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Inelastic reaction of 14 MeV neutrons from ${}^7\text{Li}$ CHAD FORREST,
Laboratory for Laser Energetics — Results of measurements are reported for the double-differential cross section $\langle d^2\sigma/dE_n d\Omega_n \rangle_{0^\circ < \theta < 7.4^\circ}$ for the inelastic scattering and reaction of 14-MeV neutrons with ${}^7\text{Li}$. In the experiment, the bright neutron source ($L = 10^{24} \text{ s}^{-1}$) created by the OMEGA pulsed Laser System¹, in inertially confined DT thermonuclear fusion reactions was used to irradiate an isotropically separated ${}^7\text{Li}$ target. Absolute yields and energy spectra of scattered neutrons and reactions were detected with a sensitive high-dynamic-range neutron time-of-flight spectrometer. In a forward-angle geometry ($\theta = 0^\circ$ to 7.4°), the differential neutron cross section, measured for the neutron energy range $0.5 \text{ MeV} \leq E_n \leq 6 \text{ MeV}$, shows significant deviations from evaluated data in the nuclear database. This material is based upon work supported by the Department of Energy National Nuclear Security Administration under Award Number DE-NA0003856.

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