

# Correlations between LCT Integral Experiments and Their Impact on Adjustments

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## Overview

The main point is to attempt to estimate correlations between existing ICSBEP experiments and show what the impact of these estimated correlations would be on nuclear data adjustments.

Not a toy exercise; meant to be best estimate of real data

- Status of Existing Correlations
- Tools to Generate Correlations
- New Correlation Data, tests? [focus of this presentation]
- Impact of Integral Correlation Data on Adjustment [focus of this presentation]

## Status of Existing Correlations (DICE Uncertainties button)

Correspond to the correlations of benchmark model uncertainties

- Level 1 correlations show that evaluations are correlated
- Level 2 correlations give the quantitative information about the correlations between cases
- Currently 94 cases have correlation data [level2] in DICE (or ~2%). Level 2 required for analysis.

Also Compute Cosine Similarity of Sensitivity Vectors!

The screenshot displays the DICE software interface with two windows open. The left window shows the 'Uncertainties' correlation matrix, and the right window shows the 'Sensitivities' correlation matrix.

**Uncertainties Correlation Matrix (Left Window):**

|        | HCF001 | HCF002 | HCF004 | HCI003 | HCI004 | HCI005 | HCM003 | HCM004 | HCT003 | HCT004 | HCT005 | HCT006 | HCT007 | HCT008 |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| HCF001 | (+)    | +      | +      |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| HCF002 | +      | (+)    | +      |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| HCF004 | +      | +      | (+)    |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| HCI003 |        |        |        | (+)    |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| HCI004 |        |        |        |        | (+)    |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| HCI005 |        |        |        |        |        | (+)    |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| HCM003 |        |        |        |        |        |        | (+)    | +      |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| HCM004 |        |        |        |        |        |        | +      | (+)    |        |        |        |        |        |        |
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| HCT005 |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | +      | +      | (+)    | +      | +      | +      |
| HCT006 |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | +      | +      | +      | (+)    | +      | +      |
| HCT007 |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | +      | +      | +      | +      | (+)    | +      |
| HCT008 |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | +      | +      | +      | +      | +      | (+)    |

**Sensitivities Correlation Matrix (Right Window):**

|            | HMF008-001 | HMF011-001 | HMF018-001 | HMF020-001 | HMF031-001 | HMF055-001 | HMF060-001 | HMF061-001 | HMF067-001 | HMF067-002 | HMF070-001 | HMF070-002 | HMF070-003 | HMF075-001 | HMI001-001 | HMM012-001 |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| HMF008-001 | 1000       | 210        |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| HMF011-001 | 210        | 1000       |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| HMF018-001 |            |            | 1000       | 460        | 320        |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| HMF020-001 |            |            | 460        | 1000       | 460        |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| HMF031-001 |            |            | 320        | 460        | 1000       |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| HMF055-001 |            |            |            |            |            | 1000       | 300        | 250        | 290        | 290        | 260        | 250        | 270        | 210        | 210        | 270        |
| HMF060-001 |            |            |            |            |            | 300        | 1000       | 510        | 880        | 880        | 840        | 840        | 850        | 430        | 680        | 540        |
| HMF061-001 |            |            |            |            |            | 250        | 510        | 1000       | 500        | 500        | 440        | 430        | 450        | 870        | 370        | 760        |
| HMF067-001 |            |            |            |            |            | 290        | 880        | 500        | 1000       | 960        | 930        | 940        | 940        | 420        | 770        | 520        |
| HMF067-002 |            |            |            |            |            | 290        | 880        | 500        | 960        | 1000       | 940        | 940        | 940        | 420        | 780        | 520        |
| HMF070-001 |            |            |            |            |            | 260        | 840        | 440        | 930        | 940        | 1000       | 940        | 930        | 370        | 780        | 470        |
| HMF070-002 |            |            |            |            |            | 250        | 840        | 430        | 940        | 940        | 1000       | 940        | 1000       | 360        | 800        | 460        |
| HMF070-003 |            |            |            |            |            | 270        | 850        | 450        | 940        | 930        | 940        | 1000       | 380        | 790        | 480        |            |
| HMF075-001 |            |            |            |            |            | 210        | 430        | 870        | 420        | 420        | 370        | 360        | 380        | 1000       | 310        | 810        |
| HMI001-001 |            |            |            |            |            | 210        | 680        | 370        | 770        | 780        | 800        | 790        | 310        | 1000       | 380        |            |
| HMM012-001 |            |            |            |            |            | 270        | 540        | 760        | 520        | 520        | 470        | 460        | 480        | 810        | 380        | 1000       |



## After Assignment: Impact of Integral Benchmark Correlations

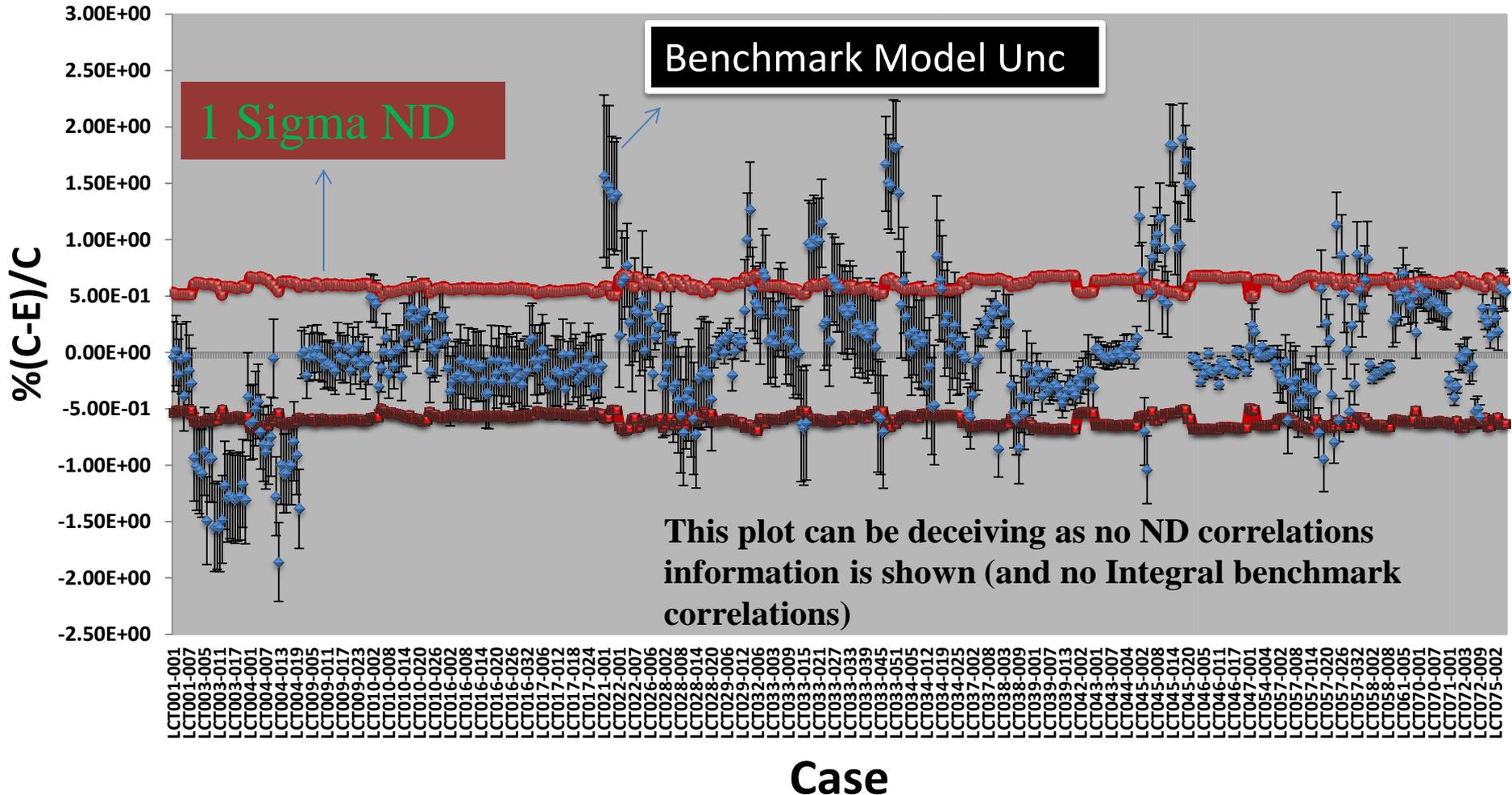
Some issues explored.....

- How does the goodness of fit change?
- Limitations to chi squared + other tests
- How does the GLS fit change?
- Difficultly decoupling Nuclear data and Benchmark uncertainty
- What is the impact on data adjustment?
- Newly available data (4200 sensitivity coefficients)

**All analysis will use SCALE, with ENDF/B-VII.0 CE, and 44 Group Covariance Library, no filtering applied**

**Intent was to explore the reasonability and impact of the previously assigned integral benchmark correlations.....**

## LCT Data Set



## Initial Chi Squared Within An Evaluation – No Integral Experiment Correlations

$$\chi^2 = \sum_i \sum_j d_i V_{i,j}^{-1} d_j$$

ND+Int.BM  
8 > chi/dof=1  
26 < chi/dof=1

Total Uncertainty Over Estimated (Either ND, INT), Or the degree of correlation is mis-estimated (under?)

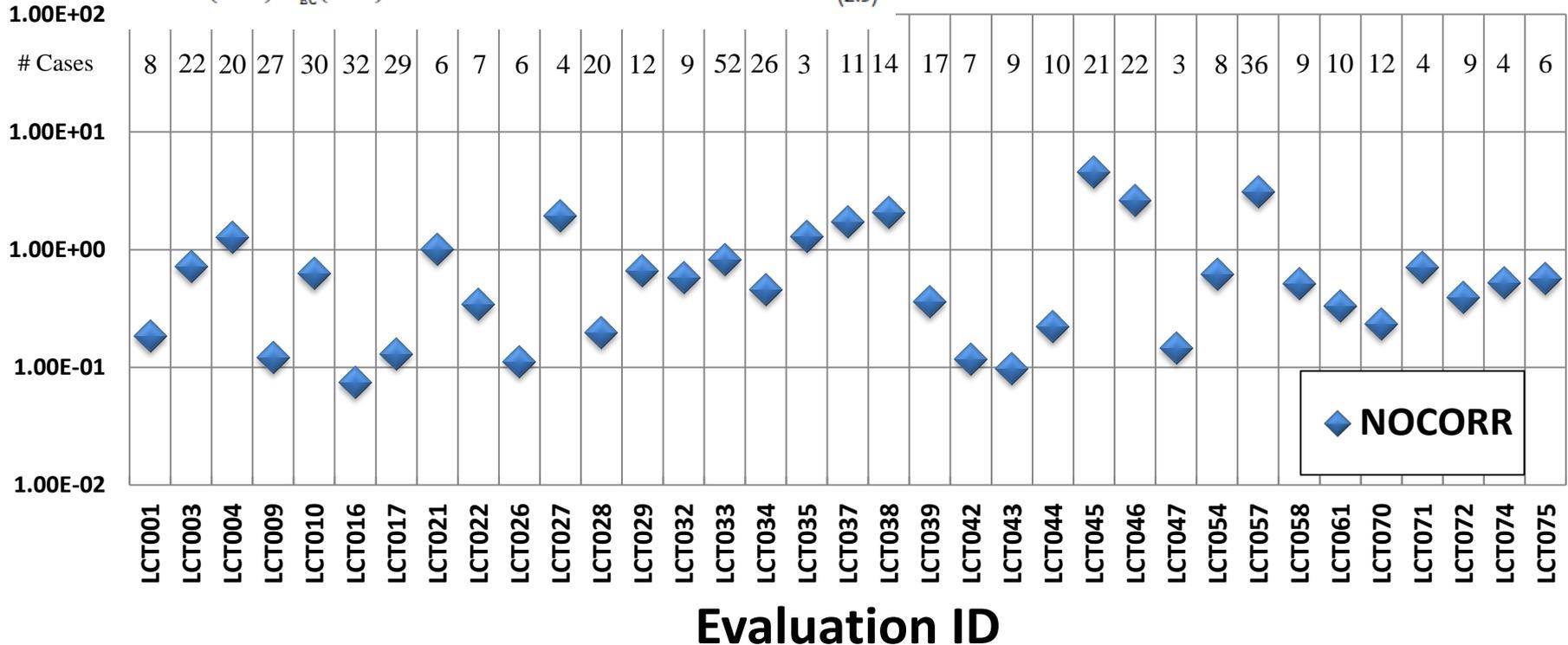
$$\chi_{init}^2 = (\sigma - \hat{\sigma})^T M_{\sigma}^{-1} (\sigma - \hat{\sigma}) + (E - C(\hat{\sigma}))^T M_{EC}^{-1} (E - C(\hat{\sigma})) \Big|_{\hat{\sigma}=\sigma}$$

$$= (E - C)^T M_{EC}^{-1} (E - C).$$

(2.9)

$\chi^2$  total = 2.4

Initial Chi Squared per DOF



## Chi Squared Within An Evaluation – No Integral Experiment Correlations

$$\chi^2 = \sum_i \sum_j d_i V_{i,j}^{-1} d_j$$

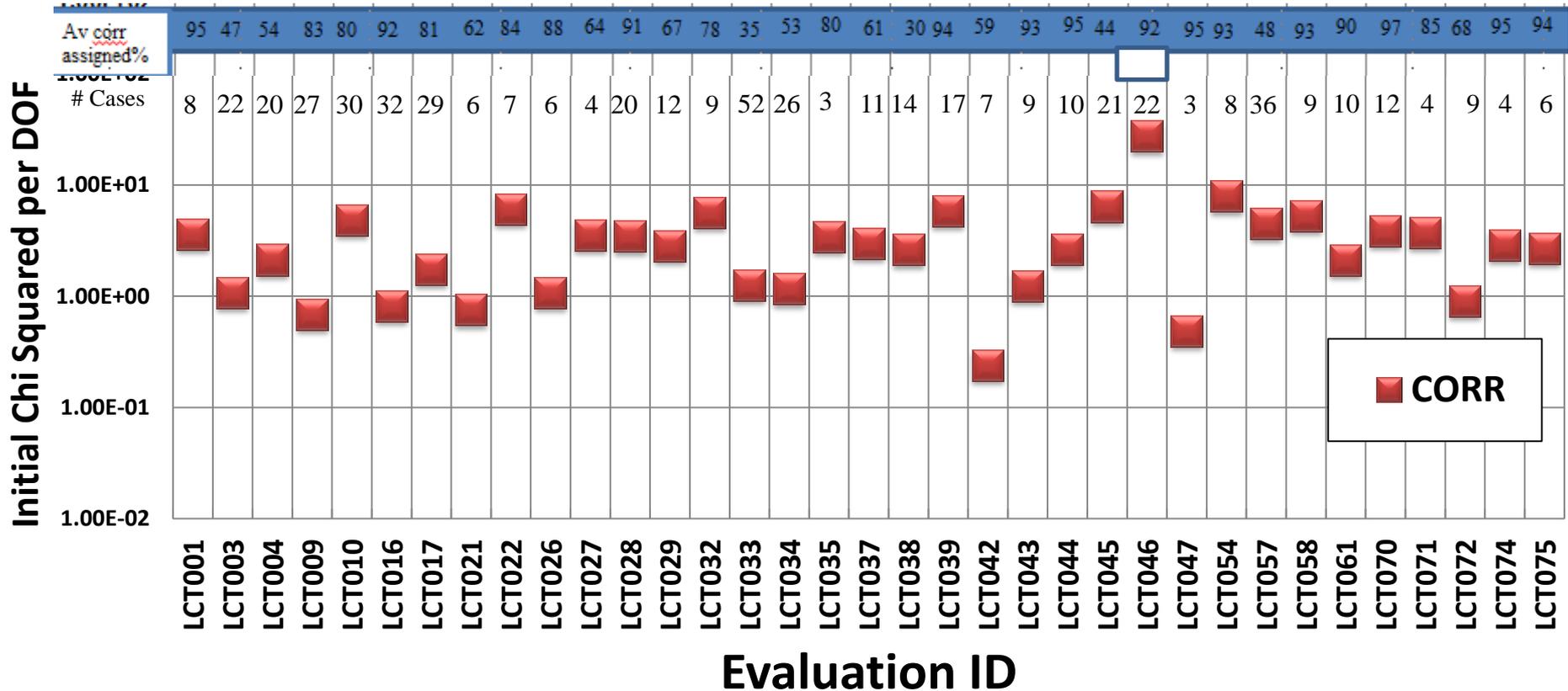
$d=c-e$

ND+Int.BM

Total Uncertainty Under Estimated (Either ND, INT or mis-estimated Covariance (over?))

$28 > \text{chi/dof}=1$  total = 4.7  
 $6 < \text{chi/dof}=1$

Since this isn't a real adjustment exercise next step of chi squared filtering wasn't done



# Components of Chi squared

$$\chi^2 = \sum_i \sum_j d_i V_{i,j}^{-1} d_j$$

## Contributing terms are:

- 1) Shared Errors in Nuclear Data
- 2) Unshared Errors in Nuclear Data
- 3) Shared Uncertainties in Benchmark Model
- 4) Unshared Errors In Benchmark Model



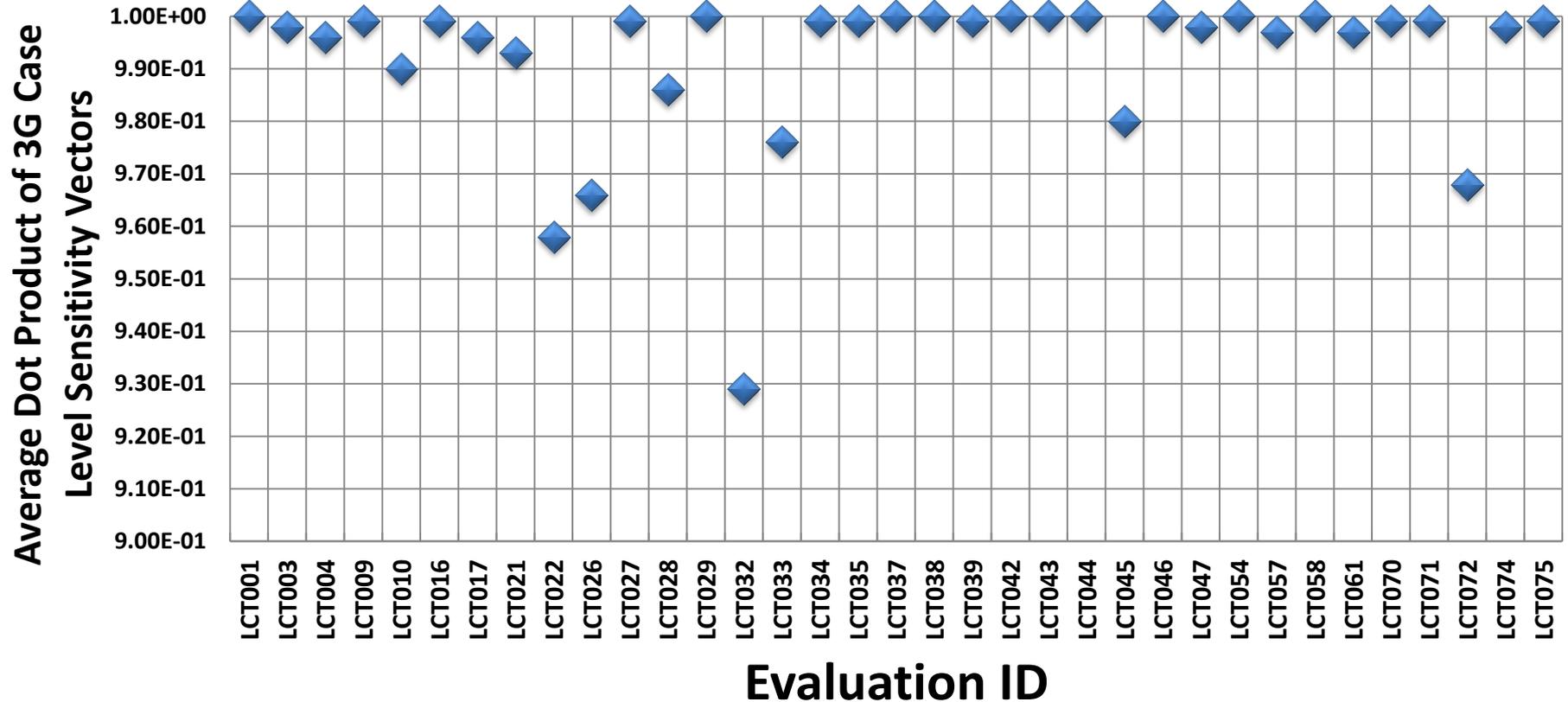
$$\begin{aligned} \chi_{init}^2 &= (\sigma - \tilde{\sigma})^T M_{\sigma}^{-1} (\sigma - \tilde{\sigma}) + (E - C(\tilde{\sigma}))^T M_{EC}^{-1} (E - C(\tilde{\sigma})) \Big|_{\tilde{\sigma}=\sigma} \\ &= (E - C)^T M_{EC}^{-1} (E - C). \end{aligned}$$

## Contributing terms are:

- 1) Shared Errors in Nuclear Data [**Often Similar Between CASES AND EVALUATIONS**].
- ~~2) Unshared Errors in Nuclear Data [SMALL]~~
- 3) Shared Uncertainties in Experimental Benchmark Model [**Similar between CASES, but not between EVALUATIONS (exp series)**].
- 4) Unshared Errors In Experimental Benchmark Model ‘**[All cases]**’.

## How Similar is the Response to ND?

Many of these have a very similar nuclear data response  
The uncertainty from ND isn't so much different



## And Some $c_k$ 's (same as before but covariance weighted)

$$\tilde{C}_{kk} = S_k C_{\alpha,\alpha} S_k^T$$

← LCT001

← LCT022

← LCT054

|   | 1          | 2          | 3          | 4          | 5          | 6          | 7          | 8          |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1 | 1.0000E+00 | 9.9690E-01 | 9.9780E-01 | 9.9860E-01 | 9.9760E-01 | 9.9770E-01 | 9.9810E-01 | 9.9620E-01 |
| 2 | 9.9690E-01 | 1.0000E+00 | 9.9990E-01 | 9.9960E-01 | 9.9990E-01 | 9.9990E-01 | 9.9970E-01 | 9.9990E-01 |
| 3 | 9.9780E-01 | 9.9990E-01 | 1.0000E+00 | 9.9990E-01 | 9.9990E-01 | 9.9990E-01 | 9.9990E-01 | 9.9970E-01 |
| 4 | 9.9860E-01 | 9.9960E-01 | 9.9990E-01 | 1.0000E+00 | 9.9980E-01 | 9.9980E-01 | 9.9980E-01 | 9.9930E-01 |
| 5 | 9.9760E-01 | 9.9990E-01 | 9.9990E-01 | 9.9980E-01 | 1.0000E+00 | 1.0000E+00 | 9.9990E-01 | 9.9980E-01 |
| 6 | 9.9770E-01 | 9.9990E-01 | 9.9990E-01 | 9.9980E-01 | 1.0000E+00 | 1.0000E+00 | 9.9990E-01 | 9.9980E-01 |
| 7 | 9.9810E-01 | 9.9970E-01 | 9.9990E-01 | 9.9980E-01 | 9.9990E-01 | 9.9990E-01 | 1.0000E+00 | 9.9960E-01 |
| 8 | 9.9620E-01 | 9.9990E-01 | 9.9970E-01 | 9.9930E-01 | 9.9980E-01 | 9.9980E-01 | 9.9960E-01 | 1.0000E+00 |

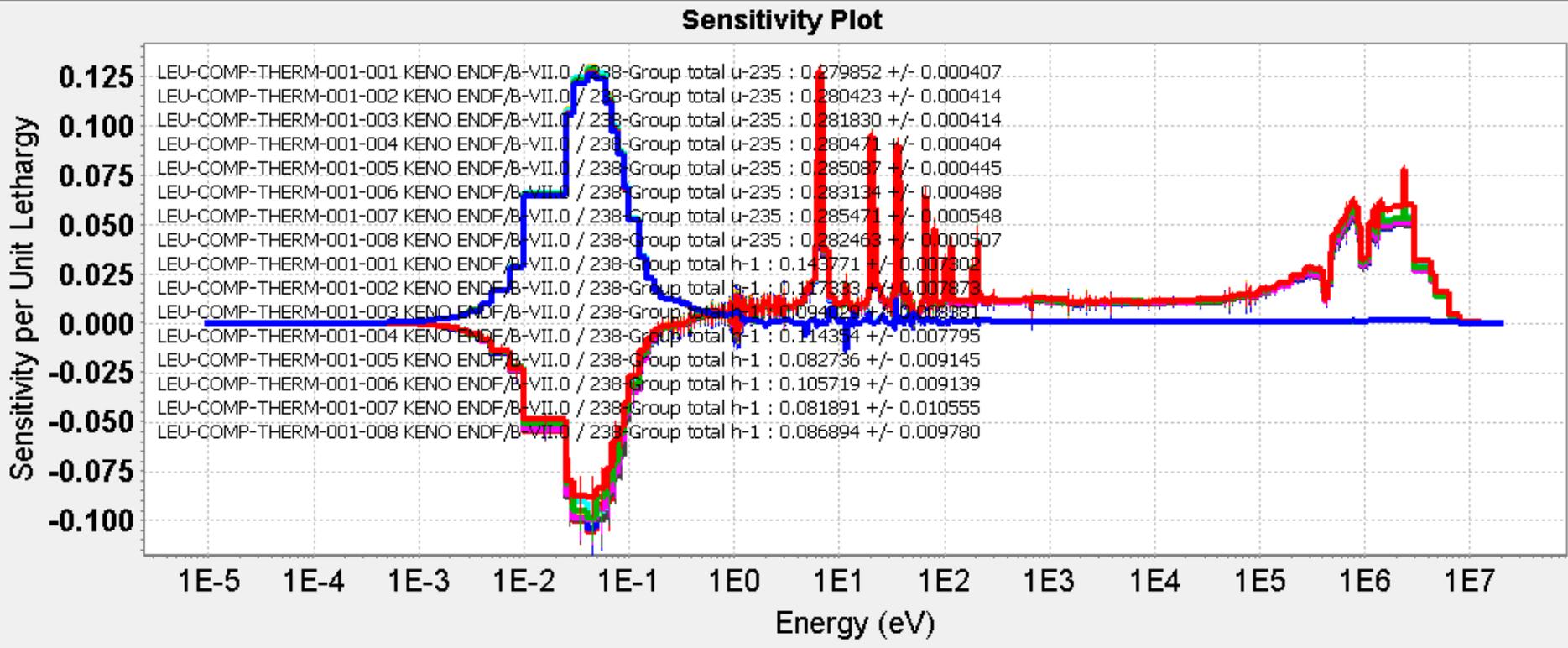
|   | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6     | 7     |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1 | 1.000 | 0.984 | 0.936 | 0.901 | 0.880 | 0.843 | 0.841 |
| 2 | 0.984 | 1.000 | 0.982 | 0.961 | 0.945 | 0.907 | 0.904 |
| 3 | 0.936 | 0.982 | 1.000 | 0.995 | 0.987 | 0.953 | 0.949 |
| 4 | 0.901 | 0.961 | 0.995 | 1.000 | 0.998 | 0.973 | 0.970 |
| 5 | 0.880 | 0.945 | 0.987 | 0.998 | 1.000 | 0.984 | 0.981 |
| 6 | 0.843 | 0.907 | 0.953 | 0.973 | 0.984 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| 7 | 0.841 | 0.904 | 0.949 | 0.970 | 0.981 | 1.000 | 1.000 |

|   | 1      | 2      | 3      | 4      | 5      | 6      | 7      | 8      |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
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| 5 | 0.9999 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 0.9999 | 1.0000 |
| 6 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 0.9999 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 |
| 7 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 0.9999 | 0.9999 | 0.9999 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 |
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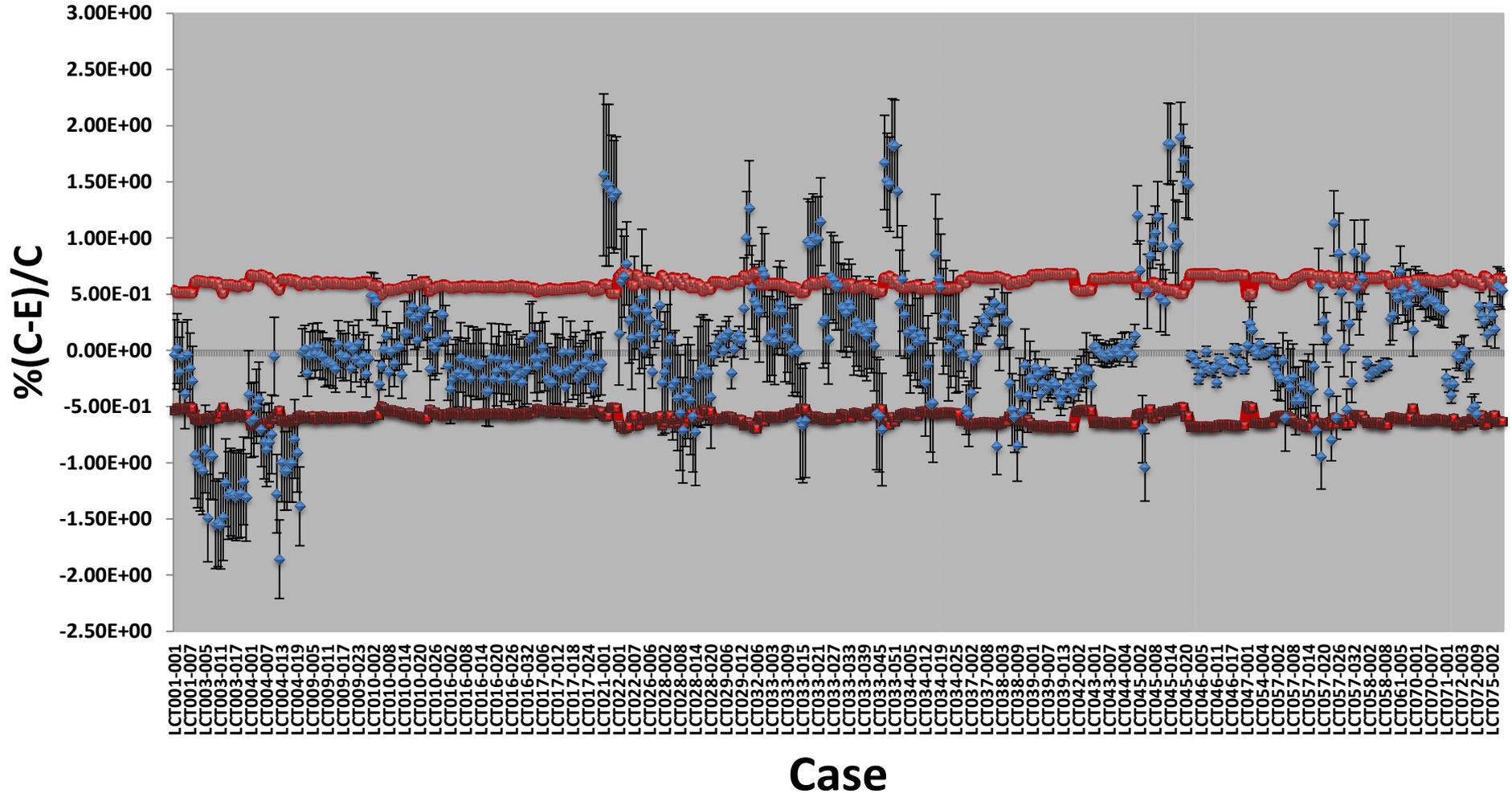
## And Some Sensitivity Profiles: LCT001, 8 Cases

U235 Total, and H1 Total. You are looking at all 8 cases ☺

**Moral is: the metrics aren't perfect...but cases have very similar uncertainty to nuclear data and response to changes in nuclear data.**

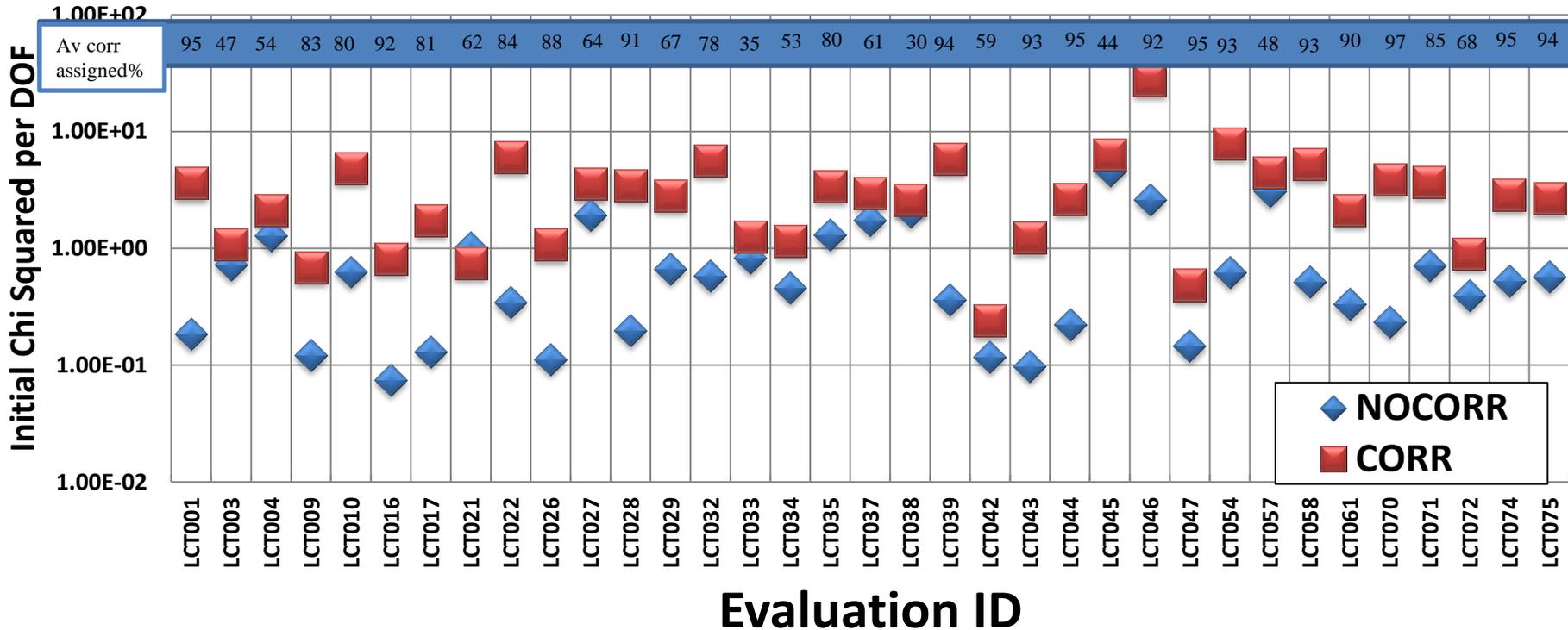


## LCT Data Set



## Properties: ND vs INT Correlations

- Some series are impacted by integral benchmark correlations, some aren't.
- At an assigned average correlation of 50% chi doesn't move, above 80% it moves a lot.....caution advised above 90%! [possible limits? Check MVB? PPP Limits?]
- Looking at chi squared, we can lose some appreciation of spread vs. bias
- **ND should be mostly bias.**



## More Tests.....

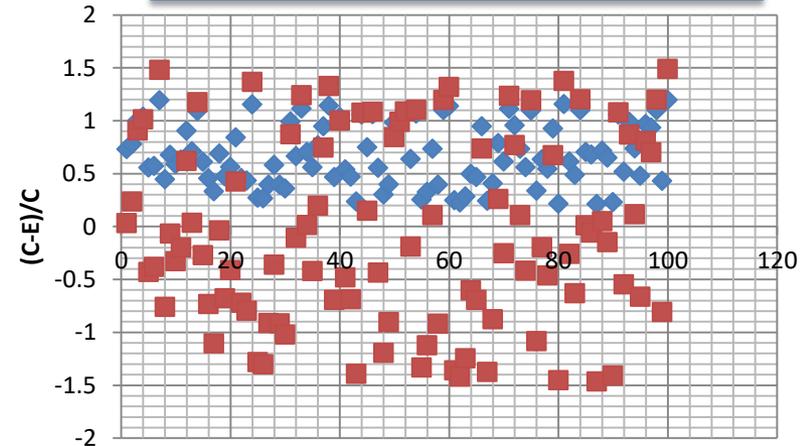
$$\chi^2 = \sum_i \sum_j d_i V_{i,j}^{-1} d_j$$

**Con: Very sensitivity to bias**

**Pro: Good for identifying odd series**

$$d = (c - e) / c$$

Data below ~same chi squared...

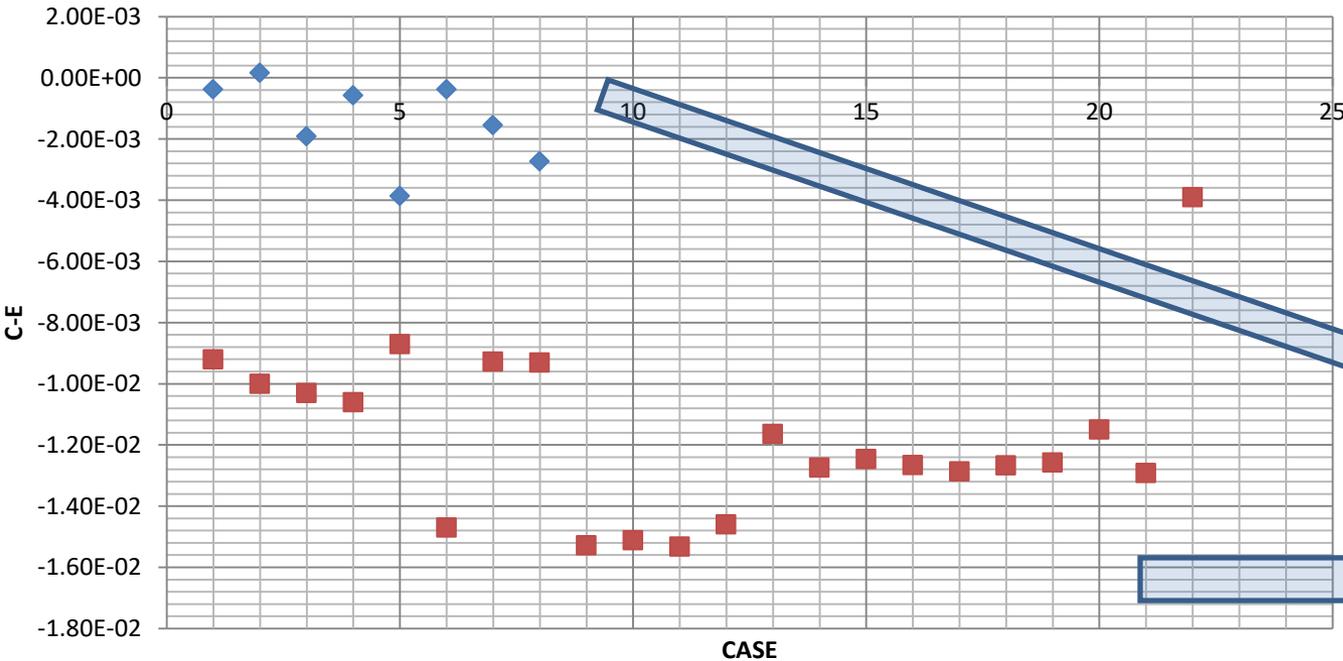
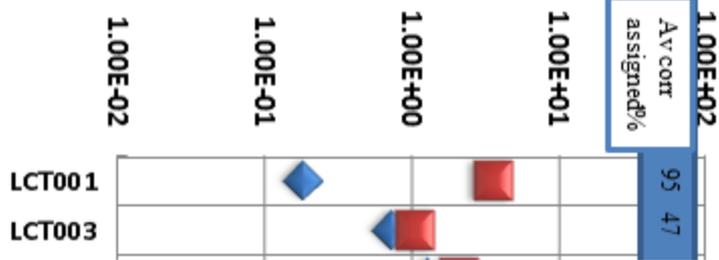


What is the spread of results compared to the anticipated spread? (Attempt to Check Random Component)

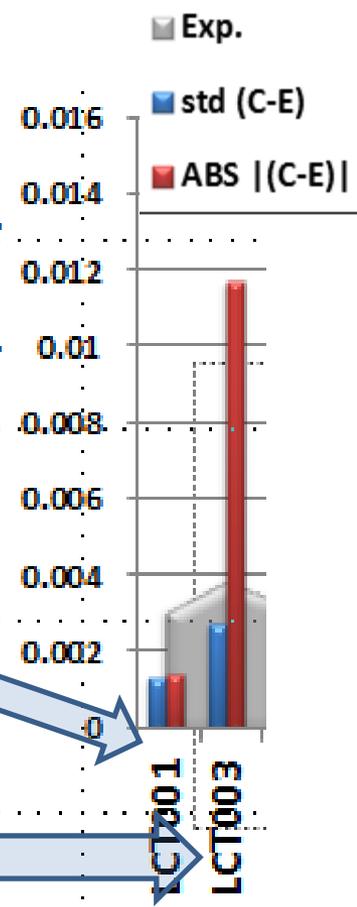
- Benchmark uncertainty is currently treated as uncorrelated
- Nuclear data uncertainty within a case is HIGHLY correlated
- Random spread of C-E/C results, would be close to the benchmark uncertainty if results are uncorrelated.

## Mapping Data Sets.....

Initial Chi Squared per DOF

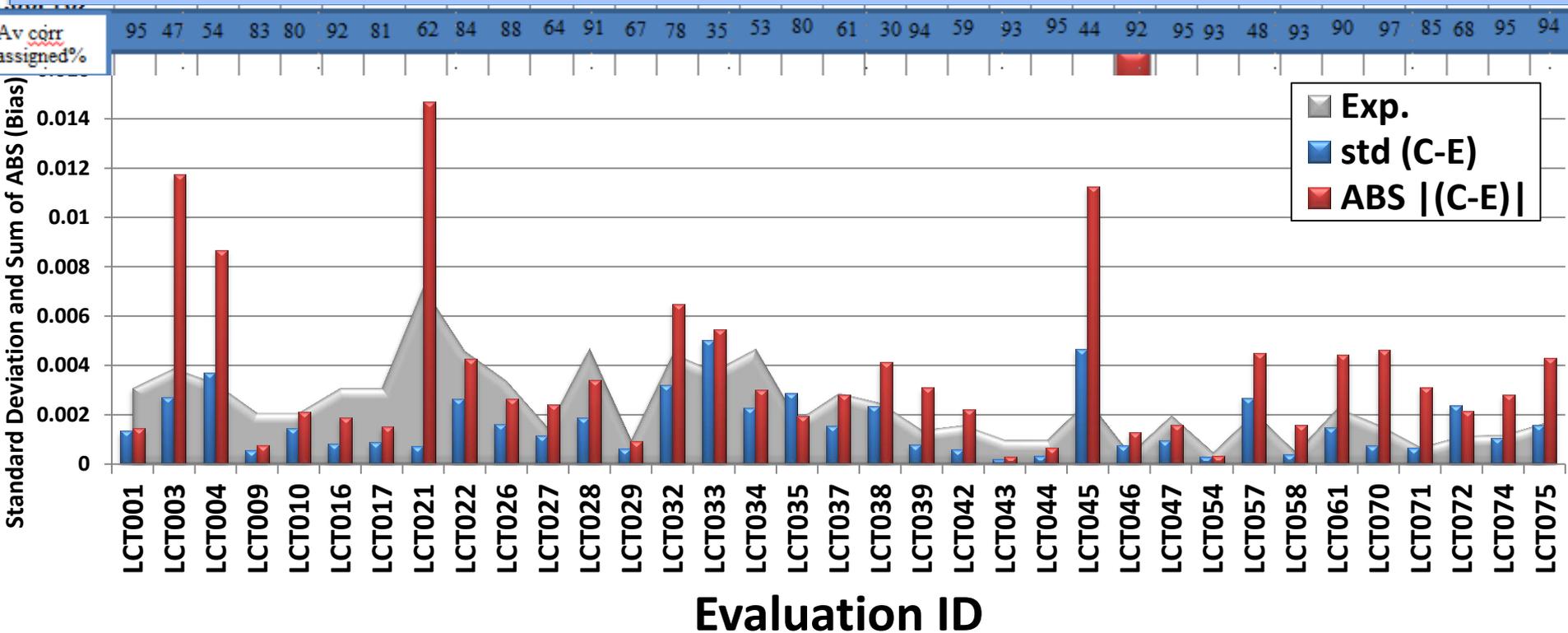


Standard Deviation and Sum of ABS (Bias)

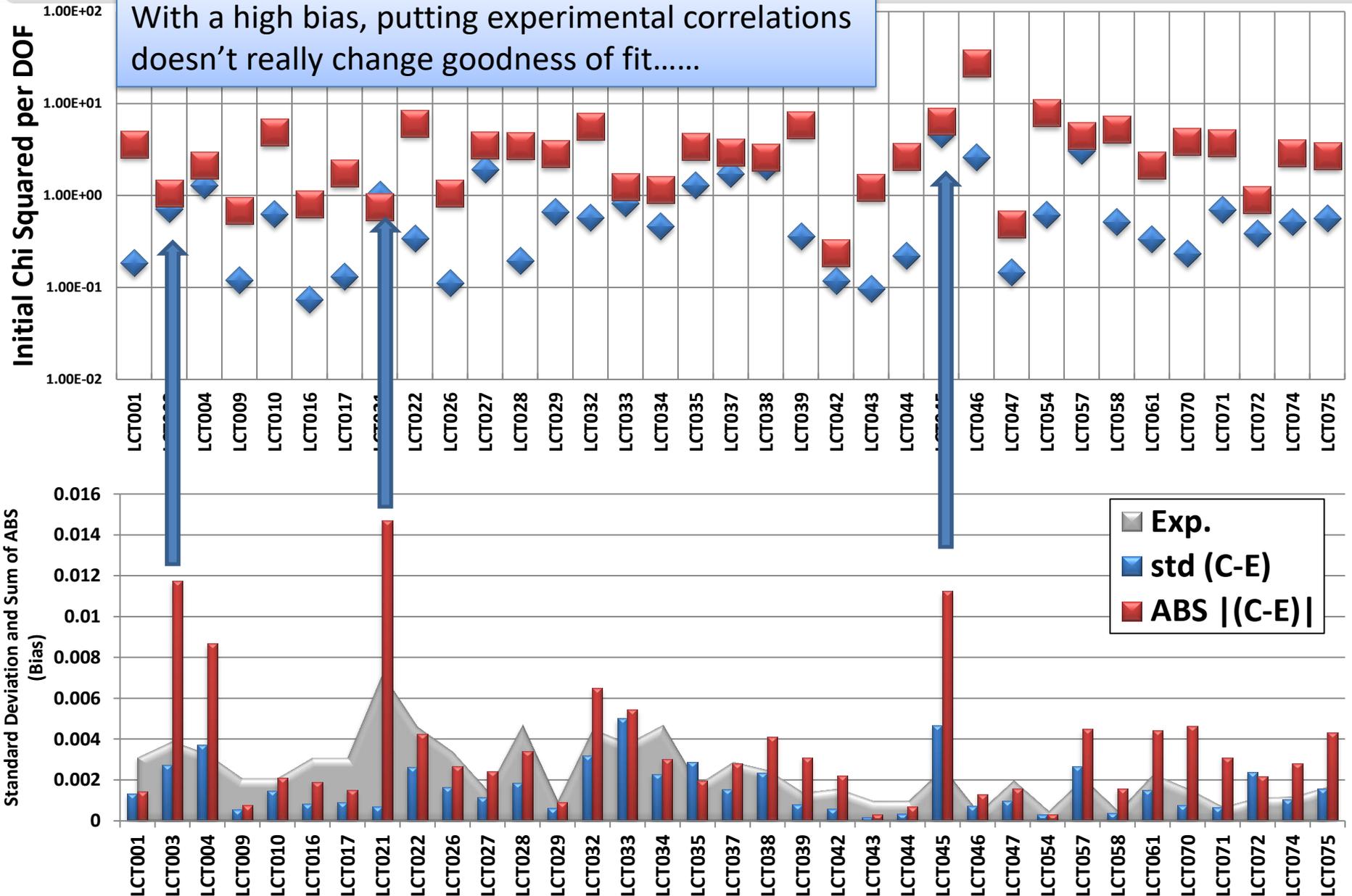


## Standard Deviation of (C-E)/C Values Before GLS Fit

- a) STD → Spread is less than Experimental Benchmark Uncertainty. Good!
- b) Often, spread should mostly come from the random component of Integral Benchmark Uncertainty. Thankfully the quoted component (systematic+random) is less than the actual spread (random) mostly. **You would expect that where the spread is low vs EXP, there may be high Integral Correlations!**
- c) The red bar is mostly bias and is ND+Integral. Since the total is fixed from the evaluation, later when I add correlations, I increase shared uncertainty/bias, and decrease expected std (blue).

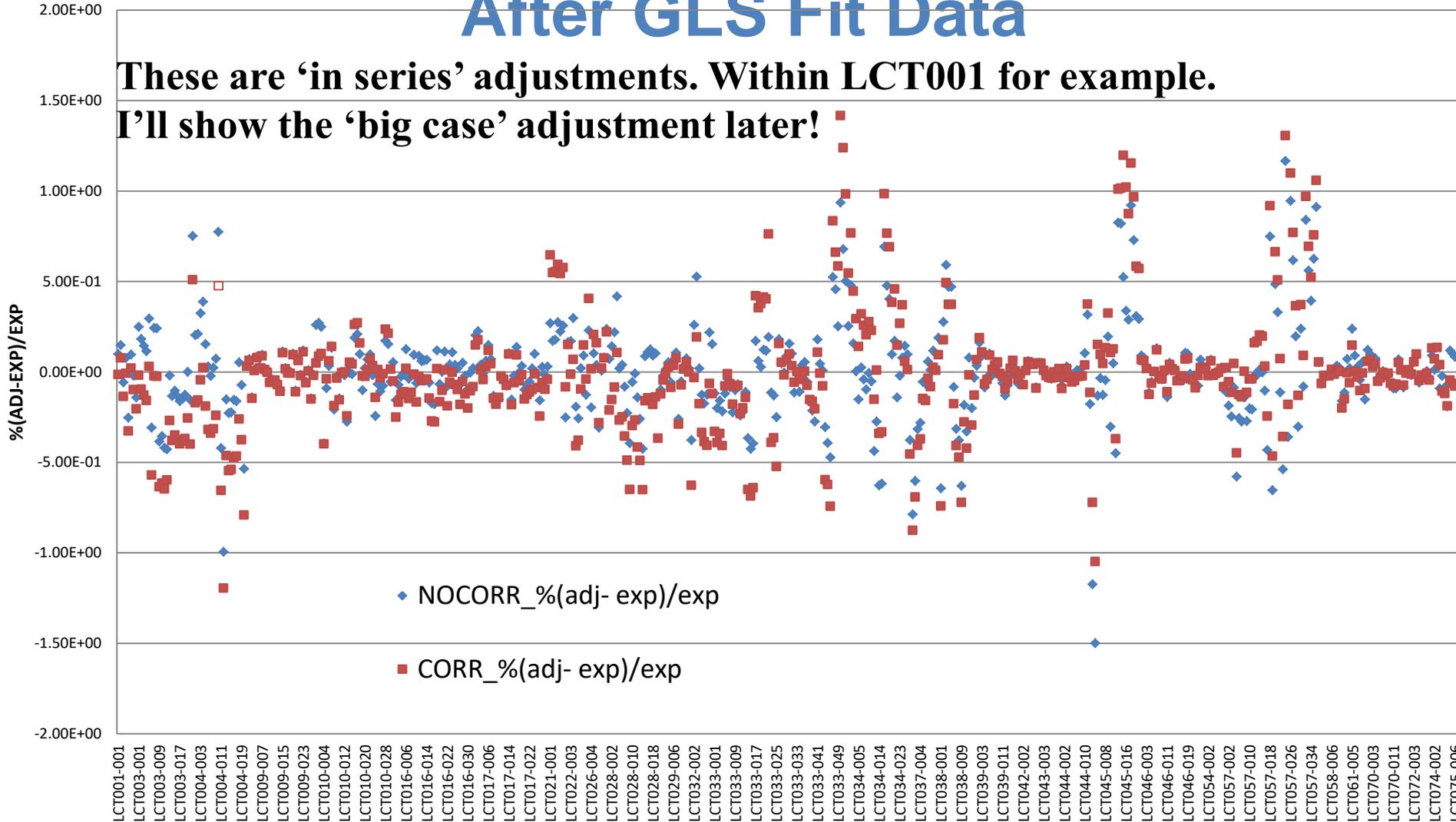


With a high bias, putting experimental correlations doesn't really change goodness of fit.....



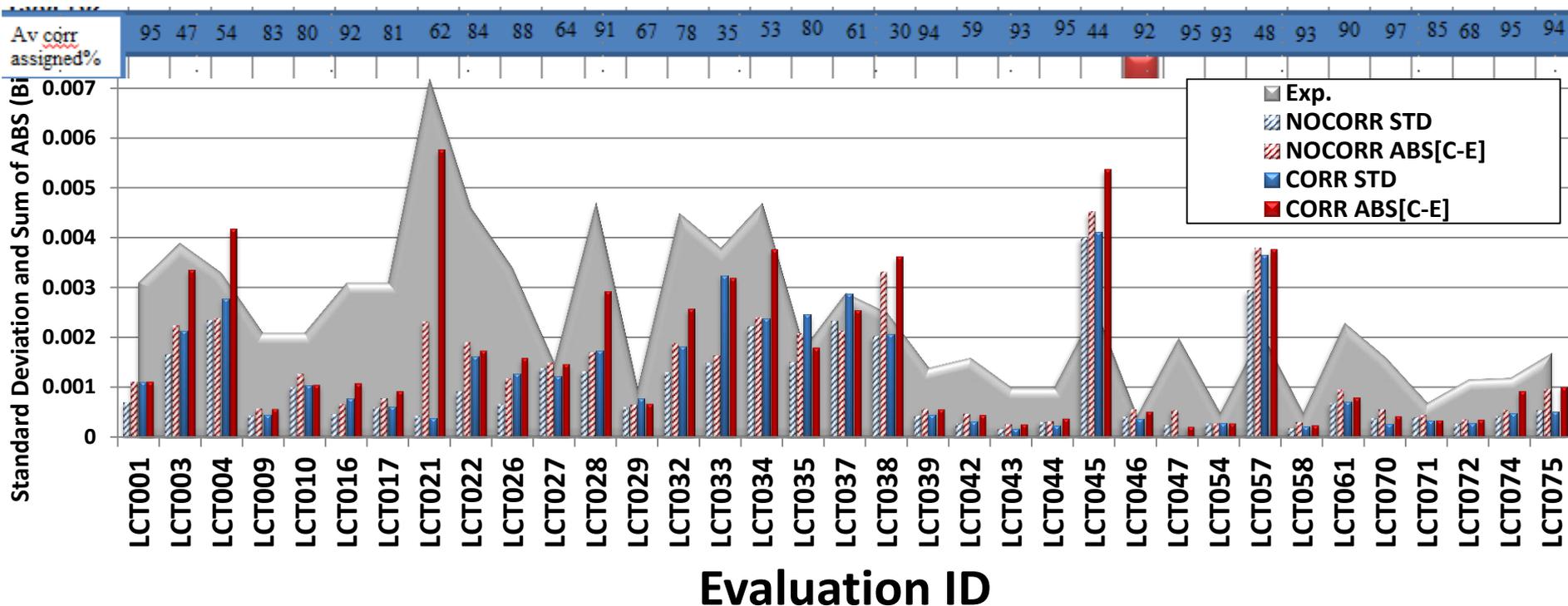
## After GLS Fit Data

**These are 'in series' adjustments. Within LCT001 for example. I'll show the 'big case' adjustment later!**



## Standard Deviation of (C-E)/C Values after GLS Fit

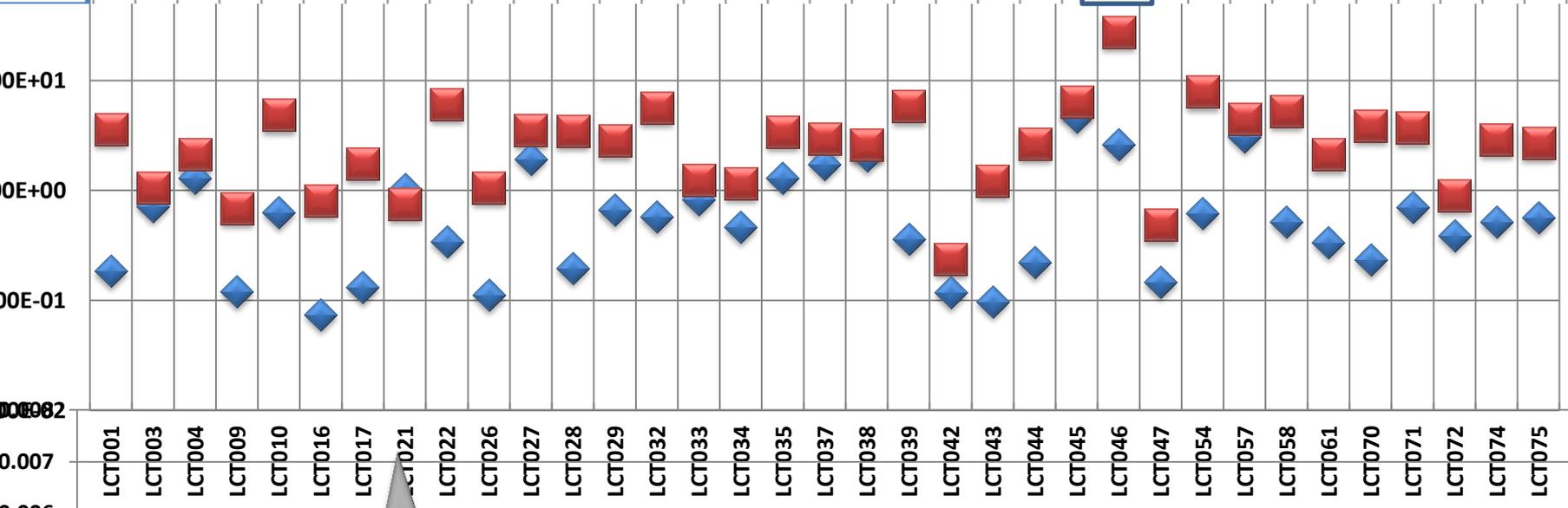
- Correlated have a higher spread
- Spread is less than the experimental benchmark uncertainty (uncorrelated spread)
- Nuclear data is highly correlated, often higher than 0.95, so most of the spread should be from experimental uncertainty
- Experimental uncertainty either too high or correlation is underestimated



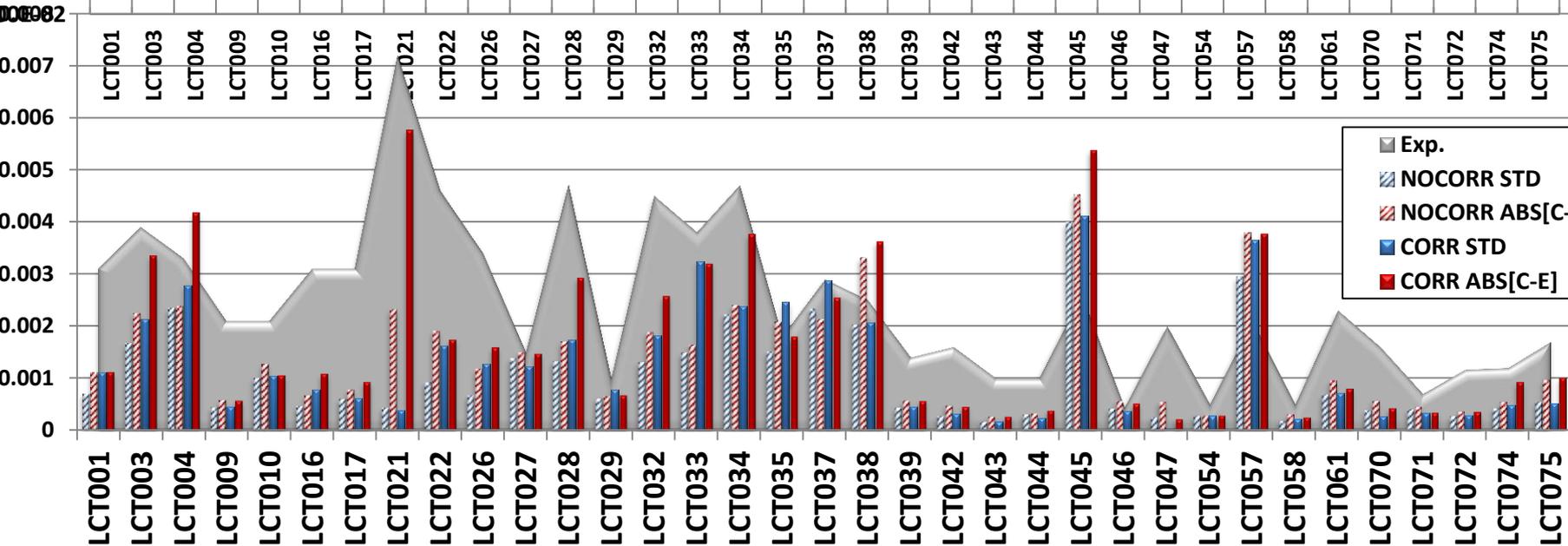
Average assigned%

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Initial-Chi Squared per DO



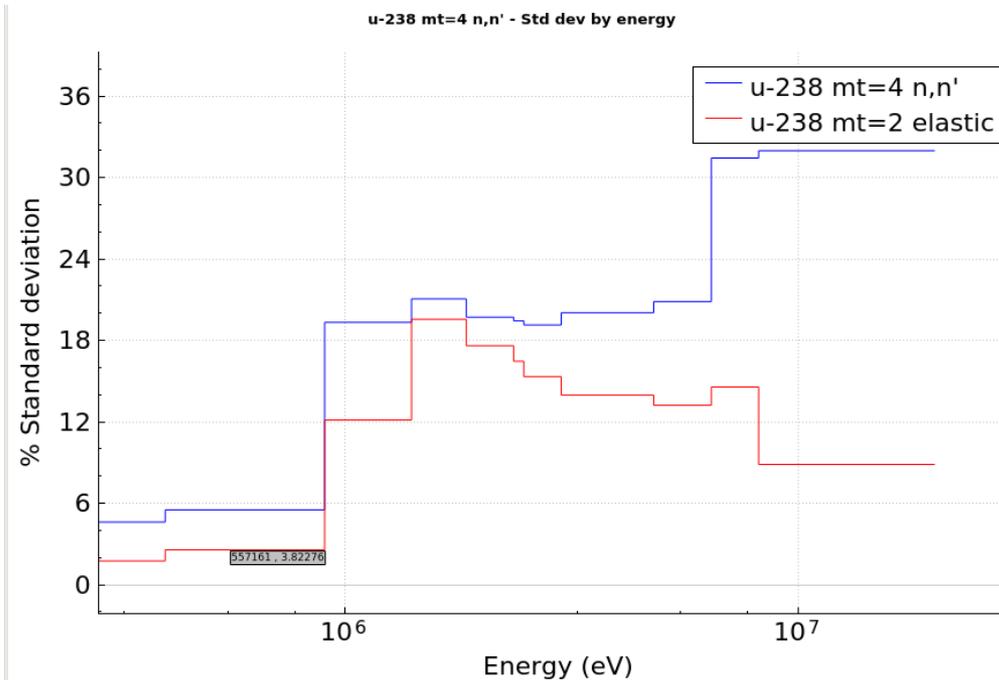
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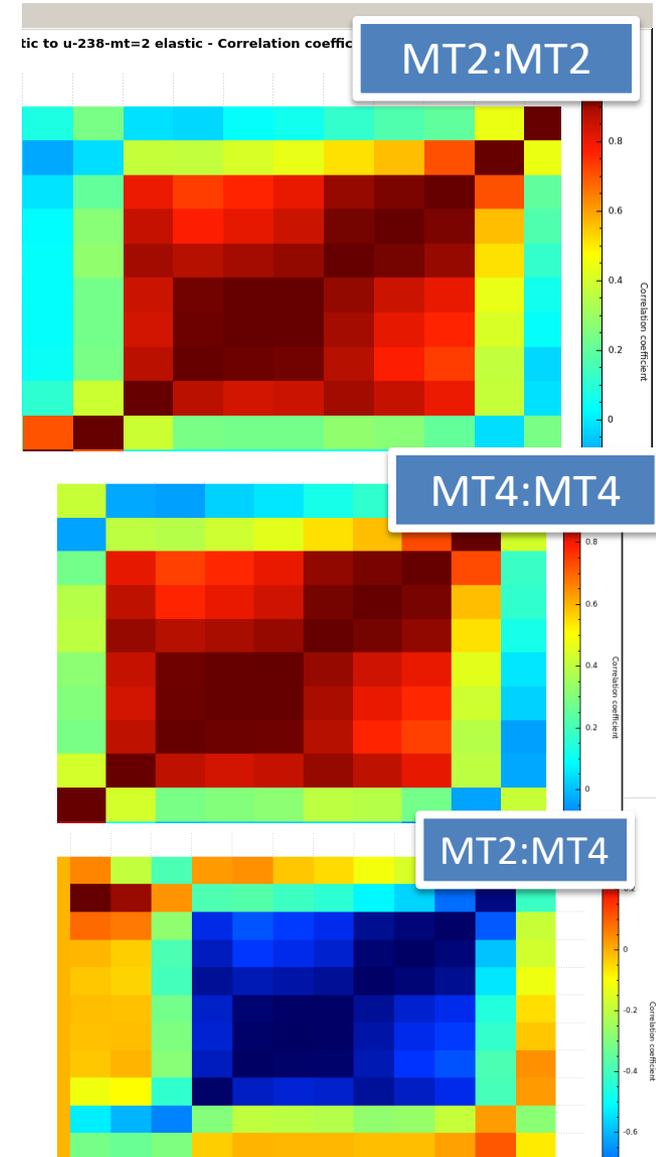
## Impact on Adjustment

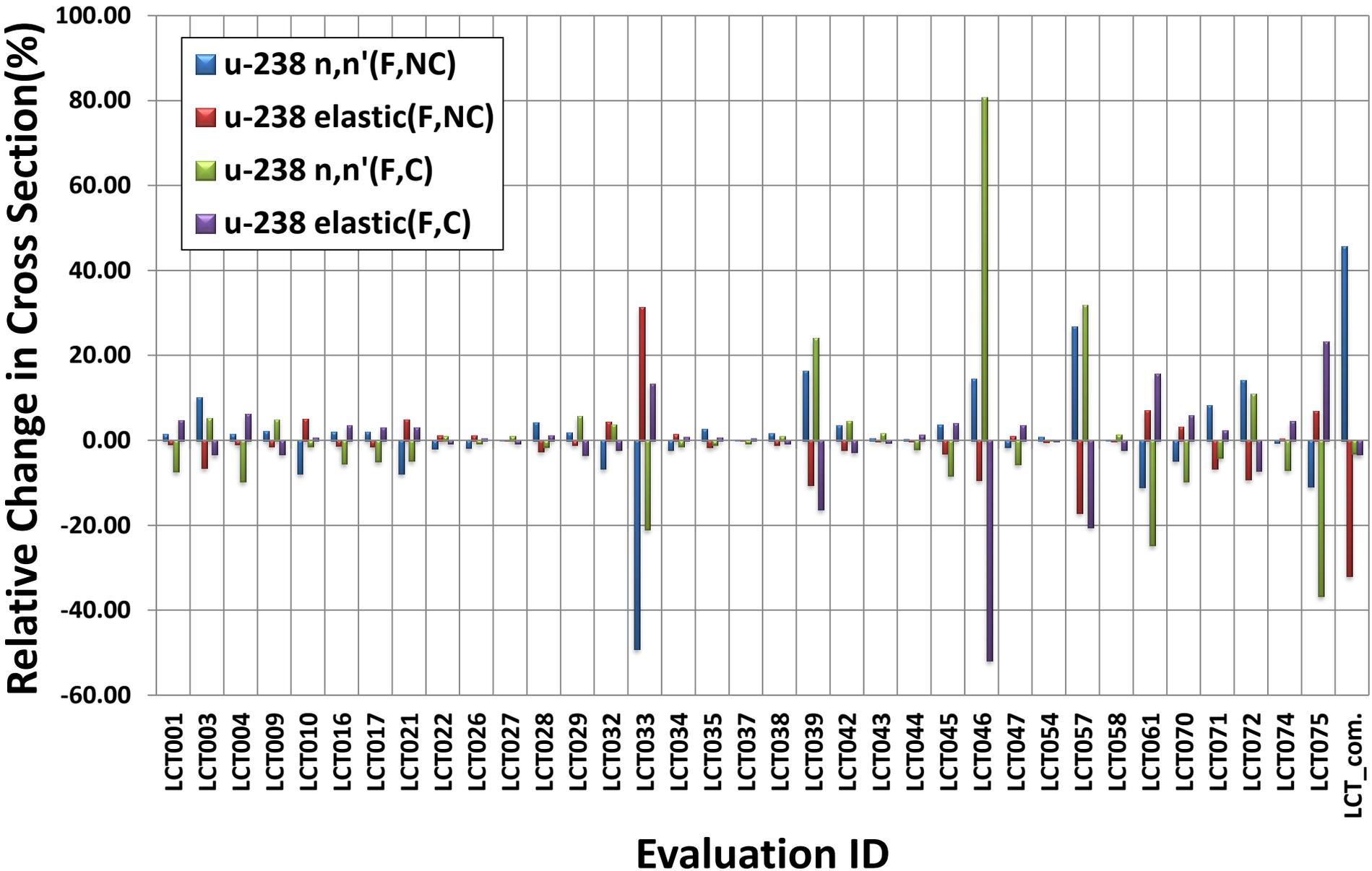
Many XS adjusted. Chose to look at  $U^{238}$  inelastic and elastic in the fast energy range



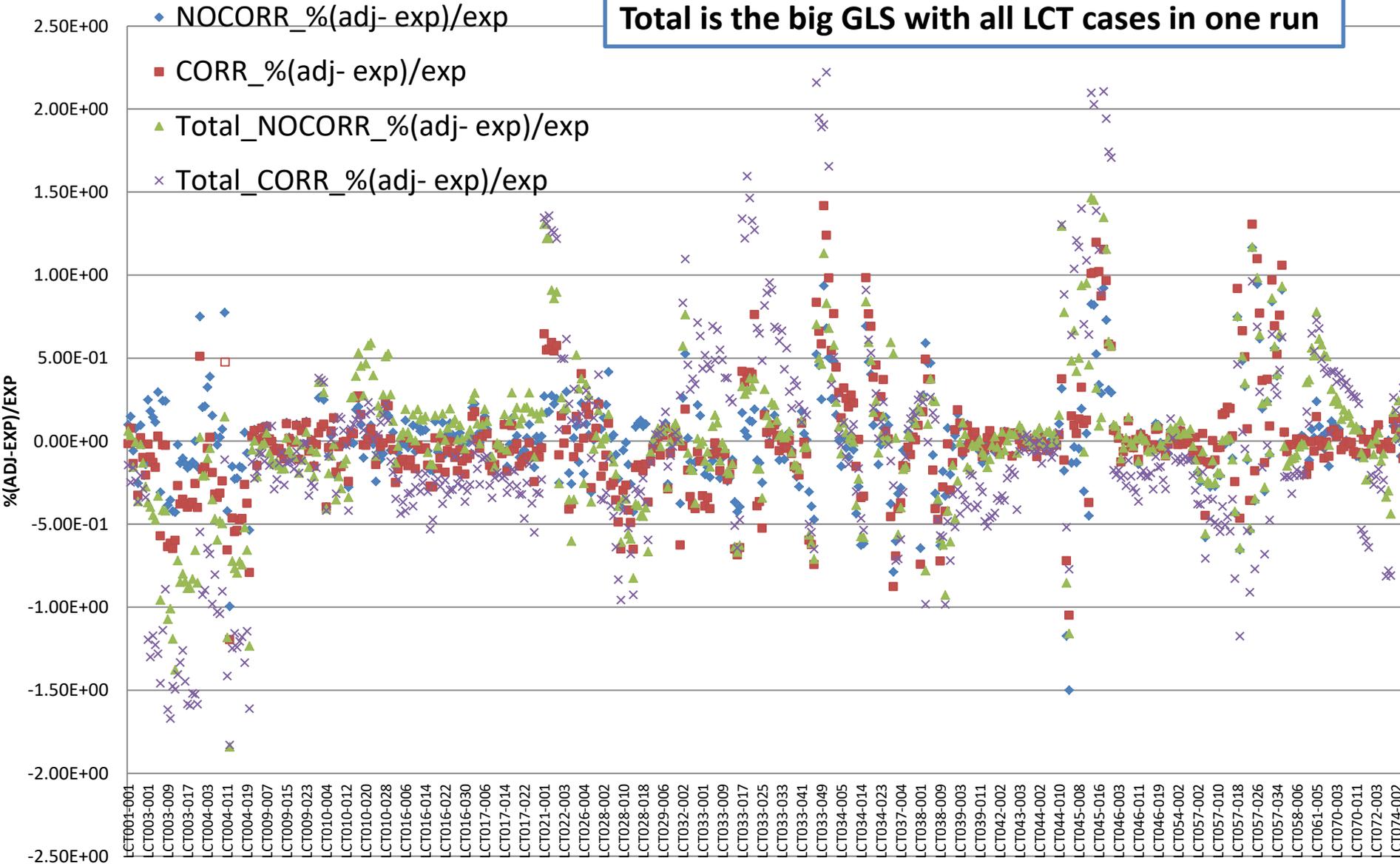
$U^{238}$ , Fast, Inelastic Sensitivity  $\sim 25$  pcm/% XS

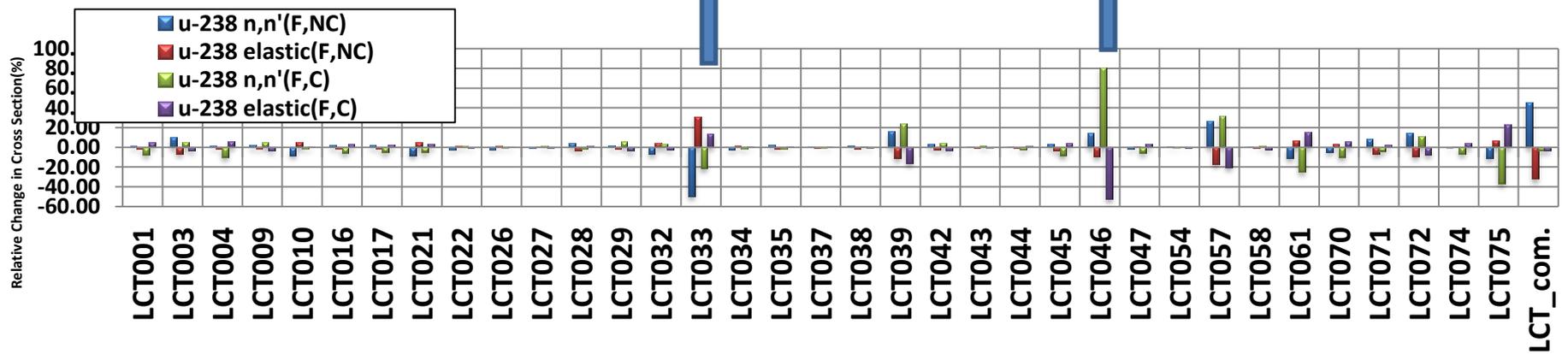
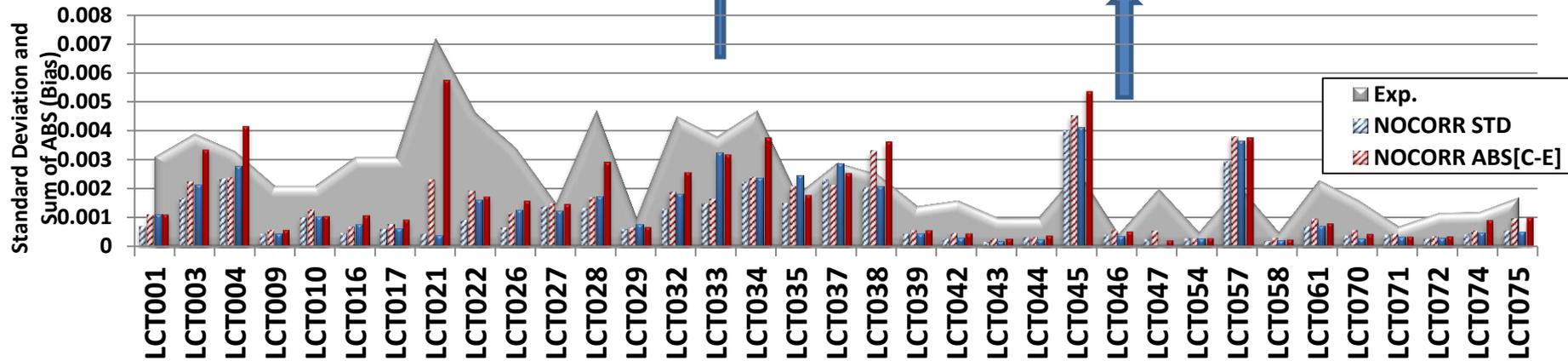
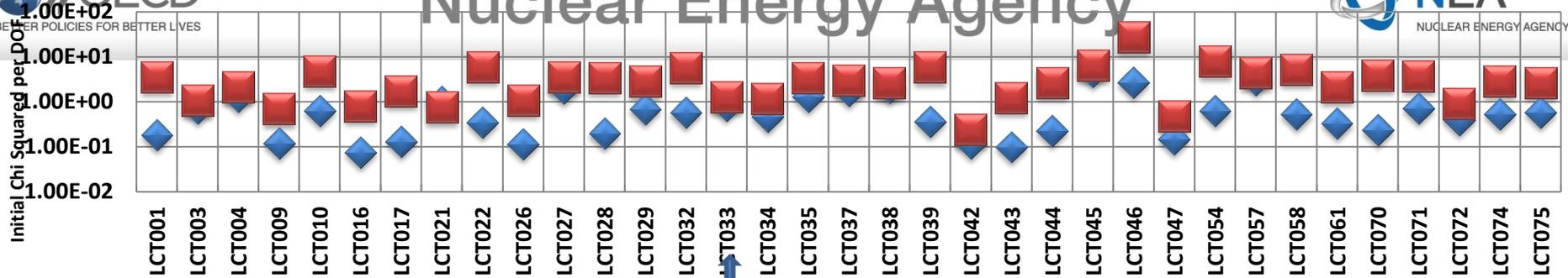
$U^{238}$ , Fast, elastic Sensitivity  $\sim 7$  pcm/% XS





**Total is the big GLS with all LCT cases in one run**





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## Summary

- **Little correlation data available for integral experiments**
- **When doing integral testing, it's tough to judge the nuclear data covariance without integral covariance**
- **Generated integral benchmark correlations for LCT**
- **Took a look at their effect on various adjustment quantities**
- **Chi squared is good for finding outliers with odd systematic error....but its not great for checking constancy of random errors**
- **Deviations are good for random errors, nice to compare against integral benchmark correlation matrix**
- **Suggestions on checking benchmark correlations are appreciated!**
- **Adjustment is a statistical process....need lots of data**
- **Integral correlations have a strong impact on adjustments and it's a difficult task to generate them in aggregate**
- **Would be interesting to expand scale.....test PIA for series etc.**