

# What we've been up to beyond k-eff at LLNL

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# Compilation of Nuclear Data Experiments for Radiation Characterisation (CoNDERC)

Test, Verification, or Validation Suite	Type	Number of Cases	Documentation
Regression tests	Test	11 cases	
NRF tests	Test	3 cases	
Analytic benchmarks	Verification	107 cases	<a href="#">LLNL-TR-648225</a>
$\beta$ -eff benchmarks	Validation	20 cases	<a href="#">LLNL-PRES-796197</a>
SINBAD shielding benchmarks	Validation	9 cases	<a href="#">UCRL-TR-202654</a>
KSU Co-60 silo skyshine shielding benchmarks	Validation	27 cases	<a href="#">UCRL-TR-202654</a>
KSU Cs-137 air-over-ground/concrete shielding benchmarks	Validation	9 cases	<a href="#">LLNL-TR-838835</a>
SILENE activation benchmarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unreflected</li> <li>• Reflected by Cd-lined CH2</li> <li>• Reflected by Pb</li> </ul>	Validation	11 cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">ORNL/TM-2015/426 Rev. 1</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">ORNL/TM-2016/317</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">ORNL/TM-2016/316</a></li> </ul>
Photonuclear benchmarks	Validation	16 cases	<a href="#">UCRL-CONF-200552</a>
<sup>252</sup> Cf spectrum average cross sections and spectral indices	Validation	16 cases 11 cases	<a href="#">LLNL-TR-836050</a>
BR-1 reactor spectral indices benchmarks	Validation	38 cases	<a href="#">LLNL-TR-838379</a>
Spectral Indices Benchmarks for Nine Los Alamos Fast Critical Assemblies: Godiva, Flattop-25, Big Ten, Jezebel, Flattop-Pu, Thor, Jezebel-23, Flattop-23, and Dirty Jezebel	Validation	60 cases	<a href="#">LLNL-TR-839692</a>
ICSBEP criticality benchmarks	Validation	3,395 cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">LLNL-CONF-838004</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">LLNL-MI-838253</a></li> </ul>

**A significant effort is on-going at LLNL to document COG benchmark results with reports available at:**

**<https://cog.llnl.gov>**

**IAEA NDS is welcome to incorporate this work into CoNDERC.**

Table A-1. COG 11.3 calculated beta-eff results (in pcm) with ENDF/B-VIII.0

No.	Assembly	Experiment	$\beta_{\text{eff}}$ = Fissions by delayed neutrons divided by all fissions		$\beta_{\text{eff}}$ = Neutrons from fissions by delayed neutrons divided by neutrons from all fissions		$\beta_{\text{eff}} = 1 - (k\text{-prompt}/k\text{-eff})$	
			$\beta_{\text{eff}}$	C/E	$\beta_{\text{eff}}$	C/E	$\beta_{\text{eff}}$	C/E
1	NASA ZPR-1 H/X=190	900 ± 60	844	0.938 ± 6.7%	844	0.938 ± 6.7%	844 ± 2	0.938 ± 6.7%
2	NASA ZPR-1 H/X=473	860 ± 50	806	0.937 ± 5.8%	805	0.936 ± 5.8%	805 ± 1	0.936 ± 5.8%
3	NASA ZPR-1 H/X=565	820 ± 40	794	0.968 ± 4.9%	794	0.968 ± 4.9%	794 ± 1	0.968 ± 4.9%
4	TCA 1.50U 19x19	771 ± 18	772	1.001 ± 2.3%	765	0.992 ± 2.3%	763 ± 6	0.990 ± 2.5%
5	TCA 1.83U Cylinder	771 ± 17	771	1.000 ± 2.2%	766	0.994 ± 2.2%	763 ± 5	0.990 ± 2.3%
6	TCA 1.83U 17x17	766 ± 18	770	1.005 ± 2.4%	764	0.997 ± 2.4%	762 ± 5	0.995 ± 2.4%
7	TCA 2.48U 16x16	765 ± 18	764	0.999 ± 2.4%	759	0.992 ± 2.4%	757 ± 5	0.988 ± 2.4%
8	SNEAK 9C1	758 ± 24	727	0.959 ± 3.2%	706	0.931 ± 3.2%	700 ± 4	0.923 ± 3.2%
9	IPEN/MB-01	750 ± 4	748*	0.997 ± 0.6%	744*	0.992 ± 0.6%	743 ± 38	0.991 ± 5.1%
10	TCA 3.00U 15x15	749 ± 17	758*	1.012 ± 2.3%	754*	1.007 ± 2.3%	752 ± 5	1.004 ± 2.4%
11	FCA XIX-1	742 ± 24	737	0.993 ± 3.2%	725	0.977 ± 3.2%	723 ± 5	0.974 ± 3.3%
12	BFS-73-1	735 ± 13	735	1.000 ± 1.8%	715	0.973 ± 1.8%	710 ± 8	0.966 ± 2.1%
13	U9	731 ± 15	734	1.004 ± 2.1%	705	0.964 ± 2.1%	696 ± 4	0.952 ± 2.1%
14	Masurca R2	721 ± 11	738	1.024 ± 1.5%	719	0.997 ± 1.5%	715 ± 21	0.992 ± 3.3%
15	Big Ten	720 ± 7	729	1.013 ± 1.0%	699	0.971 ± 1.0%	688 ± 4	0.956 ± 1.1%
16	U/Fe (ZPR9/34)	671 ± 14	687	1.024 ± 2.1%	683	1.018 ± 2.1%	683 ± 8	1.018 ± 2.4%
17	Topsy (25 Flattop)	665 ± 13	658	0.989 ± 2.0%	625	0.940 ± 2.0%	617 ± 7	0.928 ± 2.3%
18	Godiva	659 ± 28	679	1.030 ± 4.2%	647	0.982 ± 4.2%	642 ± 4	0.974 ± 4.3%
19	OR Sphere Config. 1	657 ± 9	680	1.035 ± 1.4%	648	0.986 ± 1.4%	643 ± 4	0.979 ± 1.5%
20	OR Sphere Config. 2	657 ± 9	679	1.033 ± 1.4%	646	0.983 ± 1.4%	641 ± 4	0.976 ± 1.5%
21	SNEAK 7B	429 ± 22	414	0.965 ± 5.1%	410	0.956 ± 5.1%	406 ± 6	0.946 ± 5.3%
22	SNEAK 9C2	426 ± 19	381	0.894 ± 4.5%	374	0.878 ± 4.5%	371 ± 6	0.871 ± 4.7%
23	SNEAK 7A	395 ± 22	368	0.932 ± 5.6%	362	0.916 ± 5.6%	359 ± 6	0.909 ± 5.8%
24	C Ref (ZPPR21B)	384 ± 8	366	0.953 ± 2.1%	354	0.922 ± 2.1%	353 ± 28	0.919 ± 8.2%
25	FCA XIX-2	364 ± 9	372	1.022 ± 2.5%	366	1.005 ± 2.5%	364 ± 8	1.000 ± 3.3%
26	23 Flattop	360 ± 9	359	0.997 ± 2.5%	340	0.944 ± 2.5%	336 ± 8	0.933 ± 3.5%
27	Masurca Zona 2	349 ± 6	343	0.983 ± 1.7%	338	0.968 ± 1.7%	336 ± 22	0.963 ± 6.8%
28	Skidoo (Jezebel 23)	290 ± 10	311	1.072 ± 3.4%	294	1.014 ± 3.4%	294 ± 4	1.014 ± 3.7%
29	Popsy (49 Flattop)	276 ± 7	272	0.986 ± 2.5%	259	0.938 ± 2.5%	256 ± 9	0.928 ± 4.3%
30	FCA XIX-3	251 ± 4	258	1.028 ± 1.6%	254	1.012 ± 1.6%	253 ± 7	1.008 ± 3.2%
31	P/C/SST (ZPR6-10)	223 ± 5	230	1.031 ± 2.2%	228	1.022 ± 2.2%	227 ± 8	1.018 ± 4.2%
32	Jezebel	195 ± 10	197	1.010 ± 5.1%	184	0.944 ± 5.1%	183 ± 5	0.938 ± 5.8%

\*The COG calculational uncertainty in  $\beta_{\text{eff}}$  is ± 1 pcm in these cases. Cases highlighted in **RED** have  $|C/E-1| > 3\sigma$ .

Three new  $\beta$ -eff estimators in COG are available in one run as prompt and delayed neutrons and gammas are treated as separate particles until the end.

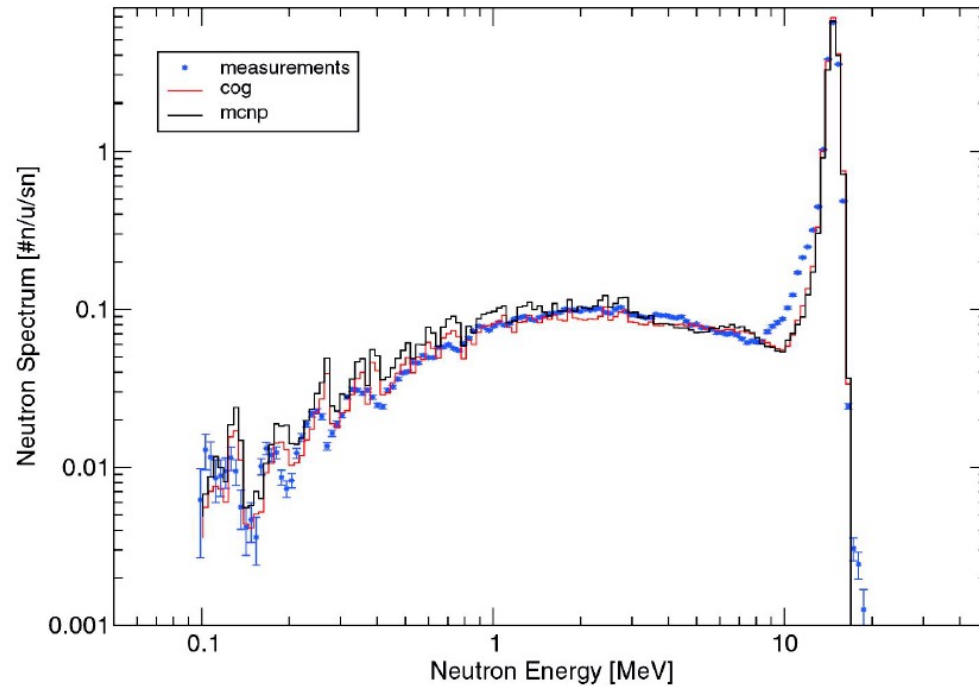
Results using JEFF-3.3 are in progress.

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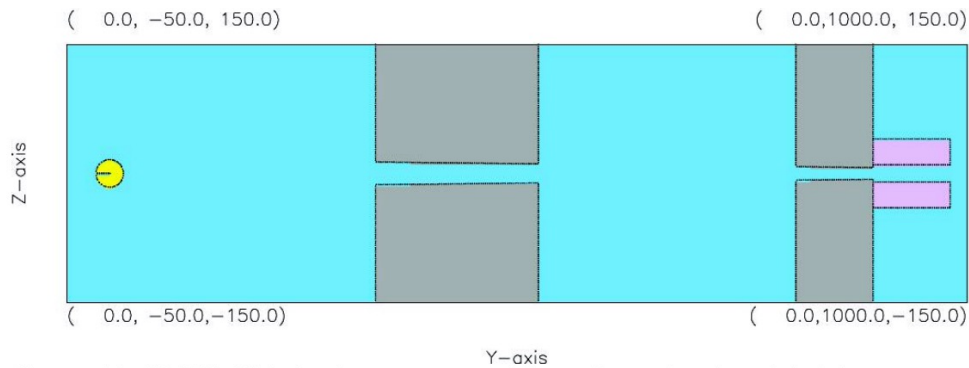
# Osaka Aluminium Sphere (1988) SBE 7.003

Neutron leakage spectrum



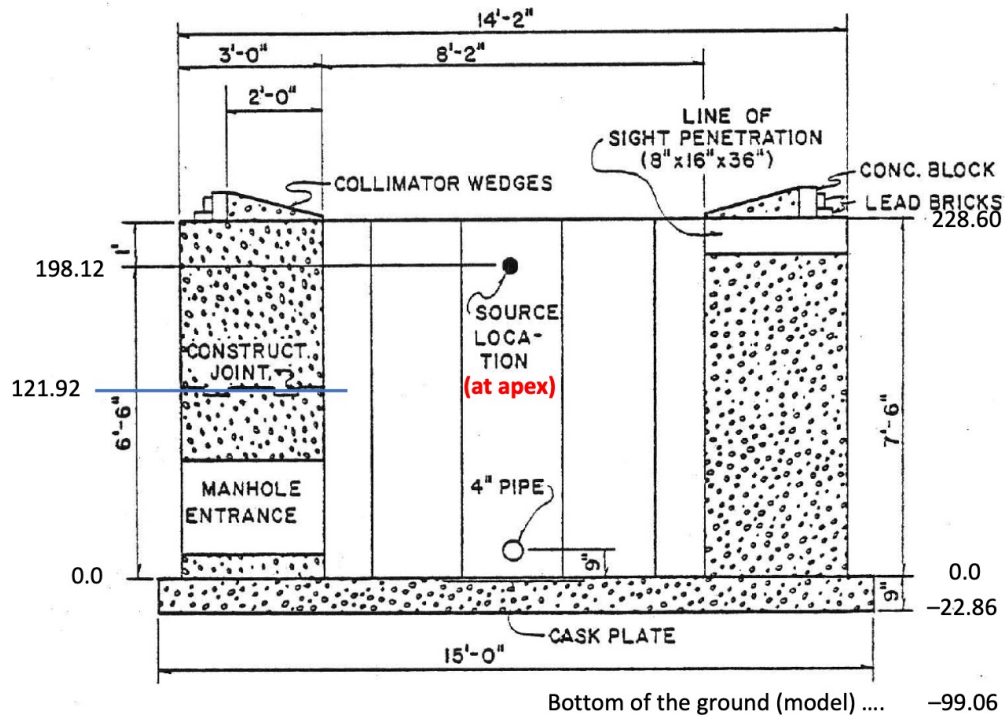
We are expanding our suite of SINBAD benchmarks beyond OKTAVIAN (M.-A. Descalle *et al.*)

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**Figure 1.b** OSAKA Nickel sphere geometry: Three-dimensional model of the experiment. The nickel sphere is represented in yellow, concrete walls in gray, the polyethylene collimator in pink, and air in blue. The point source is located at the center of the sphere, and the point detector is behind the collimator.





**Results:** Uncovered source collimated to a vertical 150.5° cone

Experiment						COG		C/E***
r (m)	$\rho^*$ (mg/cc)	$\rho r$ (g/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Source** (Ci)	Exposure Rate ( $\mu$ R/hr)	Exposure Rate ( $\mu$ R/hr-Ci)	Exposure Rate (R/s-Ci)	Exposure Rate ( $\mu$ R/hr-Ci)	
50	1.096	5.48	10.33	284.0 ± 0.4	27.49 ± 0.04	7.019E-9 ± 0.4%	25.27 ± 0.4%	0.92 ± 5.0%
100	1.096	10.96	10.33	113.3 ± 0.7	10.97 ± 0.07	2.695E-9 ± 0.4%	9.70 ± 0.4%	0.88 ± 5.1%
200	1.096	21.92	10.33	28.1 ± 0.4	2.72 ± 0.04	7.326E-10 ± 0.6%	2.64 ± 0.6%	0.97 ± 5.2%
300	1.096	32.88	229.1	193.0 ± 0.9	0.842 ± 0.004	2.397E-10 ± 0.3%	0.863 ± 0.3%	1.02 ± 5.1%
400	1.096	43.84	229.1	78.0 ± 0.4	0.340 ± 0.002	9.520E-11 ± 0.4%	0.343 ± 0.4%	1.01 ± 5.1%
500	1.096	54.80	229.1	29.3 ± 0.6	0.128 ± 0.003	4.099E-11 ± 0.5%	0.148 ± 0.5%	1.15 ± 5.5%
600	1.096	65.76	3804	225.0 ± 0.4	0.0591 ± 0.0001	1.782E-11 ± 0.7%	0.0642 ± 0.7%	1.09 ± 5.2%
700	1.096	76.72	3804	101.0 ± 0.9	0.0266 ± 0.0002	8.148E-12 ± 0.9%	0.0293 ± 0.9%	1.10 ± 5.1%

\* 2% uncertainty in air density (negligible).

\*\* 5% uncertainty in source strength.

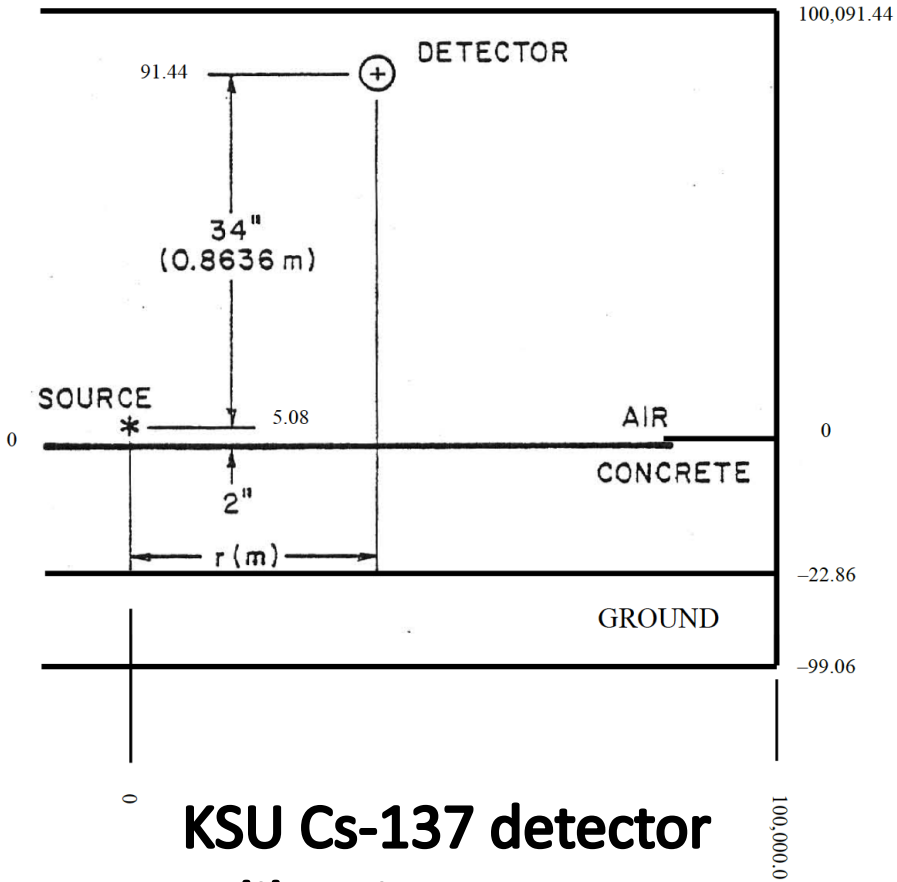
\*\*\* Also includes the uncertainty in the exposure rate due to the uncertainty in detector position (see App. A).

Many benchmarks are useful for specific applications rather than nuclear data evaluation.

KSU skyshine benchmark

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Dimensions: R-Z model details



**KSU Cs-137 detector calibration tests.**

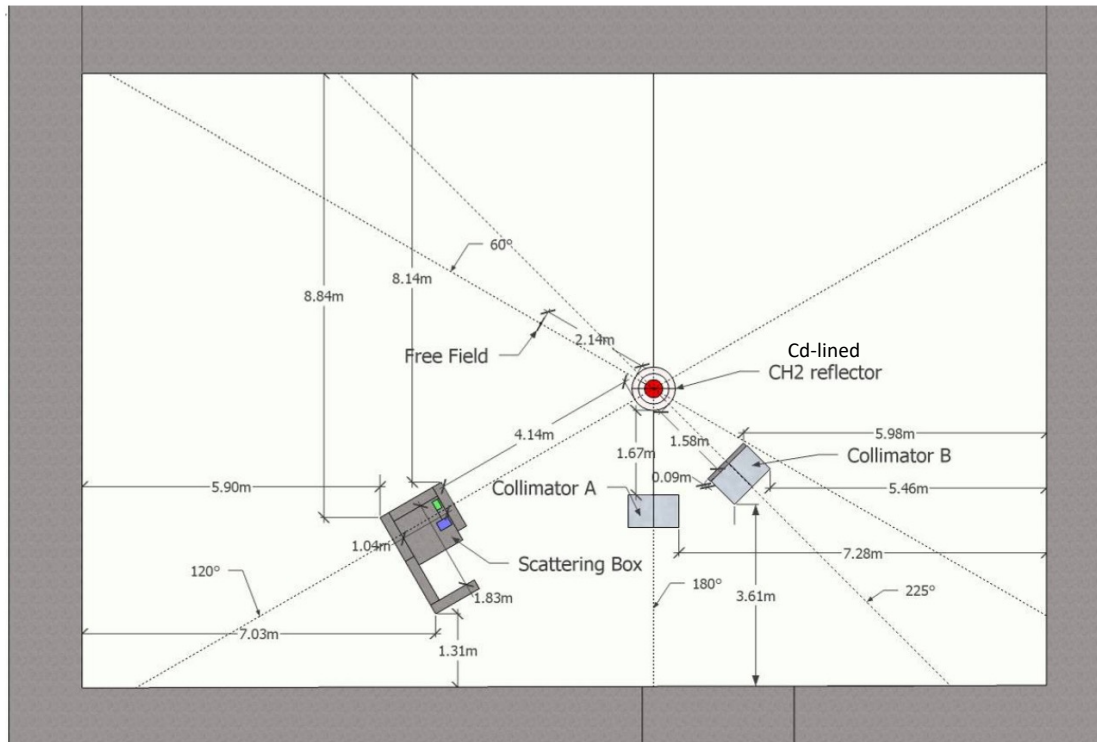
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Table 6. Results for Photon Transport in Dry Air (file: ksu0)

Experiment						COG		
r (m)	$\rho^*$ (mg/cc)	$\rho r$ (g/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Source** (mCi)	Exposure Rate ( $\mu$ R/hr)	Exposure Rate ( $\mu$ R/hr·mCi)	Exposure Rate (R/s·mCi)	Exposure Rate ( $\mu$ R/hr·mCi)	C/E
2	1.142	2.28	3.094	246.8 ± 0.8	79.77 ± 0.26	2.543E-8 ± 0.1%	91.54 ± 0.1%	1.15 ± 3.5%
4	1.142	4.57	14.22	320.3 ± 0.7	22.53 ± 0.05	7.117E-9 ± 0.1%	25.62 ± 0.1%	1.14 ± 3.5%
5	1.142	5.71	14.22	208.8 ± 0.8	14.68 ± 0.06	4.580E-9 ± 0.1%	16.49 ± 0.1%	1.12 ± 3.5%
7	1.142	7.99	14.22	105.8 ± 0.8	7.44 ± 0.06	2.317E-9 ± 0.1%	8.34 ± 0.1%	1.12 ± 3.6%
8	1.142	9.14	14.22	79.8 ± 0.6	5.62 ± 0.04	1.762E-9 ± 0.1%	6.34 ± 0.1%	1.13 ± 3.6%
10	1.142	11.42	14.22	53.8 ± 0.8	3.78 ± 0.06	1.114E-9 ± 0.1%	4.01 ± 0.1%	1.06 ± 3.8%
12	1.142	13.70	14.22	35.3 ± 0.6	2.48 ± 0.04	7.636E-10 ± 0.2%	2.75 ± 0.1%	1.11 ± 3.9%
14	1.142	15.99	14.22	25.7 ± 0.6	1.81 ± 0.04	5.531E-10 ± 0.2%	1.99 ± 0.2%	1.10 ± 4.1%
18	1.142	20.56	14.22	14.1 ± 0.6	0.99 ± 0.04	3.273E-10 ± 0.2%	1.18 ± 0.2%	1.19 ± 5.3%

\* 2% error in air density (negligible).

\*\* 3.5% error in source strength.



This SILENE neutron activation foil and photon TLD benchmark revealed no radiative capture gamma production in ENDF/B-VIII.0 for Cd isotopes. #&@!

Benchmark	
Position	TLD (Gy) (Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> )
Collimator A	5.29 ± 8%
Collimator B	3.15 ± 8%
Free Field	4.79 ± 9%
Scattering Box 3	1.01 ± 8%
Scattering Box 4	1.14 ± 8%
	Table 3-32

Sample Calculations (C/E)			
ENDF/B-VII.1 (MCNP)	JEF-3.1.2 (Tripoli)	ENDF/B-VII.1 <sup>a</sup> (COG)	ENDF/B-VIII.0 <sup>b</sup> (COG)
0.63 ± 8%	0.92 ± 8%	0.85 ± 10%	0.90 ± 9%
0.60 ± 8%	0.92 ± 9%	0.82 ± 9%	0.85 ± 12%
0.65 ± 9%	0.81 ± 9%	0.90 ± 9%	0.95 ± 11%
0.66 ± 8%	0.92 ± 8%	0.93 ± 9%	0.94 ± 12%
0.66 ± 8%	0.87 ± 8%	0.95 ± 9%	0.99 ± 11%
Table 4-9	Table 4-13	Table 4-17	This work

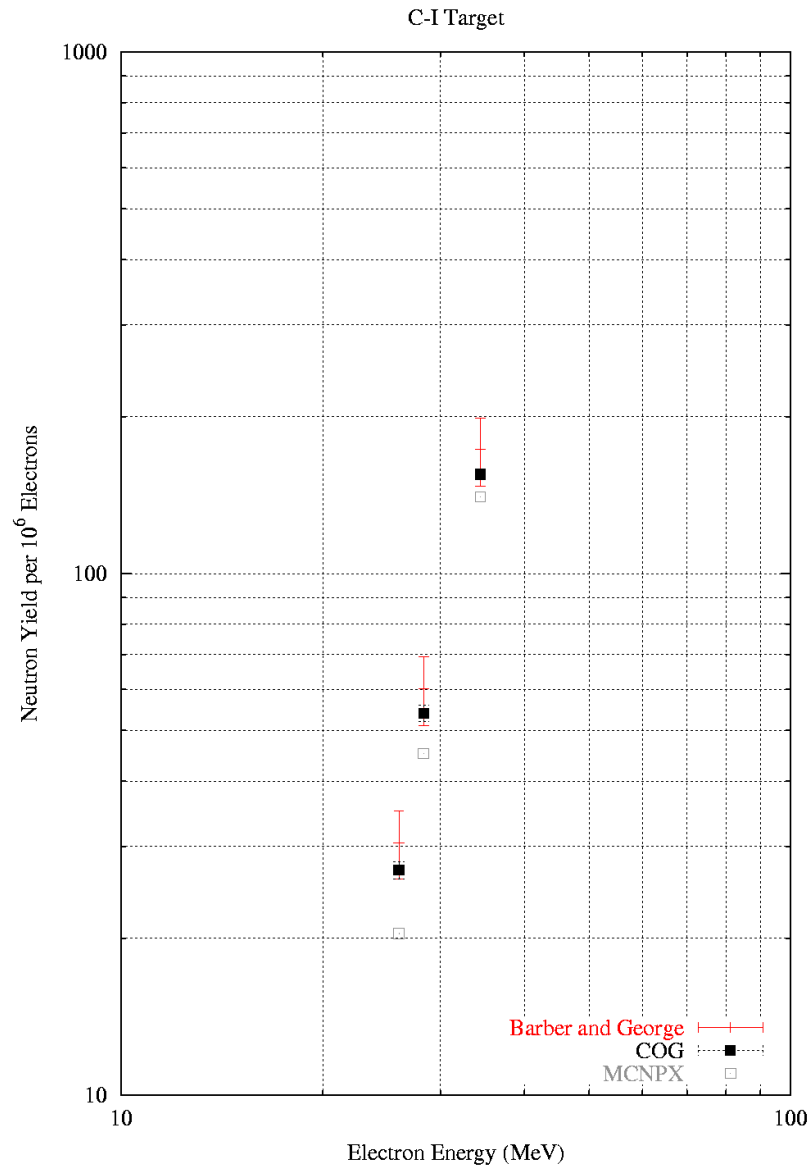
**Notes:**

<sup>a</sup> Except JEFF-3.1.2 for all Cadmium isotopes.

<sup>b</sup> Except Belgia EXFOR data for Cd-113 and JEFF-3.3 for all other Cd isotopes.

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**Barber and George (SLAC)  
photoneutron benchmarks  
(coupled e- $\gamma$ -n problems)**

**Plan to redo now that COG  
has EGS5 inside and in-line  
PEGS library creation.**

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Table 1. COG11.3/IRDF calculated <sup>252</sup>Cf spectrum averaged cross sections

Reaction	$\frac{\langle RR \rangle}{\langle \Phi \rangle}$	$\langle \sigma \rangle$	Reference Value	Reference	C/E	Trkov
<sup>24</sup> Mg(n,p)	$\frac{2.1332E-8 \pm 0.071\%}{1.0156E-5 \pm 0.002\%}$	2.100 mb ± 0.071 %	1.996 mb ± 2.4 %	Mannhart	1.052 ± 2.4%	1.055 ± 0.0302
<sup>32</sup> S(n,p)	$\frac{7.5155E-7 \pm 0.015\%}{1.0156E-5 \pm 0.002\%}$	74.00 mb ± 0.015 %	72.54 mb ± 3.5 %	Mannhart	1.020 ± 3.5%	1.0203 ± 0.0435
<sup>54</sup> Fe(n,p)	$\frac{8.7753E-7 \pm 0.017\%}{1.0156E-5 \pm 0.002\%}$	86.41 mb ± 0.017 %	86.84 mb ± 1.3 %	Mannhart	0.995 ± 1.3%	0.9955 ± 0.0343
<sup>56</sup> Fe(n,p)	$\frac{1.4833E-8 \pm 0.055\%}{1.0156E-5 \pm 0.002\%}$	1.461 mb ± 0.055 %	1.465 mb ± 1.8 %	Mannhart	0.997 ± 1.8%	0.9984 ± 0.0347
<sup>58</sup> Ni(n,p)	$\frac{1.1914E-6 \pm 0.015\%}{1.0156E-5 \pm 0.002\%}$	117.31 mb ± 0.015 %	117.50 mb ± 1.3 %	Mannhart	0.998 ± 1.3%	0.9984 ± 0.0229
<sup>59</sup> Co(n,g)	$\frac{4.9450E-8 \pm 0.420\%}{1.0156E-5 \pm 0.002\%}$	4.87 mb ± 0.42 %	6.97 mb ± 4.88 %	Csikai	<b>0.699</b> ± 4.9%	N/A
<sup>63</sup> Cu(n,g)	$\frac{1.0581E-7 \pm 0.099\%}{1.0156E-5 \pm 0.002\%}$	10.418 mb ± 0.099 %	10.3 mb ± 2.9 %	Manojlovič	1.012 ± 2.9%	1.0106 ± 0.0893
<sup>115</sup> In(n,ng)	$\frac{1.9342E-6 \pm 0.008\%}{1.0157E-5 \pm 0.002\%}$	190.4 mb ± 0.008 %	197.4 mb ± 1.4 %	Mannhart	0.965 ± 1.4%	0.966 ± 0.0218
<sup>115</sup> In(n,g)	$\frac{1.5564E-6 \pm 0.008\%}{1.0156E-5 \pm 0.002\%}$	153.25 mb ± 0.008 %	125.6 mb ± 2.1 %	Mannhart	<b>1.220</b> ± 2.1%	N/A
<sup>197</sup> Au(n,g)	$\frac{7.6210E-7 \pm 0.037\%}{1.0156E-5 \pm 0.002\%}$	75.04 mb ± 0.037 %	75.5 mb ± 1.3 %	Manojlovič	0.994 ± 1.3%	0.9931 ± 0.0185
<sup>232</sup> Th(n,g)	$\frac{9.1509E-7 \pm 0.026\%}{1.0156E-5 \pm 0.002\%}$	90.10 mb ± 0.026 %	87.0 mb ± 1.8 %	Manojlovič	1.036 ± 1.8%	1.0741 ± 0.0422
<sup>232</sup> Th(n,f)	$\frac{8.4640E-7 \pm 0.010\%}{1.0156E-5 \pm 0.002\%}$	83.34 mb ± 0.010 %	84.55 mb ± 2.3 %	Csikai	0.986 ± 2.3%	0.9864 ± 0.0820
<sup>235</sup> U(n,f)	$\frac{1.2458E-5 \pm 0.002\%}{1.0156E-5 \pm 0.002\%}$	1226.7 mb ± 0.002 %	1210.0 mb ± 1.2 %	Mannhart	1.014 ± 1.2%	1.0138 ± 0.0170
<sup>238</sup> U(n,f)	$\frac{3.2654E-6 \pm 0.009\%}{1.0157E-5 \pm 0.002\%}$	321.5 mb ± 0.009 %	325.7 mb ± 1.6 %	Mannhart	0.987 ± 1.6%	0.9872 ± 0.0209
<sup>237</sup> Np(n,f)	$\frac{1.3811E-5 \pm 0.004\%}{1.0156E-5 \pm 0.002\%}$	1359.9 mb ± 0.004 %	1361.0 mb ± 1.6 %	Mannhart	0.999 ± 1.6%	0.9991 ± 0.0233
<sup>239</sup> Pu(n,f)	$\frac{1.8259E-5 \pm 0.002\%}{1.0156E-5 \pm 0.002\%}$	1797.9 mb ± 0.003 %	1812.0 mb ± 1.4 %	Mannhart	0.992 ± 1.4%	0.9922 ± 0.0185

Notes: Values in **RED** correspond to  $|C/E - 1| > 3\sigma$ . IRDF-II used for all calculations except IRDF1.05 used for <sup>115</sup>In(n,ng). Trkov C/E values are for MCNP with IRDF-II cross-sections except IRDF1.02 used for <sup>24</sup>Mg(n,p) and <sup>115</sup>In(n,ng).

A. Trkov et al., “IRDF-II: A New Neutron Metrology Library,” Nuclear Data Sheets: 163 (2020) 1-108.

**Cf-252 spectrum averaged cross sections.**

**Some problems observed with all libraries.**

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Table 2. Benchmark-Model and Calculated\* Reaction Rate Ratios: COG11.3 with ENDF/B-VIII.0 used for particle transport and IRDFF-II for the reaction rate ratios (except IRDFF1.05 used for In115(n,ng))

Reaction Ratio	Benchmark-Model	Calculated	C/E
Th232(n,f)/U235(n,f)	0.043 ± 0.0013	(9.6130E-4 ± 1.1%)/(2.3149E-2 ± 0.7%) = 0.0415 ± 1.3%	0.966 ± 3.3%
U233(n,f)/U235(n,f)	1.54 ± 0.03	Not Available	
U234(n,f)/U235(n,f)	0.790 ± 0.024	Not Available	
U236(n,f)/U235(n,f)	0.333 ± 0.010	Not Available	
U238(n,f)/U235(n,f)	0.165 ± 0.005	(3.7648E-3 ± 1.0%)/(2.3149E-2 ± 0.7%) = 0.1626 ± 1.2%	0.986 ± 3.3%
Np237(n,f)/U235(n,f)	0.771 ± 0.023	(1.8992E-2 ± 1.4%)/(2.3149E-2 ± 0.7%) = 0.8204 ± 1.6%	1.064 ± 3.4%
Pu239(n,f)/U235(n,f)	1.33 ± 0.04	(3.1693E-2 ± 2.3%)/(2.3149E-2 ± 0.7%) = 1.3691 ± 2.4%	1.029 ± 3.9%
Pu240(n,f)/U235(n,f)	0.877 ± 0.026	Not Available	
Pu241(n,f)/U235(n,f)	1.29 ± 0.04	Not Available	
Pu242(n,f)/U235(n,f)	0.658 ± 0.020	Not Available	
Am241(n,f)/U235(n,f)	0.825 ± 0.025	(1.8179E-2 ± 0.8%)/(2.3149E-2 ± 0.7%) = 0.7853 ± 1.1%	0.952 ± 3.2%
Th232(n,g)/U235(n,f)	0.109 ± 0.004	(2.3382E-3 ± 0.8%)/(2.3149E-2 ± 0.7%) = 0.1010 ± 1.1%	0.927 ± 3.8%
U236(n,g)/U235(n,f)	0.123 ± 0.006	Not Available	
U238(n,g)/U235(n,f)	0.077 ± 0.003	(1.7699E-3 ± 1.0%)/(2.3149E-2 ± 0.7%) = 0.0765 ± 1.2%	0.993 ± 4.1%
Np237(n,g)/U235(n,f)	0.240 ± 0.012	Not Available	
Th232(n,2n)/U235(n,f)	0.00924 ± 0.00050	Not Available	
U238(n,2n)/U235(n,f)	0.00916 ± 0.00050	(2.3170E-4 ± 5.8%)/(2.3149E-2 ± 0.7%) = 0.0100 ± 5.8%	1.093 ± 8.0%
Nb93(n,2n)/U235(n,f)	0.000293 ± 0.000010	Not Available	
Al27(n,a)/U235(n,f)	0.00043 ± 0.00002	Not Available	
Fe54(n,a)/U235(n,f)	0.00050 ± 0.00002	Not Available	
Co59(n,a)/U235(n,f)	0.000095 ± 0.000004	Not Available	
Mo92(n,a)/U235(n,f)	0.000055 ± 0.000005	Not Available	
Nb93(n,a)/U235(n,f)	0.0000159 ± 0.0000009	Not Available	
Mg24(n,p)/U235(n,f)	0.00090 ± 0.00004	(2.2499E-5 ± 5.7%)/(2.3149E-2 ± 0.7%) = 0.00097 ± 5.7%	1.080 ± 7.3%
Al27(n,p)/U235(n,f)	0.00221 ± 0.00015	(4.7480E-5 ± 2.6%)/(2.3149E-2 ± 0.7%) = 0.00205 ± 2.7%	0.928 ± 7.3%
Ti46(n,p)/U235(n,f)	0.0066 ± 0.0003	(1.3836E-4 ± 2.8%)/(2.3149E-2 ± 0.7%) = 0.00598 ± 2.9%	0.906 ± 5.4%
Ti47(n,p)/U235(n,f)	0.0097 ± 0.0005	(2.1141E-4 ± 1.3%)/(2.3149E-2 ± 0.7%) = 0.00913 ± 1.5%	0.942 ± 5.4%
Ti48(n,p)/U235(n,f)	0.00018 ± 0.000008	(4.3657E-6 ± 5.5%)/(2.3149E-2 ± 0.7%) = 0.00019 ± 5.5%	1.048 ± 7.1%
Fe54(n,p)/U235(n,f)	0.0447 ± 0.0015	(8.9128E-4 ± 1.6%)/(2.3149E-2 ± 0.7%) = 0.03850 ± 1.7%	<b>0.861</b> ± 3.8%
Fe56(n,p)/U235(n,f)	0.00061 ± 0.00002	(1.4958E-5 ± 4.5%)/(2.3149E-2 ± 0.7%) = 0.00065 ± 4.6%	1.059 ± 5.6%
Ni58(n,p)/U235(n,f)	0.055 ± 0.003	(1.2317E-3 ± 1.4%)/(2.3149E-2 ± 0.7%) = 0.05321 ± 1.6%	0.967 ± 5.7%
Co59(n,p)/U235(n,f)	0.00084 ± 0.00004	(1.7127E-5 ± 2.7%)/(2.3149E-2 ± 0.7%) = 0.00074 ± 2.8%	0.881 ± 5.5%
Mo92(n,p)/U235(n,f)	0.00388 ± 0.00015	Not Available	
Cr50(n,g)/U235(n,f)	0.0557 ± 0.0005	Not Available	
Mn55(n,g)/U235(n,f)	0.00297 ± 0.00015	(8.6878E-5 ± 2.9%)/(2.3149E-2 ± 0.7%) = 0.00375 ± 3.0%	<b>1.264</b> ± 5.9%
Fe58(n,g)/U235(n,f)	0.00228 ± 0.00009	(5.5704E-5 ± 4.6%)/(2.3149E-2 ± 0.7%) = 0.00241 ± 4.7%	1.055 ± 6.1%
Co59(n,g)/U235(n,f)	0.0064 ± 0.0003	(1.3755E-4 ± 3.7%)/(2.3149E-2 ± 0.7%) = 0.00594 ± 3.8%	0.928 ± 6.0%
Ni64(n,g)/U235(n,f)	0.00185 ± 0.00008	Not Available	
Cu63(n,g)/U235(n,f)	0.0114 ± 0.0005	(2.7693E-4 ± 2.0%)/(2.3149E-2 ± 0.7%) = 0.01196 ± 2.1%	1.049 ± 4.9%
Cu65(n,g)/U235(n,f)	0.0076 ± 0.0006	Not Available	
Mo98(n,g)/U235(n,f)	0.0193 ± 0.0008	Not Available	
Zr94(n,g)/U235(n,f)	0.0064 ± 0.0004	Not Available	
Zr96(n,g)/U235(n,f)	0.00306 ± 0.006	Not Available	
Au197(n,g)/U235(n,f)	0.105 ± 0.005	(2.2966E-3 ± 1.1%)/(2.3149E-2 ± 0.7%) = 0.09921 ± 1.3%	0.945 ± 4.9%
In115(n,ng)/U235(n,f)	0.102 ± 0.006	(2.3029E-3 ± 0.9%)/(2.3149E-2 ± 0.7%) = 0.99482 ± 1.1%	0.975 ± 6.0%

\*Calculated at midplane of Pu rods in a radius of 0.46 cm and height of 1 cm. Files: BR1-0 and BR1-1. Results in **RED** have |C/E-1|>3σ.

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BR-1 reactor spectral indices

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**Conclusion:** The following COG11.3 cross-section libraries produce calculated results consistent with BR-1 benchmark values.

Table 4. Recommended Libraries for Reaction Rate Calculations

Th232(n,f)	IRDFE-II ENDFB8RO
U233(n,f)	JEFF3.3 ENDFB8RO
U234(n,f)	JEFF3.3* ENDFB8RO*
U236(n,f)	ENDFB8RO
U238(n,f)	IRDFE-II ENDFB8RO
Np237(n,f)	ENDFB8RO IRDFE-II
Pu239(n,f)	ENDFB8RO IRDFE-II
Pu240(n,f)	JEFF3.3 ENDFB8RO
Pu241(n,f)	ENDFB8RO
Pu242(n,f)	ENDFB8RO
Am241(n,f)	JEFF3.3 IRDFE-II ENDFB8RO

Th232(n,g)	JEFF3.3 ENDFB8RO IRDFE-II
U236(n,g)	ENDFB8RO
U238(n,g)	IRDFE-II ENDFB8RO
Np237(n,g)	None

Th232(n,2n)	ENDFB8RO
U238(n,2n)	JEFF3.3 ENDFB8RO
Nb93(n,2n)	None

Al27(n,a)	JEFF3.3 ENDFB8RO
Fe54(n,a)	ENDFB8RO
Co59(n,a)	JEFF3.3 ENDFB8RO
Mo92(n,a)	JEFF3.3
Nb93(n,a)	None

Mg24(n,p)	IRDFE-II
Al27(n,p)	ENDFB8RO IRDFE-II
Ti46(n,p)	IRDFE-II
Ti47(n,p)	IRDFE-II
Ti48(n,p)	IRDFE-II
Fe54(n,p)	ENDFB8RO
Fe56(n,p)	IRDFE-II ENDFB8RO
Ni58(n,p)	IRDFE-II
Co59(n,p)	IRDFE-II JEFF3.3
Mo92(n,p)	IRDFE-II

Cr50(n,g)	None
Mn55(n,g)	None
Fe58(n,g)	IRDFE-II JEFF3.3
Co59(n,g)	IRDFE-II
Ni64(n,g)	None
Cu63(n,g)	ENDFB8RO IRDFE-II
Cu65(n,g)	JEFF3.3 ENDFB8RO
Mo98(n,g)	JEFF3.3
Zr94(n,g)	JEFF3.3
Zr96(n,g)	None
Au197(n,g)	ENDFB8RO IRDFE-II JEFF3.3

In115(n,ng)	IRDFE1.05
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**BR-1 reactor spectral indices are useful for nuclear data selection**

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\* In these cases,  $|C/E-1| > 3\sigma$  (slightly).

Table B-1. Godiva (HMF001)

Spectral Index	COG11.3 Calculation	Experiment	Ref.	C/E
Mn55(n,g)/U235(n,f)	$\frac{(5.5971-5 \pm 0.74\%)}{(1.6448-2 \pm 0.25\%)} = 0.0034 \pm 0.78\%$	0.0027 ± 7.41%	Trkov Pelloni	<b>1.26</b> ± 7.45%
Co59(n,g)/U235(n,f)	$\frac{(1.0267-4 \pm 0.53\%)}{(1.6448-2 \pm 0.25\%)} = 0.0062 \pm 0.59\%$	0.0380 ± 7.89%	Trkov Pelloni	<b>0.16</b> ± 7.91%
Cu63(n,g)/U235(n,f)	$\frac{(1.8740-4 \pm 0.55\%)}{(1.6448-2 \pm 0.25\%)} = 0.0114 \pm 0.60\%$	0.0117 ± 5.13%	Trkov Pelloni	0.97 ± 5.17%
Nb93(n,g)/U235(n,f)	$\frac{(5.2523-4 \pm 0.50\%)}{(1.6448-2 \pm 0.25\%)} = 0.0319 \pm 0.56\%$	0.0300 ± 10.0%	Trkov Pelloni	1.06 ± 10.0%
La139(n,g)/U235(n,f)	$\frac{(1.0459-4 \pm 0.39\%)}{(1.6448-2 \pm 0.25\%)} = 0.0064 \pm 0.46\%$	0.0073 ± 8.22%	Trkov	0.87 ± 8.23%
Ta181(n,g)/U235(n,f)	$\frac{(1.6772-3 \pm 0.44\%)}{(1.6448-2 \pm 0.25\%)} = 0.1020 \pm 0.51\%$	0.1230 ± 9.76%	Trkov	0.83 ± 9.77%
Au197(n,g)/U235(n,f)	$\frac{(1.5583-3 \pm 0.34\%)}{(1.6448-2 \pm 0.25\%)} = 0.0947 \pm 0.42\%$	0.1000 ± 2.00%	Trkov Pelloni	0.95 ± 2.04%
U233(n,f)/U235(n,f)	U233(n,f) not available in IRDFF-II	1.59 ± 1.89%	Alwin Pelloni	N/A
U238(n,f)/U235(n,f)	$\frac{(2.5764-3 \pm 0.39\%)}{(1.6448-2 \pm 0.25\%)} = 0.1566 \pm 0.46\%$	0.1643 ± 1.10% 0.1647 ± 1.09%	Alwin Pelloni	<b>0.95</b> ± 1.19% <b>0.95</b> ± 1.18%
Np237(n,f)/U235(n,f)	$\frac{(1.3685-2 \pm 0.29\%)}{(1.6448-2 \pm 0.25\%)} = 0.8320 \pm 0.38\%$	0.8516 ± 1.41% 0.837 ± 1.55%	Alwin Pelloni	0.98 ± 1.46% 0.99 ± 1.60%
Pu239(n,f)/U235(n,f)	$\frac{(2.2765-2 \pm 0.24\%)}{(1.6448-2 \pm 0.25\%)} = 1.3841 \pm 0.35\%$	1.4152 ± 0.99% 1.402 ± 1.78%	Alwin Pelloni	0.98 ± 1.05% 0.99 ± 1.81%
Al27(n,a)/P31(n,p)	Al27(n,a) not available in IRDFF-II	0.0215 ± 3.55%	Trkov	N/A
Al27(n,p)/P31(n,p)	$\frac{(3.1300-5 \pm 1.02\%)}{(2.7897-4 \pm 0.51\%)} = 0.1122 \pm 1.14\%$	0.1126 ± 4.88%	Trkov	1.00 ± 5.01%
Fe56(n,p)/P31(n,p)	$\frac{(8.7986-6 \pm 1.88\%)}{(2.7897-4 \pm 0.51\%)} = 0.0315 \pm 1.95\%$	0.0310 ± 5.80%	Trkov	1.02 ± 6.12%

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## Spectral indices for 9 LANL fast critical assemblies:

- Godiva
- Flattop-25
- Big-Ten
- Jezebel
- Flattop-Pu
- Thor
- Jezebel-23
- Flattop-23
- Dirty Jezebel

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# Work in progress – ICSBEP k-eff benchmark intercomparison project in progress

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**Spreadsheet with 3,395  
ICSBEP benchmark k-eff's**

- ENDF/B-VII.1**
- ENDF/B-VIII.0**
- JEFF-3.3**

**Code intercomparison  
with COG, MCNP, MORET,  
SCALE (and MERCURY)**

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# Work in progress – Subcritical benchmarks too!

Implemented FREYA in COG to improve R<sub>2F</sub> simulation of the ISSA. Much higher additional subcritical multiplication experiments by IRSN, LANL and LLNL are in progress at SNL using 7uPCX.

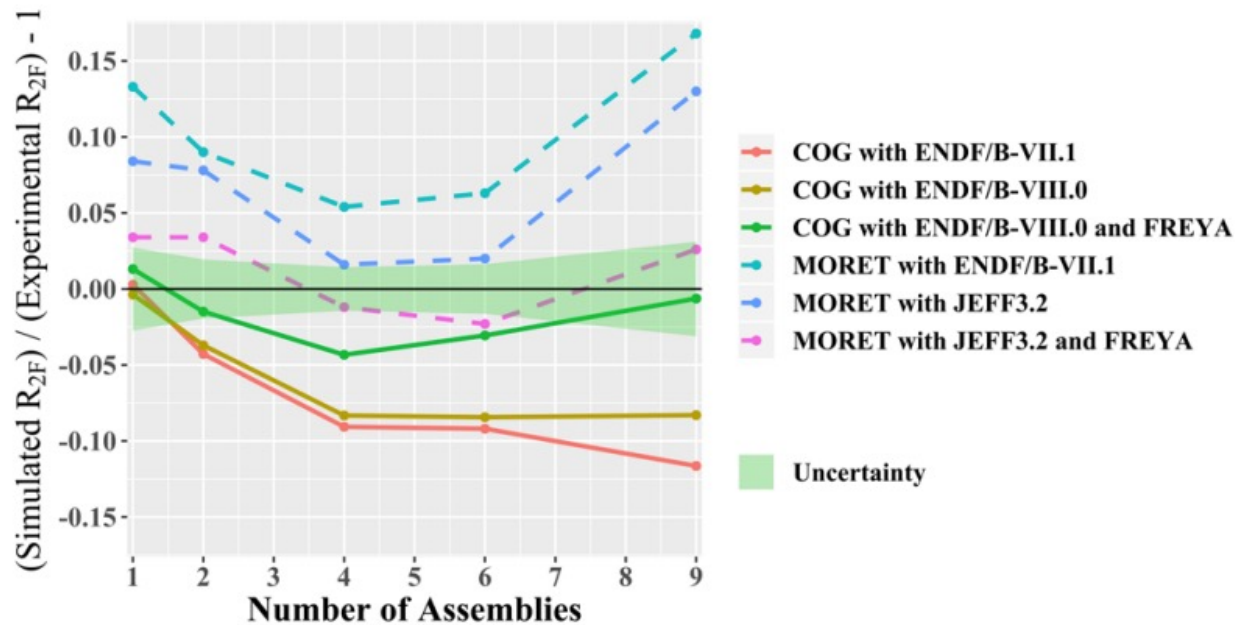


Figure 7. Difference between simulated and experimental  $R_{2F}$  values for each configuration.

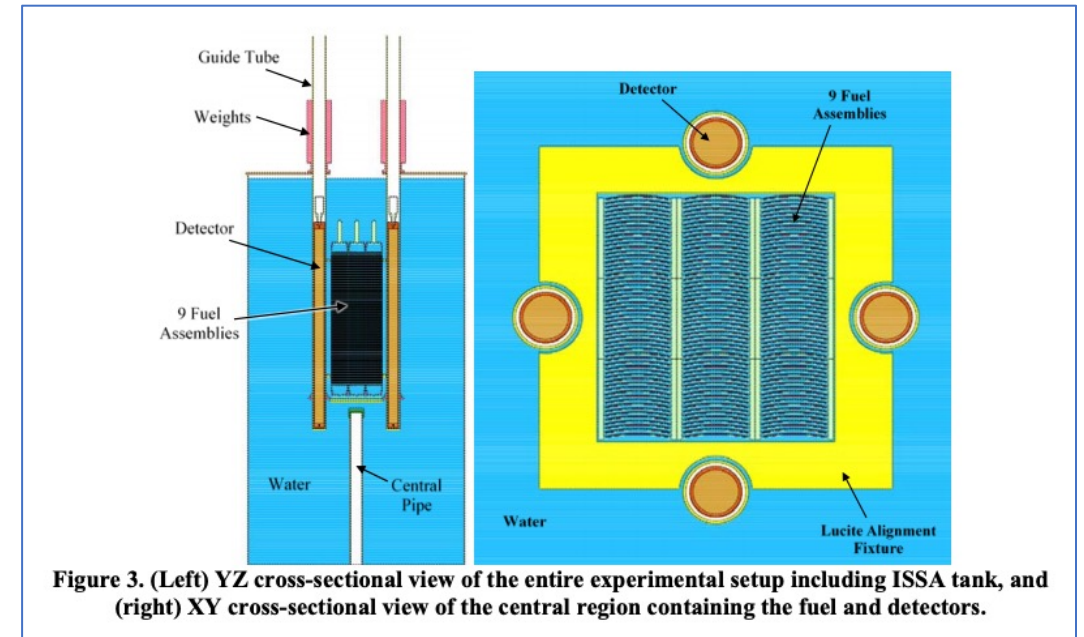


Figure 3. (Left) YZ cross-sectional view of the entire experimental setup including ISSA tank, and (right) XY cross-sectional view of the central region containing the fuel and detectors.

# Work in progress – Ueki single slab and multi-slab shield benchmarks

Many excellent benchmarks have yet to be evaluated and published in international compendia like ICSBEP and SINBAD. One much used example is:

NSE: **124**, 455-464 (1996), Systematic Evaluation of Neutron Shielding Effects for Materials, K. Ueki et al.

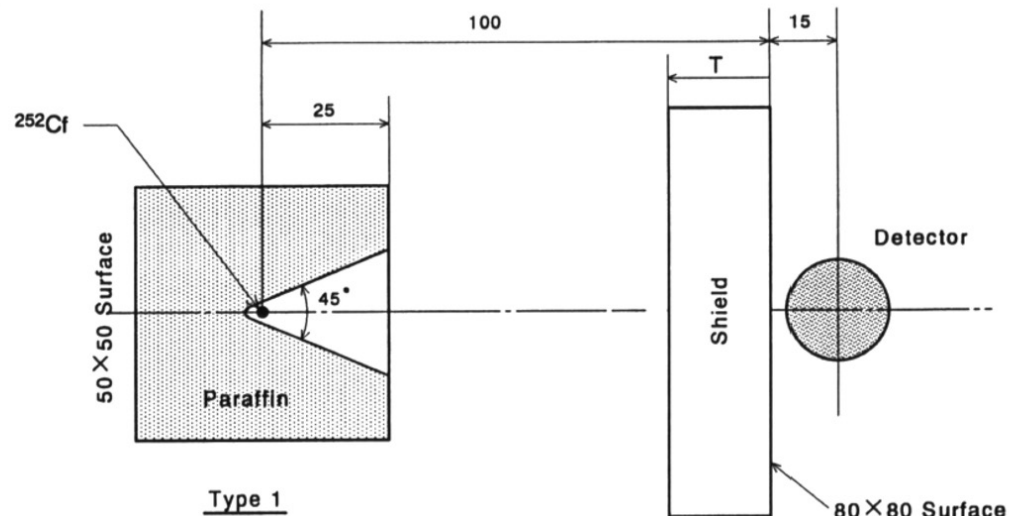


Table 1A – Type 1 Polyethylene Slab Shields ( $1.9620 \times 10^{15} \mu\text{n}\cdot\text{Sv}/\text{hr}\cdot\text{REM}$ )

Shield	Experiment <sup>1</sup> ( $\mu\text{Sv}/\text{hr}$ , $\pm 15\%$ )	Cf-252 Source	COG (REM/n)	COG ( $\mu\text{Sv}/\text{hr}$ )	C/E	File
None	683	Watt	( $311.7 \pm 0.7$ ) E-15	$611.6 \pm 1.4$	$0.90 \pm 15\%$	ueki-w-t1-0
5 cm CH2	288	Watt	( $147.6 \pm 1.2$ ) E-15	$289.6 \pm 2.4$	$1.01 \pm 15\%$	ueki-w-t1-p5
10 cm CH2	110	Watt	( $600.0 \pm 8.0$ ) E-16	$117.7 \pm 1.6$	$1.07 \pm 15\%$	ueki-w-t1-p10
15 cm CH2	42.6	Watt	( $263.8 \pm 5.8$ ) E-16	$51.8 \pm 1.1$	$1.22 \pm 15\%$	ueki-w-t1-p15
20 cm CH2	18.3	Watt	( $110.8 \pm 3.3$ ) E-16	$21.7 \pm 0.6$	$1.19 \pm 15\%$	ueki-w-t1-p20
25 cm CH2	8.3	Watt	( $477.8 \pm 7.1$ ) E-17	$9.37 \pm 0.14$	$1.14 \pm 15\%$	ueki-w-t1-p25
30 cm CH2	3.5	Watt	( $223.0 \pm 4.9$ ) E-17	$4.38 \pm 0.10$	$1.25 \pm 15\%$	ueki-w-t1-p30
None	683	IRDFF	( $311.1 \pm 0.8$ ) E-15	$610.4 \pm 1.6$	$0.89 \pm 15\%$	ueki-t-t1-0
5 cm CH2	288	IRDFF	( $145.4 \pm 1.2$ ) E-15	$285.3 \pm 2.4$	$0.98 \pm 15\%$	ueki-t-t1-p5
10 cm CH2	110	IRDFF	( $595.4 \pm 7.8$ ) E-16	$116.8 \pm 1.5$	$1.06 \pm 15\%$	ueki-t-t1-p10
15 cm CH2	42.6	IRDFF	( $249.3 \pm 5.4$ ) E-16	$48.9 \pm 1.1$	$1.15 \pm 15\%$	ueki-t-t1-p15
20 cm CH2	18.3	IRDFF	( $109.5 \pm 3.6$ ) E-16	$21.5 \pm 0.7$	$1.17 \pm 15\%$	ueki-t-t1-p20
25 cm CH2	8.3	IRDFF	( $475.5 \pm 7.4$ ) E-17	$9.33 \pm 0.15$	$1.12 \pm 15\%$	ueki-t-t1-p25
30 cm CH2	3.5	IRDFF	( $219.6 \pm 4.9$ ) E-17	$4.31 \pm 0.10$	$1.23 \pm 15\%$	ueki-t-t1-p30
None	683	FREYA	( $318.6 \pm 0.7$ ) E-15	$625.1 \pm 1.4$	$0.92 \pm 15\%$	ueki-f-t1-0
5 cm CH2	288	FREYA	( $158.3 \pm 3.6$ ) E-15	$310.6 \pm 7.1$	$1.08 \pm 15\%$	ueki-f-t1-p5
10 cm CH2	110	FREYA	( $697.7 \pm 8.9$ ) E-16	$136.9 \pm 1.7$	$1.24 \pm 15\%$	ueki-f-t1-p10
15 cm CH2	42.6	FREYA	( $306.7 \pm 6.1$ ) E-16	$60.2 \pm 1.2$	$1.41 \pm 15\%$	ueki-f-t1-p15
20 cm CH2	18.3	FREYA	( $146.7 \pm 4.1$ ) E-16	$28.8 \pm 0.8$	$1.57 \pm 15\%$	ueki-f-t1-p20
25 cm CH2	8.3	FREYA	( $684.4 \pm 8.8$ ) E-17	$13.4 \pm 0.17$	$1.62 \pm 15\%$	ueki-f-t1-p25
30 cm CH2	3.5	FREYA	( $381.1 \pm 7.5$ ) E-17	$7.48 \pm 0.15$	$2.14 \pm 15\%$	ueki-f-t1-p30

# Work in progress – SINBAD Winfrith Water Benchmark

## Winfrith Water Benchmark

### COG 11.3 Results: S32(n,pg)P32 reaction rates

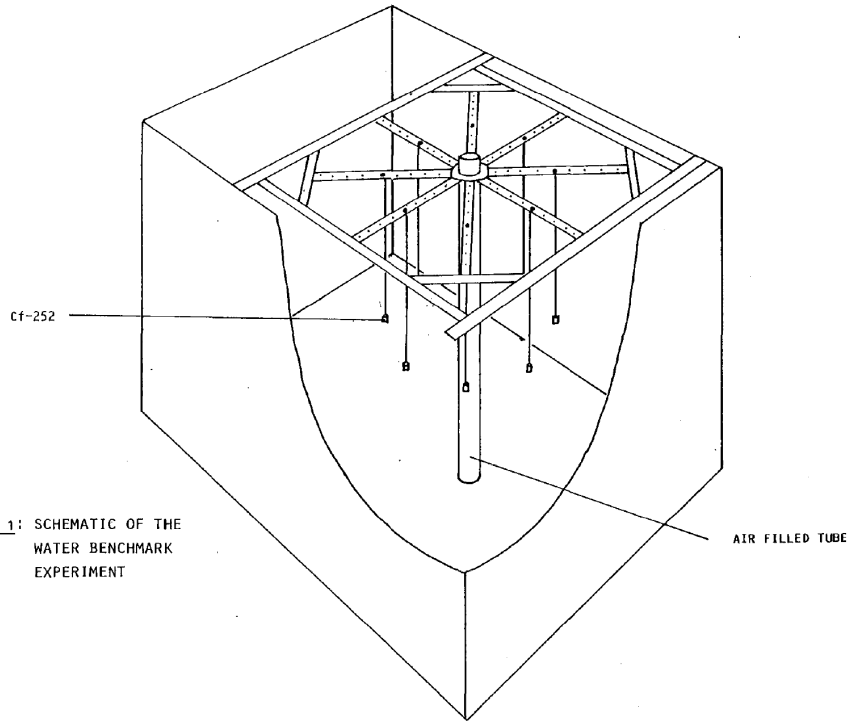


FIGURE 1: SCHEMATIC OF THE WATER BENCHMARK EXPERIMENT

File	Horizontal Separation (cm)	Axial Displacement (cm)	Calculated Reaction Rate (dps/nps·cc)	Calculated* Reaction Rate (dps/atom·nps)	Measured** Reaction Rate (dps/atom·nps)	C/E*
winfrith-10-0	10.16	0	1.021E-6 ± 0.1%	3.077E-29 ± 0.1%	3.19E-29 ± 6%	0.96 ± 6%
winfrith-10-15	10.16	15	1.791E-7 ± 0.2%	5.396E-30 ± 0.2%	5.37E-30 ± 6%	1.00 ± 6%
winfrith-10-30	10.16	30	2.171E-8 ± 0.7%	6.541E-31 ± 4.2%	6.71E-31 ± 6%	0.97 ± 6%
winfrith-15-0	15.24	0	2.559E-7 ± 0.2%	7.710E-30 ± 0.2%	7.56E-30 ± 6%	1.02 ± 6%
winfrith-15-15	15.24	15	7.544E-8 ± 0.4%	2.273E-30 ± 0.4%	2.25E-30 ± 6%	1.01 ± 6%
winfrith-15-30	15.24	30	1.099E-8 ± 1.0%	3.310E-31 ± 1.0%	3.22E-31 ± 6%	1.03 ± 6%
winfrith-25-0	25.40	0	2.886E-8 ± 0.6%	8.695E-31 ± 0.6%	8.55E-31 ± 6%	1.02 ± 6%
winfrith-25-15	25.40	15	1.438E-8 ± 0.9%	4.332E-31 ± 0.9%	4.36E-31 ± 6%	0.99 ± 6%
winfrith-25-30	25.40	30	3.163E-9 ± 1.9%	9.530E-32 ± 1.9%	9.50E-32 ± 6%	1.00 ± 6%
winfrith-30-0	30.45	0	1.146E-8 ± 1.0%	3.452E-31 ± 1.0%	3.43E-31 ± 6%	1.01 ± 6%
winfrith-30-15	30.45	15	6.497E-9 ± 1.3%	1.957E-31 ± 1.3%	1.94E-31 ± 6%	1.01 ± 6%
winfrith-30-30	30.45	30	1.706E-9 ± 2.7%	5.141E-32 ± 2.7%	5.16E-32 ± 6%	1.00 ± 7%
winfrith-35-0	35.56	0	4.759E-9 ± 1.6%	1.434E-31 ± 1.6%	1.42E-31 ± 6%	1.01 ± 6%
winfrith-35-15	35.56	15	2.926E-9 ± 2.0%	8.815E-32 ± 1.6%	8.92E-32 ± 6%	0.99 ± 6%
winfrith-35-30	35.56	30	9.514E-10 ± 3.6%	2.866E-32 ± 3.6%	2.81E-32 ± 6%	1.02 ± 7%

\*1E+9 neutrons. To convert from dps/nps·cc to dps/atom·nps multiply by (17.24106 cc) and divide by (5.72275E+23 atoms).

\*\*The uncertainty in the S32(n,pg)P32 saturated dps/atom measured values is ±6%.



# Work in progress – ALARM-CF-AIR-LAB-001

ALARM-CF-AIR-LAB-001  
 Neutron Fields in Three-Section Concrete Labyrinth from Cf-252 Source  
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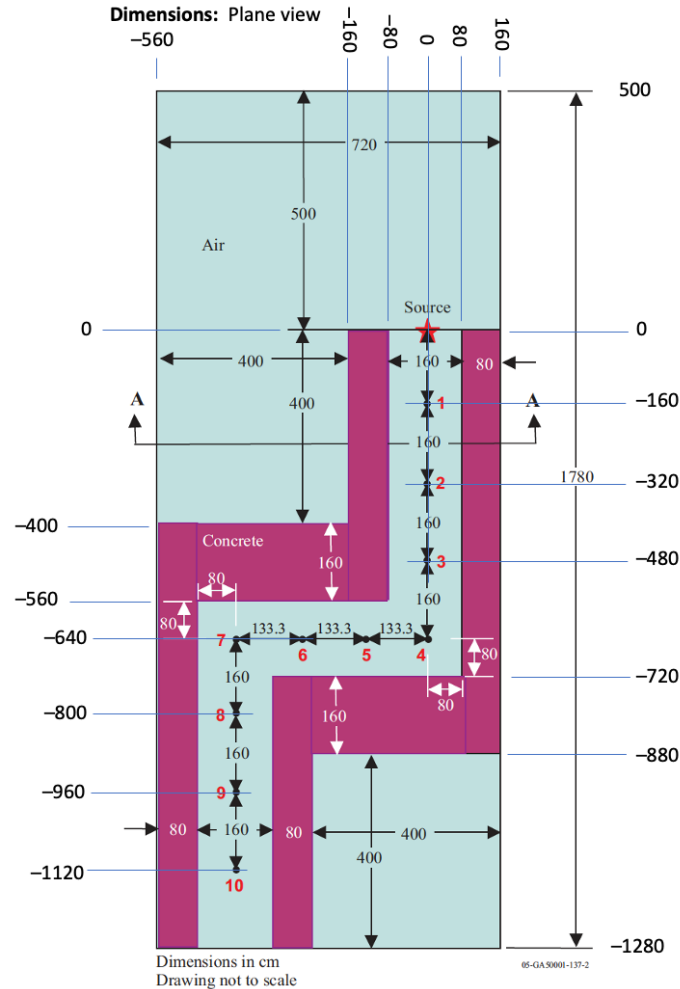


Figure 13. View of the Labyrinth in Horizontal Cross Section, Case 1.

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Dimensions: Axial view of the detector

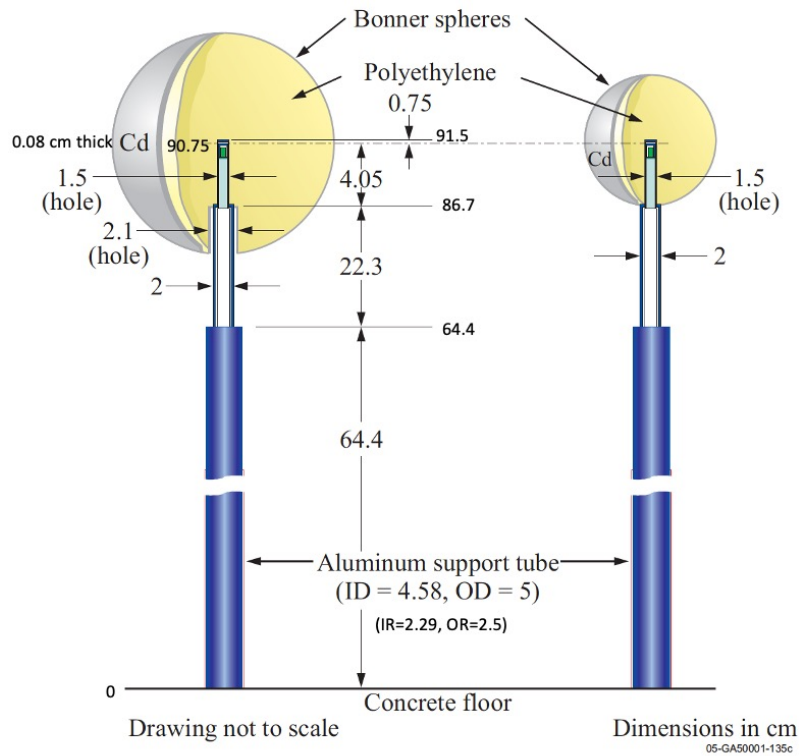


Figure 20. Model of Detector.

## Lo-Fi results using evaluators' detector response function:

Table 1. Case 1A with 2" Bonner Sphere

Position	Calculation*	Experiment**	C/E
1	1524 ± 5%	1320 ± 8%	1.15 ± 9%
2	634 ± 7%	617 ± 10%	1.03 ± 12%
3	273 ± 3%	284 ± 11%	0.96 ± 11%
4	156 ± 7%	155 ± 11%	1.01 ± 13%
5	66.6 ± 7%	70.7 ± 13%	0.94 ± 15%
6	29.3 ± 11%	25.7 ± 14%	1.14 ± 18%
7	11.8 ± 6%	13.0 ± 14%	0.91 ± 15%
8	3.37 ± 11%	4.16 ± 17%	0.81 ± 20%
9	0.937 ± 7%	1.25 ± 18%	0.75 ± 19%
10	0.661 ± 37%	0.605 ± 19%	1.09 ± 42%

\*Li6(n,tg) reactions/sec. \*\*Detector pulses/sec. File: protvino1a-2-0

Hi-Fi calculation with Bonner sphere explicitly modeled in progress. The far field will require 1E+12 neutron histories (or more)

# Work in progress – ALARM-REAC-AIR-SKY-001 – Baikal-1 Skyshine Benchmark

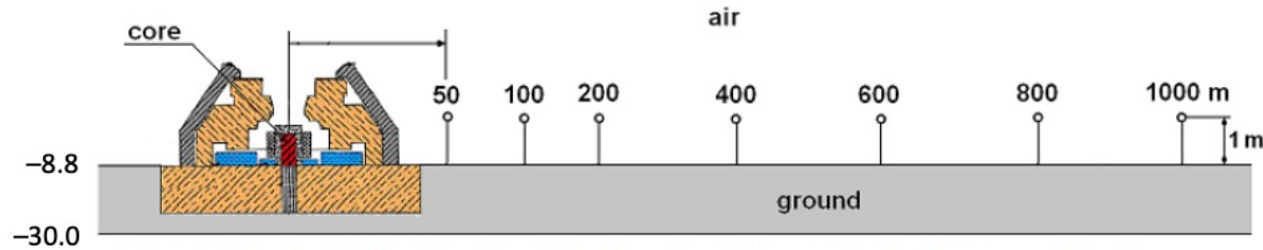


Figure 1.1. Schematic Configuration of the Experiment Showing On-site Measurement Positions. (not to scale)

ALARM-REAC-AIR-SKY-001

**Benchmark-Model and Sample Results:** Baikal-1 (case 1) neutron dose rates

Distance meter	$\rho R$ g/cm <sup>2</sup>	COG REM/(fission/sec)	COG $\mu$ Sv/hr	Experiment* $\mu$ Sv/hr	C/E
13 November 1996 with $\rho(\text{air}) = 1.364\text{E-}3$ g/cc.					
50	6.82	1.043E-18 $\pm$ 1.2%	3.33E+5	3.22E+5	1.03 $\pm$ 19%
100	13.64	3.107E-19 $\pm$ 1.7%	9.91E+4	9.90E+4	1.00 $\pm$ 19%
200	27.28	6.392E-20 $\pm$ 2.6%	2.04E+4	1.80E+4	1.13 $\pm$ 19%
300	40.92	1.886E-20 $\pm$ 5.2%	6.02E+3	4.53E+3	1.33 $\pm$ 20%
400	54.56	5.319E-21 $\pm$ 7.1%	1.70E+3	1.64E+3	1.03 $\pm$ 20%
500	68.20	2.068E-21 $\pm$ 11.1%	6.60E+2	5.13E+2	1.29 $\pm$ 22%
600	81.84	6.463E-22 $\pm$ 15.4%	2.06E+2	1.73E+2	1.19 $\pm$ 24%
800	109.12	1.603E-22 $\pm$ 26.3%	5.12E+1	2.60E+1	1.97 $\pm$ 32%
1000	136.40	2.529E-23 $\pm$ 68.2%	8.07E+0	4.64E+0	1.74 $\pm$ 71%

\*Experimental results are  $\pm$ 19%. File: Baikal-1

(1 Rem per fission/sec)(8.886367E+15 fissions/sec per 300 kW)(60 sec/min)(60 min/hr)(1E+6  $\mu$ Sv/Sv)(1 Sv/100 Rem)  
=3.191E+23  $\mu$ Sv/hr.

Lo-Fi neutron dose results shown.



Delayed fission gamma problem in COG 11.3 (waiting for bug fix)

# Work in progress – LLNL Pulsed Spheres – External review in progress by SINBAD TRG

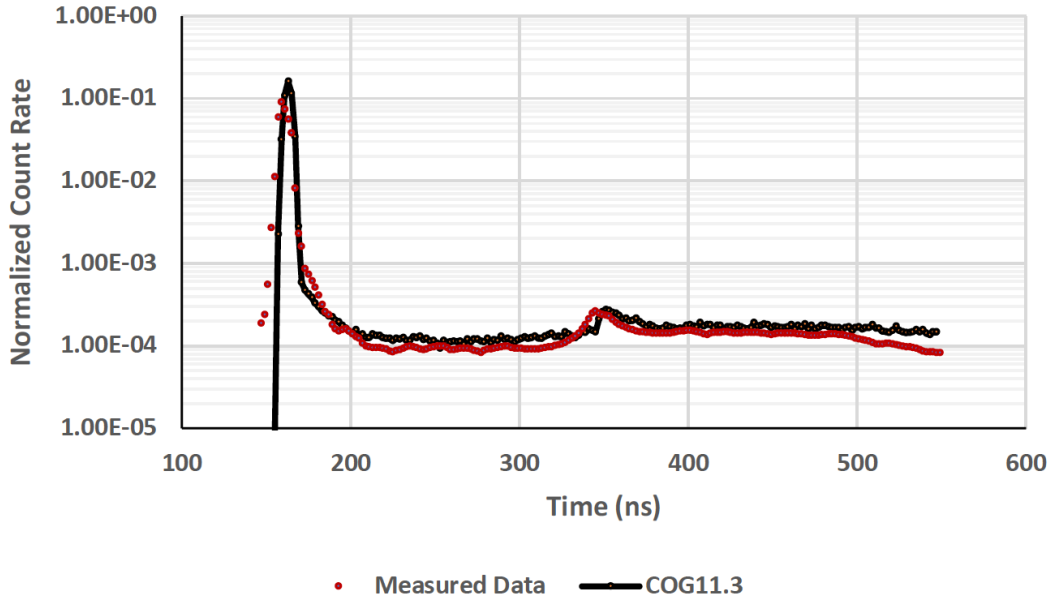


Figure 21. Normalized Count Rate vs. Time for the Blank Case.

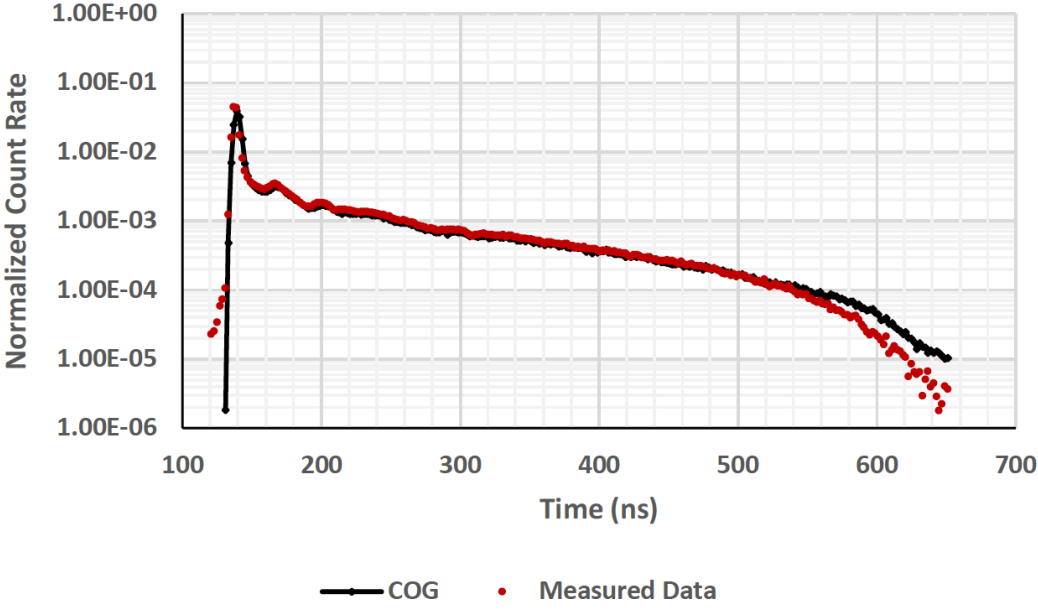
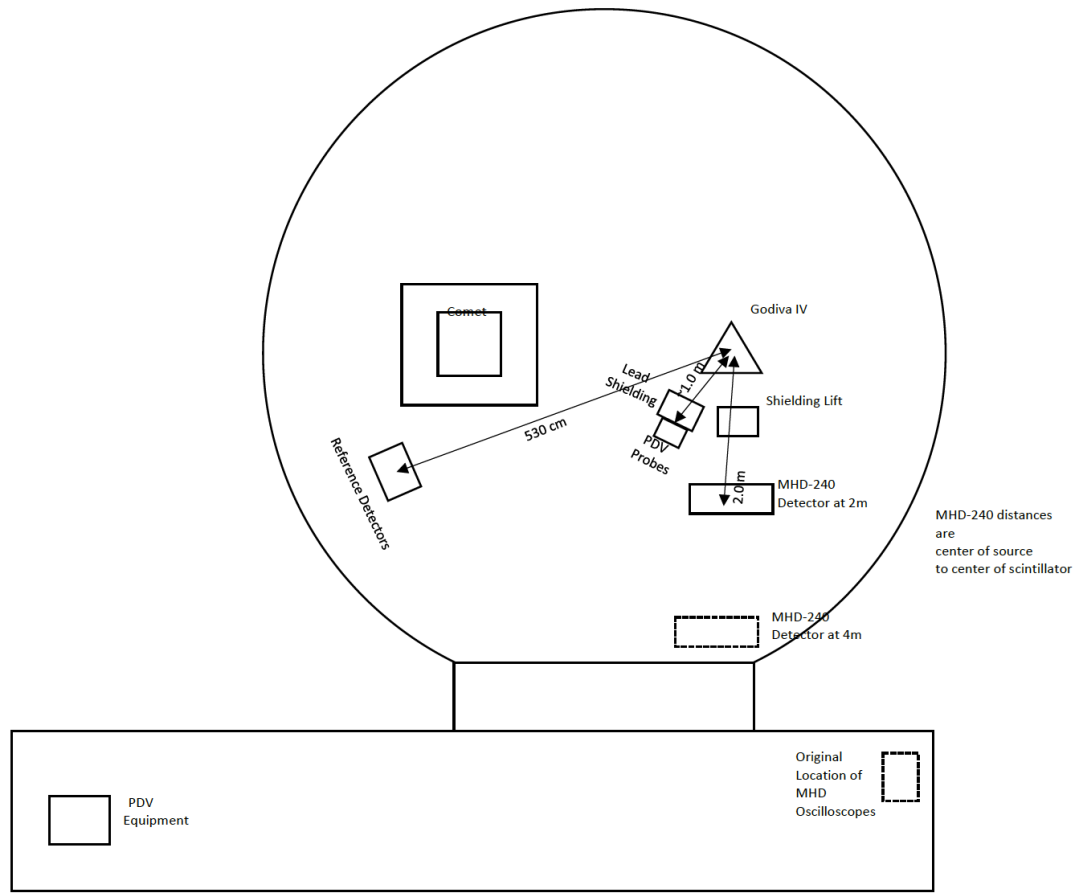


Figure 22. Normalized Count Rate vs. Time for the Polyethylene Case.

# Work in progress – Godiva-IV PDV dynamic benchmark



Equipment Setup Diagram for IER 268  
(LA-UR-21-21533)

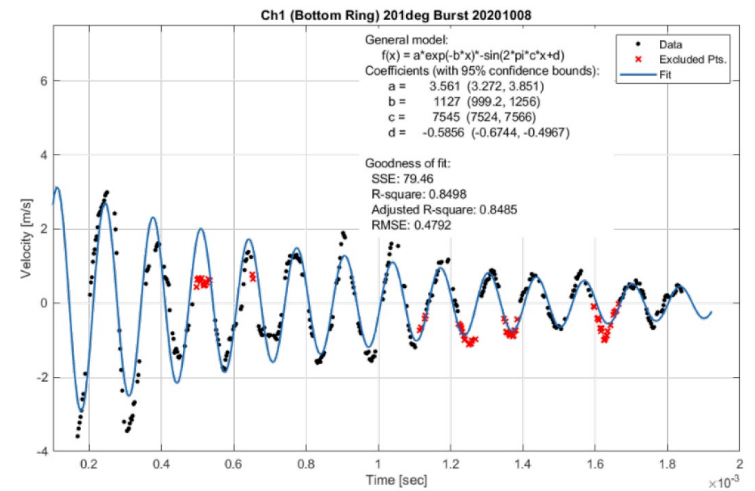


Figure 4: PDV data collected on the bottom ring of Godiva during the 201°C burst. Data points are extracted from the raw data and then fit to determine the vibration frequency. The fit function and various fit parameters are listed in the legend.

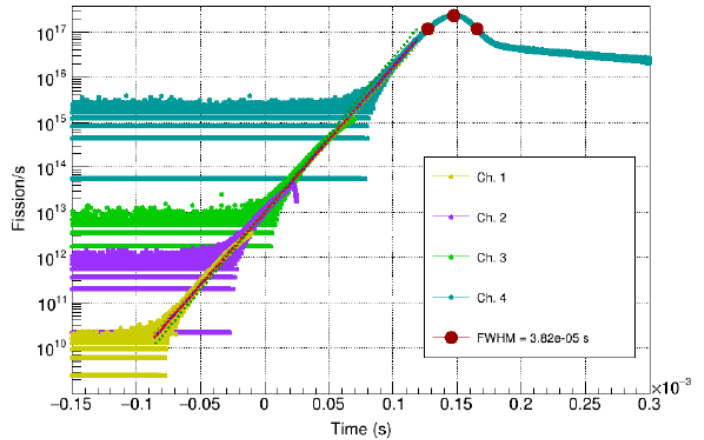
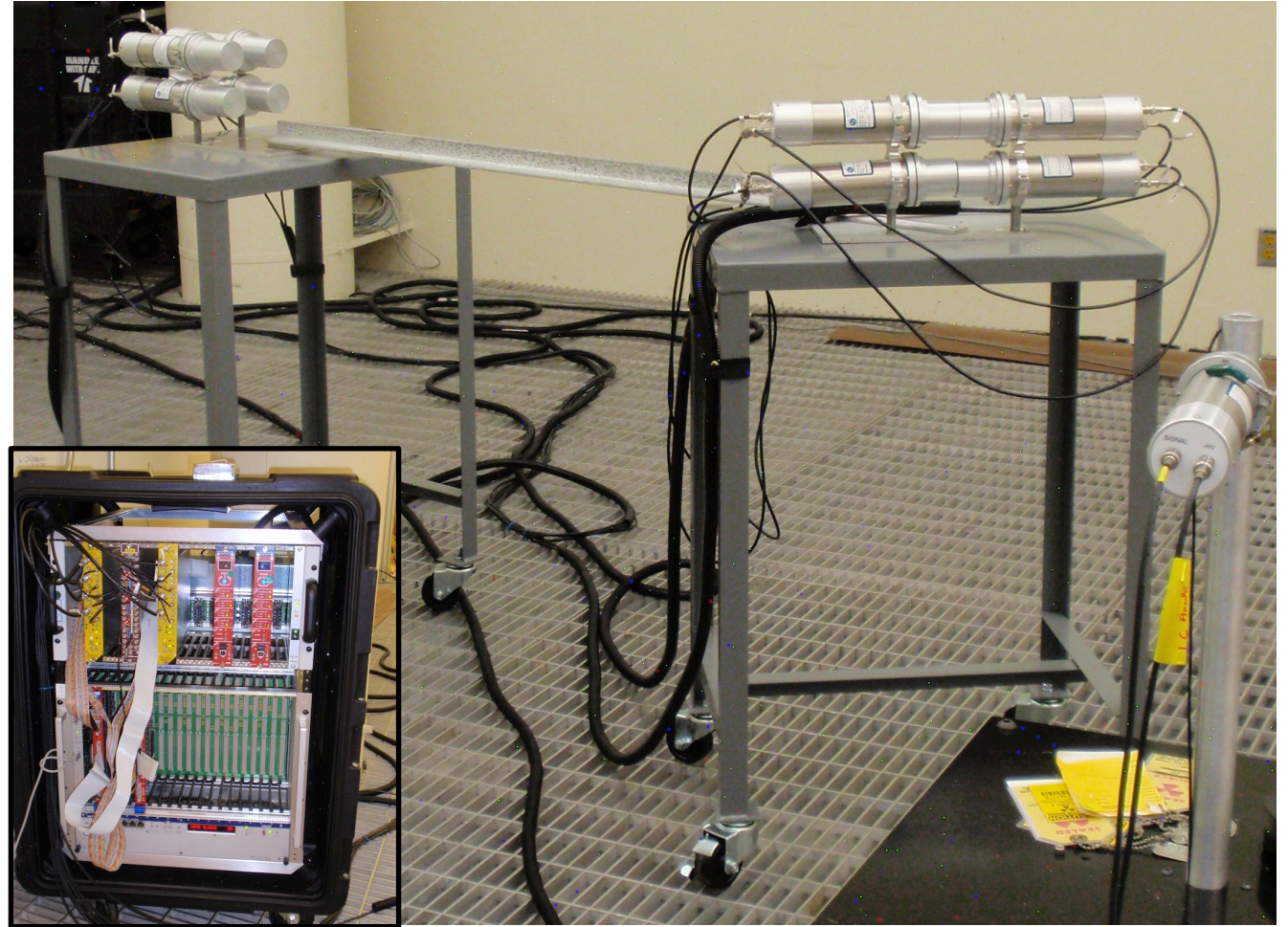
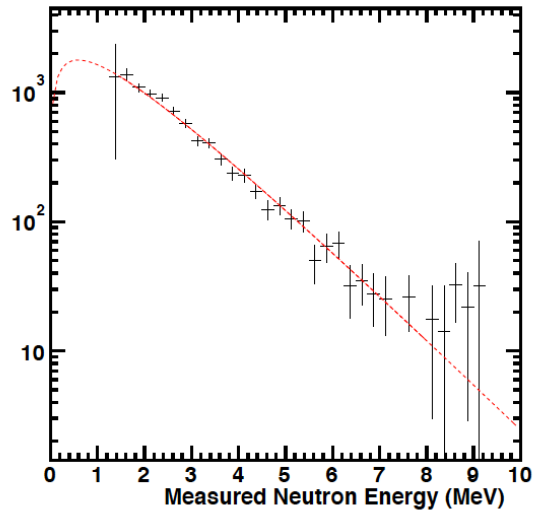


Figure 7: MHD-240 data for the 201°C burst as measured by the 4 channels of the MHD-240. The vertical axis is scaled based on the gamma calibration. The neutron calibration was not considered in this plot. The dashed lines shown are the exponential fit results to each of the channels data.

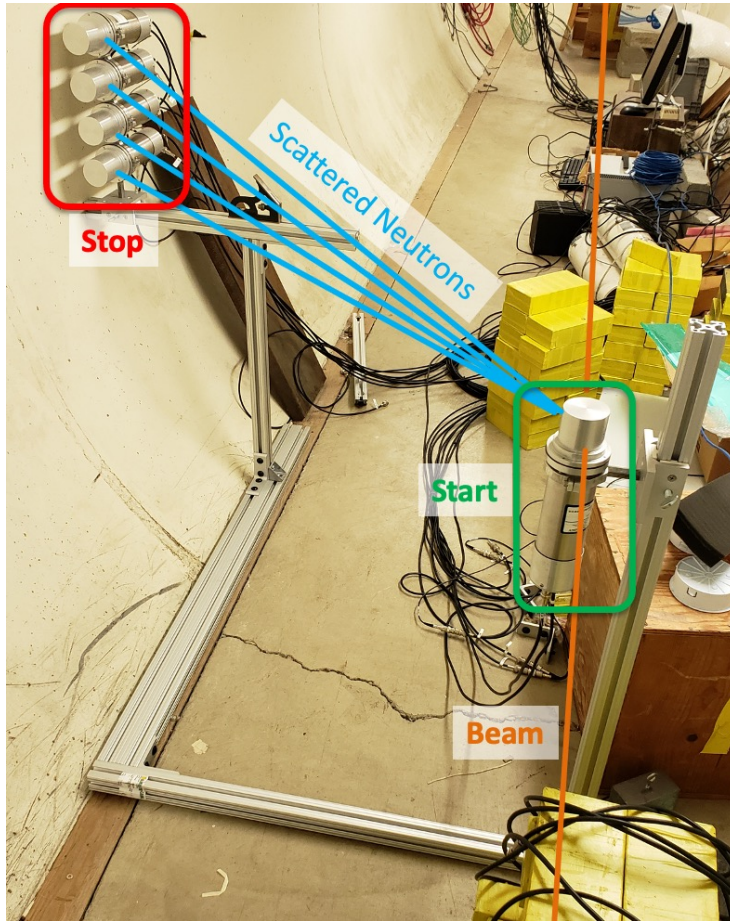


# Work in progress – Neutron spectra measurements with a portable instrument

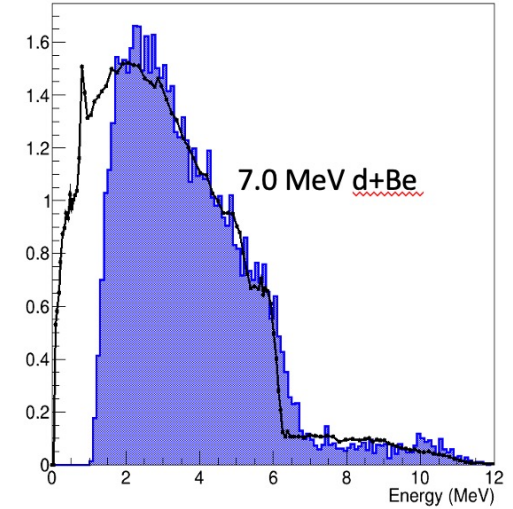
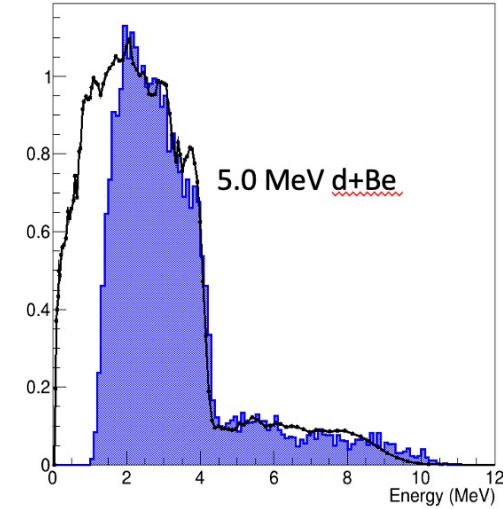
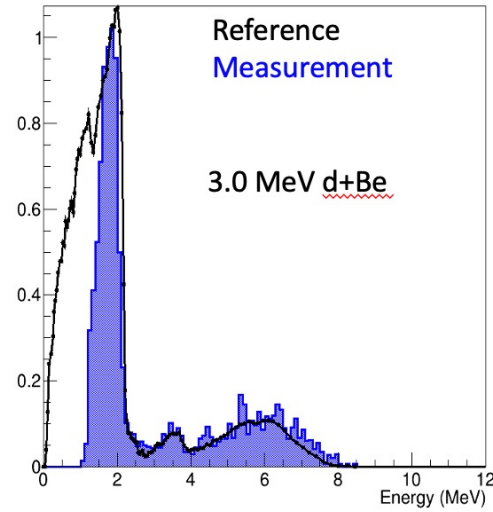
- Initially developed in 2013.
- Used for a test measurement of the GODIVA sub-critical assembly.
- Un-reduceable correlated backgrounds resulted in inaccuracies in the result.



# Work in progress – Neutron spectra measurement calibration at Ohio University

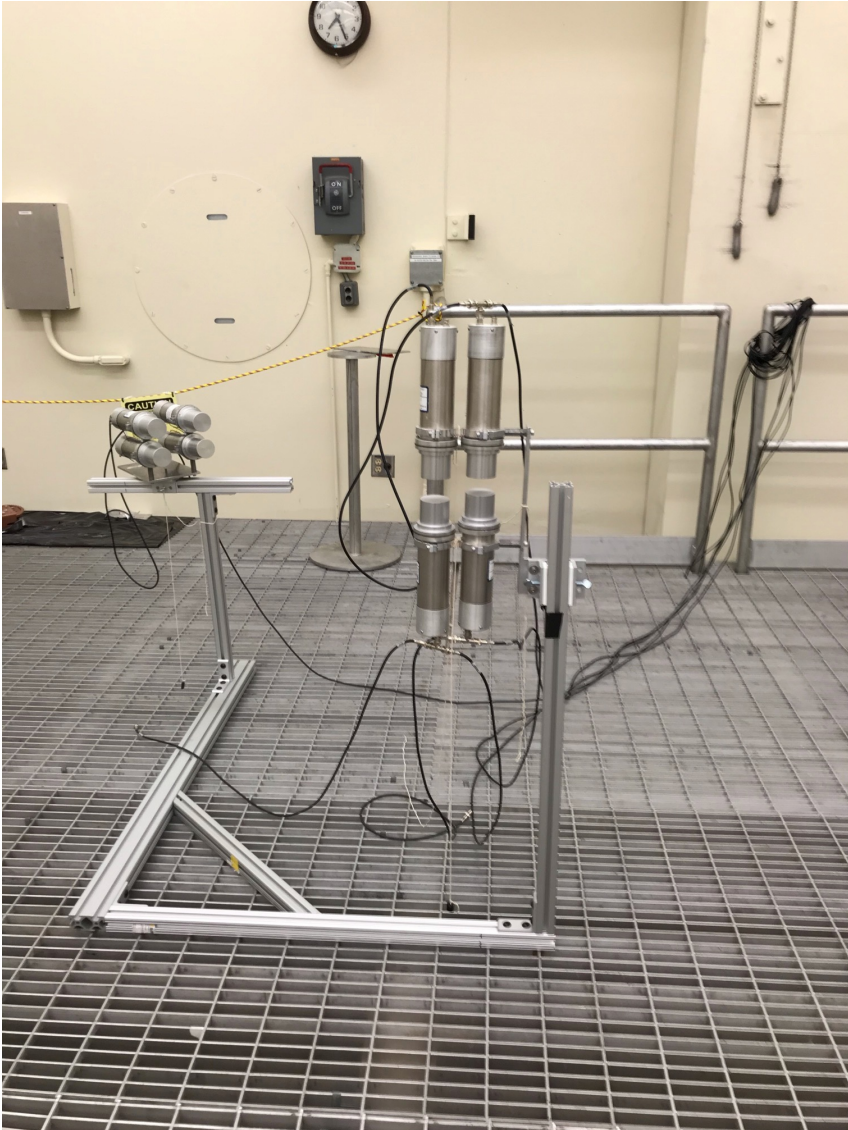


- Energy spectra from the hNTOF (blue) compared to the reference data (black) from Ohio University.
- Low efficiency due to the double scatter requirement
- Good energy resolution between 2 and 11 MeV incident neutron energy

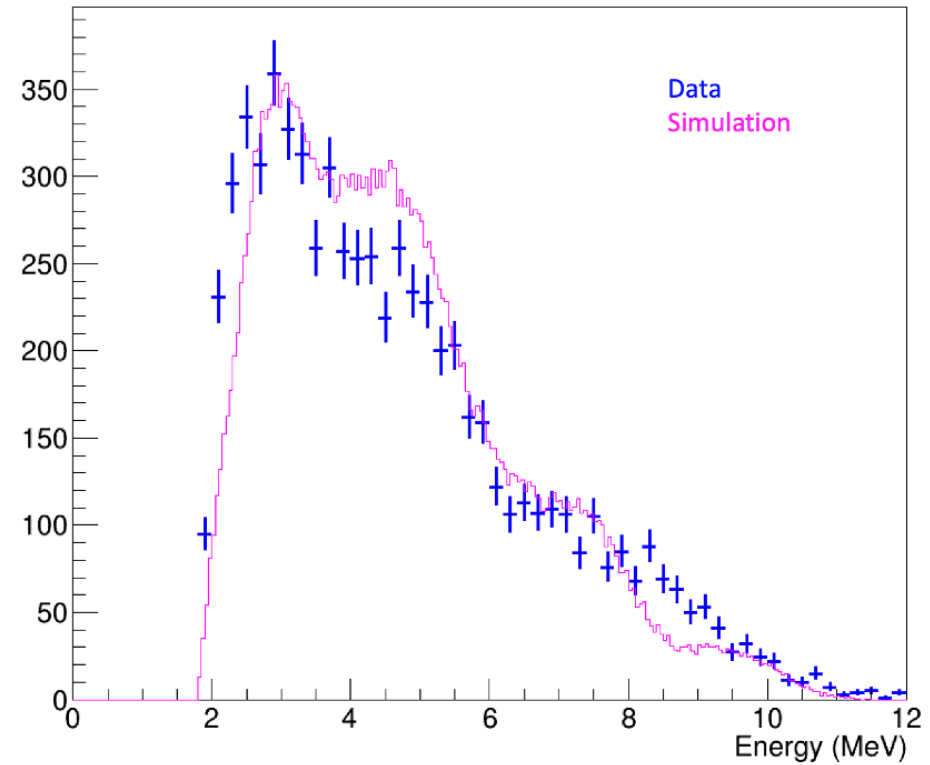




# Work in progress – Neutron spectra measurements of AmBe in a low scatter LLNL facility



Dual Detector Neutron Energy



**Simulation improvements to include source capsule construction and room details.**

**Doubling the number of detectors to quadruple efficiency.**

# Work in progress – Delayed critical $\alpha_{DC} = -\beta/\ell = 1/\Lambda - 1/\ell$

**Table I. Comparison of calculated and measured values for selected kinetics parameters in critical systems. Calculated results were generated using track-length estimators in the MC21 Monte Carlo code.**

Core	Calculated				Measured		C/E	
	$k_{eff}$ (95% CI)	$\beta_{eff}$ [pcm] (1 $\sigma$ )	$\Lambda_{eff}$ [ $\mu$ s] (1 $\sigma$ )	$-\alpha$ [ $\times 10^4$ /sec] (1 $\sigma$ )	$\beta_{eff}$ [pcm] (1 $\sigma$ )	$-\alpha$ [ $\times 10^4$ /sec] (1 $\sigma$ )	$\beta_{eff}$	$\alpha$
Godiva	0.9999(2)	642(1)	0.00572(1)	112.6(4)	659(10)	111(2)	0.97	1.01
Jezebel	0.9998(2)	184(7)	0.002874(9)	64.4(3)	194(10)	64(1)	0.95	1.01
Jezebel-U233	0.9996(2)	293(1)	0.002736(9)	107.4(5)	290(10)	100(1)	1.01	1.07
Flattop-Pu	1.0001(2)	258(1)	0.01321(8)	19.9(1)	276(7)	21.4(5)	0.93	0.93
Flattop-U235	1.0029(2)	622(1)	0.01742(8)	36.1(2)	665(13)	38.2(2)	0.94	0.95
Flattop-U233	0.9994(2)	336(1)	0.01264(8)	27.1(2)	360(9)	26.7(5)	0.93	1.01
Big Ten	1.0046(2)	698(1)	0.0604(1)	11.60(6)	720(37)	11.7(1)	0.97	0.99
Zeus-1	0.9931(3)	730(3)	1.99(2)	0.40(2)	--	0.338(8)	--	1.18
Zeus-2	0.9970(3)	735(2)	1.04(1)	0.75(1)	--	0.61(6)	--	1.23
Zeus-3	1.0008(3)	732(2)	0.521(4)	1.45(5)	--	1.19(1)	--	1.22
Zeus-4	1.0071(3)	728(2)	0.222(2)	3.41(4)	--	2.62(2)	--	1.30
STACY-28	1.0013(1)	727(1)	56.20(7)	0.01294(2)	--	0.0131(4)	--	0.99
STACY-29	1.0014(2)	719(1)	59.5(1)	0.01210(3)	--	0.0123(4)	--	0.98
STACY-30	0.9970(2)	729(1)	58.5(1)	0.01248(4)	--	0.0127(3)	--	0.98
STACY-33	0.9994(2)	715(1)	62.7(1)	0.01142(3)	--	0.0117(4)	--	0.98
STACY-35	1.0016(1)	711(1)	65.01(6)	0.01093(2)	--	0.0110(6)	--	0.99
STACY-46	1.0017(2)	703(1)	67.1(1)	0.01047(3)	--	0.0106(4)	--	0.99
STACY-52	1.0005(1)	703(1)	68.85(6)	0.01023(1)	--	0.0104(4)	--	0.98
STACY-55	1.0007(1)	700(1)	70.29(6)	0.01000(1)	--	0.0102(3)	--	0.98
STACY-118	1.0042(1)	747(1)	43.72(5)	0.01711(3)	--	0.0169(3)	--	1.01
STACY-125	1.0044(2)	737(1)	48.82(9)	0.01513(4)	--	0.0153(3)	--	0.99
STACY-128	1.0028(1)	733(1)	51.00(6)	0.01438(2)	--	0.0145(3)	--	0.99

**... and many more (FCA, TCA, SHE)**

# Work in progress – Pulse Neutron Die-Away ( $-\alpha$ ) in Moderators w/w/o Absorbers

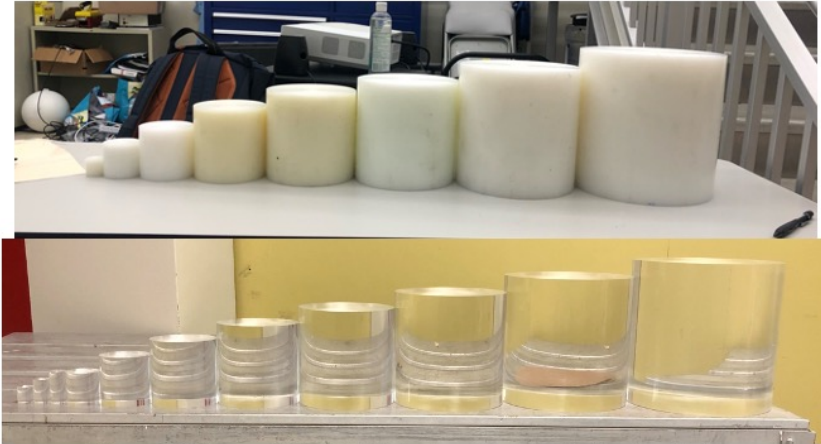


Figure 2.5: Some of the HDPE (top) and Lucite (bottom) cylinders.

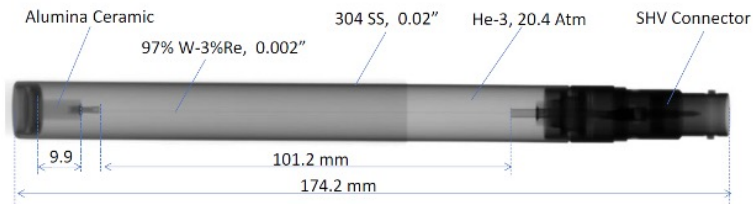


Figure 2.10: Computed tomography scans of the He-3 detectors that will be used to produce high-fidelity models for the final benchmark. Dimensions are in millimeters.

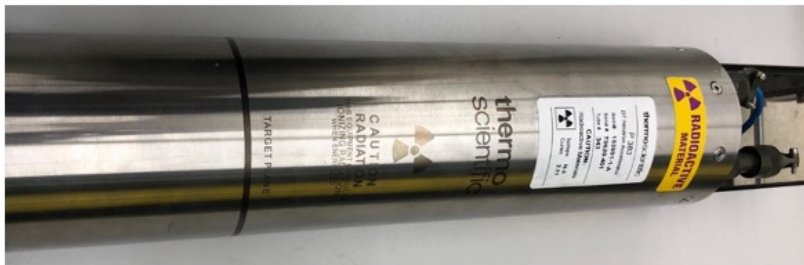


Figure 2.7: The Thermo Scientific P 383 neutron generator.

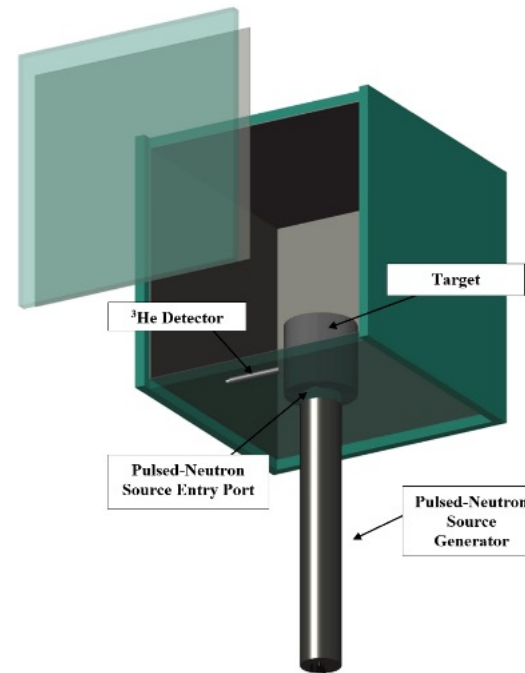


Figure 2.1: AutoCAD® rendering of the PNDA testbed (bottom view).

Subject of a later presentation by Dr. Daniel Siefman.





# Questions? Comments?



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