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Cell for three planar samples



Cell for a cylindrical sample









Repetition of one exsperiment performed at Physics Depart. Of Siena

Fig 1b)

Fig. 1: Monitoring of the energy production:

a) curve as a function of the supplied power (blue);temperature curve after energy production starting (red)

b) energy production process: temperature (red) and supplied power (blue) as a function of time. When the temperature increases, because of the energy production phenomenon, there is a decrease of the provided power due to the growth of Pt heater resistance supplied/2by constant continuous voltage. 7



Figura 7b: taratura e produzione di energia

Temperatures are referred to the lab temperature (Tc-Ta)





A sample excitation performed with a temperature jump (Tc1(3), Tc2(•), Tc3(2) are the temperatures in the positions shown in Fig. An inversion between Tc2 and Tc3 can be observed. Such an effect is due to the larger extra power production by the nickel rod in Tc3 $_{Siena 2012}$

Taratura Cella 1 - 2008







Prima Attivazione Cella 1





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Fig. 2.1. Potential energy curves for activated and non-activated chemisorption of hydrogen on a clean metal surface and exothermic or endothermic solution in the bulk. A more pronounced minimum just below the surface allows for subsurface hydrogen (one-dimensional Lennard–Jones potential [2.53])

Figura 4 : Nanostruttura a "cluster"

Fig. 3: SEM-EDAX analysis of the surfaces

a) spectrum detected on the rod surface in a region where there was not energy production

b)spectrum detected on the rod surface in a region where there was energy production as measured by means of the temperature on the external cell surface

Example of elemental analysis of the sample

Spatial distribution of Ni and Cu on the sample surface

Photon enission spectrum NaI(Tl) detector

Heavy particles emitted by Ni rod after extraction from the cell

Two tracks from a sample which produced energy.

Nal(TI)-rays spectrum showing a peak superimposed on the background. Five following acquisitions are shown

Time (h)

HpGe spectra of activated and not activated Gold. Details of the region around 412 keV are shown in the insert.

a) Amplitude spectrum obtained on utilizing detector C2 and an Am-Be neutron source. The arrow indicates the electronic threshold chosen for measurements.

b) Amplitude spectra of detectors C1, C2 and C3 placed near the cell in the measurement con⁻guration. The three spectra were obtained with the same MCA in Signatic 2010 el mode (2000 channels for every detector). T36 three peaks correspond in the new scale to the right peak shown in a).

Fig. 2. { a) Counting rate of detector C2 placed 39 cm away from the cell (11 March 1995). Each point represents the number of pulses recorded in 10 minutes. b) Counting rate of detector C1 placed 10m away from the cell (laboratory background). Each point represents the number of pulses recorded in 10 minutes.

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Abstract

The (p, n) reaction cross sections for proton bombardment of natural copper at a proton energy of 9.3 ± 0.3 MeV have been measured by an activation method. The results, 480 ± 20 mbn and 895 ± 35 mbn respectively for the isotopes 63Cu and 65Cu, when combined with accepted values of the (p, q) cross sections near this energy give a total reaction cross section of 910 ± 25 mbn, in good agreement with results obtained in this laboratory and elsewhere by direct methods.

Threshold for p,n reaction (Hauser – Feshbach theory and experimental results)

Protons with energies below 5 MeV, were used to find (p, n) thresholds and threshold limits for 26 nuclei with $37 \le A \le 112$. Data are presented from several independent measurements which were made over a period of about five years; the present values supersede those presented in earlier abstracts by Trail and Johnson and by Johnson and Galonsky. Energy calibrations are based on one or more of the following absolute standards: 7Li(p, n), 1880.7±0.4 keV; 11B(p, n) 3016.4±1.5; 19F(p, n), 4234.4±1.0 keV; and 19F(p, $\alpha\gamma$), 872.5±0.4, 934.1±0.9, 1346.6±1.1, and 1373.5±0.6 keV. Neutrons were detected in each experiment by several BF3 counters in 4π geometry. The yields near threshold have been interpreted in terms of the Hauser-Feshbach statistical theory of the compound nucleus, and in most cases there is good agreement with the predictions for the ground-state transitions. The targets and the corresponding negative Q values in keV for these groundstate transitions are as follows: 37Cl, 1596.9±2.5; 41K, 1209.7±1.5; 49Ti, 1383.6±1.0; 51V, 1533.7±1.8; 53Cr, 1380.4±1.6; 55Mn, 1014.4±0.8; 57Fe, 1619±2; 59Co, 1855.3±1.6; 61Ni, 3024±4; 65Cu, 2135.8±1.7; 67Zn, 1783.3±1.4; 68Zn, 3707±5; 69Ga, 3006±4; 70Zn, 1439±3; 71Ga, 1018±2; 74Ge, 3348±5; 75As, 1647.3±1.1; 80Se, 2653±3; 106Pd, 3754±13; 108Pd, 2670±100; and 112Cd, 3400±20. In addition, three thresholds were observed for which the comparison of the observed yield with the predictions indicates that the reactions proceed to the excited states in the residual nuclei. The three targets and the corresponding negative Q values in keV are as follows: 73Ge, 1189 \pm 15; 89Y, 4207 \pm 6; 93Nb, 2720 \pm 100. The fact that the 93Nb(p, n)93Mo threshold to the 1.48-MeV state was observed indicates that lower states in 93Mo have J < -5/2. For three other targets the yield curves showed some indication of a threshold; however, comparisons with the theory in these cases indicate that only the following upper limits can be set to -Q in keV; 48Ca(p, n)48Sc, <640; 82Se(p, n)82Br, <920; 93Nb(p, n)93Mo, <1290. A comparison with the theory indicates that the observed yield above 650 keV for 48Ca must be due to a transition to an excited state rather than the ground state of 48Sc.

Conclusions and perspectives

*We are very close to the auto-sustenance (less than 20W introduced and 71W produced = 91W)(t=260°C) => we want to evaluate the possibility to increase the produced power to more than 100W

**We have seen that the energy production can be obtained between 200°C and 400°C => we want to evaluate the best temperature interval inside that region

***We want to evaluate the effect of a magnetic field on the absorption and on the primer of the energy emission

****We have indication that the phenomenon takes place at the surface of the sample; we have seen in previous experiments a transmutation effect => we want to evaluate the residue by means of SEM-EDAX and SIMS technique

*****As already done in previous experiments, we want to investigate the decay of the samples extracted from the 4 cells (about 2 months) and the particle emissions by means of a Ge and Si detector and Wilson chamber

