

Update on Data Testing at INL Using Irradiation Experiments

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Introduction

- **The experimental data of the PROFIL and TRAPU irradiation experiments , performed at the CEA fast reactor PHENIX, provide very clean and useful information on both cross section data and transmutation rates of actinides.**
- **These data are essential for the validation of the methods and data to be used in advanced fuel cycles where transmuter systems will be used to reduce the existing inventory of nuclear waste. In this presentation these irradiation experiments are used for validating ENDF/B-VII data.**
- **Moreover, in the validation process the use of sensitivity analysis allows to better gather information and indicate specific needs.**

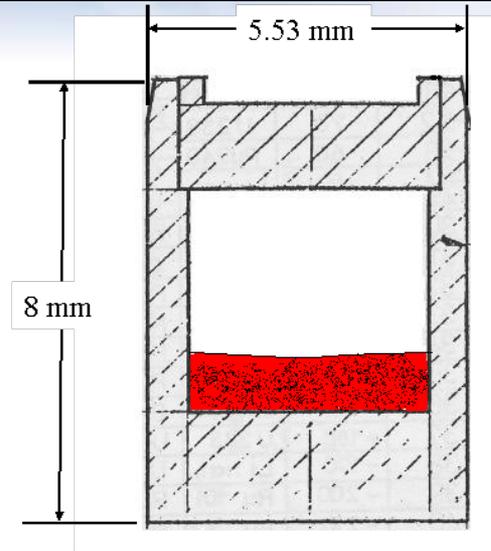
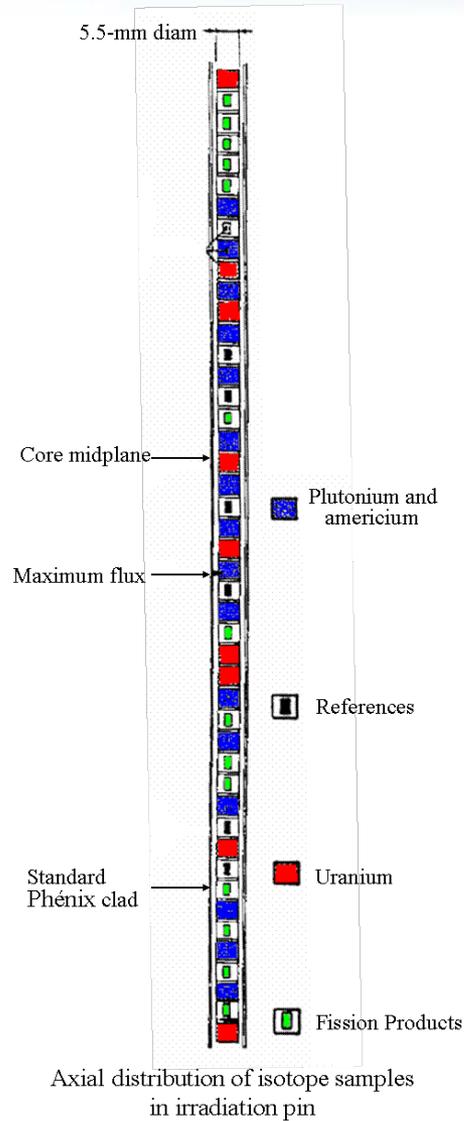
Update to Montauk Presentation

- **What is new:**
 - **Use of β_4**
 - **Careful evaluation of both experimental and calculational uncertainties**
 - **TRAPU results also for Δn , besides final densities, in view of mini-adjustment with PROFIL results.**

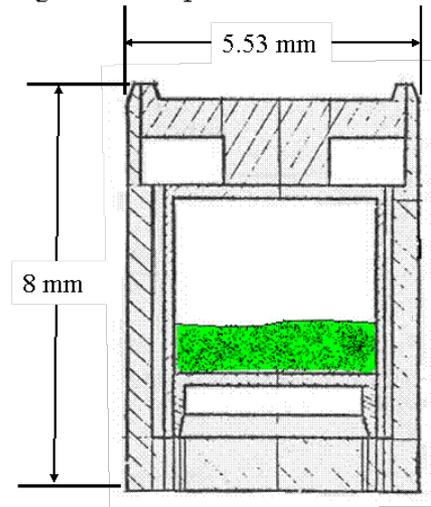
PROFIL-1 Experiment

- **During the PROFIL-1 experiment performed in 1974 a pin containing 46 samples of pure isotopes, including fission products, major and minor actinides (Uranium, Plutonium, and Americium isotopes) was irradiated in the PHENIX fast reactor for the first three cycles, corresponding to a total of 189.2 full-power days.**
- **The experimental pin was located in the central subassembly of the core, and in the third row of pins inside the subassembly. This location is far away from neutronic perturbations allowing clear irradiation conditions.**
- **Following the reactor irradiation, mass spectroscopy was then used, with simple or double isotopic dilution and well-characterized tracers to measure concentrations. The experimental uncertainty obtained with this method was relatively small (maximum of 3%).**

Isotope Sample Irradiation Pin Description



Single-wall capsule for Actinide samples

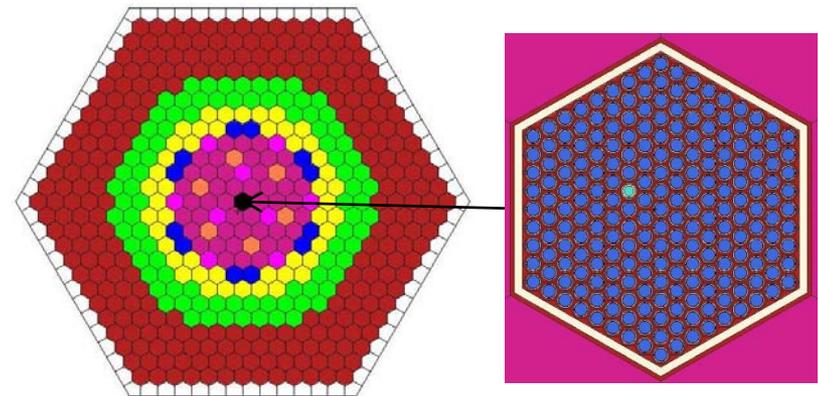


Double-wall capsule for fission product samples

PROFIL-1 Analysis

- MCNP models for PROFIL-1 experiments have been developed.
- One group cross sections for PROFIL-1 samples were calculated by means of solutions obtained by taking the batch statistics of several runs with recorded surface sources.
- For deterministic calculations a full-core VARIANT model and ECCO subassembly model for PROFIL-1 have been developed. The full-core VARIANT calculation has shown very close k_{eff} to that calculated by MCNP.

PROFIL-1

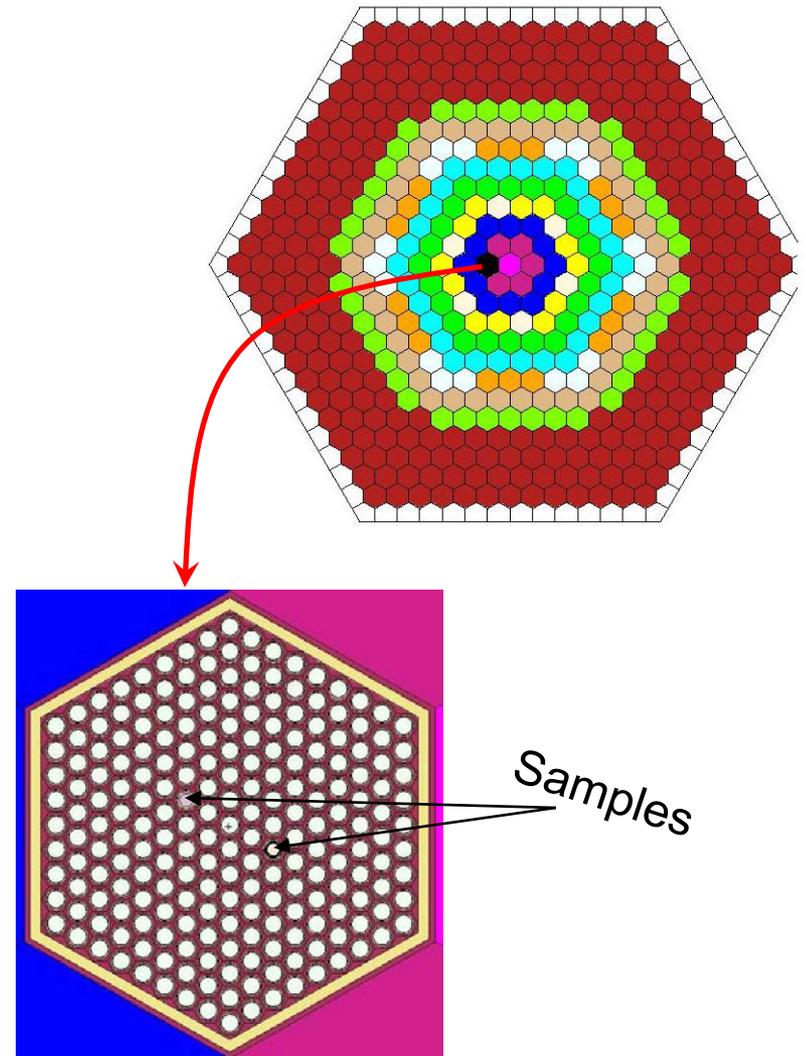


PROFIL-2 Experiment

- **The second part of the PROFIL irradiation campaign took place in 1979. During the experiment two standard pins, each containing 42 separated capsules of fission products, major and minor actinides (Uranium, Plutonium, Americium and Neptunium isotopes), were irradiated for four cycles (from 17th to 20th) in the fast neutron spectrum reactor PHENIX in France.**
- **The experimental pins were located in the second row of the core and in the two experimental pins in the third row of the subassembly. Chemical and mass spectrometry analyses have been subsequently performed to determine the post-irradiation isotopic concentrations.**

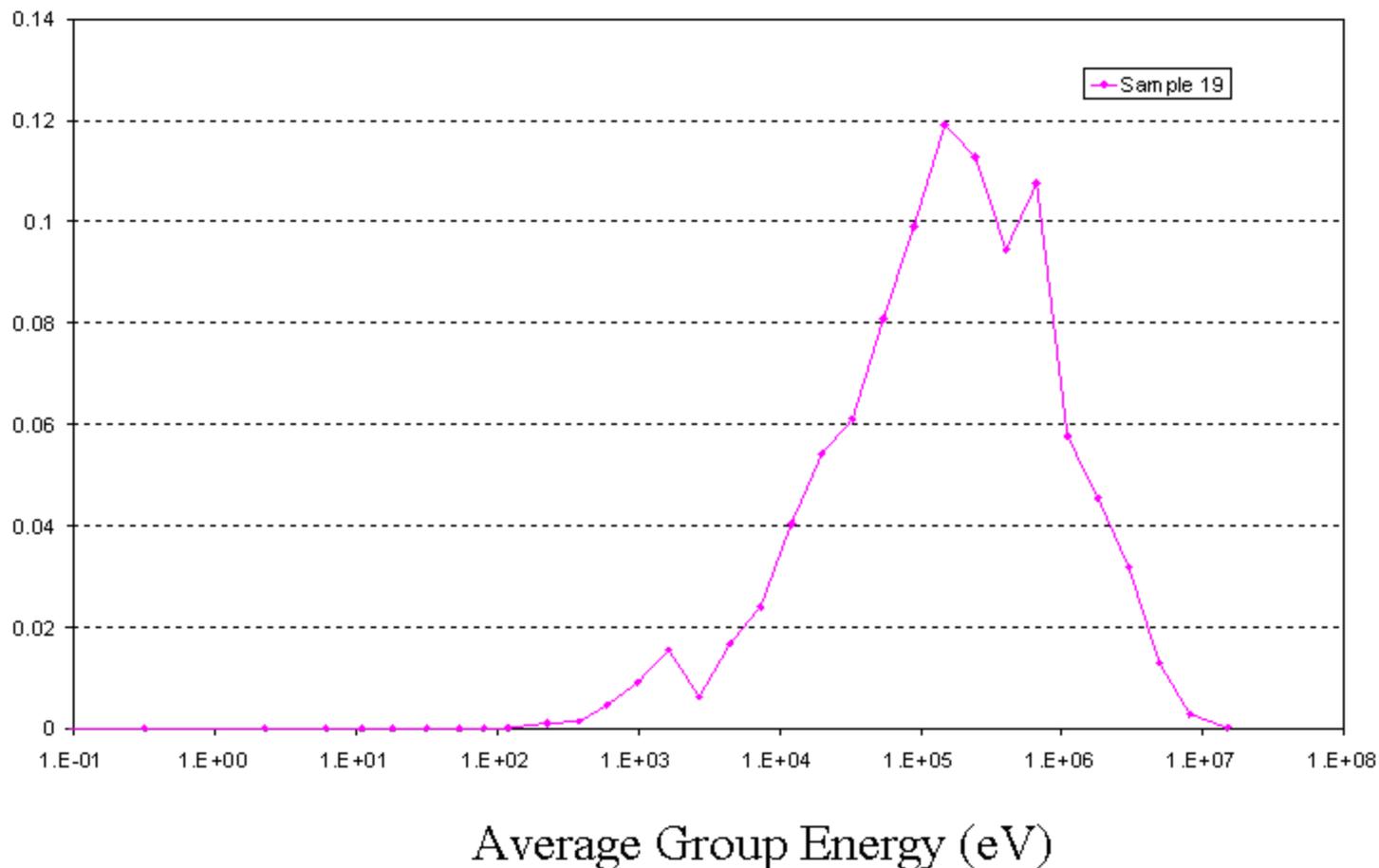
PROFIL-2 Analysis

- Total of 84 samples in two sample pins.
- The same procedure as we have done for PROFIL-1 was performed to generate one-group cross sections.
- Since there are two sample pins, two separate surface source files were generated for fixed source calculations for each pin.



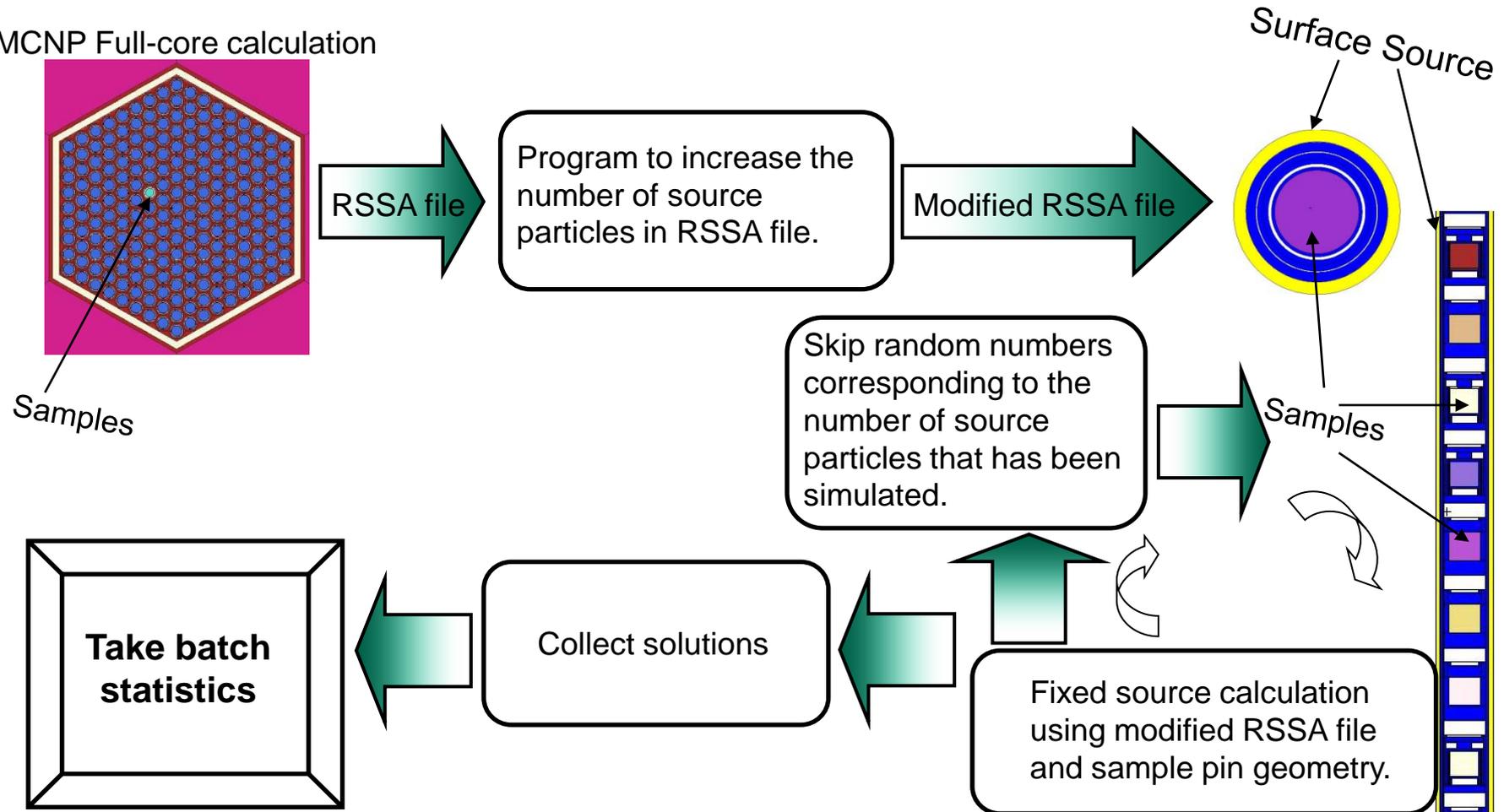
Neutronics Calculation Results

Normalized 33-group flux spectra at core midplane



Procedure to calculate one-group cross sections over each sample with MCNP

MCNP Full-core calculation



Calculational Scheme

- One group cross sections were generated with MCNP and with ECCO/VARIANT using ENDF/B-VII files.
- In order to correctly normalize the results to the actual value of the flux (and hence eliminate the uncertainty in the total burnup), the production of Nd in the ^{235}U samples has been calculated and compared with the correspondent experimental values. Correcting factors have been obtained and applied to the values of the fluxes used in the time-dependent calculations .
- Time dependent calculations were subsequently performed with the NUTS code in order to obtain isotope concentrations at the end of irradiation.

How to Infer Cross Sections

- In the past it was used:

$$\sigma_{(c),A} \cdot \tau \cdot f(\tau) \cong \frac{\Delta N_{A+1}}{N_A} = \frac{N_{A+1}(\tau)}{N_A(\tau)} - \frac{N_{A+1}(0)}{N_A(0)}$$

$$f(\tau) = \left[\frac{N_{A+1}(\tau)}{N_A(\tau)} - \frac{N_{A+1}^{(0)}}{N_A^{(0)}} \right] \times \frac{1}{\sigma_{CA} \cdot \tau_{\text{calc.}}}$$

- In a more accurate approach we correct the experimental density variation by a calculated quantity that takes out the variation due to all the phenomena other than the reaction rate that we are considering:

$$\sigma_{(c),A} \cdot \tau \cdot \cong \frac{\overset{corr}{\Delta N}_{A+1}}{N_A} = \frac{\overset{exp}{\Delta N}_{A+1}(\tau) - (\overset{calc}{\Delta N}_{A+1} - N_A^{(0)} e^{-\sigma\tau})}{N_A}$$

C/E Uncertainty Evaluation

- The experimental uncertainty U_E is evaluated as $\text{MAX}(\varepsilon_e, \varepsilon_s)$ where ε_e is the measured uncertainty on the final density (quite low, in most cases $\sim 0.5\%$), and ε_s , if n is the number of samples, is:

$$\varepsilon_s = \sqrt{1/n(n-1) \sum_{i=1}^n [(C/E)_i - m]^2} \quad m = (1/n) \sum_{i=1}^n (C/E)_i$$

- The calculational uncertainty U_C has 3 components (combined statistically): flux ($\sim 2\%$), time dependence of cross sections ($\sim 1\%$), and statistical cross section uncertainty (MCNP uncertainty doubled and weighted by sensitivity coefficients).
- Finally, the $U_{C/E}$ is calculated as the statistical combination of U_C and U_E .

ENDFB-VII.0 and VII.1 C/E for PROFIL-1

| Data Type | PROFIL-1 C/E | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|-------|----------|
| | VII.0 | VII.1 | C/E Unc. |
| $\sigma_{\text{capt}}^{235}\text{U}$ | 0.948 | 0.948 | 2.3 % |
| $\sigma_{\text{capt}}^{238}\text{U}$ | 0.972 | 0.972 | 2.5 % |
| $\sigma_{\text{capt}}^{238}\text{Pu}$ | 1.299 | 1.135 | 2.4 % |
| $\sigma_{\text{capt}}^{239}\text{Pu}$ | 0.906 | 0.906 | 2.5 % |
| $\sigma_{n,2n}^{239}\text{Pu}$ | 0.745 | 0.745 | 8.8 % |
| $\sigma_{\text{capt}}^{240}\text{Pu}$ | 0.964 | 0.945 | 2.5 % |
| $\sigma_{n,2n}^{240}\text{Pu}$ | 0.779 | 1.084 | 14.4 % |
| $\sigma_{\text{capt}}^{241}\text{Pu}$ | 0.950 | 0.947 | 2.3 % |
| $\sigma_{\text{capt}}^{242}\text{Pu}$ | 1.061 | 1.020 | 3.5 % |
| $\sigma_{\text{capt}}^{241}\text{Am}$ | 0.968 | 0.980 | 3.4 % |
| $\sigma_{\text{capt}}^{243}\text{Am}$ | 0.834 | 0.939 | 6.1 % |
| $\sigma_{\text{capt}}^{95}\text{Mo}$ | 1.032 | 1.063 | 4.5 % |
| $\sigma_{\text{capt}}^{97}\text{Mo}$ | 0.968 | 0.993 | 4.3 % |
| $\sigma_{\text{capt}}^{101}\text{Ru}$ | 1.101 | 1.095 | 2.5 % |
| $\sigma_{\text{capt}}^{105}\text{Pd}$ | 0.852 | 0.845 | 2.7 % |
| $\sigma_{\text{capt}}^{133}\text{Cs}$ | 0.878 | 0.827 | 3.0 % |
| $\sigma_{\text{capt}}^{145}\text{Nd}$ | 0.955 | 0.936 | 2.9 % |
| $\sigma_{\text{capt}}^{149}\text{Sm}$ | 0.915 | 0.908 | 2.5 % |

ENDFB-VII.0 and VII.1 C/E for PROFIL-2

| | PROFIL-2 C/E | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|-------|----------|
| | VII.0 | VII.1 | C/E Unc. |
| $\sigma_{\text{capt}}^{235}\text{U}$ | 0.967 | 0.967 | 2.3 % |
| $\sigma_{\text{capt}}^{238}\text{U}$ | 0.985 | 0.985 | 2.6 % |
| $\sigma_{\text{capt}}^{237}\text{Np}$ | 0.944 | 0.941 | 3.1 % |
| $\sigma_{\text{capt}}^{238}\text{Pu}$ | 1.341 | 1.181 | 2.4 % |
| $\sigma_{\text{capt}}^{239}\text{Pu}$ | 0.922 | 0.922 | 2.3 % |
| $\sigma_{(n,2n)}^{239}\text{Pu}$ | 0.574 | 0.574 | 12.6% |
| $\sigma_{\text{capt}}^{240}\text{Pu}$ | 0.973 | 0.961 | 2.8% |
| $\sigma_{\text{capt}}^{242}\text{Pu}$ | 1.054 | 1.022 | 4.6 % |
| $\sigma_{\text{capt}}^{241}\text{Am}$ | 1.018 | 1.021 | 3.8 % |
| $\sigma_{\text{capt}}^{244}\text{Cm}$ | 1.101 | 0.956 | 2.5 % |
| $\sigma_{\text{capt}}^{106}\text{Pd}$ | 0.939 | 0.939 | 2.9 % |
| $\sigma_{\text{capt}}^{143}\text{Nd}$ | 0.937 | 0.937 | 3.1 % |
| $\sigma_{\text{capt}}^{144}\text{Nd}$ | 0.935 | 0.928 | 3.1 % |
| $\sigma_{\text{capt}}^{147}\text{Sm}$ | 0.894 | 0.894 | 2.6 % |
| $\sigma_{\text{capt}}^{151}\text{Sm}$ | 1.094 | 1.085 | 2.4 % |
| $\sigma_{\text{capt}}^{153}\text{Eu}$ | 0.924 | 0.954 | 2.4 % |

TRAPU Experiment

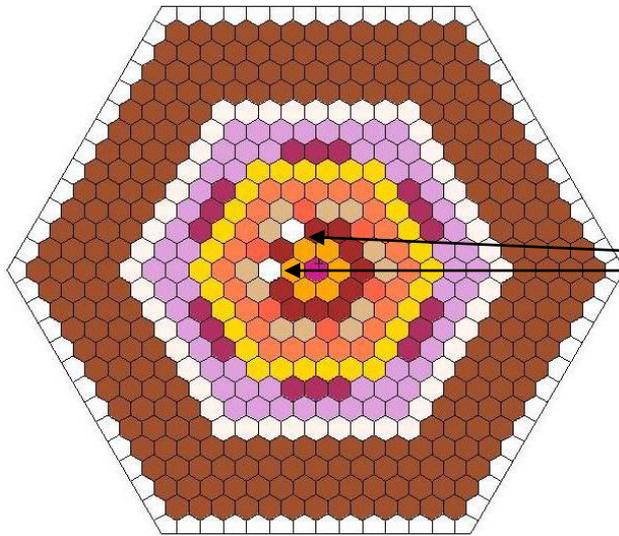
- **The TRAPU experiment consisted of a six-cycle irradiation (10th to 15th) of mixed-oxide pins that contained plutonium of different isotopic compositions but heavily charged in the higher isotopes (Pu240, Pu241 and Pu242) compared to typical PHENIX fuel. Standard pins were placed in regular PHENIX subassemblies located in the third row of the reactor. Three types of plutonium containing pins were used.**
- **After irradiation, small samples (20 mm high) were cut from the experimental pins (both fuel and clad) and put into a solution in order to determine the fuel composition by nuclide. Neodymium-148 was used as burn up indicator since it is a stable fission product with a small capture cross section, and it enables determination of the number of fission reactions that have taken place in the sample. Mass spectrometry was then used, with simple or double isotopic dilution and well-characterized tracers.**

Plutonium Isotopic Compositions of the Three TRAPU Fuel Pins

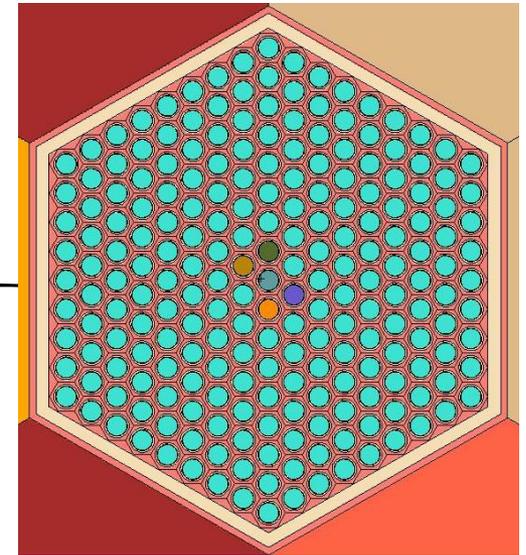
| Pin | Isotope Composition [%] | | | | |
|-----------|-------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | Pu-238 | Pu-239 | Pu-240 | Pu-241 | Pu-242 |
| TRAPU-I | 0.1 | 73.3 | 21.9 | 4.0 | 0.7 |
| TRAPU-II | 0.8 | 71.4 | 18.5 | 7.4 | 1.9 |
| TRAPU-III | 0.2 | 34.0 | 49.4 | 10.0 | 6.4 |

TRAPU Modeling

- ERANOS input for TRAPU developed by CEA has been converted to MCNP model.
- TRAPU has a larger sample volume than PROFIL-1&2. (make MC calculation easier).



TRAPU model



Experimental Concentrations for the TRAPU Program (U238=100).

| Isotope | TRAPU-I | | TRAPU-II | | TRAPU-III | |
|---------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| | Initial | Final | Initial | Final | Initial | Final |
| U-234 | 0.0060 ± 3.3 % | 0.0062 ± 2.5 % | 0.0106 ± 4.7 % | 0.01278 ± 1.3 % | 0.0088 ± 5.6 % | 0.00995 ± 1.0% |
| U-235 | 0.7263 ± 0.3 % | 0.4830 ± 0.3 % | 0.7614 ± 0.3 % | 0.4969 ± 0.2 % | 0.7447 ± 0.3 % | 0.4869 ± 0.2% |
| U-236 | 0.0015 ± 13.3 % | 0.0664 ± 0.5 % | 0.0025 ± 8.0 | 0.0688 ± 0.4 % | 0.0099 ± 5.0% | 0.07801 ± 0.3% |
| Np-237 | 0.0001 ± (*) | 0.0365 ± 6.8 % | 0.0011 ± (*) | 0.0390 ± 3.3 % | 0.0042 ± (*) | 0.0473 ± 3.2% |
| Pu-238 | 0.0296 ± 1.3% | 0.0455 ± 0.9 % | 0.1804 ± 0.5 % | 0.2020 ± 0.4 % | 0.0852 ± 0.6% | 0.2420 ± 0.4% |
| Pu-239 | 17.939 ± 0.5% | 16.366 ± 0.4 % | 16.780 ± 0.5 % | 15.852 ± 0.3 % | 13.068 ± 0.5% | 13.338 ± 0.3% |
| Pu-240 | 5.367 ± 0.5% | 6.308 ± 0.4 % | 4.359 ± 0.5 % | 5.433 ± 0.3 % | 19.006 ± 0.5% | 18.197 ± 0.3% |
| Pu-241 | 0.9768 ± 0.5% | 0.9449 ± 0.4 % | 1.744 ± 0.5 % | 1.304 ± 0.3 % | 3.858 ± 0.5% | 3.406 ± 0.3% |
| Pu-242 | 0.1744 ± 0.6% | 0.2353 ± 0.5 % | 0.4472 ± 0.5 % | 0.5473 ± 0.4 % | 2.455 ± 0.5% | 2.598 ± 0.3% |
| Am-241 | 0.0657 ± 2.0% | 0.1410 ± 3.0 % | 0.3432 ± 2.0 % | 0.3915 ± 3.6 % | 1.029 ± 2.1% | 1.084 ± 2.1% |
| Am-242 | - | 0.0044 ± 3.6 % | - | 0.01437 ± 4.0 % | - | 0.0419 ± 12.5% |
| Am-243 | - | 0.0160 ± 3.6 % | - | 0.03945 ± 4.0 % | - | 0.1888 ± 2.5% |
| Cm-242 | - | 0.00765 ± 2.4 % | - | 0.02506 ± 2.6 % | - | 0.07052 ± 2.1% |
| Cm-243 | - | - | - | 0.002475 ± 2.7 % | - | 0.006985 ± 2.6% |
| Cm-244 | - | 0.00243 ± 2.4 % | - | 0.005366 ± 2.2 % | - | 0.02684 ± 1.7% |
| Nd-148 | - | 0.1464 ± 0.3 % | - | 0.1468 ± 0.2 % | - | 0.1720 ± 0.2% |

(*) This value has not been measured, but deduced from the Am-241 decay

N_f C/E Values of TRAPU-1

| Isotope | TRAPU 1 | | |
|---------|---------|-------|----------|
| | VII.0 | VII.1 | C/E Unc. |
| U-234 | 1.006 | 1.009 | 3.9 % |
| U-235 | 1.001 | 1.001 | 2.4 % |
| U-236 | 0.972 | 0.970 | 2.5 % |
| Np-237 | 0.970 | 1.081 | 14.7 % |
| Pu-238 | 1.004 | 1.019 | 2.6 % |
| Pu-239 | 1.031 | 1.034 | 2.7 % |
| Pu-240 | 1.003 | 1.005 | 2.6 % |
| Pu-241 | 1.011 | 1.010 | 3.0 % |
| Pu-242 | 1.036 | 1.038 | 2.5 % |
| Am-241 | 0.979 | 0.977 | 3.8 % |
| Am242M | 1.009 | 1.014 | 4.3 % |
| Am-243 | 0.978 | 0.926 | 4.5 % |
| Cm-242 | 1.035 | 0.982 | 3.6 % |
| Cm-243 | - | - | - |
| Cm-244 | 0.843 | 0.898 | 3.8 % |

N_f C/E Values of TRAPU-2

| Isotope | TRAPU 2 | | |
|---------|---------|-------|----------|
| | VII.0 | VII.1 | C/E Unc. |
| U-234 | 1.023 | 1.026 | 3.3 % |
| U-235 | 1.020 | 1.020 | 2.4 % |
| U-236 | 0.995 | 0.992 | 2.4 % |
| Np-237 | 0.963 | 0.978 | 10.5 % |
| Pu-238 | 0.990 | 0.998 | 2.4 % |
| Pu-239 | 1.012 | 1.017 | 2.7 % |
| Pu-240 | 0.984 | 0.987 | 2.6 % |
| Pu-241 | 0.992 | 0.992 | 3.0 % |
| Pu-242 | 1.010 | 1.010 | 2.4 % |
| Am-241 | 0.986 | 0.983 | 4.3 % |
| Am242M | 1.039 | 1.049 | 4.7 % |
| Am-243 | 0.959 | 0.913 | 4.8 % |
| Cm-242 | 1.017 | 0.964 | 3.7 % |
| Cm-243 | 0.483 | 1.104 | 4.0 % |
| Cm-244 | 0.946 | 1.014 | 3.6 % |

N_f C/E Values of TRAPU-3

| Isotope | TRAPU 3 | | |
|---------|---------|-------|----------|
| | VII.0 | VII.1 | C/E Unc. |
| U-234 | 1.065 | 1.065 | 3.2 % |
| U-235 | 1.019 | 1.019 | 2.4 % |
| U-236 | 0.992 | 0.991 | 2.4 % |
| Np-237 | 0.908 | 0.859 | 10.5 % |
| Pu-238 | 1.013 | 0.998 | 2.4 % |
| Pu-239 | 1.018 | 1.015 | 2.7 % |
| Pu-240 | 0.998 | 1.017 | 2.6 % |
| Pu-241 | 1.004 | 0.937 | 3.0 % |
| Pu-242 | 1.009 | 1.007 | 2.4 % |
| Am-241 | 0.991 | 0.978 | 3.2 % |
| Am242M | 1.021 | 1.029 | 12.7 % |
| Am-243 | 1.000 | 0.941 | 3.7 % |
| Cm-242 | 1.011 | 0.955 | 3.4 % |
| Cm-243 | 0.490 | 1.099 | 4.0 % |
| Cm-244 | 0.961 | 1.020 | 3.4 % |

Sensitivity (%) to N_f : TRAPU-2

| Basic Data | Isotope build-up | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | ^{234}U | ^{235}U | ^{236}U | ^{237}Np | ^{238}Pu | ^{239}Pu | ^{240}Pu |
| $^{234}\text{U} \sigma_{\text{cap}}$ | -8.2 | 0.1 | | | | | |
| $^{234}\text{U} \sigma_{\text{fis}}$ | -5.9 | | | | | | |
| $^{235}\text{U} \sigma_{\text{cap}}$ | -0.1 | -10.6 | 90.2 | 6.8 | 0.1 | | |
| $^{235}\text{U} \sigma_{\text{fis}}$ | -0.2 | -36.9 | -16.5 | -0.8 | | | |
| $^{235}\text{U} \sigma_{(n,2n)}$ | 1.3 | | | | | | |
| $^{236}\text{U} \sigma_{\text{cap}}$ | | | -4.6 | 7.4 | 0.1 | | |
| $^{236}\text{U} \sigma_{\text{fis}}$ | | | -1.2 | -0.1 | | | |
| $^{238}\text{U} \sigma_{\text{cap}}$ | | | | -2.5 | | 27.7 | 4 |
| $^{238}\text{U} \sigma_{\text{fis}}$ | | | | -0.4 | | -0.1 | |
| $^{238}\text{U} \sigma_{(n,2n)}$ | 0.2 | | | 87.1 | 2.4 | | |
| $^{237}\text{Np} \sigma_{\text{cap}}$ | 0.2 | | | -14.7 | 2.5 | | |
| $^{237}\text{Np} \sigma_{\text{fis}}$ | | | | -3.4 | | | |
| $^{238}\text{Pu} \sigma_{\text{cap}}$ | -1.3 | | | | -10.8 | 0.1 | |
| $^{238}\text{Pu} \sigma_{\text{fis}}$ | -2.1 | | | | -17.3 | | |
| $^{238}\text{Pu} \lambda$ | 24.7 | | | | -1.4 | | |
| $^{239}\text{Pu} \sigma_{\text{cap}}$ | | | 0.2 | | | -7.9 | 26 |
| $^{239}\text{Pu} \sigma_{\text{fis}}$ | | | | | -0.1 | -30 | -4.3 |
| $^{239}\text{Pu} \sigma_{(n,2n)}$ | | | | | 0.6 | | |
| $^{240}\text{Pu} \sigma_{\text{cap}}$ | | | -0.1 | | 0.3 | | -8.4 |
| $^{240}\text{Pu} \sigma_{\text{fis}}$ | | | -0.1 | | | | -6.9 |
| $^{240}\text{Pu} \lambda$ | | | 1.8 | 0.1 | | | |
| $^{241}\text{Pu} \sigma_{\text{cap}}$ | | | | | -0.1 | | |
| $^{241}\text{Pu} \sigma_{\text{fis}}$ | | | | -0.1 | -0.6 | | |
| $^{241}\text{Pu} \lambda$ | 0.5 | | | 0.7 | 7.2 | | |
| $^{241}\text{Am} \sigma_{\text{cap}}$ | 2.5 | | | -0.5 | 26.7 | | |
| $^{241}\text{Am} \sigma_{\text{fis}}$ | | | | | -0.8 | | |
| $^{241}\text{Am} \lambda$ | | | | 3.3 | | | |
| $^{242}\text{Cm} \sigma_{\text{cap}}$ | | | | | -0.5 | | |
| $^{242}\text{Cm} \sigma_{\text{fis}}$ | | | | | -0.3 | | |
| $^{242}\text{Cm} \lambda$ | 1.4 | | | | 12.3 | | |

ΔN C/E Values of TRAPU-2

| Isotope | TRAPU 2 | | |
|---------|---------|-------|----------|
| | VII.0 | VII.1 | C/E Unc. |
| U-234 | 1.196 | 2.175 | 81.8 % |
| U-235 | 0.968 | 0.970 | 2.5 % |
| U-236 | 0.995 | 0.990 | 2.7 % |
| Np-237 | 0.962 | 0.845 | 10.6 % |
| Pu-238 | 0.785 | 0.997 | 2.5 % |
| Pu-239 | 0.906 | 0.673 | 13.3 % |
| Pu-240 | 0.888 | 0.851 | 6.1 % |
| Pu-241 | 1.019 | 1.302 | 4.4 % |
| Pu-242 | 1.076 | 0.217 | 75.4 % |
| Am-241 | 0.788 | 2.649 | 215.2 % |
| Am242M | 1.039 | 1.029 | 12.7 % |
| Am-243 | 0.959 | 0.941 | 3.7 % |
| Cm-242 | 1.017 | 0.955 | 3.4 % |
| Cm-243 | 0.483 | 1.099 | 4.0 % |
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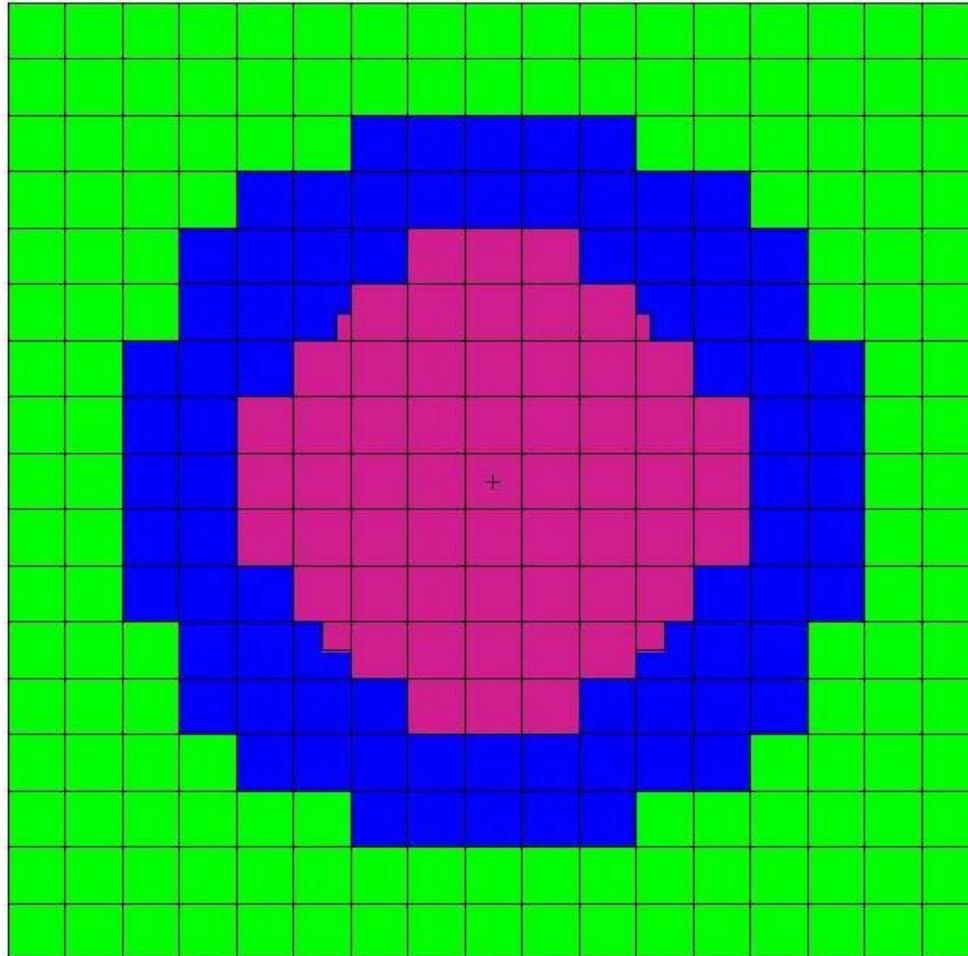
Sensitivity (%) to ΔN : TRAPU-2

| Basic Data | Isotope build-up | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | ²³⁴ U | ²³⁵ U | ²³⁶ U | ²³⁷ Np | ²³⁸ Pu | ²³⁹ Pu | ²⁴⁰ Pu |
| ²³⁴ U σ_{cap} | -61.1 | -0.3 | | | | | |
| ²³⁴ U σ_{fis} | -44.2 | | | | | | |
| ²³⁵ U σ_{cap} | -0.4 | 17.6 | 93.9 | 7 | 3.5 | | |
| ²³⁵ U σ_{fis} | -1.7 | 61.2 | -17.1 | -0.9 | -0.3 | | |
| ²³⁵ U $\sigma_{(n,2n)}$ | 9.9 | | | | | | |
| ²³⁶ U σ_{cap} | | | -4.8 | 7.6 | 3.9 | | |
| ²³⁶ U σ_{fis} | | | -1.3 | -0.1 | | | |
| ²³⁸ U σ_{cap} | | | | -2.6 | 1.4 | -238.8 | 31 |
| ²³⁸ U σ_{fis} | | | | -0.5 | -0.2 | -1.3 | -0.1 |
| ²³⁸ U $\sigma_{(n,2n)}$ | 1.6 | | | 89.9 | 63.9 | | |
| ²³⁷ Np σ_{cap} | 1.7 | | | -15.2 | 66.3 | | |
| ²³⁷ Np σ_{fis} | | | | -3.5 | -1.7 | | |
| ²³⁸ Pu σ_{cap} | -9.8 | | | | -287.8 | -1 | |
| ²³⁸ Pu σ_{fis} | -15.8 | | | | -463.4 | 0.1 | |
| ²³⁸ Pu λ | 183.8 | | | | -38.6 | | |
| ²³⁹ Pu σ_{cap} | | | 0.2 | | -0.1 | 68.5 | 200.1 |
| ²³⁹ Pu σ_{fis} | | | | | -2.8 | 258.6 | -33.4 |
| ²³⁹ Pu $\sigma_{(n,2n)}$ | | | | | 16.7 | | |
| ²⁴⁰ Pu σ_{cap} | | | -0.1 | | 9 | | -64.5 |
| ²⁴⁰ Pu σ_{fis} | | | -0.1 | | | | -53.2 |
| ²⁴⁰ Pu λ | | | 1.8 | 0.1 | | | |
| ²⁴¹ Pu σ_{cap} | | | | | -2.8 | | |
| ²⁴¹ Pu σ_{fis} | | | | -0.1 | -16 | | |
| ²⁴¹ Pu λ | 4 | | | 0.7 | 192.4 | | |
| ²⁴¹ Am σ_{cap} | 18.4 | | | -0.5 | 714.3 | | |
| ²⁴¹ Am σ_{fis} | -0.3 | | | | -20 | | |
| ²⁴¹ Am λ | | | | 3.4 | 1.2 | | |
| ²⁴² Cm σ_{cap} | | | | | -12.2 | | |
| ²⁴² Cm σ_{fis} | | | | | -6.9 | | |
| ²⁴² Cm λ | 10.5 | | | | 328.8 | | |

What about fission cross sections

- The PROFIL and TRAPU experiments can provide information also on fission cross sections; however, the analysis can be tricky. For PROFIL one has to have a good knowledge of the fission yields, and for TRAPU one has to proceed to data adjustment based on sensitivity coefficients.
- A more profitable way to gather information on fission cross sections via elemental experiments is through the analysis of fission spectral indices. In this case, fission reaction rates of actinides are measured against a standard, in particular U-235 fissions. If the measurements are done at the center of the reactor in a very well characterized spectrum, indirect (spectral) effects are normally of the second order and the result can be directly related to the actinide fission cross section.
- This is the case of the COSMO experimental campaign performed at the French zero power fast spectrum facility MASURCA, where different actinide fission spectral indices (with respect to U-235 fissions) were measured.

COSMO Fission Spectral Indices



COSMO C/E

| σ | C/E | | |
|------------------------------|-------|-------|----------|
| | VII.0 | VII.1 | C/E Unc. |
| σ_{fis} U-238 | 0.984 | 0.981 | 1.8 % |
| σ_{fis} Np-237 | 1.005 | 1.004 | 1.6 % |
| σ_{fis} Pu-238 | 1.072 | 1.040 | 2.5 % |
| σ_{fis} Pu-239 | 0.991 | 0.989 | 1.3 % |
| σ_{fis} Pu-240 | 1.051 | 1.028 | 2.3 % |
| σ_{fis} Pu-241 | 1.004 | 1.001 | 2.0 % |
| σ_{fis} Pu-242 | 1.018 | 1.041 | 2.3 % |
| σ_{fis} Am-241 | 1.089 | 1.081 | 2.3 % |
| σ_{fis} Am-243 | 1.010 | 1.009 | 2.3 % |

Conclusions

- **PROFIL and TRAPU results have been updated with $\beta 4$ files, and C/E uncertainties have been carefully evaluated.**
- **In the PROFIL experiments improvements can be observed for the ENDF/B-VII.1 data for captures of Pu-238, Pu-242, Am-241, Am-243 Cm244, Mo-97, Sm-151, Eu-153, and (n,2n) of Pu-240. On the other hand, captures Pu-240, Mo-95, and Cs-133 worsen. For major actinides the captures of U-235 and especially Pu-239 remain quite on the underestimated side. Regarding the fission products, Pd-105 and 106, Nd-143 and 144, Sm-147 and 149 are significantly underestimated, while Ru-101 and Sm-151 are overestimated.**
- **From the TRAPU analysis, the major outstanding improvement is related to the build-up of Cm-243, that has to be attributed to a significant amelioration of the Cm-242 capture. Density variations can give more insights as they are a lot more sensitive cross sections.**
- **Regarding the fission cross sections, the analysis of the COSMO fission spectral indices has indicated that ENDF/B-VII.1 provides improvements for Pu-238 and Pu-240 fission cross sections, while Pu-242 worsens. Am-241 fission does not change, but it is quite overestimated.**