

**REACTION RATES IN  $^{237}\text{Np}$  EXPOSED TO  
SPALLATION NEUTRONS IN Pb TARGET AND U-  
BLANKET SYSTEM BY RELATIVISTIC  
DEUTERONS OF 4 GeV**

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# “Energy&Transmutation” - Experiments

Energy [GeV] Protons	Start	Time of irradiation [minute]	Ip (integr. on target) [*E13]	Ip per sec on target [*E8]	Public.
0.7	27Jun04	531	0.88(4)	2.63	Jaipur
1.0	30Nov03	423	2.93(13)	11.5	Conf. To., Santa Fe
1.5	11Dec01	723	1.10(5)	2.54	Prepr., NIM
2.0	27Jun03	463	1.18(15)	4.25	Santa Fe

## Number of gamma-spectra measured during each experiment

Proton energy [GeV]	0.7	1	1.5	2
RA samples (+ 127I)	55	80	31	76
Monitors <sup>27</sup> Al	12	16	12	13
Monitors <sup>139</sup> La	40	33	29	34
HPGe calibration	144	11	60	50
Threshold foils	106	–	208	60
Background and RA-samples before irr.	11	18	16	11
<b>Total number</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>244</b>

All 1126

# “Energy&Transmutation” or “GAMMA-3” Experiments

Energy [GeV] Deuterons	Start	Time of irradiation [minute]	Ip (integr. on target) [*E13]	Ip per sec on target [*E8]	Setup
2.5	30Nov05	540	0.65(10)	2.01	“E+T”
1.6	18Dec06	399	1.73(25)	7.23	“E+T”
2.33	17Mar07	1517	1.70(10)	1.87	“Gamma-3”
4.0	25Nov09	1068	0.78 (8)	1.31	“E+T”

# Scientific program

Physical aspects of electronuclear method of energy production and transmutation of radioactive waste

- ❖ Investigation of the formation of residual nuclei in reaction induced by 660 MeV protons interacting with the radioactive targets:  **$^{129}\text{I}$ ,  $^{237}\text{Np}$ ,  $^{241}\text{Am}$ ,  $^{238}\text{U}$ ,  $^{239}\text{Pu}$ ,  $^{232}\text{Th}$ ,  $^{235}\text{U}$ ,  $^{238}\text{Pu}$** .  
Experiment + theoretical calculation (LANL).
- ❖ Transmutation studies on long-lived radioactive waste nuclides  **$^{129}\text{I}$ ,  $^{237}\text{Np}$ ,  $^{238}\text{Pu}$ ,  $^{239}\text{Pu}$  and  $^{241}\text{Am}$ ,  $^{232}\text{Th}$ ,  $^{238}\text{U}$**  in the field of secondary neutrons using nuclear spectroscopy methods.  
Projects **GAMMA-2,3 ENERGY+TRANSMUTATION**,
- ❖ Energy and intensity distributions of neutrons around the target assembly **using nuclear spectroscopy methods**, solid state nuclear track detectors (SSNTD), uranium sensors and nuclear emulsion techniques.  
**Theoretical calculations of neutron spectra and reaction yields (MCNPX).**

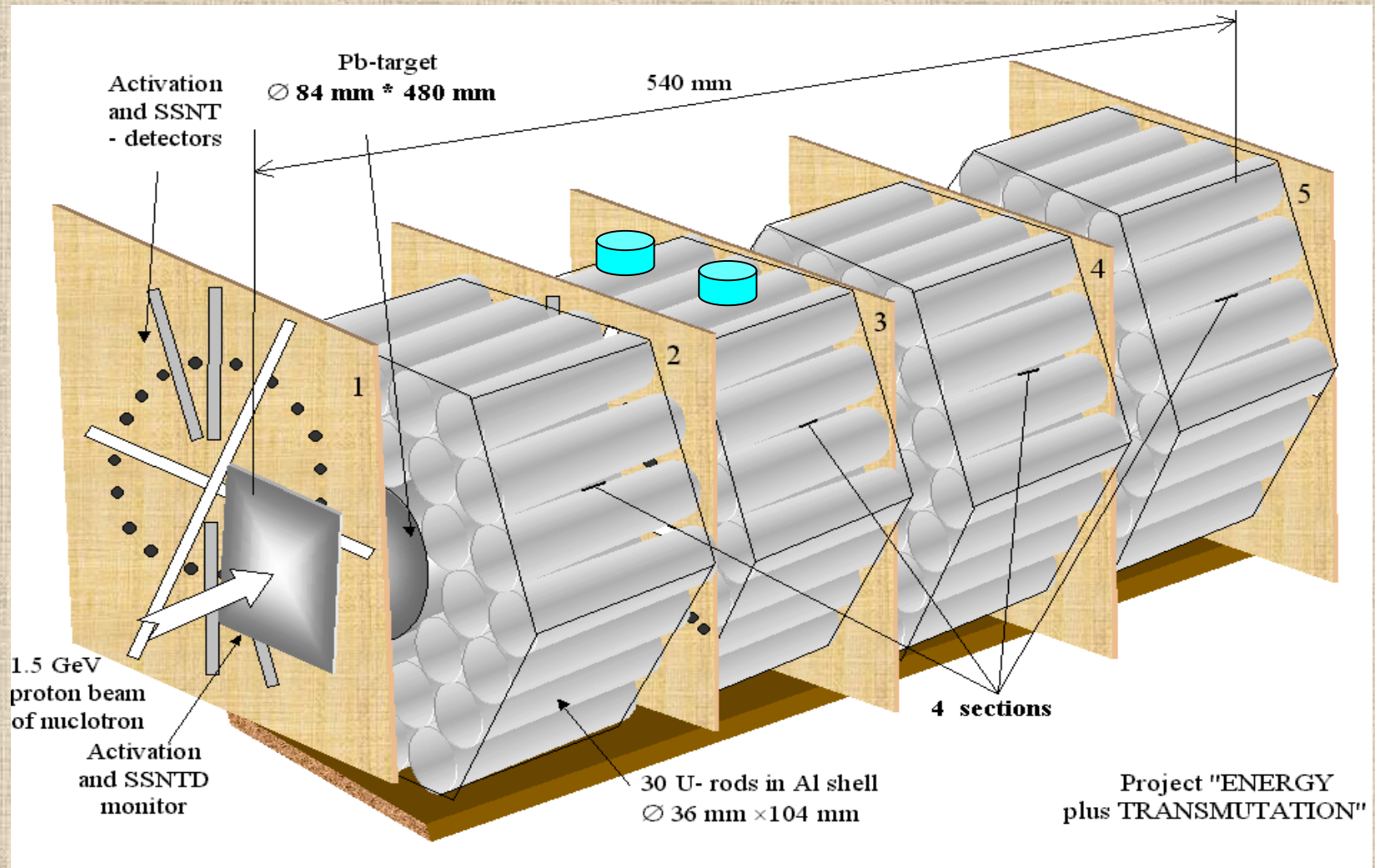
# Nuclotron

- ❖ Superconducting, strong focusing synchrotron
- ❖ Constructed during 1987-1992 at the Veksler and Baldin Laboratory of High Energies, JINR Dubna
- ❖ The nuclotron ring (circumference **251.5 m**) is installed in the tunnel around the synchrophasotron, the nuclotron median plane is at 3.7 m below the synchrophasotron one
- ❖ The total cold mass ~ **80 tons**
- ❖ Accelerates protons up to  $T_{\text{kin}} \sim$  **12.8 GeV** and nuclei (including  $^{238}\text{U}$ ) up to  $T_{\text{kin}} \sim$  **6 GeV/A** (for  $Z/A = 1/2$ )
- ❖ Intensity ~  **$10^{11}$  protons per cycle**, **plan for the future ~  $10^{13}$**
- ❖ **Extraction time ~ 10 s**; Repetition rate **0.5 – 1.0 p.p.s**
- ❖ 96 SC dipoles for max. field **2.2 T**, 64 SC quadrupoles (hyperbolic shaped poles); the cooling is performed by 2-phase He flow
- ❖ Operational temperature is **4.5-4.7 K**
- ❖ Vacuum inside a beam pipe is about  **$10^{-10}$  -  $10^{-11}$  Torr**
- ❖ Consumed power **1.5 MW**

# The beam extraction area of the Nuclotron ring



# Schematic representation of the U/Pb assembly with four section of uranium blankets around a massive lead target

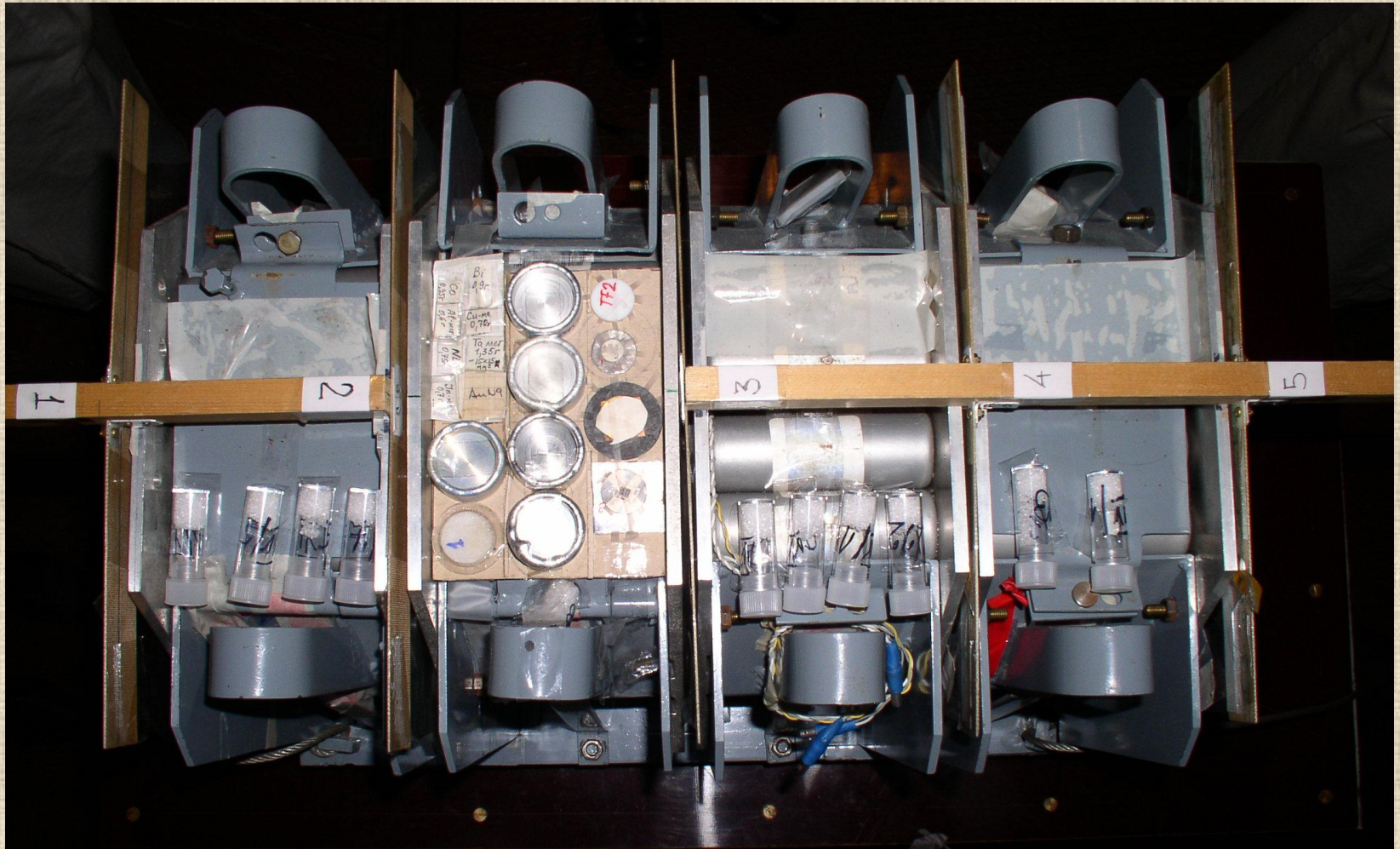


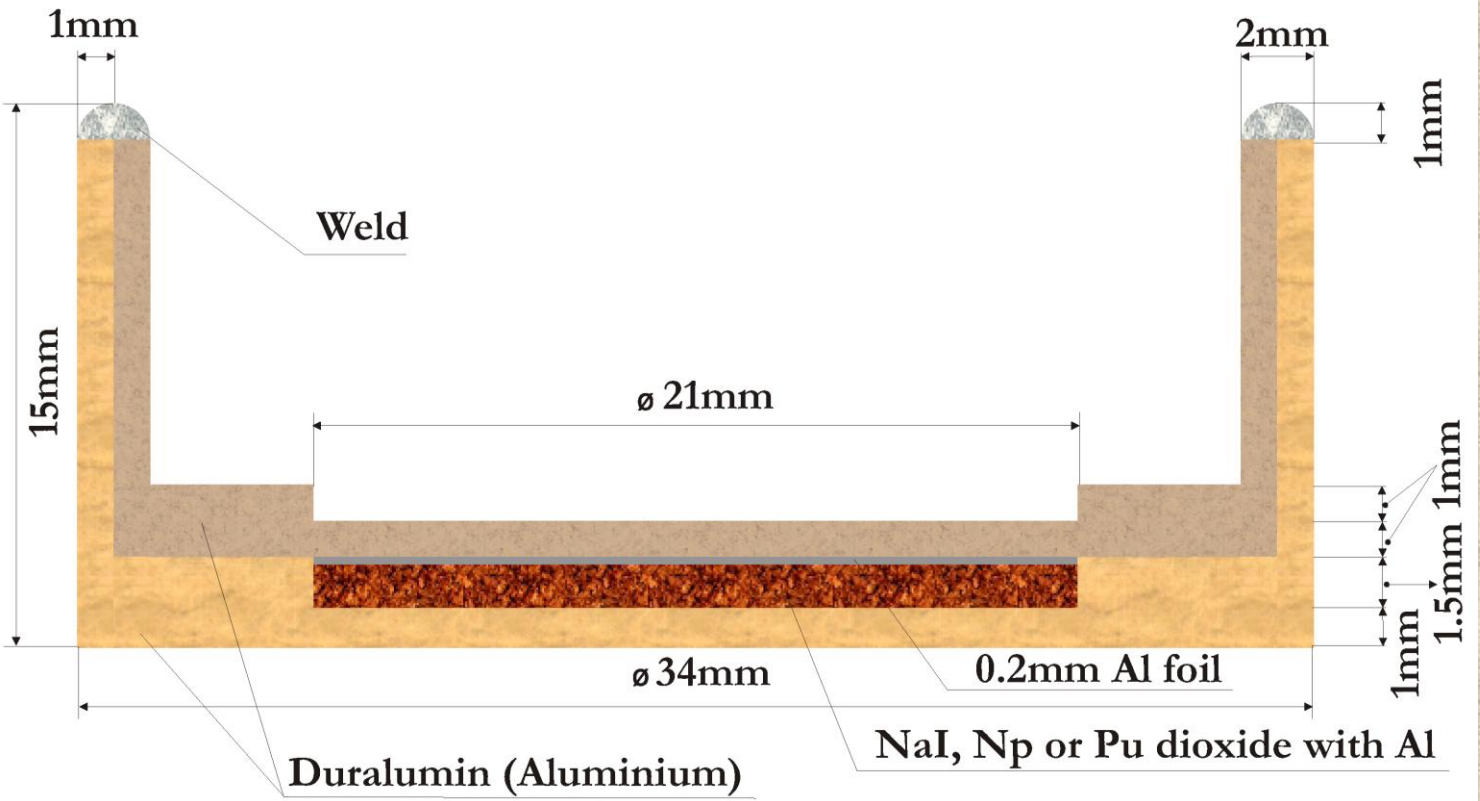


Photography of “**Energy&Transmutation**” Pb/U assembly  
outside the shielding before fixing of detectors



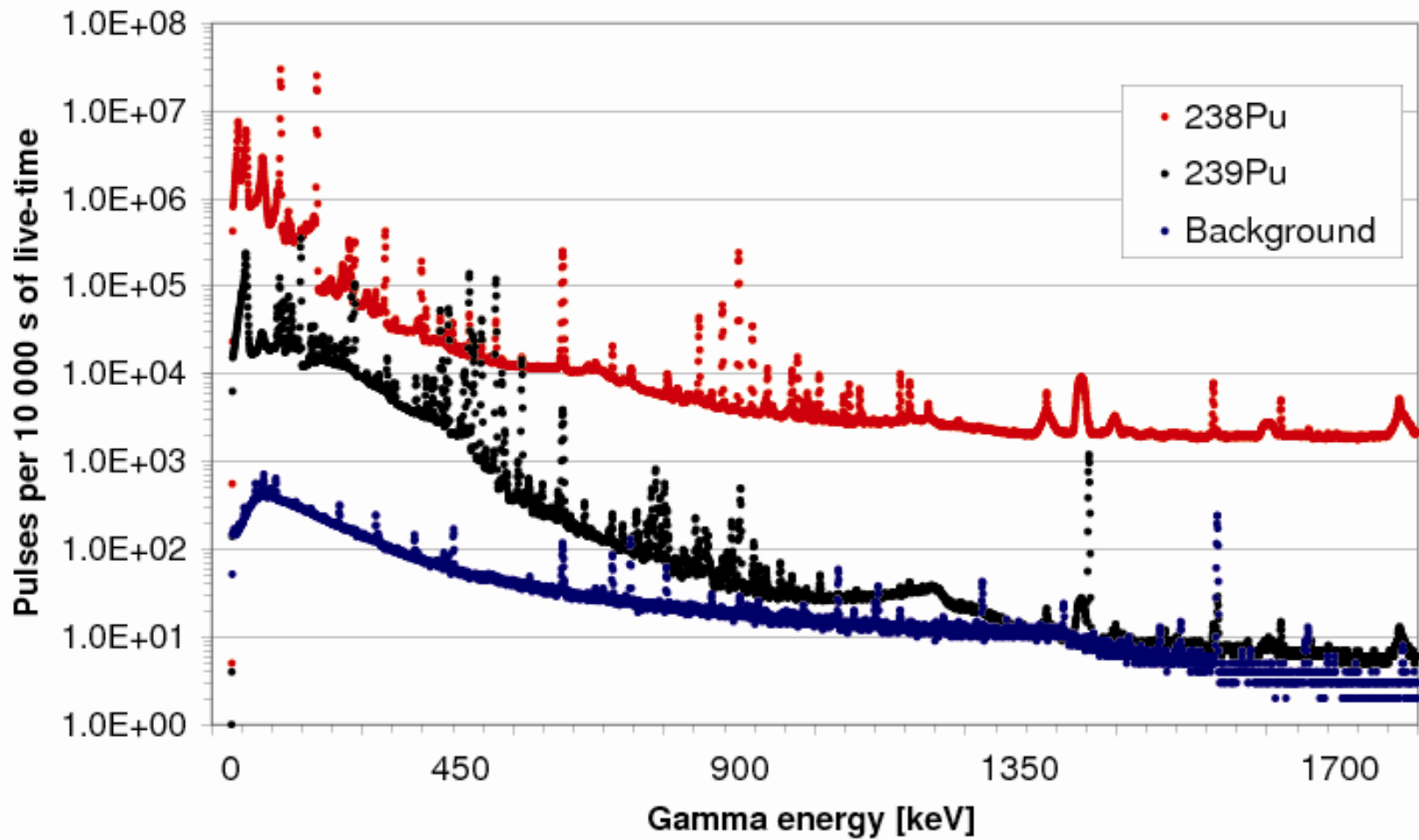
General view of the assembly with all detectors and radioactive samples fixed on it





## Radioactive samples properties for 4 GeV experiment

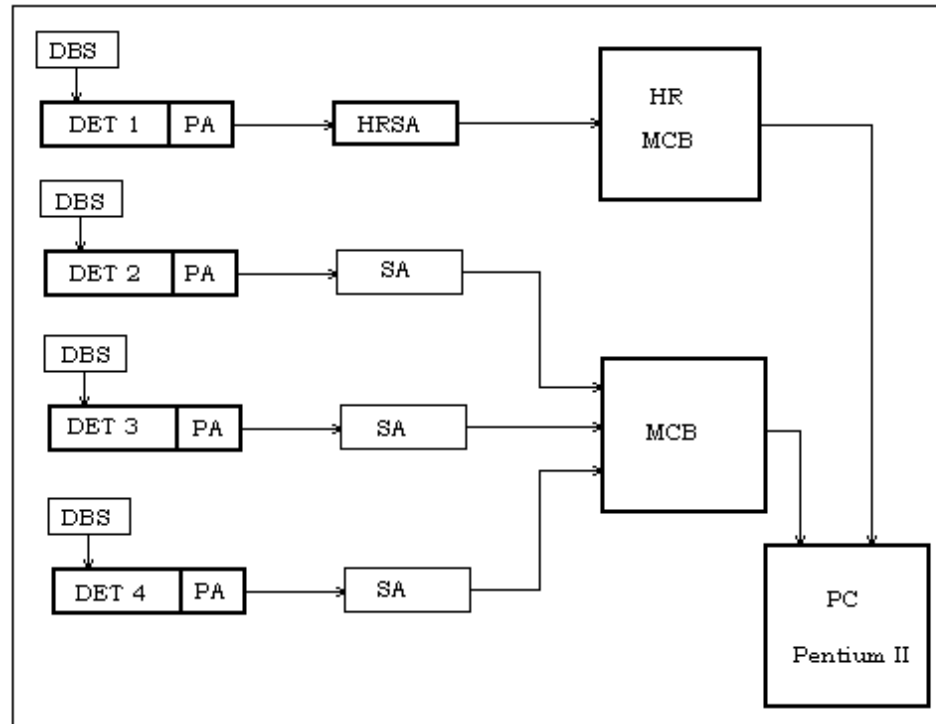
Nuclei	Half-life [y]	Weight [g]	Activity [GBq]	Isotopes Purity [%]	Alpha-particles Energy [MeV}
129-I	1.57E+7	0.772	0.0034	82.9+127I	-
237-Np	2.14E+6	0.987	0.0289	100	4788, 4771
238-Pu	87.74	0.0516	32.4	72.9+239Pu	5499, 5456
239-Pu	2.41E+4	0.579	1.17	99.9	5157, 5144
241-Am	432.2	0.183	23.2	100	5486,5443
232-Th	1.405E+10	0.186	13 Bq	100	
Nat-U	4.468E+9	0.342	707 Bq	100	



# HPGe detectors

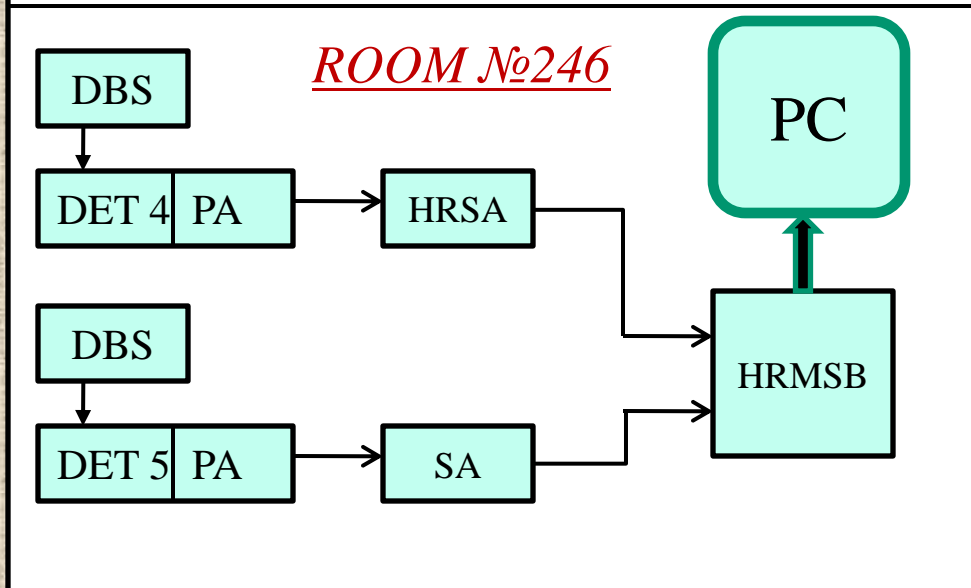
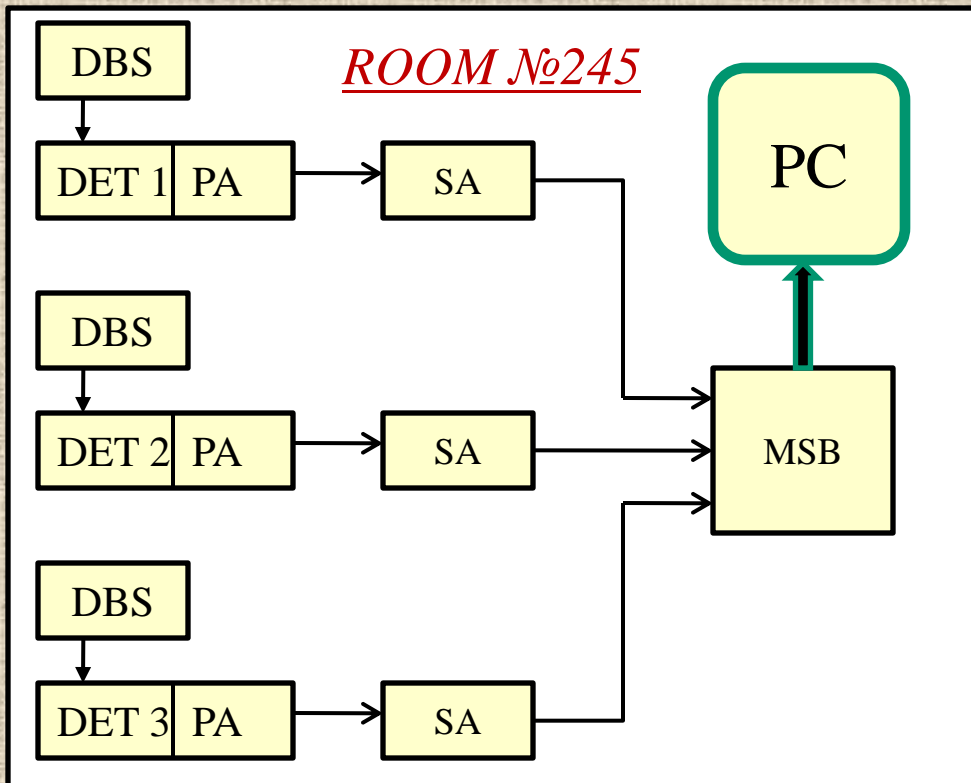
	CANBERRA GR-1819	ORTEC(old) GMX-23200	ORTEC(new1) GMX-20190	ORTEC(planar) GeLP-36360/13	ORTEC(new2) GMX-30
Resolution [keV] (Eg=1332keV)	1.78 keV	1.86 keV	1.80 keV	335 eV At 5.9 keV 580 eV At 122 keV	1.80 keV
Relative efficiency [%] (Eg=1332keV)	18.9	27.7	28.3	Dia. 36 mm Heig. 13 mm	32.9
Absorbing layer Be, Al, Ge	0.50 mm 0.3 $\mu\text{m}$	1.27 mm 0.3 $\mu\text{m}$	0.50 mm 0.3 $\mu\text{m}$	0.254 mm 0.3 $\mu\text{m}$	1.27 mm 0.3 $\mu\text{m}$

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ABBREVIATION	DENOMINATION	FIRM, MODEL
DBS	Detector Bias Supply	
DET 1	HPGe Detector	ORTEC GMX 23200
DET 2	HPGe Detector	CANBERRA SR 1819
DET 3	HPGe Detector	ORTEC GMX 20190
DET 4	Planar HPGe Detector	ORTEC GLP-36360/13
PA	The Preamplifiers and HV Filters are part of the Detector Capsule	
MCB	Multichannel Buffer	ORTEC 919
HRMCB	High-Rate Multichannel Buffer	ORTEC 921
HRSA	High-Rate Amplifier	ORTEC 973
SA	Spectroscopy Amplifier	CANBERRA 2024, 2026, 2020

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HRSA	Buffer High-Rate	ORTEC 973
SA	Amplifier Spectroscopy Amplifier	CANBERRA 2024,2026,2020



“E + T”, Nov2009, measurements of gamma-spectra

Participants	Samples	Spectra	Participants	Samples	Spectra
Adam, Solnyshkin, Stegajlov Tsoupko-Sitnik	RA-detectors, 7 Thresh. det., 18	64, A 132, B	Hashemi- Nezhad Borger Bhatia	Pb, Bi, Th, U, 12	55, C
Wagner Svoboda	Thresh. det., 102 Monitors, 41	292, D	Voronko Sotnikov	Hf, Zr, U, 9	26, A
Szuta, Klim, Strugalska- Gola Bielewicz	Y, 35	134, E	Westmeier Vladimirova	Al-monitor, 4 La, 15	57, F
	Det. 203	Sp. 622		Det. 40	87(57)

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ВХОД:  $N_\gamma(i)_{\text{Deimos}} \quad N_\gamma(i) \rightarrow E_\gamma(i)$

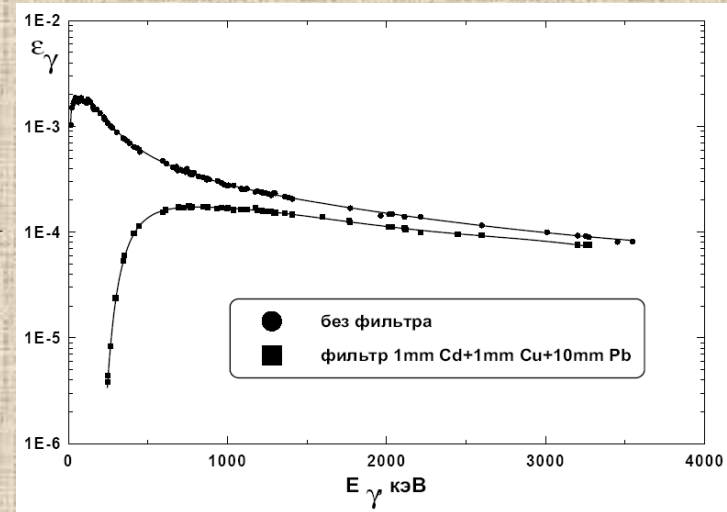
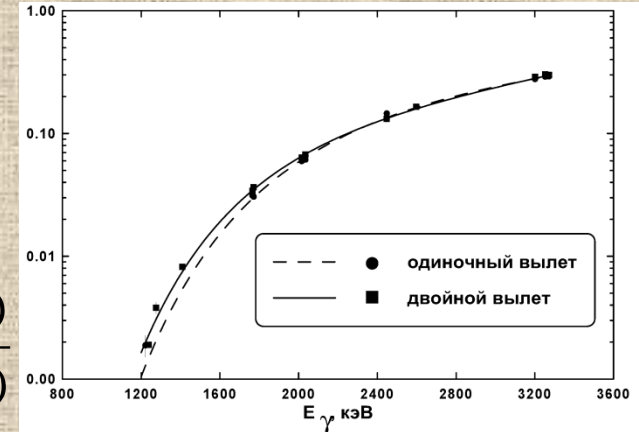
$$|E_\gamma - E'_\gamma| \ln \sqrt{a^2 + (\Delta E_\gamma)^2 + (\Delta E'_\gamma)^2}$$

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$$\sigma_a(E_\gamma^j) = \frac{S_i(E_\gamma^j) \lambda_a t_{3,r}}{N_p N_t \epsilon_\gamma I_\gamma(E_\gamma^j) (1 - e^{-\lambda_a t_1}) e^{-\lambda_a t_2} (1 - e^{-\lambda_a t_{3,r}}) t_{3,l}}$$

## Number of protons (Np), Reaction rate R(Ar,Zr)

$$Q(Ar, Zr, i, j) = \frac{S(i, j) \cdot \eta_A(At, Zt, j) \cdot \eta_B(\lambda) \cdot \eta_C(j) \cdot \eta_D \cdot \lambda}{\varepsilon_\gamma^{abs}(j) \cdot I_\gamma(j) \cdot (1 - e^{-\lambda \cdot t_1}) \cdot e^{-\lambda \cdot t_2(i)} \cdot (1 - e^{-\lambda \cdot t_{real}(i)})} \cdot \frac{t_{real}(i)}{t_{live}(i)}}$$

$$N_p = Q(A_r, Z_r) / (\sigma(A_r, Z_r) \cdot N_t)$$

$$N_t = N_{Av0} \cdot m / (A \cdot S)$$

$$R(Ar, Zr) = \frac{Q(\text{Number of produced nuclei}(Ar, Zr))}{(1 \text{ target isotope atom}) \cdot (1 \text{ incident proton})}$$

$$R = \int_{E(thr)}^{\infty} \sigma(E_n) \Phi(E_n) dE_n$$

# Monitor

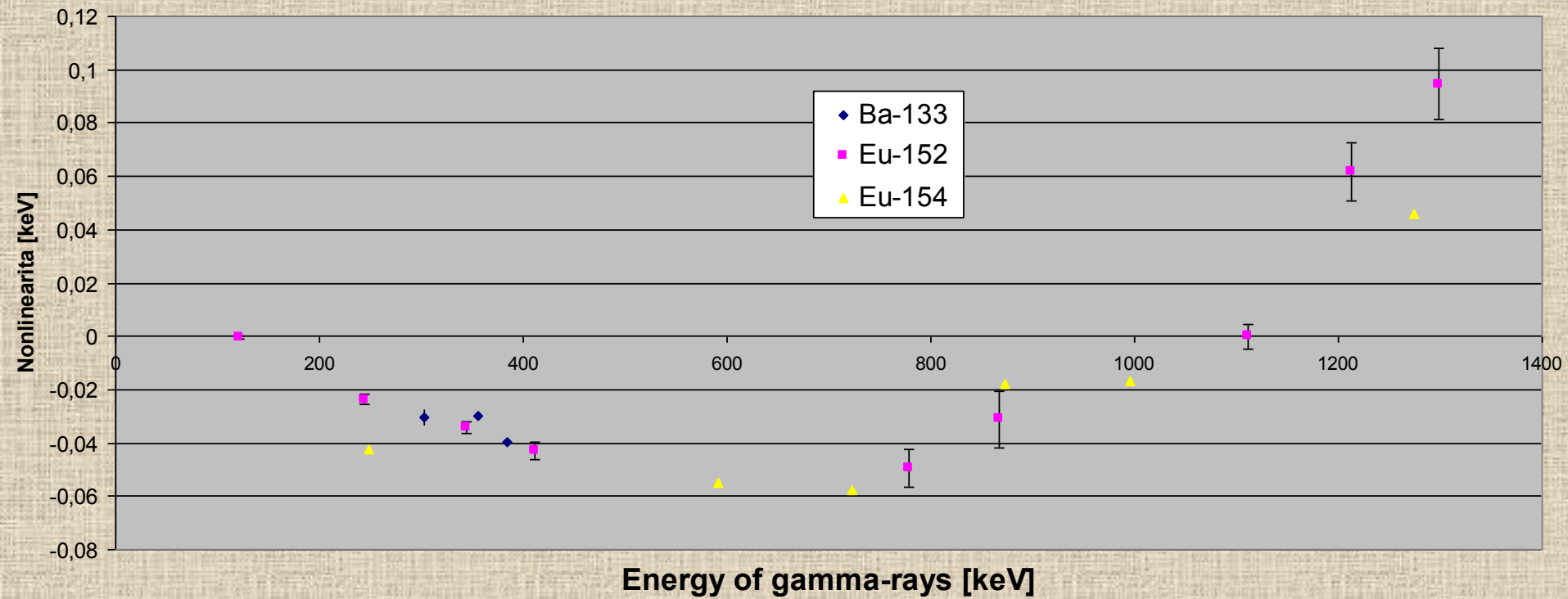
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Id, operator	2.561E13	2.47E13	
Id, Al 10cmx10cm		1.99E13	
Id, Al, diam. 16 cm	1.398(148)E13		
Id, Al, diam. 8 cm	7.873(808)E12		
Id on Pb	56.3%	92%	91.8%
Shape of beam		Xc = 0.235 cm Yc = 0.190 cm FWHM <sub>x</sub> =1.53 cm FWHM <sub>y</sub> =1.77 cm	Xc = 0.240 cm Yc = 0.170 cm FWHM <sub>x</sub> =2.10 cm FWHM <sub>x</sub> =1.80 cm

<b>Isotope</b> Energy[keV]	$I_g$ [%]	$T_{1/2}$ (Library) $T_{1/2}$ (Exper.)	$\langle R \rangle$ R	<b>Number</b> <b>of spectra</b>
<b>Sr-91</b>		<b>9.63(5) h</b>	<b>6.6(13)E-27</b>	
749.75	23.61		6.1(14)E-27	1
1024.3	33		9.8(34)E-27	1
<b>Sr-92</b>		<b>2.710(10) h</b>	<b>5.52(58)E-27</b>	
1383.93	90.0	3 h	5.52(58)E-27	2
<b>97Zr</b>		<b>16.91(5) h</b>	<b>8.34(52)E-27</b>	
658.08	98	16.4(10) h	7.88(48)E-27	5
743.36	93	16.1(8) h	8.93(54)E-27	5
<b>99Mo</b>		<b>65.94(1) h</b>	<b>1.36(46)E-26</b>	
739.5	12.13		1.36(46)E-26	1
<b>105Ru</b>		<b>4.44(2) h</b>	<b>4.22(71)E-27</b>	
724.21	47	4.7 h	4.22(71)E-27	2
<b>129Sb</b>		<b>4.40(1) h</b>	<b>4.46(99)E-27</b>	
812.8	43		4.46(99)E-27	1
<b>132Te</b>		<b>3.204(13) d</b>	<b>6.76(32)E-27</b>	
630.19	13.3		1.00(36)E-26	1
667.718	99	3.69(22) d	6.25(39)E-27	7
772.6	75.6	2.99(17) d	7.18(45)E-27	7
954.55	17.6	2.6(4) d	7.41(80)E-27	6
<b>I-133</b>		<b>20.8(1) h</b>	<b>9.86(79)E-27</b>	
529.87	86.3	24.1(26) h	9.86(79)E-27	6

Isotope Energy[keV]	I <sub>g</sub> [%]	T <sub>1/2</sub> (Library) T <sub>1/2</sub> (Exper.)	<R> R	Number of spectra
<b>I-135</b>		<b>6.570(20) h</b>	<b>1.04(7)E-26</b>	
546.557	7.2		2.38(59)E-26	1
836.804	6.73		1.05(46)E-26	1
1038.76	8.01	10 h	1.23(25)E-26	2
1131.511	22.74	9(4) h	7.9(12)E-27	3
1260.409	28.9	7.9(7) h	1.08(9)E-26	4
1457.56	8.73	30 h	1.16(20)E-26	2
1678.027	9.62	4.5 h	9.9(14)E-27	2
1706.459	4.13	10 h	1.22(25)E-26	2
1791.196	7.77		1.09(27)E-26	1
<b>Ba-140</b>		<b>12.752(3) d</b>	<b>8.1(21)E-27</b>	
487.021	45.5		2.20(46)E-26	1
815.772	23.28	9.1 d	1.04(15)E-26	2
867.846	5.5		1.46(49)E-26	1
1596.210	95.4	-1 (13) d	5.67(110)E-27	5
<b>Np-238</b>		<b>2.117(2) d</b>	<b>7.07(12)E-25</b>	
882.63	0.87	2.12(12) d	7.27(40)E-25	7
918.69	0.59	2.19(16) d	6.83(43)E-25	7
923.98	2.86	2.10(5) d	7.04(31)E-25	7
936.61	0.40	2.08(24) d	6.42(51)E-25	7
941.38	0.54	1.72(18) d	7.36(56)E-25	6
962.77	0.70	2.09(10) d	7.86(44)E-25	7
984.45	27.8	2.089 (13) d	7.03(29)E-25	7
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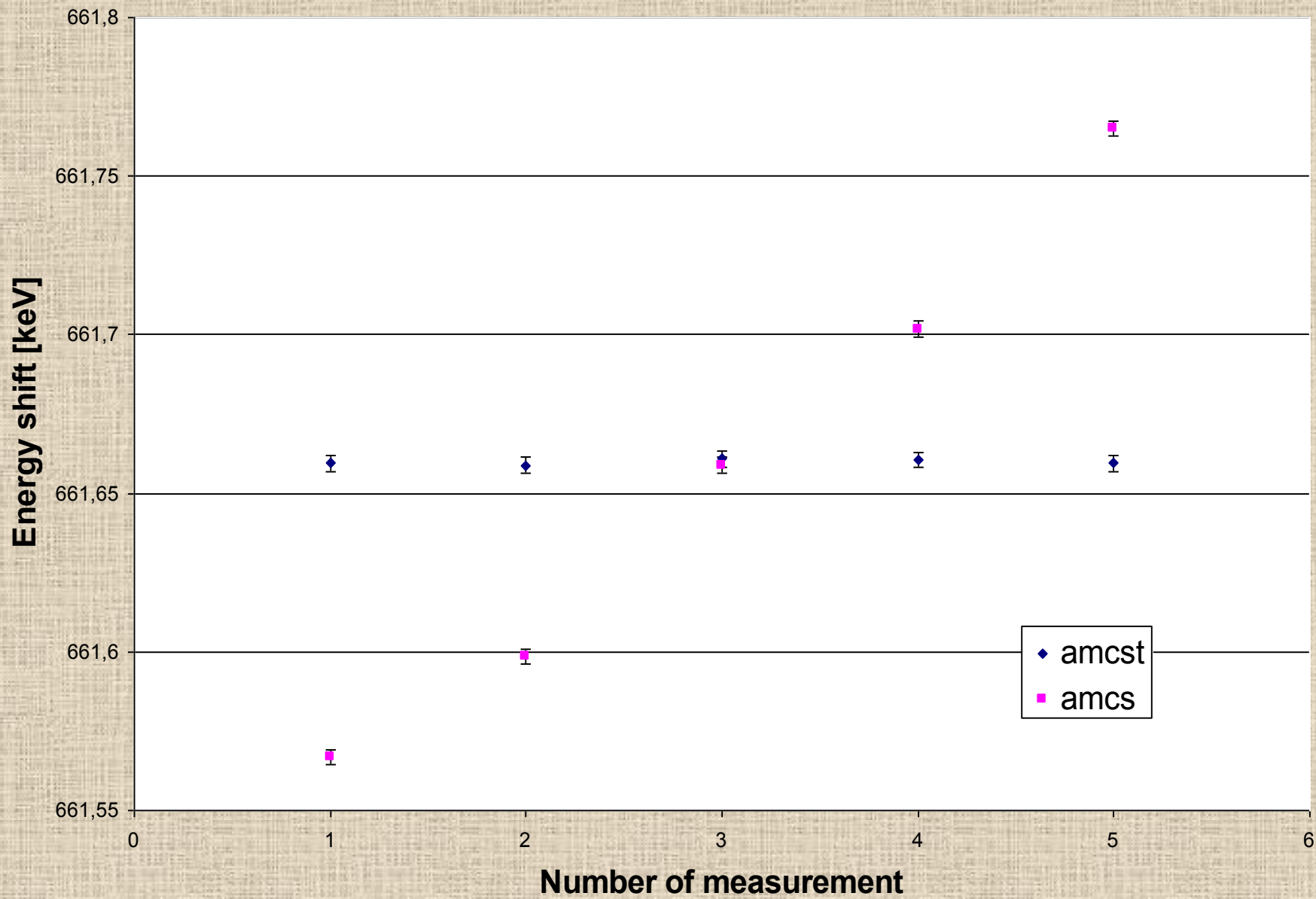
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### CANBERRA, Nonlinearity

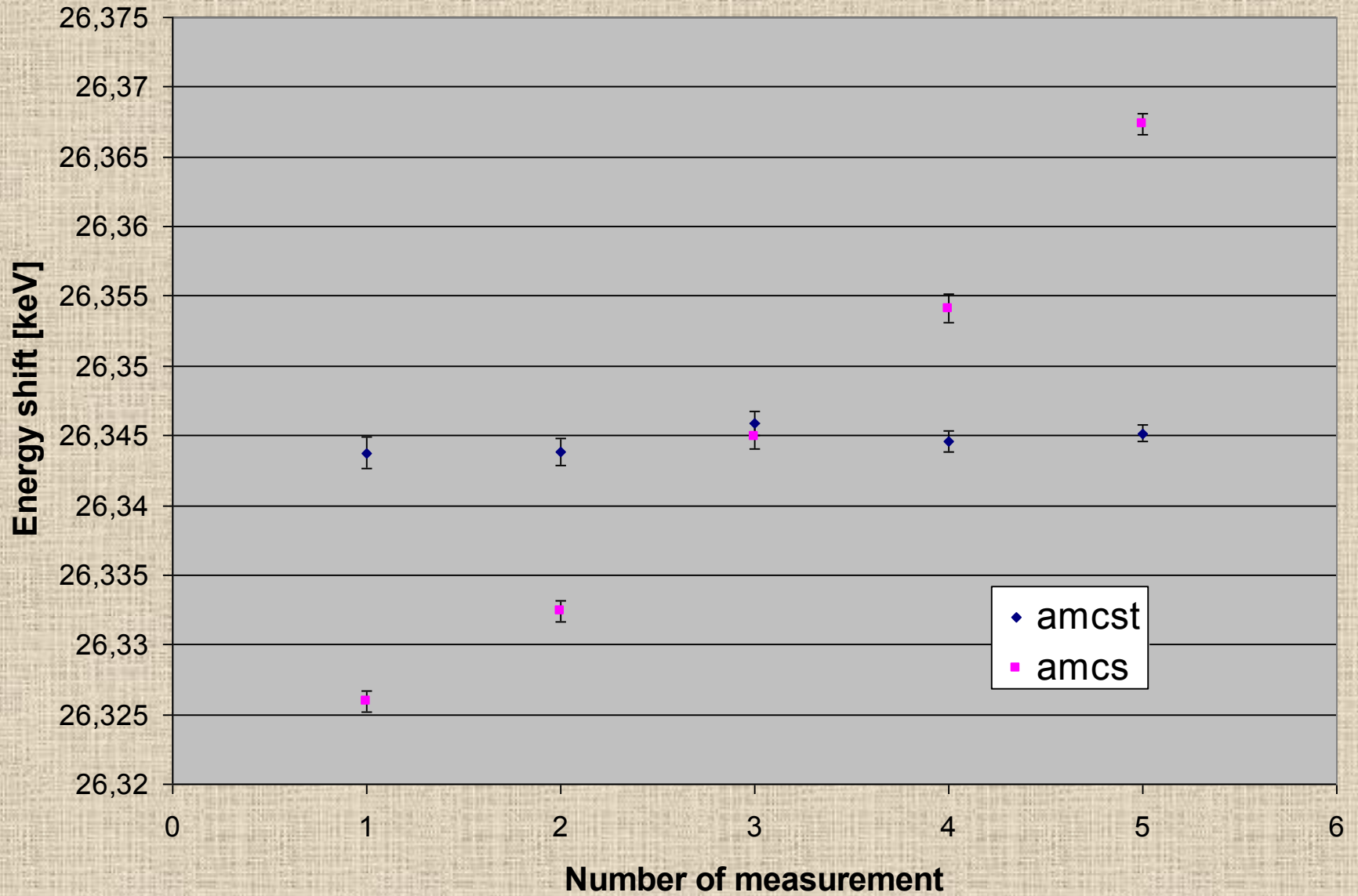




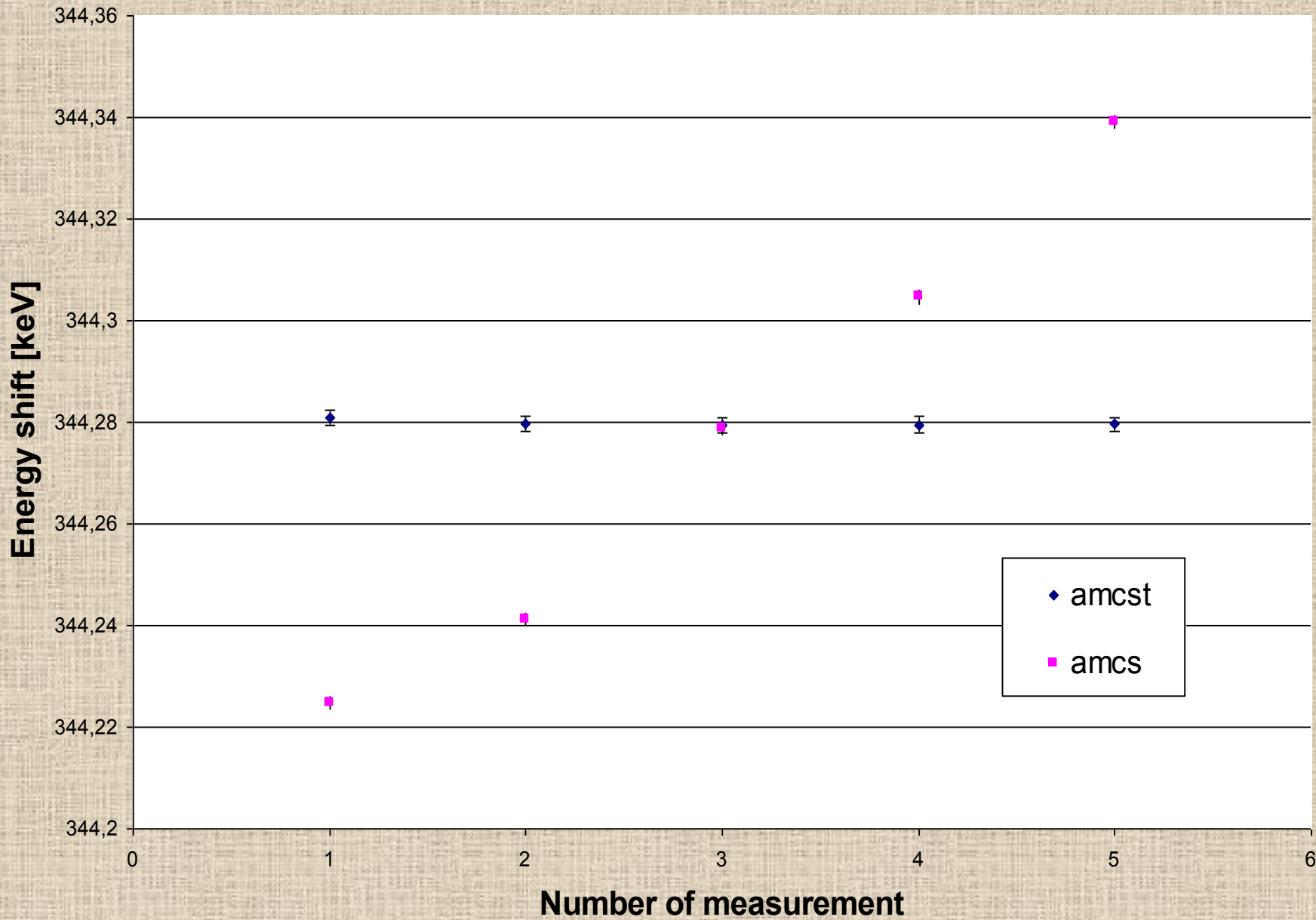
# Eg 137Cs



# Eg 241Am



# Eg 152Eu



# Phasotron

- Set during 1979-1984 by reconstruction of old synchrophasotron at the Laboratory of Nuclear Problems, JINR Dubna
- Accelerates protons up to  $(659 \pm 6)$  MeV
- Intensity  $\sim 10^{13}$  protons
- Electrical current  $\sim 2 \mu\text{A}$
- Bunches (with length of  $\sim 10$  ns) follow in  $\sim 70$  ns intervals
- Modulation frequency  $250$  Hz

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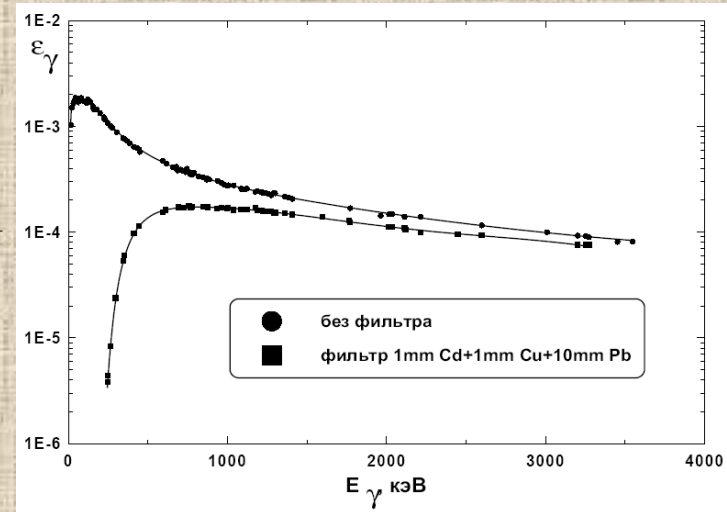
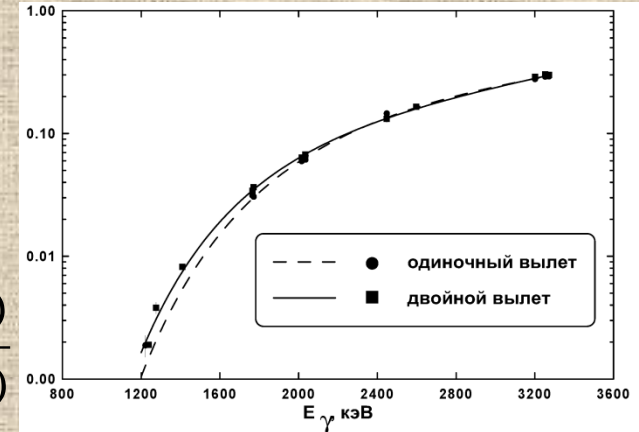
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