

## Theoretical interpretation of experimental double differential cross-section data for photoneutron emission

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This study used the CoH<sub>3</sub> code [1] to perform a theoretical interpretation of neutron double-differential cross-sections (DDXs) for two nuclei, Tantalum (Ta) and Bismuth (Bi) [2-3], with the goal of investigating the underlying reaction mechanisms. We modified the exciton model by introducing a phenomenological factor to govern the transition rate from the initial, simple configuration to more complex ones. Appropriate values of the factor determined by considering the experimental data revealed contrasting results: the factor was less than unity for Bi, suggesting enhanced pre-equilibrium neutron emission, and greater than unity for Ta, indicating suppressed emission. These findings provide new evidence for nuclear-structure effects on pre-equilibrium neutron emission. While this modified model improved the high-energy description, it did not accurately reproduce the emission region corresponding to discrete residual nucleus levels, highlighting the necessity for further refinement of pre-equilibrium models.

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