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# Measurement of the $^{10}\text{B}(d,\alpha_0)^8\text{Be}$ , $^{10}\text{B}(d,\alpha_1)^8\text{Be}^*$ , $^{10}\text{B}(d,p_2)^9\text{Be}^*$ , $^{11}\text{B}(d,\alpha_0)^9\text{Be}$ , and $^{11}\text{B}(d,\alpha_2)^9\text{Be}^*$ reactions cross-sections at the deuteron energies up to 2.2 MeV

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## ABSTRACT

The deuteron-boron fusion reaction produces many different charged particles. Data on the reactions cross-sections differ among different authors, so obtaining experimental data is still relevant. Measurements of the reactions cross-section were carried out at the accelerator-based neutron source VITA at Budker Institute of Nuclear Physics (Novosibirsk, Russia) using an  $\alpha$ -spectrometer. The  $^{10}\text{B}(d,\alpha_0)^8\text{Be}$ ,  $^{10}\text{B}(d,\alpha_1)^8\text{Be}^*$ ,  $^{10}\text{B}(d,p_2)^9\text{Be}^*$ ,  $^{11}\text{B}(d,\alpha_0)^9\text{Be}$ , and  $^{11}\text{B}(d,\alpha_2)^9\text{Be}^*$  reactions cross-sections at the deuteron energies up to 2.2 MeV have been measured. The obtained data are presented in tabular form.

## 1. Introduction

The interaction of the deuteron with boron leads to numerous reactions, some of which have been studied in detail [1–25], while others require some clarification. This article is devoted to the measurement of cross-sections of the following nuclear reactions:  $^{10}\text{B}(d,\alpha_0)^8\text{Be}$ ,  $^{10}\text{B}(d,\alpha_1)^8\text{Be}^*$ ,  $^{10}\text{B}(d,p_2)^9\text{Be}^*$ ,  $^{11}\text{B}(d,\alpha_0)^9\text{Be}$ ,  $^{11}\text{B}(d,\alpha_2)^9\text{Be}^*$ .

## 2. Experimental facility

We previously measured the  $^{11}\text{B}(p,\alpha_0)^8\text{Be}$  and the  $^{11}\text{B}(p,\alpha_1)^8\text{Be}^*$  reactions cross-sections and published the results of the study [26]. To carry out these studies, the same facility [27,28], the same boron target and the same equipment were used. The only thing that was changed was that a deuteron beam was used instead of a proton beam. The deuteron beam current irradiating the boron target was typically 1.2  $\mu\text{A}$  to 1.8  $\mu\text{A}$  (minimum 0.9  $\mu\text{A}$ , maximum 2.2  $\mu\text{A}$ ); its stability was at 0.4%. The facility, the boron target and the equipment, as well as methods for measuring boron thickness are described in detail in the published

article [26]. The deuteron beam parameters and methods for determining them are described in detail in the published article [29].

Below are the main characteristics that are important for understanding. The intensity and energy of charged particles (reaction products) were measured by the  $\alpha$ -spectrometer with silicon semiconductor detector PDPA-1K (Institute of Physical and Technical Problems, Dubna, Russia). Sensitive surface area of the detector is  $S = 20 \pm 1 \text{ mm}^2$ , energy resolution – 13 keV, energy equivalent of noise – 7 keV, capacity – 30 pF, entrance window thickness – 0.08  $\mu\text{m}$ , standard natural background in the range of 3–8 MeV – 0.15 imp/cm<sup>2</sup>h. The stopping foil was not utilized as the detector input. The measurements were carried out with two options for placing the  $\alpha$ -spectrometer: at the angle of 135° at the distance of  $R = 717 \pm 1 \text{ mm}$  from the place of generation of charged particles from boron, and at the angle of 168° at the distance of  $R = 707 \pm 1 \text{ mm}$ . The solid angles are  $\Omega_{\text{lab}} = S/R^2 = 3.89 \times 10^{-5} \text{ sr}$  at the angle of 135° and  $\Omega_{\text{lab}} = 4.00 \times 10^{-5} \text{ sr}$  at the angle of 168°, where  $S = 20 \pm 1 \text{ mm}^2$ . The accuracy of solid angle measurement is determined by the measurement error of the spectrometer detector area and is 5%. We consider the detection efficiency of  $\alpha$ -particles to be equal to 100%.

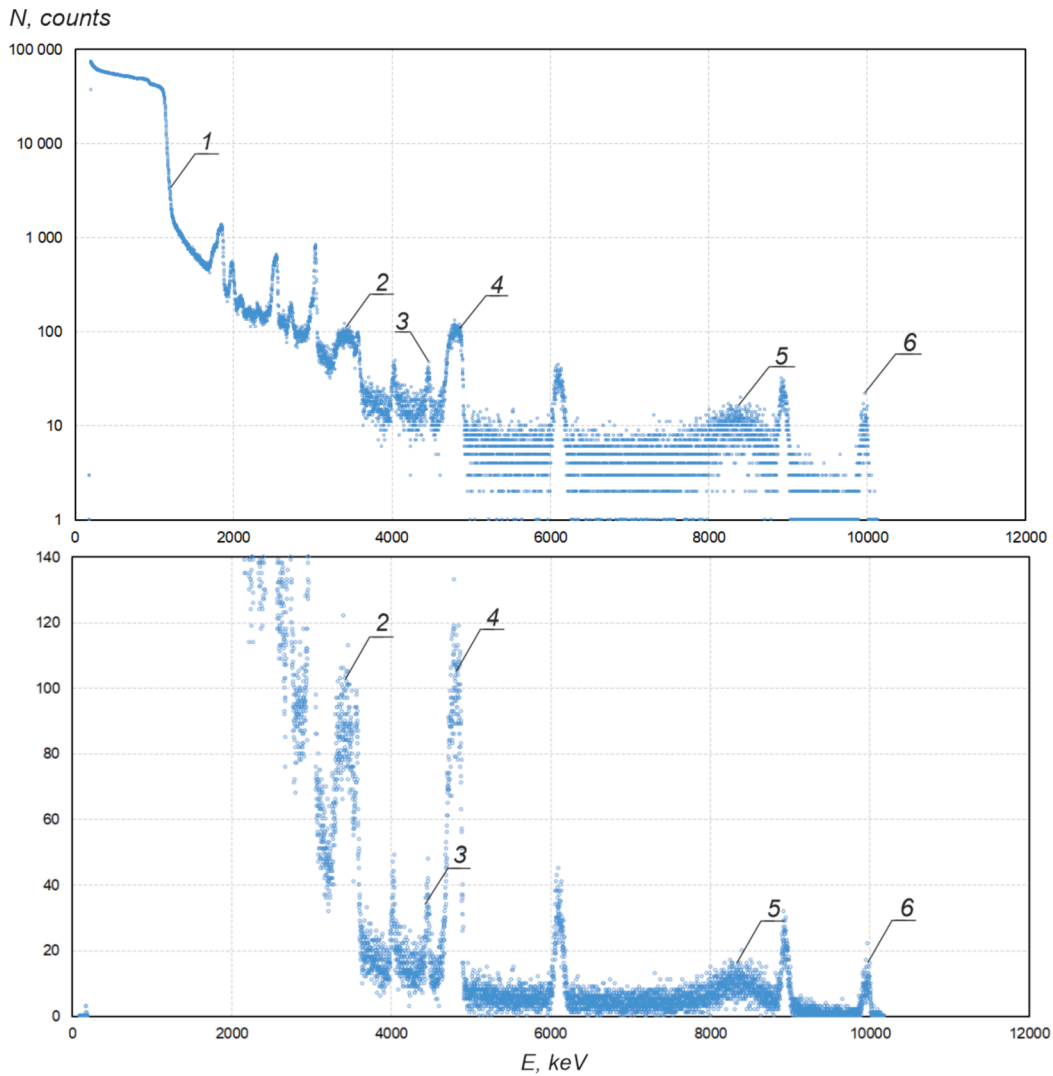
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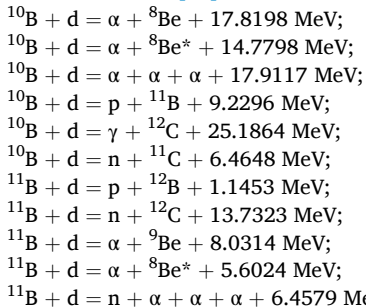


**Fig. 1.** The signal of the  $\alpha$ -spectrometer at 1.5 MeV deuteron beam and  $135^\circ$ : 1 – deuterons backscattered on copper substrate of target, 2 –  $^{11}\text{B}(d,\alpha_2)^9\text{Be}^*$  reaction  $\alpha$ -particles, 3 –  $^{10}\text{B}(d,p_2)^9\text{Be}^*$  reaction protons, 4 –  $^{11}\text{B}(d,\alpha_0)^9\text{Be}$  reaction  $\alpha$ -particles, 5 –  $^{10}\text{B}(d,\alpha_1)^8\text{Be}^*$  reaction  $\alpha$ -particles, 6 –  $^{10}\text{B}(d,\alpha_0)^8\text{Be}$  reaction  $\alpha$ -particles.

We will assume the boron layer thickness equal to  $(9.0 \pm 0.9) \times 10^{18}$  atoms/cm<sup>2</sup> ( $0.7 \pm 0.07$   $\mu\text{m}$  boron crystalline density). The content of  $^{11}\text{B}$  isotope is considered equal to 80.2 %.

### 3. Reactions

When a deuteron interacts with a boron nucleus, the following nuclear reactions occur [30]:



The reaction of interaction of a deuteron with boron-10 nucleus forming protons can occur either as a sequential decay via the ground state of  $^{11}\text{B}$ ,  $^{10}\text{B}(d,p_0)^{11}\text{B}$ , or via six excited state,  $^{10}\text{B}(d,p_{1-6})^{11}\text{B}^*$ . A typical spectrum from the  $\alpha$ -spectrometer is shown in Fig. 1.

The signal in channels below 1.2 MeV is due to deuterons backscattered from the copper substrate of boron target, including double events. Since the cross-sections of a number of reactions of boron-deuteron interactions are relatively low and therefore partially or completely overlap in the spectrum with the signal from elastically reflected deuterons, as well as with the signal from numerous reactions of the deuteron with nitrogen, in this article we focus on measuring the cross-sections of five reactions:  $^{10}\text{B}(d,\alpha_0)^8\text{Be}$ ,  $^{10}\text{B}(d,\alpha_1)^8\text{Be}^*$ ,  $^{10}\text{B}(d,p_2)^9\text{Be}^*$ ,  $^{11}\text{B}(d,\alpha_0)^9\text{Be}$ , and  $^{11}\text{B}(d,\alpha_2)^9\text{Be}^*$ . Unmarked peaks in Fig. 1 are caused by reactions of deuteron with oxygen ( $\sim 1.85, 2.5$  MeV), carbon ( $\sim 3.0$  MeV), nitrogen ( $\sim 1.8, 2, 2.1, 3.6, 4.1, 6.05, 8.9$  MeV), and boron ( $\sim 2.3, 2.7, 4.0, 6.05$  MeV).

### 4. Measuring reaction cross-sections

The cross-sections of the reactions  $^{10}\text{B}(d,\alpha_0)^8\text{Be}$ ,  $^{10}\text{B}(d,\alpha_1)^8\text{Be}^*$ ,  $^{10}\text{B}(d,p_2)^9\text{Be}^*$ ,  $^{11}\text{B}(d,\alpha_0)^9\text{Be}$ , and  $^{11}\text{B}(d,\alpha_2)^9\text{Be}^*$  was measured as follows. A thin layer of boron was irradiated with a deuteron beam, and the  $\alpha$ -spectrometer measured charged particles emitted at a certain solid angle. The differential cross-section of the reaction in the laboratory coordinates  $d\sigma/d\Omega$  was found from the formula:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{eY}{NknI\Phi\Omega_{\text{lab}}},$$

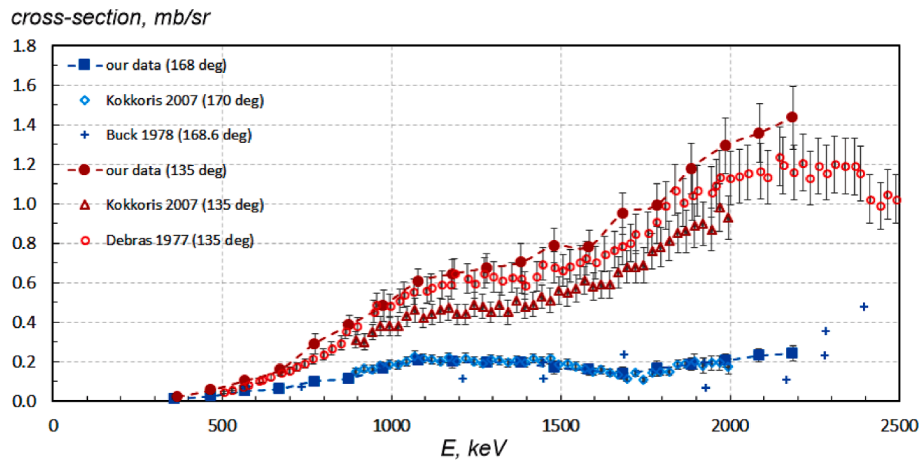
**Table 1**

Measured yield of charged particles  $Y$  of  $^{10}\text{B}(d,\alpha_0)^8\text{Be}$ ,  $^{10}\text{B}(d,\alpha_2)^8\text{Be}^*$ ,  $^{10}\text{B}(d,p_2)^9\text{Be}^*$ ,  $^{11}\text{B}(d,\alpha_0)^9\text{Be}$  and  $^{11}\text{B}(d,\alpha_2)^9\text{Be}^*$  reactions at  $135^\circ$  and  $168^\circ$ :  $E$  – the average energy of the deuteron interacting with boron atomic nuclei,  $\Delta E$  – the standard deviation of  $E$ ,  $T_{\text{total}}$  – the total measurement time,  $T_{\text{live}}$  – the live time measurement by  $\alpha$ -spectrometer,  $\Phi$  – the deuteron fluence.

| $E$ , keV   | $\Delta E$ , keV | $T_{\text{total}}$ , s | $T_{\text{live}}$ , s | $\Phi$ , mC | Y, counts                              |  |                                     |  |  |  |
|-------------|------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|--|--|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|
|             |                  |                        |                       |             | $^{10}\text{B}(d,\alpha_0)^8\text{Be}$ | $^{10}\text{B}(d,\alpha_1)^8\text{Be}^*$ | $^{10}\text{B}(d,p_2)^9\text{Be}^*$ | $^{11}\text{B}(d,\alpha_0)^9\text{Be}$ | $^{11}\text{B}(d,\alpha_2)^9\text{Be}^*$ |  |
| <b>135°</b> |                  |                        |                       |             |  |  |                                     |  |  |  |
| 369         | 41               | 3605                   | 3582                  | 1.47        | 34                                     | 179                                      | 57                                  | 287                                    | 292                                      |  |
| 467         | 35               | 3605                   | 3500                  | 2.22        | 36                                     | 759                                      | 240                                 | 1217                                   | 1282                                     |  |
| 567         | 33               | 4135                   | 3952                  | 2.15        | 234                                    | 1157                                     | 560                                 | 3035                                   | 2616                                     |  |
| 671         | 30               | 3608                   | 3453                  | 1.35        | 224                                    | 1090                                     | 437                                 | 3509                                   | 2693                                     |  |
| 773         | 28               | 3605                   | 3447                  | 1.19        | 362                                    | 1581                                     | 504                                 | 4934                                   | 3481                                     |  |
| 875         | 26               | 3637                   | 3462                  | 1.25        | 502                                    | 2114                                     | 796                                 | 7517                                   | 5138                                     |  |
| 977         | 24               | 4183                   | 4023                  | 1.08        | 543                                    | 2165                                     | 863                                 | 9141                                   | 7000                                     |  |
| 1078        | 23               | 3502                   | 3334                  | 1.12        | 702                                    | 2573                                     | 955                                 | 12,346                                 | 8117                                     |  |
| 1180        | 22               | 3541                   | 3367                  | 1.16        | 773                                    | 3183                                     | 955                                 | 13,738                                 | 9023                                     |  |
| 1282        | 20               | 3485                   | 3318                  | 1.12        | 779                                    | 3484                                     | 938                                 | 14,112                                 | 9854                                     |  |
| 1382        | 20               | 2788                   | 2656                  | 0.89        | 643                                    | 2792                                     | 541                                 | 11,662                                 | 9610                                     |  |
| 1481        | 19               | 3598                   | 3441                  | 1.05        | 847                                    | 4041                                     | 809                                 | 13,703                                 | 11,342                                   |  |
| 1583        | 18               | 3607                   | 3448                  | 1.08        | 862                                    | 4471                                     | 754                                 | 15,007                                 | 10,321                                   |  |
| 1684        | 17               | 3590                   | 3431                  | 1.09        | 1058                                   | 4425                                     | 839                                 | 16,586                                 | 9543                                     |  |
| 1784        | 17               | 3574                   | 3413                  | 1.11        | 1120                                   | 4645                                     | 1004                                | 20,323                                 | 11,162                                   |  |
| 1885        | 16               | 3576                   | 3407                  | 1.18        | 1408                                   | 5340                                     | 1022                                | 23,553                                 | 12,598                                   |  |
| 1987        | 15               | 3734                   | 3567                  | 1.18        | 1543                                   | 5592                                     | 1173                                | 21,937                                 | 11,749                                   |  |
| 2087        | 15               | 3721                   | 3562                  | 1.13        | 1546                                   | 5643                                     | 1148                                | 18,481                                 | 11,560                                   |  |
| 2185        | 15               | 3635                   | 3491                  | 1.03        | 1486                                   | 5718                                     | 1100                                | 15,802                                 | 9898                                     |  |
| <b>168°</b> |                  |                        |                       |             |  |  |                                     |  |  |  |
| 360         | 41               | 3611                   | 3603                  | 0.95        | 13                                     | 89                                       | 23                                  | 87                                     | 135                                      |  |
| 467         | 35               | 19,612                 | 19,293                | 7.06        | 220                                    | 1245                                     | 598                                 | 2237                                   | 3010                                     |  |
| 567         | 33               | 21,880                 | 21,211                | 9.38        | 592                                    | 2905                                     | 1605                                | 7663                                   | 9130                                     |  |
| 670         | 30               | 7225                   | 7005                  | 2.63        | 208                                    | 1322                                     | 578                                 | 4409                                   | 4156                                     |  |
| 772         | 28               | 3607                   | 3476                  | 1.32        | 166                                    | 876                                      | 411                                 | 3701                                   | 3106                                     |  |
| 874         | 26               | 3608                   | 3444                  | 1.64        | 236                                    | 1181                                     | 658                                 | 6905                                   | 4956                                     |  |
| 977         | 24               | 3608                   | 3456                  | 1.62        | 334                                    | 1378                                     | 895                                 | 9862                                   | 6108                                     |  |
| 1078        | 23               | 3607                   | 3487                  | 1.28        | 329                                    | 1233                                     | 819                                 | 10,372                                 | 7390                                     |  |
| 1180        | 22               | 3607                   | 3492                  | 1.22        | 300                                    | 1290                                     | 1045                                | 12,251                                 | 7979                                     |  |
| 1282        | 20               | 3608                   | 3487                  | 1.31        | 317                                    | 1736                                     | 1115                                | 14,765                                 | 9406                                     |  |
| 1383        | 20               | 3609                   | 3494                  | 1.26        | 297                                    | 2327                                     | 923                                 | 14,908                                 | 10,055                                   |  |
| 1481        | 19               | 3608                   | 3486                  | 1.38        | 286                                    | 2639                                     | 1140                                | 16,950                                 | 10,983                                   |  |
| 1583        | 18               | 3611                   | 3497                  | 1.28        | 245                                    | 2695                                     | 1021                                | 17,448                                 | 9338                                     |  |
| 1683        | 17               | 3634                   | 3476                  | 1.86        | 317                                    | 4168                                     | 1859                                | 26,704                                 | 13,170                                   |  |
| 1784        | 17               | 3725                   | 3569                  | 1.85        | 368                                    | 4455                                     | 1837                                | 30,924                                 | 14,829                                   |  |
| 1885        | 16               | 3610                   | 3471                  | 1.66        | 372                                    | 4276                                     | 1696                                | 30,753                                 | 13,105                                   |  |
| 1987        | 15               | 3607                   | 3456                  | 1.85        | 451                                    | 5710                                     | 2151                                | 25,524                                 | 15,046                                   |  |
| 2085        | 15               | 3598                   | 3454                  | 1.81        | 496                                    | 5726                                     | 2155                                | 22,474                                 | 17,932                                   |  |
| 2185        | 15               | 3603                   | 3481                  | 1.52        | 436                                    | 5467                                     | 1899                                | 15,248                                 | 12,676                                   |  |

where  $e$  – the elementary charge,  $Y$  – the experimental yield of charged particles (integrated peak counts),  $N$  – the number of measured charged particles in the reaction,  $k$  – the efficiency of registration of charged particles by the spectrometer ( $k = 1$ ),  $nl$  – the linear density of B nuclei

( $nl = 7.2 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-2}$  for  $^{11}\text{B}$  nuclei with the accuracy of 10 %),  $\Phi$  – the deuteron fluence (accuracy of 1 %),  $\Omega_{\text{lab}}$  – the solid angle ( $\Omega_{\text{lab}} = 3.89 \times 10^{-5} \text{ sr}$  at the angle of  $135^\circ$ ;  $\Omega_{\text{lab}} = 4.00 \times 10^{-5} \text{ sr}$  at the angle of  $168^\circ$  with the accuracy of 5 %).



**Fig. 2.** The measured differential cross-section of the  $^{10}\text{B}(d,\alpha_0)^8\text{Be}$  reaction. Differential cross-sections are in the center-of-mass system.

**Table 2**

The differential cross-section of the  $^{10}\text{B}(\text{d},\alpha_0)^8\text{Be}$  reaction (in the center-of-mass system) at  $135^\circ$ :  $E$  – the deuteron energy,  $\Delta E$  – the standard deviation of  $E$ ,  $\sigma$  – the cross-section,  $\Delta\sigma$  – the statistical variance of  $\sigma$ .

| $E$ , keV | $\Delta E$ , keV | $\sigma$ , mb/sr | $\Delta\sigma$ , mb/sr |
|-----------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| 369       | 41               | 0.021            | 0.003                  |
| 467       | 35               | 0.055            | 0.009                  |
| 567       | 33               | 0.10             | 0.01                   |
| 671       | 30               | 0.16             | 0.03                   |
| 773       | 28               | 0.29             | 0.05                   |
| 875       | 26               | 0.38             | 0.05                   |
| 977       | 24               | 0.48             | 0.08                   |
| 1078      | 23               | 0.60             | 0.07                   |
| 1180      | 22               | 0.64             | 0.07                   |
| 1282      | 20               | 0.67             | 0.07                   |
| 1382      | 20               | 0.70             | 0.09                   |
| 1481      | 19               | 0.79             | 0.09                   |
| 1583      | 18               | 0.78             | 0.09                   |
| 1684      | 17               | 0.95             | 0.10                   |
| 1784      | 17               | 0.99             | 0.11                   |
| 1885      | 16               | 1.18             | 0.13                   |
| 1987      | 15               | 1.30             | 0.14                   |
| 2087      | 15               | 1.36             | 0.15                   |
| 2185      | 15               | 1.44             | 0.16                   |

**Table 3**

The differential cross-section of the  $^{10}\text{B}(\text{d},\alpha_0)^8\text{Be}$  reaction (in the center-of-mass system) at  $168^\circ$ :  $E$  – the deuteron energy,  $\Delta E$  – the standard deviation of  $E$ ,  $\sigma$  – the cross-section,  $\Delta\sigma$  – the statistical variance of  $\sigma$ .

| $E$ , keV | $\Delta E$ , keV | $\sigma$ , mb/sr | $\Delta\sigma$ , mb/sr |
|-----------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| 360       | 41               | 0.010            | 0.004                  |
| 467       | 35               | 0.024            | 0.003                  |
| 567       | 33               | 0.050            | 0.005                  |
| 670       | 30               | 0.063            | 0.008                  |
| 772       | 28               | 0.10             | 0.01                   |
| 874       | 26               | 0.12             | 0.02                   |
| 977       | 24               | 0.17             | 0.02                   |
| 1078      | 23               | 0.21             | 0.03                   |
| 1180      | 22               | 0.20             | 0.03                   |
| 1282      | 20               | 0.20             | 0.03                   |
| 1383      | 20               | 0.19             | 0.02                   |
| 1481      | 19               | 0.17             | 0.03                   |
| 1583      | 18               | 0.16             | 0.03                   |
| 1683      | 17               | 0.14             | 0.03                   |
| 1784      | 17               | 0.17             | 0.04                   |
| 1885      | 16               | 0.19             | 0.03                   |
| 1987      | 15               | 0.21             | 0.03                   |
| 2085      | 15               | 0.23             | 0.03                   |
| 2185      | 15               | 0.24             | 0.04                   |

The relationship of the differential cross-section in the center of mass system  $d\sigma_{\text{c.m.}}/d\Omega_{\text{c.m.}}$  and in the laboratory coordinates  $d\sigma/d\Omega$  is given by the formula [31]:

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{c.m.}}}{d\Omega_{\text{c.m.}}} = \frac{|1 + \beta\cos\theta|}{(1 + \beta^2 + 2\beta\cos\theta)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega},$$

where  $\beta = \sqrt{\frac{m_d M}{M_B M} \cdot \frac{T_M}{T_M + Q}}$  and  $T_M = E_d \frac{M}{(m_d + M)}$ ,  $M, M \sim$  the masses of decay particles,  $m_d$  – the deuteron mass,  $M_B$  – the mass of the target particle, in this case mass of B nuclei,  $\theta$  – the particle detection angle in the laboratory coordinates, in this case  $135^\circ$  or  $168^\circ$ ,  $Q$  – the reaction energy yield,  $E_d$  – the kinetic energy of incident deuteron. For convenience we introduce the coefficient connecting the coordinate systems  $G$ :

$$G = \frac{|1 + \beta\cos\theta|}{(1 + \beta^2 + 2\beta\cos\theta)^{\frac{3}{2}}}.$$

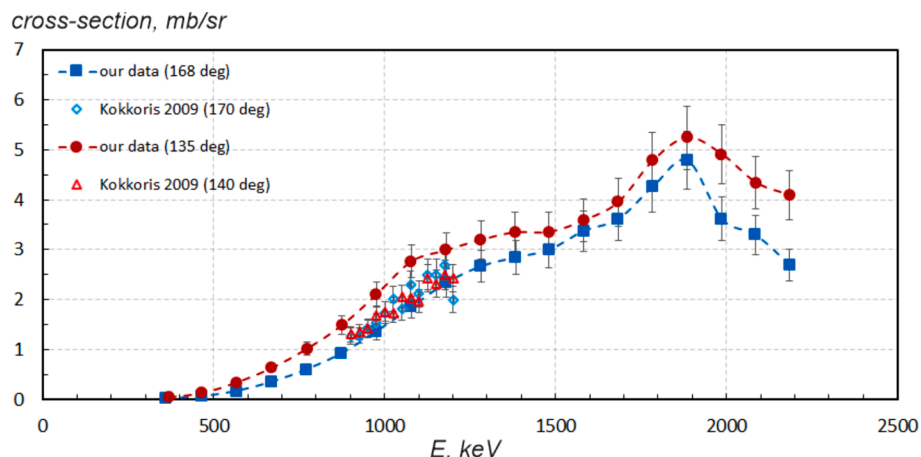
The measured yield of  $\alpha$ -particles  $Y$  of  $^{10}\text{B}(\text{d},\alpha_0)^8\text{Be}$ ,  $^{10}\text{B}(\text{d},\alpha_1)^8\text{Be}^*$ ,  $^{10}\text{B}(\text{d},p_2)^9\text{Be}^*$ ,  $^{11}\text{B}(\text{d},\alpha_0)^9\text{Be}$ , and  $^{11}\text{B}(\text{d},\alpha_2)^9\text{Be}^*$  reactions at  $135^\circ$  and  $168^\circ$  are presented in Table 1.

The measurements were carried out in 100 keV deuteron beam energy steps. The measured energy of the deuteron beam differed from the set energy by no more than 2 keV; energy stability was 1–2 keV. When the deuteron passes through the boron layer, the deuteron loses energy from 15 keV at the energy of 2.2 MeV to 41 keV at the energy of 0.4 MeV (taking into account the presence of nitrogen in the boron layer). Table 1 gives exactly this deuteron energy, namely the average energy in the boron layer, not the energy of the incident deuteron at the boron surface.

## 5. $^{10}\text{B}(\text{d},\alpha_0)^8\text{Be}$ reaction

The data obtained make it possible to determine the differential cross-section of the  $^{10}\text{B}(\text{d},\alpha_0)^8\text{Be}$  reaction; it is given in Fig. 2 and in Tables 2 and 3. The accuracy of cross-section measurement is determined by the accuracy of boron thickness determination (10 %), the accuracy of deuteron fluence determination (1 %), the accuracy of solid angle determination (5 %), and statistical uncertainty (9–34 %); in total it is 11–34 %.

The differential cross-section we obtained almost perfectly coincides with the data given in [2] at the angle  $168^\circ$  and expands the energy range. Our measured data at the angle of  $168^\circ$  agrees well with the data given in [4] and slightly exceeds the data given in [2]. It is noticeable that the reaction proceeds non-isotropically.



**Fig. 3.** The measured differential cross-section of the  $^{10}\text{B}(\text{d},\alpha_0)$ . Differential cross-sections are in the center-of-mass system.

**Table 4**

The differential cross-section of the  $^{11}\text{B}(d,\alpha_0)^9\text{Be}$  reaction (in the center-of-mass system) at  $135^\circ$ :  $E$  – the deuteron energy,  $\Delta E$  – the standard deviation of  $E$ ,  $\sigma$  – the cross-section,  $\Delta\sigma$  – the statistical variance of  $\sigma$ .

| $E$ , keV | $\Delta E$ , keV | $\sigma$ , mb/sr | $\Delta\sigma$ , mb/sr |
|-----------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| 369       | 41               | 0.05             | 0.02                   |
| 467       | 35               | 0.13             | 0.02                   |
| 567       | 33               | 0.34             | 0.04                   |
| 671       | 30               | 0.63             | 0.08                   |
| 773       | 28               | 1.0              | 0.1                    |
| 875       | 26               | 1.5              | 0.2                    |
| 977       | 24               | 2.1              | 0.3                    |
| 1078      | 23               | 2.8              | 0.3                    |
| 1180      | 22               | 3.0              | 0.4                    |
| 1282      | 20               | 3.2              | 0.4                    |
| 1382      | 20               | 3.3              | 0.4                    |
| 1481      | 19               | 3.4              | 0.4                    |
| 1583      | 18               | 3.6              | 0.4                    |
| 1684      | 17               | 4.0              | 0.5                    |
| 1784      | 17               | 4.8              | 0.6                    |
| 1885      | 16               | 5.2              | 0.6                    |
| 1987      | 15               | 4.9              | 0.6                    |
| 2087      | 15               | 4.3              | 0.5                    |
| 2185      | 15               | 4.1              | 0.5                    |

**Table 5**

The differential cross-section of the  $^{11}\text{B}(d,\alpha_0)^9\text{Be}$  (in the center-of-mass system reaction) at  $168^\circ$ :  $E$  – the deuteron energy,  $\Delta E$  – the standard deviation of  $E$ ,  $\sigma$  – the cross-section,  $\Delta\sigma$  – the statistical variance of  $\sigma$ .

| $E$ , keV | $\Delta E$ , keV | $\sigma$ , mb/sr | $\Delta\sigma$ , mb/sr |
|-----------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| 360       | 41               | 0.018            | 0.011                  |
| 467       | 35               | 0.064            | 0.008                  |
| 567       | 33               | 0.17             | 0.02                   |
| 670       | 30               | 0.35             | 0.04                   |
| 772       | 28               | 0.60             | 0.07                   |
| 874       | 26               | 0.9              | 0.1                    |
| 977       | 24               | 1.4              | 0.2                    |
| 1078      | 23               | 1.9              | 0.2                    |
| 1180      | 22               | 2.3              | 0.3                    |
| 1282      | 20               | 2.7              | 0.3                    |
| 1383      | 20               | 2.8              | 0.3                    |
| 1481      | 19               | 3.0              | 0.4                    |
| 1583      | 18               | 3.4              | 0.4                    |
| 1683      | 17               | 3.6              | 0.4                    |
| 1784      | 17               | 4.3              | 0.5                    |
| 1885      | 16               | 4.8              | 0.6                    |
| 1987      | 15               | 3.6              | 0.4                    |
| 2085      | 15               | 3.3              | 0.4                    |
| 2185      | 15               | 2.7              | 0.3                    |

**Table 6**

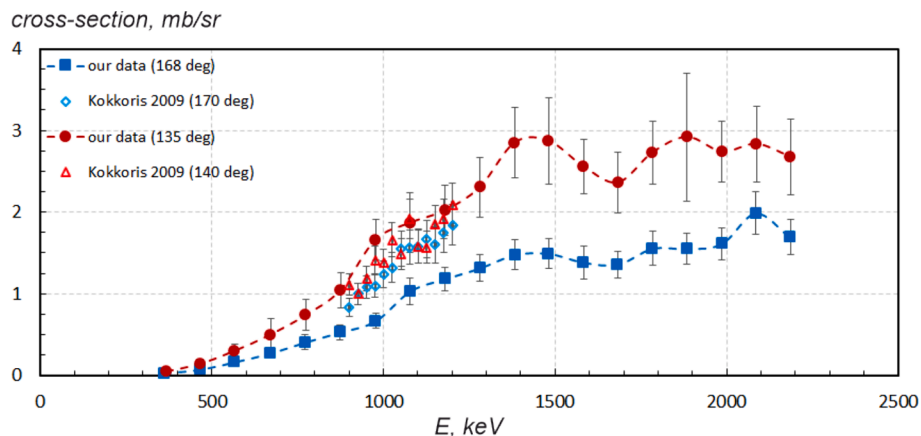
The differential cross-section of the  $^{11}\text{B}(d,\alpha_2)^9\text{Be}^*$  reaction (in the center-of-mass system) at  $135^\circ$ :  $E$  – the deuteron energy,  $\Delta E$  – the standard deviation of  $E$ ,  $\sigma$  – the cross-section,  $\Delta\sigma$  – the statistical variance of  $\sigma$ .

| $E$ , keV | $\Delta E$ , keV | $\sigma$ , mb/sr | $\Delta\sigma$ , mb/sr |
|-----------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| 369       | 41               | 0.05             | 0.02                   |
| 467       | 35               | 0.14             | 0.06                   |
| 567       | 33               | 0.30             | 0.08                   |
| 671       | 30               | 0.5              | 0.2                    |
| 773       | 28               | 0.7              | 0.2                    |
| 875       | 26               | 1.0              | 0.2                    |
| 977       | 24               | 1.7              | 0.2                    |
| 1078      | 23               | 1.9              | 0.4                    |
| 1180      | 22               | 2.0              | 0.3                    |
| 1282      | 20               | 2.3              | 0.4                    |
| 1382      | 20               | 2.8              | 0.4                    |
| 1481      | 19               | 2.9              | 0.5                    |
| 1583      | 18               | 2.6              | 0.3                    |
| 1684      | 17               | 2.4              | 0.4                    |
| 1784      | 17               | 2.7              | 0.4                    |
| 1885      | 16               | 2.9              | 0.8                    |
| 1987      | 15               | 2.7              | 0.4                    |
| 2087      | 15               | 2.8              | 0.5                    |
| 2185      | 15               | 2.7              | 0.5                    |

**Table 7**

The differential cross-section of the  $^{11}\text{B}(d,\alpha_2)^9\text{Be}^*$  reaction (in the center-of-mass system) at  $168^\circ$ :  $E$  – the deuteron energy,  $\Delta E$  – the standard deviation of  $E$ ,  $\sigma$  – the cross-section,  $\Delta\sigma$  – the statistical variance of  $\sigma$ .

| $E$ , keV | $\Delta E$ , keV | $\sigma$ , mb/sr | $\Delta\sigma$ , mb/sr |
|-----------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| 360       | 41               | 0.023            | 0.009                  |
| 467       | 35               | 0.07             | 0.01                   |
| 567       | 33               | 0.16             | 0.02                   |
| 670       | 30               | 0.27             | 0.05                   |
| 772       | 28               | 0.40             | 0.09                   |
| 874       | 26               | 0.53             | 0.09                   |
| 977       | 24               | 0.66             | 0.09                   |
| 1078      | 23               | 1.0              | 0.2                    |
| 1180      | 22               | 1.2              | 0.2                    |
| 1282      | 20               | 1.3              | 0.2                    |
| 1383      | 20               | 1.5              | 0.2                    |
| 1481      | 19               | 1.5              | 0.2                    |
| 1583      | 18               | 1.4              | 0.2                    |
| 1683      | 17               | 1.4              | 0.2                    |
| 1784      | 17               | 1.6              | 0.2                    |
| 1885      | 16               | 1.6              | 0.2                    |
| 1987      | 15               | 1.6              | 0.2                    |
| 2085      | 15               | 2.0              | 0.3                    |
| 2185      | 15               | 1.7              | 0.2                    |



**Fig. 4.** The measured differential cross-section of the  $^{11}\text{B}(d,\alpha_2)^9\text{Be}^*$ . Differential cross-sections are in the center-of-mass system.

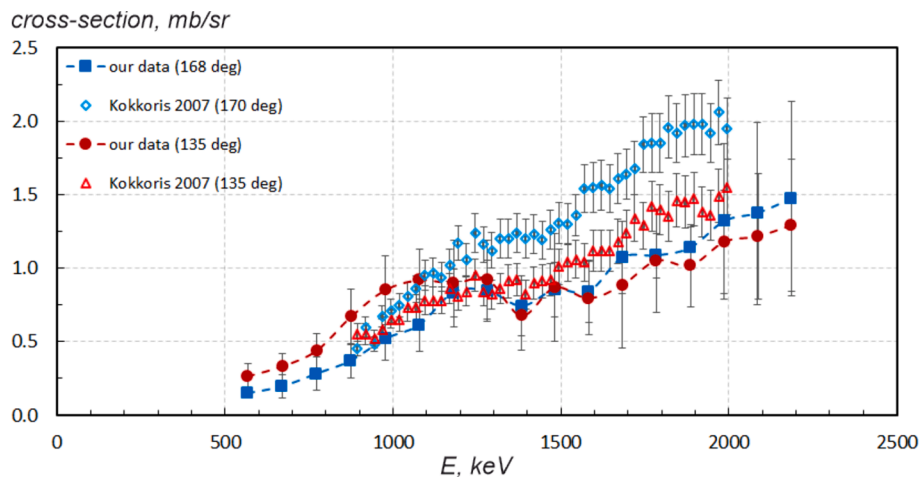


Fig. 5. The measured differential cross-section of the  $^{10}\text{B}(d,p_2)^{11}\text{B}^*$  reaction (in the center-of-mass system).

Table 8

The differential cross-section of the  $^{10}\text{B}(d,p_2)^{11}\text{B}^*$  reaction (in the center-of-mass system) at  $135^\circ$ :  $E$  – the deuteron energy,  $\Delta E$  – the standard deviation of  $E$ ,  $\sigma$  – the cross-section,  $\Delta\sigma$  – the statistical variance of  $\sigma$ .

| $E$ , keV | $\Delta E$ , keV | $\sigma$ , mb/sr | $\Delta\sigma$ , mb/sr |
|-----------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| 567       | 33               | 0.26             | 0.08                   |
| 671       | 30               | 0.33             | 0.09                   |
| 773       | 28               | 0.4              | 0.1                    |
| 875       | 26               | 0.7              | 0.2                    |
| 977       | 24               | 0.9              | 0.2                    |
| 1078      | 23               | 0.9              | 0.2                    |
| 1180      | 22               | 0.9              | 0.3                    |
| 1282      | 20               | 0.9              | 0.3                    |
| 1382      | 20               | 0.7              | 0.2                    |
| 1481      | 19               | 0.9              | 0.4                    |
| 1583      | 18               | 0.8              | 0.3                    |
| 1684      | 17               | 0.9              | 0.4                    |
| 1784      | 17               | 1.1              | 0.4                    |
| 1885      | 16               | 1.0              | 0.3                    |
| 1987      | 15               | 1.2              | 0.4                    |
| 2087      | 15               | 1.2              | 0.4                    |
| 2185      | 15               | 1.3              | 0.5                    |

Table 9

The differential cross-section of the  $^{10}\text{B}(d,p_2)^{11}\text{B}^*$  reaction (in the center-of-mass system) at  $168^\circ$ :  $E$  – the deuteron energy,  $\Delta E$  – the standard deviation of  $E$ ,  $\sigma$  – the cross-section,  $\Delta\sigma$  – the statistical variance of  $\sigma$ .

| $E$ , keV | $\Delta E$ , keV | $\sigma$ , mb/sr | $\Delta\sigma$ , mb/sr |
|-----------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| 567       | 33               | 0.15             | 0.02                   |
| 670       | 30               | 0.19             | 0.08                   |
| 772       | 28               | 0.9              | 0.1                    |
| 874       | 26               | 0.4              | 0.1                    |
| 977       | 24               | 0.5              | 0.2                    |
| 1078      | 23               | 0.6              | 0.2                    |
| 1180      | 22               | 0.8              | 0.2                    |
| 1282      | 20               | 0.8              | 0.2                    |
| 1383      | 20               | 0.7              | 0.2                    |
| 1481      | 19               | 0.9              | 0.2                    |
| 1583      | 18               | 0.8              | 0.2                    |
| 1683      | 17               | 1.1              | 0.3                    |
| 1784      | 17               | 1.1              | 0.2                    |
| 1885      | 16               | 1.1              | 0.1                    |
| 1987      | 15               | 1.3              | 0.5                    |
| 2085      | 15               | 1.4              | 0.6                    |
| 2185      | 15               | 1.5              | 0.7                    |

## 6. $^{11}\text{B}(d,\alpha_0)^9\text{Be}$ reaction

The data obtained make it possible to determine the differential cross-section of the  $^{11}\text{B}(p,\alpha_0)^9\text{Be}$  reaction; it is given in Fig. 3 and in Tables 4 and 5. The accuracy of cross-section measurement is determined by the accuracy of boron thickness determination (10 %), the accuracy of deuteron fluence determination (1 %), the accuracy of solid angle determination (5 %), the accuracy in counting the number of events at energies above 1.4 MeV (3 %), and statistical uncertainty (2–32 %); in total it is 12–32 %.

The differential cross-section we measured is consistent with the data given in the article [19] in the energy range of 900 – 1200 keV, and provide data for deuteron energies below 900 keV and above 1200 keV for the first time.

## 7. $^{11}\text{B}(d,\alpha_2)^9\text{Be}^*$

The data obtained make it possible to determine the differential cross-section of the  $^{11}\text{B}(d,\alpha_2)^9\text{Be}^*$  reaction; it is given in Fig. 4 and in Tables 6 and 7. The accuracy of cross-section measurement is determined by the accuracy of boron thickness determination (10 %), the accuracy of deuteron fluence determination (1 %), the accuracy of solid angle determination (5 %), the accuracy in counting the number of events at energies above 1.4 MeV (3 %), and statistical uncertainty

(8–40 %); in total it is 12–40 %.

The differential cross-section we measured is consistent with the data given in the article [19] at the angle  $135^\circ$  in the energy range of 900–1200 keV. Our measured data at the angle of  $168^\circ$  is below the data given in [19]. Our measured data provide data for deuteron energies below 900 keV and above 1200 keV for the first time.

## 8. $^{10}\text{B}(d,p_2)^{11}\text{B}^*$

The data obtained make it possible to determine the differential cross-section of the  $^{10}\text{B}(d,p_2)^{11}\text{B}^*$  reaction; it is given in Fig. 5 and in Tables 8 and 9. The accuracy of cross-section measurement is determined by the accuracy of boron thickness determination (10 %), the accuracy of deuteron fluence determination (1 %), the accuracy of solid angle determination (5 %), the accuracy in counting the number of events at energies above 1.4 MeV (3 %), and statistical uncertainty (13–48 %); in total it is 13–48 %.

The differential cross-section we measured is consistent with the data given in the article [2] with the exception of the angle of  $168^\circ$  degrees at energies above 1400 keV – in this region our data is slightly lower. Due to the complex composition of the spectrum, there are large uncertainties in the results.



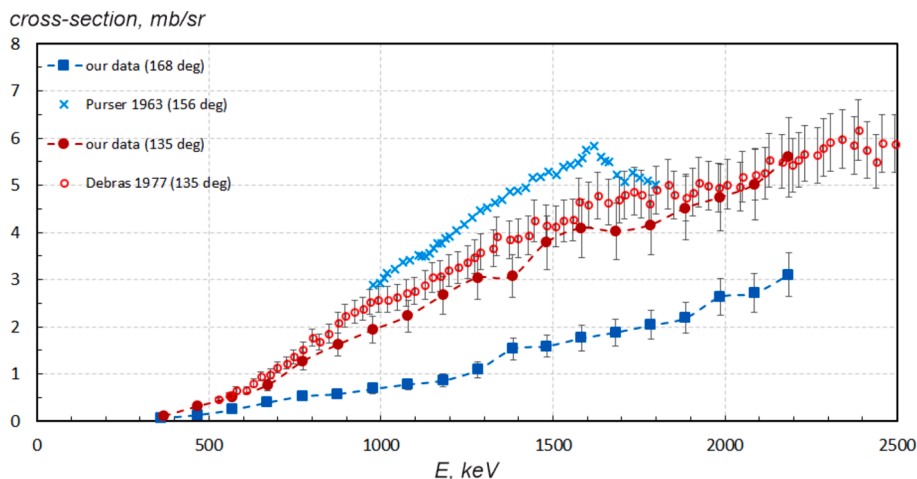


Fig. 6. The measured differential cross-section of the  $^{10}\text{B}(d,\alpha_1)^8\text{Be}^*$  reaction (in the center-of-mass system).

Table 10

The differential cross-section of the  $^{10}\text{B}(d,\alpha_1)^8\text{Be}^*$  reaction (in the center-of-mass system) at  $135^\circ$ :  $E$  – the deuteron energy,  $\Delta E$  – the standard deviation of  $E$ ,  $\sigma$  – the cross-section,  $\Delta\sigma$  – the statistical variance of  $\sigma$ .

| $E$ , keV | $\Delta E$ , keV | $\sigma$ , mb/sr | $\Delta\sigma$ , mb/sr |
|-----------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| 369       | 41               | 0.11             | 0.02                   |
| 467       | 35               | 0.32             | 0.05                   |
| 567       | 33               | 0.51             | 0.08                   |
| 671       | 30               | 0.8              | 0.1                    |
| 773       | 28               | 1.3              | 0.2                    |
| 875       | 26               | 1.6              | 0.2                    |
| 977       | 24               | 1.9              | 0.3                    |
| 1078      | 23               | 2.2              | 0.3                    |
| 1180      | 22               | 2.7              | 0.4                    |
| 1282      | 20               | 3.0              | 0.5                    |
| 1382      | 20               | 3.1              | 0.5                    |
| 1481      | 19               | 3.8              | 0.6                    |
| 1583      | 18               | 4.1              | 0.6                    |
| 1684      | 17               | 4.0              | 0.6                    |
| 1784      | 17               | 4.2              | 0.6                    |
| 1885      | 16               | 4.5              | 0.7                    |
| 1987      | 15               | 4.7              | 0.7                    |
| 2087      | 15               | 5.0              | 0.8                    |
| 2185      | 15               | 5.6              | 0.8                    |

Table 11

The differential cross-section of the  $^{10}\text{B}(d,\alpha_1)^8\text{Be}^*$  reaction (in the center-of-mass system) at  $168^\circ$ :  $E$  – the deuteron energy,  $\Delta E$  – the standard deviation of  $E$ ,  $\sigma$  – the cross-section,  $\Delta\sigma$  – the statistical variance of  $\sigma$ .

| $E$ , keV | $\Delta E$ , keV | $\sigma$ , mb/sr | $\Delta\sigma$ , mb/sr |
|-----------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| 360       | 41               | 0.07             | 0.01                   |
| 467       | 35               | 0.14             | 0.02                   |
| 567       | 33               | 0.25             | 0.04                   |
| 670       | 30               | 0.40             | 0.06                   |
| 772       | 28               | 0.53             | 0.08                   |
| 874       | 26               | 0.58             | 0.09                   |
| 977       | 24               | 0.7              | 0.1                    |
| 1078      | 23               | 0.8              | 0.1                    |
| 1180      | 22               | 0.9              | 0.1                    |
| 1282      | 20               | 1.1              | 0.2                    |
| 1383      | 20               | 1.5              | 0.2                    |
| 1481      | 19               | 1.6              | 0.2                    |
| 1583      | 18               | 1.8              | 0.3                    |
| 1683      | 17               | 1.9              | 0.3                    |
| 1784      | 17               | 2.0              | 0.3                    |
| 1885      | 16               | 2.2              | 0.3                    |
| 1987      | 15               | 2.6              | 0.4                    |
| 2085      | 15               | 2.7              | 0.4                    |
| 2185      | 15               | 3.1              | 0.5                    |

## 9. $^{10}\text{B}(d,\alpha_1)^8\text{Be}^*$

The data obtained make it possible to determine the differential cross-section of the  $^{10}\text{B}(d,\alpha_1)^8\text{Be}^*$  reaction; it is given in Fig. 6 and in Tables 10 and 11. The accuracy of cross-section measurement is determined by the accuracy of boron thickness determination (10 %), the accuracy of deuteron fluence determination (1 %), the accuracy of solid angle determination (5 %), the accuracy in counting the number of events at energies above 1.4 MeV (3 %), and statistical uncertainty (5–15 %); in total it is 15 %.

The differential cross-section we measured is consistent with the data given in articles [4] at the angle  $135^\circ$  and several times lower than the data given in articles [8] at the angle  $168^\circ$ . We assume, based on the obtained data, that this cross-section is characterized by non-isotropy.

## 10. Conclusion

The deuteron-boron fusion reaction produces many different charged particles. Data on the reactions cross-sections differ among different authors. We measured the energy spectrum of the reaction products of the deuteron boron interaction at deuteron energies up to 2.2 MeV for two angles of  $135^\circ$  and  $168^\circ$ . The obtained data allowed us to determine the differential cross-sections of the  $^{10}\text{B}(d,\alpha_0)^8\text{Be}$ ,  $^{10}\text{B}(d,\alpha_1)^8\text{Be}^*$ ,  $^{10}\text{B}(d,p_2)^9\text{Be}^*$ ,  $^{11}\text{B}(d,\alpha_0)^9\text{Be}$ ,  $^{11}\text{B}(d,\alpha_2)^9\text{Be}^*$  reactions.

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