Laser-Neutron sources at DRACO

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Neutron Yield 29.10.21



- Using big EJ232Q detector
- Average over 155 shots; protons on LiF
- Comparison to simulated yield





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Photonics

- Simulations used TNSA spectrum with 48.3 MeV cutoff
- Different nuclear data libraries used
- Comparison of conversion efficiency from $p \rightarrow n$





Strange "behavior" for Protons



- Proton spectra look odd
- All spectra show dips to 0 between ~22MeV and ~35MeV
- Cutoff energies don't really match with shoot book
- Perhaps a problem in the data evaluation?







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- Large discrepancy bubbles vs. scintillator, ~one order of magn.







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Upcoming Work



- Validate bubble detector data and conversion from bubbles to neutrons
- Investigate possible issue with integration of neutron traces
- Use larger data sets to calculate neutron yield
- Look at yield from the other scintillators
- Monte Carlo input is ready \rightarrow start running full simulations





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- Big EJ232Q scintillator
- Average over 15 shots
- Deuterated target and LiF catcher





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- Fit Function to falling edge of Gamma-Flash
 - "Decay constant" of fit does not match with data sheet
 Fit: 1.118e8 1/s
 Data sheet: 14.29e8 1/s
- Subtract Gamma-Flash from Signal



