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Main field of CDFE nuclear data activity – photonuclear data evaluations

Main direction:

investigations of data reliability for partial and total photonuclear reaction cross sections.

Main results:

- many experimental data for partial photonuclear reaction cross sections from various experiments were analyzed;

- new simple objective criteria were found out for investigation of data reliability;

- that was shown that majority of experimental data on partial photonuclear reaction cross section data are not reliable;
- new method for evaluation of reliable data were proposed;
- many new data were evaluated.



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Systematics



Systematics:

many experimental data data for partial photonuclear reaction cross sections obtained in period 1962 - 1986 (the majority was obtained at Livermore (USA) and Saclay (France)), are published in

Atlas of Photoneutron cross sections obtained with monoenergetic photons (S.S.Dietrich, B.L.Berman. Atom. Data and Nucl. Data Tables, 38 (1988) 199)

Berman's library - EXFOR entries L0001 – L0059 (~174 nuclei sets)





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Main problem:

for 20 nuclei investigated in both Labs (γ , 1n) cross sections are larger at Saclay but those for (γ , 2n) - at Livermore.

V.V.Varlamov, N.N.Peskov, D.S.Rudenko, M.E.Stepanov. Consistent Evaluation of Photoneutron Reaction Cross Sections Using Data Obtained in Experiments with Quasimonoenergetic Annihilation Photon Beams at Livermore (USA) and Saclay (France) in Articles Translated from Journal Yadernye Konstanty (Nuclear Constants). INDC(CCP)-440, IAEA NDS, Vienna, Austria, 2004, p. 37.









The same method of neutron multiplicity sorting by neutron kinetic energy measurement was used in both Labs based on supposition that one neutron from $(\gamma, 1n)$ reaction has energy larger than both neutrons from reaction $(\gamma, 2n)$ but experimental methods for neutron energy measurements were different:

- at Saclay high backgrou uncertainties i from B.L.Bern

We need the objective
("suffered from a *introduced larger introduced larger for data reliability!*);

- at Livermore so-cance ring-ratio method was used (concentric rings of counters in paraffin moderator): low-energy neutrons (from reaction $(\gamma, 2n)$) should have enough time for moderation in the way to inner ring but high-energy neutrons (from reaction $(\gamma, 1n)$) should go to the outer ring passing inner ring (due to multiple scattering high energy-neutron could return to inner ring).

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Many efforts:

E. Wolynec et. al., Phys.Rev., 29, 1137 (1984)

E. Wolynec and M.N.Martins, Rev.Bras.Fis., 17, 56 (1987)

B.L. Berman et. al., Phys.Rev., C36, 1286 (1987)

V.V.Varlamov, et. al., INDC(CCP)-440, IAEA NDS, 37 (2004).

Contradictive recommendations: to multiply Livermore data, to divide Saclay data, to recalculate Saclay data for putting them into consistency with Livermore data.

With the aim to find objective criteria we investigated many sums, differences and ratios of various cross sections and at lately found out very simple, clear and physically objective criteria for data reliability – for presence (or absence) of systematic errors.



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Physically not reliable negative cross section values are correlated with physically forbidden values $F_2 > 0.50$

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The reliability of many data is doubtful.

Many data should be reanalyzed and reevaluated!

There are additional physically natural criteria: $F_1 = \sigma(\gamma, 1n) / \sigma(\gamma, xn) < 1.00$ $F_3 = \sigma(\gamma, 3n) / \sigma(\gamma, xn) < 0.33$ etc.

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New experimentally-theoretical method of evaluation

using combined model of photonuclear reactions:

- initial data experimental neutron yield reaction (γ, xn) cross section;
- decay channels competition based on theoretical model.

Theoretically calculated transitional multiplicity functions $F_i^{\text{theor}} = \sigma^{\text{theor}}(\gamma, \text{in})/\sigma^{\text{theor}}(\gamma, \text{xn})$ are used for cross section evaluation by following way

 $\sigma^{\text{eval}}(\gamma, \text{ in}) = F_i^{\text{ theor}}(\gamma, \text{ in}) \bullet \sigma^{\text{exp}}(\gamma, \text{ xn}).$

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Our new approach for evaluation of partial traction cross sections

 $\sigma^{\text{eval}}(\gamma, \text{ in}) = F_i^{\text{ theor}}(\gamma, \text{ in}) \bullet \sigma^{\text{exp}}(\gamma, \text{ xn})$

means:

- i) the competition of partial reactions (γ , 1n), (γ , 2n) and (γ , 3n) is in accordance with equations of model;
- ii) the theoretical sum of evaluated partial reaction cross sections $\sigma^{\text{theor}}(\gamma, \mathbf{xn}) = \sigma^{\text{theor}}(\gamma, \mathbf{1n}) + 2\sigma^{\text{theor}}(\gamma, \mathbf{2n}) + 3\sigma^{\text{theor}}(\gamma, \mathbf{3n}) + \dots$ is equal to the experimental $\sigma^{\text{exp}}(\gamma, \mathbf{xn})$.

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Systematics of (γ,xn) reaction cross section ratios "All/Livermore" for ~ 500 data sets (V.V.Varlamov, B.S.Ishkhanov. Study of Consistency Between (γ, xn), [(γ, 1n) + (γ, 1n1p)] and (γ, 2n) Reaction Cross Sections Using Data Systematics. Vienna, Austria. INDC(CCP) - 433, 2002)



<R^{int}_{syst}> = 1.12: disagreements are about 12%



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Model

B.S.Ishkhanov, V.N.Orlin. Physics of Particles and Nuclei, 38, 232 (2007), Physics of Atomic Nuclei, 71, 493 (2008):

semiclassical exciton preequilibrium model of photonuclear reaction based on the Fermi gas densities with taking into account effects of nucleus deformation and effects of Giant Dipole Resonance isospin splitting.

Model was well tested on experimental data for neutron yield (γ, xn) reaction.

M.B. Chadwick et al., Phys. Rev. C 44, 814 (1991) – analogous model.

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Comparison of evaluated and experimental (Saclay, Livermore). Centre for Photonuclear Experiments Data (CDFE)







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Analogous erroneous moving some number of neutrons from one decay channel to another.

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Independent test – activity method: identification of reaction using not outgoing neutrons but final nucleus



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¹⁸¹Ta

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Decays of ¹⁸¹Ta(γ , 1n) and ¹⁸¹Ta(γ , 2n) reactions final nucleus differ significantly:

181 Ta(γ , 1n) 180 Ta,	T _{1/2} =	8.154	hour,	E =	93.326	кэВ
				$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{i}$	103.557	кэВ
¹⁸¹ Ta(y, 2n) ¹⁷⁹ Ta,	$T_{1/2} =$	1.82	year,	E =	63.0	кэВ

The comparison of ratios of reaction yields Y and integrated cross sections σ^{int} obtained for experimental and evaluated data for ¹⁸¹Ta for E^{int} = 65 MeV.

Ratios		Evaluation		
	Saclay	Livermore	Activity	F _{1,2,3}
of cross sections $\sigma(\gamma,2n)/\sigma(\gamma,n)$	0.36 (797/2190)	0.67 (887/1316)		0.49 (958/1956)
of yields Y(γ,2n)/Y(γ,n)	0.24	0.42	0.34 ± 0.07	0.33
of cross sections $\sigma(\gamma,3n)/\sigma(\gamma,n)$	0.063 (137/2190)			0.055 (107/1956)

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Disagreements with Utsunomiya data obtained using quasimonochromatic laser Compton-backscattering γ-rays





Similar disagreements: experimental cross section for ⁹¹Zr (triangles) in comparison with our evaluation (line)

No experimental data for ⁹⁶Zr.

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Comparison with data near threshold obtained using quasimonochromatic laser Compton-backscattering γ-rays









Current situation

with regards to photoneutron reaction data

obtained for energies of Giant Dipole Resonance (up to about 50 MeV)

- there are many experimental data obtained by various methods in various laboratories;
- the majority of partial photoneutron reactions (primarily (γ , 1n), (γ , 2n), (γ , 3n)) cross sections has been obtained at Livermore and Saclay using the method of neutron multiplicity sorting;
- generally there are enough small (~ 12 %) disagreements between neutron yield reaction (γ , xn) cross sections;
- at the same time in many cases there are significant (up to 100 %) disagreements between partial photoneutron reaction cross sections;
- those disagreements are clear systematic: as a rule (γ , 1n) reaction cross sections are larger at Saclay but (γ , 2n) reaction cross sections are larger at Livermore.

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Current situation with regards to evaluations

Data for many nuclei do not satisfy to introduced reliability criteria (F – functions):

⁸⁹Y, $\frac{90,91,94}{2r}$, $\frac{115}{In}$, $\frac{112,114,116,117,118,119,120,122,124}{Sn}$, ^{127}I , ^{138}Ba , $\frac{159}{Tb}$, ^{165}Ho , $\frac{181}{Ta}$, $\frac{188,189,190,192}{OS}$, $\frac{197}{Au}$, $^{207,208}Pb$

For many nuclei (<u>underlined</u>) new data obtained using new experimentally-theoretical method of evaluation noticeably disagree with both neutron multiplicity sorting experimental data and previous evaluations.

For ¹⁸¹Ta evaluated data disagree with neutron multiplicity sorting but agree with activation data. For ¹¹⁸Sn evaluated data disagree with neutron multiplicity sorting but agree with laser Comptonbackscattering data.

Data for many nuclei are very doubtful:

⁶⁵Cu, ⁸⁰Se, ^{96,98,100}Mo, ⁹²Zr, ^{124,125}Te, ¹³³Cs, ¹⁴¹Pr, ¹⁴²Ce, ¹⁶⁰Gd, ¹⁸⁶W, ²⁰⁹Bi.

Therefore many data should be re-measured without neutron multiplicity sorting or at least evaluated using new criteria.

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Important physical consequences

- 1. GDR width problem. Because evaluated (γ ,1n) reaction cross sections are smaller than Saclay's and larger than Livermore's ones the GDR widths should be re-analyzed.
- 2. GDR decay mechanism. Saclay interpretation of high-energy tails of $(\gamma, 1n)$ reaction cross sections as contributions of high-energy neutrons from GDR nonstatictical direct decay (those contributions evaluated to be about 17 30 %) looks like as very doubtful; Saclay (γ,n) data corrections described decrease those noticeably: direct decay contributions are not more than 10 12 %.
- 3. Sum rule exhaustion. Large Saclay's extra integrated cross section $\sigma^{int}(\gamma, abs) \approx 1.3 1.5$ 60NZ/A (MeV•mb) became doubtfully being all due to effective mass of nucleon (effect of exchange forces); Saclay data correction described affects (γ , abs) = (γ , sn) + (γ , 1p) \approx (γ , sn) = (γ , sn) (γ , 2n); (γ , 2n) reaction cross section described decrease both (γ , sn) and (γ , abs) data noticeably.



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Main goals of further photonuclear data activity

- continue analysis and evaluation of photonuclear reaction cross sections using data reliability criteria;
- carrying out new photonuclear data measurement without neutron multiplicity sorting (activity, coincidences);
- production of new reliable photonuclear database;
- preparation of new Atlas of reliable photonuclear data.







Physics involved in photonuclear data: traditional

- competition of various GDR decay channels;
- competition of direct and statistical processes in decays of highly-excited nuclear states;
- GDR configurational and isospin splitting effects;
- many other traditional fields;

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- monitoring of the beam luminosity in ultra-relativistic heavy-ion colliders(electromagnetic dissociation of colliding nuclei – neutron emission (primarily (γ, 1n) and (γ, 2n)) rates in mutual electromagnetic dissociation of colliding nuclei);
- nuclear astrophysics mechanisms of production of heavy chemical elements; p-nuclei production in photonuclear reactions;
- various wide fields applications.





Proposals for future measurements using new monoenergetic \gamma-quanta source with energies up to ~ 19 MeV.

The new measurements for isotopes for which we found out the most prominent disagreements between experimental and evaluated reaction cross sections are of great interest on the first stage.

 159 Tb (B2n = 14.9 MeV), The 1-st priority: 181 Ta (B2n = 14.2 MeV), 208 Pb (B2n = 14.1 MeV).

The 2-nd priority: 94 Zr (B2n = 14.9 MeV), 186,188,189,190,192 Os (B2n = 14.9,14.3,13.9,13.7,13.3 MeV).

The 3-d priority (measurements would be possible for narrow energy range (~ 2 - 3 MeV))

¹¹⁵In (B2n = 16.3 MeV), 116 Sn (B2n = 17.1 MeV).

The 4-th priority

new data will be evaluated further.

Unfortunately the correspondent final nuclei (^{157,158}Tb, ¹⁷⁹Ta, ^{206,207}Pb, ^{92,93}Zr, ¹⁸⁴Os, ¹¹³In, ^{114,115}Sn) are not suitable candidates for activation measurements.

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¹⁸¹Ta(γ , 1n)¹⁸⁰Ta, B1n = 7.6 MeV, T_{1/2}(¹⁸⁰Ta) = 8.54 hour ¹⁸⁶Os(γ , 1n)¹⁸⁵Os, B1n = 8.3 MeV, T_{1/2}(¹⁸⁵Os) = 93.6 day ¹¹⁵In(γ , 1n)¹¹⁴In, B1n = 8.3 MeV, T_{1/2}(114In) = 71.9 sec

Additionally there are suitable nuclei for which till now we have F-analysis results but have no evaluated data

¹⁶⁵Ho(γ , 1n)¹⁶⁴Ho, B1n = 8.0 MeV, T_{1/2}(¹⁶⁴Ho) = 30.0 min ¹⁶⁵Ho(γ , 2n)¹⁶³Ho, B2n = 14.7 MeV, T_{1/2}(¹⁶³Ho) = 1.0 sec

¹⁴¹Pr(γ , 1n)¹⁴⁰Pr, B1n = 9.4 MeV, T_{1/2}(¹⁴⁰Pr) = 3.4 min ¹⁴¹Pr(γ , 2n)¹³⁹Pr, B2n = 17.3 MeV, T_{1/2}(¹³⁹Ho) = 4.4 hour

¹³³Cs(γ , 1n)¹³²Cs, B1n = 9.0 MeV, T_{1/2}(¹⁴⁰Pr) = 6.5 day ¹³³Cs(γ , 2n)¹³¹Cs, B2n = 16.2 MeV, T_{1/2}(¹³⁹Ho) = 9.7 day

¹²⁷I(γ , 1n)¹²⁶I, B1n = 9.1 MeV, T_{1/2}(¹²⁶I) = 12.9 day ¹²⁷I(γ , 2n)¹²⁵I, B2n = 16.2 MeV, T_{1/2}(¹²⁵I) = 59.4 day

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