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# Using EXFOR for Fission Product Yield Calculations

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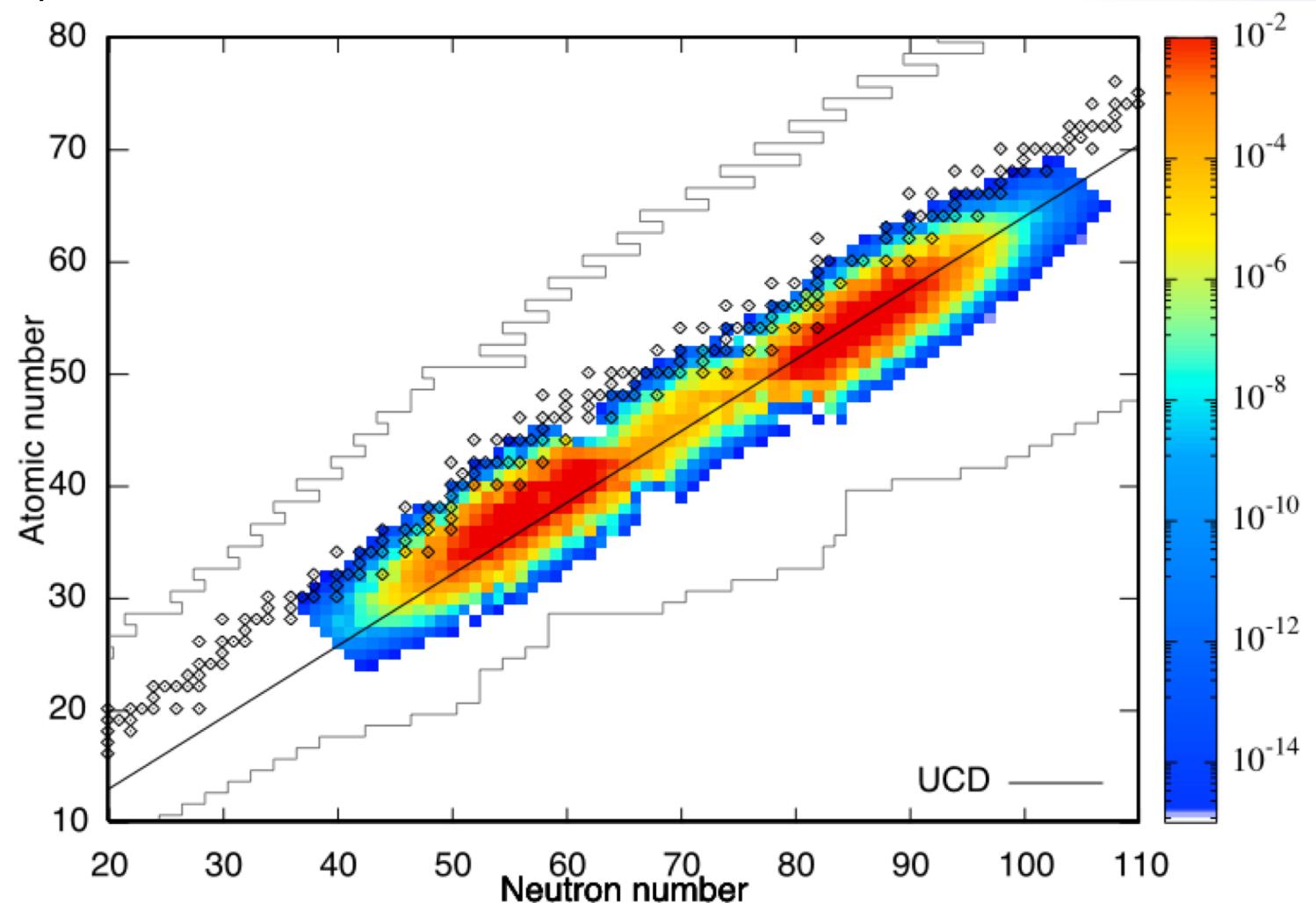
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# Fission product yield

- Wide variety of fission products (more than 1,000 nuclides) are produced during the fission process of actinides such as  $^{235}\text{U}$ .

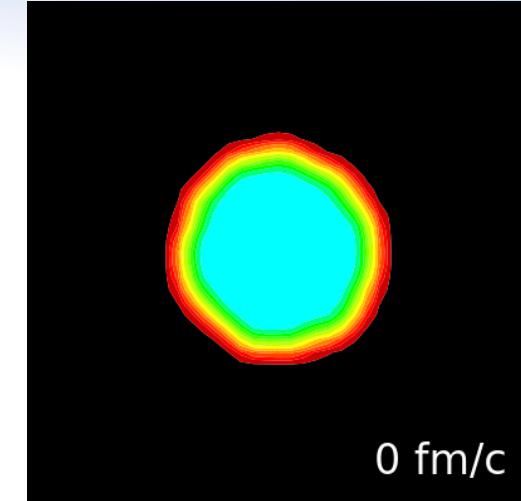
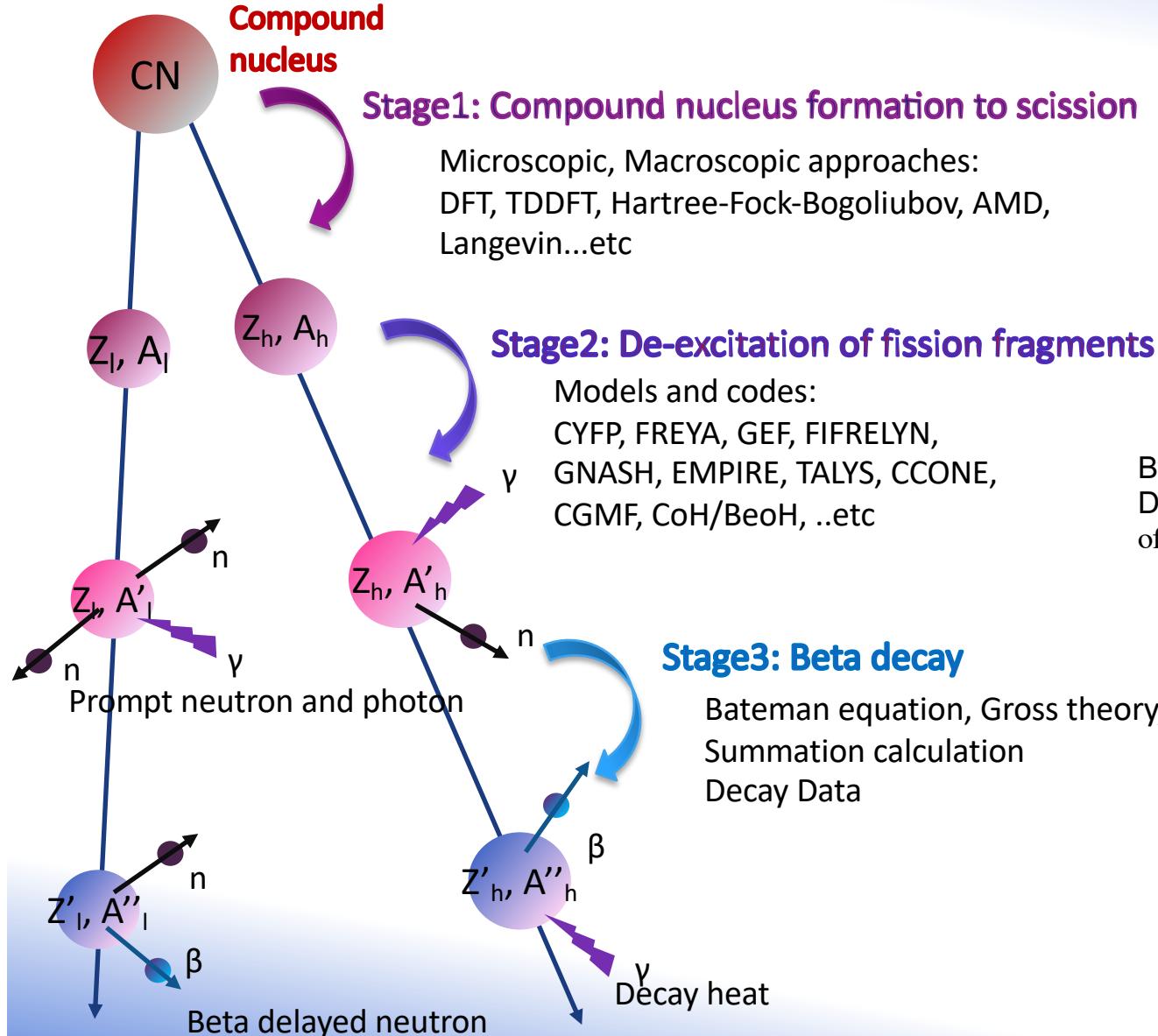


Well understood?

Independent yield of  $^{235}\text{U}(n_{th},f)$  in JENDL-FPY/20111

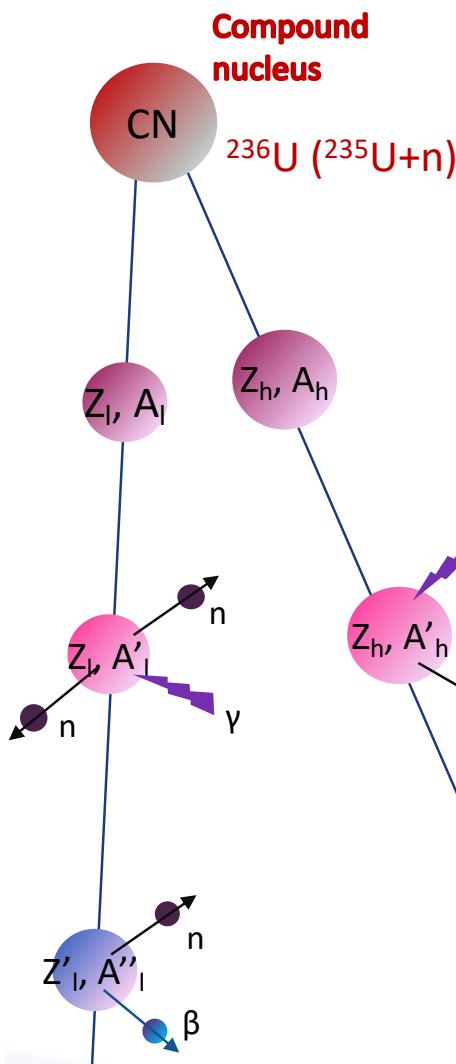
# Nuclear fission and decay processes

- An accurate prediction of fission observables by theoretical calculations are still remain difficult.



By AMD simulation: Anti-symmetrized Molecular Dynamics (A. Etori and S. Chiba in Tokyo Institute of Technology, tba)

# Definitions of FFY and FPY



## Primary FFY

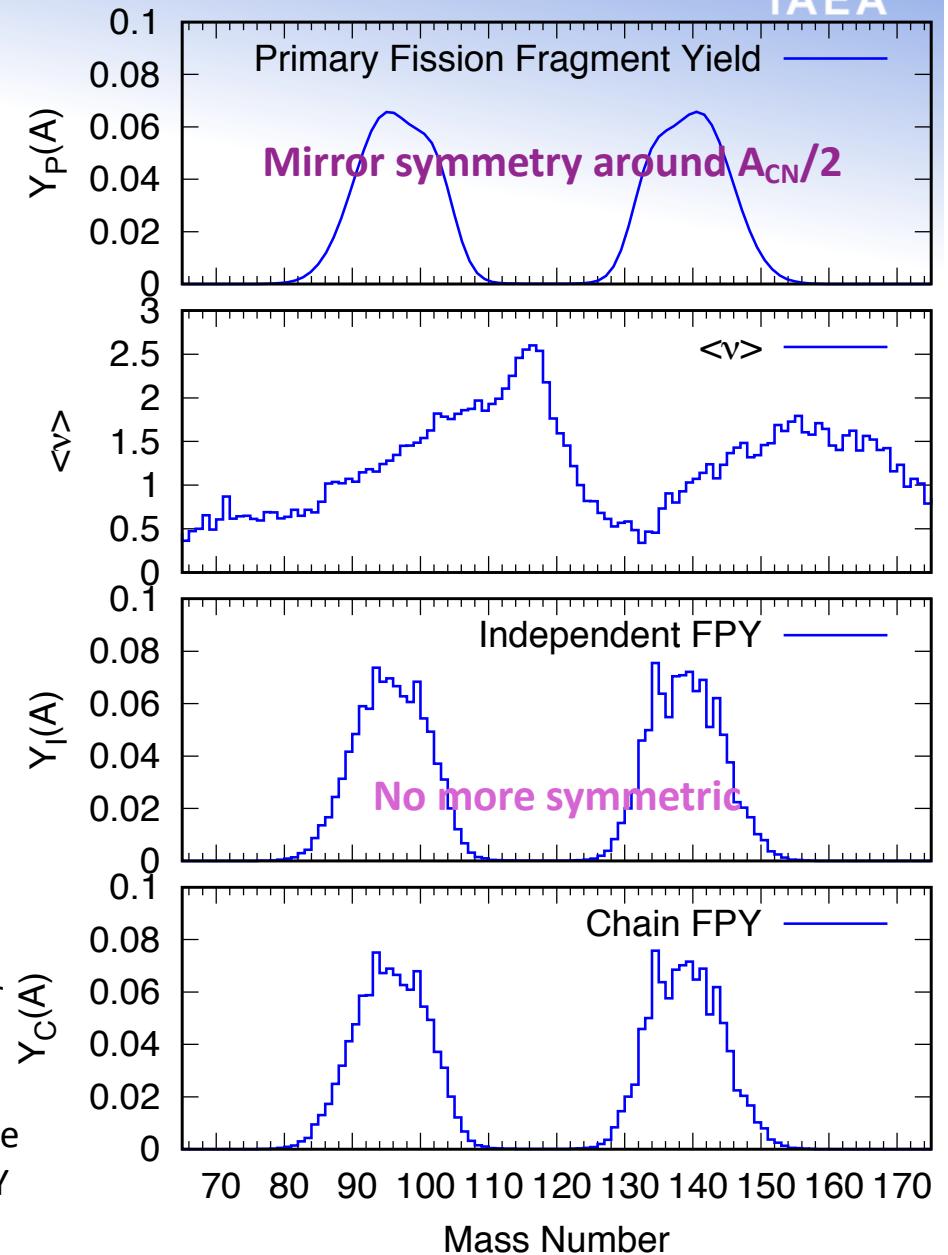
- $Y_p(Z, A, M)$
- Neutron-rich atomic fragment just after scission

## Independent FPY

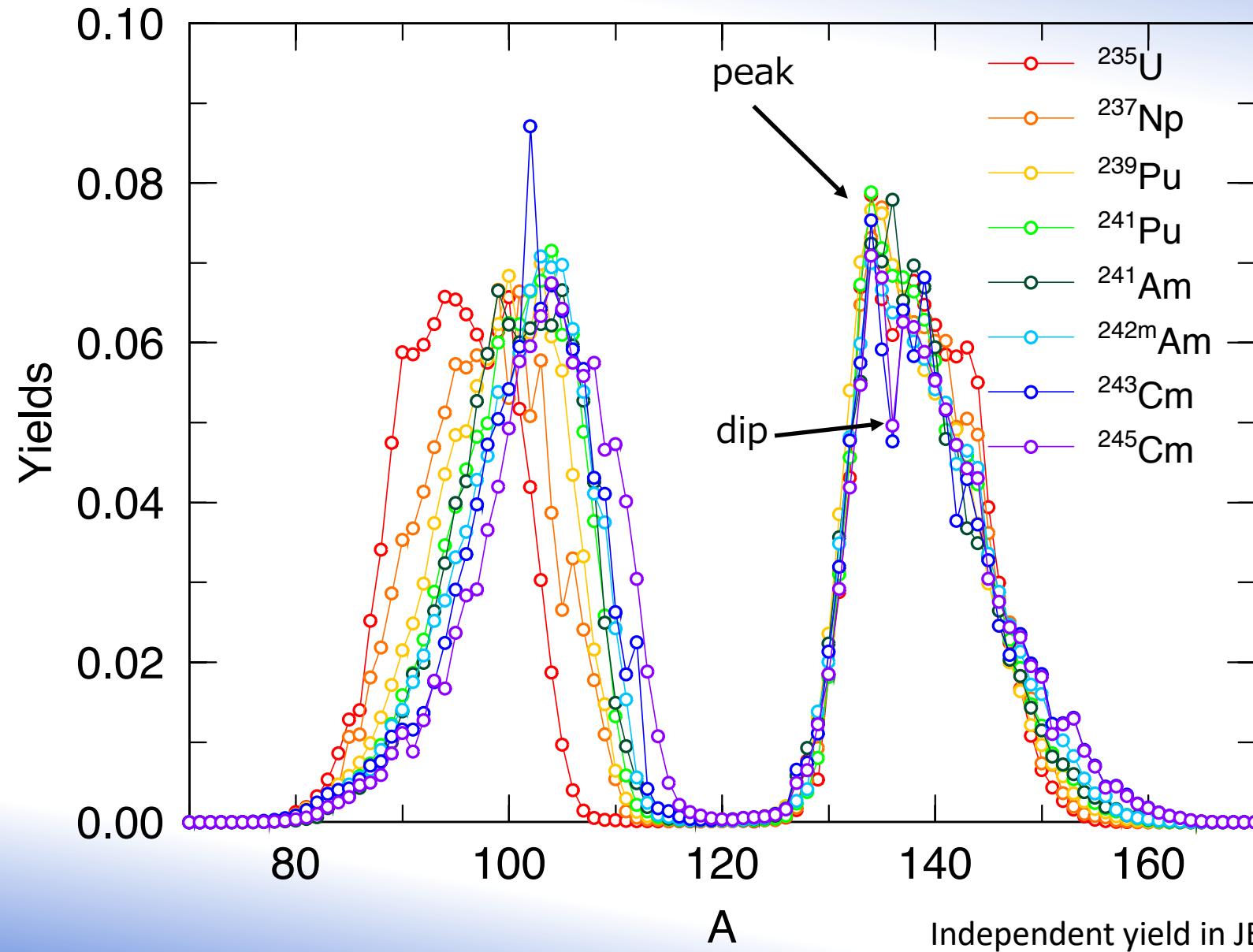
- $Y_i(Z, A, M)$
- Produced directly from fission, but after emission of prompt neutrons and photons, but before any radioactive decay.

## Cumulative FPY

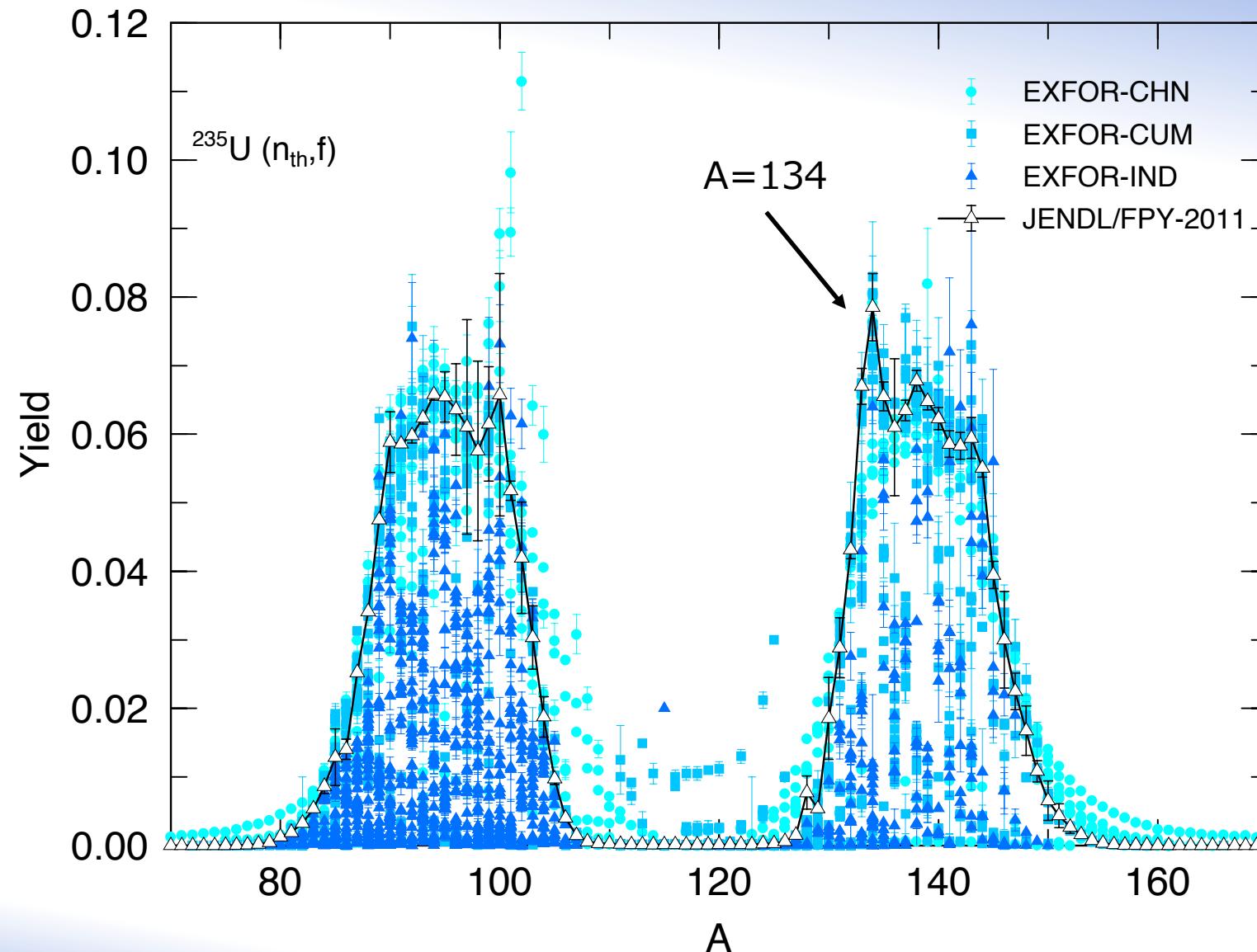
- $Y_c(Z, A, M)$
- Produced over all time after one fission.
- Chain FPY
- Equal to the sum of all stable or long-lived cumulative FPY for a given mass chain.



# Mass distributions of independent FPY



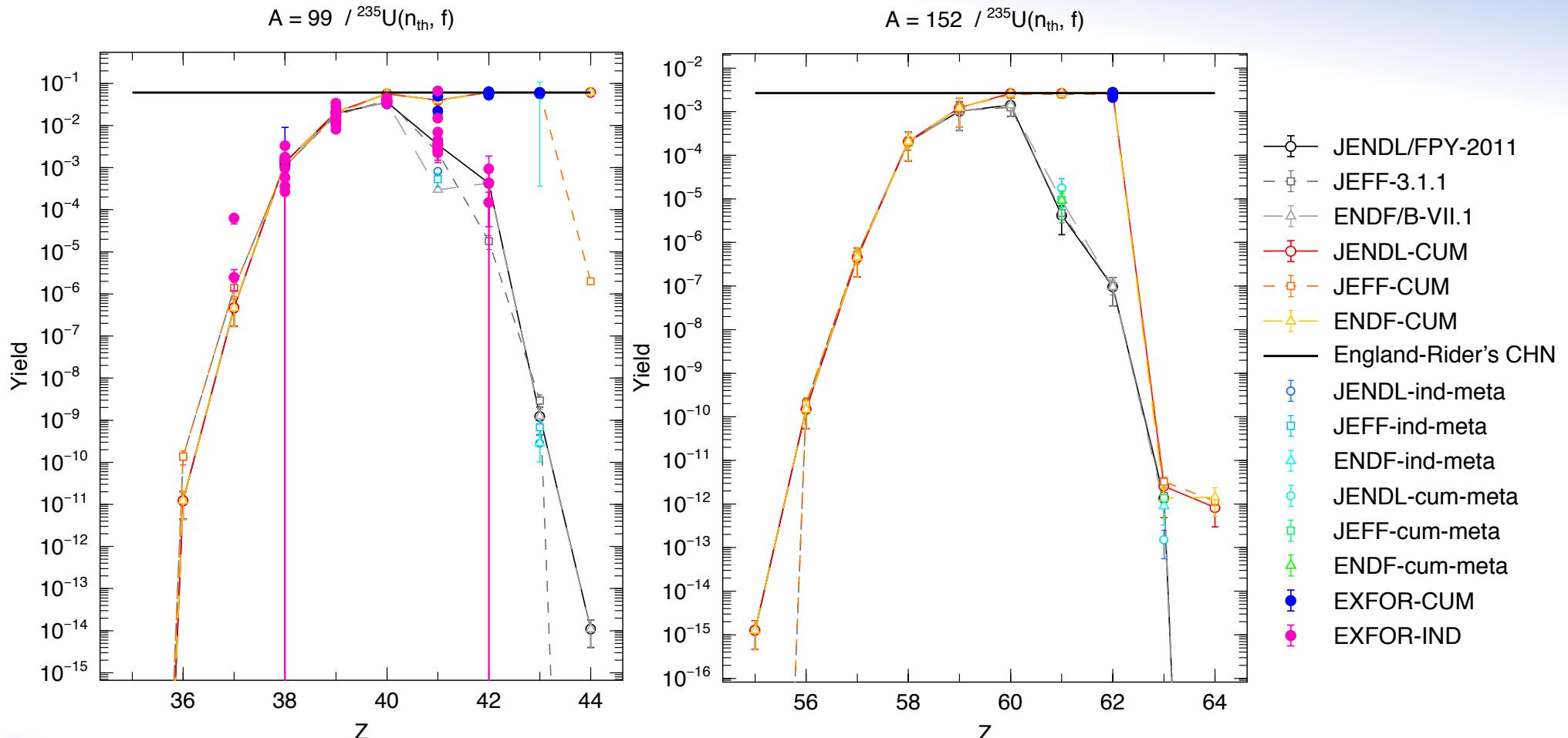
# Mass distribution of FPY



Comparison of  $^{235}\text{U}(\text{n}_{\text{th}}, \text{f})$  FPY between JENDL/FPY-2011 and experimental data taken from EXFOR

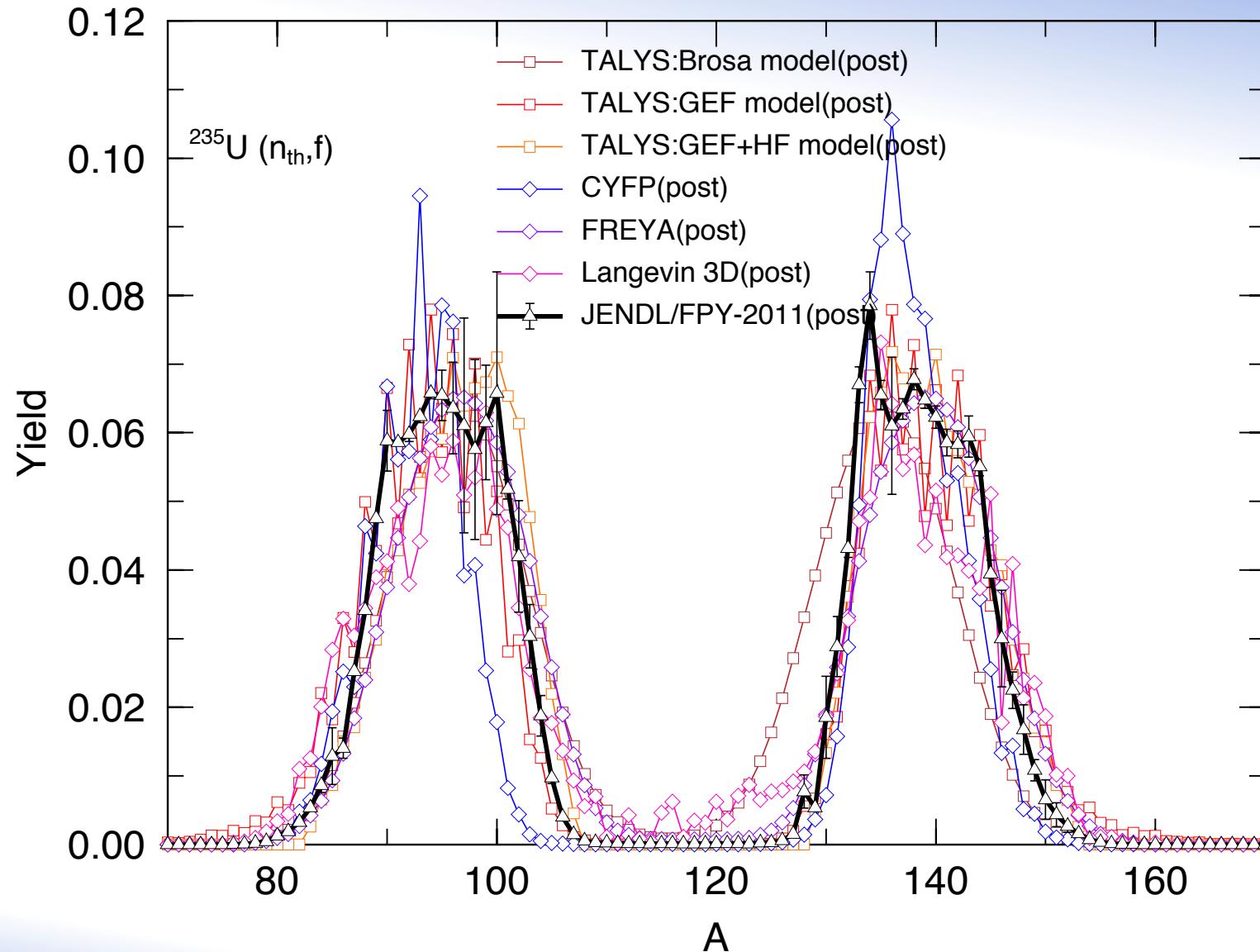
# Charge distribution of FPY

- Charge distributions are not well known in some mass ranges.



- Evaluated nuclear data libraries contains the charge distribution by Wahl systematics ( $Z_P$  model).  $Z_P = \frac{A_c}{Z_c}A + \Delta Z$

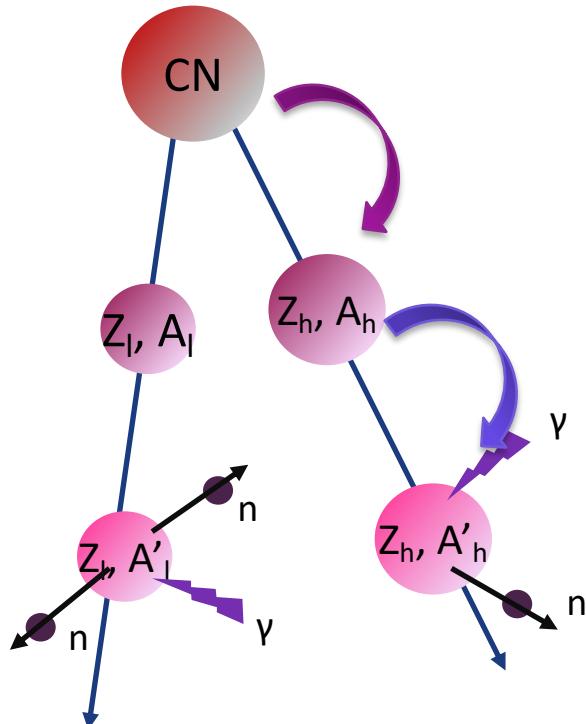
# Codes comparison



- No code reproduced the fine structure of  $Y_I(A)$  perfectly.

# Distributions of each decay stage

- Calculation of independent FPY require the stochastic distributions of primary fission fragments



## Stage 1: Distributions of the primary fission fragments (Monte Carlo)

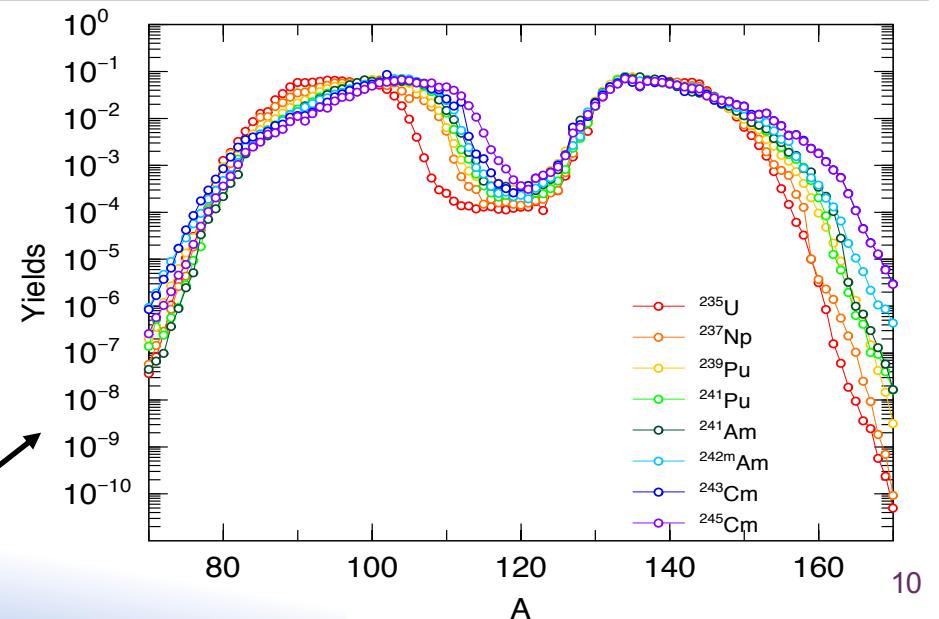
- Mass, charge  $Y(Z, A)$  of fission fragments (just after the scission)
- Spin and parity distribution  $R(J, \Pi)$  in the fission fragments
- Total kinetic energy (TKE) and total excitation energy (TXE)

## Stage 2: Distributions in the evaporation process (MC, deterministic)

- Level density of all nuclei in the de-excitation chain
- Neutron and photon competition (strength functions) at each excited states

**Calculation of the prompt fission neutron and  $\gamma$ -ray emissions requires to integrate (sum) over these distributions.**

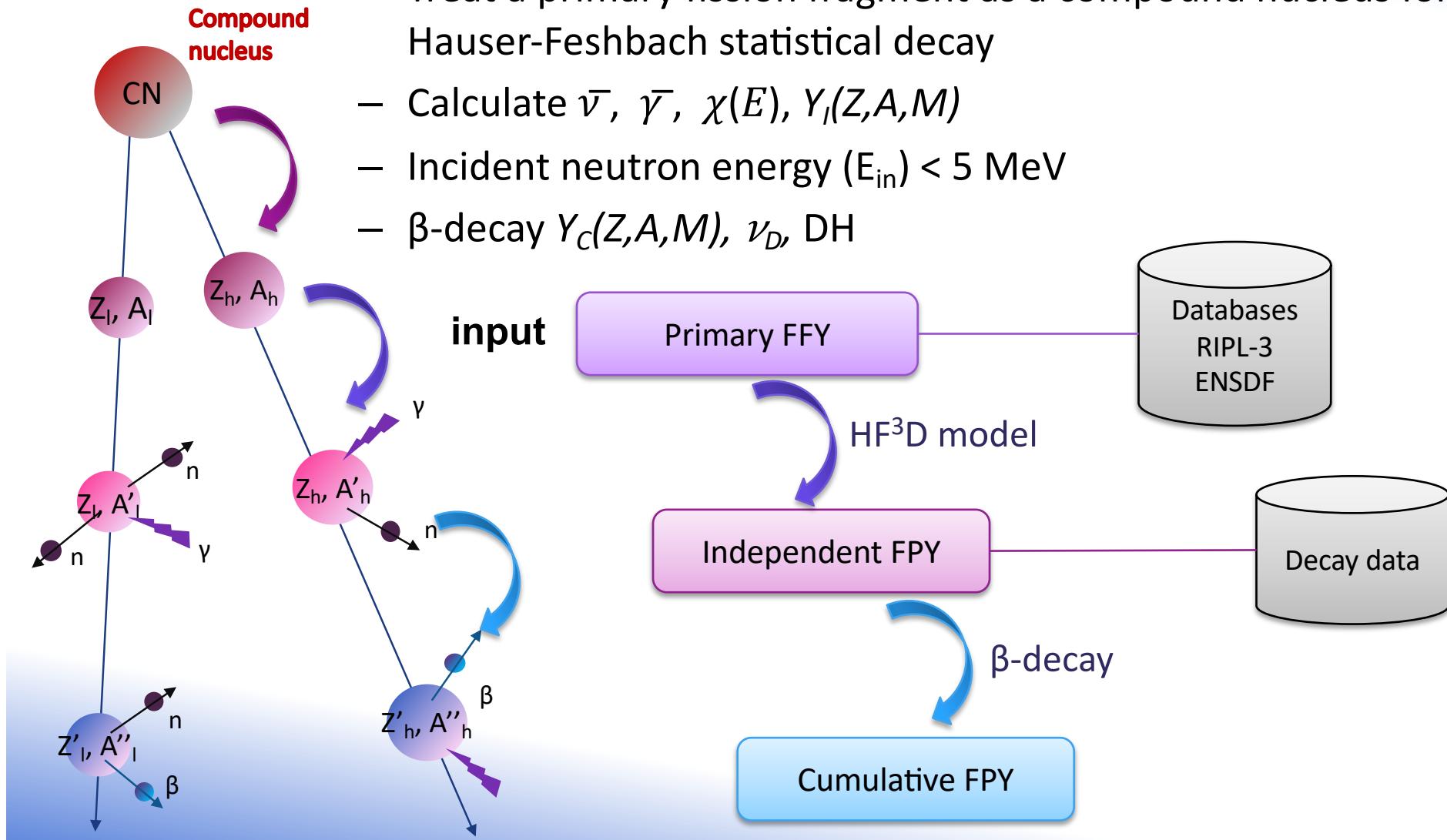
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 $10^{-11}$  to  $10^{-2}$



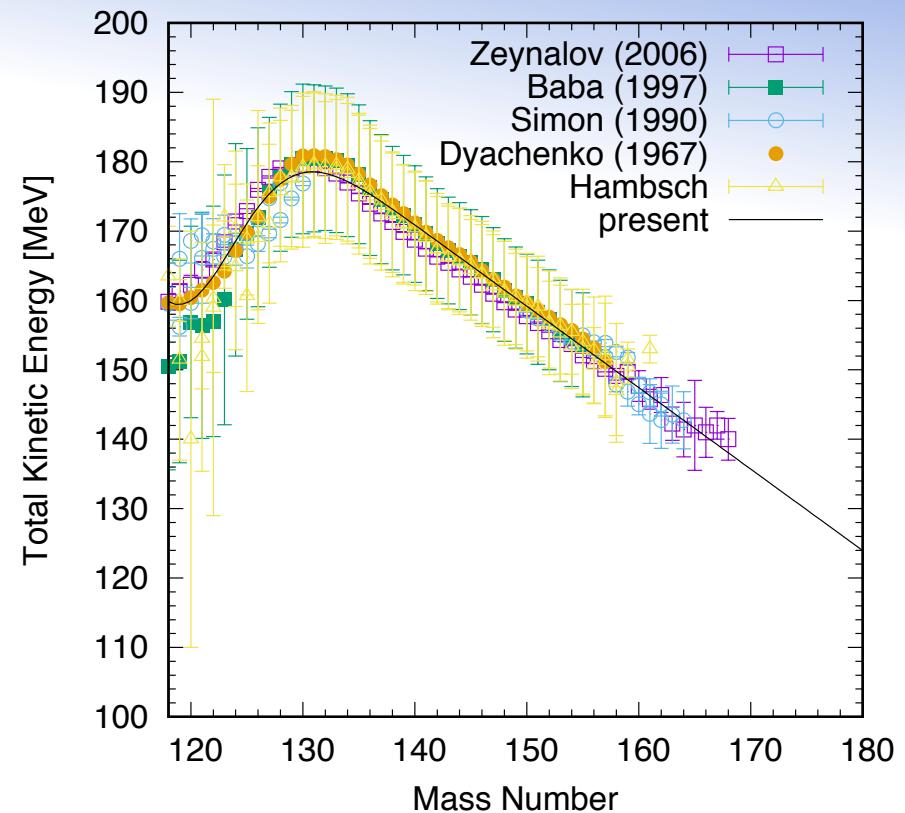
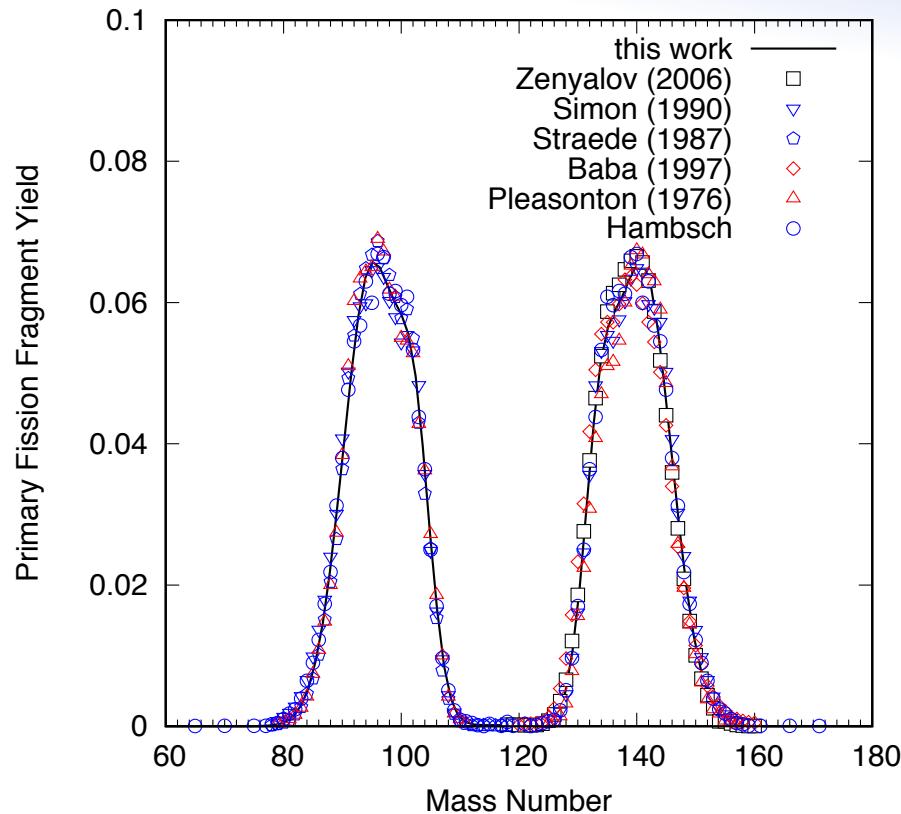
# Deterministic Fission Fragment Decay model ( $\text{HF}^3\text{D}$ ) + $\beta$ -decay



- Los Alamos and Tokyo Tech developed the deterministic way of the Hauser-Feshbach Fission Fragment Decay calculation model,  $\text{HF}^3\text{D}$ .
  - Treat a primary fission fragment as a compound nucleus for Hauser-Feshbach statistical decay
  - Calculate  $\nu^-$ ,  $\gamma^-$ ,  $\chi(E)$ ,  $Y_i(Z,A,M)$
  - Incident neutron energy ( $E_{in}$ )  $< 5$  MeV
  - $\beta$ -decay  $Y_c(Z,A,M)$ ,  $\nu_D$ , DH



# Initial distribution of primary fission fragments (inputs)



Generating the distribution of primary fission fragment  $Y_p(Z, A, TKE)$

$$Y(A) = \sum_{i=1}^5 \frac{F_i}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_i} \exp \left\{ -\frac{(A - A_m + \Delta_i)^2}{2\sigma_i^2} \right\}$$

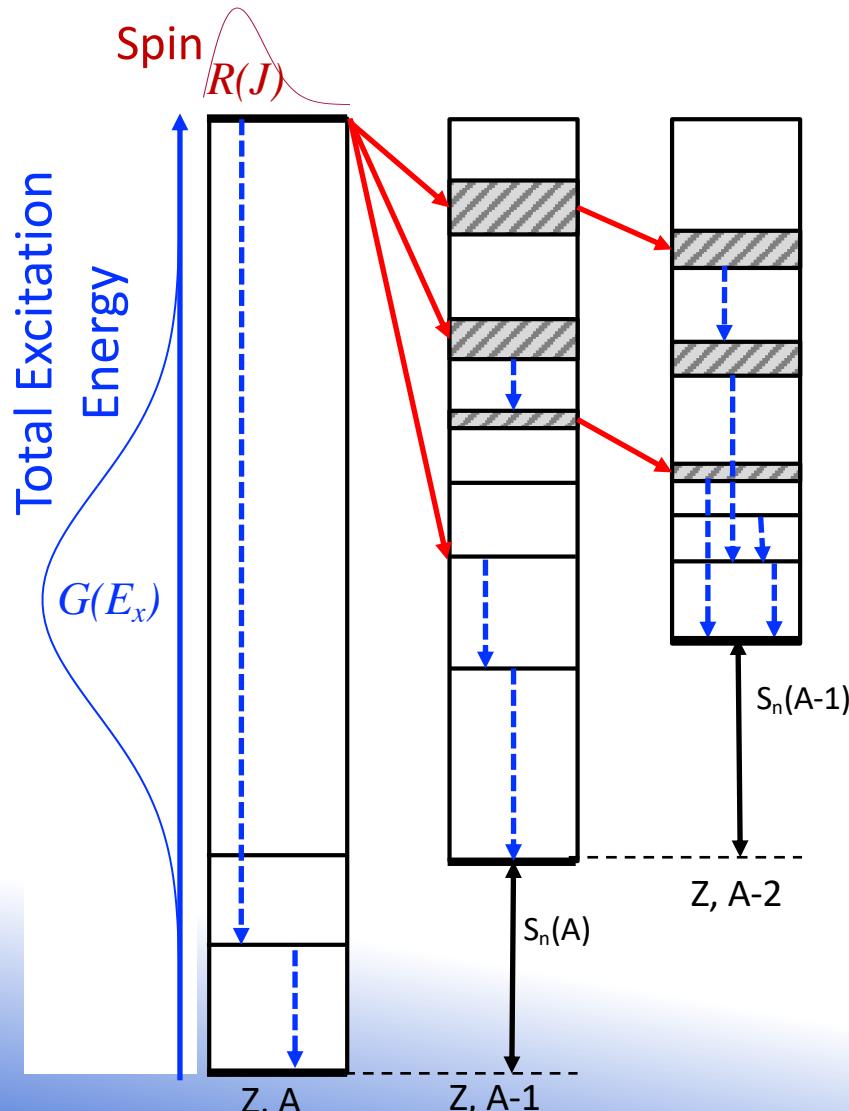
- The primary fission fragment mass distribution  $Y_p(A)$  is approximated by five Gaussians.
- The charge distribution was generated based on  $Z_p$  model in Wahl's systematics.

$$TKE(A_h) = (p_1 - p_2 A_h) \left\{ 1 - p_3 \exp \left( -\frac{(A_h - A_m)^2}{p_4} \right) \right\}$$

- Fit a simple analytic function to  $TKE(A)$  experimental data at thermal energy.

# Fission fragment decay

- Distributions of primary fission fragment characterized by  $Y(Z, A, E_{ex}, J^\Pi)$  are generated and integrated deterministically for all primary fission fragment pairs (no MC sampling - fast, but lost correlation)



## Neutron emission multiplicity

$$\bar{\nu}_{l,h}^{(k)} = \int dE_x \sum_{J\Pi} \int d\epsilon R(J, \Pi) G(E_x) \phi_{l,h}^{(k)}(J, \Pi, E_x, \epsilon)$$

- Excitation energy distribution

$$G(E_x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\delta_{l,h}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{(E_x - E_{l,h})^2}{2\delta_{l,h}^2} \right\}$$

$$\delta_{l,h} = \frac{\delta_{\text{TXE}}}{\sqrt{E_l^2 + E_h^2}} E_{l,h}$$

- Spin and parity distribution

$$R(J, \Pi) = \frac{J + 1/2}{2f^2\sigma^2(U)} \exp \left\{ -\frac{(J + 1/2)^2}{2f^2\sigma^2(U)} \right\}$$

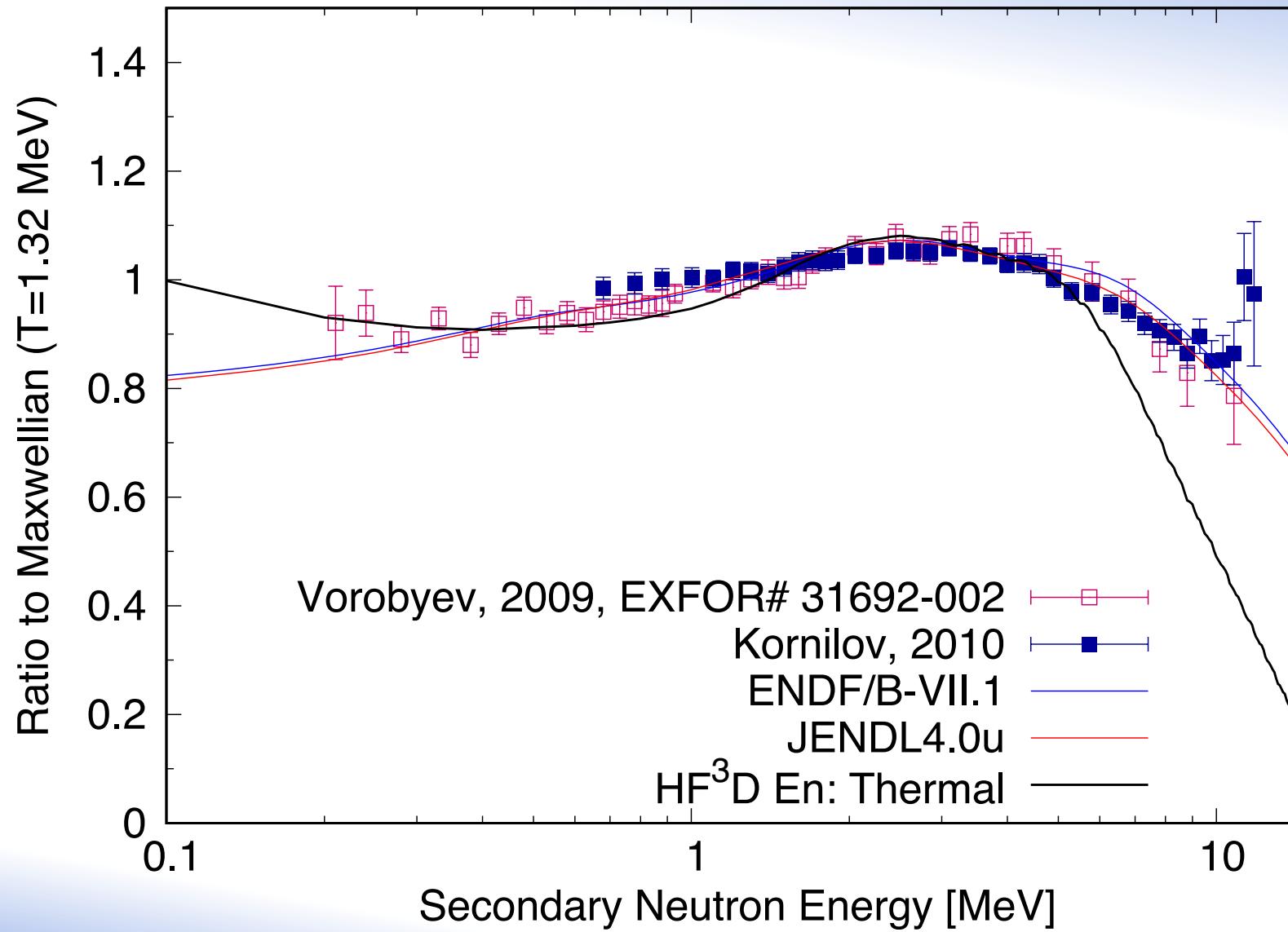
$\sigma^2(U)$ : spin cut-off parameter

$U$ : Excitation energy

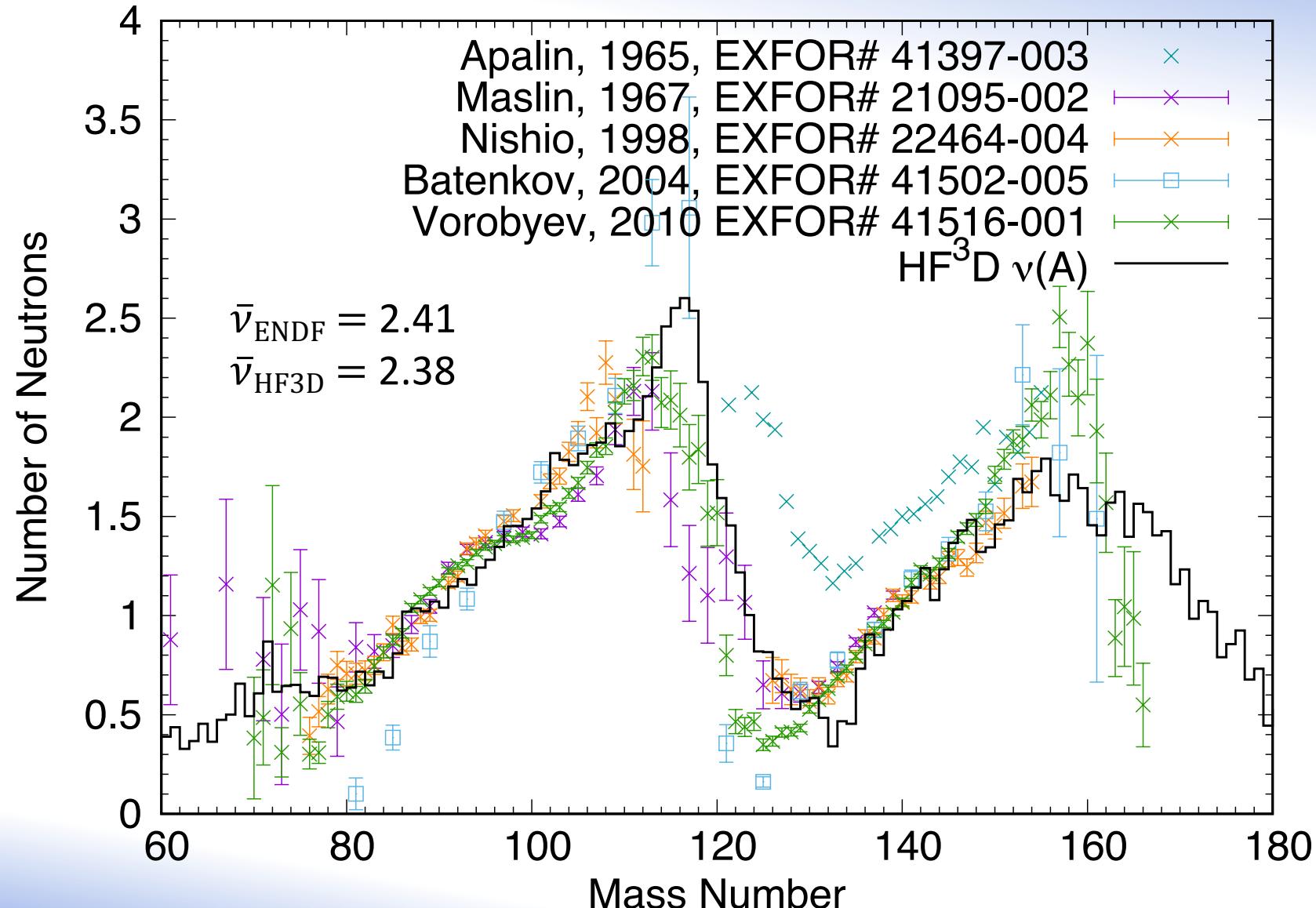
$f$ : scaling factor

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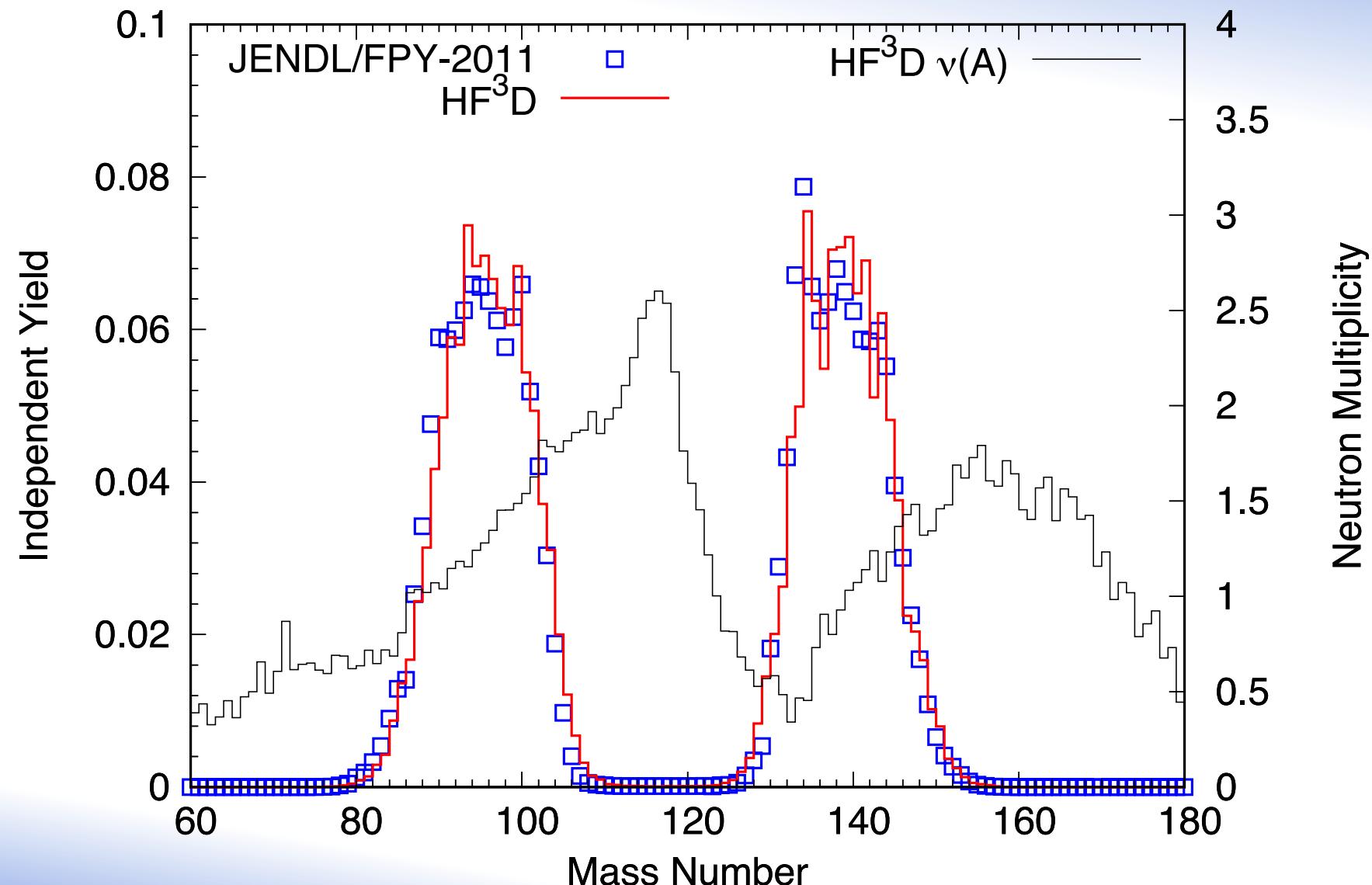
# Result: Prompt fission neutron spectrum



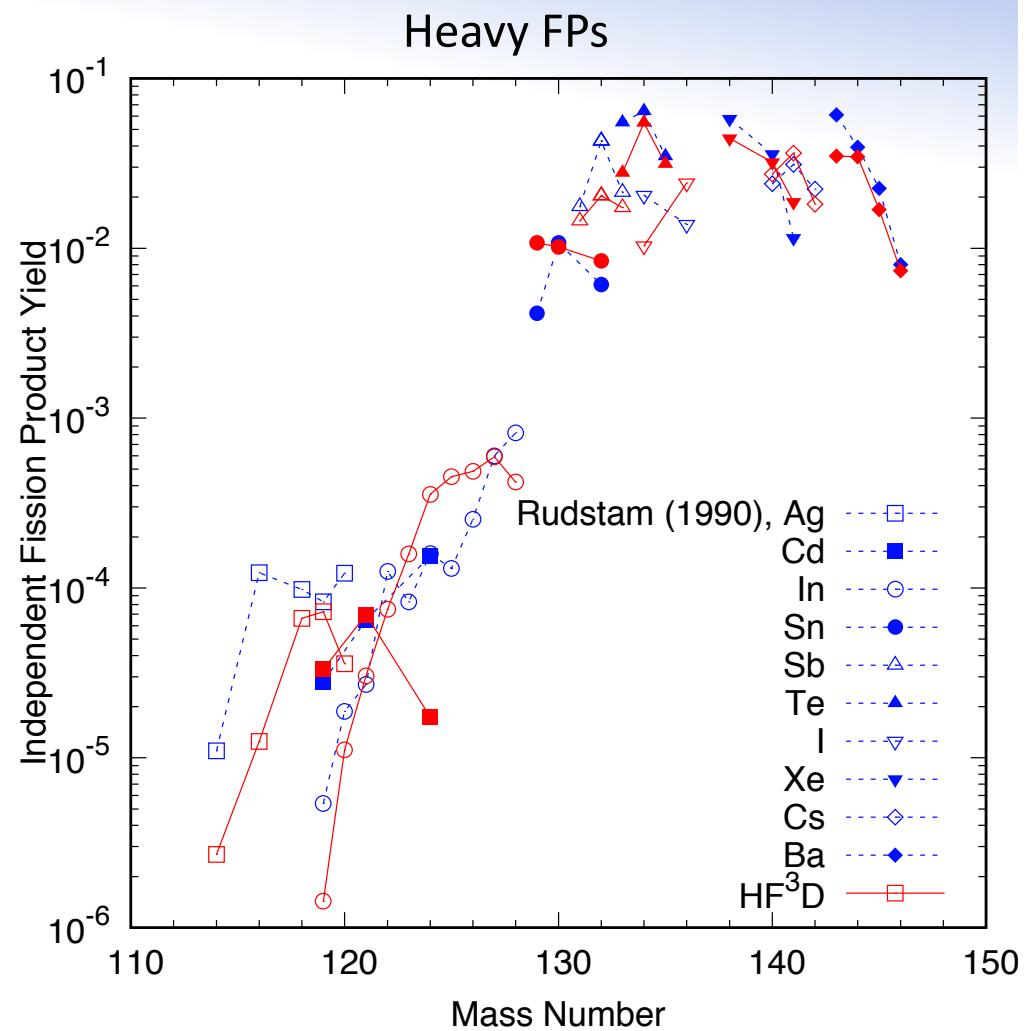
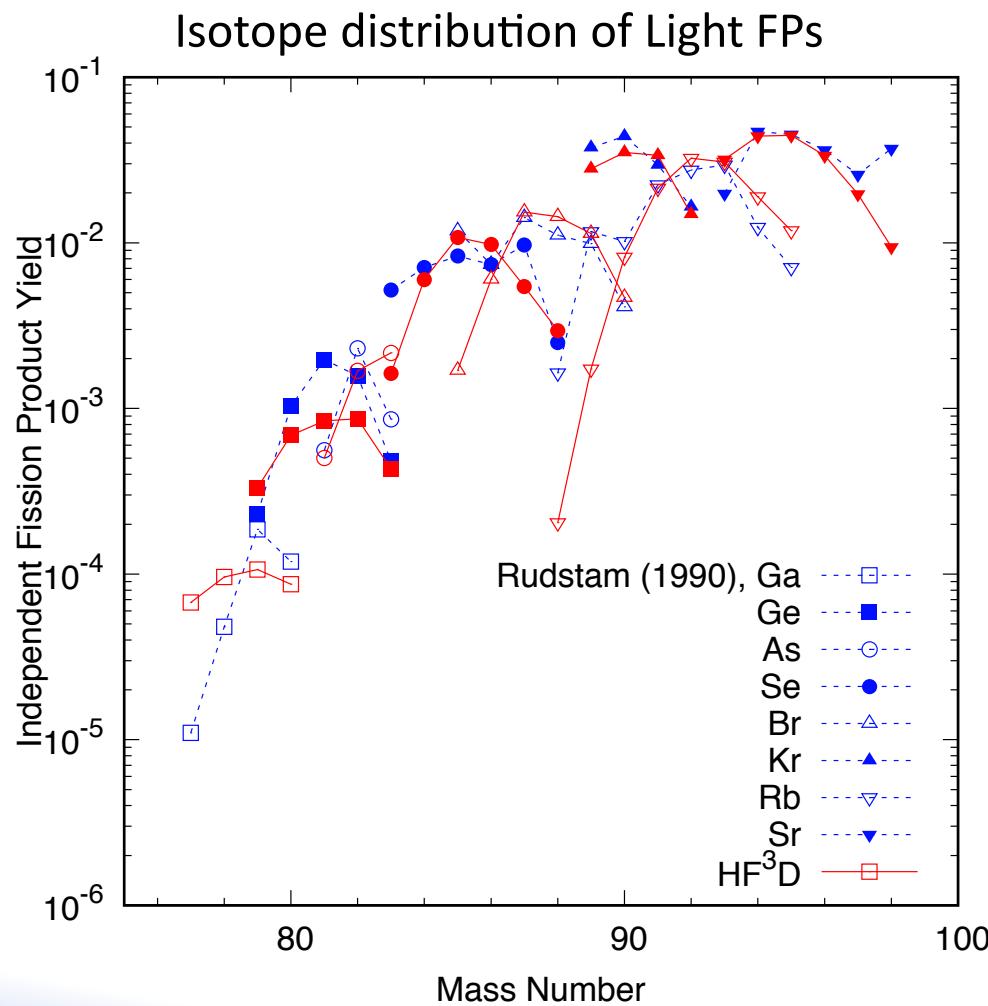
# Result: Prompt neutron multiplicity, $\bar{\nu}(A)$



# Result: Independent FPY of $^{235}\text{U}(n_{\text{th}}, f)$



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Rudstam G et. al., *Radiochimica Acta*, 49 (1990).  
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# Result: Isomeric ratio

- ENDF (after B-VI) and JENDL 4.0 adopted isomeric ratios by Madland-England model.
- All the nuclides having the same  $J_{m/g}$  and even/odd A will have the same isomeric ratio.

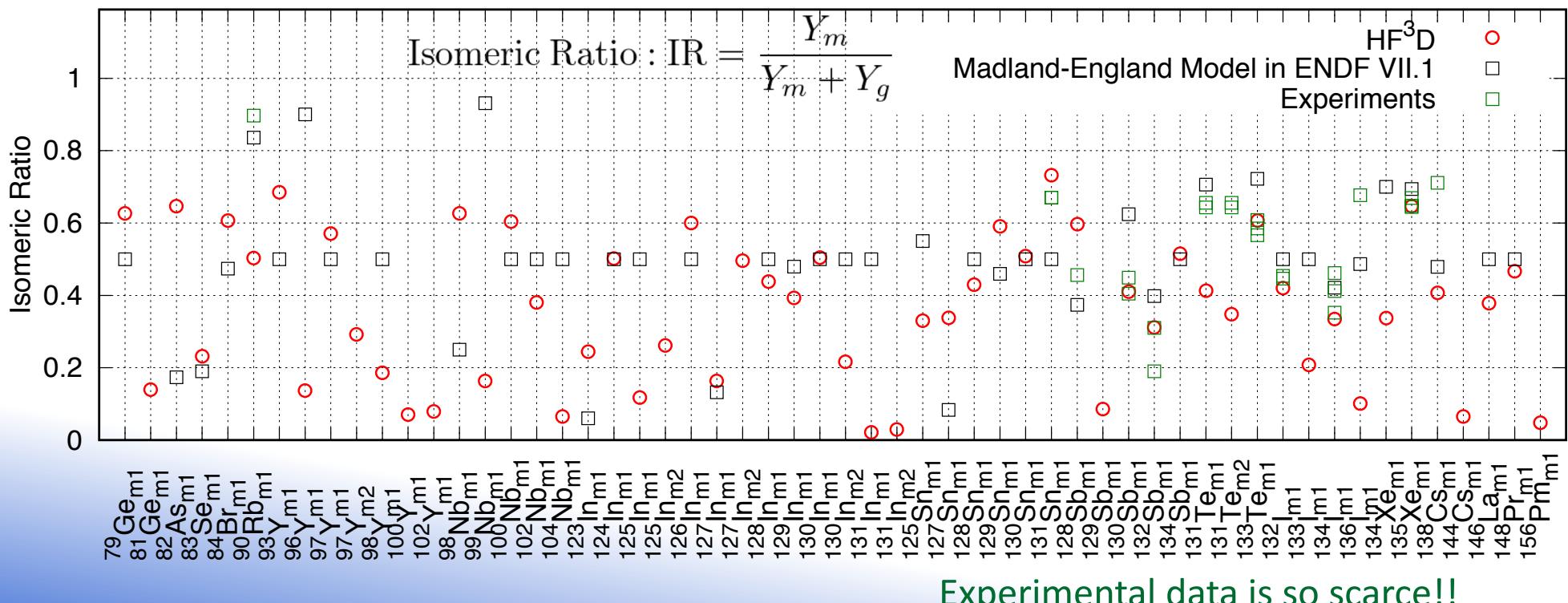
Madland-England model (Current ENDF VII.1 and JENDL 4.0)

- Even-odd of mass of FP nuclides
- Even-odd of spin difference of metastable, ground state FP nuclides ( $J_m - J_g$ )
- Spin of metastable, ground

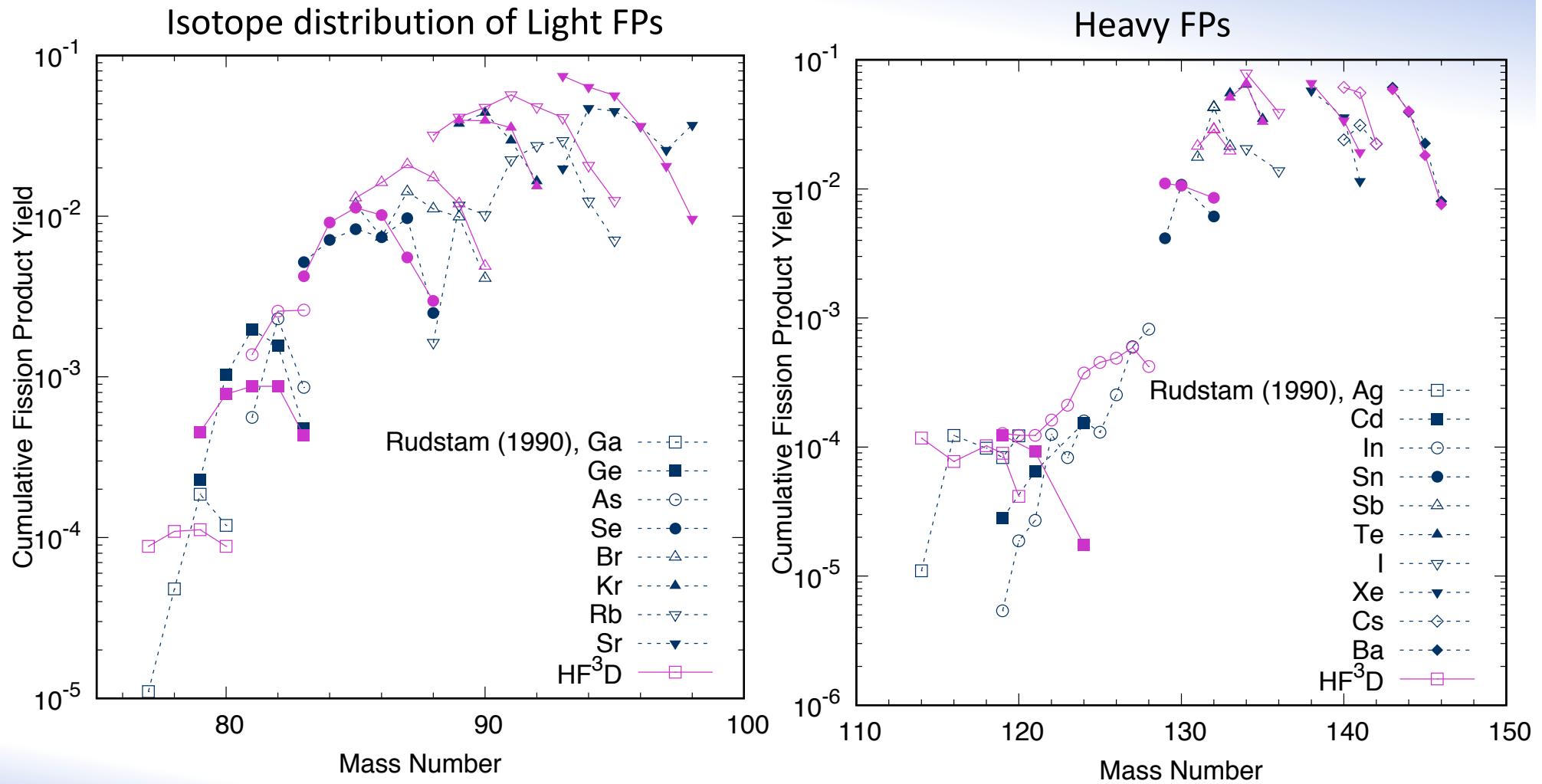
D. G. Madland and T. R. England, Nuc. Sci. Eng., 64, 859-865, (1977).

Example in JENDL 4.0

Nuclide	$J_g^\pi$	$J_m^\pi$	IR
$^{132}\text{I}$	$4^+$	$8^-$	0.42
$^{134}\text{I}$	$4^+$	$8^-$	0.42
$^{133}\text{Xe}$	$3/2^-$	$11/2^-$	0.71
$^{135}\text{Xe}$	$3/2^-$	$11/2^-$	0.71



# Result: Cumulative FPY of $^{235}\text{U}(\text{n}_{\text{th}}, \text{f})$

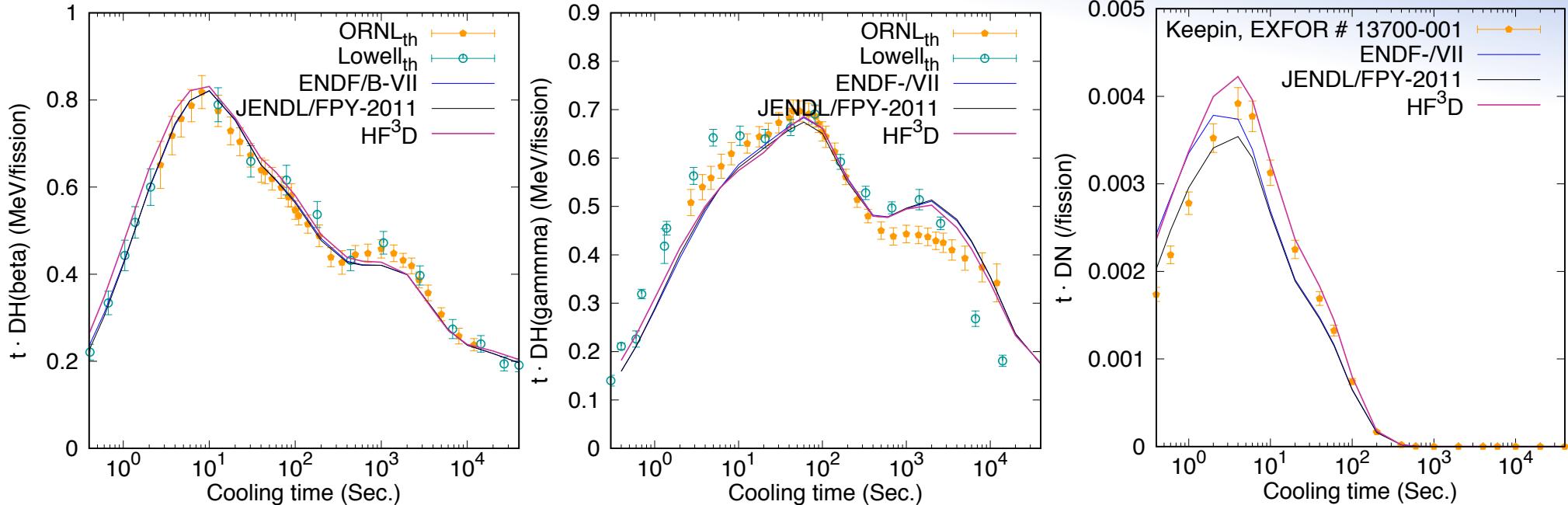


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# Result: Calculated decay heat and delayed neutron



- Summation calculation of beta decay using ENDF/B-VII decay data library



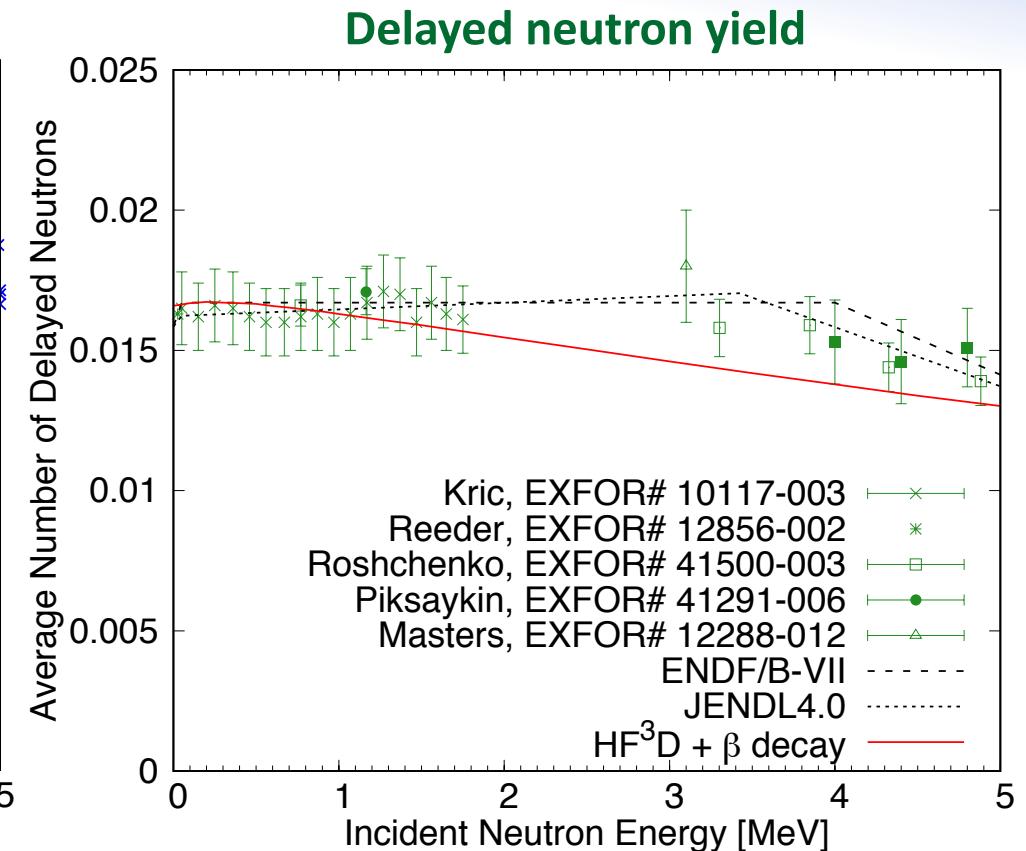
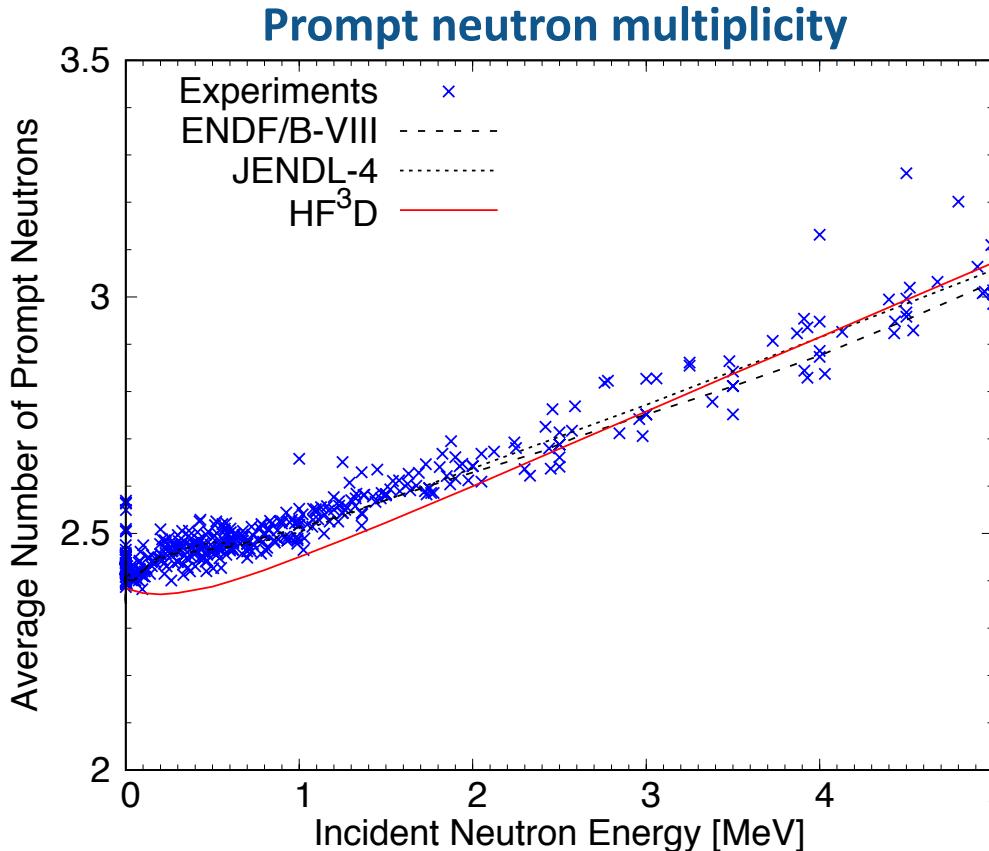
#	decay heat total (MeV/fission)	Isotope	HF <sup>3</sup> D	ENDF/B-VII	JENDL/FPY-2011
39-Y-98-0	1.0029E-01		6.2298E-02	2.9617E-02	
38-Sr-97-0	7.1420E-02		6.0794E-02	6.0945E-02	
39-Y-97-1	5.5401E-02		3.6437E-02	5.9791E-02	
38-Sr-96-0	5.2162E-02		5.4041E-02	5.4186E-02	
37-Rb-95-0	4.9638E-02		3.0397E-02	3.0479E-02	
39-Y-99-0	3.7535E-02		3.1491E-02	3.1468E-02	
40-Zr-99-0	3.1358E-02		2.8238E-02	2.8297E-02	
55-Cs-142-0	2.5797E-02		3.2072E-02	3.2160E-02	
37-Rb-92-0	2.5157E-02		2.4540E-02	2.4606E-02	
36-Kr-93-0	2.3157E-02		1.0814E-02	1.0843E-02	

#	delayed neutron	Isotope	HF <sup>3</sup> D	ENDF/B-VII	JENDL/FPY-2011
37-Rb-95-0	9.6787E-04		5.9269E-04	5.9428E-04	
37-Rb-94-0	4.9311E-04		3.9672E-04	3.9778E-04	
35-Br-90-0	3.8195E-04		4.4369E-04	4.4488E-04	
35-Br-91-0	3.3934E-04		3.4418E-04	3.4510E-04	
37-Rb-96-0	3.2717E-04		2.5629E-04	2.5698E-04	
35-Br-89-0	2.3806E-04		2.1677E-04	2.1735E-04	
37-Rb-97-0	2.3125E-04		7.7580E-05	7.7789E-05	
33-As-85-0	2.0059E-04		2.7429E-04	2.1779E-04	
53-I-139-0	1.8703E-04		2.0876E-04	2.0932E-04	
39-Y-99-0	1.6211E-04		1.3601E-04	1.3591E-04	

# Result: Energy dependence of prompt/delayed neutron

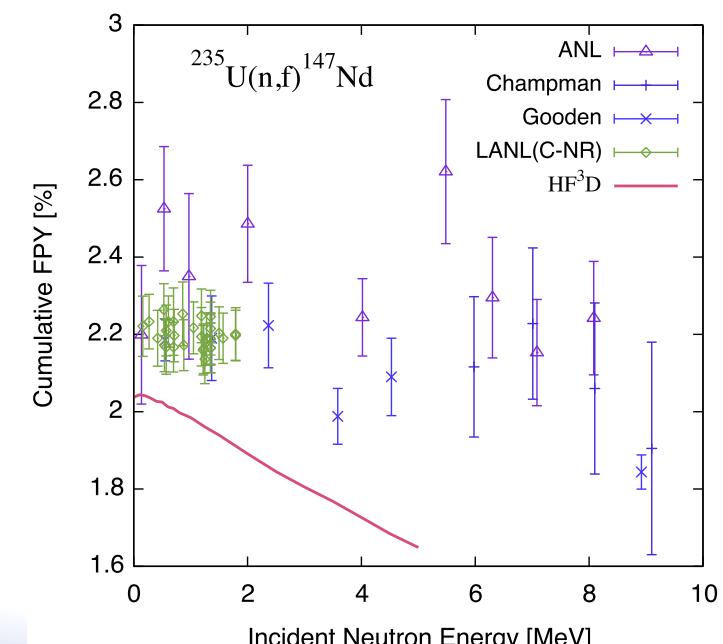
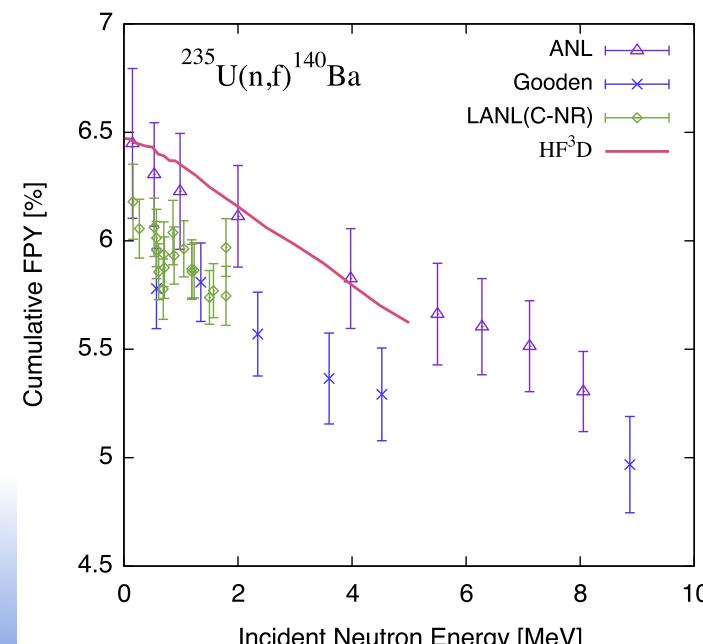
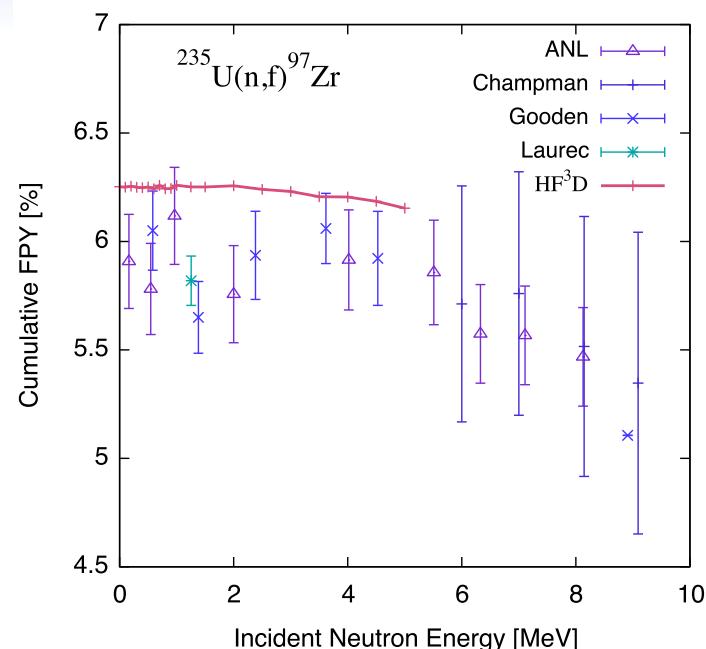
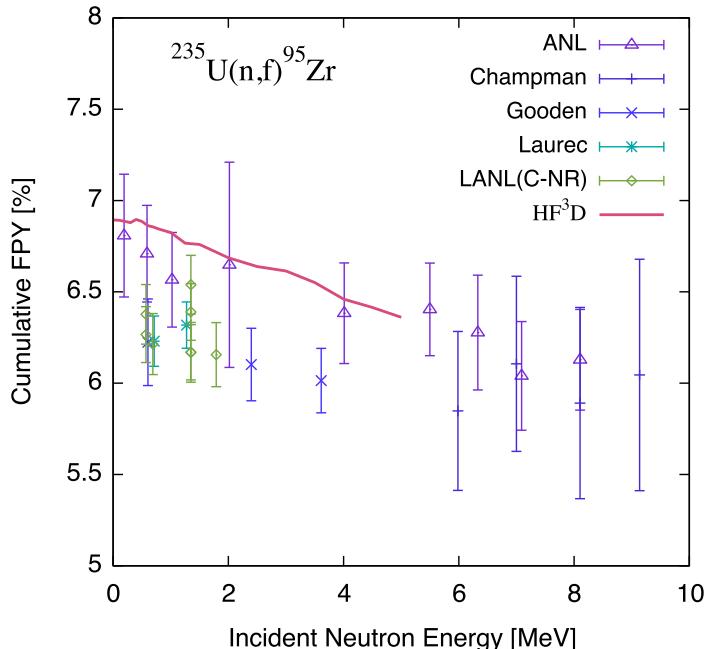


- Neutron emissions are directly related to the FPY.

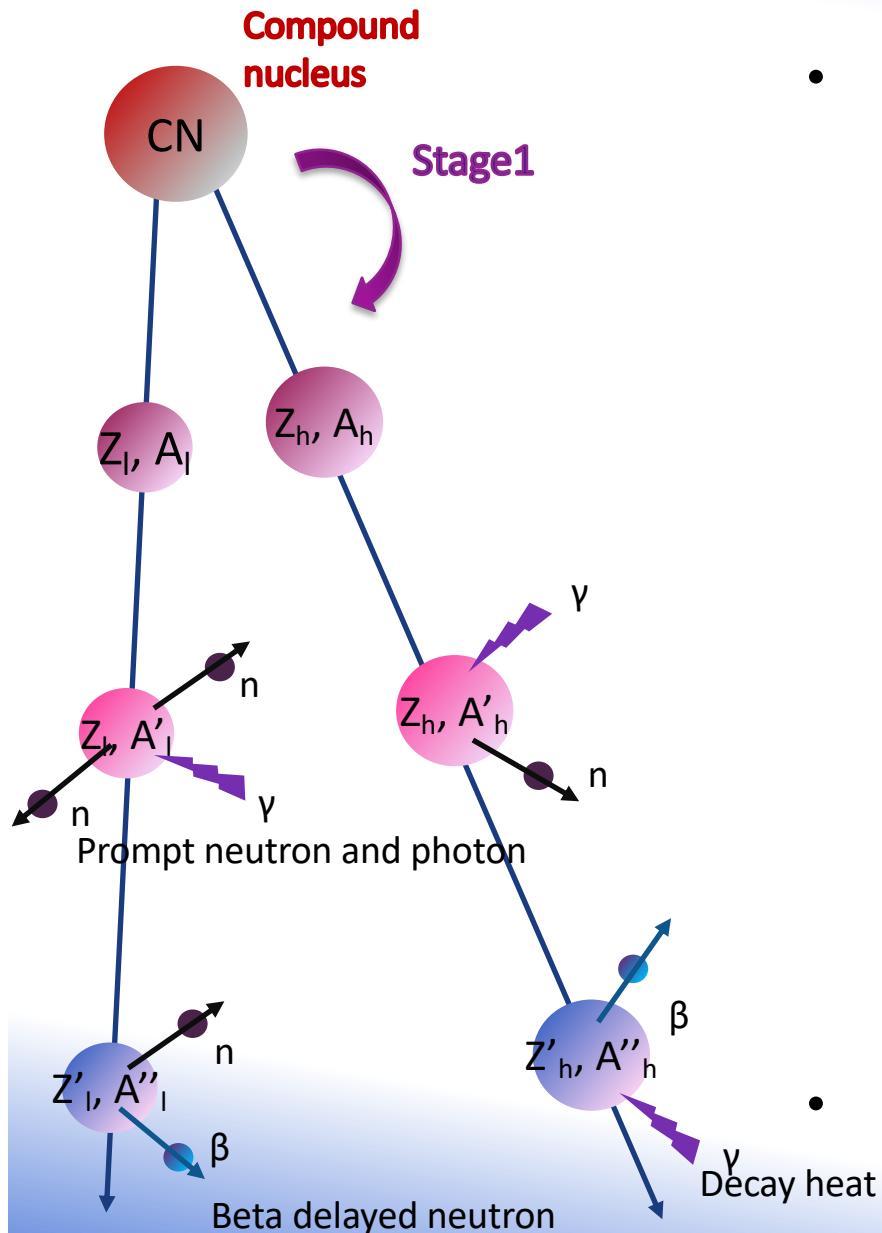


- These observables could be a guideline to check whether the calculations are reasonable or not.

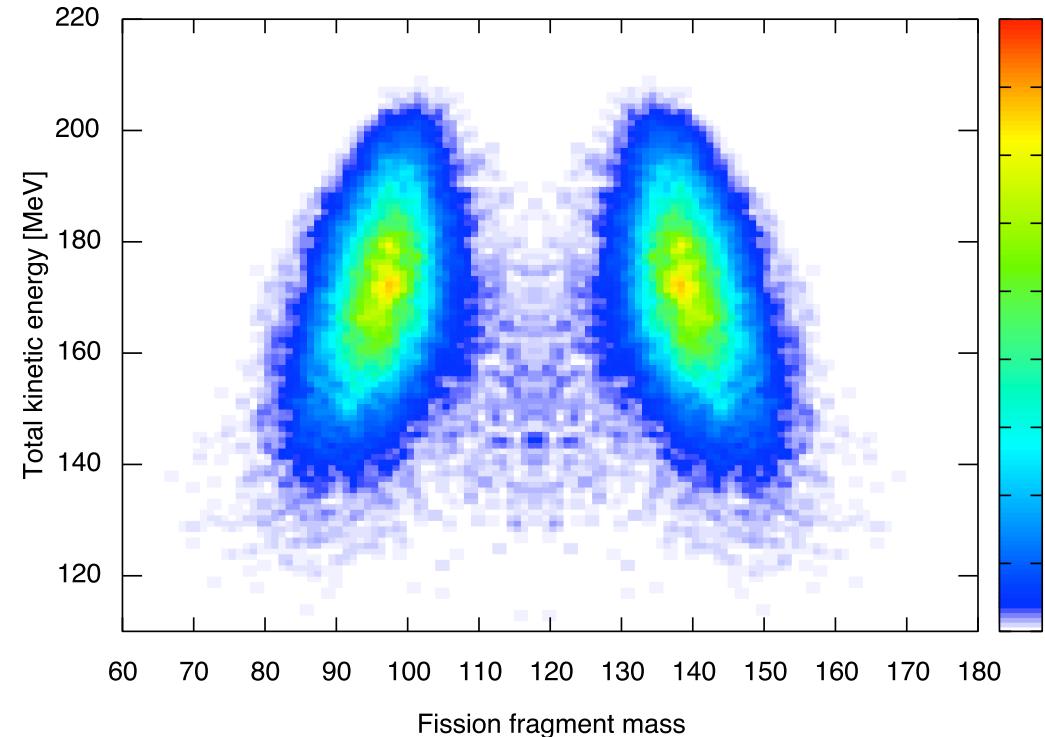
# Result: Energy dependency of cumulative FPY



# Connection with fission fragment distributions by 4D Langevin model



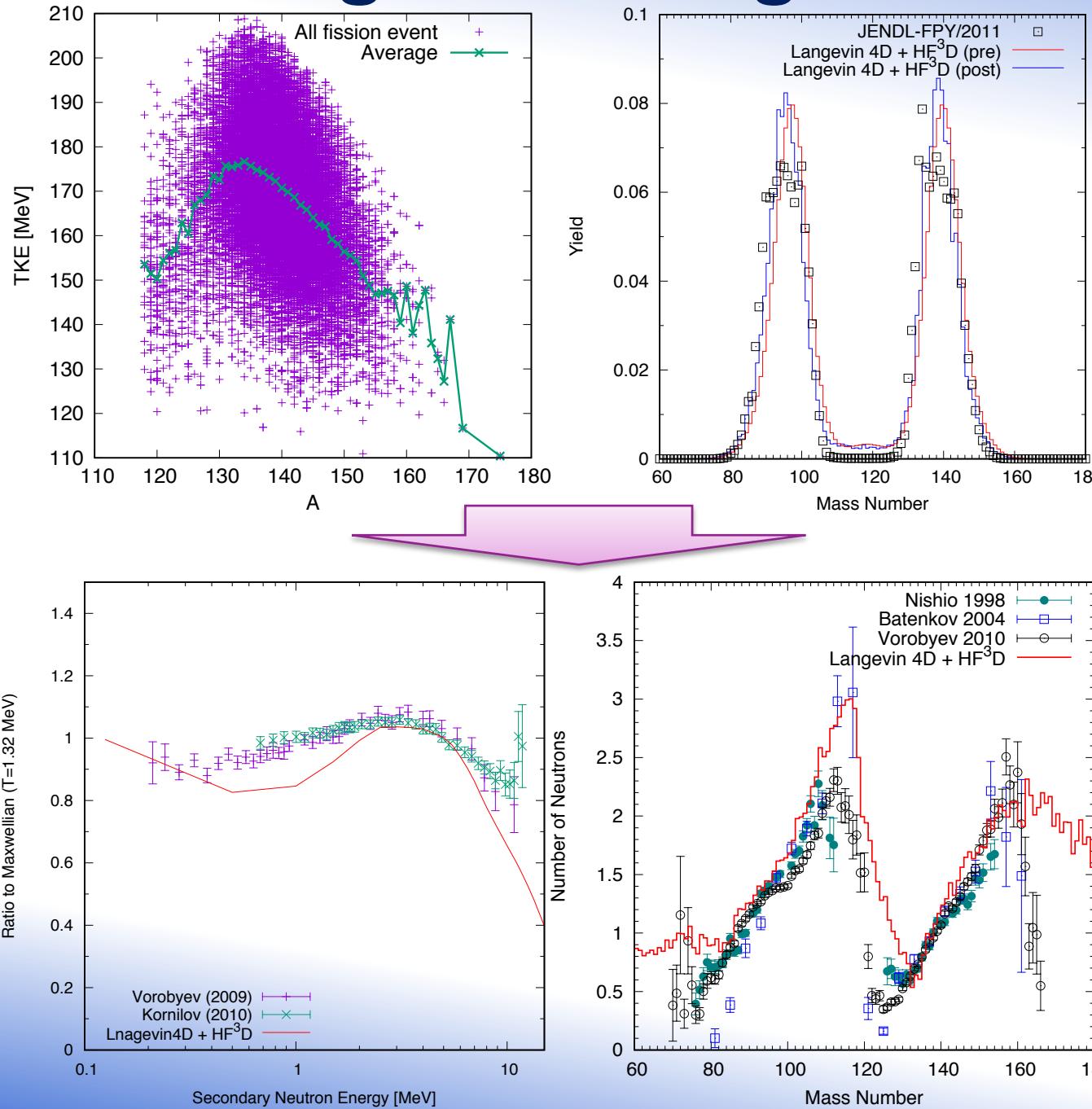
- Theoretical calculations will give primary fission fragment distributions.



TKE distribution of  $^{236}\text{U}$  ( $E_{\text{ex}} = 7\text{MeV}$ ) with 4D Langevin model  
Ishizuka C, et al. *Phys. Rev. C*. 96:064616(2017).

- How to compare with the experimental data?

# 4D Langevin + fragment decay



- Mass and TKE distributions from 4D Langevin model as inputs
- Comparison between calculated and experimental data of many fission observables tells the model accuracy

# Summary

- Developed the Hauser-Feshbach Fission Fragment decay model for the fission fragment decay and combined it with beta decay and the summation calculation
- Simultaneously reproduces some fission observables starting from one fission fragment distribution
  - e.g.  $\bar{\nu}$ ,  $Y_I(A, Z, M)$ , isomeric ratio,  $Y_C(A, Z, M)$ ,  $\nu_d$ , DH
- Energy dependent calculations up to 5 MeV
- Connection with microscopic and macroscopic models (primary fission fragment ( $Y(A)$ ) and TKE)) feasible
- The optimization of fission yield to reproduce all fission observables precisely can allow us to use this model for the evaluation of nuclear data in the future
- More experimental data helps to improve fission theories and models