

Japanese Activities in Nuclear Data Measurement

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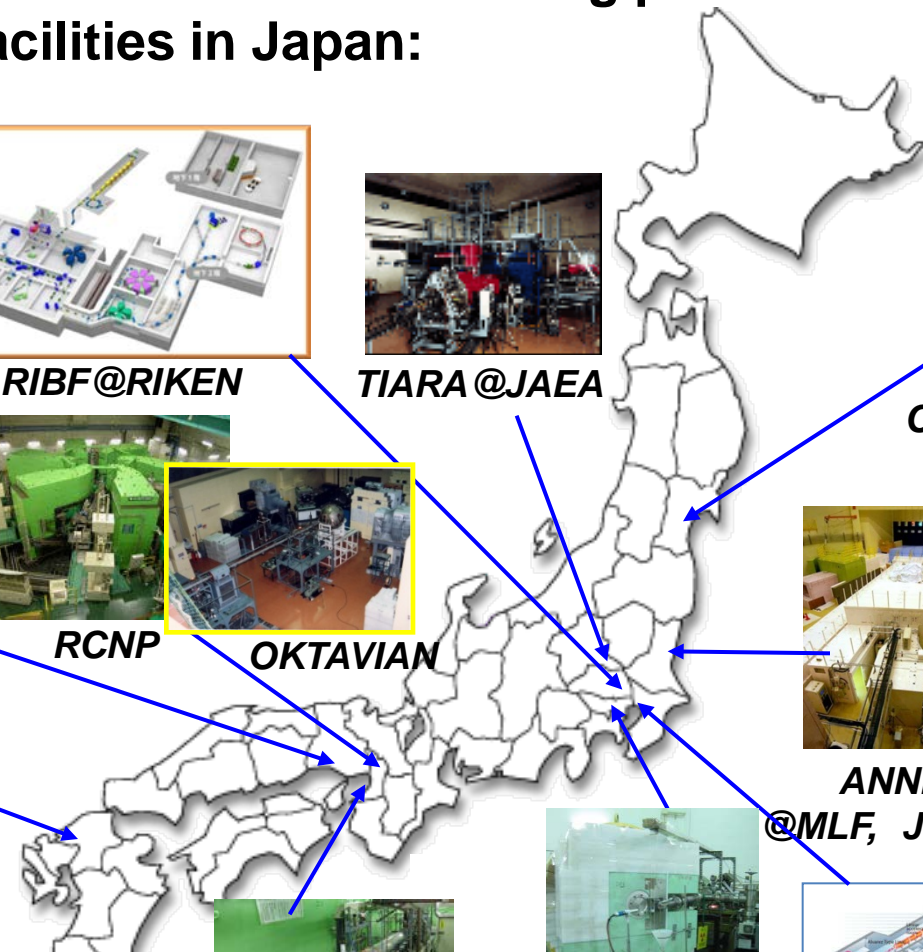
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Nuclear Data Measurement in Japan

Nuclear data measurements are being performed at several accelerator and reactor facilities in Japan:



The map shows the following facilities with arrows pointing to their respective images:

- RIBF@RIKEN**: Image of a complex particle accelerator structure.
- TIARA@JAEA**: Image of a laboratory interior with various equipment.
- CYRIC@Tohoku**: Image of a large industrial facility with blue and red components.
- New SUBARU**: Image of a circular particle accelerator tunnel.
- RCNP**: Image of a laboratory with green equipment.
- OKTAVIAN**: Image of a laboratory with various instruments.
- KUTL**: Image of a large, cylindrical industrial component.
- ANNRI @MLF, J-PARC**: Image of a long, narrow laboratory facility.
- JAEA Tandem**: Image of a tall, brick industrial building.
- JRR-3**: Image of a nuclear reactor building with a cooling tower.
- KUR**: Image of a laboratory with various equipment.
- KURRI-LINAC**: Image of a large industrial facility with a central structure.
- TIT**: Image of a laboratory with a large piece of equipment.
- HIMAC @NIRS**: Image of a complex particle accelerator structure.
- Cyclotron @NIRS**: Image of a large industrial facility with a central structure.
- FNS**: Image of a laboratory with various equipment.

Activities by J-PARC/MLF/ANNRI collaboration

Japan Atomic Energy Agency
Tokyo Institute of Technology
Hokkaido Univ.
Kyoto Univ.

Contact :

Nuclear Data Center

Nuclear Data and Reactor Engineering Unit

Nuclear Science and Engineering Center

Japan Atomic Energy Agency

J-PARC Materials and Life Science Experimental Facility

Building dimension :

Width : 70m

Length : 146m

Height : 30m

Exp. Hall Height : 22m

Target remote handling room

Cooling systems
(Basement)

1MW Spallation Target Station

Proton beam line

BL04: ANNRI

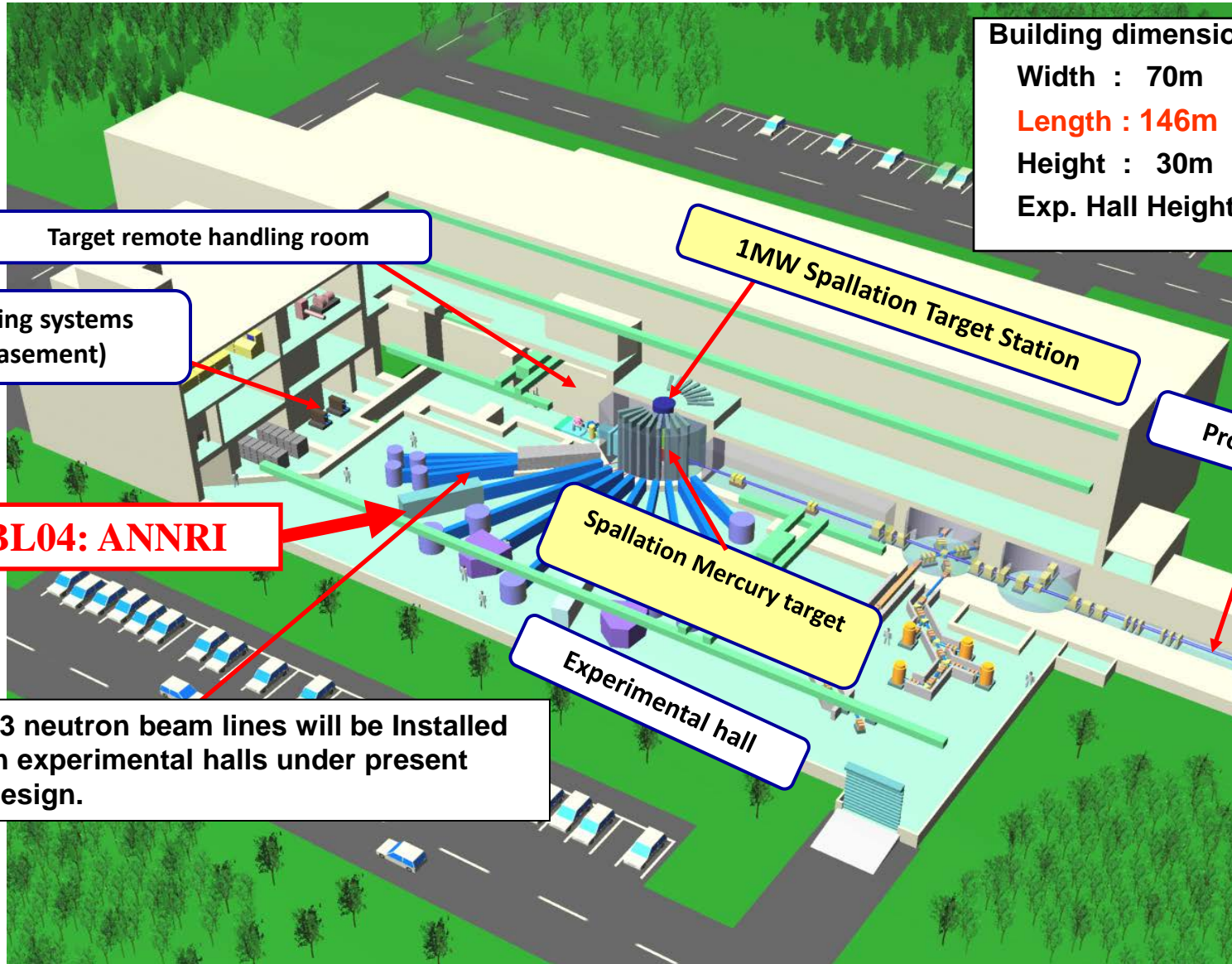
Spallation Mercury target

3GeV, 1MW
proton beam

23 neutron beam lines will be Installed
in experimental halls under present
design.

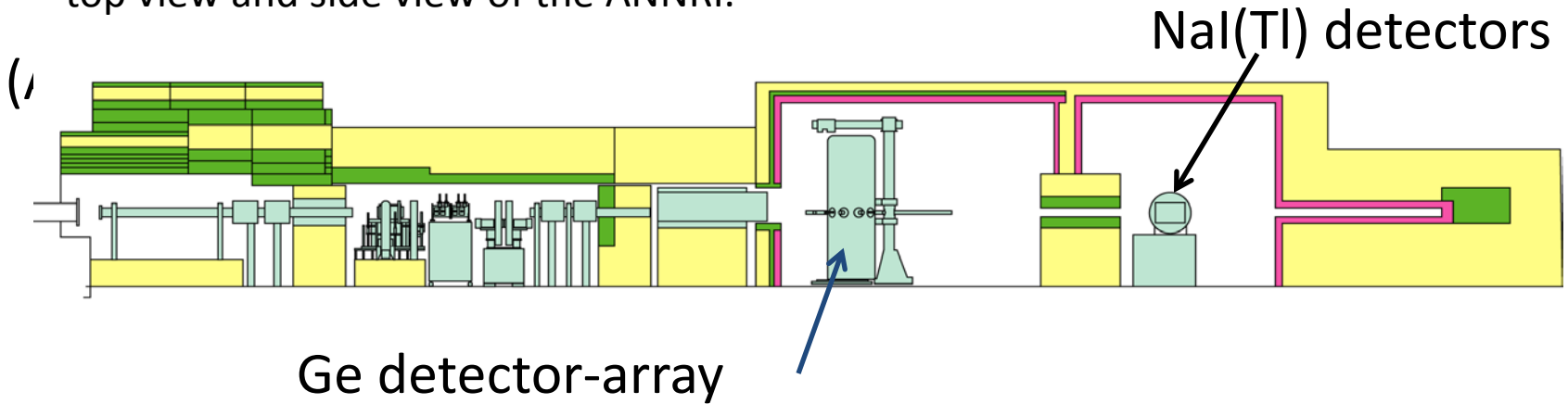
Experimental hall

J-PARC MLF,
Taken from HP
of J-PARC



Experiments@TOF facility, “ANNRI”

top view and side view of the ANNRI.

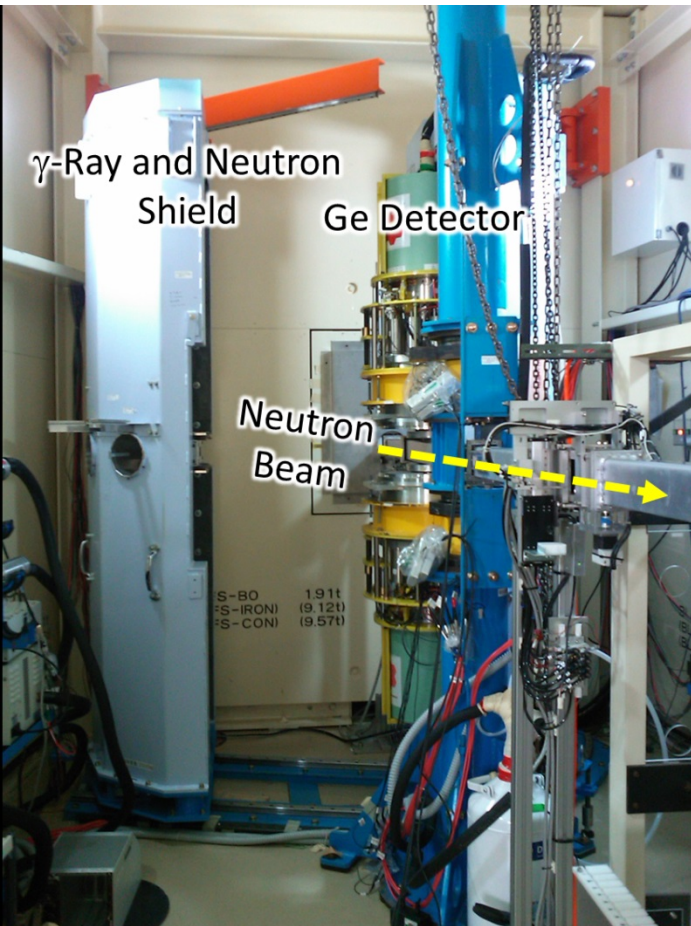


energy-integrated intensities	1MW (Future)	210kW
1.5-25 meV	4.3×10^7 n/s/cm ²	9.1×10^6 n/s/cm ²
0.9-1.1 keV	6.3×10^6 n/s/cm ²	1.2×10^6 n/s/cm ²



K. Kino, *et. Al.*, NIM-A, **626**, 58 -66 (2011).

Measurements using Ge Spectrometer



Our spectrometer has

- 2 cluster-Ge detectors
(7 Ge crystals are installed in the detector)
- 8 coaxial-Ge detectors
- Compton suppressing BGO detectors
⇒ 22 Ge Crystals.

Energy resolution for 1.33MeV γ -rays:

5.8keV (for 200kevents/s),

2.4keV (for 20kevents/s) [1]

Peak efficiency for 1.33MeV γ -rays:

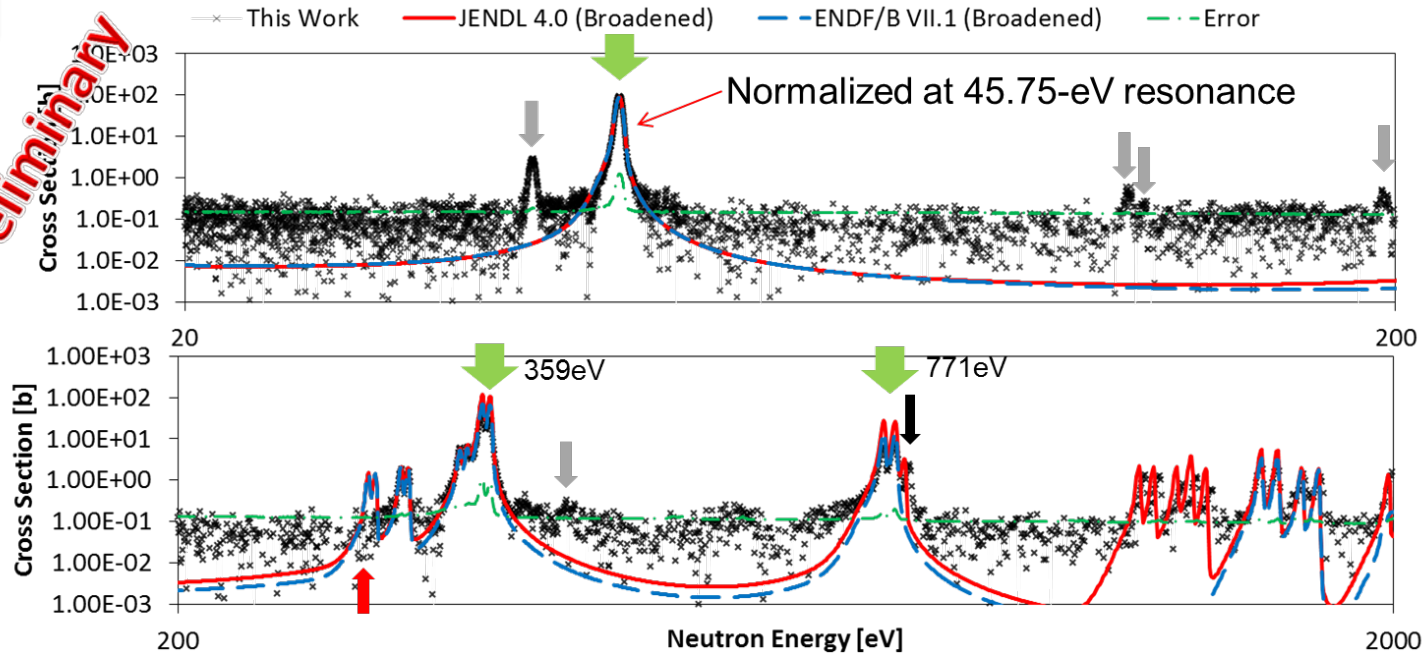
$3.64 \pm 0.11 \%$

[1] T. Kin et. al., *the 2009 NSS-MIC Conf. Rec.* , N24-2, (2009).

$\sim^{118}\text{Sn}$ and natGd

^{118}Sn

Preliminary



- ➔ Resonance at 289 eV was not observed.
- ➔ The resonance at 784 eV is observed and listed in JENDL 4.0 but not listed in ENDF B-VII.
- ➔ Resonances of ^{117}Sn ($0.35 \pm 0.01\%$ contaminated)

natGd

Our preliminary results at thermal energy agree with the value in JENDL 4.0 and ENDF B-VII.1 but don't agree with the result by G. Leinweber [1].

^{107}Pd and $^{105,108}\text{Pd}$

S. NAKAMURA *et al.*, JAEA

Nuclide	Energy (eV)	Year
^{107}Pd		2013/5(again)
^{105}Pd	0.01~300	2013
^{108}Pd		2013

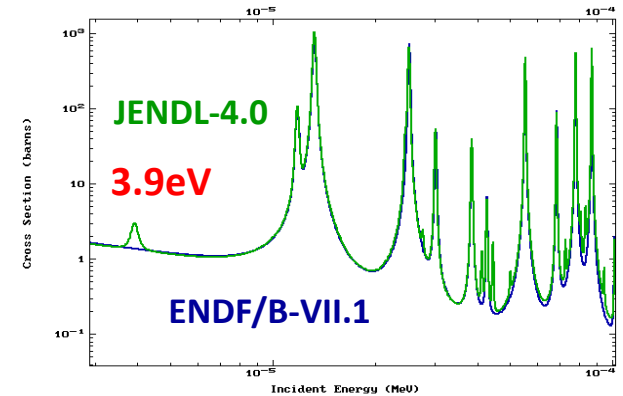


This work obtained following insights:

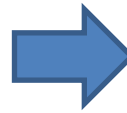
- **3.9-eV resonance of ^{107}Pd was assigned.**
- **5.2-eV resonance originates to ^{109}Ag impurity in the Pd sample.**
- **This work supports the past data of the thermal-neutron capture cross-section.**

“Cross Section Measurements of the radioactive ^{107}Pd and Stable $^{105,108}\text{Pd}$ nuclei at J-PARC/MLF/ANNRI”,
S. Nakamura, *et al.*,
to be published in *Nuclear Data Sheets*

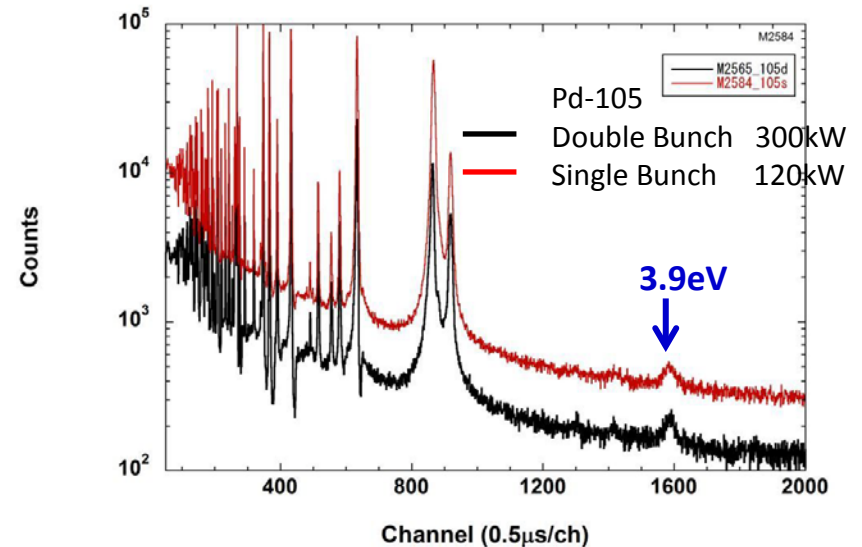
^{105}Pd



Smith *et al.* reported 3.9eV res. in 2002.
So, measurements for ^{105}Pd were performed in 2013.



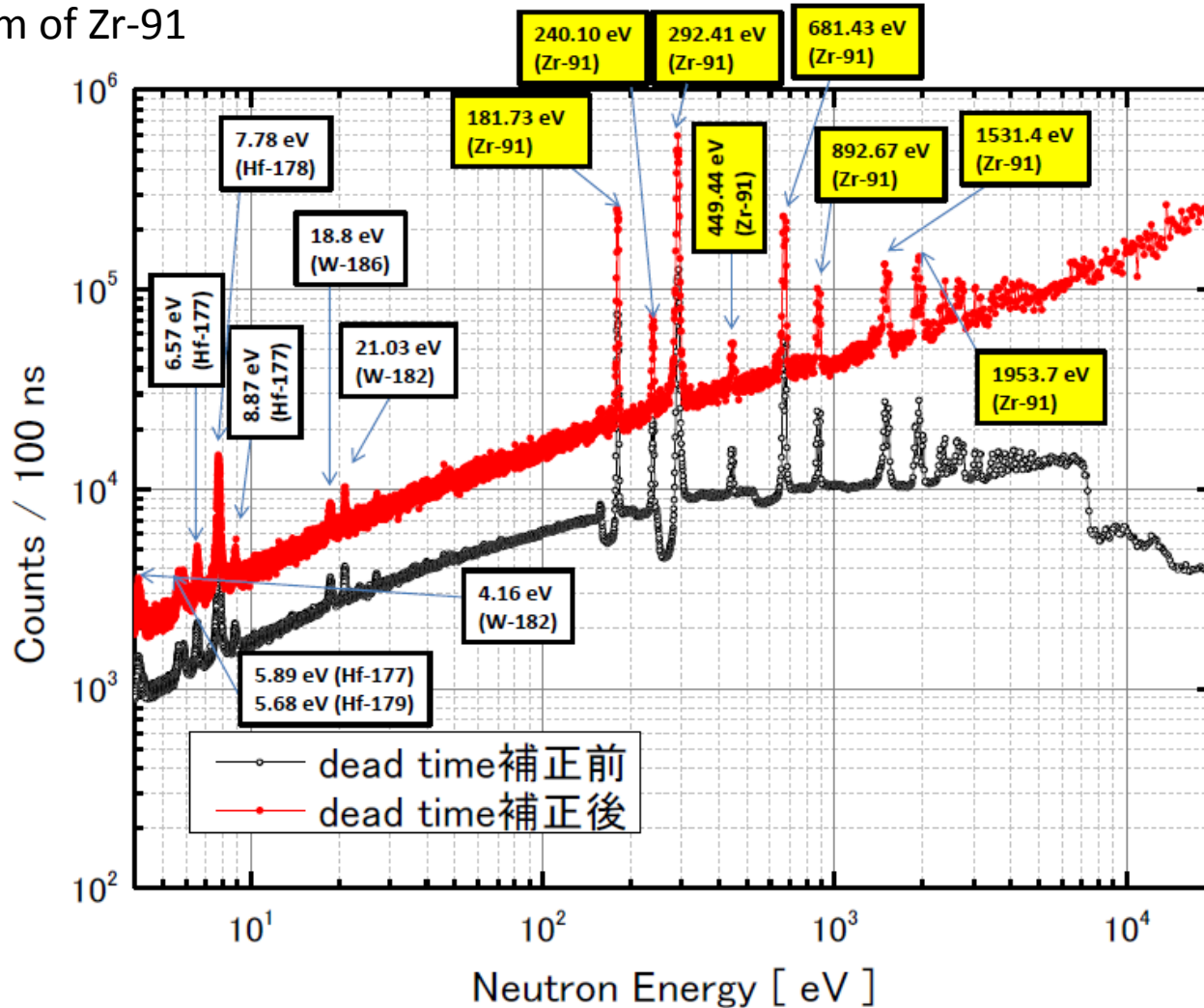
**3.9eV res. exists for ^{105}Pd .
Our work supports JENDL-4.0 .**



**Differences between JENDL and ENDF
for 41, 44, 83 and 94-eV resonance peaks.
Our work also observed these resonances.**

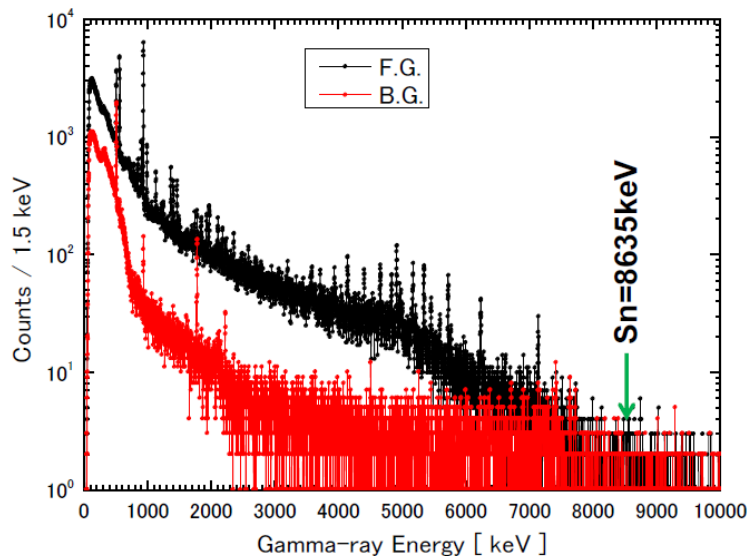
Measurements on neutron capture cross sections and gamma-ray pulse-height spectra of Zr stable isotopes using ANNRI-Ge/MLF/J-PARC

TOF spectrum of Zr-91

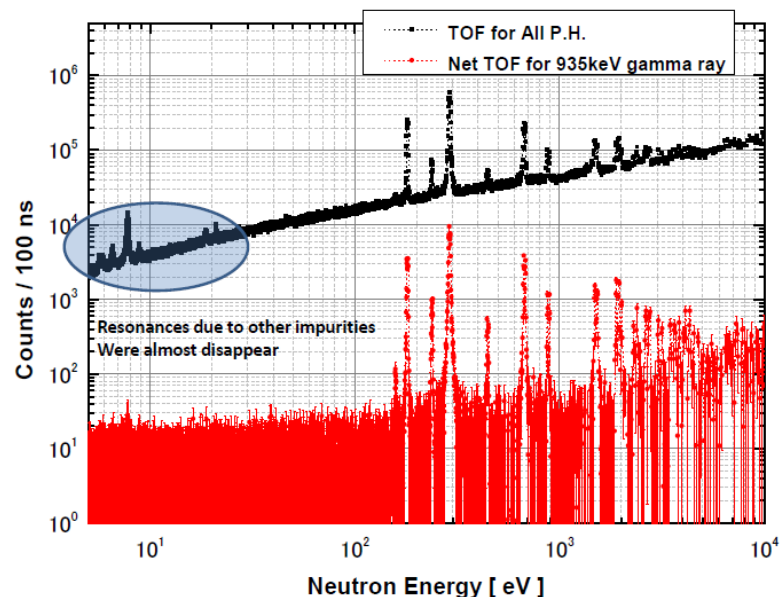


P. H. Spectra gated by resonance regions

182eV resonance region

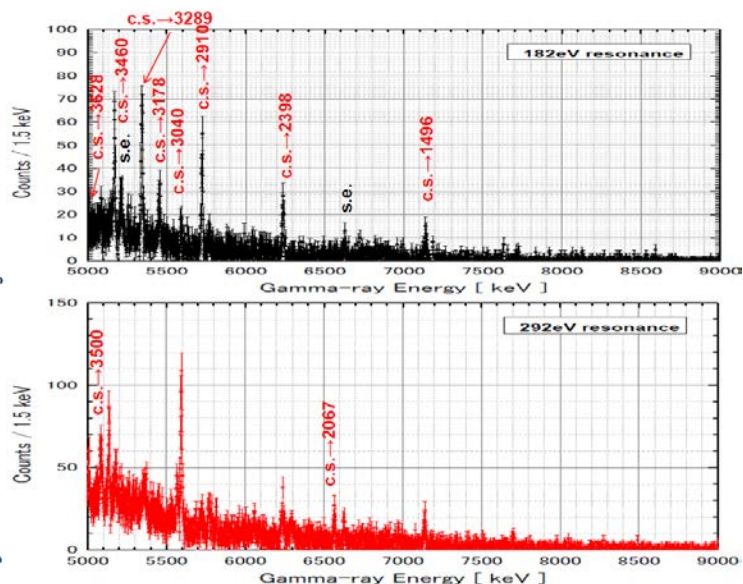
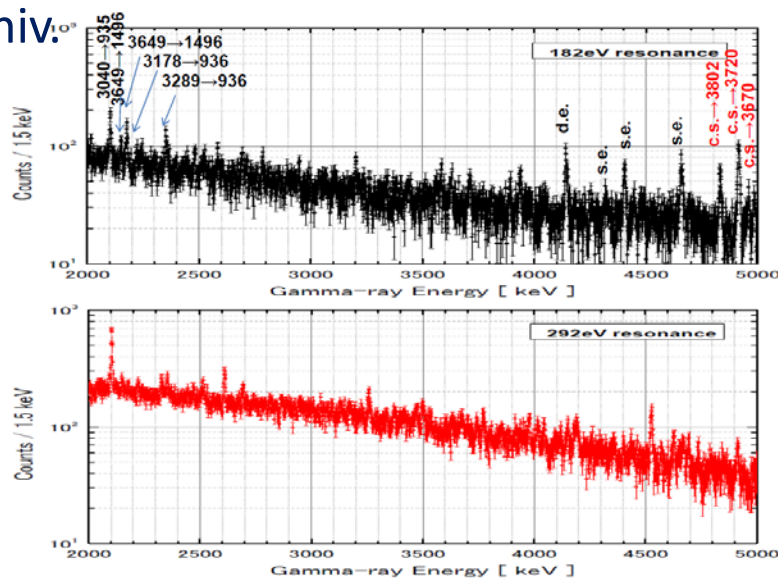


TOF spectrum gated at 935keV gamma-ray peak



J. Hori,
et al.,
Kyoto Univ.

Comparison of net P.H. spectra between 182- and 293-eV resonances of Zr-91



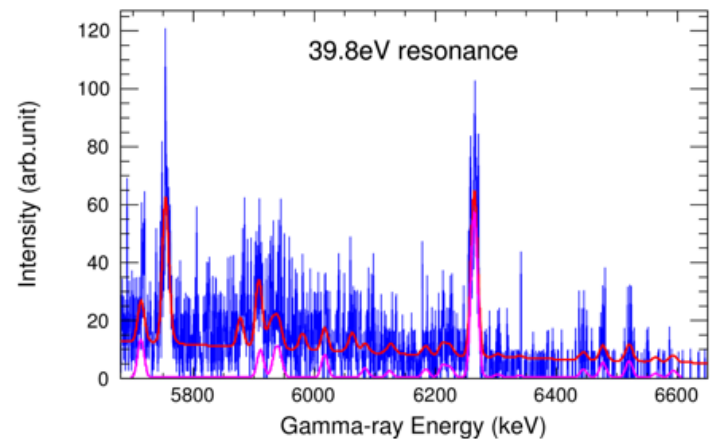
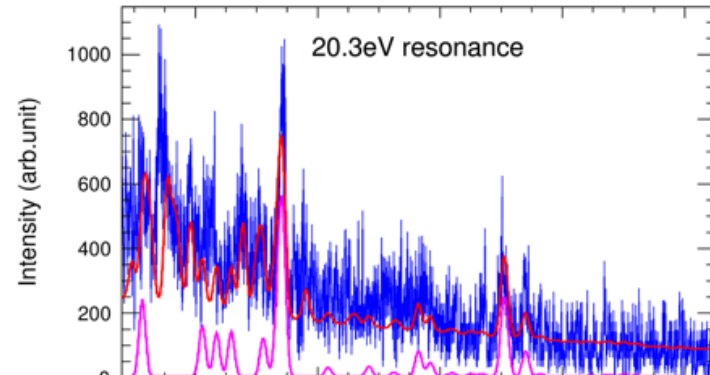
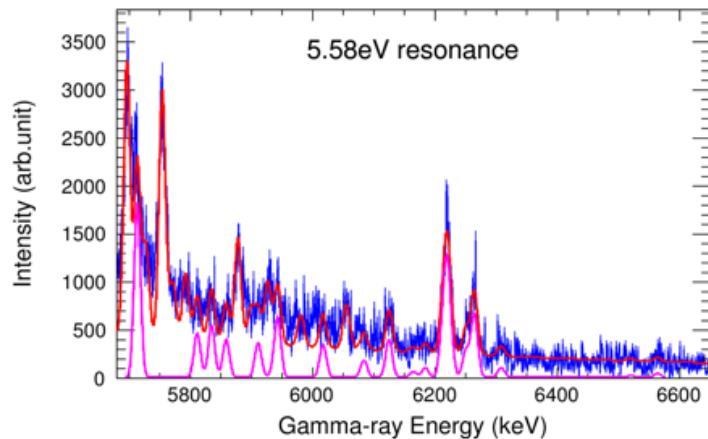
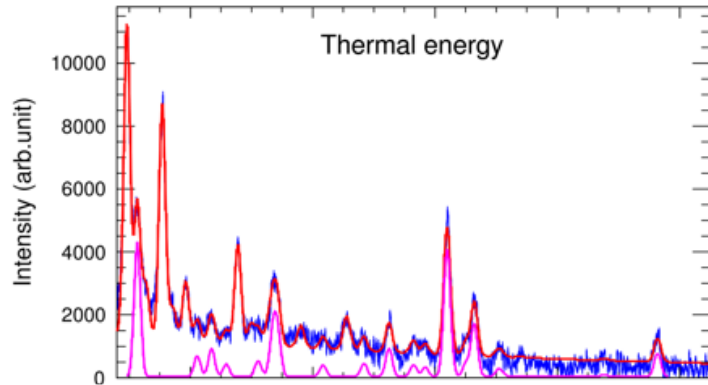
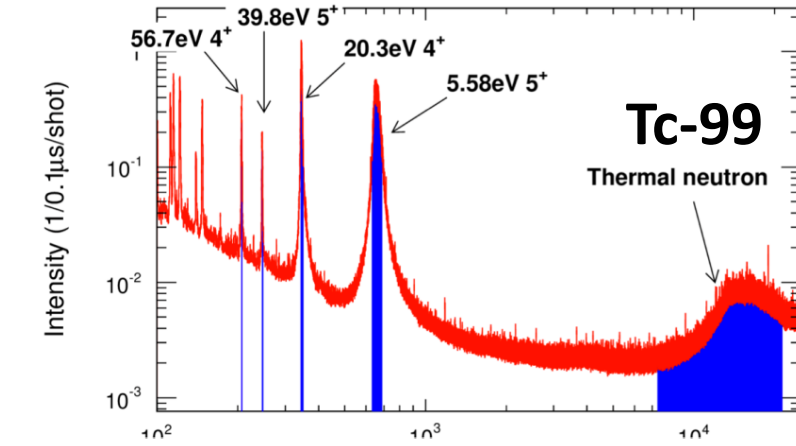
Red: Primary transition peaks

The analyses of neutron capture cross sections for Zr-91 and Zr-96 are in progress.

Measurement of Capture Gamma Rays from the Tc-99 Neutron Resonances at the J-PARC/ANNRI

Variations the characteristic primary gamma-rays between resonances were observed.

To be published in Nuclear Data Sheets



Red: All gamma-ray peaks + B.G. Pink: Primary gamma-ray peaks

Measurements using NaI(Tl) Spectrometer

- Use for:

- Complementary use to Ge array
- Measurement in the high energy range

- Detectors

- 90° detector: 13" diam. × 8" long
- 125° detector: 8" diam. × 8" long

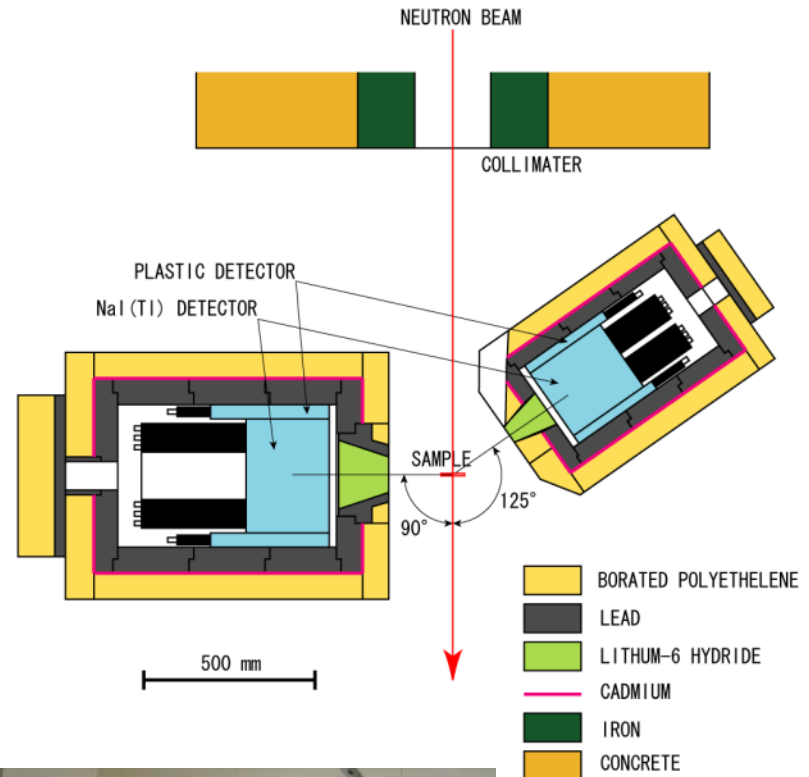
- Shielding

- Borated polyethylene, Pb, ⁶LiH, Cd

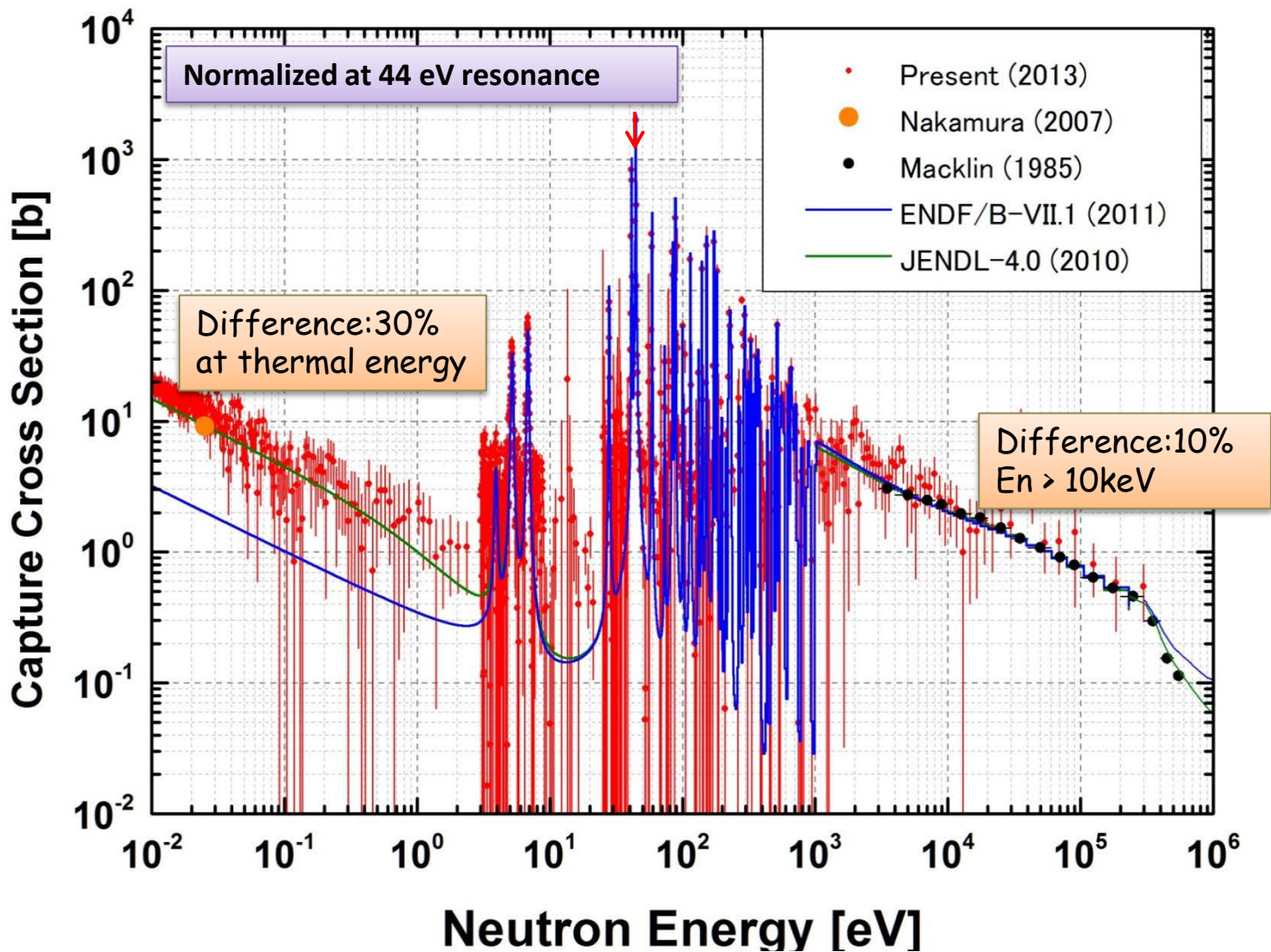
- Data acquisition

(by T. Katabuchi, Tokyo Institute of Technology)

- Multi-stop time digitizer
- TOF, pulse height, pulse width are recorded sequentially



Capture cross section of Pd-107



Presented at 4th International Symposium on Innovative Nuclear Energy Systems, INES-4, 6-8 November, 2013, Tokyo, Japan.

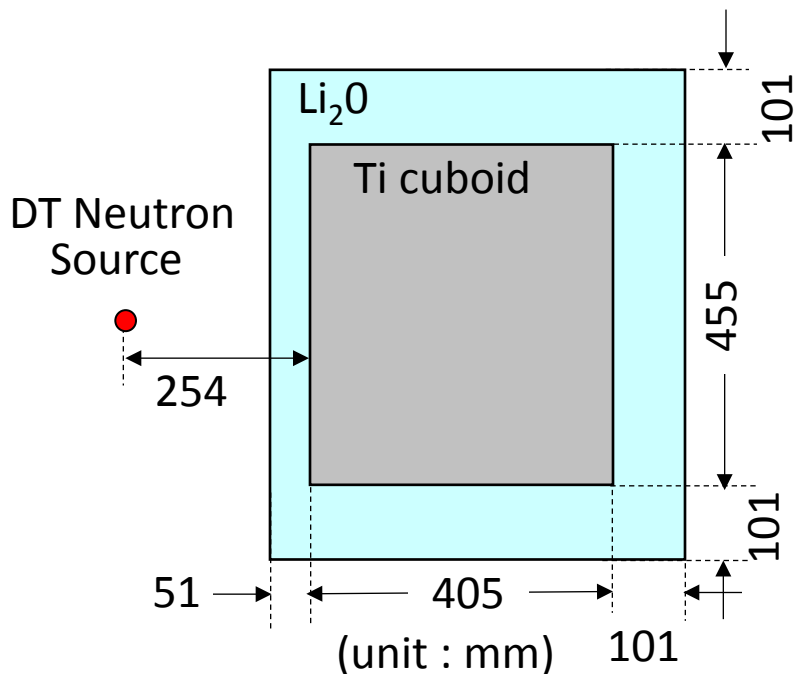
Activities at JAEA/FNS

Integral experiment with DT neutron
for titanium nuclear data benchmarking

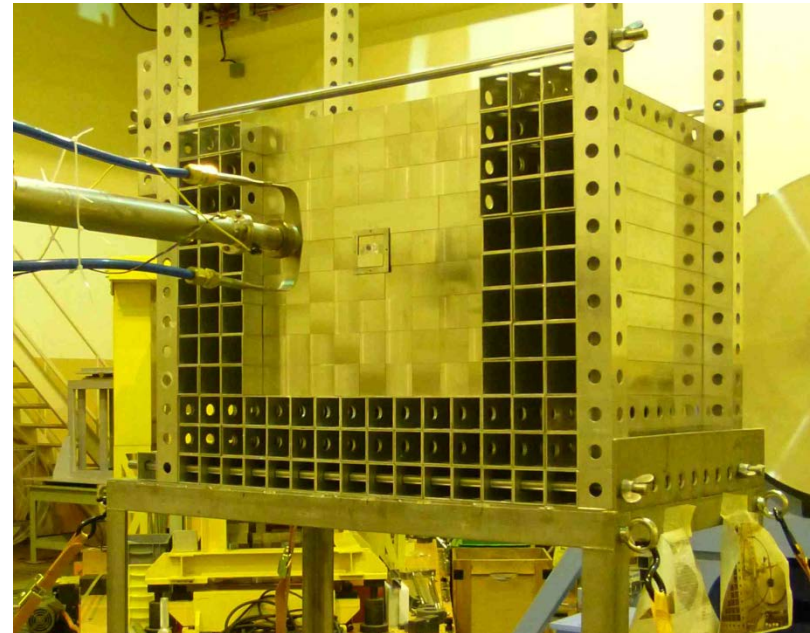
Japan Atomic Energy Agency
Fusion Neutronics Group

Experiment

We have carried out an integral experiment with DT neutron source for **titanium nuclear data benchmarking**. **Reaction rates** of several reactions were measured inside the titanium assembly and were compared with calculated ones with MCNP and various nuclear data libraries.



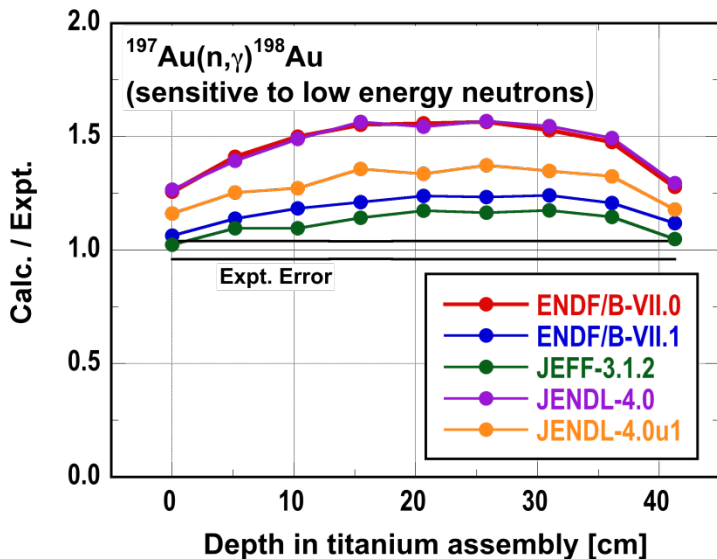
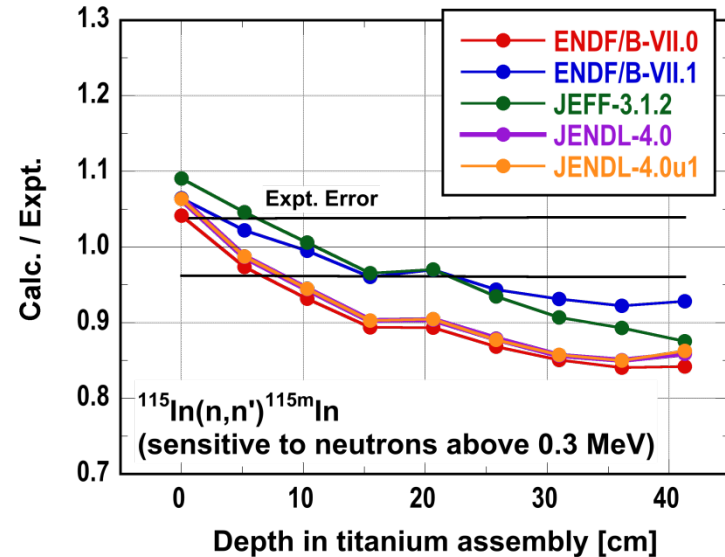
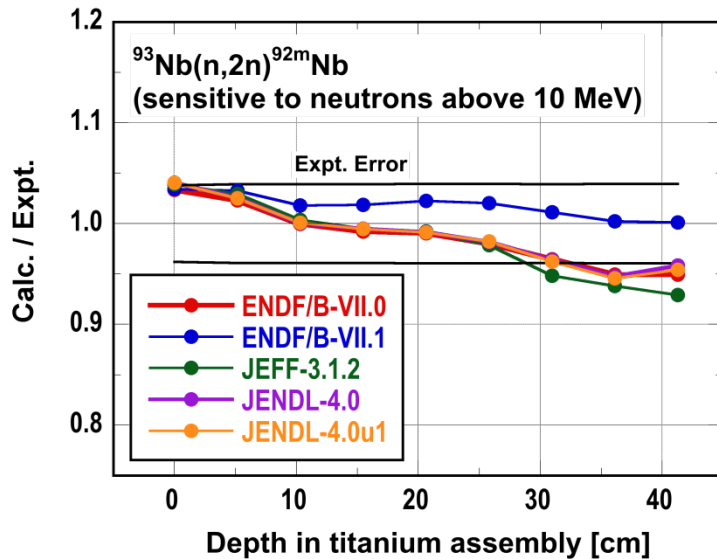
Experimental set-up



Picture of experimental set-up

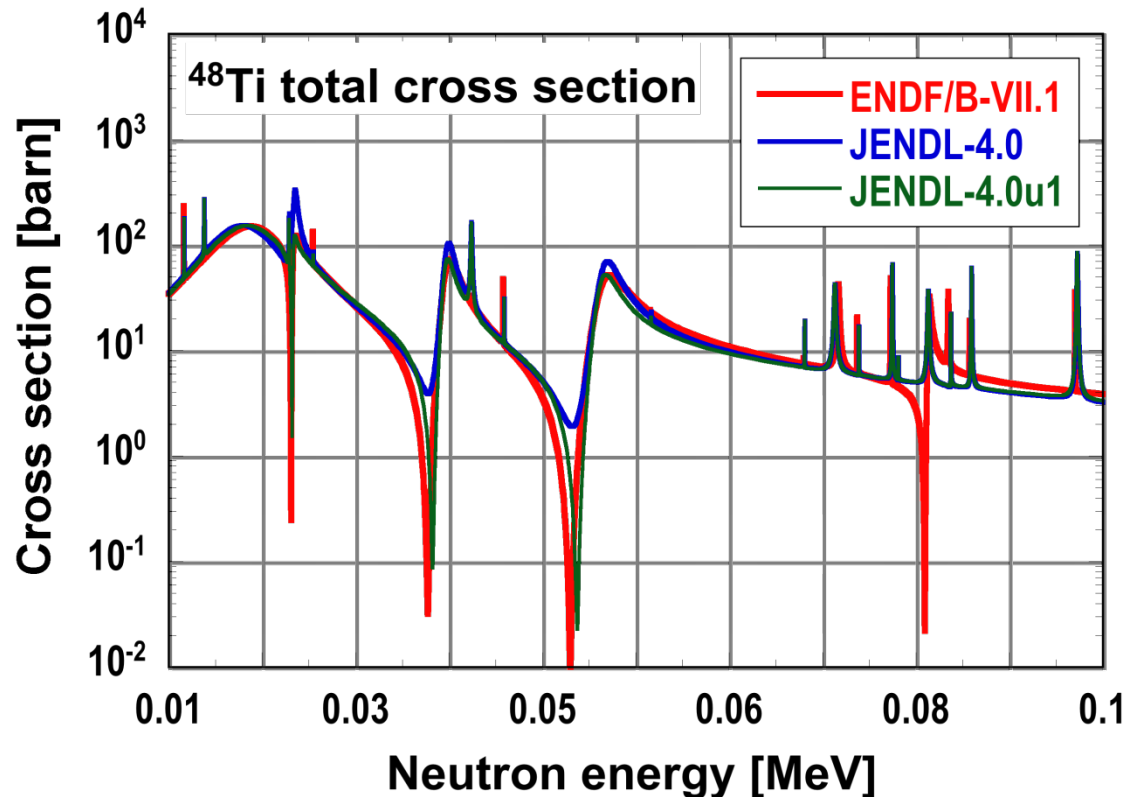
Li₂O layer reduces room-returned neutrons into titanium cuboid.

Results



- ❑ The calculation result with **ENDF/B-VII.1** agrees the measured ones **the best**.
- ❑ While the calculation result with JENDL-4.0 overestimates lower energy neutrons, that with **JENDL-4.0u1** agrees with the measured one **better**.

Discussion



- We specify that better agreement between measured and calculated results with ENDF/B-VII.1 and JENDL-4.0u1 comes from the above difference in the **resonance region**.

M. Ohta, et al., "Benchmark experiment on titanium with DT neutron at JAEA/FNS ",
Fusion Engineering and Design, in press.

**Nuclear Data Activities
at Tandem Accelerator Facility of
Japan Atomic Energy Agency**

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J-PARC

Tandem facility



JAEA Tandem facility

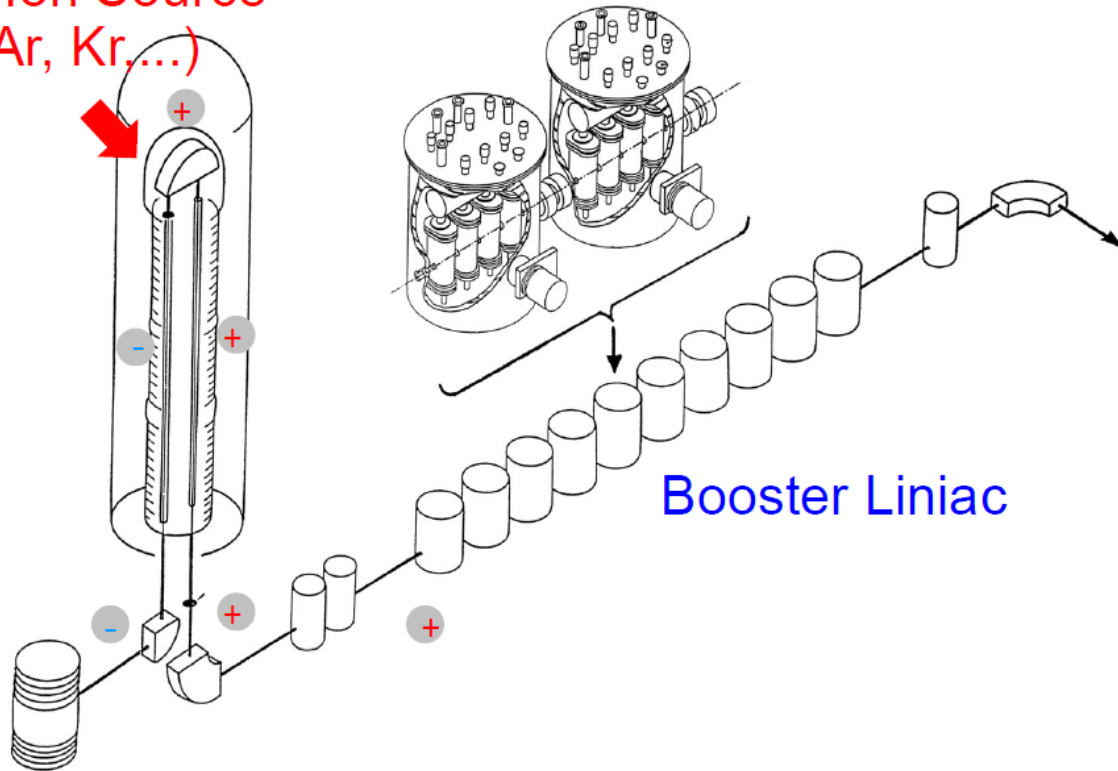
Development :

1982 : 20 MV Tandem accelerator in operation

1994 : Super-conducting Booster Liniac

2008 : ECR Ion Source on the terminal

ECR Ion Source
(Ne, Ar, Kr,...)



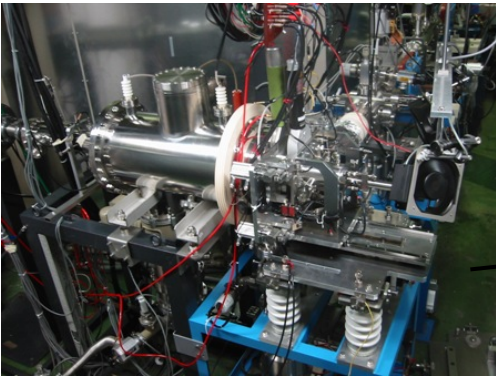
Negative Ion Source



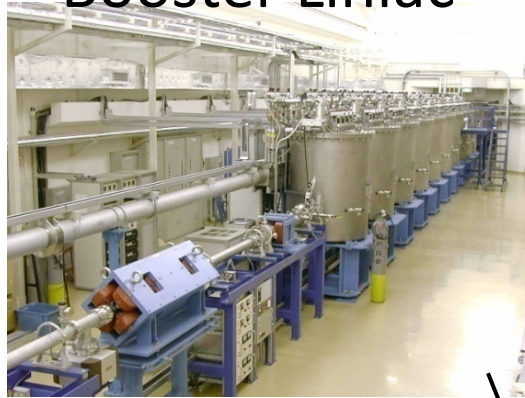
Magnetic Spectrometer



ISOL ($p + {}^{238}\text{U}$)



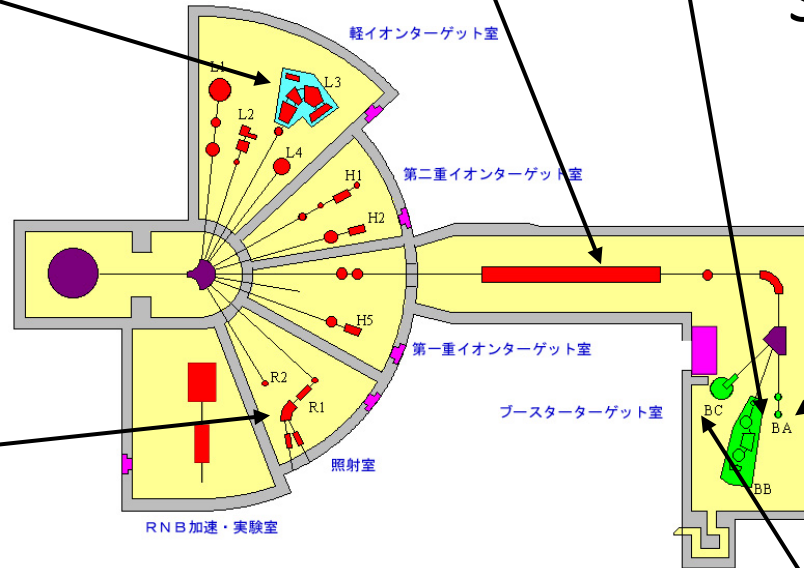
Booster Liniac



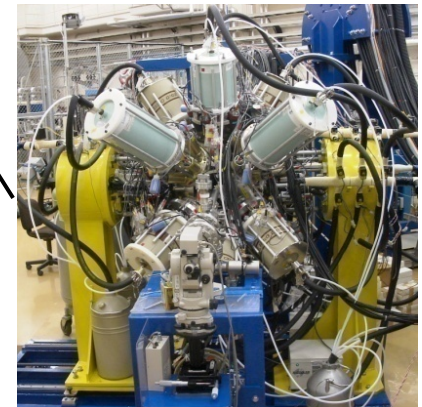
Recoil Mass Separator



Scattering Chamber

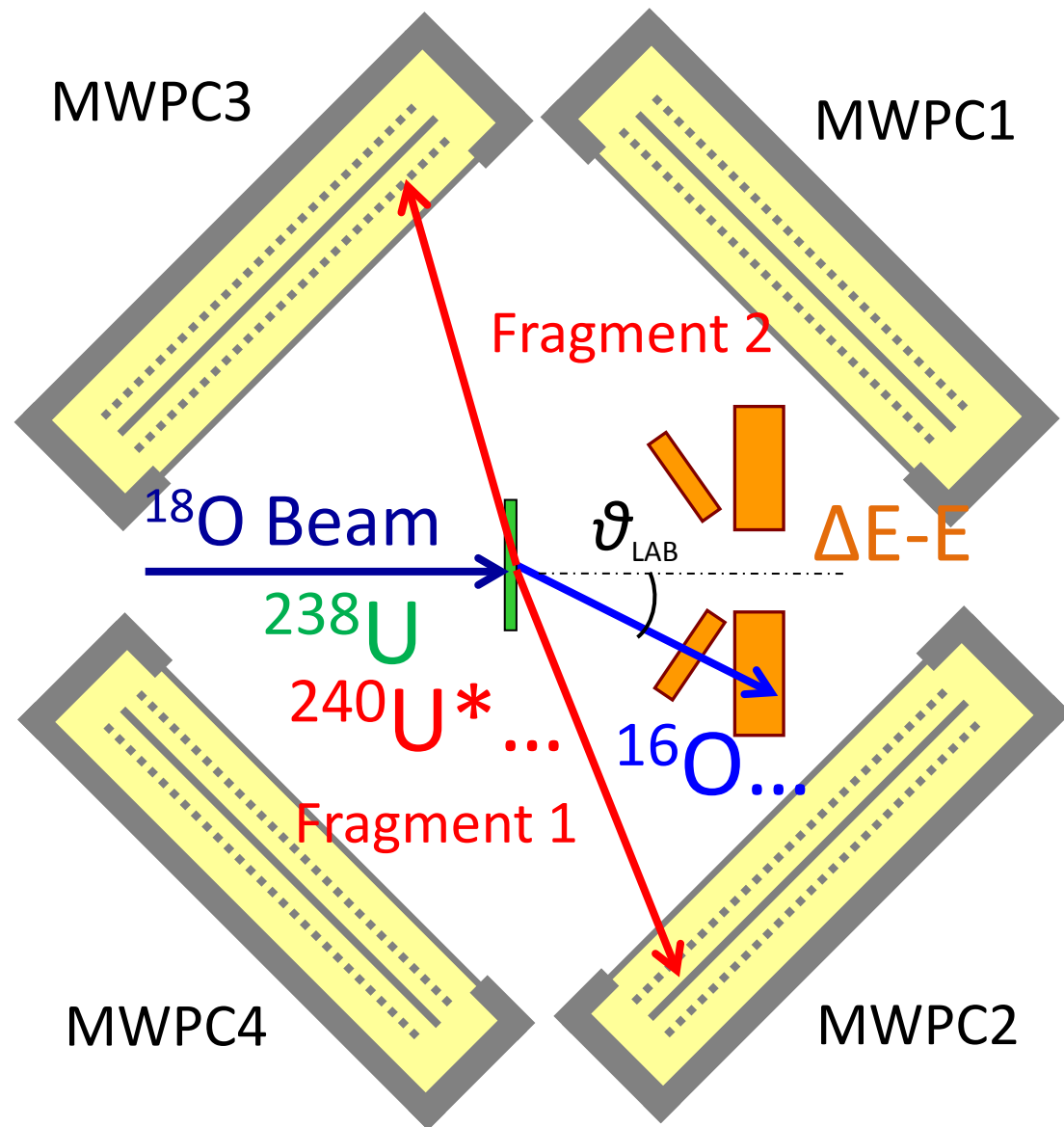


Ge-detector array

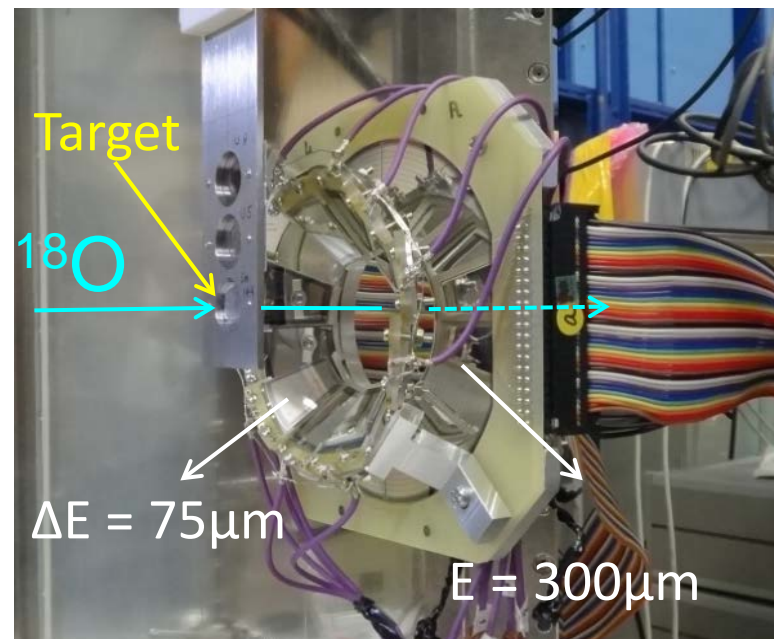


Radioactive target materials can be used
Th, U, Np, Pu, Np, Am, Cm, Cf

Fission Cross Sections

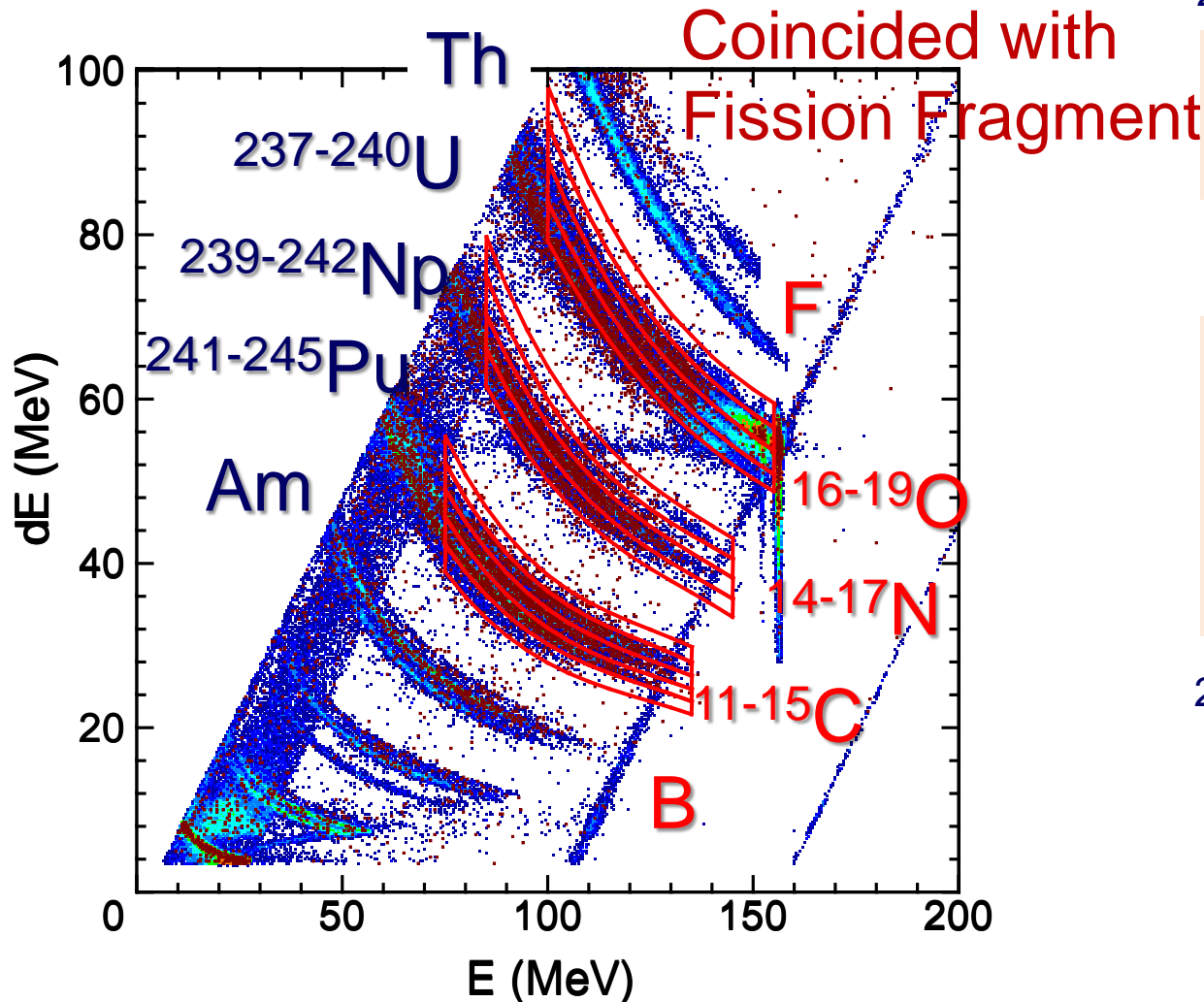


$\Delta E-E$ detector Array



Particle Identification

$^{18}\text{O} + ^{238}\text{U}$ ($E=157.5$ MeV)



$^{240,239,238,237}\text{U}^*$

$n + ^{239}\text{U}$ (23.5 min)
 $n + ^{237}\text{U}$ (6.8 day)

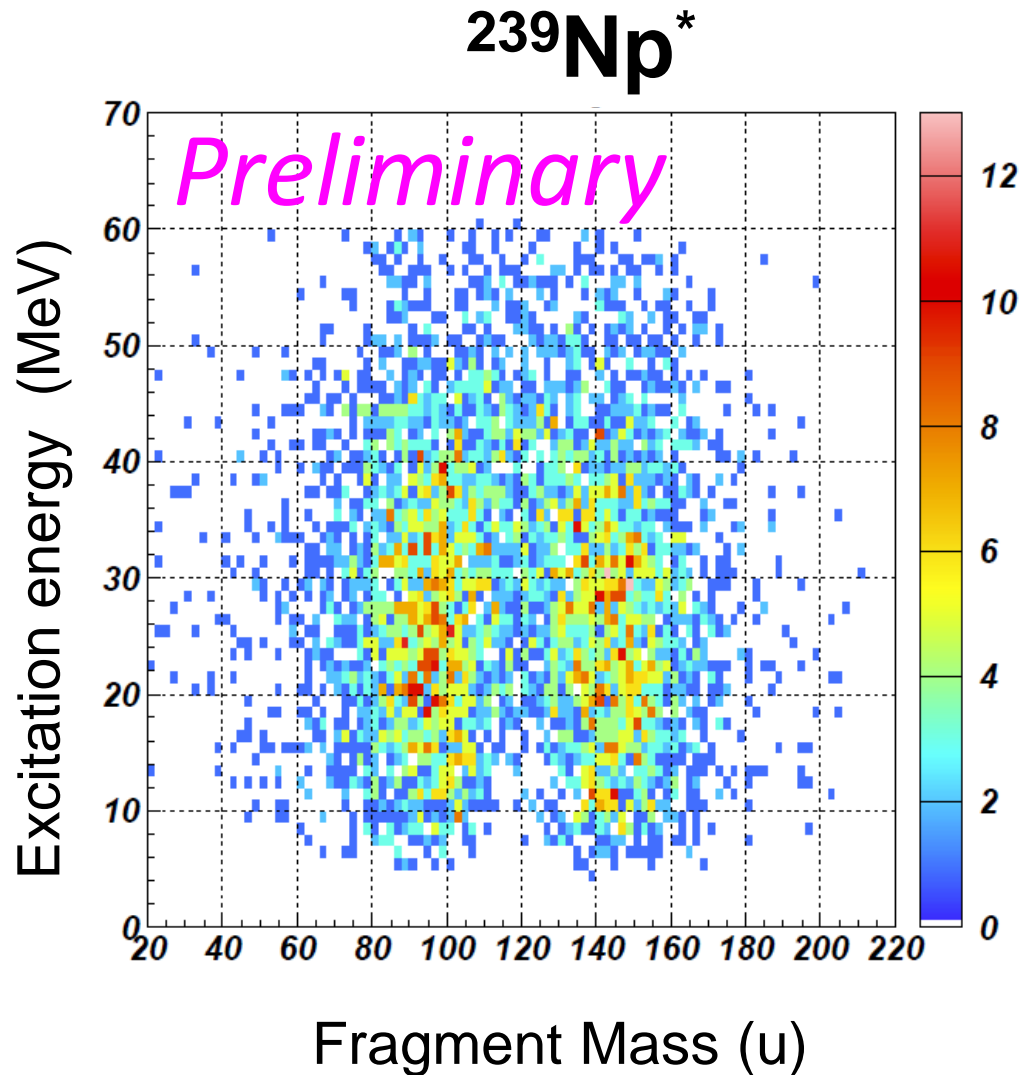
$^{242,241,240,239}\text{Np}^*$

$n + ^{241}\text{Np}$ (13.9 min)
 $n + ^{240}\text{Np}$ (65 min)
 $n + ^{239}\text{Np}$ (2.4 day)
 $n + ^{238}\text{Np}$ (2.1 day)

$^{245,244,243,242,241}\text{Pu}^*$

$n + ^{243}\text{Pu}$ (4.9 hr)
 $n + ^{241}\text{Pu}$ (14 yr)

Fragment Mass distributions for ^{239}Np



Reported in ASRC Workshop,
Nuclear Fission and Structure
of Exotic Nuclei, 2014, Tokai

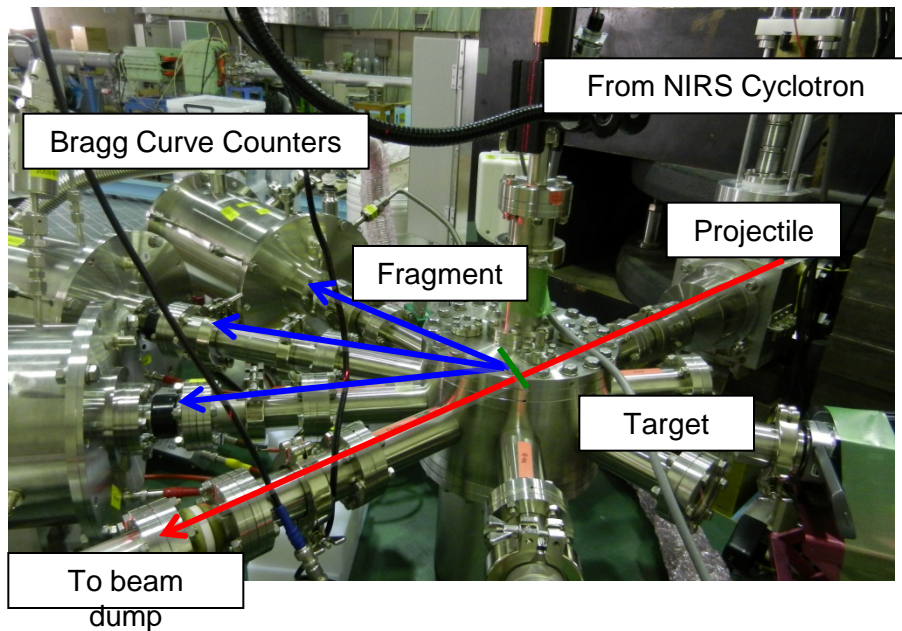
Activities at Radiation Science Center, KEK

Sanami and Hagiwara Group

Nuclear data measurement activities at
High Energy Accelerator Research Organization (KEK)

Light mass fragment production DDXs of 70 MeV proton,
helium and carbon induced reactions

Experimental data for different projectiles with same energy to study reaction models and parameters for fragment production induced by tens of MeV projectiles.



Facility : Cyclotron, National Institute of
Radiological Sciences, Japan

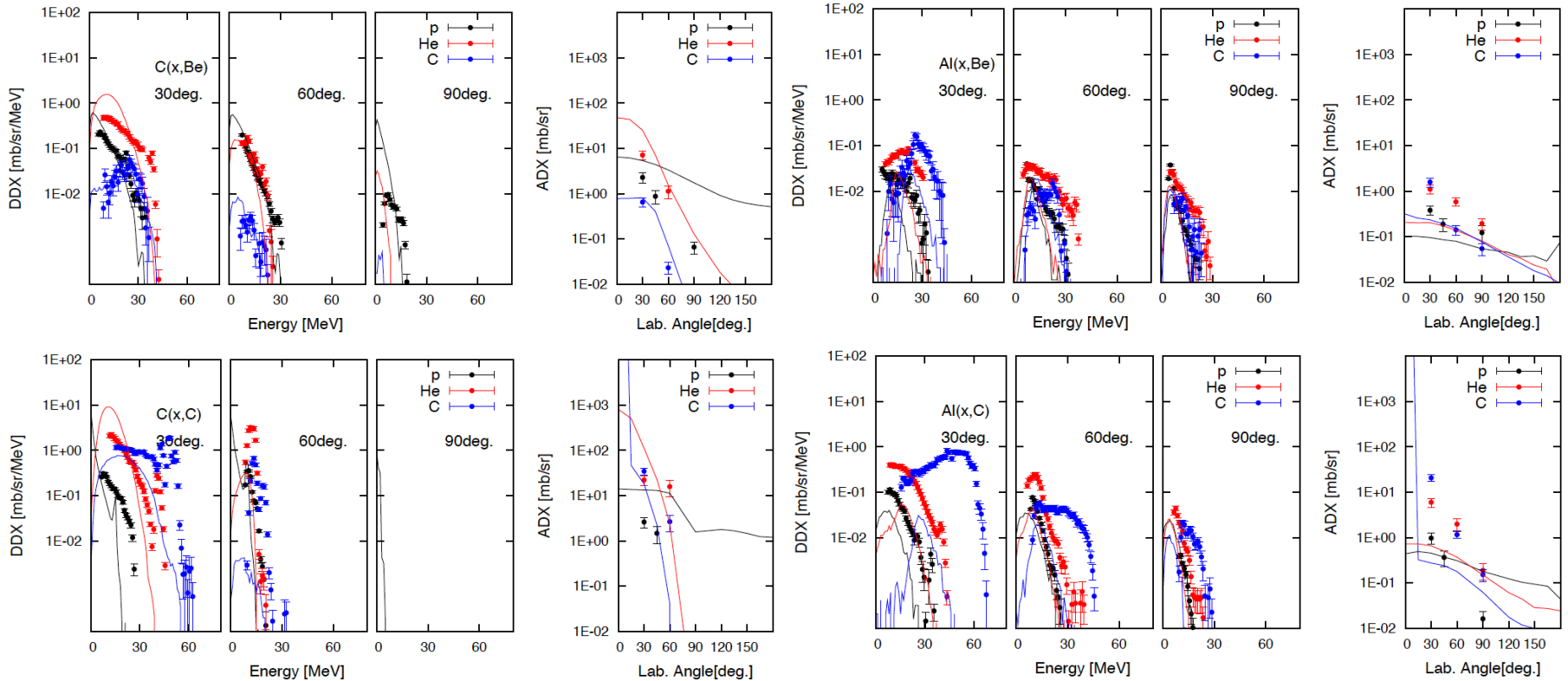
Beam : 70MeV proton, 70MeV $^4\text{He}^{2+}$, 6
MeV/n (72 MeV) $^{12}\text{C}^{6+}$

Targets : Be-5 μm , C-200 $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$, Al-0.8 μm ,
Ti-1 μm , Cu-1 μm

Detector : Bragg Curve Counter (BCC) at 30,
60 and 90 degrees

Nuclear data measurement activities at High Energy Accelerator Research Organization (KEK)

Beam: $E_p=70$, $E_d=70\text{MeV}$, $E_c=72\text{MeV}$
Target : C($205\text{mg}/\text{cm}^2$), Al($1\mu\text{m}$)
Fragments: Li, Be, B, C at 30,60,90 degrees (Dots)
Calculation: PHITS 2.62 with default option (Lines)



Activities at Tokyo Institute of Technology (Tokyo Tech)

Igashira Group

Capture Cross Sections and Gamma-ray Spectra in the keV Region

Nuclide	En = 15 - 100 keV	En = 550 keV
Pd-110	Measured in 2012	2013/5
I-127	2013/6	Not yet
Cs-133	2013/6	Not yet

Pd-104,105,106,108 were measured by 2012.

Experimental setup

3-MV Pelletron accelerator
Pulsed proton beam

Repetition rate : 4 MHz

Beam width : 1.5 ns

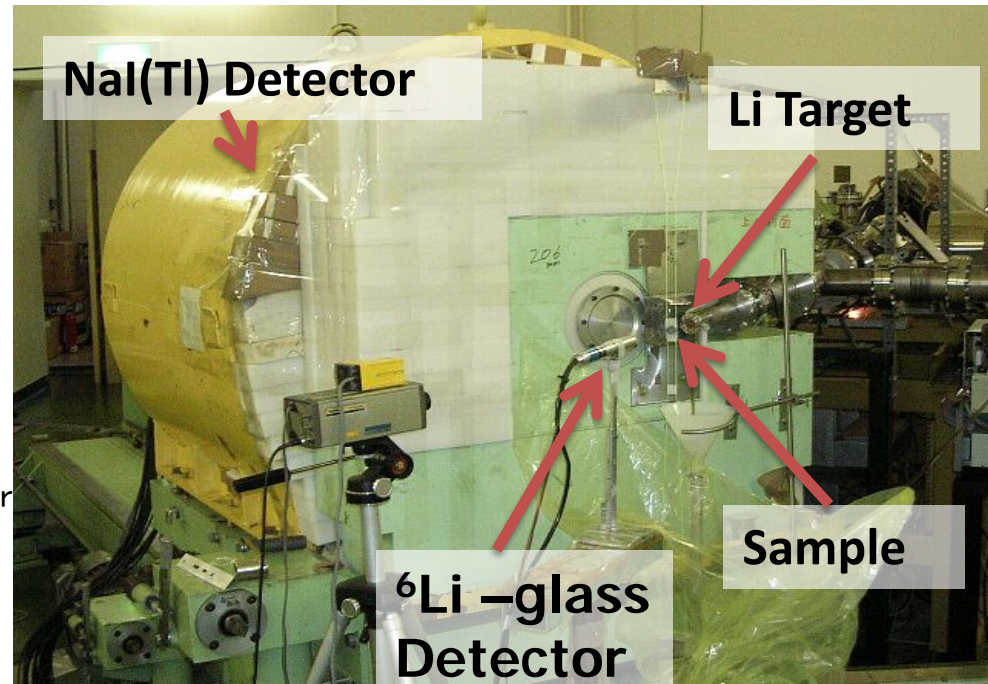
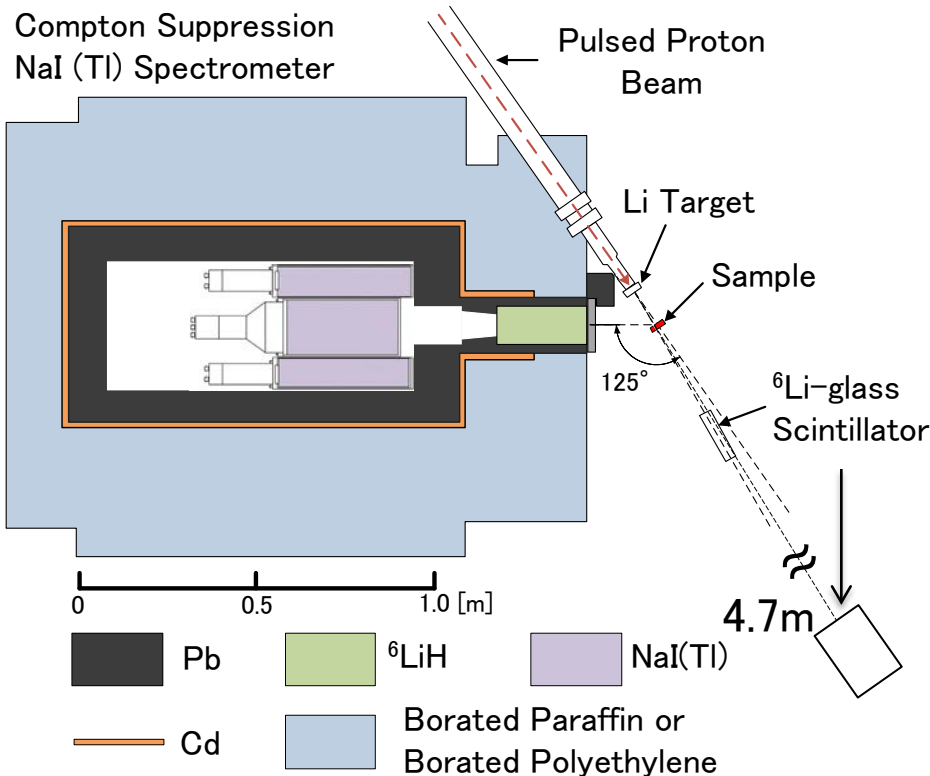
Average current : 10 μA

Neutron source : ${}^7\text{Li}(p,n){}^7\text{Be}$

Flight path length :

12 cm for 15-100 keV neutrons

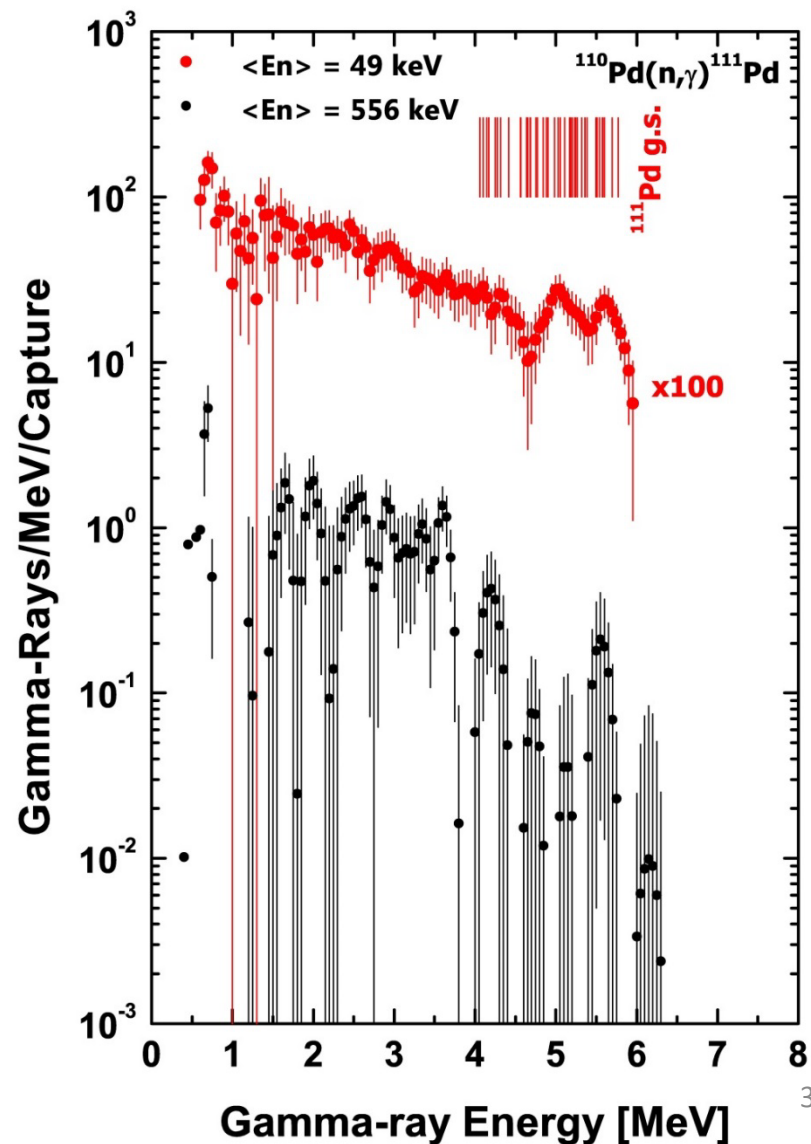
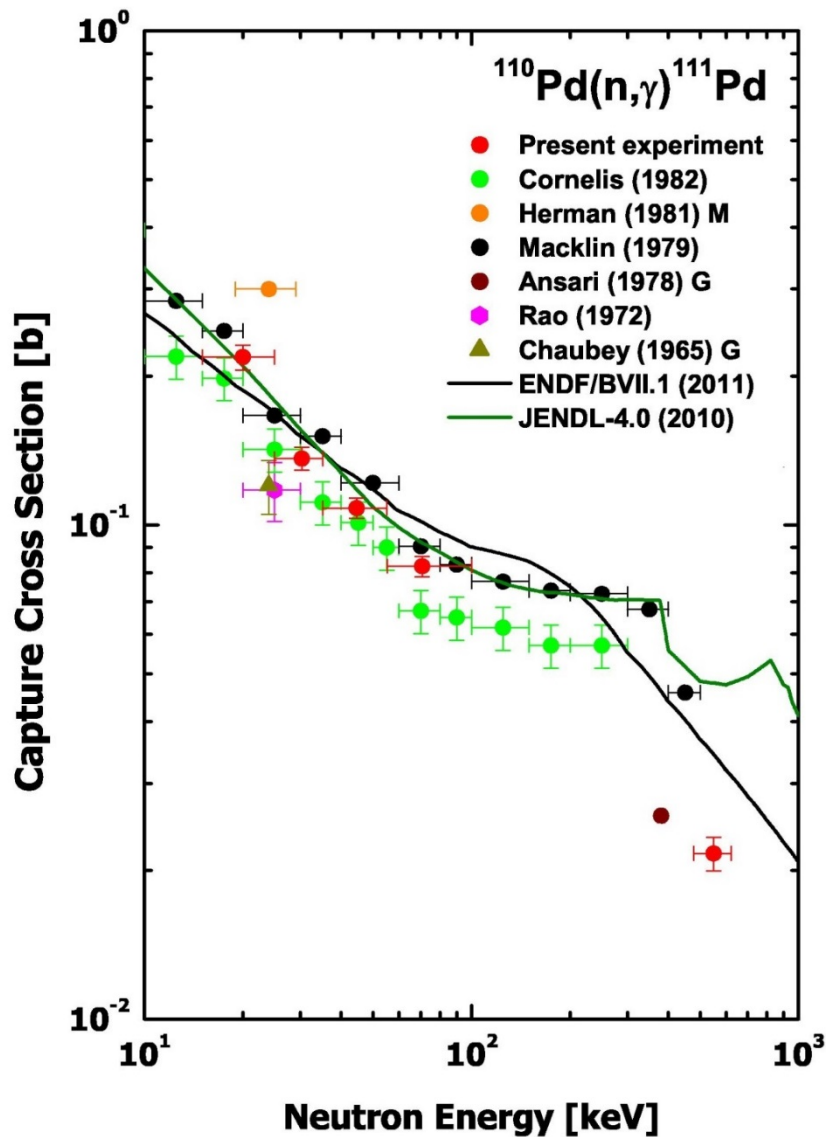
20 cm for 550 keV neutrons



NaI (TI) Spectrometer

➤ Two Dimensional Data: TOF x PH

Capture Cross Sections and Gamma-Ray Spectra of ^{110}Pd



Activities at Kyoto University

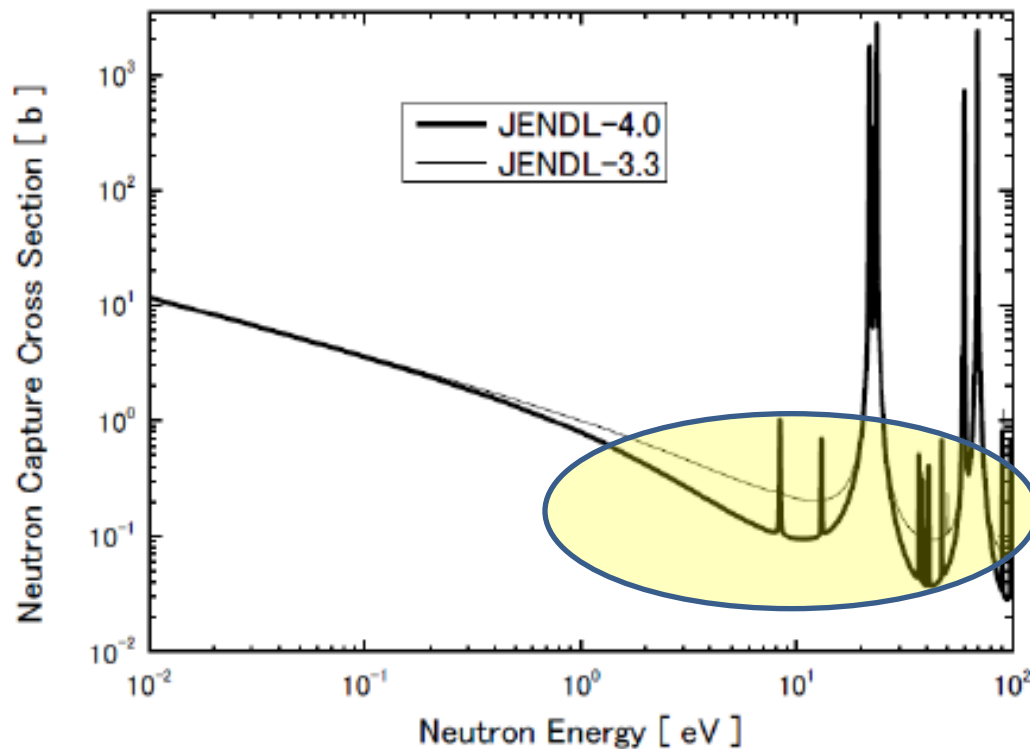
KURRI Group

Neutron capture cross section measurement for Th-232

Motivation : In the thorium fuel cycle, neutron capture cross section of Th-232 is important since the fissile U-233 is generated by two successive β -decays after the capture reaction. In the JENDL-4.0, the resonance parameters were revised from the values of JENDL-3.3 as shown in Fig. 1. We started an experimental study in order to check the resonance parameters in the low energy region.

Neutron Source : KURRI-LINAC, Ta target, Flight path:12.7 m

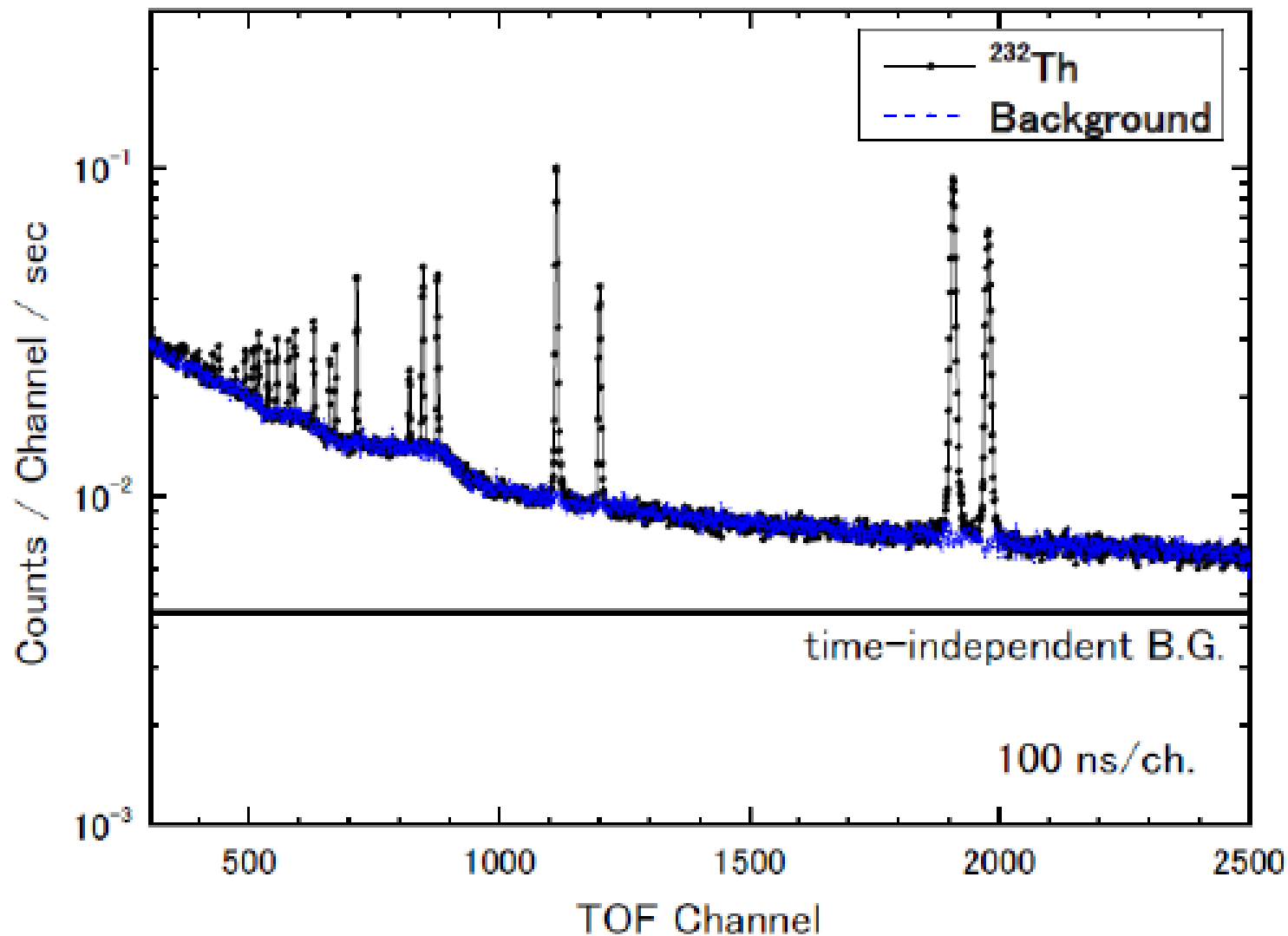
Detector : Total absorption type BGO detectors



- Th-232 Sample
12.7 mm in diameter
0.05 mm in thick
Weight: ~70 mg
Purity 99.97%

Figure 1. Comparison of Th-232 neutron capture cross sections between JENDL-4.0 and JENDL-3.3

Here, a part of TOF spectrum is only shown.



Presented at the 2013 Symposium on Nuclear Data, Nov. 14-15, 2013, Tsuruga, Japan.
Final result will be presented in PHYSOR2014.

Activities at Konan University

Utsunomiya Group

Photoneutron cross section data at NewSUBARU

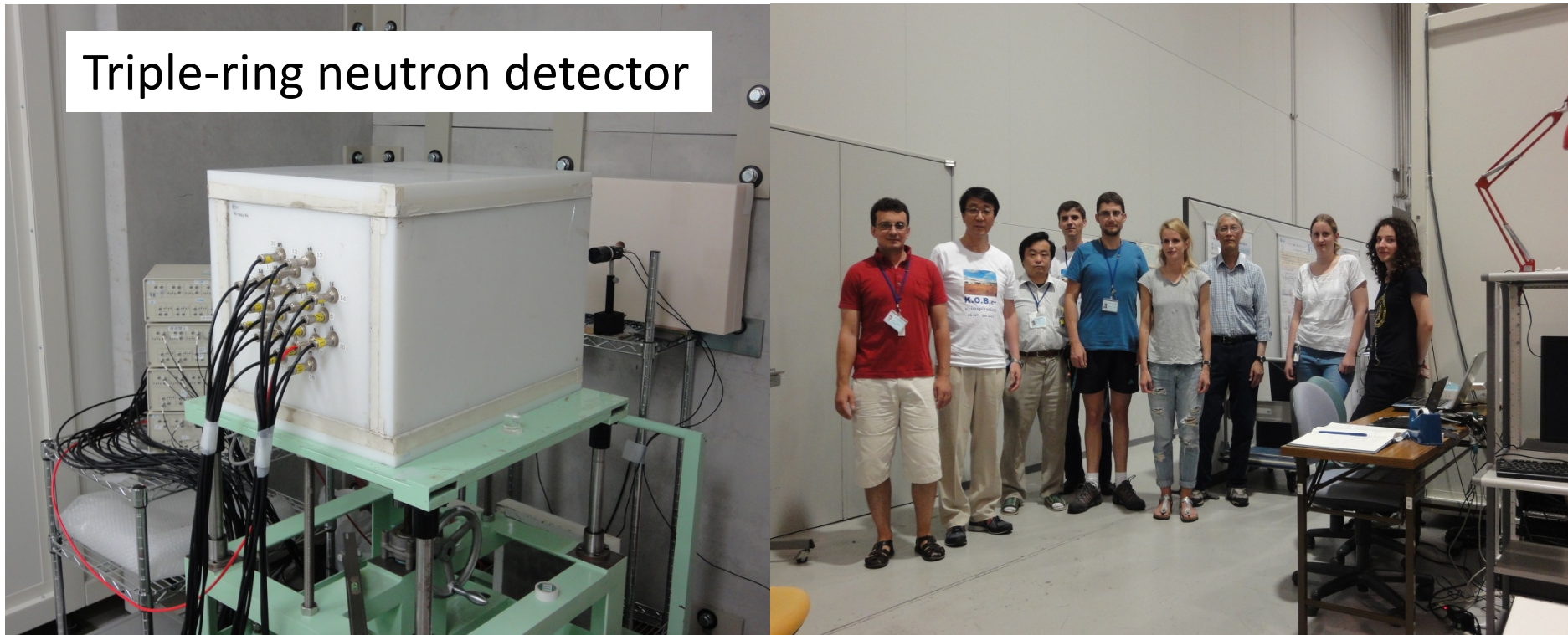
Hiroaki Utsunomiya
(Konan University)



Total (γ , n) cross section measurements

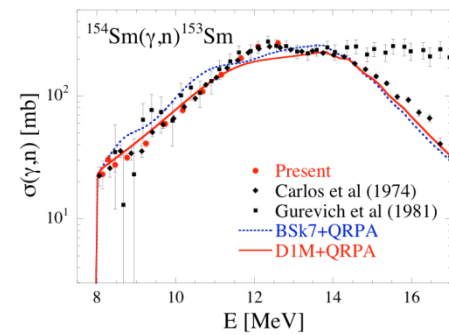
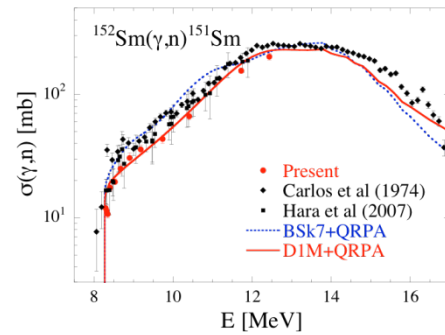
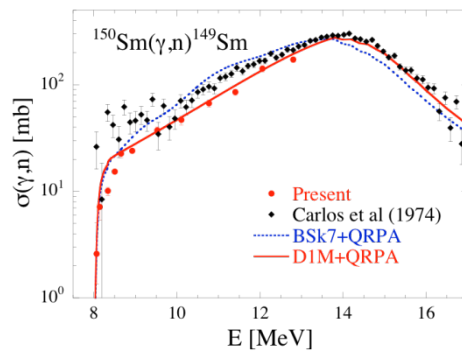
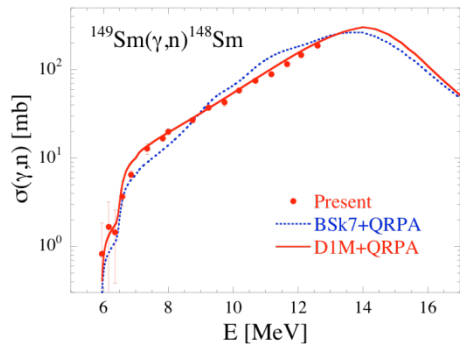
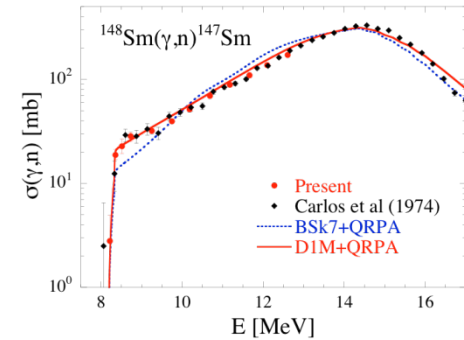
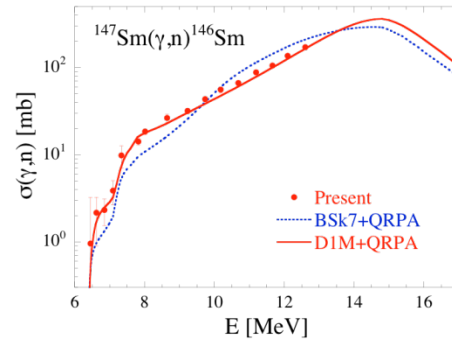
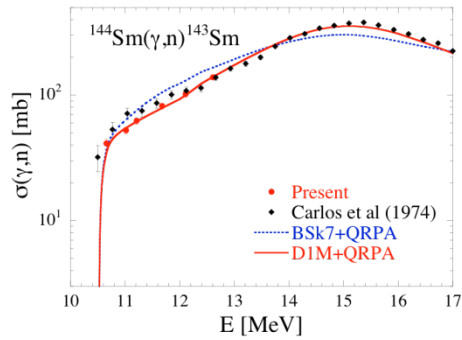
International Collaboration K.O.B.e⁻
(Konan - Oslo - Bucharest - e⁻ beams)

Triple-ring neutron detector



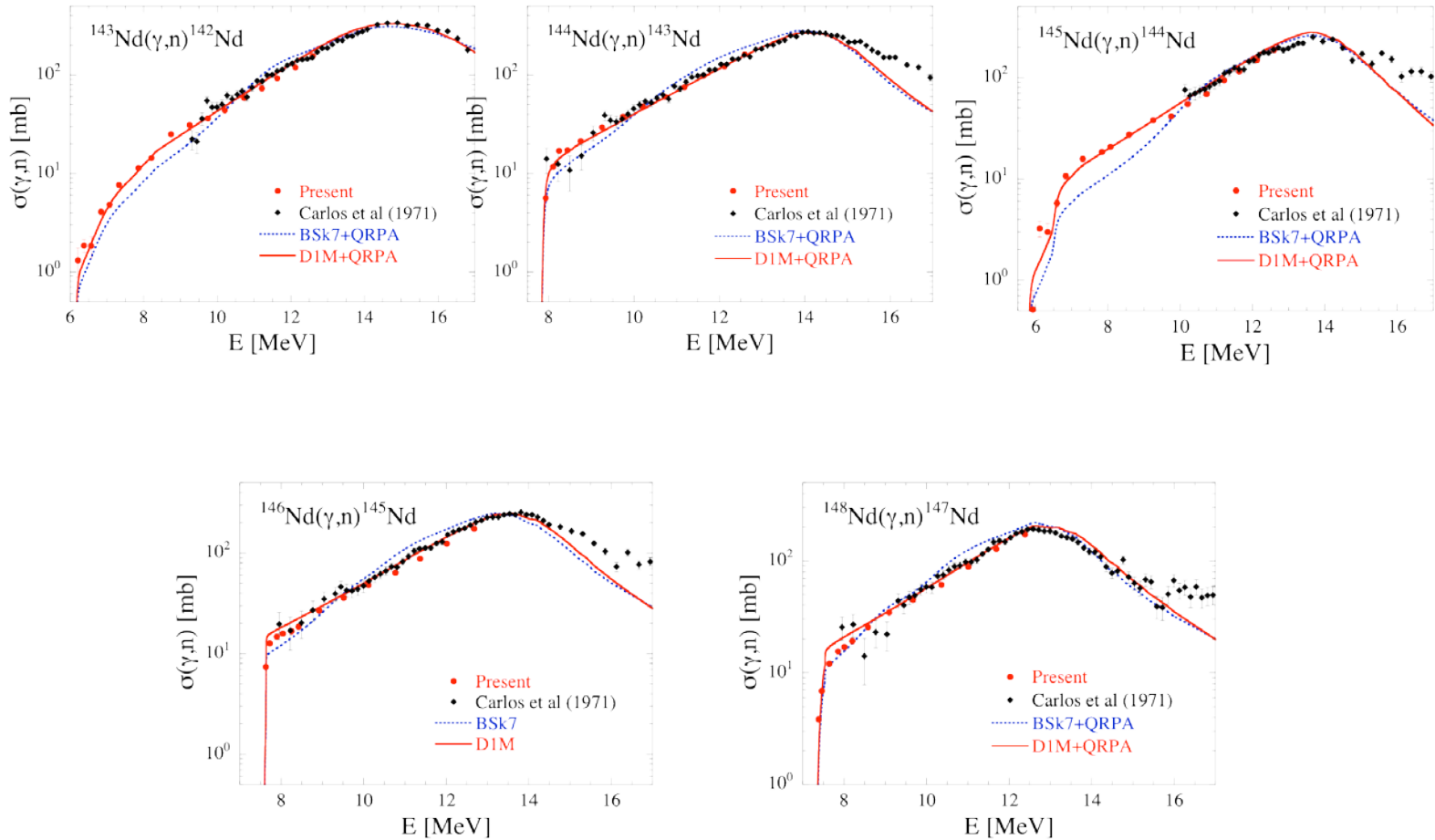
(γ, n) cross sections for Sm isotopes

To be submitted to Physical Review C



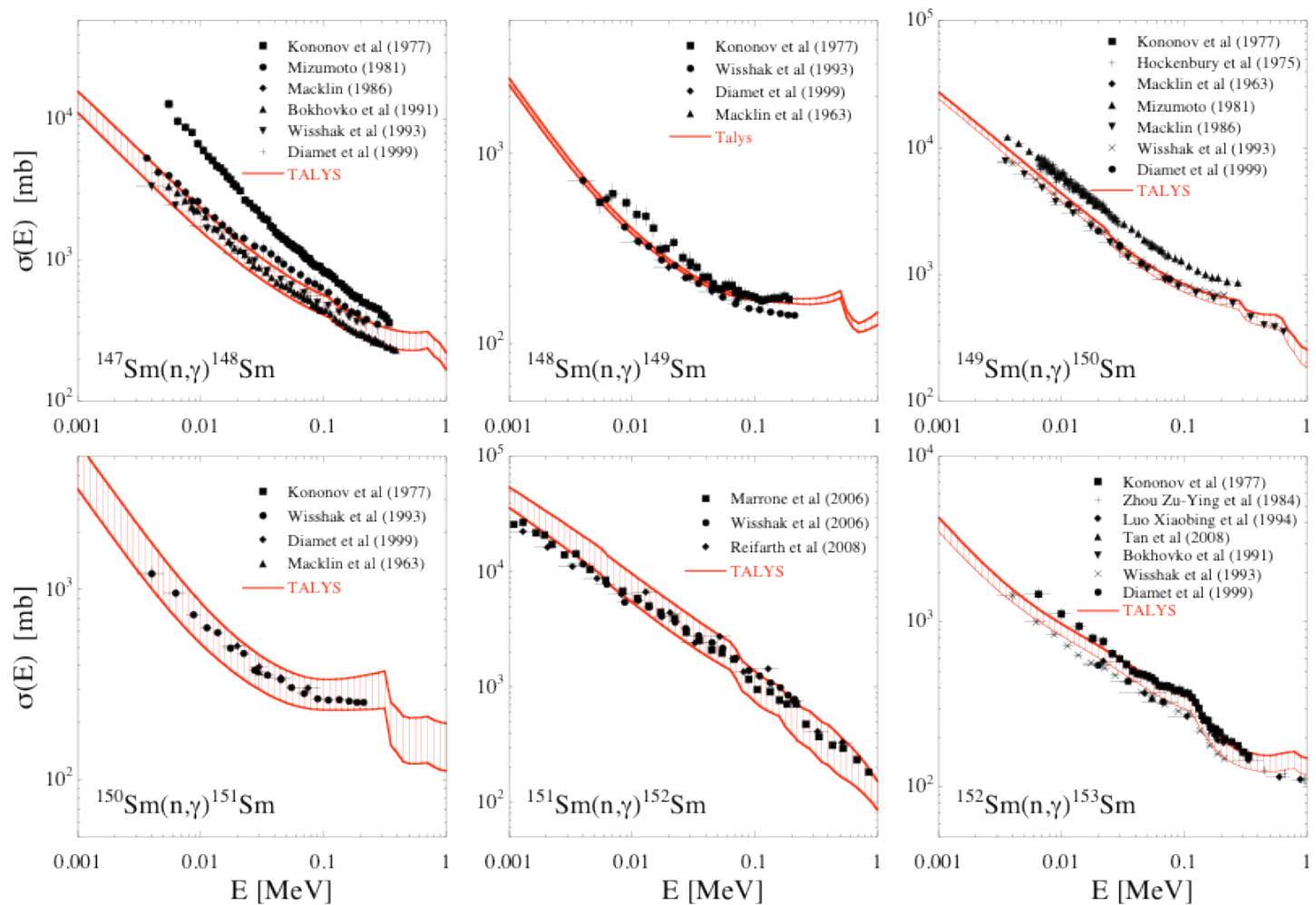
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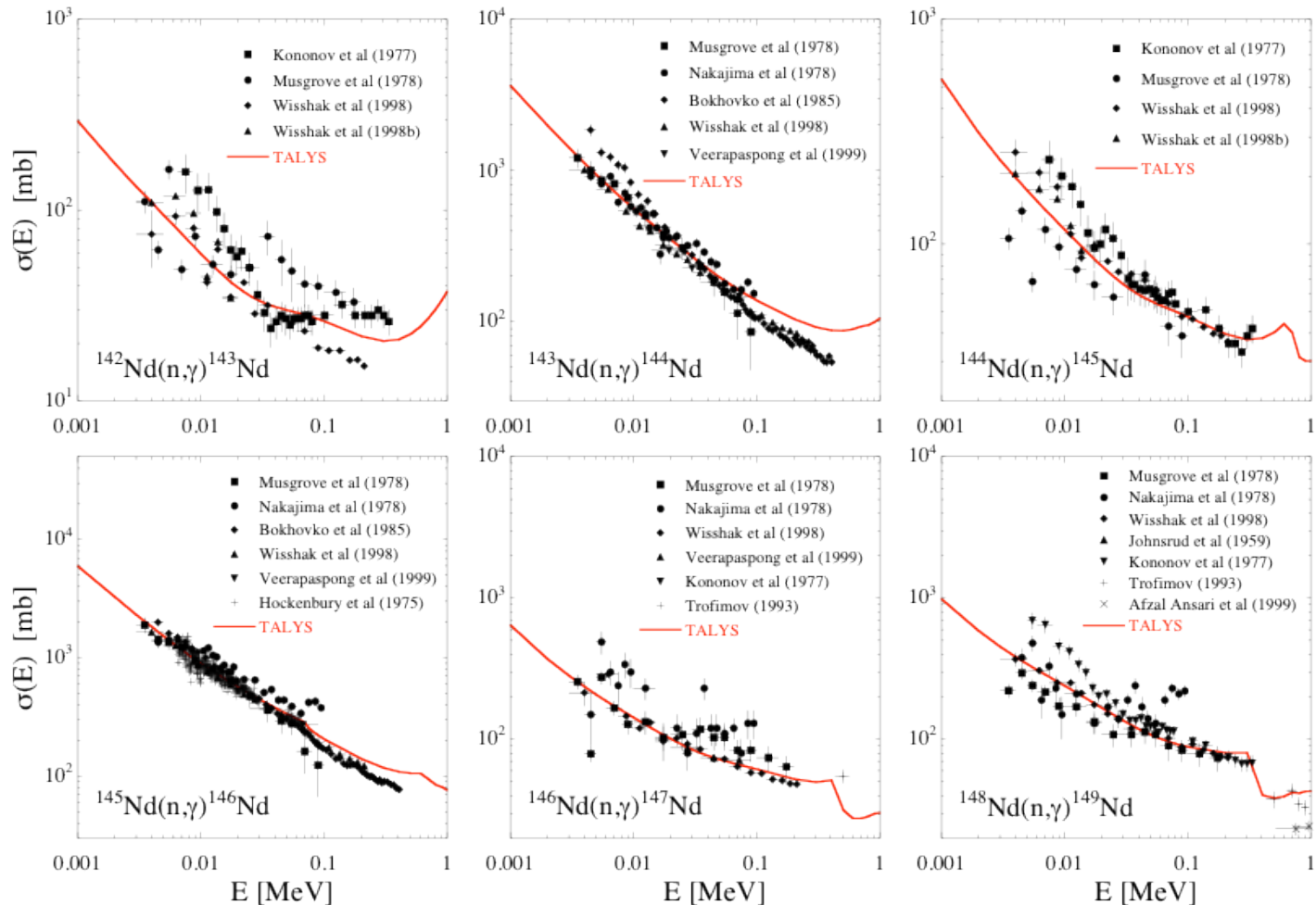
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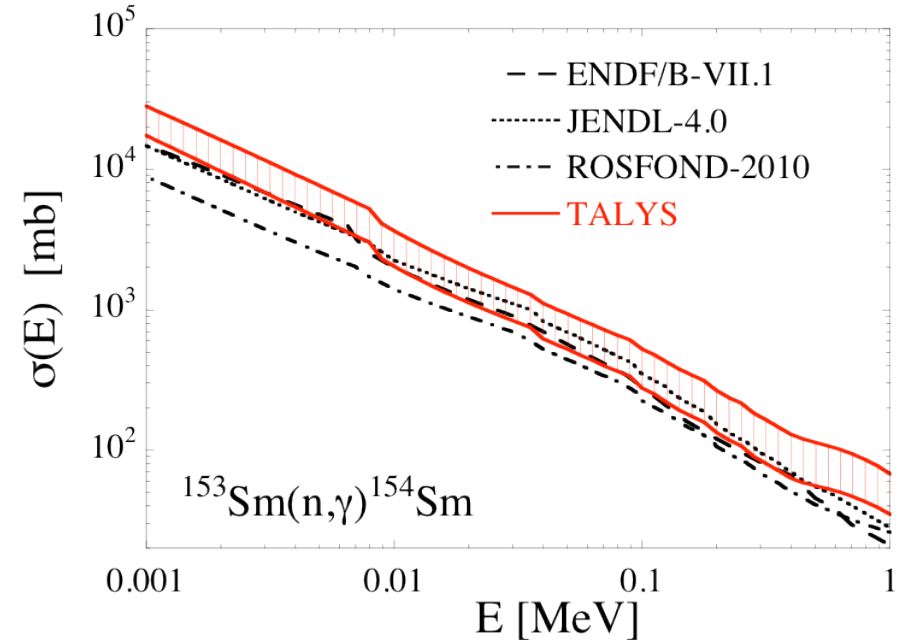
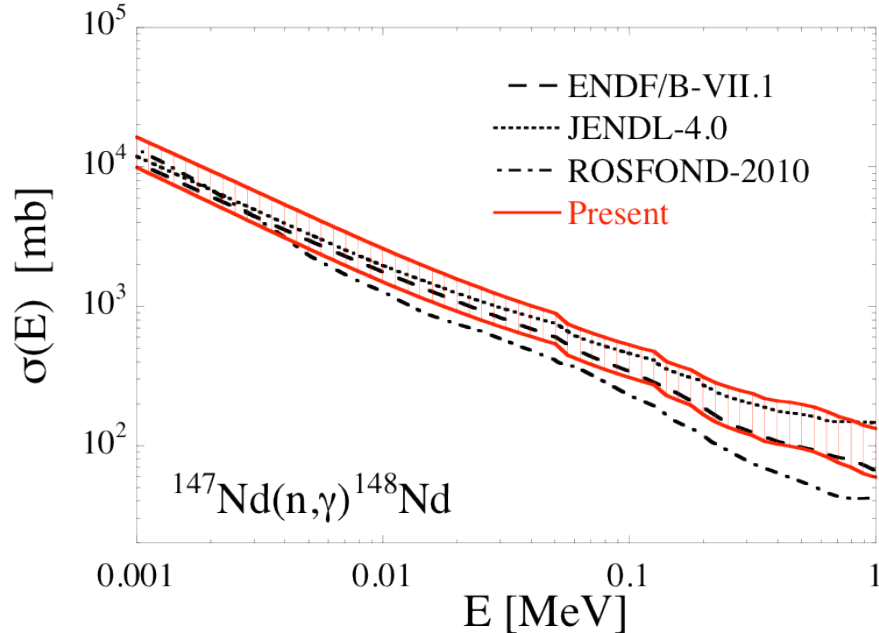
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Indirect determination of (n,γ) cross sections for ^{147}Nd (10.98 d) and ^{153}Sm (1.928 d)

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Activities at Kyushu University

Watanabe Group

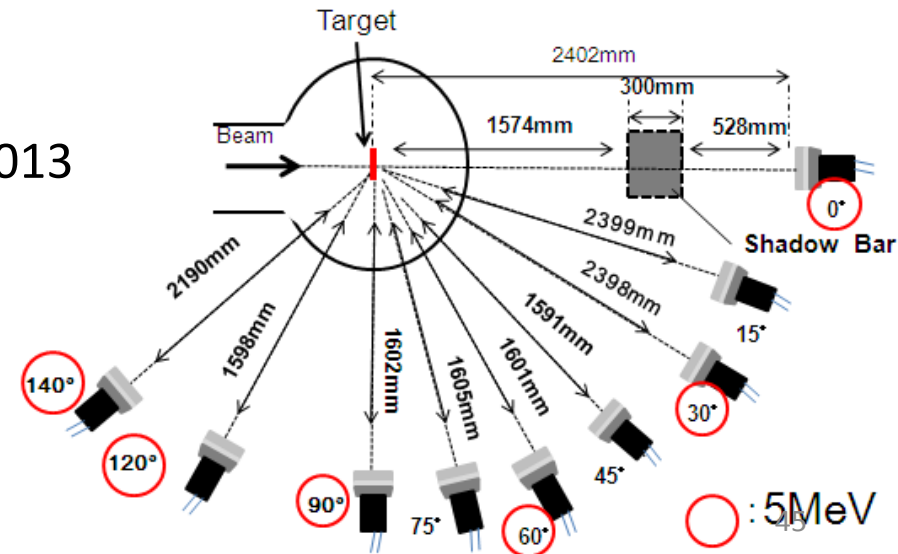
Systematic Measurement of Double-Differential Neutron Yields From Thick Target Irradiated by Deuterons Below 10 MeV



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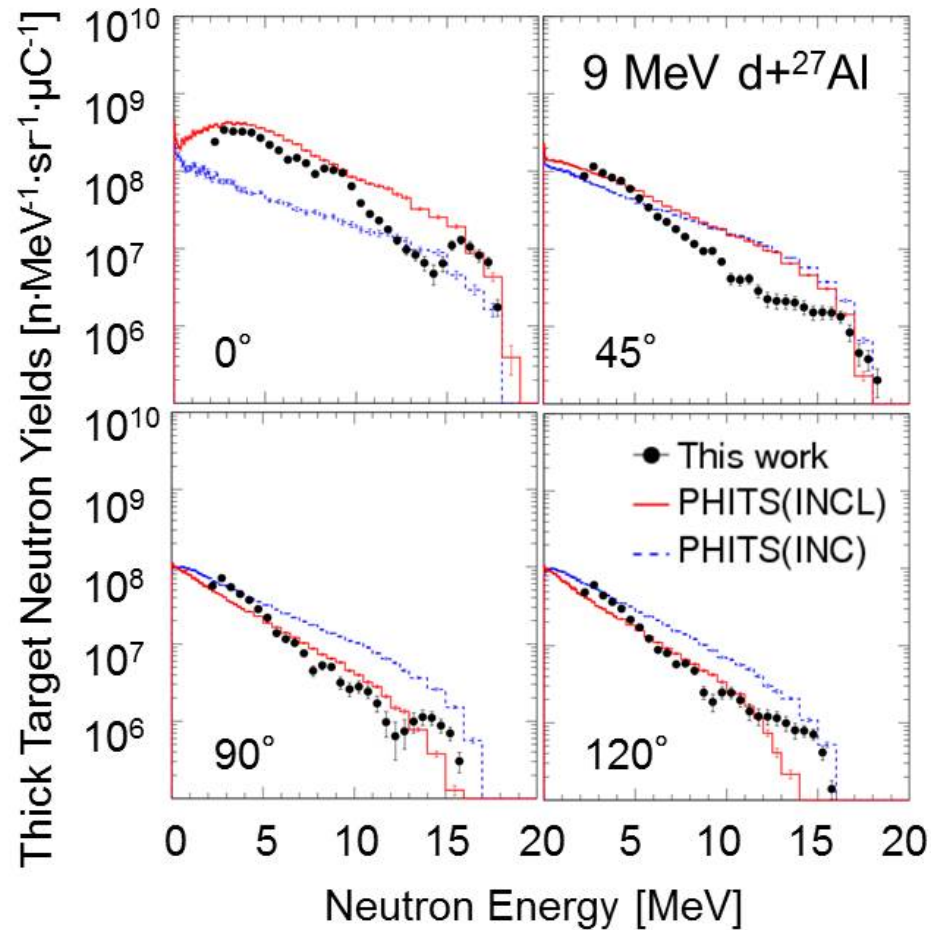
Experiment @KUTL

- Thick target yield (TTY) data for deuteron accelerator-based neutron sources
- Kyushu University Tandem Laboratory (KUTL)
 - Deuteron energies : 5 and 9 MeV
- Detector system
 - NE213 scintillator (50.4 mm thick and 50.4 mm in diameter)
 - Unfolding method with FORIST code
- Target
 - Al and Ta with stopping length in FY2013
- Measurement Angles
 - 0, 15, 30, 45, 60, 75, 90, 120, 140 degrees



Result

- Experimental double-differential thick target neutron yields from **Al at 9 MeV**
- Comparison of the measurement with PHITS calculation to validate the reaction models



The PHITS calculation using the intra-nuclear cascade of Liège (INCL) model reproduces satisfactorily well the experimental data, compared with that using the Bertini INC model.

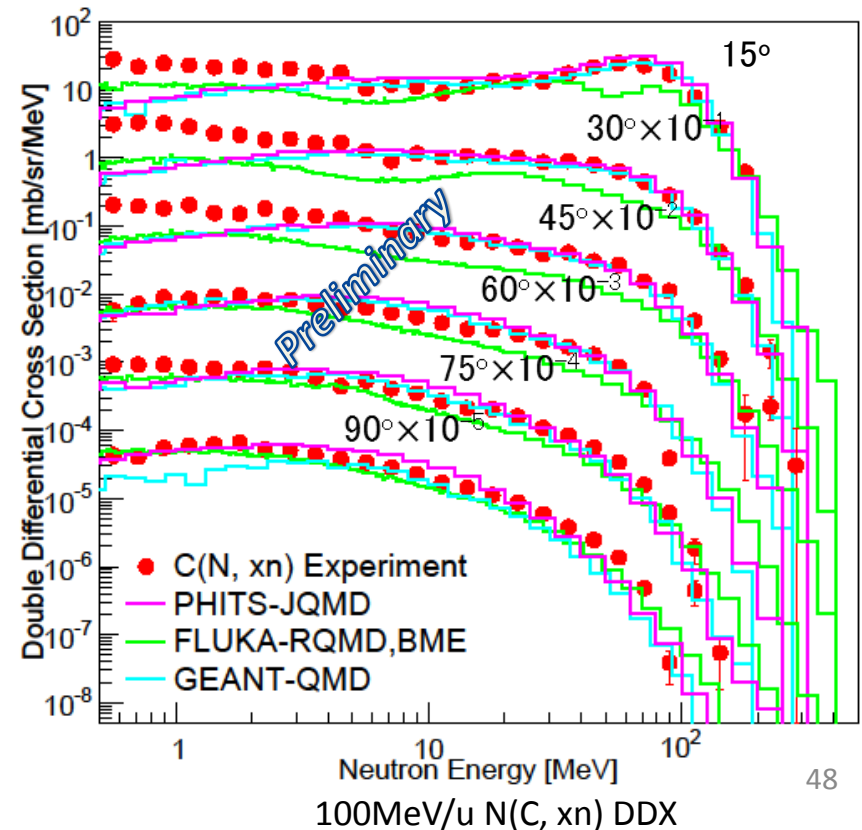
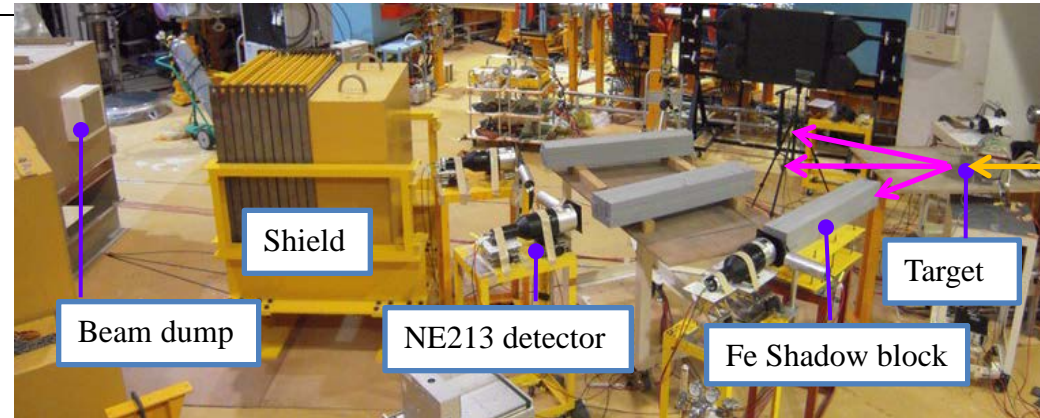
Activities at Kyushu University

Department of Applied Quantum Physics
and Nuclear Engineering

Ishibashi and Shigyo Group

Neutron Production DDX from Heavy-Ion Interactions @ NIRS-HIMAC

- Kyushu U., JAEA, Hiroshima U., KEK, NIRS, KAERI
- Systematic cross-section data for elements constituting a human body's tissue bombarded with heavy-ion beams
- HIMAC PH2 beam line
- Beam: 100 MeV/u O, N, 500 MeV/u Fe
- Target: C
- Detection: NE213 (2 sizes) + TOF
- Direction: 0°, 15°, 30°, 45°, 60°, 75°, 90°
- Data obtained below 1 MeV of E_n
- PHITS reproduces experimental data especially above tens MeV region



National Project related to Nuclear Data - AIMAC project -

By JAEA & Tokyo Tech. & Kyoto Univ. team

AIMAC: Research and development for Accuracy Improvement of neutron nuclear data on Minor Actinides

Frame: Innovative Nuclear Research and Development Program by MEXT
From October 2013 to March 2017, ~ 0.3 Gyen, ~ 20 scientists

Coordinator: **Hideo Harada**

Nuclear Data and Reactor Engineering Unit

Nuclear Science and Engineering Center

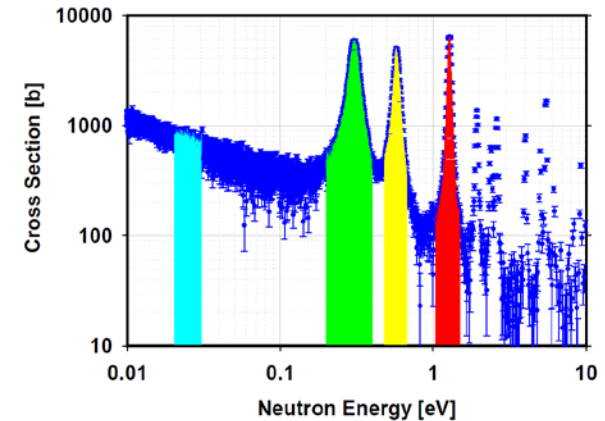
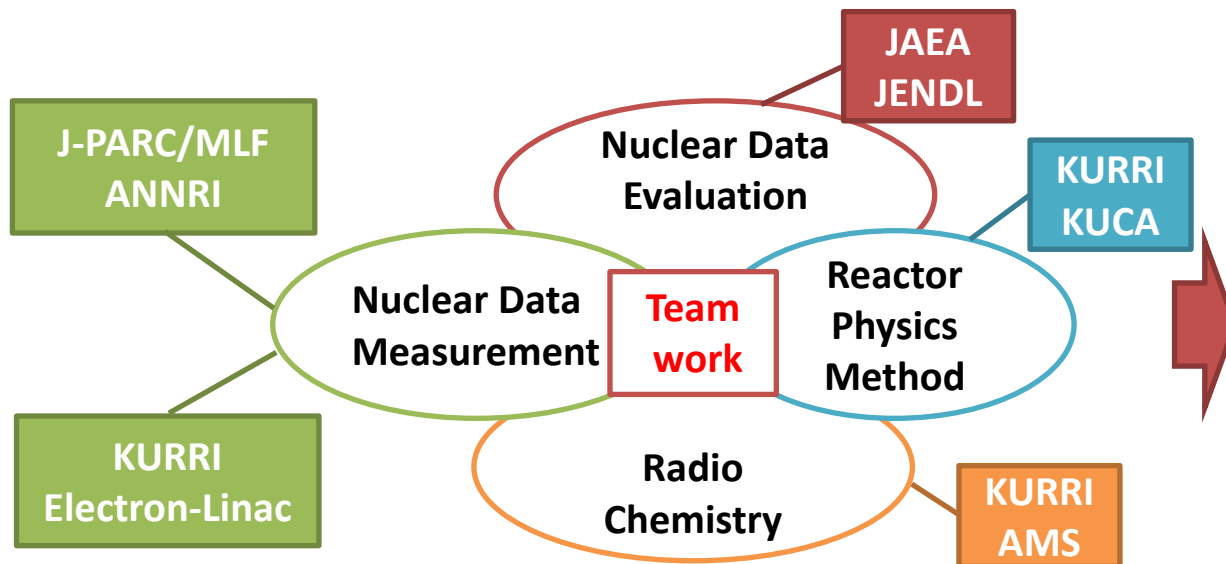
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On the AIMAC project

This R&D aims at improving accuracy of neutron nuclear data for minor actinides (MAs) and long-lived fission products (LLFPs), which is required for developing innovative nuclear system transmuting these nuclei.

The following research items will be conducted :

- ① Accurate measurements of thermal neutron capture cross-sections
- ② High-precision quantification of sample amount used for TOF measurement
- ③ Resonance parameter determination by combining total and capture cross sections
- ④ Extension of capture cross sections to high energy neutrons
- ⑤ High quality evaluation based on iterative communication with experimenters



Accurate Neutron Nuclear Data

Collaboration by researchers
from 4 different research fields