Neutron capture and total cross measurements on ^{94,95,96}Mo at n_TOF and GELINA

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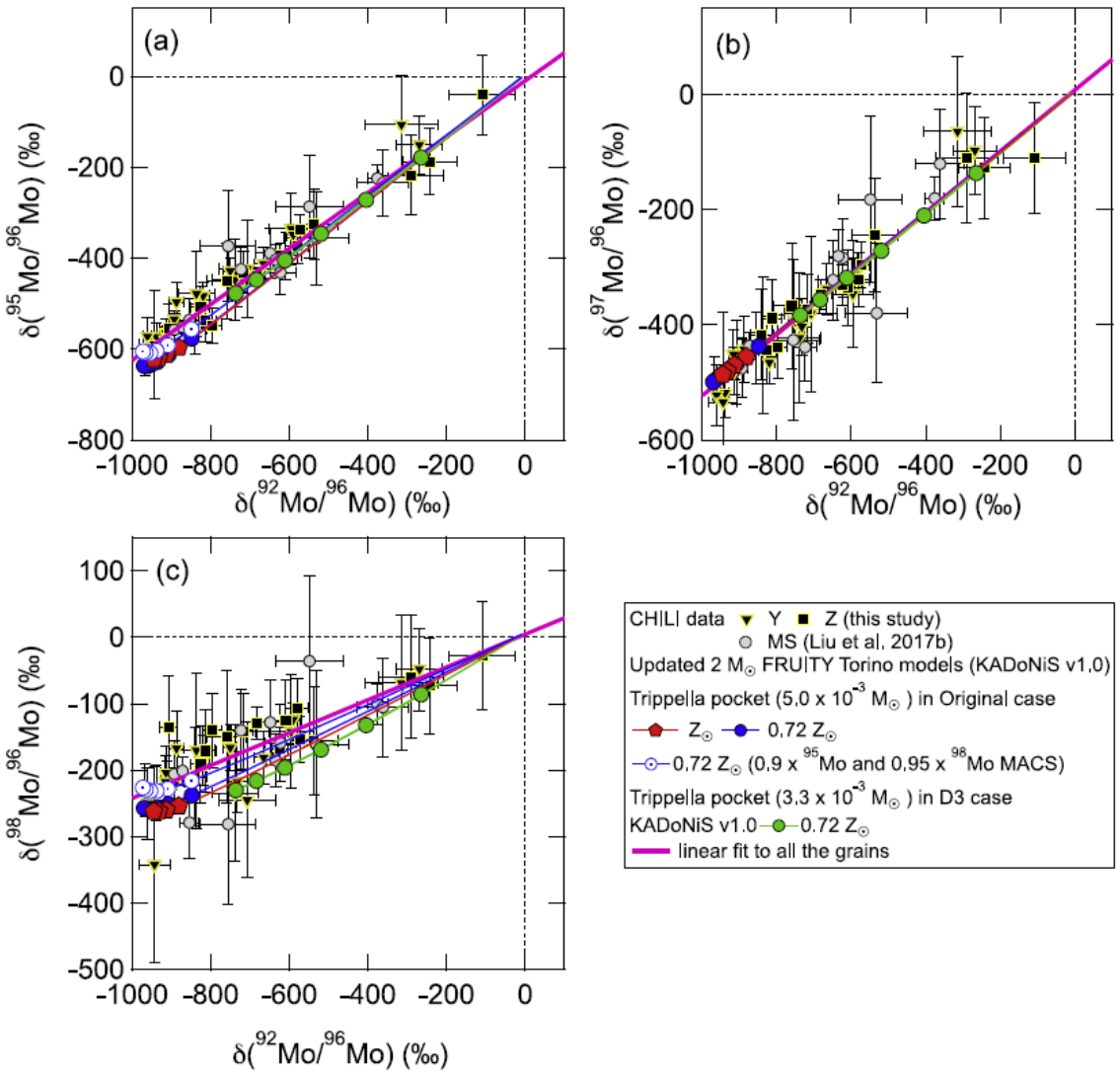
Importance of molybdenum

- Fission product in nuclear power plants;
- Nucleosynthesis of heavy elements: pollution in presolar SiC grains;
- Transport casks, irradiated fuel storage;
- Research reactors and Accident Tolerant Fuels.

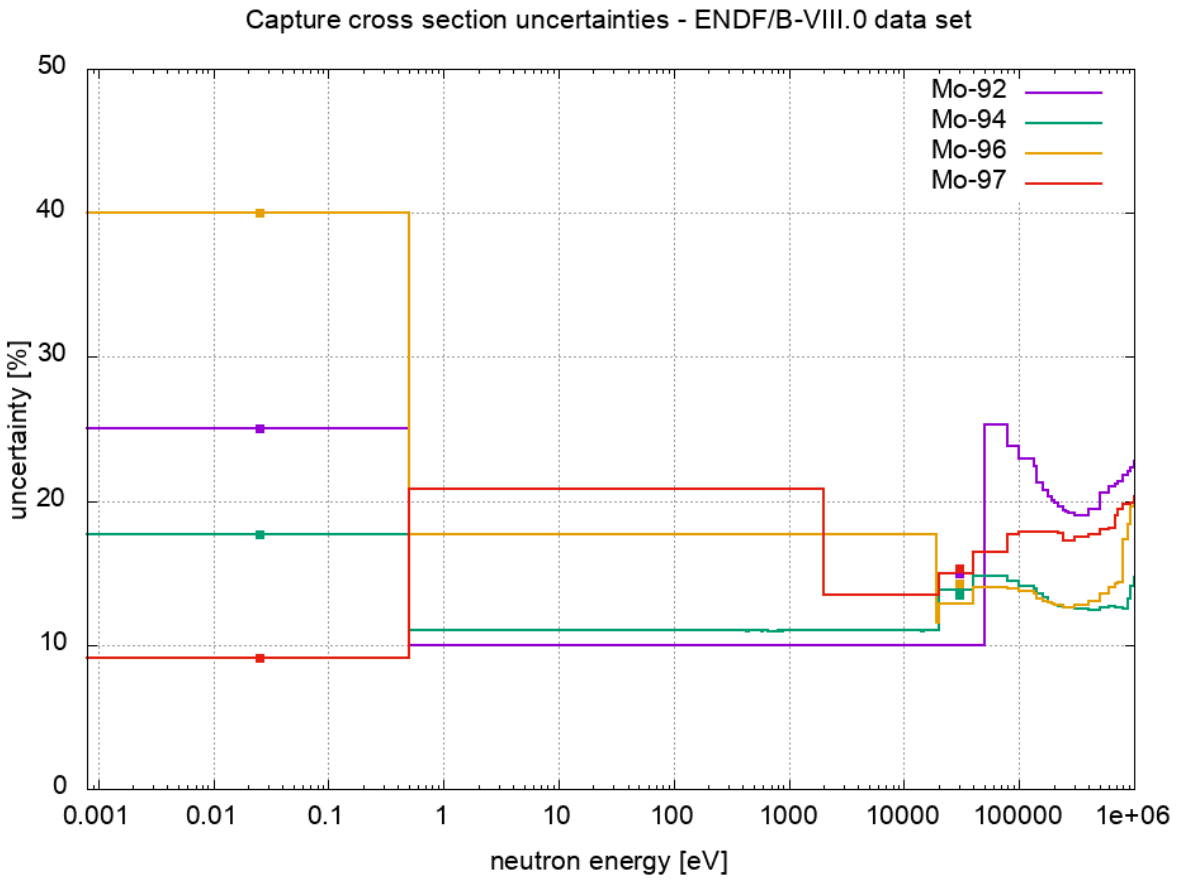
Presolar grain composition

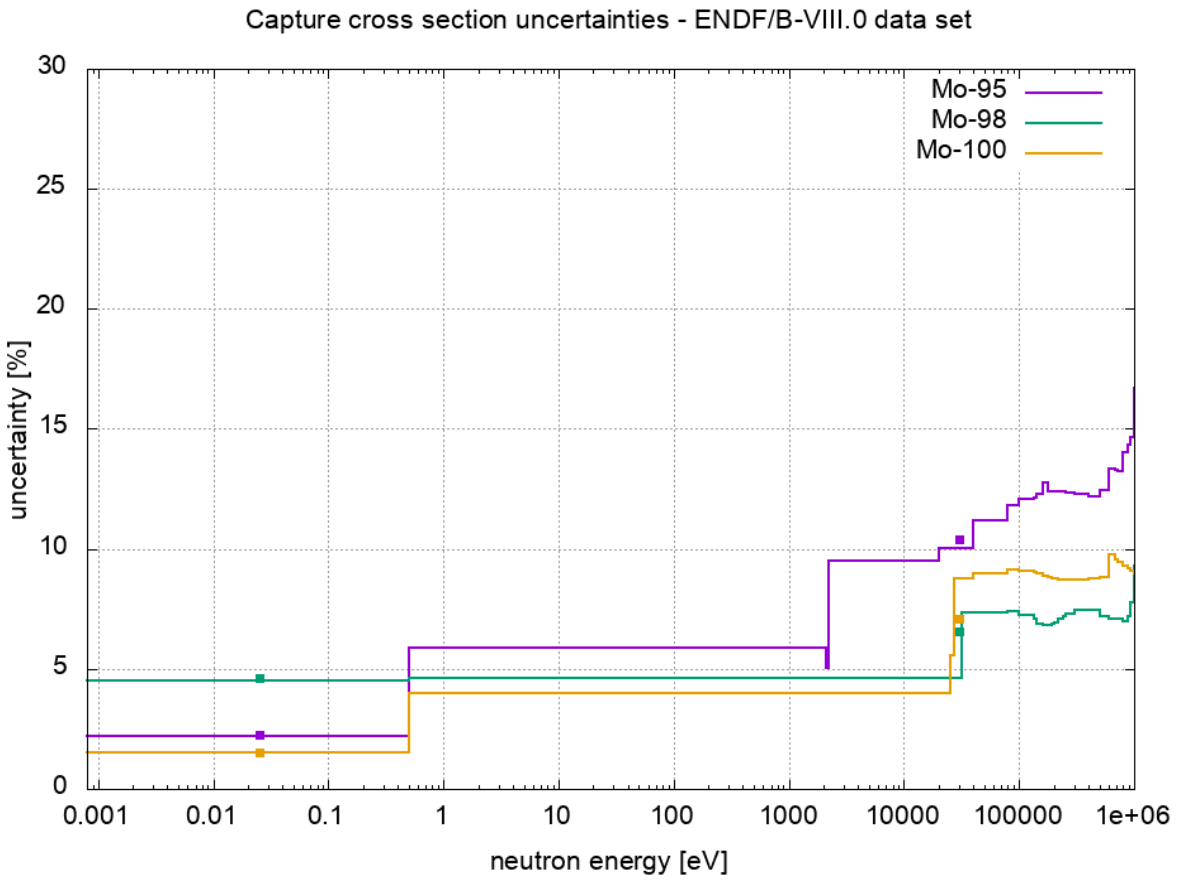


- Comparison of SiC grains composition versus stellar model (FRUITY Torino model)
- MACS form KADoNiS v1.0
- Slight discrepancy between model and isotopic composition
- Possible overestimation of MACS in KADoNiS.

N. Liu, et al., ApJ 881 (2019) 28.

Cross section uncertainties in ENDF/B-VIII





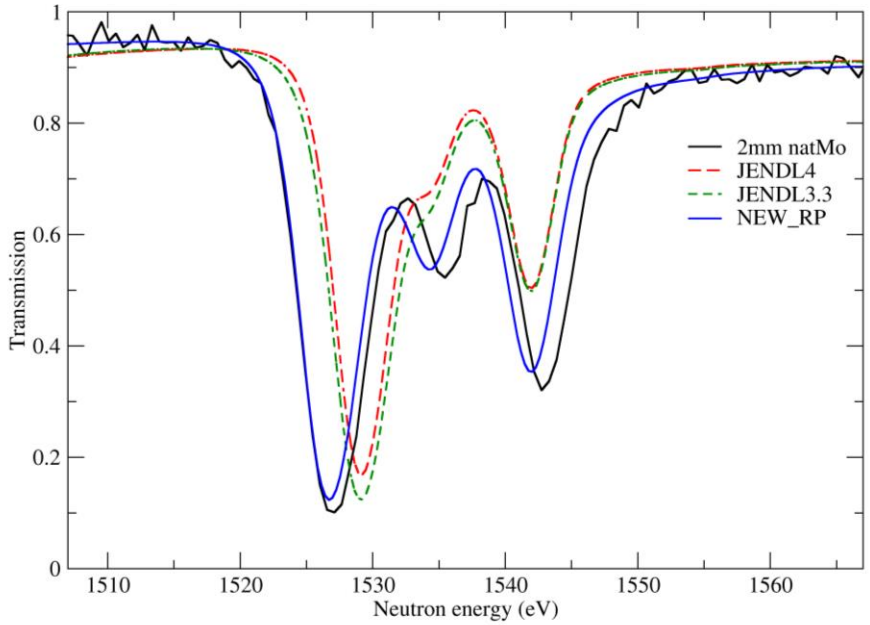
Resonance parameters evaluation

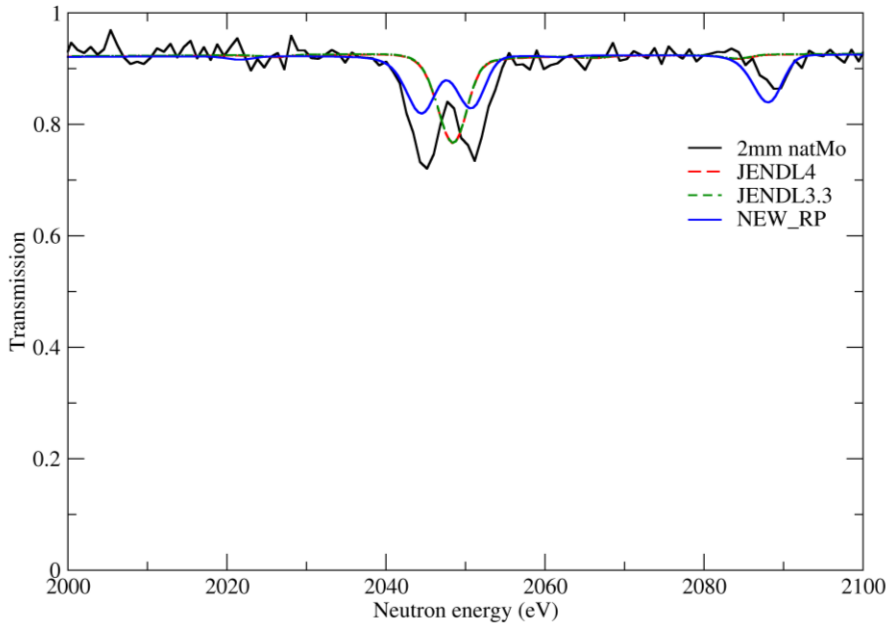
RP compilation from literature

1) Define consistent energy scale:
   Weigmann et al. (capture experiments at GELINA)
2) Select $g\Gamma_n$ reference:
   E < 2keV: Leinweber
   E > 2keV: Whynchank
3) Select $\frac{g\Gamma_\gamma\Gamma_n}{\Gamma}$ reference:
   Weigmann
   Musgrove for odd isotopes and E>3keV

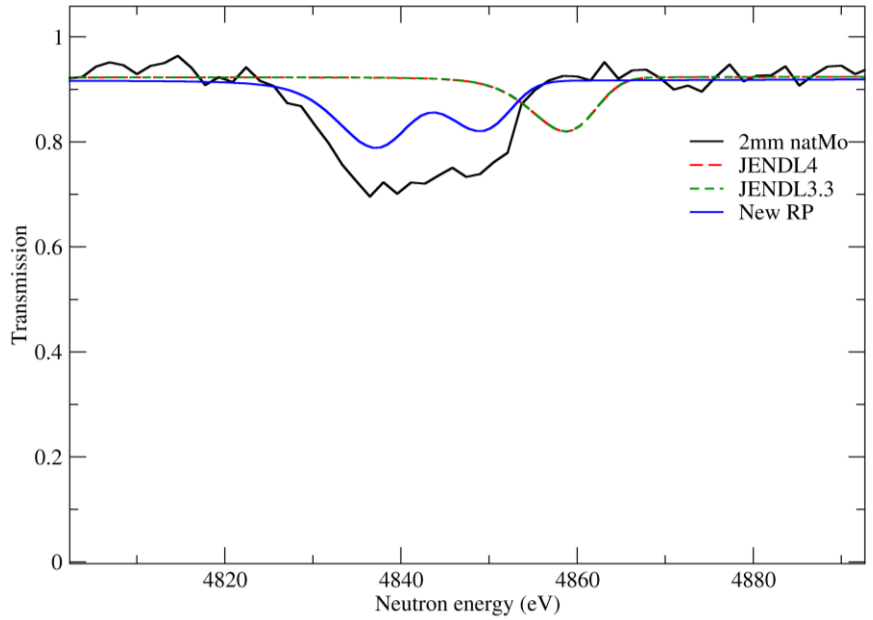
- Compilation of RP file from literature data
- ^{nat}Mo transmission measurements at GELINA to validate and improve RP file

Validation of compiled RP file

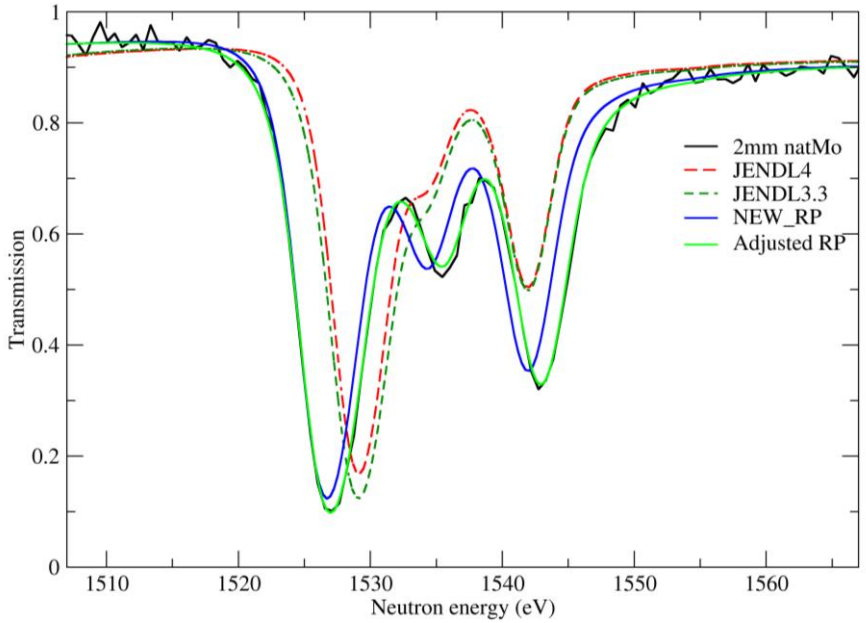


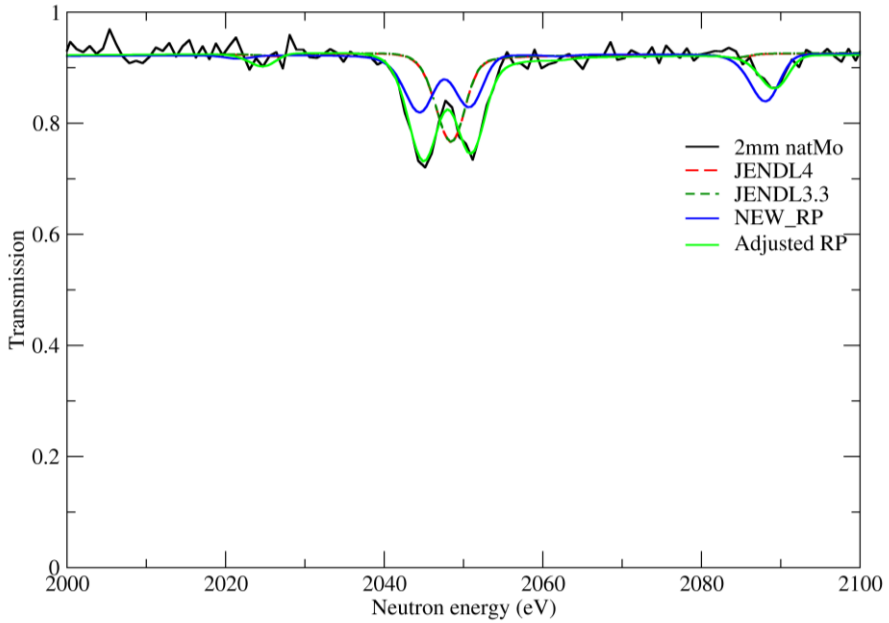


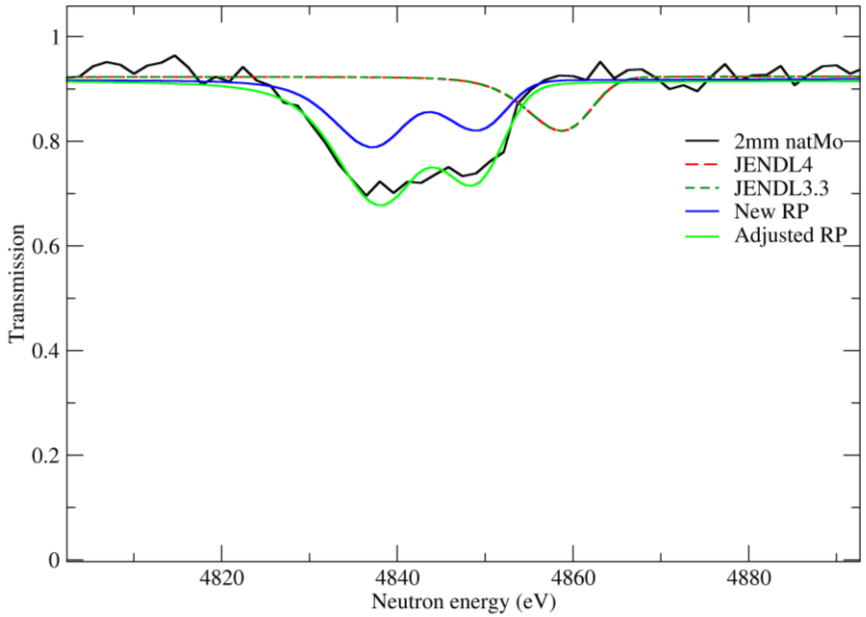
- RP file verified by transmission data (50 m) of 2mm and 5mm thick ^{nat}Mo samples
- Missing resonances in libraries reported in literature data
- Literature parameters more consistent with transmission data
- **New RP file improve data description**.



Improvement of RP file







- RP file improved by an adjustment to transmission data using REFIT
- Fit of resonances up to 5 keV
- Final paper accepted for publication

Enriched samples campaign

Mo powder @ EAR2

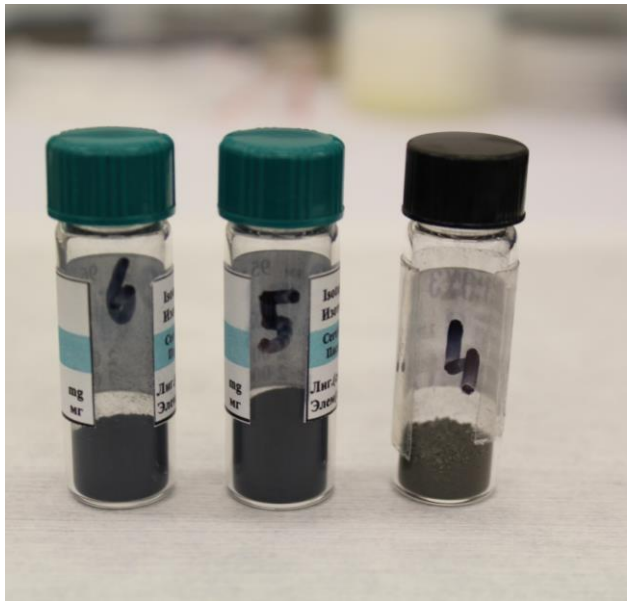
- Metallic powder in metallic capsules;
- Capsule fixed to mylar disk using Kapton foil;
- 2g of powder available for each isotope;
- Capture measurements performed at n_TOF in October 2021.

Enriched pellets preparation

- Pressed pellets prepared using enriched powder
- Pellets prepared at JRC-Geel
- Self sustaining pellets of ~ 2g
- Additional ^{nat}Mo samples prepared using powder with different grain sizes
- Samples used in EAR1 campaign at n_TOF

Samples prepared

^{94}Mo	^{95}Mo	^{96}Mo
99%	95%	96%



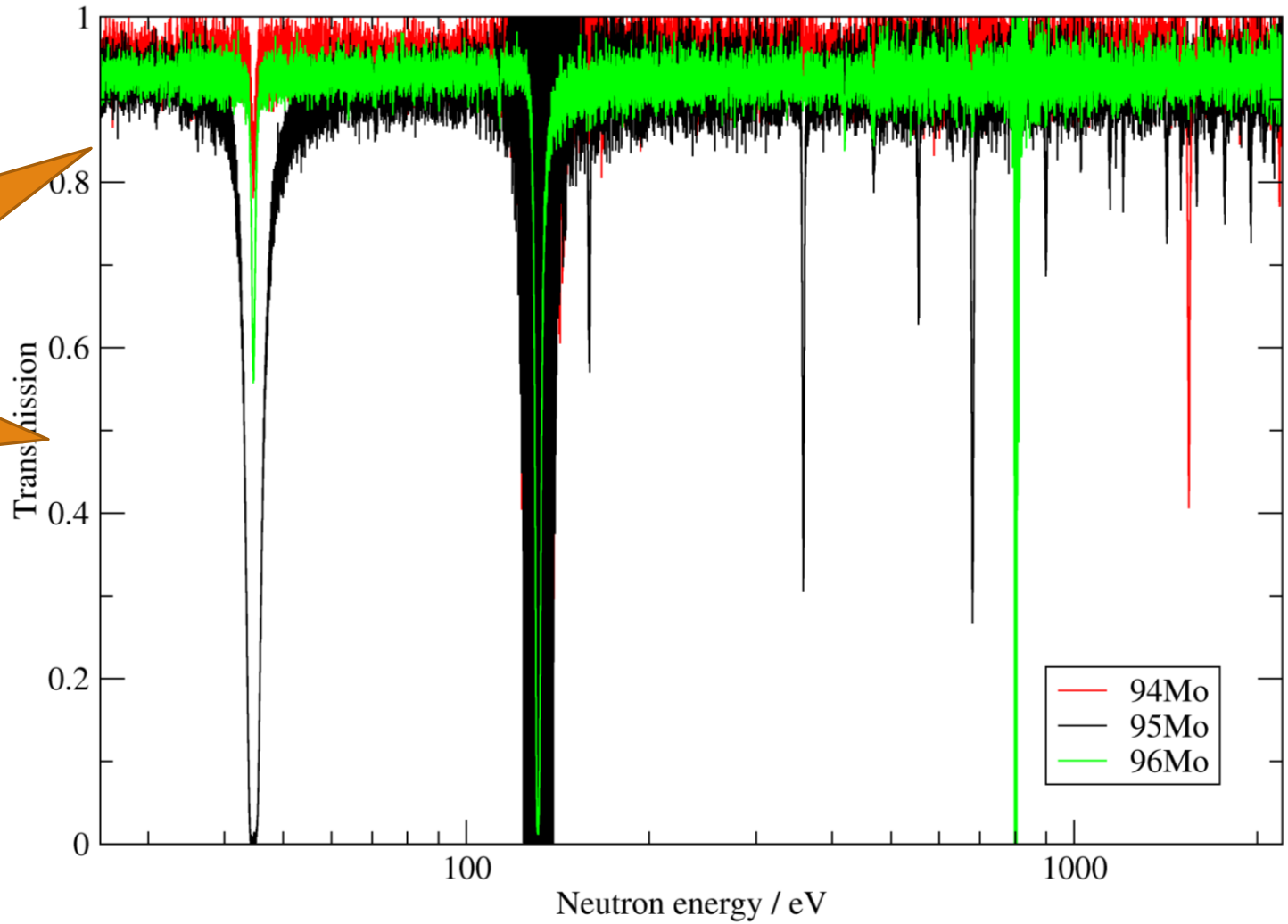
Mo samples

Atomic %	^{92}Mo	^{94}Mo	^{95}Mo	^{96}Mo	^{97}Mo	^{98}Mo	^{100}Mo
^{94}Mo	0,63%	98,97%	0,36%	0,01%	0,01%	0,01%	0,01%
^{95}Mo	0,31%	0,69%	95,40%	2,24%	0,51%	0,65%	0,20%
^{96}Mo	0,28%	0,24%	1,01%	95,90%	1,00%	1,32%	0,25%

Isotope	Mass (g)	Areal density (atoms/b)
^{94}Mo	1,9526	3,9592E-03
^{95}Mo	1,9745	3,9558E-03
^{96}Mo	1,9175	3,8064E-03
^{nat}Mo-5 μm	2,014	4,0059E-03
^{nat}Mo-350 μm	1,989	3,9584E-03

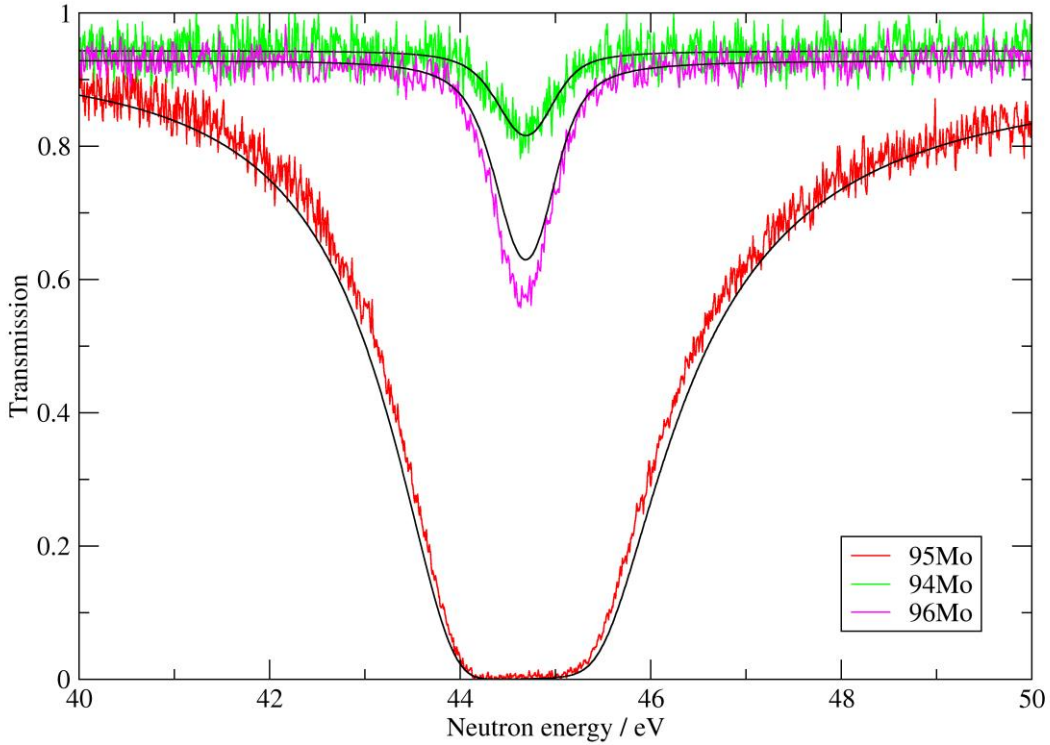
Transmission with enriched Mo

Transmission measurement at 10m with enriched samples performed

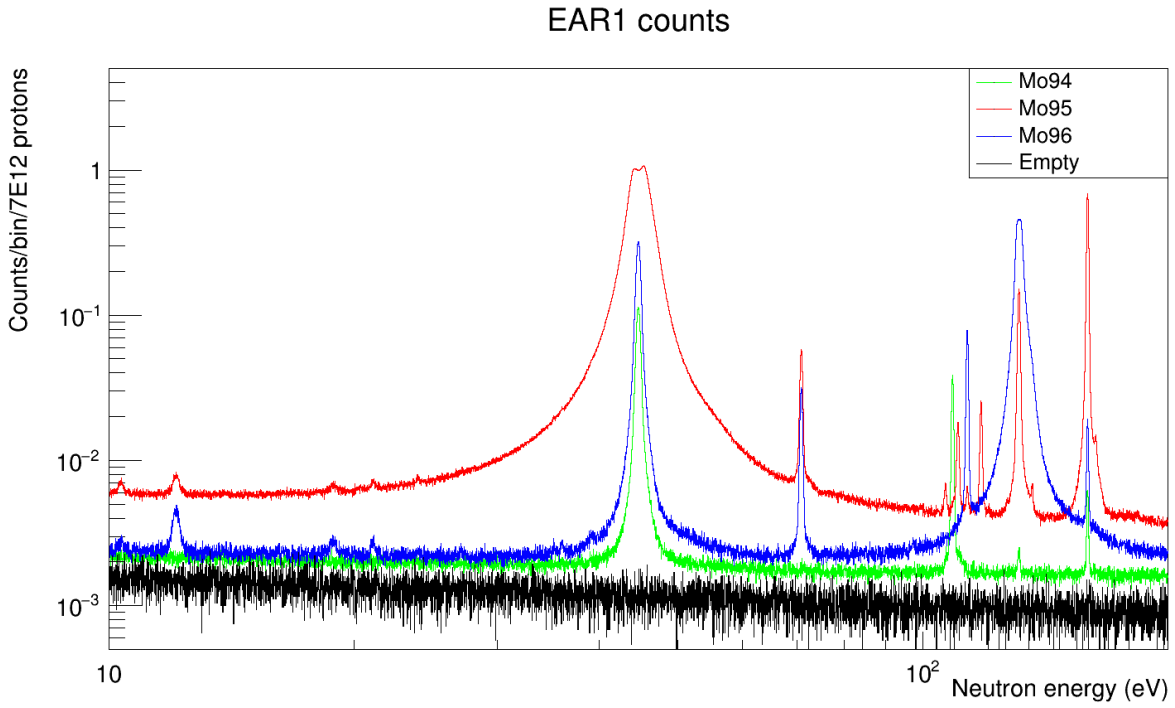


Transmission with enriched Mo

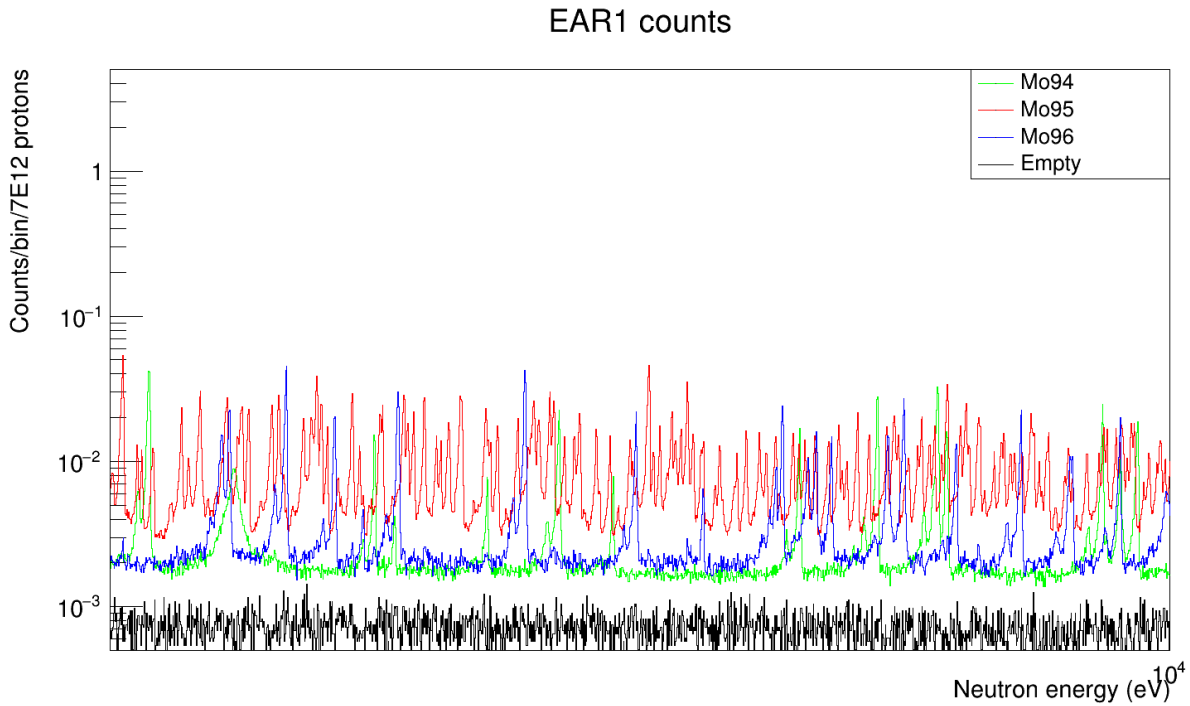
- Preliminary results of transmission @10m for enriched pellets;
- Resonance parameters from new compilation;
- Deviation on ^{95}Mo sample thickness from expected one;
- Abundance of biggest contaminants fitted with REFIT.



EAR1 counts



4 C6D6
~1.5 E18 protons/sample



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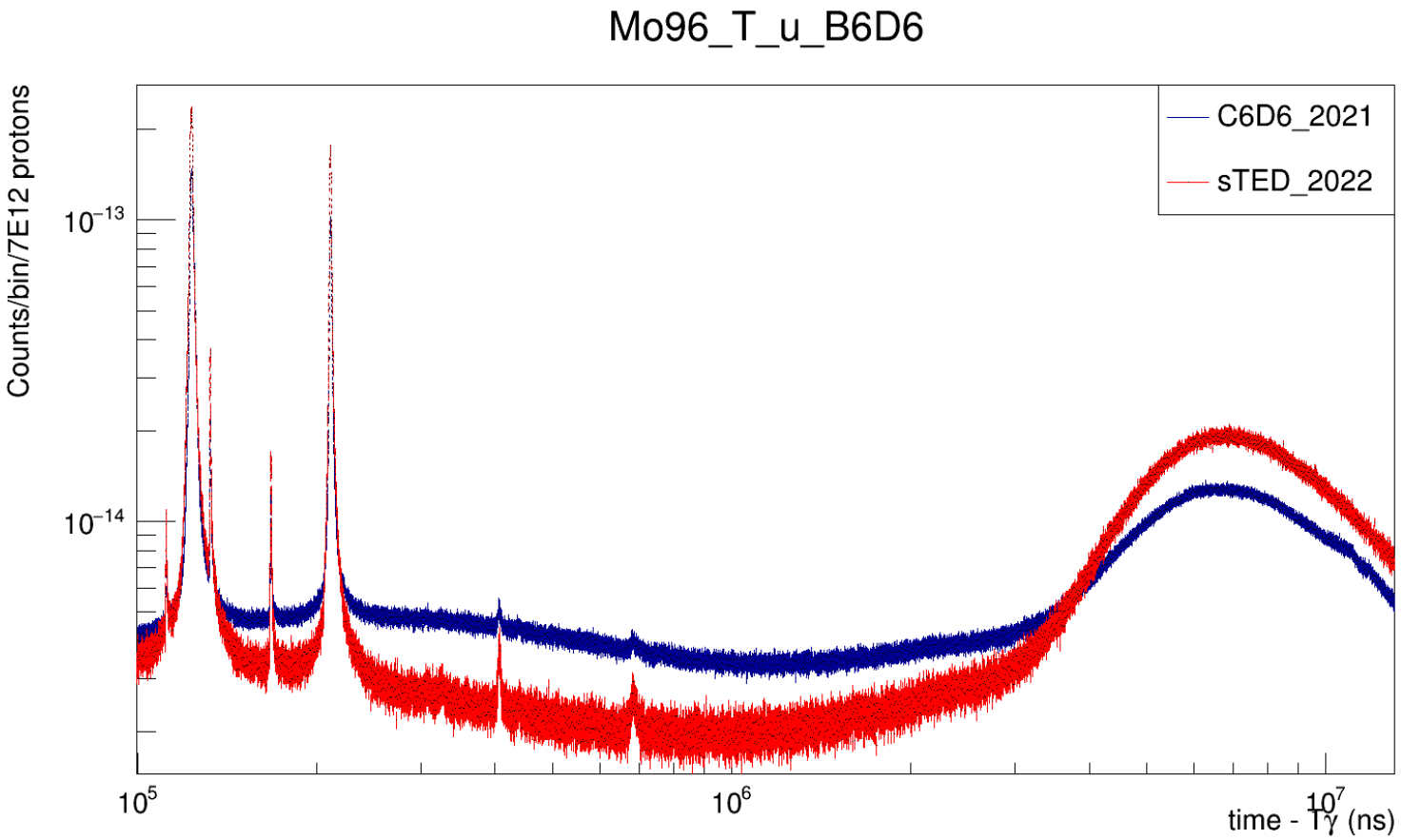

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- 8 sTED,
- 2 C6D6,
- 1 Stilbene.

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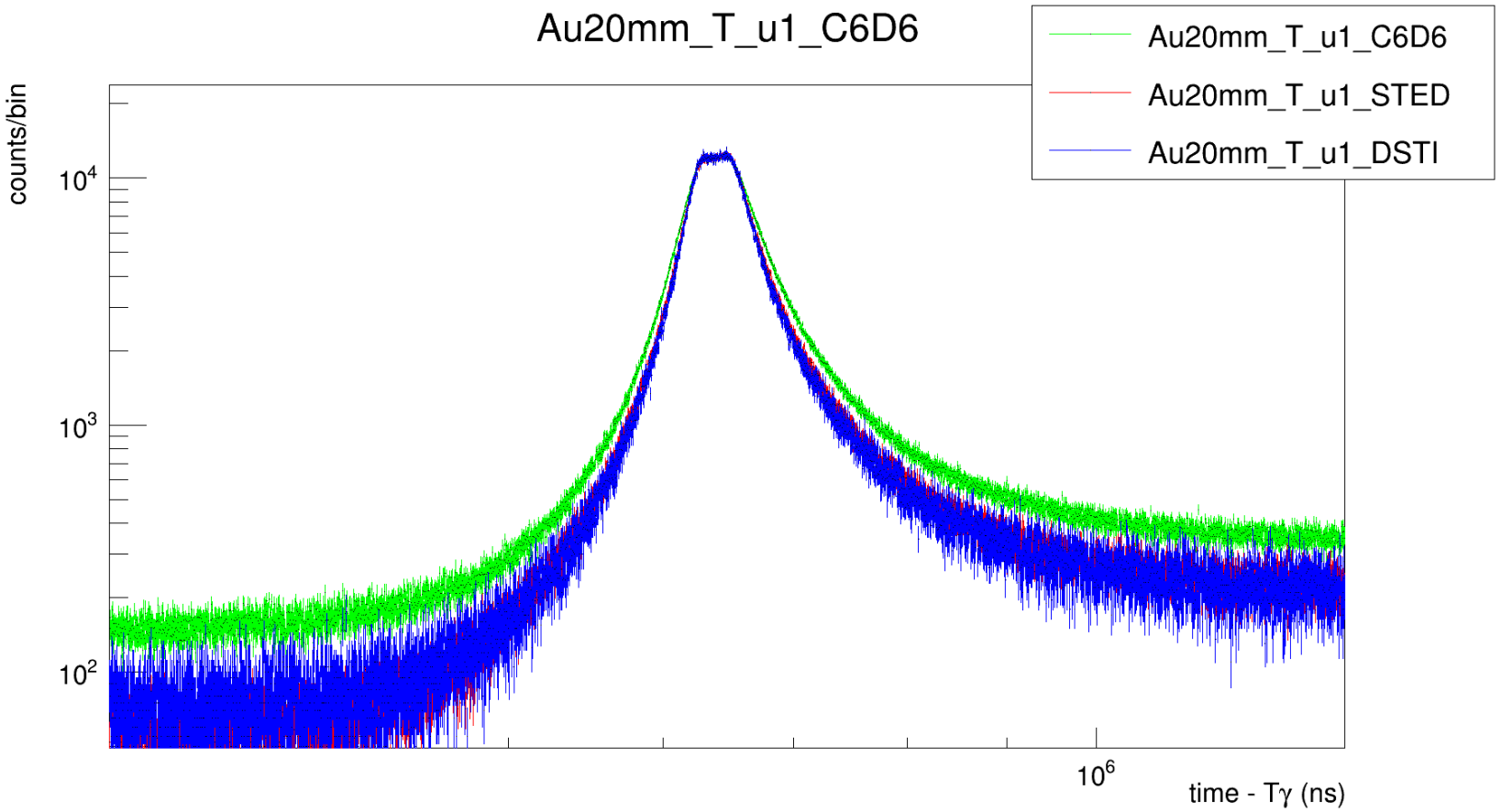

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Status of analysis

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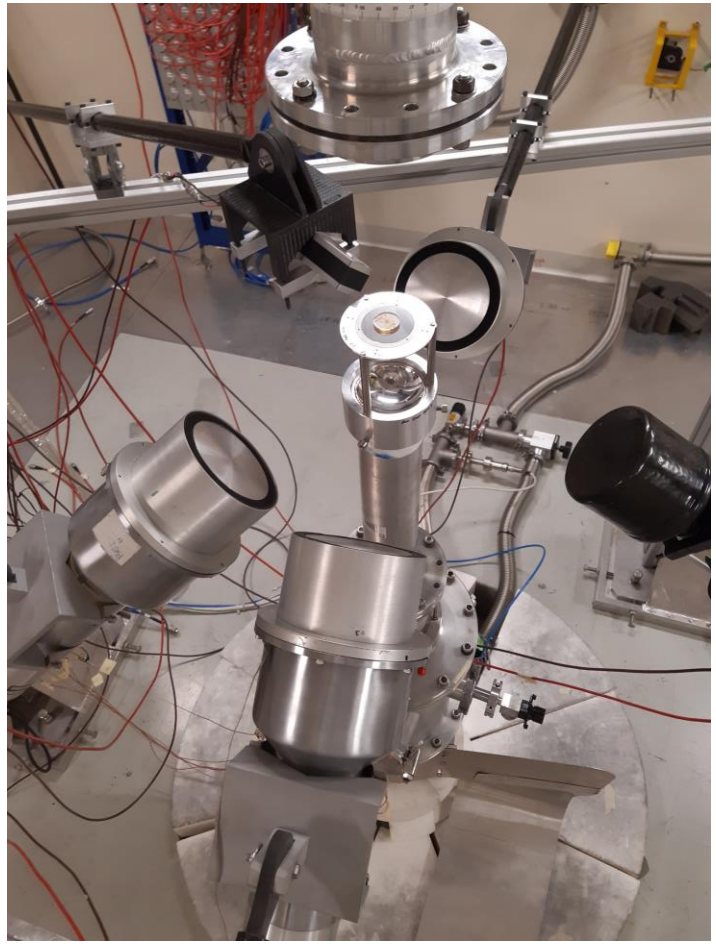

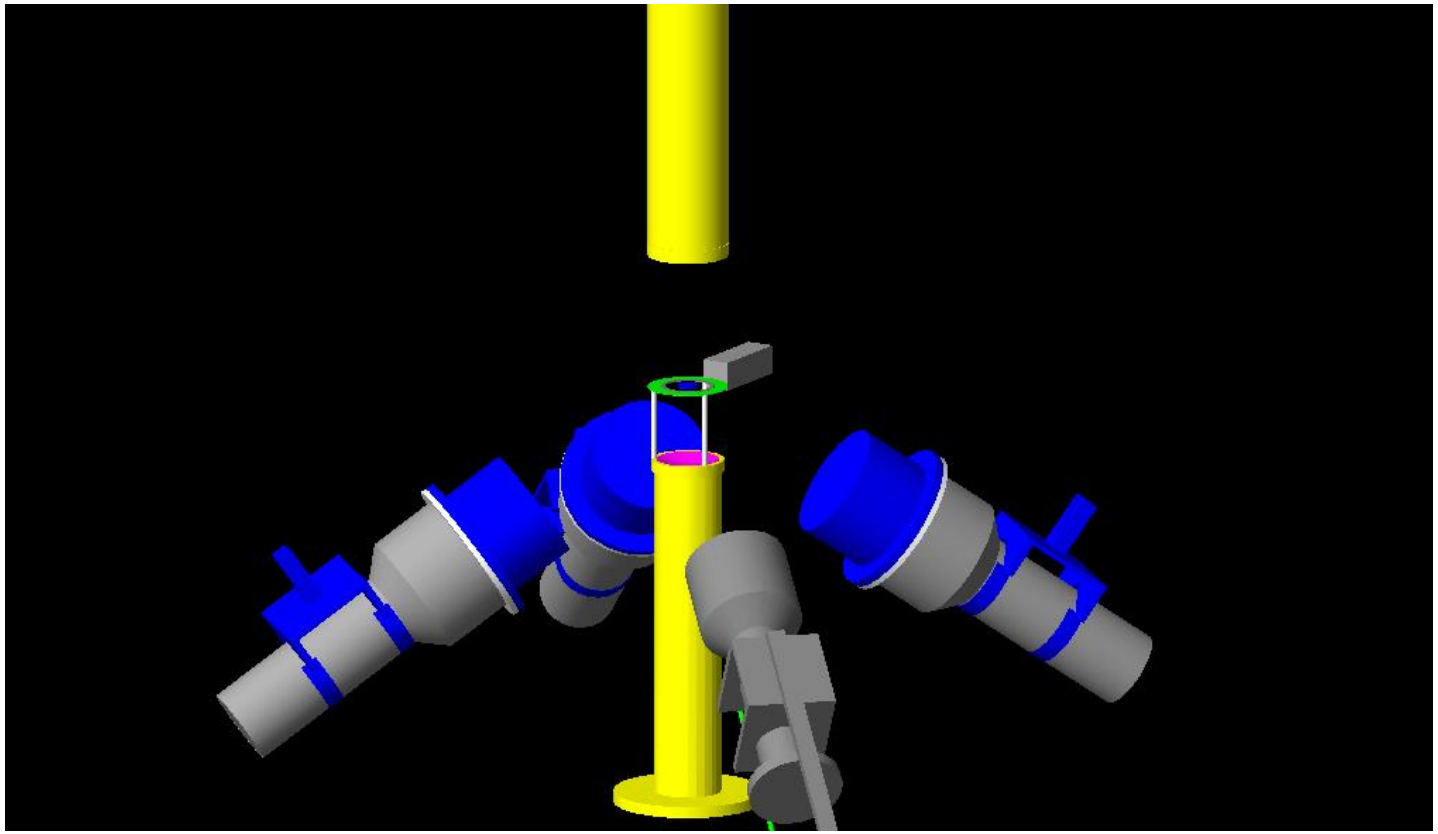

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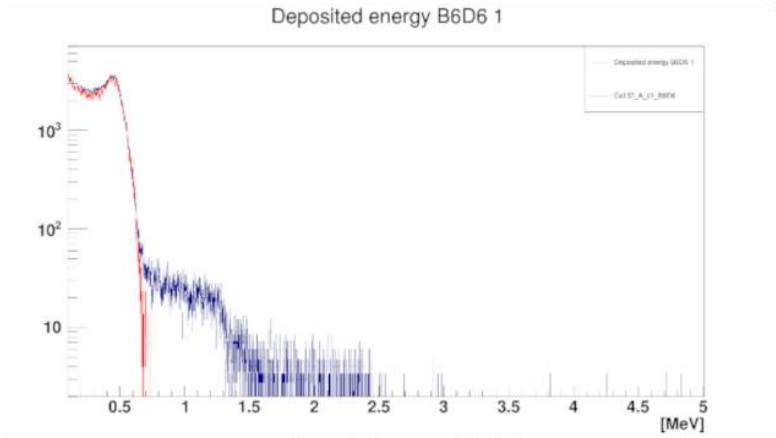

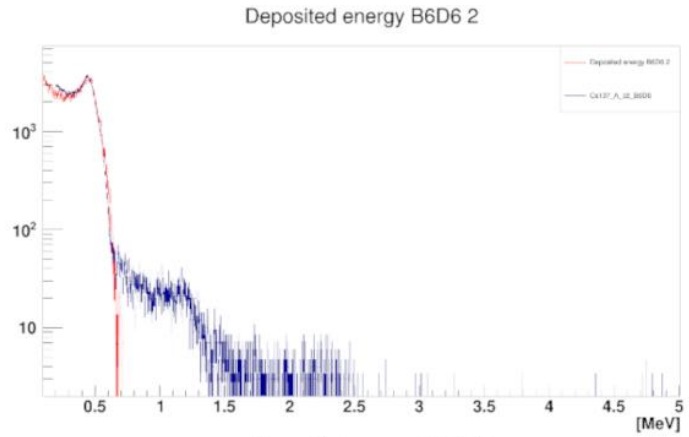

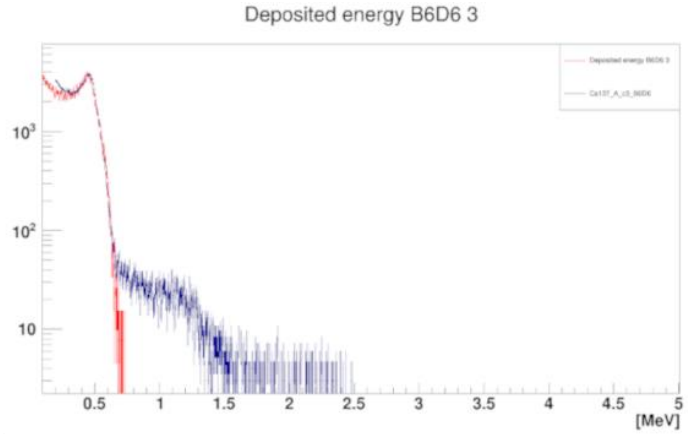

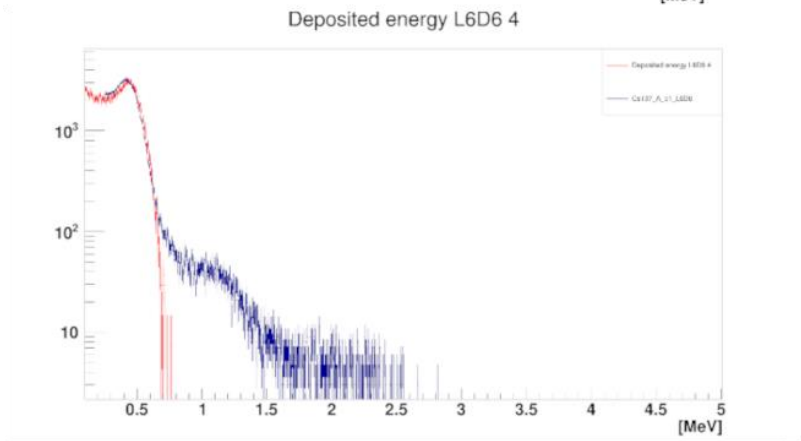

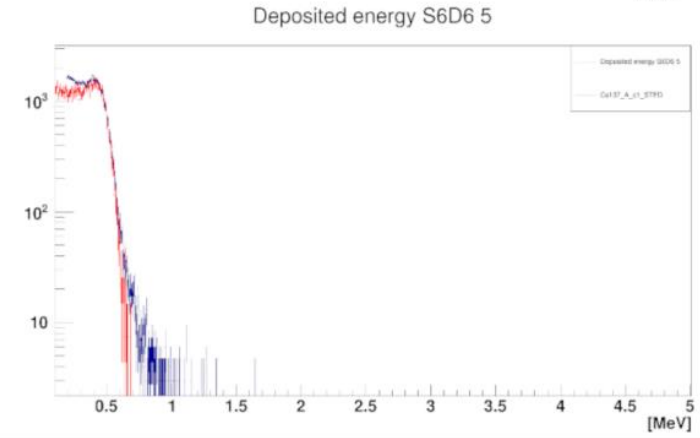

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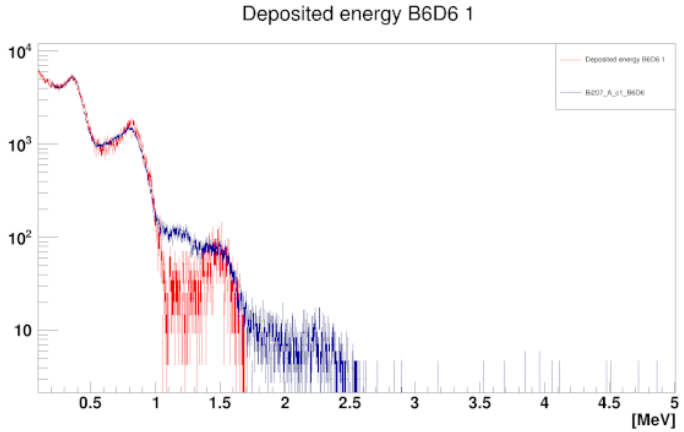

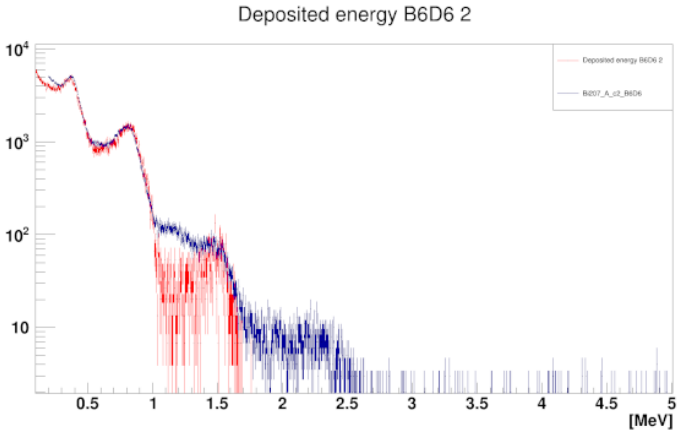

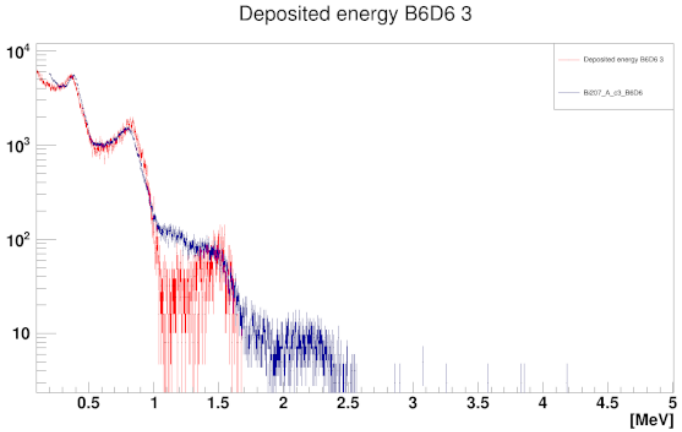

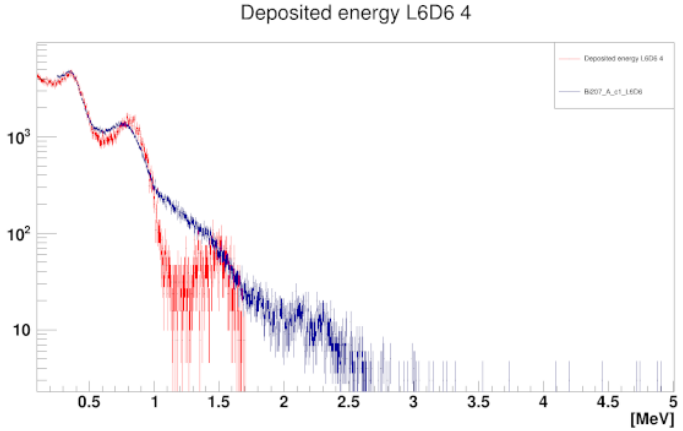

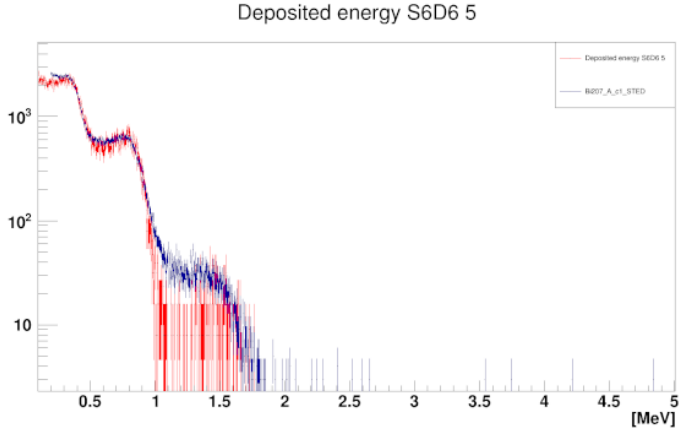

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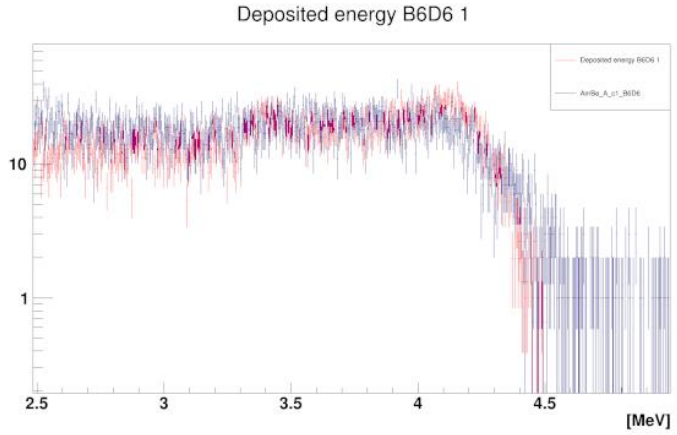

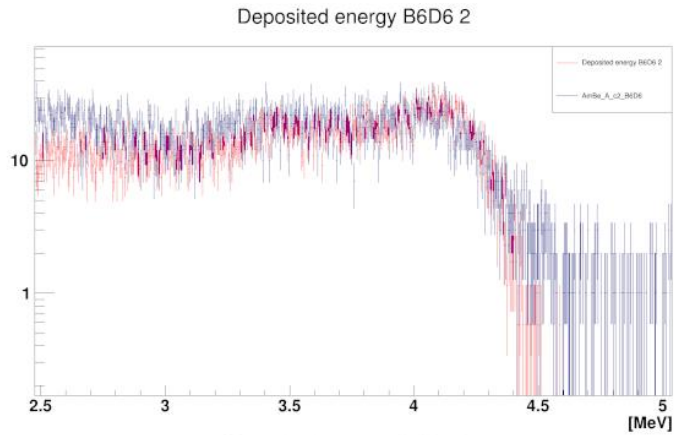

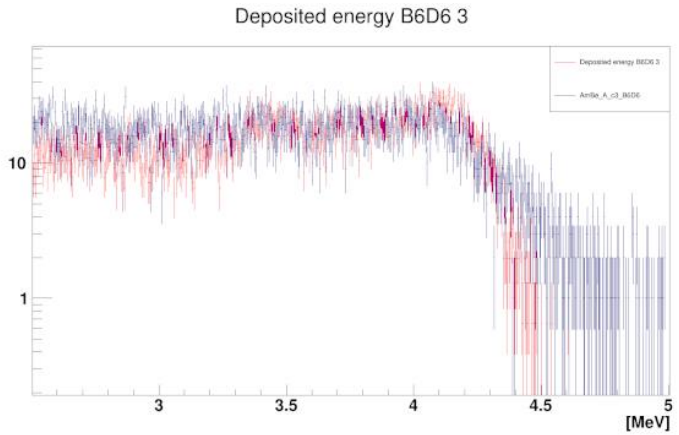

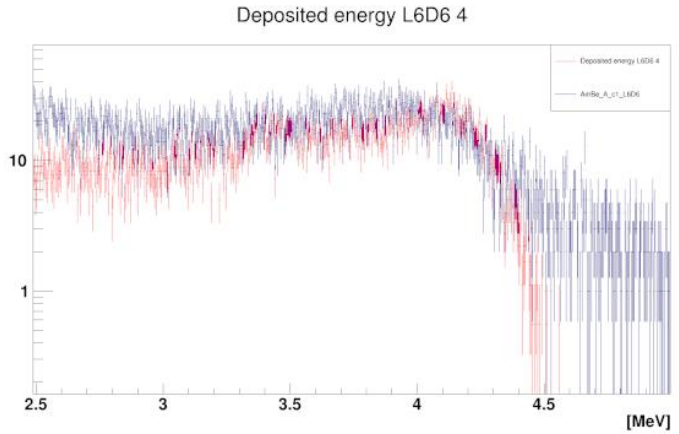

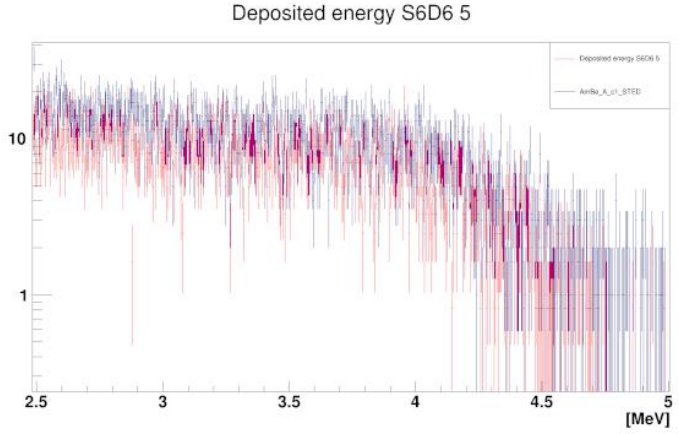

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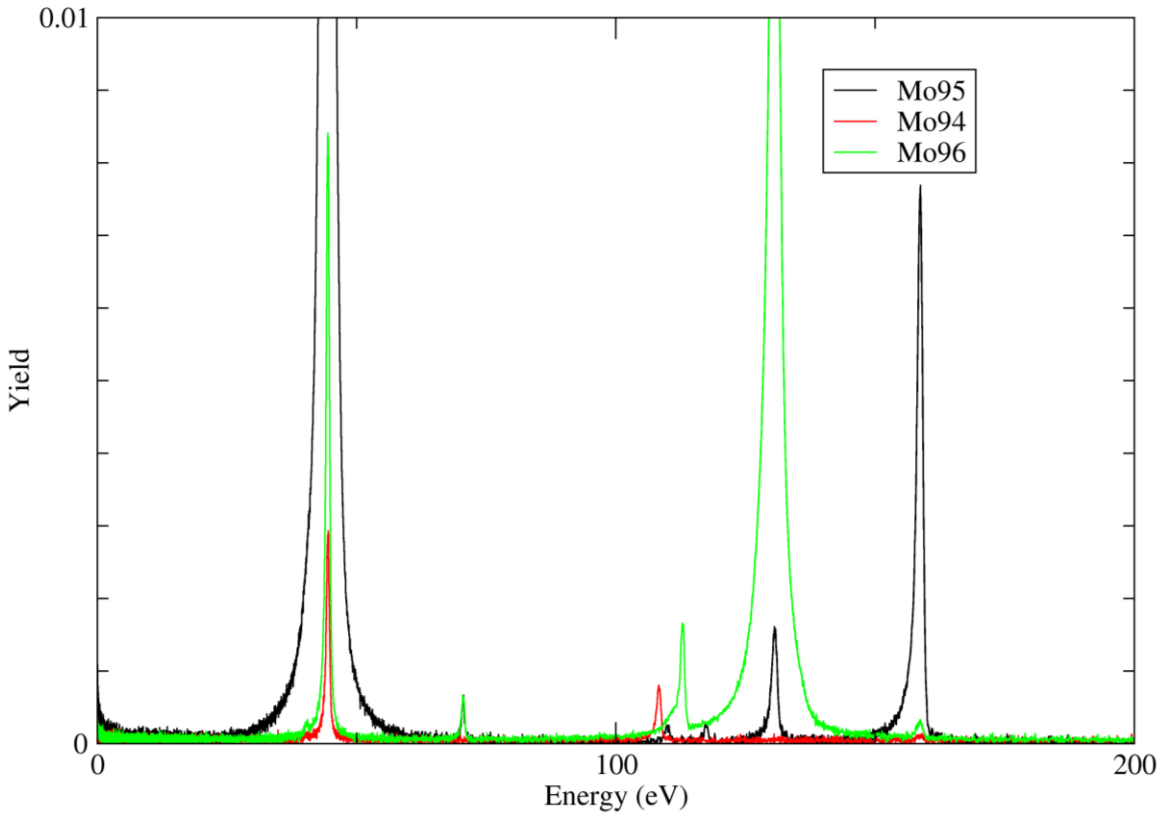
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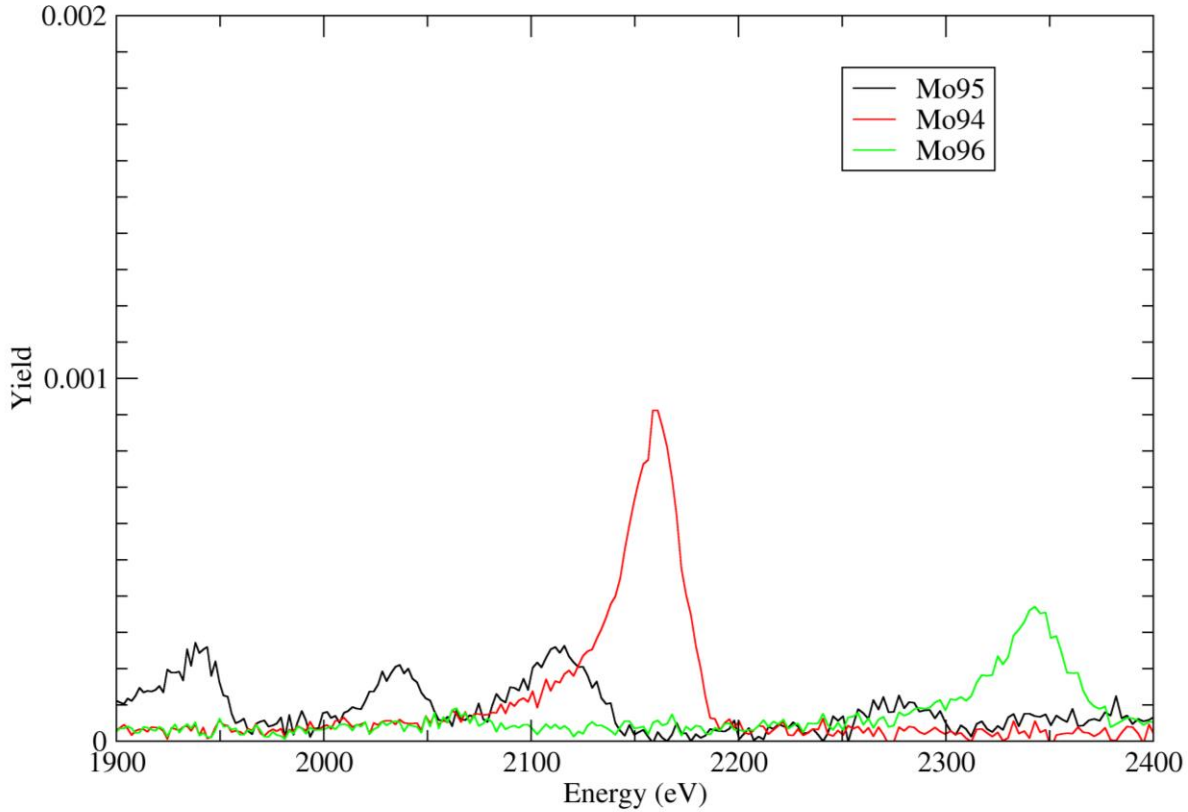
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Energy (eV)
Mo95
Mo94
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Summary and outlook

What is done:

- Compilation and validation of new resonance parameters file for all molybdenum isotopes
- Preparation of article describing the recommended resonance parameters
- Capture measurements at n_TOF and transmission measurements at GELINA using enriched samples

What is left to do:

- Full analysis of capture and transmission data of enriched samples
- Additional capture measurements at n_TOF (EAR2) and GELINA
- Preparation of results for EXFOR submission

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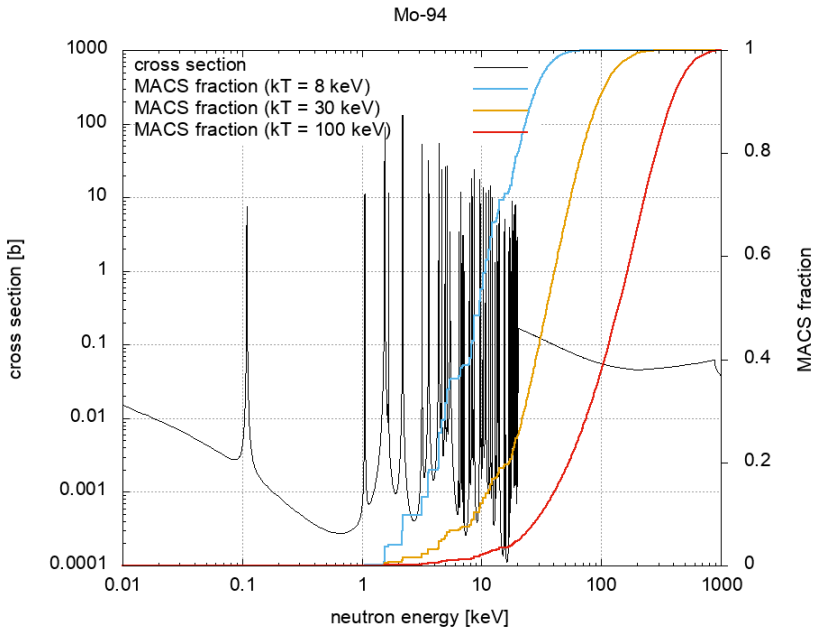
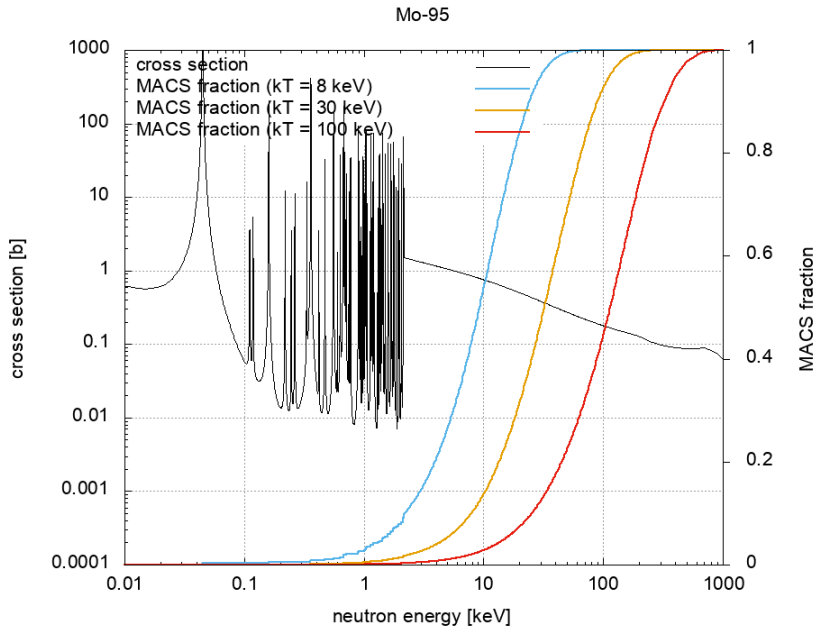
Backup

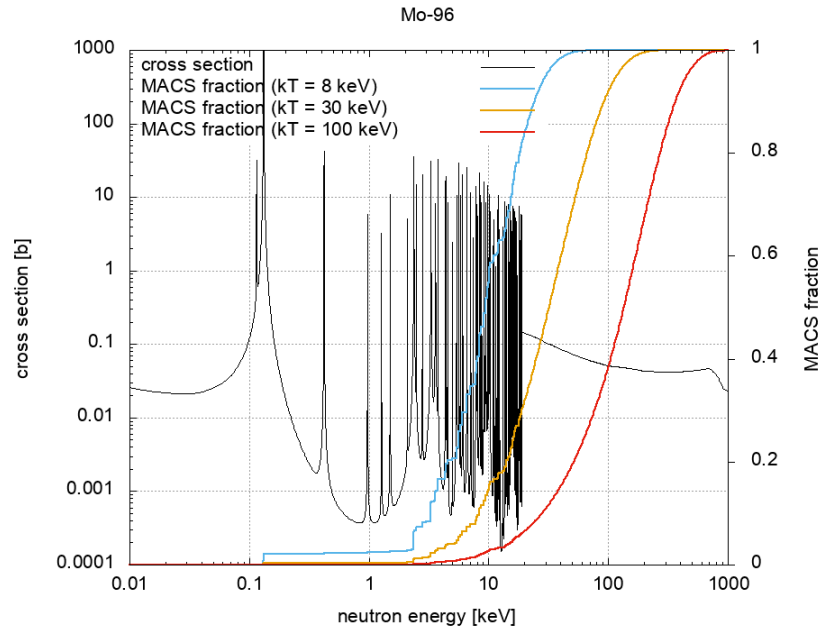
Backup - ^{nat}Mo abundances

Isotope	Abundance
^{92}Mo	14.84%
^{94}Mo	9.25%
^{95}Mo	15.92%
^{96}Mo	16.68%
^{97}Mo	9.55%
^{98}Mo	24.13%
^{100}Mo	9.63%

MACS fractions







SANDA project

SANDA WP2:

Task 2.2: Neutron capture cross sections

Subtask 2.2.1. Capture measurements of fissile isotopes

Combined measurement of the ^{239}Pu(n,γ) and ^{239}Pu(n,f) cross sections at GELINA and n_TOF.

Subtask 2.2.2. Capture measurement of stable isotopes

^{92,94,95}Mo(n,γ) cross sections at GELINA and n_TOF .

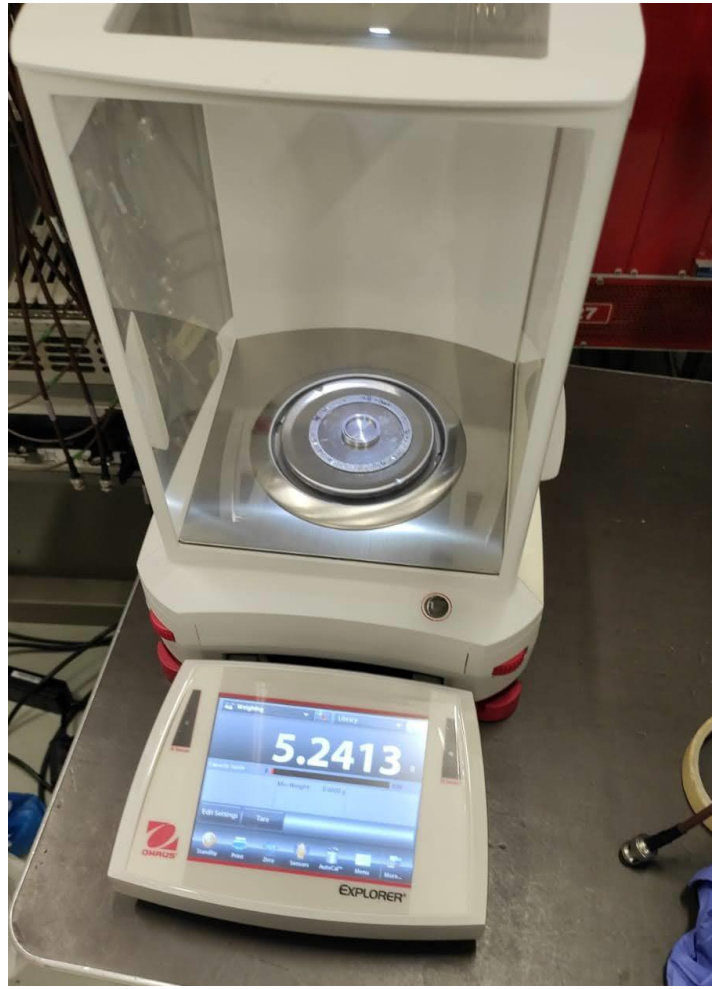
Improved RP for ^{94,95,96,nat}Mo

1) Study transmission and capture data for Mo reported in the literature:
   - compilation of resonance parameters based on these data
2) Transmission cross section measurements using ^{nat}Mo samples at 50m GELINA:
   - adjust the compiled resonance parameter file by RSA with REFIT
3) Experiments with enriched ^{94,95,96}Mo samples:
   - Transmission and capture measurements at GELINA
   - Capture measurements at n_TOF

- Final resonance parameter file by a simultaneous analysis of GELINA and n_TOF data

Backup - EAR2 samples

Sample	Mass	Areal density
^{94}Mo	1737,5 mg	3,47E-3
^{95}Mo	929,2 mg	1,86E-3
^{96}Mo	1611 mg	3,22E-3
^{nat}Mo pellet	2003,3 mg	4,00E-3
^{nat}Mo powder	985,7 mg	1,97E-3



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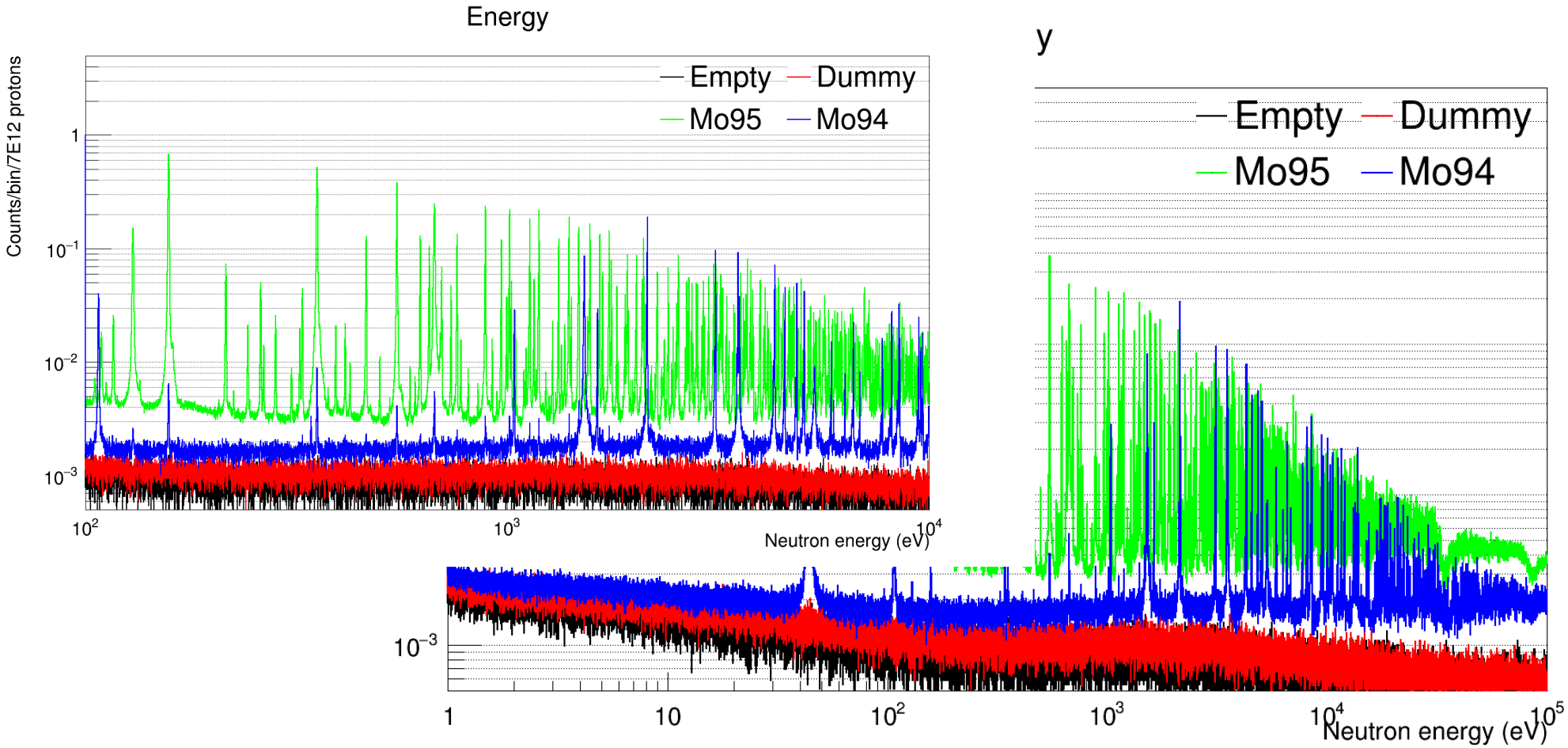

EAR2 - Yield