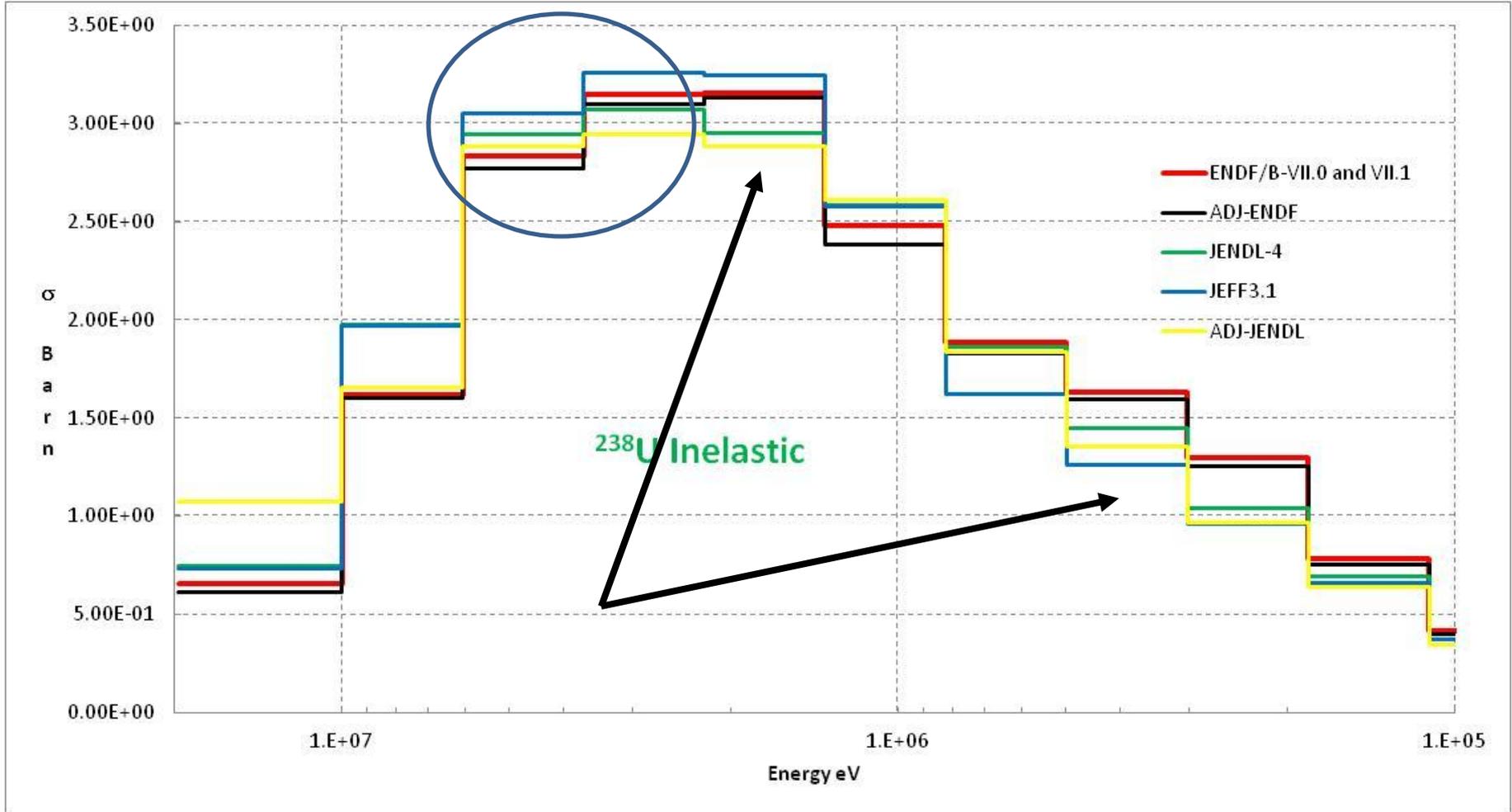


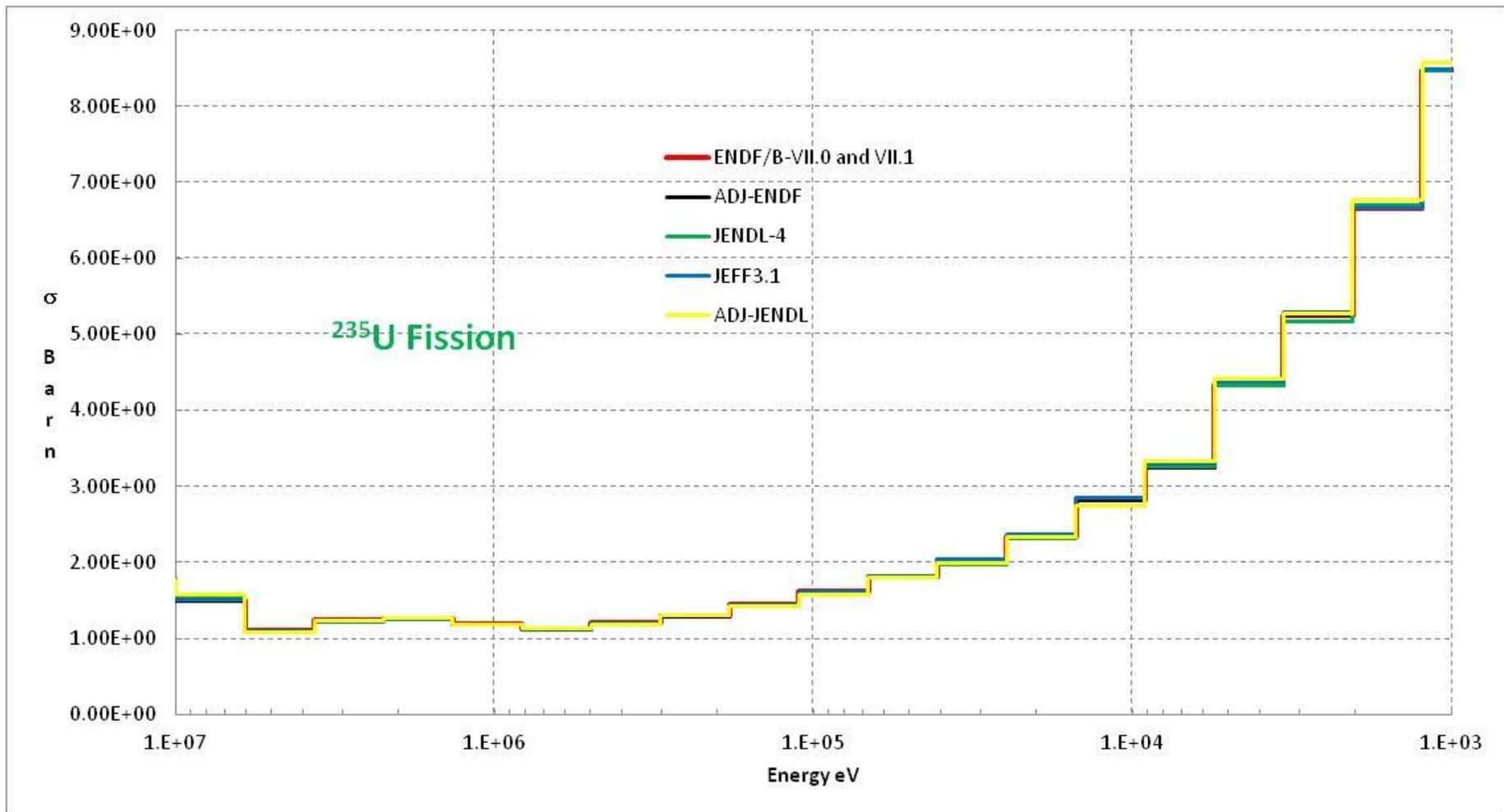
# **Some very preliminary indications from recent adjustment studies intercomparison**

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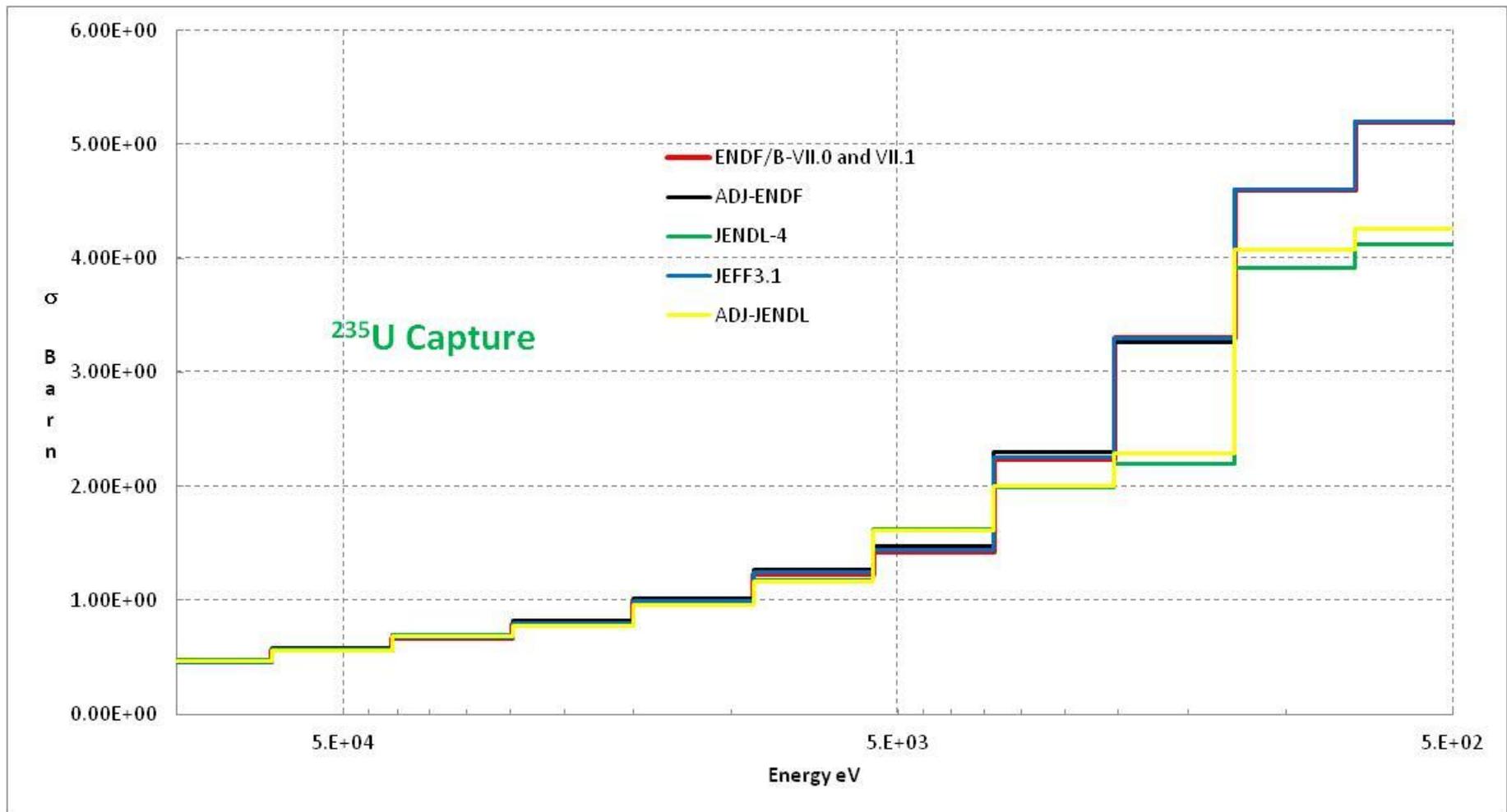
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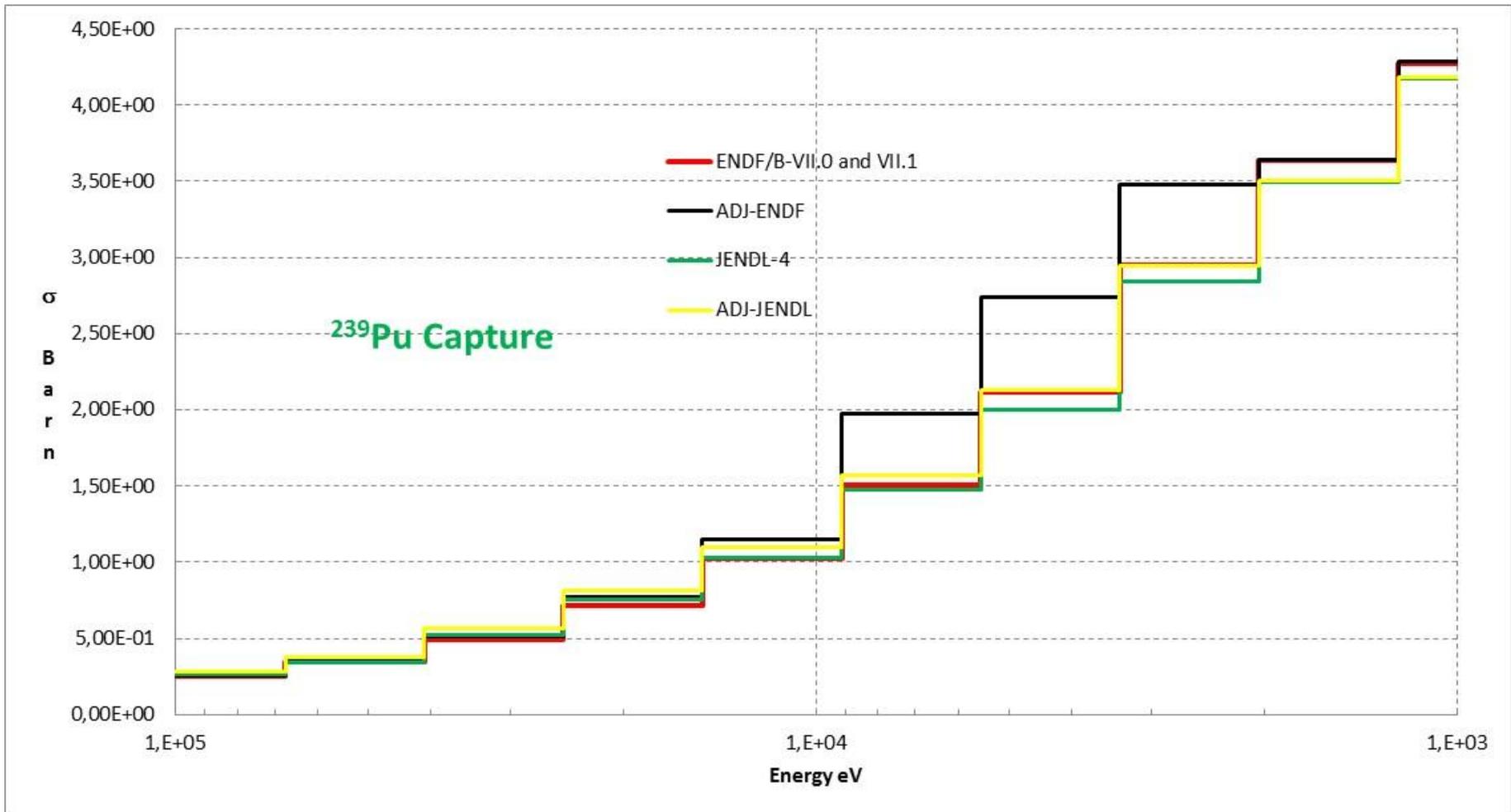
- JEFF values often discrepant with respect to ENDF and JENDL
- Both adjustments ENDF and JENDL indicate lower values in the  $\sim 3\text{-}6$  MeV range
- Discrepancies between ENDF and JENDL in the ranges  $2\text{-}3\text{MeV}$  and  $\sim 300\text{-}600$  keV
- Probably need of specific integral experiments (e.g. sphere transmission, flat or steep adjoint flux etc)



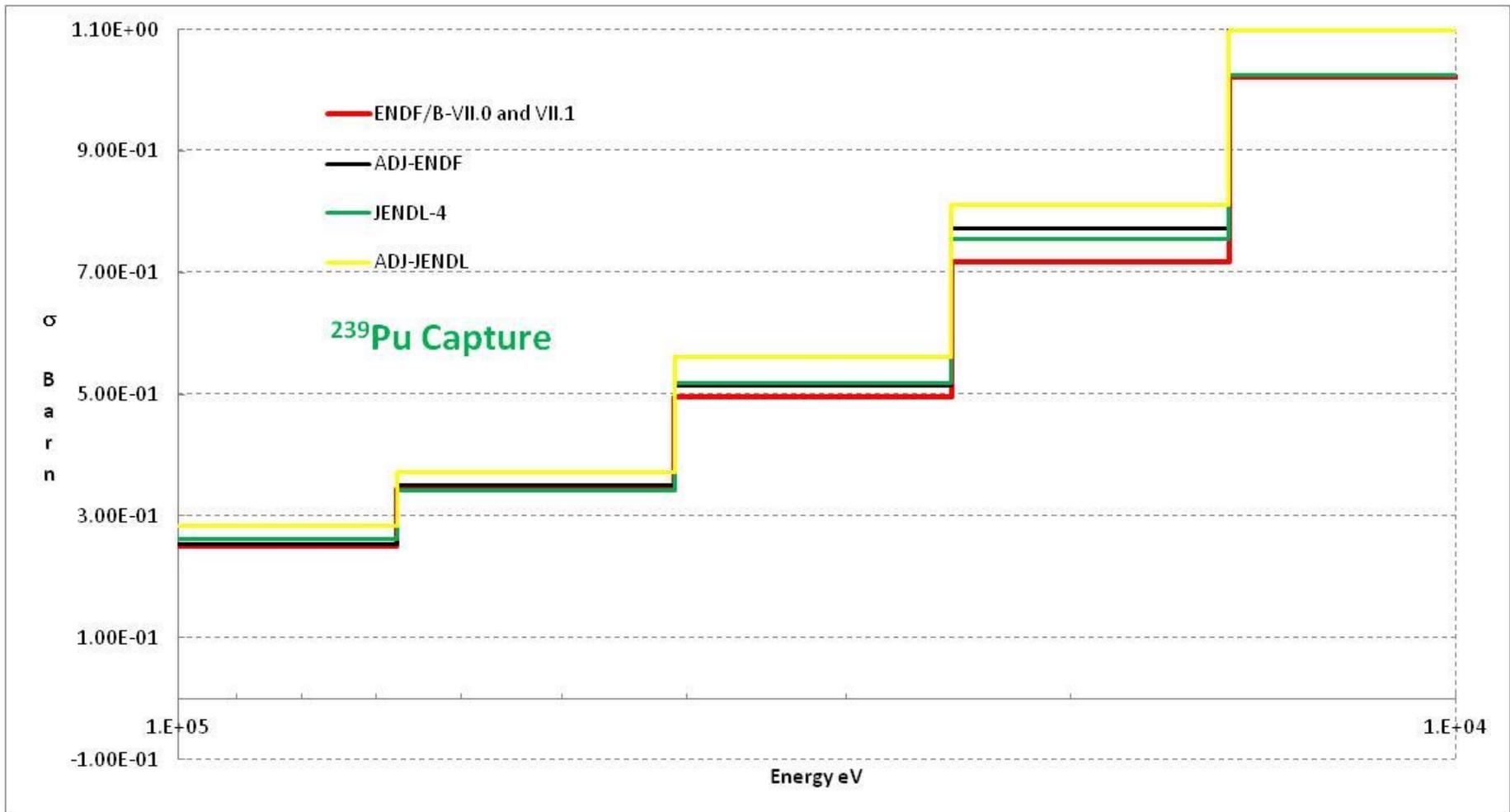
- Relatively small adjustments
- More sensitive experiments needed



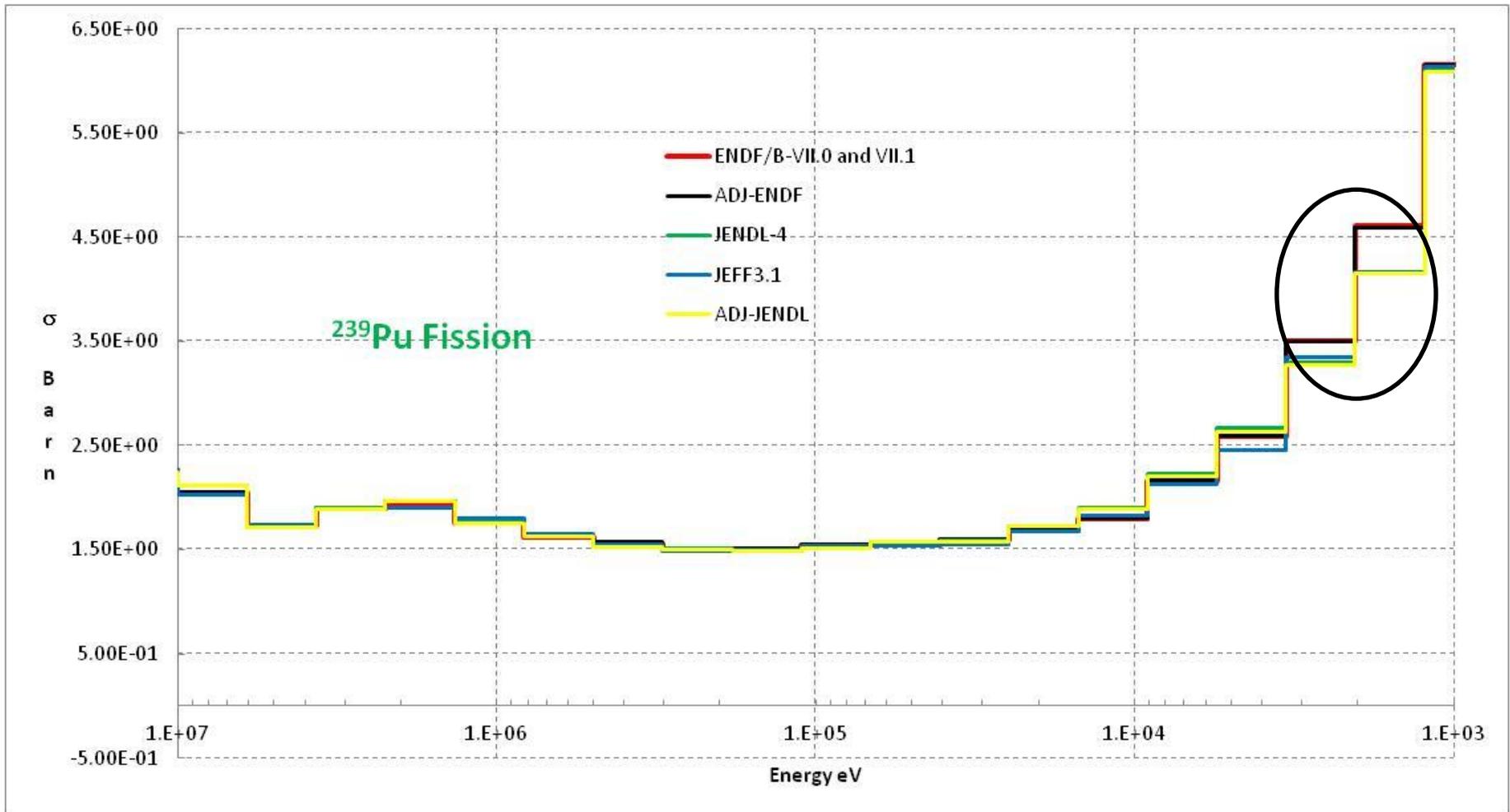
- Significant discrepancies between ENDF and JENDL below 1 keV
- Relatively small adjustments (low values in JENDL-4 already accounts for integral data)



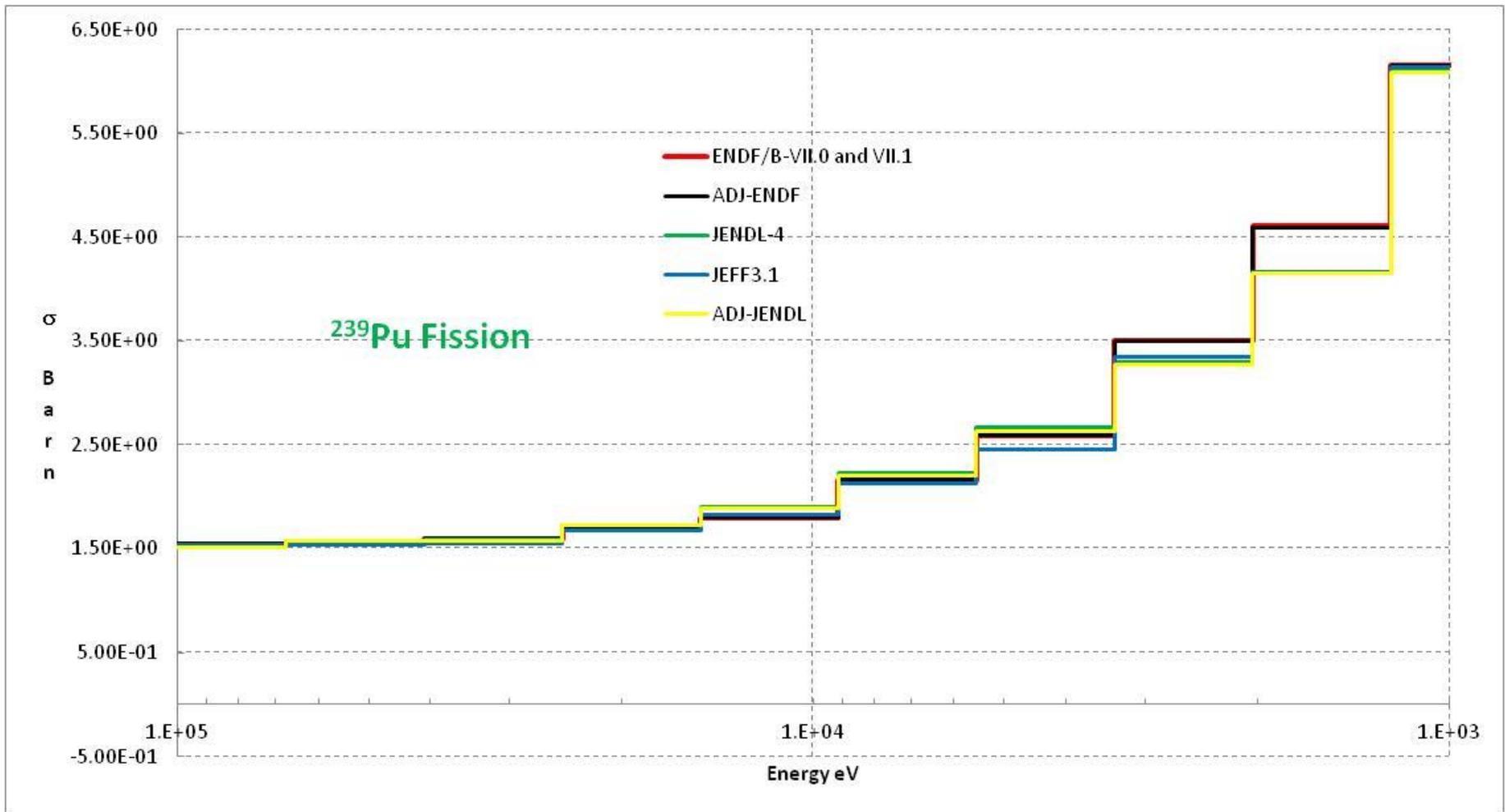
- Adjustments **below 10 KeV** tend to **increase capture** x-section. However much larger increase with ENDF/VII.1 adjustment driven by specific integral measurement (PROFIL pure sample irradiation)



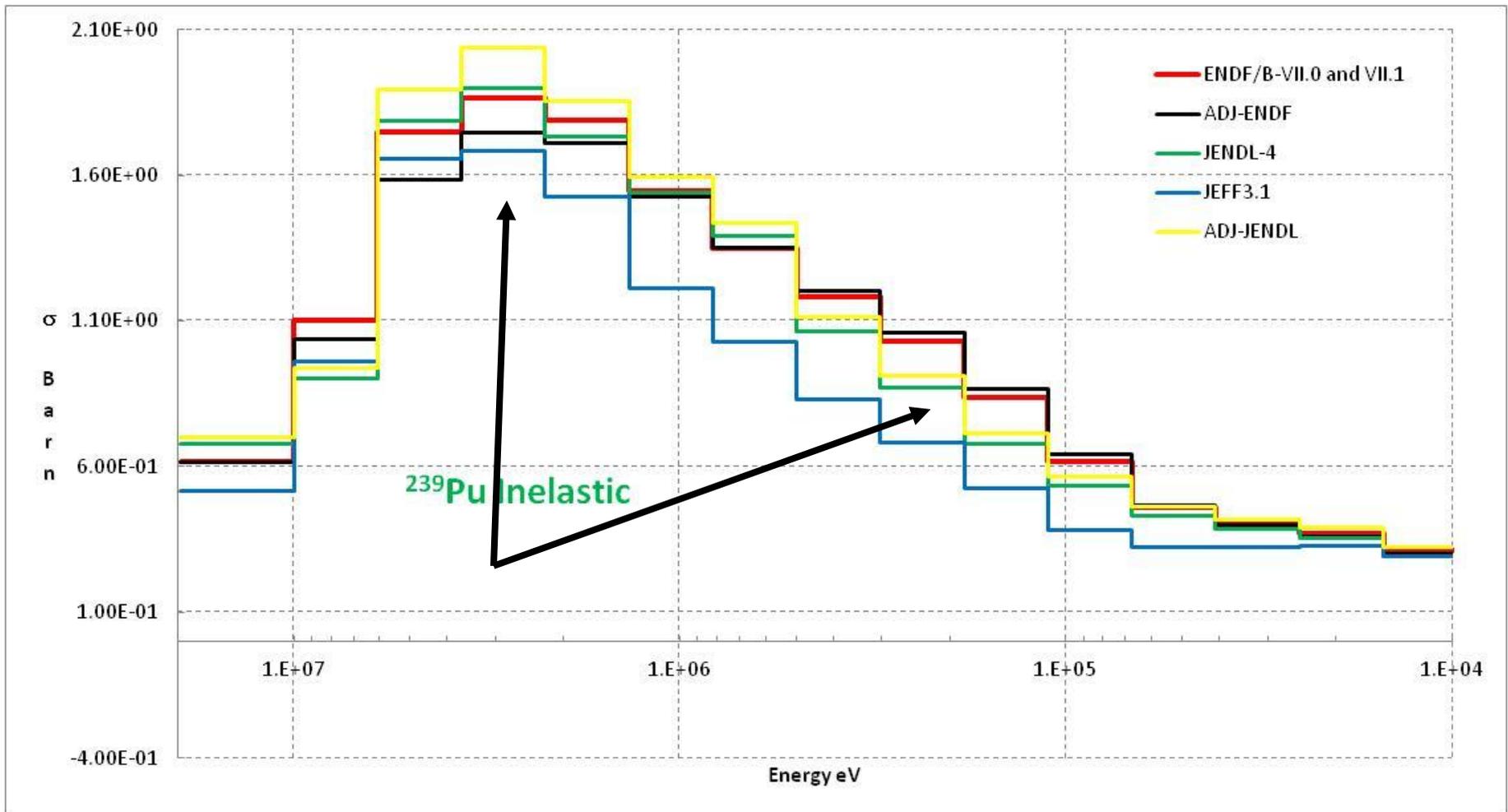
• **Above 10 keV, increase of capture** both in JENDL and ENDF (see detailed JAEA study)



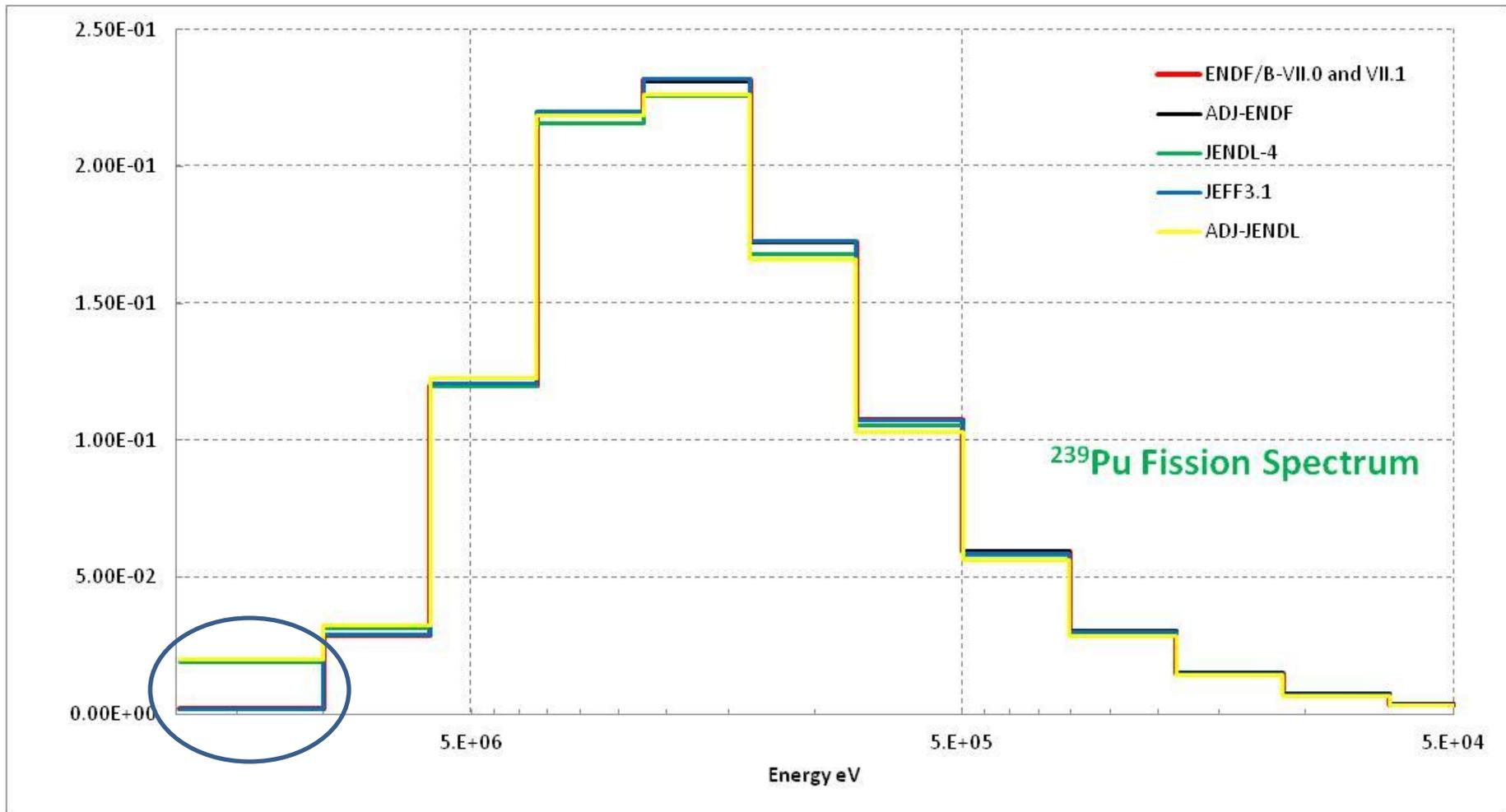
- Small adjustments, due to very small uncertainties in covariance data sets



- Discrepancies between ENDF and JENDL around  $\sim 2\text{keV}$  (see fluctuations of x-section as shown in JAEA study)



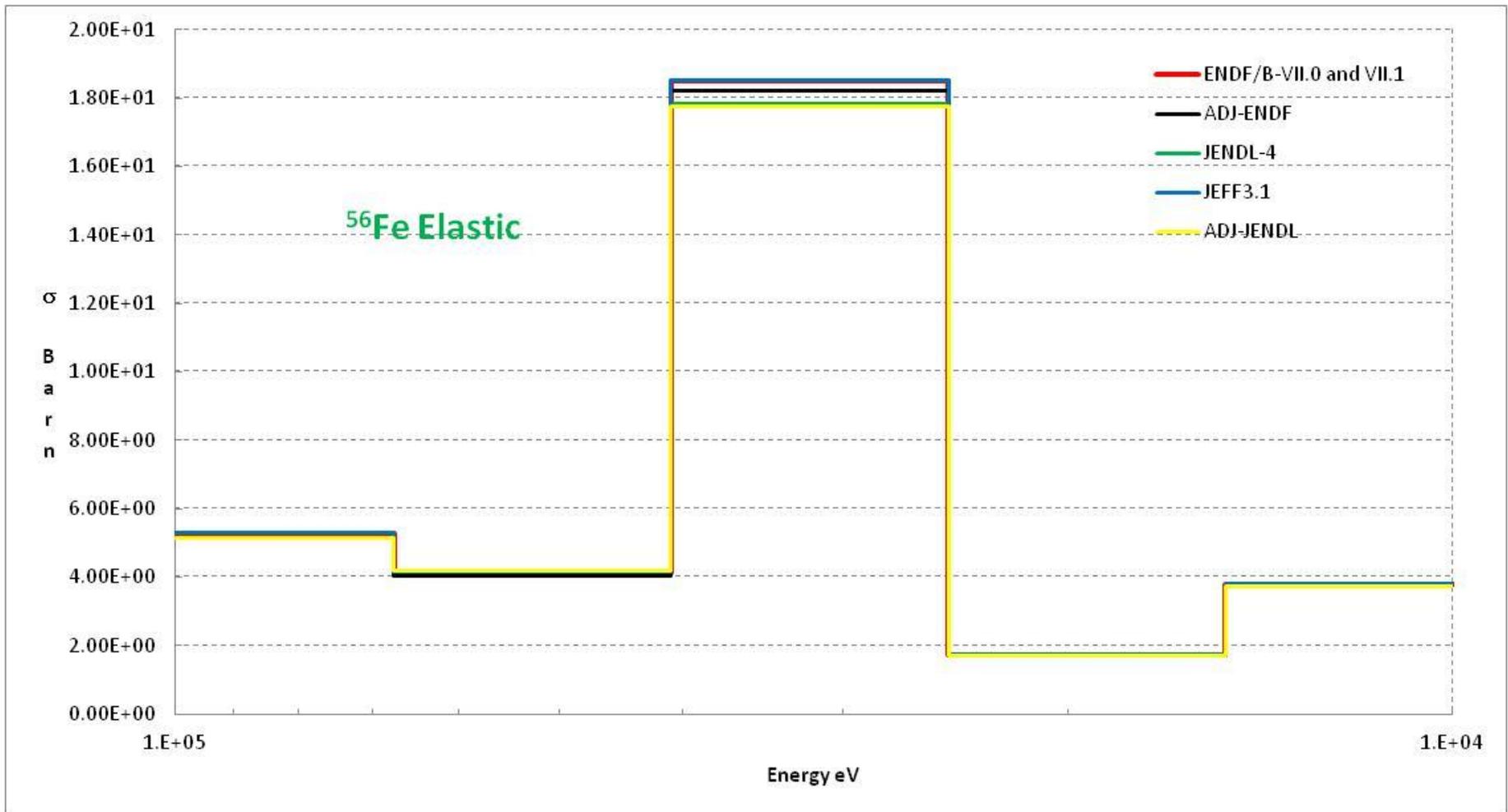
- JEFF Values often discrepant with respect to ENDF and JENDL
- After adjustment, significant discrepancies between ENDF and JENDL in the range
  - 2-3MeV (adjustments in opposite directions) and  $\sim 300$ -600 keV
- Probably need of specific integral experiments (flat or steep adjoint flux etc)



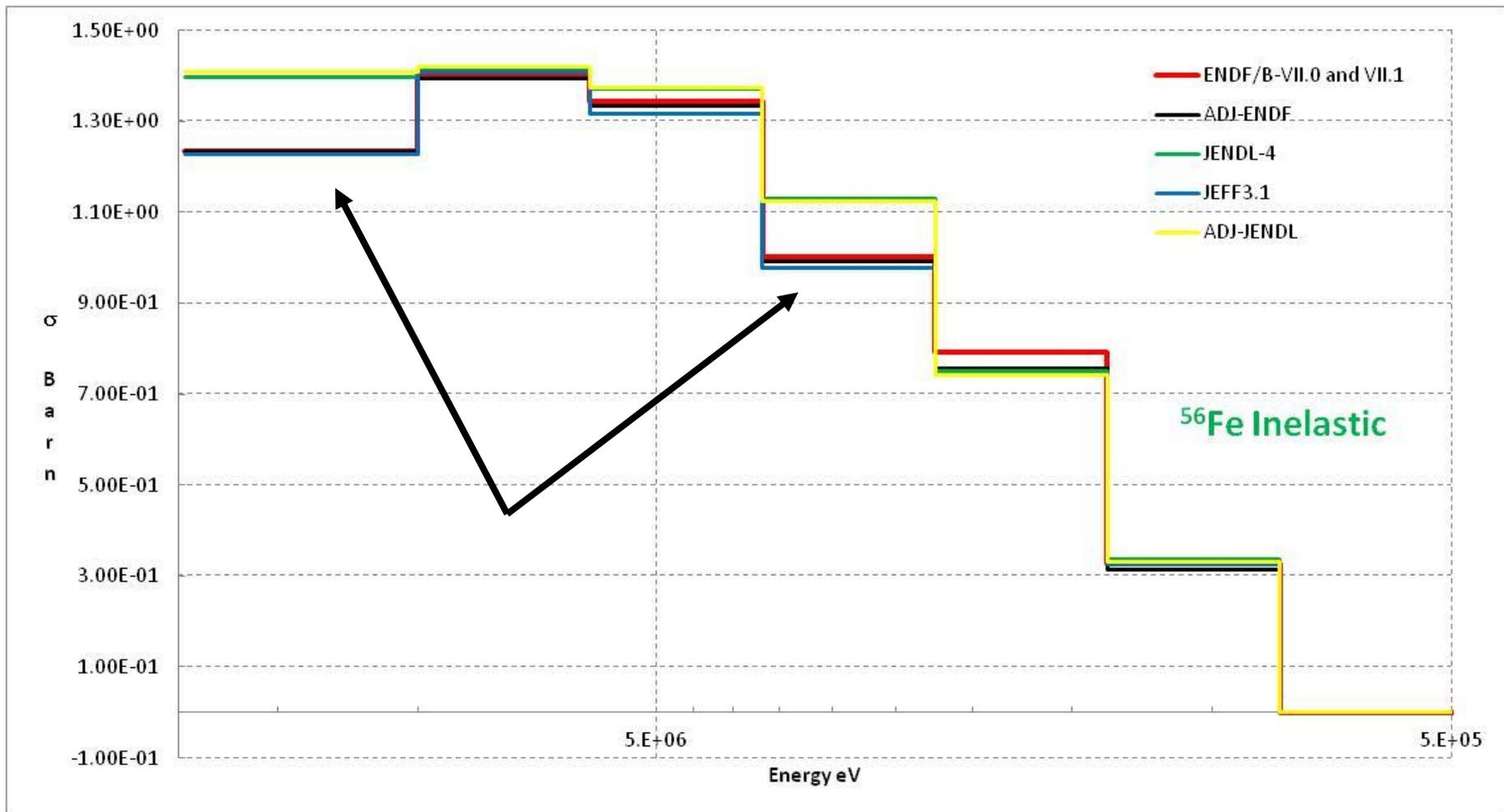
- Adjustments relatively limited
- Some discrepancy among files

E <sub>Max</sub> (MeV)	JENDL-4 adjusted				ENDF/B-VII.1 adjusted			
	nubar	Fission	chi-p	inel	nubar	Fission	chi-p	inel
19.6	4.24	2.24	<b>0.020</b>	<b>0.70</b>	4.57	2.26	<b>0.002</b>	<b>0.62</b>
10.0	4.05	2.11	0.032	<b>0.937</b>	3.95	2.05	0.029	<b>1.04</b>
6.1	3.53	1.71	0.123	<b>1.89</b>	3.55	1.74	0.121	<b>1.58</b>
3.8	3.27	1.89	0.219	<b>2.04</b>	3.28	1.90	0.219	<b>1.74</b>
2.2	3.12	1.96	0.226	<b>1.86</b>	3.13	1.96	0.231	<b>1.71</b>
1.35	3.02	1.75	0.166	<b>1.59</b>	3.03	1.77	0.172	<b>1.53</b>

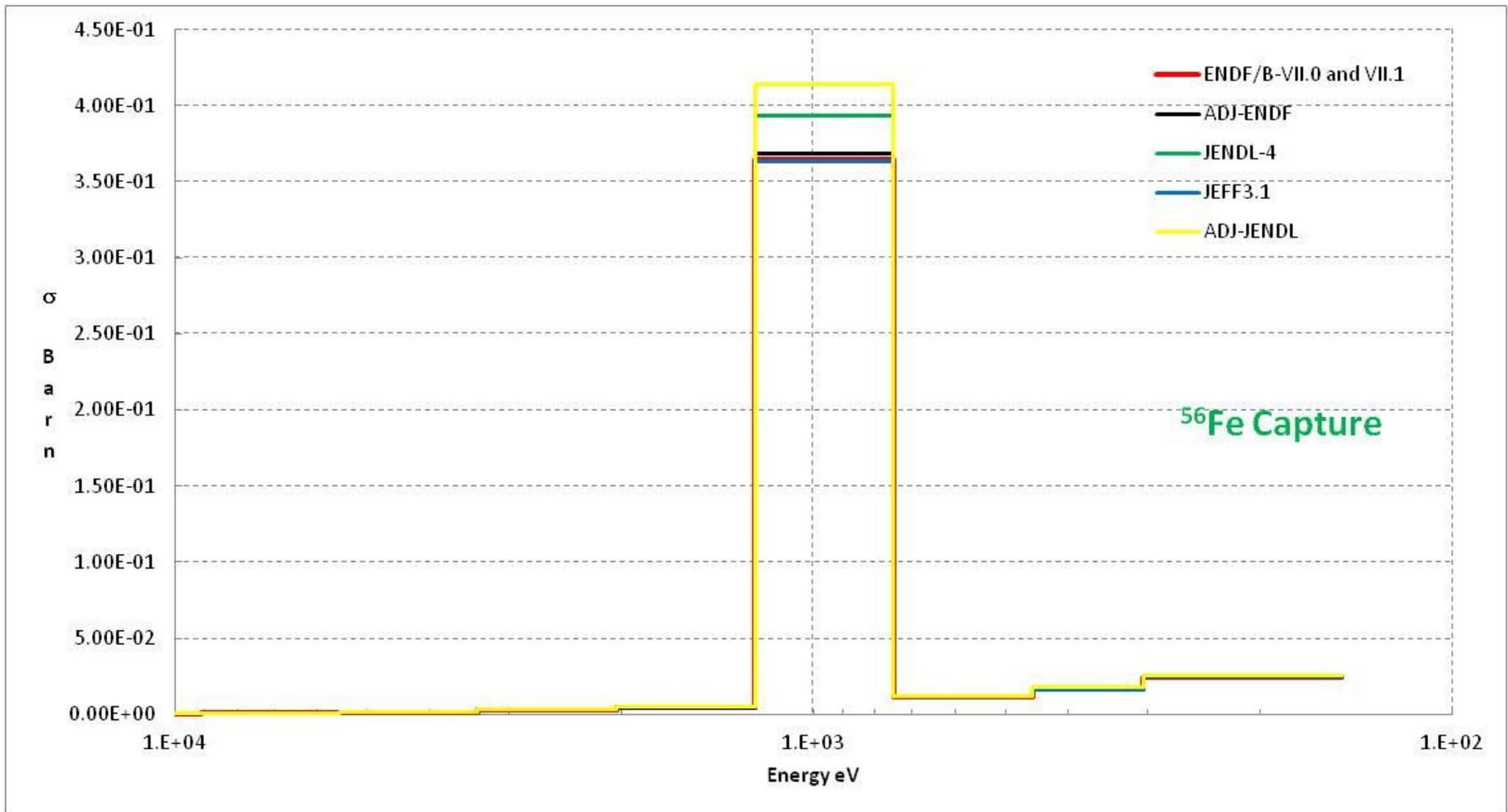
Note: mubar values very close in the two files, before and after adjustment



Some adjustment in the 30-40 keV range  
(E.g. ~3% reduction of ENDF/B-VII.1 data)



- After adjustment, still significant discrepancies between ENDF and JENDL in the ranges  $E > 6\text{MeV}$  and  $E \sim 1\text{MeV}$
- Probably need of specific integral experiments



- Adjustment suggested at the  $\sim 1.2$  keV resonance and below.
- Both adjustments ENDF and JENDL, indicate cross section increase (a few percent)

## **a) Capture and fission of major actinides:**

- Some trends detected.**
- However, still need of some specific integral experiment to confirm:**
  - **Sample irradiation in well define neutron spectra**
  - **High accuracy fission rates (spectrum indexes)**
  - **$K_{\text{eff}}$  measurements to be considered as a global check, that can point out to other discrepant data, once major capture and fission cross sections have been adjusted**

## **b) Inelastic cross sections (Pu-239, U-238, Fe-56 etc):**

- Trends somewhat dependent on starting data file.**
- There is risk of compensations among inelastic, fission spectrum, nubar and fission cross section, if only  $K_{\text{eff}}$  measurements are used**
- Use of specific integral experiment should be favored:**
  - **Spatial slope of threshold reactions (even in neutron propagation experiments e.g. for Fe)**
  - **Critical experiments with very steep or very flat adjoint flux energy shape, to maximize or minimize inelastic scattering reactivity contribution in e.g. sample reactivity measurements**
  - **Neutron leakage measurements from single material experiments**

**c) Covariance data should be as complete as possible (including scattering secondary neutron distributions, angular distributions (P1 terms in Legendre polynomial representations), as well as key cross correlations (reactions and isotopes)).**

**☐ Completeness and reliability of covariance data is of particular relevance when  $K_{\text{eff}}$  experiments are used in assimilation studies.**

**Next steps of SG39 will focus on items mentioned above.**

**JEFF related data to be included in the assimilation trends intercomparisons**