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Quasi-free (p,2p) reactions in inverse kinematics for studying the fission yield dependence on temperature and its implication in the stellar nucleosynthesis r-process

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Although the importance of the fission fragment treatment in stellar nucleosynthesis r-process calculations is well established, an aspect of the phenomenological descriptions of fission that has so far remained relatively unexplored in the r-process is the dependence of the fission yields on the excitation energy or temperature of the compound nuclei [1]. Moreover, the fission yields and fission barrier heights of nuclei far from the stability line are also crucial to correctly describe the r-process cycle as well as the transitions from symmetric to asymmetric fission [2]. To determine all these observables, we have carried out at the GSI facility a new experiment in inverse kinematics and using quasi-free (p,2p) reactions as a novel technique to induce the fission process [3]. These new measurements have been performed with state-of-the art detectors especially designed to measure the fission products with high detection efficiency and acceptance, which were developed by the R3B collaboration [4]. The analysis of this new data will give us for the first time access to the excitation energy of the fission yields with the temperature.

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