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Nuclear Data

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Introduction to nuclear data

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- Where do I find nuclear data?

Measurements and experiments

- Reaction data (emphasis)
 - Transmission
 - Capture
 - Fission
 - Scattering
- Structure and decay data
 - Half life
 - Emission probabilities
- Uncertainty in measurements
 - Measurement model
 - Guide to the expression of uncertainty

Modeling and evaluation

- Nuclear reaction modeling
 - Hauser-Feshbach-Moldauer
 - R-matrix
- The JEFF-3.3 evaluation

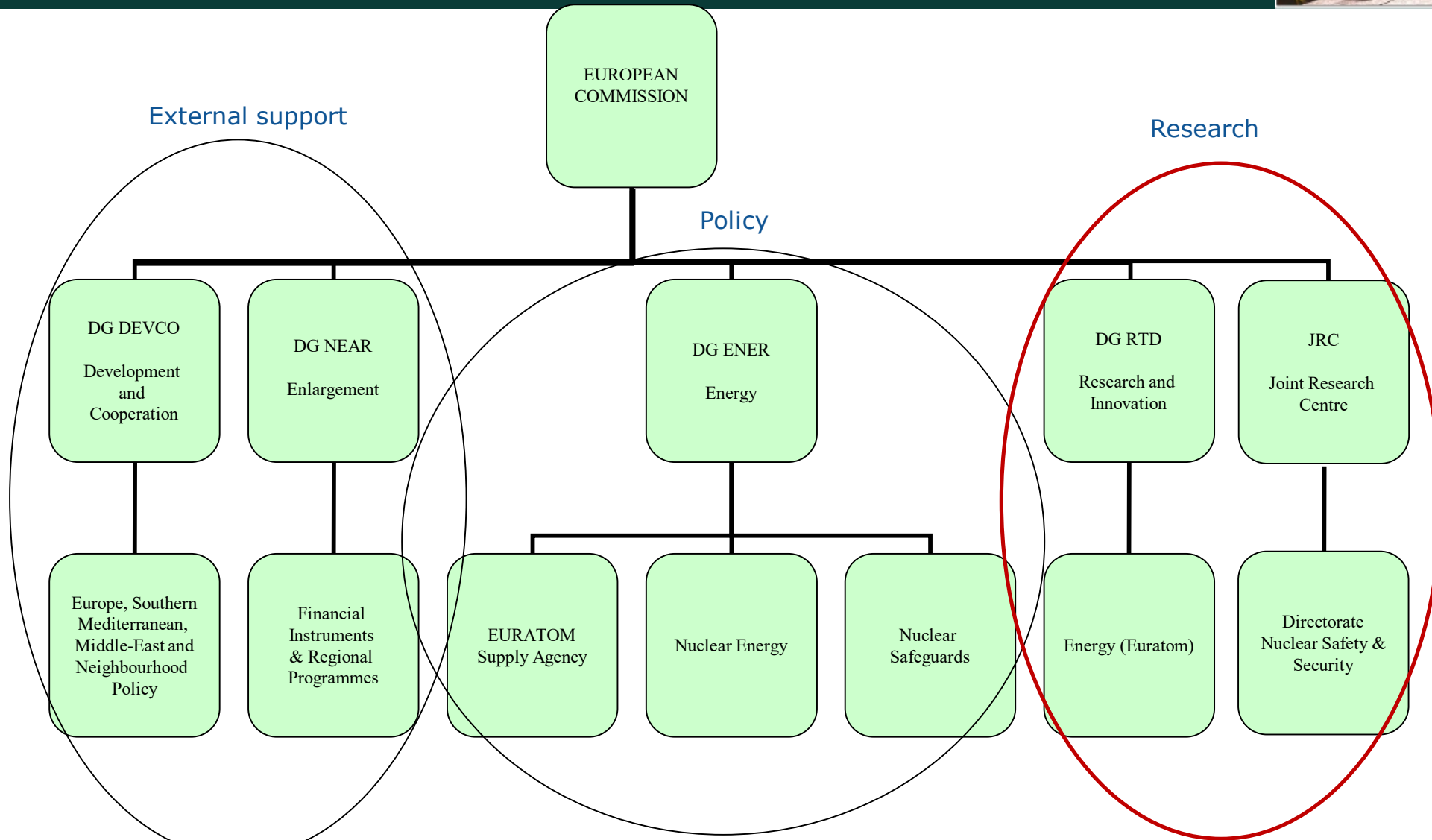
Nuclear research European Commission, JRC Geel

The Treaty of Rome



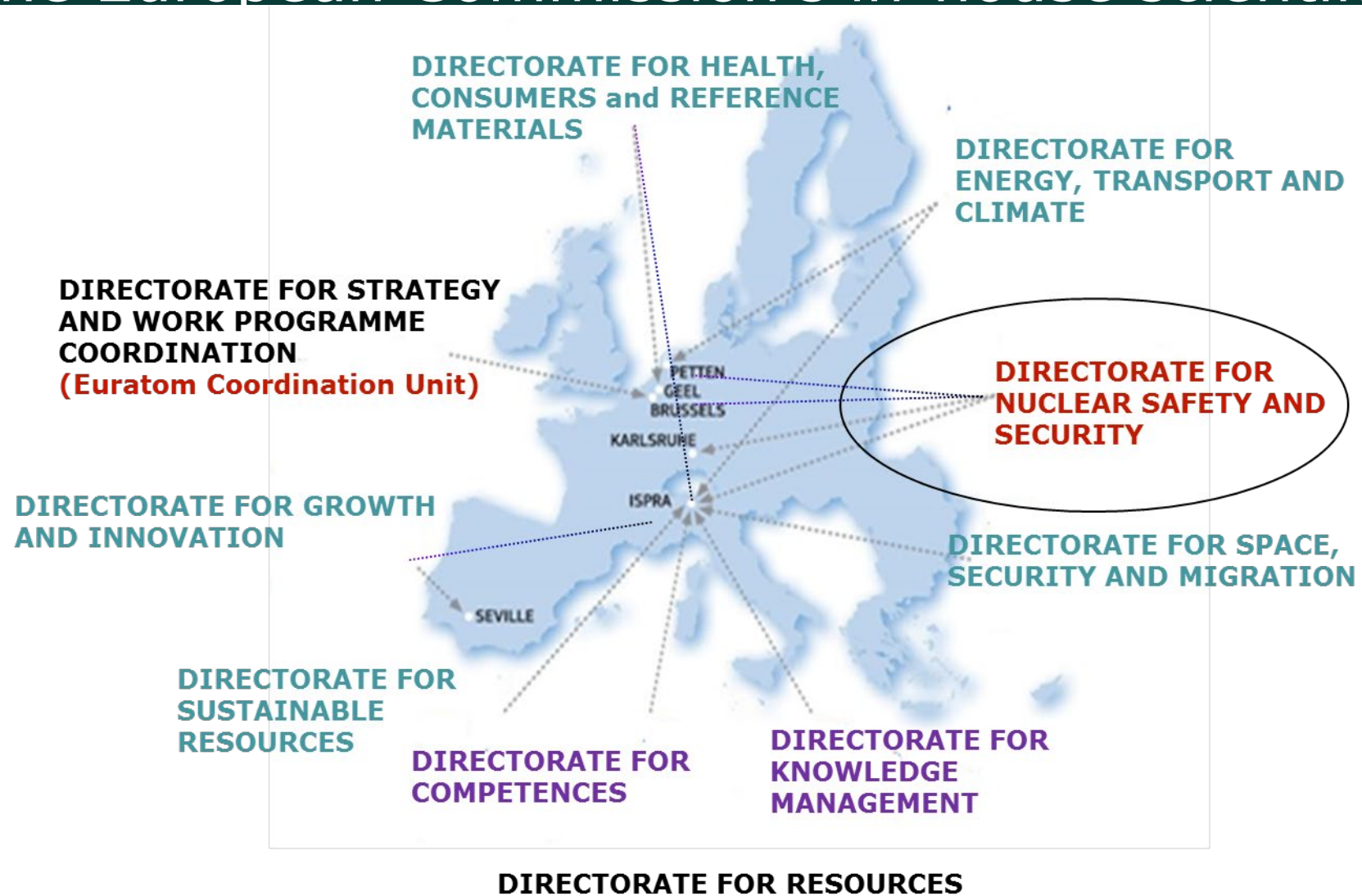
- Treaty establishing The European Atomic Energy Community (EURATOM)
25 March 1957
- Consolidated version
26 October 2012,
Official Journal of the
European Union C 327/01

EURATOM structure



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Directorate G – Nuclear Safety and Security

Vision

The JRC EURATOM Research, Development and Training programme will enhance the interface between science, policy and society while keeping the highest standards of its scientific output.

Societal challenges

- *Protecting Society*
- *Fostering Sustainability and Decarbonisation*
- *Promoting Reversibility: back to the green field*
- *Strengthening Global Partnership*
- *Broadening Knowledge and Competence*

Safety of Current and Innovative Systems

Long-term Operation and Operational Safety

Fuels and Materials for Gen II and III reactors

Reactor Design Extension Conditions Modelling and Assessment

Safety of Advanced Nuclear Systems and Innovative Fuel Cycles

System Analysis of Emerging Technologies

Knowledge for nuclear Safety and Policy Support

Security, Safeguards and non-proliferation

Innovative and Remote Safeguards

Enhanced Nuclear Materials Measurements

Methods, Data and knowledge management for Nuclear Non-Proliferation, Safeguard and Security

Strategic Trade Control

Nuclear Forensics and Detection of Illicit Trafficking of Nuclear and (other) Radioactive Materials

CBRNEsec

Decommissioning, Environmental Remediation and Waste management

Decommissioning and remediation of Damaged Reactors: their cores and sites

Innovative Techniques/Technologies and standardisation of Practice

Safety of spent and damaged fuel

Waste from innovative fuel

Managing Decommissioning and Waste Management Knowledge

Nuclear Science Applications

Basic properties of radionuclides and associated applications

Accelerator based nuclear data measurements and associated applications

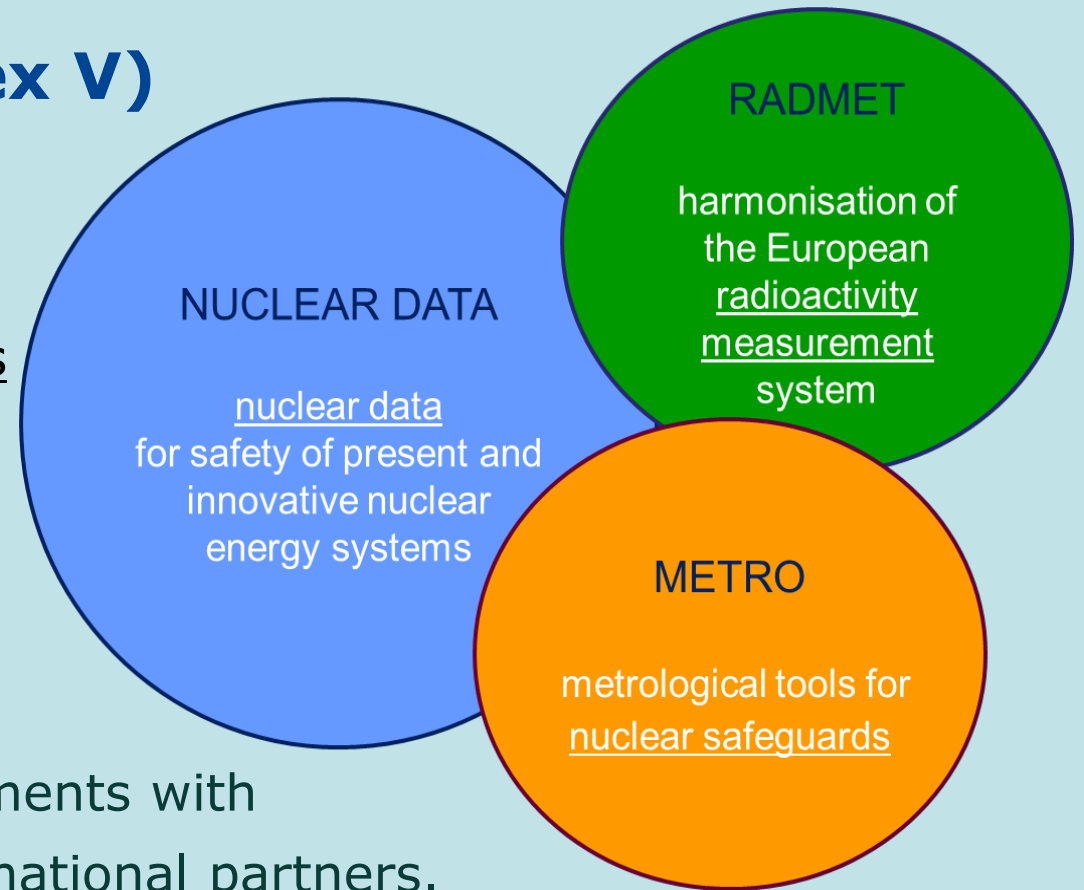
Unit G.2

Standards for nuclear safety, security and safeguards

EURATOM Treaty (Art.8 and Annex V)

JRC "shall include a **central bureau for nuclear measurements** specialising in

- nuclear measurements for isotope analysis
- and absolute measurements of radiation
- and neutron absorption".



A solid basis for contemporary engagements with the institutions, member states & international partners.

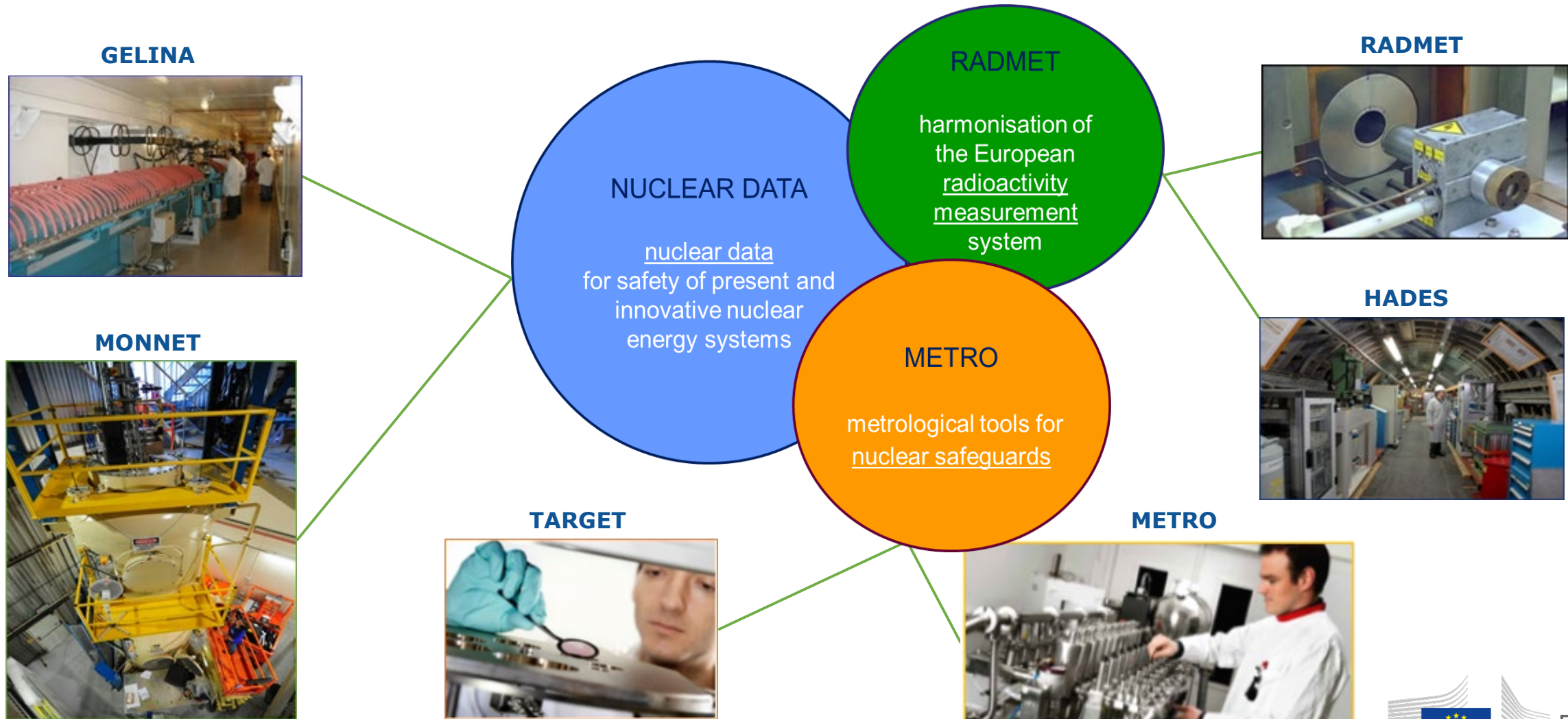


CBNM (1960)

What do we work for?

- Nuclear science and technology applications to interests of a modern society
 - Main concerns: Nuclear safety and security & Climate change
 - Examples of spin offs: Medical applications & Cultural heritage
- A bright, safe, secure and healthy Europe – citizen well-being
- Working for and with Member States, Directorates General, partners – co-design
- An open, accountable, innovative & modern JRC
 - JRC Open Access to Research Infrastructure
 - Education and Training
 - Standardization
 - Exploratory Research

Nuclear facilities of JRC-Geel



G.2 is a major European provider of nuclear data and standards for nuclear energy applications

For and with
Member States,

OECD-NEA
IAEA

International
partners

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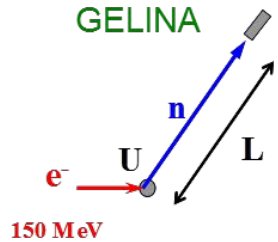
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GELINA and MONNET accelerator laboratories

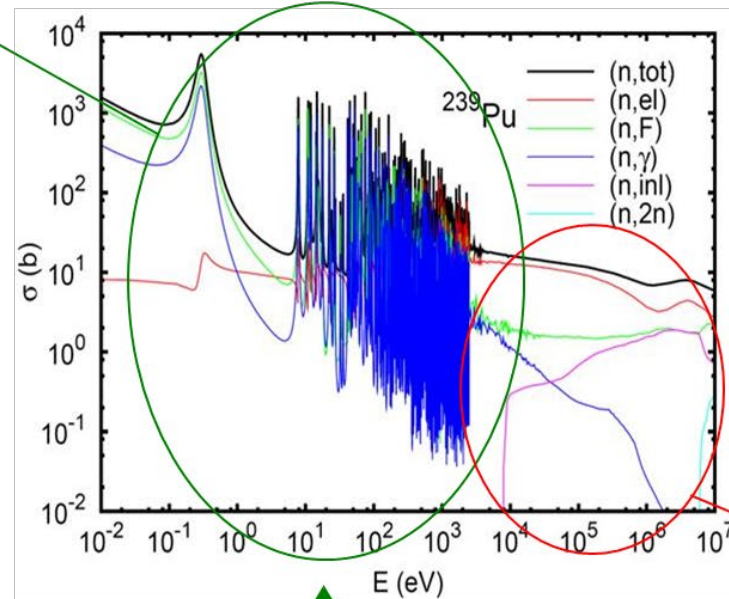
Time-of-flight measurements



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$$E = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 \propto \left(\frac{L}{T}\right)^2$$

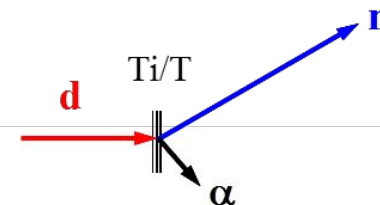


energy resolution

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Mono-energetic neutron beams



Nuclear science applications

- Nuclear data research
- Non-destructive analysis
- Neutron and photon transport
- Detector characterisation
- Dosimetry
- Material science
- Medical applications
- Basic physics (fission, astrophysics, ...)
- Cross-cutting disciplines

Challenge: Climate Change - carbon free energy

Nuclear energy can be an important component in the mix

2016	CO2	CO2-free	Nuclear	Bio+waste
world	81%	19%	5%	10%
EU 28	72%	28%	14%	10%
Belgium	71%	29%	20%	7%
France	47%	53%	42%	7%
Germany	79%	21%	7%	10%
Sweden	29%	71%	33%	25%

Countries with a high percentage CO₂-free energy use (nuclear) electricity for heating.

Still a lot to do for CO₂-free transport.

Data International Energy Agency, Total primary energy supply

Challenges for nuclear energy

- Cost of construction
- Perception of risk & public opinion

Legacy of major accidents, Fukushima and Chernobyl, and the shadow they project over the future.

- Communication in a difficult era

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CO₂ reduction

- 2020-target -20%
- 2030-target -40%

Public IEA data

region	1990 Mt CO2	2016 Mt CO2	2016/1990	reduction	2017 population	2017 Mt/Mh
world	20518	32316	1.6	-58%	7.7E+09	4.2
EU28	4027	3192	0.79	21%	5.1E+08	6.2
Sweden	52	38	0.73	27%	1.0E+07	3.8
France	346	293	0.85	15%	6.7E+07	4.4
Switzerland	41	38	0.93	7%	8.5E+06	4.5
United Kingdom	549	371	0.68	32%	6.6E+07	5.6
Belgium	106	92	0.87	13%	1.1E+07	8.1
Germany	940	731	0.78	22%	8.3E+07	8.9
Netherlands	148	157	1.1	-6%	1.7E+07	9.2
United States	4803	4833	1.0	-1%	3.3E+08	14.8
China	2122	9102	4.3	-329%	1.4E+09	6.6

Introduction to nuclear data

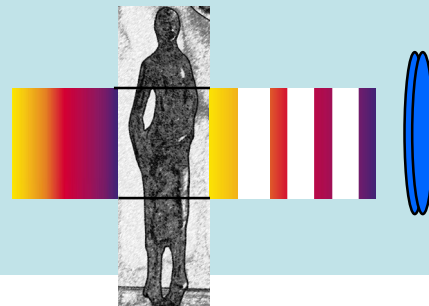
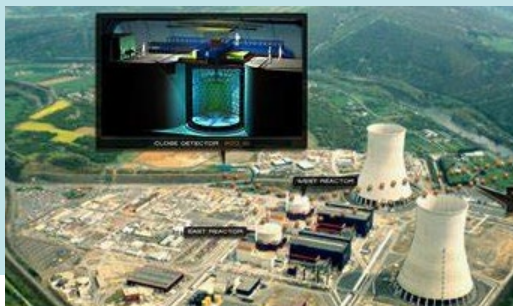
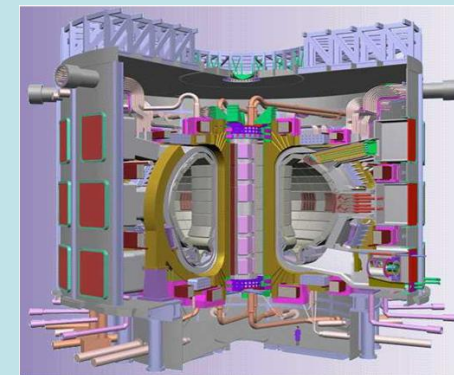
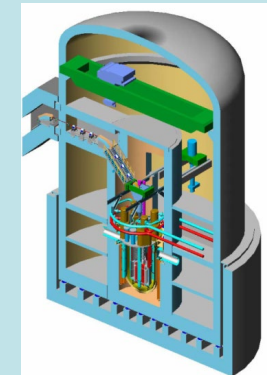
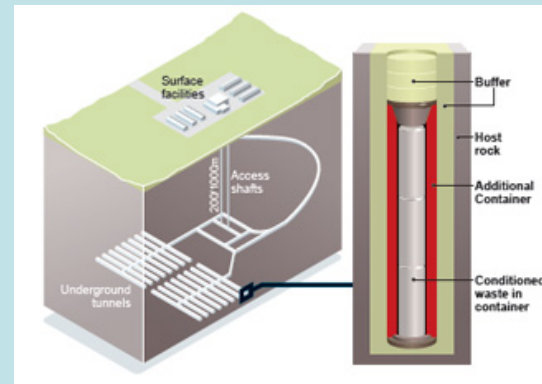
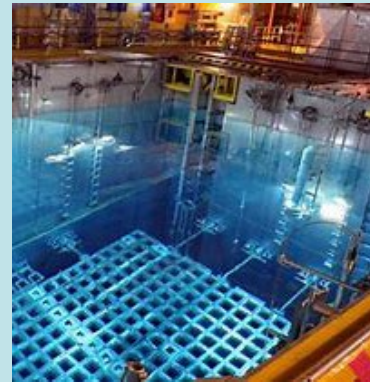
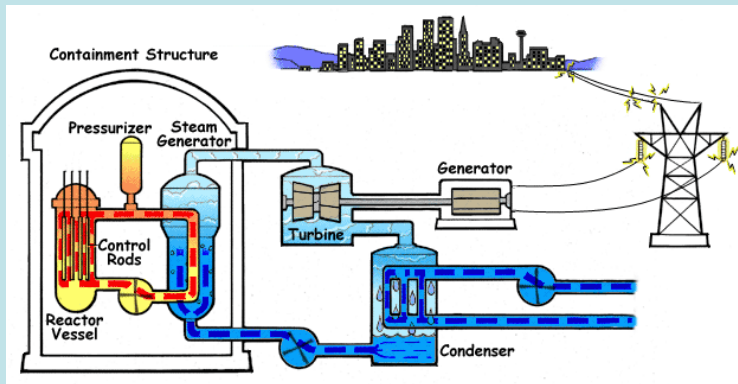
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Nuclear data and applications

JEFF project: Towards a general-purpose library

Applications: fission and fusion, radiation protection, nuclear medicine, (nuclear) security, object and materials analysis

Science: reactions and structure of nuclei, astrophysics, basic physics



Nuclear data and modeling



Boltzmann and Bateman equations: Neutron transport and reactions and inventory evolution.

Others: photon transport, heating, charged particle induced reactions at accelerators, radioactivity, nuclear structure and decay

$$\frac{1}{v} \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \mathbf{\Omega} \cdot \nabla f + \Sigma_T f = S + \int dE' d\Omega' f(E', \Omega') \Sigma_s(E' \rightarrow E, \Omega' \rightarrow \Omega)$$

$$S = S_{PF} + S_{dn} + S_{\alpha n} + S_{ext}$$

$$S_{PF} = \sum_i N_i \int dE' f^{(E')} \bar{v}_i^{(E')} \sigma_{F,i}^{(E')} f_{P,i}^{(E',E)}$$

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$$\frac{dN_i}{dt} = -\lambda_i N_i - r_i N_i + \sum_{j \neq i} \{\lambda_{j \rightarrow i} + r_{j \rightarrow i}\} N_j$$

- **Source terms**

How well can we calculate neutron fields, reaction rates, nuclide inventories, radioactivity, dose rates, decay heat, ...?

What is the penalty for inaccuracy?

- **Safety margins**

Reactivity, power distribution, reactivity coefficients, burnup/time to refuel, enrichment, shielding, spent fuel storage, ...

- **Planning and interpretation**

Limits to learning from expensive integral experiments (cost reduction in development)

Nuclear data in modeling

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• Cross sections

- Total cross section
- Scattering & reaction cross sections
- Fission, capture, (n,xn), (n,xp), (n,xa), ...
- (double) differential cross sections

- Neutron-induced (reactors, fuel cycle)
- Photon induced (reactors & accelerators)
- Charged-particle induced (accelerators)

• Parameters characterizing reactions

- Yields: neutron, photons, fission fragments, ...
- Resonance parameters: energy, widths, ...

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• Structure and Decay data

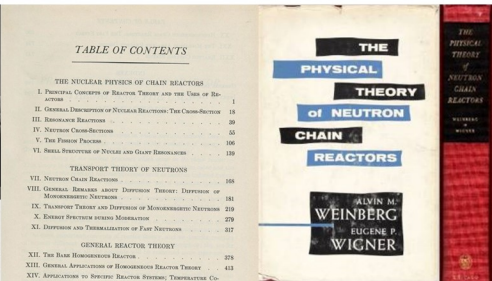
- Level structure of a nucleus
- Half life of the levels (including ground state)
- Type of decay for each level
- Branching ratios
- Emission probabilities
- Emission spectra
- Conversion factors

Modeling for cost reduction

- Reliable predictions with credible uncertainty margins.
- We are a far cry from that in the nuclear field
- Lots of expert judgement and ad-hoc methods and codes.
- Lots of tests needed for innovative ideas.
- Knowledge management through data libraries, codes and procedures can make major steps forward with modern software technology

The physical theory of neutron chain reactors

Alvin M. Weinberg and Eugene P. Wigner,
University of Chicago Press (1958)

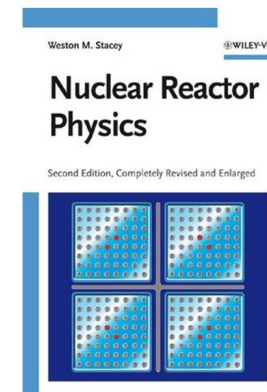


Nuclear Reactor Physics

Weston M. Stacey, Wiley-VCH, 2nd ed. (2007)



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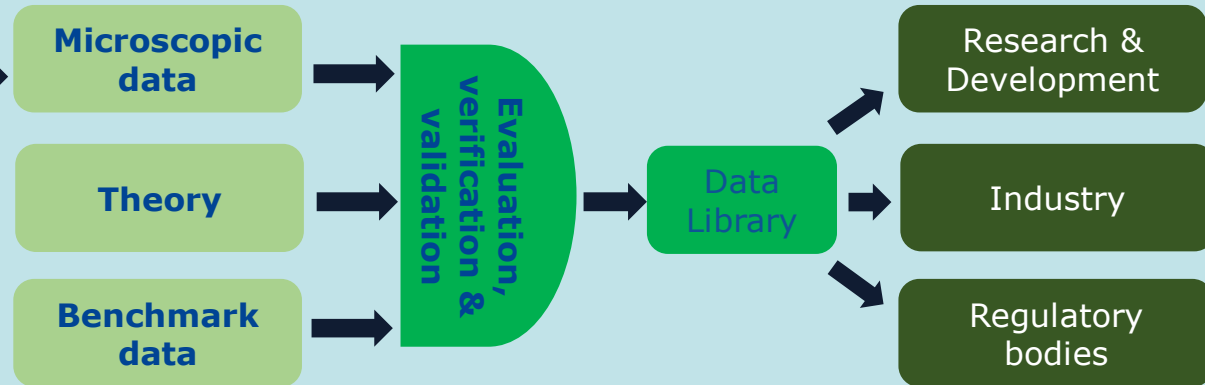
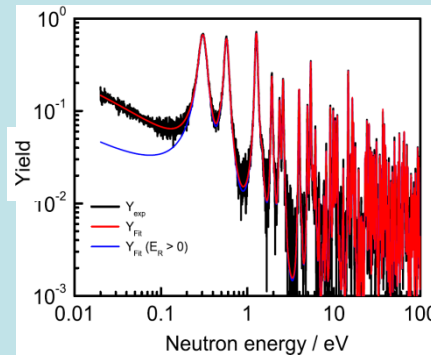
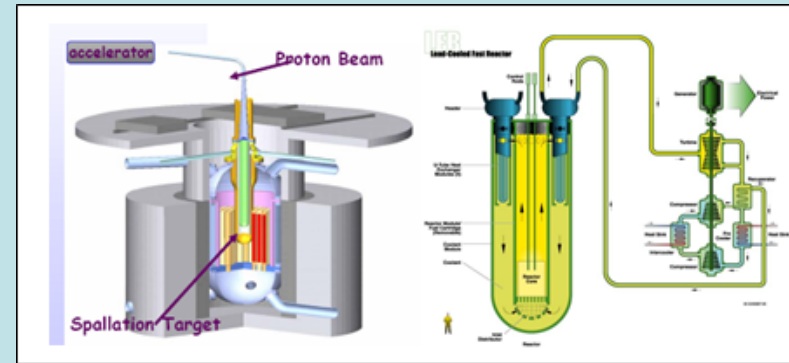


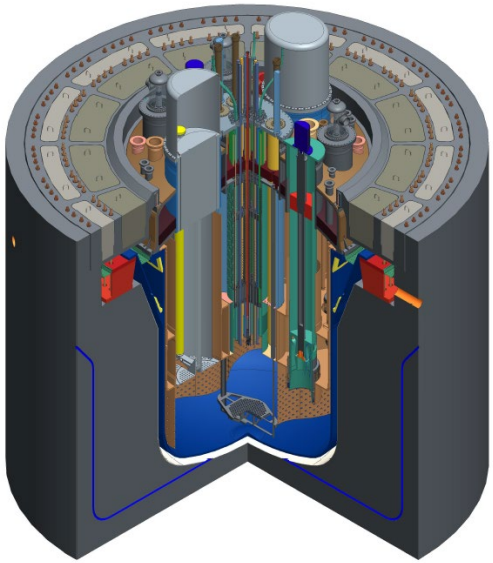
From science to application

Reactive versus proactive: ensure best science for every application



Feedback & new needs

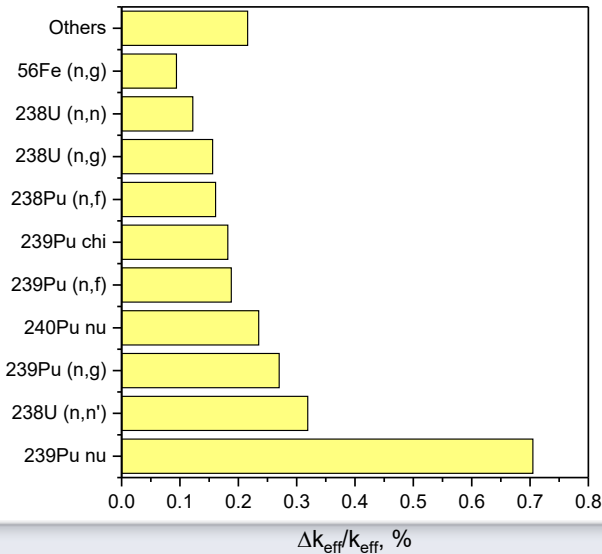




Total 0.945 % ~1000 pcm

Cov. data	$\Delta k_{eff}/k_{eff}, \%$
SCALE-6.0m	0.945
COMMARA-2	~0.5
JENDL-4.0	0.553

Target accuracy satisfactory: $\frac{\Delta k_{eff}}{k_{eff}} \sim 300 \text{ pcm}$



Increase of confidence by reducing the uncertainties is needed for

- ^{239}Pu : (n, γ) both in resonance and fast energy region, (n, f) fast, χ and $\bar{\nu}$ fast
- ^{238}U : (n, n') fast, (n, γ) resonance and fast, (n, n) resonance and fast
- ^{56}Fe : (n, γ) resonance and fast
- ^{235}U : $\bar{\nu}$, (n, f) , (n, γ) resonance and fast

Already covered by CIELO project

Not contributing essentially to k_{eff} and β_{eff} but impact fluxes, decay heat...

Impact burnup, decay heat

- $^{209}\text{Bi} (n, \gamma)$ and (n, n') resonance and fast
- $^{208}\text{Pb} (n, n)$ and (n, n') resonance and fast
- $^{241}\text{Pu} (n, f)$ resonance and fast
- $^{242}\text{Pu} (n, f)$ fast
- ^{240}Pu : $\bar{\nu}$ fast
- ^{238}Pu : (n, f) both resonance and fast

Focus on

Nuclear data for safety

The Safety Research in the European Strategic Research Agenda (SRA) of the Sustainable Nuclear Energy Technology Platform (SNE-TP)

*G.B. Bruna, IRSN, France, E. Scott-de-Martinville
P. Storey, HSE, United-Kingdom, V. Teschendorff,
M.A. Zimmermann, PSI, Switzerland*

2. Safety Research

The connection between safety research and regulation is crucial [REF. 3]. In view of limited resources, it is obvious that the first priority must be given to the activities that support the regulator in solving pending safety issues, but, beyond that, it is mandatory to maintain a sufficiently broad layer of basic research, which comprises the development of simulation tools, assessment methods, data banks and experimental programmes carried-out in dedicated facilities with their laboratory infrastructure.

4. Issues in Current Reactor Research and Development

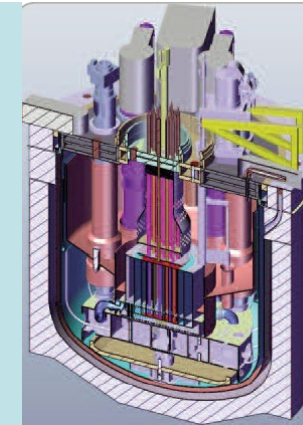
Among the main fields of interest and endeavour, we mention:

- Generation of extended data libraries to include new materials and up-date existing data in energy regions relevant to safety analysis, as well as the generation of accurate covariances matrices (relevant to uncertainty analysis) for all relevant isotopes in the libraries,
- Improvements in the cross-sections generation processes,

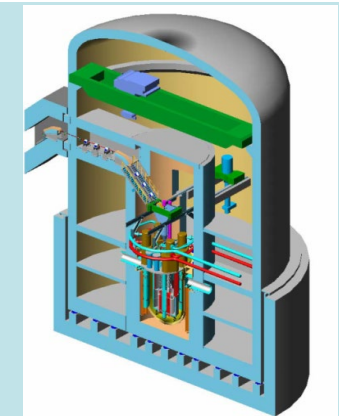
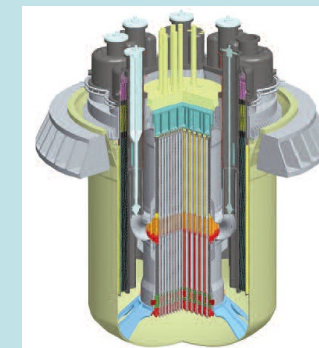
Nuclear data for advanced reactors

SRIA 2013

- Sustainable Nuclear Energy Technology Platform
- Innovation in nuclear energy
- ESNII European Sustainable Nuclear Infrastructure Initiative



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Nuclear data and nuclear power, today



NUGENIA - nuclear fission technologies for Generation II and III nuclear plants

Technical Area I is devoted to evaluating the risk caused by the existing NPPs during their operation up to situations with core degradation, therefore developing and optimising the use of methodologies to evaluate their safety level. This implies improving the assessment of numerical simulation uncertainties and of safety margins.

This residual risk is mainly originated from:

- the a priori assumptions in the modelling, such as symmetry and homogeneity, and the errors in the design data-set computation

3.3 Core management

Core optimisation, based on increased fuel utilisation and on a more accurate evaluation of the safety core characteristics, is achievable through the continuous improvement of the design and analysis tools, as well as through the improvement of the monitoring instrumentation.

This task can be translated into large challenges in basic nuclear data, neutronics, material science, thermo hydraulics, fuel fabrication, reprocessing and partitioning. Coupling all these aspects (multiphysics) and assuring modern quality software are the drivers to replace the current suites of simulation codes. Better accuracy has to be justified either against experimental data or against benchmark calculations.

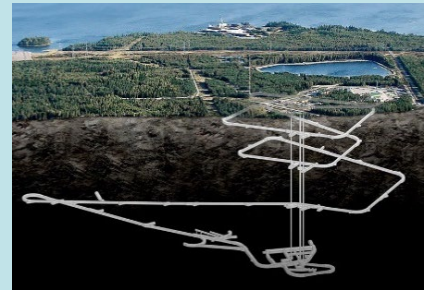
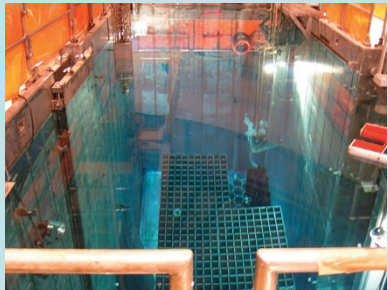
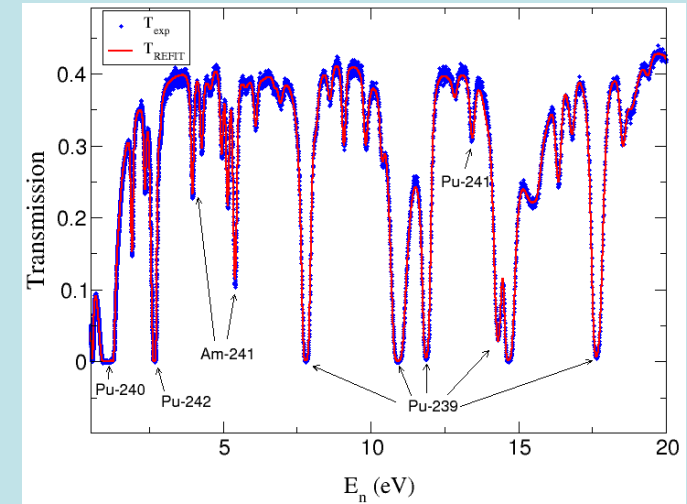


Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda

February 2013

Accurate non-destructive analysis

- Safeguards control of spent/accident fuel storage
- Use of neutron time-of-flight capture and transmission methods with accurate resonance parameters
- Method development JRC-JAEA
- Possible extensions under investigation

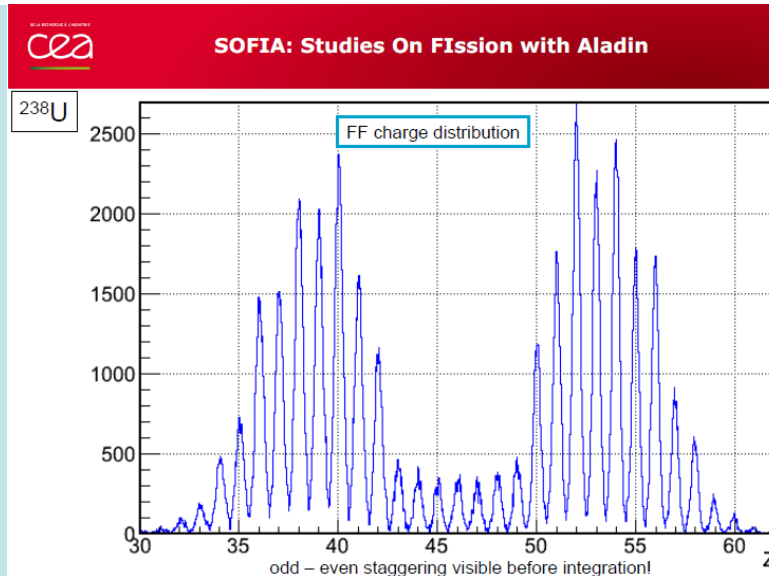


Pu-isotope	Declared %*	NRTA	Ratio
Pu-238	0.95174	0.979±0.018	1.029
Pu-239	62.6025	62.54±0.1	0.999
Pu-240	25.3526	26.25±0.02	1.039
Pu-241	1.5641	1.574±0.008	1.007
Pu-242	4.1489	3.983±0.008	0.960
Am-241	6.2870	6.316±0.008	1.005

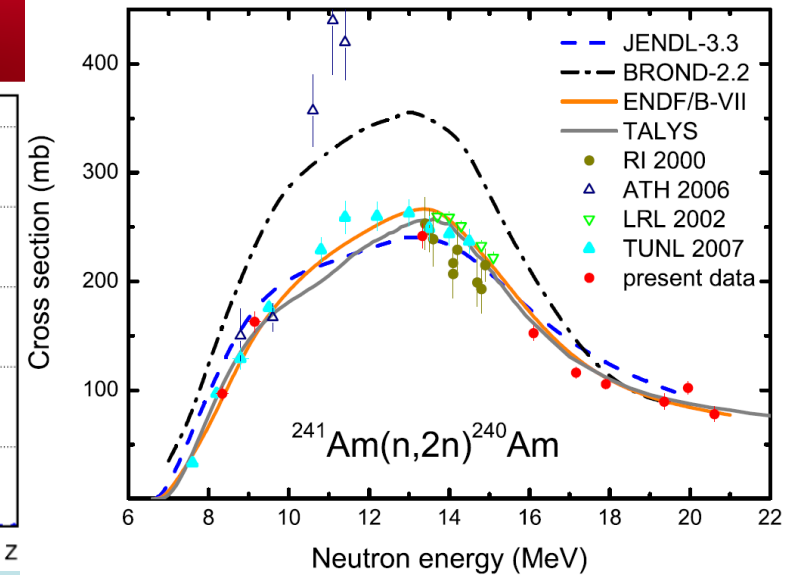
CBRNe

Chemical, biological, radionuclide, nuclear and explosive defence

- Considerable political interest
- Emergency preparedness
- Forensics
- Radioactivity
- Fission products (nuclear data)
- Induced activity (nuclear data)
- Dirty bombs



T. Gorbinet et al. Nuclear Data Week, November 2013, OECD-NEA, Paris



Excellent example how good modeling may predict a cross section before the measurement
TALYS - BRC, ENDF/B-VII - LANL
C. Sage et al. Phys. Rev. C 81 (2010) 064604

Available nuclear data libraries

- OECD-Nuclear Energy Agency <http://www.oecd-nea.org/dbdata/jeff/> Databank
Joint evaluated fission and fusion nuclear data library (JEFF-3.3, Nov. 2017)
Nuclear Science/WPEC: CIELO - H, O, Fe, ^{235}U , ^{238}U , ^{239}Pu
- US CSEWG – www.nndc.bnl.gov ENDF/B-VIII.0 (Jan. 2018)
- JAEA Nuclear Data Center wwwndc.jaea.go.jp/jendl, JENDL-4.0, 4.0+
- IAEA www-nds.iaea.org: Special purpose libraries (inden, standards, ripl, irdff, fendl, ibandl...; physics modeling, dosimetry, fusion, ion-beam analysis ...)
- TENDL TENDL-2017 (tendl2019 in the making)
- CENDL: China, CENDL-3.2
- Russia: BROND and ROSFOND

Website: NEA

<http://www.oecd-nea.org/dbdata/>

High Priority Request List for nuclear data



Java-based Nuclear Data Information System

- ▶ What is JANIS?
- ▶ Screen-shots
- ▶ **What's new in 4.0?** (Sept 2013)
- ▶ Content of the NEA database
- ▶ Help pages

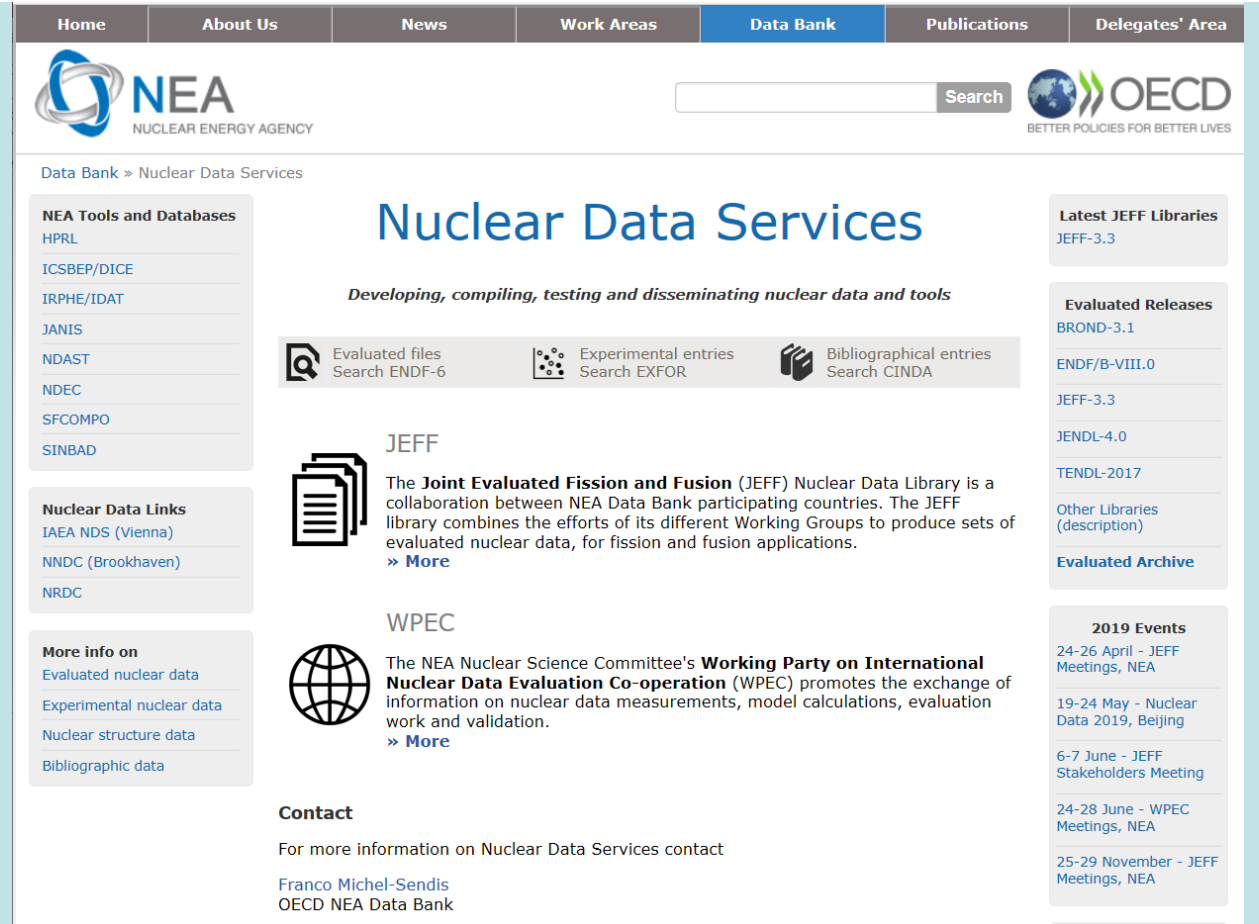
 **Launch JANIS 4.0**
Java Web start

 **JANIS Web**
Online version, no Java required

 **Downloads**
Software, Manual, DVD 4.0 ISO

JANIS Books

- ▶ Comparison of experimental and evaluated cross-sections



The screenshot shows the NEA Nuclear Data Services website. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, About Us, News, Work Areas, Data Bank, Publications, and Delegates' Area. The NEA logo and the OECD logo are also present. The main content area is titled "Nuclear Data Services" and features a search bar, a list of "NEA Tools and Databases" (including HPRL, ICSBEP/DICE, IRPHE/IDAT, JANIS, NDAST, NDEC, SFCOMPO, and SINBAD), and "Nuclear Data Links" (IAEA NDS, NNDC, NRDC). The central text describes the "Joint Evaluated Fission and Fusion (JEFF) Nuclear Data Library" and the "Working Party on International Nuclear Data Evaluation Co-operation (WPEC)". It also lists "Latest JEFF Libraries" (JEFF-3.3), "Evaluated Releases" (BROND-3.1, ENDF/B-VIII.0, JEFF-3.3, JENDL-4.0, TENDL-2017), and "2019 Events" (JEFF Meetings, Nuclear Data 2019, WPEC Stakeholders Meeting, WPEC Meetings, JEFF Meetings). A "Contact" section provides information for Franco Michel-Sendis at the OECD NEA Data Bank.

Website: NEA

Databank

The screenshot shows the NEA Data Bank website. The navigation bar includes Home, About Us, News, Work Areas, Data Bank (highlighted), Publications, and Delegates' Area. The main content area features the NEA logo and a search bar. Below the search bar, the heading "Data Bank" is displayed. A sub-heading reads: "An international reference centre for computer codes, nuclear and thermochemical data".

Two main service areas are highlighted:

- Computer Program Services:** The Data Bank collects, tests and distributes computer programs. It also preserves and distributes integral experiment data, databases, processed libraries, benchmark and NEA safety joint projects. Over 2 000 documented packages are available. [More »](#)
- Thermochemical database:** The Thermochemical Database (TDB) Project develops a comprehensive chemical thermodynamic database of selected chemical elements for safety assessments of radioactive waste disposal systems. [More »](#)

Two other service areas are also listed:

- Nuclear Data Services:** The Data Bank is an international reference centre for nuclear data compilation and dissemination, with strong activities in the development of specialised tools for visualising and analysing differential, experimental, evaluated and integral data. [More »](#)
- Training courses:** The Data Bank organises training courses and workshops on the widely used computer programs for particle transport and interactions, nuclear data processing and thermodynamic data collection and assessment. [More »](#)

A sidebar on the right contains several menu items: Data Bank participating countries, Upcoming events (Training courses), Data Bank services (Computer programs, Nuclear data, TDB Project), Publications (Data Bank publications, Data Bank newsletter archive), Contact (Data Bank staff), and Objectives and mission (Data Bank programme of work).

At the bottom left, it says "Last modified: 05 March 2019".

Working party on evaluation cooperation

The screenshot shows the NEA website page for the Working Party on International Nuclear Data Evaluation Co-operation (WPEC). The navigation bar is the same as the Data Bank page. The main heading is "Working Party on International Nuclear Data Evaluation Co-operation (WPEC)".

The page is divided into several sections:

- WPEC Expert Groups:** Lists the Expert Group on the High Priority Request List (EGHPRL) and the Expert Group on the Recommended Definition of a General Nuclear Database Structure (EGGNSD).
- WPEC Subgroups:** Lists SG49 (Reproducibility in Nuclear Data Evaluation), SG48 (Advances in Thermal Scattering Law Analysis), SG47 (Use of Shielding Integral Benchmark Archive and Database for Nuclear Data Validation), SG46 (Efficient and Effective Use of Integral Experiments for Nuclear Data Validation), SG45 (Validation of Nuclear Data Libraries (VaNDaL) Project), SG44 (Investigation of Covariance Data in General Purpose Nuclear Data Libraries), and SG43 (Code infrastructure to support a modern general nuclear database (GND) structure).
- WPEC Meetings:** Lists the 32nd Meeting (11-15 May 2020), Subgroup Meetings (25-27 November 2019), 31st Meeting (24-28 June 2019), 30th Meeting (14-18 May 2018), and 29th Meeting (15-19 May 2017). A [\[Register now\]](#) link is provided.
- WPEC mandate (last update, May 2016):** A link to the mandate document.
- WPEC meetings:** A list of past meetings with dates and locations, including the 32nd WPEC (11-15 May 2020, NEA Headquarters, Boulogne-Billancourt, France), 31st WPEC (24-28 June 2019, NEA Headquarters, Boulogne-Billancourt, France), 30th WPEC (14-18 May 2018, OECD Headquarters, Conference Centre, Paris, France), 29th WPEC (15-19 May 2017, OECD Headquarters, Conference Centre, Paris, France), 28th WPEC (9-13 May 2016, OECD Headquarters, Conference Centre, Paris, France), and 27th WPEC (21-22 May 2015, NEA Headquarters, Issy-les-Moulineaux, France).
- Recent Publications:** Lists Collaborative International Evaluated Library Organisation (CIELO) and Coordinated evaluation of Plutonium-239 in the resonance region. A link to [Methods and Issues for the combined use of Integral experiments and covariance data](#) is provided.

At the bottom right, there is an "Unresolved" section.

Website: [IAEA](http://www.iaea.org/nuclear-data-services)

EXFOR: experimental data

LiveChart: Nuclide decay data browser

ENSDF: primary nuclear structure database (NUDAT-2)

RIPL: reaction model parameters

FENDL: fusion neutronics

PGAA, NAA: activation analysis

IBANDL: ion beam analysis

Medical Portal

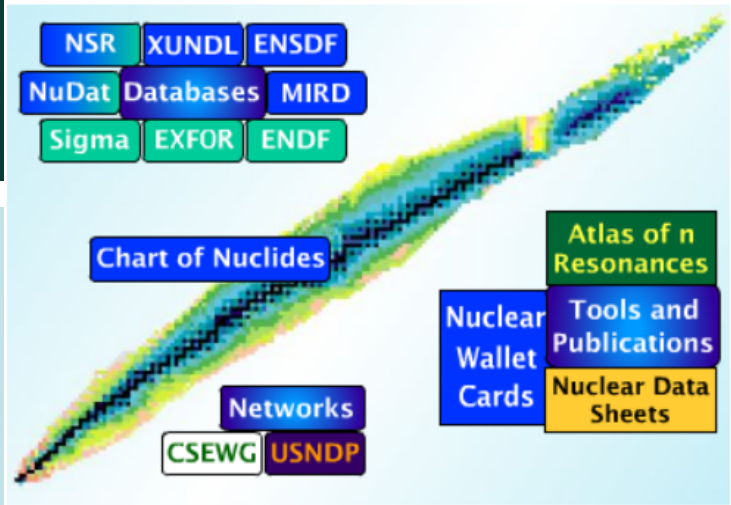
IRDFF: Dosimetry

Many more.

The screenshot shows the IAEA Nuclear Data Services website. The header includes the IAEA logo, the text 'International Atomic Energy Agency', 'Nuclear Data Services', and 'Sección Datos Nucleares, OIEA'. There is a search bar and navigation links for 'IAEA-CIELO', 'TENDL-2017', 'JENDL-4.0u2', 'ENDF/B-VIII.0', and 'News'. A 'NEW' section highlights 'GRUCON-2018', 'TENDL-2017', and 'ENDF/B-VIII.0'. The main content area is a grid of service tiles: EXFOR (Experimental nuclear reaction data), LiveChart of Nuclides (Interactive Chart of Nuclides), CINDA (Nuclear reaction bibliography), ENSDF (evaluated nuclear reaction libraries), ENSDF (evaluated nuclear structure and decay data), and NSR (Nuclear Science References). Below this is another grid: NuDat-2 (selected evaluated nuclear structure data), RIPL (reference parameters for nuclear model calculations), IBANDL (Ion Beam Analysis Nuclear Data Library), Charged particle reference cross section (Beam monitor reactions), PGAA (Prompt gamma rays from neutron capture), FENDL (Fusion Evaluated Nuclear Data Library), Photonuclear (IAEA Photonuclear Data Library, 1999; EPICS Electron & Photon Interaction Data, 2017), and IRDFF (International Reactor Dosimetry and Fusion File). A footer section titled 'IAEA Nuclear Data Section' lists various resources: IAEA-NDS Mission, A-M Atomic and Molecular Data, Meetings Workshops, Newsletters, Coordinated Research Projects, Nuclear Reaction Data Center Network, Nuclear Structure & Decay Data Network, Technical Documents (INDC Reports Publications), Computer Codes, and IAEA-NA Department of Nuclear Sciences and Applications. On the right side, there are sections for 'Mirrors', 'Partners', and 'Events', with the latest event being the '4th International Symposium on Superheavy Elements (SHE2019)' in Hakone, Japan.

Website: [NNDC](http://www.nndc.gov)

- Some overlap with IAEA
- AMDC/Q-value calculator
- CapGam
- Atlas of Neutron Resonances
- Nuclear wallet cards
- [Nuclear Data Sheets](#)
- Nuclear structure (ENSDF)
- Nuclear data (special issues)



Nuclear Data Sheets Special Issue

Nuclear Data Sheets Special Issue available!

Nuclear Data Week 2019

WANDA

Main	Structure & Decay	Reactions	Bibliography	Networks & Links	Publications
AMDC Atomic Mass Data Center, Q-value Calculator	Atlas of Neutron Resonances Parameters & thermal values	CapGam Thermal Neutron Capture γ -rays	Chart of Nuclides Basic properties of atomic nuclei		
Covariances of Neutron Reactions	CSEWG Cross Section Evaluation Working Group	EXFOR Nuclear reaction experimental data	ENDF Evaluated Nuclear (reaction) Data File, Sigma		
ENSDF Evaluated Nuclear Structure Data File	IRDF IRDF International Reactor Dosimetry and Fusion File	MIRD Medical Internal Radiation Dose			
NMMSS & DoE NMIRDC Safeguards & inventory decay data standards	NSR Nuclear Science References	Nuclear Data Sheets Nuclear structure & decay data journal, Special Issues on reaction data	Nuclear Wallet Cards Ground & isomeric states properties, Homeland Security version		
NucRates MACS & Astro-physical reaction rates	NuDat Nuclear structure & decay Data	USNDP U.S. Nuclear Data Program	USNDP/CSEWG GForge Collaboration Server		
XUNDL Experimental Un-evaluated Nuclear Data List					

Nuclear Data Sheets

2.72 CiteScore

4.778 Impact Factor

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EU Access to Research Infrastructure

Slides ARIEL kick-off meeting

Arnd Junghans (HZDR)
coordinator

History of EURATOM TA Projects



Accelerator and Research reactor Infrastructures
for Education and Learning
ARIEL

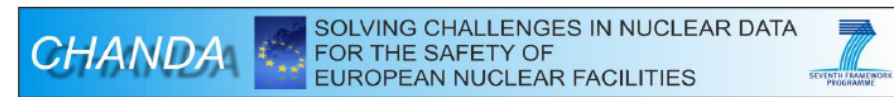


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SANDA
Supplying Accurate Nuclear Data
for energy and non-energy Applications



09/2019 – 08/2023 24(35) partners 22 partners in transnational access



12/2013-05/2018 35 partners 16 partners in transnational access



11/2008-10/2012 and since 06/2014 - JRC-Geel transnational access



12/2010-12/2013 13 partners in transnational access



11/2006-10/2010 9 partners in transnational access

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ARIEL Facilities for Transnational Access



ARIEL Transnational Access Facilities



24 ARIEL partners from 13 countries

ARIEL Facilities for Nuclear Data Research:

- 3 Linear accelerators (e, p)
- 6 Cyclotrons
- 8 Electrostatic accelerators
- 3 DD and DT generators
- 5 Research reactors

Neutron energies: thermal to GeV

Continuous and monoenergetic neutron energy distributions

Ion beams for surrogate method

Detectors system for neutron, photon and charged particle detection

Many ARIEL facilities have a long record of EURATOM-funded TA projects:

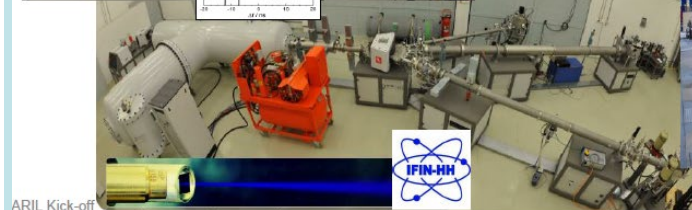
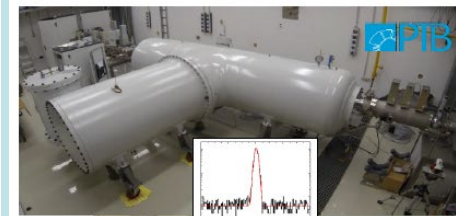
HZDR, JRC Geel, n_TOF, CENRS-ALTO, CNRS-AIFIRA, CEA Ile de France, PTB, NPI, MTA-EK, IFIN, NPL, UU, OU

Some have new or significantly upgraded facilities:

JRC Geel, n_TOF, JYU, PTB, UU

... and some are the 'new kids on the block':

CNRS-GENESIS, NFS, ENEA, ILL, CNA, SCK*CEN, JGU, CVŘ



ARIL Kick-off

Criteria for Selection of ARIEL TA Projects



The PAC will select experiments based on scientific excellence and value to education and training:

- Focus on nuclear safety and on support of modelling and evaluation
- Provision of research experience for early-stage researchers
- Exchange of knowledge and methodologies for senior scientist and technical staff
- Coordination with ongoing EURATOM projects related to nuclear data
- Coordination with OECD/NEA: HPRL, JEFF, NEST, INDEN, SNETP.

The PAC will choose a facility for selected projects according to:

- Best match between needs of the experiment and capabilities of the facilities
- Availability of beam time
- Value for money

Accelerator and Research Reactor Infrastructures for Education and Learning: ARIEL



Open access to JRC facilities

(Geel, Karlsruhe, Petten – example shown is only Geel)

Website: <https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/research-facility/open-access>

- **EUFRAT-GELINA** Free of charge
- **EUFRAT-MONNET** Same User Selection Committee
- **EUFRAT-RADMET** Same timing
- **EUFRAT-HADES**

Eligibility criteria

- The **Lead User Institution and User Institutions** must be from an EU Member State, candidate country or country associated to the Euratom Research Programme.
- The **Lead User Institution** must be from a university, research or public institution, or from a Small-Medium-Enterprise.

Measurements and experiments

- Reaction data
 - Scattering
 - Fission
 - Transmission
 - Capture
- Structure and decay data
 - Half life
 - Emission probabilities
- Uncertainty in measurements
 - Measurement model
 - Guide to the expression of uncertainty

G.2 is a major European provider of nuclear data and standards for nuclear energy applications

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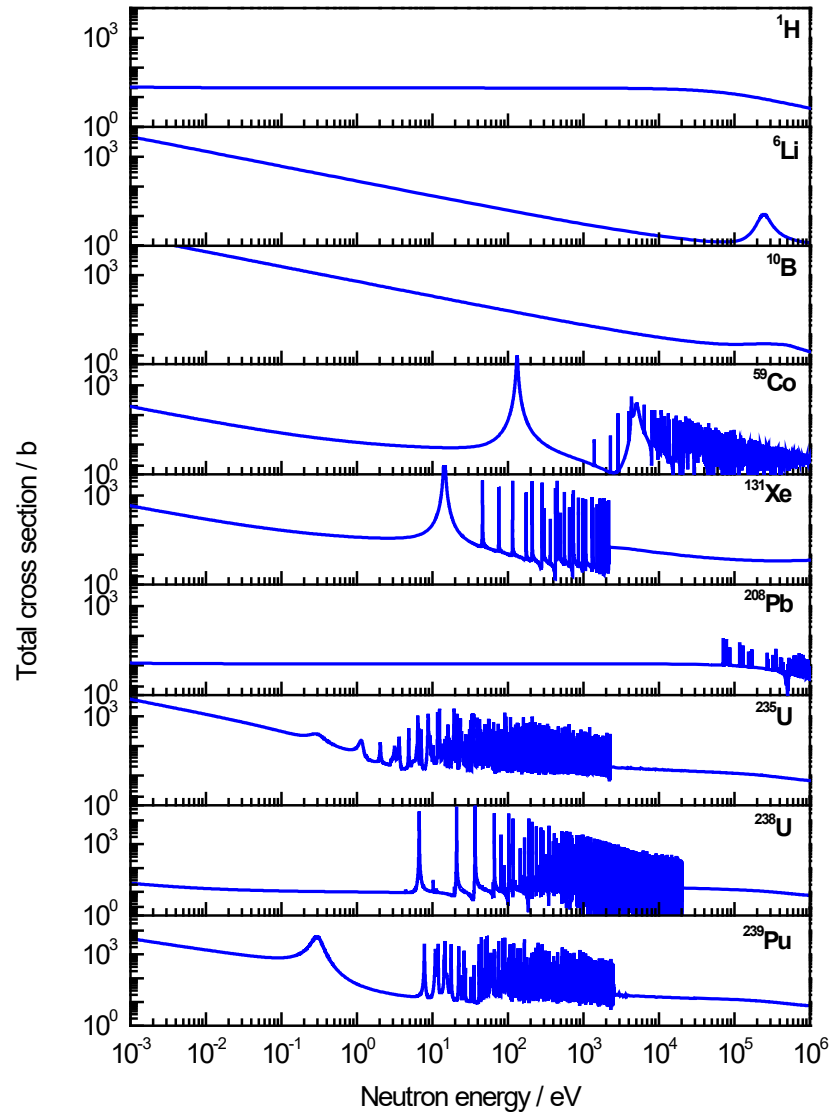
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partners

MONNET

GELINA

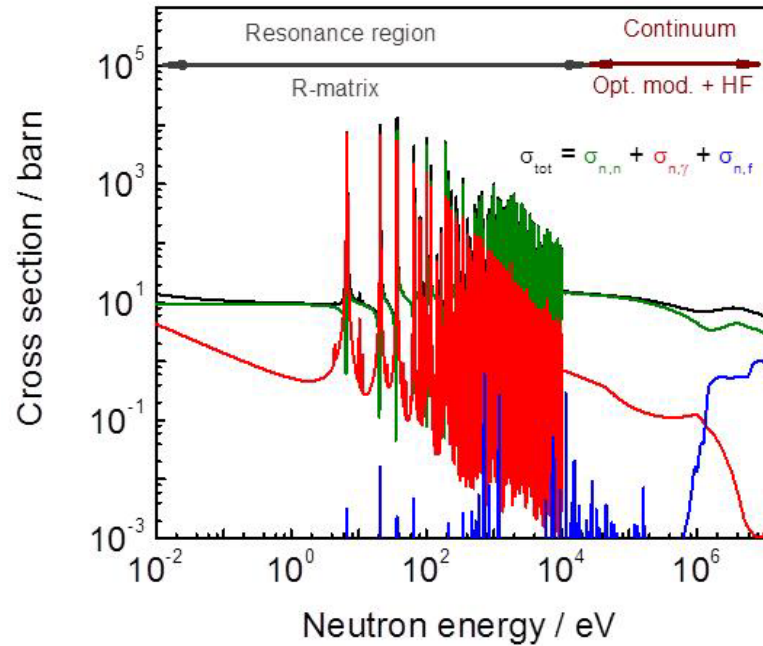
Neutron induced interaction cross sections



For most of the applications, i.e. nuclear energy, **theoretical cross sections are required**

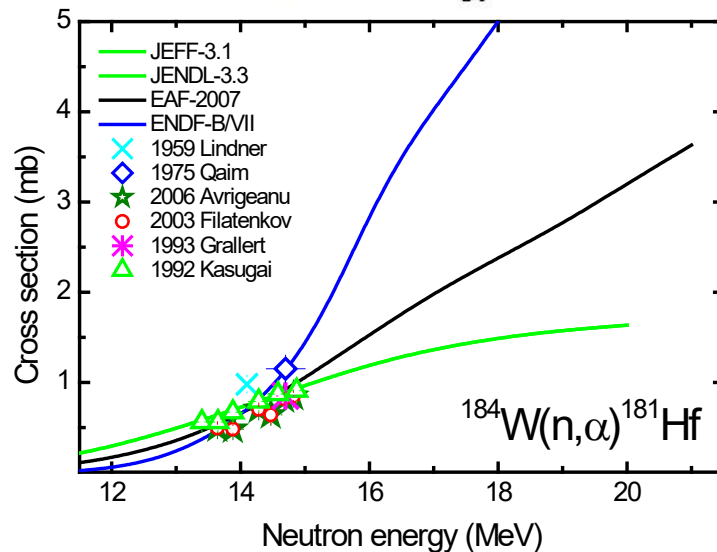
- **Doppler** broadening
- Account for **self-shielding** in resonance region
- Ensures **full consistency**
- Consistency **between energy regions**
- **Inter- and extrapolation** in regions where no experimental data are available

Neutron induced interaction cross sections



- Cross sections **cannot be predicted** by nuclear theory from first principles
- Cross sections **can be parametrized** by nuclear reaction theory (formalisms)
- Model parameters are **adjusted to experimental data**

⇒ **Experimental data are required**



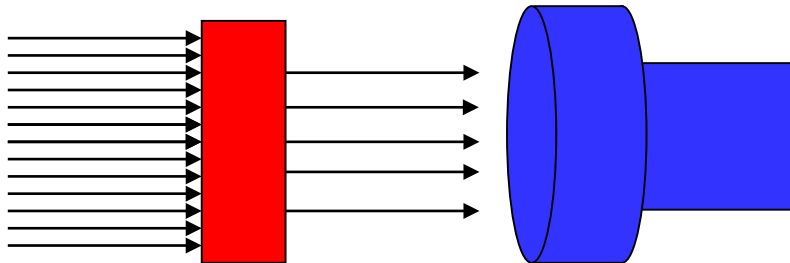
Main principles of measurement (GELINA example)

Total cross section

$$T \cong e^{-n \sigma_{\text{tot}}}$$

T = transmission

Fraction of the neutron beam traversing the sample **without any interaction**
Need for normalization sample in/out

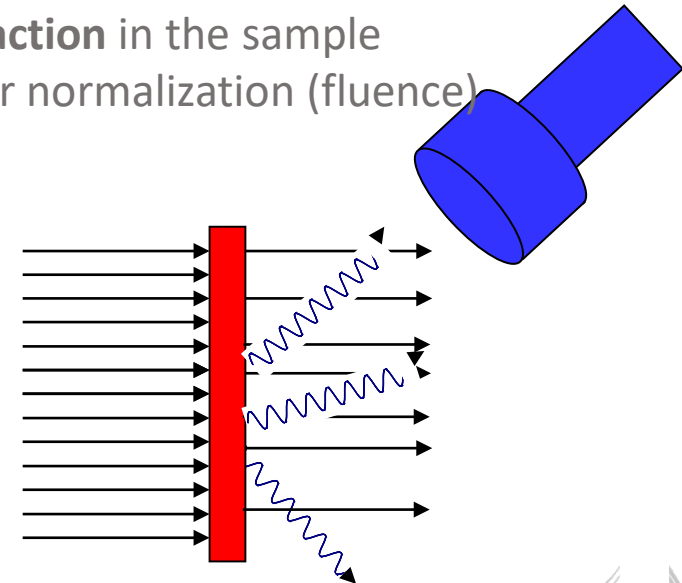


Reaction cross section

$$Y_{\gamma} \approx (1 - e^{-n \sigma_{\text{tot}}}) \frac{\sigma_{\gamma}}{\sigma_{\text{tot}}}$$

Y_r = reaction yield

Fraction of the neutron beam creating a (n,γ) reaction in the sample
Need for normalization (fluence)



GELINA - Cross section measurements

Total cross section

$$T \cong e^{-n \sigma_{\text{tot}}}$$

Reaction cross section

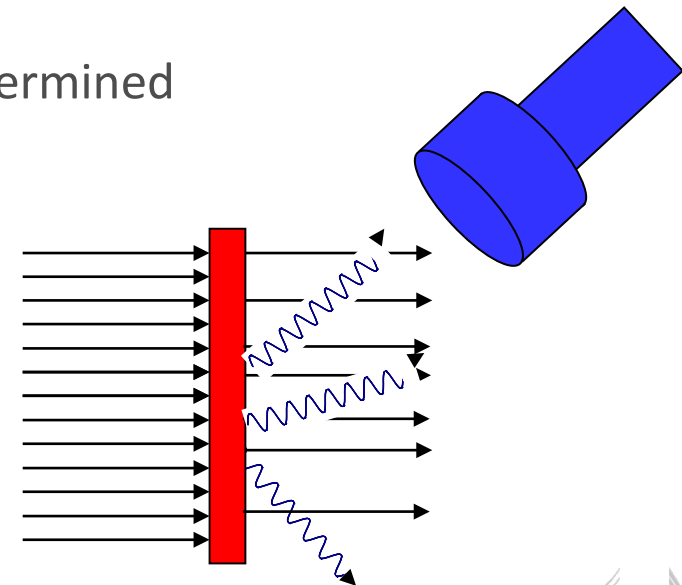
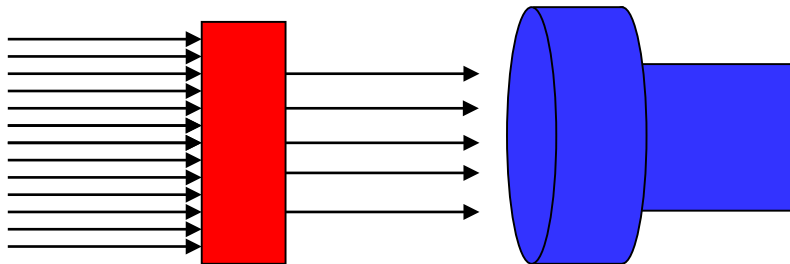
$$Y_{\gamma} \approx (1 - e^{-n \sigma_{\text{tot}}}) \frac{\sigma_{\gamma}}{\sigma_{\text{tot}}}$$

Well-characterised samples

n : areal density (total number of atoms per unit area) is well-known



accurate cross-sections can be determined



Data taken in Geel, aim at better evaluated files

Other facilities contribute, similarly.

Experimental data

- Cross section for neutron induced reactions
- Fission fragment characteristics
- Neutron emission probabilities
- γ - ray emission probabilities
- Decay data
- Detector development
- Target production

Theory/models

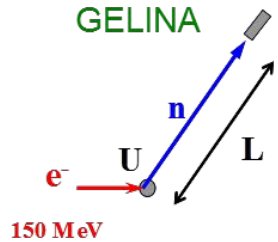
- Resonance shape analysis (RRR)
- Hauser-Feshbach formalism (URR)
- Fission process
- Level statistics

GELINA and MONNET accelerator laboratories

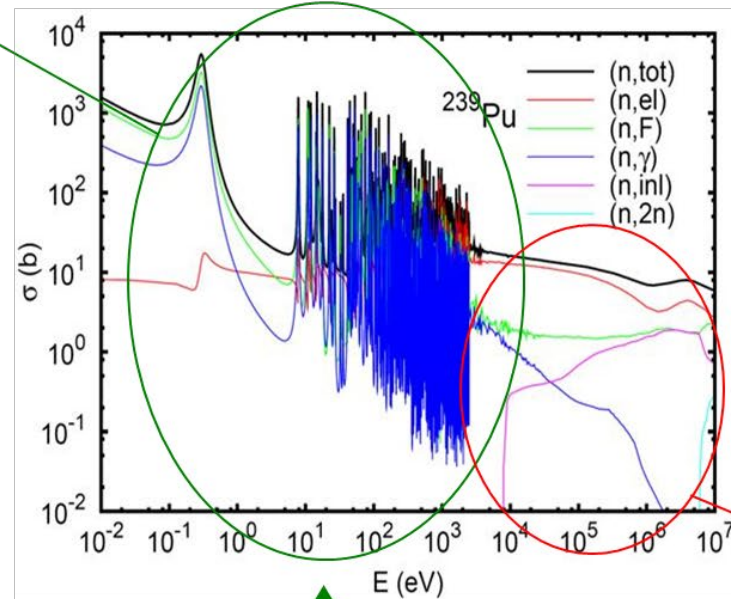
Time-of-flight measurements



GELINA



$$E = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 \propto \left(\frac{L}{T}\right)^2$$

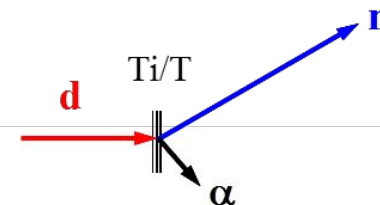


energy resolution

MONNET



Mono-energetic neutron beams



Nuclear science applications

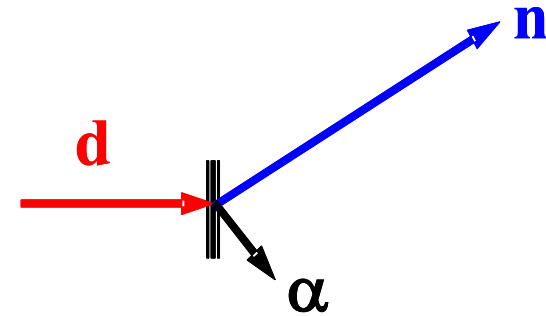
- Nuclear data research
- Non-destructive analysis
- Neutron and photon transport
- Detector characterisation
- Dosimetry
- Material science
- Medical applications
- Basic physics (fission, astrophysics, ...)
- Cross-cutting disciplines

Mono-energetic neutron beams by (chp,n) reactions



Quasi mono-energetic neutrons produced by charged-particle induced nuclear reactions

e.g. $T(d,n)^4He$



${}^7Li(p,n){}^7Be$

E_n : 0 - 5.3 MeV

$T(p,n){}^3He$

E_n : 0 - 6.2 MeV

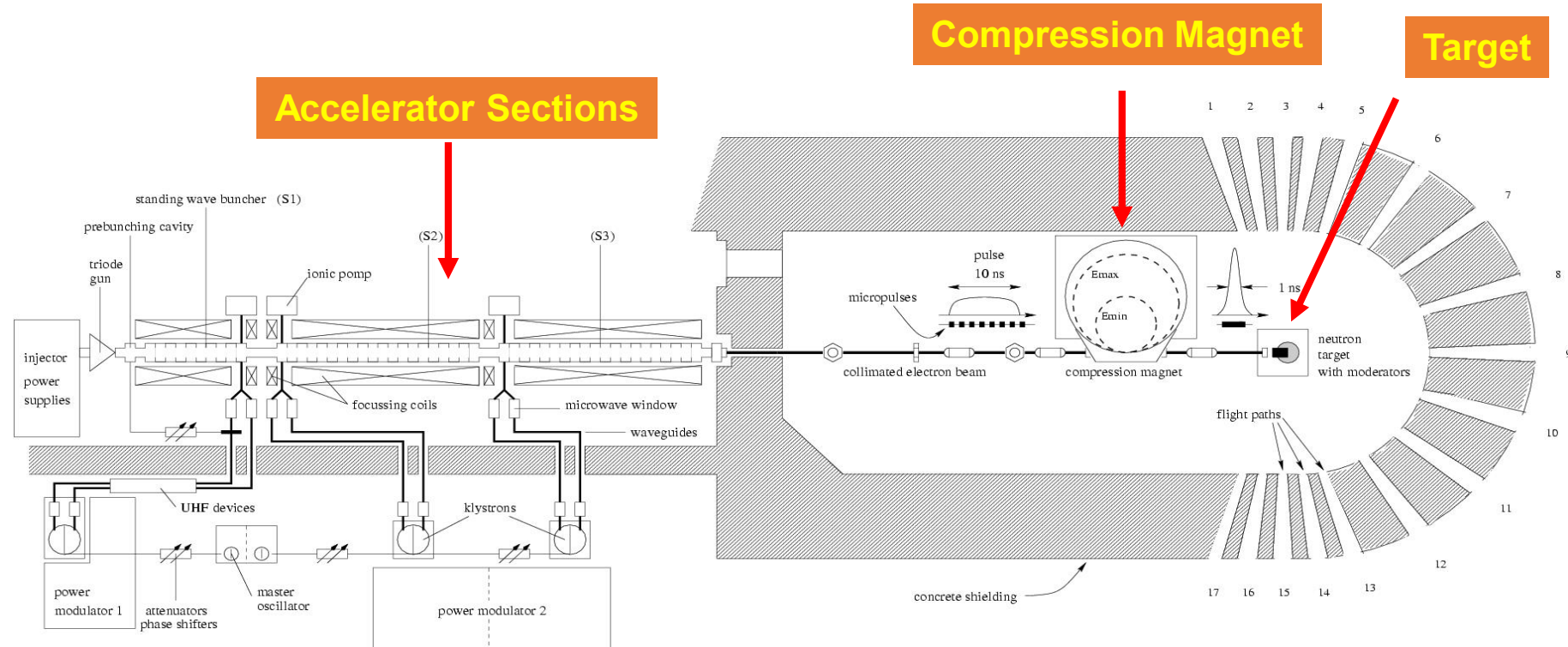
$D(d,n){}^3He$

E_n : 1.8 - 10.1 MeV

$T(d,n){}^4He$

E_n : 12.1 - 24.1 MeV

GELINA - Electron Linear Accelerator

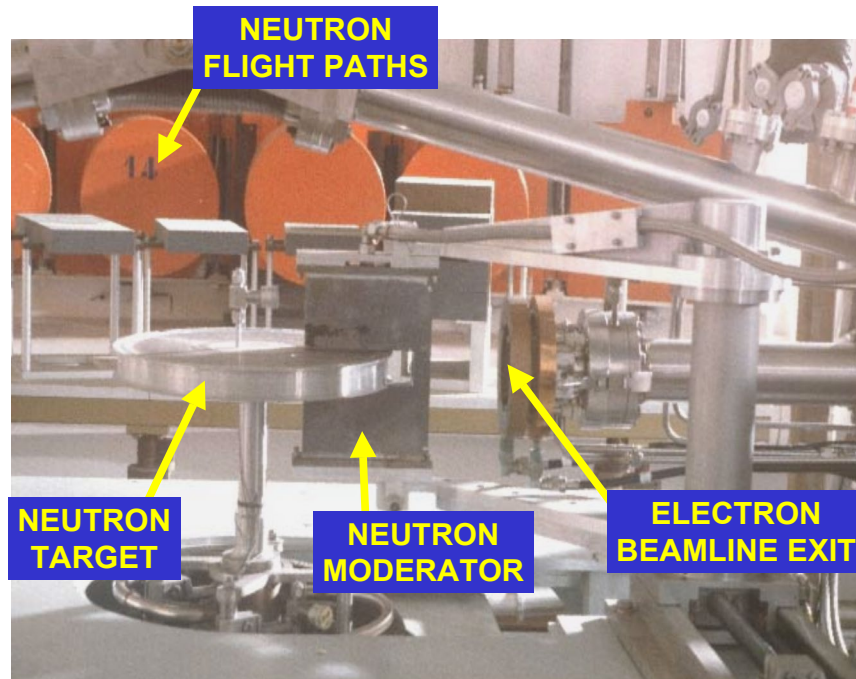


Normal Operating Parameters

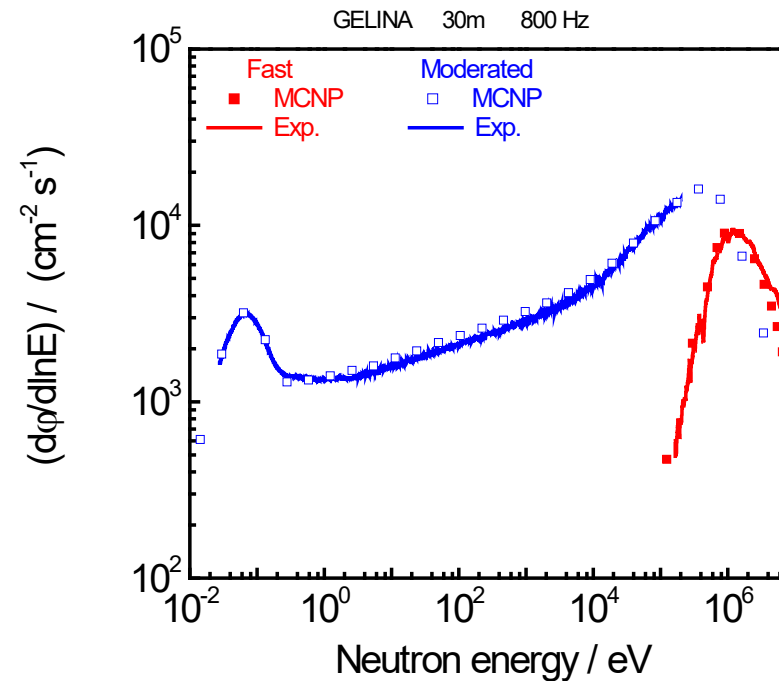
Average Current : 100 μ A
 Maximum Electron Energy : 150 MeV
 Mean Power : 10 kW

Frequency : up to 800 Hz
 Pulse Width : 1-2 ns
 Neutron Flux : 2×10^{13} 1/s

GELINA - Neutron Production



- e^- accelerated to $E_{e^-, \max} \approx 140$ MeV
- Bremsstrahlung in U-target (rotating & cooled with liquid Hg)
- (γ, n) , (γ, f) in U-target
- Low energy neutrons by moderation (water moderator in Be-canning)



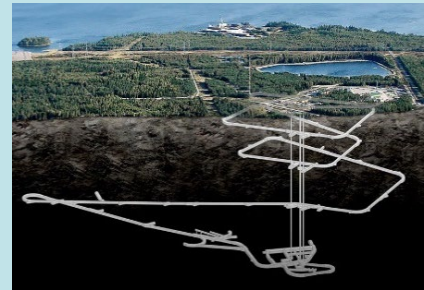
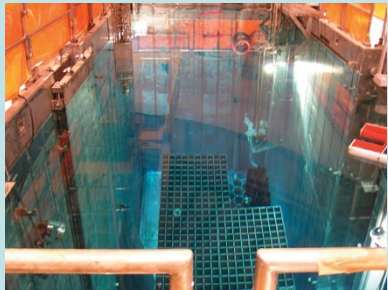
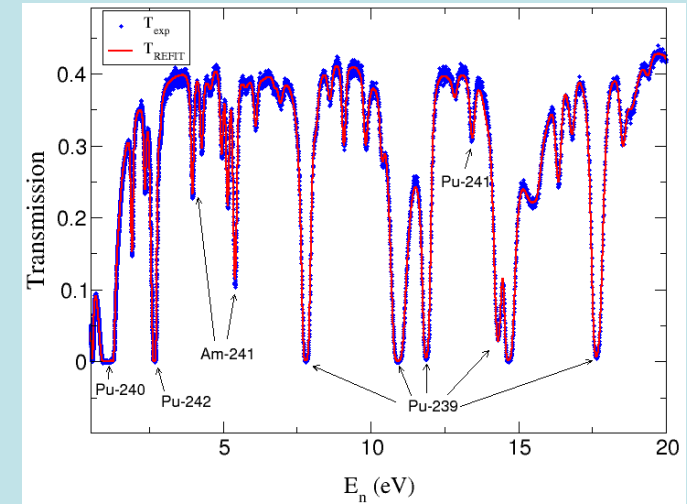
GELINA - Experimental set-ups



- Transmission
 - 10 m, 30m, 50 m
- Capture
 - 10 m, 30 m, 60 m
- Elastic scattering
 - 30 m
- In-elastic scattering
 - 30 m, 100 m
- Fission, (n,p), (n, α),
 - 10 m

Accurate non-destructive analysis

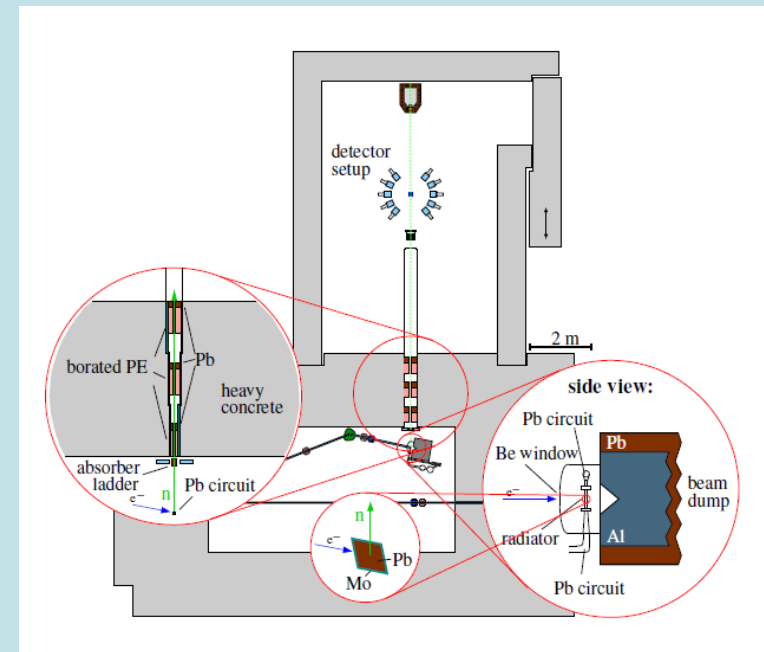
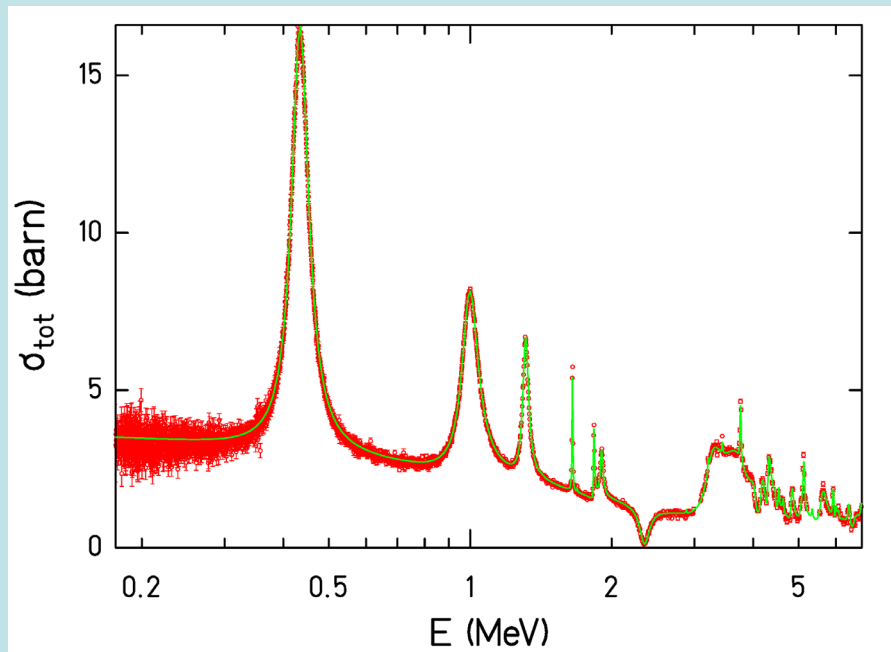
- Safeguards control of spent/accident fuel storage
- Use of neutron time-of-flight capture and transmission methods with accurate resonance parameters
- Method development JRC-JAEA
- Possible extensions under investigation



Pu-isotope	Declared %*	NRTA	Ratio
Pu-238	0.95174	0.979±0.018	1.029
Pu-239	62.6025	62.54±0.1	0.999
Pu-240	25.3526	26.25±0.02	1.039
Pu-241	1.5641	1.574±0.008	1.007
Pu-242	4.1489	3.983±0.008	0.960
Am-241	6.2870	6.316±0.008	1.005

O(n,tot) – HZDR

- Transmission station HZDR – nELBE
- JEFF-3.2, response folded (green); data (red)



GELINA - Capture

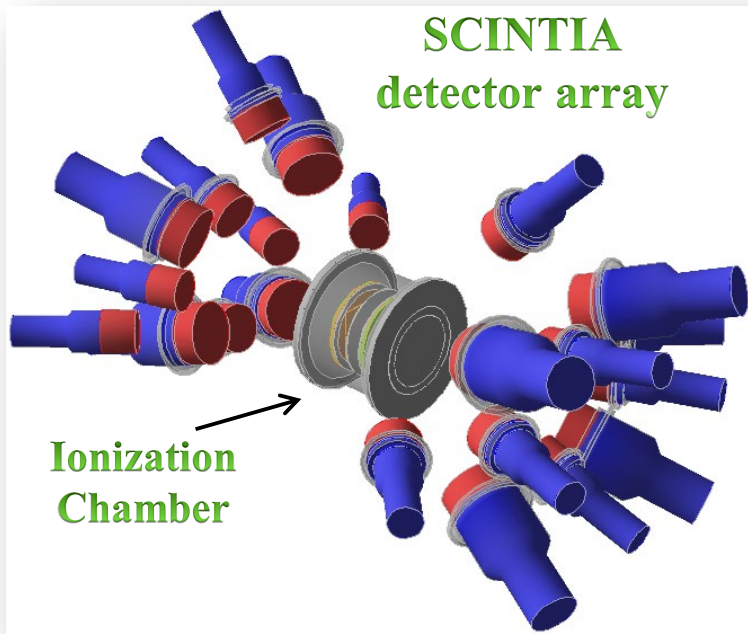


Capture – (n,gamma)

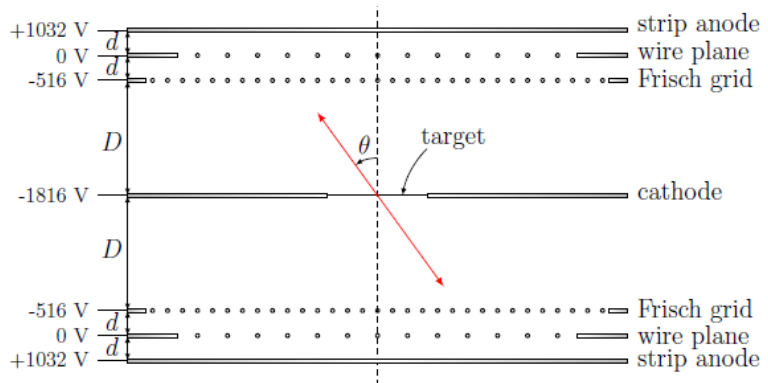
– 10 m, 30 m, 60 m



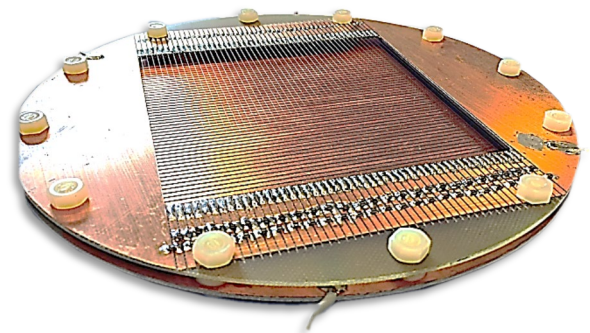
Fission fragment properties and prompt fission neutrons



- Fission fragments by **twin position sensitive IC (2PIC)**
 - Fragment energy
 - Fragment masses - 2E-technique
 - Fission axis orientation
- Prompt fission neutrons
 - 22 x Scintillators
 - Energy : time-of-flight

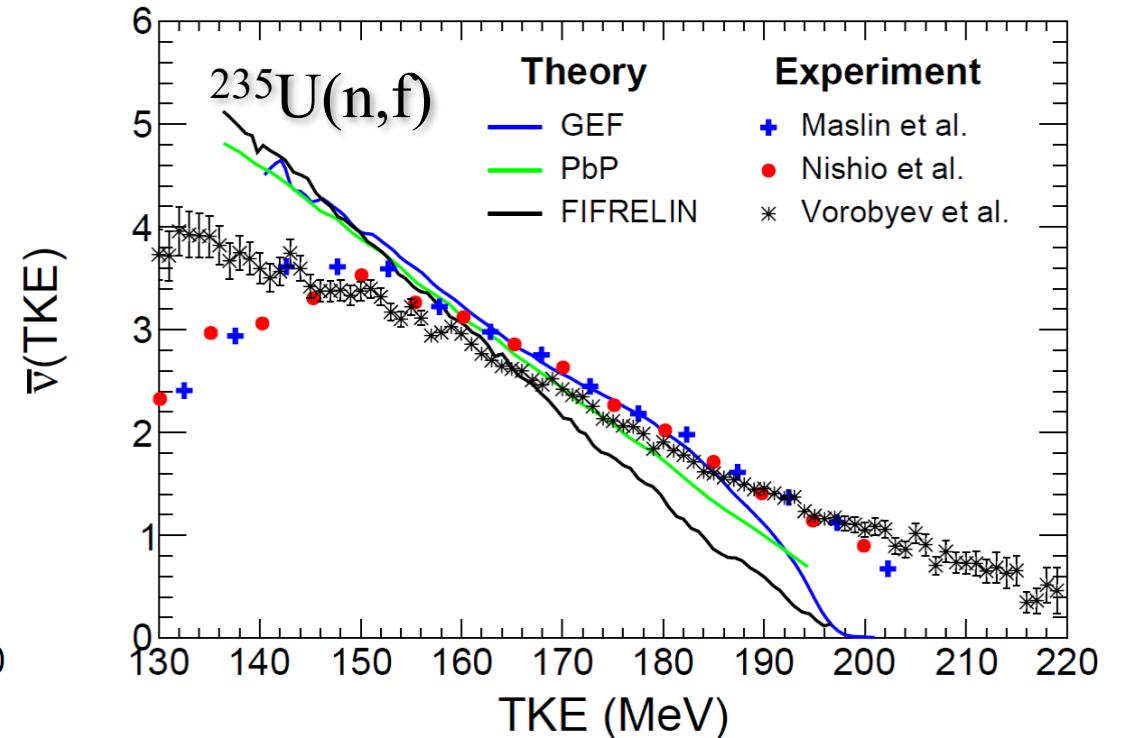
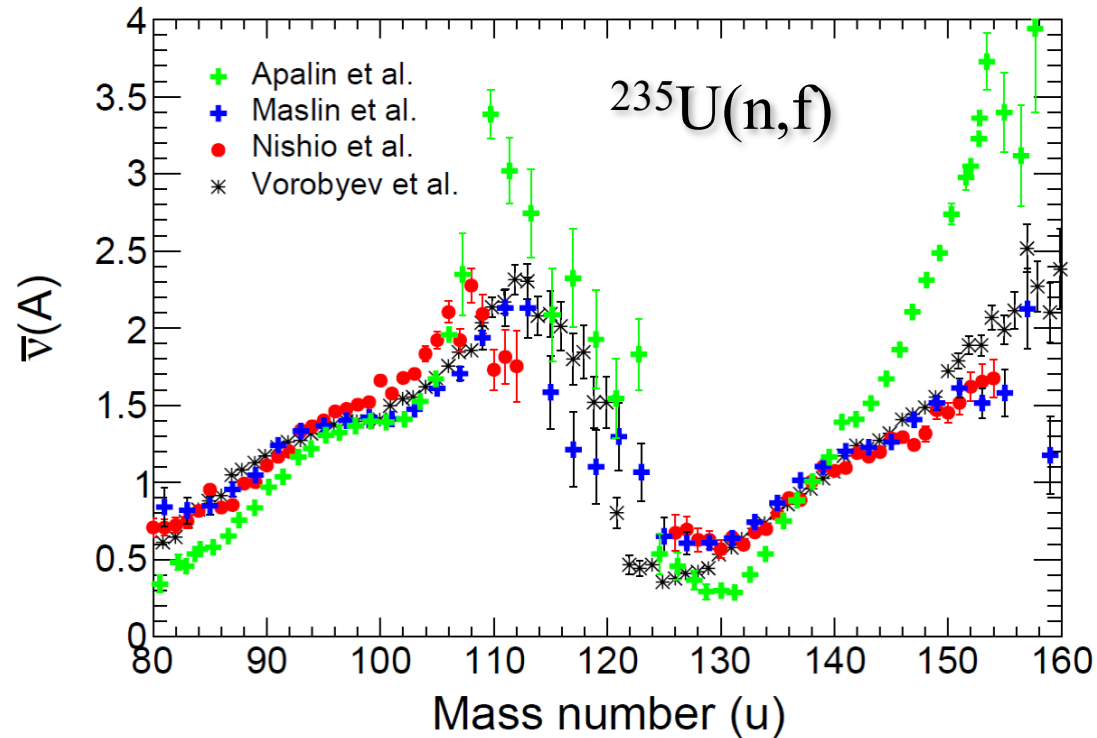


Position sensitive electrode



Neutron multiplicity versus fragment mass and total kinetic energy

Available data on neutron multiplicity $\nu(A, \text{TKE})$ show (strong) discrepancies



Experiment: $^{252}\text{Cf}(sf)$

The effect of neutron recoil on experimental data
 momentum transfer \Rightarrow change in fragment energy

$$E_f \approx E_i \frac{m_f}{m_i} - v_i p_{c.m.} \cos \theta_{c.m.}$$

No coincidence requirement (or 4π neutron detector)

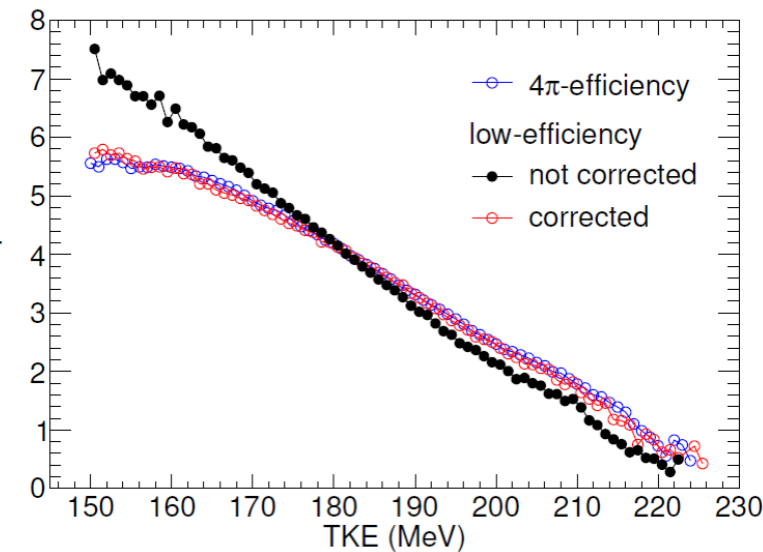
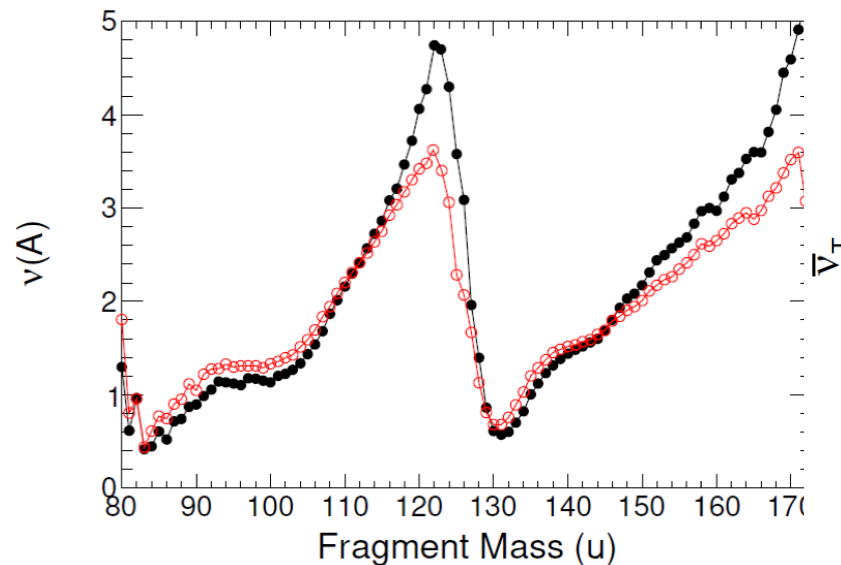
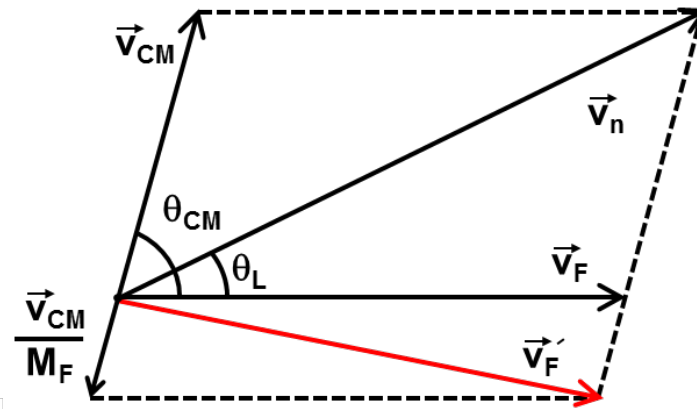
\Rightarrow 2nd term averages out

$$\langle \cos \theta_{CM} \rangle = 0$$

Fragment neutron coincidence

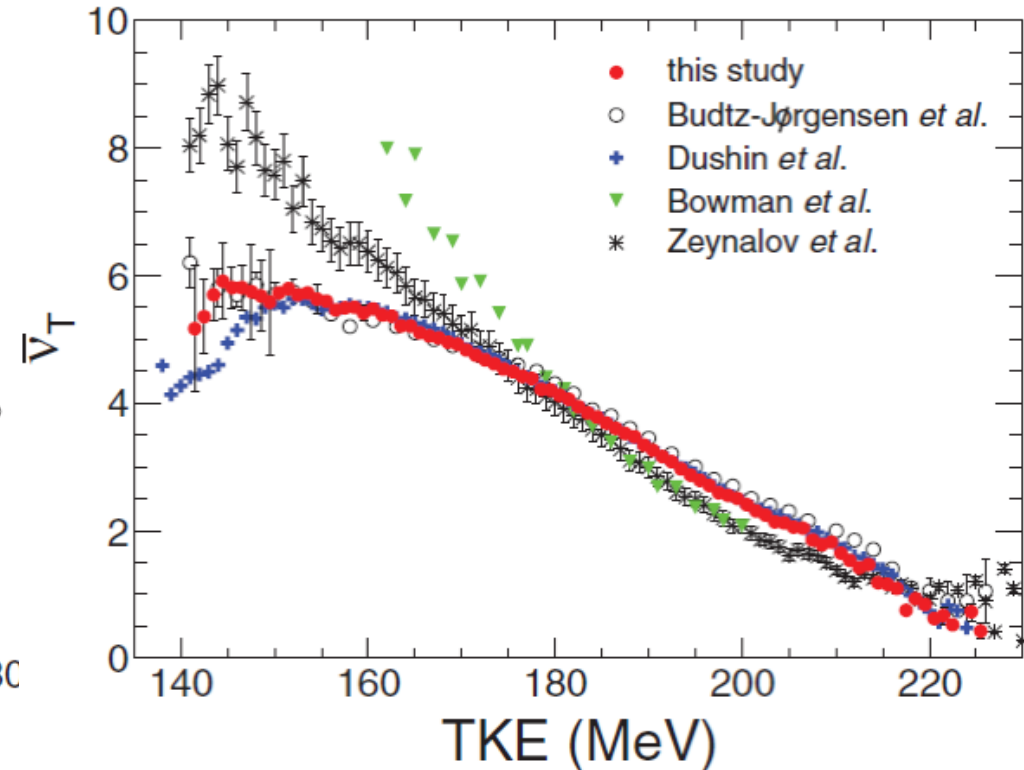
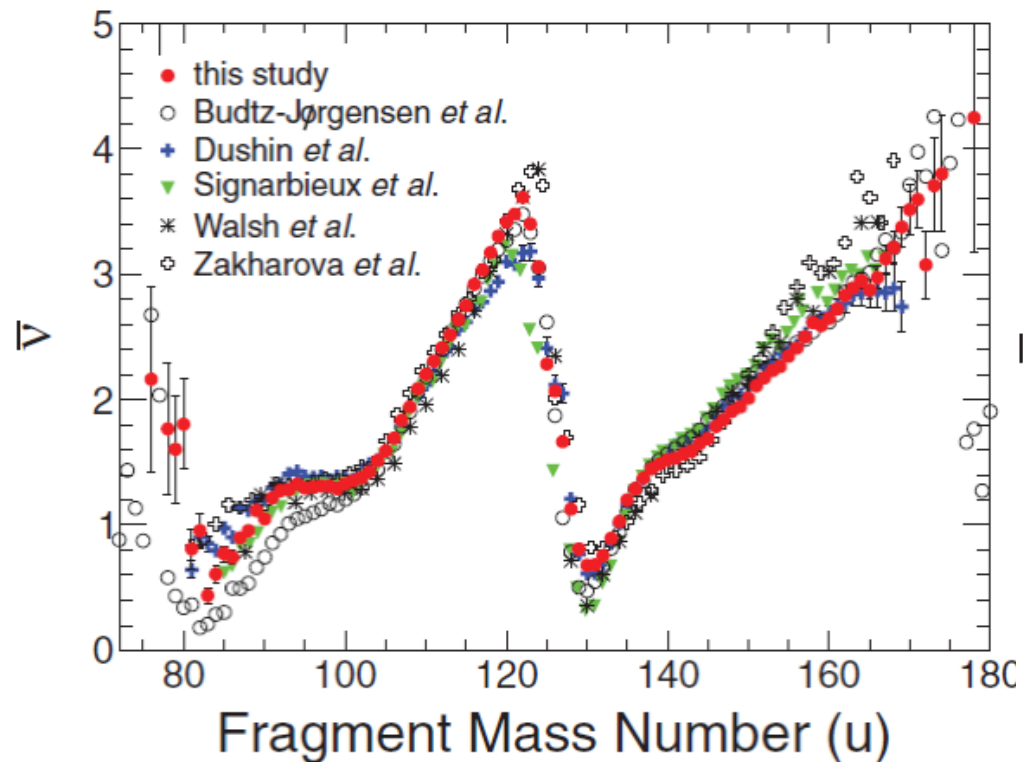
\Rightarrow biased selection

$$\langle \cos \theta_{CM} \rangle \neq 0$$



Experiment: $^{252}\text{Cf}(sf)$

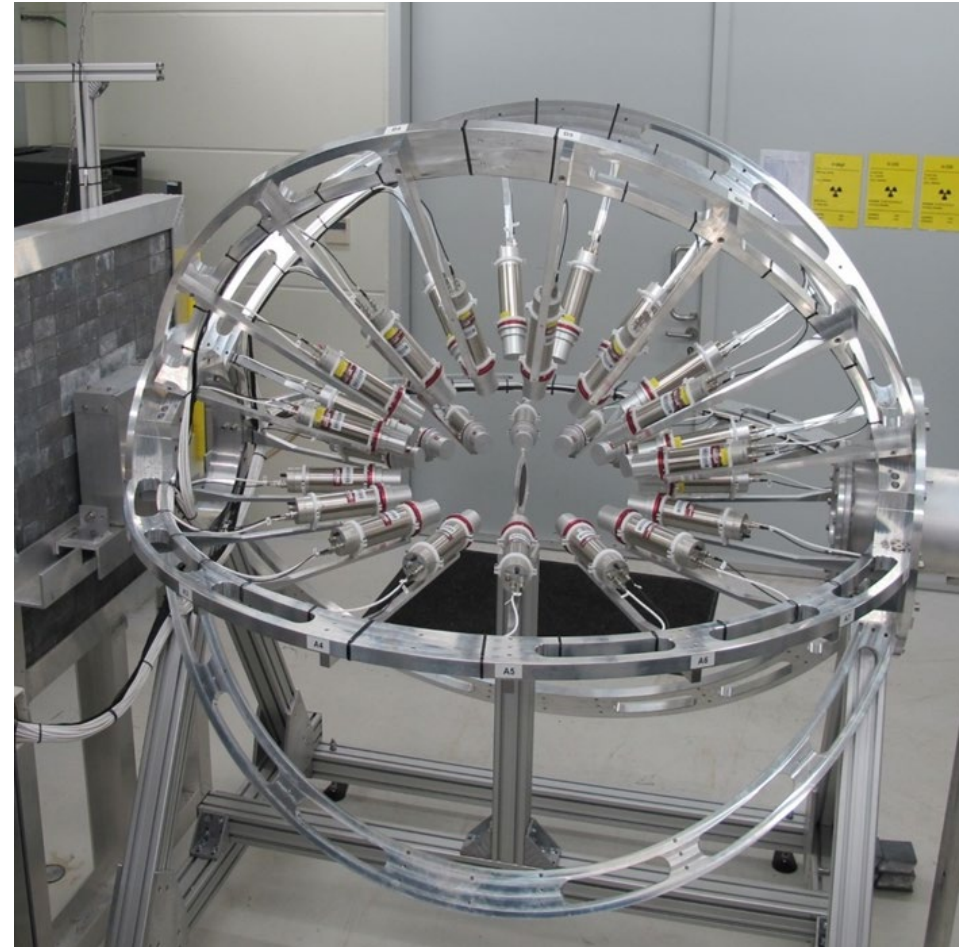
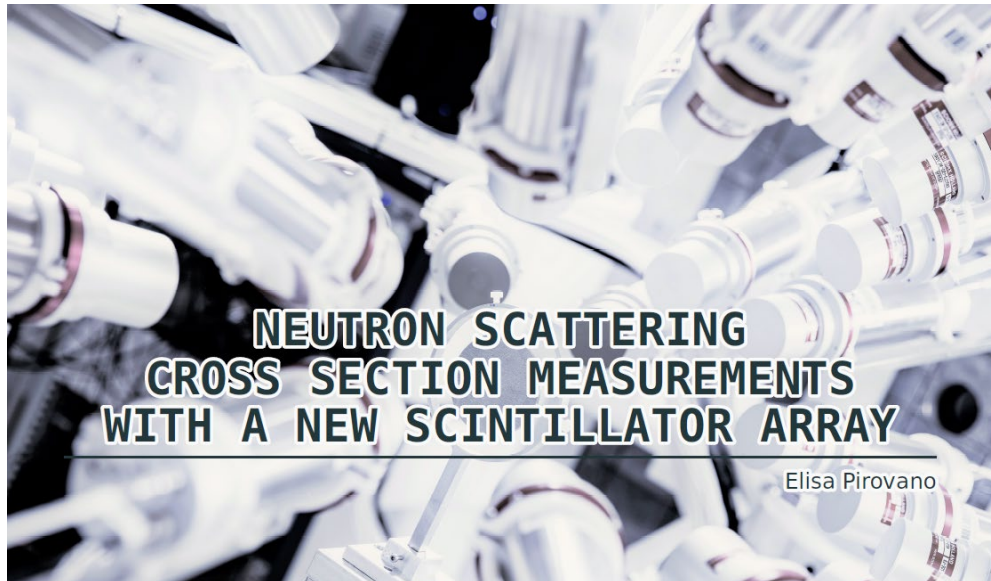
- $\nu(A, \text{TKE})$ compares well literature
 - Specifically $\nu(\text{TKE})$ with scintillation tank measurement (Dushin et al.)
- Discrepant data of Bowman, (Zeynalov) due to recoil correction



ELISA

ELastic and Inelastic Scattering Array

- 32 liquid organic scintillators
 - 16 EJ301 (NE213)
 - 16 EJ315 (C6D6)
- n/g discrimination via pulse shape discrimination
- Time resolution ~ 1 ns
- Neutron flux monitoring with a ^{235}U fission chamber



Example of a scattering measurement with ELISA

$n + {}^{56}\text{Fe}$ (thesis E. Pirovano, PRC99(2019)024601)

Fundamental physics:

- ▶ nucleon-nucleus potentials
- ▶ below 5 MeV the optical model does not reproduce the behaviour of the cross section

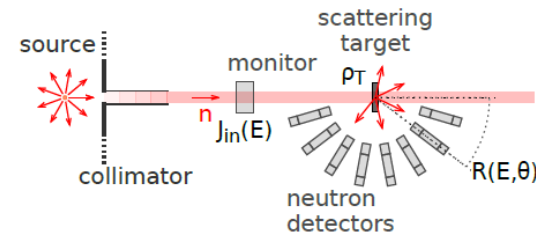
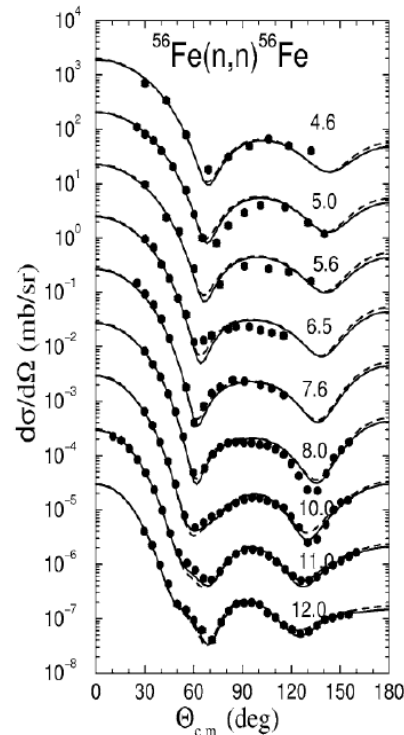
Applications:

- ▶ dark matter detectors' calibration
- ▶ energy degrader for medical beam lines
- ▶ energy production

CIELO pilot project:

${}^1\text{H}$, ${}^{16}\text{O}$, ${}^{56}\text{Fe}$, ${}^{235,238}\text{U}$, ${}^{239}\text{Pu}$

n - ${}^{56}\text{Fe}$ scattering



- ▶ corrections
 - detected photons
 - background
 - multiple scattering
- ▶ separation elastic/inelastic events

scattering experiment

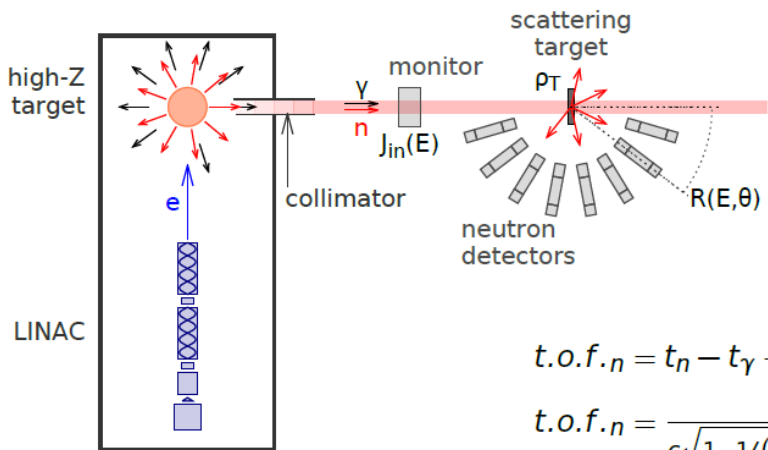
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(E, \theta) = \frac{R(E, \theta)}{\varepsilon(E') \Delta\Omega n_T J_{in}(E)}$$

Labels in the diagram: reaction rate (R(E, θ)), incoming neutron current (J_{in}(E)), efficiency (ε(E')), solid angle (ΔΩ), target areal density (n_T).

Example of a scattering measurement with ELISA

$n + {}^{56}\text{Fe}$ (thesis E. Pirovano, PRC99(2019)024601)

neutron t.o.f. technique



$$t.o.f.n = t_n - t_\gamma + t.o.f.\gamma$$

$$t.o.f.n = \underbrace{\frac{L}{c\sqrt{1-1/(1+E/mc^2)^2}}}_{\text{before the collision}} + \underbrace{\frac{L'}{c\sqrt{1-1/(1+E'/mc^2)^2}}}_{\text{after the collision}}$$

$$2E'(Mc^2 + mc^2) - 2E(Mc^2 - mc^2) + 2E'E + E^*(2Mc^2 + E^*) = 2c^2pp' \cos \theta$$

detector array



Parallel plate ionization chamber

- 8 UF₄ deposits, 99.94% atom of ²³⁵U
- 4.095(4) mg ²³⁵U/cm²

32 liquid organic scintillators

- 2x8 EJ301 (NE213)
- 2x8 EJ315 (C₆D₆)
- n/γ discrimination via PSD
- time resolution ~1 ns
- consistency & repeatability checks

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8x organic scintillators

▬ coefficients for $P_1(\theta)$, $P_2(\theta)$, maybe $P_3(\theta)$

Numerical integration for the total cross-section:

$$\sigma = 2\pi \int_{-1}^1 \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(x) dx = 2\pi \sum_{i=1}^8 w_i \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(x)$$

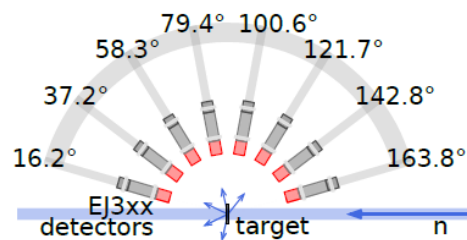
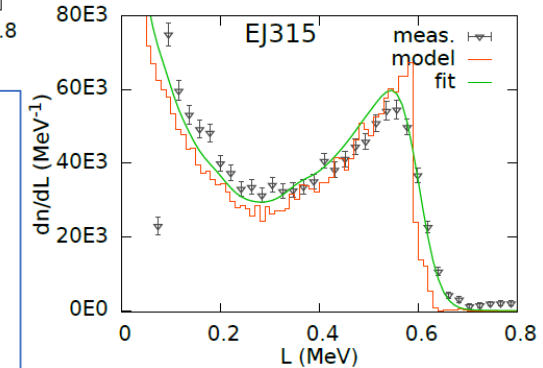
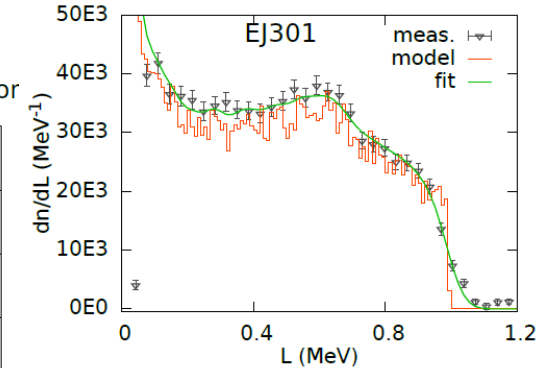
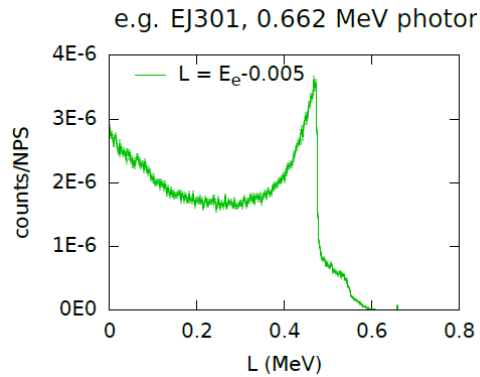
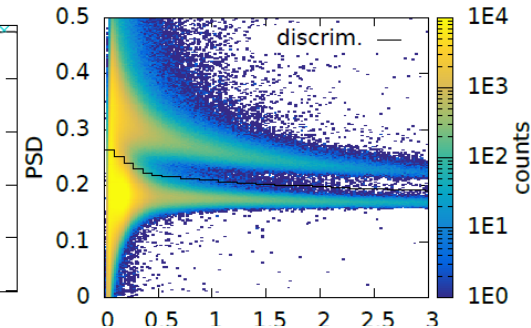
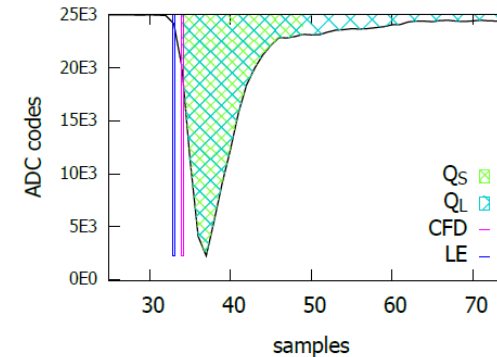
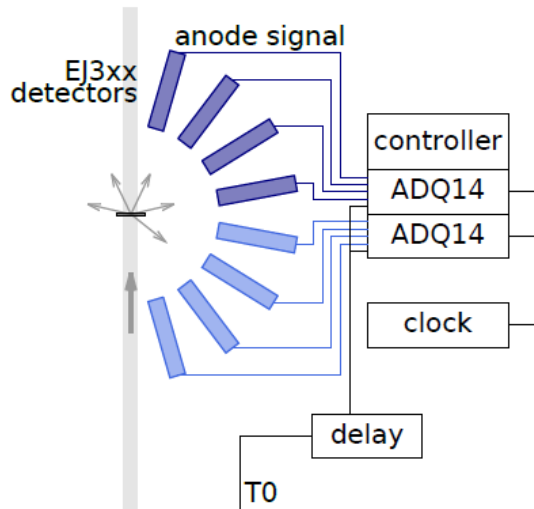
with

- $x_i = \cos\theta_i$ zeros of the Legendre polynomial $P_8(x)$
- w_i weight factors

Exact result for polynomials of degree 15 or less

▬ ok for carbon, iron, deuterium up to 6 MeV

scintillator array



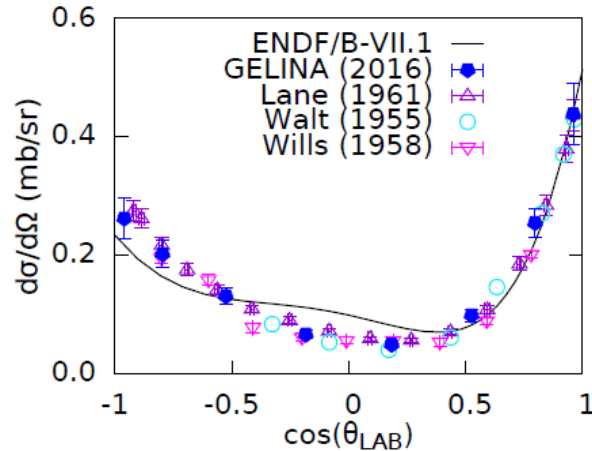
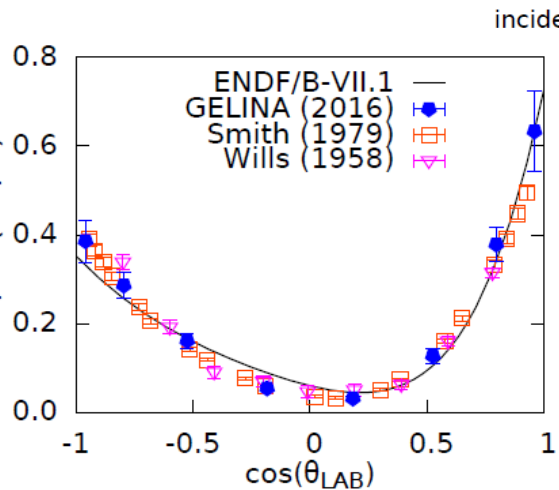
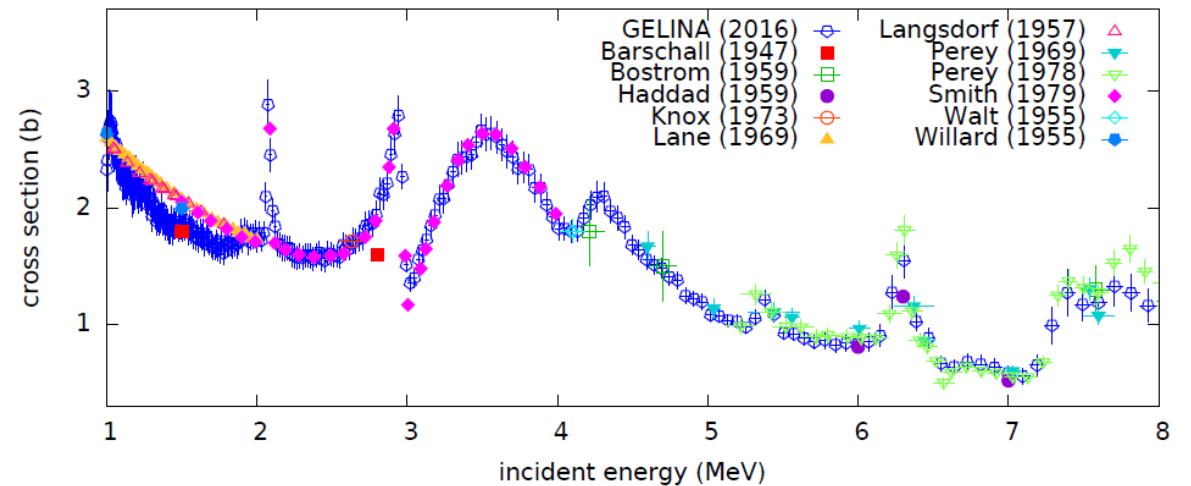
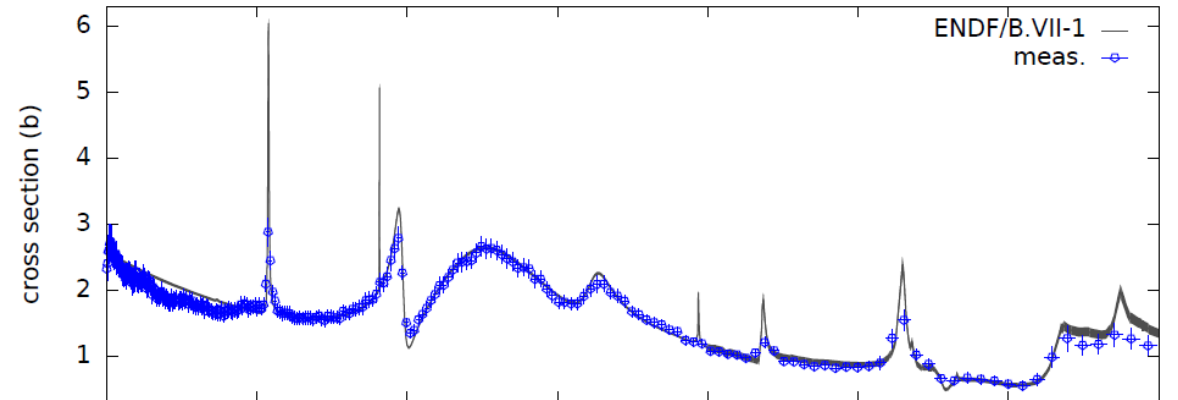
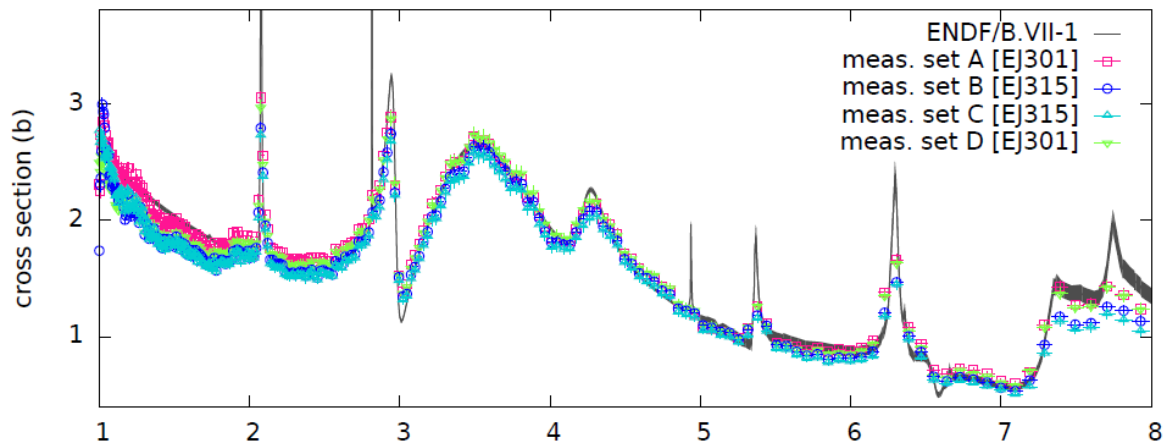
detector at $\theta = 163.8^\circ$
t.o.f. = 976–981 ns

$$Y(t.o.f., \theta) = \frac{1 - F_{msc}(t.o.f., \theta)}{\varepsilon(E')|_{L_{THR}} \Delta\Omega} \int_{L_{THR}} R_{fit}(L, E') dL$$

Example of a scattering measurement with ELISA

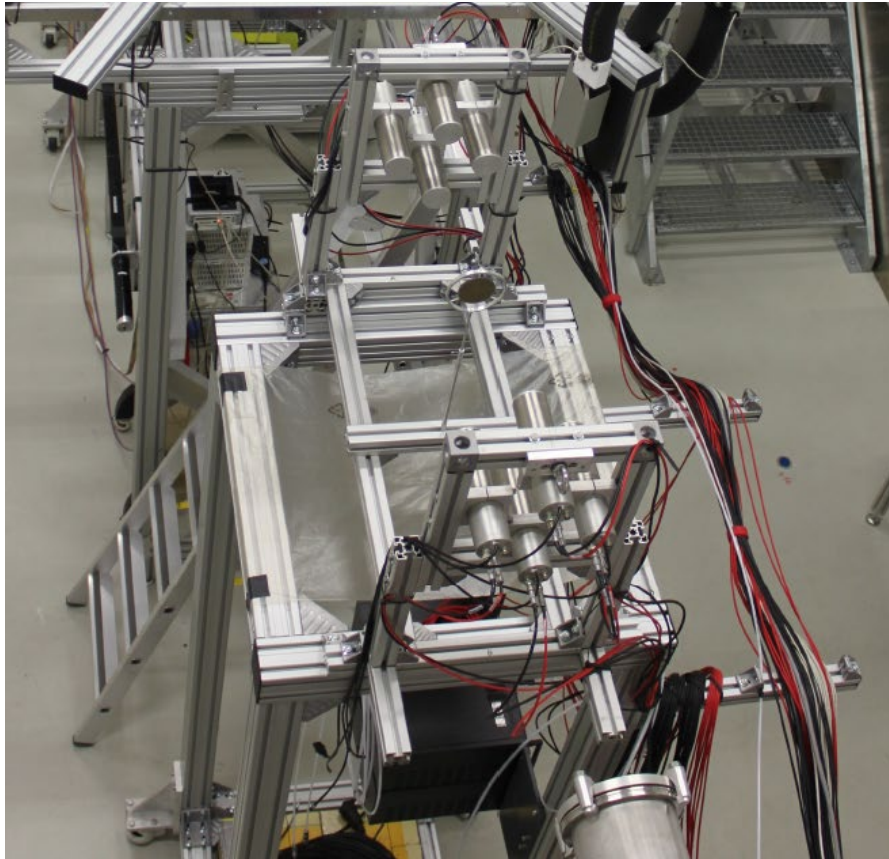
$n+^{56}\text{Fe}$ (thesis E. Pirovano, PRC99(2019)024601)

four detector sets:



Example of a scattering measurement at nELBE (HZDR)

Thesis Elisa Pirovano, PRC95(2017)024601

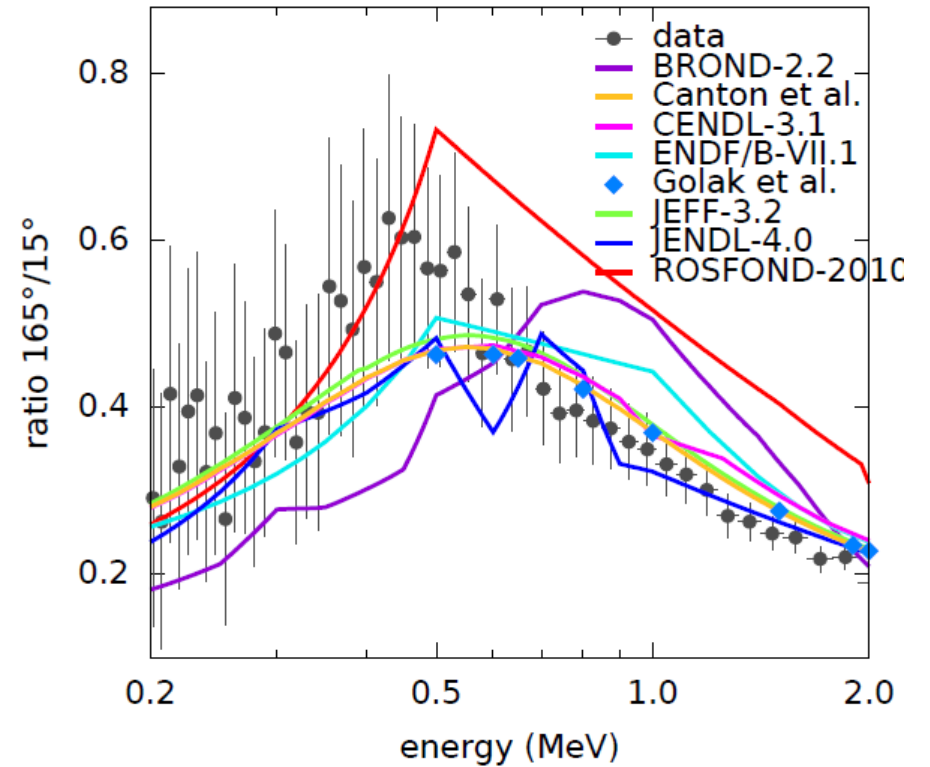


n-D scattering

- ▶ experiment at nELBE (HZDR, Dresden)
- ▶ energy range: 0.2 – 2 MeV
- ▶ ^6Li -glass detectors at 15° and 165°

to determine the ratio:

$$\left. \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right|_{165^\circ} \text{ over } \left. \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right|_{15^\circ}$$

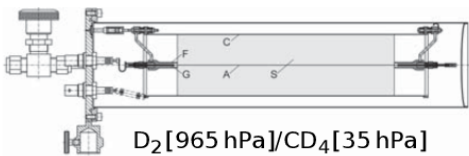
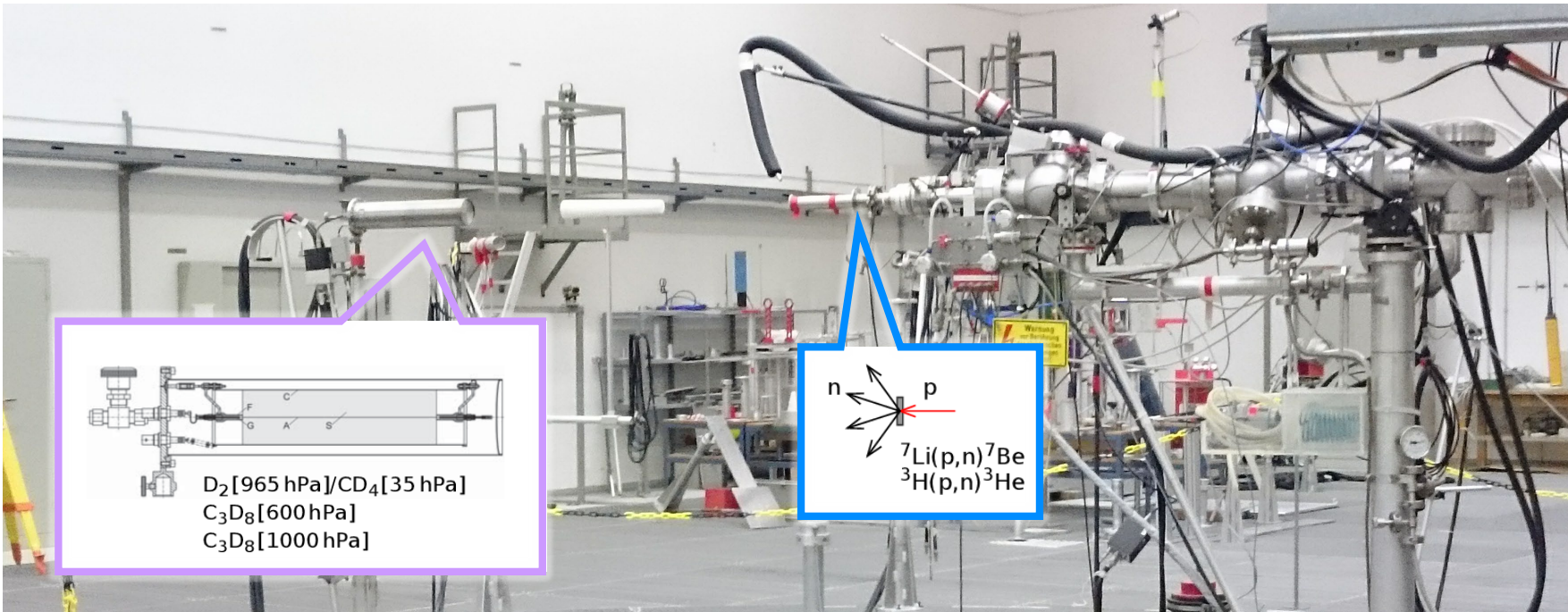
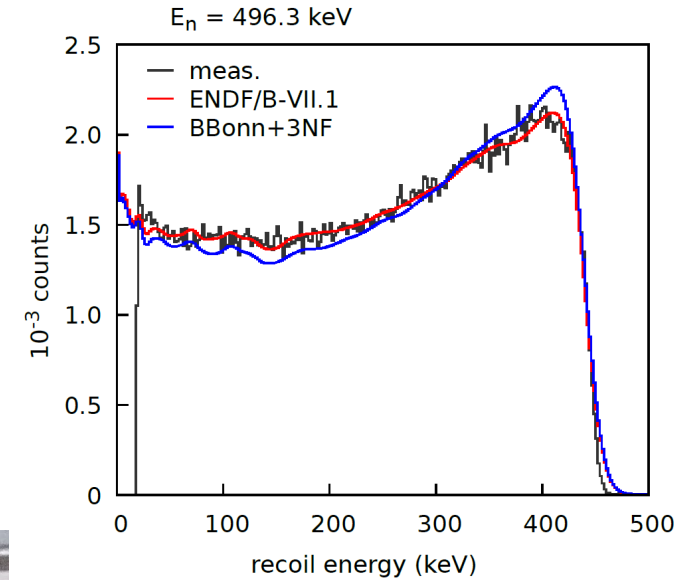


- measurement at the PTB VdG; Elisa Pirovano et al.
- quasi-monoenergetic neutrons via ${}^7\text{Li}(p,n)$ or ${}^3\text{H}(p,n)$
- energy range 400 keV – 2.5 MeV
- different gas mixtures/pressures to limit the escape of recoil deuterons

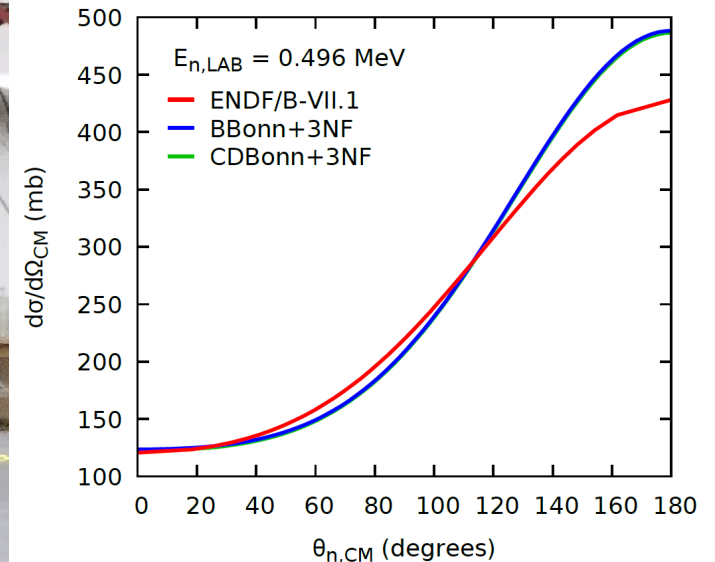
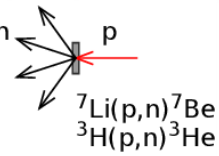
400 – 875 keV

875 – 2500 keV

D_2/CD_4	neutron energy: 400 – 625 keV
C_3D_8 600 hPa	625 keV – 1.25 MeV
C_3D_8 1000 hPa	1.25 – 2.5 MeV



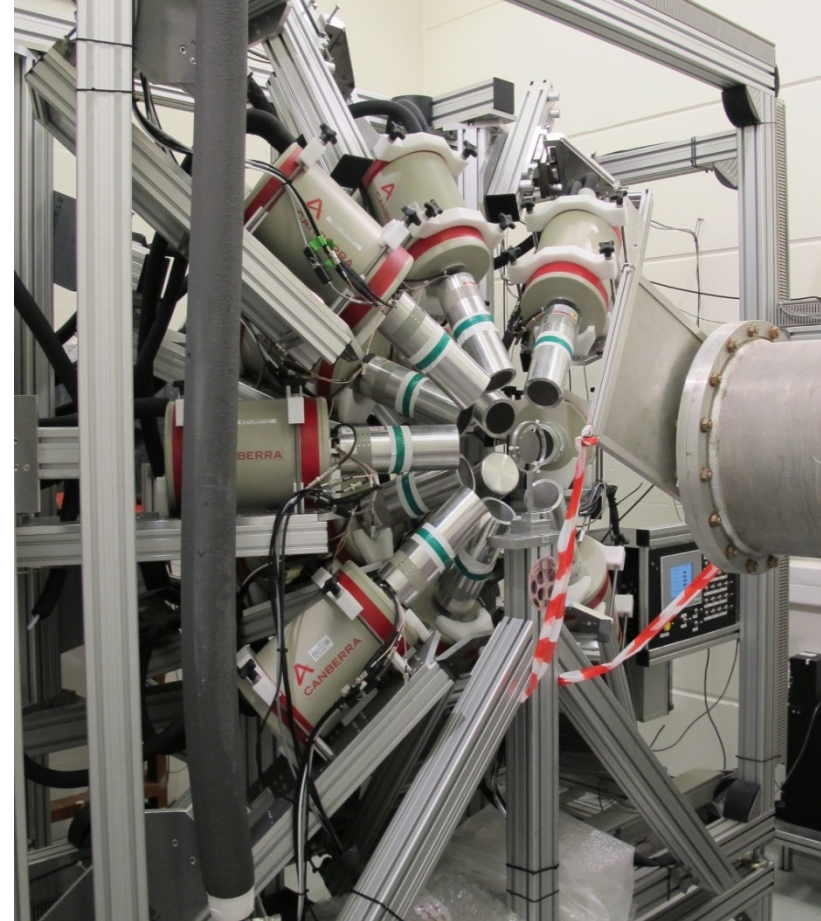
D_2 [965 hPa]/ CD_4 [35 hPa]
 C_3D_8 [600 hPa]
 C_3D_8 [1000 hPa]



GAINS

Gamma Array for Inelastic Neutron Scattering

- 12 **HPGe** detectors
- Neutron flux monitoring with a ^{235}U fission chamber
- ^7Li , ^{12}C , ^{16}O , ^{23}Na , ^{24}Mg , ^{28}Si , $^{\text{nat}}\text{Ti}$,
 $^{\text{nat}}\text{Mo}$, ^{52}Cr , ^{54}Fe , ^{56}Fe , ^{57}Fe , ^{58}Ni , ^{60}Ni ,
 ^{76}Ge , $^{\text{nat}}\text{Zr}$, $^{206,207,208}\text{Pb}$, ^{209}Bi , ^{54}Fe

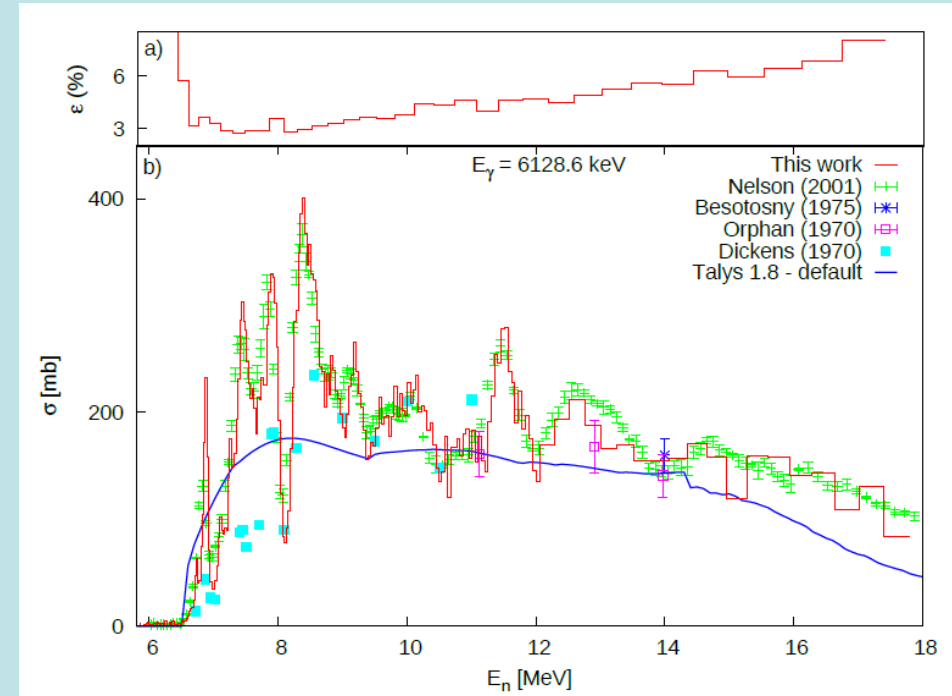
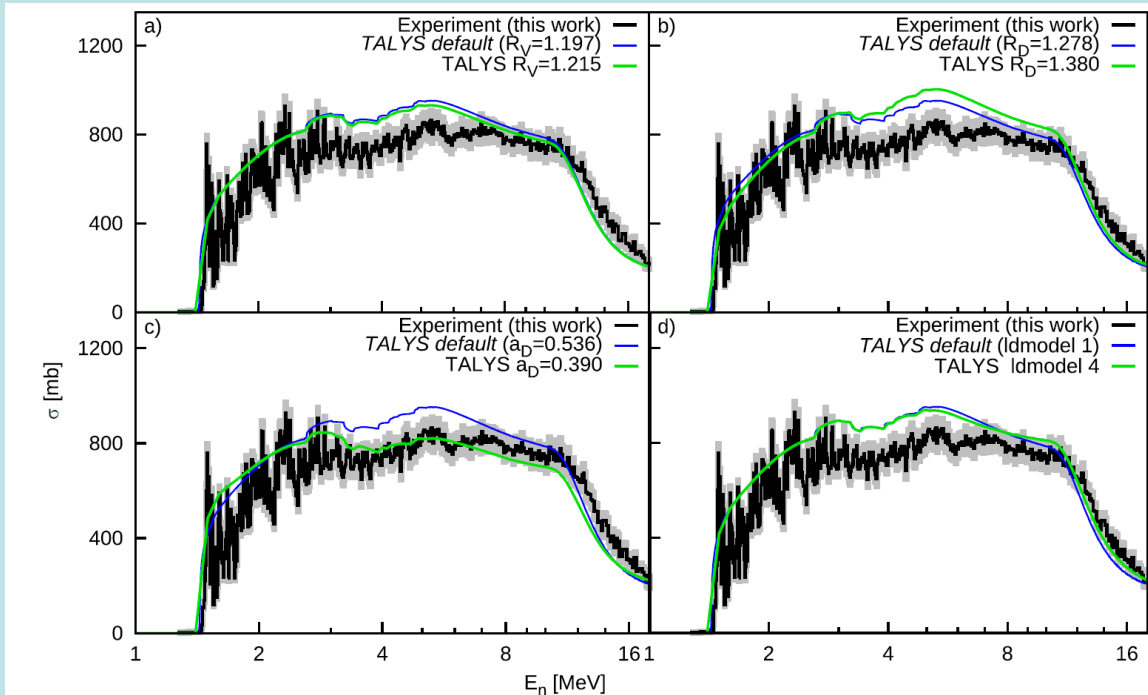


Inelastic scattering with GAINS & Grapheme

Collaboration with CNRS-IPHC, HZDR, IFIN-HH, PTB

^{54}Fe : 2+ to g.s. decay - Adina Olacel

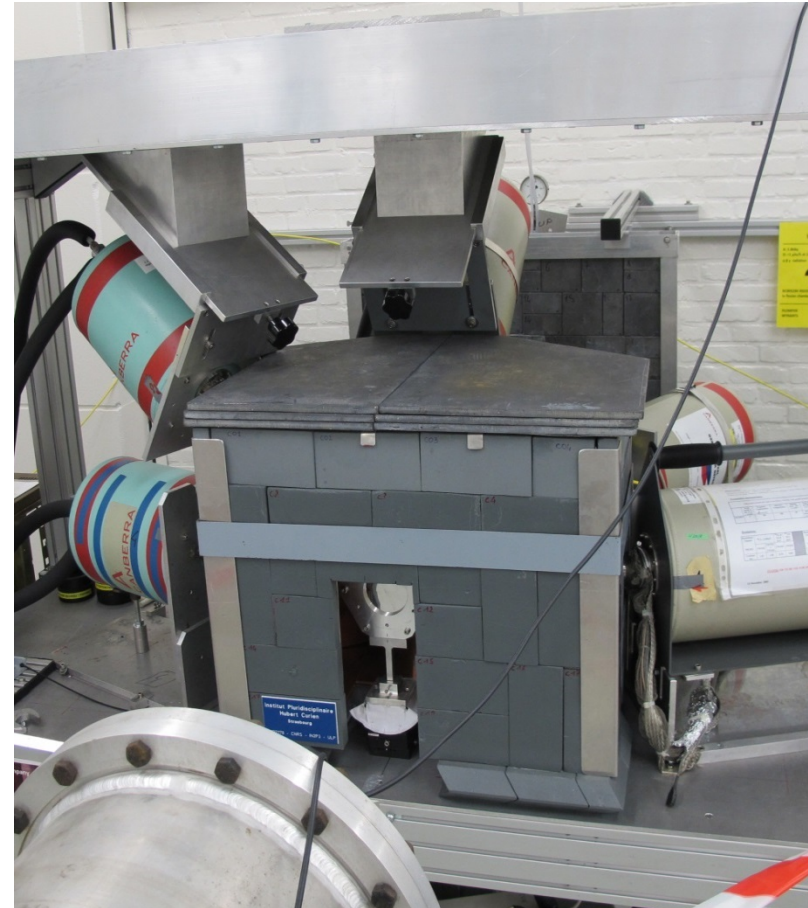
^{16}O : 3- to g.s. decay - Marian Boromiza



GRAPhEME

(GeRmanium array for Actinides PrEcise MEasurements)

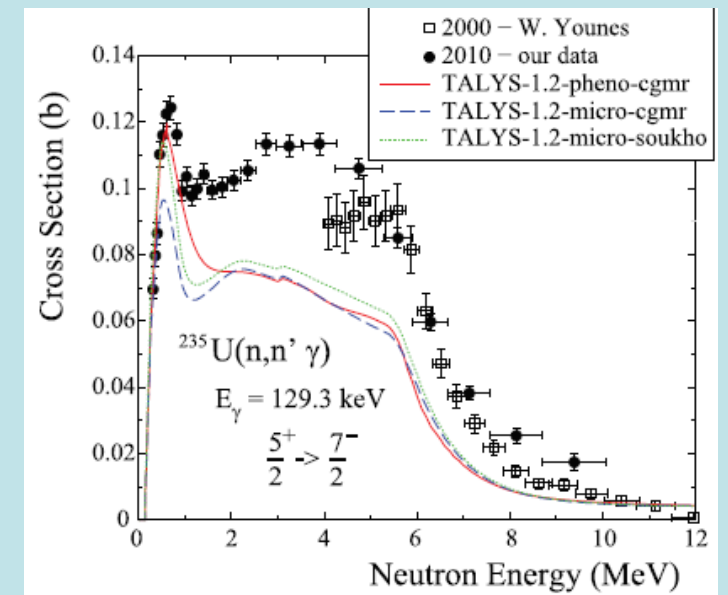
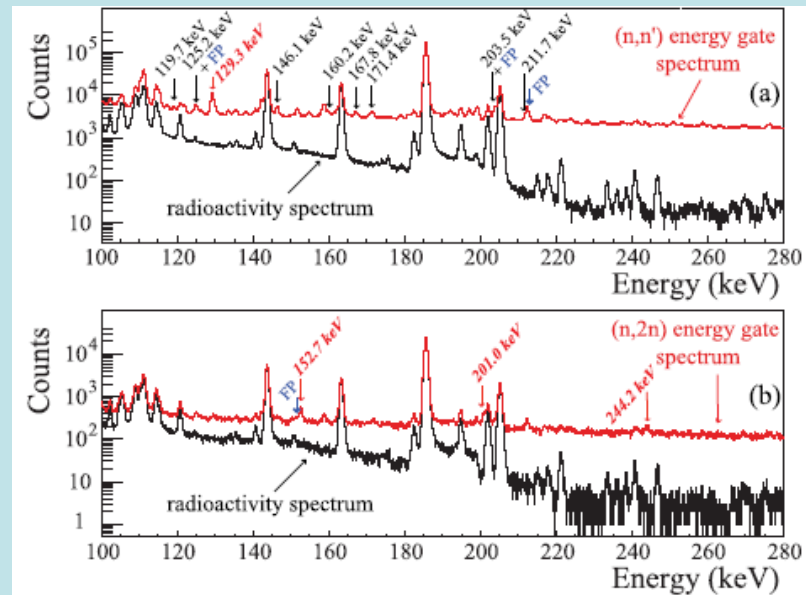
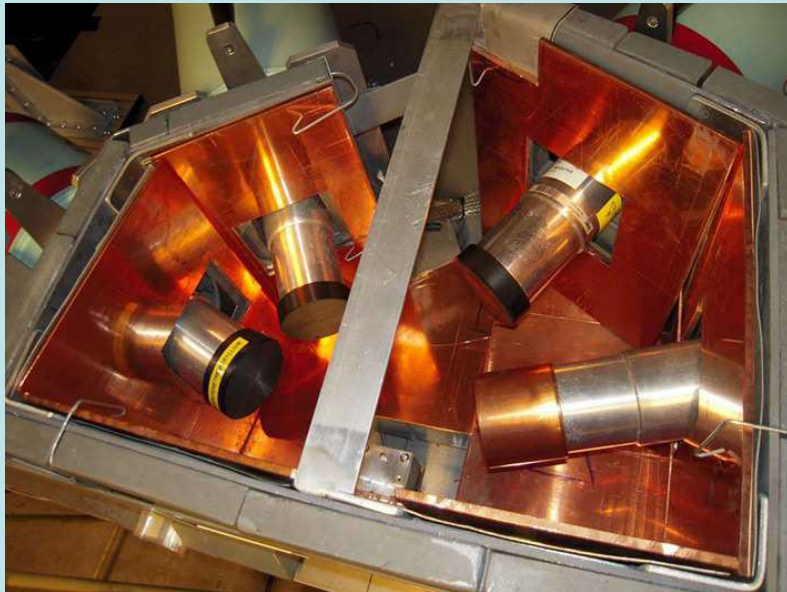
- **Inelastic** scattering set-up
- 5 planar **HPGe** detectors, one segmented (36 pixels)
- Neutron flux monitoring with a ^{235}U fission chamber



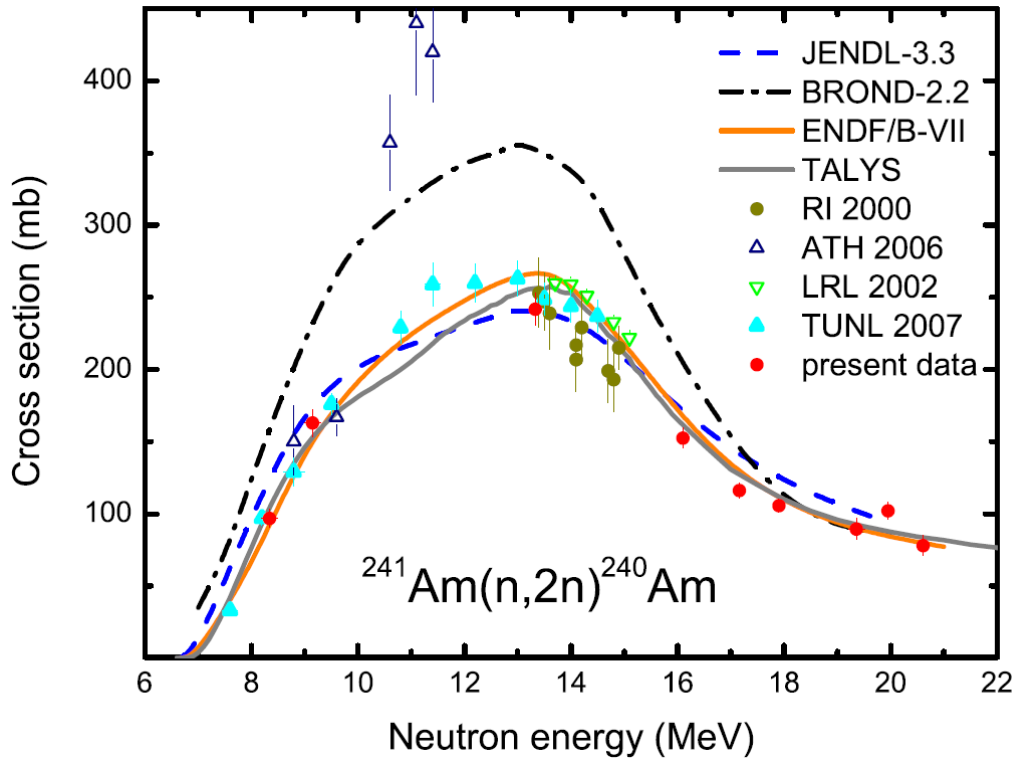
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M. Kerveno et al., European Physical Journal A 51 (2015) 167



Uncertainties of measurements



Methodology

“Evaluation of measurement data - Guide to the expression of uncertainty in measurement”

Joint Committee for Guides in Metrology, *JCGM 100:2008*, www.bipm.org (2008)

Developed by experts for measurements relied upon in application (SI system)

General

Systematic

Standardized

Uncertainties

Error

Every measurement is in error

All measurements are imperfect

imperfect realization of quantity

random variations

inadequate corrections

incomplete knowledge

number of nuclei

detection efficiency

fluence measurement

multiple scattering

standard cross section

calibration sources

statistics

- *Error is unknowable*
- *Sources of error may be recognized and should be corrected for:*

Measurement result = corrected result

- Systematic error

Mean error that would result from infinitely many measurements under repeatability conditions

- Correction (factor)

Value added (multiplied) to compensate for systematic error

- Random error

Error minus systematic error

Procedure

1. Set up mathematical relation measured quantity (Y) and input quantities (X)
2. Estimate the inputs (x)
3. Estimate the standard uncertainties for the inputs: $u(x)$
4. Estimate covariances of input uncertainties: $u(x_i, x_j)$
5. Find the measured quantity (y) from the inputs
6. Estimate the combined standard uncertainties and covariances $u_c(y_k)$ and $u_c(y_k, y_l)$
7. Report result with standard uncertainties and covariances and uncertainty budget.

$$Y_k = f_k(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_N)$$

$$X_i \rightarrow x_i$$

$$\rightarrow u(x_i)$$

$$\rightarrow u(x_i, x_j) = C(x_i, x_j)u(x_i)u(x_j)$$

$$y_k = f_k(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)$$

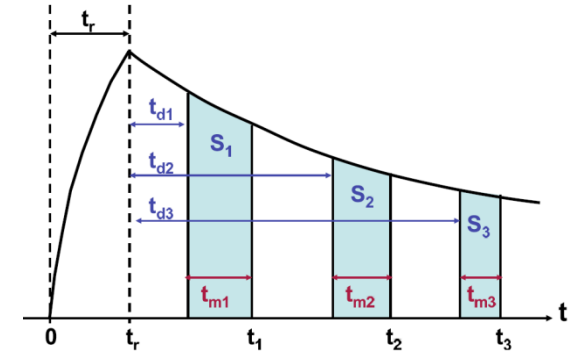
$$u_c^2(y_k) = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{\partial f_k}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial f_k}{\partial x_j} u(x_i, x_j)$$

$$u_c(y_k, y_l) = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{\partial f_k}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial f_l}{\partial x_j} u(x_i, x_j)$$

$$u_c(y_k, y_l) = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N S_{ki} S_{lj} C(x_i, x_j) r(x_i) r(x_j)$$

Activation data evaluation

$$\sigma_{Am} = \sigma_{Al} \frac{S_{Am}}{S_{Al}} \frac{\left[I \epsilon f_{\Sigma} f_r n \Phi_0 \right]_{Al}}{\left[I \epsilon f_{\Sigma} f_r n \Phi_0 \right]_{Am}} \cdot \prod_k \frac{C_{k,Am}}{C_{k,Al}}$$



- σ_{Al} Reference cross section
- S Counts for gamma
- I gamma-ray intensity
- ϵ absolute detection efficiency
- f_{Σ} cooling time factor
- f_r irradiation time factor
- n number of nuclides
- Φ_0 mean neutron flux
- C_k correction factors for
 - * low energy neutrons
 - * intensity fluctuations

$$f_{\Sigma} = \frac{1}{\lambda} \sum e^{-\lambda t_{d_i}} (1 - e^{-\lambda t_{m_i}})$$

$$f_r = 1 - e^{-\lambda t_r}$$

$$C_{\text{flux}} = \frac{\bar{\Phi}(1 - e^{-\lambda t_r})}{\sum_{i=1}^m \Phi_i (1 - e^{-\lambda \Delta t}) e^{-\lambda(m-i)\Delta t}}$$

$$C_{\text{low}} = 1 - \frac{\int_0^{E_c} \Phi(E) \sigma(E) dE}{\int_0^{\infty} \Phi(E) \sigma(E) dE}$$

Activation data reporting

	Neutron energy (MeV)								
	8.34	9.15	13.33	16.1	17.16	17.9	19.36	19.95	20.61
σ_{Al}	1.9	1.9	1.6	2	2	2.2	3.1	4.1	5.4
S_{Am}	5.0	4.0	2.5	2.1	1.5	1.3	6.3	1.4	5.7
S_{Al}	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.7	2.0	1.0	1.6
I_{Am}	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
n_{Al}	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
n_{Am}	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
$\epsilon_{Al}/\epsilon_{Am}$	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
$(f_{\Sigma}f_r)_{Am}$	0.9	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6
$\frac{C_{low,Am}}{C_{low,Al}}$			0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.3	1.4	1.4

Energy (MeV)	C_{flux}		C_{low}	
	Am	Al	Am	Al
8.34	0.9974	0.9925	1	1
9.15	1.0731	1.3117	1	1
13.33	0.9168	0.8288	1	1
16.10	1.0749	1.2335	1	1
17.16	0.9987	0.9878	0.998	0.997
17.90	0.969	0.933	0.998	0.997
19.36	1.0061	1.0157	0.941	0.926
19.95	0.9822	0.9433	0.922	0.891
20.61	0.9938	0.982	0.885	0.832

% uncertainties for components in the activation formula

σ_{Al} uncertainty correlations taken from the evaluation

$\epsilon_{Al}/\epsilon_{Am}$ uncertainty fully correlated w. neutron energy

Activation reporting

Energy (MeV)	σ_{Am} (mb)	Unc. (%)	Correlation matrix (x100)																	
8.34(15)	96.8	6.5	100																	
9.15(15)	162.9	5.7	35	100																
13.33(15)	241.8	4.6	37	42	100															
16.10(15)	152.4	4.6	38	43	53	100														
17.16 (3)	116.1	4.4	40	45	57	58	100													
17.90(10)	105.7	4.4	41	45	57	59	84	100												
19.36(15)	89.5	8.2	21	24	30	31	39	39	100											
19.95 (7)	102.1	5.8	30	34	44	45	58	59	51	100										
20.61 (4)	77.9	8.8	20	22	29	30	40	42	39	65	100									

Uncertainties in measurement

Summary

There is an excellent guide on what to do

Its use should be promoted

Reporting should be as complete as possible

Correlations make this a challenge in data storage for large data sets, but there are solutions (AGS)

- Cautions
- A small uncertainty does not guarantee a small error: incomplete knowledge \Rightarrow incomplete corrections
- Do not over- or underestimate uncertainties! Use all your current knowledge as best as possible.
 1. overestimation leads to needless caution of users, attempts to remeasure, disregard for your hard work, difficulty identifying incomplete knowledge
 2. underestimation leads to misplaced trust, undue weight of the result in evaluations, biased predictions

When the model doesn't cover reality: examples in radionuclide metrology

Stefaan Pomme, Metrologia 53 (2016) S55-S64

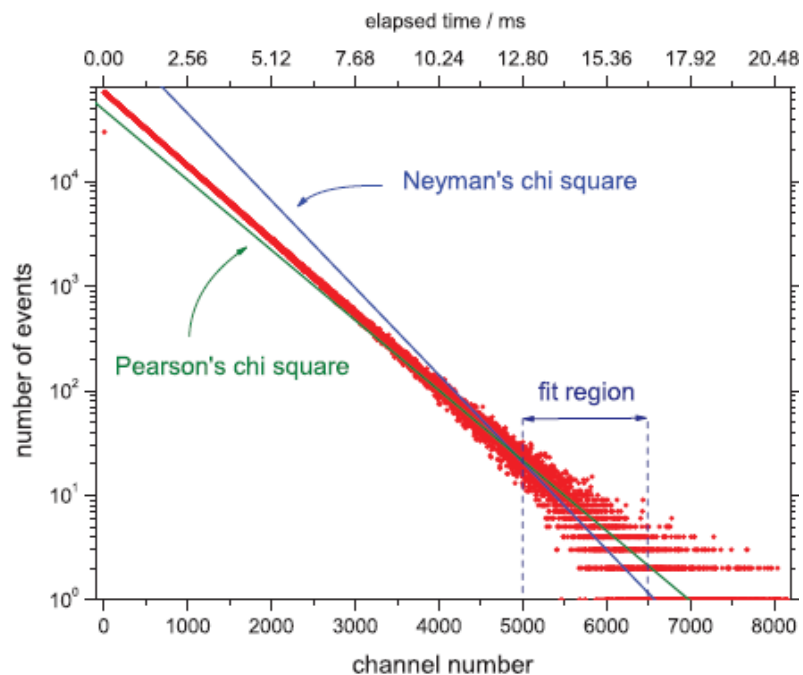


Figure 6. Least-squares fit of an exponential function to Poisson-distributed data from channel 5000 to 6500, using Neyman's and Pearson's χ^2 . Both weighting strategies lead to biased results [70].

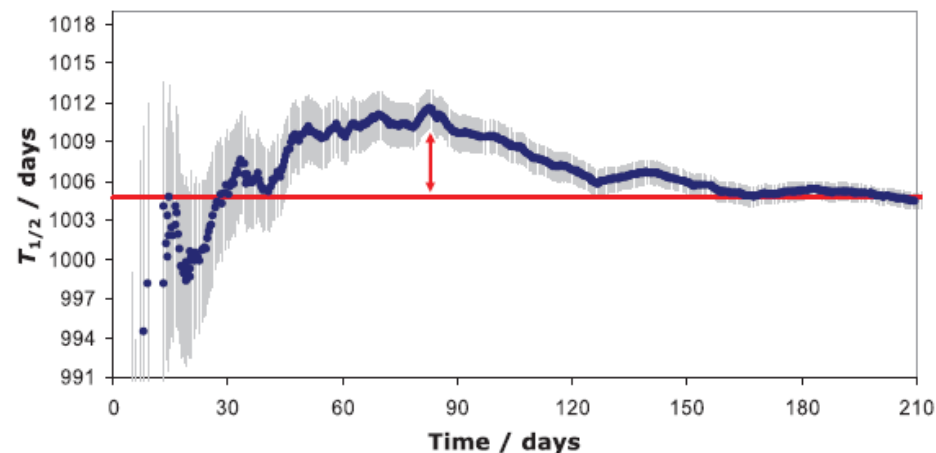
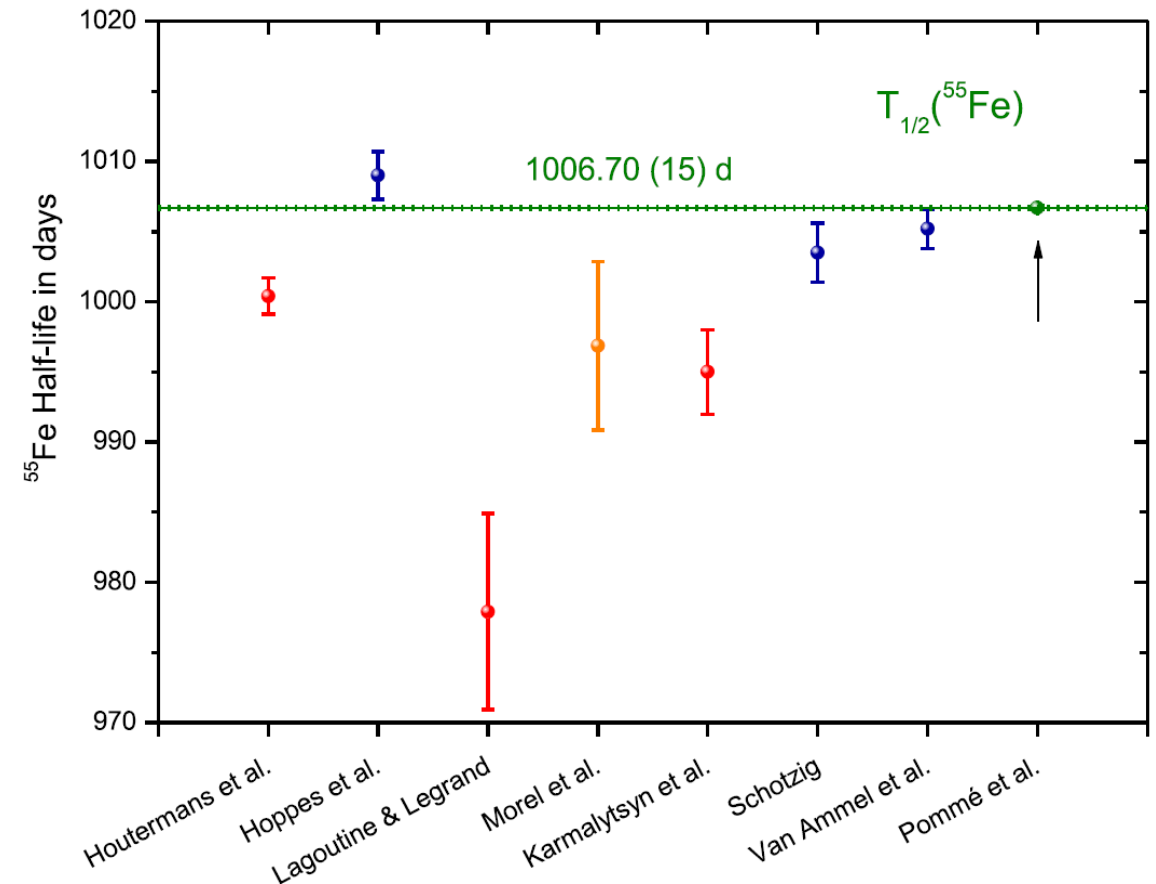
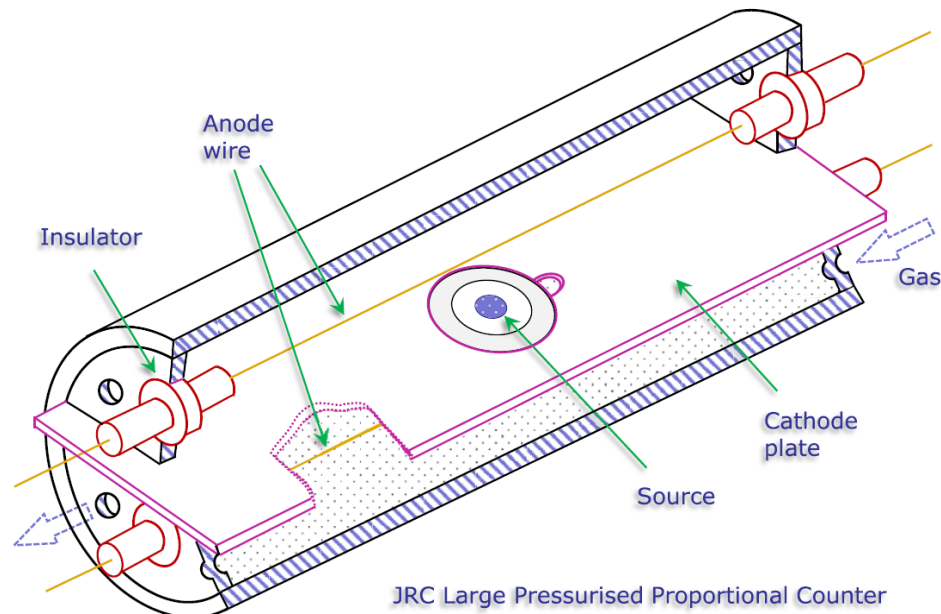


Figure 7. Daily updates of fitted ^{55}Fe half-life values to a growing data set. Intermediate values are discrepant with the final result, which proves that the uncertainty from the least-squares fit is unrealistically low [74].

Examples in radionuclide metrology; ^{55}Fe half life

Biases in values and uncertainties

Stefaan Pomme, Applied Radiation and Isotopes 148 (2019) 27



Theory, experiments, evaluation



R.P. Feynman
1918-1988

“It doesn't matter how beautiful your theory is, it doesn't matter how smart you are. If it doesn't agree with experiment, it's wrong”

“We have learned a lot from experience about how to handle some of the ways we fool ourselves. One example:

Millikan measured the charge of the electron by an experiment with falling oil drops and got an answer which we know not to be quite right.

It's interesting to look at the history of measurements of the charge of the electron, after Millikan. If you plot them as a function of time, you find that one is a little bigger than Millikan's, and the next one's a little bit bigger... until finally they settle down to a number which is higher.”

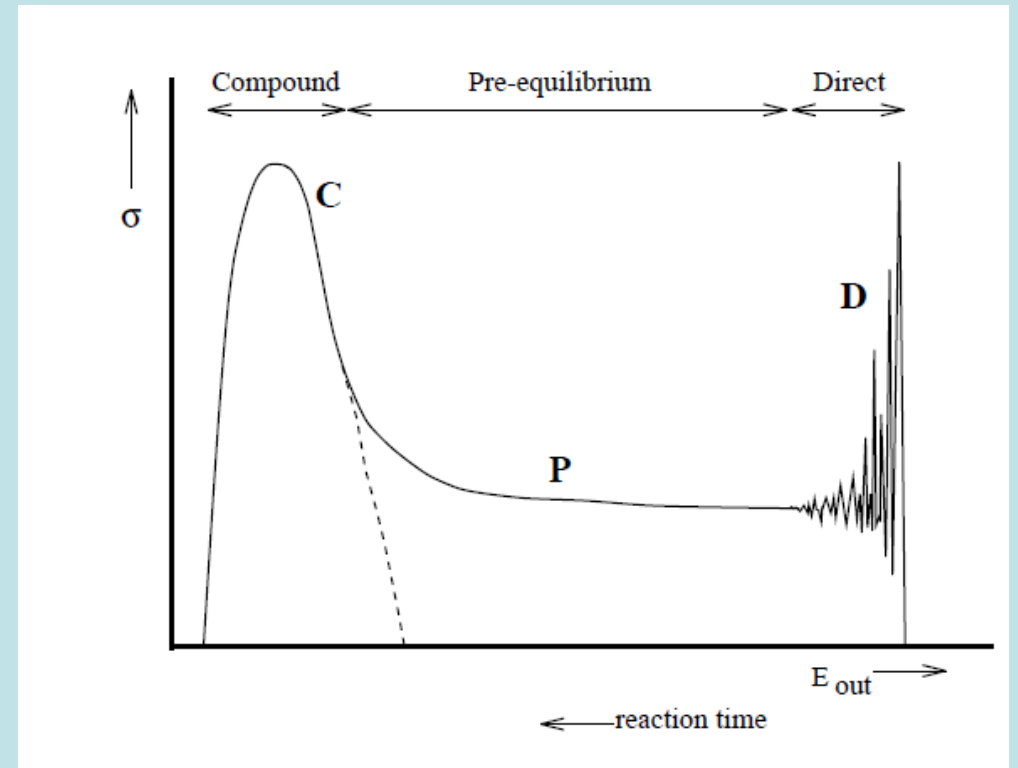
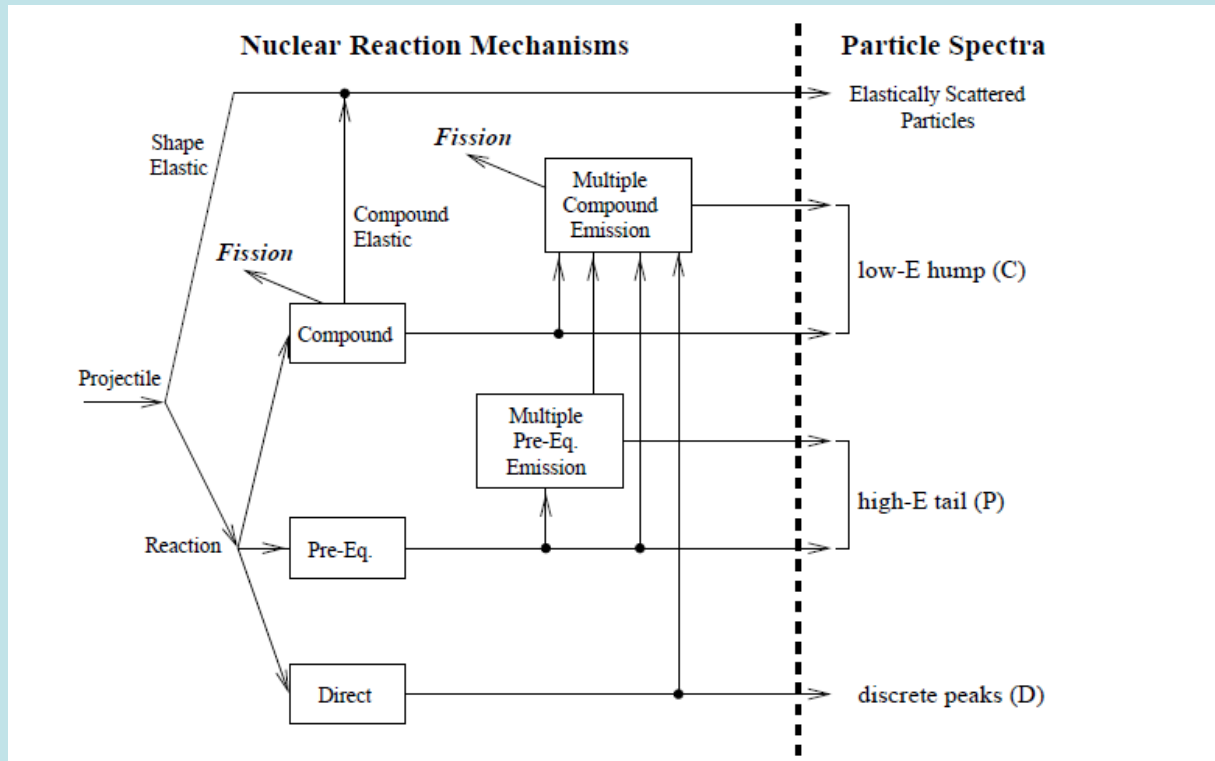
“... when you have a wide range of people who contribute without looking carefully at it, you don't improve your knowledge of the situation by averaging.”

Modeling and evaluation

- Nuclear reaction modeling
 - Hauser-Feshbach-Moldauer
 - R-matrix
 - Resonance shape analysis
 - Physical R-matrix for light nuclei
- An actual evaluation: JEFF-3.3

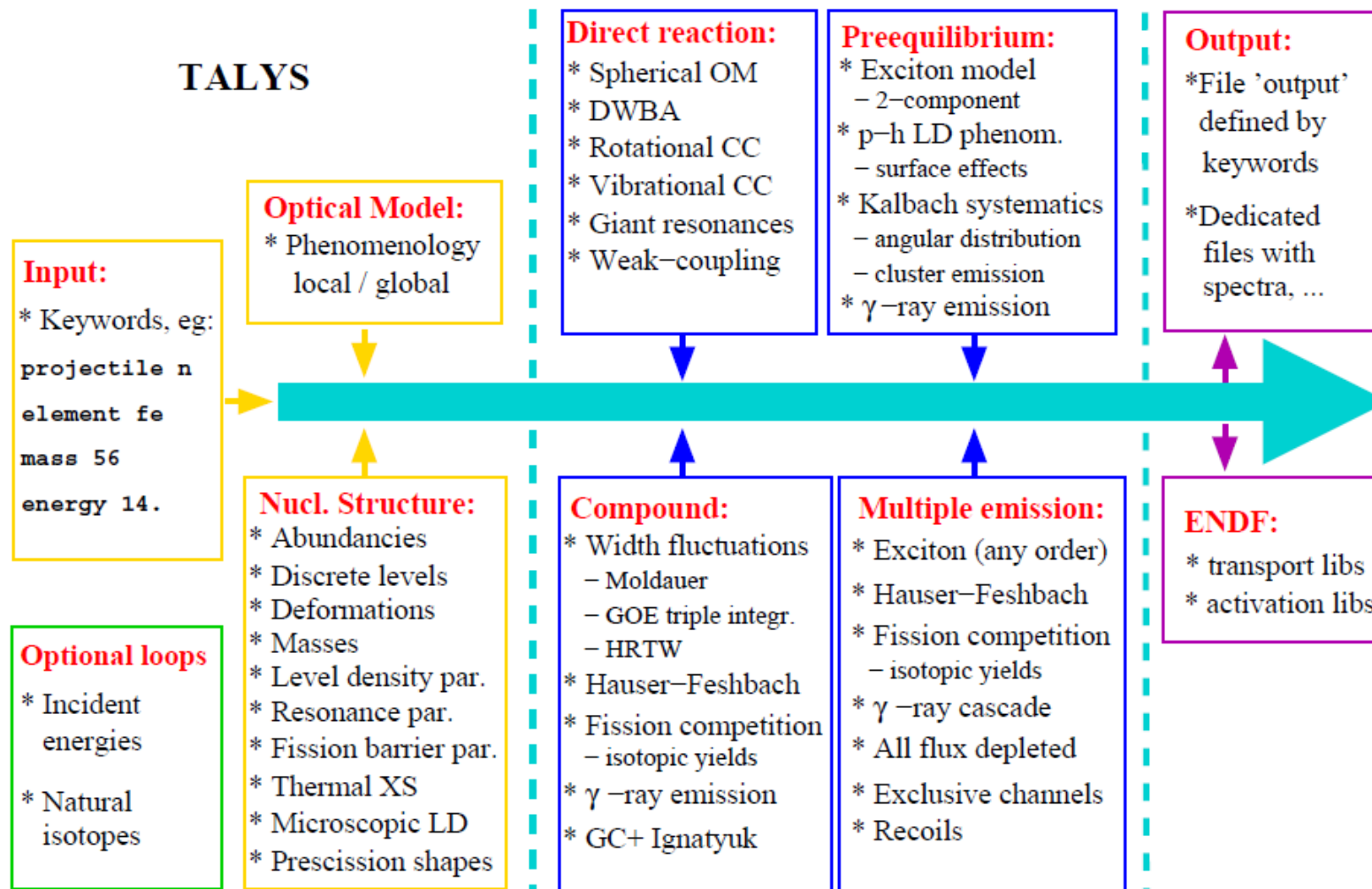
Hauser Feshbach modeling (TALYS, EMPIRE, ...)

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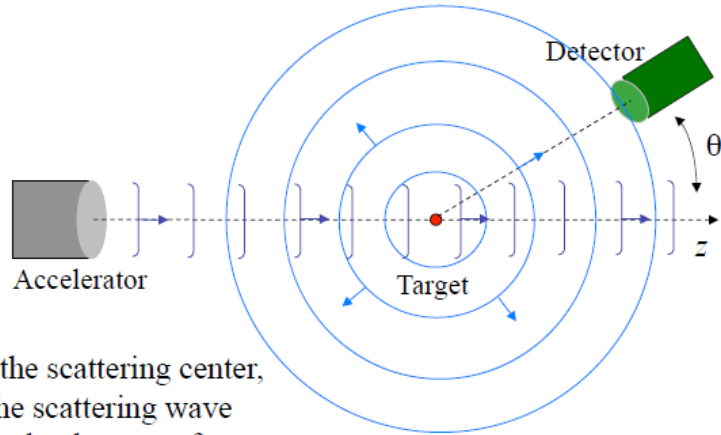
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Hauser Feshbach modeling (TALYS, EMPIRE, ...)

Source: Talys manual & lecture notes Brett Carlson, ICTP 2014.

The quantum view of scattering



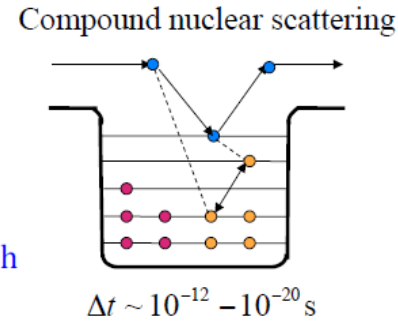
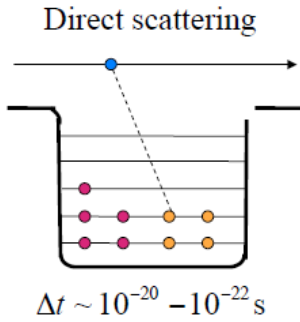
Far from the scattering center, we take the scattering wave function to be the sum of a plane wave and a scattered outgoing spherical wave,

$$\psi(\vec{r}) \approx e^{ikz} + f(\theta) \frac{e^{ikr}}{r}$$

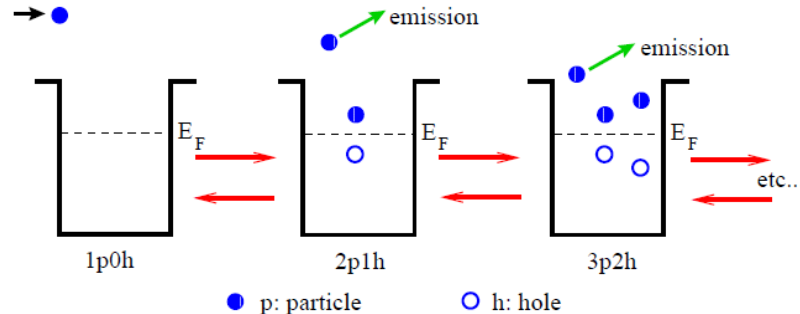
when $r \rightarrow \infty$. ($k^2 = 2\mu E_{cm}/\hbar^2$)

The differential cross section is the squared magnitude of the scattering amplitude,

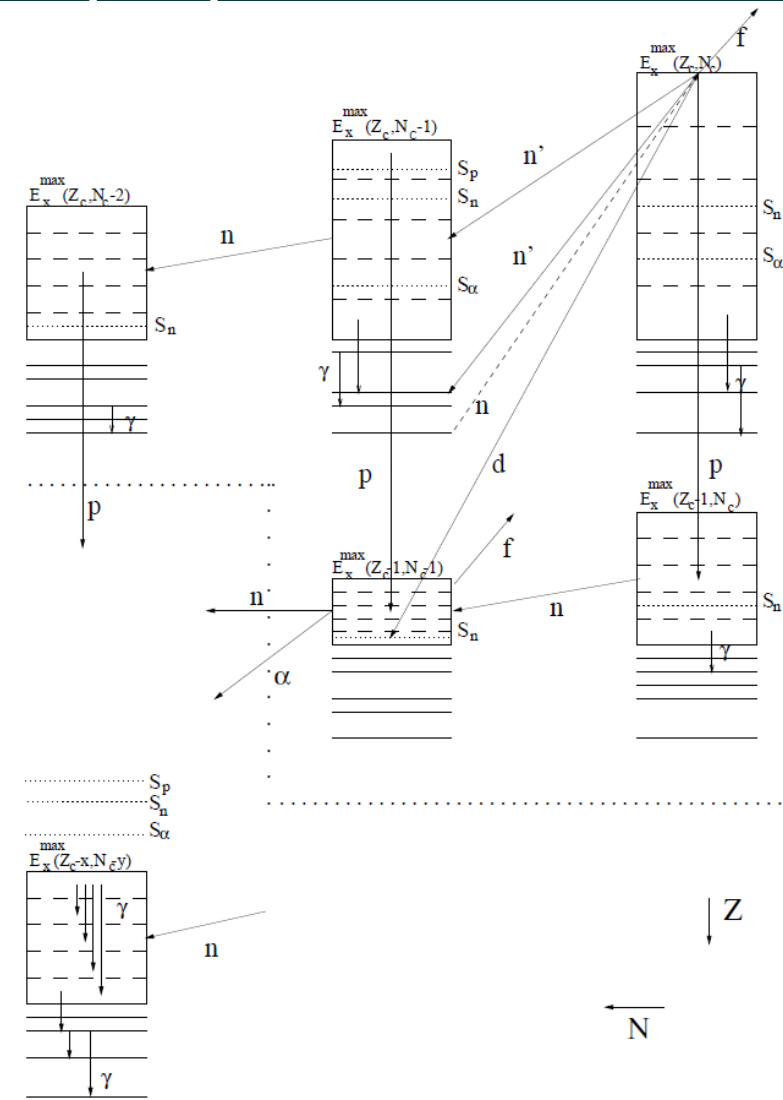
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = |f(\theta)|^2$$



$$\Delta E \Delta t \geq \hbar$$



● p: particle ○ h: hole



Hauser Feshbach modeling (TALYS, EMPIRE, ...)

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Low-energy neutron scattering – cross sections

The cross sections directly related to the elastic S-matrix element are the elastic, absorption and total ones,

$$\sigma_{el} = \frac{\pi}{k^2} |S_{0,aa} - 1|^2, \quad \sigma_{abs} = \frac{\pi}{k^2} (1 - |S_{0,aa}|^2),$$

and

$$\sigma_{tot} = \sigma_{el} + \sigma_{abs} = \frac{2\pi}{k^2} (1 - \text{Re } S_l).$$

The absorption cross section is non-zero when non-elastic channels, such as γ emission or fission, remove flux from the compound nucleus. The cross sections for these take the form

$$\sigma_{ac} = \frac{\pi}{k^2} |S_{0,ca}|^2.$$

The total flux is conserved, so that

$$\sigma_{abs} = \sum_{c \neq a} \sigma_{ca} \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma_{tot} = \sigma_{el} + \sigma_{abs}.$$

The elastic cross section is well described at energies below the resonance region by a hard-sphere cross section of $4\pi R^2$.

The optical model potential is an energy-averaged interaction

We know about fluctuations known as resonances.

An optical model works well if there are many resonances in the energy-interval.

This implies residual fluctuations that don't average out: width fluctuations (Moldauer)

The energy-averaged total cross-section is just the optical one,

$$\sigma_{tot} = \frac{2\pi}{k^2} (1 - \text{Re} \langle \mathcal{S}_0 \rangle) = \frac{2\pi}{k^2} (1 - \text{Re } S_0),$$

since it is linear in the S-matrix.

However, the energy-averaged elastic and absorption cross sections are

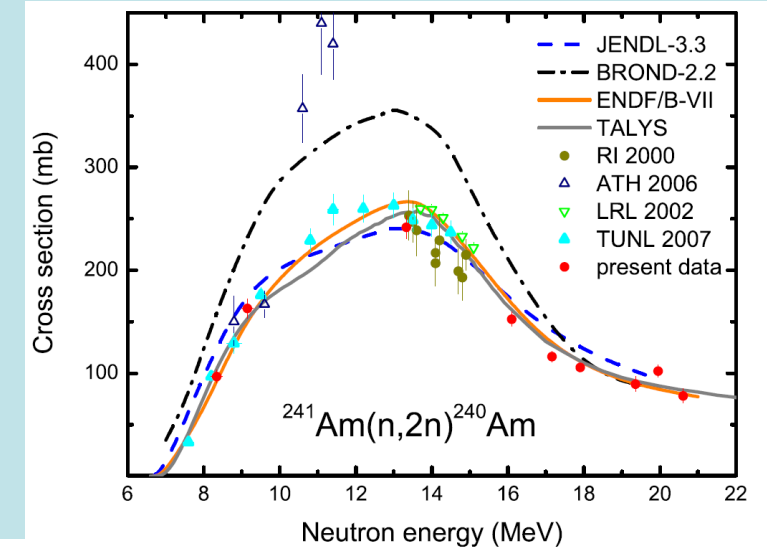
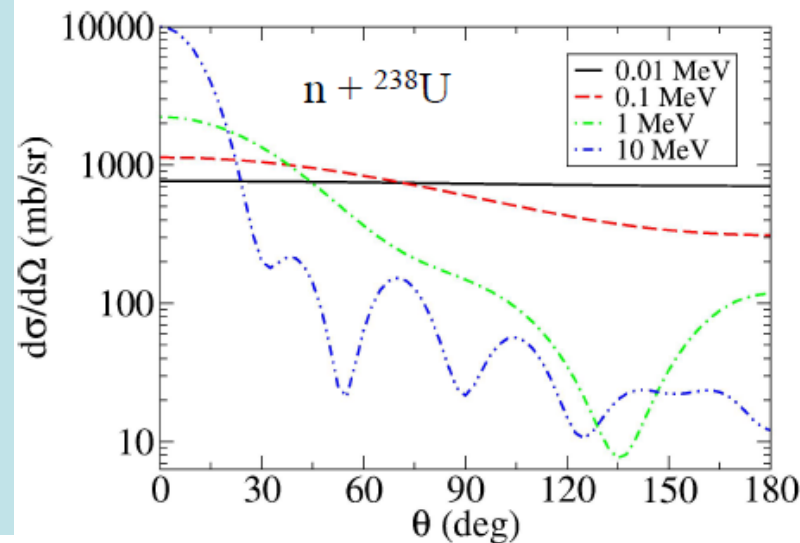
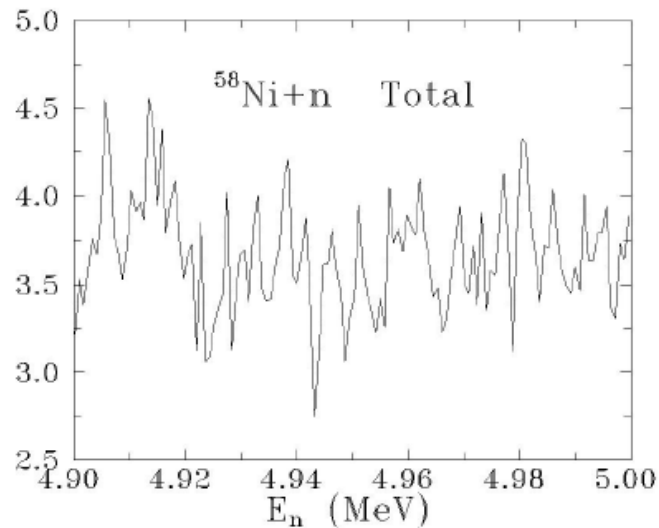
$$\sigma_{el} = \frac{\pi}{k^2} \langle | \mathcal{S}_0 - 1 |^2 \rangle = \frac{\pi}{k^2} |S_0 - 1|^2 + \frac{\pi}{k^2} \langle |S_{0,fluc}|^2 \rangle$$

and

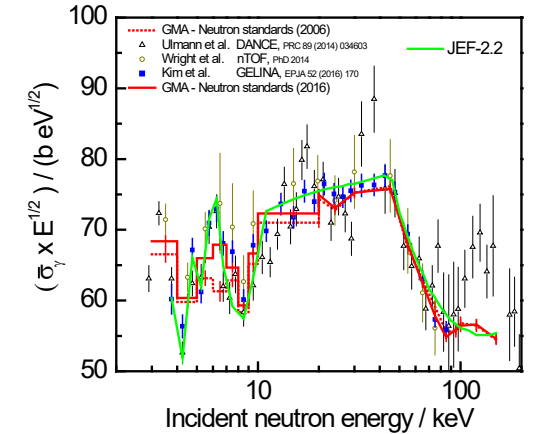
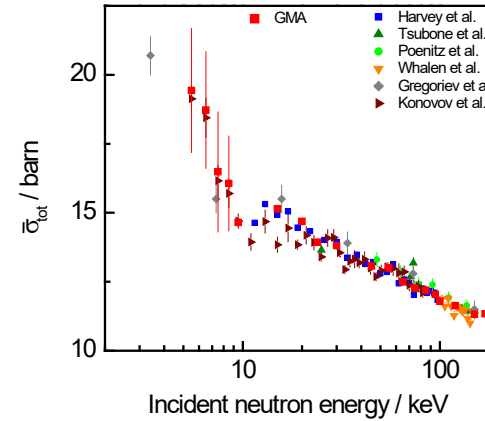
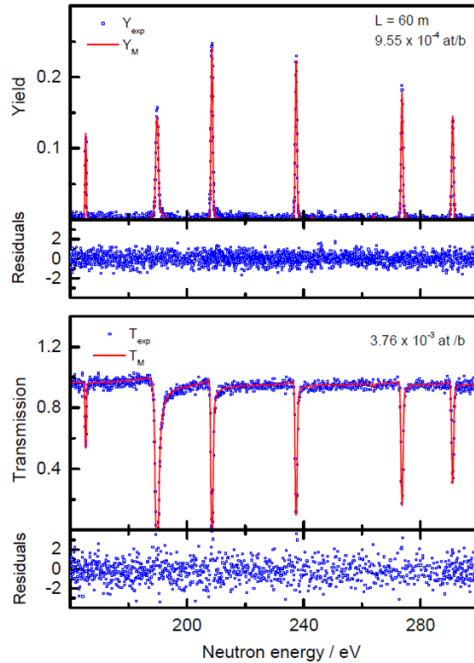
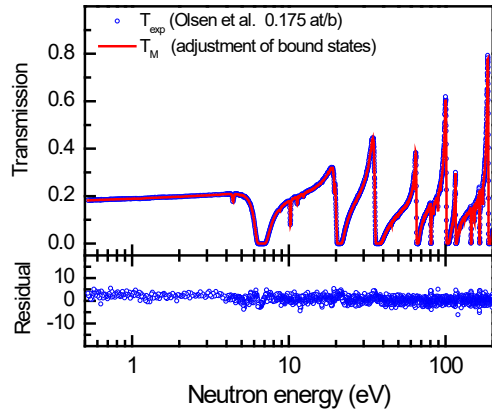
$$\sigma_{abs} = \frac{\pi}{k^2} \langle 1 - | \mathcal{S}_0 |^2 \rangle = \frac{\pi}{k^2} (1 - |S_0|^2) - \frac{\pi}{k^2} \langle |S_{0,fluc}|^2 \rangle$$

Hauser Feshbach modeling (TALYS, EMPIRE, ...)

- Requires many model choices and parameters.
- TALYS and EMPIRE have preferred model choices and parameter sets and allow a range of choices.
- IAEA has the Reference Input Parameter Library (RIPL) to which you can turn if improvements or other options should be looked for.



Evaluation of $n+^{238}\text{U}$ in the resonance region;



- ⇒ RRR: R-matrix (RM)
- ⇒ URR: GLSQ to experimental data (GMA) - The standards method

- Only based on energy dependent and spectrum averaged microscopic cross section data
- Without any additional normalization or background correction on experimental data
- Without any adjustment to integral benchmark data
- General purpose evaluated data file that is fully consistent with integral data

R-matrix

$$R_{cc'}(E) = \sum_{\lambda} \frac{\gamma_{\lambda c} \gamma_{\lambda c'}}{E_{\lambda} - E}$$

Theory initially developed by Wigner and Eisenbud

Review paper by Lane and Thomas (RMP 1958).

Allows an exact parametrization of binary reactions with constant real parameters.

Employed in various approximations to parametrize/model resonances in reactions.

Codes: REFIT, SAMMY, CONRAD, EDA (standards), ...

Recently used extensively for light nuclei and charged particle reactions in astrophysics (AZUF

Evaluations distinguish $d\sigma_{\alpha s \nu, \alpha' s' \nu'} = |A_{\alpha' s' \nu', \alpha s \nu}(\Omega_{\alpha'})|^2 d\Omega_{\alpha'} \text{ nresolved}$

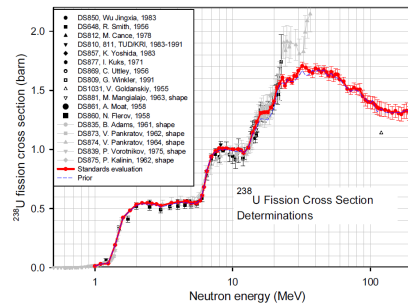
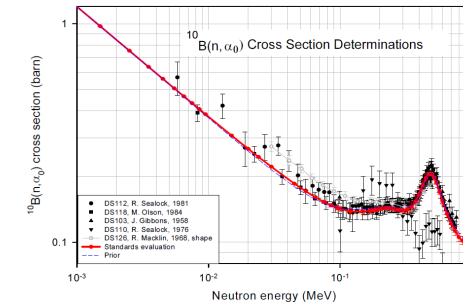
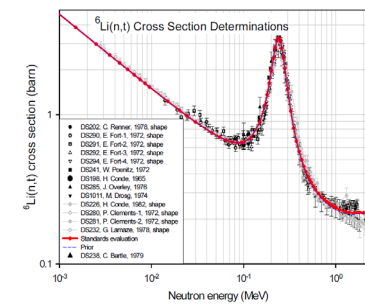
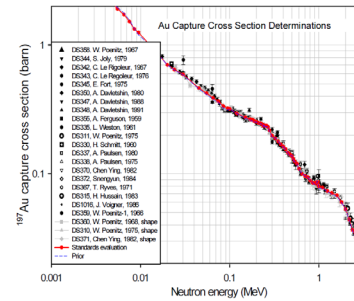
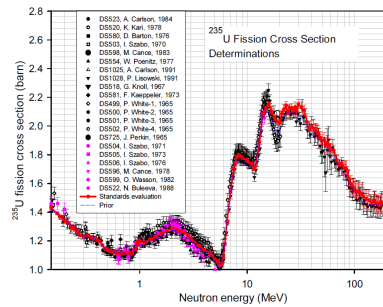
$$A_{\alpha' s' \nu', \alpha s \nu}(\Omega_{\alpha'}) = \frac{\pi^{\frac{1}{2}}}{k_{\alpha}} \left\{ -C_{\alpha'}(\theta_{\alpha'}) \delta_{\alpha' s' \nu', \alpha s \nu} + i \sum_{l' m' l} (2l+1)^{\frac{1}{2}} [e^{2i\omega_{\alpha' l'}} \delta_{\alpha' s' l' \nu' m', \alpha s l \nu 0} - U_{\alpha' s' l' \nu' m', \alpha s l \nu 0}] Y_m^{(l)}(\Omega_{\alpha'}) \right\}.$$

$$U^J = (\mathbf{O} \rho^{-\frac{1}{2}} - \mathbf{R}^J \mathbf{O}^{0'} \rho^{\frac{1}{2}})^{-1} (\mathbf{I} \rho^{-\frac{1}{2}} - \mathbf{R}^J \mathbf{I}^{0'} \rho^{\frac{1}{2}})$$

Success stories in our field

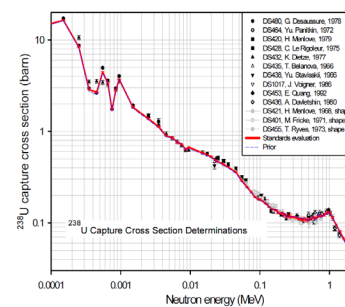
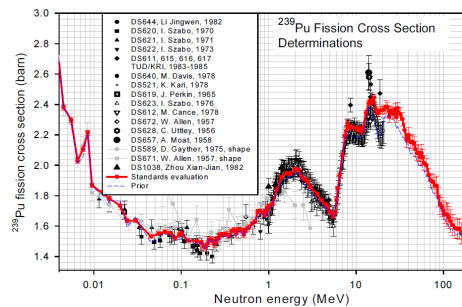
Standards

Carlson et al. NDS110(2009)3324



GLSQ of tables to many data sets

GLSQ of R-matrix model to many data sets



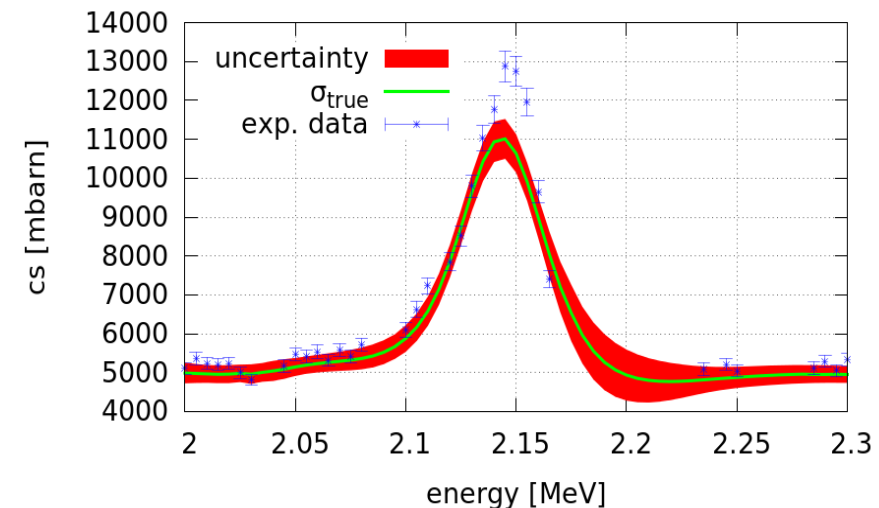
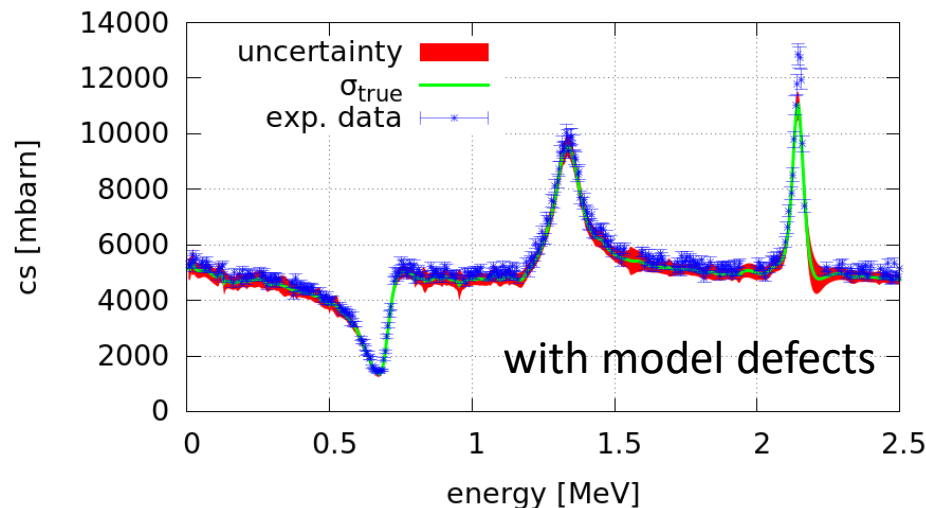
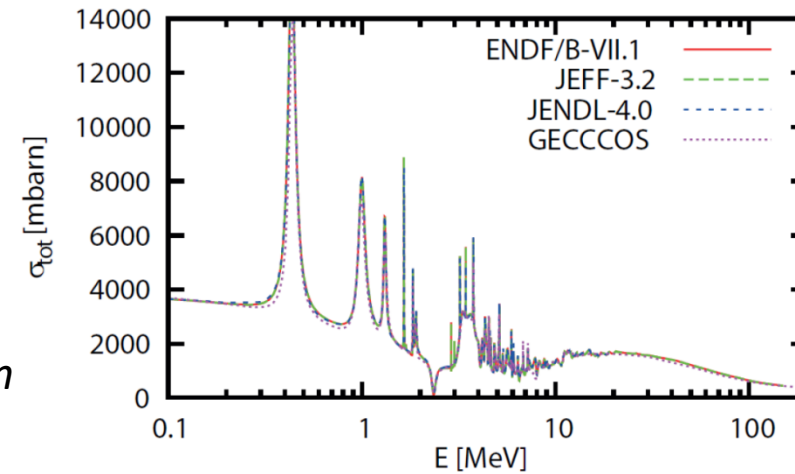
$^{235}\text{U}(n,f)$ $^{197}\text{Au}(n,g)$ $^6\text{Li}(n,t)$ $^{10}\text{B}(n,\alpha_0)$
 $^{238}\text{U}(n,f)$
 $^{239}\text{Pu}(n,f)$ $^{238}\text{U}(n,g)$

Evaluation of $n + {}^{16}\text{O}$ cross-section data using Hybrid R-Matrix approach

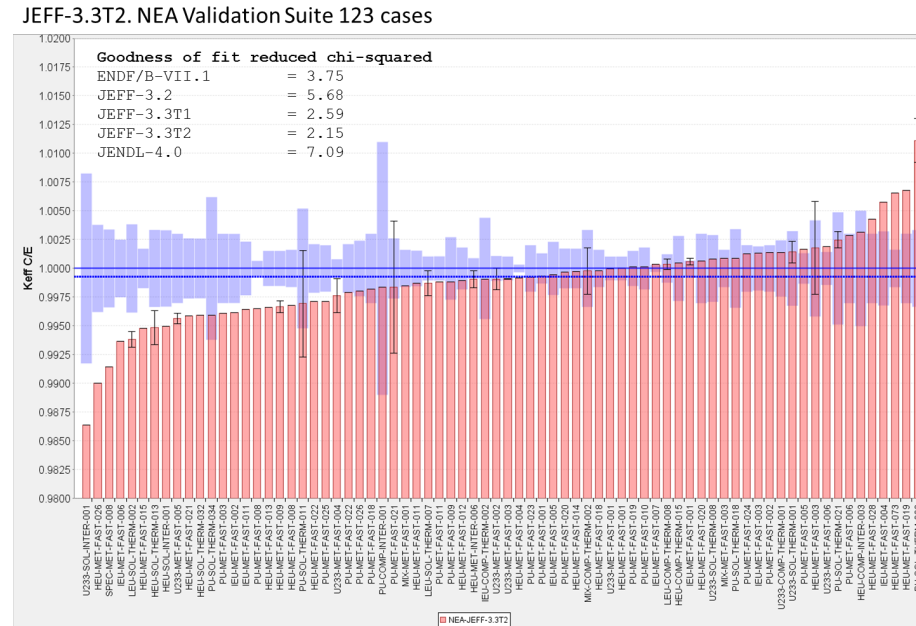
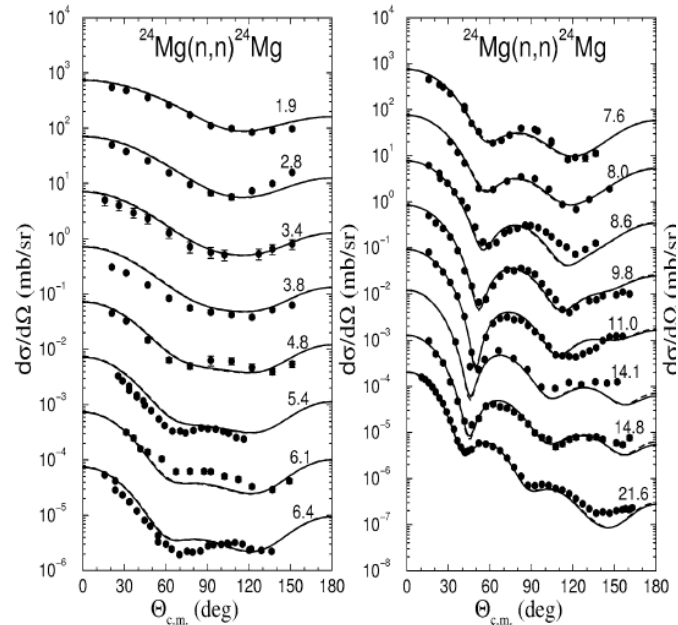
- **Hybrid R-matrix fit** in energy range 1 keV – 14 MeV using TUW code system **GECCOS**
 - **Statistical model fit** using **TALYS** with optimized optical potentials (1 keV – 200 MeV)
 - **Unified Bayesian evaluation accounting for model defects** (in resonance and statistical energy range) providing co-variance matrices
- ⇒ Production of full ENDF prototype data file for use in benchmark analyses

⇒ H. Leeb, R046

Total cross-section $n + {}^{16}\text{O}$



Present status of nuclear physics and engineering in our field



Example KD potential

Courtesy Oscar Cabellos

The best we can do presently is deal with discrepancies or
Study cases carefully: experiment and well-known GLSQ / R-matrix

Fully statistical approaches work when there are no discrepancies.
With discrepancies we are certain to find a case where we are wrong!

Murphy

An example of a critical assembly

JEZEBEL

Criticality benchmark

$k=1$ (about)

One nuclide

Modeled as a Pu sphere

One of the Mosteller suite of
123 cases used for ND library
development.

Much wider suite: ICSBEP

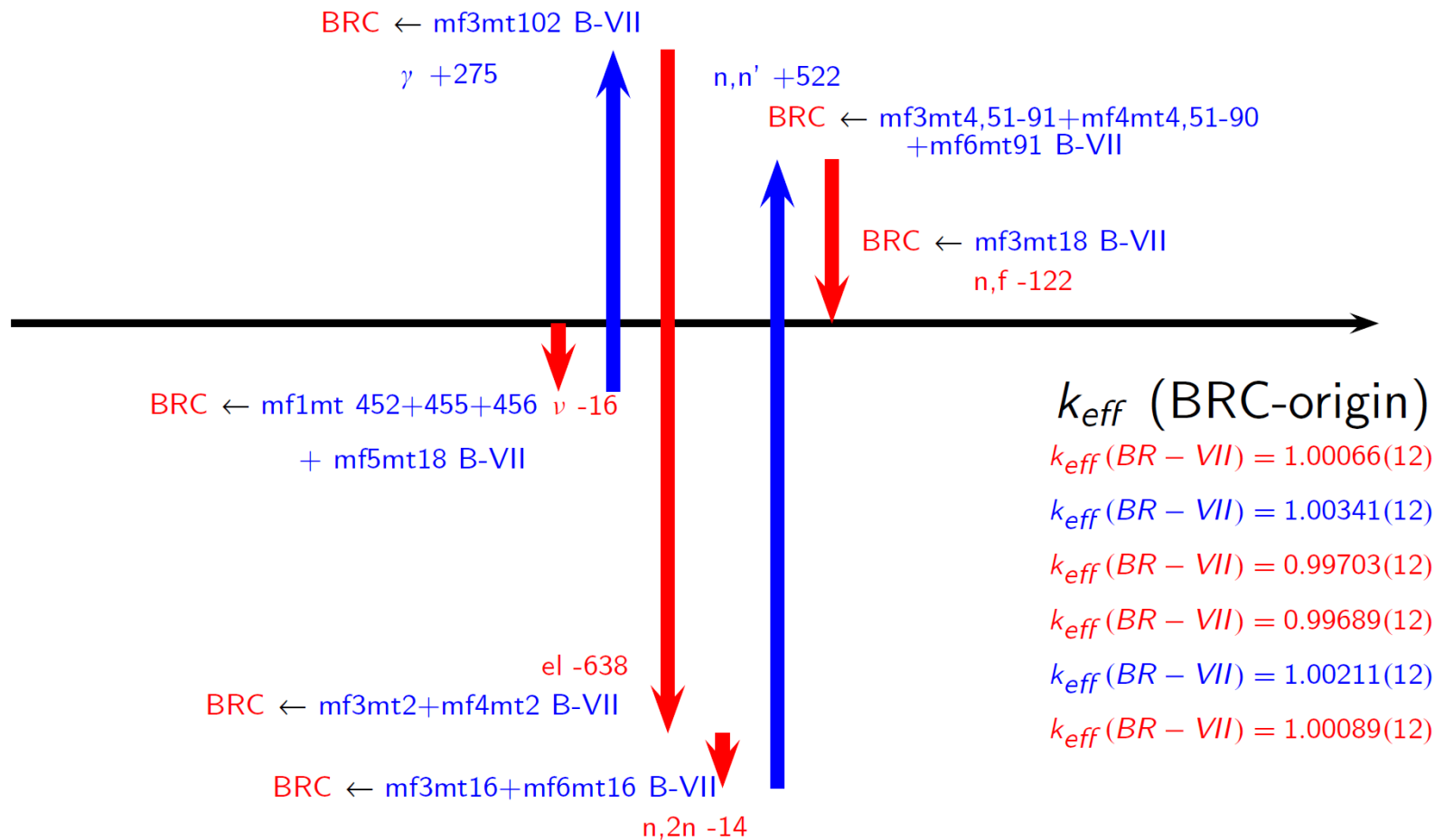
www.oecd-nea.org/science/wpncs/icsbep/



K-eff is a (delicate) balance

JEZEBEL $k_{eff}(BRC) = 1.00082(11)$ $k_{eff}(B-VII) = 1.00060(12)$

B. Morillon, slide courtesy P. Romain (CEA),
 INDC(NDS)-0597, A. Plompen, T. Kawano, R. Capote Eds. (2011).



Theory, experiments, evaluation



R.P. Feynman
1918-1988

“It doesn't matter how beautiful your theory is, it doesn't matter how smart you are. If it doesn't agree with experiment, it's wrong”

“We have learned a lot from experience about how to handle some of the ways we fool ourselves. One example:

Millikan measured the charge of the electron by an experiment with falling oil drops and got an answer which we know not to be quite right.

It's interesting to look at the history of measurements of the charge of the electron, after Millikan. If you plot them as a function of time, you find that one is a little bigger than Millikan's, and the next one's a little bit bigger... until finally they settle down to a number which is higher.”

“... when you have a wide range of people who contribute without looking carefully at it, you don't improve your knowledge of the situation by averaging.”

The JEFF collaboration

- NEA Databank member countries
- Large fraction of contributors is from Europe
- 2 meetings per year
- 40-100 participants
- Voluntary contributions: resources of contributors
- Maintain close links with data projects in Europe
- Joint meetings.

JEFF – 3.3, 20 November 2017

- New major actinides (CEA Cadarache & Bruyeres-le-Chatel, IRSN)
- FY beta file UKFY3.7 (NNL)
- Radioactive Decay Data File (CEA Saclay)
- New covariances
- Increased reliance on TENDL for completeness and decay heat (D. Rochman, M. Fleming)
- New Cu files (Pereslavytsev, Leal) solved important issue with JEFF-3.2
- Improved gamma-emission data (C. Jouanne, R. Perry, G. Noguere, O. Serot, ...)
- Restoration of 8 group structure for delayed neutrons (P. Leconte)
- New thermal scattering data (Cantargi, Granada, Marquez Damian, Noguere)
- Removal of legacy files, update of adopted files to latest release
- Many issues resolved (many contributors)

JEFF-3.3 U-235

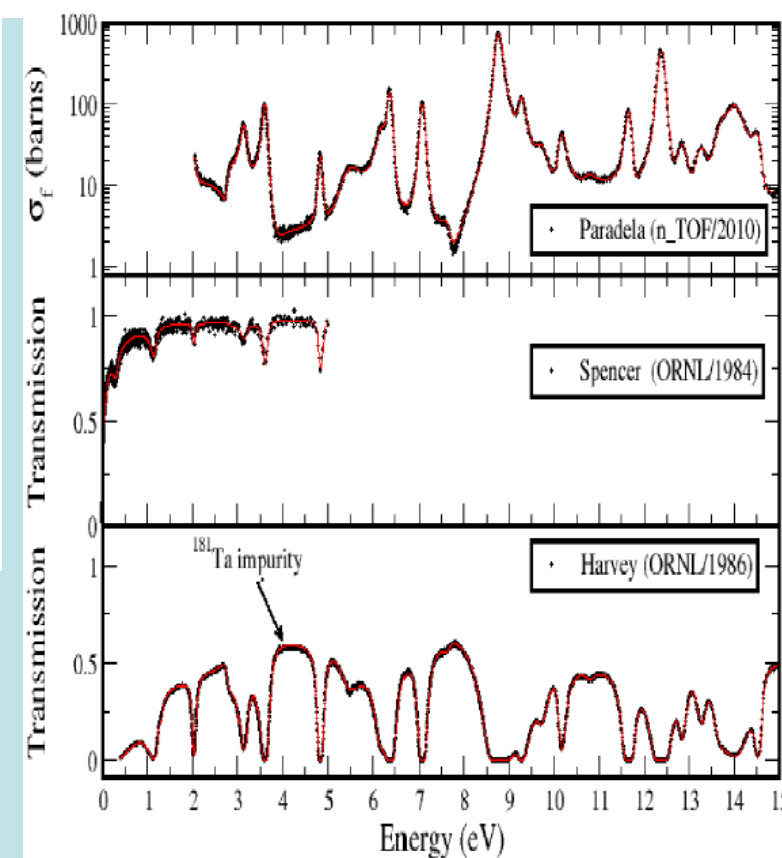
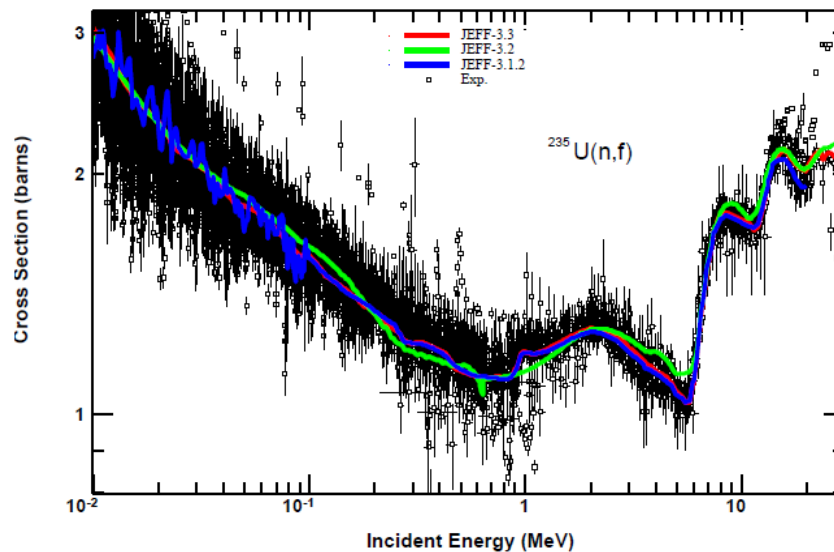
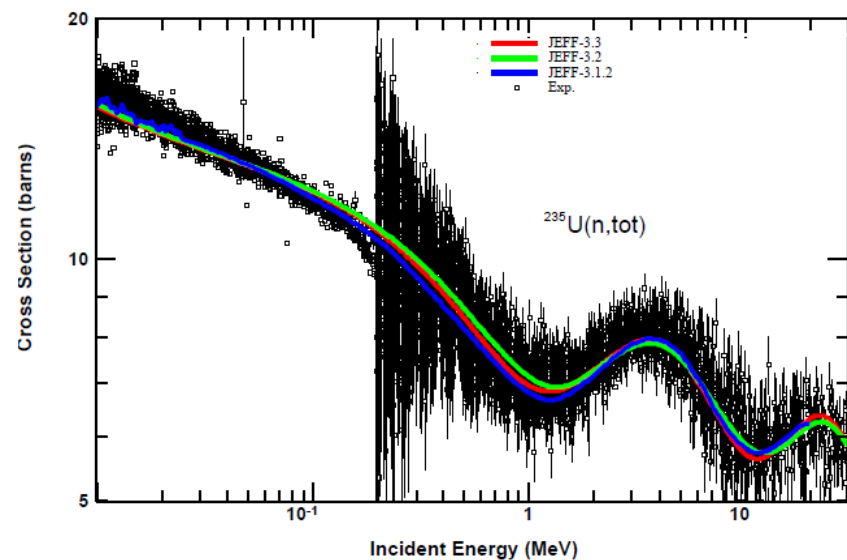


Table 3: Standard values and resonance parameters results for 0.0253 eV

Parameter	Standard Values (b)	Values obtained with the new resonance parameters (b)
σ_f (b)	584.4 ± 1.0	584.4
σ_γ (b)	99.30 ± 0.73	99.23
σ_s (b)	14.09 ± 0.22	14.09
Fission integral in the 7.8-11 eV range (b eV)	246.4 ± 1.2	246.9

JEFF-3.3 Pu-239

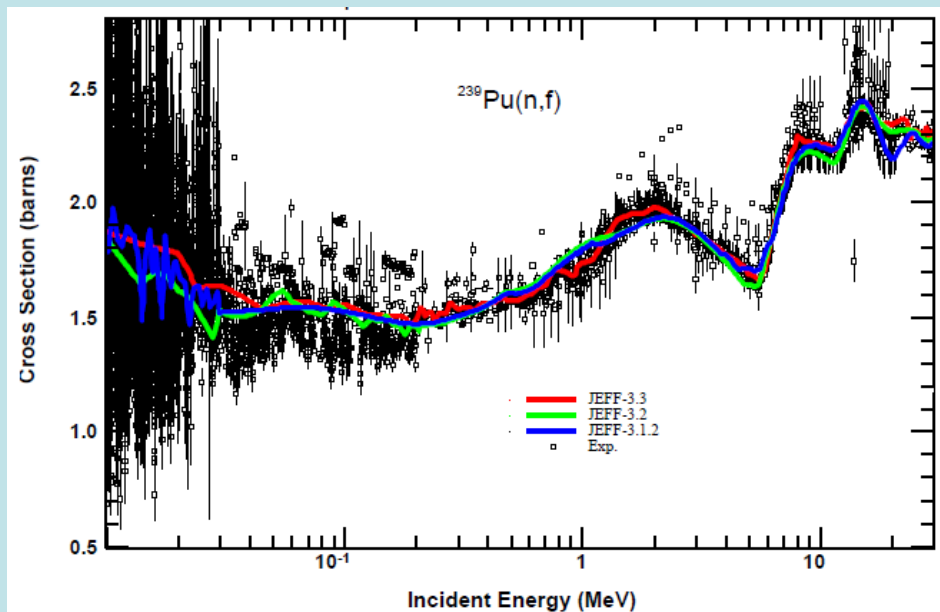
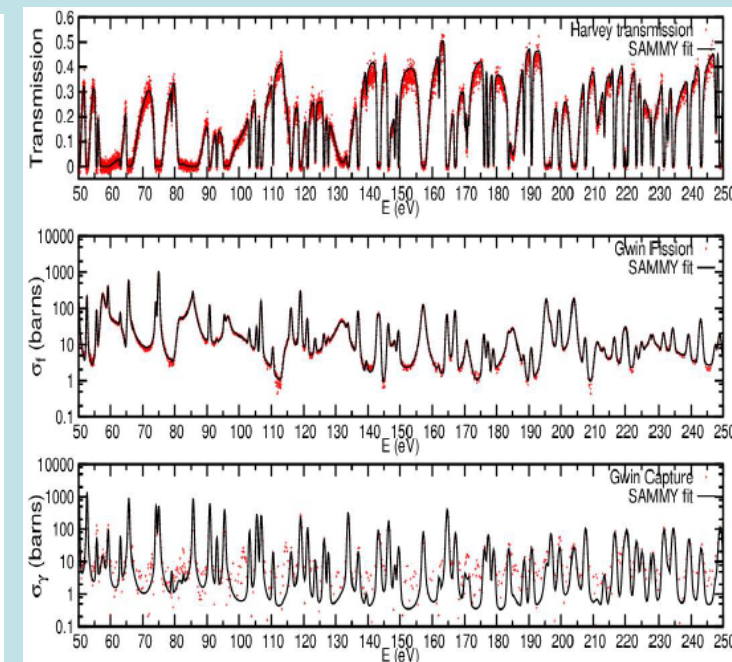


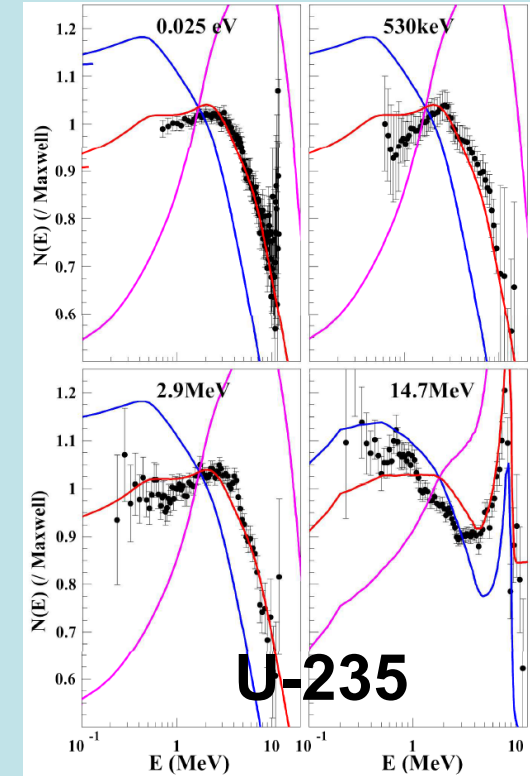
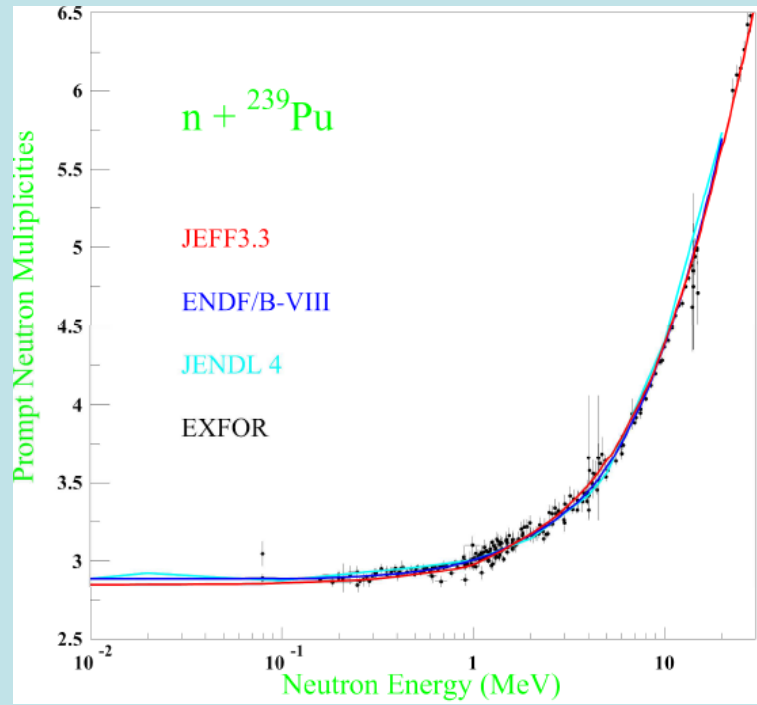
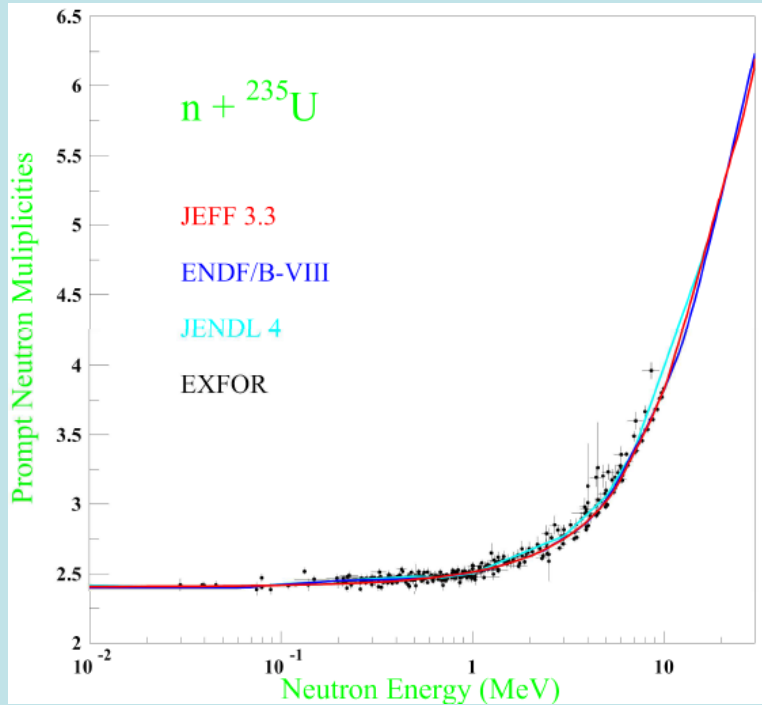
Table 7: Standard average fission integral

Energy Interval (eV)	Standard recommended values and uncertainties (barns)	Average fission cross section obtained with the new resonance parameter (barns)
100 - 200	18.709 (93)	18.547
200 - 300	17.859 (89)	17.832
300 - 400	8.562 (51)	8.309
400 - 500	9.567 (48)	9.564
500 - 600	15.489 (77)	15.495
600 - 700	4.523 (27)	4.286
700 - 800	5.654 (34)	5.508
800 - 900	5.039 (30)	4.859
900 - 1000	8.384 (50)	8.496
1000 - 4000	4.515 (31)	4.369

	ANR	JEFF-3.1.1	JEFF-3.2	JEFF-3.3
σ_γ	269.1 ± 2.9	272.61	270.06	271.3
σ_f	748.1 ± 2.0	747.08	747.19	749.0
σ_s	7.94 ± 0.36	8.0	8.1	7.76



U-235, Pu-239 nu-bar and pfns



Structural materials, coolants

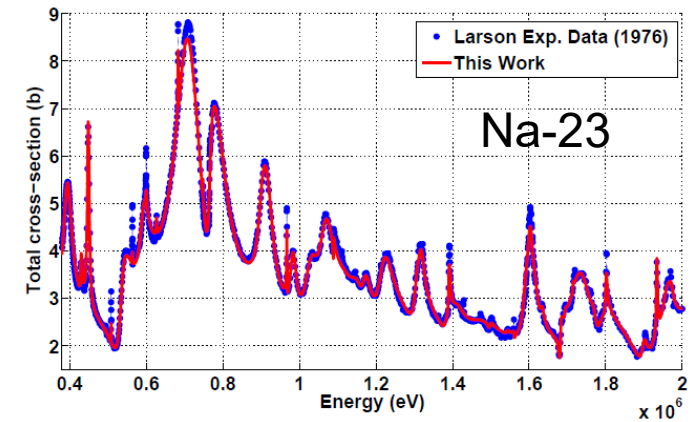
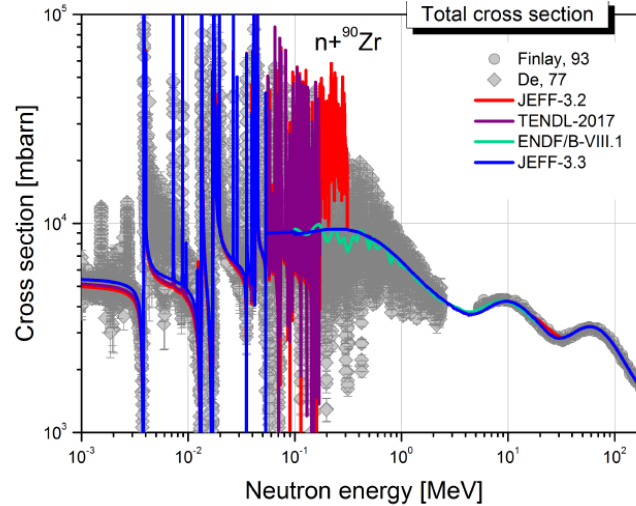
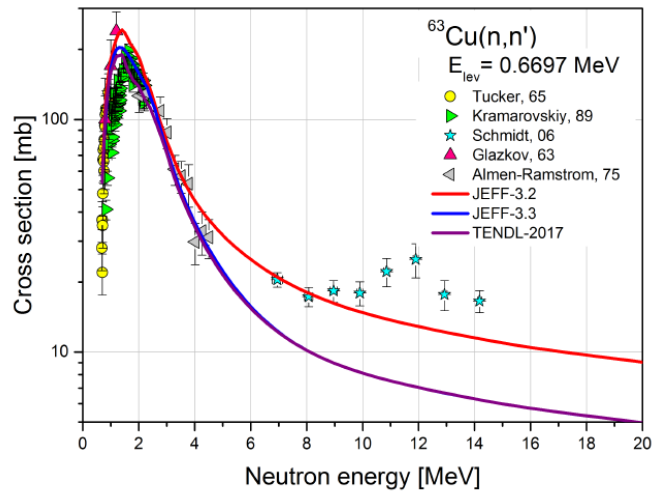
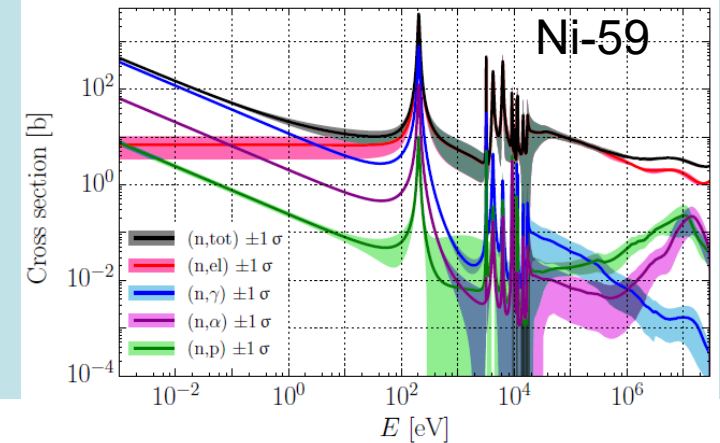
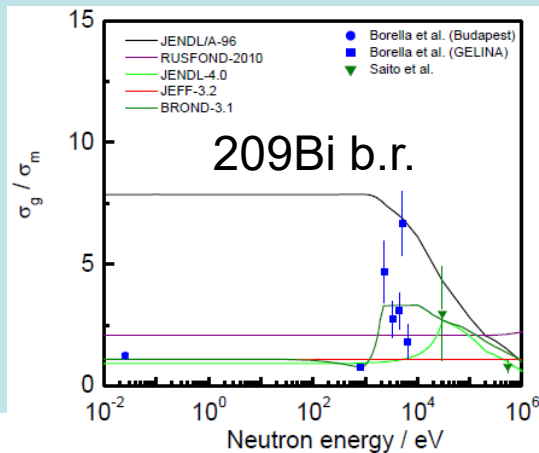
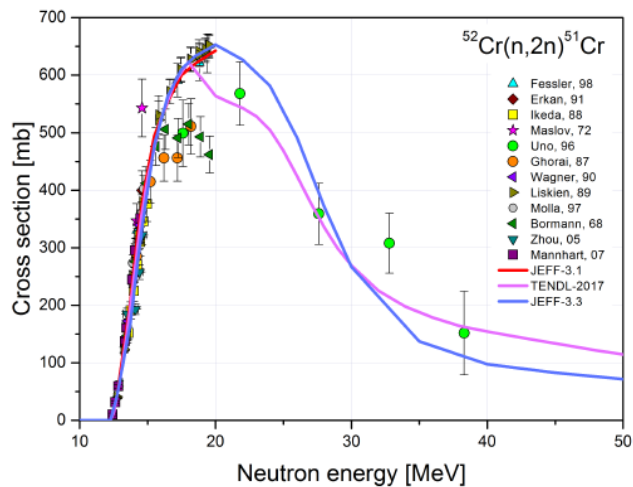


Fig. 31: Evaluated ^{23}Na total cross-section (red) compared to Larson experimental data (blue dots)



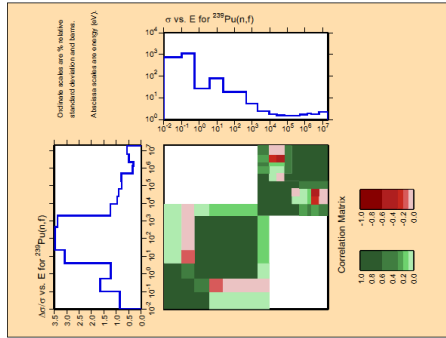
Cyrille De Saint Jean

^{239}Pu

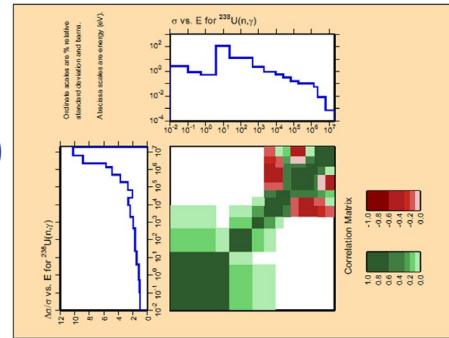
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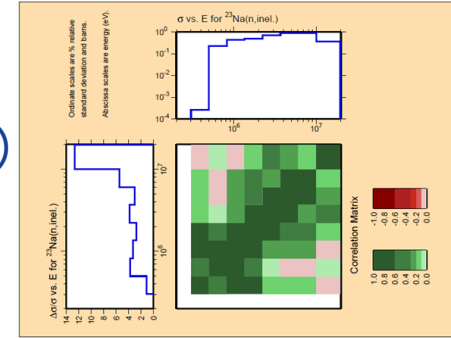
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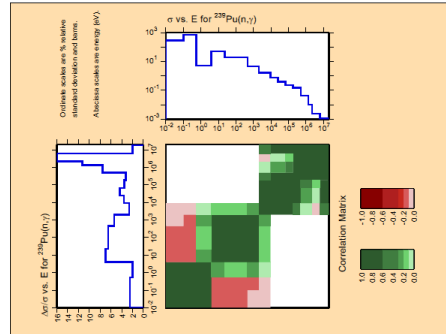
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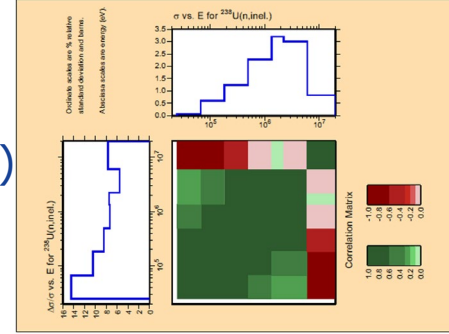
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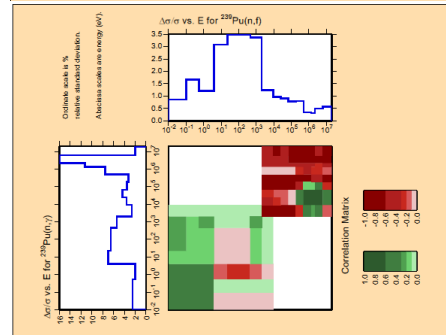
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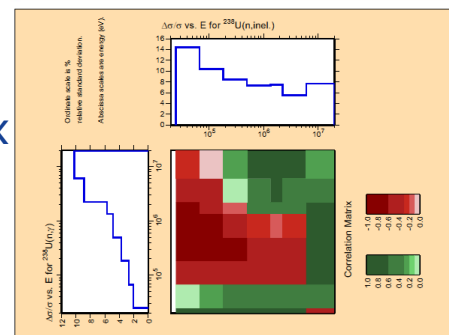
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(n,f) x
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Further covariances for Hf

Many from TENDL (D. Rochman)

Robert Mills, NNL, UKFY-3.7 = JEFF-3.3 FY

Max. Fraction of Fission Rate			
>10%	1-10%	0.1%-1%	Spont. fission
nuclides: 5	2	12	3
* ²³³ U TFH * ²³⁵ U TFH * ²³⁸ U FH * ²³⁹ Pu TF * ²⁴¹ Pu TF	* ²⁴⁰ Pu F ²⁴⁵ Cm TF	* ²³² Th FH ²³⁴ U F ²³⁶ U F ²³⁷ Np TF ²³⁸ Np TF ²³⁸ Pu TF ²⁴² Pu F ²⁴¹ Am TF ^{242m} Am TF ²⁴³ Am TF ²⁴³ Cm TF ²⁴⁴ Cm TF	²⁵² Cf Sp ²⁴² Cm Sp ²⁴⁴ Cm Sp

- * Nuclides in UKFY1 and previous UK libraries.
- T Thermal fission.
- F Fast fission.
- H 14Mev Fission.
- Sp Spontaneous fission.

Neutron spectra	Fissioning nuclide	UKFY3.6	New data	UKFY3.7
Thermal	Th229	337	72	409
Thermal	U233	757	188	945
Thermal	U235	2390	151	2541
Thermal	Np238	115	63	178
Thermal	Pu239	861	225	1086
Thermal	Pu241	334	63	397
Thermal	Cm245	161	219	380
Thermal	Cf249	305	239	544
Fast	U235	724	5	729
Fast	Pu239	390	5	395
Fast	Pu241	111	5	116

New JEFF-3.3 DD file, Mark Kellett, CEA Saclay

- **FROM JEFF-3.1.1 TO JEFF-3.3**

JEFF-3.3 (released October 2016):

Complete re-assessment and update to all 900 evaluations coming from ENSDF

Assessment of IAEA actinide decay data (85 nuclei)

Assessment of IRDFF decay data library (~80 nuclei)

Inclusion of updated UKPADD-6.12 library (~50 additional nuclei)

Assessment of new DDEP evaluations (~30 additional nuclei)

Inclusion of initial TAGS results from University of Valencia (2010)

Inclusion of first TAGS results from University of Nantes (2015)

Inclusion of further TAGS results from University of Valencia (2016)

Corrections based on limited feedback to JEFF-3.1.1

JEFF-3.3 Gamma yields

- Prompt fission (Serot)
- Capture (Perry, Noguere, Serot)
- Inelastic (Jouanne)

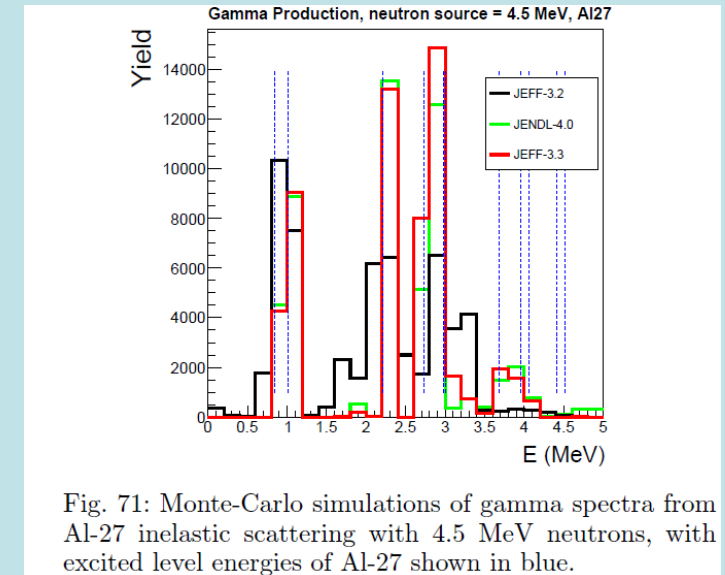
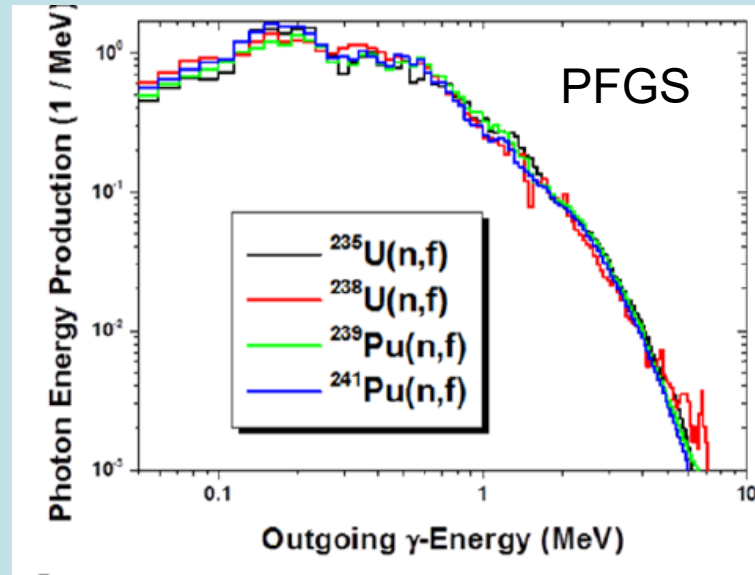
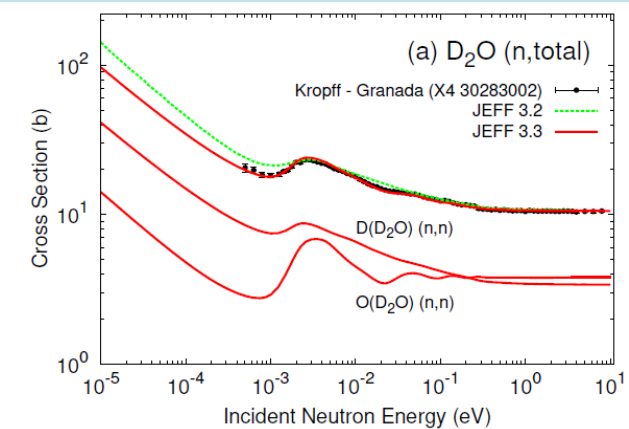
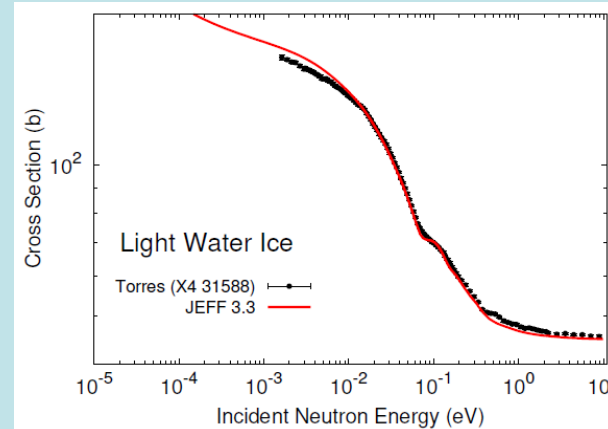


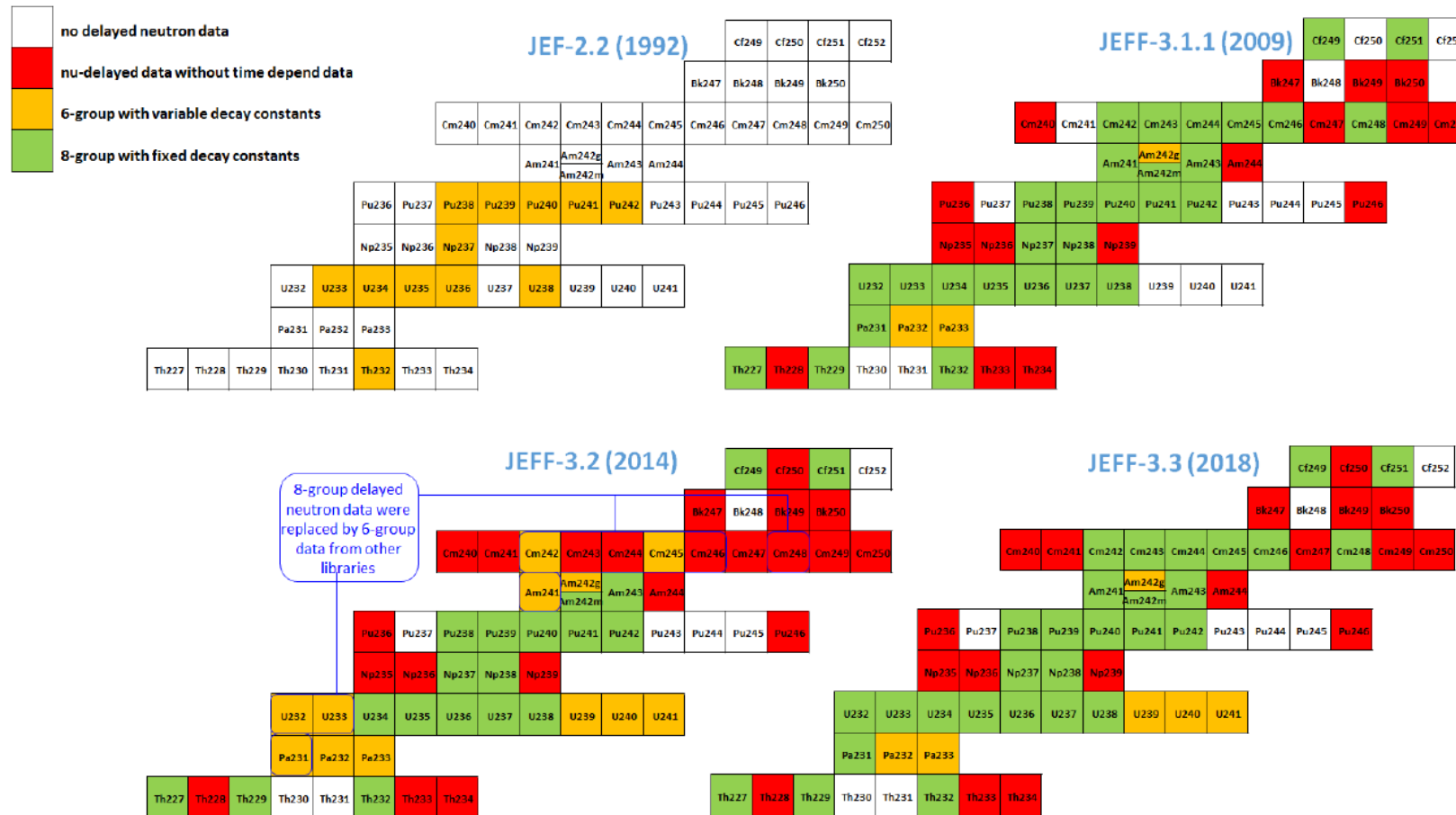
Fig. 71: Monte-Carlo simulations of gamma spectra from Al-27 inelastic scattering with 4.5 MeV neutrons, with excited level energies of Al-27 shown in blue.

Thermal scattering

- 20 files, 14 new, first covariances for H in H₂O.
- Cantargi, Granada, Marquez Damian
 - D in D₂O, Ortho D₂, Para D₂
 - H in ice, mesitylene, Ortho H₂, Para H₂, toluene
 - O-16 in D₂O, Al₂O₃
 - Al in Al₂O₃
 - Si in Si
- Mg in Mg (Mounier)
- H in CaH₂, Ca in CaH₂ (Serot)
- Keinert, Mattes
 - H in H₂O, CH₂, ZrH (Keinert, Mattes)
 - Be in Be (Keinert, Mattes)
 - C in graphite (Keinert, Mattes)

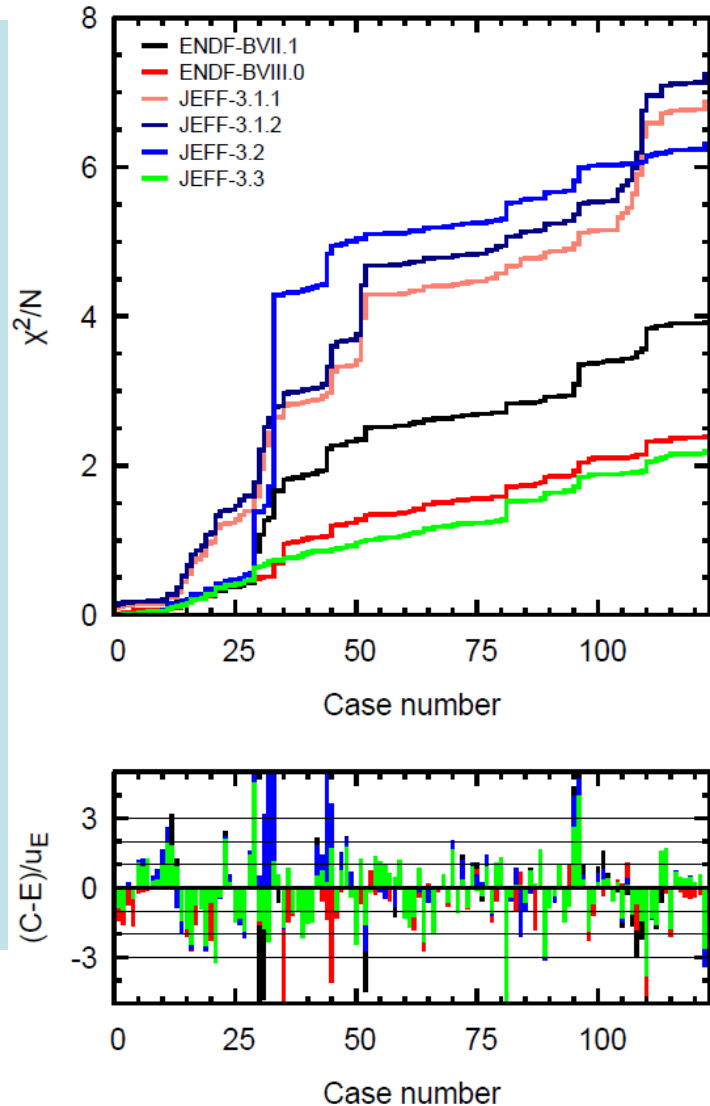


Delayed neutrons – 8 groups structure

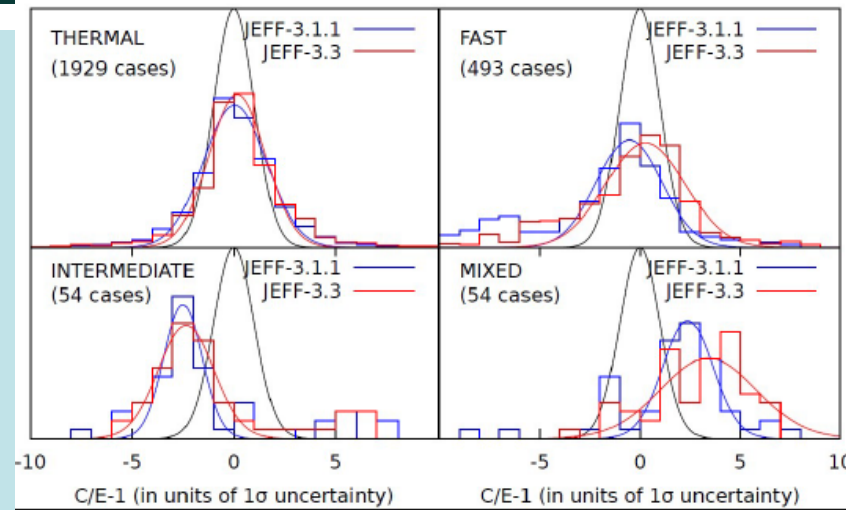


Benchmarking

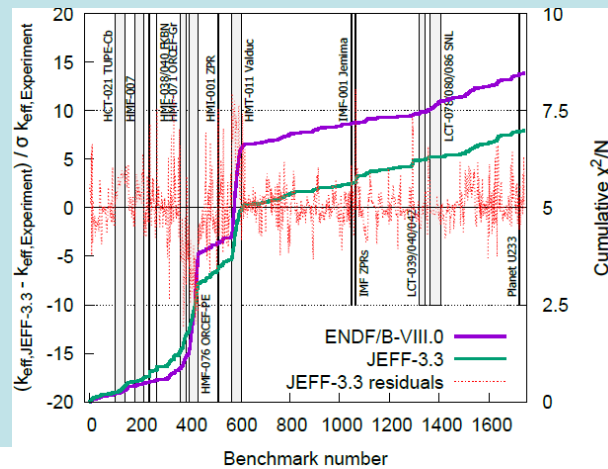
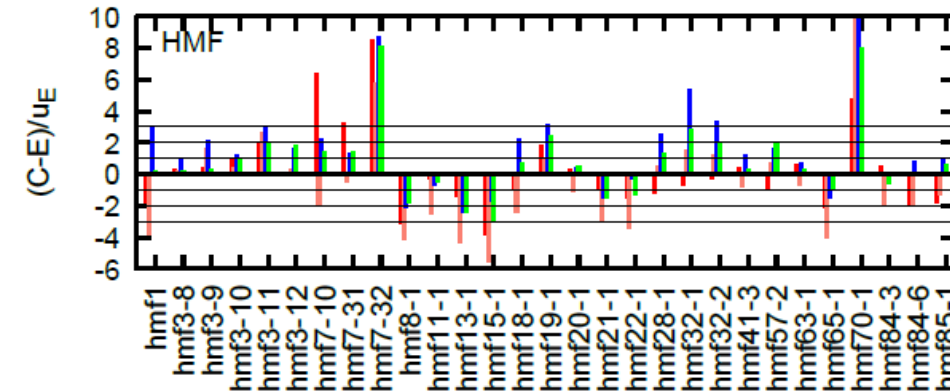
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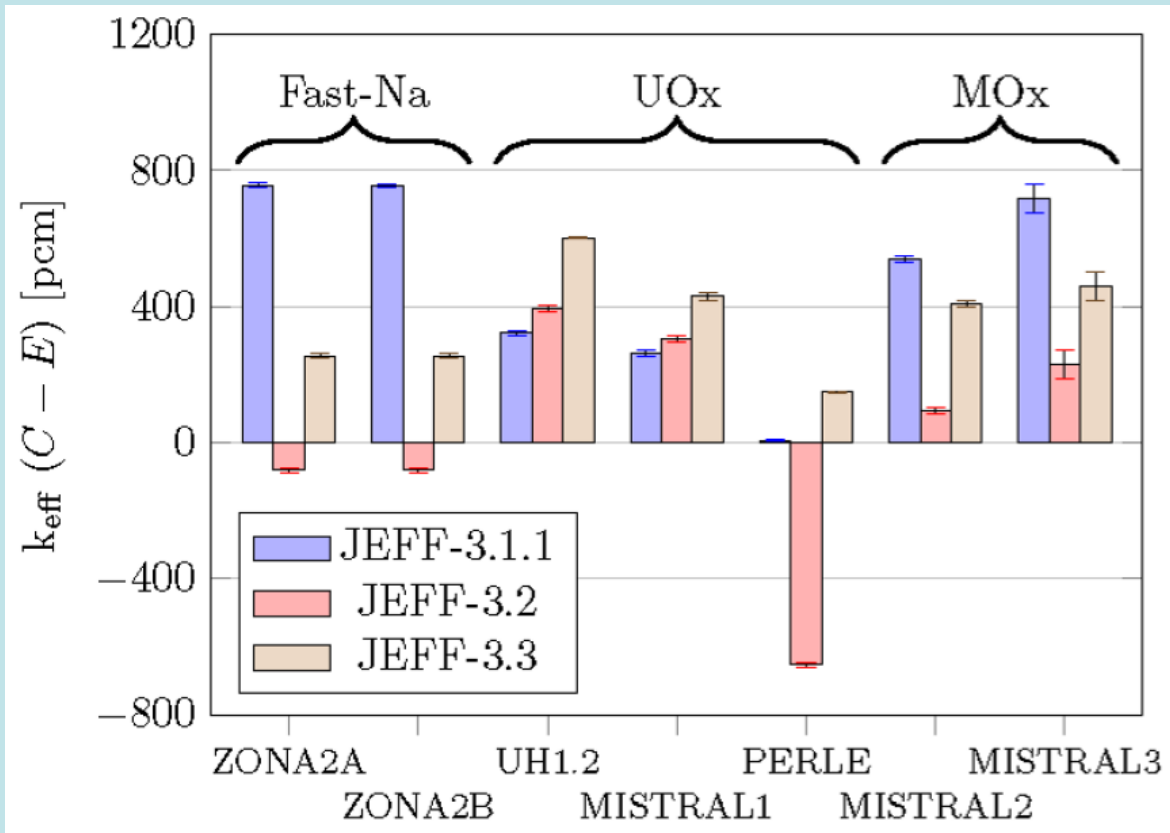
JEFF-3.3 is considerably better than JEFF-3.2 and JEFF-3.1.1&2
 JEFF-3.3 is comparable to ENDF/B-VIII.1
 Distributions over benchmarks are strongly affected by outliers
 Leads to a non-Gaussian distribution!

Outlier analysis

- NEA+IRSN suite implied materials other than actinides (2-3s and **>3s**)
- The remainder of outliers (16 out of 45) are **actinide+water+oxygen** only.
- IAEA suite: 1/3 of cases is an outlier > 2s. Many due to small benchmark unc.
- PE, Be/BeO, F, Al, concrete, S, steel, Cu, Er, W, Pb, Th
- (D2O, C, Hf, Np) ... (Gd, Cr).
- Most important remain the major actinides

mat.	N	Cases
PE	2	lmt5-1, pmf31-1
D ₂ O	1	hst20-5
Be&BeO	5	hmf9-2, hst46-1, pmf21-2, hmf38-1, hci4-1
C	3	hmf19-1, hmi6-3, hst46-1
F	2	hmf7-32, hst20-5
Al	3	hmf70-1, imf6-1, lmt5-1
concrete	1	hst7-1
S	1	hst46-1
Steel	4	hmf13, hmf7-1, lct34-17, hmi1-1
Cu	2	hmf73, hmi6-1
Er	1	lmt5-1
Hf	1	lct29-8
W	2	umf4-2, hmf70-1
Pb	5	hmf57-2, lct27-1 to -4,
Th	1	pmf8-1
Np	1	smf8-1

Additional critical experiments



VENUS-F

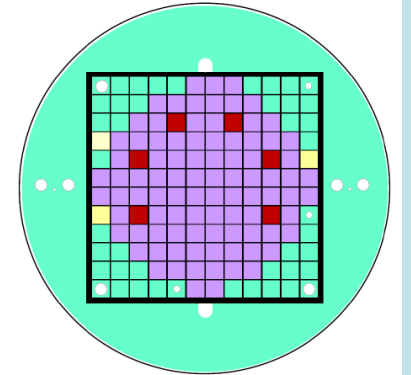
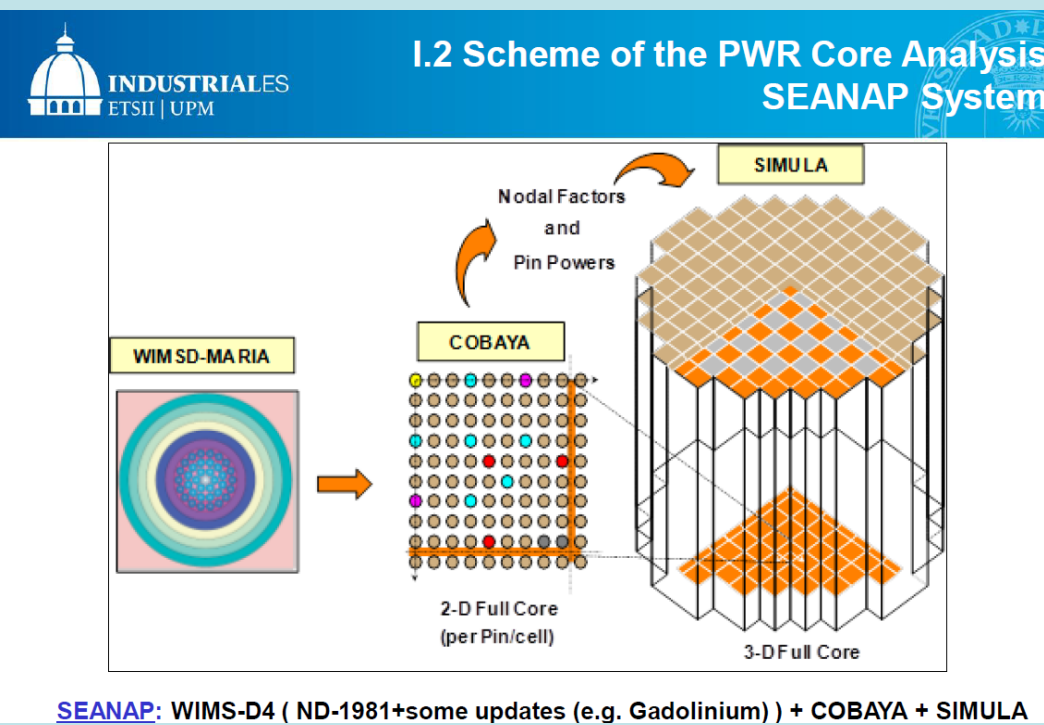


Table 32: Calculated k_{eff} -values for the VENUS-F CR0 core. The statistical uncertainty of the calculated values is less than 5 pcm.

library	k_{eff}	library	k_{eff}
JEFF-3.1.2	1.0059	JENDL-4.0	1.0031
JEFF-3.2	1.0083	ENDF/B-VII.1	1.0069
JEFF-3.3	1.0073	ENDF/B-VIII.0	1.0054

Application to PWR – UPM – SEANAP

Boron concentration and axial offset



Power (%)	Burnup (GWd/tM)	Meas. (ppm)	Boron concentration (ppm)		Meas. (%)	Axial Offset (%)	
			SEANAP Original Calculated (ppm)	SEANAP Upgraded Calculated (ppm)		SEANAP Original Calculated (%)	SEANAP Upgraded Calculated (%)
50	0.015	1200	1150	1165	7.7	5.6	5.9
75	0.031	1113	1071	1085	3.8	3.7	3.9
100	0.134	985	1000	1011	-0.7	0.7	0.8
100	1.34	870	897	896	-1.6	-1.2	-1.2
100	2.487	779	806	797	-2.4	-2.9	-2.9
100	2.842	755	778	768	-2.8	-3	-3.1
100	3.591	688	714	701	-3.8	-4.9	-5
100	4.441	604	645	629	-3.2	-3.8	-3.9
100	5.549	504	544	526	-3.9	-4.4	-4.6
100	6.692	412	439	420	-4.2	-4.4	-4.5
100	7.716	319	340	321	-4.7	-5.1	-5.2
100	8.823	227	239	219	-3.6	-2.8	-2.8
100	10.284	101	100	79	-3.5	-1.6	-1.5
100	11.351	4	-7	-29	-3.4	-2.1	-2.1

- JEFF-3.3 does very well when applied to an actual PWR code system

Delayed neutron testing

- Beta-eff versus 20 cases in literature and VENUS-F
- JEFF-3.3 comes out well (JEFF-3.1.1 somewhat better)

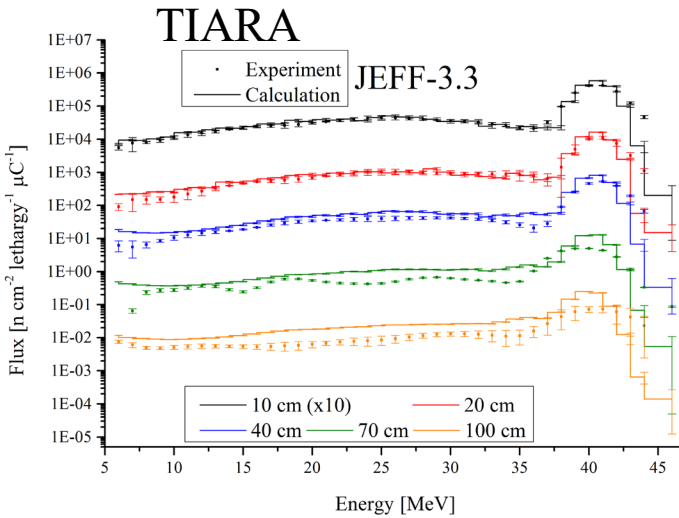
	Experiment	JEFF	JEFF
	β_{eff}	3.3	3.1.1
TCA	771 (2.2%)	2.3±0.8	3.9±0.7
IPEN/MB01	742 (0.9%)	4.2±0.9	4.6±1.0
Masurca/R2	721 (1.5%)	2.1±1.1	2.9±1.1
Masurca/ZONA2	349 (1.7%)	2.6±1.7	1.1±1.7
FCA/XIX-1	742 (3.2%)	3.0±1.2	3.6±1.2
FCA/XIX-2	364 (2.5%)	3.3±1.6	3.8±1.6
FCA/XIX-3	251 (1.6%)	4.4±1.9	-1.2±2.0
SNEAK/9C1	758 (3.2%)	-1.8±1.1	-0.8±1.1
SNEAK/7A	395 (5.1%)	1.0±1.5	-1.0±1.5
SNEAK/7B	429 (4.9%)	3.5±1.4	3.7±1.3
SNEAK/9C2	426 (4.5%)	-4.9±1.5	-5.4±1.5
ZPR-9/34	667 (2.2%)	0.7±2.2	4.2±2.2
ZPR-U9	725 (2.3%)	2.6±1.9	0.8±1.9
ZPPR-21/B	381 (2.4%)	-8.9±2.3	-4.5±2.2
ZPR-6/10	222 (2.3%)	5.9±3.8	3.9±0.7
Godiva	659 (1.5%)	0.3±1.1	-1.7±1.1
Topsy	665 (2.0%)	4.1±1.0	2.4±1.0
Jezebel	194 (5.2%)	-3.1±1.6	-1.0±1.6
Popsy	276 (2.5%)	7.6±1.7	4.3±1.4
Skidoo	290 (3.4%)	0.7±1.4	1.7±1.4
Flattop	360 (2.5%)	3.1±1.3	4.2±1.3

	Experiment	JEFF	JEFF
	Rossi- α	3.3	3.1.1
SHE/core8	6.53e-3 (5.2%)	-1.5±1.0	-3.5±1.0
Sheba-II	200.3e-6 (1.8%)	-4.4±1.4	4.7±1.4
Stacy/run-029	122.7e-6 (3.3%)	-2.9±1.2	3.5±1.2
Stacy/run-033	116.7e-6 (3.3%)	-0.6±1.2	0.2±1.2
Stacy/run-046	106.2e-6 (3.5%)	-0.1±1.1	0.7±1.1
Stacy/run-030	126.8e-6 (2.3%)	-1.1±1.2	0.9±1.2
Stacy/run-125	152.8e-6 (1.7%)	-4.1±1.2	3.2±1.2
Stacy/run-215	109.2e-6 (1.6%)	-4.6±1.1	0.0±1.2
Winco	1109.3e-6 (0.1%)	-4.4±1.0	0.7±1.0
Big Ten	117.0e-6 (0.9%)	0.1±1.4	-0.3±1.5

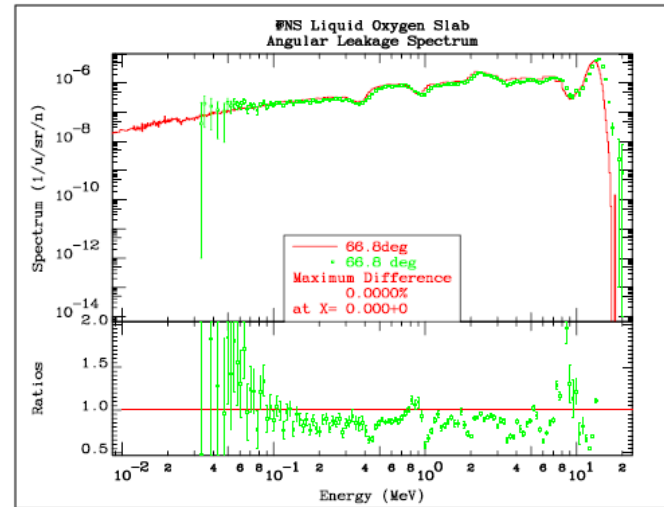
library	β_{eff}	library	β_{eff}
JEFF-3.1.2	730	JENDL-4.0	724
JEFF-3.2	733	ENDF/B-VII.1	727
JEFF-3.3	729	ENDF/B-VIII.0	727
Experiment	730(11)		

Shielding benchmarks - SINBAD

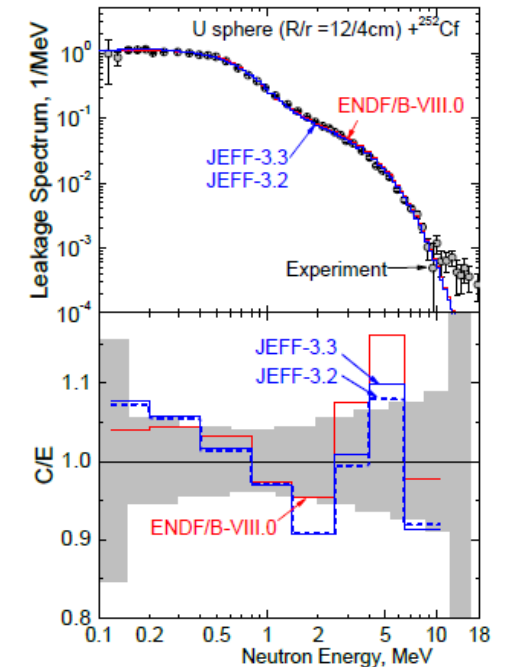
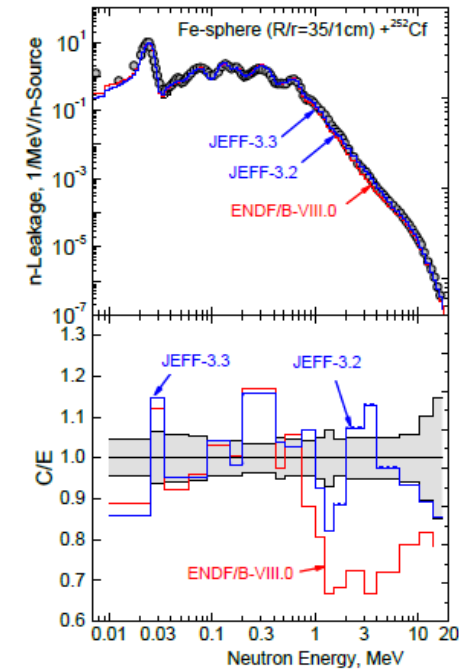
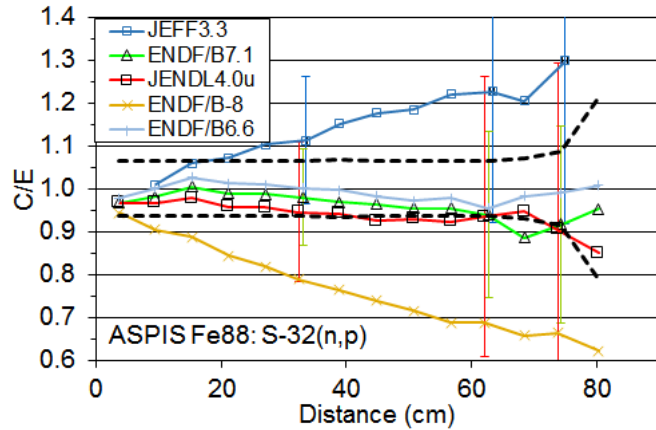
Cf-252 leakage spectra Fe and U - IPPE



FNS Oxygen



ASPIS IRON-88



Decay Heat, Pu-239 & Inconel-600 examples

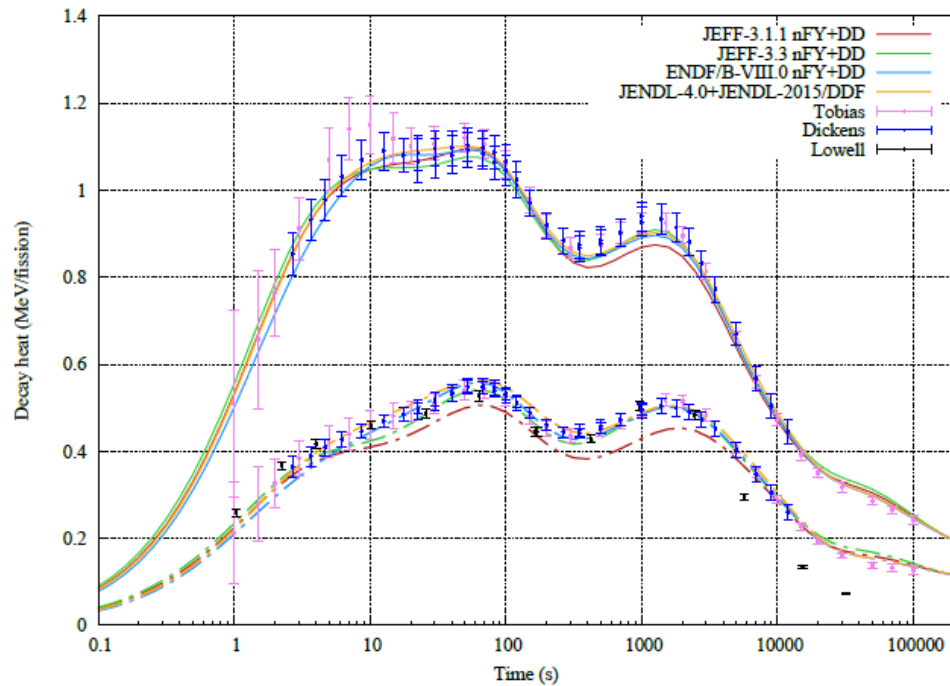


Fig. 98: Total and gamma fission decay heat pulse for ^{239}Pu , showing simulations with a range of nuclear data files, as calculated by FISPACT-II. Note the significant under-prediction of gamma heat for JEFF-3.1.1, over a range of cooling periods from 10 to 2000 seconds.

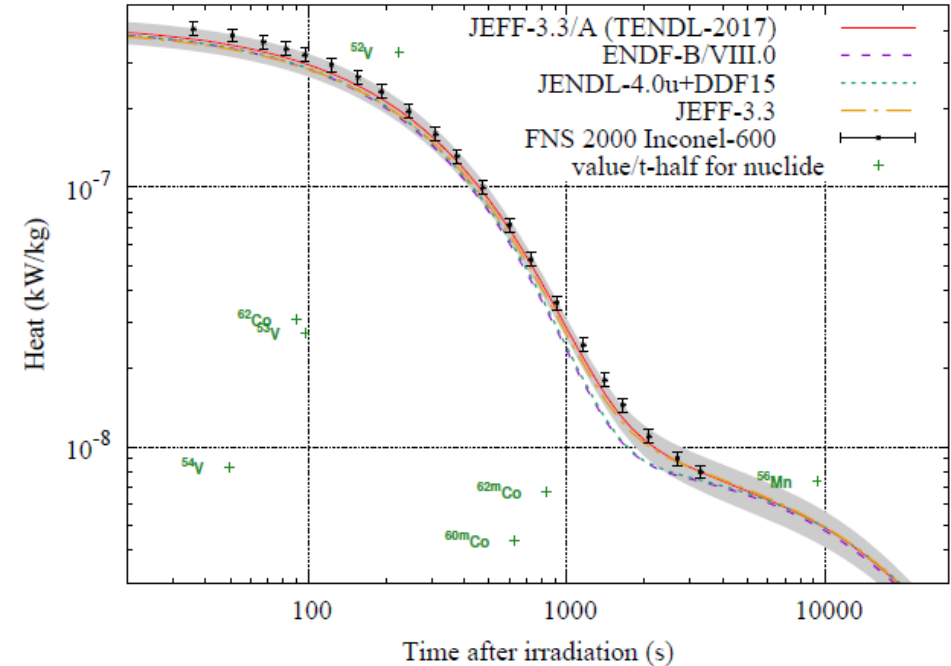


Fig. 100: Decay heat simulations and measurements from the JAEA Fusion Neutron Source, considering Inconel-600 irradiation and the most recent nuclear data libraries. Dominant nuclides are labeled at (x,y) coordinates that are their half-life and post-irradiation quantity, respectively.

The future of JEFF: JEFF-4

- We want JEFF-4 to be a major change
- Wide range of applications
- Make nuclear science knowledge and knowhow as available as possible
- Systematic inclusion of uncertainties and their correlations
- Improve the quality assurance of evaluations
- Increase the range of validation
- Improve interaction with users
- Foster the developer and scientific community

Theory, experiments, evaluation



R.P. Feynman
1918-1988

“It doesn't matter how beautiful your theory is, it doesn't matter how smart you are. If it doesn't agree with experiment, it's wrong”

“We have learned a lot from experience about how to handle some of the ways we fool ourselves. One example:

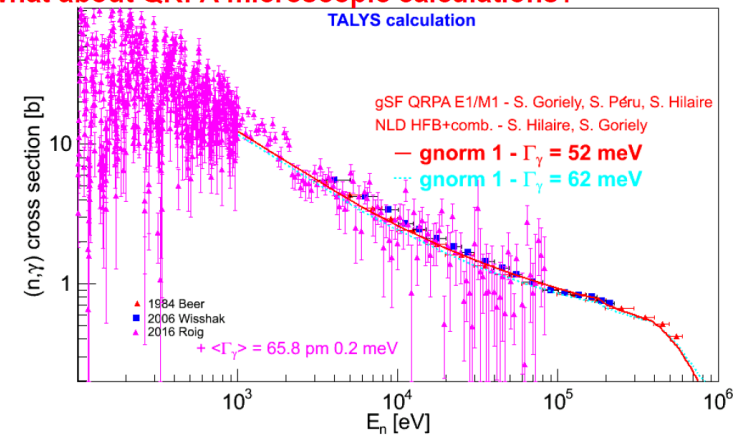
Millikan measured the charge of the electron by an experiment with falling oil drops and got an answer which we know not to be quite right.

It's interesting to look at the history of measurements of the charge of the electron, after Millikan. If you plot them as a function of time, you find that one is a little bigger than Millikan's, and the next one's a little bit bigger... until finally they settle down to a number which is higher.”

“... when you have a wide range of people who contribute without looking carefully at it, you don't improve your knowledge of the situation by averaging.”

- Using better models allows to better reproduce experimental data
Ex: OMP, Statistical models, Level densities, Γ_γ , fission transmission
- Microscopic models are able to compute model ingredients from nuclear interaction + many body formalism (no adjustment)
- Use of better (more microscopic) reduce the dynamics of model parameter adjustment.
 - + parameter values more physical
 - fine adjustments still needed for optimal agreement with data
Ex: OMP, level densities, Γ_γ , fission transmission
- Examples shown for cross sections in the continuum
but conclusions also relevant for PFNS, PFGS, and in the resonance region

What about QRPA microscopic calculations?



Quantification of model defects into the covariance matrix is needed
BUT using better models will reduce the amplitude of such defects.

Resonance range evaluations

JRC & partners

- Au (500 eV <->5 keV)
CEA/Cadarache
- Lu
- Ag
- KAERI
- Rh
- Gd (+ INFN Bologna + ENEA)
- JAEA
- Cu
- Bi (+SCK-CEN)
- INFN Bari
- Y
- Zr

IRSN priority list (to be completed)

Pu-239

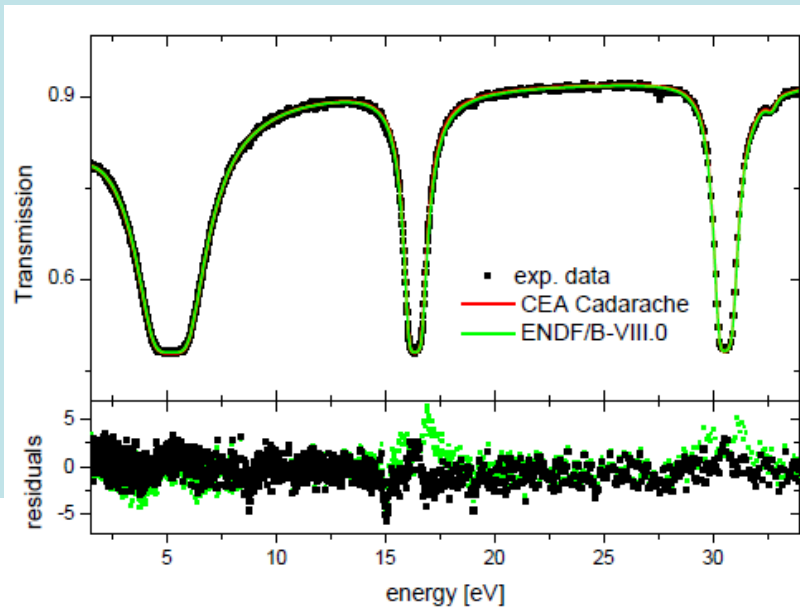
Pu-240, Pu-241, Am-241,

U-235, U-238, U-234

Gd isotopes, Mo isotopes, Fe-54, Fe-56, Pb-204, Pb-206, Pb-207, Pb-208

Cl-35, Cl-37, F-19, Nickel isotopes, Sm-149, Sm-152, Cs-133, Si isotopes,

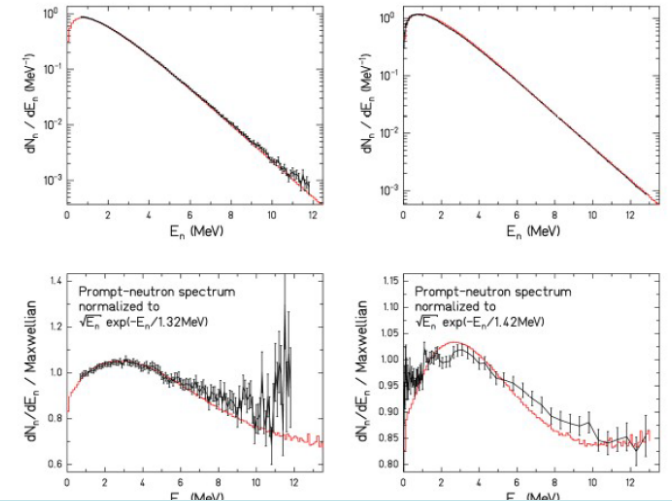
Ca isotopes, Mn-55, Nd-143



- CEA Cadarache
- ^{237}Np ,
- $^{240,242}\text{Pu}$,
- $^{241,243}\text{Am}$,
- ^{103}Rh ,
- ^{99}Tc ,
- ^{234}U ,
- $^{235,238}\text{U}$,
- ^{239}Pu

Fission yields

- Support for new evaluation was very fragile
- Considerable new experimental and modeling efforts
- Database needs to be secured
- Evaluation process needs to be secured
- Alignment with radioactive decay data evaluation
- Completeness is possible using FIFRELIN & GEF
- Resolution needed between accuracy from experiment and complete modeling (similar to reaction evaluations)



From fission yield measurements to evaluation
Status on statistical methodology for the covariance question

**Comparative study between experiment,
evaluation and GEF**

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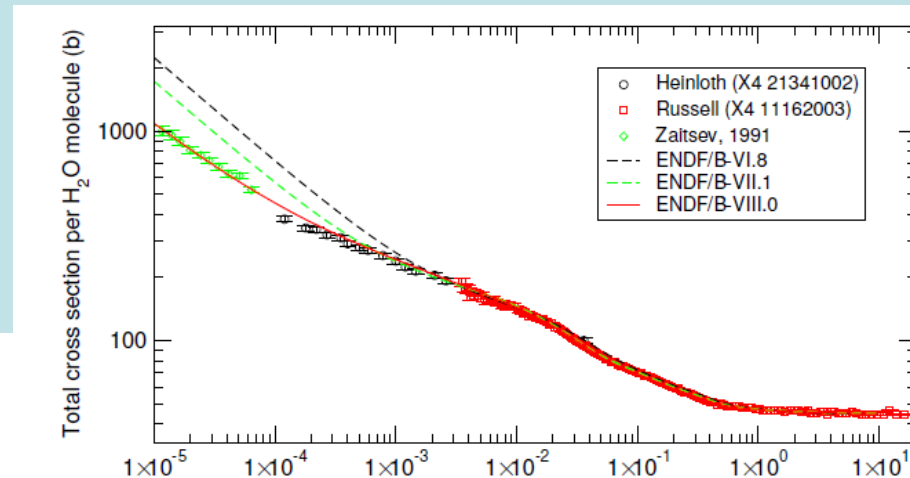
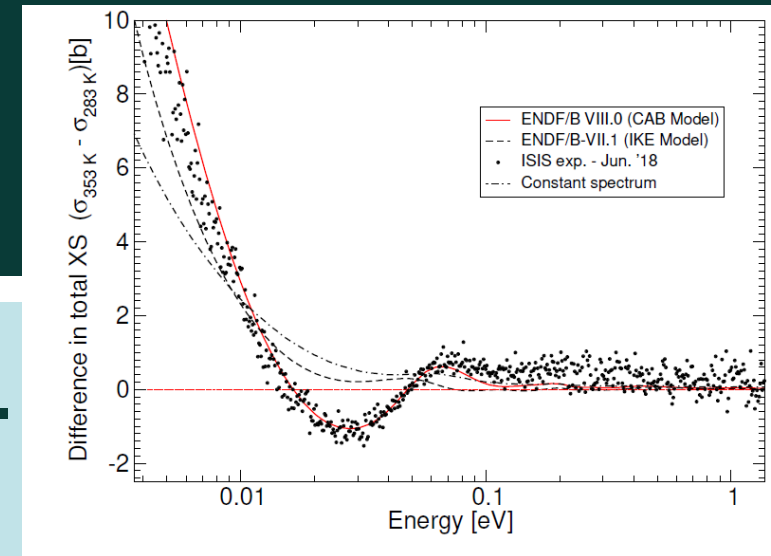
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Thermal scattering

- Important new modeling developments.
- New experimental data.
- Only partly on board in JEFF-3.3.
- We should fully adopt the new modeling as it is supported by old and new data, better than JEFF-3.3.
- Use covariance information.



Medical isotopes GELINA, MONNET, RADMET?

- Potential for decay data, cross section and yield studies.
- Physics of targets and separation (irNano, exploratory, if funded).
- Relevant for major developments centered on accelerator production of medical radionuclides. Distributed production.
- Diagnostics (SPECT, PET): established & prospective isotopes.
- Therapy: alpha, beta, auger-electron emitters.
- Good potential for cross-site collaboration as well as inter-institutional with MS, international partners. Networking is critical for meaningful results.
- Excellent example is TAT by Alfred Morgenstern and collaborators. Highly regarded also by those (CERN, ILL, PSI, ...) that are after alternatives by theranostics (^{149}Tb - TAT+PET, ^{152}Tb - PET, ^{155}Tb - SPECT).
- All very well, but 1 AD, 2 CAs for a meaningful activity, even if Open Access etc.

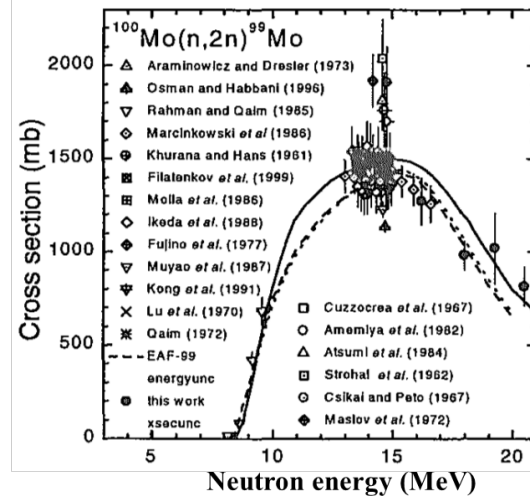
Illustrations

- Accelerator production routes for Mo-99: neutrons
- Y. Nagai
- Two accelerators for Japan

⁹⁹Mo yield by ¹⁰⁰Mo(*n*,2*n*) using neutrons from C(*d*,*n*) at *E_d* = 40 MeV

Measured X-section of ¹⁰⁰Mo(*n*,2*n*)⁹⁹Mo

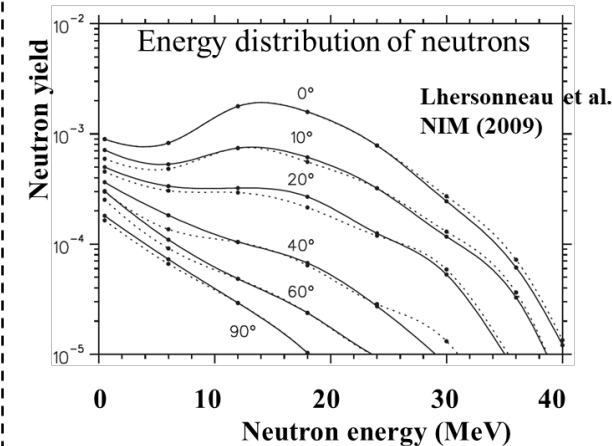
Plompen et al., J. Nucl. Sci. Technol. (2002)



(*n*,2*n*) X-section: measured $8 < E_n < 20.5$ MeV

Neutrons from C(*d*,*n*): $0 < E_n < 40$ MeV

Neutrons from C(*d*,*n*) at *E_d* = 40 MeV:
from thermal up to 40 MeV



Neutron yield by Lhersonneau(2009):

2-times larger than that Hagiwara (2004)

⁹⁹Mo yield at *E_d* = 40 MeV be measured: for sustainable domestic production of ⁹⁹Mo

Illustrations

- Accelerator production routes for Mo-99: electrons & photons
- LightHouse, Northstar, Canadian Light Source Inc.

Production of Mo-99 during Commissioning Operation of a 40 kW 35 MeV Electron Linac: Approach to a Novel Pilot Scheme

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LightHouse

Production of radio-isotopes with a super-conducting electron accelerator

Patrick de Jager – Director New Business

October 2017

Two beamlines can produce 200.000 6d-Ci/year End of Processing

- Compare to HFR capacity of 170.000 6d-Ci /year End of Processing

NorthStar Progress Towards Domestic Mo99 Production

James Harvey

NorthStar Medical Technologies, LLC

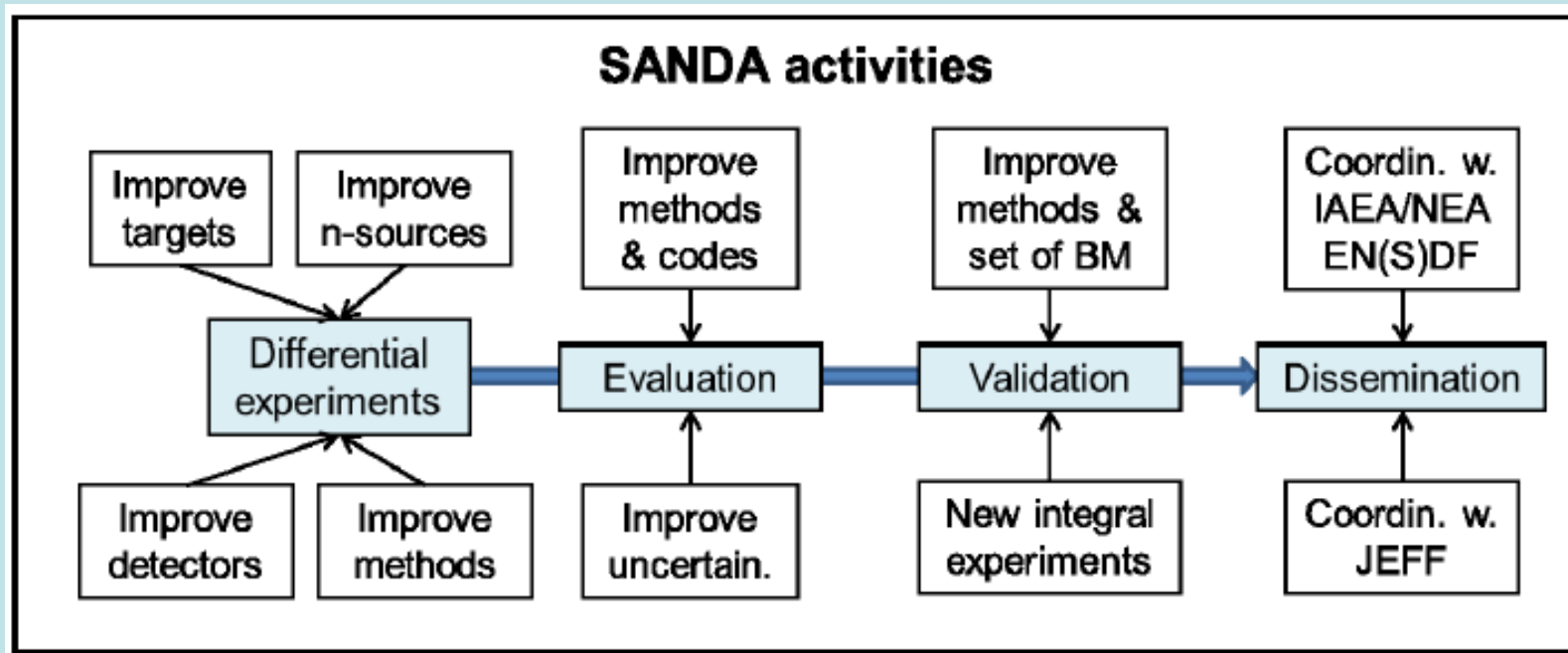
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Mo-100 target 3D printed
100 micron features



European nuclear data initiatives

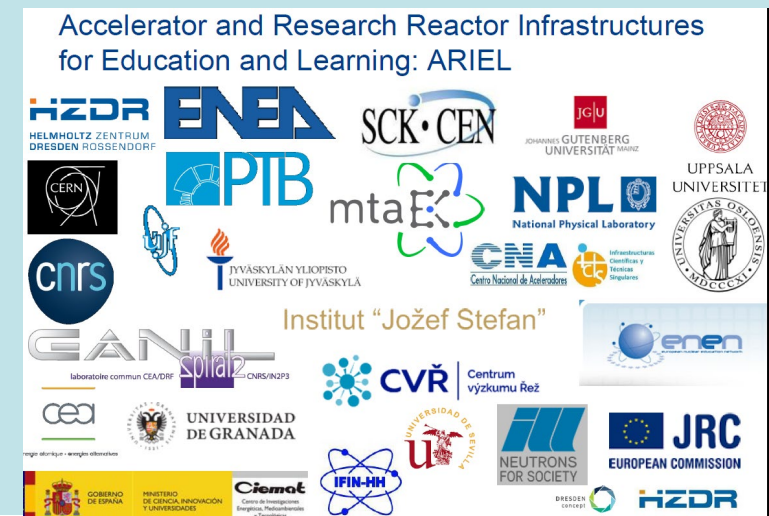
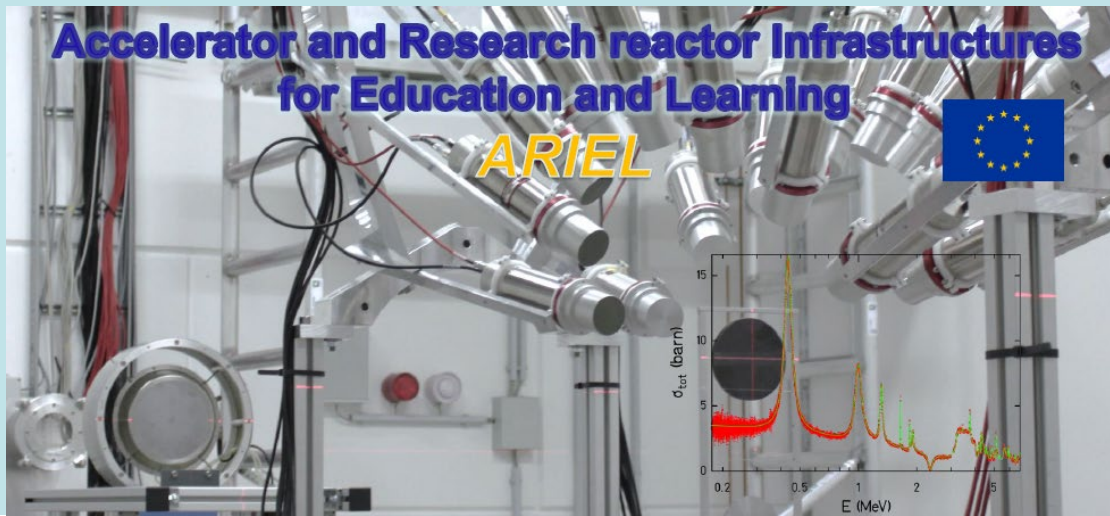
- SANDA Supplying accurate nuclear data for energy and non-energy applications, 35 participating organizations, 4 years from 1 Sep. 2019.



European nuclear data initiatives

ARIEL – www.ariel-h2020.eu

- ARIEL, 23 participating organizations, 4 years from 1 Sep. 2019.
- 27 research infrastructures, 22 accelerators, 5 research reactors
- Open access: one PAC evaluates proposals for all facilities
- Support to the proposers and the facilities.



European nuclear data initiatives, training opportunities

ARIEL – www.ariel-h2020.eu

Training of early stage researchers and scientific visits

- Up to 30 research stays for up to 12 weeks:
Early stage researchers + short term visitors
- Full spectrum of experimental capacities of the consortium resulting in a high potential of competence building.
- Support student graduate education + training of engineers and technicians + sharing knowledge between experienced researchers.
- Participation of IAEA, JEFF(NEA), GRS and IRSN essential
- Selection by the Project Advisory Committee based on scientific excellence and relevance to the ARIEL objectives in collaboration with ENEN

Summer schools

- Hands-on school on the production, detection and use of neutron beams, University of Seville (18-24 participants)
- Lab course in Reactor Operation and Nuclear Chemistry, University of Mainz (10 participants)
- Nuclear data: the path from the detector to the reactor calculation, CIEMAT, Madrid (20 participants)
- EXTEND'2022 summer school at Uppsala University (20-25 participants)
- Dissemination and advertisement through ENEN