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# Introduction to the TALYS nuclear model code

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# Introduction

- TALYS
  - History
  - What it is used for
  - Worldwide use
  - What it can do
- Some nuclear models (very global)
- TALYS sample cases
- TALYS in a larger picture (applications)
- Conclusions
- CONCLUSIONS

# What is TALYS?

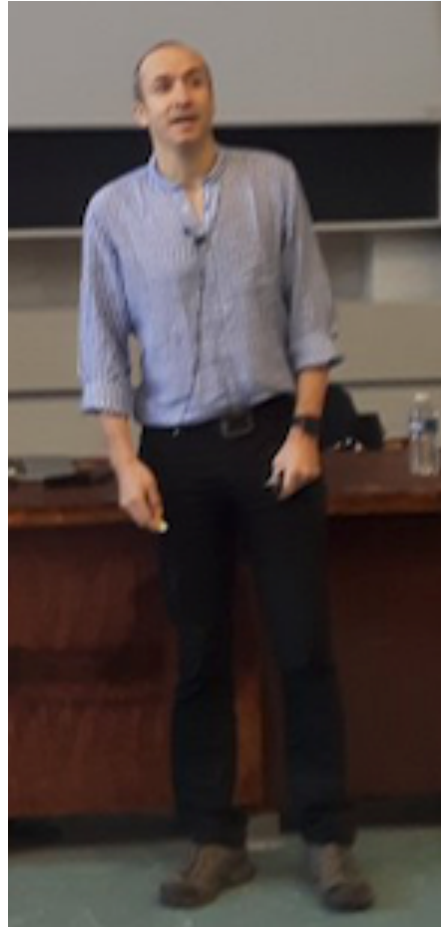
- Computer program to simulate nuclear reactions:
  - Open source, MIT license
  - Development sponsored by national and EU funding, and by private effort
  - Main development sites in Petten, Bruyères-le-Châtel, Brussels and Vienna



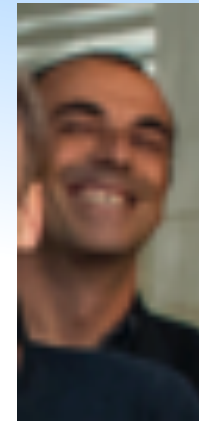
# Who made TALYS?



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Current: IAEA, Vienna



Stephane Goriely  
Current: Univ. Libre Brussels



Stephane Hilaire  
Current: CEA-DAM,  
Bruyères-le-Châtel



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Current: [acupuncturemarieke.nl](http://acupuncturemarieke.nl)

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# TALYS

- Used for fundamental nuclear physics research
- Used to produce nuclear data for applications
- Projectiles: neutron, photon, proton, deuteron, triton, Helium-3, alpha particle
  - Also works for an excited nucleus as initial condition
- Targets:  $Z= 3-124$ ,  $A=5-339$ 
  - Reliability:  $Z > 9$ ,  $A > 20$
  - Also a natural element can be specified
- Incident energy: 1 meV - 1 GeV
  - Reliability: few keV - 200 MeV



# TALYS: modeling of nuclear reactions

This is now the basic reference  
for TALYS

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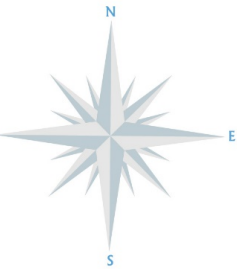
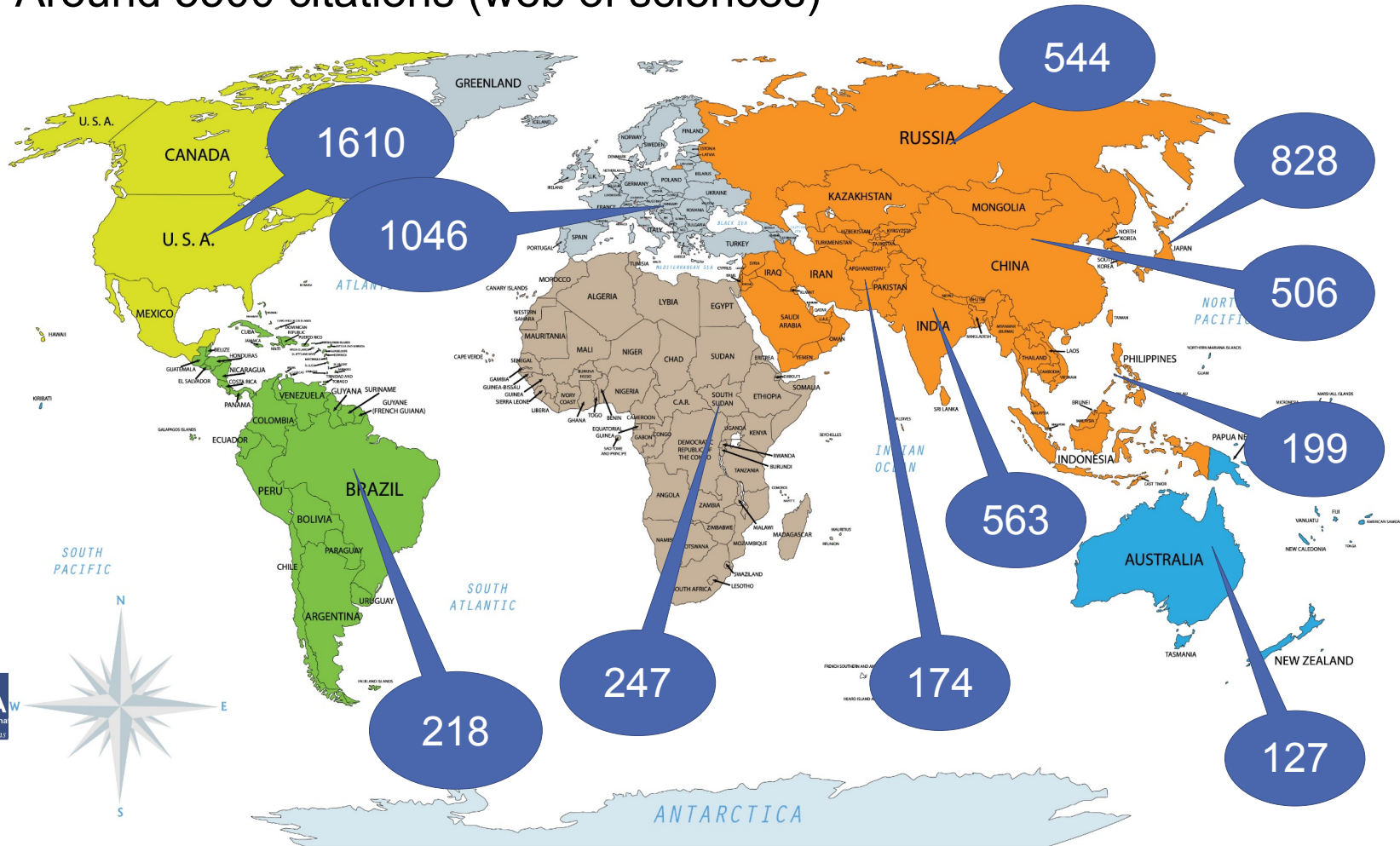
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**Abstract** TALYS is a software package for the simulation of nuclear reactions below 200 MeV. It is used worldwide for the analysis and prediction of nuclear reactions and is based on state-of-art nuclear structure and nuclear reaction models. A general overview of the implemented physics and capabilities of TALYS is given. The general nuclear reaction mechanisms described are the optical model, direct reactions, compound nucleus model, pre-equilibrium reactions and fission. The most important nuclear structure models are those for masses, discrete levels, level densities, photon strength functions and fission barriers. A wide variety of nuclear reactions simulated with TALYS will be demonstrated, ranging from low-energy neutron cross sections, astrophysics, high-energy charged particle reactions and other reactions. TALYS is a nuclear reaction software which aims to give a complete description of nuclear reaction observables, and to be an important link between fundamental nuclear physics and applications.

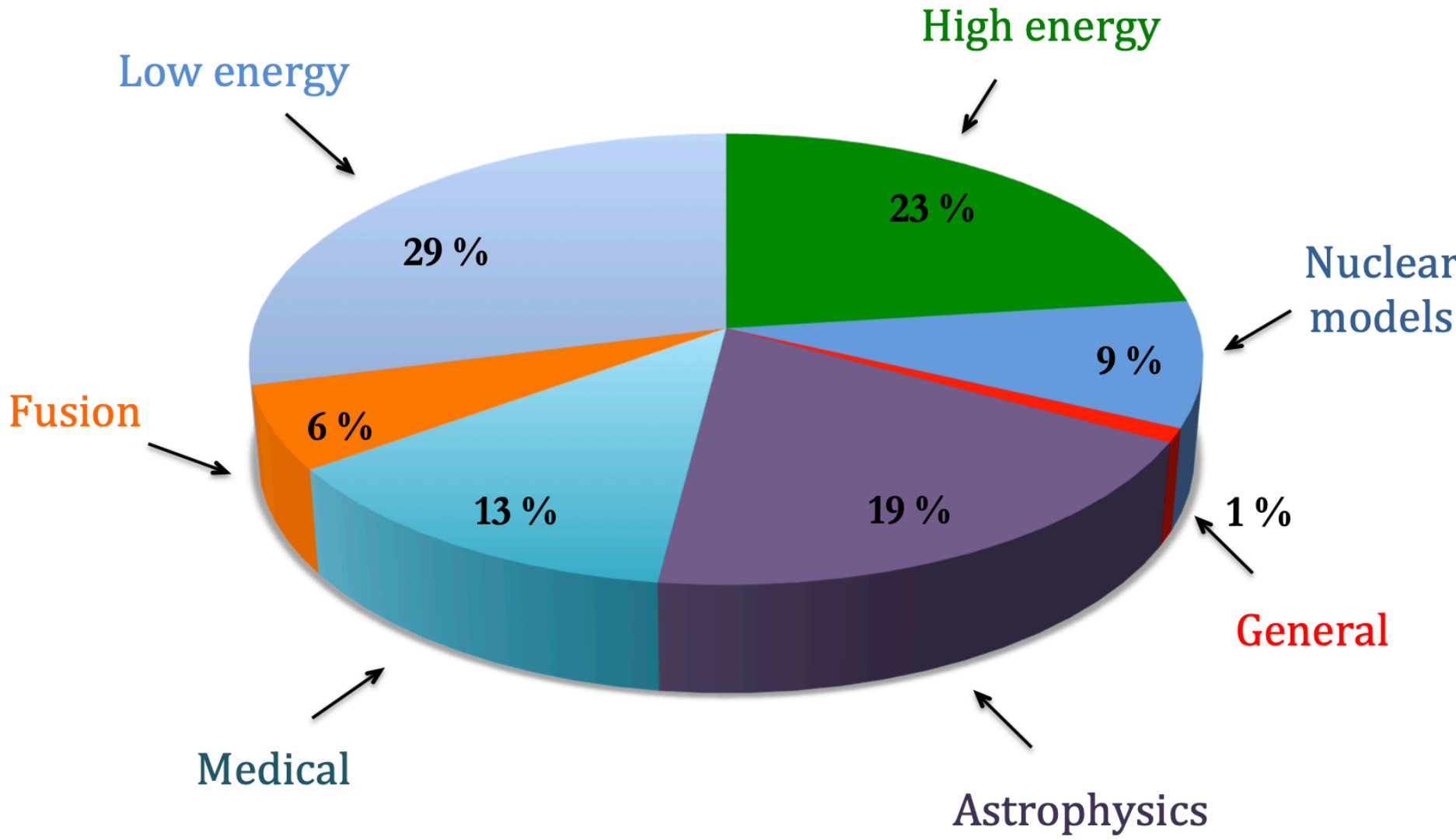
2.3.4	Residual production cross sections . . . . .
2.3.5	Gamma-ray production cross sections . . . . .
2.3.6	Fission cross sections . . . . .
2.4	Spectra and angular distributions . . . . .
2.4.1	Discrete angular distributions . . . . .
2.4.2	Exclusive spectra . . . . .
2.4.3	Binary spectra . . . . .
2.4.4	Total particle production spectra . . . . .
2.4.5	Double-differential cross sections . . . . .
2.4.6	Recoils . . . . .
3	Optical model . . . . .
3.1	Spherical OMP: neutrons and protons . . . . .
3.1.1	Dispersive OMP: neutrons . . . . .
3.1.2	Semi-microscopic JLMB OMP . . . . .
3.1.3	Extension to 1 GeV . . . . .
3.2	Deformed OMP: neutrons . . . . .
3.3	Spherical OMP: complex particles . . . . .
3.3.1	Deuterons . . . . .
3.3.2	Tritons . . . . .

# TALYS around the World (status 2022)

- Around 5500 citations (web of sciences)



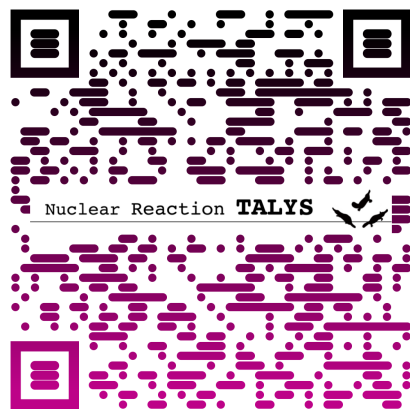




# Download TALYS



- Go to [https://tendl.web.psi.ch/tendl\\_2021/talys.html](https://tendl.web.psi.ch/tendl_2021/talys.html)



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**Download the TALYS package**

1. TALYS-1.96 (1.22 Gb)
2. TALYS-1.95 (1.10 Gb)
3. TALYS-1.9 (858 Mb)
4. TALYS-1.8 (882 Mb)
5. TALYS-1.6 (630 Mb)
6. TALYS-1.4 (404 Mb)
7. TALYS-1.2 (403 Mb)
8. TALYS-1.0 (252 Mb)

TALYS versions by others:

Special version with GDH model

**TALYS-1.96: (release date: December 30, 2021)**

Last update: 30 december 2021

TALYS is an open source software package (GPL license) for the simulation of nuclear reactions. TALYS has been developed at

- NRG Petten, the Netherlands
- CEA-Bruyeres-le-Chatel, France
- University of Brussels, Belgium
- International Atomic Energy Agency, Vienna

**Under linux, use the command 'tar xvf talys.tar' to unzip and untar the TALYS package.**

The total TALYS package is in the talys/ directory and contains the following directories and files:

- README outlines the contents of the package and all installation details
- talys.setup is a script that takes care of the installation
- source/ contains the source code of TALYS
- structure/ contains the nuclear structure database
- doc/ contains the documentation
- samples/ contains input and output files of sample cases

Arjan Koning

# TALYS principles

## We insist:

- Flawless and trivial software installation
- Complete and readable manual
- **Reproducibility**: you get the same results as we show, good or bad
- A large and diverse validation set
- TALYS does not crash

## We aim:

- Physics as good as reasonably possible
- Adopting **your** innovations in our implementation: we are usually a few years behind the latest and greatest developments in nuclear physics

## This enables:

- Thousands of analyses of experiments
- TALYS Evaluated Nuclear Data Library (TENDL)
- Total Monte Carlo (TMC) uncertainty quantification
- ...and much more

# Output of TALYS I

- Cross sections:
  - Total, reaction, elastic (shape & compound), non-elastic
  - Inelastic, per discrete level and total, similar for (n,p) etc.
  - Total particle production
  - Residual production + isomeric
  - Exclusive channel + isomeric
  - Gamma-ray production: per discrete level transition and total
- Angular distributions:
  - Elastic (shape + compound)
  - Inelastic per discrete level, similar for (n,p) etc.
  - Rutherford ratio for charged-particle elastic scattering
- Spectra:
  - Total particle production
  - Pre-equilibrium, multi pre-equilibrium and compound, per reaction stage
  - Exclusive channel
  - Double-differential

# Output of TALYS II

- Fission observables:
  - Cross sections, total and by first, multi-chance stage
  - Fission fragment mass and isotopic yields (on input)
  - Fission product yields as function of charge, mass and isomer
  - Prompt fission neutron and gamma spectra
  - Neutron multiplicities, average ( $\bar{\nu}$ ), per fission fragment ( $\nu(A)$ ) and per neutron ( $P(\nu)$ )
- Miscellaneous:
  - Recoil spectra
  - Astrophysical reactions rates and Maxwellian-averaged cross sections (MACS)
  - Integral activation cross sections for standard neutron spectra
  - Statistical analysis of excitation functions
  - Data tables to prepare for ENDF formatting

# TALYS

Input

projectile n  
element Fe  
mass 56  
energy 14.0

~ 400 keywords

Physical parameters

## Nuclear Structure (RIPL-3)

- Masses
- Discrete levels
- Level densities
- Resonance parameters
- Photon strength functions
- Optical model parameters
- Fission barrier parameters

## Other

- Fission fragment distributions
- 'Best' nuclear model parameters optimised to experimental reaction data

- Phenomenological parameters
- Microscopic tables

Reaction models

## Optical model (ECIS)

- Local/global OMP
- Phenomenological
- Semi-microscopic (JLM)

## Direct reaction

- Spherical OMP
- DWBA
- Coupled-channels
  - Rotational
  - Vibrational
- Giant resonances

## Compound reactions

- Hauser-Feshbach
- Width fluctuations
- Blatt-Biedenharn ang. dis.
- Particle, photon and fission transmission coeff.

## Pre-equilibrium reactions

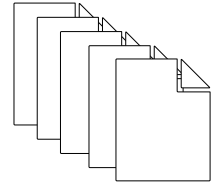
- Exciton model
- Particle hole level density
- Kalbach systematics
  - Angular distribution
  - Cluster emission
- $\gamma$ -ray emission

Multiple emission

## Multiple emission

- Hauser-Feshbach
- Multiple preeq. exciton
- Fission competition
- $\gamma$ -ray cascade
- Exclusive channels
- Recoils
- Fission fragment de-excitation

Output



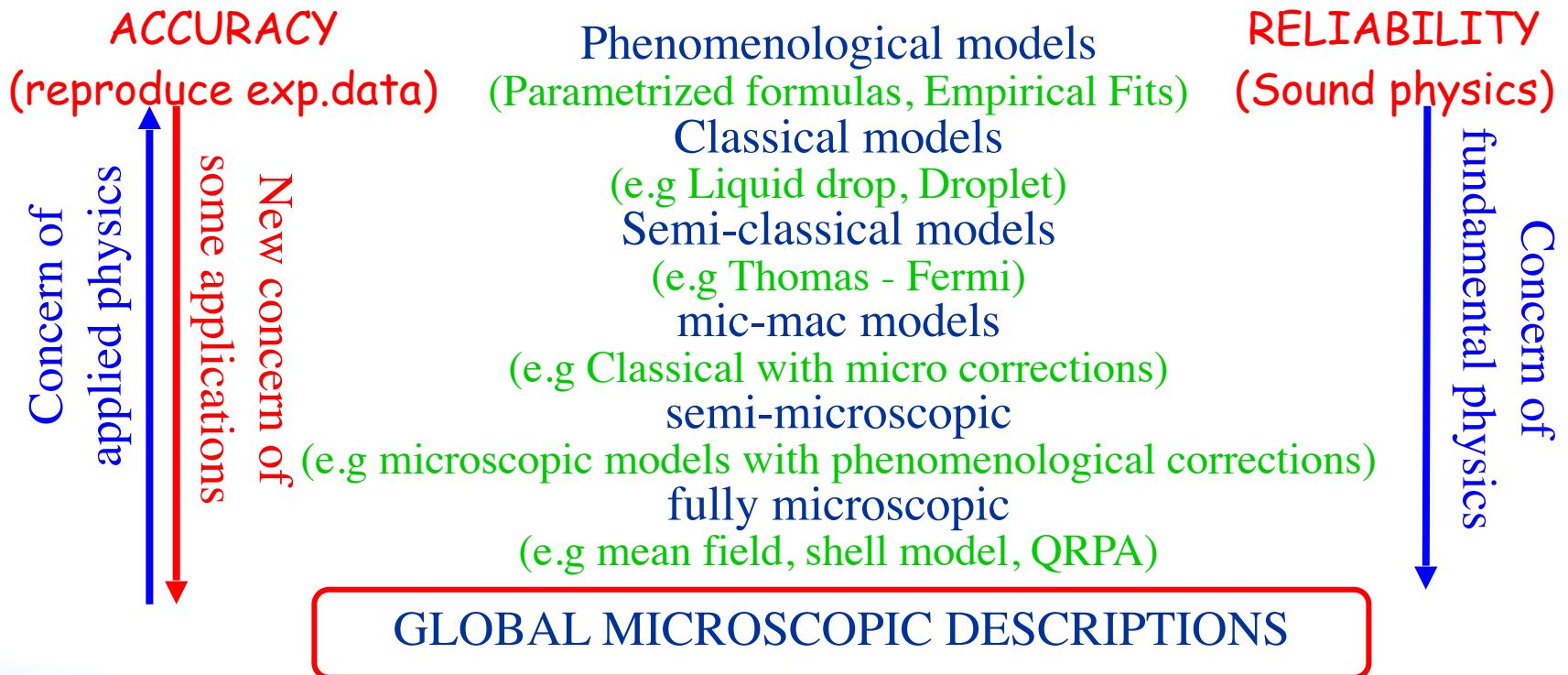
Output files per reaction channel

- Cross sections
  - Total
  - Exclusive: (n, $\gamma$ ), (n,f), (n,n'), (n,2n), (n,p) etc.
  - Per level
  - Residual production
  - Particle production
  - $\gamma$ -ray production
- Emission spectra
  - Single-differential
  - Double differential
  - Recoils
- Angular distributions
  - Elastic
  - Per level
- Particle multiplicities
- Fission yields, neutron observables
- Astrophysical reaction rates, MACS
- ...etc

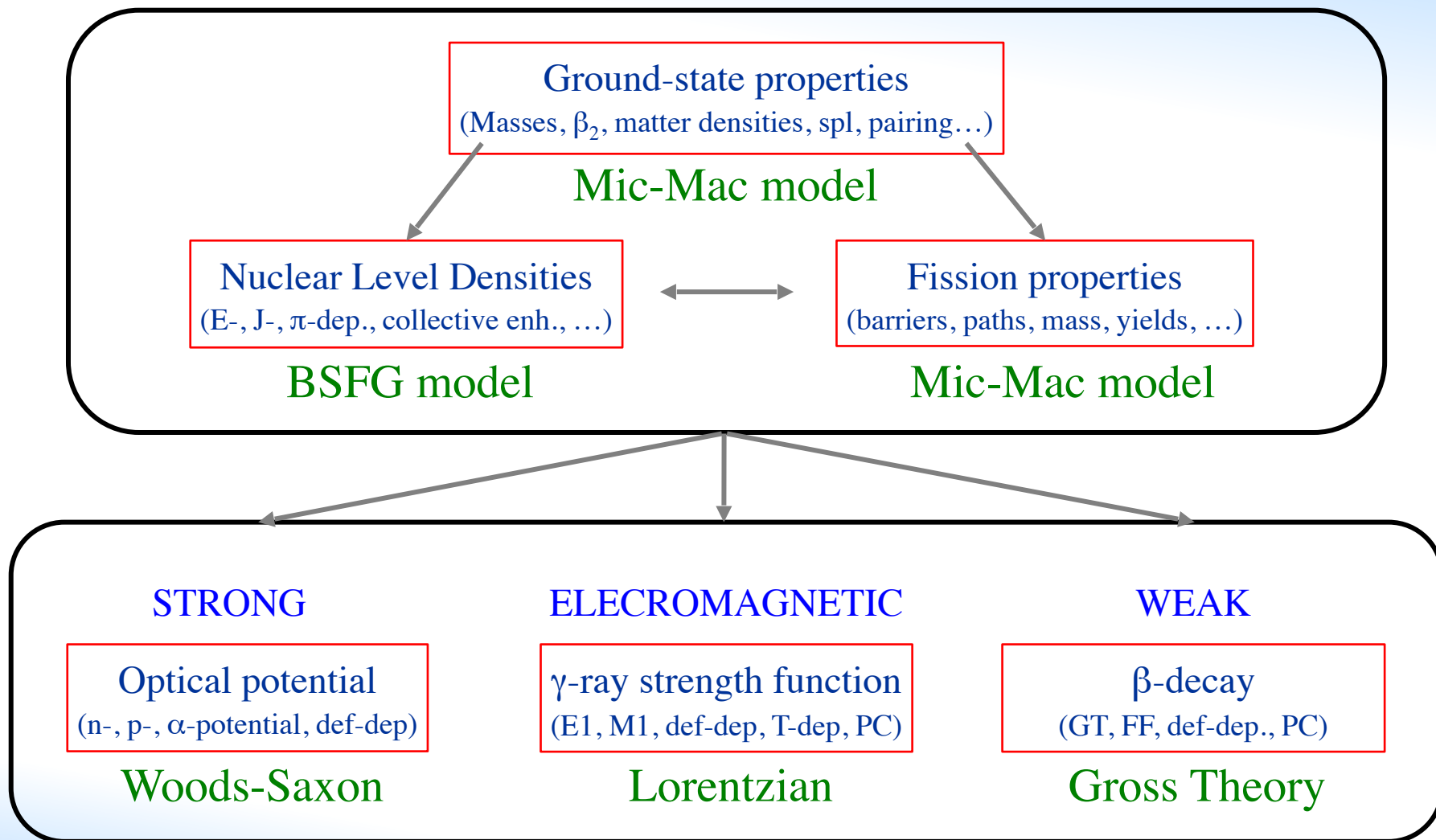
# Nuclear Applications

Different possible approaches depending on the nuclear applications

## PHENOMENOLOGICAL DESCRIPTIONS

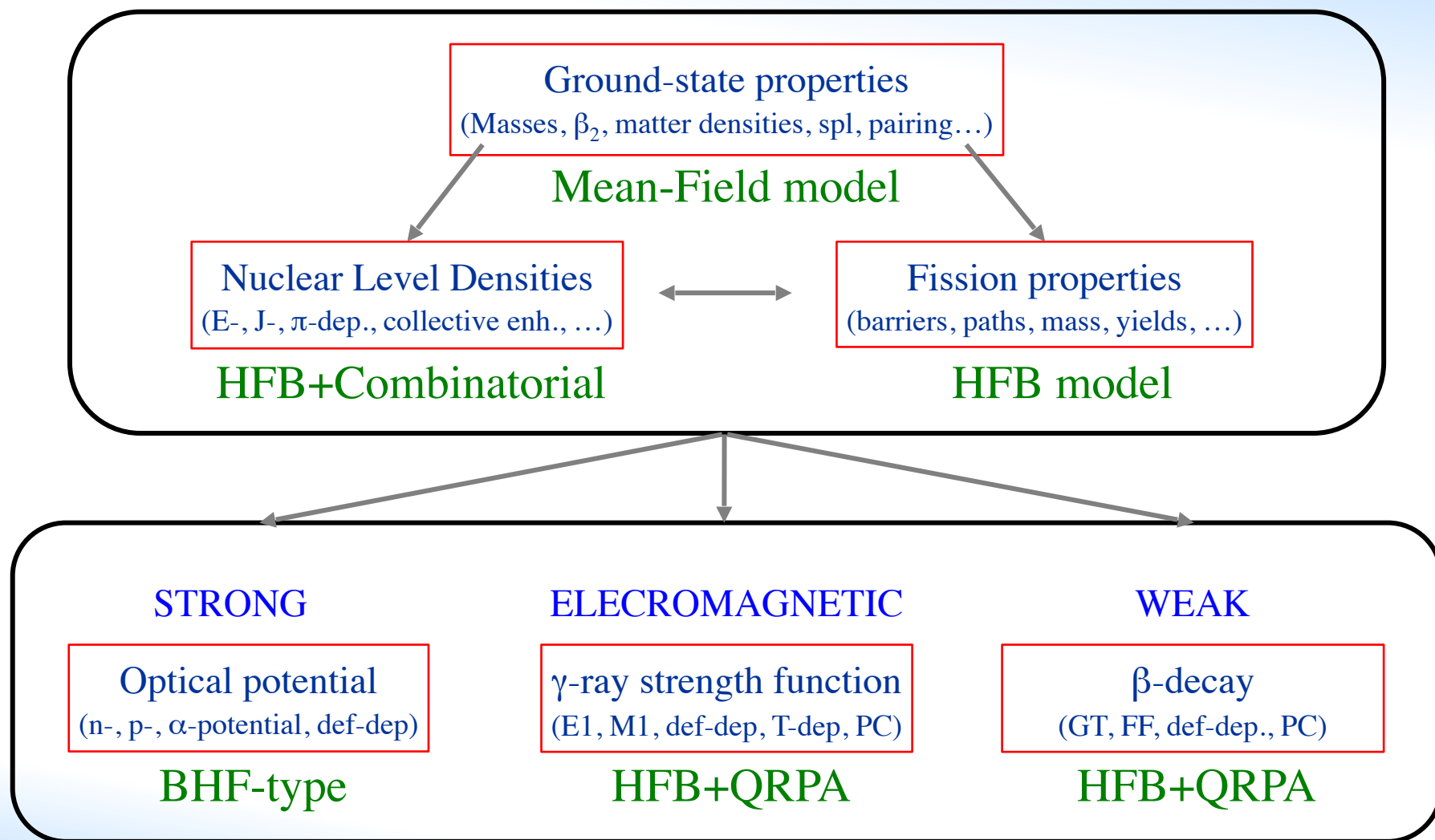


# “Macroscopic” Nuclear Inputs





# “Microscopic” Nuclear Inputs



# Nuclear models

Only few slides per model.

See Stephane Hilaire and Stephane Goriely for more details

# Optical model

The optical model potential (OMP) is crucial for nuclear reaction physics and applications.

- Assumption: Approximate interaction between incident particle and nucleus by a complex mean-field potential  $\mathcal{U}$ .
- Complex potential  $\mathcal{U}$  divides flux into (a) elastic channel, (b) all non-elastic channels
- Solve Schrödinger equation with  $\mathcal{U}$  to give a wealth of nuclear information.

# THE OPTICAL MODEL

Direct interaction of a projectile with a target nucleus considered as a whole  
Quantum model → Schrödinger equation

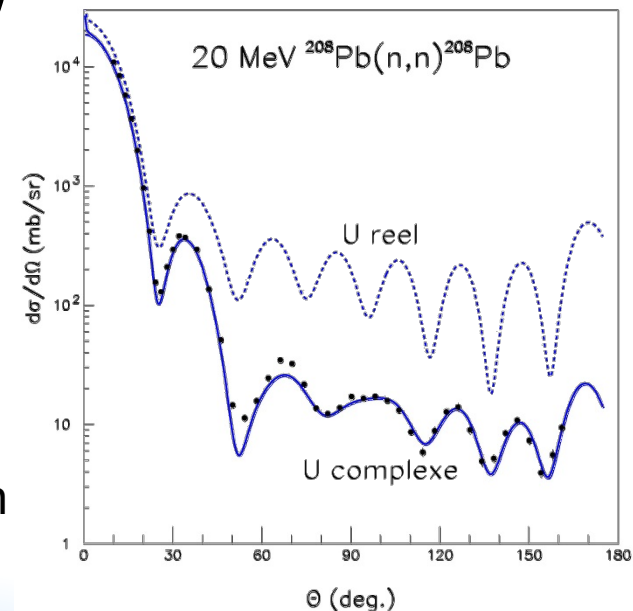
$$\left( -\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \nabla^2 + U - E \right) \Psi = 0$$

Complex potential:

$$U = V + iW$$

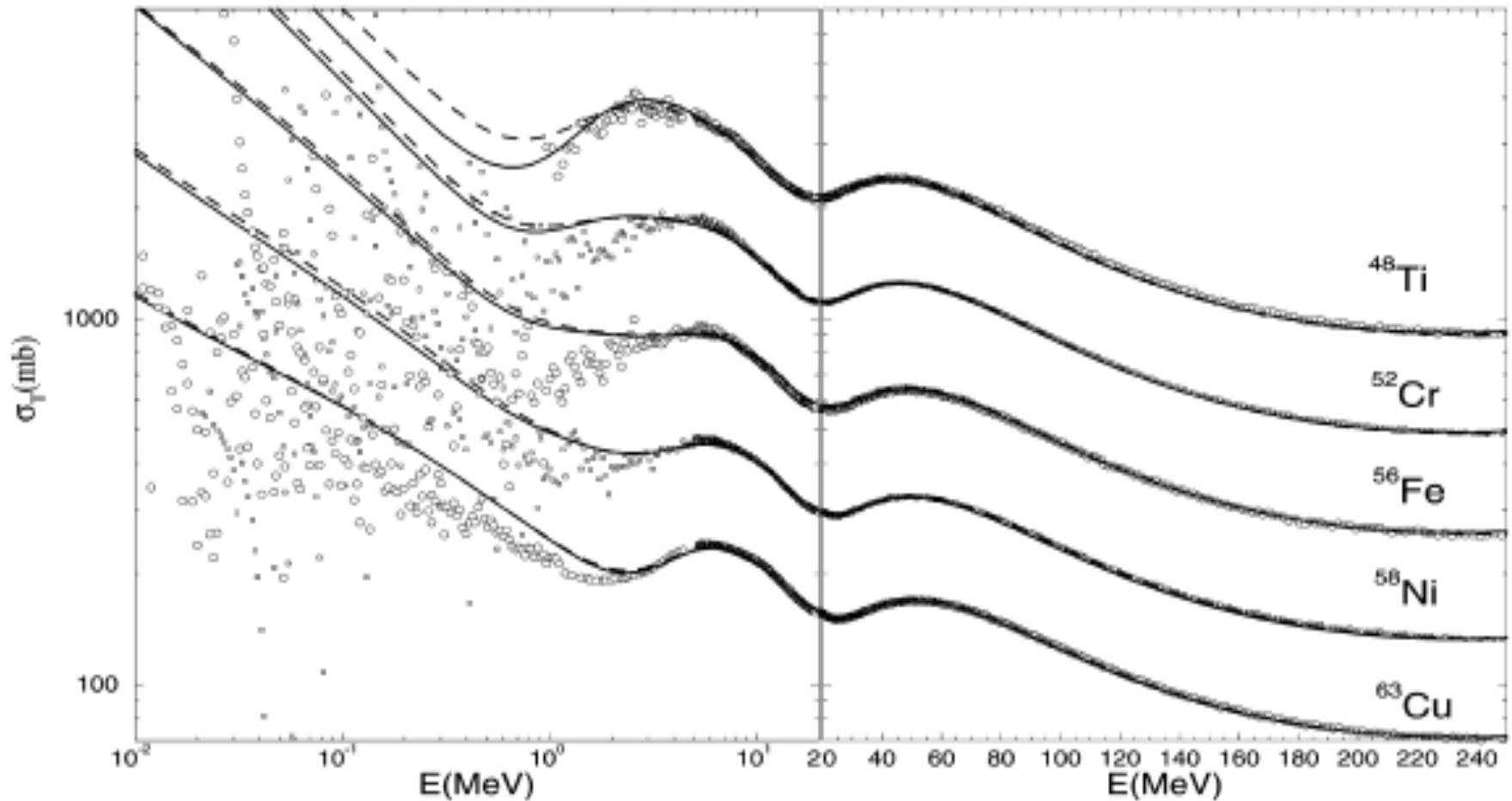
Refraction

Absorption



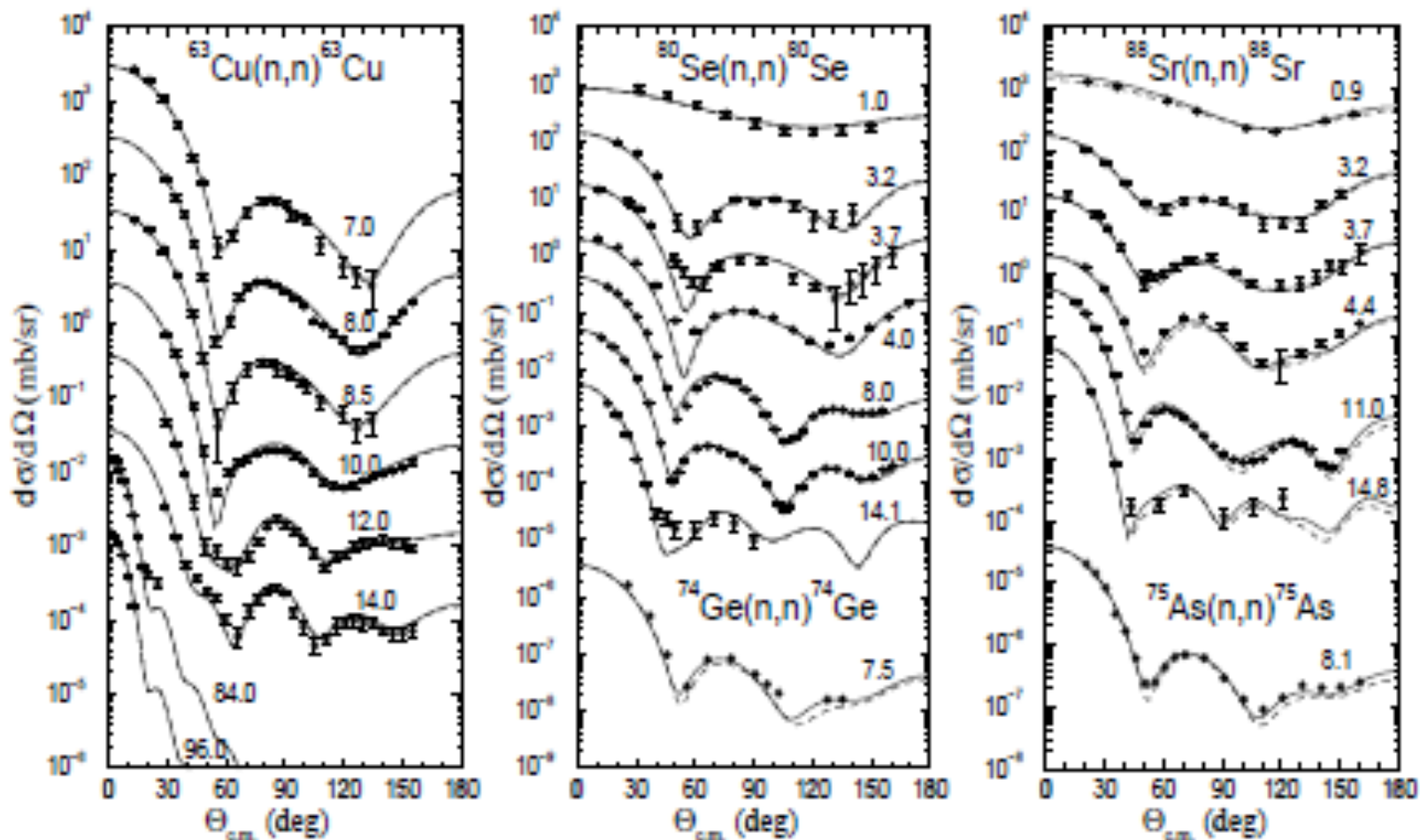
# Neutron total cross sections

- A.J. Koning and J.P. Delaroche, KD03 OMP, Nucl. Phys. A713 (2003) 231

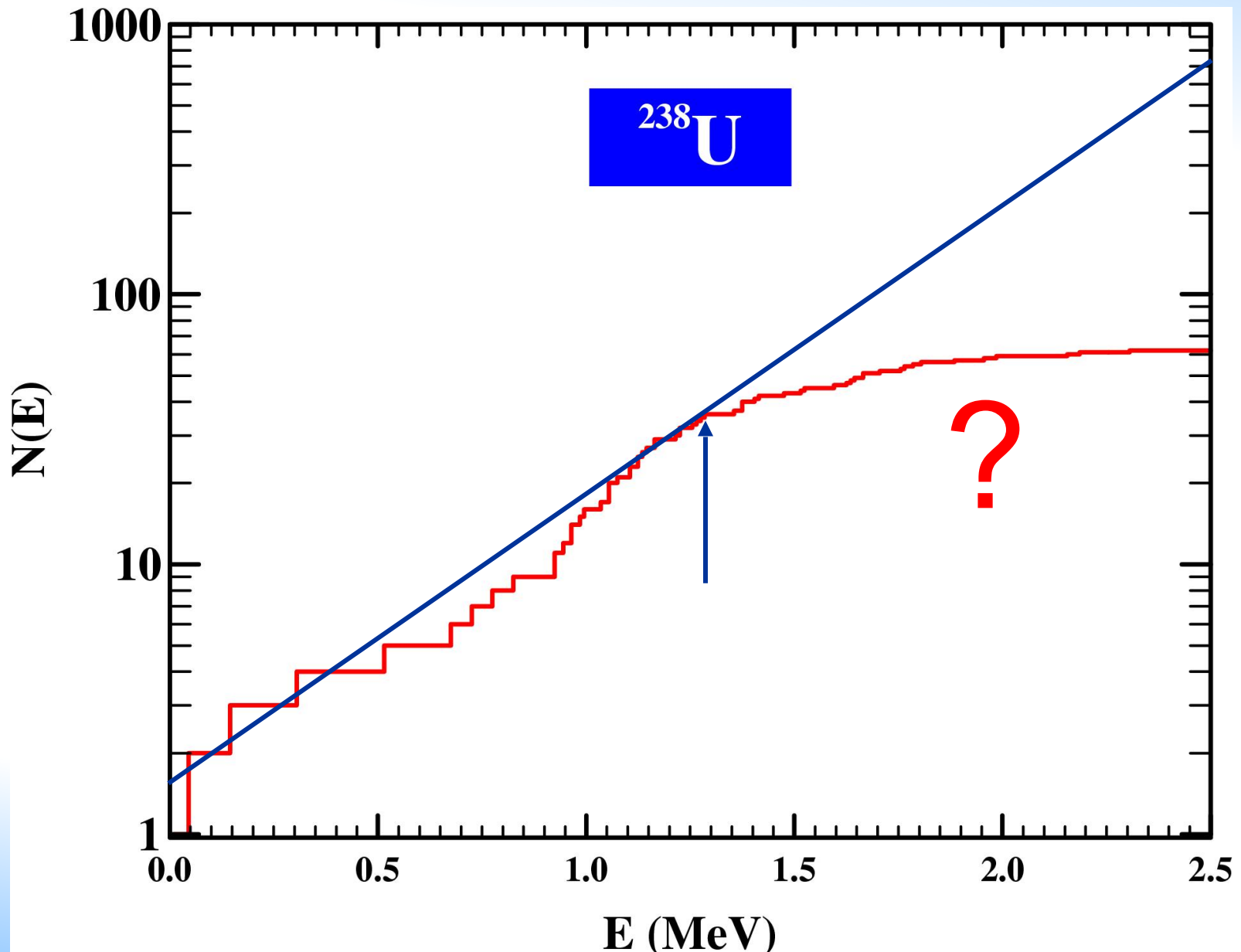


# Neutron elastic scattering angular distributions

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# Level density



# Level density definition

*Level density*  $\rho(E_x, J, \Pi)$ : number of nuclear levels per MeV around an excitation energy  $E_x$ , for spin  $J$  and parity  $\Pi$ .

*Total level density*  $\rho^{\text{tot}}(E_x)$ :

$$\rho^{\text{tot}}(E_x) = \sum_J \sum_{\Pi} \rho(E_x, J, \Pi). \quad (1)$$

Phenomenological level density:

$$\rho(E_x, J, \Pi) = P(E_x, J, \Pi) R(E_x, J) \rho^{\text{tot}}(E_x), \quad (2)$$

$P(E_x, J, \Pi)$ : the parity distribution,  $R(E_x, J)$ : spin distribution.

$$P(E_x, J, \Pi) = \frac{1}{2}, \quad (3)$$



# Fermi gas level density

Fermi gas level density:

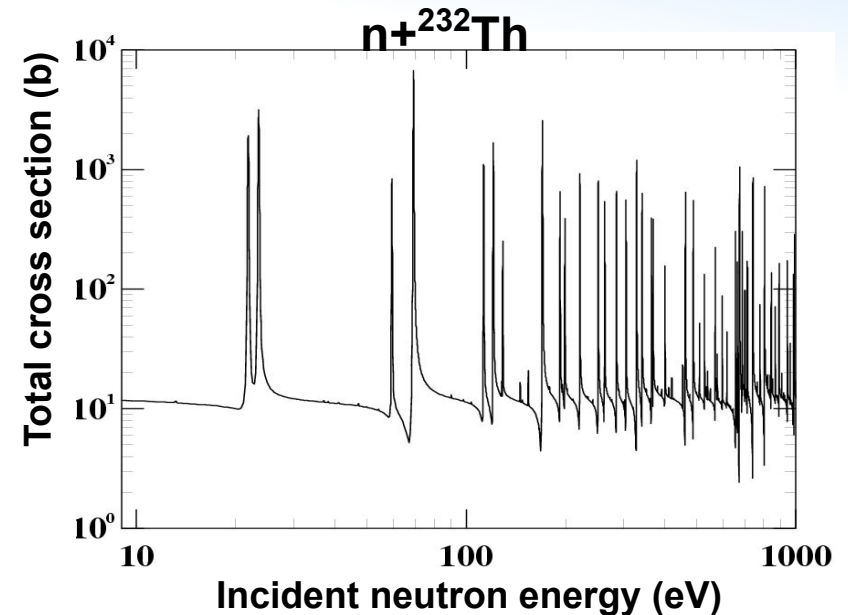
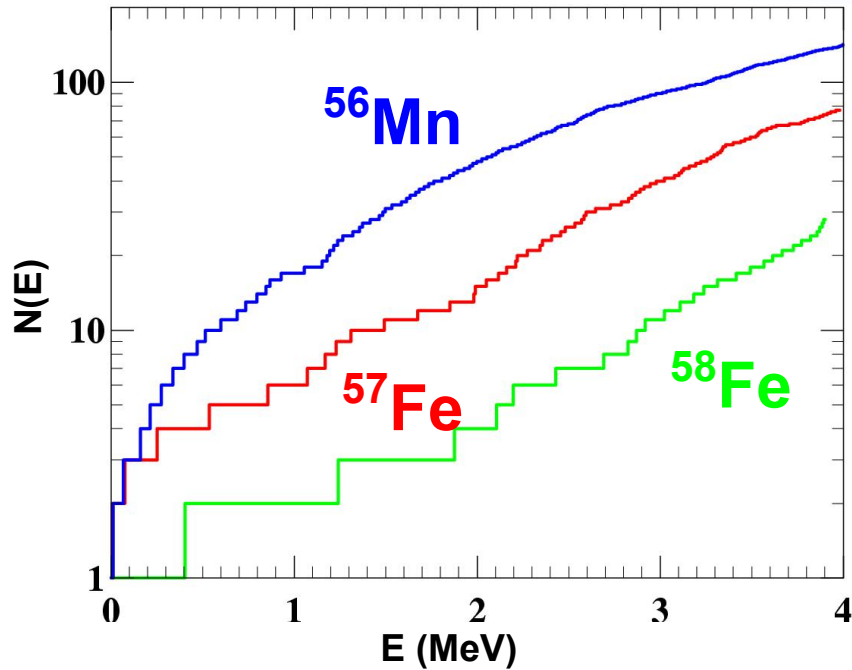
$$\rho_F(E_x, J, \Pi) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{2J+1}{2\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma^3} \exp\left[-\frac{(J+\frac{1}{2})^2}{2\sigma^2}\right] \frac{\sqrt{\pi} \exp\left[2\sqrt{aU}\right]}{12 a^{1/4} U^{5/4}}, \quad (4)$$

Summing  $\rho_F(E_x, J, \Pi)$  over all spins and parities yields for the total Fermi gas level density

$$\rho_F^{\text{tot}}(E_x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \frac{\sqrt{\pi} \exp\left[2\sqrt{aU}\right]}{12 a^{1/4} U^{5/4}}, \quad (5)$$

Three parameters: level density parameter  $a$ , spin cut-off parameter  $\sigma^2$  and pairing correction  $\Delta$ .

# THE LEVEL DENSITIES (Qualitative aspects 1/2)



- Exponential increase of the cumulated number of discrete levels  $N(E)$  with energy

$$\Rightarrow \rho(E) = \frac{dN(E)}{dE} \text{ increases exponentially}$$

$\Rightarrow$  odd-even effects

- Mean spacings of s-wave neutron resonances at  $B_n$  of the order of few eV

$\Rightarrow \rho(B_n)$  of the order of  $10^4 - 10^6$  levels / MeV

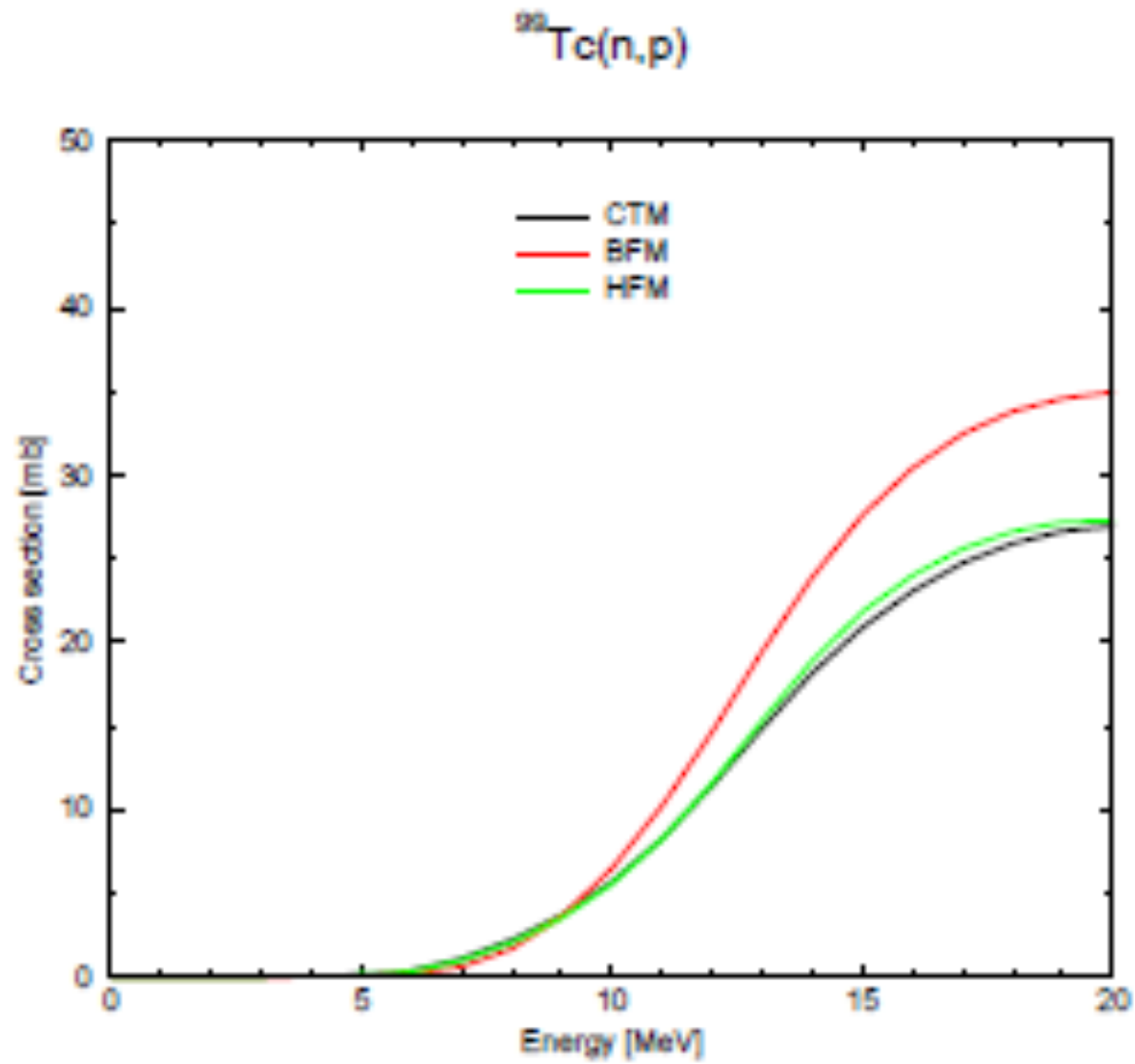


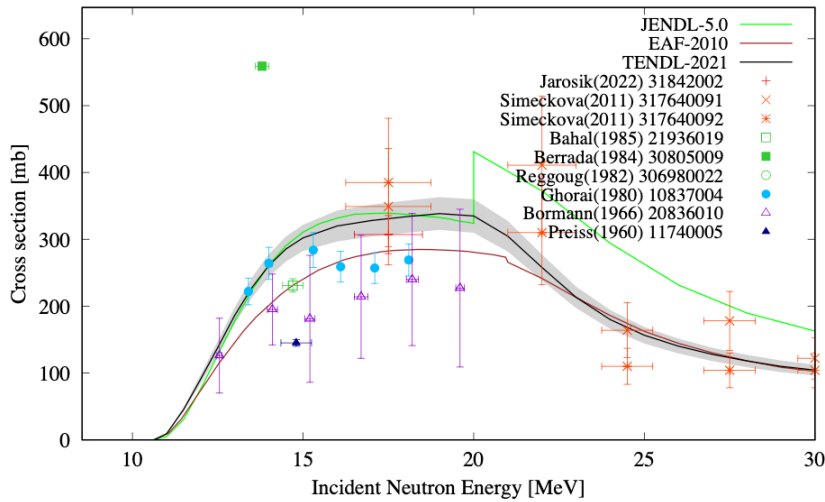
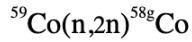
Figure 7.22:  $^{99}\text{Tc}(n,p)$  cross section for different level density models.

# Validation of level density spin distribution

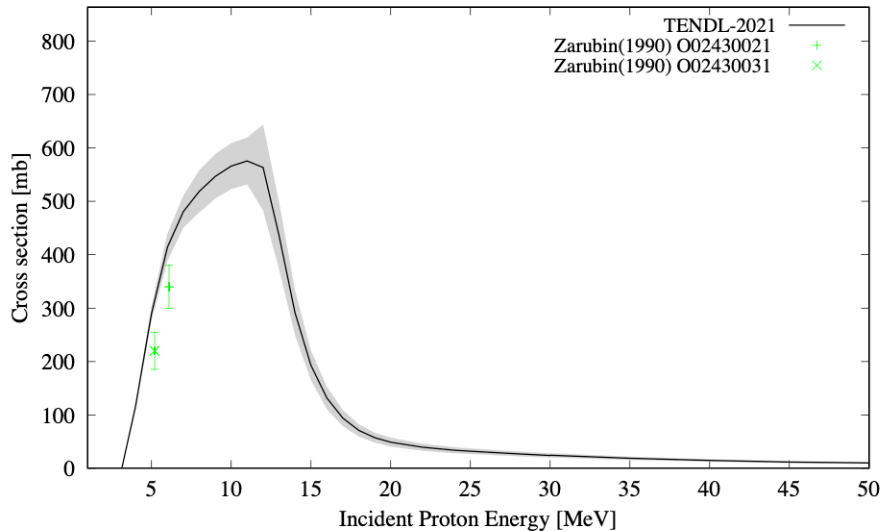
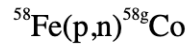
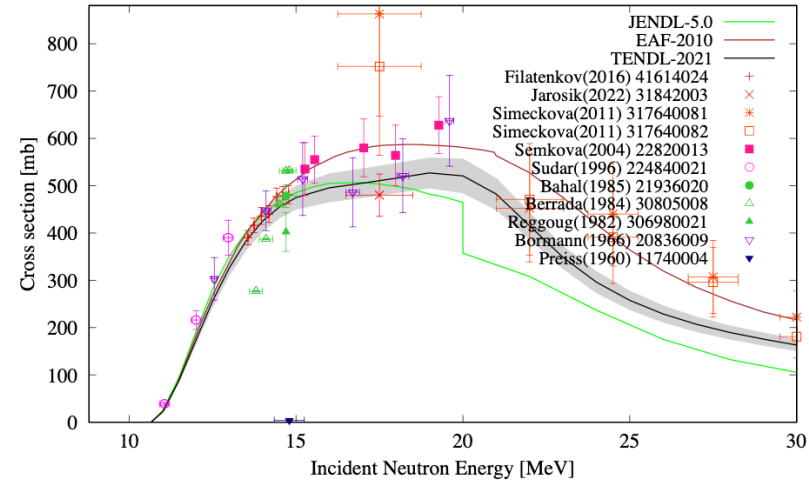
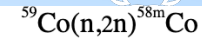


- Isomeric ratios of cross sections
- Gamma-ray production cross sections

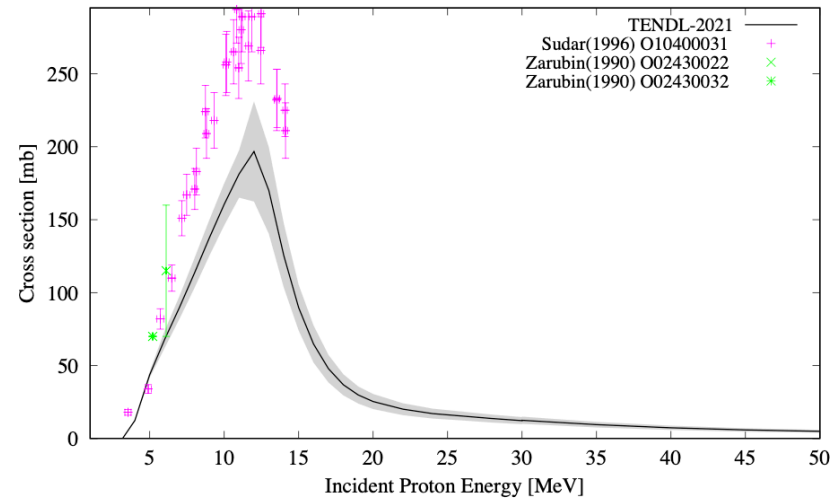
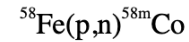
# Isomeric cross section ratios



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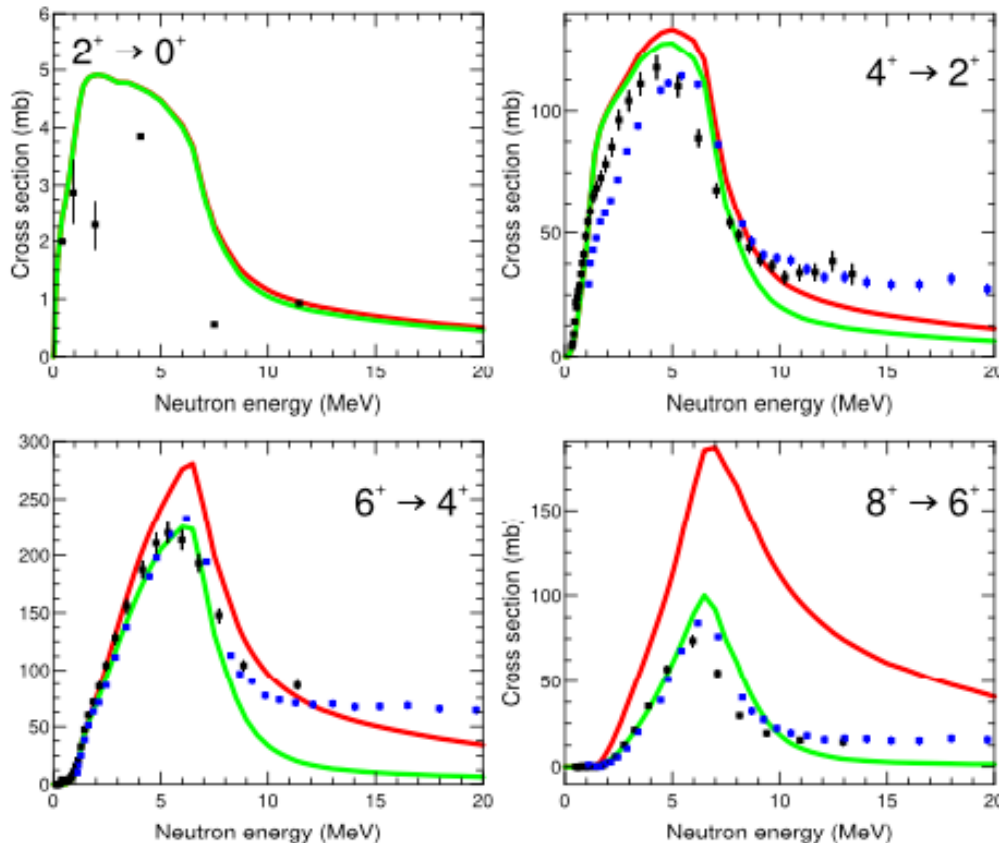
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Two sensitive inputs: 1. (Missing) spins and branching ratios of discrete level scheme  
2. Width of the level density spin distribution

# Gamma-ray production cross sections

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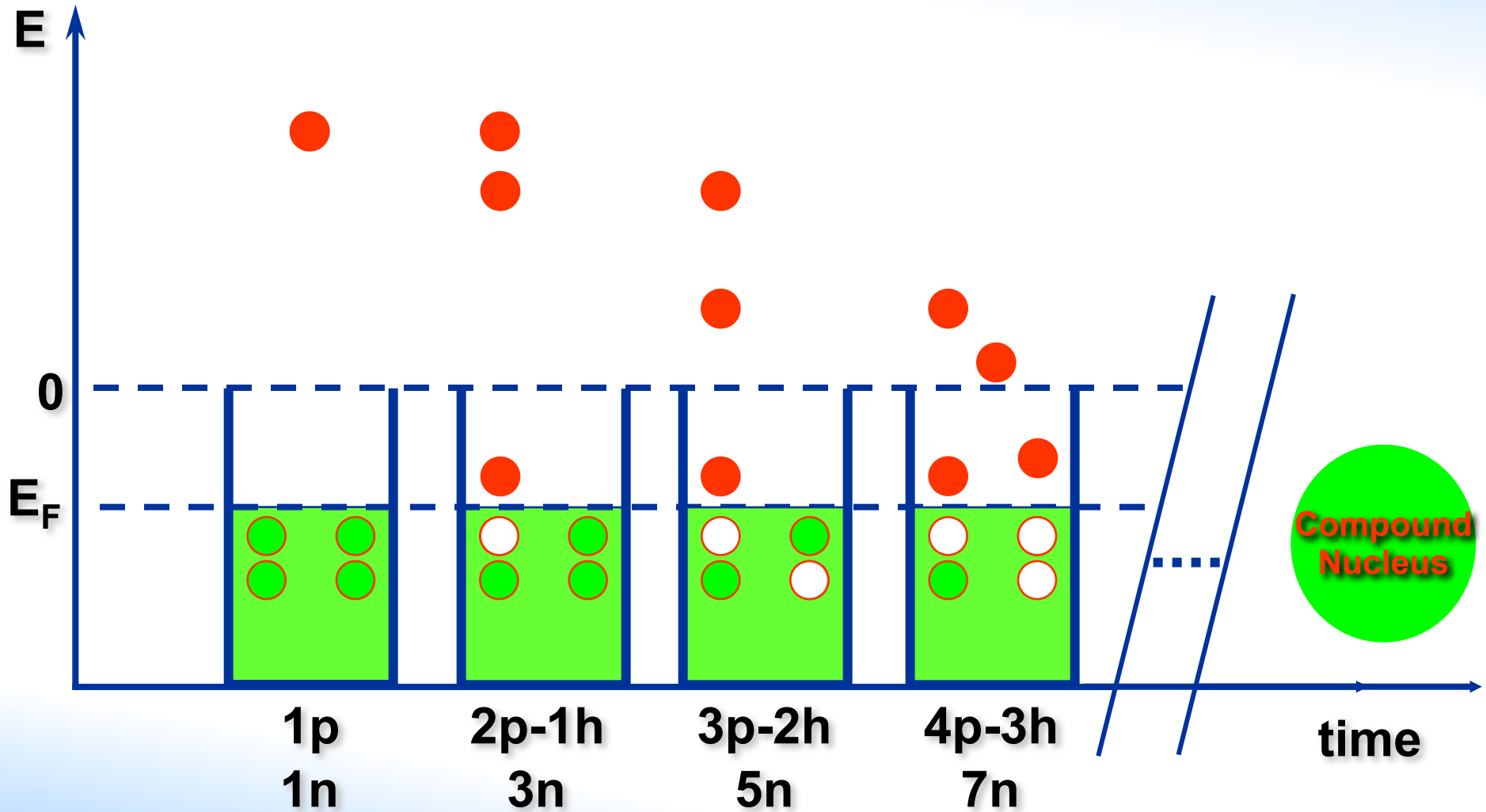
Two effects:

Particle-hole state density  
spin distribution (this  
example)

Total level density spin  
distribution

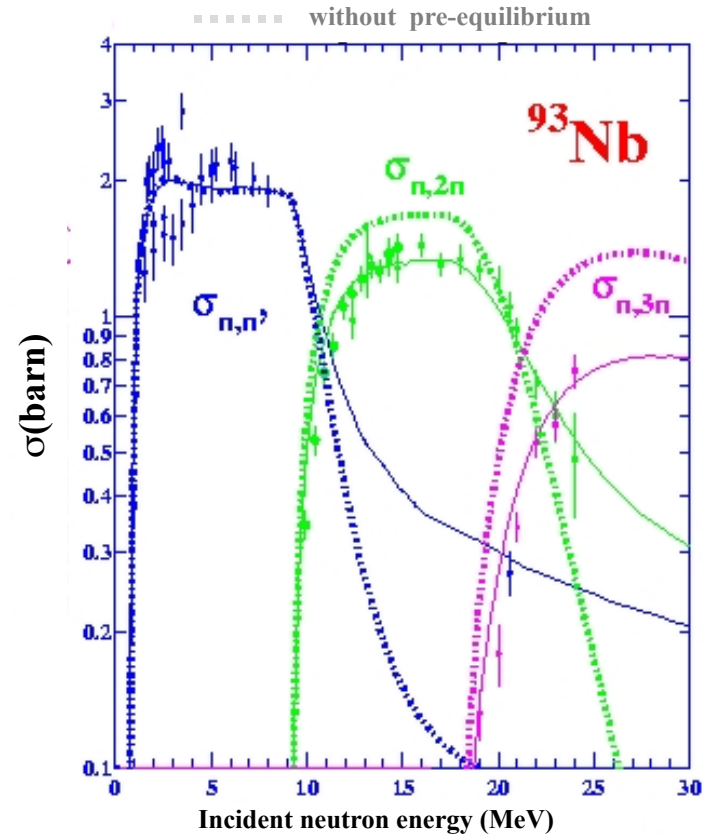
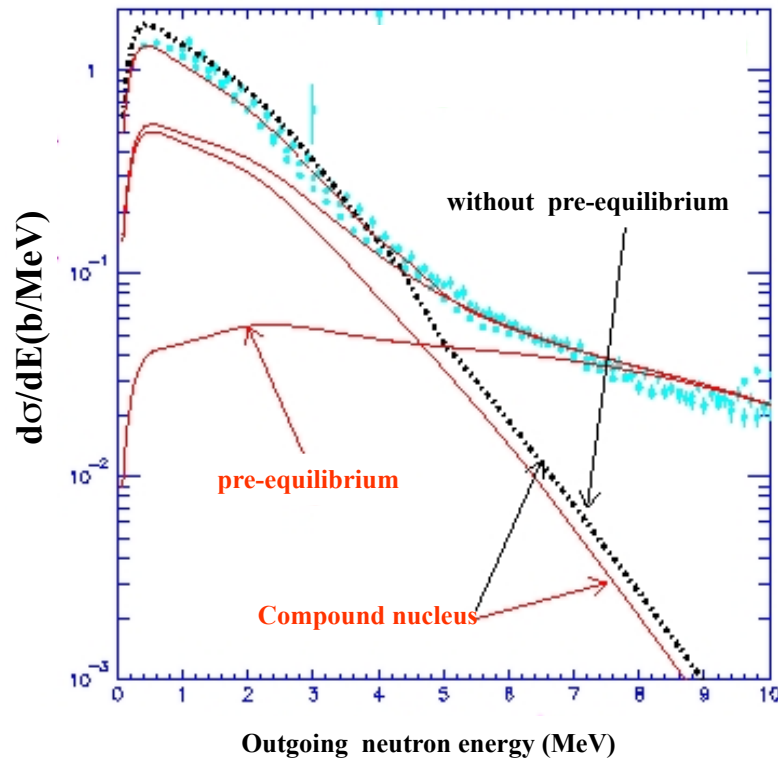
**Fig. 33**  $^{238}\text{U}(n, n'\gamma)$  cross sections for 4 transitions within the ground state rotational band. Spin and parity of the initial and final states are reported in each panel. Black and blue squares correspond to Ref. [93] and Ref. [211] respectively. The red and green lines correspond to two options for the pre-equilibrium spin distribution of the exciton model (see text for more details)

# THE PRE-EQUILIBRIUM MODEL (Exciton model principle)



# THE PRE-EQUILIBRIUM MODEL

## 14 MeV neutron + $^{93}\text{Nb}$



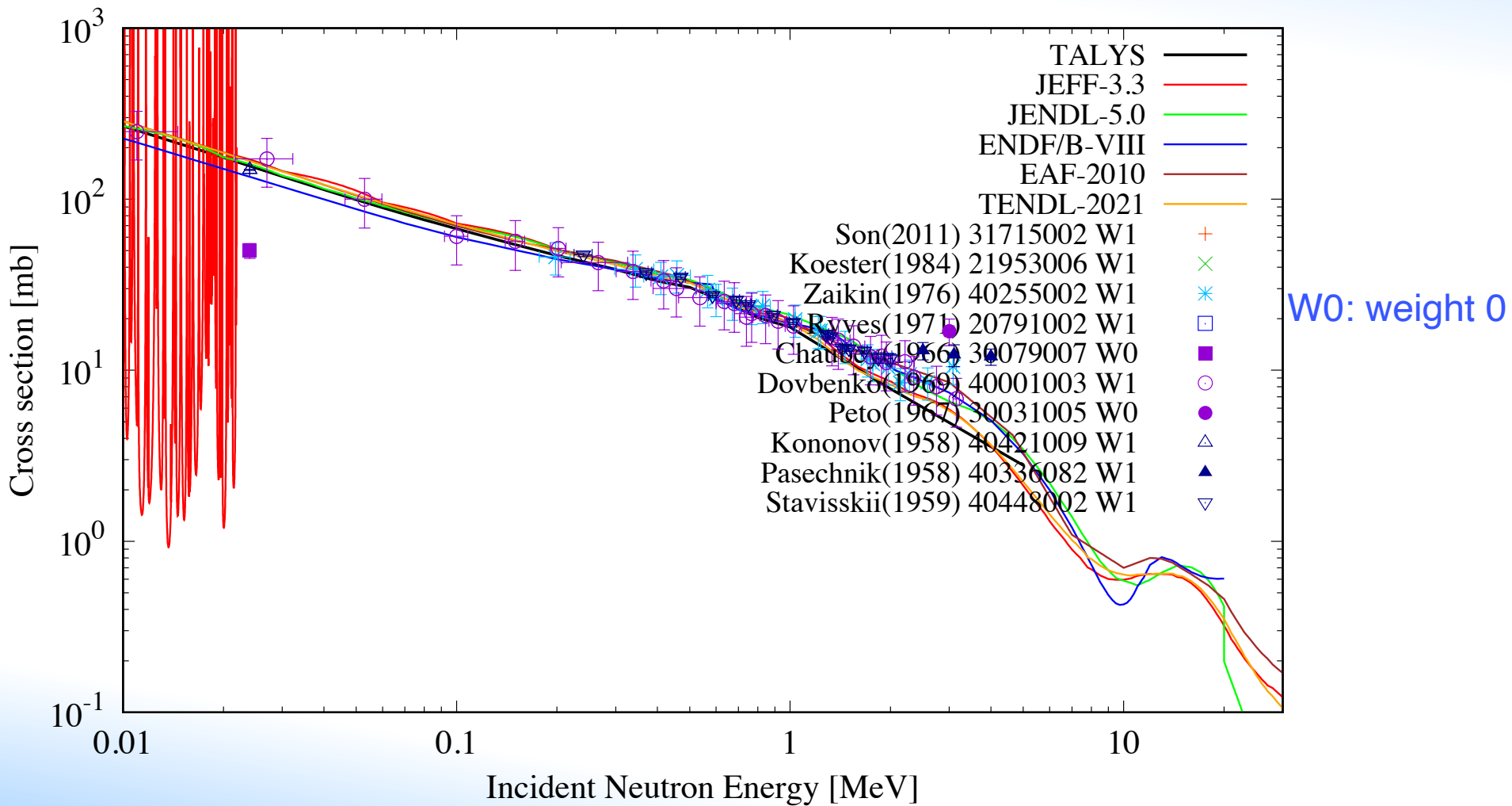


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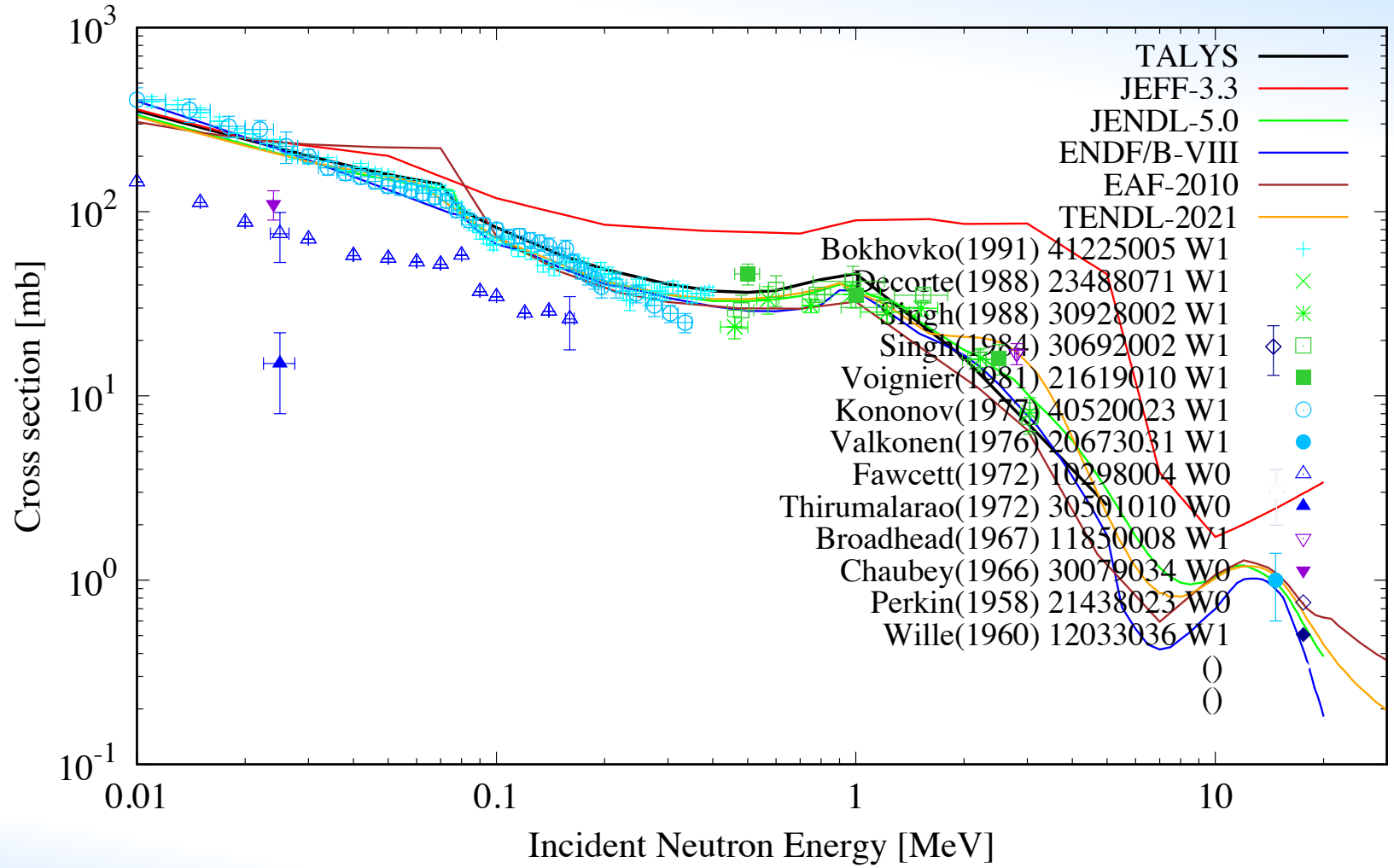


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$^{69}\text{Ga}(n,\gamma)^{70}\text{Ga}$  GOF= 1.037

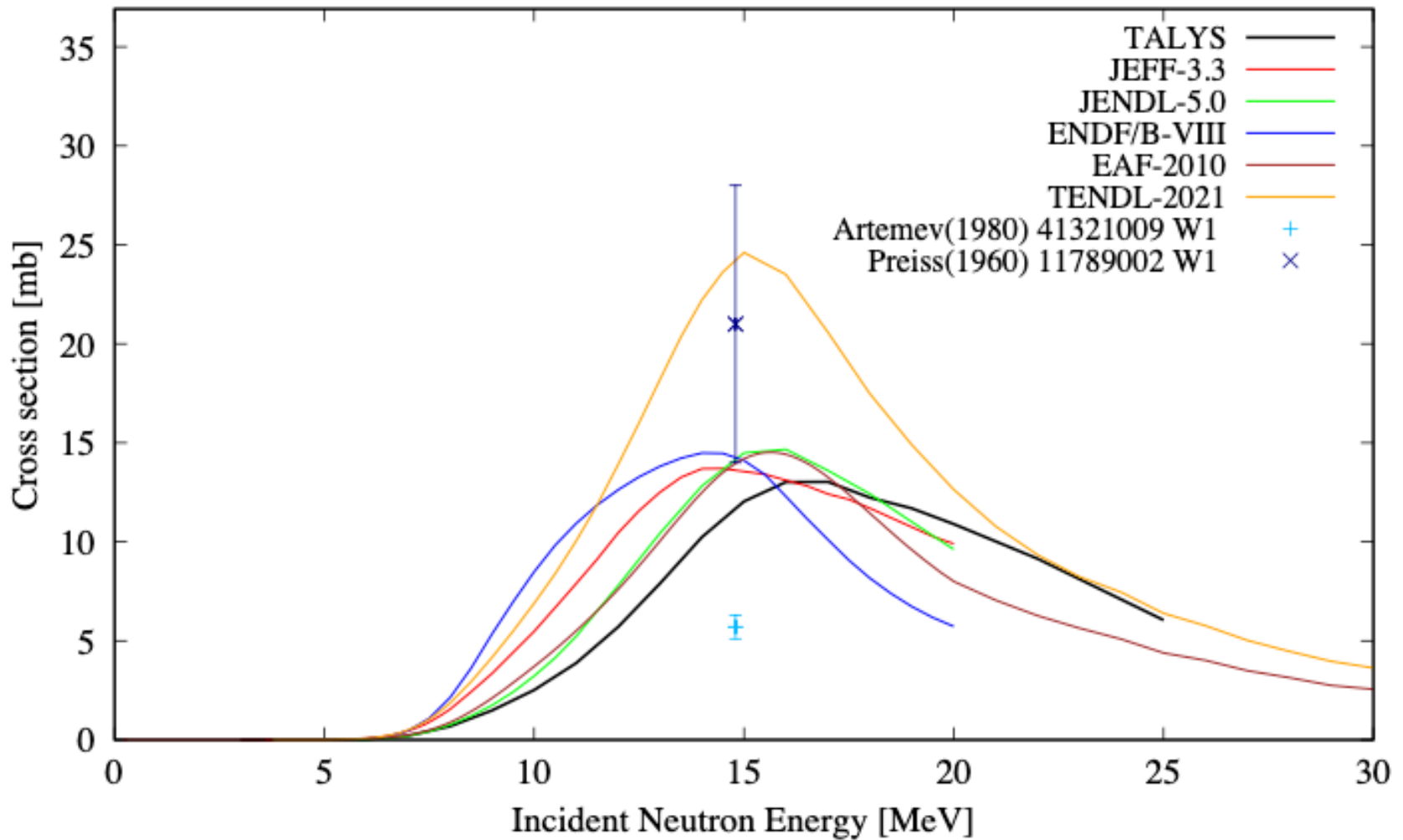


$^{160}\text{Gd}(n,\gamma)^{161}\text{Gd}$  GOF= 1.094



Segal's law: A man with a watch knows what time it is.  
A man with two watches is never sure.

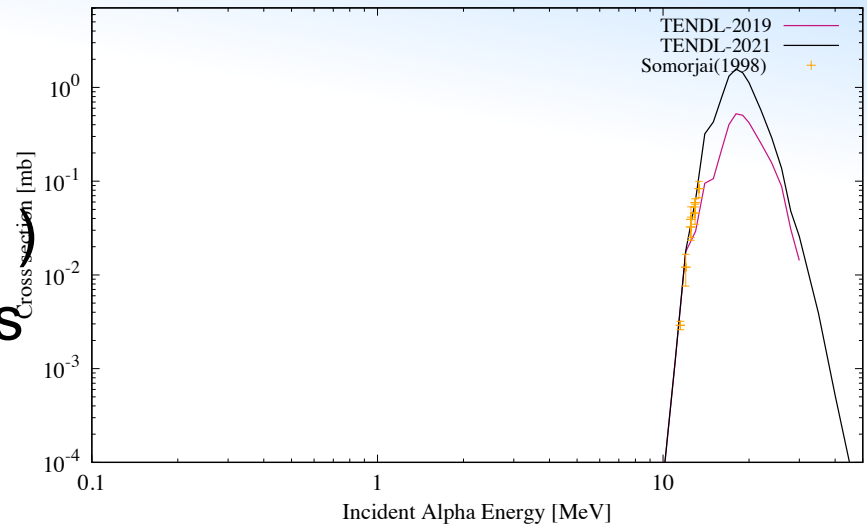
$^{65}\text{Cu}(n,\alpha)^{62}\text{Co}$  GOF= 1.630



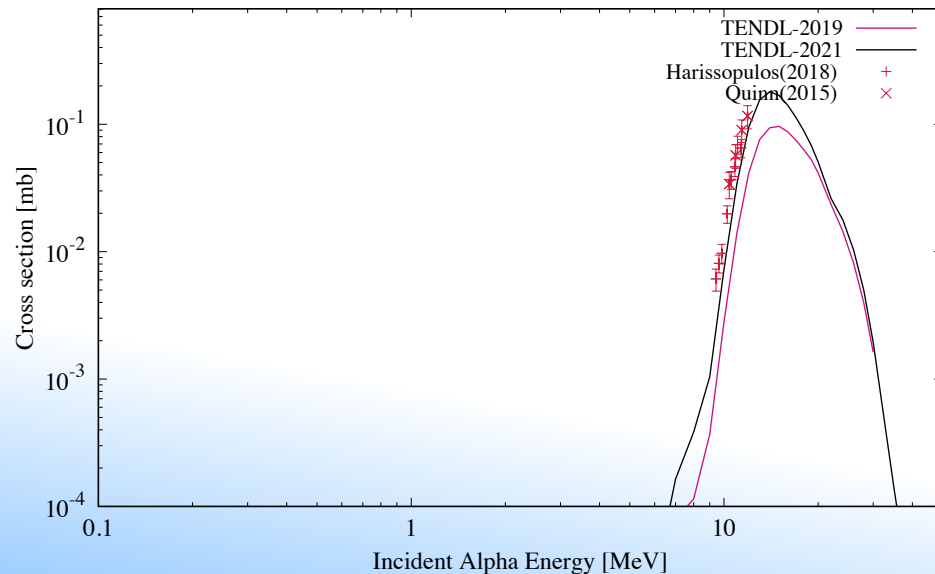
# channel: ( $\alpha$ , $\gamma$ )

- New photon strength functions (Plujko & Goriely), SMLO, give better gamma-related data for all reaction channels, including ( $\alpha$  ,  $\gamma$  )
- CRP on photon strength functions and photonuclear data, Dimitriou et al (IAEA 2019)

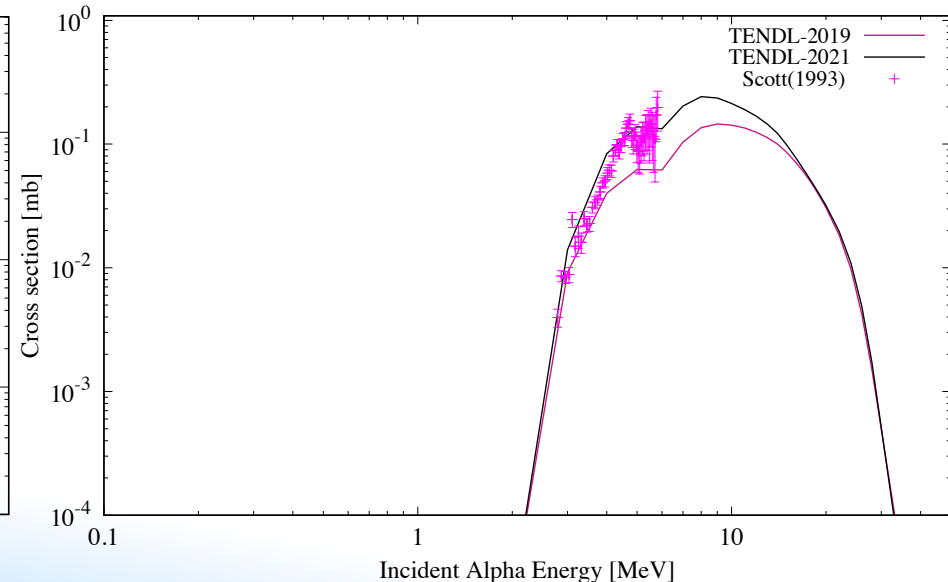
$^{144}\text{Sm}(\alpha,\gamma)^{148}\text{Gd}$



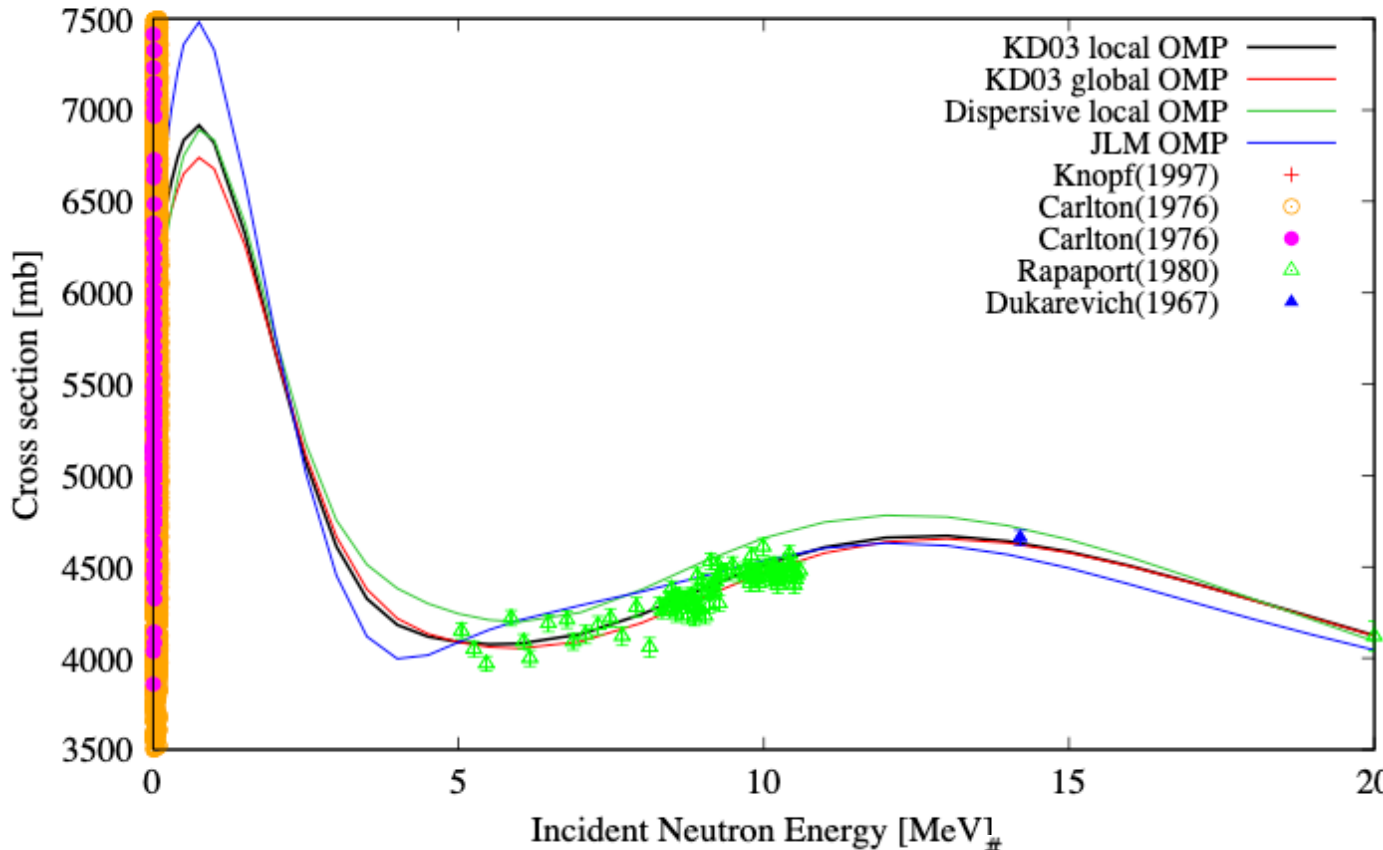
$^{92}\text{Zr}(\alpha,\gamma)^{96}\text{Mo}$



$^{34}\text{S}(\alpha,\gamma)^{38}\text{Ar}$



# $^{120}\text{Sn}(n,\text{tot})$



4 different input files

```

# n-Sn120-omp-KD03
#
# General
#
projectile n
element sn
mass 120
energy energies
# Parameters
#
localomp n

# n-Sn120-omp-KD03global
#
# General
#
projectile n
element sn
mass 120
energy energies
# Parameters
#
localomp n

# n-Sn120-ompKD03disp
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#
projectile n
element sn
mass 120
energy energies
# Parameters
#
dispersion y

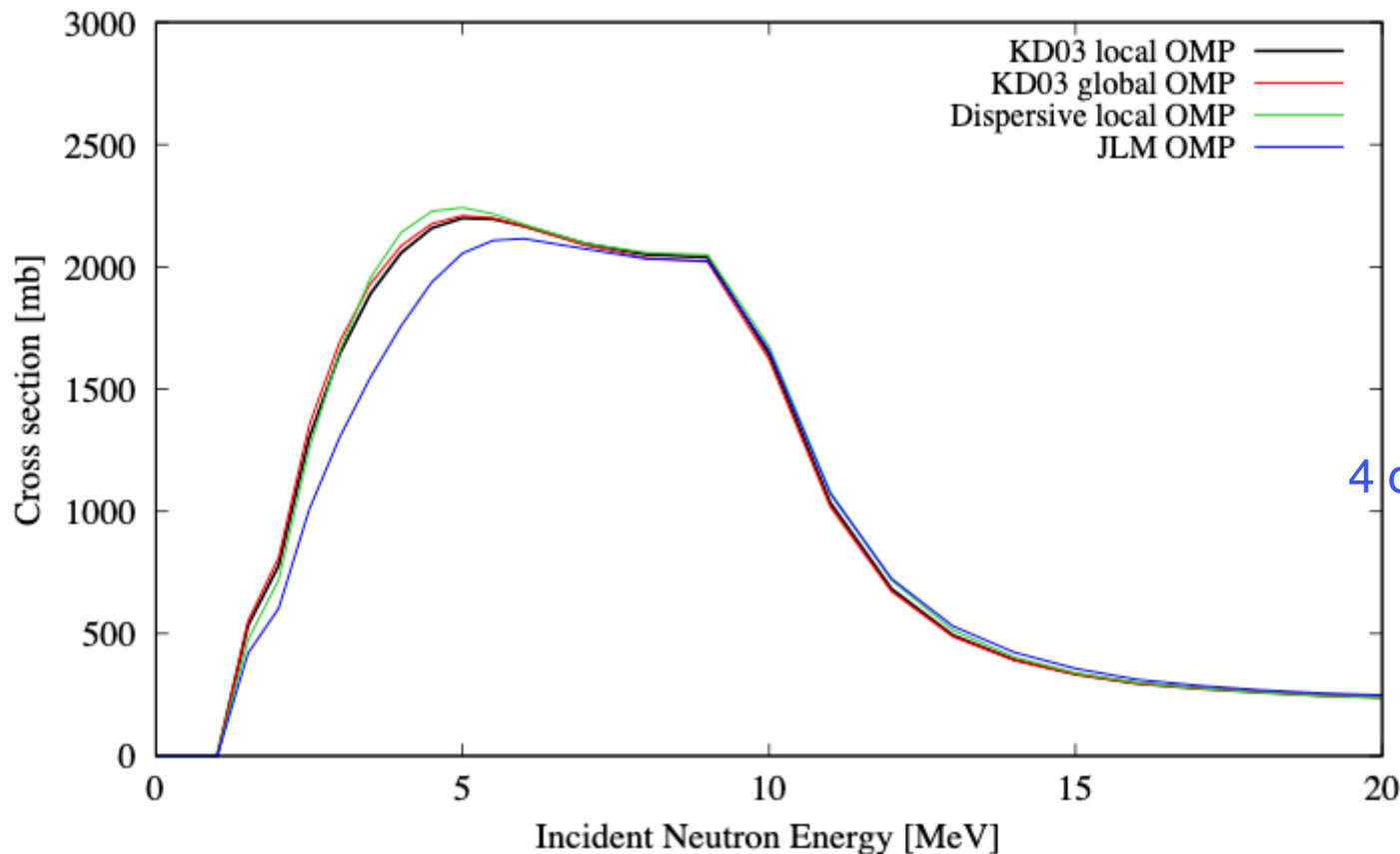
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# General
#
projectile n
element sn
mass 120
energy energies
# Parameters
#
jlmomp y
    
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# $^{120}\text{Sn}(n,n')$



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4 different input files

```
# n-Sn120-omp-KD03
#
# General
#
projectile n
element sn
mass 120
energy energies

# n-Sn120-omp-KD03global
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#
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element sn
mass 120
energy energies

# Parameters
#
localomp n

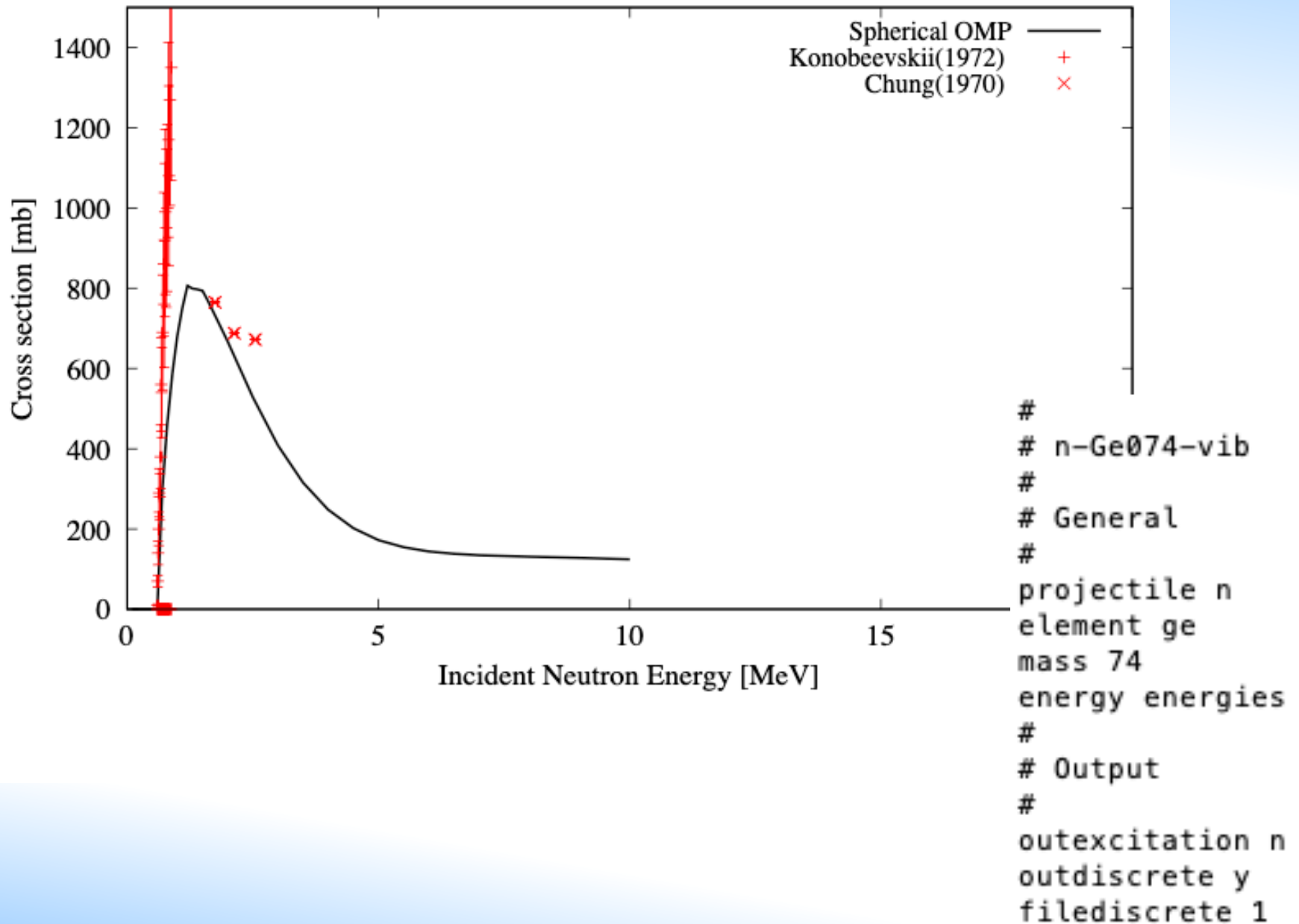
# n-Sn120-ompKD03disp
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element sn
mass 120
energy energies

# Parameters
#
dispersion y

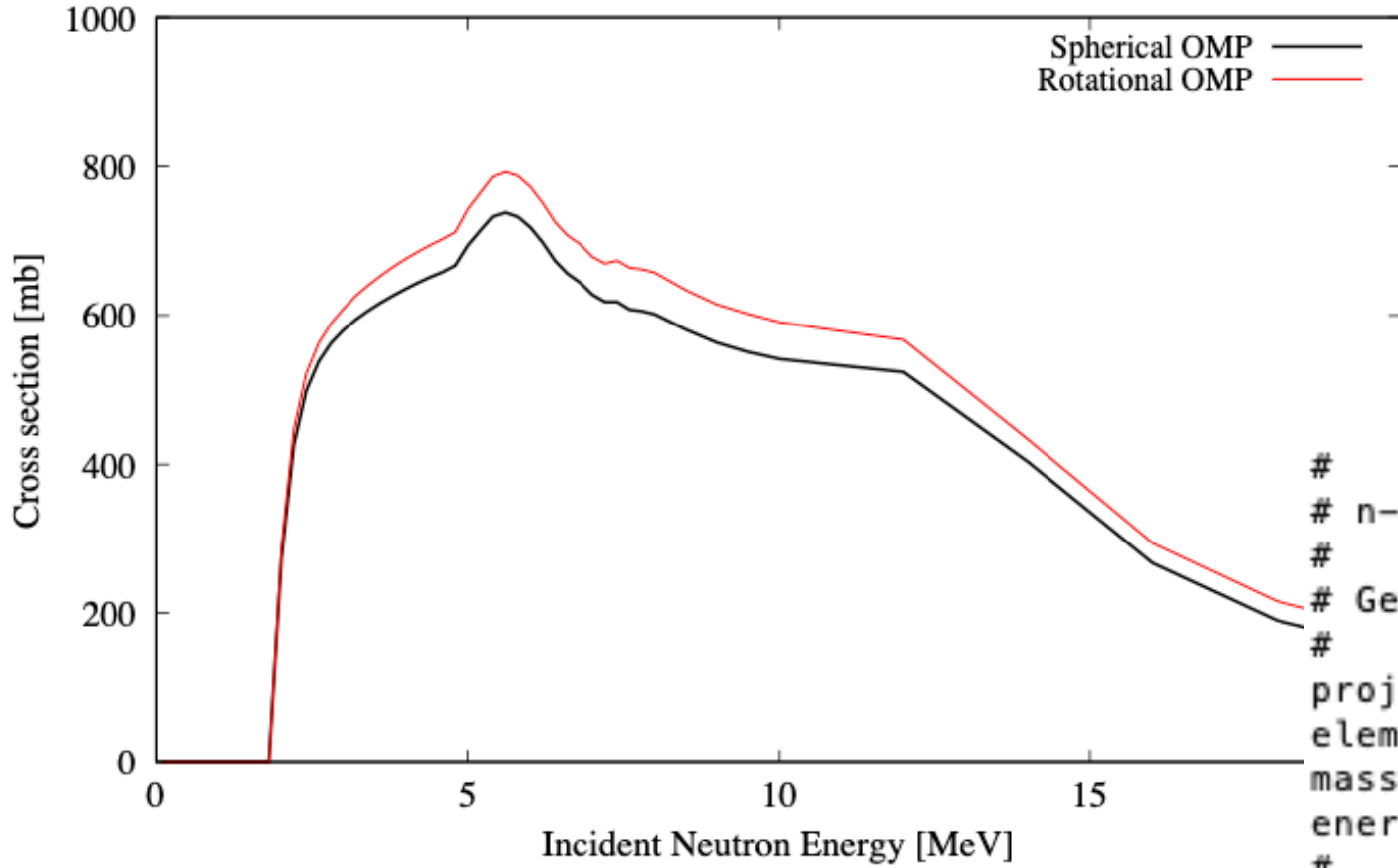
# n-Sn120-omp-JLM
#
# General
#
projectile n
element sn
mass 120
energy energies

# Parameters
#
jlmomp y
```

# $^{74}\text{Ge}(n,n')$



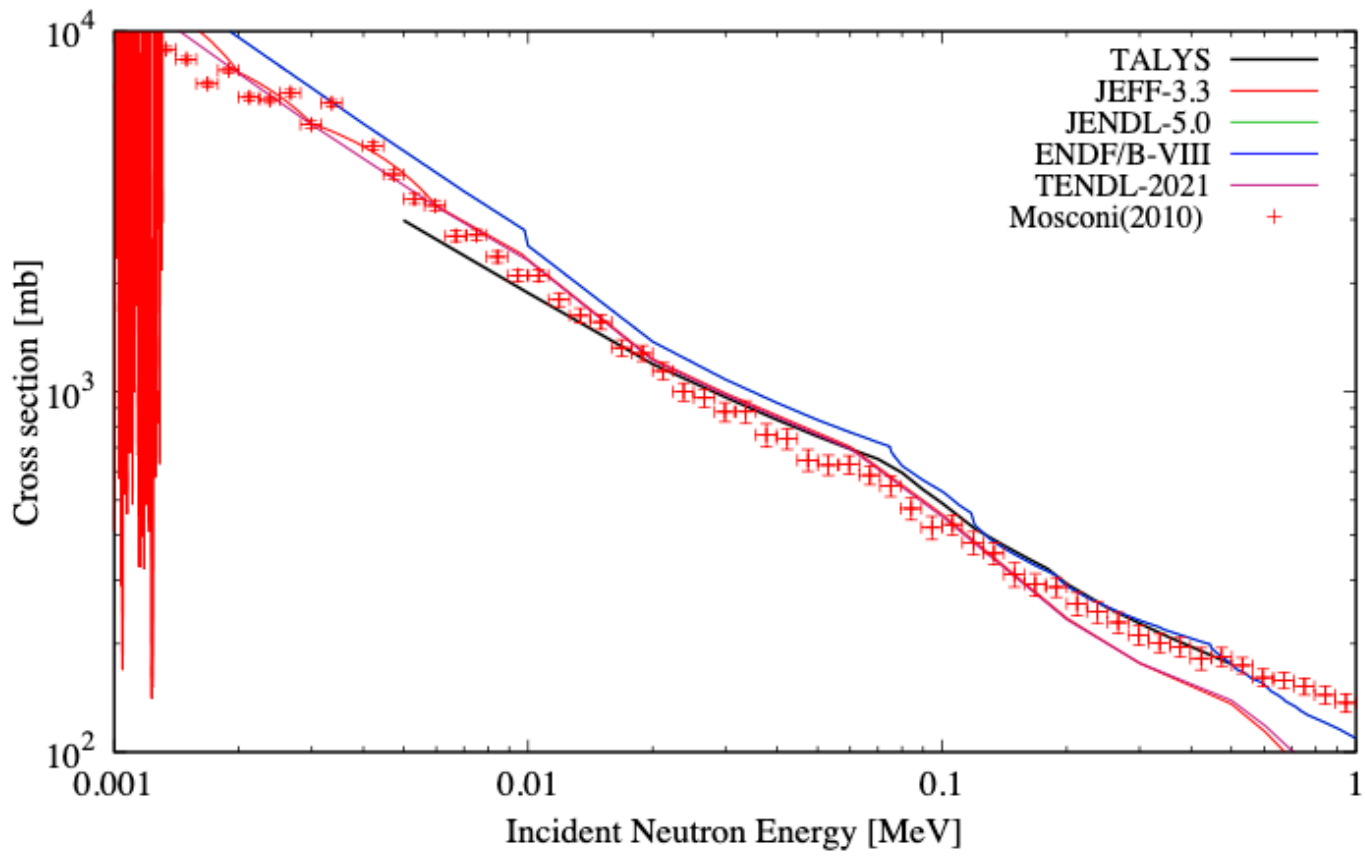
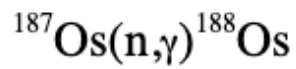
# $^{28}\text{Si}(n,n')$



```
#  
# n-Si028-cc  
#  
# General  
#  
projectile n  
element si  
mass 28  
energy energies  
#  
# Parameters  
#  
spherical y  
#  
# Output  
#  
channels y  
filechannels y  
... ..
```



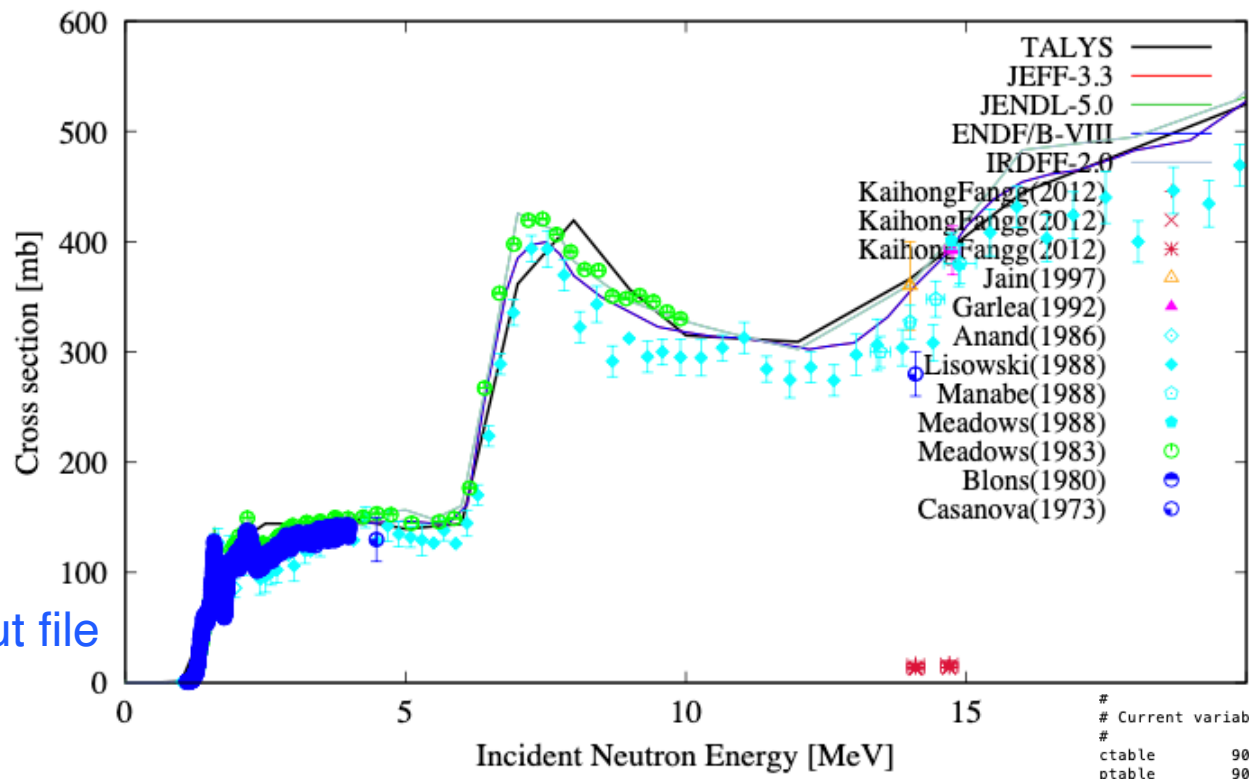
## Cross section



```
#
# n-0s187-astro-ng
#
# General
#
projectile n
element os
mass 187
energy energies
channels y
filechannels y
#
# Parameters
#
ldmodel 1
strength 8
wtable 76 188 0.88 e1
```

## Astro reaction rate

```
#
# n-0s187-astro-rate
#
# General
#
projectile n
element os
mass 187
energy 1.
#
# Parameters
#
astro y
astogs n
partable y
ldmodel 1
strength 8
wtable 76 188 0.88 e1
```



Large input file

# Current variables of TASMAn Run: 2509

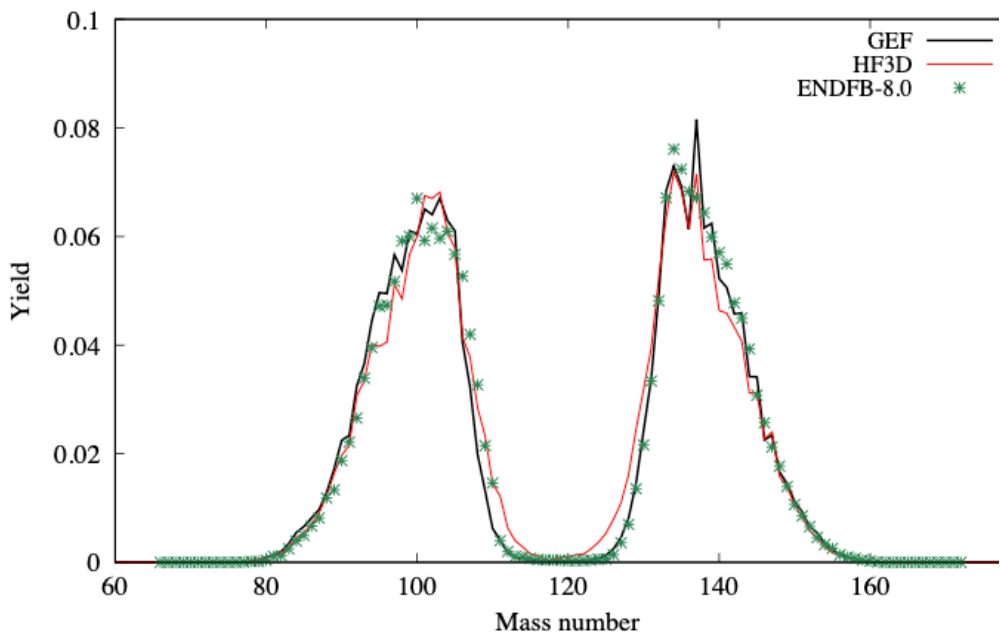
#	ctable	90 233	1.35146	1
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#	ctable	90 233	-9.41013E-01	2
#	ptable	90 233	1.01594	2
#	ctable	90 233	3.16960	3
#	ptable	90 233	-1.14439E+00	3
#	betafiscor	90 233	1.04349	
#	vfiscor	90 233	0.71170	
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#	ptable	90 232	2.77492	1
#	ctable	90 232	0.83473	2
#	ptable	90 232	-6.59883E+00	2
#	ctable	90 232	0.69898	3
#	ptable	90 232	0.75241	3
#	betafiscor	90 232	0.50505	
#	vfiscor	90 232	0.84379	
#	ctable	90 231	5.77646E-02	1
#	ptable	90 231	-2.67866E+00	1
#	ctable	90 231	-3.61946E+00	2
#	ptable	90 231	-2.25936E+00	2
#	ctable	90 231	-2.85851E+00	3
#	ptable	90 231	2.66753	3
#	betafiscor	90 231	1.58614	
#	vfiscor	90 231	1.62104	
#	ctable	90 230	-3.18402E+00	1
#	ptable	90 230	-4.20179E+00	1
#	ctable	90 230	1.13153	2
#	ptable	90 230	-5.43220E-01	2
#	ctable	90 230	1.01315	3
#	ptable	90 230	-2.80603E+00	3
#	betafiscor	90 230	1.66138	
#	vfiscor	90 230	1.71450	

```
#
# n-Th232-fis
#
# General
#
projectile n
element Th
mass 232
ltarget 000
energy energies
maxlevelstar 30
partable y
bins 40
ejectiles g n
#
# do not use best parameters from database
#
best n
#
# set multi-preequilibrium switch lower for actinides
#
multipreeq 6.
#
# output of extra channels
#
channels y
filechannels y
```

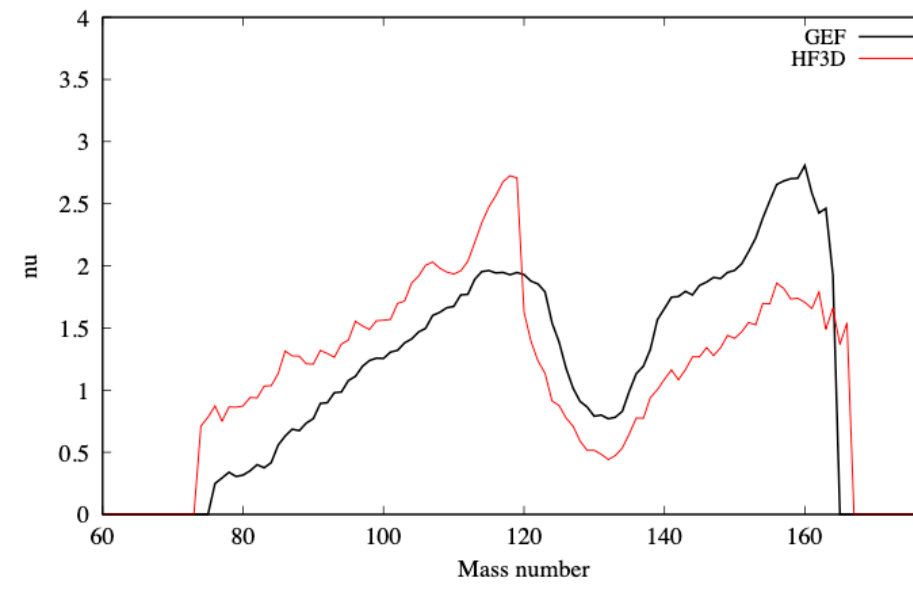
```
#
# reduce output for activation-only calculation
#
outspectra n
outangle n
ddxmode 0
outdiscrete n
maxrot 2
strength 9
strengthm1 3
ngfit y
upbend y
ldmodel 5
fismodel 5
fispartdamp y
hbstate n
class2 n
ecissave y
eciscalc y
inccalc y
outdiscrete y
riplrisk y
```



$^{239}\text{Pu}(n_{\text{th}},f)$  fission product yield

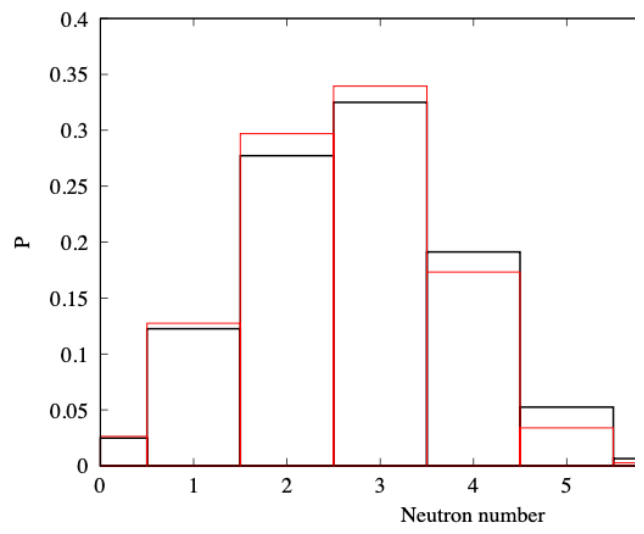


$^{239}\text{Pu}(n_{\text{th}},f)$  nu(A)

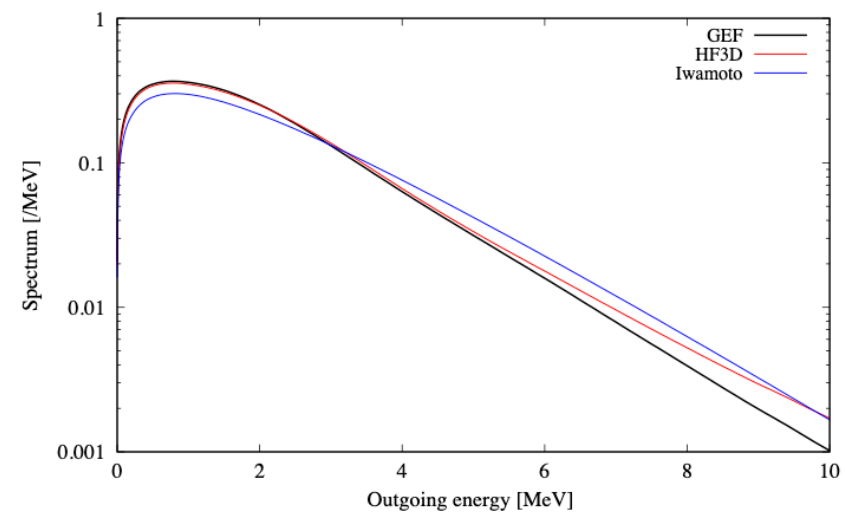


TALYS-2 only

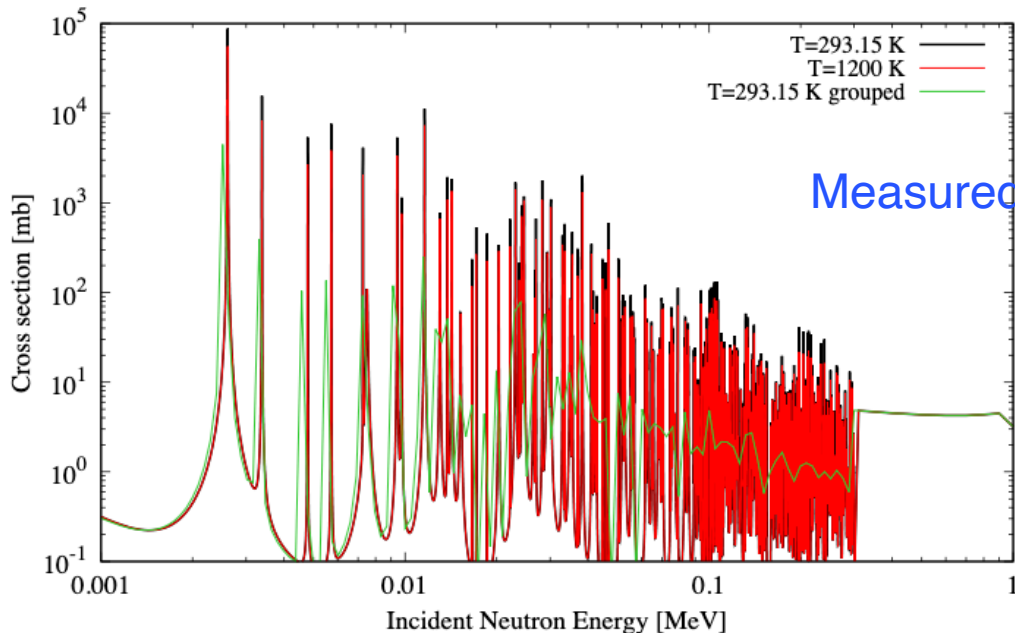
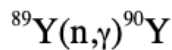
$^{239}\text{Pu}(n_{\text{th}},f)$  P(nu)



$^{239}\text{Pu}(n_{\text{th}},f)$  PFNS



```
projectile n
element Pu
mass 239
energy 2.53e-8
ejectiles g n
massdis y
fymodel 4
ffmodel 1
ldmodel 5
Rfiseps 1.e-5
outspectra y
bins 40
channels y
maxchannel 8
..
```



Measured resonances

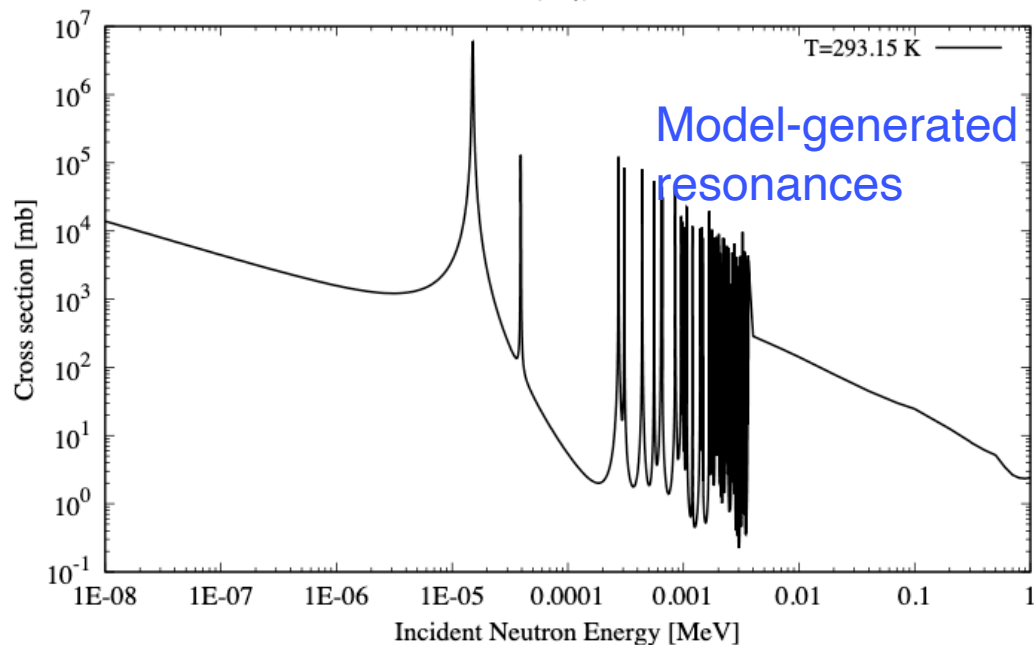
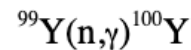
```
#
# n-Y089-RRR-group
#
# General
#
projectile n
element Y
mass 89
energy energies
#
# Model
#
resonance y
group y
#
# Output
#
channels y
filechannels y
wtable 39 90 0.82 E1
```

TALYS simulates reactions in the resonance range:

reads resonance parameters, or

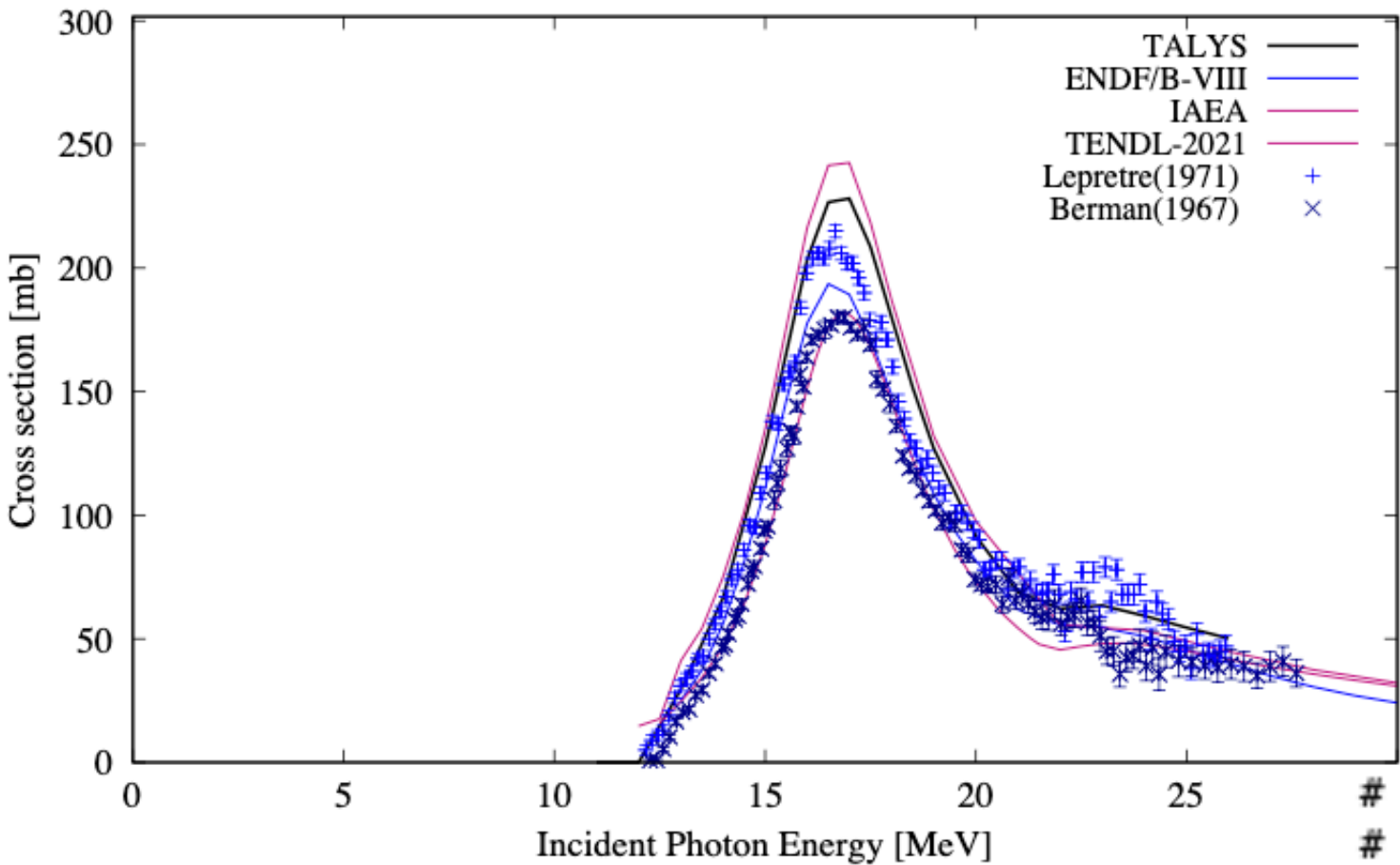
generates them from level densities and strength functions

uses PREPRO routines to turn them into point-wise cross sections

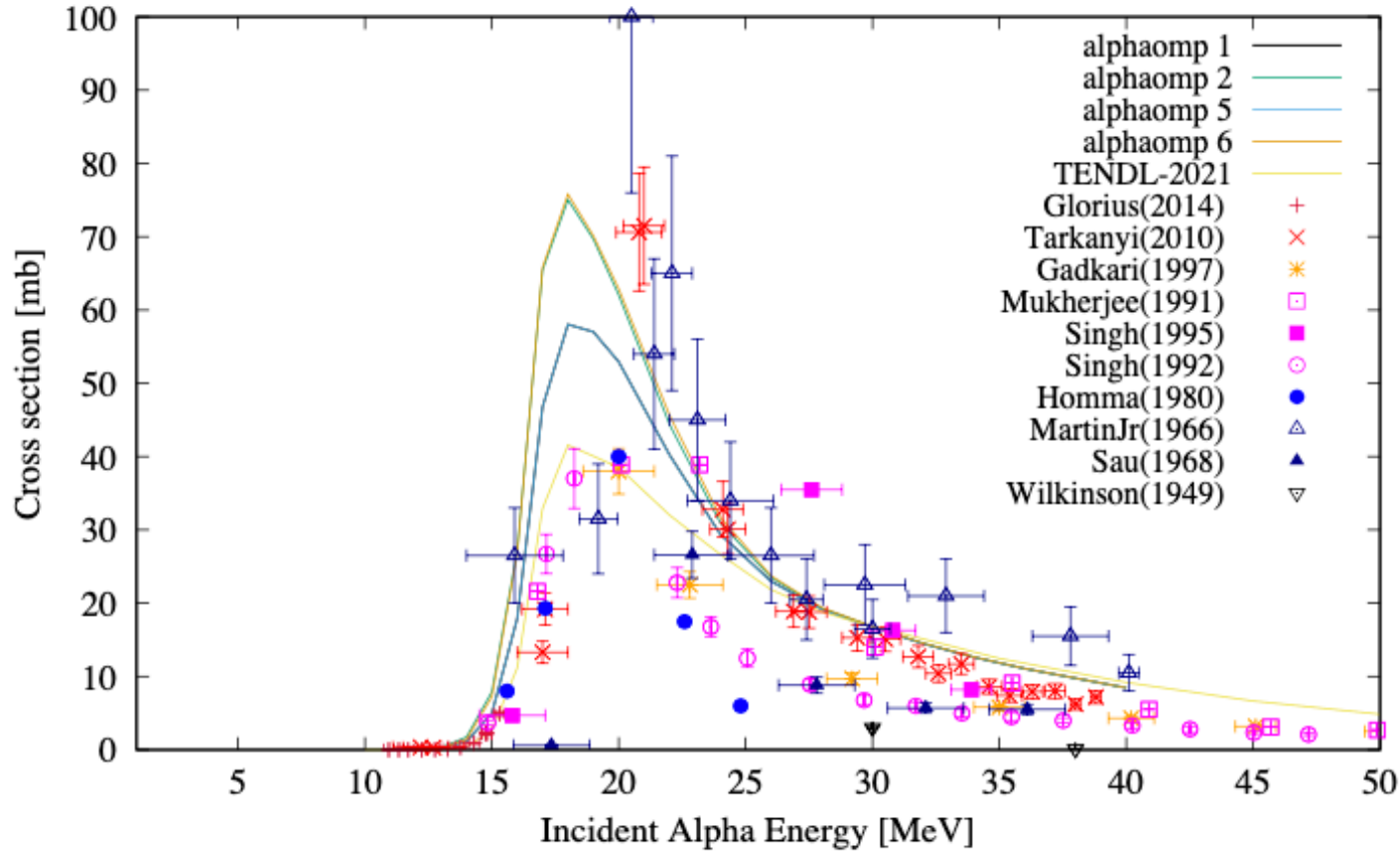
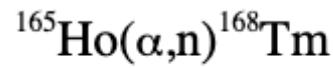


Model-generated resonances

$^{90}\text{Zr}(\gamma, xn)$



```
#  
# g-Zr090-xs  
#  
# General  
#  
projectile g  
element zr  
mass 90  
energy energies  
... ..
```

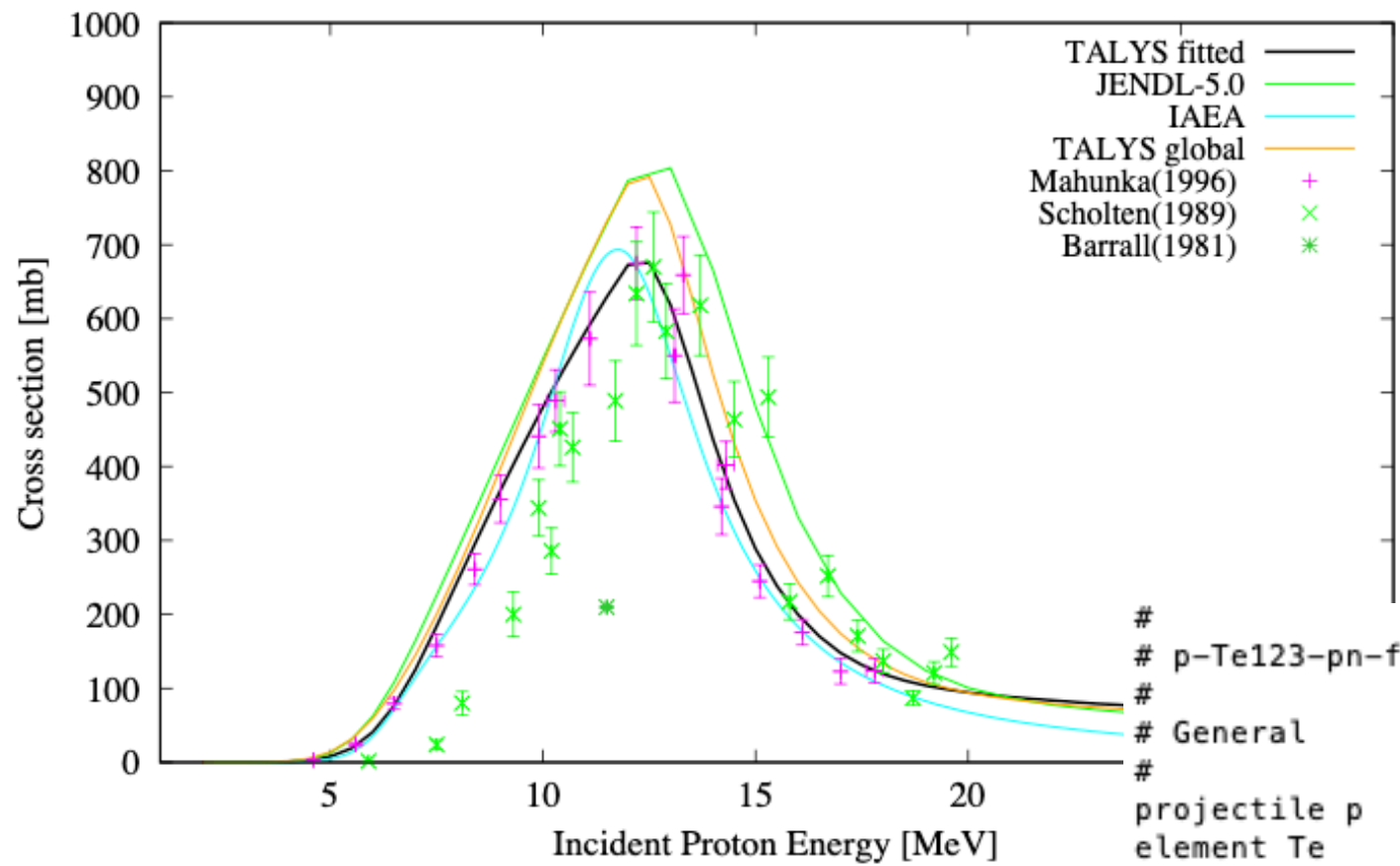


```

#
# a-Ho165-omp6
#
# General
#
projectile a
element Ho
mass 165
energy energies
#
# Model
#
alphaomp 6
#
# Output
#
outomp y
... ..

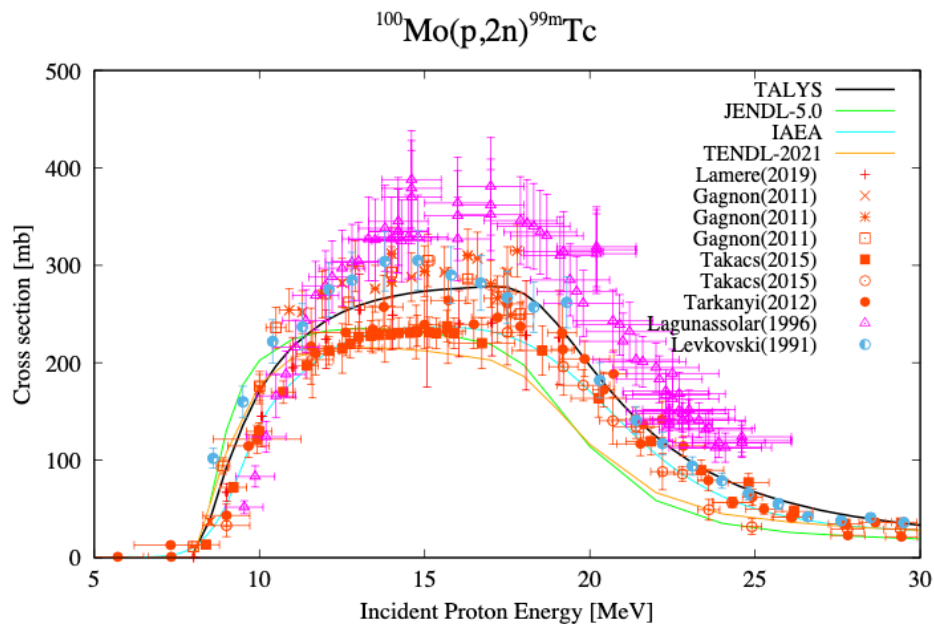
```

$^{123}\text{Te}(p,n)^{123}\text{I}$

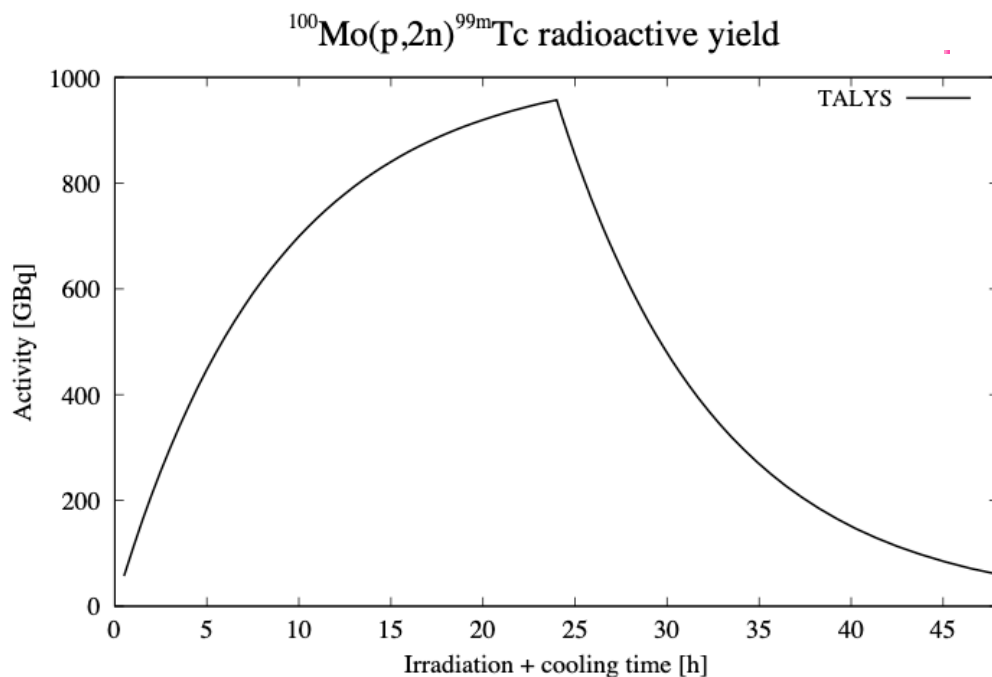


```

#
# p-Te123-pn-fit
#
# General
#
projectile p
element Te
mass 123
energy 1. 30. 0.5
#
# Adjusted parameters
#
rvadjust      p      0.95947
rwdadjust     p      0.93338
rvadjust      n      1.02377
gadjust       53 124   0.99089
gadjust       53 123   1.09408
ctableadjust  53 123  -2.54809E-01 0
    
```



```
#
# p-Mo100-medical
#
# General
#
projectile p
element Mo
mass 100
energy 8. 30. 0.5
#
# Spherical OMP and adjusted parameters
#
spherical y
radjust p 1.00676
rwdadjust p 1.11091
radjust n 1.04395
gadjust 43 101 1.22030
gadjust 43 100 1.04828
ctableadjust 43 99 1.34123 0
s2adjust 43 99 0.14784 0
#
# Medical isotope production
#
production y
Ibeam 0.15
Ebeam 24.
Eback 10.
```





# TENDL-2023: Fission yields and fission neutron observables from TALYS

TALYS-1.96: reads distribution of excited fission fragments and evaporates them all with Hauser-Feshbach

## Fission fragment yield models stored in TALYS



**GEF** Designed with global fitting parameters based on experimental data  
F. Nordström, Technical Report UPTEC ES21016, Uppsala university, 2021.

From  ${}_{76}\text{Os}$  to  ${}_{115}\text{Mc}$ , 737 nuclides

**HF<sup>3</sup>D** Designed with a fully deterministic technique with fitting functions

S. Okumura, T. Kawano, P. Jaffke, P. Talou, and S. Chiba, JNST, 55(9),1009–1023, 2018.

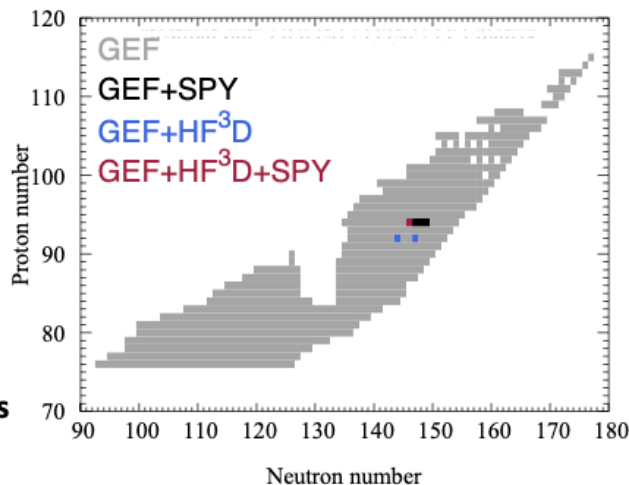
${}^{236}\text{U}$ ,  ${}^{239}\text{U}$ , and  ${}^{240}\text{Pu}$ , 3 nuclides

**SPY** Designed with a statistical scission point model using microscopic calculation

J.-F. Lemaître, S. Goriely, S. Hilaire, and J.-L. Sida, PRC99, 034612, 2019.

${}^{240}\text{Pu}$ ,  ${}^{241}\text{Pu}$ ,  ${}^{242}\text{Pu}$ , and  ${}^{243}\text{Pu}$ , 4 nuclides  
(May 2022: 809 nuclides)

Arbitrary fission fragment data provided by users



Univ. Uppsala:  
Ali Al-Adili  
Fredrik Nordstroem

CEA-DAM Bruyeres:  
Jean-Francois Lemaître

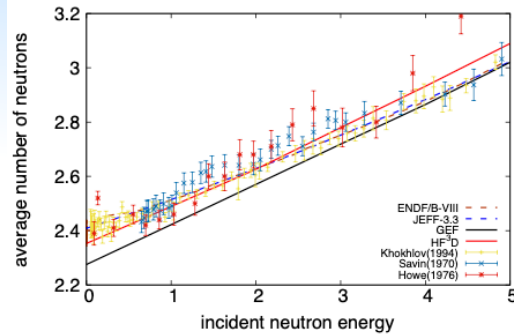
Titech TOKYO:  
Kazuki Fujio  
Satoshi Chiba

LANL:  
Toshihiko Kawano

IAEA:  
Shin Okumura  
Arjan Koning

## We did:

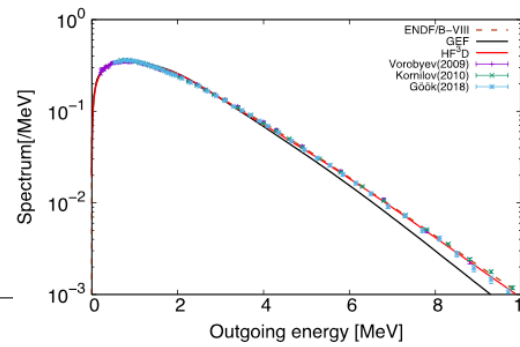
calculations of the de-excitation process for  ${}^{235}\text{U}+n$  with Hauser-Feshbach statistical decay theory and comparison with evaluated and experimental data



The energy dependence of average number of neutrons

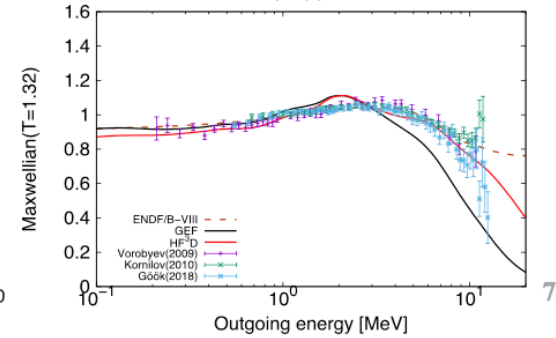
GEF is good agreement in after 4MeV  
 HF<sup>3</sup>D is good agreement in low energy range

## Prompt Fission Neutron Spectra

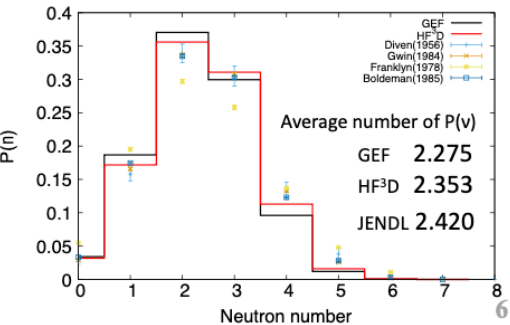
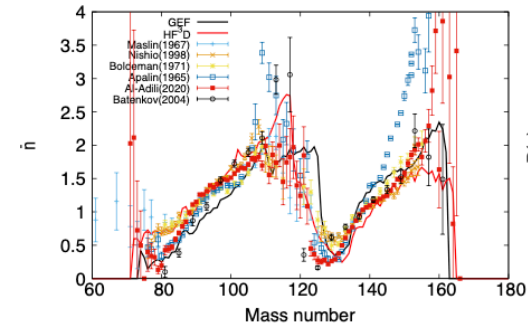
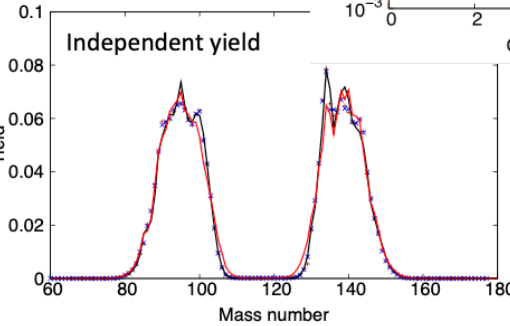
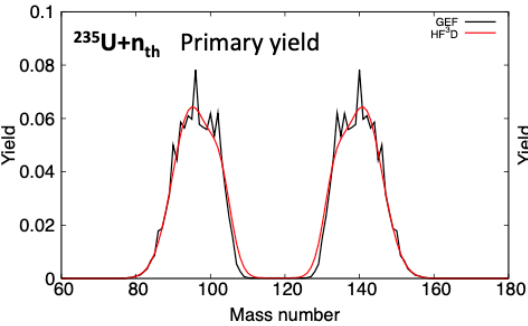


## Ratios to Maxwellian

GEF, HF<sup>3</sup>D : A bump appears around 2MeV



## Fission observables for $^{235}\text{U}+n_{\text{th}}$ with TALYS

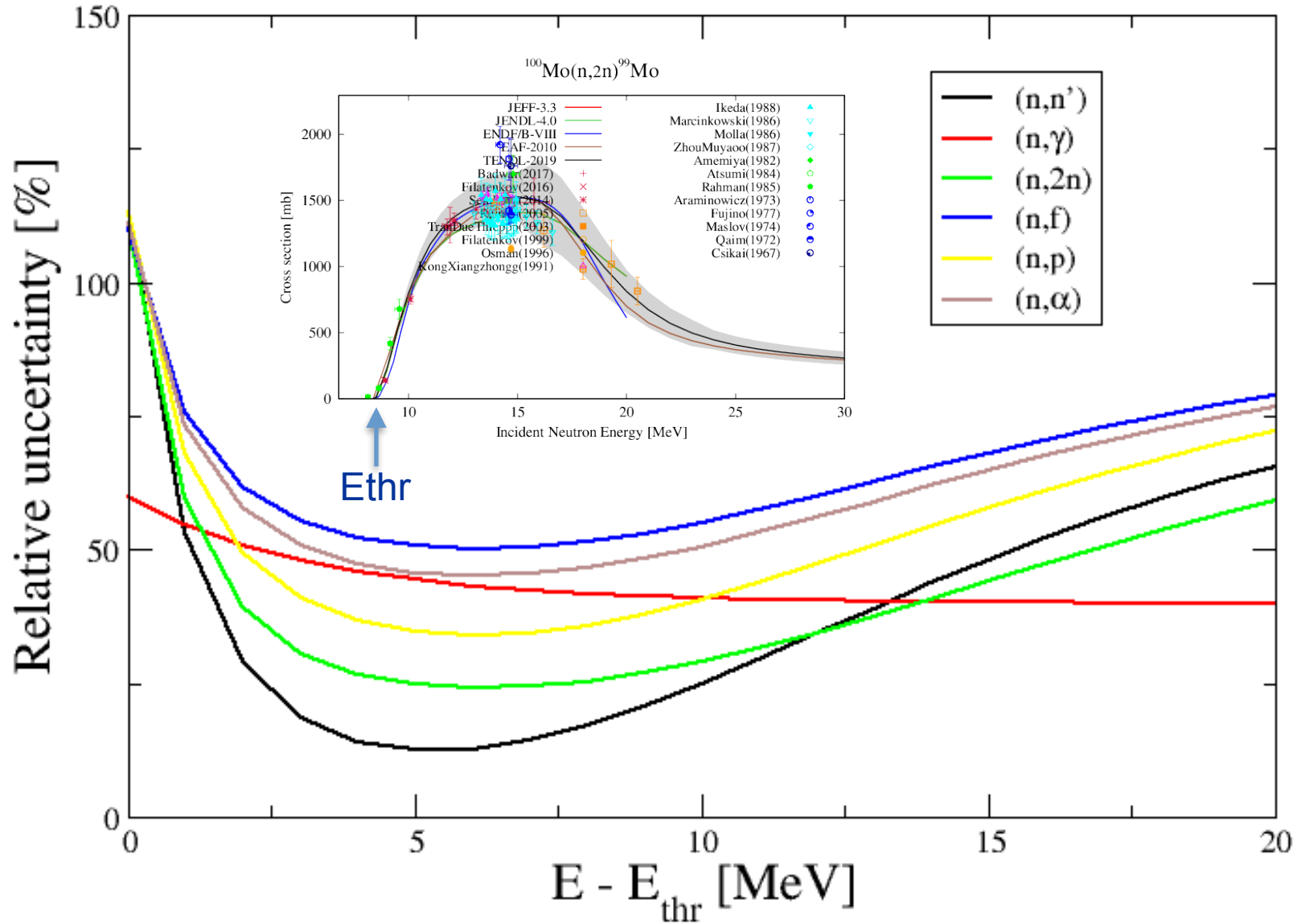


More initial FF distributions welcome!

FREYA  
 4D-Langevin  
 Next version of SPY  
 etc.

# Global predictive power of TALYS

Based on all EXFOR cross sections, A-independent



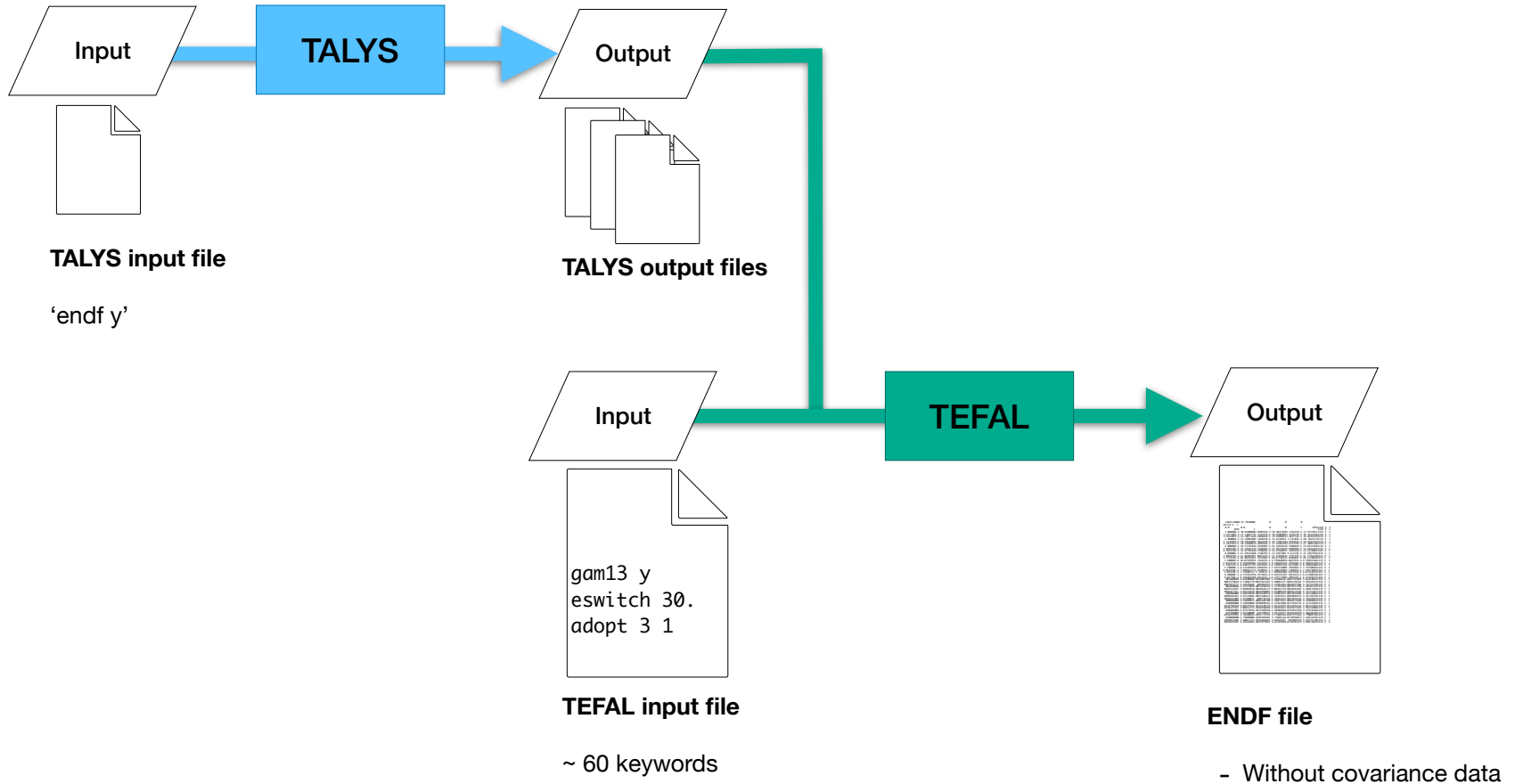
# TENDL-astro 2021

**(n,g) cross sections, reaction rates and MACS for astrophysics**

- Randomize models, not parameters
- 288 model combinations x 8892 isotopes:
  - Reaction rates + uncertainties
    1. Gamma strength function (values 8 or 9): either Gogny D1M HFB+QRPA, or SMLO
    2. Level density (values 1, 2 or 5): Constant temperature + Fermi gas model, or Back-shifted Fermi gas model, or Microscopic level densities (Skyrme force) from Hilaire's combinatorial tables
    3. JLM microscopic optical model potential or KD optical model (values y or n)
    4. Gamma strength function for M1 (values 3 or 8): Hartree-Fock BCS tables or Gogny D1M HFB+QRPA
    5. Collective enhancement (values y or n): yes or no
    6. Width fluctuation (values 0, 1 or 2): Moldauer model, or Hofmann-Richert-Tepel-Weidenmueller model
    7. Mass model (values 0, 1, 2 or 3): Duflo-Zuker formula, Moeller table, Goriely HFB-Skyrme table, or HFB-Gogny D1M table (except for known masses, where the experimental value is used)
- [https://tendl.web.psi.ch/tendl\\_2021/tar\\_files/astro/astro.html](https://tendl.web.psi.ch/tendl_2021/tar_files/astro/astro.html)

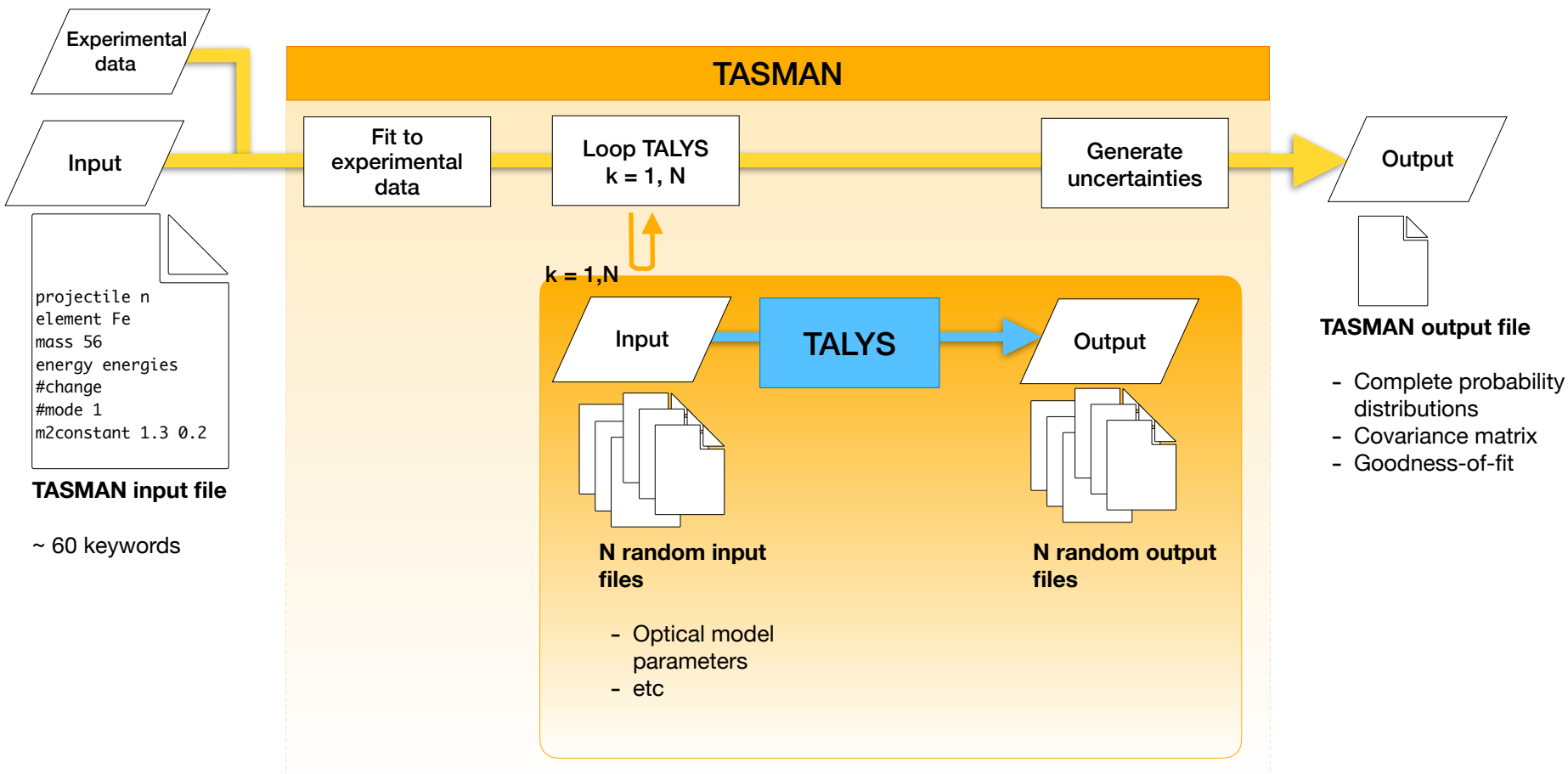
# TEFAL + TALYS

- TEFAL processes the output of TALYS, and data from other sources, into an ENDF-6 data library



# TASMAN + TALYS

- TASMAN produces uncertainty distributions based on input/output files of TALYS, and automatically fits experimental reaction data
- TASMAN generates random input N times and runs TALYS



```
projectile n
element Fe
mass 56
energy energies
#change
#mode 1
m2constant 1.3 0.2
```

**TASMAN input file**

~ 60 keywords

$k = 1, N$

**N random input files**

- Optical model parameters
- etc

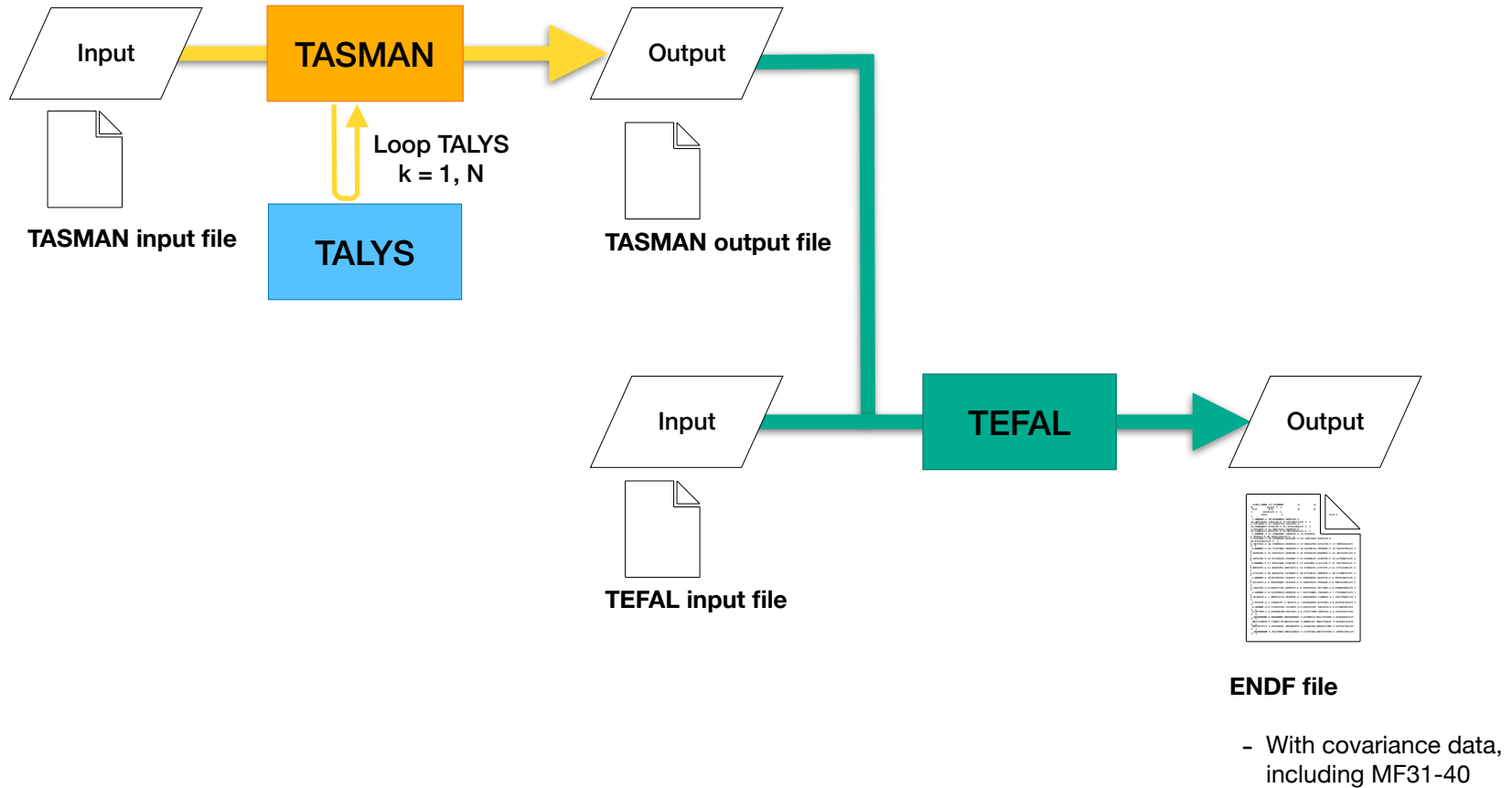
**N random output files**

**TASMAN output file**

- Complete probability distributions
- Covariance matrix
- Goodness-of-fit

# TASMAN + TALYS + TEFAL 1: Covariance data

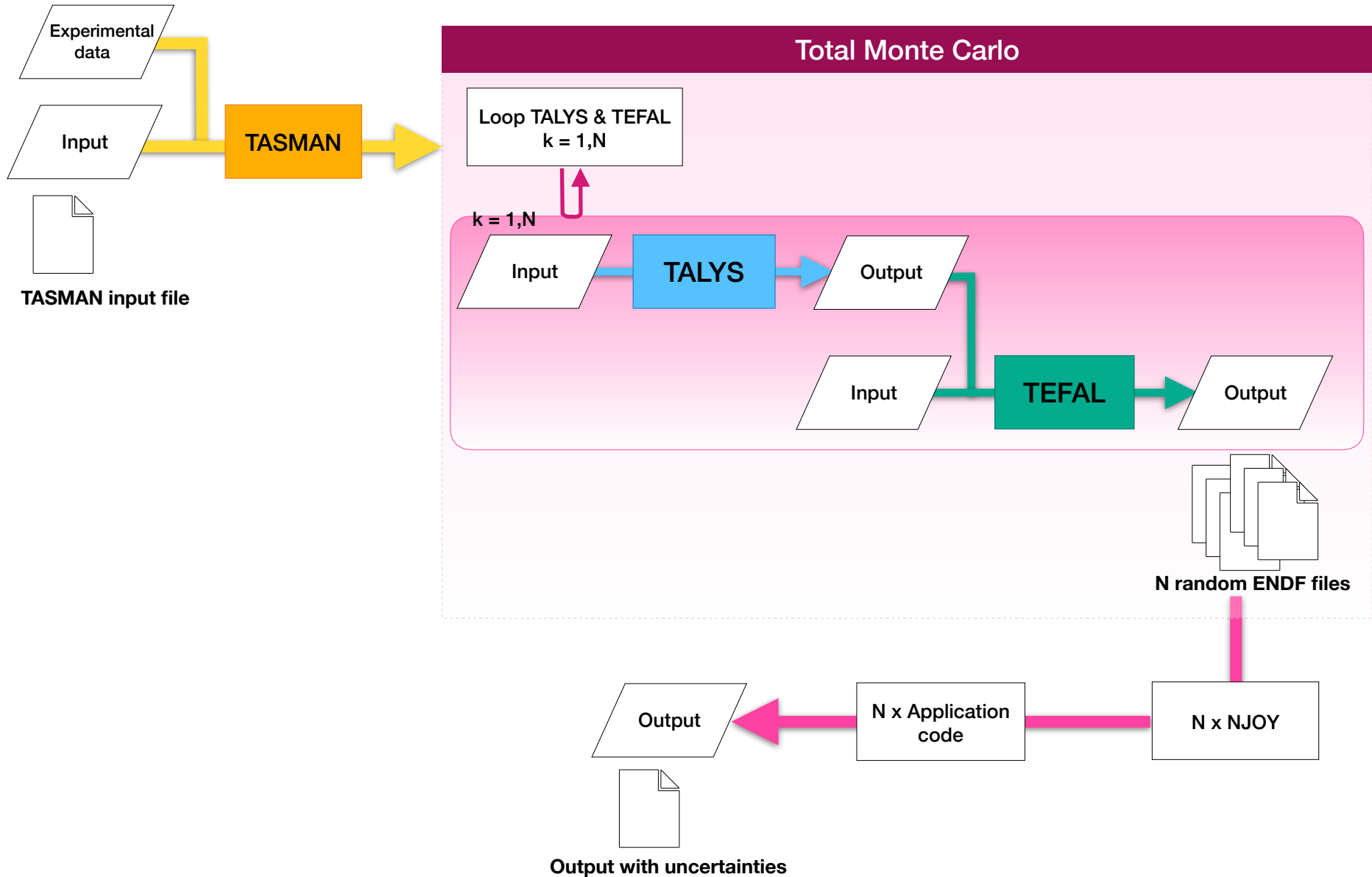
- TASMAN generates random input N times and runs TALYS



Loop the above over all nuclides = TENDL

# TASMAN + TALYS + TEFAL 2: Total Monte Carlo

- TASMAN generates random input N times and runs TALYS and TEFAL for each 'k'





# Conclusions

- TALYS a stable and well-tested (thanks to you!) tool for reasonable to good predictions nuclear reaction
- For nuclear reactions up to 200 MeV, TALYS is
  - the most versatile model code (subjective statement), and
  - most used model code in the world (objective statement)
- Exciting new nuclear structure developments can go straight into the code.
- The road to technology (nuclear data libraries) and applied science (astrophysics) is entirely automated.
- TALYS-2 will be released in December 2023
- Automated optimisation to many reaction channels with a relatively small number of TALYS parameters
  - Requires computational access to entire EXFOR database at once
  - Requires extensive outlier database
- TENDL-2023 will contain optimised excitation functions



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*Thank you!*

