



## AB-BNCT project at Grenoble : collaboration proposal with CNAO

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## IAB

- Elaboration of theranostics systems based on BODIPYs for optical imaging and boron neutron capture therapy (BNCT)

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- **Neutron spectrometry and fluence measurement with the instrument Mimac-FastN :**
  - for characterization at the BSA output
  - for estimation of the target degradation (as a function of time and beam current)
  - for radioprotection purpose around the installation
- **Active phantom mode with the instrument Mimac-FastN :**
  - Measurement of boron dose in the tumor, as a function of its depth
  - Microdosimetry with a tissue equivalent-gas



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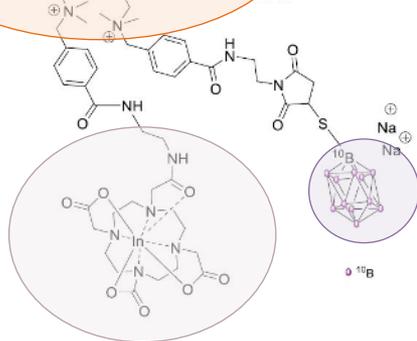
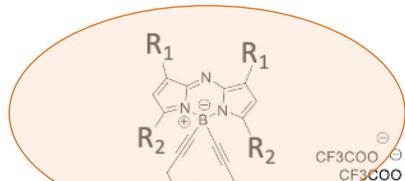
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# Biological evaluation of the compounds

## Fluorescence and vectorization



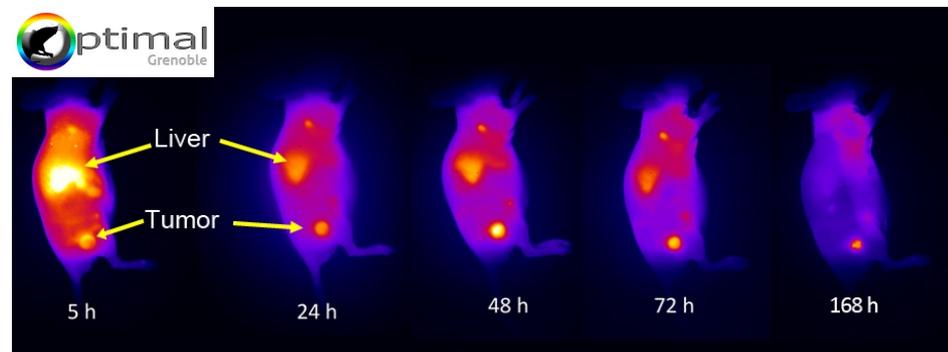
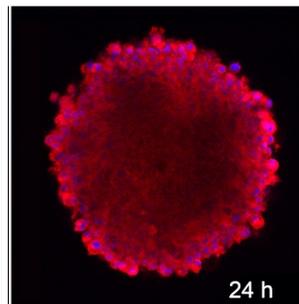
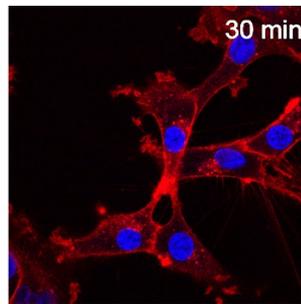
Nuclear  
imaging

Boron  
source



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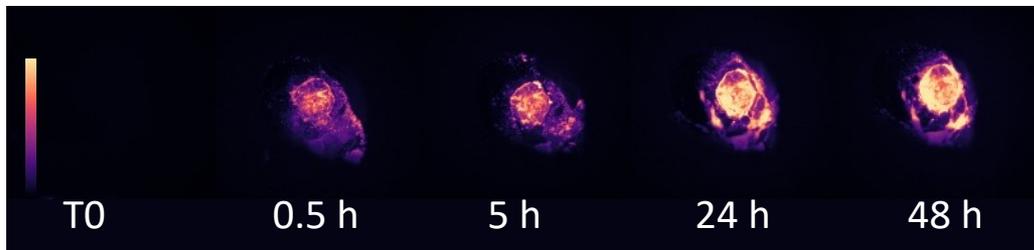
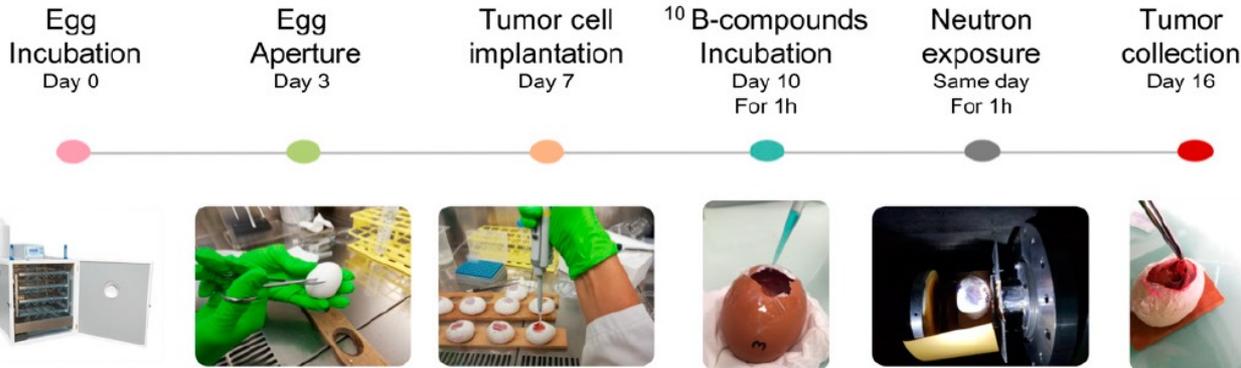
## 2D and 3D cell internalization



- **Efficient tumor uptake:** maximum accumulation at 48-72 h post IV administration
- Hepatic elimination
- Tumor/Skin > 3 after 24 h
- **Tumor/Muscle ratio** > 5 with a max. ~30, at day 7

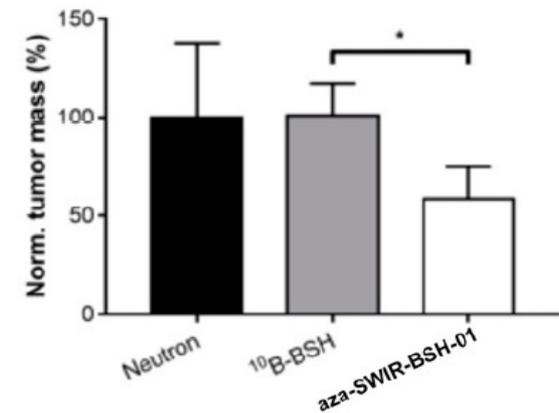
Godard et al *Bioconjugate Chem* 2020

# Evaluation of BNCT efficacy in cells and in ovo



➤ In ovo model for BNCT applications :  
Maximum uptake at 24/48h pi

*Kalot et al. Cells 2020*  
*Sauerwein et al. Life 2021*



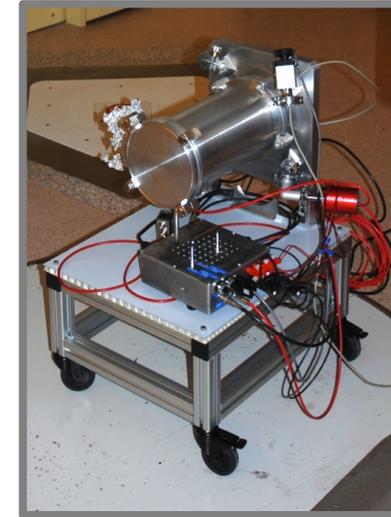
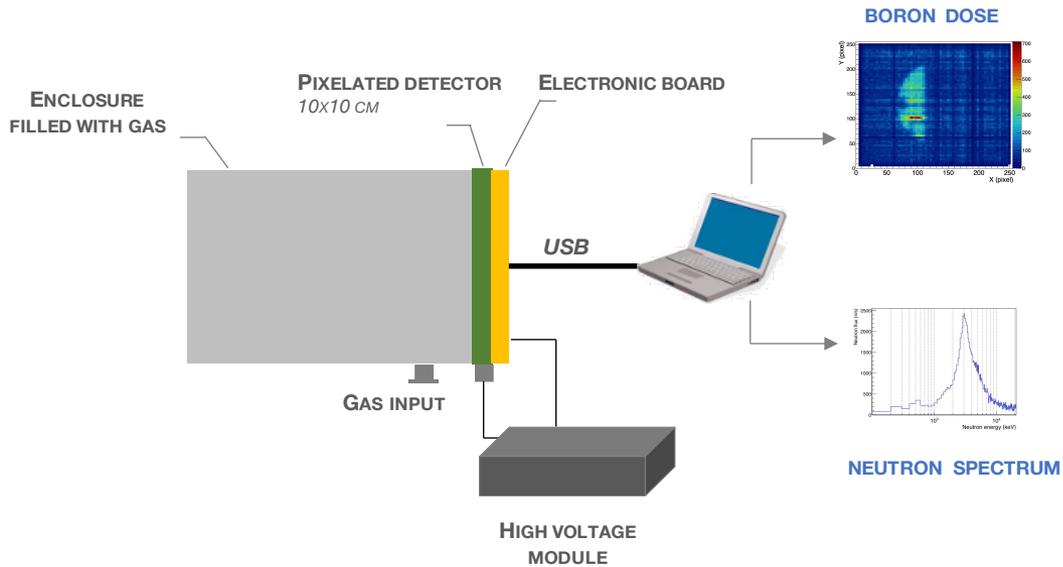
➤ Significant tumor growth reduction vs BSH alone



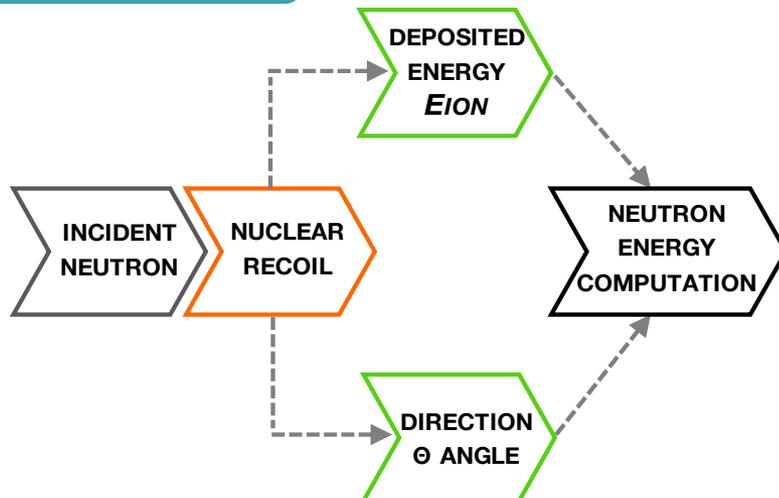
# Neutron spectrometry and active phantom mode with the instrument Mimac-FastN



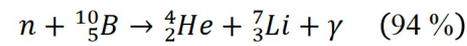
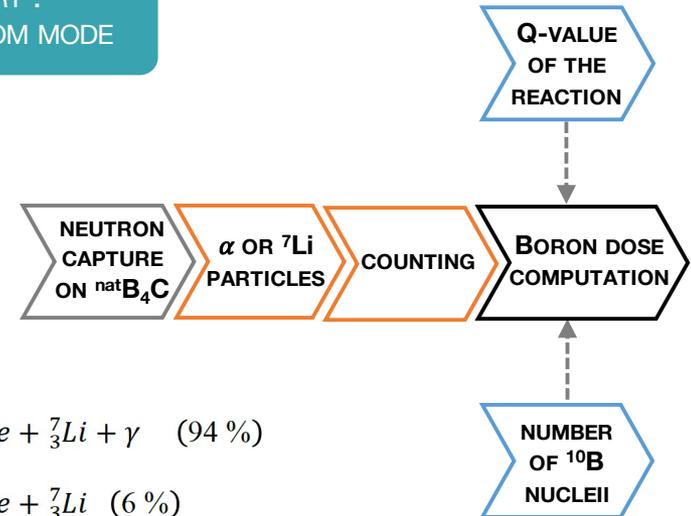
# MIMAC-FASTn instrumentation



## DIRECTIONAL NEUTRON SPECTROMETRY

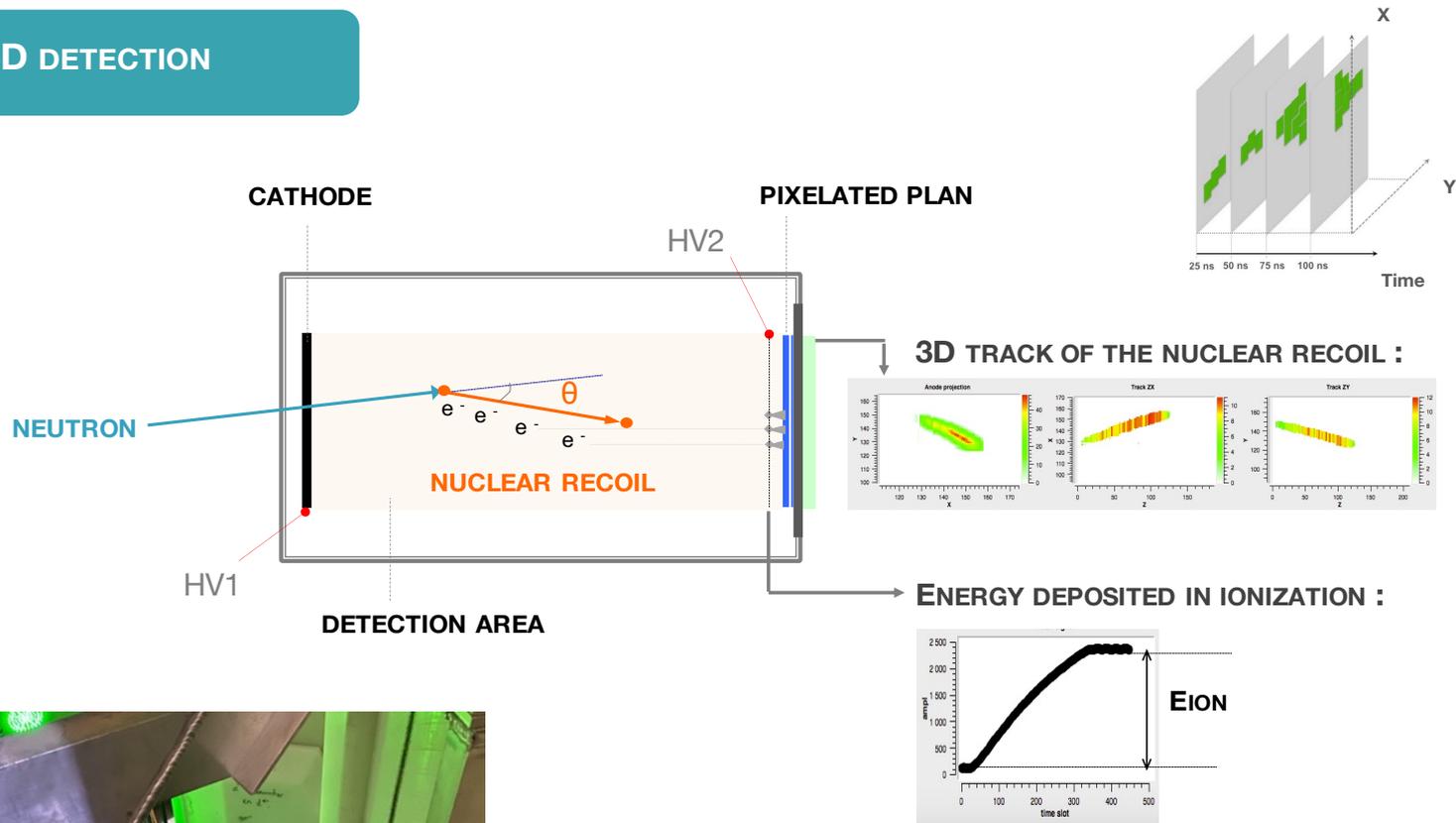


## DOSIMETRY : ACTIVE PHANTOM MODE



# MIMAC-FASTn operating principle

## 3D DETECTION



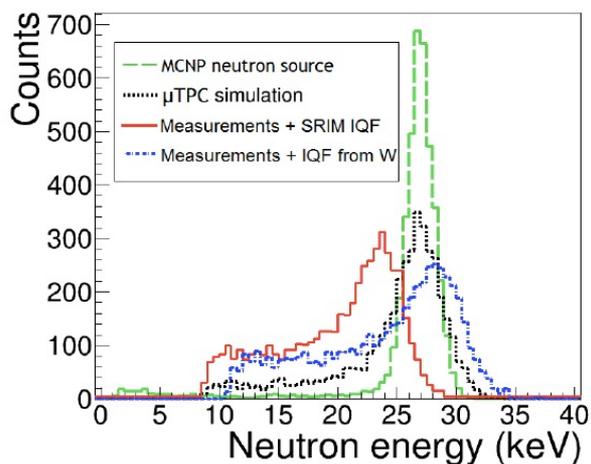
$$E_n = \frac{(1 + m_R)^2}{4m_R} \times \frac{E_R}{\cos^2(\theta_{RN})}$$

WITHOUT  $^3\text{He}$  OR  $^6\text{Li}$

# Neutron spectrometry mode

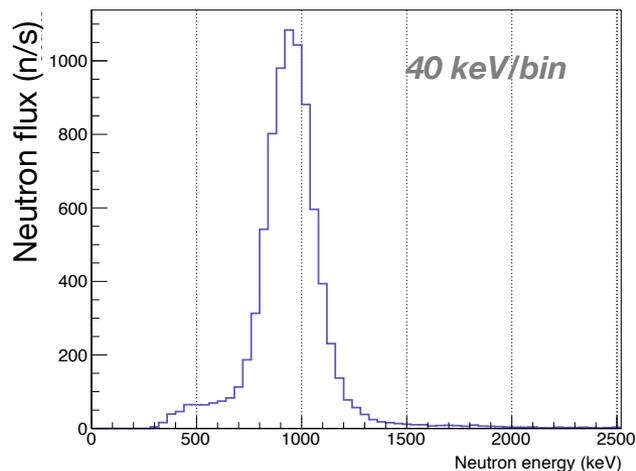
## Measurements in monoenergetic neutron fields :

### NEUTRON FIELD OF 27 keV



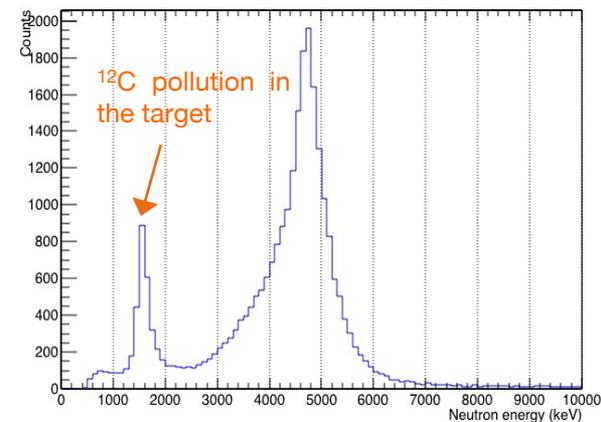
Measurement at AMANDE with the reaction  $^{45}\text{Sc}(p(2.92\text{MeV}),n)$  in a mixture of  $\text{C}_4\text{H}_{10}/\text{CHF}_3$  (50%) at 30 mbar (IRSN/LMDN)

### NEUTRON FIELD OF 949 keV



Measurement at AMANDE with the reaction  $\text{T}(p(2.099\text{MeV}),n)$  in a mixture of  $\text{He}/\text{CO}_2$  (5%) at 700 mbar (IRSN/LMDN)

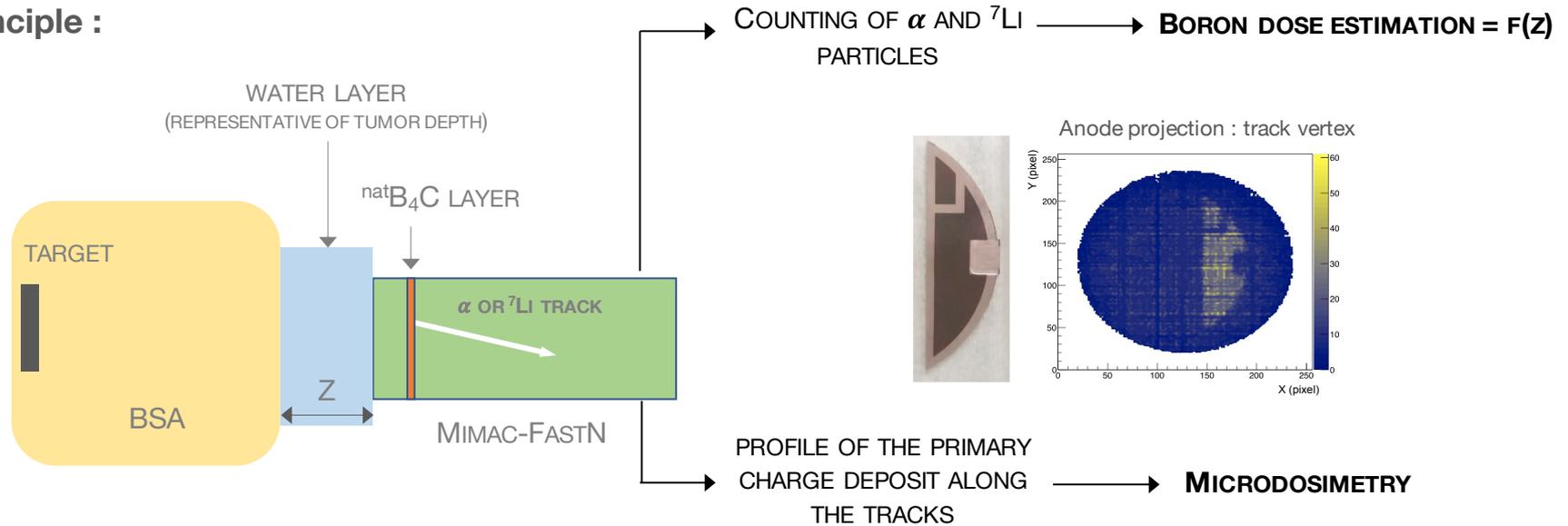
### NEUTRON FIELD OF 5 MeV



Measurement at AMANDE with the reaction  $\text{D}(d(1.8\text{MeV}),n)$  in a mixture of  $\text{He}/\text{CO}_2$  (5%) at 700 mbar (IRSN/LMDN)

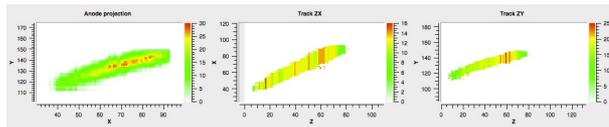
# Active phantom mode

Principle :

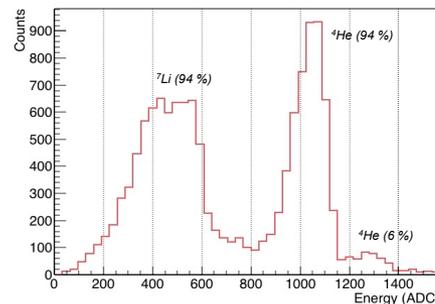


Measurement with a  $\text{He}/\text{CO}_2$  (5%) gas mixture :

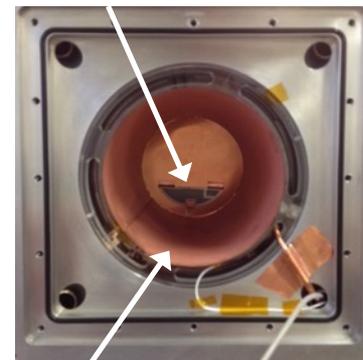
Alpha track



Ionization energy spectrum



Boron carbide coating



Field cage

Experimental set-up for measurement of thermal and epithermal neutron captures on  ${}^{10}\text{B}$

# You are welcome to participate

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