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A macroscopic multigroup cross section library of 66 neutron and 22 photon groups for neutron energies up to 400MeV: HIL086R is prepared for 10 typical shielding materials; water, concrete, iron, air, graphite, polyethylene, heavy concrete, lead, aluminum and soil. The library is a revision of the DLC-119/HIL086, in which only the cross sections below 19.6 MeV have been exchanged with a group cross section processed from the JENDL-3 microscopic cross section library. In the HIL086R library, self shielding factors are used to produce effective cross sections for neutrons less than 19.6 MeV considering rather coarse energy meshes.

Energy spectra and dose attenuation in water, concrete and iron have been compared among the HIL0, HIL086 and HIL086R libraries for different energy neutron sources. Significant discrepancy has been observed in the energy spectra less than a couple of MeV energy in iron among the libraries, resulting large difference in the dose attenuation. The difference was attributed to the effect of self-shielding factor, namely to the difference between infinite dilution and effective cross sections. Even for 400 MeV neutron source the influence of the self-shielding factor is significant, nevertheless only the cross sections below 19.6 MeV are exchanged.

Keywords: DLC-87/HILO, DLC-119/HILO86, HILO86R, 400MeV Neutron Source,
Group Cross Section, Self-shielding Factor, JENDL-3

400 MeV までの中性子に対する、中性子-光子多群断面積

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巨視的多群断面積ライブラリーHILO86Rとして、代表的遮蔽材である、水、普通コンクリート、鉄、空気、グラファイト、ポリエチレン、重コンクリート、鉛、アルミニウム、土の10物質に対し、断面積を作成した。このライブラリーは、DLC-119/HILO86の改訂版であり、19.6 MeV以下の断面積を、JENDL-3 微視的断面積ライブラリーを処理して作った断面積と置き換えたものである。本ライブラリーは、エネルギーメッシュの粗い事に注意し、自己遮蔽因子を考慮した実効断面積となっている。

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Table 1 Materials in HIL086R library

1	water	6	polyethylene
2	ordinary concrete	7	heavy concrete
3	iron	8	lead
4	air	9	aluminum
5	graphite	10	soil

Table 3 Upper energy boundaries of gamma-rays in units of MeV.

1	20.0	9	6.0	17	2.0
2	14.0	10	5.5	18	1.5
3	12.0	11	5.0	19	1.0
4	10.0	12	4.5	20	0.4
5	8.0	13	4.0	21	0.2
6	7.5	14	3.5	22	0.1
7	7.0	15	3.0		0.01
8	6.5	16	2.0		

Table 2 Group number vs. upper energy boundaries of neutrons
in units of MeV.

1	400.	24	40.	47	0.907
2	375.	25	35.	48	0.743
3	350.	26	30.	49	0.498
4	325.	27	27.5	50	0.334
5	300.	28	25.	51	0.224
6	275.	29	22.5	52	0.150
7	250.	30	19.6	53	8.65E-2
8	225.	31	17.5	54	3.18E-2
9	200.	32	14.9	55	1.50E-2
10	180.	33	13.5	56	7.10E-3
11	160.	34	12.2	57	3.35E-3
12	140.	35	10.0	58	1.58E-3
13	120.	36	8.19	59	4.54E-4
14	110.	37	6.70	60	1.01E-4
15	100.	38	5.49	61	2.26E-5
16	90.	39	4.49	62	1.07E-5
17	80.	40	3.68	63	5.04E-6
18	70.	41	3.01	64	2.38E-6
19	65.	42	2.46	65	1.12E-6
20	60.	43	2.02	66	4.14E-7
21	55.	44	1.65		1.00E-10
22	50.	45	1.35		
23	45.	46	1.11		

Table 4 Atomic number densities

unit($10^{24}/\text{cm}^3$)

	Water	Graphite	Polyethylene	Air	Lead
H	6.6738-2 ^{¥)}		7.9793-2		
C		8.5240-2	3.9930-2		
N				3.9099-5	
O	3.3369-2			1.0538-5	
Pb					3.2960-2

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	Aluminium	Iron	Ordinary concrete ^{**)}	Heavy-Concrete	Soil ^{***)}
H			1.3851-2	9.9885-3	6.6300-3
C			1.1542-4		
O			4.5921-2	4.3899-2	2.0200-2
Mg			1.2388-4	4.3265-5	
Al	6.0244-2		1.7409-3	1.6502-4	1.7500-3
Si			1.6621-2	3.7264-2	5.7000-3
K			4.6205-4		3.8600-4
Ca			1.5025-3	2.2782-3	5.2000-4
Fe		8.4869-2	3.4510-4	2.3602-2	5.2100-4

*) JAERI-M 6928(1977),

**) O2a-concrete, ANL-5800 p. 660,

***) Compendium II p. 358

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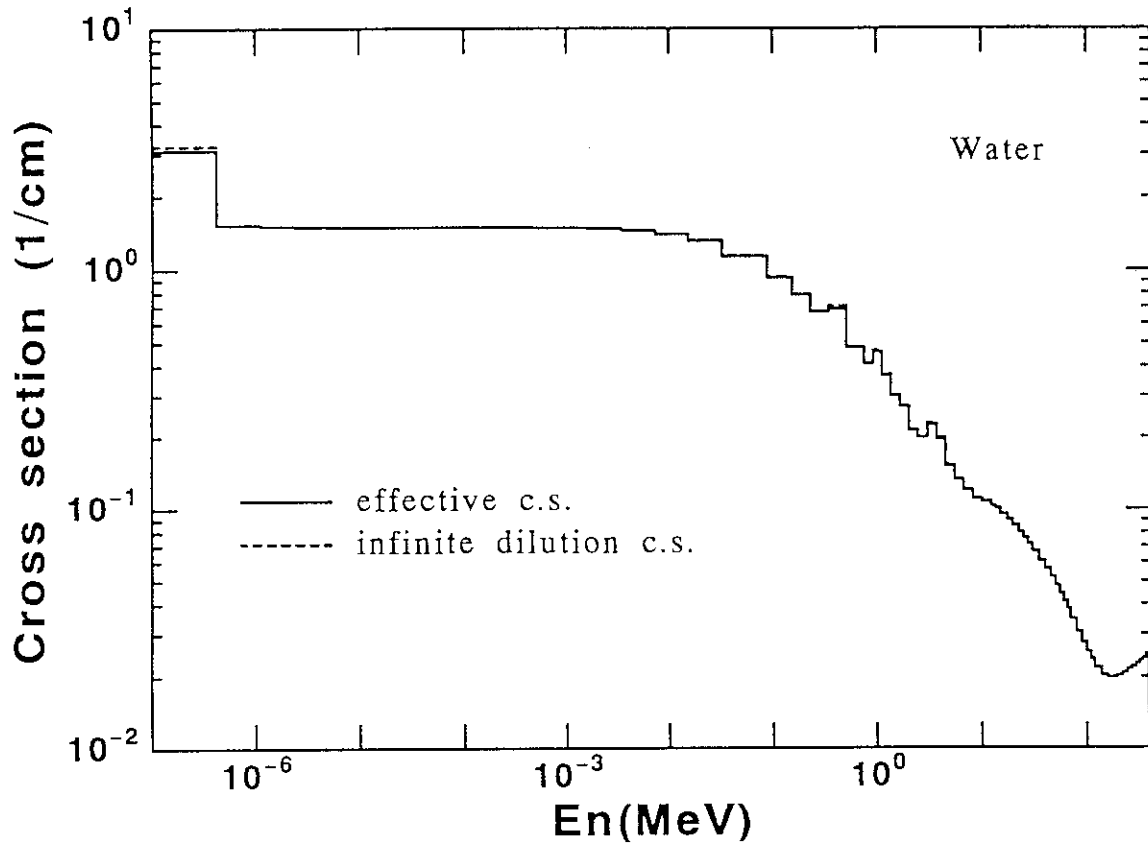


Fig.1 Comparison between effective and infinite dilution total cross sections of water in HILO86R library.

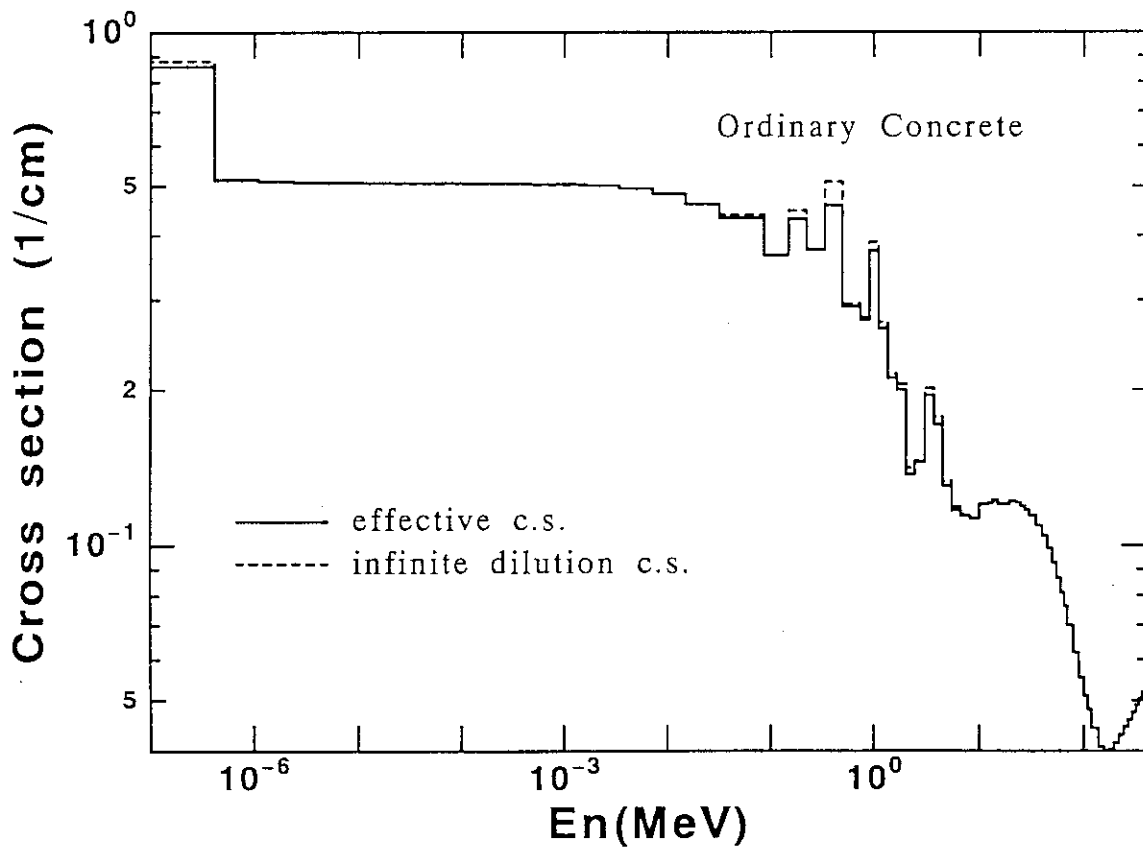


Fig.2 Comparison between effective and infinite dilution total cross sections of ordinary concrete in HILO86R library.

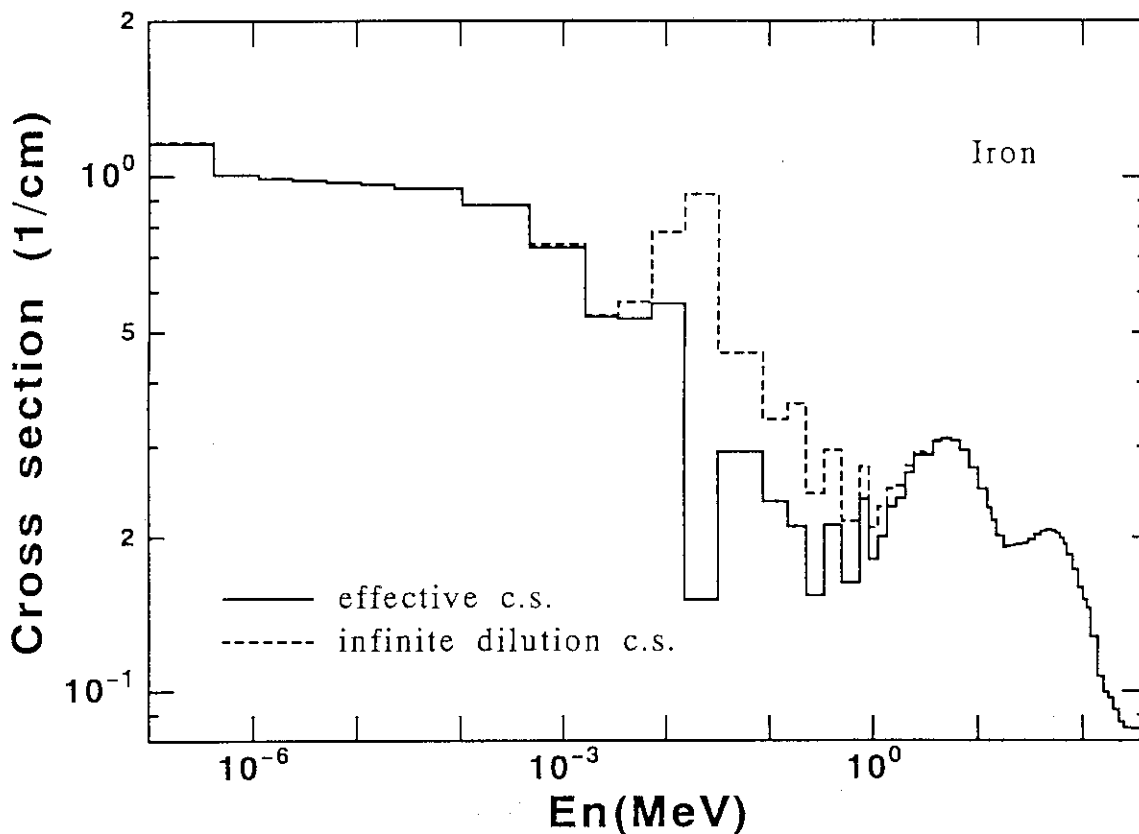


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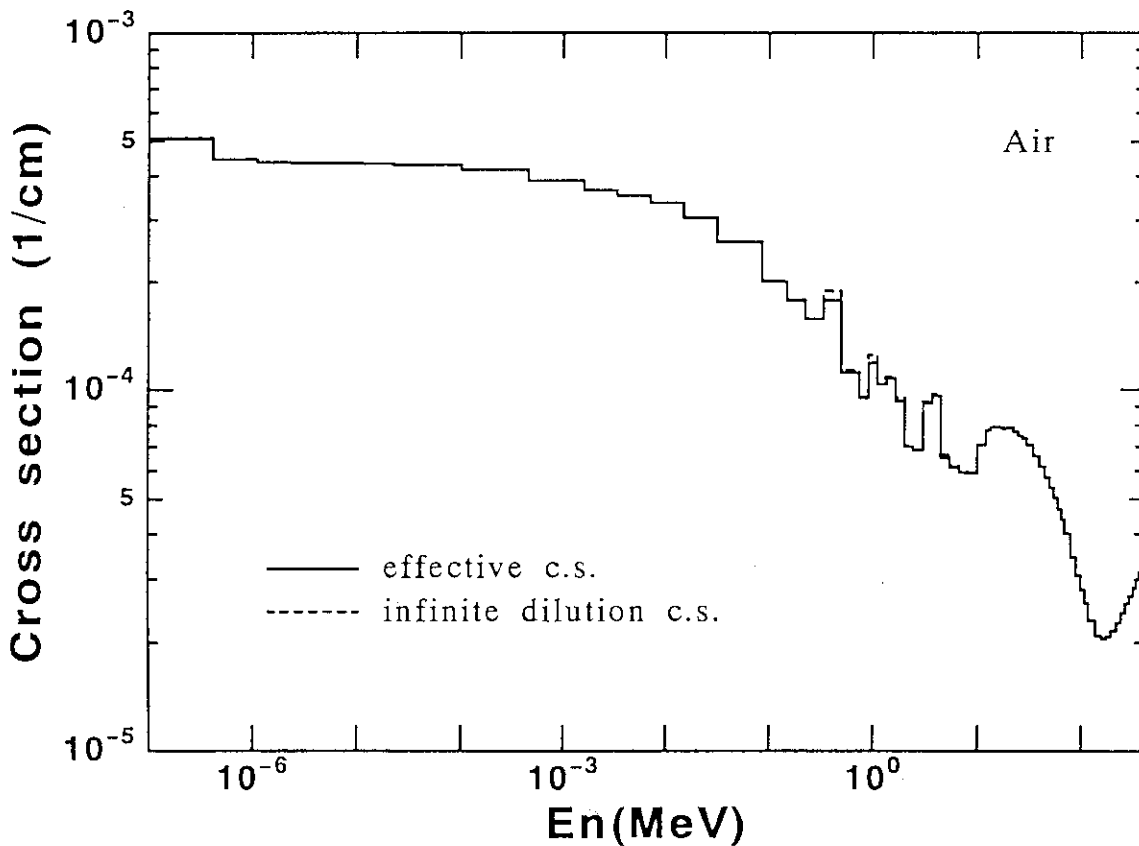


Fig.4 Comparison between effective and infinite dilution total cross sections of air in HILO86R library.

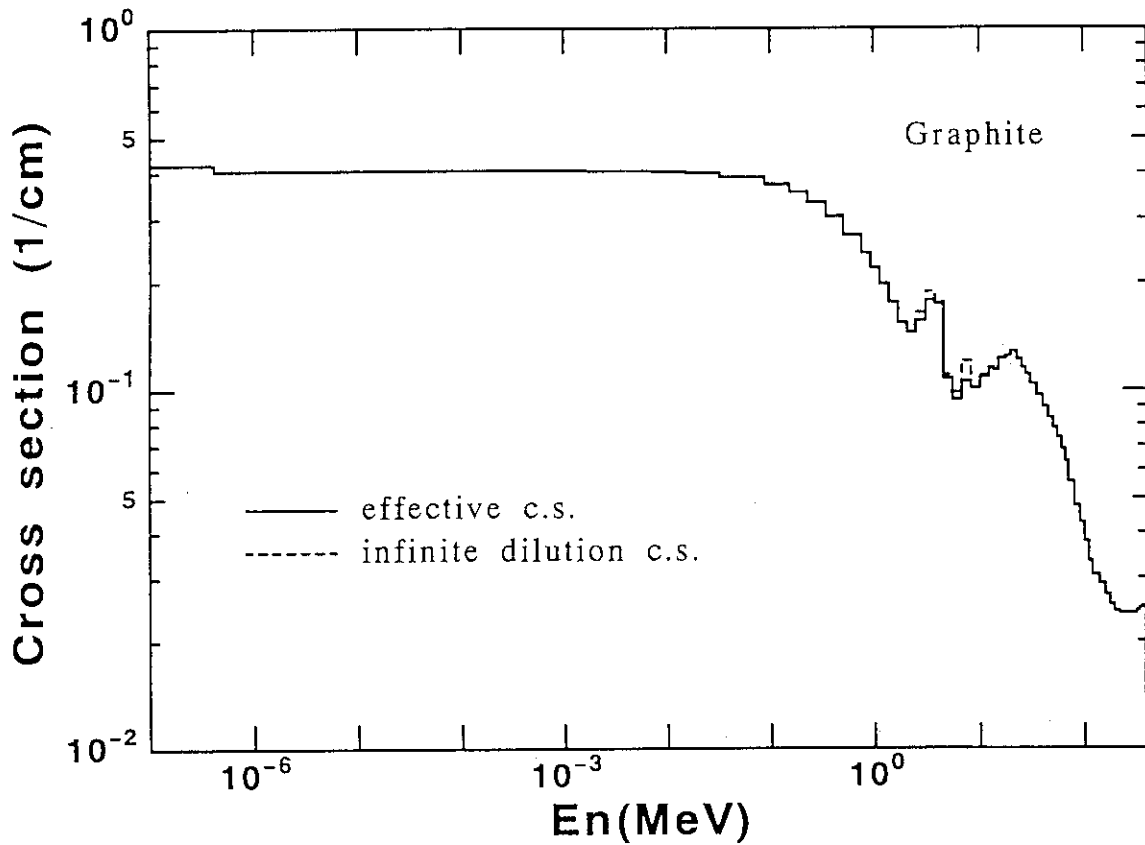


Fig.5 Comparison between effective and infinite dilution total cross sections of graphite in HILO86R library.

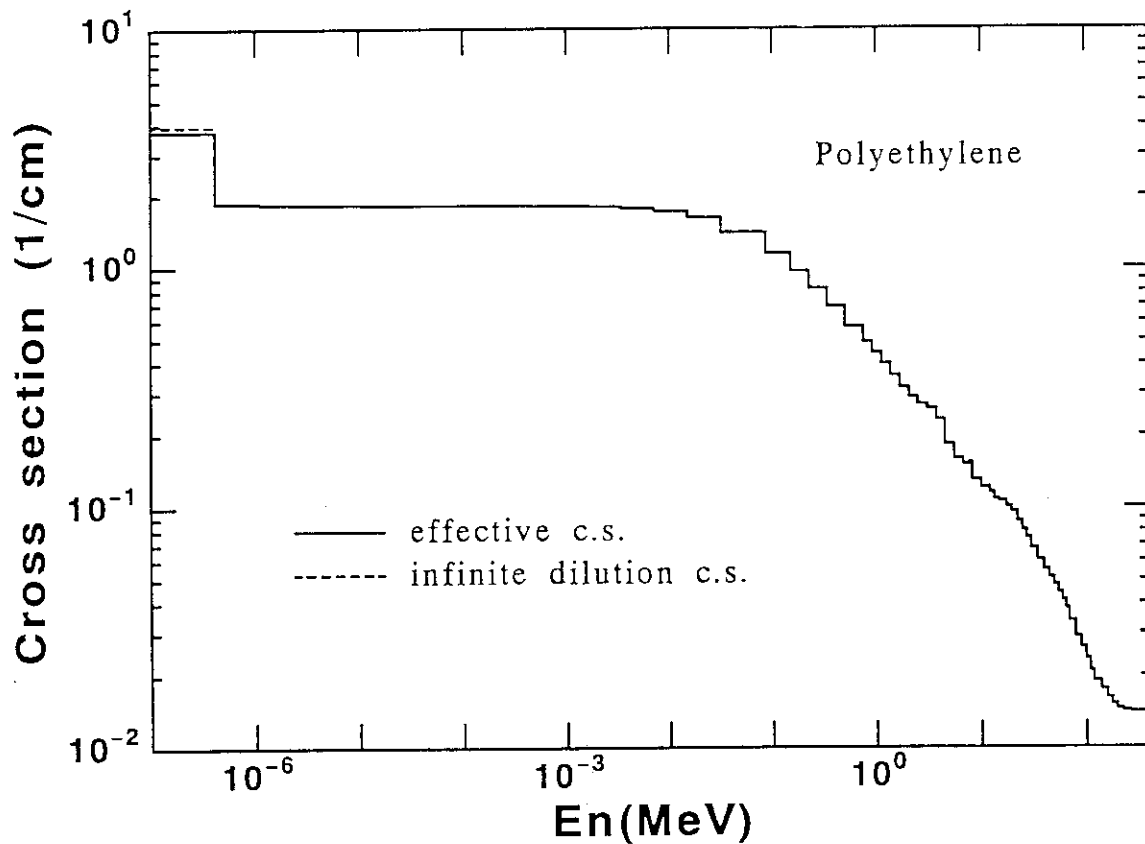


Fig.6 Comparison between effective and infinite dilution total cross sections of polyethylene in HILO86R library.

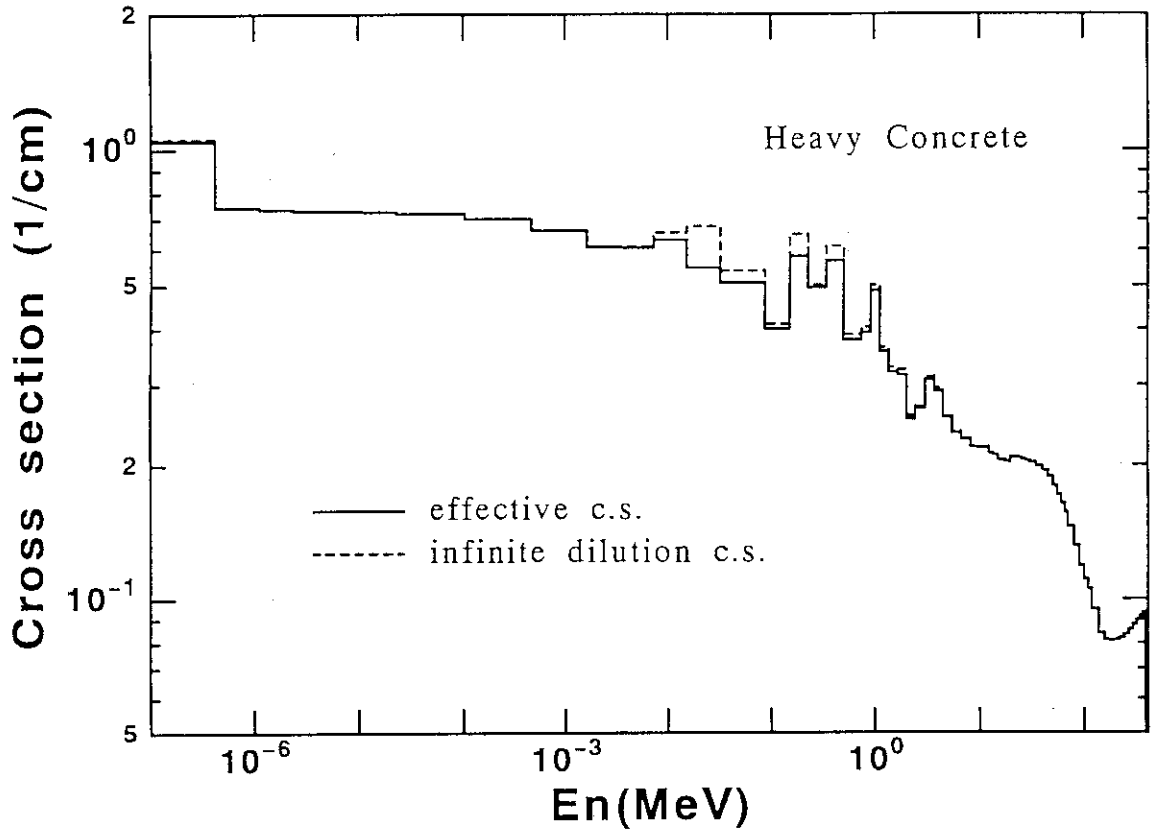


Fig.7 Comparison between effective and infinite dilution total cross sections of heavy concrete in HILO86R library.

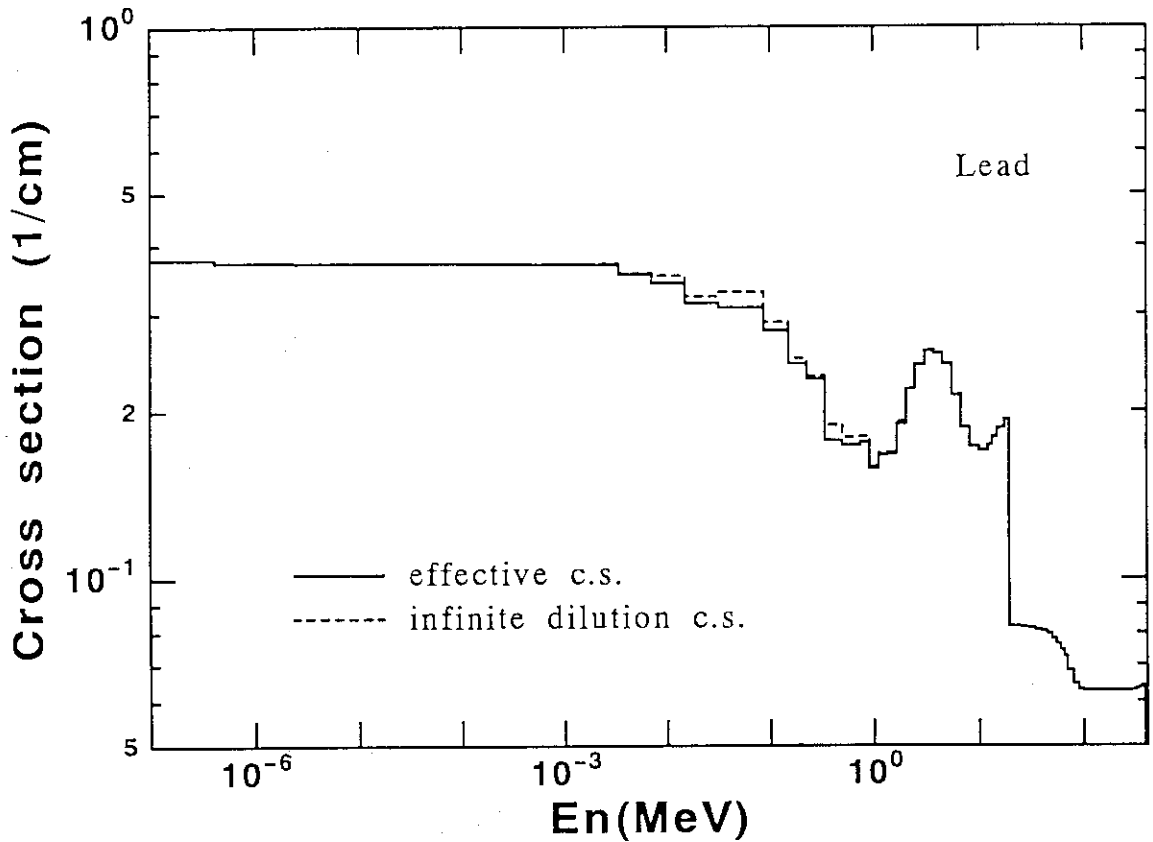


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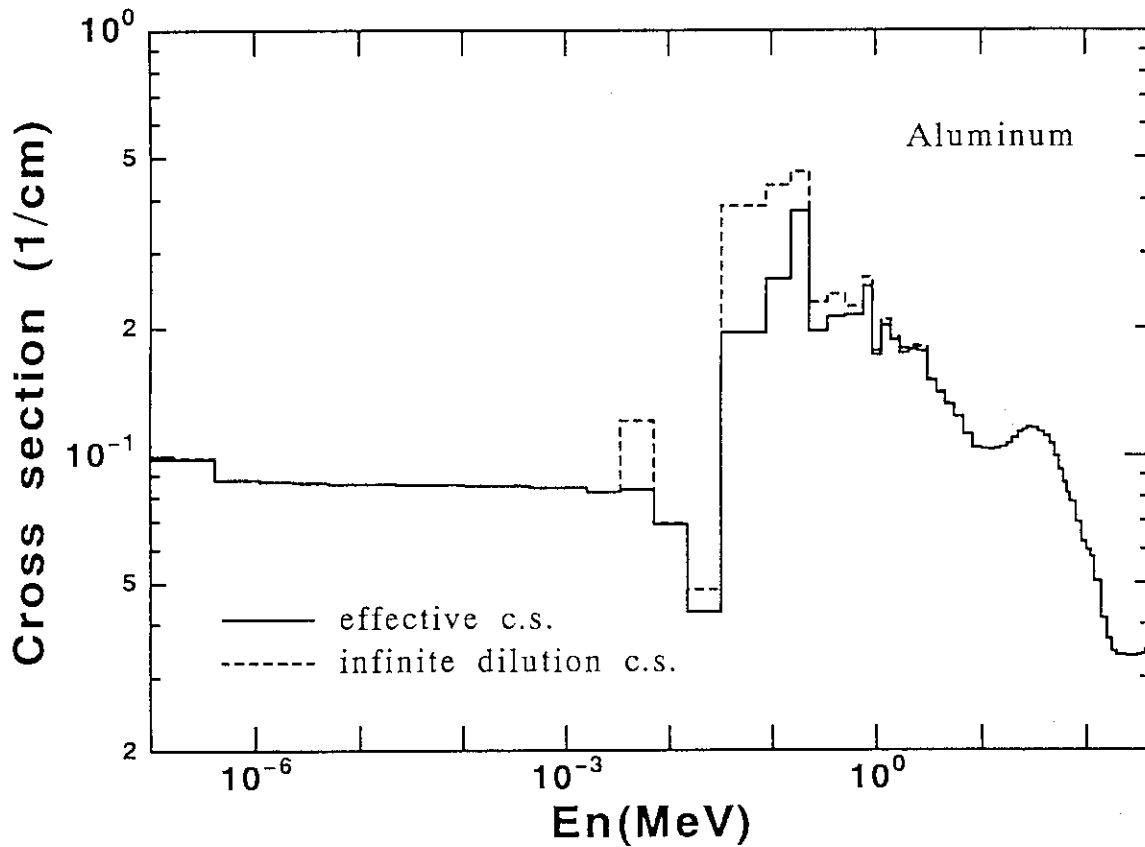


Fig.9 Comparison between effective and infinite dilution total cross sections of aluminium in HILO86R library.

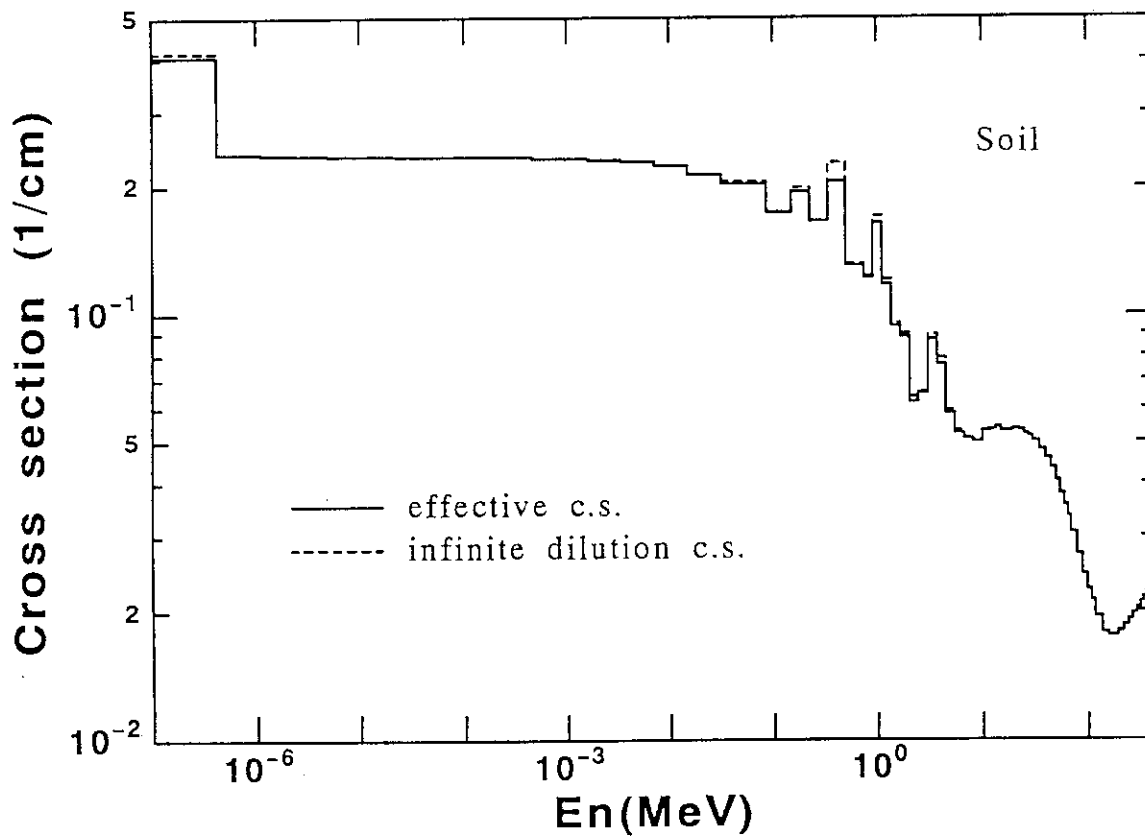


Fig.10 Comparison between effective and infinite dilution total cross sections of soil in HILO86R library.

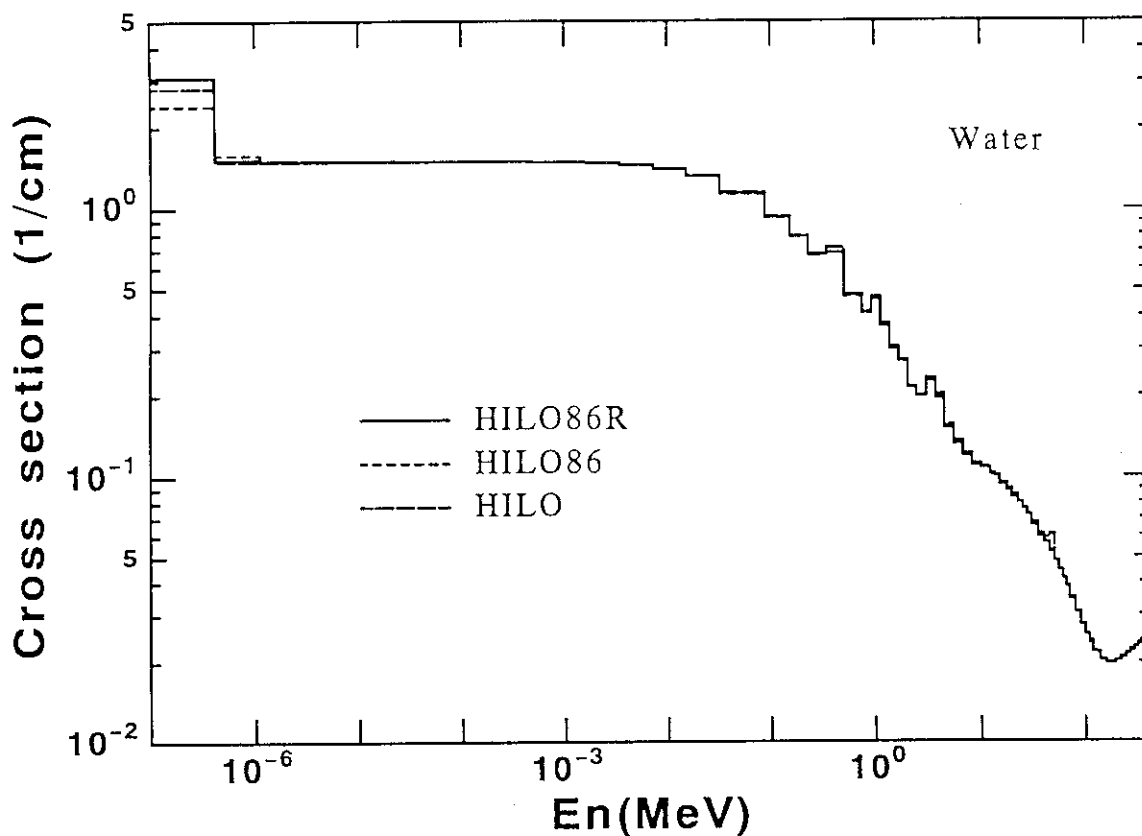


Fig.11 Comparison of total cross sections of water in HILO86R, HILO86 and HILO libraries.

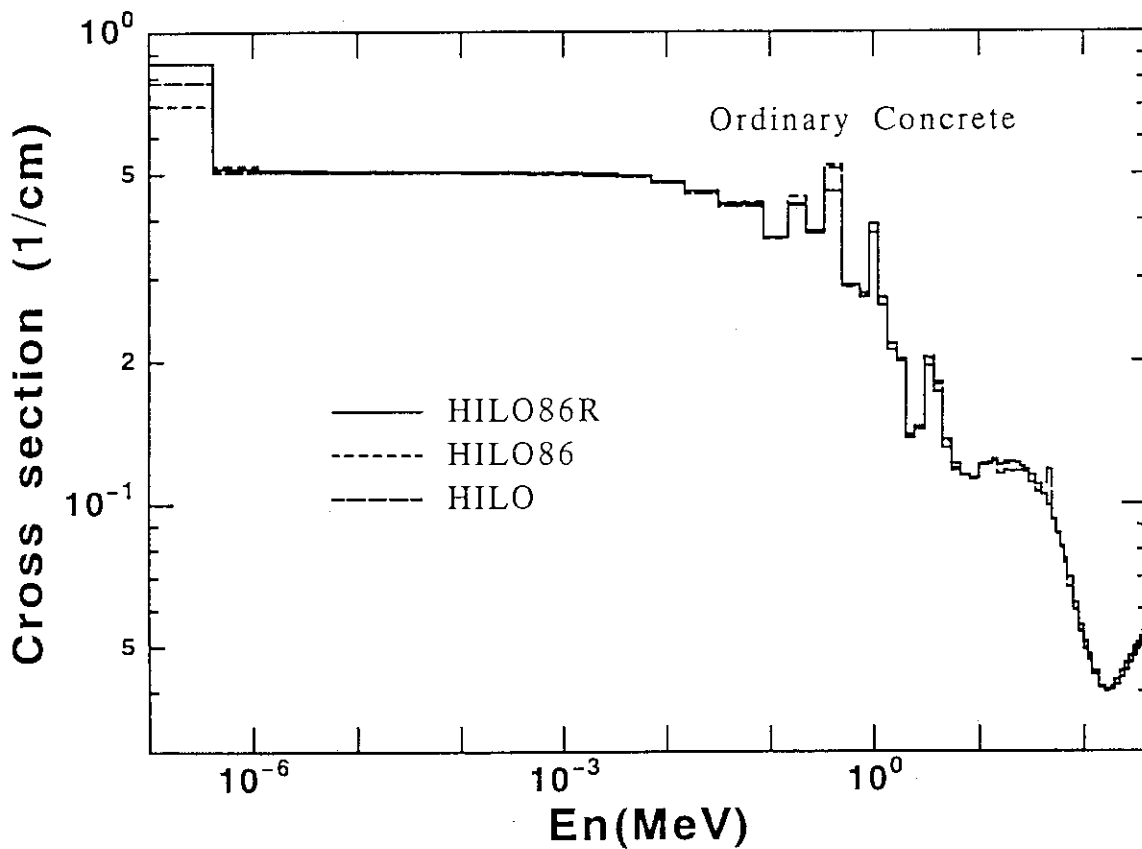


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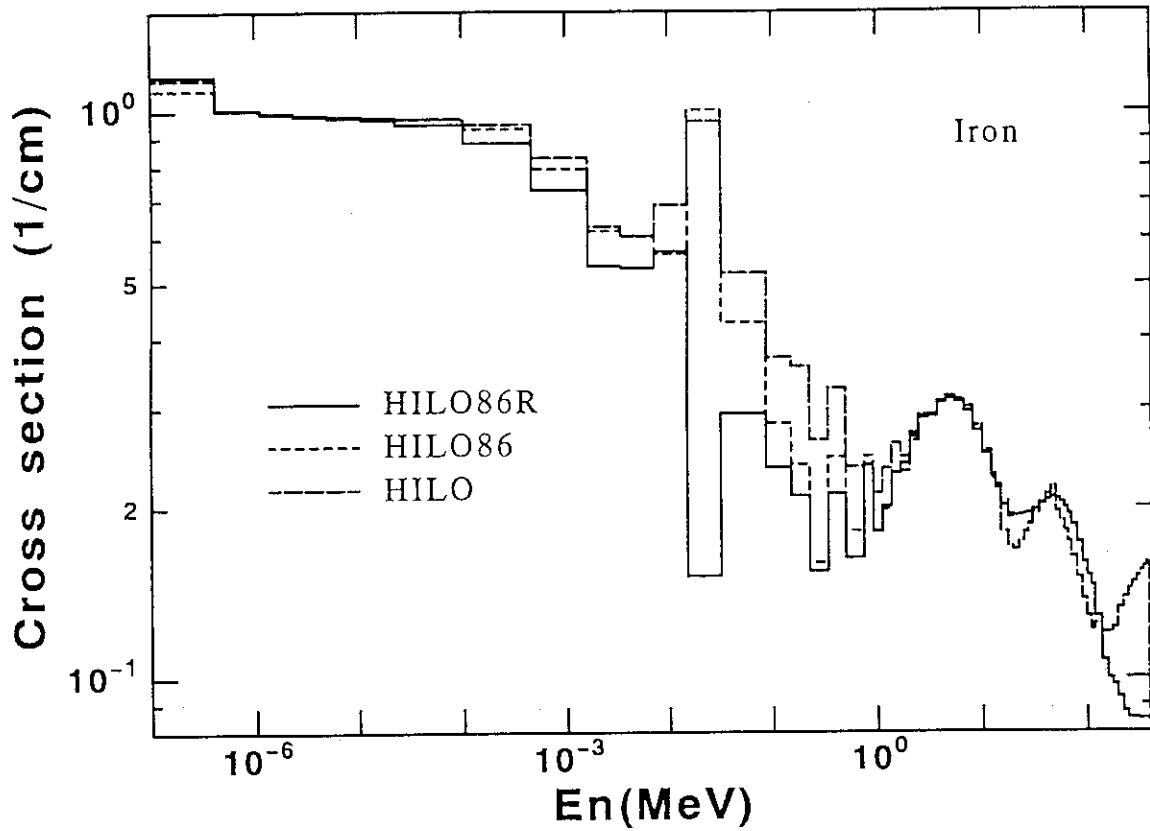


Fig.13 Comparison of total cross sections of iron in HILO86R, HILO86 and HILO libraries.

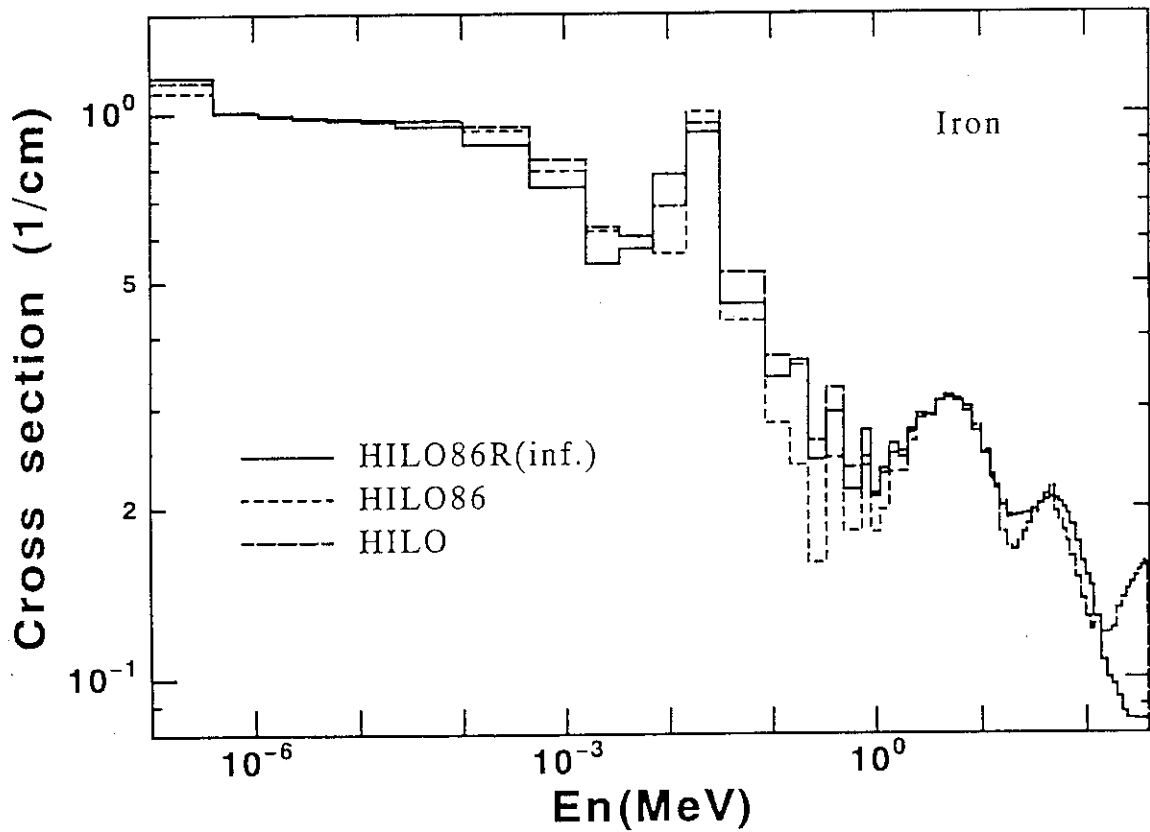


Fig.14 Comparison of total cross sections in HILO86 and HILO with infinite dilution total cross section of HILO86R library.

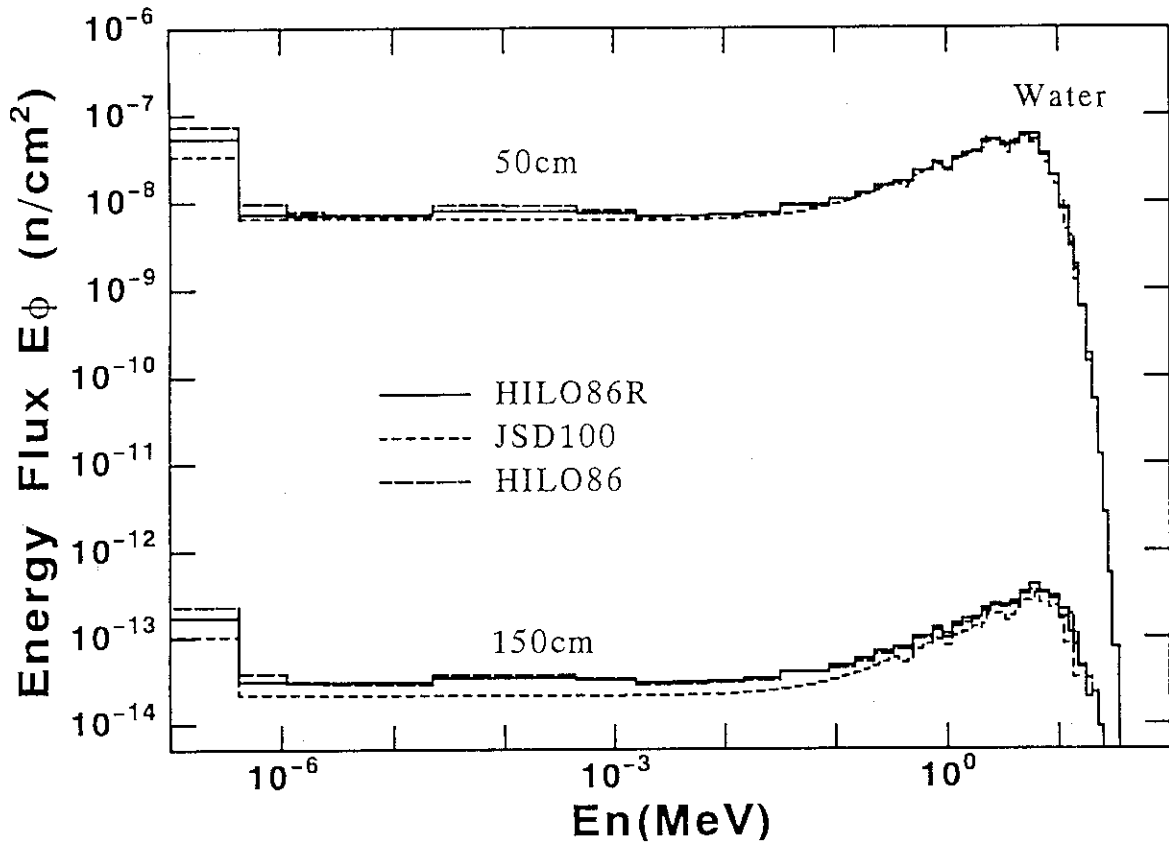


Fig.15 Energy spectra at thicknesses of 50 and 150cm in water for ^{252}Cf neutron source.

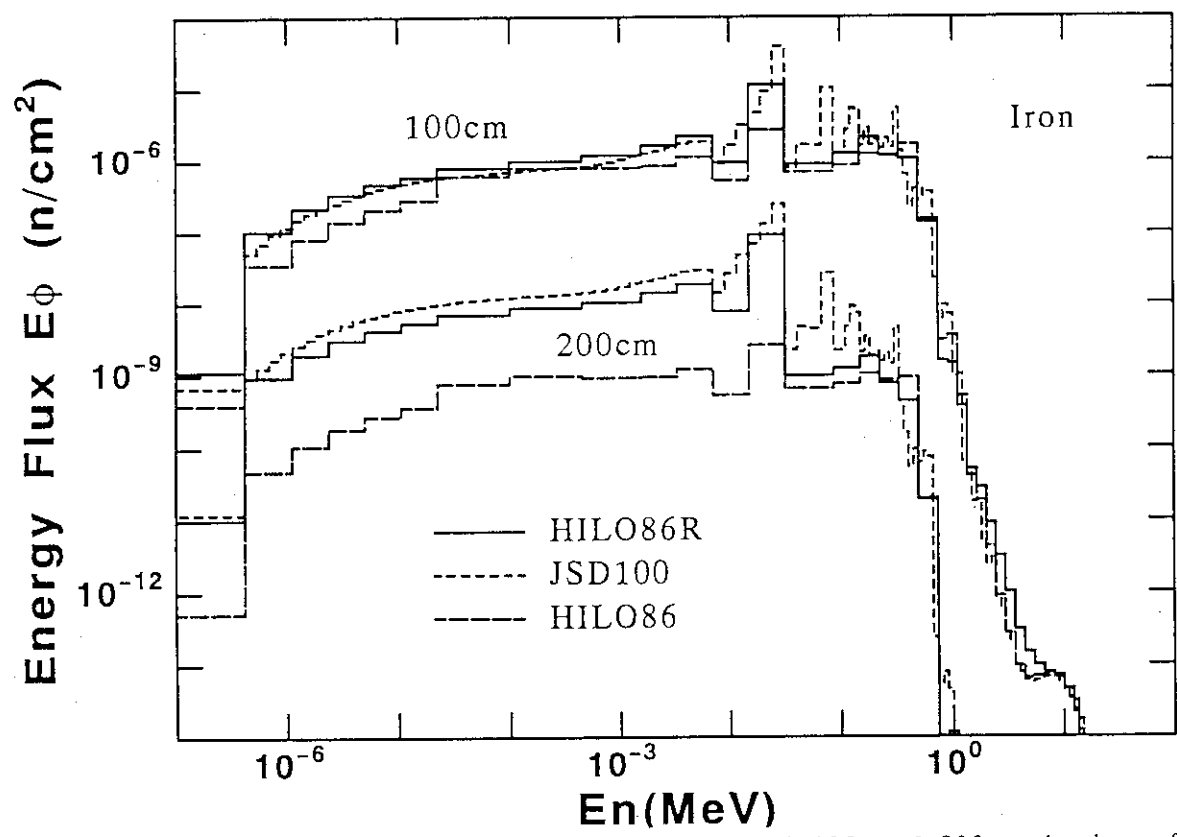


Fig.16 Energy spectra at thicknesses of 100 and 200cm in iron for ^{252}Cf neutron source.

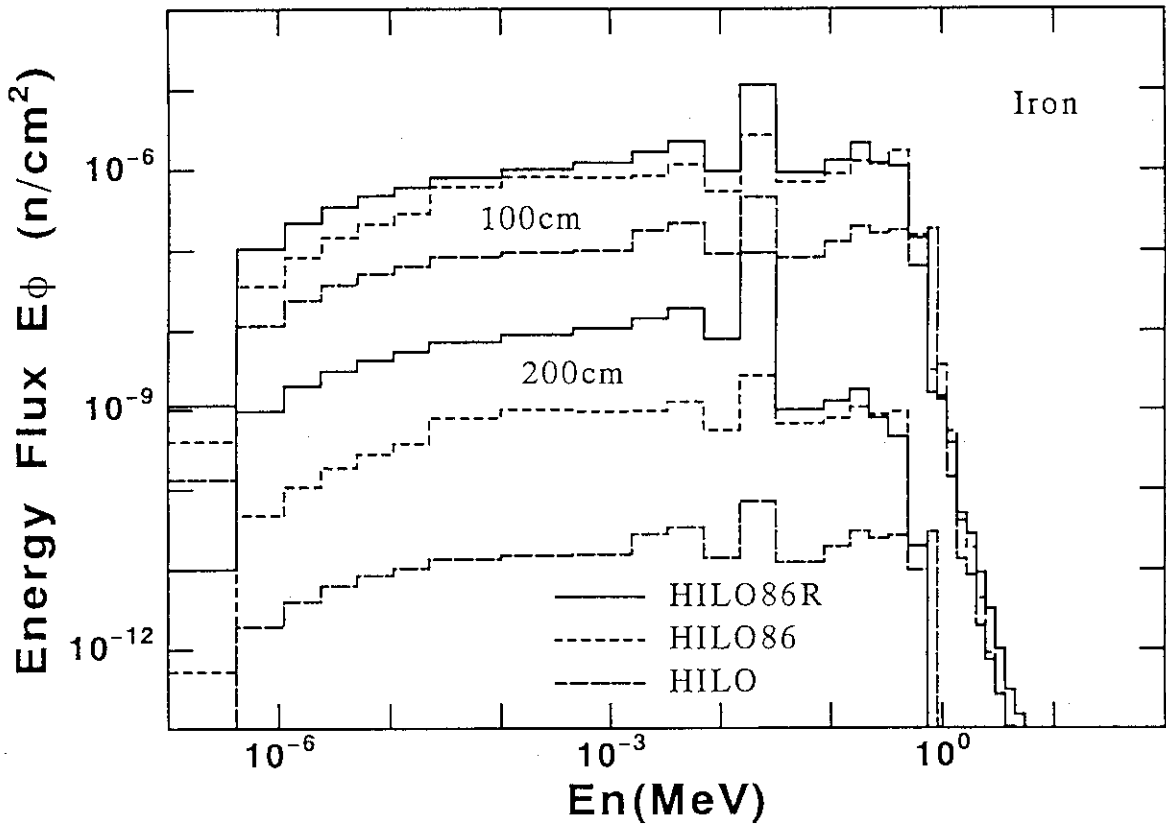


Fig.17 Energy spectra at thicknesses of 100 and 200cm in iron for ^{252}Cf neutron source.

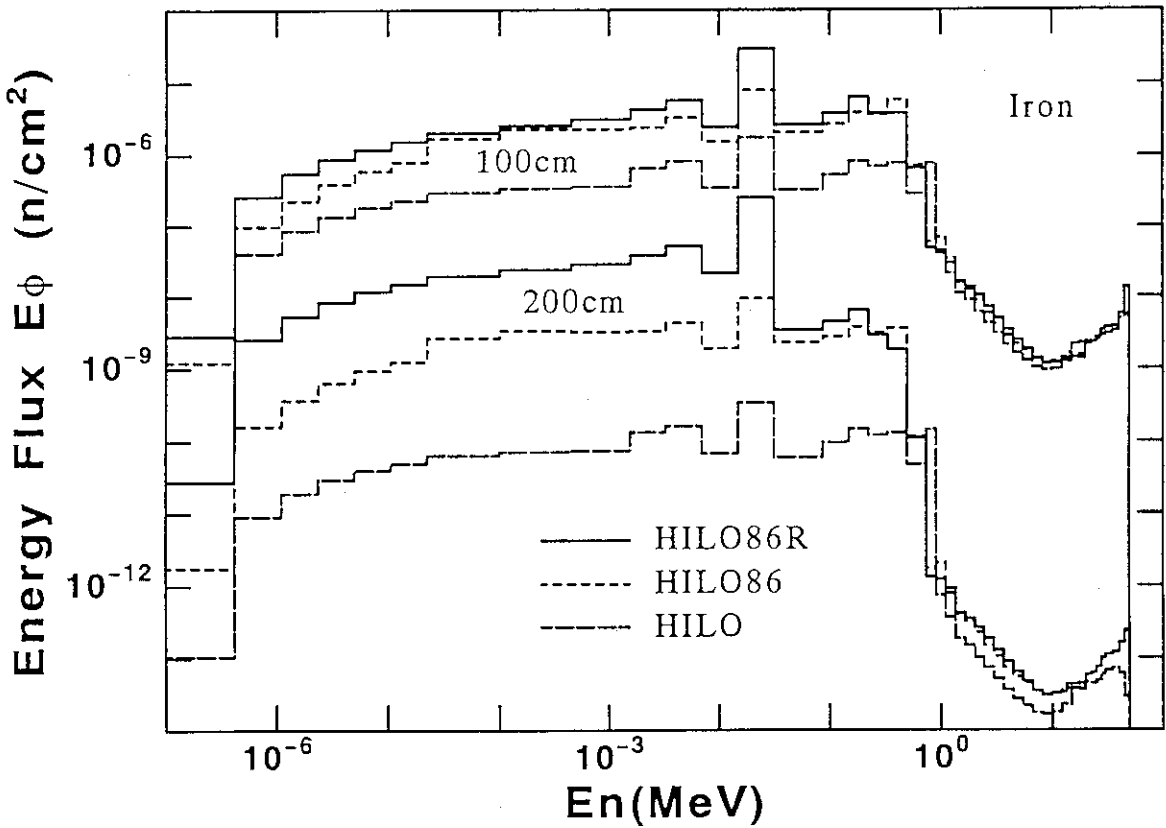


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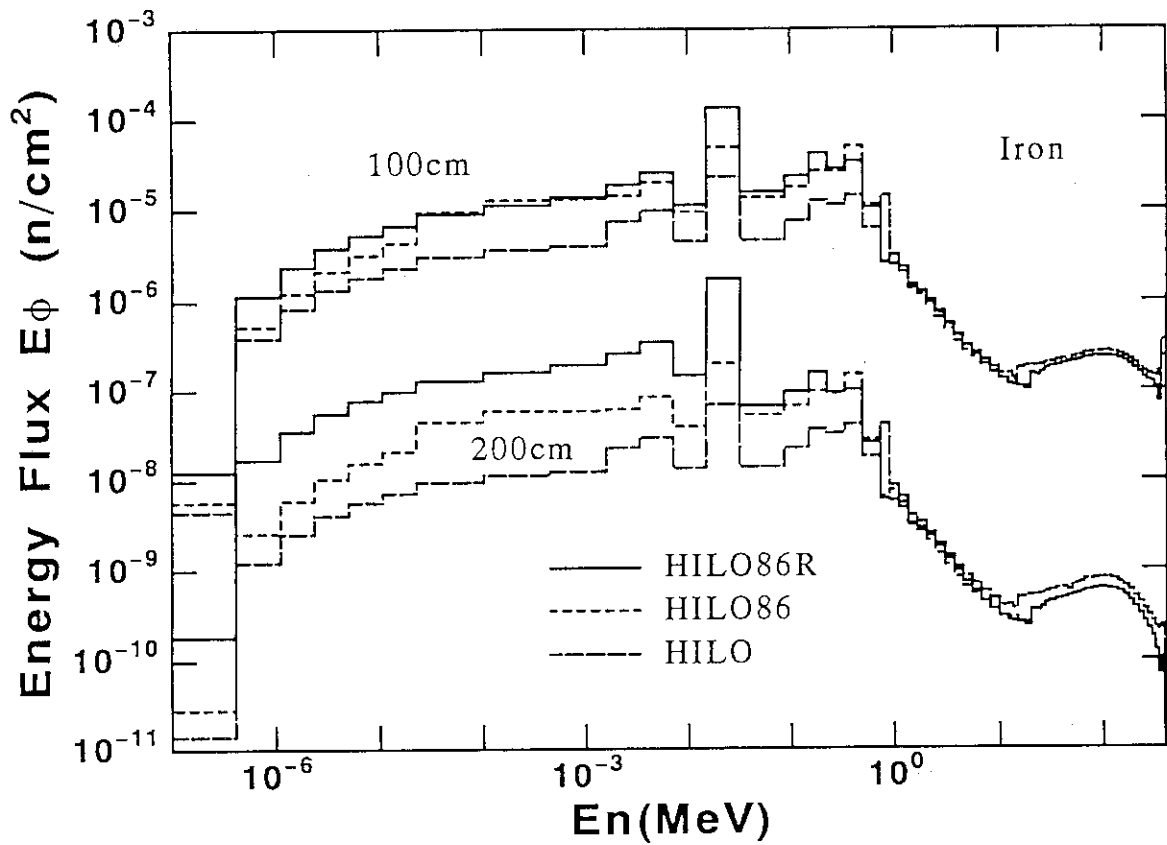


Fig.19 Energy spectra at thicknesses of 100 and 200 cm in iron for 400 MeV neutron source.

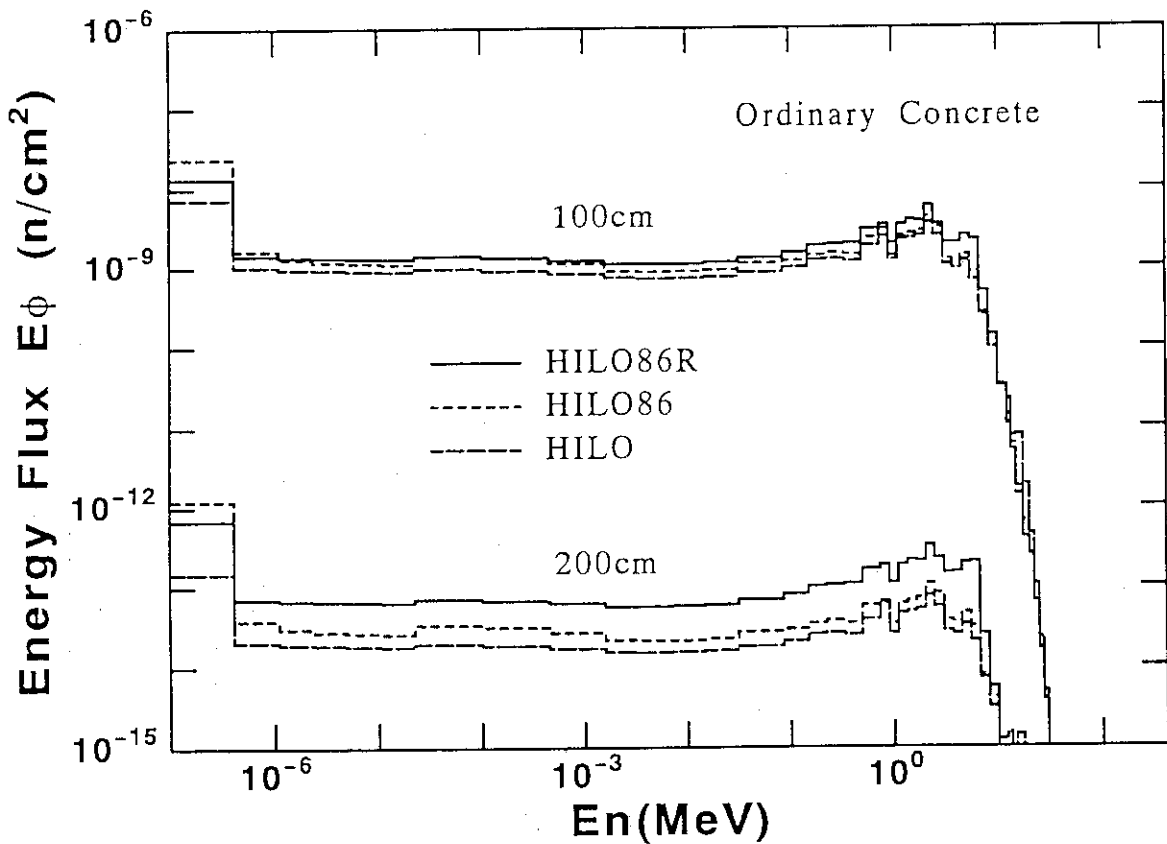


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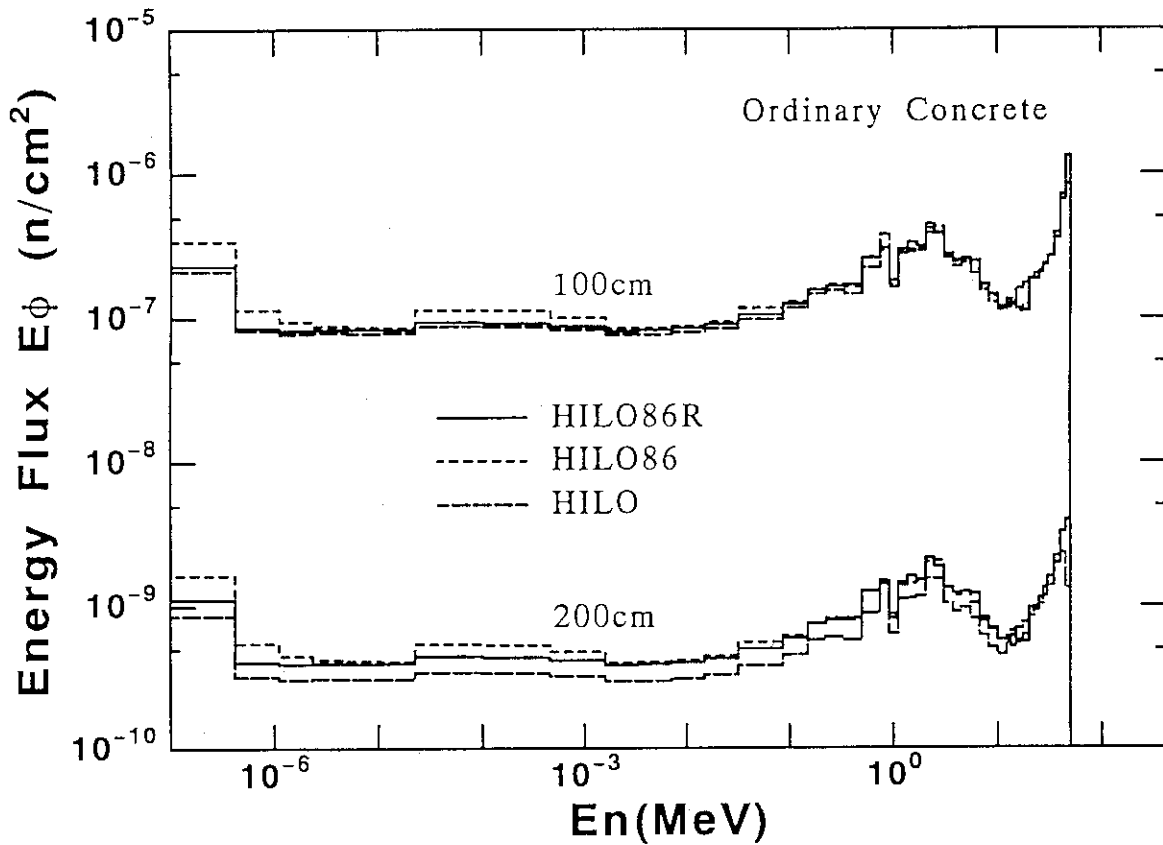


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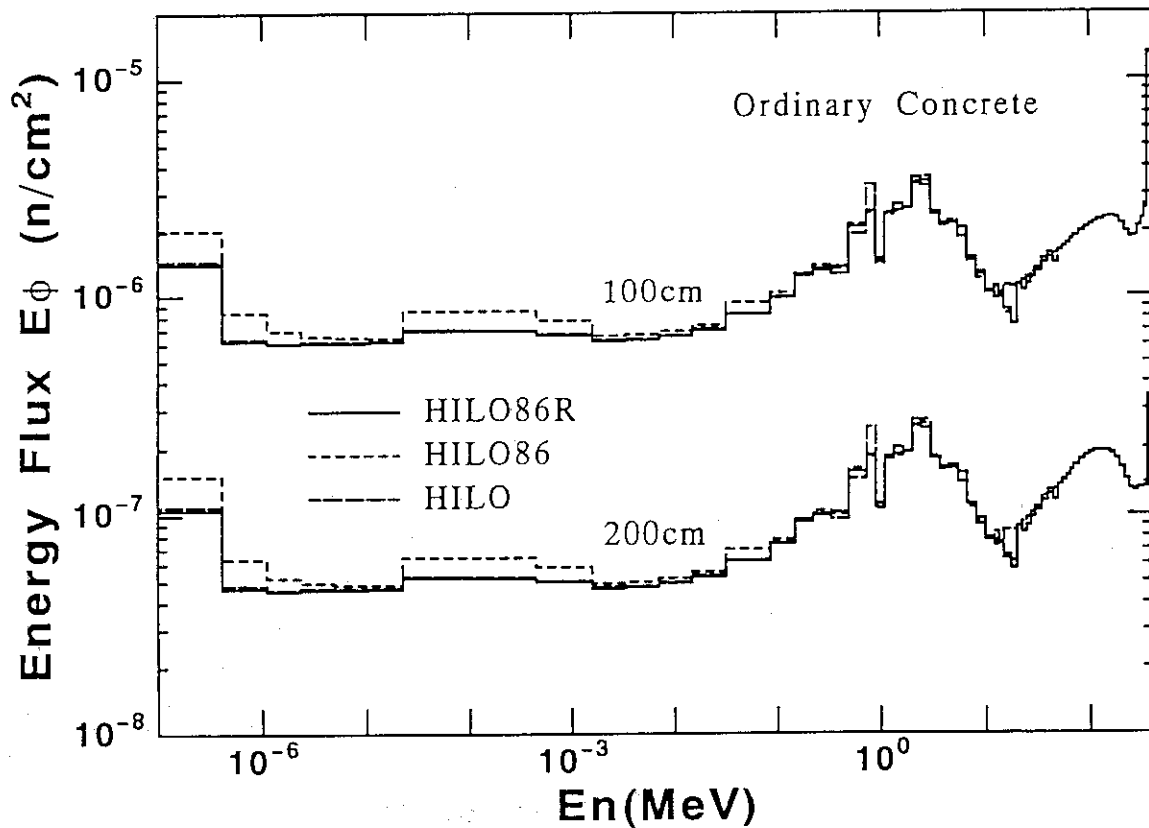


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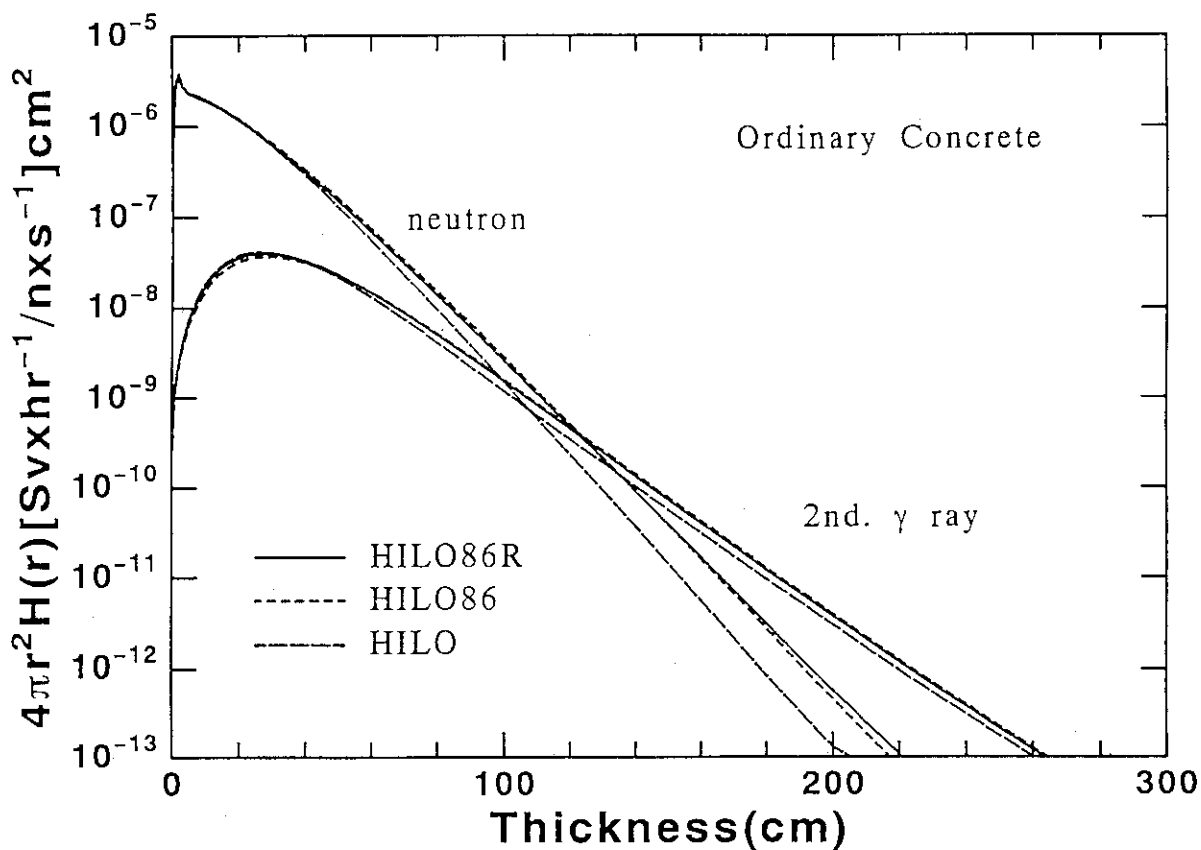


Fig.23 Attenuation of dose equivalent in ordinary concrete for ^{252}Cf neutron source.

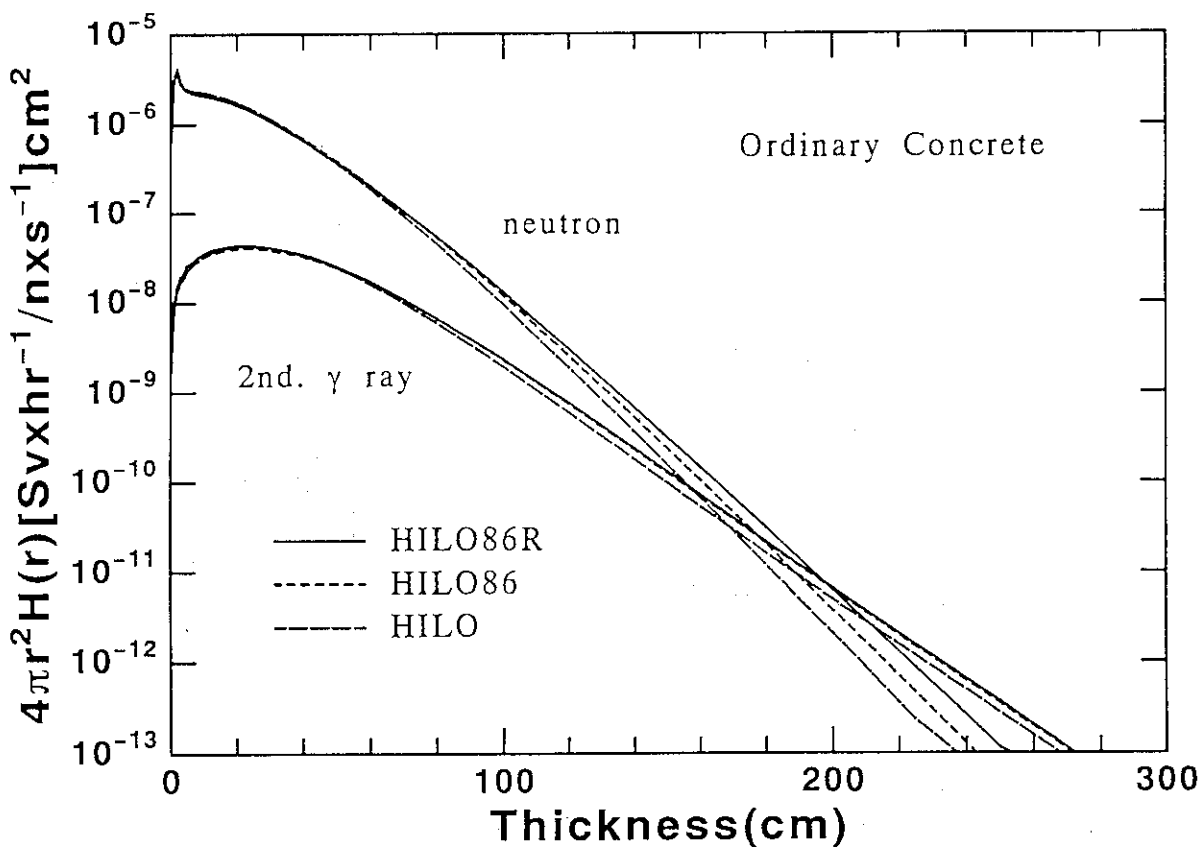


Fig.24 Attenuation of dose equivalent in ordinary concrete for 10 MeV neutron source.

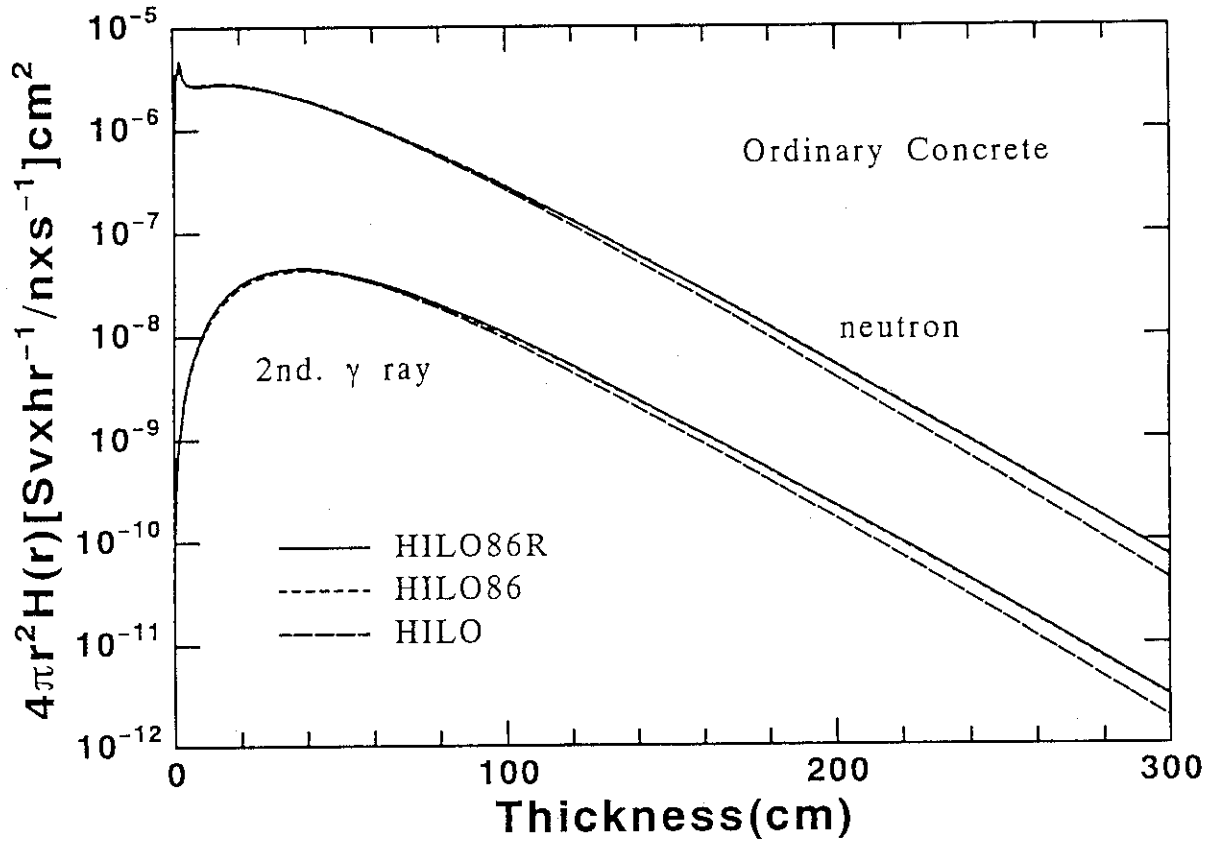


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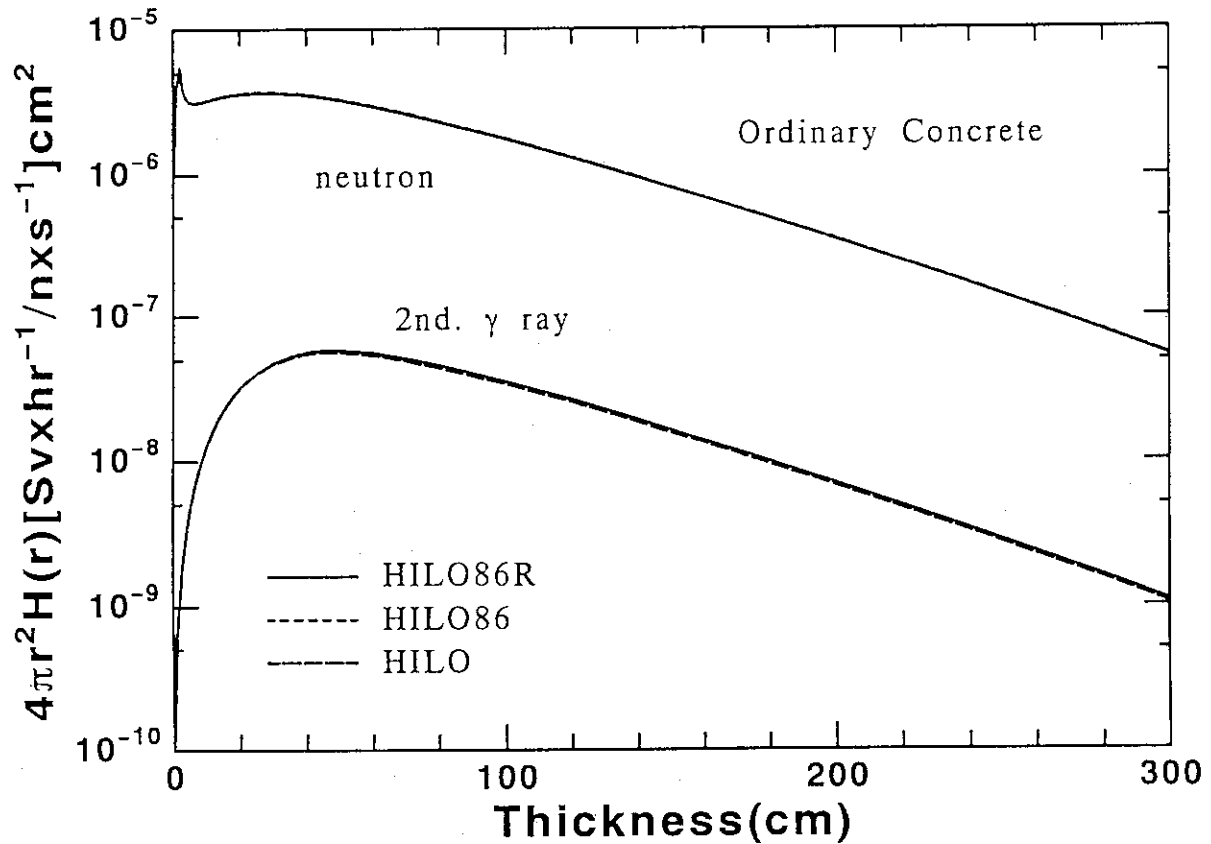


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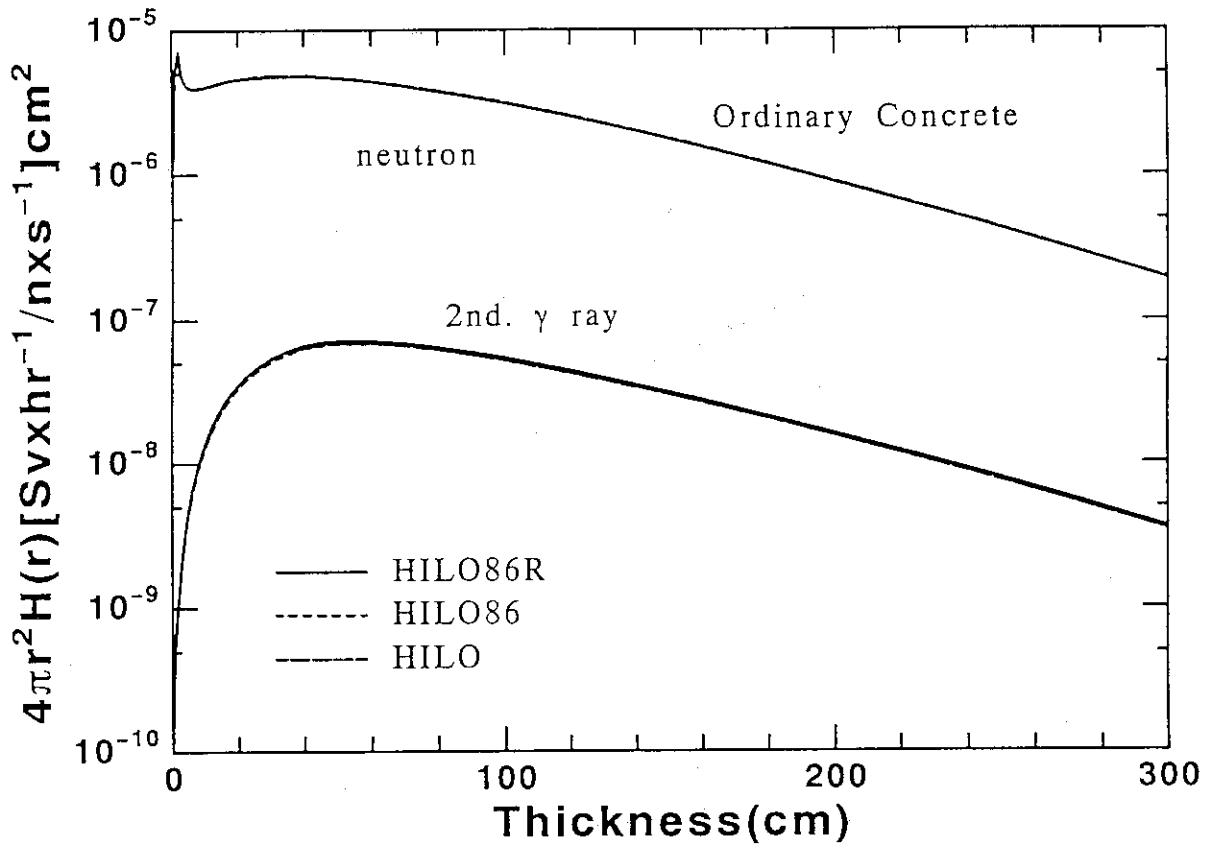


Fig.27 Attenuation of dose equivalents in ordinary concrete for 400 MeV neutron source.

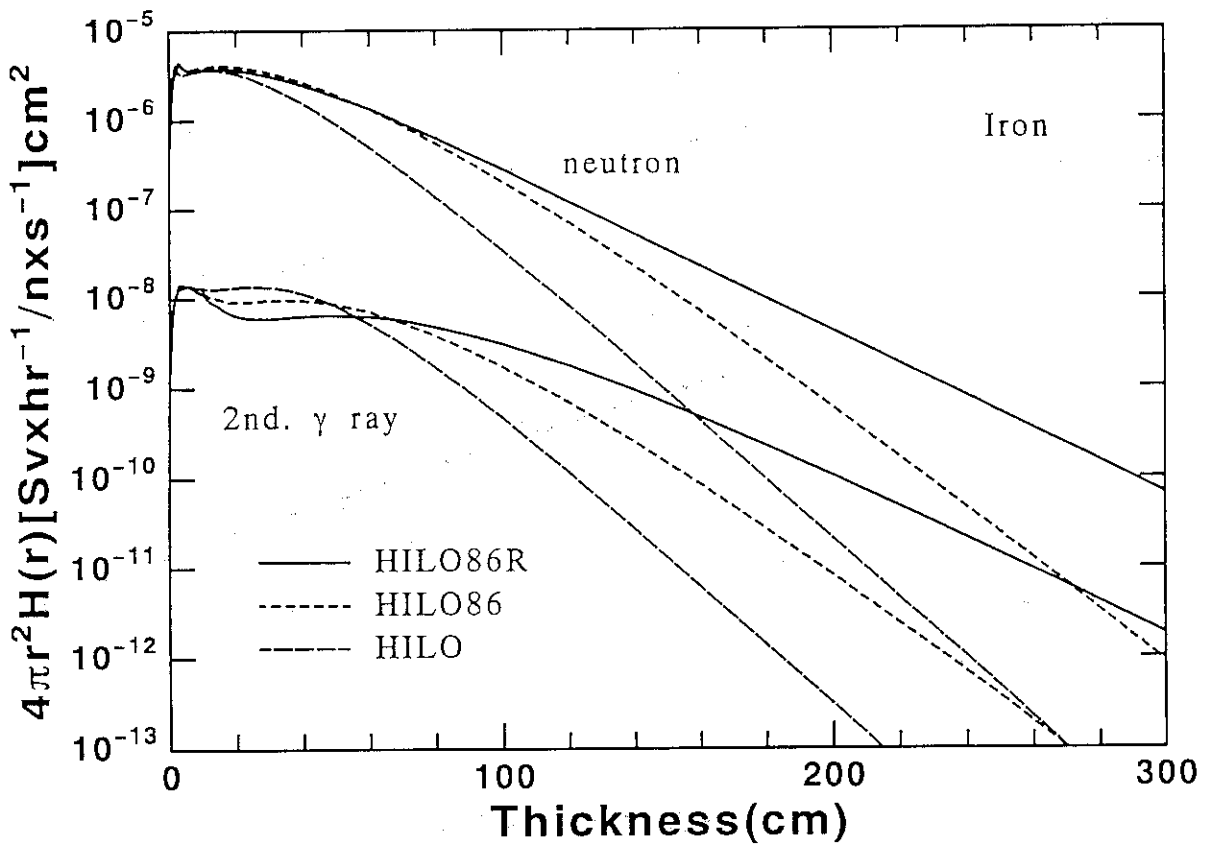


Fig.28 Attenuation of dose equivalent in iron for ²⁵²Cf neutron source.

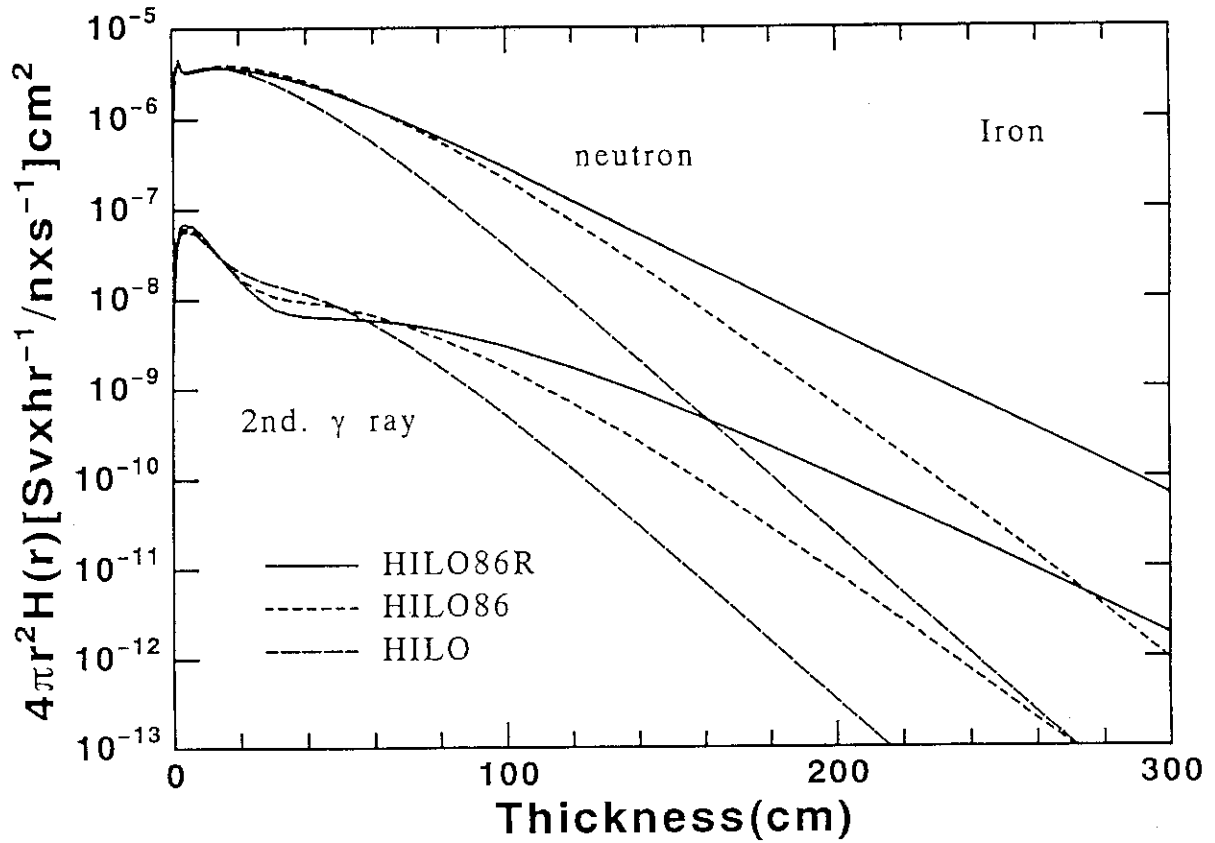


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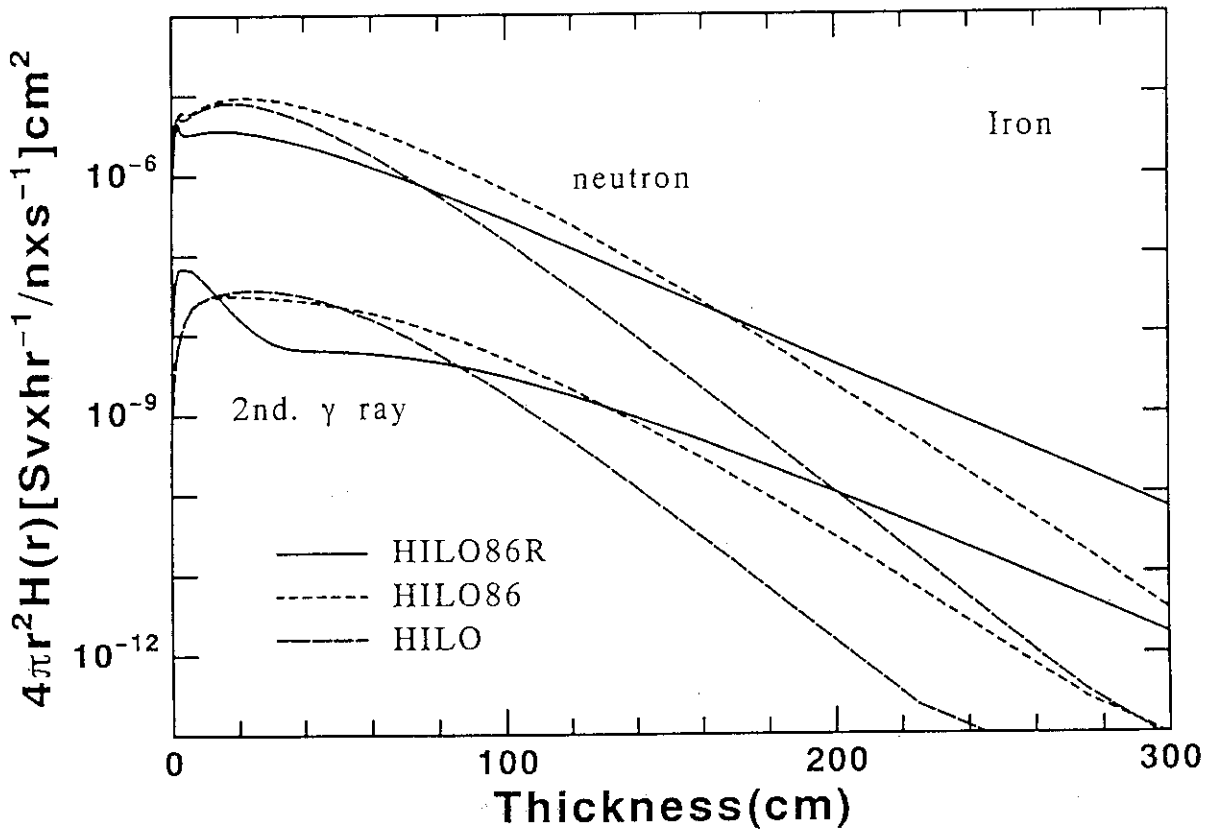


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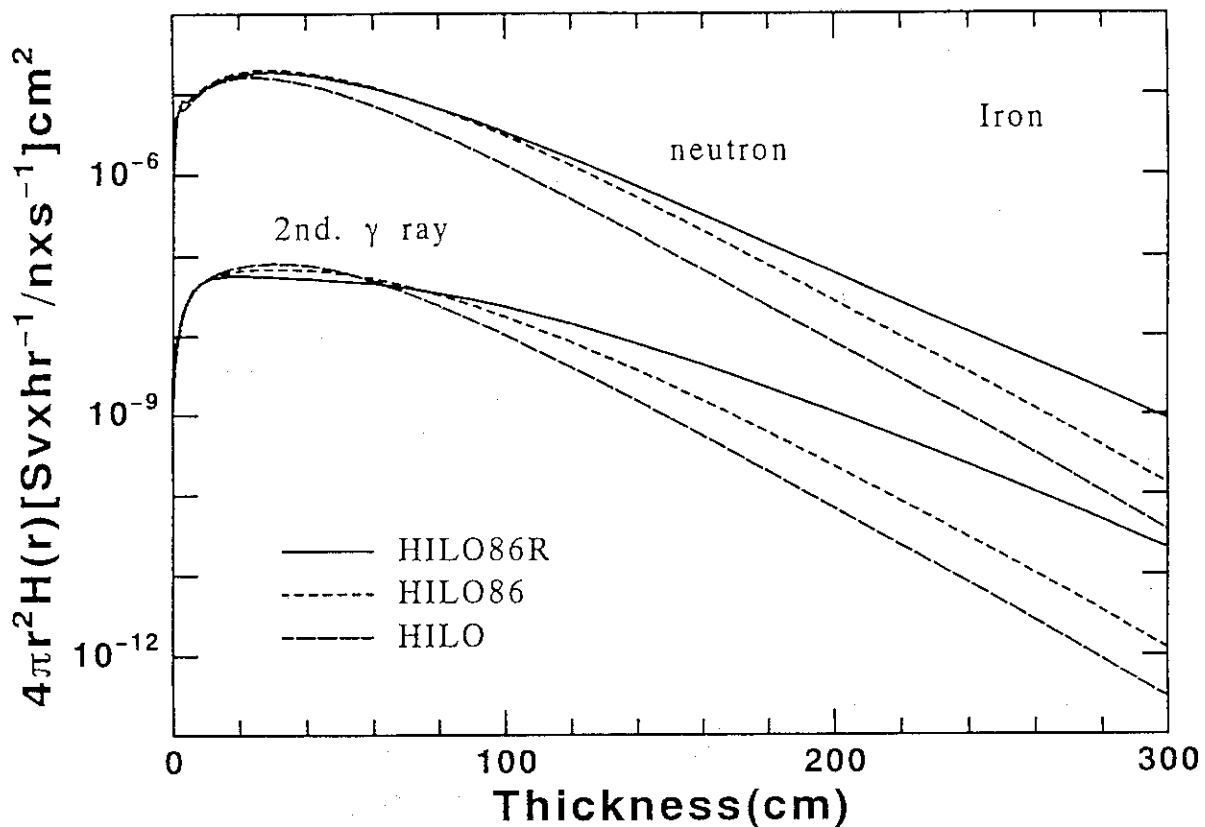


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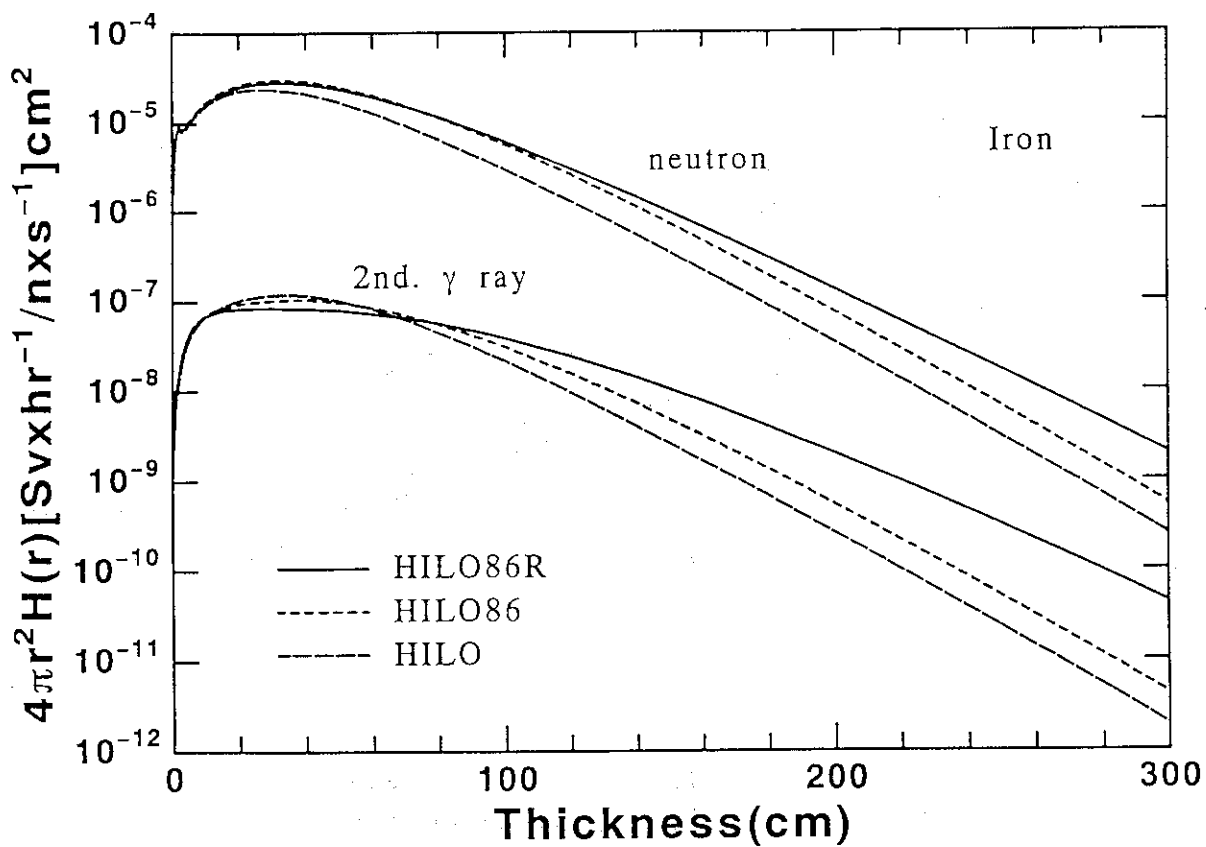


Fig.32 Attenuation of dose equivalent in iron for 400MeV neutron source.

Appendix : HILO86R library

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1.	HILO86R	DAT	1213529	:	BCD form of HILO86R : 10 materials, 66n, 22g, P ₅ cross sections
2.	BCD2BIN	FOR	1531	:	Conversion program of HILO86R from BCD to binary form.
3.	DENSINFO	DAT	3185	:	Atomic number densities of 10 materials in HILO86R