

Nuclear Data Related Activities at KAERI

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 - Design of fast neutron source and various measurement activities
- New website for providing the nuclear data
 - Nuclear properties such as mass excess and decay mode, and evaluated nuclear data are provided

Introduction



Nuclear Data Network in Korea



Introduction



Nuclear Data Center @ KAERI

- Performs the measurement, evaluation, processing and validation of nuclear data which are requested by the various fields.
- Comprises 1 director, 11 permanent staffs (2 in evaluation, 1 in theory, 2 in processing and validation, 4 in measurements and application, 2 in atomic and molecular data), 1 PhD student, 1 post master's researcher and 1 secretary.
- Mission of KAERI/NDC is disseminating outcomes of international network as well as promoting domestic nuclear data activities and related applications.

Resonance region



COVRES Code

Evaluates neutron c/s uncertainties in the resolved resonance region.

- Extended from KERCEN
- Based on a transparent formalism (using MLBW or kernel approximation) using the resonance parameter uncertainties from the Atlas of Neutron Resonances.
- Handles scattering radius uncertainty explicitly.
- Accepts the correlation coefficients as input.
- Uncertainty of average cross section

$$<\!\delta\overline{\sigma}\delta\overline{\sigma}\!>=\sum_{i,r,i',r'}\!\frac{\partial\overline{\sigma}}{\partial p_{i,r}}\!<\!\delta\!p_{i,r}\delta\!p_{i',r'}\!>\!\frac{\partial\overline{\sigma}}{\partial p_{i',r'}},$$

where $<\delta p_{i,r}\delta p_{i',r'}>$ is covariance of resonance parameters.

□ Sensitivity

$$\frac{\partial \overline{\sigma}}{\partial \Gamma_i} = \frac{1}{\Delta E} \int_{E_1}^{E_2} \frac{\partial \sigma(E)}{\partial \Gamma_i} dE \qquad \text{where } i = \gamma, n$$

 $\frac{\partial \overline{\sigma}_n}{\partial R'} ? \qquad \text{by observing variation of average scattering cross section due to} \\ \text{deviation of R'} \qquad \frac{\partial \overline{\sigma}_n}{\partial R'} \delta R' \approx \delta \overline{\sigma}_n (R' \to R' + \delta R') \end{cases}$

Resonance region ²³⁷Np, capture





Resonance region ²³⁷Np, scattering





Resonance region ²³⁷Np, fission





Resonance region



Covariances for ²³⁷Np





Resonance region



Covariances for ²³⁷Np





Evaluation Method

Code

- EMPIRE-3
- Parallel computing used in order to reduce a computing time due to covariance matrices and a thousand incident energies
- OMP adjustment
 - Tool for optimization of OMP developed by KAERI/NDC
- Models
 - Hauser-Feshbach with HRTW
 - DEGAS for gamma and PCROSS for others in pre-equilibrium
 - Empire specific level densities
 - Gamma strength function by plujiko(MLO1)

Covariance

- EMPIRE-KALMAN used
- Sensitivity matrices by variations of model parameters around optimal value
- Using uncertainties of measurements if available
- Scaling up or down the uncertainty if extremely low or high

High energy region Ko HCCR TBM

A Mission of KAERI/NDC to Ko HCCR TBM

- The neutronics analysis to obtain the optimal design parameters
- Provision of the most reliable nuclear data
 - Recommendation of the evaluated nuclear data from the existing libraries
 - Production of the evaluated nuclear data



Projection view of HCCR TBM sub-module

Materials used in the Ko HCCR TBM

Red: this year Remaining: 2016



Reproductions of a Resonance-like Structure (1)





Reproductions of a Resonance-like Structure (2)





Cross Section and Uncertainties of W







Correlations of ¹⁸⁴W





Capture cross section

0.6

0.5

0.4

0.3

0.2

0.1

-0.1

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Processing/Validation



Benchmark Study for Pu-240

- Benchmark problems taken from the ICSBEP/CSEWG
- X² obtained from 22 benchmark results for fast reactor and 6 for thermal reactor

Bencharmk	ENDF/B-VII.1	ENDF/B-VII.0	JENDL-4.0	JEFF-3.1.2	JEFF-3.2 (β)	KAERI/ORNL
Fast reactor	1.481 E-0 4	1.160E-04	1.392E-04	1.837E-04	1.659E-04	1.481 E-0 4
Thermal reactor	2.679E-04	2.880E-04	2.866E-04	2.883E-04	2.911E-04	2.835 E- 04
Overall	4.159E-04	4.040E-04	4.257E-04	4.720E-04	4.570E-04	4.31 7E-0 4





Measurement



beam

Design of KAERI Fast Neutron Source



Shielding calculation for TOF facility

Measurement



Measurement Activities



Website



Development of a New Website

🗆 Goal

- As much information as possible is accessible from one page
- Portable and easily migratable to new platform
- Development platform
 - Fedora, Java and MySQL (free of charge)
- Information provided now
 - Atomic mass, mass excess, binding energy, beta-decay energy, abundance, half-life and decay mode
 - Nuclear data evaluations including ENDF/B-VII.1, JENDL-4.0, CENDL-3.1 and JEFF-3.1 along with their plots
- Future plan
 - Other useful data including the resonance property and EXFOR will be added.
 - Comparison plot of evaluations and measurements will be provided.

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Website Table of Nuclides





Summary

- COVRES has been developed to accommodate the MLBW formalism, extending the previous work based on the kernel approximation, and has been tested for computing cross section uncertainties for the ²³⁷Np.
- Fluctuations observed in Fe and Cr were reproduced, and covariance matrices for W were generated.
- Benchmark study for ²⁴⁰Pu was carried out.
- Various measurement activities were performed.
- New website for providing the nuclear properties and the current evaluations are being developed.

