

- WP2 Task 2.5 Deliverable 2.13** Report on fission yield studies with FALSTAFF at ILL (M48)
- replaced by Falstaff@NFS : fission yield studies in (n,f) reactions
  - Deliverable 2.13 OK (end of January 2024)

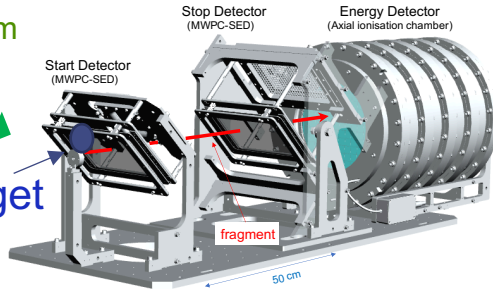
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# $^{235}\text{U}$ fission fragment study with FALSTAFF at NFS



Neutron beam

$^{235}\text{U}$  target



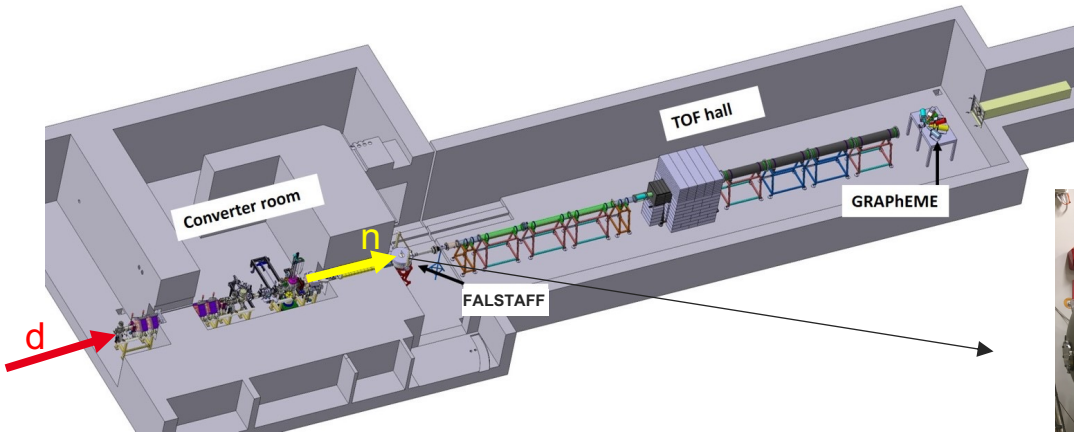
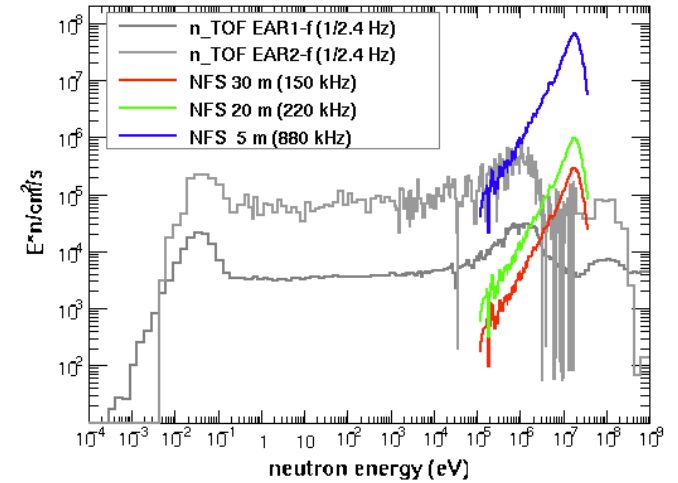
One arm experiment

Post-evaporation fragment mass (EV method)

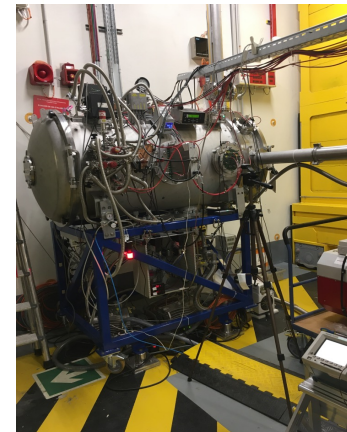
- Velocity (time & position) : SED-MWPC
- Energy : Axial Ionization Chamber

+2 LaBr3 detectors (Subatech, Nantes)

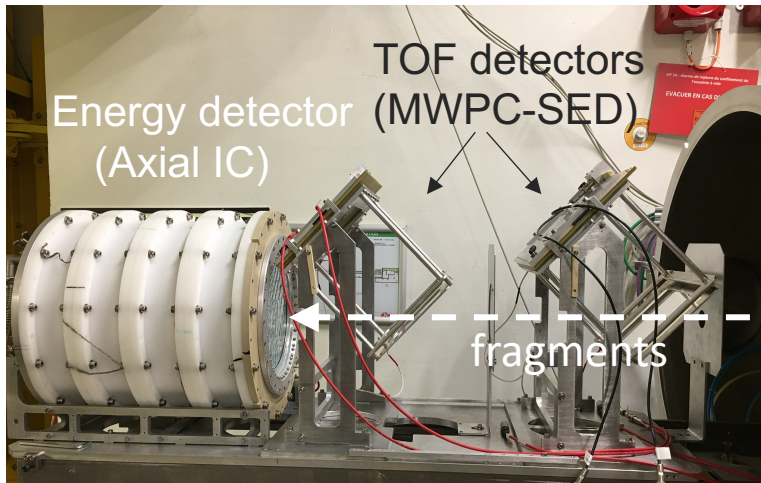
$d+^9\text{Be}$  (thick)  
 $I_{\text{beam}} = 8 \mu\text{A}$  (nominal  $50 \mu\text{A}$ )  
 $f = 1/200 * 88 \text{ MHz}$



~1/5 of the expected neutron flux  
 < 1 detected fragment /s

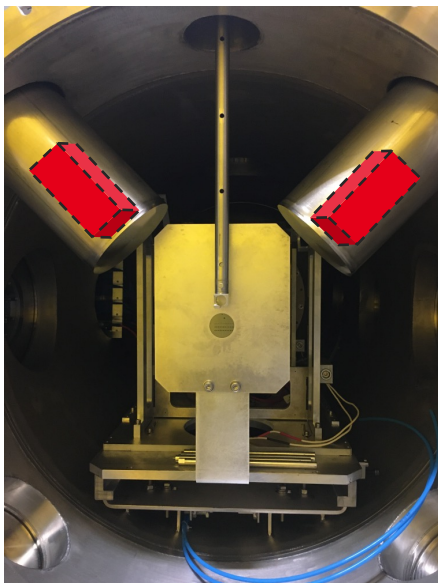
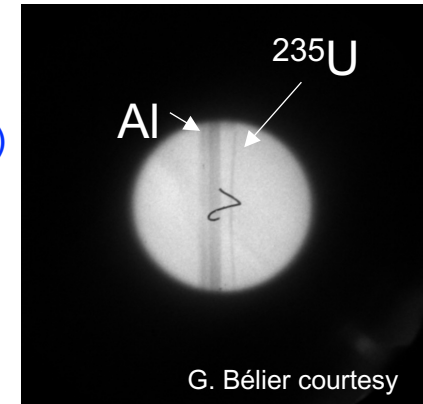


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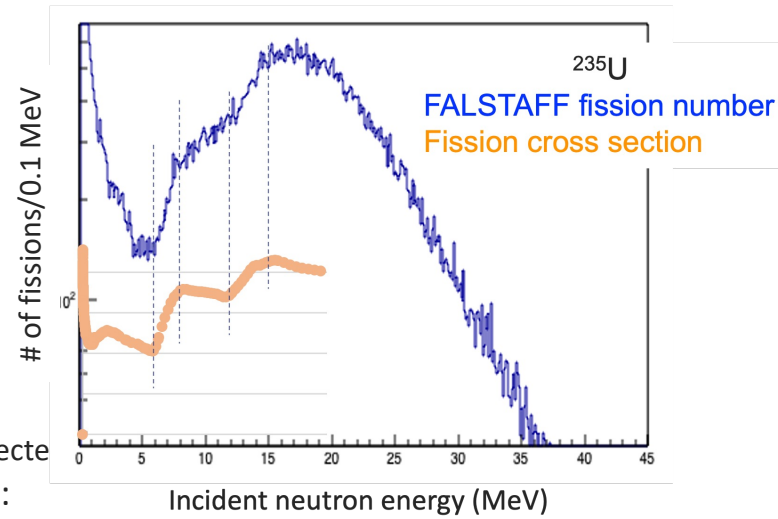


## $^{235}\text{U}$ target:

- JRC-Geel (99.94%  $^{235}\text{U}$ )
- $195 \mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$
- $\Phi$  28 mm
- 1.2 mg
- Ta backing
- Al support



- Need of reference time
  - Low energy  $\gamma$  flash at NFS:  
no photo-fission
- **2 LaBr3 detectors from Subatech**
  - $51 \times 51 \times 102 \text{ mm}^3$
  - 2 PM of 2"
  - 2% fwhm pour 1.33 MeV
  - Internal bkg 730 cps
- Neutron time spectra (producing detected fission in FALSTAFF) is obtained using:  
Different dtime (HF, Falstaff, LaBr3)



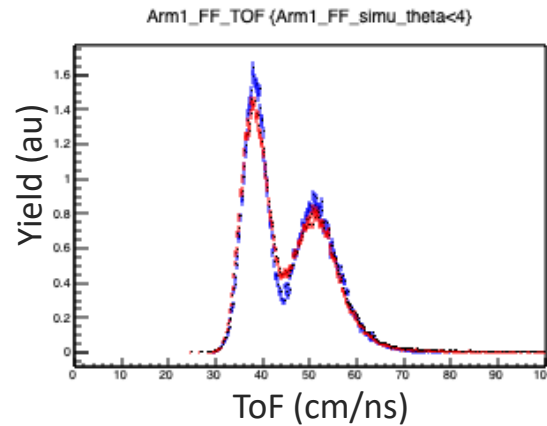
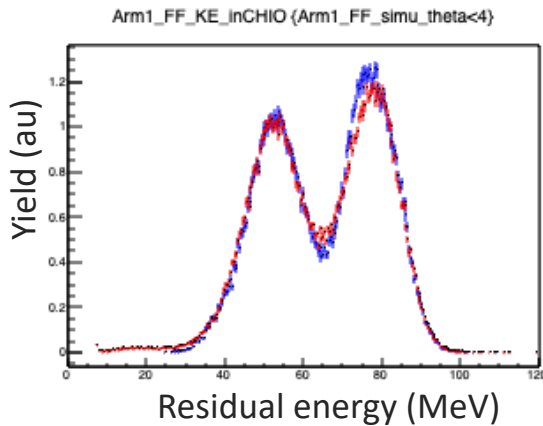


➤ Based on simulations :  $^{252}\text{Cf}$

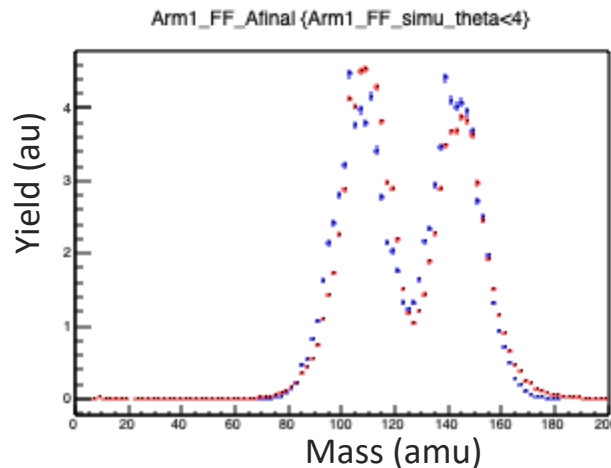
Simulations with GEF code (v2021.v1.1) :

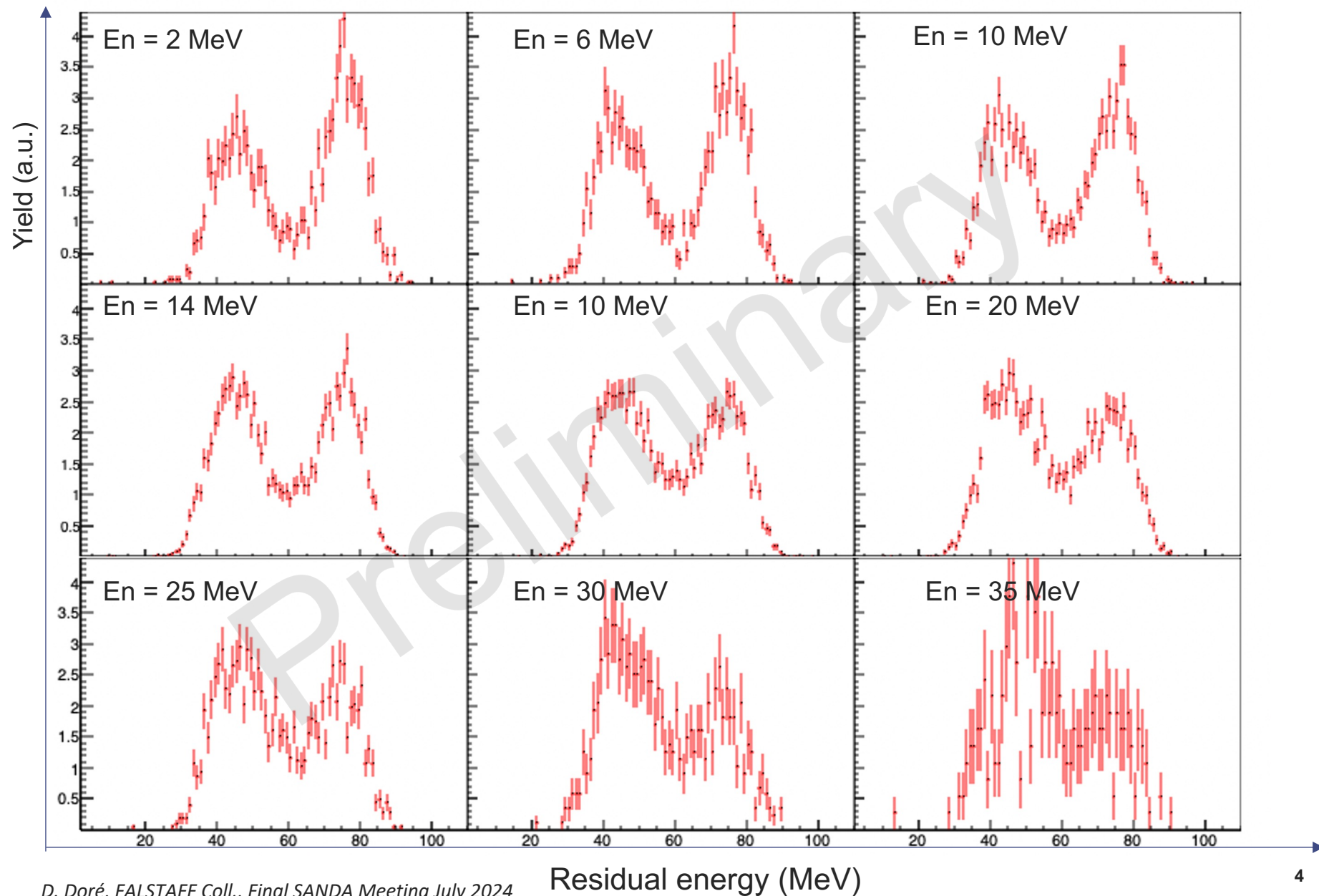
*K.H. Schmidt et al., Technical report, JEFF Report 24, 2014.*

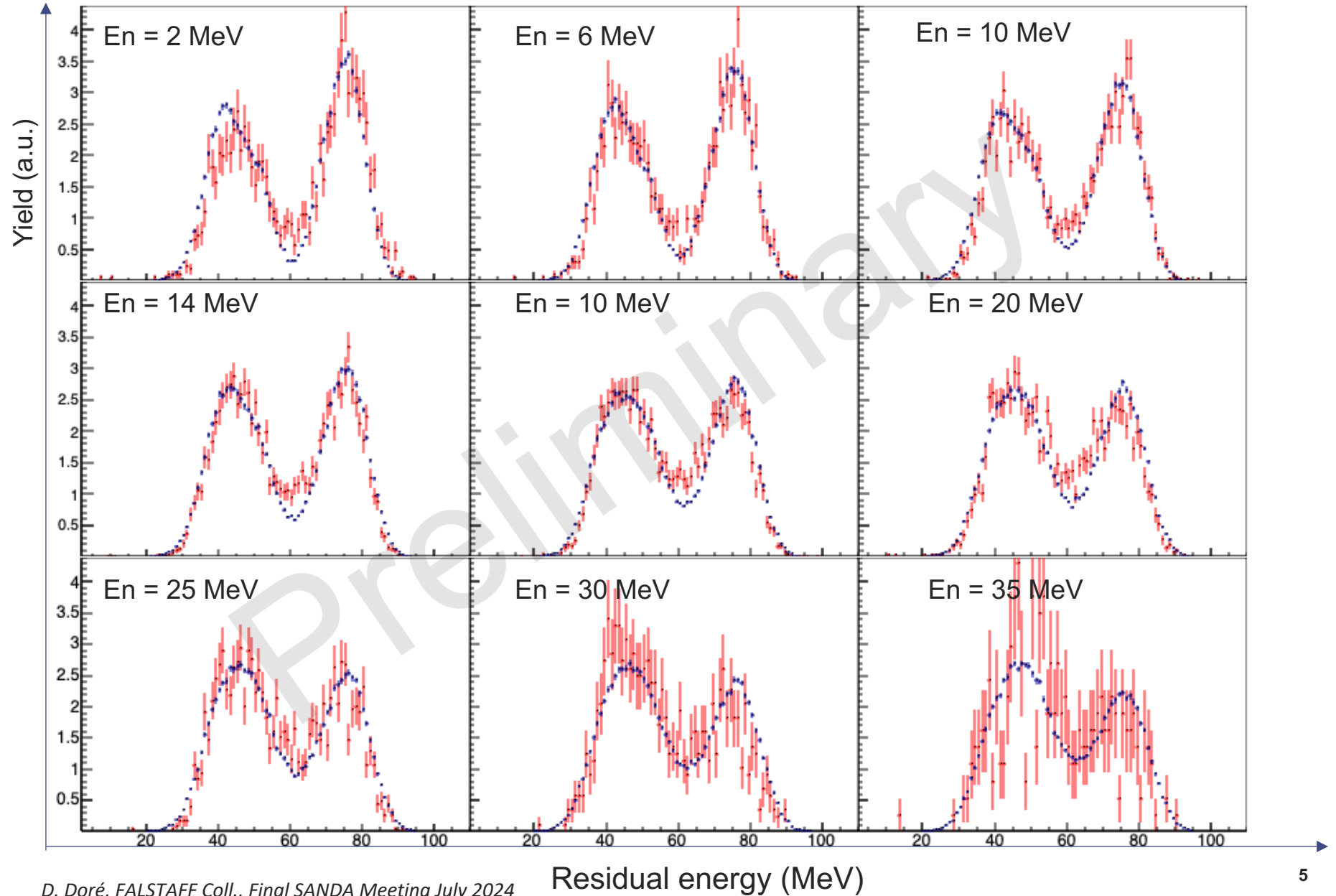
- Use  $Z, A, KE_{\text{pre}}, v$
- Perform homemade evaporation
- G4 simulation with e814 geometry (a condition on theta applied)



Data  
GEF + G4 + analysis

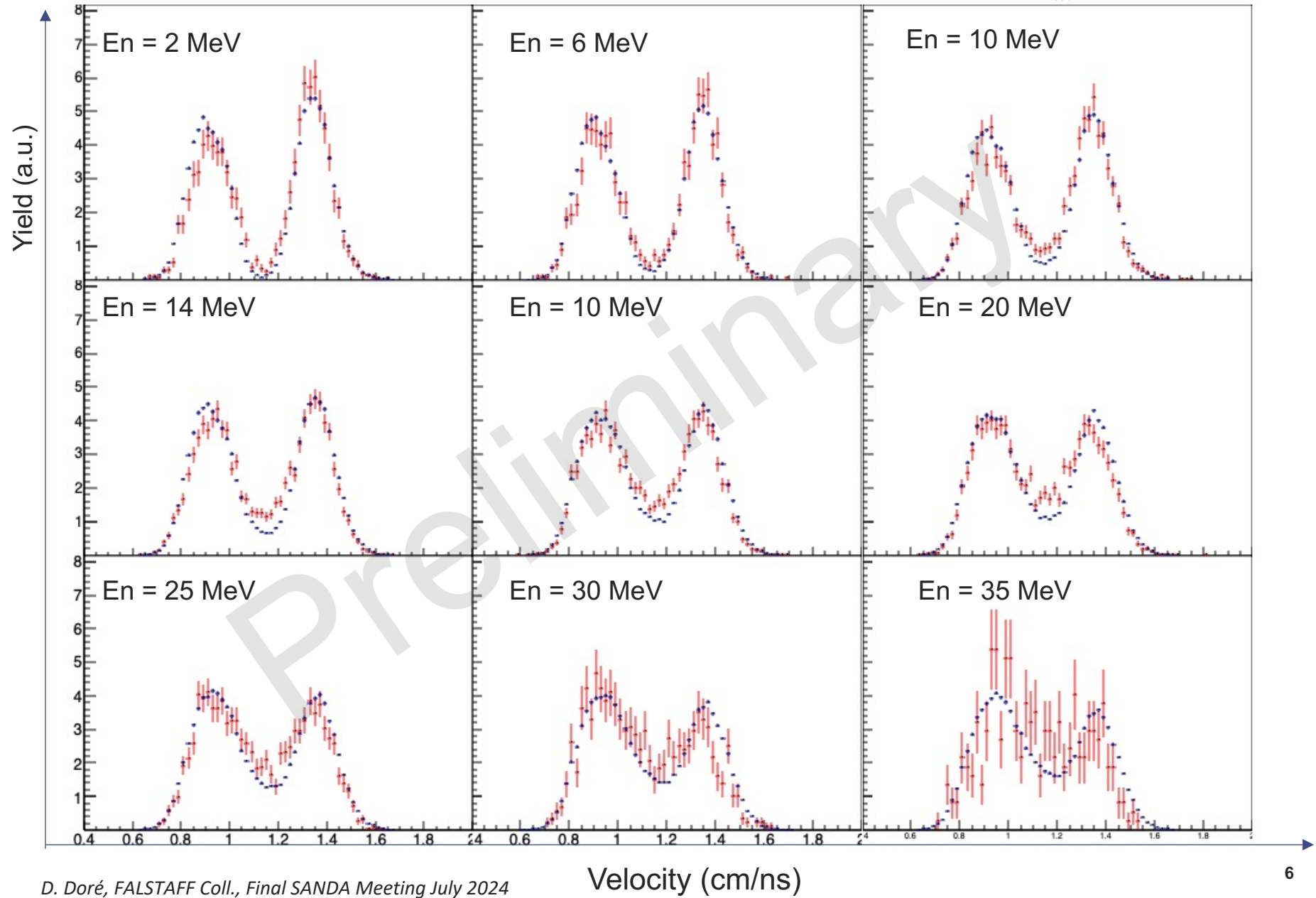








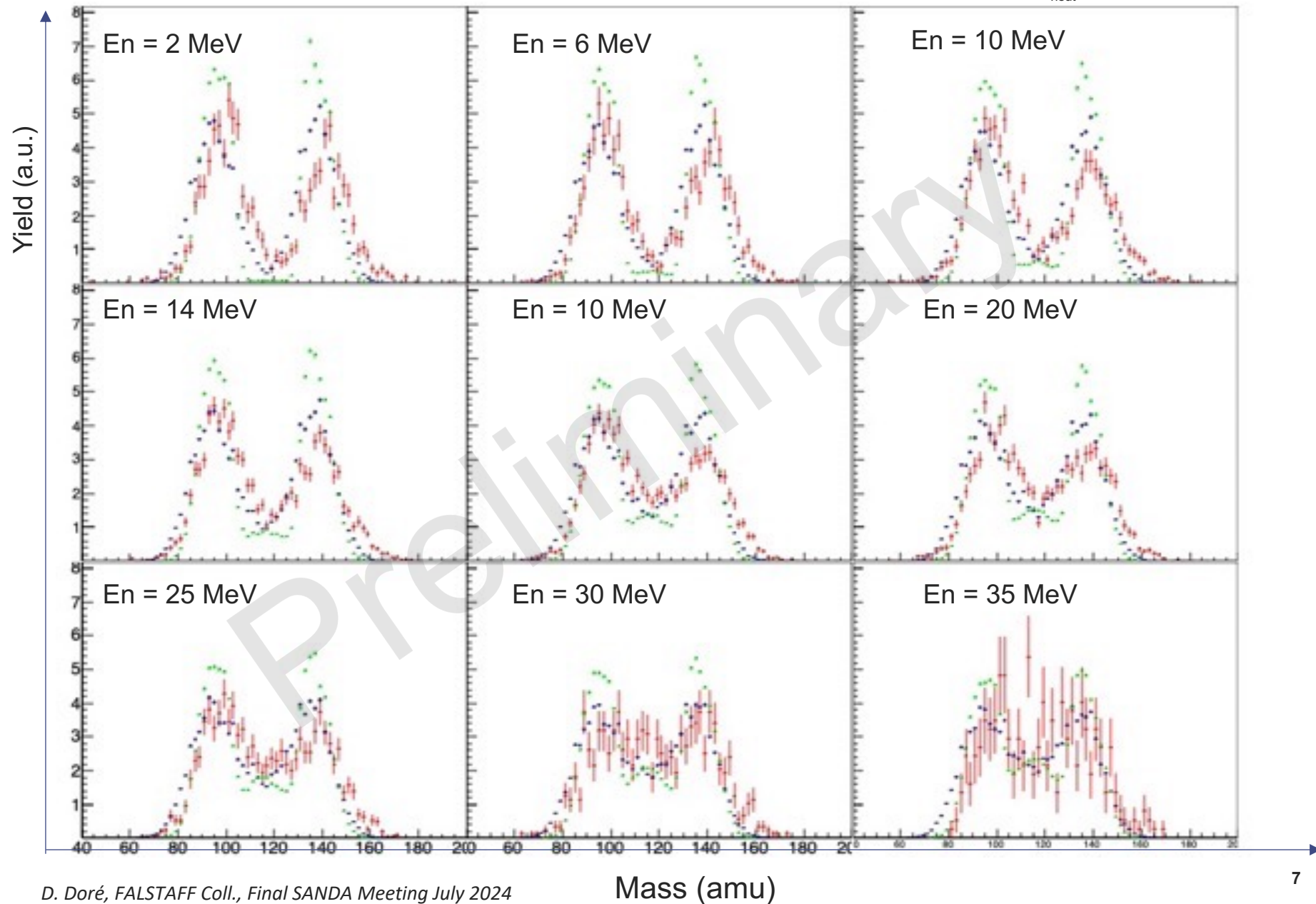
Spectra normalized to integral  
 $E_{\text{neut}}$  bin width : 1 MeV



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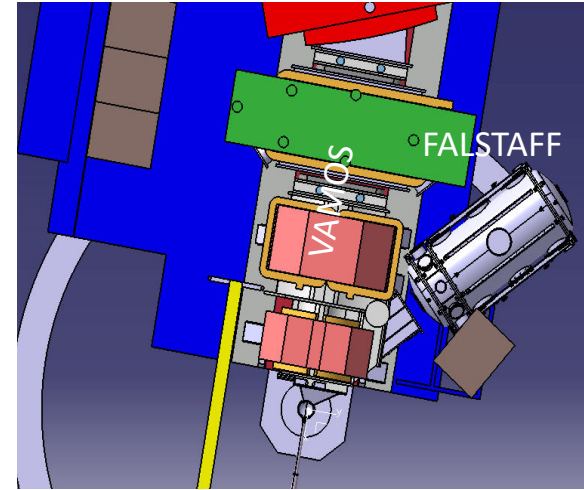
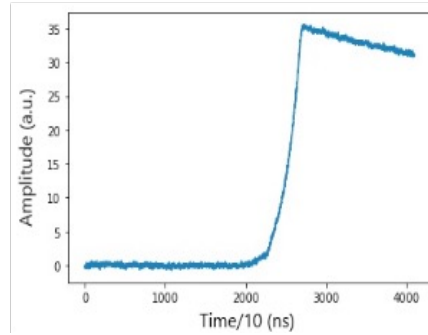
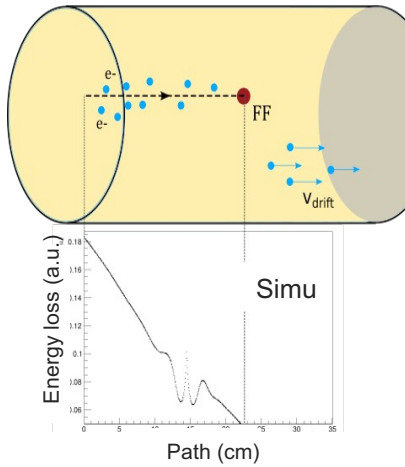
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# Nuclear charge determination

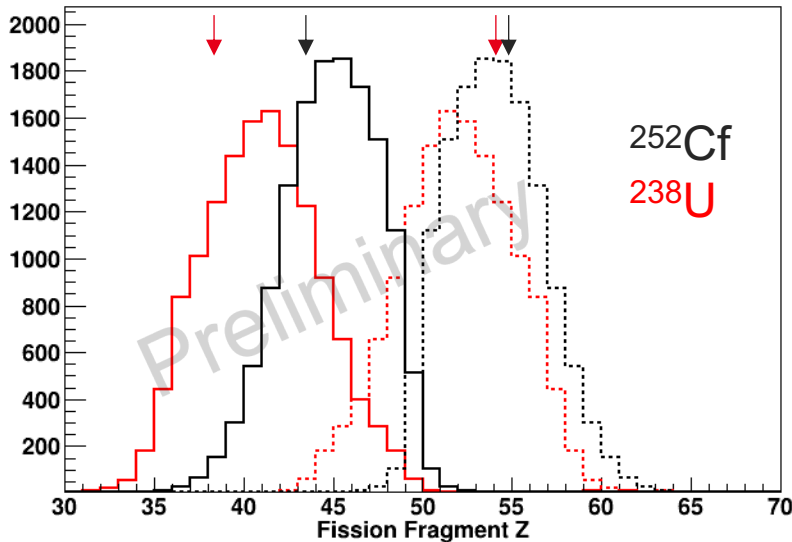
1<sup>st</sup> tentative



## FALSTAFF @ VAMOS

(test experiment, March 2022, PI D. Ramos)  
 $^{238}\text{U} + \text{Be} (\text{Al}) \rightarrow \text{fusion-fission main channel}$

- one fragment fully (Z,A,E) identified in VAMOS
- one fragment slowed down (small IC close to the target) and detected in FALSTAFF IC.



Training the neural network on these data, results for  $^{252}\text{Cf}$  and  $^{235}\text{U}$  were obtained.

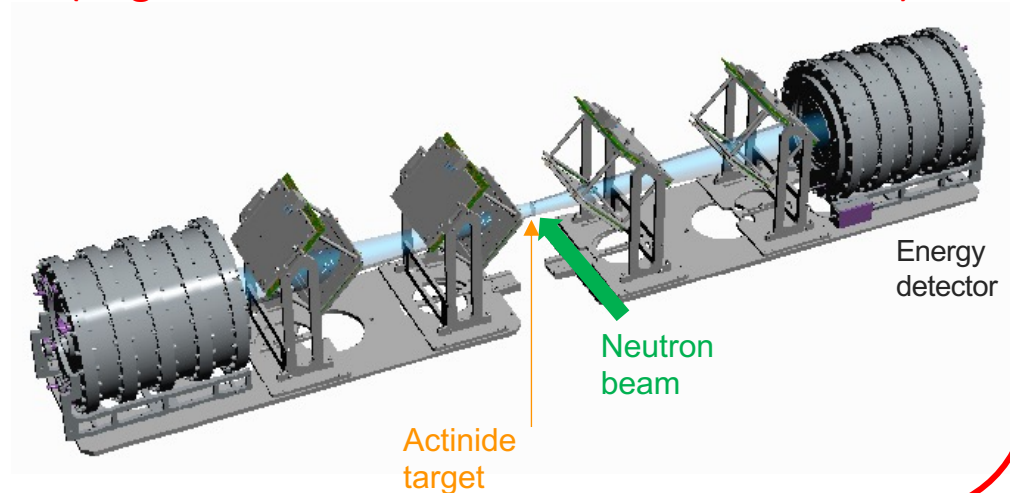
Analysis ongoing, but encouraging

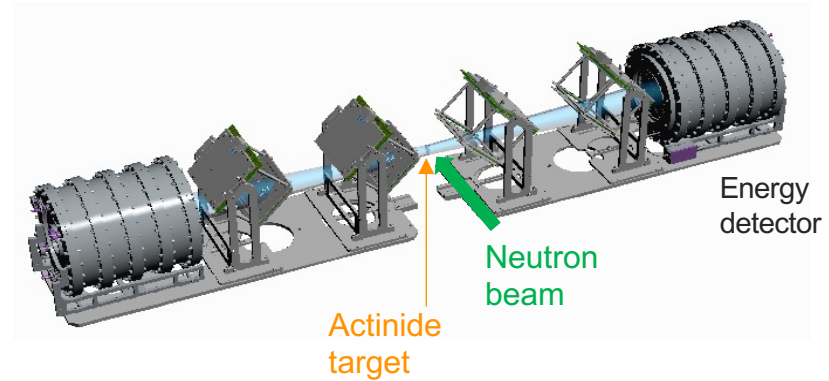
## In summary

- Deliverable ready, but analysis of  $^{235}\text{U}$  (n,f) exp. at NFS is still ongoing. Draft of the paper by the end of the year. Contacts with EXFOR have been made.
- $^{237}\text{Np}$  experiment (1-arm) to be performed in October 2024.
- Collaboration with FIFRELIN developers.

## Next step

- Second arm of FALSTAFF in development (Région Normandie, Irfu/GANIL, Irfu/DPhN)
  - Reaction chamber ready
  - Ionization chamber ready
  - SEDS-MWPC to be delivered this Fall
- Proposal to be submitted this Fall
- Experiment expected in 2025





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