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First results of total and partial cross-section measurements of the 107Ag(p, γ)108Cd reaction

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The γ process is assumed to play an important role in the nucleosynthesis of the majority of the p nuclei. Since the network of the γ process includes so many different reactions and - mainly unstable - nuclei, cross-section values are predominantly calculated in the scope of the Hauser-Feshbach statistical model. The values heavily depend on the nuclear physics input-parameters. The results of total and partial cross-section measurements are used to improve the accuracy of the theoretical calculations. In order to extend the experimental database the 107Ag(p, γ)108Cd reaction was studied via the in-beam method at the high-efficiency HPGe γ -ray spectrometer HORUS at the University of Cologne. Proton beams with energies between 3.5 and 5.0 MeV were provided by the 10 MV FN-Tandem accelerator. First results on total and partial cross sections will be presented.

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