u>

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A paper on this subject will be published soon in the Nuclear Science and Engineering, with the following abstract.

The neutron capture cross section of ⁹⁹Tc has been measured relative to the ¹⁰B(n, $\alpha\gamma$) standard cross section by the neutron time-of-flight (TOF) method in the energy range of 0.005 eV to 47 keV using a detection assembly of Bi₄Ge₃O₁₂ (BGO) scintillators and a 46 MeV electron linear accelerator (linac) at the Research Reactor Institute, Kyoto University (KURRI). The relative measurement has been normalized at 0.0253 eV to the reference value (22.9 ± 1.3 b) measured by Harada et al. The energy dependent experimental data and the evaluated data in ENDF/B-VI, JENDL-3.2, -3.3 and JEF-2.2 are in general agreement with the current measurement. Especially the JENDL-3.3 data, which have been recently released, show better agreement with the measurement in the lower energy region.

The resonance parameters at 5.6 and 20.3 eV have been analyzed by the KALMAN system using the current TOF data. The resonance integral calculated with the parameters obtained is derived to be 330 ± 19 b, which is close to the data obtained from JENDL-3.3 and evaluated by Mughabghab, although the resonance integrals from JENDL-3.2, ENDF/B-VI and JEF-2.2 are smaller by about 6 to 8 % than the current value. The resonance integral data measured by Harada et al. is larger by about 20 %.

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Coupled-channels analysis of nucleon interaction data of ^{28,30}Si up to 200 MeV based on the soft rotator model

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A paper on this subject was published in J. Nucl. Sci. and Technol., 40, 635–643 (2003) with the following abstract

A consistent analysis for nuclear level structure and nucleon scattering data up to 200 MeV was performed for sd-shell nuclei, 28,30 Si, using a unified framework of soft-rotator model and coupled-channels approach. The 28,30 Si were assumed to be deformed nuclei having oblate shapes. The soft-rotator model parameters were determined so as to reproduce measured collective levels of 28,30 Si up to an excitation energy of around 10 MeV. The relativistic kinematics and global optical potential form were taken into account in the coupled-channels optical model analysis, and the optical model parameters were derived. The calculation showed good agreement with experimental data for both collective levels and nucleon interaction data — neutron total cross sections, proton reaction cross sections, and nucleon scattering angular distributions.

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Evaluation of cross sections for nucleons up to 3 GeV on ^{12}C

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A paper on this subject was published in Proc. of the 2002 Symposium on Nuclear Data, Nov. 21-22, 2002, JAERI, Tokai, Japan; JAERI-Conf 2003-006, p.183-188 (2003) with the following abstract:

We have performed an evaluation of cross sections on 12 C for both neutron and proton with energies between 20 MeV and 3 GeV. The evaluation is based on measured data as well as predictions from nuclear model calculations and some systematics. The results are compared with available experimental data and the LA150 evaluation. Thick target neutron production spectra for proton incident on carbon are analyzed using the evaluated double-differential (p, xn) cross sections.

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Analysis of cosmic ray neutron induced single-event phenomena

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A paper on this subject was published in Proc. of the 2002 Symposium on Nuclear Data, Nov. 21-22, 2002, JAERI, Tokai, Japan; JAERI-Conf 2003-006, p.265-270 (2003) with the following abstract:

We have developed a database of cross sections for the $n+^{28}Si$ reaction in the energy range between 2 MeV and 3 GeV in order to analyze single-event upset (SEU) phenomena induced by cosmic-ray neutrons in semiconductor memory devices. The data are applied to calculations of SEU cross sections using the Burst Generation Rate (BGR) model including two parameters, critical charge and effective depth. The calculated results are compared with measured SEU cross-sections for energies up to 160 MeV, and the reaction products that provide important effects on SEU are mainly investigated.

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High-energy neutron and proton nuclear data for applications — Evaluation of cross sections on C and Si up to 3 GeV —

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A paper on this subject was presented at XV Int. School on Nuclear Physics, Neutron Physics and Nuclear Energy, Sep. 9-13, 2003, Varna, Bulgaria with the following abstract:

We have performed an evaluation of cross sections on 12,13 C and 28,29,30 Si for both neutrons and protons in the incident energy range extended up to 3 GeV in order to meet nuclear data needs in accelerator-related applications. The evaluation is based on predictions from nuclear model calculations and systematics as well as measurements. A nuclear model calculation code system developed for this purpose is described. The evaluated cross sections contain the following data: neutron total cross sections, nucleon elastic scattering cross sections and angular distributions, non-elastic cross sections, production cross sections and double-differential cross sections of secondary light particles $(n, p, d, t, {}^{3}\text{He}, \alpha, \text{ and } \pi)$, and isotope production cross sections. The results are compared with available experimental data and the LA150 evaluation. For validation of these nuclear data, thick-target neutron production spectra from C target are calculated for bombardment of 113 MeV and 256 MeV protons using the MCNPX transport code and are compared with the measurements. An application of Si data to predictions of neutron-induced single-event upset phenomena in microelectronics is also presented. These evaluated nuclear data are included into the JENDL high-energy library in ENDF-6 format.

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Nuclear data relevant to single-event upsets (SEU) in microelectronics and their application to SEU simulation

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A paper on this subject was presented at the 2003 Symposium on Nuclear Data, Nov. 27-28, 2003, JAERI, Tokai, Japan with the following abstract:

The radiation effects known as single-event upsets(SEUs) in microelectronics have recently been recognized as a key reliability concern for many current and future silicon-based integrated circuit technologies. Cosmic-ray neutrons with a wide energy range from MeV to GeV are regarded as one of the major sources of SEUs in the devices used on the ground or in airplanes. Therefore, nuclear reaction data to describe the interaction of neutrons with the nuclides contained in the devices are highly requested as a fundamental physical quantity necessary for SEU simulations. Under these circumstances, we have recently developed a cross section database for silicon, using evaluated nuclear data file (JENDL-3.3 and LA150) and QMD calculation for energies ranging from 2 MeV to 3000 MeV. So far, it has been applied successfully to SEU simulations.

In the present work, we propose a simple model of calculating SEU cross sections based on the Monte Carlo method. Using the model, we analyze the experimental data for SRAM and the simulation results for DRAM, in order to investigate the dependence of SEU cross sections on incident neutron energy and clarify the secondary ions generated by nuclear reactions with Si and incident energy range which have the most important effects on SEUs. In addition, the model calculations are compared with the calculations based on the Burst Generation Rate (BGR) method, and a consideration on the sensitive volume used in the BGR method is given.

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<u>Measurement method of activation cross sections of reactions</u> producing short-lived nuclei with 14-MeV neutrons

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A paper on this subject was published in Nucl. Instr. Meth. A496 (2003) 183-197, with the following abstract.

We describe a method for obtaining reliable activation cross sections in the neutron energy range between 13.4 and 14.9 MeV for the reactions producing short-lived nuclei with half-lives between 0.5 and 30 min. We noted neutron irradiation fields and measured induced activities, including (1) the contribution of scattered low-energy neutrons, (2) the fluctuation of the neutron fluence rate during the irradiation, (3) the true coincidence sum effect, (4) the random coincidence sum effect, (5) the deviation in the measuring position due to finite sample thickness, (6) the self-absorption of the γ -ray in the sample material and (7) the interference reactions producing the same radionuclides or the ones emitting the γ -ray with the same energy of interest. The cross sections can be obtained within a total error of 3.6%, when good counting statistics are achieved, including an error of 3.0% for the standard cross section of 27 Al (n, α) ²⁴Na.We propose here simple methods for measuring γ -rays efficiently at a close source-to-detector distance and for measuring β^+ activities emitting almost no γ -rays.

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<u>Measurements of the (n, np+d) activation cross sections</u> with 13.4 - 14.9 MeV neutrons using a Fusion Neutronics Source/JAERI

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A paper on this subject was published in Annals of Nuclear Energy 30 (2003) 1847-1862, with the following abstract.

The activation cross sections for twenty (n, np+d) reactions were measured in the energy range between 13.4 and 14.9 MeV [by the activation method]. The mass-separated isotopes of ⁸⁷Sr, ^{95,100}Mo, ¹⁰⁴Ru, ¹⁰⁶Pd, ^{113,116}Cd, ^{118,119,120}Sn, ^{123,128,130}Te, ^{184,186}W, and ^{189,190}Os were irradiated. The sixteen cross sections, excepting those for ¹¹⁸Sn, ¹²⁸Te and ^{184,186}W, were obtained for the first time.

The d-T neutron source of the Fusion Neutronics Source (FNS) at the Japan Atomic Energy Research Institute (JAERI) was used for irradiation. All cross section values were determined relative to that of the ²⁷Al (n, α) ²⁴Na reaction (ENDF/B-VI). To measure weakly induced activities, an efficiency calibration technique with a well-type HPGe detector was applied.

The present results were compared with the comprehensive evaluated data in the JENDL-3.3, the JENDL-Activation File, the ENDF/B-VI, and the FENDL/A-2.0. Most of the data in the JENDL-3.3 and the JENDL-Activation File were in good agreement with the present result. However, relative to our values, thirteen of the twenty evaluated data in FENDL/A-2.0 were overestimated more than 2 times or underestimated by more than one order.

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<u>Measurements of activation cross sections of (n, p) and (n, α) reactions</u> with d-D neutrons in the energy range of 2.1 to 3.1 MeV

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Activation cross sections for (n, p) and (n, α) reactions were measured by the activation method in the energy range of 2.1 to 3.1 MeV. The irradiated target isotopes were ²⁷Al, ⁴¹K, ⁴⁷Ti, ⁵¹V, ⁵⁴Fe, ⁵⁹Co, ^{58, 61}Ni, ⁶⁵Cu, ⁶⁷Zn, ⁶⁹Ga, ⁷⁹Br, ⁹²Mo, ⁹³Nb, and ⁹⁶Ru. The cross sections for ⁴¹K (n, p) ⁴¹Ar, ⁶¹Ni (n, p) ⁶¹Co, ⁶⁵Cu (n, p) ⁶⁵Ni, ⁶⁷Zn (n, p) ⁶⁷Cu, ⁷⁹Br (n, p) ^{79m}Se, ⁹⁶Ru (n, p) ^{96m+g}Tc, and ⁶⁹Ga (n, α) ⁶⁶Cu reactions were obtained for the first time.

Irradiation was from the d-D neutron source of the Fusion Neutronics Source at the Japan Atomic Energy Research Institute. All cross section values were determined relative to those of the ¹¹⁵In (n, n') ^{115m}In reaction. To obtain reliable activation cross sections, careful attention was paid to correct neutron irradiation and to correct the measurement of induced activity as well as to determine the mean neutron energy at the irradiation positions. To measure weak activity levels, a highly efficient measuring technique with a well-type High Purity Germanium detector was applied to the activities.

The present results were compared against the comprehensive evaluated data in JENDL-3.3, -3.2, and -Activation File 96 as well as in ENDF/B-VI, and FENDL/A-2.0. We concluded that the evaluated data for 41 K (n, p) 41 Ar, 51 V (n, p) 51 Ti, 61 Ni (n, p) 61 Co, 79 Br (n, p) 79m Se, 96 Ru (n, p) ${}^{96m+g}$ Tc, 69 Ga (n, α) 66 Cu, and 93 Nb (n, α) 90m Y reactions were overestimated or underestimated by more than 30%.

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An improved pneumatic sample transport system for measurement of activation cross sections with d-D neutrons in the energy range between 2.1 and 3.1 MeV

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We have improved a pneumatic sample transport system that enables activation cross sections to be measured by producing short-lived nuclei on the order of sub-millibarns. The irradiation distances between the d-D neutron source and the samples ranged from 20 to 65 mm at six angles of between 0° and 155° . The neutron fluence rates were between 1×10^{8} and 5×10^{6} n/cm²/s in the 2.1 to 3.1-MeV range, and these values were between 24 and 3 times higher than those of the previous system, which used a distance of 100 mm, at the Fusion Neutronics Source at the Japan Atomic Energy Research Institute.

The energy spreads at the irradiation positions were calculated by taking into account the slowing of incident 350-keV deuterons, the self-loaded deuteron distribution in the Ti-target and the solid angle subtended by the irradiated sample. At each angle, the acceptably close distance was found to be about 20 mm under the condition of an energy spread of less than about 300 keV. The spreads at about 0° and 180° were determined mainly by the slowing of deuterons in the target, while those at about 90° were determined by the finite solid angle.

The activation cross sections of 27 Al (n, p) 27 Mg and 61 Ni (n, p) 61 Co reactions were obtained for test measurements. This was undertaken with the prospect of using the present system to systematically measure the activation cross sections down to a sub-millibarn level.

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<u>Characterization of Gamma Rays Existing</u> <u>in The NMIJ Standard Neutron Field</u>

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Introduction

Our laboratory provides national standards on fast neutron fluence. Neutron fields are always accompanied by gamma rays produced in neutron sources and surroundings. It is very important to quantitatively characterize these gamma rays for calibration of neutron detectors or sensing elements, because most of them are sensitive to both neutrons and gamma rays. We have characterized the gamma rays in the thermal neutron field [1]. In this paper, we describe characterization of the gamma rays in the 5.0 MeV standard neutron field.

Experimental

A Van de Graaff accelerator (4UH-HC Pelletron, Nuclear Electrostatic, USA) is used to produce the 5.0 MeV neutrons by the $D(d,n)^3$ He reaction, where 1.817 MeV deuteron beam impinges on the target consisting of Ti-D evaporated on a 0.5 mm thick copper backing. The mixed photon dose in the fast neutron field was measured with the NE213 liquid organic scintillation detector, 5.08 cm diameter x 5.08 cm thick, coupled to a photomultiplier tube (R329-02, Hamamatsu). The rise-time-related signal was collected with the pulse-height amplitude in a coincidence mode using a multiparameter data acquisition system (MPA-3, Fast ComTec). The pulse shape discrimination between gamma rays and neutrons was performed using the differences in the rise time. The irradiated fluence was determined at the calibration point with the count of a polyethylene long counter (PLC) situated at the angle of 45 degree.

The gamma ray response spectra of the NE213 detector were measured using gamma ray reference sources of ⁸⁸Y, ⁶⁰Co, ²²Na, ⁵⁴Mn, and ¹³⁷Cs. The energy resolution function and the scaling factor between the deposited electron equivalent energy (MeVee) and the channel number were determined by comparing the spectra with the response function calculated by the EGS4 electron photon transport Monte Carlo code [2]. The response functions were prepared by calculating and tallying the energy deposition in the NE213 detector for the incident gamma rays up to 10 MeV by the EGS4 code. The response matrix for the unfolding codes was completed by folding these calculated response functions with the resolution function.

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Results and Discussions

Figure 1 shows the pulse height spectra measured in the 5.0 MeV standard neutron field. The NE213 detector was located at 50 cm and 100 cm from the target. Figure 2 shows the unfolded spectra obtained by the MIEKE code in the HEPRO program package [3] using the response matrix. The effective dose equivalents were evaluated for these spectral fluences using the conversion coefficients calculated for the MIRD phantoms [4]. Table 1 summarizes the results for the AP geometry (irradiation from the front to the back) and the LAT geometry (lateral irradiation from either side). These values however include the contribution of the neutron-induced gamma rays generated in the detector assembly. Figure 1 also shows the detector response to the self-produced gamma rays calculated using the MCNP4C code [5]. The corrected values of the effective dose equivalent are also shown in Table 1.

Conclusions

We have characterized the gamma rays existing in the 5.0 MeV neutron field for the national standard in Japan. Further characterization is in progress on the parasite gamma rays existing in the fast neutron field of the other energies such as 144 keV, 565 keV and 14.8 MeV.

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Table 1: Effective dose equivalents of the gamma rays at 10^7 neutrons/cm² on the detector.

Position	Effective dose equivalent (Corrected) [µSv]		
	AP	LAT	
50 cm	26.0 (24.1)	20.2 (18.9)	
100 cm	29.2 (27.2)	22.7 (21.3)	
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Figure 1: Pulse height spectra measured in the 5.0 MeV standard neutron field and calculated response to the neutron-induced gamma rays in the detector.



Figure 2: Photon energy spectra in the 5.0 MeV standard neutron field unfolded by the MIEKE code.

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Development of a Tiny Neutron Probe with an Optical Fiber for BNCT

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We have developed a tiny neutron probe detector as a monitor of a thermal neutron flux for boron neutron capture therapy (BNCT) [1]. The detector consists of an optical fiber and a small neutron probe. We have used a film-like ZnS (Ag) scintillator and a ⁶LiF neutron converter for the neutron probe. In order to improve the neutron-gamma discrimination ability, vacuum evaporation of ⁶LiF onto the ZnS (Ag) film has been done. In order to improve the neutron detection efficiency, we have newly made use of a wavelength shifting (WLS) fiber [2] as the probe material. In this report, the characteristics of the two types of detector are shown.

The pulse height spectra of the detectors were measured at the thermal neutron field of the HWNIF of the KUR, and under the thermal neutron irradiation mode. The thermal neutron flux was measured with a gold activation method.

A ZnS (Ag) film is made on 12 μ m cellulose acetate sheet. ⁶LiF was evaporated onto the cellulose side. The ⁶LiF thickness was about 5 μ m. This neutron probe was stick on an optical fiber end. The pulse height spectrum of this detector is shown in Fig. 1. The thermal neutron flux was about 1.4×10^5 n/cm² s. The cellulose acetate sheet fully stopped alpha particles. Alpha particles were never detected and only tritons contributed to the pulse height spectrum. As the result, the peak of the neutron events appears clearly as is seen in Fig. 1. This pulse height spectrum indicates the high neutron-gamma discrimination ability. It is easy to set the discrimination level at the valley. The sensitivity of the fiber detectors was 2.1×10^{-3} cm².

We made another type probe with the WLS fiber. The neutron probe sheet was attached on the side surface of the WLS fiber. The length of the films was 1cm. The pulse height spectrum of the detector is shown in Fig. 2. The thermal neutron flux was about 8.4×10^4 n/cm² s. The gain of the amplifier was 10 times higher than that applied for the above type detector, because the intensity of the scintillation light decreased during the process of wavelength shifting. The sensitivity of the fiber probe detector was 9.5×10^2 cm², when the discrimination level was set at 70 channel. The sensitivity was 40 times higher than that of the above type detector at the sacrifice of the neutron-gamma discrimination ability and the spatial resolution. The spatial resolution became worse because of the long neutron probe.

The purpose of this research was to enhance the neutron-gamma discrimination ability and neutron detection efficiency of the neutron probe detectors. The pulse height spectrum that had the high neutron-gamma discrimination ability was obtained with a detector had the film-like neutron converter made by vacuum evaporation. For another purpose, we made use of the WLS fiber and expanded the effective detection area. The neutron sensitivity was 40 times higher than that of the first type.

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Figure 1: Pulse height spectrum of the thin ZnS(Ag) film probe detector.





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<u>Development of Fast Neutron Spectrometer Composed of</u> Silicon-SSD and Position-Sensitive Proportional Counters

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There are many types of fast neutron spectrometers for thermo-nuclear fusion plasma diagnostics. Mori et al. [1] developed a spectrometer with recoil-proton method several years ago. The spectrometer consisted of a silicon surface barrier detector (SSD) and an ordinary proportional counter with methane gas of which axis is parallel to an incident neutron beam. They achieved energy resolution of 2.4 % for 5 MeV neutrons and 2.1 % for 14 MeV neutrons. The energy resolution of the spectrometer was restricted by ambiguity of the recoil angle of the recoil In the present study, we adopted three charge-division-type protons. position-sensitive proportional counters(PSPCs) instead of the ordinary proportional counter. Figure 1 shows a schematic drawing of the present spectrometer. A collimator made of polyethylene with a thickness of 20 cm is placed in front of the spectrometer so as to fix the direction of the incident neutrons. Each PSPC with a quadratic prism of 3 cm each side and 15.5 cm length consists of a Nichrome wire of 10 µm diameter as an anode and methane gas working as counting gas and a radiator. The axes of the PSPCs are perpendicular to the collimated incident neutron direction. A stainless-steel mesh is put between the PSPCs for electrostatic shielding. The SSD with a sensitive area of 150 mm² and a depletion layer depth of 2000 µm is placed at 19 mm away from the center of the incident neutron beam in order to avoid radiation damage. Signals from both ends of all anode wires and the SSD are stored into a personal computer in a list Coincidental signals are extracted from the list files using a computer mode. program.

The recoil proton generated by collision of a collimated incident neutron with a hydrogen atom in the first PSPC passes through the second and third PSPCs and reaches the SSD. The energy of the recoil proton is measured with the PSPCs and the SSD. At the same time, position signals at A and B in Fig. 1 are obtained from the outputs of the second and the third PSPCs. The recoil angles are derived from the position information. Finally, the neutron energy is derived from the energy of the recoil proton and the recoil angle.

The characteristics of the spectrometer was evaluated using 5.0 MeV neutrons generated by a 4 MV Pelletron accelerator and $D(d,n)^{3}$ He neutron source at the National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology. Figure 2 shows the energy spectrum of 5.0 MeV neutrons. The FWHM of the spectrum is 2.6 %. Therefore, the energy resolution of the present spectrometer was estimated to be 1.8 % by taking it into account that the energy width (FWHM) of the incident neutrons is 90 keV [2]. This energy resolution is better than that of the spectrometer with the ordinary proportional counter.

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Figure 1: Schematic drawing of the present spectrometer

Figure 2: Derived the energy spectrum of 5.0 MeV neutrons

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Measurements of keV-Neutron Capture Cross Sections and Capture Gamma-Ray Spectra of ⁹⁹Tc

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A paper of the title was published in J. Nucl. Sci. Technol., 40, 61 (2003) with the following abstract.

The capture cross sections of 99 Tc were measured in the incident neutron energy region from 8 to 90 keV and at 190, 330, and 540 keV. A neutron time-of-flight method was adopted with a ns-pulsed neutron source by the ⁷Li(p,n)⁷Be reaction and with a large anti-Compton NaI(Tl) gamma-ray spectrometer. A pulse-height weighting technique was applied to observed capture gamma-ray pulse-height spectra to derive capture yields. Using the standard capture cross sections of ¹⁹⁷Au, the capture cross sections of ⁹⁹Tc were obtained with the error of about 5%. The present results were compared with other measurements and the evaluated values of JENDL-3.2 and 3.3 and ENDF/B-VI. Capture gamma-ray spectra were obtained by unfolding observed capture gamma-ray pulse-height spectra. A change of slopes was observed at 2.2 MeV in the spectra. The multiplicities of observed gamma rays were obtained from the gamma-ray spectra.

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An Interpretation of the Anomalous Bump in keV-Neutron Capture γ -Ray Spectra of Lanthanide Nuclides

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To investigate the origin of the anomalous bump or shoulder observed in the γ -ray energy region from 1.5 to 3.5 MeV in the keV-neutron capture γ -ray spectra of lanthanide nuclides, the spectra of ¹⁴⁵Nd, ¹⁶¹Dy, and ¹⁶⁷Er were analyzed with the statistical model calculation from the viewpoint of the M1 scissors mode excitation, assuming the Brink hypothesis for the excitation. The values of B(M1) for the excitation were derived from the analysis, and the derived values were in good agreement with those derived from the (γ, γ') reactions. From this agreement, the anomalous bump or shoulder in the keV-neutron capture γ -ray spectra of lanthanide nuclides may be ascribed to the M1 scissors mode excitation if we can assume the Brink hypothesis for the M1 scissors mode excitation.

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<u>Measurement of the ¹⁸O(n, γ)¹⁹O Reaction Cross Sections by Prompt γ -Ray Detection Methods at Thermal and keV Energies</u>

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The ¹⁸O(n, γ)¹⁹O reaction cross section, which is important for studies on the nucleosyntheses in the non-standard inhomogeneous big-bang model and the s process in cool giant stars, was measured by prompt γ -ray detection methods at thermal and keV energies. In the measurement at thermal energy, ten primary and secondary γ -ray transitions were identified and the total capture cross section was obtained as 156 ± 16 μ b, assuming a new ¹⁹O neutron separation energy of 3.964 MeV. In the measurement at keV energies, three primary transitions were observed and the total capture cross sections were obtained as 8.5 ± 1.7 and 11.9 ± 1.8 μ b at 42 and 65 keV, respectively.

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Measurements of Neutron Capture Cross Sections for Dy Isotopes in the Energy Region from 10 to 90 keV

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The neutron capture cross sections of Dy isotopes (¹⁶¹Dy, ¹⁶²Dy, ¹⁶³Dy, and ¹⁶⁴Dy) have been measured in the neutron energy range from 10 to 90 keV using the 3-MV Pelletron accelerator of the Research Laboratory for Nuclear Reactors at the Tokyo Institute of Technology. Pulsed keV neutrons were produced from the ⁷Li(p,n)⁷Be reaction by bombarding the lithium target with the 1.5-ns bunched proton beam from the Pelletron accelerator. The incident neutron spectrum on a capture sample was measured by means of a TOF method with a ⁶Li-glass detector, employing a TOF method. A pulse-height weighting technique was applied to observed capture γ -ray pulse-height spectra to derive capture yields. The capture cross sections were obtained by using the standard capture cross sections of ¹⁹⁷Au. The present results were compared with the previous measurements and the evaluated values of ENDF/B-VI.

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Measurement of keV-Neutron Capture Cross Sections of I-129

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The neutron cature cross sections of ¹²⁹I were measured in the energy region from 15 to 90 keV, using a 1.5-ns pulsed neutron beam and a Time-Of-Flight method. The capture γ rays were detected with a large anti-Compton NaI(Tl) spectrometer, and the capture yields were obtained by a pulse-height weighting technique. Using standard capture cross sections of ¹⁹⁷Au, the capture cross sections of ¹²⁹I were derived with the errors of about 7 %.

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Measurement of keV-Neutron Capture Cross Sections of ²⁰⁹Bi

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The capture cross sections of ²⁰⁹Bi were measured in a neutron energy region from 10 to 100 keV and at 520 keV, using pulsed keV neutrons from the ⁷Li(p,n)⁷Be reaction and a timeof-flight method. The capture γ rays from a bismuth or standard gold sample were detected with a large anti-Compton NaI(Tl) spectrometer. The capture yield of the bismuth or gold sample was obtained by applying a pulse-height weighting technique to the corresponding capture γ -ray pulse-height spectrum. The derived capture cross sections from 10 to 100 keV were in good agreement with recent measurements, but that at 520 keV is about half to one third of previous measurements. This discrepancy was ascribed to the incorrect backgroundsubtraction in the previous measurements.

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Measurement of alpha particle emission double differential cross

sections of Be with a pencil beam DT neutron source

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Charged particle emission double-differential cross sections (DDXc) are very important for estimation of PKA, KERMA in a fusion reactor design. However, only a few data have been accumulated because of difficulty of the experiment. Our group had measured DDXc of various materials for a fusion device at OKTAVIAN in Osaka University for several years, however it is very difficult experiment due to high background signals and small cross sections. So we have tried to develop a new spectrometer for measurement of DDXc using a pencil beam DT neutron source at FNS in JAERI. The pencil beam DT neutron source at FNS provides a perfectly collimated 2cm- ϕ neutron beam. Thus using this neutron source, background signals are kept to be quite low and a high S/N ratio can be achieved, even if a detector is arranged very close to a measuring sample. In the first, we measured α -particle emission DDX of aluminum in order to confirm the validity of the new method. In the present study, we have measured α -particle emission DDX of beryllium because of its importance for a fusion reactor design, especially in a blanket field, and from the standpoint of nuclear reaction theory of light nuclei.

In the measurement of DDXc, we have to discriminate types of charged particles. We chose a telescope system with two silicon SSDs of ΔE and E for particle discrimination since we can use it in a significantly low neutron background condition. Detection energies of ΔE and E silicon detectors change depending on charged- particle types and their energies due to difference of their stopping power. This fact discriminate charged-particle types. A two-dimensional MCA is thus used in order to distinguish signals of interest. True DDXc is obtained by collecting energy losses in a sample material.

In the present spectrometer, we can eliminate almost all noise signals using the coincidence detection technique (Only a few counts per hour were detected). Statistically accurate DDXc data could therefore be measured with relatively short measurement time and good energy resolution. Furthermore normally the measurable lower energy limit for α -particle is around several MeV. However, in the present spectrometer the lower measurable energy below 1 MeV has been successfully achieved by employing the anticoincidence alpha spectrum of E and ΔE detectors as the spectrum below the energy range of the standard limit of several MeV. We also observed tritium signals by ⁹Be(n,t) reactions clearly distinguished from α signals by ⁹Be(n,x α) reactions. This fact suggests the superiority of the present spectrometer to other conventional methods. We will continue measurements of DDXc using the present spectrometer and analysis of the obtained data.

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Spectrum measurement of emitted neutrons from (n,2n) reaction with

a pencil beam DT neutron source

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The (n,2n) reaction plays a very important role in the design of fusion reactor, because it is a neutron multiplication reaction and has a large cross section value in the energy range of several to 14 MeV. In the previous experiments, the cross section was measured mainly by the foil activation method or by using a large scintillation detector. However, with these methods, it is not possible to measure the neutron spectrum. Generally, it can be expected that the spectrum of the emitted neutrons from (n,2n) reaction is mostly expressed by an evaporation spectrum. But, for light elements, the spectrum might become complicated because evaporation process may not be assumed for a small cluster of nuclei. But the spectrum actually has crucial information to find out the nuclear reaction mechanism. Currently, however, it is still difficult to measure accurate spectrum especially for light nuclides.

Measurement of neutron spectrum emitted from (n,2n) reaction is possible in principle with the coincience detection method. However, an acceptable signal to noise (S/N) ratio could not be obtained so far because isotropically produced source neutrons, the great majority of which does not bombard the sample, act as a large amount of background signals in the measurement. The newly developed beam-type (2cm ϕ -collimated) DT neutron source at FNS can realize the measurement by using the coincidence detection method, because we can arrange neutron detectors very close to the sample. In the measurement, two spherical NE213(4cm ϕ) detectors were located at 20cm from the sample. The coincident neutron signals of the two detectors were extracted from the time spectrum obtained with anode signals of the detectors. Also, the n/γ pulse shape discrimination technique was used to exclude n/γ coincident signals emitted from nuclear reactions of $(n, n'\gamma)$, $(n, 2n\gamma)$, $(n,np\gamma)$ and so on. To cover the energy of emitted neutrons, two amplifiers were used to extend the dynamic neutron energy range, that is from 100keV to 10MeV. As for the neutron angular distribution, it is known that a slightly forward oriented distribution can be obtained. However, in the present measurement, the angular correlation of the emitted two neutrons should be taken into account to yield the cross section. Considering the symmetrical arrangement of the detectors, several measurements are carried out for one sample.

Until the previous fiscal year, the validity of the present method was confirmed through the measurement with a Mn sample which is regarded as a standard sample because the (n,2n) cross section was well measured with the activation method. Then from this year we began to carry out experiments with a Be sample, which is the most important light material in the fusion reactor. In the coming next year, we plan to continue measurement of Be and start measurement of deuterium, i.e., the lightest element of which the (n,2n) reaction occur. As for Be, we have also measured the α -particle emission DDX spectra in this year. We look forward to conducting a precise discussion of the reaction mechanism of Be(n,x) reaction by the use of these two experimental results.

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Fusion-fission hybrid reactor analysis for ITER model

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The fusion-fission hybrid reactor with a blanket in which the fissile materials are loaded is useful for transmutation of high level wastes (HLW). The fissile materials are used under sub-criticality condition as a neutron and energy multiplier. As a result, this concept can reduce the neutron wall loading compared with the pure fusion reactor. Additionally the excess neutrons from the blanket can be used for transmutation of HLW or breeding of nuclear fuel.

In this study, 3-dimensional ITER model was used as a base fusion reactor. The calculation model is shown in Fig. 1. The following materials, i.e., nuclear fuel (reprocessing plutonium as the fissile materials mixed with natural uranium as the fertile materials), transmutation materials (minor actinides, i.e., Np-237, Am-241 and Am-243, and long-lived fission products, i.e., Zr-93, Tc-99, Pd-107, I-129 and Cs-135) and tritium breeder (90% Be and 10% Li₂ZrO₃ in which Li-6 was enriched to 30%), were loaded in the blanket. The neutronics and burn-up calculation was performed by MCNP-4B coupled with ORIGEN2.

For an example of calculation results, transmutation results and other nuclear performance after a year with plant factor of 70% were shown in Table 1.In this case, 24% of the blanket was used for transmutation and the transmutation materials were loaded with Be.



Fig. 1 Horizontal and Vertical Cross Section of Calculation Model (18deg. Sector Model)

Table 1 Calculation Result

Be90%	transmutation	transmutation	effective	half-life
	efficiency(%/y)	(3.4GWty-PWR)	half-life(year)	(year)
Zr-93	0.27	0.49	257.60	1530000
Tc-99	1.71	4.77	, 40.26	215000
Pd-107	1.27	14.58	54.32	6500000
I-129	0.92	2.41	75.34	15700000
Cs-135	0.91	1.32	75.61	2300000
Np-237	1.89	8.18	36.34	2140000
Am-241	1.88	18.04	36.58	432
Am-243	2.38	50.48	28.72	7370
max power density(W/cm3)		66.70		
TBR		1.10		
keff		0.62		

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Skyshine Experiment with D-T neutron Source at FNS of JAERI

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A paper on this subject was presented at the 2003 Fall Meeting of the Atomic Energy Society of Japan held at Shizuoka University, on Sep.24-26, 2003 with the following abstract.

D-T neutron skyshine experiments have been carried out at the Fusion Neutronics Source (FNS) of JAERI with the neutron yield of $\sim 1.7 \times 10^{11}$ n/s. The concrete thickness of the roof and the wall of a FNS target room are 1.15 and 2 m, respectively. The FNS skyshine port with a size of 0.9×0.9 m² was open during the experimental period. The radiation dose rate outside the target room was measured at the maximum distance of 550 m from the D-T target point with a spherical rem-counter. Measurement near the FNS building (3,6 and 10.5m from the skyshine plug along the north direction on the roof and 12m from the D-T target point the edge of shielding wall) was mainly performed and it aimed at solving the influence of building structure affecting generation / propagation mechanism of the skyshine secondary gamma-rays.

Secondary gamma-rays were measured with high purity Ge detectors and NaI scintillation counters. The highest gamma-ray dose was about 3.2×10^{-12} Sv/(source neutron) at a distance of 3 m from the skyshine plug and the dose rate was attenuated to 1.9×10^{-15} Sv/(source neutron) at a distance of 300 m from the D–T target point. The measured gamma-ray dose distribution shown in Fig. 1 was analyzed with Monte Carlo code MCNP-4C. The MCNP calculation results agree well with the experimental results within the distance of 300 m.





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