

Shielding benchmark calculations with MCNP-4C3 using JEFF-3.1 nuclear data

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Abstract

Shielding benchmark calculations were performed with MCNP-4C3 using the new JEFF-3.1 nuclear data library. The benchmarks used were Oktavian (for Al, Co, Cr, Cu, LiF, Mn, Mo, Si, Ti, W, Zr), FNS (for Be, C, Fe, and Pb), LLNL Pulsed Spheres (for concrete), and NIST Water Spheres (for water and Cd). The results of these calculations are reported as graphs of the neutron spectra, and in some cases also the photon spectrum, as well as in graphs and tables of calculated over experimental values of the neutron spectra.

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1. Introduction

In May 2005 a new version of the JEFF general purpose nuclear data library was released: JEFF-3.1. Over the last several years there has been a concerted effort by many people in several countries to bring the quality of this nuclear data library to a new, higher level.

In this report, the results of many shielding benchmark runs are presented.

All results reported in this report were obtained by use of the Monte Carlo neutronics code MCNP, version 4C3 [1].

2. Brief description of the shielding benchmarks

2.1 Oktavian

The Oktavian benchmark specifications are given on the IAEA web site [3]. The measured quantity

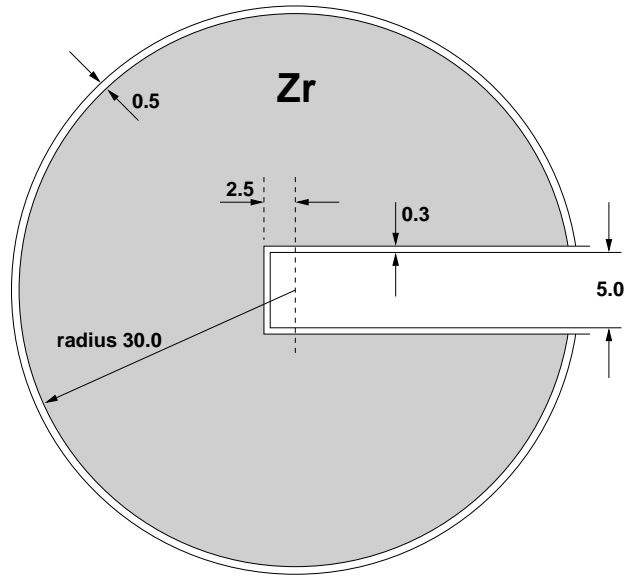


Figure 2.1 Schematic drawing of the Oktavian geometry for the Zr benchmark (not to scale). All dimensions are in cm.

was the leakage current spectrum from the outer surface of a spherical pile of a material. At the center of a pile a 14 MeV D-T neutron source was located. The leakage spectrum is given in units of neutrons per MeV per source neutron.

The materials for which benchmark calculations have been performed are list in Table 2.1. A schematic drawing of one of the models is given in Fig. 2.1 (see Ref. [4]).

material		outer diameter
aluminum	Al	40 cm
cobalt	Co	40 cm
chromium	Cr	40 cm
copper	Cu	61 cm
lithium fluoride	LiF	61 cm
molybdenum	Mo	61 cm
manganese	Mn	61 cm
silicon	Si	60 cm
titanium	Ti	40 cm
tungsten	W	40 cm
zirconium	Zr	61 cm

Table 2.1 The materials used in the Oktavian shielding benchmarks

2.2 FNS

The FNS Time-of-Flight benchmark specifications are given on the IAEA web site [5]. The neu-

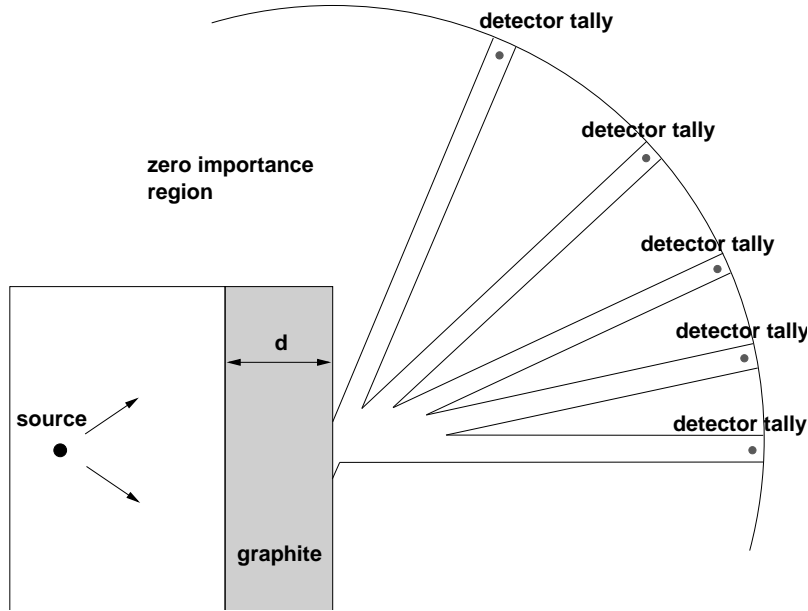


Figure 2.2 Schematic drawing of the MCNP model for the FNS benchmark for graphite (not to scale).

tron spectrum emerging from slabs of material of varying thickness, was measured at five different angles. The slabs were placed at 20 cm distance from a 14 MeV D-T neutron source. The materials for which benchmark calculations have been performed are listed in Table 2.2. A schematic drawing of the MCNP model for this benchmark is given in Fig. 2.2 [6].

material		slab thickness	angles
beryllium	Be	5 cm	0°, 24.9°, 42.8°, 66.8°
		15 cm	0°, 12.2°, 24.9°, 42.8°, 66.8°
graphite	C	5 cm	0°, 24.9°, 42.8°, 66.8°
		20 cm	0°, 12.2°, 24.9°, 42.8°, 66.8°
		40 cm	0°, 12.2°, 24.9°, 42.8°, 66.8°
nitrogen	N	20 cm	0°, 12.2°, 24.9°, 42.8°, 66.8°
oxygen	O	20 cm	0°, 12.2°, 24.9°, 42.8°, 66.8°
iron	Fe	5 cm	0°, 24.9°, 42.8°, 66.8°
		20 cm	0°, 12.2°, 24.9°, 42.8°, 66.8°
		40 cm	0°, 12.2°, 24.9°, 42.8°, 66.8°
		60 cm	0°, 12.2°, 24.9°, 42.8°
lead	Pb	5 cm	0°, 24.9°, 42.8°, 66.8°
		20 cm	0°, 12.2°, 24.9°, 42.8°, 66.8°
		40 cm	0°, 12.2°, 24.9°, 42.8°, 66.8°

Table 2.2 The materials used in the FNS shielding benchmarks

2.3 LLNL Pulsed Spheres

The description of the experiments performed in the Livermore Pulsed Sphere Program is given in Ref. [7]. Time-of-flight measurements were performed for neutrons passing through spherical shells of varying thickness, containing different materials. The source was a 14 MeV D-T neutron source.

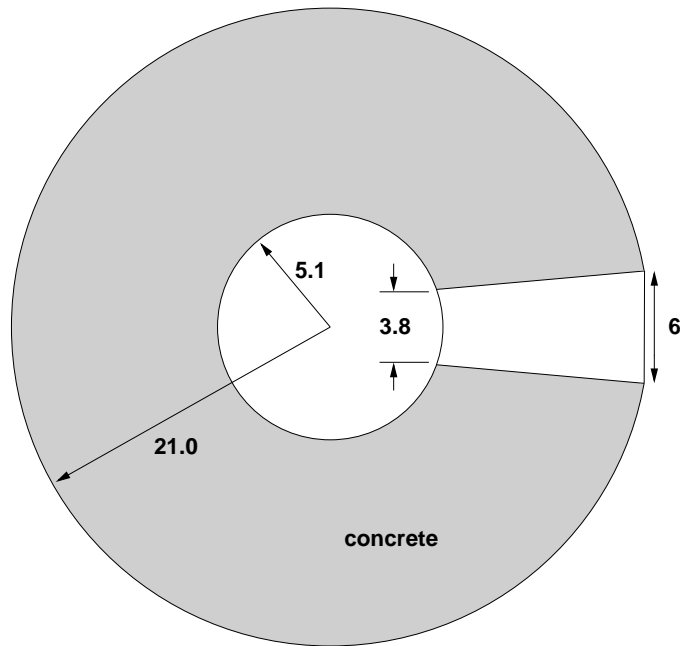


Figure 2.3 Schematic drawing of the MCNP model for the LLNL benchmark for concrete (not to scale). All dimensions are in cm.

Calculations were performed for two cases with concrete, one with inner radius of 5.1 cm, outer radius 21.0 cm (see Fig. 2.3), and the other with the same inner radius, but an outer radius of 35.5 cm. The composition of the concrete is given in Table 2.3; the density of the concrete was 2.35 g/cm³. The MCNP model used in the present work was taken over from Ref. [8].

Material	at%
O	55.7
H	15.1
Si	14.9
Ca	3.6
Al	3.2
C	3.1
Mg	1.8
Na	1.3
other	< 1.0 each

Table 2.3 The composition of the concrete used in the LLNL Pulsed Sphere experiments.

2.4 NIST Water Spheres

A description of the experiments performed at NIST with water and cadmium shielding is given in Ref. [10]. A Cf source was placed at the center of the experiment, and fission foils were placed at two, diametrically opposed positions. Between the source and the fission foils were several combinations of shielding materials, see Table 2.4. The fission foils used were ^{235}U , ^{239}Pu , ^{238}U , ^{237}Np .

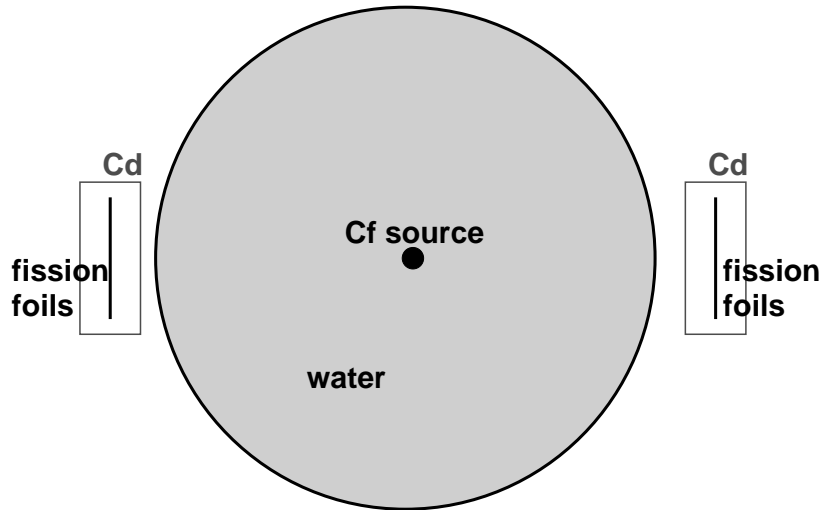


Figure 2.4 Schematic drawing of the MCNP model for the NIST benchmark (not to scale).

radius (inch)	material
1.5	—
2.0	—
1.5	Cd
2.0	Cd
1.5	H ₂ O
2.0	H ₂ O
2.5	H ₂ O
1.5	H ₂ O+Cd
2.0	H ₂ O+Cd
2.5	H ₂ O+Cd

Table 2.4 The radius and material combinations for which experiments have been performed.

3. Results

In this section we report on the results of our calculations. These results are reported as graphs of the neutron spectra, and in some cases also the photon spectrum, as well as in graphs and tables of calculated over experimental values of the neutron spectra.

3.1 Oktavian

3.1.1 Oktavian, Al

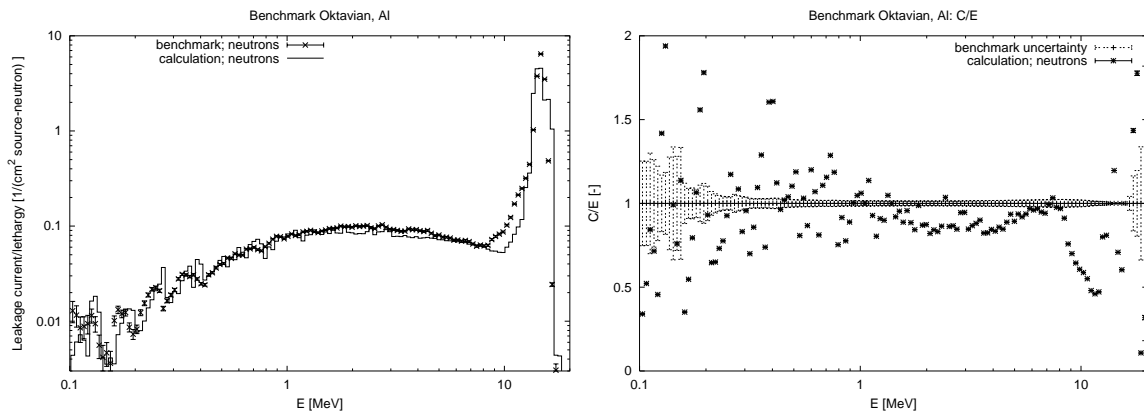


Figure 3.1 The result for the neutron leakage spectrum for the Oktavian Al benchmark.

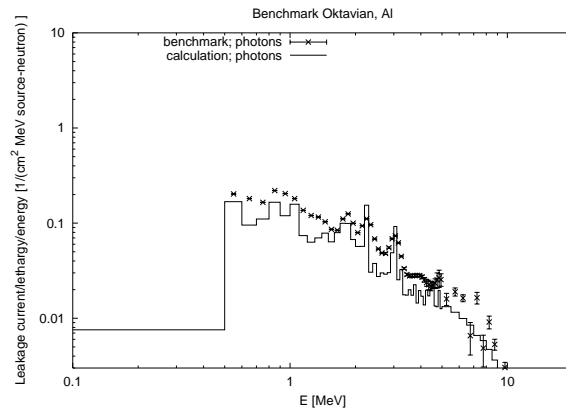


Figure 3.2 The result for the photon leakage spectrum for the Oktavian Al benchmark.

	energy range		C/E
Al	0.1–	1.0	1.01 ± 0.01
Al	1.0–	5.0	0.90 ± 0.01
Al	5.0–	10.0	0.90 ± 0.01
Al	10.0–	20.0	1.06 ± 0.01

Table 3.1 C/E values for the neutron spectrum of the Oktavian Al benchmark.

3.1.2 Oktavian, Co

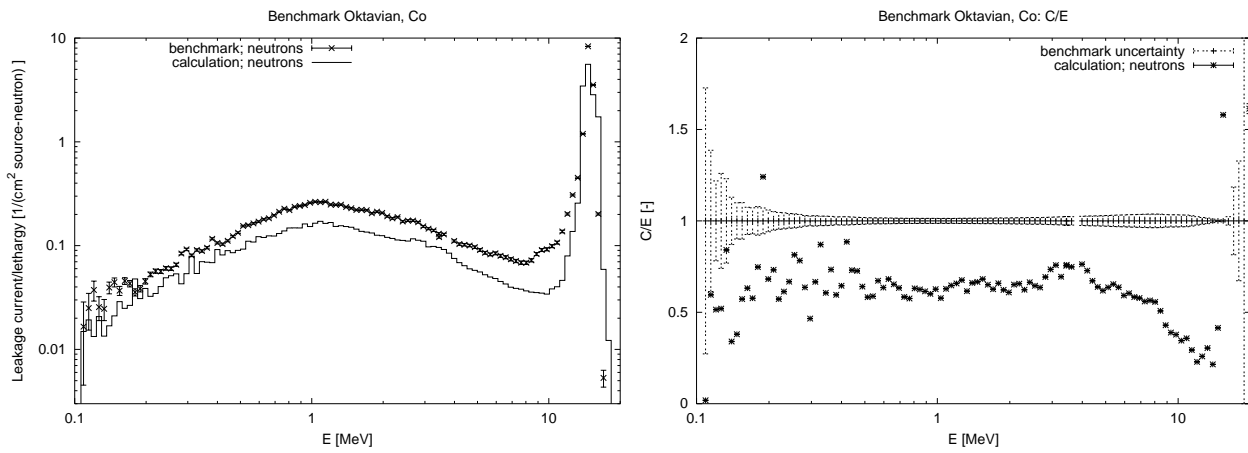


Figure 3.3 The result for the neutron leakage spectrum for the Oktavian Co benchmark.

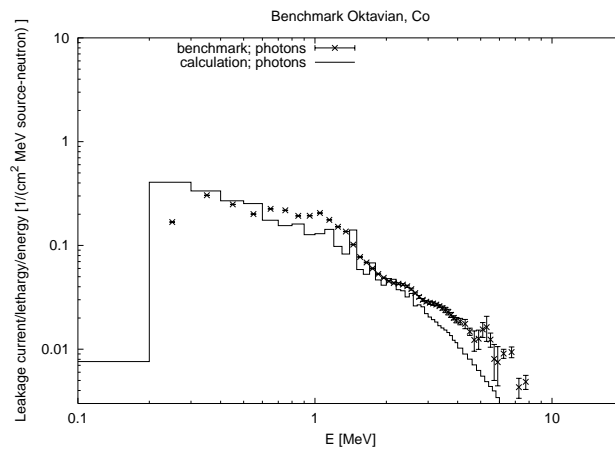


Figure 3.4 The result for the photon leakage spectrum for the Oktavian Co benchmark.

	energy range		C/E
Co	0.1–	1.0	0.64 ± 0.01
Co	1.0–	5.0	0.66 ± 0.01
Co	5.0–	10.0	0.54 ± 0.01
Co	10.0–	20.0	0.98 ± 0.01

Table 3.2 C/E values for the neutron spectrum of the Oktavian Co benchmark.

3.1.3 Oktavian, Cr

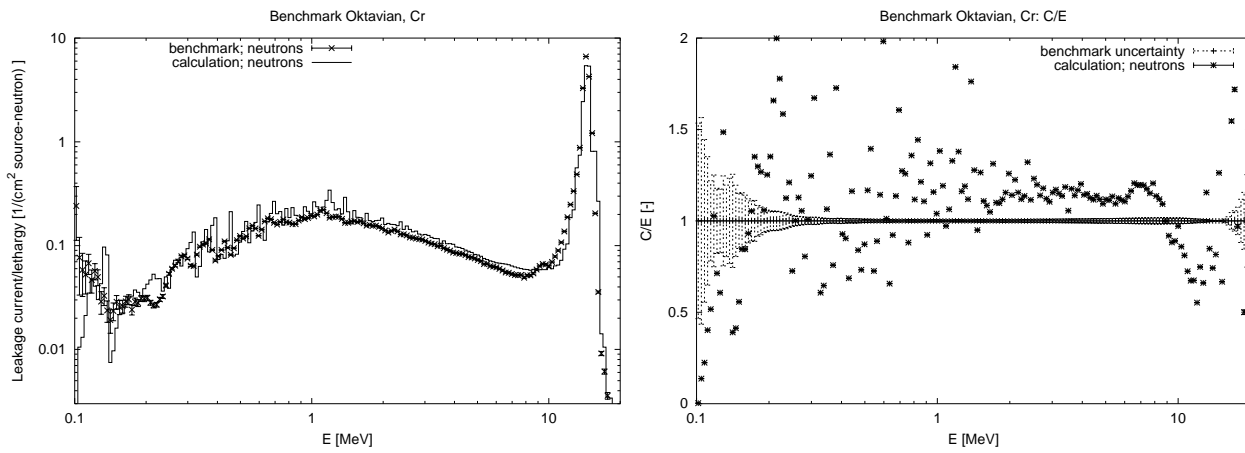


Figure 3.5 The result for the neutron leakage spectrum for the Oktavian Cr benchmark.

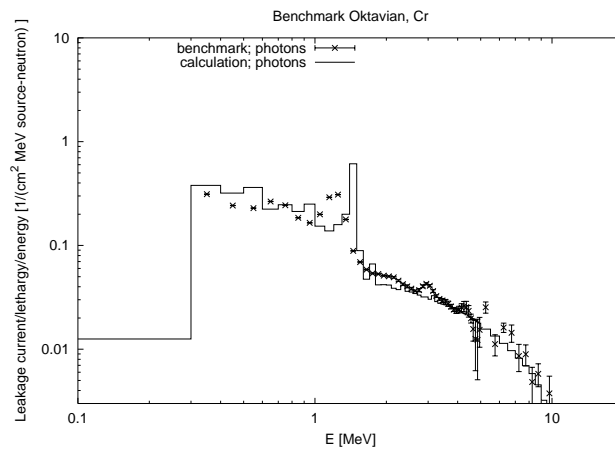


Figure 3.6 The result for the photon leakage spectrum for the Oktavian Cr benchmark.

	energy range		C/E
Cr	0.1–	1.0	1.09 ± 0.02
Cr	1.0–	5.0	1.19 ± 0.01
Cr	5.0–	10.0	1.10 ± 0.01
Cr	10.0–	20.0	0.95 ± 0.01

Table 3.3 C/E values for the neutron spectrum of the Oktavian Cr benchmark.

3.1.4 Oktavian, Cu

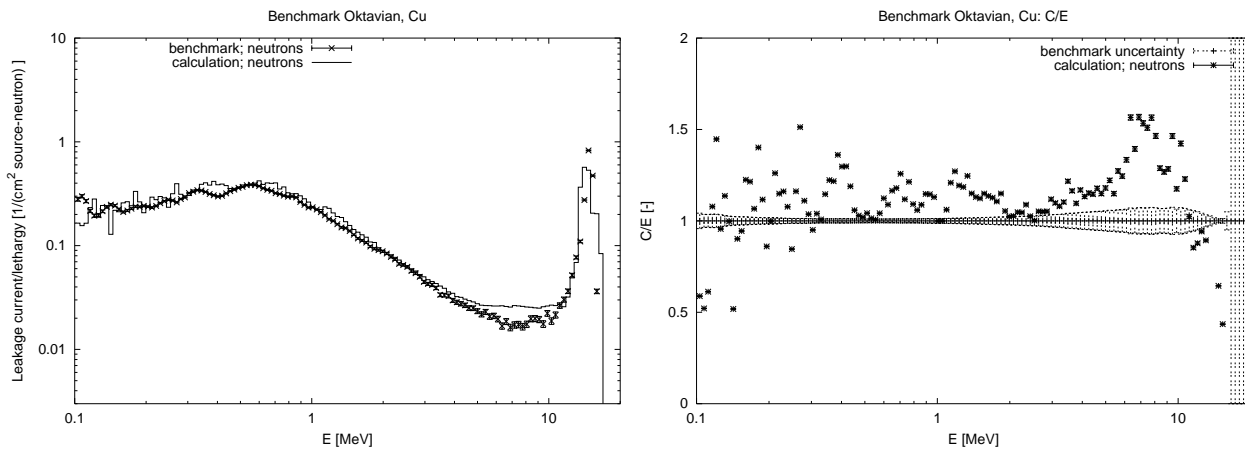


Figure 3.7 The result for the neutron leakage spectrum for the Oktavian Cu benchmark.

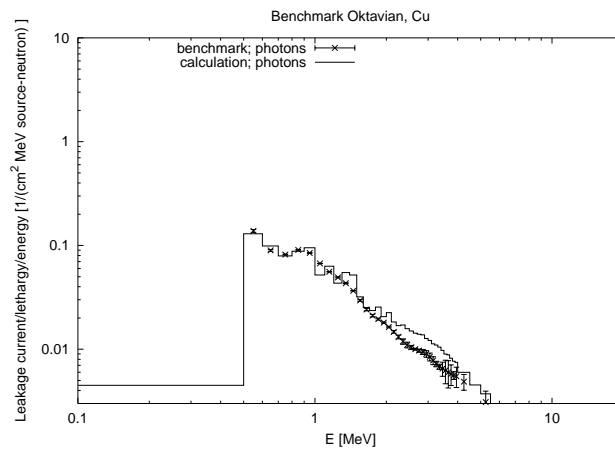


Figure 3.8 The result for the photon leakage spectrum for the Oktavian Cu benchmark.

	energy range		C/E
Cu	0.0–	0.1	0.27 ± 0.05
Cu	0.1–	1.0	1.07 ± 0.01
Cu	1.0–	5.0	1.11 ± 0.01
Cu	5.0–	10.0	1.36 ± 0.02
Cu	10.0–	20.0	1.12 ± 0.01

Table 3.4 C/E values for the neutron spectrum of the Oktavian Cu benchmark.

3.1.5 Oktavian, LiF

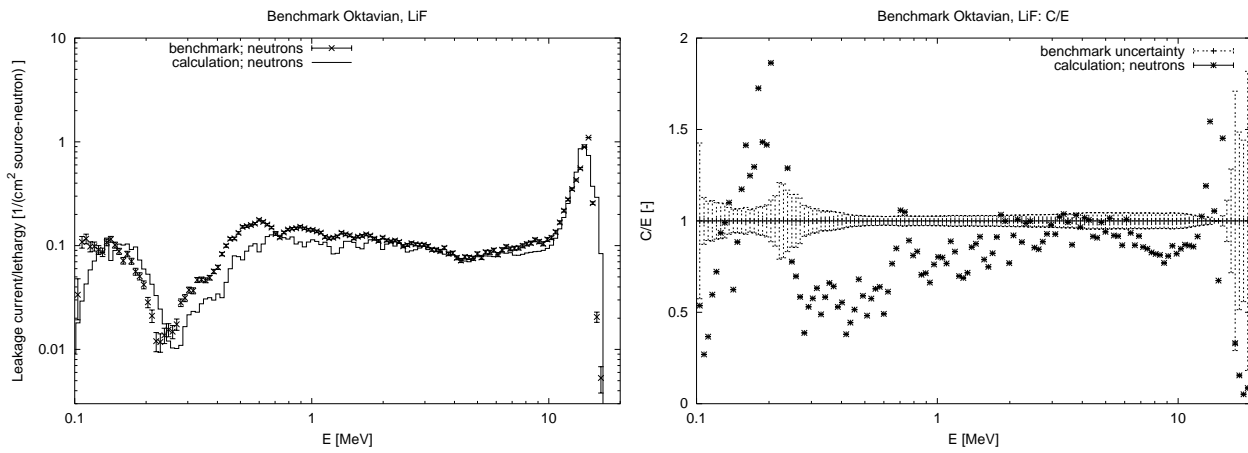


Figure 3.9 The result for the neutron leakage spectrum for the Oktavian LiF benchmark.

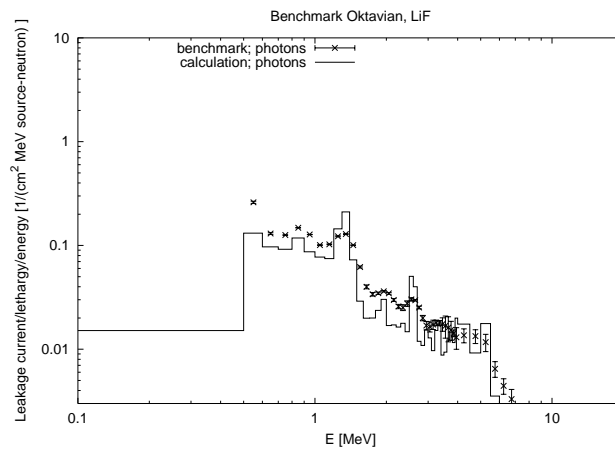


Figure 3.10 The result for the photon leakage spectrum for the Oktavian LiF benchmark.

	energy range		C/E
LiF	0.1–	1.0	0.76 ± 0.01
LiF	1.0–	5.0	0.89 ± 0.01
LiF	5.0–	10.0	0.88 ± 0.01
LiF	10.0–	20.0	1.09 ± 0.01

Table 3.5 C/E values for the neutron spectrum of the Oktavian LiF benchmark.

3.1.6 Oktavian, Mn

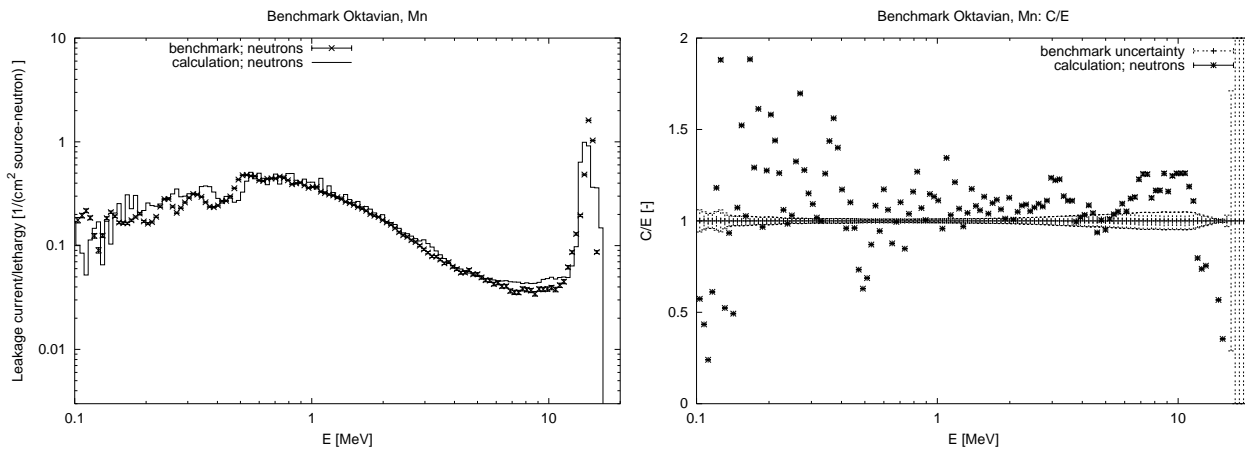


Figure 3.11 The result for the neutron leakage spectrum for the Oktavian Mn benchmark.

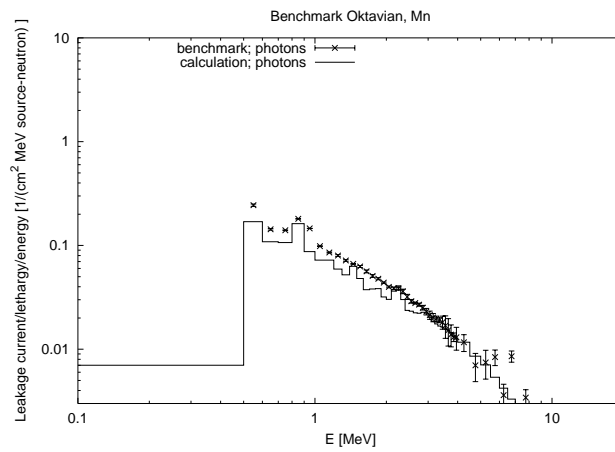


Figure 3.12 The result for the photon leakage spectrum for the Oktavian Mn benchmark.

	energy range		C/E
Mn	0.0–	0.1	0.38 ± 0.05
Mn	0.1–	1.0	1.05 ± 0.01
Mn	1.0–	5.0	1.09 ± 0.01
Mn	5.0–	10.0	1.12 ± 0.01
Mn	10.0–	20.0	1.00 ± 0.01

Table 3.6 C/E values for the neutron spectrum of the Oktavian Mn benchmark.

3.1.7 Oktavian, Mo

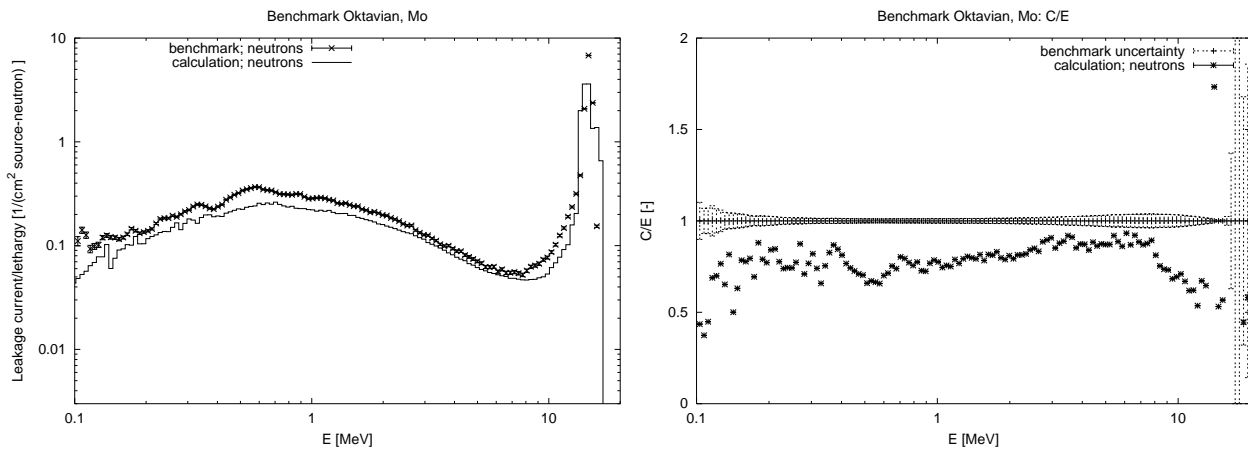


Figure 3.13 The result for the neutron leakage spectrum for the Oktavian Mo benchmark.

	energy range		C/E
Mo	0.0–	0.1	0.27 ± 0.19
Mo	0.1–	1.0	0.73 ± 0.01
Mo	1.0–	5.0	0.81 ± 0.01
Mo	5.0–	10.0	0.84 ± 0.01
Mo	10.0–	20.0	1.02 ± 0.01

Table 3.7 C/E values for the neutron spectrum of the Oktavian Mo benchmark.

3.1.8 Oktavian, Si

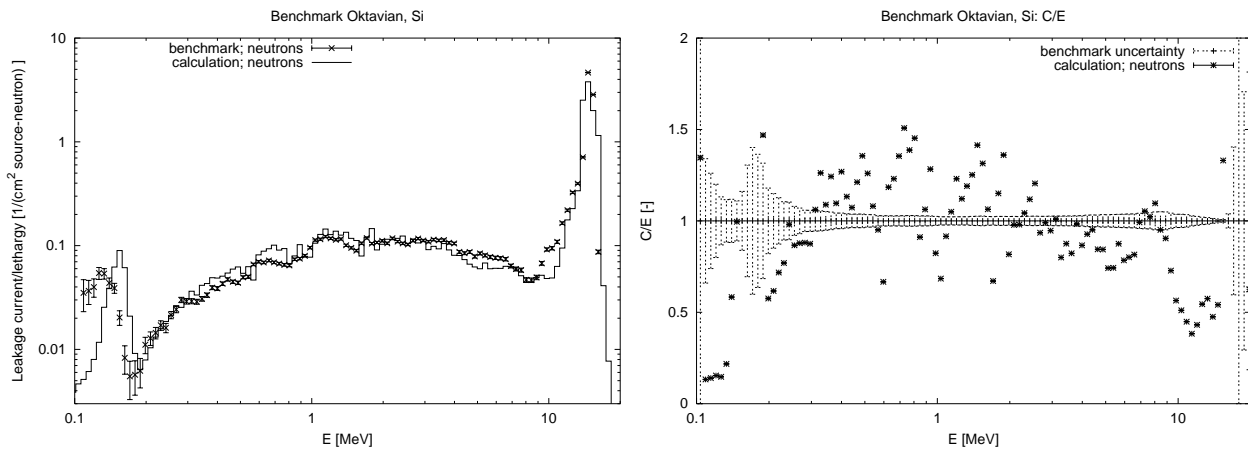


Figure 3.14 The result for the neutron leakage spectrum for the Oktavian Si benchmark.

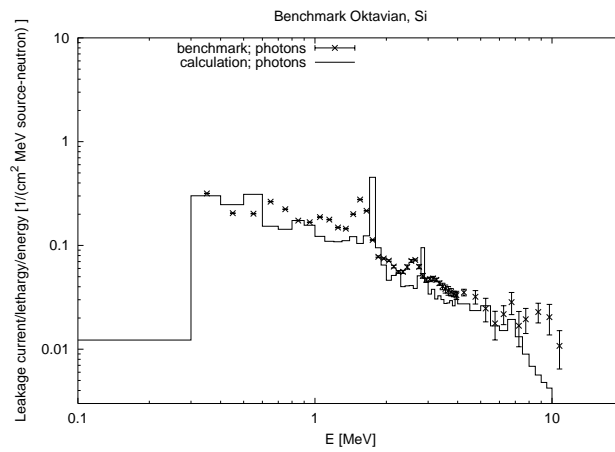


Figure 3.15 The result for the photon leakage spectrum for the Oktavian Si benchmark.

	energy range		C/E
Si	0.1–	1.0	1.09 ± 0.02
Si	1.0–	5.0	1.00 ± 0.01
Si	5.0–	10.0	0.85 ± 0.01
Si	10.0–	20.0	1.09 ± 0.01

Table 3.8 C/E values for the neutron spectrum of the Oktavian Si benchmark.

3.1.9 Oktavian, Ti

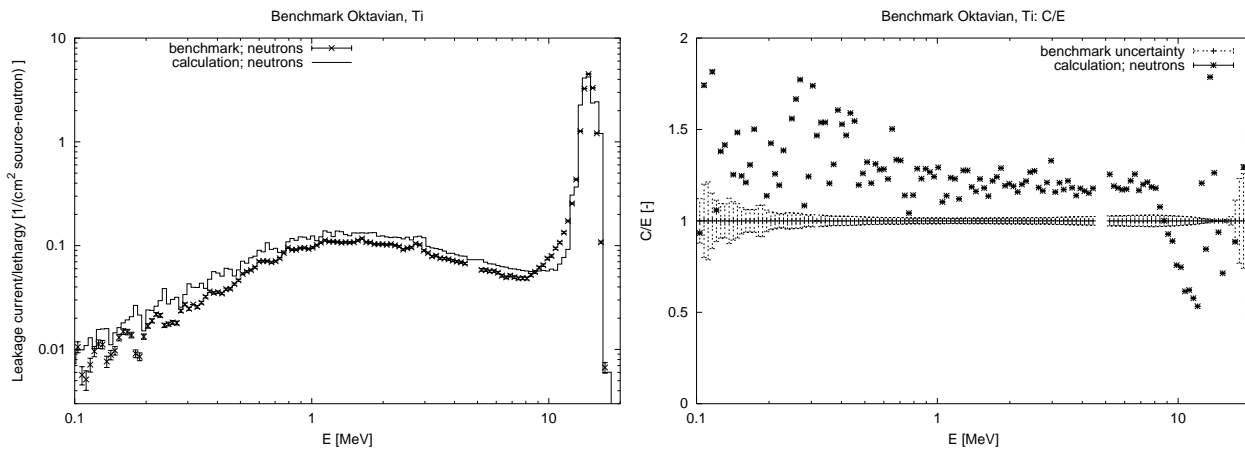


Figure 3.16 The result for the neutron leakage spectrum for the Oktavian Ti benchmark.

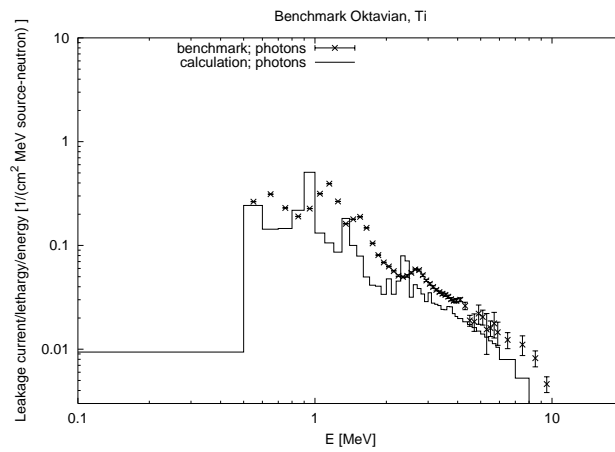


Figure 3.17 The result for the photon leakage spectrum for the Oktavian Ti benchmark.

	energy range		C/E
Ti	0.0–	0.1	1.17 ± 0.11
Ti	0.1–	1.0	1.33 ± 0.01
Ti	1.0–	5.0	1.20 ± 0.01
Ti	5.0–	10.0	1.14 ± 0.01
Ti	10.0–	20.0	1.18 ± 0.01

Table 3.9 C/E values for the neutron spectrum of the Oktavian Ti benchmark.

3.1.10 Oktavian, W

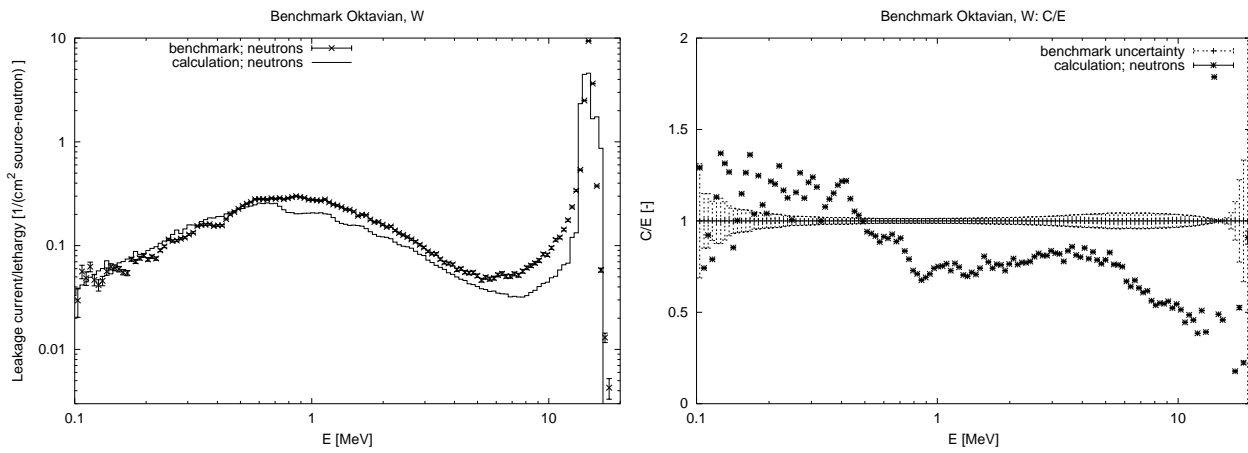


Figure 3.18 The result for the neutron leakage spectrum for the Oktavian W benchmark.

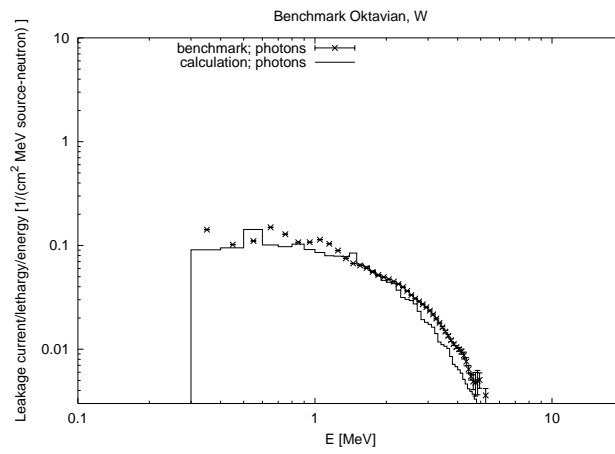


Figure 3.19 The result for the photon leakage spectrum for the Oktavian W benchmark.

	energy range		C/E
W	0.0–	0.1	0.30 ± 0.16
W	0.1–	1.0	0.97 ± 0.01
W	1.0–	5.0	0.76 ± 0.01
W	5.0–	10.0	0.64 ± 0.01
W	10.0–	20.0	0.91 ± 0.01

Table 3.10 C/E values for the neutron spectrum of the Oktavian W benchmark.

3.1.11 Oktavian, Zr

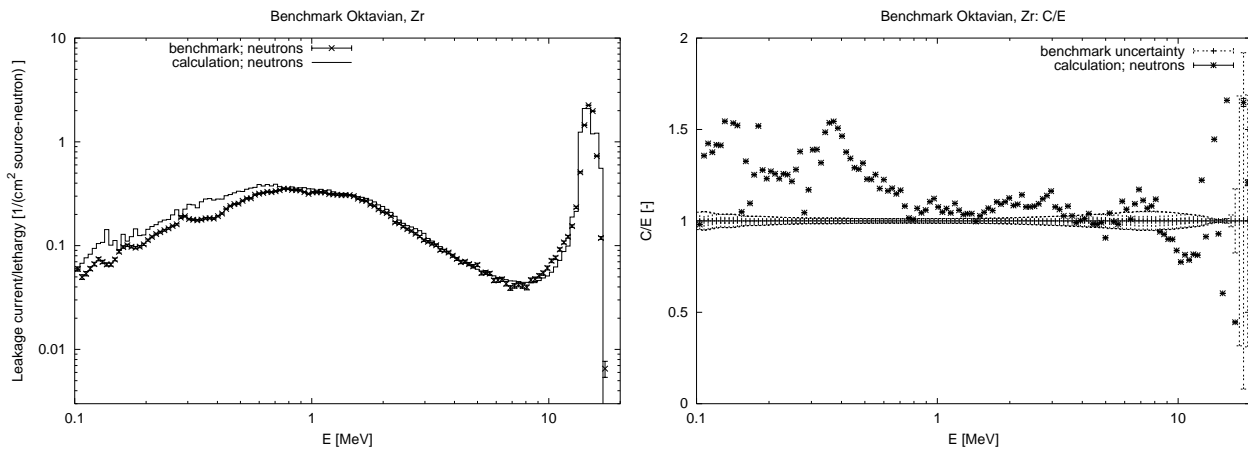


Figure 3.20 The result for the neutron leakage spectrum for the Oktavian Zr benchmark.

	energy range		C/E
Zr	0.0–	0.1	0.97 ± 0.04
Zr	0.1–	1.0	1.23 ± 0.01
Zr	1.0–	5.0	1.06 ± 0.01
Zr	5.0–	10.0	1.02 ± 0.01
Zr	10.0–	20.0	1.16 ± 0.01

Table 3.11 C/E values for the neutron spectrum of the Oktavian Zr benchmark.

3.2 FNS

3.2.1 Calculational methods

For each of the experiments mentioned in Section 2 the neutron source spectrum was taken from the underlying reference. Hence, in Oktavian and FNS analyses an isotropic neutron distribution was assumed. However, it is known that the neutron source has a peak energy of 14.8 MeV in the forward direction, and a peak at 13.3 MeV in the backward direction (see Ref. [9]).

The assumption of isotropy will slightly influence the calculated angular spectra for the FNS benchmarks. This influence is expected to be of the order of several percent only.

3.2.2 FNS, Be, 5 cm

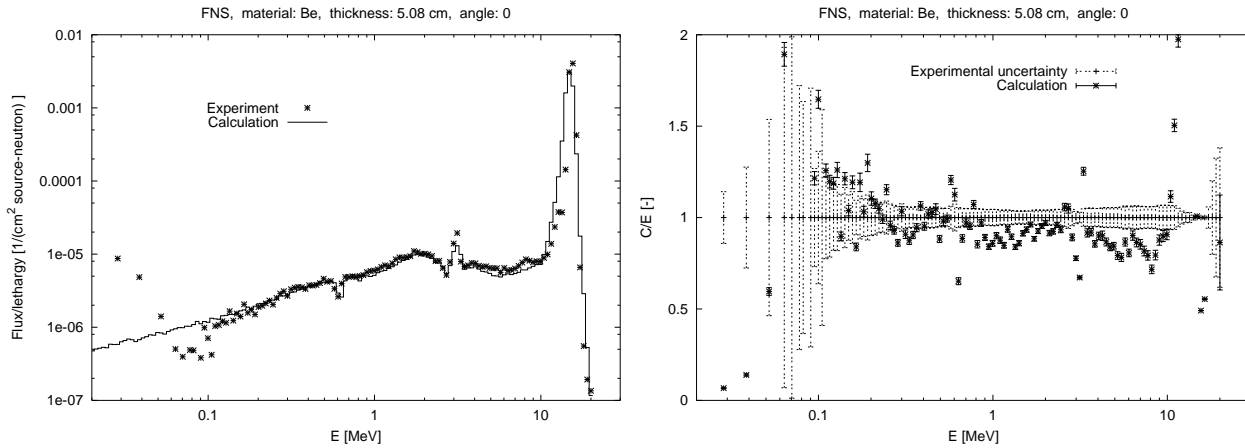


Figure 3.21 Neutron spectrum for the FNS, Be, d=5cm benchmark at 0° angle.

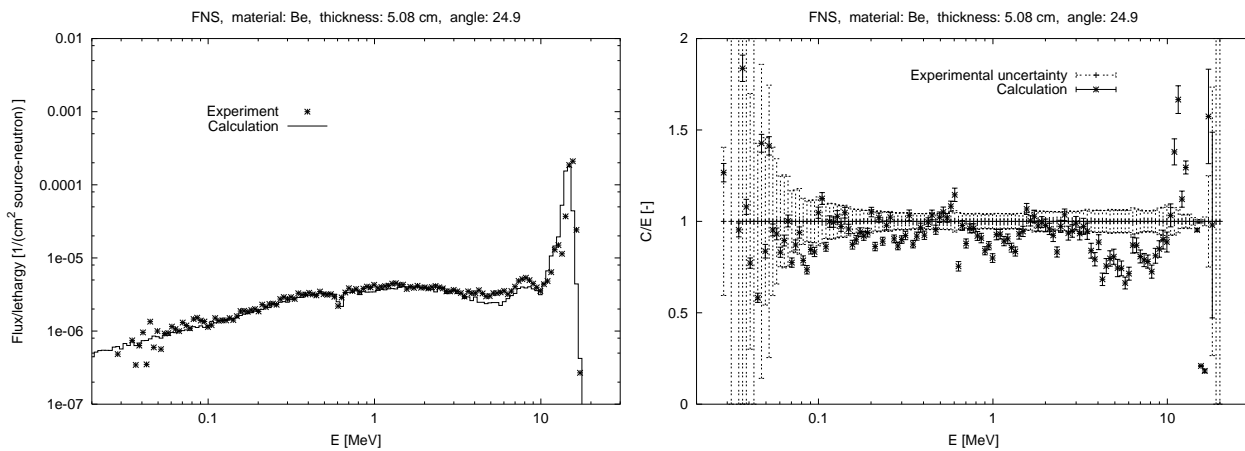


Figure 3.22 Neutron spectrum for the FNS, Be, d=5cm benchmark at 24.9° angle.

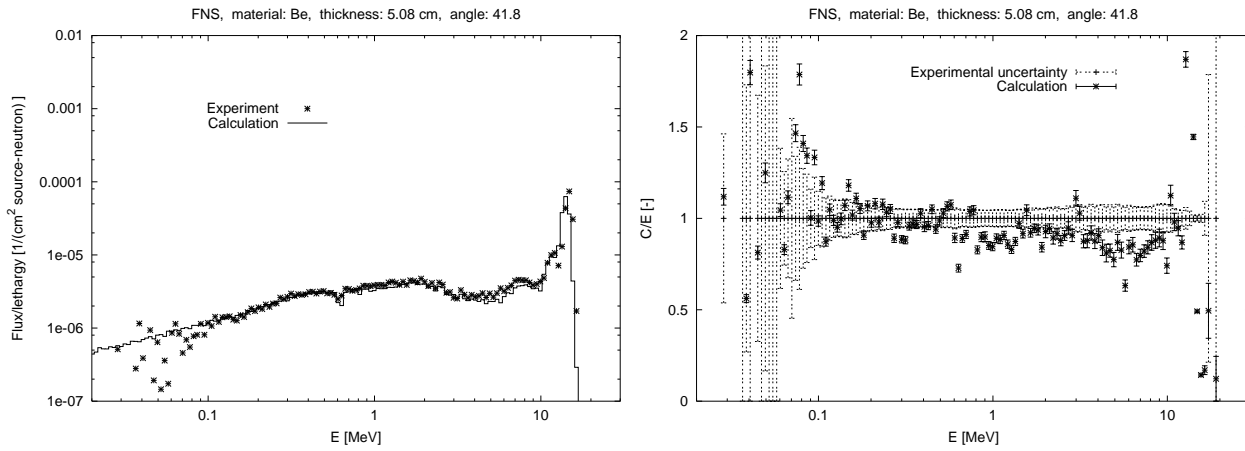


Figure 3.23 Neutron spectrum for the FNS, Be, d=5cm benchmark at 42.8° angle.

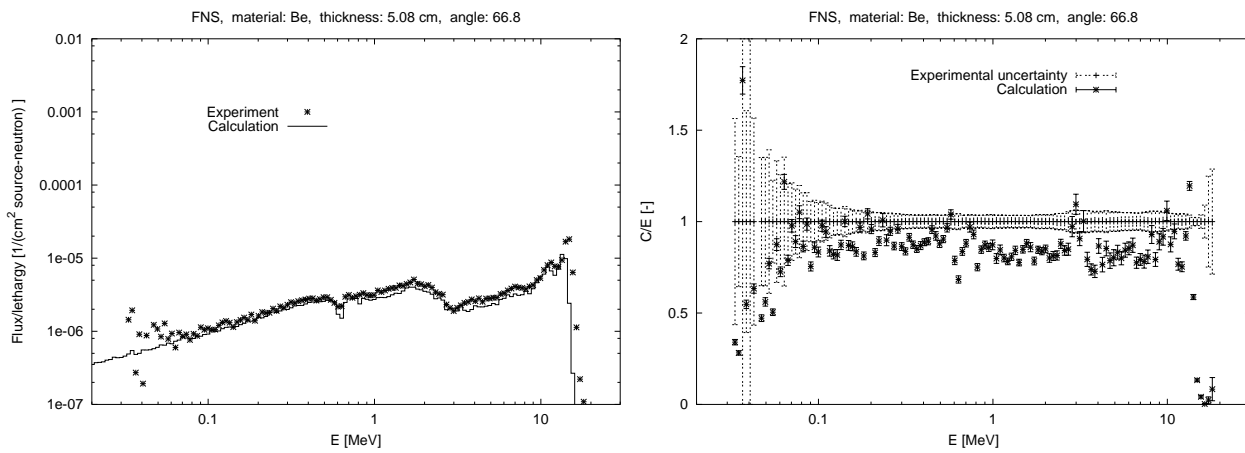


Figure 3.24 Neutron spectrum for the FNS, Be, d=5cm benchmark at 66.8° angle.

energy range	0°	12.2°	24.9°	42.8°	66.8°
0.1– 1.0	0.95 ± 0.01		0.93 ± 0.01	0.95 ± 0.01	0.87 ± 0.01
1.0– 5.0	0.90 ± 0.01		0.93 ± 0.01	0.91 ± 0.01	0.84 ± 0.01
5.0– 10.0	0.81 ± 0.01		0.78 ± 0.01	0.81 ± 0.01	0.80 ± 0.01
10.0– 20.0	0.96 ± 0.01		0.96 ± 0.01	0.94 ± 0.01	0.69 ± 0.01

Table 3.12 C/E values for the neutron spectrum of the FNS Be 5cm benchmark.

3.2.3 FNS, Be, 15 cm

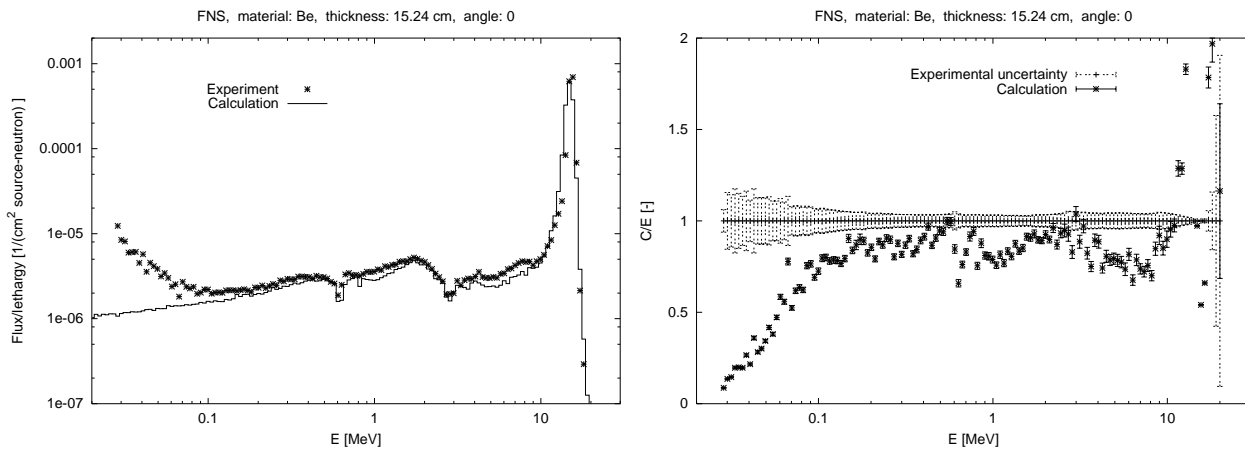


Figure 3.25 Neutron spectrum for the FNS, Be, d=15cm benchmark at 0° angle.

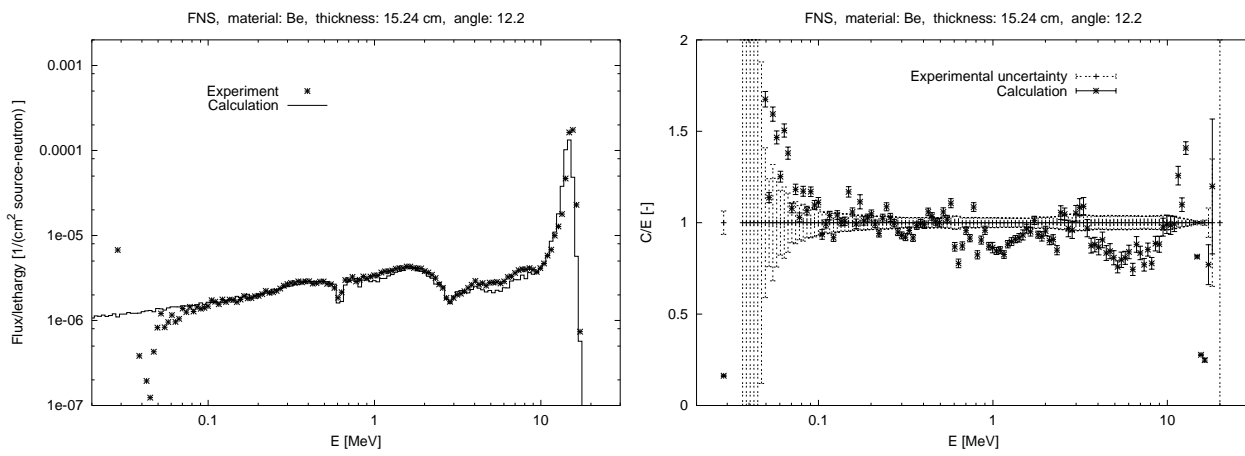


Figure 3.26 Neutron spectrum for the FNS, Be, d=15cm benchmark at 12.2° angle.

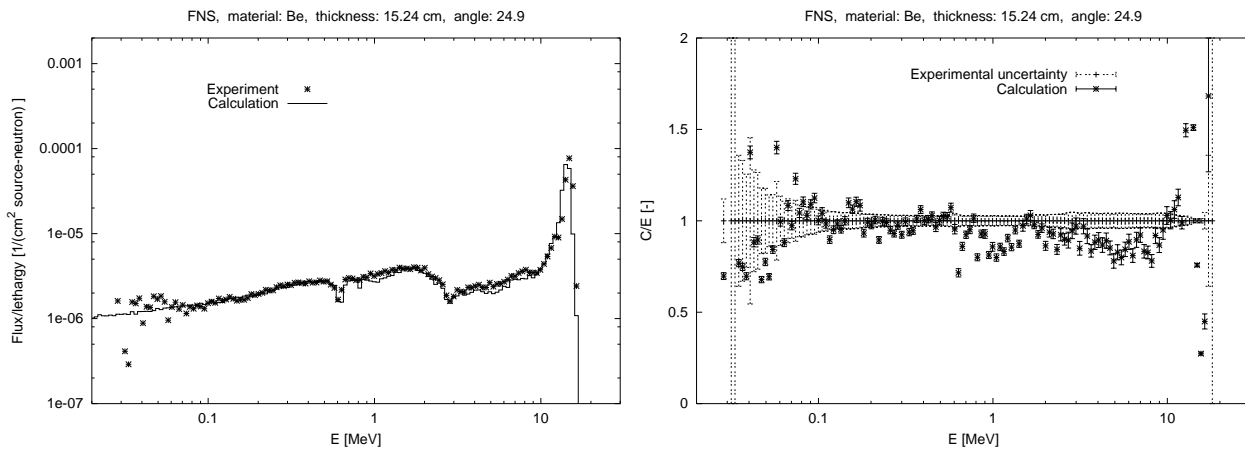


Figure 3.27 Neutron spectrum for the FNS, Be, d=15cm benchmark at 24.9° angle.

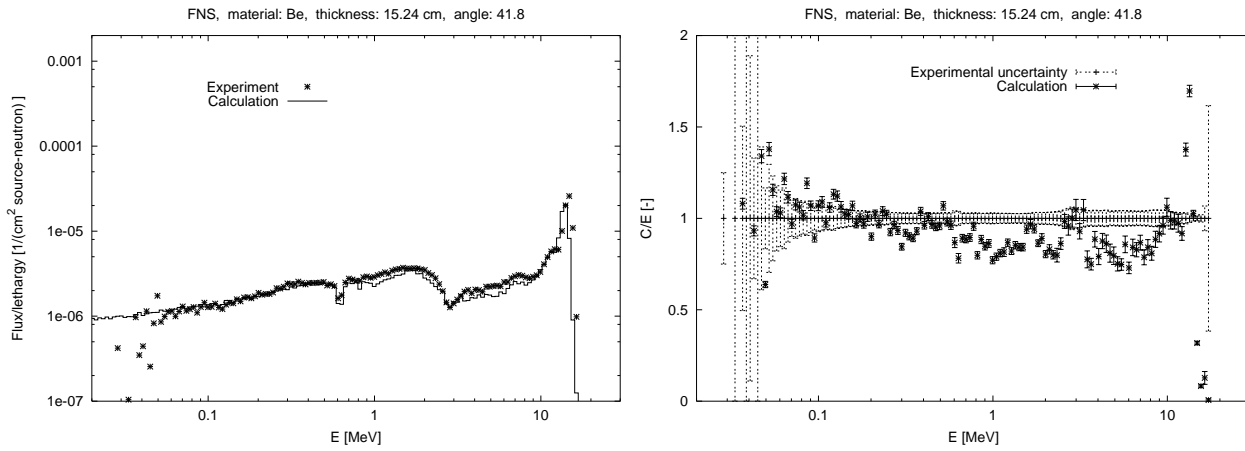


Figure 3.28 Neutron spectrum for the FNS, Be, d=15cm benchmark at 42.8° angle.

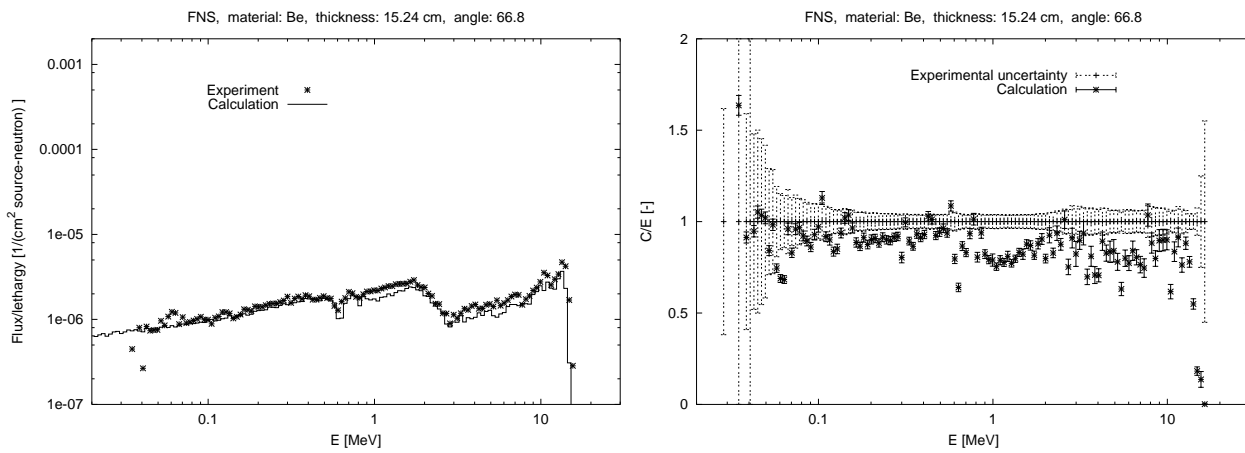


Figure 3.29 Neutron spectrum for the FNS, Be, d=15cm benchmark at 66.8° angle.

energy range	0°	12.2°	24.9°	42.8°	66.8°
0.1– 1.0	0.85 ± 0.01	0.97 ± 0.01	0.95 ± 0.01	0.94 ± 0.01	0.89 ± 0.01
1.0– 5.0	0.87 ± 0.01	0.93 ± 0.01	0.91 ± 0.01	0.87 ± 0.01	0.84 ± 0.01
5.0– 10.0	0.75 ± 0.01	0.81 ± 0.01	0.83 ± 0.01	0.81 ± 0.01	0.78 ± 0.02
10.0– 20.0	0.98 ± 0.01	0.81 ± 0.01	1.01 ± 0.01	0.83 ± 0.01	0.80 ± 0.02

Table 3.13 C/E values for the neutron spectrum of the FNS Be 15cm benchmark.

3.2.4 FNS, C, 5 cm

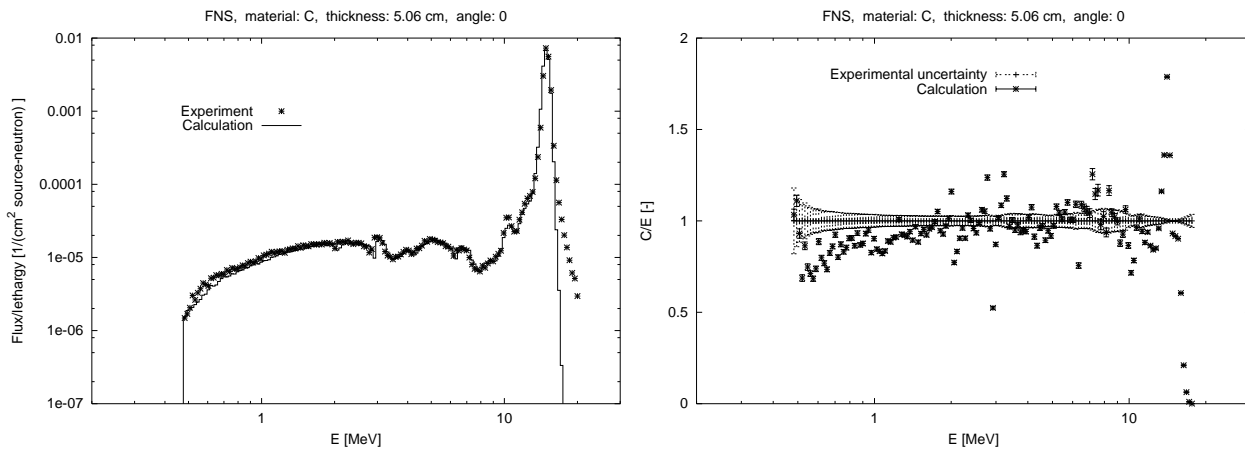


Figure 3.30 Neutron spectrum for the FNS, C, d=5cm benchmark at 0° angle.

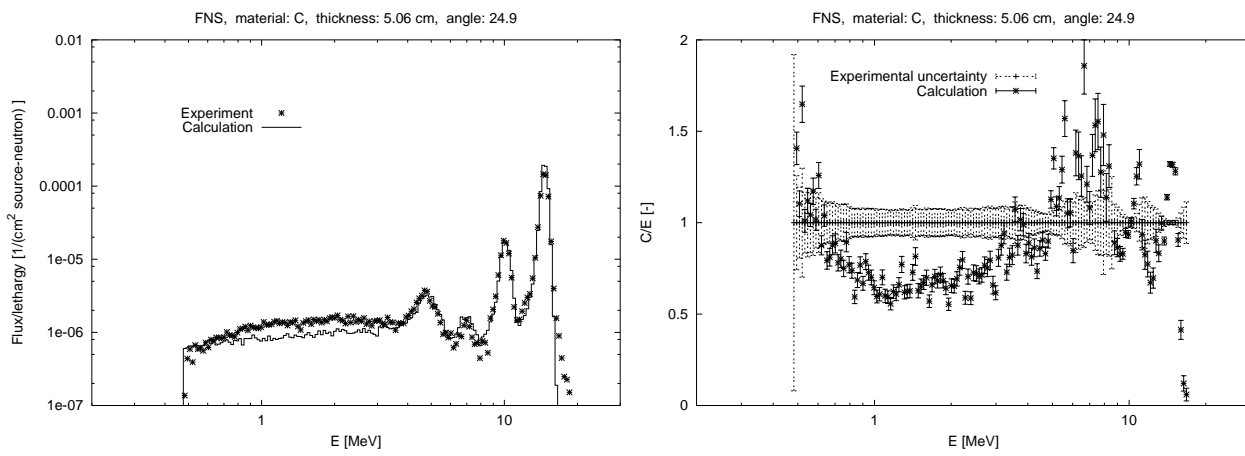


Figure 3.31 Neutron spectrum for the FNS, C, d=5cm benchmark at 24.9° angle.

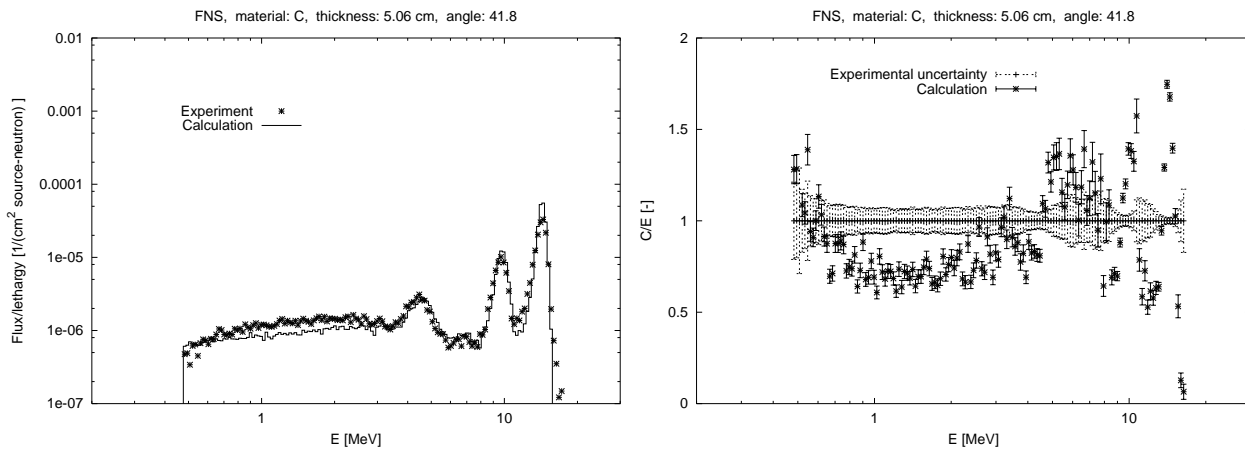


Figure 3.32 Neutron spectrum for the FNS, C, d=5cm benchmark at 42.8° angle.

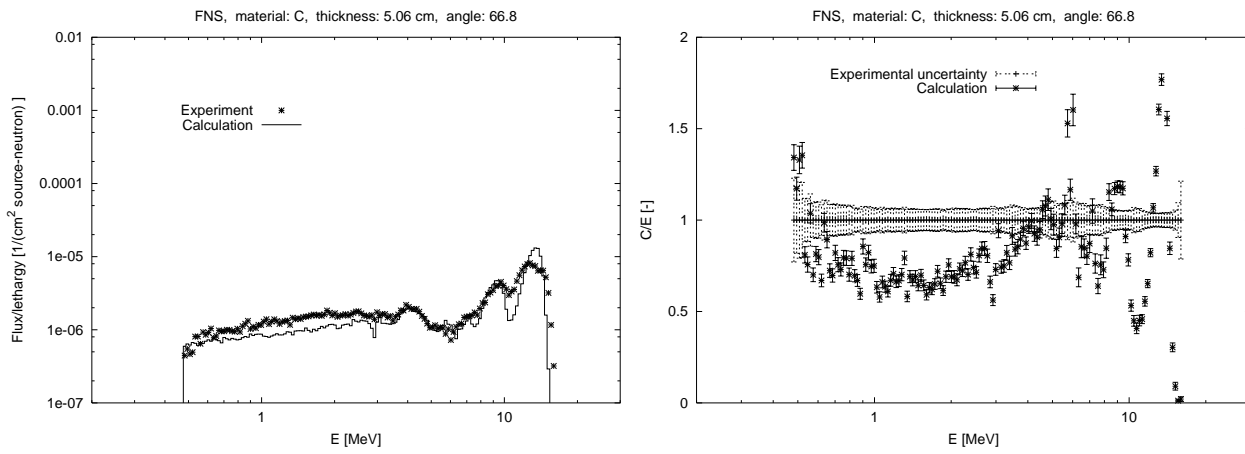


Figure 3.33 Neutron spectrum for the FNS, C, d=5cm benchmark at 66.8° angle.

energy range	0°	12.2°	24.9°	42.8°	66.8°
0.1– 1.0	0.81 ± 0.01		0.84 ± 0.01	0.83 ± 0.01	0.77 ± 0.01
1.0– 5.0	0.94 ± 0.01		0.73 ± 0.01	0.79 ± 0.01	0.76 ± 0.01
5.0– 10.0	1.01 ± 0.01		0.83 ± 0.01	0.93 ± 0.01	0.95 ± 0.01
10.0– 20.0	1.01 ± 0.01		1.23 ± 0.01	1.39 ± 0.01	1.01 ± 0.01

Table 3.14 C/E values for the neutron spectrum of the FNS C 5cm benchmark.

3.2.5 FNS, C, 20 cm

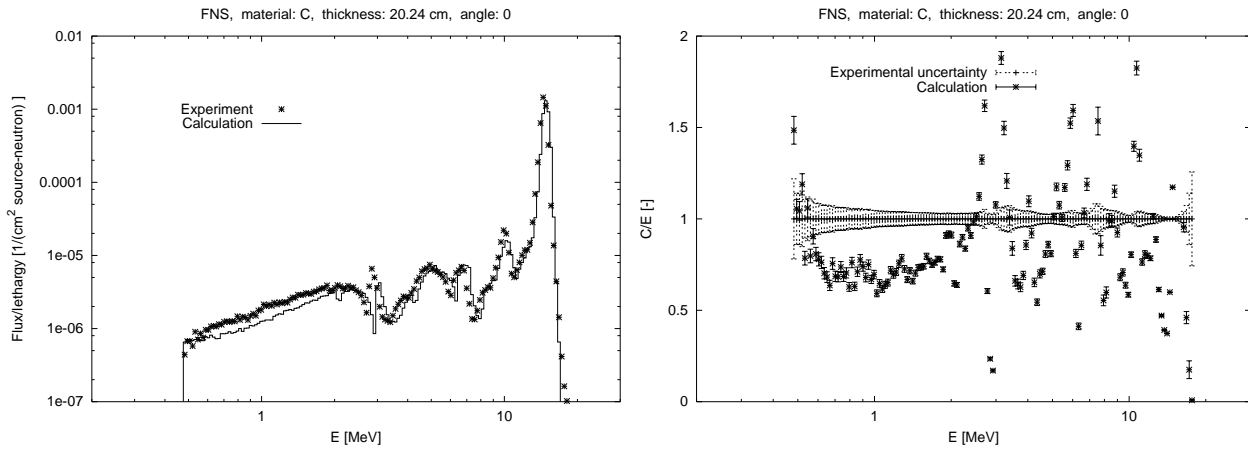


Figure 3.34 Neutron spectrum for the FNS, C, d=20cm benchmark at 0° angle.

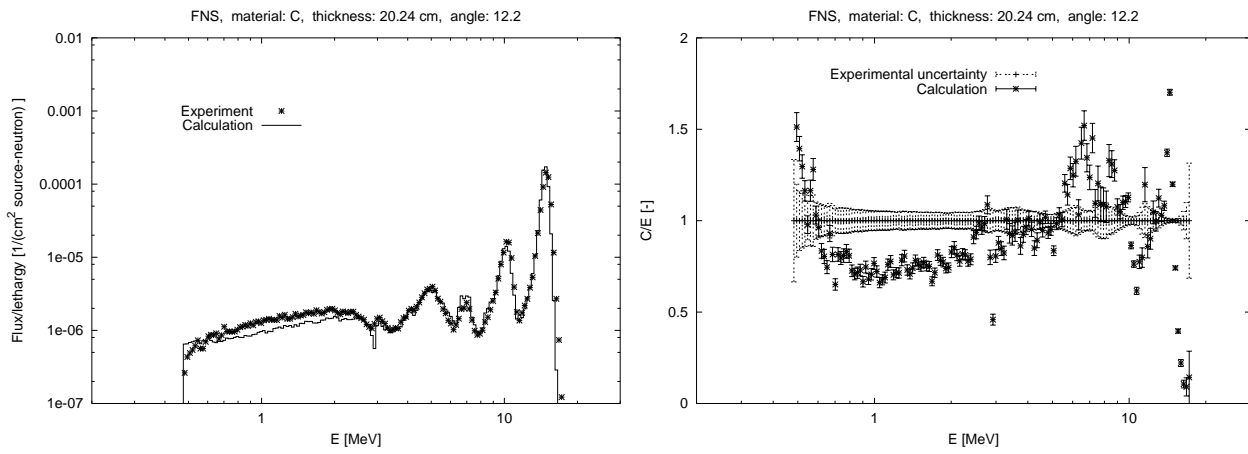


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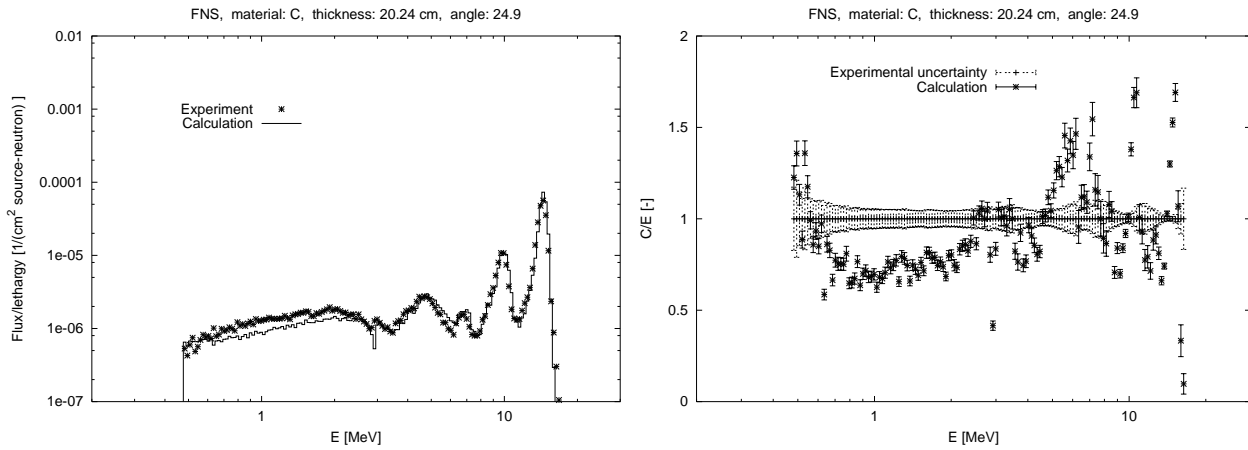


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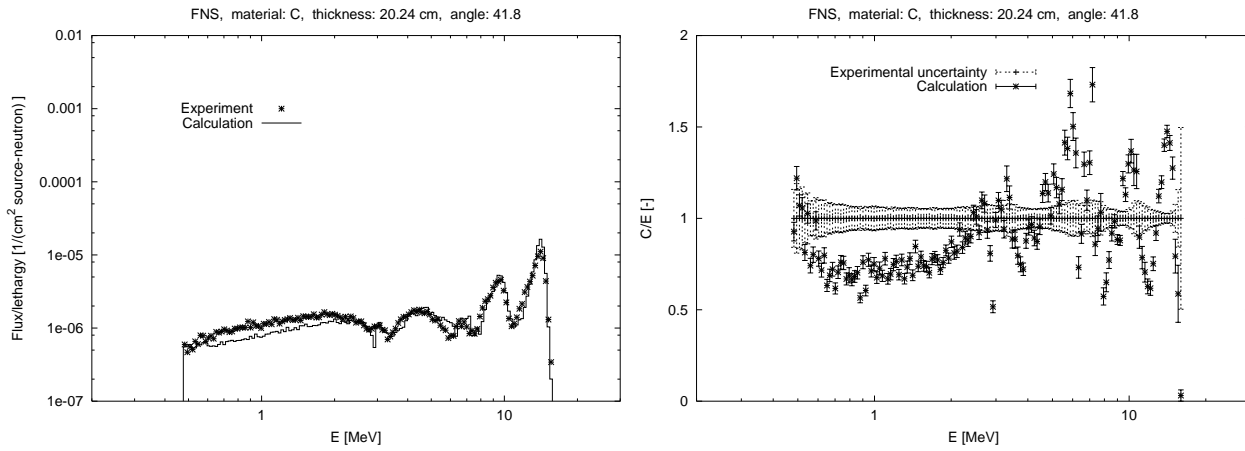


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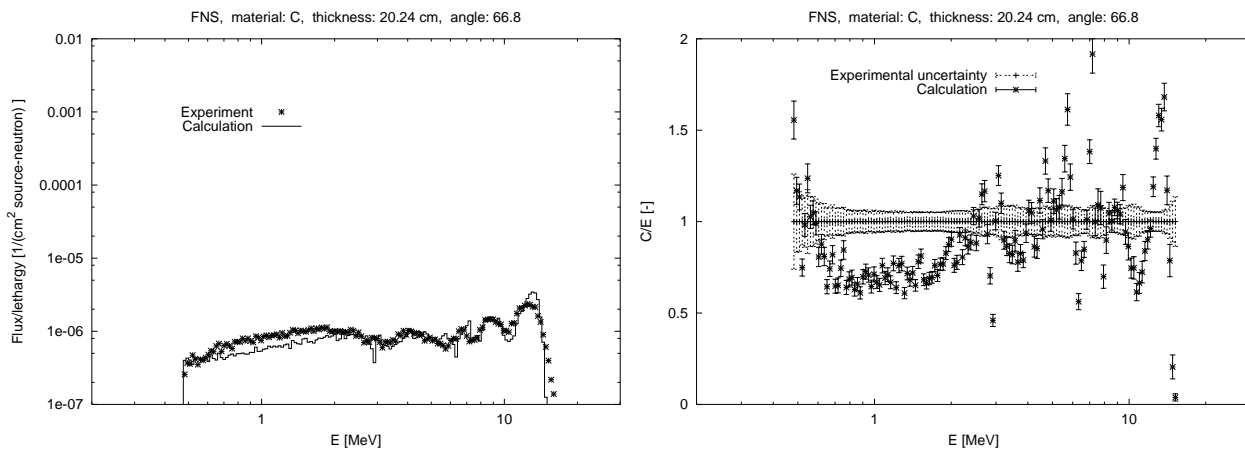


Figure 3.38 Neutron spectrum for the FNS, C, d=20cm benchmark at 66.8° angle.

energy range	0°	12.2°	24.9°	42.8°	66.8°
0.1– 1.0	0.72 ± 0.01	0.82 ± 0.01	0.76 ± 0.01	0.72 ± 0.01	0.75 ± 0.01
1.0– 5.0	0.77 ± 0.01	0.81 ± 0.01	0.81 ± 0.01	0.84 ± 0.01	0.83 ± 0.01
5.0– 10.0	0.90 ± 0.01	1.01 ± 0.01	0.89 ± 0.01	1.01 ± 0.01	1.04 ± 0.01
10.0– 20.0	0.98 ± 0.01	1.07 ± 0.01	1.20 ± 0.01	1.24 ± 0.01	1.07 ± 0.01

Table 3.15 C/E values for the neutron spectrum of the FNS C 20cm benchmark.

3.2.6 FNS, C, 40 cm

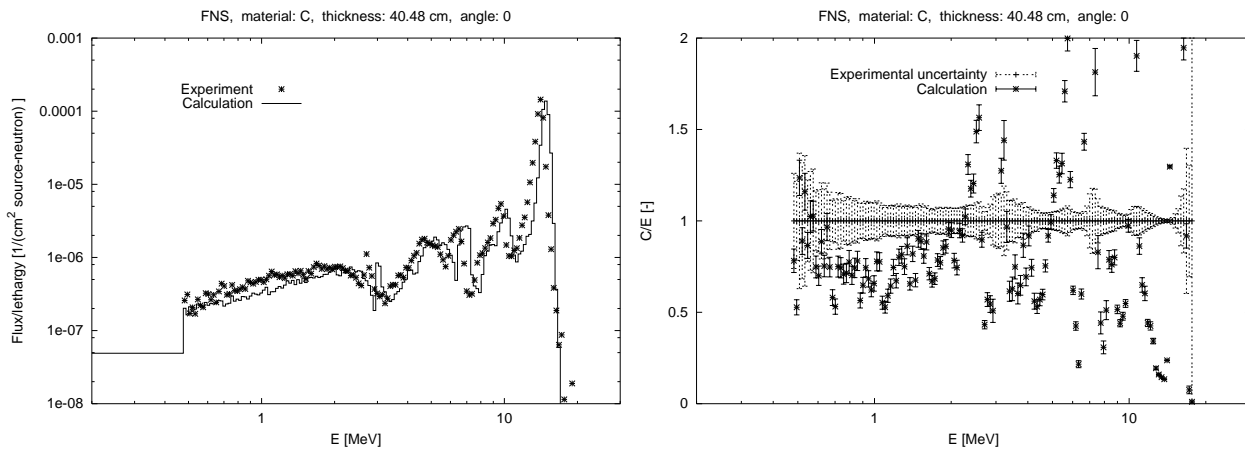


Figure 3.39 Neutron spectrum for the FNS, C, d=40cm benchmark at 0° angle.

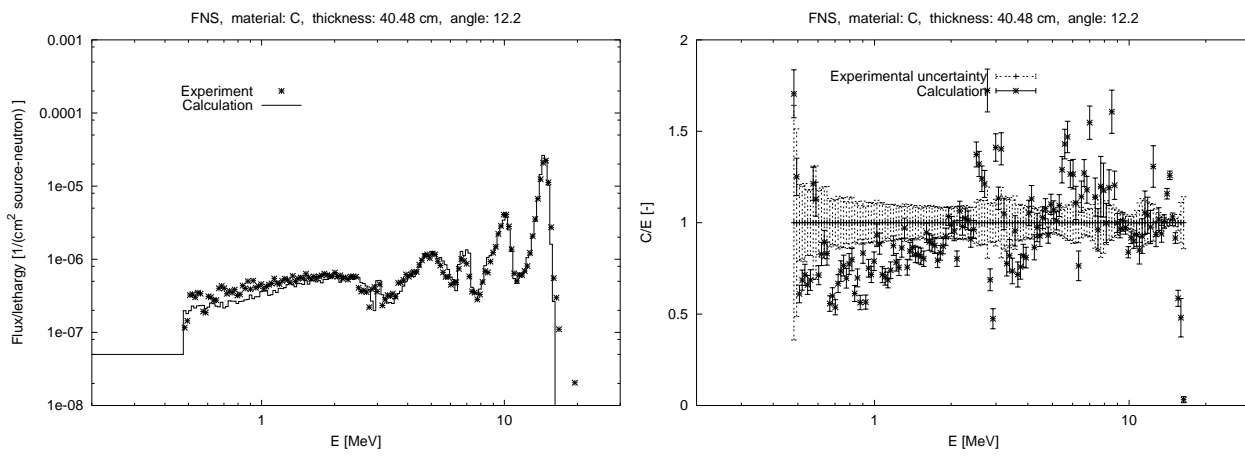


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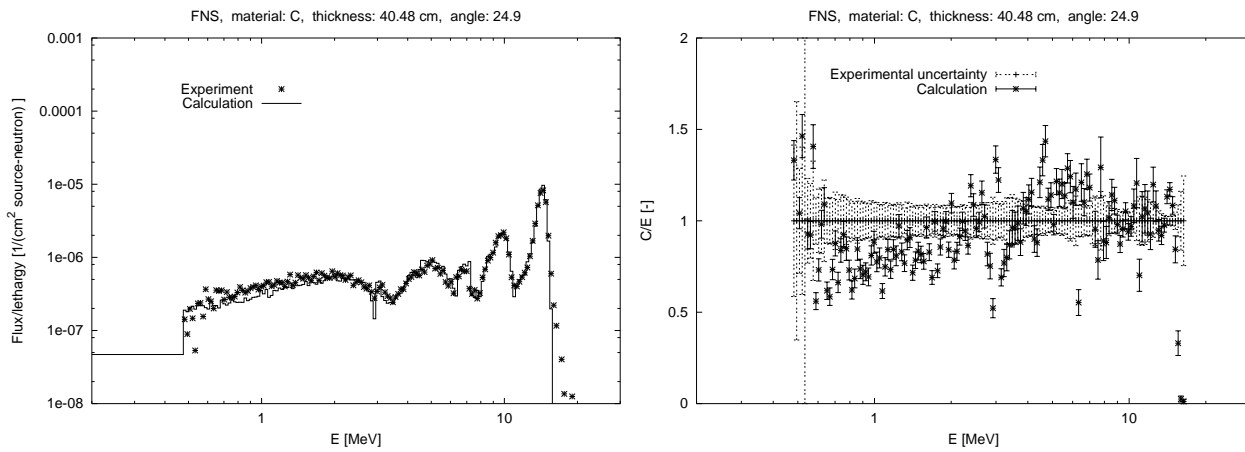


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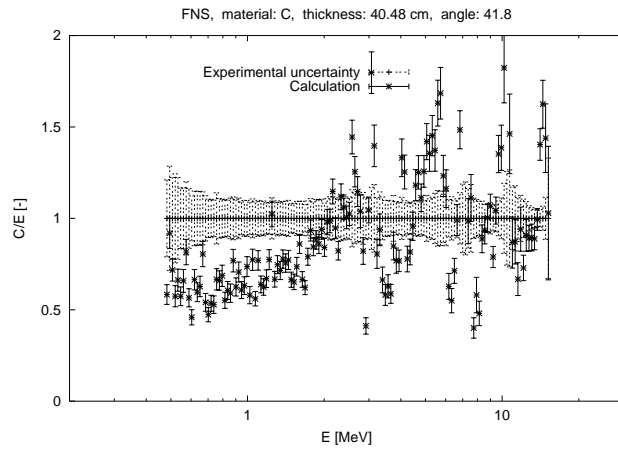
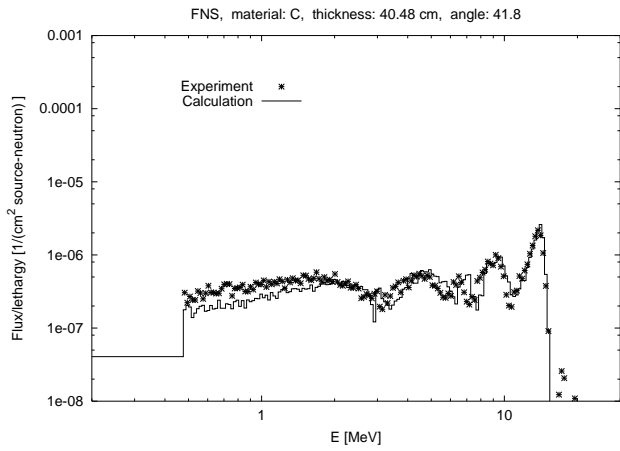


Figure 3.42 Neutron spectrum for the FNS, C, d=40cm benchmark at 42.8° angle.

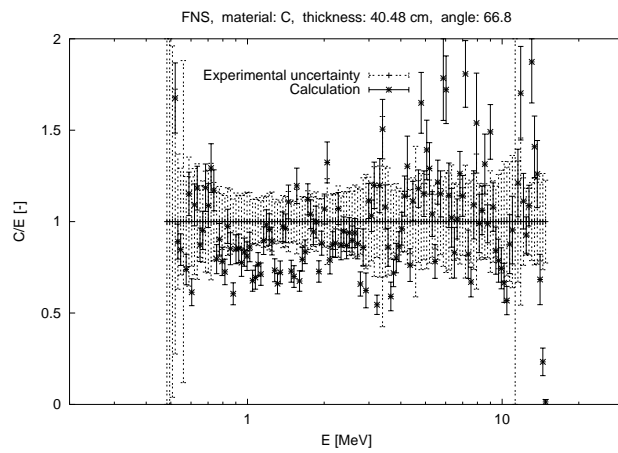
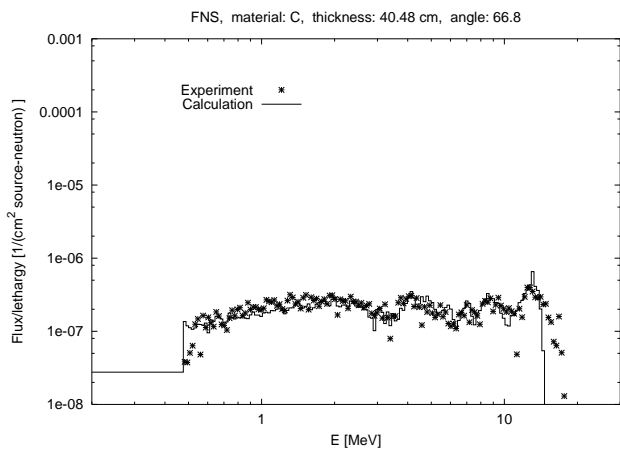


Figure 3.43 Neutron spectrum for the FNS, C, d=40cm benchmark at 66.8° angle.

energy range	0°	12.2°	24.9°	42.8°	66.8°
0.1– 1.0	0.71 ± 0.01	0.70 ± 0.01	0.80 ± 0.01	0.60 ± 0.02	0.94 ± 0.02
1.0– 5.0	0.78 ± 0.01	0.90 ± 0.01	0.91 ± 0.01	0.86 ± 0.01	0.91 ± 0.01
5.0– 10.0	0.85 ± 0.01	1.02 ± 0.01	1.01 ± 0.01	1.05 ± 0.02	1.12 ± 0.02
10.0– 20.0	1.03 ± 0.01	1.08 ± 0.01	1.09 ± 0.01	1.14 ± 0.02	0.94 ± 0.04

Table 3.16 C/E values for the neutron spectrum of the FNS C 40cm benchmark.

3.2.7 FNS, N, 20 cm

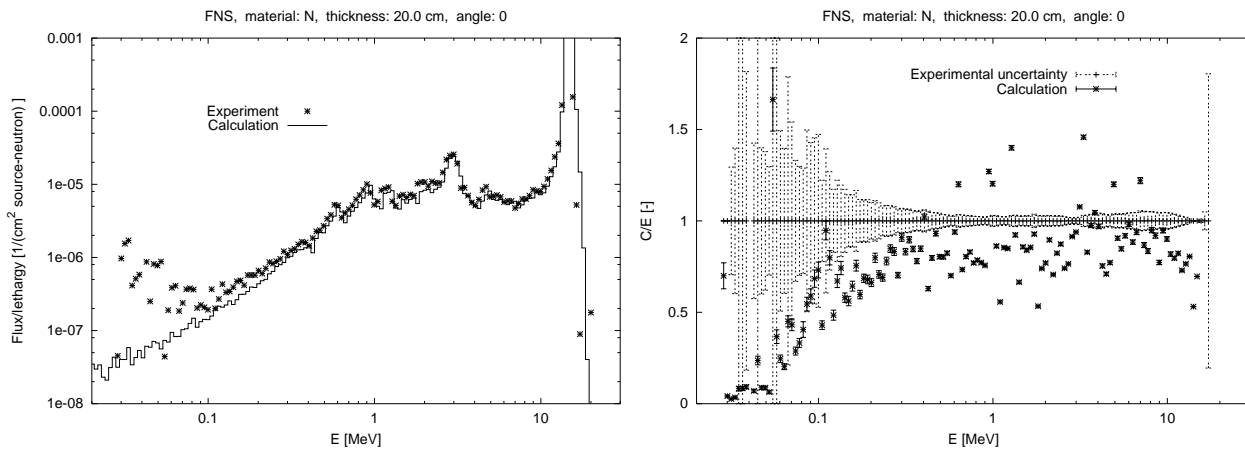


Figure 3.44 Neutron spectrum for the FNS, N, d=20cm benchmark at 0° angle.

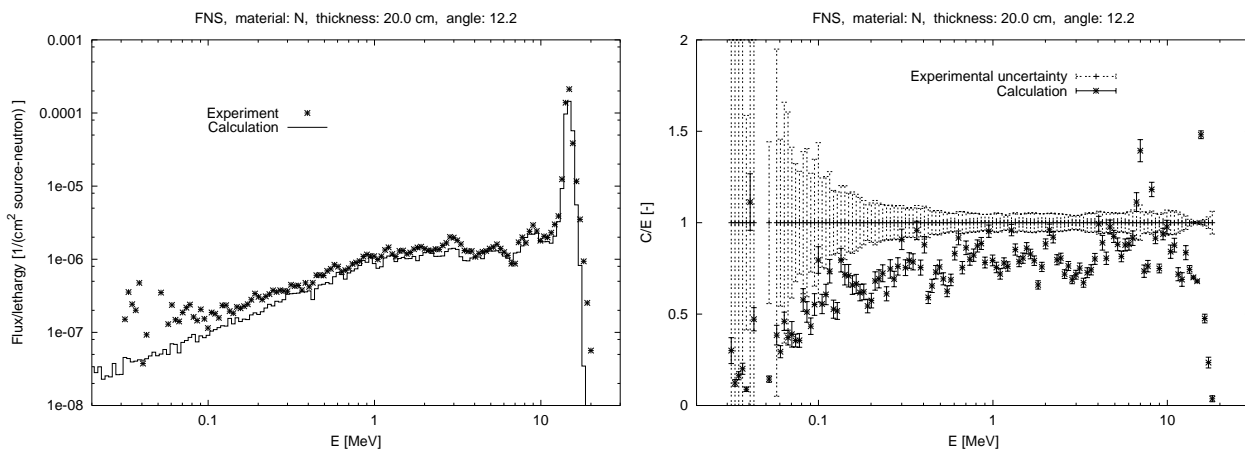


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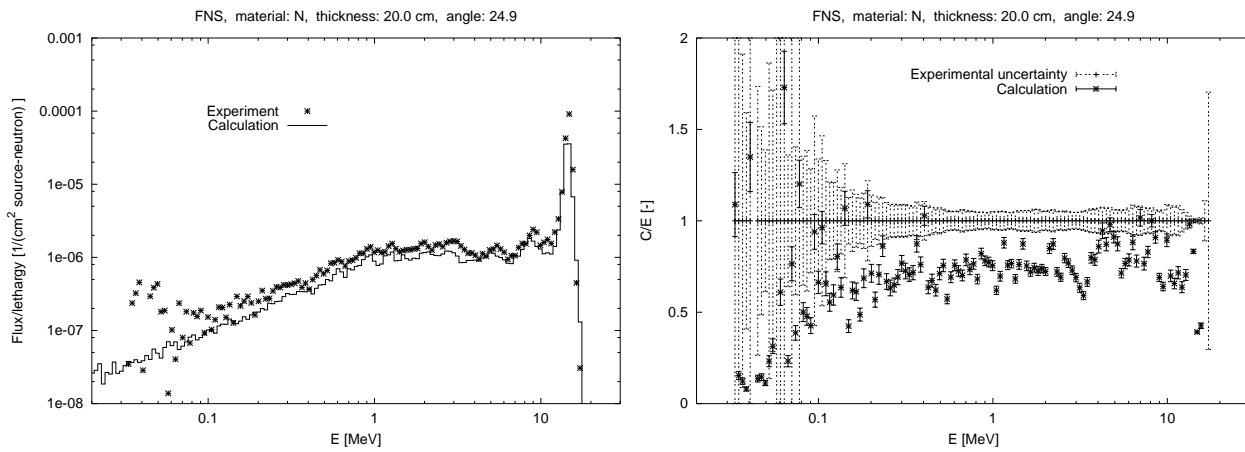


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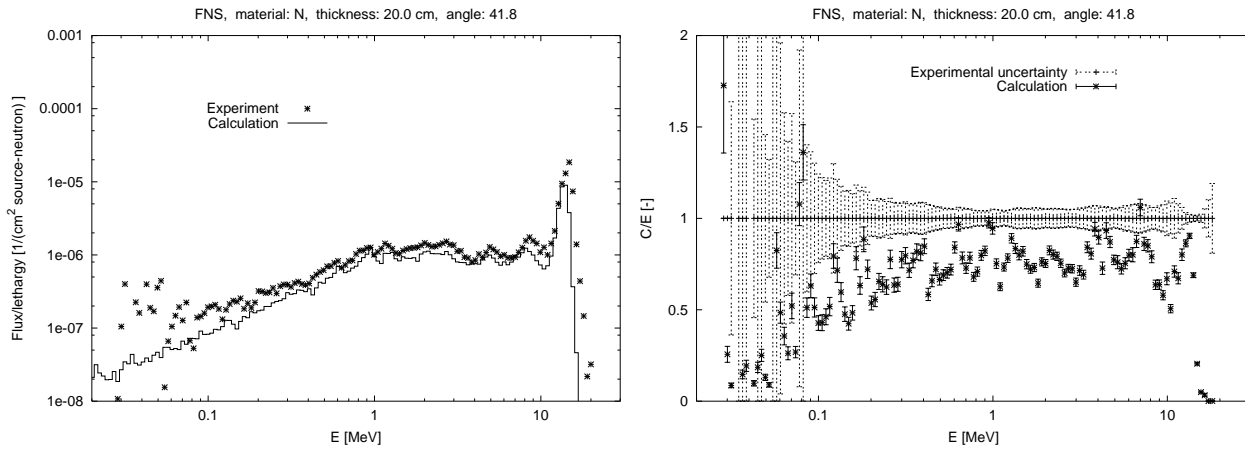


Figure 3.47 Neutron spectrum for the FNS, N, d=20cm benchmark at 42.8° angle.

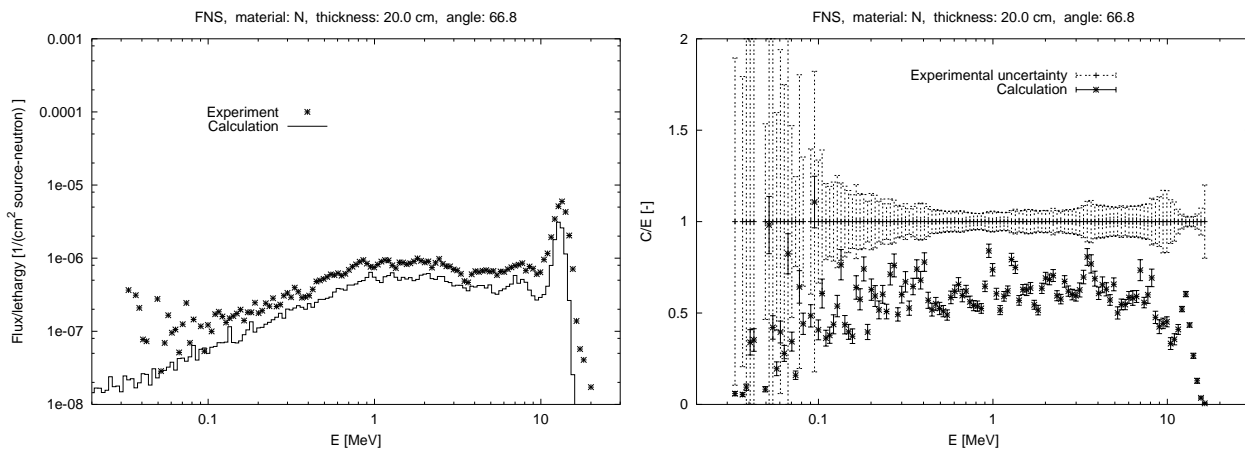


Figure 3.48 Neutron spectrum for the FNS, N, d=20cm benchmark at 66.8° angle.

energy range	0°	12.2°	24.9°	42.8°	66.8°
0.1– 1.0	0.80 ± 0.01	0.73 ± 0.01	0.69 ± 0.01	0.71 ± 0.01	0.56 ± 0.01
1.0– 5.0	0.86 ± 0.01	0.79 ± 0.01	0.75 ± 0.01	0.77 ± 0.01	0.64 ± 0.01
5.0– 10.0	0.92 ± 0.01	0.89 ± 0.01	0.80 ± 0.01	0.77 ± 0.01	0.57 ± 0.02
10.0– 20.0	0.85 ± 0.01	0.76 ± 0.01	0.57 ± 0.01	0.50 ± 0.01	0.41 ± 0.01

Table 3.17 C/E values for the neutron spectrum of the FNS N 20cm benchmark.

3.2.8 FNS, O, 20 cm

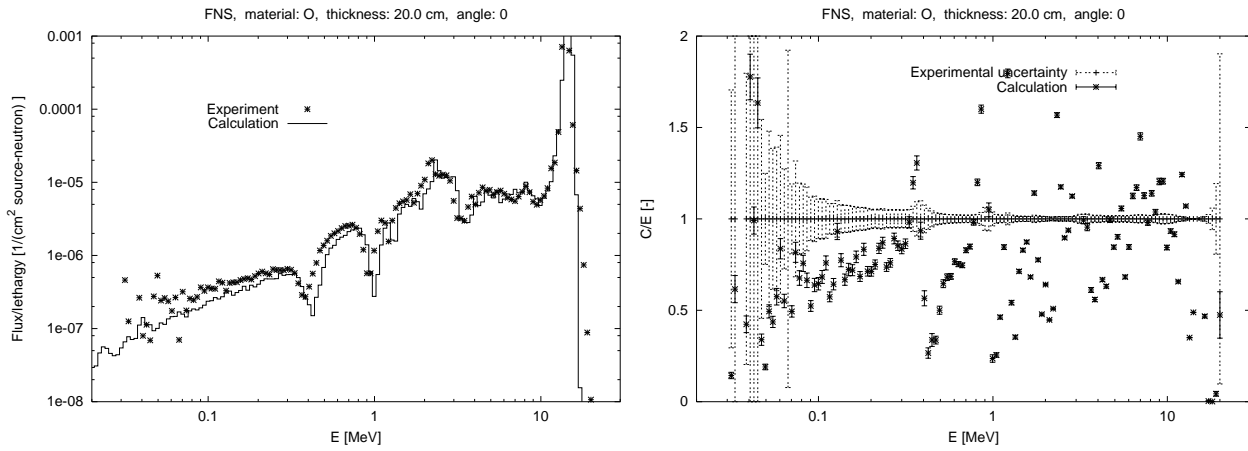


Figure 3.49 Neutron spectrum for the FNS, O, d=20cm benchmark at 0° angle.

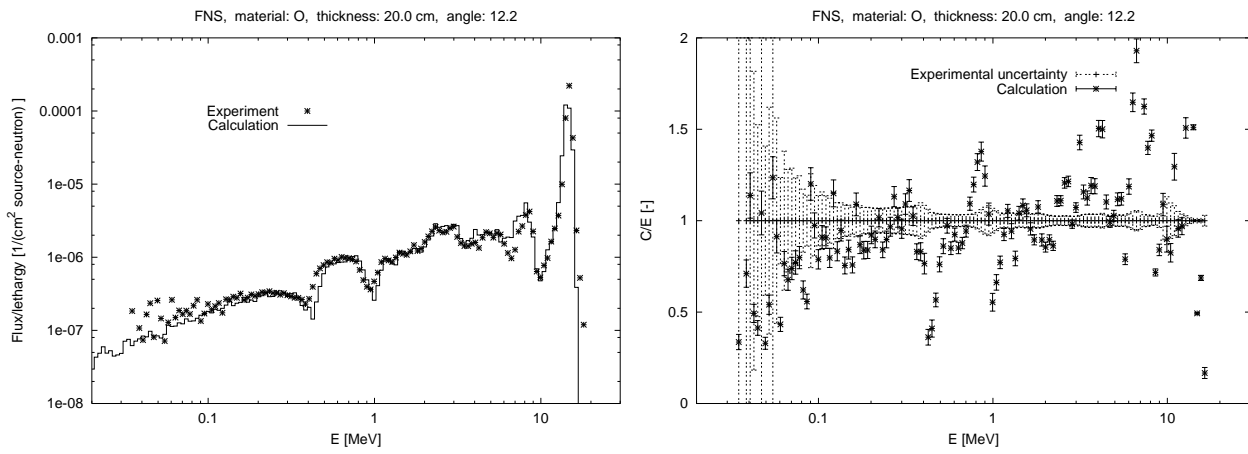


Figure 3.50 Neutron spectrum for the FNS, O, d=20cm benchmark at 12.2° angle.

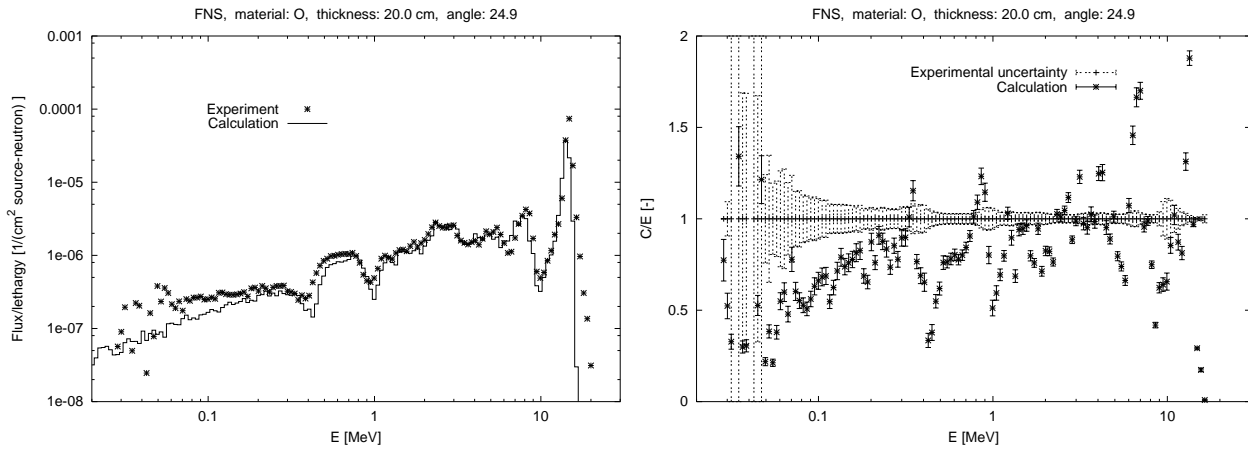


Figure 3.51 Neutron spectrum for the FNS, O, d=20cm benchmark at 24.9° angle.

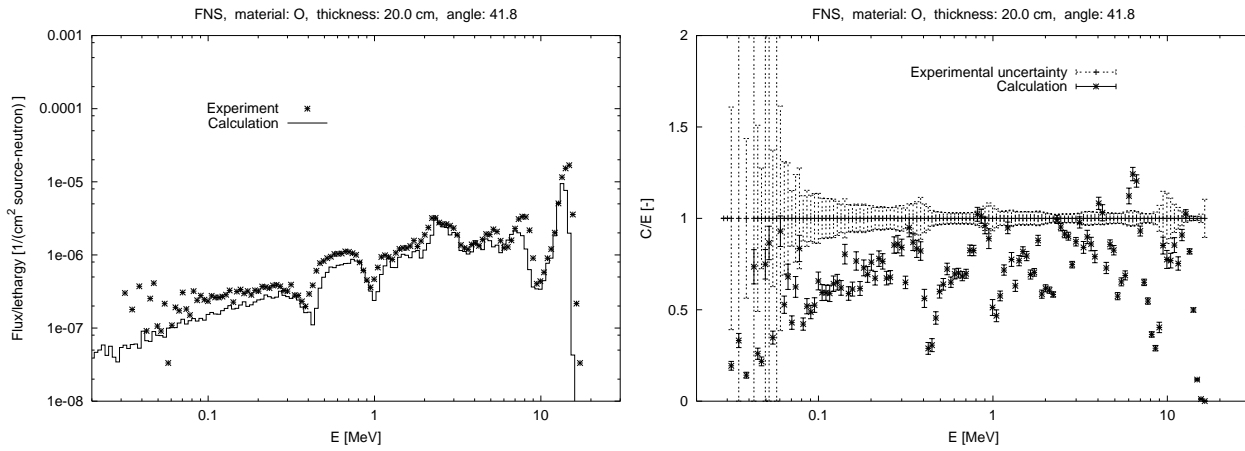


Figure 3.52 Neutron spectrum for the FNS, O, d=20cm benchmark at 42.8° angle.

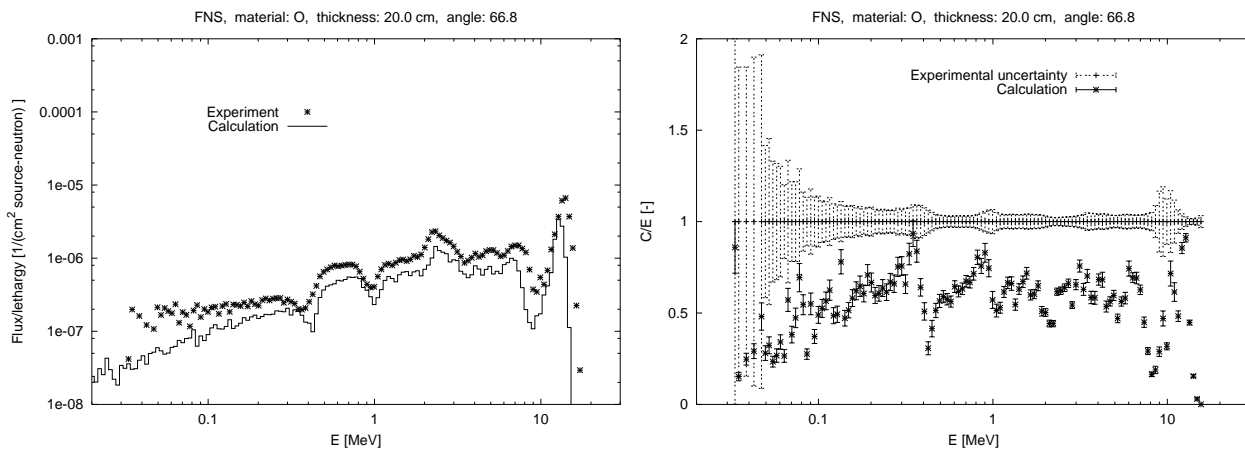


Figure 3.53 Neutron spectrum for the FNS, O, d=20cm benchmark at 66.8° angle.

energy range	0°	12.2°	24.9°	42.8°	66.8°
0.1– 1.0	0.80 ± 0.01	0.91 ± 0.01	0.79 ± 0.01	0.70 ± 0.01	0.63 ± 0.01
1.0– 5.0	0.84 ± 0.01	1.03 ± 0.01	0.92 ± 0.01	0.78 ± 0.01	0.58 ± 0.01
5.0– 10.0	1.06 ± 0.01	1.30 ± 0.01	0.93 ± 0.01	0.72 ± 0.01	0.54 ± 0.02
10.0– 20.0	0.89 ± 0.01	0.81 ± 0.01	0.55 ± 0.01	0.50 ± 0.01	0.40 ± 0.01

Table 3.18 C/E values for the neutron spectrum of the FNS O 20cm benchmark.

3.2.9 FNS, Fe, 5 cm

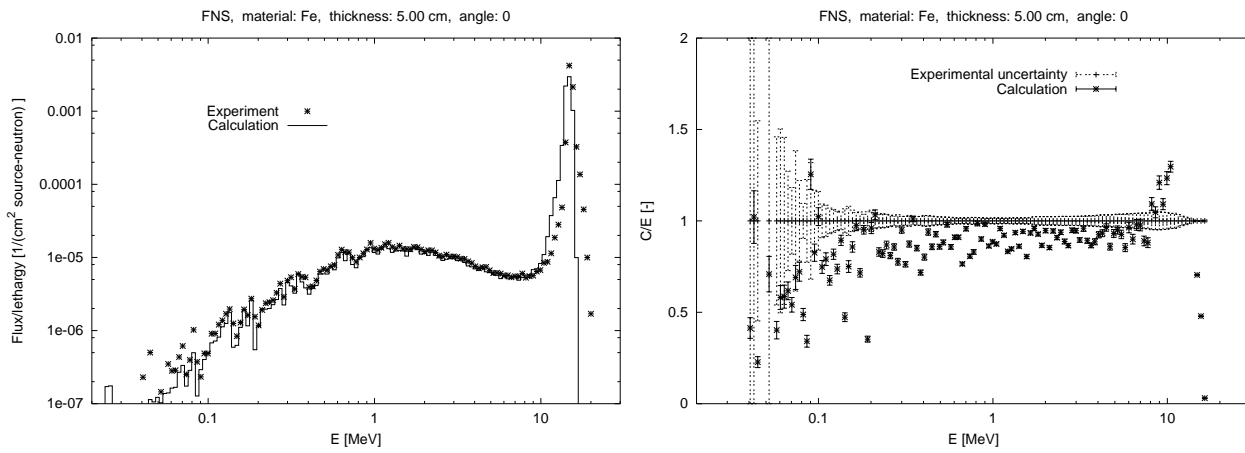


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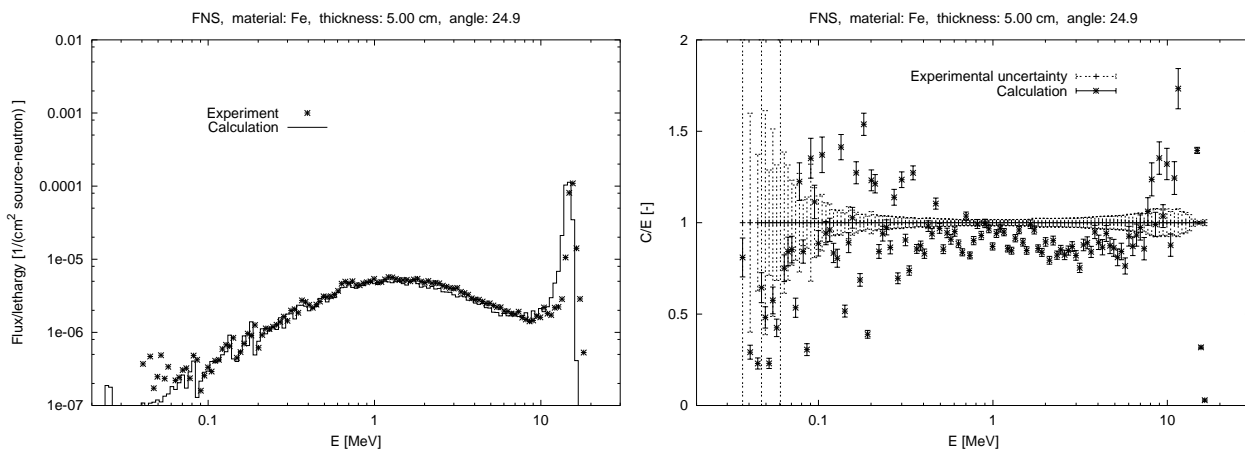


Figure 3.55 Neutron spectrum for the FNS, Fe, d=5cm benchmark at 24.9° angle.

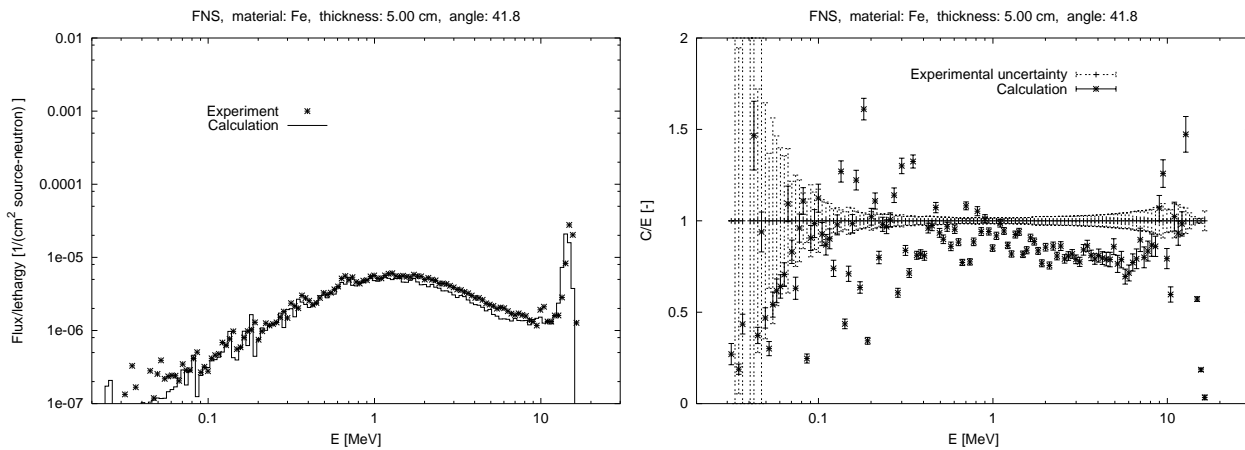


Figure 3.56 Neutron spectrum for the FNS, Fe, d=5cm benchmark at 42.8° angle.

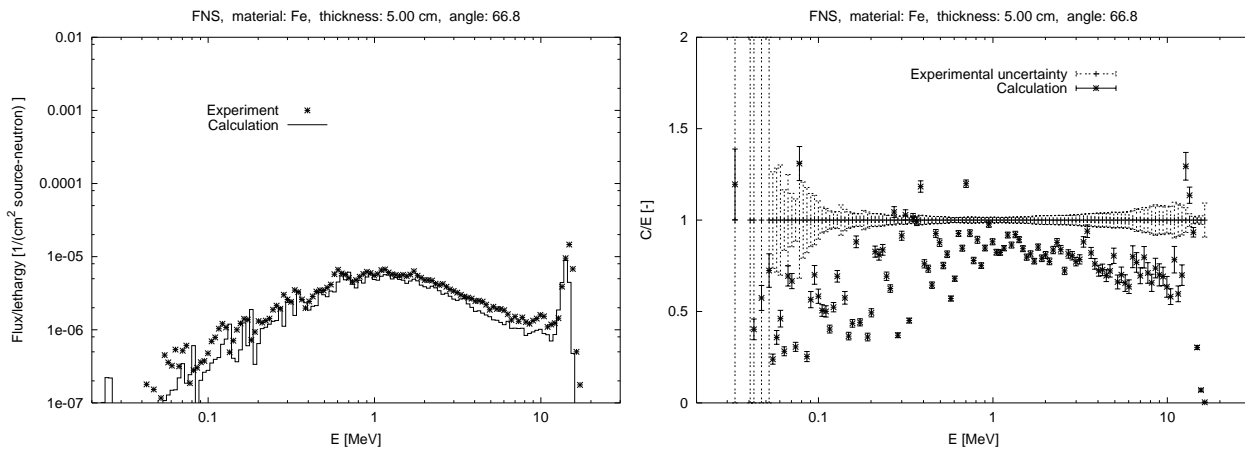


Figure 3.57 Neutron spectrum for the FNS, Fe, d=5cm benchmark at 66.8° angle.

energy range	0°	12.2°	24.9°	42.8°	66.8°
0.1– 1.0	0.83 ± 0.01		0.89 ± 0.01	0.88 ± 0.01	0.78 ± 0.01
1.0– 5.0	0.92 ± 0.01		0.90 ± 0.01	0.87 ± 0.01	0.85 ± 0.01
5.0– 10.0	0.98 ± 0.01		0.98 ± 0.02	0.85 ± 0.02	0.72 ± 0.02
10.0– 20.0	0.92 ± 0.01		1.27 ± 0.01	0.84 ± 0.01	0.58 ± 0.02

Table 3.19 C/E values for the neutron spectrum of the FNS Fe 5cm benchmark.

3.2.10 FNS, Fe, 20 cm

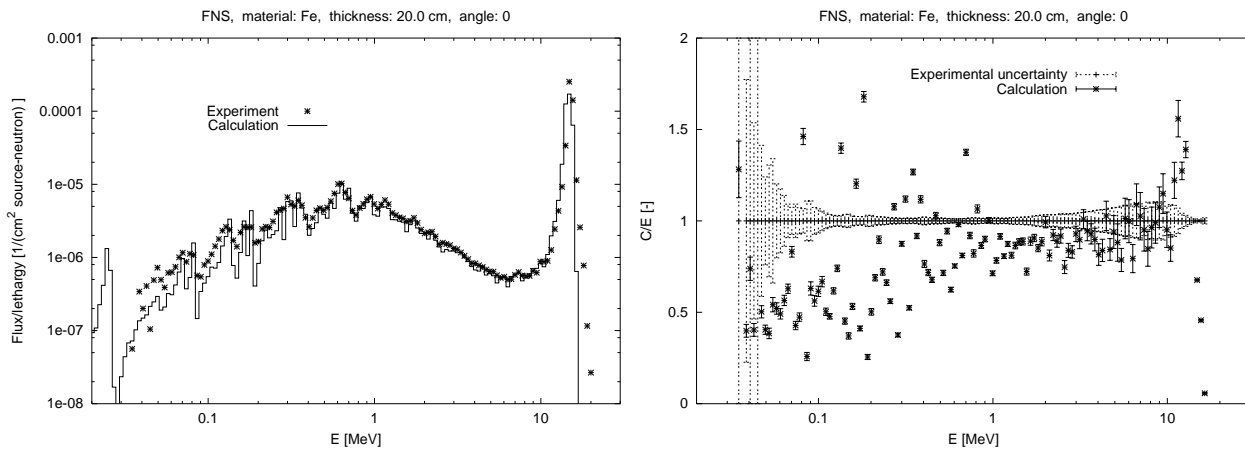


Figure 3.58 Neutron spectrum for the FNS, Fe, d=20cm benchmark at 0° angle.

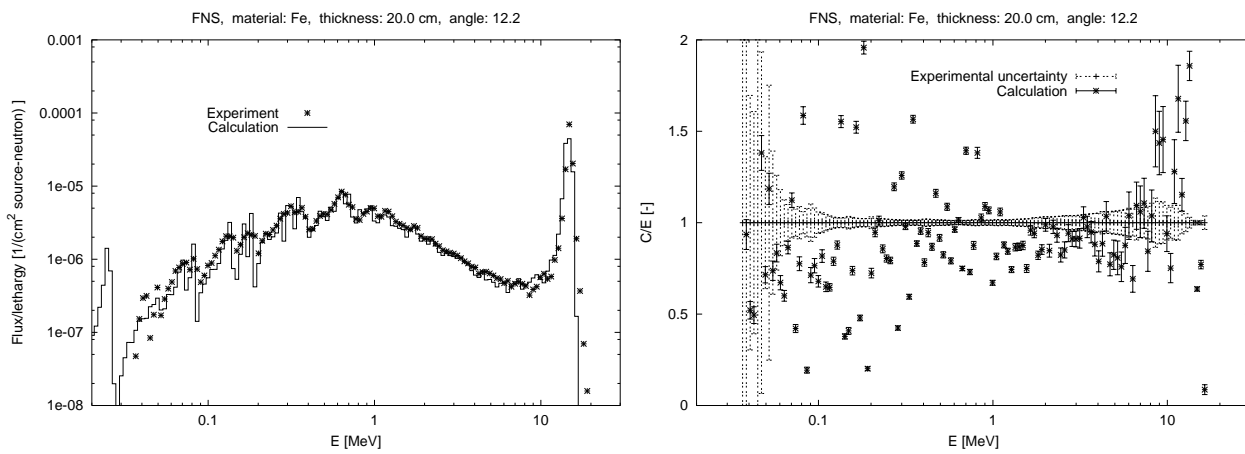


Figure 3.59 Neutron spectrum for the FNS, Fe, d=20cm benchmark at 12.2° angle.

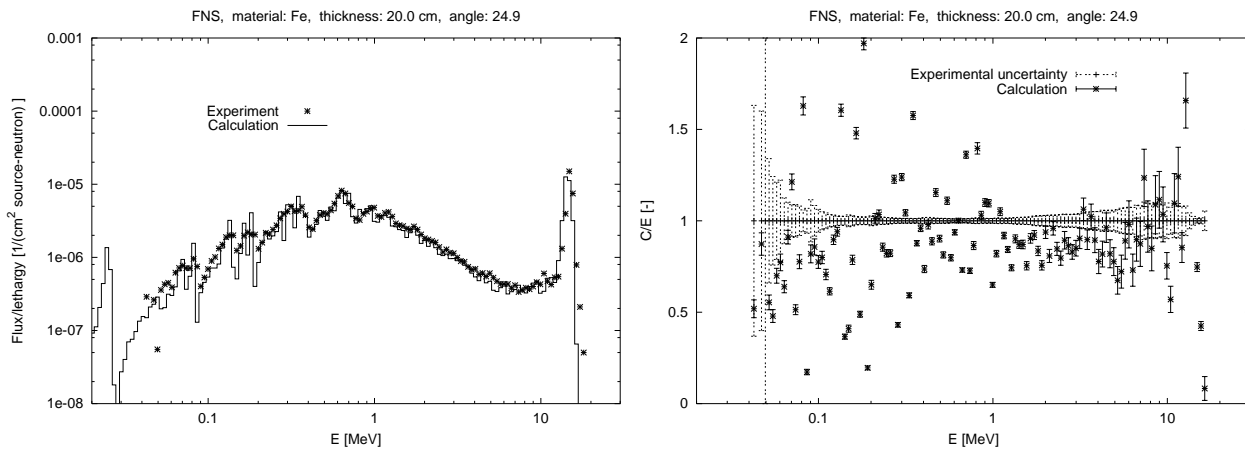


Figure 3.60 Neutron spectrum for the FNS, Fe, d=20cm benchmark at 24.9° angle.

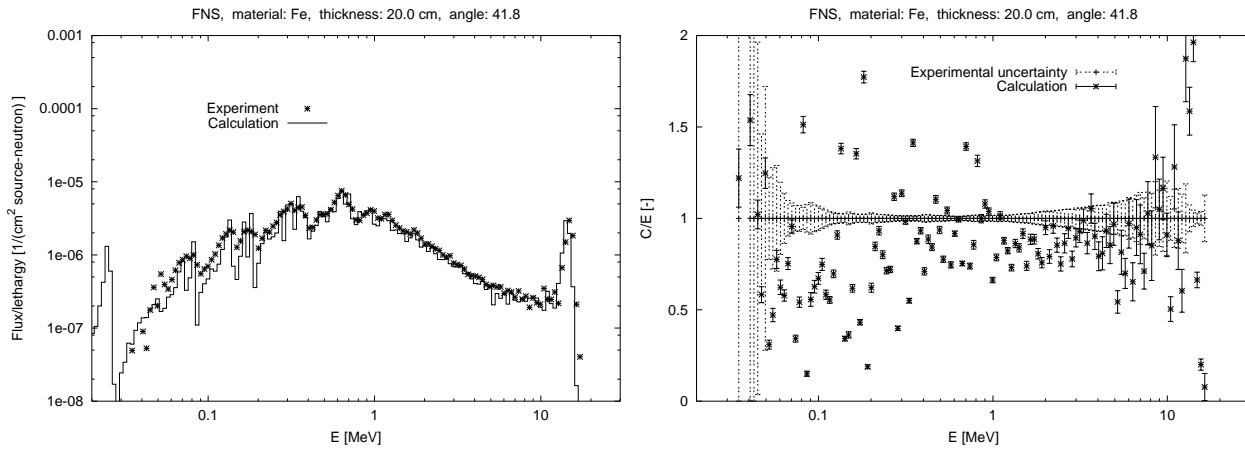


Figure 3.61 Neutron spectrum for the FNS, Fe, d=20cm benchmark at 42.8° angle.

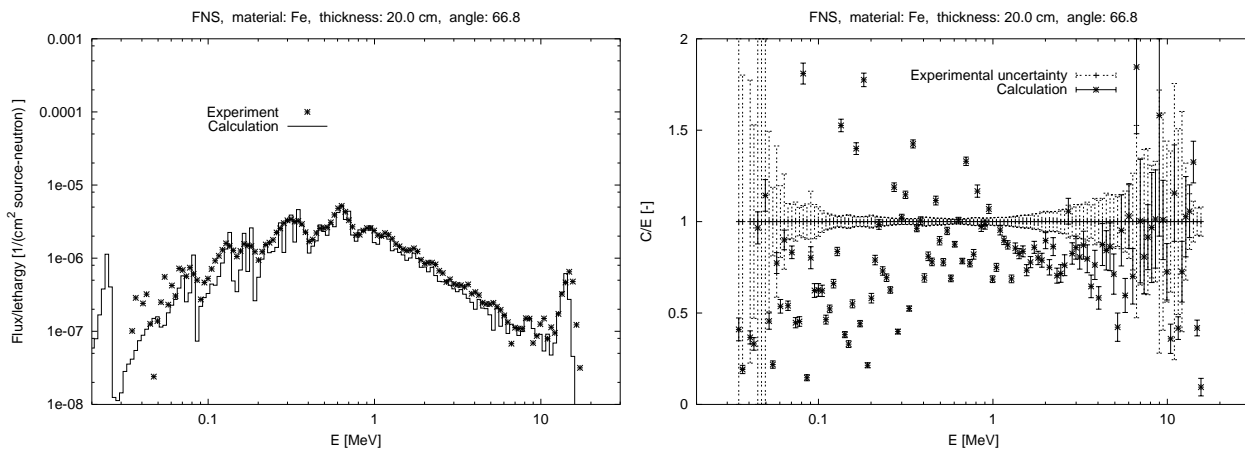


Figure 3.62 Neutron spectrum for the FNS, Fe, d=20cm benchmark at 66.8° angle.

energy range	0°	12.2°	24.9°	42.8°	66.8°
0.1– 1.0	0.84 ± 0.01	0.93 ± 0.01	0.93 ± 0.01	0.89 ± 0.01	0.87 ± 0.01
1.0– 5.0	0.91 ± 0.01	0.93 ± 0.01	0.91 ± 0.01	0.90 ± 0.01	0.86 ± 0.01
5.0– 10.0	0.94 ± 0.03	1.01 ± 0.03	0.93 ± 0.04	0.91 ± 0.04	0.92 ± 0.07
10.0– 20.0	0.85 ± 0.01	0.95 ± 0.01	1.06 ± 0.02	0.91 ± 0.03	0.67 ± 0.05

Table 3.20 C/E values for the neutron spectrum of the FNS Fe 20cm benchmark.

3.2.11 FNS, Fe, 40 cm

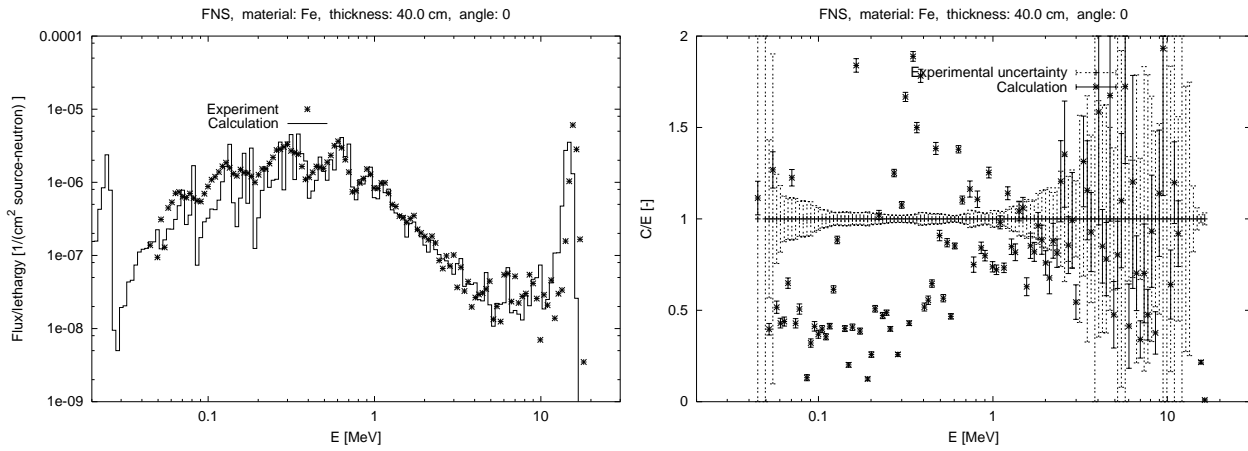


Figure 3.63 Neutron spectrum for the FNS, Fe, d=40cm benchmark at 0° angle.

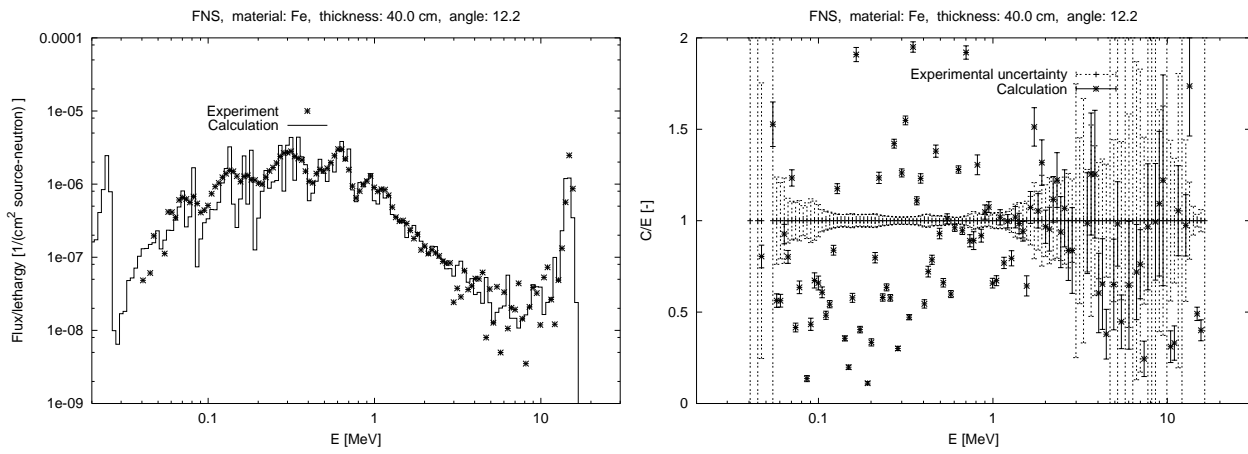


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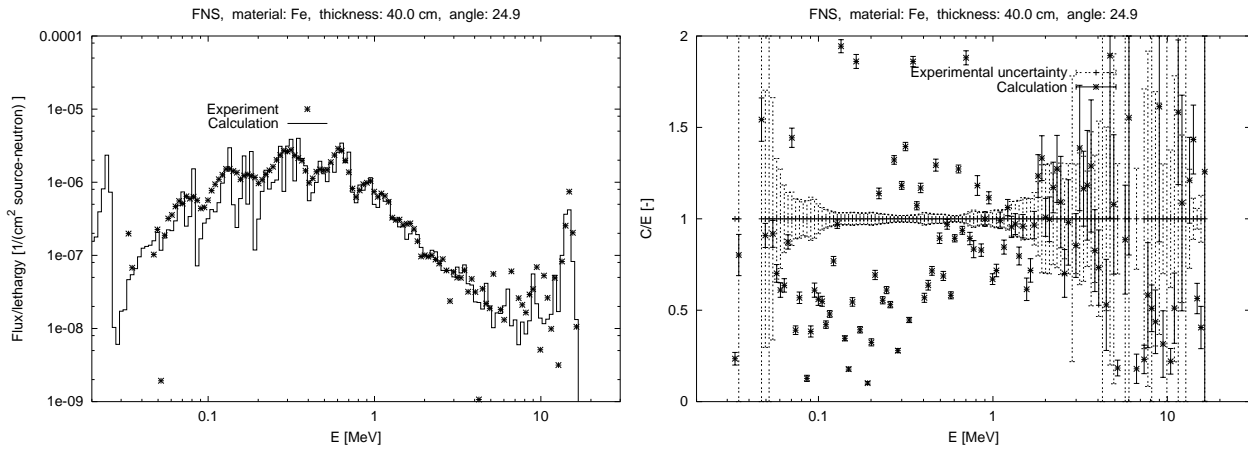


Figure 3.65 Neutron spectrum for the FNS, Fe, d=40cm benchmark at 24.9° angle.

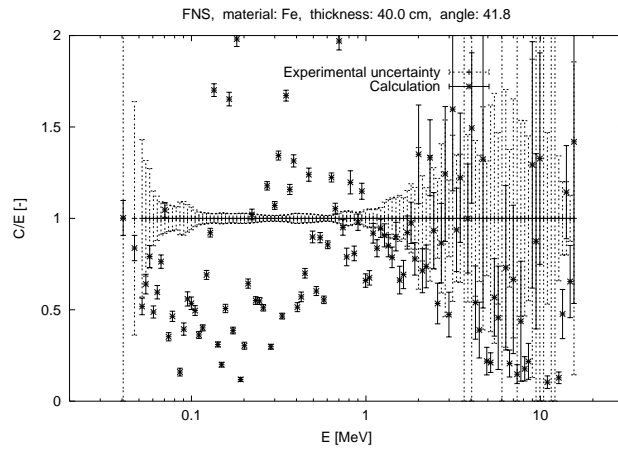
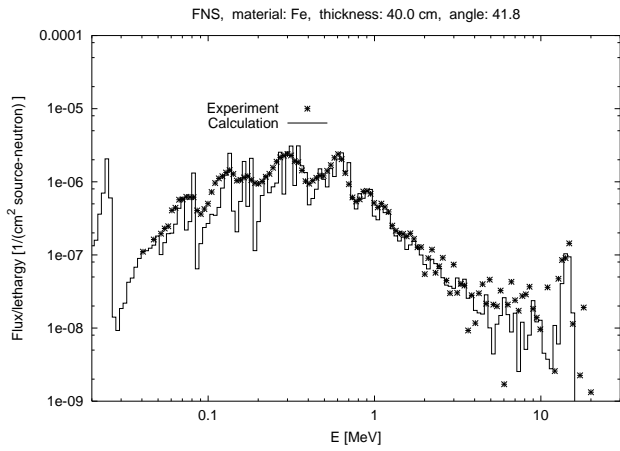


Figure 3.66 Neutron spectrum for the FNS, Fe, d=40cm benchmark at 42.8° angle.

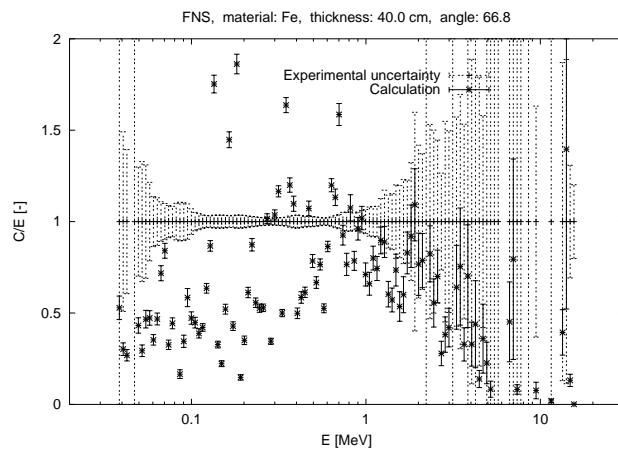
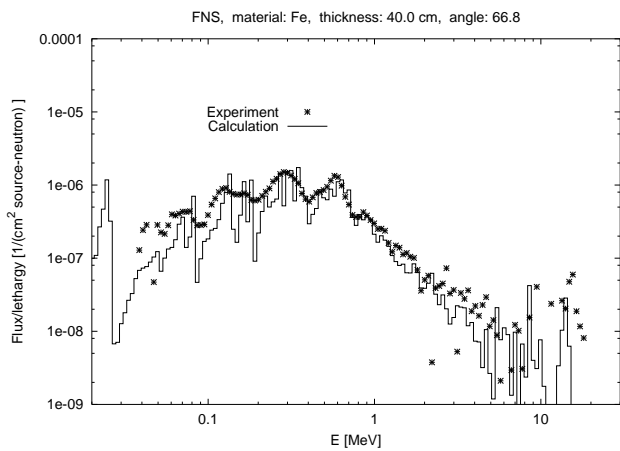


Figure 3.67 Neutron spectrum for the FNS, Fe, d=40cm benchmark at 66.8° angle.

energy range	0°	12.2°	24.9°	42.8°	66.8°
0.1– 1.0	0.91 ± 0.01	0.98 ± 0.01	0.92 ± 0.01	0.87 ± 0.01	0.81 ± 0.01
1.0– 5.0	0.97 ± 0.01	1.03 ± 0.01	1.02 ± 0.02	0.92 ± 0.02	0.80 ± 0.03
5.0– 10.0	0.85 ± 0.13	1.06 ± 0.13	0.91 ± 0.15	0.54 ± 0.16	
10.0– 20.0	0.81 ± 0.02	0.77 ± 0.05	0.79 ± 0.08	0.68 ± 0.14	0.33 ± 0.33

Table 3.21 C/E values for the neutron spectrum of the FNS Fe 40cm benchmark.

3.2.12 FNS, Fe, 60 cm

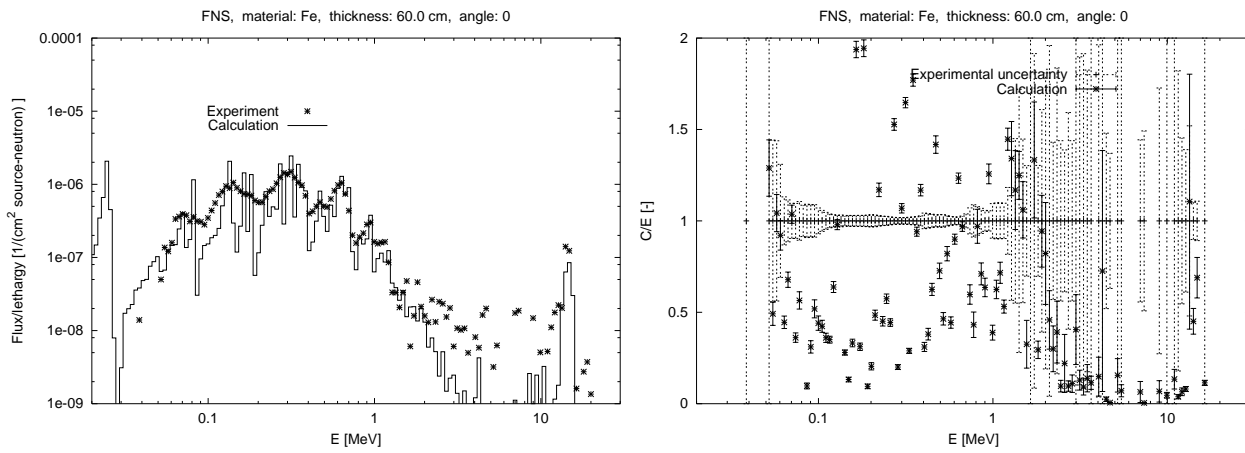


Figure 3.68 Neutron spectrum for the FNS, Fe, d=60cm benchmark at 0° angle.

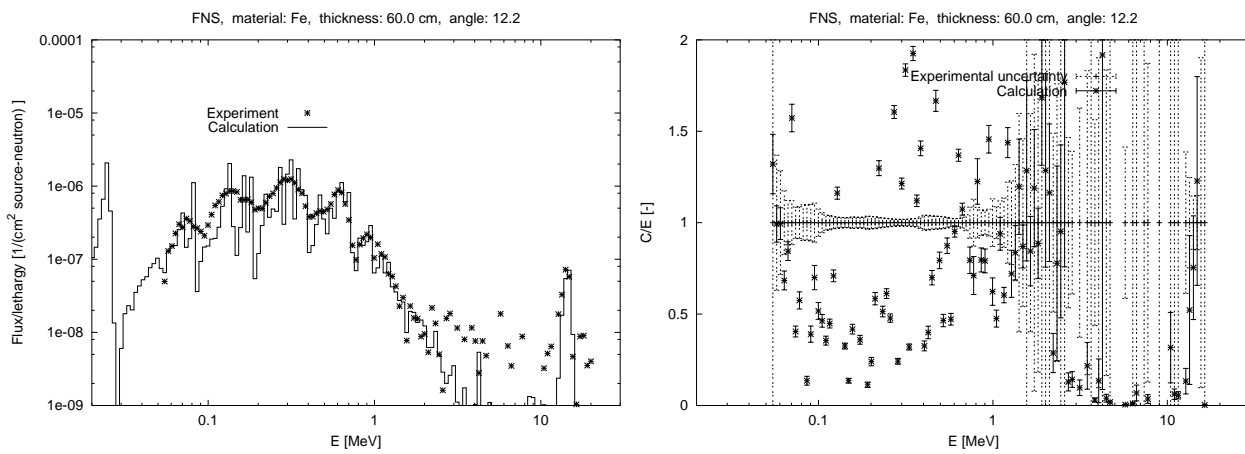


Figure 3.69 Neutron spectrum for the FNS, Fe, d=60cm benchmark at 12.2° angle.

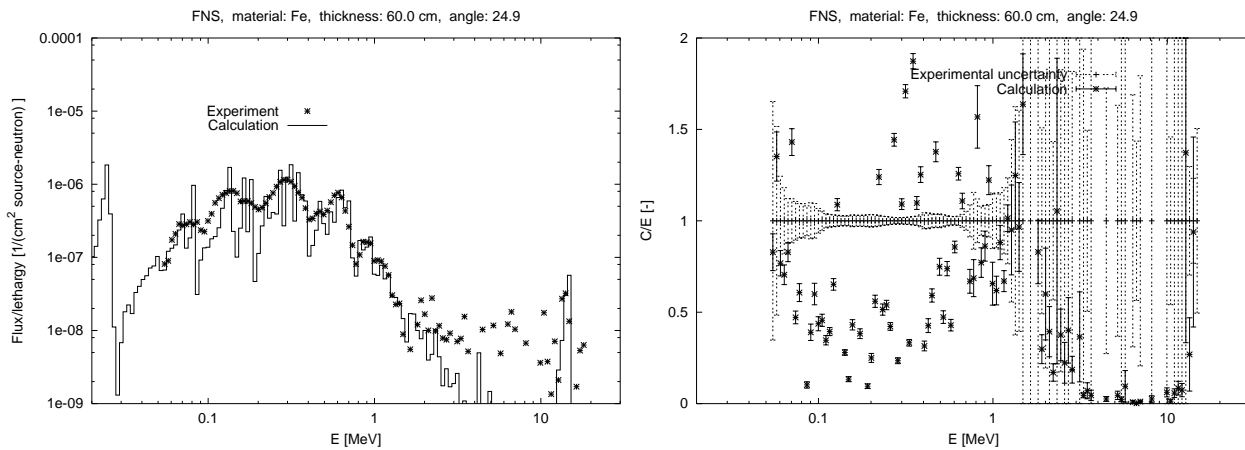


Figure 3.70 Neutron spectrum for the FNS, Fe, d=60cm benchmark at 24.9° angle.

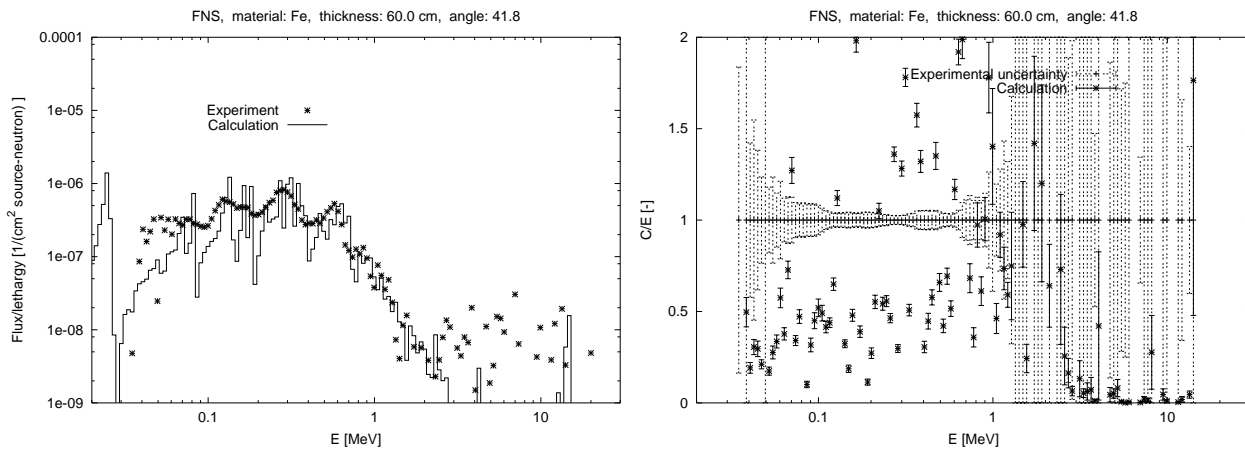


Figure 3.71 Neutron spectrum for the FNS, Fe, d=60cm benchmark at 42.8° angle.

energy range	0°	12.2°	24.9°	42.8°
0.1– 1.0	0.86 ± 0.01	0.95 ± 0.01	0.88 ± 0.01	0.91 ± 0.01
1.0– 5.0	0.73 ± 0.03	0.84 ± 0.04	0.98 ± 0.05	0.96 ± 0.07
5.0– 10.0	0.36 ± 0.31		0.11 ± 0.37	0.03 ± 0.22
10.0– 20.0	0.62 ± 0.11	0.73 ± 0.26	0.94 ± 0.44	3.50 ± 0.57

Table 3.22 C/E values for the neutron spectrum of the FNS Fe 60cm benchmark.

3.2.13 FNS, Pb, 5 cm

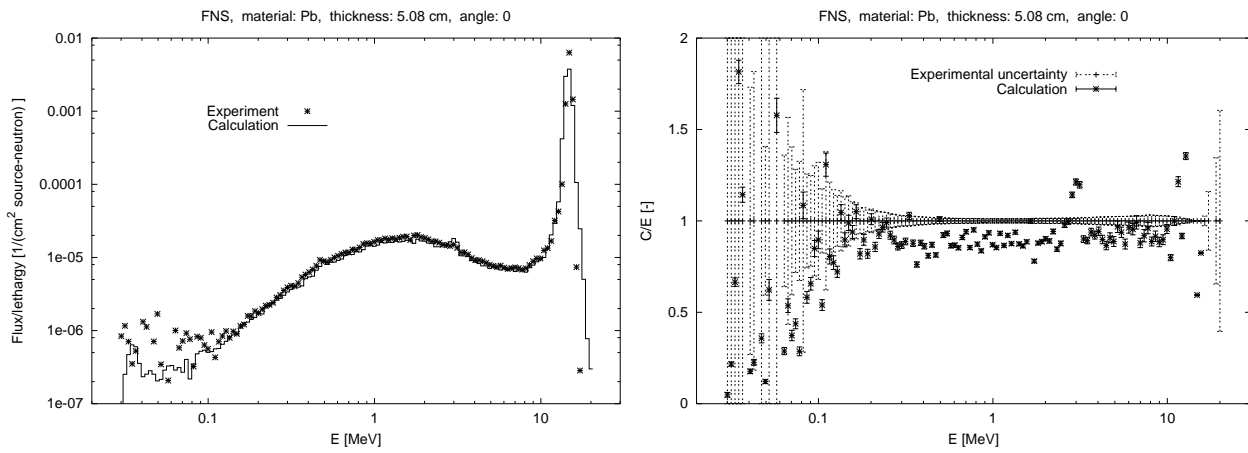


Figure 3.72 Neutron spectrum for the FNS, Pb, d=5cm benchmark at 0° angle.

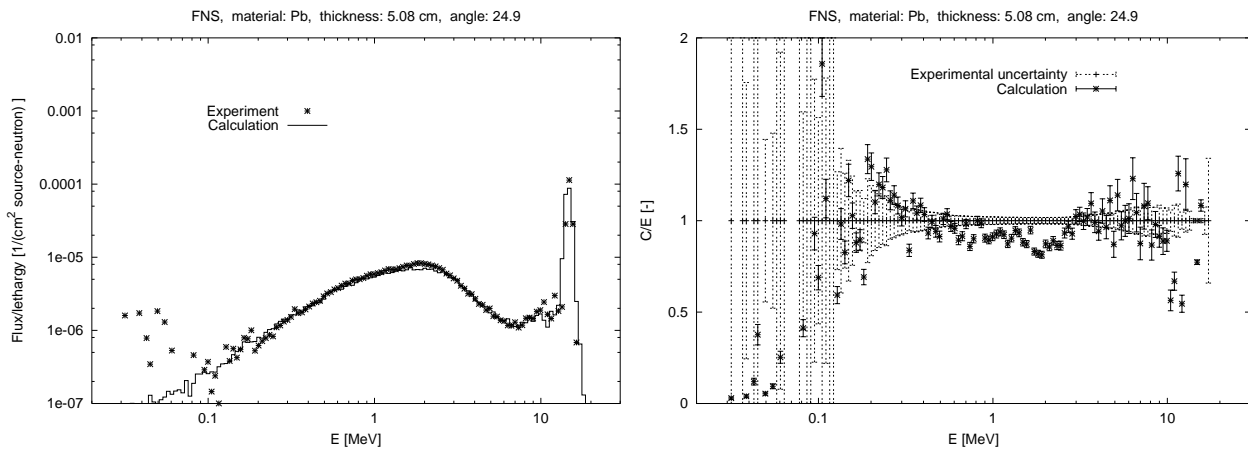


Figure 3.73 Neutron spectrum for the FNS, Pb, d=5cm benchmark at 24.9° angle.

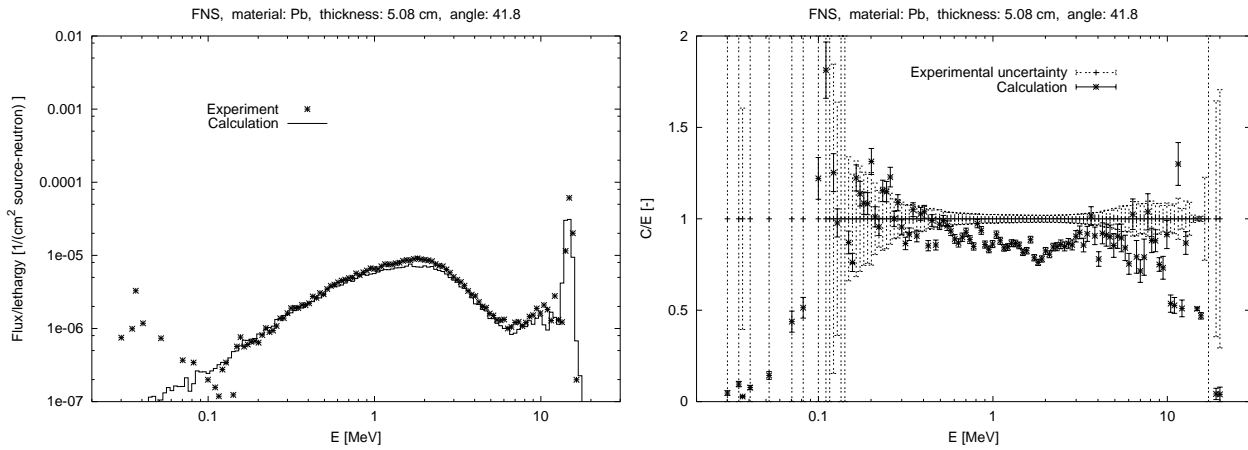


Figure 3.74 Neutron spectrum for the FNS, Pb, d=5cm benchmark at 42.8° angle.

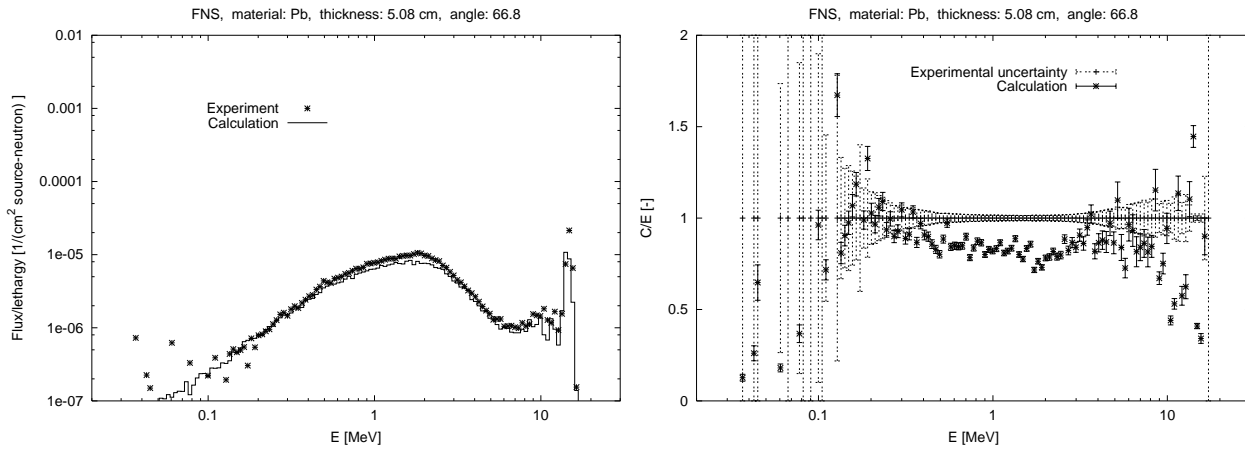


Figure 3.75 Neutron spectrum for the FNS, Pb, d=5cm benchmark at 66.8° angle.

energy range	0°	12.2°	24.9°	42.8°	66.8°
0.1– 1.0	0.84 ± 0.01		0.92 ± 0.01	0.89 ± 0.01	0.84 ± 0.01
1.0– 5.0	0.94 ± 0.01		0.93 ± 0.01	0.87 ± 0.01	0.84 ± 0.01
5.0– 10.0	0.91 ± 0.01		0.99 ± 0.02	0.84 ± 0.02	0.87 ± 0.02
10.0– 20.0	0.93 ± 0.01		1.16 ± 0.01	0.81 ± 0.01	0.67 ± 0.02

Table 3.23 C/E values for the neutron spectrum of the FNS Pb 5cm benchmark.

3.2.14 FNS, Pb, 20 cm

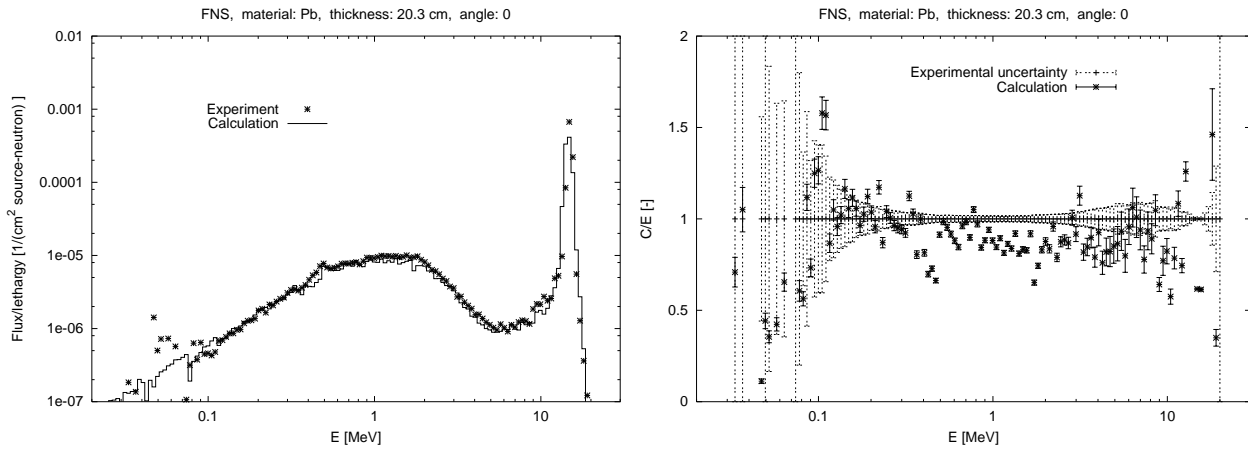


Figure 3.76 Neutron spectrum for the FNS, Pb, d=20cm benchmark at 0° angle.

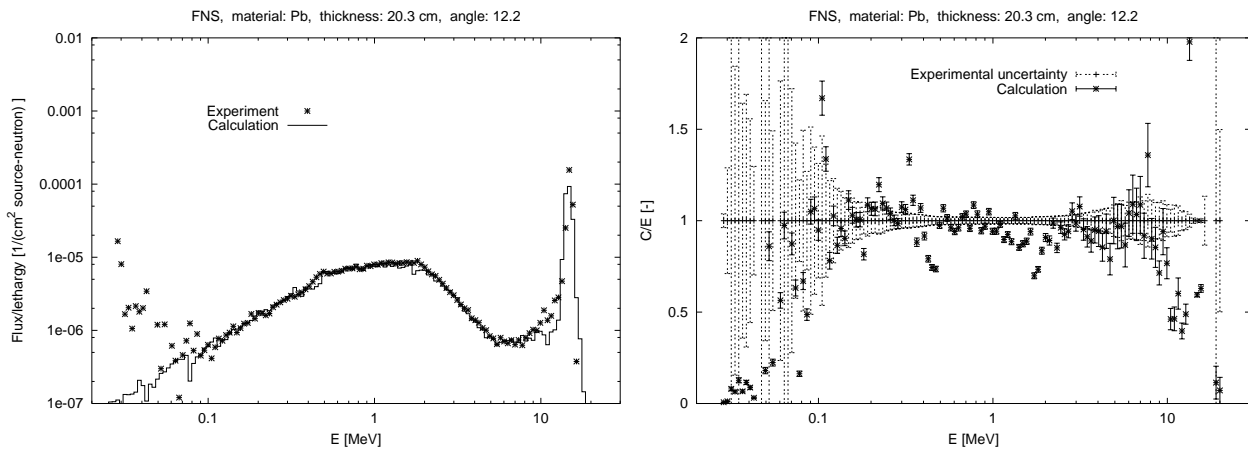


Figure 3.77 Neutron spectrum for the FNS, Pb, d=20cm benchmark at 12.2° angle.

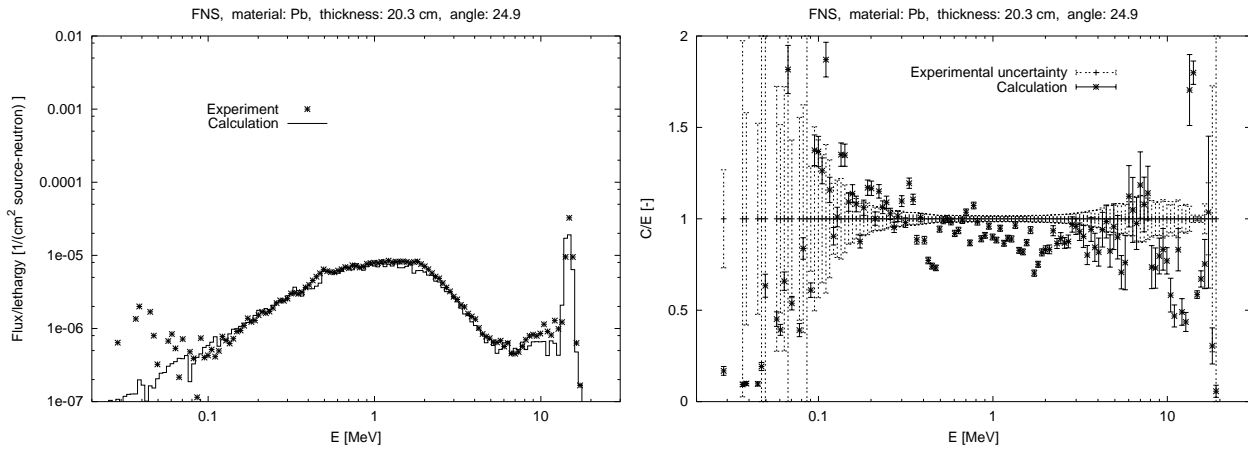


Figure 3.78 Neutron spectrum for the FNS, Pb, d=20cm benchmark at 24.9° angle.

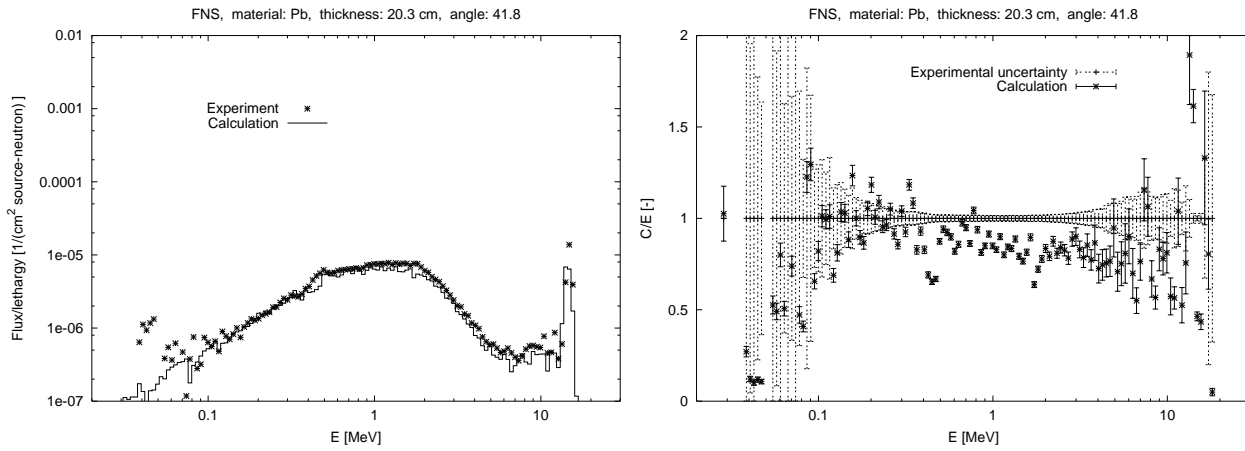


Figure 3.79 Neutron spectrum for the FNS, Pb, d=20cm benchmark at 42.8° angle.

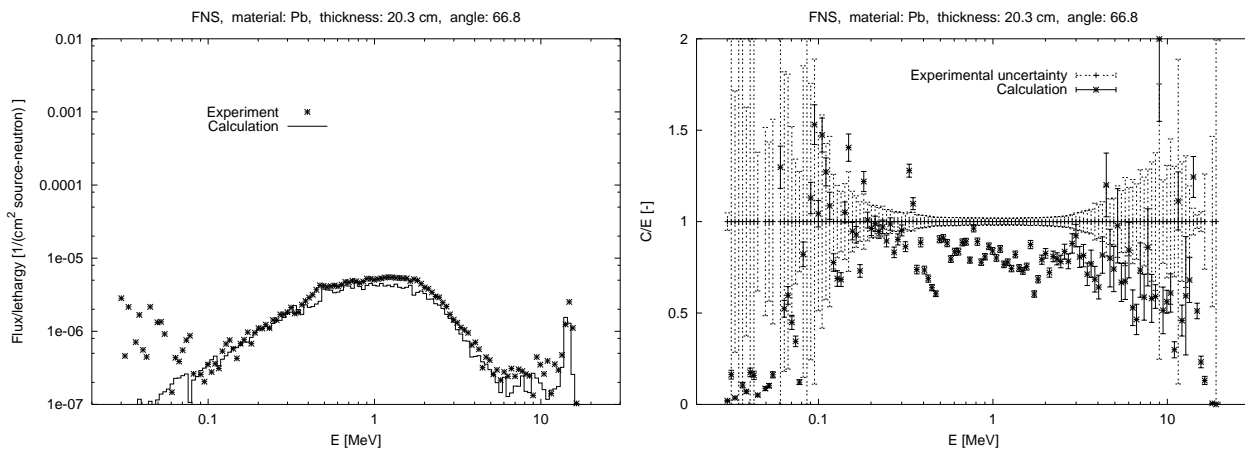


Figure 3.80 Neutron spectrum for the FNS, Pb, d=20cm benchmark at 66.8° angle.

energy range	0°	12.2°	24.9°	42.8°	66.8°
0.1– 1.0	0.88 ± 0.01	0.95 ± 0.01	0.93 ± 0.01	0.86 ± 0.01	0.82 ± 0.01
1.0– 5.0	0.89 ± 0.01	0.94 ± 0.01	0.91 ± 0.01	0.85 ± 0.01	0.82 ± 0.01
5.0– 10.0	0.82 ± 0.03	0.93 ± 0.03	0.89 ± 0.04	0.79 ± 0.04	0.72 ± 0.06
10.0– 20.0	0.95 ± 0.01	0.88 ± 0.01	0.83 ± 0.02	0.73 ± 0.03	0.63 ± 0.05

Table 3.24 C/E values for the neutron spectrum of the FNS Pb 20cm benchmark.

3.2.15 FNS, Pb, 40 cm

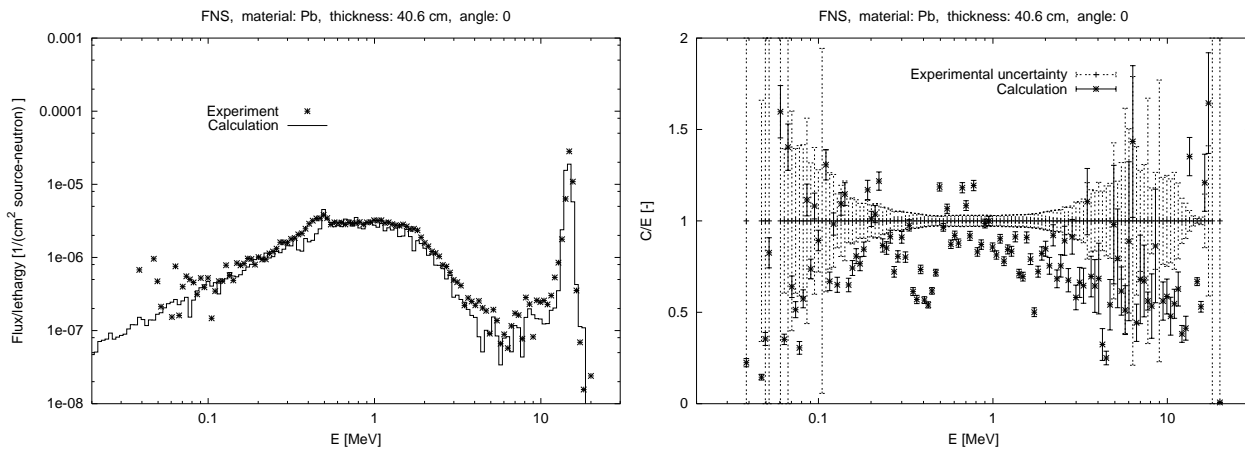


Figure 3.81 Neutron spectrum for the FNS, Pb, d=40cm benchmark at 0° angle.

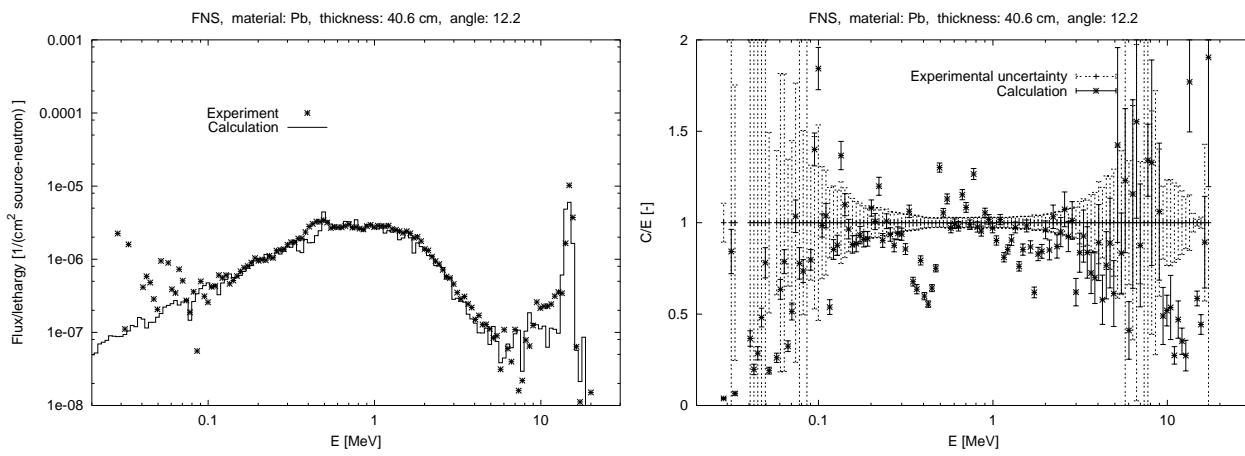


Figure 3.82 Neutron spectrum for the FNS, Pb, d=40cm benchmark at 12.2° angle.

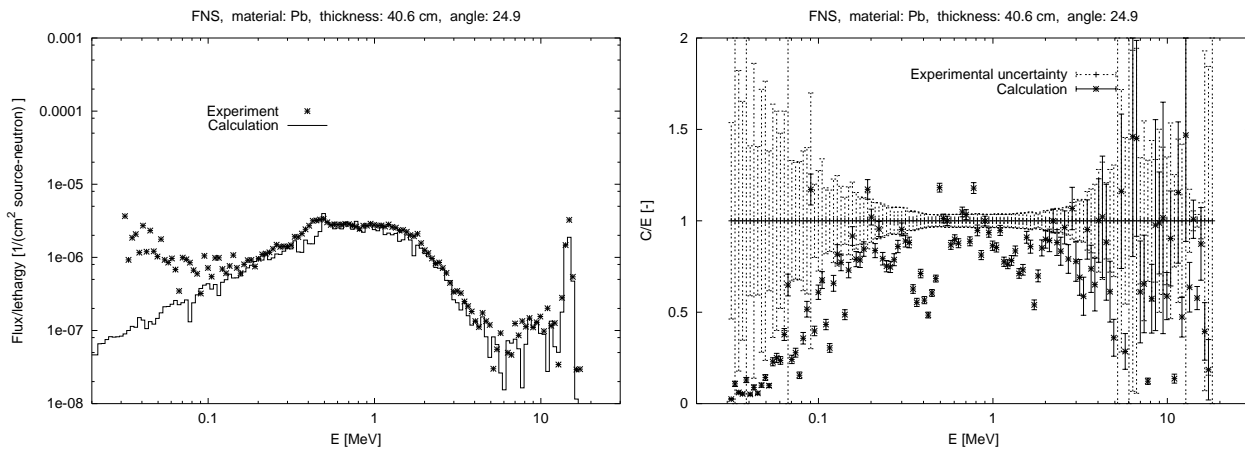


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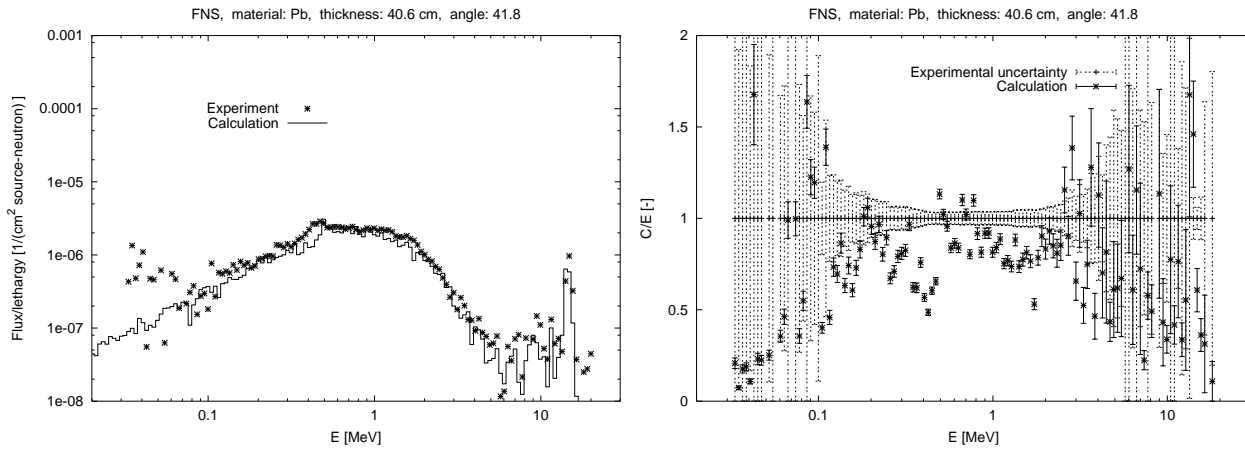


Figure 3.84 Neutron spectrum for the FNS, Pb, d=40cm benchmark at 42.8° angle.

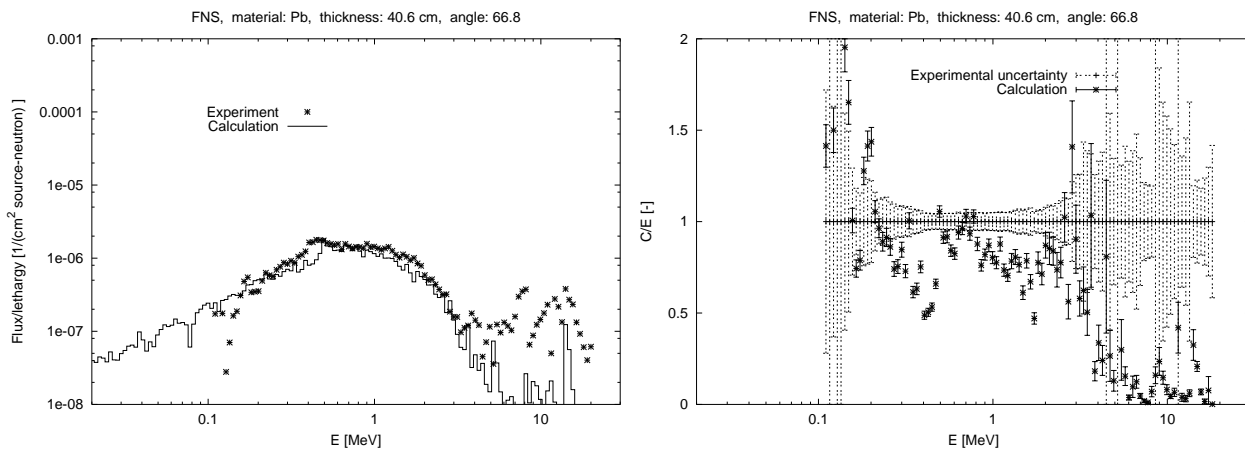


Figure 3.85 Neutron spectrum for the FNS, Pb, d=40cm benchmark at 66.8° angle.

energy range	0°	12.2°	24.9°	42.8°	66.8°
0.1– 1.0	0.86 ± 0.01	0.92 ± 0.01	0.82 ± 0.01	0.81 ± 0.01	0.85 ± 0.01
1.0– 5.0	0.84 ± 0.01	0.94 ± 0.01	0.87 ± 0.01	0.86 ± 0.01	0.80 ± 0.01
5.0– 10.0	0.69 ± 0.09	0.97 ± 0.11	0.76 ± 0.15	0.71 ± 0.14	0.12 ± 0.21
10.0– 20.0	0.89 ± 0.02	0.80 ± 0.04	0.73 ± 0.06	0.77 ± 0.11	0.12 ± 0.13

Table 3.25 C/E values for the neutron spectrum of the FNS Pb 40cm benchmark.

3.3 LLNL Pulsed Spheres

3.3.1 LLNL Pulsed Spheres, Concrete, 21 cm

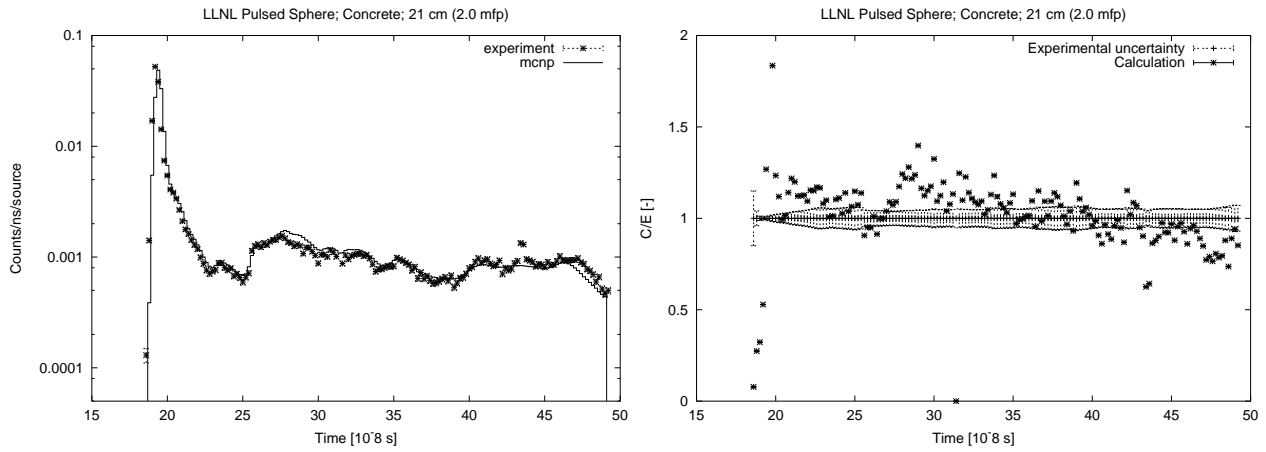


Figure 3.86 Neutron spectrum for the LLNL Pulsed Sphere, concrete, 21 cm (2.0 mfp) benchmark.

3.3.2 LLNL Pulsed Spheres, Concrete, 35.5 cm

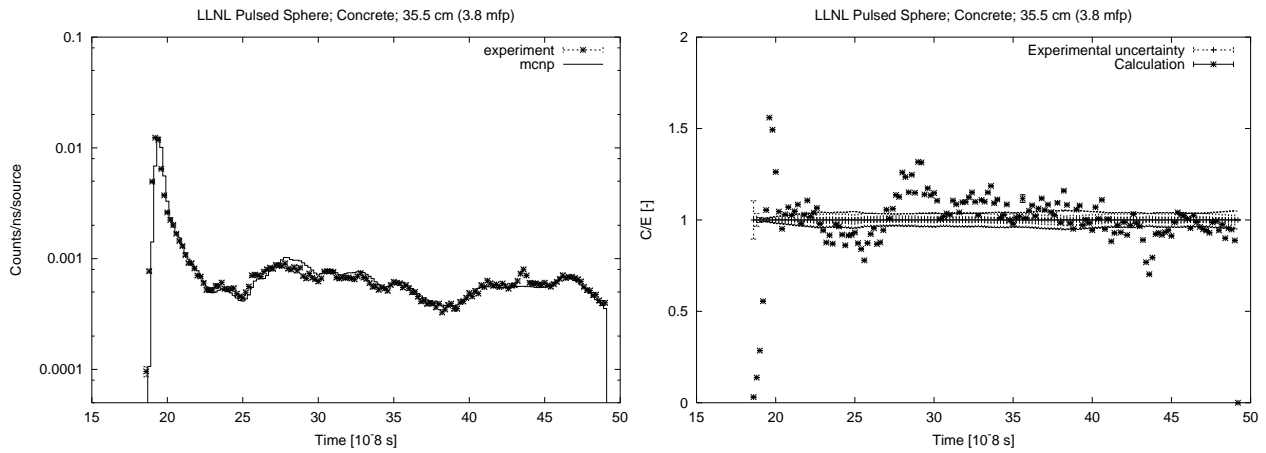


Figure 3.87 Neutron spectrum for the LLNL Pulsed Sphere, concrete, 35.5 cm (3.8 mfp) benchmark.

3.4 NIST Water Spheres

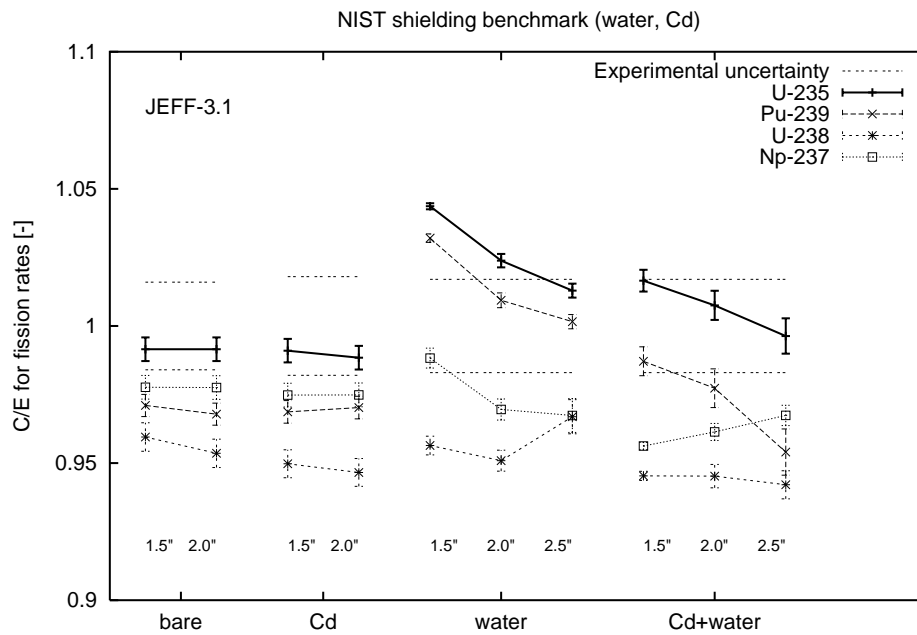


Figure 3.88 C/E values for the fission rate in fission foils in the NIST experiments.

material	radius	U-235	Pu-239	U-238	Np-237
bare	1.5"	0.992±0.004	0.971±0.004	0.960±0.005	0.978±0.004
bare	2.0"	0.992±0.004	0.968±0.004	0.954±0.005	0.978±0.004
Cd	1.5"	0.991±0.004	0.969±0.004	0.950±0.005	0.975±0.004
Cd	2.0"	0.988±0.004	0.970±0.004	0.947±0.005	0.975±0.004
H ₂ O	1.5"	1.044±0.001	1.032±0.002	0.956±0.003	0.988±0.004
H ₂ O	2.0"	1.023±0.003	1.009±0.003	0.951±0.004	0.970±0.004
H ₂ O	2.5"	1.013±0.003	1.002±0.003	0.967±0.006	0.967±0.006
Cd+H ₂ O	1.5"	1.017±0.004	0.987±0.005	0.945±0.002	0.956±0.001
Cd+H ₂ O	2.0"	1.008±0.005	0.977±0.007	0.945±0.004	0.961±0.003
Cd+H ₂ O	2.5"	0.996±0.006	0.954±0.008	0.942±0.005	0.967±0.004

Table 3.26 C/E values for the fission rates in the NIST benchmark.

4. Summary

The JEFF-3.1 general purpose library has been validated, using MCNP-4C3, with the shielding benchmarks Oktavian, FNS, LLNL Pulsed Spheres, and NIST Water spheres. The first three of these are 14 MeV experiments.

This exercise provides insight in the global quality of a data library and also in particular problems of nuclear data for certain elements. Comparison with other data libraries and detailed inspection of the data files could reveal the origin of observed discrepancies. However, this is outside the scope of the present study.

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