# Hf(n,tot) Measurement in the High Energy Region at the RPI LINAC

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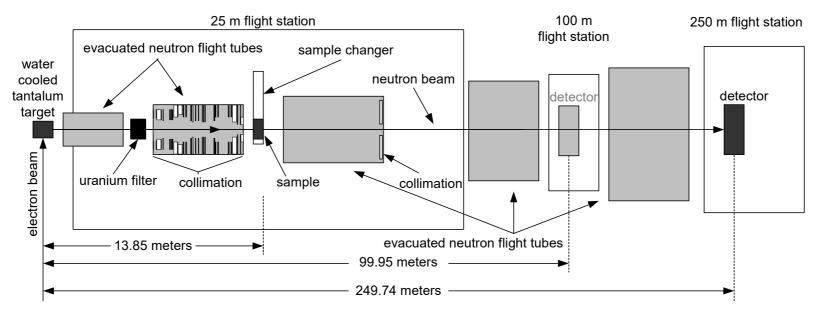
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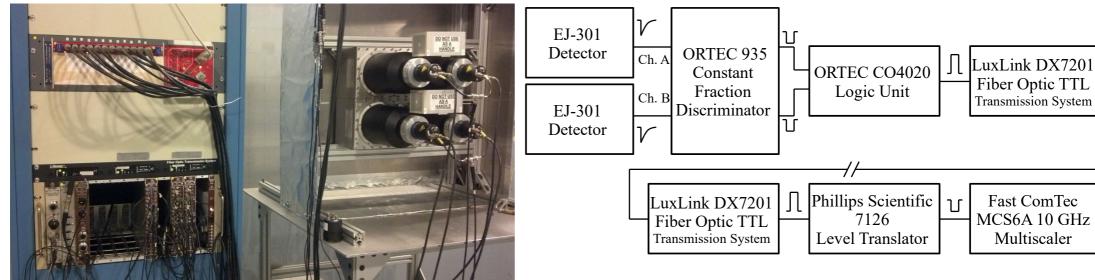
## High Energy Transmission System at RPI

- Located at the Gaerttner Linear Accelerator (LINAC) Center at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI)
- Large area, modular, liquid scintillation detector
  - Located at 250 meter time-of-flight station
  - Long flight path, narrow neutron burst width, fast detector and electronics
  - High-accuracy transmission measurements (~1% 3%)
  - Excellent counting rate, good signal-to-noise
  - Measurement range of ~0.5 to ~20 MeV
- Fission chambers on independent flight path monitor neutron beam stability



## High Energy Transmission System at RPI

Detectors and associated electronics



#### Hafnium samples



# **Hf Samples**

• 99.9% pure Hf

#### • Samples

- 7 cm (2 3.5 cm thick cylinders stacked)
- 9 cm (2 4.5 cm thick cylinders stacked)
- 13 cm thick carbon reference

Impurity	PPM	Impurity	PPM	Impurity	PPM	Impurity	PPM
Ag	0.44	Al	0.4	As	< 0.005	Au	$<\!0.5$
В	< 0.005	$\operatorname{Ba}$	< 0.005	Be	< 0.005	Bi	< 0.05
Br	< 0.005	Ca	0.008	Cd	$<\!0.5$	Ce	< 0.005
Cl	0.097	Co	0.16	Cr	1.51	$\mathbf{Cs}$	< 0.005
Cu	0.038	Dy	< 0.005	Er	< 0.005	Eu	< 0.005
F	$<\!0.5$	Fe	54.2	Ga	< 0.005	Ge	< 0.005
Hg	<5	Ho	< 0.005	Ι	< 0.05	In	< 0.005
Ir	0.89	K	0.031	La	< 0.005	Li	< 0.005
Lu	< 0.005	Mg	< 0.005	Mn	0.043	Mo	< 0.005
Na	0.013	Nb	< 0.005	Nd	< 0.005	Ni	0.99
Os	$<\!0.5$	Р	0.009	Pb	< 0.05	Pd	< 0.05
Pr	< 0.005	Pt	< 0.5	Rb	< 0.005	Re	< 0.005
Rh	< 0.005	Ru	< 0.005	S	0.77	$\mathbf{Sb}$	< 0.05
Sc	0.007	Se	< 0.05	Si	1.66	Sm	< 0.005
Sn	< 0.05	$\operatorname{Sr}$	< 0.005	Ta	0.22	Tb	< 0.005
Te	< 0.05	$\mathrm{Th}$	< 0.005	Ti	0.31	Tm	< 0.005
U	< 0.005	V	< 0.005	W	0.015	Y	< 0.005
Yb	< 0.005	Zn	0.029	Zr	0.576		



Sample	thickness diameter		$\max$	areal number density	
	$(\mathrm{cm})$	$(\mathrm{cm})$	(g)	(atoms/b)	
Hf-35mm-01	$3.505 {\pm} 0.004$	$5.081 \pm 0.003$	$938.4 {\pm} 0.1$	$0.1562 {\pm} 0.0002$	
Hf-35mm-02	$3.508 {\pm} 0.002$	$5.088 \pm 0.002$	$941.6 \pm 0.1$	$0.1563 {\pm} 0.0001$	
Hf-45mm-01	$4.507 \pm 0.002$	$5.089 \pm 0.002$	$1209.9 \pm 0.1$	$0.2007 \pm 0.0001$	
Hf-45mm-02	$4.505 \pm 0.002$	$5.082 \pm 0.002$	$1206.5 \pm 0.1$	$0.2007 \pm 0.0001$	
7cm Hf sample	$7.012 \pm 0.004$	$5.084 \pm 0.002$	$1880.0 \pm 0.1$	$0.3124 \pm 0.0001$	
9cm Hf sample	$9.012 \pm 0.002$	$5.086 \pm 0.001$	$2416.4 \pm 0.1$	$0.4013 \pm 0.0001$	

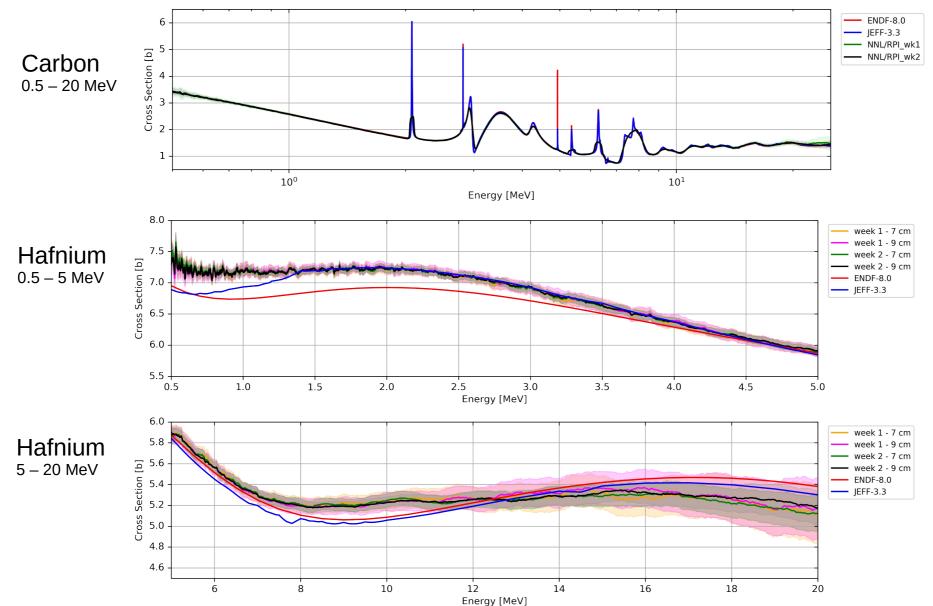
#### **Hf Analysis Experimental Data Experimental Data** Raw channel binned data — **RPIXDR** MONCHK **MCNP** Code Code Neutron monitor data Code — 2 Weeks of data Run Summed, Time-Constant Week 1 - $\sim$ 36 hours — Dead-Time Dependent Background Corrected Background Week 2 - $\sim$ 72 hours — Counts Time-dependent background calculated Transmission using an MCNP code simulation normalized to long time-of-flight 105 Open Bka Hf-9cm **Cross Section** Hf-9cm Bk 104 Counts $10^{2}$ 10<sup>1</sup> -

 $10^{-4}$ 

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Time [s]

### Results



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