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Measurement of the time dependence of the background of delayed neutrons on the 1-st channel of IBR-2.

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Abstract. A new time-of-flight method for measuring the neutron lifetime τ_n was proposed in [1] The time-of-flight method for measuring the neutron lifetime τ_n is very sensitive to the background. It was found that the background should be less than 10^{-6} . According to [2] , between the power pulses of the IBR-2 reactor, about 7% of the reactor power is allocated. Since the number of neutrons is proportional to the power of the reactor, the background from the delayed neutrons will also be 7% in 200 milliseconds. Measurements of the background of delayed neutrons were made and a complex dependence of the background on time was established. The influence of the background of the delayed neutron on the accuracy of measuring the neutron lifetime by the time-of-flight method is estimated.

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