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Partial Cross-Sections of  $^{140}$ Ce(n,2n) $^{139}$ Ce Reaction $^1$  C.T. AN-GELL, B. FALLIN, A. HUTCHESON, H.J. KARWOWSKI, J.H. KELLEY, A.P. TONCHEV, W. TORNOW, UNC Chapel Hill, NC State U., Duke U. and Triangle Universities Nuclear Laboratory — The excitation function for the  $^{140}$ Ce(n,2n) $^{139}$ Ce reaction has been studied in the TUNL Shielded Neutron Source area. A pulsed and quasi-monoenergetic neutron beam was produced via the D(d,n) reaction ( $\Delta$ E/E=3-5%) with energies of 12, 13.3, 14.5, and 16 MeV with a beam flux of  $\sim 10^4$  n/(s\*cm) $^2$ . The target consisted of a mixture of natural Ce and Fe. Two clover and two planar HPGe detectors were used to make in-beam measurements of the  $\gamma$ -ray cascade deexciting  $^{139}$ Ce. The partial cross sections were normalized to the 847 keV transition in  $^{56}$ Fe. Statistical model calculations using code EMPIRE will be compared with the present data as well as with the previously obtained [1] transition amplitudes for the  $^{140}$ Ce( $\gamma$ ,n) $^{139}$ Ce reaction.

[1] C.T. Angell et al. CGS 12. Notre Dame, IN, 2005, p. 363.

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