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Determination of the valence state of ²³⁷uranium, obtained in the photonuclear reaction ²³⁸U (γ, n) ²³⁷U using nanostructured material.

²³⁷U was obtained in the ²³⁸U (gamma;, n) ²³⁷U reaction in the electron accelerator - microtron MT-25 of the Flerov Laboratory of Nuclear Reactions (FLNR JINR, Dubna). The method of recoil atoms capture with application to the nanostructure material –hydrous manganese dioxide (cryptomelane-type) in a solid-solid system was used for the separation of ²³⁷U and ²³⁸U. The change of the distribution coefficient of the isotope ²³⁷U between solution and sorbent in dependence on the acidity of nitrate solutions was studied. These experiments show that most of the ²³⁷uranium is in the +4 valence state.

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