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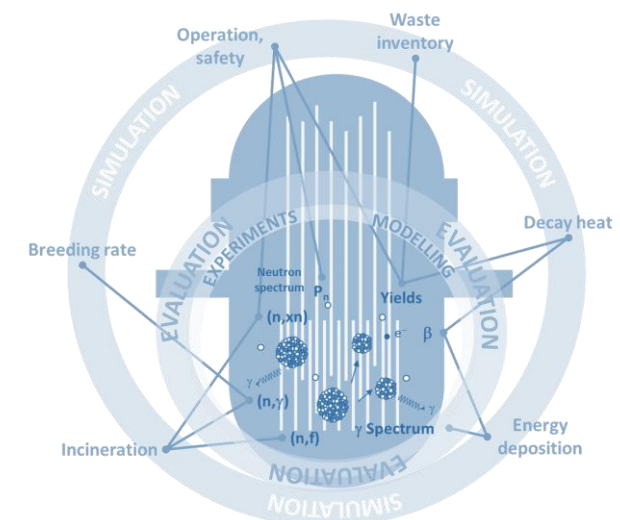
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« La physique nucléaire pour l'énergie »

Nuclear Data for Energy

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Nuclear Data for Energy

Evaluated Nuclear Data



- NUCLEAR DATA @ IN2P3

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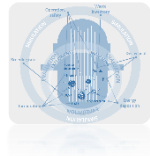
National & International Framework



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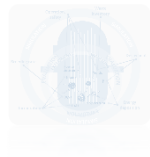
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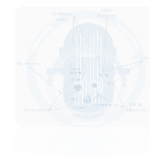
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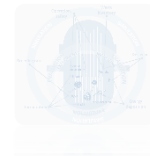
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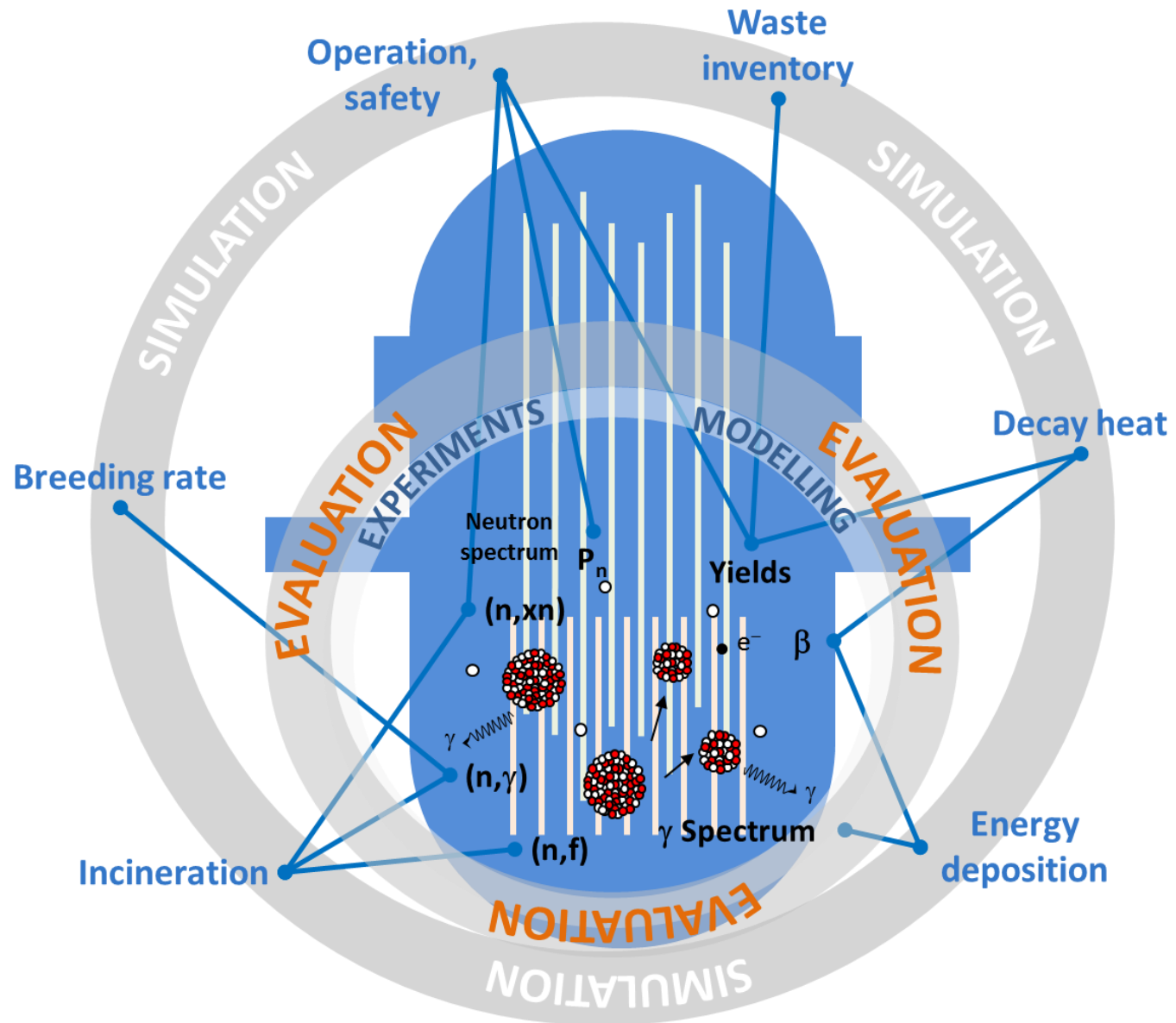
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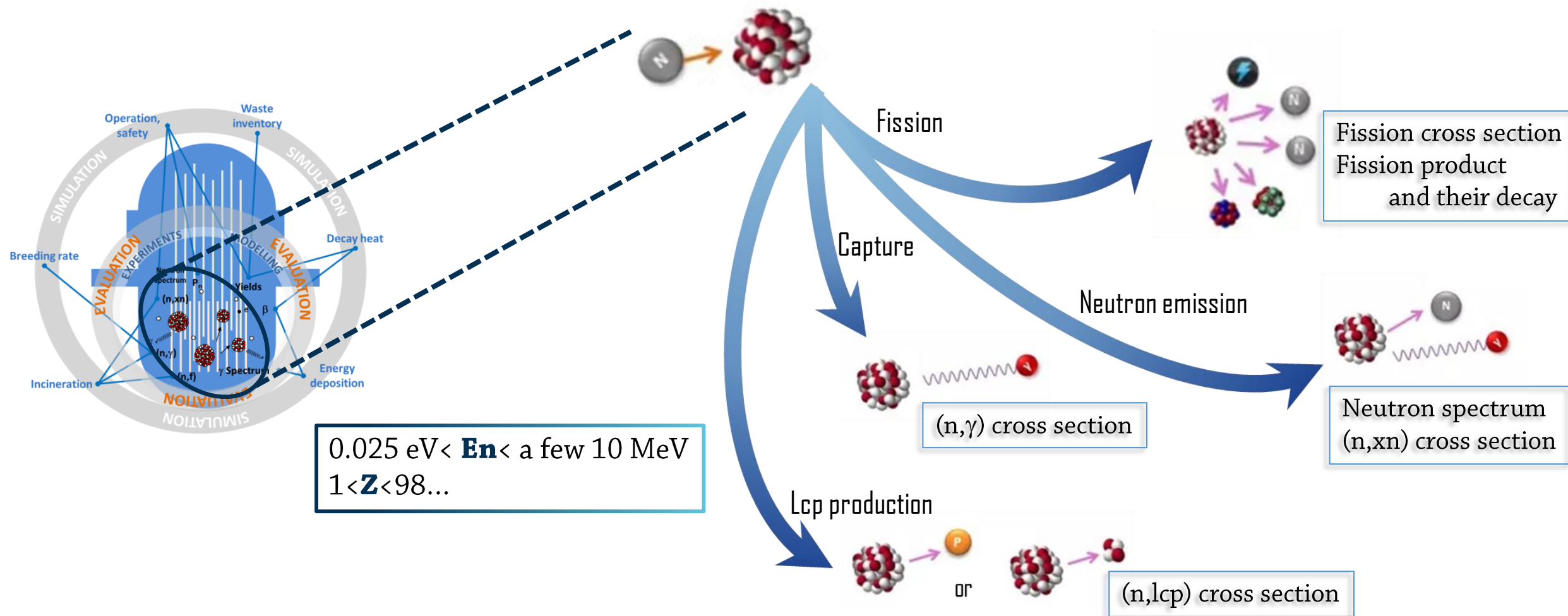


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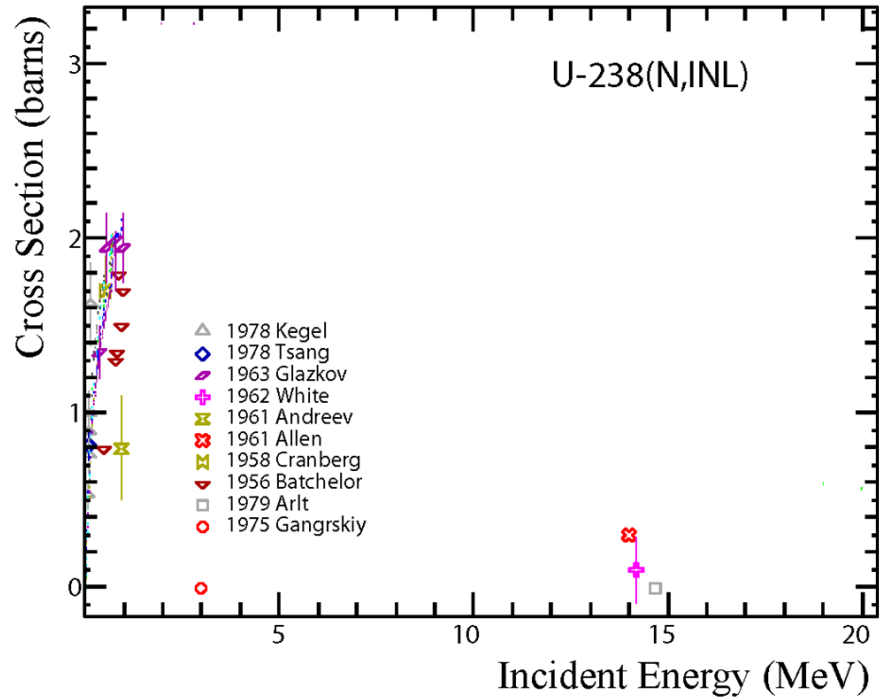
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Evaluated nuclear data must provide **all required input data** (nuclear physics observables) to allow the **simulation of** such a **complex system**.

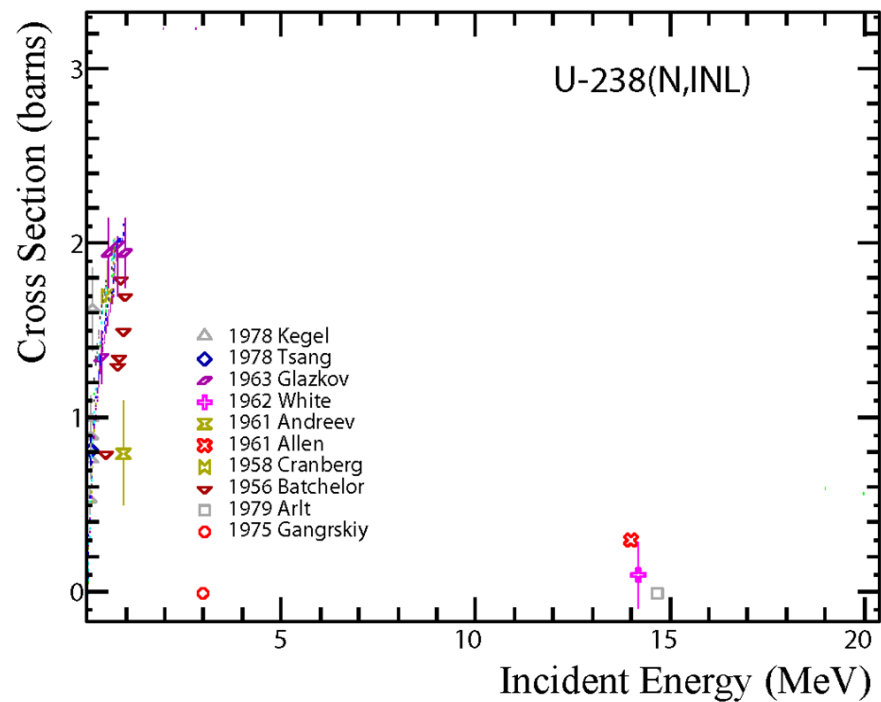
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Experimental Data

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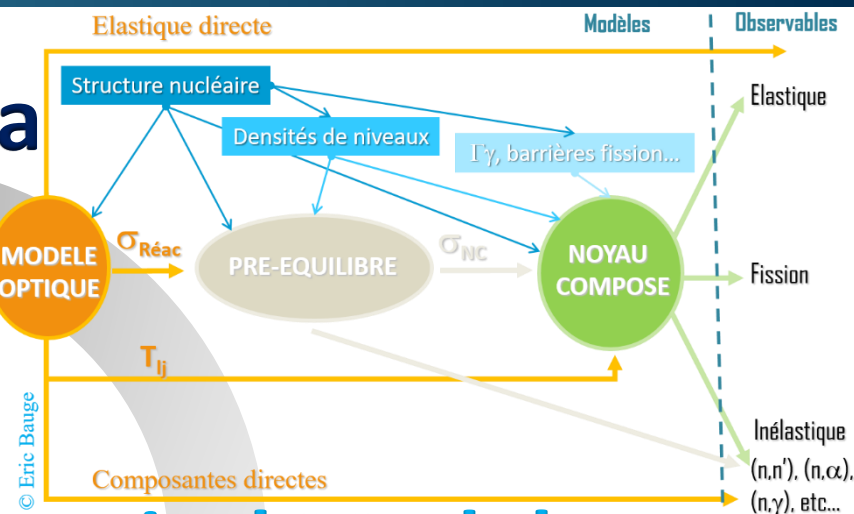
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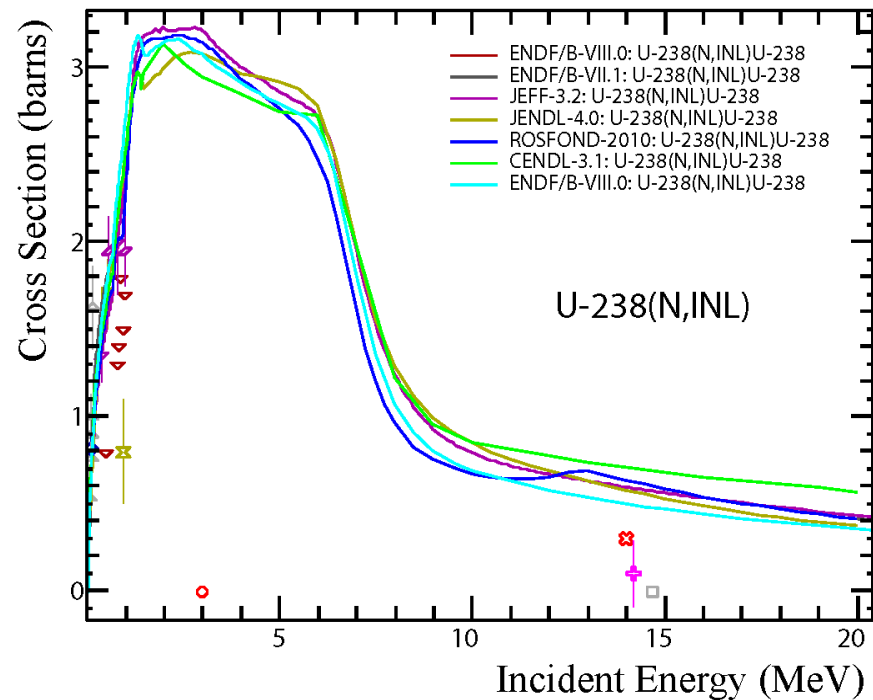


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Theoretical Models



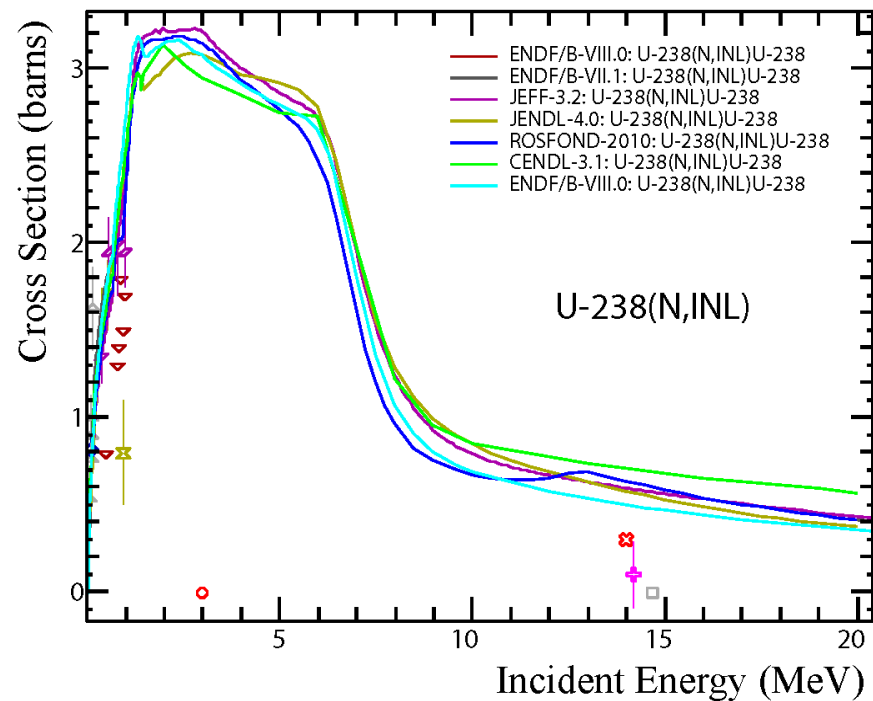


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Experimental Data

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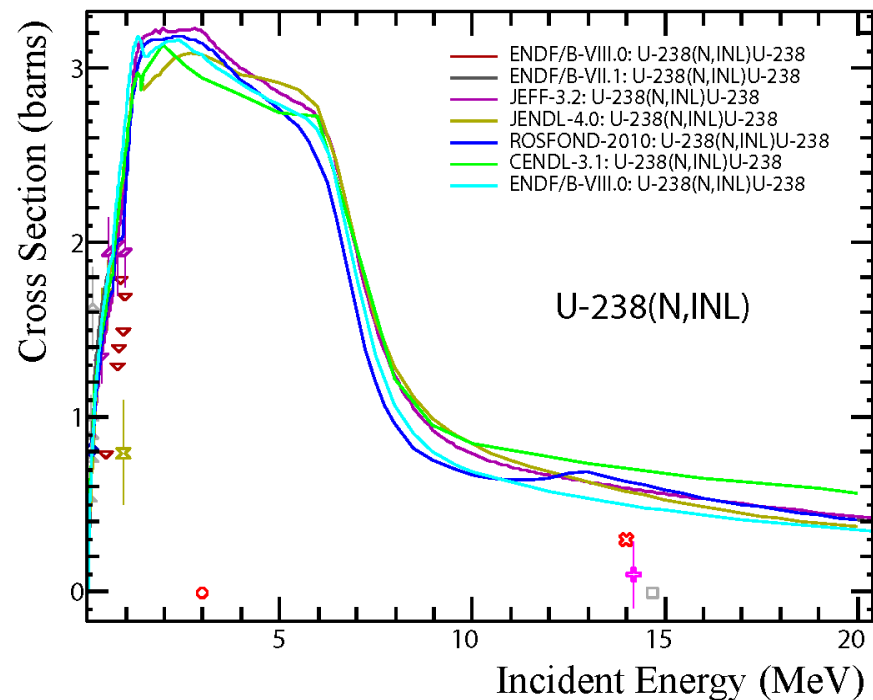


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 ^{239}Pu critical sphere

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Evaluated data reflect the **experimental** and **theoretical knowledge** of **nuclear data**



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10 years can go by from the microscopic measurement to the new evaluated data.

Experimental Data

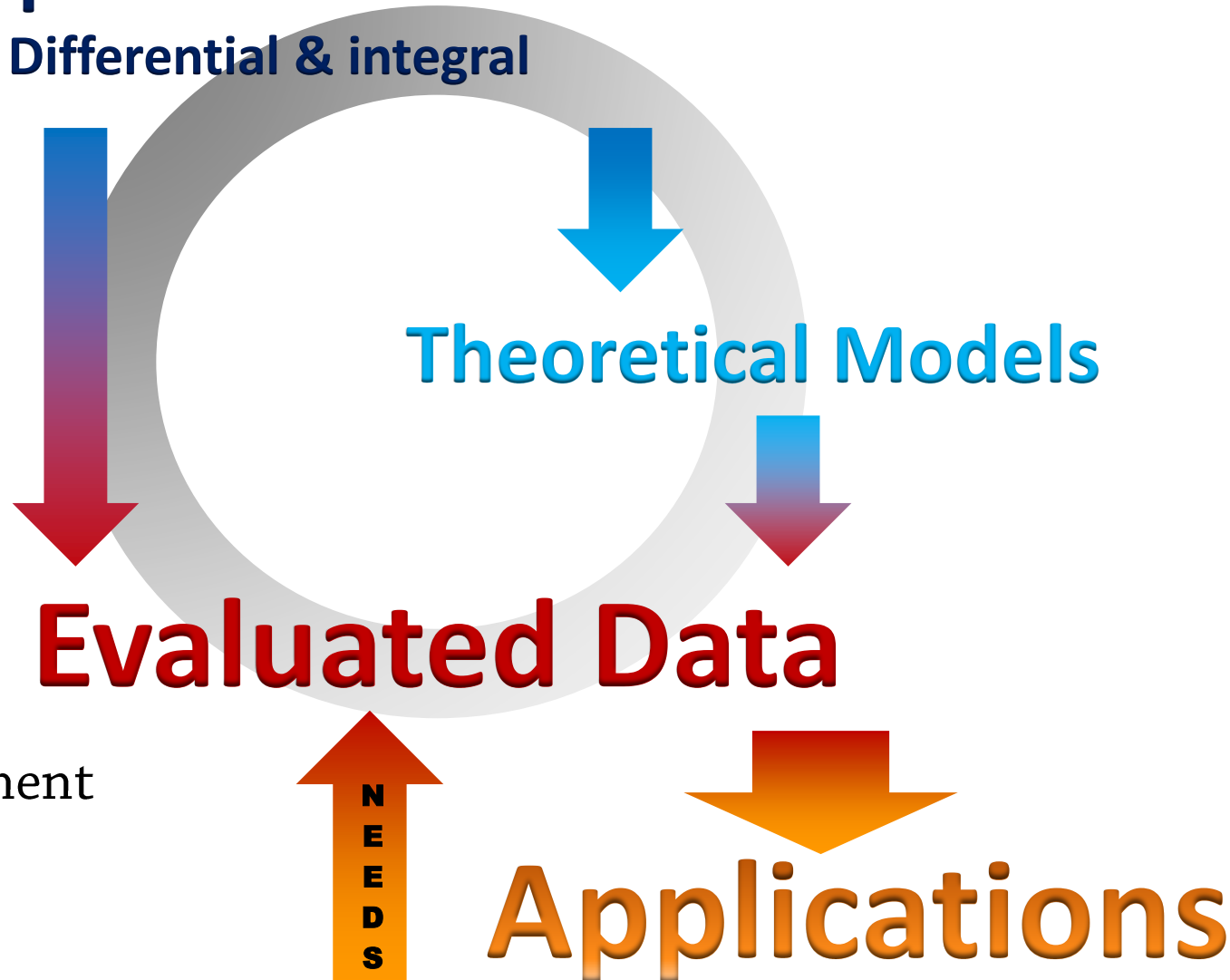
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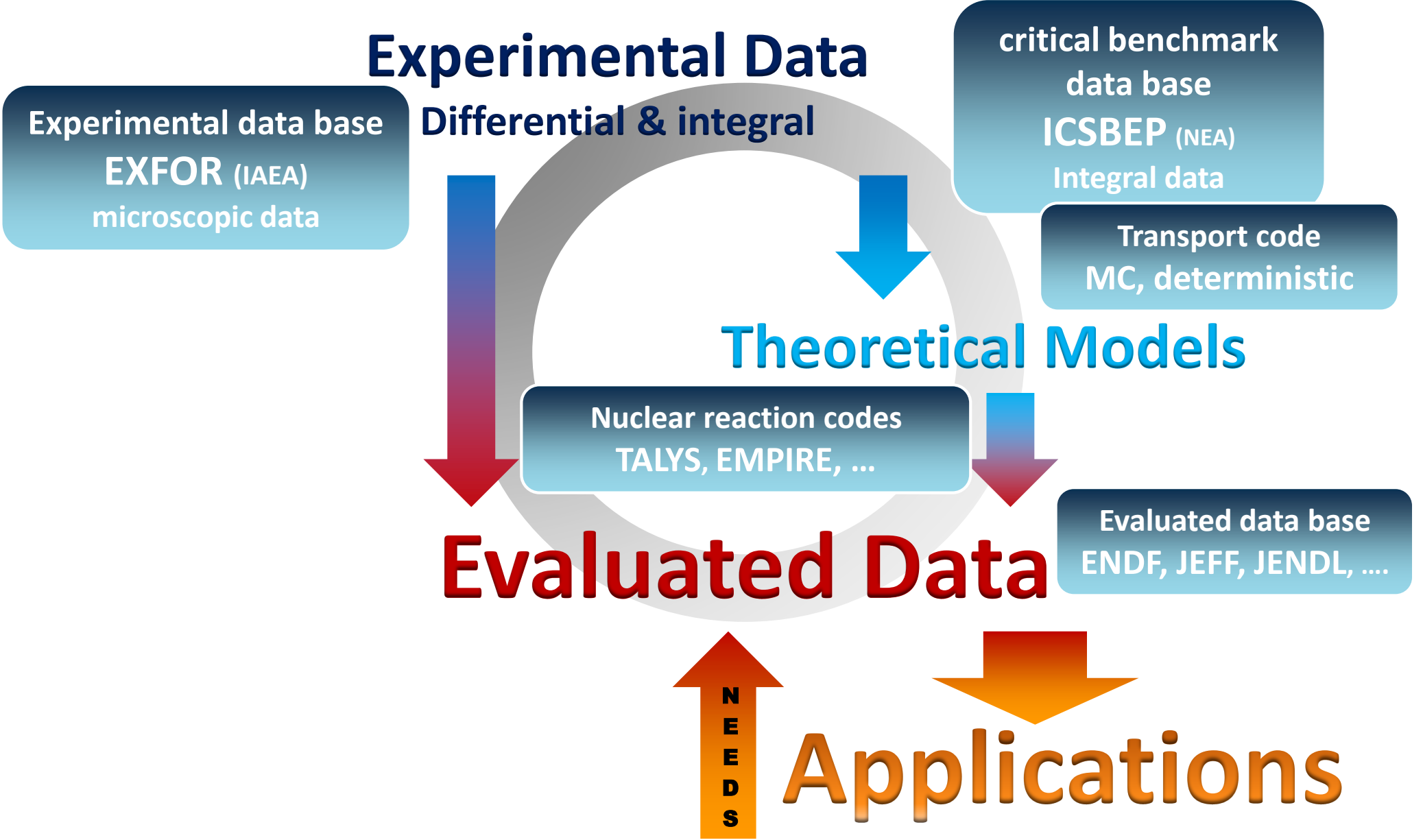
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TOOLS BOX

Experimental data base
EXFOR (IAEA)
microscopic data

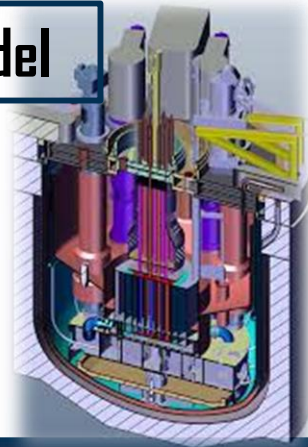
Experimental Data

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critical benchmark
data base
ICSBEP (NEA)
Integral data

Transport code
MC, deterministic

System model



Which nucleus,
Which observable,
Which uncertainty?

Theoretical Models

Nuclear reaction codes
TALYS, EMPIRE, ...

Evaluated Data

Evaluated data base
ENDF, JEFF, JENDL, ...

Sensitivity studies
HPRL (NEA),
WPEC 26 (NEA)
Others ...



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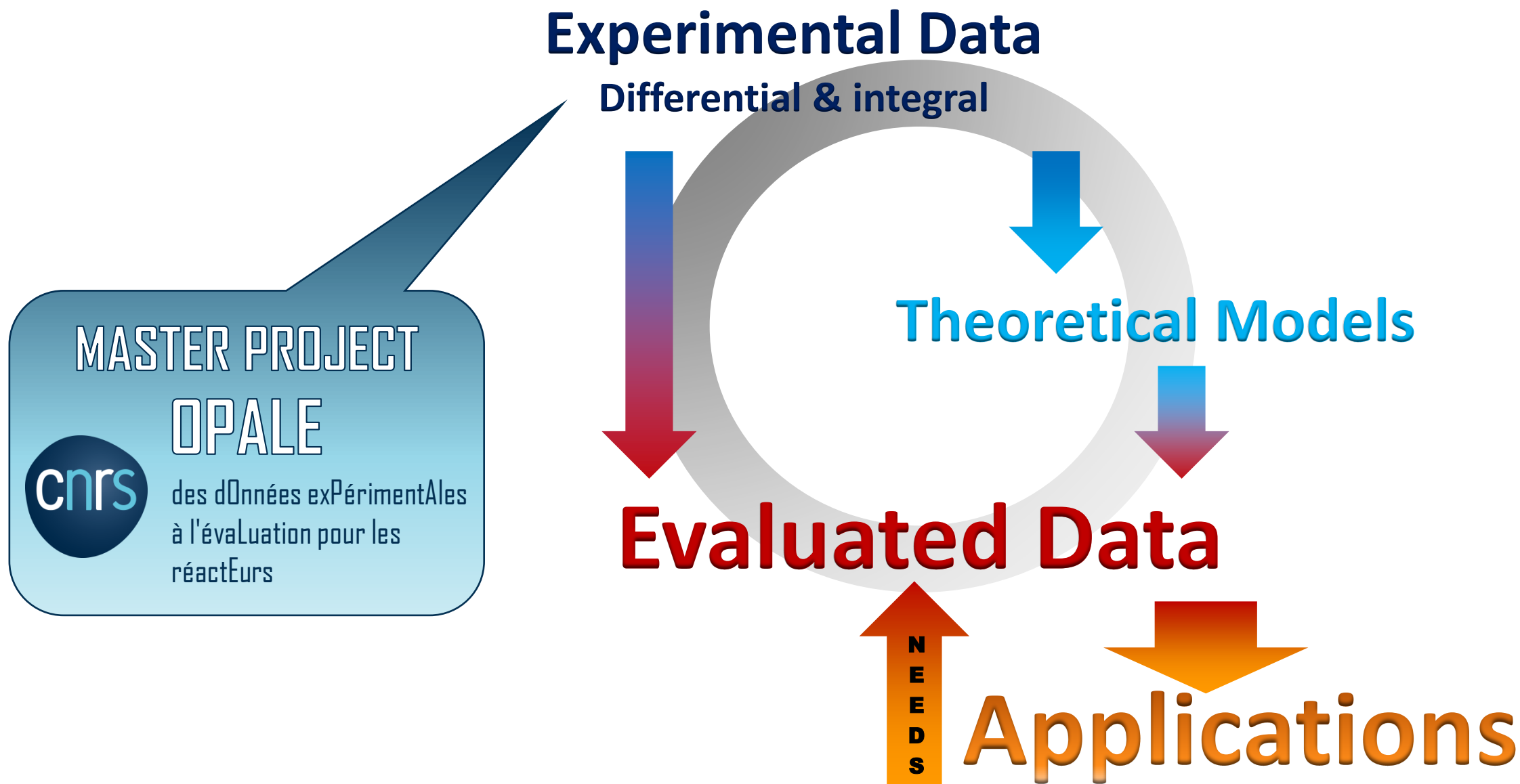
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Experimental programs are conducted to produce **new** and **accurate nuclear data**



Fission Product



Universities & Eng. schools



Fission Product Decay

Cross Sections

OPALE

- ✘ 6 teams from 6 laboratories
- ✘ 18 senior research.
- ✘ 6 doc, 1 post doc

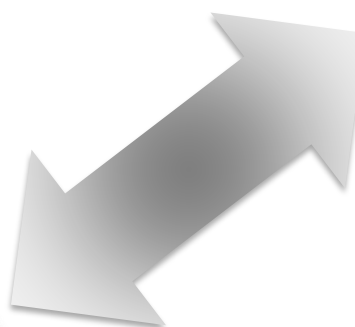
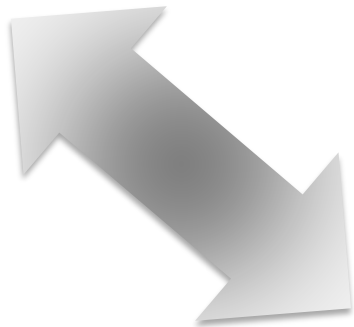


OPALE in its environment

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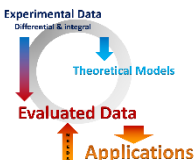
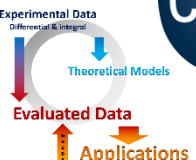
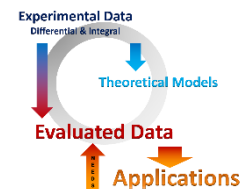
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Cross Sections



NFRP 2018 - SANDA WPI leadership & WP6
SUPPLYING ACCURATE NUCLEAR DATA
FOR ENERGY AND NON-ENERGY APPLICATIONS
2019-2023

NFRP 2018 - ARIEL
ACCELERATOR AND RESEARCH REACTOR INFRASTRUCTURES
FOR EDUCATION AND LEARNING 2019-2023



NDB JEFF project



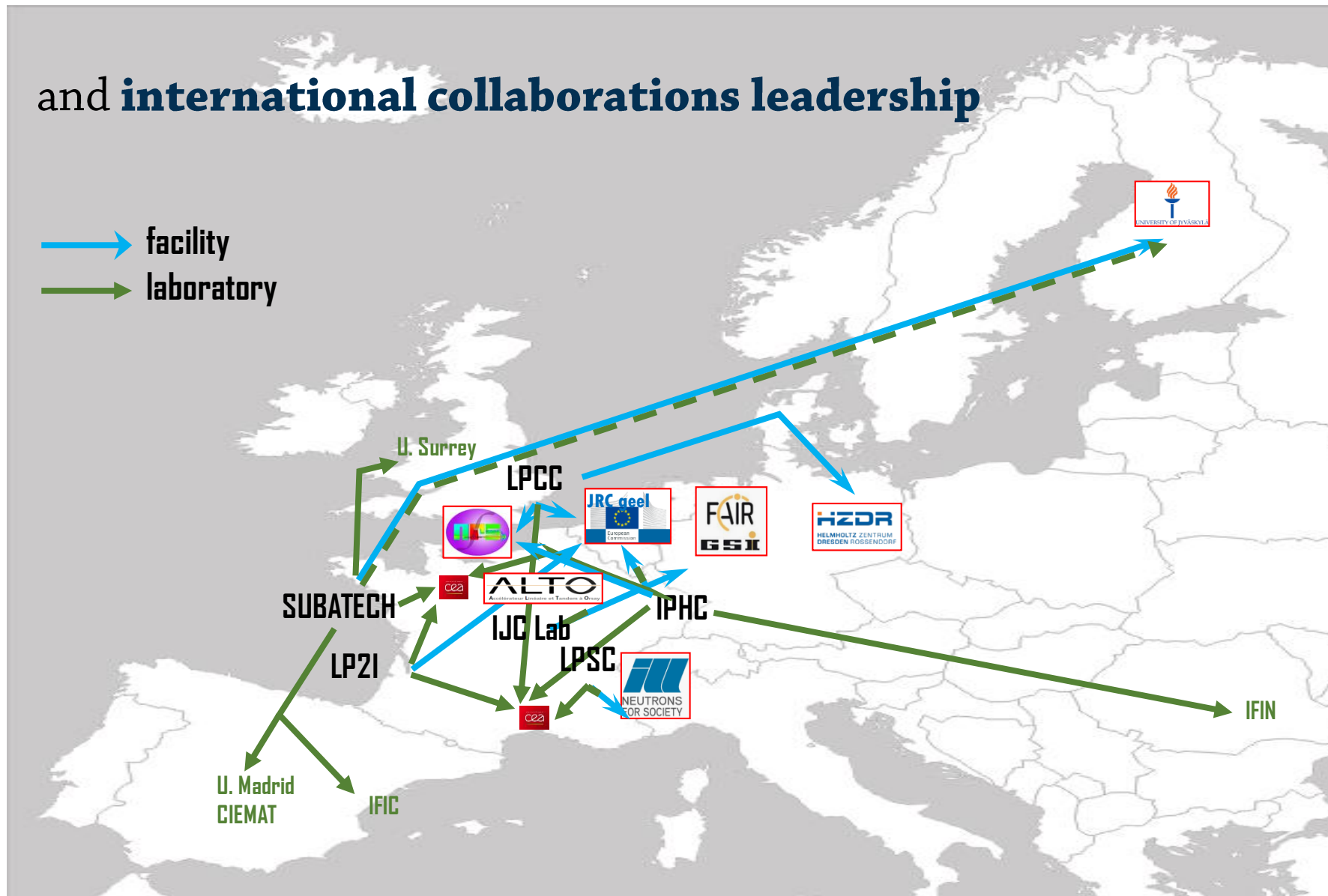
International collaborations for all projects



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and international collaborations leadership

 facility
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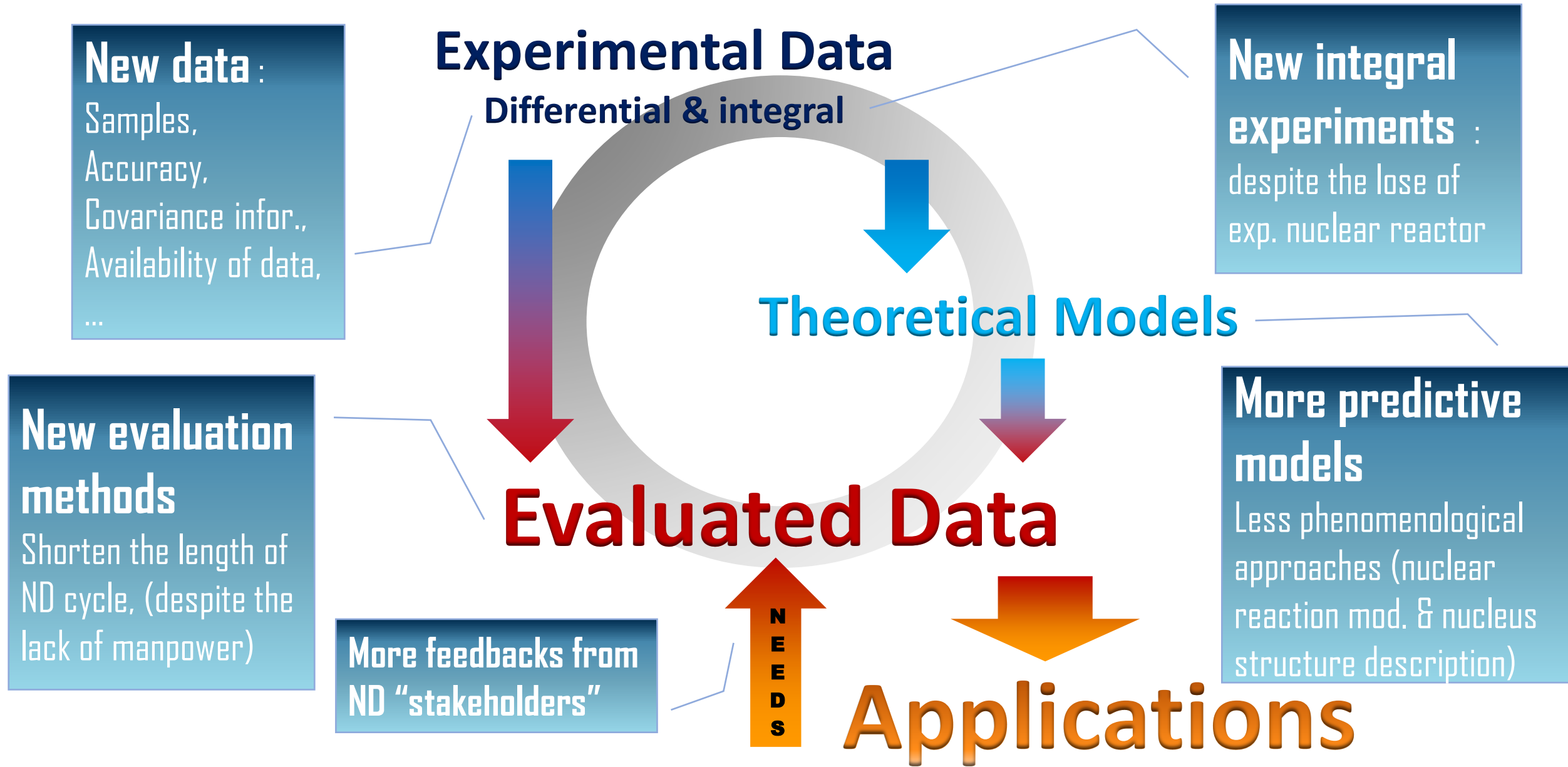
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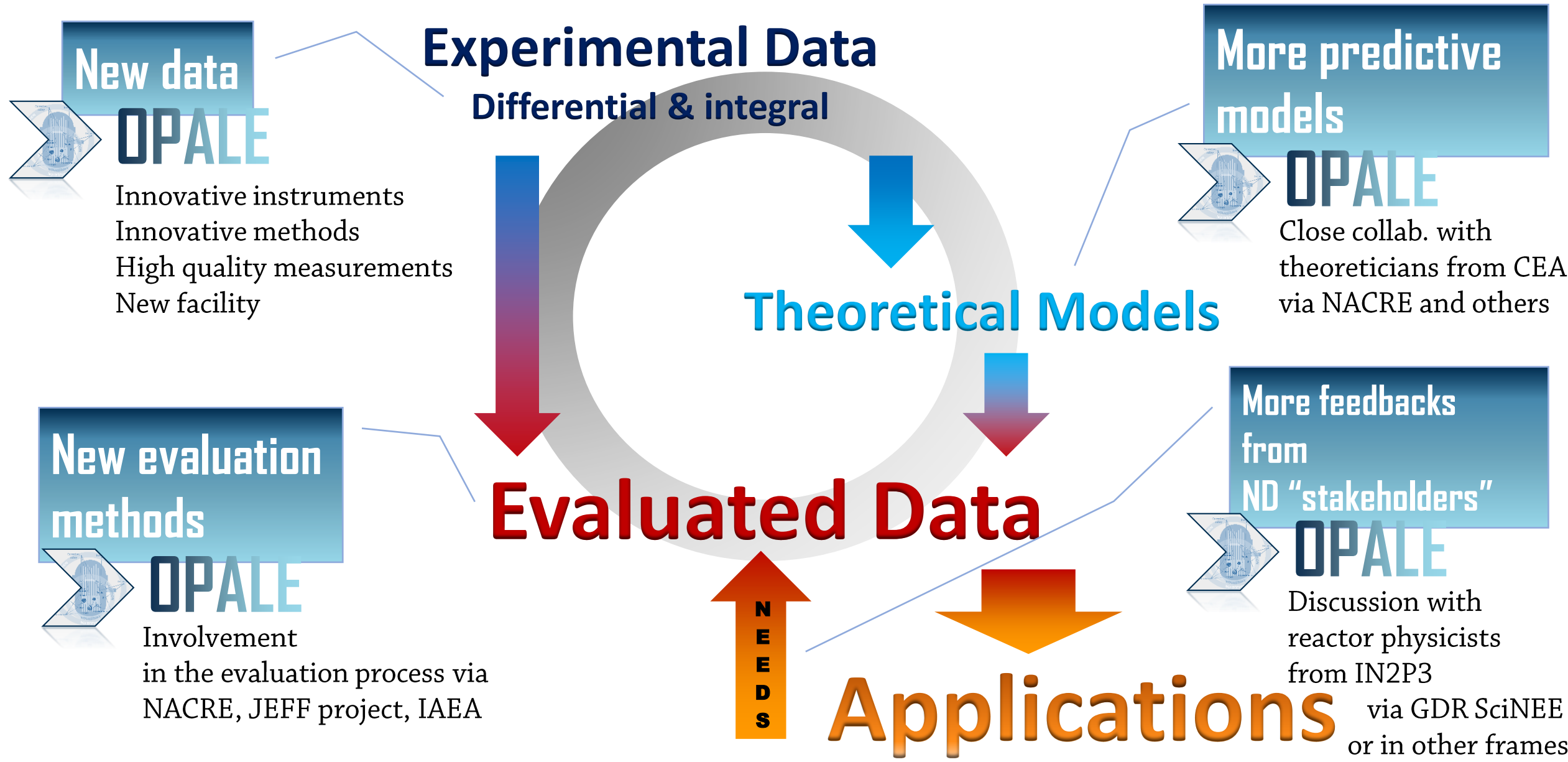


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Development of innovative devices to perform accurate measurements



NEA Nuclear Data High Priority Request List

ID	View	Target	Reaction	Quantity	Energy range	Sec.E/Angle	Accuracy	Cov Field
2H		8-O-16	(n,a),(n,abs)	SIG	2 MeV-20 MeV		See details	Y Fission
3H		94-PU-239	(n,f)	prompt g	Thermal-Fast	Eg=0-10MeV	7.5	Y Fission
4H		92-U-235	(n,f)	prompt g	Thermal-Fast	Eg=0-10MeV	7.5	Y Fission
8H		1-H-2	(n,e1)	DA/DE	0.1 MeV-1 MeV	0-180 Deg	5	Y Fission
15H		95-AM-241	(n,g),(n,tot)	SIG	Thermal-Fast		See details	Fission
18H		92-U-238	(n,in1)	SIG	65 keV-20 MeV	Emis spec.	See details	Y Fission
19H		94-PU-238	(n,f)	SIG	9 keV-6 MeV		See details	Y Fission
21H		95-AM-241	(n,f)	SIG	180 keV-20 MeV		See details	Y Fission
22H		95-AM-242M	(n,f)	SIG	0.5 keV-6 MeV		See details	Y Fission
25H		96-CM-244	(n,f)	SIG	65 keV-6 MeV		See details	Y Fission
27H		96-CM-245	(n,f)	SIG	0.5 keV-6 MeV		See details	Y Fission
32H		94-PU-239	(n,g)	SIG	0.1 eV-1.35 MeV		See details	Y Fission
33H		94-PU-241	(n,g)	SIG	0.1 eV-1.35 MeV		See details	Y Fission
34H		26-FE-56	(n,in1)	SIG	0.5 MeV-20 MeV	Emis spec.	See details	Y Fission
35H		94-PU-241	(n,f)	SIG	0.5 eV-1.35 MeV		See details	Y Fission
37H		94-PU-240	(n,f)	SIG	0.5 keV-5 MeV		See details	Y Fission
38H		94-PU-240	(n,f)	nubar	200 keV-2 MeV		See details	Y Fission
39H		94-PU-242	(n,f)	SIG	200 keV-20 MeV		See details	Y Fission
41H		82-PB-206	(n,in1)	SIG	0.5 MeV-6 MeV		See details	Y Fission
42H		82-PB-207	(n,in1)	SIG	0.5 MeV-6 MeV		See details	Y Fission
45H		19-K-39	(n,p),(n,np)	SIG	10 MeV-20 MeV		10	Y Fusion
97H		24-CR-50	(n,g)	SIG	1 keV-100 keV		8-10	Y Fission
98H		24-CR-53	(n,g)	SIG	1 keV-100 keV		8-10	Y Fission
99H		94-PU-239	(n,f)	nubar	Thermal-5 eV		1	Y Fission
102H		64-GD-155	(n,g),(n,tot)	SIG	Thermal-100 eV		4	Y Fission
103H		64-GD-157	(n,g),(n,tot)	SIG	Thermal-100 eV		4	Y Fission
114H		83-BI-209	(n,g)Bi-210g,m	BR	500 eV-300 keV		10	Y Fission,ADS
115H		94-PU-239	(n,tot)	SIG	Thermal-5 eV		1	Y Fission
116H		3-LI-0	(d,x)Be-7	SIG	10 MeV-40 MeV		10	Y Fusion
117H		3-LI-0	(d,x)H-3	SIG,TTY	5 MeV-40 MeV		10	Y Fusion
118H		68-ER-167	(n,g)	SIG,RP	0.01 eV-100 eV		2	Y Fission

$^{16}\text{O}(n,\alpha)$, 2 MeV – 20 MeV

- Above threshold (2.4 MeV), measurements and evaluations of $^{16}\text{O}(n,\alpha)$ are discrepant. The current uncertainty of $^{16}\text{O}(n,\alpha)$ is large (> 30%).
- These uncertainties have a significant impact on several applications:
 - ≈ 100 pcm in the k_{eff} of thermal and fast reactors.
 - $\approx 7\%$ in the prediction of helium production in reactors.
 - $\approx 0.5\%$ in the calibration of reference neutron-source strength.
- To improve the situation, new measurement and evaluation are requested in the range 2.5 - 10 MeV. The target accuracy for $^{16}\text{O}(n,\alpha)$ is 5% especially below 6 MeV.



$^{238}\text{U}(n,n')$, 65 keV – 20 MeV

Energy Range	Initial versus target uncertainties (%)					
	Initial	ABTR	SFR	EFR	GFR	LFR
6.07-19.6 MeV	29	12			7	
2.23-6.07 MeV	20	3	5	4	2	3
1.35-2.23 MeV	21	4	5	4	2	2
0.498-1.35 MeV	12	7	6	5	2	2
67.4-183 keV	11	7		9	7	4



$^{242}\text{Pu}(n,f)$, 200 keV – 20 MeV

Energy Range	Initial versus target uncertainties (%)									
	Initial	SFR	EFR	GFR	LFR	ADMAB				
		$\lambda=1$	$\lambda=1,b$	$\lambda=1$	$\lambda=1,a$	$\lambda=1$	$\lambda=1,a$	$\lambda=1$	$\lambda=1$	
6.07 - 19.6 MeV	37	15	14							
2.23 - 6.07 MeV	15	5	5		6	6	7	8	7	
1.35 - 2.23 MeV	21	5	4		5	6	7	7	5	
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183 - 498 keV	19	9	8							

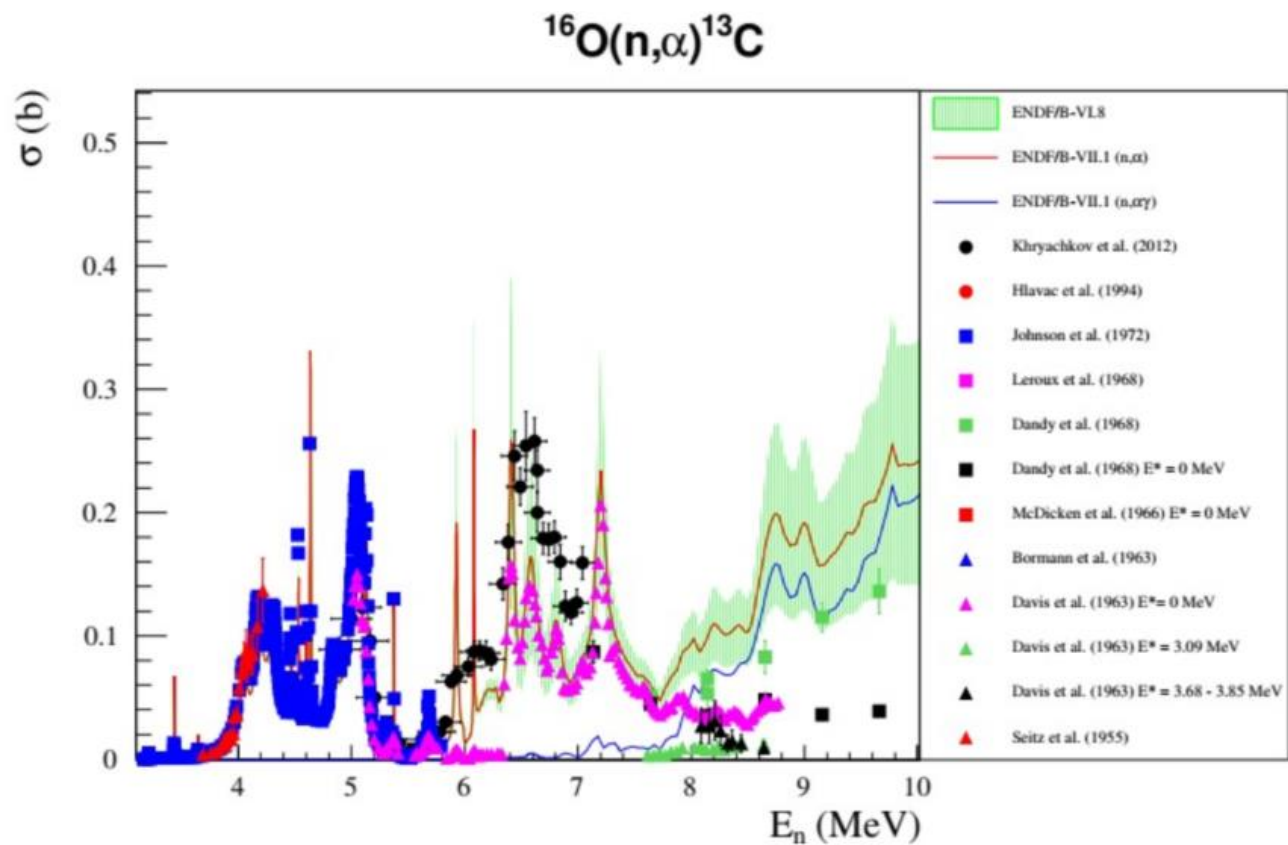




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G. Lehaut *et al.*, EPJ Web of Conferences **225**, 01001 (2020)

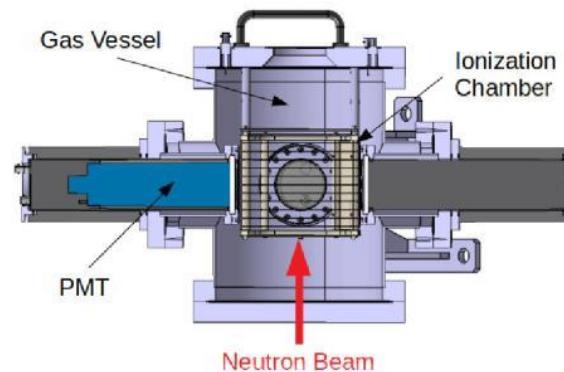
Strong requests to improve the knowledge of the $^{16}\text{O}(n,\alpha)$

- HPRL
- NEA WPEC SG 26
- NEA WPEC SG 40 CIELO project

=> Target accuracy 5% (especially below 6 MeV)

SCALP (Scintillating ionization Chamber for ALPha particle)

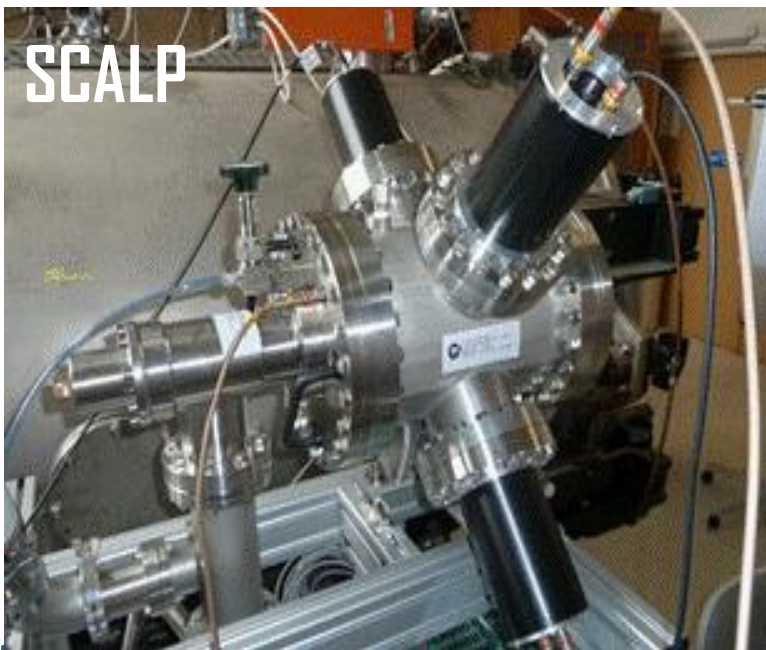
new scintillating ionization chamber used as an active target



-> cross section of (n, α) reactions on various gaseous targets such as ^{19}F or ^{16}O , from the reaction threshold up to 15 MeV.



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SCALP

* Ionization chamber (pure CF_4 or mixture of CF_4 and a few % of CO_2),
 * 4 photomultiplier tubes collect the light emission associated with the neutron induced reactions in the gas.

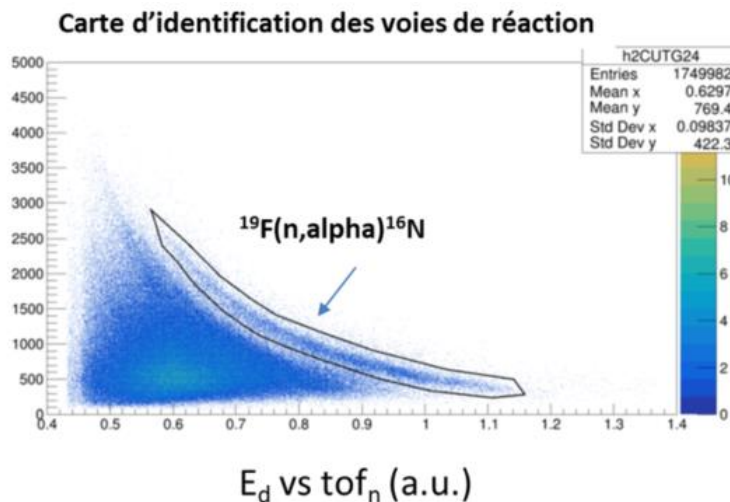


Measurement campaigns

@ JRC/Geel, (*delayed due to COVID*)

@ n-ELBE Dresden, (*delayed due to COVID*)

@ SPIRAL2/NFS 2 tests in October 2021 with ^{19}F & ^{16}O



Very preliminary results for one run (~ 1 hour)

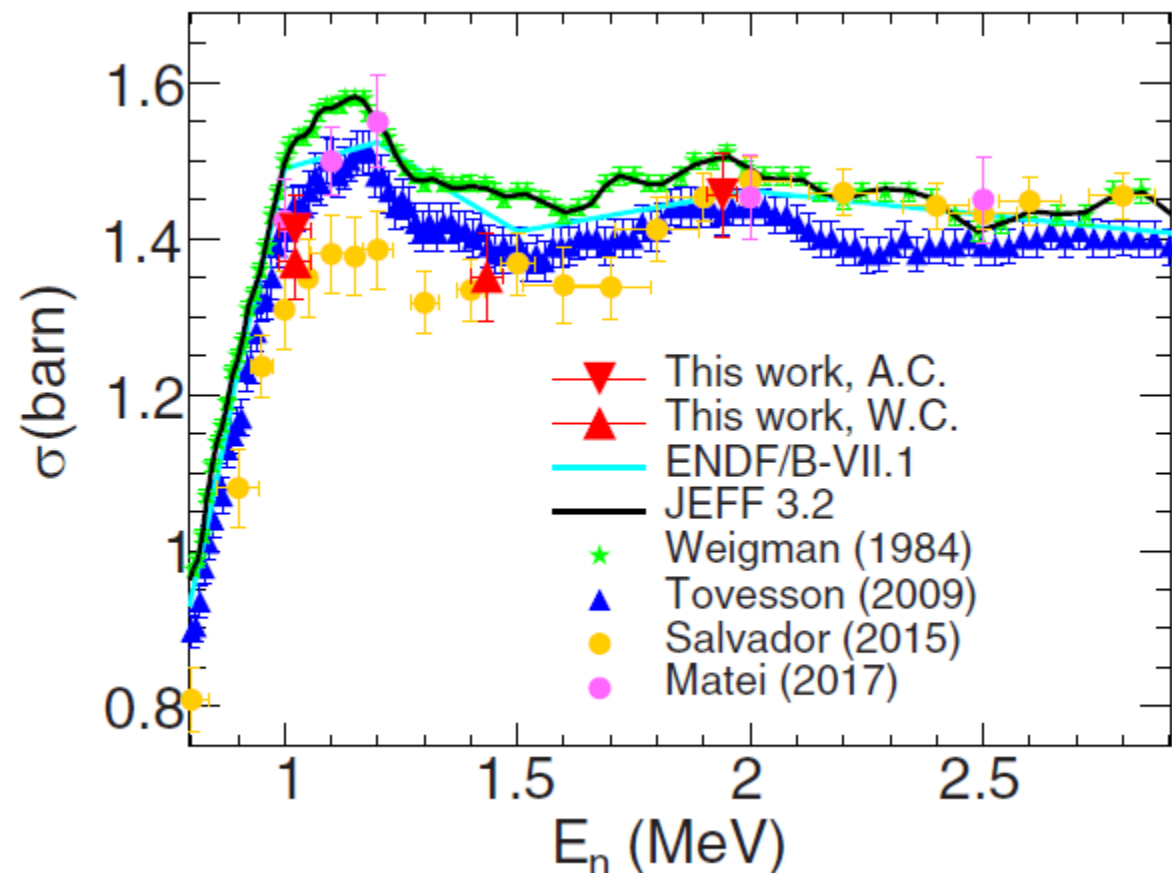
* A collaboration with CEA/DES/CAD has started for the evaluation part.



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$^{242}\text{Pu}(n,f)$, 200 keV – 20 MeV

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Requests to improve the knowledge of the $^{242}\text{Pu}(n,f)$

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=> Target accuracy 5-10%

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**New measurement with photovoltaic cells
and $H(n,n)$ normalization**

$H(n,n)$ normalization performed

with two detection devices :

- Si detectors $E_n > 1$ MeV
- new Gaseous Recoil Proton Telescope (GPRT) $E_n < 1$ MeV



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CEA/DES/CAD



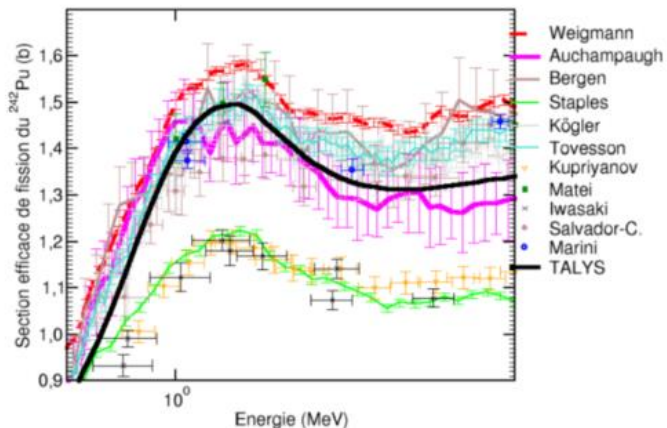
First results:

New measurement ($1 \text{ MeV} < E_n < 2 \text{ MeV}$) with H(n,n) normalization (precise standard) @ 4 MV Van de Graaff accelerator of CEA/DIF.

- ⇒ Confirmation of the low values of the cross section
- ⇒ No information on the structure around 1 MeV

New evaluation work made with CEA/DES/CAD

in a frame of a thesis
 => More realistic description of the cross section around 1 MeV obtained with TALYS



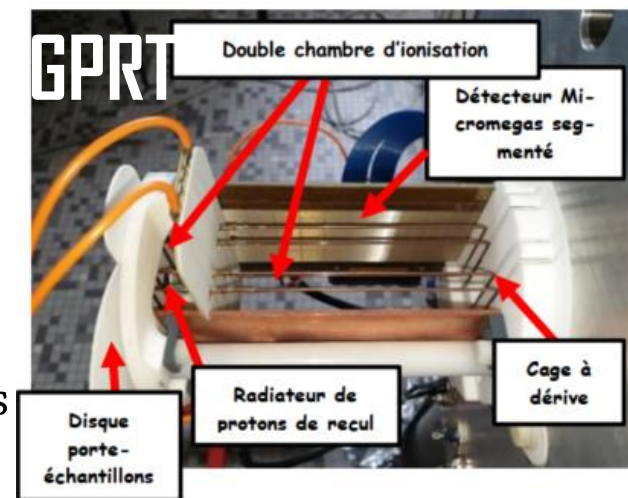
- **New accurate measurement**

planned at JRC/Geel

- Finalization of **the GPRT development**

for future accurate measurement

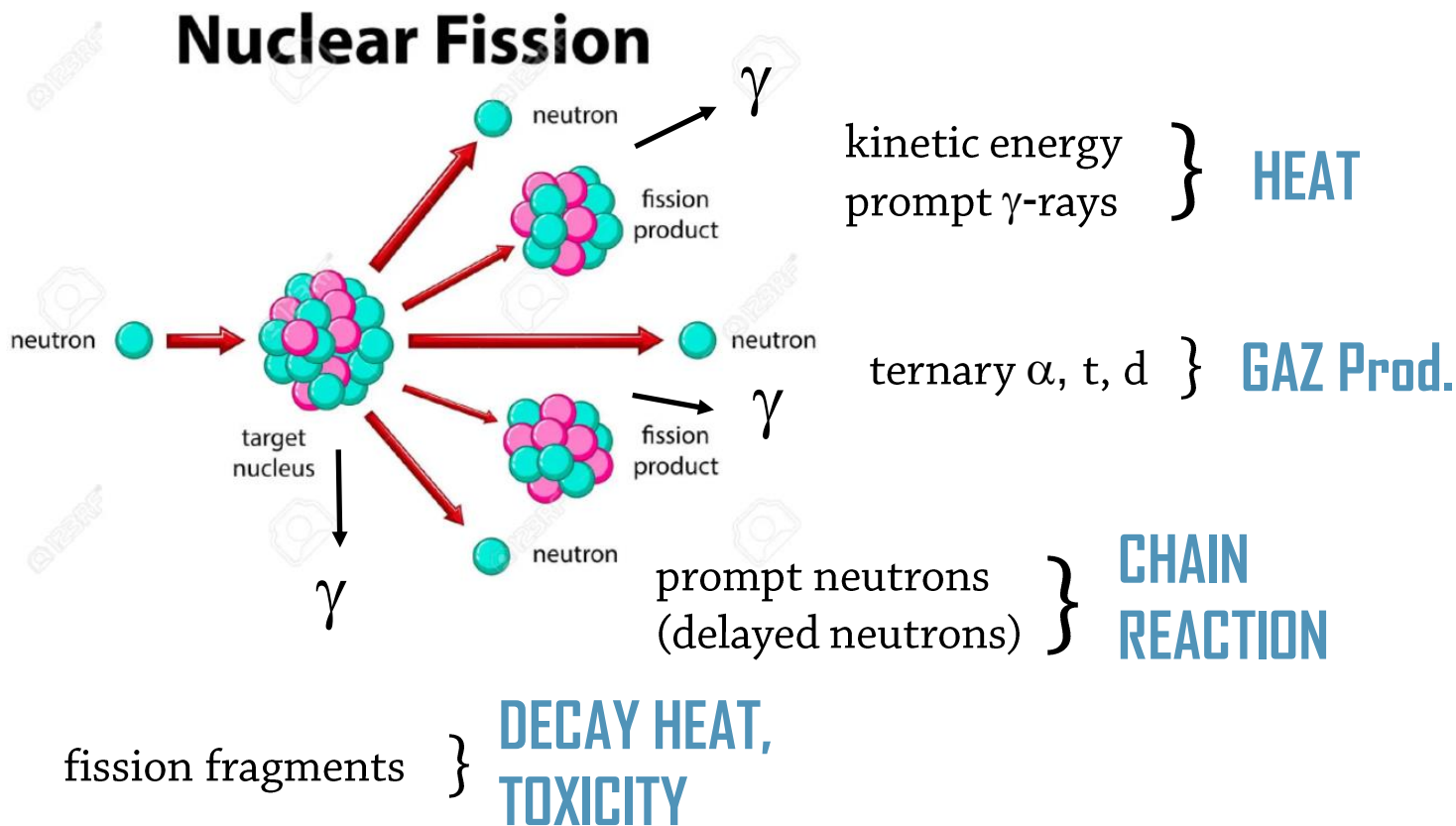
at lower neutron energies



- * hydrogen-rich "radiator" (conv. neutron to proton)
- * mini Time Projection Chamber (segmented Micromegas detector based).



OPALE : Development of innovative devices and method for more comprehensive studies.
systematic studies of Fragment Fission yields



Fission Observables

- * Cross section
- * **Fragment yields (A, Z, TKE)**
- * Particle emission from the excited FF
 - Prompt neutrons
($\langle v \rangle$, $\langle E_n \rangle$; $v(A)$, $v(TKE)$)
 - Prompt γ -rays
($\langle M_\gamma \rangle$, $\langle E_{\gamma, tot} \rangle$; $M_\gamma(A)$, $M_\gamma(TKE)$)
 - Neutron- γ correlations
 - Excitation-energy dependence
- * Delayed neutron emission and decay heat
- * neutrinos



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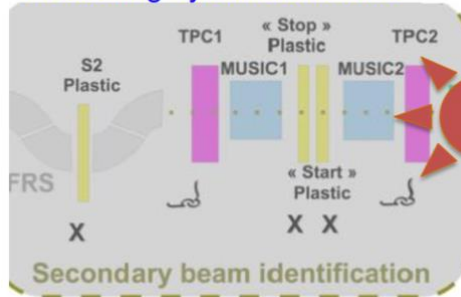
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STUDIES ON FISSION WITH ALADIN

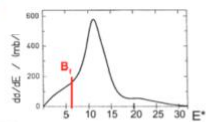
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Electromagnetic fission of secondary relativistic beams

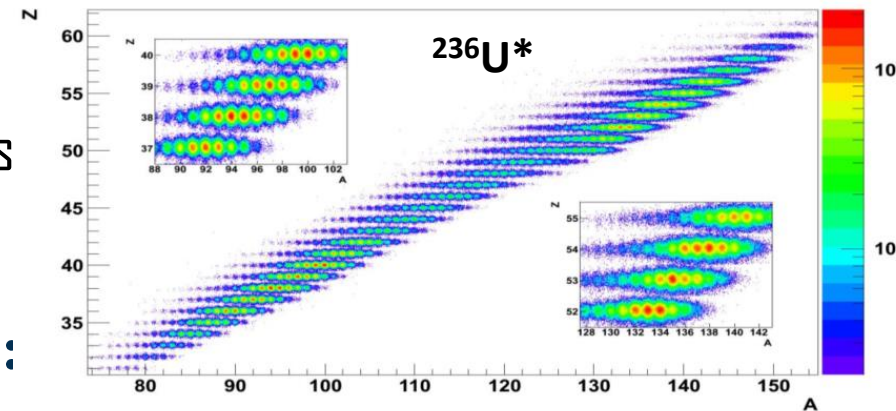
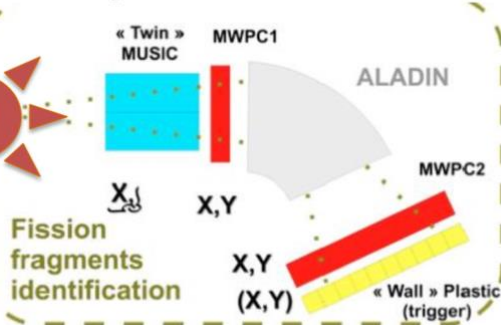
Fissioning system selection



F. Farget, WS DN-IN2P3, 2014



Fragment identification



Last results :

- Fission yield measured with unprecedented accuracy for $^{236}\text{U}^*$ and Th region *A. Chatillon et al., Phys. Rev. Let. 124 (2020)*
- More fundamental experiment for asymmetric fission in ^{180}Hg

Measured observables

Fission yields,
Total kinetic energy,
Total prompt n multiplicity



- Fully and simultaneously identify both FF (0,55 u FWHM)
- For a wide variety of fissioning systems



considering **^{242}Pu as primary beam.**
Access fission of heavier actinides :
Am, Pu, Np...



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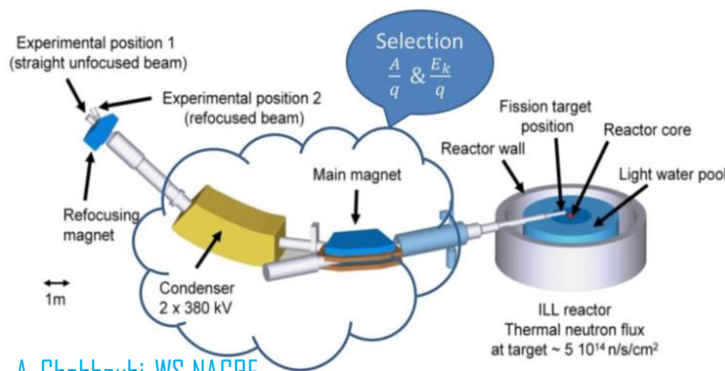
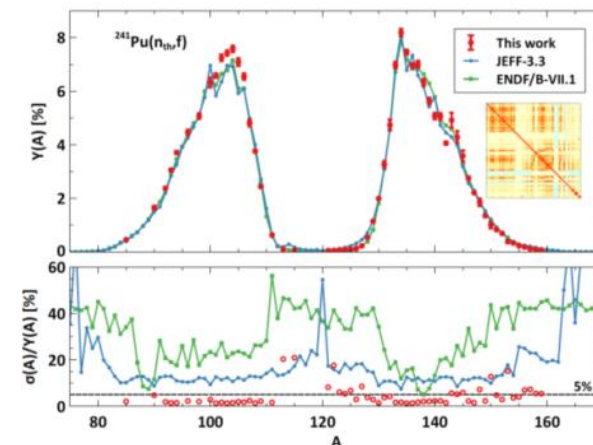
CEA/DES/CAD, ILL



- absolute measurements of FF with an accuracy of 2 – 4 %,
- independent from any other data + exp. var-cov matrix.
- for a wide variety of fissioning systems
- Different techniques were developed in order to measure isomeric ratio (IR).

Last results :

- ^{233}U , ^{235}U , ^{239}Pu , ^{241}Pu & ^{241}Am meas.
- Results on IR seem to disavow to the empirical model of Madland England, the use of FIFRELIN code (CEA) seems more relevant.



A. Chebboubi, WS NAGRE

Measured observables

$Y(A, Z)$ fission yields,

Symmetric and far asymmetric regions

$P(E^*, J^\pi)$ excitation energy and spin distributions

A. Chebboubi et al., Eur. Phys. J. A 57 (2021) 335



Deep **study of FF symmetric region** will give insights on low energy fission mode which could validate pheno/micro modelings used in evaluation.
=> Development of a **new TOF detector** to add a velocity filter (increased selectivity).

Meas. planed on ^{235}U , ^{239}Pu , ^{241}Pu

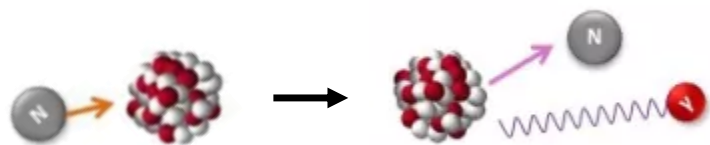


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EC-JRC-Geel, IFIN-HH,
CEA/DAM/DIF, CEA/DES/CAD,
LNL, AIEA



The case of neutron inelastic scattering and (n, xn) reactions



(n, n') & (n, xn) }
NEUTRON SPECTRUM
NEUTRON POPULATION
NEW ELEMENT

Prompt γ -ray spectroscopy method



accuracy issues for (n,xn) reactions

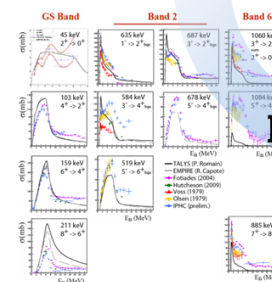
- 1990's : strong demand for improvement of the inelastic scattering XS.
- Impact on core parameters in various future reactor designs (Vol. 26).
- Entries in HPRL (reduction of uncertainty from 20% to 5% or less).
- Several experimental efforts to address the challenges

but **improvements are still required.**

Nuclear Structure Data

XS (n,xn)
for $E_n < E_{max}$

Constraints



Measured (n,xn γ) XS

ACCURATE

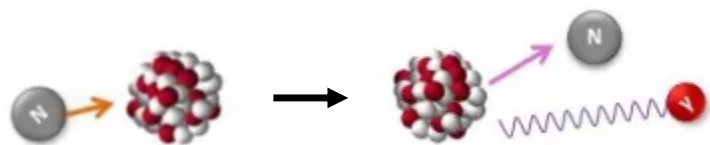




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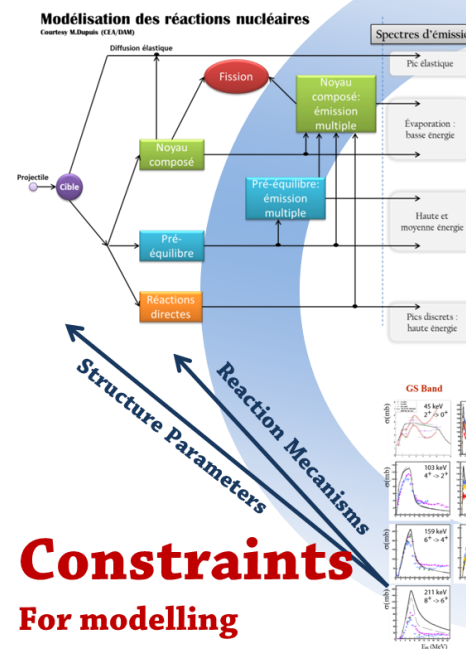


(n, n') & (n, xn)

NEUTRON SPECTRUM
NEUTRON POPULATION
NEW ELEMENT

Prompt γ -ray spectroscopy method

Inferring (n,xn) cross sections from (n,xn γ) ones
Towards predictive models



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accuracy issues for (n,xn) reactions

- 1990's : strong demand for improvement of the inelastic scattering XS.
- Impact on core parameters in various future reactor designs (Vol. 26).
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GRAPHEME @ GELINA FP16/30 m

1 Fission Chamber,
5 HPGe Planar, 1 HPGe seg.

Measured observables

(n, xn) XS with uncertainties

3 to 5% - $E_n < 9$ MeV

Up to 20% - $E_n > 9$ MeV

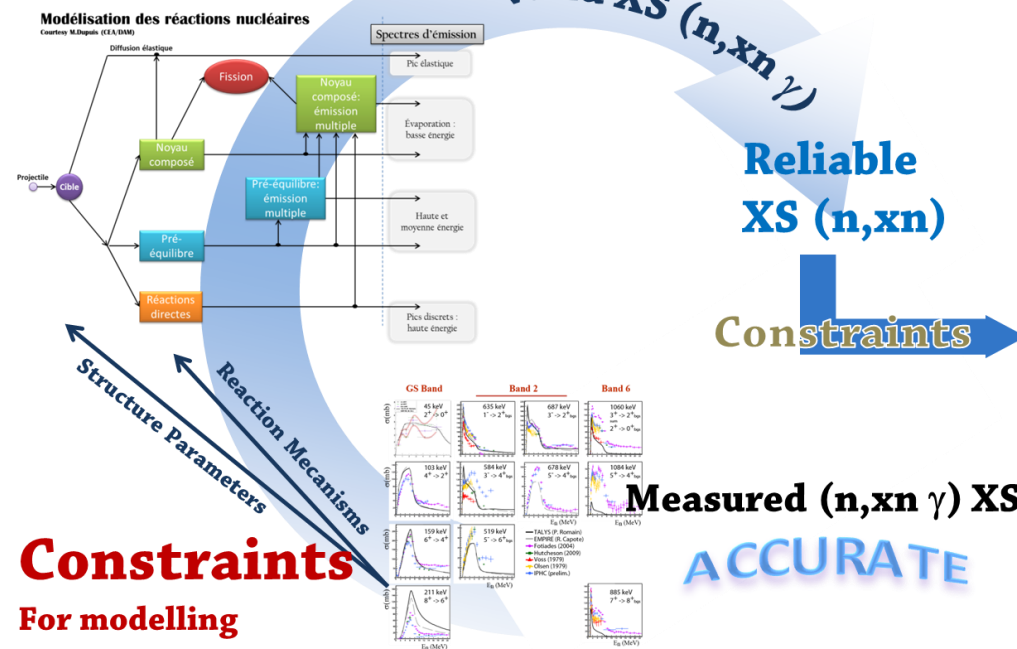
Corr. and cov. matrices



**^{232}Th ,
 $^{233,235}\text{U}$,
 ^{238}U (HPRL)
 $^{\text{nat}}\text{Zr}$,
 $^{\text{nat}}, 182, 3, 4, 6\text{W}$,
 ^{57}Fe .**

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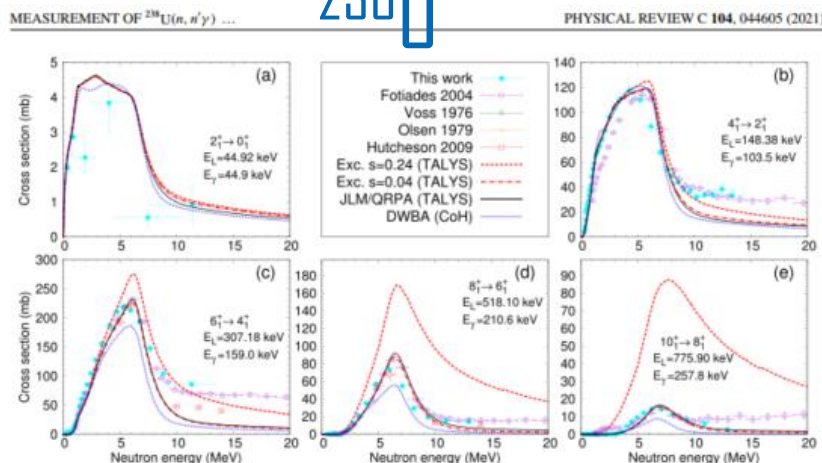


FIG. 11. Data for ²³⁸U(*n, n'*γ) cross sections for transitions within the ground state rotational band. Spin and parity of the initial and final states, energy of the γ ray, experimental data (symbols) and calculations (curves) are defined in the plots. Calculations based on four different preequilibrium models are compared: excitons with *s* = 0.24 or *s* = 0.04, JLM/QRPA (TALYS code) and DWBA (CoH code).

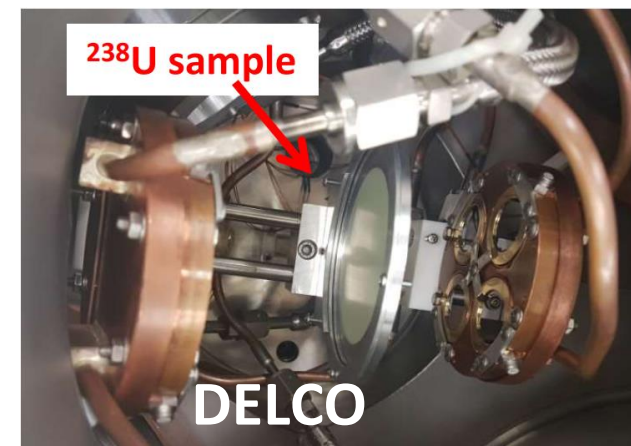
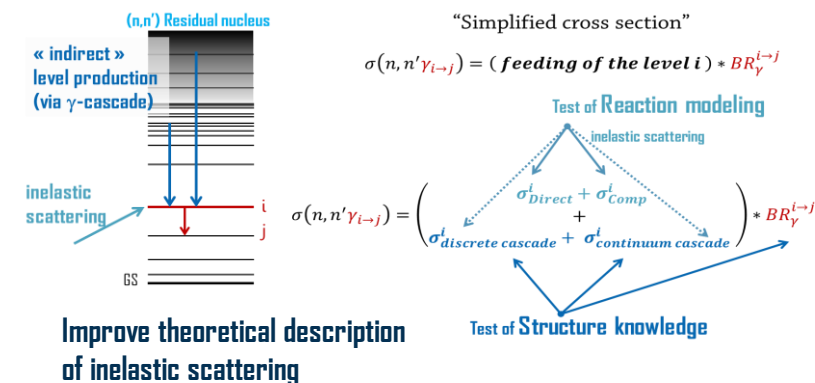
M. Kerveno, M. Dupuis, et al. PRC 104, 044605 (2021)



- New measurement on ²³⁹Pu is foreseen in 2022
- New **detector development** (conv. electron meas.): **DELCO**
- Sensitivity studies about Th cycle
- (n, 2n) & (n, 3n) campaigns @ **SPIRAL2/NFS**

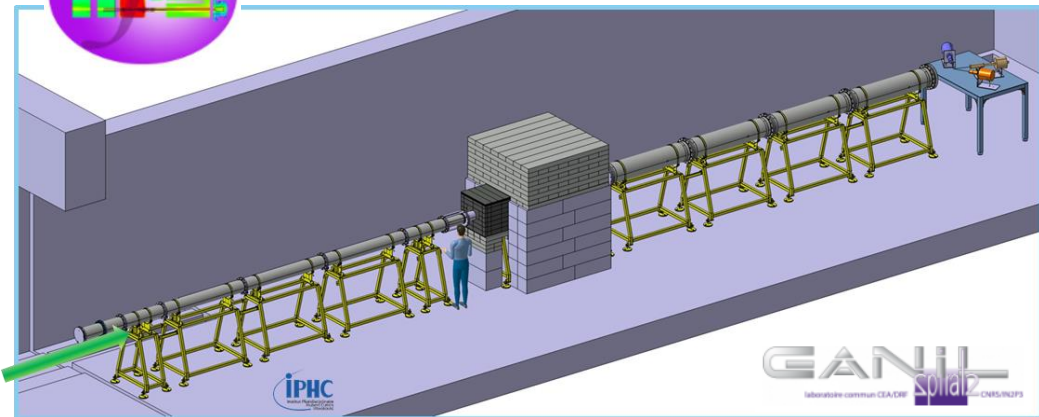
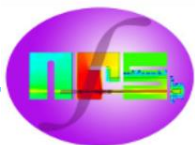
Last (main) results :

- Improvement of preequilibrium description with microscopic approach (QRPA nucl. struct. Meth.)
- Importance of nucl. struct. Knowledge
- New information about branching ratio
- E1 and M1 strength functions are of importance
- A new evaluation is coming, done in a frame of a thesis (IPHC-CEA)

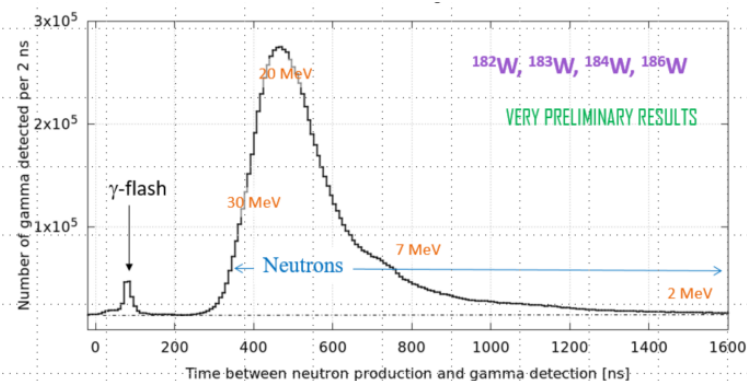
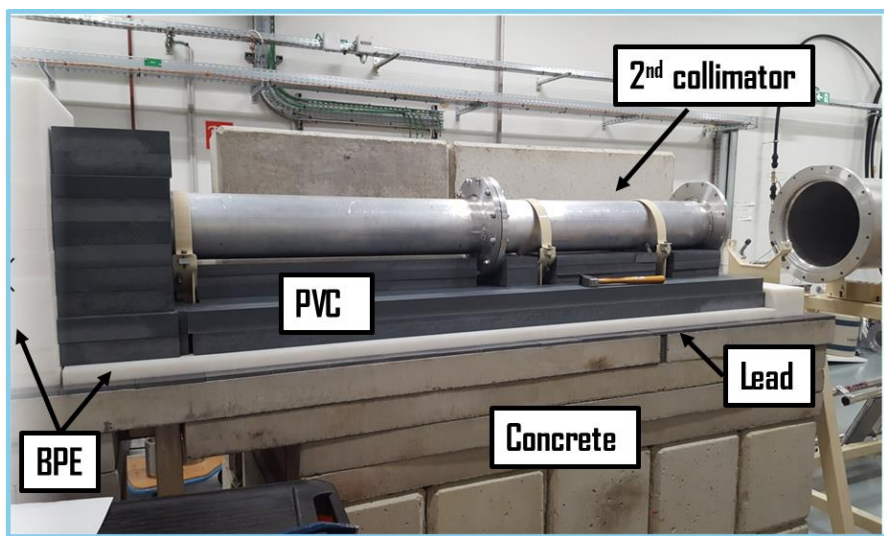




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- Strong involvement in the building of ToF area
- LoI for test of the prompt γ -ray spectroscopy method @ NFS (done in 09/2021)

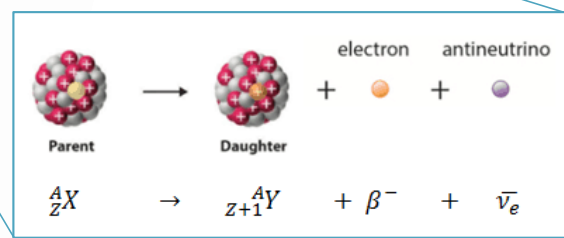
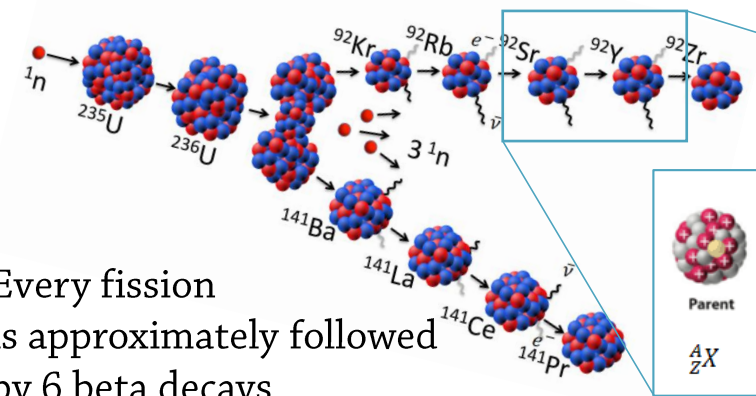


- Future measurement program for studies of (n, 2n) & (n, 3n) reactions on main actinides.



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The case of fission process : β decay studies



Decay heat and anti-neutrinos studies rely on the **“summation method”**

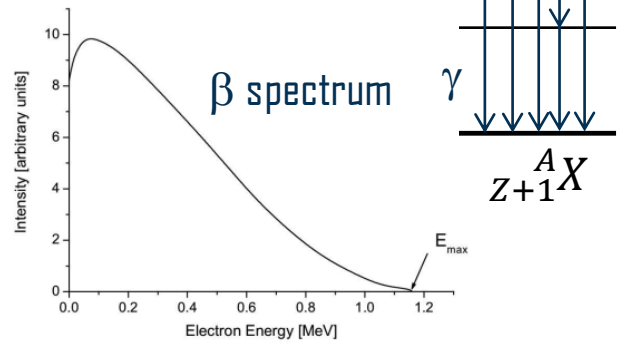
Every fission is approximately followed by 6 beta decays (sizable amount of energy)

$$f(t) = \sum_i E_i \lambda_i N_i(t)$$

E_i Decay energy of the nucleus i (gamma, beta or both)

λ_i Decay constant of the nucleus i $\lambda = \frac{\ln(2)}{T_{1/2}}$

N_i Number of nuclei i at the cooling time t



Databases must contain:
half-lives,
mean γ - and β -energies released in the decay,
n-capture cross sections
& fission yields

Released γ and β
 β -n emitters
 $\bar{\nu}$

DECAY HEAT
DELAYED NEUTRON FRACTION
REACTOR MONITORING NON-PROLIFERATION TOOL
But also fund. Nucl. Physics

Decay heat & anti neutrinos calculations suffer from the **pandemonium effect !!!**

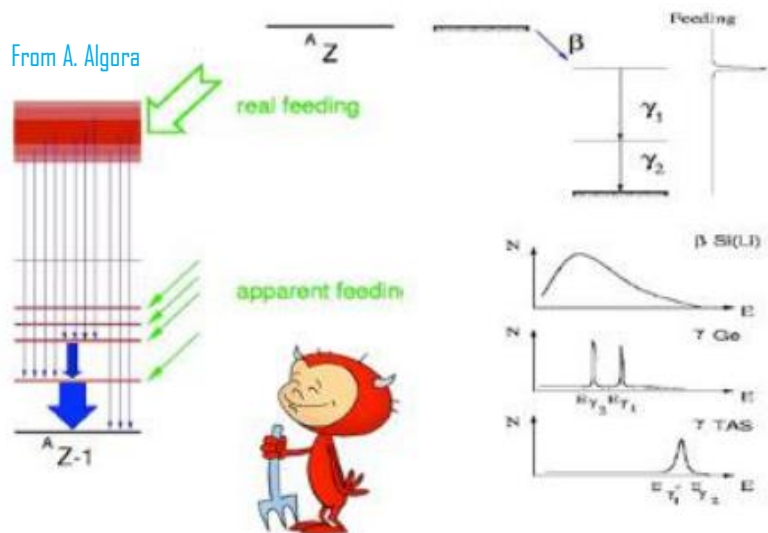


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THE PANDEMONIUM EFFECT

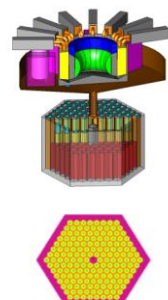
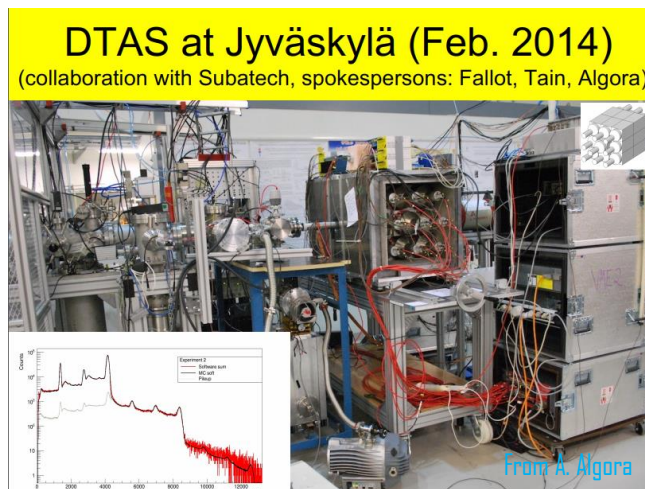


- Ge detectors are conventionally used to construct the level scheme populated in the decay
- From the γ intensity balance, the β -feeding is deduced

β -feeding distr. is distorted
due to pandemonium effect



TAGS measurements to solve the problem



Section of Draining tank for a GenIV concept (MURE code, L. Giot)

Simulation code development, based on the summation method, for:

- Impact of new data
- Production of new priority lists of measurements.

@ Jyväskylä

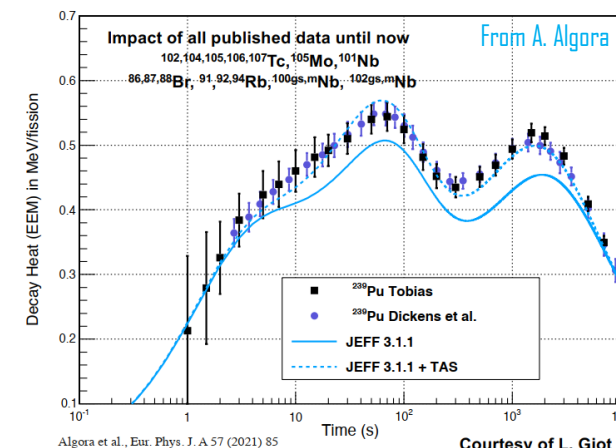
TAGS Experimental Campaigns in **2009**, in **2014**

A. Algora, ..., M. Fallot, W. Gellethy, EPJ A 57, 85 (2021)

M. Estienne et al. PRL 123, (2019) 022502

=> more than **25 measured**

important contributors to the anti-neutrino spectra, to the decay heat and delayed neutron emitters





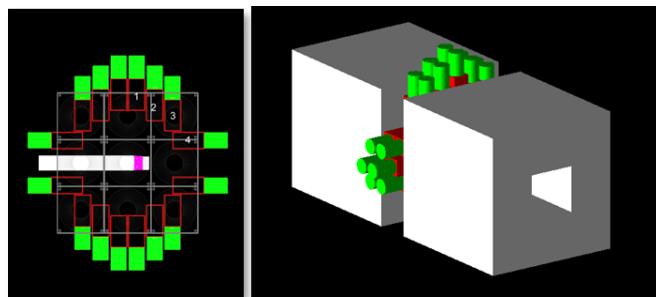
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TAGS measurements

Need of TAGS meas. for more exotic nuclei

➔ Dev. of **(NA)²STARS detector**
upgrade DTAS, Subatech, IFIC, Ciemat, IP2I
18 NaI & 16 LaBr3 (large efficiency
combined with the very good energy resolution
and timing of the LaBr3)

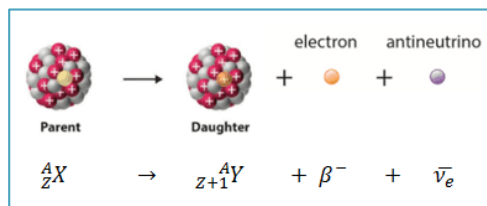


✕ Interest for **Nuclear Structure & astrophysics purposes**



Decay data: **in the way of evaluation?**

DD evaluations suffer from a crucial lack of manpower, could exp. help?



Summation code

Codes development with
SERPENT for decay heat
calculation (strong link with sim.
of Gen IV reactor) and
SMURE for anti neutrinos

- Need to include uncertainties and error propagation.
- Antineutrino spectra can be used to help nuclear data evaluation (cf. GEF code, FY)

K.-H. Schmidt, M. Estienne, M. Fallot et al., NDS 173, (2021), 54-117



$\bar{\nu}$ spectra

Region above 4.5 MeV

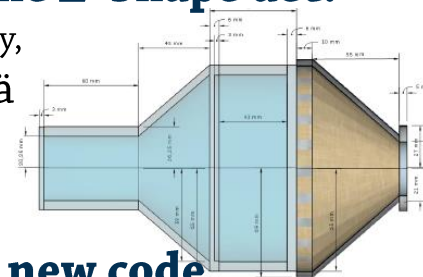
- Shape anomaly
- Pandemonium effect is still dominant
- Lack of data for exotic nuclei

=> Study of the **shape of the β spectrum**
for 1st order forbidden non-unique transition



Development of **the E-Shape det.**

Coll. Subatech - IFIC - Surrey,
first meas. @ Jyväskylä
(now!)



Development of a **new code**

Coll. With CEA/LNHB and theoreticians from
CEA/DAM who works on the pn-QRPA model

✕ **JUNO-TAO exp.** => benchmark for ND

New data

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* Innovative instruments & methods
 SCALP, GPRT, GRAPhEME, TAGS, Lohengrin, SOFIA, ...

Experimental Data

Differential & integral

More predictive models

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* CEA collaboration : theoretical modeling of Fission yields and XS, inelastic scattering, β decay
 But not only, IAEA, LANL, ...
 * Use and test of the GEF, TALYS, FIFRELIN codes used for evaluation purposes

New evaluation methods

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* CEA collaboration for evaluation: Inelastic scattering, $^{242}\text{Pu}(n,f)$, $^{16}\text{O}(n,\alpha)$, Fission yields
 * IAEA CRP delayed neutrons, NEA WPEC, NEA-JEEF nuclear Data week

Evaluated Data

Theoretical Models

Applications

NEEDS

More feedbacks from ND "stakeholders"

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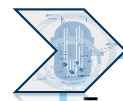
* GDR SciNEE : Sensitivity studies on DH for Gen IV systems, thorium cycle * NACRE: via CEA collab.



OPALE : fundamentally link to nuclear physics researches

IN2P3 provides the ideal environment to conduct research on nuclear data

- ✂ the proximity of all researches on **fission process @ IN2P3** is a real asset for our problematic
- ✂ It has recently been shown, in the frame on the NACRE project, that **nuclear structure knowledge is a key element** for accurate nuclear data acquisition (experimental methods, simulation codes...).



- A **paper** is in **progress** to list our needs

- A **workshop** will be organized (**06/2022**) to gather the ND com. with the « structure » com.

=> start discussion about possible collaboration in

nuclear structure measurements for nuclear energy application

Need of precise nuclear structure data for reactor studies.

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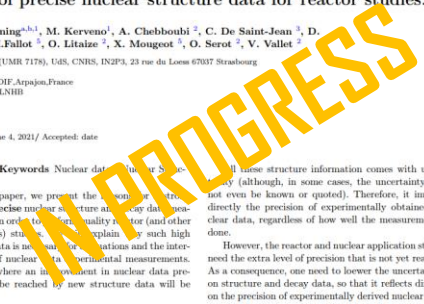
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Abstract Keywords Nuclear data (structure) ... these structure information comes with uncertainty (although, in some cases, the uncertainty may not even be known or quoted). Therefore, it impacts directly the precision of experimentally obtained nuclear data, regardless of how well the measurement is done.

In this paper, we present the case for the need for precise nuclear structure and decay data measurements in order to improve quality reactor (and other applications) studies, to explain such high precision data in nuclear applications and the interpretation of nuclear experimental measurements. Use cases where an improvement in nuclear data precision can be reached by new structure data will be presented.

However, the reactor and nuclear application studies need the extra level of precision that is not yet reached. As a consequence, one needs to lower the uncertainties on structure and decay data, so that it reflects directly on the precision of experimentally derived nuclear data.



2 initiatives have already been launched

- Participation of IPHC in the **v-ball2 @ALTO/LICORNE** experiment -> new ²³⁸U level scheme meas. up to 1.5 MeV
- Participation of IPHC in **nuclear structure experiment @ NFS** -> to study the potential of (n,3n) reactions for nuclear structure meas. with EXOGAM.



- CONTEXT

Nuclear Data for Energy

Evaluated Nuclear Data



- NUCLEAR DATA @ IN2P3

Organisation: MP OPALE

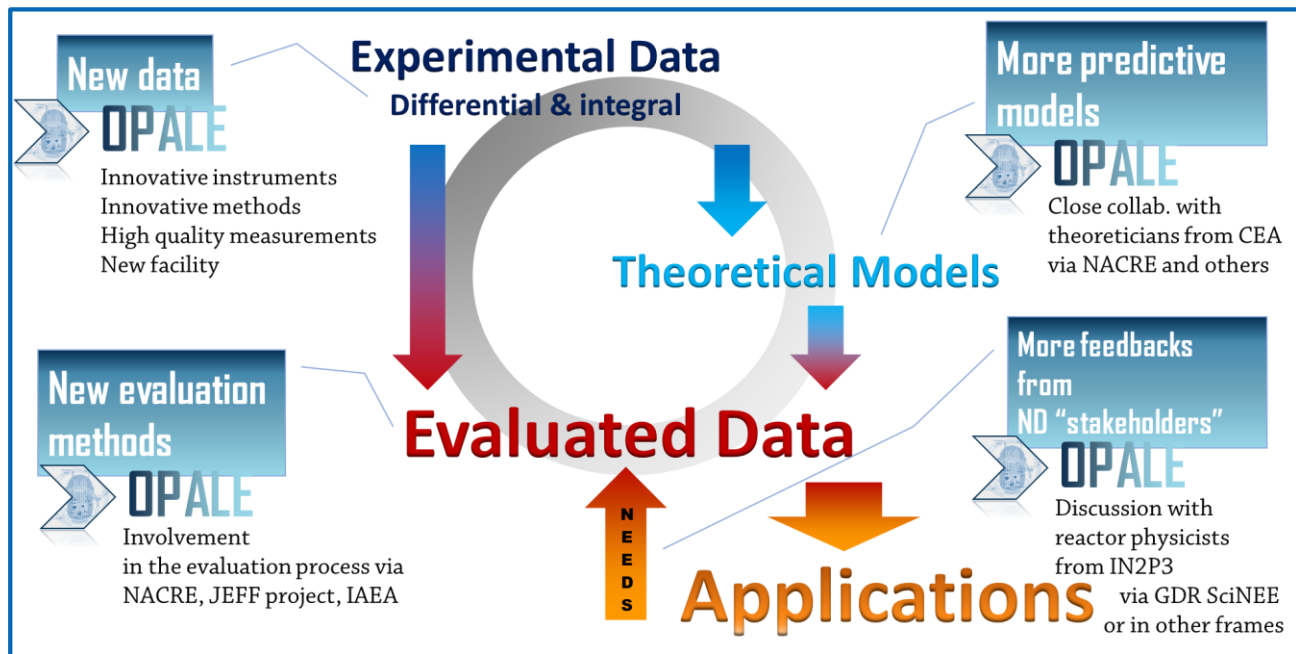
National & International Framework



- OPALE today & tomorrow



- CONCLUSIONS



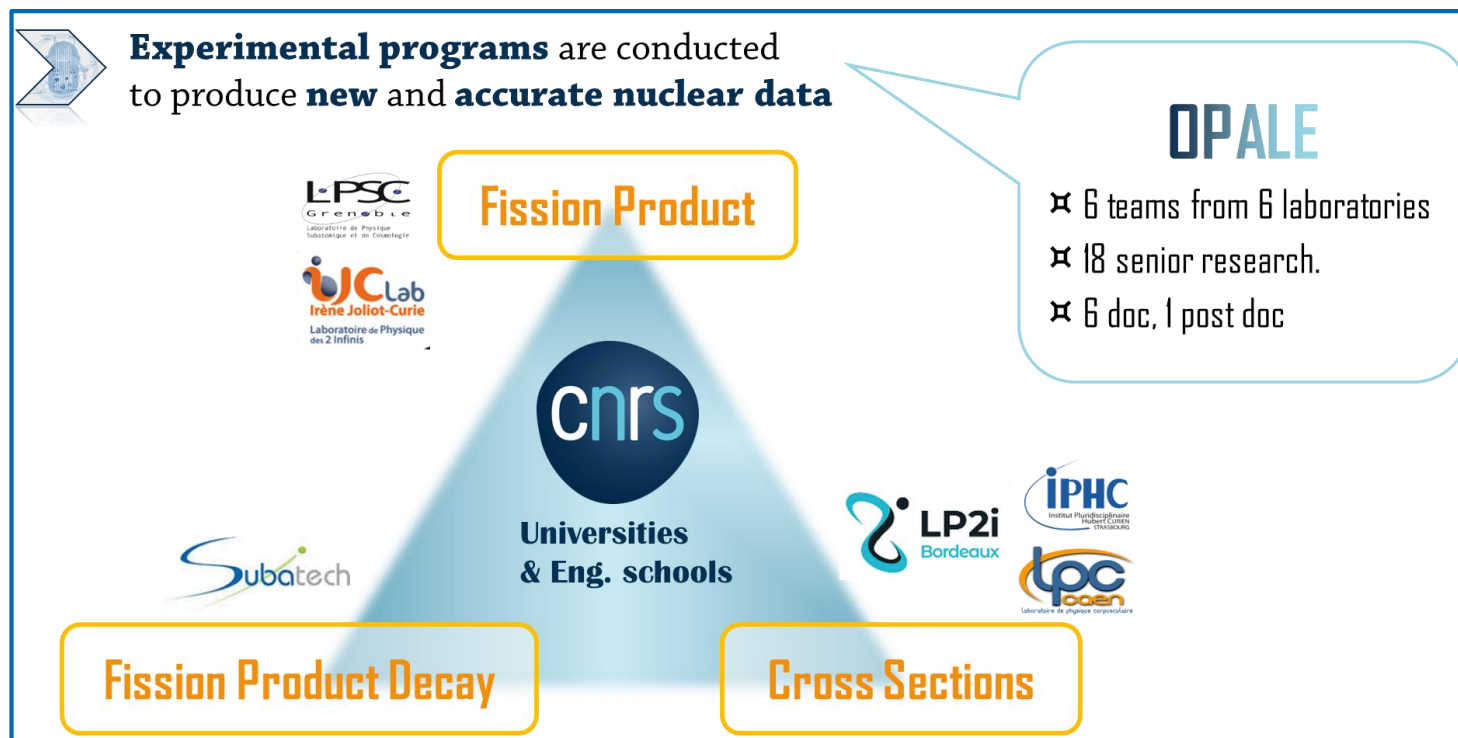
- OPALE activities and researcher's have visibility at international level. We are leaders of our projects.
- Commitment in EU project preparation and management
- Continuous development of high quality instruments which could be used at new facilities e.g. SPIRAL2/NFS and DESIR
- An opening towards nuclear structure physics

➤ Scientific programs clearly identify for the 5-10 coming years with an increased involvement in evaluation and needs definition (cf. IN2P3 prospective exercise with a common Letter of intent)



In line with the science driver
“Exploring the potential of nuclear energy for the future and its impact on resources, wastes and costs”
 by
“building nuclear databases as complete and accurate as possible”

Resources are they in line with our ambitions?

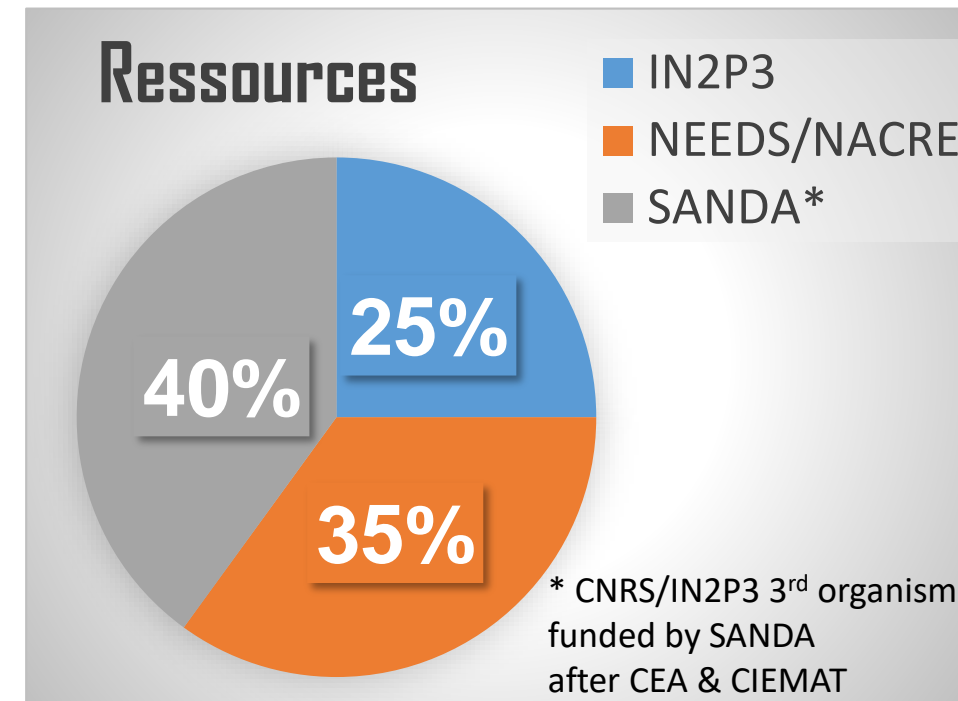
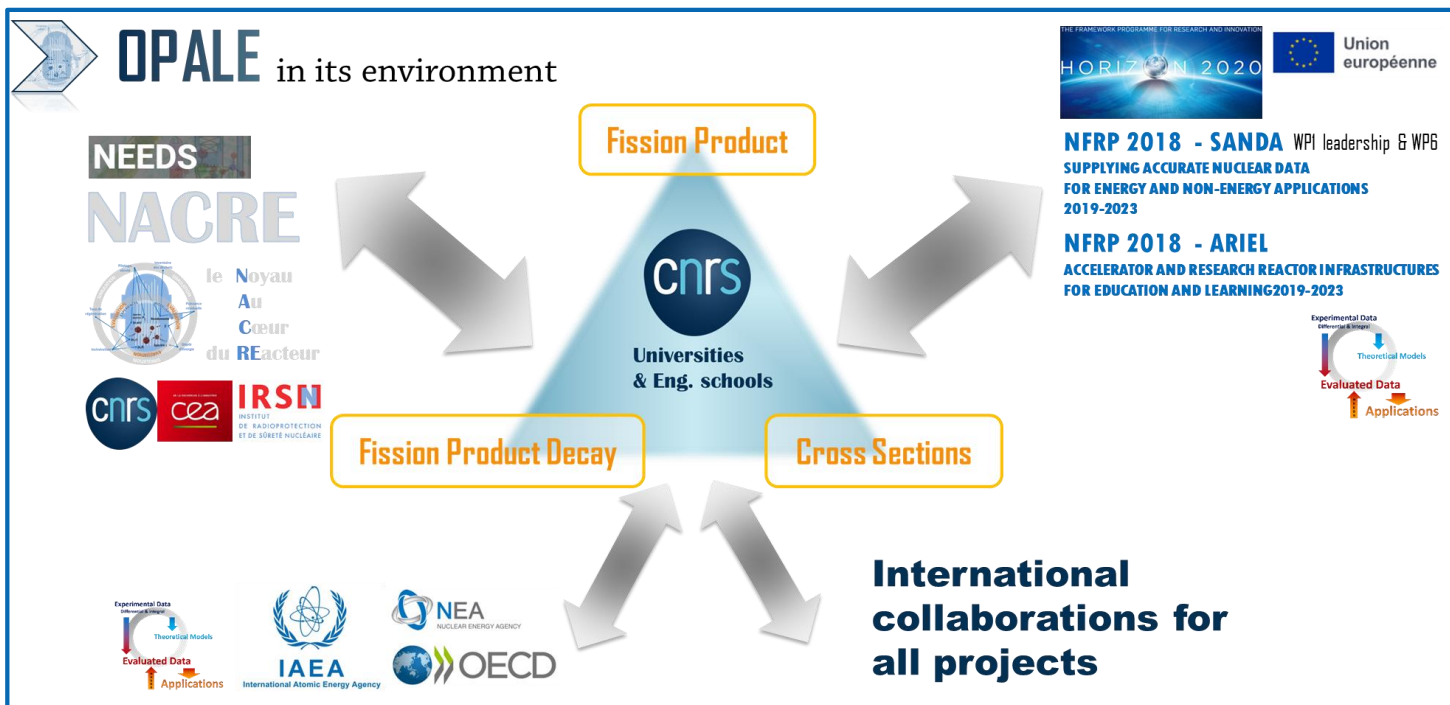


- **Small community** well structured thanks to the OPALE MP.
- The teams are rather young but **2 retirements** within 3 years without visibility on reinforcements.
- Most of the **teams are small (very small?)** and a departure can be critical (ex. n-TOF). The **limited human resources certainly slow down our productivity** (disadvantage in the face of competition.)
- Only **a few post-doctoral and thesis funding**.

➤ The activities evolve, we have a clear medium term visibility, but other projects can arise. We have developed **precious instruments** that can be use extensively and flexibly. There is not necessarily a known end date.

➤ The technical commitment is regular (maintenance/upgrade of instruments) and more consequent needs over a few years may emerge depending on the funding obtained for detector development.

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In this scheme, multi-desk is essential but risky!! (only 25% from IN2P3)

➤ A lot of reporting works, need for sustainability of desks, fragility at the time of renewals, dependence on national and European policies

➤ Difficulty with IN2P3 financial inputs to start new detector developments. Total dependency to external funds.

Et si l'IN2P3 organisait « notre » conférence internationale,
 « Internationale Conference on Nuclear Data
 for Science and Technology 2025 »
 à Strasbourg?

OPALE a relevé le défi de la candidature!



Thank you for your attention...