



# Spettri beta da reattore in JUNO-TAO: ciclo di incontri...

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Spettri di antineutrini da reattore (Fabio Mantovani)

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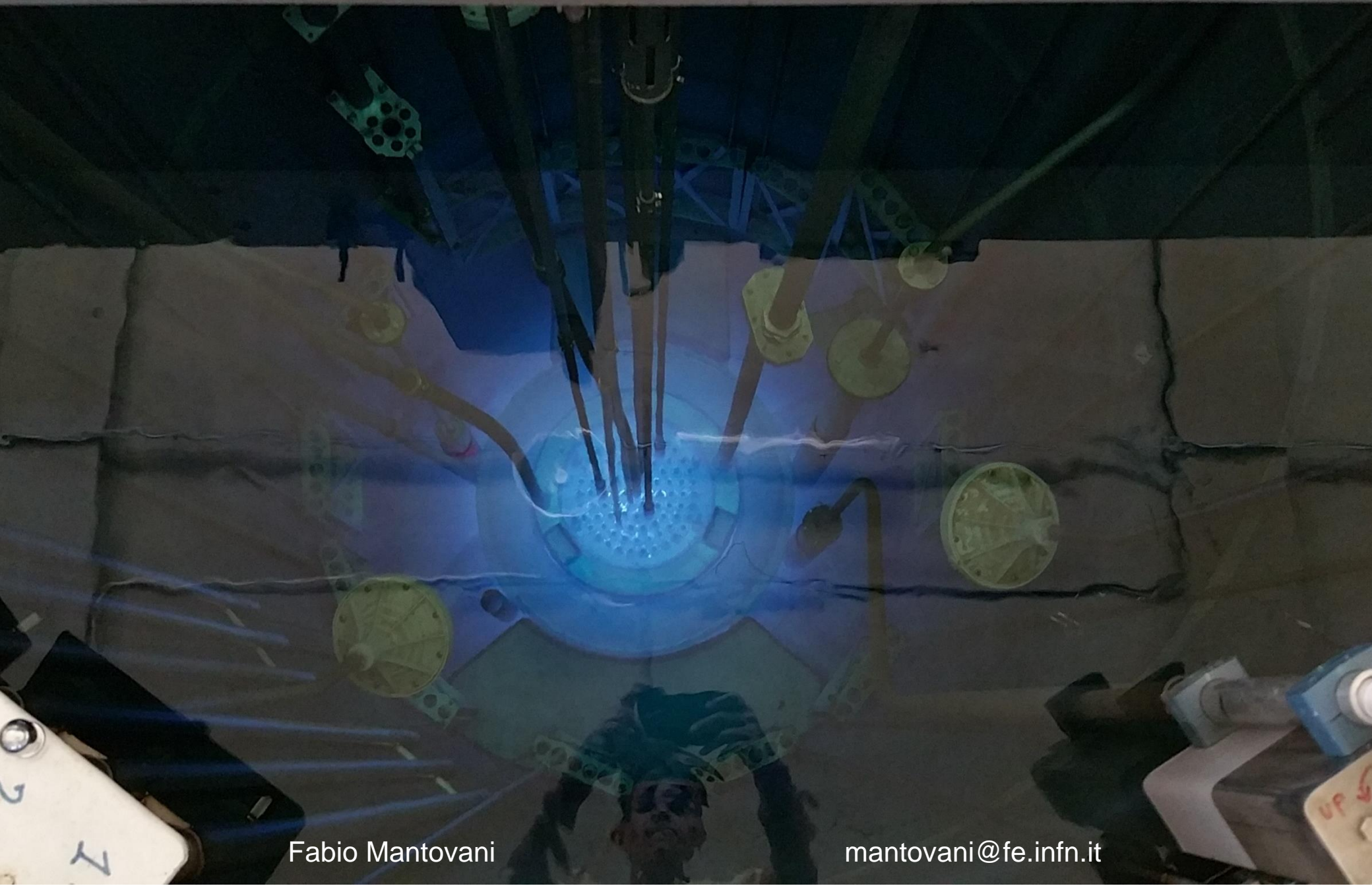
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# Spettri di antineutrini da rettore



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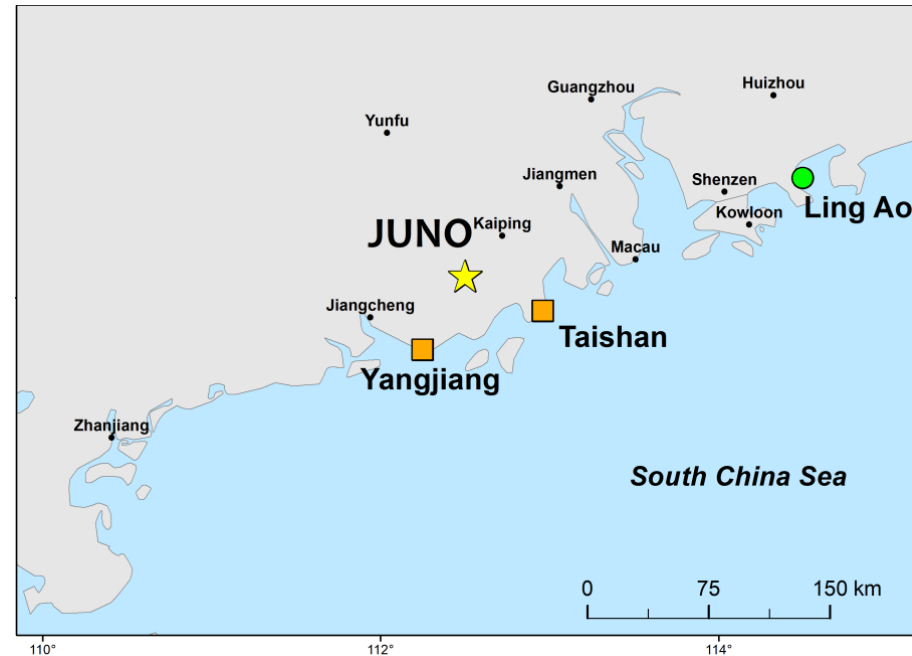
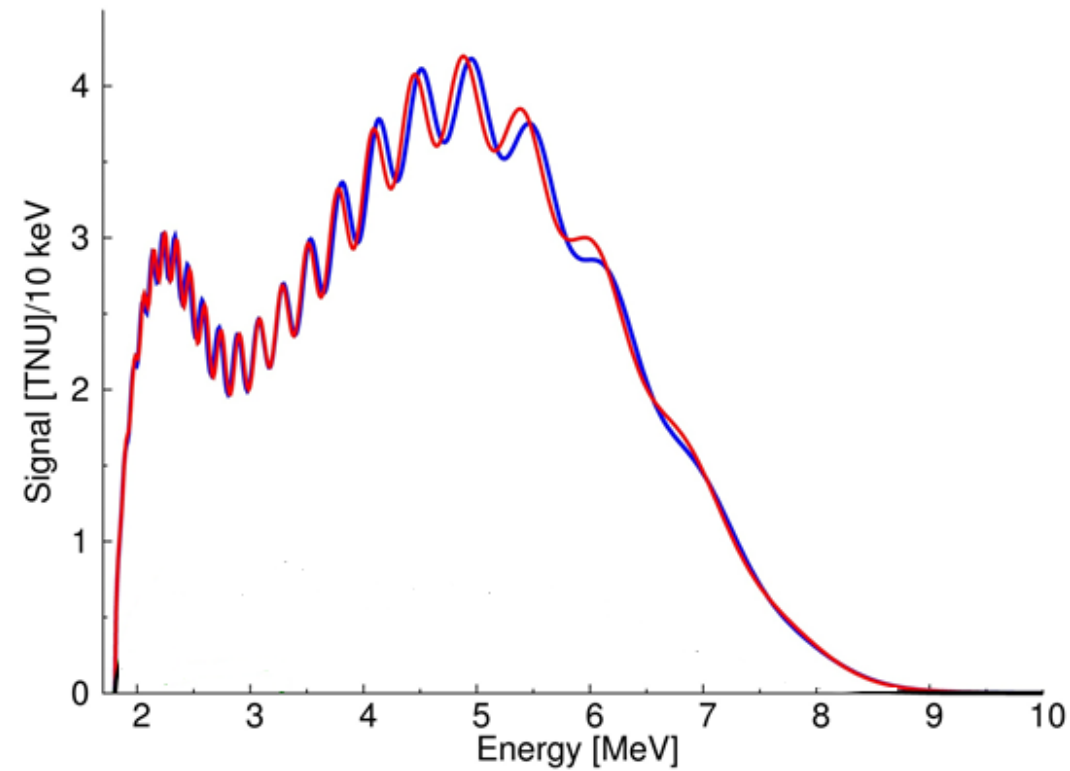




# Orientiamoci...

$R_{ON}$  Normal Hierarchy

$R_{ON}$  Inverse Hierarchy



# Reactor antineutrino signal calculation

The reactor antineutrino signal evaluation requires several ingredients for modeling the three antineutrino life stages:

- ✓ **production** at reactor cores
- ✓ **propagation** to the detector site
- ✓ **detection** in liquid scintillation detectors

## DETECTOR

- ◆  $\varepsilon = 100\%$  efficiency
- ◆  $\tau = 1$  year
- ◆  $N_p = 10^{32}$  free protons  
( $\sim 1$  kton liquid scintillator mass)

## $\bar{\nu}$ PHYSICS

- ◆  $P_{ee} = \nu_e$  oscillation survival probability
- ◆  $\sigma_{IBD}(E) = \text{IBD cross section}$   
 $\bar{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow e^+ + n \quad (E_{th} = 1.806 \text{ MeV})$

$$N_{TOT} = \varepsilon N_p \tau \sum_{k=1}^{N_{reactor}} \frac{P_k}{4\pi d_k^2} \langle LF_k \rangle \int dE_\nu \sum_{i=1}^4 \frac{p_i}{Q_i} \lambda_i(E_\nu) P_{ee}(E_\nu, d_k) \sigma_{IBD}(E_\nu)$$

[1 TNU = 1 event /  $10^{32}$  free protons / year]

$i = {}^{235}\text{U}, {}^{238}\text{U}, {}^{239}\text{Pu}, {}^{241}\text{Pu}$

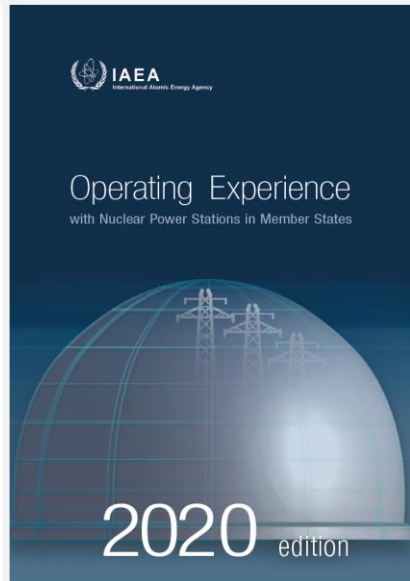
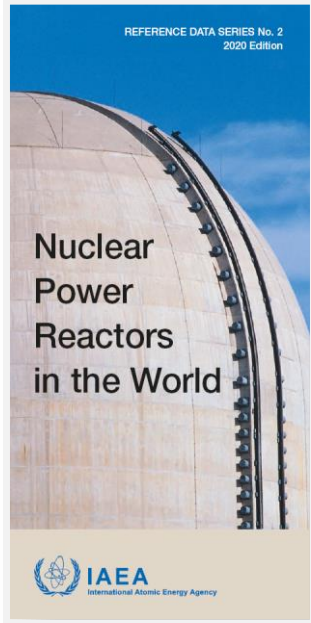
## REACTOR

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- ◆  $LF$  = Load Factor
- ◆  $p_i$  = power fraction

## NUCLEAR

- ◆  $Q_i$  = energy released per fission
- ◆  $\lambda_i$  = reactor antineutrino spectrum

# Reattori nel mondo: fonti utili...



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- ✓ **Global:** performance data of **all reactors in the world**
- ✓ **Monthly Load Factors (%)**
- ✓ **Public, official and free**
- ✓ **Latitude and longitude** of reactors
- ✓ **Multitemporal:** time lapse of **18 years** (2003 – 2021)
- ✓ **Direct implementation** thanks to standard file (ASCII, Excel)

<https://www.fe.infn.it/radioactivity/antineutrino/>

# Taishan – Yangjiang – Operational 31 dec 2019

Country	Reactor		Type	Model	Capacity (MW)			Operator	NSSS supplier	Construction start	Grid connection	Commercial operation
	Code	Name			Thermal	Gross	Net					
CHINA	CN -6	LING AO-1	PWR	M310	2905	990	950	DNMC	FRAM	1997-5	2002-2	2002-5
	CN -7	LING AO-2	PWR	M310	2905	990	950	DNMC	FRAM	1997-11	2002-9	2003-1
	CN -12	LING AO-3	PWR	CPR-1000	2905	1086	1007	DNMC	DEC	2005-12	2010-7	2010-9
	CN -13	LING AO-4	PWR	CPR-1000	2905	1086	1007	DNMC	DEC	2006-6	2011-5	2011-8
	CN -18	NINGDE-1	PWR	CPR-1000	2905	1089	1018	NDNP	DEC	2008-2	2012-12	2013-4
	CN -19	NINGDE-2	PWR	CPR-1000	2905	1089	1018	NDNP	SHE	2008-11	2014-1	2014-5
	CN -34	NINGDE-3	PWR	CPR-1000	2905	1089	1018	NDNP	CFHI	2010-1	2015-3	2015-6
	CN -35	NINGDE-4	PWR	CPR-1000	2905	1089	1018	NDNP	CFHI	2010-9	2016-3	2016-7
	CN -4	QINSHAN 2-1	PWR	CNP-600	1930	650	610	NPQJVC	CNNC	1996-6	2002-2	2002-4
	CN -5	QINSHAN 2-2	PWR	CNP-600	1930	650	610	NPQJVC	CNNC	1997-4	2004-3	2004-5
	CN -14	QINSHAN 2-3	PWR	CNP-600	1930	660	619	NPQJVC	CNNC	2006-4	2010-8	2010-10
	CN -15	QINSHAN 2-4	PWR	CNP-600	1930	660	619	NPQJVC	CNNC	2007-1	2011-11	2011-12
	CN -8	QINSHAN 3-1	PHWR	CANDU 6	2064	728	677	TQNPC	AECL	1998-6	2002-11	2002-12
	CN -9	QINSHAN 3-2	PHWR	CANDU 6	2064	728	677	TQNPC	AECL	1998-9	2003-6	2003-7
	CN -1	QINSHAN-1	PWR	CNP-300	966	330	298	CNNO	CNNC	1985-3	1991-12	1994-4
	CN -28	SANMEN-1	PWR	AP-1000	3400	1251	1157	SMNPC	WH/MHI	2009-4	2018-6	2018-9
	CN -29	SANMEN-2	PWR	AP-1000	3400	1251	1157	SMNPC	WH/MHI	2009-12	2018-8	2018-11
	CN -32	TAISHAN-1	PWR	EPR-1750	4590	1750	1660	TNPJVC	AREVA	2009-11	2018-6	2018-12
	CN -33	TAISHAN-2	PWR	EPR-1750	4590	1750	1660	TNPJVC	AREVA	2010-4	2019-6	—
	CN -10	TIANWAN-1	PWR	VVER V-428	3000	1060	990	JNPC	IZ	1999-10	2006-5	2007-5
	CN -11	TIANWAN-2	PWR	VVER V-428	3000	1060	990	JNPC	IZ	2000-9	2007-5	2007-8
	CN -45	TIANWAN-3	PWR	VVER V-428M	3000	1126	1045	JNPC	IZ	2012-12	2017-12	2018-2
	CN -46	TIANWAN-4	PWR	VVER V-428M	3000	1126	1045	JNPC	IZ	2013-9	2018-10	2018-12
	CN -22	YANGJIANG-1	PWR	CPR-1000	2905	1086	1000	YJNPC	CFHI	2008-12	2013-12	2014-3
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	CN -48	YANGJIANG-6	PWR	ACPR-1000	2905	1086	1000	YJNPC	CFHI	2013-12	2019-6	2019-7

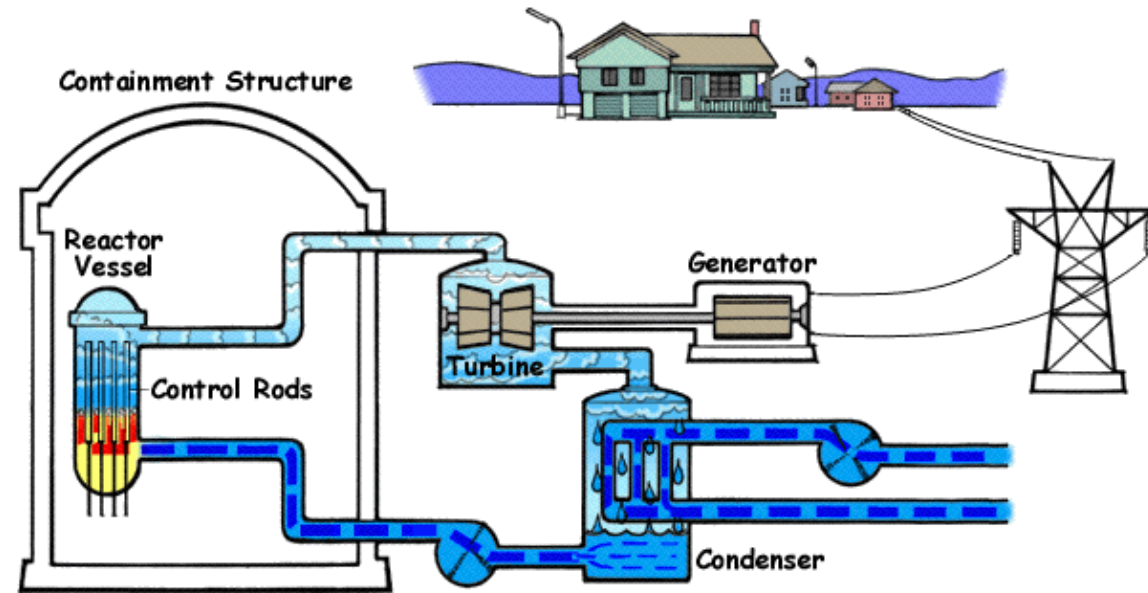
- EPR: European Pressurized Reactor - III gen. pressurised water reactor design – Framatome (Areva)
- CPR: Chinese Pressurized Reactor – Gen. II+ pressurized water reactor
- ACPR: Advanced Chinese Pressurised Reactor - Gen. II+ pressurized water reactor



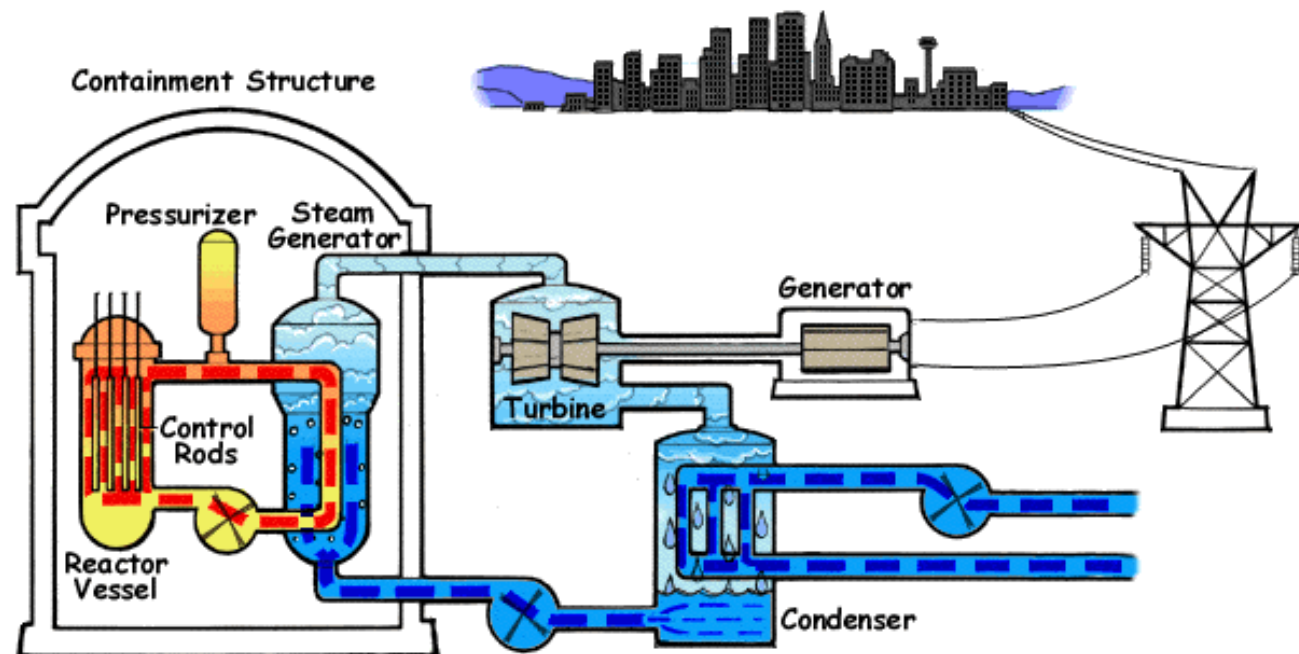


# BWR and PWR

## BWR Boiling Water Reactor



## PWR Pressurized Water Reactor



- type of reactor
- Boiling Water Reactor
  - Fast Breeder Reactor
  - Gas Cooled Reactor
  - Light Water Graphite Reactor
  - Pressurised Heavy Water Reactor
  - Pressurised Water Reactor

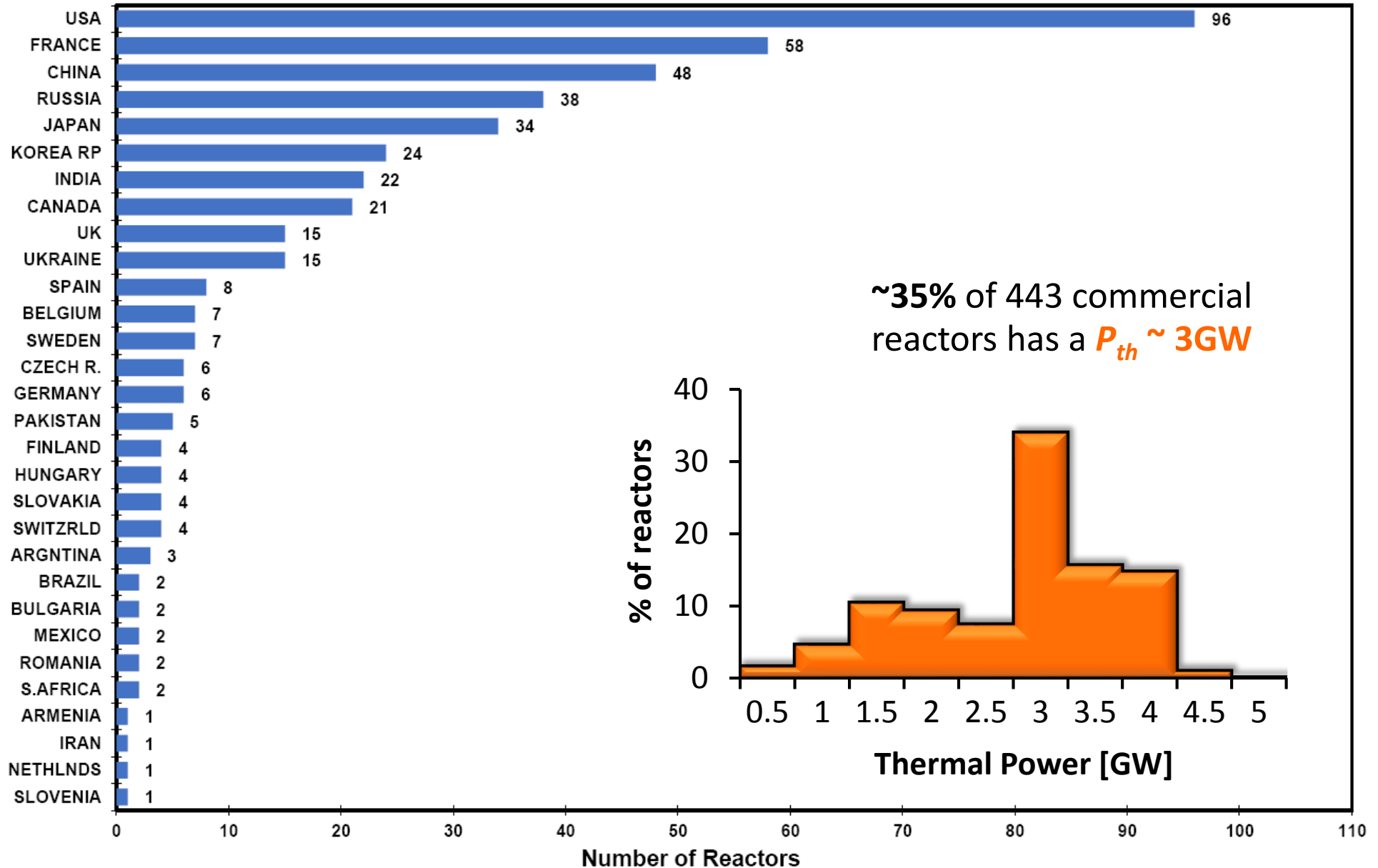


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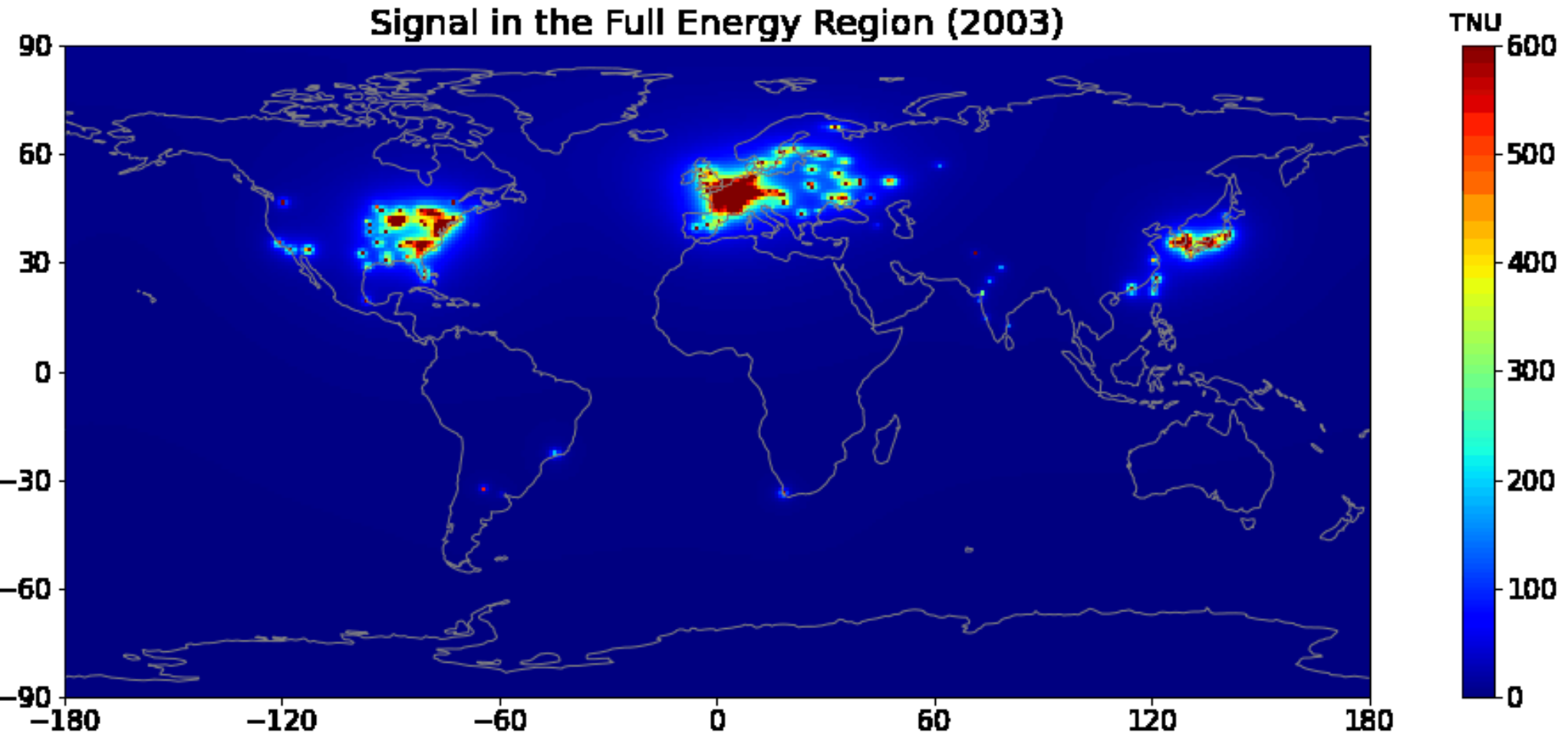
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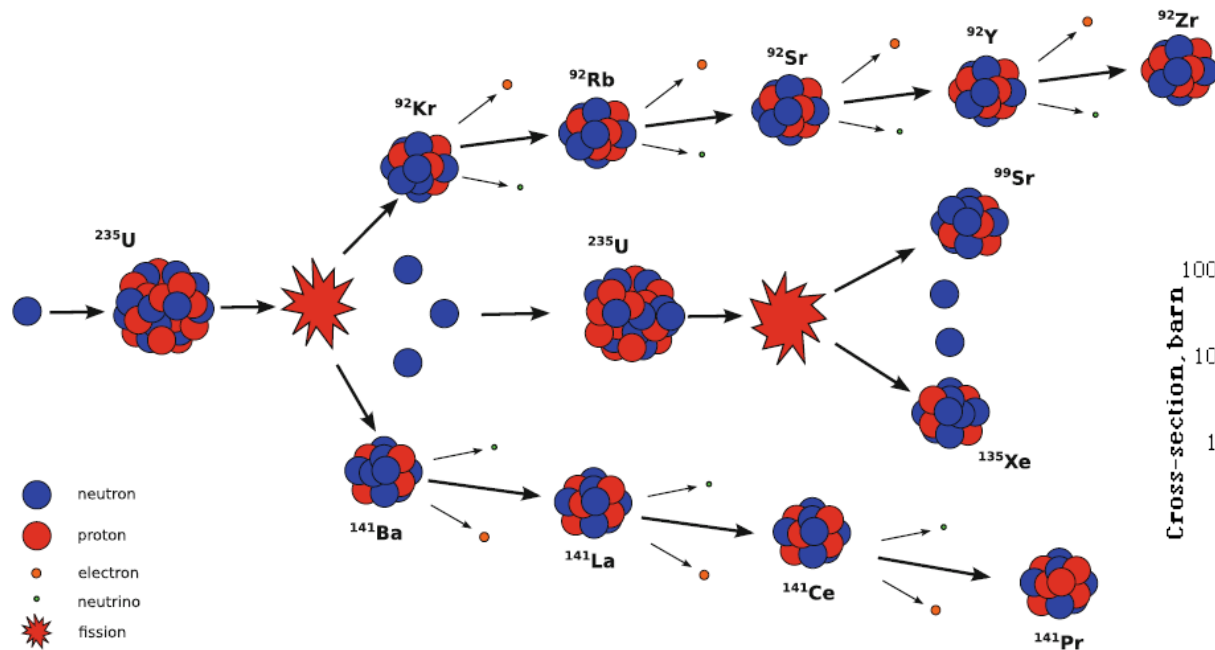




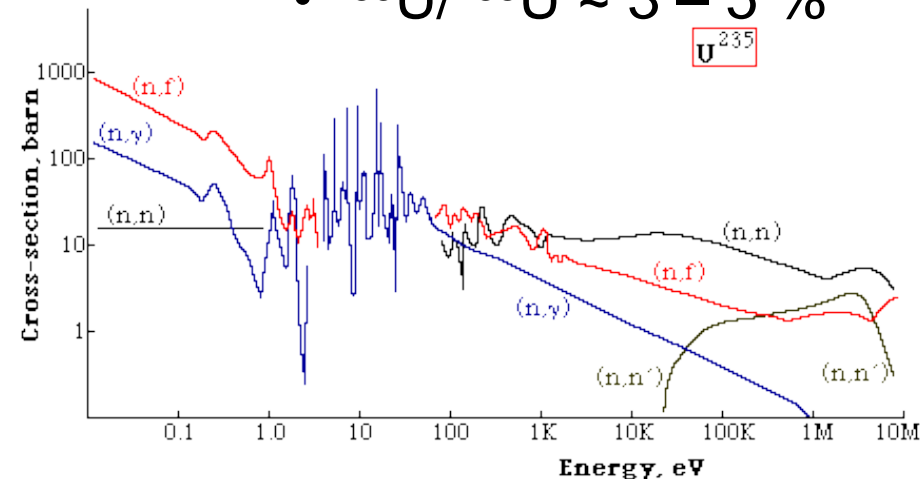
# Reactor antineutrino signal: evolution over time



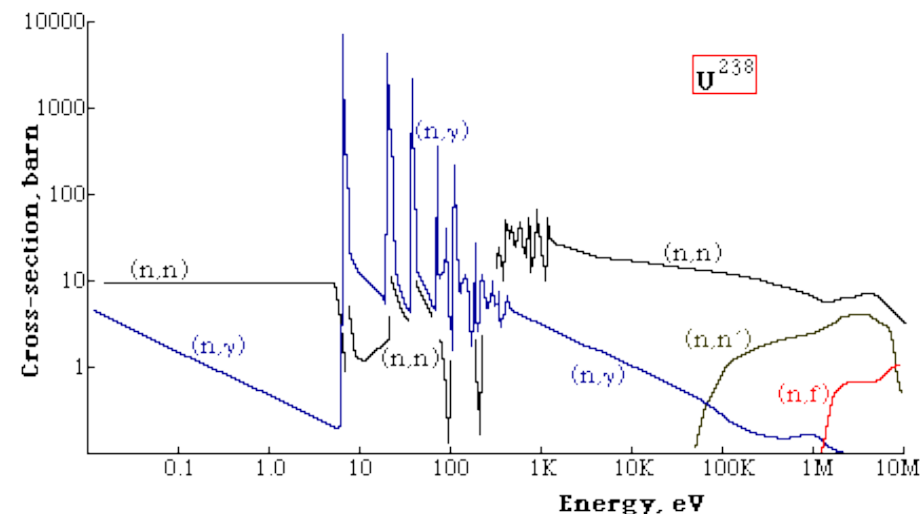
# Nuclear physics in a reactor: few numbers



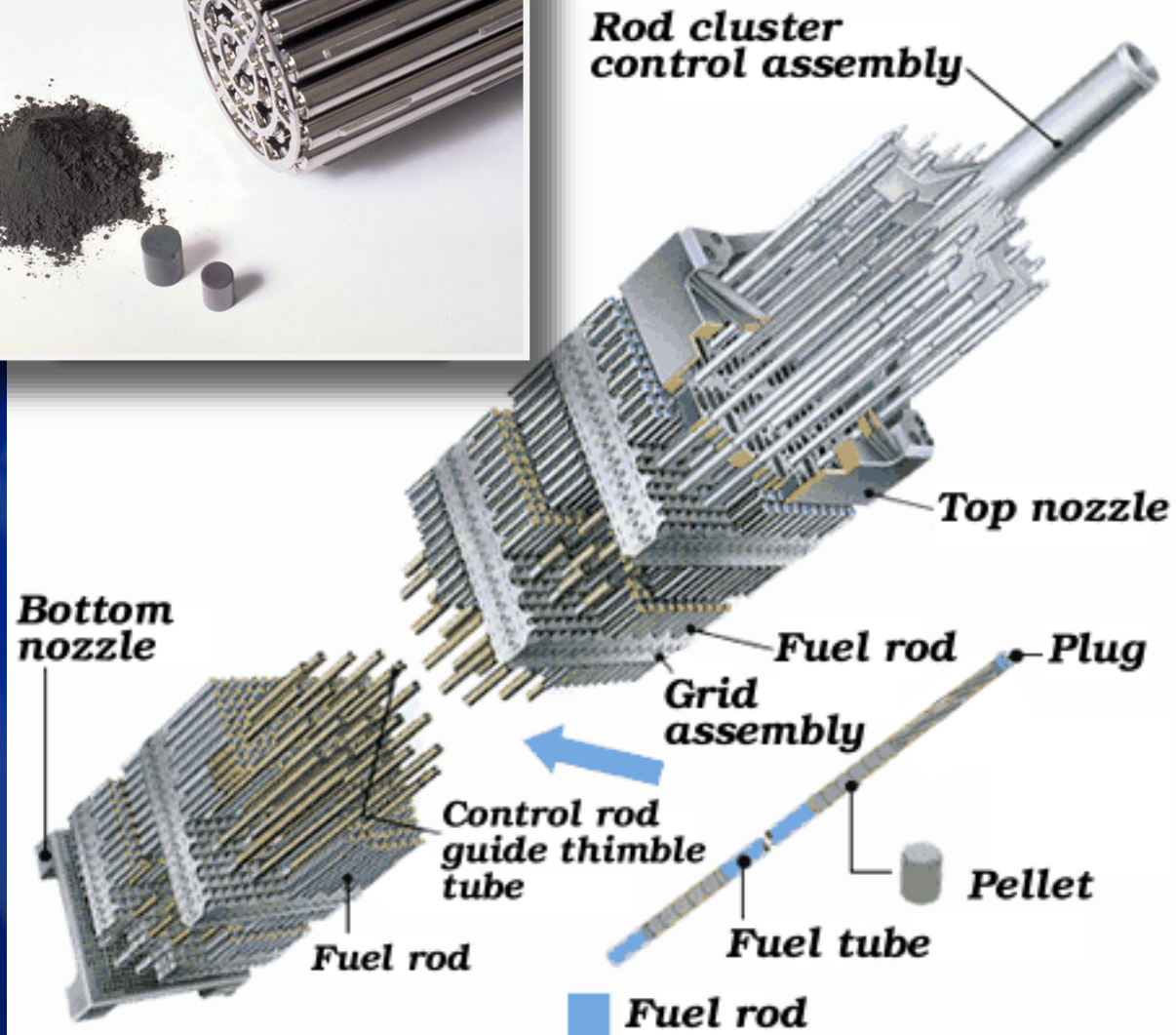
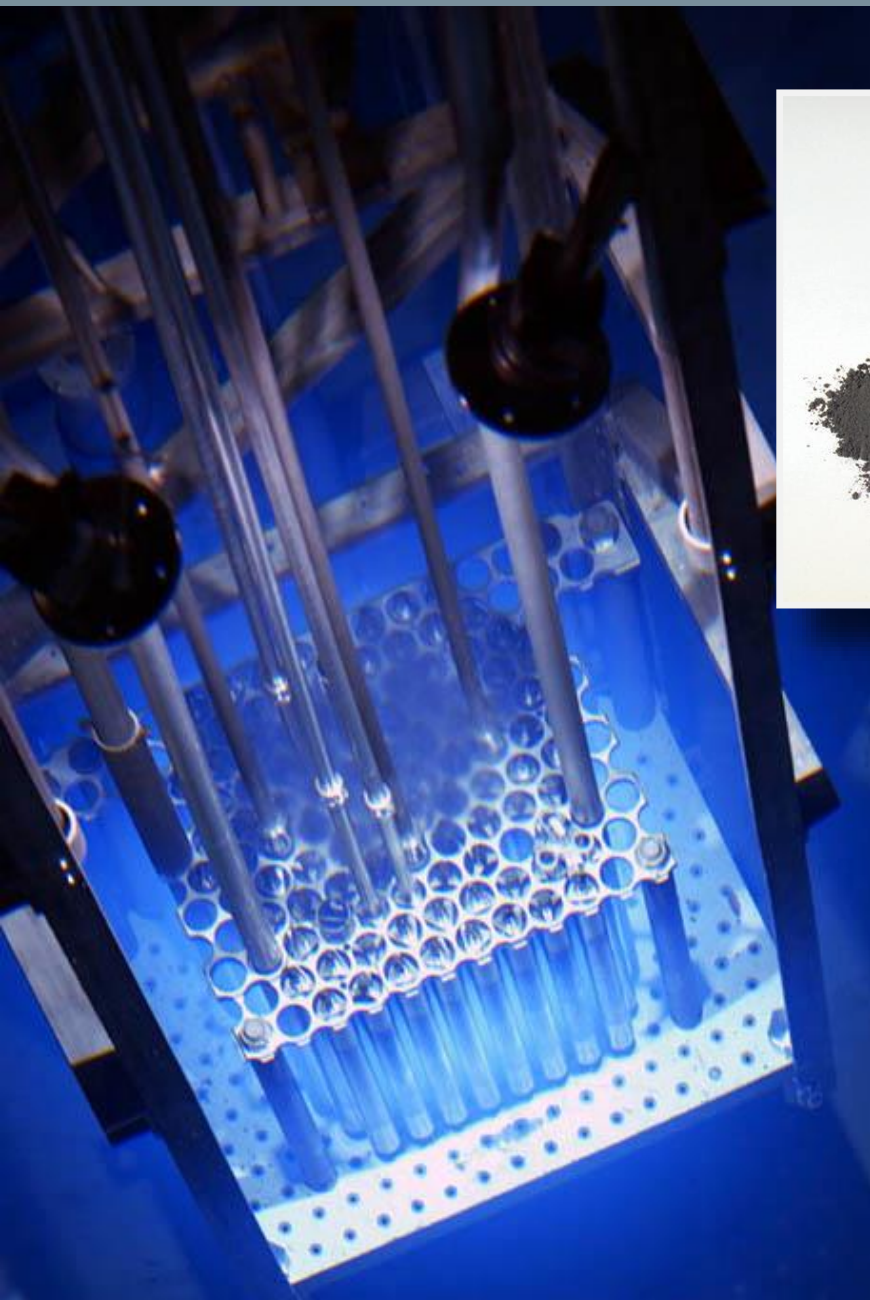
- $\langle P_{Th} \rangle \sim 3 \text{ GW}_{Th}$
- $\langle P_{El} \rangle \sim 1 \text{ GW}_{El}$
- $^{235}\text{U}/^{238}\text{U} \sim 3 - 5 \%$



- Luminosity:  $\sim 2 \cdot 10^{20}$  anti- $\nu$  / s per  $1 \text{ GW}_{Th}$
- $\langle E \rangle \sim 200 \text{ MeV/fission}$
- $N_{\text{neutron}} \sim 3 \text{ \#/fission}$
- $N_{\text{antin } \nu} \sim 6 \text{ \#/fission}$
- Rate = ? Fission/s per  $1 \text{ GW}_{Th}$



# Nuclear reactor: some details...





# The moderator

- Thermal reactors need a “moderator”, a component where neutrons are slowed down thus avoiding (or minimizing) losses due to capture in  $^{238}\text{U}$ .
- The ideal moder has to be:
  - light (atomic mass comparable to neutron mass, for efficient slowing down)
  - Not neutron thirsty (i.e. does not capture neutrons)
  - cheap
  - not inflammable
- In practice, a compromise has to be obtained.
- Most common used materials are
  - light water ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ )
  - heavy water ( $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ )
  - graphite

	$\text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\text{D}_2\text{O}$	graphite
$M_a/M_n$	Ok	Ok	Accept.
$\sigma_n$	Accept.	small	small
Fire danger	NO	NO	YES
cost	cheap	Expens.	cheap

# Andiamo a vedere da vicino YANGJIANG...

**CN-22**

**YANGJIANG-1**

**CHINA**

Status at end of year : **Operational**  
 Operator : YJNPC (Yangjiang Nuclear Power Company)  
 Owner : YJNPC (Yangjiang Nuclear Power Company)  
 Reactor Supplier : CFHI (China First Heavy Industries)  
 Turbine Supplier : SEG (Shanghai Electric Group)



## Reactor Unit Details

Reactor type and model	:	PWR / CPR-1000
Thermal power	:	2905 MWth
Gross electrical power	:	1086 MWe
Reference unit power (net)	:	1000 MWe

## Key Dates

Construction Date	:	2008-12-16
Grid Date	:	2013-12-31
Commercial Date	:	2014-03-25
Age at end of year	:	6 years

## Design Characteristics

### Primary Systems

Reactor vessel centreline orientation	:	Vertical
Fuel material	:	UO2
Refuelling type	:	OFF-line
Moderator material	:	H2O
Average fuel enrichment [% of U235]	:	4.45
Refuelling frequency [month]	:	18
Part of the core refuelled [%]	:	4.45
Average discharge burnup [MWd/t]	:	44000
Active core diameter [m]	:	3.04
Active core height/length [m]	:	3.66
Number of fissile fuel assemblies/bundles	:	157
Fuel linear heat generation rate [kW/m]	:	18.6
Number of control rod assemblies	:	61
Number of external reactor coolant loops	:	3
Coolant type	:	H2O

Operating coolant pressure [MPa]	:	15.5
Reactor outlet temperature [°C]	:	328.4
Number of SG	:	3
Containment type	:	Single
Containment design pressure [MPa]	:	0.52

### Secondary systems

Number of turbine-generators per unit/reactor	:	1
Turbine speed [rpm]	:	1500
Number of LP cylinders per turbine	:	2
HP cylinder inlet steam pressure [MPa]	:	6.43
Output voltage [kV]	:	24
Primary means of condenser cooling	:	Sea (once-through)
Number of main condensate pumps	:	3
Number of FW pumps for full power operation	:	2
Number of on-site safety related diesel generators	:	3

### Non-electrical applications

none

# Load factor

$$N_{TOT} = \varepsilon N_p \tau \sum_{k=1}^{N_{reactor}} \frac{P_k}{4\pi d_k^2} \langle LF_k \rangle \int dE_\nu \sum_{i=1}^4 \frac{p_i}{Q_i} \lambda_i(E_\nu) P_{ee}(E_\nu, d_k) \sigma_{IBD}(E_\nu)$$

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## REACTOR

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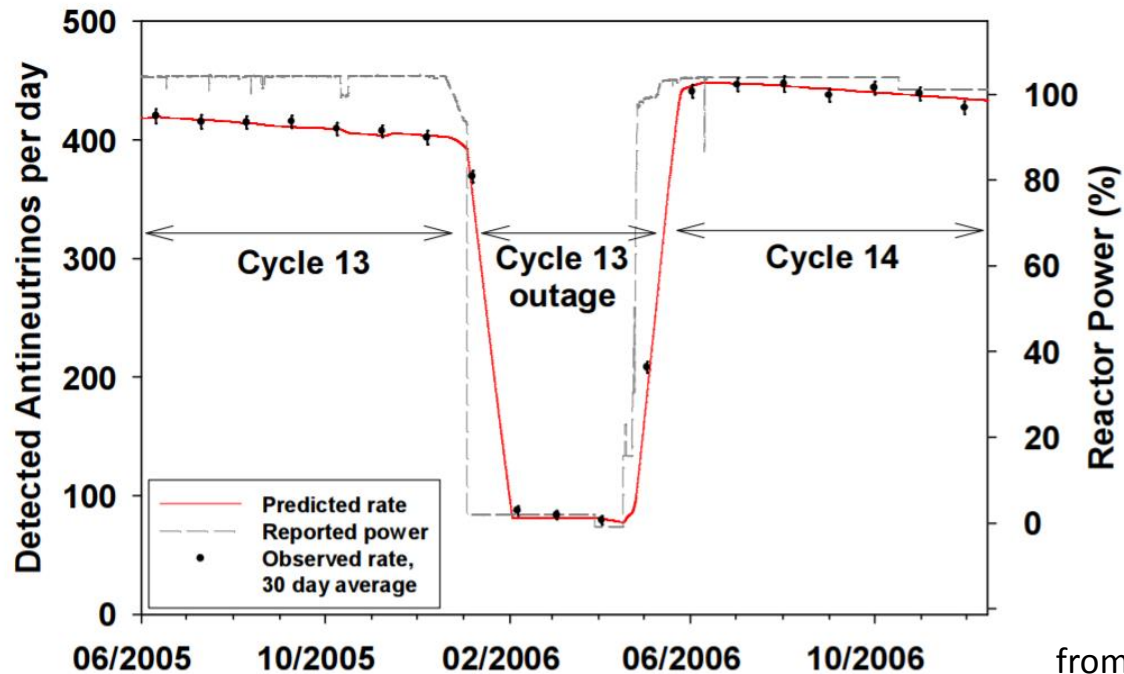
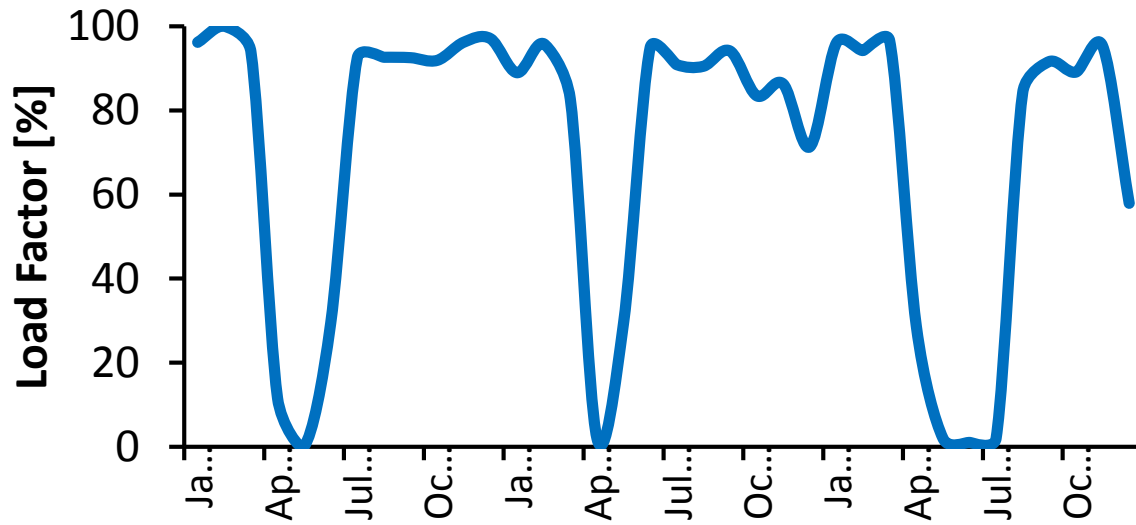
The load factor LF is the percentage quantity expressing the effective working condition of a core in a specific period of the operating cycle and is defined as the ratio:

$$LF = 100 \times \frac{EG}{REG}$$

where EG is the net electrical energy produced during the reference period as measured at the unit outlet terminals, i.e., after subtracting the electrical energy taken by auxiliary units, while REG is the net electrical energy that would have been supplied to the grid if the unit were operated continuously at the reference power unit during the whole reference period.



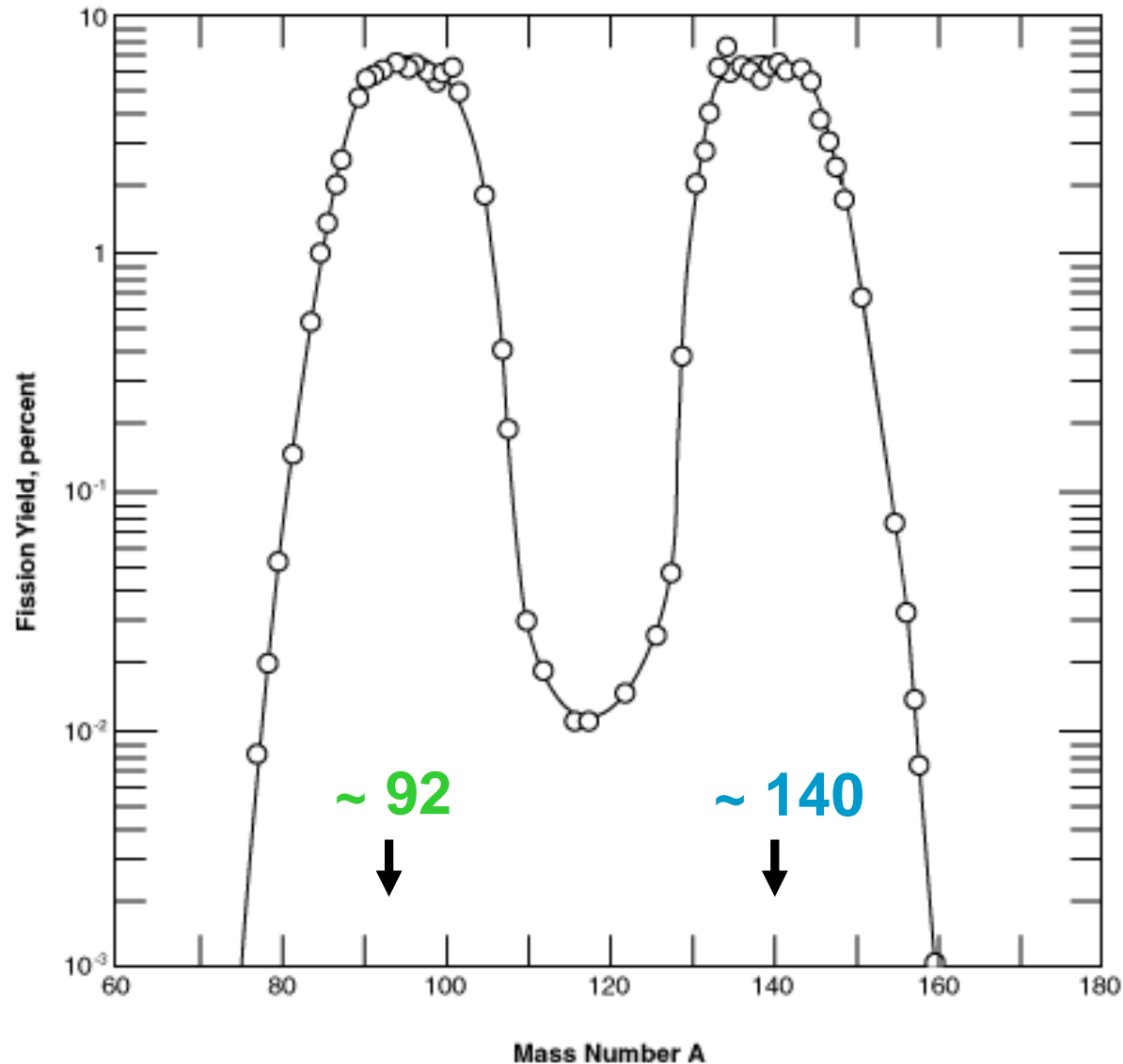
# Load factor, reactor power and antineutrinos



from IAEA report, 2008

# Fission fragments and (unpleasant) fruit salad

## Thermal Neutron Fission of U-235



# Spectrum of reactor antineutrinos

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$$S(E_\nu) = P_{th} \text{ LF } \sum_{i=1}^4 \frac{p_i}{Q_i} \lambda(E_\nu)$$

where  $p_i$  is power fraction,  $Q_i$  ( $i = {}^{235}\text{U}, {}^{238}\text{U}, {}^{239}\text{Pu}, {}^{241}\text{Pu}$ ) is the energy released per fission and  $\lambda_i$  is reactor antineutrino spectrum.

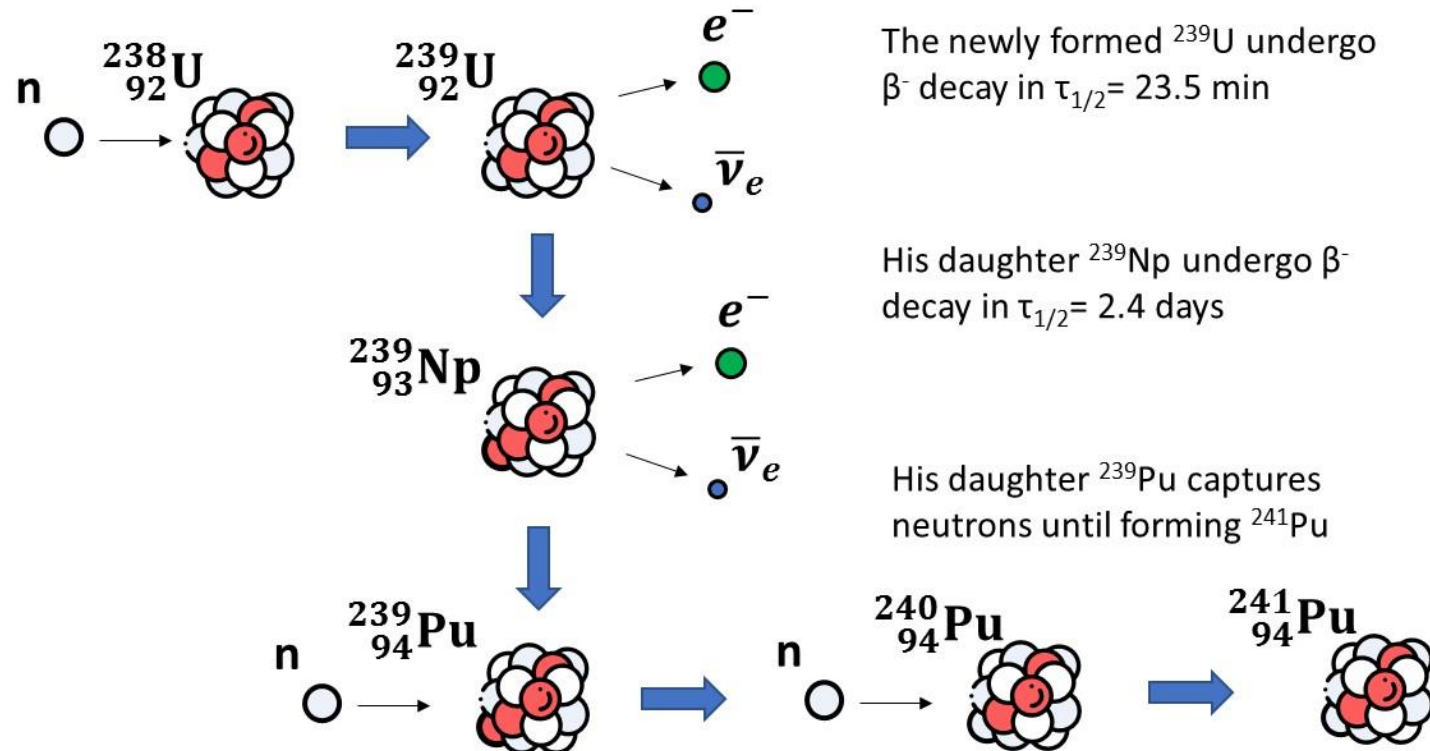


# Energy released per fission and plutonium generation

TABLE II. Energy released per fission  $Q_i$  for  $^{235}\text{U}$ ,  $^{238}\text{U}$ ,  $^{239}\text{Pu}$ , and  $^{241}\text{Pu}$  taken from Ma *et al.* [38].

Fissile isotope	$Q_i$ (MeV)
$^{235}\text{U}$	$202.36 \pm 0.26$
$^{238}\text{U}$	$205.99 \pm 0.52$
$^{239}\text{Pu}$	$211.12 \pm 0.34$
$^{241}\text{Pu}$	$214.26 \pm 0.33$

Fresh fuel contains only U isotopes. The Pu isotopes are gradually generated through neutron captures on  $^{238}\text{U}$  and  $\beta$  decays of its successor isotopes.



The newly formed  $^{239}\text{U}$  undergo  $\beta^-$  decay in  $\tau_{1/2} = 23.5$  min

His daughter  $^{239}\text{Np}$  undergo  $\beta^-$  decay in  $\tau_{1/2} = 2.4$  days

His daughter  $^{239}\text{Pu}$  captures neutrons until forming  $^{241}\text{Pu}$

# Fission fractions and power fractions collection

$$p_i = \frac{f_i Q_i}{\sum_{i=1}^4 f_i Q_i} \quad p_i \text{ is the fraction of } P_{th} \text{ produced by the fission of the } i\text{th isotope}$$

$$\frac{dN_i^{fiss}}{dt} = LF \cdot P_{th} \frac{p_i}{Q_i}$$

Extensive collection of different sets of fission/power fractions from literature

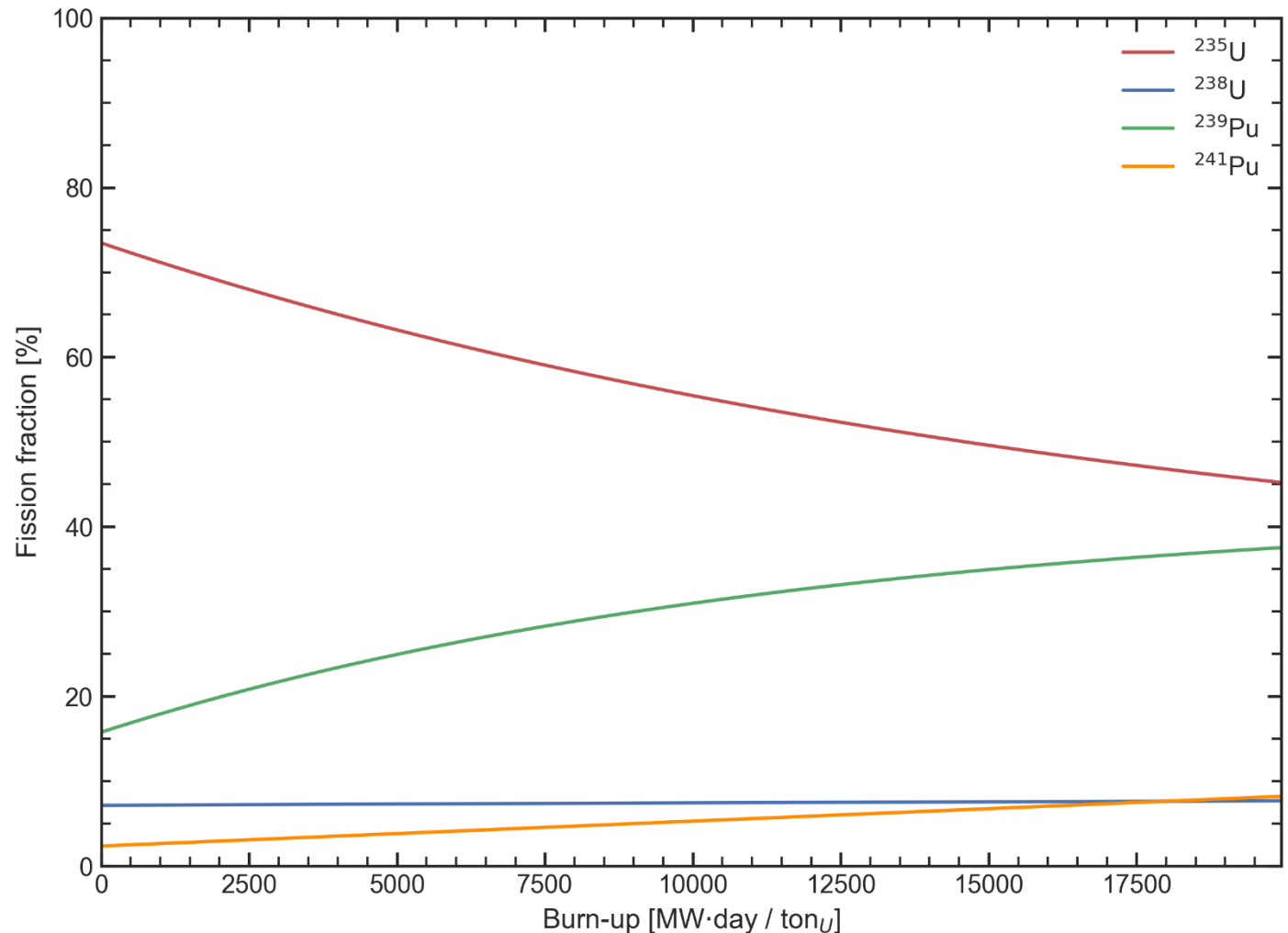
Reactor Classes	Fractions	<sup>235</sup> U	<sup>239</sup> Pu	<sup>238</sup> U	<sup>241</sup> Pu	Reference
<div>Enriched Uranium</div> <div>Mixed Oxide Fuel</div> <div>Natural Uranium</div>	<i>f<sub>i</sub></i>	0.538	0.328	0.078	0.056	G. Mention et al. (2011)
		0.614	0.274	0.074	0.038	
		0.620	0.274	0.074	0.042	
		0.584	0.298	0.068	0.050	
		0.543	0.329	0.070	0.058	
		0.607	0.277	0.074	0.042	
		0.603	0.276	0.076	0.045	
		0.606	0.277	0.074	0.043	
		0.557	0.313	0.076	0.054	
		0.606	0.274	0.074	0.046	
		0.488	0.359	0.087	0.067	Y. Abe et al. (2012)
		0.580	0.292	0.074	0.054	Z. Djurcic et al. (2009)
		0.544	0.318	0.075	0.063	
		0.577	0.292	0.074	0.057	
		0.590	0.290	0.070	0.050	V. I. Kopeikin et al. (2004)
		0.570	0.295	0.078	0.057	S. Abe et al. (2008)
		0.568	0.297	0.078	0.057	K. Eguchi et al. (2003)
		0.563	0.301	0.079	0.057	T. Araki et al. (2005)
		0.650	0.240	0.070	0.040	V. I. Kopeikin (2012)
		0.560	0.310	0.070	0.060	
		0.480	0.370	0.070	0.080	
	<i>p<sub>i</sub></i>	0.560	0.300	0.060	0.080	G. Bellini et al. (2010)
MOX	<i>p<sub>i</sub></i>	0.000	0.708	0.080	0.212	G. Bellini et al. (2010)
PHWR	<i>p<sub>i</sub></i>	0.543	0.411	0.024	0.022	G. Bellini et al. (2013)

# Time variation of fission fractions

In reactors, electron antineutrinos are emitted primarily from the fissions of **four isotopes**:  $^{235}\text{U}$ ,  $^{238}\text{U}$ ,  $^{239}\text{Pu}$ , and  $^{241}\text{Pu}$ . Fissions of **other isotopes** contribute **less than 0.3%**.

Since U isotopes are burnt in fission or spent to generate Pu isotopes (that subsequently fission again), **fuel composition is not constant**.

As a result, **fission fractions** and the consequent antineutrino luminosity **change in time**.



\*data from [F. P. An et al., 2017](#)



# Facciamolo con le mani... ☺

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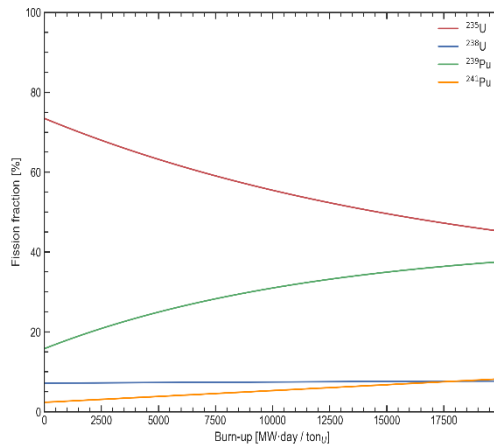
## Power fraction

$^{235}\text{U} = 55 \%$

$^{238}\text{U} = 10 \%$

$^{239}\text{Pu} = 30 \%$

$^{241}\text{Pu} = 5 \%$



Fissile isotope	$Q_i$ [MeV/fission]
$^{235}\text{U}$	$202.36 \pm 0.26$
$^{238}\text{U}$	$205.99 \pm 0.52$
$^{239}\text{Pu}$	$211.12 \pm 0.34$
$^{241}\text{Pu}$	$214.26 \pm 0.33$

# Building reactor antineutrino spectrum

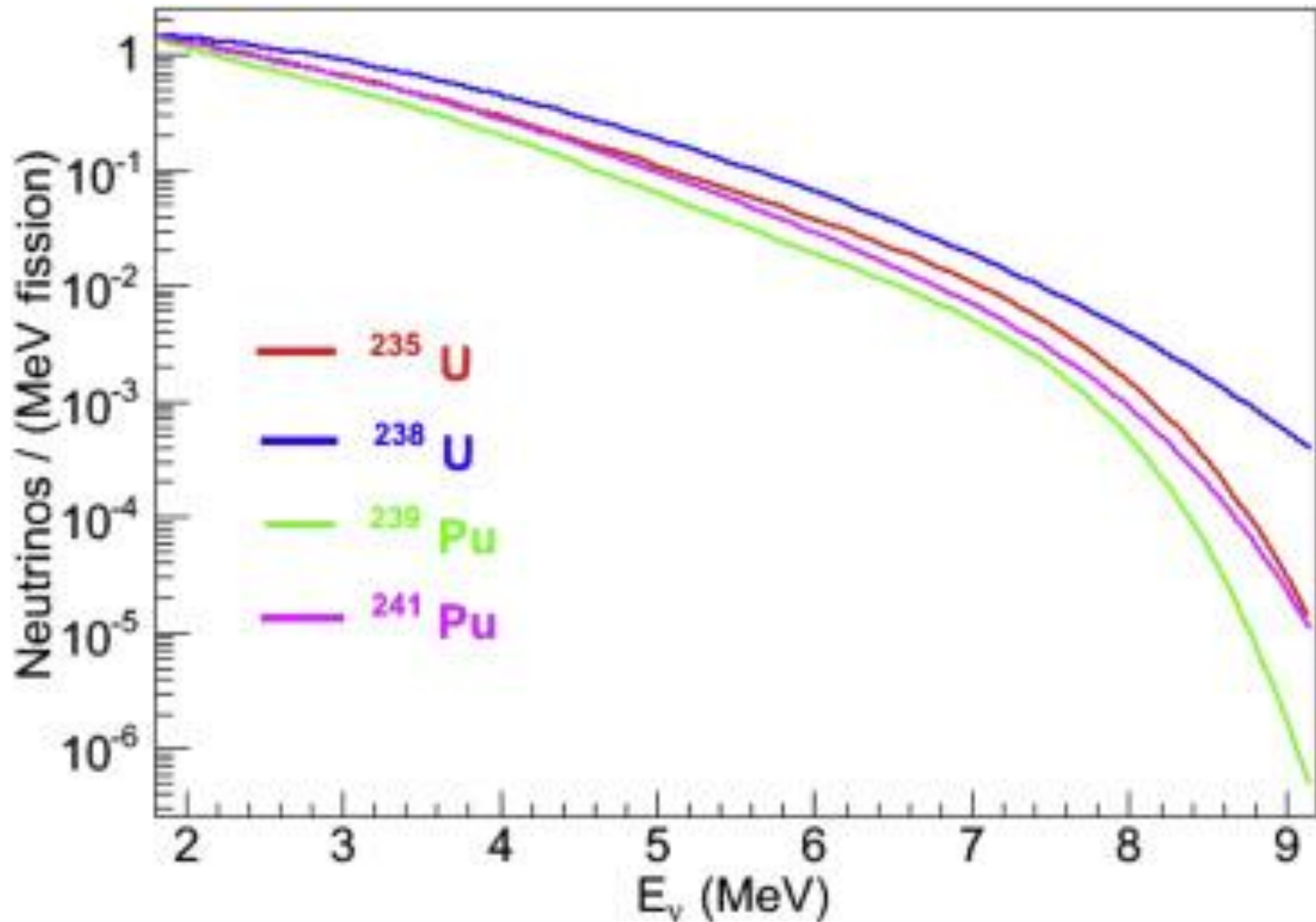
We can adopt as reference model the one published by Mueller et al., in which the spectra of all four contributing isotopes are consistently given in terms of the exponential of a polynomial of order 5, as stated in Eq. (8). Mueller et al. derive the  $^{235}\text{U}$ ,  $^{239}\text{Pu}$ , and  $^{241}\text{Pu}$  spectra based on a mixed approach that combines the accurate reference of the ILL electron spectra with the physical distribution of beta branches provided by the nuclear databases and calculates the  $^{238}\text{U}$  spectrum via a pure summation method:

$$\lambda_i(E_{\bar{\nu}}) = \exp \left( \sum_{p=1}^6 a_p^i E_{\bar{\nu}}^{p-1} \right)$$

TABLE III. Coefficients of the polynomial of order 5 used as argument of the exponential function for the analytical expression of the antineutrino spectra for  $^{235}\text{U}$ ,  $^{238}\text{U}$ ,  $^{239}\text{Pu}$ , and  $^{241}\text{Pu}$ , taken from Mueller *et al.* [43].

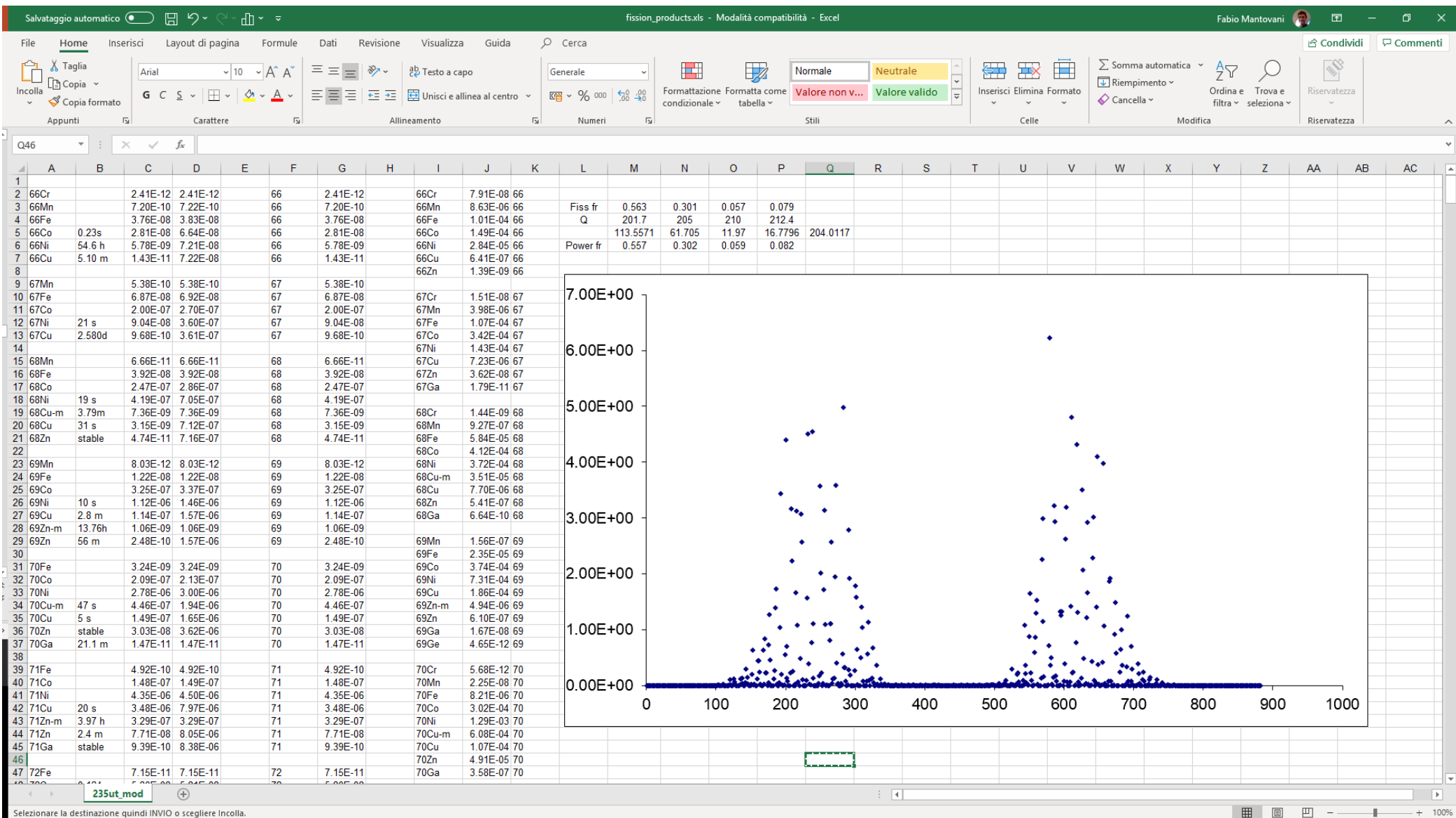
Fissile isotope	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_3$	$a_4$	$a_5$	$a_6$
$^{235}\text{U}$	3.217	-3.111	1.395	-3.690(10 <sup>-1</sup> )	4.445(10 <sup>-2</sup> )	-2.053(10 <sup>-3</sup> )
$^{238}\text{U}$	4.833(10 <sup>-1</sup> )	1.927(10 <sup>-1</sup> )	-1.283(10 <sup>-1</sup> )	-6.762(10 <sup>-3</sup> )	2.233(10 <sup>-3</sup> )	-1.536(10 <sup>-4</sup> )
$^{239}\text{Pu}$	6.413	-7.432	3.535	-8.820(10 <sup>-1</sup> )	1.025(10 <sup>-1</sup> )	-4.550(10 <sup>-3</sup> )
$^{241}\text{Pu}$	3.251	-3.204	1.428	-3.675(10 <sup>-1</sup> )	4.254(10 <sup>-2</sup> )	-1.896(10 <sup>-3</sup> )

# Reactor antineutrino spectra





# Fission products



...hai voglia a costruir spettri!

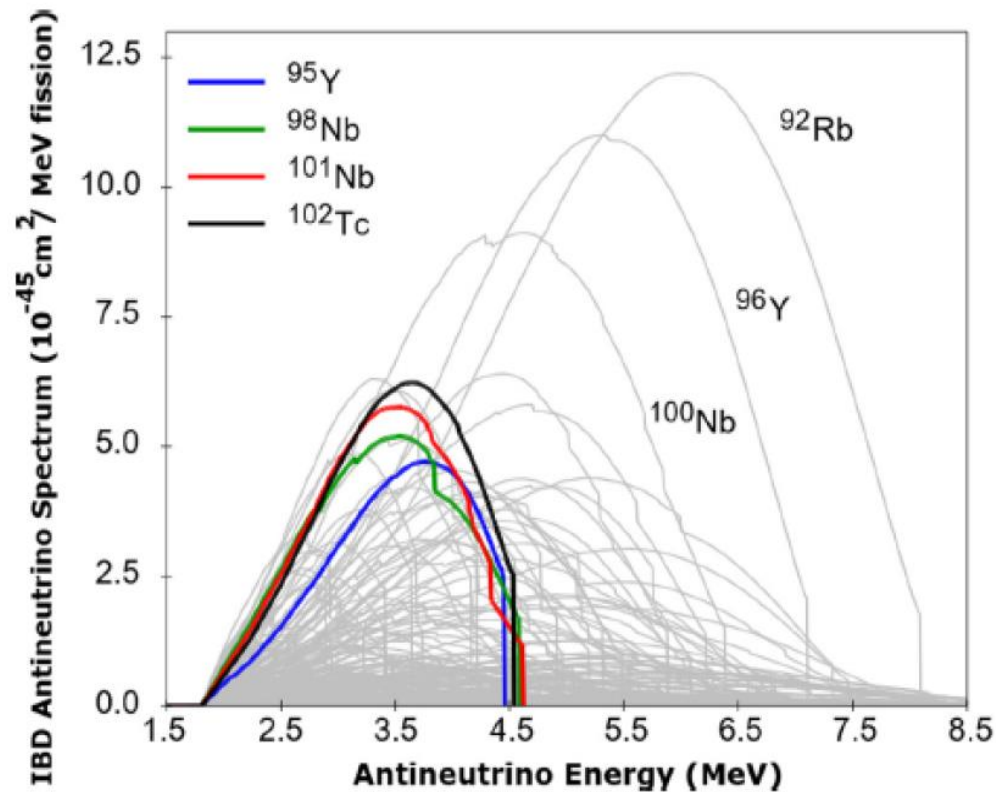


Figure 1-3: Calculated antineutrino energy spectra from many fission products in a commercial reactor. Figure is taken from Ref. [27].

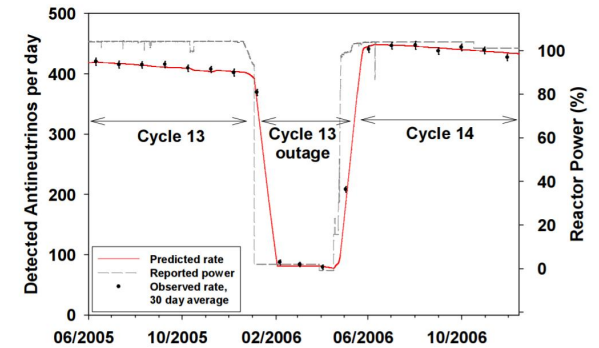
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# Long Lived Isotopes (LLI)

Fission fragments produced by spent fuel have widespread half-lives (from fraction of seconds up to  $10^{18}$  years).

Among these fission fragments, the  $\beta$ -decaying long-lived isotopes ( $\tau_{1/2} > 10\text{h}$ ) can produce spectral distortion in the resulting antineutrino spectrum ( $E < 4 \text{ MeV}$ ).



$P$	$\tau_{1/2}^P$	$E_{\bar{\nu}_e}^{max P} [\text{MeV}]$	$D$	$\tau_{1/2}^D$	$E_{\bar{\nu}_e}^{max D} [\text{MeV}]$	$Y_{235} [\%]$	$Y_{239} [\%]$
$^{93}\text{Y}$	10.18 h	2.895	$^{93}\text{Zr}$	$1.61 \cdot 10^6 \text{ yr}$	0.091	6.35	3.79
$^{97}\text{Zr}$	16.75 h	1.916	$^{97}\text{Nb}$	72.1 m	1.277	5.92	5.27
$^{112}\text{Pd}$	21.03 h	0.27	$^{112}\text{Ag}$	3.13 h	3.956	0.013	0.13
$^{131m}\text{Te}$	33.25 h	/	$^{131}\text{Te}$	25.0 m	2.085	0.09	0.20
$^{132}\text{Te}$	3.204 d	0.24	$^{132}\text{I}$	2.295 h	2.141	4.31	5.39
$^{140}\text{Ba}$	12.753 d	1.02	$^{140}\text{La}$	1.679 d	3.762	6.22	5.36
$^{144}\text{Ce}$	284.9 d	0.319	$^{144}\text{Pr}$	17.28 m	2.998	4.58	3.11
$^{106}\text{Ru}$	371.8 d	0.039	$^{106}\text{Rh}$	30.07 s	3.541	0.30	3.24
$^{90}\text{Sr}$	28.79 yr	0.546	$^{90}\text{Y}$	64.0 h	2.280	0.27	0.10



## Reevaluating reactor antineutrino spectra with new measurements of the ratio between $^{235}\text{U}$ and $^{239}\text{Pu}$ $\beta$ spectra

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# Morale della storia...

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[1 TNU = 1 event /  $10^{32}$  free protons /year]

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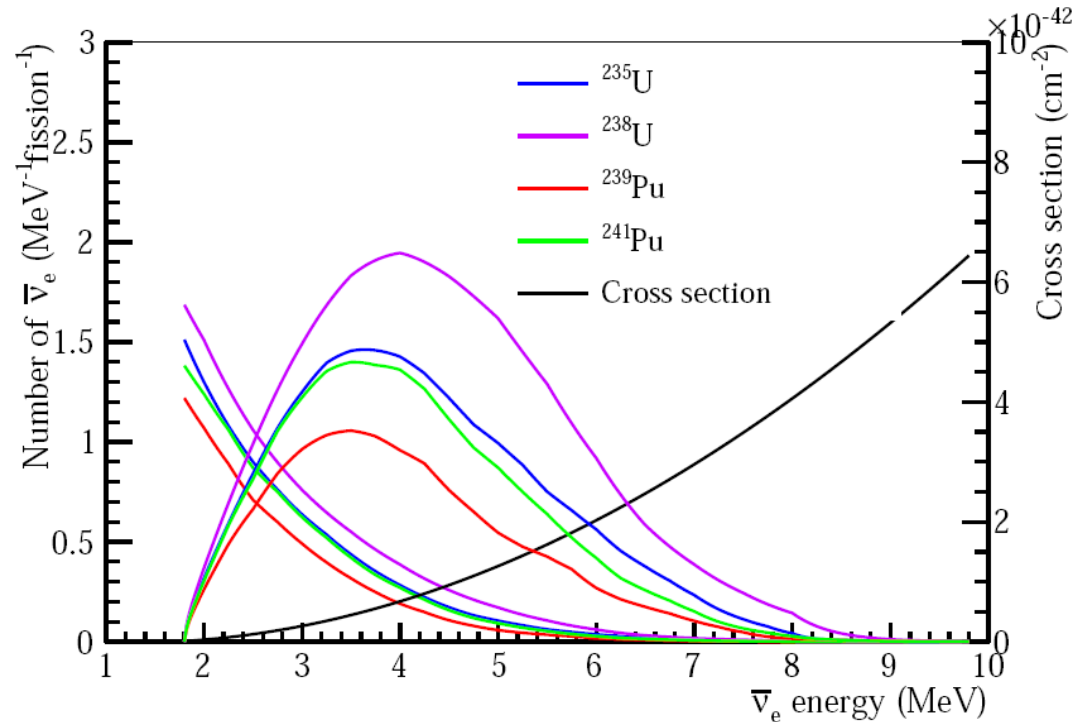
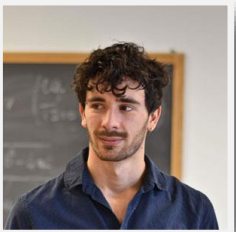
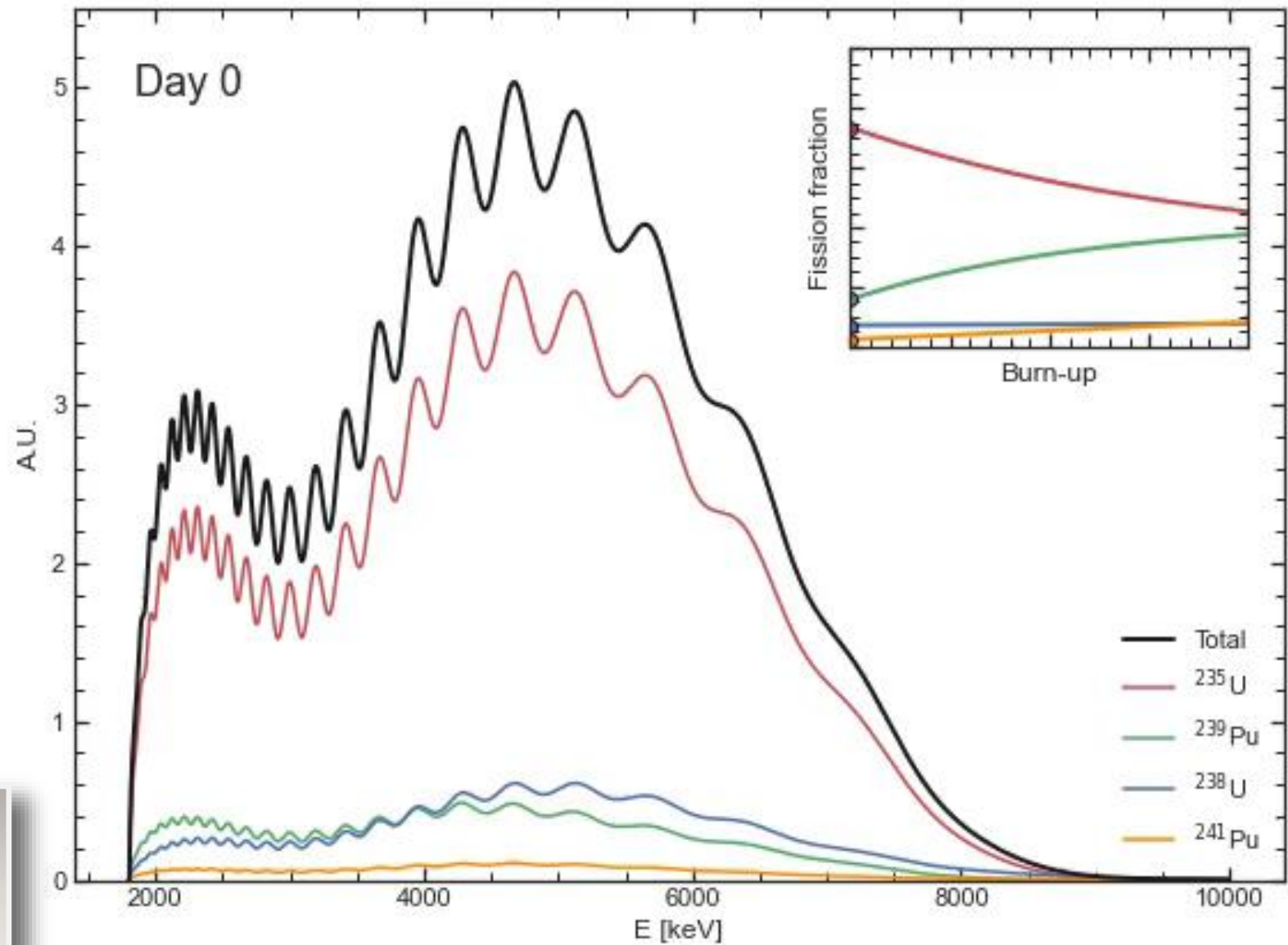
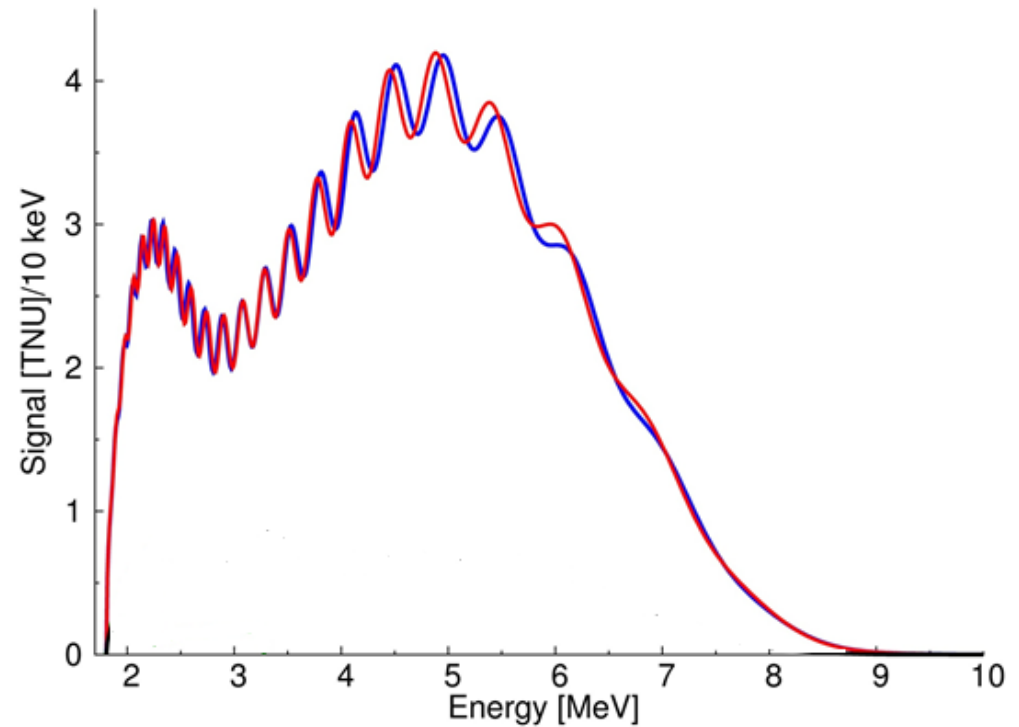
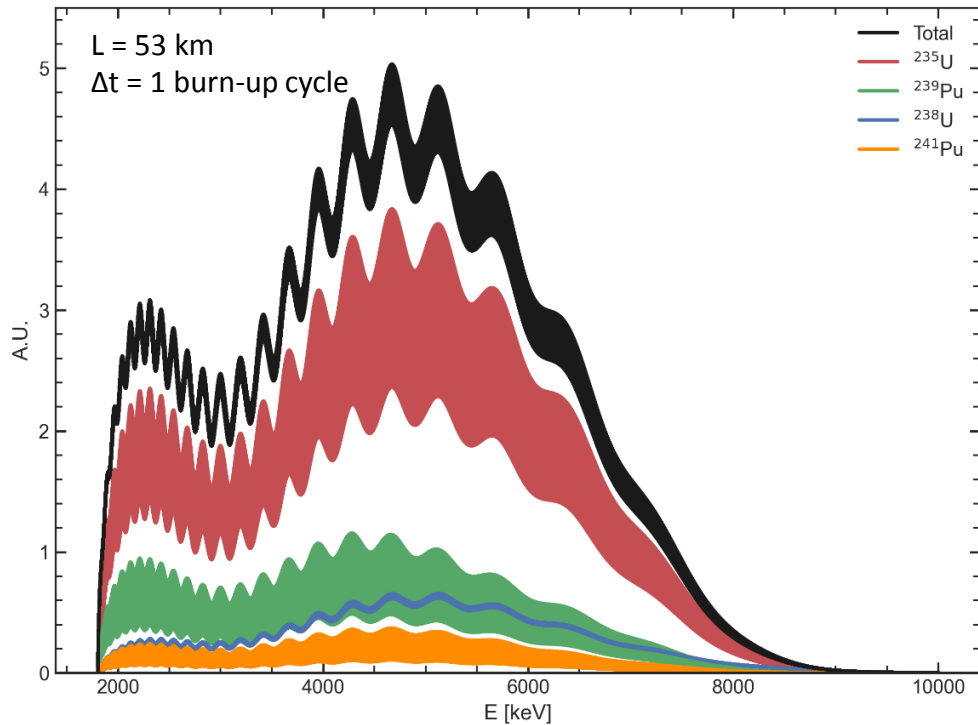


Figure 2-1: Antineutrino energy spectrum per fission in a commercial reactor weighted by the inverse beta decay cross section, from Ref. [9].

# Ecco cosa succede nel tempo...



# Ecco perchè (ma non solo) è stato proposto TAO...





# Ci vediamo giovedì prossimo!

The reactor antineutrino signal evaluation requires several ingredients for modeling the three antineutrino life stages:

- ✓ **production** at reactor cores
- ✓ **propagation** to the detector site
- ✓ **detection** in liquid scintillation detectors

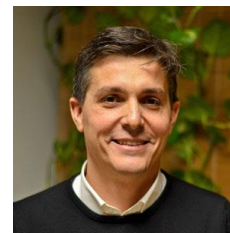
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# Signal increase due to the Spent Nuclear Fuels (SNFs)

- A maintenance is typically scheduled **once a year** to **substitute 1/3 of the burnt fuel**
- SNFs are typically stored for **10 years** in **water pools** close to the reactor for cooling and shielding
- On the base of  $^{235}\text{U}$  e  $^{239}\text{Pu}$  normalized yields the mean life of SNFs is  $\tau_{\text{SNF}} = 2.8 \text{ yr}$
- Assuming that all SNF is accumulated for 10 years in the water pool close to each core the enhancement of the **antineutrino event rate** is **2.4%** in the **LER**

