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Relations of isotope yields as an indicator of neutron fluxes in artificial rapid process

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The creation of heavy isotopes under extremal pulsed neutron fluences (of 10^{24} n/cm² units) of artificial nucleosynthesis is investigated by means of the dynamical model taking into account the temperature decrease at the matter expansion. The first time the creation of isotopes with neutron excess up to mass $A = 255$ was obtained and discovered in the Mike experiment [1]. An intensive (n, γ)-activation of the irradiated ²³⁸U target ensures the creation of neutron-rich isotopes up to ²⁵⁷Fm. The rapid process is the consistent multiple neutron capture in the target (manufactured from the ²³⁸U or more heavy/mixture isotopes as ²³²Th, ²³⁷Np, ²³⁸U, ²⁴²Pu, ²⁴³Am). Creation of transuranium isotopes were investigated during the Plowshare program and some next nuclear tests: Anacostia, Kennebec, Par, Barbel, Tweed, Cyclamen, Kankakee, Vulcan and Hutch [2-5]. In the realized model of the nucleosynthesis (realized during the short time exposition - $\sim 10^{-6}$ s) it were considered the sequential (n, γ)-neutron captures by mono isotope ²³⁸U target and binary (²³⁸U + ²³⁹Pu)-variant for case of ²³⁹Pu injection [6,7]. The model includes the temperature decrease during the adiabatic expansion with index $\gamma = 1.5$ at the initial temperature ~ 20 keV and linear velocity ~ 190 km/s. Here we simulated the isotope yields for Mike, Anacostia, Barbel, Par, Vulcan and Kankakee experiments. The obtained results indicated on the approximately linear dependence for relations of the isotope yields relative to the obtained neutron fluence [8]. In the work we considered the pairs of neighboring isotopes with atomic masses $A=245$ and 244 , $A=246$ and 245 , $A=247$ and 246 . The relation $246/245$ (i.e., yields with masses $A=246$ and 245) depending on the fluences is the most strong demonstrator of the linear dependence. The most strong confirmation of the roughly linear dependence was obtained for the pure ²³⁸U target.

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