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Sixteen neutron activation cross sections for (n,2n), (n,p), (n,n'p) and (n, $\alpha$ ) reactions producing short-lived nuclei with half-lives between 20 s and 7 min have been measured in the energy range of 13.4 to 14.9 MeV for F, Mg, Si, Ti, Cr, Ni, Ga, Rb, Sr and Ag.

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Keywords: Activation, Cross Section, 14 MeV Neutron, Short-lived Nucleus, Half-life, Measurement, Ge Detector

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14MeV 中性子による短寿命核生成断面積の測定  
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半減期が20秒から7分程度の短寿命核生成断面積の測定を、中性子エネルギー13.4から14.9 MeVの範囲にわたり、F, Mg, Si, Ti, Cr, Ni, Ga, Rb, Sr, Agに対し (n, 2n), (n, p), (n, n'p), (n,  $\alpha$ ) 反応, 16断面積を測定した。

14 MeVまたは熱中性子照射で生成される短寿命核の半減期の測定を、 $^{51}\text{Ti}$ ,  $^{60\text{m}}\text{Co}$ ,  $^{88}\text{Rb}$ ,  $^{91\text{m}}\text{Mo}$ ,  $^{94}\text{Y}$ ,  $^{108}\text{Ag}$ ,  $^{109\text{m}}\text{Pd}$ の7核種について、Ge検出器を用いてスペクトルマルチスケーリングモードで行なった。

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## 1. Introduction

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where

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$\lambda$  : decay constant of induced radioactivity,

$t_i$  : irradiation time,

$t_c$  : cooling time,

$t_m$  : measuring time of  $\gamma$ -ray,

All cross section values were obtained relative to the standard reaction cross section of  $^{27}\text{Al}(n,\alpha)^{24}\text{Na}$  (ENDF/B-V)<sup>3)</sup>.

## 2.1 Experimental

### 2.1.1 Neutron Irradiation and Fluence Monitoring

The d-T neutrons were generated by an intense 14 MeV neutron source facility (OKTAVIAN) at Osaka University. Incident  $d^+$  beam energy and intensity were 300 keV and about 5 mA, respectively. A pneumatic sample transport system as shown in Fig. 1 was used for the irradiation of samples. The distance between the T-target and the irradiation position was 15 cm. Transfer time was about 2 s. The angles of the irradiation position to the  $d^+$  beam were  $0^\circ$ ,  $50^\circ$ ,  $75^\circ$ ,  $105^\circ$ ,  $125^\circ$  and  $155^\circ$ , which covered the neutron energies ranging from 14.9 to 13.4 MeV. Another pneumatic tube set at  $-105^\circ$  was used to examine the arrangement of the pneumatic tubes. If the pneumatic tubes are well symmetrically set with respect to the incident deuteron beams, the measured neutron energy at  $-105^\circ$  should show good agreement with one at  $105^\circ$  (see Fig. 2). When strongly induced activities are required, an additional tube set at  $-22.5^\circ$  and at 1.5 cm was used. Typical neutron fluxes at each position are shown in Fig. 3. The neutron flux at  $75^\circ$  is a little low owing to neutron scattering with the rotating T-target assembly.

The neutron flux at the sample position was measured with use of the substandard  $^{27}\text{Al}(n,p)^{27}\text{Mg}$  ( $T_{1/2}=9.46$  min) reaction, whose cross sections were determined by referring to the standard  $^{27}\text{Al}(n,\alpha)^{24}\text{Na}$  (ENDF/B-V)<sup>3)</sup>. The samples were sandwiched between two aluminum foils of 10 mm  $\times$  10 mm  $\times$  0.2 mm thick. The standard cross section of  $^{27}\text{Al}(n,\alpha)$  is shown in Table 3. Good statistics for fluence monitoring can be achieved in reasonably short measuring time by using the  $^{27}\text{Al}(n,p)$  reaction instead of  $^{27}\text{Al}(n,\alpha)$ . The use of the substandard  $^{27}\text{Al}(n,p)$  reaction brought only an additional uncertainty of 0.5% to final results.

The effective reaction energy of incident neutrons at each irradiation position was determined by the ratio of the  $^{90}\text{Zr}(n,2n)^{89}\text{Zr}(3.27\text{d})$ <sup>4)</sup> and  $^{93}\text{Nb}(n,2n)^{92\text{m}}\text{Nb}(10.15\text{d})$ <sup>5)</sup> cross sections (Zr/Nb method<sup>6)</sup>). Since

each position of the pneumatic tubes is mutually arranged in good accuracy, the effective  $d^+$  energy was chosen as a fitting parameter in the relativistic calculation of the d-T neutron energy. A fitting result obtained for  $E_d = 130$  keV is shown in Fig. 2. The uncertainty in the neutron energy is estimated to be  $\pm 50$  keV.

Samples of separated isotope and natural element were used. Foil samples were rectangular-shaped 10 mm  $\times$  10 mm and 0.1 ~ 0.2 mm thick. Powder samples were wrapped in powder papers (each sample size: 10 mm  $\times$  10 mm and about 1 mm thick, sample masses: 30 ~ 90 mg). The specification of the samples used are shown in Table 4 and Table 5.

### 2.1.2 Activity Measurement

Gamma-rays emitted from the irradiated sample and monitor aluminum foils were measured with 12% HPGe (1.75 keV FWHM at 1333 keV) and 16% HPGe (2.00 keV), respectively. Each detector was covered with a 5 mm thick acrylic absorber in order to reduce  $\beta$ -rays. The peak efficiency calibration of the detectors at 5 cm was accomplished by using sources of  $^{24}\text{Na}$ ,  $^{56}\text{Co}$ ,  $^{133}\text{Ba}$ ,  $^{152}\text{Eu}$  and  $^{154}\text{Eu}$ . Corrections for true coincidence sums were applied. The errors in the efficiency curves are estimated to be 1.5% above 300 keV, 3% between 300 and 80 keV, and 5% below 80 keV. The characteristics of Ge detectors used are shown in Table 6.

To measure efficiently the weakly induced activities, the samples were put on the absorber surface (source-to-detector distance is 5 mm). To convert the efficiency at 5 mm to the one at 5 cm, calibration measurements were carried out at both distances by using extra samples irradiated at 1.5 cm from the neutron source with rather strong neutron flux. This method improved the detection efficiency by a factor of about 7. This calibration procedure brought an additional error of 1.0% to the results.

Peak areas of  $\gamma$ -rays are evaluated by summing all recorded counts in the channel interval  $\{C-3\sigma, C+3\sigma\}$  and subtracting the background counts ( $N_B$ ), where  $C$  is the position of the peak center and  $\sigma$  is FWHM.  $N_B$  is given by  $(6\sigma) \times (N_L + N_H)/2$ , where  $N_L$  and  $N_H$  are the average counts of 5 channels in the vicinity of  $(C-3\sigma)$  and that in the vicinity of  $(C+3\sigma)$ , respectively. This summing method is similar to that by Debertin and Schötzig<sup>7)</sup>. The uncertainty from the peak area evaluation is estimated to be 0.5%.

### 2.1.3 Decay Data

In Table 7, measured reactions and associated decay data<sup>8)</sup> of the half-life ( $T_{1/2}$ ), the  $\gamma$ -ray energy ( $E_\gamma$ ) and the absolute intensity in photons per disintegration ( $I_\gamma$ ) are listed together with the Q values.

### 2.1.4 Corrections

The following principal corrections in deducing cross sections were made:

- 1) fluctuation of the neutron flux during the irradiation,
- 2) contribution of scattered low energy neutrons,
- 3) true coincidence sum,
- 4) random coincidence sum,
- 5) deviation in the measuring position coming from different thickness of each sample,
- 6) self-absorption of  $\gamma$ -ray in the sample material,
- 7) interfering reaction producing activities emitting  $\gamma$ -ray with same energy of interest.

The detailed procedures are described elsewhere<sup>1,2)</sup>.

### 2.1.5 Error Estimation

The total errors ( $\delta_t$ ) were derived by combining the experimental error ( $\delta_e$ ) and the error of nuclear data ( $\delta_r$ ) in quadratic:

$$\delta_t^2 = \delta_e^2 + \delta_r^2 .$$

Estimated major sources of the errors are listed in Table 8. When good counting statistics were achieved, the experimental error and the total error were 1.7% and 3.5%, respectively. The main error sources are due to the  $\gamma$ -ray detection efficiency and the standard  $^{27}\text{Al}(n,\alpha)^{24}\text{Na}$  reaction cross section. In some cases the errors of the  $\gamma$ -ray emission probability or the half-life are dominant.

## 2.2 Results

Numerical data tables of the cross sections are given in Table 9 and graphs are given in Fig. 4. In the figures only experimental errors ( $\delta_e$ ) are shown.

Generally speaking, previous data obtained in the wide energy range of 13-15 MeV show fairly good agreement with the present results, while some of previous data obtained at one energy point are much different from the present results. This discrepancy might result from short sample-to-neutron source distance and large amounts of irradiation samples of the previous works, because available neutron sources in those works were weak. JENDL-3 shows agreement with the present data for  $^{50}\text{Ti}(n,p)$ ,  $^{54}\text{Cr}(n,\alpha)$  and  $^{64}\text{Ni}(n,\alpha)$  within 10% and for  $^{25}\text{Mg}(n,p)$ ,  $^{29}\text{Si}(n,p)$  and  $^{54}\text{Cr}(n,p)$  within 30%. The discrepancy shown in Fig. 4.16 for the  $^{107}\text{Ag}(n,p)^{107m}\text{Pd}$  reaction results from the difference of the definition of the cross section; JENDL-3 gives the cross section for  $^{107}\text{Ag}(n,p)^{107m}\text{Pd}$  while the present work gives the ground state formation cross section.

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Table 1 Measured activation cross sections

Reaction <sup>a)</sup>	T <sub>1/2</sub>	Reaction <sup>a)</sup>	T <sub>1/2</sub>
<sup>19</sup> F(n, p) <sup>19</sup> O	26.91s	<sup>64</sup> Ni(n, α) <sup>61</sup> Fe	5.98m
<sup>25</sup> Mg(n, p) <sup>25</sup> Na	59.6s	<sup>69</sup> Ga(n, α) <sup>66</sup> Cu	5.10m
<sup>26</sup> Mg(n, α) <sup>23</sup> Ne	37.6s	<sup>87</sup> Rb(n, 2n) <sup>86m</sup> Rb	1.017m
<sup>29</sup> Si(n, p) <sup>29</sup> Al	6.56m	(n, α) <sup>84m</sup> Br	6.0m
(n, np) <sup>28</sup> Al	2.241m	<sup>86</sup> Sr(n, p) <sup>86m</sup> Rb	1.017m
<sup>50</sup> Ti(n, p) <sup>50m+*</sup> Sc	1.710m	<sup>87</sup> Sr(n, np) <sup>86m</sup> Rb	1.017m
<sup>54</sup> Cr(n, p) <sup>54</sup> V	49.8s	<sup>107</sup> Ag(n, p) <sup>107m</sup> Pd	21.3s
(n, np) <sup>53</sup> V	1.61m		
(n, α) <sup>51</sup> Ti	5.76m		

<sup>a)</sup> (n, np) means [(n, d) + (n, n'p) + (n, pn)].

Table 2 Measured half-lives

Nuclide						
<sup>51</sup> Ti	<sup>60m</sup> Co	<sup>88</sup> Rb	<sup>91m</sup> Mo	<sup>94</sup> Y	<sup>108</sup> Ag	<sup>109m</sup> Pd
(5.8m)	(10m)	(18m)	(15m)	(19m)	(2.4m)	(4.7m)

Table 3 Cross section of <sup>27</sup>Al(n, α)<sup>24</sup>Na reaction<sup>a)</sup>

En(MeV)	Cross section(mb)
14.96	113.42
14.92	113.93
14.84	114.97
14.71	116.65
14.53	118.97
14.32	121.28
14.10	123.63
13.95	125.02
13.81	125.93
13.68	126.77
13.55	127.62
13.33	128.60

<sup>a)</sup> taken from ENDF/B-V<sup>3)</sup>

Uncertainty is ±3% for all values.

Table 4 Samples of separated isotope

Sample	Chemical form	Enrichment (%)	Weight (mg)	Reaction	Impurity <sup>a)</sup> (%)
<sup>25</sup> Mg	MgO	98.814	60	<sup>25</sup> Mg(n, p)	24(0.963), 25(0.223)
<sup>29</sup> Si	SiO <sub>2</sub>	95.65	60	<sup>29</sup> Si(n, p) (n, np)	28(4.12), 30(0.23)
<sup>50</sup> Ti	TiO <sub>2</sub>	96.75	50	<sup>50</sup> Ti(n, p) <sup>m+k</sup>	46(0.27), 47(0.25) 48(2.40), 49(0.33)
<sup>54</sup> Cr	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	96.78	30	<sup>54</sup> Cr(n, p) (n, np) (n, α)	50(0.06), 52(2.26) 53(0.90)
<sup>64</sup> Ni	Ni	97.92	30	<sup>64</sup> Zn(n, α)	58(0.92), 60(0.73) 61(0.05), 62(0.38)
<sup>69</sup> Ga	Ga <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	99.79	70	<sup>69</sup> Ga(n, α)	71(0.21)
<sup>87</sup> Rb	RbCl	97.32	90	<sup>87</sup> Rb(n, 2n) <sup>m</sup> (n, α) <sup>m</sup>	85(2.68)
<sup>86</sup> Sr	SrCO <sub>3</sub>	97.02	80	<sup>86</sup> Zn(n, p) <sup>m</sup>	84(0.08), 87(0.78) 88(2.12)
<sup>87</sup> Sr	SrCO <sub>3</sub>	91.26	90	<sup>87</sup> Zn(n, np)	84(0.01), 86(0.82) 88(7.91)
<sup>107</sup> Ag	Ag	99.09	70	<sup>107</sup> Ag(n, p) <sup>m</sup>	109(0.91)

<sup>a)</sup> A(x) means mass number A with atomic percent x.

Table 5 Samples of natural abundance

Sample	Chemical form	Purity (%)	Weight (mg)	Reaction	Abundance (%)
F	(CF <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>n</sub>	99	190	<sup>19</sup> F(n, p)	19(100)
Mg	Mg	99.999	330	<sup>26</sup> Mg(n, α)	24(78.99), 25(10.0), 26(11.01)

Table 6 Ge detectors used for cross section measurement

Detector	Volume (cm <sup>3</sup> )	Efficiency (%)	FWHM (keV)	Object of measurement
Vertical HPGe	60	12	1.75	short-lived nuclei
Horizontal HPGe	89	16	2.00	Al monitor foil ( <sup>27</sup> Mg)
Horizontal HPGe	113	23	2.00	<sup>92m</sup> Nb, <sup>89</sup> Zr for Neutron Energy

Table 7 Reactions and decay parameters<sup>a)</sup>

Reaction <sup>b)</sup>	$T_{1/2}$	$E_{\gamma}$ (keV)	$I_{\gamma}$ (%)	$Q$ (MeV) <sup>c)</sup>
$^{19}\text{F}(n, p)^{19}\text{O}$	26.91s	197.1	95.9(21)	-4.04
$^{25}\text{Mg}(n, p)^{25}\text{Na}$	59.6s	585.0	12.96(71)	-3.05
$^{26}\text{Mg}(n, \alpha)^{23}\text{Ne}$	37.6s	439.9	32.9(10)	-5.41
$^{29}\text{Si}(n, p)^{29}\text{Al}$	6.56m	1273.4	91.3	-2.90
(n, np) $^{28}\text{Al}$	2.241m	1779.0	100	-12.33
$^{50}\text{Ti}(n, p)^{50\text{m}+\kappa}\text{Sc}$	1.710m	523.8	88.7(18)	-6.11
$^{54}\text{Cr}(n, p)^{54}\text{V}$	49.8s	834.8	97.1(17)	-6.26
(n, np) $^{53}\text{V}$	1.61m	1006.2	90(2)	-12.37
(n, $\alpha$ ) $^{51}\text{Ti}$	5.76m	320.1	93.0(4)	-1.56
$^{64}\text{Ni}(n, \alpha)^{61}\text{Fe}$	5.98m	298.0	22.2(28)	-2.53
$^{69}\text{Ga}(n, \alpha)^{66}\text{Cu}$	5.10m	1039.4	9.12(14) <sup>d)</sup>	2.58
$^{87}\text{Rb}(n, 2n)^{86\text{m}}\text{Rb}$	1.017m	556.1	98.19(1)	-10.48
(n, $\alpha$ ) $^{84\text{m}}\text{Br}$	6.0(m)	424.3	100(10)	-1.49
$^{86}\text{Sr}(n, p)^{86\text{m}}\text{Rb}$	1.017m	556.1	98.19(1)	-1.55
$^{87}\text{Sr}(n, np)^{86\text{m}}\text{Rb}$	1.017m	556.1	98.19(1)	-9.98
$^{107}\text{Ag}(n, p)^{107\text{m}}\text{Pd}$	21.3s	214.9	69.0(20)	0.53
$^{27}\text{Al}(n, \alpha)^{24}\text{Na}$ <sup>e)</sup>	14.959h	1368.6	99.994(3)	-3.13
$^{27}\text{Al}(n, p)^{27}\text{Mg}$ <sup>f)</sup>	9.46m	843.8	72.0(4) <sup>d)</sup>	-1.83

<sup>a)</sup> taken from ref. 8.

<sup>b)</sup> (n, np) means [(n, d)+(n, n'p)+(n, pn)].

<sup>c)</sup>  $Q(n, n'p)$  is given here.  $Q(n, d)=Q(n, n'p)+2.225\text{MeV}$ .

<sup>d)</sup> taken from ref.10.

<sup>e)</sup> Standard reaction(ENDF/B-V) used in this work.

<sup>f)</sup> Secondary conventional reaction used for short-lived nuclei.

Table 8 Principal sources of uncertainty in the measured cross sections

Experimetal error ( $\delta e$ )	
Source of error	Uncertainty(%)
Counting statistics	0.5 - 40
Sample mass including purity	0.1
Neutron flux fluctuation	<0.1 (20% of correction)
Gamma-peak area evaluation	0.5
Detector efficiency	1.5( $E\gamma > 300$ keV), 3(300 - 80 keV), 5( $E\gamma < 80$ keV)
Efficiency calibration at 0.5 and 5 cm	1.0
Correction for true coincidence sum	<0.3
Correction for random coincidence sum	<0.4
Correction for sample thickness	0.2 - 0.6 (20% of correction)
Correction for self-absorption of $\gamma$ -rays	0 - 0.2 (20% of correction)
Correction for low energy neutrons	0 - 5 (30~40% of correction)
Secondary reference cross section for $^{27}\text{Al}(n, p)^{27}\text{Mg}$	0.5 (only statistics)
Error of nuclear data ( $\delta r$ )	
Source of error	Uncertainty(%)
Reference cross section for $^{27}\text{Al}(n, \alpha)^{24}\text{Na}$ (ENDF/B-V)	3.0
Absolute $\gamma$ -ray intensity	0 - 13
Half-life	0 - 5

Table 9(a) Activation cross section of short-lived nuclei

$^{19}\text{F}(n, p)^{19}\text{O}(26.91\text{s})$					$^{25}\text{Mg}(n, p)^{25}\text{Na}(59.6\text{S})$			
En(MeV)	$\sigma$ (mb)	$\delta_e$ (%)	$\delta_r$ (%)	$\delta_t$ (%)	$\sigma$ (mb)	$\delta_e$ (%)	$\delta_r$ (%)	$\delta_t$ (%)
14.87	17.8	3.6	3.7	5.2	62.6	4.7	6.3	7.9
14.58	18.6	3.6	3.7	5.2	63.7	4.6	6.3	7.8
14.28	19.4	3.7	3.7	5.2	67.3	4.9	6.3	8.0
18.88	19.5	3.6	3.7	5.2	63.3	4.3	6.3	7.7
13.65	20.8	3.6	3.7	5.2	63.4	4.4	6.3	7.7
13.40	22.7	3.6	3.7	5.2	62.0	4.4	6.3	7.7

$^{26}\text{Mg}(n, \alpha)^{23}\text{Ne}(37.6\text{s})$					$^{29}\text{Si}(n, p)^{29}\text{Al}(6.56\text{m})$			
En(MeV)	$\sigma$ (mb)	$\delta_e$ (%)	$\delta_r$ (%)	$\delta_t$ (%)	$\sigma$ (mb)	$\delta_e$ (%)	$\delta_r$ (%)	$\delta_t$ (%)
14.87	55.4	3.7	4.3	5.6	130.8	1.9	3.0	3.6
14.58	57.5	3.8	4.3	5.7	131.6	1.9	3.0	3.6
14.28	56.4	4.0	4.3	5.8	131.7	2.1	3.0	3.7
18.88	57.4	4.2	4.3	6.0	132.7	1.9	3.0	3.6
13.65	59.8	3.7	4.3	5.7	130.6	2.0	3.0	3.6
13.40	58.3	3.6	4.3	5.6	125.6	1.9	3.0	3.6

$^{29}\text{Si}(n, np)^{28}\text{Al}(2.241\text{m})$					$^{50}\text{Ti}(n, p)^{50\text{m}+}\text{Sc}(1.710\text{m})$			
En(MeV)	$\sigma$ (mb)	$\delta_e$ (%)	$\delta_r$ (%)	$\delta_t$ (%)	$\sigma$ (mb)	$\delta_e$ (%)	$\delta_r$ (%)	$\delta_t$ (%)
14.87	24.7	2.8	3.0	4.2	14.4	4.0	3.6	5.4
14.58	17.9	3.2	3.0	4.4	13.5	4.1	3.6	5.5
14.28	13.2	3.7	3.0	4.8	13.0	4.5	3.6	5.7
18.88	10.3	3.5	3.0	4.6	12.0	4.2	3.6	5.5
13.65	8.6	3.8	3.0	4.8	10.6	4.2	3.6	5.5
13.40	6.0	4.4	3.0	5.0	10.2	4.6	3.6	5.8

\*  $\delta_e$  : experimental error ,  $\delta_r$  : error of nuclear data ,  $\delta_t^2 = \delta_e^2 + \delta_r^2$

\* Error of neutron energy is estimated as about 50 keV.

Table 9(b) Activation cross section of short-lived nuclei

$^{54}\text{Cr}(n, p)^{54}\text{V}(49.8\text{s})$					$^{54}\text{Cr}(n, np)^{53}\text{V}(1.61\text{m})$			
En(MeV)	$\sigma$ (mb)	$\delta_e$ (%)	$\delta_r$ (%)	$\delta_t$ (%)	$\sigma$ (mb)	$\delta_e$ (%)	$\delta_r$ (%)	$\delta_t$ (%)
14.87	21.3	5.3	3.6	6.3	3.3	13	3.8	14
14.58	21.6	5.6	3.6	6.6	3.2	14	3.8	15
14.28	20.8	6.9	3.6	7.8	1.5	27	3.8	27
18.88	17.5	6.0	3.6	7.0	1.4	24	3.8	24
13.65	13.4	6.4	3.6	7.3	0.7	36	3.8	36
13.40	15.0	6.7	3.6	7.6	0.5	43	3.8	43

$^{54}\text{Cr}(n, \alpha)^{51}\text{Ti}(5.76\text{m})$				$^{64}\text{Ni}(n, \alpha)^{61}\text{Fe}(5.98\text{m})$				
En(MeV)	$\sigma$ (mb)	$\delta_e$ (%)	$\delta_r$ (%)	$\delta_t$ (%)	$\sigma$ (mb)	$\delta_e$ (%)	$\delta_r$ (%)	$\delta_t$ (%)
14.87	13.2	2.6	3.4	4.1	6.0	4.9	13.0	14
14.58	12.8	2.5	3.4	4.2	5.5	5.9	13.0	14
14.28	12.1	3.3	3.4	4.7	5.1	9.0	13.0	16
18.88	11.7	2.4	3.4	4.2	4.5	5.5	13.0	14
13.65	11.0	2.6	3.4	4.3	3.7	8.0	13.0	15
13.40	10.3	2.5	3.4	4.2	3.0	7.4	13.0	15

$^{69}\text{Ga}(n, \alpha)^{66}\text{Cu}(5.10\text{m})$				$^{87}\text{Rb}(n, 2n)^{86\text{m}}\text{Rb}(1.017\text{m})$				
En(MeV)	$\sigma$ (mb)	$\delta_e$ (%)	$\delta_r$ (%)	$\delta_t$ (%)	$\sigma$ (mb)	$\delta_e$ (%)	$\delta_r$ (%)	$\delta_t$ (%)
14.87	20.7	5.9	3.4	6.8	527	1.7	3.0	3.5
14.58	21.7	6.3	3.4	7.1	559	1.7	3.0	3.5
14.28	19.6	9.6	3.4	10	508	1.8	3.0	3.5
18.88	23.5	5.6	3.4	6.6	460	1.7	3.0	3.5
13.65	24.0	6.2	3.4	7.1	478	1.7	3.0	3.5
13.40	22.0	5.3	3.4	6.3	463	1.7	3.0	3.5

\*  $\delta_e$  : experimental error ,  $\delta_r$  : error of nuclear data ,  $\delta_t^2 = \delta_e^2 + \delta_r^2$

\* Error of neutron energy is estimated as about 50 keV.

Table 9(c) Activation cross section of short-lived nuclei

En(MeV)	$^{87}\text{Rb}(n, \alpha)^{84\text{m}}\text{Br}(6.0\text{m})$				$^{86}\text{Sr}(n, p)^{86\text{m}}\text{Rb}(1.017\text{m})$			
	$\sigma$ (mb)	$\delta_e$ (%)	$\delta_r$ (%)	$\delta_t$ (%)	$\sigma$ (mb)	$\delta_e$ (%)	$\delta_r$ (%)	$\delta_t$ (%)
14.87	0.81	9.4	10	14	12.9	3.8	3.0	4.9
14.58	0.69	14	10	17	13.2	4.0	3.0	5.0
14.28	0.77	24	10	26	12.1	4.9	3.0	5.7
18.88	0.59	13	10	17	12.7	3.6	3.0	4.7
13.65	0.52	18	10	21	11.1	4.0	3.0	5.0
13.40	0.49	14	10	18	10.1	4.1	3.0	5.0

En(MeV)	$^{87}\text{Sr}(n, np)^{86\text{m}}\text{Rb}(1.017\text{m})$				$^{107}\text{Ag}(n, p)^{107\text{m}}\text{Pd}(21.3\text{s})$			
	$\sigma$ (mb)	$\delta_e$ (%)	$\delta_r$ (%)	$\delta_t$ (%)	$\sigma$ (mb)	$\delta_e$ (%)	$\delta_r$ (%)	$\delta_t$ (%)
14.87	4.3	5.9	3.7	6.6	7.3	9.2	5.2	11
14.58	3.4	7.8	3.7	8.3	7.4	9.9	5.2	11
14.28	2.2	9.7	3.7	10	7.9	9.4	5.2	11
18.88	1.8	9.2	3.7	9.7	7.2	8.9	5.2	10
13.65	1.1	13	3.7	13	7.3	8.0	5.2	9.6
13.40	0.3	30	3.7	30	7.7	8.3	5.2	10

\*  $\delta_e$  : experimental error ,  $\delta_r$  : error of nuclear data ,  $\delta_t^2 = \delta_e^2 + \delta_r^2$

\* Error of neutron energy is estimated as about 50 keV.



Table 10 Results of half-life measurement

Nuclide	Production reaction	$E_{\gamma}$ (keV)	Reference <sup>a)</sup> ( $E_{\gamma}$ in keV)	Half-life	
				Present	Reference <sup>b)</sup>
$^{51}\text{Ti}$	$^{51}\text{V}(n, p)$ $^{50}\text{Ti}(n, \gamma)$	320.1	$^{57}\text{Co}$ (122.1)	5.759(9)m	5.80(3)m
$^{60\text{m}}\text{Co}$	$^{60}\text{Ni}(n, p)^{\text{m}}$ $^{59}\text{Co}(n, \gamma)^{\text{m}}$	58.6 1332.5	<sup>c)</sup> $^{137}\text{Cs}$ (661.7)	10.424(20)m	10.47(2)m
$^{88}\text{Rb}$	$^{87}\text{Rb}(n, \gamma)^{\text{m}}$	898.0	$^{137}\text{Cs}$ (661.7)	17.748(23)m	17.78(11)m
$^{91\text{m}}\text{Mo}$	$^{92}\text{Mo}(n, 2n)^{\text{m}}$	511( $\gamma^{\pm}$ )	$^{133}\text{Ba}$ (356.0)	15.473(34)m	15.49(1)m
$^{94}\text{Y}$	$^{94}\text{Zr}(n, p)$	918.8	$^{137}\text{Cs}$ (661.7)	18.50(26)m	18.7(1)m
$^{108}\text{Ag}$	$^{107}\text{Ag}(n, \gamma)$	633.0	$^{133}\text{Ba}$ (356.0)	2.353(9)m	2.37(1)m
$^{109\text{m}}\text{Pd}$	$^{108}\text{Pd}(n, \gamma)^{\text{m}}$	188.9	$^{57}\text{Co}$ (122.1)	4.663(11)m	4.69(1)m

a) These sources were used for corrections of dead-time and pile-up losses.

b) taken from ref. 8.

c) No source was used. Pulser was only used.

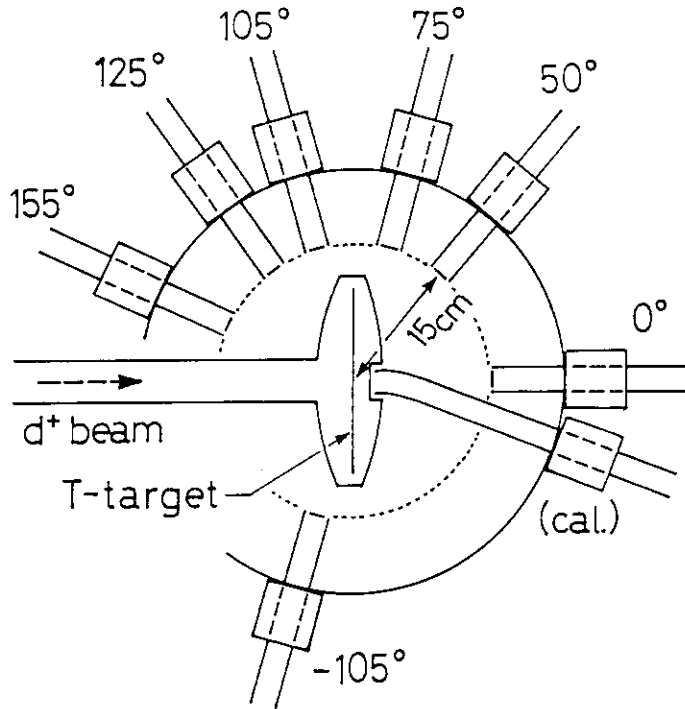


Fig. 1 Pneumatic sample transport system at OKTAVIAN.

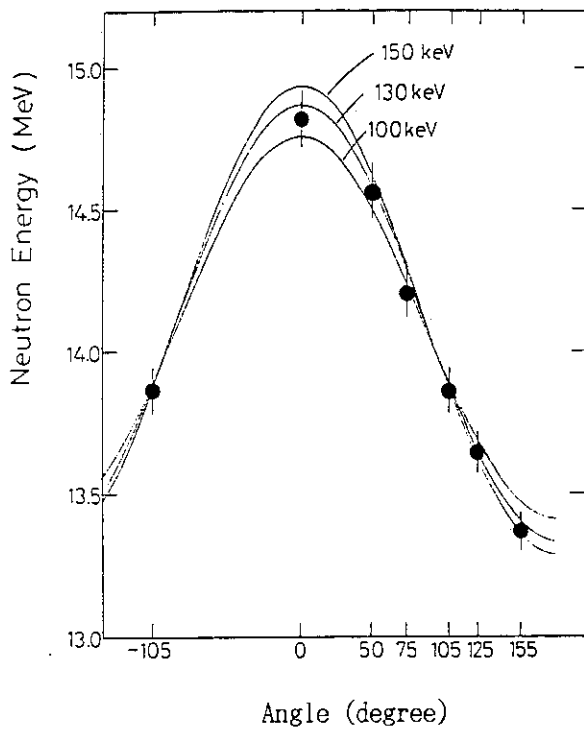


Fig. 2 Neutron flux at 15 cm.

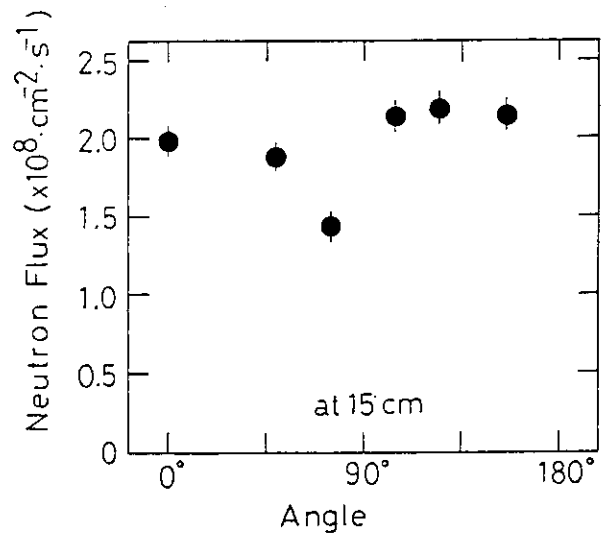


Fig. 3 Angular dependences of d-T neutron energy.

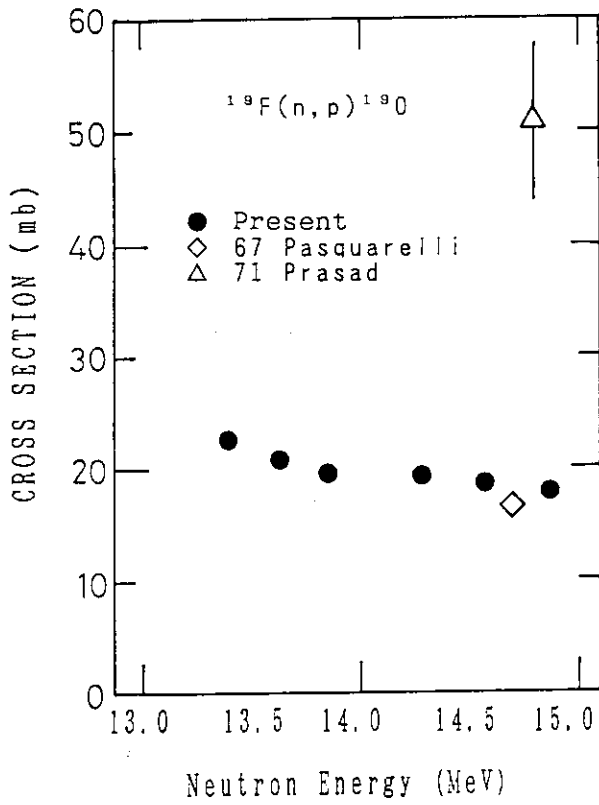


Fig. 4.1 Cross section of  $^{19}\text{F}(n,p)^{19}\text{O}$ .

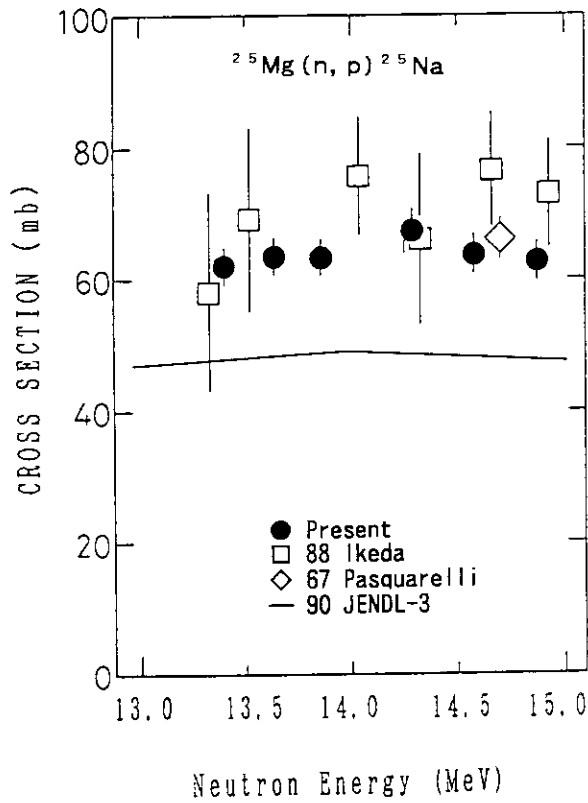


Fig. 4.2 Cross section of  $^{25}\text{Mg}(n,p)^{25}\text{Na}$ .

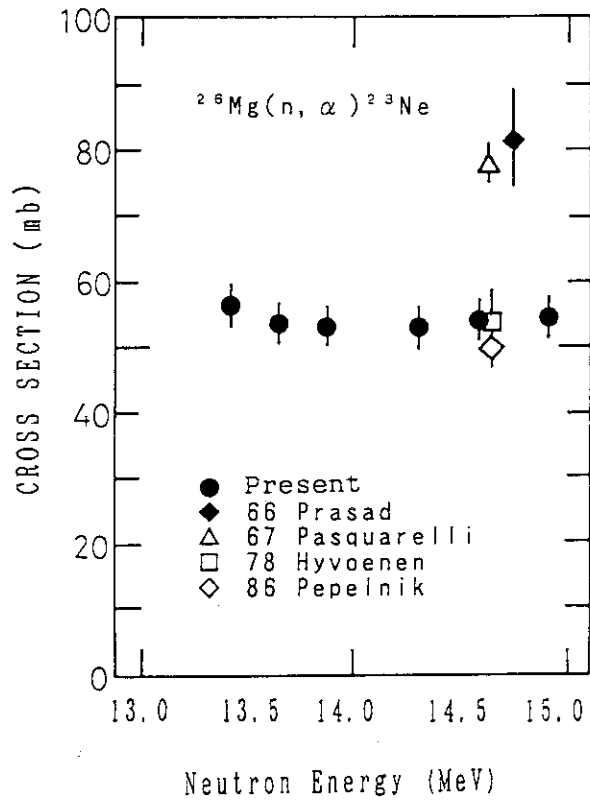


Fig. 4.3 Cross section of  $^{26}\text{Mg}(n, \alpha)^{23}\text{Ne}$ .

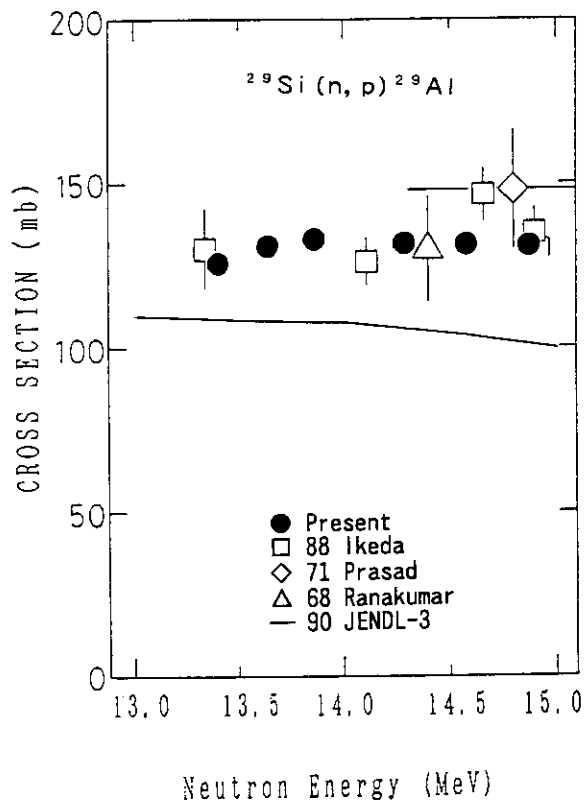


Fig. 4.4 Cross section of  $^{29}\text{Si}(n, p)^{29}\text{Al}$ .

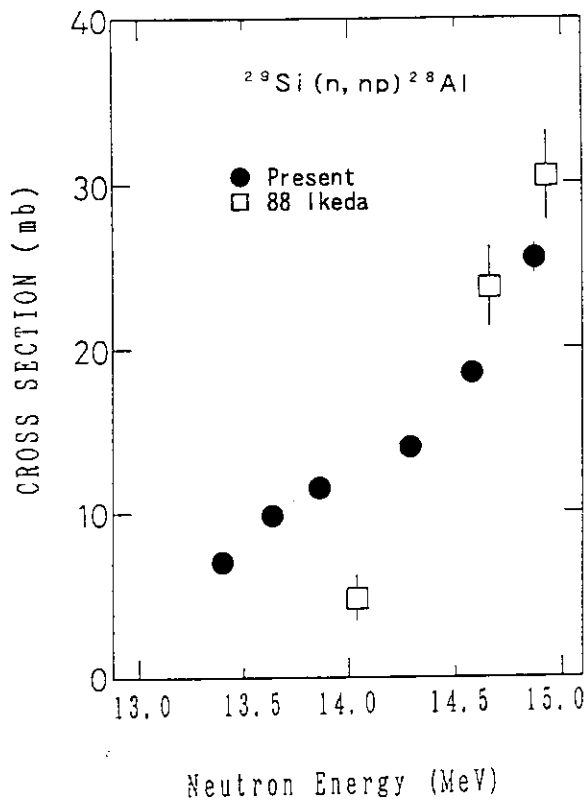


Fig. 4.5 Cross section of  $^{29}\text{Si}(n, n'p)^{28}\text{Al}$ .

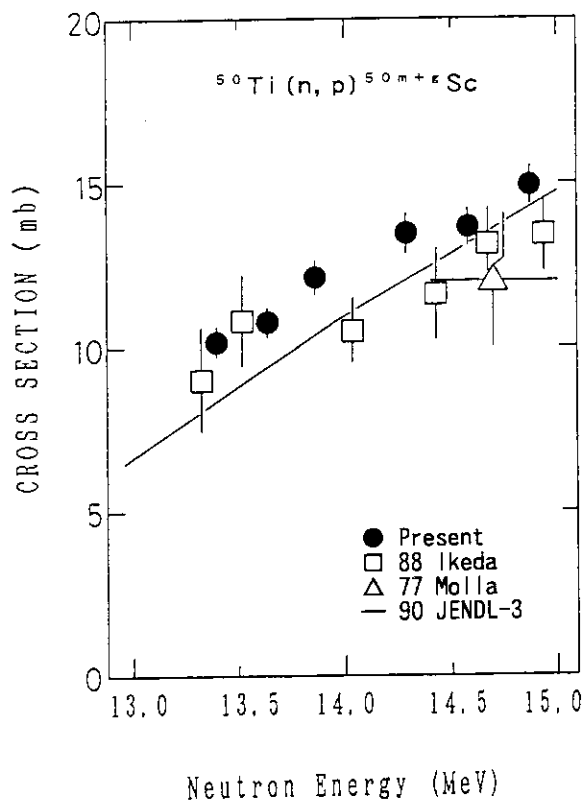


Fig. 4.6 Cross section of  $^{50}\text{Ti}(n, p)^{50m+g}\text{Sc}$ .

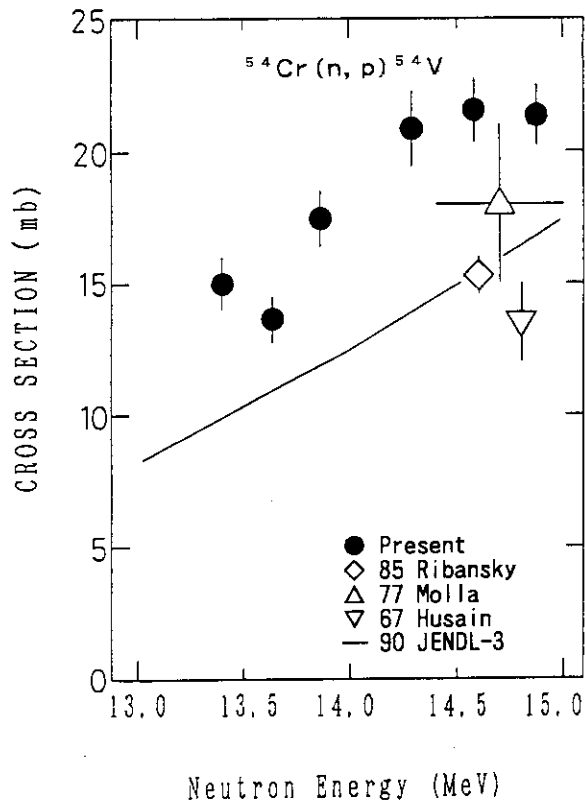


Fig. 4.7 Cross section of  $^{54}\text{Cr}(n,p)^{54}\text{V}$ .

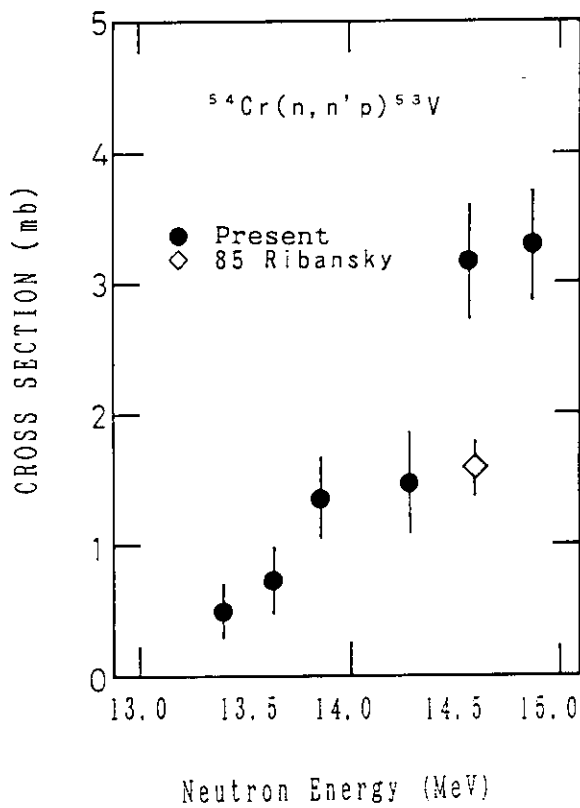


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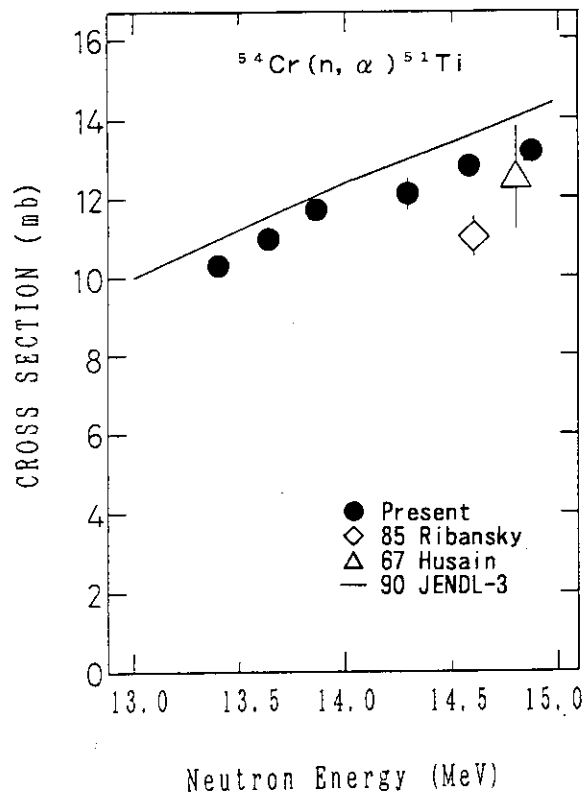


Fig. 4.9 Cross section of  $^{54}\text{Cr}(n, \alpha)^{51}\text{Ti}$ .

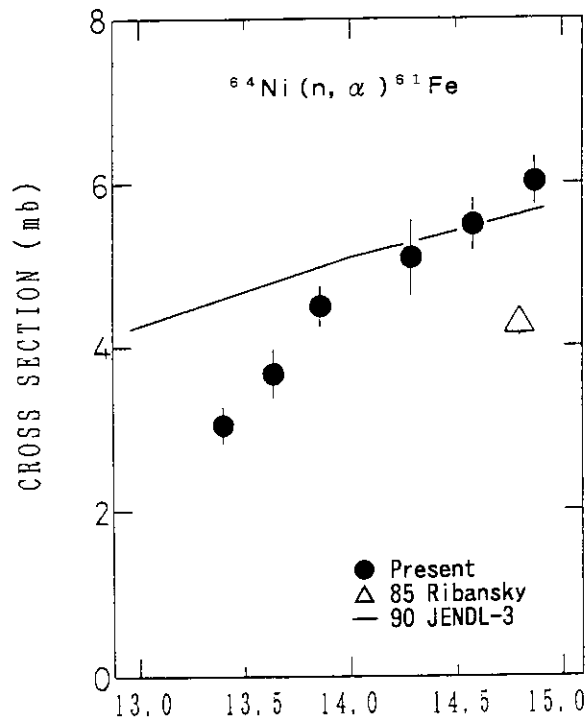


Fig. 4.10 Cross section of  $^{64}\text{Ni}(n, \alpha)^{61}\text{Fe}$ .

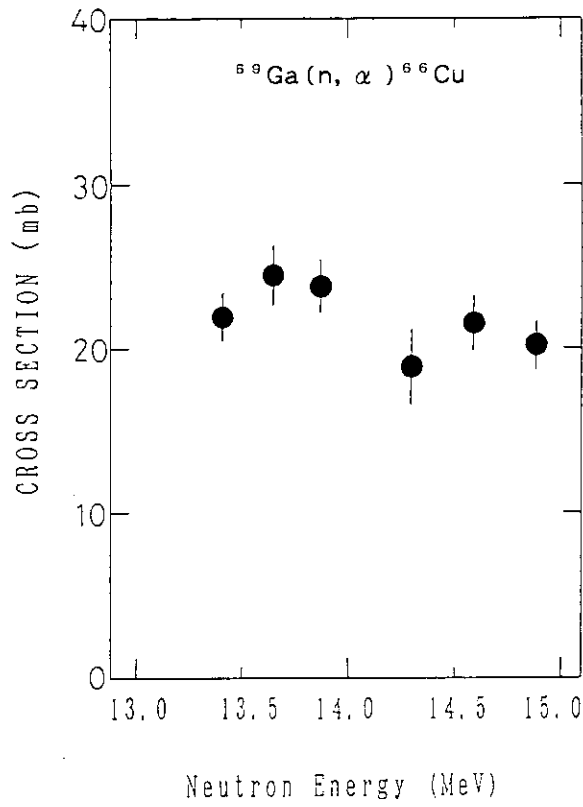


Fig. 4.11 Cross section of  $^{69}\text{Ga}(n, \alpha)^{66}\text{Cu}$ .

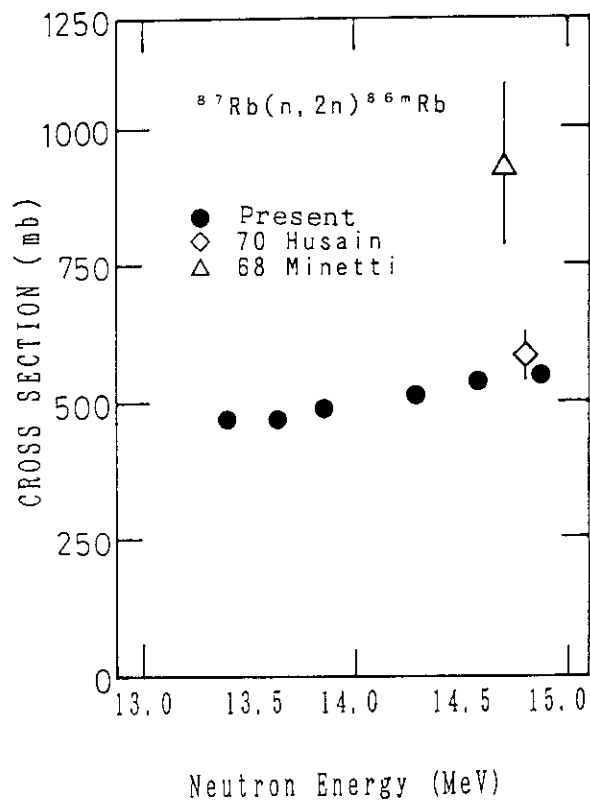


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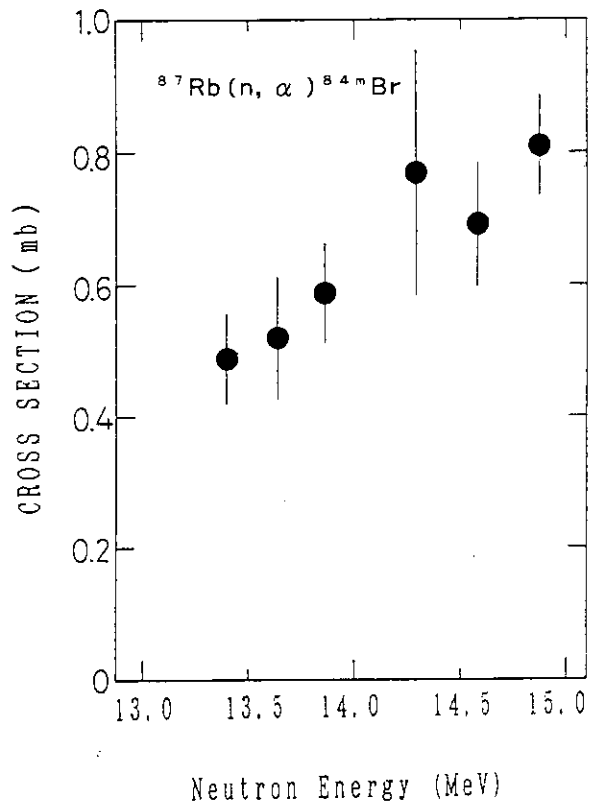


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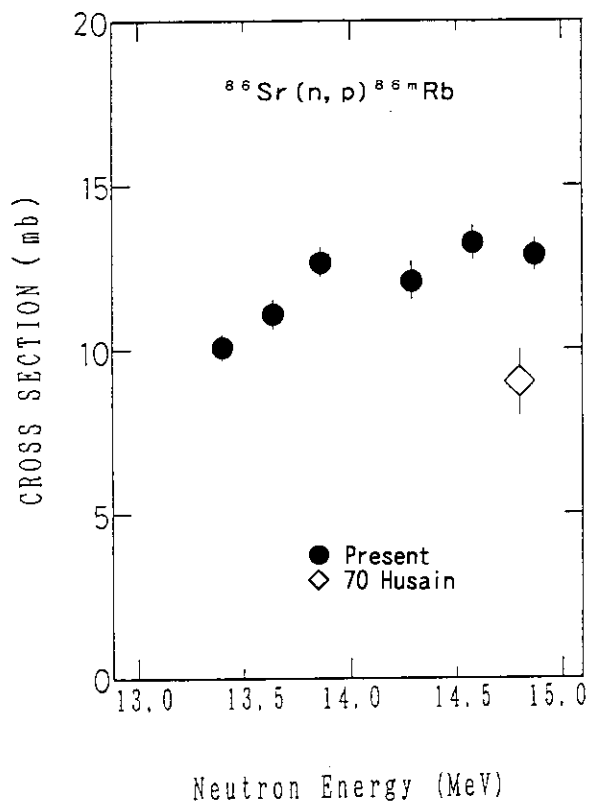


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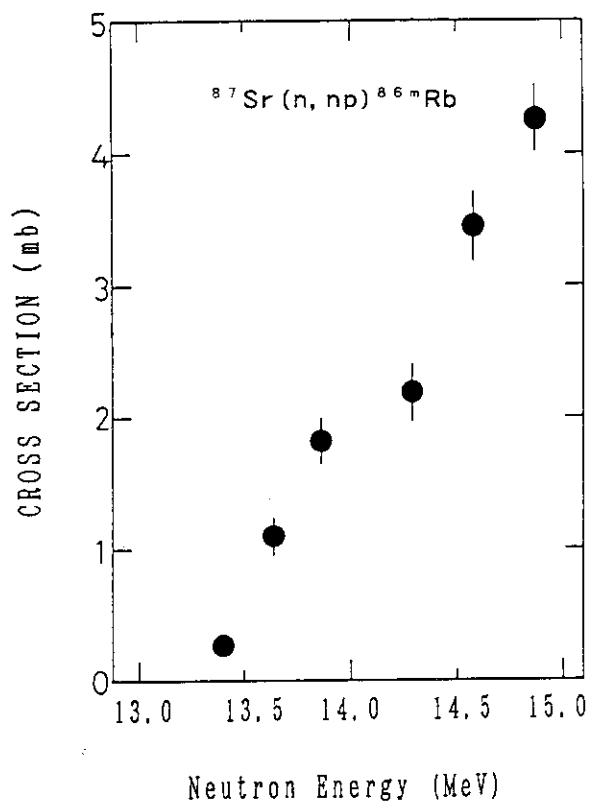


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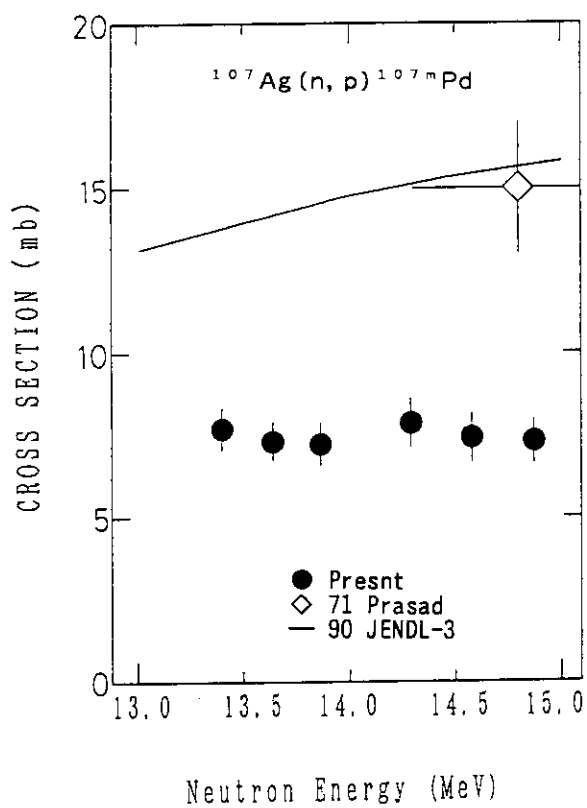


Fig. 4.16 Cross section of  $^{107}\text{Ag}(n, p)^{107m}\text{Pd}$ .

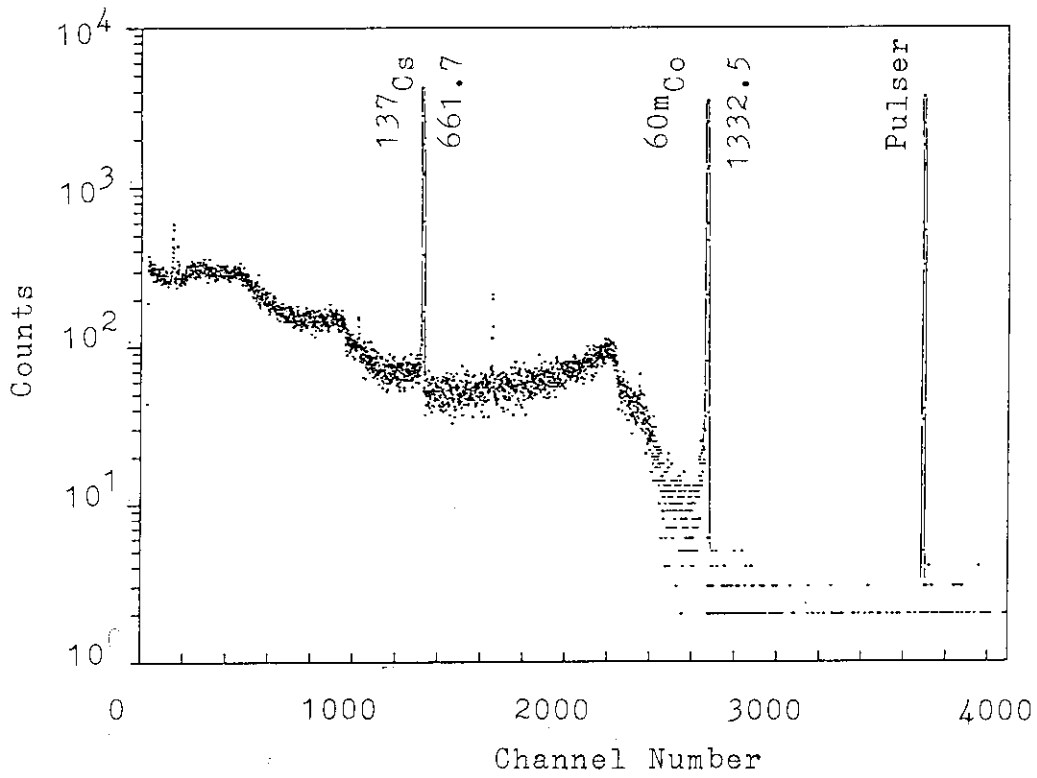


Fig. 5 Gamma-ray spectrum in the decay of  $^{60}\text{mCo}$ . Gamma-rays from  $^{137}\text{Cs}$  and signals of pulser were simultaneously measured for the correction of pile-up losses.

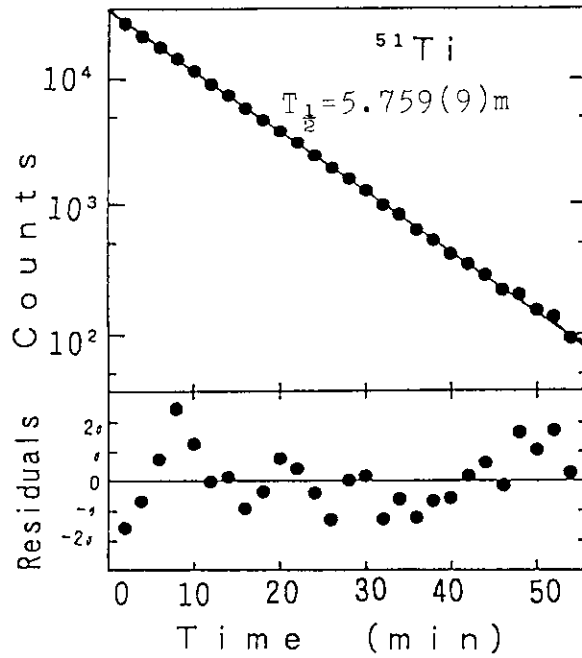


Fig. 6 Decay curve of 5.8 min  $^{51}\text{Ti}$  and residuals obtained from a least squares fitting analysis.

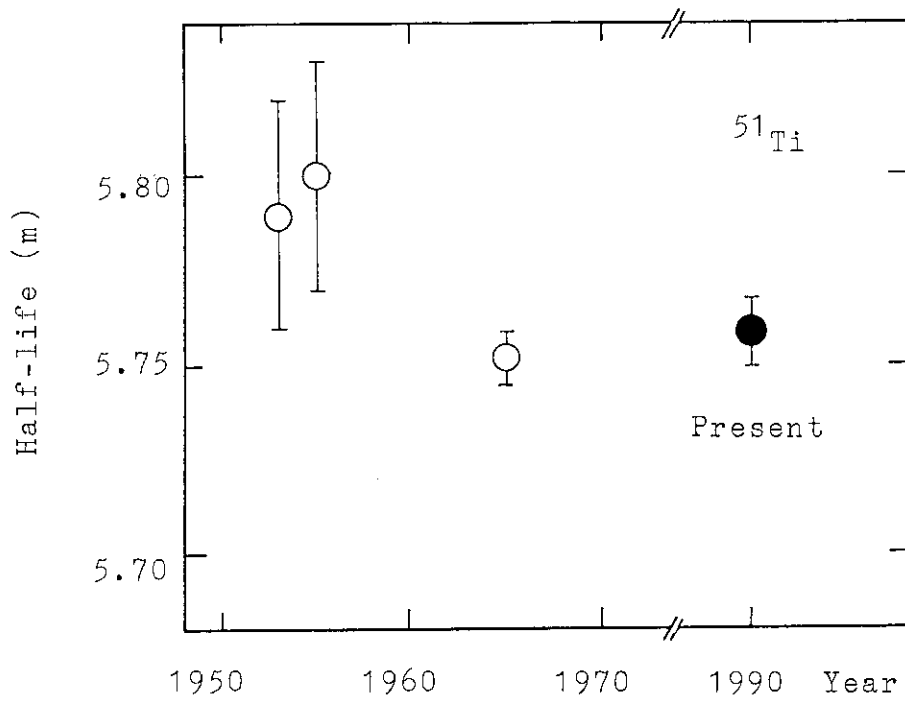


Fig. 7.1 Half-life of  $^{51}\text{Ti}$ . Previous works are taken from ref. 8.

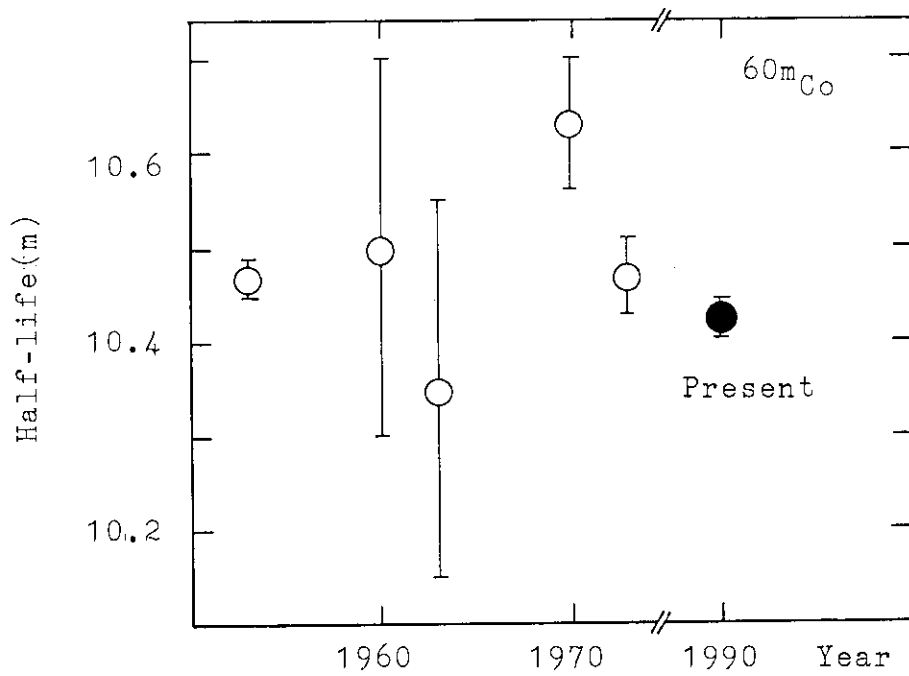


Fig. 7.2 Half-life of  $^{60\text{m}}\text{Co}$ .

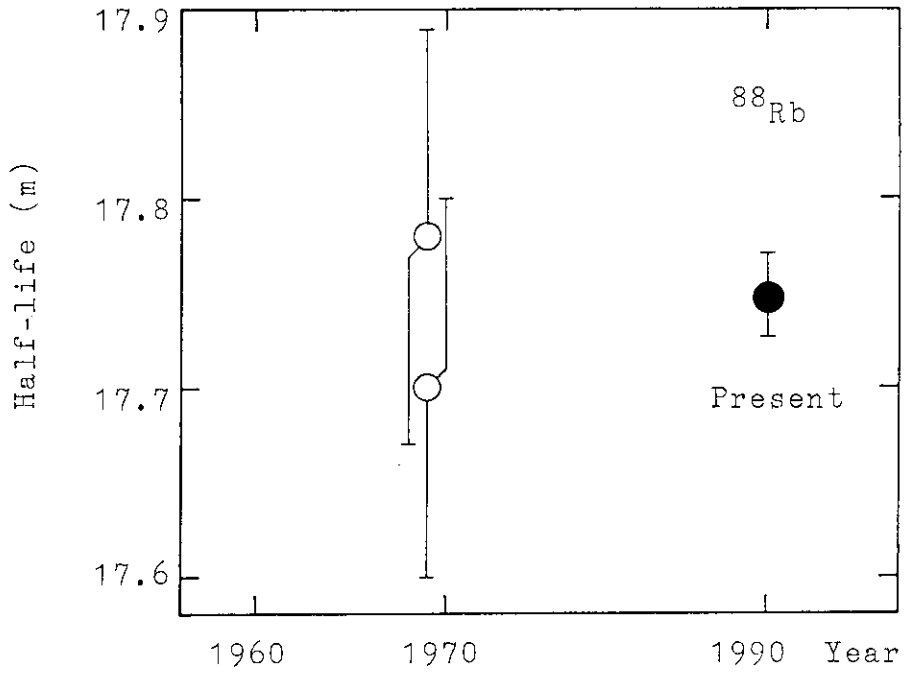


Fig. 7.3 Half-life of  $^{88}\text{Rb}$ .

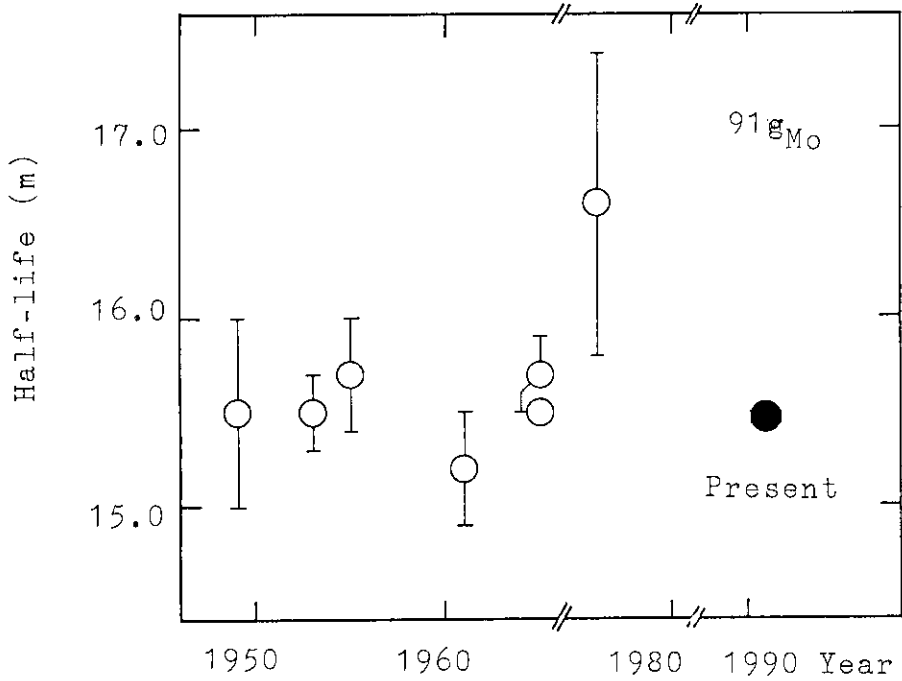


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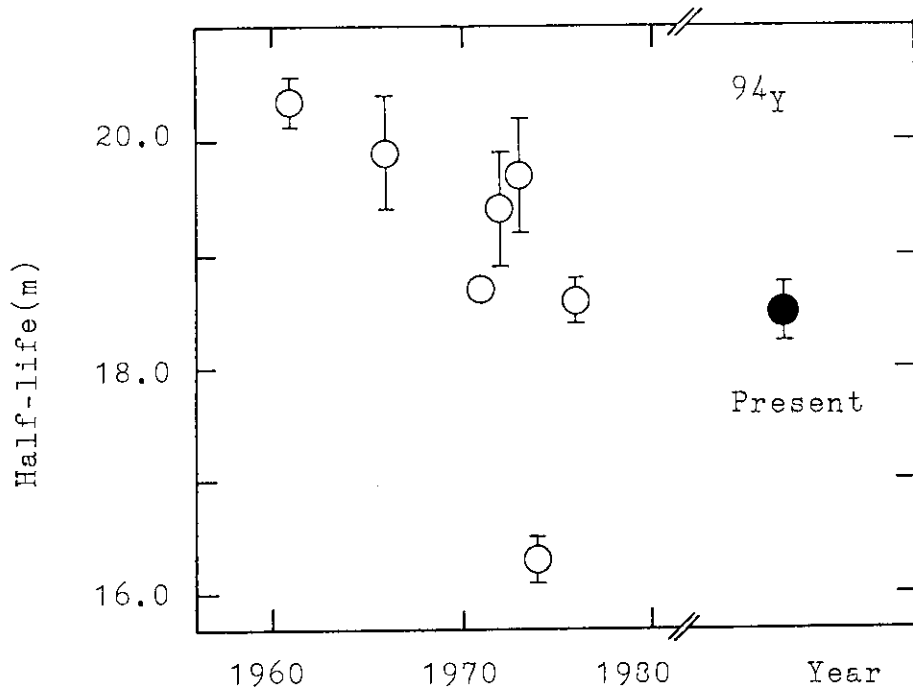


Fig. 7.5 Half-life of  $^{94}\text{Y}$ .

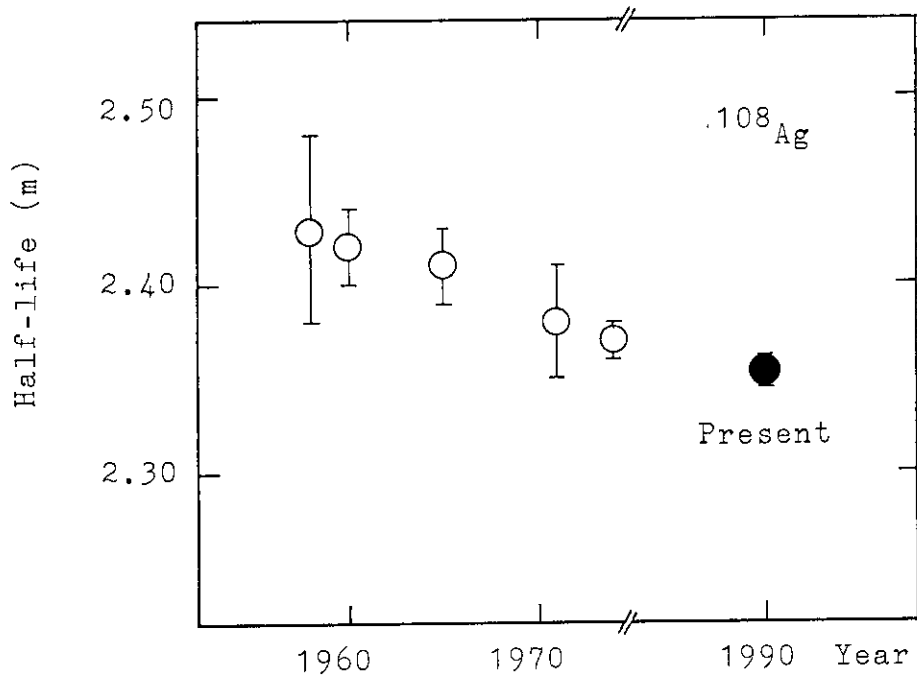


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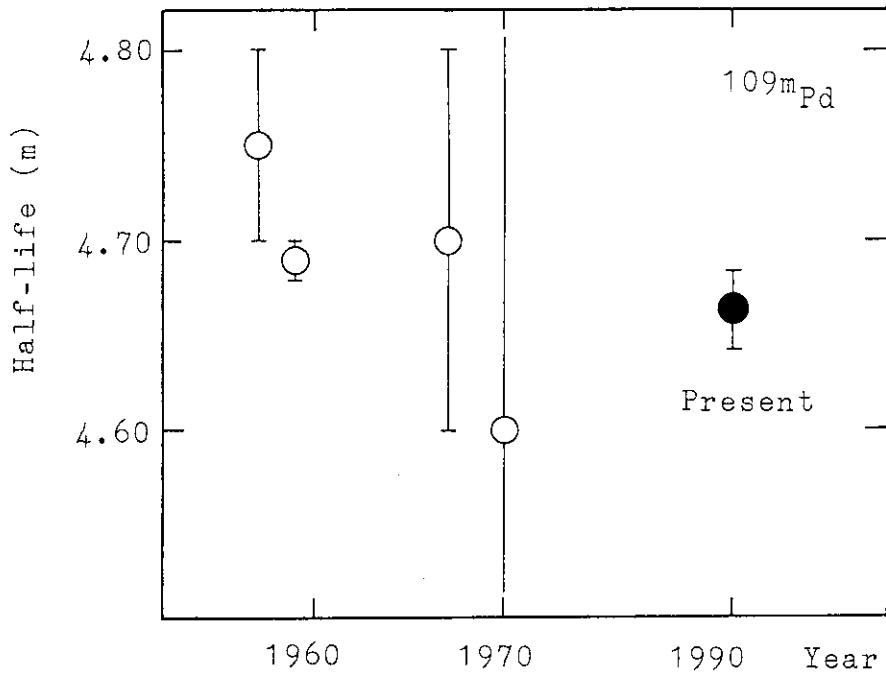


Fig. 7.7 Half-life of  $^{109m}\text{Pd}$ .

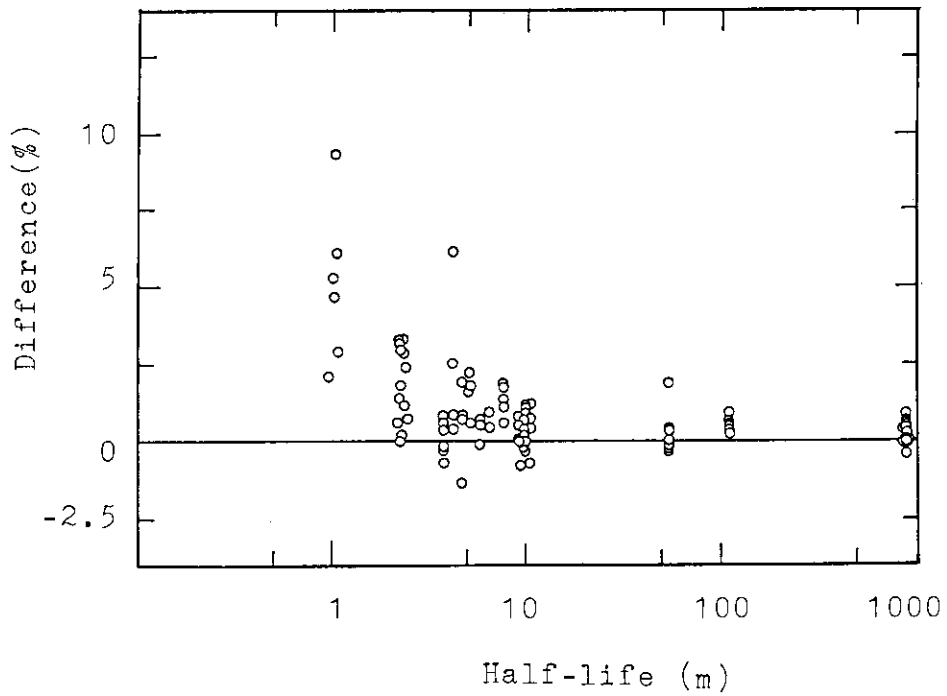


Fig. 8 Difference of previous half-lives from the present work in percent(%).

Appendix 1 Gamma-ray spectra of samples irradiated by 14.9 MeV neutrons are given in Fig. A.1.1 ~ 26.

## EXPLANATION

Sample: $^{25}\text{MgO}$ (98.81%)	⇒ ①
Time: 300s-26s-180s	⇒ ②
●: $^{25}\text{Mg}(n,p)^{25}\text{Na}$	⇒ ③
Det.: 12% HPGe	⇒ ④
Distance: 0.5cm	⇒ ⑤

- ① Sample(enrichment % for separated isotope, nat.:sample of natural abundance)  
 ② Irradiation time-cooling time-measurement time  
 ③ Reaction  
 ④ Detector. Usually Ge detectors are covered with 5mm acrylic absorber.  
 ⑤ Source-to-detector distance.

\* Gamma-ray energies are in KeV. 511 $\gamma$ ; 511keV annihilation  $\gamma$ -ray,  
 S.E.P.; single escape peak, D.E.P.; double escape peak.

Irradiated Samples	Page	Fig. A. 1. X X=	Irradiated Samples	Page	Fig. 1. X X=
(CF <sub>2</sub> )n(nat.)		1, 2	$^{69}\text{Ga}_2\text{O}_3$ (99.79%)		15, 16
$^{25}\text{MgO}$ (98.814%)		3, 4	$^{87}\text{RbCl}$ (97.32%)		17, 18
Mg(nat.)		5, 6	$^{86}\text{SrCO}_3$ (97.02%)		19, 20
$^{29}\text{SiO}_2$ (95.63%)		7, 8	$^{87}\text{SrCO}_3$ (91.26%)		21, 22
$^{50}\text{TiO}_2$ (96.75%)		9, 10	$^{107}\text{Ag}$ (99.09%)		23, 24
$^{54}\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$ (96.78%)		11, 12	Zr(nat.)		25
$^{64}\text{Ni}$ (97.92%)		13, 14	Nb(nat.)		26



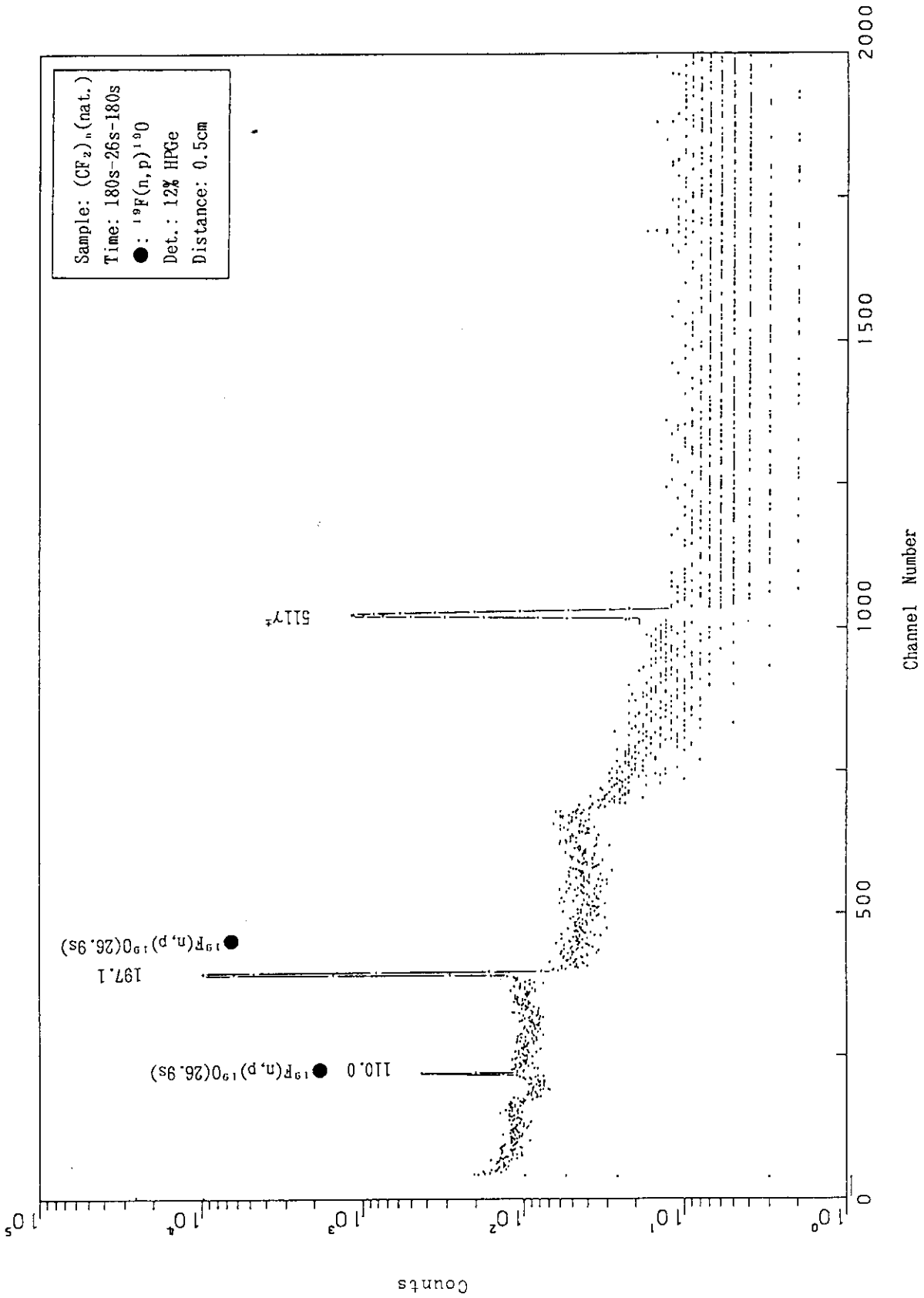


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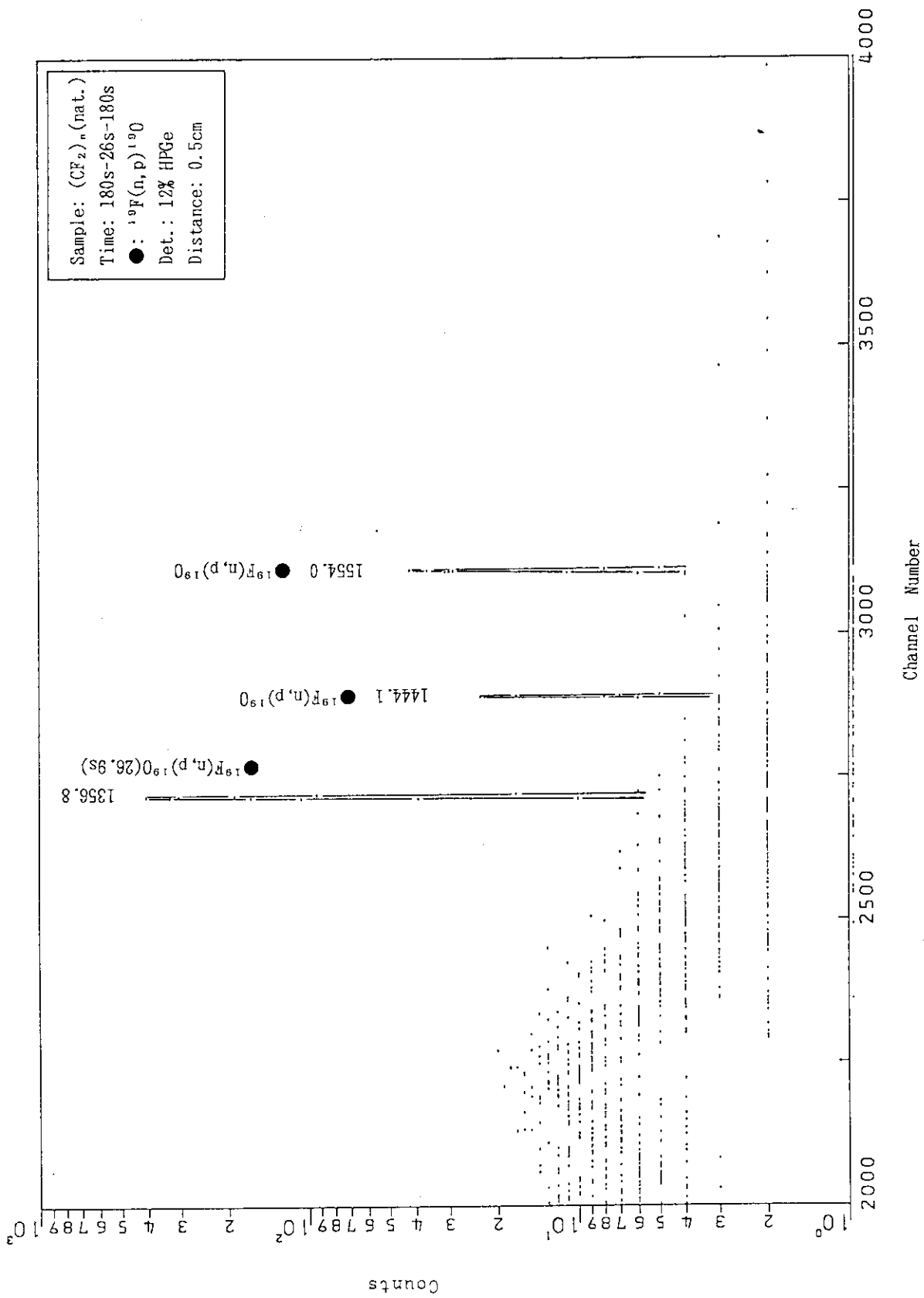


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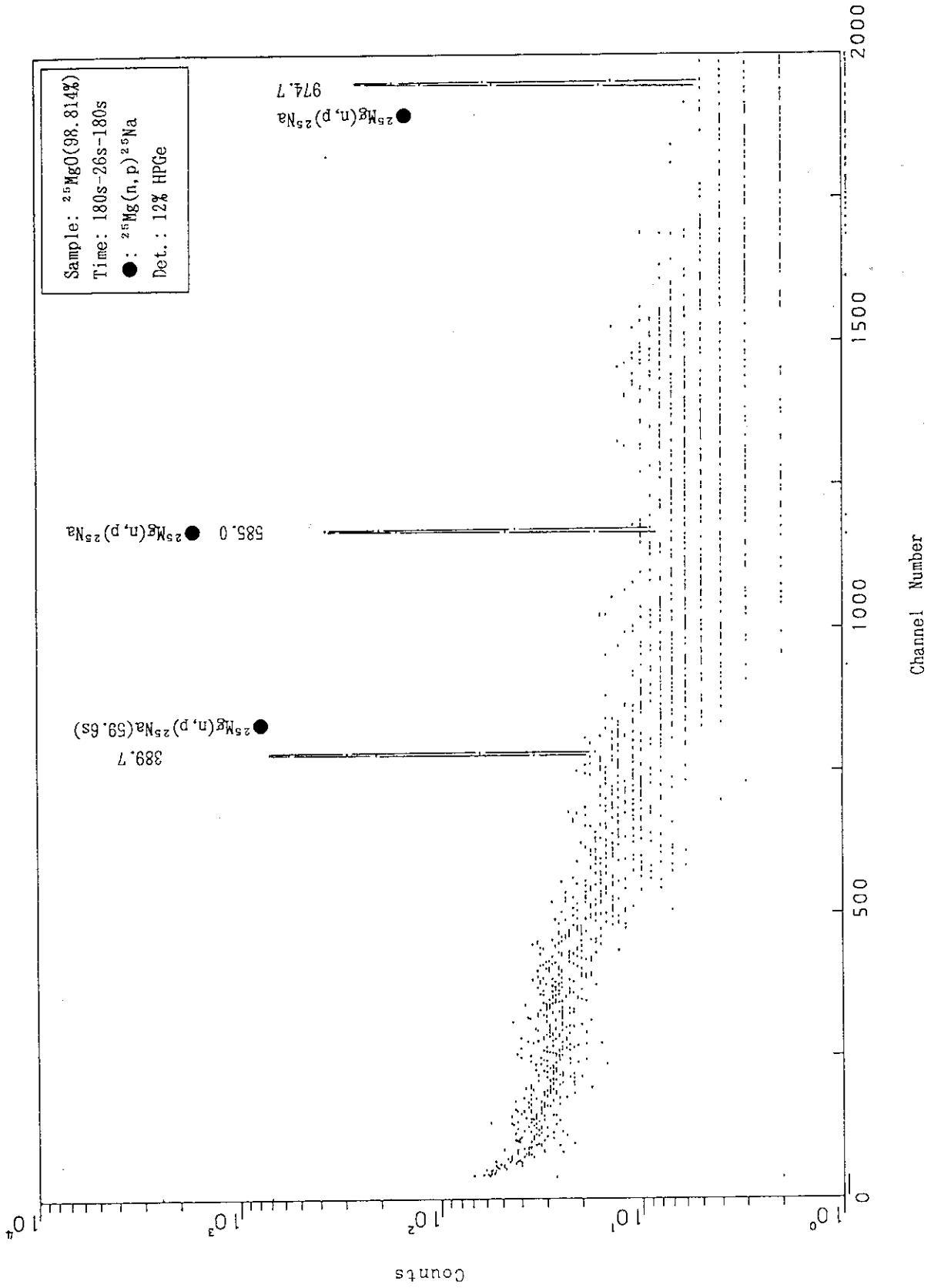


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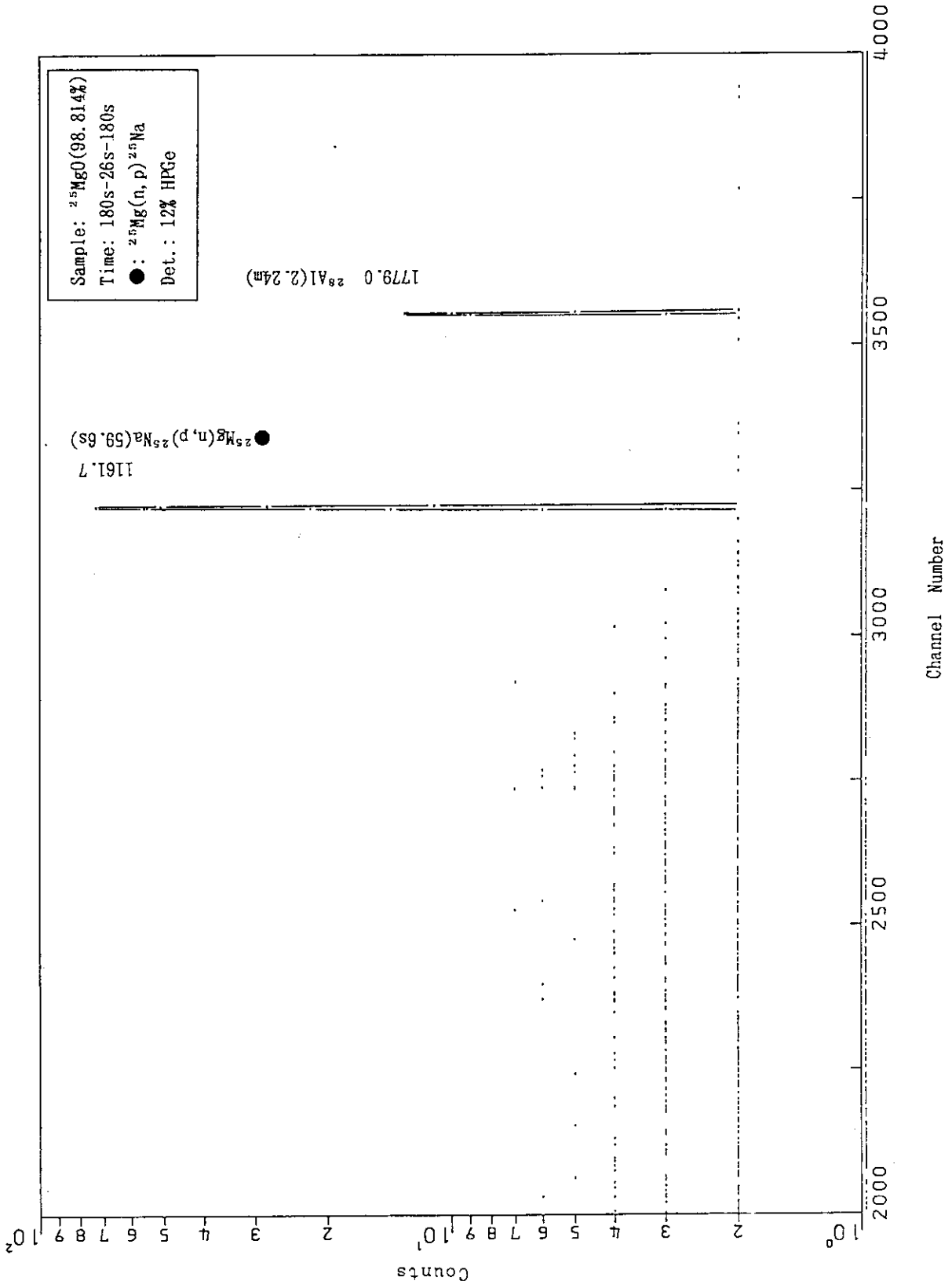


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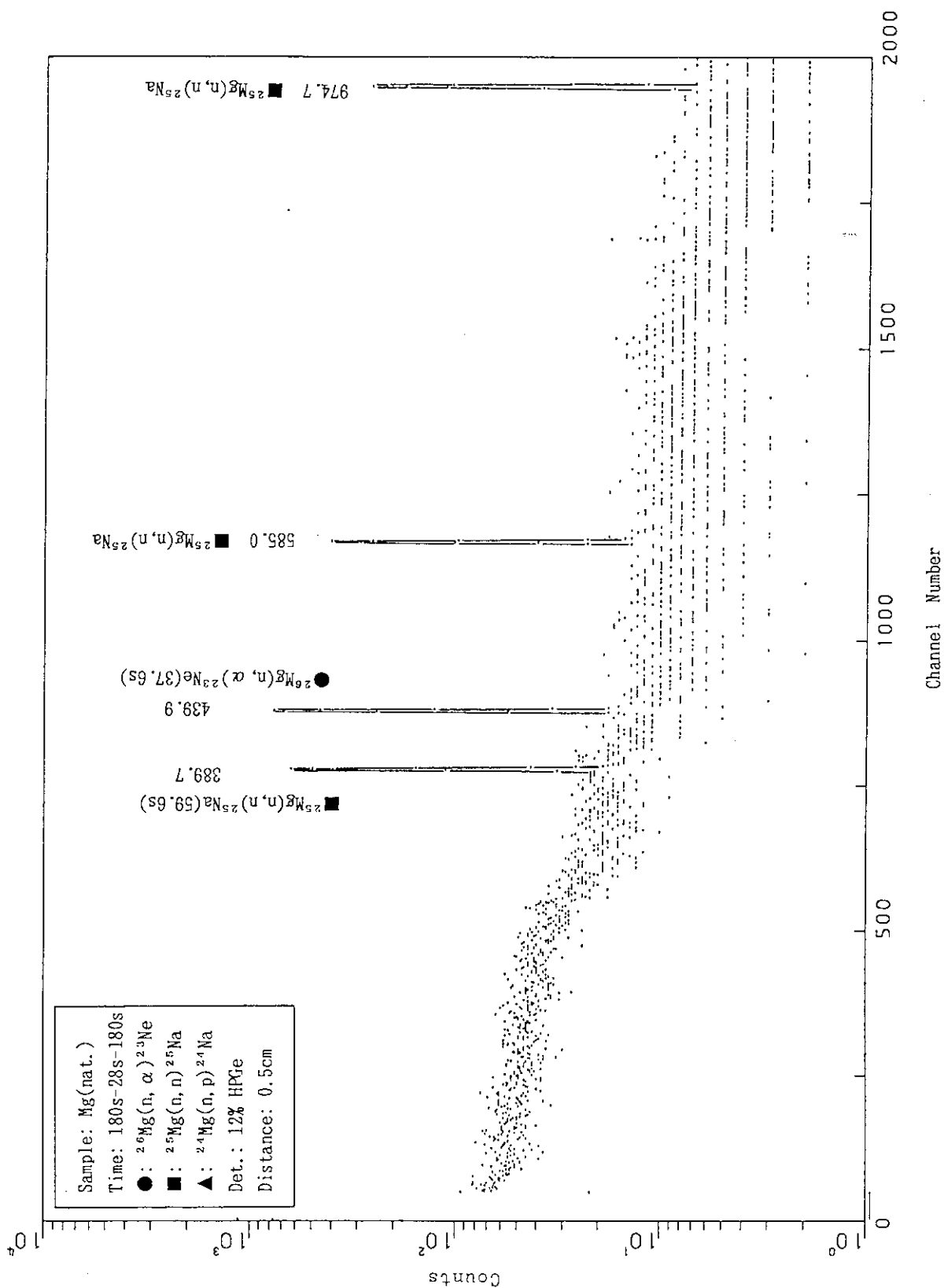


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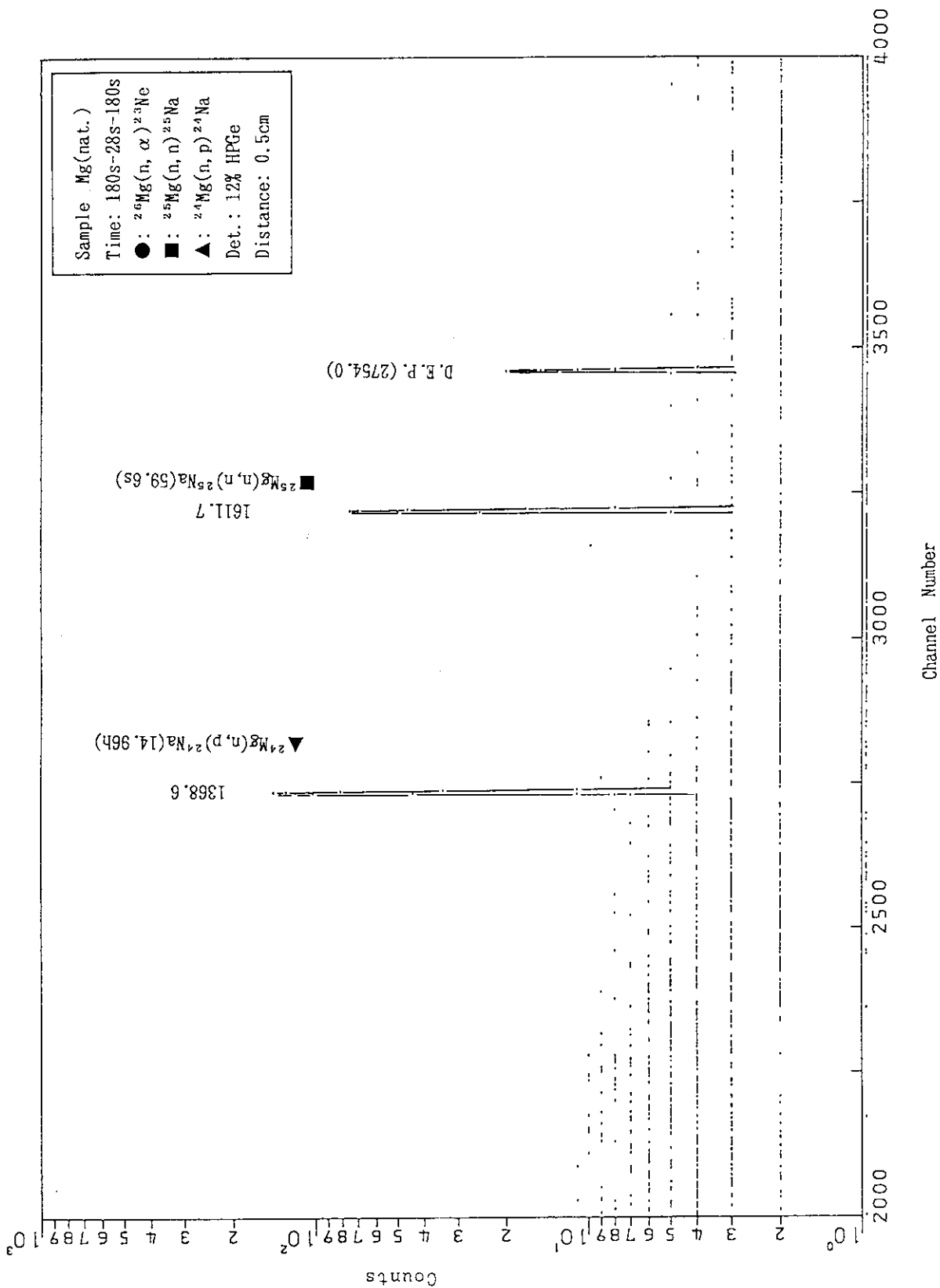


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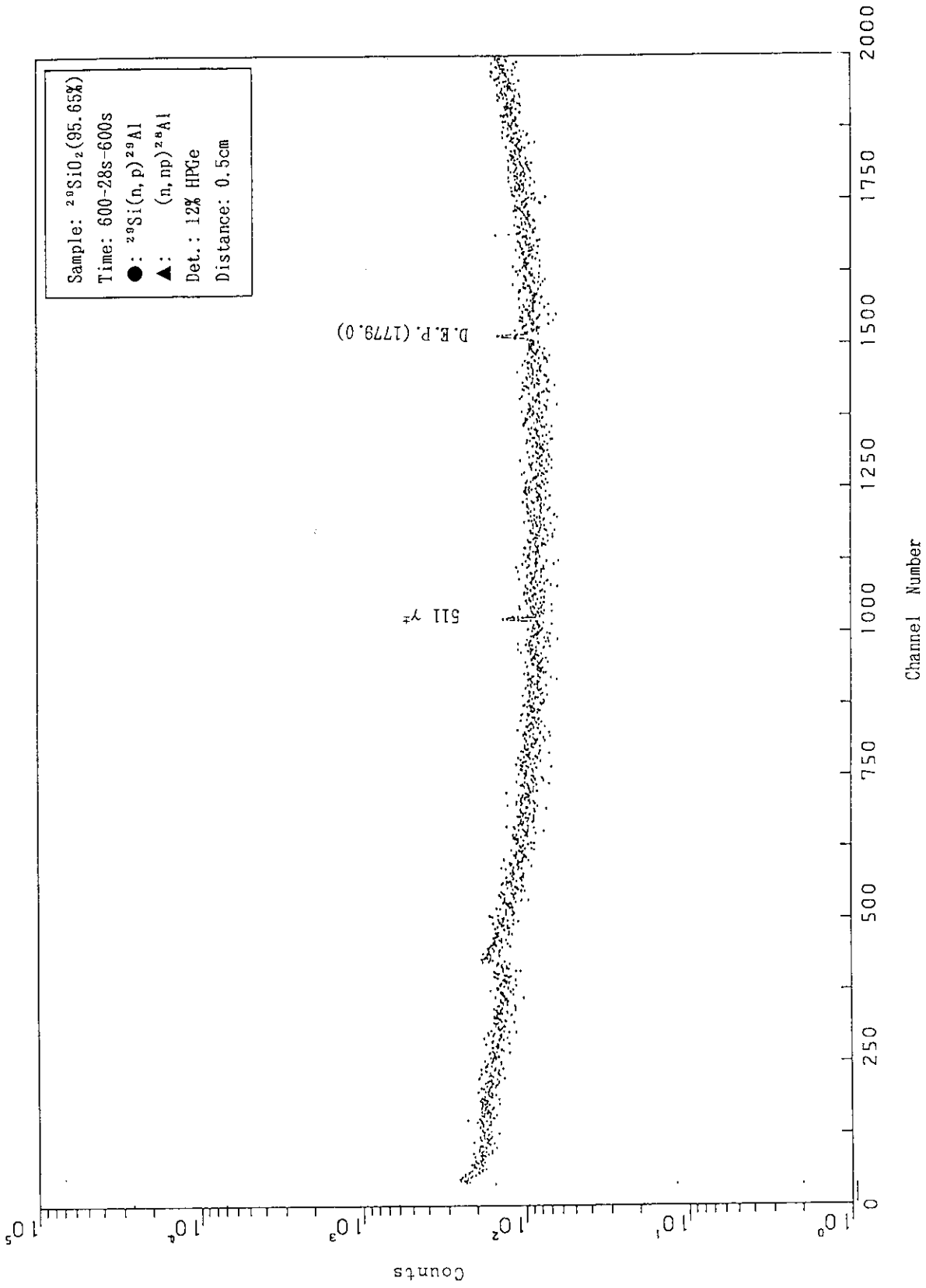


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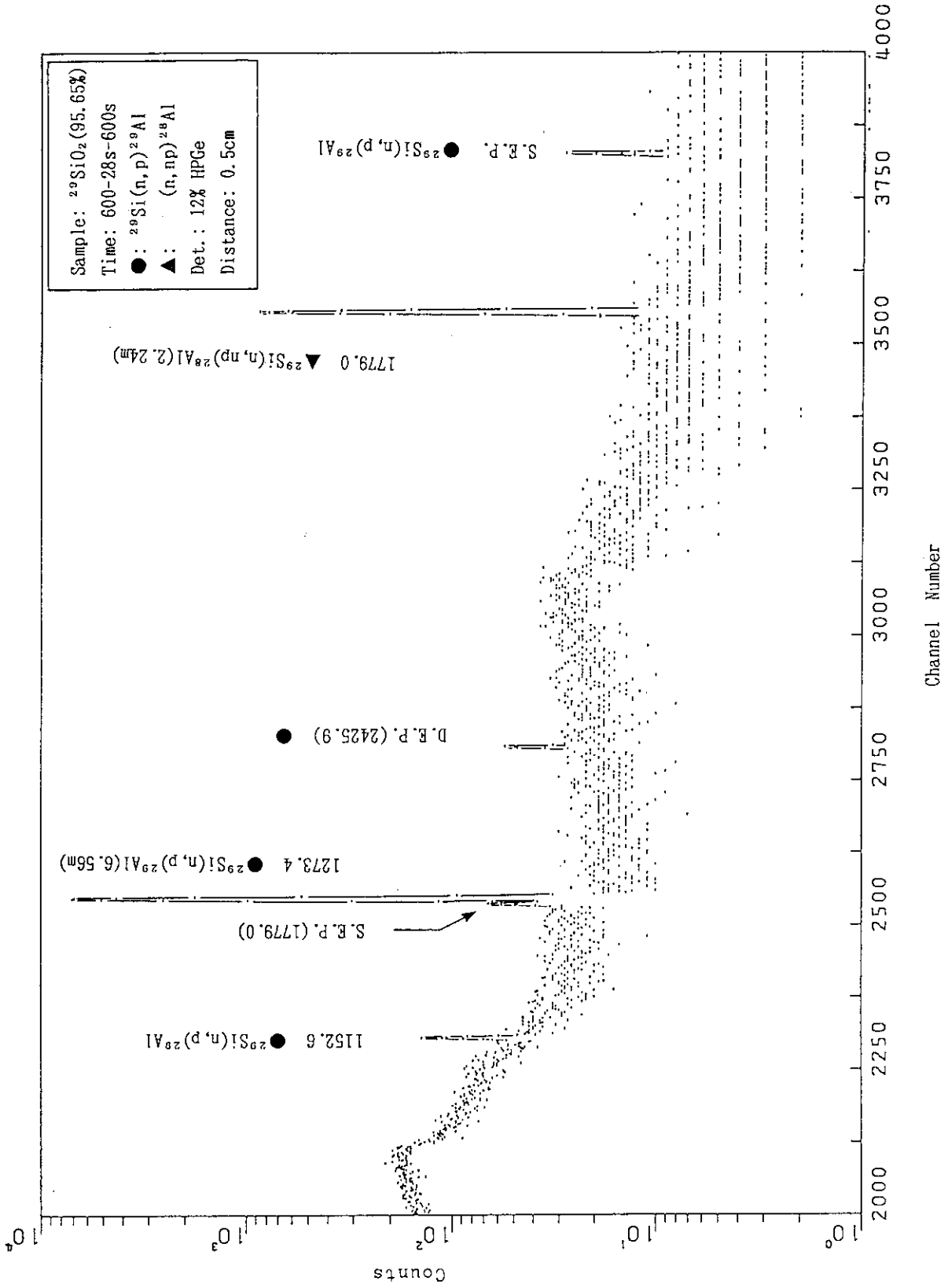


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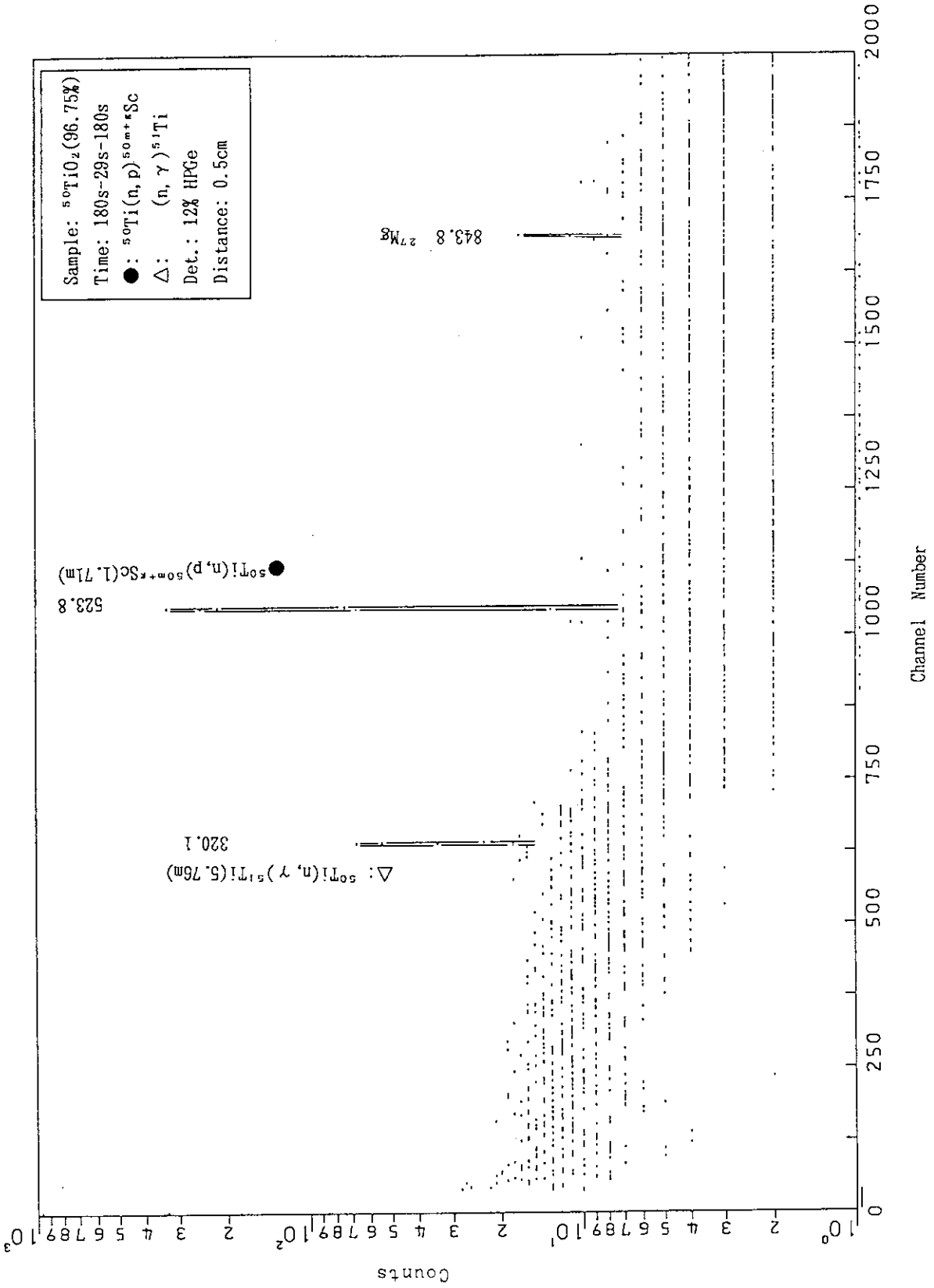


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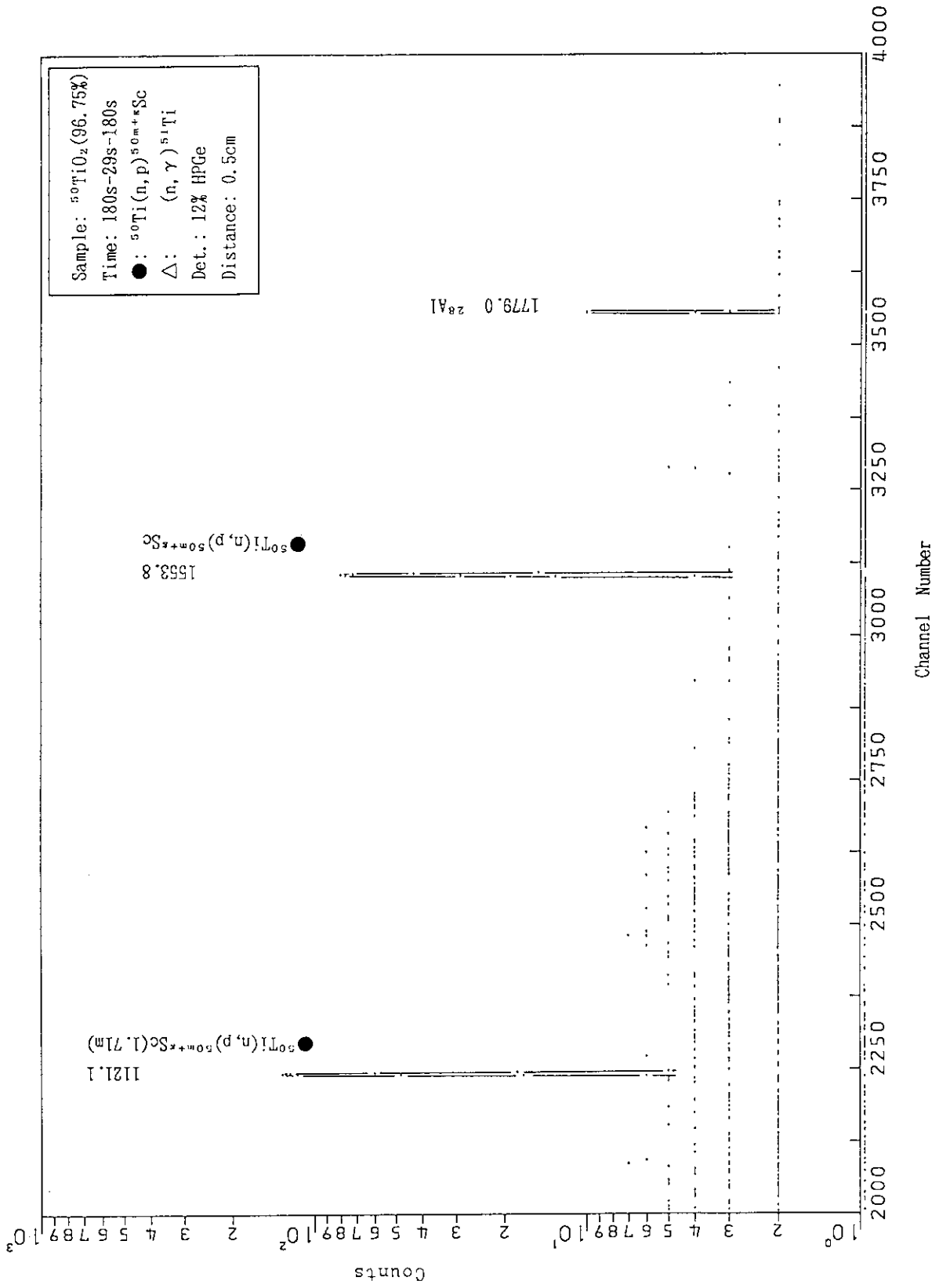


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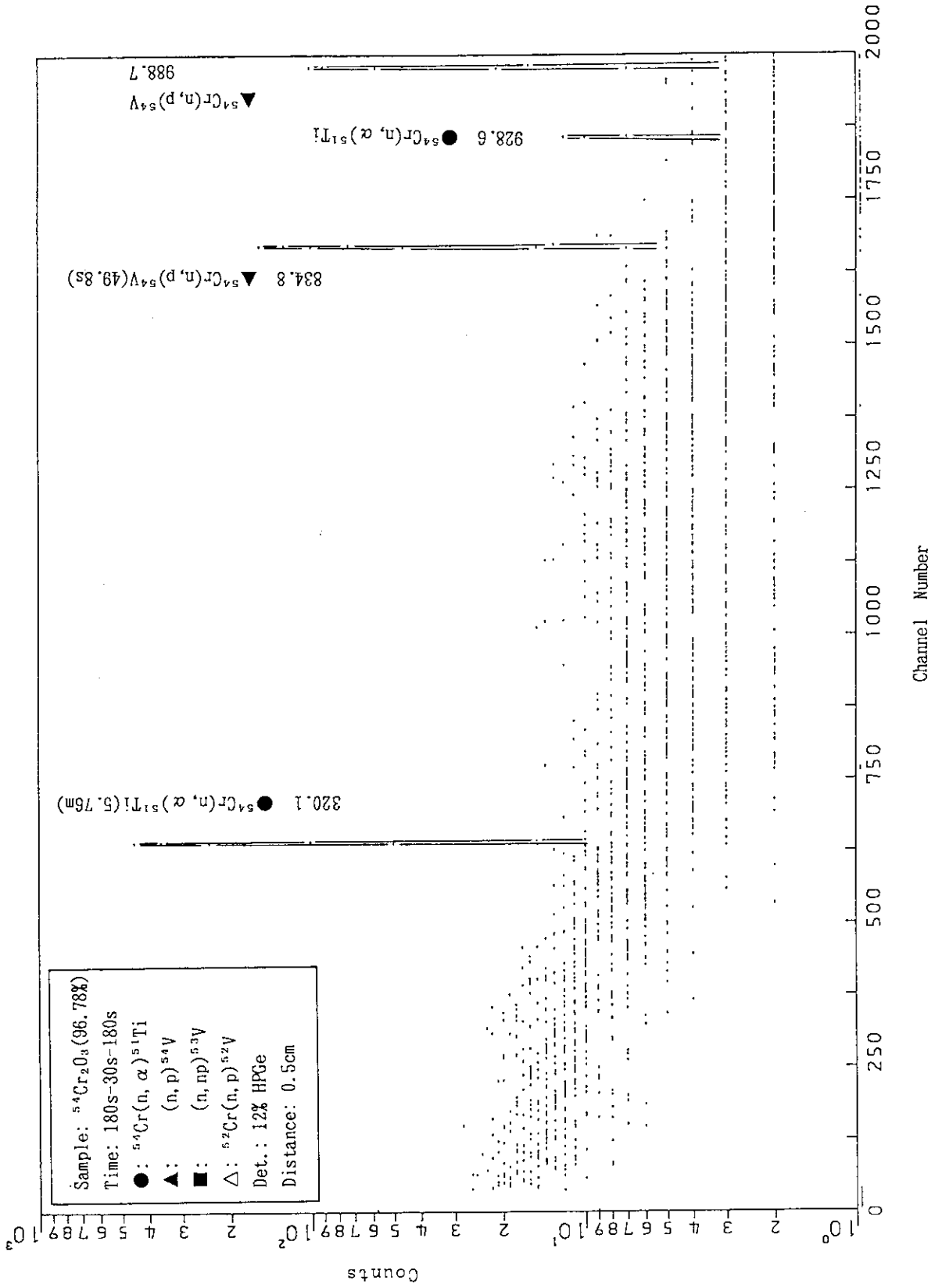


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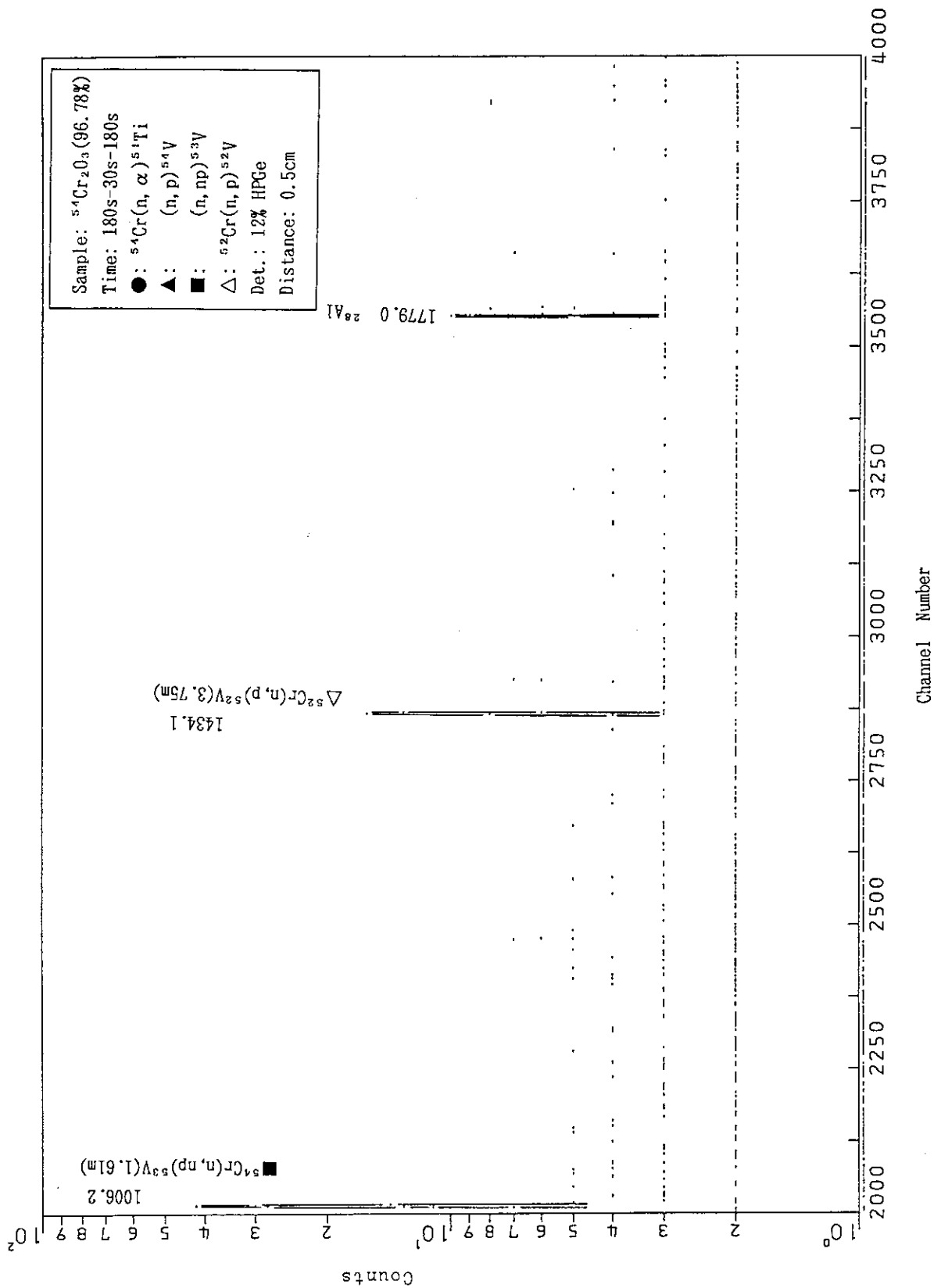


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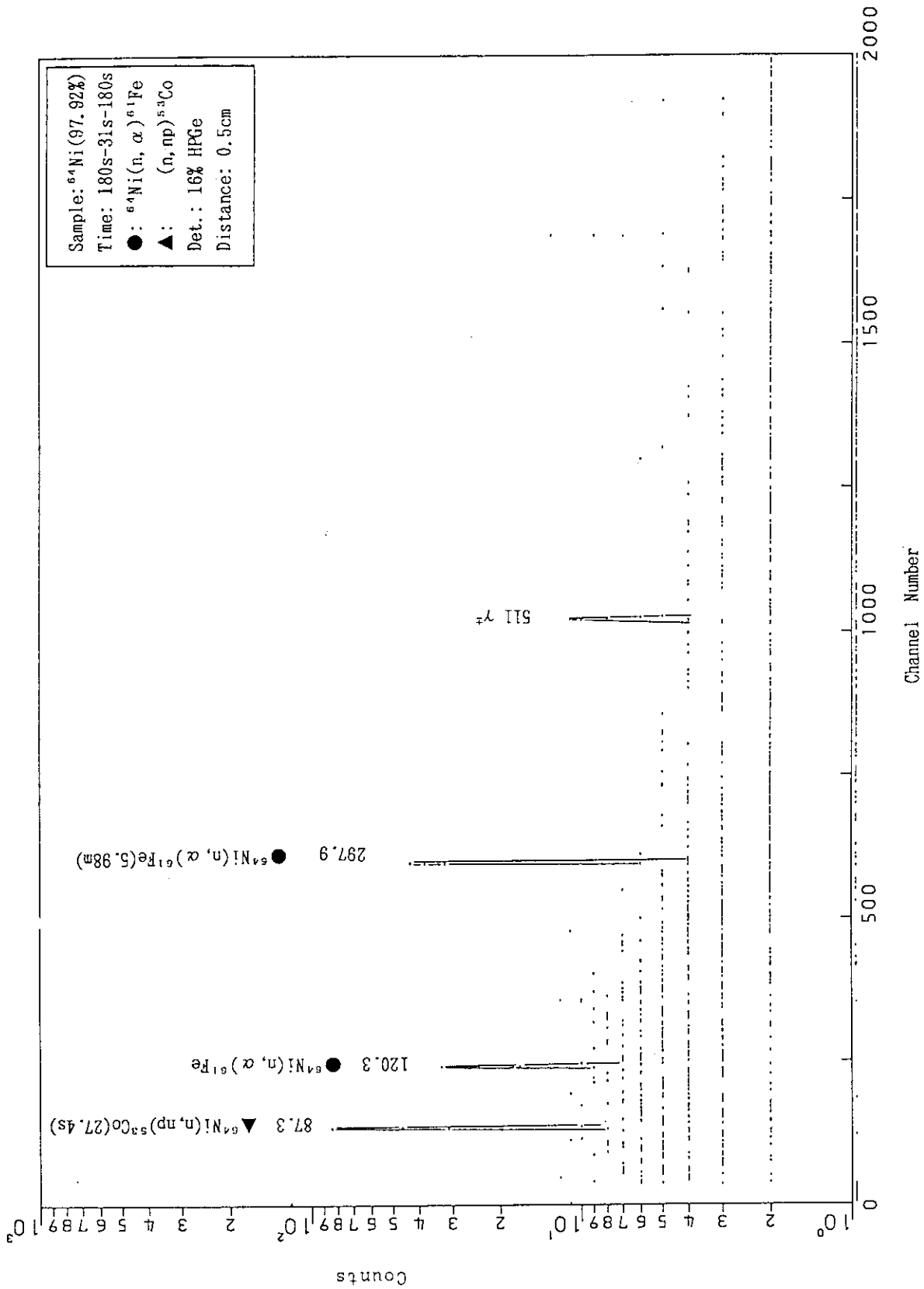


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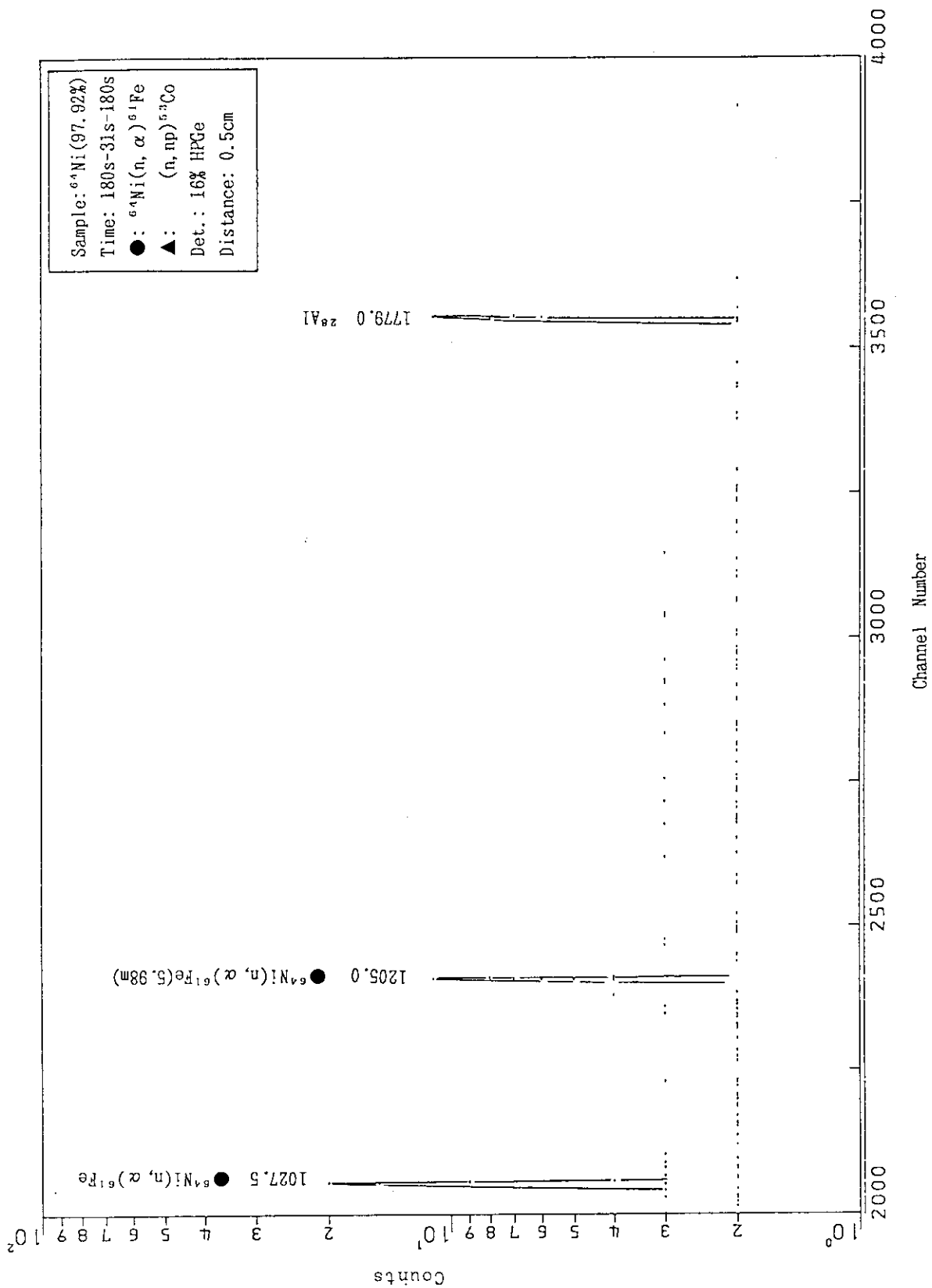


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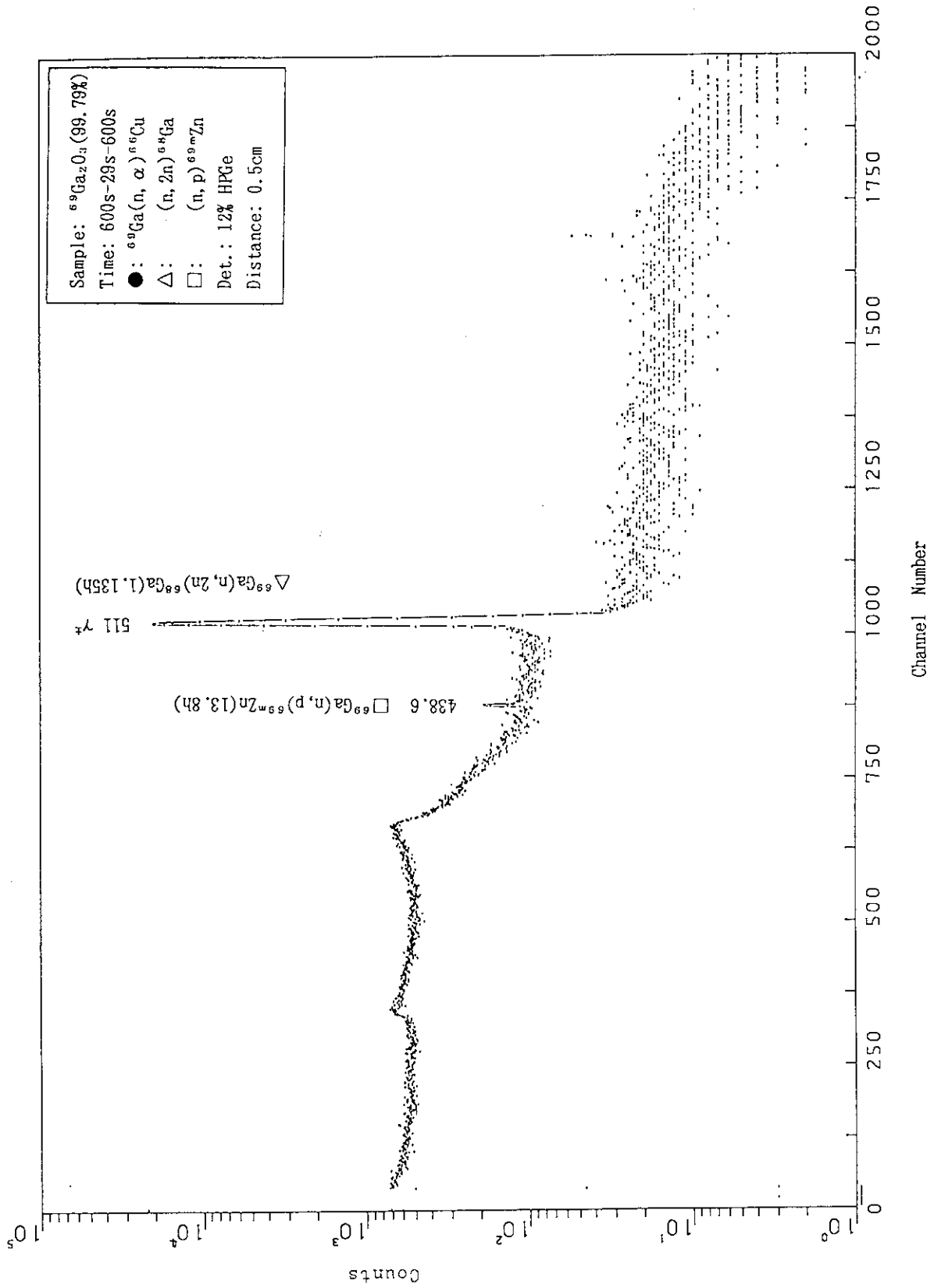


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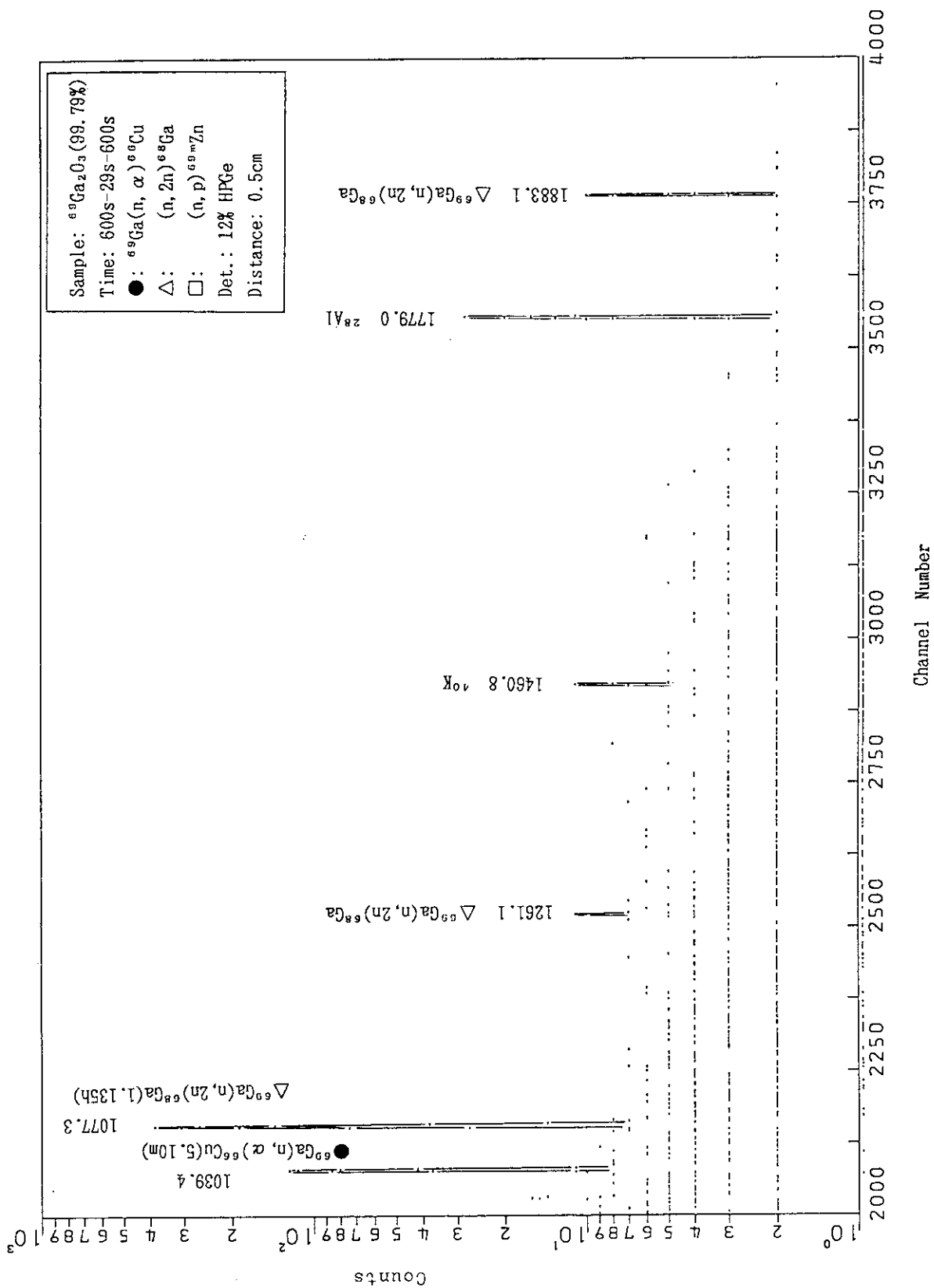


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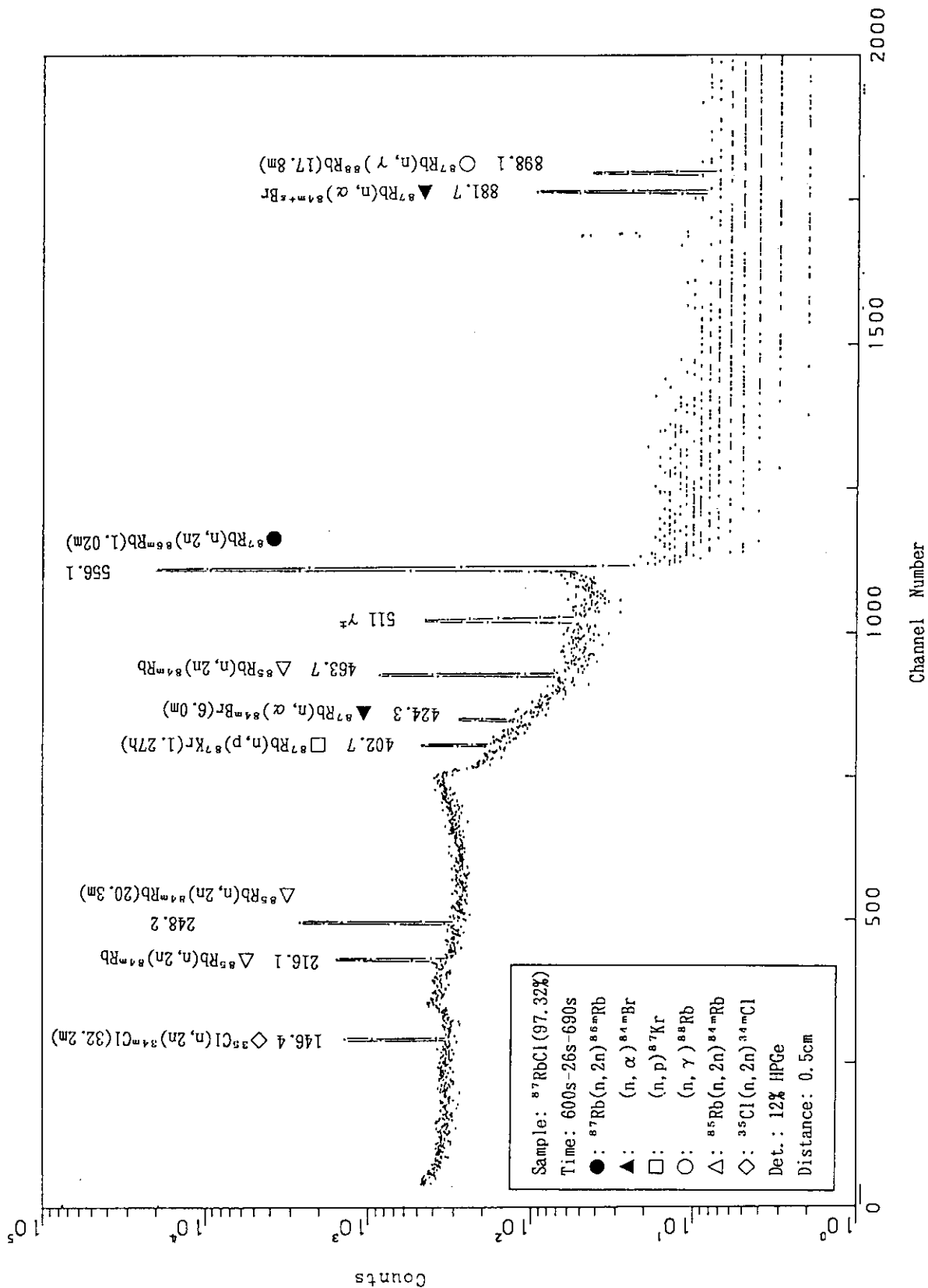


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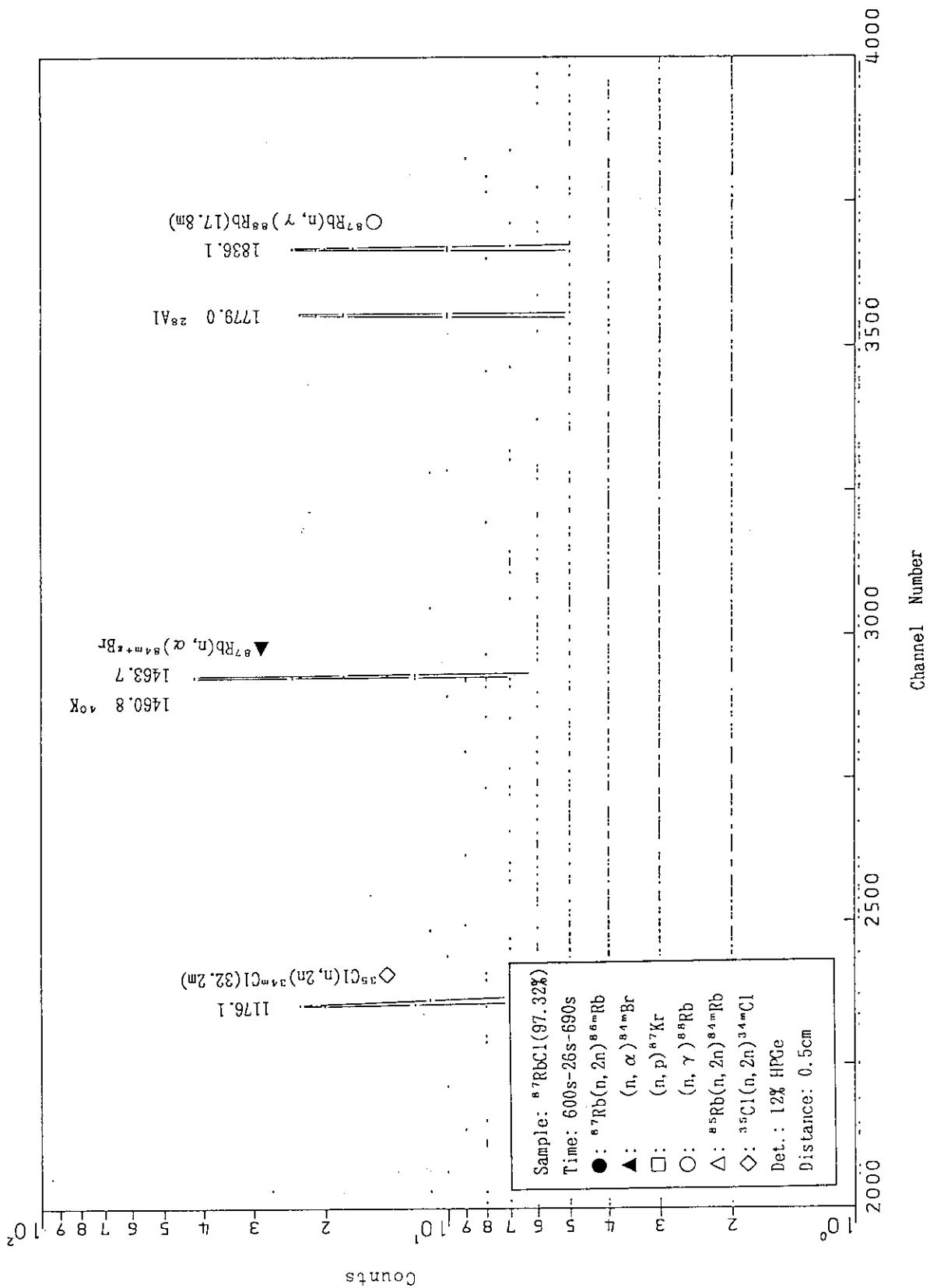


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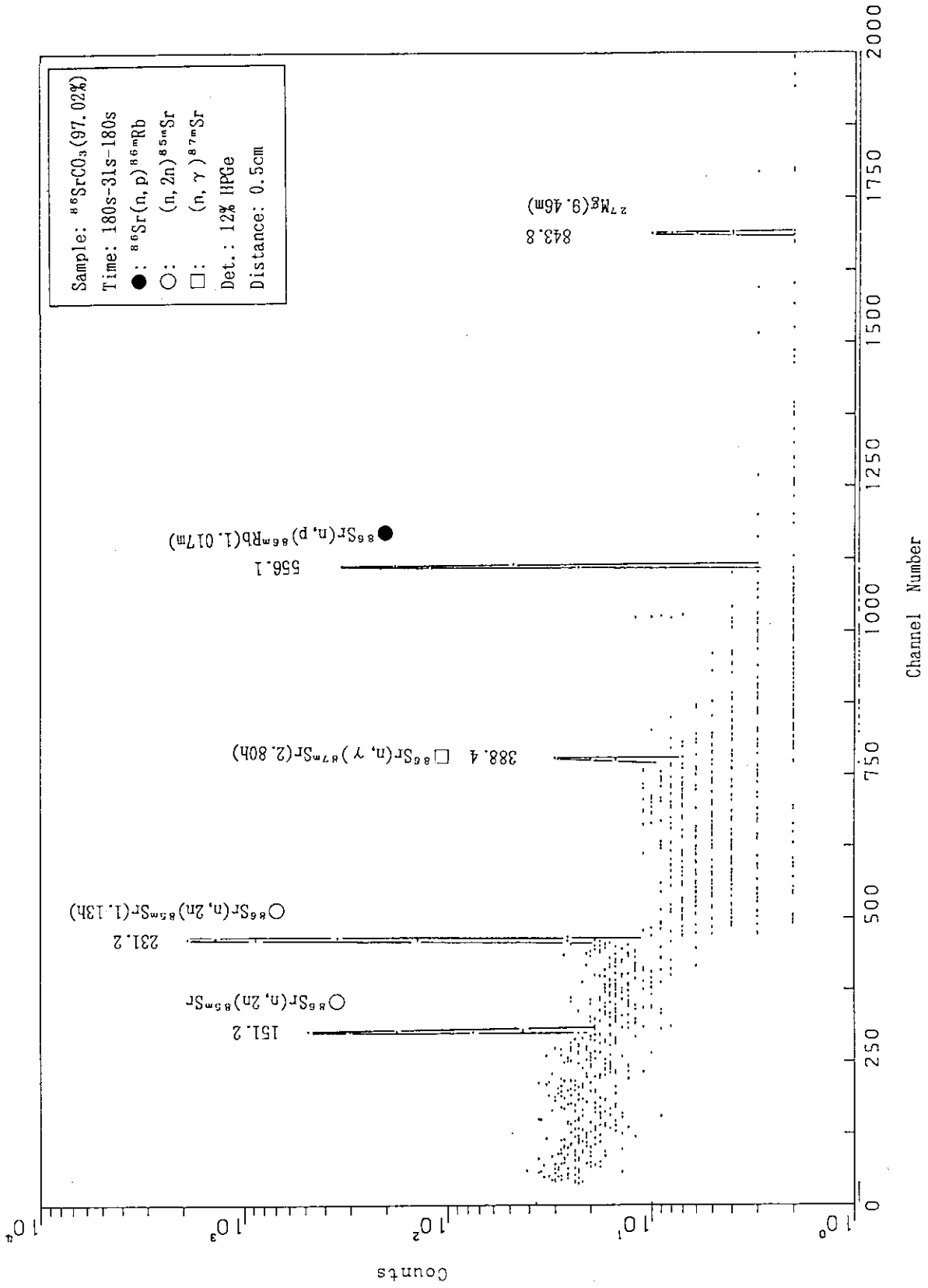


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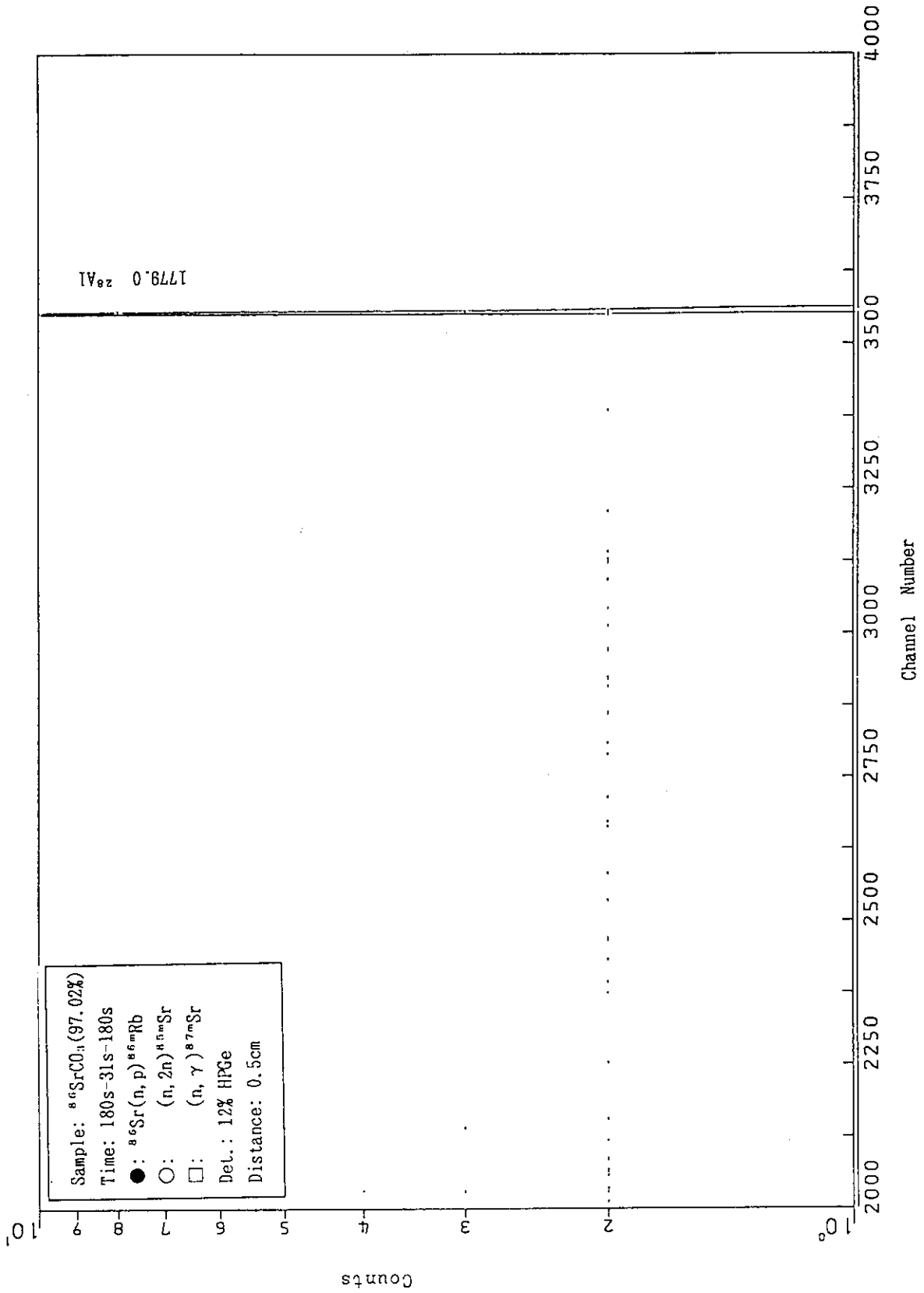


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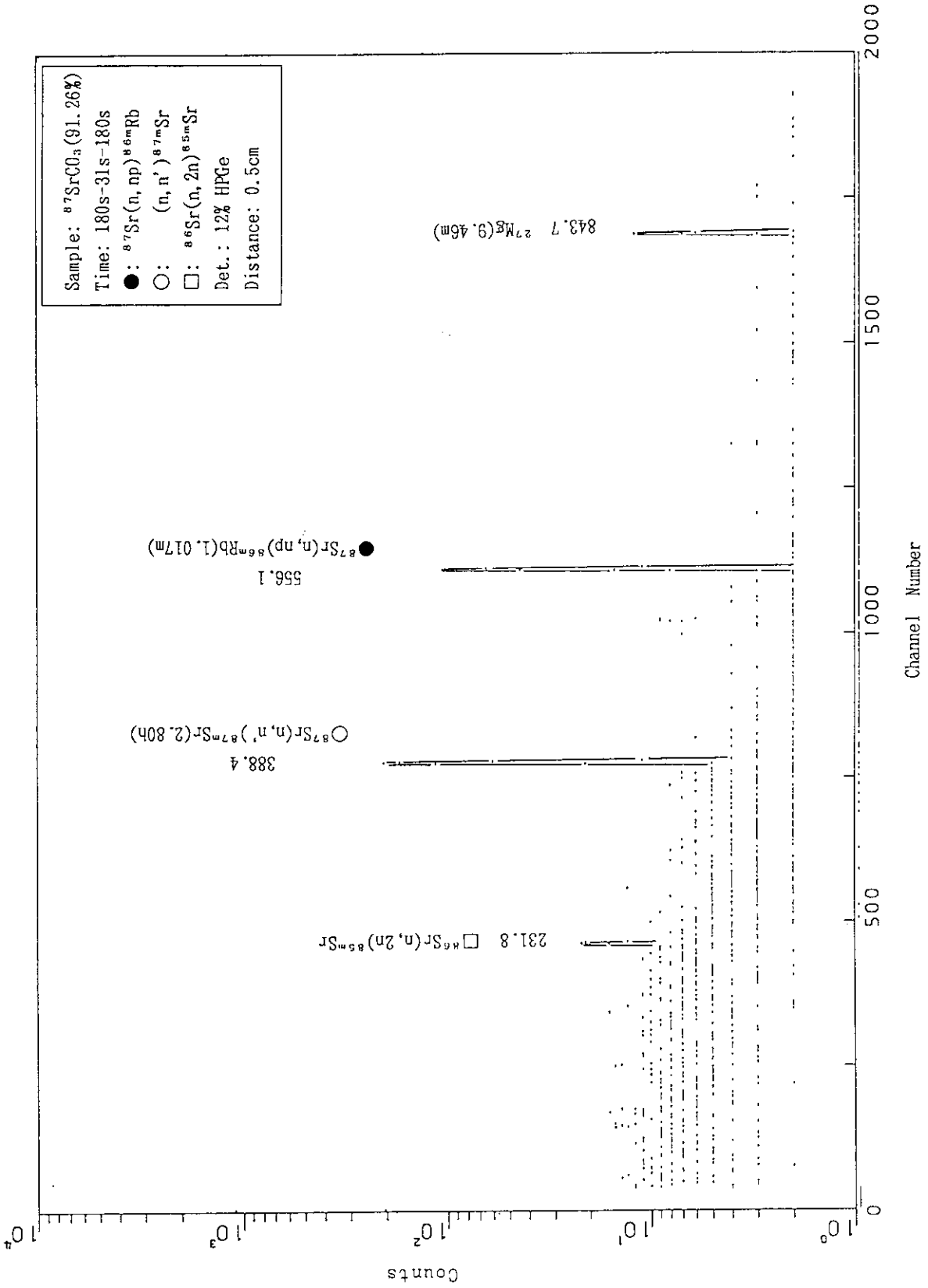


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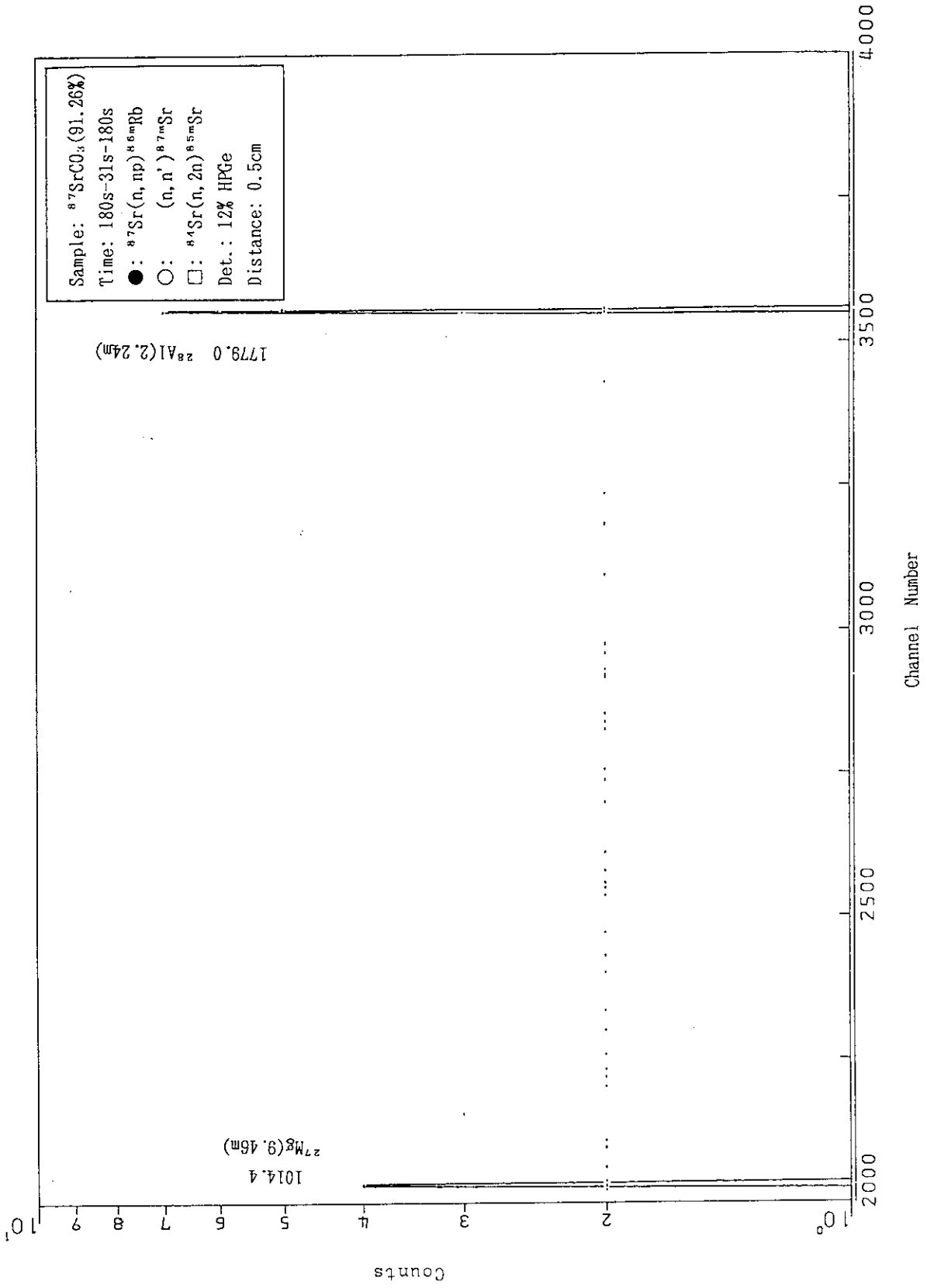


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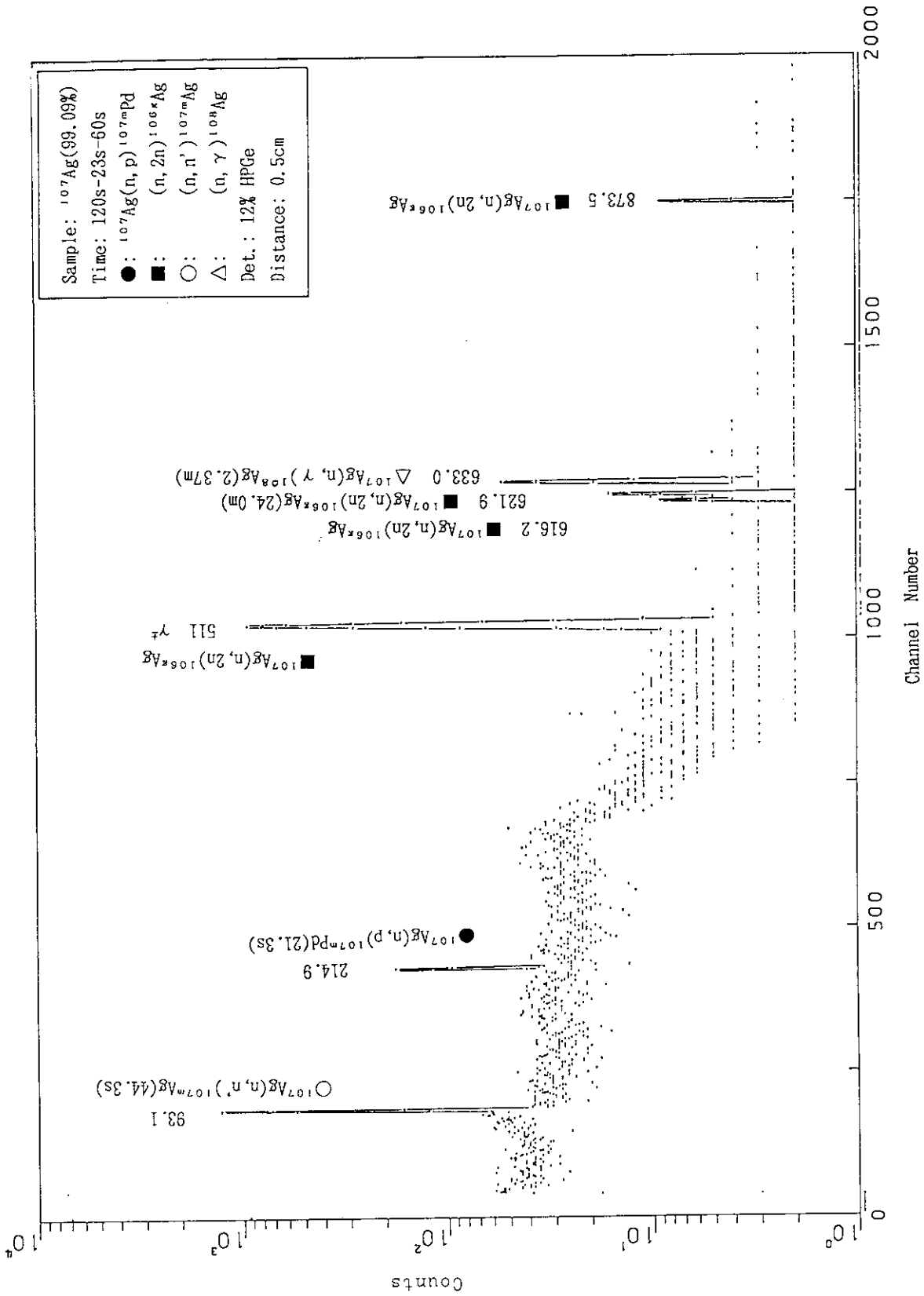


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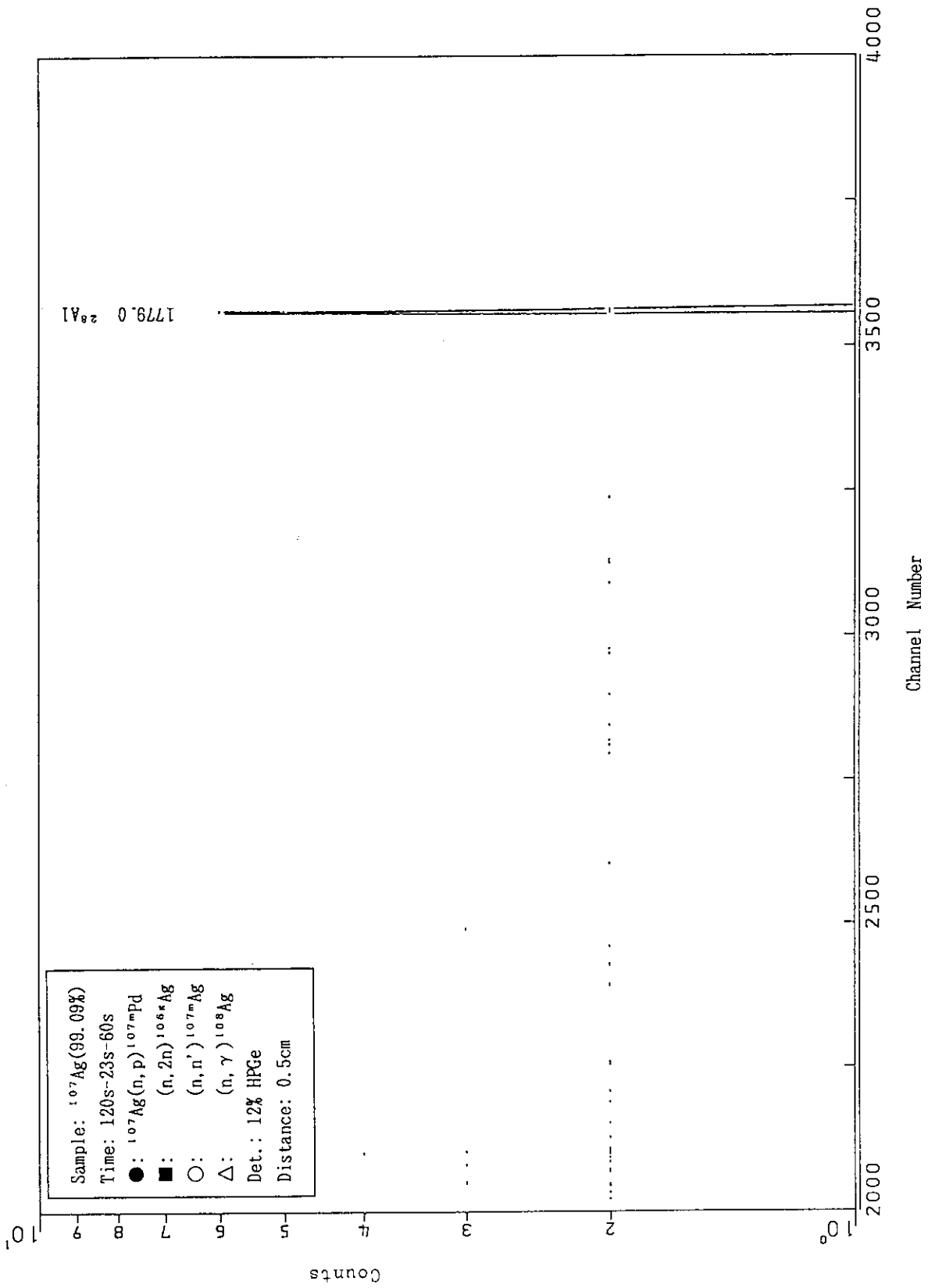


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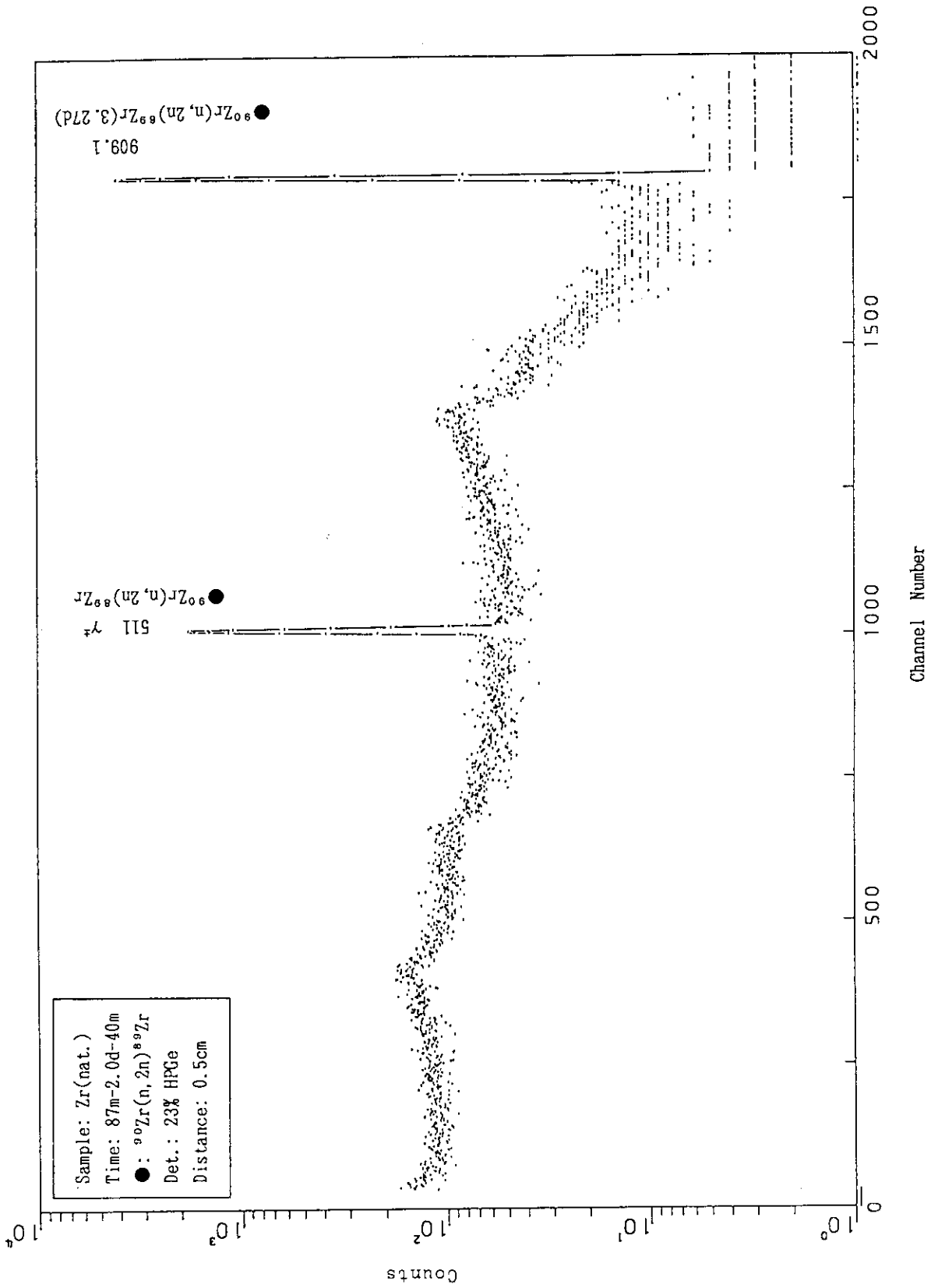


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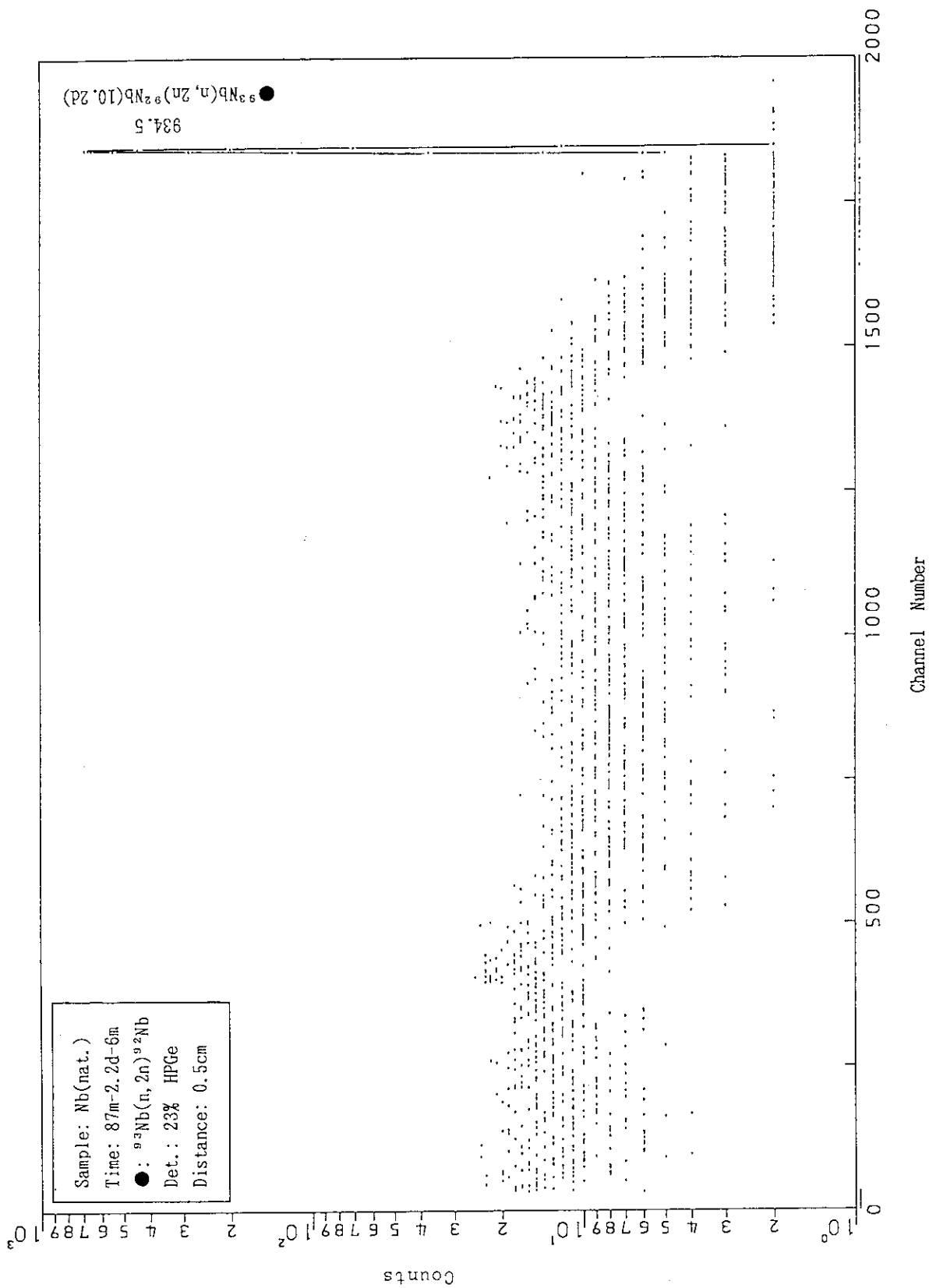


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