**effective thermal cross-section**

A fictitious cross-section for a specified reaction, which, when multiplied by the 2200 metre-per-second flux density, gives the correct reaction rate for thermal neutrons.

*See also:* microscopic cross-section

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