

NEUTRON DETECTOR PERFORMANCE STUDIES

PERFORMANCE OF LARGE-VOLUME MEAN-TIMED NEUTRON COUNTERS

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This discussion updates the information in the 1979 IUCF annual report¹⁾ on the performance of our large-volume, mean-timed neutron counters. During the past year, we constructed, tested, and successfully commissioned three new 20 in. x 40 in. x 4 in. and one new 40 in. x 40 in. x 4 in. mean-timed NE-102 plastic-scintillator counters. These new counters were designed with the aid of a computer program which simulates the light-collection process and the generation of a timing signal in a mean-timed neutron counter. The program was used to determine the optimum light-pipe geometry for these new counters.

The intrinsic time resolution of these detectors was measured with a cosmic-ray coincidence technique described in last year's report.¹⁾ Briefly, with one detector placed directly above another, we measured coincidences with cosmic rays passing through the four-inch dimension of each detector. The observed time dispersion for two 20 in. x 40 in. x 4 in. detectors was 425 ± 10 ps (fwhm). We deduce an intrinsic time resolution of 300 ± 7 ps for one of these 20 in. x 40 in. x 4 in. detectors, assuming that each contributes to the observed 425 ps in quadrature. From measurements with a 20 in. x 40 in. x 4 in. detector covering half (center to one edge) of the 40 in. x 40 in. 4 in. detector, we deduced an intrinsic time resolution of 410 ± 13 ps for the 40 in. x 40 in. x 4 in. counter.

In addition to the cosmic-ray studies of the intrinsic time resolution of these counters, we observed good time and energy resolution in experiments

at the IUCF. Figure 1 shows a comparison of time-of-flight spectra at 45° from the $^{18}\text{O}(\text{p},\text{n})^{18}\text{F}$ reaction with 135 MeV protons measured with a 20 in. x 40 in. x 4 in. counter and with the 40 in. x 40 in. x 4 in. counter. (Both counters comprised a 40 in. x 60 in. neutron detector array, the largest used thus far at the IUCF). The sharp peak in each spectrum is the 5^+ state of ^{18}F at 1.12 MeV excitation. The observed

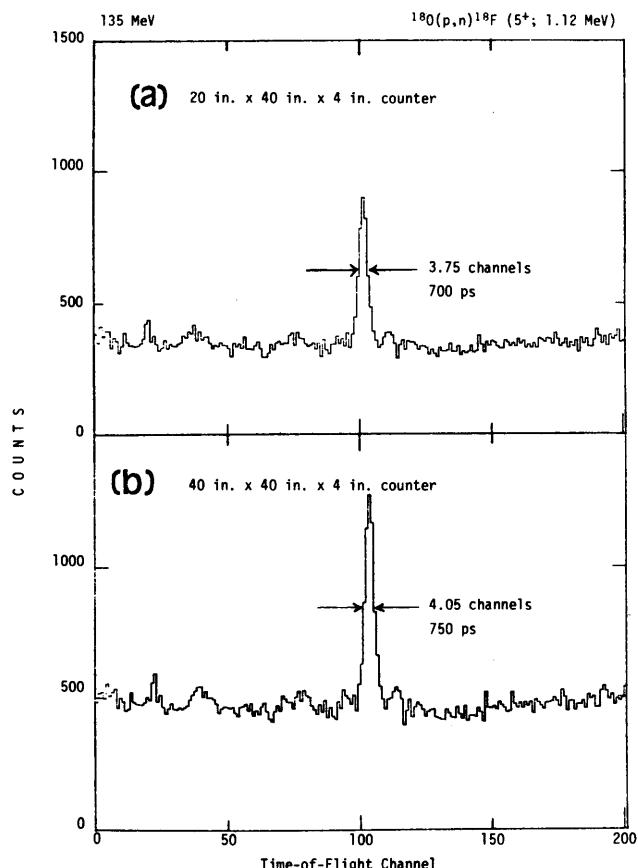


Figure 1. Neutron time-of-flight spectra at a laboratory angle of 45° from the $^{18}\text{O}(\text{p},\text{n})^{18}\text{F}$ reaction at 135 MeV. The sharp peak in each spectrum is the ^{18}F state at 1.12 MeV excitation with $J^\pi = 5^+$. Spectrum (a) was measured with a 20 in. x 40 in. 4 in. counter; spectrum (b) was measured with a 40 in. x 40 in. x 4 in. counter. The peak widths were obtained with a Gaussian peak-fitting routine.

time resolutions are 700 ps and 750 ps for the 20 in. x 40 in. x 4 in. and 40 in. x 40 in. x 4 in. counters respectively, the difference being consistent with their different intrinsic time resolutions at 300 ps and 410 ps. The observed time-of-flight resolutions of 700 ps and 750 ps correspond to 450 and 480 keV, respectively, for 130 MeV neutrons traversing the 70 m flight-path. The 40 mg/cm² target thickness contributed 200 keV to these energy resolutions. The nominal spread in the proton beam energy is 0.1% or 135 keV for 135 MeV protons. For the 90 m flight-paths used in our November 1980 experiments at the IUCF, we observed an overall time resolution of 700 ps with 20 in. x 40 in. x 4 in. counters, which corresponds to an energy resolution of 355 keV for 130 MeV neutrons.

The design objective for our large mean-timed counters was to combine good time resolution with large

volume. The large sizes of our counters were important to our experimental program this past year. During our (p,n) run of November 1980, we were able to measure cross sections as small as 6 $\mu\text{b}/\text{sr}$, about a factor of five smaller than we had achieved previously. With the commissioning of a third neutron flight-path for the beam swinger facility at the IUCF (servicing 45° to 69°), we were able to make measurements at larger momentum transfers than was possible previously even though cross sections were small. The large size of our counters was significant also for our polarized-beam (p, \vec{n}) analyzing-power measurements and for our (p,pn) neutron knockout reaction studies on ^{40}Ca and ^{48}Ca .

1) IUCF Scient. and Techn. Report, 1979, p. 128.

p + ^{208}Pb , $E_p = 160$ MeV

θ_{cm} (deg)	$d\sigma/d\Omega_{\text{cm}}$ (mb/sr)	relat. error (mb/sr)
6.13	3.145E+04	1.301E+03
7.14	1.705E+04	5.356E+02
8.15	8.113E+03	2.842E+02
9.15	2.920E+03	1.235E+02
10.16	9.613E+02	4.479E+01
11.16	3.372E+02	1.070E+01
12.17	4.445E+02	1.404E+01
13.17	6.712E+02	1.035E+01
14.18	7.052E+02	1.077E+01
15.18	6.037E+02	1.074E+01
16.19	4.553E+02	1.251E+01
17.20	2.354E+02	7.345E+00
18.20	7.477E+01	3.144E+00
19.21	2.854E+01	9.761E-01
20.21	2.192E+01	5.875E-01
21.22	4.078E+01	1.025E+00
22.22	5.886E+01	9.813E-01
23.23	5.775E+01	9.449E-01
24.23	4.652E+01	8.891E-01
25.24	2.954E+01	6.909E-01
26.24	1.546E+01	4.196E-01
27.25	7.582E+00	2.080E-01
28.25	4.678E+00	8.126E-02
29.26	5.335E+00	9.378E-02
30.26	6.853E+00	1.494E-01
31.27	7.595E+00	1.632E-01
32.27	6.782E+00	1.397E-01
33.28	5.409E+00	1.112E-01
34.28	3.718E+00	7.970E-02
35.29	2.312E+00	5.108E-02
36.29	1.533E+00	2.914E-02
37.30	1.250E+00	1.995E-02
38.30	1.204E+00	1.817E-02
39.30	1.202E+00	1.805E-02
40.31	1.101E+00	1.712E-02
41.31	9.031E-01	1.587E-02
42.32	7.012E-01	1.283E-02
43.32	5.051E-01	9.610E-03
44.33	3.638E-01	6.981E-03
45.33	3.024E-01	5.297E-03
46.33	2.783E-01	4.754E-03
47.34	2.614E-01	4.709E-03
48.34	2.358E-01	4.336E-03
49.35	1.921E-01	3.979E-03
50.35	1.354E-01	3.115E-03
51.35	9.587E-02	2.340E-03
52.36	6.283E-02	1.938E-03
53.36	5.034E-02	1.599E-03

p + ^{208}Pb , $E_p = 160$ MeV

θ_{cm} (deg)	$d\sigma/d\Omega_{\text{cm}}$ (mb/sr)	relat. error (mb/sr)
54.36	4.976E-02	1.544E-03
55.37	5.033E-02	1.602E-03
56.37	5.021E-02	1.586E-03
57.37	4.732E-02	1.516E-03
58.38	3.760E-02	1.493E-03
59.38	2.892E-02	1.259E-03
60.38	1.835E-02	9.216E-04
61.38	1.098E-02	9.072E-04
62.39	7.421E-03	5.631E-04
63.39	6.986E-03	4.810E-04
64.39	8.880E-03	5.840E-04
65.39	1.016E-02	6.352E-04
66.40	1.068E-02	6.163E-04
67.40	8.585E-03	5.444E-04
68.40	7.194E-03	4.900E-04
69.40	4.806E-03	4.238E-04
70.41	3.041E-03	3.049E-04
71.41	1.407E-03	2.276E-04
72.41	1.240E-03	2.107E-04
73.41	9.336E-04	1.519E-04
75.41	1.730E-03	1.775E-04
77.42	1.777E-03	2.246E-04

p + ^{208}Pb , $E_p = 162$ MeV

θ_{cm} (deg)	$d\sigma/d\Omega_{\text{cm}}$ (mb/sr)	relat. error (mb/sr)
36.42	1.080E+00	2.400E-02
37.93	9.340E-01	2.450E-02
39.44	6.860E-01	1.750E-02
40.95	4.650E-01	1.200E-02
42.45	3.560E-01	9.200E-03
43.96	2.540E-01	6.600E-03
45.46	1.720E-01	4.800E-03
46.97	9.630E-02	3.250E-03
48.48	6.770E-02	2.000E-03
49.98	6.340E-02	1.850E-03
51.49	5.980E-02	1.800E-03
52.99	4.750E-02	1.430E-03
54.50	2.920E-02	1.030E-03
56.00	1.310E-02	5.500E-04
57.51	8.000E-03	3.700E-04
59.01	9.350E-03	4.800E-04
60.52	1.020E-02	4.800E-04
62.02	9.200E-03	4.500E-04
63.53	4.850E-03	2.600E-04
65.03	2.150E-03	1.350E-04
66.53	8.900E-04	8.500E-05
68.04	1.050E-03	9.800E-05
69.54	1.700E-03	1.100E-04
71.04	1.750E-03	1.200E-04
72.54	1.200E-03	1.000E-04
74.05	6.100E-04	7.300E-05
75.55	1.700E-04	3.100E-05
77.05	1.150E-04	3.000E-05
78.55	2.550E-04	4.400E-05
80.06	3.550E-04	5.100E-05

p + ^{208}Pb , $E_p = 182$ MeV

θ_{cm} (deg)	$d\sigma/d\Omega_{\text{cm}}$ (mb/sr)	relat. error (mb/sr)
6.26	2.228E+04	4.600E+02
7.27	1.141E+04	2.320E+02
8.28	4.530E+03	9.400E+01
9.28	1.317E+03	2.700E+01
10.79	3.100E+02	7.000E+00
12.30	6.410E+02	1.340E+01
13.81	6.440E+02	1.360E+01
15.29	3.440E+02	7.700E+00
16.83	8.680E+01	1.940E+00
18.33	1.825E+01	3.700E-01
19.84	4.105E+01	9.200E-01
21.35	5.895E+01	1.320E+00
22.86	4.330E+01	1.010E+00
24.36	1.815E+01	4.100E-01
25.87	5.930E+00	1.300E-01
27.38	5.430E+00	1.180E-01
28.89	6.990E+00	1.530E-01
30.40	6.360E+00	1.400E-01
31.91	3.690E+00	8.100E-02
33.41	1.840E+00	4.100E-02
34.92	1.255E+00	3.000E-02

SUMMARY OF IUCF MEASUREMENTS OF THE ANALYZING POWER OF THE (p, π^+) REACTION
NEAR THRESHOLD

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FINAL(a) STATE	T_p lab(b) (MeV)	T_{π} cm (MeV)	θ_{π} cm (MeV/c)	q cm	$A(\theta)$ (c) (MeV/c)	$(d\sigma/d\Omega)_{cm}^{(d)}$ (nb/sr)
^{11}B g.s.	154.33	9.79	34.4	459	-0.26 ± 0.05	278 ± 7
			67.6	484	-0.38 ± 0.03	162 ± 4
			127.5	536	-0.21 ± 0.07	54.3 ± 2.4
^{11}B 2.125 MeV	154.33	7.62	34.9	464	-0.23 ± 0.10	36.0 ± 2.4
			68.5	487	-0.42 ± 0.09	25.4 ± 1.3
			128.4	532	-0.07 ± 0.24	6.5 ± 1.0
^{11}B 4.44 MeV	154.33	5.33	35.8	471	+0.04 ± 0.10	53.6 ± 4.2
			70.0	490	-0.29 ± 0.12	34.5 ± 3.1
			129.9	528	-0.64 ± 0.41	22.1 ± 4.1
^{13}C g.s.	152.89 158.93	9.64	33.8	475	-0.36 ± 0.05	109 ± 2.2
			66.5	500	-0.74 ± 0.05	45.1 ± 2.2
			158.95	9.74	-0.65 ± 0.08	14.9 ± 2.2
^{13}C 3.09 MeV	158.89 158.93	6.59	34.5	483	-0.40 ± 0.06	80.5 ± 3.2
			67.7	504	-0.80 ± 0.07	32.8 ± 1.1
			158.95	6.68	98.9	527 ± 0.11
			159.02	6.59	145.7	555 ± 0.07
^{13}C 3.68 + 3.85 MeV States	158.89 158.93 158.95	5.95	34.6	485	-0.34 ± 0.04	232 ± 4.8
			68.3	505	-0.57 ± 0.04	147 ± 4.8
			99.4	527	-0.35 ± 0.06	50.5 ± 2.5
			159.02	6.07	146.0	554 ± 0.12
						79.8 ± 7.1

FINAL(a) STATE	T_p lab(b) (MeV)	T_{π} cm (MeV)	θ_{π} cm (MeV/c)	q cm	$A(\theta)$ (c) (MeV/c)	$(d\sigma/d\Omega)_{cm}^{(d)}$ (nb/sr)
^{17}O g.s.	156.84	9.72	32.8	482	-0.46 ± 0.04	280 ± 7
			64.9	506	-0.91 ± 0.04	116 ± 5
			95.6	534	-0.64 ± 0.05	38.0 ± 1.8
^{17}O 0.87 MeV	156.95	10.02	124.8	559	-0.17 ± 0.06	106 ± 4
			152.8	575	-0.03 ± 0.05	233 ± 8
			152.9	573	COULD NOT BE EXTRACTED FROM DATA ± 0.07	14.5 ± 1.7
^{41}Ca g.s.	156.84	8.83	65.1	507	-0.21 ± 0.07	34.8 ± 1.7
			95.9	534	-0.17 ± 0.07	66.9 ± 3.8
			125.0	558	-0.08 ± 0.10	88.5 ± 5.2
^{41}Ca 0.87 MeV	156.95	9.15	152.9	577	-0.25 ± 0.08	79.2 ± 4.4
			152.9	577	-0.24 ± 0.08	
			152.9	577	-0.24 ± 0.08	

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a) The B, C and Ca data were analyzed by P.H. File and that for O by T.P. Sjoreen.

b) Average proton energy at center of target.

c) Uncertainties are statiscal only.

d) See note c.

e) T_{π} for spin up is 9.99 MeV and that for spin down is 10.39 MeV.

$^{9}Be(p, \pi^-)^{10}C(g.s.), T_p = 200$ MeV(a)

submitted by T.P. Sjoreen(b)

θ^{π}_{lab}	θ^{π}_{cm}	$A(\theta)$	$(d\sigma/d\Omega)_{cm}$ (nb/sr)
25	27.6	-0.02 ± 0.14	1.38 ± 0.14
50	54.7	-0.27 ± 0.14	1.37 ± 0.17
75	80.9	0.08 ± 0.15	1.23 ± 0.13
100	106.0	0.48 ± 0.14	2.16 ± 0.23
120	125.2	0.29 ± 0.13	2.92 ± 0.29
150	153.0	± 0.14	± 0.40

(a) incident lab energy

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