Results of cross-section measurements of proton-capture reactions on stable Rubidium isotopes

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The existence of some stable neutron deficient nuclei - the p nuclei - can not be explained by neutron-capture processes [1]. Therefore, other types of reactions - dominantly photodisintegration reactions - come into play. This is called the γ process. Statistical model calculations play a crucial role in modelling this process as cross sections for many of these photodisintegration reactions are not known trough experiments.

Two in-beam experiments were performed at the University of Cologne's high-efficiency HPGe γ -ray spectrometer HORUS to study the $^{85,87}{\rm Rb}(p,\gamma)^{86,88}{\rm Sr}$ reactions. A 10 MV FN Tandem accelerator provided proton beams between $E_p=2$ and 5 MeV. Total cross-section values were determined for six different proton-beam energies for the $^{87}{\rm Rb}(p,\gamma)^{88}{\rm Sr}$ reaction and for three different proton-beam energies for the $^{85}{\rm Rb}(p,\gamma)^{86}{\rm Sr}$ reaction. These first experimental cross-section values for the $^{85,87}{\rm Rb}(p,\gamma)^{86,88}{\rm Sr}$ reactions help to constrain the nuclear physics input for statistical model calculations.

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[1]T. Rauscher et al., Rep. Prog. Phys. 76 (2013) 066201.

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