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## **FLAT-TOP – Passive Neutron Spectrometer**

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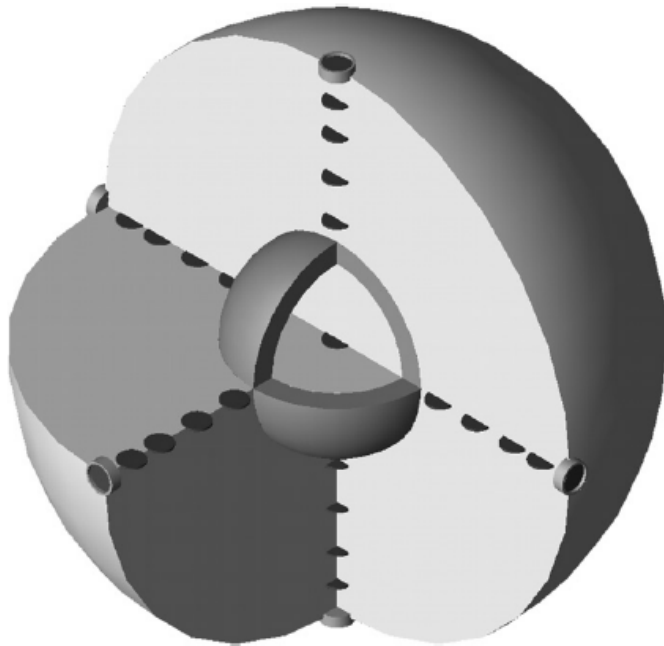
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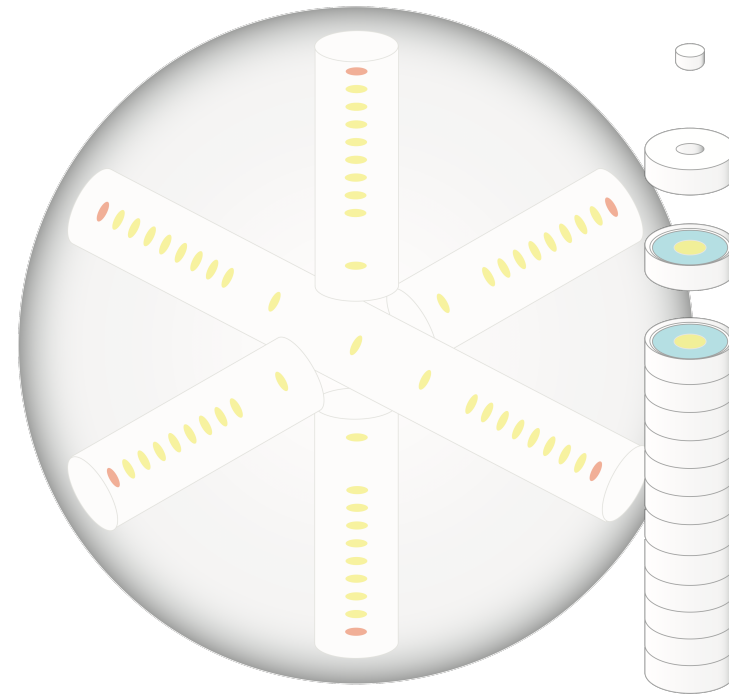
## IER-252 Neutron Spectrometry Requirements

- Passive BSS used in IER-147:
  - Logistically difficult (then and now)
  - Simplistic result (isotropic)
  - Repeatability (normalisation) is essential
- RoSpec also deployed (in both) – limited:
  - Throws it's toys out of the pram > several mSv
  - 'Black box' analysis (also antiquated)
- Solution: consolidate 9 BSs into 1 sphere

# Sphere design



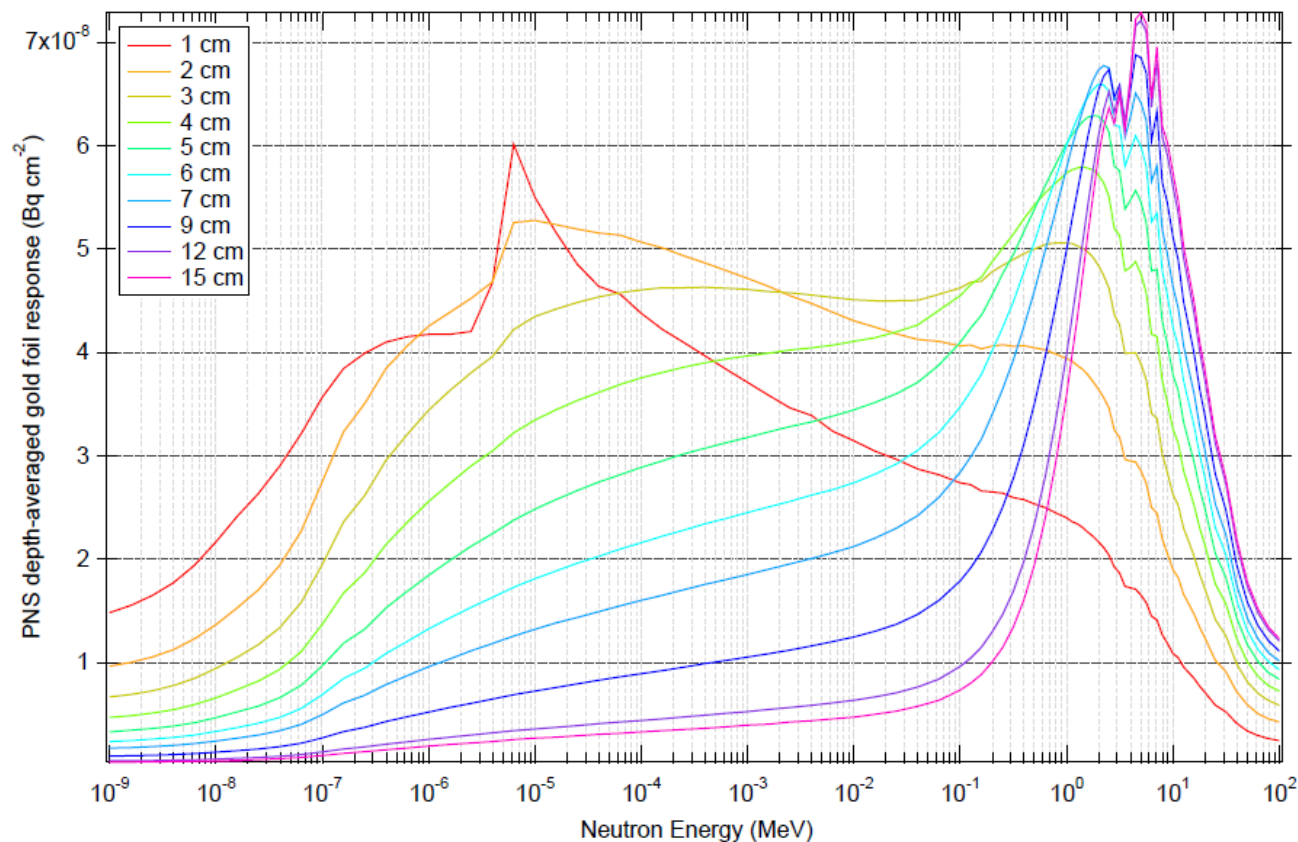
- *Gomez-Ros, et al.*



- AWE PNS

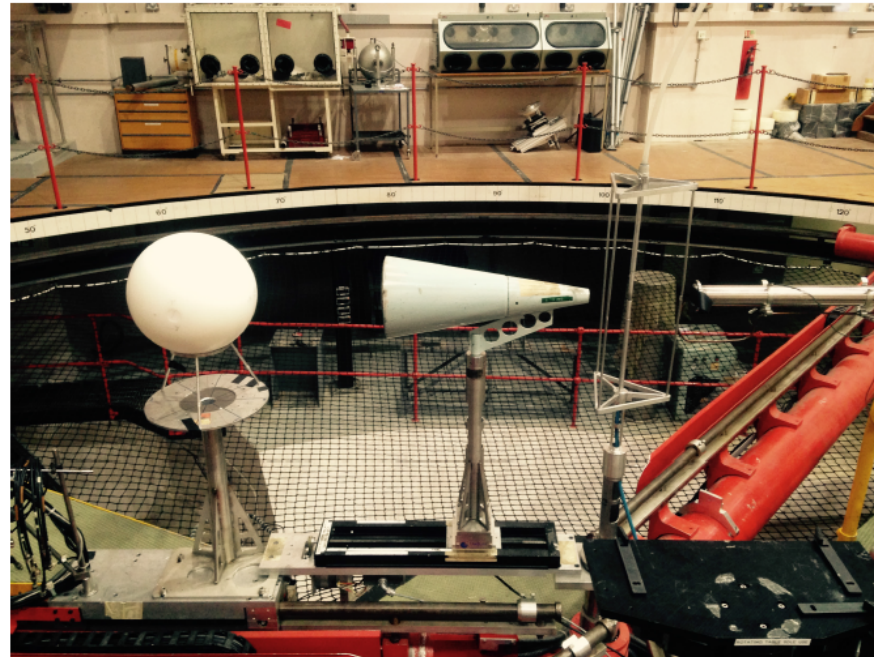
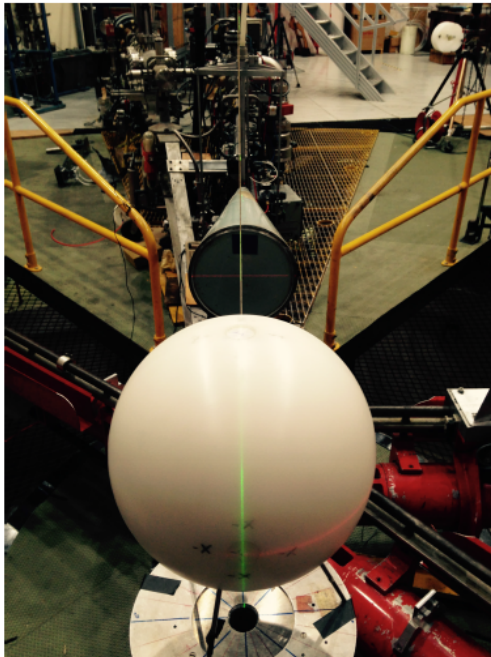
# PNS Response functions

- Plane-parallel source (measurements ideally >2m)

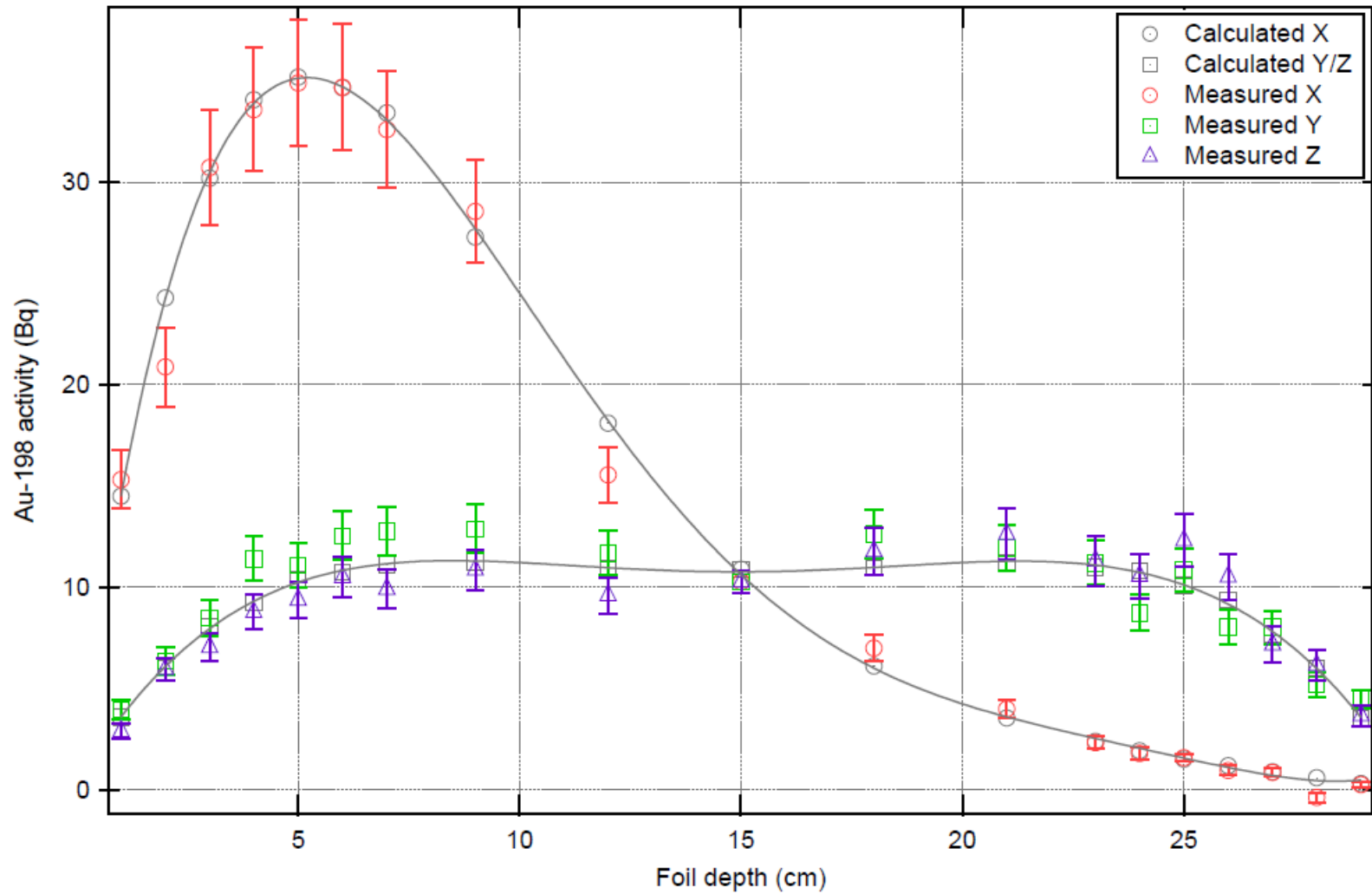


# NPL Validation Irradiations

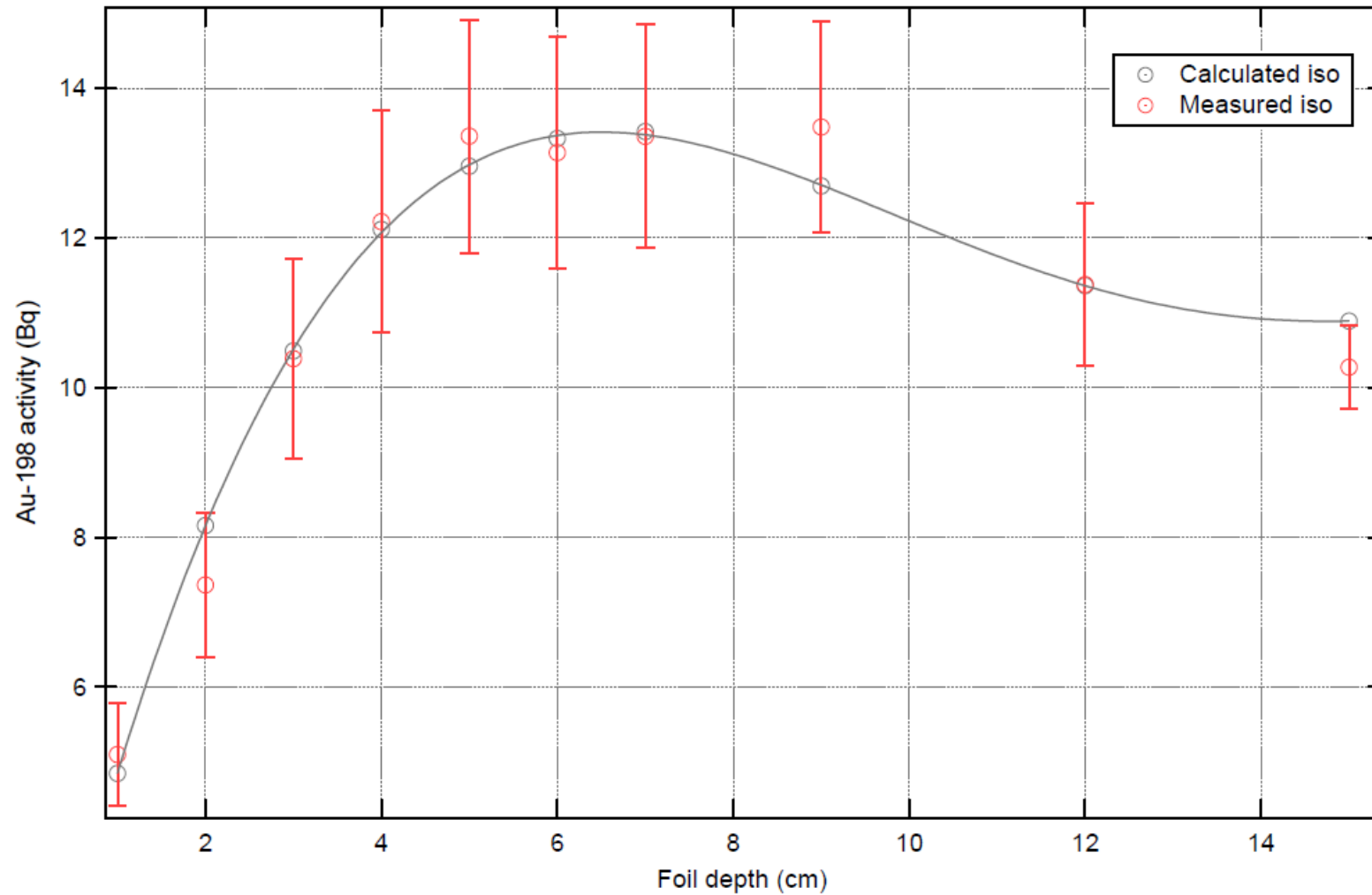
- Cf, 565 keV

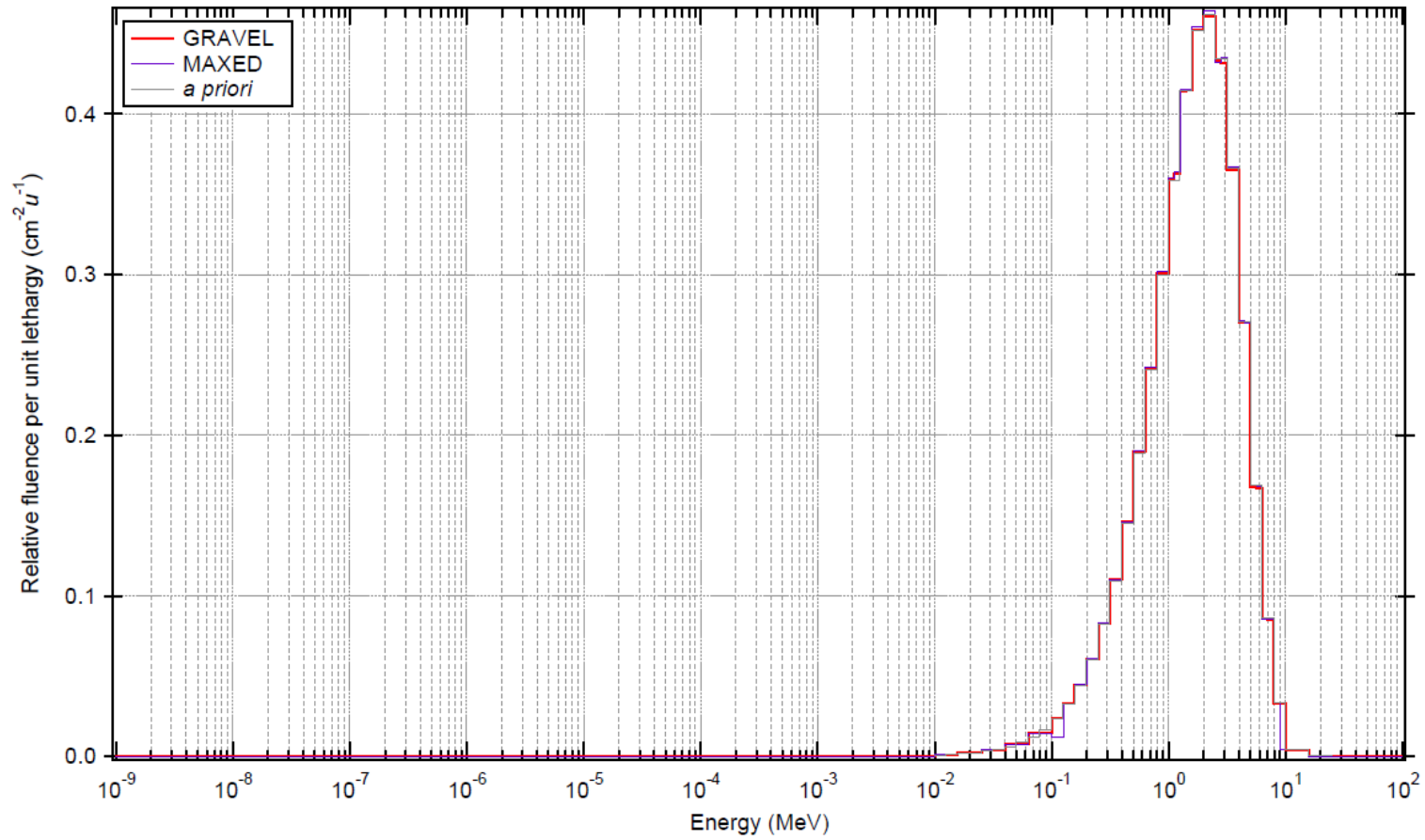


- Cf, directional



- Cf, isotropic

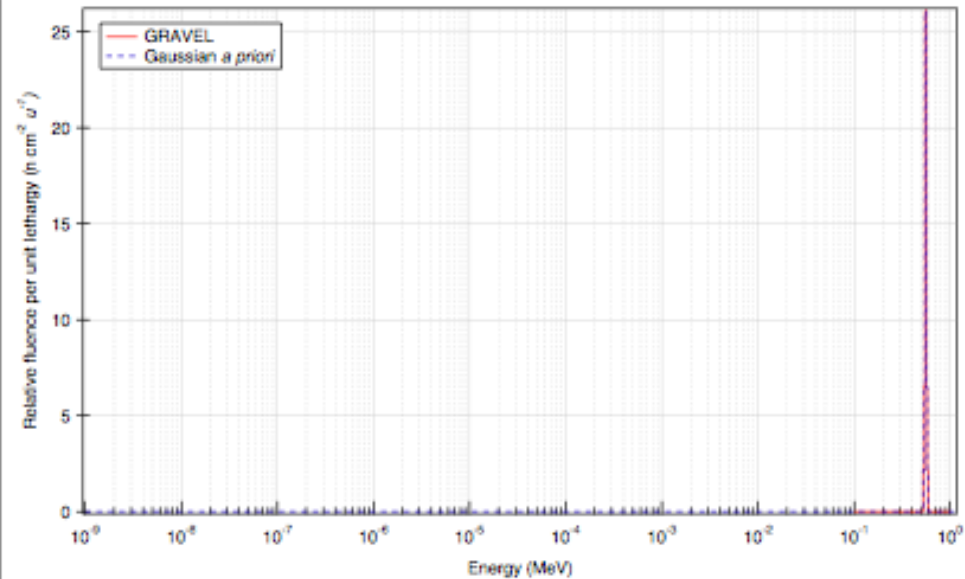
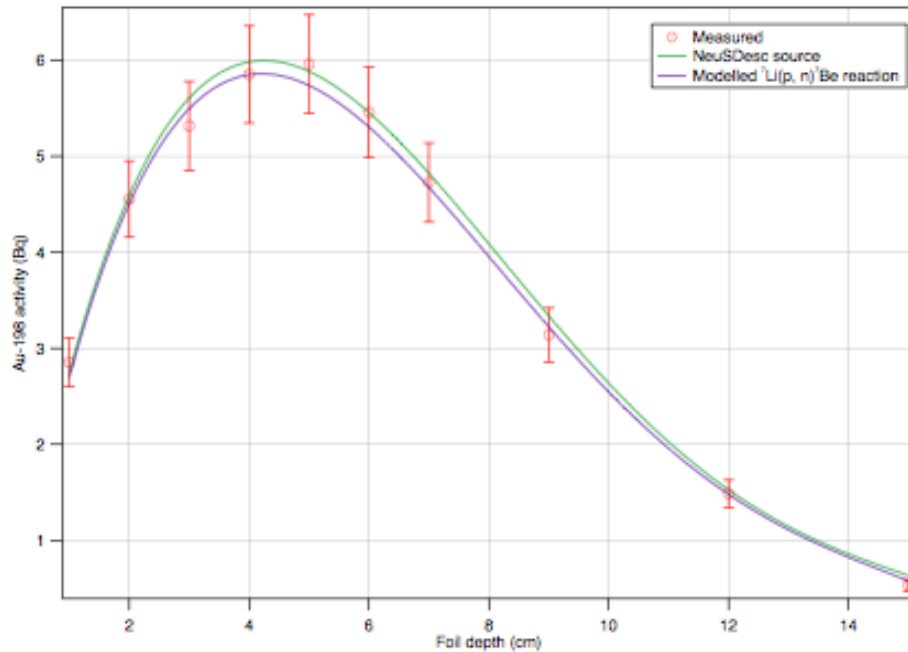




Source	Fluence (cm <sup>-2</sup> )	Ambient Dose (mSv)	1 $\sigma$ Uncertainty (mSv)
GRAVEL	2.22 x 10 <sup>8</sup>	85.77	± 8.58
MAXED	2.26 x 10 <sup>8</sup>	87.13	± 8.71
NPL	2.25 x 10 <sup>8</sup>	85.31	± 5.97



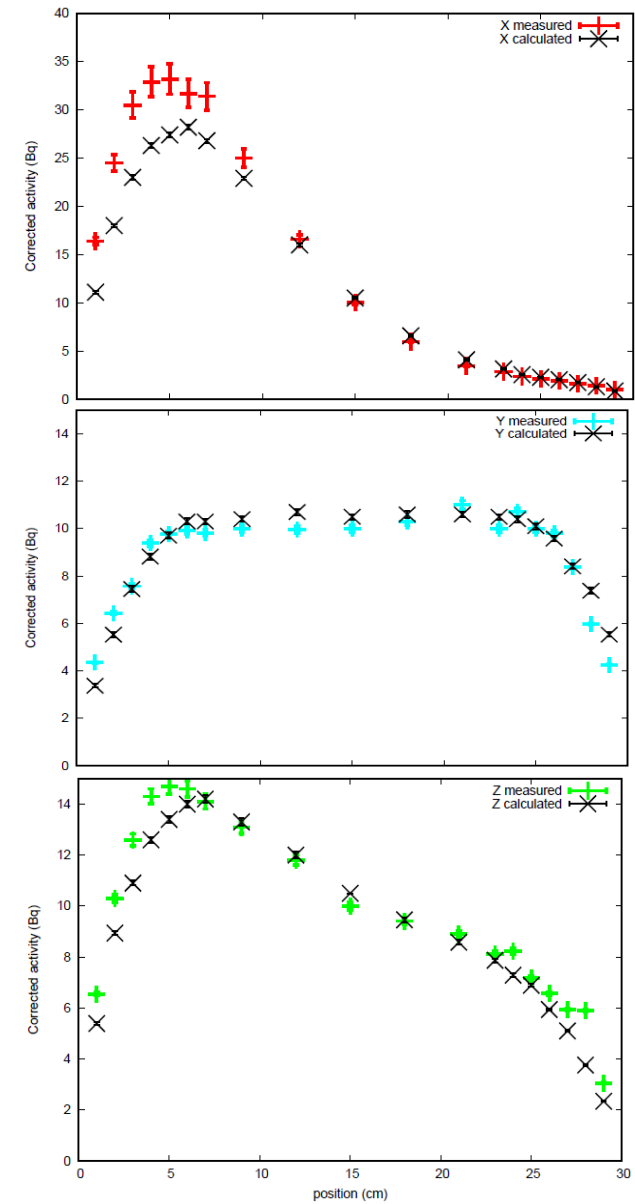
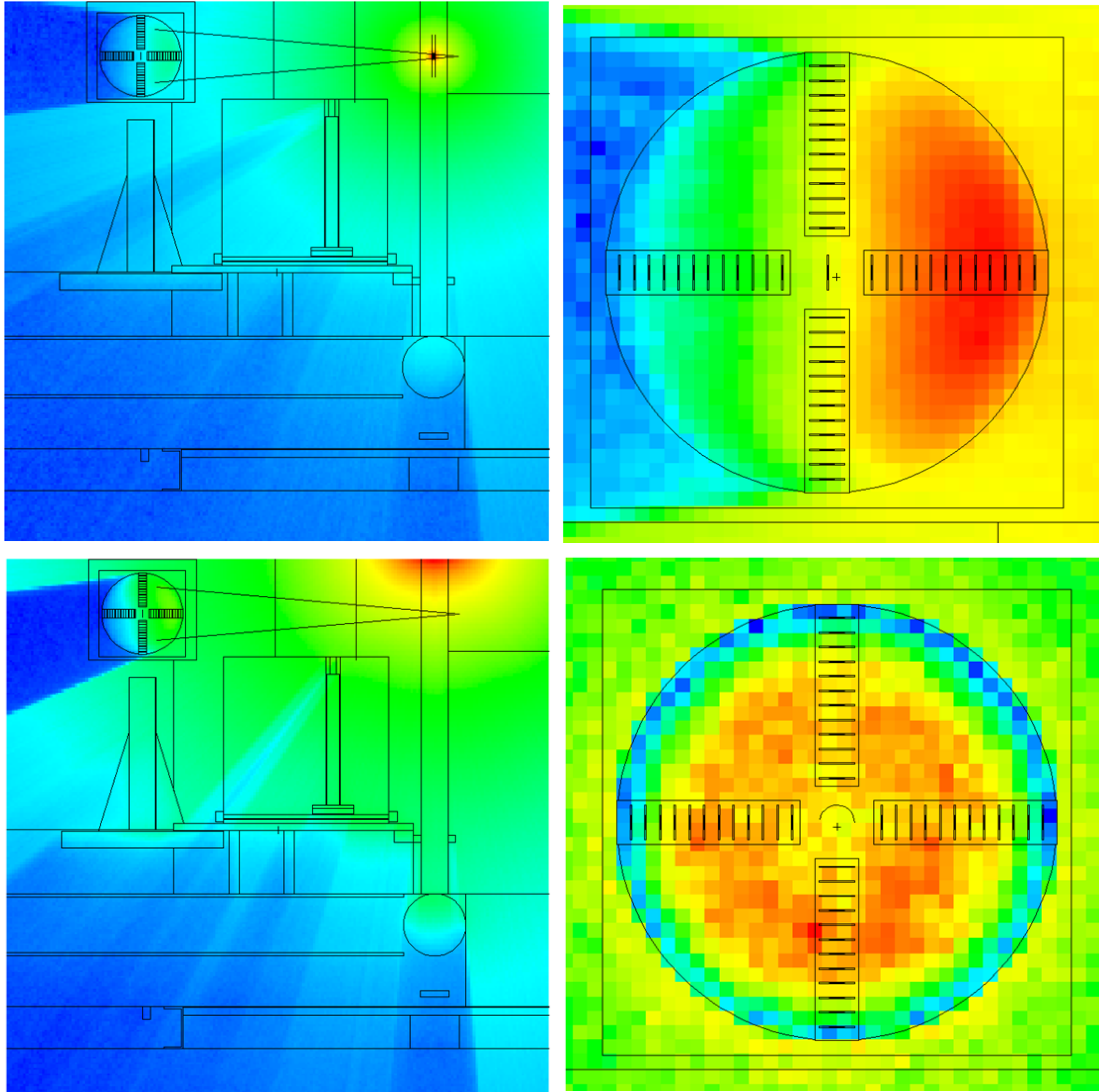
- 565 keV, X-axis



Source	Fluence (cm <sup>-2</sup> )	2σ Uncertainty (cm <sup>-2</sup> )
GRAVEL	3.13x10 <sup>7</sup>	± 0.31x10 <sup>7</sup>
NPL	2.92x10 <sup>7</sup>	± 0.14x10 <sup>7</sup>

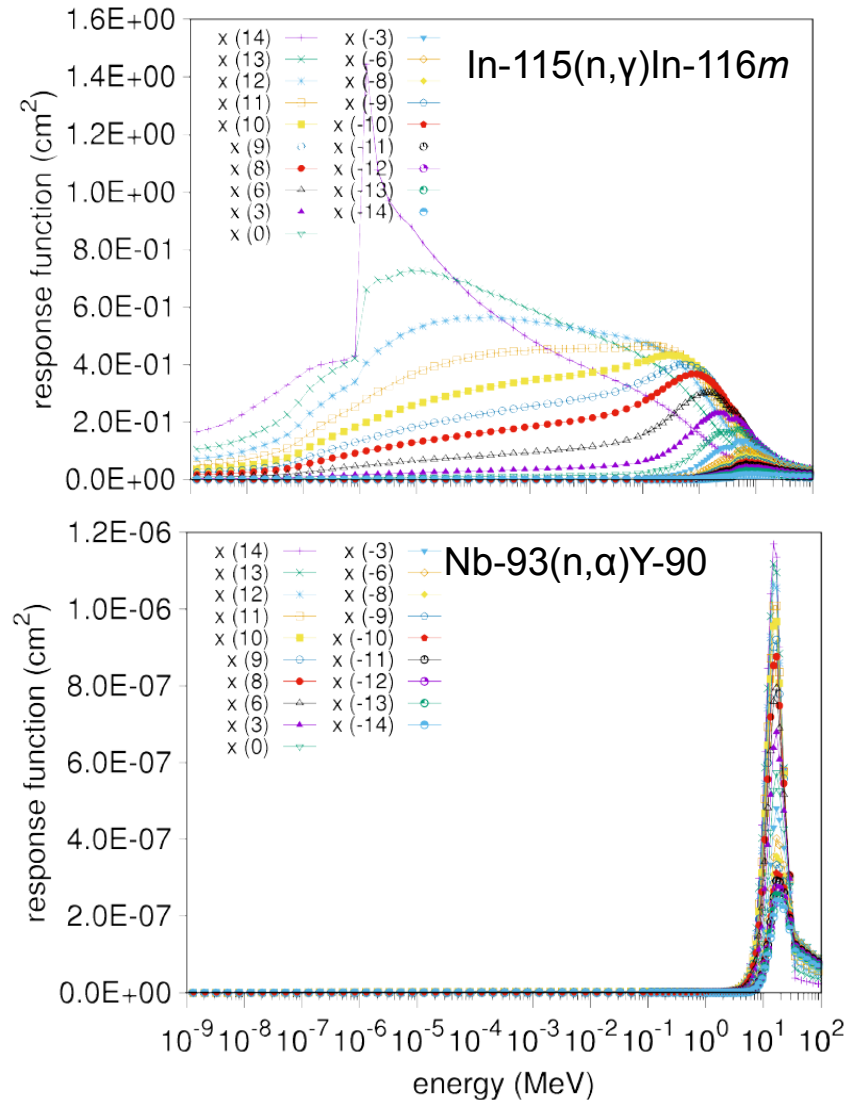
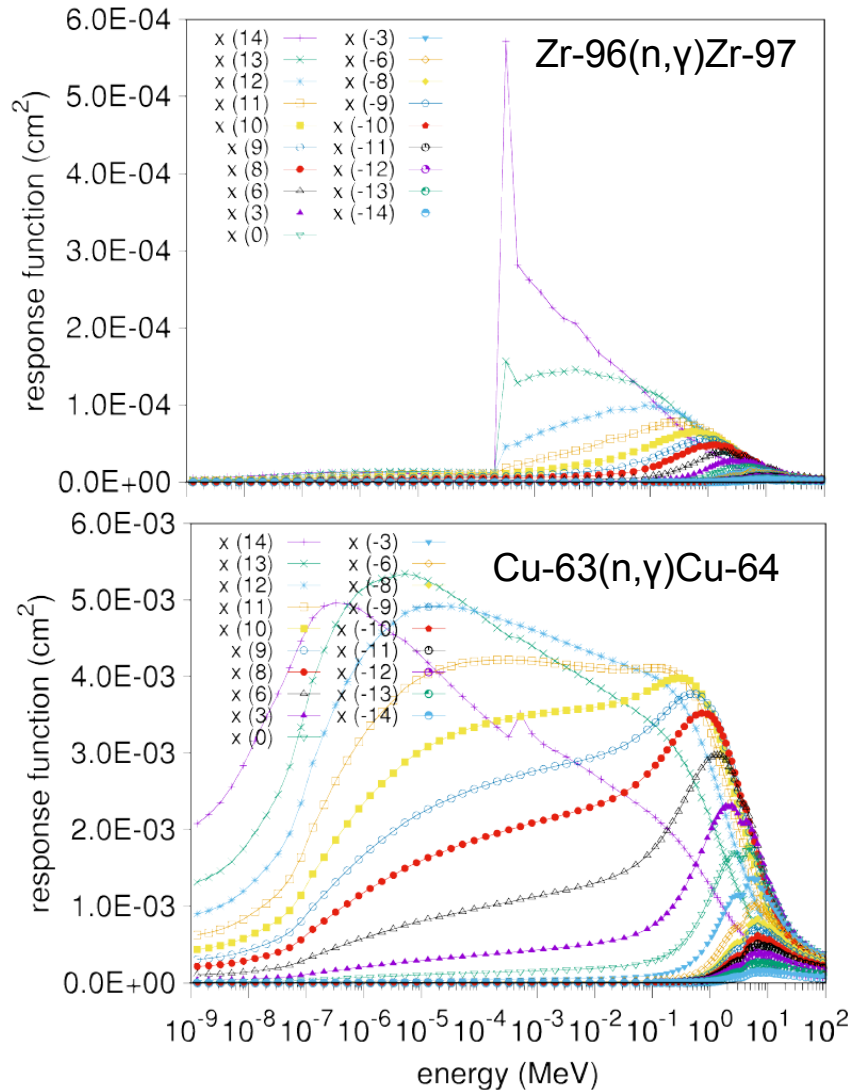
- NPL NeuSDesc card
- CCFE facility model

- Additional work: directionality

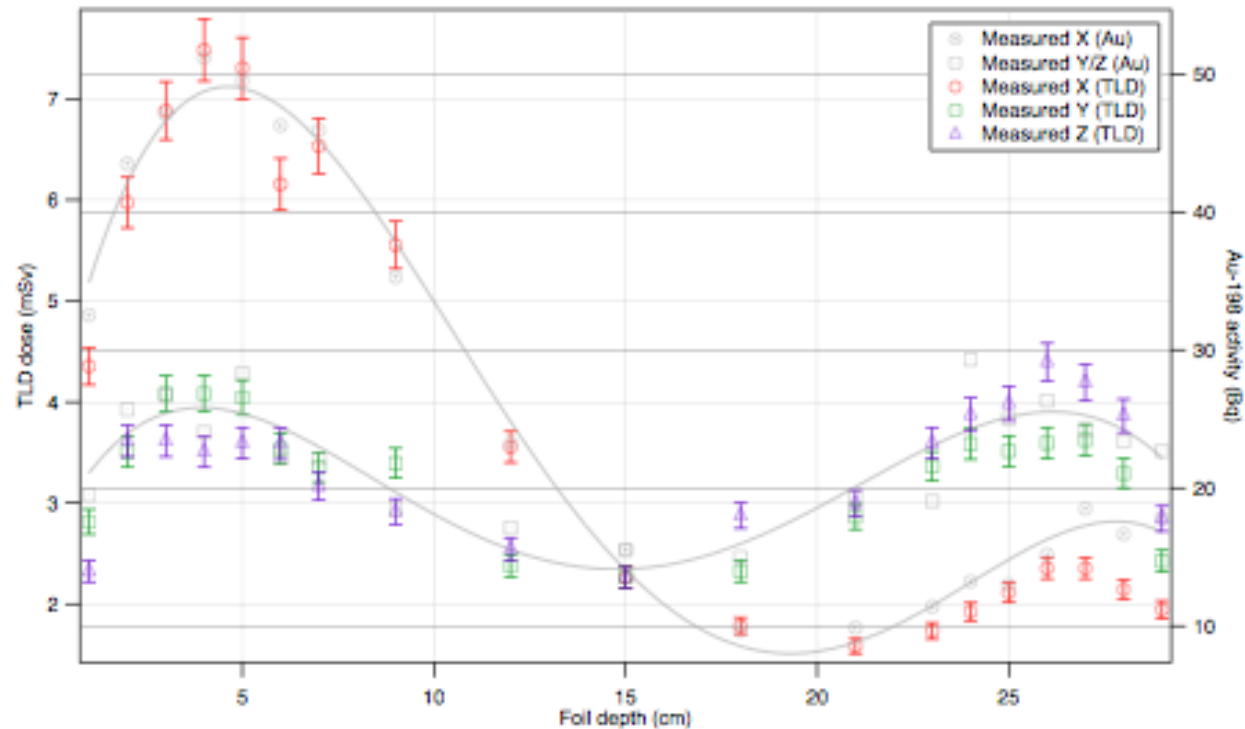




## ■ Additional work: Mixed loading



- Additional work: TLD loading



- Neutron-sensitive extremity TLDs
- Data can be acquired in much weaker fields



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