



DDX measurements and theoretical  
analysis of  ${}^{6,7}\text{Li}$  at 8 and 10 MeV

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# Introduction of N-TOF Group

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# I. Neutron beam facility at CIAE

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## 1) HI-13 Tandem $2 \times 13\text{MV}$ (DC/Plused)

- ❖ Pulse width:  $\sim 1\text{ns}$ ;
- ❖ 8~14 MeV: d+D,  $10^9$  neutrons/s;
- ❖ 4~10 MeV: p+T,  $10^8$  neutrons/s;
- ❖ 22~42 MeV: d+T,  $10^7$  neutrons/s;
- ❖ White neutron source: d-Be reaction;
- ❖ Deuterium and Tritium gas target;



## 2) Neutron generator (DC/Plused)

2.5 MeV: d+D,  $10^{10}$  neutrons/s;

14 MeV: d+T,  $10^{11}$  neutrons/s;

## 3) Small tandem $2 \times 1.7\text{MV}$ (DC)

3~6 MeV: d+D,  $10^{10}$  neutrons/s;

14~20 MeV: d+T,  $10^9$  neutrons/s;

0.07~2.5 MeV: p+T,  $10^9$  neutrons/s;

0.03~1.7 MeV: p+Li,  $10^{10}$  neutrons/s;

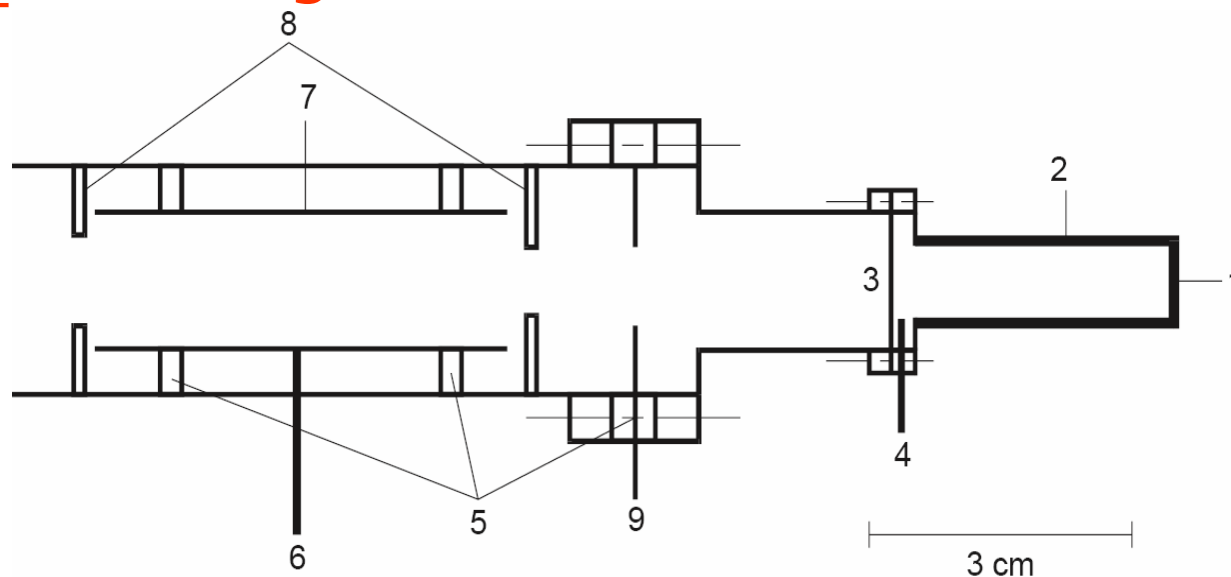
Continuous beam, pulsed beam under development;

## 4) Reactor

High flux thermal neutron;

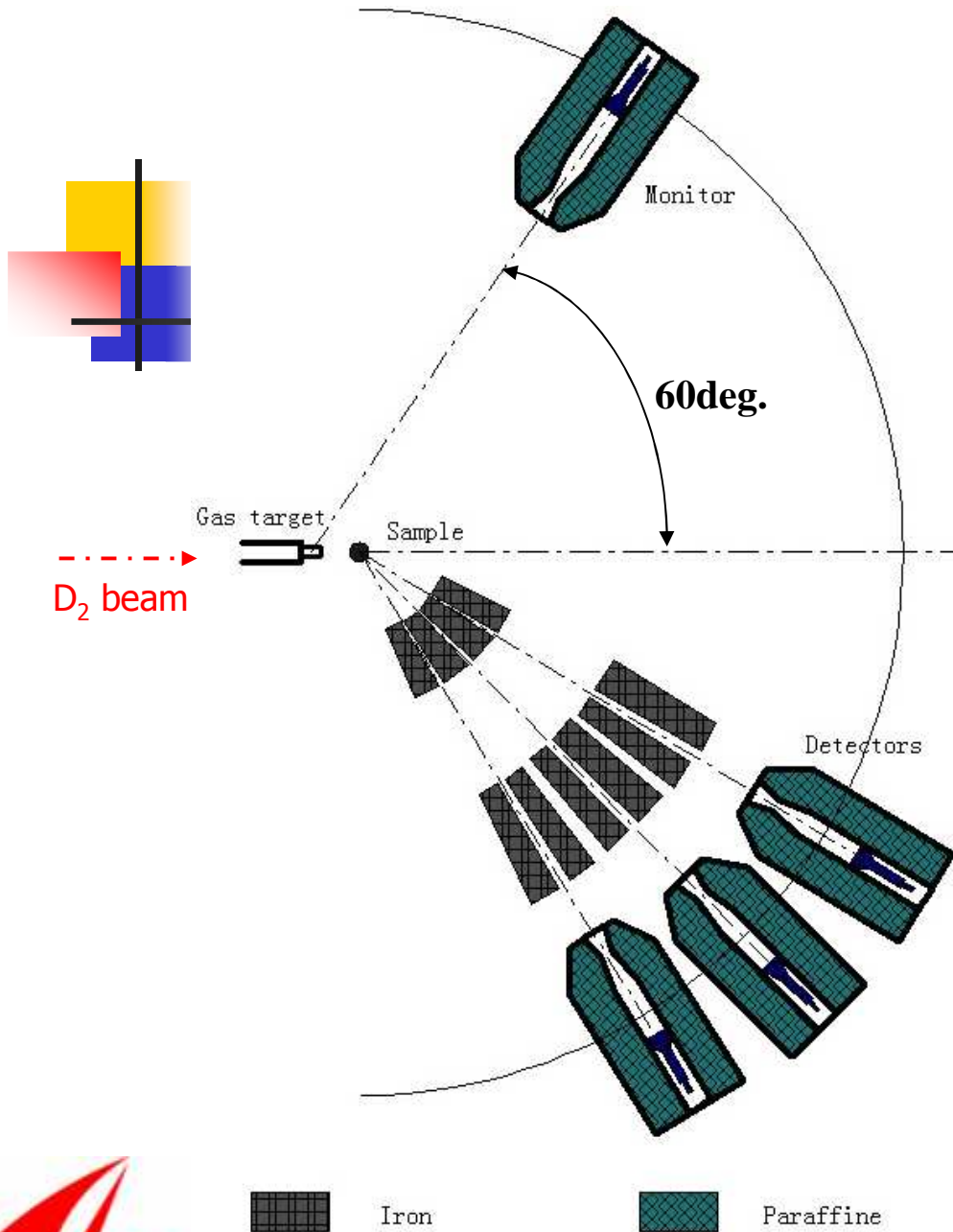
## II. DDX measurement of ${}^6,7\text{Li}$

### $\text{D}_2$ Gas Target



Length: 30 mm  
Inner diameter: 10 mm  
Outer diameter: 11mm  
Gold backing: 0.5mm  
Mo entrance foil: 10  $\mu\text{m}$   
Gas pressure: 6 bar

1. gold backing; 2. platinum liner; 3. molybdenum entrance foil; 4. filling pipe; 5. insulators; 6. pickup signal; 7. pickup cylinder; 8. apertures; 9. suppressor voltage(-300V)



## Distance:

3 main detectors are shielded and collimated;

Target  $\leftrightarrow$  Sample: 18 cm;

Sample  $\leftrightarrow$  Det. :  $\sim 6$  m;

Angle:  $-30 \sim 160^\circ$  ;  $10^\circ$  interval

## Monitor:

Stilbene scintillator/NE-213

Geometry:  $\Phi 30 \times 30$  mm;  
 $\Phi 25.4 \times 25.4$  mm;

Flight path:  $\sim 6$  m;

Angle: 60 deg;

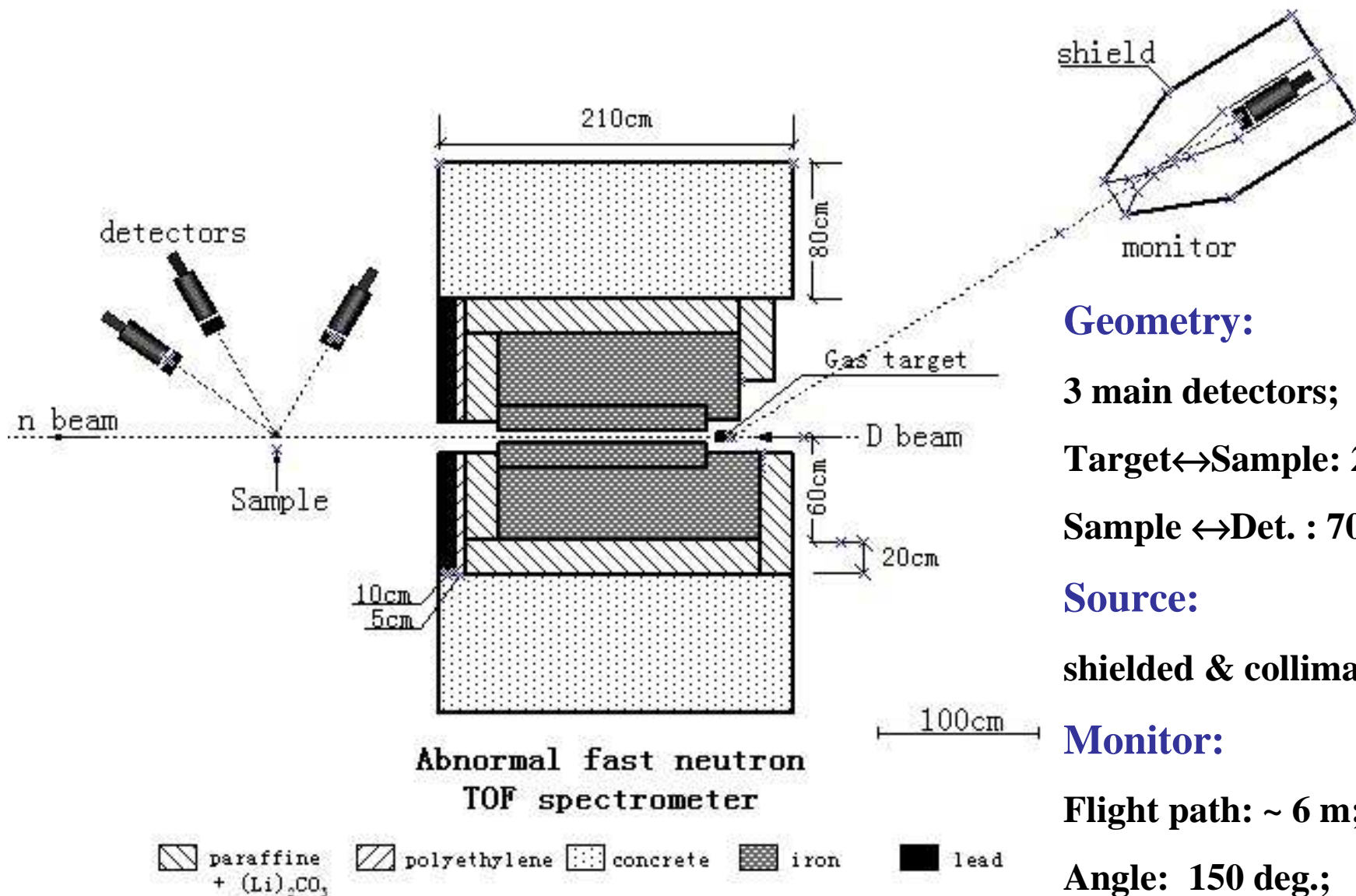


Iron



Paraffine

Normal Fast Neutron TOF Spectrometer



**Geometry:**

**3 main detectors;**

**Target ↔ Sample: 220 cm;**

**Sample ↔ Det. : 70 cm;**

**Source:**

**shielded & collimated;**

**Monitor:**

**Flight path: ~ 6 m;**

**Angle: 150 deg.;**



# Projectile

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|  | <b>8 MeV</b>  | <b>10 MeV</b>  |
|--|---------------|----------------|
| <b><math>E_d</math> (MeV)</b>                            | <b>~ 5.80</b> | <b>~ 7.765</b> |
| <b><math>\bar{I}_d</math> (<math>\mu\text{A}</math>)</b> | <b>~ 0.3</b>  | <b>~ 1.0</b>   |
| <b>Pulse width (ns)</b>                                  | <b>~ 1.0</b>  | <b>~ 1.0</b>   |
| <b>Rep. Freq.(MHz)</b>                                   | <b>2.0</b>    | <b>4.0</b>     |



## Detectors

|                 | <b>8 MeV</b>                                 | <b>10 MeV</b>                            |
|-----------------|--|--|
| <b>Normal</b>   | <b>BC-501A (160 keV)<br/>Φ17.78×10.16 cm</b> | <b>ST-451 (480 keV)<br/>Φ10.0×5.0 cm</b> |
| <b>Abnormal</b> |  | <b>ST-451 (160 keV)</b>                  |
| <b>Angle</b>    | <b>30 ~150 deg. (12)</b>                     | <b>30 ~ 120 deg. (9)</b>                 |

Angle interval of each detector is 10 degree.

The scintillation liquid ST-451 is very similar to NE-213 scintillators used at PTB.

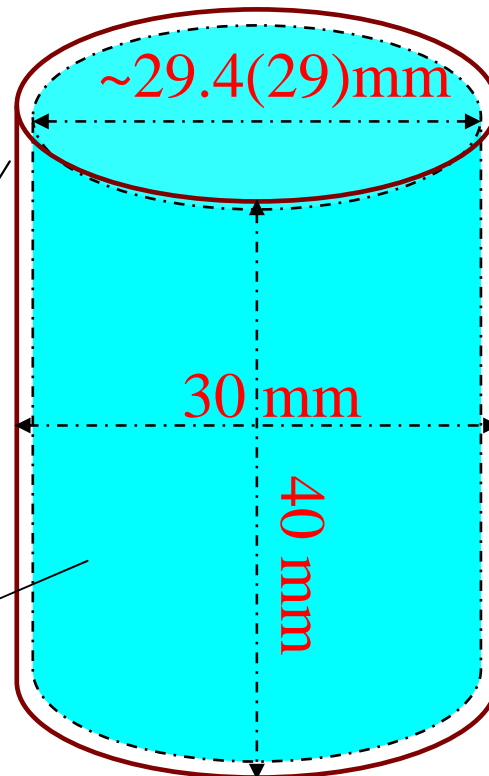
# Lithium Samples

*Al* container is used to prevent the sample from oxidizing

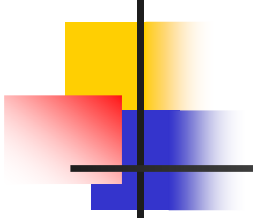
${}^6\text{Li}$ : ~ 0.3 mm

${}^7\text{Li}$ : ~ 0.5 mm

${}^{6,7}\text{Li}$  sample



The samples are composed of highly purified and isotopically enriched lithium metal.



| Sample                       | Geom.<br>(mm×mm) | Wt.(Al)<br>(g) | Wt.(tot)<br>(g) | Atomic Percent (%) |                 |                  |
|------------------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|
|                              |                  |                |                 | <sup>6</sup> Li    | <sup>7</sup> Li | <sup>27</sup> Al |
| <sup>6</sup> Li <sup>a</sup> | Φ30 ×40          | 8.037          | 20.791          | 90.3               | 8.6             | 1.1              |
| <sup>6</sup> Li <sup>b</sup> | Φ30 ×40          | 4.152          | 15.533          | 90.638             | 9.362           |                  |
| <sup>7</sup> Li              | Φ30 ×40          | 8.174          | 23.272          | 5.0                | 95.0            |                  |
| Al                           | Φ30 ×40          |                | 7.350*          |                    |                 |                  |
| CH <sub>2</sub>              | Φ25 ×40          |                | 18.252          |                    |                 |                  |

**Wt.(Al): weight of Al container; Wt.(tot): weight of sample+container;**

**\*: It is an empty aluminum container; a,b: normal and abnormal;**



## Data analysis (1)

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- Raw event reduction using PAW;
- Deadtime correction and background subtraction;
- Neutron energy determination:
  - 1) Use Li elastic and gamma peak;
  - 2) Use  $\Delta t$  between elastic and the 1<sup>st</sup> inelastic scattering neutron of C, flight path and angle;Neutron energies agree with each other within uncertainty by 1) and 2) method;



## Data analysis (2)

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- **n-p reaction cross sections for normalization**
- **M-C simulation**

The measured TOF spectra were simulated by the code STREUER.




- **Transformation of the STREUER results in experimental condition**

including Time response function, TAC calibration and non-linearity, normalization factor etc.



## Data analysis (3)

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- **The data base of STREUER code was iteratively improved, and the data of Al container were included in simulation;** 
- **Comparison between MC calculations and measurements;** 
- **Experimental results;** 



# Uncertainties

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- **Statistical uncertainty**

3~7% (normal); ~ 15% (abnormal)

- **Neutron detection efficiency**

~ 5%; around the threshold its ~ 10%;

- **Scattering angle:**  $\leq 0.5^\circ$ ;

- **n-p cross section:** ~ 1%;

- **Correction of multiple scattering:** 1~3%;

- **Energy resolution:** ~ 5% (normal); ~20% (abnormal);



## III. Theoretical Calculation

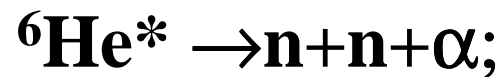
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- **Based on Hauser-Feshbach(HF) + Exciton Model;**
- **The first particle emissions can be described by pre-equilibrium and equilibrium mechanisms;**
- **Angular momentum conservation and angular coupling effects are taken into account;**
- **Nuclear recoil effect;**

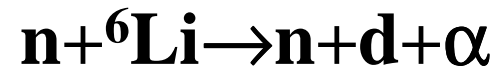


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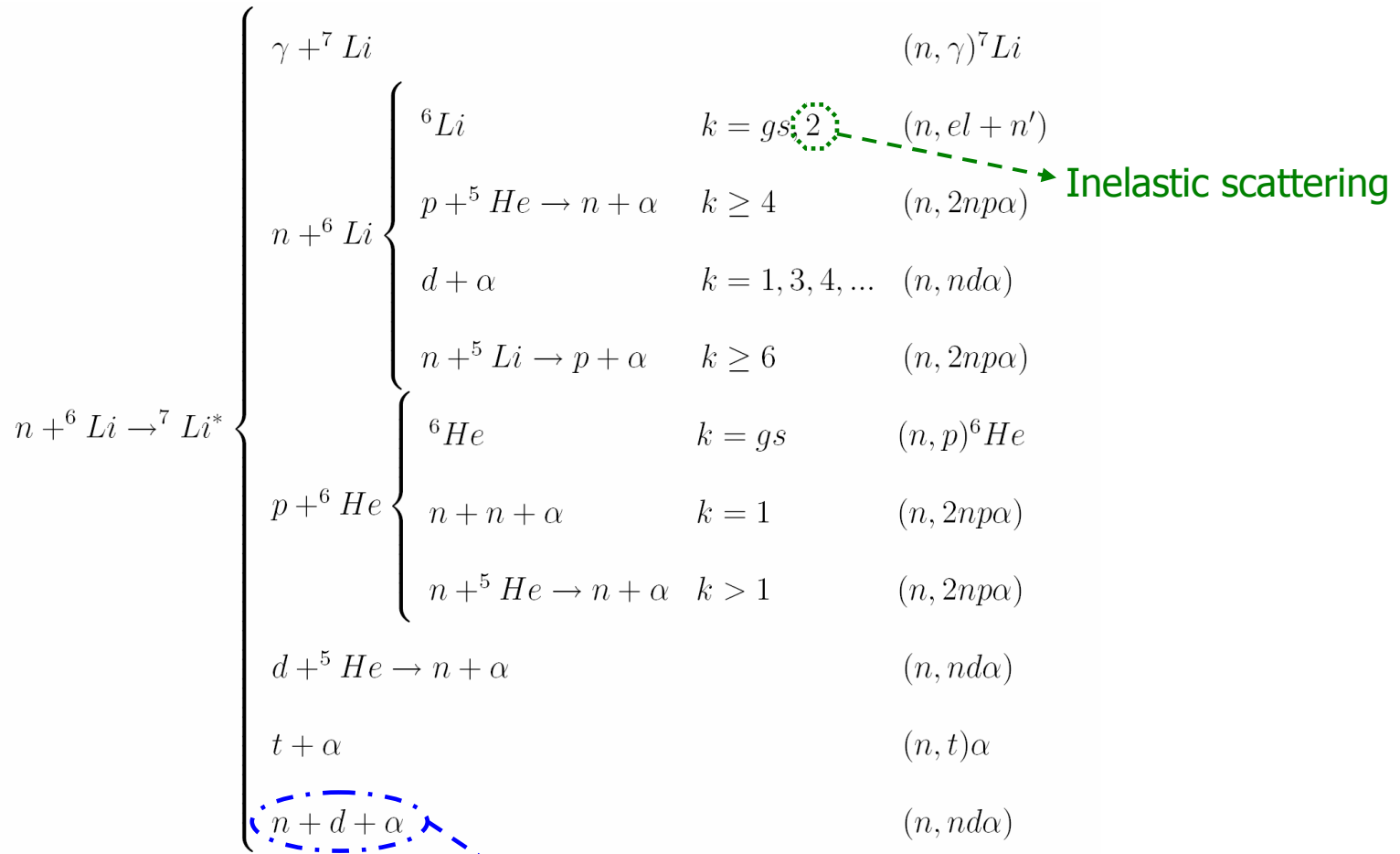
- **Two-body and three-body breakup processes**



- **Direct three-body breakup process**



# n+<sup>6</sup>Li Reaction



Inelastic scattering

Direct three-body breakup

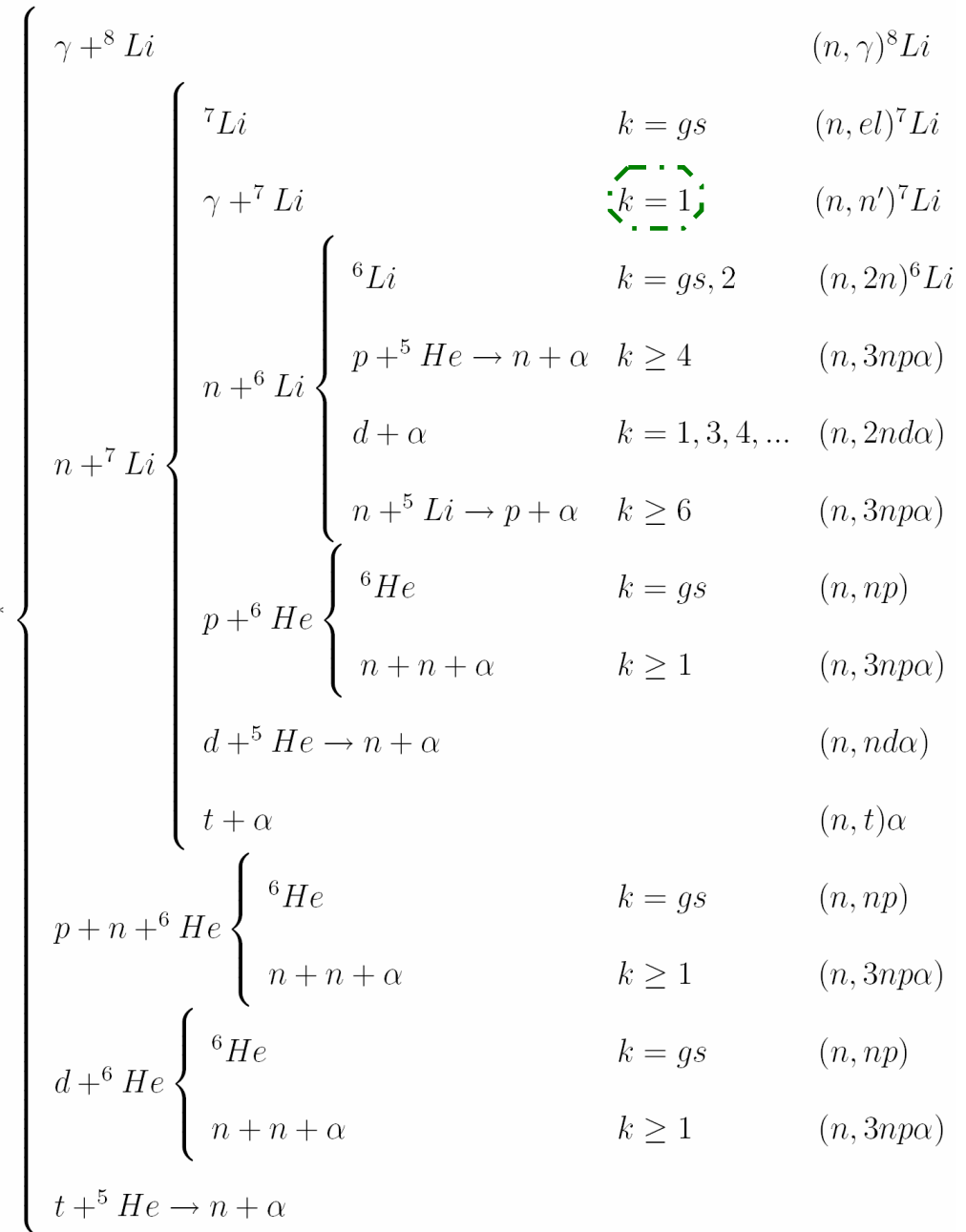
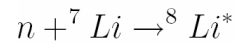
## n+<sup>6</sup>Li Reaction channel conclusion

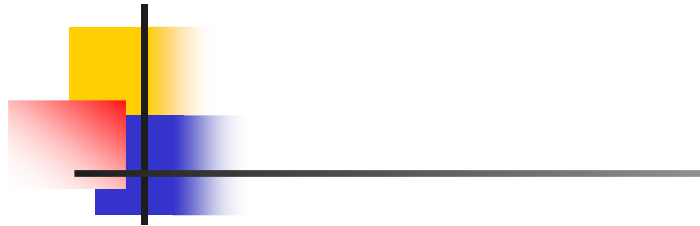
$$n + {}^6\text{Li} = \begin{cases} \gamma + {}^7\text{Li} & Q = 7.249 \text{ MeV} \\ p + {}^6\text{He} & \beta^-, T_{1/2} = 806.7 \text{ ms}, Q = -2.725 \text{ MeV} \\ d + {}^5\text{He}(n + \alpha) & Q = -1.475 \text{ MeV} \\ t + \alpha & Q = 4.782 \text{ MeV} \\ 2n + {}^5\text{Li}(p + \alpha) & Q = -3.700 \text{ MeV} \\ n, p + {}^5\text{He}(n + \alpha) & Q = -4.594 \text{ MeV} \\ n, d + \alpha & Q = -1.475 \text{ MeV} \end{cases}$$

→ (n, γ), (n, el), (n, inl), (n, p), (n, nd)α, (n, t)α and (n, 2np)α



# $n + {}^7\text{Li}$ Reaction

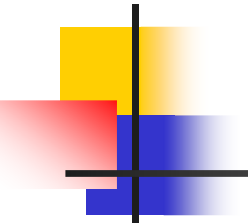




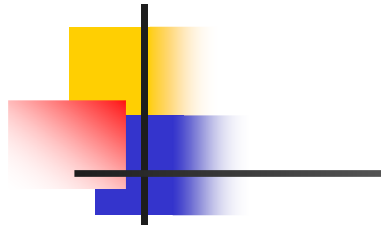
## $n+{}^7\text{Li}$ Reaction channel conclusion

→  $(n, \gamma), (n, \text{el}), (n, \text{inl}),$   
 $(n, 2n), (n, \text{np}){}^6\text{He}_{\text{gs}},$   
 $(n, \text{d}){}^6\text{He}_{\text{gs}}, (n, \text{nt})\alpha,$   
 $(n, 2\text{nd})\alpha$  and  $(n, 3\text{np})\alpha$

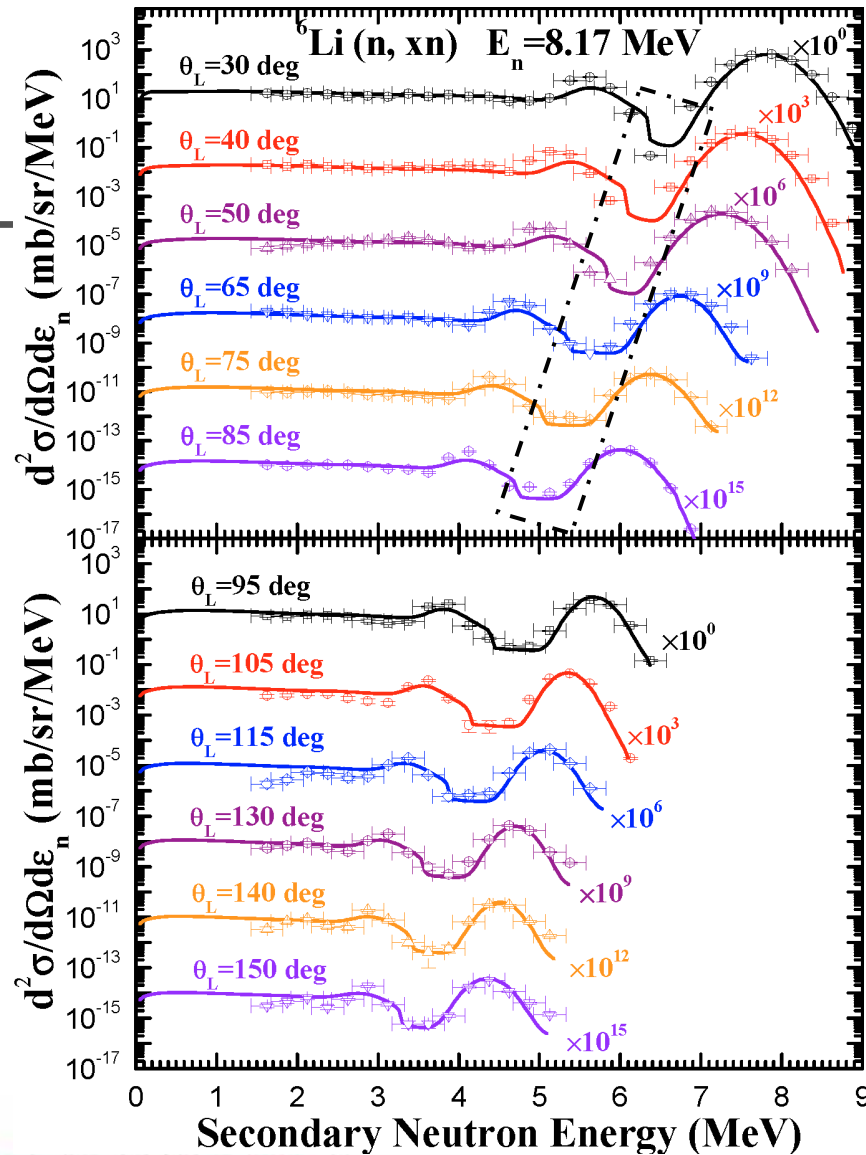
$$n + {}^7\text{Li} = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \gamma + {}^8\text{Li} & Q = 2.033 \text{ MeV} \\ n' + {}^7\text{Li}^* & Q = -0.4776 \text{ MeV} \\ d + {}^6\text{He} & Q = -7.750 \text{ MeV} \\ t + {}^5\text{He} & Q = -3.3362 \text{ MeV} \\ 2n + {}^6\text{Li} & Q = -7.249 \text{ MeV} \\ n, p + {}^6\text{He} & Q = -9.974 \text{ MeV} \\ n, d + {}^5\text{He} & Q = -9.618 \text{ MeV} \\ n, t + \alpha & Q = -2.467 \text{ MeV} \\ 2n, p + {}^5\text{He} & Q = -11.842 \text{ MeV} \\ 2n, d + \alpha & Q = -8.724 \text{ MeV} \end{array} \right.$$

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- **Based on H-F and exciton model;**
  - **Lithium reaction processes analysis;**
  - **LUNF** code was developed by CNDC for Li model calculation up to 20 MeV;
  - **APOM94** code was applied to obtain Optical model parameters;
  - **Adopt the latest level scheme of TUNL;**

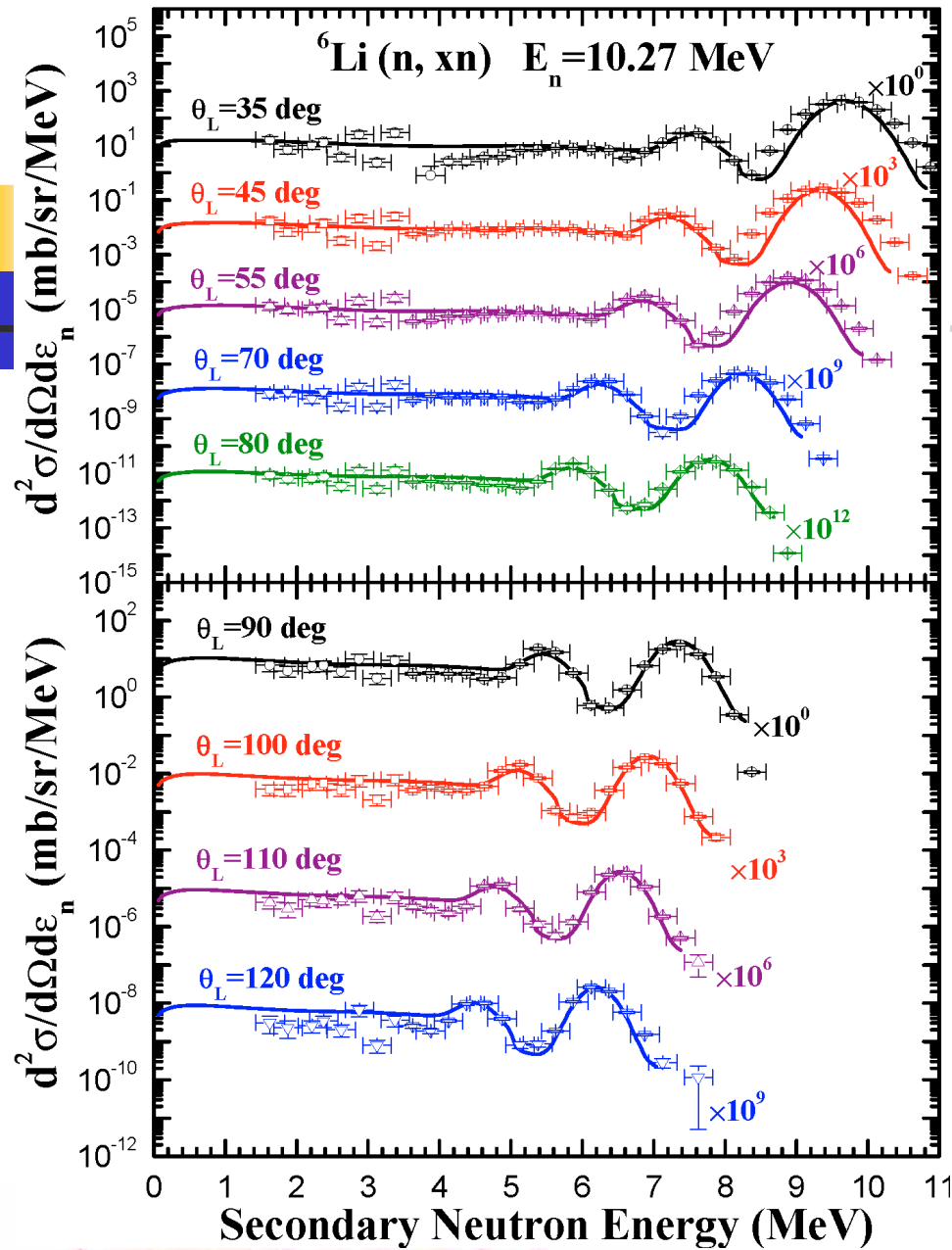
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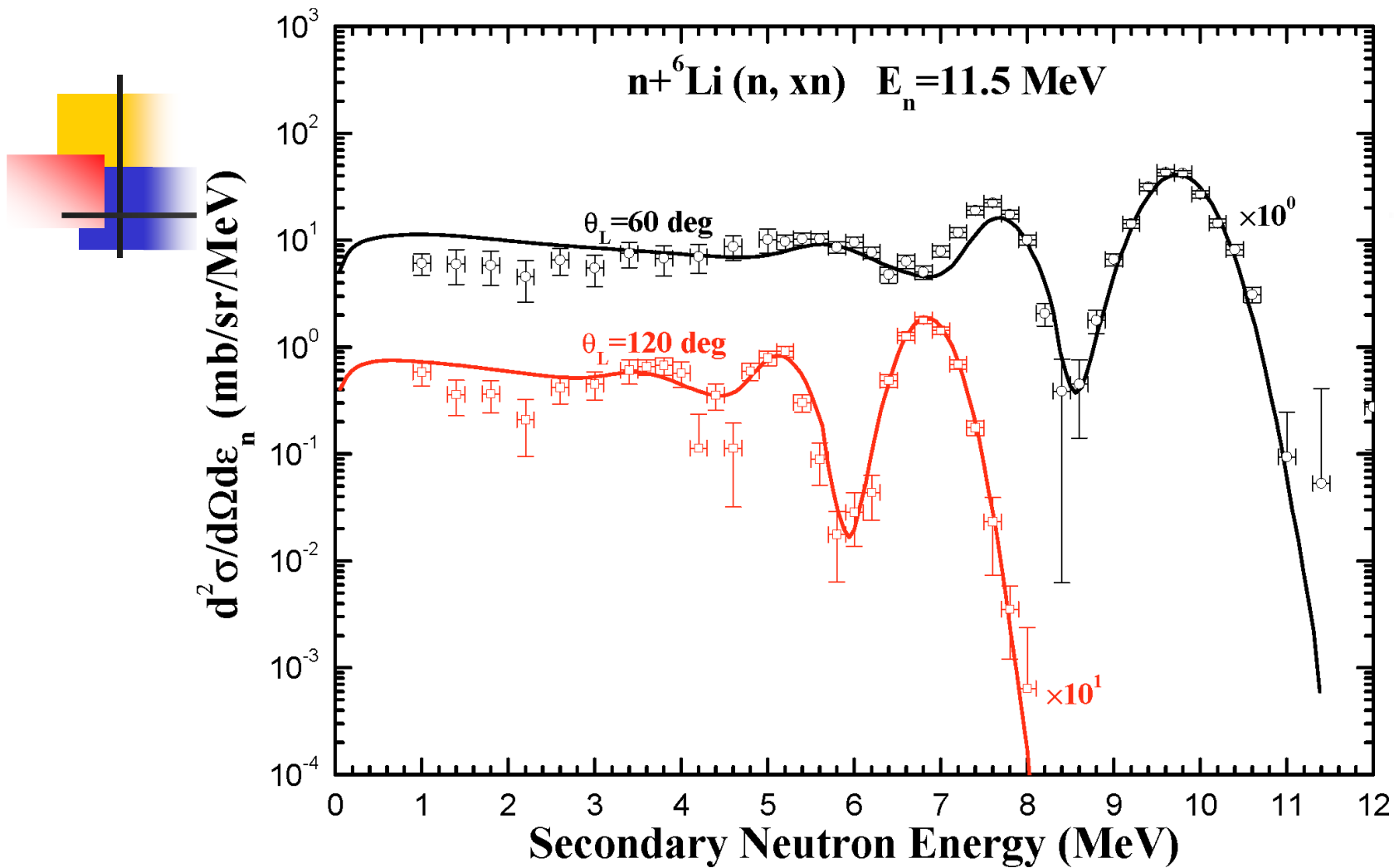
**<sup>6</sup>Li Part**



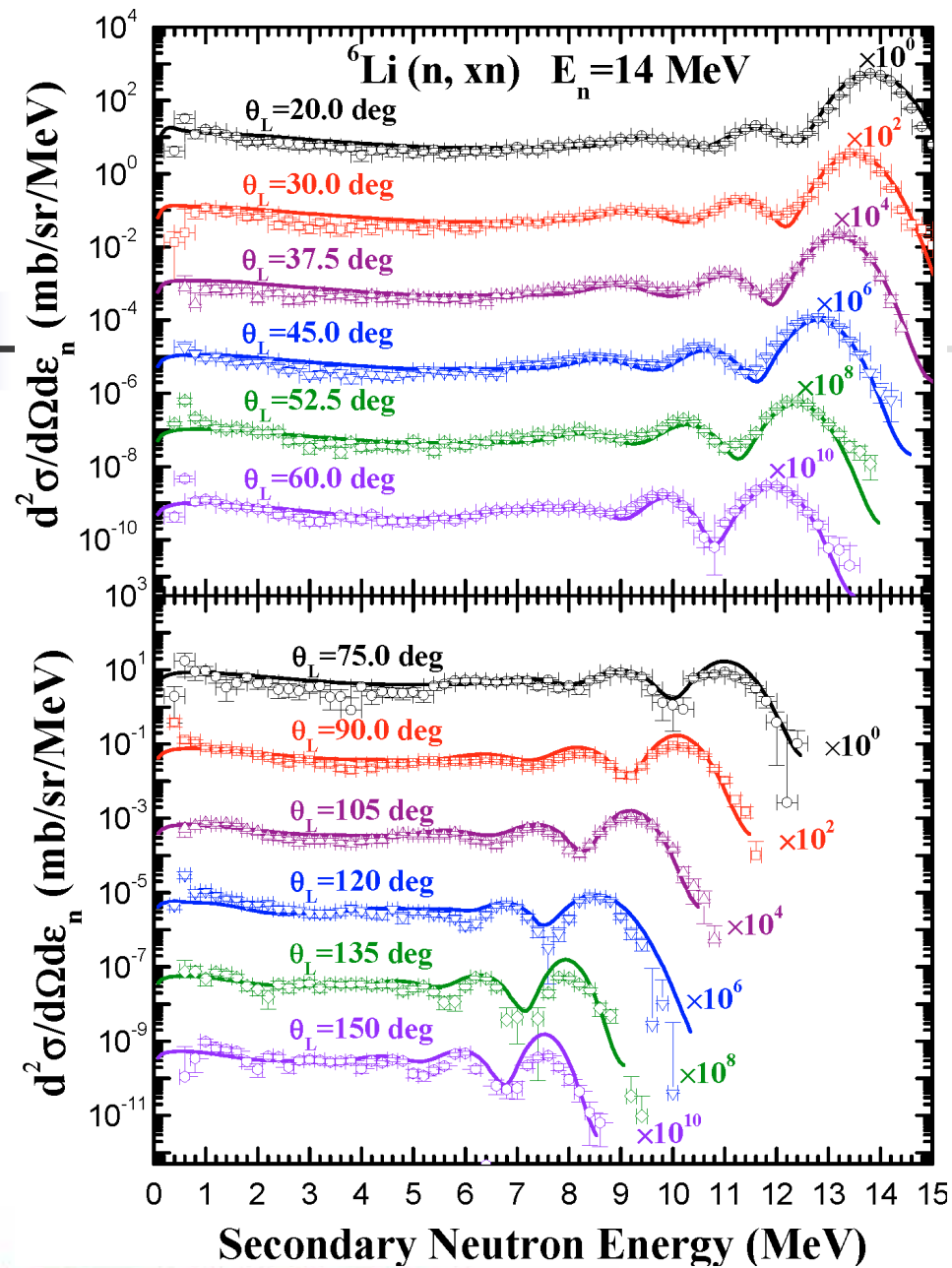
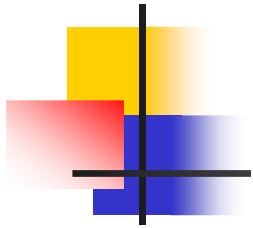
- A big energy gap between ground state and the 1<sup>st</sup> level (Ex=2.186 MeV);
- Main contribution from (n, n)<sup>6</sup>Li\*(1<sup>st</sup>) → d+α and elastic;
- Guess: maybe there exist other new levels;



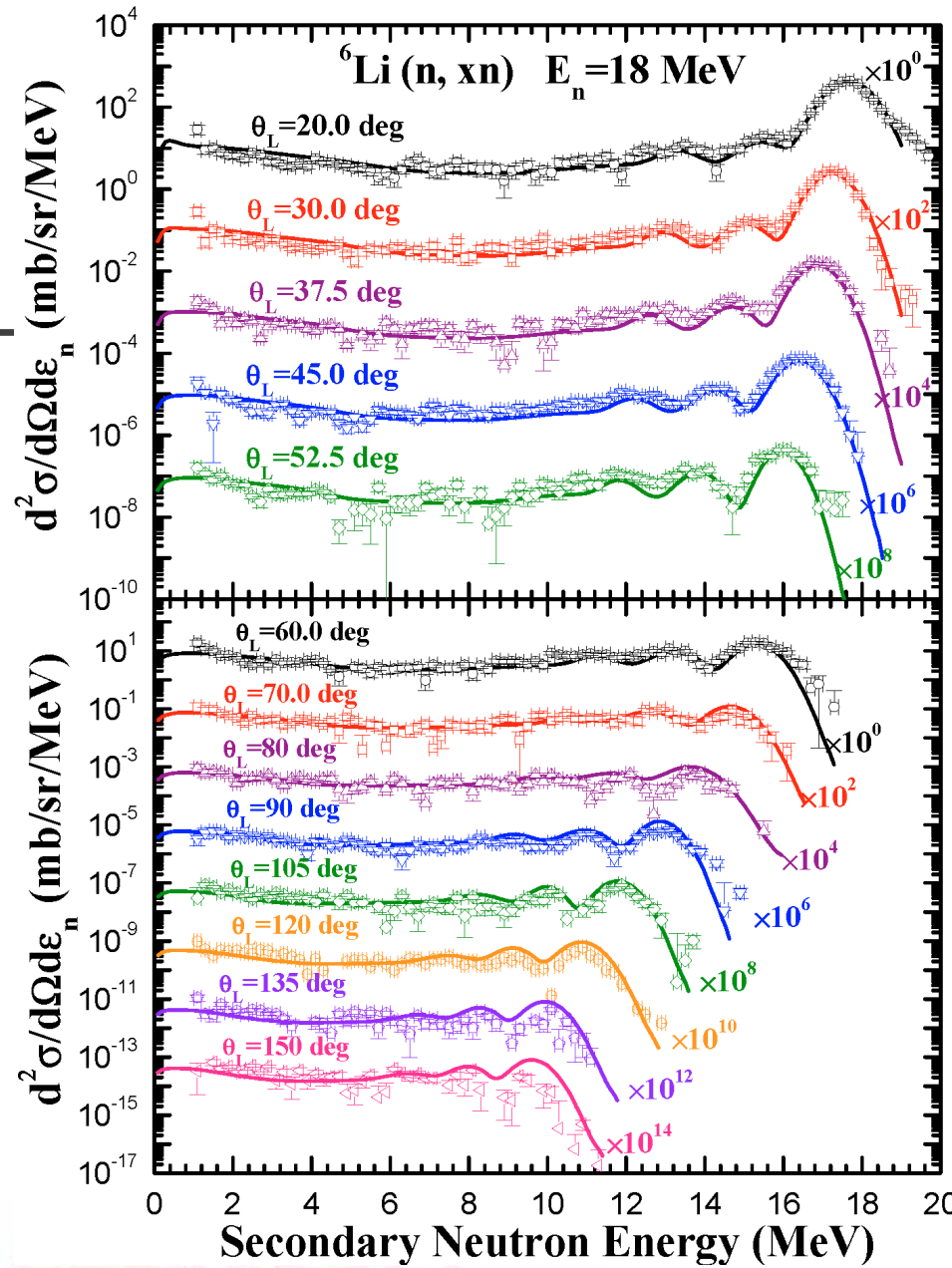
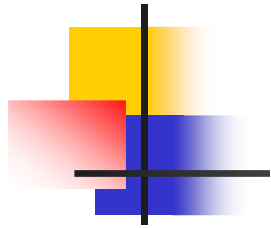
- $> 3.5 \text{ MeV}$ : measured by normal spectrometer;
- $\leq 3.5 \text{ MeV}$ : by abnormal (energy bin is 50 keV);
- Not enough beam time for abnormal measurement;
- Need to set a little bigger energy bin in abnormal data analysis;



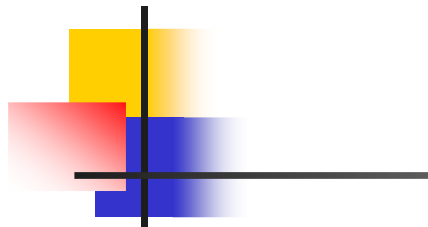
**Comparison between calculated results and M.Ibaraki measurements**



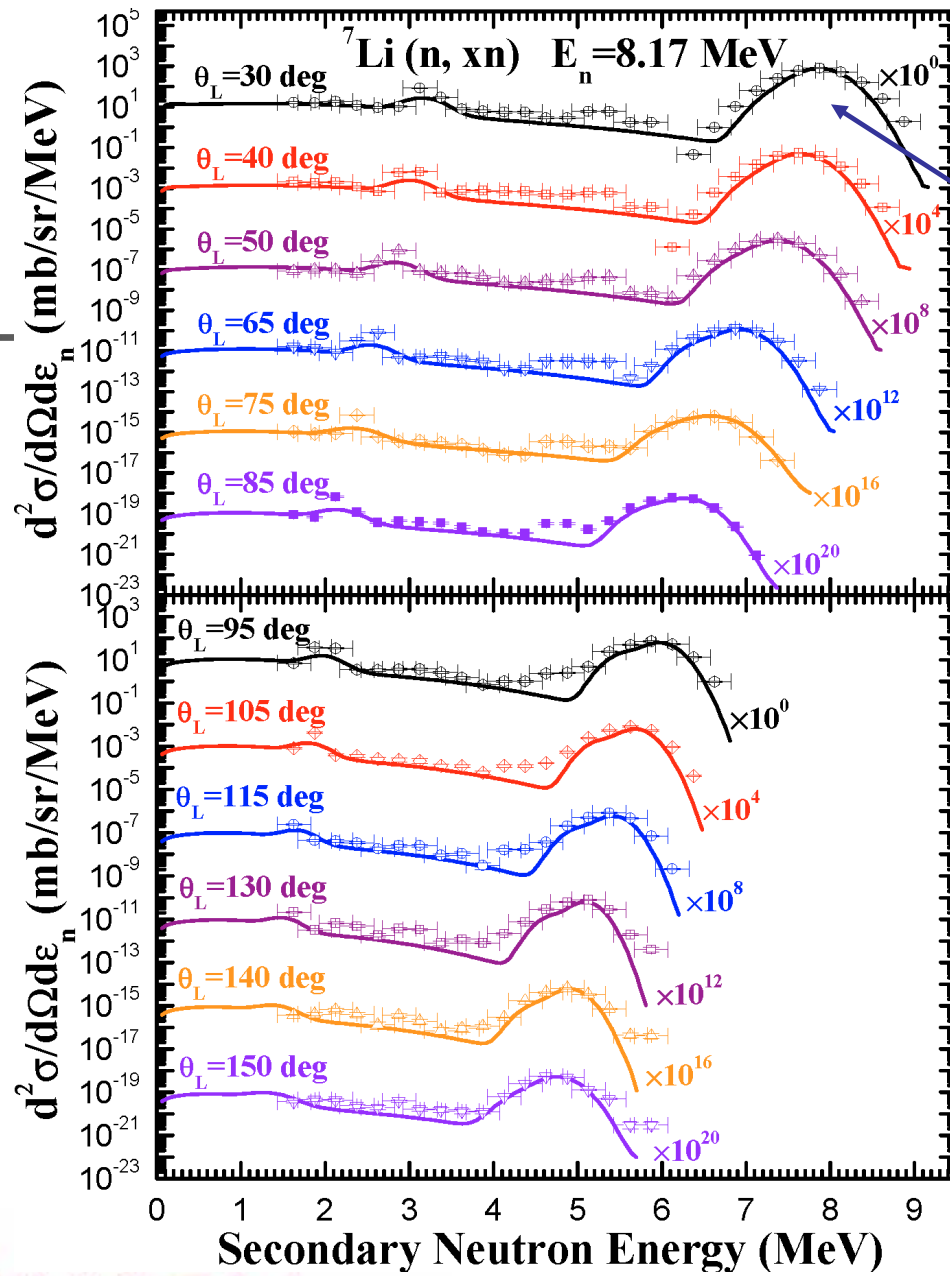
Exp. Data were taken from Tohoku University measurements



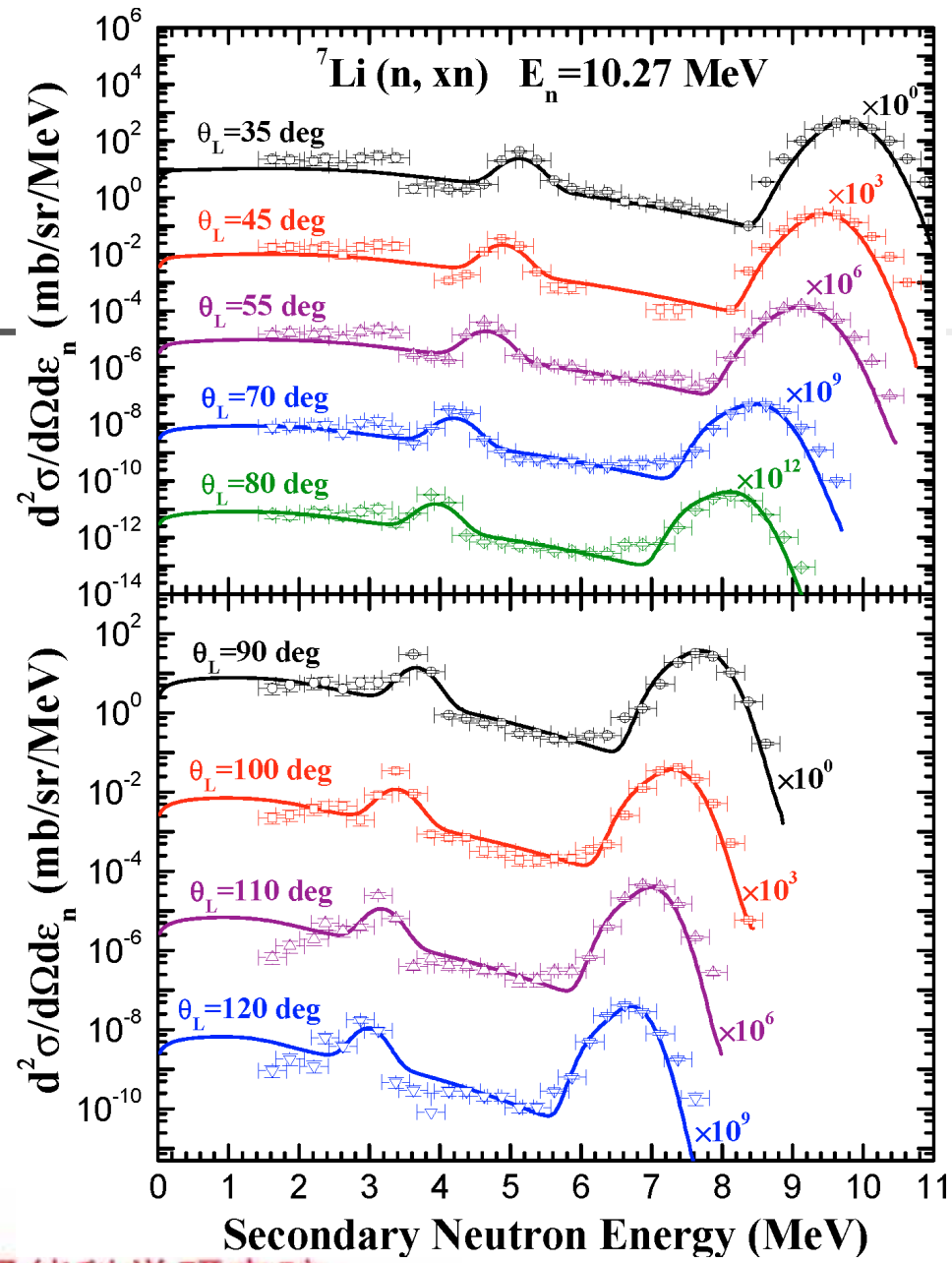
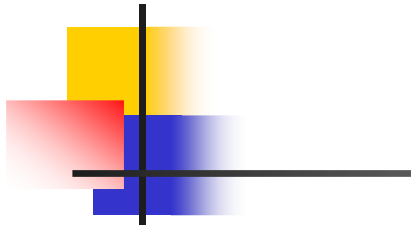
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# <sup>7</sup>Li Part



Include elastic and 1<sup>st</sup> inelastic



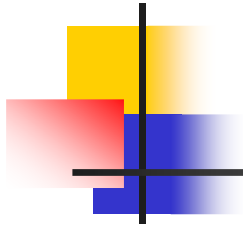
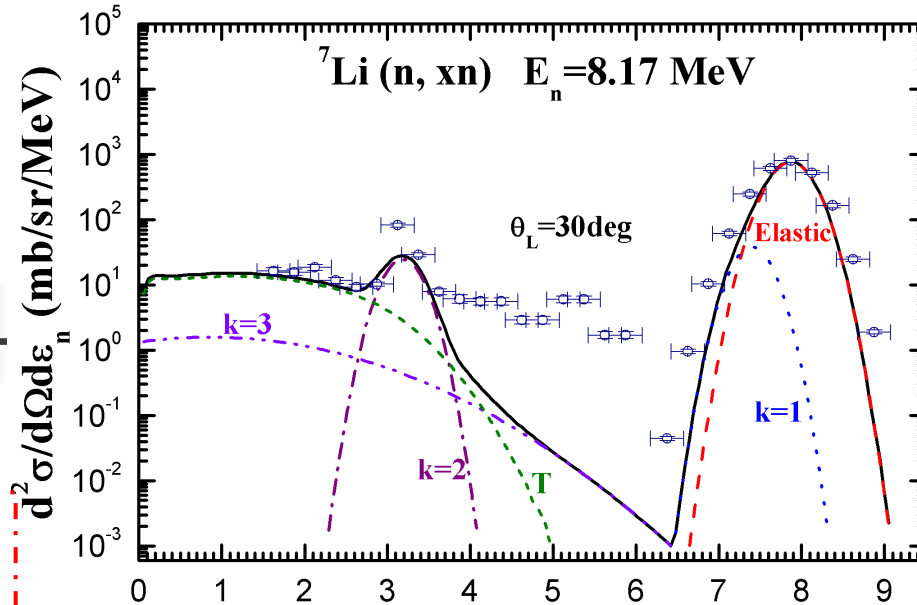
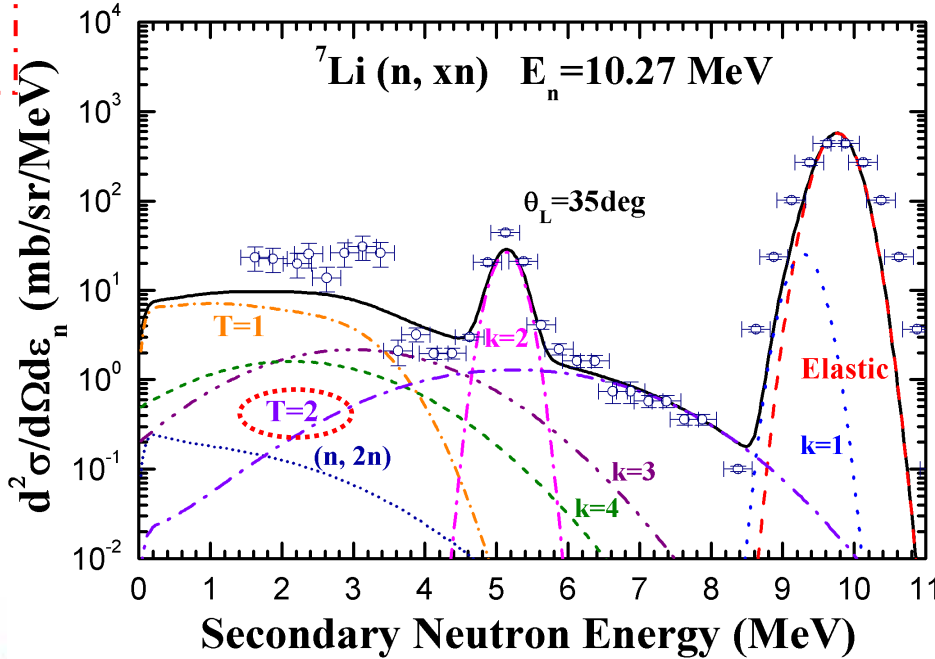


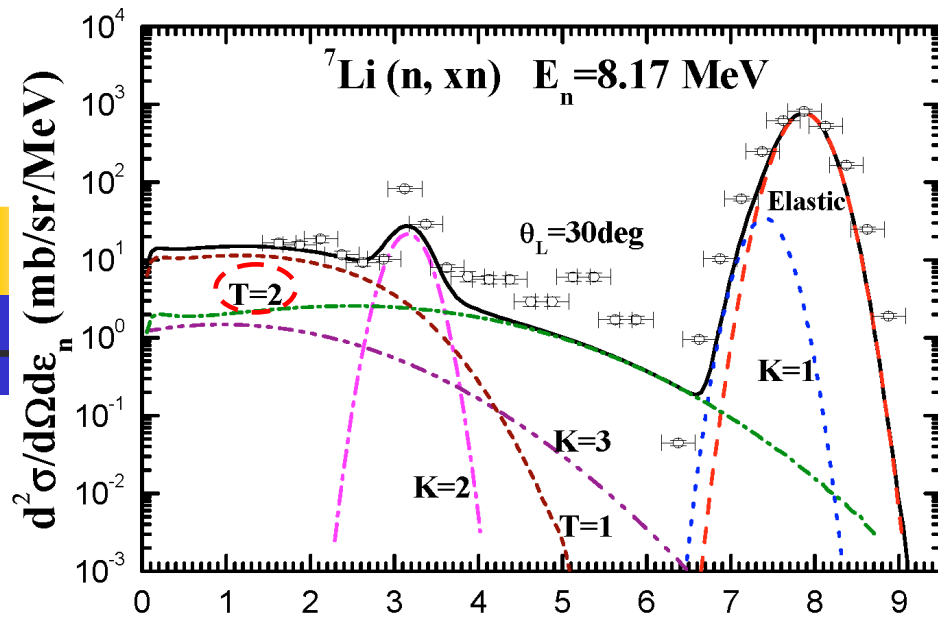
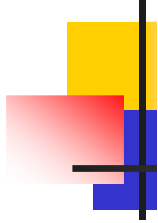
Table of  
Isotopes  
8<sup>th</sup> edition



- $k=1\sim 3$ : the first emitted neutron from  ${}^8\text{Li}^*$  to the  $k_{\text{th}}$  excited state of  ${}^7\text{Li}$ ;
- $T$ :  ${}^7\text{Li}(n, t){}^5\text{He}_{\text{gs}}$

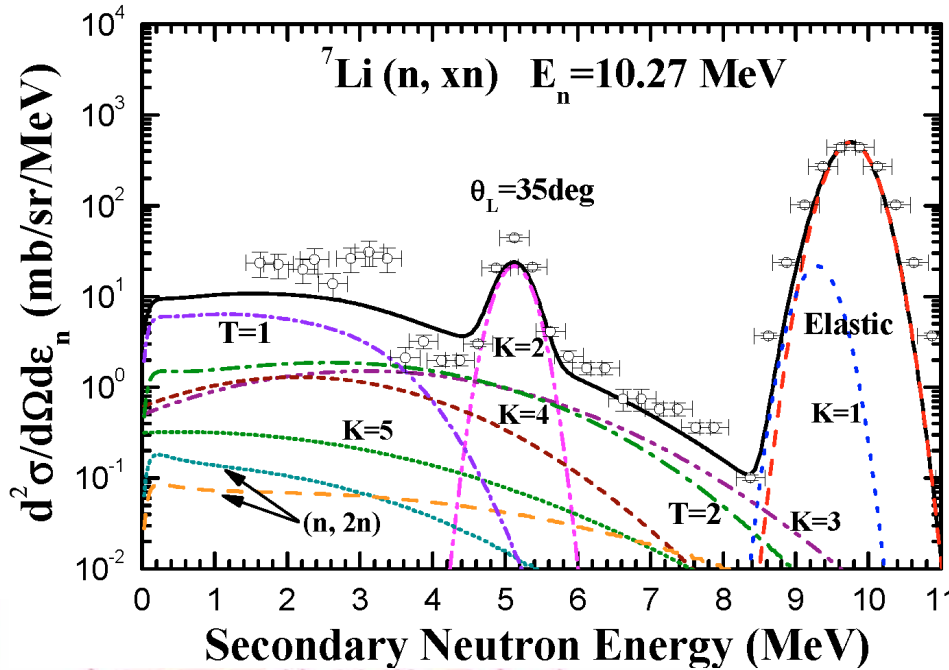


- $k=1\sim 4$ : the first emitted neutron from  ${}^8\text{Li}^*$  to the  $k_{\text{th}}$  excited state of  ${}^7\text{Li}$ ;
- $T=1, 2$ :  ${}^7\text{Li}(n, t){}^5\text{He}$  at gs and 1<sup>st</sup> excited state ( $E_{\text{th}}=8.53$  MeV)



$^5\text{He}$  level scheme & reaction threshold of  $^7\text{Li}(n,t)^5\text{He}^*$  in MeV:

|                 | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | $E_{\text{th}}$ |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 8 <sup>th</sup> | 4 (1/2-)        | 16.75(3/2+)     | 8.53            |
| latest          | 1.27(1/2-)      | 16.84(3/2+)     | 5.32            |





# Summary

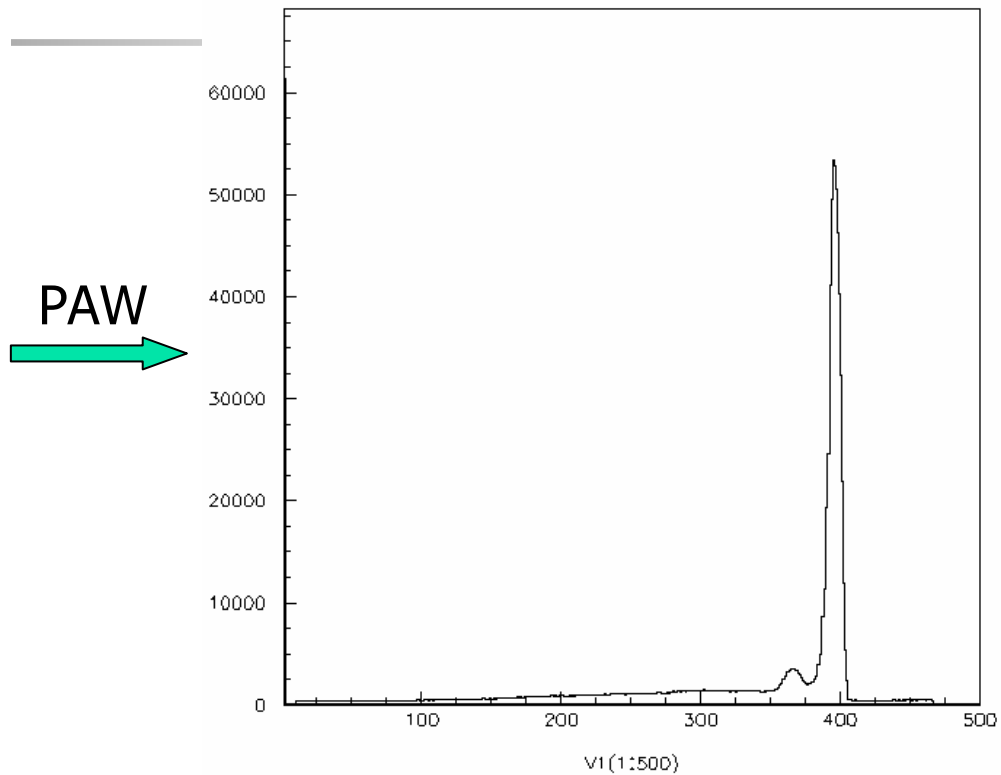
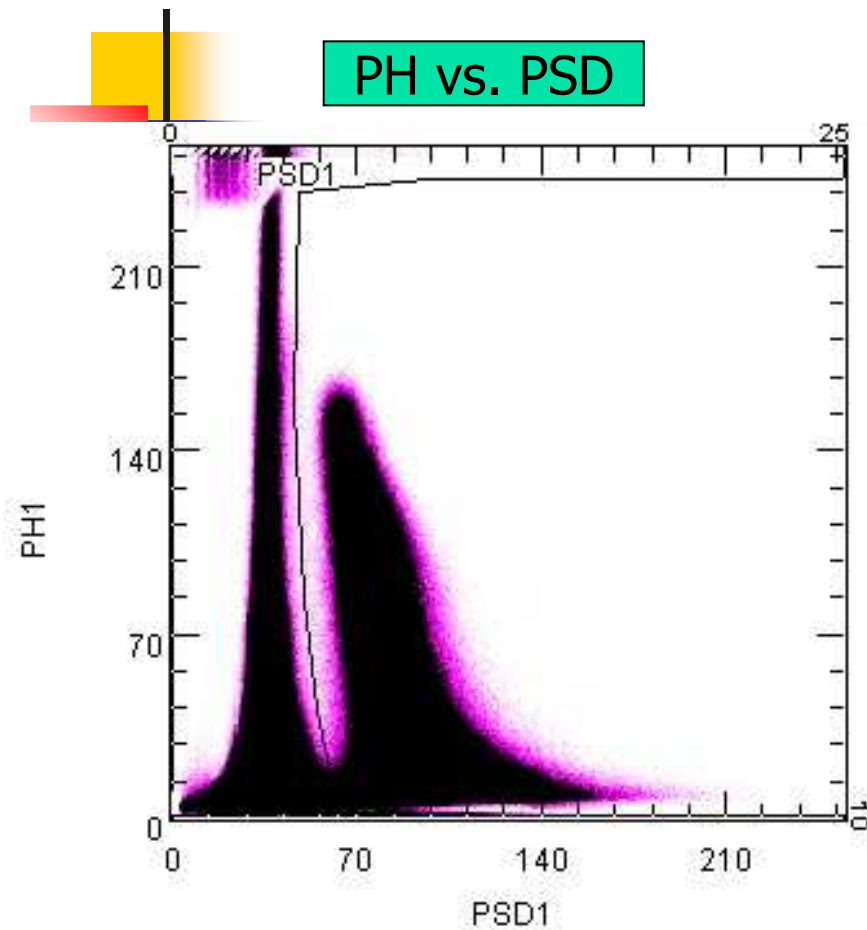
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- DDX of  $^{6,7}\text{Li}$  were measured at 8 and 10 MeV;
- Using LUNF code, the calculated DDX were obtained and compared with the experimental data;
- Exist some deviations between Exp. and Cal.;
- For modify LUNF code, need more reasonable experimental data at different energy regions and level scheme;

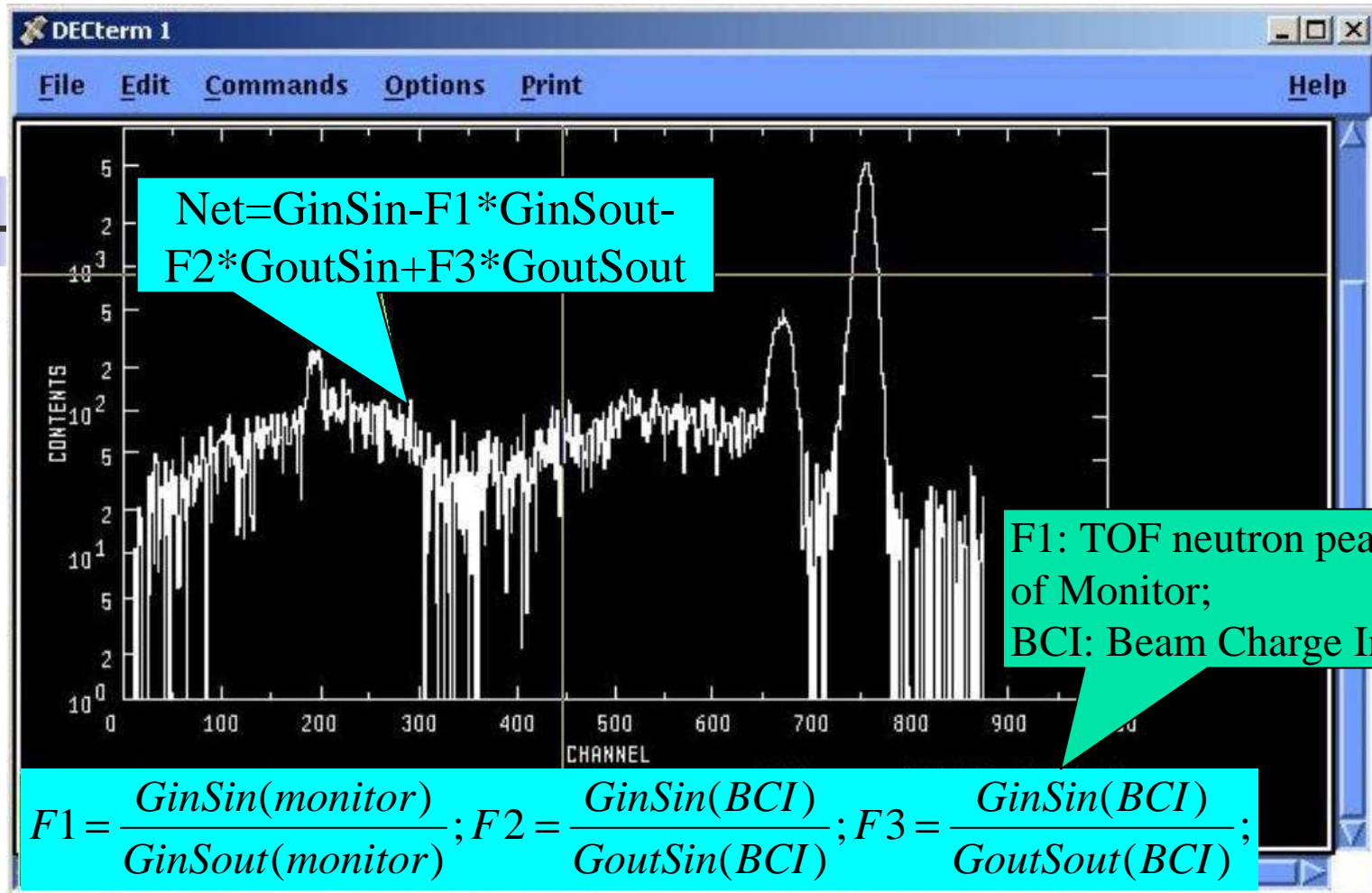
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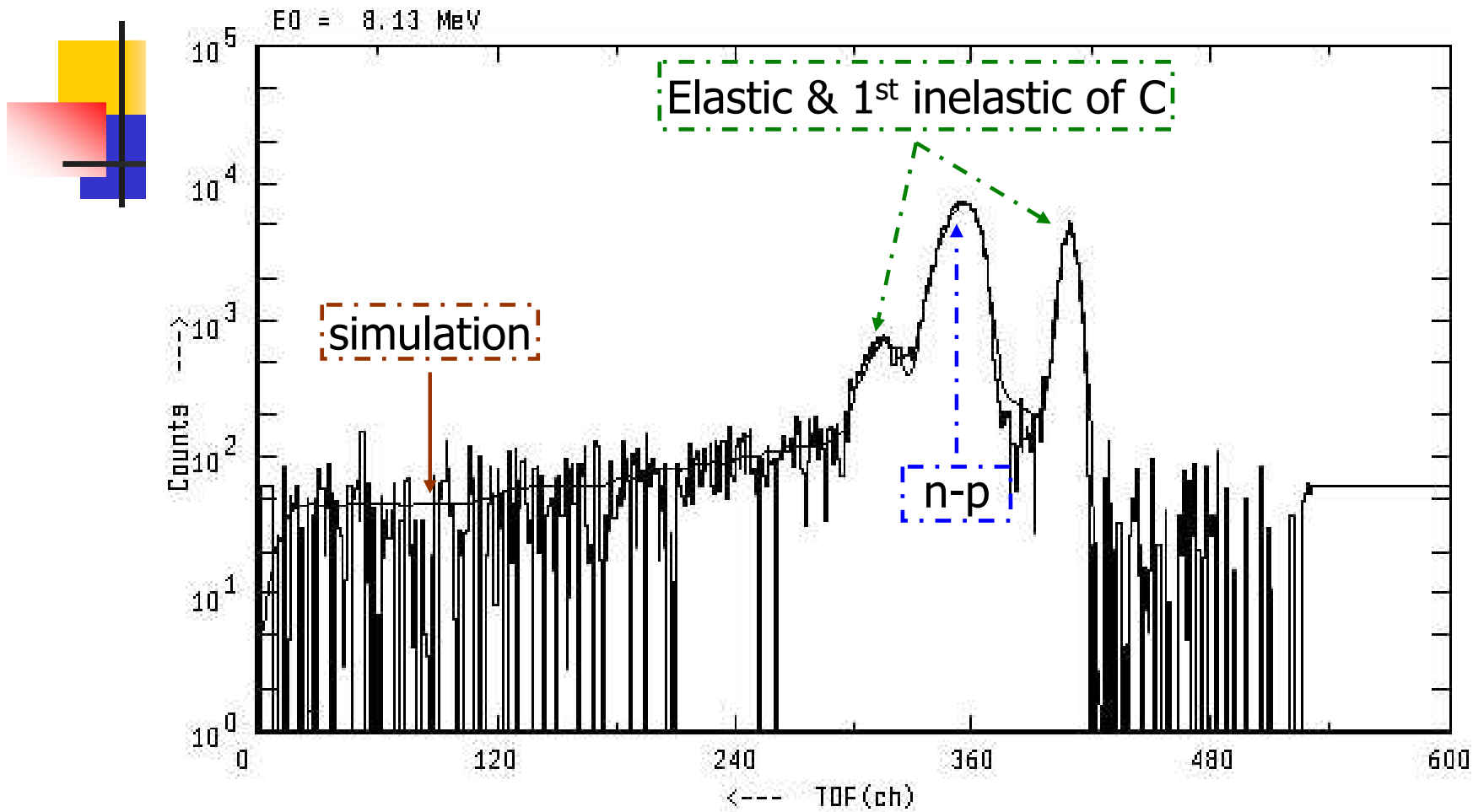


**PH vs. PSD open a window to obtain TOF spectra**



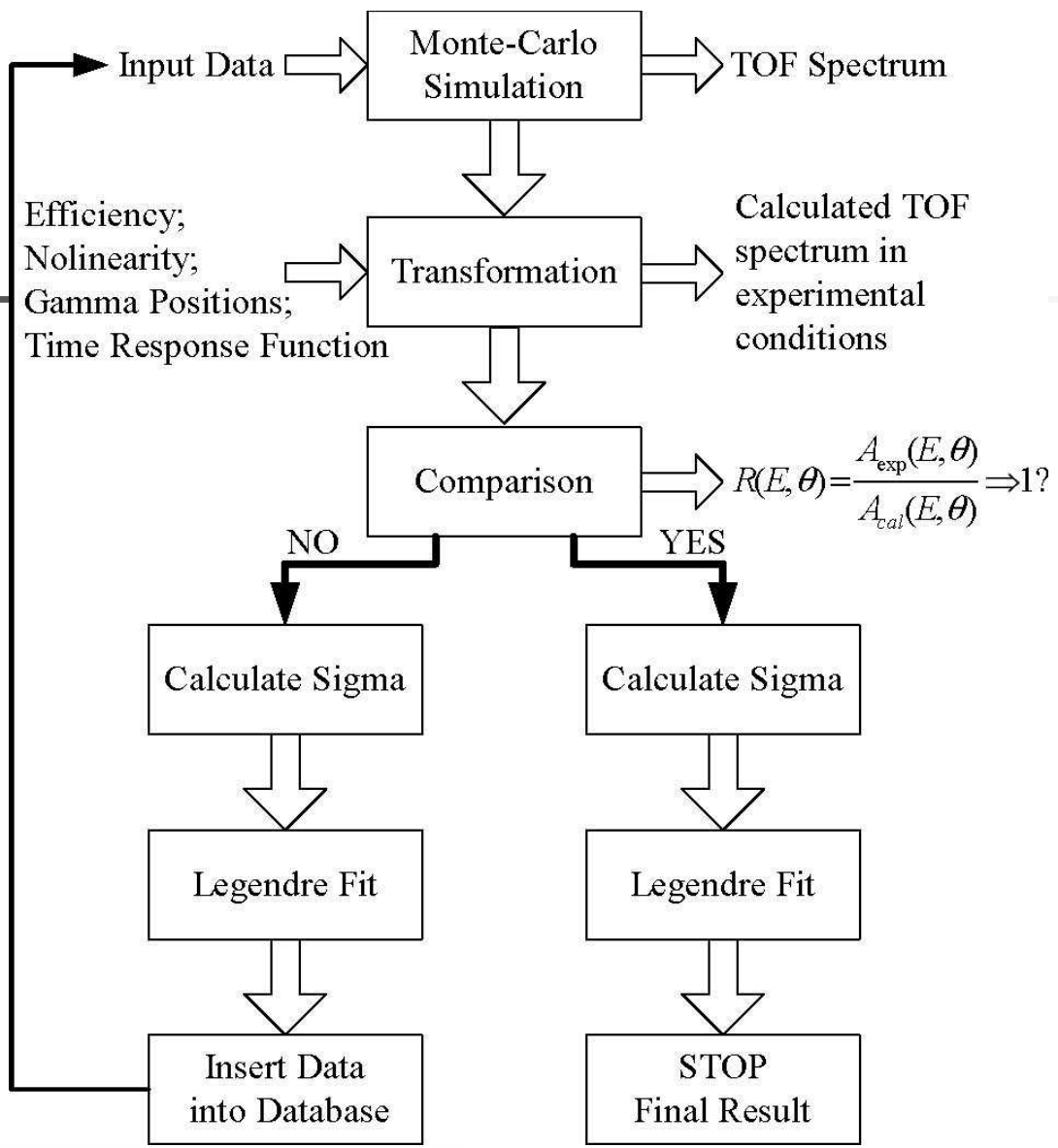
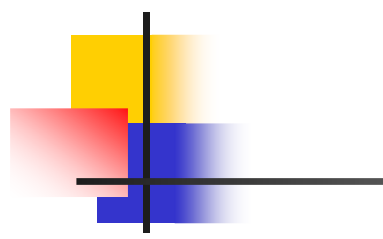
Net TOF spectrum after deadtime correction & background subtraction

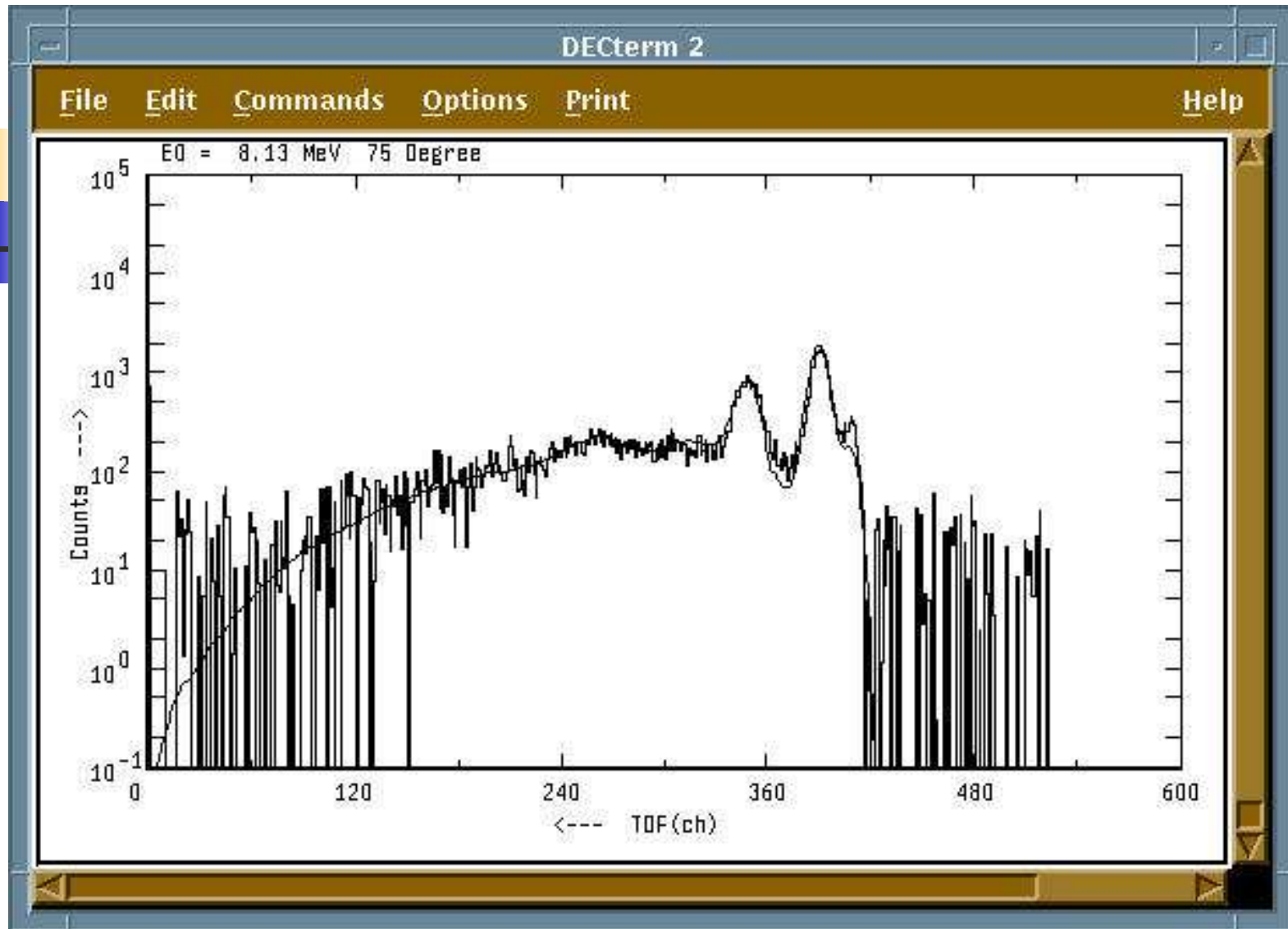




TOF spectra of CH<sub>2</sub> sample

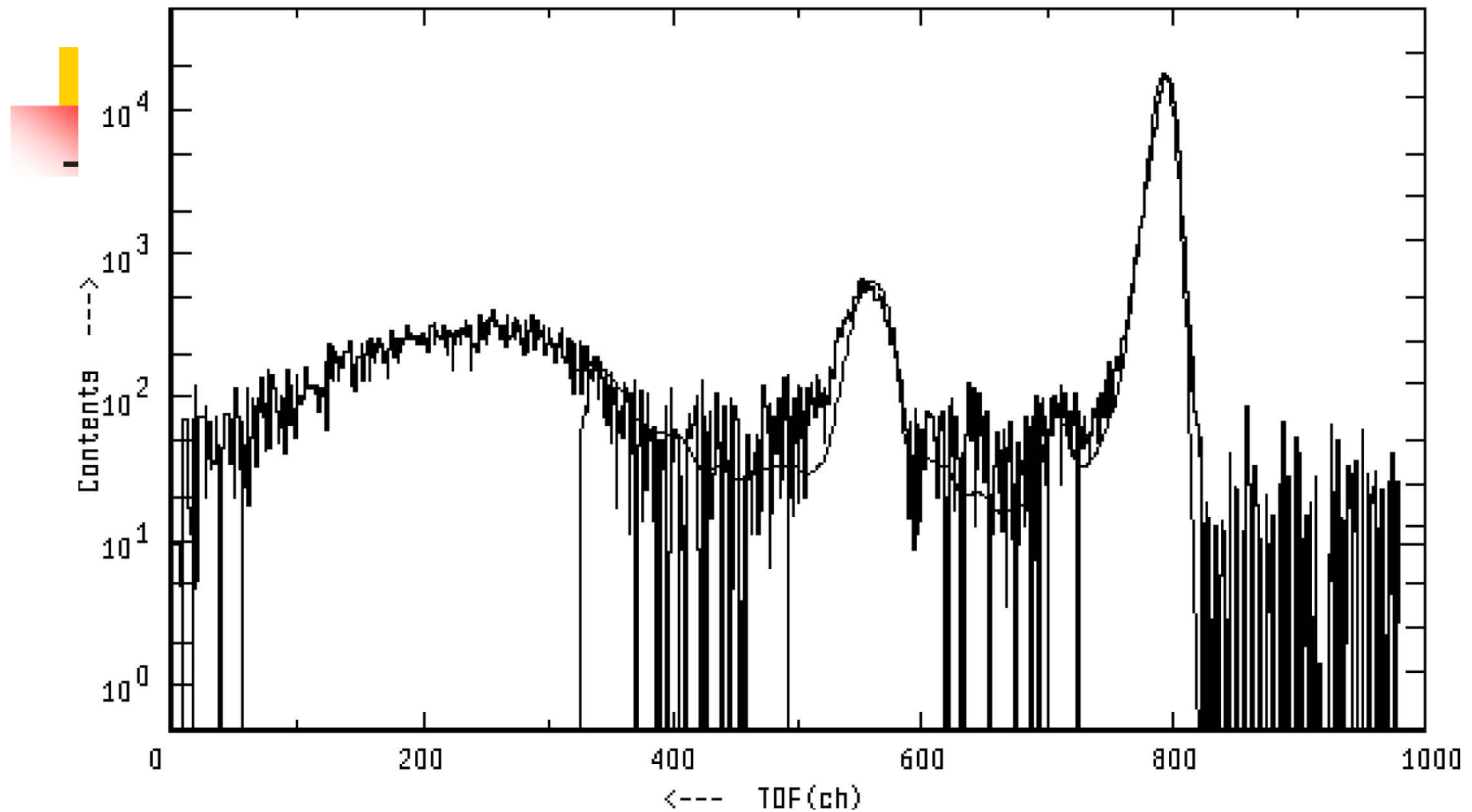




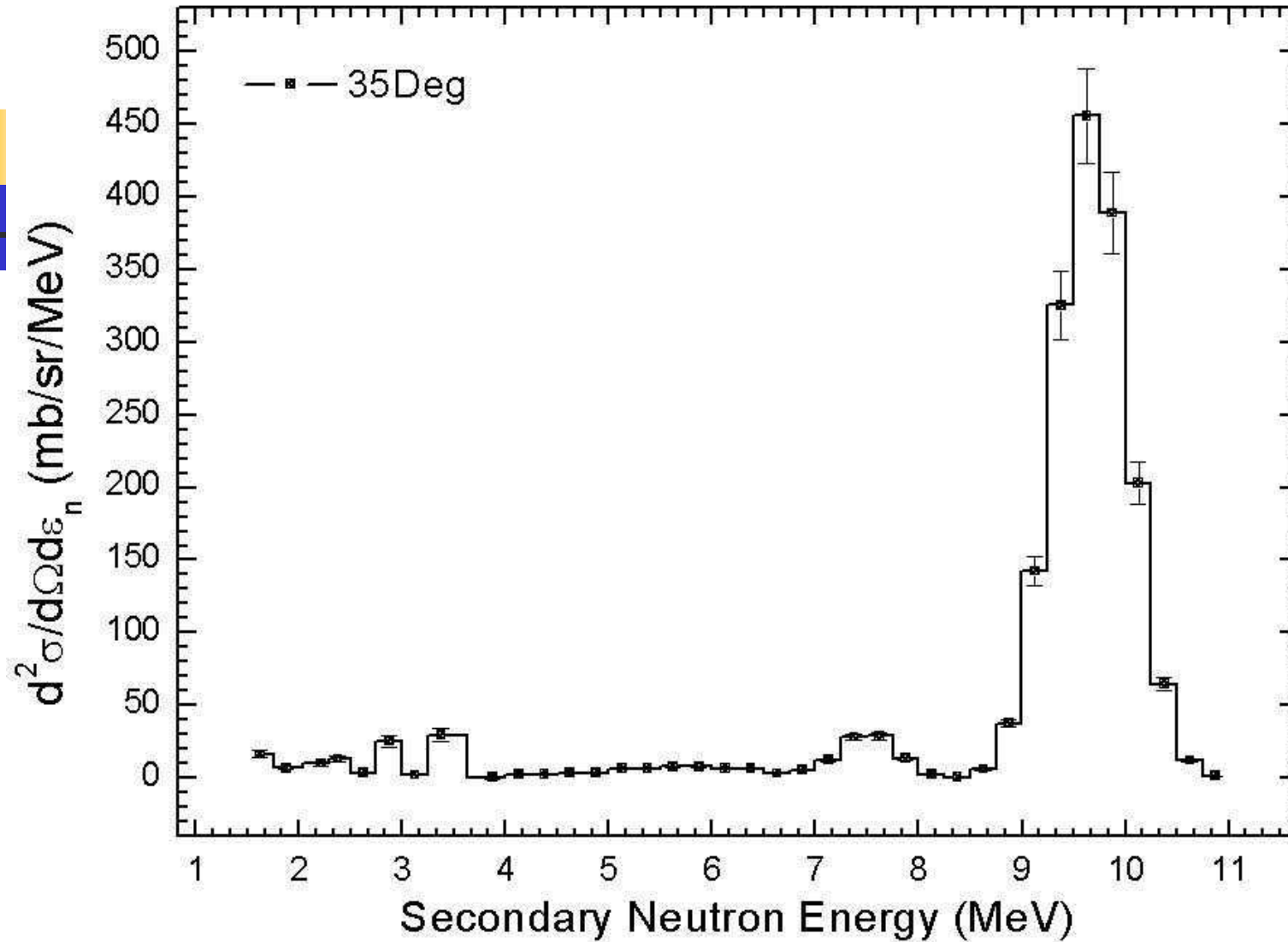


**Comparison between simulated and EXP. of  ${}^6\text{Li}$**

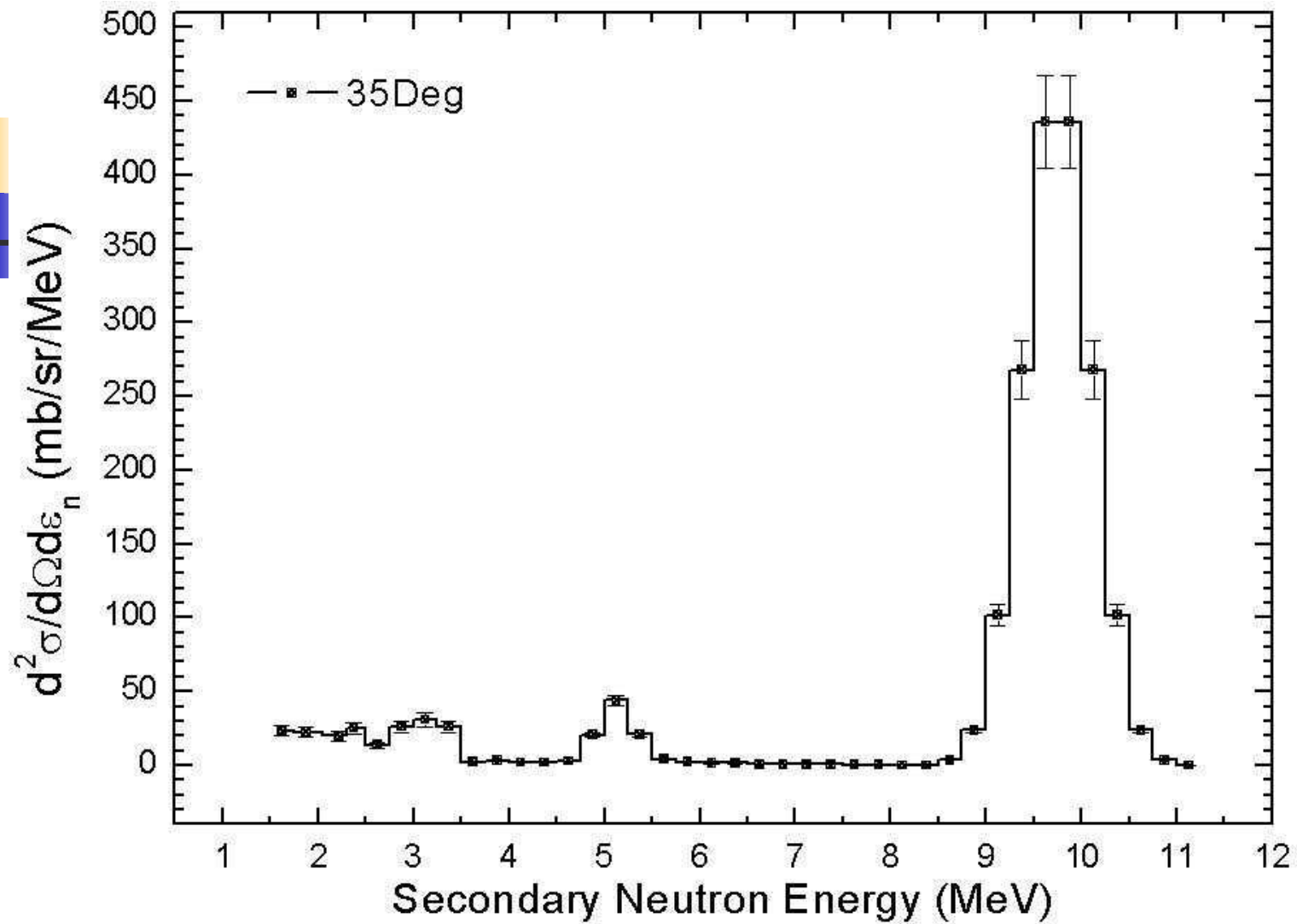
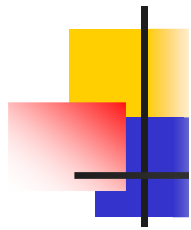
Li-7 EO = 10.268 MeV 35 Degree



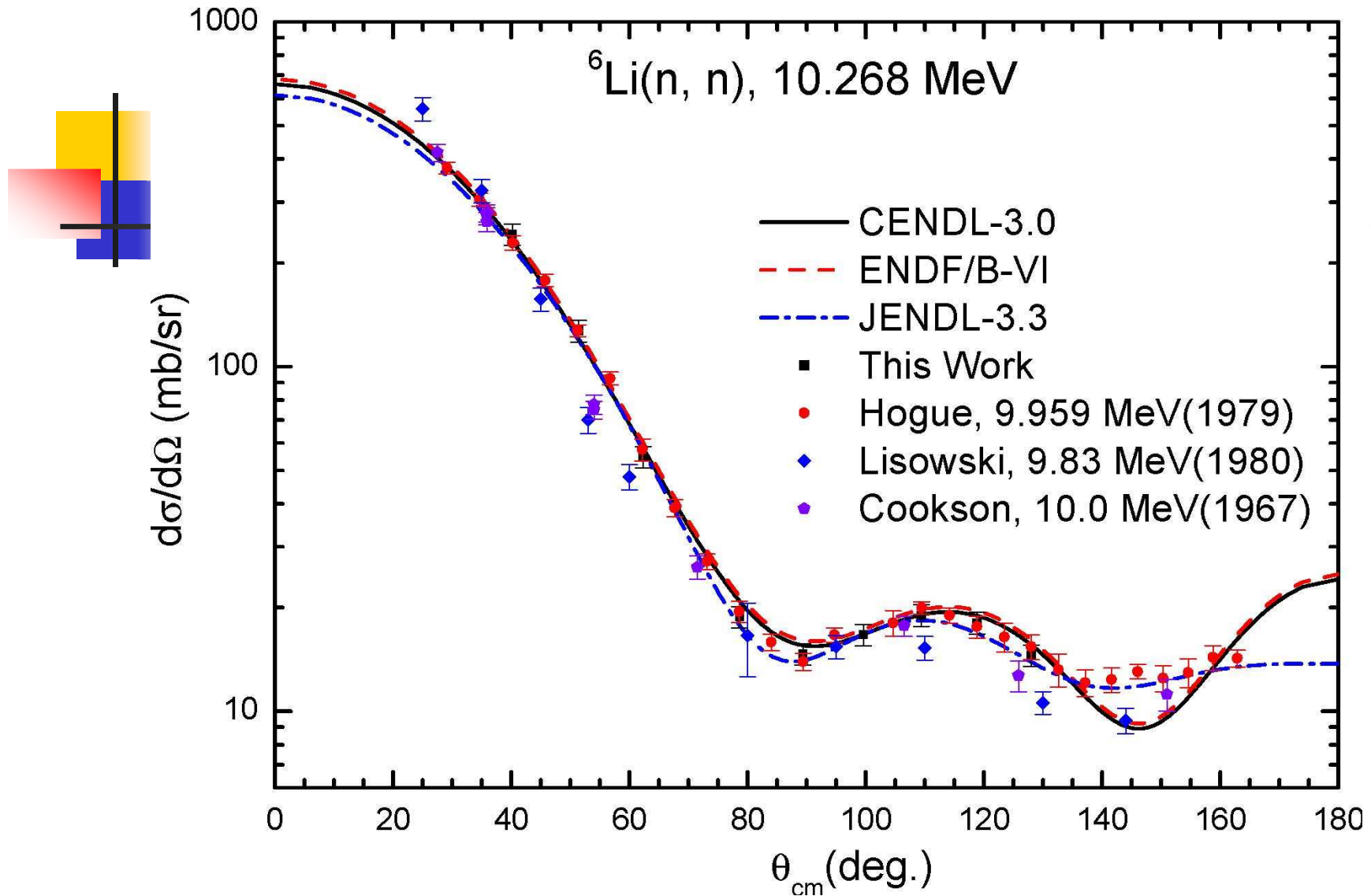
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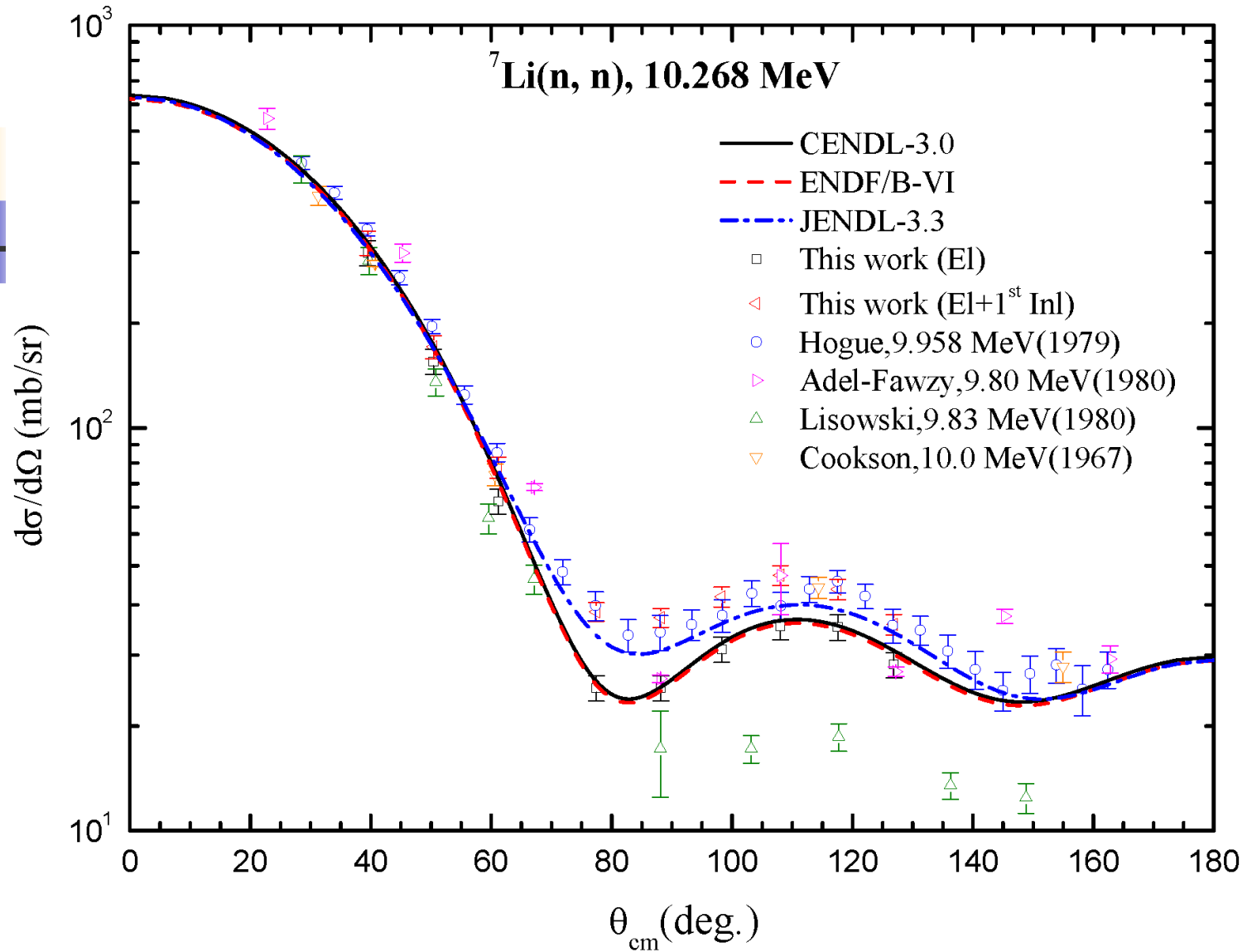
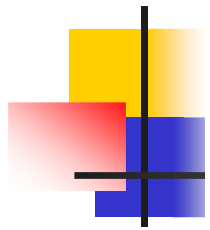
$^6\text{Li}$  DDX experimental result at 10MeV



$^7\text{Li}$  DDX experimental result at 10MeV



**Comparison of elastic angular distribution (1)**



## Comparison of elastic angular distribution (2)