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#### What is neutron time of flight?



Približne 6 720 000 výsledkov (0,46 sekundy)

The Neutron Time Of Flight (n-TOF) facility is a neutron spectrometer at CERN. It consists of a pulsed source, a flight path of 200 m length, and a detector systems. Neutron energies are deduced from the time of flight between source and detector; hence the name of the facility.



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| How fast is a neutron?   | ~            |
| What is the relation between the neutron wavelength and the time of flight over a particular distance? | ~            |
| What is the temperature of thermal neutron?  | ~            |
|  | Spätná väzba |



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# Neutron Time Of Flight Preložené z angličilny - Zariadenie Neutron Time Of Flight je neutrónový spektrometer v CERN-e. Pozostáva z impulzného zdroja, dráty letu s dížkou 200 m a systému detektorov. Energie neutrónov sů odvodené z času letu medzi zdrojom a detektorom; odtal názov zariadenia. Wikipédia (angličita)

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#### Experimental conditions & samples

|   | <sup>234</sup> U     | <sup>236</sup> U | <sup>238</sup> U |
|---|----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Mass (mg)                                 | 32.7                 | 338              | 6125             |
| Areal density $(10^{-4} \text{ atoms/b})$ | 1.07                 | 10.9             | 9.56             |
| Canning                                   | Ti                   | AI               | Al               |
| $S_n^{ m compound} pprox Q$ (MeV)         | 5.297                | 5.126            | 4.806            |
| Resolution @ 0.9 MeV (%)                  | 14.5                 | 16.5             | 16.5             |
| Absorber                                  | <sup>6</sup> Li-salt | B-PE             | B-PE             |



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#### Spectra of energy sums for strong isolated resonances



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#### The energies forming the cascades ev-by-ev



#### Experimental multi-step $\gamma$ cascades (MSC) spectra











#### Average experimental MSC spectra



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#### Nuclear levels and their decay/excitation

Lane and Lynn defined the photon strength function  $S^{(XL)}$  as rescaled smoothed cross section:

$$S^{(XL)}(E_{\gamma}) = \frac{1}{(\pi\hbar c)^2} \frac{\overline{\sigma}_{\gamma}^{(XL)}(E_{\gamma})}{(2L+1)E_{\gamma}^{2L-1}},$$
(1)

or related to the partial radiation width according to Bartholomew:

$$S^{(XL)}(E_{\gamma}) = \frac{\overline{\Gamma}_{i\gamma f}^{(XL)}(E_{\gamma})\rho(E_i, J_i, \pi_i)}{E_{\gamma}^{2L+1}},$$
(2)

These two definitions are connected by detailed-balance principle:

$$\overline{\Gamma}_{i\gamma f}^{(XL)}(E_{\gamma})\rho(E_{i},J_{i},\pi_{i}) = \frac{E_{\gamma}^{2}}{(\pi\hbar c)^{2}}\frac{1}{2L+1}\overline{\sigma}_{\gamma,f\to E_{i}}^{(XL)}(E_{\gamma}),$$

#### Giant Electric Dipole Resonance

- measured in (γ,xn) experiments
- from classical electrodynamics this collective mode in *E*1 PSF should be described by Lorentzian shape  $S_{SLO}^{E1} = \frac{1}{3(\pi hc)^2} \frac{\sigma_G E_G \Gamma_G^2}{(E_Y^2 E_G^2)^2 + E_Y^2 \Gamma_G^2}$
- positions E<sub>G</sub>, widths Γ<sub>G</sub> and cross sections σ<sub>G</sub> obtained from fits of data
- extrapolation below S<sub>n</sub> uncertain ⇒ phenomenological models: KMF, GLO, EGLO, MGLO, ... and calculations



#### Giant Electric Dipole Resonance





#### Scissors Mode

- M1 collective states in deformed nuclei predicted by theory: Interacting Boson Model, Two-Rotor Model
- experimentally discovered in (e,e') on  $^{156}$ Gd
- measured in nuclear resonance fluorescence scattering (NRF;  $(\gamma, \gamma')$ ) for many rare-earths and later for actinides
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(a) 2.7-3.7 MeV

(b) 0-10 MeV

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Neutron capture and Statistical model of  $\gamma$  decay

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DANCE MSC

rescaled Er NRF Gd

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#### Literature M1 PSFs of <sup>239</sup>U



## Literature NLD of <sup>239</sup>U



Results

## <sup>235,239</sup>U - RIPL-3 & IAEA-19



 $^{\mathrm{even}}\mathrm{U}(\mathit{n},\gamma)$  analysis

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## <sup>235,239</sup>U – Oslo & DANCE



# $^{235,239}\text{U}$ – adjusted PSFs from n\_TOF analysis



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Results

# $^{239}$ U – MGLO with k = 3 vs k = 1.8



| Model combination<br>PSF-LD              | $ $ <sup>234</sup> U( $n, \gamma$ ) | $\Gamma_{\gamma} \ ({ m meV}) \ ^{236}{ m U}({\it n},\gamma)$ | $^{238}\mathrm{U}(n,\gamma)$ |
|--|-------------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| RIPL-3                                   | 16.1(2)                             | 12.9(2)   | 9.5(2)                       |
| IAEA-19                                  | 29.4(6)                             | 19.3(5)   | 13.9(5)                      |
| Oslo                                     | 19.9(4)                             | 20.4(6)   | 18.6(8)                      |
| DANCE                                    | 22.0(5)                             | 17.2(4)   | 15.9(6)                      |
| MGLO(1.8)                                | 25.4(7)                             | 20.1(5)   | 15.9(6)                      |
| MGLO(2.5)                                | 30.5(10)                            | 23.9(7)   | 18.8(7)                      |
| MGLO(3.0)                                | 39.0(12)                            | 30.9(9)   | 24.3(9)                      |
| MGLO(k, T(E))                            | 26.7(7)*                            | 24.5(6) <sup>†</sup>  | 19.2(7) <sup>‡</sup>         |
| Mughabghab's atlas 2006                  | 25.3(10)                            | 23.4(8)   | 23.36(31)                    |
| Mughabghab's atlas 2018                  | 36.7(7)                             | 23.4(8)   | 22.9(4)                      |
| JEFF-3.3                                 | 26.0                                | 23.0  | 22.5                         |
| ENDF/B-VIII.0                            | 26.0                                | 19.5  | 22.5                         |
| with $k = 1.8$ ; <sup>†</sup> with $k =$ | = 2.5; <sup>‡</sup> witl            | h $k = 3.0$   |                              |

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# Resulting E1 PSF for <sup>239</sup>U



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# Resulting dipole PSF for $^{\rm 239}{\rm U}$



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- no available model combination is able to describe our data
- we have performed extended search to find a satisfactory reproduction of our experimental spectra
- and we succeeded, see 10.1103/PhysRevC.105.024618 ;)
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#### Conclusions

#### Thank You for listening!





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#### SM two- or single- resonance? E1 Pygmy?



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#### LEE? For moderate one we can not say.



The influence of LEE depends on its shape and magnitude.

In general LEE shifts the multiplicity to higher values, but the footprint in spectra is not so straightforward due to gamma energy threshold. Note that if LEE is sizable and "squished" to very low energies, the internal conversion will hide its presence in MSC spectra. The question would then be if there are so many electrons flying out?



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#### Footprint of individual SM resonance terms

