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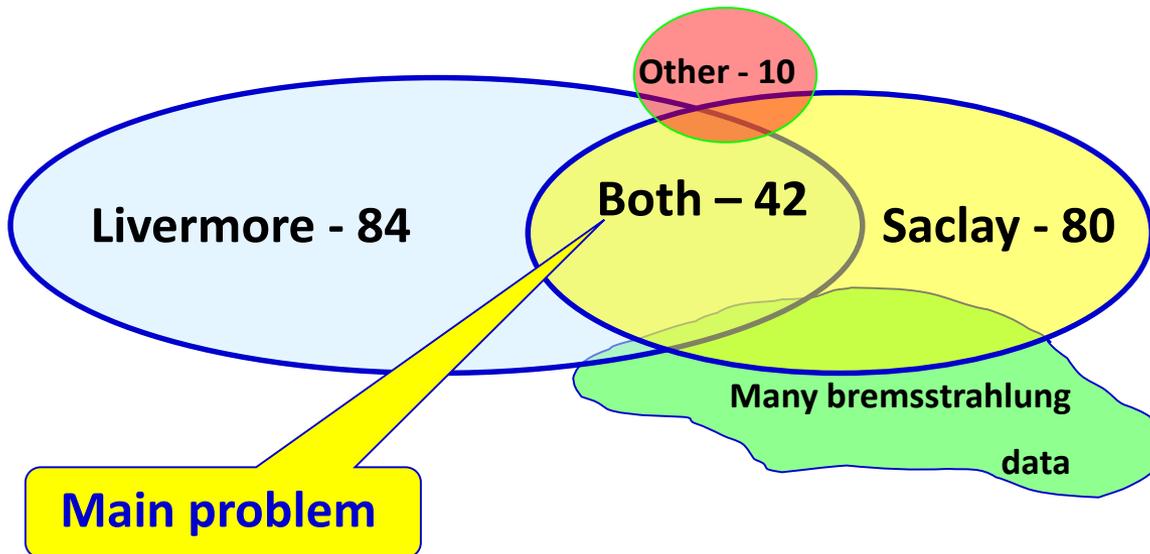
# Determination of Photoneutron Cross Sections for $^{165}\text{Ho}$ Using Direct Neutron-Multiplicity Sorting

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# Systematics of the photonuclear C.S. measurements

- ❑ Most of the photoneutron cross section measurements were performed in period 1962 – 1986 using quasi-monochromatic annihilation photons using positron in flight annihilation at two major facilities:
  - Saclay (France)
  - Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (USA)
- ❑ Large discrepancies in  $(\gamma, xn)$  c.s. measured at the two facilities:
  - $(\gamma, 1n)$  c.s. are generally noticeably larger at Saclay than at Livermore
  - $(\gamma, 2n)$  c.s. are generally larger at Livermore than at Saclay.



No systematic way to resolve the discrepancies:  
New and reliable measurements are required!

Figure taken from V. Varlamov

# Coordinated Research Project on Photonuclear Data and Photon Strength Functions

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## Importance of photonuclear data

- radiation shielding and radiation transport analyses
- calculation of absorbed doses in the human body during radiotherapy
- activation analyses, safeguards and inspection technologies
- nuclear waste transmutation
- fission and fusion reactor technologies
- astrophysical nucleosynthesis

## Main objective of new CRP

- update the Photonuclear Data Library (1999)
- generate Reference Database for Photon Strength Functions

## Specific Research Objectives

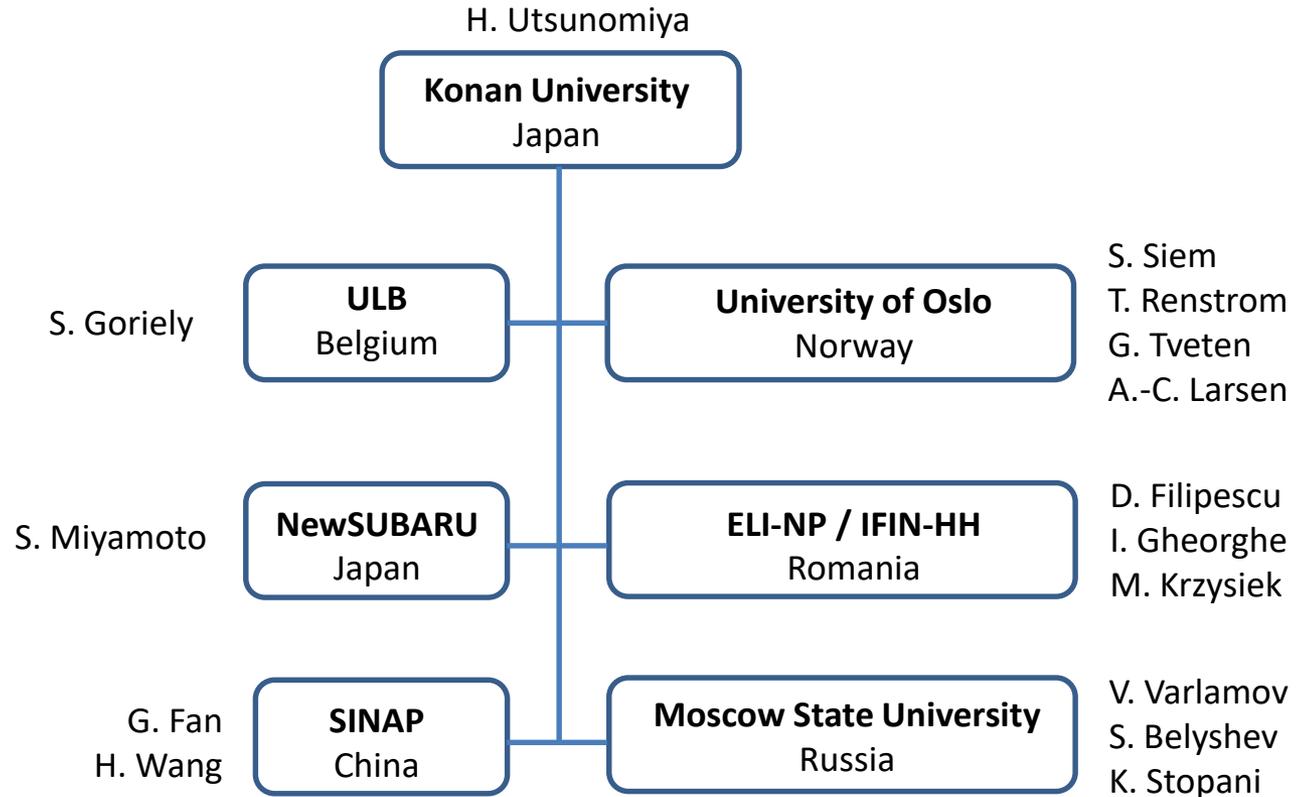
- Measure photonuclear cross-section data where needed
- Update existing evaluations and evaluate new photonuclear data
- Measure photon strength functions where needed
- Compile, assess and evaluate existing photon strength function data
- Develop and use theoretical tools to make recommendations and extrapolations to mass regions where no data exist
- Propose new measurements where needed

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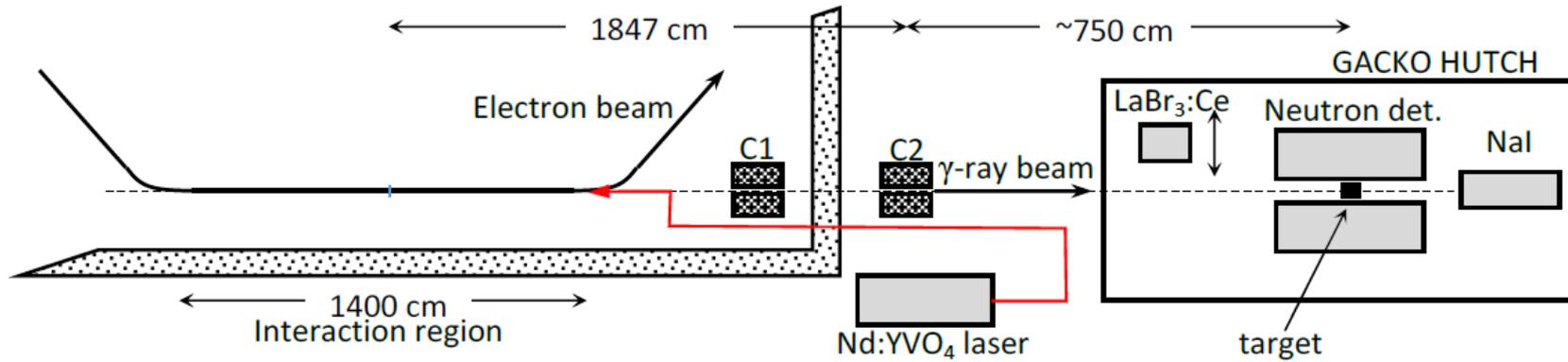
(Photo-excitation and neutron emission cross ( $\sigma$ ) sections)

## Data taking

2015	$^{209}\text{Bi}$ $^9\text{Be}$
2016	$^{197}\text{Au}$ $^{169}\text{Tm}$ $^{89}\text{Y}$
2017	$^{181}\text{Ta}$ $^{165}\text{Ho}$ $^{59}\text{Co}$
2018	$^{159}\text{Tb}$ $^{139}\text{La}$ $^{103}\text{Rh}$



# Experimental setup and method



$$\sigma(E_\gamma) = \frac{\text{\# interactions}}{\text{\# incident photons} \times \text{\# target nuclei}}$$

$E_\gamma$

- energy calibration of electron beam – Maximum  $\gamma$ -ray beam energy
- average energy of incident  $\gamma$ -ray beam - good knowledge of incident  $\gamma$ -ray beam spectra

**# interactions**

- reaction neutrons recorded with a flat efficiency 4pi neutron detector
- detection efficiency calibration and simulation
- RingRatio method of obtaining the reaction neutron average energy

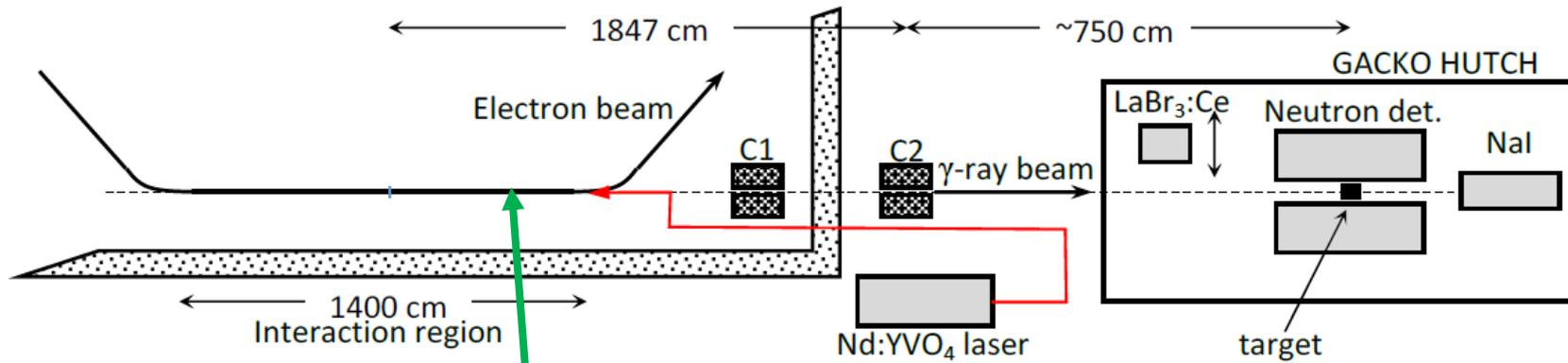
**# incident photons**

- Flux monitor - large volume 8" x 12" NaI(Tl) detector
- For high-energy and pulsed  $\gamma$ -ray beams – Pile-up method
- # photons above  $S_n$  - good knowledge of incident  $\gamma$ -ray beam spectra

**# target nuclei**

- good knowledge of chemical and isotopical composition
- mass measurement
- transverse surface measurement (4, and 8.14 mm thick targets were used)

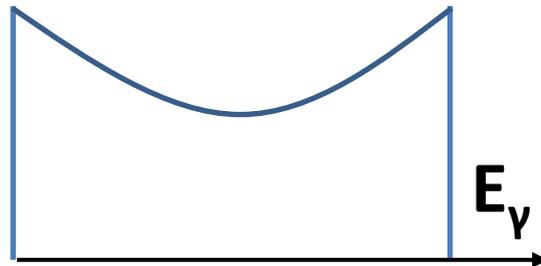
# $\gamma$ -ray beam production



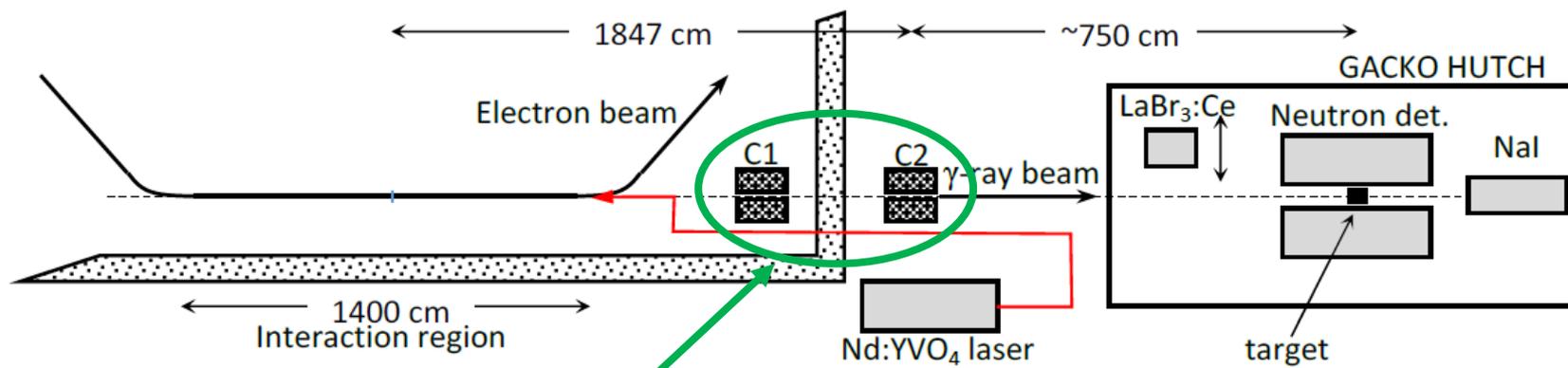
Laser beam – electron beam collision region

Continuous *Compton* photon spectrum is produced

- Head – on collisions (180° collisions)
- Laser and electron beam are unsynchronized

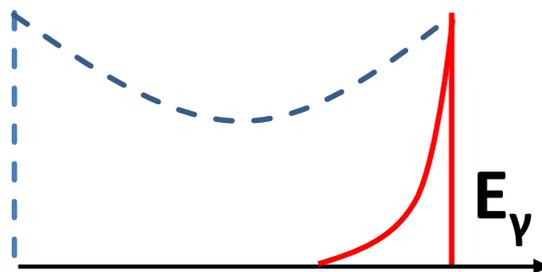


# $\gamma$ -ray beam collimation



Backscattered photons (maximum energy section of the Compton spectrum) selected using collimators.

Quasi-monochromatic photon beam is produced

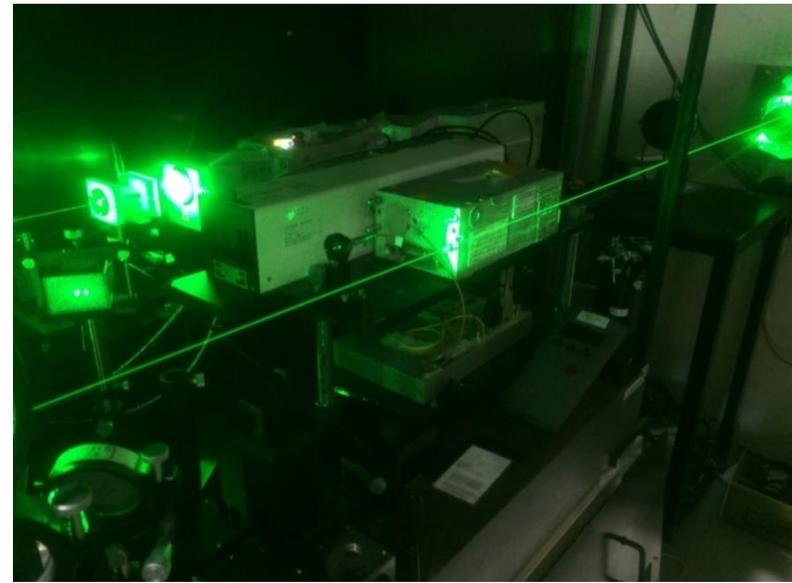


$$E_\gamma < S_{2n} / \text{max. } 38 \text{ MeV/}$$

Nd:YVO<sub>4</sub> (Inazuma) laser I<sup>st</sup> harmonic  
( $\lambda = 1064 \text{ nm}$ ; power = 40 W)

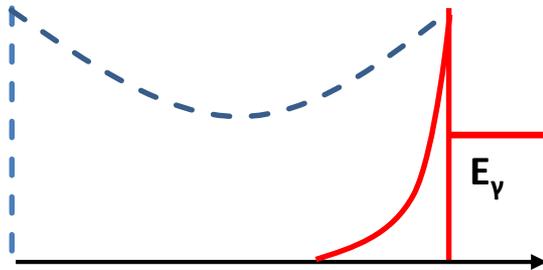
$$E_\gamma > S_{2n} / \text{max. } 74 \text{ MeV/}$$

Nd:YVO<sub>4</sub> (Talon) laser II<sup>nd</sup> harmonic  
( $\lambda = 532 \text{ nm}$ ; power = 20 W)



Electron beam energy between 0.5 and 1.5 GeV

**How do we know the absolute energy of the  $\gamma$ -ray beams?**

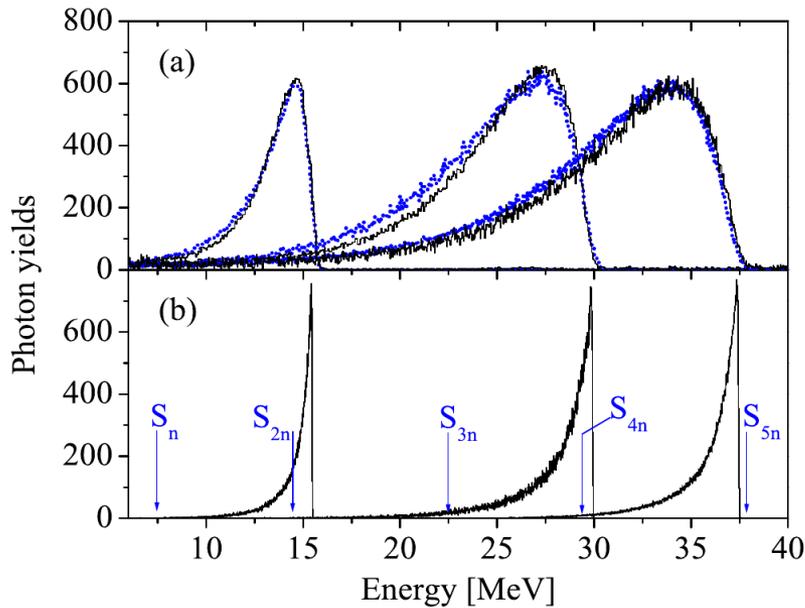
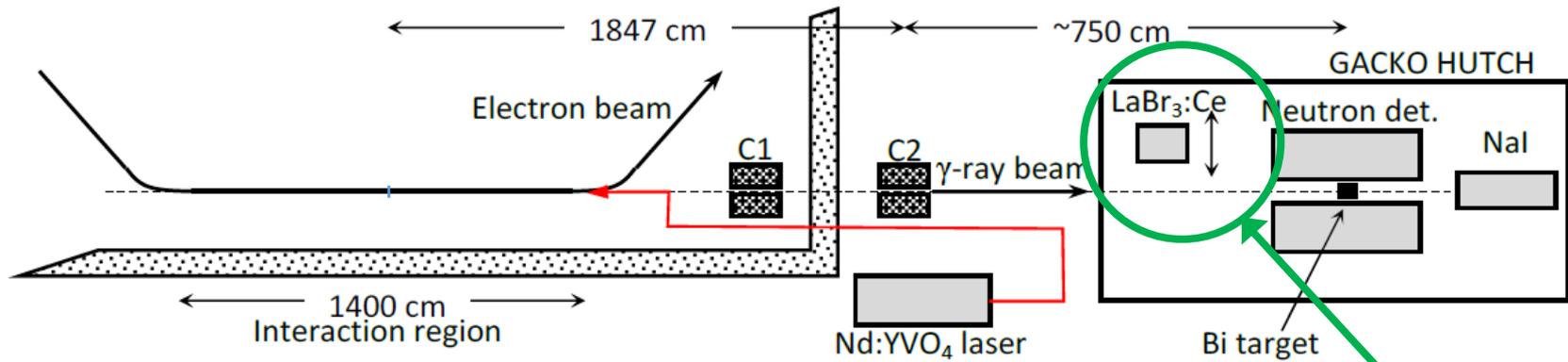


$$E_\gamma^{max} \approx \frac{4\gamma^2 E_p}{1 + 4\gamma^2 E_p / E_e}$$

**Laser photon energy** – given by atomic transitions in the active medium of the laser

**Electron beam energy** – calibrated ( $10^{-5}$  uncertainty) using low energy  $\gamma$ -ray beams generated with a large wavelength ( $10.6 \mu\text{m}$ ) CO<sub>2</sub> laser

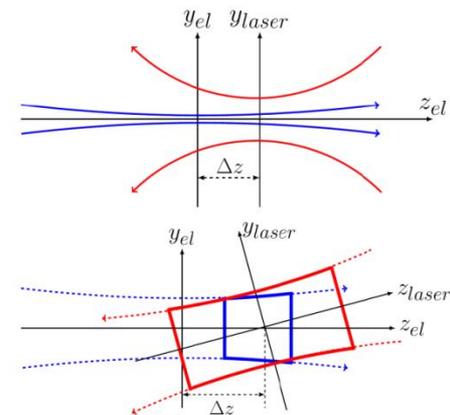
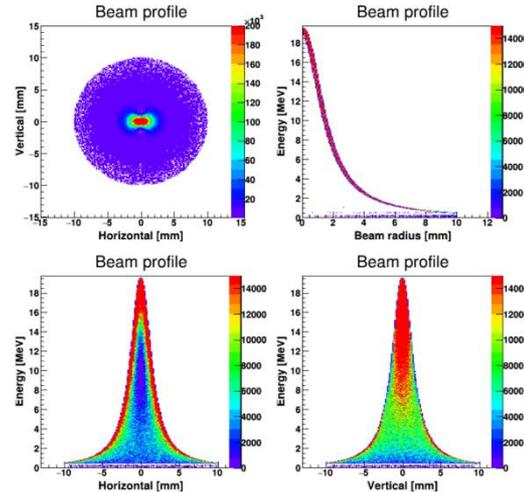
# Incident $\gamma$ -beam spectra



Beam profile monitor:  
3.5" x 4.0" LaBr<sub>3</sub>(Ce)

Energy spread  
**1.6 - 7 %**

GEANT4 simulations

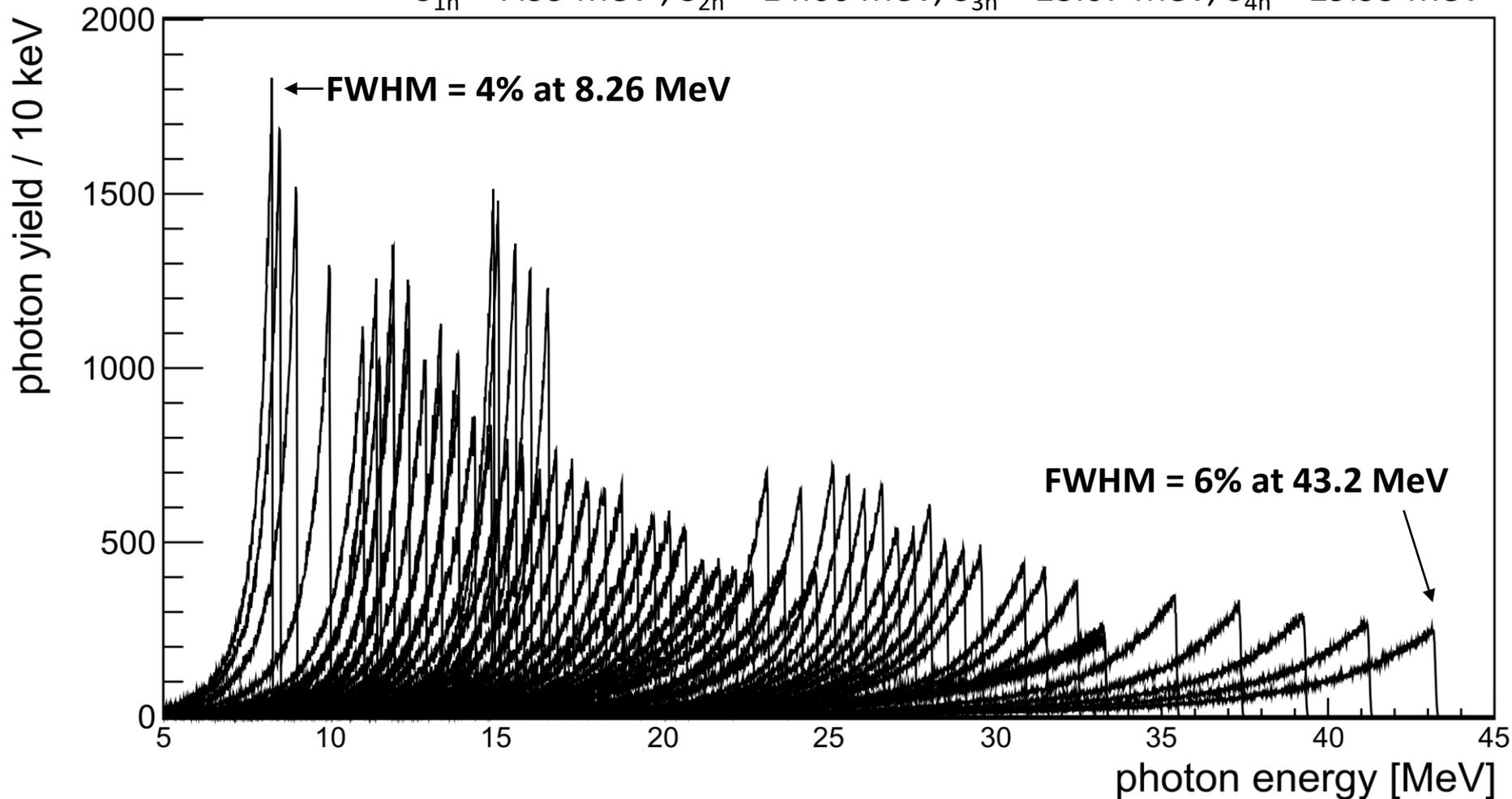


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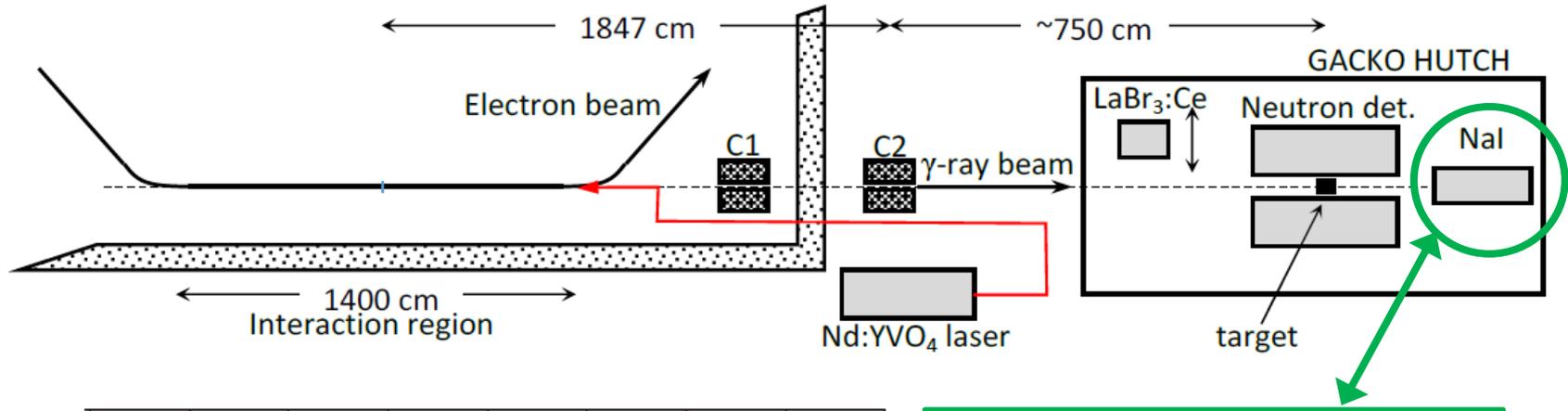
# Incident $\gamma$ -beam spectra

$^{165}\text{Ho}(\gamma, xn)$

$S_{1n} = 7.99 \text{ MeV}$  ;  $S_{2n} = 14.66 \text{ MeV}$  ;  $S_{3n} = 23.07 \text{ MeV}$  ;  $S_{4n} = 29.99 \text{ MeV}$

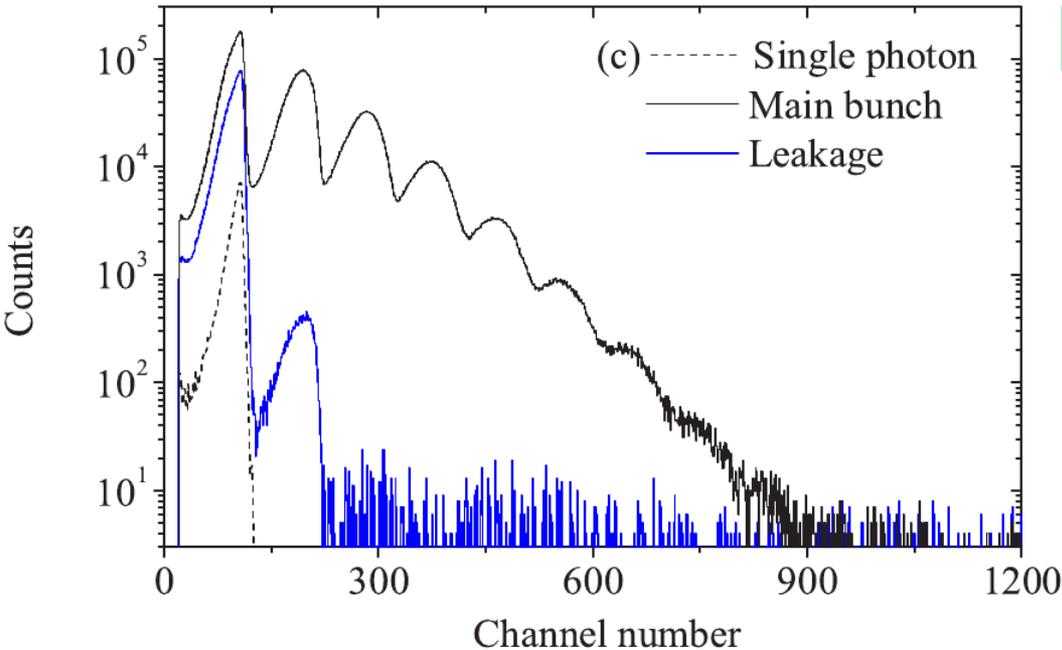


# Number of incident photons on target



**8" × 12" NaI(Tl) detector;**

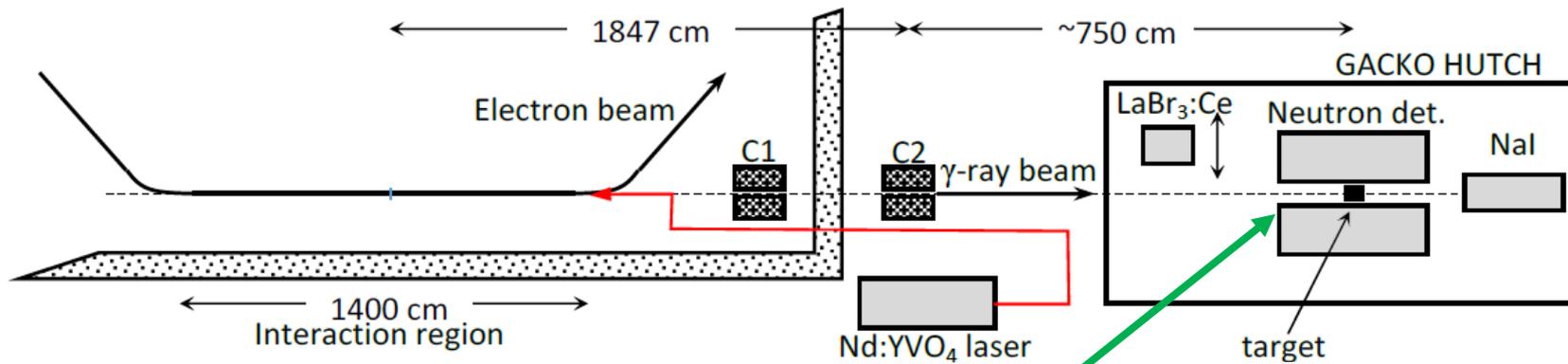
- Pile-up spectra was acquired in beam at full laser power;
- Before and after each measurement single photon spectra was measured at low laser power;
- Total number of photons was obtained as weighting average of the pile-up spectra using single photon spectra as weighting function;
- Beam intensity up to  $\sim 10^5$   $\gamma$ -rays per second



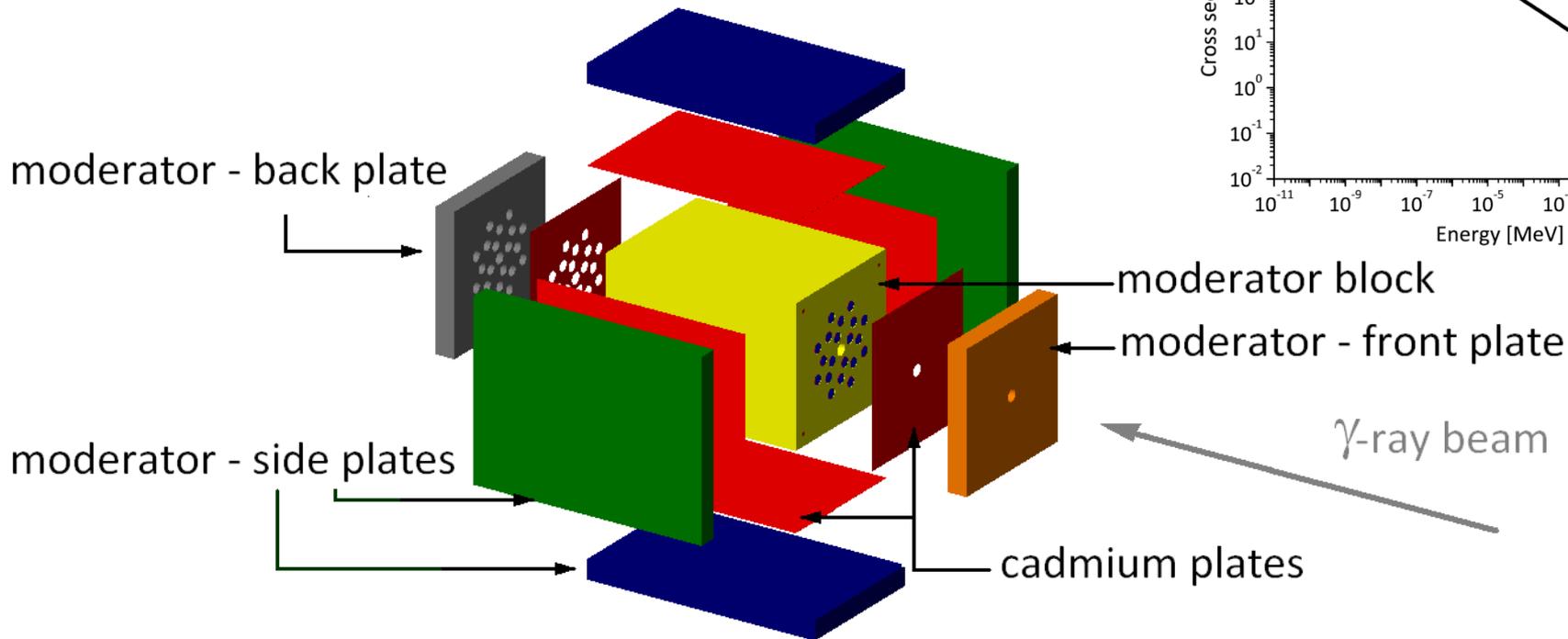
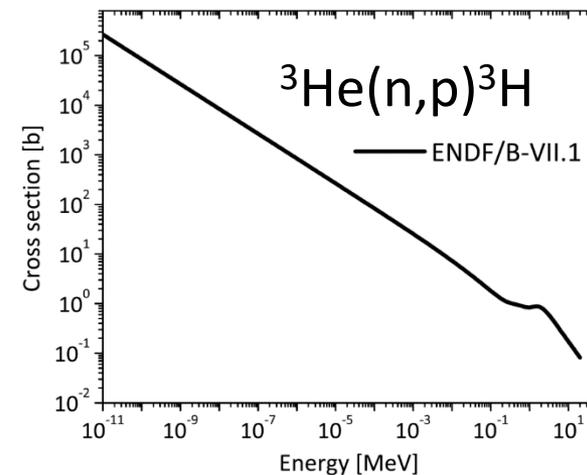
Pile-up and single photon spectra, 24 MeV.  
 The main LCS  $\gamma$ -ray spectrum displays a Poisson distributed pile-up structure with an average of 1.9 photons/bunch

$$N_{\gamma, \text{det}} = \frac{\langle i \rangle_{\text{pileup}}}{\langle i \rangle_{\text{single}}} \left( \sum n_i \right)_{\text{pileup}}$$

# Target irradiation and neutron detection



**<sup>3</sup>He proportional counters**  
embedded in polyethylene block.



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Time between consecutive  $\gamma$ -ray bunches  $\approx$  neutron moderation time

- 1 ms laser pulsing - comparable to the moderation time of neutrons inside the polyethylene block
- 20 ms Beam ON / 80 ms Beam OFF data for background subtraction

1  $\gamma$ -ray bunch generates no more than 1 reaction  $\rightarrow$  low reaction rates required

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## Single neutron events

$$N_s = N_1 \cdot \varepsilon(E_1) + N_2 \cdot C_1^2 \cdot \varepsilon(E_2) \cdot (1 - \varepsilon(E_2)) + N_3 \cdot C_1^3 \cdot \varepsilon(E_3) \cdot (1 - \varepsilon(E_3))^2$$

## Double neutron events

$$N_d = N_2 \cdot \varepsilon(E_2)^2 + N_3 \cdot C_2^3 \cdot \varepsilon(E_3)^2 \cdot (1 - \varepsilon(E_3)) \quad \varepsilon(E): \text{detection efficiency}$$

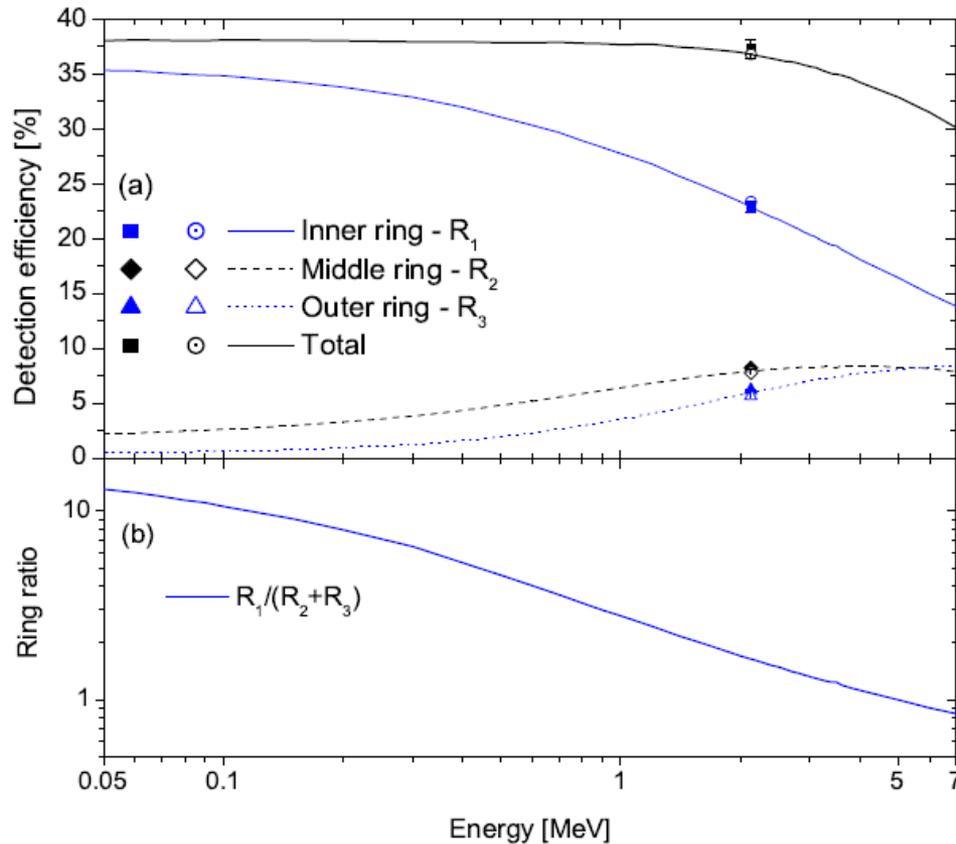
## Triple neutron events

$$N_t = N_3 \cdot \varepsilon(E_3)^3$$

Solve the system of equations  $\Rightarrow N_1, N_2, N_3$

Problem: can not estimate  $\varepsilon(E_1), \varepsilon(E_2), \varepsilon(E_3)$

# Solution? Flat efficiency neutron detector!



$(\gamma,3n)$  neutrons:

3 neutrons detected:

$$\epsilon^3 = 6.4\%$$

2 neutron detected:

$$\epsilon^2 (1 - \epsilon) = 9.6\%$$

Only one neutron detected:

$$\epsilon(1 - \epsilon)^2 = 14.4\%$$

$(\gamma,2n)$  neutrons:

Both neutrons detected:

$$\epsilon^2 = 16\%$$

Only one neutron detected:

$$\epsilon(1 - \epsilon) = 24\%$$

Flat efficiency: 36.5 (1.6) %

$(\gamma,n)$  neutrons:

38.0 - 35.7 % over 0 - 3 MeV

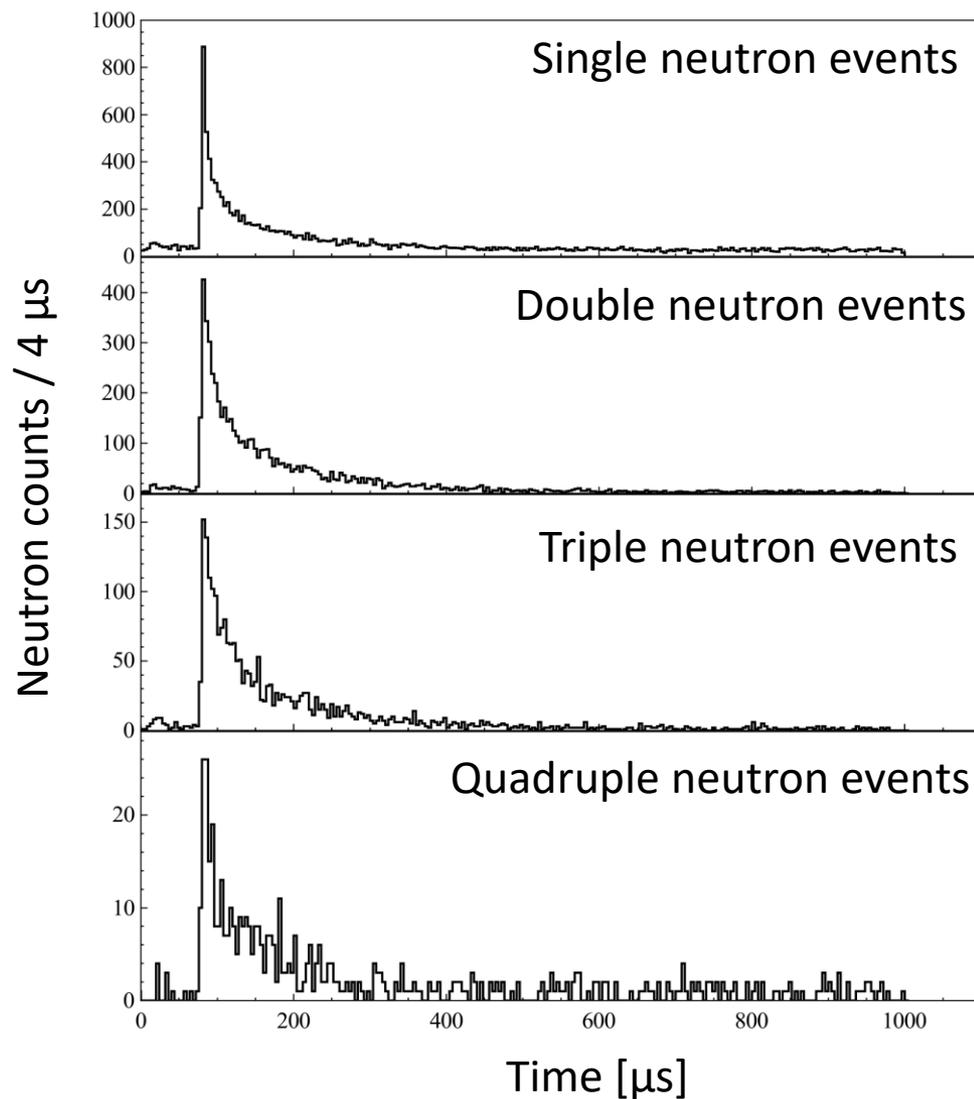
38.0 - 32.9 % over 0 - 5 MeV

# Number of 1, 2, 3 and 4 neutron coincidence events

Neutron moderation time curves for coincidences of 1-4 neutrons.

$^{165}\text{Ho}(\gamma, xn)$  reactions

for  $E_{\gamma}^{\text{max}} = 43.2 \text{ MeV}$



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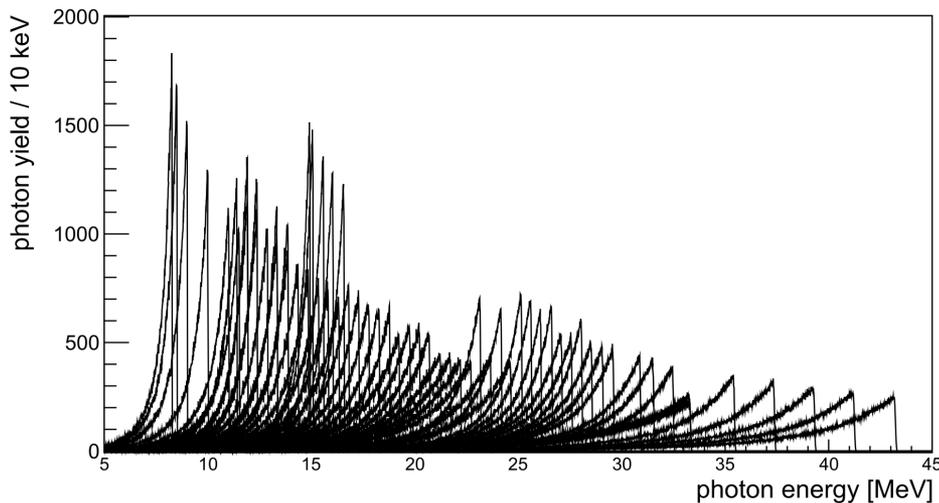
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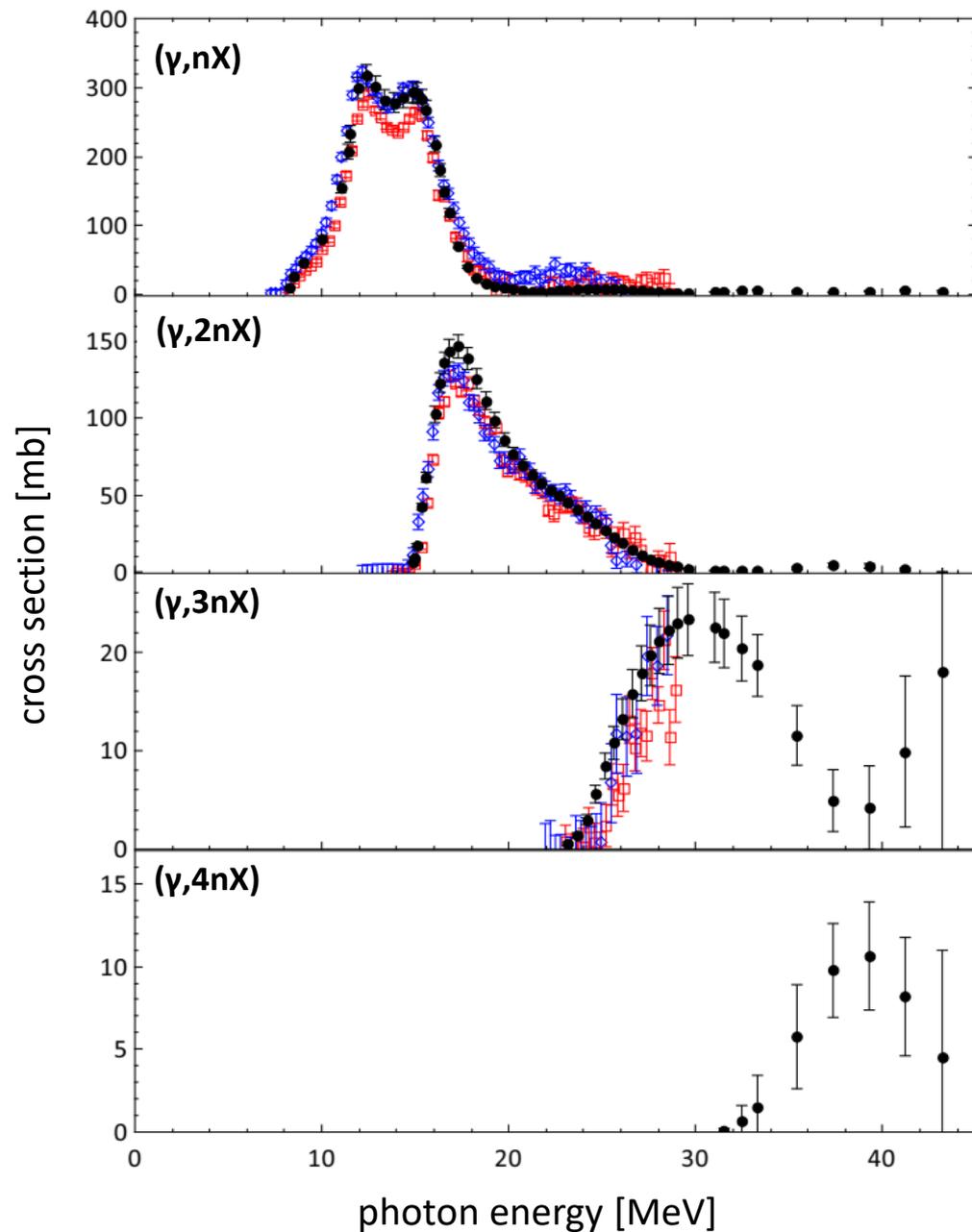
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## Deconvolution for incident photon spectra

( $\gamma, xn$ ) cross sections to be unfolded using an iterative method of reproducing the monochromatic cross sections by folding a trial cross section with the incident  $\gamma$  spectrum.



# Partial photoneutron cross sections - unfolded



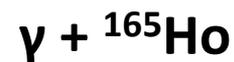
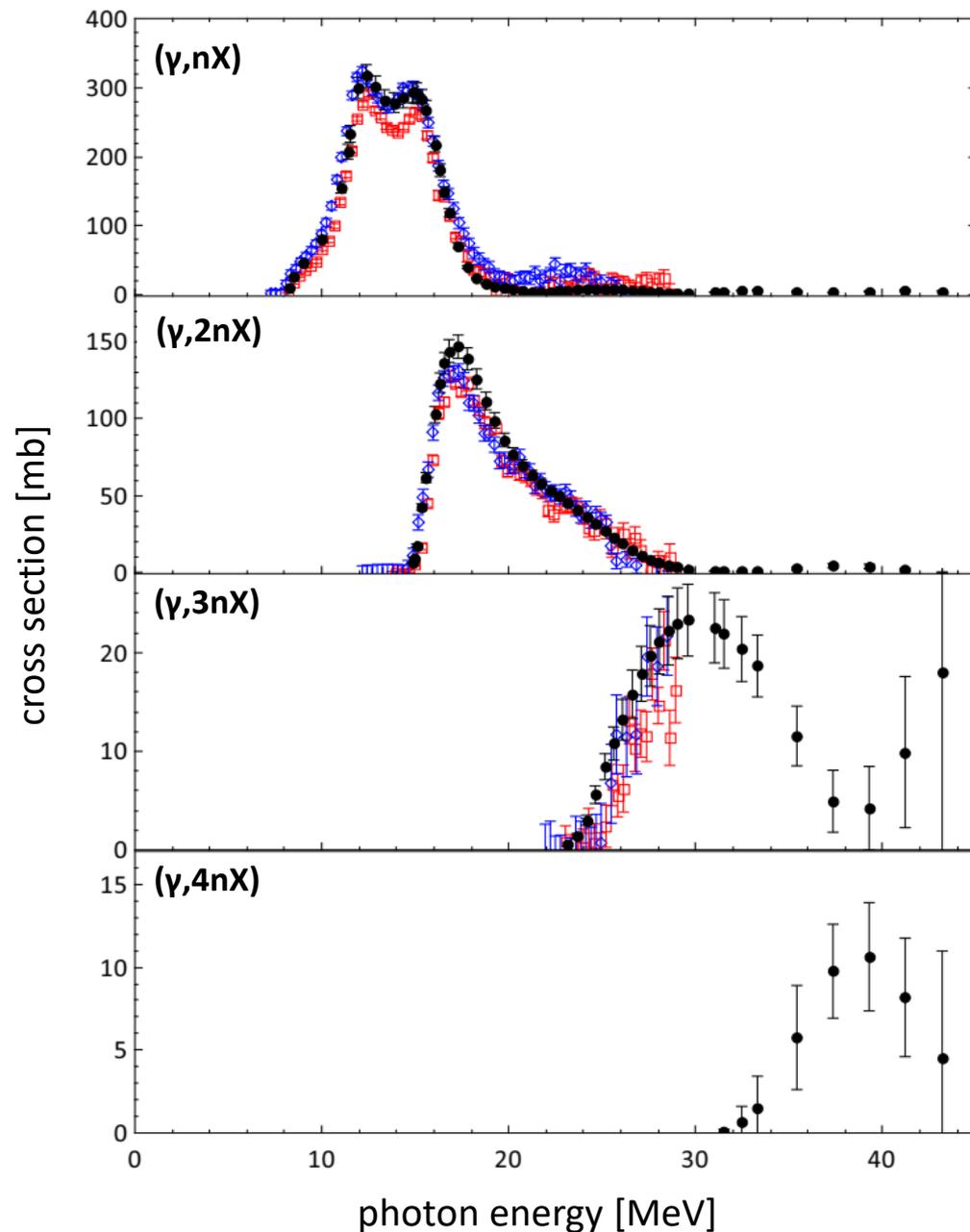
$\gamma + {}^{165}\text{Ho}$

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Present results - preliminary

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## Preliminary conclusions

- ( $\gamma, n$ ) similar to Bergere et al.
- ( $\gamma, 2n$ ) higher than both
- ( $\gamma, 3n$ ) similar to Bergere et al.
- ( $\gamma, 4n$ ) measured for the first time

# Preparing ELI-NP Gamma above Neutron Threshold experiments

IFIN 9 MV Tandem proposal,

together with the Oslo, Milano, Kobe, Moscow, Darmstadt and Krakow collaborators.

## Preparatory Gamma Above Neutron Threshold experiments

**Present study: Test and calibration of the ELIGANT-TN flat efficiency neutron detection system**

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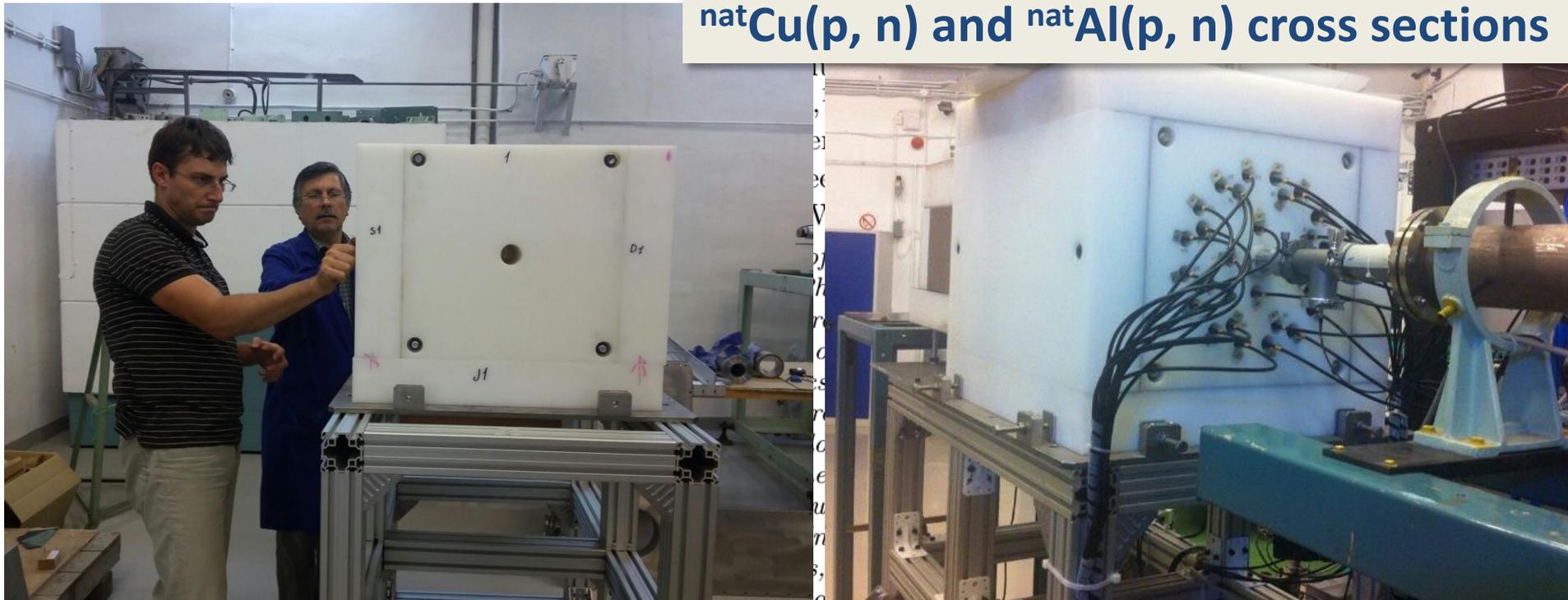
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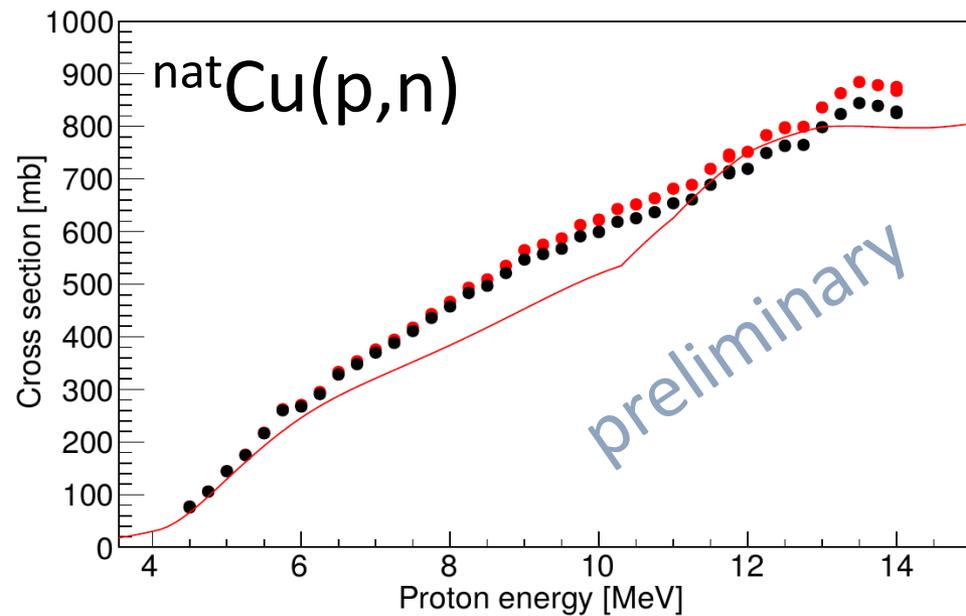
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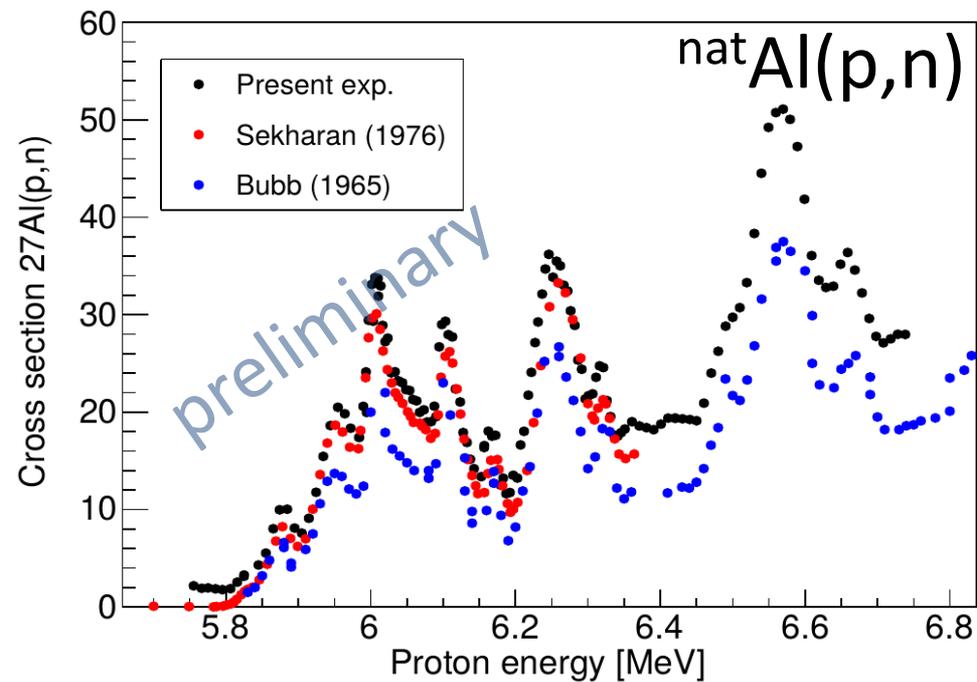
$^{nat}\text{Cu}(p, n)$  and  $^{nat}\text{Al}(p, n)$  cross sections



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**Red curve:** IAEA recommendation  
**Red dots:** Present results considering constant 37% efficiency  
**Black dots:** Present results considering ring ratio deduced efficiency



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*Thank you!*

## Direct neutron multiplicity sorting method

Validation against full Monte Carlo simulations of the experiment

- Implement the detection geometry and physics processes into the Geant4 code
- **Simulate realistic (g,xn) photoneutron emissions**

Neutron source simulated using a Monte Carlo reaction modelling code (provided by T. Kawano)

- $^{209}\text{Bi}(g,xn)$  neutron emission spectra
- The code provides specific decay paths for each event:
  - Particle type and energy for each CN, event
- Isotropic emission was considered

# Validation procedure

1. Emit the reactions from the center of the detector
2. Transport the reaction particles through the detector
3. Analyse the simulated  $^3\text{He}$  counter energy deposition spectra using the DNM sorting technique.
4. Compare the DNM results with the input ones, namely the Kawano ones.

# Why use the Kawano MC SM calculation?

Energy spectrum of each successive emitted neutron for each reaction channel is needed.

Example for measurements above  $S_{2n}$  and below  $S_{3n}$

Neutrons from (g,1n) reactions

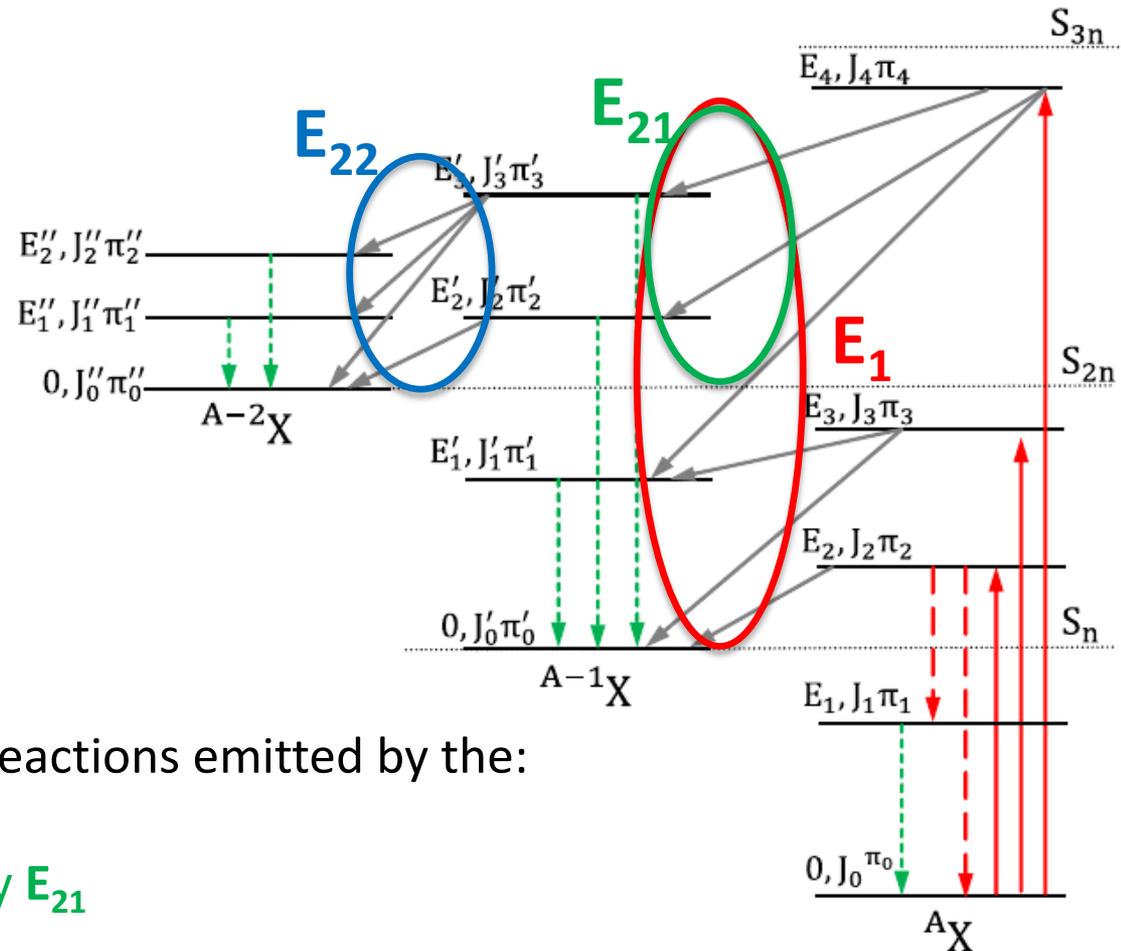
Average energy  $E_1$

Energy range: 0 to  $E_g - S_n$

Neutrons from (g,2n) reactions emitted by the:

- $A\text{X}$  nucleus
- Average energy  $E_{21}$
- $A^{-1}\text{X}$  nucleus
- Average energy  $E_{22}$

Energy range:  $\sim(0 \text{ to } E_g - S_{2n})$



# Total neutron emission spectrum from each compound nucleus.

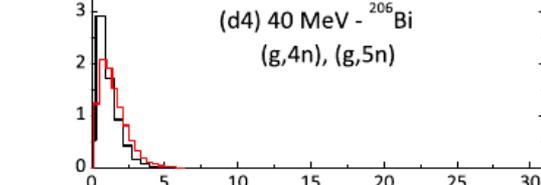
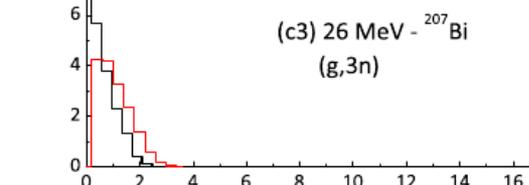
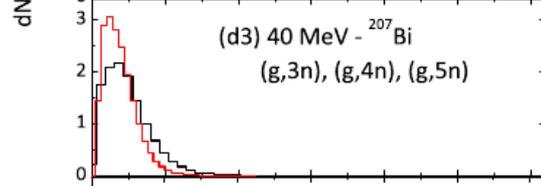
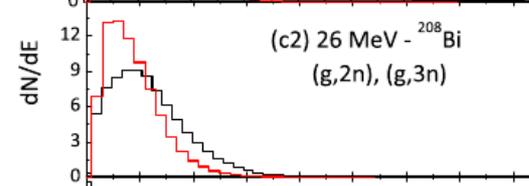
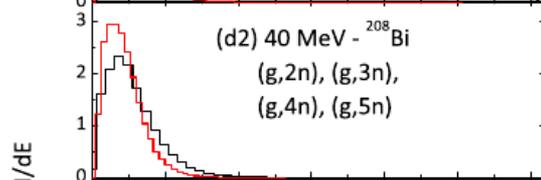
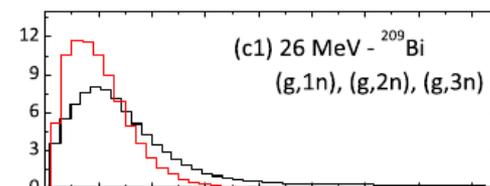
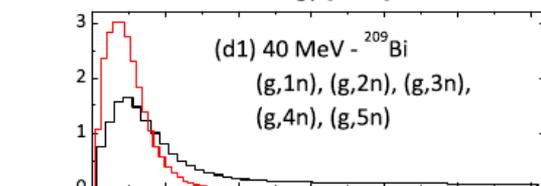
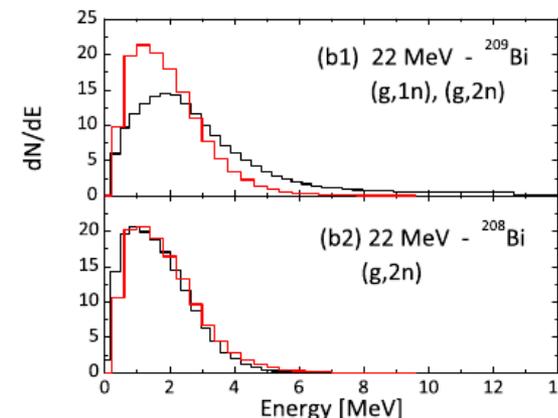
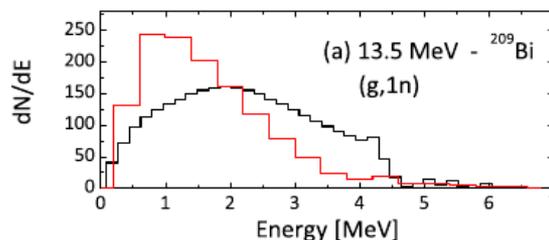
Comparison with EMPIRE.

13.5, 22, 26, 40 MeV

incident energies

$S_{5n} = 37.97$  MeV

Monte Carlo reaction  
modelling code.



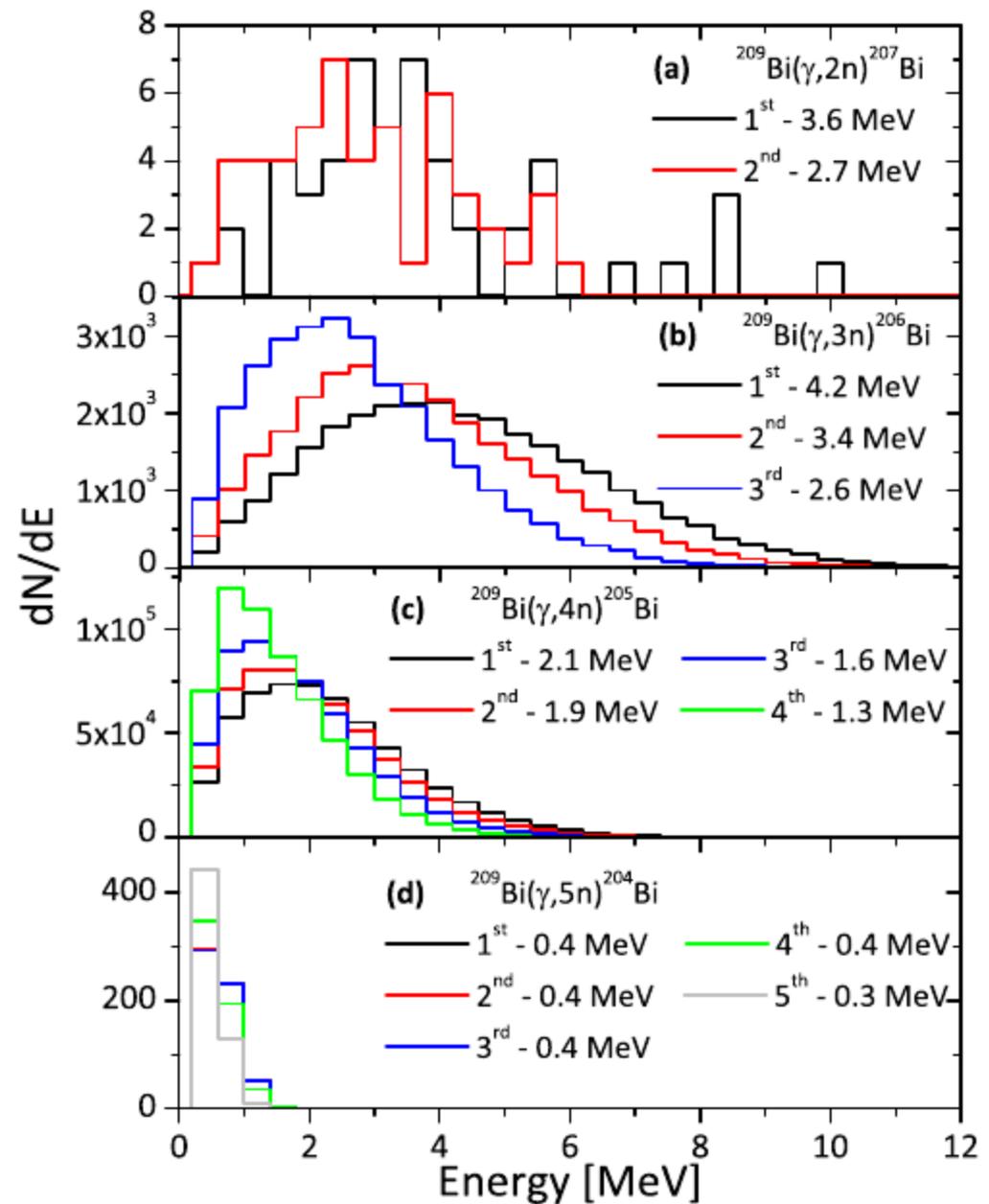
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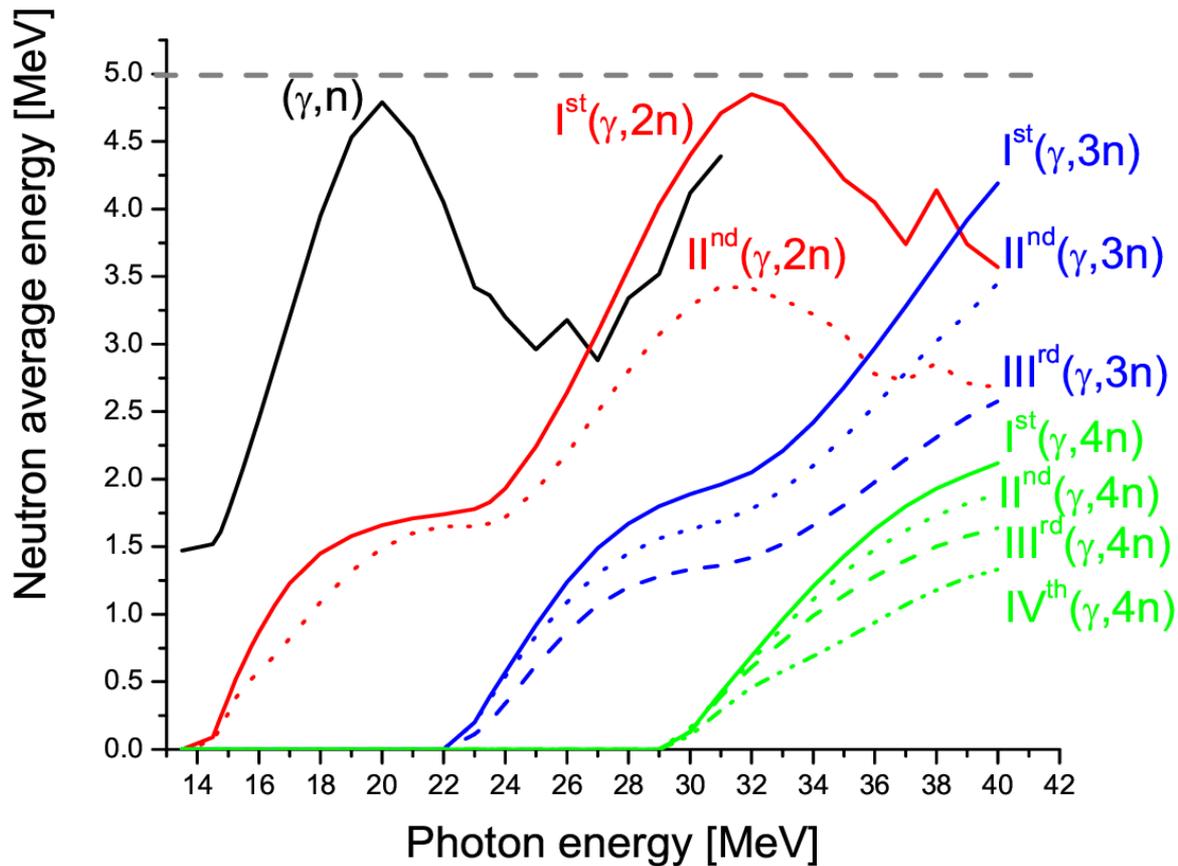
# Information provided by Monte Carlo statistical model code.

Energy spectra of each successively emitted neutron for each reaction channel.

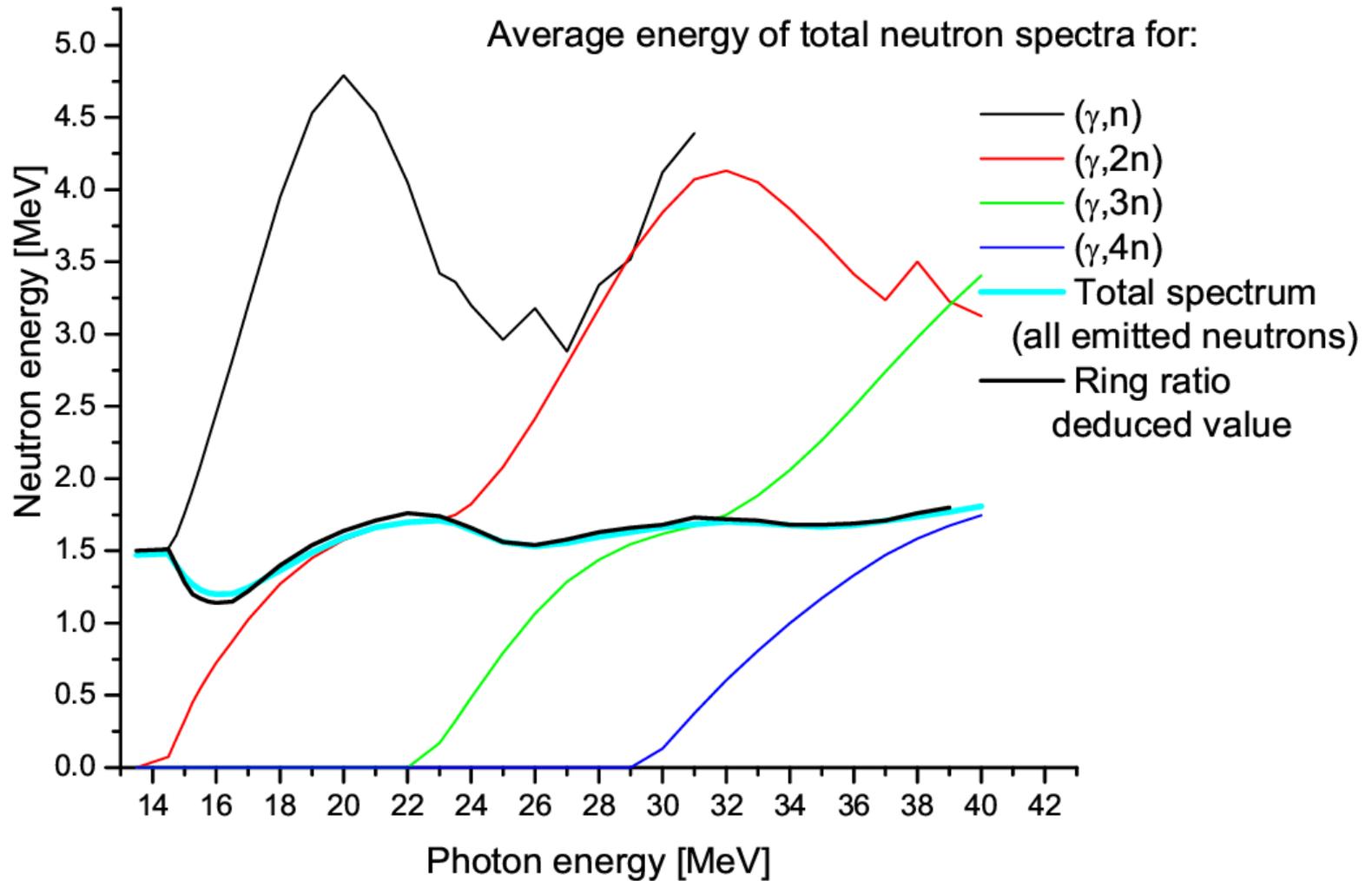
40 MeV incident energy  
 $S_{5n} = 37.97$  MeV  
Monte Carlo reaction modelling code.



(1) Is the FED flat efficiency energy interval enough for the  $^{209}\text{Bi}(\text{g},\text{xn})$  measurements?



# Average energy of total neutron spectra



# Ring ratio method

## Information on average energy of the emitted neutrons.

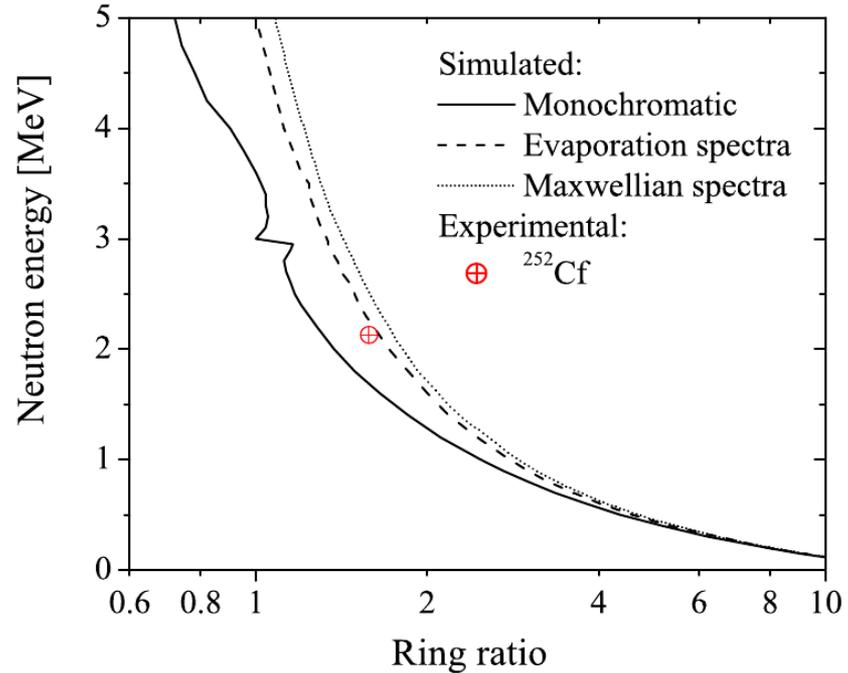
**Total** detection efficiency – flat.

The detection efficiency of each **individual ring** changes significantly with energy.

Different amount of moderator is found between the target and each ring: the inner ring and the outer rings display different detection efficiency trends.

$$R_R^{th}(E) = \frac{\varepsilon_{R_1}(E)}{\varepsilon_{R_2}(E) + \varepsilon_{R_3}(E)}$$

$$R_R^{exp}(E) = \frac{N_{R_1}(E)}{N_{R_2}(E) + N_{R_3}(E)}$$



*Experimental:*

$$\langle E \rangle_{mono} = 1.7 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\langle E \rangle_{evap} = 2.25 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\langle E \rangle_{Maxw} = 2.5 \text{ MeV}$$

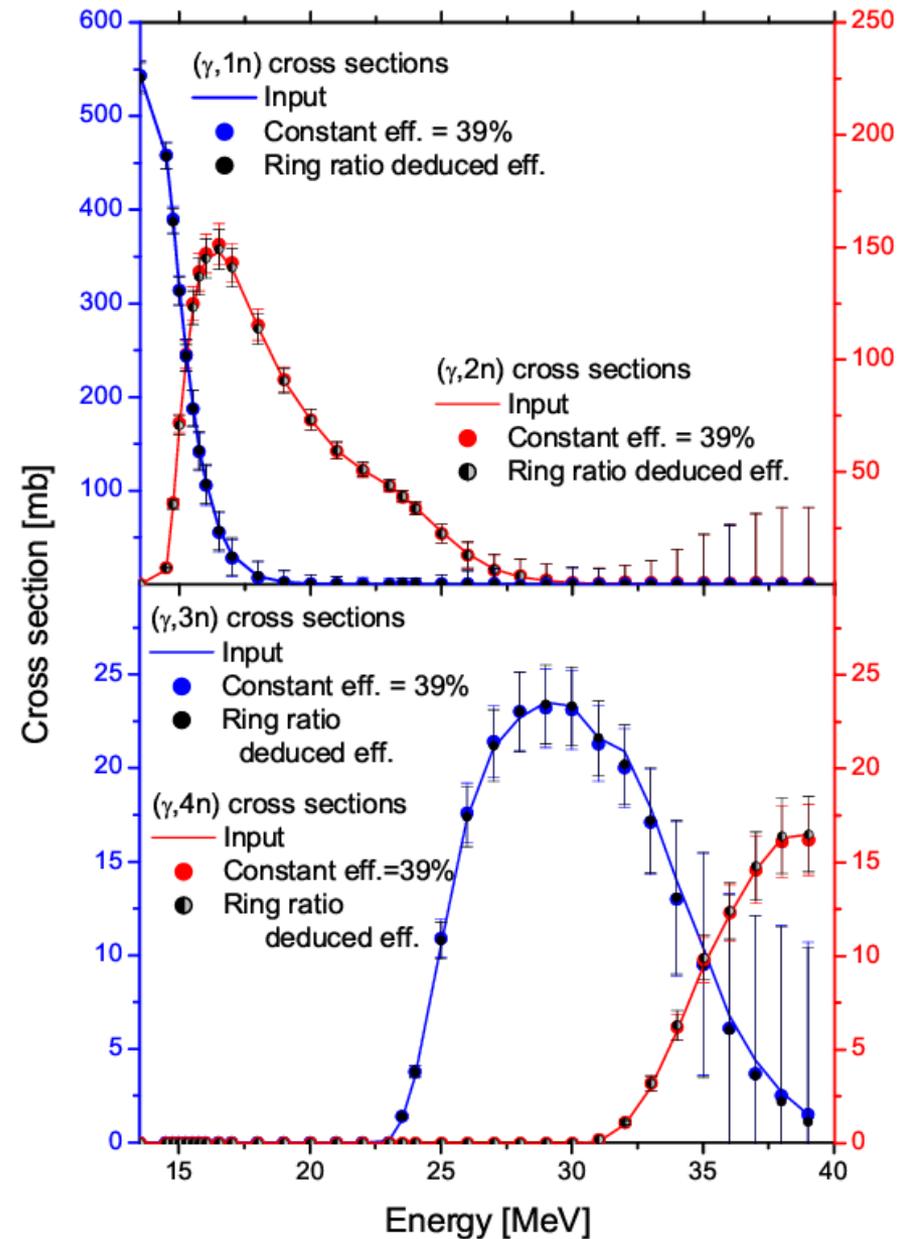
*Literature: 2.13 MeV*

**Average neutron energy:  
20 % uncertainty**

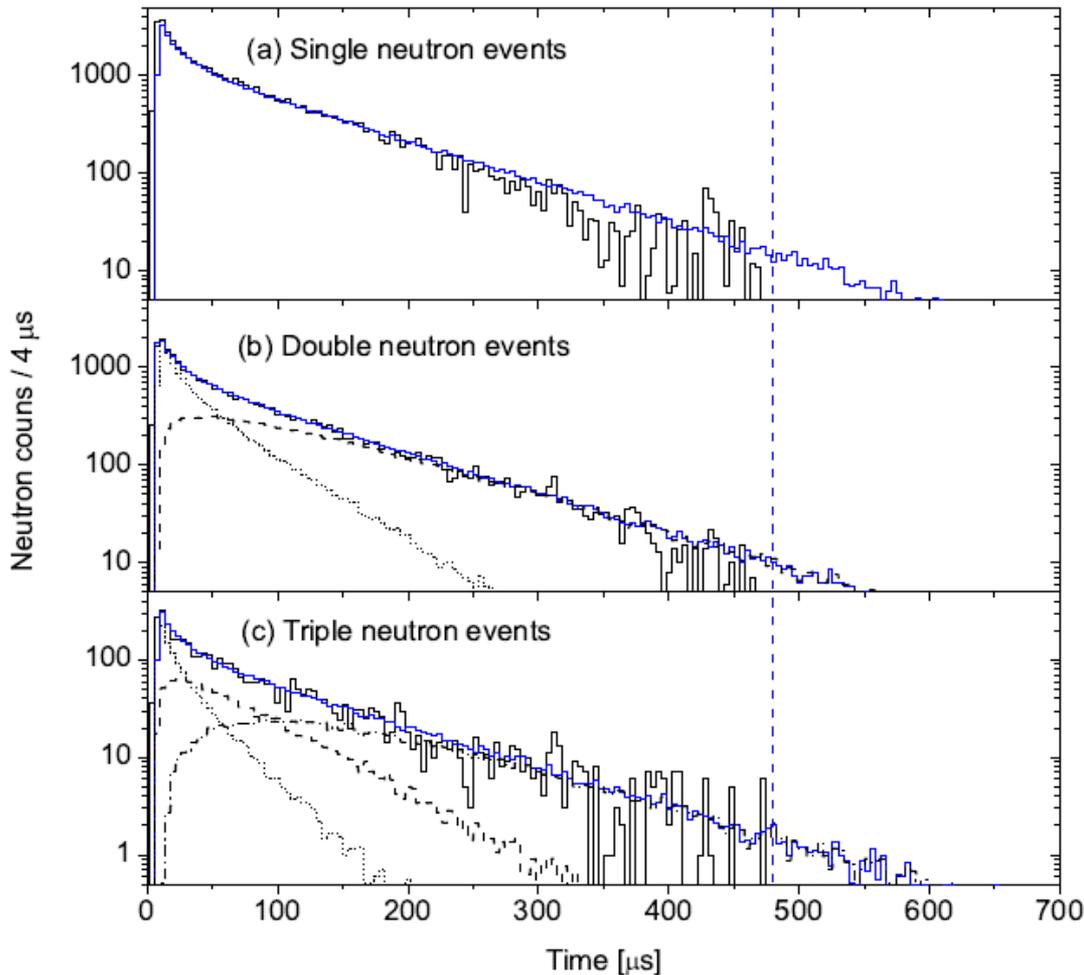
## (2) Do we reproduce the input cross sections by applying the Direct Neutron Multiplicity Sorting method?

### CONCLUSION:

Demonstrated that the neutron multiplicity sorting technique based on a FED is reliable and gives correct and accurate results.



# Corrections for limited coincidence time gate



Using the Kawano Monte Carlo neutron source, we simulated the FED response.

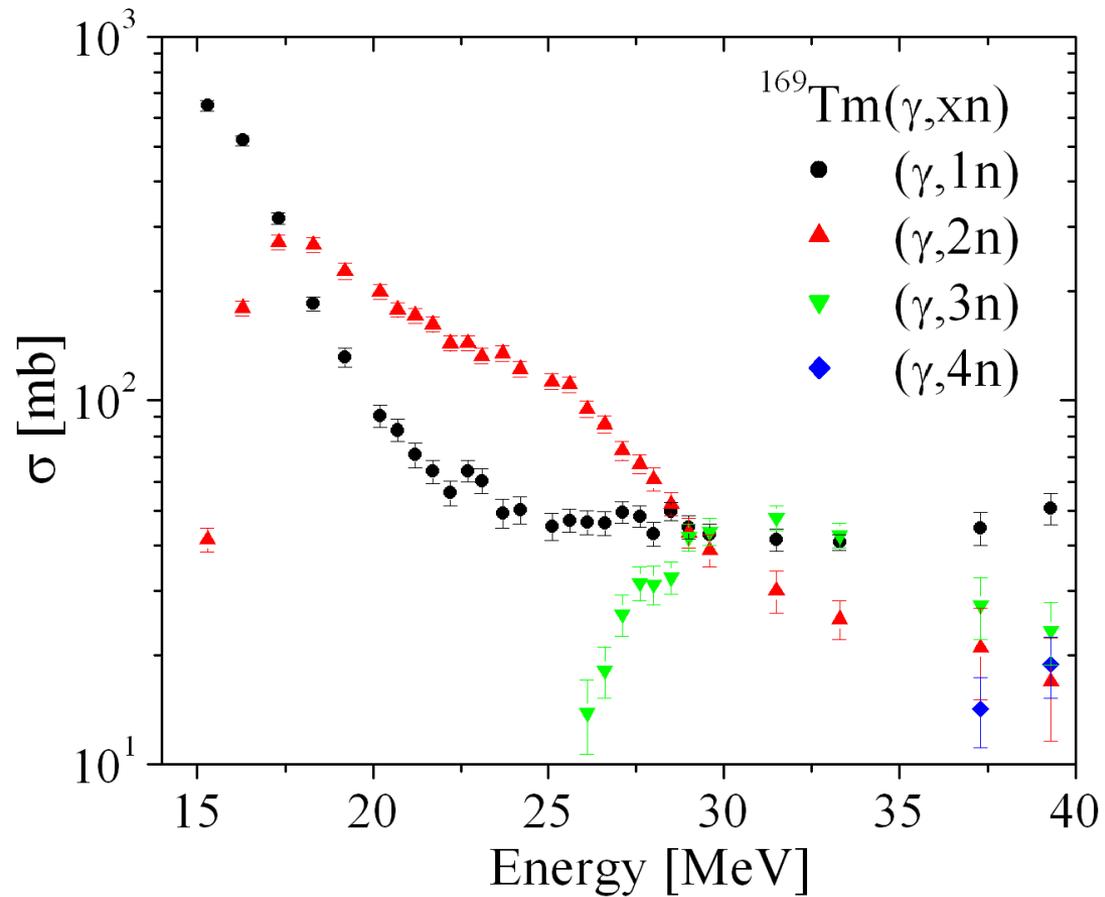
The simulations are reproducing very well the experimental spectra.

Concluded that:

- 2% of double neutron events are registered as 2 single events
- 3% of triple neutron events are registered as 1 double and 1 single
- 4% of quadruple neutron events are registered as 1 triple and 1 single.

The number of events were corrected accordingly.

# Preliminary results – $^{169}\text{Tm}$





Entrance channel:

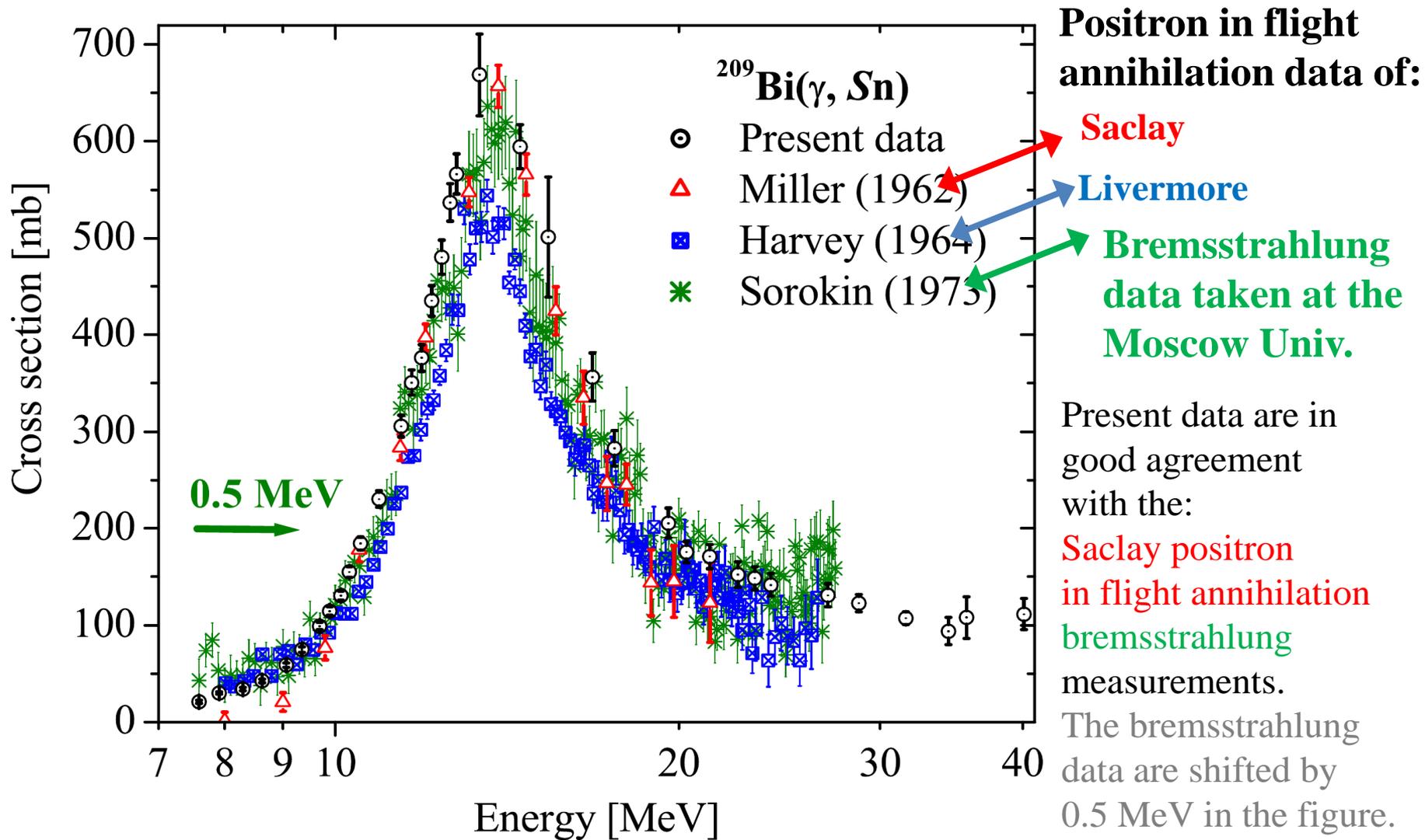
1. For incident Particle: using a direct model (optical model or coupled channels), direct reactions are explicitly calculated and all other reactions are grouped together into the “reaction” cross section.
2. For incident photon: the Photon absorption model provides the total photoabsorption cross section assuming CN and pre-equilibrium mechanism only.

Exit channel:

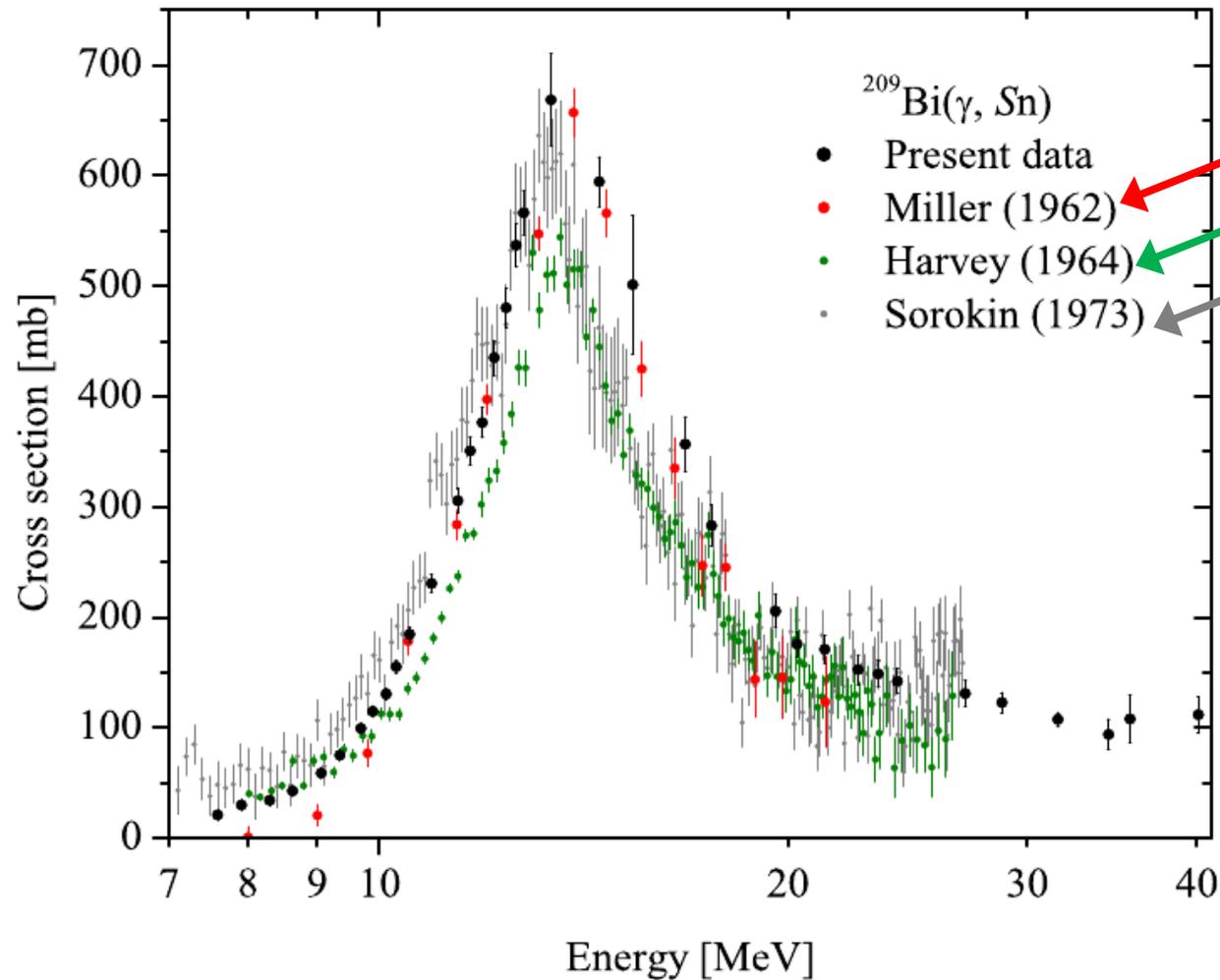
1. The absorption cross section is shared among all possible individual channels using a fluctuation / statistical / Compound Nucleus model.
2. Using the popular Hauser Feschbach model, the emission probability is computed using the transfer coefficients T and the level density functions.
3. The transfer coefficients
  1. For particle emission are obtained using a direct model
  2. For gamma emission are obtained using dedicated models – gamma strength functions.

$$\sigma_{\alpha',\alpha} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \lambda_{\alpha}^2 \sum_{J\Pi} g_{\alpha}^J \frac{\sum_{lj} T_{\alpha lj}^{J\pi} \sum_{l'j'} T_{\alpha' l' j'}^{J\pi}}{\sum_{l''j''} T_{\alpha'' l'' j''}^{J\pi}}$$

# Photoneutron cross sections on $^{209}\text{Bi}$



# Photoneutron cross sections on $^{209}\text{Bi}$



**Positron in flight  
annihilation data of:**

**Saclay**

**Livermore**

**Bremsstrahlung  
data taken at the  
Moscow Univ.**

Present data are in  
good agreement  
with Saclay positron  
in flight annihilation  
measurement.

There is a 0.5 MeV  
energy shift between  
present data and the  
bremsstrahlung ones.

# Measured cross sections in *monochromatic* approximation

$$N_j = \sum_{i=j}^m C_j \cdot R_i \cdot \varepsilon^j (1 - \varepsilon)^{i-j} \quad \text{Solve the system of equations} \Rightarrow R_x$$

$$\sigma_{\gamma xn}^{\text{mono}} = \frac{R_x}{N_t N_\gamma \xi f_x}$$

$R_x$  = # ( $\gamma, xn$ ) induced reactions

$N_t$  = # target nuclei / unit surface

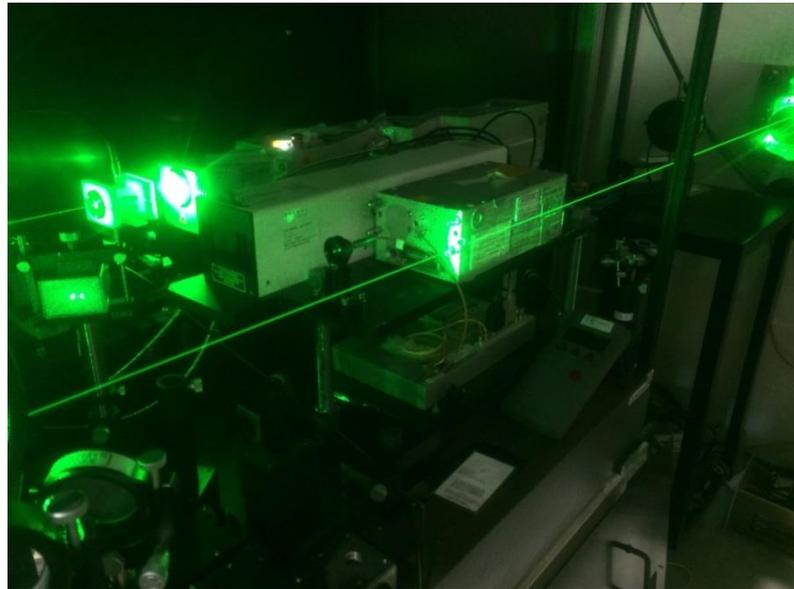
$N_\gamma$  = #incident  $\gamma$ -rays on the target

$\xi$  = thick target correction factor

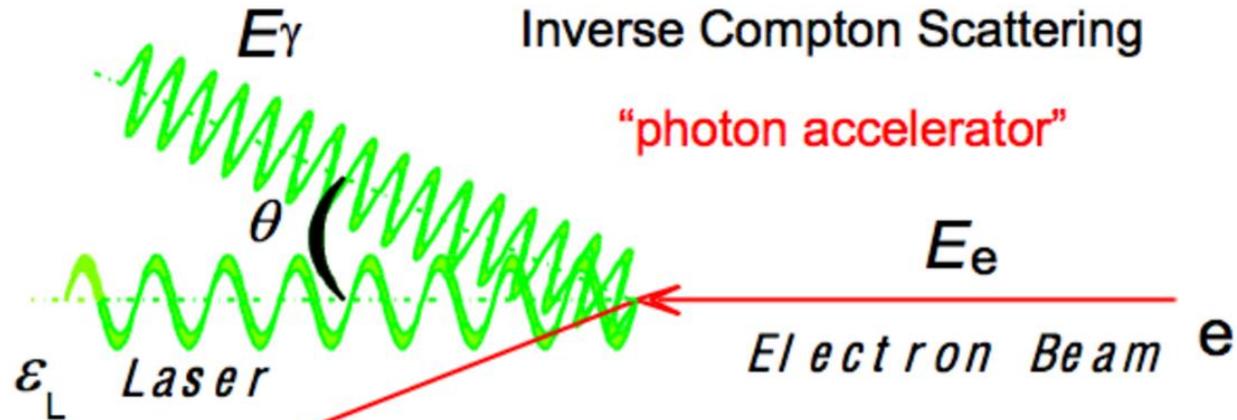
$f_x$  = fraction of photons above  $S_{xn}$

# $\gamma$ -ray beam production

LCS  $\gamma$ -ray beams with maximum energies between 7.7 and  $\sim 42.2$  MeV were produced with a Nd:YVO<sub>4</sub> laser (Spectra-Physics). The laser was operated in Q-switch mode at 16.66 kHz frequency - 60  $\mu$ s time interval between consecutive laser bunches. Energy of injected electrons – 982 MeV.



# $\gamma$ -ray beam production



Nd:YVO<sub>4</sub> (Inazuma) laser 1<sup>st</sup> harmonic

( $\lambda = 1064$  nm; power = 40 W)  $\gamma = E_e/mc^2$  (Lorentz factor)

$\sim 2 \times 10^3$  for  $E_e = 1$  GeV

$$E_\gamma = \frac{4\gamma^2 \epsilon_L}{1 + (\gamma\theta)^2 + 4\gamma\epsilon_L/(mc^2)}$$

$$E_\gamma \approx 4\gamma^2 \epsilon_L$$

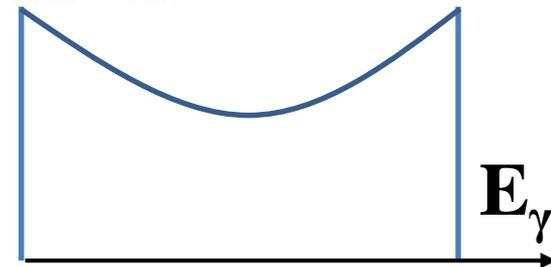
$$\Delta E/E \cong \left\{ \left( \frac{2\Delta E_e}{E_e} \right)^2 + \gamma^4 (\theta_e^2 + \theta_c^2)^2 \right\}^{1/2}$$

Energy amplification

$$E_\gamma / \epsilon_L \approx 4\gamma^2 \sim 1.6 \times 10^7$$

$$\epsilon_L \sim 1 \text{ eV}$$

$$E_\gamma \sim 16 \text{ MeV}$$

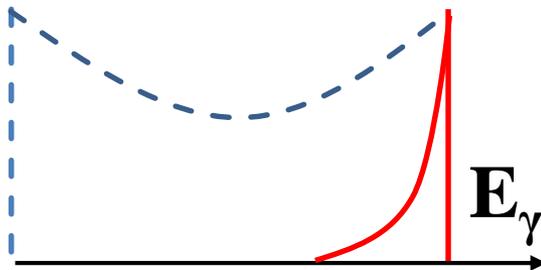
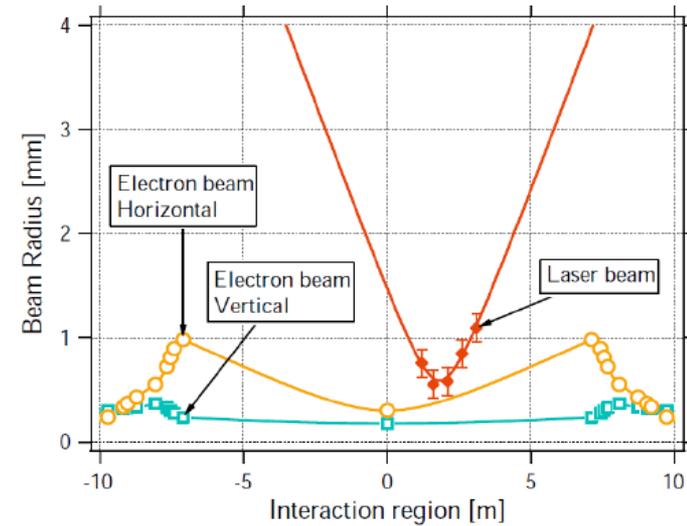


# Question 1:

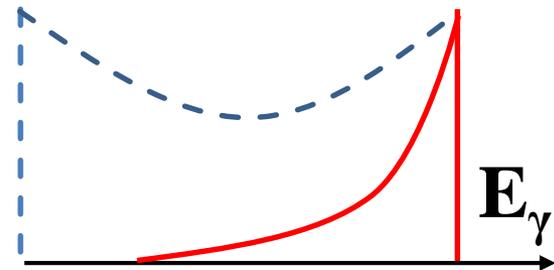
**How do we know the energy resolution and energy spectrum of the collimated  $\gamma$ -ray beams?**

Depending on the:

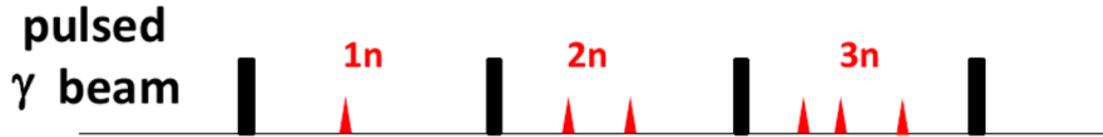
- Collimator aperture
  - Electron and laser beam properties
- the energy spectrum of the incident  $\gamma$ -ray beam may change significantly:



OR



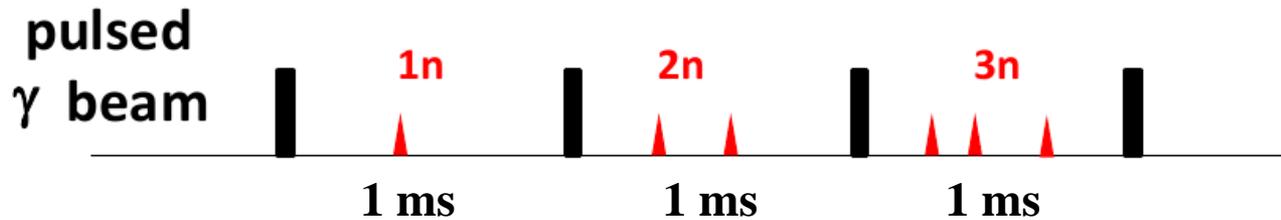
# Direct neutron multiplicity sorting



(1) Time between consecutive  $\gamma$ -ray bunches  $\approx$  neutron moderation time

- 1 ms laser pulsing - comparable to the moderation time of neutrons inside the polyethylene block
- 20 ms Beam ON / 80 ms Beam OFF data for background subtraction

(2) 1  $\gamma$ -ray bunch generates no more than 1 reaction  $\rightarrow$  low reaction rates required



However, what we can measure is **NOT** the number of reactions  
**BUT** the number of neutrons observed.

**Single neutron events**

$$N_s = N_1 \cdot \varepsilon + N_2 \cdot {}_2 C_1 \cdot \varepsilon \cdot (1 - \varepsilon) + N_3 \cdot {}_3 C_1 \cdot \varepsilon \cdot (1 - \varepsilon)^2$$

**Double neutron events**

$$N_d = N_2 \cdot \varepsilon^2 + N_3 \cdot {}_3 C_2 \cdot \varepsilon^2 \cdot (1 - \varepsilon)$$

**Triple neutron events**

$$N_t = N_3 \varepsilon^3$$

$\varepsilon$ : **detection efficiency**

Here, the detection efficiency  $\varepsilon$  is independent of neutron kinetic energies.  
 We can solve a set of equations to obtain  $N_1$ ,  $N_2$ , and  $N_3$ .

# Still to do ...

## Correction (1) for Multiple firing effect

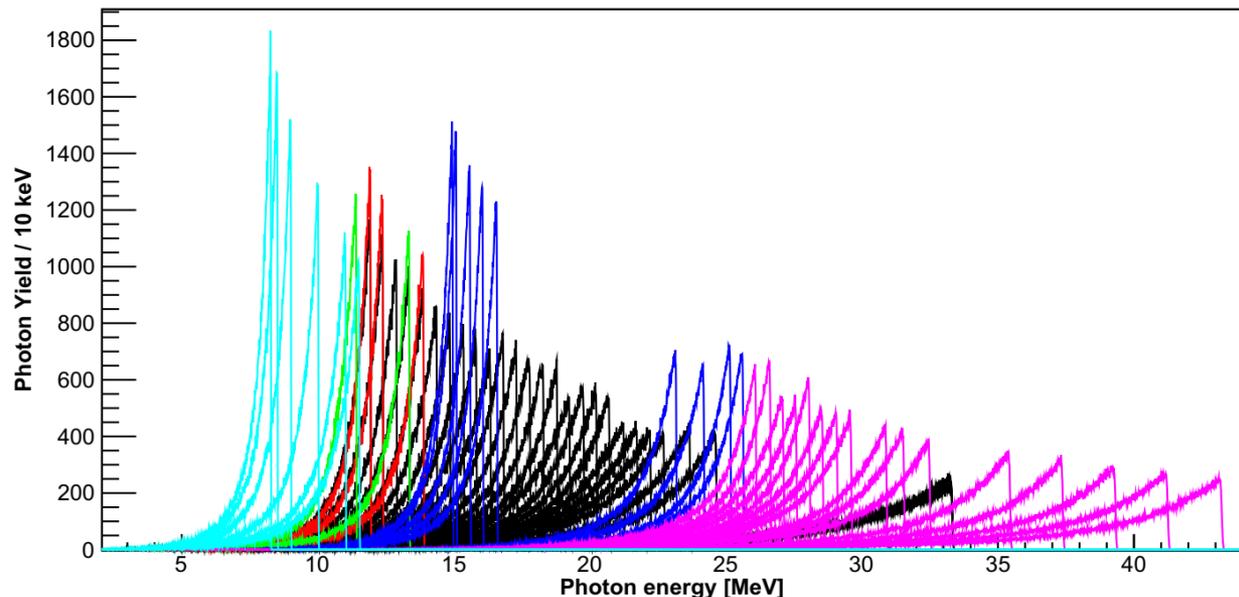
Low reaction rates are required for DNM sorting experiments, to avoid cases when two separate reactions are generated on two nuclei during a given photon pulse.

**During the experiment**, based on reaction cross section estimations, we tuned the incident photon flux and used properly thick targets for each irradiation energy.

**During the data analysis**, using the measured values for the monochromatic reaction cross sections, the average number of photons per gamma-ray bunch and target characteristics, we computed for each irradiation point the probabilities of generating multiple firing reactions.

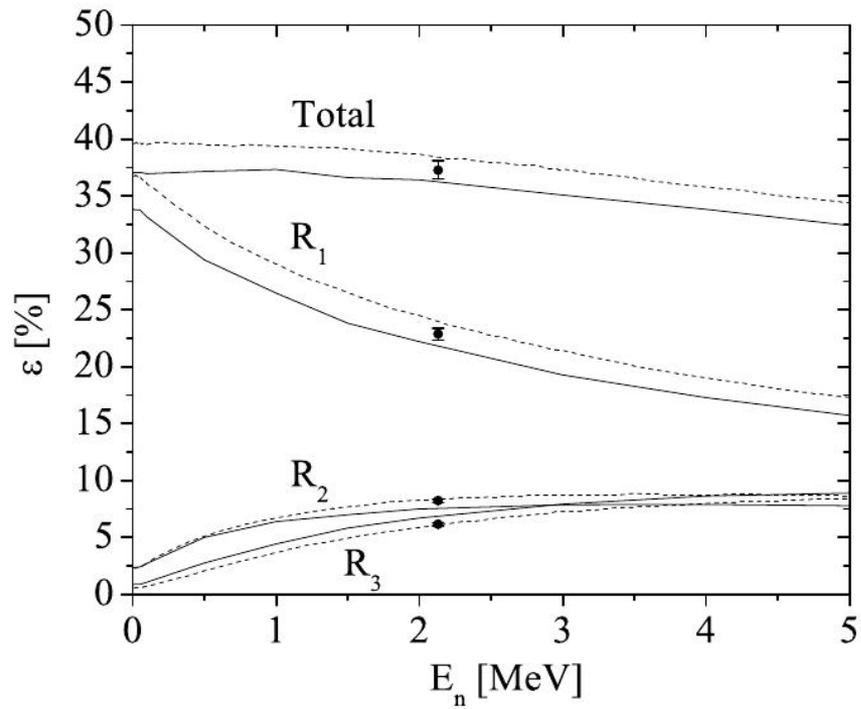
## Correction (2) - deconvolution for incident photon spectra

The  $(\gamma,2n)$ ,  $(\gamma,3n)$  and  $(\gamma,4n)$  cross sections to be unfolded using an iterative method of reproducing the monochromatic cross sections by folding a trial cross section with the incident  $\gamma$  spectrum.



# Status of Photoneutron reactions cross section measurements at ELI-NP

- ✓ Get knowhow
- ✓ Electronics
  - ✓ Procurement and testing of:
    - High Voltage power supply
    - Preamp + CFD + ADC
    - Data acquisition system
- ✓  $^3\text{He}$  counters
  - ✓ Procurement
  - ✓ Tested with Pu-Be neutron source and background radiation
  - ✓ Optimize working parameters with dedicated electronics
- ✓ Mechanical structure
  - ✓ Designed moderator for flat efficiency
  - ✓ Assemble working stand (Bosh frames + metallic support plate)
  - ✓ Procure high density polyethylene plates
  - ✓ Manufacture moderator
  - ✓ Procure Cadmium plates
  - ✓ Manufacture: Cd plates, beam line, target holder, beam dump
- ✓ Calibrate and test the detection system using charged particle beams
  - ✓ Monitor reactions for efficiency calibration
    - ✓  $^{\text{nat}}\text{Cu}(p,n)^{63}\text{Zn}$  ( $T_{1/2} = 38.47$  minutes)
    - ✓ Cross check using the activation technique
  - ✓ Test ring ratio technique



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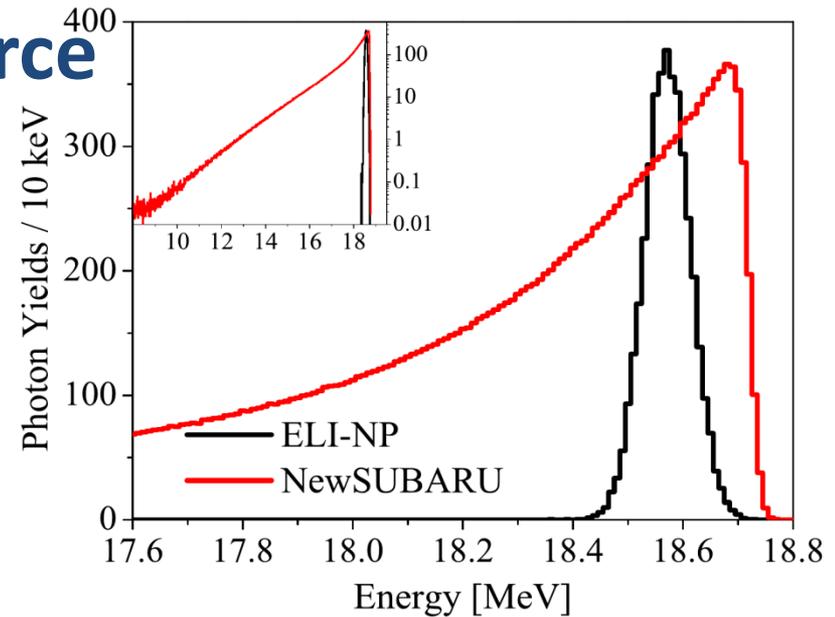
## Warm electron RF Linac

- multi-bunch photogun  
(32 e<sup>-</sup> microbunches of 250 pC @ 100 Hz RF)
- two acceleration stages (300 MeV and 720 MeV)

## High average power, J-class 100 Hz ps Collision Laser

- state-of-the-art cryo-cooled Yb:YAG  
(200 mJ, 2.3 eV, 3.5 ps)
- two lasers (one for low-E<sub>γ</sub> and both for high-E<sub>γ</sub>)

Energy (MeV)	0.2 – 19.5
Spectral Density (ph/s·eV)	> 0.5·10 <sup>4</sup>
Bandwidth rms (%)	≤ 0.5
# photons/s within FWHM bdw.	≤ 8.3·10 <sup>8</sup>
Source rms size (mm)	10 – 30
Source rms divergence (mrad)	25 – 200
Linear polarization (%)	> 95



	$E_\gamma$ [MeV]	$\Delta E_\gamma$ [%]	$I_\gamma^{\text{bw}}$ [ph/sec]
ELI-NP	0.2–19.5	< 0.5 (rms)	$8.3 \cdot 10^8$
NewSUBARU	0–76	> 1.2 (FWHM)	$\sim 10^5$
HI $\gamma$ S	0–100	0.8–10 (FWHM)	$\sim 10^7$

