

# Implementation of Homeland Security Features in MCNP/X

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  - FT RES (upgrades, cell-based)
  - FT PHL (time bins, 4 fold coincidence)
  - Cyclic Time bins using keywords
- **Other Enhancements**
  - ACT card (control for DNDG)

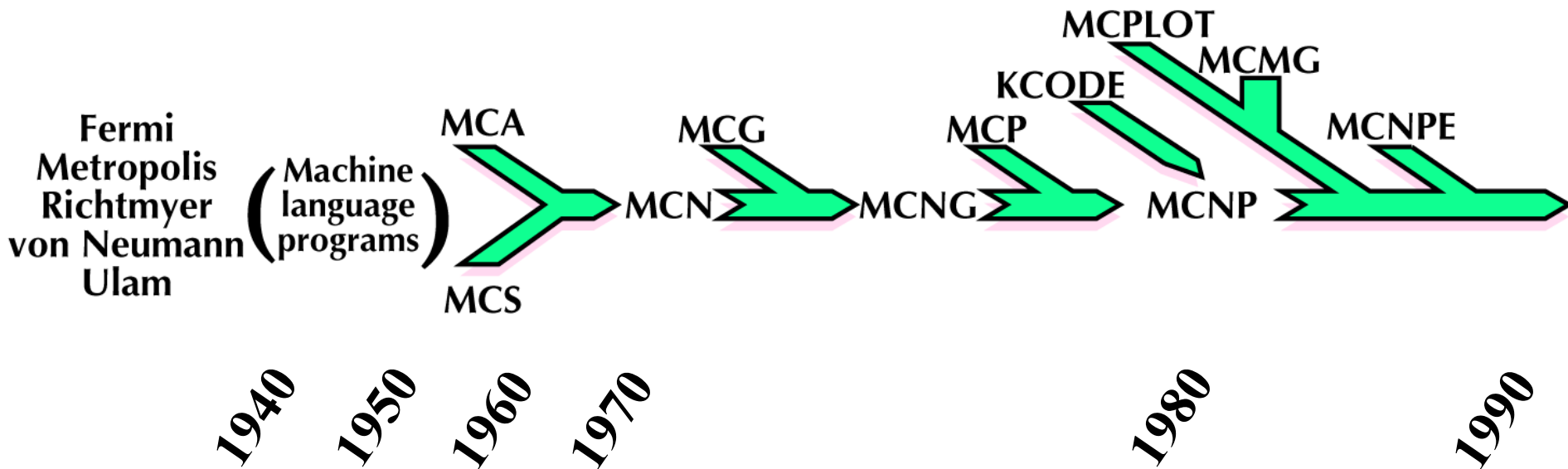
# Overview – MCNP/X is a 3-D, all-particle, all-energy Monte Carlo transport code

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- **Monte Carlo radiation transport code**
  - Extends MCNP4C to virtually all particles and energies
  - 34 different particle types + 2205 heavy ions
    - Neutrons, photons, electrons, protons, pions, muons, light-ions, etc.
  - Continuous energy ( $\sim 0$  - 1 TeV/n)
  - Data libraries below  $\sim 150$  MeV (n,p,e,h) & models otherwise
- **General 3-D geometry**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> degree surfaces, tori, 10 macrobodies, lattices
- **General sources and tallies**
  - Interdependent source variables, 7 tally types, many modifiers
- **Supported on virtually all computer platforms**
  - Unix, Linux, Windows, OS X (parallel with MPI)

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MCNPX Versions

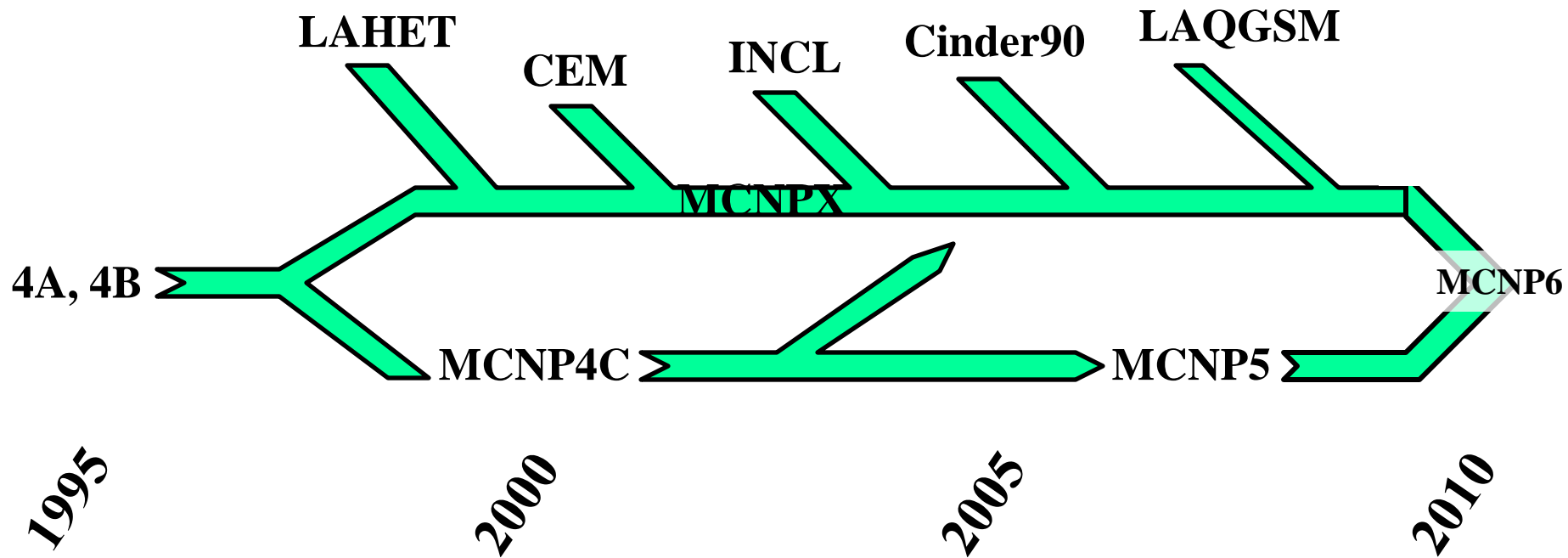
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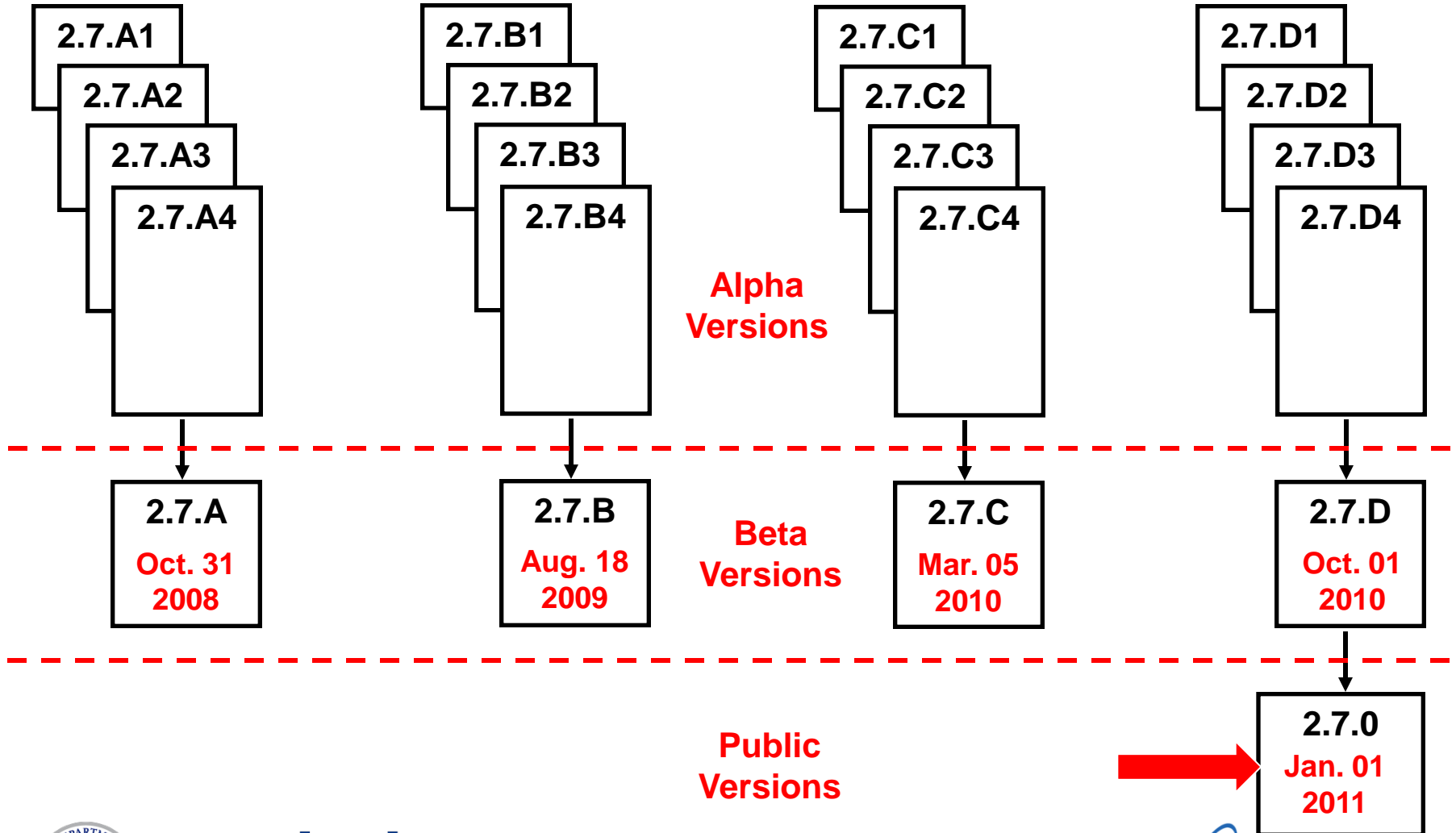
# Overview – Resources for MCNPX users

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- **~3000 users world wide**
  - Provide 6-8 workshops per year (4-6 US, 2 international)
  - 1-2 workshops per year have a HS or TR emphasis
  - Access to RSICC/NEA released versions only
    - <http://www-rsicc.ornl.gov/> (C00740) 2.6.0
    - <http://www.nea.fr/html/dbprog/> (CCC-0740) 2.6.0
  - Limited access to MCNPX web site
    - <http://mcnpx.lanl.gov> (some documentation)
- **~2000 registered Beta Users**
  - Full access to MCNPX web site
  - Access to intermediate Beta versions
  - Increased user support

# Test suite enhancements – developmental versions of MCNPX



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# Test suite enhancements – versions 2.7.A, 2.7.B, 2.7.C, 2.7.D

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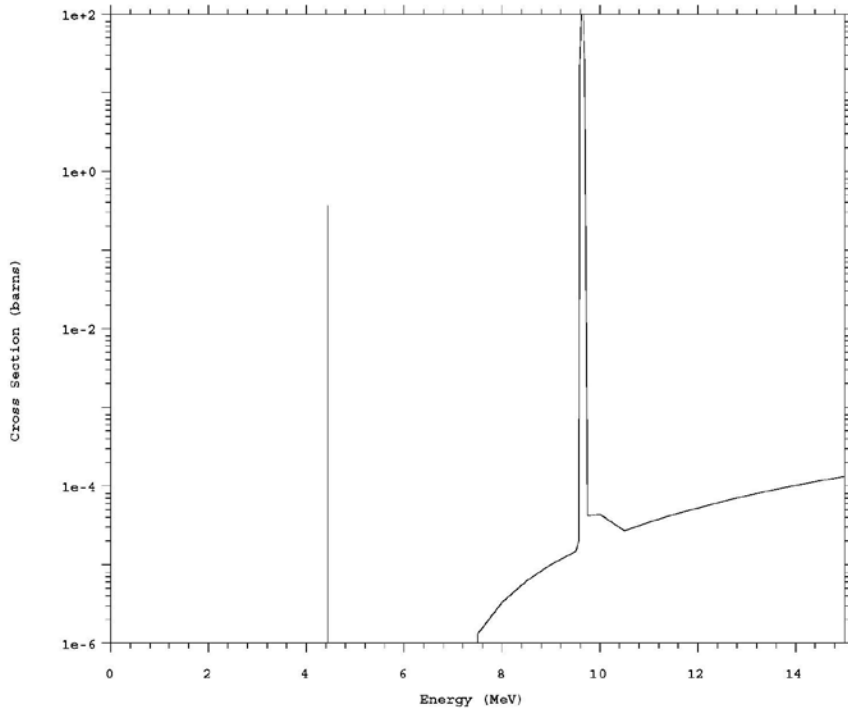


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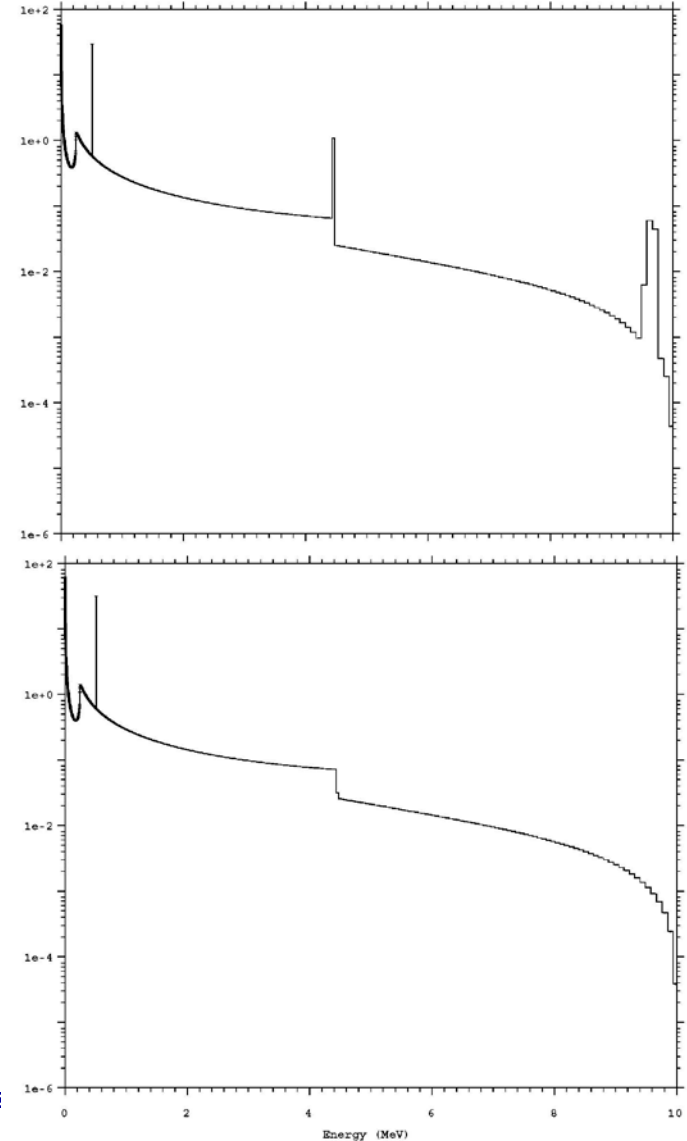


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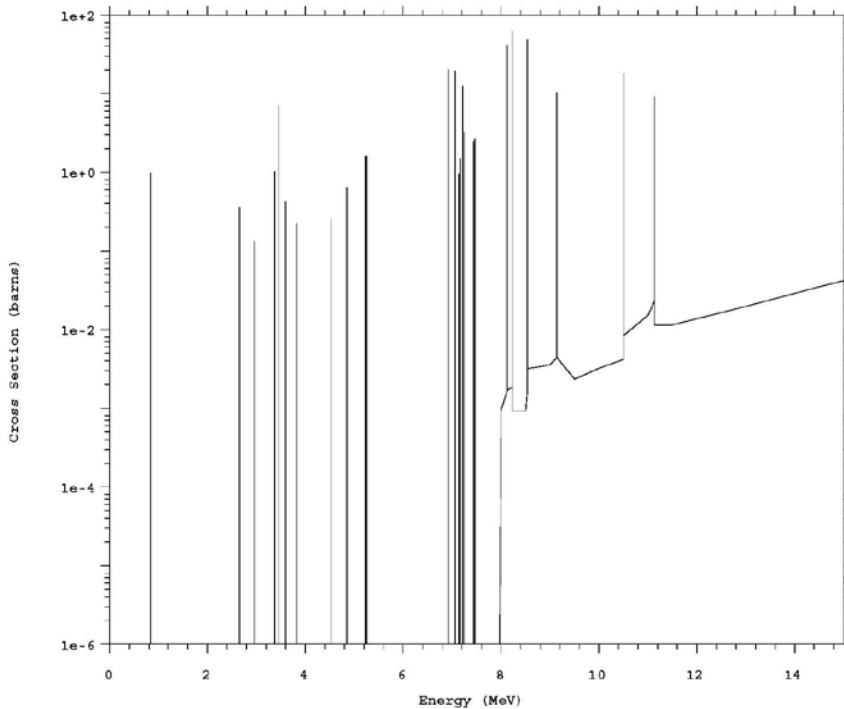


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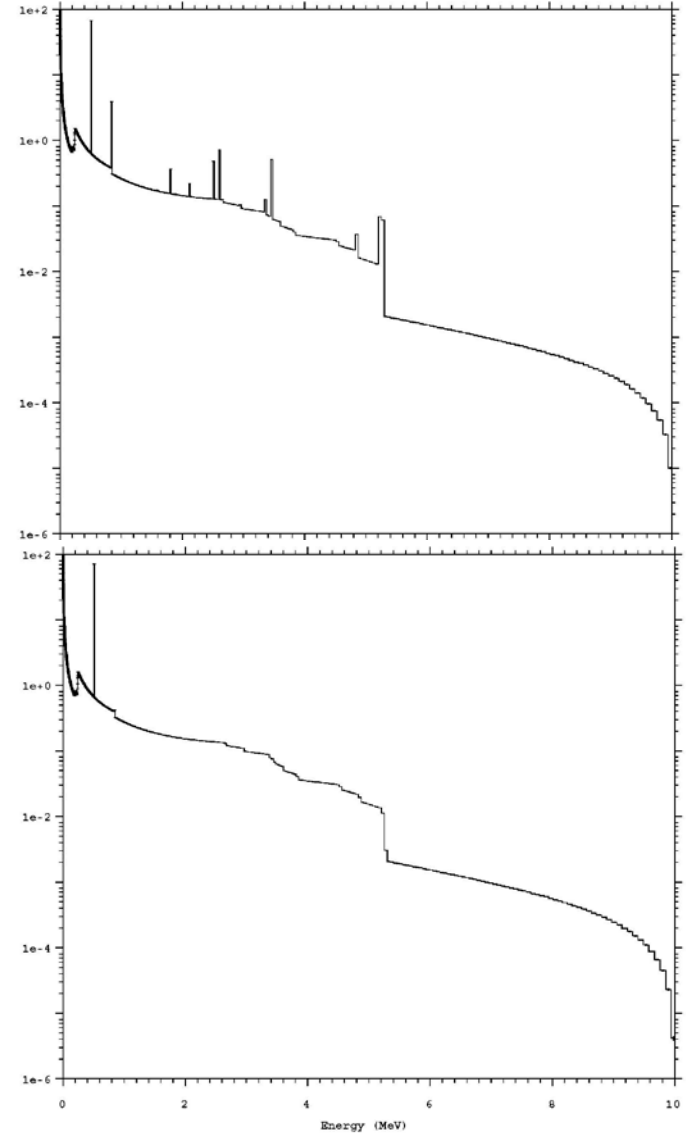


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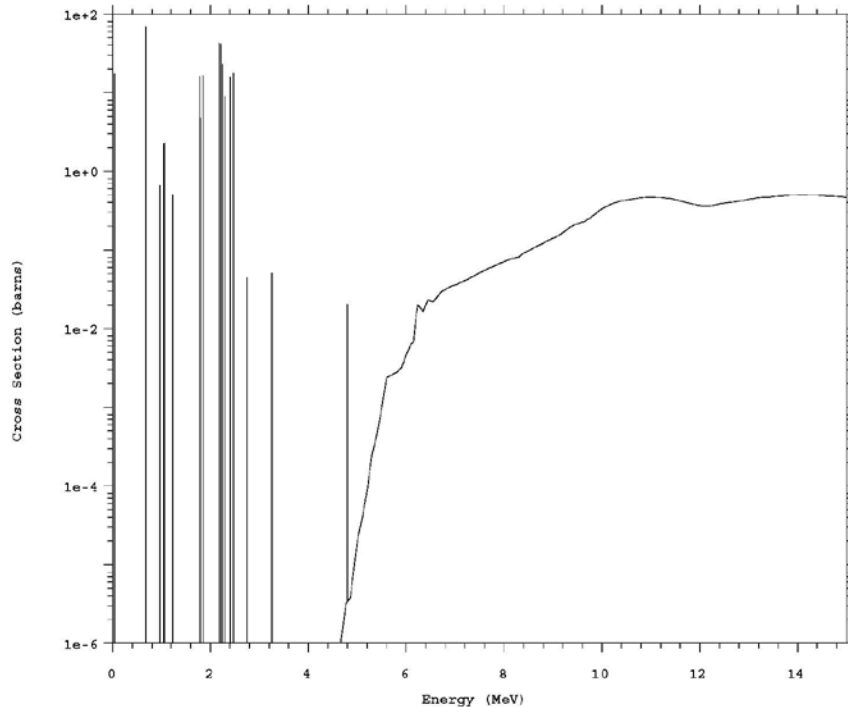


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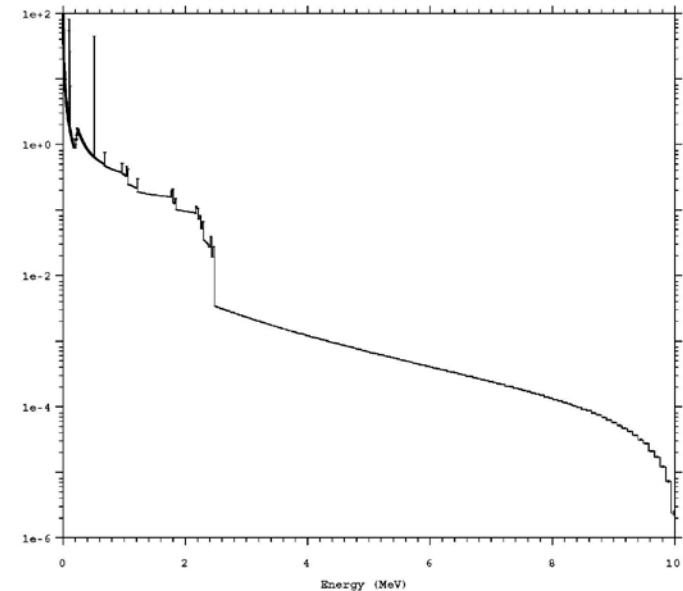
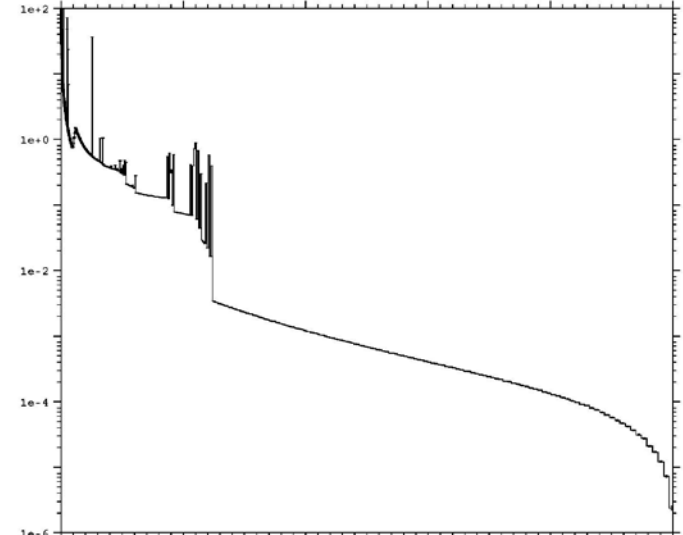


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## U-238



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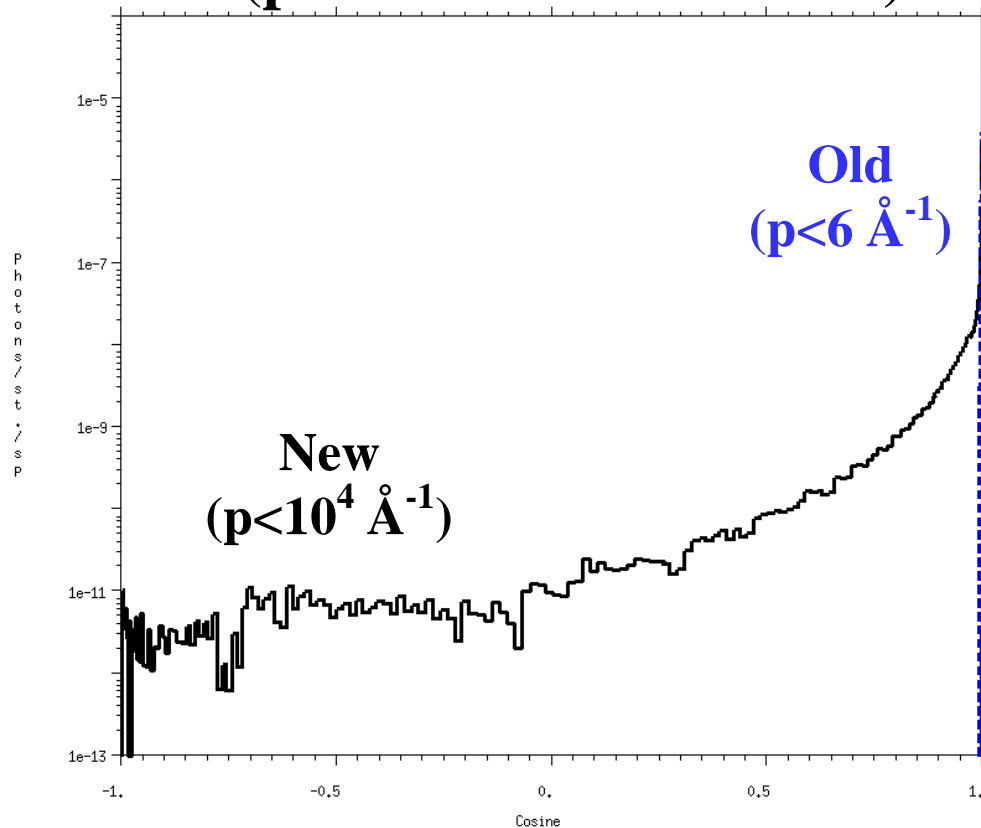
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```
6012.30u 11.896910 pn3-nrf 0 1 8705 21288
6013.30u 12.891650 pn3-nrf 0 1 14039 43407
7014.30u 13.882780 pn3-nrf 0 1 24903 87785
7015.30u 14.871250 pn3-nrf 0 1 46862 88074
8016.30u 15.853160 pn3-nrf 0 1 68893 63851
8017.30u 16.853100 pn3-nrf 0 1 84868 104839
8018.30u 17.844540 pn3-nrf 0 1 111090 131883
11023.30u 22.792280 pn3-nrf 0 1 144073 548759
12024.30u 23.779000 pn3-nrf 0 1 281275 96090
12025.30u 24.771200 pn3-nrf 0 1 305310 61418
12026.30u 25.759390 pn3-nrf 0 1 320677 91818
13027.30u 26.749750 pn3-nrf 0 1 343644 28931
14028.30u 27.737000 pn3-nrf 0 1 350889 59863
14029.30u 28.727560 pn3-nrf 0 1 365867 527876
14030.30u 29.716280 pn3-nrf 0 1 497848 144928
16032.30u 31.697410 pn3-nrf 0 1 534092 87570
16033.30u 32.688220 pn3-nrf 0 1 555997 492649
16034.30u 33.676060 pn3-nrf 0 1 679172 47782
16036.30u 35.658100 pn3-nrf 0 1 691130 82817
17035.30u 34.668450 pn3-nrf 0 1 711847 555680
17037.30u 36.648340 pn3-nrf 0 1 850779 589400
18036.30u 35.658560 pn3-nrf 0 1 998141 90231
18038.30u 37.636610 pn3-nrf 0 1 1020711 93149
18040.30u 39.619080 pn3-nrf 0 1 1044011 567232
...
```

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# Physics Enhancements – Form Factors

1.7 MeV photons into U  
( $p$ =momentum transfer)



# Physics Enhancements – Delayed Gamma Algorithm Improvements

Case	Description	Execution Time	
		Multigroup	Line
1	15-MeV neutrons into $^{60}\text{Ni}$	-99%	-99%
2	800-MeV protons into Cu	-98%	-86%
3	800-MeV protons into HEU	-97%	-88%

- Use once-calculated CDFs for all multigroup residuals & prominent line-data residuals
- Analytic integration for simple decay
- Use of a threshold parameter to eliminate low-level lines

# Physics Enhancements – M & MX Card Enhancements

## M & MX Card Enhancements

```
1 1 -1 -1 imp:n=1
2 0      1 imp:n=0
```

```
1 so 5
```

```
m0      nlib=.50c  hlib=.70h
m1      1001 2      1002 3e-4  8016 1
mx1:n   1001.60c   j      8016.70c
mode    n h
sdef
```

1. **m0: Load ENDF V neutron libraries (50c) and ENDF VII proton libraries (70h) by default.**
2. **m1: Define material (water).**
3. **mx1:n : Specify ENDF VI (60c) library for hydrogen and ENDF VII (70c) for oxygen.**
4. **Can be used for proton and photonuclear libraries too.**



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table length

tables from file endf60

no particle-production data for ipt= 9 from 1001.60c  
1001.60c 1782 1-h-1 from endf-vi.1 mat 125 11/25/93

tables from file endf5p

no particle-production data for ipt= 9 from 1002.50c  
1002.50c 2447 njoy ( 1302) 79/07/31.

tables from file endf70a

particle-production data for ipt= 9 being used from 8016.70c  
particle-production data for ipt= 31 being expunged from 8016.70c  
particle-production data for ipt= 32 being expunged from 8016.70c  
particle-production data for ipt= 34 being expunged from 8016.70c  
8016.70c 186935 8-0 - 16 at 293.6K from endf/b-vii.0 njoy99.248 mat 825 08/25/07

tables from file endf70prot

1001.70h 15895 acer mat 125 09/17/07  
1002.70h 5962 acer mat 128 09/17/07  
8016.70h 54535 acer mat 825 09/17/07

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# Tally Enhancements – FT ROC

Test FT ROC - Generate signal/noise PDFs - Pb shield

```
1 0 -1 2 7 5 imp:p=1
2 0 -2 imp:p=1
4 1 -5.16 -4 imp:p=1
5 2 -19.0 -5 imp:p=1
6 0 -6 imp:p=1
7 3 -11.3 -7 4 6 imp:p=1
8 0 1 imp:p=0
```

```
1 RPP -100 100 -100 100 -100 100
2 SO 5.0
3 PZ 0.0
4 RCC 20 0 25 0 0 10 4.0
5 SPH 20 0 0 5.0
6 RCC 20 0 20 0 0 5 4.0
7 RCC 20 0 20 0 0 17 6.0
```

MODE p n

```
M1 32074.70c 1
M2 92238.70c 1
M3 82208.70c 1
```

MX2:P model

CUT:N 60e8

CUT:P 60e8

PHYS:P j 1 j -1 j -101

SDEF PAR=P ERG=D1 X=FERG D2 Y=FERG D3 Z=FERG D4

TME=FERG D7

VEC=1 0 0 DIR=FERG D8 CEL=1 WGT=1 \$

1e7+200\*200\*6\*10/3.7=10648648

```
SI1 S 5 6
SP1 0.9391 0.0609
```

c SB1 1 1

```
DS2 S 15 16
DS3 S 25 26
DS4 S 35 36
DS7 S 45 46
DS8 S 55 56
```

c

```
SI15 L 5.1
SP15 1
SI25 L 0.0
SP25 1
SI35 L 0.0
SP35 1
```

c

```
SI16 -100 100
SP16 0 1
SI26 -100 100
SP26 0 1
SI36 -100 100
SP36 0 1
```

c

```
SI45 0 0.000010e8
SP45 0 1
SI46 0 60e8
SP46 0 1
```

c

```
SI55 L 1
SP55 1
SI56 -1 1
SP56 0 1
```

c

```
SI5 L 15.0
SP5 1
```

```
# SI6 SP6
1e-3 0
1.00e+00 1
10.00e+00 0.1
```

c

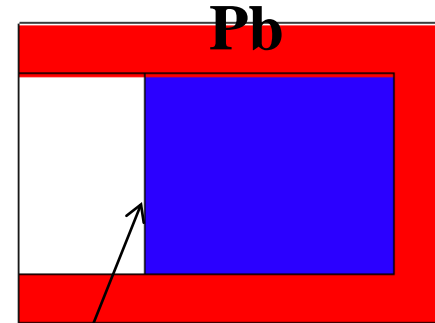
```
f4:p 2
f1:p 4.3
e1 1.0 100.0
t1 0.001e8 60e8
ft1 scx 1 roc 10648648
tf1 1 1 1 1 1 1 2 2 1 1 2 1 1 1 2 2
nps 1064864800
prtmp j 106486480 1 2 10648648
```

# Tally Enhancements – FT ROC

Background photon spectrum throughout



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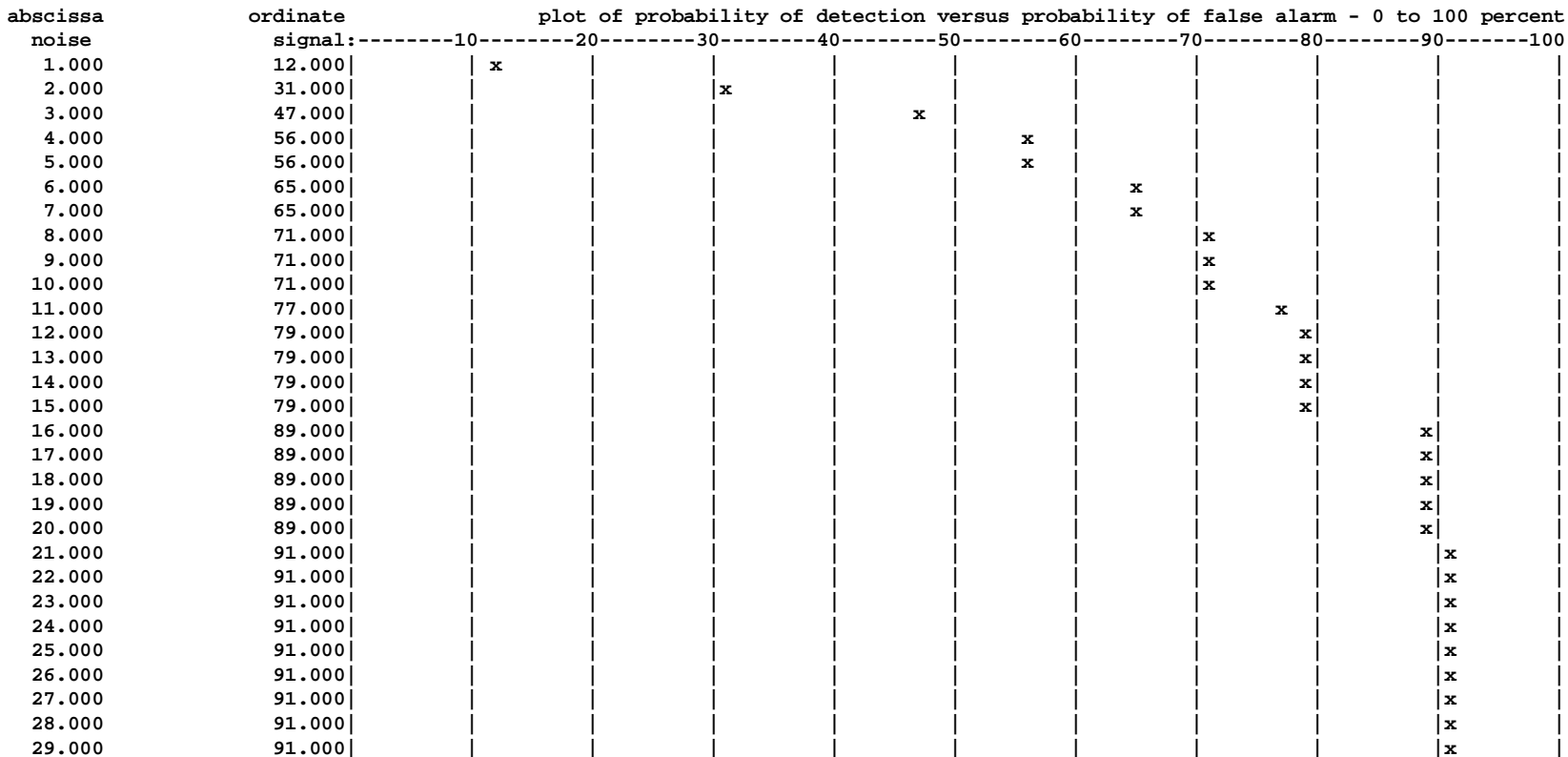


Tally surface for delayed photons (>1s, > 1MeV)

↑  
15 Mev photons

# Tally Enhancements – FT ROC

lroc curve for tally 1 100 batches, signal mean= 1.488E+01 noise mean= 8.290E+00 nps = 1064864800 print table 163



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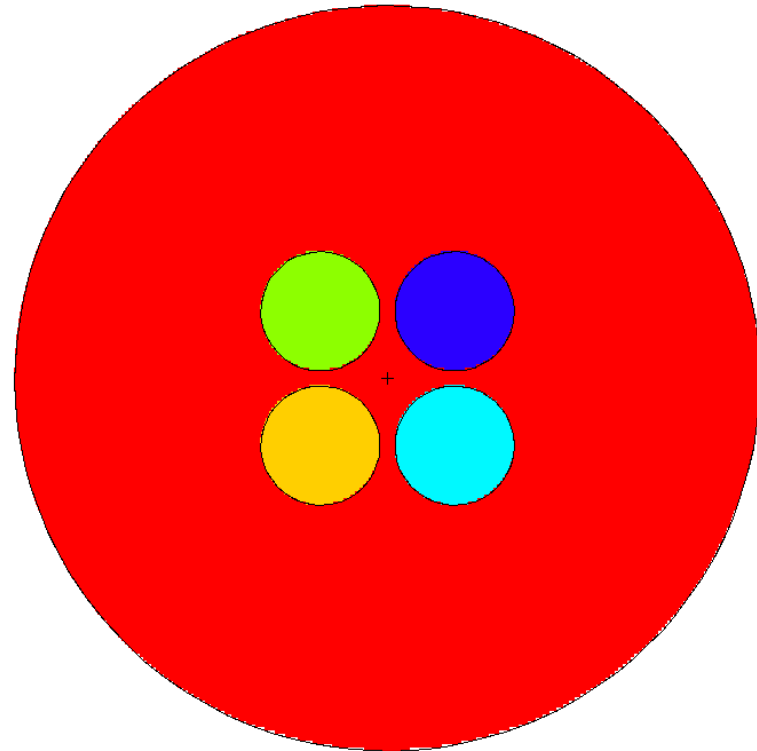
# Tally Enhancements – FTR RES Upgrade

```
Test FT RES upgrades
1 1 -5 -1 imp:n=1
2 2 -5 -2 imp:n=1
3 3 -5 -3 imp:n=1
4 4 -5 -4 imp:n=1
5 5 -1e-2 -5 #1 #2 #3 #4 imp:n=1
6 0 5 imp:n=0
```

```
1 rcc 9 9 -10 0 0 20 8
2 rcc 9 -9 -10 0 0 20 8
3 rcc -9 9 -10 0 0 20 8
4 rcc -9 -9 -10 0 0 20 8
5 so 50
```

```
m1 13027 1 $ aluminum
m2 26056 1 $ iron
m3 74182 1 $ tungsten
m4 92238 1 $ uranium
m5 7014 0.8 8016 0.2 $ air
```

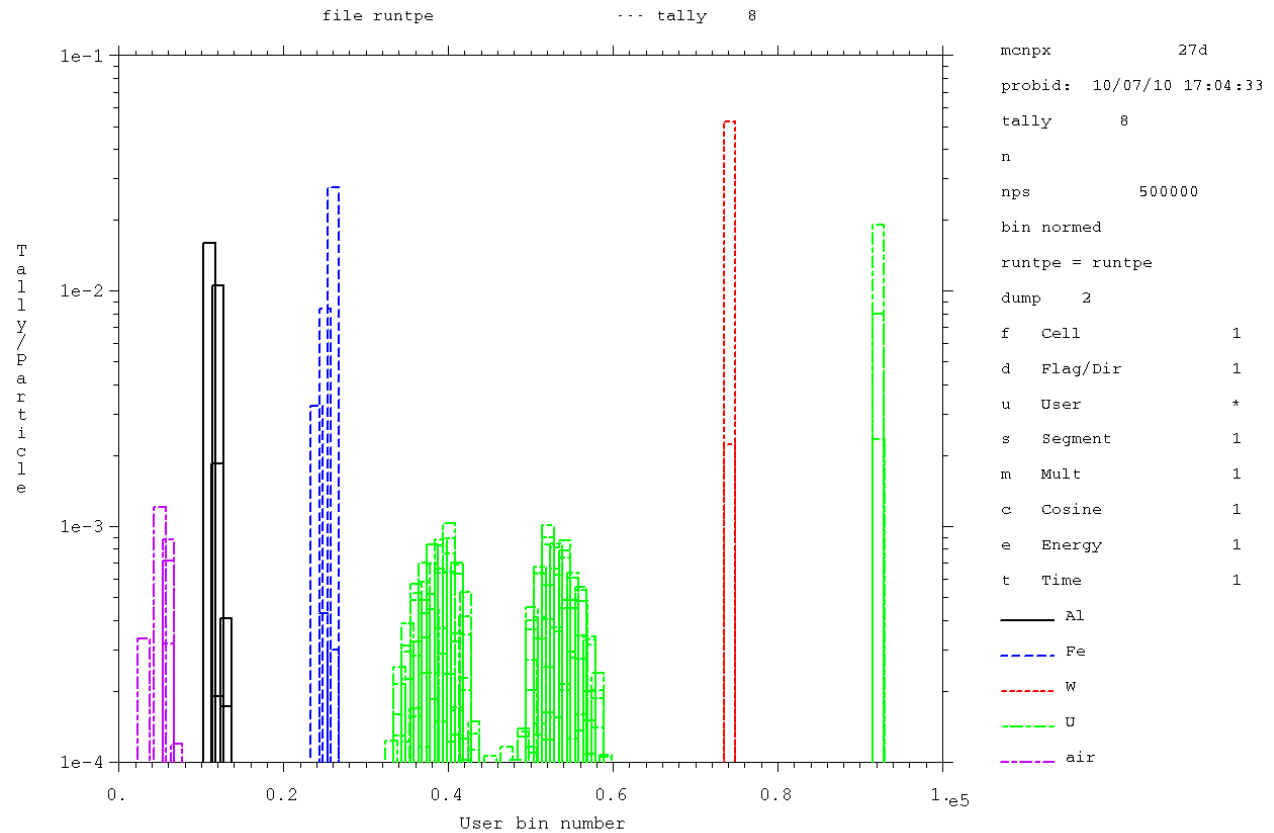
```
sdef
f8:n 1 2 3 4 5
ft8 res
nps 500000
prdmp 2j 1
```



**14 MeV neutron source at center**

# Tally Enhancements – FT RES Upgrade

- Coplot of cell bins showing different residual yields.



# Tally Enhancements – 4-Fold FT PHL

Test problem for 4-fold FT PHL

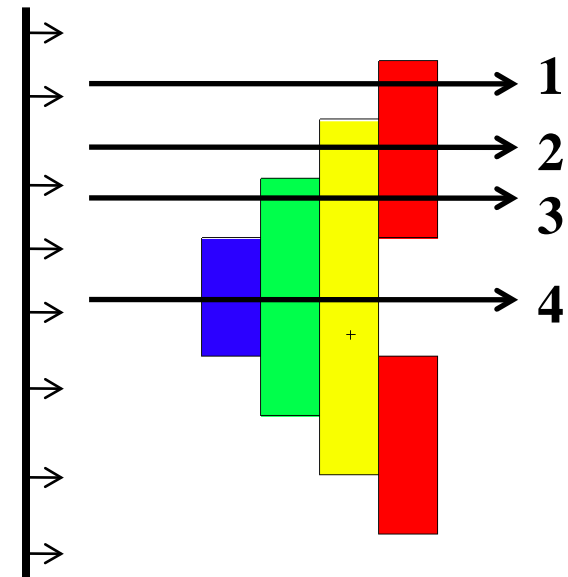
```
1 1 -1 -1 11 -12 imp:n=1
2 2 -1 -2 12 -13 imp:n=1
3 3 -1 -3 13 -14 imp:n=1
4 4 -1 -4 14 -15 1 imp:n=1
98 0 -99 #1 #2 #3 #4 imp:n=1
99 0 99 imp:n=0
```

```
1 cz 1
2 cz 2
3 cz 3
4 cz 4
11 pz 0
12 pz 1
13 pz 2
14 pz 3
15 pz 4
99 so 100
```

```
sdef par=| erg=200 vec=0 0 1
      axs=0 0 1 dir=1 rad=d1 pos 0 0 -1
```

```
sil 0 5
sp1 -21 1
m1 1001 2 8016 1
m2 26056 1
m3 13027 1
m4 74184 1
```

```
print
mode |
phys:| 200
nps 50
f16:| 1
f26:| 2
f36:| 3
f46:| 4
f8:n 1
ft8 PHL 1 16 1 1 26 1 1 36 1 1 46 1
e8 0 20 NT
fu8 0 20 NT
c8 0 20 NT
fs8 0 20 NT
fq8 s c e u
```





# Tally Enhancements – 4-Fold FT PHL

- Results reported as  $x^n$  bins where  $x$  is number of energy bins and  $n$  is the number of coincidence regions.
- This example: 4 regions with 2 energy bins (scored/not scored) produces  $2^4$  or 16 possible outcome bins.
- Scores marked in red show results of 4 possible outcomes.

```
ltally 8          nps =          50
tally type 8      pulse height distribution
particle(s): neutron
this tally is modified by ft phl

cell 1
segment bin: -i          to 0.00000E+00
cosine bin: -1.         to 0.00000E+00
user bin:          0.0000E+00          2.0000E+01
energy
0.0000E+00  0.00000E+00 0.0000  0.00000E+00 0.0000
2.0000E+01  0.00000E+00 0.0000  0.00000E+00 0.0000

cell 1
segment bin: -i          to 0.00000E+00
cosine bin: 0.00000E+00 to 2.00000E+01
user bin:          0.0000E+00          2.0000E+01
energy
0.0000E+00  0.00000E+00 0.0000  0.00000E+00 0.0000
2.0000E+01  0.00000E+00 0.0000  6.00000E-02 0.5598

cell 1
segment bin: 0.00000E+00 to 2.00000E+01
cosine bin: -1.         to 0.00000E+00
user bin:          0.0000E+00          2.0000E+01
energy
0.0000E+00  2.60000E-01 0.2386  0.00000E+00 0.0000
2.0000E+01  0.00000E+00 0.0000  0.00000E+00 0.0000

cell 1
segment bin: 0.00000E+00 to 2.00000E+01
cosine bin: 0.00000E+00 to 2.00000E+01
user bin:          0.0000E+00          2.0000E+01
energy
0.0000E+00  1.80000E-01 0.3018  1.20000E-01 0.3830
2.0000E+01  0.00000E+00 0.0000  0.00000E+00 0.0000
```

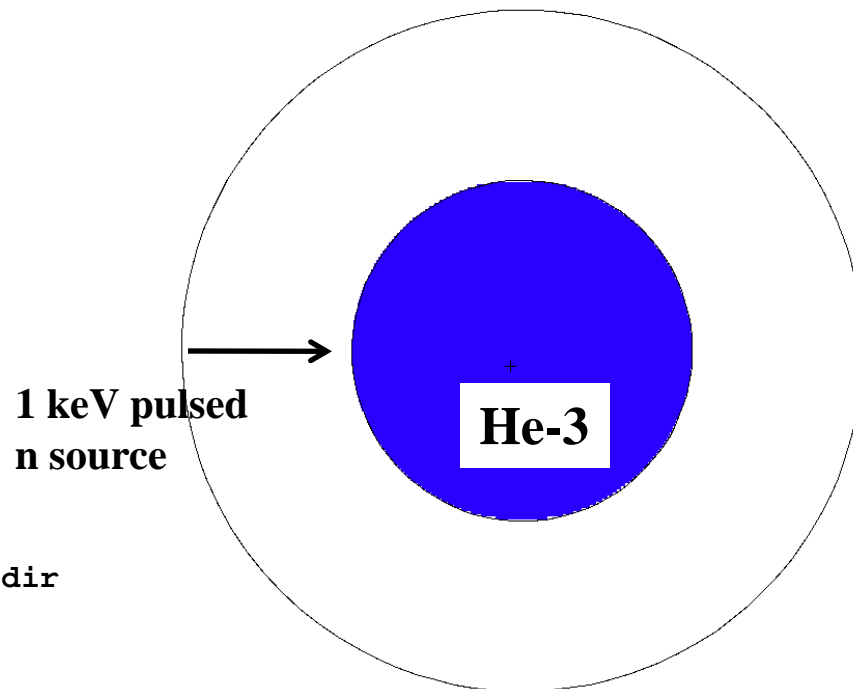
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Test Time dependent PHL Tally

```
1 1 -1 -1 imp:n=1
2 0 1 -2 imp:n=1
3 0 2 imp:n=0
```

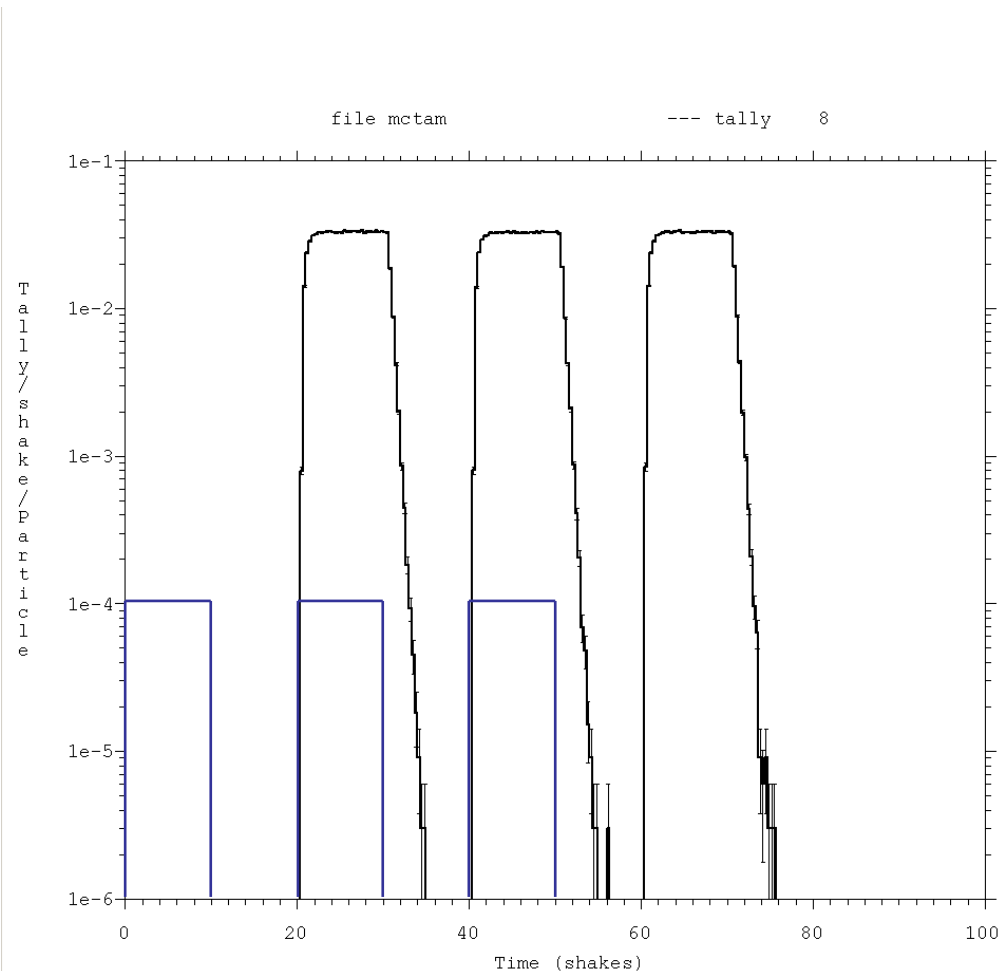
```
1 so 10
2 so 20
```

```
m1 2003 1
mode n h p d t s a
nps 100000
phys:n 6j 2
cut:t j 1e-3
cut:h j 1e-3
cut:n j j 0 0
prdmp 5000 5000 1
sdef tme=d1 erg=1e-3 pos 0 0 -19 vec 0 0 1 dir
si1 0 10 20 30 40 50
sp1 0 1 0 1 0 1
f6:t 1
f16:h 1
f8:n 1
ft8 ph1 2 6 1 16 1 0
t8 0 299i 100
```



# Tally Enhancements – Time Dep. FT PHL

- Blue curves show pulsed neutron source, black curves are He-3 detector response.
- Neutron flight time delay and spread in capture and ion energy deposition.
- 1 shake =  $10^{-8}$  s



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# Other Enhancements – Nested READs

Test Nested Read option

```
1 1 -1 -1 imp:n=1
2 0      1 imp:n=01
```

1 so 5

File: data

File: m1

```
read file=data ← read file=m1 ← m1 1001 2 8016 1
                  phys:n 20
                  sdef
```

```
1-      test Nested Read option
2-      1 1 -1 -1 imp:n=1
3-      2 0      1 imp:n=01
4-
5-      1 so 5
6-
7-      read file=data
***** begin read *****
8-      read file=m1
***** begin read *****
9-      m1 1001 2 8016 1
***** end read *****
10-     phys:n 20
11-     sdef
```

# Other Enhancements – ACT Card

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Test new act card functions

```
1 1 -10 -1 imp:n=1
2 0      1 imp:n=0
```

```
1 so 1
```

```
sdef
```

```
mode n p
```

```
m1 1001 6 92235 1
```

```
f4:p 1
```

```
e4 0 999i 10
```

```
t4 1e4 9ilog 1e11
```

```
f14:n 1
```

```
e14 0 99i 10
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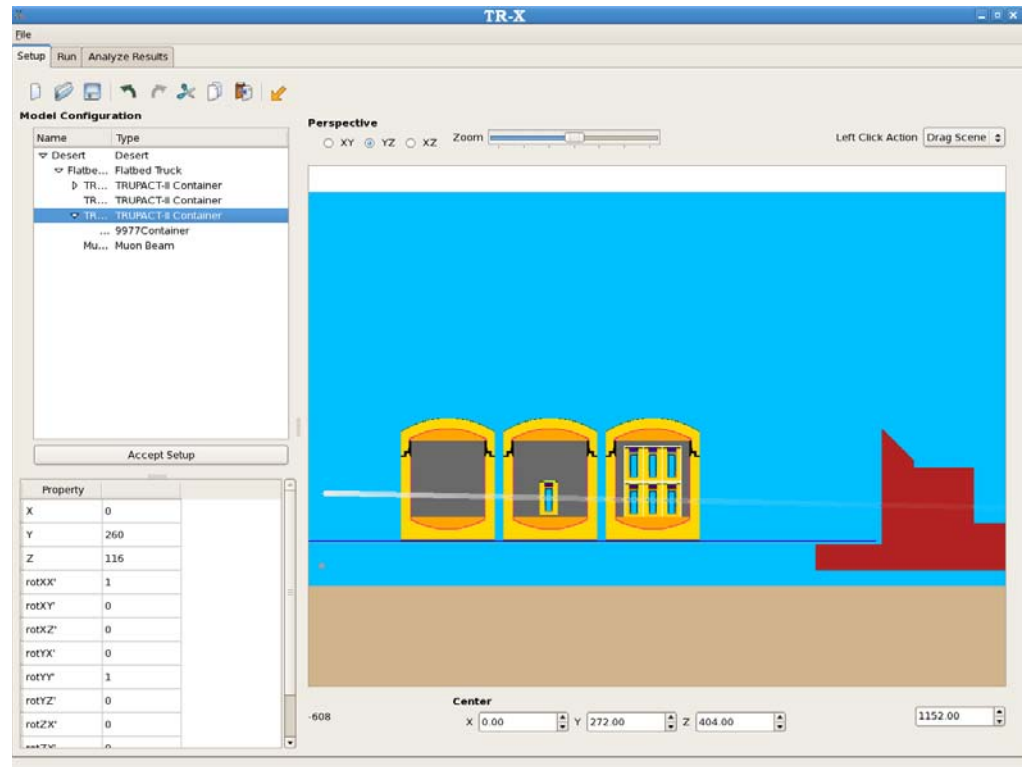
```
t14 1e4 9ilog 1e11
```

```
act fission=all nonfiss=all dn=both dg=mg thresh=0.95
```

**Keywords on ACT card replace PHYS  
card numeric entries**

# TR-X Graphical Interface

- Object (e.g. truck, car) based simulation wrapper for MCNPX
- Compose Scenes from prebuilt objects, Wizards help configure physics etc.
- Runtime submission agent for local or cluster jobs.
- Tally and output parser for analysis
- Enhanced Error checking
- Runs on PC/Mac/Linux



# Summary

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- MCNPX 2.7.D was released to Beta Users Oct 1, 2010.
  - Extensions document LA-UR-10-07031.
- MCNPX 2.7.0 scheduled for release to RSICC ~Jan 2010
- Follow-on development will be in MCNP6 (merged MCNPX & MCNP5).

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