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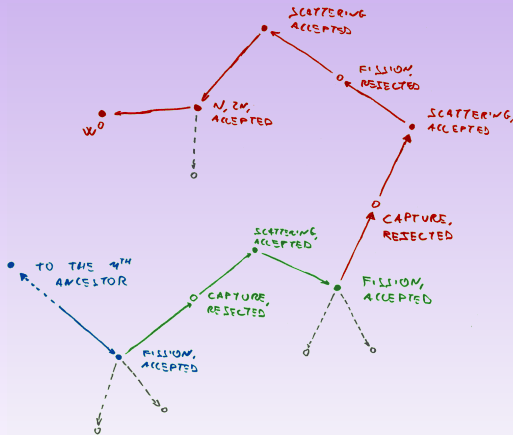
Perturbation/sensitivity calculations with Serpent

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A collision history-based approach to GPT calculations



Considered response functions

Effect of a perturbation of the parameter x on the response R :

$$S_x^R \equiv \frac{dR/R}{dx/x}$$

Considered response functions:

$R = k_{\text{eff}}$ Effective multiplication factor

(Iterated Fission Probability method, Politecnico di Milano – PSI collaboration)

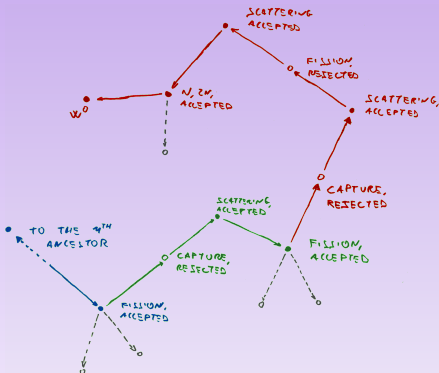
$R = \frac{\langle \Sigma_1, \phi \rangle}{\langle \Sigma_2, \phi \rangle}$ Reaction rate ratios

$R = \frac{\langle \phi^\dagger, \Sigma_1 \phi \rangle}{\langle \phi^\dagger, \Sigma_2 \phi \rangle}$ Bilinear ratios (Adjoint-weighted quantities)

$R = ?$ Something else



Particle's weight perturbation



All the cross sections (and probability distributions) are artificially increased by a factor f .

Events are rejected with a probability of $(1 - 1/f)$.

$$f = 0.5$$

$$w^* \simeq w^0 \cdot \left(1 + \frac{d\Sigma_{n,2n}}{\Sigma_{n,2n}}\right) \cdot \left(1 + \frac{d\Sigma_s}{\Sigma_s}\right) \cdot \left(1 - \frac{d\Sigma_f}{\Sigma_f}\right) \cdot \left(1 + \frac{d\Sigma_s}{\Sigma_s}\right) \cdot \left(1 - \frac{d\Sigma_c}{\Sigma_c}\right) \cdot \left(1 + \frac{d\Sigma_f}{\Sigma_f}\right) \cdot \left(1 + \frac{d\Sigma_s}{\Sigma_s}\right) \cdot \left(1 + \frac{d\Sigma_f}{\Sigma_f}\right) \dots$$

The general idea...

Adopting the distribution of the corrected particles weight in the **reference** system as unbiased estimator of the “exact” neutron flux distribution in the **perturbed** system.

Re-normalization of the total population weight.

Convergence of the propagation (latent?) generations.



Particle's weight perturbation

x = **nuclear data** for reaction r , on the isotope i , in the material m ,
 in the incident neutron energy bin e , in the volume s (outgoing neutron
 energy bin e' and scattering cosine bin l)

$$\frac{\partial w_n}{\partial x/x} \simeq w_n \cdot \sum_{g=(\alpha-\lambda)}^{\alpha} \left({}^{(n,g)}ACC_x - {}^{(n,g)}REJ_x \right)$$

α = present generation

λ = number of propagation generations

ACC_x = accepted events x in the history of the particle n

REJ_x = rejected events x



Reaction rate ratios (method)

$$R = \frac{\langle \Sigma_1, \phi \rangle}{\langle \Sigma_2, \phi \rangle}$$

$$R' = \frac{\langle \Sigma_1 + \Delta \Sigma_1, \phi + \Delta \phi \rangle}{\langle \Sigma_2 + \Delta \Sigma_2, \phi + \Delta \phi \rangle}$$

Neglecting cross terms...

$$\frac{\Delta R}{R} = \frac{\langle \Delta \Sigma_1, \phi \rangle}{\langle \Sigma_1, \phi \rangle} - \frac{\langle \Delta \Sigma_2, \phi \rangle}{\langle \Sigma_2, \phi \rangle} + \frac{\langle \Sigma_1, \Delta \phi \rangle}{\langle \Sigma_1, \phi \rangle} - \frac{\langle \Sigma_2, \Delta \phi \rangle}{\langle \Sigma_2, \phi \rangle}$$

$$S_x^R = \underbrace{\frac{\left\langle \frac{\partial \Sigma_1}{\partial x/x}, \phi \right\rangle}{\langle \Sigma_1, \phi \rangle} - \frac{\left\langle \frac{\partial \Sigma_2}{\partial x/x}, \phi \right\rangle}{\langle \Sigma_2, \phi \rangle}}_{\text{direct terms}} + \underbrace{\frac{\left\langle \Sigma_1, \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x/x} \right\rangle}{\langle \Sigma_1, \phi \rangle} - \frac{\left\langle \Sigma_2, \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x/x} \right\rangle}{\langle \Sigma_2, \phi \rangle}}_{\text{indirect terms}}$$

Reaction rate ratios (method)

Considering track-length estimators (for simplicity)...

$$\langle \Sigma_1, \phi \rangle = q \cdot \sum_{n \in \alpha} \sum_{t \in n} w_n \cdot \ell_t \Sigma_1$$

$$\left\langle \Sigma_1, \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x/x} \right\rangle = q \cdot \sum_{n \in \alpha} \sum_{t \in n} w_n \cdot \frac{\partial w_n / w_n}{\partial x/x} \cdot \ell_t \Sigma_1$$

$$\left\langle \Sigma_1, \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x/x} \right\rangle = q \cdot \sum_{n \in \alpha} \sum_{t \in n} w_n \left[\sum_{g=(\alpha-\lambda)}^{\alpha} \left(ACC_x^{(n,g)} - REJ_x^{(n,g)} \right) \right] \ell_t \Sigma_1$$

Reaction rate ratios (method)

Indirect terms:

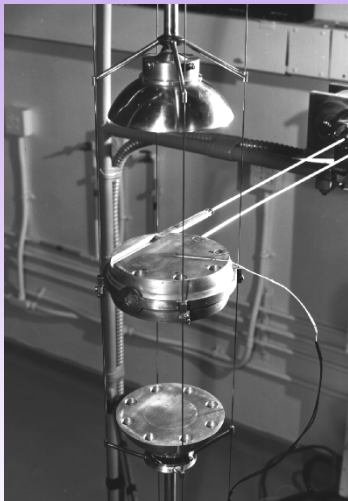
$$\frac{\left\langle \Sigma_1, \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x/x} \right\rangle}{\langle \Sigma_1, \phi \rangle} = \frac{q \cdot \sum_{n \in \alpha} \sum_{t \in n} w_n \left[\sum_{g=(\alpha-\lambda)}^{\alpha} \left(ACC_x^{(n,g)} - REJ_x^{(n,g)} \right) \right] \ell_t \Sigma_1}{q \cdot \sum_{n \in \alpha} \sum_{t \in n} w_n \cdot \ell_t \Sigma_1}$$

Average **net** number of x events (i.e., **real** - **virtual**) in the last λ generations, weighted on the contributions to the track length estimator of $\langle \Sigma_1, \phi \rangle$

Indirect part of S_x^R is obtained as the difference between the average number of **net** x events in the last λ generations, weighted on the tally contributions for two generic detectors $\langle \Sigma_1, \phi \rangle$ and $\langle \Sigma_2, \phi \rangle$



Reaction rate ratios (results)



$$R = \frac{\iiint \phi(\mathbf{r}, E) \cdot \sigma_f^{238\text{U}}(E) dE d\mathbf{r}}{\iiint \phi(\mathbf{r}, E) \cdot \sigma_f^{235\text{U}}(E) dE d\mathbf{r}}$$

Jezebel (Pu sphere)

PU-MET-FAST-001

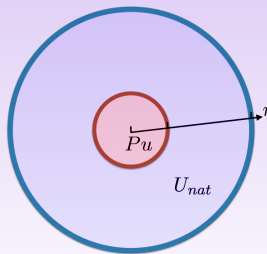
$^{238}\text{U}/^{235}\text{U}$ fission rate ratio
(measured in the center of the system)

Reaction rate ratios (results)



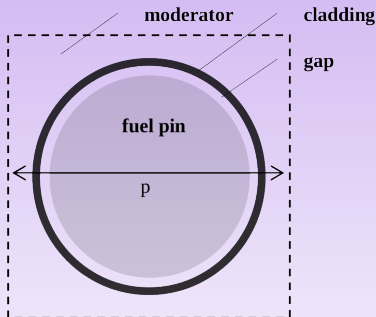
Flattop-Pu (Popsy) PU-MET-FAST-006

$^{238}\text{U}/^{235}\text{U}$ fission rate ratio
(measured in the center of the system)



(not in scale)

Reaction rate ratios (results)



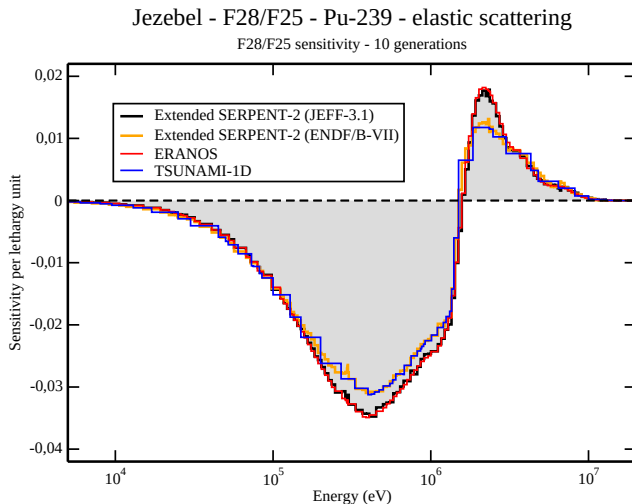
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UAM TMI-1 PWR pin-cell

$^{238}\text{U}/^{235}\text{U}$ fission rate ratio in the fuel pellet

Reaction rate ratios (results)

ERANOS results from Sandro Pelloni @PSI

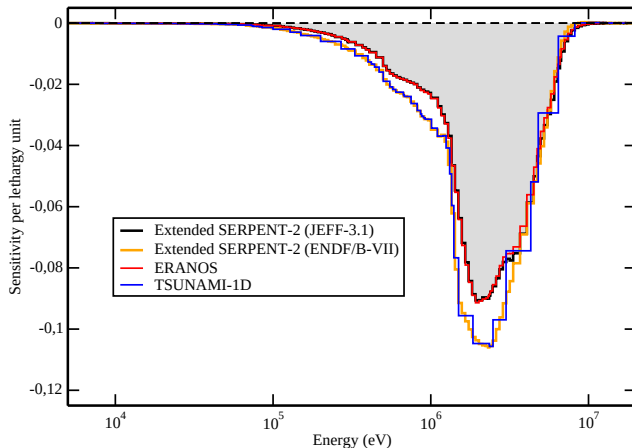


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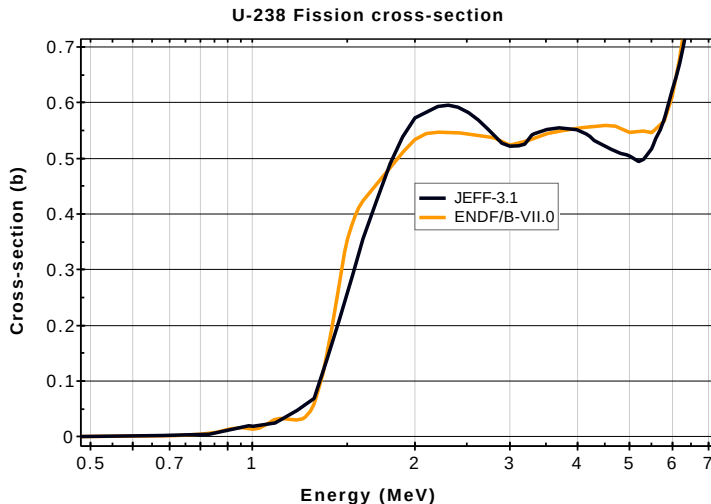
Jezebel - F28/F25 - Pu-239 - inelastic scattering

F28/F25 sensitivity - 10 generations



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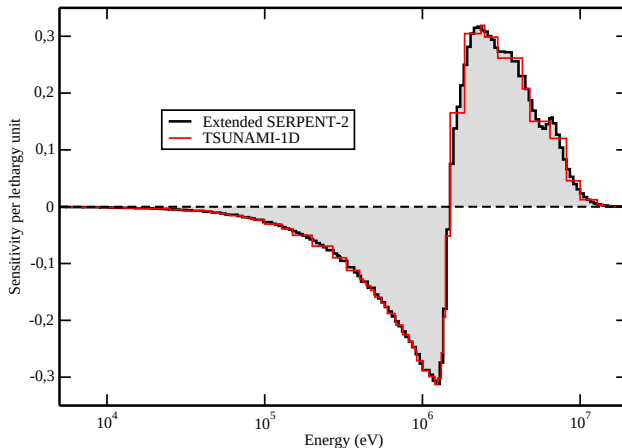


Reaction rate ratios (results)

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Popsy (Flattop) - F28/F25 - Pu-239 - chi total

F28/F25 sensitivity - 10 generations - ENDF/B-VII

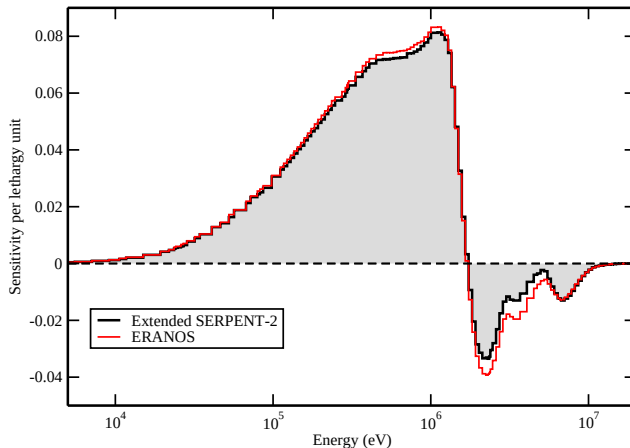


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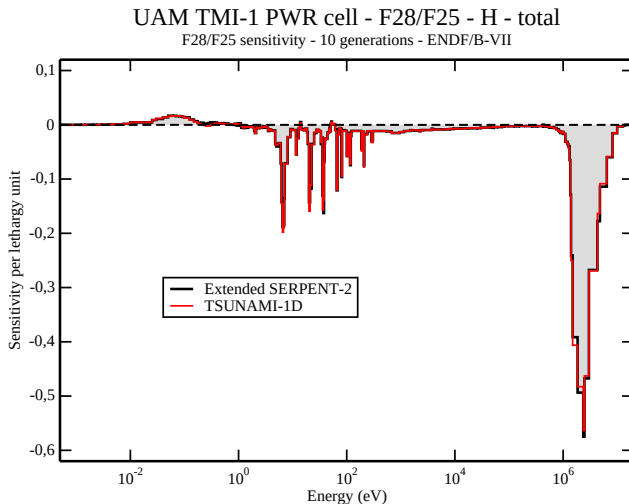
Popsy (Flatop) - F28/F25 - Pu-239 - fission

F28/F25 sensitivity - 10 generations - JEFF-3.1



Reaction rate ratios (results)

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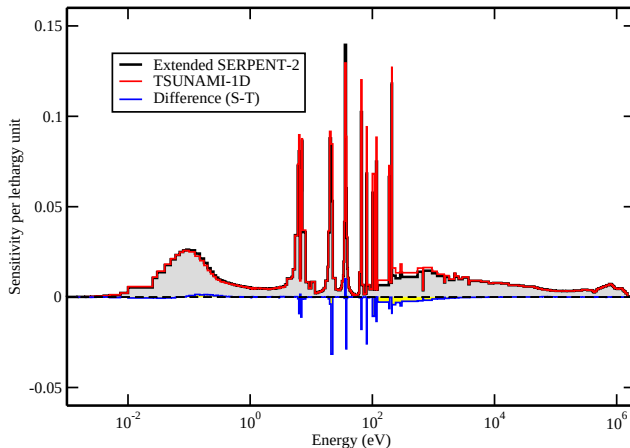


Reaction rate ratios (results)

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UAM TMI-1 PWR cell - F28/F25 - U-238 - disappearance

F28/F25 sensitivity - 10 generations - ENDF/B-VII



Reaction rate ratios (results)

ERANOS results from Sandro Pelloni @PSI

Energy integrated sensitivity coefficients for Jezebel for the response function $R = F28/F25$.

x	S_x^R					
	JEFF-3.1			ENDF/B-VII		
	Serpent	Eranos	Rel. diff	Serpent	TSUNAMI-1D	Rel. diff
$^{239}\text{Pu } \sigma_{\text{tot}}$	$-0.14856 \pm 0.1\%$	-0.14923	-0.5%	$-0.16404 \pm 0.1\%$	-0.16477	-0.4%
$^{239}\text{Pu } \sigma_{\text{inl}}$	$-0.13475 \pm 0.0\%$	-0.13308	1.2 %	$-0.15996 \pm 0.0\%$	-0.15898	0.6 %
$^{239}\text{Pu } \sigma_{\text{ela}}$	$-0.06844 \pm 0.2\%$	-0.06854	-0.1%	$-0.06386 \pm 0.2\%$	-0.06396	-0.2%
$^{239}\text{Pu } \sigma_{\text{fis}}$	$+0.04750 \pm 0.1\%$	+0.04607	3.0 %	$+0.05173 \pm 0.1\%$	+0.05002	3.3 %
$^{240}\text{Pu } \sigma_{\text{tot}}$	$-0.01255 \pm 0.3\%$	-0.01243	1.0 %	$-0.01407 \pm 0.3\%$	-0.01405	0.1 %
$^{239}\text{Pu } \sigma_{\text{dis}}$	$+0.00995 \pm 0.1\%$	+0.01005	-1.0%	$+0.01006 \pm 0.1\%$	+0.01008	-0.2%
$^{240}\text{Pu } \sigma_{\text{inl}}$	$-0.00822 \pm 0.2\%$	-0.00820	0.2 %	$-0.00803 \pm 0.2\%$	-0.00798	0.6 %
$^{240}\text{Pu } \sigma_{\text{ela}}$	$-0.00387 \pm 0.7\%$	-0.00384	0.8 %	$-0.00403 \pm 0.7\%$	-0.00409	-1.5%
$^{239}\text{Pu } \sigma_{n,xn}$	$-0.00278 \pm 0.2\%$	-0.00251	9.7 %	$-0.00201 \pm 0.2\%$	-0.00193	4.0 %
$^{240}\text{Pu } \sigma_{\text{fis}}$	$-0.00103 \pm 1.9\%$	-0.00097	5.8 %	$-0.00256 \pm 0.7\%$	-0.00253	1.2 %
$^{240}\text{Pu } \sigma_{\text{dis}}$	$+0.00066 \pm 0.4\%$	+0.00066	0.0 %	$+0.00062 \pm 0.5\%$	+0.00062	0.0 %
$^{241}\text{Pu } \sigma_{\text{tot}}$	$-0.00061 \pm 1.6\%$	-0.00045	26.2% ??	$-0.00069 \pm 1.5\%$	-0.00068	1.4 %
$^{241}\text{Pu } \sigma_{\text{inl}}$	$-0.00046 \pm 0.9\%$	-0.00047	-2.2%	$-0.00061 \pm 0.8\%$	-0.00060	1.6 %

Bilinear ratios (method)

$$R = \frac{\langle \phi^\dagger, \Sigma_1 \phi \rangle}{\langle \phi^\dagger, \Sigma_2 \phi \rangle}$$

Examples:

$$\beta_{\text{eff}} = \frac{\left\langle \phi^\dagger, \frac{1}{k_{\text{eff}}} \chi_d \bar{\nu}_d \Sigma_f \phi \right\rangle}{\left\langle \phi^\dagger, \frac{1}{k_{\text{eff}}} \chi_t \bar{\nu}_t \Sigma_f \phi \right\rangle} \quad \ell_{\text{eff}} = \frac{\left\langle \phi^\dagger, \frac{1}{v} \phi \right\rangle}{\left\langle \phi^\dagger, \frac{1}{k_{\text{eff}}} \chi_t \bar{\nu}_t \Sigma_f \phi \right\rangle}$$

$$\alpha_{\text{coolant}} = - \frac{\langle \phi^\dagger, \Sigma_{t, \text{coolant}} \phi \rangle}{\left\langle \phi^\dagger, \frac{1}{k_{\text{eff}}} \chi_t \bar{\nu}_t \Sigma_f \phi \right\rangle}$$

Bilinear ratios (method)

$$R' = \frac{\langle \phi^\dagger + \Delta\phi^\dagger, (\Sigma_1 + \Delta\Sigma_1)(\phi + \Delta\phi) \rangle}{\langle \phi^\dagger + \Delta\phi^\dagger, (\Sigma_2 + \Delta\Sigma_2)(\phi + \Delta\phi) \rangle}$$

$$\frac{\Delta R}{R} = \frac{\langle \phi^\dagger, \Delta\Sigma_1 \phi \rangle}{\langle \phi^\dagger, \Sigma_1 \phi \rangle} - \frac{\langle \phi^\dagger, \Delta\Sigma_2 \phi \rangle}{\langle \phi^\dagger, \Sigma_2 \phi \rangle} + \frac{\langle \phi^\dagger, \Sigma_1 \Delta\phi \rangle}{\langle \phi^\dagger, \Sigma_1 \phi \rangle} - \frac{\langle \phi^\dagger, \Sigma_2 \Delta\phi \rangle}{\langle \phi^\dagger, \Sigma_2 \phi \rangle} + \frac{\langle \Delta\phi^\dagger, \Sigma_1 \phi \rangle}{\langle \phi^\dagger, \Sigma_1 \phi \rangle} - \frac{\langle \Delta\phi^\dagger, \Sigma_2 \phi \rangle}{\langle \phi^\dagger, \Sigma_2 \phi \rangle}$$

$$S_x^R = \frac{\left\langle \phi^\dagger, \frac{\partial \Sigma_1}{\partial x/x} \phi \right\rangle}{\langle \phi^\dagger, \Sigma_1 \phi \rangle} - \frac{\left\langle \phi^\dagger, \frac{\partial \Sigma_2}{\partial x/x} \phi \right\rangle}{\langle \phi^\dagger, \Sigma_2 \phi \rangle} + \frac{\left\langle \phi^\dagger, \Sigma_1 \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x/x} \right\rangle}{\langle \phi^\dagger, \Sigma_1 \phi \rangle} - \frac{\left\langle \phi^\dagger, \Sigma_2 \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x/x} \right\rangle}{\langle \phi^\dagger, \Sigma_2 \phi \rangle} +$$

$$+ \frac{\left\langle \frac{\partial \phi^\dagger}{\partial x/x}, \Sigma_1 \phi \right\rangle}{\langle \phi^\dagger, \Sigma_1 \phi \rangle} - \frac{\left\langle \frac{\partial \phi^\dagger}{\partial x/x}, \Sigma_2 \phi \right\rangle}{\langle \phi^\dagger, \Sigma_2 \phi \rangle}$$

Bilinear ratios (method)

Adopting Iterated Fission Probability importance estimators:

$$I_n^{(\gamma)} = \frac{1}{q'} \frac{1}{w_n} \sum_{k \in d_n^{(\gamma)}} w_k$$

Importance of neutrons in generation α is calculated as function of the neutron descendants in generation $\alpha + \gamma$

Effect of perturbation on neutron importance:

$$\frac{\partial I_n^{(\gamma)}}{\partial x/x} = \frac{1}{w_n} \sum_{k \in d_n^{(\gamma)}} \frac{\partial w_k}{\partial x/x} - \frac{1}{w_n^2} \frac{\partial w_n}{\partial x/x} \sum_{k \in d_n^{(\gamma)}} w_k$$



Bilinear ratios (method)

Indirect terms...

Effect of perturbation on the forward flux:

$$\left\langle \phi^\dagger, \Sigma_1 \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x/x} \right\rangle = \sum_{n \in \alpha} \sum_{t \in n} \frac{\partial w_n}{\partial x/x} \cdot \ell_t \Sigma_1 \cdot \frac{1}{w_n} \sum_{k \in d_n^{(\gamma)}} w_k$$

Effect of perturbation on the adjoint flux:

$$\left\langle \frac{\partial \phi^\dagger}{\partial x/x}, \Sigma_1 \phi \right\rangle = \sum_{n \in \alpha} \sum_{t \in n} w_n \cdot \ell_t \Sigma_1 \left(\frac{1}{w_n} \sum_{k \in d_n^{(\gamma)}} \frac{\partial w_k}{\partial x/x} - \frac{1}{w_n^2} \frac{\partial w_n}{\partial x/x} \sum_{k \in d_n^{(\gamma)}} w_k \right)$$

Sum of indirect terms (rewritten as function of neutrons in generation $\alpha + \gamma$):

$$\left\langle \phi^\dagger, \Sigma_1 \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x/x} \right\rangle + \left\langle \frac{\partial \phi^\dagger}{\partial x/x}, \Sigma_1 \phi \right\rangle = \sum_{k \in (\alpha+\gamma)} \left[w_k \left(\sum_{t \in (-\gamma)_k} \ell_t \Sigma_1 \right) \frac{\partial w_k / w_k}{\partial x/x} \right]$$



Bilinear ratios (method)

Example: effective prompt lifetime

$$R = \frac{\left\langle \phi^\dagger, \frac{1}{v} \phi \right\rangle}{\left\langle \phi^\dagger, \frac{1}{k_{\text{eff}}} \chi_t \bar{\nu}_t \Sigma_f \phi \right\rangle}$$

Simple IFP estimator for the numerator:

$$\left\langle \phi^\dagger, \frac{1}{v} \phi \right\rangle = \frac{1}{q'} \sum_{k \in (\alpha+\gamma)} w_k \cdot (-\gamma) l_k$$

Numerator terms of the perturbation:

$$\frac{\left\langle \phi^\dagger, \frac{1}{v} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x/x} \right\rangle}{\left\langle \phi^\dagger, \frac{1}{v} \phi \right\rangle} + \frac{\left\langle \frac{\partial \phi^\dagger}{\partial x/x}, \frac{1}{v} \phi \right\rangle}{\left\langle \phi^\dagger, \frac{1}{v} \phi \right\rangle} = \frac{\sum_{k \in (\alpha+\gamma)} w_k \left[\sum_{g=(\alpha-\lambda)}^{(\alpha+\gamma)} \left({}^{(n,g)}ACC_x - {}^{(n,g)}REJ_x \right) \right] (-\gamma) l_k}{\sum_{k \in (\alpha+\gamma)} w_k \cdot (-\gamma) l_k}$$



Bilinear ratios (method)

Denominator terms:

$$\frac{\left\langle \phi^\dagger, F \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x/x} \right\rangle}{\left\langle \phi^\dagger, F \phi \right\rangle} + \frac{\left\langle \phi^\dagger, \frac{\partial F}{\partial x/x} \phi \right\rangle}{\left\langle \phi^\dagger, F \phi \right\rangle} + \frac{\left\langle \frac{\partial \phi^\dagger}{\partial x/x}, F \phi \right\rangle}{\left\langle \phi^\dagger, F \phi \right\rangle} = \frac{\sum_{k \in (\alpha+\gamma)} w_k \left[\sum_{g=(\alpha-\lambda)}^{(\alpha+\gamma)} \left({}^{(n,g)}ACC_x - {}^{(n,g)}REJ_x \right) \right]}{\sum_{k \in (\alpha+\gamma)} w_k}$$

We finally obtain the sensitivity coefficient for ℓ_{eff} :

$$S_x^{\ell_{\text{eff}}} = \frac{E \left[{}^{(-\gamma)}I \cdot \sum^{\text{history}} (ACC_x - REJ_x) \right]}{E \left[{}^{(-\gamma)}I \right]} - E \left[\sum^{\text{history}} (ACC_x - REJ_x) \right] =$$

$$= \frac{\text{COV} \left[{}^{(-\gamma)}I, \sum^{\text{history}} (ACC_x - REJ_x) \right]}{E \left[{}^{(-\gamma)}I \right]}$$

Bilinear ratios (method)

Everything is much more simple...

If the quantity R can be estimated as the ratio of two generic Monte Carlo responses

$$R = \frac{E[e_1]}{E[e_2]}$$

the sensitivity coefficient of R with respect to x can be obtained as:

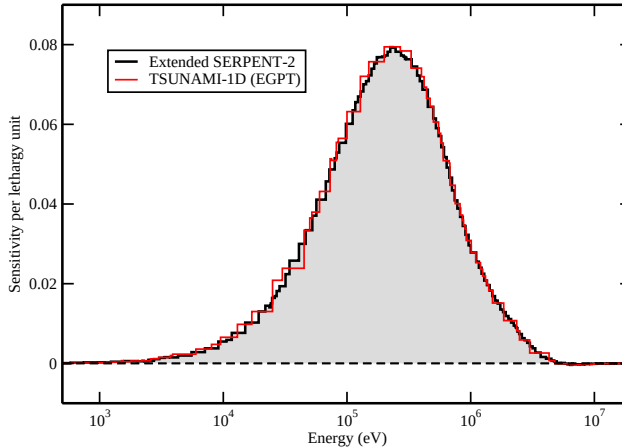
$$S_x^R = \frac{\text{COV} \left[e_1, \sum^{history} (ACC_x - REJ_x) \right]}{E[e_1]} - \frac{\text{COV} \left[e_2, \sum^{history} (ACC_x - REJ_x) \right]}{E[e_2]}$$



Bilinear ratios (results)

Jezebel - Leff - Pu-239 - elastic scattering

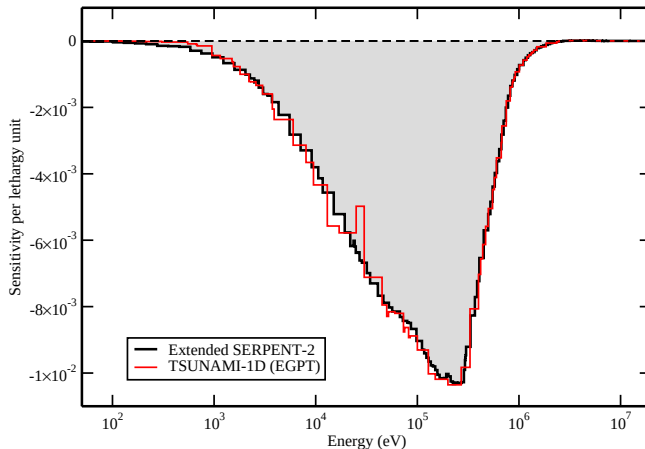
Effective prompt lifetime sensitivity - 4-8 generations - ENDF/B-VII



Bilinear ratios (results)

Jezebel - Leff - Pu-239 - disappearance

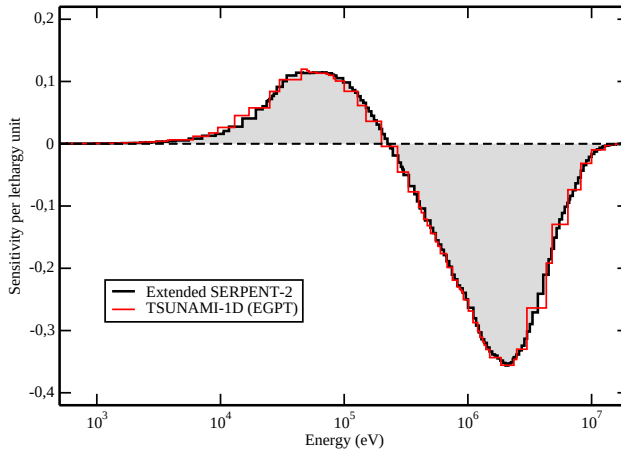
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Bilinear ratios (results)

Popsy (Flattop) - Leff - Pu-239 - fission

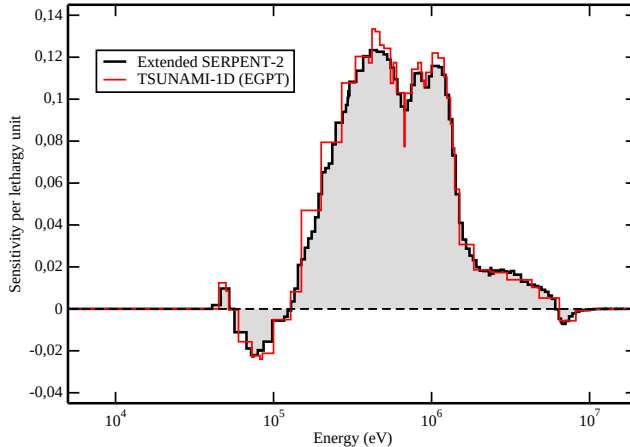
Effective prompt lifetime sensitivity - 8-16 generations - ENDF/B-VII



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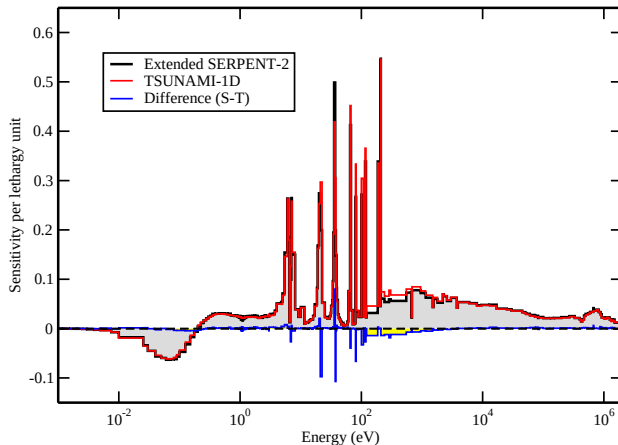
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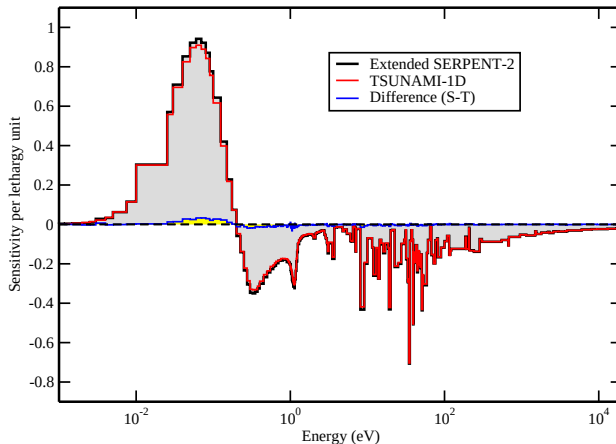
Bilinear ratios (results)

UAM TMI-1 PWR cell - α_{coolant} - U-238 - disappearance
 coolant void reactivity coeff. sensitivity - 4 generations - ENDF/B-VII



Bilinear ratios (results)

UAM TMI-1 PWR cell - α_{coolant} - U-235 - nubar total
coolant void reactivity coeff. sensitivity - 4 generations - ENDF/B-VII



Scattering distributions

The method can be extended to scattering distribution sensitivities:

At each scattering event, two pairs of outgoing energy/scattering angle are sampled

One is accepted as **real** event, the other is rejected as **virtual**

Implicit and constraining of the sensitivity profiles
adopting a **continuous method** (in energy and angle)



Scattering distributions

The **unconstrained** k_{eff} sensitivity to scattering distributions can be obtained adopting Iterated Fission Probability methods as:

$$S_{f^x}^{k_{\text{eff}}}(\mu, E) = E \left[\sum \left({}^{(-\gamma)}ACC_{f^x}(\mu|E) \right) \right]$$

In practice, bin-integrated quantities are of interest:

$$S_{f^x, j, i}^{k_{\text{eff}}} = \int_{\mu^j}^{\mu^{j+1}} \int_{E^i}^{E^{i+1}} S_{f^x}^{k_{\text{eff}}}(\mu, E) d\mu dE$$

The constraint in k_{eff} sensitivities to scattering functions can be introduced in a **discretized form**, starting from the bin-integrated unconstrained sensitivity coefficients ($S_{f^x, j, i}^{k_{\text{eff}}}$), as done in deterministic codes.

Scattering distributions

The normalization constraint can be introduced as a **continuous (non discretized) relationship**:

$$\hat{S}_{f^x}^{k_{\text{eff}}}(\mu, E) = S_{f^x}^{k_{\text{eff}}}(\mu, E) - f^x(\mu|E) \int_{-1}^1 S_{f^x}^{k_{\text{eff}}}(\mu^*, E) d\mu^*$$

In the present collision-history approach, the second term of the RHS of the Eq. above can be estimated as the density of rejected scattering events with $(\mu|E)$:

$$f(\mu|E) \int_{-1}^1 S_{f^x}^{k_{\text{eff}}}(\mu^*, E) d\mu^* = E \left[\sum \left((-\gamma) REJ_{f(\mu|E)} \right) \right]$$

A **continuous** (in energy and angle) Monte Carlo estimator for the **constrained** sensitivity to scattering distribution is available:

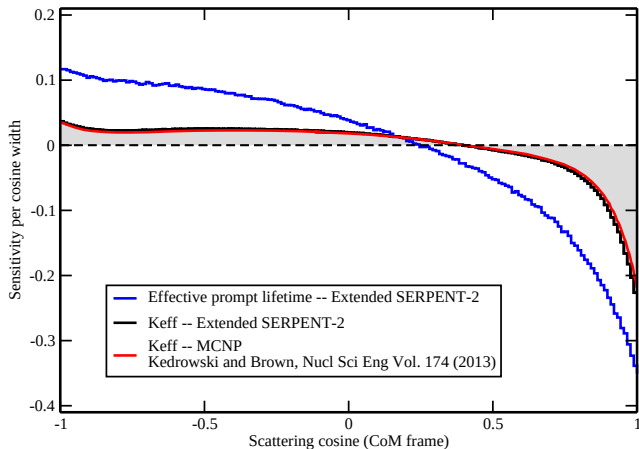
$$\hat{S}_{f^x}^{k_{\text{eff}}}(\mu, E) = E \left[\sum \left((-\gamma) ACC_{f^x(\mu|E)} - (-\gamma) REJ_{f^x(\mu|E)} \right) \right]$$



Scattering distributions

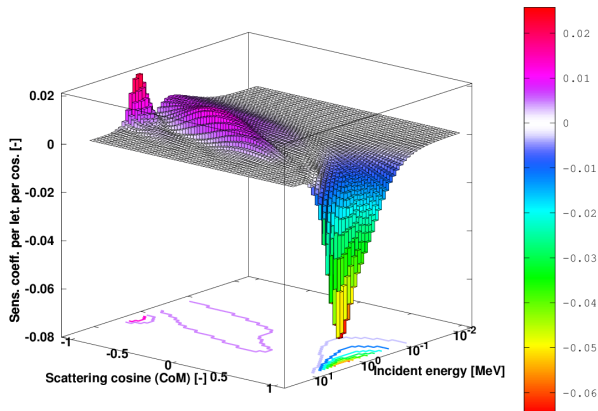
Jezebel - Pu-239 - elastic scattering

Sensitivity to scattering cosine in CoM frame (constrained) - 6 generations - ENDF/B-VII



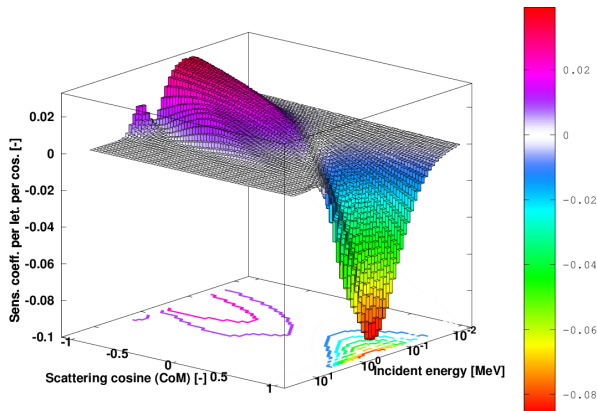
Scattering distributions

Jezebel, k_{eff} sensitivity to elastic scattering distribution



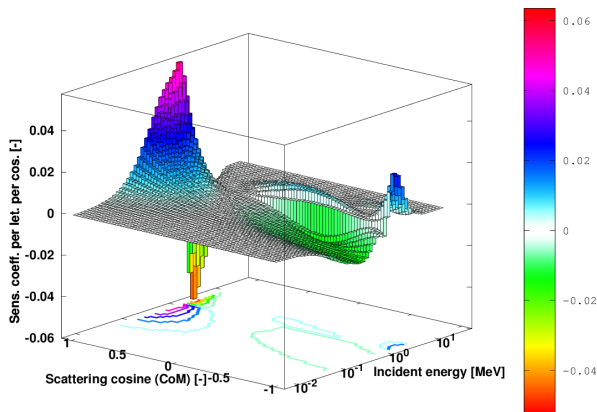
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Jezebel, ℓ_{eff} sensitivity to elastic scattering distribution



Scattering distributions

Jezebel, F_{28}/F_{25} sensitivity to elastic scattering distribution



Legendre moments

Scattering distributions are often expressed as an expansion of Legendre polynomials:

$$f^x(\mu|E) \approx \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2n+1}{2} P_n(\mu) f_n^x(E)$$

The sensitivity of R to the n^{th} Legendre moment of a given scattering distribution can be defined as follows: $S_{f_n^x}^R \equiv \frac{dR/R}{df_n^x/f_n^x}$

$$S_{f_n^x}^R(E) = \int_{-1}^1 \underbrace{\frac{\frac{dR}{R}}{df^x(\mu|E)}}_{S_{f^x}^R(\mu, E)} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{df^x(\mu|E)}{df_n^x(E)}}_{\frac{2n+1}{2} P_n(\mu)} \cdot f_n^x(E) \cdot \frac{1}{f^x(\mu|E)} \cdot d\mu$$



Legendre moments

All the terms in $G_{f_n^x}$ can be calculated on-the-fly:

$$G_{f_n^x} = \frac{2n+1}{2} P_n(\mu) \cdot f_n^x(E) \cdot 1/f^x(\mu|E)$$

Continuous Monte Carlo estimator for the sensitivity to the Legendre moments of the scattering distributions:

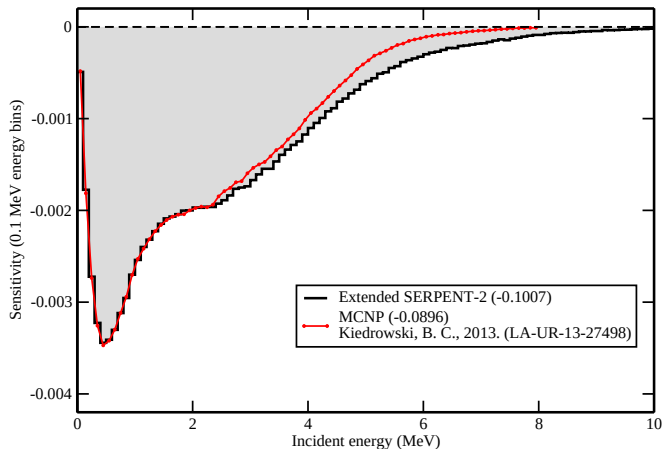
$$S_{f_n^x}^R = \frac{\text{COV} \left[e_1, \sum^{history} G_{f_n^x} \right]}{E[e_1]} - \frac{\text{COV} \left[e_2, \sum^{history} G_{f_n^x} \right]}{E[e_2]}$$



Scattering distributions

Jezebel - Keff - Pu-239 - elastic scattering - P1

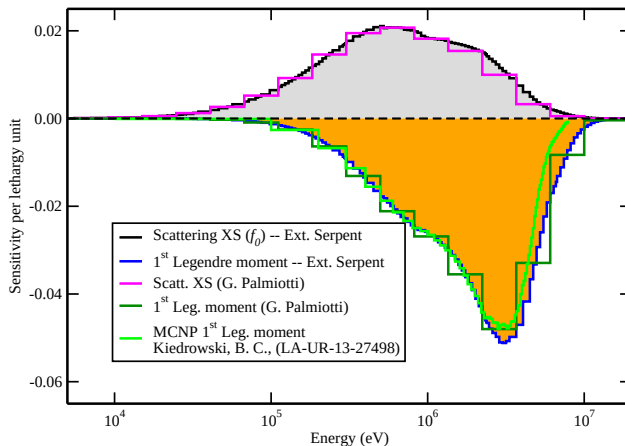
Keff sensitivity - 3 generations - ENDF/B-VII



Scattering distributions

Jezebel - k_{eff} - Pu-239 - elastic scattering

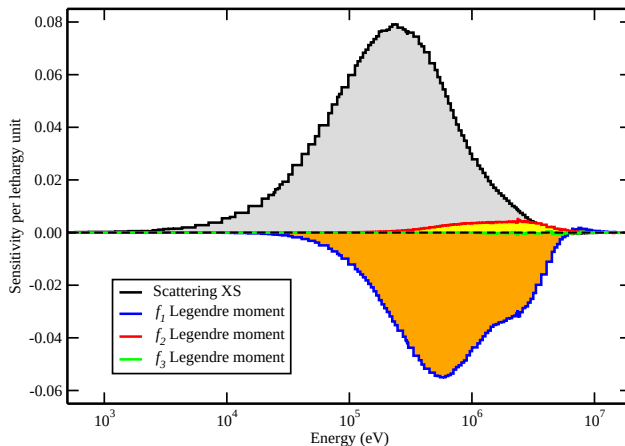
Effective multiplication factor sensitivity - 3 generations - ENDF/B-VII



Scattering distributions

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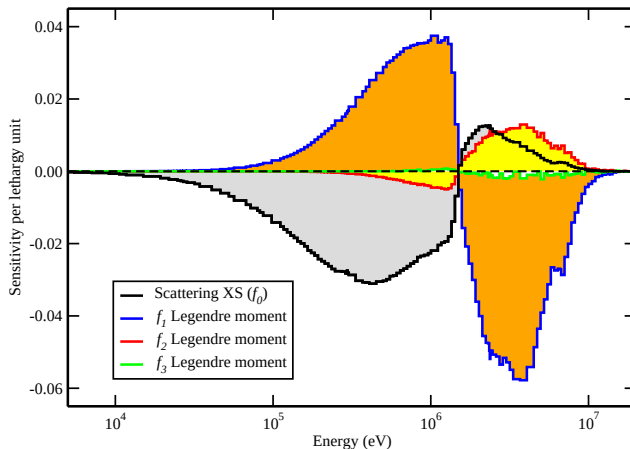
Effective prompt lifetime sensitivity - 2-4 generations - ENDF/B-VII



Scattering distributions

Jezebel - F28/F25 - Pu-239 - elastic scattering

Central F28/F25 ratio sensitivity - 6 generations - ENDF/B-VII

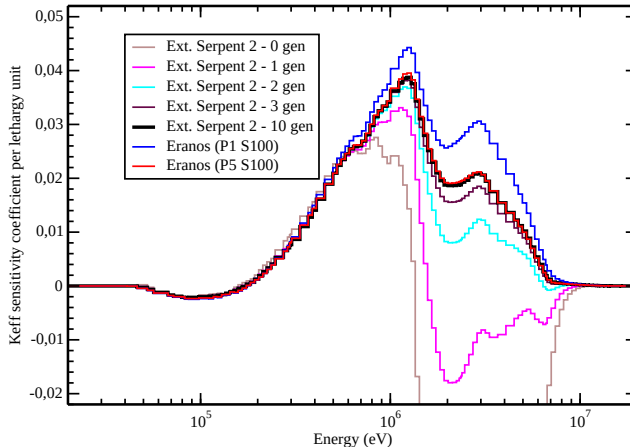


Latent generations convergence

ERANOS results from Sandro Pelloni @PSI

Flattop (Pu239 configuration) - U238 Inelastic scattering

Extended Serpent2 (LPSC version) - adj-weighted sensitivity - 10 latent generations



Warning

Serpent results for sensitivities to scattering distributions have not been fully tested/verified yet!



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QUESTIONS? SUGGESTIONS? NEW IDEAS?