Activities for Nuclear Data Measurements in Korea

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We report the activities by using the pulsed neutron facility in Pohang Accelerator Laboratory, which consists of an electron linear accelerator, a water-cooled Ta target with a water moderator, and a 12 m time-of-flight path. It can be possible to measure the neutron total cross-sections in the neutron energy range from 0.01 eV to few hundreds eV by using the neutron time-of-flight method. A ⁶LiZnS(Ag) glass scintillator was used as a neutron detector. We measured neutron total cross-sections for various samples with the time-of-flight method. We also report the nuclear data production experiments by using the activation methods with neutron and bremsstrahlung beams from the electron linac. We also report the measurements of various radioisotopes from the charged particle induced reactions at MC50 cyclotron of the Korea Institute of Radiological and Medical Sciences.

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Activities for Nuclear Data Measurements

Activities on Nuclear Data Measurements in Korea

- Neutron Total Cross-section measurements at PAL
- Photo-nuclear reactions with Bremsstrahlung beam
- Proton-induced reaction cross-section measurements at KIRAM

Activities on Nuclear Data Measurements in Abroad

- keV-neutron capture cross-sections at Titech
- Proton-induced reaction cross-section measurement at CYRIC (Tohoku Univ.)
- Neutron capture cross-section measurements at RPI, USA

Other Collaborating Institute

- FLNP, Russia
- BARC, India
- VAST, Viet Nam
- CIAE, China



Activities on Nuclear Data Measurement in Korea

- Neutron Total Cross-section measurements at PAL
- Photo-nuclear reactions with Bremsstrahlung beam at PAL
- Charged ion-induced nuclear reactions at KIRAM

HER Experimental Facility at Pohang Accelerator Laboratory



Pohang High Energy Radiation Facility with 2.5 GeV e-linac



- 1. Neutron Total Cross-section measurements by neutron TOF method
- 2. Measurement of Thermal Neutron Cross-sections and Resonance Integrals by Neutron Activation Method

1. Neutron Total Cross-section measurements by neutron TOF method



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Pohang Pulsed Neutron Facility (PNF)

Electron accelerator based Time of Flight system

- \checkmark electron energy = 50 ~ 70 MeV
- \checkmark repetition rate = Below 30Hz
- \checkmark pulse width = 1 ~ 2 µs
- \checkmark peak beam current = 30 ~ 60 mA
- ✓ TOF flight length = 11.5~12m

Target + water moderator : to produce neutron pulse ✓ Ta plates + cooling system









1. Neutron Energy E in eV corresponding to channel I in TOF $E[eV] = \left(\frac{72.3 \times L[m]}{(I - I_0) \times W[\mu s]}\right)^2 \qquad L: \text{ flight path length} W: \text{ channel width}$ 2. Experimental Set up $\xrightarrow{\bullet} \Phi$ Φ_{c} Neutron Sample Detector 3. Neutron Transmission rate $T(E_{i}) = \frac{[In(E_{i}) - In^{B}(E_{i})]/M_{In}}{[Out(E_{i}) - Out^{B}(E_{i})]/M_{O}}$ $\sigma(E_i) = -\frac{1}{N} \ln T(E_i)$ N: atomic density 4. Total Cross Section **5. Total Cross Section after Purity Correction** σ : measured total cross section $\sigma - M_T \cdot \sum P_j \sigma_j M_j^{-1} \times 10^{-6}$ M_T : total weight of sample $\sigma_T = \frac{\overline{j}}{1 - \sum_i P_j \times 10^{-6}}$ *M_i*: weight of impurity sample P_i : impurity in ppm



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Measurement of neutron total cross-section and resonance parameters of xenon

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Measurement of the total neutron cross-section and resonance parameters of niobium at the Pohang pulsed neutron facility





Measurements of neutron total cross-sections and resonance parameters of **erbium** at the Pohang Neutron Facility





2. Measurement of Thermal Neutron Cross-sections and Resonance

Integrals by Neutron Activation Method



Foil	Size (mm)	Weight (g)	Thickness (mm)	Purity (%)
Au 11	18×18	0.1863 ± 0.0005	0.03	99.95
Au 12	18×18	$0.1885 {\pm} 0.0005$	0.03	99.95
W 1	18×18	1.2636 ± 0.0008	0.2	99.95
W 2	18×18	1.2891 ± 0.0008	0.2	99.95
In 1	18×18	0.1276 ± 0.0004	0.05	99.99
In 2	18×18	0.1217 ± 0.0004	0.05	99.99
In 3	18×18	0.1214 ± 0.0004	0.05	99.99
In 4	18×18	0.1220 ± 0.0004	0.05	99.99
In 5	18×18	0.1271 ± 0.0004	0.05	99.99
In 6	18×18	0.1245 ± 0.0004	0.05	99.99



Data Analysis



Reaction	Main resonance	Half-life	e Main γ- rays Energy [keV] Intensity [%]		Isotopic abundance [%]
	energy [eV]				
$^{186}W(n,\gamma)^{187}W$	18.8	23.72 h (6)	479.550 (22)*	21.8 (7)	28.6 (2)
			551.52 (4)	5.08 (17)	
			618.26(4)	6.28 (21)	
			685.73 (4)*	27.3 (9)	
¹⁹⁷ Au(n, γ) ¹⁹⁸ Au	4.9	2.69517 d (21)	411.80205 (17)	* 95.58	100
			675.8836 (7)	0.084 (3)	

* Gamma rays used in calculations











Thermal Neutron Cross-sections of the $^{179}{Hf}(n,\gamma)^{180m}Hf$ and $^{180}{Hf}(n,\gamma)^{181}Hf~reactions$





EVALUATE: Resonance Integrals of the 179 Hf(n, γ) 180m Hf and 180 Hf(n, γ) 181 Hf reactions



Year



Photo-nuclear reactions with Bremsstrahlung beam at PAL

- **1. Isomeric Yield Ratio Measurement**
- 2. Photo-fission Reaction (See Naik's talk)



Experimental Arrangement

- Electron energy : 2.5 GeV
- Beam current : 2.19×10^{14} electron
- Repetition rate : 10 Hz
- Pulse width : 1.0 nsec





Sample	Purity (%)	Diameter (inch)	Thickness (inch)
Sc	99.81	0.5	0.005
Ti	99.63	0.5	0.004
Fe	99.559	0.5	0.005
Cu	99.96	0.5	0.004



Methodology



where: N_m , N_g are the numbers of nuclei for m, g state, λ_m and λ_g are the decay constants of these states, and P is the branching ratio for the decay of metastable to ground state. Y_m and Y_g are the reaction yields.

•The reaction yield, Y_v, can be expressed as

$$Y_i = N_0 \int_{E_{th}}^{E_{\gamma \max}} \sigma_i(E) \Phi(E) dE$$

The reaction cross-section, σ_{i} , can be expressed as

$$\sigma_i = \frac{S\lambda(1 - e^{-\lambda T})}{\Phi N_0 \varepsilon I_{\gamma} (1 - e^{-\lambda T})(1 - e^{-\lambda t_i})e^{-\lambda t_w}(1 - e^{-\lambda t_c})}$$

• Isomeric Ratio: $IR = \frac{\sigma_m}{\sigma_g} = \left[\left(\frac{C_g}{C_m} \times \frac{\varepsilon_m I_{\gamma m}}{\varepsilon_g I_{\gamma g}} - \frac{P\lambda_g}{\lambda_g - \lambda_m} \right) \times \frac{A_m B_m C_m D_m}{A_g B_g C_g D_g} + \frac{P\lambda_m}{\lambda_g - \lambda_m} \right]^{-1}$ where: $A_{m(g)} = \frac{1 - e^{-\lambda_{m(g)} \tau}}{1 - e^{-\lambda_{m(g)} \tau}} e^{-\lambda_{m(g)} (T - \tau)} \quad B_{m(g)} = \frac{1 - e^{-\lambda_{m(g)} t_i}}{\lambda_{m(g)}} \quad C_{m(g)} = e^{-\lambda_{m(g)} t_w} \quad D_{m(g)} = 1 - e^{-\lambda_{m(g)} t_c}$

HER Decay scheme and Nuclear reactions leading to ^{44m,g}Sc isomeric pairs



Nuclear reaction	Threshold energy	Half-life,	Main γ-ray energy,	γ-ray intensity,
	(MeV)	T _{1/2}	E _γ (keV)	Iγ (%)
${}^{45}{\rm Sc}(\gamma,n){}^{44g}{\rm Sc}{}^{45}{\rm Sc}(\gamma,n){}^{44m}{\rm Sc}{}^{16}{\rm Sc}(\gamma,n){}^{16}{\rm Sc}{}^{16}{\rm Sc}(\gamma,n){}^{16}{\rm Sc}{}^{16}{\rm Sc}(\gamma,n){}^{16}{\rm Sc}{}^{16}{\rm Sc}(\gamma,n){}^{16}{\rm Sc}(\gamma$	11.32	3.927 h	1157.03	99.9
	11.60	58.6 h	271.13	86.7
$^{ m nat}{ m Ti}(\gamma,{ m xn1p})^{44g}{ m Sc}^{ m at}{ m Ti}(\gamma,{ m xn1p})^{44m}{ m Sc}$	41.18	3.927 h	1157.03	99.9
	41.45	58.6 h	271.13	86.7
nat Fe(γ ,xn5p) ^{44g} Sc	114.89	3.927 h	1157.03	99.9
nat Fe(γ ,xn5p) ^{44m} Sc	115.16	58.6 h	271.13	86.7
$^{nat}Cu(\gamma,xn8p)^{44g}Sc$	180.63	3.927 h	1157.03	99.9
$^{nat}Cu(\gamma,xn8p)^{44m}Sc$	180.90	58.6 h	271.13	86.7



The experimental isomeric ratios



Isomeric yield ratios of ^{44m,g}Sc formed in different targets: Sc, Ti, V, Mn, Fe, Co and Cu with bremsstrahlung in the energy range 1-5 GeV as a function of mass difference, ∆A.

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2. Photo-fission Reaction (See H. Naik's talk)

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Product yields for the photo-fission of ²⁰⁹Bi with 2.5 GeV bremsstrahlung

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Measurement of photo-fission yields and photo-neutron cross-sections in ²⁰⁹Bi with 50 and 65 MeV bremsstrahlung

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Mass-yield distributions of fission products from photo-fission of ^{nat}Pb induced by 50–70 MeV bremsstrahlung

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Table 2 Average mass and FWHM of mass distribution in the bremsstrahlung induced fission of ^{nat}Pb and ²⁰⁹Bi

Fissioning system	Bremsstrahlung energy (MeV)	Average mass $(A_{\rm H})$	FWHM mass units	Reference
^{nat} Pb	50	102.34	21	А
	60	102.25	22	А
	70	102.03	23	А
²⁰⁹ Bi	28-40	103.5	19.0	[50]
	50	103.1	20.5	[54]
	65	102.7	22.0	[53]
	85	102.5	23.0	[49]

A present work



Measurement of Proton-induced Cross-sections at KIRAM (part of K.S. Kim)



Experimental Set up at MC-50 facility





Sample Holder and Samples









AVF Cyclotron in CYRIC



Deuteron Beam Energy	maximum	This work
	65 MeV	40 MeV
Current	50μΑ	100nA

Calculation of proton beam energy degradation

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Gamma-ray spectrometry and Standard Sources





Nuclide	Half-life	Energy	Activity
¹⁰⁹ Cd	462.6d	88.0336 keV	123.7 kBq
⁵⁷ Co	271.79d	122.06065 / 136.47350 keV	53.2 kBq
¹³⁷ Cs	30.07y	661.657 keV	370.2 kBq
⁵⁴ Mn	312.1 d	834.841 keV	6.9 kBq
⁶⁰ Co	5.27 y	1173.228 / 1332.490 keV	266.3 kBq
²² Na	2.6019 y	1274.537 keV	219.1 kBq



The gamma-ray spectrometry





Determination of beam flux

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Determination of Detector Efficiency

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Formula of Cross sections calculations

Reaction Rate

Cross-Sections





$$Y = I_p . N_d . \int_{0}^{E} \frac{\sigma(E)}{\left(\frac{dE}{dx}\right)_E} . dE \times \lambda$$

$$I_{p} = Proton flux (p/cm2-sec)$$

$$N_{d} = Number density (atoms/cm3)$$

$$\sigma(E) = Cross-sections (cm2)$$

$$(dE/dx)_{E} = Stopping power (MeV/cm)$$

$$dE = E_{in}-E_{out}: energy difference$$

$$\lambda = Decay constant$$



Measured Cross sections of ^{nut}Fe(p,x)





Measured Cross sections of nat Fe(d,x)





Measured Cross sections of nut Fe(d,x)





Fig. 2. Excitation function for the nat Sn(p,x)122 Sb processes.



Fig. 5. Excitation function for the natSn(p,x)117Sb processes.



Fig. 3. Excitation function for the natSn(p,x)120mSb processes.



Fig. 6. Excitation function for the natSn(p,x)117mSn processes.



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Fig. 7. Excitation function for the n#Sn(p, x)113Sn processes.



Fig. 2. Excitation function of the ^{nat}Zr(p,x)^{92m}Nb reaction.





Fig. 3. Excitation function of the ^{nat}Zr(p,x)⁸⁸Zr reaction.



Fig. 4. Excitation function of the ^{nat}Zr(p,x)⁸⁹Zr reaction.



Fig. 6. Excitation function of the nat Zr(p,x)87mY reaction.



Fig. 7. Excitation function of the ^{nat}Zr(p,x)⁸⁷gY reaction.



- **Reported the recent activities on LENP :**
- Neutron Cross Section Measurement using Pohang Neutron Facility
 - 12 m TOF path length
 - New DAQ system based on FADC was developed
 - Resonance parameter determination with SAMMY code
 - 4π Gamma detector by using 12 BGO crystals for neutron capture cross section
- Neutron Activation measurements with thermal neutrons of PNF
- Photo-nuclear Reaction Measurements with 50-70 MeV and 2.5 GeV Bremsstrahlung
- > Charged particle induced reaction Measurements with MC 50 cyclotron
- Collaboration with Domestic and Foreign Users
 - Vietnam, China, India, Poland, Russia, Mongol

HER 4π Gamma detector by using 12 BGO crystals

• Coverage : 98.25% (setup1), 98.21% (setup2)







Data Acquisition System based on FADC





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