



ENDF report

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Outline

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 - Summary
 - Changes from VIII.0
 - How to get the data
- “Big Paper”
- Other honorary mentions
- ENDF Metrics
- Backup slides in the end with A LOT of details

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VIII.1

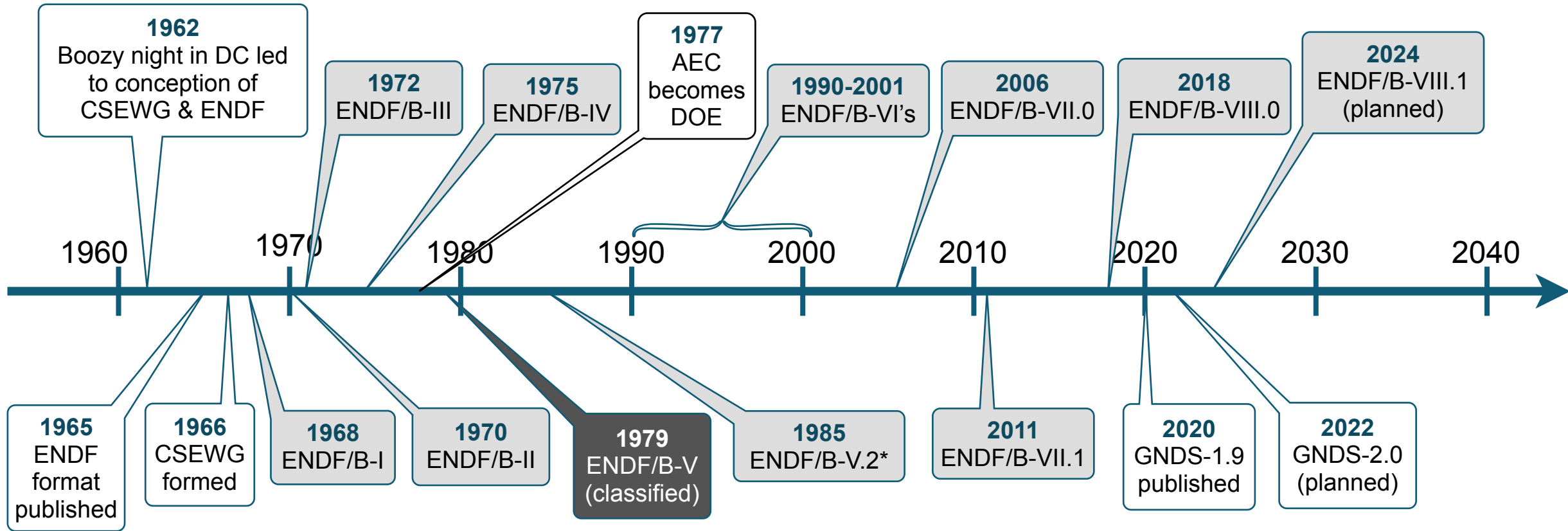
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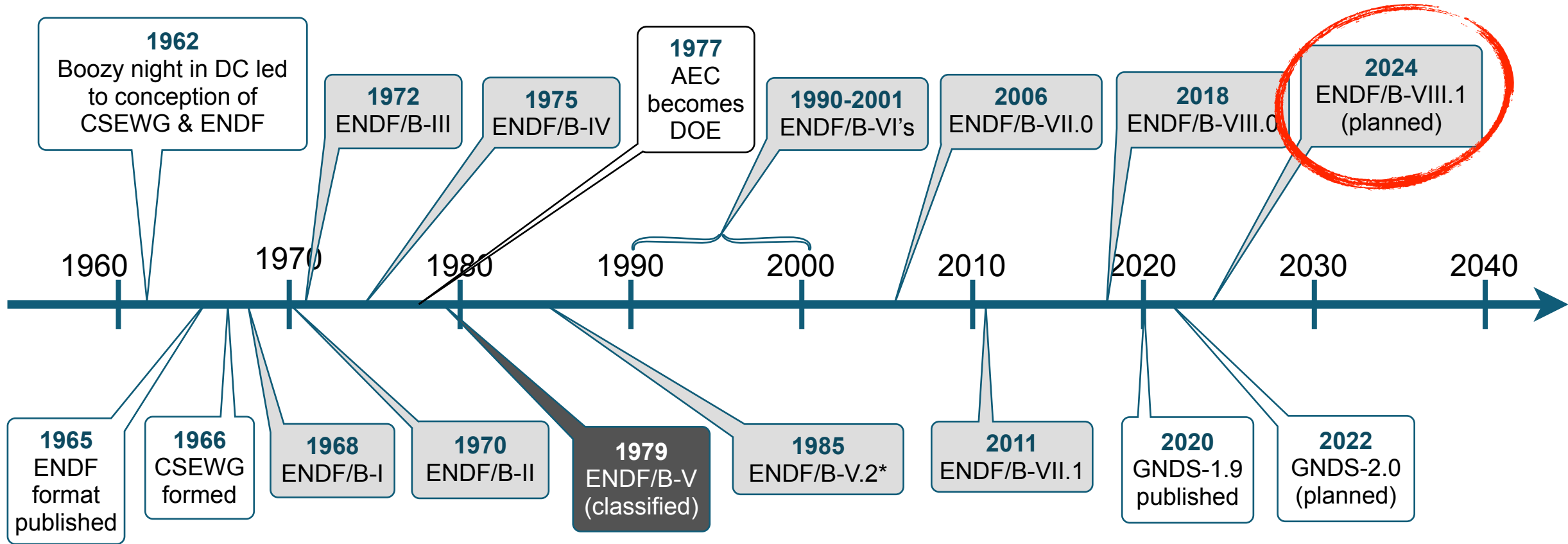
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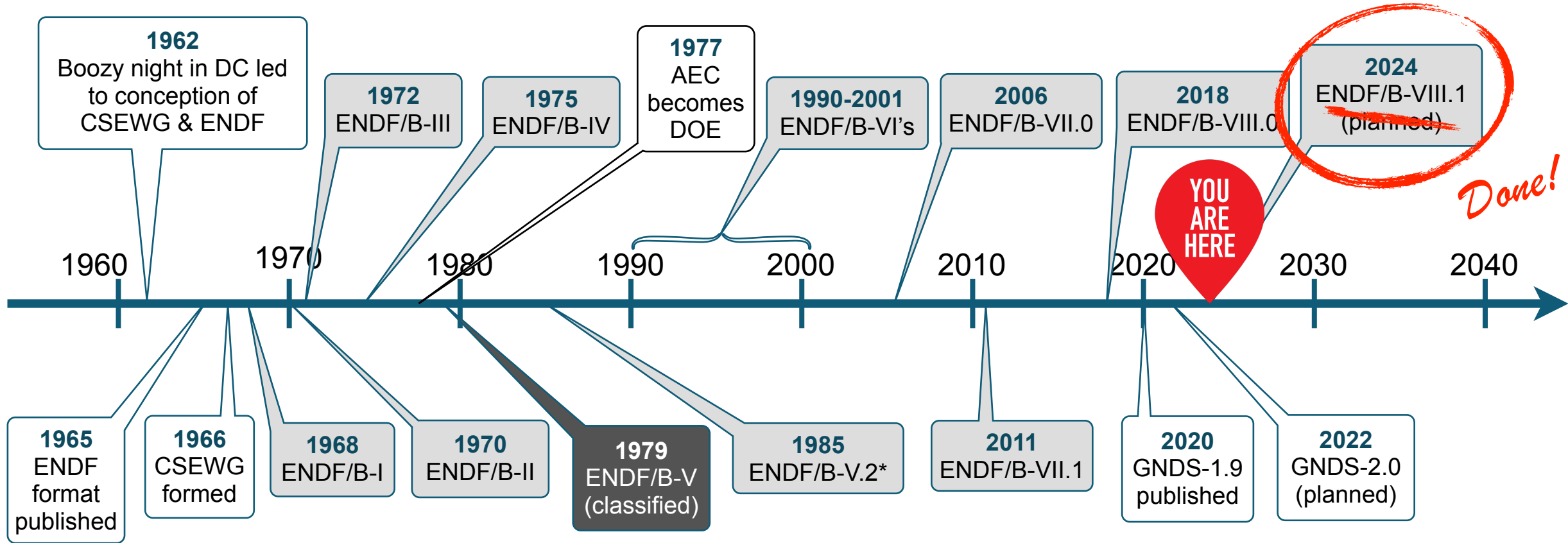
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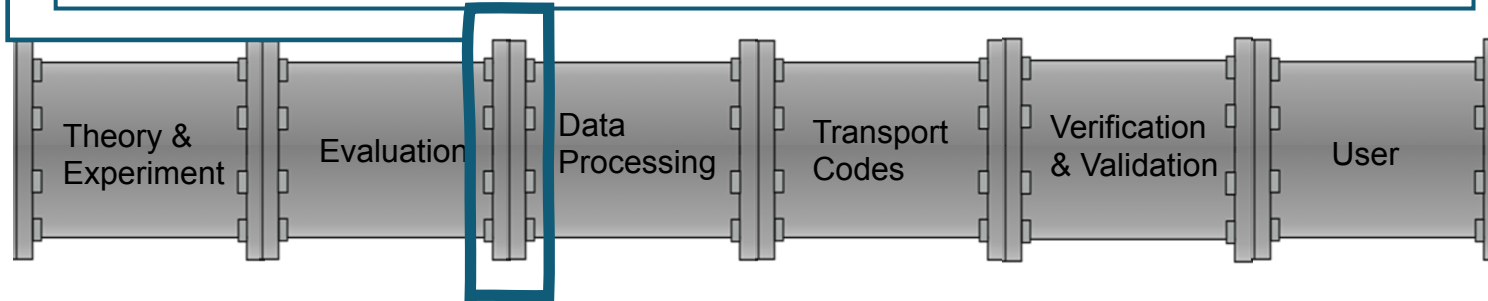
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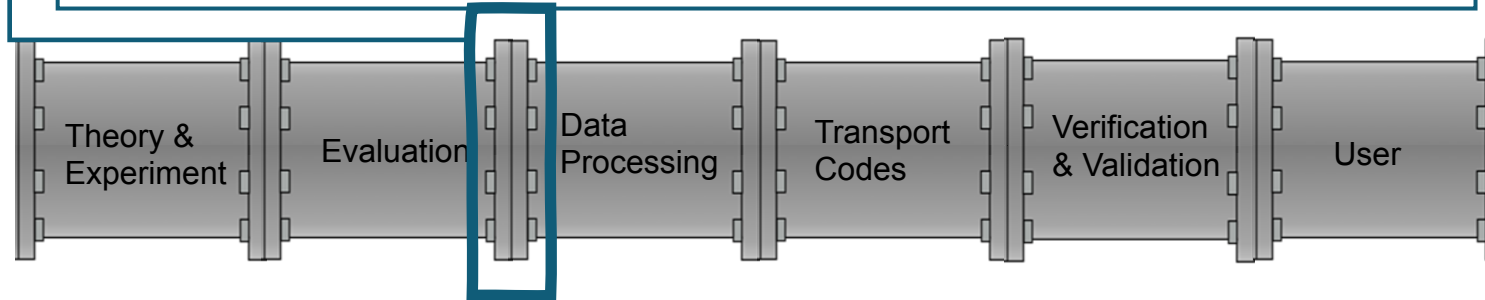


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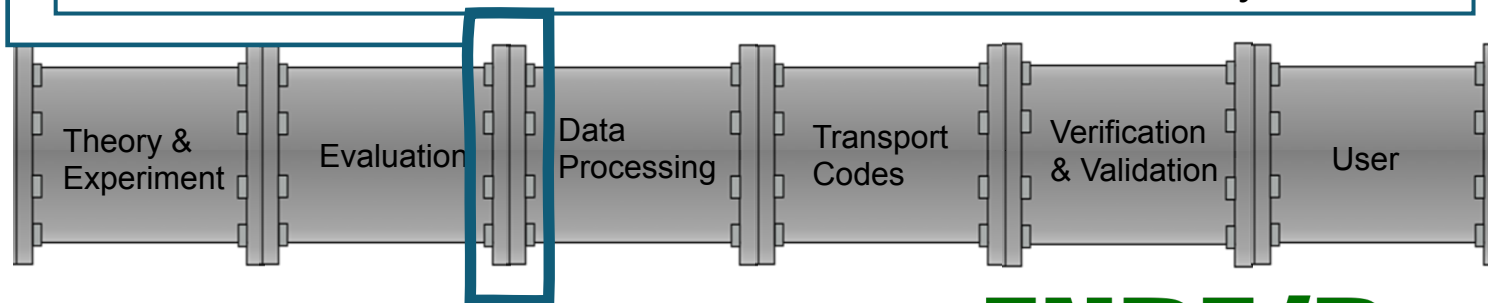
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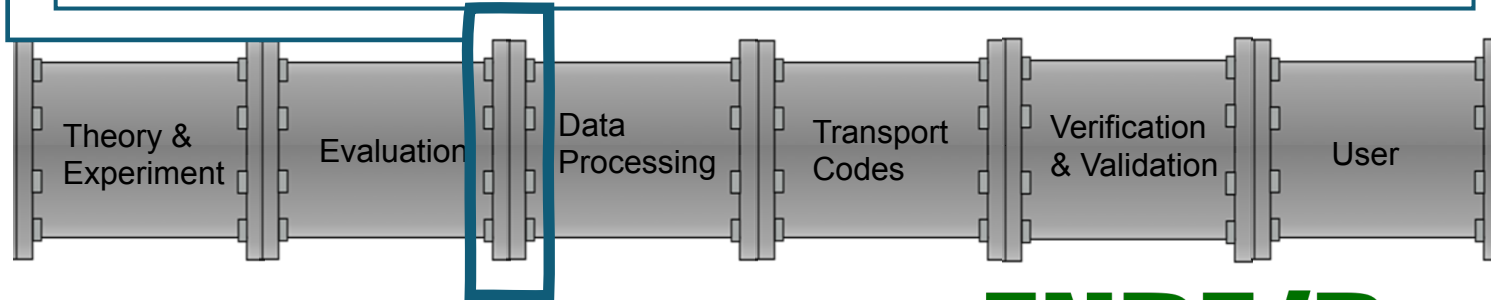
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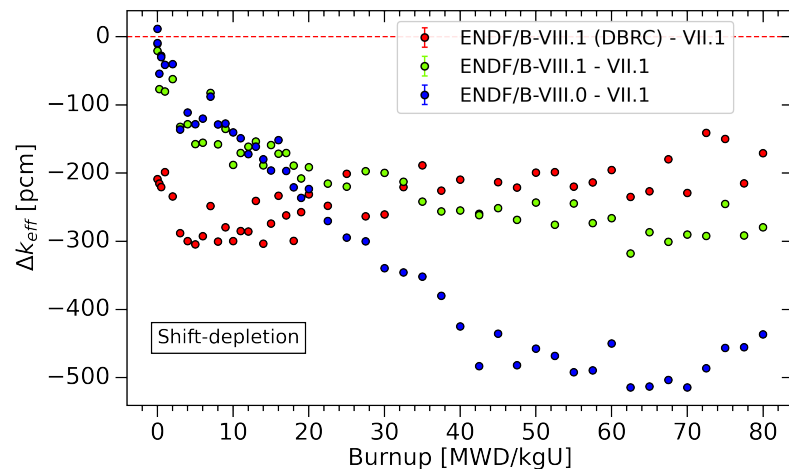


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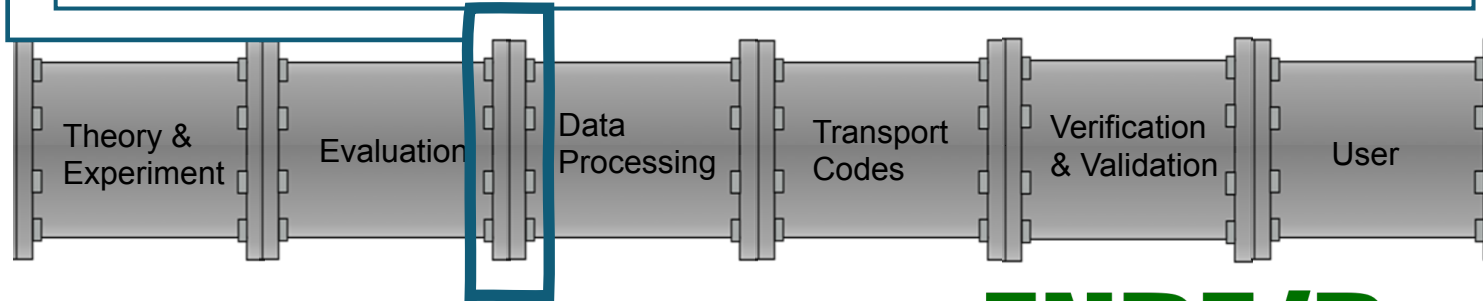
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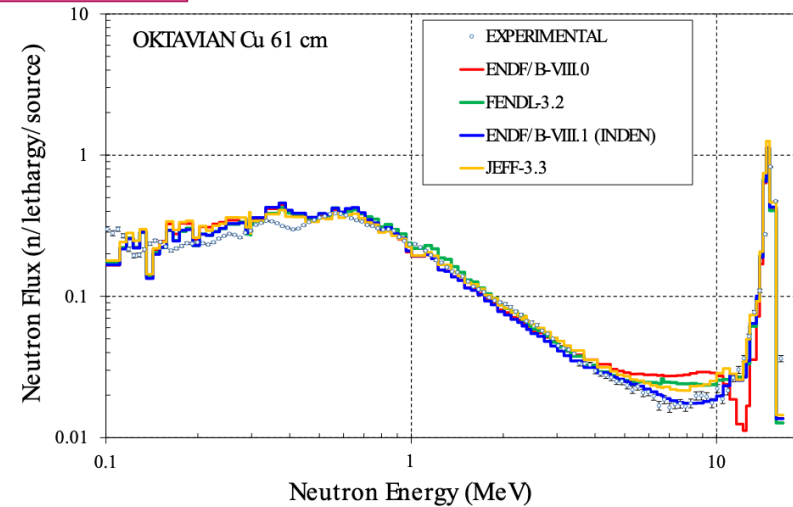
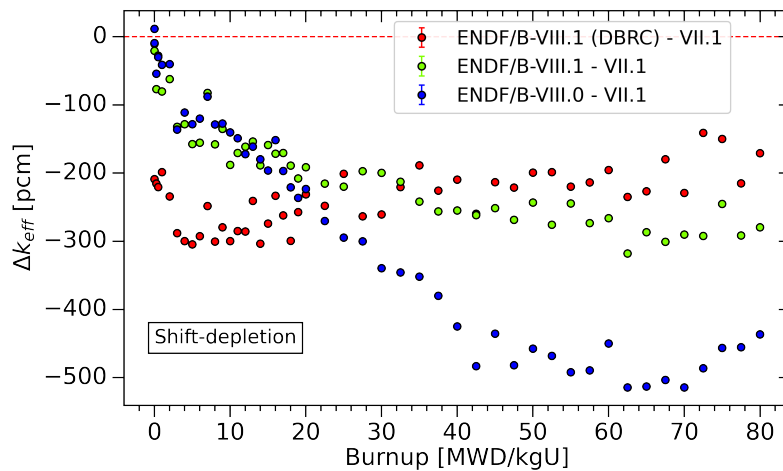


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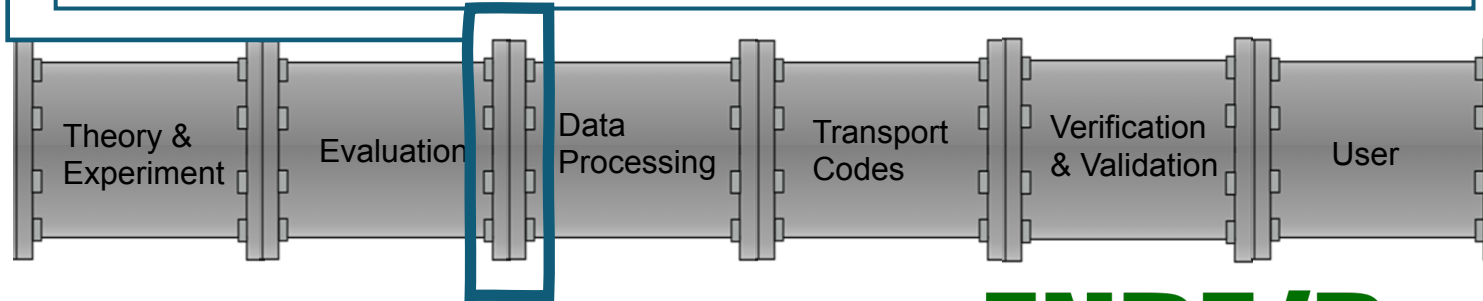
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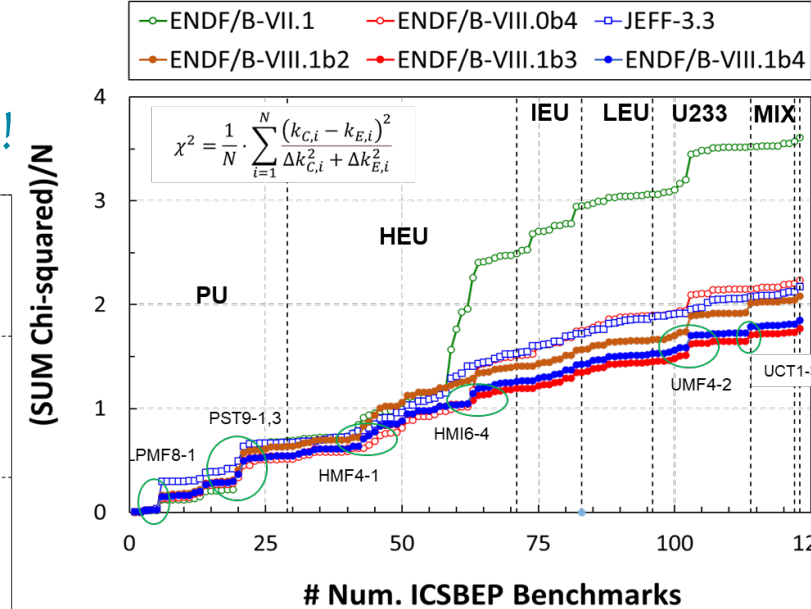
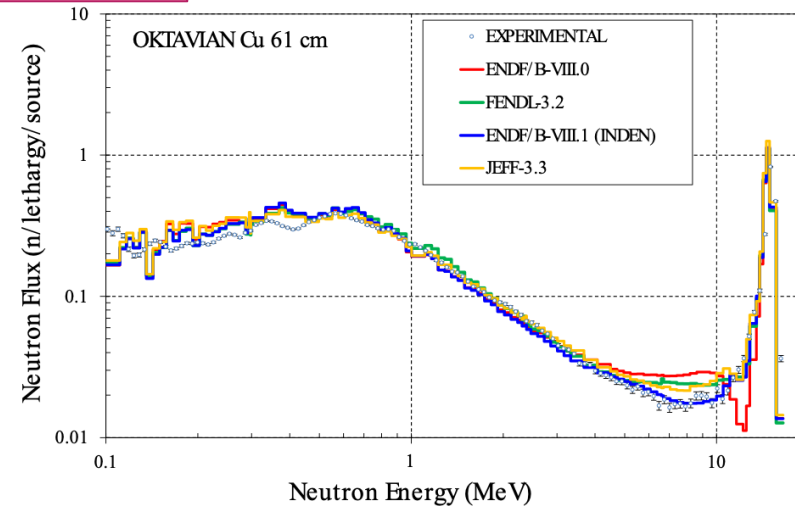
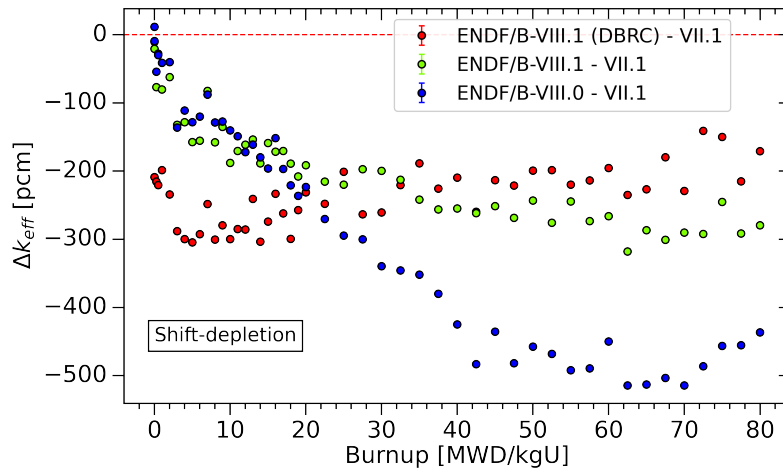
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□ Case HMF4.1: $\Delta k_{eff} EXP = 30$ pcm



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...all while further improving the performance in criticality benchmarks, with updates to ^{239}Pu , $^{235,238}\text{U}$, et al.!!

So, what's changed since ENDF/B-VIII.0?

Well,... a lot!

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- Summary
- I will avoid going into too many details
- Will have some highlights as backup slides in the end:
 - Neutrons sub library
 - Actinides
 - Structural materials
 - A few other highlights in other sublibraries

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What to expect in ENDF/B-VIII.1

Neutrons:

- Actinides:
 - **²³⁹Pu**: multi-institution effort, with important updates to fission, nubar, PFNS, capture, URR, RRR, (n,2n)
 - **²³⁵U**: resonances, nubar, covariances,
 - **²³⁸U**: resonance update to improve performance on depletion benchmarks
 - **^{240,241}Pu**: work in concert with changes in ²³⁹Pu and ²³⁸U to recover burnup performance
 - **^{234,236}U**: New fast-region evaluations (LANL)
- Stainless steel & other structure materials:
 - **^{54,56,57}Fe**: Corrects leakage deficiency from ENDF/B-VIII.0
 - **^{50,52,53,54}Cr**: Thorough re-evaluation, impact in criticality and leakage benchmarks
 - **^{206,207,208}Pb**: complete evaluations (RPI/LANL)
 - **^{63,65}Cu**: improved performance
 - **⁵⁵Mn**: Gamma spectra
 - **^{28,29,30}Si**: resonance evaluations
- Others:
 - **¹⁹F** (INDEN)
 - **⁶Li, ⁹Be** (LANL)
 - **^{234,236}U** (LANL)
 - **^{140,142}Ce** (ORNL)
 - **¹⁰³Rh** (RPI/IRSN)
 - **⁸⁶Kr** (BNL)
 - **¹⁸¹Ta** (RPI/ORNL/LANL)
 - **Pt isotopes** (LANL)
 - Many, many, many more...

What to expect in ENDF/B-VIII.1

TSL:

- 70+ new updated/files
- **Polystyrene, zirconium hydride, UC, UN, UO₂, sapphire, lucite, FLiBe, etc...**
- Fuel materials with different enrichments
- So many new evaluations that we had to re-think how to identify them.
- Low-temperature extrapolations to light water

- Community-wide review and validation

Fission Yields:

- Many fixes
- ...but no changes to the actual yields

Photo-nuclear:

- ~200 updates coming from IAEA CRP

Charged particles:

- A few improvements and fixes

How to get the data?

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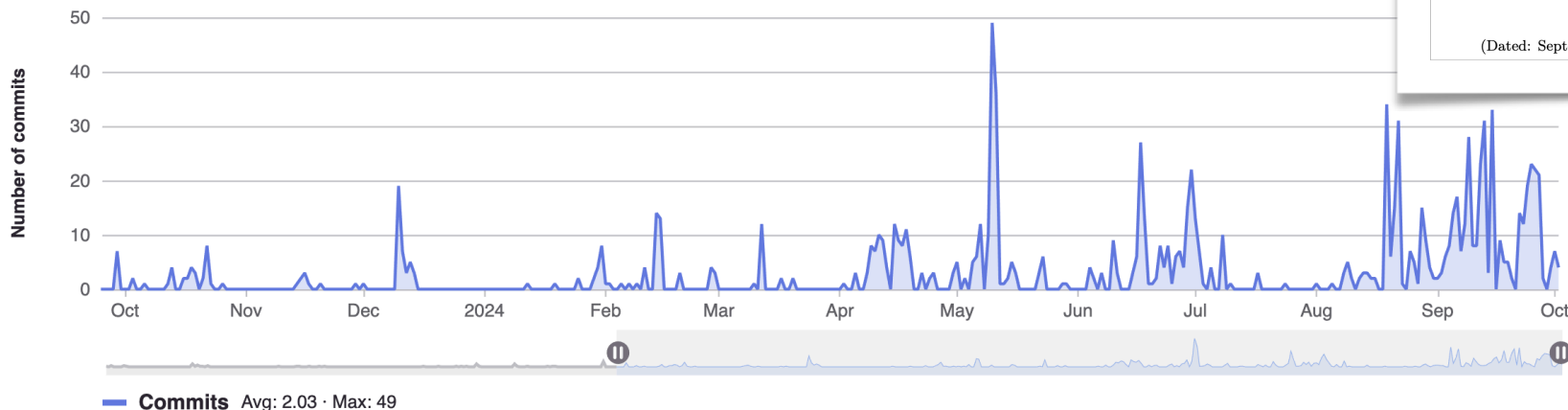
Status of Big Paper

Big Paper updates

- Got all contributions and corrections in: No **“FIXMEs”** left!
- Submitted to LANL/LLNL/NNL for **final review** regarding export control and public utterance
- In meantime, authors are submitting very minor typo/grammar fixes
- Should submit to Nuclear Data Sheets ***still this week***
- Hoping to make it **Open Access**

Commits to development

Excluding merge commits. Limited to 6,000 commits.



ENDF/B-VIII.1: Updated Nuclear Reaction Data Library for Science and Applications

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Some honorary mentions in FY24

Other highlights

- ENDF/B-VIII.1-Beta3 released January 11, 2024
- ENDF/B-VIII.1-Beta4 released June 28, 2024
- Many checks, reviews, tests and validations within the community
- LANL/BNL organized mini-CSEWG in Los Alamos, August 13-15, 2024
 - Lessons learned from ENDF/B-VIII.1
 - Preparation for ENDF/B-IX.0

Mini-CSEWG

Aug 13 – 15, 2024
Fuller Lodge
US/Mountain timezone

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Overview

Timetable

Contribution List

Registration

Code of Conduct

Restaurants nearby

THANK YOU EVERYONE! HAPPY ENDF/B-VIII.1!



Historic Fuller Lodge in springtime. Courtesy/Los Alamos Historical Society Archive from <https://losalamoshistory.org/fuller-lodge-centerpiece-of-community/>

ENDF metrics for FY24

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	“number of evaluations”
BNL	24.483
LLNL	11.965
LANL	13.18
ORNL	12.5

Conclusion

- ENDF/B-VIII.1 has been released!!
 - Hooray!
 - Big thanks to the whole community who contributed in all steps of this huge effort!
- Big Paper:
 - Submitted for final export control review
 - Should submit to NDS soon
- (Somewhat subjective) metrics: High productivity in ENDF-world

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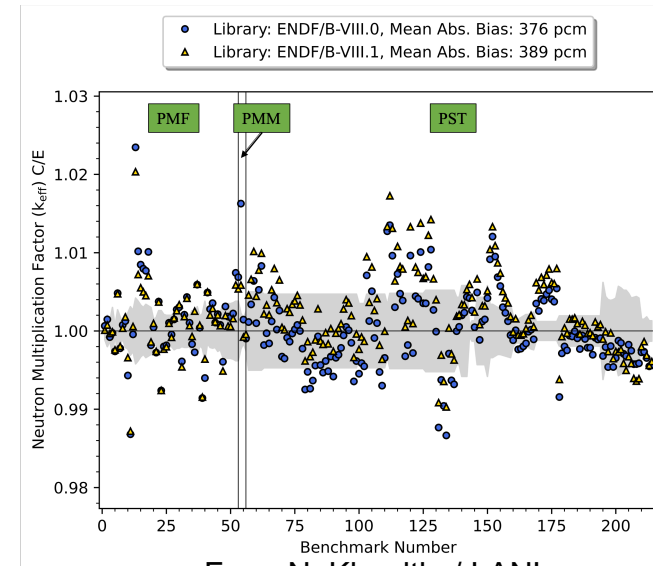
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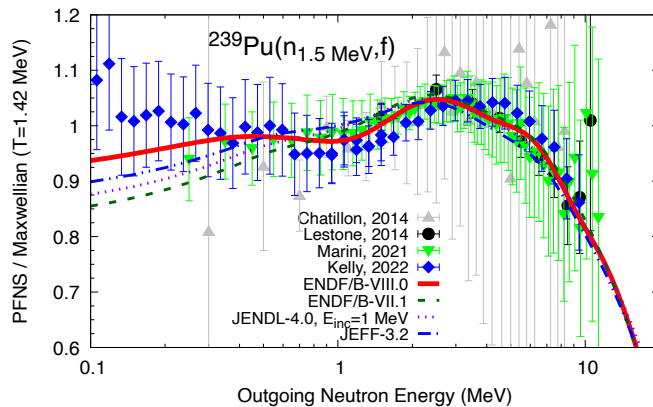
Fuel-isotope example: Substantial change to ^{239}Pu via (inter)national contributions.

Updates:

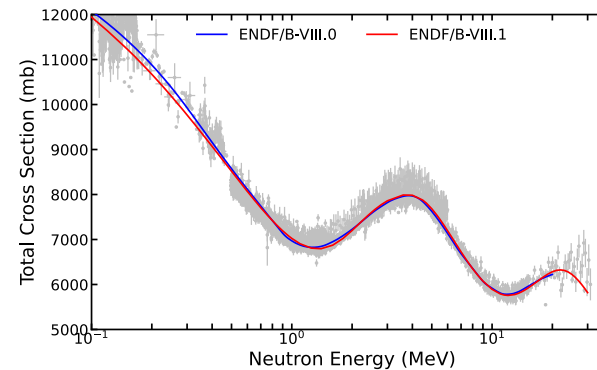
- New prompt neutron multiplicities (ORNL, INDEN, LANL)
- New cross sections in the RRR (ORNL).
- New cross sections in the fast (INDEN, LANL).
- New PFNS from thermal-30 MeV (INDEN, LANL).
- Despite substantial changes, good performance maintained in simulating critical assemblies.



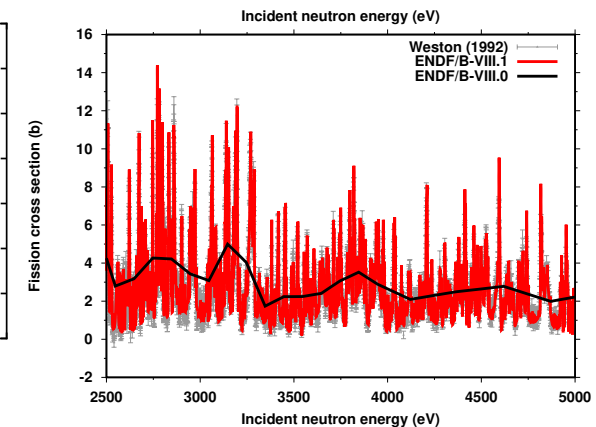
From N. Kleedtke/ LANL.



LANL eval. (D. Neudecker) Including LANL/ LLNL Chi-Nu and CEA PFNS data.

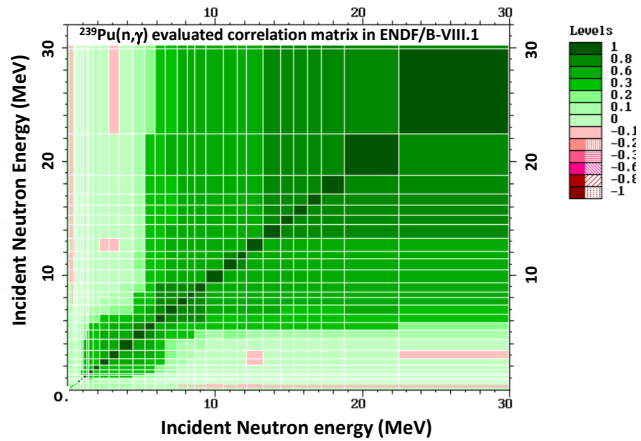


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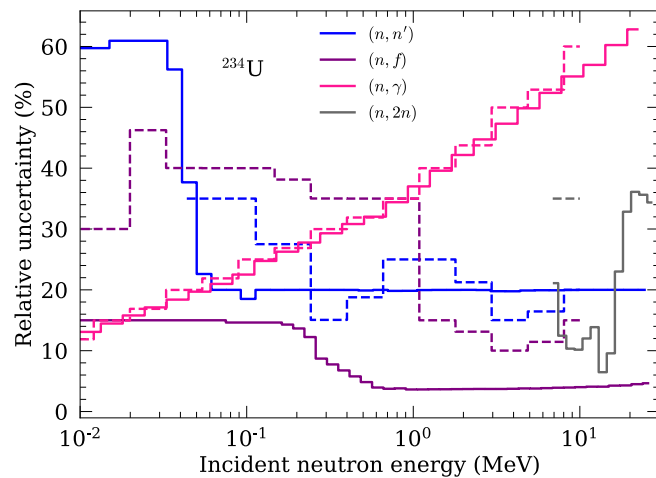


ORNL eval. (M. Pigni).

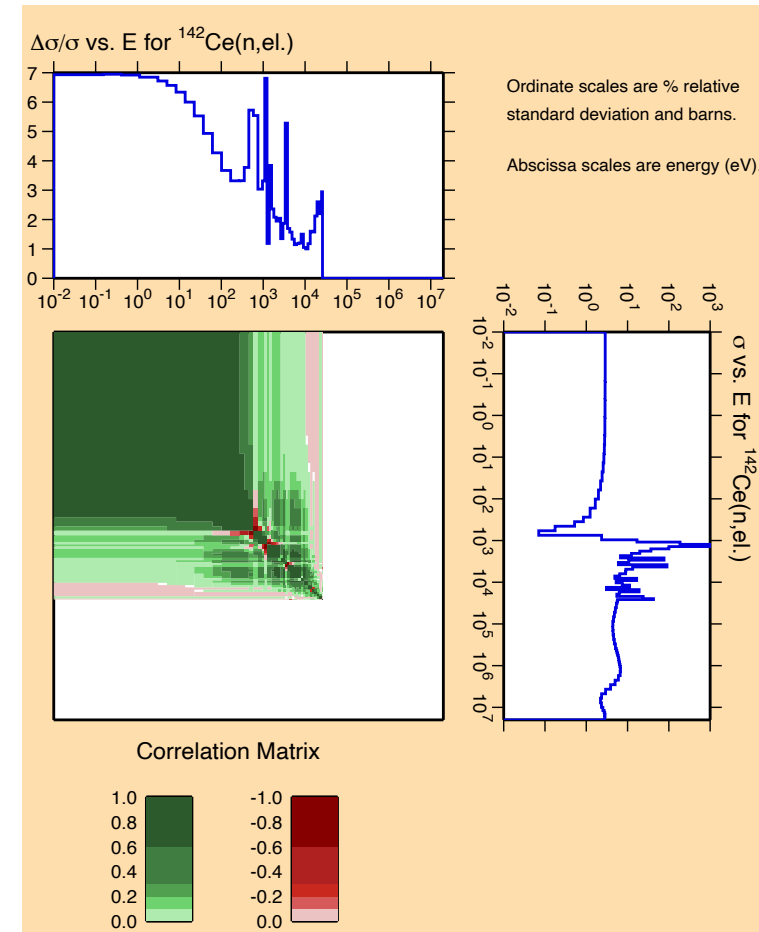
For Whisper users: New covariances provided among them for ^{239}Pu , $^{234-236}\text{U}$, Ce, Pb, Ta, etc.!



By INDEN collaboration (Capote).



By LANL (Lovell, Stetcu).



By ORNL (Pigni).

For Whisper users: CSEWG tested covariances for VII.1 more stringently but work remains.

Testing included:

- See if covariance could be processed via LANL's NJOY and ORNL's AMPX processing codes (i.e., formats are correct),
- Mathematical properties (positive semi-definite, $-1 \leq \text{cor} \leq +1$, covariance constraints,
- Are uncertainties within reasonable limits given standards and templates of expected measurement uncertainties (see:)?
- Forward-propagating uncertainties through integral testing uncertainties.

To-Do:

- We still miss covariances for several isotopes and energy ranges,
- Discussion on uncertainties in RRR.
- Updates to newest standards.

Fissile material		PU			
Spectrum		FAST	INTER	MIXED	THERM
Number of Benchmarks		152	4	9	624
Experimental Uncertainty (pcm)		334	710	587	426
Total (pcm)	ENDF/B-VIII.1b4	931	551	536	645
	ENDF/B-VIII.0	921	1403	1055	1099
	ENDF/B-VII.1	436	565	459	625
Cross-sections (with correlations)	ENDF/B-VIII.1b4	841	360	224	106
	ENDF/B-VIII.0	857	1368	983	998
	ENDF/B-VII.1	409	546	356	500
P1-elastic	ENDF/B-VIII.1b4	66	-	-	-
	ENDF/B-VIII.0	66	-	-	-
	ENDF/B-VII.1	-	-	-	-
nubar	ENDF/B-VIII.1b4	390	389	479	632
	ENDF/B-VIII.0	300	271	275	308
	ENDF/B-VII.1	76	88	114	168
PFNS	ENDF/B-VIII.1b4	27	25	53	59
	ENDF/B-VIII.0	117	106	265	297
	ENDF/B-VII.1	118	106	265	297

Table from Oscar Cabellos/ UPM.

^{239}Pu

- Community-wide collaboration to provide unique recommended file
- Updates to
 - fission
 - nubar
 - PFNS
 - capture
 - URR
 - RRR
 - (n,2n)
 - Other fast-region reactions
- Covariance evaluations were submitted for final release
- Key ingredient to improve burn-up performance

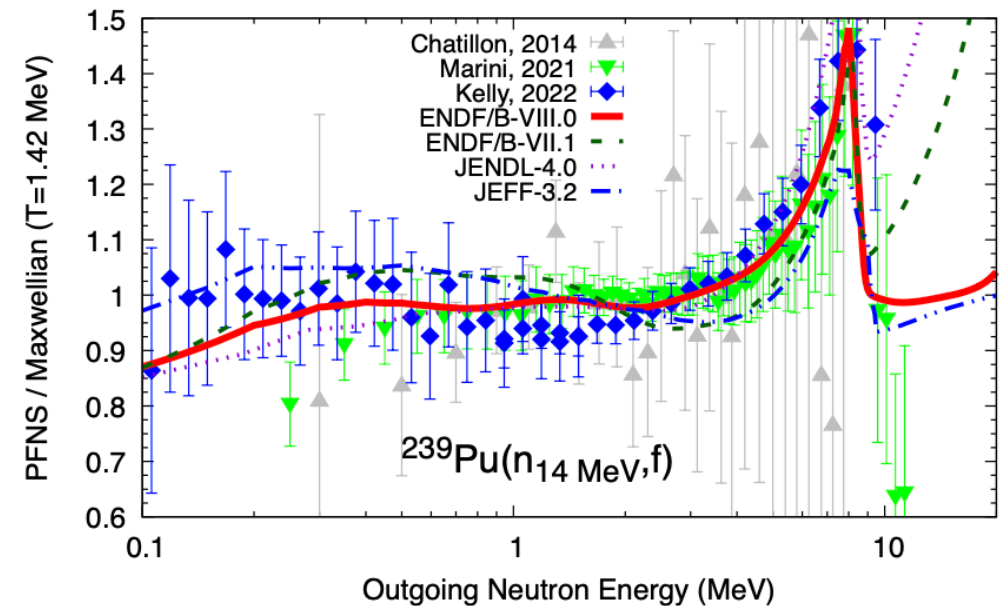
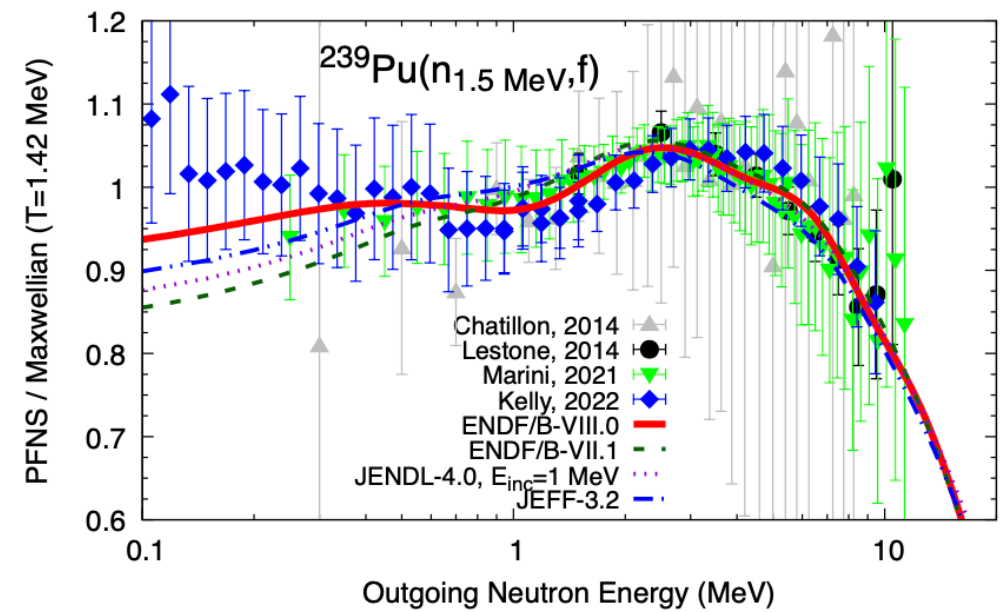


FIG. 7. Experimental and evaluated ^{239}Pu PFNS for $E_{\text{inc}}=1.5$ (top) and 14 MeV (bottom).

^{235}U

- Updates to
 - Resonance evaluation below 20 eV
 - Updated Unresolved Resonance Range (URR): detailed shape of the fission cross section follows better the measured data in the URR and above.
- Fission cross section
- nubar: LANL evaluation (above 200keV) and additional changes from 40eV up to 500eV
- PFNS (above thermal): Chi-Nu based evaluation
- Covariance data: Spurious cross-reaction covariance elements between the resonance and the fast energy ranges were removed because they gave rise to negative eigenvalues. Cross-covariances between nubar and fission cross section were removed for the same reason.

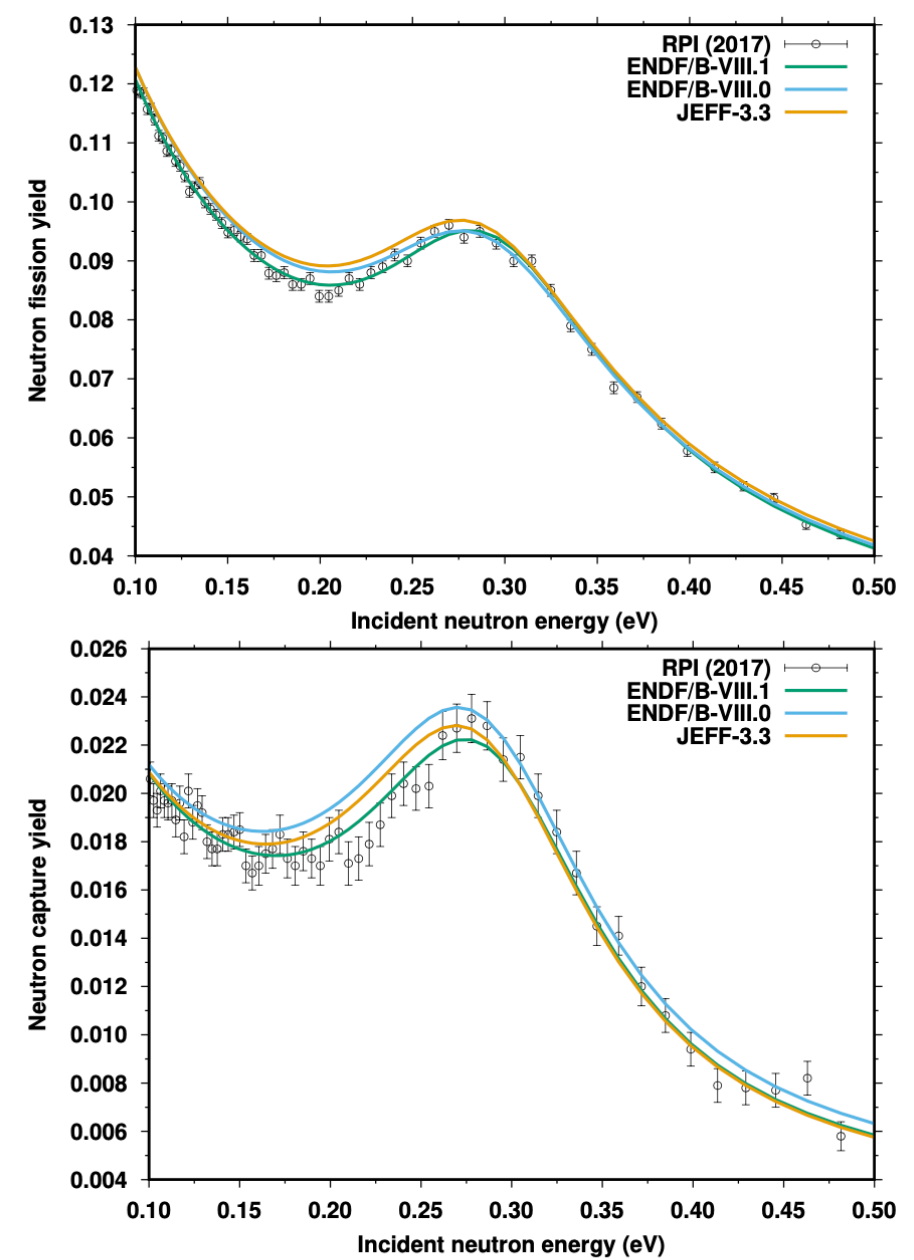


FIG. 60. $n+^{235}\text{U}$ fission and capture neutron yield data calculated for three nuclear data libraries are compared with the RPI measured data [177] below 0.5 eV.

^{238}U

- Updates to
 - RRR: evaluation taken from JENDL-5 above 100eV, and from VIII.0 below 100eV. Also, increased capture from 100 eV up to 20keV
 - nubar: LANL-INDEN collaboration. Adopted JENDL-5 evaluation from 1 up to 5 MeV, new LANL evaluation above 5 MeV
 - Important component in the burn-up issue

240,241Pu

- A compromise: better for depletion (not perfect) but worse for PST benchmarks
- Recommended $^{239,240,241}\text{Pu}$ files combined with recommended ^{238}U solve the burnup problem.
- Updates to
 - Resolved Resonance Region (RRR): CEA evaluations

234,236U

- Model calculation using CoH3 with Souhkoviskii 2005 potential
- Fission: below 500 keV (234U) keep ENDF/B-VIII.0; above that: new fit to include Tovesson 2014 data for 234U
- Calculation: fission transmission adjusted so that the calculation reproduces the fission data. Point-by-point fit to determine an energy-dependent adjustment
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 - PFNS taken from JENDL-4
 - PFG properties taken from BeOH calculations

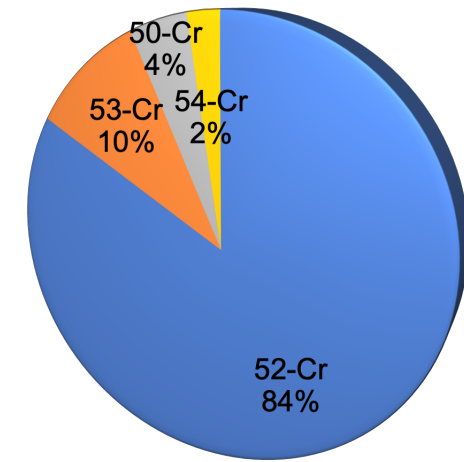
233U

- Updates to
 - PFNS: Use of the IAEA U-233 PFNS for thermal neutrons with average energy $E_{av}=2.030$ MeV (ENDF/B-VIII.0 value ~ 2.074 MeV). Talou et al PFNS evaluation (IAEA PFNS CRP) is used in the fast region.
- Adjustment of thermal cross sections to agree with TNC from IAEA Standards 2017.
- Introduction of energy dependence for nubar below 30eV from Reed et al data.
- Introduction of energy dependence for nubar from 500eV up to 300keV from Gwin et al data measured relative to Cf-252(sf).
- Resonance parameters were completely refitted (M. Pigni) adding new experimental data (Berthomieux, Calviani, Tarrío, Leal-Cidoncha). Capture resonance yields renormalized to be close to Weston data.
- Criticality was improved compared to ENDF/B-VIII.0 (see solution benchmarks as a function of FEPIT, Mosteller U-233 benchmarks, and UCT (LWBR) benchmarks).

Structural materials

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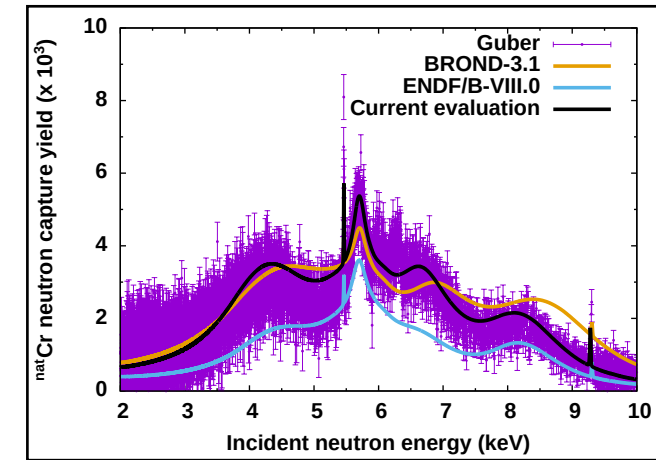
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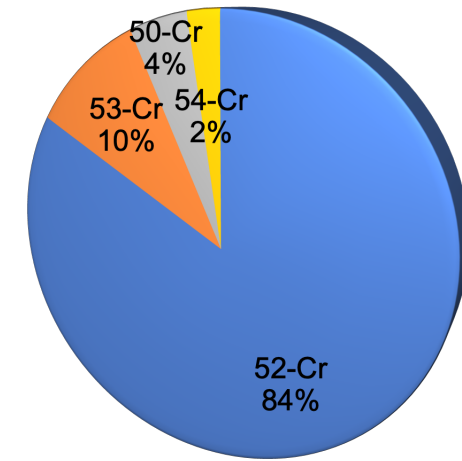
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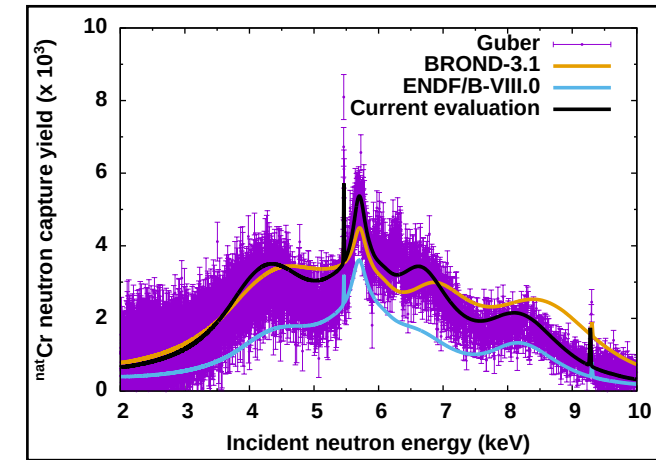
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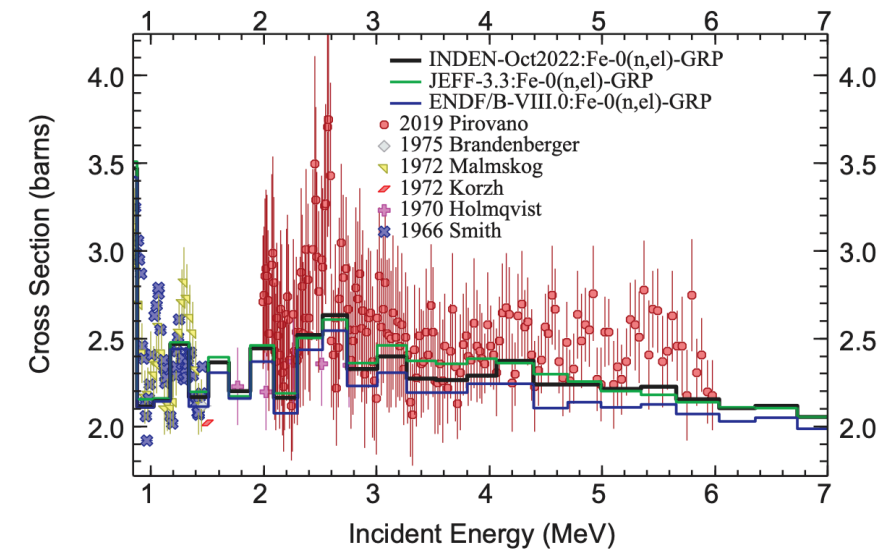


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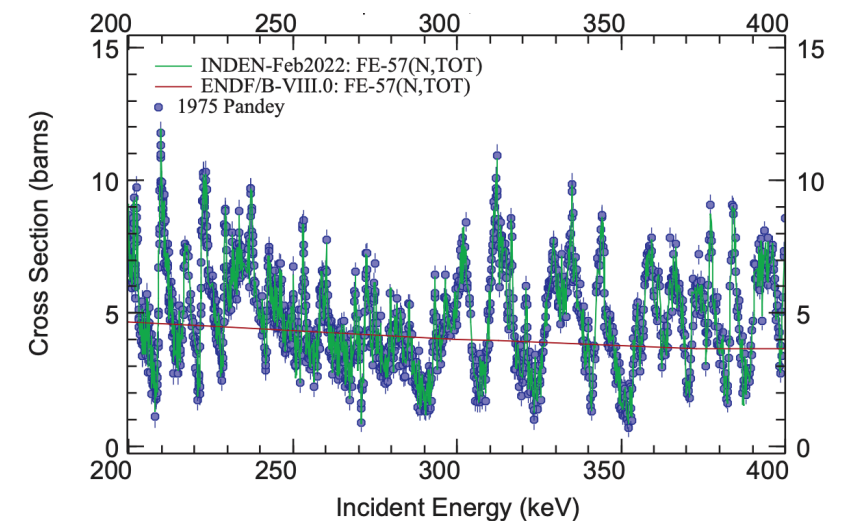


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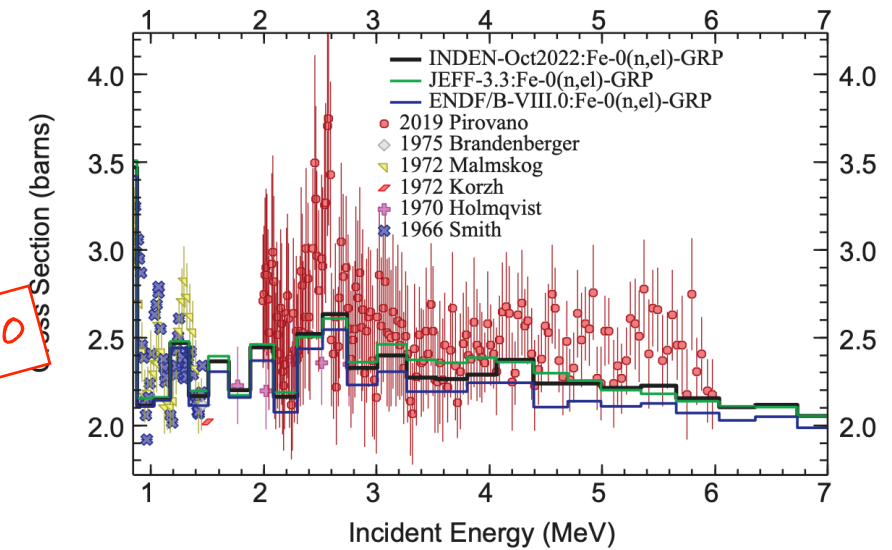


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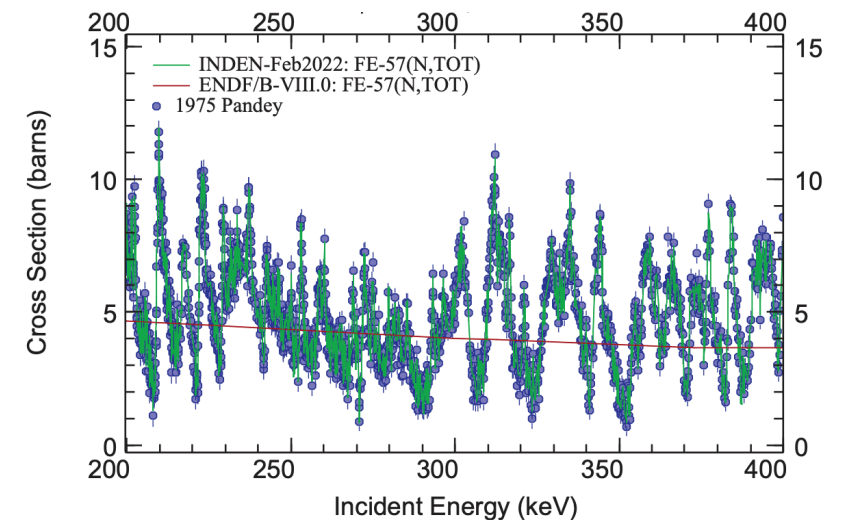


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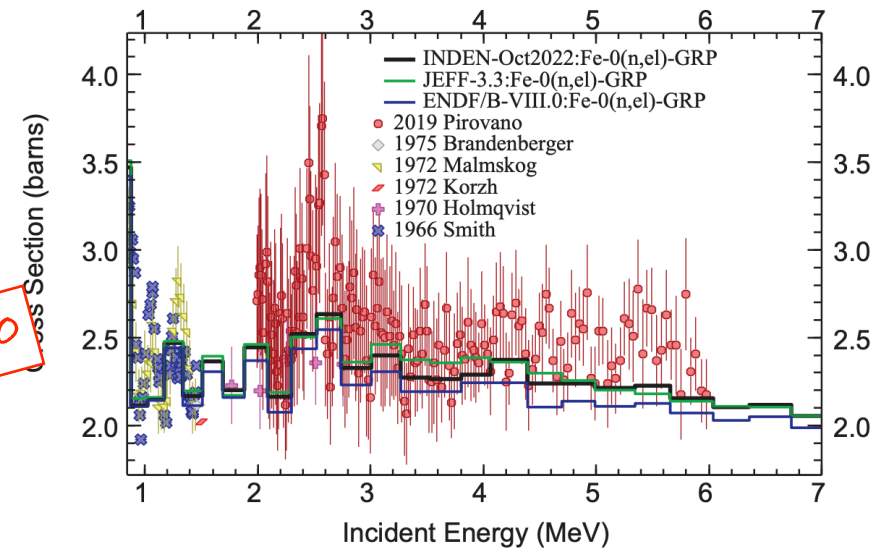


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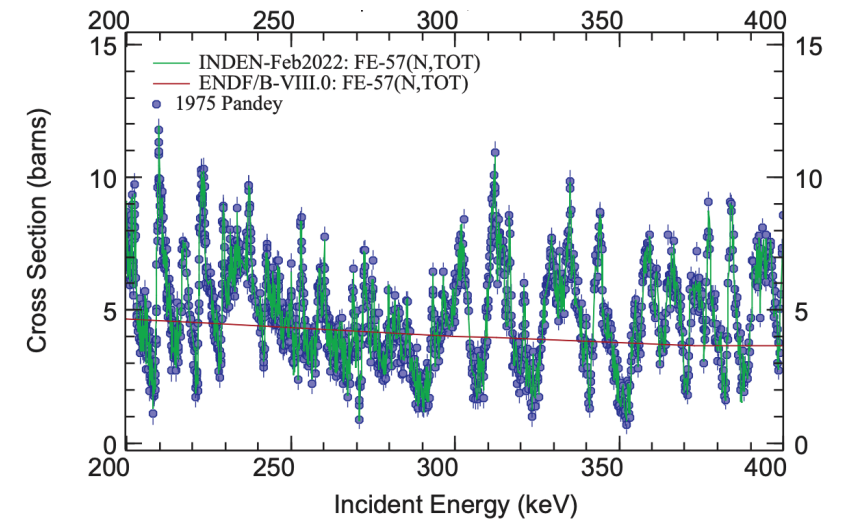


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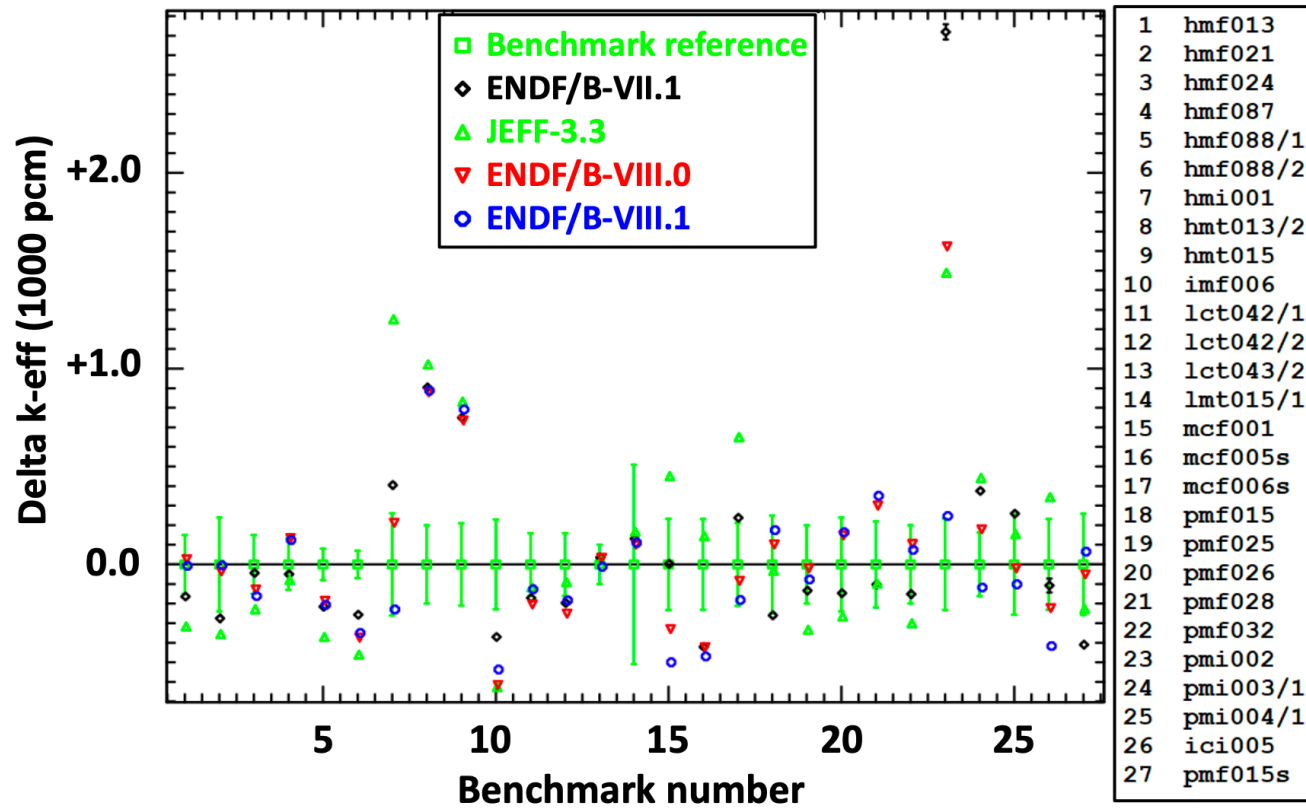


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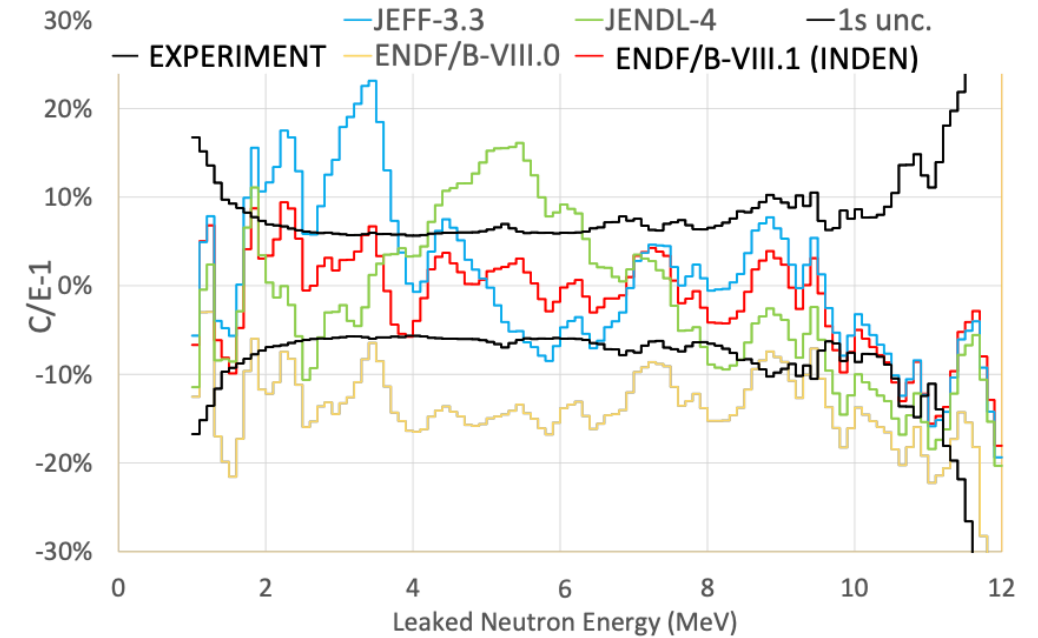


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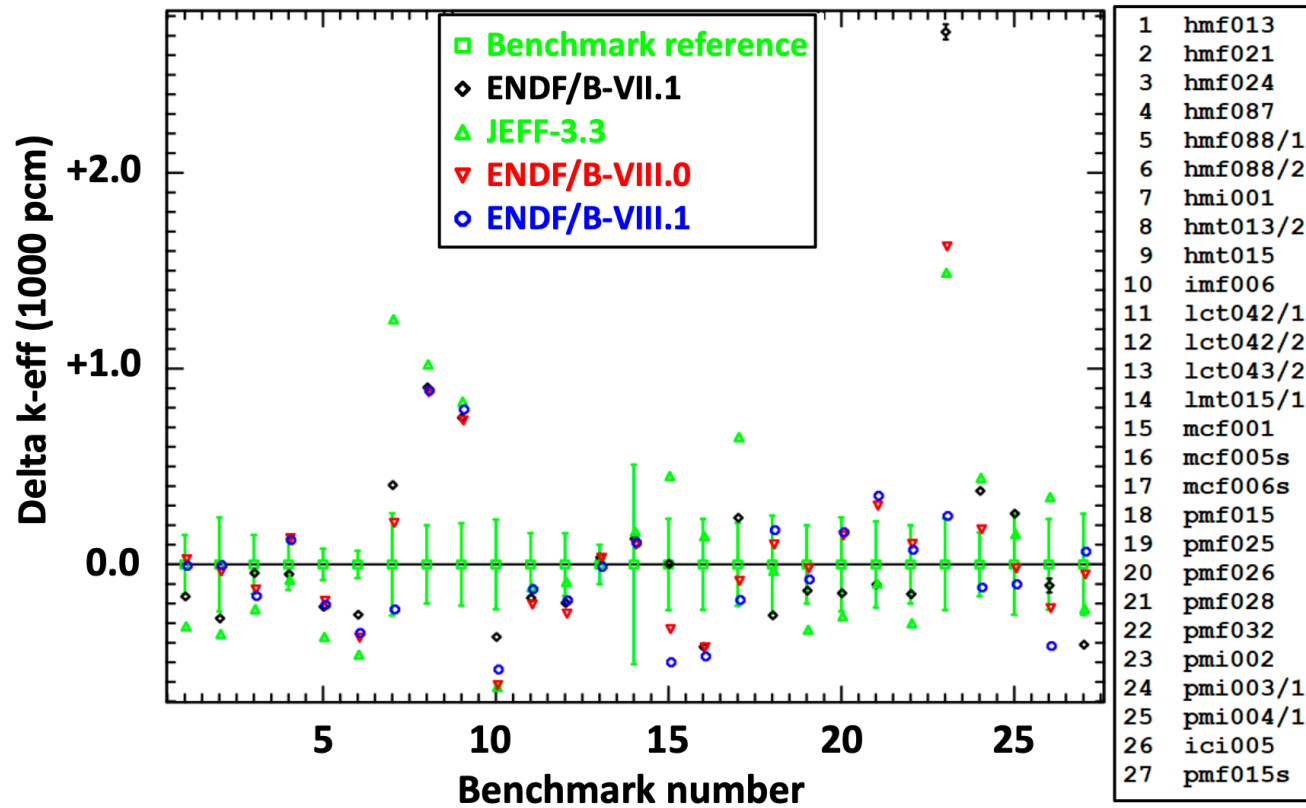


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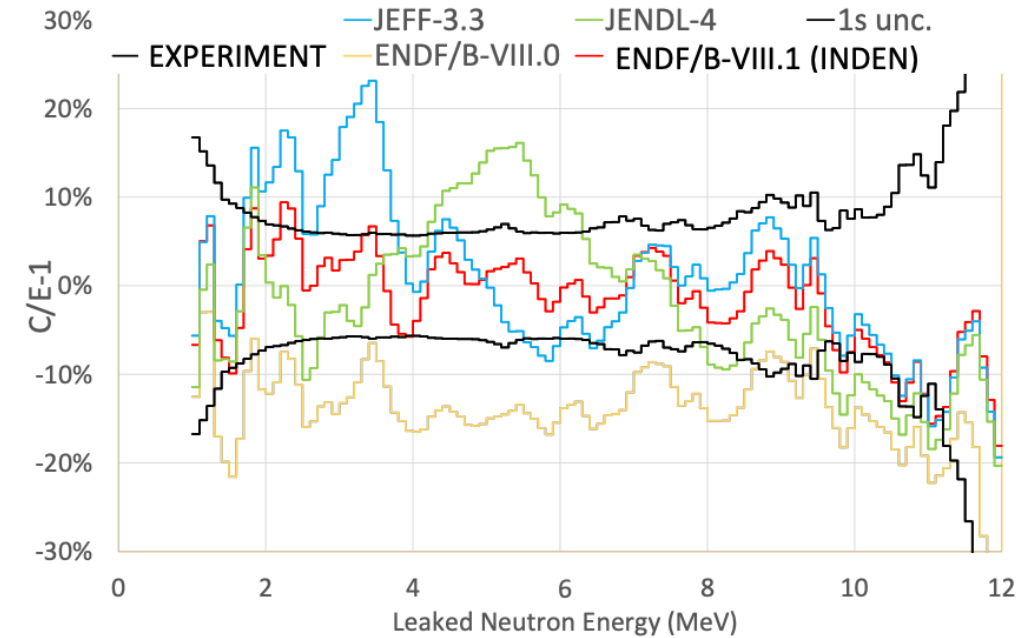


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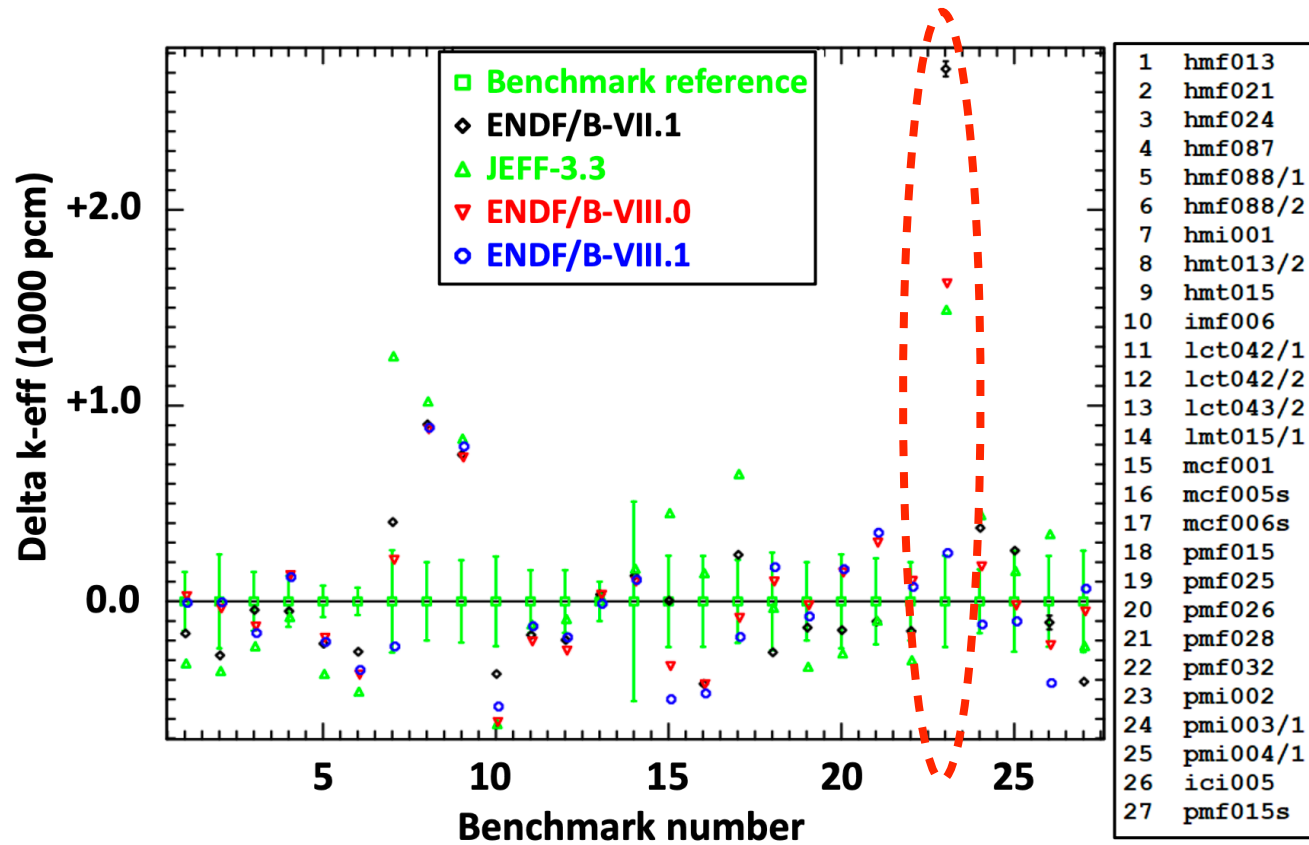


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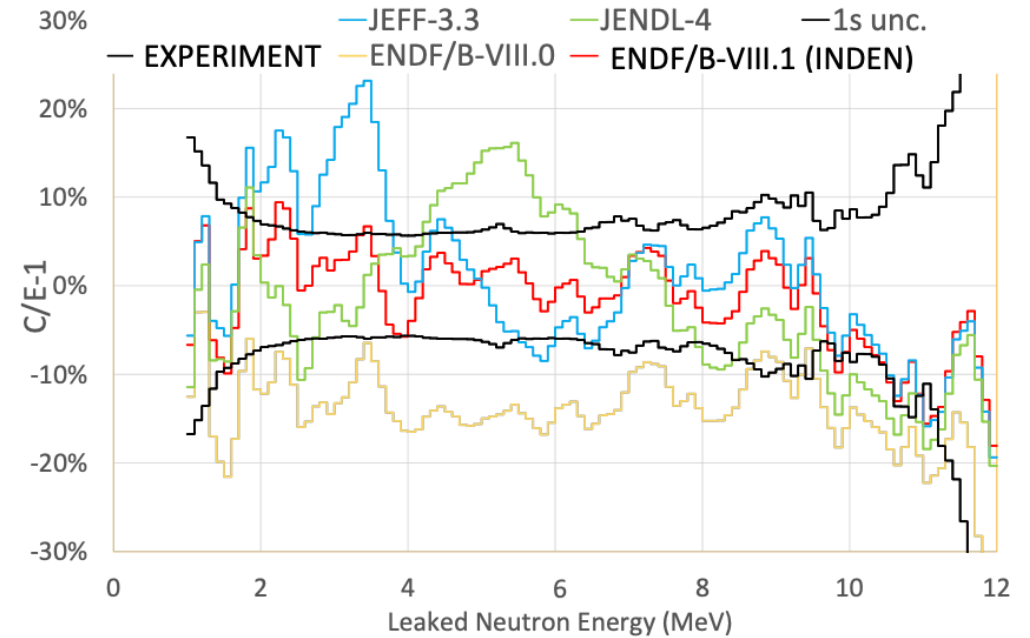


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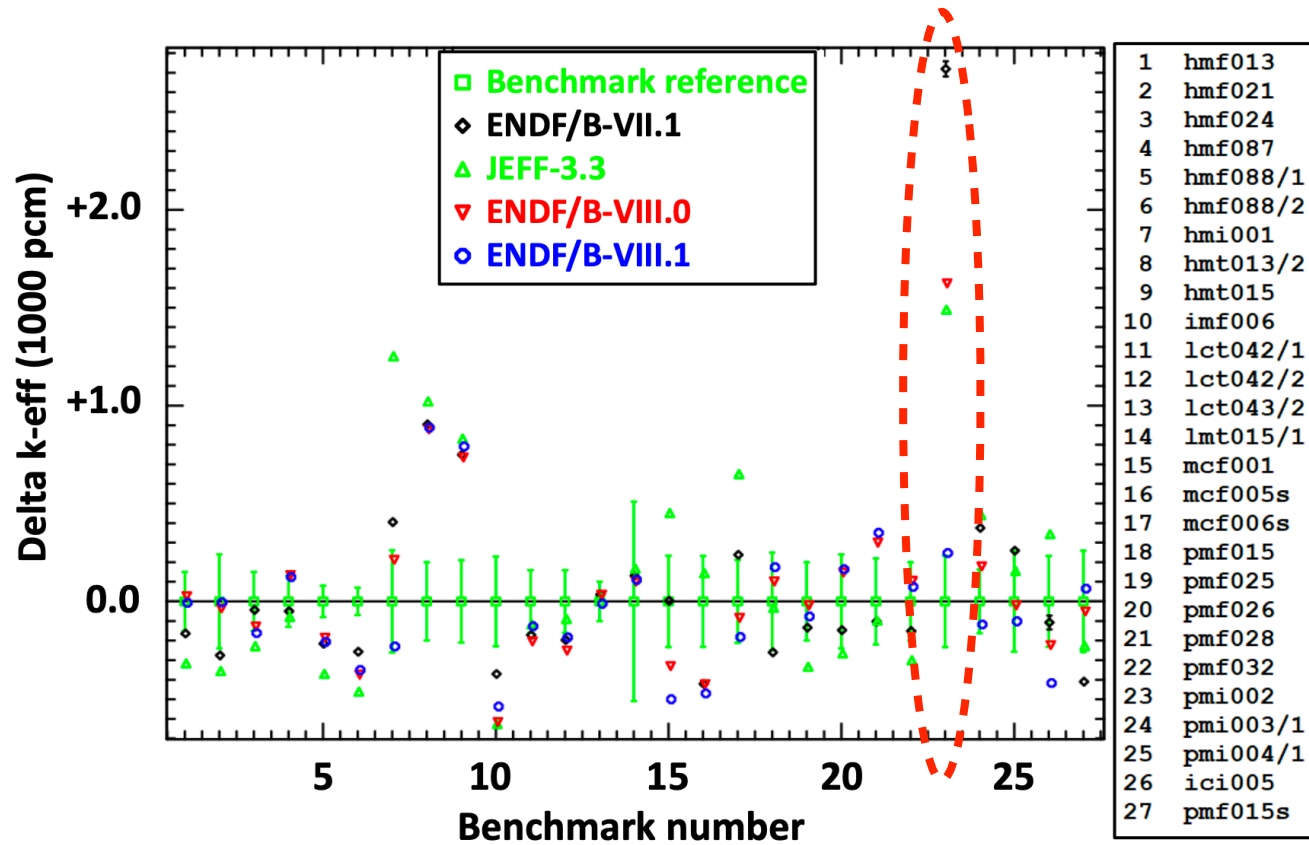


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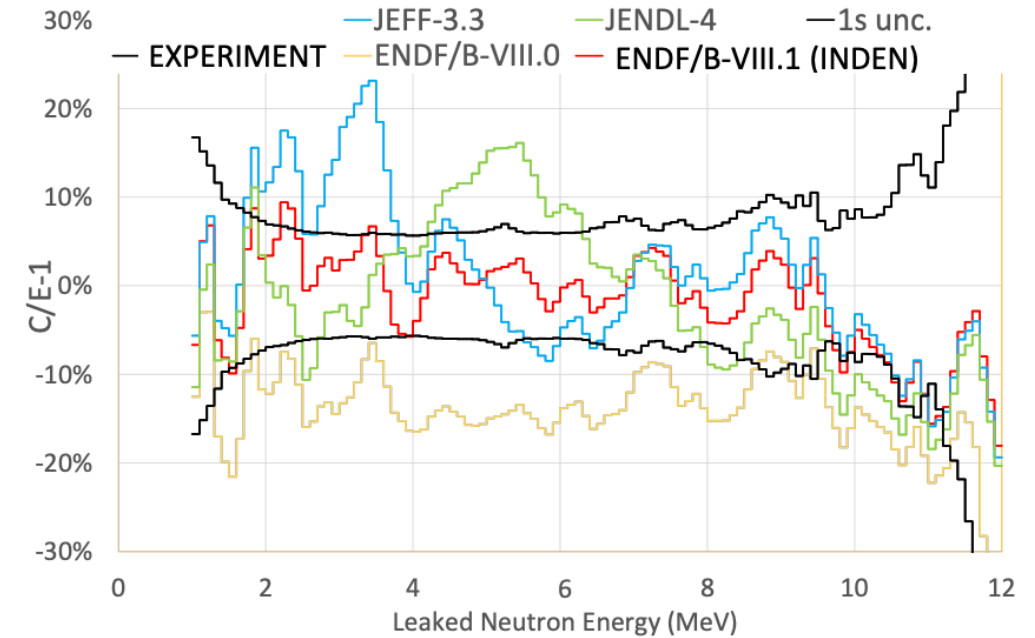


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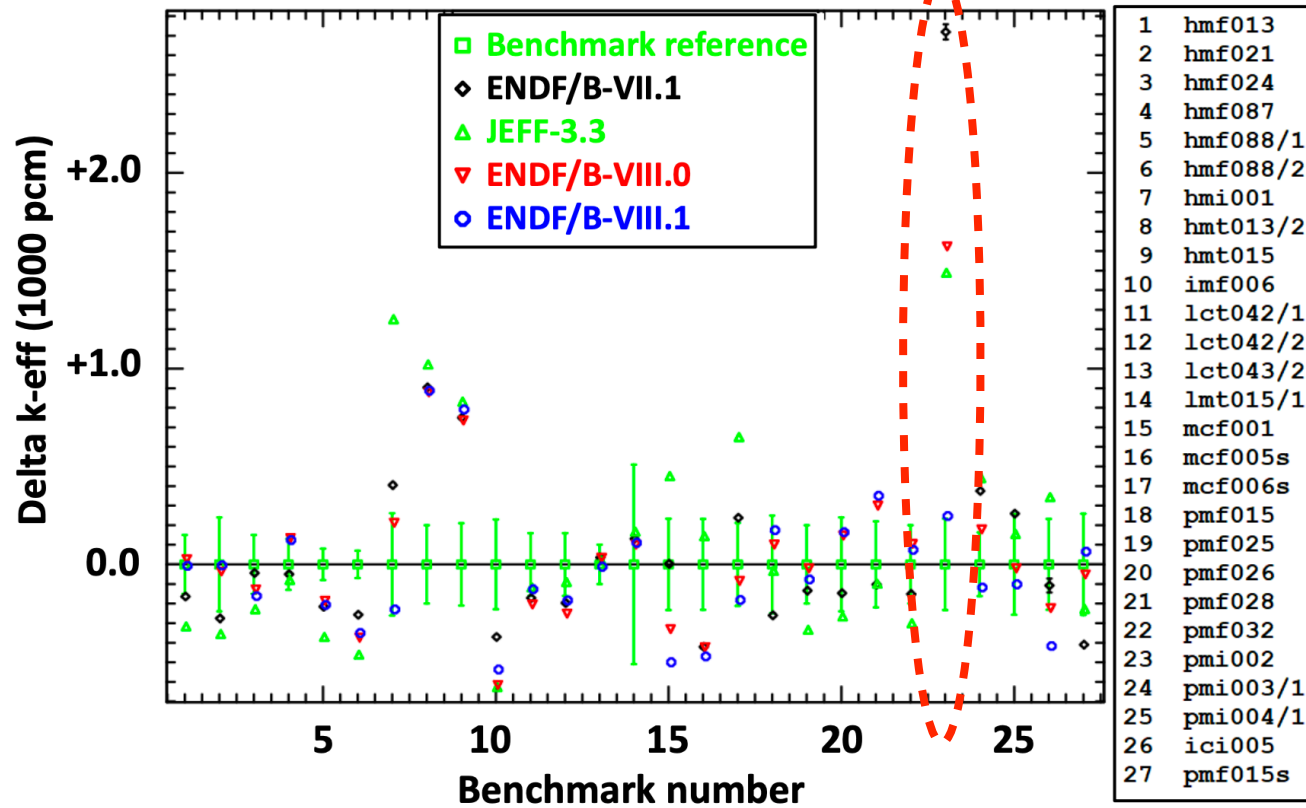


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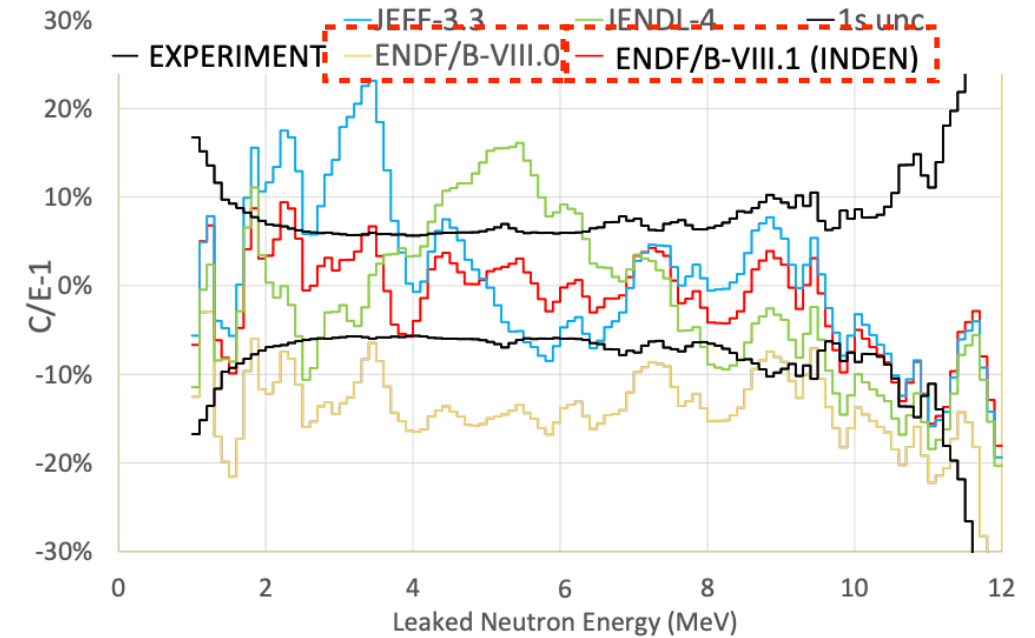
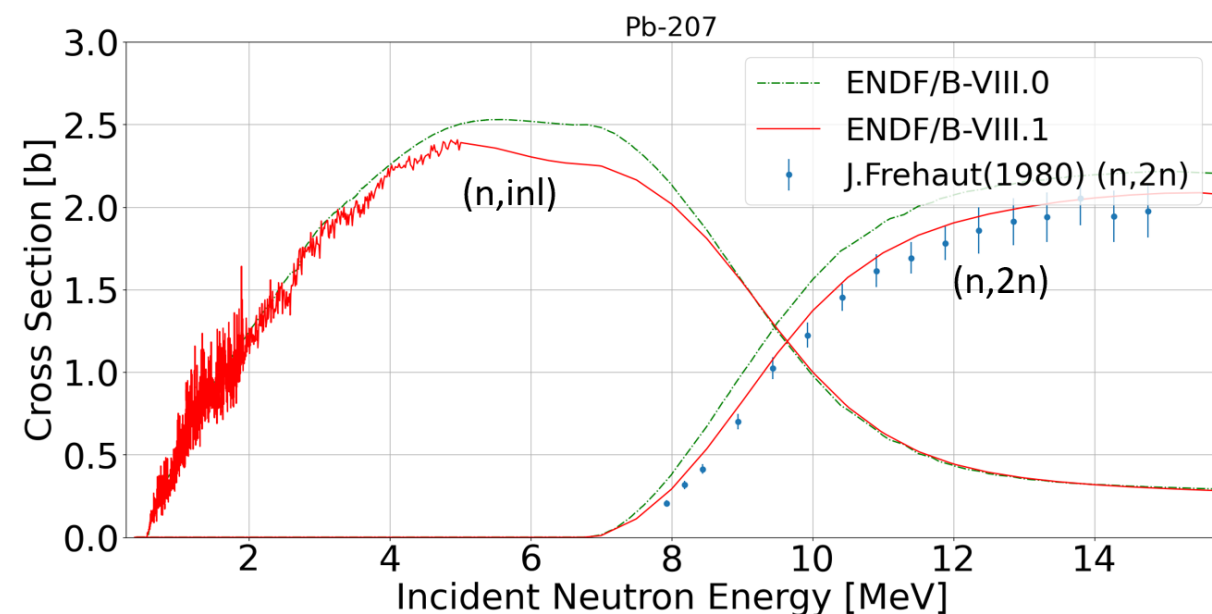
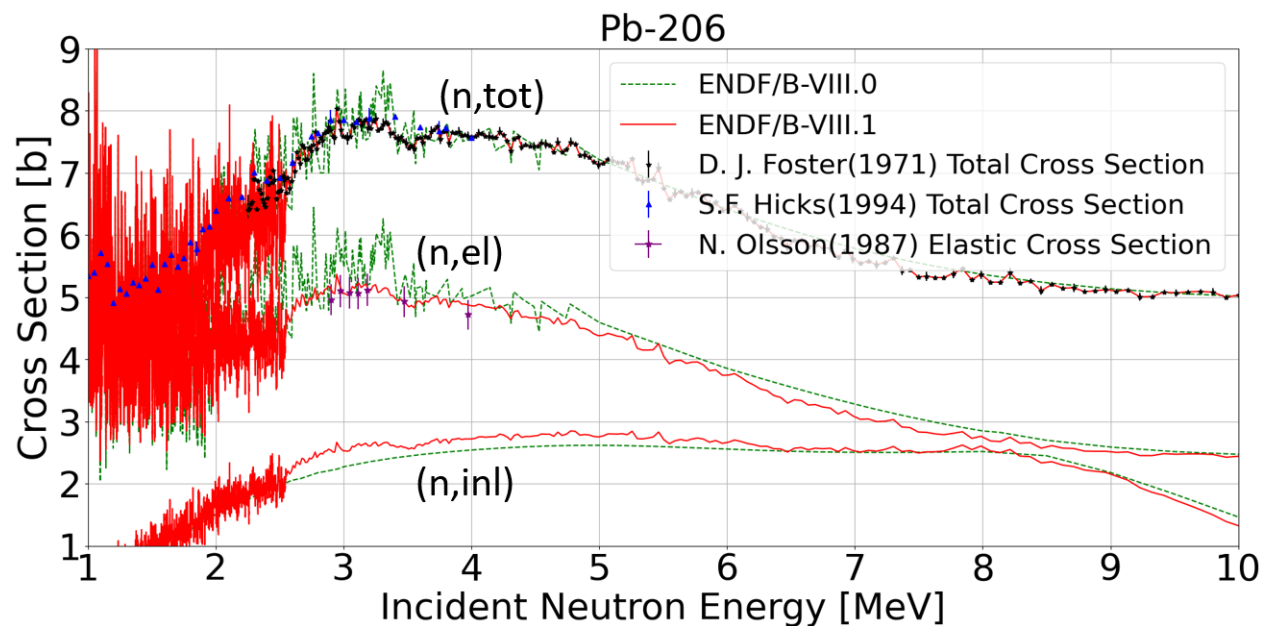
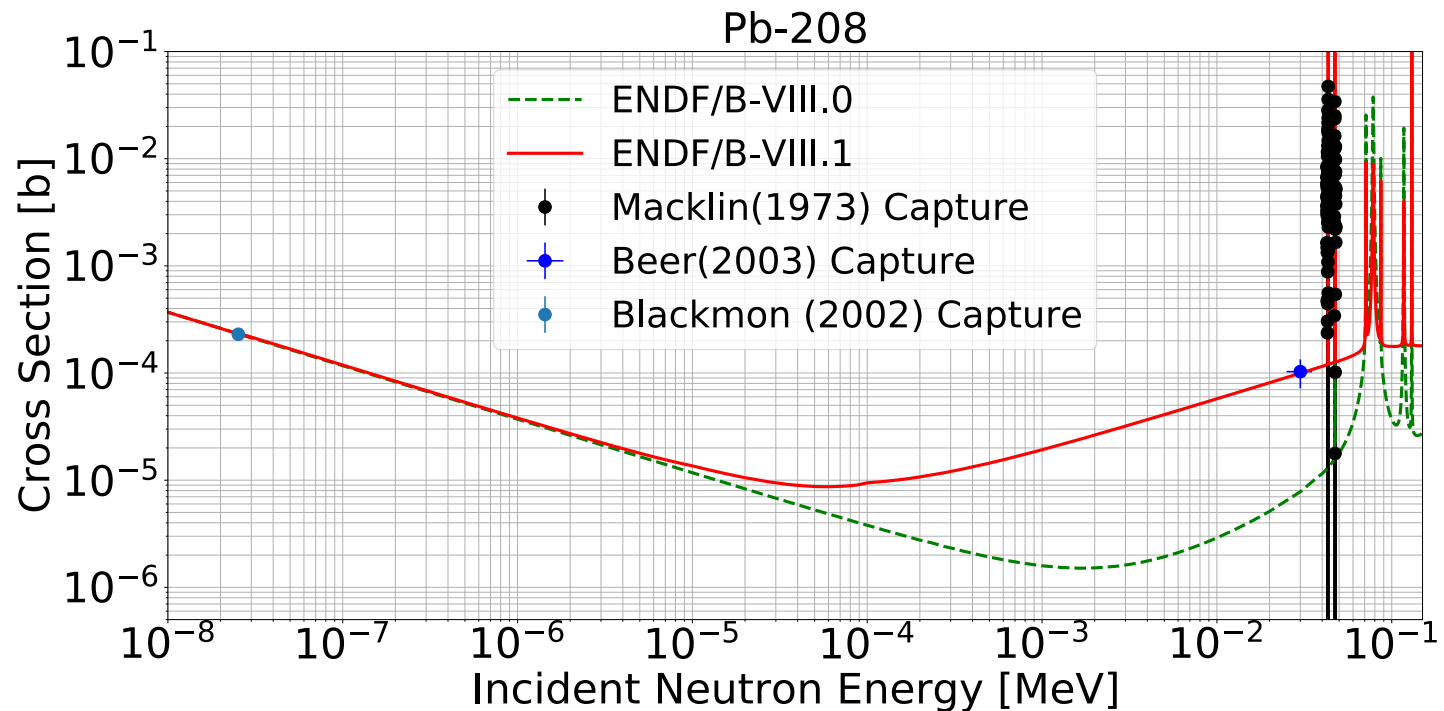


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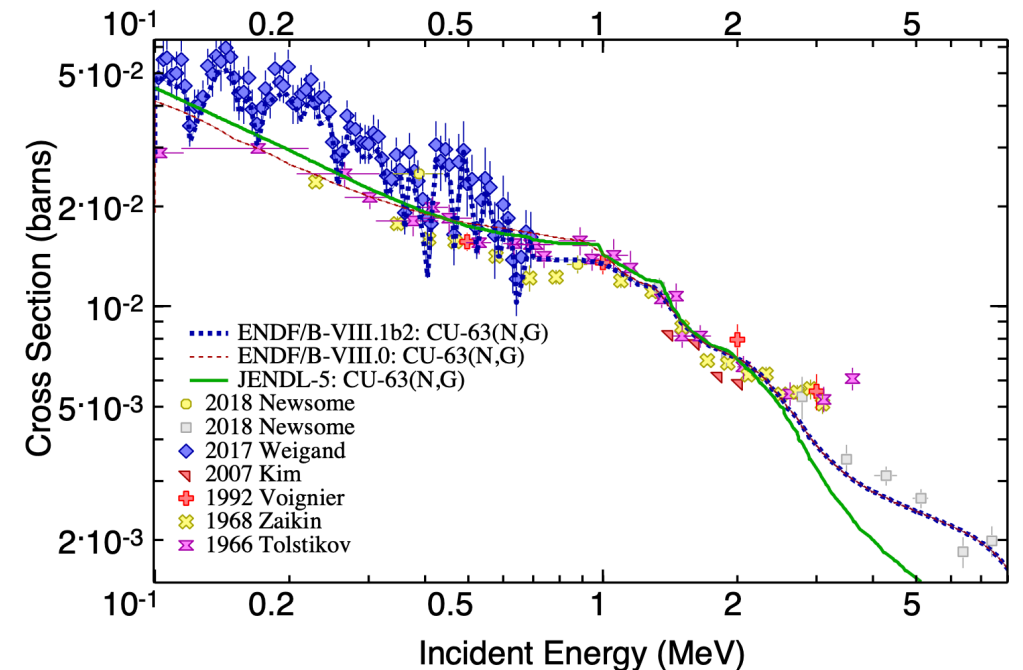
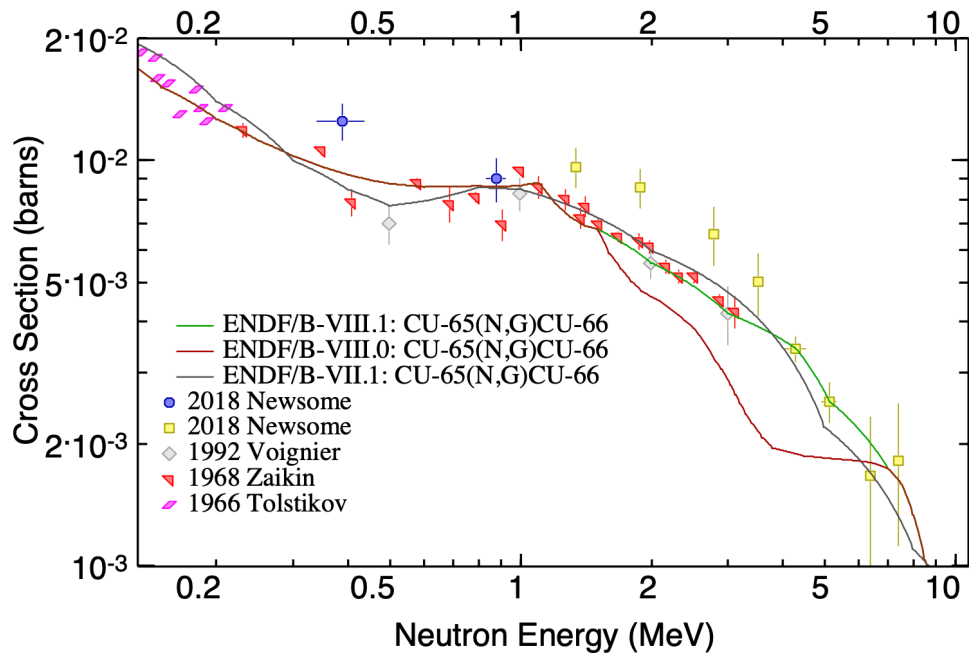
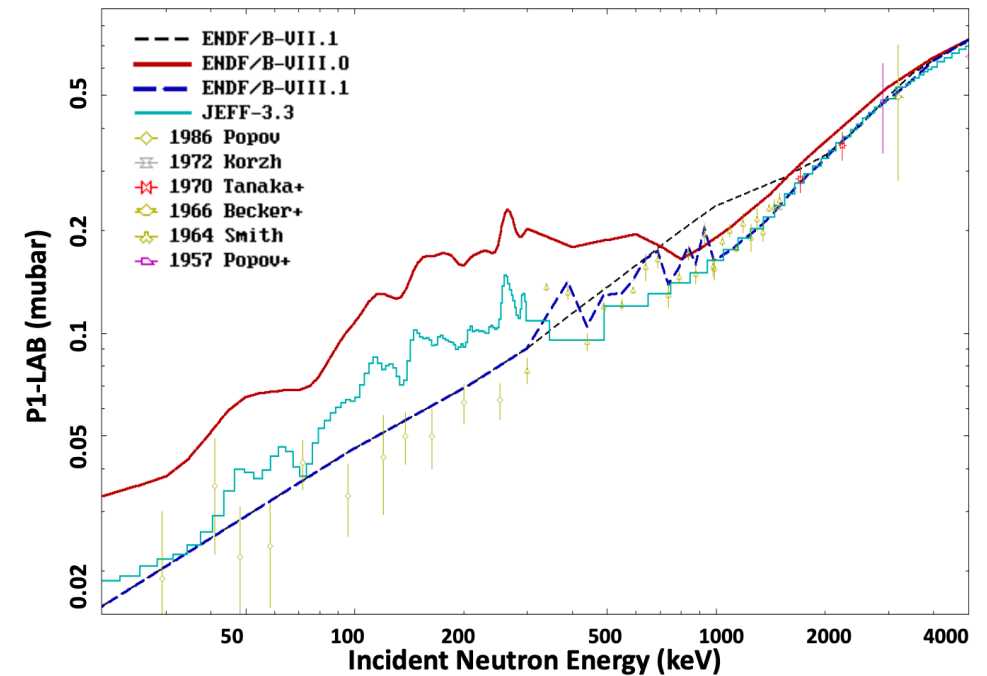
Lead evaluations

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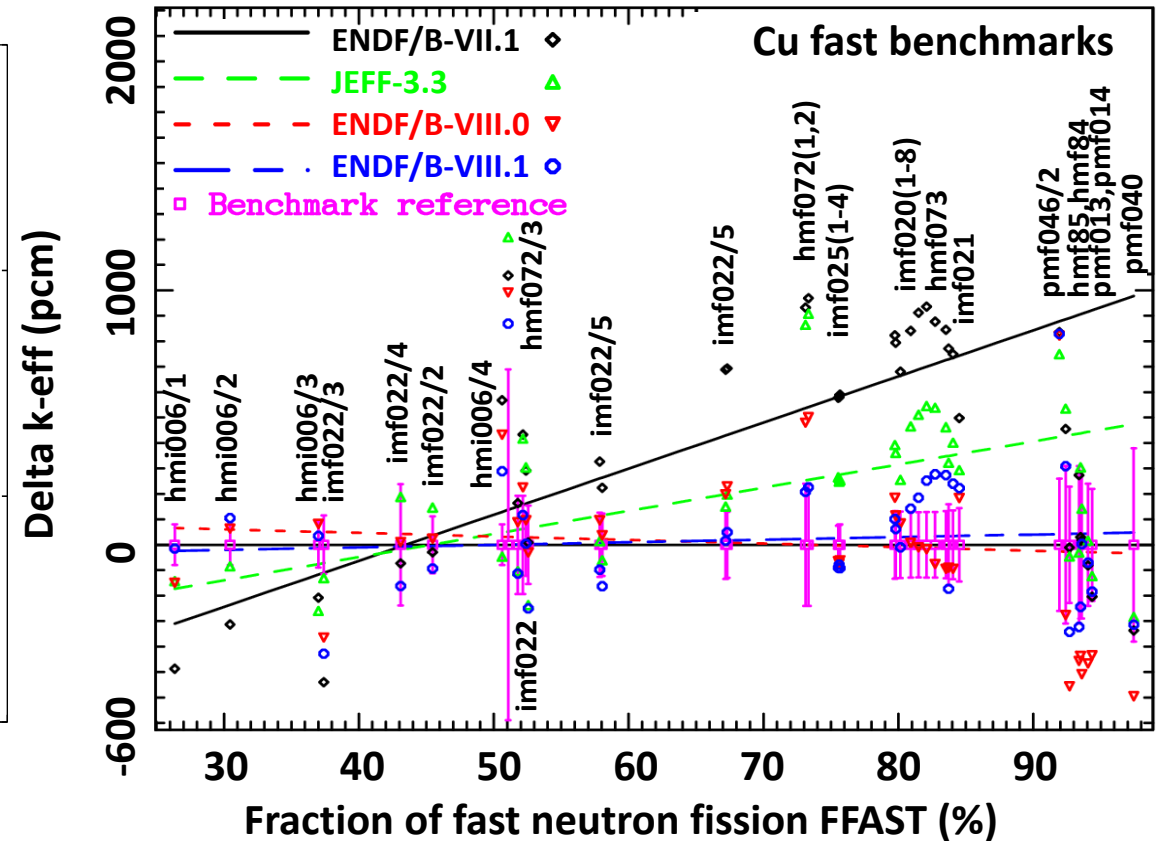
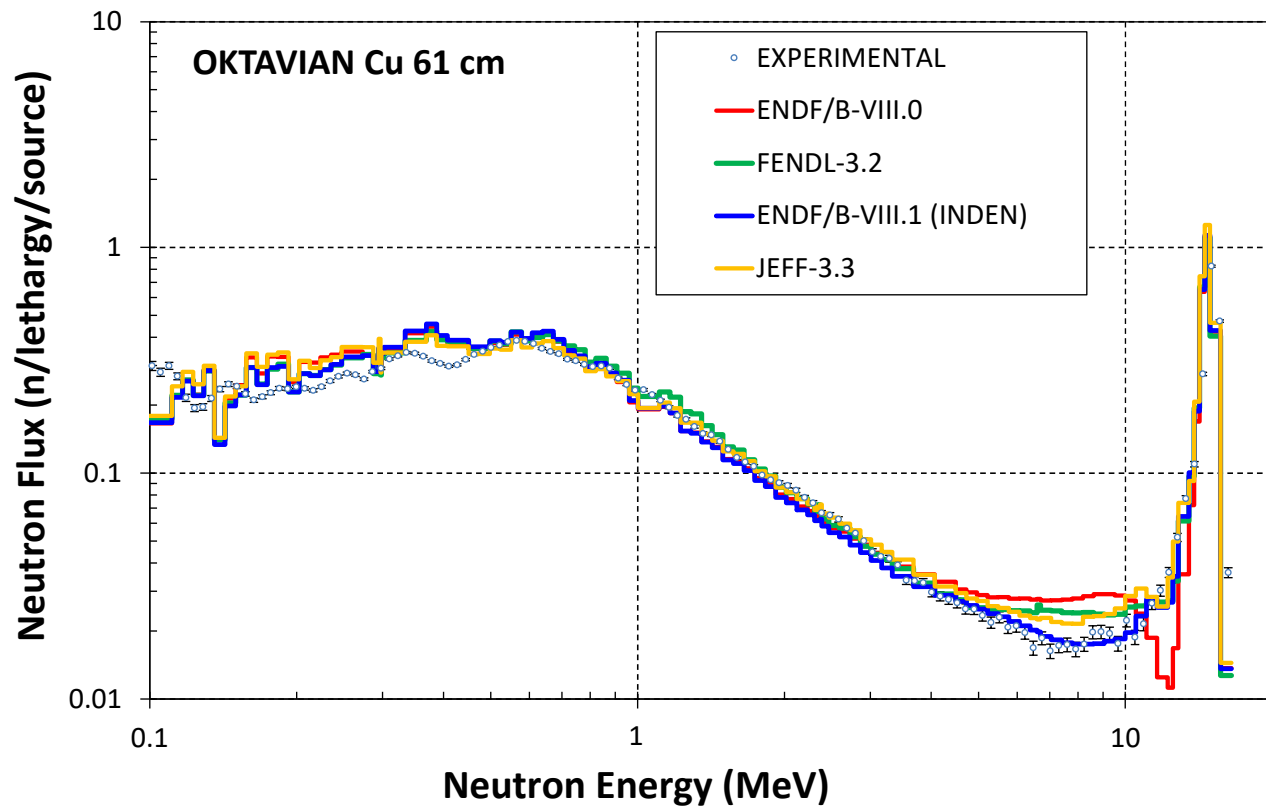


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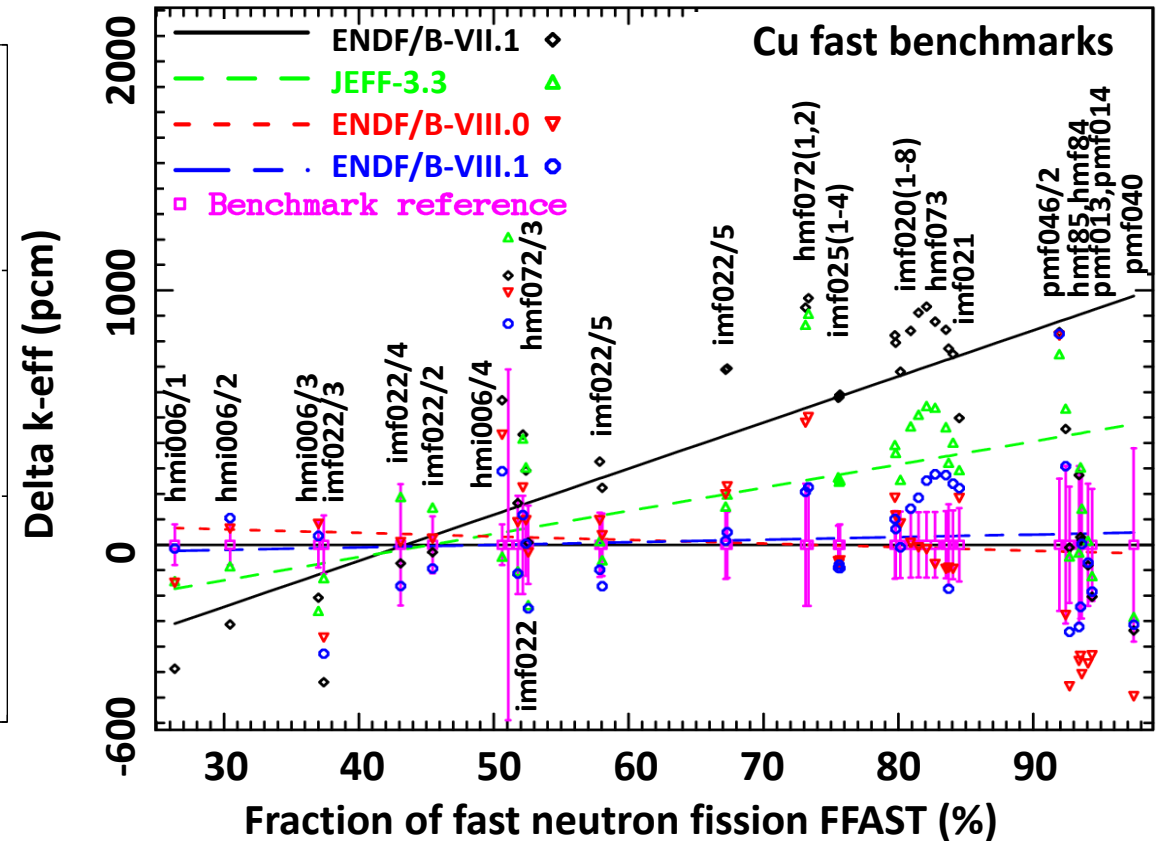
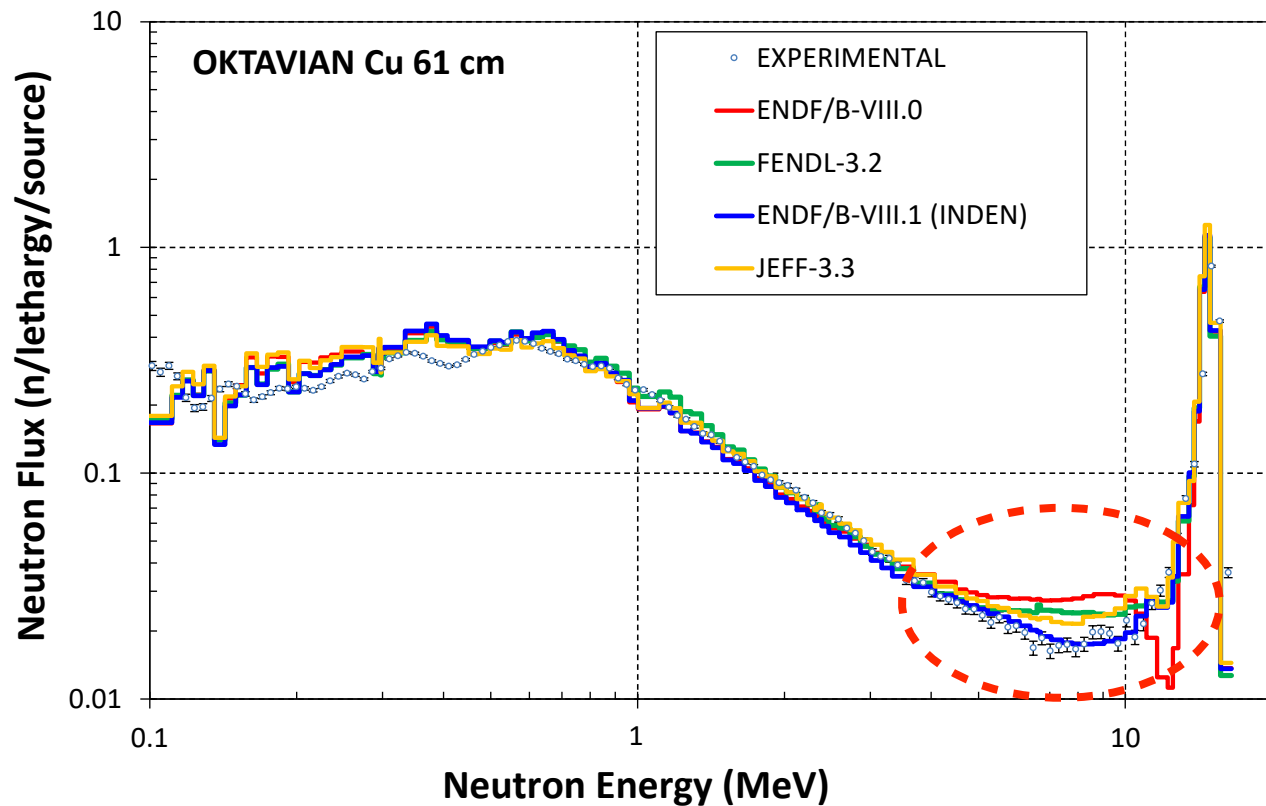
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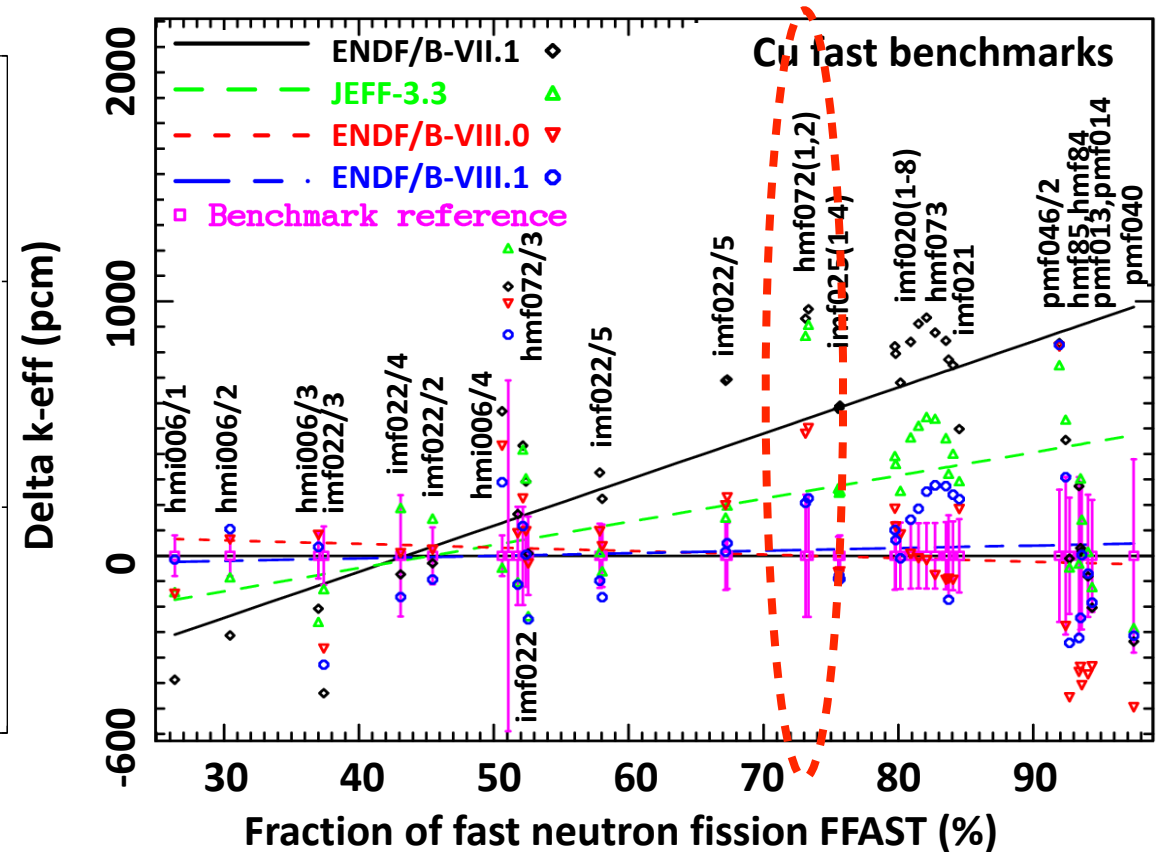
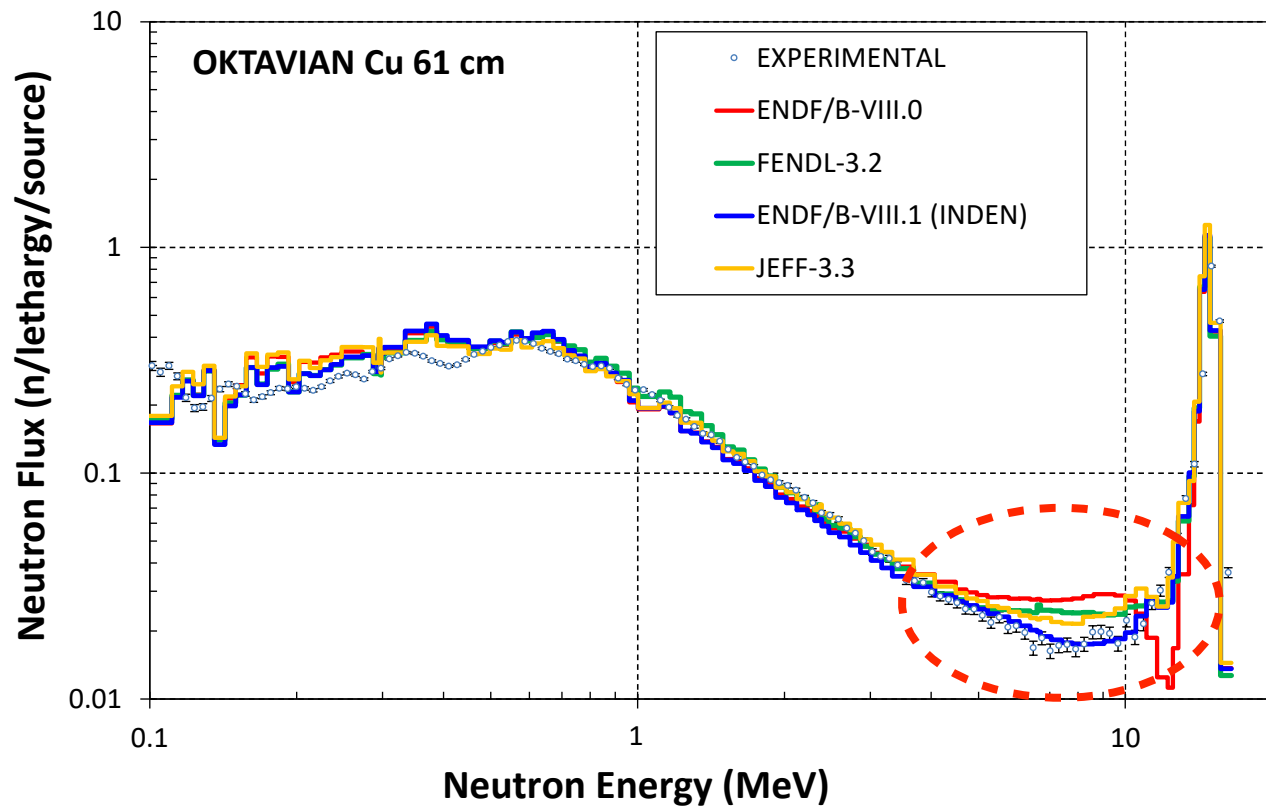
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Other sublibraries

TSL

- Many, many updates and new contributions
- So much so, we had to create new way to uniquely identify materials
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neutron-induced fission yields

The only change relative to the previous release for the neutron-induced fission yields sublibrary is for ^{241}Pu . An important bug introduced in ENDF/B-VI.2 was fixed by A. Mattera. The list of changed files is:

- nfy-094_Pu_241.endf

