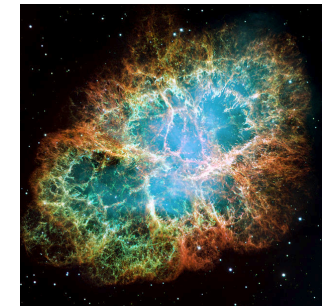
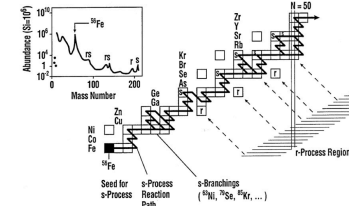
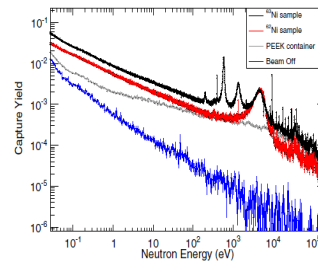
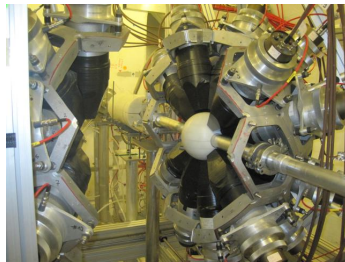
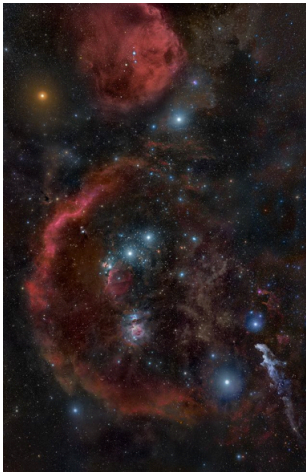




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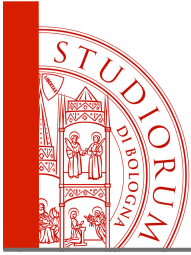


# Nuclear Astrophysics at CERN - n\_TOF

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# Outline



- **The n\_TOF project**

Collaboration, objectives, basic parameters,  
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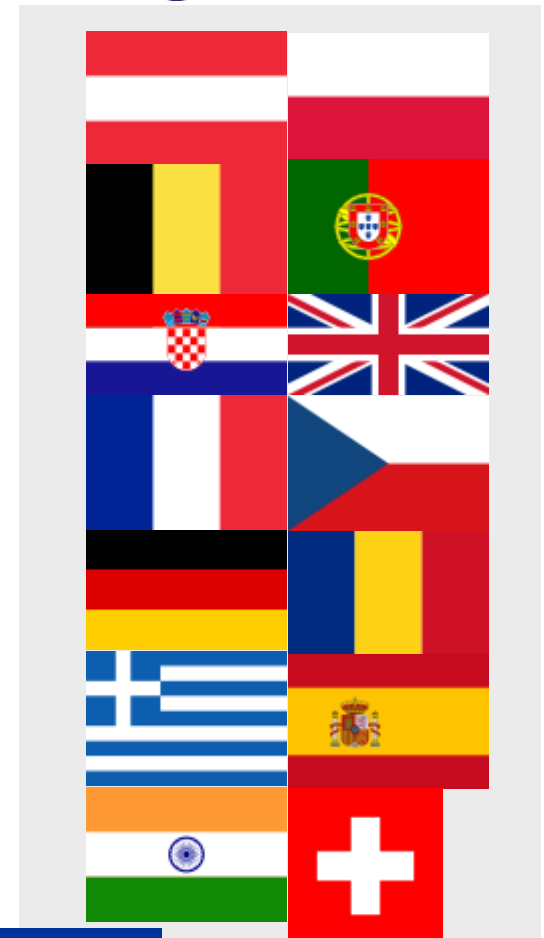




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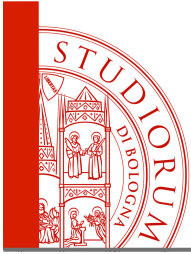


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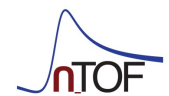
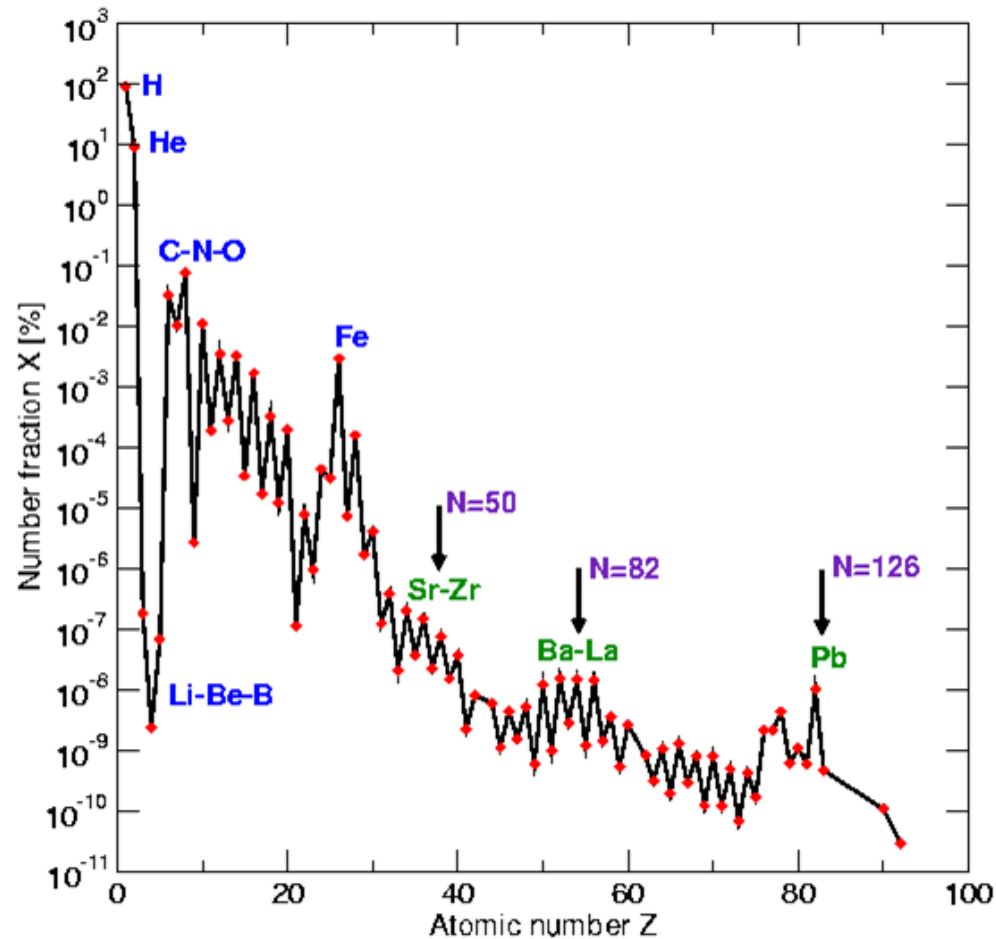


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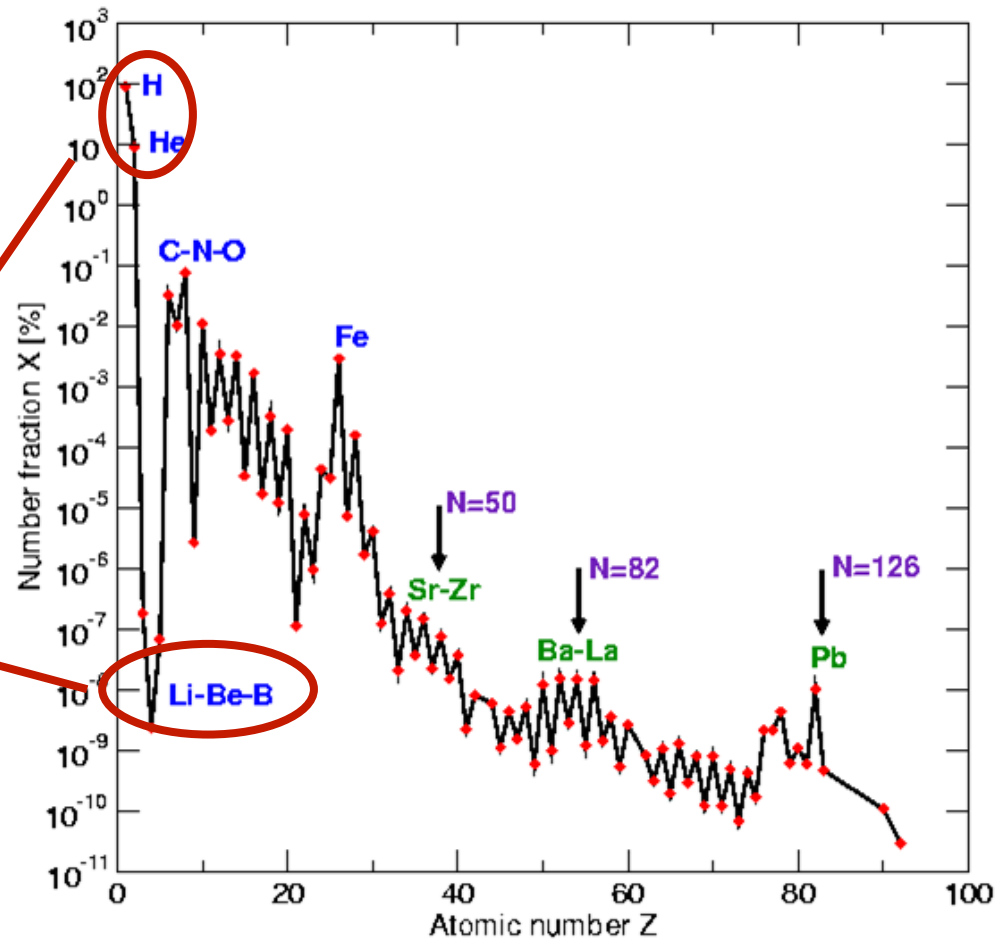
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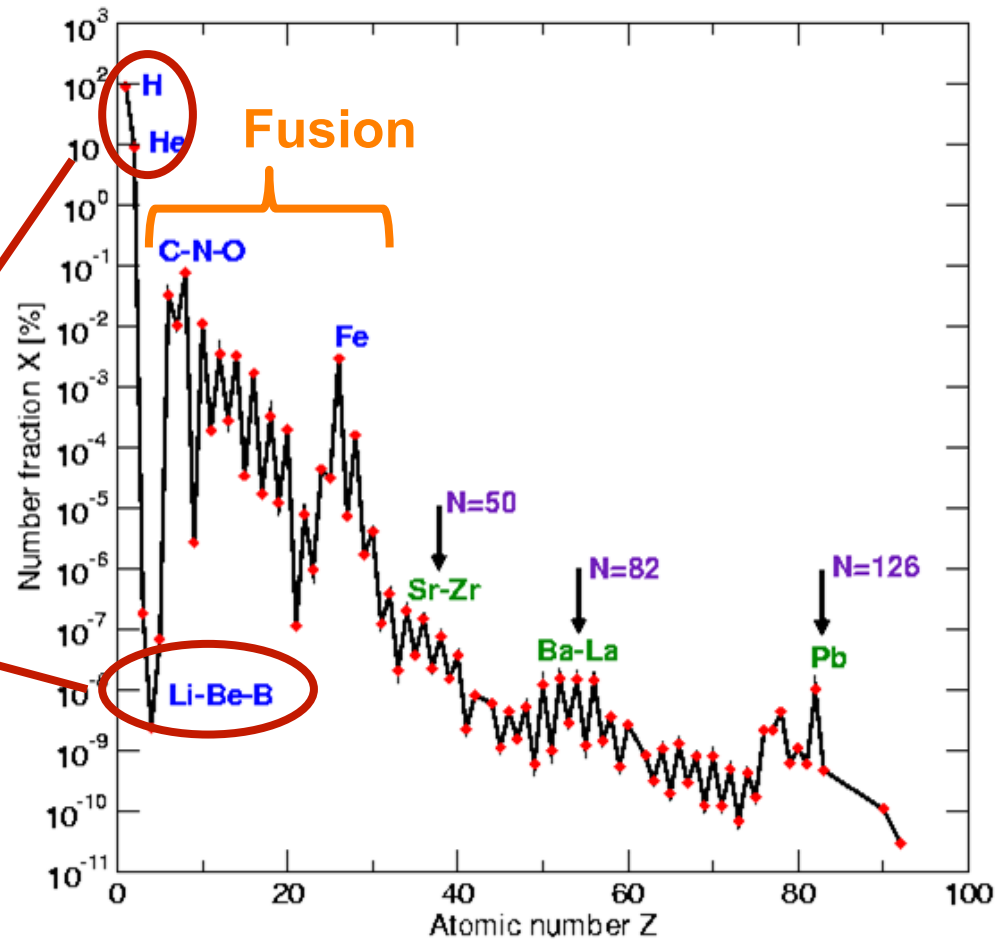
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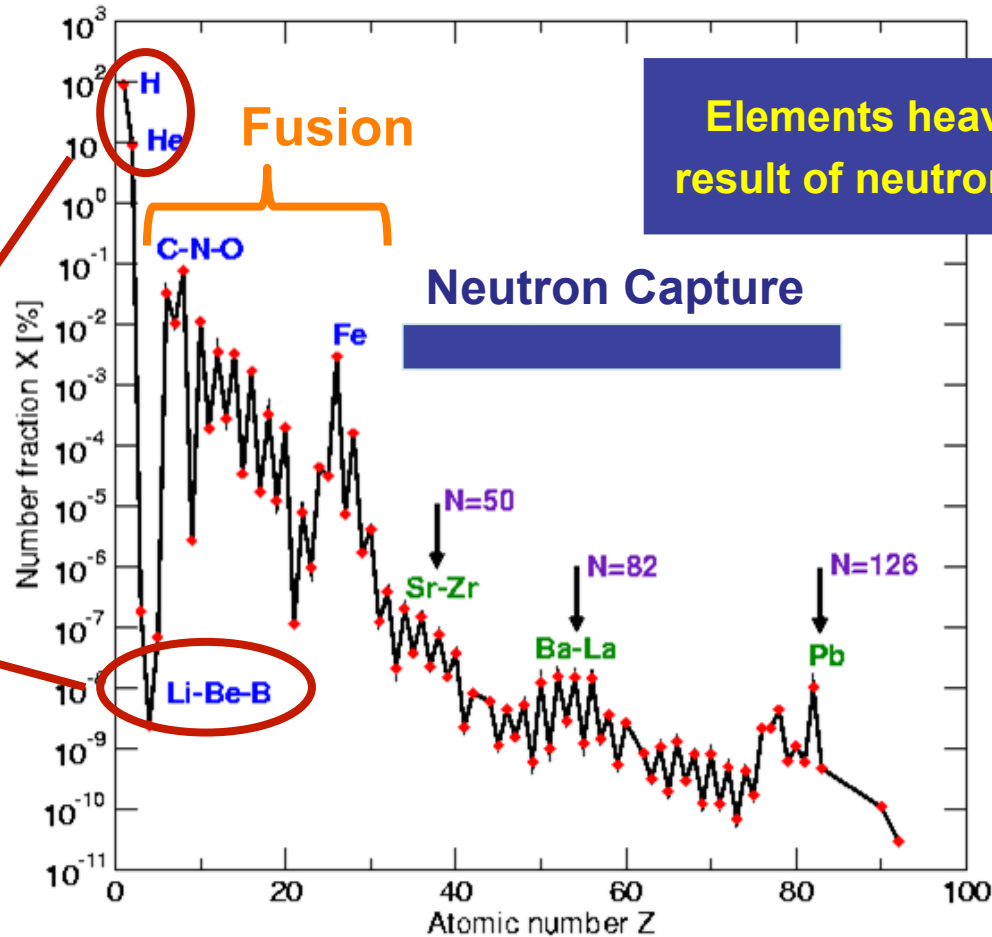
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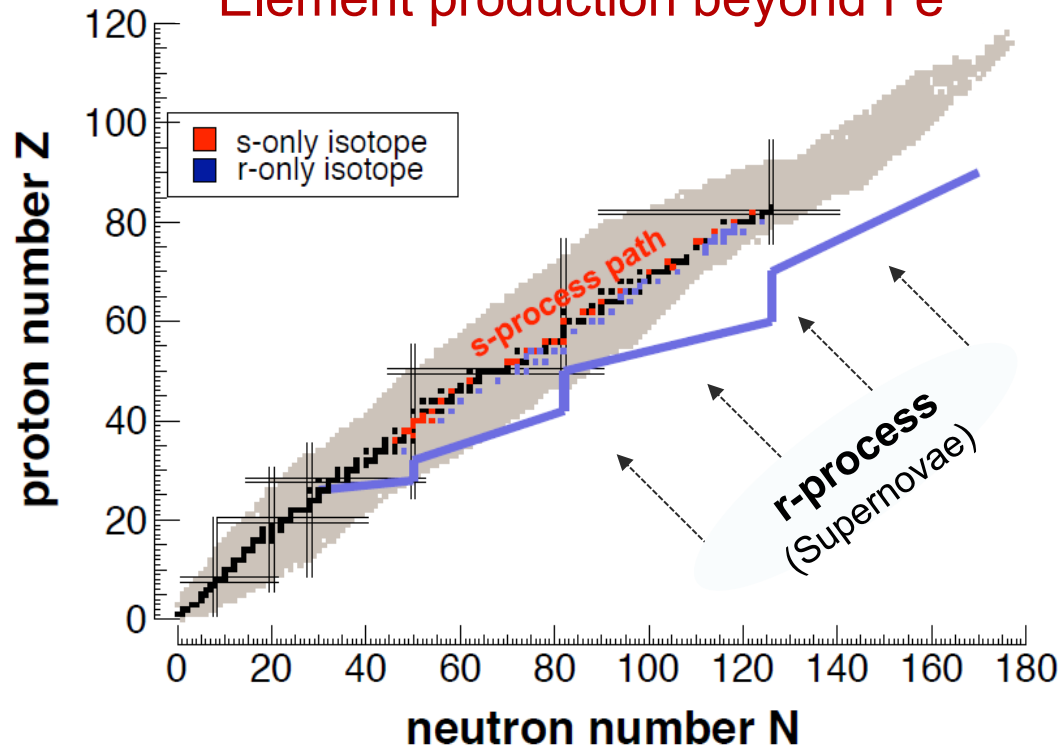
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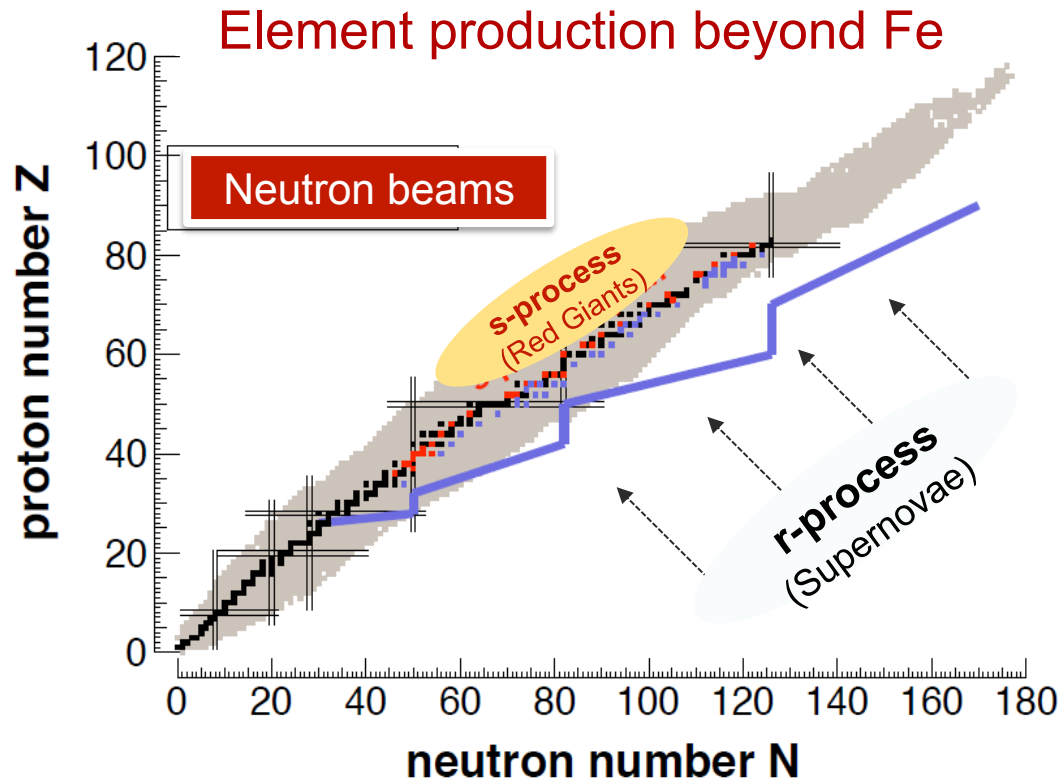
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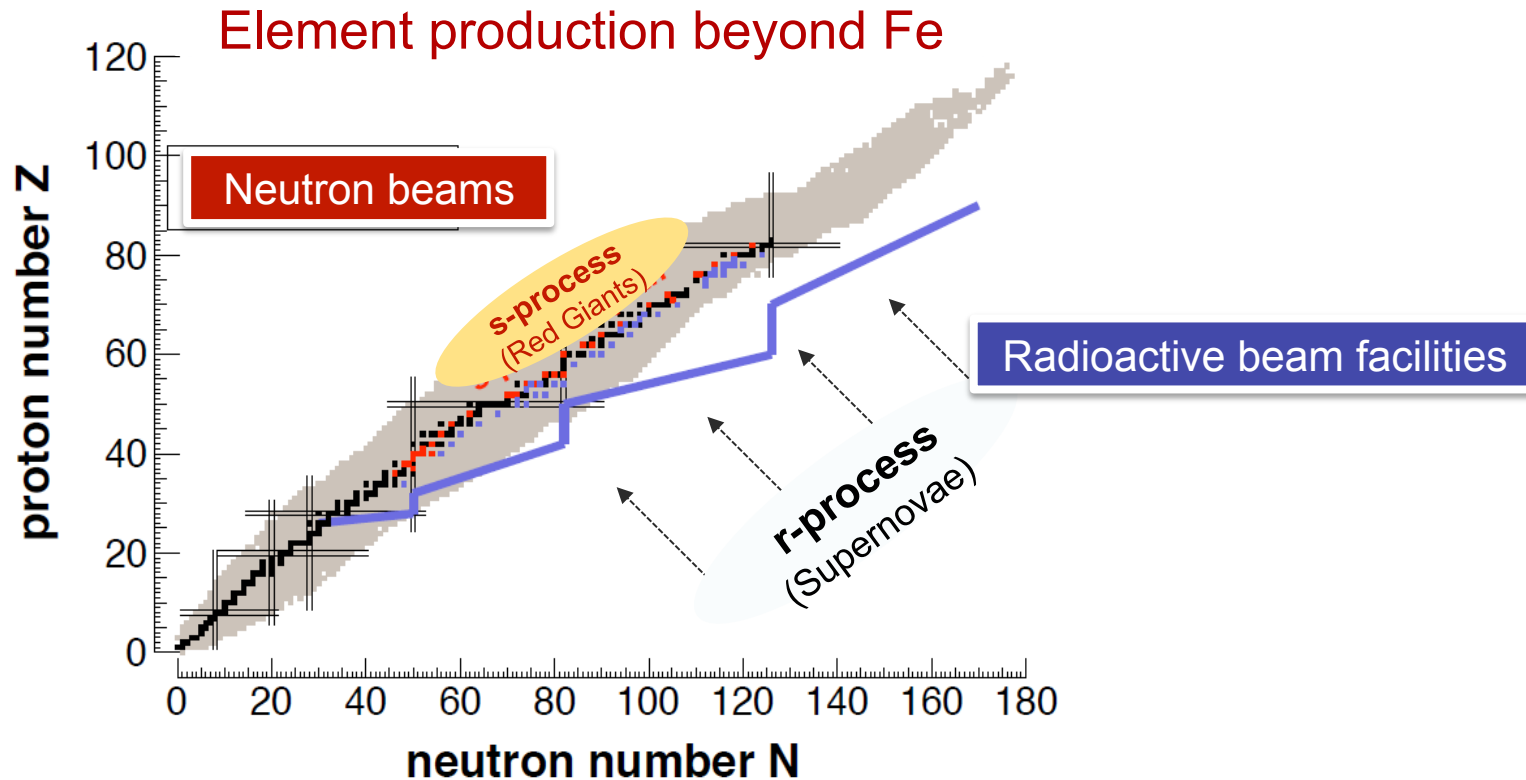






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# The n\_TOF project



s-process nucleosynthesis proceeds through **neutron captures** and successive  **$\beta$ -decay**.

The abundance of elements in the Universe depends on:

- **thermodynamic conditions** (temperature and neutron density);
- **neutron capture cross-sections**.

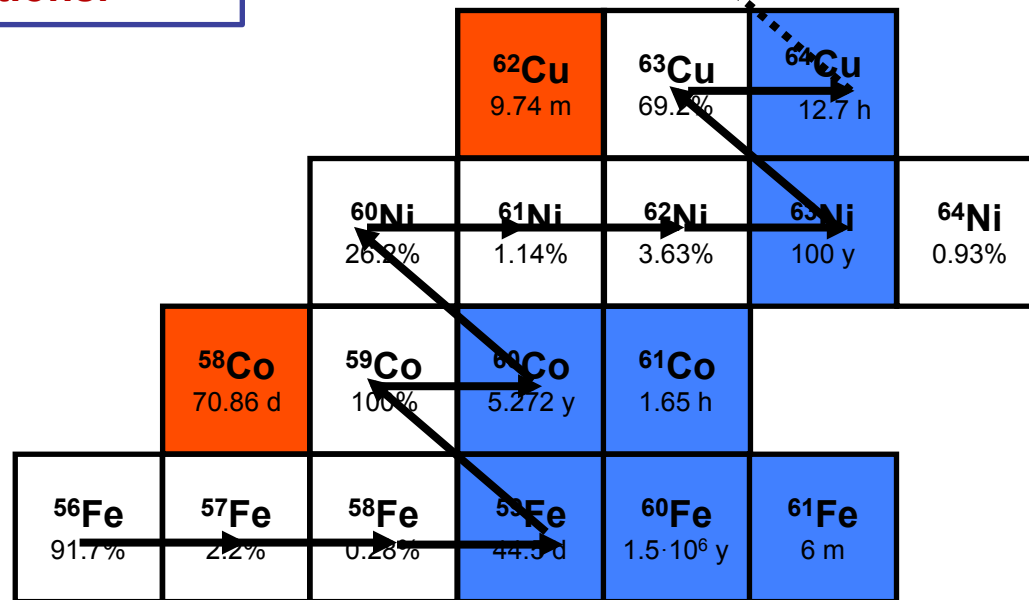
Need of **new and accurate** neutron capture cross-sections:

- refine models of stellar nucleosynthesis in the Universe;
- obtain information on the **stellar environment and evolution**

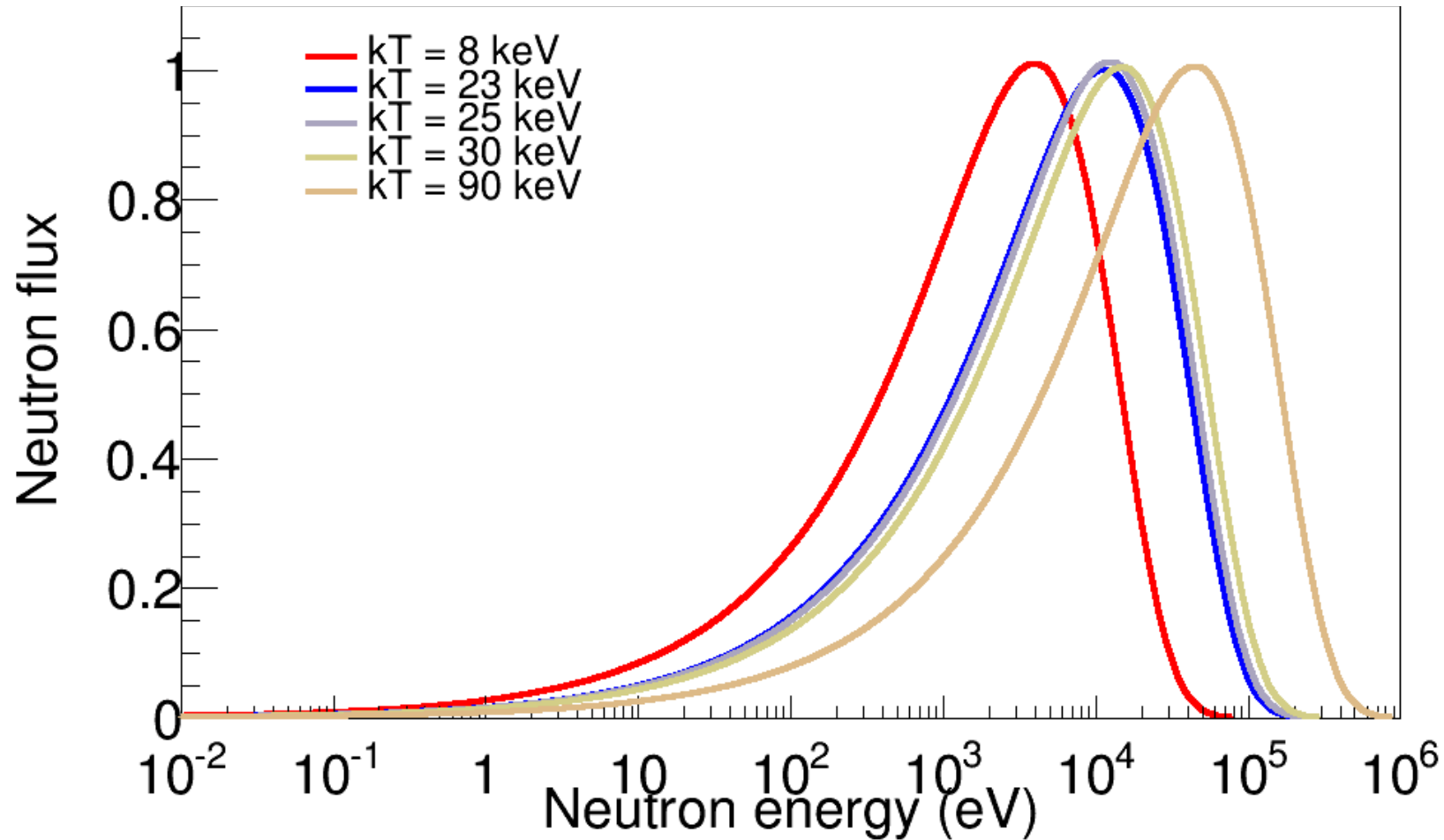
Along the  $\beta$ -stability valley

$\sigma(n, \gamma)$  is a key quantity

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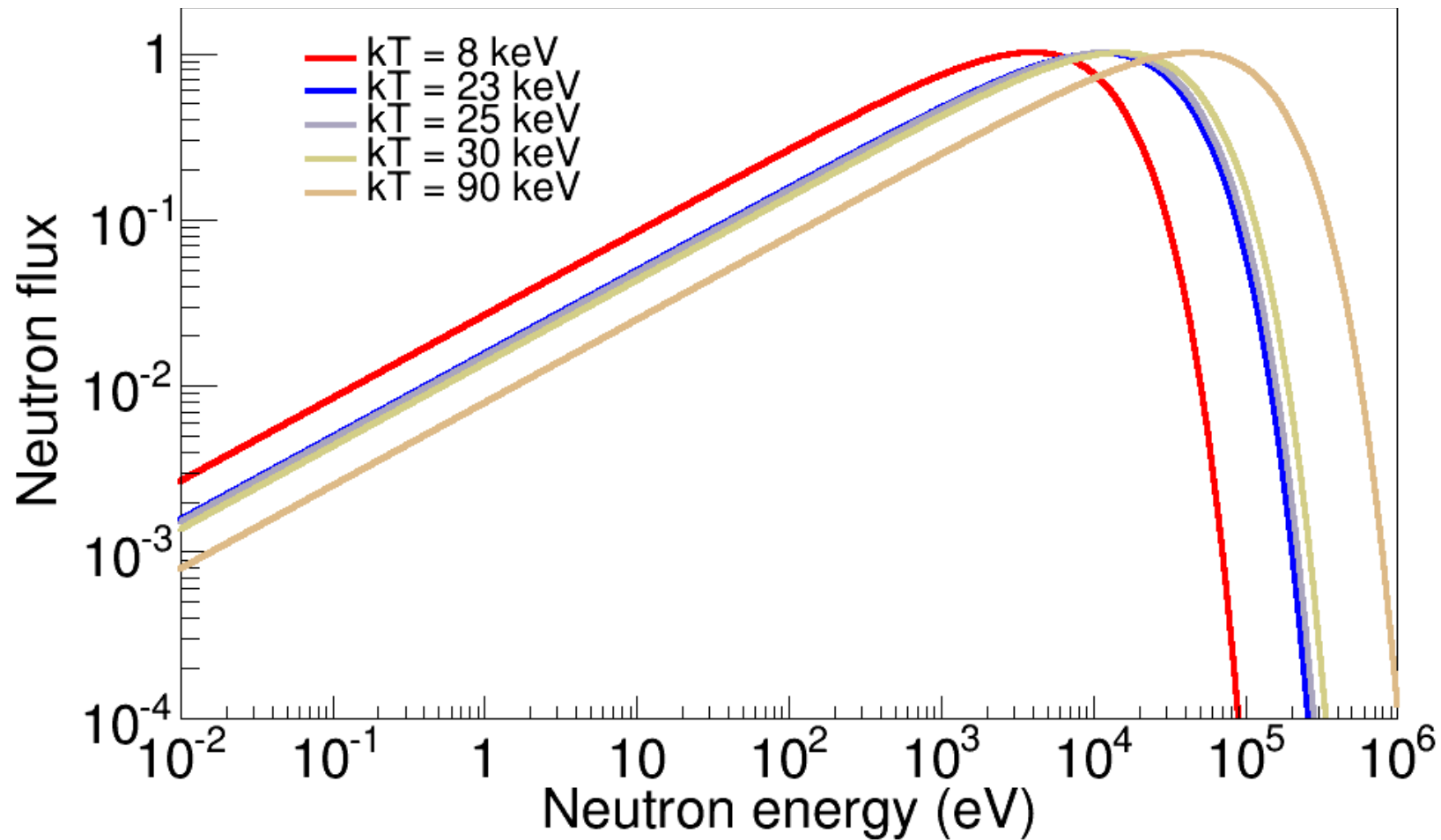




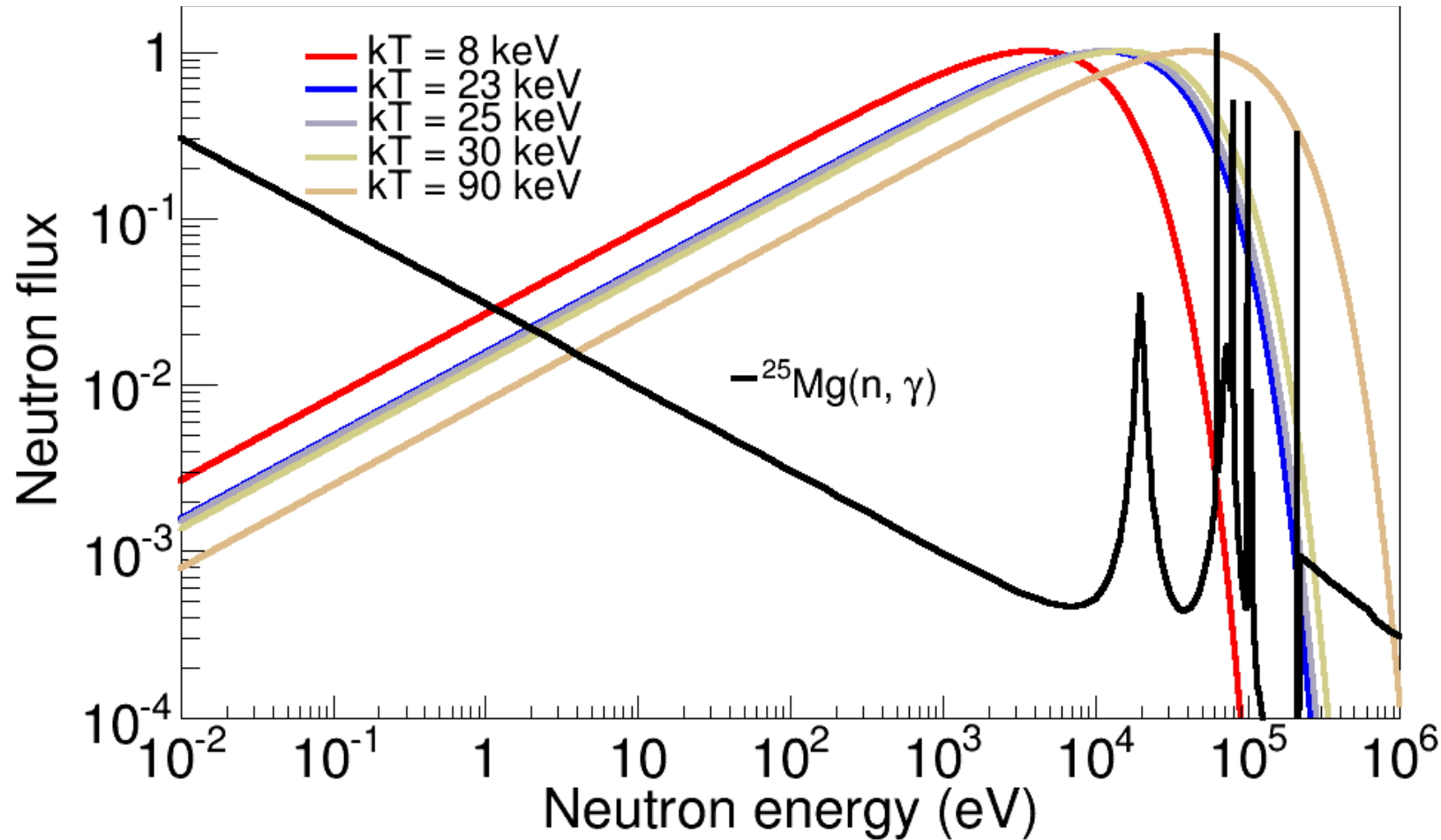
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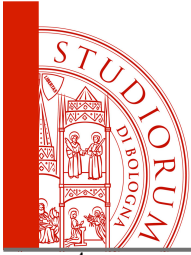


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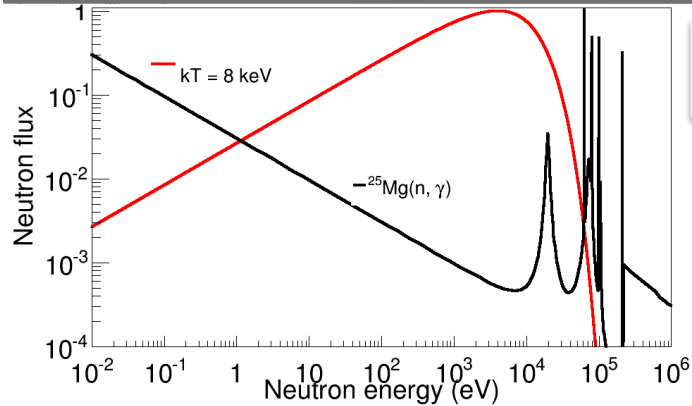


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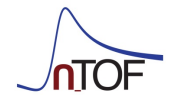


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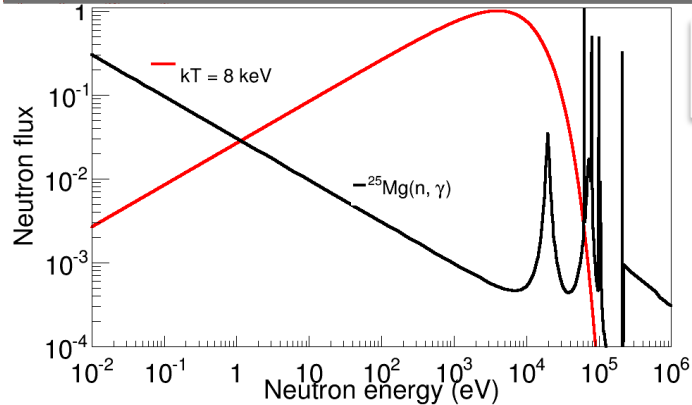
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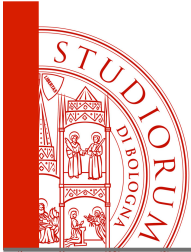
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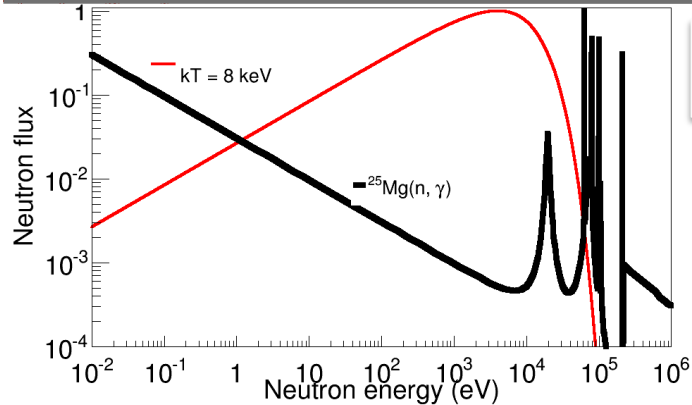
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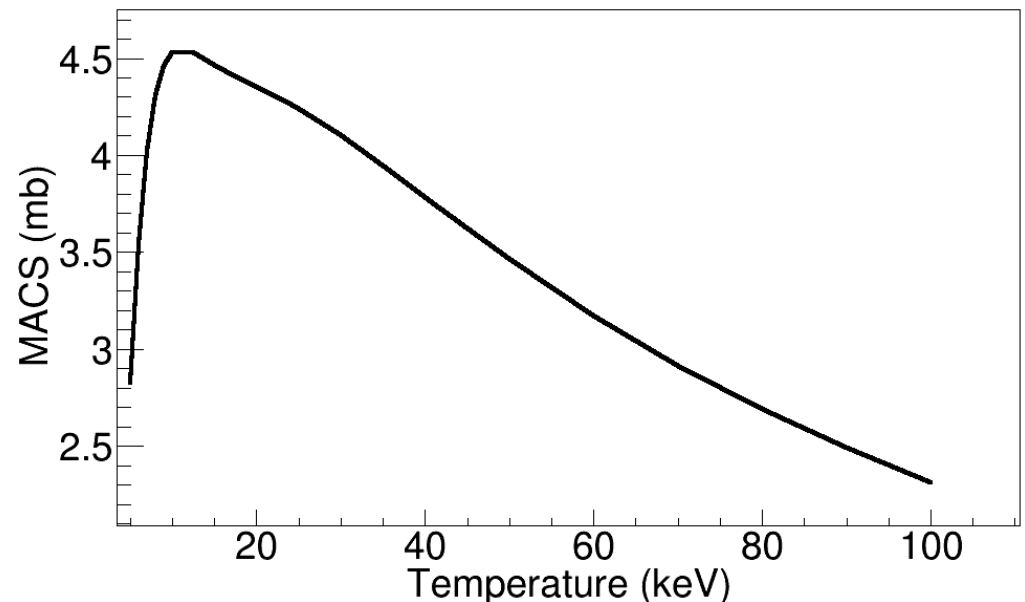
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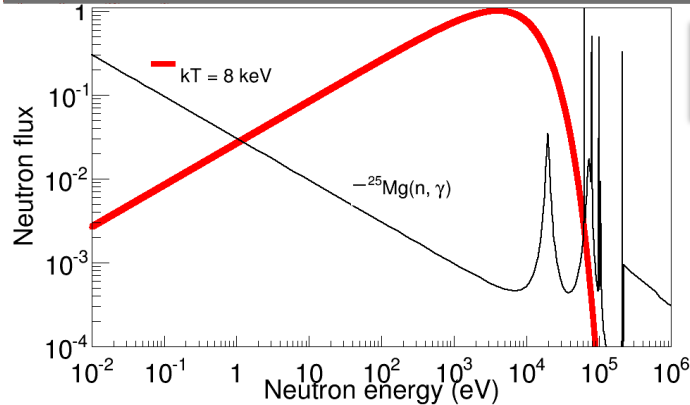
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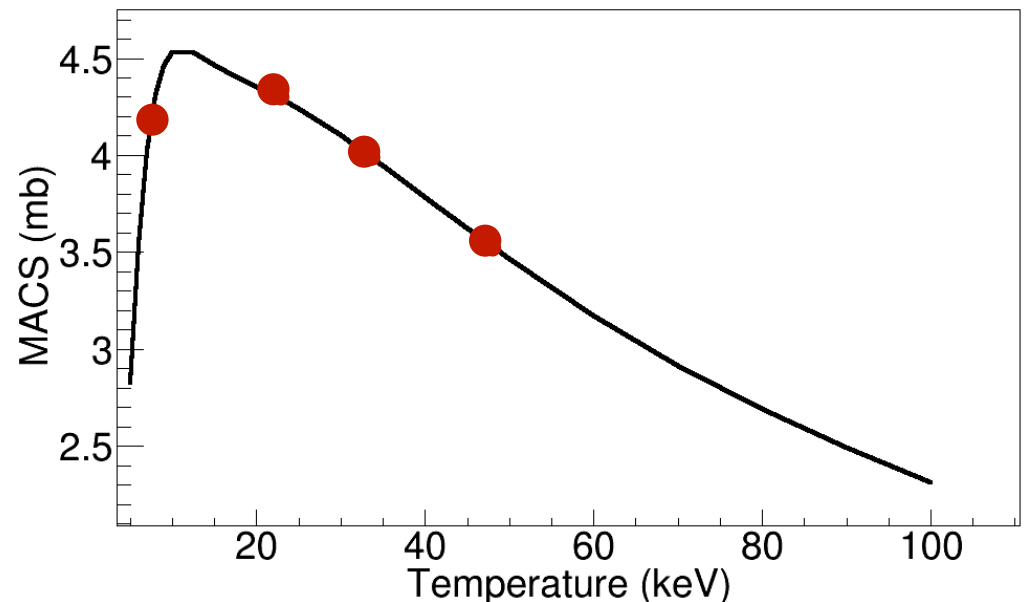
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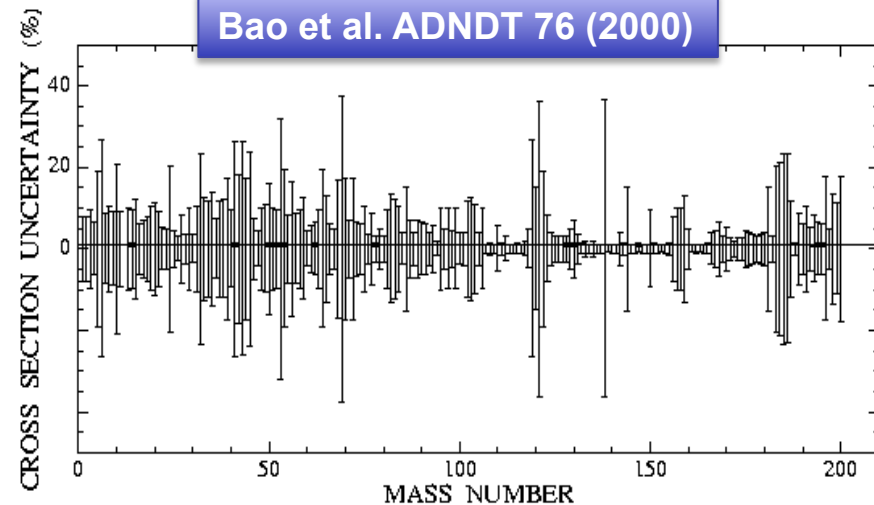
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**Huge amount of data** collected on many isotopes, mostly **stable**. Main features of s-process now **well understood**.

However, cross-section **uncertainties** in some cases remain **high**, in particular if compared with progresses in:

- observations of abundances;
- models of stellar evolution.



For three classes of nuclei data are lacking or need substantial improvements:

1. Nuclei with **low cross-section**, in particular neutron magic nuclei (s-process bottleneck):

- **N=50**       $^{86}\text{Kr}$ ,  $^{87}\text{Rb}$ ,  $^{88}\text{Sr}$ ,  $^{90}\text{Zr}$
- **N=82**       $^{138}\text{Ba}$ ,  $^{139}\text{La}$ ,  $^{140}\text{Ce}$

2. Isotopes unavailable in large amount, such as rare or expensive isotopes:

- $^{25,26}\text{Mg}$ ,  $^{186,187}\text{Os}$ ,  $^{180}\text{W}$ , etc...

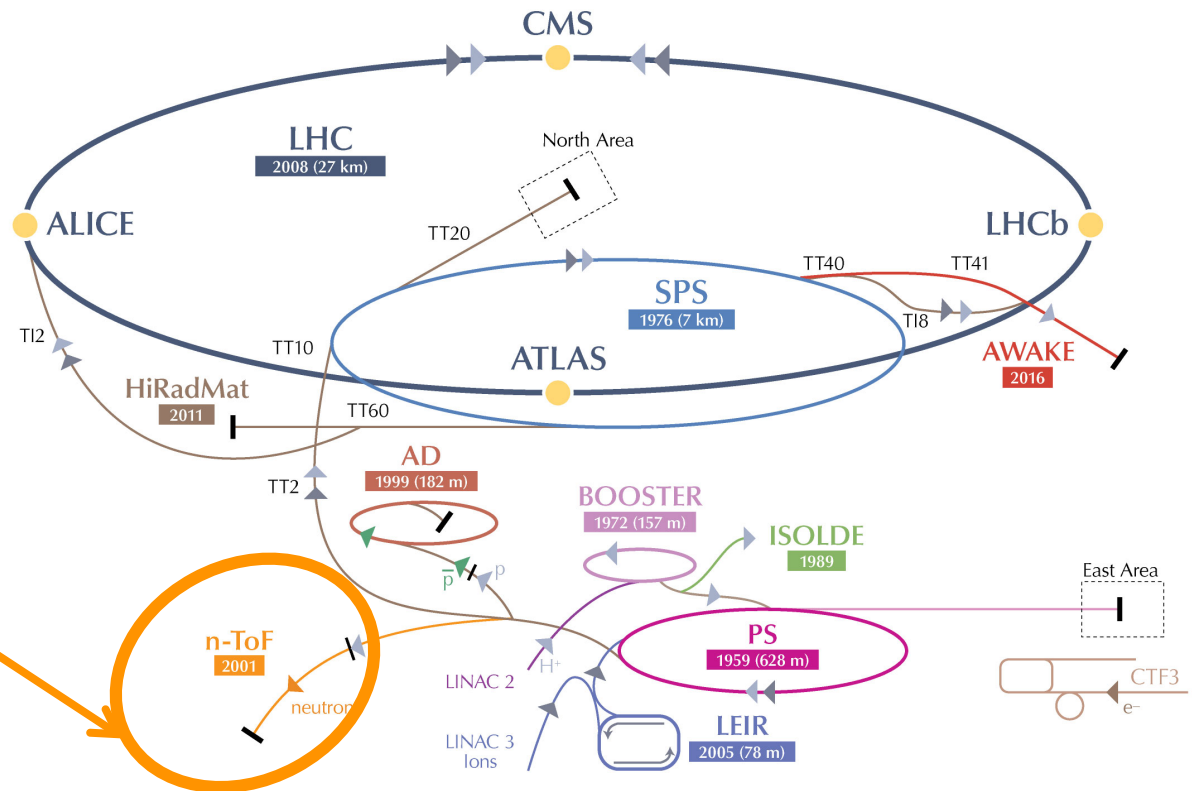
3. Radioactive **branching** isotopes (“stellar thermometers”):

- $^{79}\text{Se}$ ,  $^{85}\text{Kr}$ ,  $^{151}\text{Sm}$ ,  $^{163}\text{Ho}$ ,  $^{204}\text{Tl}$ ,  $^{205}\text{Pb}$

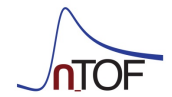




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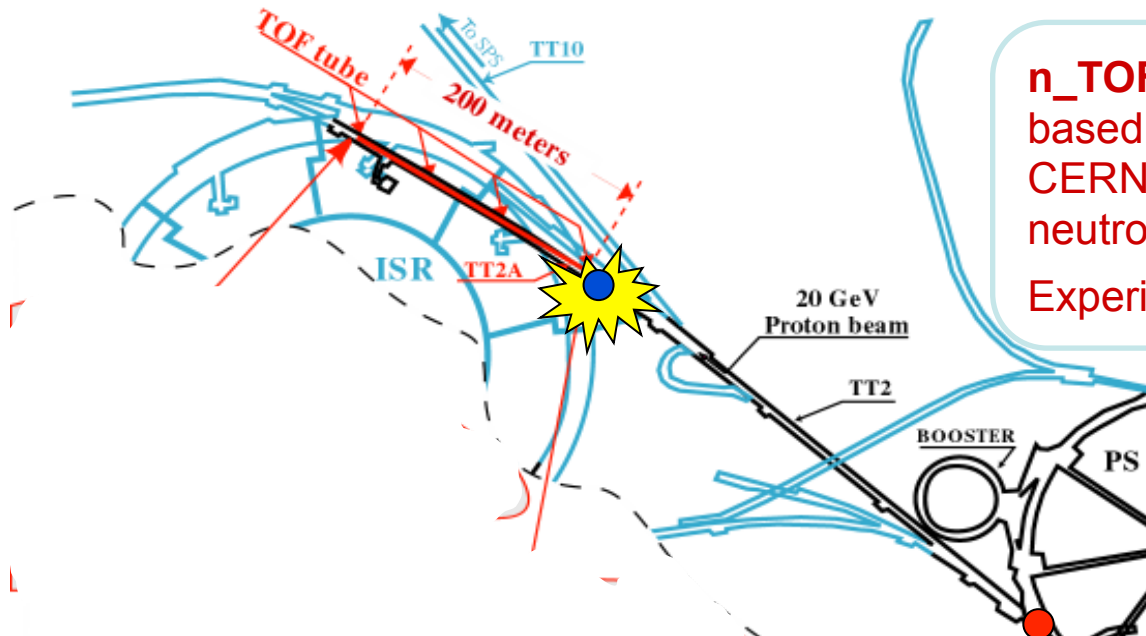


Neutron Time-Of-Flight  
facility: n\_TOF

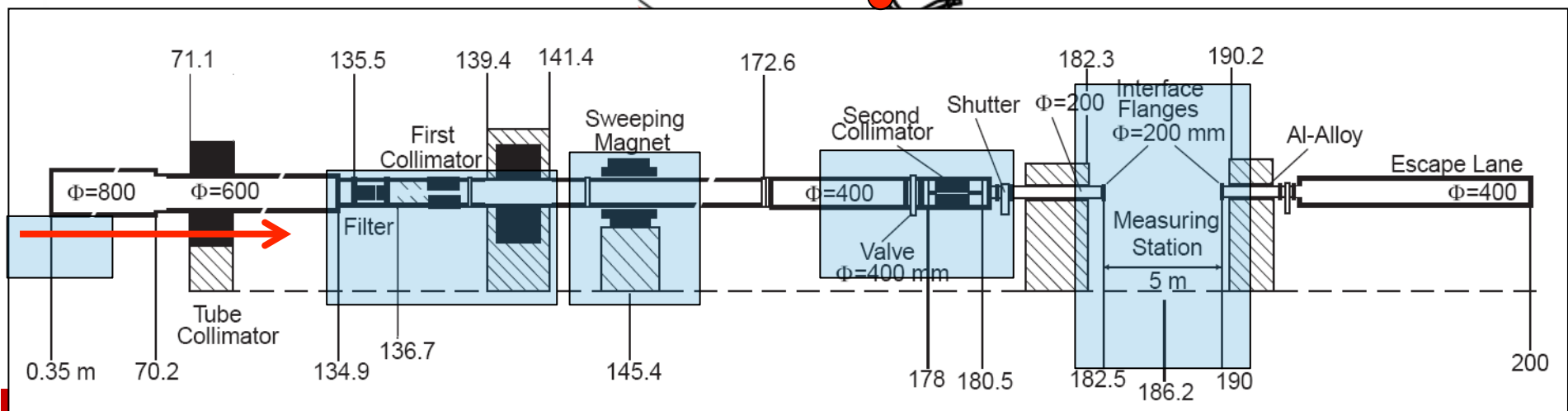




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**n\_TOF** is a **spallation** neutron source based on **20 GeV/c protons** from the CERN PS hitting a **Pb block** (~300 neutrons per proton and  $\sim 7 \times 10^{12}$  ppp).  
Experimental area at **185 m** and **18.5 m**.

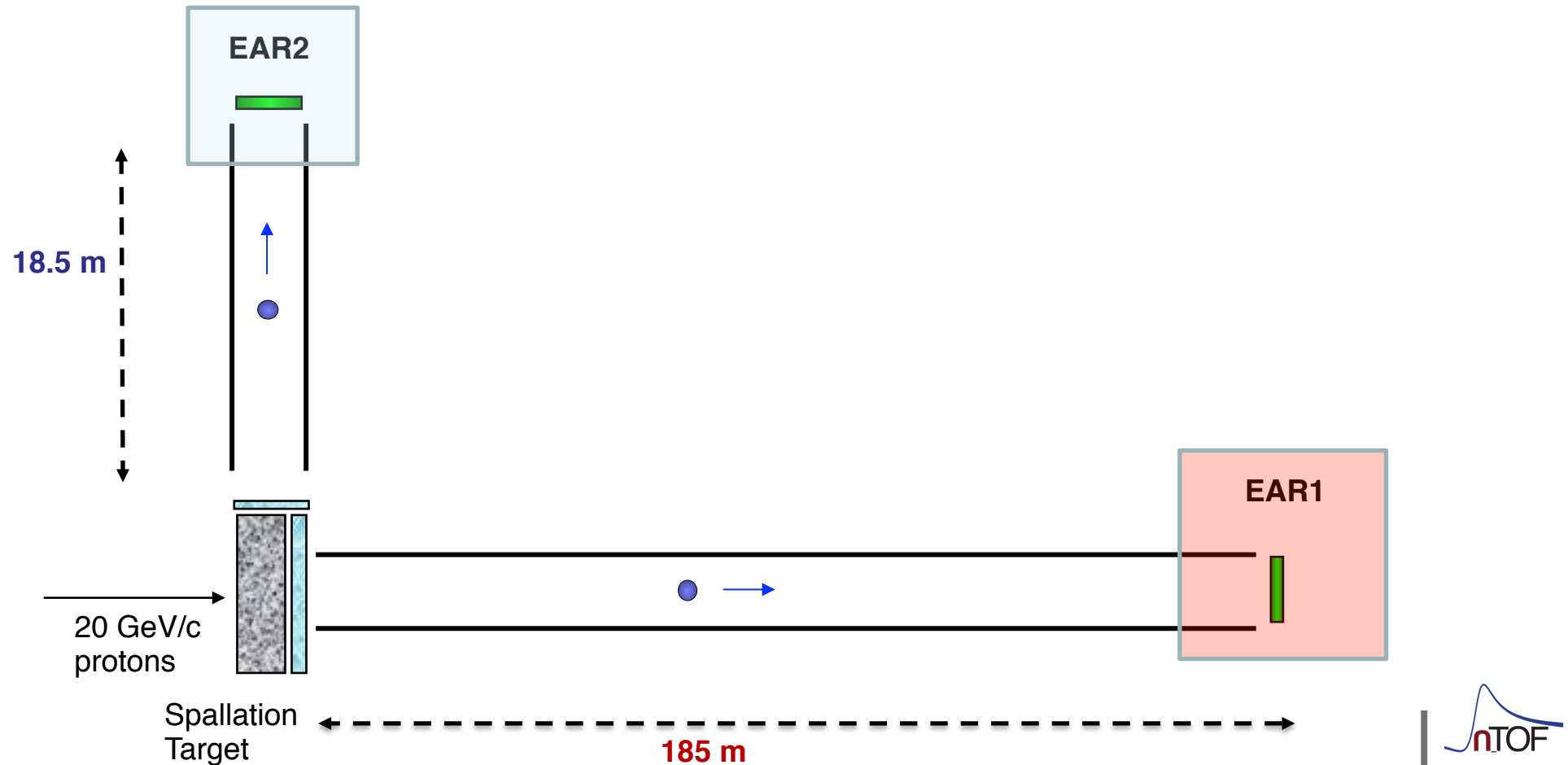




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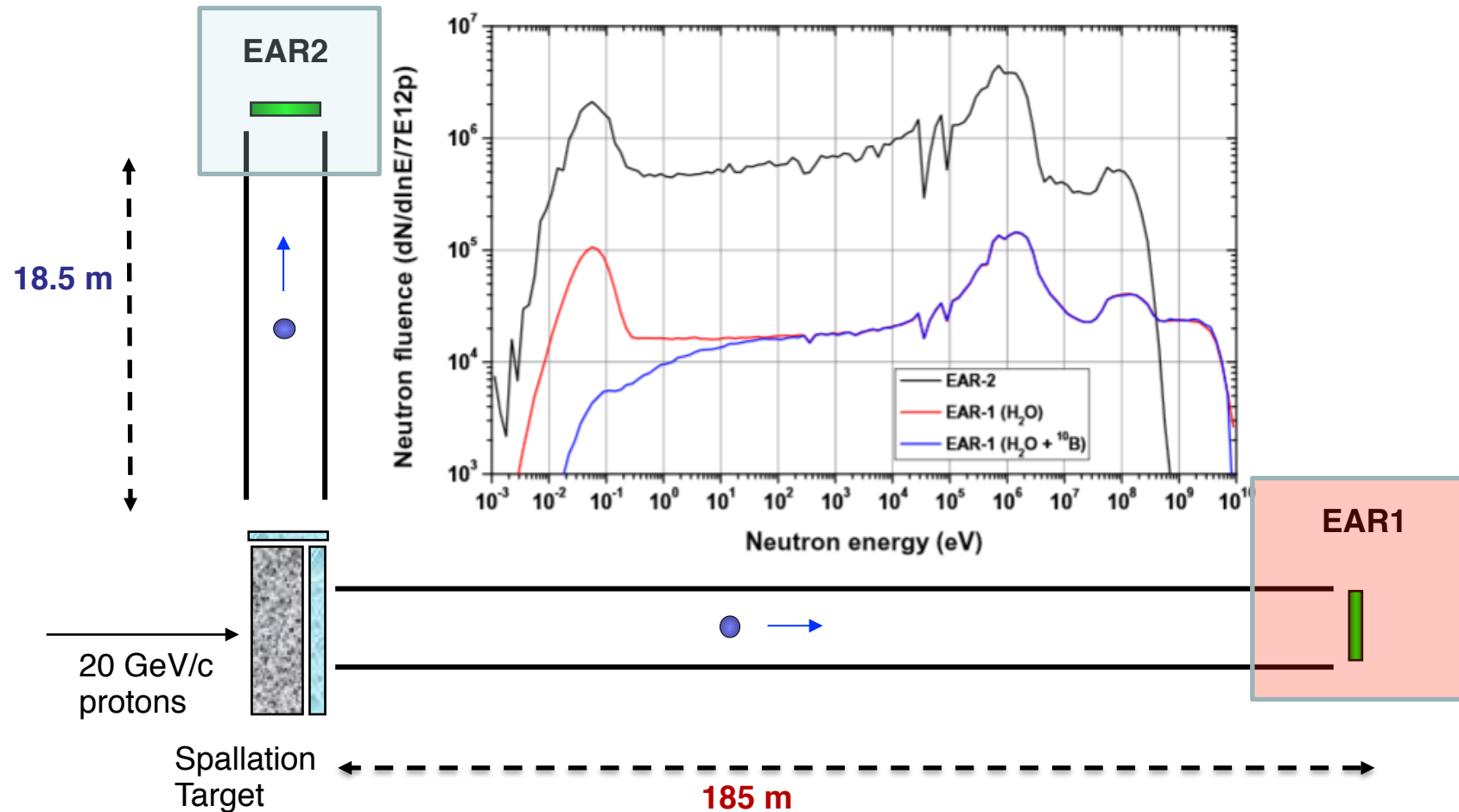


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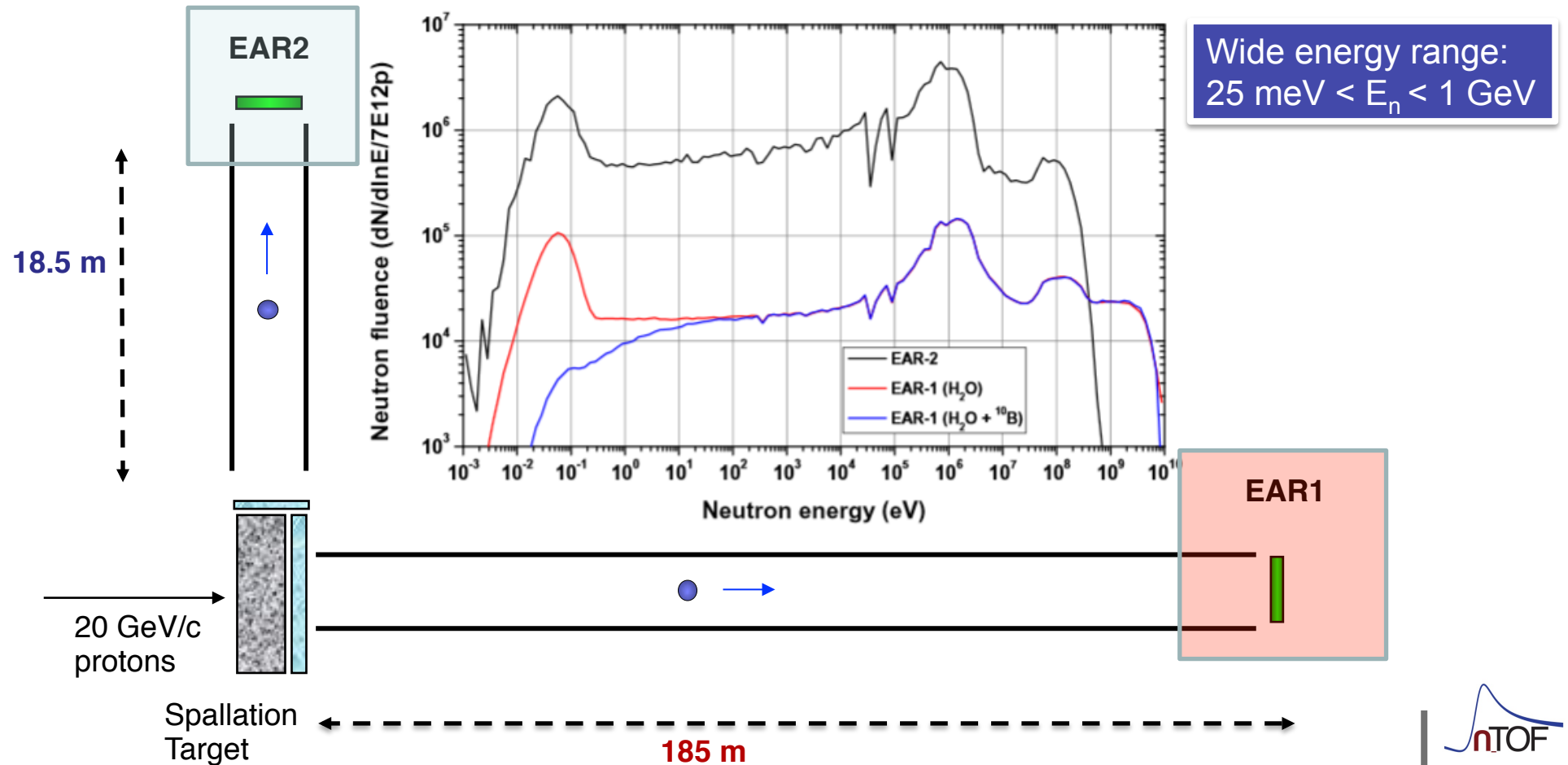
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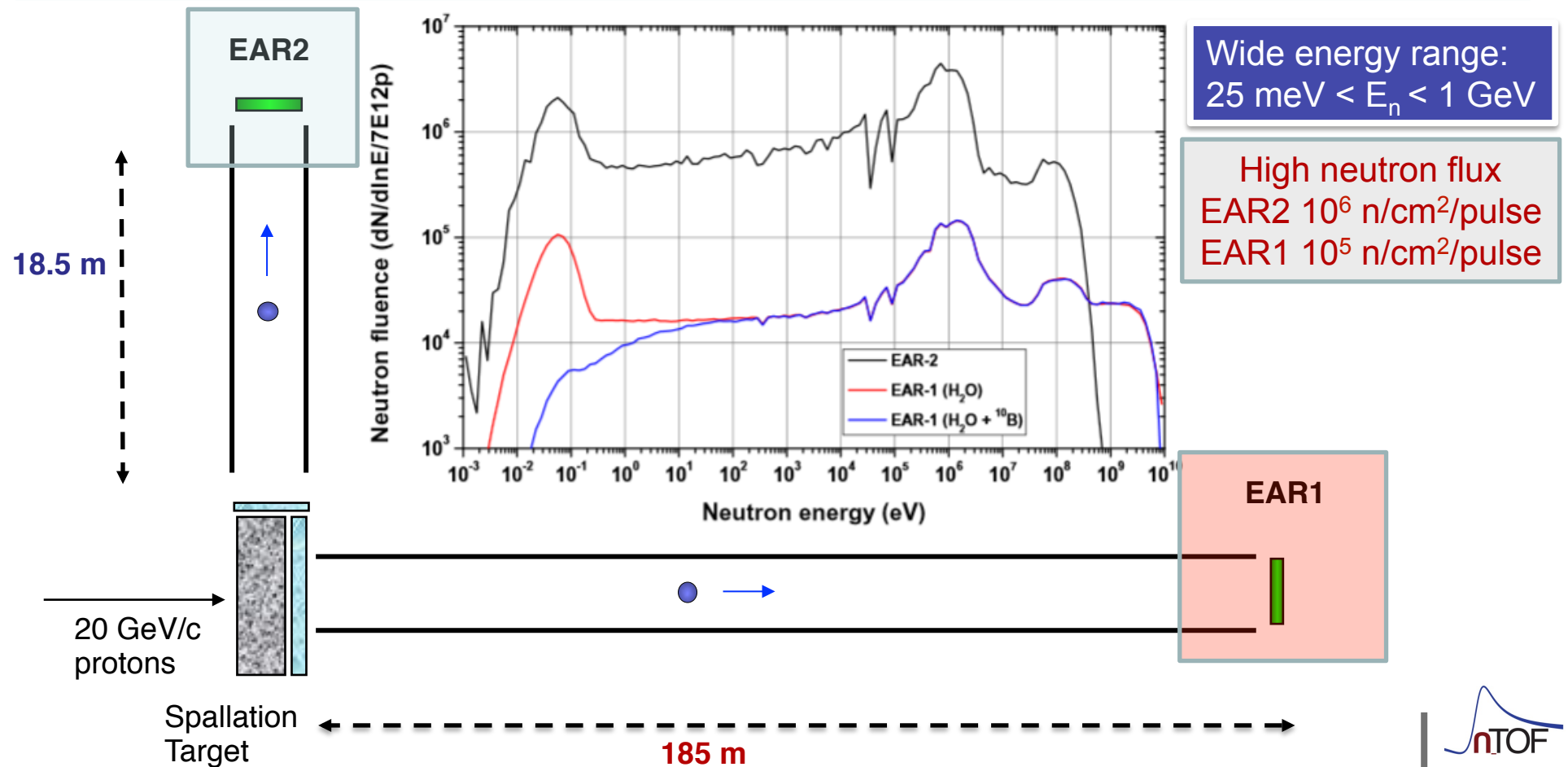
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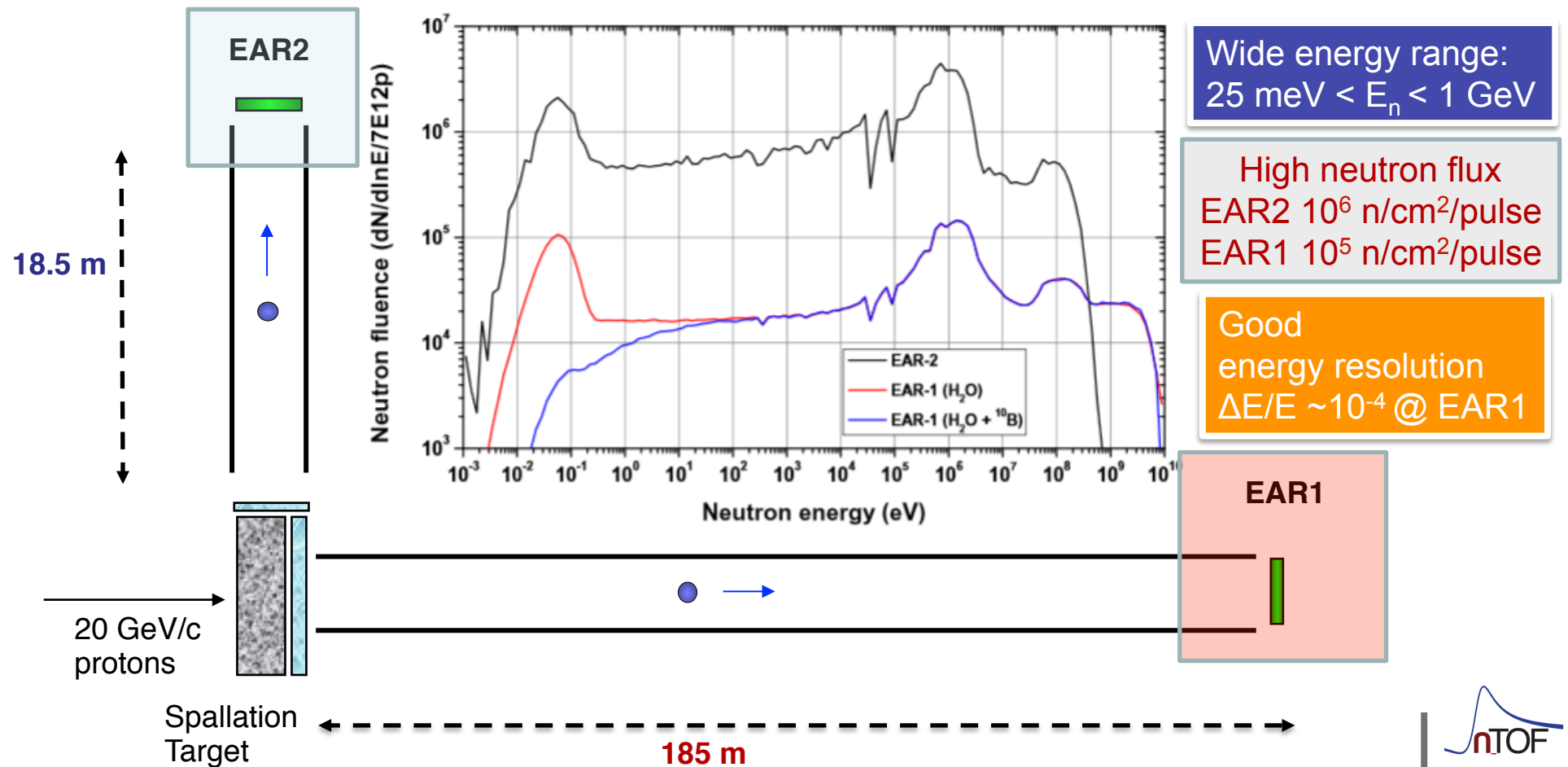
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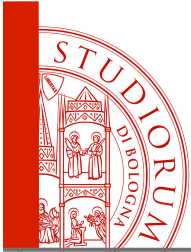
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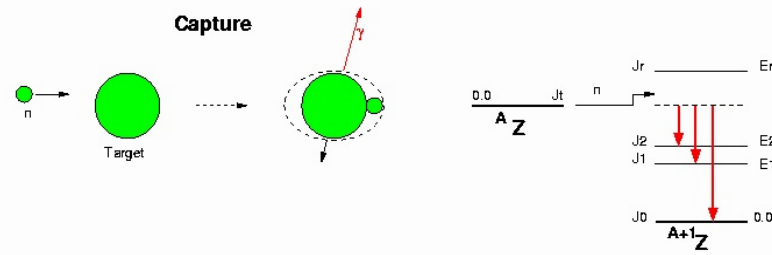




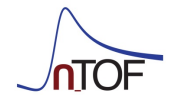
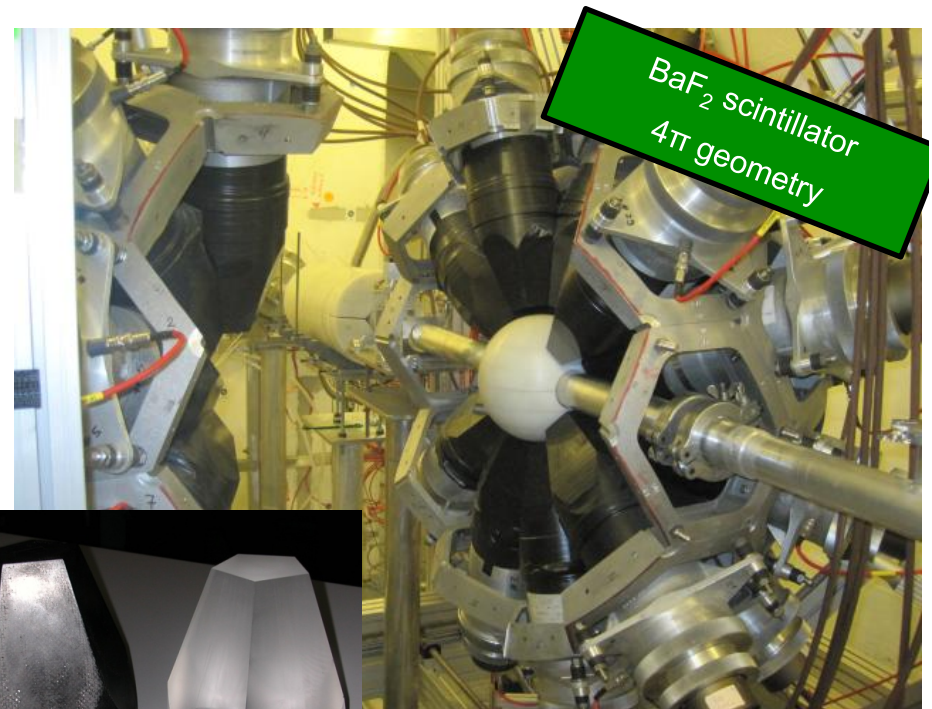
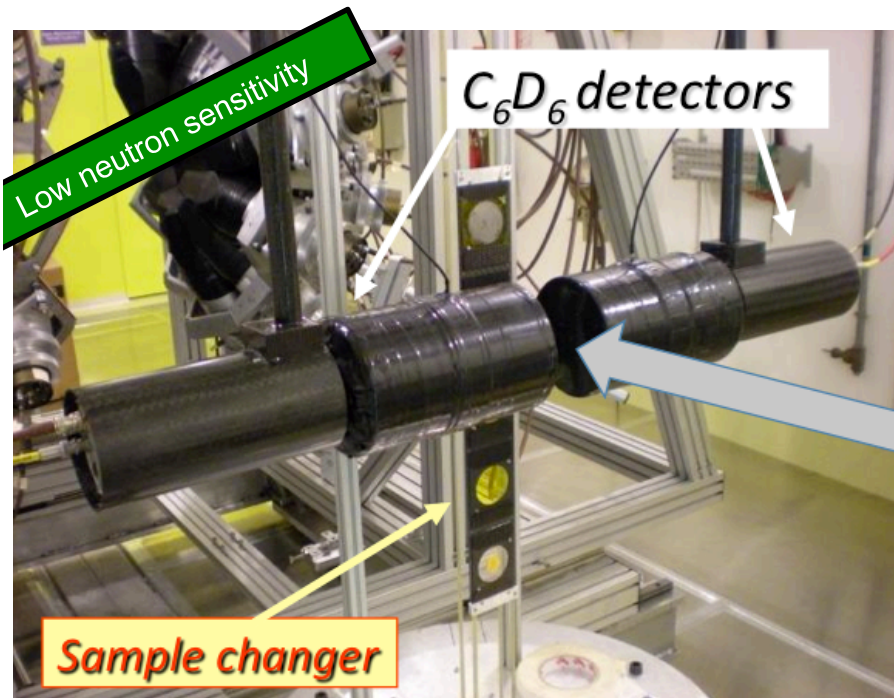
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## Detectors for (n, $\gamma$ ) reaction



Capture reactions are measured by detecting  $\gamma$ -rays emitted in the de-excitation process. **Two different systems**, to minimize different types of background



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n\_TOF Internal Report (June 2013)

### New C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> detectors: reduced neutron sensitivity and improved safety

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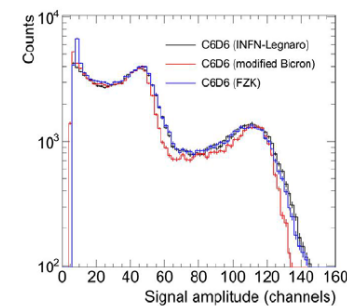
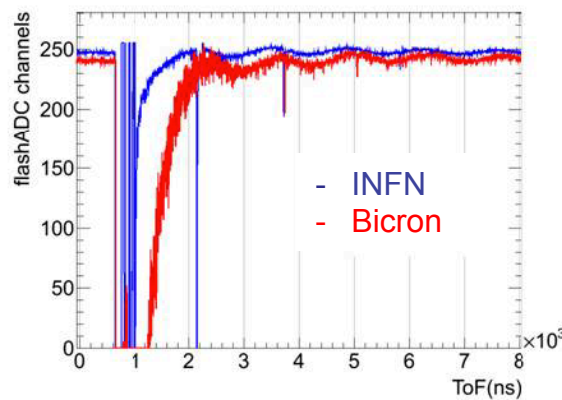
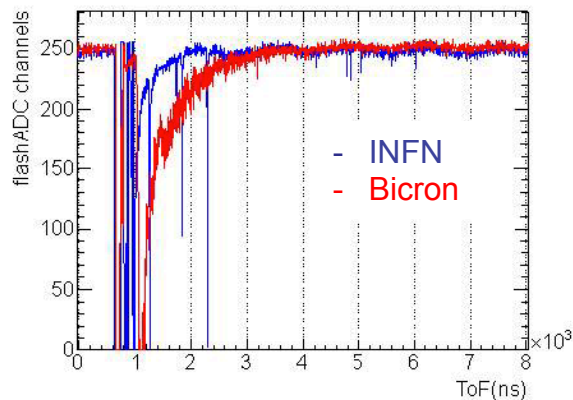
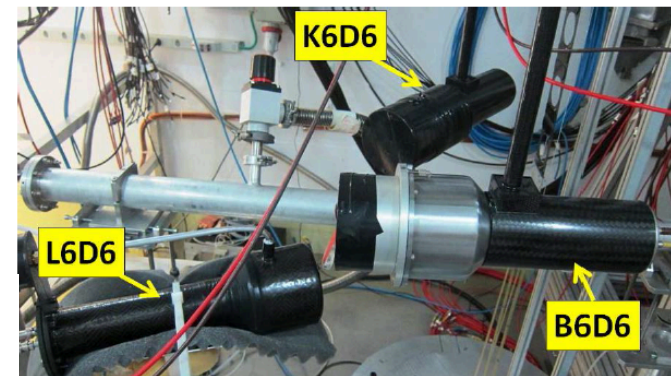
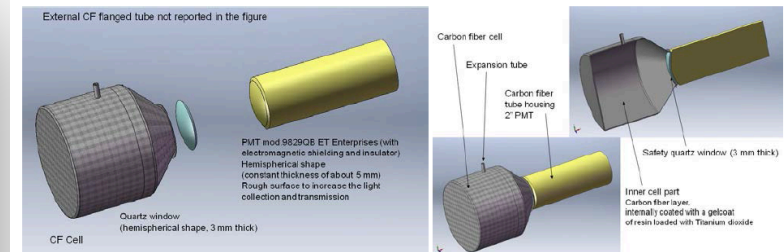
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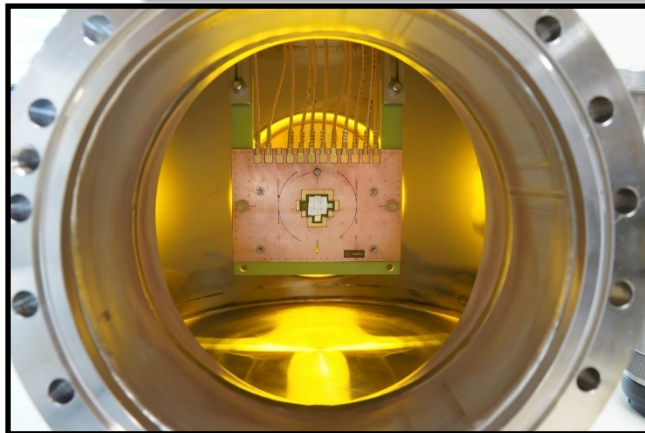
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(The n\_TOF Collaboration, <http://cern.ch/nTOF>)



## Detectors: (n, p) and (n, $\alpha$ ) reactions

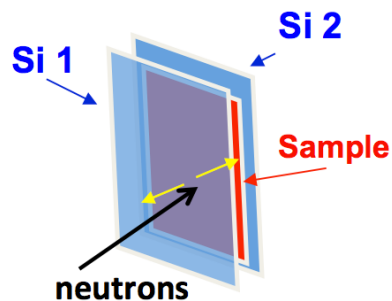
Gas and solid state detectors are used for detecting charged particles, depending on the energy region of interest and the Q-value of the reaction



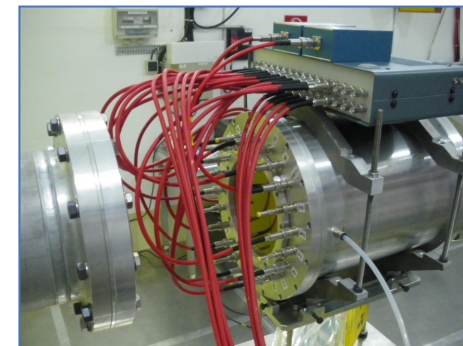
Silicon detectors  
Silicon sandwich  
Diamond detector  
 $\Delta E$ -E Telescopes

### Micromegas chamber

- low-noise, high-gain, radiation-hard detector

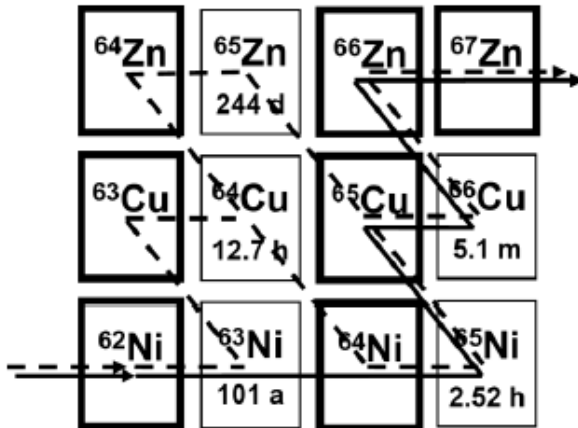


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# The case of $^{63}\text{Ni}$



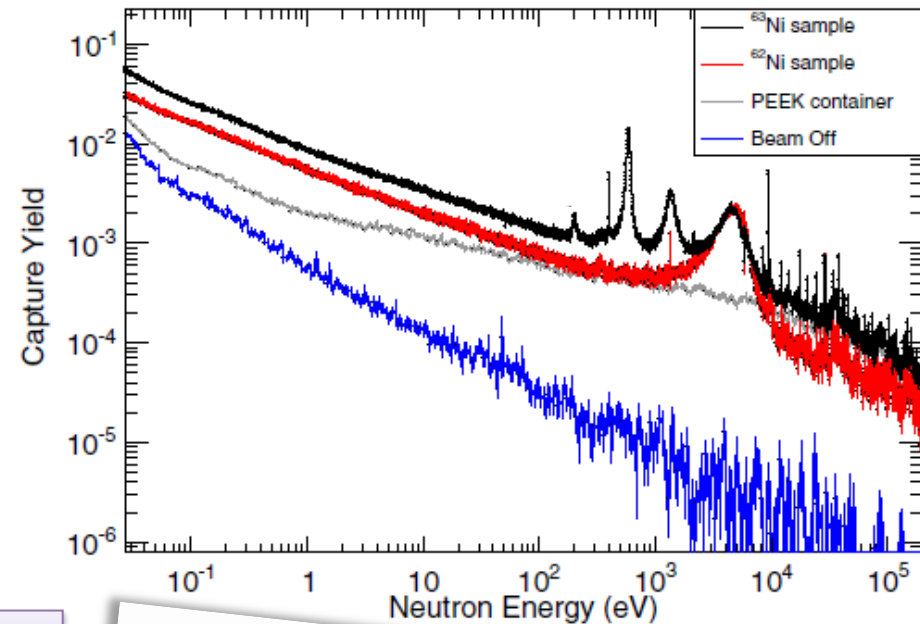
$^{63}\text{Ni}$  ( $t_{1/2}=100$  y) represents the **first branching point** in the s-process, and determines the **abundance** of  $^{63,65}\text{Cu}$

$^{62}\text{Ni}$  sample (1g) irradiated **in thermal reactor** (1984 and 1992), leading to enrichment in  $^{63}\text{Ni}$  of **~13 %** (131 mg)



In 2011 ~ **15.4 mg  $^{63}\text{Cu}$**  in the sample (from  $^{63}\text{Ni}$  decay).

After **chemical** separation at PSI,  $^{63}\text{Cu}$  contamination **<0.01 mg**



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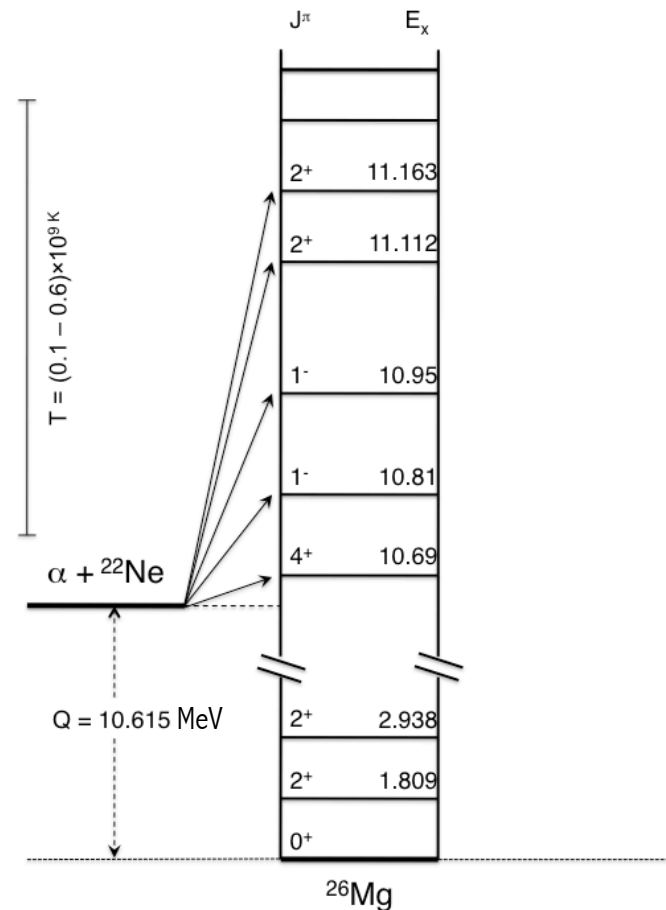
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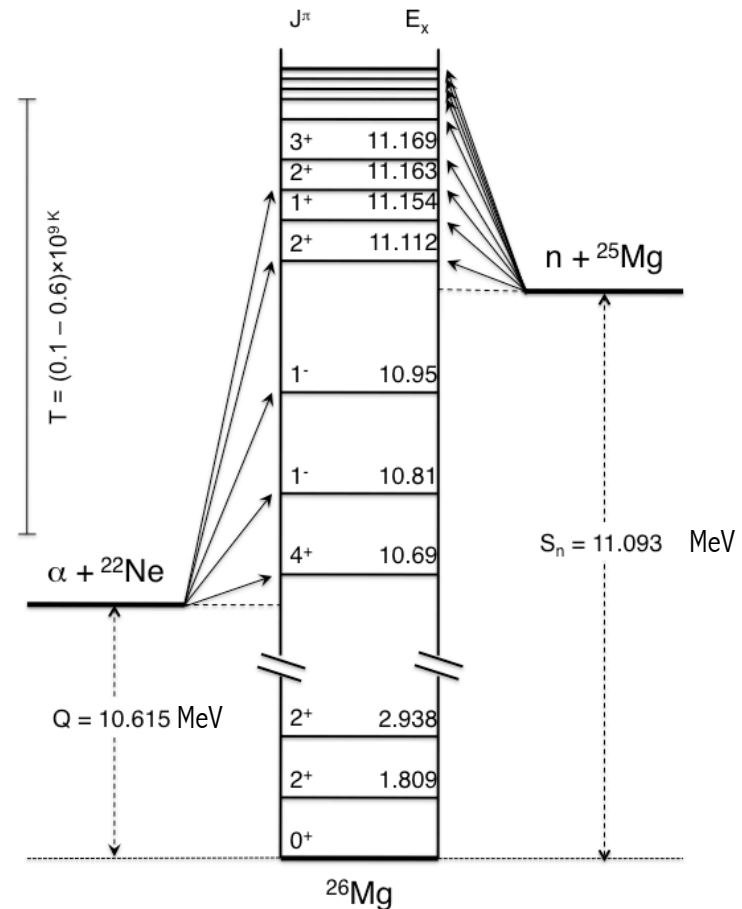
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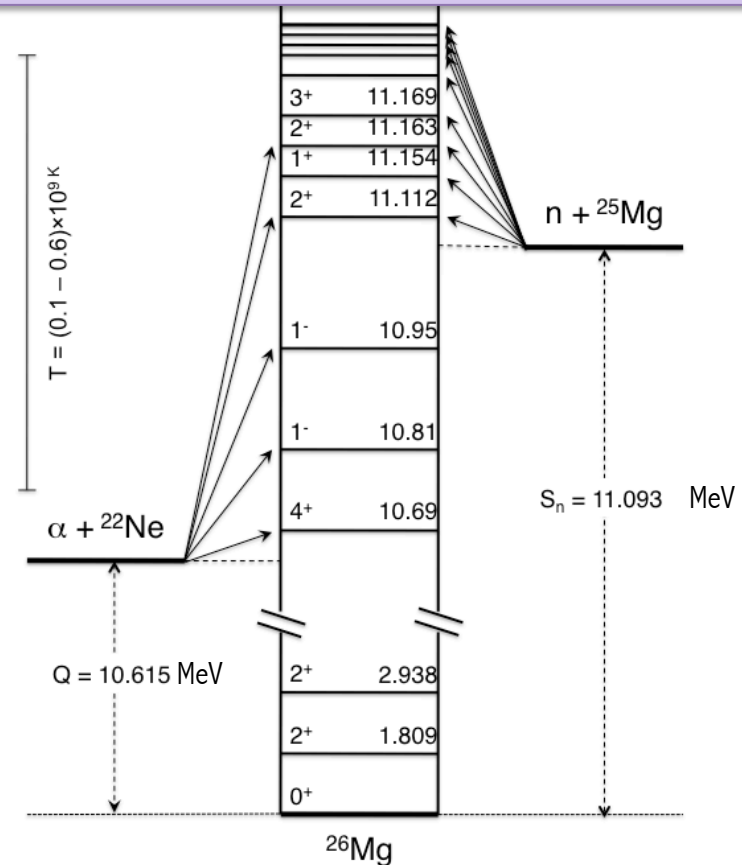
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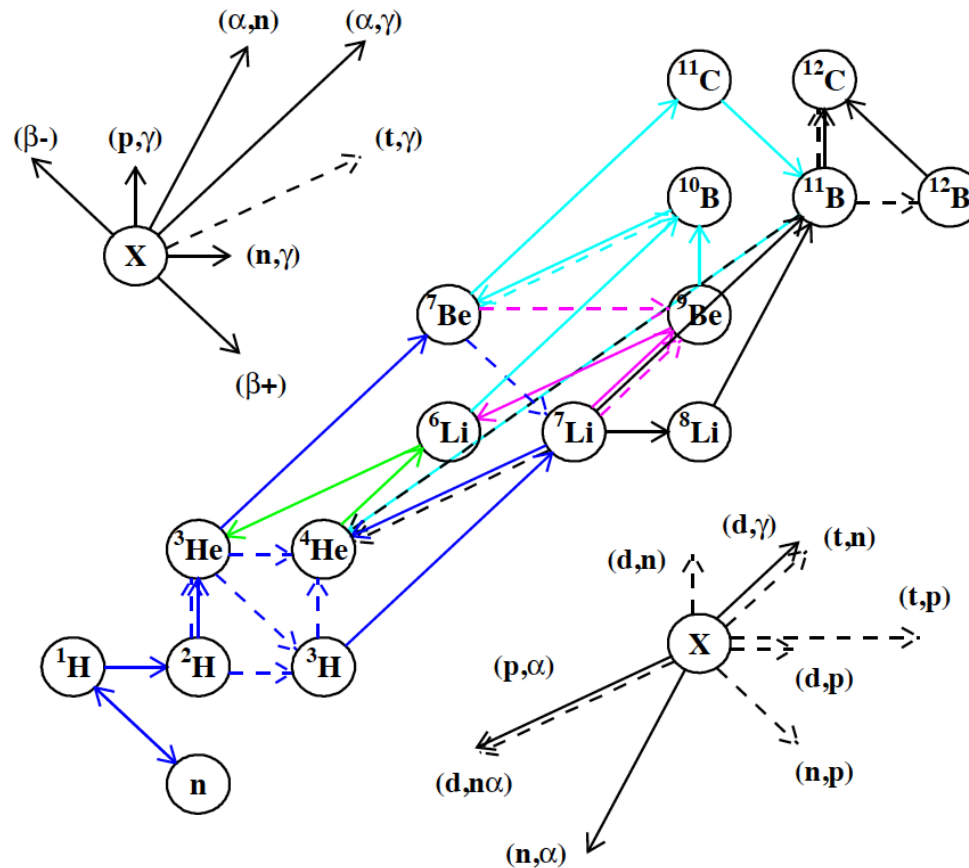
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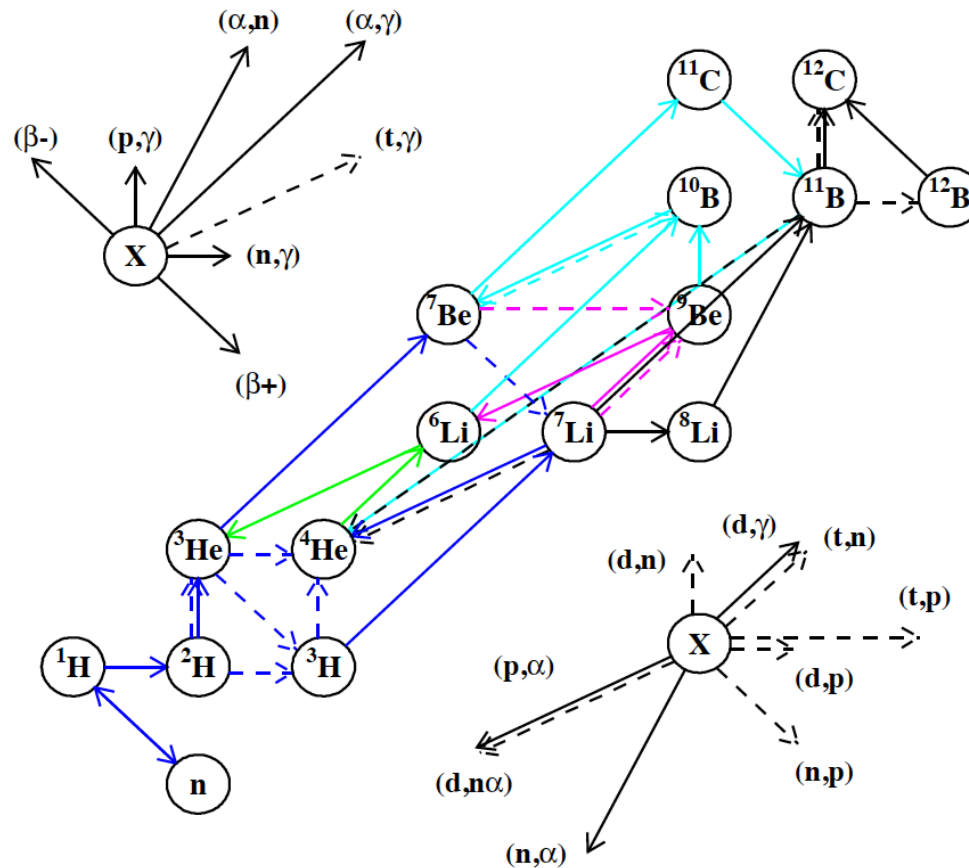
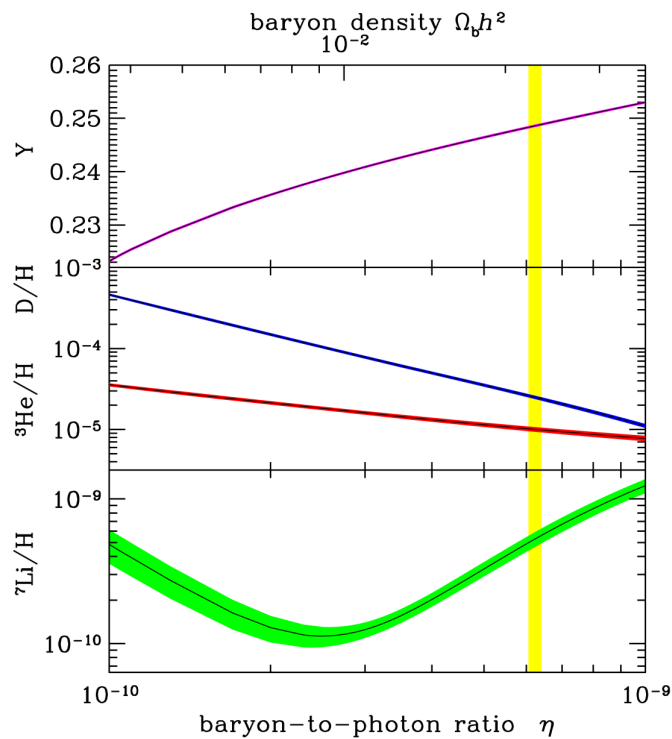
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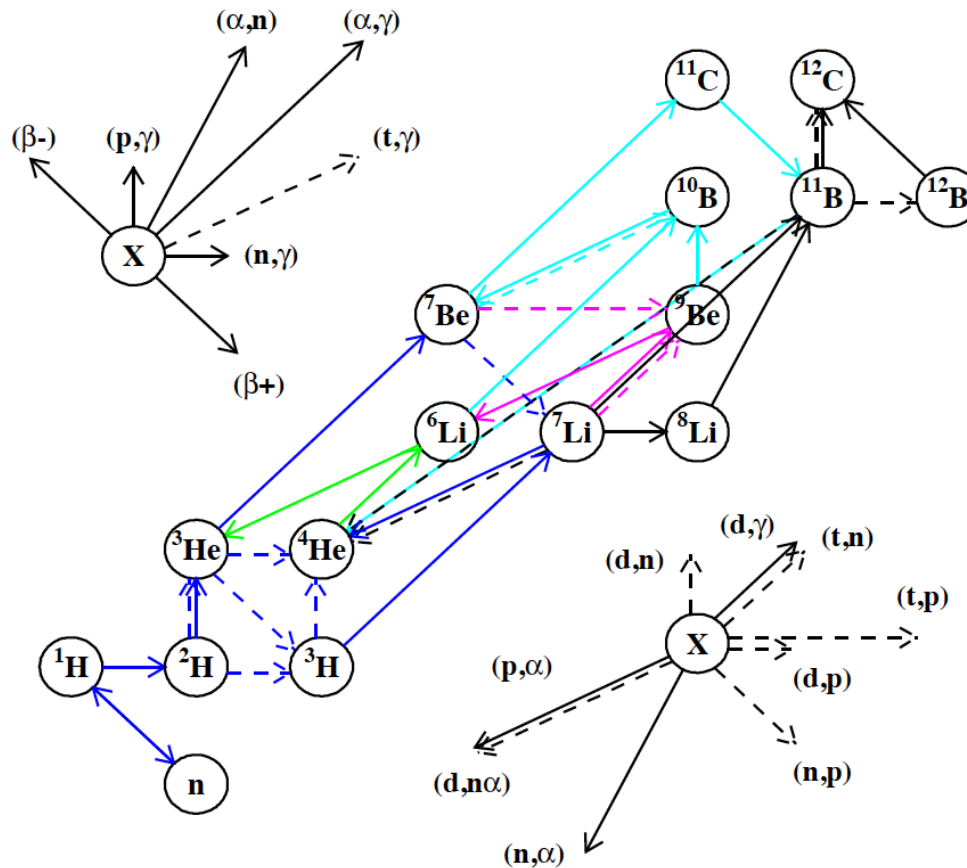
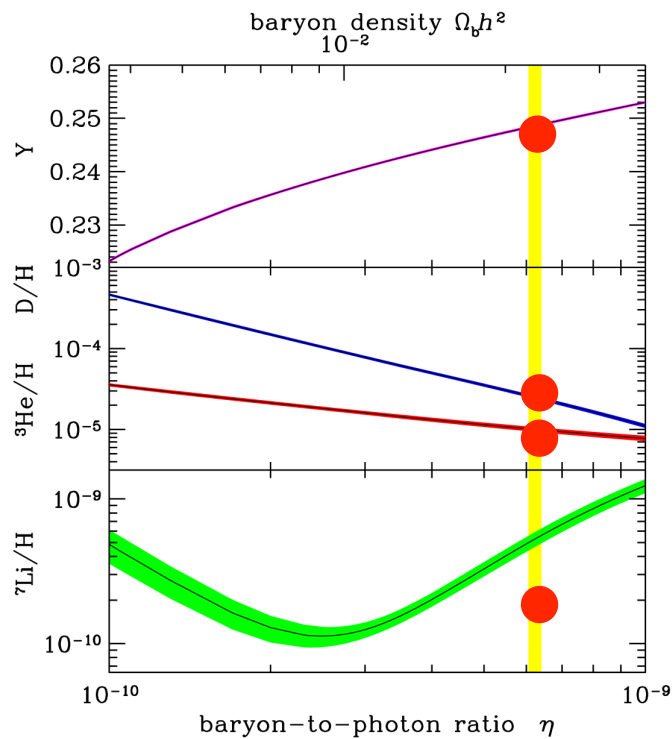
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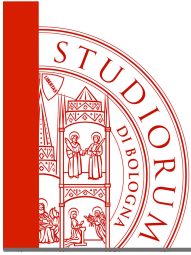
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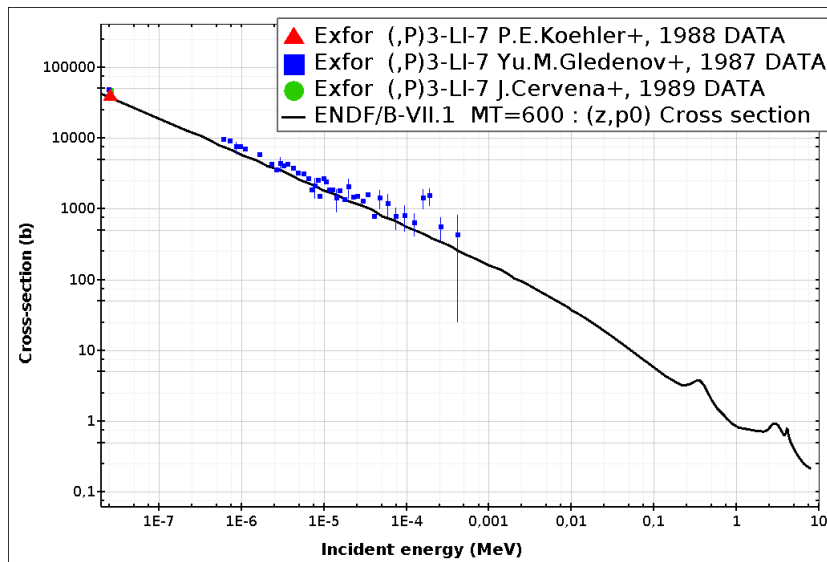
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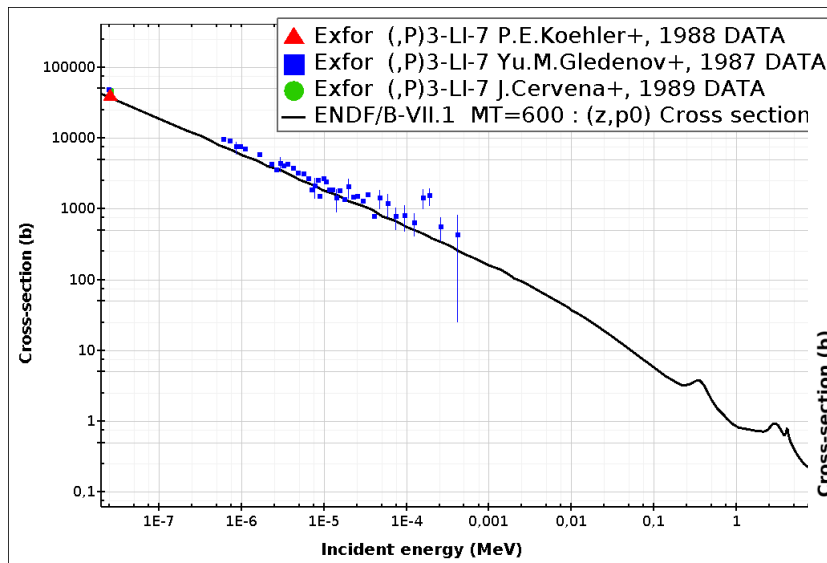
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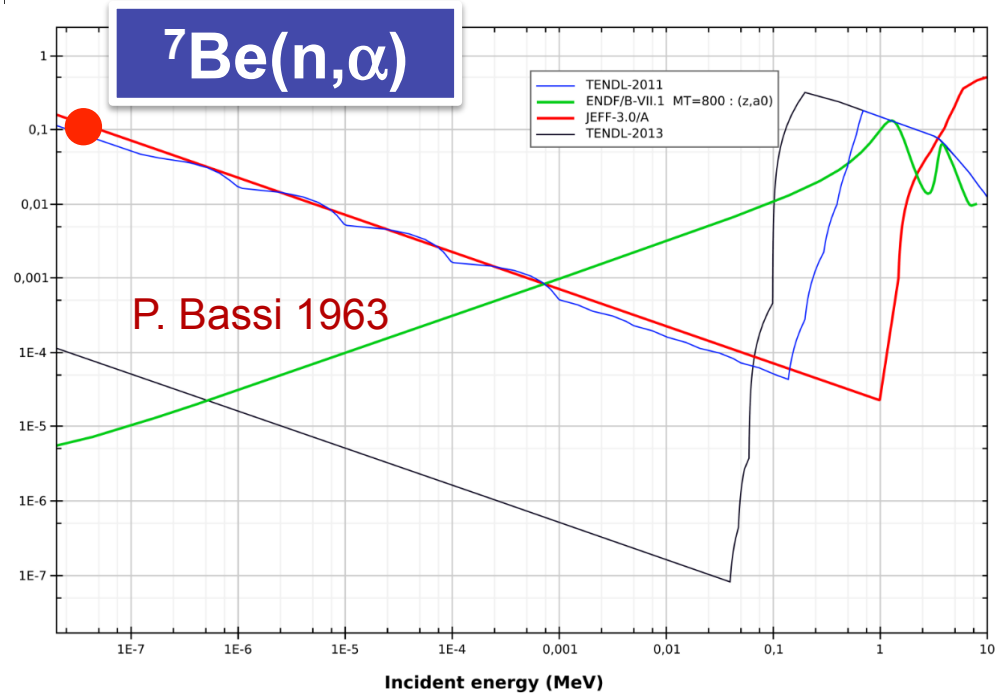
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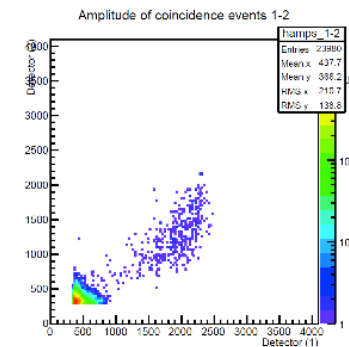
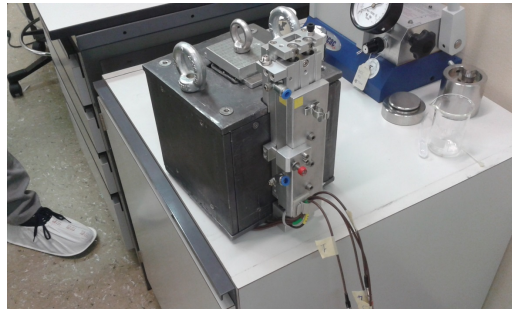
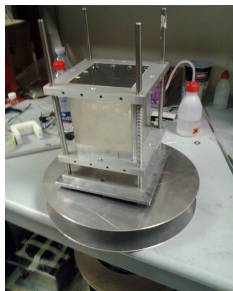
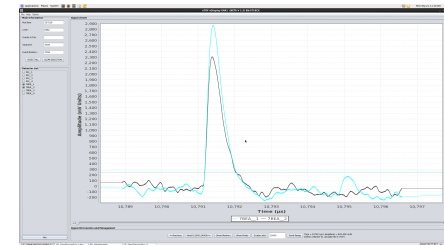
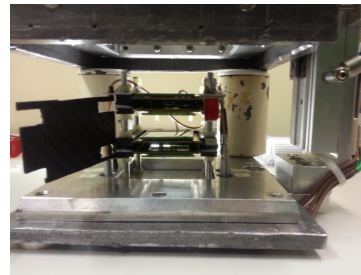
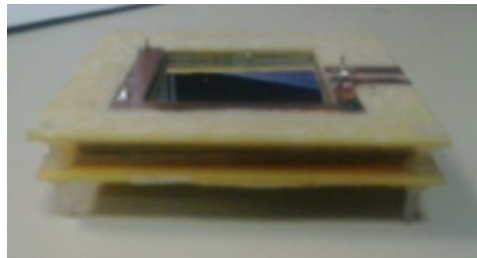
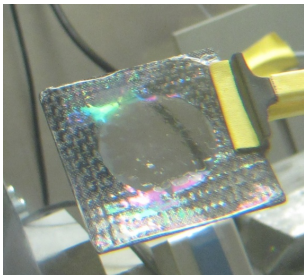
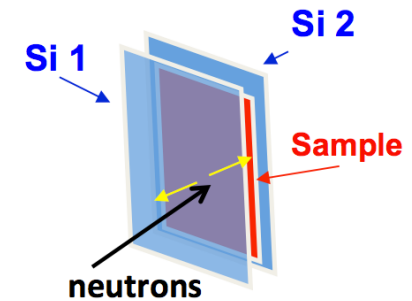




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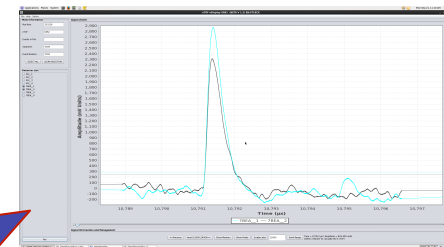
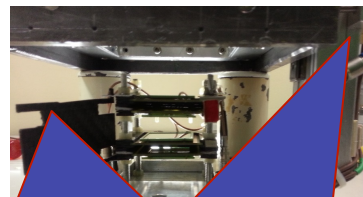
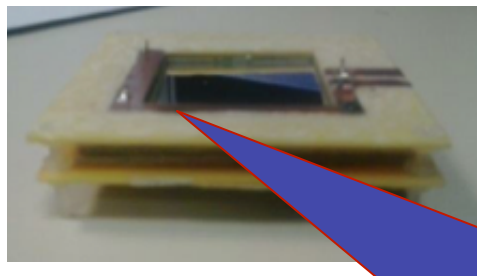
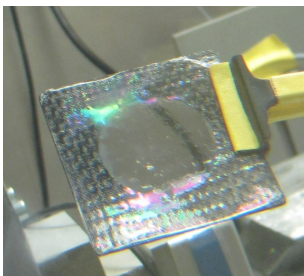
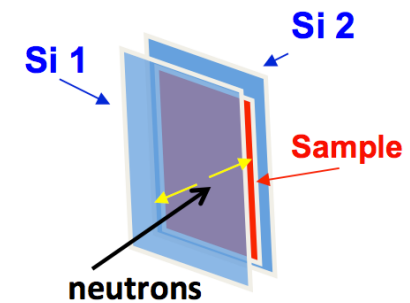
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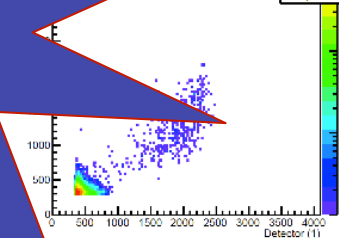
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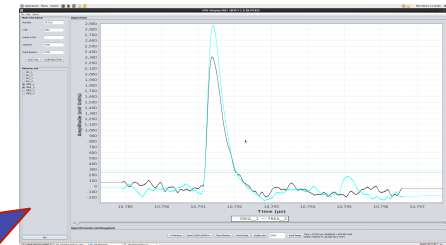
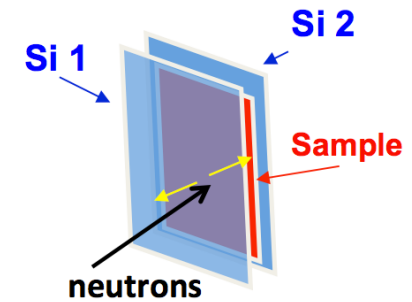
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**Just measured !**

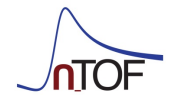
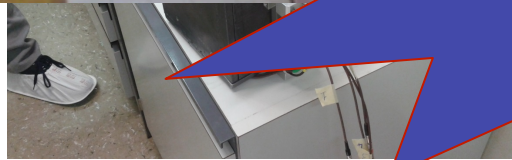
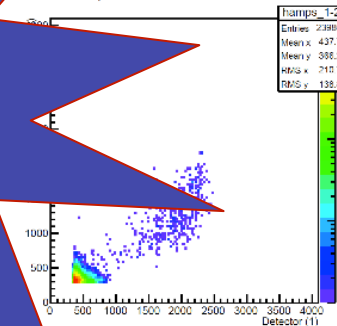


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... soon the first  ${}^7\text{Be}(n, \alpha)$  cross section

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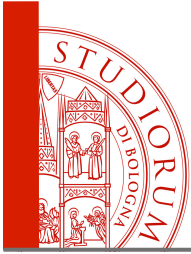
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## Reference Cross Section for Astrophysics

- Mass 0446
- Leder 83 (2)
- Mass The E

Karlsruhe Astrophysical Database of Nucleosynthesis in Stars

s-process [Standards] [Logbook] [FAQ] [Links] [Disclaimer] [Contact] p-process

Available isotopes for Gold (Z=79)

$^{197}\text{Au}$   $^{198}\text{Au}$

Go to isotope  Go!

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GELINA,

Recommended MACS30 (Maxwellian Averaged Cross Section @ 30keV)

$^{197}\text{Au} (n, \gamma) ^{198}\text{Au}$

**Total MACS at 30keV: 612.8 ± 7.0 mb**

Cross sections do not include stellar enhancement factors!

History

Version	Total MACS [mb]	Partial to gs [mb]	Partial to isomer [mb]
1.0	612.8 ± 7.0	-	-
0.0	582 ± 9	-	-

(Version 0.0 corresponds to Bao et al.)



Comment

Au-197 is used as standard for most astrophysical cross section measurements. Unfortunately, it is at the moment only a standard in the thermal region and between E(n)= 200 keV and 2.8 MeV (au197). Recent measurements at nTOF (CL11, CM10) and GELINA (MBD14) show a discrepancy of about 5% to the previously used standard value at kT= 30 keV from RaK88 and Mac82e.

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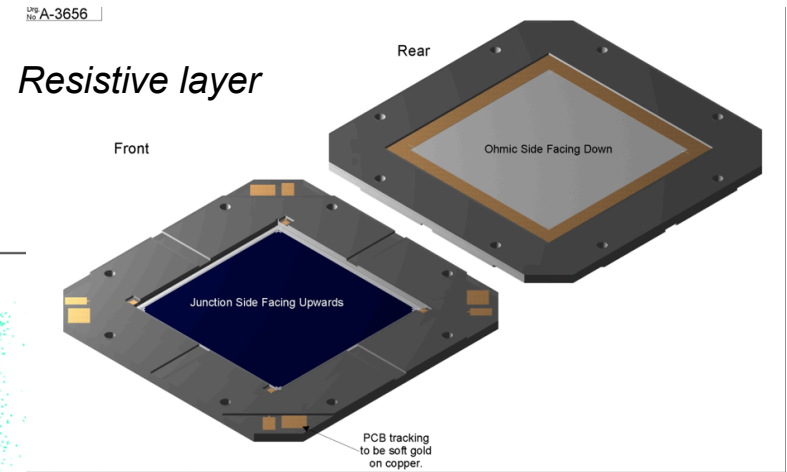
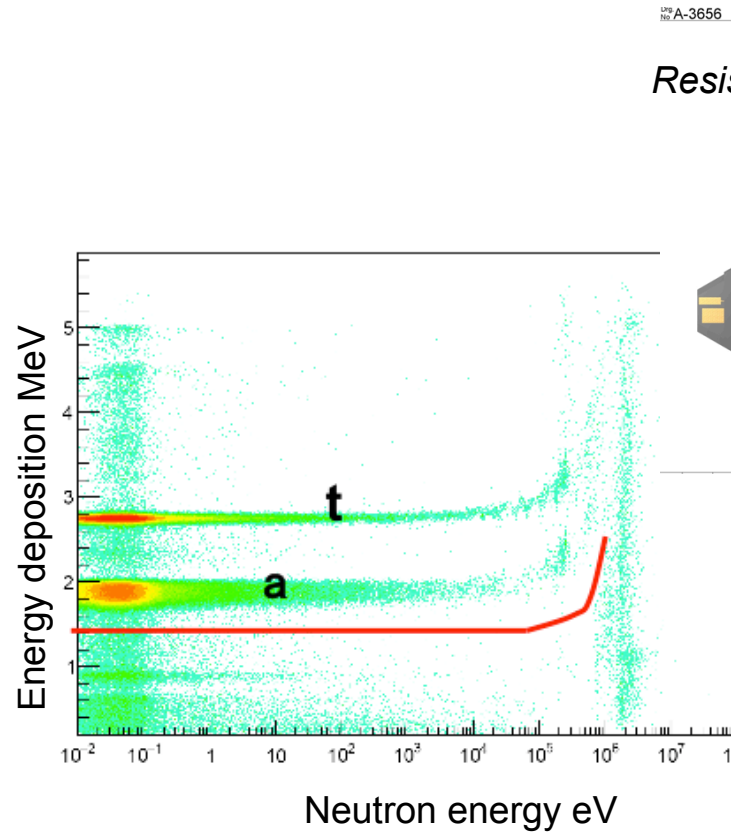
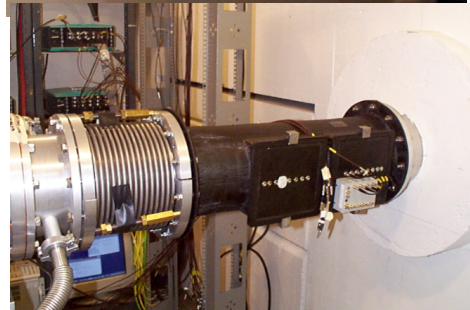
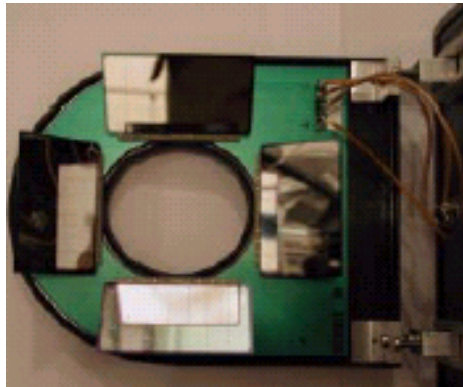
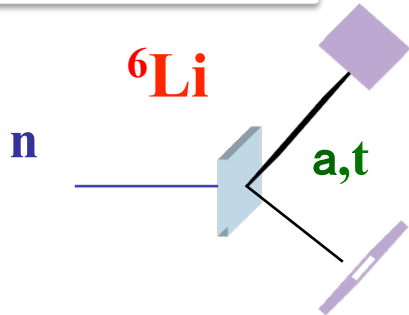




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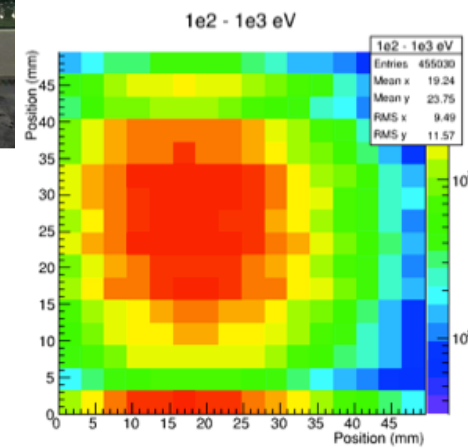
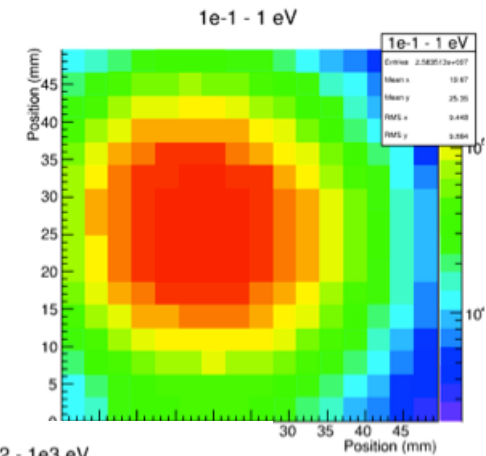
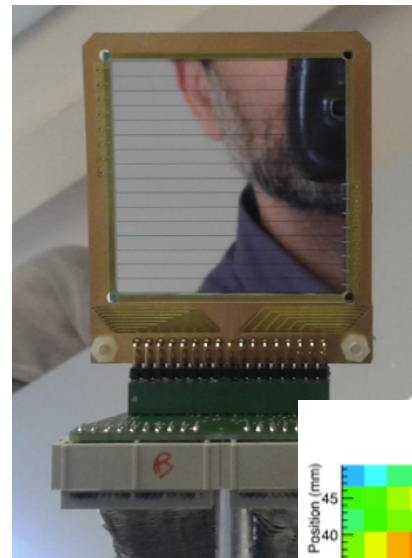
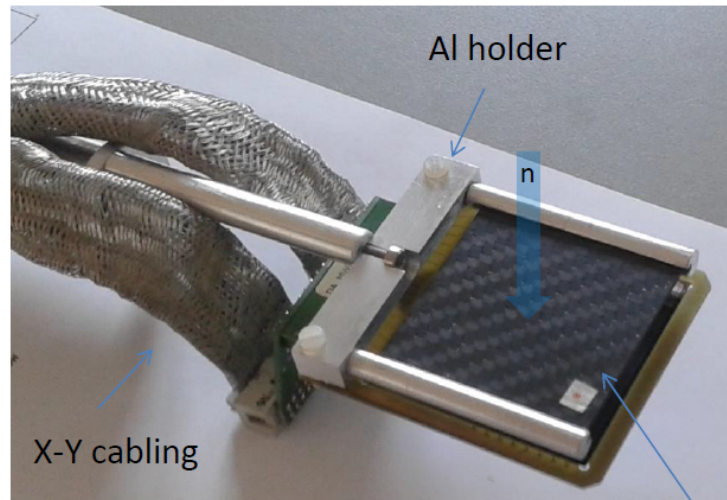
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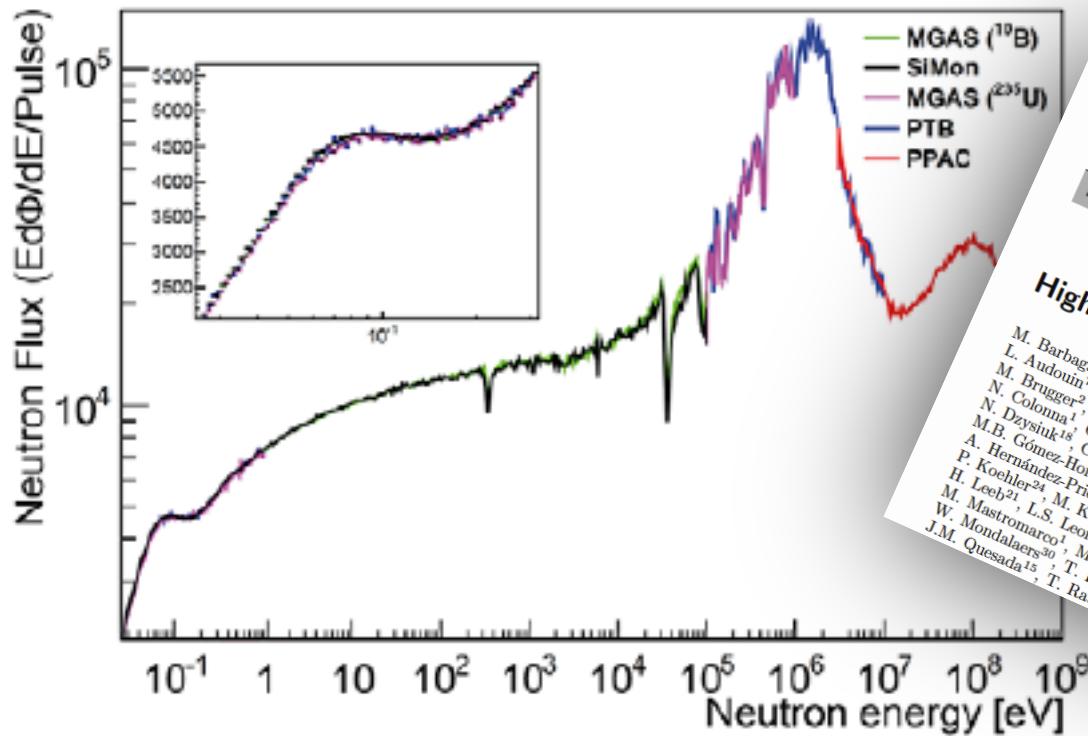
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The **spatial distribution** of neutrons as a function of energy has been measured by means of a **double side silicon strip detector (DSSSD)**.

- 16 x 16 Si sensor strips
- 3 mm wide strips, 500  $\mu\text{m}$  thick
- 50 x 50  $\text{mm}^2$  X-Y grid
- LiF converter

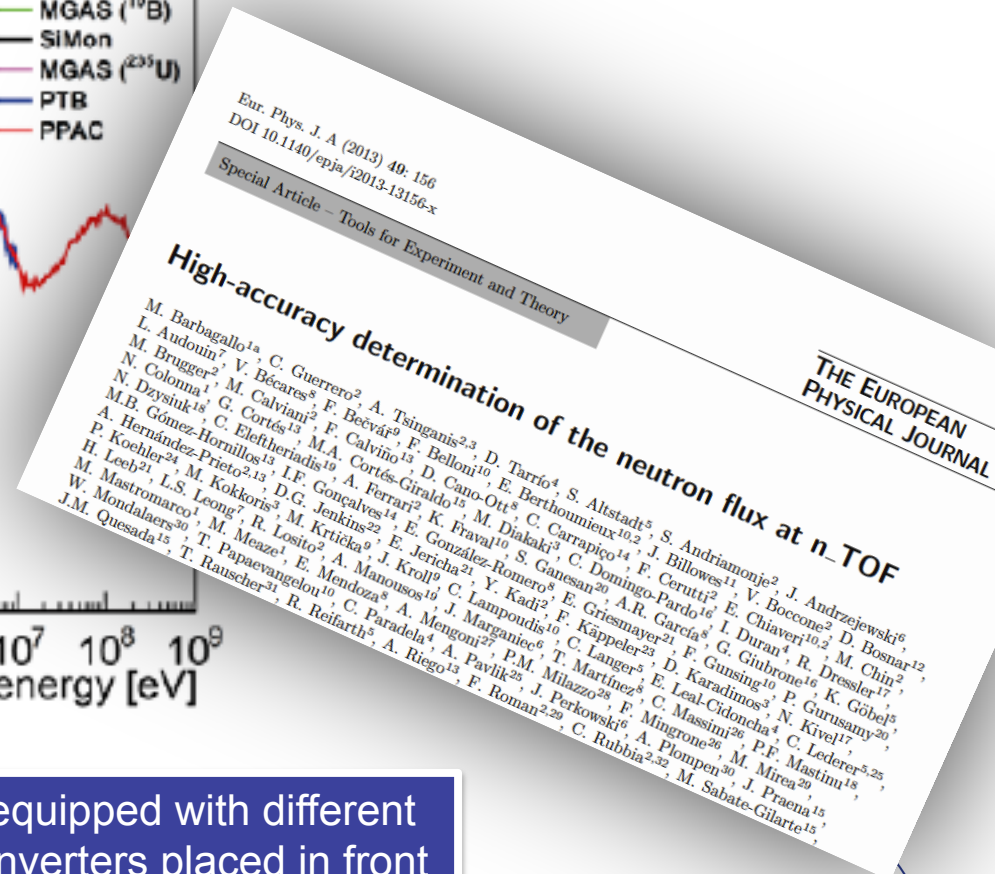


## Study of the neutron flux



Reaction	Energy range of standard
H(n,n)	da 1 keV a 20 MeV
<sup>3</sup> He(n,t)	da 0.0253 eV a 50 keV
<sup>6</sup> Li(n,α)	da 0.0253 eV a 1 MeV
<sup>10</sup> B(n,α)	da 0.0253 eV a 1 MeV
<sup>197</sup> Au(n,γ)	0.0253 eV e da 0.2 MeV a 2.5 MeV
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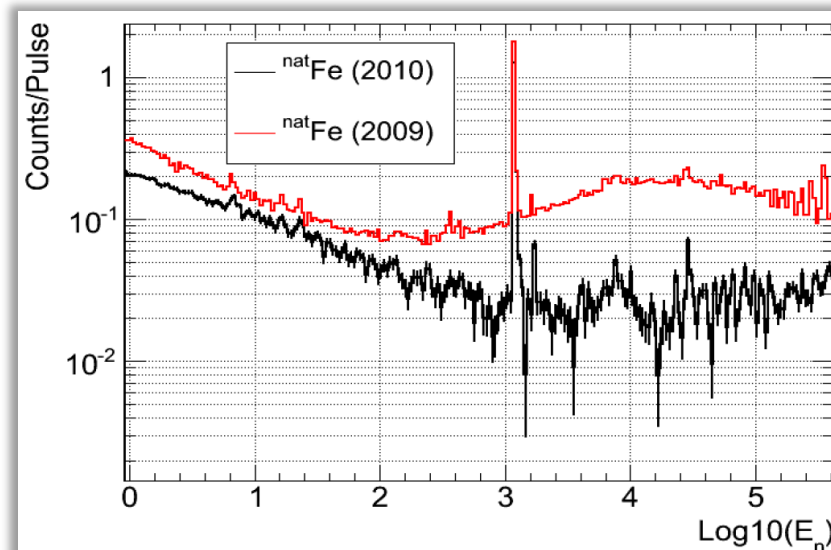
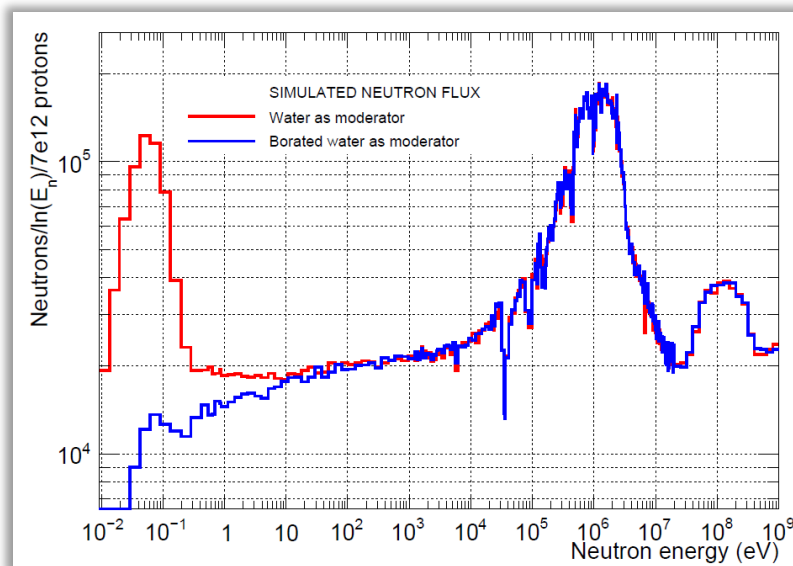
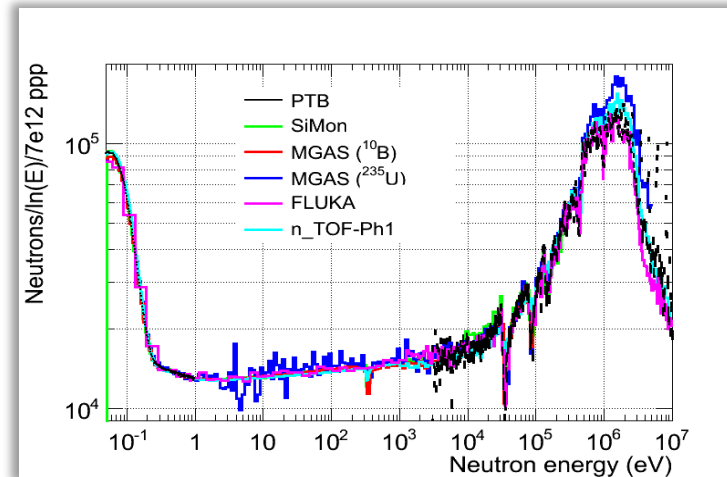
Detectors equipped with different neutron converters placed in front of the sensible layer or volume



The flux was measured for each target, with **four** different systems based on  $^6\text{Li}$ ,  $^{10}\text{B}$  and  $^{235}\text{U}$ .

Measurements were repeated for the  $^{10}\text{B}$ -water moderator (the thermal peak in the flux is suppressed).

**The use of borated water** suppresses the 2.2 MeV g-rays from  $^1\text{H}(n,g)^2\text{H}$ . Background reduced by a factor of 10 in some energy regions!





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**1. CONSTRAINTS for  $^{22}\text{Ne}(\alpha, n)$   $^{25}\text{Mg}$ :** it is one of the most important **neutron source in Red Giant stars**. Its reaction rate is very **uncertain** because of the **poorly known property of the states in  $^{26}\text{Mg}$** . From neutron measurements the  **$J^\pi$  of  $^{26}\text{Mg}$  states can be deduced**.

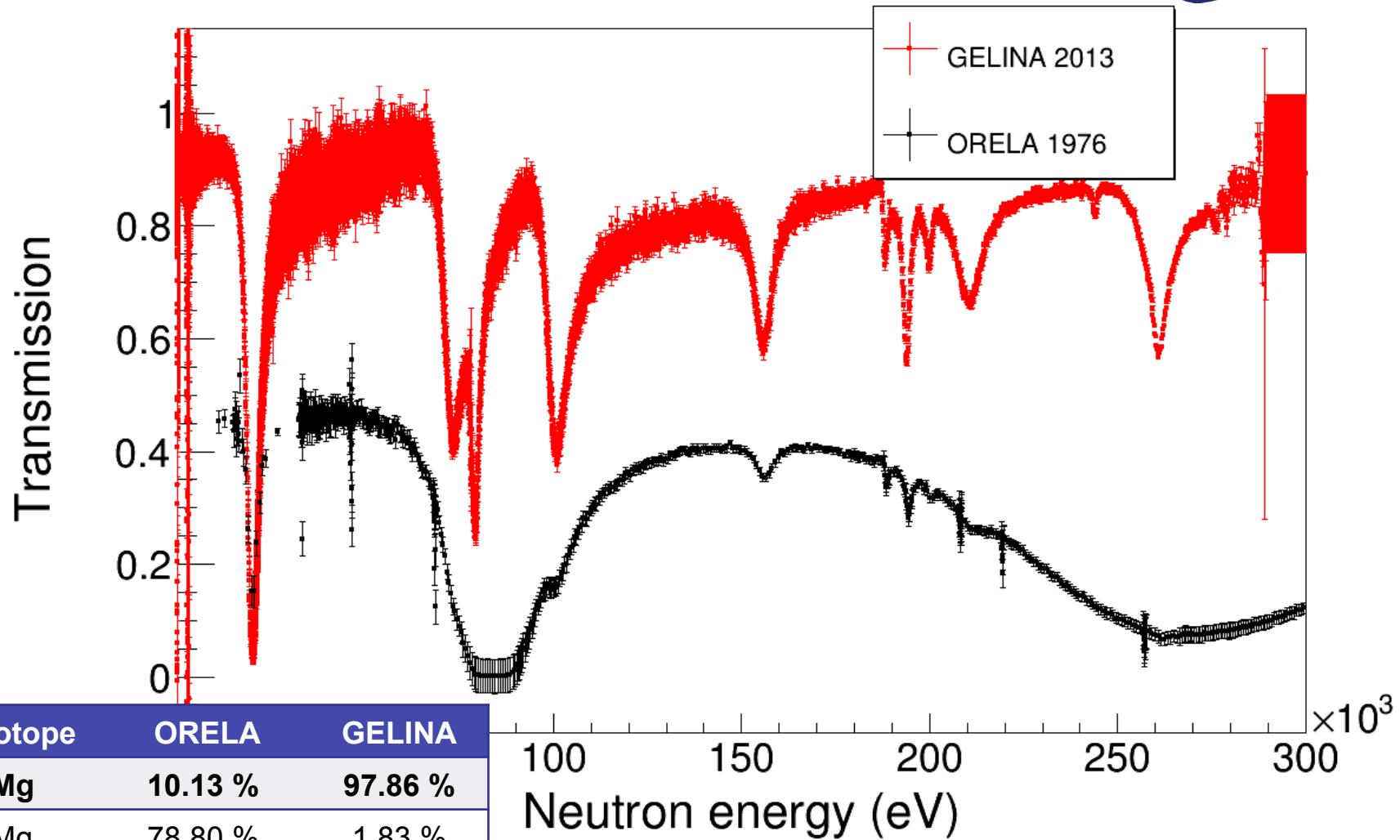
**2. NEUTRON POISON:**  $^{25,26}\text{Mg}$  are the most important **neutron poisons** due to neutron capture on Mg stable isotopes in competition with neutron capture on  $^{56}\text{Fe}$  (the basic s-process seed for the production of heavy isotopes).



# INFN – Bo @ n\_TOF

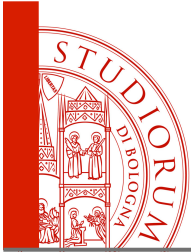


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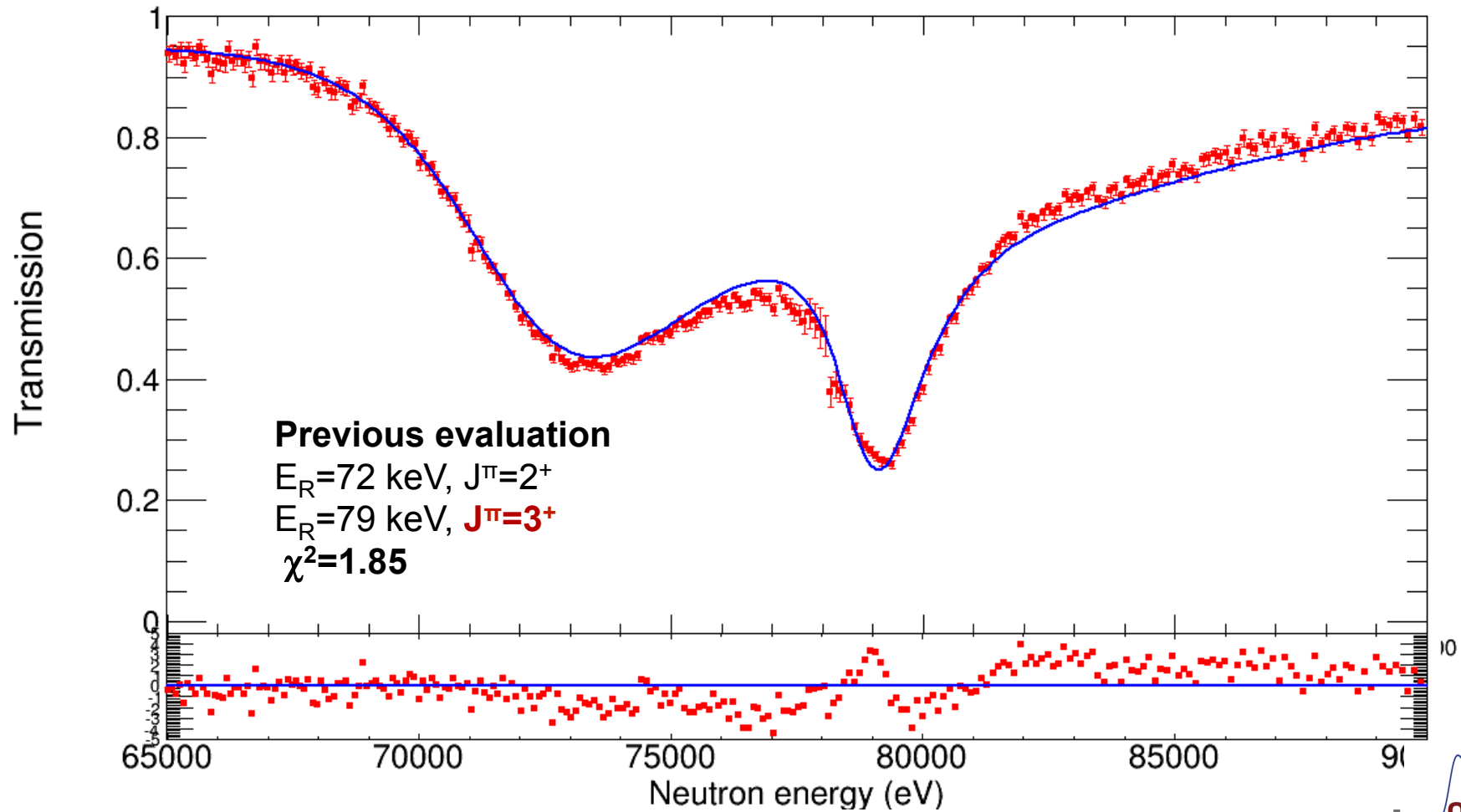


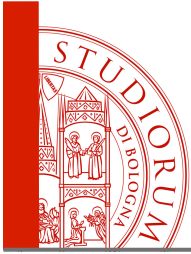
Isotope	ORELA	GELINA
$^{25}\text{Mg}$	10.13 %	97.86 %
$^{24}\text{Mg}$	78.80 %	1.83 %
$^{26}\text{Mg}$	11.17 %	0.31 %



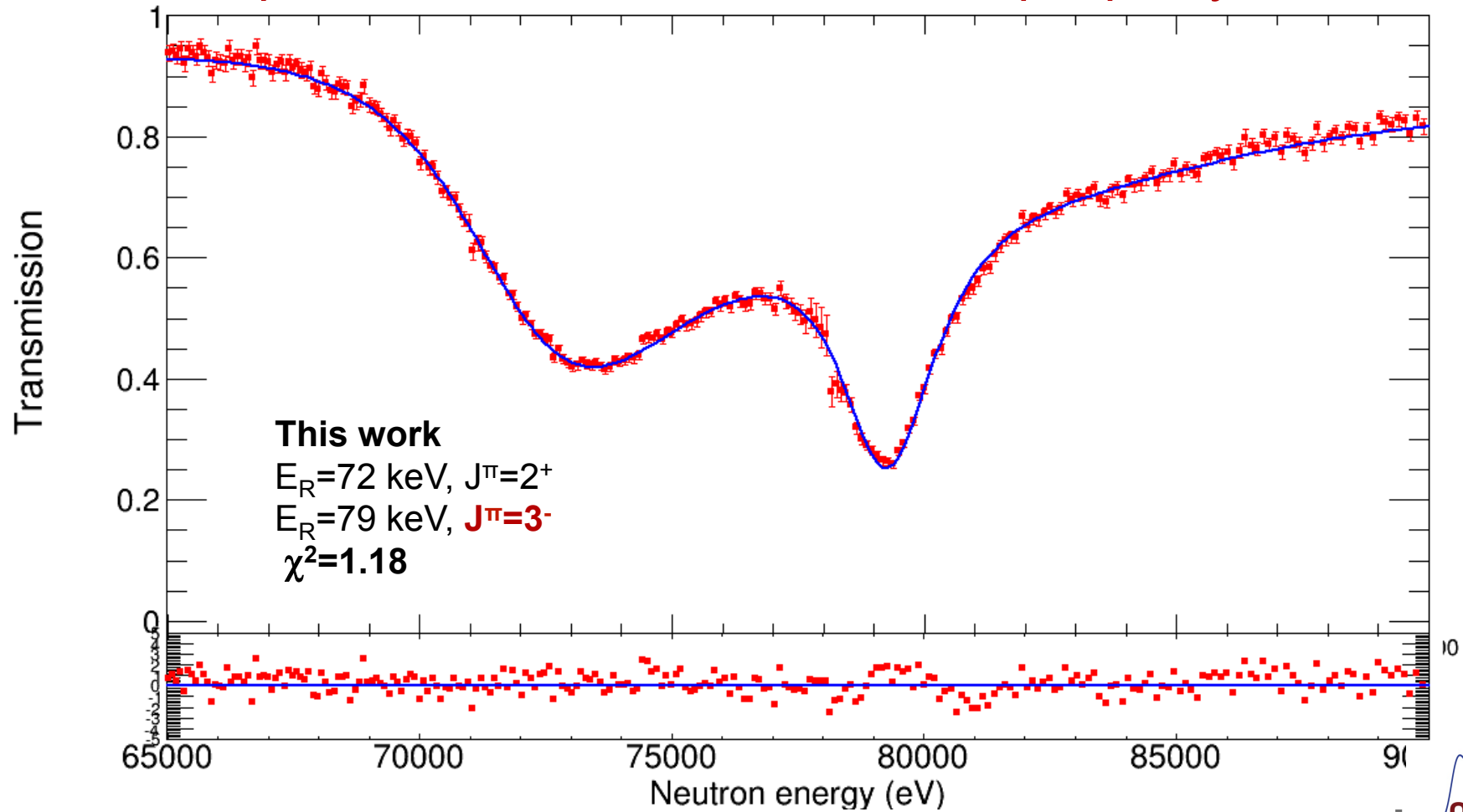


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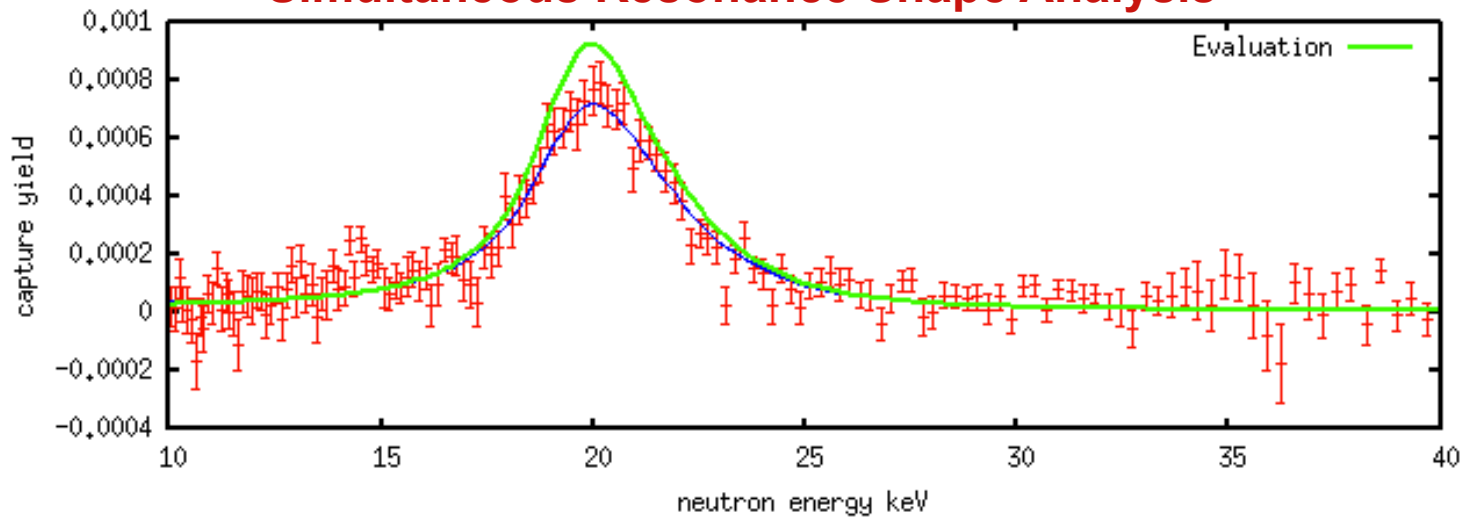


## Experimental evidence of natural spin parity

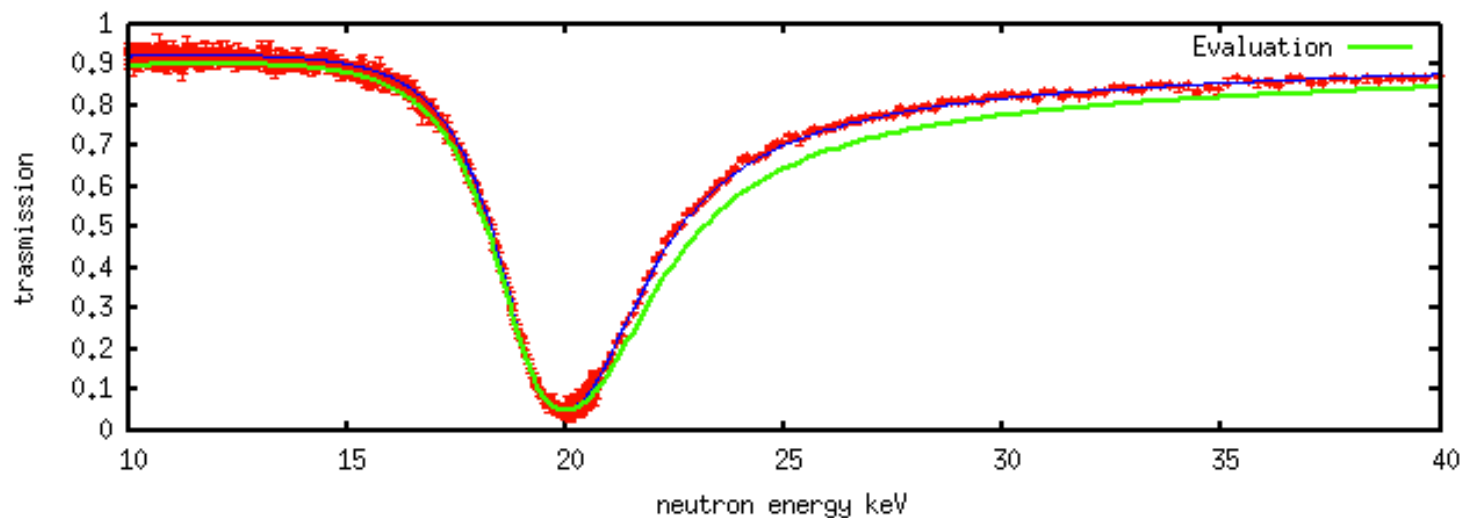




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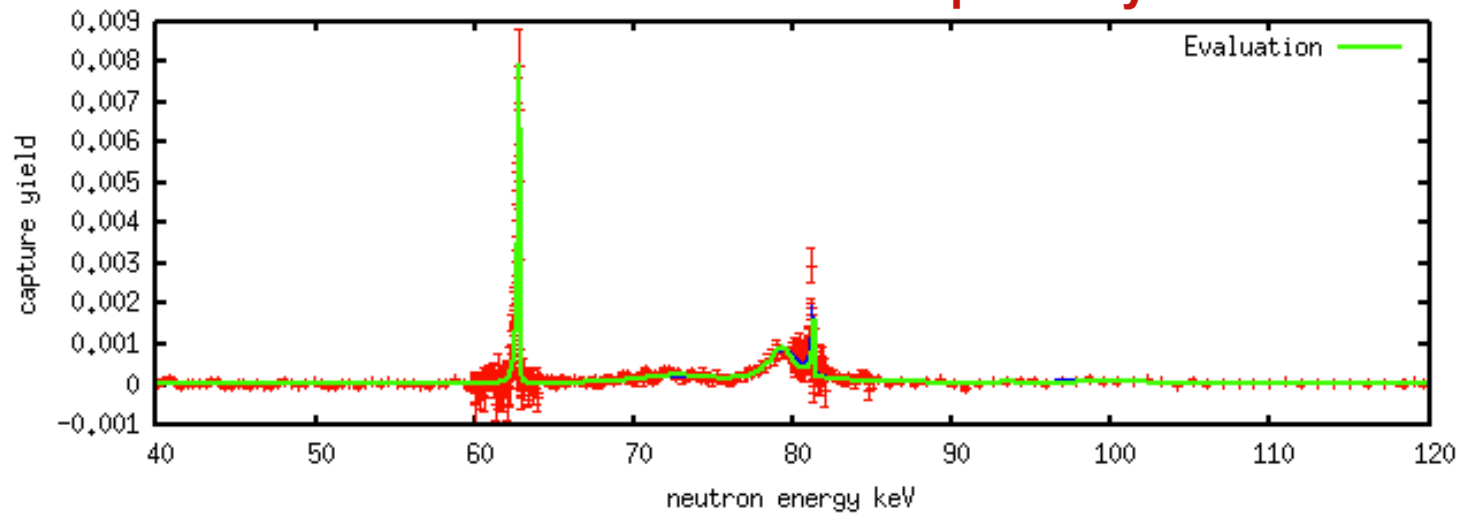


**$^{25}\text{Mg}(n, \gamma)$   
@ n\_TOF**

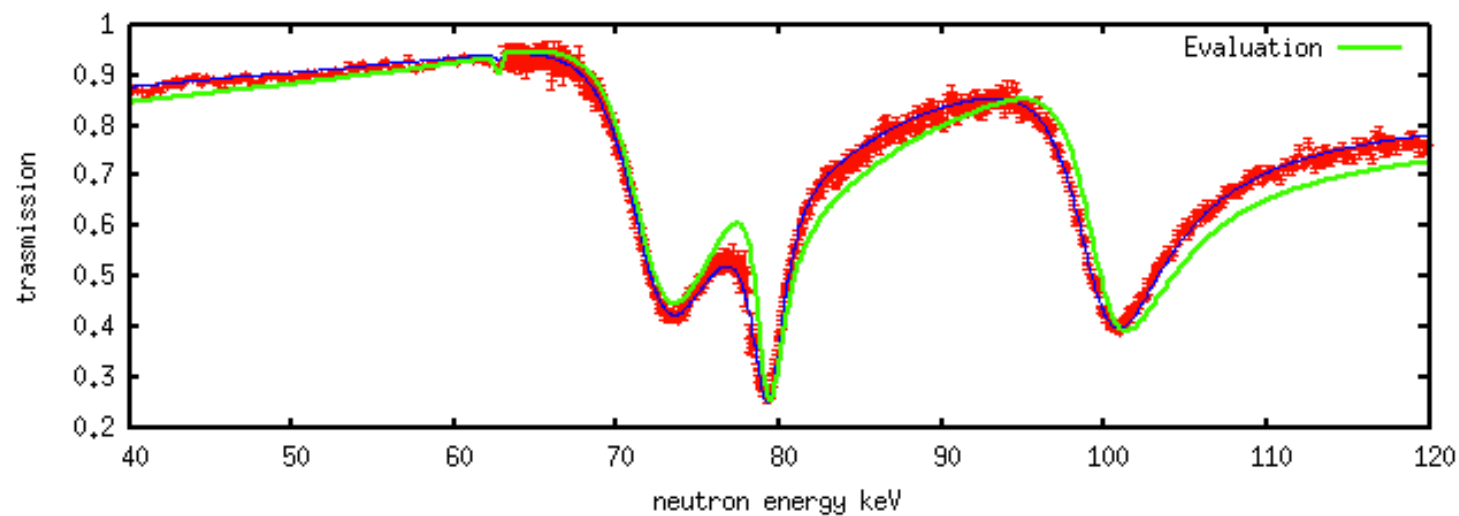


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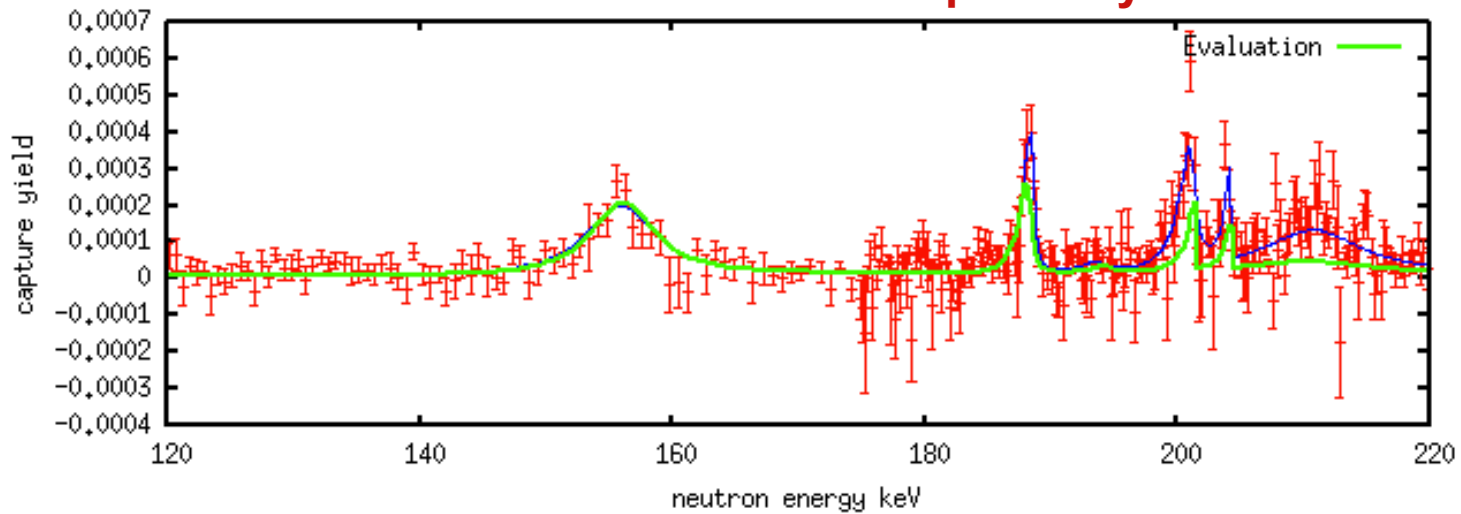


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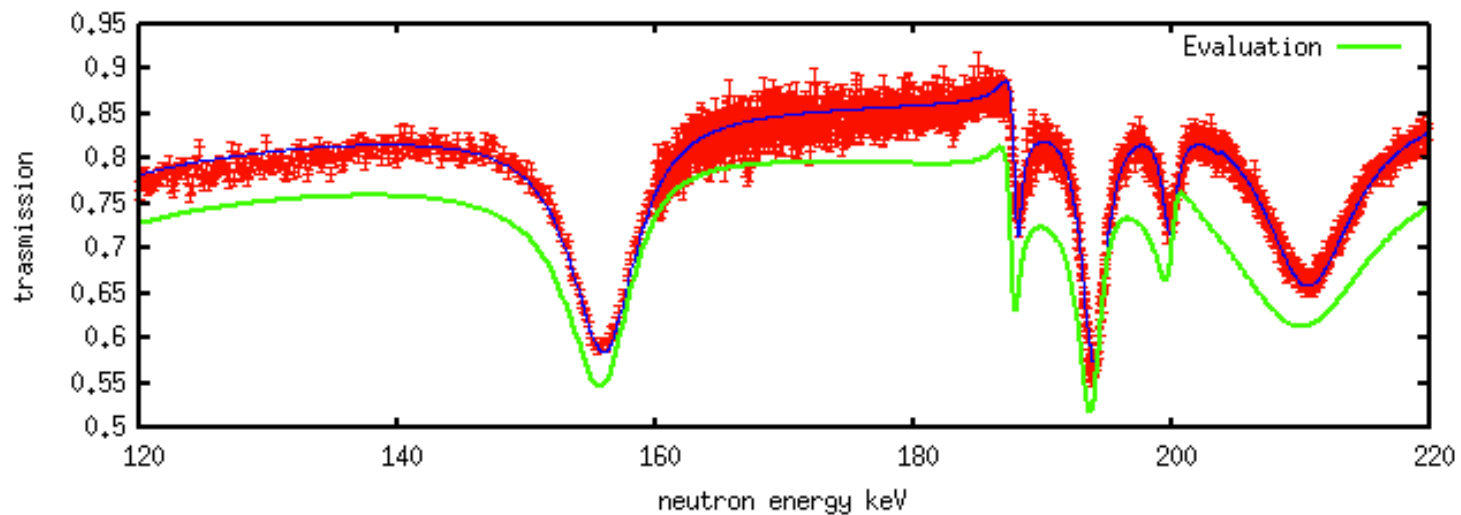


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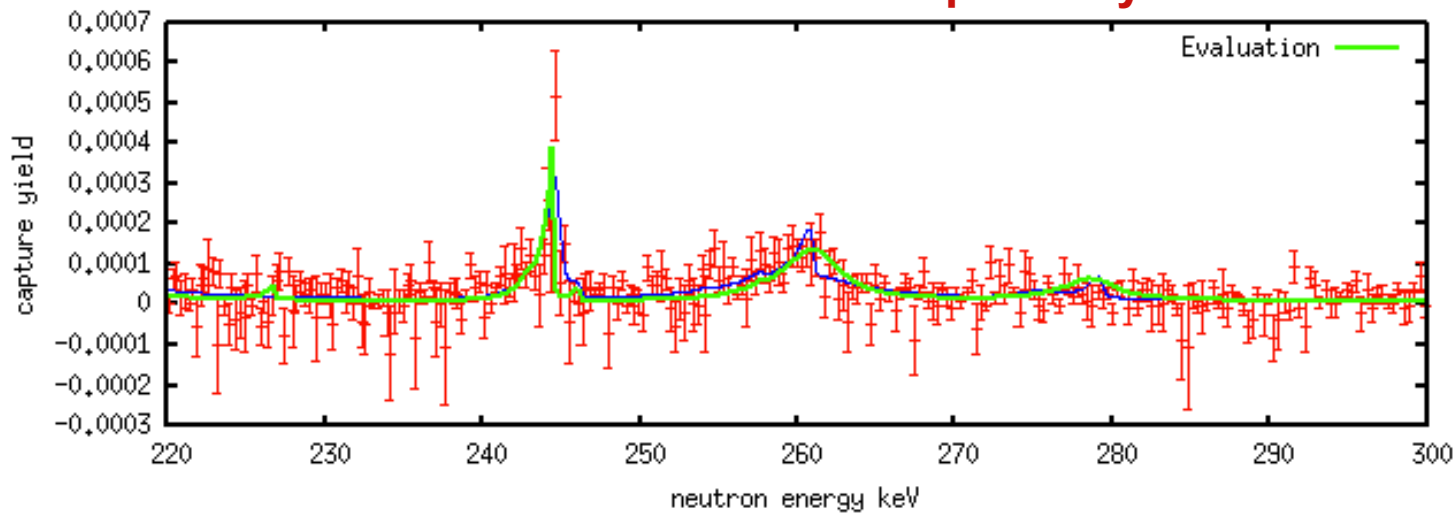


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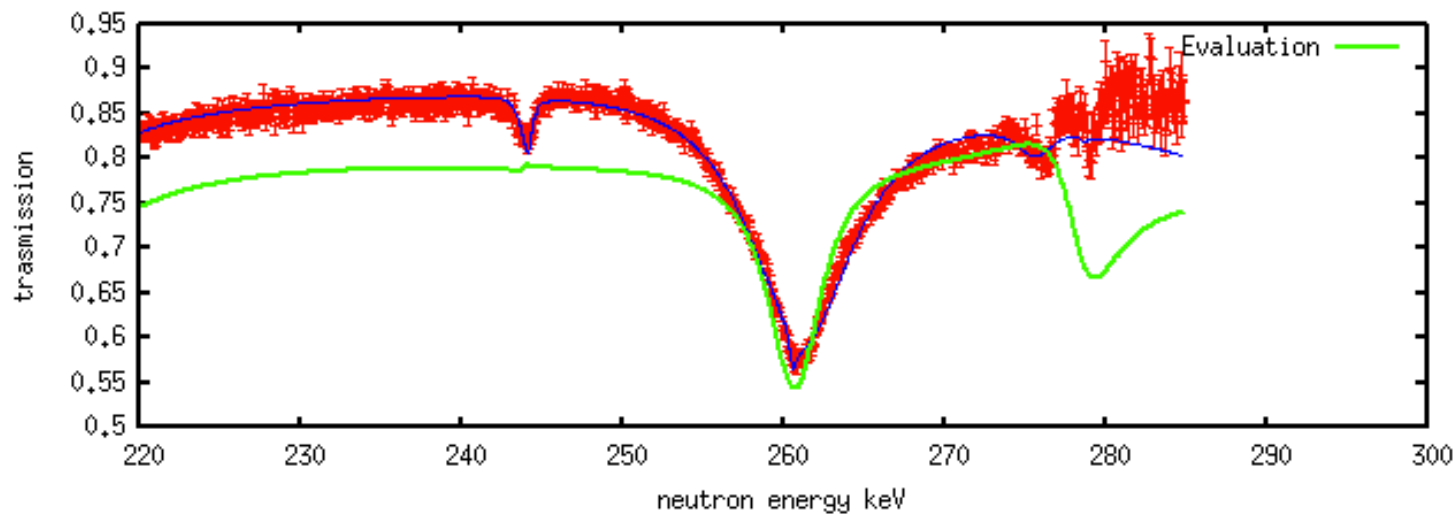


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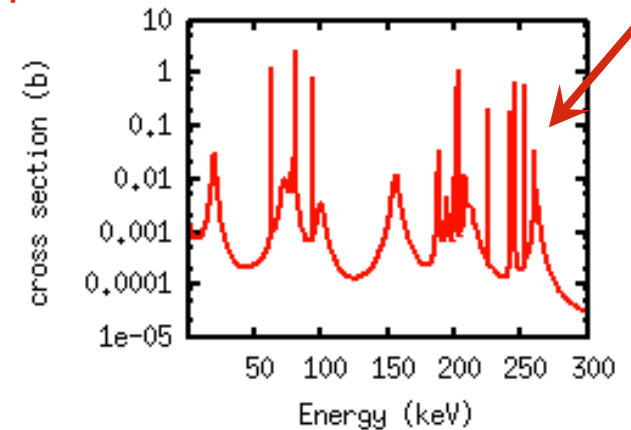
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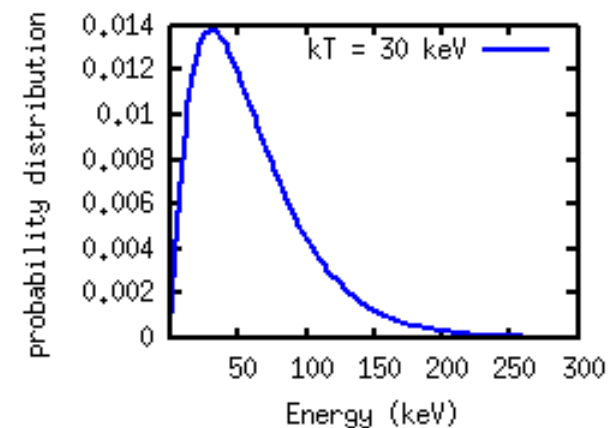
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$^{25}\text{Mg}(n, \gamma)^{26}\text{Mg}$  resonances  $\longrightarrow$  R-matrix parameterization of the cross section

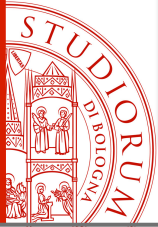
$E_n$ (keV)	$\ell$	$J^\pi$	$\Gamma_\gamma$ (eV)	$\Gamma_n$ (eV)
-154.25	0	$2^+$	6.5	30000
$19.86 \pm 0.05$	0	$2^+$	$1.7 \pm 0.2$	$2310 \pm 30$
$62.727 \pm 0.003$	$1^a$	$1^+ a$	$4.1 \pm 0.7$	$28 \pm 5$
$72.66 \pm 0.03$	0	$2^+$	$2.5 \pm 0.4$	$5080 \pm 80$
$79.29 \pm 0.03$	0	$3^+$	$3.3 \pm 0.4$	$1560 \pm 80$
$81.117 \pm 0.001$	$0^b$	$(2)^+$	$3 \pm 2$	$0.8 \pm 0.7$
$93.60 \pm 0.02$	(1)	$(1^-)$	$2.3 \pm 2$	$0.6 \pm 0.2$
$100.03 \pm 0.02$	0	$3^+$	$1.0 \pm 0.1$	$5240 \pm 40$
$[101.997 \pm 0.009]$	[1]	$[2^-]$	$[0.2 \pm 0.1]$	$[4 \pm 3]$
$[107.60 \pm 0.02]$	$[0]^b$	$[3^+]$	$[0.3 \pm 0.1]$	$[2 \pm 1]$
$156.34 \pm 0.02$	(1)	$(2^-)$	$6.1 \pm 0.4$	$5520 \pm 20$
$188.347 \pm 0.009$	0	$(2)^+$	$1.7 \pm 0.2$	$590 \pm 20$
$194.482 \pm 0.009$	(1)	$4^{(-)}$	$0.2 \pm 0.1$	$1730 \pm 20$
$200.20 \pm 0.03$	$1^b$	$1^-$	$0.3 \pm 0.3$	$1410 \pm 60$
$200.944 \pm 0.006$	(2)	$(2^+)$	$3.0 \pm 0.3$	$0.7 \pm 0.7$
$203.878 \pm 0.001$	(1)	$(2^-)$	$0.8 \pm 0.3$	$2 \pm 1$
$208.27 \pm 0.01$	(1)	$(1^-)$	$1.2 \pm 0.5$	$230 \pm 20$
$211.14 \pm 0.05$	(1)	$(2^-)$	$3.1 \pm 0.7$	$12400 \pm 100$
$226.255 \pm 0.001$	(1)	$(1^-)$	$4 \pm 3$	$0.4 \pm 0.2$
$242.47 \pm 0.02$	(1)	$(1^-)$	$6 \pm 4$	$0.3 \pm 0.2$
$244.60 \pm 0.03$	1	$1^- c$	$3.5 \pm 0.6$	$50 \pm 20$
$245.552 \pm 0.002$	(1)	$(1^-)$	$2.3 \pm 2$	$0.5 \pm 0.2$
$253.63 \pm 0.01$	(1)	$(1^-)$	$3.1 \pm 2.7$	$0.1 \pm 0.1$
$261.84 \pm 0.03$	(1)	$4^{(-)}$	$2.6 \pm 0.4$	$3490 \pm 60$
$279.6 \pm 0.2$	(0)	$(2^+)$	$1.9 \pm 0.7$	$3290 \pm 50$
$311.57 \pm 0.01$	(2)	$(5^+)$	$(0.84 \pm 0.09)$	$(240 \pm 10)$



Convolved with neutron stellar flux



$\longrightarrow$  MACS and reaction rate



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# Results



Stellar site	Temperature keV	MACS (Massimi 2003)	MACS (KADoNIS)	MACS Massimi 2012
He - AGB	8	<b><math>4.9 \pm 0.6</math> mb</b>	4.9 mb	<b>4.3 mb</b>
He - AGB	23	<b><math>3.2 \pm 0.2</math> mb</b>	6.1 mb	<b>4.3 mb</b>
30	30	<b><math>4.1 \pm 0.6</math> mb</b>	$6.4 \pm 0.4$ mb	<b>4.1 mb</b>
He – Massive	25	<b><math>3.4 \pm 0.2</math> mb</b>	6.2 mb	<b>4.2 mb</b>
C - Massive	90	<b><math>2.6 \pm 0.3</math> mb</b>	4.0 mb	<b>2.5 mb</b>

