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## Systematic investigation of photon strength functions with monochromatic gamma-ray beams

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Following the main objective of the IAEA Coordinated Research Project on Photonuclear Data and Photon Strength Functions (Code F41032; Duration 2016-2019), new measurements of photoneutron and photofission cross sections in the Giant Dipole Resonance energy region have been performed at the laser Compton-scattering  $\gamma$ -ray source of the NewSUBARU synchrotron radiation facility. Nuclei in a wide mass range spanning from <sup>9</sup>Be to <sup>238</sup>U have been investigated. Quasi-monochromatic  $\gamma$ -ray beams with typical energy resolution 3% in FWHM have been employed. The neutron multiplicity sorting has been performed using an energy-dependent statistical treatment of neutron coincidence events associated with a flat-efficiency moderated neutron detection array. We report updates on the experimental technique and methodology and selected experimental results on photoneutron (<sup>197</sup>Au, <sup>208</sup>Pb) and photofission (<sup>232</sup>Th, <sup>238</sup>U) cross sections as well as average energies of neutron emission spectra.

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