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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.



Podobné dopyty 💠	
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 angličiny - Zariadenie Neutron Time Of Flight je neutrónový spektrometer v CERN-e. Pozostáva z impulzného zdroja, dráhy letu s dkácu 200 m a systému detektorov. Energie neutrónov sů odvodené z času letu medzi zdrojom a detektorom; odtiar názov zariadenia. Vikipédia (angličitna)

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Experimental conditions & samples

	²³⁴ U	²³⁶ U	²³⁸ U
Mass (mg)	32.7	338	6125
Areal density $(10^{-4} \text{ atoms/b})$	1.07	10.9	9.56
Canning	Ti	AI	AI
$S_n^{ m compound} pprox Q$ (MeV)	5.297	5.126	4.806
Resolution @ 0.9 MeV (%)	14.5	16.5	16.5
Absorber	⁶ 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 γ cascades (MSC) spectra











Average experimental MSC spectra



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Simulations of MSC and sum-energy spectra

Cascades from DICEBOX simulation



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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_G, widths Γ_G and cross sections σ_G obtained from fits of data
- extrapolation below S_n 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; (γ, γ')) 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 γ decay

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DANCE MSC

rescaled Er NRF Gd

Oslo

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Literature E1 PSFs of ²³⁹U



Literature M1 PSFs of ²³⁹U



Literature NLD of ²³⁹U



Results

^{235,239}U - RIPL-3 & IAEA-19



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

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^{235,239}U – Oslo & DANCE



$^{235,239}\text{U}$ – adjusted PSFs from n_TOF analysis



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239 U – MGLO with k = 3 vs k = 1.8



Model combination PSF-LD	$ ^{234}$ U (n, γ)	$\Gamma_{\gamma} \text{ (meV)} \ ^{236} \mathrm{U}(\textit{n},\gamma)$	$^{238}\mathrm{U}(n,\gamma)$
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) [†]	19.2(7) [‡]
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 $k = 1.8$; [†] with $k = 2.5$; [‡] with $k = 3.0$			
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Resulting E1 PSF for ²³⁹U



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Resulting M1 PSF for ²³⁹U



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

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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

