

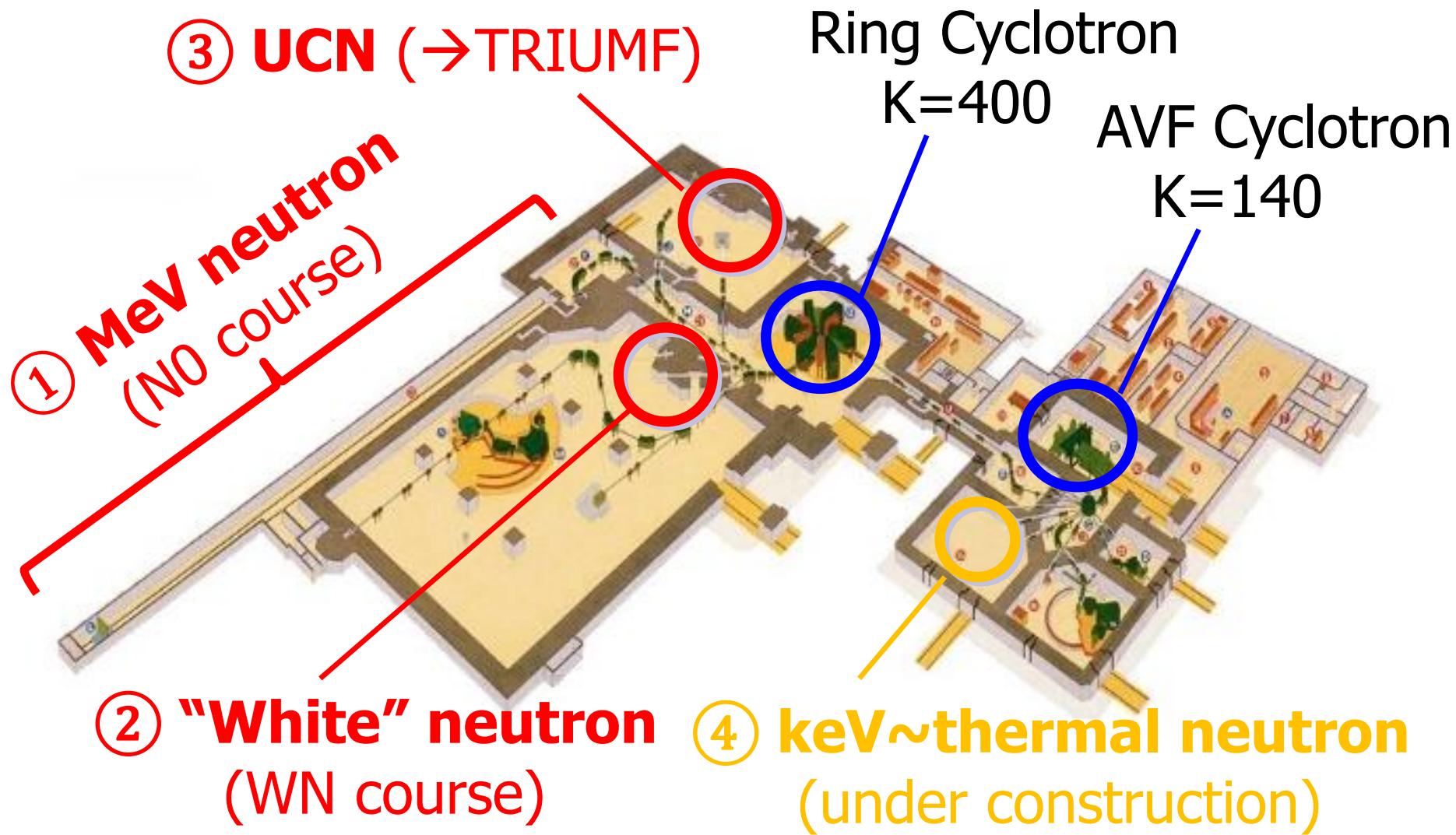
High energy mono- energetic and white neutron sources in RCNP

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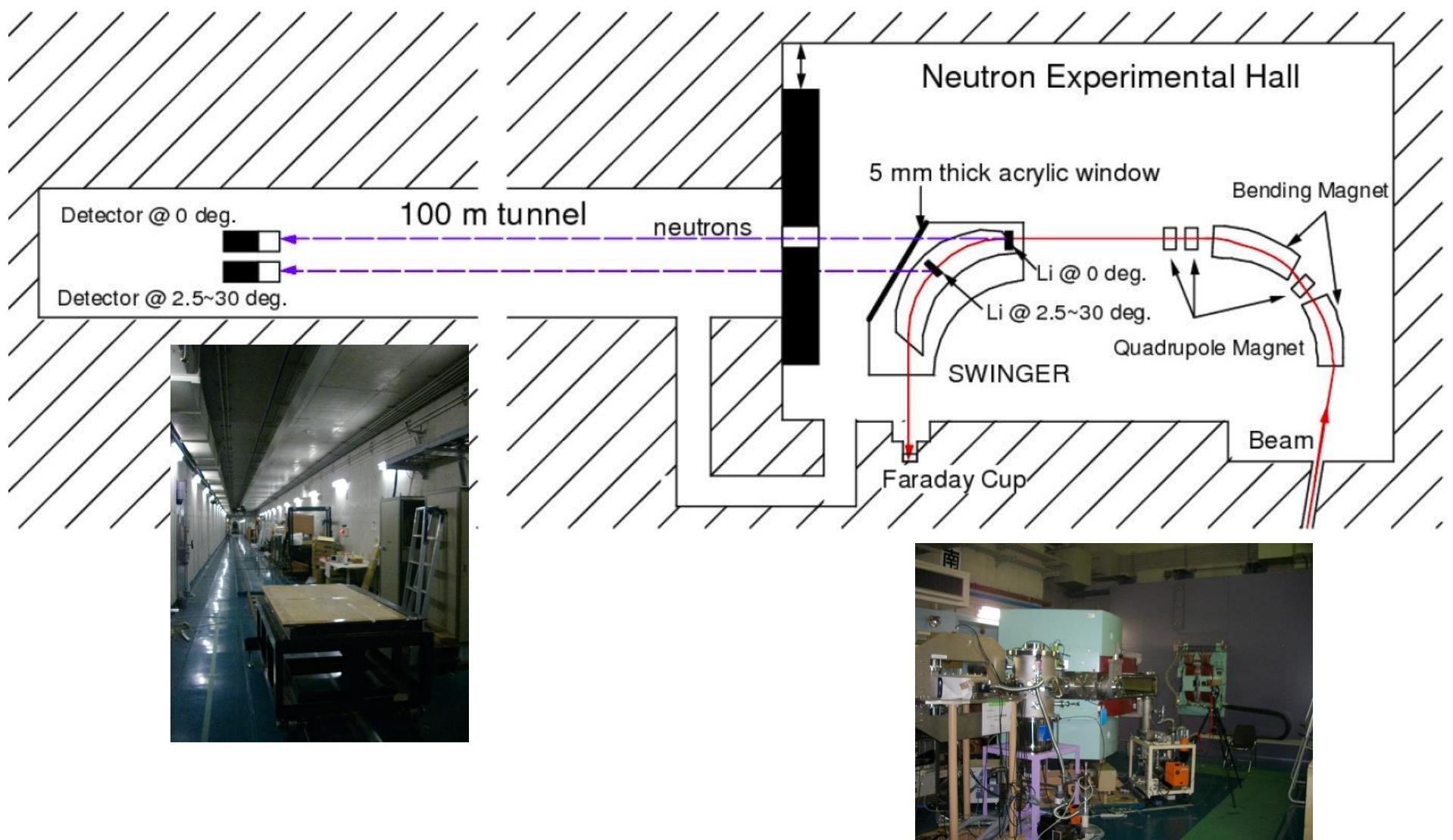
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RCNP Cyclotron Facility



MeV neutron source (N0 course, since 1996)



Specifications

Primary beam: proton, 5~392 MeV

Beam current: $1\mu\text{A}$ (typical)

Pulse width: <100ps (FWHM)

Repetition rate: 16MHz (freq. division down to $\sim 1\text{MHz}$)

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

Neutron intensity: $\sim 2 \times 10^9 \text{ n/MeV/sr}/\mu\text{C}$ (peak component)

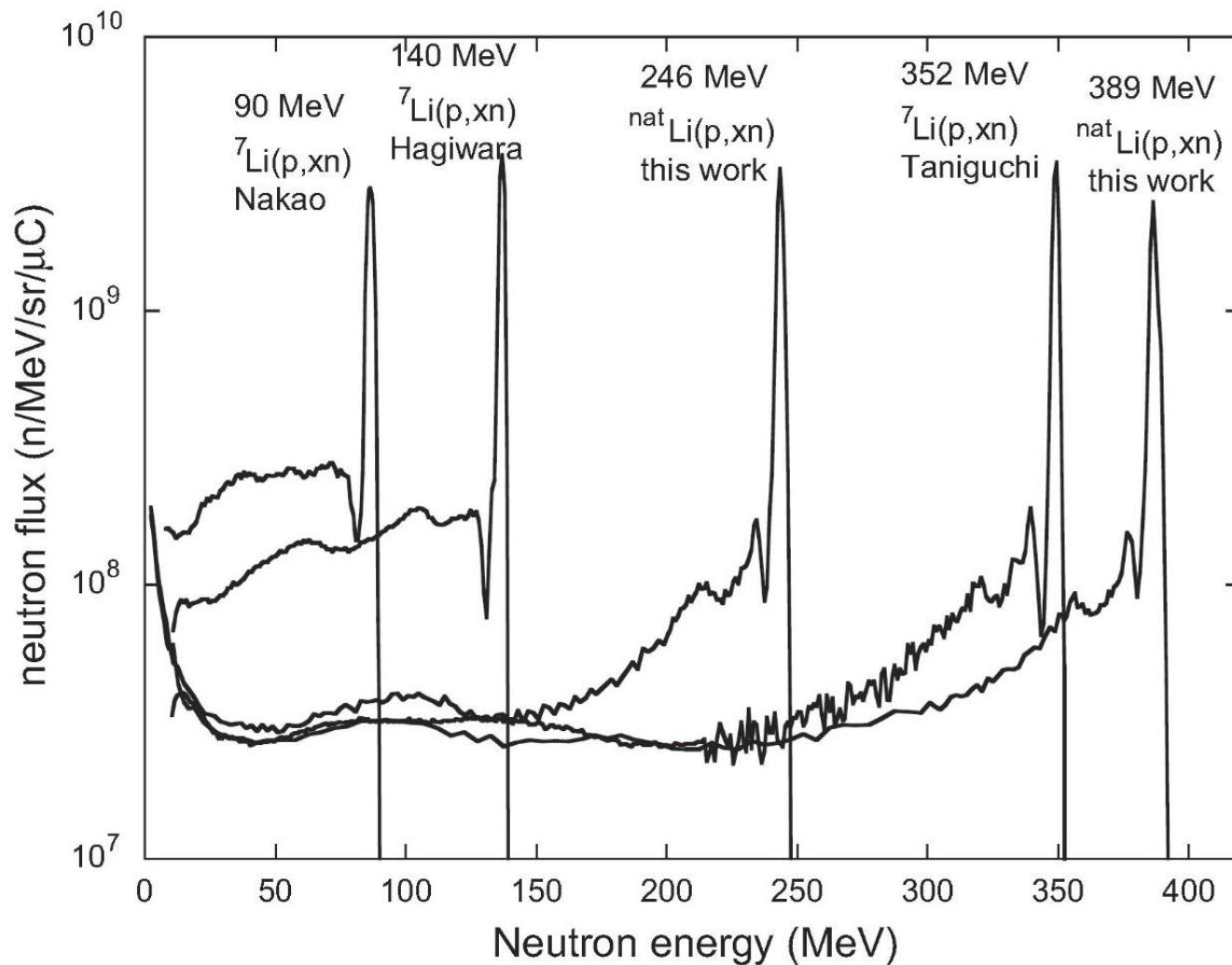
$\sim 10^{11} \text{ n}/\mu\text{C}$ (integrated)

FWHM: 660keV@198MeV, 2.1MeV@389MeV

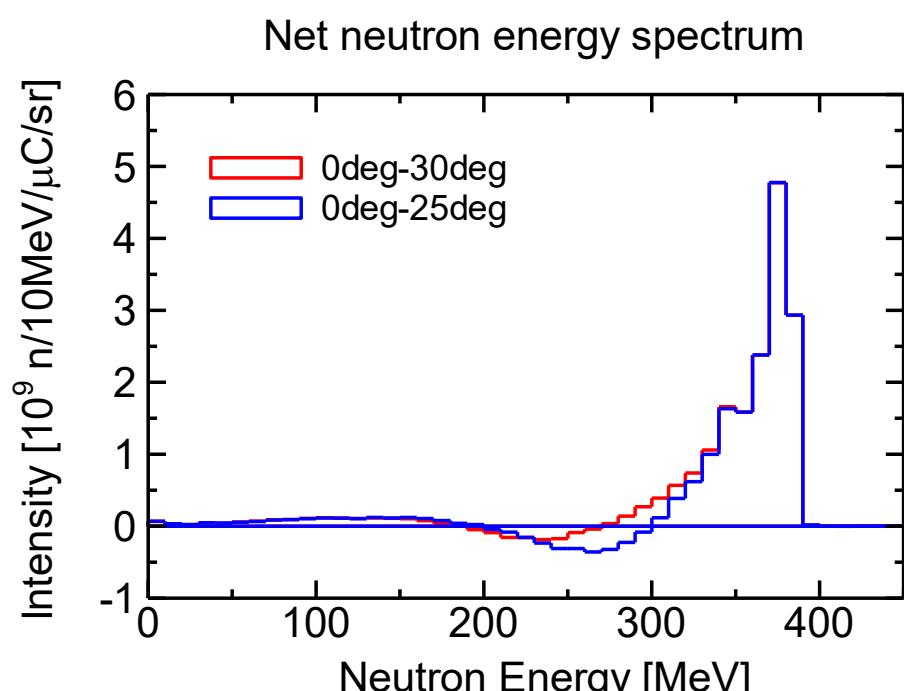
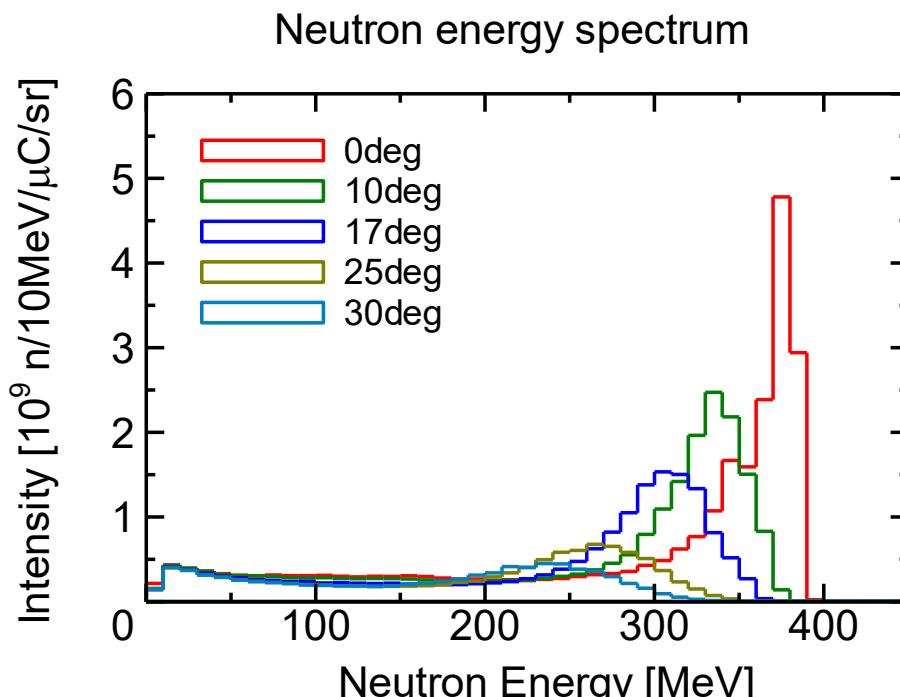
(consistent with ΔE in target and $\sigma_t = 0.7\text{ns}$ (FWHM))

Energy distribution

Y. Iwamoto et al.,
NIMA629, 43-49 (2011)

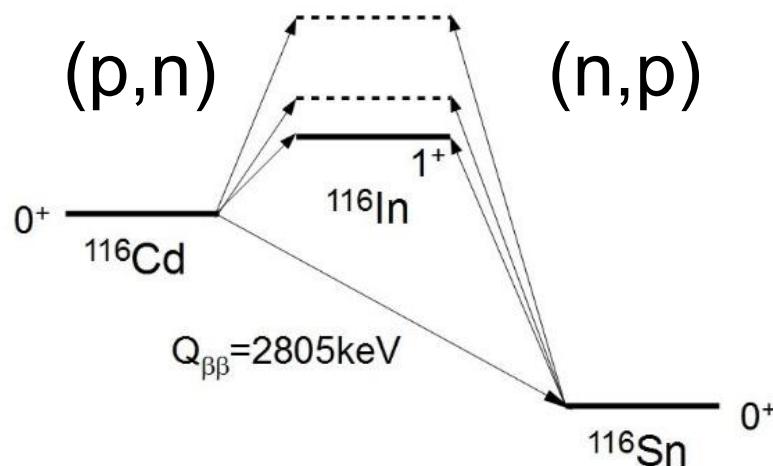


Angular dependence; subtraction of continuum

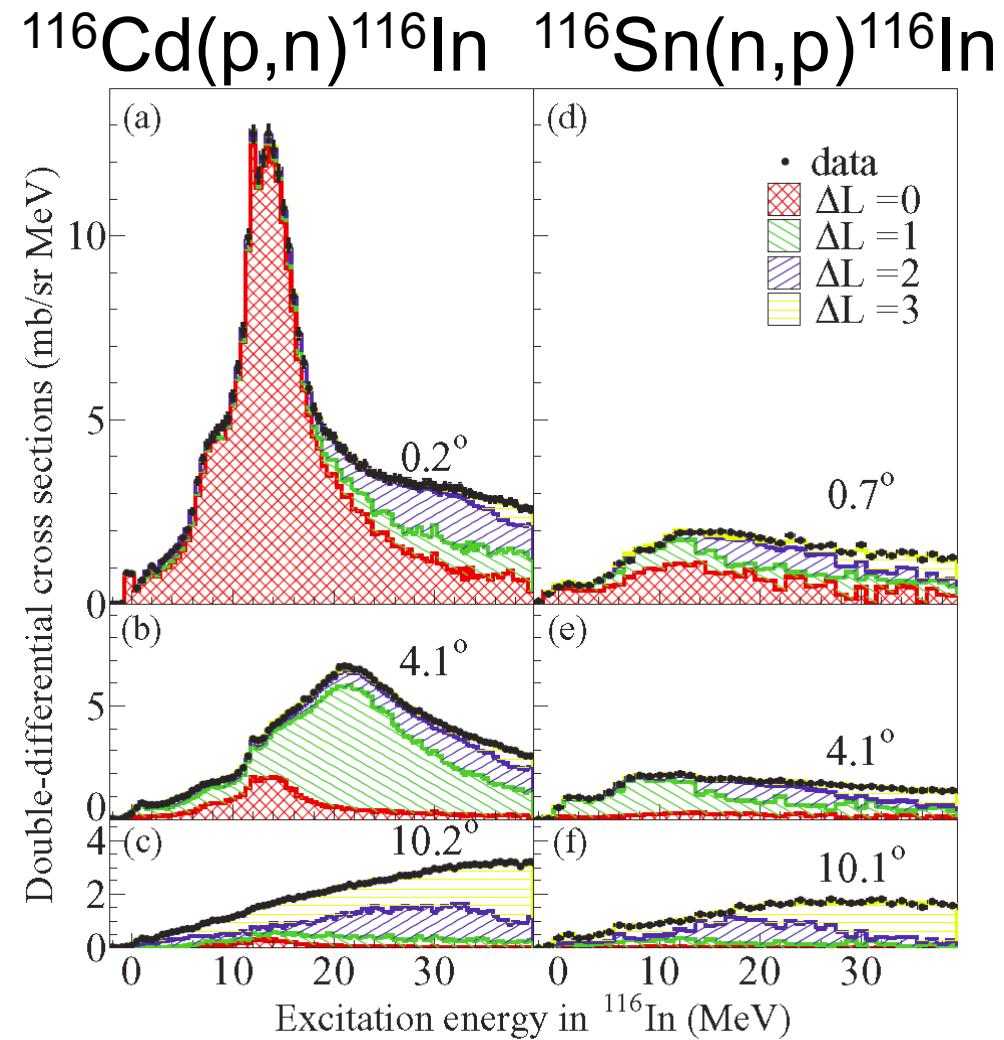


Evaporation neutrons
→ Common for different angles

Gamow-Teller strength in ^{116}Cd $\beta\beta$



M. Sasano et al.,
Phys. Rev. C85, 061301(R) (2012)



Neutron Polarimeter NPOL3



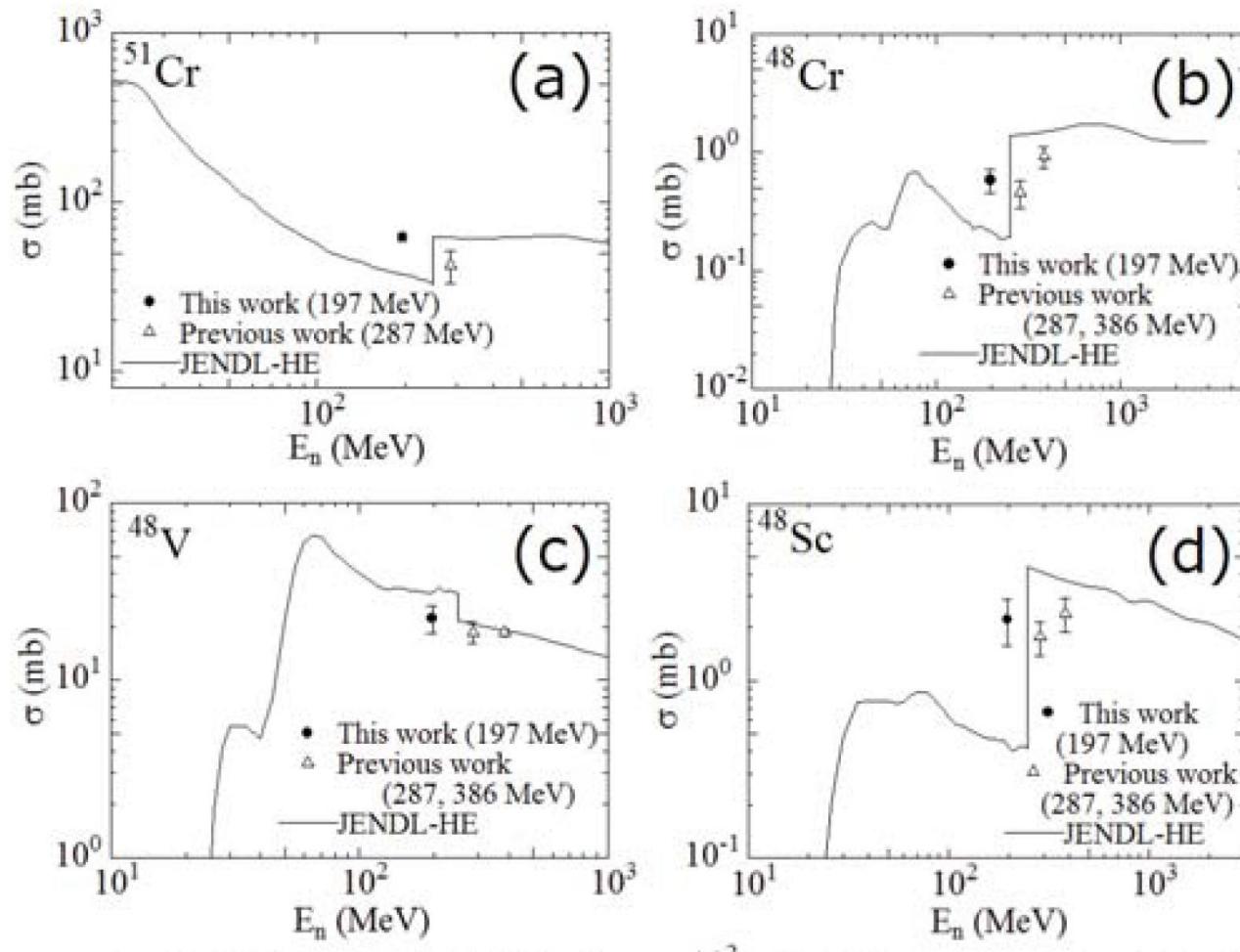
$\square = 1\text{m} \times 1\text{m}$

$Ay(\text{eff.}) =$
0.37-0.43 (n,n)
0.13-0.15 (n,p)

H. Sakai et al., NIMA369, 120 (1996).

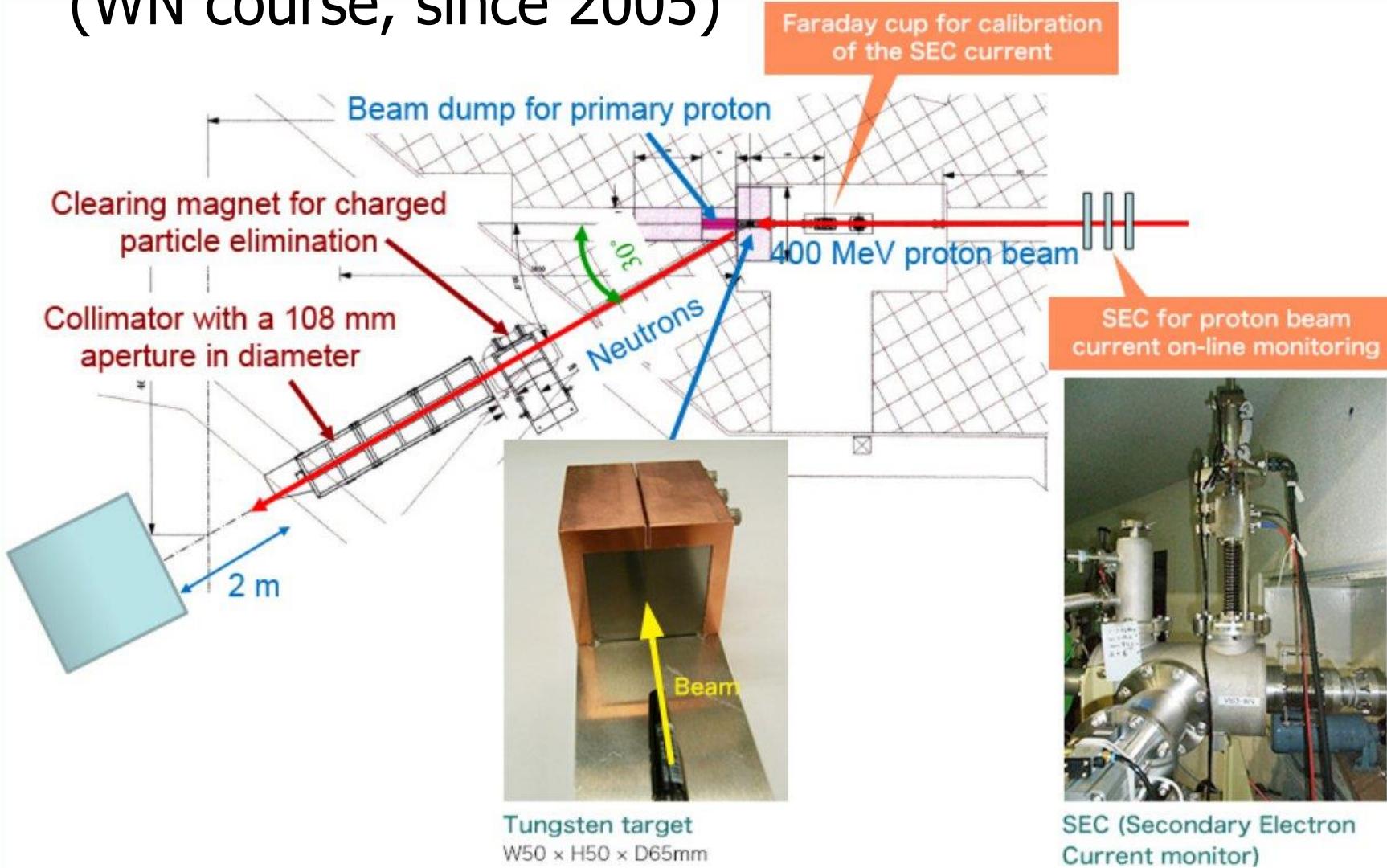
T. Wakasa et al., NIMA547, 569 (2005).

Neutron-induced reaction cross sections on Chromium at 197MeV

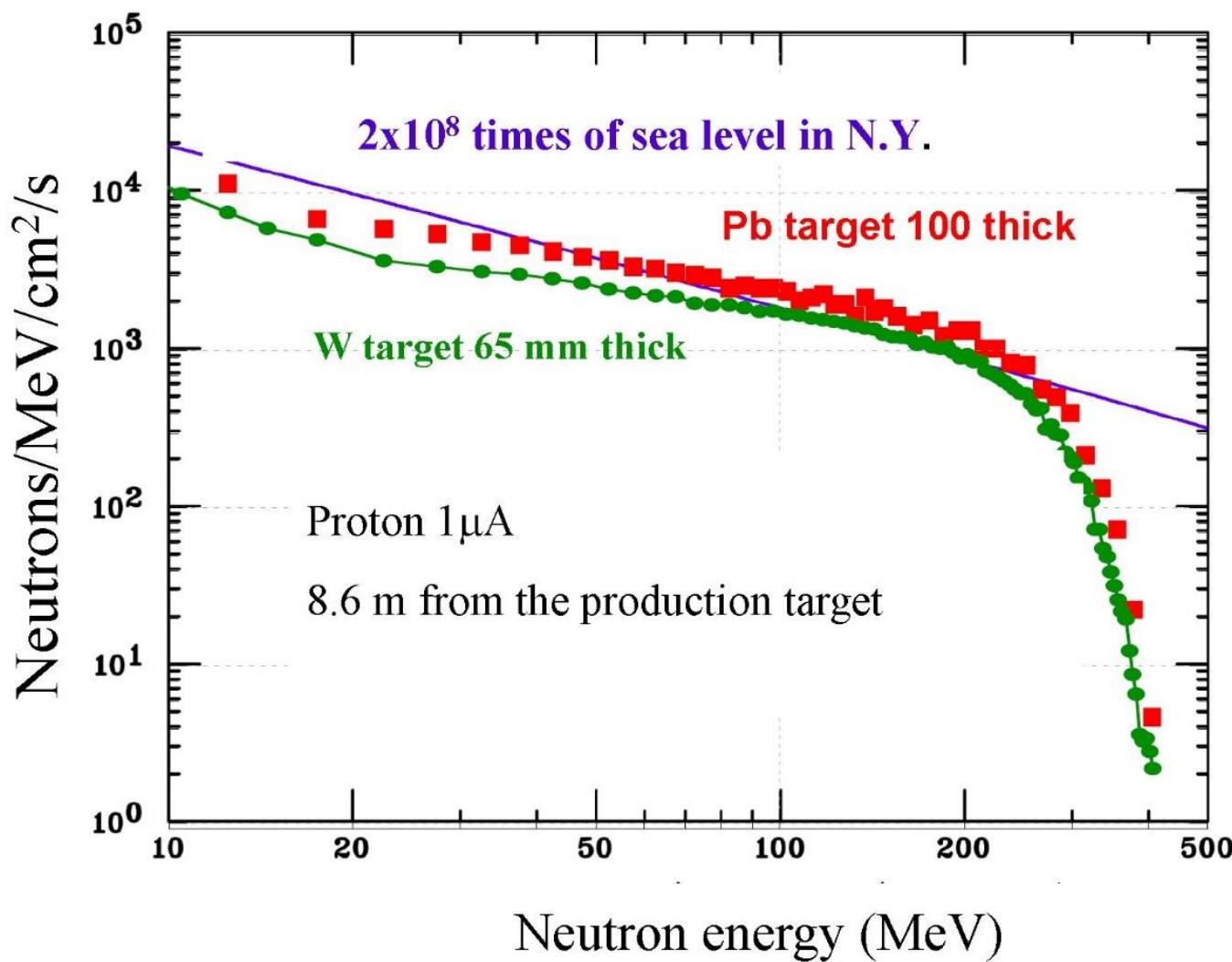


“White” neutron source

(WN course, since 2005)



Energy spectrum of spallation neutrons



Summary

RCNP provides a variety of high-quality neutron beams;

- quasi-mono-E neutrons with $E_n \leq 390\text{MeV}$, $L_{\text{TOF}} \leq 100\text{m}$
- white neutrons with $E_n \leq 390\text{MeV}$
- epithermal $\sim \text{keV}$ neutrons (under construction)

which are used for experimental researches on

- nuclear physics
- nuclear data at $E \geq \sim 100\text{MeV}$
- tests of detectors and shieldings for high-E neutrons
- irradiation test for semi-conductor devices (white)
- BNCT (epithermal)
 - To use the beams, proposal submission to the PAC (twice/year) is needed.
 - Discussion for upgrading to $\sim 1\text{GeV}$ is ongoing.