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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 Rb (p, γ) ^{86,88}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 Rb (p, γ) ⁸⁸Sr reaction and for three different proton-beam energies for the 85 Rb (p, γ) ⁸⁶Sr reaction. These first experimental cross-section values for the 85,87 Rb (p, γ) ^{86,88}Sr reactions help to constrain the nuclear physics input for statistical model calculations.

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