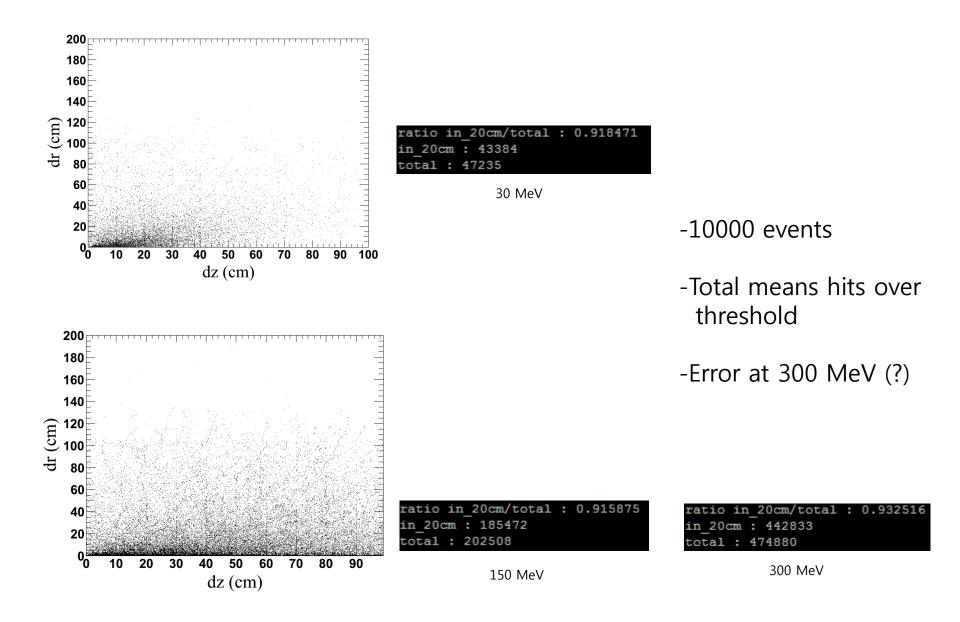
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Neutron detector cluster size



NEDA and NIMROD

• They use ToF to measure the energy of neutron.

At 1m, 20 MeV ToF = 17 ns 10 MeV ToF = 23.5 ns



50 closely packed liquid scintillator detectors of three types: H1, H2, P.

Liquid: BC501A (xylene), total volume 150 litre.

Distance to target: 51 cm; detector thickness: 15 cm.

Detector angles: from 0° to $\simeq 60^\circ$

Neutron energy range: from $\simeq 0.5~\text{MeV}$ to $\simeq 10~\text{MeV}$

• If there is more than one hits with 1n, it is considered as cross-talk. (NEDA)

$$P_{1n \to 2n} = N_{d \ge 2}^{1n} / N_{d \ge 1}^{1n}$$

where $N_{d\geq 2}^{1n}$ is the number of events in which 1 neutron was emitted and at least 2 detector fired. In the following discussion $P_{1n\to 2n}$ is referred to as *cross-talk*.

Efficiency and energy resolution

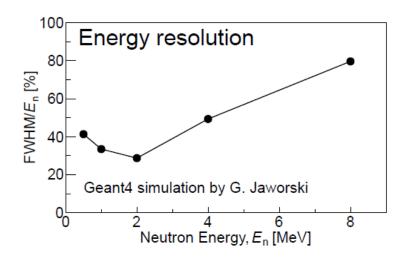
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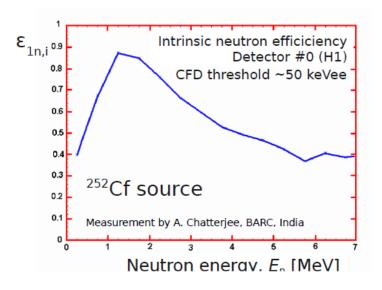
Intrinsic neutron efficiency at $E_n = 2$ MeV: $\varepsilon_{1n,i} \simeq 80\%$

Total Neutron Wall efficiency for symmetric fusion evaporation reactions:

- One-neutron efficiency: $\varepsilon_{1n} = 20-25\%$
- Two-neutron efficiency: $\varepsilon_{2n} = 1-3\%$

Energy resolution (Time-of-Flight)



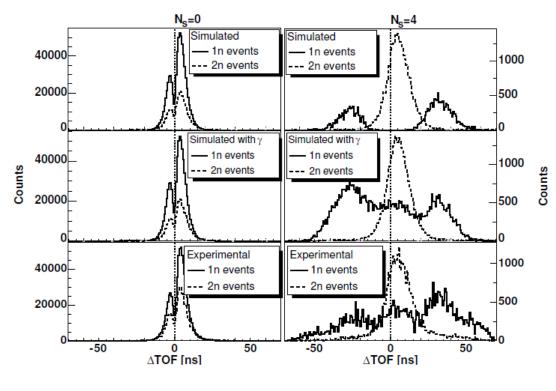


- Distance source to detector front face: 51 cm
- Thickness of detectors: 14.8 cm
- Time resolution of detectors: FWHM = 1.5 ns

Neutron scattering

Probability of 1 neutron giving a signal in 2 or more detectors $\simeq 10\%$.

Serious problem in searches for weakly populated $\geq 2n$ reaction channels: scattered neutrons from much stronger 1n channels are mis-identified as being due to 2n, 3n, ... channels.



J. Ljungvall et al. NIM A528 (2004) 741

Methods to detect scattered neutrons:

- Neighbor rejection.
- ΔToF. J.Cederkäll et al. NIM A385 (1997) 166.

Small amounts of γ rays mis-identified as neutrons reduces dramatically the quality of the neutron scattering reduction