

Updates on **FLUKA-G4** study

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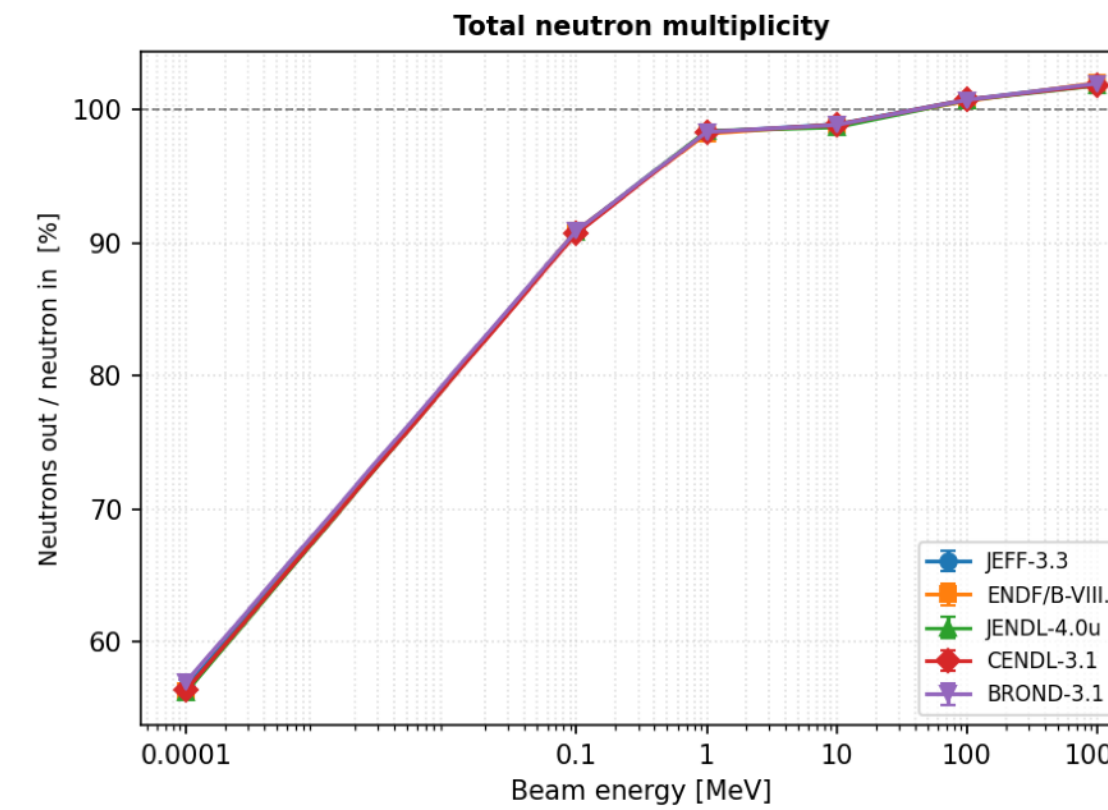
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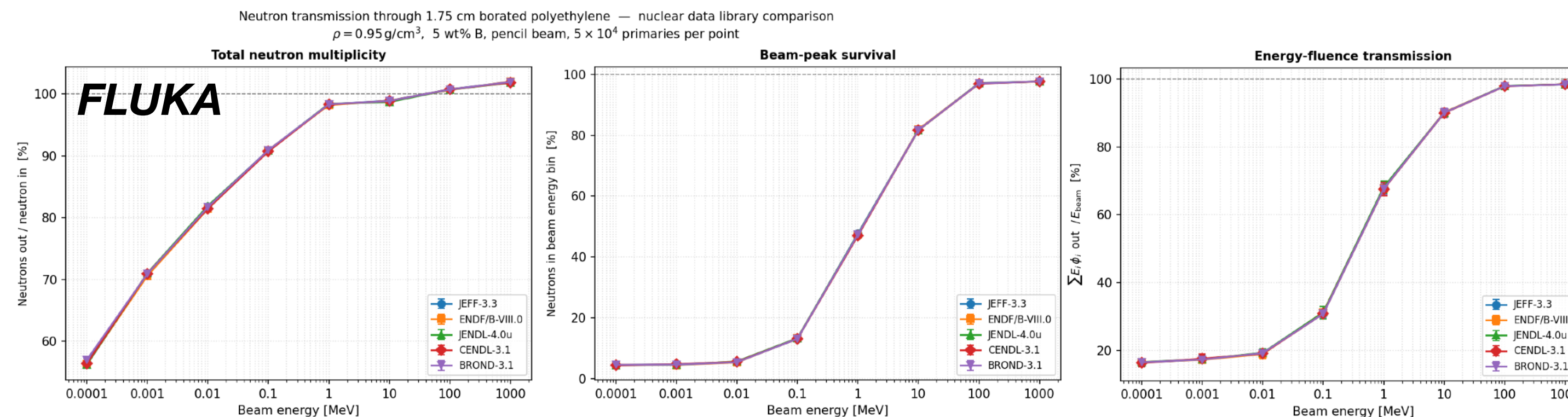
	<i>JEFF</i>	<i>ENDF</i>	<i>JEFF (norm)</i>	<i>ENDF (norm)</i>
<i>H</i>	0.12	0.136	0.1500	0.136
<i>C</i>	0.63	0.814	0.7875	0.814
<i>B</i>	0.05	0.050	0.0625	0.050
<i>Total</i>	0.8	1		

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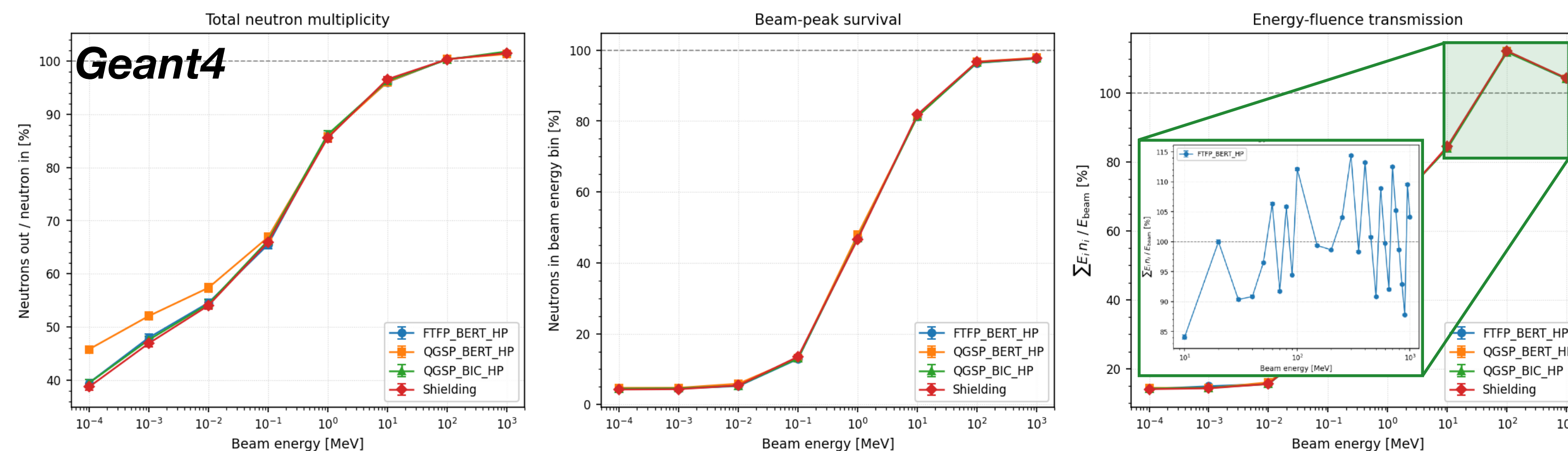
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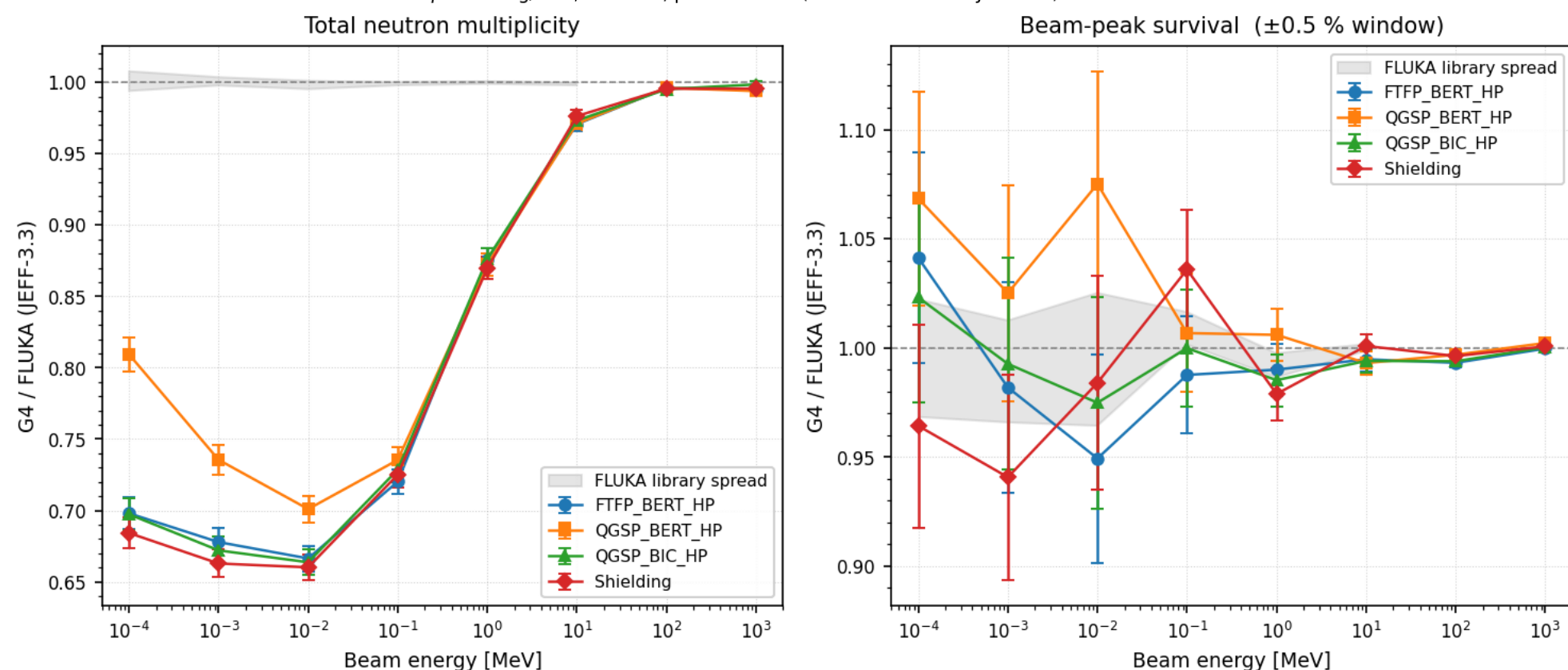
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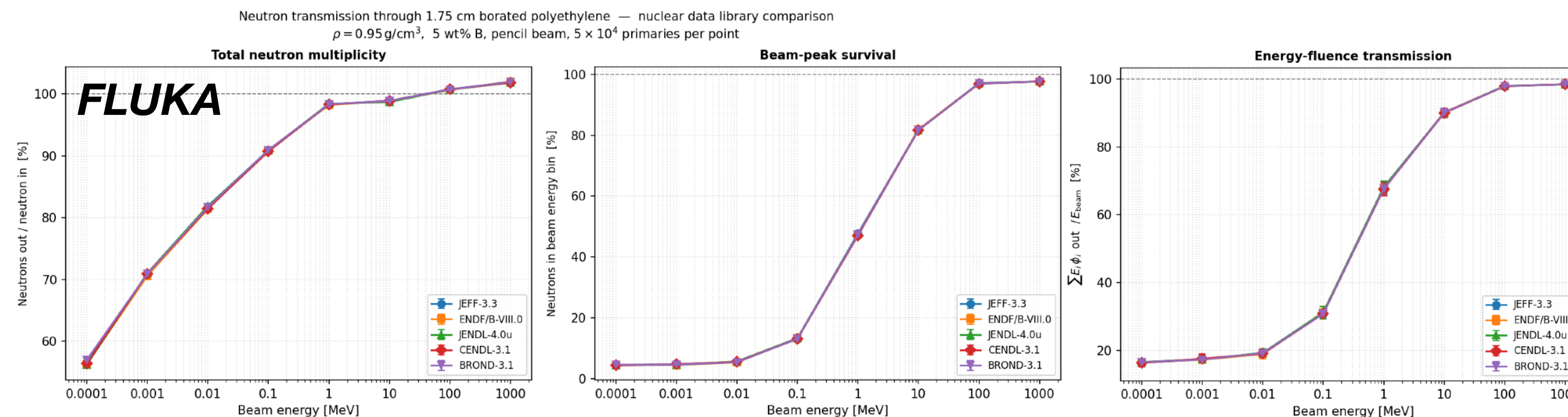


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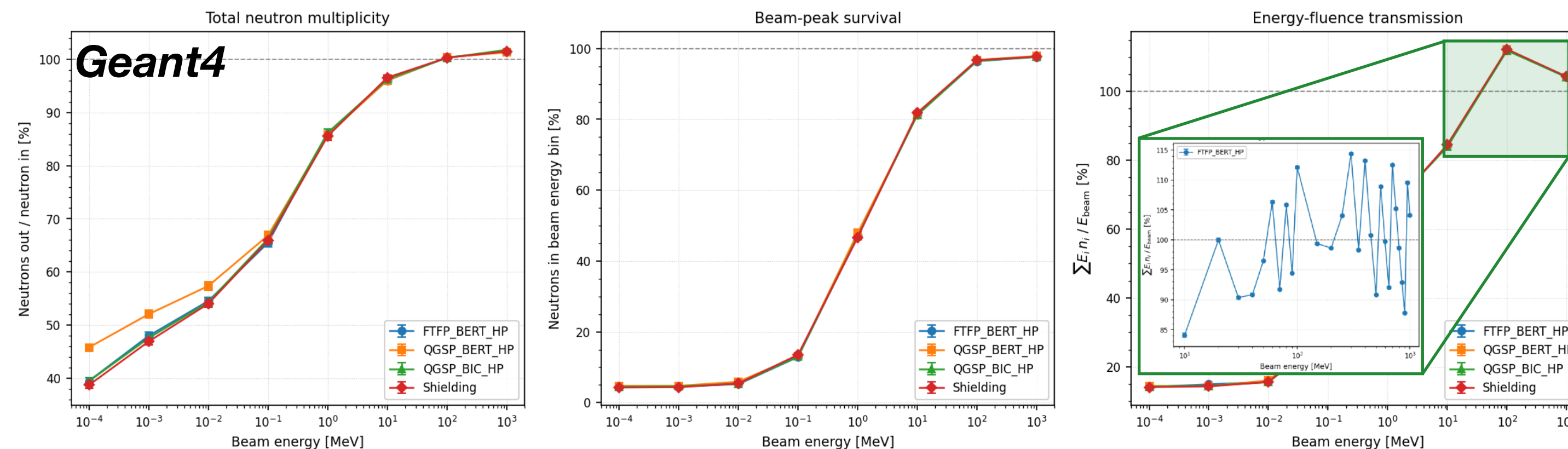
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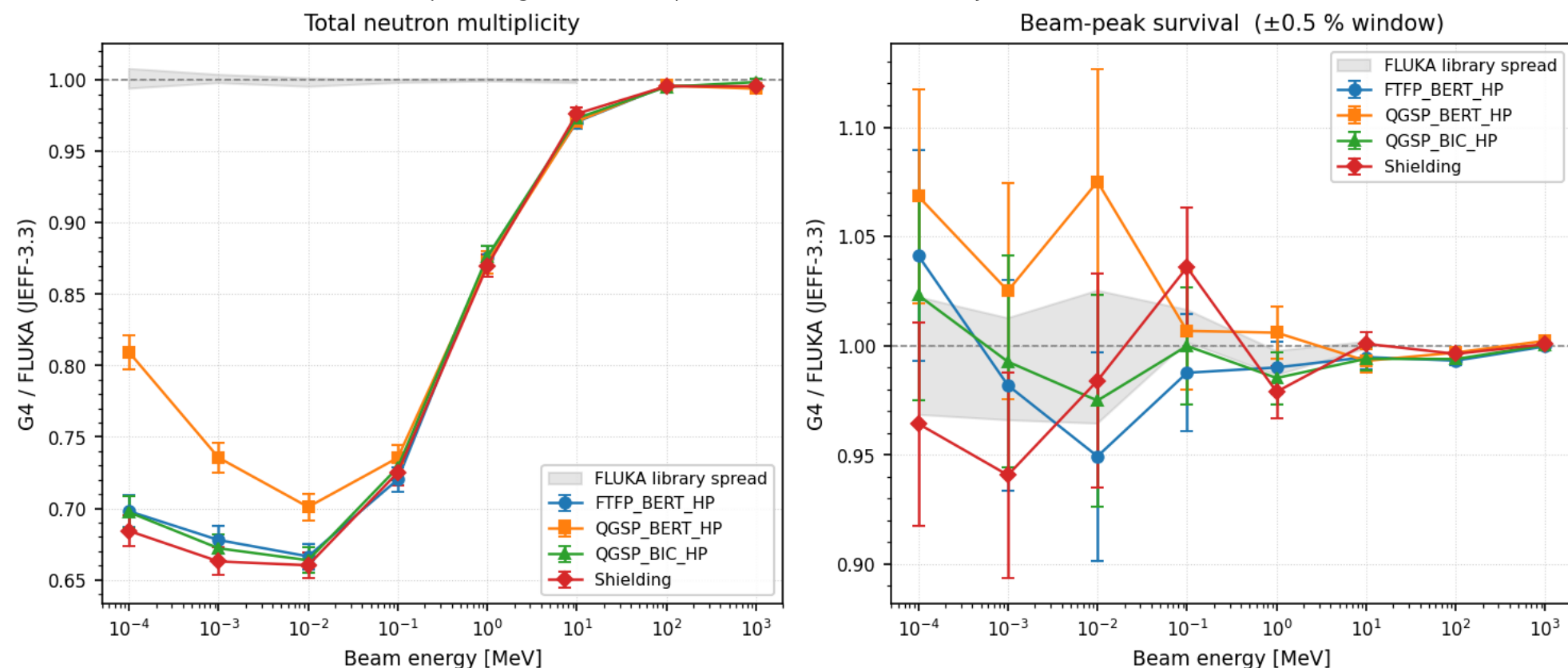
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Tasks:

- Further G4 validation is needed!
- Understand why G4 discrepancy shows up only in total multiplicity
- Understand >1 noise in energy fluence transmission

Backup: FLUKA–Geant4 direct comparison



Matching FLUKA behavior in G4

• Geometry	
▶ 200cm×200cm×1.75cm BPE slab, front face z=0	RPP bpeslab -100. 100. -100. 100. 0. 1.75
▶ Pencil beam origin at 0,0,-1cm in +z direction	BEAMPOS 0 0 -1
• Material	
▶ Mass fractions H 0.136, C 0.814, B 0.050	COMPOUND -0.136 HYDROGEN -0.814 CARBON -0.050 BORON
▶ BPE density 0.95g/cm ³	MATERIAL ... 0.95 BPE
▶ Natural boron isotope abundance (~19.9% B10) pulled from NIST	FindOrBuildElement("B")
• Neutron exit scoring	
▶ Back-face boundary detection: zPost_cm > kZMax - 1e-3	FLUKA USRBDX BPEREGIO -> AIRREGIO
▶ Fluence normalized per primary per cm ² per MeV	FLUKA USRBDX units
▶ Sum over full face	
• Beam peak	
▶ ±0.5% energy window $ E-E_{\text{beam}} /E_{\text{beam}} < 0.005$	width mimics $1.1 * E_{\text{beam}} / 110$
• Metrics (<u>analyze_transmission.py::compute_observables</u>)	
▶ Multiplicity $\sum n_i / N_{\text{prim}}$	bdx["total"]

Backup: G4 framework flowchart

