# <sup>241</sup>Am capture with the TAC

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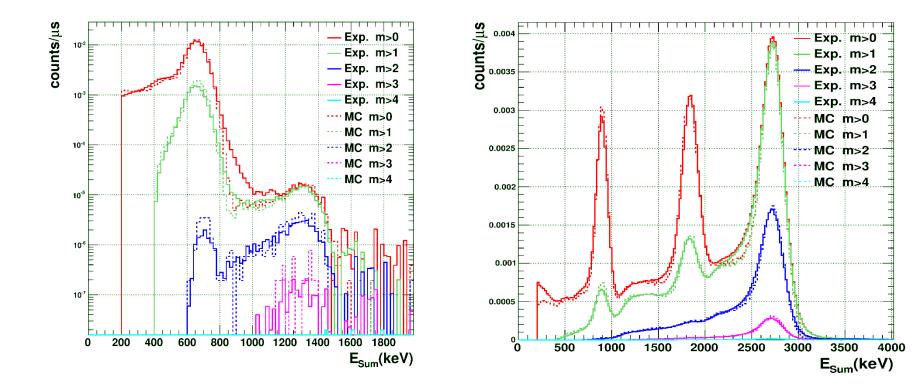


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### **Monte Carlo simulations**



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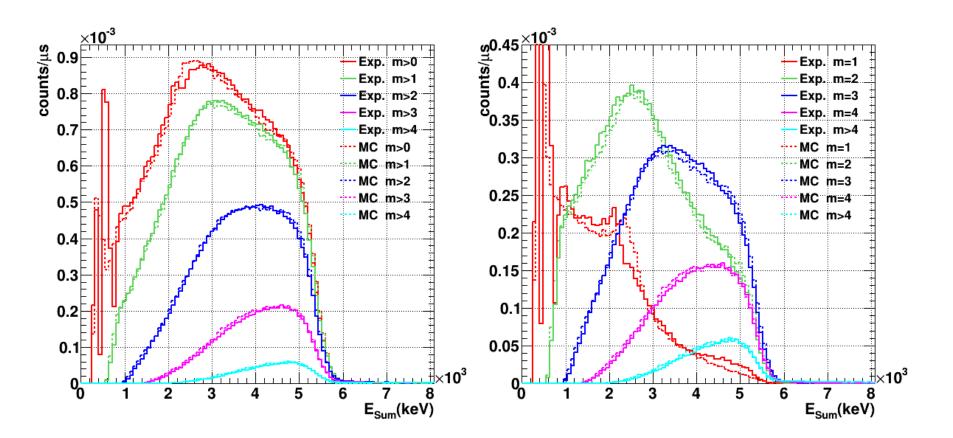


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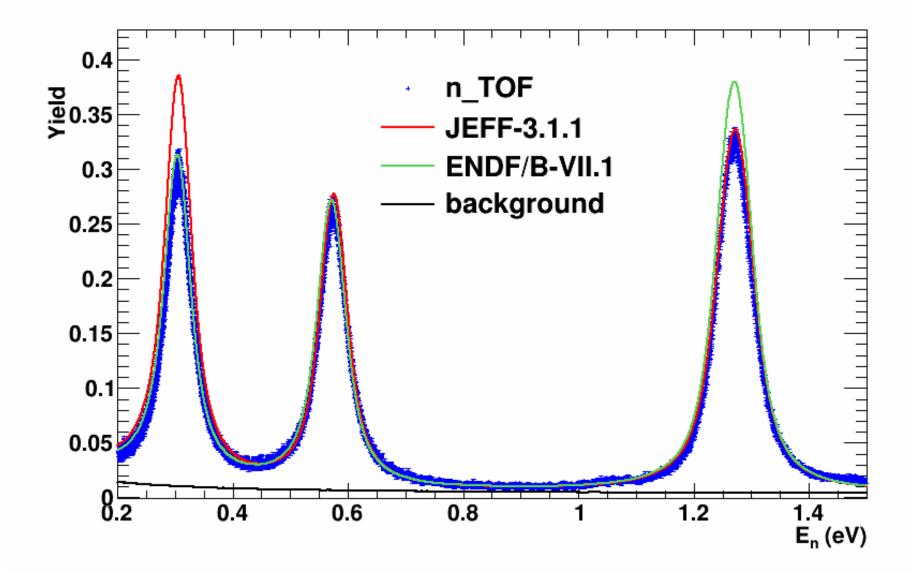
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The yield: first three resonances





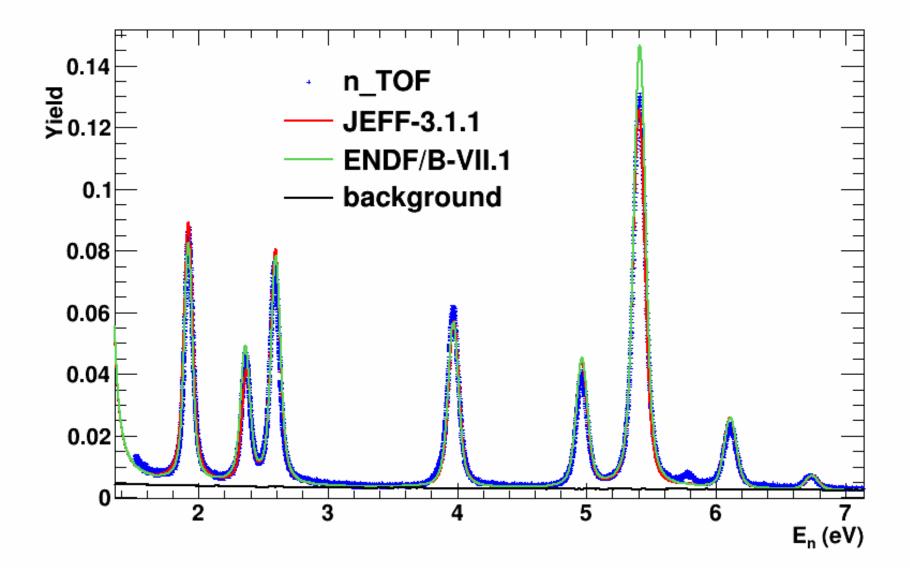
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The yield: the resolved resonance region (ii)



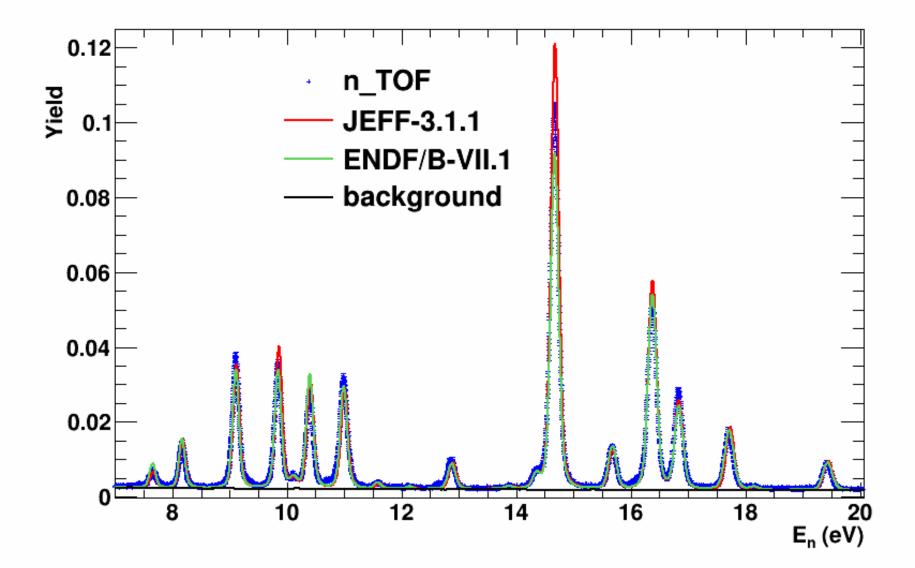


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The yield: the resolved resonance region (iii)

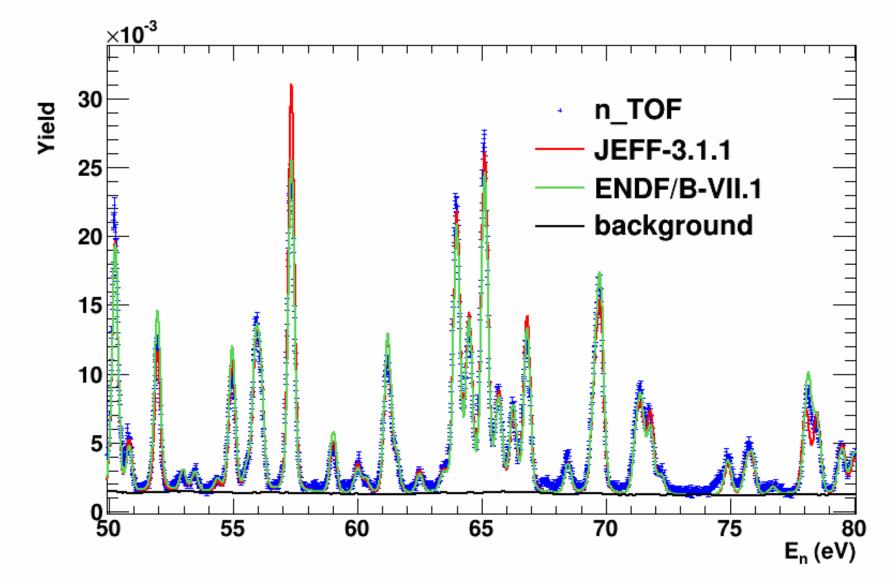




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The yield: the resolved resonance region (iv)

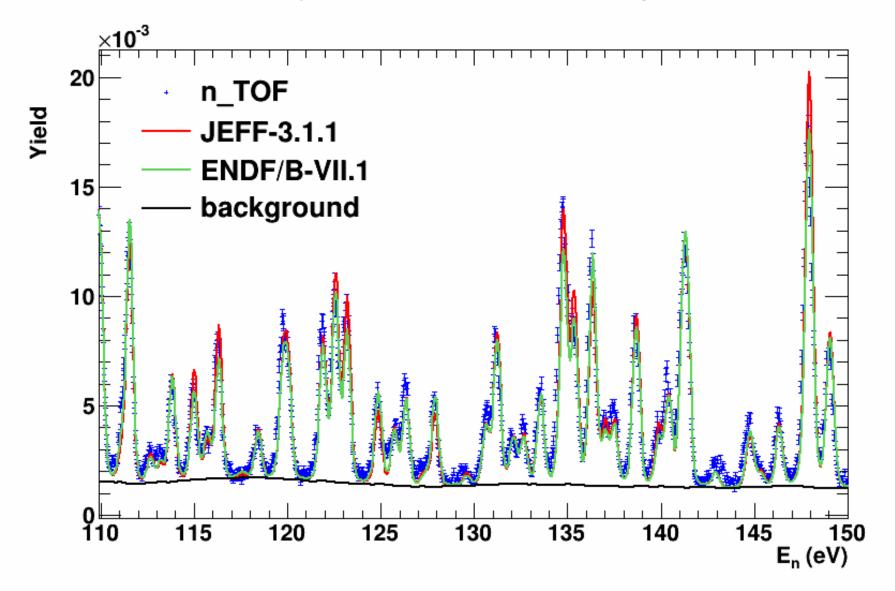




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The yield: the resolved resonance region (v)





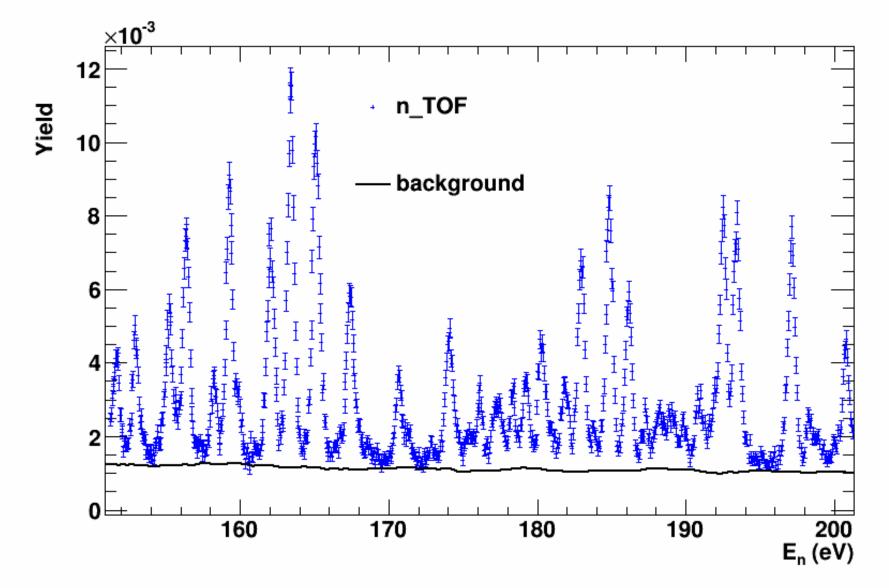
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#### The yield: the extended resolved resonance region (vi)



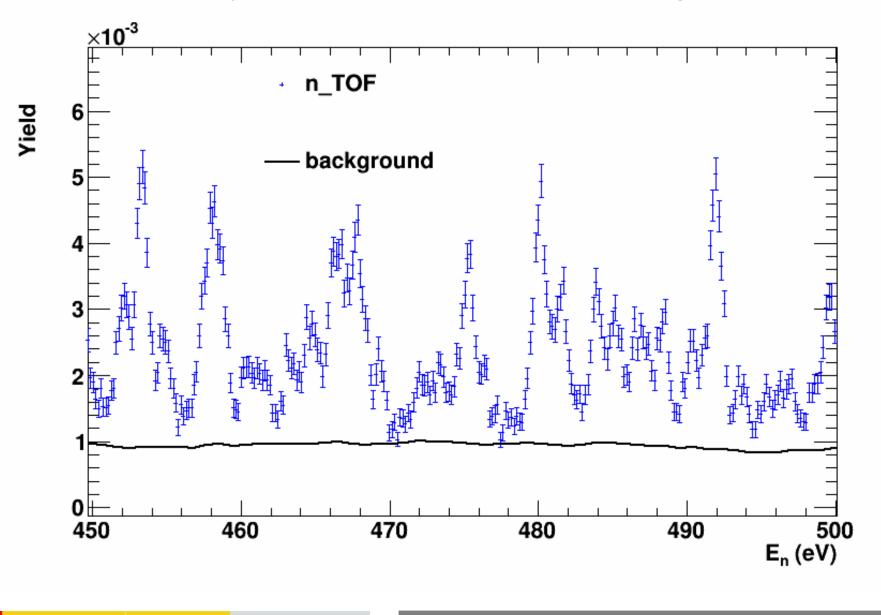
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The yield: the extended resolved resonance region (vii)



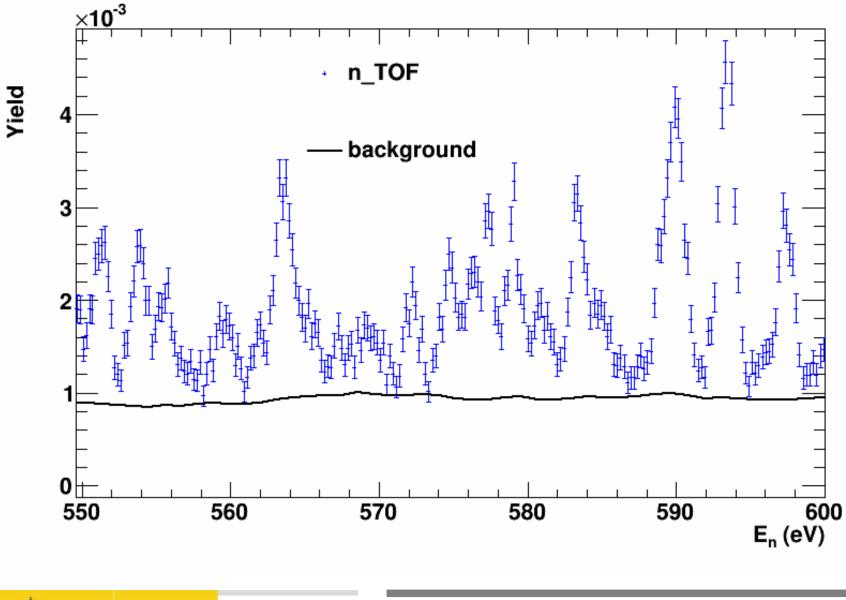


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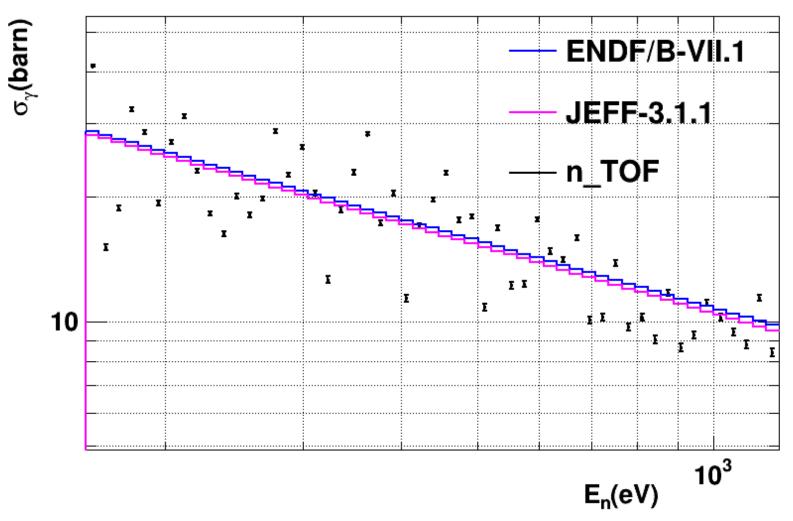
The yield: the extended resolved resonance region (viii)



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The yield: the unresolved resonance region (iv)

### <sup>241</sup>Am capture cross section





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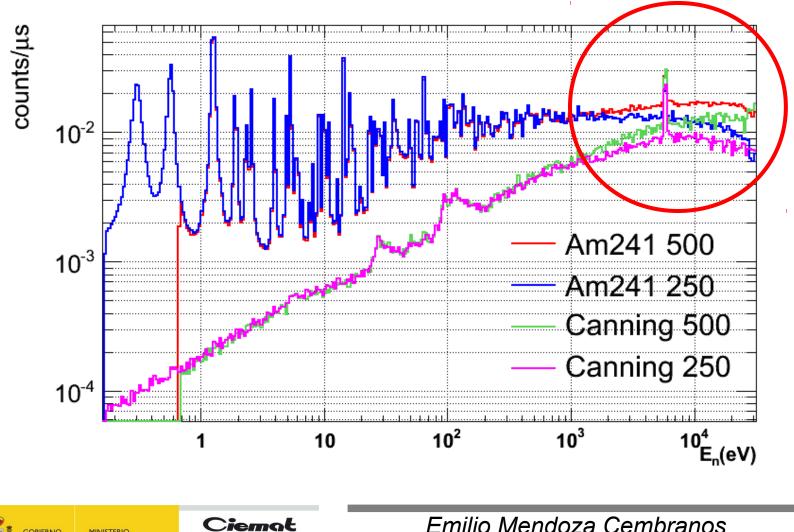
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### 250 MS/s != 500 MS/s ???

2.5<E<sub>n</sub><6.0MeV, mult>2

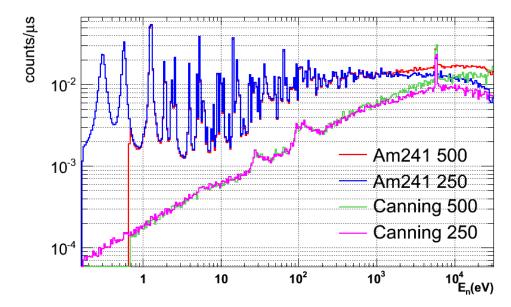


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## 250 MS/s != 500 MS/s ???

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Hypothesis:

1.The geometry was different in the 500 MS/s and in the 250 MS/s configurations.

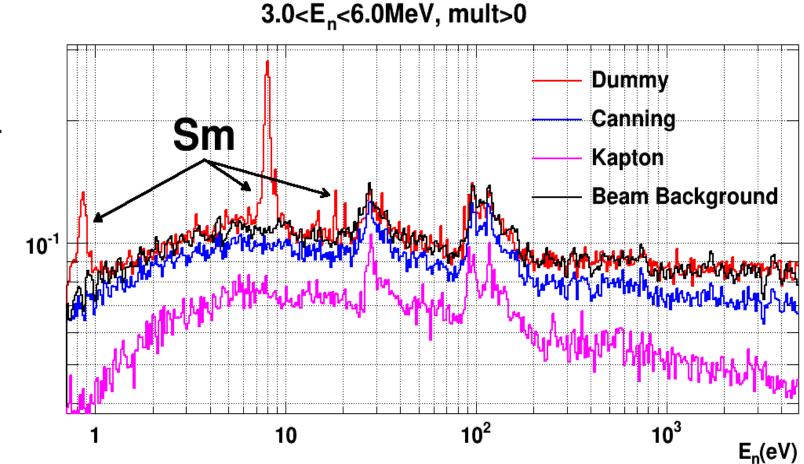
2.The analysis routine give different results depending on the sampling rate.

3.The digitizers "work" different at 500 MS/s than at 250 MS/s. 4.Other options.





### Background





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### Normalization

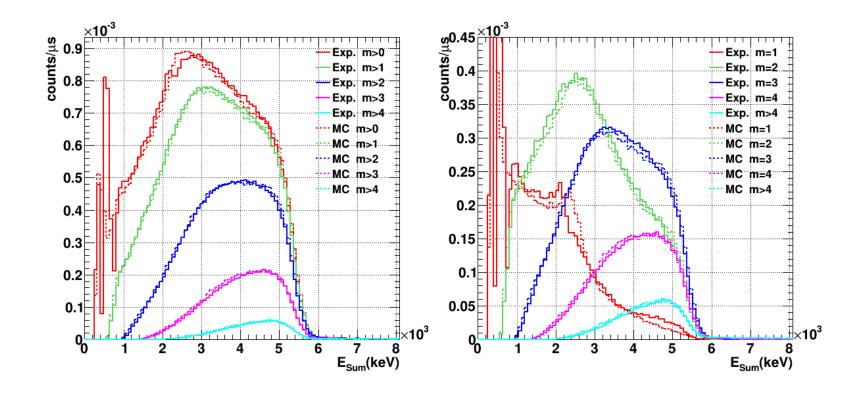
- In order to reproduce the capture yield obtained from the evaluated libraries it is necessary to multiply the n\_TOF capture yield by ~0.65.
- There are two variables which are strongly related with the capture yield:
  - The detection efficiency
  - The beam interception factor







### **Detection efficiency**



In order to reproduce the normalization given by the evaluated libraries, the efficiency should be <u>higher</u>. However, it cannot be (much) higher, since it cannot exceed 100 % (close when weak conditions are applied to the detected events).





### **Simulated BIF**

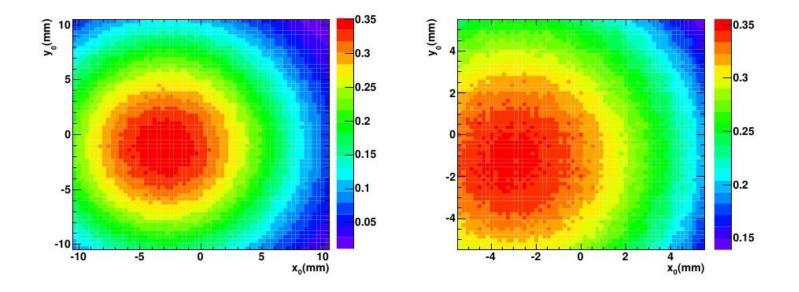


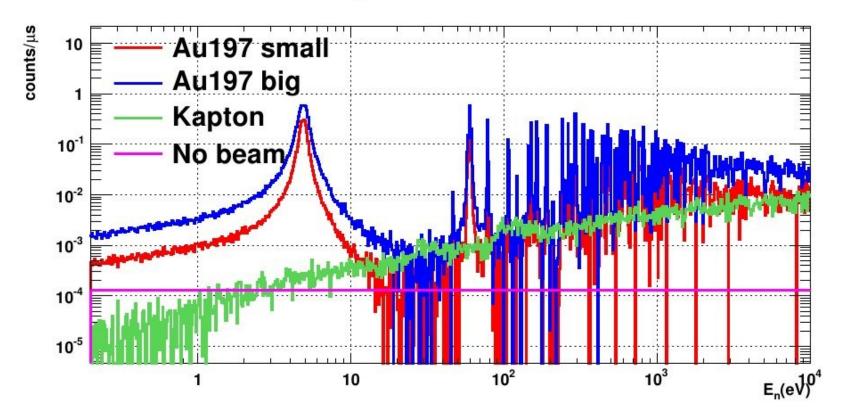
Figure 2.61: Simulated BIF, as a function of the center of the sample,  $(x_0, y_0)$ , at 1 eV. The same radius of 6.1 mm has been assumed in all the cases.





### **Experimental BIF**

2.5<E\_<7.0MeV, mult>2





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### **Experimental BIF**

Threshold	mult>0	mult>1	mult>2	mult>3	mult>4
100	0.280946	0.277521	0.279753	0.283783	0.276493
200	0.281045	0.277662	0.280634	0.283208	0.277428
300	0.281317	0.277723	0.281389	0.283755	0.28006
400	0.281527	0.278712	0.282103	0.284962	0.298025

Table 2.10: Ratio between the <sup>197</sup>Au measurements 4 and 5, integrated in the 0.2-3 eV energy range, under 2.5-7  $E_{Sum}$  conditions, after subtracting the corresponding back-grounds.





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### **Experimental BIF**

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σ	LILL REAL	• n_TOF	Conditions	th=200 keV	th=300 keV	th=400 keV	
Yield		- ENDF-VII.0		Normal pulse intensity (measurement 2)			
		background	2.5-10 mult>0	1.09039000	1.09231313	1.09249423	
0.8			2.5-10 mult>1	1.07806185	1.08831487	1.09127446	
			2.5-10  mult > 2	1.04175348	1.07925396	1.08772810	
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-	‡ <b>1</b>	1	2.5-7  mult > 1	1.04507390	1.08480671	1.08770107	
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				Low pulse intensity (measurement 3)			
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			2.5-10 mult>1	1.07665912	1.06329837	1.06253049	
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-1			2.5-7  mult > 2	1.03591340	1.05548475	1.05177762	
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There is a 7% difference between both calculations of the BIF !!!



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### Conclusions

- There is still some work to do in:
  - The normalization.
  - The determination of the background.
  - Analysis at "high" neutron energies.
- The rest of the analysis is already done.
- I hope the analysis will finish soon.







## <sup>235</sup>U capture with the TAC

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#### <sup>235</sup>U Analysis Status

- •Measurement has been processed again with <u>new DST's</u>. • $\alpha/\gamma$  signal discrimination in BaF2 crystals done.
- •Energy calibration for individual BaF2 crystals done .
- •<u>Time calibration</u> between BaF2 crystals for coincidences in TAC done.
- •Time calibration between FTMG detectors and TAC for coincidences done.
- •Check Beam detectors.

•Very preliminary <u>deposited energy histograms</u> for 2FTMG configuration.

•Very preliminary <u>capture and fission Yield</u> for 2FTMG configuration.

•Very preliminary fission's gammas have been simulated.

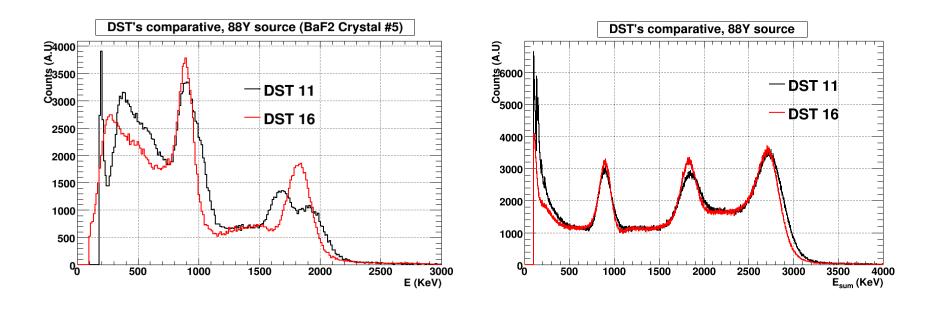




#### DST processing

•The measurement has been processed with a new DST's version (DST 16)

•Differences between both energy deposition spectrum in single crystal and TAC are observed.





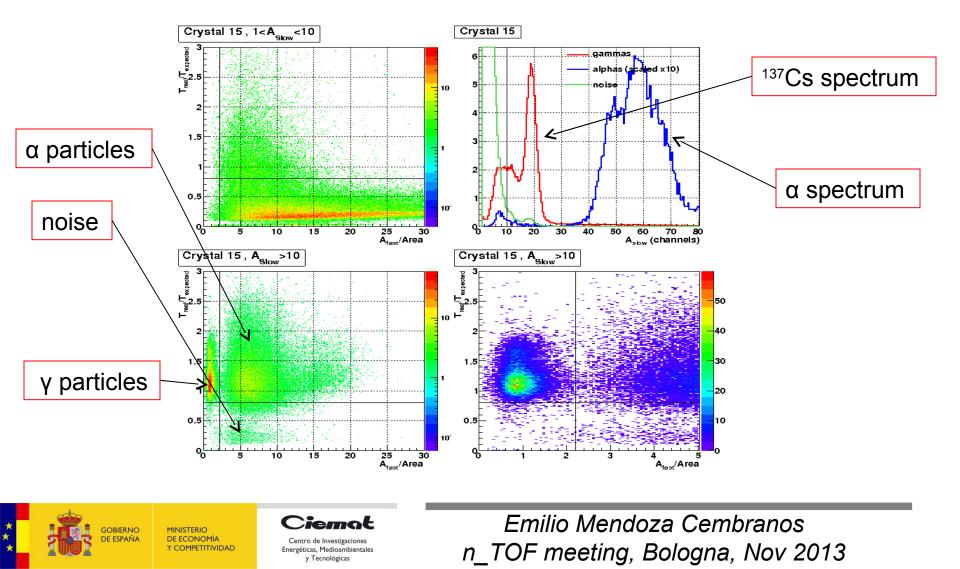


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#### $\alpha/\gamma$ discrimation

•A study for  $\alpha/\gamma$  and noise discrimination in individual BaF2 crystals have done.



#### **TAC** calibration

•Energy TAC calibration for each BaF2 crystals have performed using <sup>88</sup>Y and <sup>137</sup>Cs sources.

•Ganancie's changes in each run has fitted using  $\alpha$  contamination.

•Time calibration has done with a time window for coincidences in TAC ~20ns

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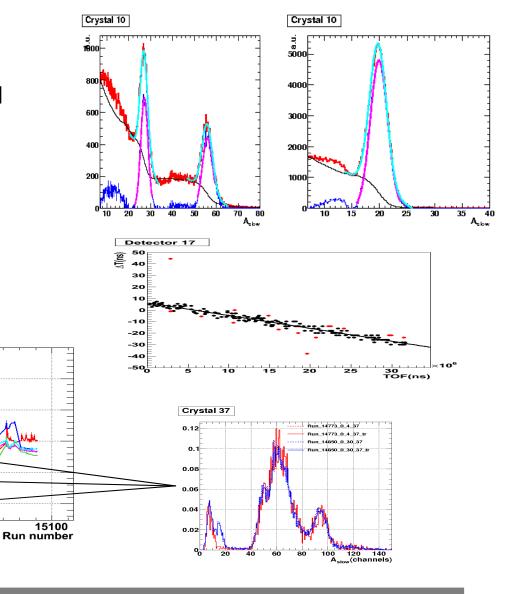
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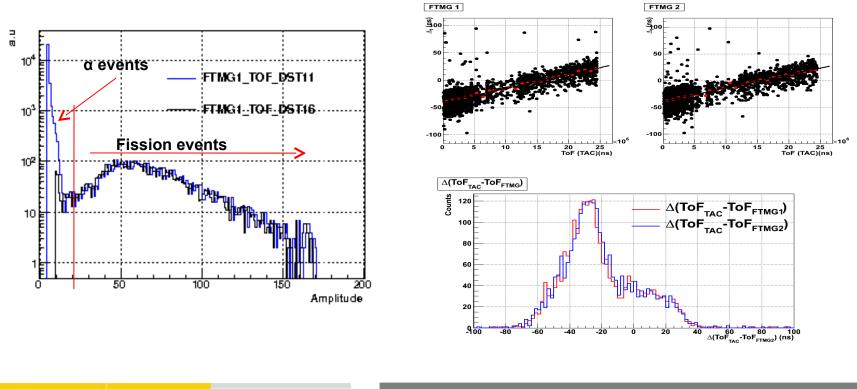
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#### **FTMG** detectors

•Events with amplitudes more than threshold are tagged like fission events.

•Timming correlation between TAC and FTMG detectors have been studied in 2 configurations (2 FTMG and 10 FTMG).

•Time windows for coincidences with TAC in both configurations are ~120 ns.



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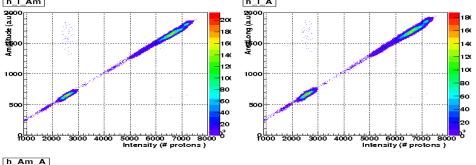
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#### **Beam detectors**

•Check linearity between PKUP and beam monitors.

•Check relationship between SILI detectors and PKUP.



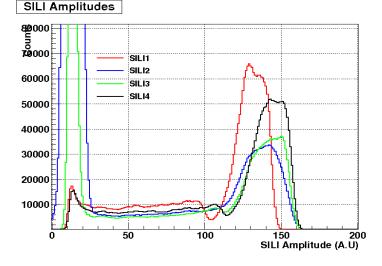
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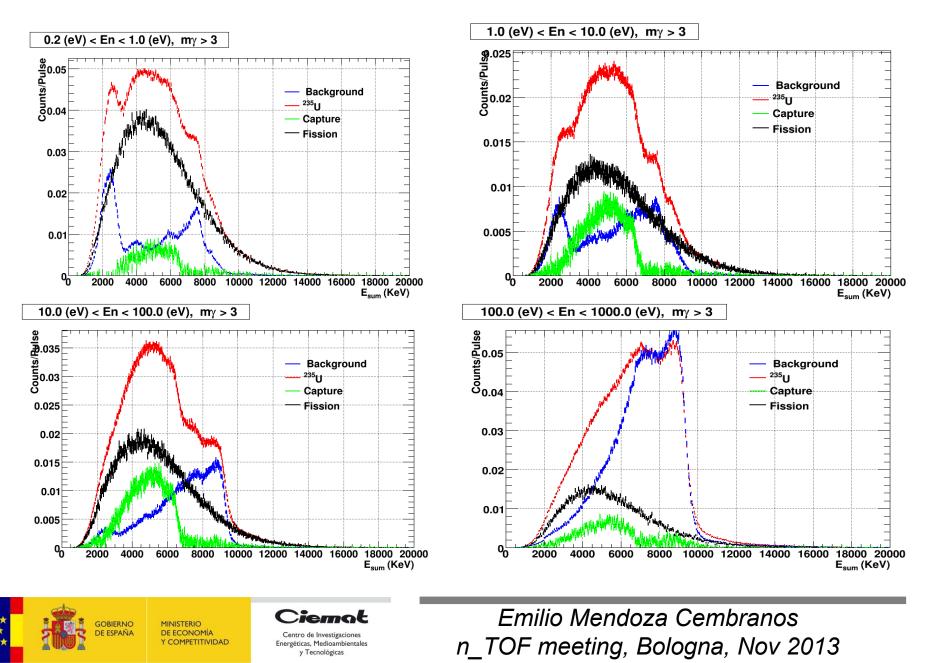


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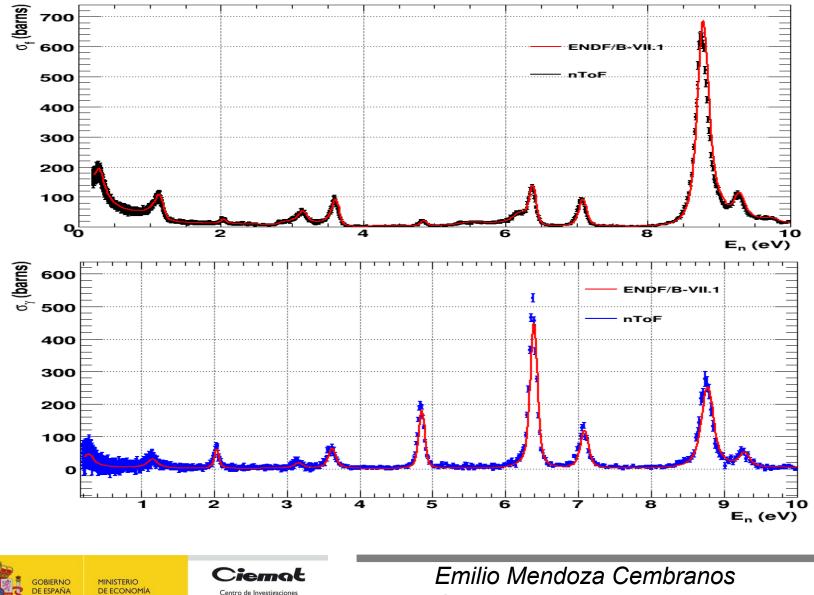
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#### 2 Fission tagging micromegas (2FTMGAS)



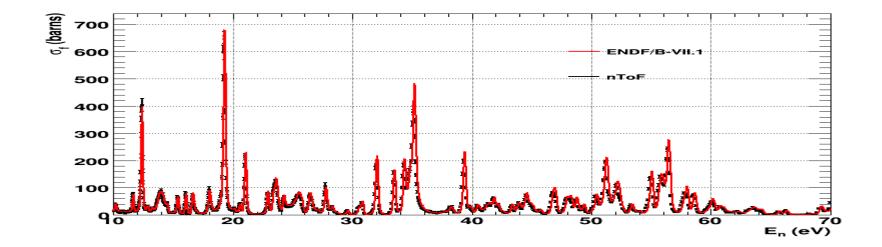
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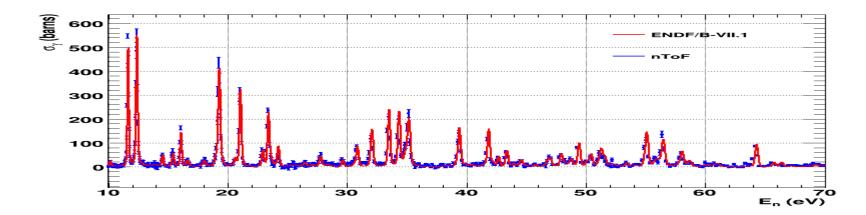


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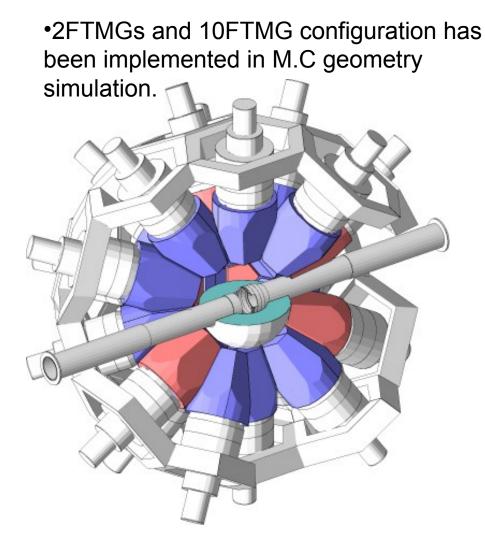


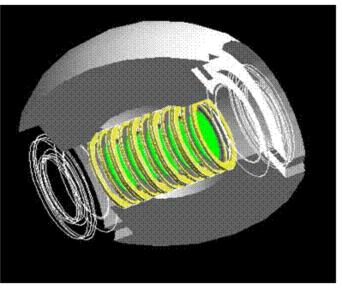
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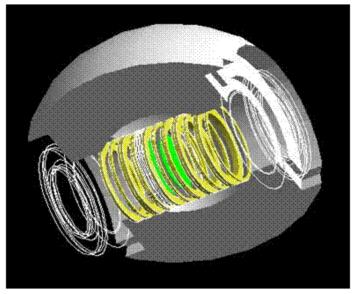
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#### Fission's gammas simulated







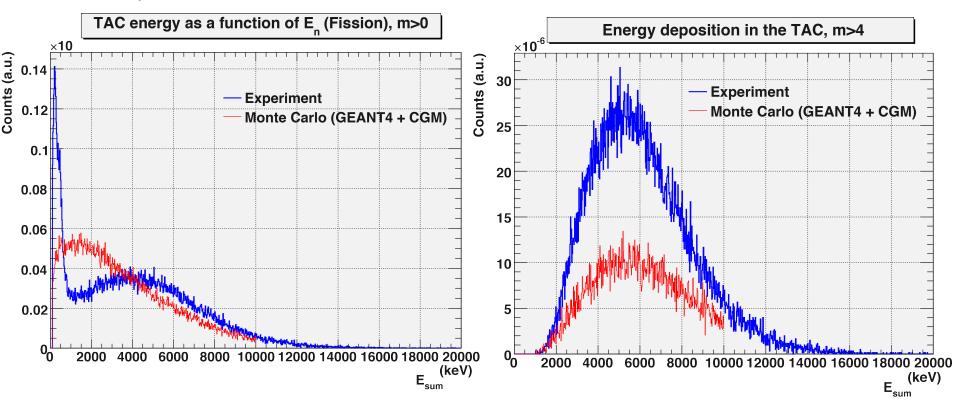






#### Very preliminary results for the (n,f) EM cascades

A first simulation with the realistic geometry (10FTMGAS) has been performed with the cascades provided by I. Stetcu and T. Kawano (CGM code – Los Alamos).



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