US Nuclear Data Program

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The Beginning

International Congress of Radiology and Electricity
2nd congress, Brussels, September 13-15 1910.

The proceedings were begun by Professor Rutherford, who stated that he had recently compared, by the γ-ray method, the radium standards employed in the leading laboratories of several different countries and had observed very considerable differences, amounting in some cases to 20 per cent., between them. He pointed out the importance of a uniform, international standard by which the results and experiments of workers in all parts of the world might be brought into accord.

It is to be hoped that the International Radium Standards Committee, in its efforts to place radioactive measurements on the same accurate basis as electrical and other measurements, will be supported financially by the governments of the countries represented. All questions with regard to the international radium standard should be addressed to Professor Stefan Meyer, the secretary of the International Committee, Institut fur Radiumforschung, Waisenhausgasse 3, Vienna IX., Austria. BERTRAM B. BOLTWOOD

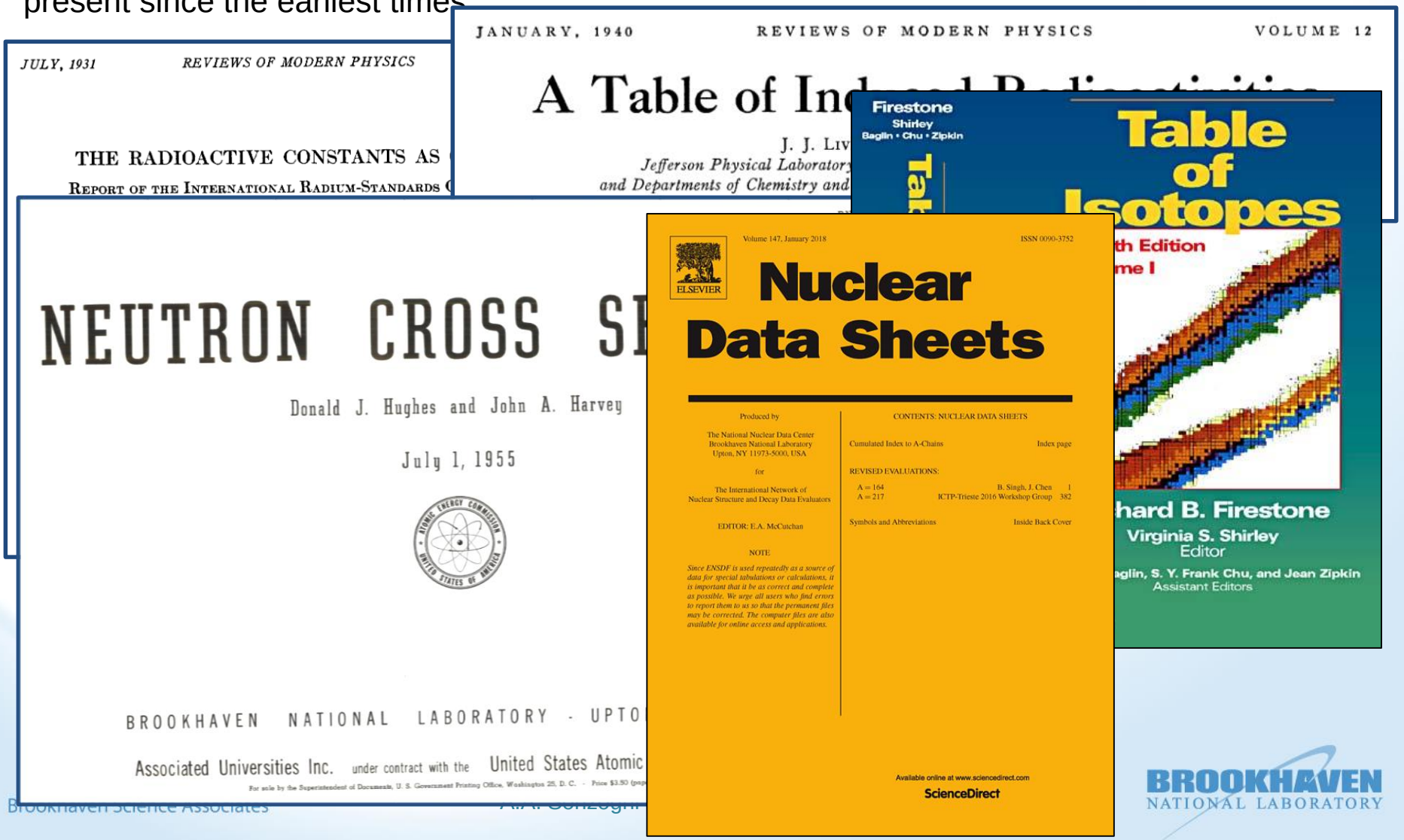
Some goals have not changed:

- Reduce uncertainties below **20%**
- Request **financial support**

Vienna still a major center for applied nuclear physics (**IAEA**)

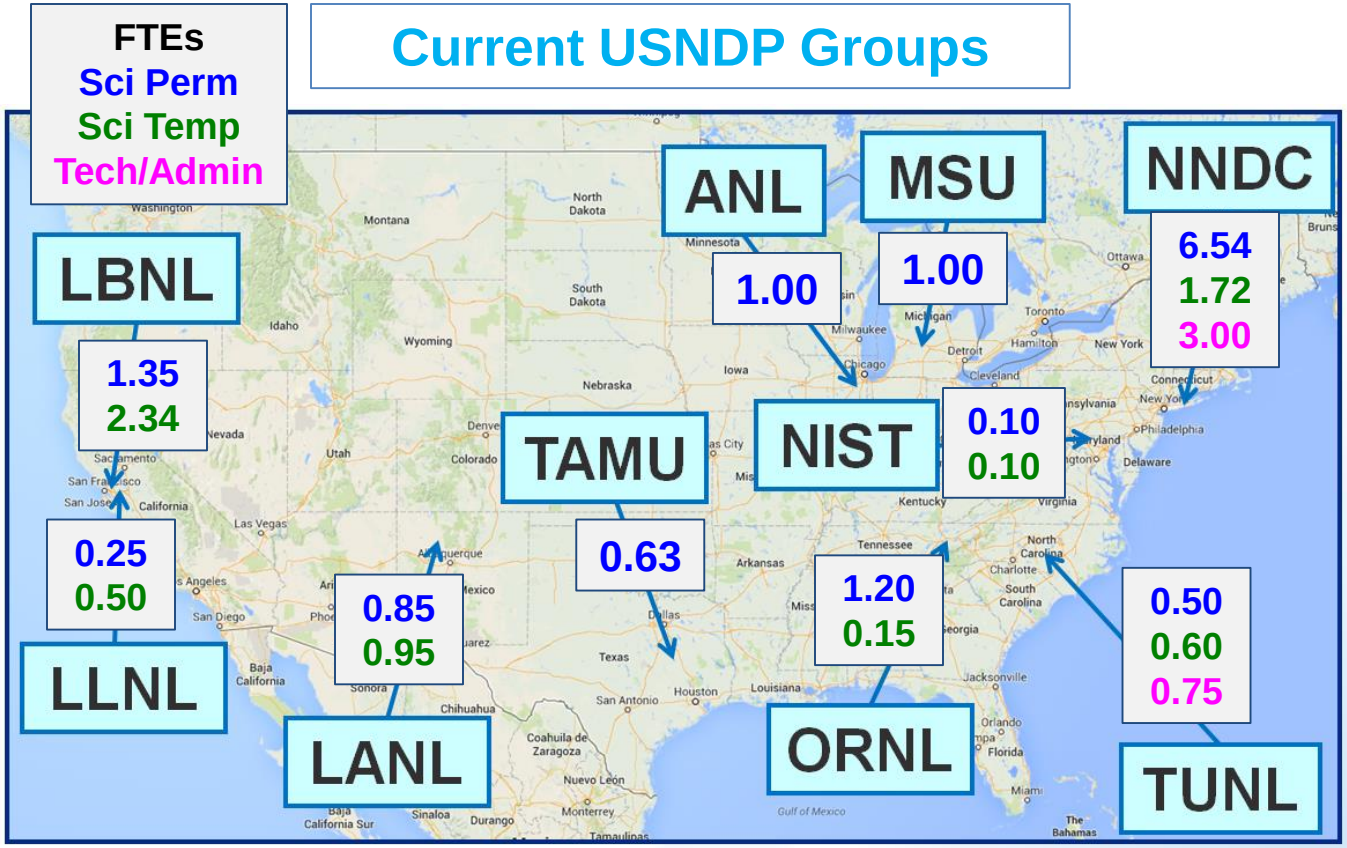
Nuclear Data

The need to count with a list of measured nuclear properties (compilation), that was critically reviewed (evaluation) and published for the use of other researchers (dissemination) has been present since the earliest times



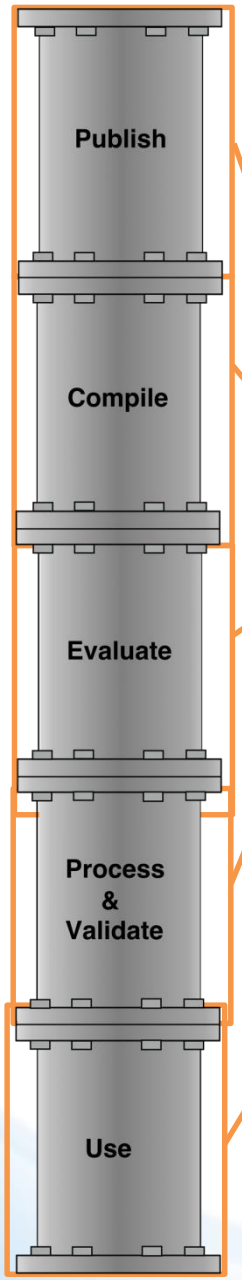
US Nuclear Data Program

The mission of the United States Nuclear Data Program (USNDP) is to provide current, accurate, authoritative data for workers in pure and applied areas of nuclear science and engineering. This is accomplished primarily through the compilation, evaluation, dissemination, and archiving of extensive nuclear datasets. USNDP also addresses gaps in the data, through targeted experimental studies and the use of theoretical models. (Updated in 2014).



- Some ND groups trace back their roots to the Manhattan Project (LBNL).
- Other ND groups (BNL, ORNL) were formed by Manhattan Project alumni.
- Current organization follows a mid-1990s DoE review.

The USNDP main products and the nuclear data pipeline



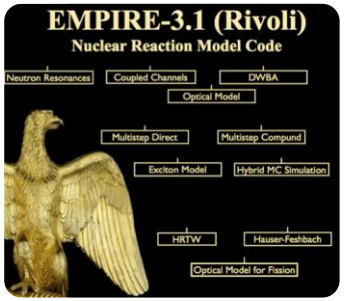
NSR XUNDL ENSDF **www.nndc.bnl.gov**

Our work begins when data is (or should be) published

Code development: Actively develop codes that support our work

Archive: Seek "abandoned" data and archive it before it is lost

Address gaps: Perform targeted experiments to address gaps in databases



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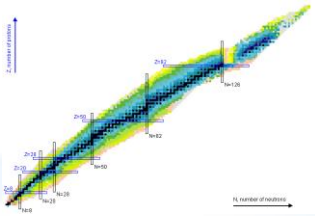

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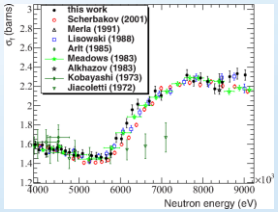
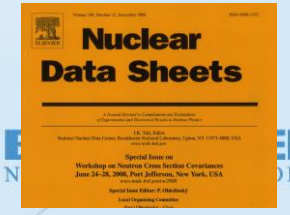
EXFOR searches



Nuclear Data Sheets



An example of our databases

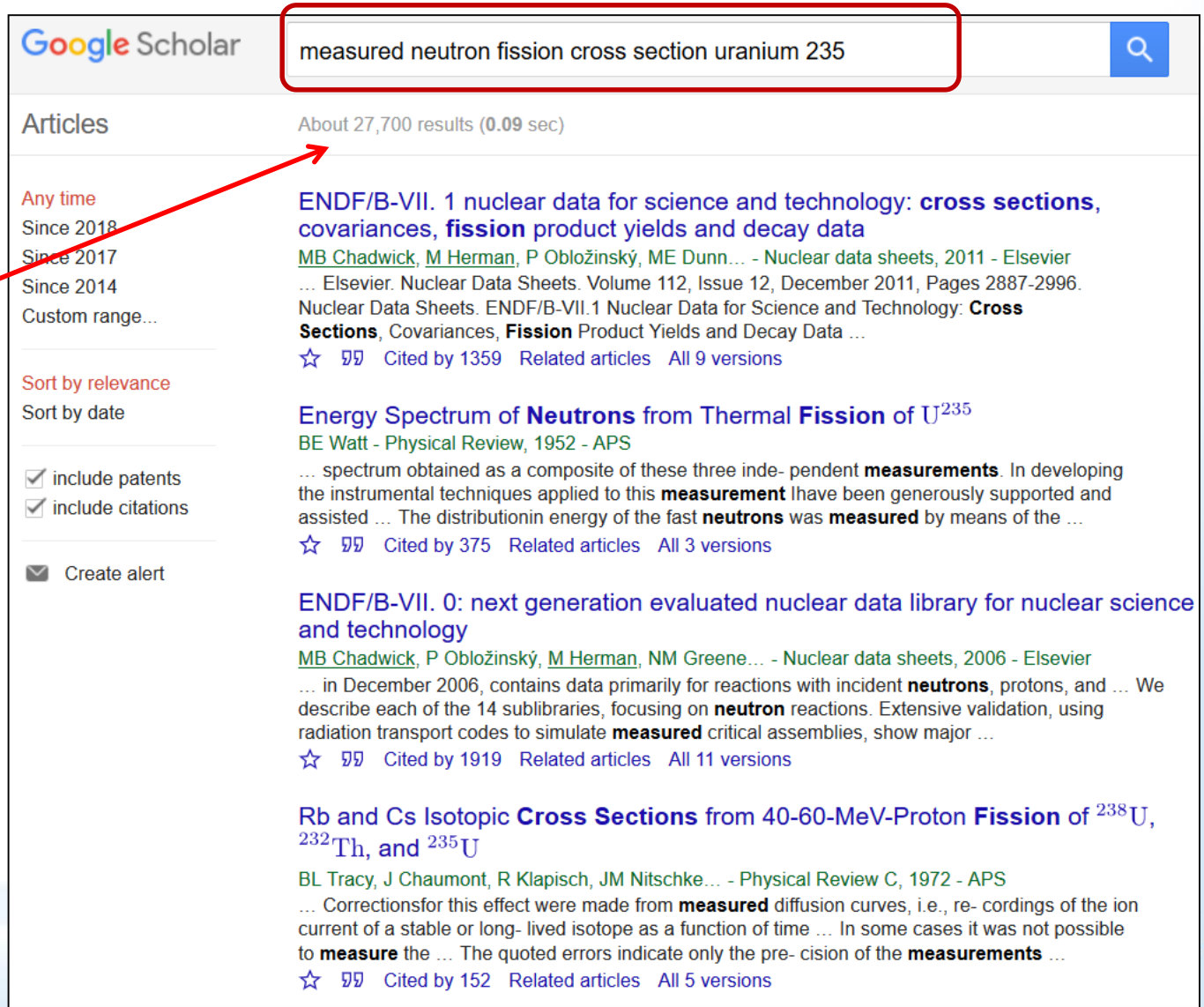
Let's say we want a list of articles that measured neutron induced fission cross sections on Uranium-235.

Keywords

We could go to google scholar (free)

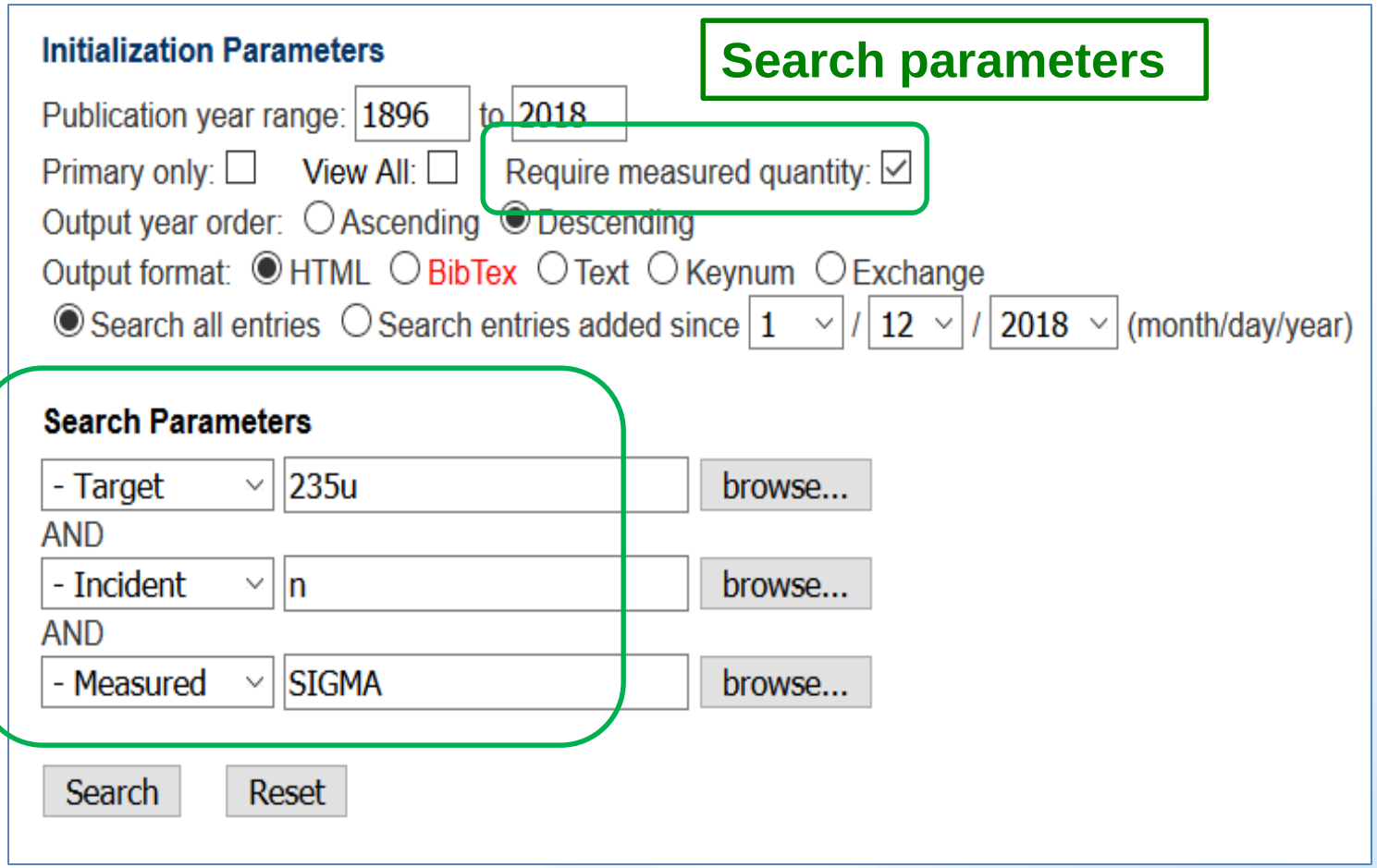
27,700 Results!

And the first articles, while very relevant, don't have the experimental data we need!



Using the Web of Science ($$$) will not help either.

Alternatively, we could use NSR, *www.bnl.gov/nsr*



Results, **289 articles**

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2016DI03 Phys.Rev. C 93, 034614 (2016)

M.Diakaki, for the n_TOF Collaboration

Neutron-induced fission cross section of ^{237}Np in the keV to MeV range at the CERN n_TOF facility

NUCLEAR REACTIONS ^{235,238}U(n, F), E=0.1-9 MeV; ^{237}Np(n, F), E=0.1-9 MeV; measured fission σ(E) using fast ionization chamber at high-resolution and high-intensity facility n_TOF at CERN. Comparison with previous experimental data in literature and EXFOR database, and with ENDF/B-VII.1, JEFF 3.2, and JENDL 4.0 evaluations. ^{237}Np(n, X), (n, F), E=0.1-20 MeV; calculated cross sections for the main neutron-induced reaction channels in Hauser-Feshbach formalism using the EMPIRE code, and comparison with experimental data in the present work and EXFOR database; deduced final fission barrier parameters for ^{236,237,238}Np.

doi: 10.1103/PhysRevC.93.034614
*Data from this article have been entered in the **EXFOR** database. For more information, access X4 dataset22742.* Access publication in PDF format.

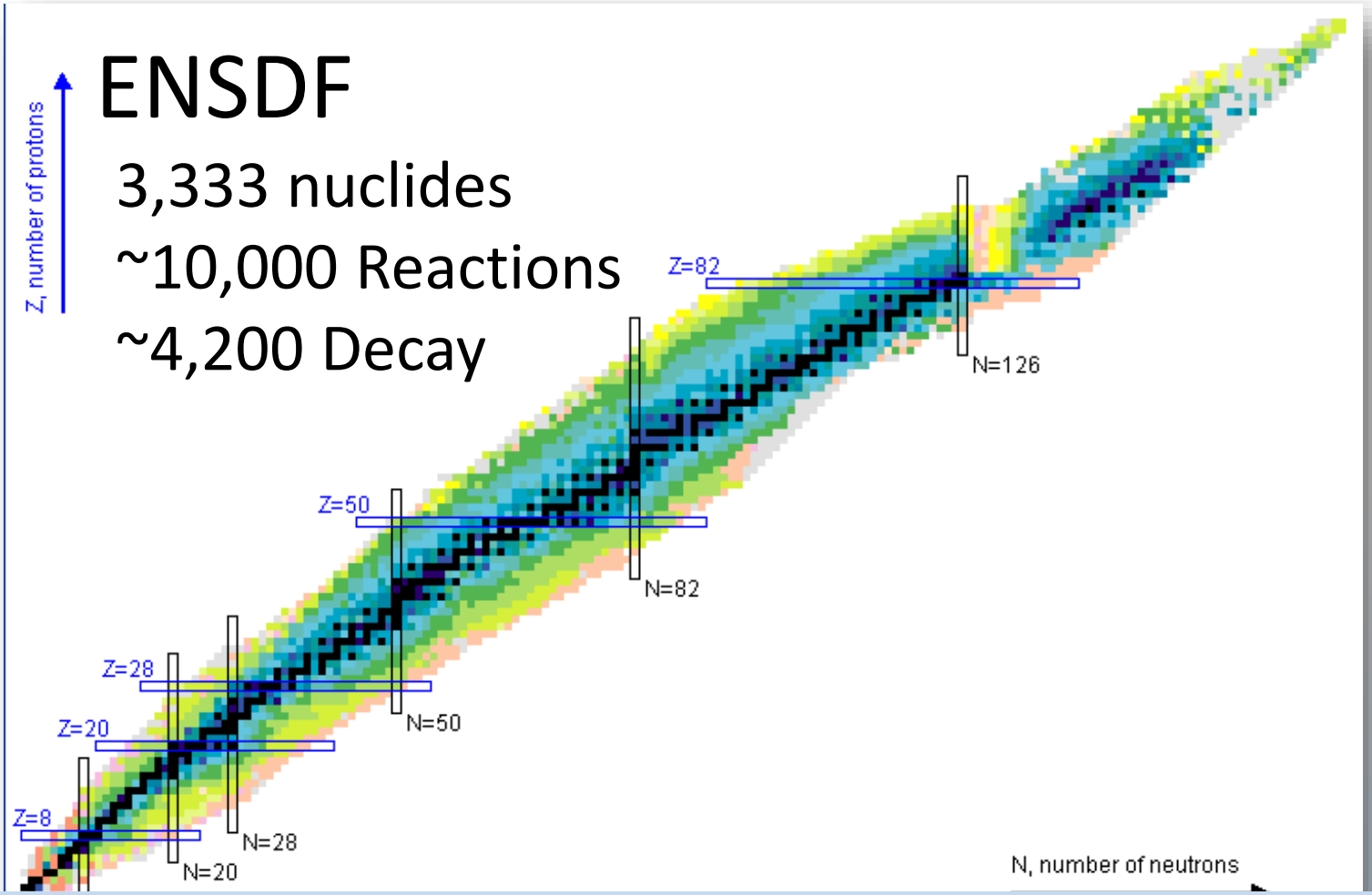
Description of the article

Link to journal

Link to data

And you can only e-mail Boris Pritychenko or Joann Totans for free help (~200 e-mails/year)

Evaluated Nuclear Structure Data File



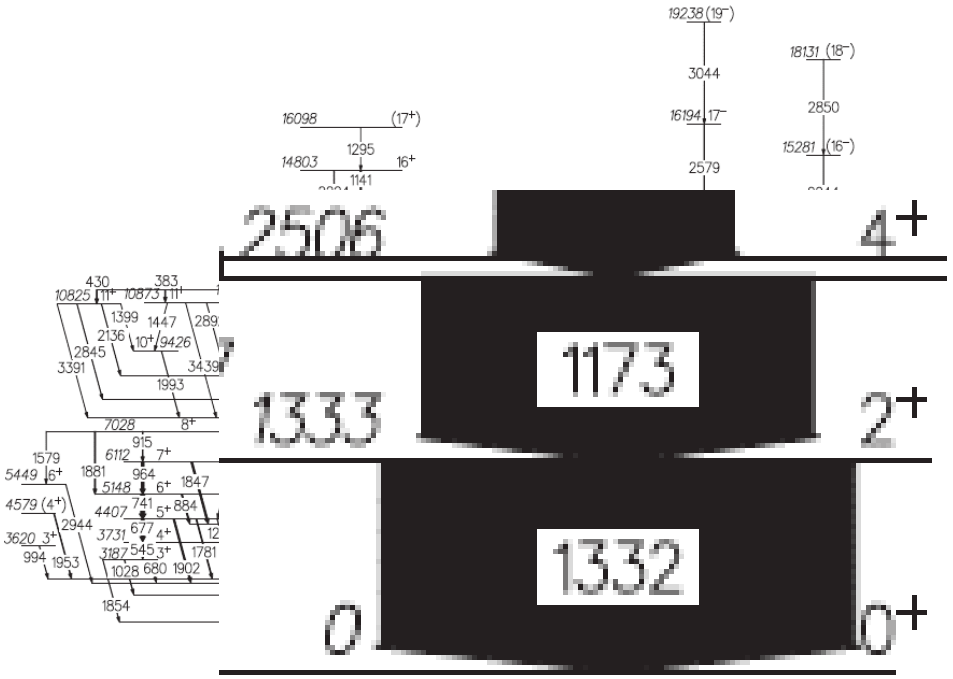
It is Unique: Only Nuclear Database of this kind in the world

It is Complete: **All** nuclei and **all** level and radiation properties

It is Versatile: Feeds back into both basic and applied sciences

ENSDF in a Nutshell

Properties of Nuclei

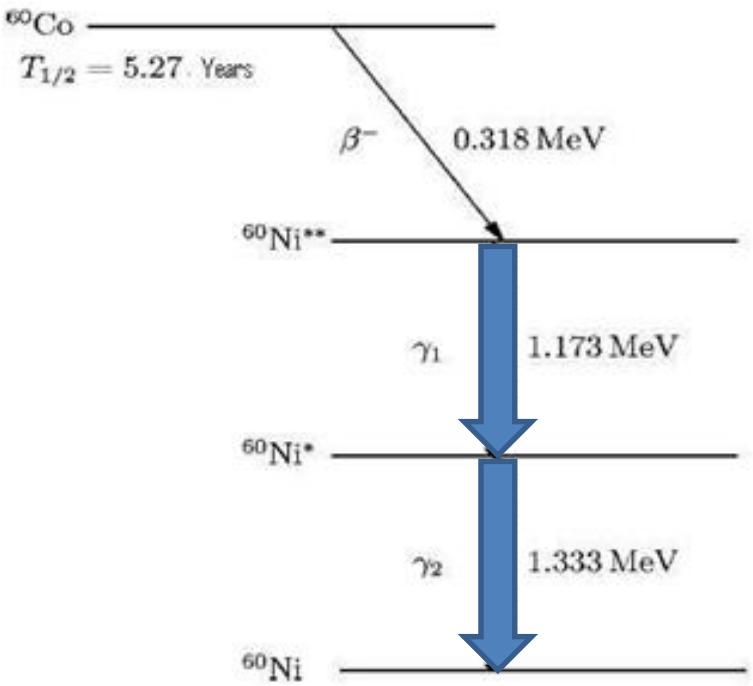


^{60}Ni

Level energies, spin, parity, half-life, …

Gamma-ray energies, intensities, …

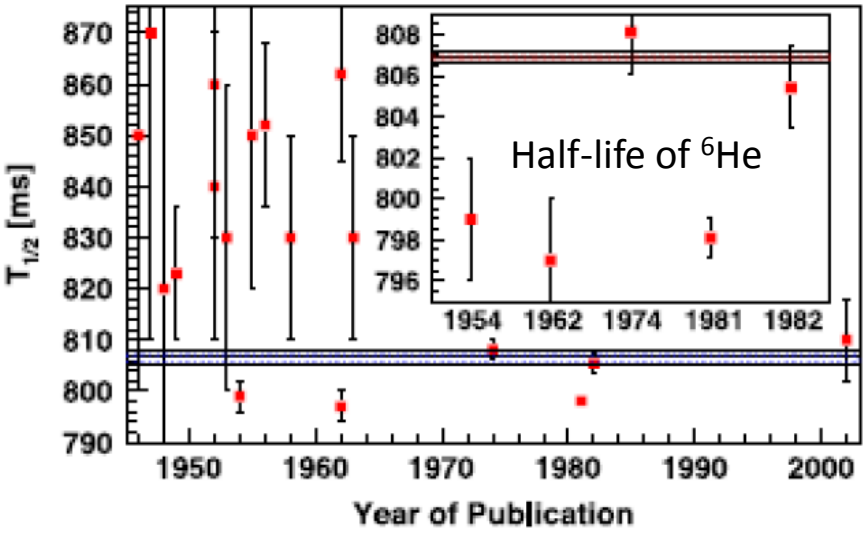
And how they decay



Radiation energies, intensities, decay modes ….

Why do we need ENDSF?

Arbiter of the "Truth"



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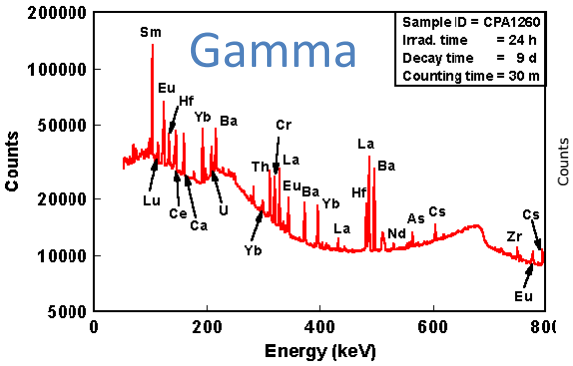
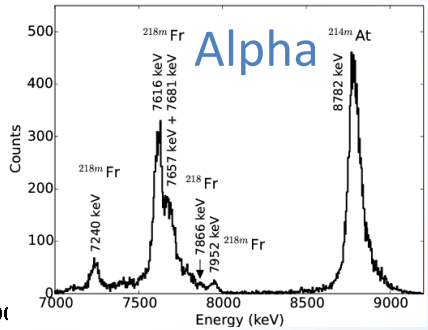
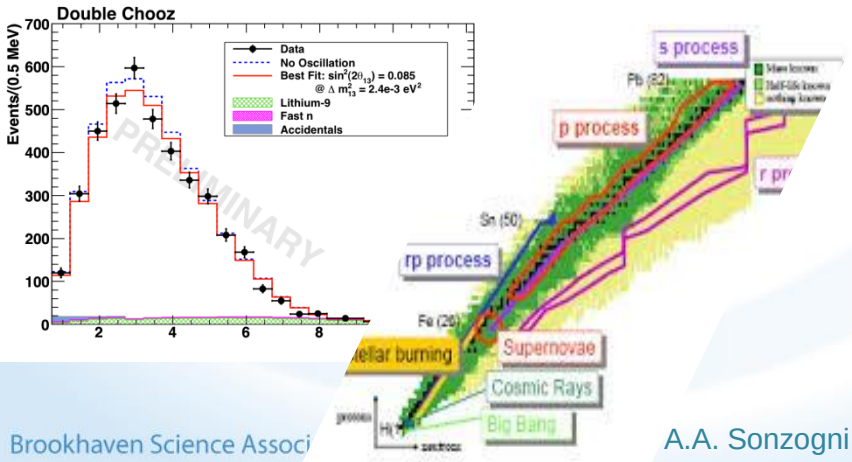
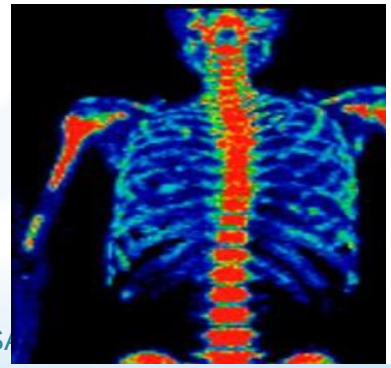


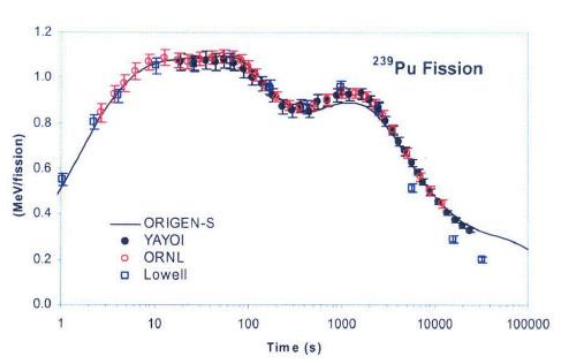


Input for other nuclear physics fields



Wide range of applications require decay data



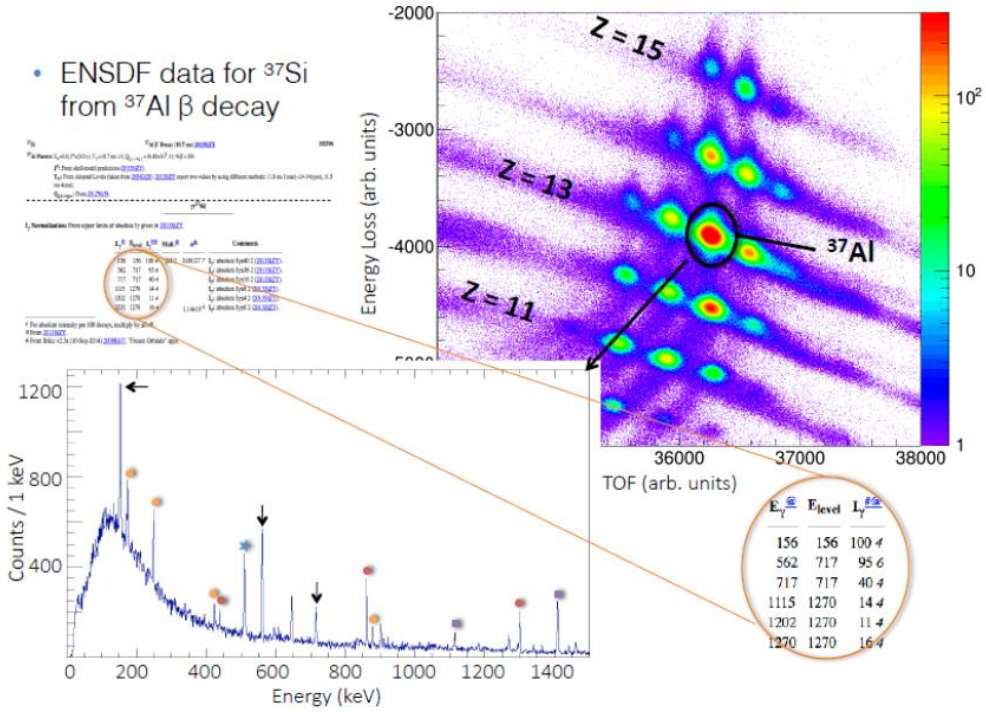


ENSDF and FRIB

ENSDF is essential for planning, designing, performing and interpreting FRIB experiments

As an example:

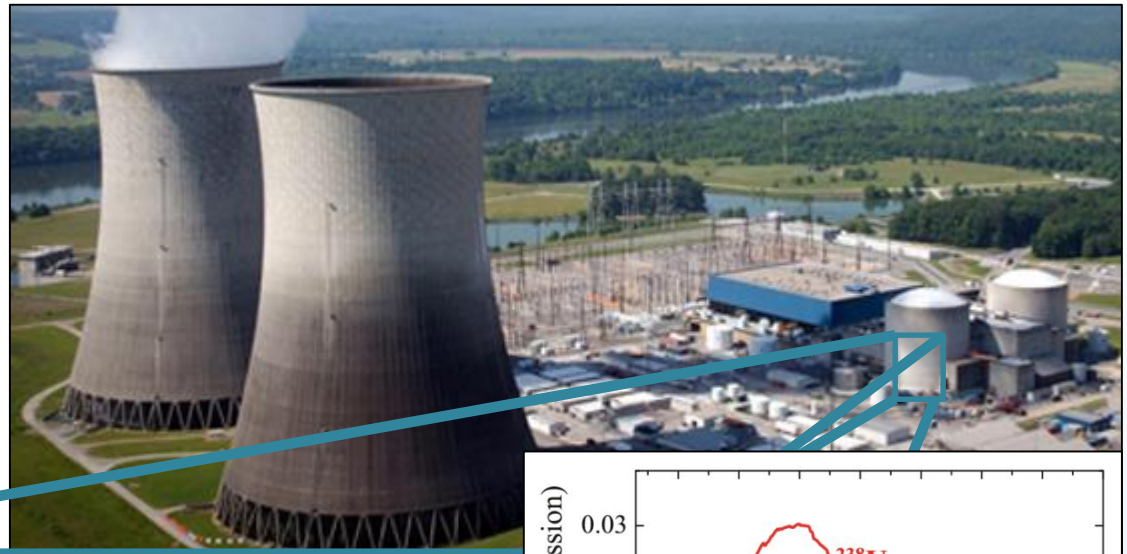
- Gamma-rays are routinely used to identify fragmentation products
- ENSDF is the only place to search them in live-time

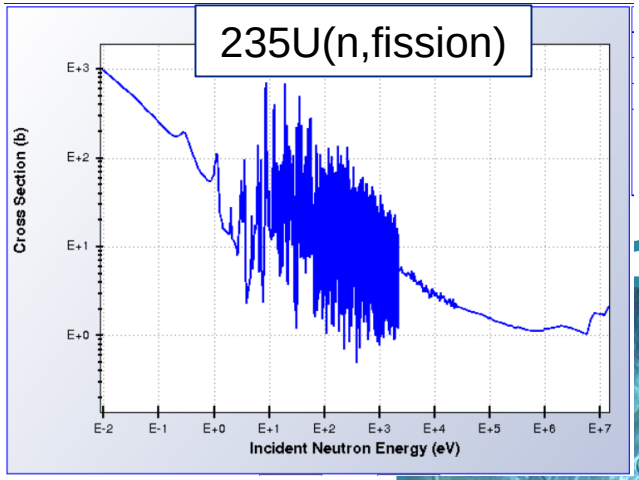


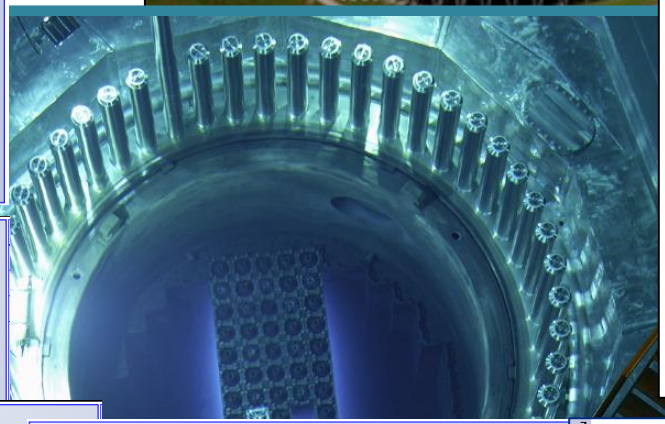
Nuclear Data Working Group established within FRIB Users Organization in order to develop data needs for FRIB

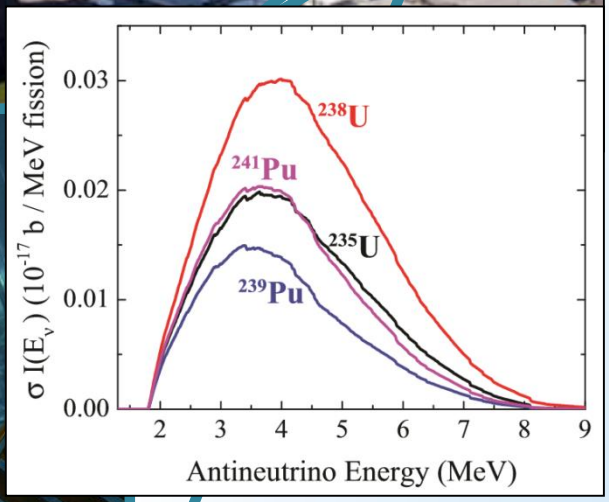
ENDF

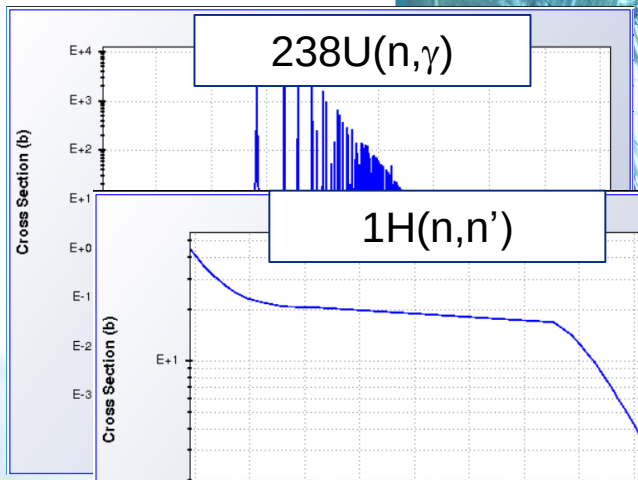
Data needed in many applications, for instance, design, operation and decommission nuclear reactors

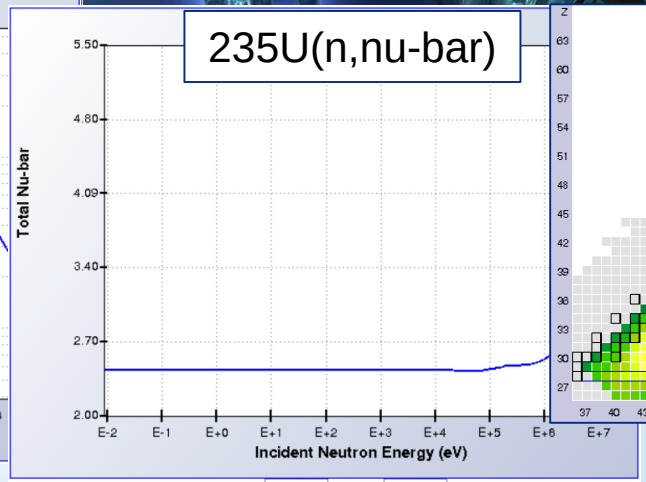


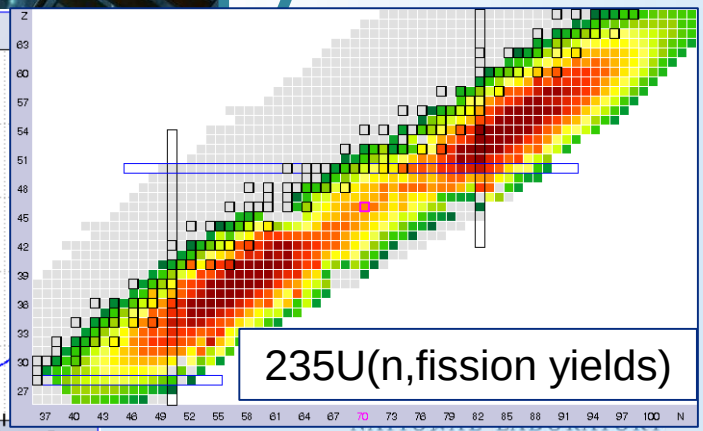








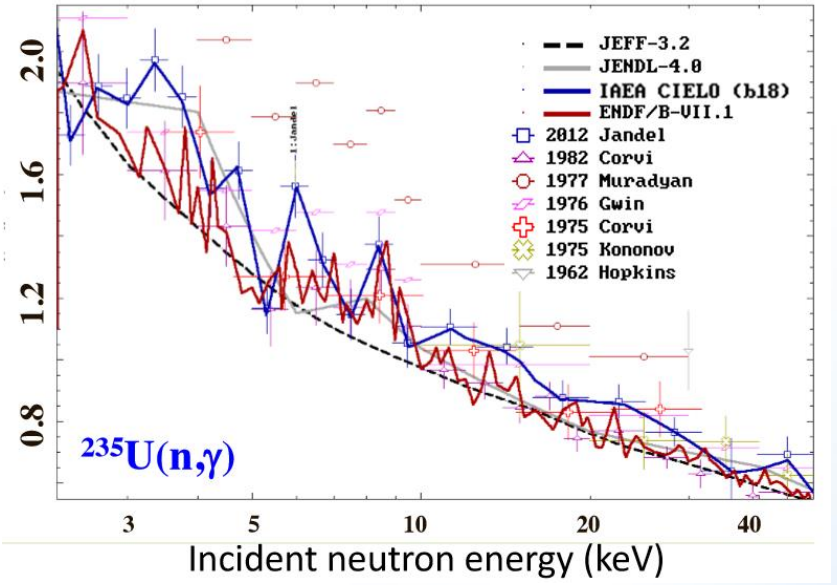




ENDF

ENDF/B-I was released in June 1968.

More accurate experiments, improvements in nuclear reaction models and supercomputers have led us to ENDF/B-VIII.0, which was released on February 2nd, 2018 by the Cross Section Evaluation Working Group (CSEWG)[1]

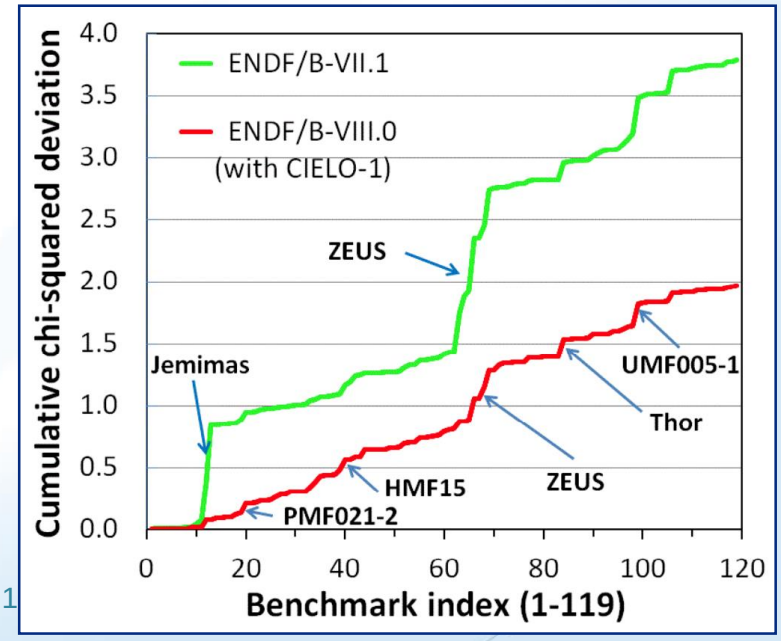


ENDF/B-VIII.0 Integrates contributions from:

BNL, IAEA, LANL, LLNL, NIST, IAEA, Criticality Safety Program, Naval Reactors, NCSU, CNL (Canada), CAB (Argentina)

ENDF/B-VIII.0 is our best performing and highest quality library yet

- 1198 critical assembly benchmarks
- 14 MeV source transmission
- Many other tests

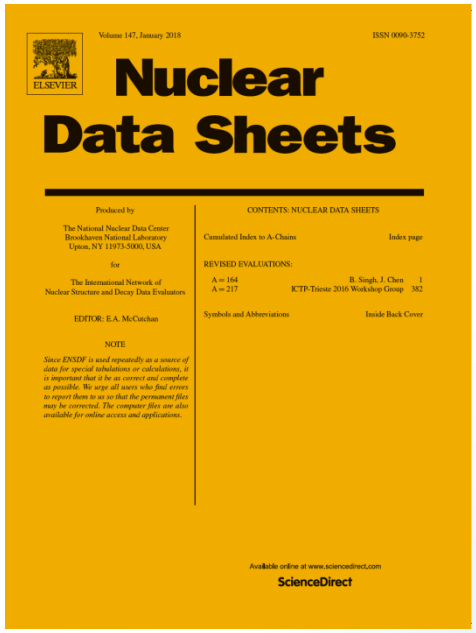


ENDF is used in many applications, simulations & licensing codes such MCNP, GEANT, SCALE, ORIGEN

[1] D. Brown *et al.*, Nuclear Data Sheets **148**, 1 (2018)

Nuclear Data Sheets

- Began in 1966, currently published by Elsevier.
- NNDC responsible for editorial role and management
- Original mission was to publish ENSDF evaluations and Recent References (NSR).
- Starting in 2006, one issue per year is devoted to nuclear reaction related articles.
- Unusual in that we publish ~20 manuscripts per year



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ENDF/B-VII.1	NDS 112, 2887 (2011)	791
RIPL	NDS 110, 3107 (2009)	497
EMPIRE	NDS 108, 2655 (2007)	335
TALYS	NDS 113, 2841 (2012)	271
FLUKA	NDS 120, 211 (2014)	258
NuShellX@MSU	NDS 120, 115 (2014)	83

ENDF library

Reaction library

Reaction codes

Application

Structure code

For perspective, most cited paper in PRC between 2006-2018: RHIC theory paper (2008) with 522 citations

Special Issue of Nuclear Data Sheets

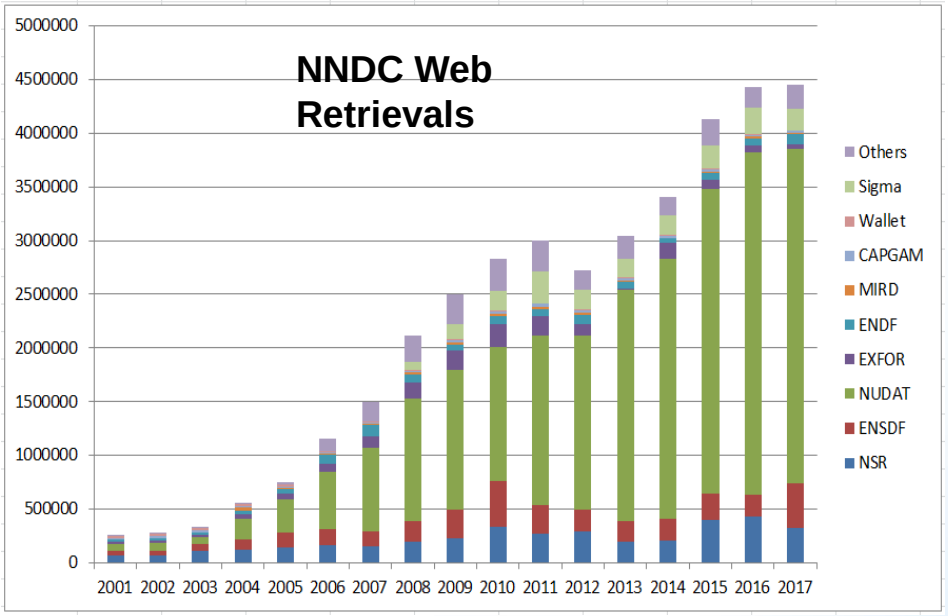
10 articles, more than 400 pages
Essential reference for next 10 years

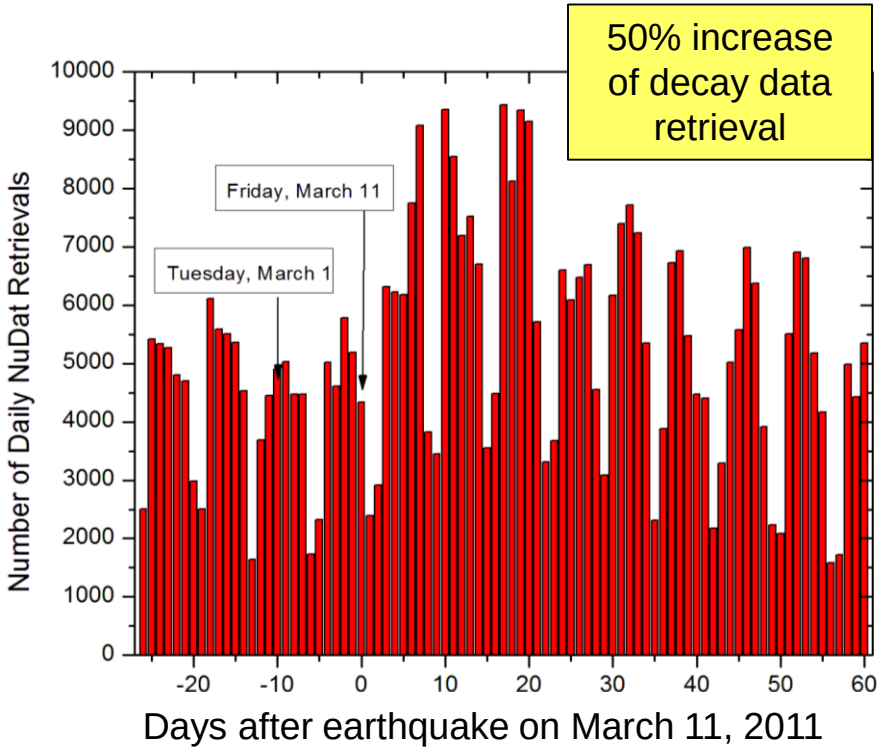
USNDP plays major role (USNDP organization):

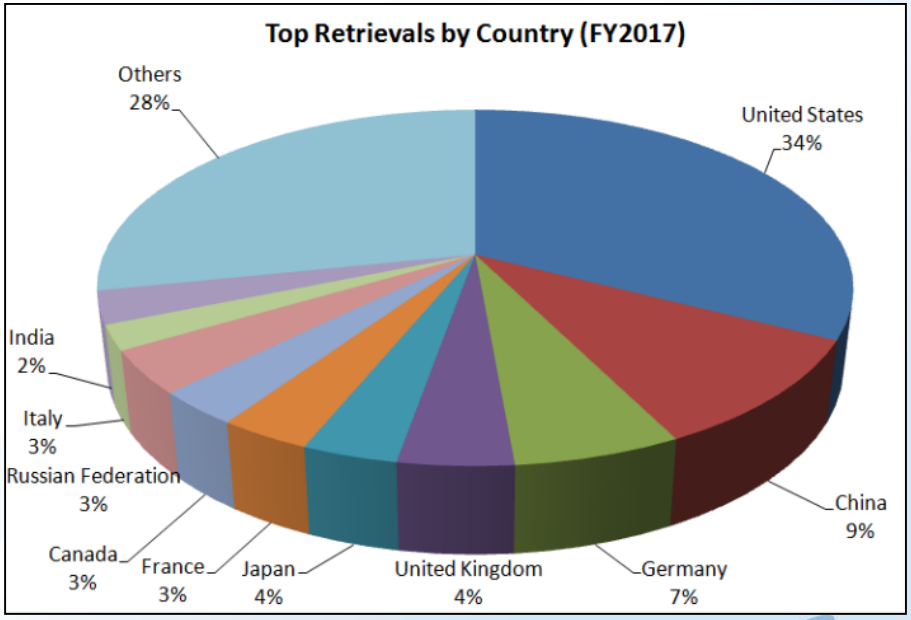
- ENDF/B-VIII.0 (BNL, LANL, LLNL, NIST)
- Neutron Standards (NIST,LANL)
- CIELO overview (BNL, LANL,NIST,LLNL)
- CIELO Fe (BNL, LANL)
- CIELO 235U and 238U (LANL,BNL)
- PFNS (LANL)
- 2 Experimental Papers (LANL)
- Charged-particle monitor reactions (IAEA-CRP) (ANL,LANL)
- Evaluation Methodology

Web Dissemination

- Started with Telnet in mid 1980s.
- First generation web applications in mid 1990s.
- Mostly performed nowadays in BNL using 7 powerful servers.
- About 4.5 Million retrievals in FY17.







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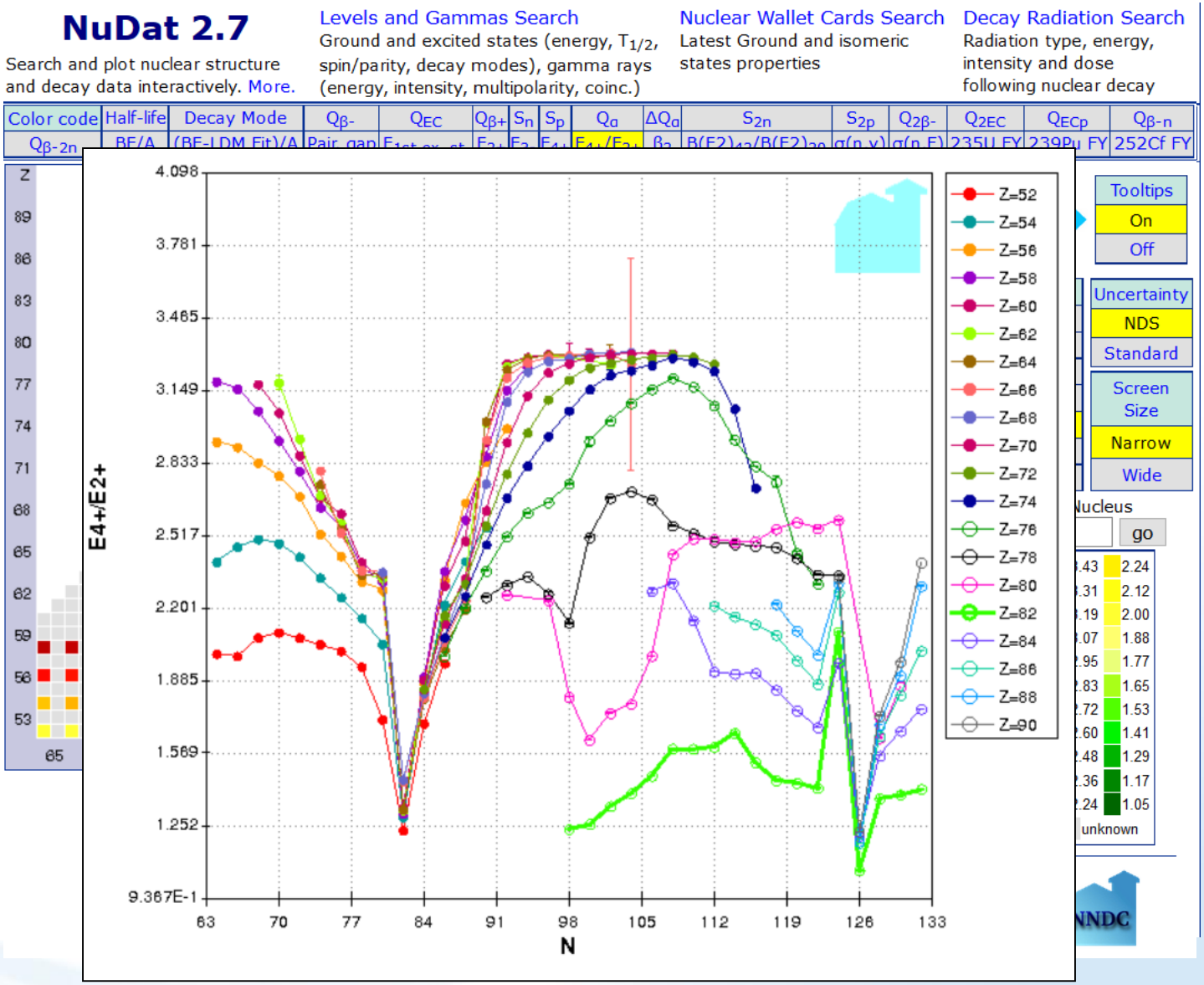


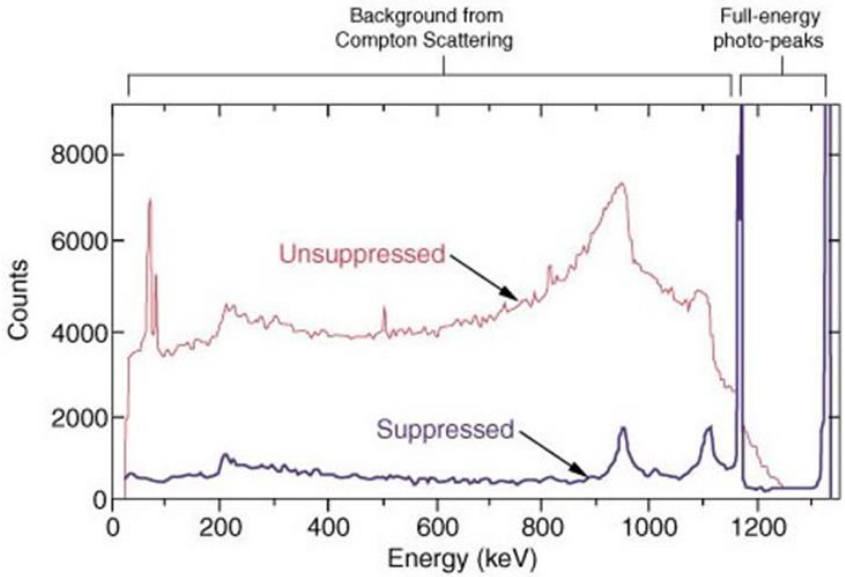
Upgrades typically follow users recommendations

Capitalizing on advances in γ-ray spectroscopy

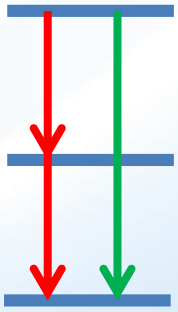
30 Years ago: 1-2 small detectors

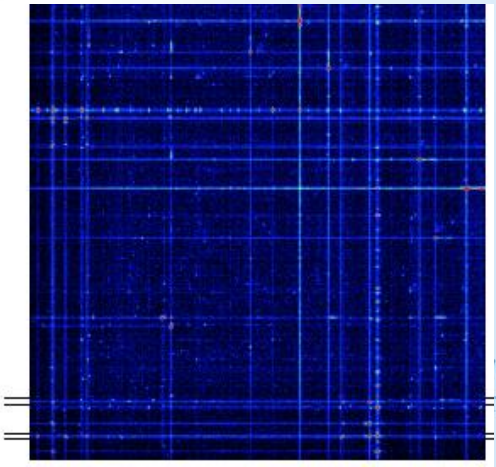
Present: 10-100 detectors

Compton suppression



γγ coincidences





Non-conventional PET agents : ^{86}Y

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doi:10.1088/0031-9155/60/9/3479

PET imaging with the non-pure positron

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Energy Levels in ^{86}Sr from the Decay of 14.6-h ^{86}Y

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Tailoring medium energy proton beam to induce low energy nuclear reactions in $^{86}SrCl_2$ for production of PET radioisotope ^{86}Y☆

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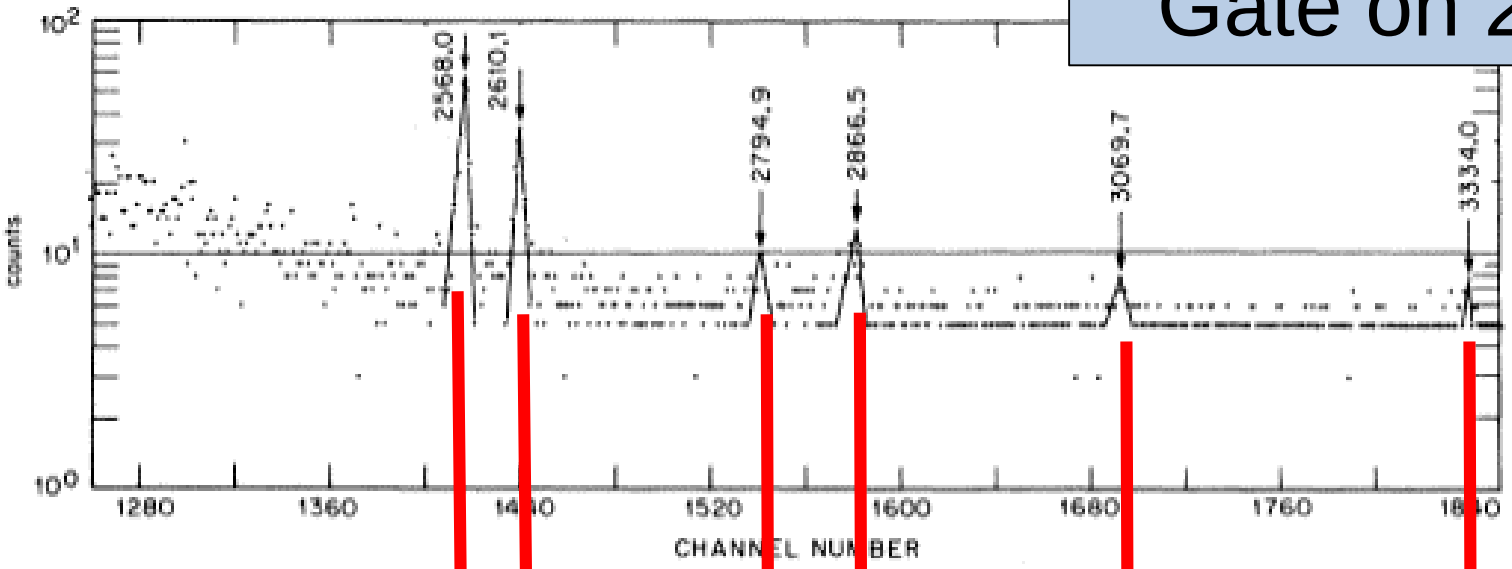
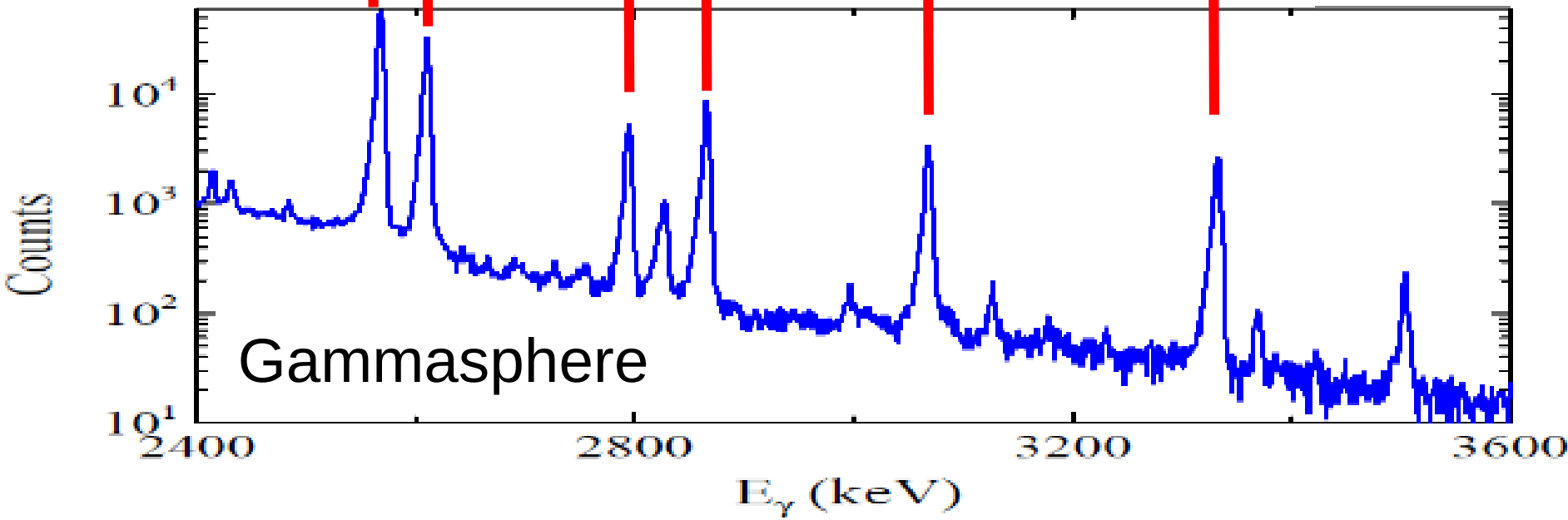
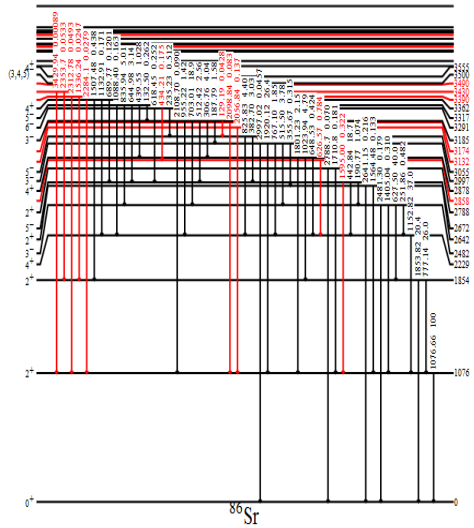
Results on ^{86}Y

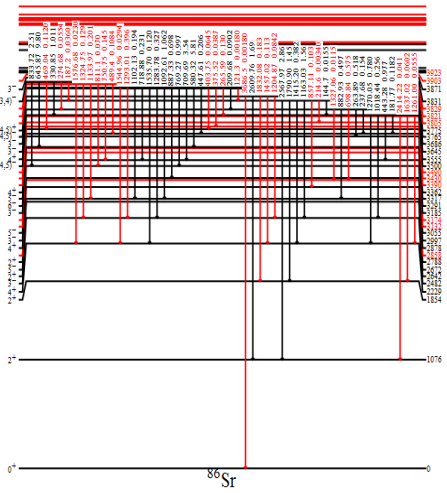
Gate on $2^+ \rightarrow 0^+$

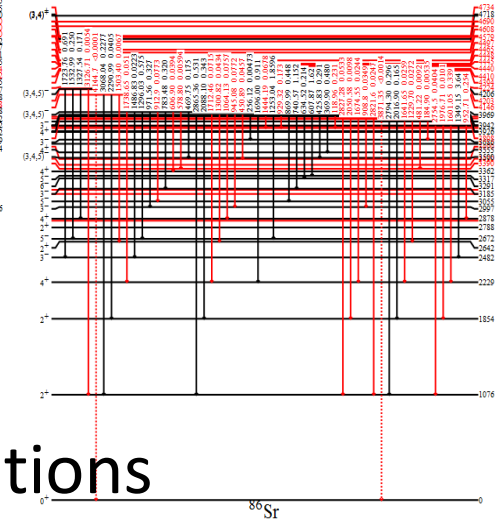


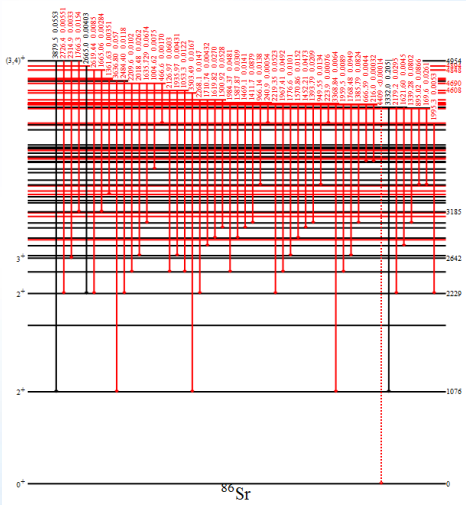


Revised Decay Scheme for ^{86}Y









Confirmed

New

Identified over 100 new transitions

511-keV intensity decreases by 20% !

^{86}Y source produced at UW Madison cyclotron, measurement in ANL, summer student analyzed data, article in preparation, contact: E.A. McCutchan (BNL).
Earlier experiment on ^{82}Rb has been published, M. Nino, E.A. McCutchan et al, PRC **93**, 024301 (2016).
Similar efforts at ANL (F. Kondev) and LBNL (L. Bernstein).

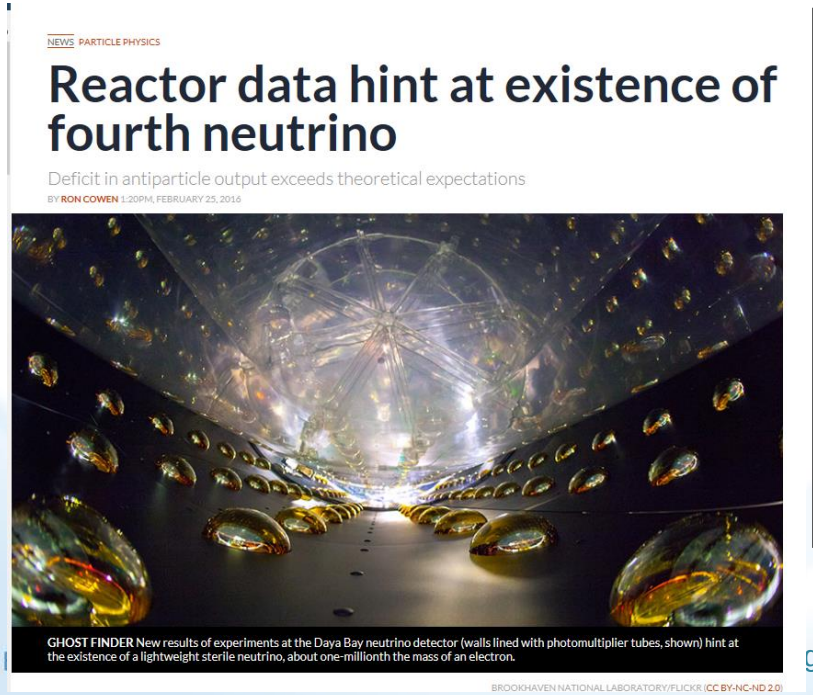
Reactor Antineutrino Anomaly

About 6 electron antineutrinos per fission from the beta-minus decay of the neutron rich fission products.

Each fission ~200 MeV, or

~5 x 10^{20} antineutrinos/second for a 1 GWe reactor.

We observe 6% fewer electron antineutrinos from nuclear reactors at short distances, not accounted for the standard 3-flavor oscillation.



NEWS PARTICLE PHYSICS

Reactor data hint at existence of fourth neutrino

Deficit in antiparticle output exceeds theoretical expectations

BY RON COWEN 1:20PM, FEBRUARY 25, 2016

GHOST FINDER New results of experiments at the Daya Bay neutrino detector (walls lined with photomultiplier tubes, shown) hint at the existence of a lightweight sterile neutrino, about one-millionth the mass of an electron.

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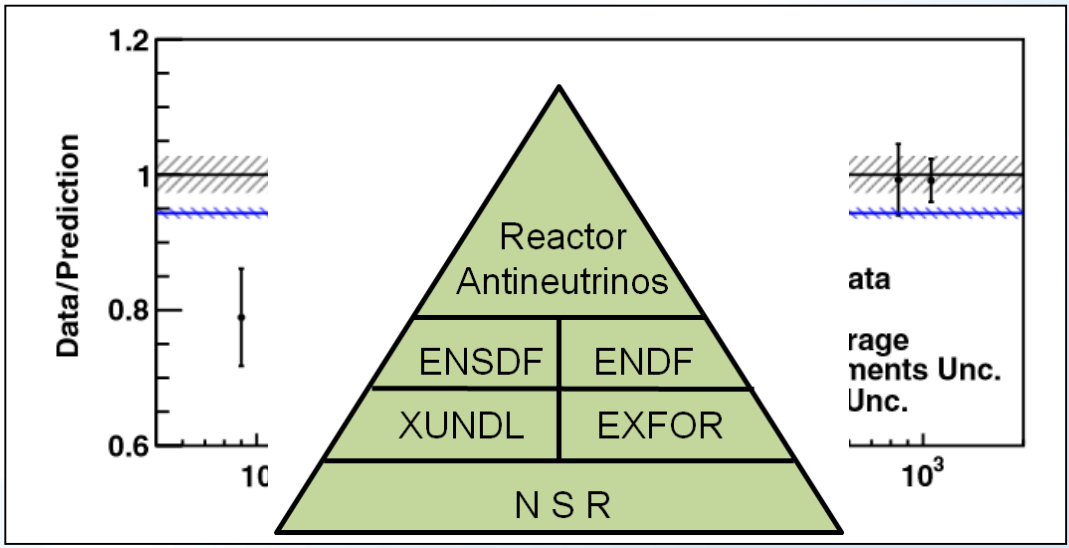
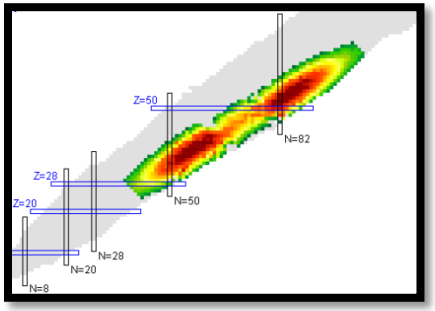


A problem at the top of the nuclear data pyramid.

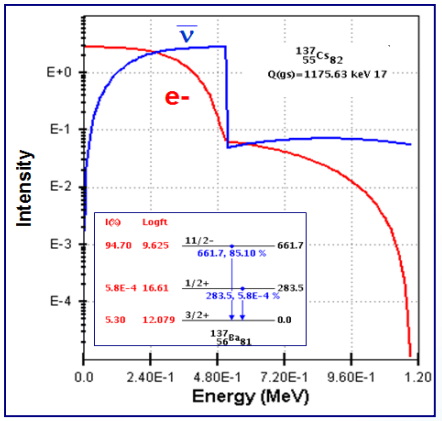
Using Our Databases

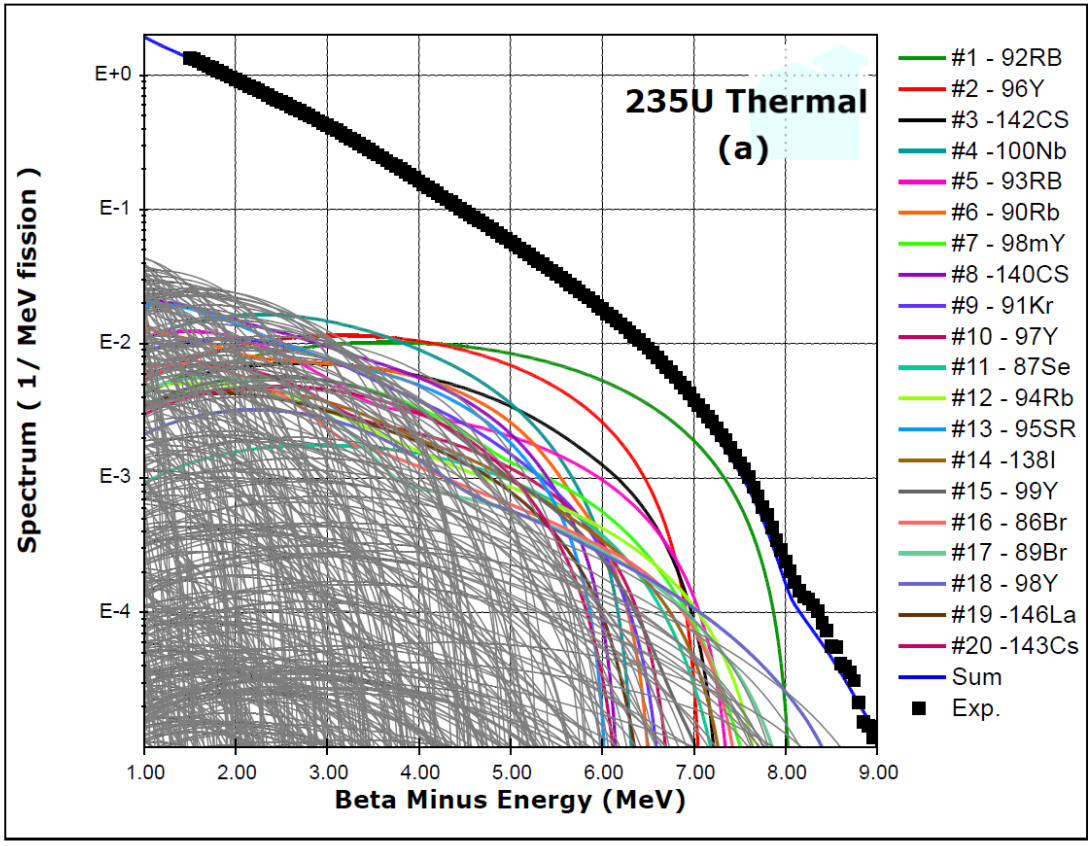


$$S(E) = \sum CFY_i S_i(E)$$

Cumulative Fission Yields

Individual Spectra





Comparison with the measured electron spectra.

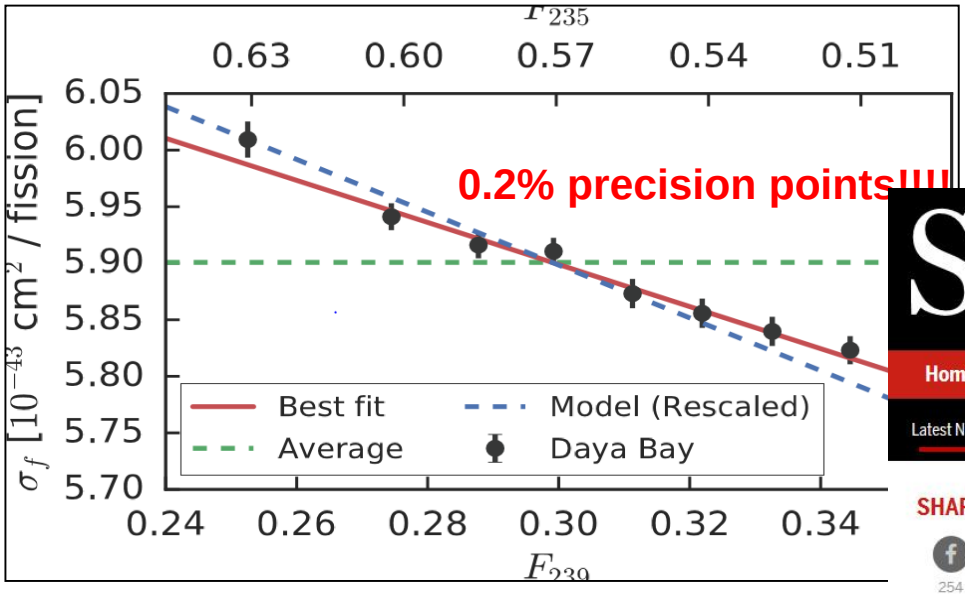
Surprisingly, fewer contributors at high energy.

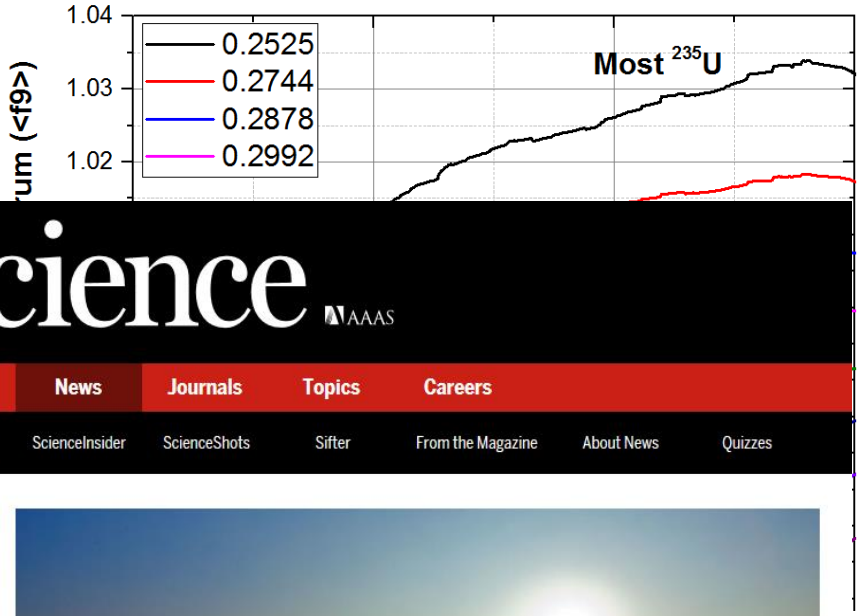
Results spurred a number of new measurements

First calculation of this type performed by P. Vogel et al in 1981 using ENDF/B-V.

A.A. Sonzogni, T.D. Johnson, E.A. McCutchan, PRC91, 011301(R) (2015)

The anomaly, or not?



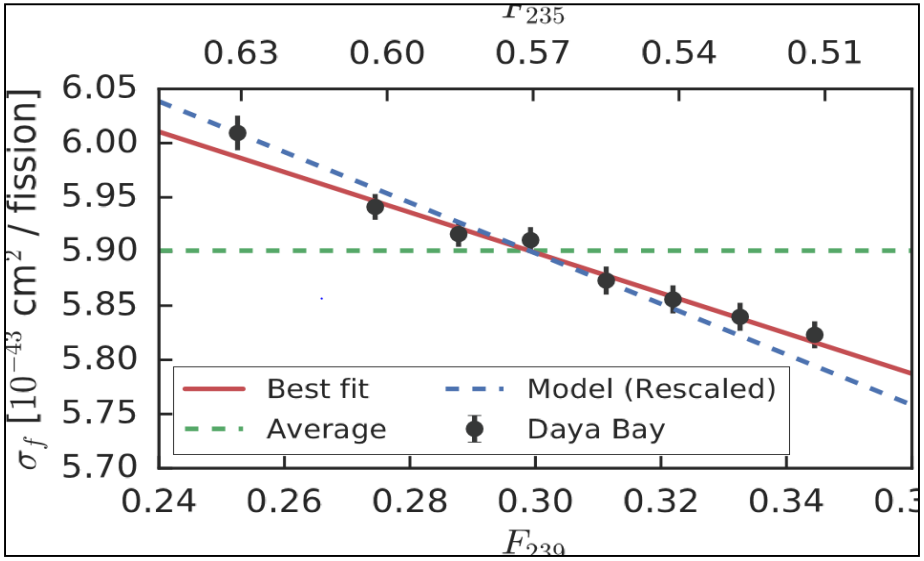


F.P. An *et al*, PRL **118**, 251801 (2017).

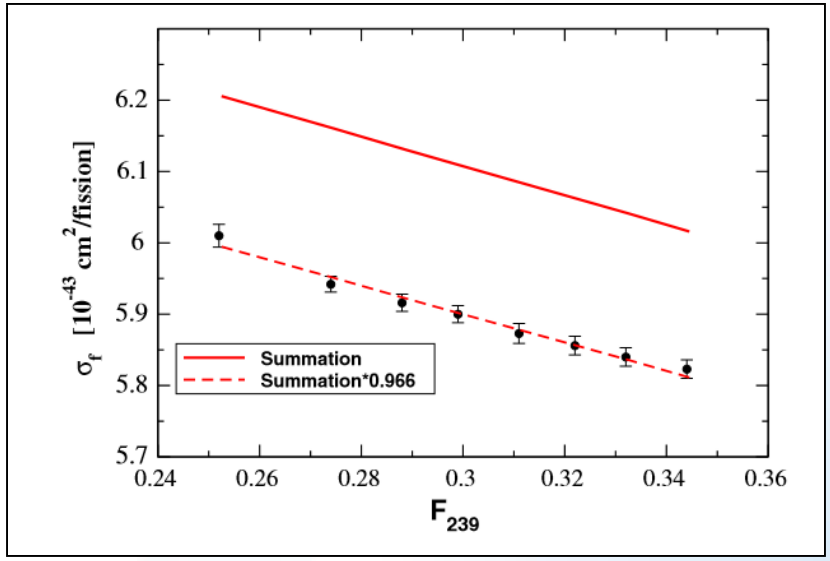
- Daya Bay measured the antineutrino yield as function of ^{239}Pu in the reactors
- ^{239}Pu agrees with measurement
- ^{235}U does not
- If anomaly, should be present in both

Nuclear data to answer major science question

Daya Bay Analysis
(conversion of ILL data)



Our analysis
(Incorporates vast knowledge of decay data of fission fragments)
NNDC calculations using ENDF decay

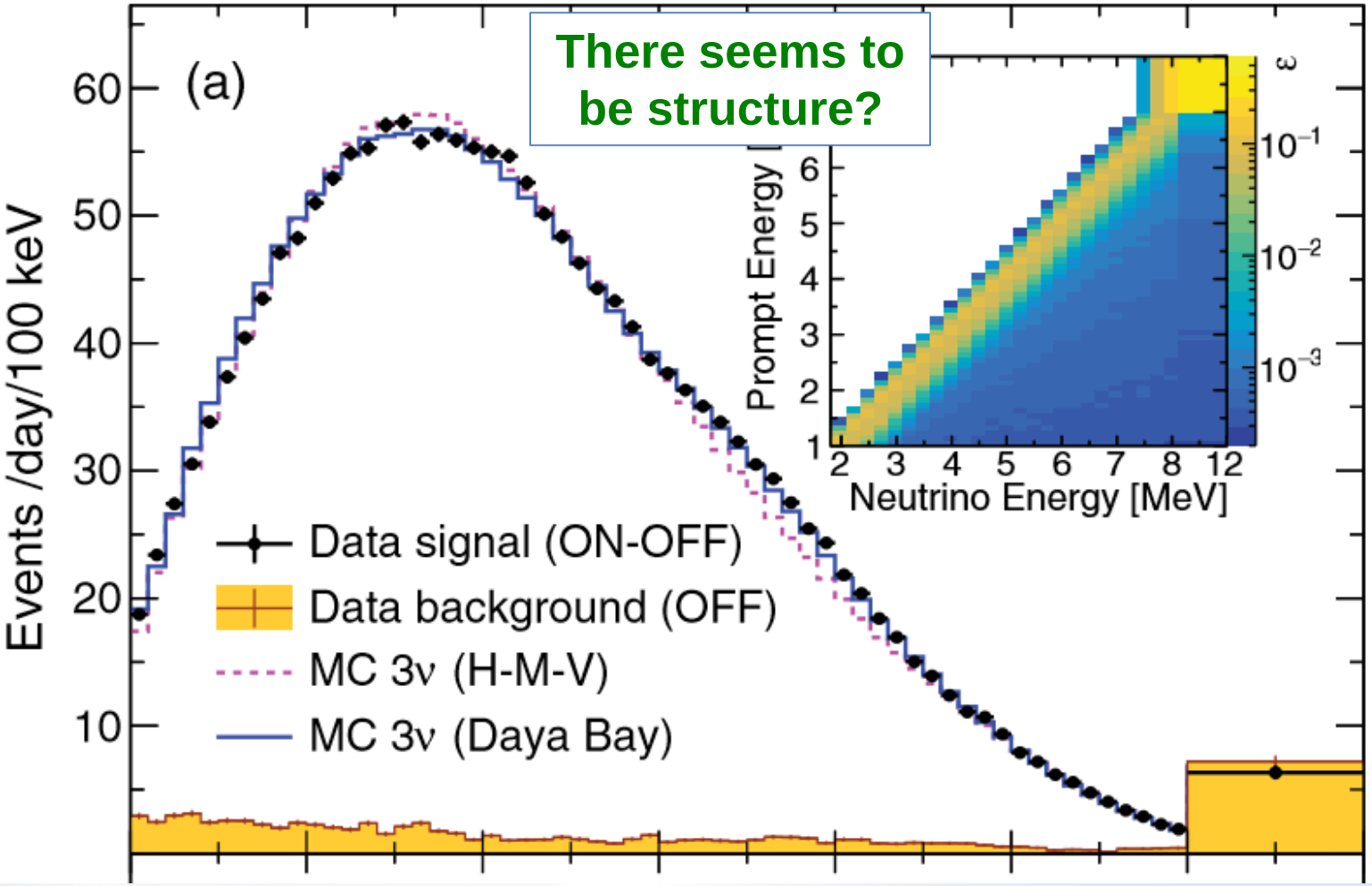


Abstract ends with:

'An analysis of the antineutrino spectra that is based on a summation over all fission fragment β decays, using nuclear database input, explains all of the features seen in the Daya Bay evolution data. However, this summation method still allows for an anomaly. We conclude that there is currently not enough information to use the antineutrino flux changes to rule out the possible existence of sterile neutrinos.'

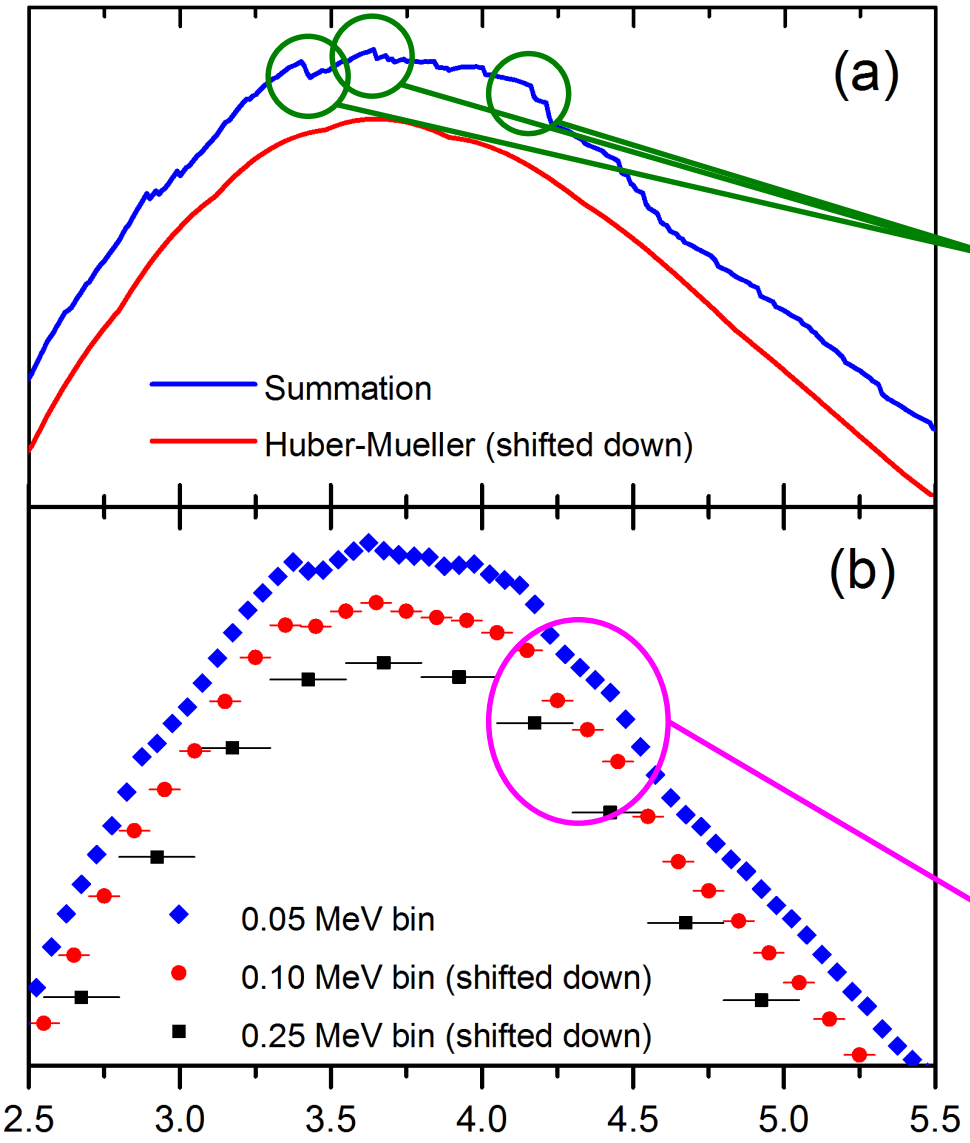
Fine Structure

NEOS data, 30 m from a power reactor



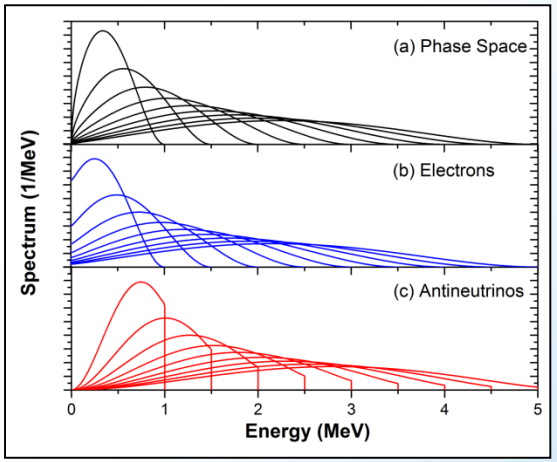
Ko et al, PRL **118**, 121802 (2017)

Fine Structure



As the reactor spectrum is the sum of ~800 individual spectra, can we seen individual effects?

Sharp cutoffs that can be seen with 0.1 MeV binning or less



Shoulder spanning several 100s keV

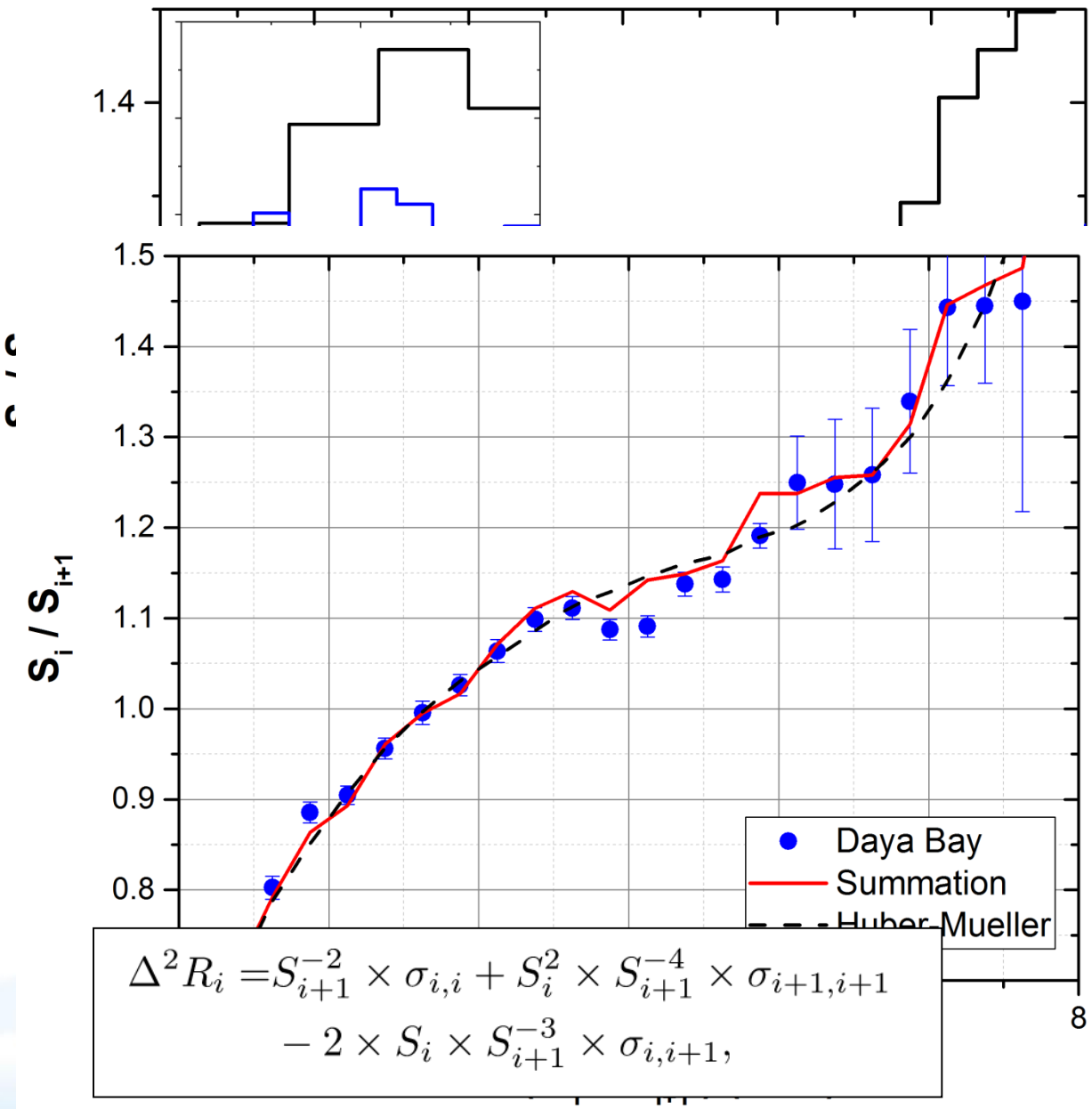
How to reveal Fine Structure?

Ratio of adjacent points:

$$R_i = S_i / S_{i+1}$$

Surprisingly, even with a 0.25 MeV binning a structure can be seen.

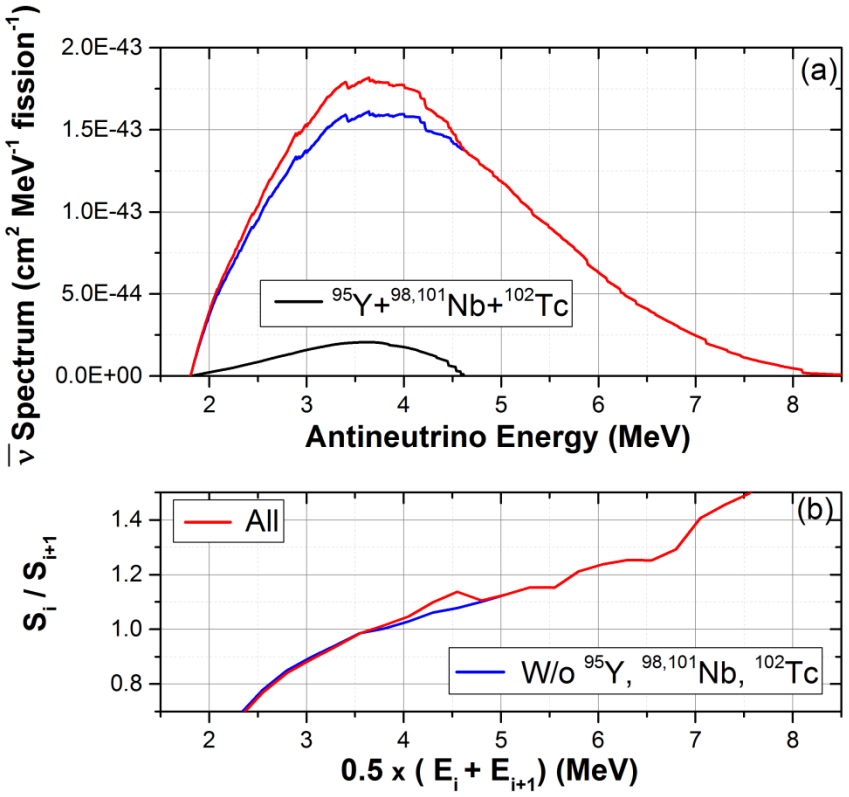
Structure observed in Daya Bay data, covariance matrix crucial for analysis.



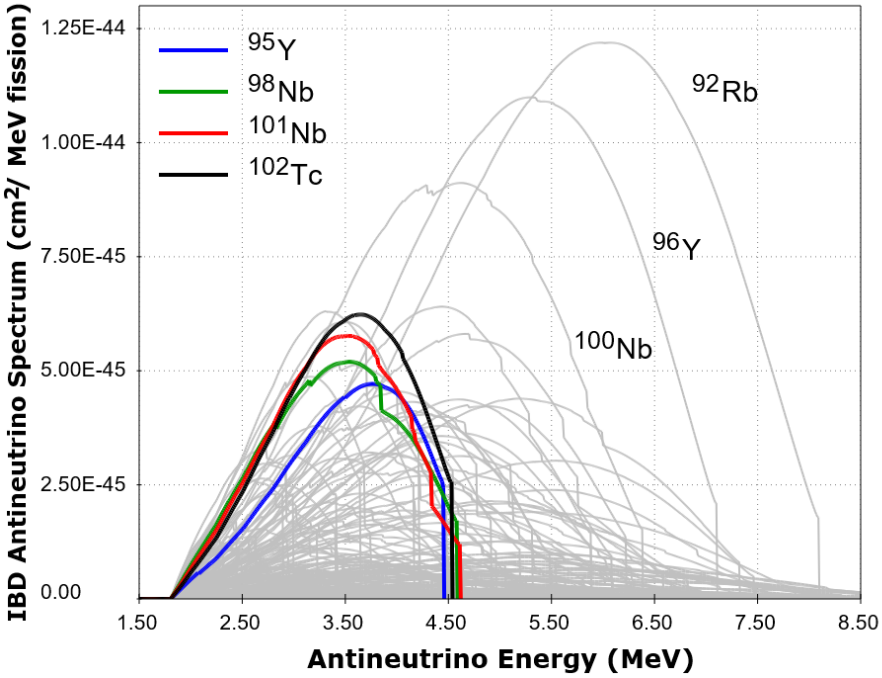
$$\Delta^2 R_i = S_{i+1}^{-2} \times \sigma_{i,i} + S_i^2 \times S_{i+1}^{-4} \times \sigma_{i+1,i+1} - 2 \times S_i \times S_{i+1}^{-3} \times \sigma_{i,i+1},$$

Nuclides behind fine structure

Looking for trees in the forest



This “Fine structure” can be attributed to just 4 nuclides



For more details, see:
A.A. Sonzogni, M. Nino, E.A. McCutchan arXiv:1710.00092

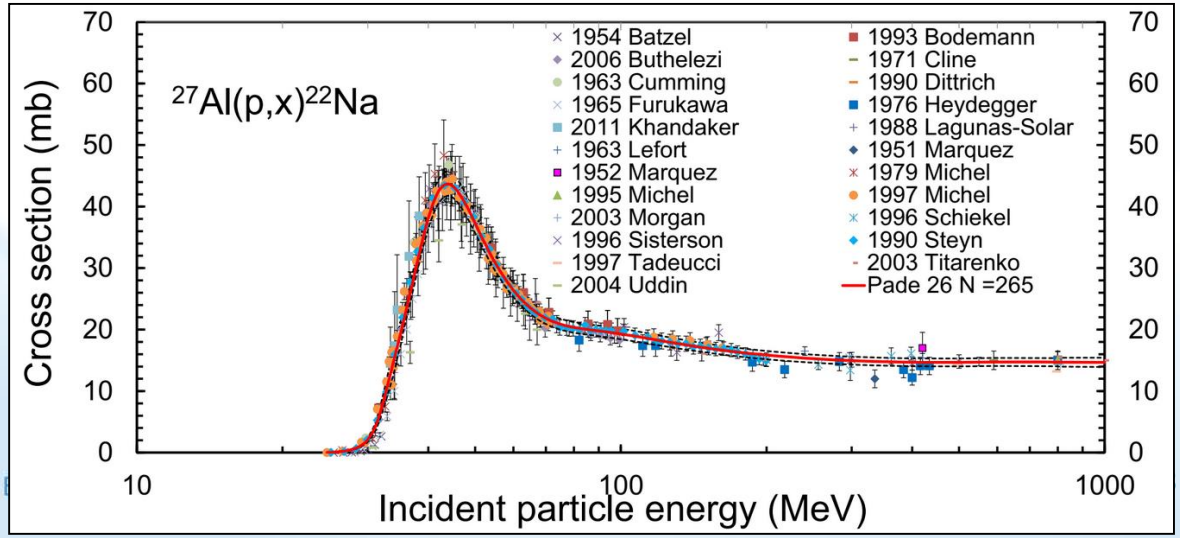
Eagerly awaiting PROSPECT data to perform similar analysis

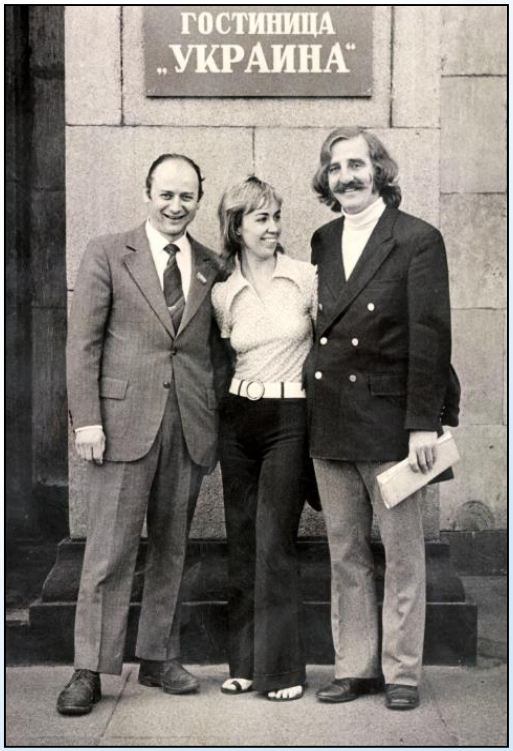
International Collaborations

Nuclear Data Section, International Atomic Energy Agency, Vienna, Austria

- EXFOR compilation
- EMPIRE code development
- ENSDF coordination
- Coordinated Research Projects, to name just a few:
  - Beta-delayed neutron emitters.
  - Charged-particle Monitor Reactions and Medical Isotope Production.

BNL bulletin, February 20 1969.





Sol Perlstein and Vicky McLane during a 1973 EXFOR meeting in Moscow (BNL Bulletin).

International Collaborations

Working Party on International Nuclear Data Evaluation Co-operation, Nuclear Energy Agency, OECD, Paris, France

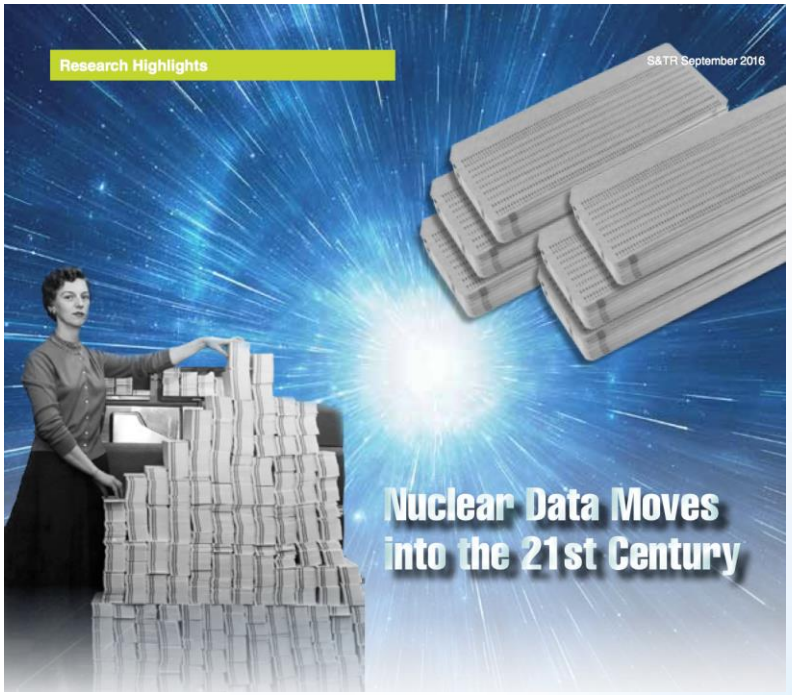
Subgroups (medium term research projects), as examples, two recent ones

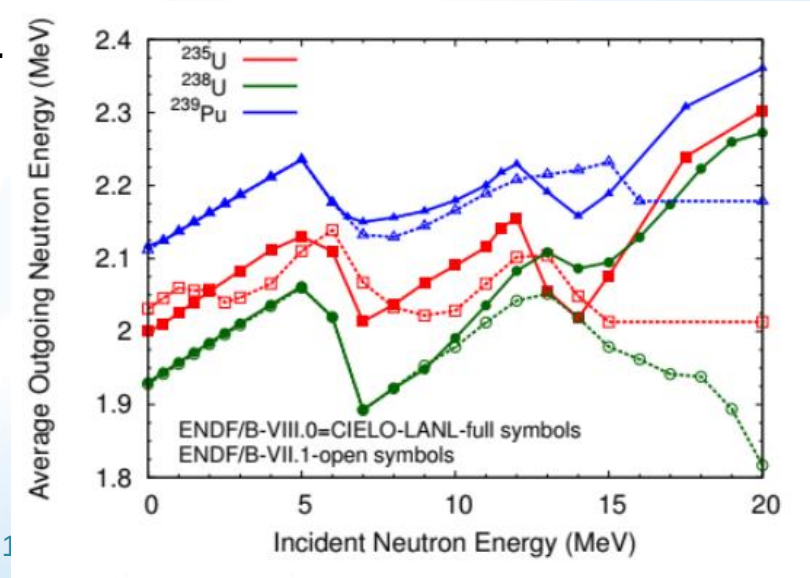
- Subgroup 38, Beyond the ENDF format: A modern nuclear database structure

C.M. Mattoon et al., Nucl. Data Sheets **113**, 3145 (2012).

- Subgroup 40, Collaborative International Evaluated Library Organisation (CIELO)

M.B. Chadwick et al, Nucl. Data Sheets **148**, 189 (2018).



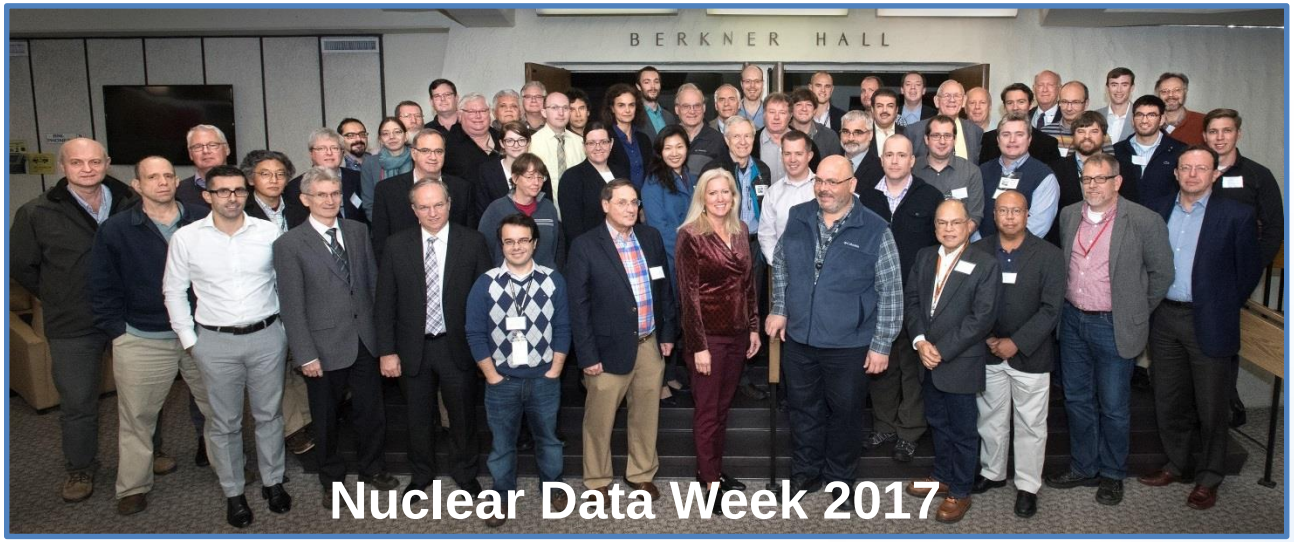


Meetings

Nuclear Data Week

Around the 1st week of November in BNL

About 80 participants



Nuclear Data Week 2017

International Nuclear Data Conferences

Take place every 3 years starting in 1978. ND 2013 organized by BNL in Manhattan, 452 participants. Next one in Beijing, May 2019.


ND2013

USNDP Future

- Ensure completeness and currency of all databases. In particular work closely with FRIB and other new facilities exploring neutron rich nuclide.
- Improve nuclear data for nuclides relevant in medical, national security and antineutrino applications. Several experimental projects have received funding following recent FOA.
- New experiments and evaluations following inter-agency coordination.
- Improve the description of the fission process. Produce new ENDF evaluated fission yields.
- Improve physics in nuclear reactions model codes. Less phenomenology and more physics.
- Modernize formats and infrastructure.
- Implement technology advances in dissemination efforts.

One more slide!

- We are a small but vibrant group! Organization chart in the additional material section.
- Only a couple of examples shown due to time limitations. Many more capabilities!
- Free assistance is available with any of our products. See the contact page in the additional material.
- Actively seeking feedback in terms of new compilations, evaluations, applications and experiments.

Additional Material

US Nuclear Data Program

FY17 Organizational Chart

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US Nuclear Data Program

FY 17 Project Organizational Chart

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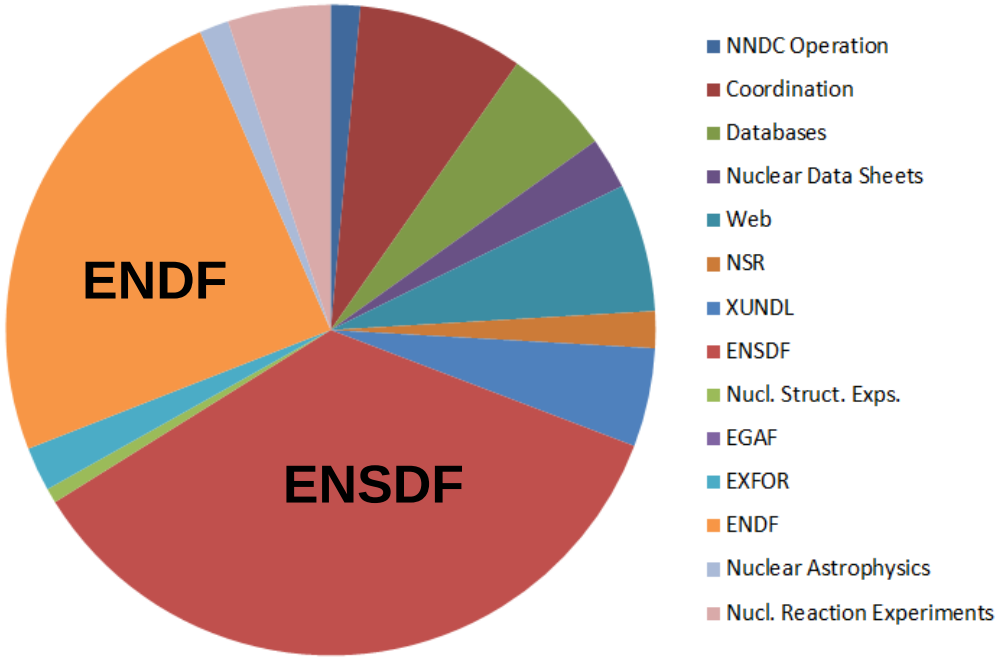

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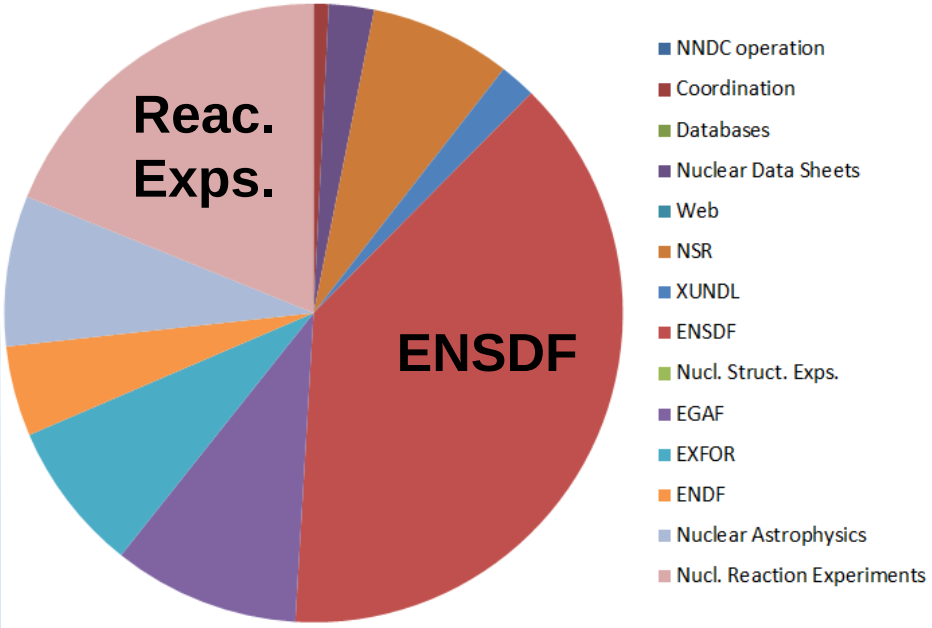
6.36 Scientific Temp. FTEs



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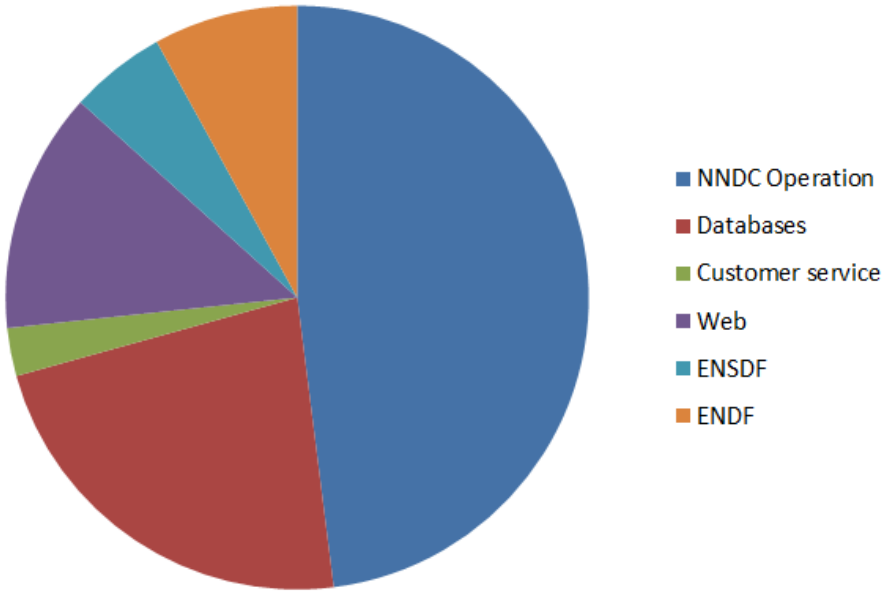

USNDP Oversight

USNDP 2014 Review

James Vary (Iowa State U., chair), Robin Forest (IAEA), Alexandra Gade (MSU), Witek Nazarewicz (MSU), Meiring Nortier (LANL), Erich Ormand (LLNL).

USNDP 2015 NDAC

Dennis McNabb (LLNL, chair), Roberto Capote (IAEA), Mike Carpenter (ANL), Erich Ormand (LLNL), Meiring Nortier (LANL), Jasmina Vujic (UCB)

USNDP 2016 NDAC

Dennis McNabb (LLNL, chair), Roberto Capote (IAEA), Mike Carpenter (ANL), Witek Nazarewicz (MSU), Meiring Nortier (LANL), Jasmina Vujic (UCB)

USNDP 2018 NDAC

Dennis McNabb (LLNL, chair), Mike Carpenter (ANL), Mark Chadwick (LANL), Witek Nazarewicz (MSU), Alan Nichols (ex IAEA), Meiring Nortier (LANL), Karl van Bibber (UCB)
April 9-10 2018 – the USNDP white paper will be presented

NNSA/NA-22 hosted a Nuclear Data Roadmapping Enhancement Workshop (NDREW) to develop a investment plan for the Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation program

- 120 participants from 12 different institutions
- Seven Government agencies represented:
  - DOE: Nuclear Physics, Nuclear Energy, Isotope Program,
  - NNSA:NA-22 (Counter-proliferation), NA-113 (Defense Programs),
  - DHS/DNDO, DTRA
- Topic areas covered:
  - Data Uncertainty, Sensitivity, and Covariance,
  - Neutron Capture/Inelastic Scattering and Associated Spectra,
  - Fission Independent and Cumulative Fission Yields, Decay Data
  - (α,n) Reactions,
  - Targets, Facilities and Detector Systems
  - Benchmark Development
  - Data Processing & Transport Code Needs
  - Actinide Cross Sections

The result will be a multi-year roadmap for nuclear data investments from multiple government agencies