

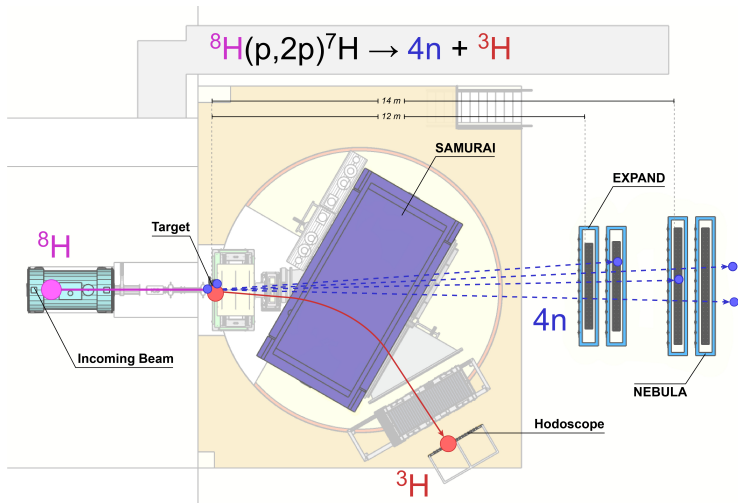
# Internship Oral Defense

Multi-neutron detection for the investigation of exotic nuclei

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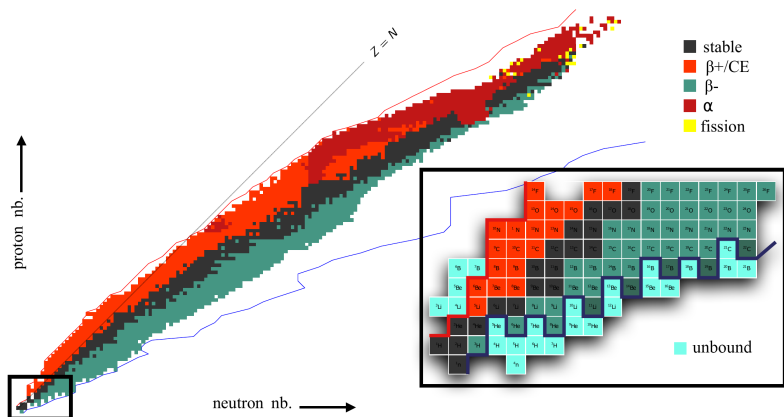
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# Introduction

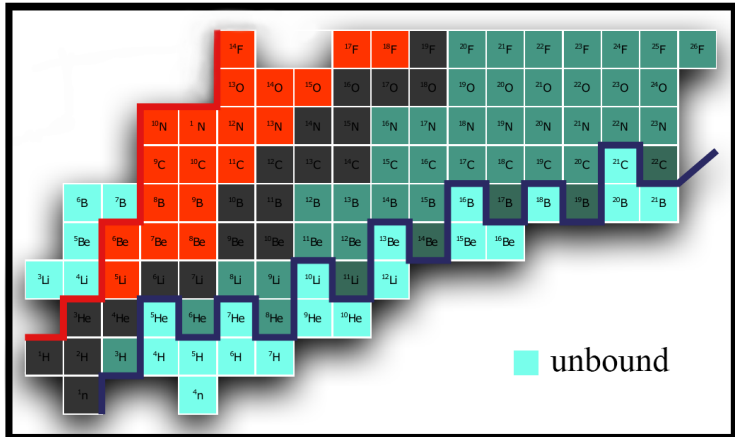


# Scientific Context

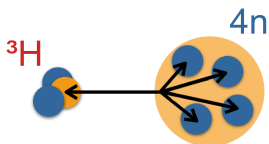
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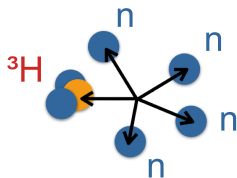
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# Multi-Neutron Systems



**Bound System**



**Unbound System**

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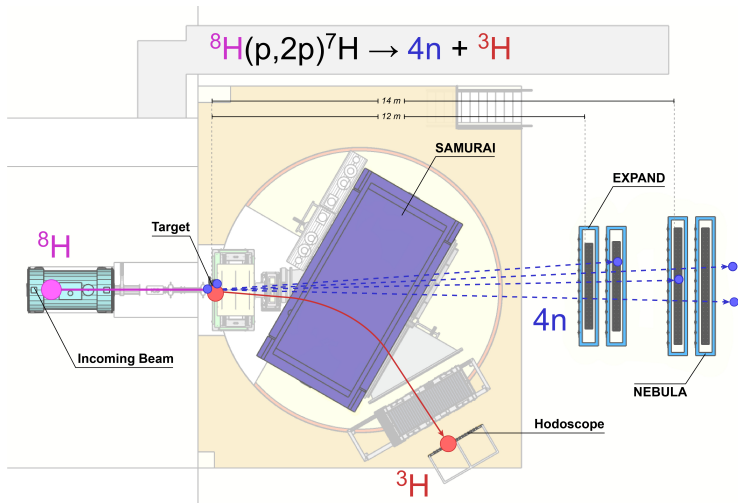


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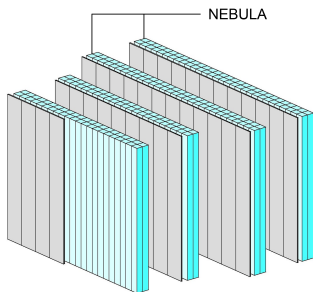
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- Better energy resolution
- Direct access to neutrons
- Very low efficiency

# Setup

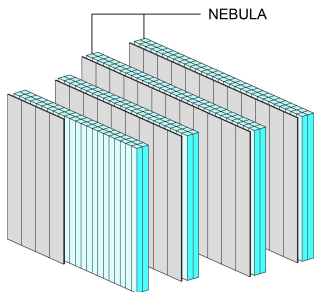


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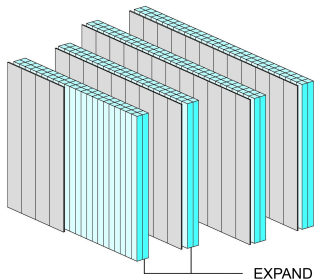
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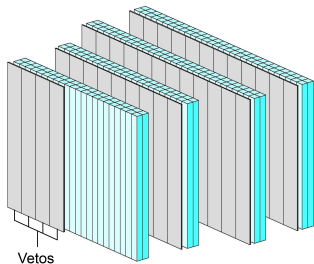
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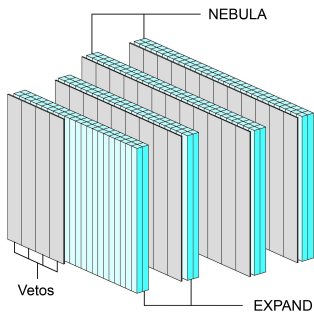
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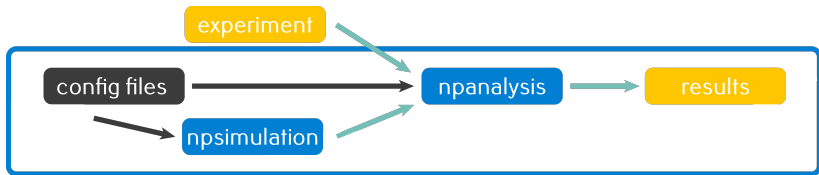
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- Frames to hold the system

# Methods



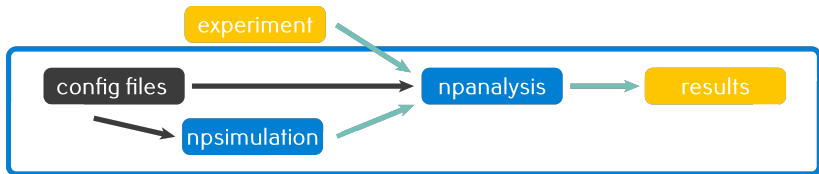


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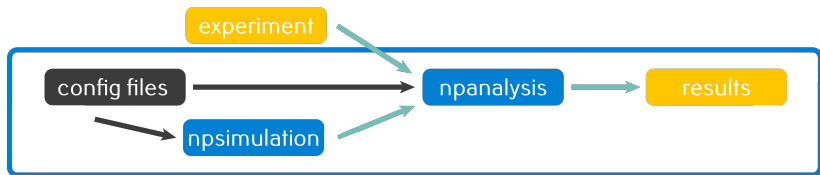


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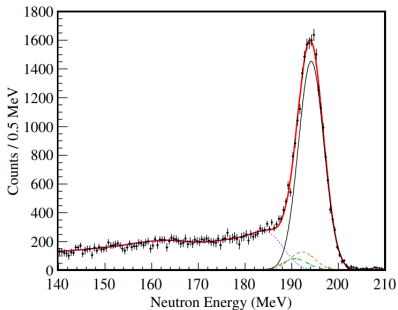


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- Simulation and Analysis



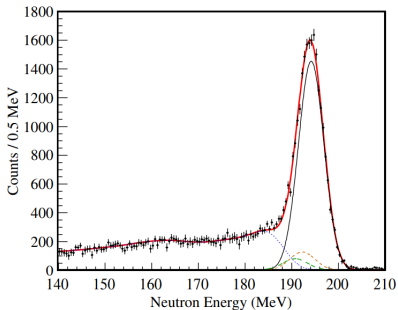
# First Step: Mono-energetic neutrons

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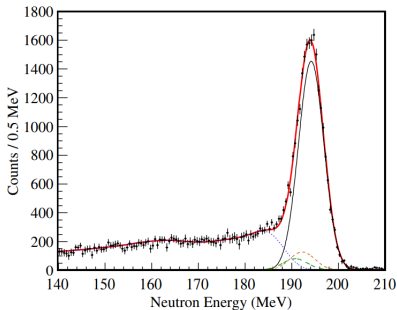
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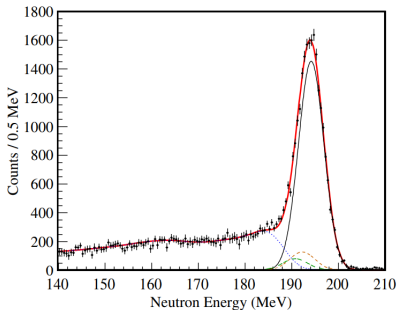
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- Empirical Efficiency 32.5%

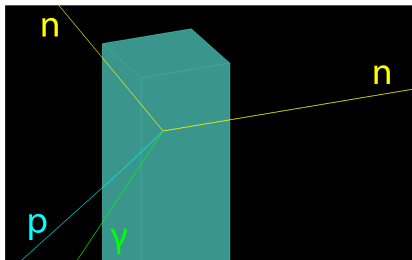


# Simulation Steps

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- Selecting processes
- Implementing Energy to Light conversion
- Verifying cross-talk rejection algorithms

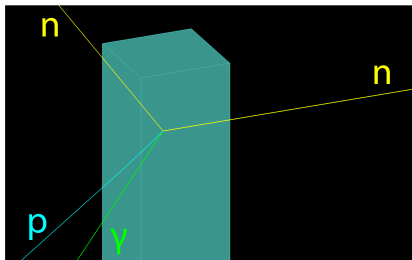
# Results & Discussion

# Retrieved Neutron Energy



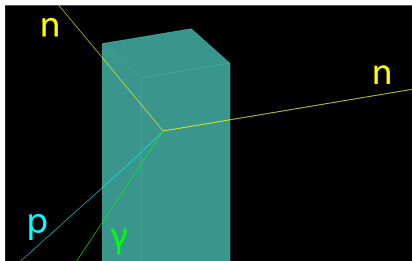
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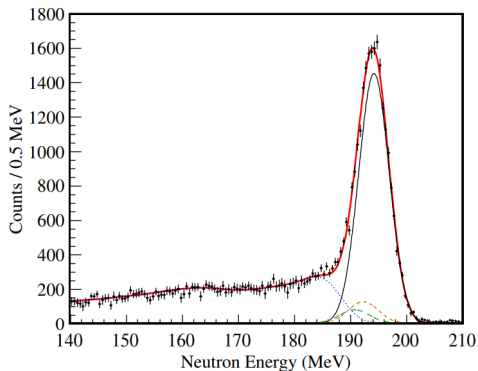
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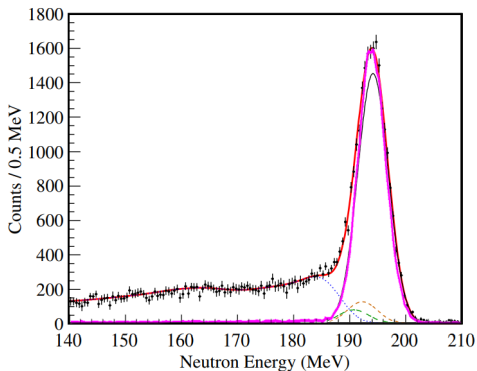
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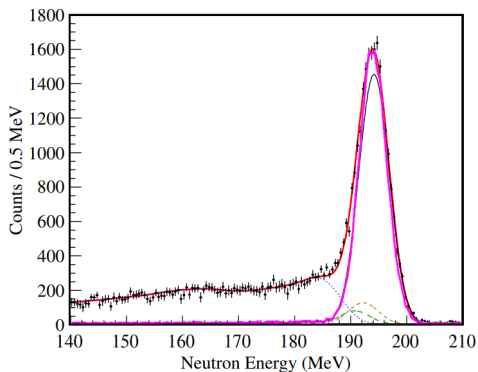
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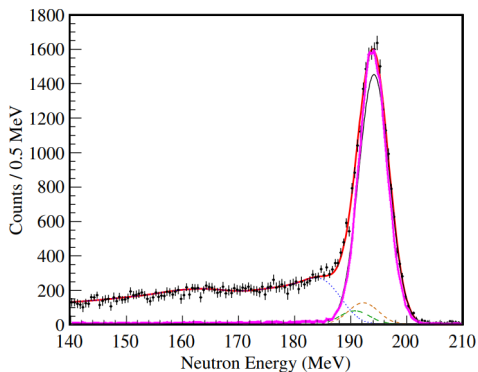
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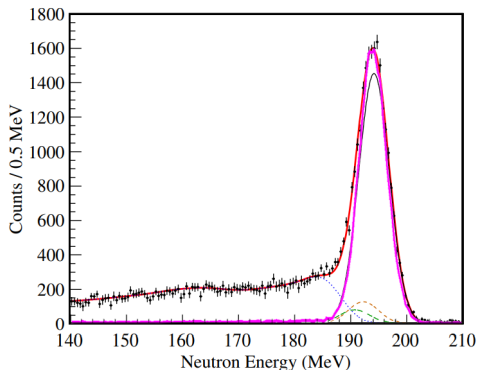


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# Conclusion & Perspectives



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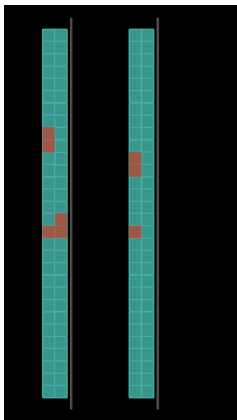
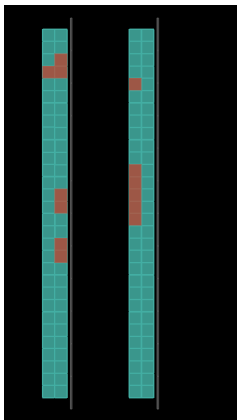
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- **Implementing Energy to Light conversion**

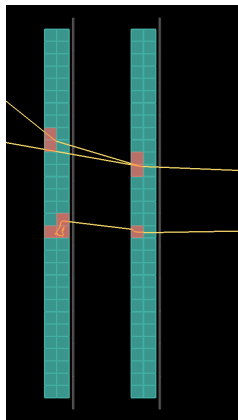
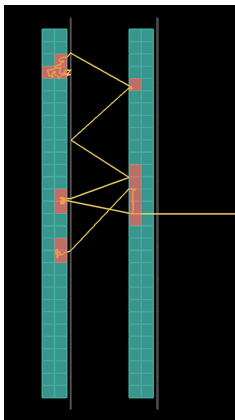
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