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The 243Am(n,f) cross-section campaign at the n_TOF facility at CERN

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The 243Am(n,f) reaction is very important both for basic Nuclear Physics and Nuclear Technology. However, the available data in literature for the 243Am(n,f) reaction are scarce, especially in the sub-threshold region presenting many discrepancies and/or poor energy resolution. To this end, a challenging measurement of this cross section was organized and performed at the n_TOF facility at CERN in order to produce, for the first time, a high-accuracy and high-resolution dataset of the 243Am(n,f) reaction, covering the neutron energy range of 10 orders of magnitude from thermal up to hundreds of MeV.

This challenging measurement lasted ~3 months and needed a very long preparatory phase with long and frequent stays at CERN and has been strongly supported by ARIEL. The involved PhD, PostDoc and Staff members have benefited a) through the mobility support for education and training visits for Early-Stage Researchers and b) through Transnational Access for beam time at the CERN n_TOF facility. An overview of this campaign will be given in this presentation.

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