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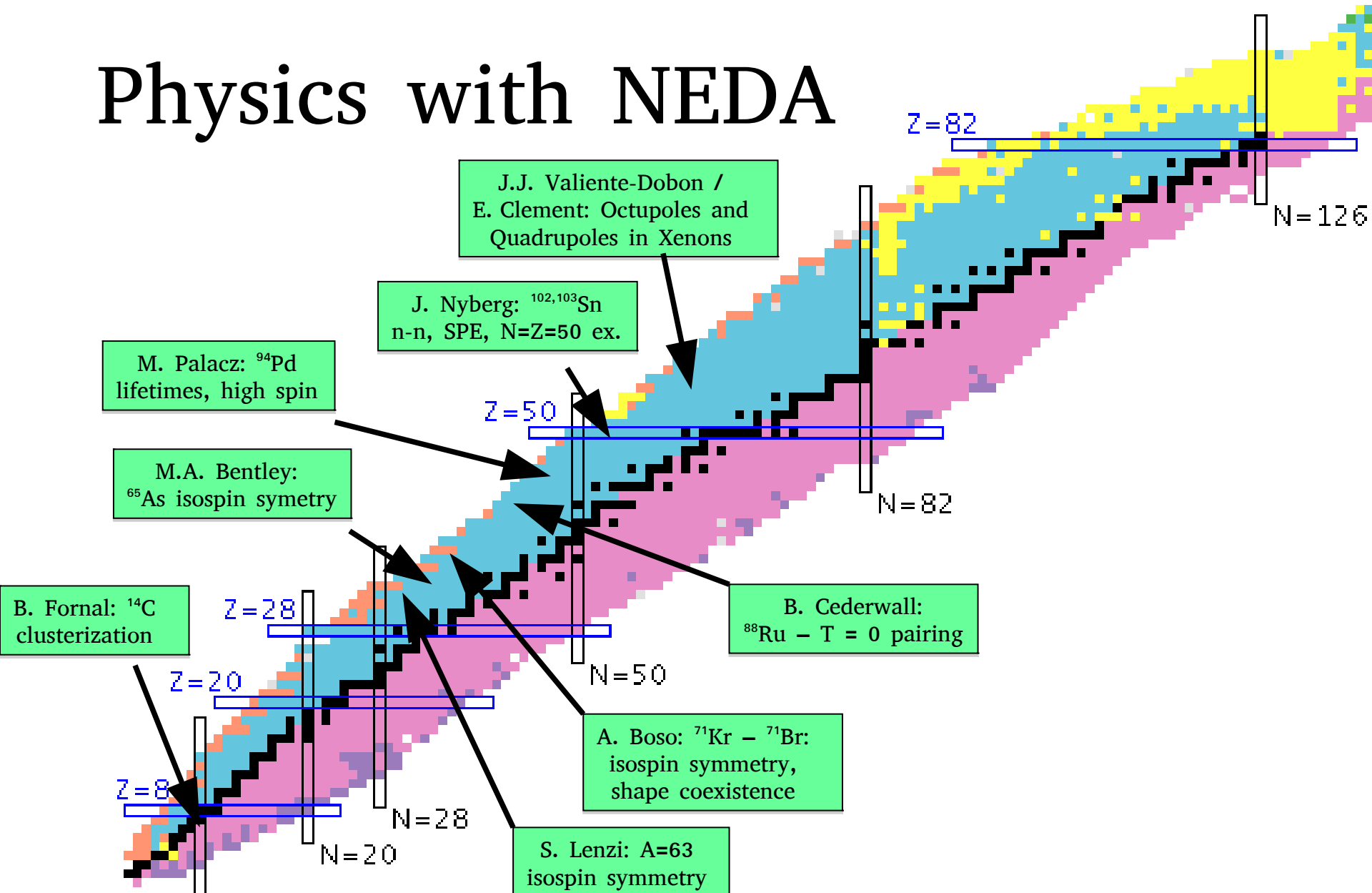
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# Outline



- Physics with NEDA.
- Why (a new) neutron multiplicity filter and how to built one?
- R&D:
  - single cell;
  - scintillator;
  - full geometry;
  - PMT;
  - timing;
  - NGD;
  - electronics;
  - NEDA + NW @ GANIIL geometry;
  - Production and characterisation (ongoing).
- AGATA + NEDA campaign coming.

# Physics with NEDA



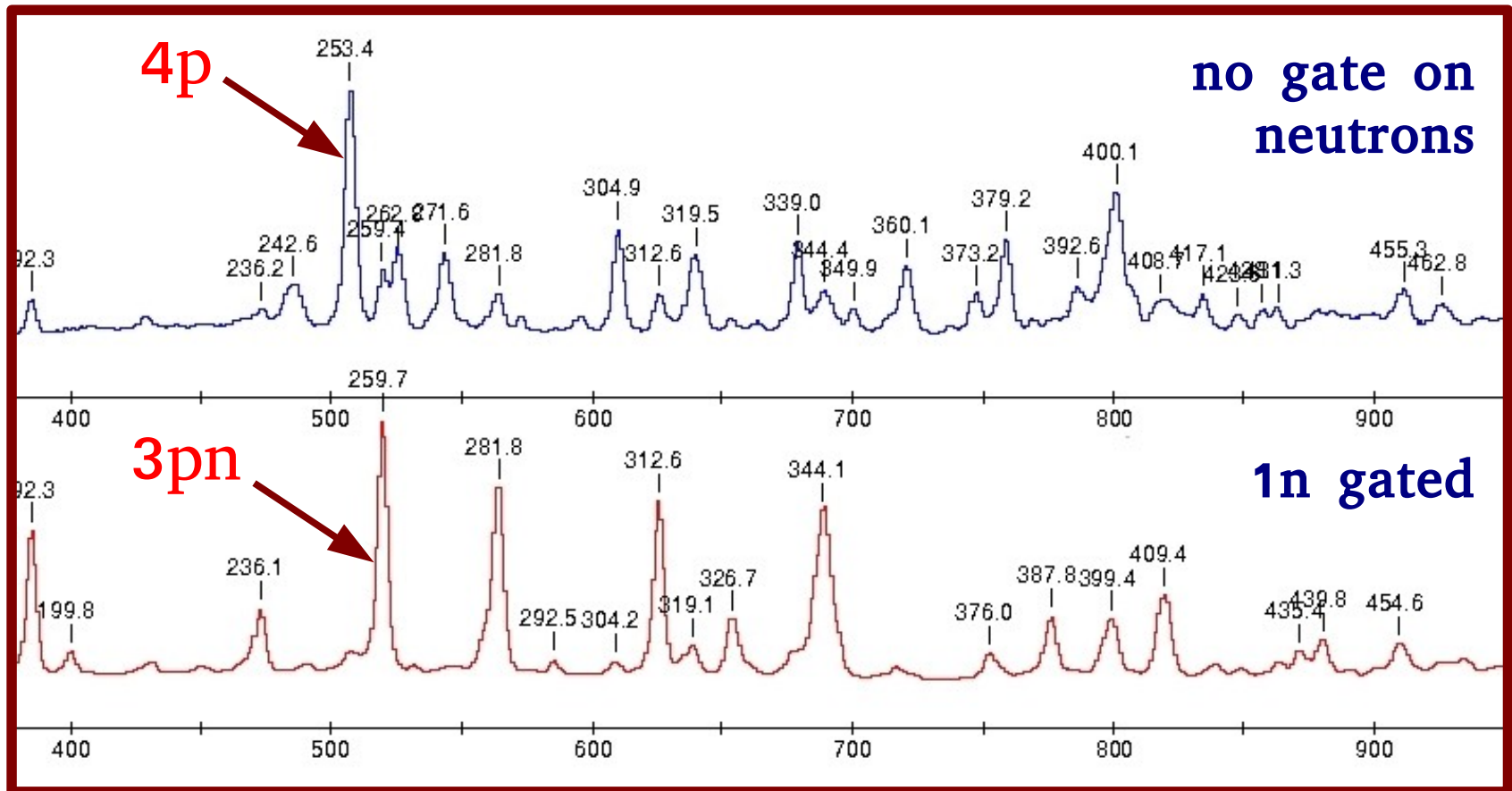
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# n selection



EXOGAM experiment:  $^{58}\text{Ni}$  (240 MeV) +  $^{54}\text{Fe}$





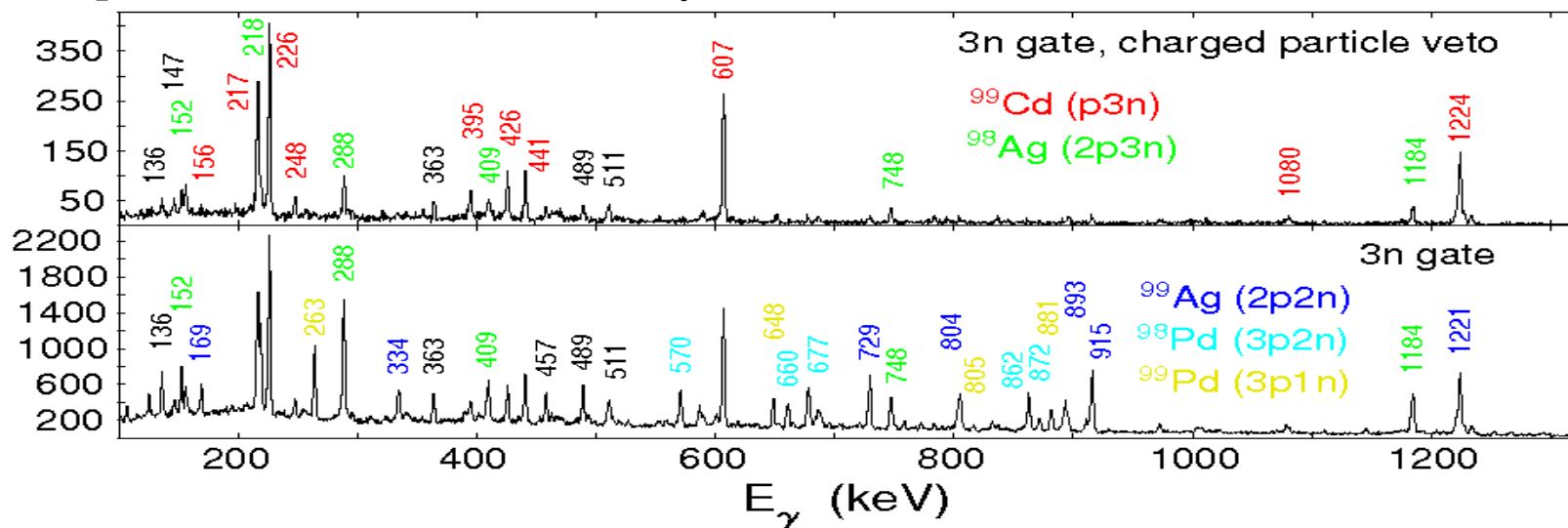
# Why a new array?



An example:

Attempt to study  $^{100}\text{In} - 1\nu\ 1\pi^{-1}$  outside  $^{100}\text{Sn}$

3n evaporation channel – the only 3n case with NWall (+ EUROBALL)



$^{100}\text{In}$  not observed, but observation only a matter of statistics.

10x statistics:  $\rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$  a year with EXOGAM + NWall,  
 $\rightarrow$  2-3 weeks with EXOGAM + NEDA.

Other crucial nuclei accessible in 3n evap. channels, including  $^{101}\text{Sn}$ .

# New array



→ Goal: develop a neutron detector array to be used with AGATA, GALILEO, EXOGAM2, etc. for experiments with high intensity stable and radioactive ion beams (SPES, SPIRAL2, ...)

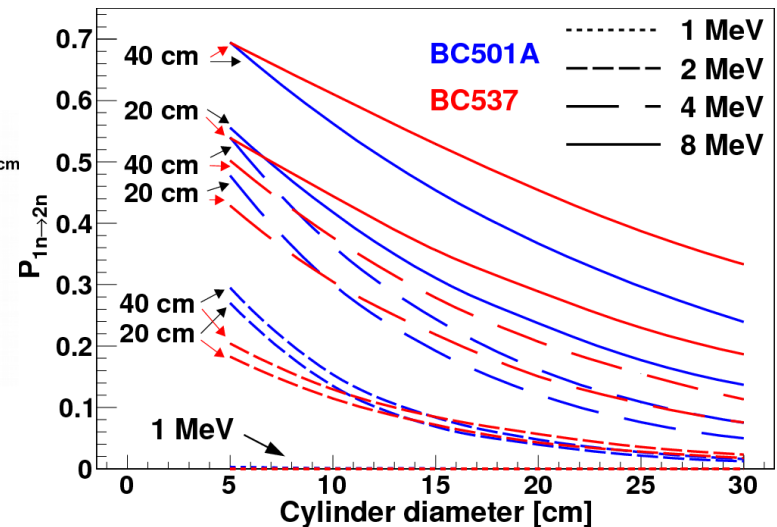
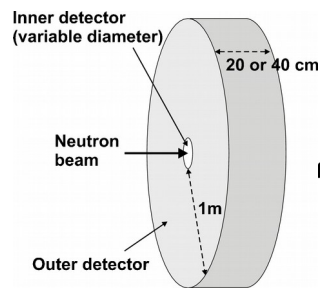
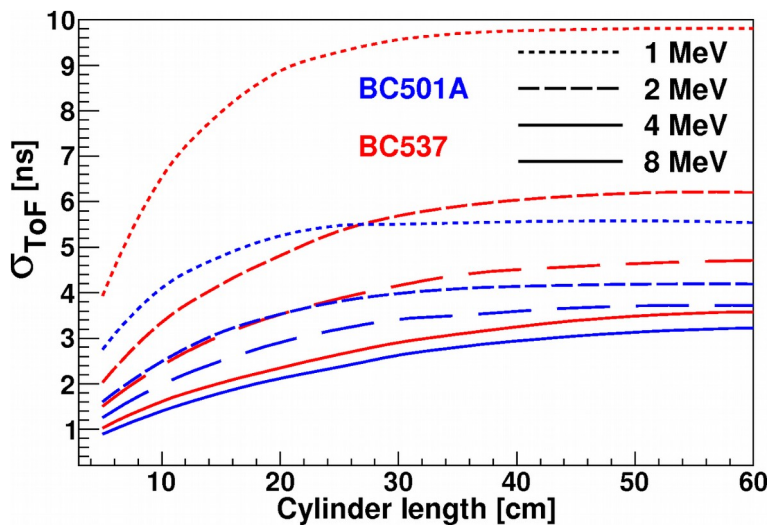
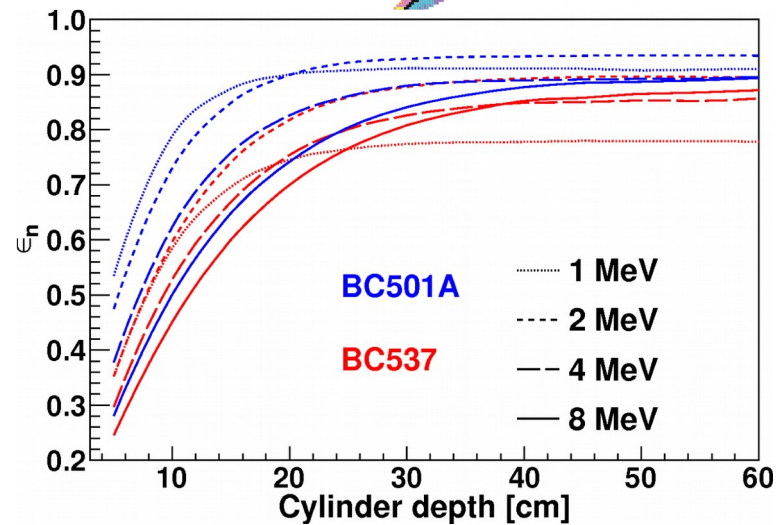
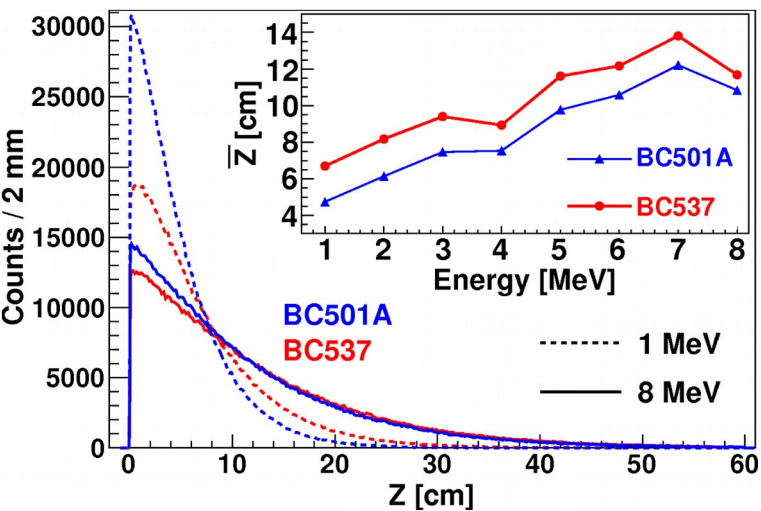
→ Requirements:

- excellent neutron-gamma discrimination (NGD);
- good timing;
- superior 1n/2n/3n/... discrimination;
- capability to run at high counting rates;
- be versatile (energy resolution for reaction studies);
- cope with large neutron multiplicities (reactions with neutron-rich RIBs).

Want best quality → do it yourself!

# Single cell

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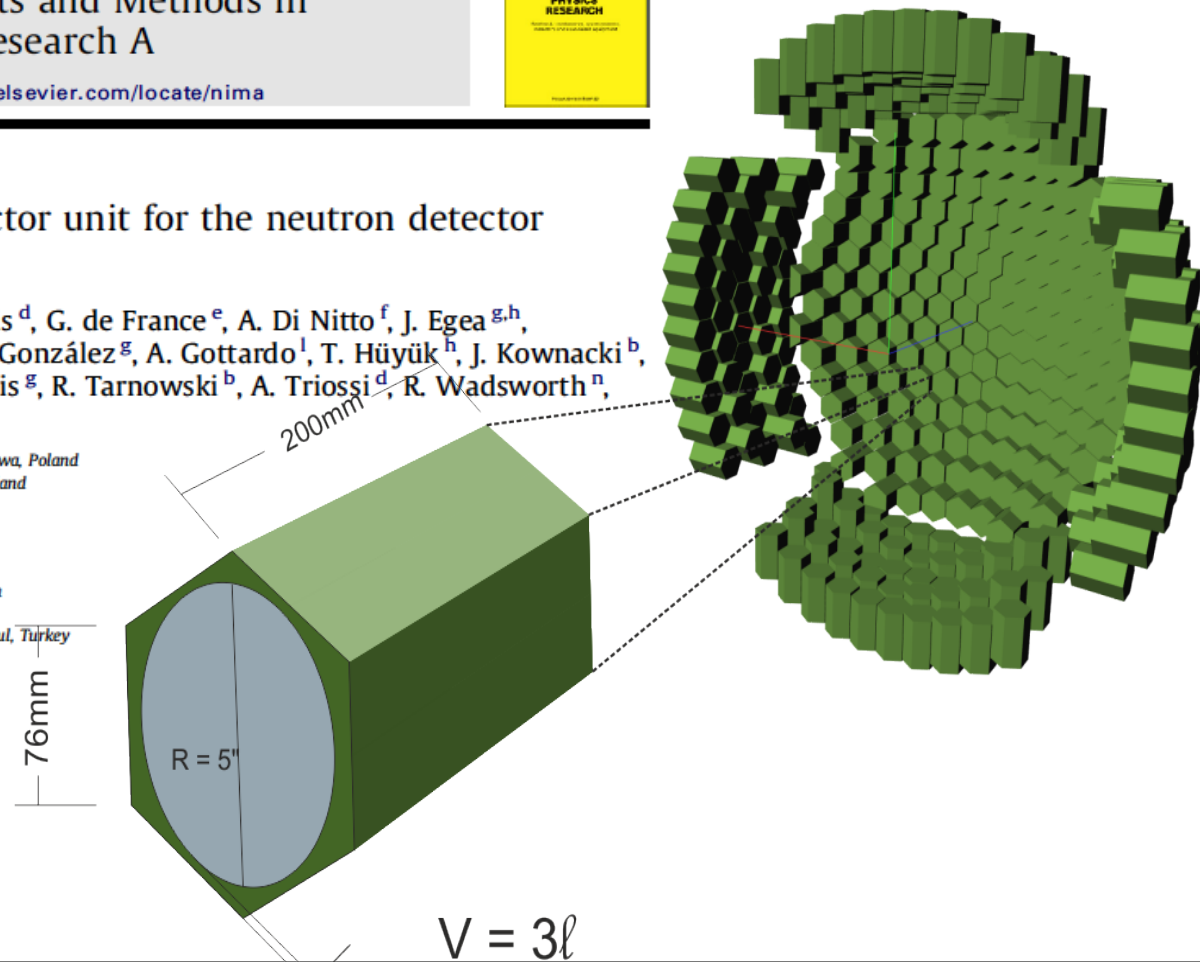
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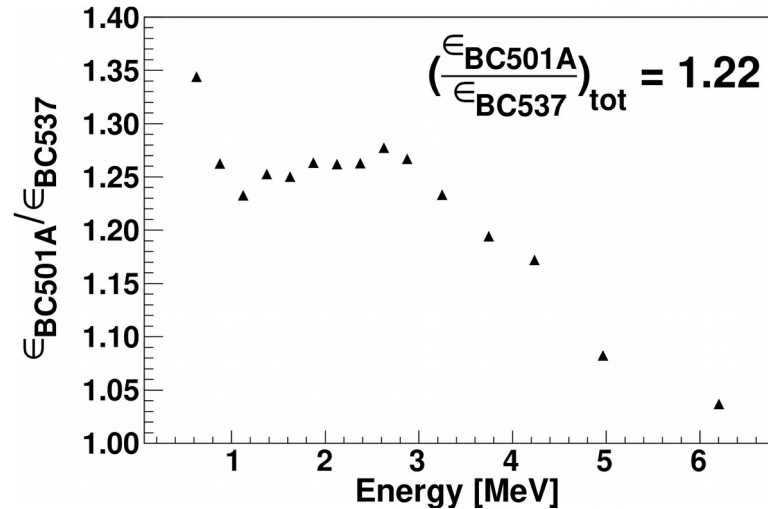
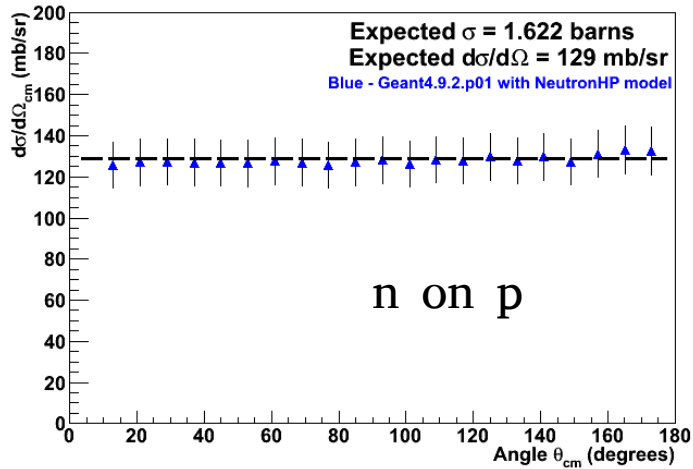
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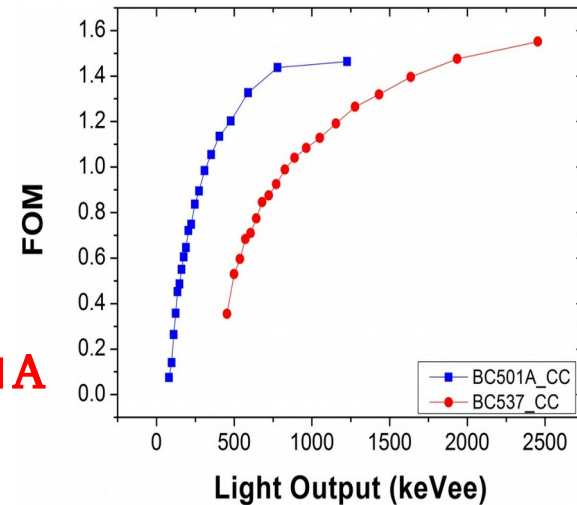
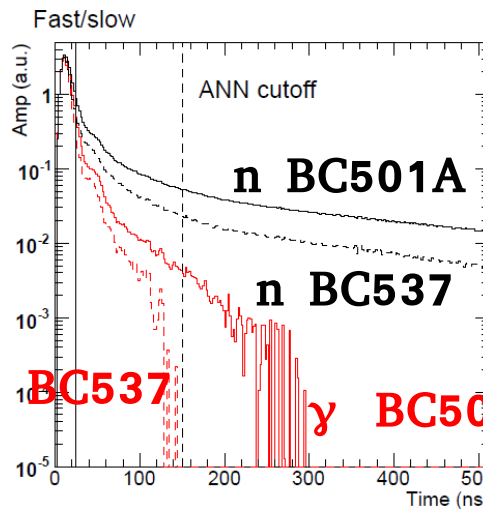
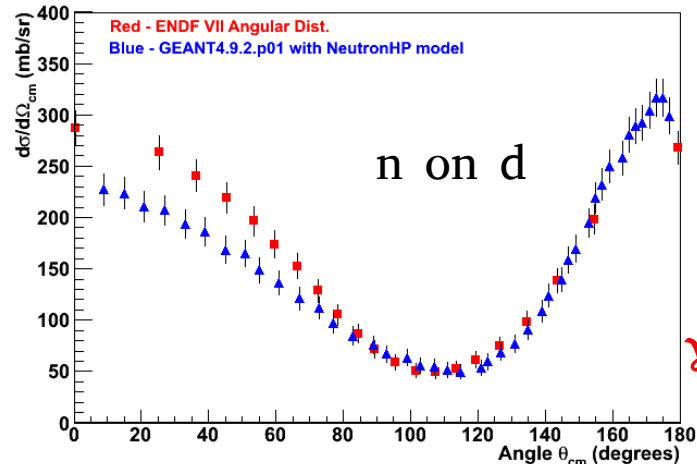
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$d\sigma/d\Omega_{cm}$  vs.  $\theta_{cm}$  (elastic) for  $n+^1H$  scattering at 5 MeV

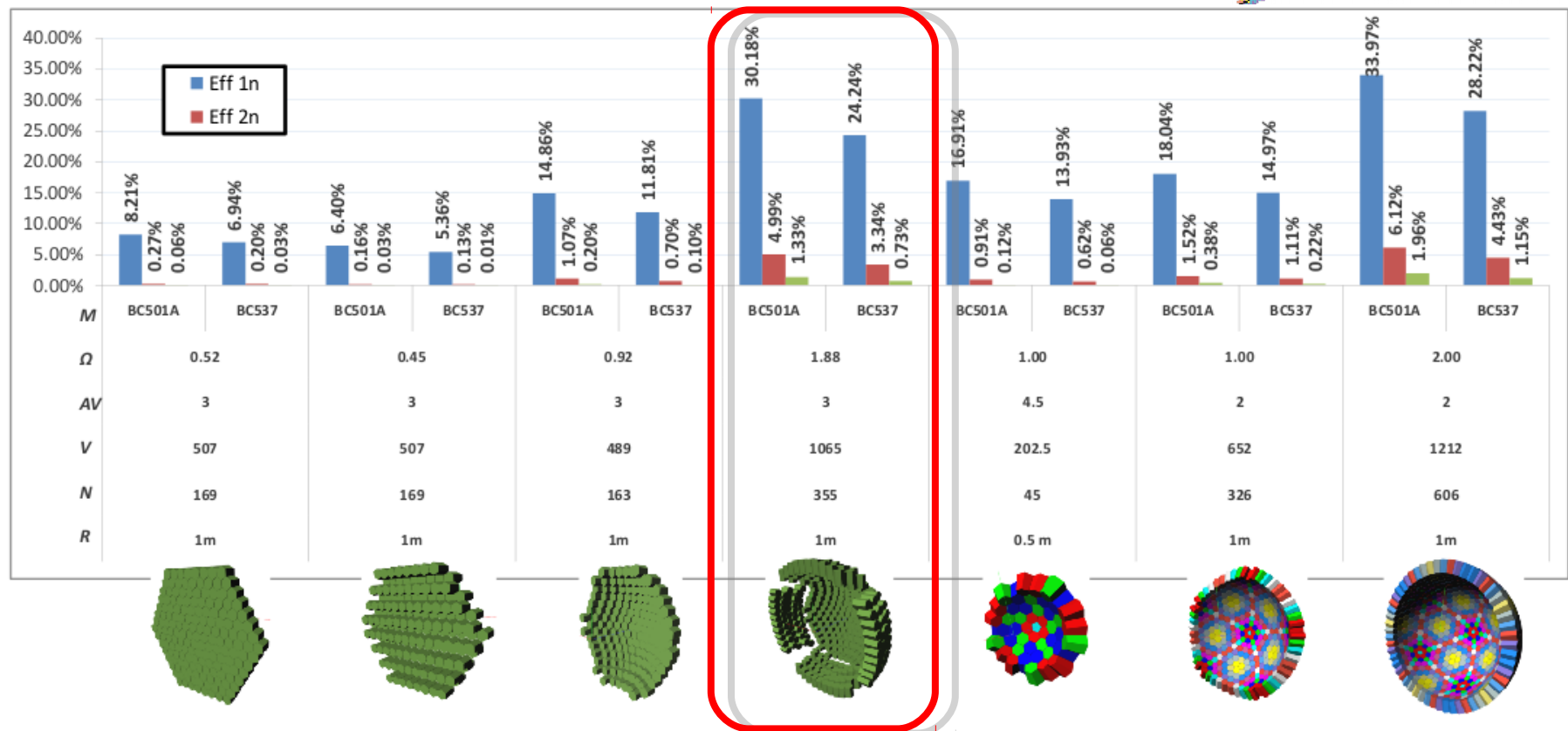


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$d\sigma/d\Omega_{cm}$  vs.  $\theta_{cm}$  for  $n+d$  scattering at 5.5 MeV



# Full geometry



**R** Distance from the origin / Radius (meter)  
**N** Granularity (Number of modules)  
**V** Total Volume (liter)  
**AV** Average Volume (liter)  
**Ω** Solid angle coverage ( $\pi$ )  
**M** Material

Simulated neutron source:  
 Depth of the detectors:  
 Neutrons were shot in  $2\pi$  solid angle  
 1E+7 statistics have been recorded

Cf-252  
 20 cm



# Timing

## Digital timing algorithm for various 5" PMTs

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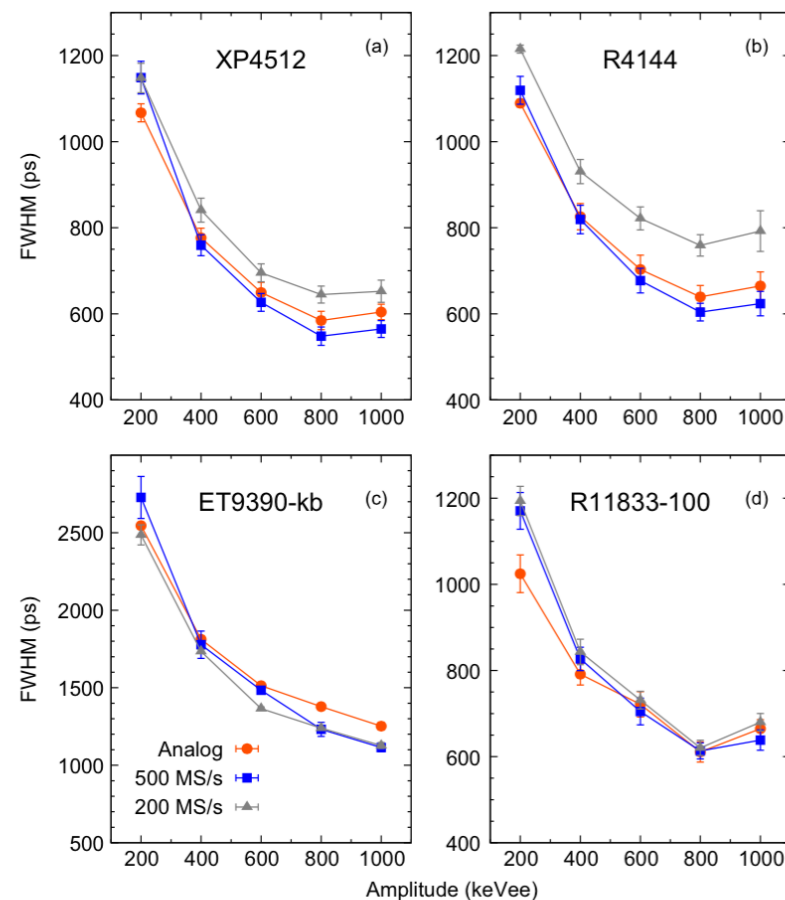
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PMT tests for best timing for NEDA



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# NGD

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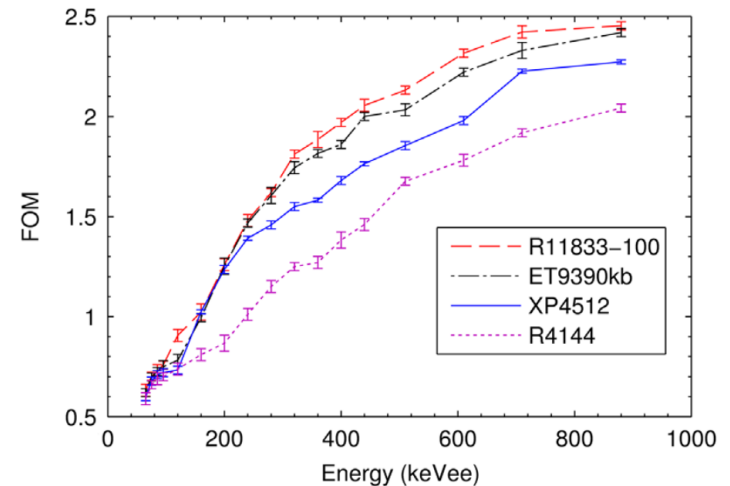
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**Fig. 10.** FOM values of the IRT method for PMT ET9390kb, R11833-100, XP4512, and R4144 as a function of energy window (the widths of the windows are 10, 40, and 100 keVee in energy regions of 50–100, 100–500, and 500–1000 keVee, respectively).

PMT tests for best NGD for NEDA



# Electronics

- NUMEXO2 board
  - GTS on board
  - GTS logic trigger tree
  - 200 MHz, 14 b (11.3 enob)
- Mezzanines FADC

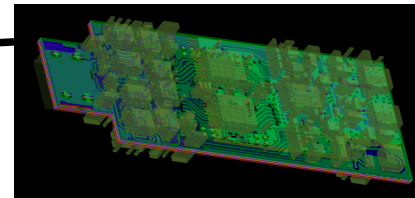
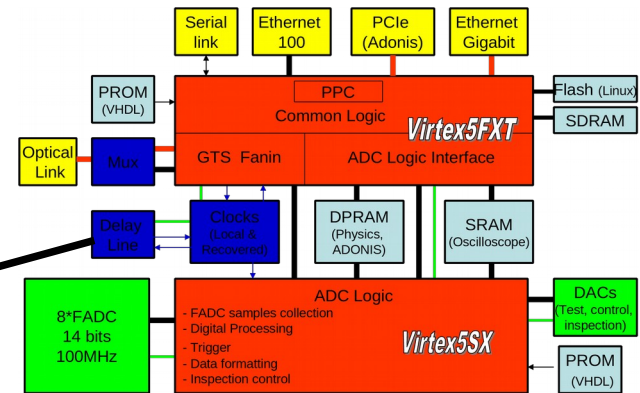
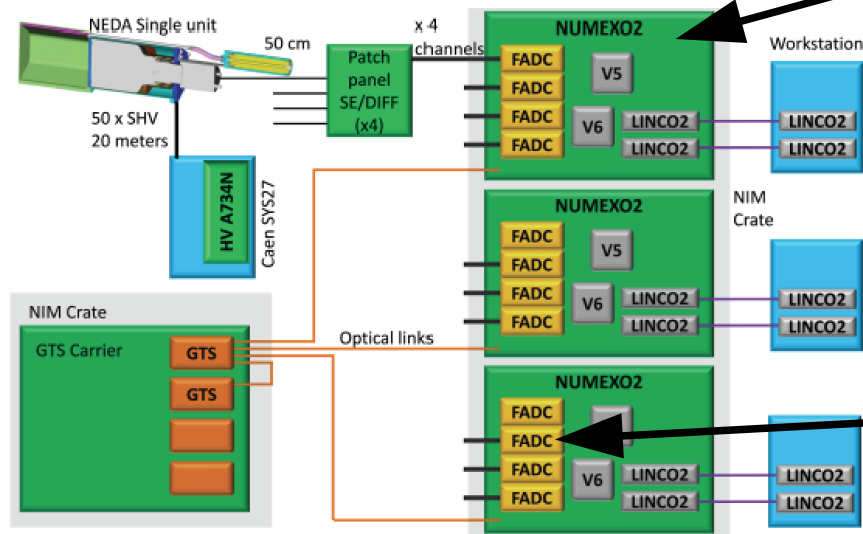


Figure 20: Global electronics layout for 48 NEDA detectors

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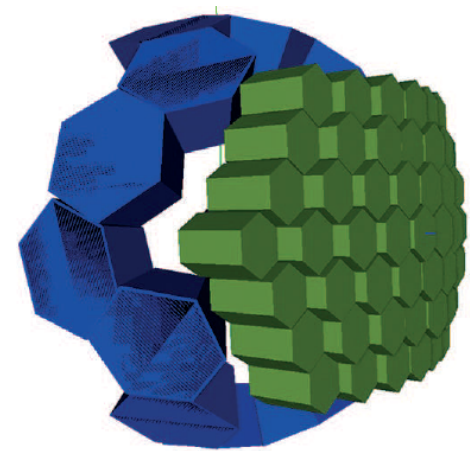
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**Table 4.** One-, two- and three-neutron efficiencies obtained from simulations of a fusion-evaporation reaction  $^{58}\text{Ni} + ^{56}\text{Fe}$  at 220 MeV for the different detector configurations. Errors quoted are statistical.

Geometry	$\varepsilon'_{1n}$ [%]	$\varepsilon'_{2n}$ [%]	$\varepsilon'_{3n}$ [%]
Neutron Wall (NW)	26.00 (5)	3.93 (10)	0.55 (14)
NEDA + NW	28.70 (5)	6.37 (11)	1.66 (12)
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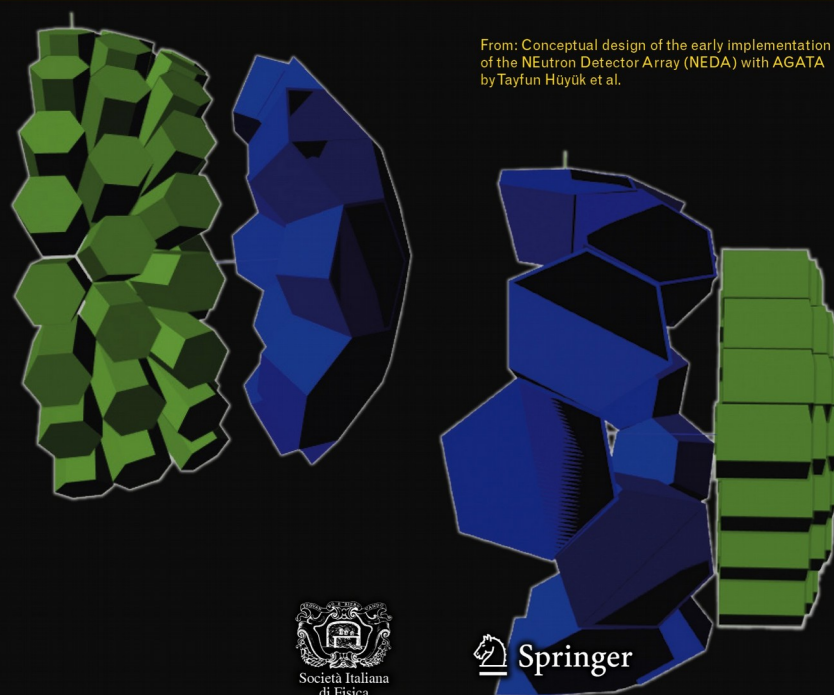
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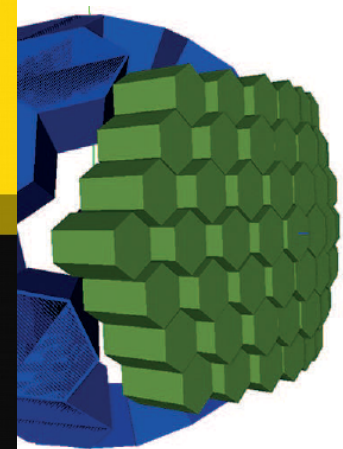


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## Hadrons and Nuclei



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Free-neutron efficiencies obtained for the evaporation reaction  $^{58}\text{Ni} + ^{56}\text{Fe}$  for different detector configurations. Errors are 1σ.

[%]	$\varepsilon'_{2n}$ [%]	$\varepsilon'_{3n}$ [%]
100 (5)	3.93 (10)	0.55 (14)
70 (5)	6.37 (11)	1.66 (12)
30 (5)	7.62 (11)	1.89 (11)

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# Self-production

- Detector vessels and PMT housings are made by welding flanges to hexagonal profiles
- EJ520  $\text{TiO}_2$  paint; TorrSeal; 5" 5mm BK7 glass
- Expansion bellow –  $\Delta T = 40$  K.
- EJ301 (BC501) liquid scintillator
- SBA R11833-100HA 5" PMT (32% Q.E.)
- custom transistorized VD provided by Świerk
- mu-metal shielding (1 mm)
- NUMEXO2
- Single ended to differential converter (production)
- Array structure (produced, under tests)

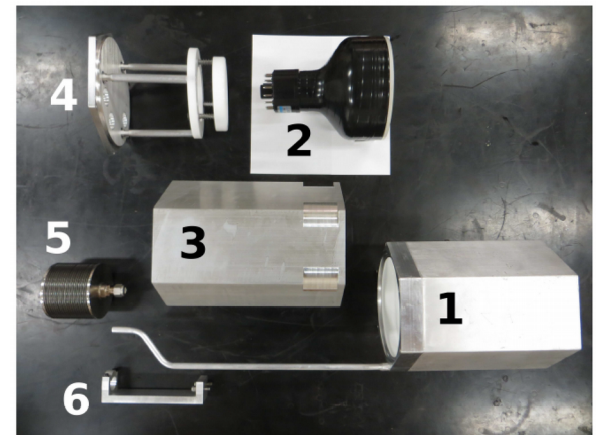
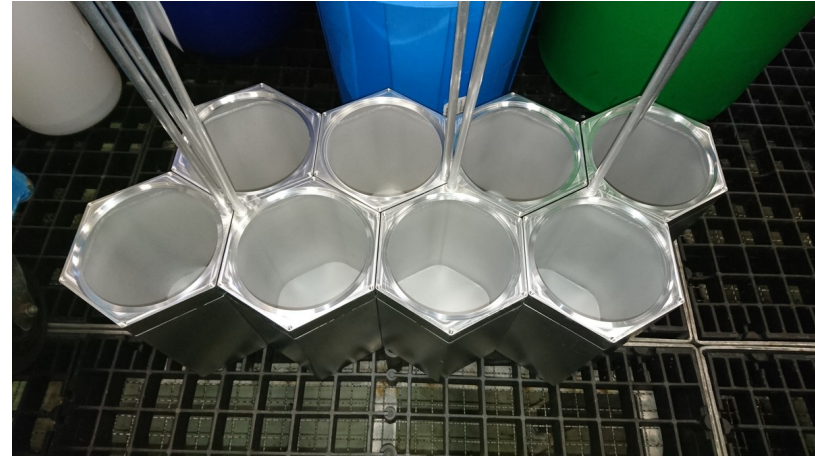
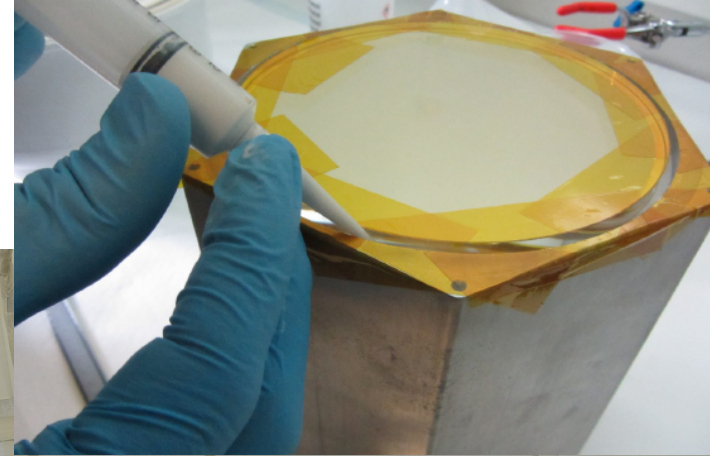
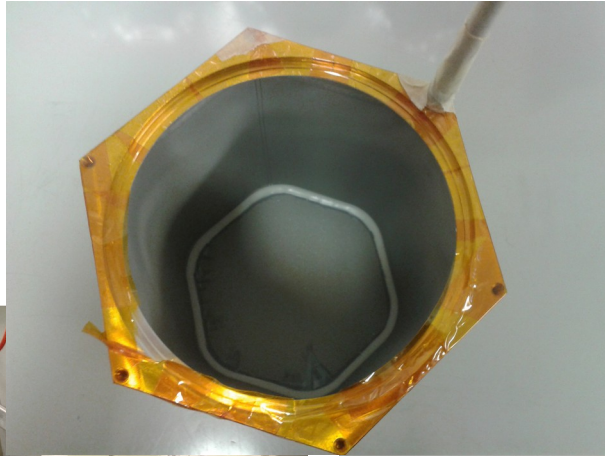


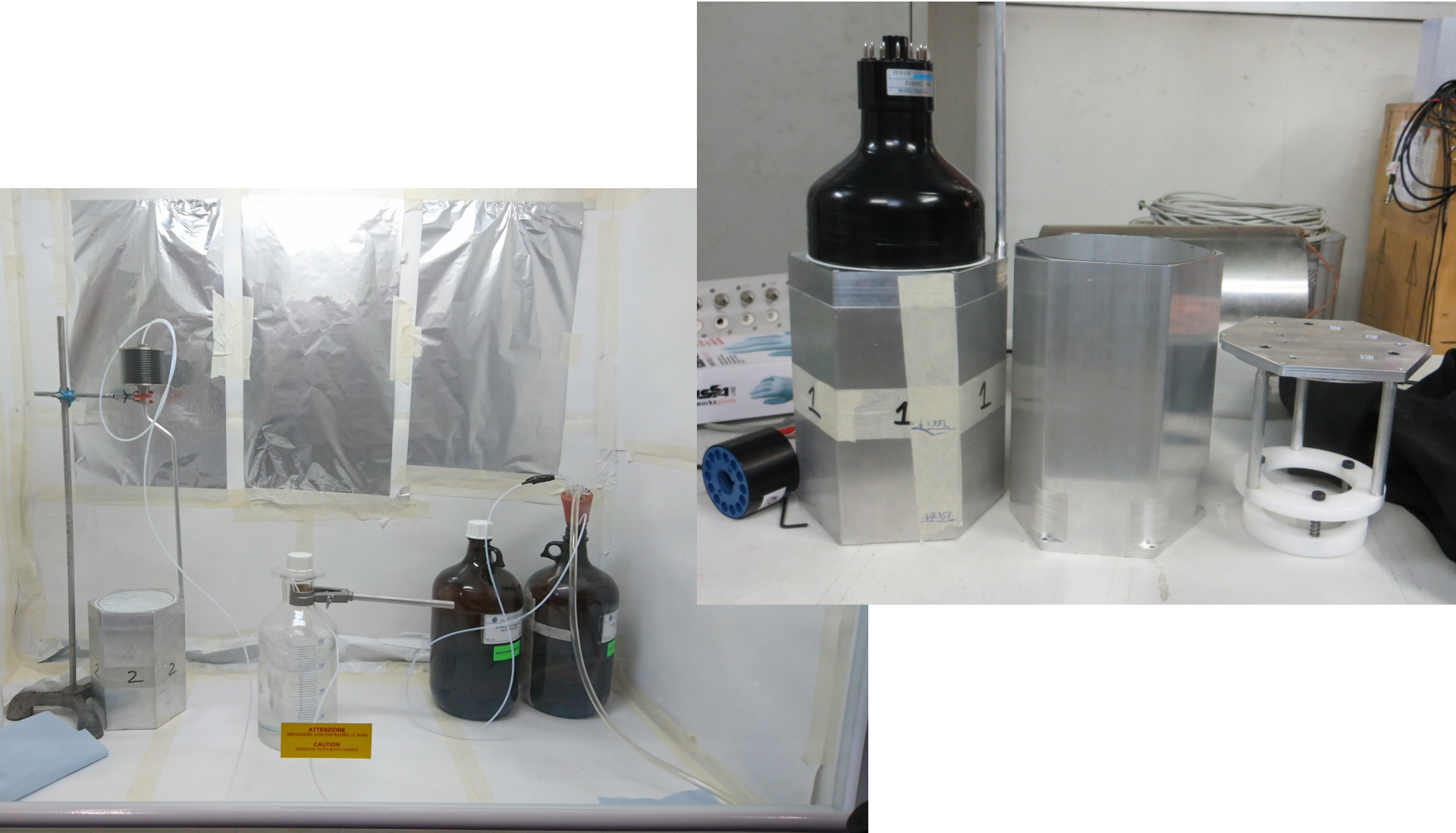
Fig. 1. Elements used for the construction of the NEDA detector: detector cell, with extension pipe (1); PMT (2); PMT housing (3); PMT pusher (4); the bellow (5) and the support for the bellow (6).



# Detector production



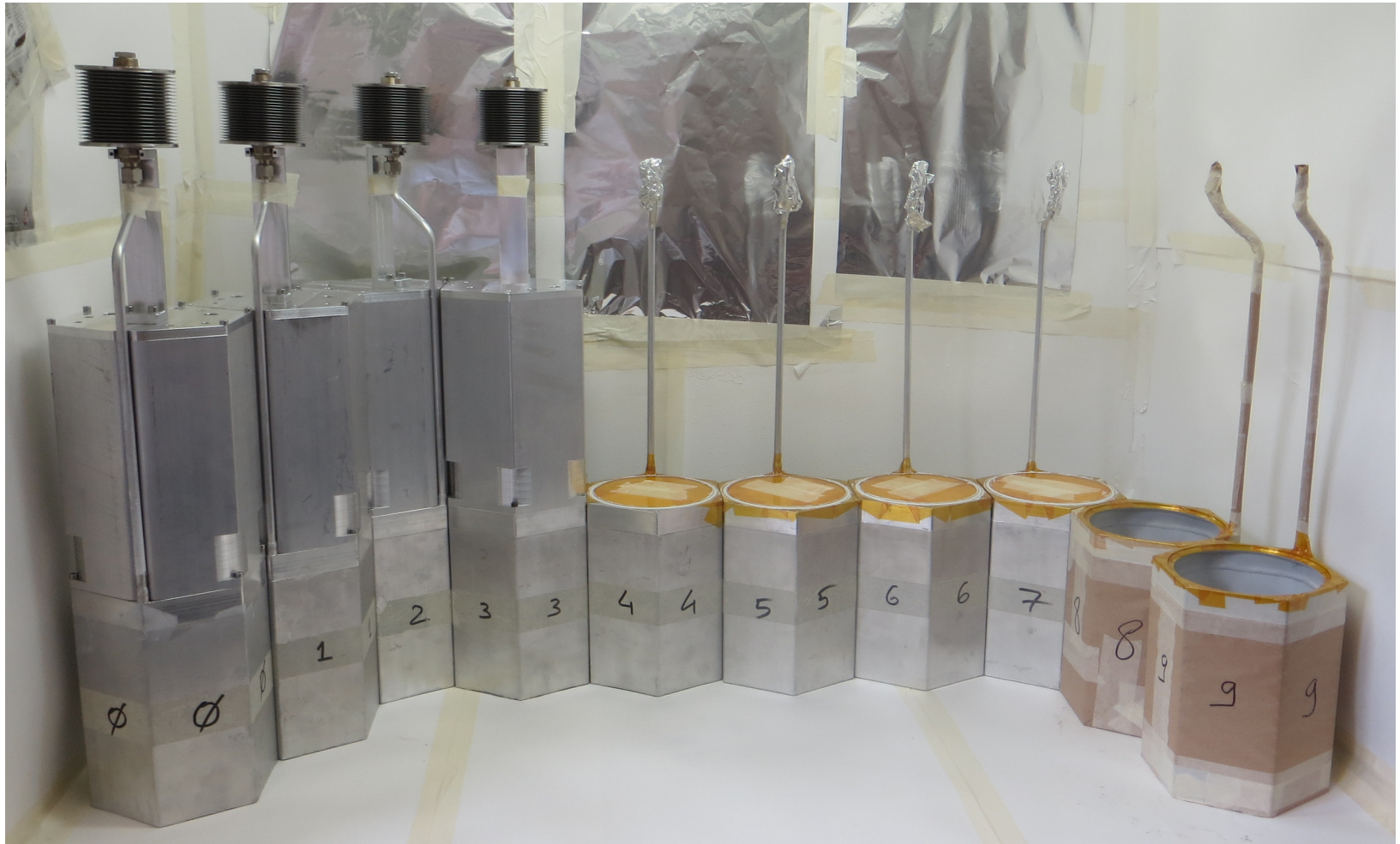
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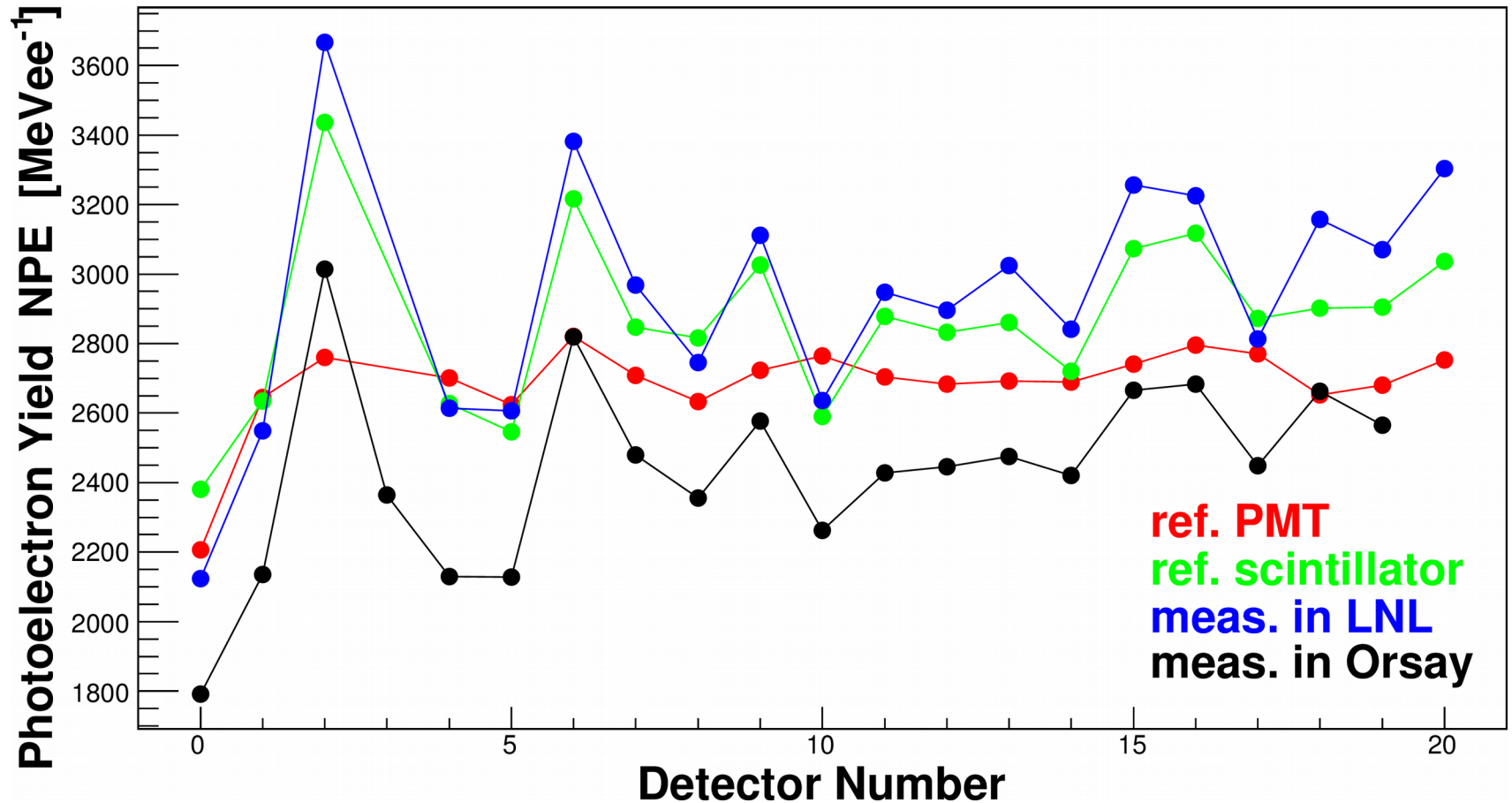
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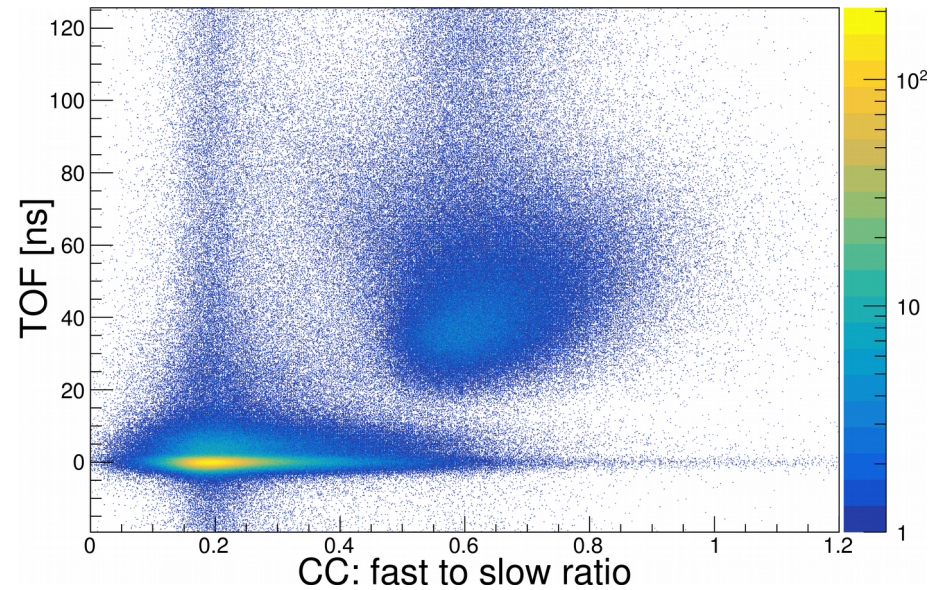
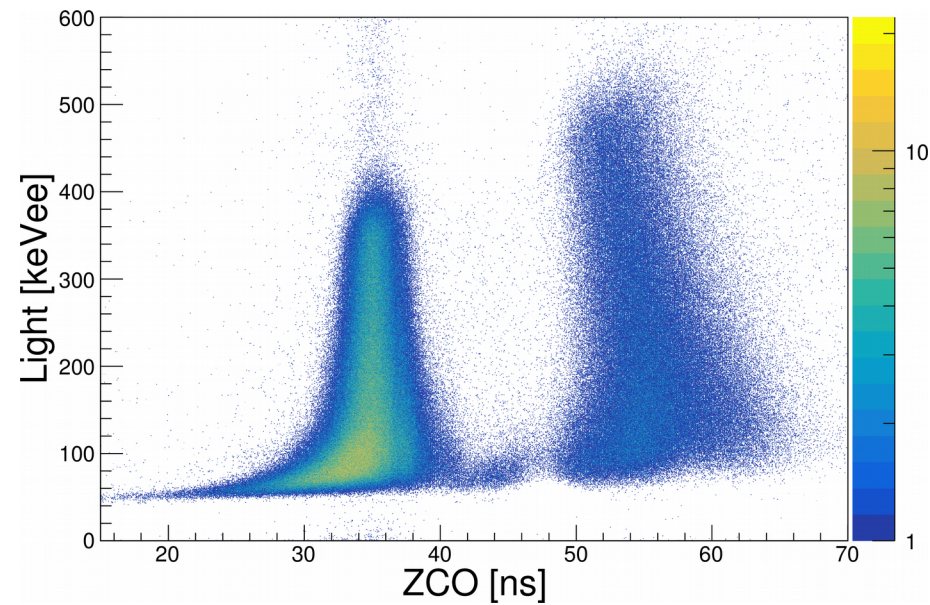


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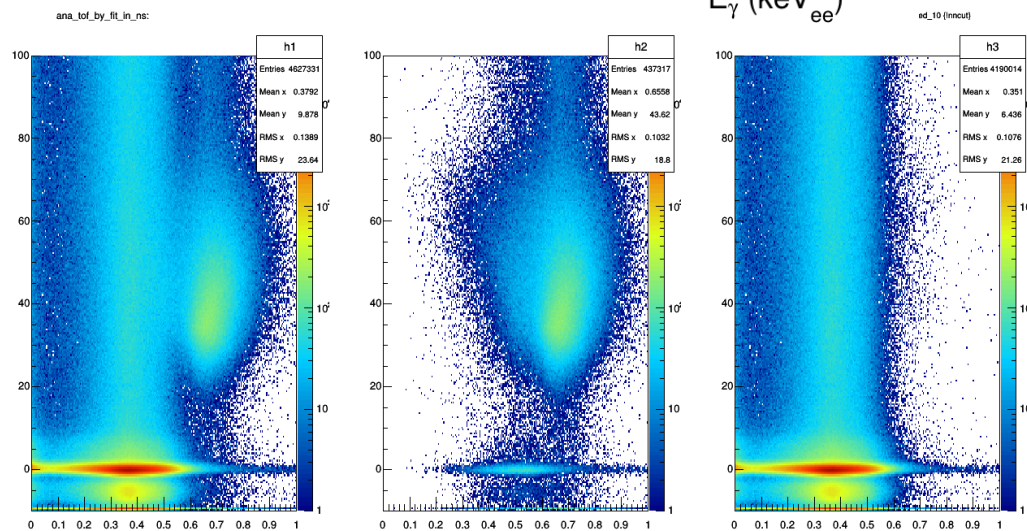
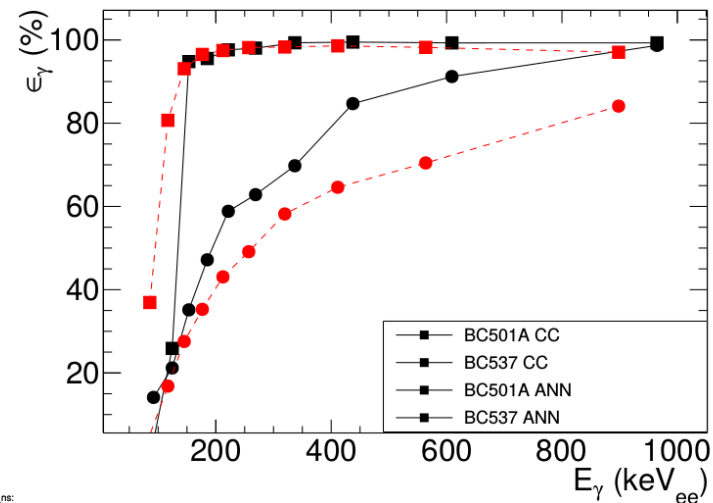
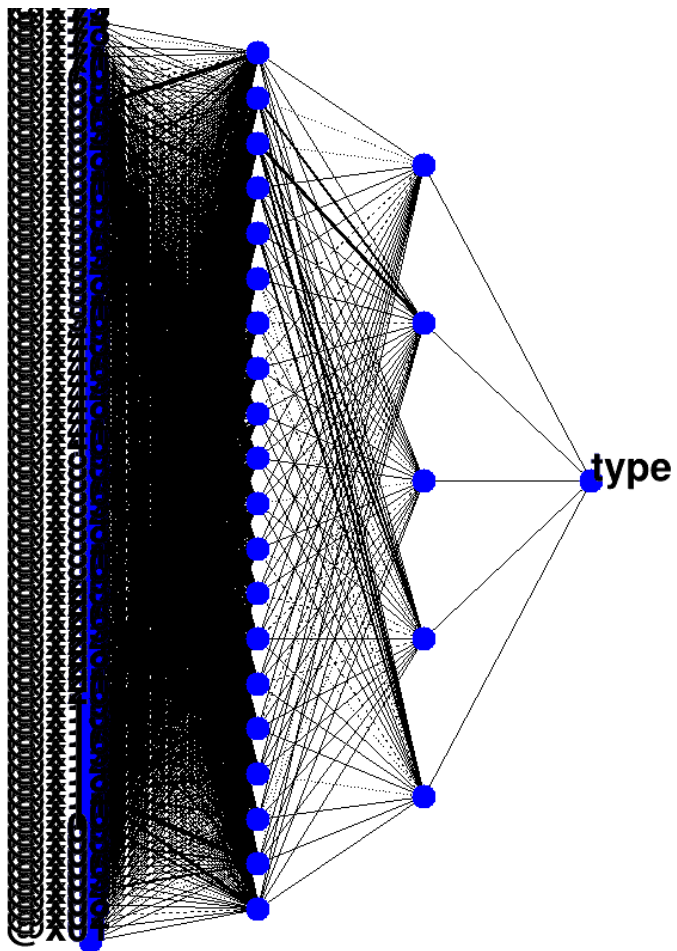




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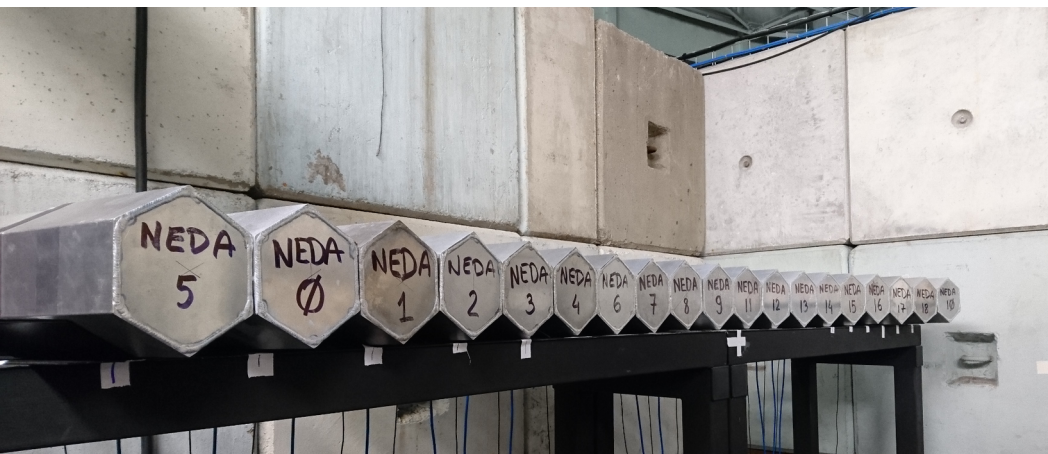
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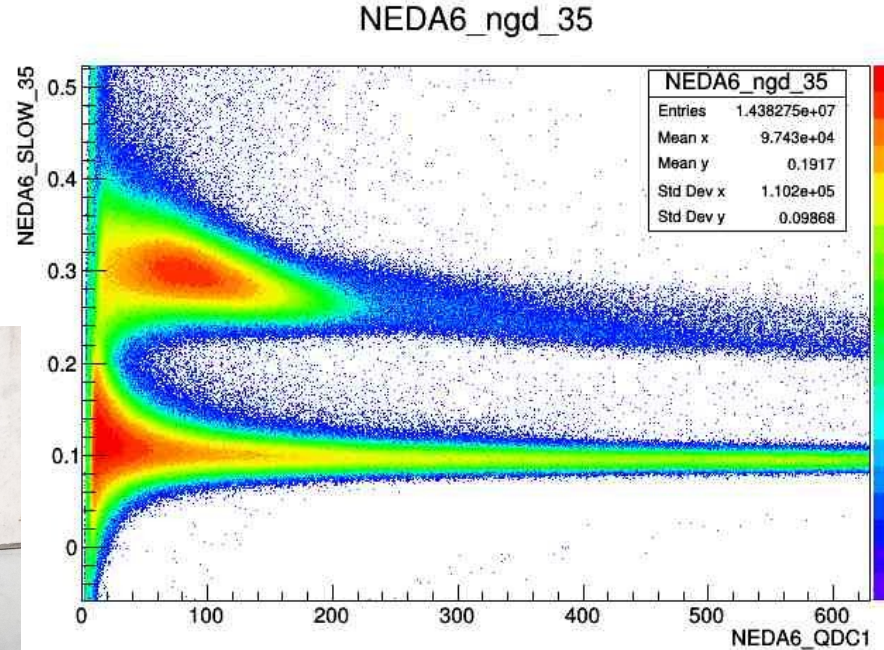
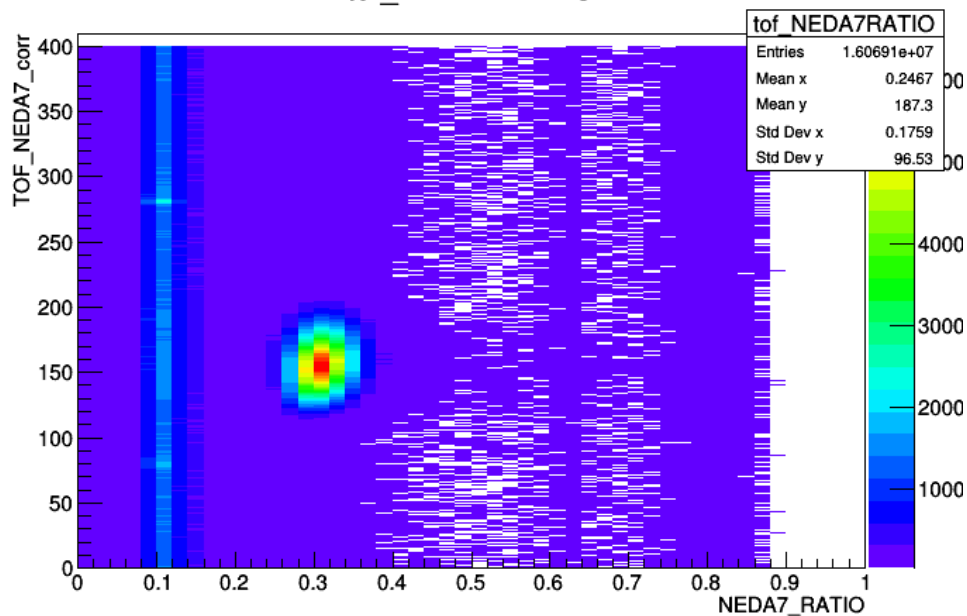


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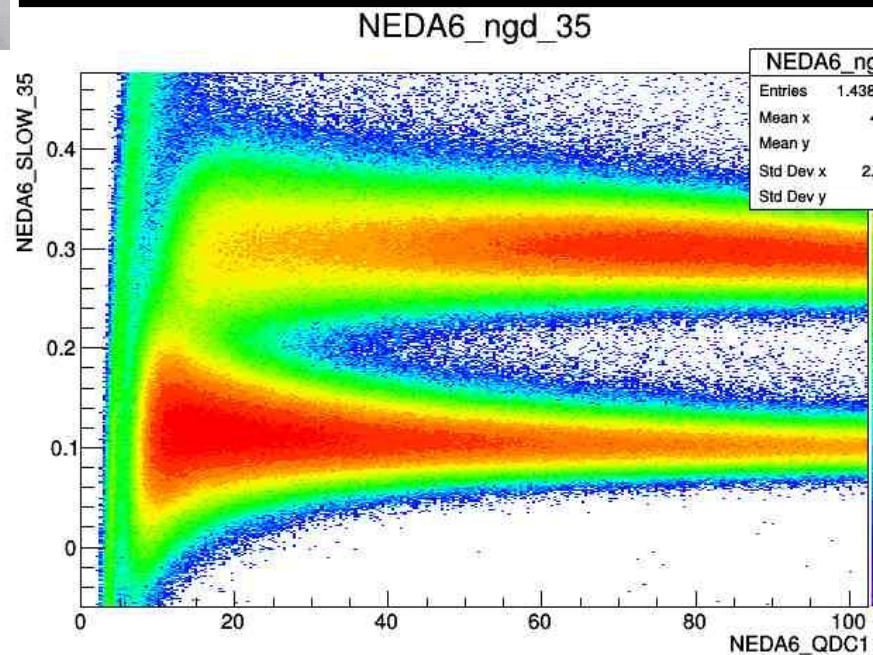
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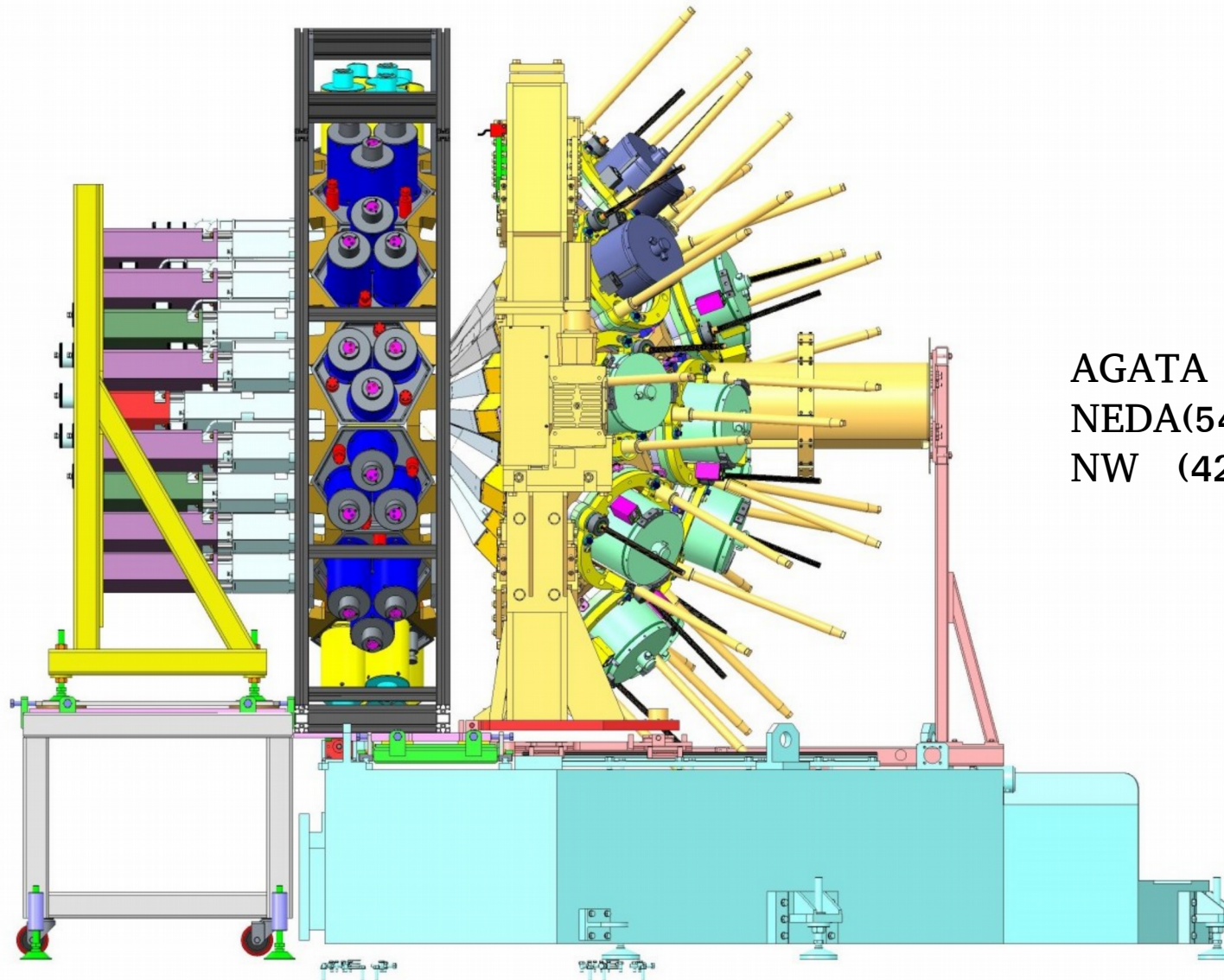




# The work continues....



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AGATA @ 145 mm  
NEDA(54)@ 510 mm  
NW (42)@ 650 mm

# Summary

- Versatile neutron detector to be coupled to  $\gamma$ -ray arrays and charged particle detectors.
- High performance neutron multiplicity filter based on the liquid scintillator EJ301 with excellent neutron-gamma discrimination capabilities.
- The first campaign of physics will be NEDA coupled to AGATA@ GANIL with stable beams in 2018 - fusion evaporation reactions along  $N=Z$ .
- Versatile: Potenciality with future RIB: transfer reactions ( $^3\text{He},n$ ), ( $d,n$ ); plunger measurements (access to transition probabilities).
- The work continues.... (we will further invest in R&D of new materials and techniques to improve the neutron detection eff., discrimination, ...).

# Collaboration

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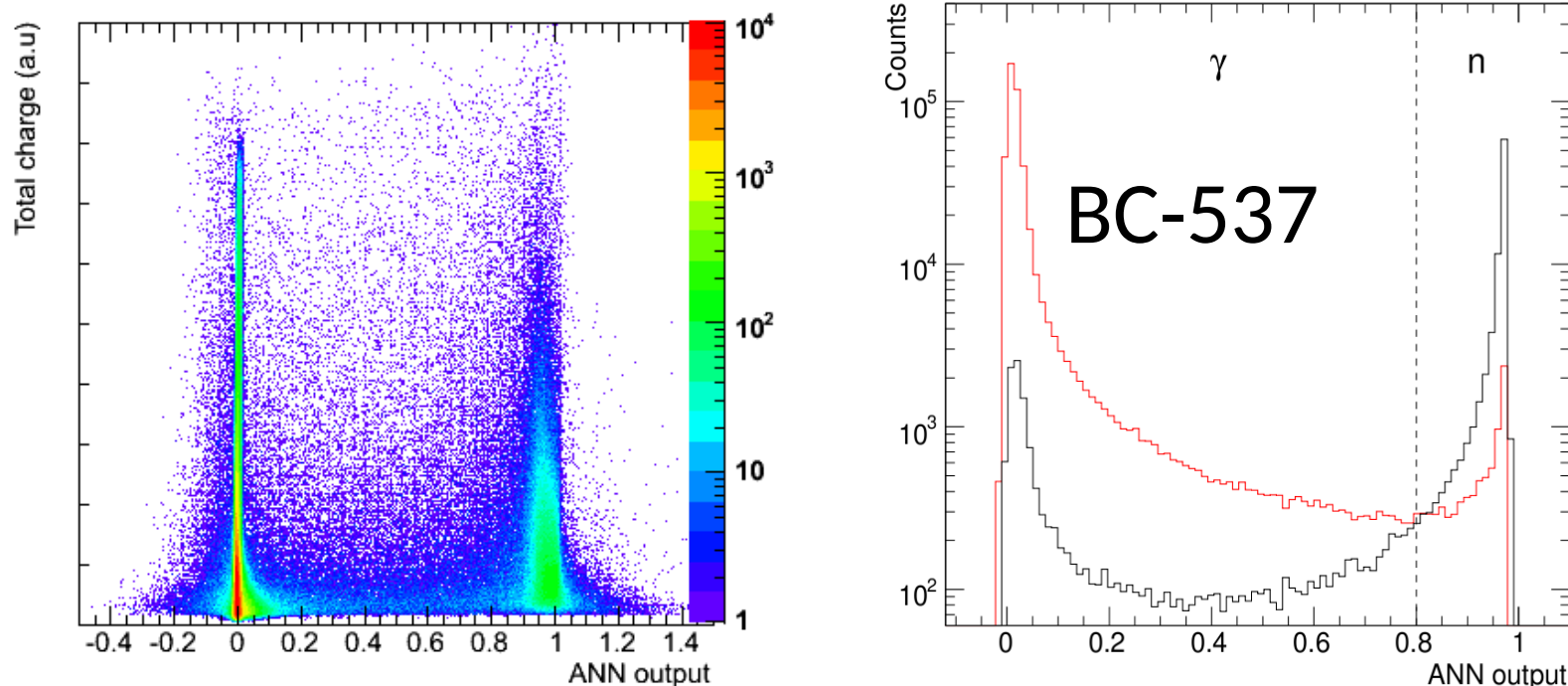


# Backup slides follow



# NEDA test: PSA Neural Network

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Full advantage of digital electronics can be obtained using artificial neural networks to perform pulse-shape discrimination. This method is currently being investigated both for BC537 and BC501A.

- + Optimal discrimination over a large energy range
- Slower implementation limits counting rate

Monday and Thursday talk by G. Jaworski