

# TRANSMUTATION OF $^{129}\text{I}$ BY SECONDARY NEUTRONS OF THE GAMMA-MD SETUP EXPOSED TO 2.33 GEV DEUTERONS: EXPERIMENT AND MODELING

J. Adam, V.S. Pronskikh, V.M. Tsoupko-Sitnikov, V.G. Kalinnikov, A.A. Solnyshkin,  
V.I. Stegailov, V.M. Golovatiouk, N.M. Vladimirova, M.I. Krivopustov, V.A. Babkin,  
G.G. Golovan', A.D. Kovalenko  
*Joint Institute for Nuclear Research, Dubna*

W. Westmeier, H. Robotham  
*Kernchemie Institute, Phillips-Universität, Marburg, Germany*

M. Fragopoulou, M. Manolopoulou, S. Stoulos, M. Zamani-Valasiadou  
*Aristotle University, Thessaloniki, Greece*

A.M. Khilmanovich, B.A. Martsynkevich, T.N. Korbut  
*Stepanov Institute of Physics NAS, Minsk, Belarus*

I.V. Zhuk, A.S. Potapenko  
*Joint Institute of Power and Nuclear Research, Sosny, Minsk, Belarus*

A.R. Balabekyan  
*Yerevan State University, Yerevan, 1 Alex Manoogian, Republic of Armenia*

# GAMMA-MD setup –model of a reactor core

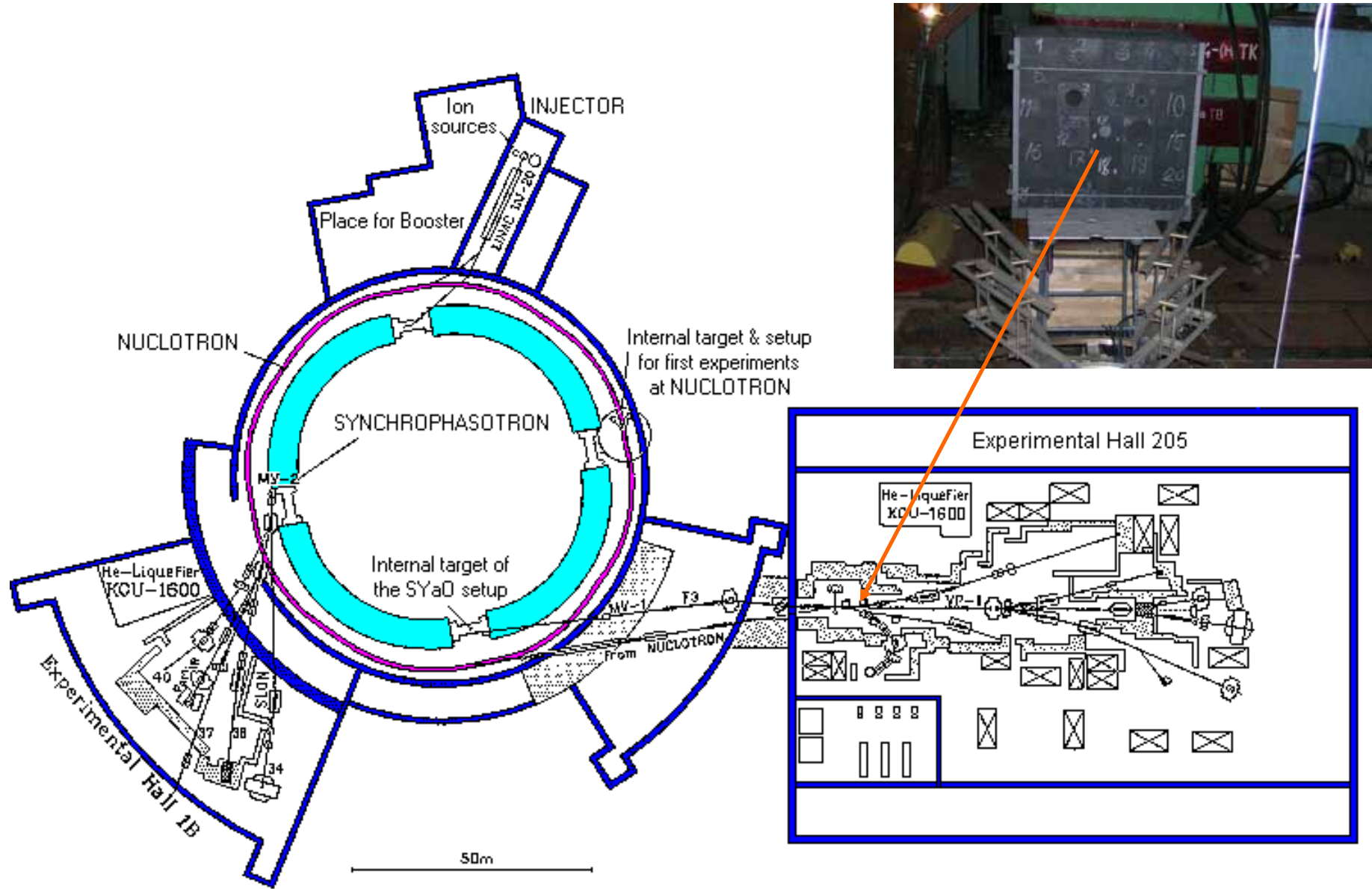


Sizes: 110×110×60 cm (blocks 25×25×60 cm and 20×20×60 cm, lead target d=8 cm, 60 cm length)

$T_{ml} = 3800 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $T_{fire} \text{ (air)} = 750 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  (safe)  $\sigma$ (absorb, term)=0,0035 b,  $\lambda = 50 \text{ cm}$ (water  $\sigma = 0,33 \text{ b}$ ,  $\lambda = 5 \text{ cm}$ )

| Deuteron total kinetic energy, GeV | Gaussian beam FWHM parameters (cm) |         | Coordinates of the beam center (cm) |         | Integral deuteron fluence | Beam percent hit the lead target (%) |       |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|---------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------|
|                                    | X                                  | Y       | Xc                                  | Yc      |                           |                                      |       |
| 2.33                               | 1,5±0,1                            | 2,4±0,1 | 0,7±0,1                             | 0,2±0,1 | 1,85·10 <sup>13</sup>     | 1,7·10 <sup>13</sup>                 | 92.2% |

# GAMMA-MD setup at the Nuclotron beam



# Location of the samples in GAMMA-2MD



Other samples used in the experiment:

threshold detectors Mg, Fe, Al, Co, Cu, Bi, Au, In, Y, Nb, W, V, Au, Lu, Dy, Ni, Sb  
 radiochemical sensor La-139, 11 samples  
 He-3, He-4 neutron counters, track detectors  
 CR39+B-10 (+Cd) Lexan+U-5, Th-232,  
 Au-197, Bi-209 U-8, Au-197, Cd foils

| Block No | I-129  | Np-237 | Pu-239 | Pu-238 |
|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|          | L (cm) | L (cm) | L (cm) | L (cm) |
| 14       | 13,8   | 17,5   | 23,3   | 26     |
| 9        | 24     | 29,3   | 33     | 30,8   |
| 4        | 51,3   | 56,3   | 59,8   | 58,5   |

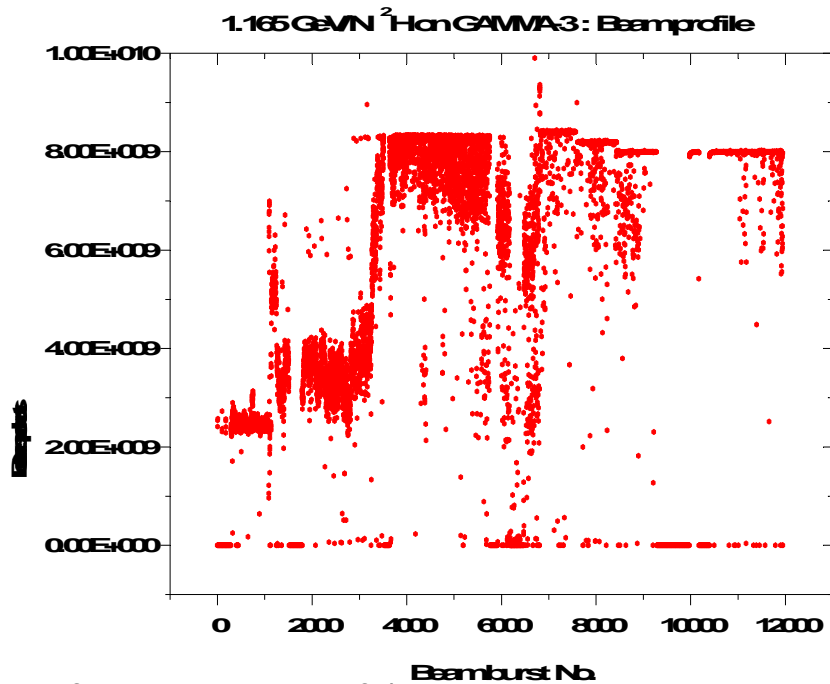
# Samples used in the GAMMA-MD irradiation

| Маркировка образцов               | Чистый вес, г |        | Лигатурный вес, г |        | Активность, МБк (мКи)     | Удельная Активность, МБк/г (мКи/г) |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|--------|-------------------|--------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
|                                   | И-129         | 0,521  | NaI               | 0,739  |                           |                                    |
| I-129-1<br>1,57·Е7 лет            | I-129         | 0,521  | NaI               | 0,739  | 3,4 (0,092)               | 5,24 (0,147)                       |
| I-129-2                           | I-129         | 0,591  | NaI               | 0,838  | 3,86 (0,10)               | 5,24 (0,147)                       |
| I-129-3                           | I-129         | 0,339  | NaI               | 0,480  | 2,2 (0,06)                | 5,24 (0,147)                       |
| I-129-4                           | I-129         | 0,218  | NaI               | 0,309  | 1,42 (0,038)              | 5,24 (0,147)                       |
| Np-237-1<br>$\alpha$ -2,14·Е6 лет | Np-237        | 0,987  | NpO <sub>2</sub>  | 1,121  | 25,5 (0,69)               | 25,9 (0,7)                         |
| Np-237-2                          | Np-237        | 1,115  | NpO <sub>2</sub>  | 1,266  | 28,86 (0,78)              | 25,9 (0,7)                         |
| Np-237-3                          | Np-237        | 1,085  | NpO <sub>2</sub>  | 1,232  | 28,12 (0,76)              | 25,9 (0,7)                         |
| Np-237-4                          | Np-237        | 1,011  | NpO <sub>2</sub>  | 1,147  | 26,27 (0,71)              | 25,9 (0,7)                         |
| Pu-239-1<br>$\alpha$ -2,44·Е4 лет | Pu-239        | 0,503  | PuO <sub>2</sub>  | 0,571  | ГБк (мКи)<br>1,15 (31,19) | МБк/мг<br>(мКи/мг)<br>2,3 (0,062)  |
| Pu-239-2                          | Pu-239        | 0,511  | PuO <sub>2</sub>  | 0,579  | 1,17 (31,68)              | 2,3 (0,062)                        |
| Pu-239-3                          | Pu-239        | 0,455  | PuO <sub>2</sub>  | 0,516  | 1,04 (28,2)               | 2,3 (0,062)                        |
| Pu-239-4                          | Pu-239        | 0,456  | PuO <sub>2</sub>  | 0,506  | 1,02 (27,65)              | 2,3 (0,062)                        |
| Pu-239-5                          | Pu-239        | 0,462  | PuO <sub>2</sub>  | 0,524  | 1,06 (28,64)              | 2,3 (0,062)                        |
| Pu-239-6                          | Pu-239        | 0,454  | PuO <sub>2</sub>  | 0,515  | 1,04 (28,15)              | 2,3 (0,062)                        |
| Am-241-1<br>$\alpha$ -432 года    | Am-241        | 0,183  | AmO <sub>2</sub>  | 0,208  | ГБк (мКи)<br>23,2 (627)   | МБк/мг<br>(мКи/мг)<br>127 (3,43)   |
| Am-241-2                          | Am-241        | 0,183  | AmO <sub>2</sub>  | 0,208  | 23,2 (627)                | 127 (3,43)                         |
| Am-241-3                          | Am-241        | 0,186  | AmO <sub>2</sub>  | 0,211  | 23,6 (638)                | 127 (3,43)                         |
| Pu-238-1<br>87,7 лет              | Pu-238        | 0,0517 | PuO <sub>2</sub>  | 0,0734 | 879                       | 17,1                               |
| Pu-238-2                          | Pu-238        | 0,0516 | PuO <sub>2</sub>  | 0,0733 | 877                       | 17,1                               |
| Pu-238-3                          | Pu-238        | 0,0477 | PuO <sub>2</sub>  | 0,0677 | 811                       | 17,1                               |



From IPPE, Obninsk

# Deuteron beam properties and monitoring techniques



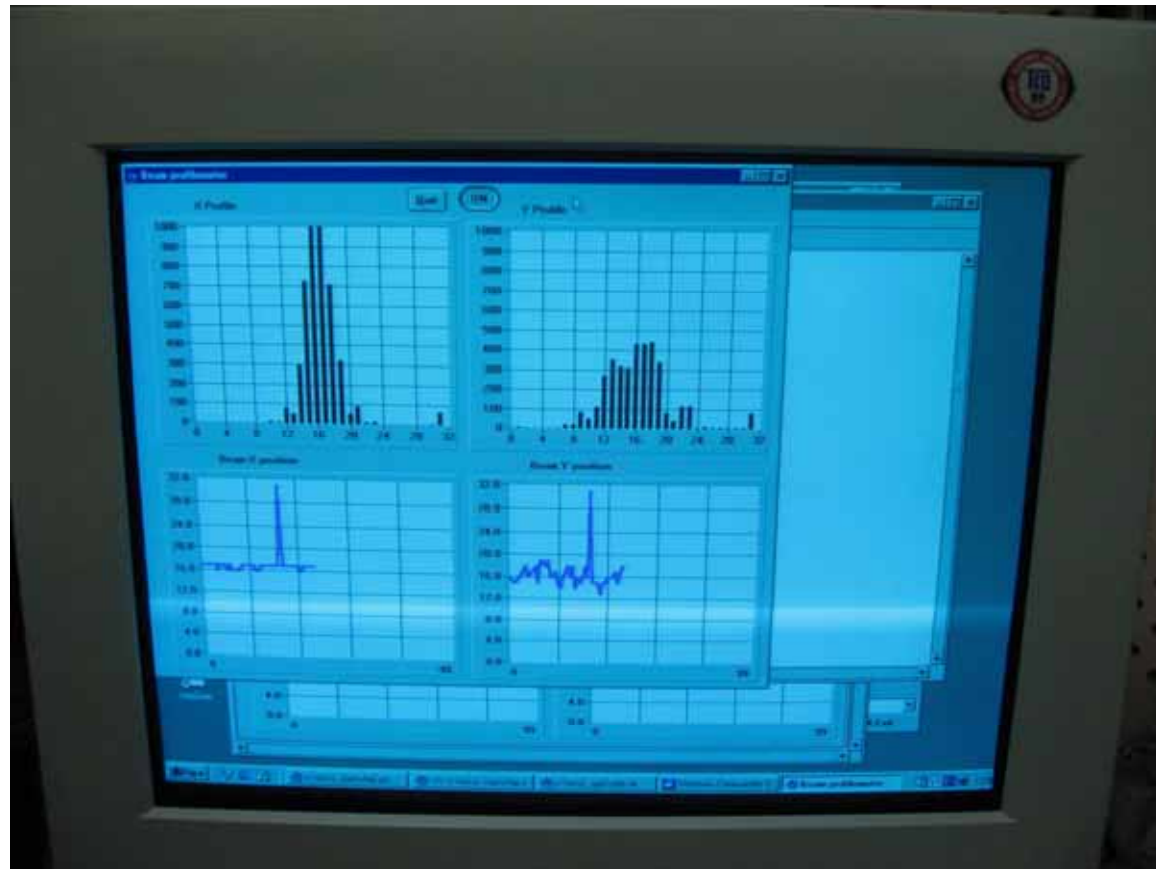
$d(^{27}\text{Al}, 3p2n)^{24}\text{Na}$  (Banaigs)

monitored by Dr. W. Westmeier

$$\sigma = 15.38 \pm 1.12 \text{ mb}$$

Start at 13:44 on 17.03.08

Stop at 15:01 on 18.03.07



| Ring dimensions      | $^{24}\text{Na}$ activity in Bq | Deuterons per $\text{cm}^2$           |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| r=10.5 mm to r=40 mm | $307.1 \pm 13.4$                | $3.593\text{E}11 \pm 1.568\text{E}10$ |
| r=40 mm to r=60 mm   | $20.2 \pm 1.2$                  | $1.760\text{E}10 \pm 1.045\text{E}9$  |
| r=60 mm to r=80 mm   | $5.978 \pm 0.566$               | $3.721\text{E}9 \pm 3.523\text{E}8$   |
| r=0 mm to r=10.5 mm  | $4.217 \pm 0.998$               | $6.673\text{E}10 \pm 1.579\text{E}10$ |

# Spectrometry with HPGe detectors



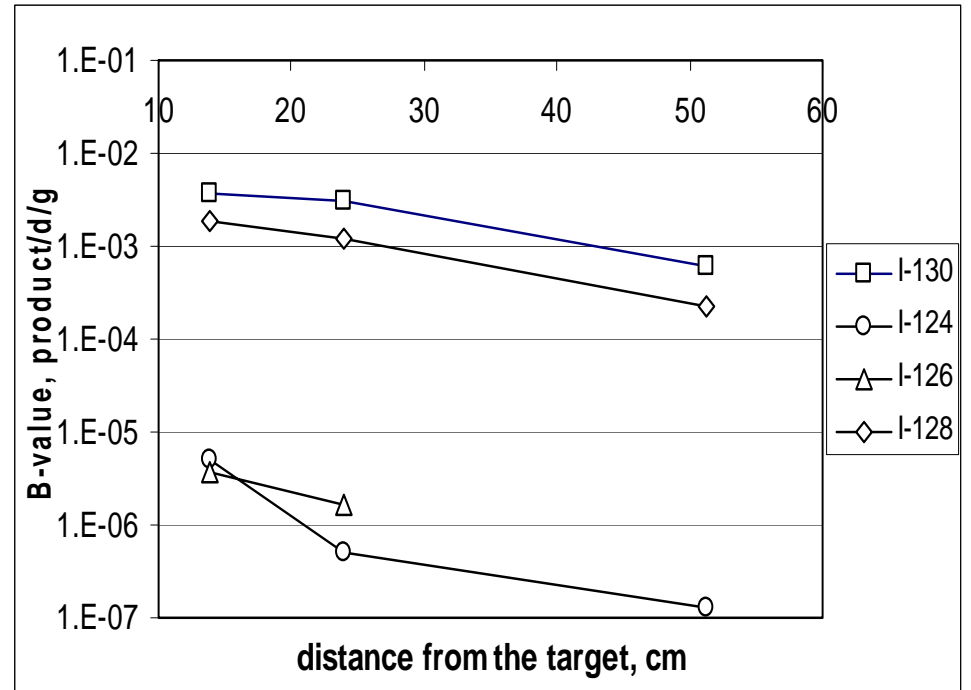
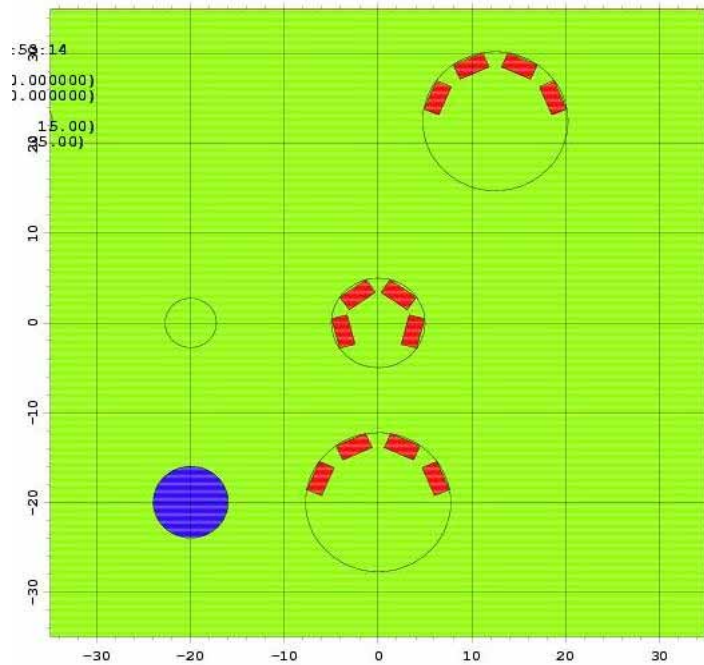
Gamma-spectra analysis was performed using  
The following program codes:

GAMMAW (Dr. Westmeier GMBH), monitors  
DEIMOS32 (Dr. Frana, Rez near Prague),  
Fitzpeaks (Dr. Fitzgerald, math of SAMPO80)

Program package J. Adam, V.S. Pronskikh,  
A.R. Balabekyan et al, P10-2000-28,  
Measurement Techniques, 44(2001) 93-100.  
Energy, efficiency calibration, background correction,  
surplus peaks removal, nuclide identification,  
cross section calculations, selective averaging

|                                       |                             |                                |                                |                    |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| HPGe detector                         | CANBERRA<br>GR1819          | ORTEC GMX-<br>23200            | ORTEC GMX-<br>20190-P          | CANBERRA<br>GC1520 |
| Rel. efficiency                       | 18.9 %                      | 27.7 %                         | 28.3 %                         | 15%                |
| Resolution at<br>( $E_g$<br>1332 keV) | 1.78 keV                    | 1.86 keV                       | 1.80 keV                       | 2.0 keV            |
| Amplifier                             | ORTEC 973                   | CANBERRA 2024                  | CANBERRA 2026                  | CANBERRA 2002      |
| ADC                                   | ORTEC 921<br>SPECTR. MASTER | ORTEC 919<br>SPECTR.<br>MASTER | ORTEC 919<br>SPECTR.<br>MASTER | CANBERRA           |

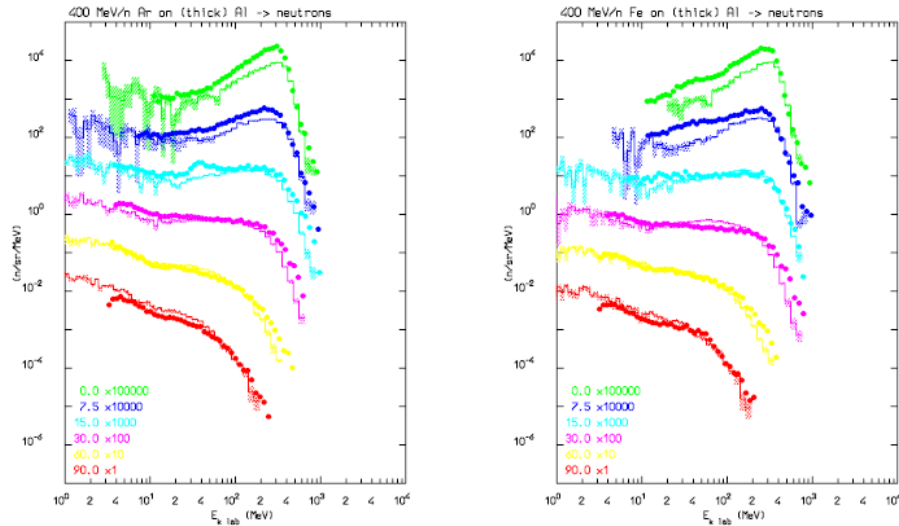
# Transmutation rates B



| Product                                    | Target                         | Relative rates B [g <sup>-1</sup> , d <sup>-1</sup> ] |             |            |
|--|--------------------------------|---|-------------|------------|
|  |                                | 19 cm   | 29 cm       | 55 cm      |
| <sup>130</sup> I                           | <sup>129</sup> I               | 3.8(5)E-3   | 3.1(4)E-3   | 6.0(9)E-4  |
| <sup>124</sup> I                           | <sup>129</sup> I               | 5.1(6)E-6   | 5.0(7)E-7   | 1.3(3)E-7  |
| <sup>126</sup> I                           | <sup>129</sup> I               | 3.8(5)E-6   | 1.6(1)E-6   | -----      |
| <sup>128</sup> I                           | <sup>127</sup> I               | 1.9(2)E-3   | 1.2(1)E-3   | 2.2(3)E-4  |
| <b>Transmutation</b><br><b>I=10mA, 30d</b> | <sup>129</sup> I<br><b>(%)</b> | <b>23.8</b>   | <b>18.8</b> | <b>3.8</b> |

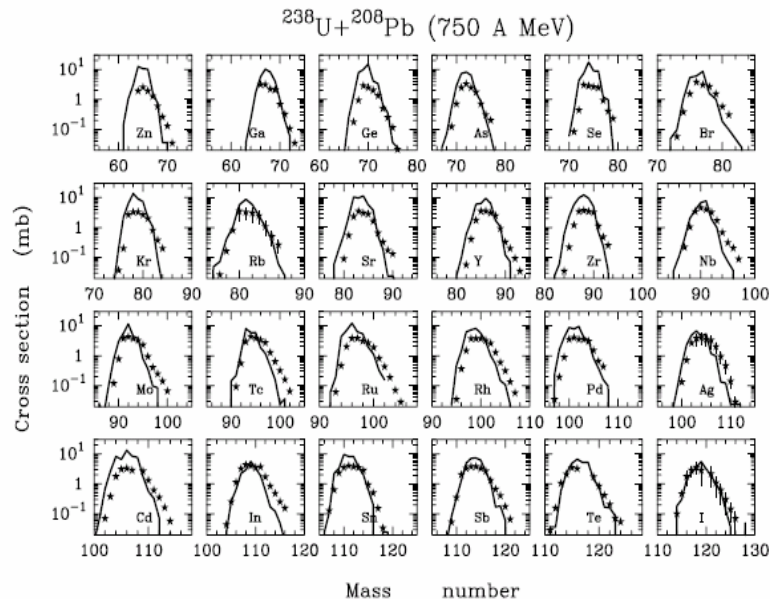


# Monte-Carlo simulations with FLUKA code



Double differential neutron yield by 400 MeV/n Ar (left) and Fe (right) ions on thick Al targets, histo FLUKA, dots exp. data (PRC62 044615 (2000)).

From F. Ballarini et al., ND2004

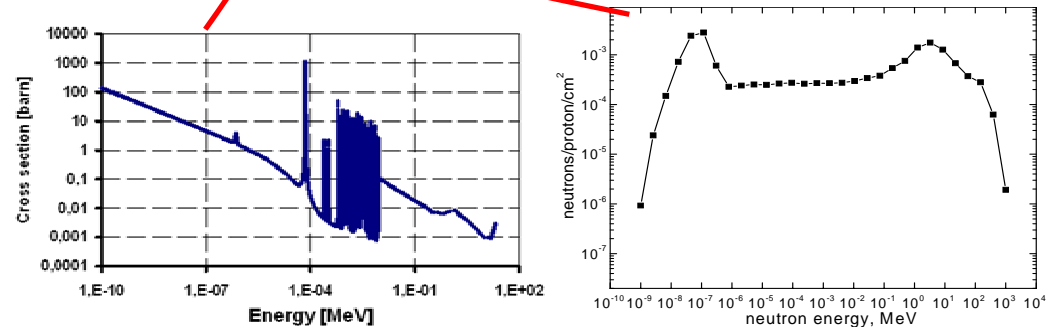


G. Battistoni et al., Braz.J.Phys. 2004

$$B = \frac{N_{at}}{m \cdot N_p} \quad [\text{ion}^{-1} \cdot \text{gram}^{-1}]$$

$$R = \frac{B \cdot A}{N_A} =$$

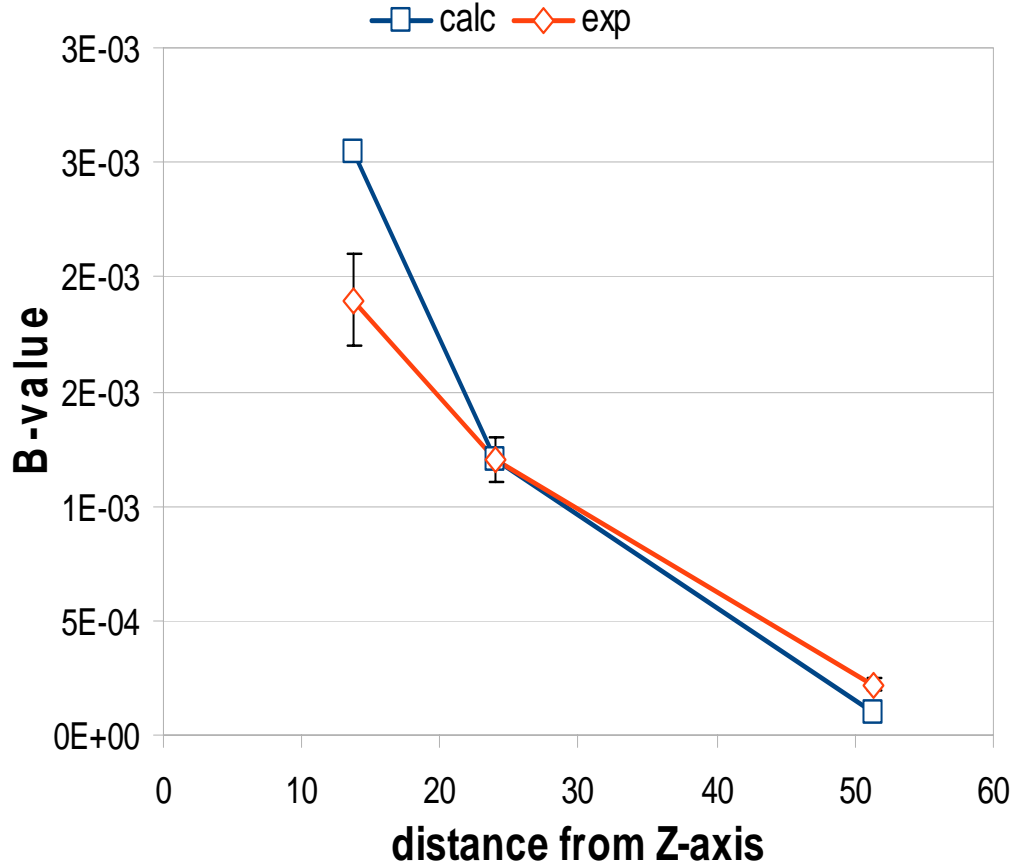
$$= \int_{E_{\min}}^{E_{\max}} \sigma(E) \Phi(E) dE \quad [\text{deuteron}^{-1} \text{atom}^{-1}]$$



Fluka (RQMD fully integrated). Improvement of classical INC by adding dynamical modelling of the nuclear field among nucleons in the course of the reaction, with similar treating of individual two-body scattering/interactions. Applicable from 0.1 GeV/n to hundreds GeV/n.

# Comparison with the experimental data on $^{130}\text{I}$ production

B-values for the cylinders at 13.8, 24, and 51.3 cm distances from the Z-axis, respectively



Differential B-values for the three cylinders calculated for each of the 72 neutron groups separately using JEFF-3.1 cross section library and employing NJOY program code

