

BNL Site Report for the NCSP Technical Program Review

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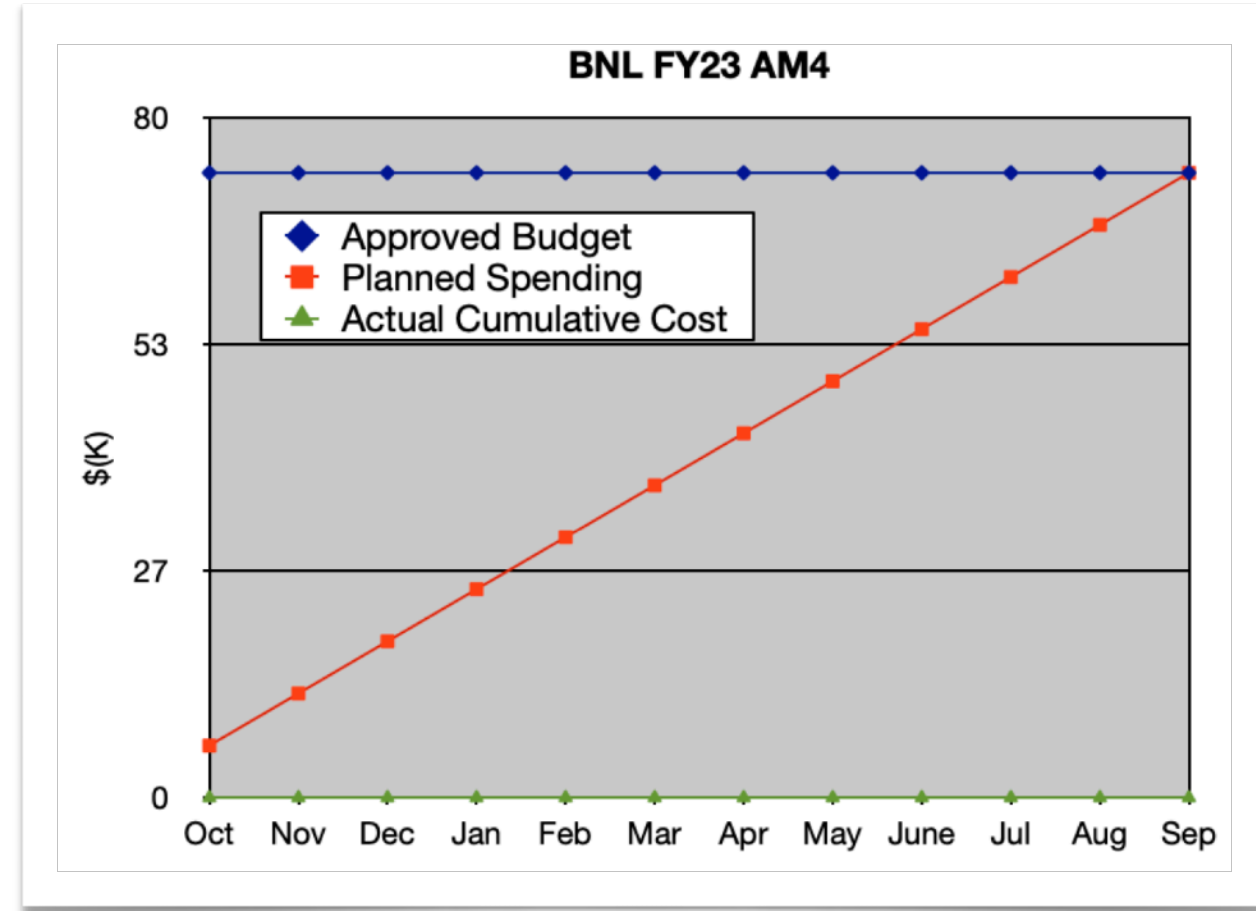
Technical Program Review

Riverhead, NY - February 20-22, 2024

BNL AM4 task

- AM4 Budget information:

1. Carryover into FY 2023 = \$ 3,524
2. Approved FY 2023 Budget = \$ 70,000
3. Total FY 2023 Budget w/Carryover: \$73,524
4. Actual spending for 1st Quarter FY 2023 = \$0
5. Actual spending for 2nd Quarter FY 2023 = \$0
6. Actual spending for 3rd Quarter FY 2023 = \$0
7. Actual spending for 4th Quarter FY 2023 = \$0
8. Projected carryover into FY 2024 = \$73,524

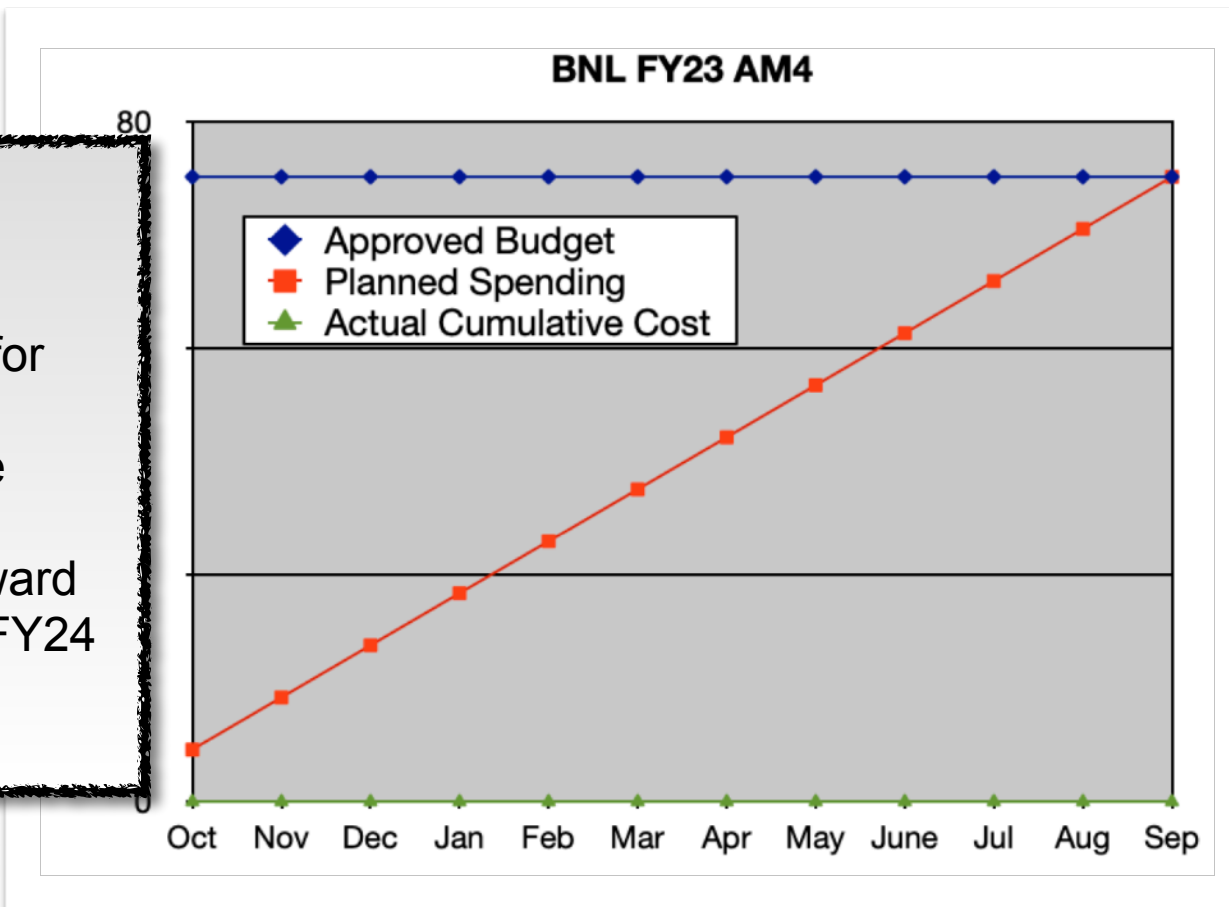


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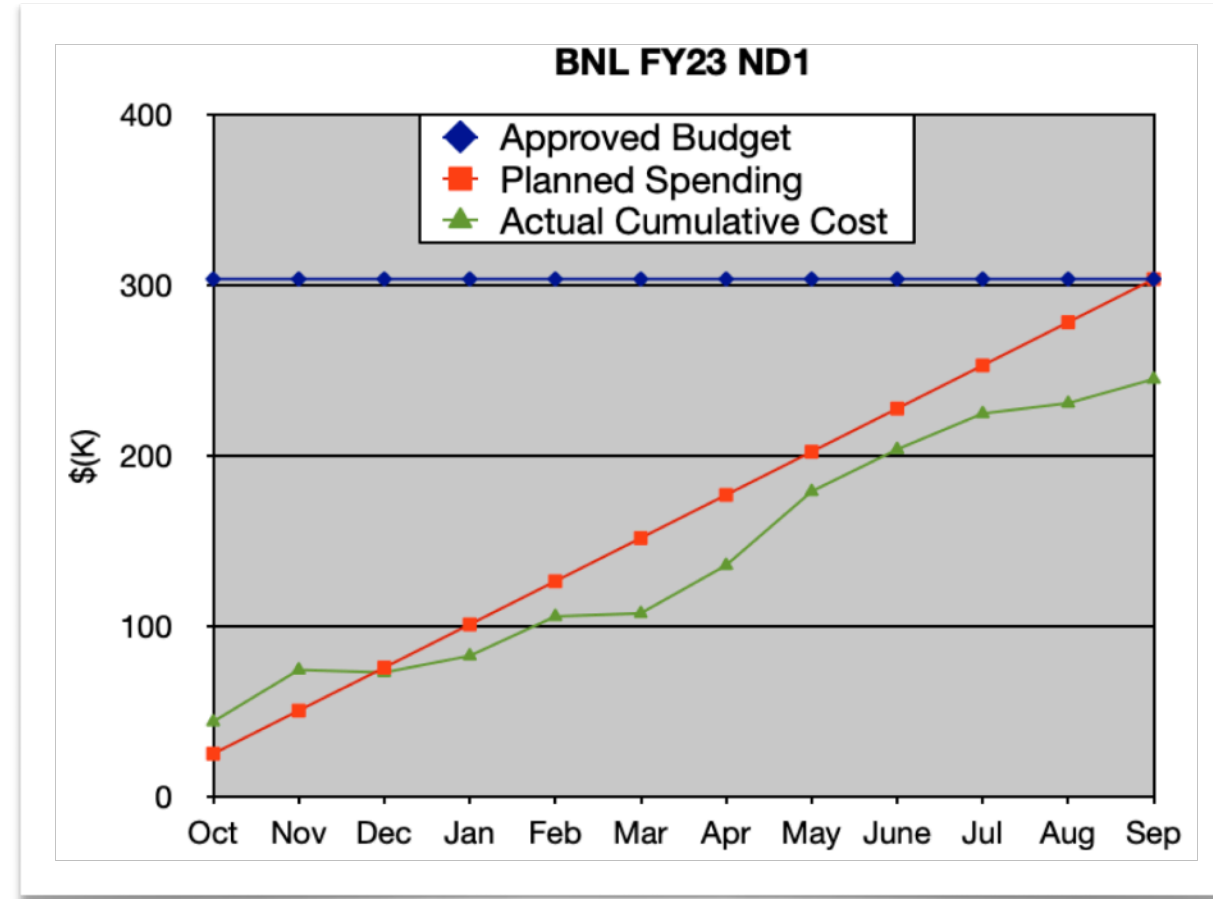
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 - FY23 funds was unspent:
 - Postdoc left BNL at the beginning of FY23 for staff position in the UK
 - Dave Brown is significantly more expensive
 - It was requested and approved at the 2023 Budget Execution Meeting to carry this forward to FY24 so Dave can work on this task on FY24
3. To
4. Ac
 - He has already made progress that he will present at the AM meeting on Friday
5. Ac
6. Ac
7. Ac
8. P



BNL ND1 task

- ND1 Budget information:

1. Carryover into FY 2023 = \$ 13,754
 2. Approved FY 2023 Budget = \$ 290,000
 3. Total FY 2023 Budget w/Carryover = \$303,754
 4. Actual spending for 1st Quarter FY 2023 = \$73,063
 5. Actual spending for 2nd Quarter FY 2023 = \$34,667
 6. Actual spending for 3rd Quarter FY 2023 = \$96,160
 7. Actual spending for 4th Quarter FY 2023 = \$41,220
- Projected carryover into FY 2024 = \$58,644

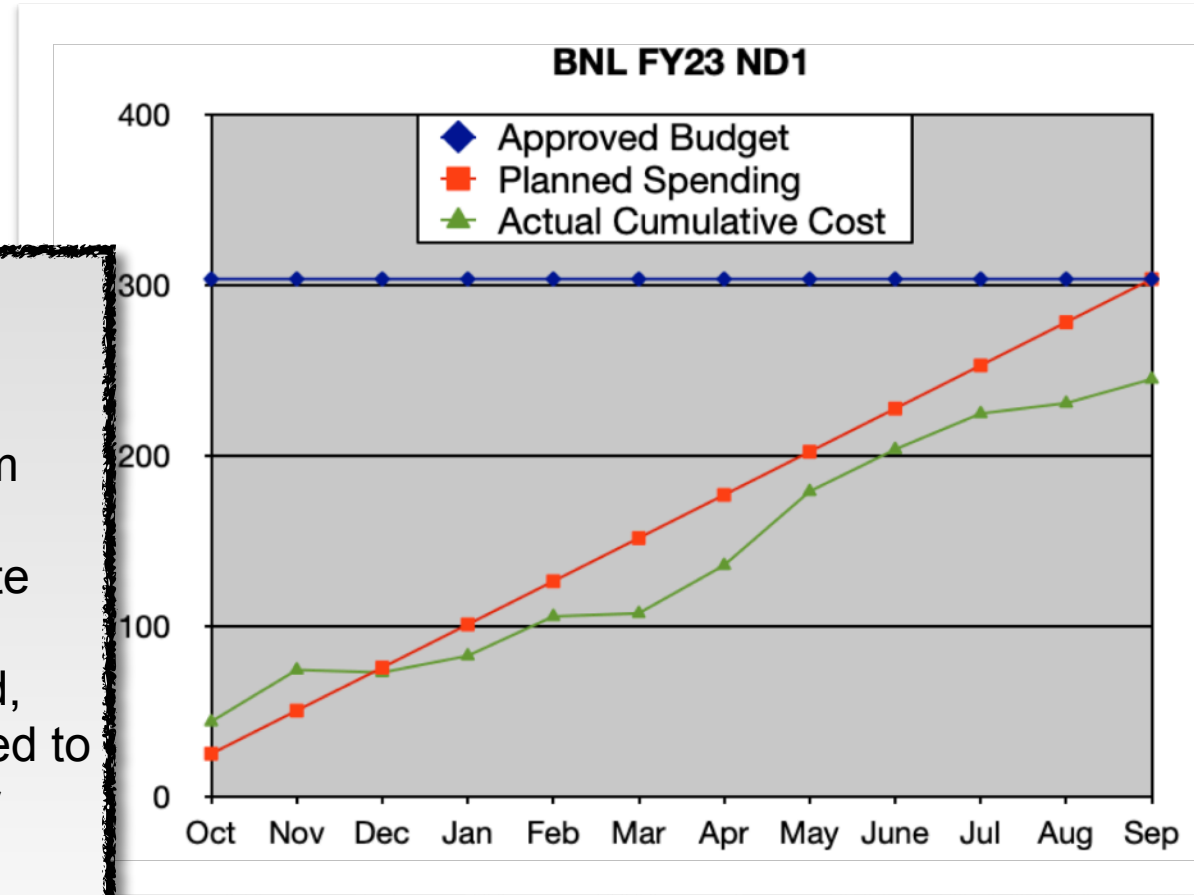


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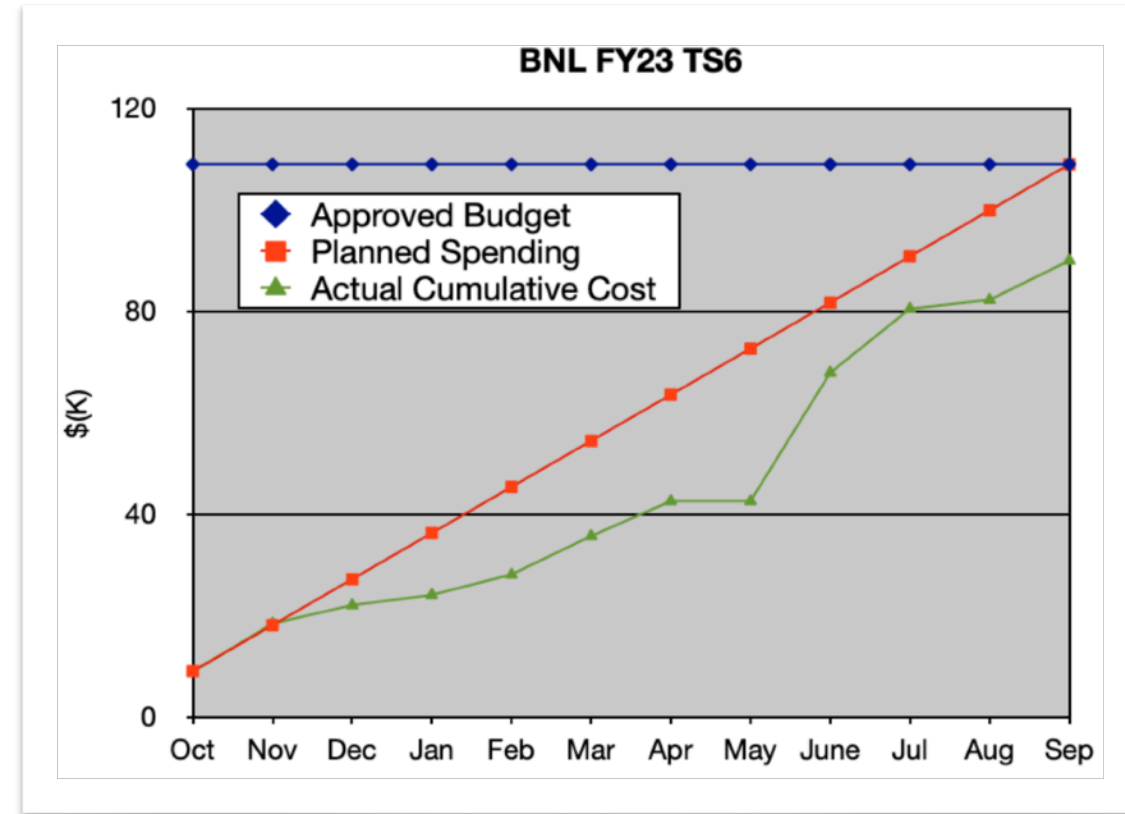
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- Funded two efforts:
 - Rebecca Coles to work on the CI/CD platform ADVANCE
 - Gustavo Nobre and Dave Brown to coordinate the next ENDF/B release
 - Spending pace more or less constant as planned, expect for last couple of months where we needed to be a bit more cautious to be sure we could cover Rebecca.
 - For FY24, Rebecca has a fraction of her time reserved for NCSP, which will make planning easier
 - Will show details on Thursday



BNL TS6 task

- TS6 Budget information:

1. Carryover into FY 2023 = \$ 9,027
2. Approved FY 2023 Budget = \$100,000
3. Total FY 2023 Budget w/Carryover = \$109,027
4. Actual spending for 1st Quarter FY 2023 = \$22,135
5. Actual spending for 2nd Quarter FY 2023 = \$13,609
6. Actual spending for 3rd Quarter FY 2023 = \$32,189
7. Actual spending for 4th Quarter FY 2023 = \$22,101
8. Projected carryover into FY 2024 = \$18,993

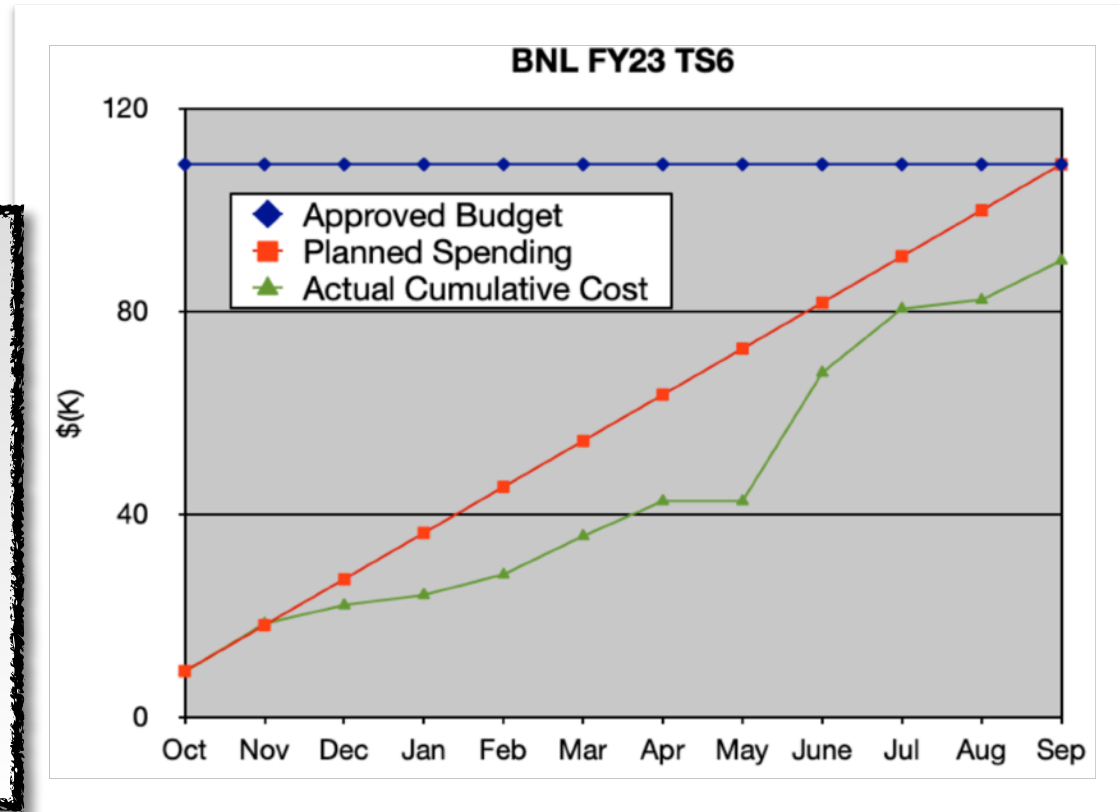


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Budget comments on TS6:

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 - Spending mostly in bumps:
 - Undergraduate interns: specific spending cycles (Spring, Summer, Fall)
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4. Ac
 - Pays for both Gustavo and Dave's time to work on mentoring projects as well in some cases directly to the intern stipends and CEU participation.
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 - Will show highlights in this talk
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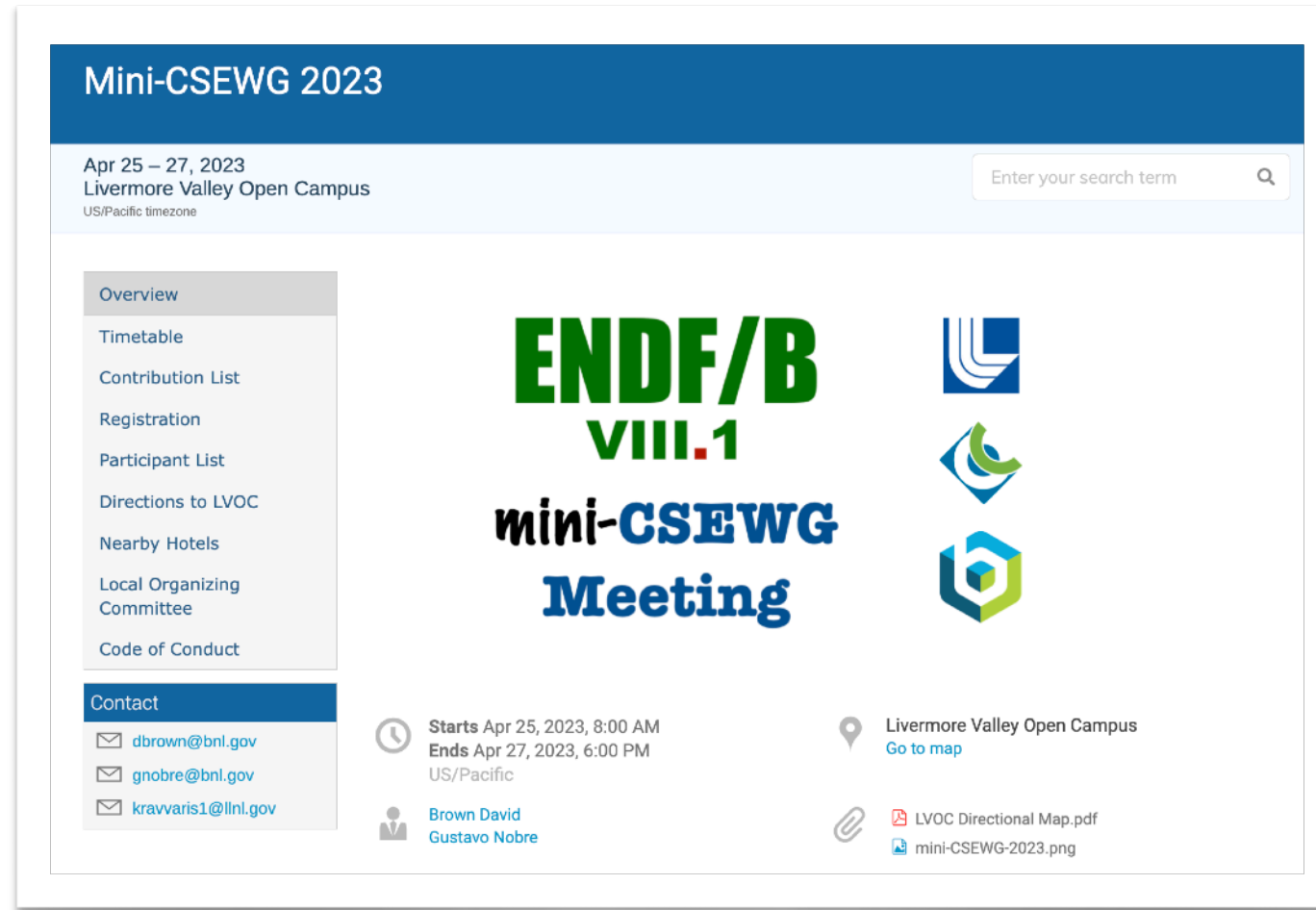
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Will talk a little bit about these now

2023 mini-CSEWG

- Held between April 25-27, 2023 at LLNL
- Focused on validation results from Beta1/1.1
- Pointed directions for Beta2. E.g.:
 - Showed that ^{239}Pu improved depletion benchmarks but degraded performance in PST
 - Beta2 had updates to $^{240,241}\text{Pu}$ to address that
- Outlined recommendations for many other evaluations and format changes



Mini-CSEWG 2023

Apr 25 – 27, 2023
Livermore Valley Open Campus
US/Pacific timezone

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- Overview
- Timetable
- Contribution List
- Registration
- Participant List
- Directions to LVOC
- Nearby Hotels
- Local Organizing Committee
- Code of Conduct

ENDF/B VIII.1 mini-CSEWG Meeting

Starts Apr 25, 2023, 8:00 AM
Ends Apr 27, 2023, 6:00 PM
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2023 Hackathon

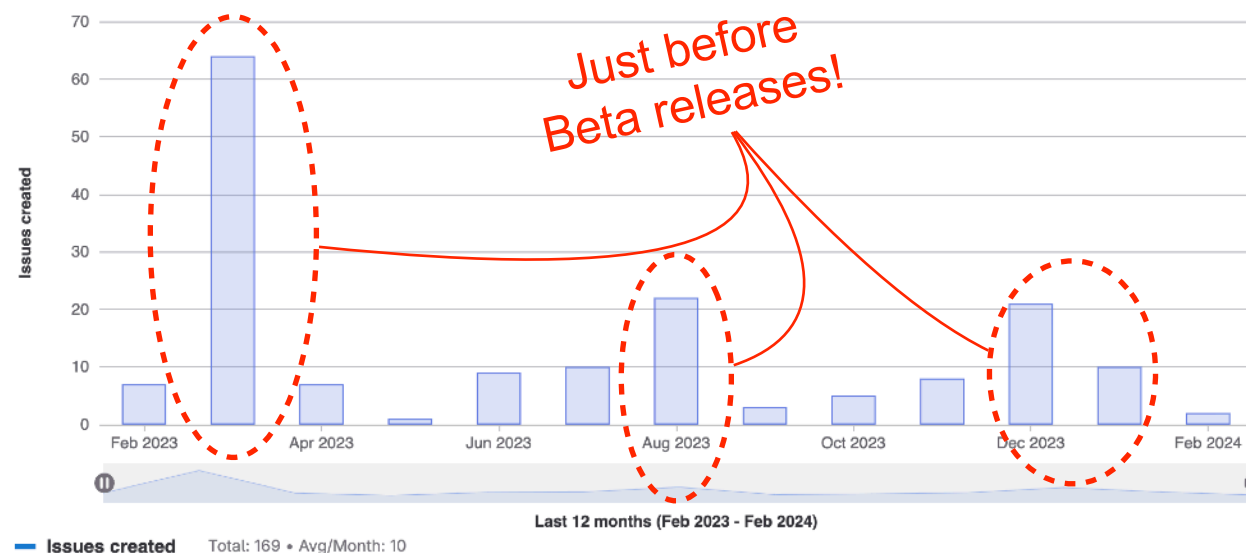
*“Thanks again for your interest and participation in Hackathon. I think we have a good group, with folks from **BNL**, **LLNL**, **NNL**, and **ORNL** visiting us here at **LANL**. And I think we have about the right number of people to be productive and collaborative. There will be a handful online, too, and hopefully that adds to the experience.”*

- Nathan Gibson

- Held on August 6-8, 2023 at LANL
- Right after Beta2 release, so fixes would a clear starting point
- About 8-10 participants in person and ~5 remote
- Tracked issues resolved:
 - 6 issues for neutrons, 4 in TSL
- Many processing issues not listed in trackers were fixed
- TSL MAT number overload addressed
 - MAT numbers assigned
 - CSV file created
 - Description implemented in ENDF-102 manual
- More issues were found and logged
- Special shout-outs:
 - Wim Haeck, our dedicated social host
 - Jesse Brown, and his epic journey through airline delays and cancellations to attend the Hackathon



Issues created per month



Navigating complex technical decisions

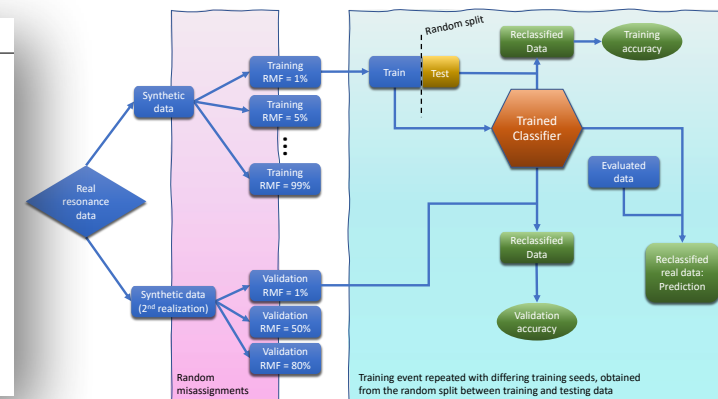
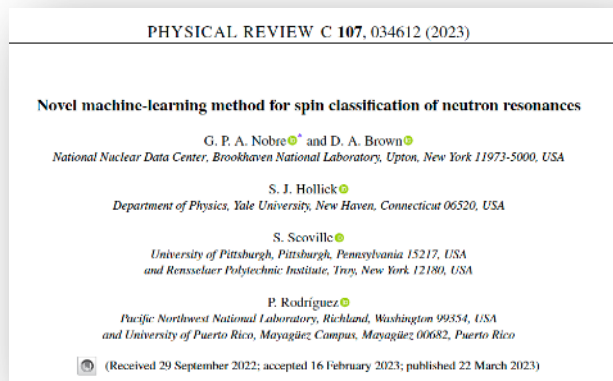
- Everyone is passionate about their work, but sometimes discussion steered from purely technical
- We brought everyone together for many, many, many meetings to gather as much information possible to guide a decision
 - Making decisions on **great** parallel evaluations is a complex endeavor, with many different aspects to be considered
 - Effort to establish an **efficient, clear, transparent, community-wide, constructive** process
 - We were able to make decisions, which were implemented in **Beta2** and **Beta3**



*We are not interested in making **one group** very happy,
but rather **everyone** mildly happy.*

TS6: Bayesian Resonance Reclassifier

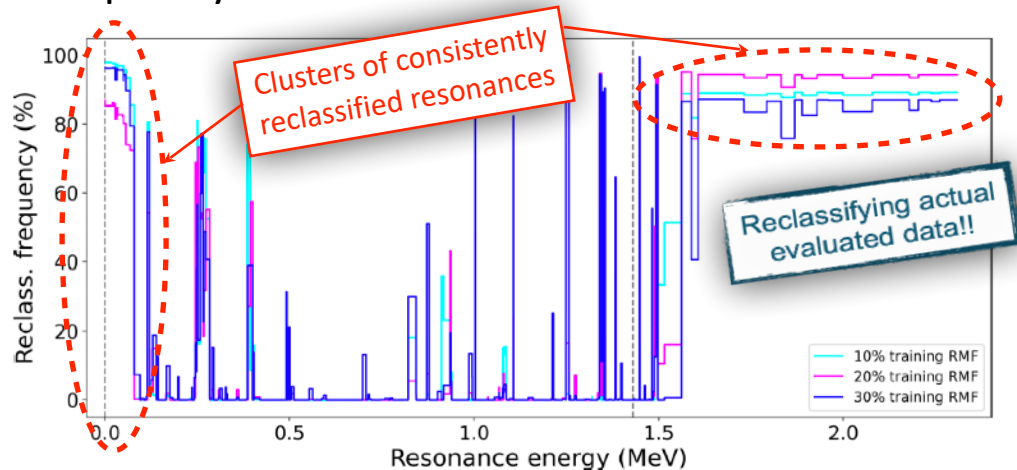
- A machine-learning method for resonance spin reclassification
- First article on the method has been published in FY23
- It is shaping up to be a great tool to assist in resonance evaluations



These mis-assignments in resonance evaluations can potentially impact many reactor applications!

- Work done mainly with [undergraduate interns](#)
- Interns presented CEU posters at 2022/2023 DNP Meetings
- Past interns went on to grad school or staff positions

Frequency of reclassification of resonances in ⁵²Cr



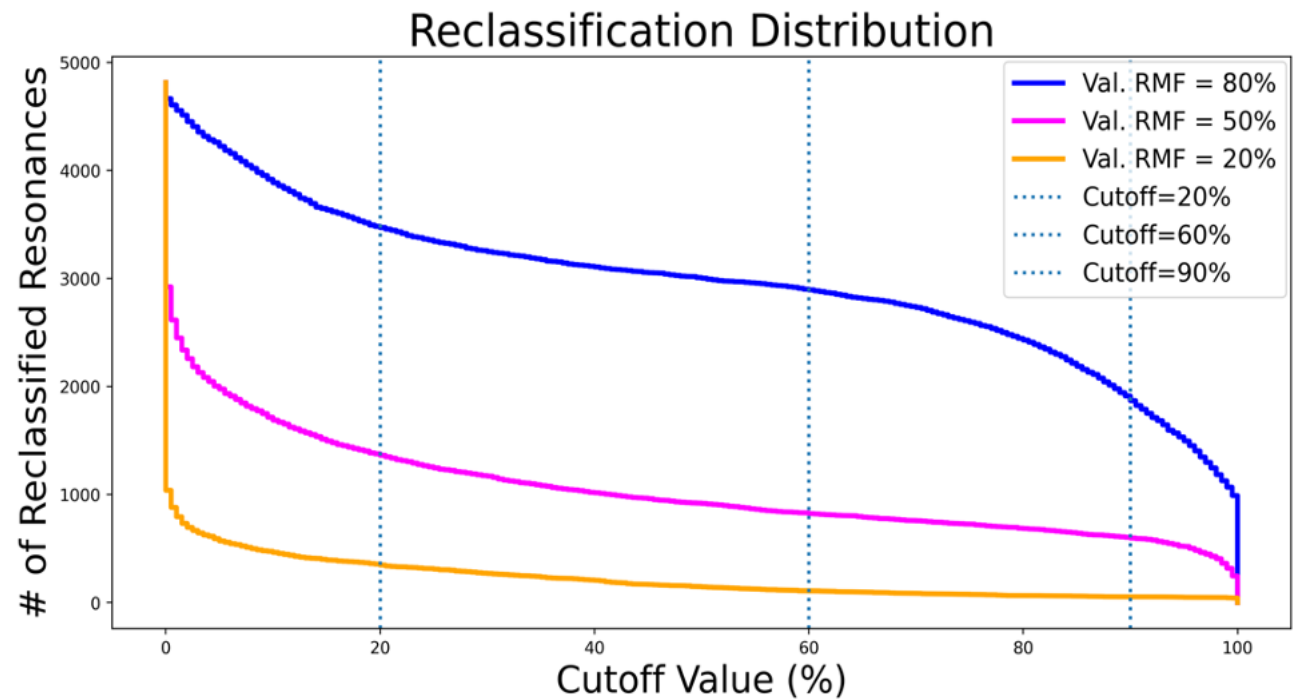
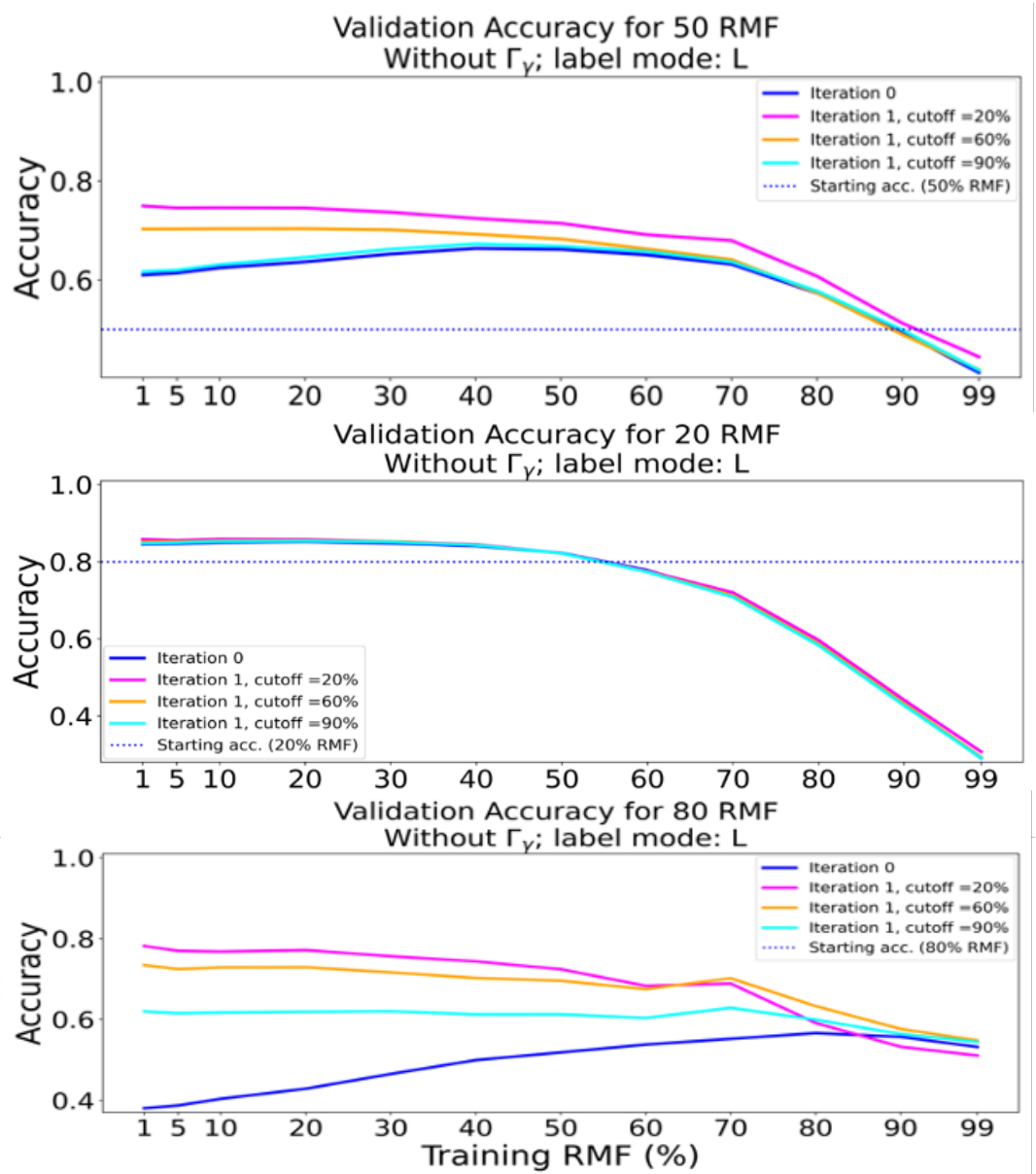
Exploring an iterative approach

CEU poster by
I. Broussard



Isaac Broussard

- Run classifier many times on validation synthetic sequence, leading to many reclassified resonance sequences
- Count how many times each resonance was reclassified
- Build a new sequence where resonances reclassified more often than a certain cut-off had their spin re-assigned
- Run classifier many times again and extract new average accuracy



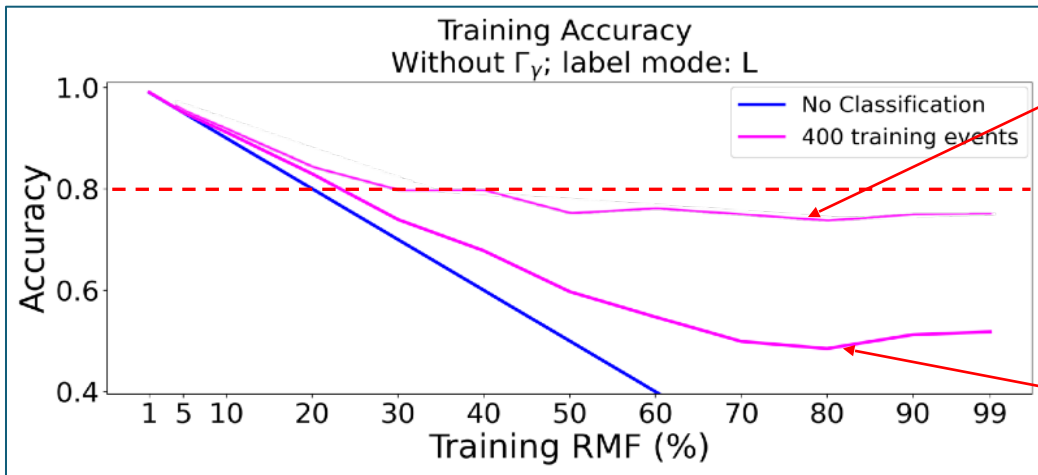
Exploring realistic Γ_γ with ^{206}Pb

CEU poster
by I. Snider



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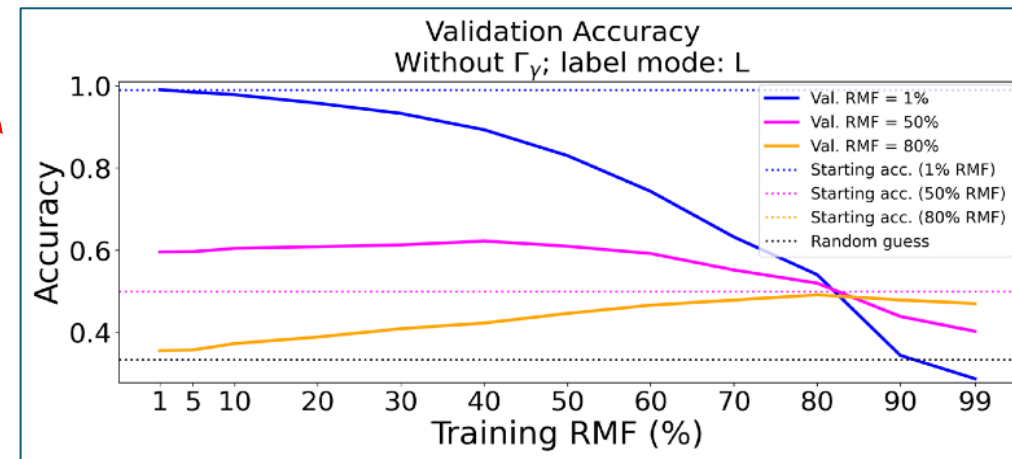
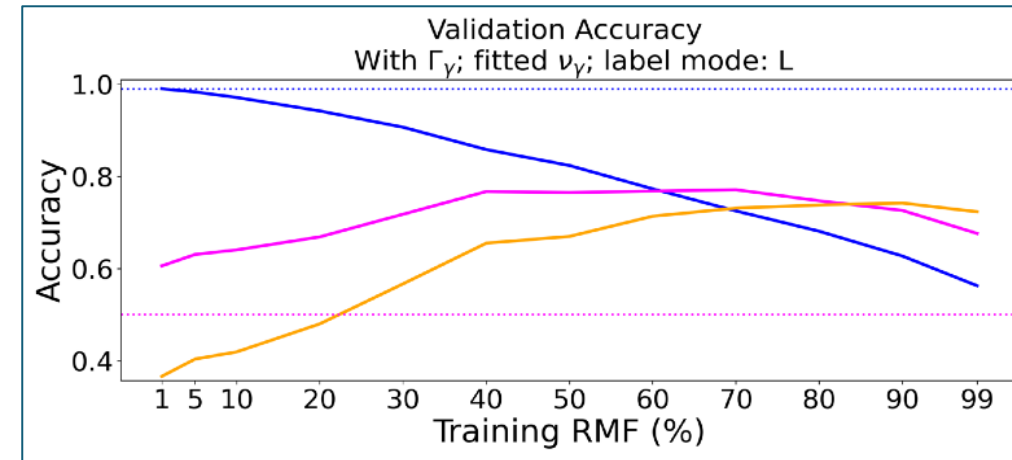
Training (1st realization)



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Validation (2nd realization)



- Investigation of experimental resonance data available for ^{206}Pb indicated that we could trust the measured Γ_γ
- Fitted Γ_γ and ν of survival function of Porter-Thomas distribution of new ^{206}Pb evaluation (ENDF/B-VIII.1-Beta2)
- Compared classifier performance with and without Γ_γ

Testing on Real ^{206}Pb

- Reclassification frequency obtained from 1000 training events
- Shows us which resonances are reclassified most often
- Appropriate training RMF somewhere between 10-30%

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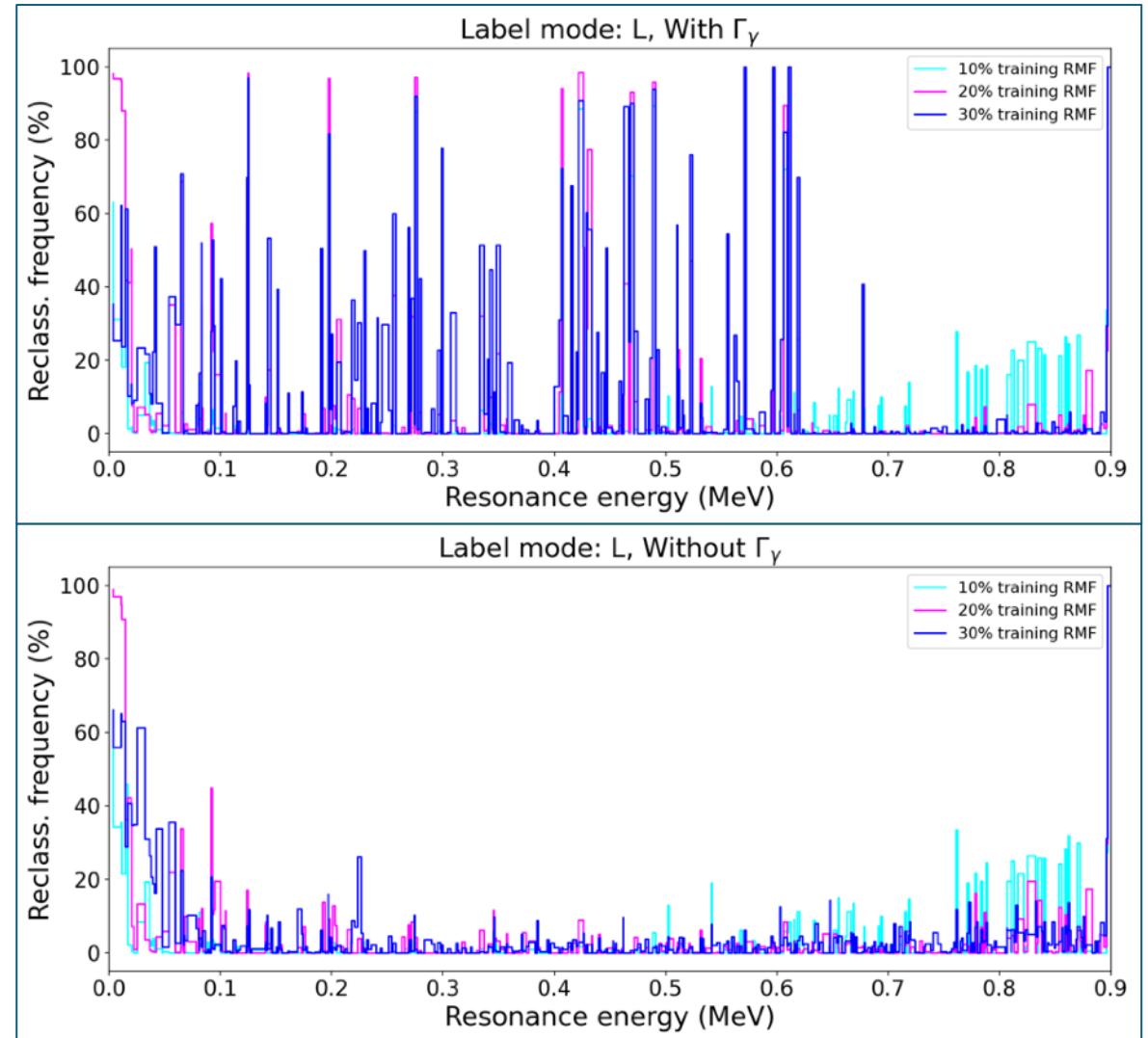
Interacting with the evaluators to assess the quality of these most-frequent reassignments.

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Reclassification Frequency



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