

## MEASUREMENT OF THE NEUTRON YIELD FROM $^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n0)^{16}\text{O}$ REACTION

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The  $^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n)^{16}\text{O}$  reaction is important for some application including neutrino measurements, nuclear astrophysics and nuclear power industry. The measurement of the total neutron yields (TNY) from this reaction has a high priority [1] because this data are used for normalization and testing the experimental data and the cross-section evaluations. The existing sets of experimental data on TNY were measured with uncertainty >10% due to the uncertainty of the  $^{13}\text{C}$  content in natural graphite.

The goal of the work is the independent check and normalization of the  $^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n0)^{16}\text{O}$  reaction cross-section data measured in 2021 [2]. The differential spectra of neutrons and the total neutron yields from the  $^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n0)^{16}\text{O}$  reaction were measured in the energy range 3-6.5 MeV using the thick carbon target enriched in  $^{13}\text{C}$ . The time-of-flight method was used to determine the neutron energy and to separate the neutrons corresponding to ground state of the residual nucleus. The  $^{13}\text{C}$  enrichment and the elemental composition of the target were determined using the ion beam analysis methods. The obtained TNY values were compared with ones calculated based on the ENDF/B-VIII.0 evaluation.

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