

Status of Measurements in Peking University

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Nuclear Data Works at PKU

4.5 MV Van de Graaff + Neutron hall ($20 \times 12 \times 10 \text{ m}^3$)

- Double-differential neutron emission cross-section measurement using TOF technique (Prof. **Chen Jinxiang**)
 ${}^9\text{Be}(n, 2n)$, 5.9 and 6.4 MeV, 10 angles ($15\text{--}150^\circ$)
- Cross section measurement by activation technique (Prof. **Shi Zhaomin**)
 ${}^{71}\text{Ga}$, ${}^{159}\text{Tb}$, ${}^{169}\text{Tm}$, ${}^{180}\text{Hf}$, ${}^{94}\text{Zr}$, ${}^{186}\text{W}$, ${}^{75}\text{As}$, ${}^{141}\text{Pr}$ (n, γ) ($E_n = 0.3\text{--}1.6 \text{ MeV}$)
 ${}^{58}\text{Ni}$, ${}^{60}\text{Ni}$, ${}^{64}\text{Zn}(n, p)$; ${}^{62}\text{Ni}(n, \alpha)$; ${}^{59}\text{Co}$ (n, p), (n, α), ($n, 2n$);
 ${}^{88}\text{Y}$, ${}^{187}\text{Re}$, ${}^{69}\text{Ga}(n, 2n)$ ($E_n = 15\text{--}20 \text{ MeV}$)
- Nuclear data evaluations for CENDL library (Prof. **Tang Guoyou**)
 ${}^0\text{Si}$, ${}^0\text{Ca}$, ${}^0\text{Mg}$, ${}^{237}\text{Np}$, ${}^{235}\text{U}$, ${}^{238}\text{U}$, ${}^{241}\text{Am}$, 236 , 237 , ${}^{239\text{--}245}\text{U}$, 240 , 242 , ${}^{242\text{m}}\text{Am}$
- Measurement of (n, α) reactions in the MeV neutron energy region
(Will be explained in detail)

Measurement of (n,α) reactions in the MeV neutron energy region

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China-Russia Cooperation

FLNP, Dubna

- Charged particle detector (GIC): 2
- Highly enriched isotopes: ~15

IHIP, Peking Univ.

- 4.5-MV Van de Graaff Monoenergetic neutron source (1-7 MeV)
Neutron hall
- Electronics (NIM DAQ, WDF)
- Graduate students: 7 (5 graduated already)



北京大学
PEKING UNIVERSITY

**Memorandum between
the Joint Institute for Nuclear Research and Peking University**

Protocol

of the collaboration on carrying out joint studies on the mechanism of interaction of neutrons with nuclei and on the properties of high excited nuclear states between the Joint Institute for Nuclear Research, Dubna, Russia and Peking University, Beijing, China.

As of 15.03.2005

The collaboration between the two institutions has been fruitful and successful for nearly four years, and both sides have agreed to continue the collaboration. Accordingly, the period of validity of the above Protocol is extended for another four years until December 31, 2012.

Director of the Joint Institute
for Nuclear Research

Prof. A.N. Sissakian



President of
Peking University

Prof. Xu Zhihong



(n, α) Reaction Data

■ Nuclear engineering applications

Structural material of reactors (Fast reactors & Fusion reactors)

Helium embrittlement & Nuclear heating

Radiochemistry for reactors & Control of reaction rate for reactors

Neutron flux determination

Neutron dose determination & Biomedicine

■ Determination of nuclear model parameters

Optical model parameters

Level density parameters

■ Nuclear reaction mechanism analysis

“Effect of particle leaking”

Compound/Pre-equilibrium/Direct processes

Isotopic effect

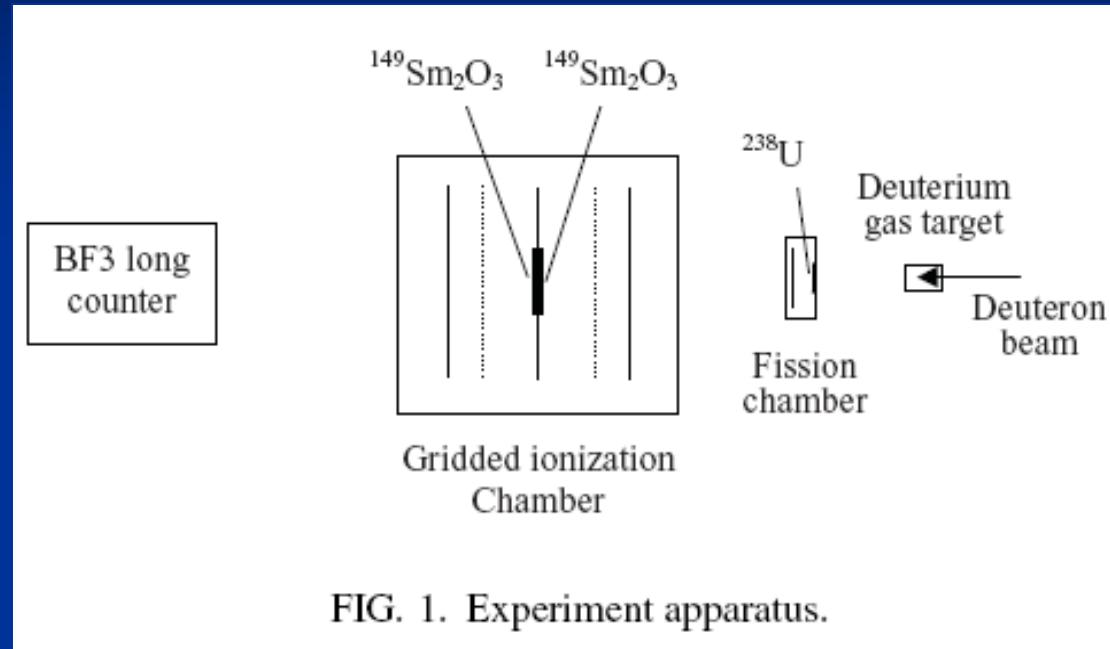
Difficulties for measurement

- Small reaction cross sections
- Limitation of neutron source intensity in MeV region
- Limitation of sample thickness
- Background from materials and working gas
 - Background from thermal neutron induced events
- Identification of different charged particles
- Oxidation of some samples (^{10}B)
- Kinematics effect for light nuclei
- Neutron flux determination

Groups of (n, α) measurement in the world

- FLNP, Dubna, Russia: **Yu. Gledenov**
Thermal + resonance neutron energies
- IPPE, Obninsk, Russia: **V. A. Khryachkov**
Gas samples: ^{14}N , ^{16}O ...
- Tohoku Univ., Japan: **M. Baba**
Move to high neutron energy
- Oak Ridge, USA: **P. E. Koehler**
ORELA neutron source
- IRMM, Geel, Belgium: **G. Giorginis** and F.-J. Hambsch
 $^{10}\text{B}(\text{n},\alpha)$, “effect of particle leaking” 2006

Setup of our experiment



■ 3 parts:

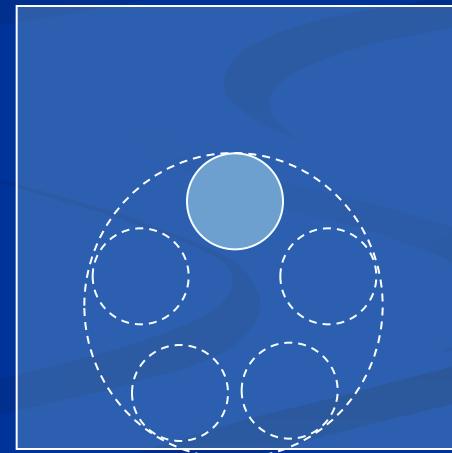
neutron source, particle detector, neutron flux monitor and determination

p^{-7}Li **d-d** 2 GICs $\text{BF}_3 + 2^{238}\text{U}$ samples

solid+gas small+big samples
target 4π solid angle

Stainless steel chamber

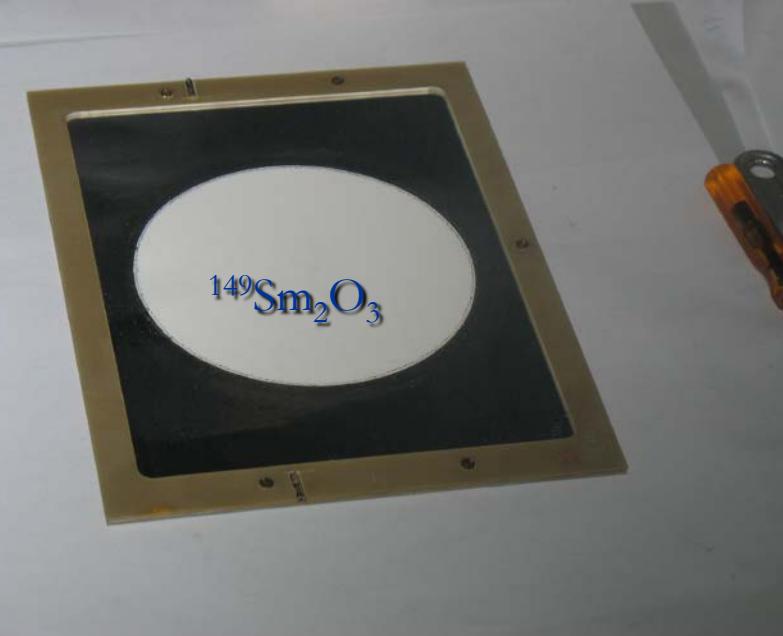
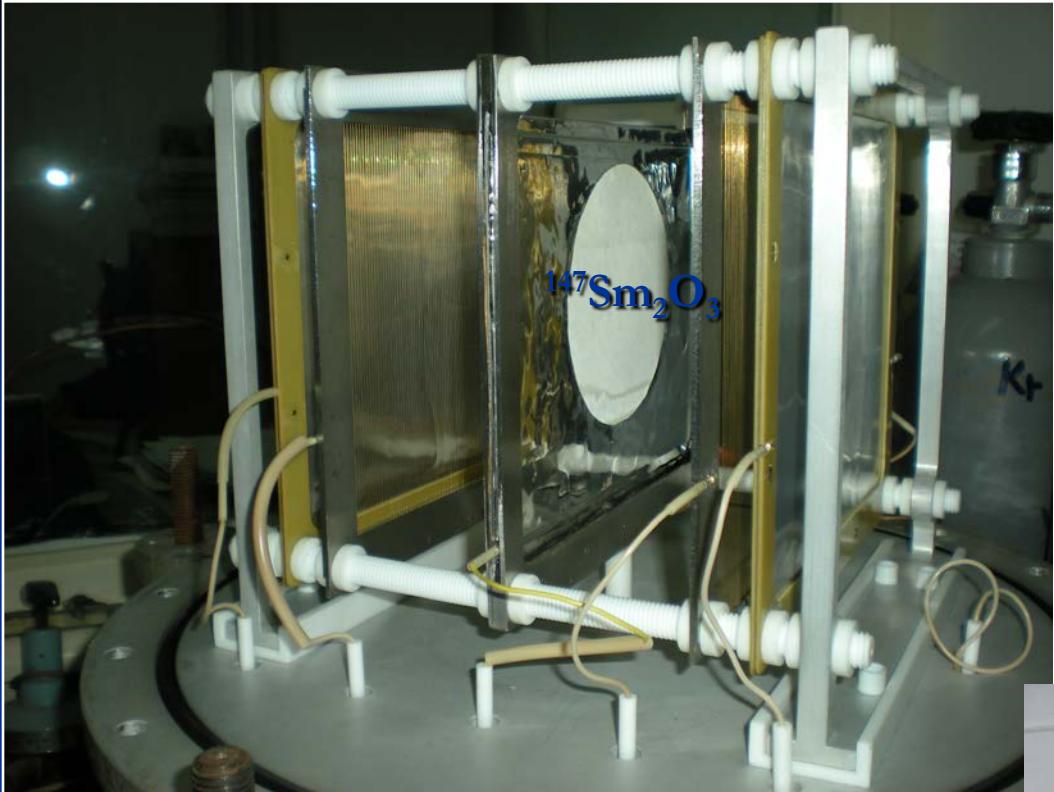
Small samples:
 ϕ 40mm



Sample changer

Aluminum Chamber

big sample
 $\phi 110\text{mm}$

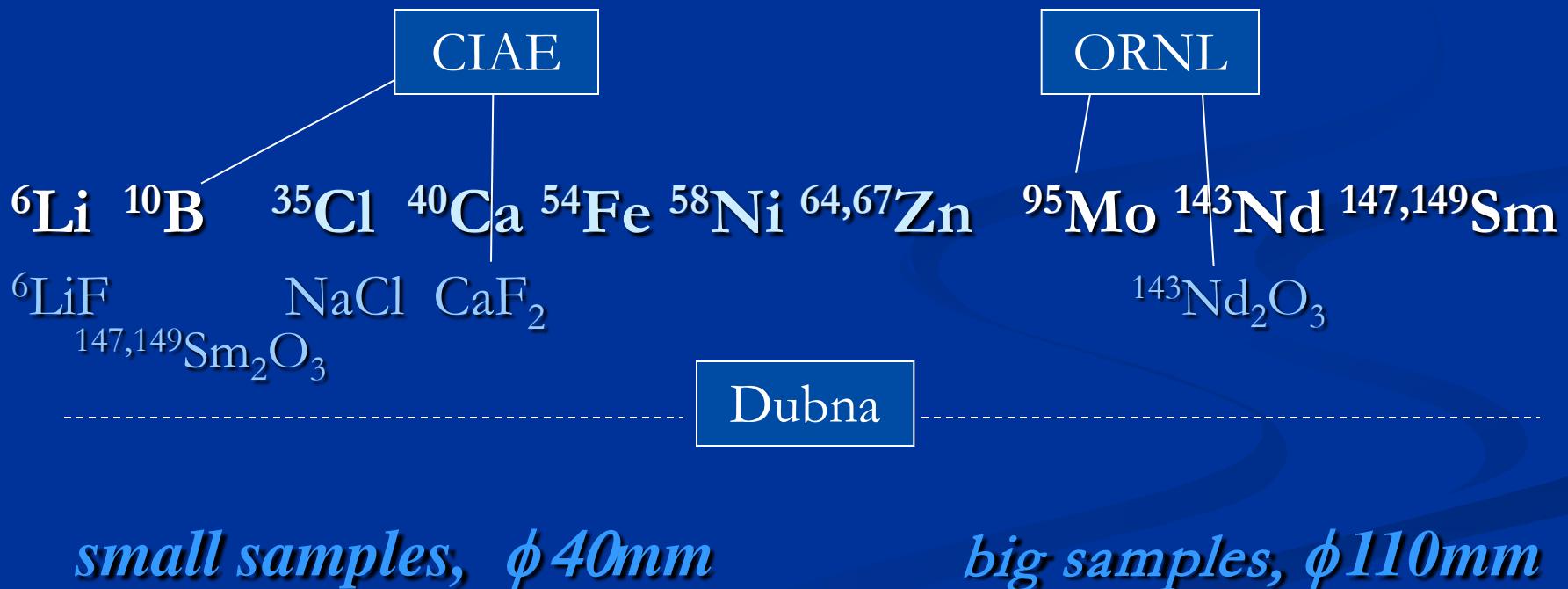


Progresses

- Single side → Double side
- 1 GIC → 2 GICs
- Big σ → Small σ
- Argon → Krypton
- Flux determination
 - Separate runs + Simultaneously
- Alpha → Triton → Proton
- Experiment → Theoretical analysis
- NIM+DAQ → WFDs+Software
- China+Russia → China+Russia+Mongolia+Poland+USA

Reactions measured

- 12 (n, α) reactions measured



Measurement results

- ✓ Measured cross sections: from ~ 100 mb to $50 \mu\text{b}$
- ✓ Theoretical analysis also performed with code TALYS
- ✓ Reliable and repeatable results obtained
- ✓ The only data for the $^{67}\text{Zn}, ^{147,149}\text{Sm}(\text{n},\alpha)$ reactions in the MeV range were measured by our group
- ✓ Took part in international ND- and ISINN-series meetings
- ✓ Published 20 papers in PRC, EPJA, NIM, NSE, ARI, CPL, NST...
- ✓ Results were collected in EXFOR data bank:
20 reactions, 46 datasets, Institute=“CPRBJG”

Publications

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14. Differential Cross-Section Measurement for the $^{64}\text{Zn}(\text{n}, \text{a})^{61}\text{Ni}$ Reaction at 5.03 and 5.95 MeV, **Nuclear Science and Engineering**, 156 (2007) 115-119.
15. Differential Cross-Section Measurement for the $^{64}\text{Zn}(\text{n}, \text{a})^{61}\text{Ni}$ Reaction at 5.03 and 5.95 MeV, **Nuclear Science and Engineering**, 156 (2007) 115-119.
16. Differential and Angle Integrated Cross-Section Measurement for the $^{6}\text{Li}(\text{n},\text{t})^{4}\text{He}$ Reaction at $E_{\text{n}} = 1.05, 1.54$ and 2.25 MeV, **Nuclear Science and Engineering**, 153 (2006) 41-45.
17. Measurement of Differential Cross-Sections of the $^{6}\text{Li}(\text{n},\text{t})^{4}\text{He}$ Reaction, , Neutron spectroscopy, Nuclear structure, Related topics, XIII International Seminar on Interaction of Neutrons with Nuclei (**ISINN-13**), Dubna, JINR, May 25-28, 2005. pp.217-221.
18. Measurement of Differential Cross-Sections of the $^{6}\text{Li}(\text{n},\text{t})^{4}\text{He}$ Reaction at 1.85 and 2.67 MeV, **Nuclear Science and Engineering**, 143 (2003) 86-89.
19. Angular Distribution and Cross Section Measurement for $^{64}\text{Zn}(\text{n},\text{a})^{61}\text{Ni}$ Reaction at 5.0, 5.7 and 6.5 MeV, **Nuclear Science and Engineering**, 144 (2003) 108-112.
20. Differential Cross Section Measurement for the $^{10}\text{B}(\text{n},\text{a})^{7}\text{Li}$ Reaction, **Nuclear Science and Engineering**, 142 (2002) 203-206.
21. Measurement of the $^{64}\text{Zn}(\text{n},\text{a})^{61}\text{Ni}$ Cross Section at $E_{\text{n}}=5.0\text{-}6.75$ MeV, **Journal of Nuclear Science and Technology**, Supplement 2, August, 2002, pp.342-345.



Experimental Nuclear Reaction Data (EXFOR)

Database Version of August 03, 2011
Software Version of 2011.06.17 Old interface is [\[here\]](#)



News

2011/06 Software development:
 1) Constructing a covariance matrix from EXFOR uncertainties (Options/View: extended) [\[doc\]](#)

2011/05 Improvements and extensions:
 1) Search by DOI and NSR-KeyNo (Extended mode)
 2) Search by Keyword MONITOR
 3) Search by DatasetID (SubentPointer)

2011/01 Improvements and extensions:
 1) Search for recently updated data (Extended mode: Last modified)
 2) Display titles of original articles (imported from NSR) when data "Sorted by Publications"

[History]

The EXFOR library contains an extensive compilation of experimental nuclear reaction data. Neutron reactions have been compiled systematically since the discovery of the neutron, while charged particle and photon reactions have been covered less extensively.

The library contains data from 19065 experiments (see [statistics](#) and [recent updates](#)).

Request

Examples: [1](#) [2](#) [3](#) [4](#) [5](#) [6](#) [7](#) ▾

Target

Reaction

Quantity

Product

Energy from to eV

Author(s) Guohui Zhang

Publication year

Accession #

▼ Extended
▼ Keywords
▼ Expert

Options

- Exclude superseded data
 - No reaction combinations (ratios,...)
 - Enhanced search of Products
 - Retrieve listing only
 - Disable Prompt-Help
- Sort by: reaction publication
- View: basic extended

Tip of the day: video-guide

Ranges (Z,A)

Reaction Sub-Fields

Feedback and User's Input

Clone Request:

Note:

- all criteria are optional (selected by checking)
- selected criteria are combined for search with logical AND
- criteria separated in a field by ";" are combined with logical OR
- criteria starting with "!" will be used as logical NOT
- wildcards (*) and intervals (...) are available

Data Selection

Retrieve Selected Unselected All

Output: EXFOR EXFOR+ Bibliography TAB C4 PlotC

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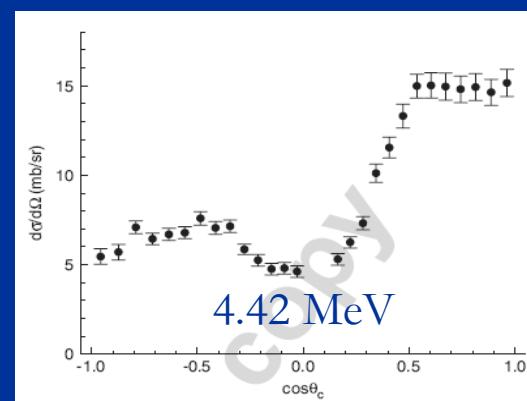
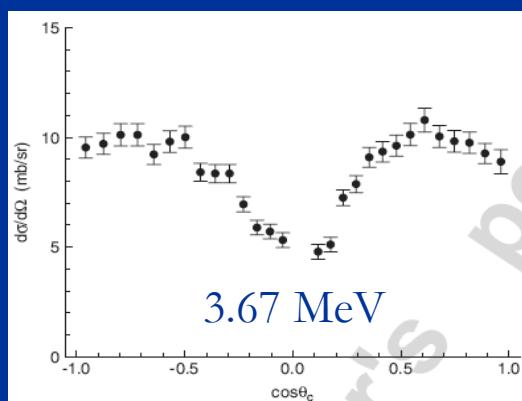
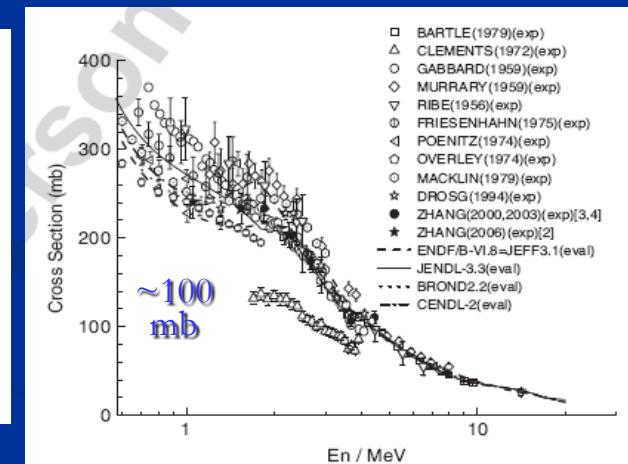
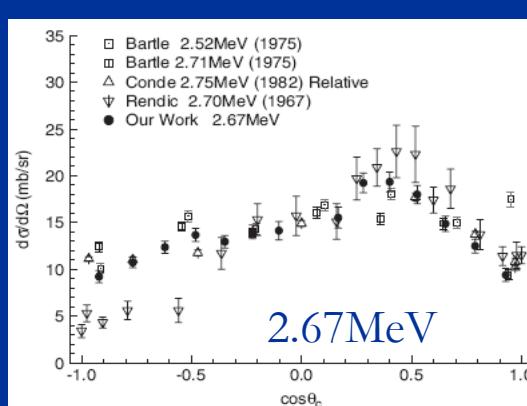
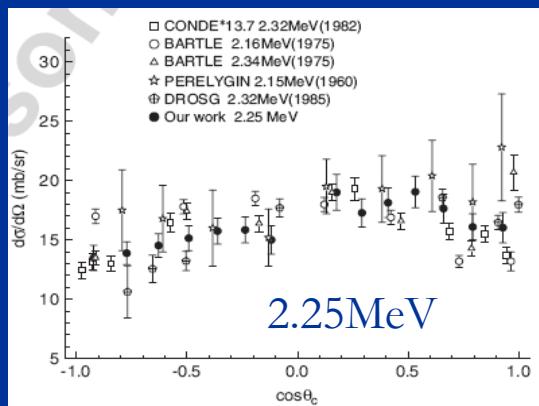
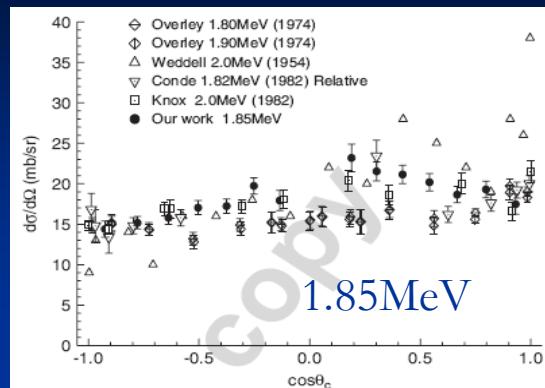
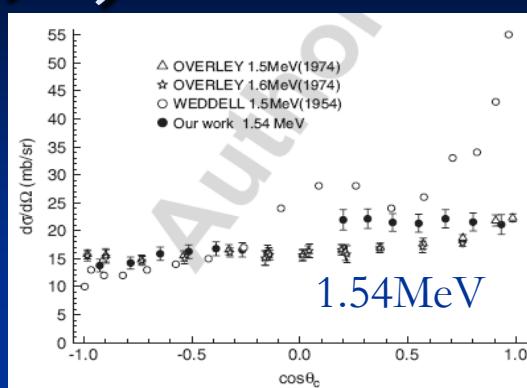
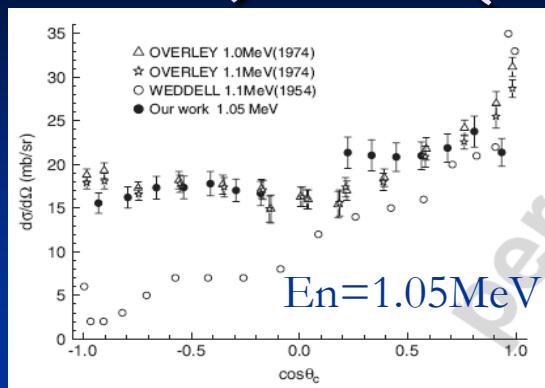
▼ Data re-normalization (for advanced users, results in: C4, TAB and Plots)

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Examples

1) ${}^6\text{Li}(\text{n}, \text{t}){}^4\text{He}$

Forward- α + forward-triton



NIM A 566 (2006) 615

NSE 153 (2006) 41

NSE 143 (2003) 86

2) $^{10}\text{B}(\text{n},\alpha)^7\text{Li}$

Asymmetry chamber
 Leaking cross section obtained
 ARI 66(2008)1427
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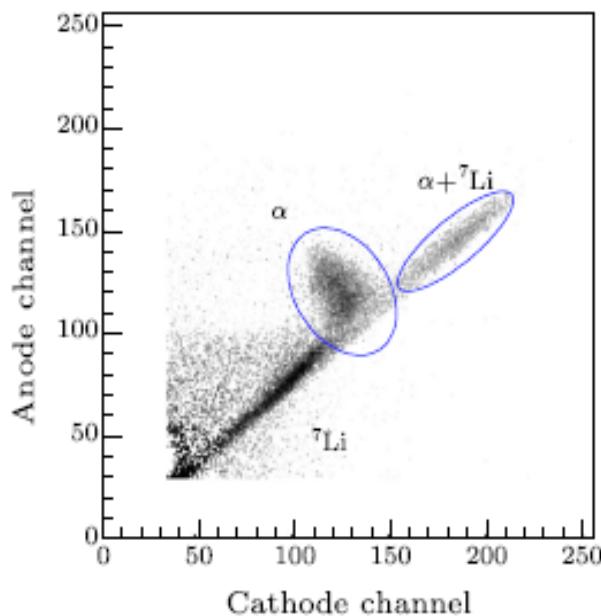


Fig. 3. Cathode-anode two dimensional spectrum for forward event measurements at $E_n = 4.0 \text{ MeV}$ after background subtraction.

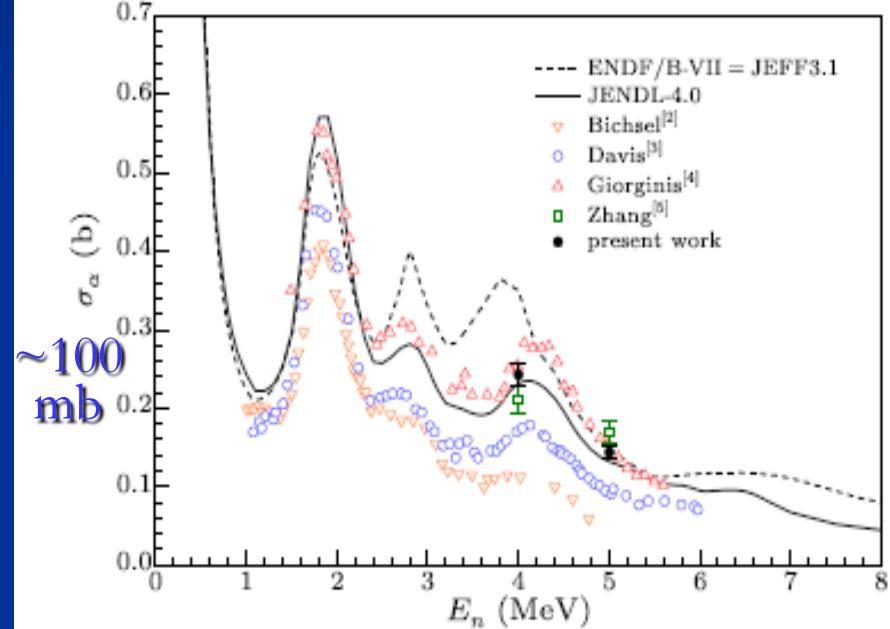


Fig. 6. Present cross sections of the $^{10}\text{B}(\text{n},\alpha)^7\text{Li}$ reaction compared with previous measurements and evaluations.

- 1~7MeV systematic measurement is planned

3) $^{64}\text{Zn}(n,\alpha)^{61}\text{Ni}$

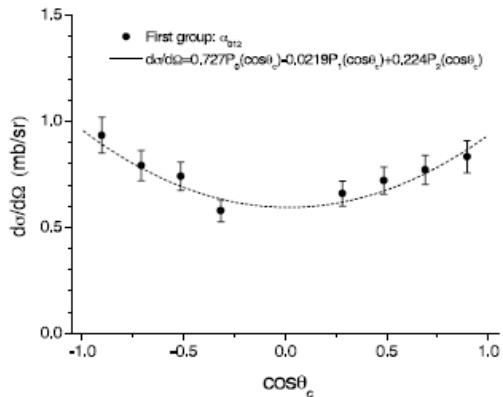


Fig. 4. Differential cross sections of the first group of alpha particles in the c.m. system at $E_n = 2.54$ MeV.

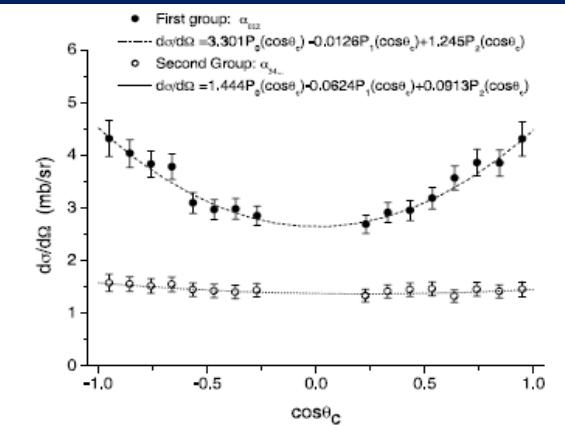


Fig. 5. Differential cross sections of the first and second groups of alpha particles in the c.m. system at $E_n = 4.00$ MeV.

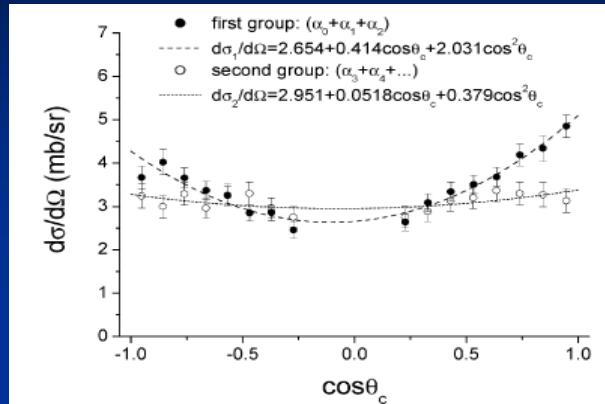


Fig. 6. The differential cross sections of the $^{64}\text{Zn}(n, \alpha_{012})^{61}\text{Ni}$ and $^{64}\text{Zn}(n, \alpha_{34\dots})^{61}\text{Ni}$ reactions in the c.m. system at $E_n = 5.03$ MeV.

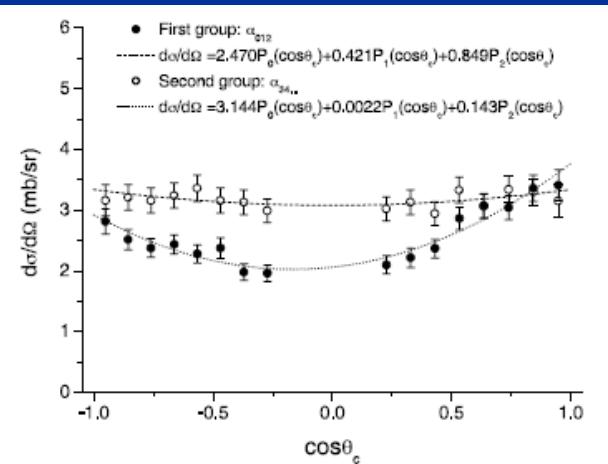


Fig. 6. Differential cross sections of the first and second groups of alpha particles in the c.m. system at $E_n = 5.50$ MeV.

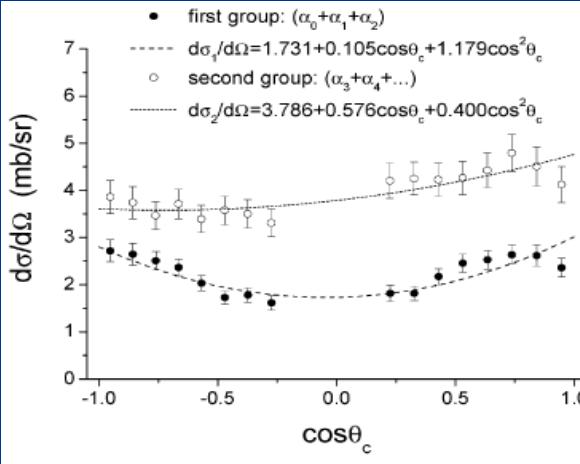


Fig. 7. The differential cross sections of the $^{64}\text{Zn}(n, \alpha_{012})^{61}\text{Ni}$ and $^{64}\text{Zn}(n, \alpha_{34\dots})^{61}\text{Ni}$ reactions in the c.m. system at $E_n = 5.95$ MeV.

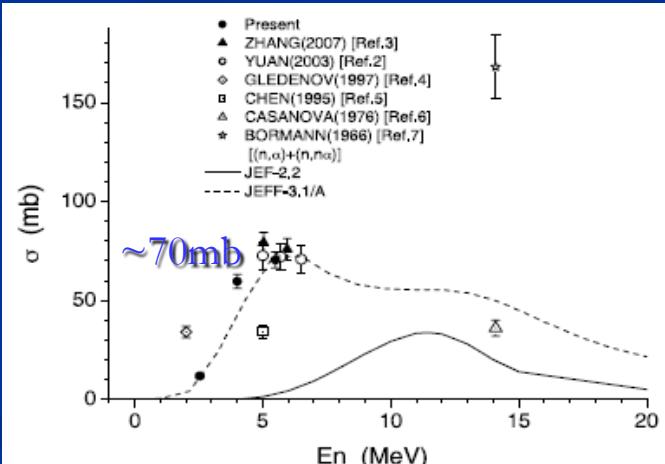


Fig. 7. Present cross sections of the $^{64}\text{Zn}(n, \alpha)^{61}\text{Ni}$ reaction compared with existing data.

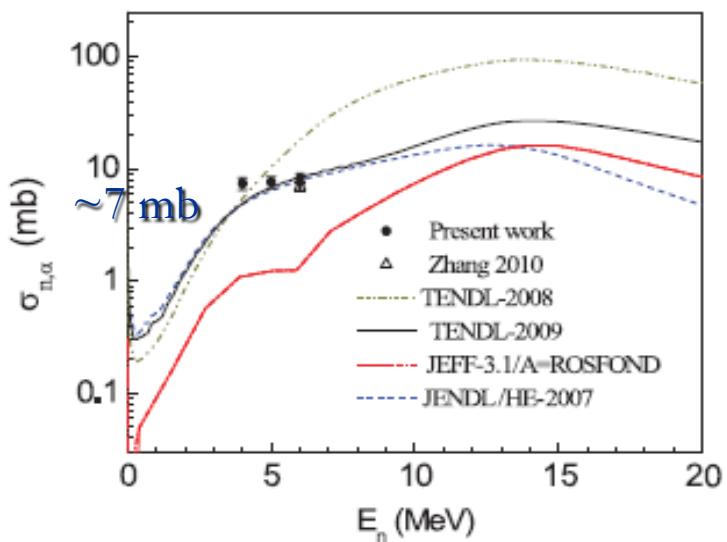


FIG. 5. (Color online) Measured cross-section data of the total $^{67}\text{Zn}(n,\alpha)^{64}\text{Ni}$ reaction compared with existing measurement and evaluations.

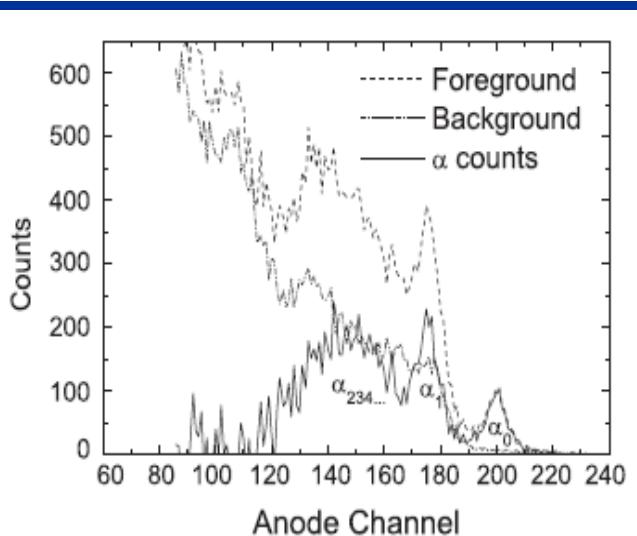


Fig. 4. The anode spectrum for forward $^{67}\text{Zn}(n,\alpha)^{64}\text{Ni}$ reaction measurement.

4) $^{67}\text{Zn}(n,\alpha)^{64}\text{Ni}$

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6 MeV, 101 h (54 + 47 h)
 $^{64,67}\text{Zn}(n,\alpha)$ isotopic effect

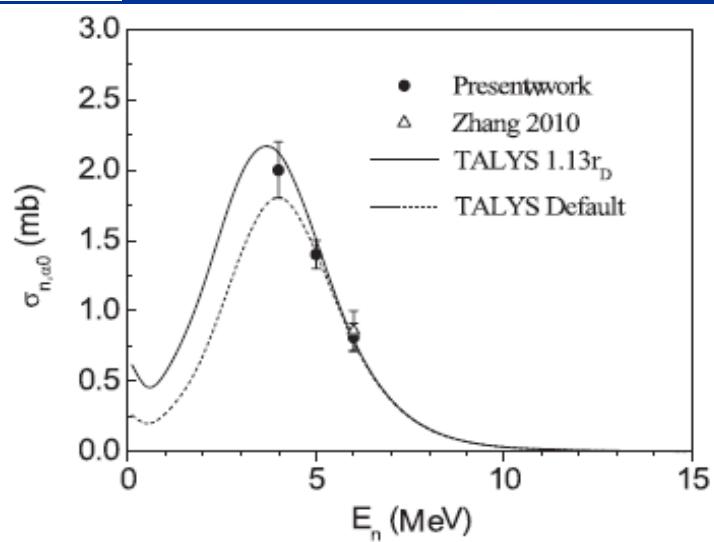


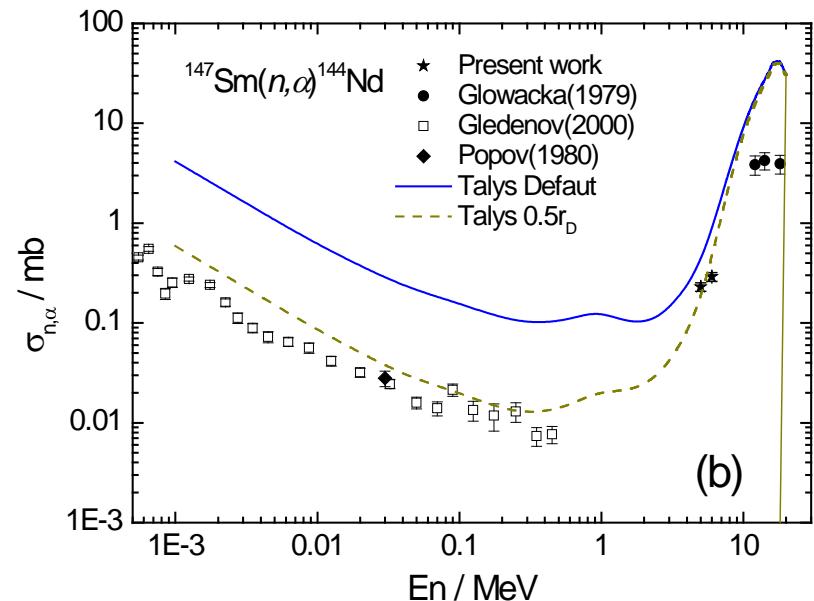
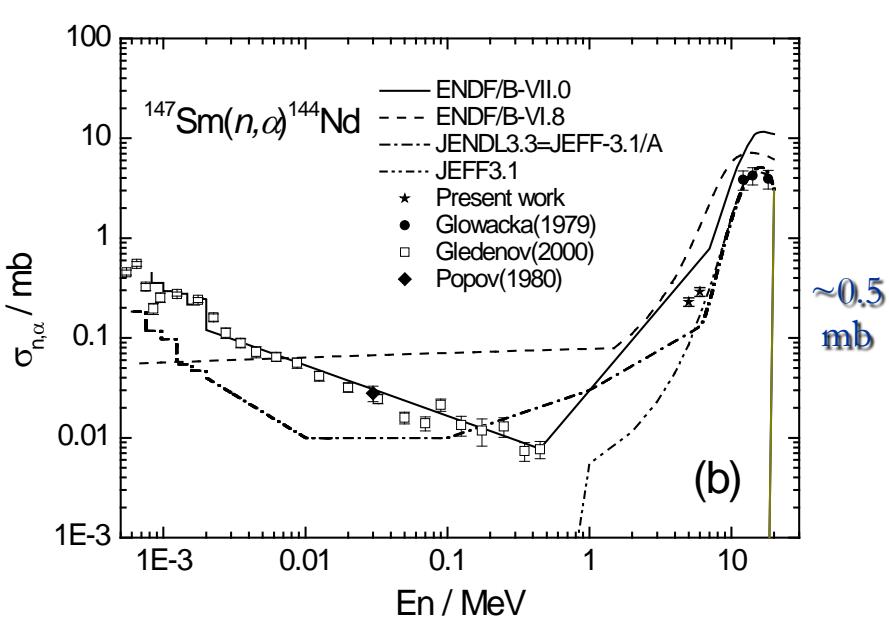
FIG. 6. Present $^{67}\text{Zn}(n,\alpha_0)^{64}\text{Ni}$ cross section compared with previous measurement and TALYS-1.2 code calculations.

5) $^{147}\text{Sm}(n,\alpha)^{144}\text{Nd}$

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Big Q value

5, 6 MeV: 28, 22 h

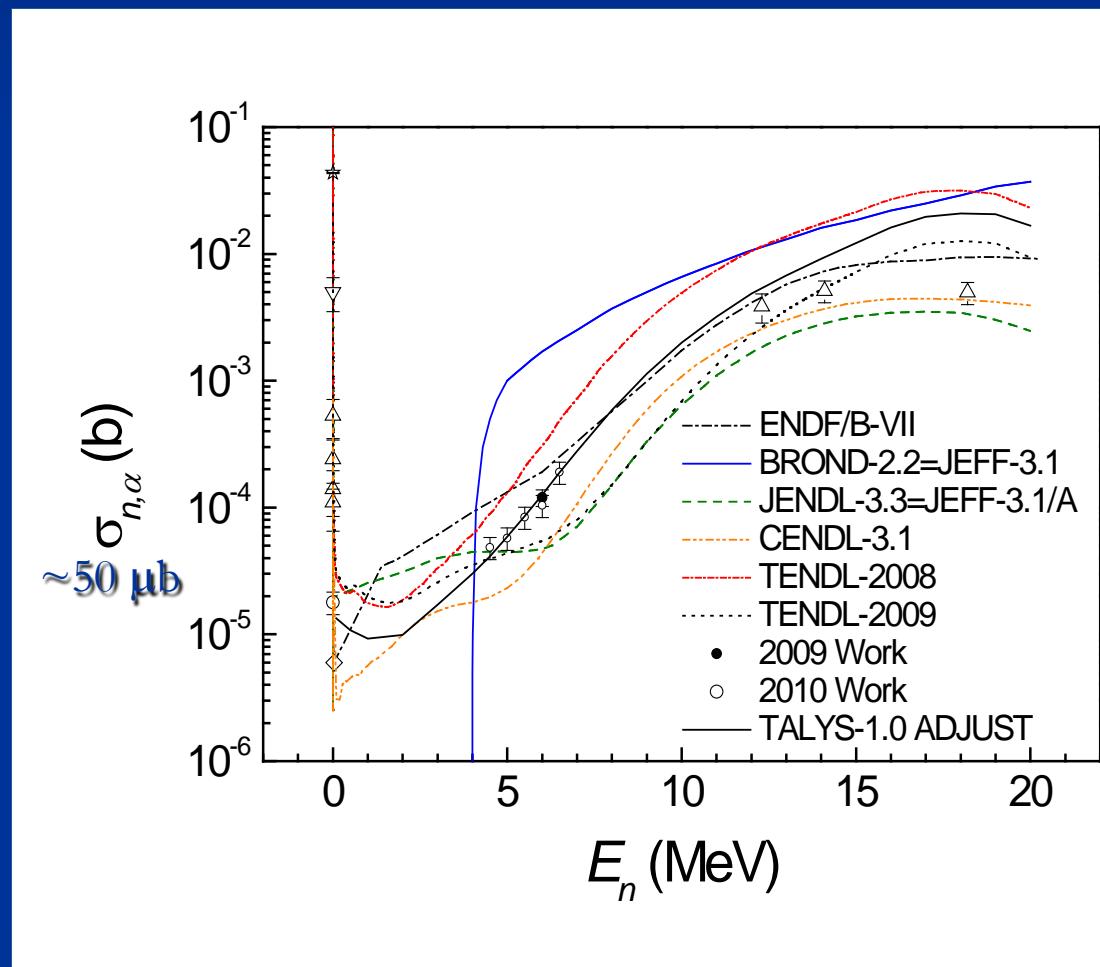
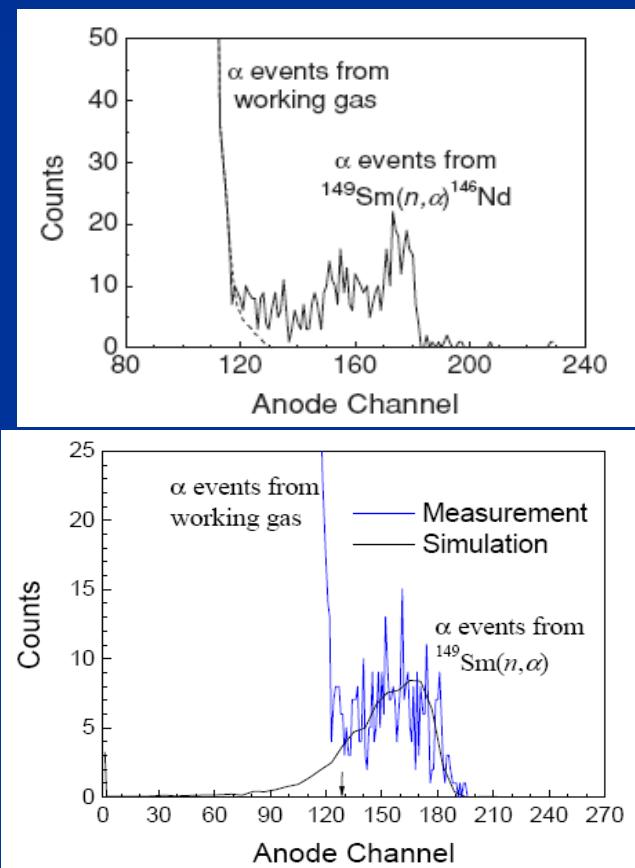


6) $^{149}\text{Sm}(\text{n},\alpha)^{146}\text{Nd}$

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6.0 MeV, 63 h

$\phi = 11.0 \text{ cm}$ thin + thick samples
(α self absorption)



Future works

Measurements

- $^{10}\text{B}(\text{n},\alpha)$ 1-7 MeV cross sections (esp. Leaking part)
- $^{56,57,54}\text{Fe}(\text{n},\alpha)$
- $^{24}\text{Mg}, ^{28}\text{Si}$ (n,α) ?
- $^{238}\text{U}, ^{232}\text{Th}$ (n,α) ??
- $^{10}\text{B}(\text{n},\text{t}+\alpha)^4\text{He}$
- 8-13 MeV & 14-20 MeV

Theoretics

- (n,α) systematics
- Isotopic effect analysis
- Reaction mechanism (light \rightarrow heavy)

Summary

- Nuclear Data Works at PKU were introduced briefly
- Measurement of (n,α) reactions in the MeV neutron energy region explained in some detail
- 12 (n,α) reactions were (re-)measured
 - Cross sections: from ~ 100 mb to $50 \mu b$
 - Reliable & repeatable results obtained

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