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THE THEORETICAL X-RAY ABSORPTION OF BARATOL 76

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COMPOSITION B IN THE 22 MEV BETRATRON SPECTRUM

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It is often of interest in radiography to know the fraction of primary intensity transmitted by any material in bremsstrahlung¹, since it is essentially the primary radiation which contributes to the high quality of the radiographic image.

To find this value for any thickness of any mixture or compound requires three separate procedures: (1) Calculation of the mass absorption coefficients of each element in the material for all energies in the betatron spectrum. (2) Calculation of the linear absorption coefficient of the material through the spectrum. (3) Calculation of the fractional transmission of the primary beam for a given object thickness, by integrating the variable linear absorption curve over the betatron energy spectrum.

Calculation 1 is computed from a knowledge of the Compton, photoelectric, and pair-triplet cross sections of the elements. Details of this calculation are explained in a separate paper by the writer.²

¹The ratio of the number of initial quanta at a given energy times the energy of each quantum, summated over all energies, transmitted through a given thickness, to that at zero thickness.

²The Absorption of High-Energy X-Rays, AECU report to be published.

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Calculation 2 is carried out first by multiplying the ratio of the atomic mass of a given element to the atomic mass of the mixture by the density of the mixture to obtain the density of the element in the material. Multiplying this result by the mass absorption coefficient of the element at a particular energy yields the linear coefficient of the element. The sum of these coefficients of all elements present will yield the total linear absorption coefficient of the material at the energy considered. In this manner, the absorption coefficient as a function of energy can be computed.

Calculation 3 is realized by integrating over the betatron energy spectrum for each thickness of material.

A "parabolic" spectral distribution was assumed,

$I_{\infty} = I_{00} \sqrt{1 - \epsilon/22 \text{ Mev}}$, where the first subscript refers to zero absorber thickness. This approximated both the Schiff bremsstrahlung function³ and the distribution experimentally found by Koch and Carter.⁴ By evaluating this integral for several thicknesses, a transmission curve of $I_x/I_0 = f(x)$ is obtained for the material considered.

These procedures are used for calculating this function for Baratol and Composition B. In the curves

³G. D. Adams, Phys. Rev. 74, 1707 (1948).

⁴H. W. Koch and R. E. Carter, Phys. Rev. 77, 165 (1950).

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following, the mass absorption coefficients of hydrogen, carbon, nitrogen, oxygen, and barium are plotted in the 0.1 to 25 Mev range, together with the resulting linear absorption coefficients of the two explosives. Composition B, density 1.71 g/cm^3 , is assumed to be of 61 percent RDX and 39 percent TNT. Baratol, density 2.61 g/cm^3 , is of 76 percent barium nitrate and 24 percent TNT. Table I summarizes the results of the numerical integration of calculation 3, from zero to 22 Mev, for various thicknesses of Composition B. At each thickness, values of μ_x , defined by the equation: $\exp(-\mu_x x) = I_x/I_o$, are given in addition. Included also is the first half-value thickness found by these calculations and, alternately, by film density measurements. These measurements, performed by J. E. Withrow, were made with the film cassette and specimen in contact using Kodak Industrial Type A X-Ray Film with 0.010 in. front and 0.005 in. rear lead intensifying screens. These results provide some measure of the scattered intensity which affects the emulsion under ordinary radiographic conditions. For example, experimentally $I_x/I_o = 0.50$ for Composition B when $x = 8.8 \text{ in.}$ The calculated result $I(8.8 \text{ in.})/I_o = 0.36$. The fractional intensity due to scatter is thus 0.14, assuming that the film blackening is directly proportional to intensity. This is not strictly true since some of the blackening is due to the direct action of Compton electrons.

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the absorber. Table II lists similar results for Baratol.

From the calculations above, curves are shown of percent transmitted intensity, $(I_x/I_o) \times 100 = f(x)$ at each thickness to 30 in. of Composition B and 15 in. of Baratol. The total absorption, assuming ideal conditions in which all scatter is removed, is expressed by these curves. Calculation sheets also are included.

TABLE I

COMPOSITION B

1st Half-Value Thickness = 5.80 Inches (Theor.), 8.8 Inches (Exp.)

Thickness cm	x in.	$I(x)/I(0)$	μ_x cm^{-1}
1	0.394	0.9054	0.0995
5	1.97	0.7617	0.0546
10	3.94	0.6166	0.0483
50	19.68	0.1326	0.0404
100	39.4	0.0238	0.0374

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TABLE II

BARATOL

1st Half-Value Thickness = 2.75 Inches (Theor.), 4.5 Inches (Exp.)

Thickness cm	x in.	$I(x)/I(0)$	μ_x cm^{-1}
1	0.394	0.8653	0.1447
.5	1.97	0.6057	0.1006
10	3.94	0.3886	0.0945
25	9.84	0.0997	0.0924
50	19.68	0.0117	0.0890

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CALCULATION I: MASS ABSORPTION COEFFICIENTS FOR EACH ELEMENT

ELEMENT	Z	A	N_0/A	$N_0 Z/A$	$N_0 Z(Z+1)/A$
	ATOMIC NO.	ATOMIC MASS	ATOMS/GM	ELECTRONS/GM	PAIR-TRIPLET FACTOR
HYDROGEN	1	1.008	0.5975×10^{24}	0.5975×10^{24}	1.195×10^{24}
CARBON	6	12.010	0.05154 "	0.3009 "	2.107 "
NITROGEN	7	14.008	0.04300 "	0.3010 "	2.408 "
OXYGEN	8	16.000	0.03764 "	0.3011 "	2.710 "
BARIUM	56	137.36	0.004386 "	0.2456 "	14.00 "
QUANTUM ENERGY-MEV	COMPTON COEFFICIENT CM ² /GM			PAIR-TRIPLET COEFFICIENT CM ² /GM	
0.1	0.492	$\times 10^{-24}$	$N_0 Z/A$	—	
0.15	0.445	"	—	—	
0.2	0.410	"	—	—	
0.3	0.355	"	—	—	
0.5	0.290	"	—	—	
1.0	0.214	"	—	—	
1.5	—			0.00005	$\times 10^{-24}$
2.0	0.146	"		0.00017	"
2.5	—			0.00033	"
3.0	0.113	"		0.00050	"
5.0	0.082	"		0.00112	"
10.0	0.051	"		0.00215	"
25.0	0.024	"		0.00368	"
QUANTUM ENERGY-MEV	PHOTOELECTRIC COEFFICIENT (CM ² /GM)				
	Z=1	Z=6	Z=7	Z=8	Z=56
0.102	0.0000	0.0026	0.0034	0.0049	2.064
0.153	—	0.0013	0.0008	0.0011	0.640
0.255	—	—	—	—	0.153
0.511	—	—	—	—	0.024
0.920	—	—	—	—	0.006
2.04	—	—	—	—	0.002

CALCULATION 2A: LINEAR ABSORPTION COEFFICIENT OF COMP. B

$\rho = 1.71 \text{ g/cm}^3$ 61% RDX $C_3H_6N_6O_6$ = (ELEMENT) χ = $H_6C_3N_6O_6$
 39% TNT $(NO_2)_3$ $C_6H_2CH_3$ = " = $H_5C_7N_3O_6$

$61\chi + 39\chi$		$\times A$	= M	$M/\Sigma M$	$(M/\Sigma M) \rho_{\text{COMP. B}}$
H	$366+195 = 561$	1.008	565.5	0.0252	0.043
C	$183+273 = 456$	12.010	5476.6	0.2444	0.418
N	$366+177 = 483$	14.008	6765.9	0.3019	0.516
O	$366+234 = 600$	16.000	9600.0	0.4289	0.733
			$\Sigma M = 22,408.0$	$\Sigma = 0.9999$	$\Sigma = 1.710$
μ/P (FROM CURVES OF ELEMENTS)		$\mu/P \left(\frac{M}{\Sigma M} \right) \rho_{\text{COMP. B}}$			
$h\nu = 0.1 \text{ MeV}$			$h\nu = 0.15$		$h\nu = 0.2$
H	0.294	0.0126	0.266	0.0114	0.245
C	0.148	0.0619	0.134	0.0560	0.123
N	0.151	0.0779	0.138	0.0712	0.123
O	0.153	0.1121	0.138	0.1011	0.123
$\Sigma = \mu_{\text{COMP. B}} = 0.2645$			$\Sigma = 0.2397$		$\Sigma = 0.2155$
$h\nu = 0.3$			$h\nu = 0.5$		$h\nu = 1$
H	0.212	0.0091	0.173	0.0074	0.1279
C	0.107	0.0447	0.087	0.0364	0.0643
N	0.107	0.0552	0.087	0.0449	0.0644
O	0.107	0.0784	0.087	0.0638	0.0644
$\Sigma = 0.1874$			$\Sigma = 0.1525$		$\Sigma = 0.11282$
$h\nu = 2$			$h\nu = 3$		$h\nu = 5$
H	0.0875	0.00376	0.0681	0.00293	0.0503
C	0.0443	0.01851	0.0351	0.01467	0.0270
N	0.0443	0.02286	0.0352	0.01816	0.0273
O	0.0444	0.03254	0.0354	0.02595	0.0276
$\Sigma = 0.07767$			$\Sigma = 0.06171$		$\Sigma = 0.04777$
$h\nu = 10$			$h\nu = 25$		
H	0.0331	0.00142		0.0187	0.00080
C	0.0198	0.00828		0.0149	0.00623
N	0.0205	0.01058		0.0161	0.00831
O	0.0211	0.01547		0.0171	0.01253
		$\Sigma = 0.03575$			$\Sigma = 0.02787$

CALCULATION 2B: LINEAR ABSORPTION COEFFICIENT OF BARATOL

$\rho = 2.62 \text{ g/cm}^3$ 76% BAR. NITR. Ba NO₃ = (ELEMENT)_X NO₃ Ba
 24% TNT (NO₂)₃ C₆H₂CH₃ = (ELEMENT)_X H₅C₇N₃O₆

76X + 24X		x	A	=	M	M/ ΣM	(M/ ΣM) ρ	BARATOL
H	0 + 120	=	120	1.008	121.0	0.0059	0.015	
C	0 + 168	=	168	12.010	2017.7	0.0979	0.255	
N	76 + 72	=	148	14.008	2073.2	0.1006	0.263	
O	228 + 144	=	372	16.000	5952.0	0.2889	0.754	
Ba	76 + 0	=	76	137.36	10,439.4	0.5067	1.322	
					$\Sigma M = 20,603.3$	$\Sigma = 1.000$	$\Sigma = 2.609$	

μ/ρ
 (FROM CURVES
 OF ELEMENTS) $(\mu/\rho)(\frac{M}{\Sigma M})\rho$ BARATOL

$h\nu = 0.1 \text{ MEV}$		$h\nu = 0.15$		$h\nu = 0.2$	
H	0.294	0.0044	0.266	0.0040	0.245
C	0.148	0.0377	0.134	0.0342	0.123
N	0.151	0.0397	0.138	0.0363	0.123
O	0.153	0.1154	0.138	0.1041	0.123
Ba	2.200	2.9084	0.800	1.0576	0.386
$\Sigma \cdot \mu$	BARATOL = 3.1056		$\Sigma = 1.2362$		$\Sigma = 0.6704$

$h\nu = 0.5$		$h\nu = 1$		$h\nu = 2$	
H	0.173	0.0026	0.1279	0.00192	0.0875
C	0.087	0.0222	0.0643	0.01640	0.0443
N	0.087	0.0229	0.0644	0.01693	0.0443
O	0.087	0.0656	0.0644	0.04856	0.0444
Ba	0.097	0.1282	0.0583	0.07707	0.0394
$\Sigma = 0.2415$		$\Sigma = 0.1609$		$\Sigma = 0.10982$	

$h\nu = 3$		$h\nu = 5$		$h\nu = 10$	
H	0.0681	0.00102	0.0503	0.00075	0.0331
C	0.0351	0.00895	0.0270	0.00689	0.0198
N	0.0352	0.00926	0.0273	0.00718	0.0205
O	0.0354	0.02669	0.0276	0.02081	0.0211
Ba	0.0351	0.04640	0.0360	0.04759	0.0426
$\Sigma = 0.09232$		$\Sigma = 0.09250$		$\Sigma = 0.09317$	

$h\nu = 15$		$h\nu = 20$		$h\nu = 25$	
H	0.0250	0.00038	0.0213	0.00032	0.0187
C	0.0168	0.00428	0.0155	0.00395	0.0149
N	0.0173	0.00455	0.0163	0.00429	0.0161
O	0.0185	0.01395	0.0177	0.01335	0.0171
Ba	0.0486	0.06425	0.0534	0.07058	0.07588
$\Sigma = 0.08741$		$\Sigma = 0.09250$		$\Sigma = 0.09708$	

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CALCULATION 3A: TRANSMISSION THROUGH COMPOSITION B

E MEV	$I/I_{E=0} \sqrt{I_E/E_{MAX}}$	$\mu(E)$	$e^{-\mu(E) \cdot x}$	$(I/I_{E=0}) (e^{-\mu(E) \cdot x})$	
	$E_{MAX} = 22$ MEV	cm^{-1}	$x = 1 cm$	SIMPSON'S RULE	
				EVEN	ODD
0	1.000	∞	0		
2.2	0.949	0.0730	0.9296	0.8821	0.8505
4.4	0.895	0.0510	0.9503		
6.6	0.837	0.0425	0.9584	0.8022	0.7455
8.8	0.774	0.0375	0.9632		
11.0	0.707	0.0340	0.9666	0.6834	
13.2	0.633	0.0318	0.9687		0.6132
15.4	0.547	0.0300	0.9705	0.5309	
17.6	0.447	0.0290	0.9714		0.4342
19.8	0.316	0.0285	0.9719	0.3071	
22.0	0.000	—	SUM EVEN $\times 4$; ODD $\times 2$ SUM $\times \frac{1}{3} (2.2)$ $\div 22 = I_{AVE}$ $I_{AVE}/I_0 = 0.023790$ $\therefore \mu x = 3.74$	3.2057 12.823 18.1098 3.2799 0.60363 $\mu = 0.0374$	2.6434 5.2868

$e^{-\mu(E) \cdot x}$	$(I/I_0) (e^{-\mu(E) \cdot x})$		$e^{-\mu(E) \cdot x}$	$(I/I_0) (e^{-\mu(E) \cdot x})$	
$x = 5 cm$	EVEN	ODD	$x = 10 cm$	EVEN	ODD
0.694	0.6586		0.482	0.4574	
0.775		0.6936	0.600		0.5370
0.809	0.6711		0.654	0.5473	
0.829		0.6416	0.687		0.5317
0.844	0.5967		0.712	0.5034	
0.853		0.5399	0.728		0.4608
0.861	0.9710		0.741	0.4053	
0.865		0.3867	0.748		0.3344
0.868	0.2743		0.752	0.2376	
	2.6777	2.2618		2.1510	1.8639
	10.7108	4.5236		8.604	3.728
	15.2344			12.332	
	11.1714			9.043	
	0.50779			0.4110	
	0.76168			0.6116	
	0.273			0.483	
	0.0546			0.0483	

COMPOSITION 3B: SIMPSON'S RULE (CONT'D)

$e^{-\mu(E) \cdot x}$ $x = 50 \text{ cm}$	$(I/I_0)(e^{-\mu(E) \cdot x})$		$e^{\mu(E) \cdot x}$ $x = 100 \text{ cm}$	$(I/I_0)(e^{-\mu(E) \cdot x})$	
	EVEN	ODD		EVEN	ODD
0.0260	0.0247		0.000676	0.000641	
0.0781		0.0699	0.006097		0.005457
0.1194	0.0999		0.01426	0.01193	
0.1532		0.1186	0.02352		0.01820
0.1827	0.1292		0.03337	0.02359	
0.2039		0.1291	0.04160		0.02633
0.2231	0.1220		0.04979	0.02723	
0.2346		0.1049	0.05502		0.02459
0.2405	0.0760		0.05784		
SUM EVEN $\times 4$; ODD $\times 2$	0.4518	0.4225		0.08167	0.07458
SUM $\times \frac{1}{3}(2.2) = 0.7333$	1.8072	0.8450		0.32668	0.14916
$\div 22 = I_{AVE}$	2.6522			0.47584	
I_{AVE}/I_0	1.9449			0.34893	
μx	0.08840			0.01586	
μ	0.13260			0.023790	
	2.022			3.74	
	0.0404			0.0374	
		= $e^{-\mu(x)}$			

CALCULATION 3B: TRANSMISSION THROUGH BARATOL

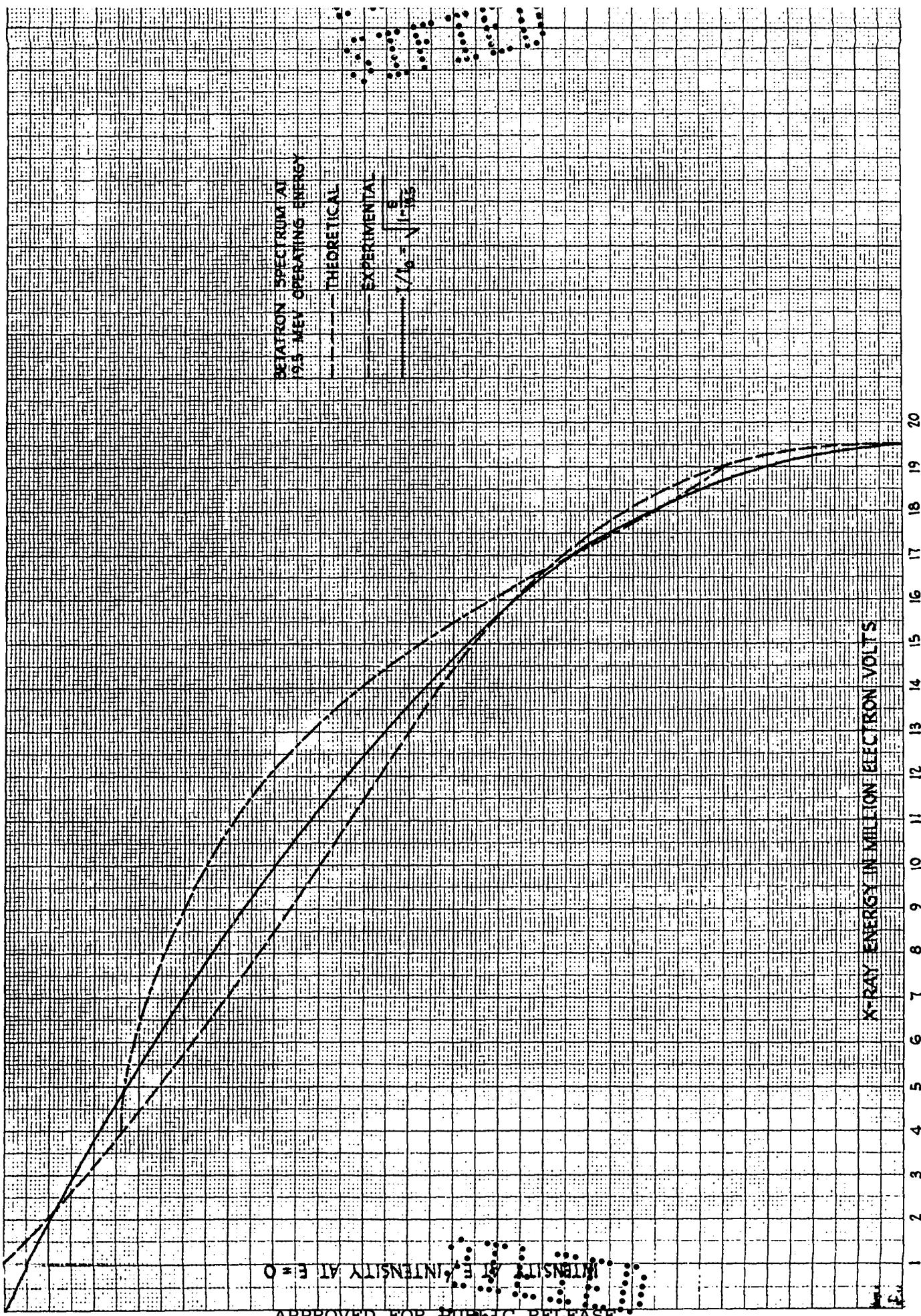
$\mu(E)$	$e^{-\mu(E) \cdot x}$	$(I/I_0)(e^{-\mu(E) \cdot x})$		
cm^{-1}	$x = 1 \text{ cm}$	EVEN	ODD	
0.1050	0.9005	0.8546		
0.0845	0.9189		0.8224	
0.0828	0.9205	0.7705		
0.0830	0.9203		0.7123	
0.0840	0.9195	0.6501		
0.0858	0.9178		0.5810	
0.0878	0.9160	0.5010		
0.0900	0.9140		0.4086	
0.0923	0.9118	0.2881		
		3.0643	2.5253	
		12.2572	5.0506	
		17.3078		
		12.6923		
		0.5769		
		0.8653		
		0.1447		
		0.1447		

BARATOL (CONT'D)

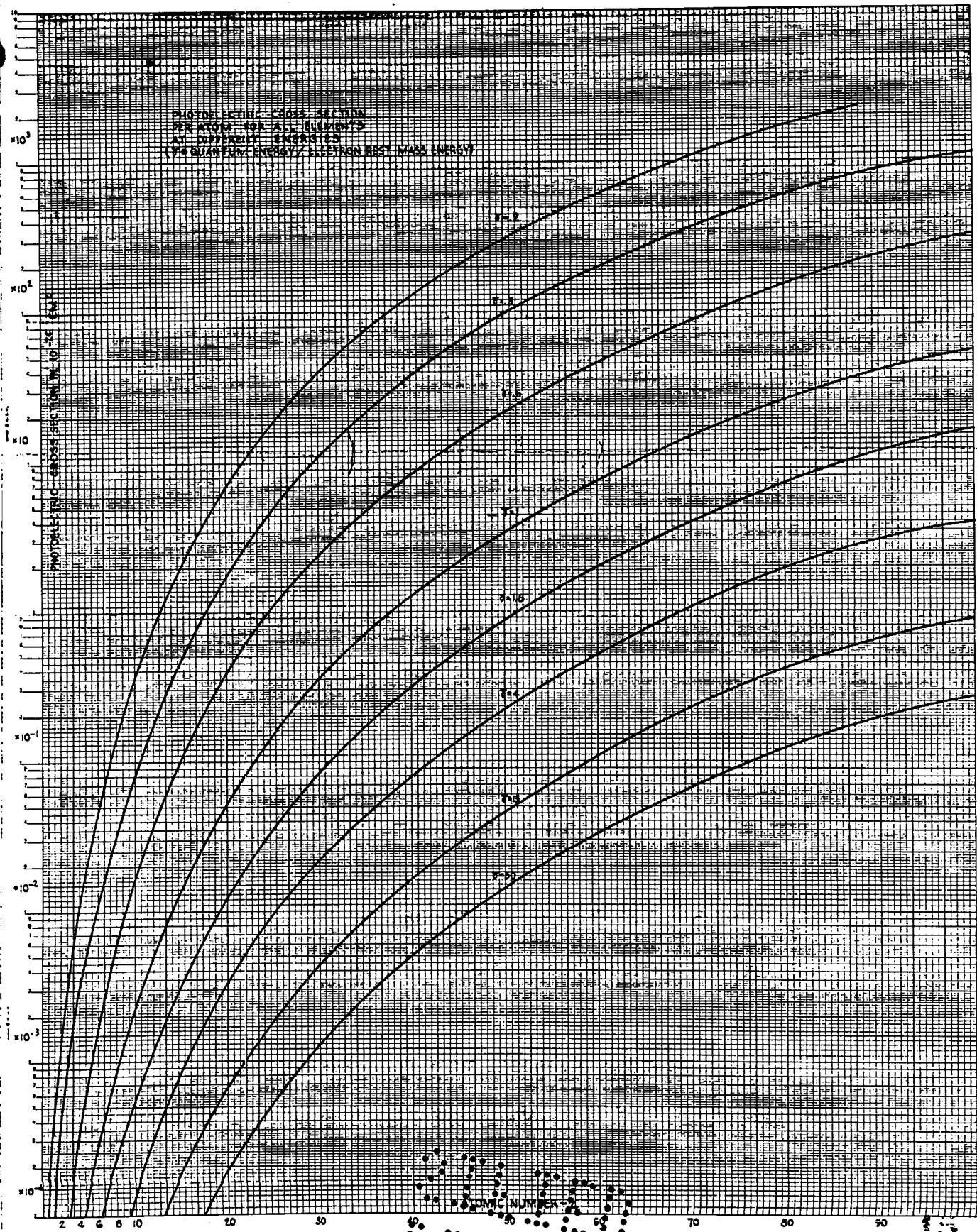
$e^{-\mu(\epsilon) \cdot x}$ $x = 5 \text{ cm}$	$(I/I_0)(e^{-\mu(\epsilon) \cdot x})$		$e^{-\mu(\epsilon) \cdot x}$ $x = 10 \text{ cm}$	$(I/I_0)(e^{-\mu(\epsilon) \cdot x})$	
	EVEN	ODD		EVEN	ODD
0.592	0.5618		0.350	0.3321	
0.655		0.5862	0.430		0.3848
0.661	0.5532		0.437	0.3658	
0.660		0.5108	0.436		0.3375
0.657	0.4645		0.432	0.3054	
0.651		0.4121	0.424		0.2684
0.645	0.3528		0.416	0.2276	
0.638		0.2852	0.407		0.1819
0.630	0.1991		0.398	0.1258	
SUM	2.1314	1.7943		1.3567	1.1726
EVEN $\times 4$; ODD $\times 2$	8.5256	3.5886		5.4268	2.3452
SUM	12.1142			7.7720	
$\times \frac{1}{3}(2.2) = 0.7333$	8.88374			5.6994	
$\div 22 = I_{AVE}$	0.40381			0.25906	
I_{AVE}/I_0	0.60571			0.38858	
μx	0.503			0.945	
μ	0.1006			0.0945	

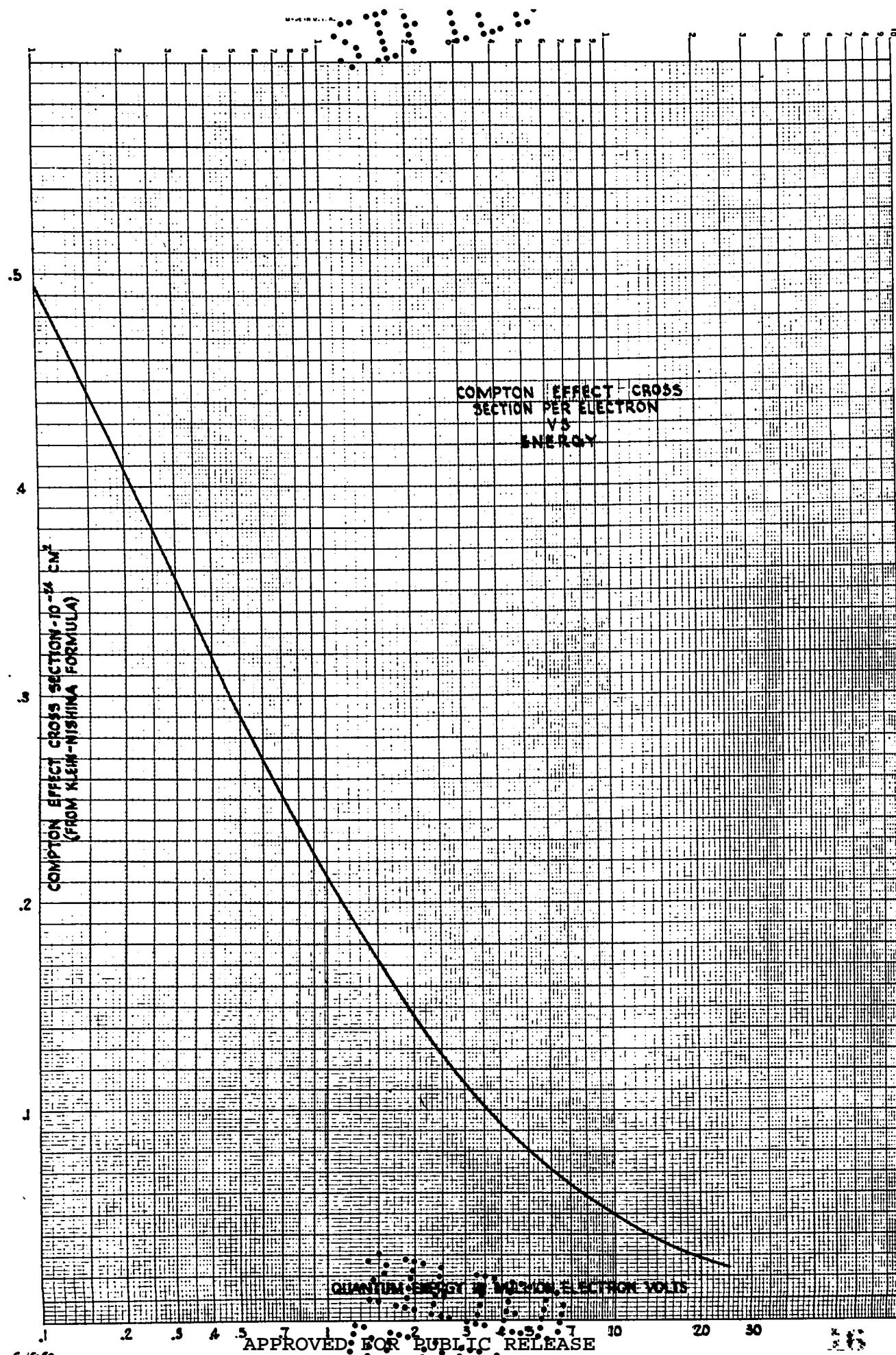
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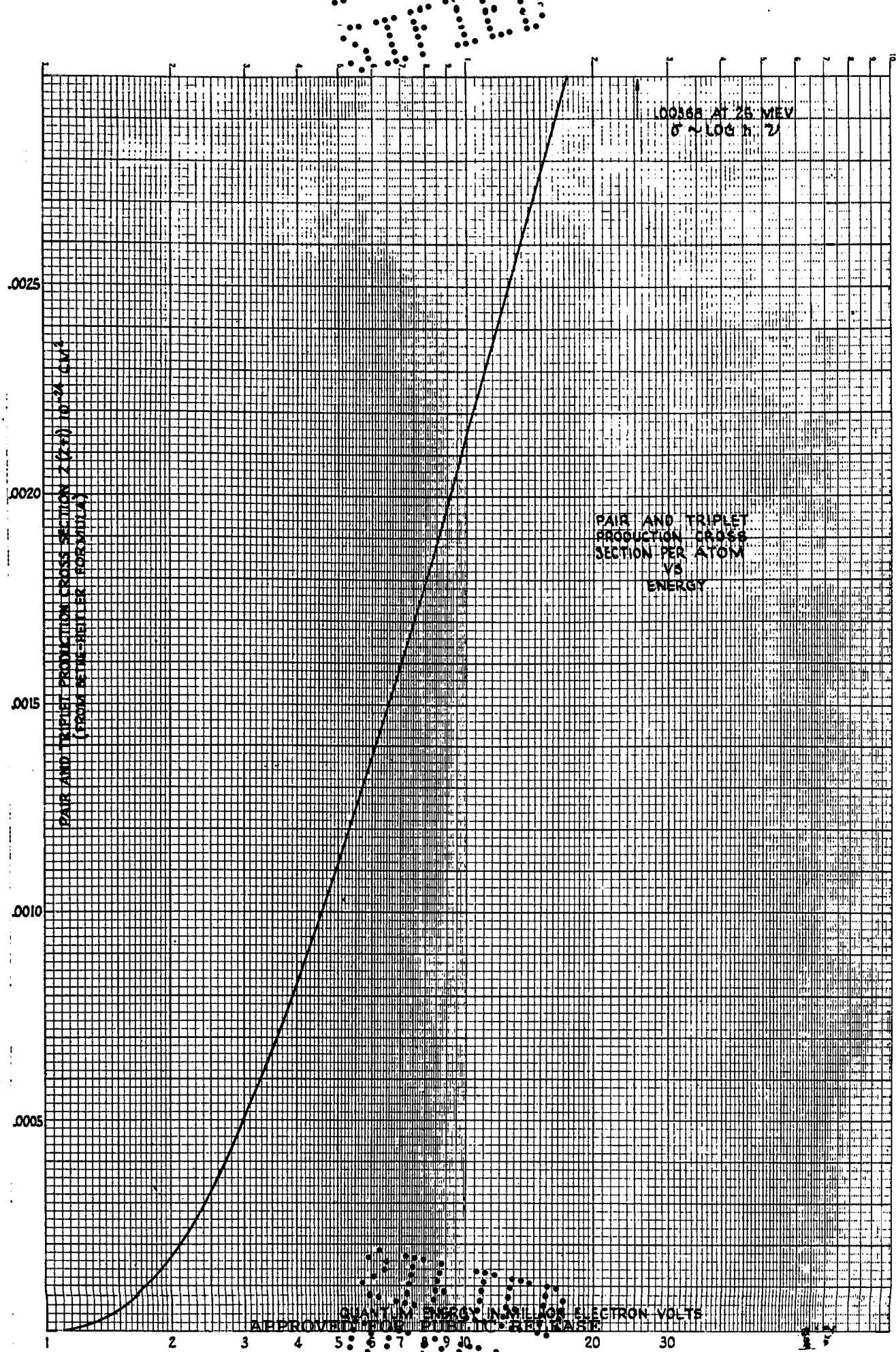
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0.1262	0.1056		0.0159	0.01331	
0.1256		0.0972	0.0158		0.01223
0.1225	0.0866		0.0150	0.01061	
0.1170		0.0741	0.0137		0.00867
0.1113	0.0609		0.0124	0.00678	
0.1054		0.0471	0.0111		0.00496
0.0993	0.0314		0.0100	0.00316	
				0.03884	0.03902
	0.3532	0.3267		0.15536	0.07804
	1.3413	0.6534		0.2334	
	1.9947			0.17116	
	1.4628			0.0077804	
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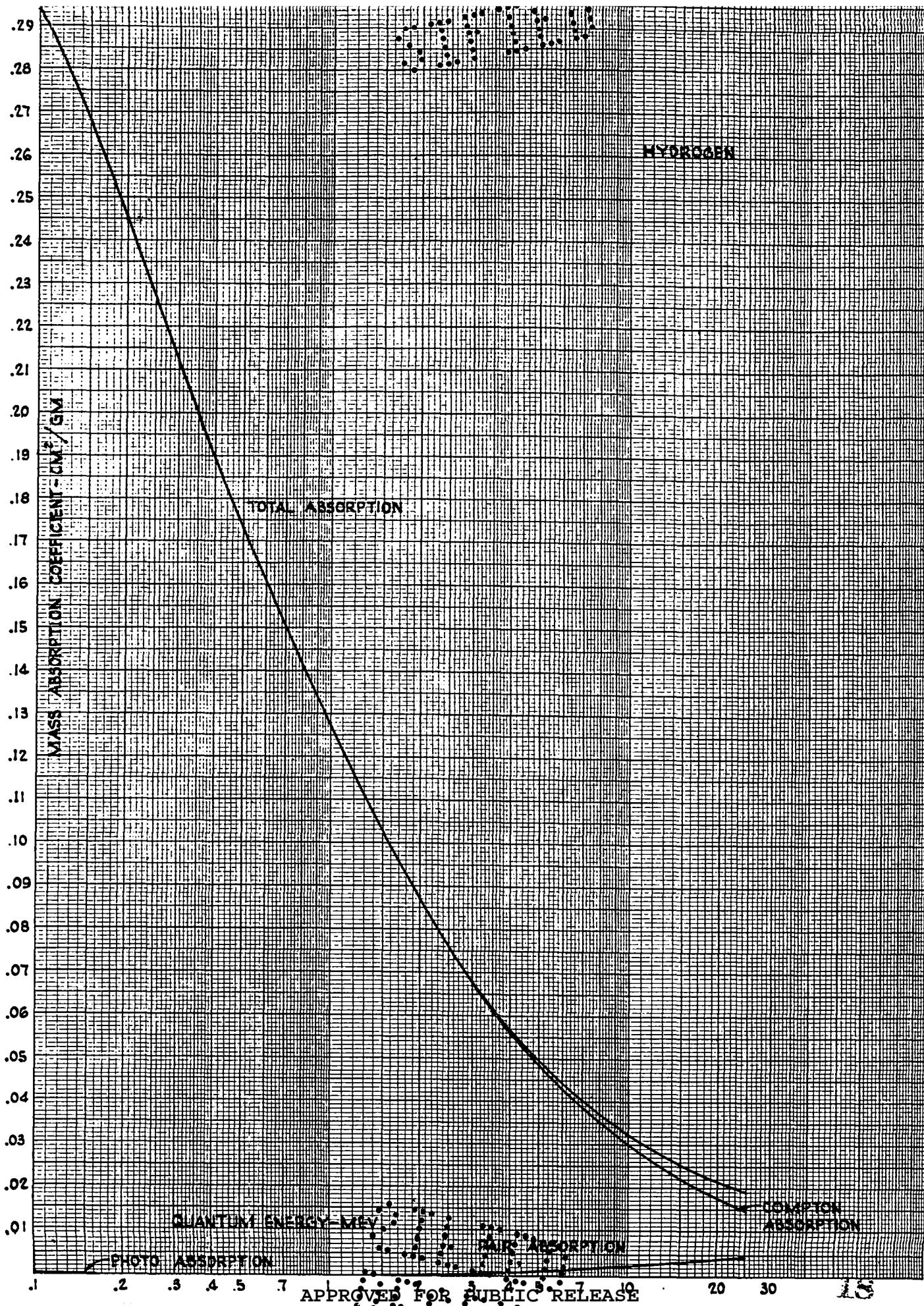


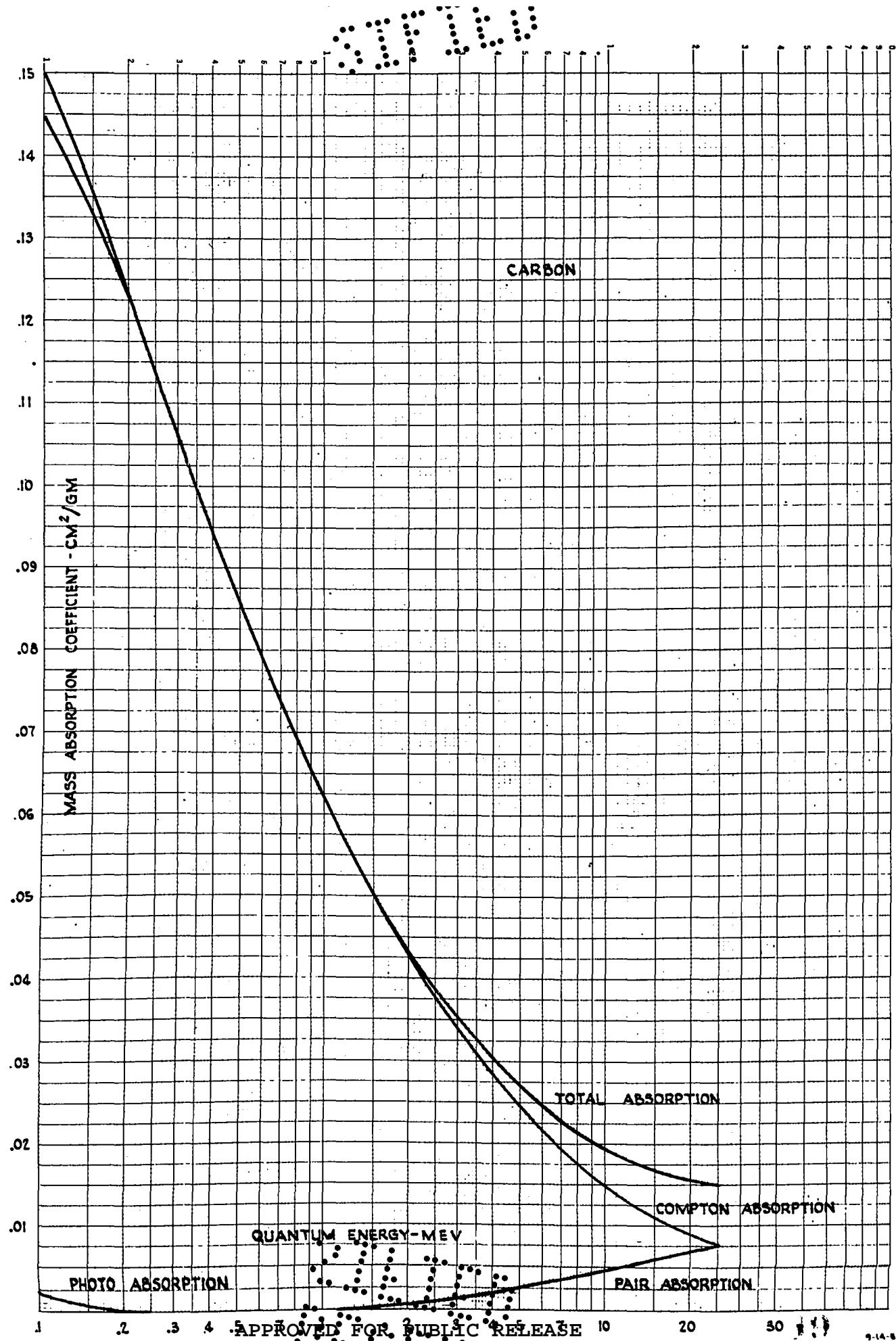
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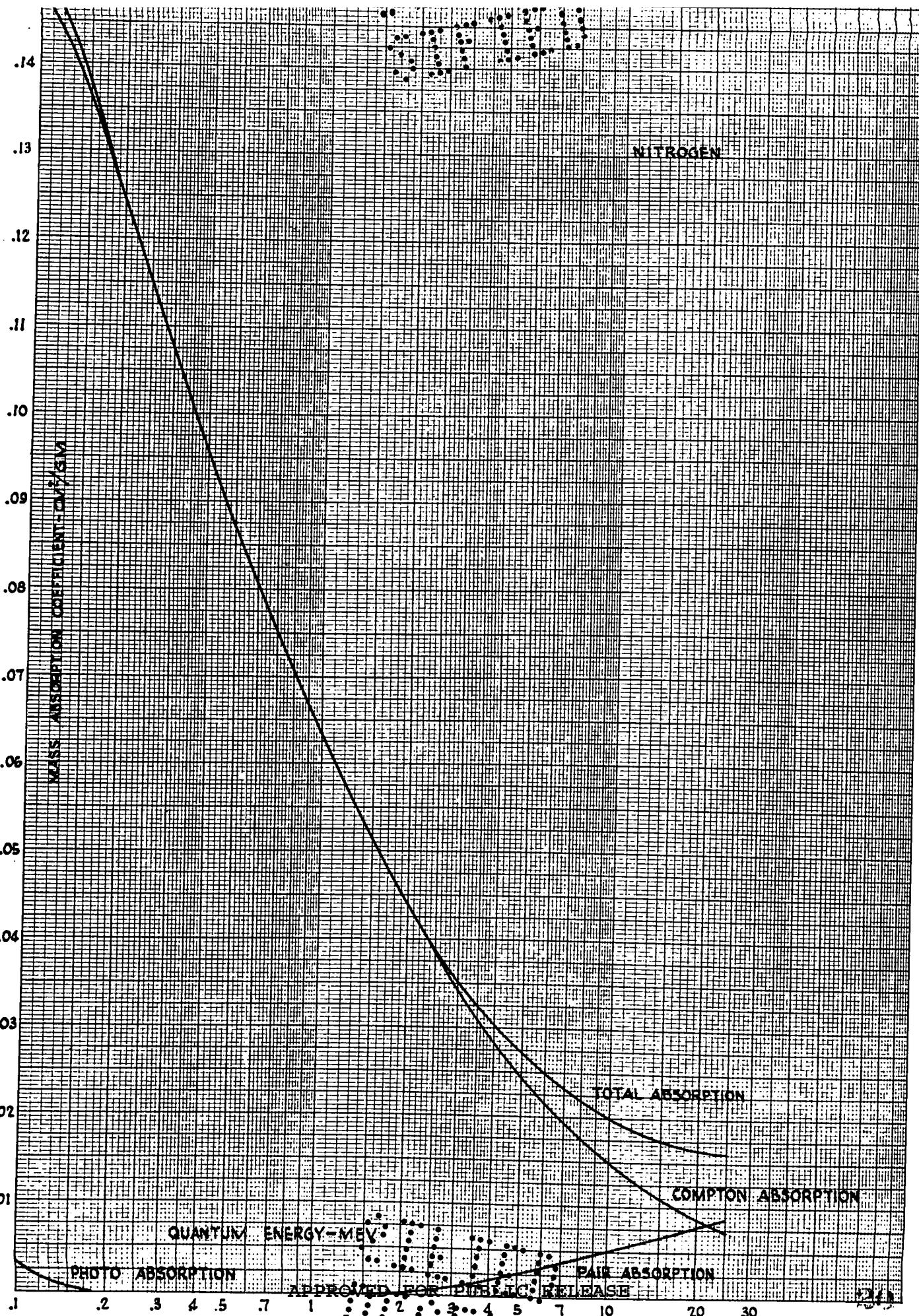


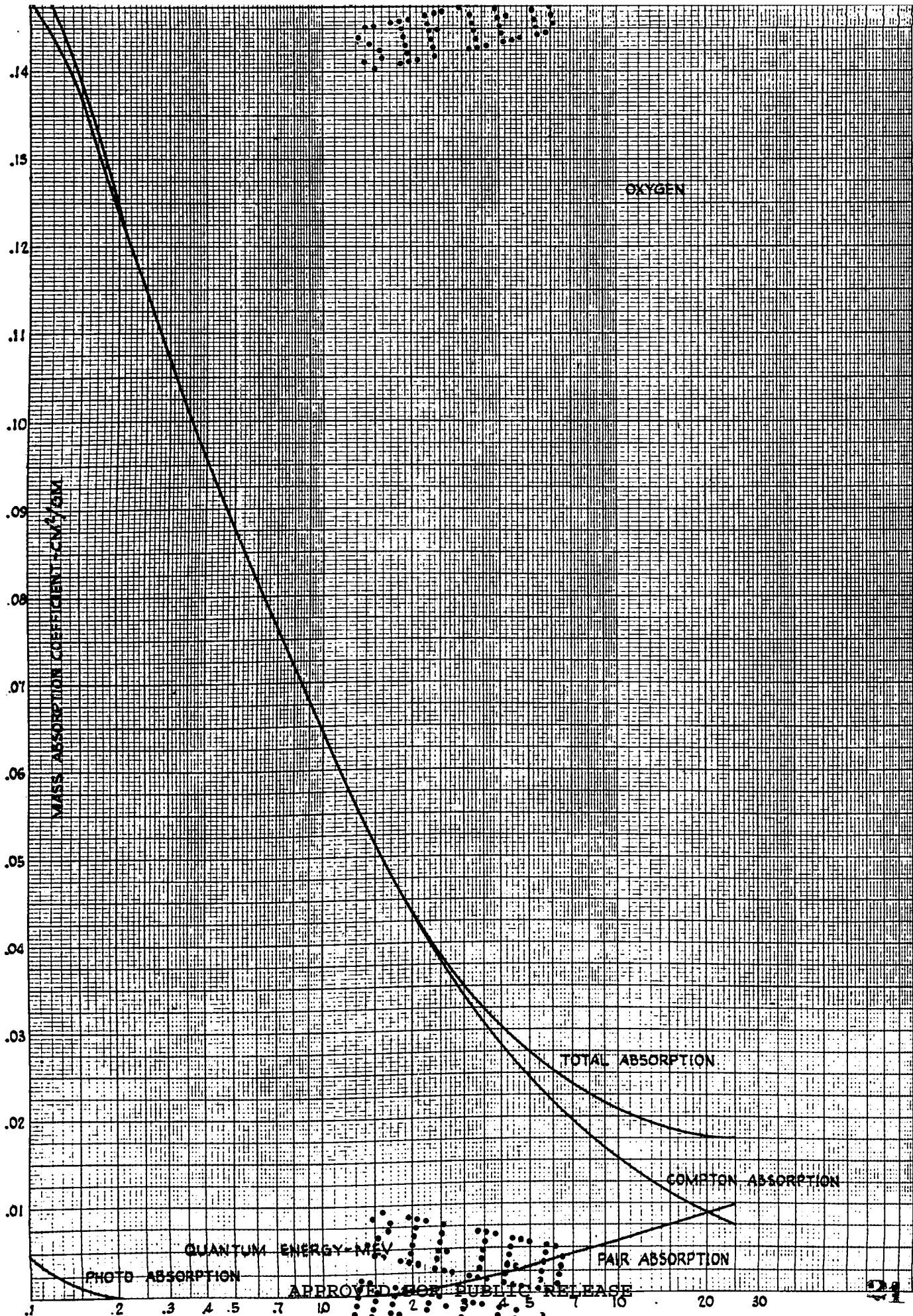


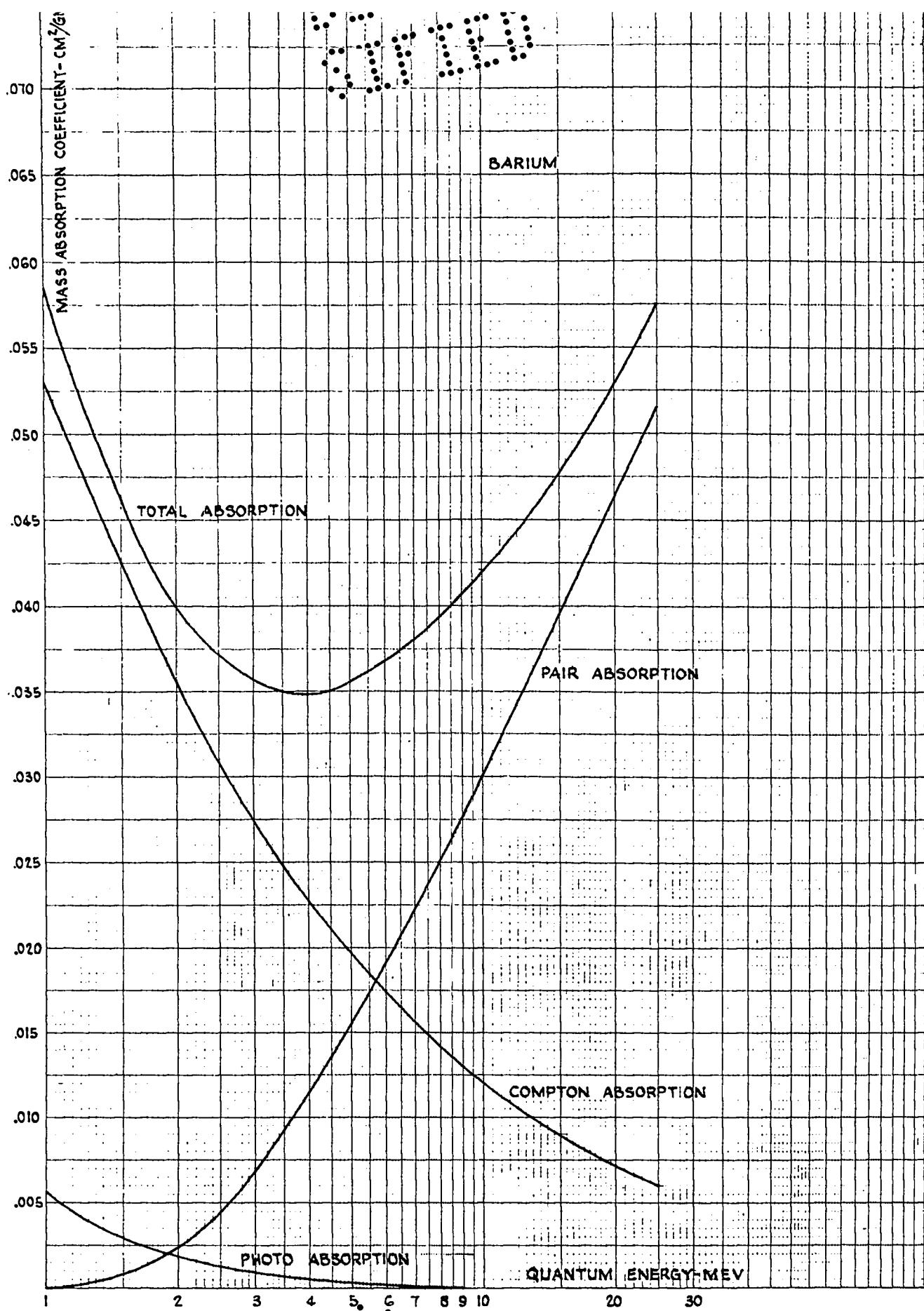






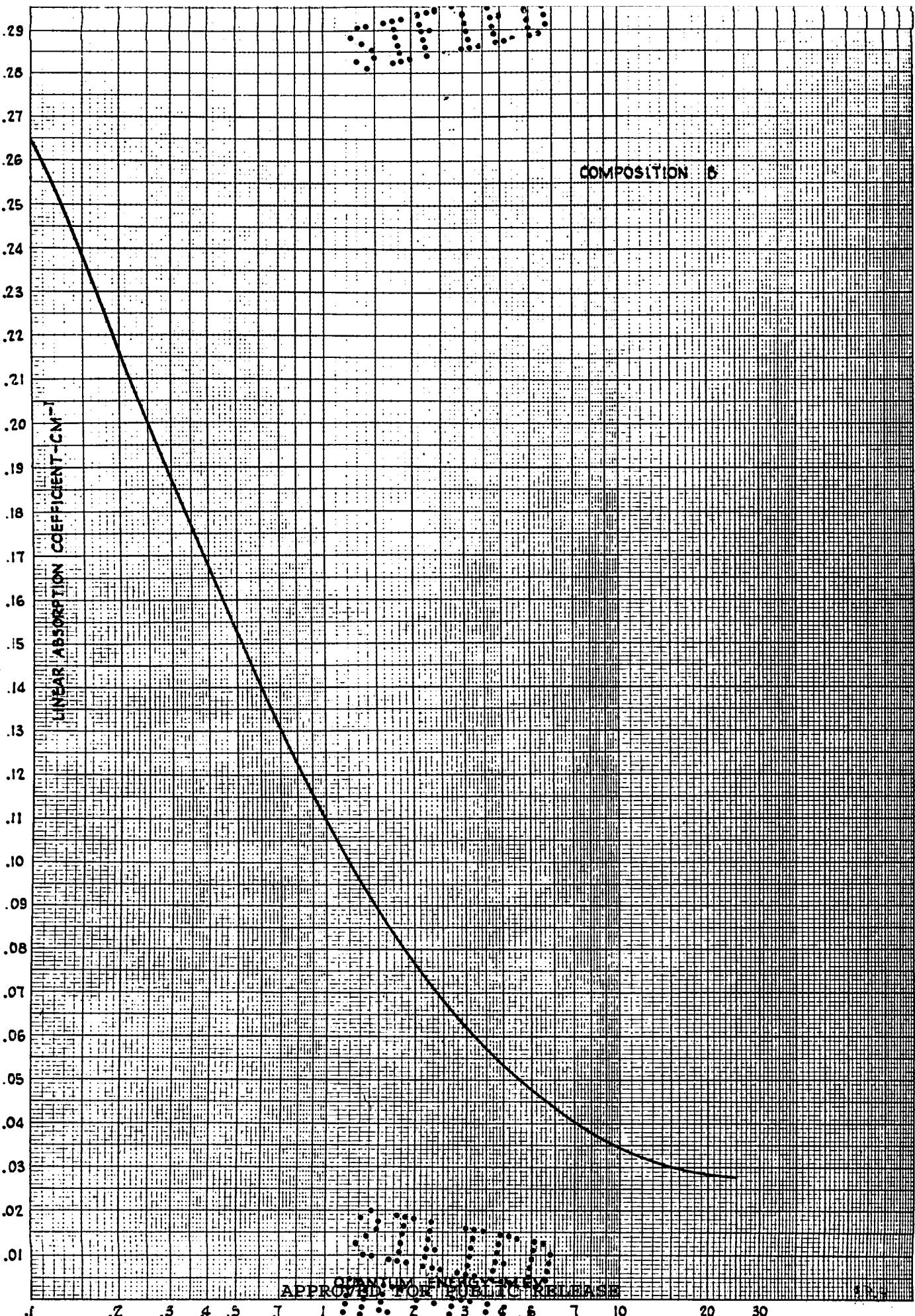


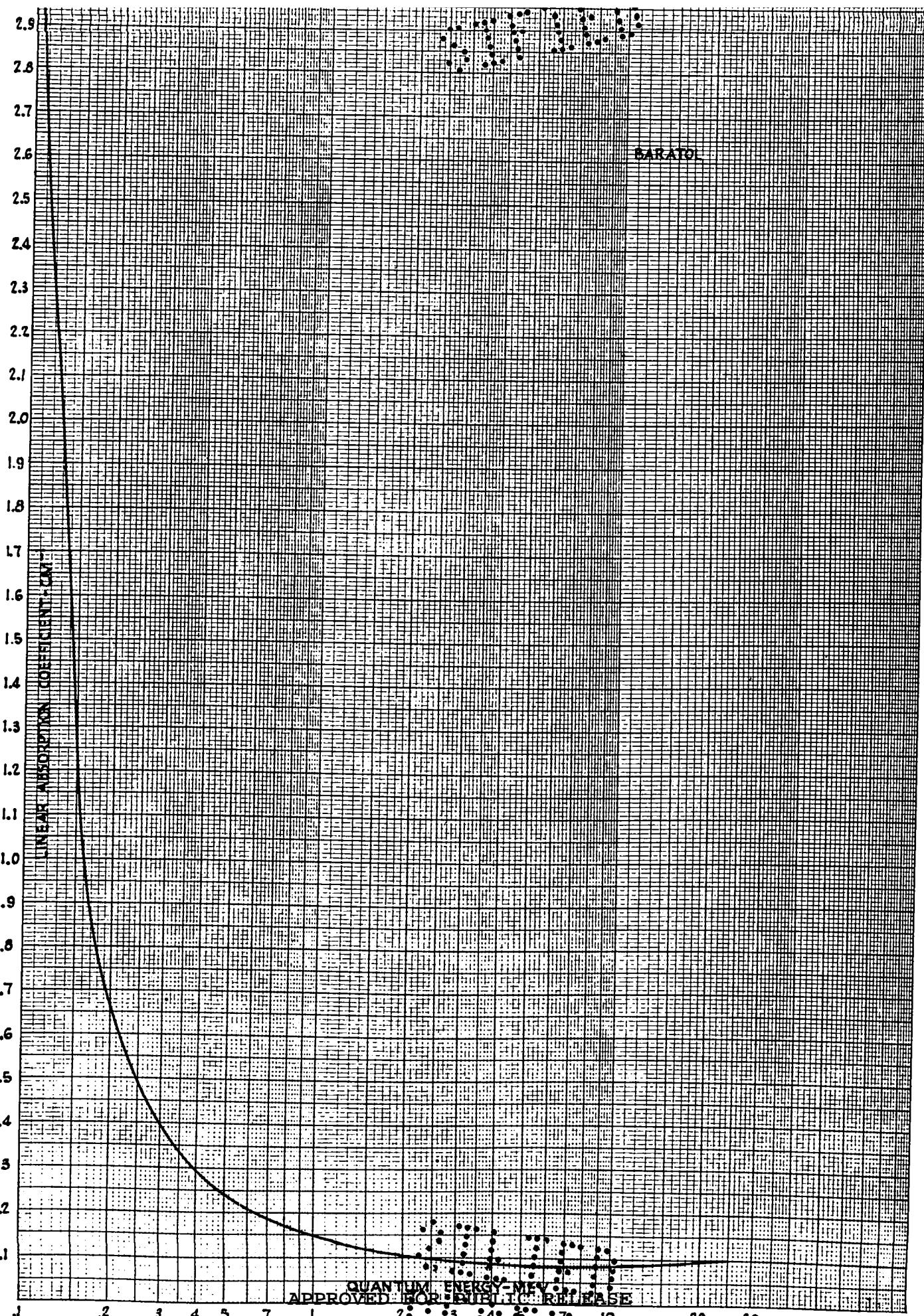


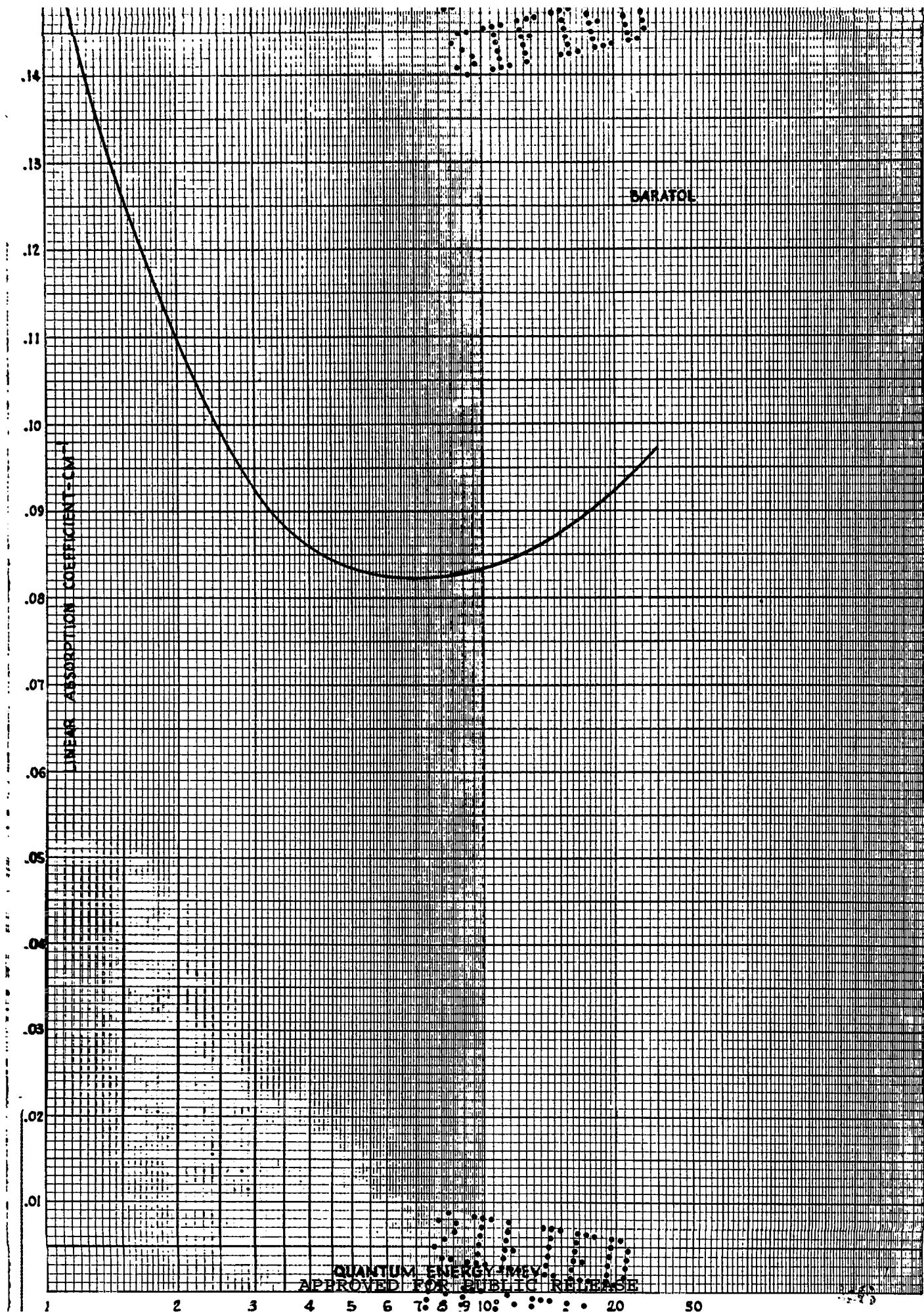


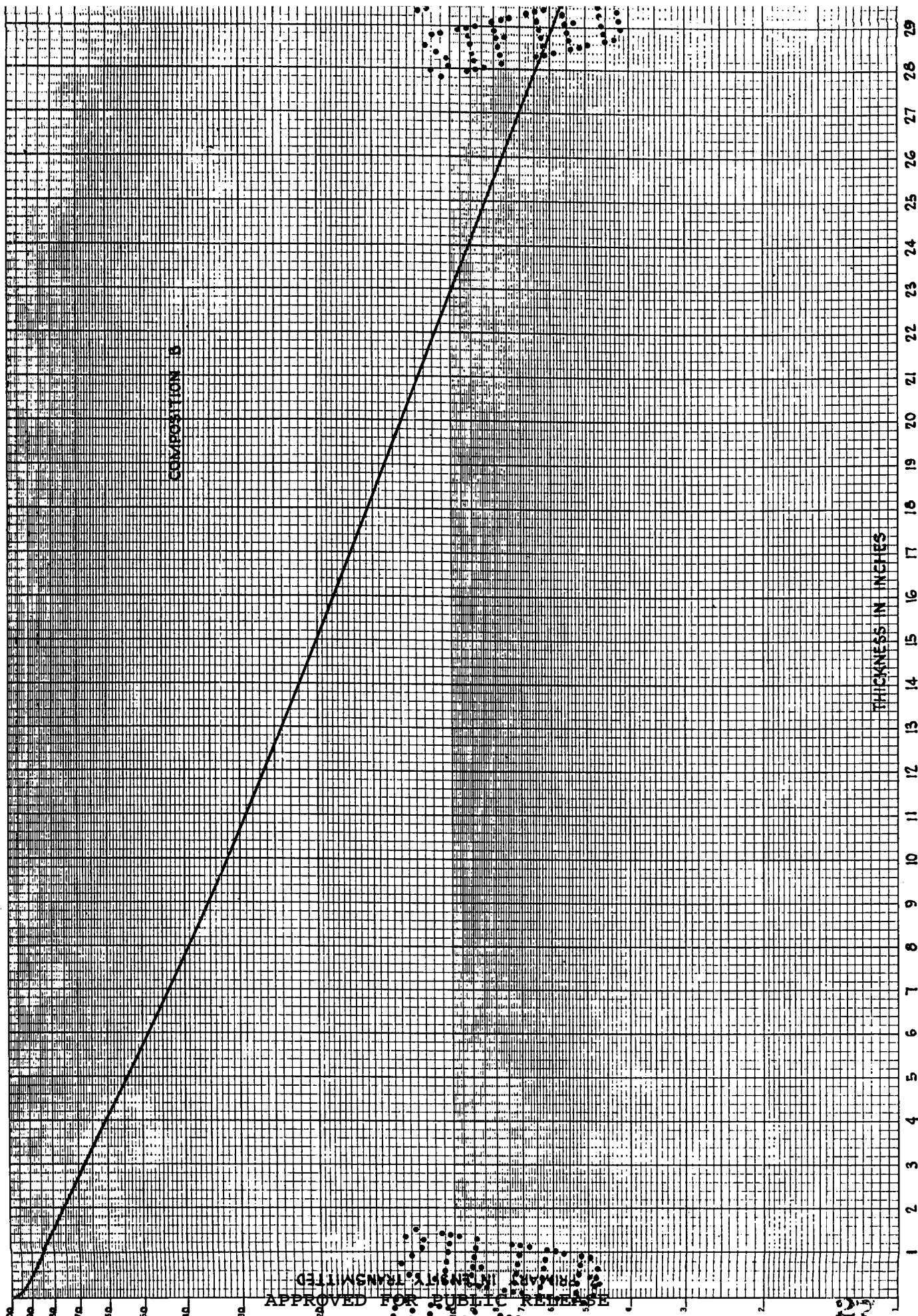
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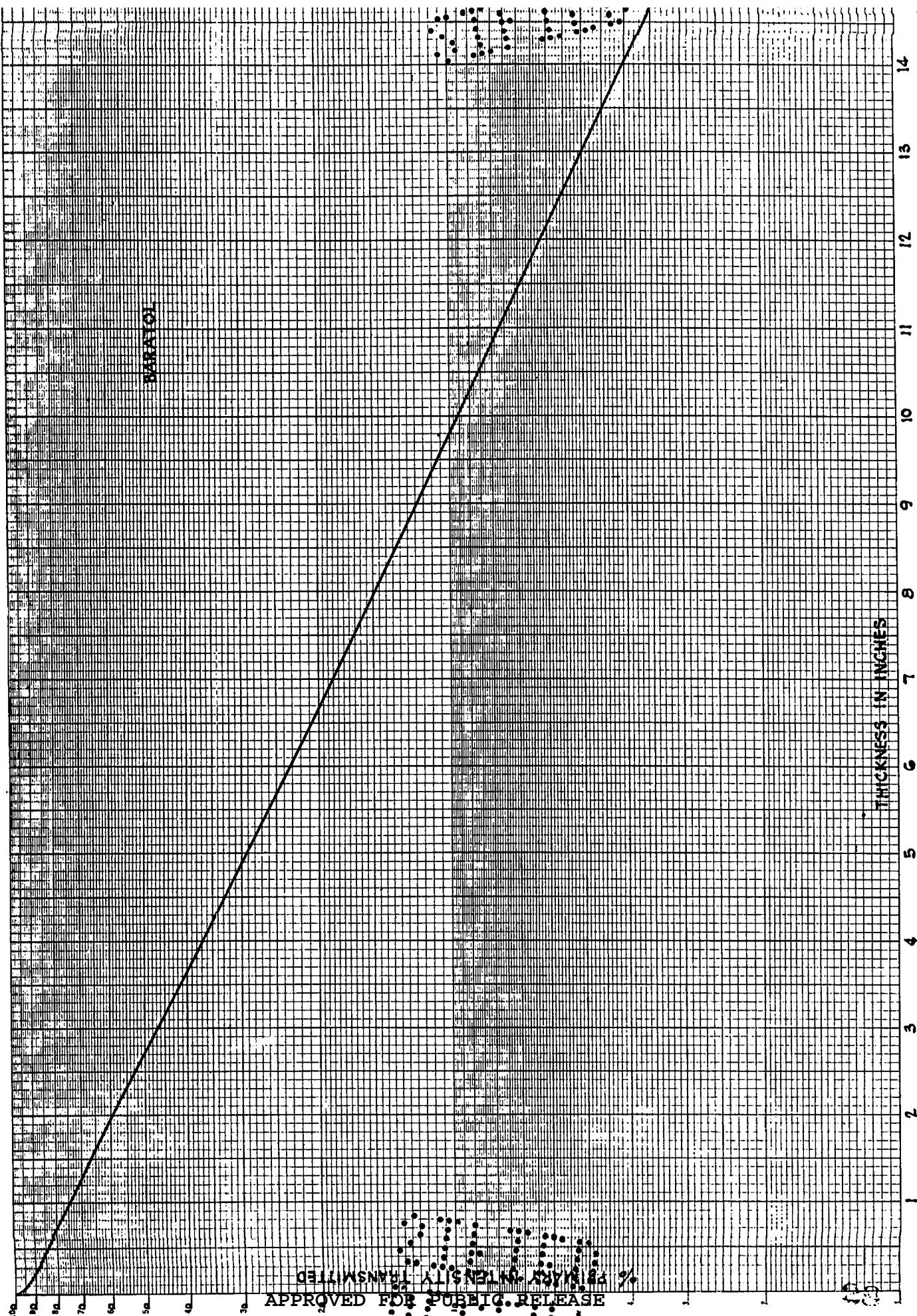




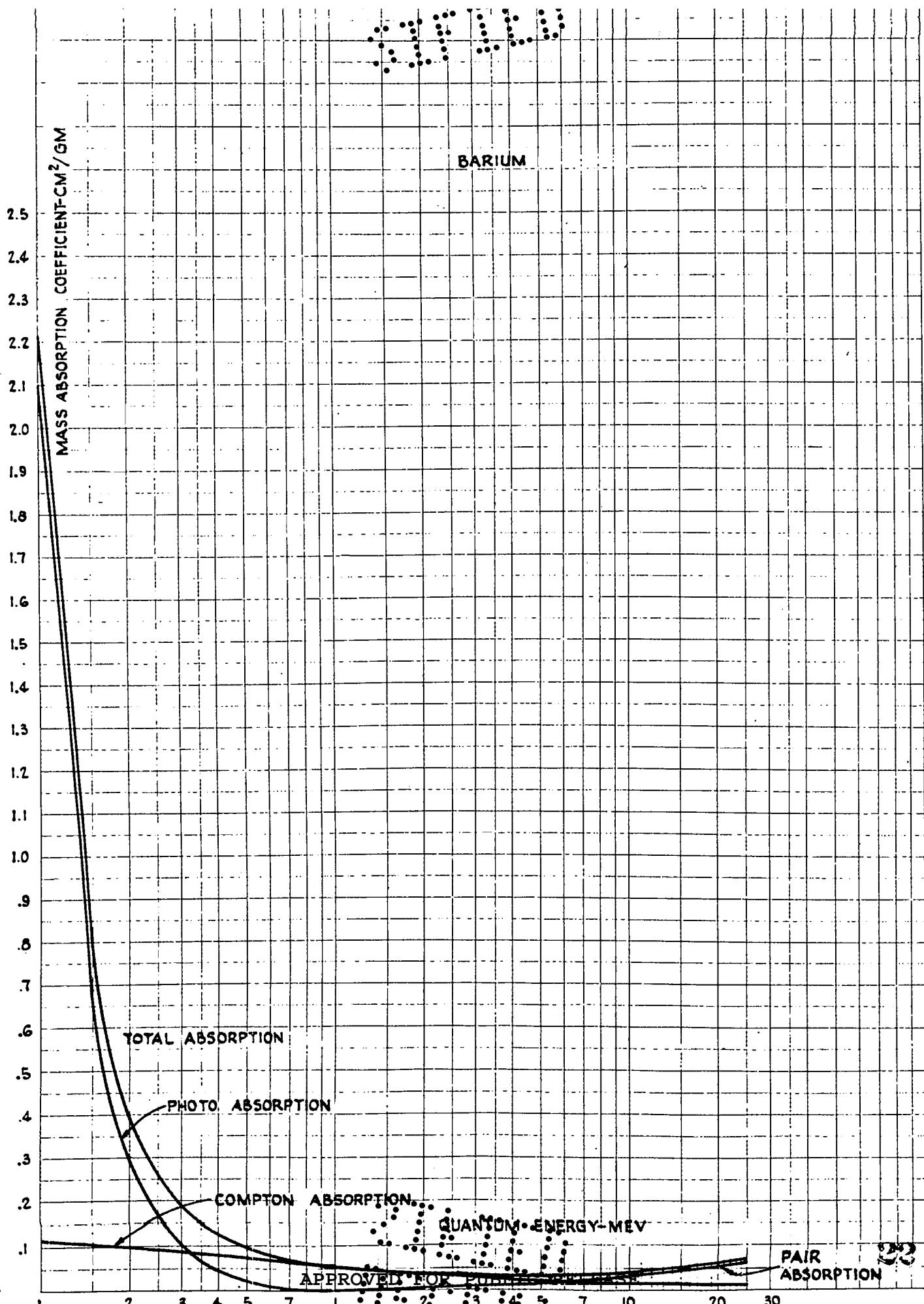




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