

## Nuclear data for advanced nuclear systems

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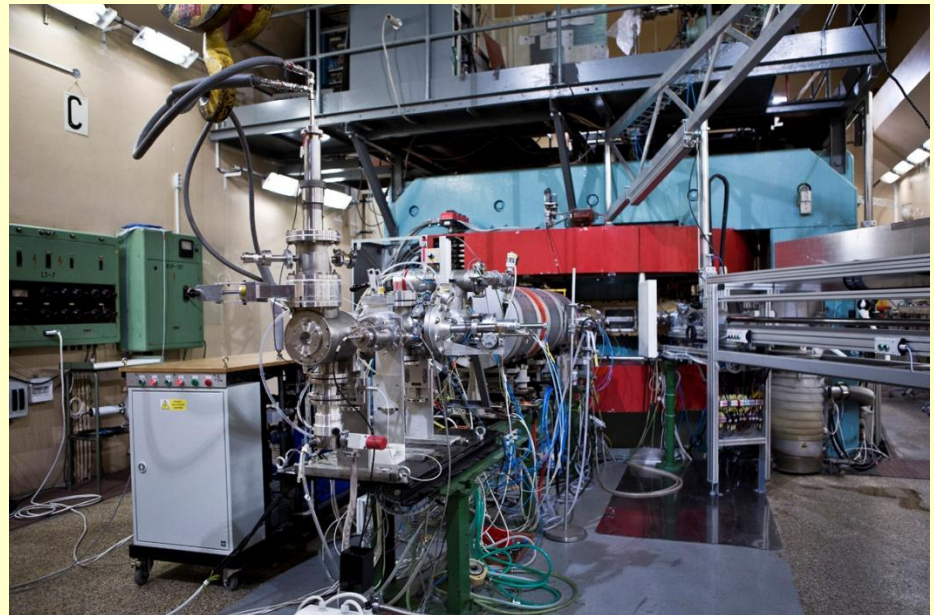
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for collaboration “Energy plus transmutation”

(Russia, Belarus, Germany, Greece, Poland, Ukraine, Czech Republic ...)

- 1) Introduction
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- 3) Relativistic ions reactions
- 4) Neutron sources usage
- 5) European projects ERINDA and CHANDA

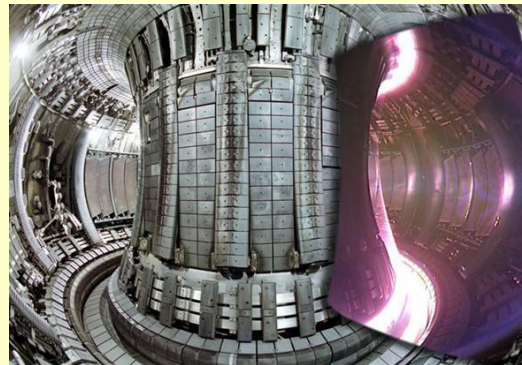


Neutron source of NPI AS CR Rez

# Importance of nuclear data

**Applications:** fission and fusion, nuclear medicine, object and material analysis, radiation protection , nuclear safety and security

**Science:** astrophysical reactions, reactions and structure of nuclei, basic physics



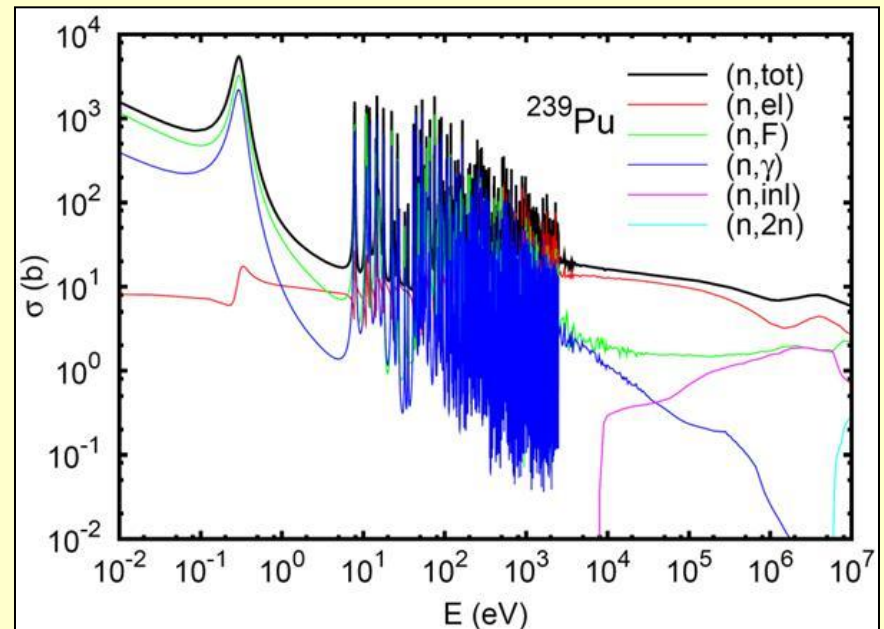
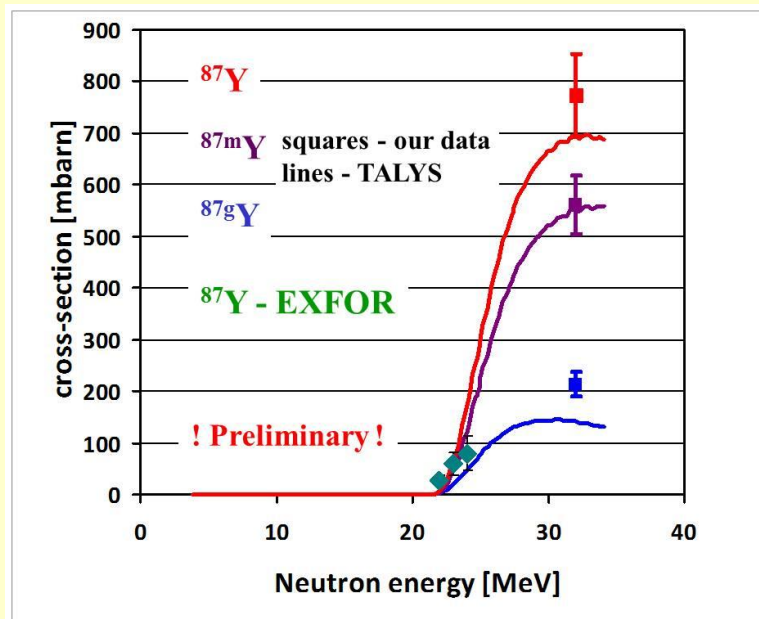
# Role of nuclear data

**Important** – how well we calculate neutron fields, reaction rates, radioactivity ...?  
what is the penalty for inaccuracy of our data libraries?

**Nuclear modeling lacks accuracy for detailed prediction of cross-sections**

**Data are needed for developing models, determining model parameters, benchmark of model parameter databases and overall model performance**

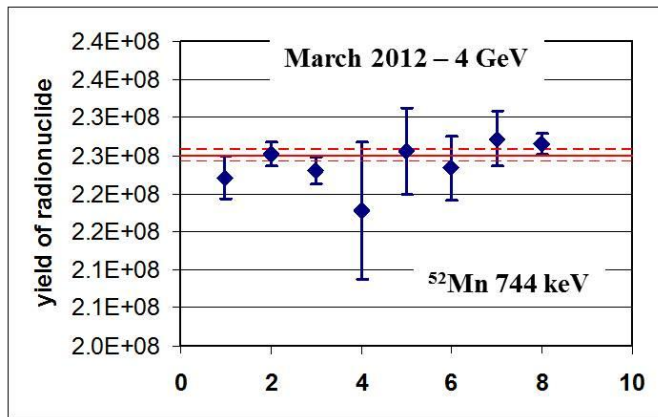
**Practical information for experiments – cross-sections of materials used as activation detectors – increase of accuracy of measurements**



# Studies of relativistic deuteron reactions on natural copper

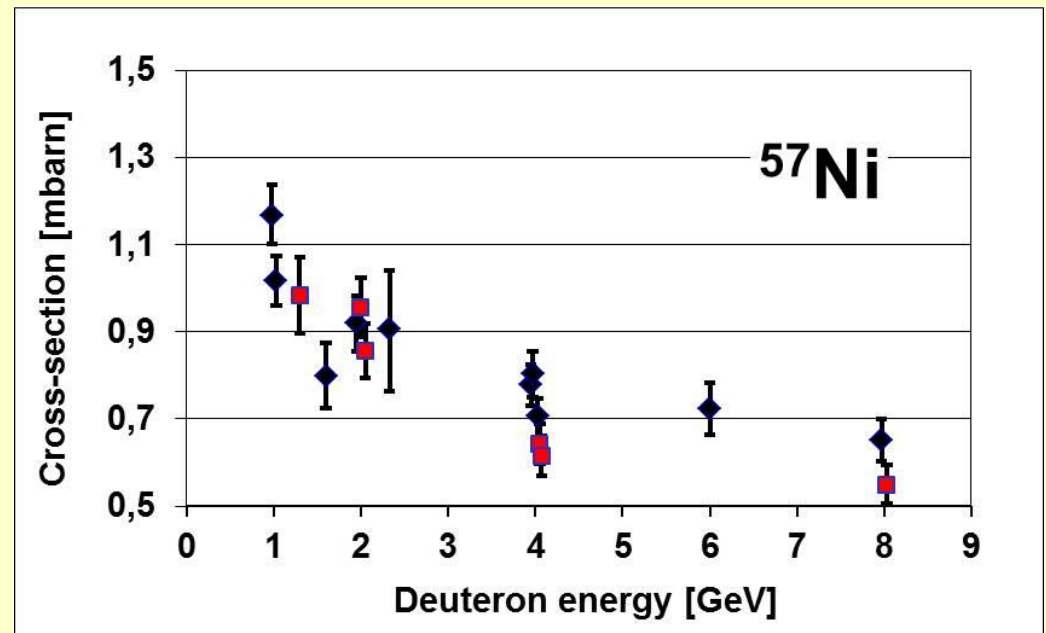
(production of  $^{57}\text{Ni}$ ,  $^{58}\text{Co}$ ,  $^{56}\text{Co}$ ,  $^{55}\text{Co}$ ,  $^{56}\text{Mn}$ ,  $^{52}\text{Mn}$ ,  $^{48}\text{Cr}$ ,  $^{48}\text{V}$ ,  $^{48}\text{Sc}$ ,  $^{47}\text{Sc}$ ,  $^{44\text{m}}\text{Sc}$ ,  $^{43}\text{Sc}$ ,  $^{43}\text{K}$ ,  $^{38}\text{S}$ ,  $^{28}\text{Mg}$ ,  $^{28}\text{Al}$ ,  $^{24}\text{Na}$ ,  $^{22}\text{Na}$ ,  $^7\text{Be}$  ... not all are shown ☺)

Energy range of deuteron beam from 1 GeV up to 8 GeV (during QUINTA irradiations)

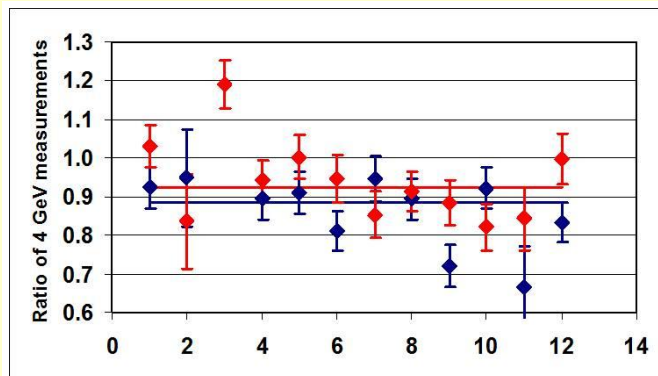


Five series of irradiations (last two - red signs)

Activation method was used



More measurements of activity



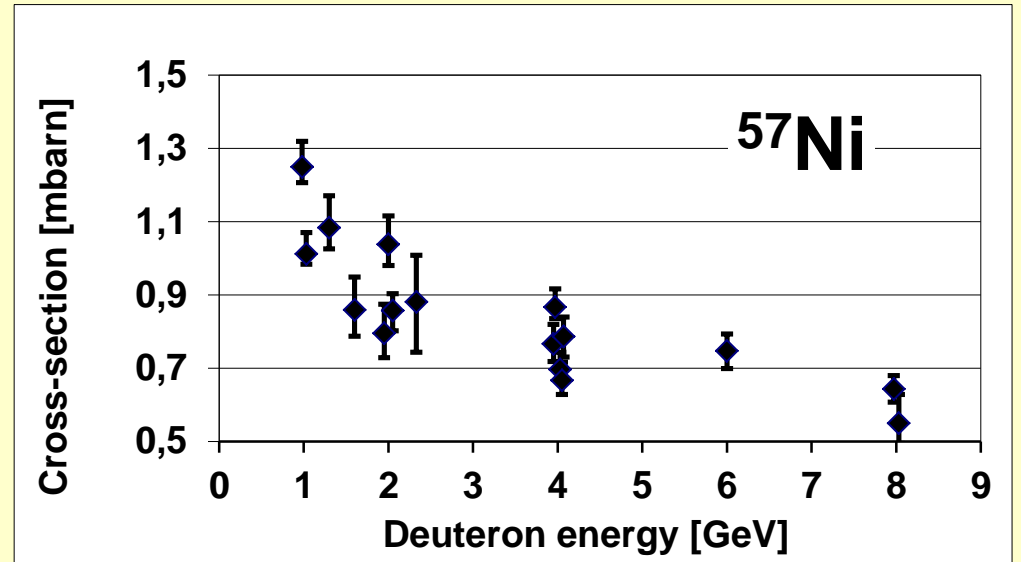
More irradiations with same deuteron energy

Example of simple decay results

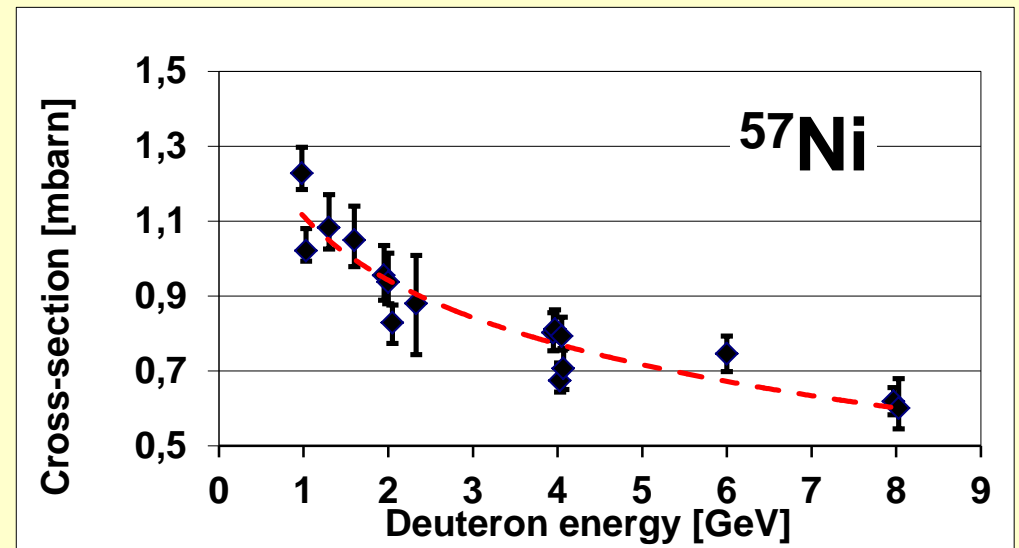
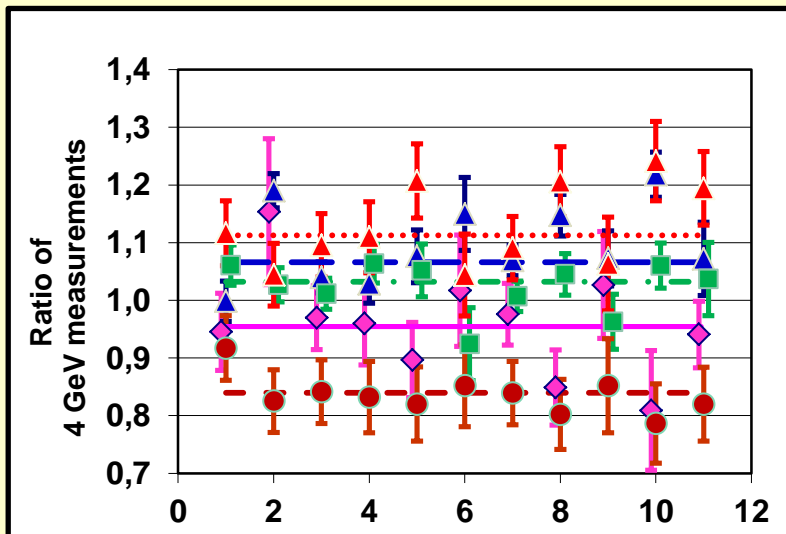
## More measurements for one energy

We see systematic uncertainties for beam integral determination about 15 %.

We used more measurements to correct partly influence of such uncertainties



without corrections



with corrections

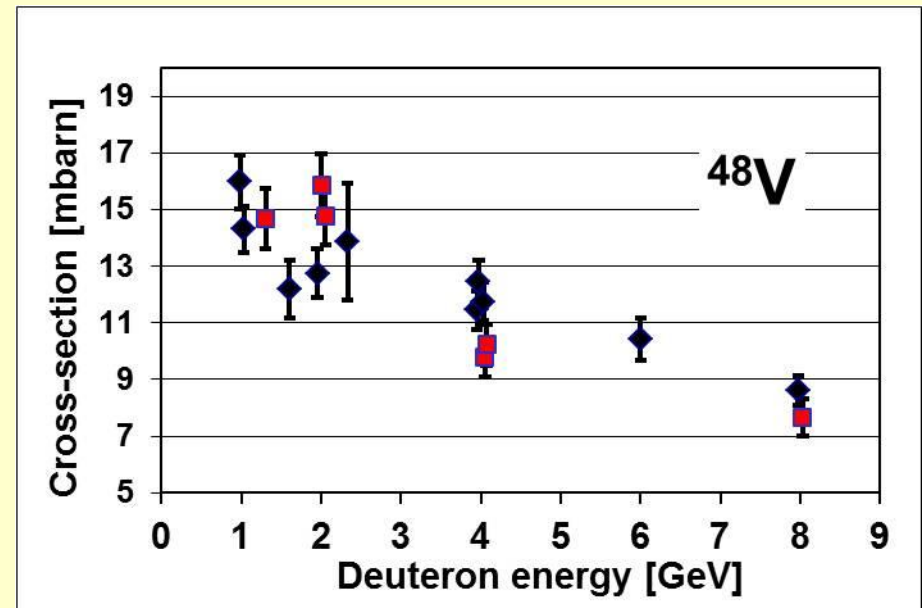
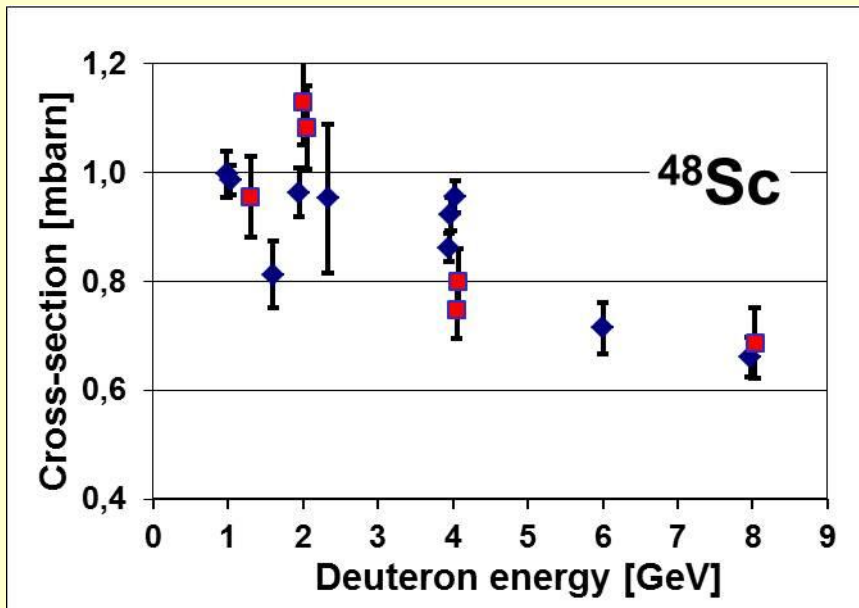
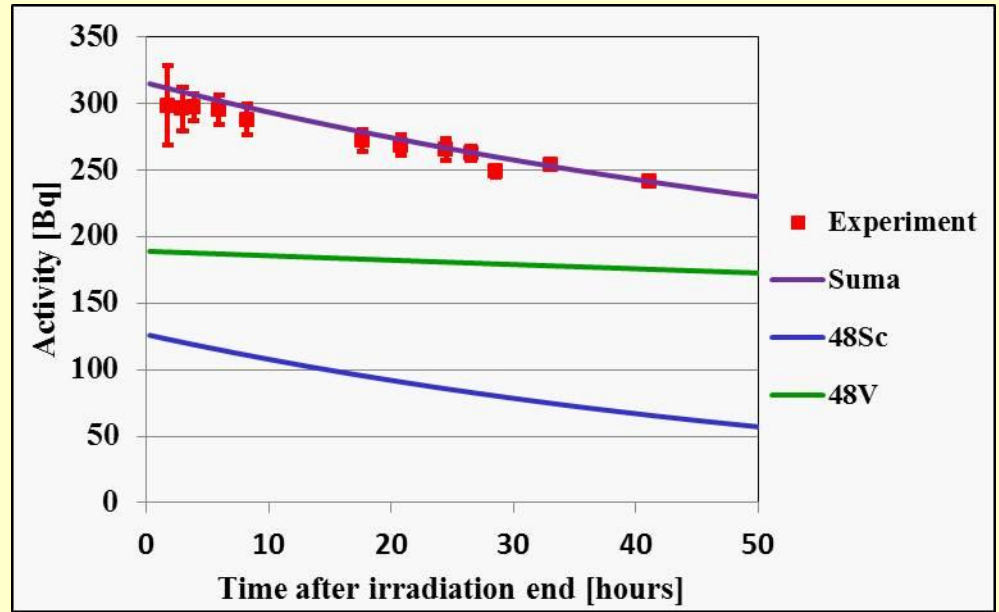


**T1/2**    43.7 h    383.3 h

**Gamma lines:**

**${}^{48}\text{Sc}$  only:** 1037.6 keV (subtract  ${}^{56}\text{Co}$ )

**${}^{48}\text{Sc} + {}^{48}\text{V}$ :** 983.5 keV and 1312.1 keV



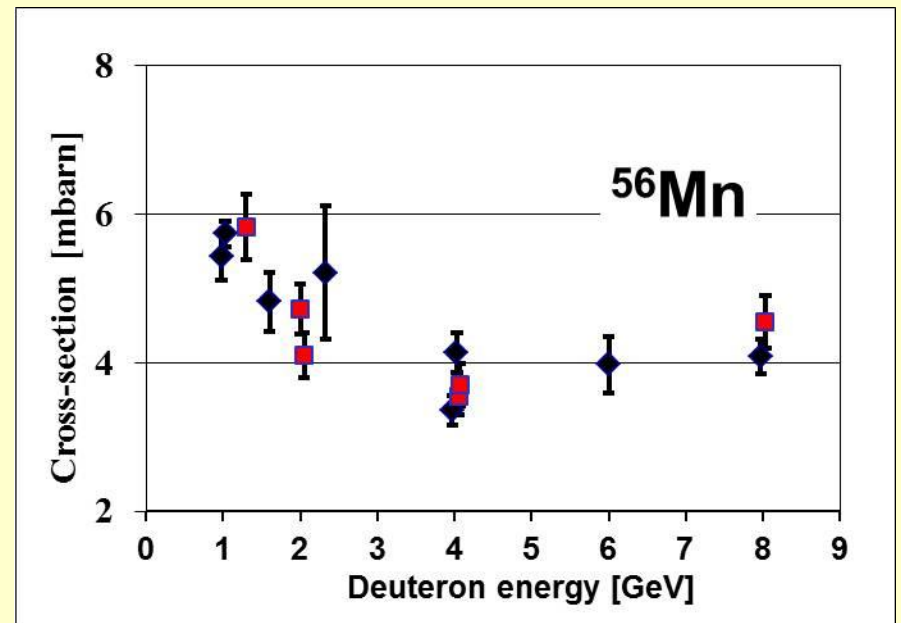
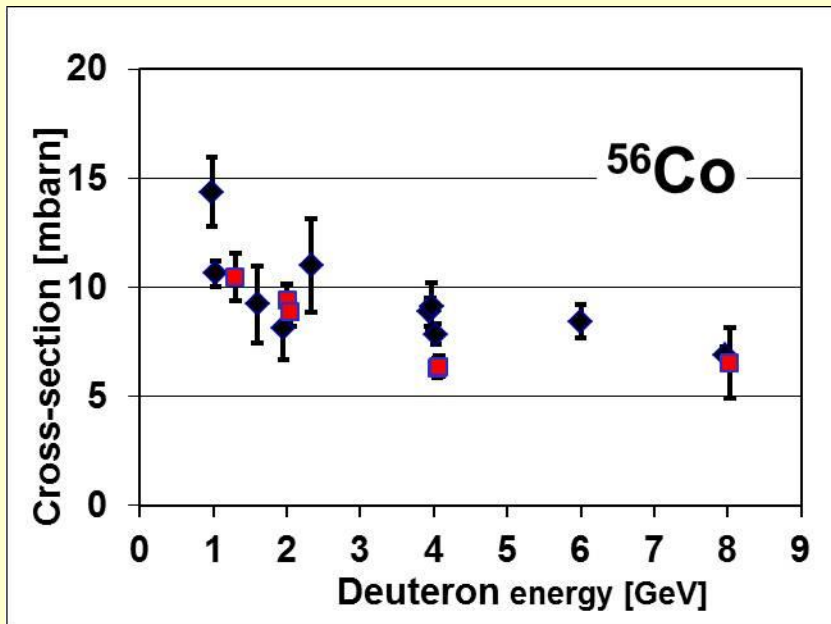
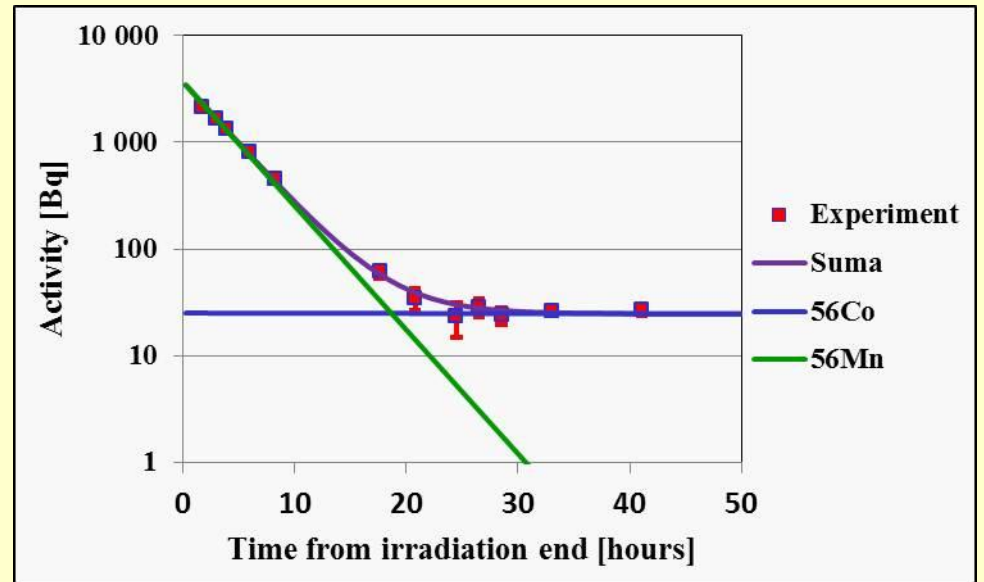


$T_{1/2}$       2.6 h      1854.5 h

Gamma lines:

$^{56}\text{Co}$  only: 1238.3 keV

$^{56}\text{Co} + ^{56}\text{Mn}$ : 846.8 keV



# Isomeric state



$T_{1/2}$  58.6 h    3.9 h

$T_{1/2}(^{44m}\text{Sc}) \gg T_{1/2}(^{44}\text{Sc})$

$^{44m}\text{Sc}$

$$N_1 = N_{01} e^{-\lambda_1 t}$$

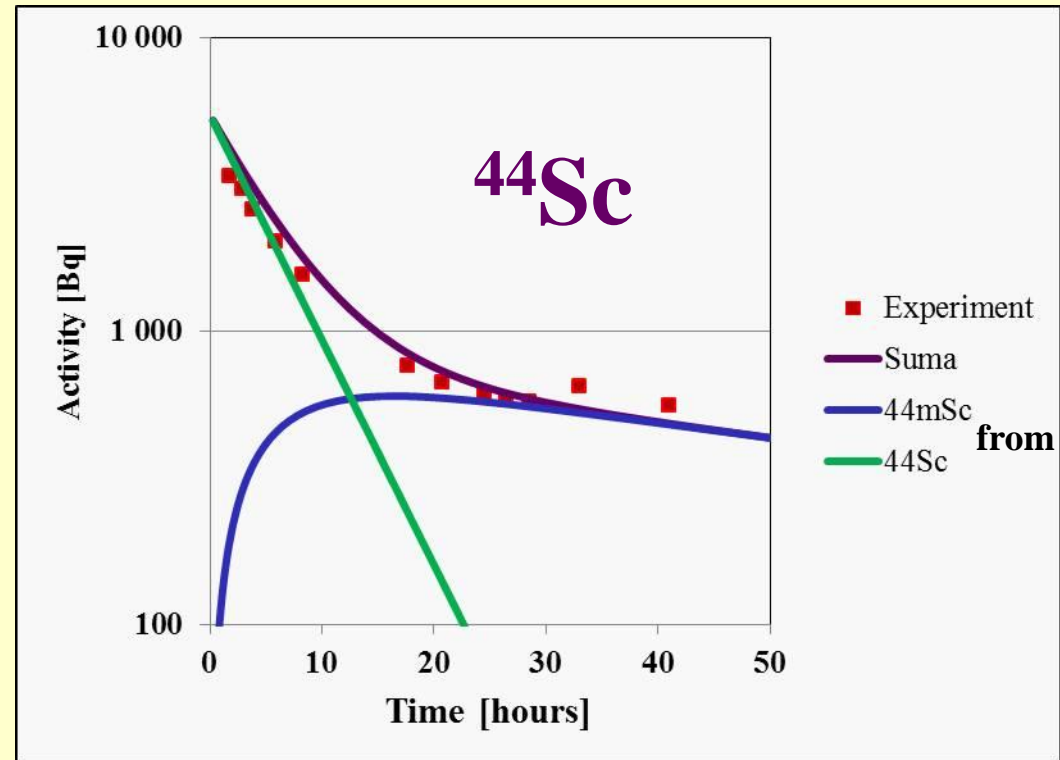
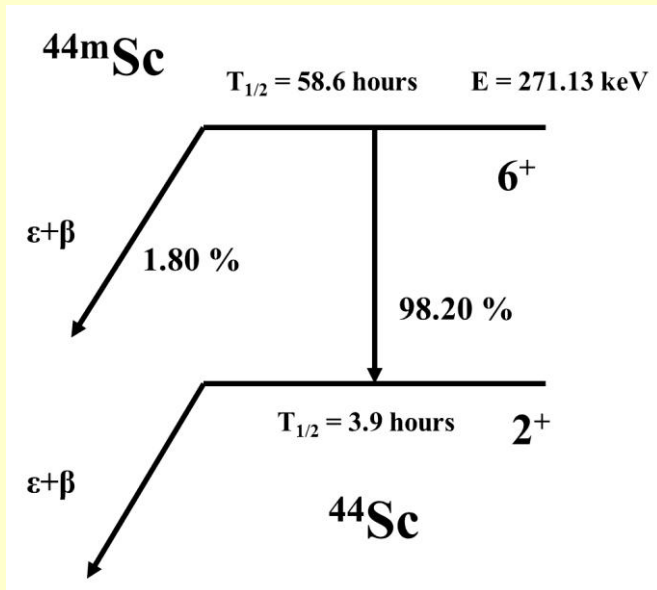
$^{44}\text{Sc}$

$$N_2 = N_{02} \cdot e^{-\lambda_2 t} + \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2} \cdot N_{01} \cdot (e^{-\lambda_2 t} - e^{-\lambda_1 t})$$

$t \rightarrow \infty$

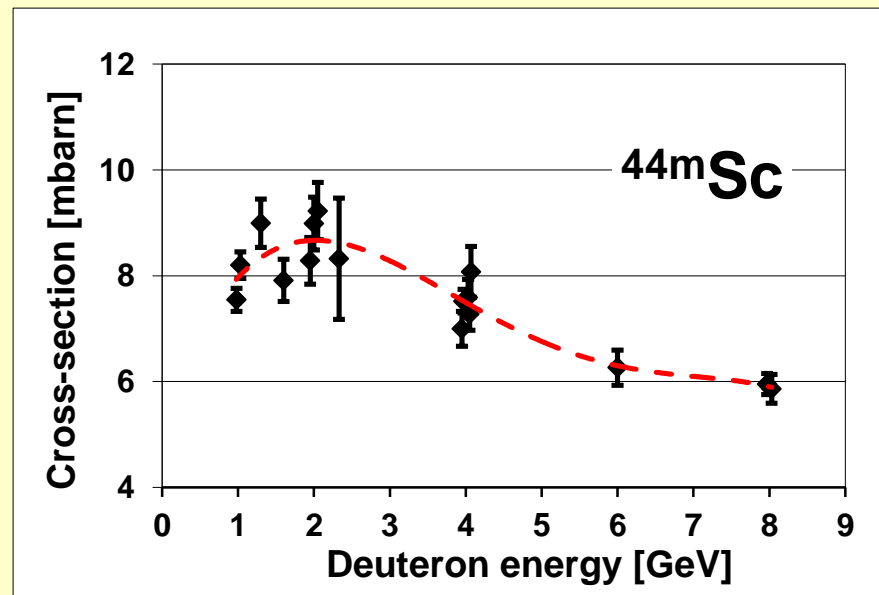
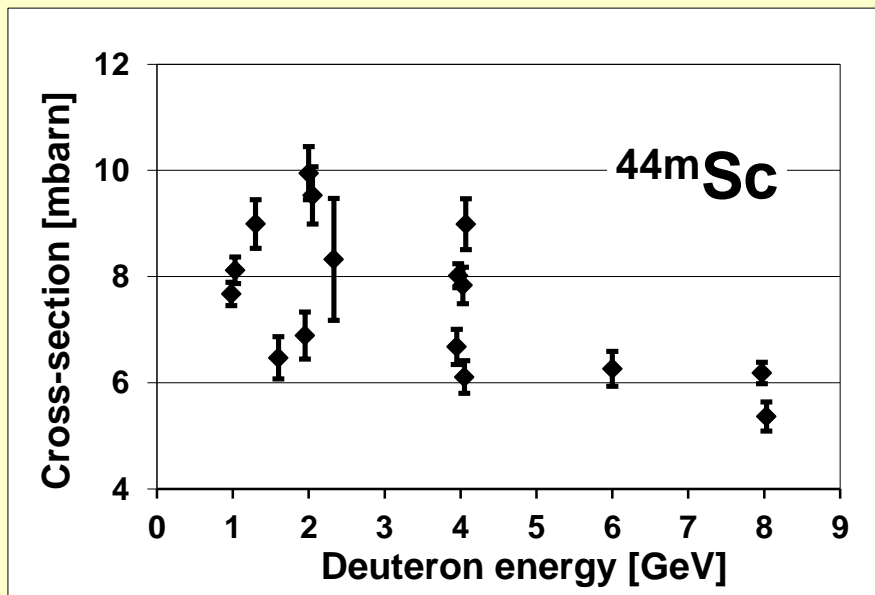
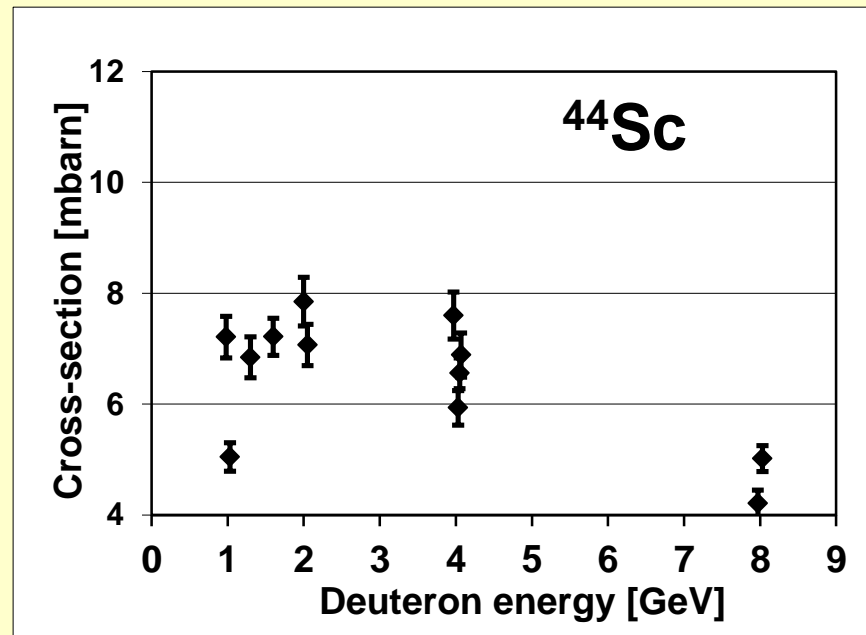
$$N_2 = -\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2} \cdot N_{01} e^{-\lambda_1 t}$$

only  $N_{01}$  information





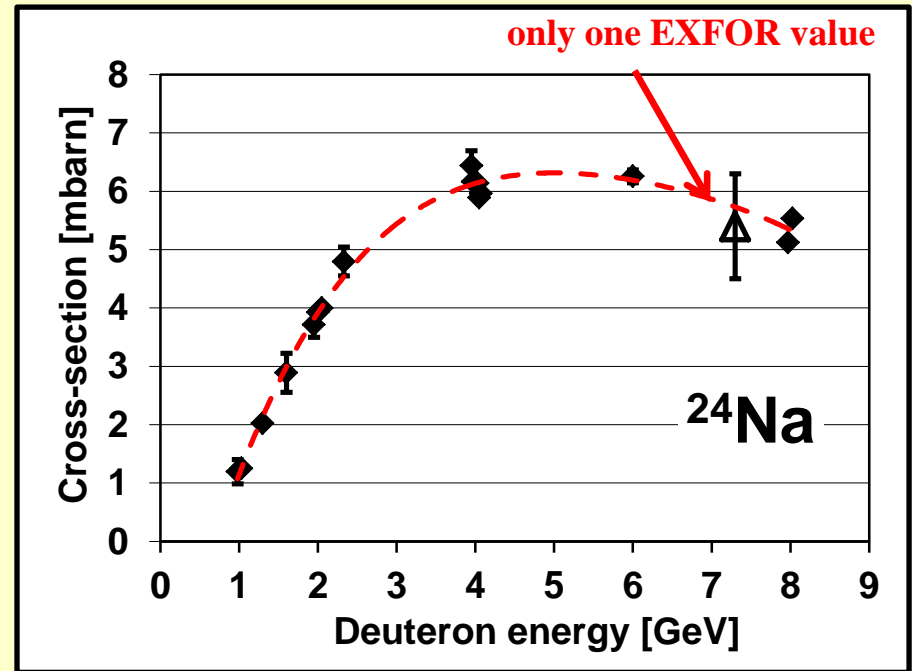
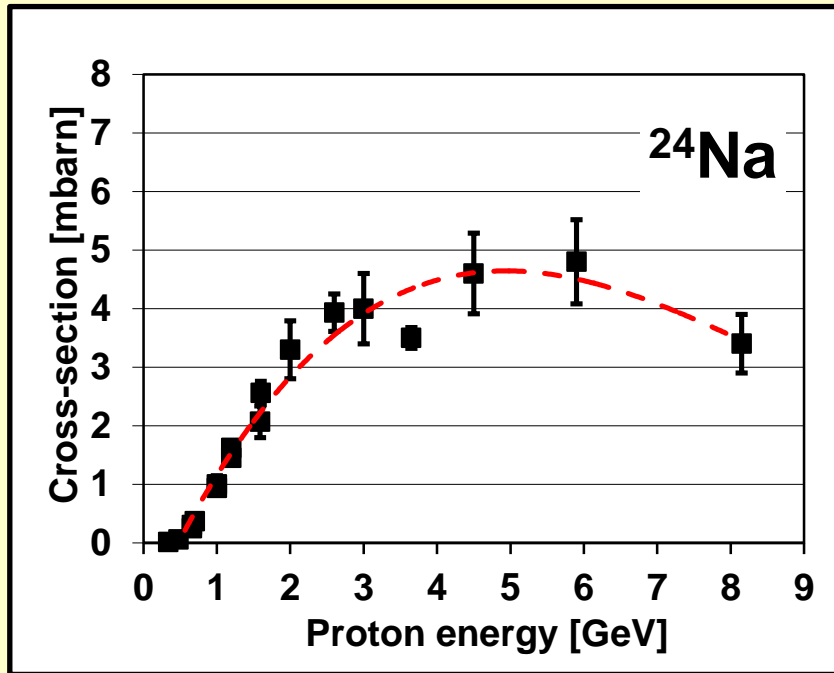
For some irradiations measurements started so late to obtain information about  $^{44}\text{Sc}$  production cross-section determination



Without correction on beam integral uncertainty

with correction

# Only one example of obtained cross-section data



Relativistic protons (EXFOR)

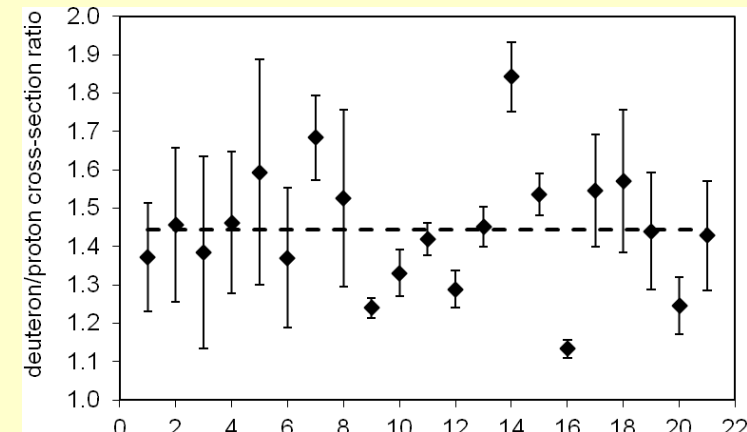
Relativistic deuterons (ours)

Ratio between deuteron and proton cross-sections:

1.3 – 1.6 → deuteron production is about 40 % higher

Only ratio for productions of the lightest nuclide ( $^7\text{Be}$ ) is different (deuteron reaction cross-section is two times higher)

Detailed information – Martin Suchopar presentation





# ERINDA (successor of EFNUDAT)

## Transnational Access Activities

The **ERINDA** project is an Integrated Infrastructure Initiative (**I3**) funded under the 7th framework programme (**FP7**) of the European Commission.

### The ERINDA Project

Start date: 1/1/2011

Duration : 4 years

Beam time: 2600 hours

Typical experiments: 26

Support: 80 manweeks

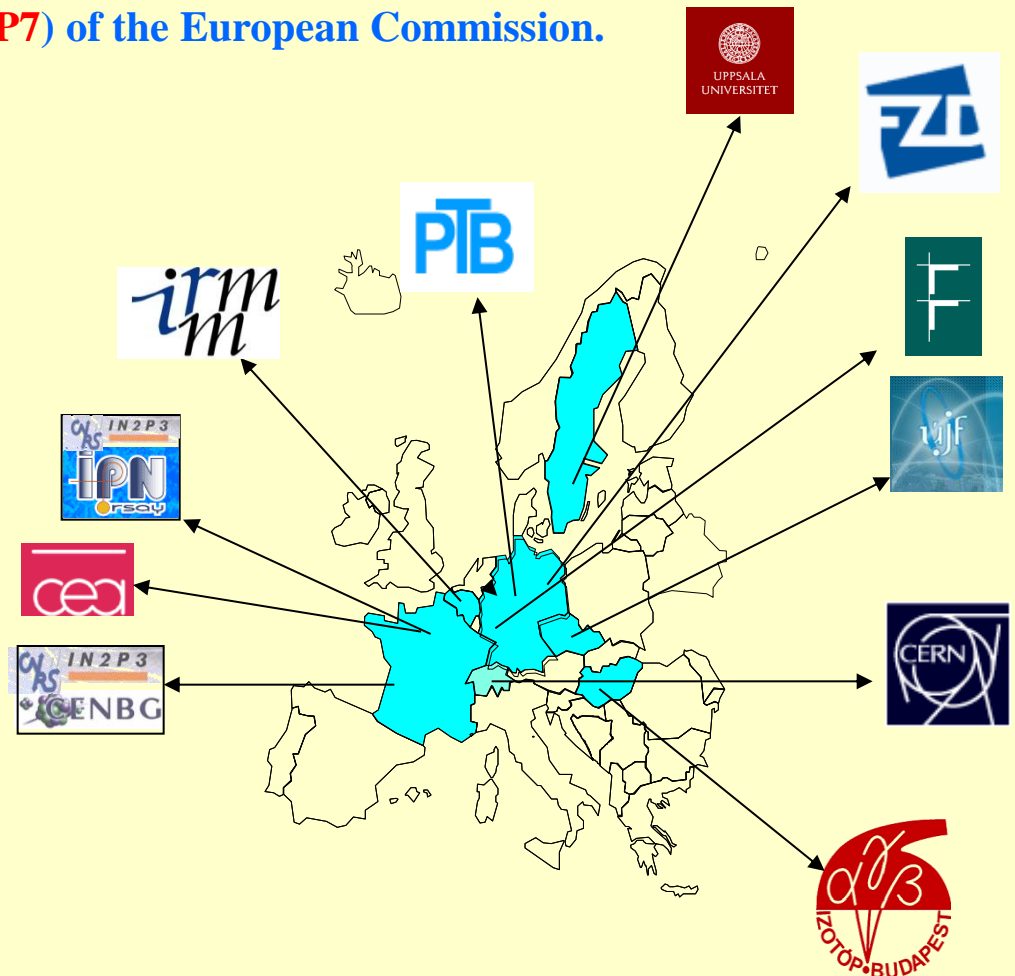
### The ERINDA Consortium

13 partners- 13 facilities

hours for external users

Web-site: [www.erinda.org](http://www.erinda.org)

Project Coordinator: A. Junghans



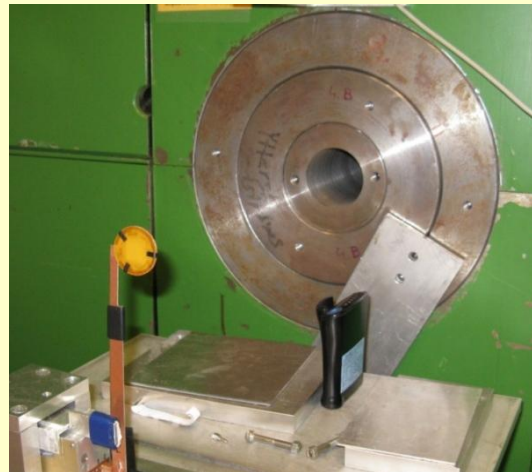
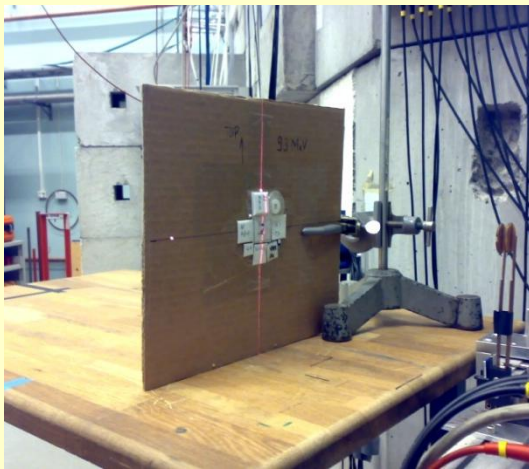
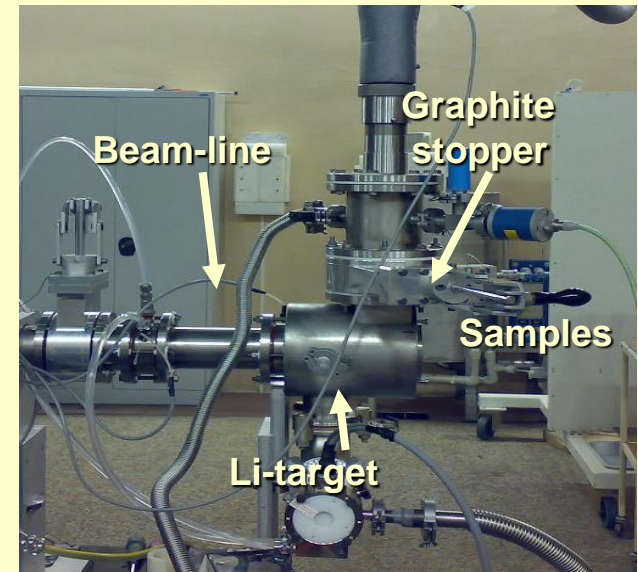
# Measurement of neutron reaction cross-sections

Quasi-monoenergetic neutron source:  
protons from cyclotron + lithium target

**NPI ASCR Řež:** Energy range 18 -37 MeV,  
neutron intensity  $\sim 10^8$  neutron  $\text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$

**TSL Uppsala:** Energy range 25 – 180 MeV  
neutron intensity  $\sim 10^5$  neutron  $\text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$

**Advantage of two neutron sources:** very wide energy  
range, partial overlap – better estimation of  
systematical uncertainties



# Yttrium cross-section measurement (ERINDA project)

Only reactions (n,2n) and (n,3n) for energy up to 38 MeV, systematic study of yttrium reactions using the NPI neutron source were done during last two years

Yttrium – good material for activation detector

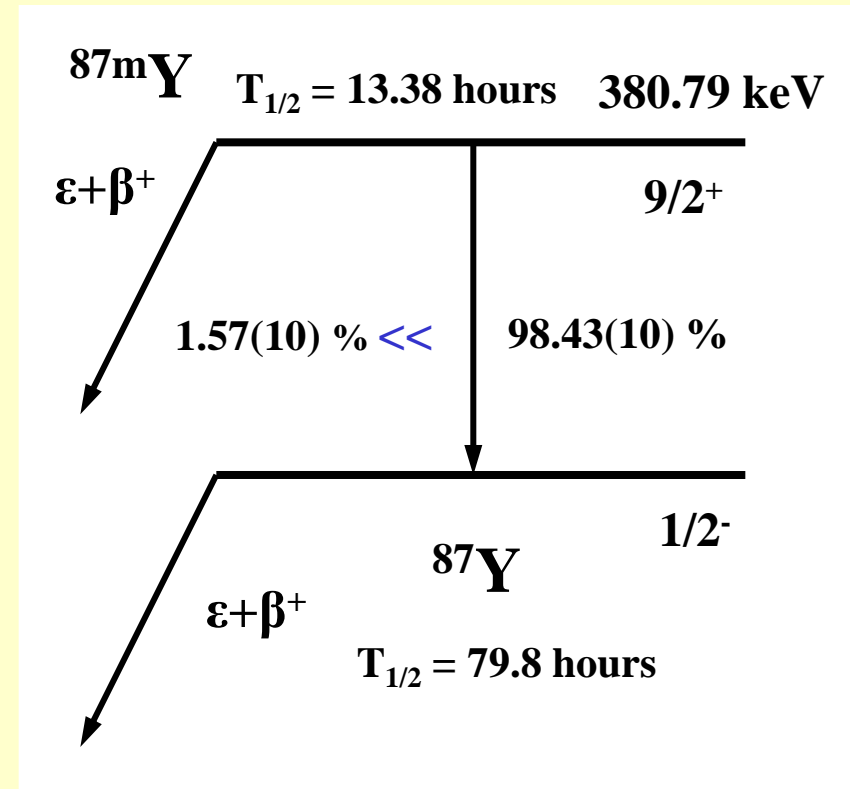
Used by “Energy+Transmutation” collaboration

Very scarce data about cross-sections

No data about cross-sections of isomeric state production

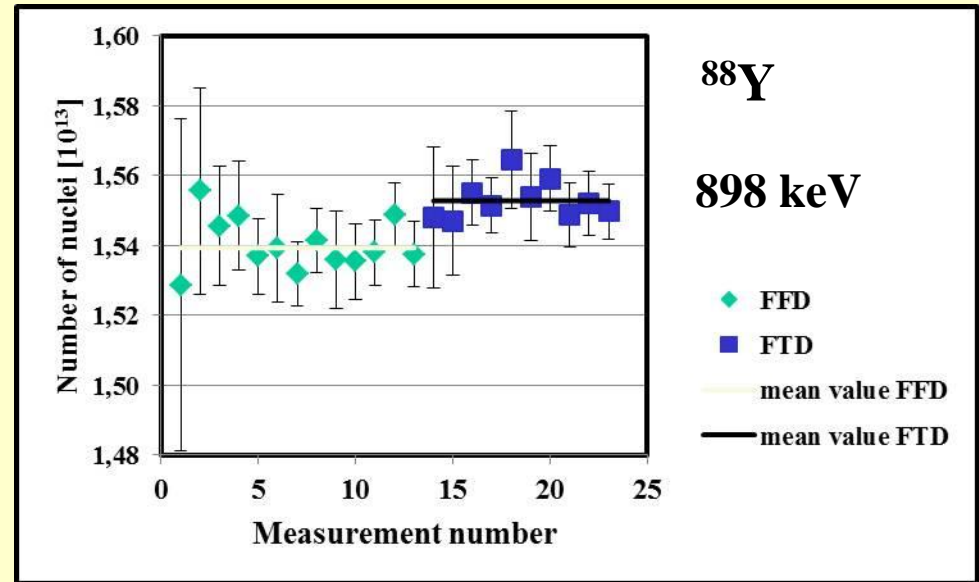
Long irradiation, intensive beam, only limited number of samples → possibility to measure yttrium sample many times to study systematic uncertainties of gamma measurements

Important - isomeric state  $^{87m}\text{Y}$  study



Reaction (n,3n) - production of **isomeric** and **ground** state of  $^{87}\text{Y}$

# Accuracy of gamma spectroscopy measurement



Source detector distance – 50 mm

**Yttrium – thicker sample (~ mm) →**  
**if different side facing to the detector**  
**→ small difference:**

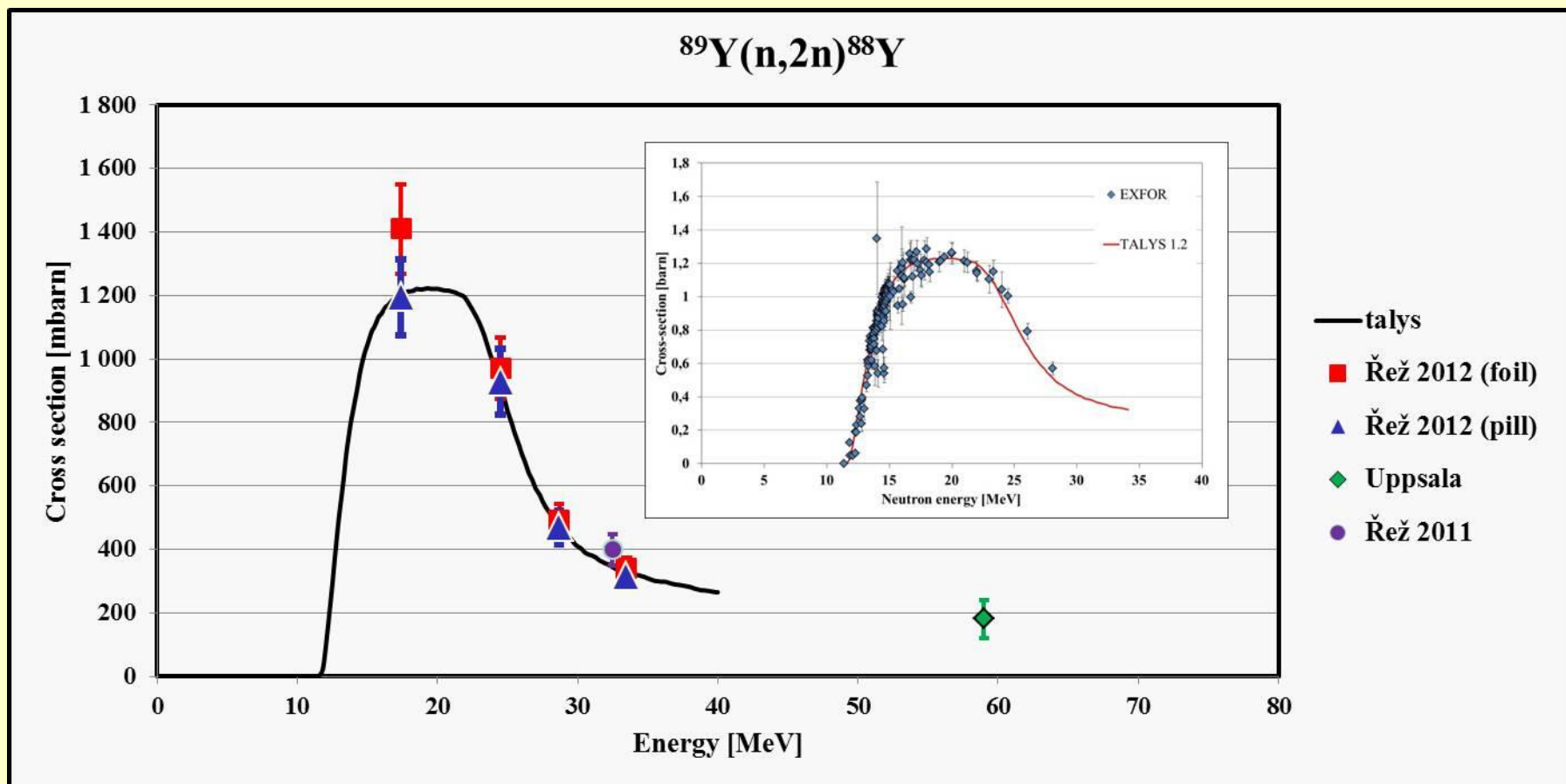
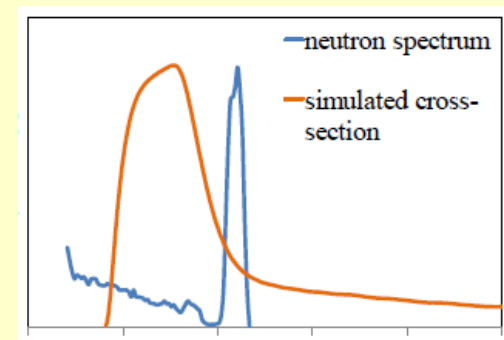
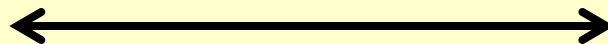
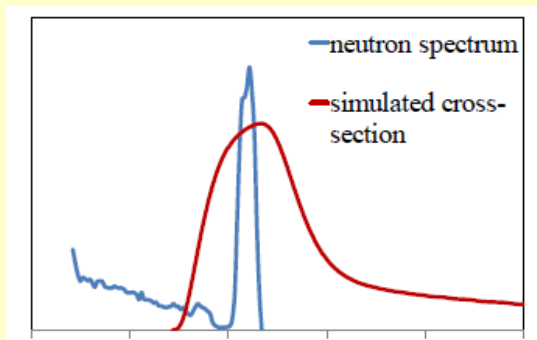
$$N(\text{FFD}) = 1.539(3) \cdot 10^{13}$$

$$N(\text{FTD}) = 1.553(3) \cdot 10^{13}$$

$$N(\text{all}) = 1.546(2) \cdot 10^{13}$$

**difference**  
**~ 0.9 %**

**Phenomena is quickly decreasing**  
**with bigger source detector distances**



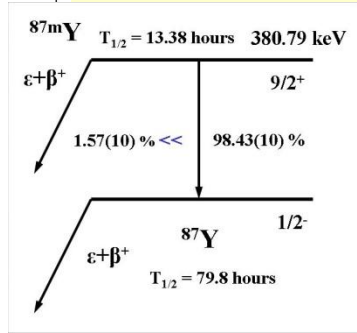
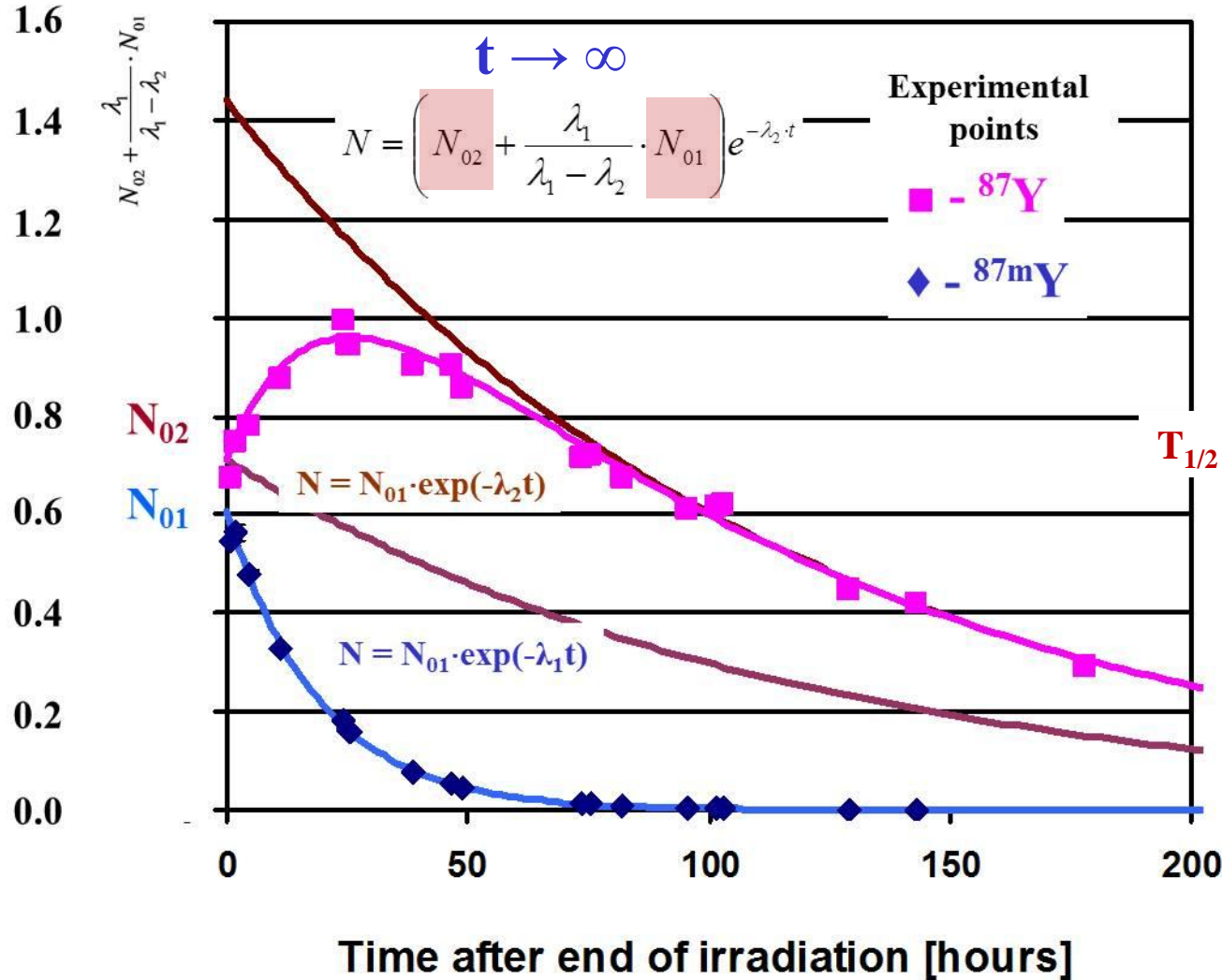
**87mY**

$$N_1 = N_{01} e^{-\lambda_1 \cdot t}$$

**87Y**

$$N_2 = \left( N_{02} + \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2} \cdot N_{01} \right) e^{-\lambda_2 \cdot t} - \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2} \cdot N_{01} e^{-\lambda_1 \cdot t}$$

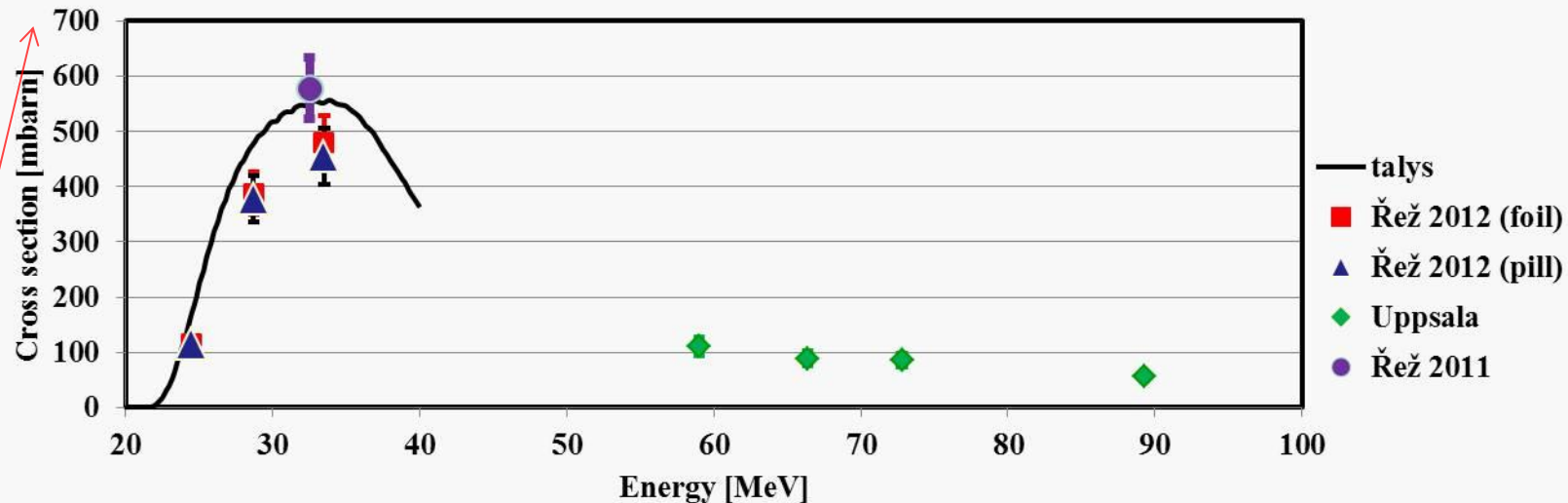
Number of radioactive nuclei [ $10^9$ ]



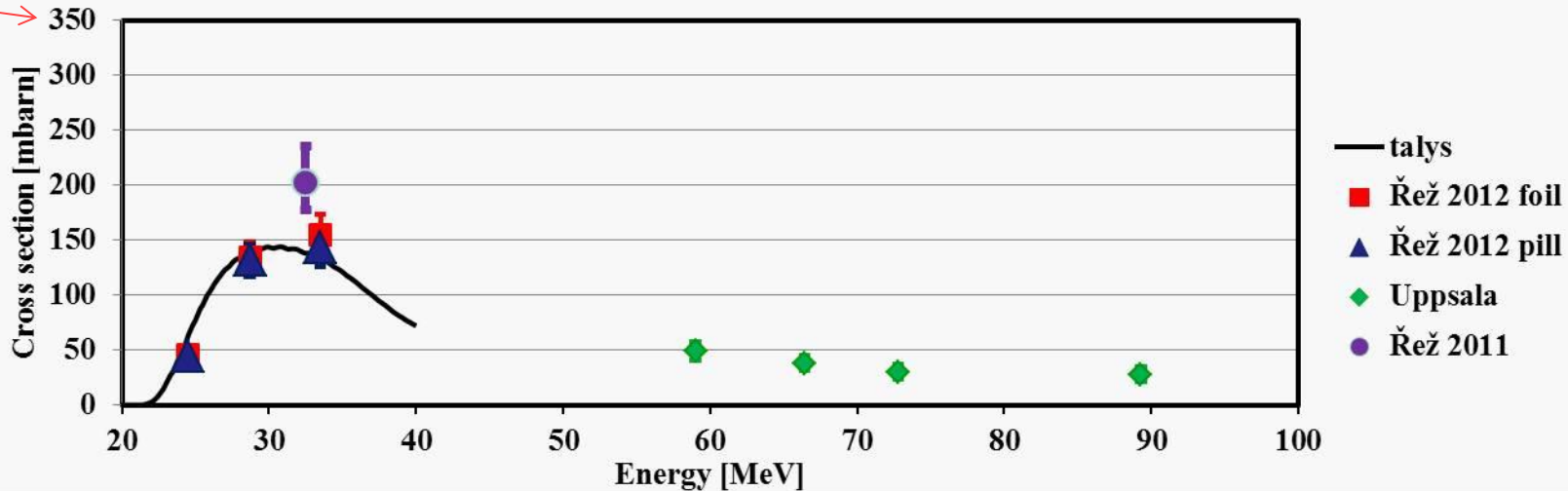
$T_{1/2} (87mY) \ll T_{1/2} (87Y)$



### $^{89}\text{Y}(n,3n)^{87\text{m}}\text{Y}$



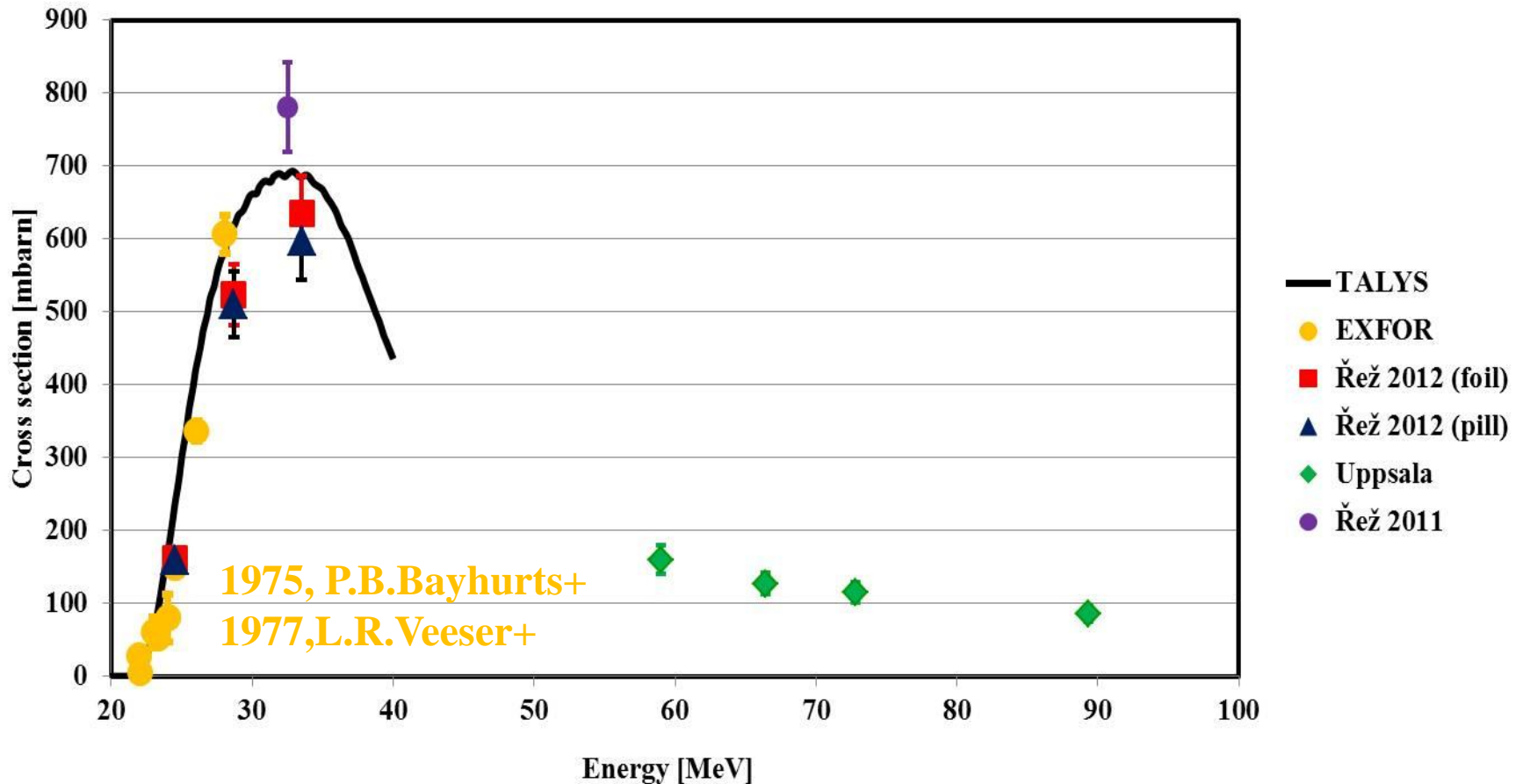
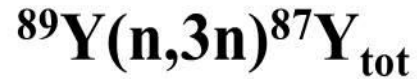
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Scale 2times lower

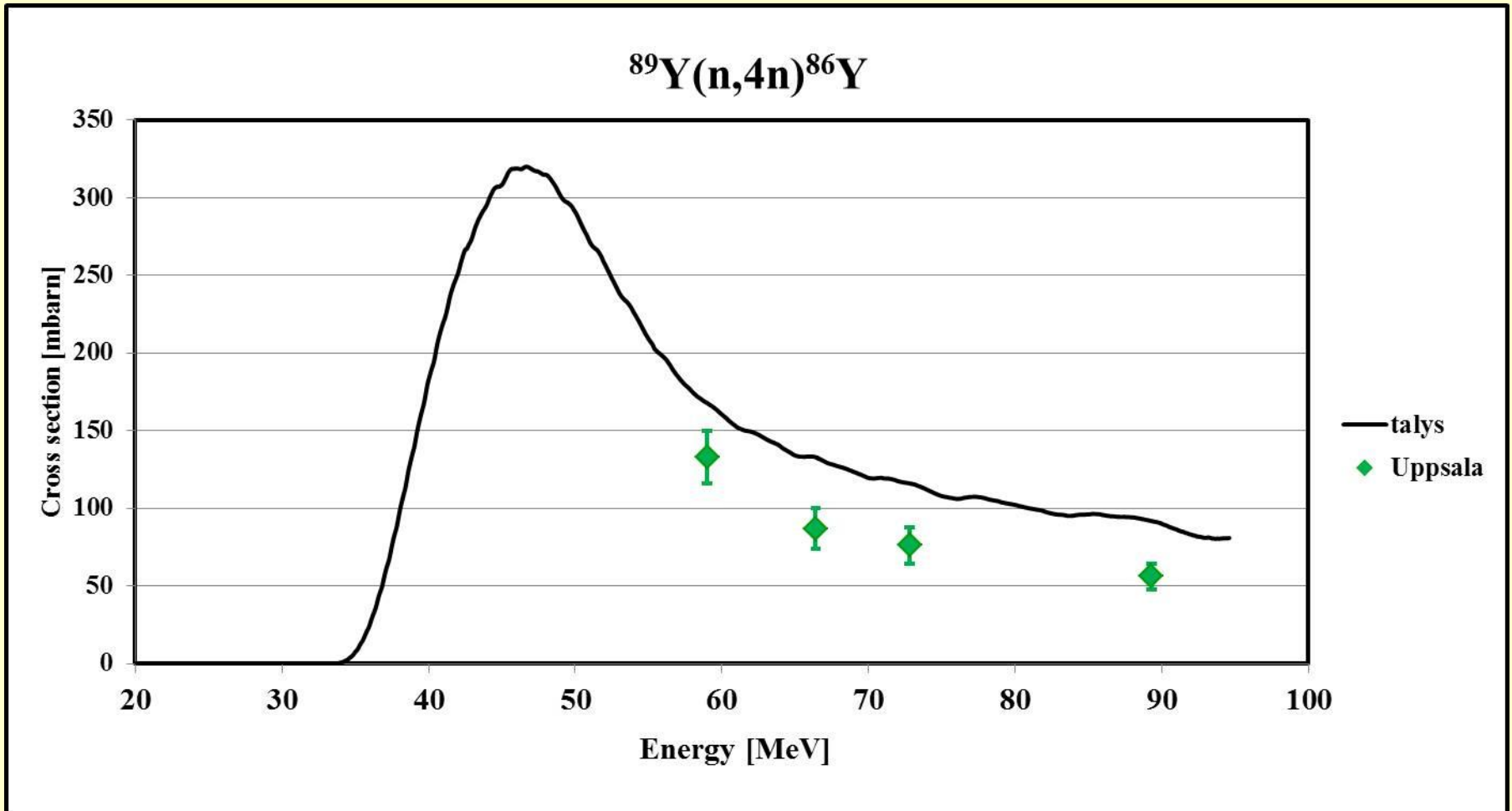
# Total cross section of $^{87}\text{Y}$ production

ERINDA Rez  
EFNUDAT Uppsala



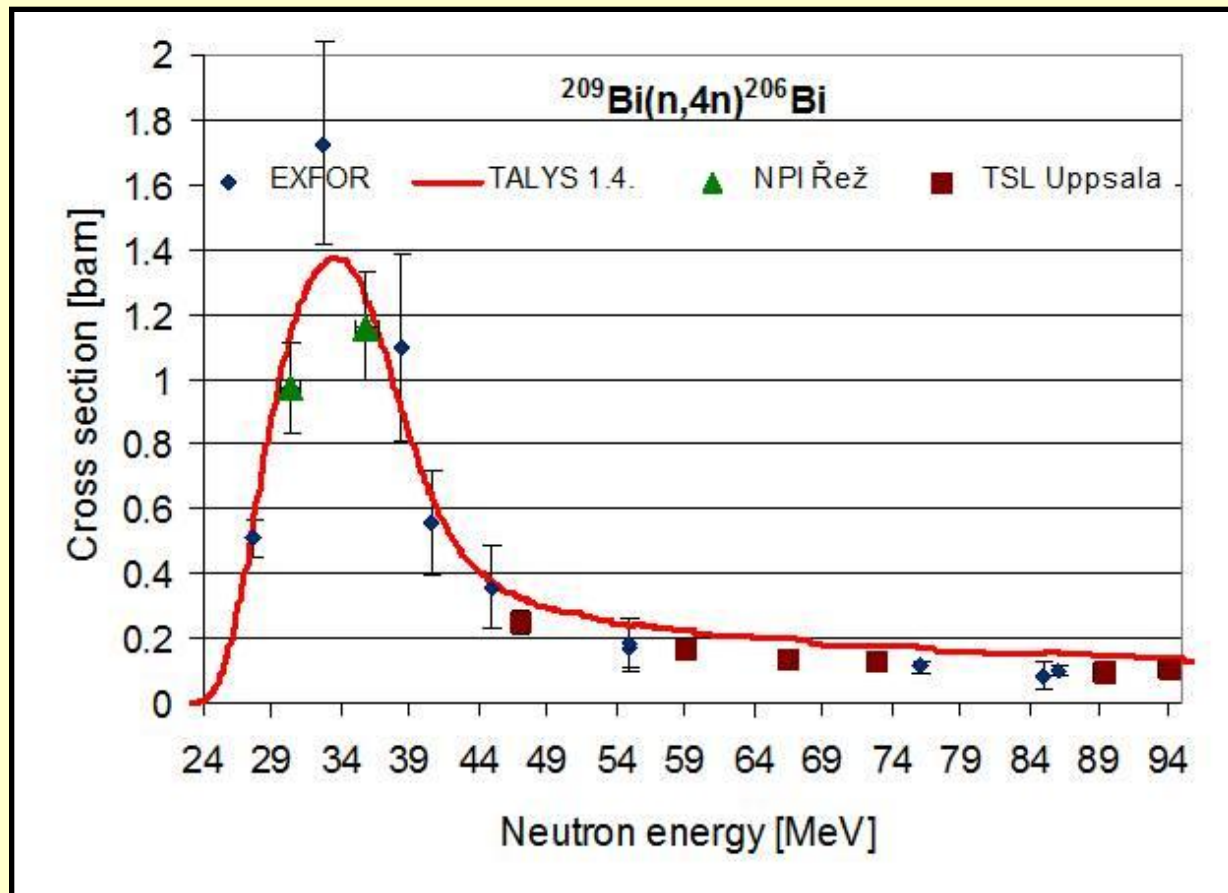
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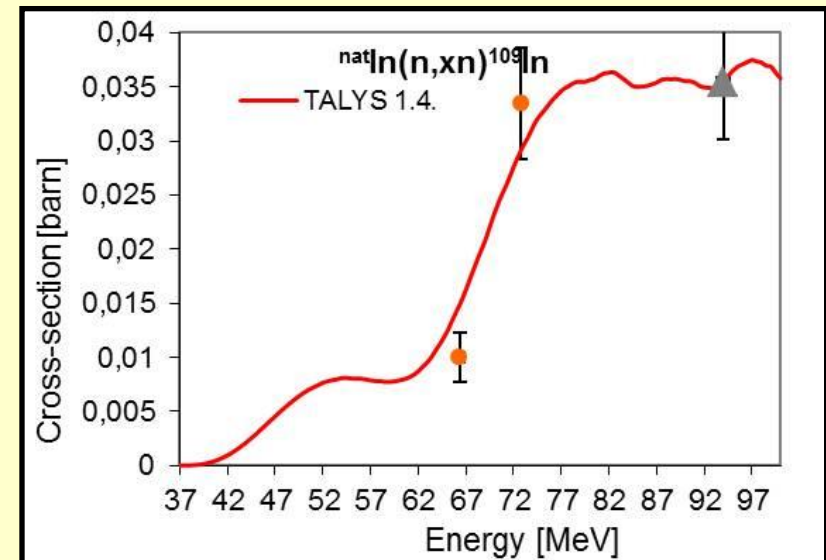
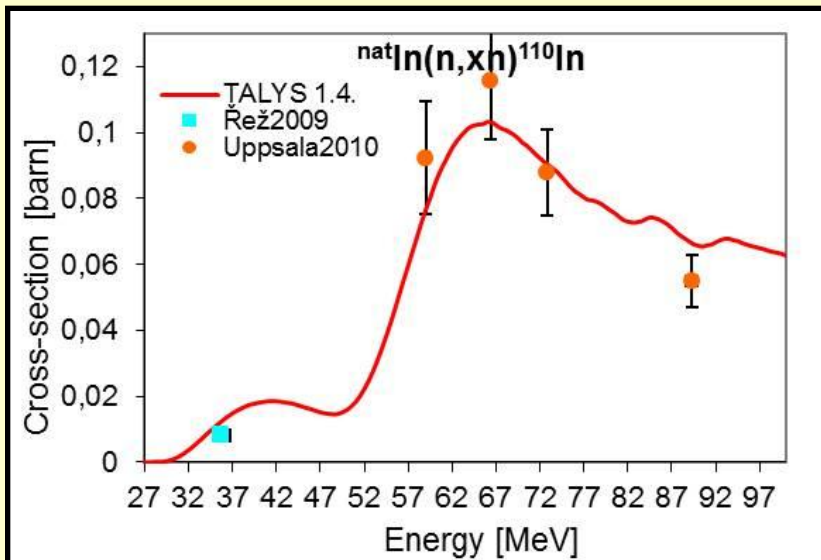
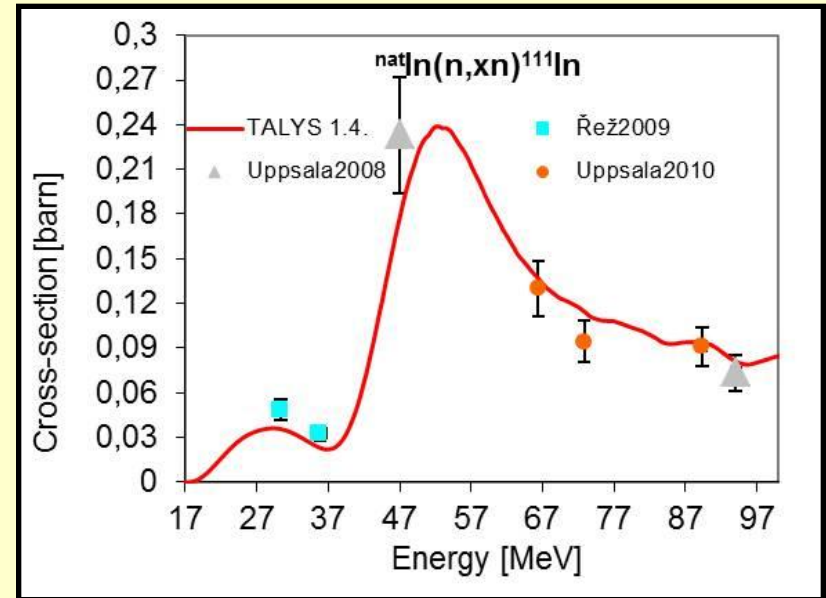
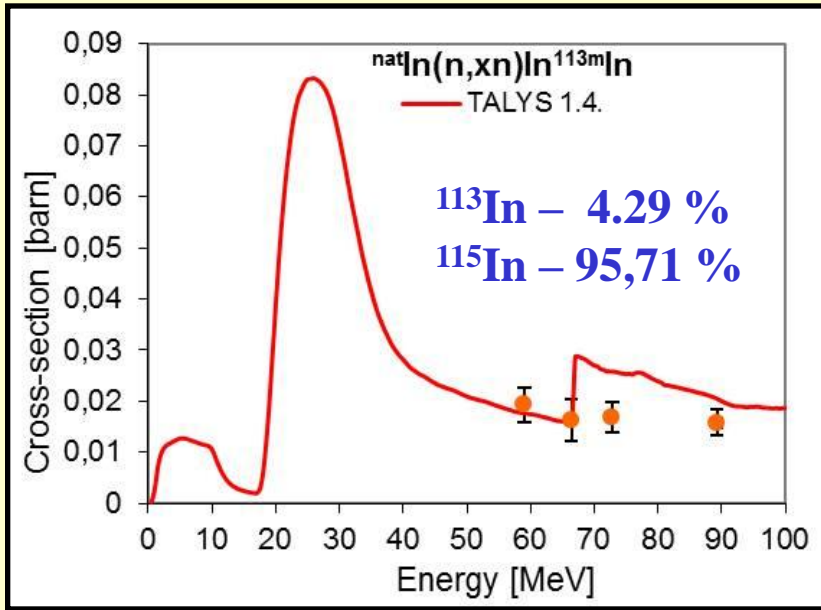


# Systematic study of neutron cross sections (EFNUDAT)

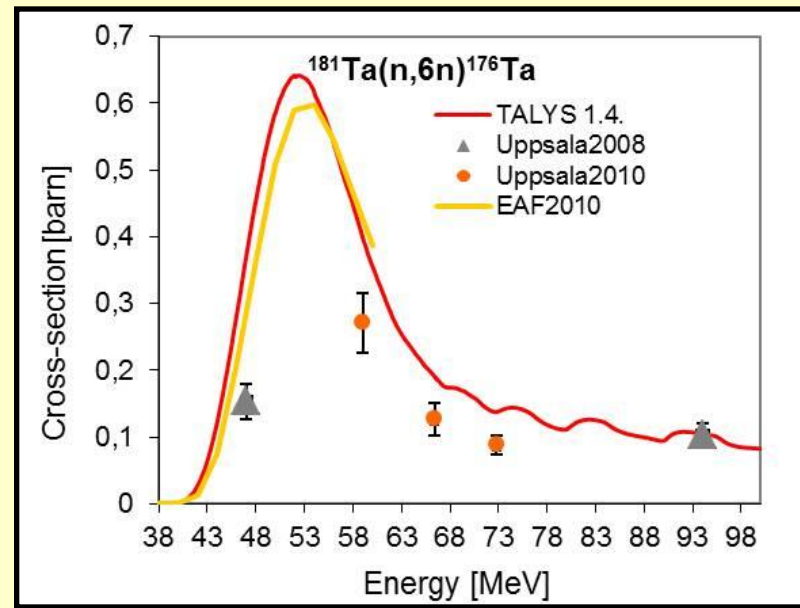
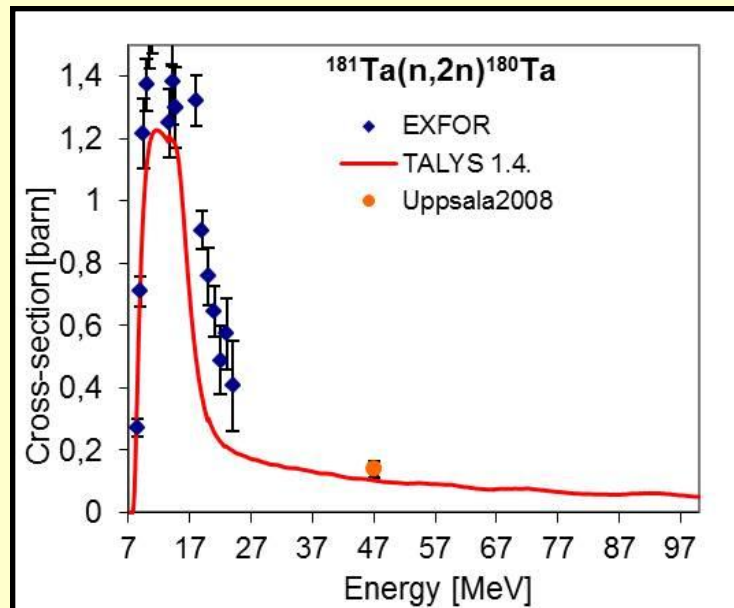
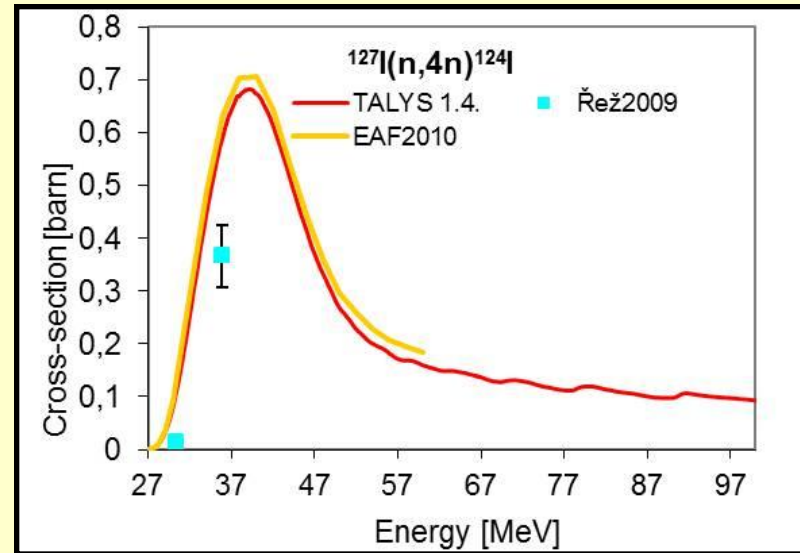
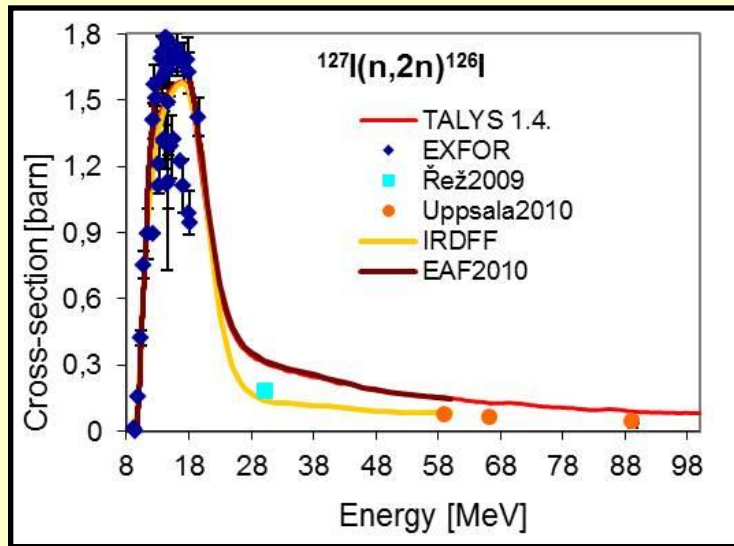
We measured threshold reactions on Au, Al, Bi, In, Ta, Ti, Y commonly used for such purposes and we also studied other materials: Cu, Fe, I, Mg, Ni, Zn.



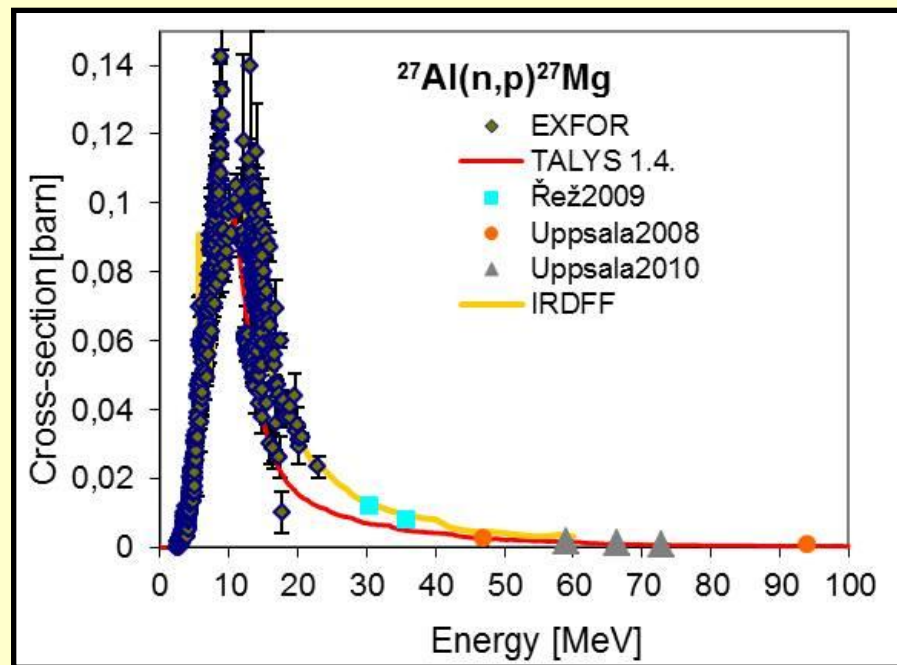
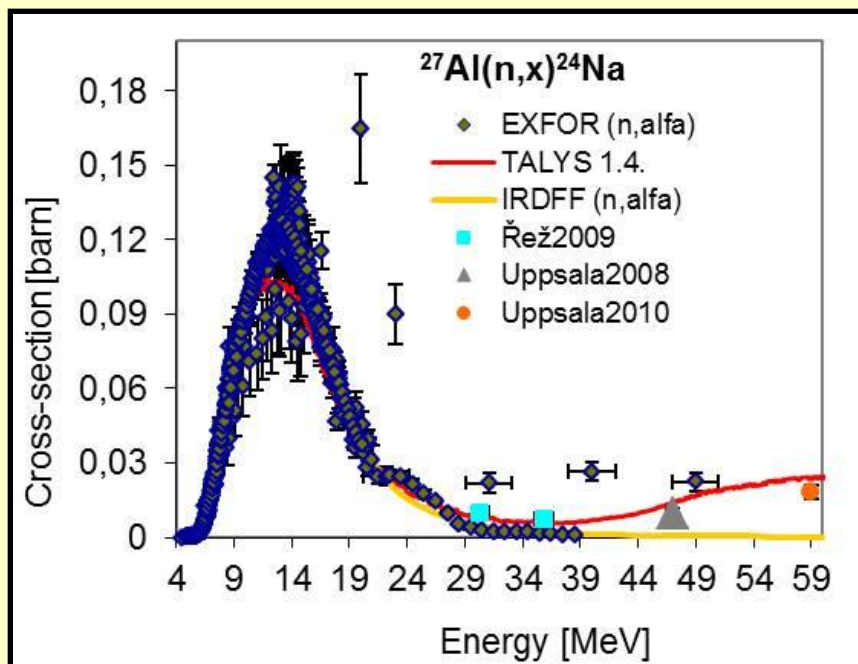
## Comparison of cross-sections (n,xn) reactions on natural indium with TALYS



## Comparison of cross-sections (n,xn) reactions on iodine and tantalum with EXFOR, TALYS and libraries of evaluated data



**Comparison of cross-sections (n,x) reactions on aluminum with EXFOR, TALYS and libraries of evaluated data**



Review of obtained data can be find in journal:  
Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research - Vol.726, (2013) 84-90

**Nice data obtained thanks to EFNUDAT, ERINDA and Řež and Uppsala neutron sources**

**CHANDA will be next opportunity**

# Test of single-crystal diamond detectors for fluency measurements

$n+^{12}\text{C}$	$\rightarrow$	$^9\text{Be}+^4\text{He}$	-5.70 MeV
	$\rightarrow$	$n'+^{12}\text{C}$	-4.44 MeV
	$\rightarrow$	$n'+3\alpha$	-7.27 MeV
	$\rightarrow$	$p+^{12}\text{B}$	-12.59 MeV
	$\rightarrow$	$d+^{11}\text{B}$	-13.73 MeV

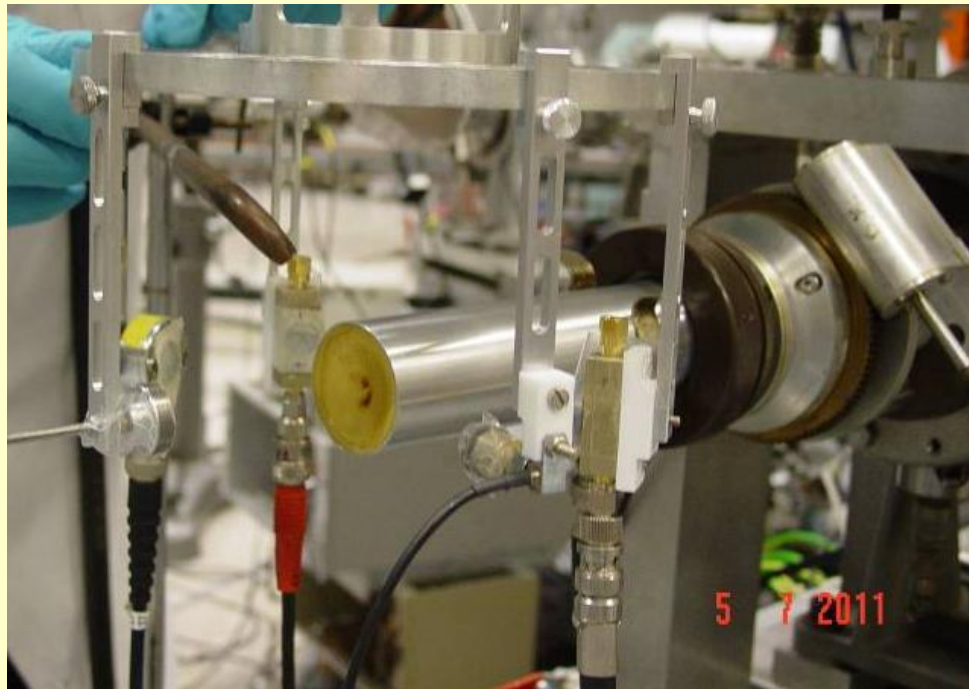
NPI neutron source was used  
(80 hours of irradiation)

**Size:** 4.7x4.7x0.5 mm<sup>3</sup>

$E_{\text{deposition}} = Q + E_n - E_{n'}$   
Sharp if no  $n'$  emitted:  
 $E_n$  spectrometer

Antonín Krása  
Arjan Plompen  
(IRMM-JRC-EC)

ERINDA – PAC 2/3



from Arjan Plompen presentation



# CHANDA

## (New transnational Access EU Project)



CIEMAT, ANSALDO, CCFE, CEA, CERN, CNRS, CSIC, ENEA, GANIL, GSI, HZDR, IFIN-HH, INFN, IST-ID, JRC, JSI, JYU, KFKI, NNL, NPI, NPL, NRG, NTUA, PSI, PTB, SCK, TUW, UB, UFrank, UMainz, UMan, UPC, UPM, USC, UU, UOslo

**Challenges in nuclear data for the safety of European nuclear facilities**

**Coordinator: Enrique Gonzalez**  
**Infrastructure coord. & development**

**5.4 M€ EC contribution, ≈10M€ total**  
**36 partners, 2013-2017**

**New neutron beams, new experimental equipment, new evaluation methods, Myrrha safety case, access to validation experiments, transnational access**

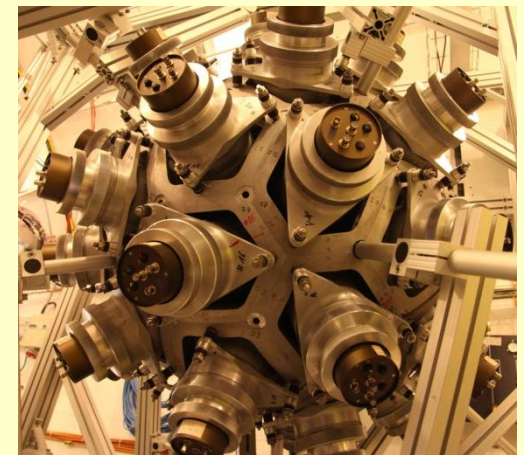
# First CHANDA call for proposal

- 1) The Proposal for Testing and Improving the IAEA International Dosimetry Library for Fission and Fusion (IRDF): irradiations at the TSL in Uppsala
- 2) Measurement of neutron yttrium reactions cross- section at Uppsala
- 3) Measurement of  $^{197}\text{Au}(n,5n)^{193}\text{Au}$   $^{197}\text{Au}(n,6n)^{192}\text{Au}$  reaction cross-sections

**Set proposals for TSL Uppsala neutron source was approved**

New call for proposals will be during end of this year, please use it

Also n-TOF neutron source is participant device of CHANDA project:



# Conclusions

- **Nuclear data are very important for future advanced nuclear systems. Many cross-sections of deuteron and neutron reactions with different materials are needed (very scarce data at experimental data bases).**
- **We used Quinta measurements to obtain cross-sections of relativistic deuterons reactions on copper.**
- **Excellent set of deuteron reactions on copper is possible to compare with data about proton reactions on copper. It is possible to use such data for benchmark of nuclear models and codes**
- **The quasi- monoenergetic neutron sources – excellent tool for neutron reaction cross-section studies.**
- **The European projects EFNUDAT, ERINDA and CHANDA made possible to use effectively European neutron sources**
- **We are waiting for second call for proposals of CHANDA project**