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A project of the fission data measurement for actinides (fragment mass distribution, cross sections and neutron multiplicities) using multi-nucleon transfer reactions is running at Japan Atomic Energy Agency (JAEA). Actinide targets such as ²³⁸U and ²³²Th were irradiated with ¹⁸O beam and fission induced by a nucleon transfer was observed. The experiment was performed at the tandem accelerator facility of Japan Atomic Energy Agency. A target of ²³²Th (~ 150 μ g/cm²) and ²³⁸U (~ 80 μ g/cm²) deposited on a 100- μ g/cm² thick nickel foil was bombarded with 157.7 MeV ¹⁸O beam. The scattered projectile-like nuclei were detected by a segmented Δ E-E silicon telescope located at the forward angle with respect to the beam. The thicknesses of Δ E and E detector are 75 μ m and 300 μ m, respectively. From the scattered particle, the compound nucleus was identified. Fission fragments by multi-nucleon transfer fission were detected in coincidence using four multi-wire proportional counters (MWPCs) located at 45 and 135 degree with a distance of 224 mm from the target. Around the reaction chamber, 12 liquid scintillators were placed to detect the fission neutrons. Mass split of each fission event was determined using the mass and momentum conservation. We obtained the mass distributions for ^{239,240}U, ^{239–242}Np and ^{241–243}Pu using the ²³⁸U target and for ^{232–234}Th, ^{233–236}Pa and ²³⁷U using the ²³²Th target. As well as the fission fragment mass distribution, fission cross sections by the surrogate ratio method and the fission neutron multiplicities will also be shown in the conference.