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The process of heavy elements production under the intensive pulsed neutron fluxes with a density of up to 1025 neutrons/cm² is considered. The nature of neutron impulses can be both astrophysical and artificial origin. In astrophysical conditions, the formation of heavy nuclei occur at multiple neutron capturing process in rapid r-process [1], for example, at supernova explosions. In terrestrial conditions such processes are take places in nuclear/thermonuclear explosions [2]. The explosive process of artificial origin are differed from astrophysical ones by small duration time ($t < 10^{-6}$ s), that allows to split it into two phases: the neutron capturing process and the following β -decays of N-rich nuclei [3]. Such a process can be called “prompt rapid” or pr-process and solution of the equations for calculating the concentration $N_{A,Z}(t)$ of formed nuclei is greatly simplified. Using the previously developed mathematical kinetic model describing the formation of heavy elements in the pulsed nucleosynthesis [4], adapted to the description of nuclear explosions - the adiabatic binary model (ABM) [5], it became able to calculate the concentrations of transuranium nuclei produced in thermonuclear explosions made in the USA (“Mike”, “Par”, “Barbel”). The results of our calculations using ABM are compared with the experimental data in all mass number region $A = 239 - 257$. As a result our standard rms deviation for “Mike” experiment is $\delta E(\text{ABM}) = 91\%$ is better than the first calculations of Dorn [6] with $\delta E([6]) > 400\%$, or recent calculations [7] with $\delta E([7]) = 180\%$. For “Par” experiment we had obtained $\delta E(\text{ABM}) = 33\%$ and for Dorn and Hoff [8] $\delta E([8]) = 76\%$. For “Barbel” experiment $\delta E(\text{ABM}) = 33\%$ and compare to Bell [2] $\delta E([2]) = 54\%$. So it is possible to conclude that the authors ABM-model [5] allows to obtain better results in simulations of transuranium isotopes under conditions of nuclear explosions. The calculations include the processes of delayed fission (DF) and the emission of delayed neutrons (DN), which determine the “losing factor” – the total loss of isotope concentration in the isobaric chains. The DF and DN probabilities were calculated in the microscopic theory of finite Fermi systems. Thus, it was possible to describe the even-odd anomaly in the distribution of concentrations $N(A)$ in the mass number region $A = 251 - 257$. It is shown qualitatively also that the odd-even anomaly may be explained mainly by DF of very neutron-rich uranium isotopes. The work is supported by the Russian RFBR grant 16-02-00228 and RSF project 16-12-10161.

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