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ENSDF: Structure via particle spectroscopy and a few tips for evaluation

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Experiment, Theory and Evaluation

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Outline:

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- Uncertainty
 - Examples
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Objectives:

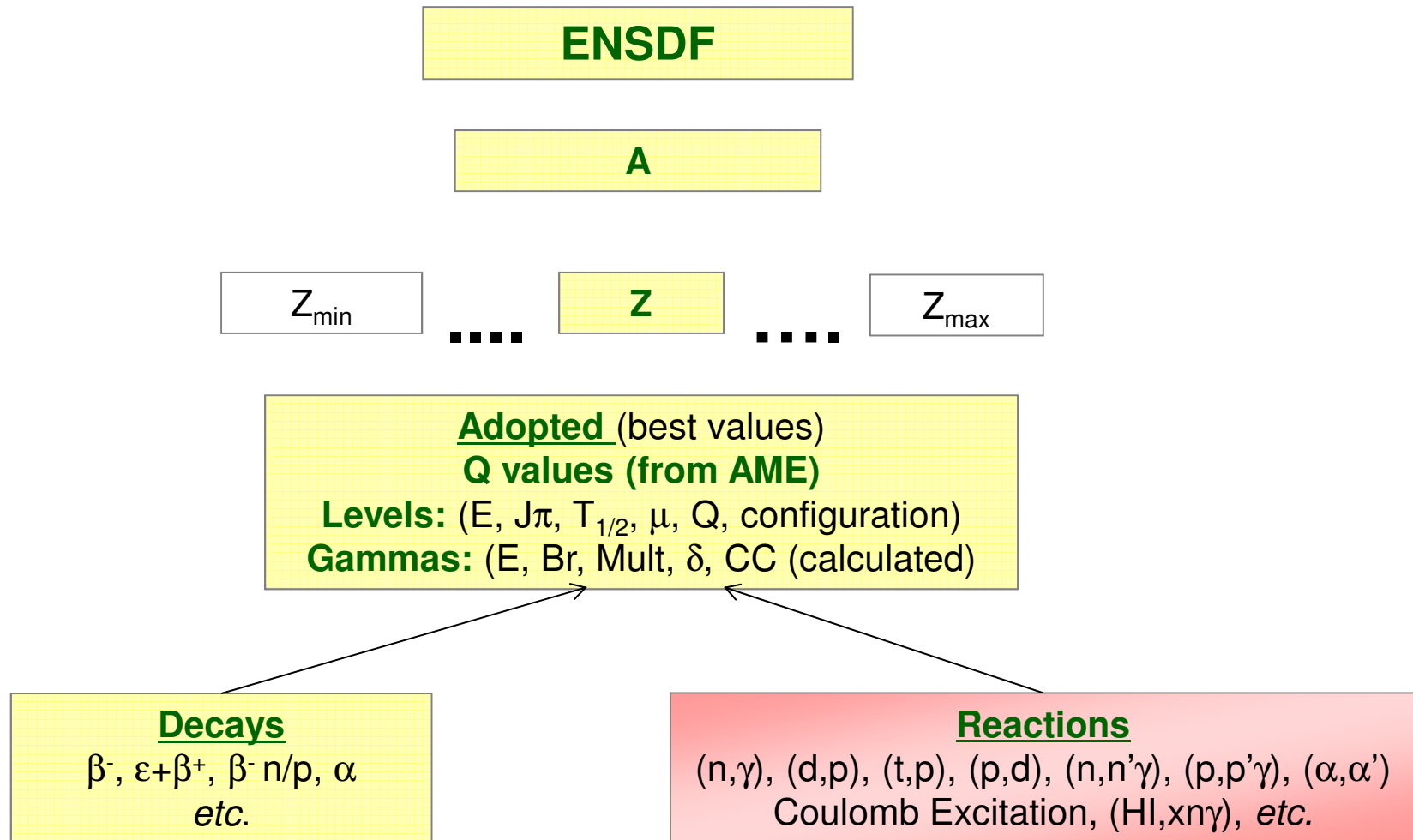
Evaluation of experimental nuclear structure data:

- *Completeness*
- *Quality and correctness*
- *Up-to-date*

Resources:

- *Guidelines, Manual, mentoring*
- *NSR (major), Web of Science, Google, etc.*
- *XUNDL*
- *Existing ENSDF files*
- *General policies - in year's first NDS issue*
- *Other evaluations/compilations*
- *Codes*

ENSDF Datasets



Types of Reactions:

Reactions – particle transfer/scattering:

- Stripping and Pickup Reactions
- Multi-particle Transfer Reactions
- Charge-Exchange Reactions
- Inelastic Scattering
- Resonance Reactions ...

Reactions with inverse kinematics:

- Knock-out, breakup reaction using radioactive ion beam (RIB)

Provides information of nuclear shell structure

Quantities of Interest :

Particle energy spectrum – no γ rays:

- $E(\text{level})$ from particle energy spectrum or excitation function.
- L – angular momentum transfer
- S, C^2S - spectroscopic factors
 - Different definition exists in the literature
 - 'Fingerprints' for deformed nuclei
- β_2, β_4 - deformation parameters (if model independent)
- Γ, Γ_i – total or partial widths for level
- $B(E\lambda), B(M\lambda)$ – transition probabilities
- $J\pi, T$ – spin, parity, isospin

Stripping and Pickup:

Examples:

Stripping: (d,p), (pol d,p),
(^3He ,d), (α , ^3He), *etc.*

Pickup: (p,d), (t, α),
(^3He , α), *etc.*

Provides:

1) Q-values and excitation energies – from measured spectrum

2) L-transfer – from angular distribution of cross sections and DWBA

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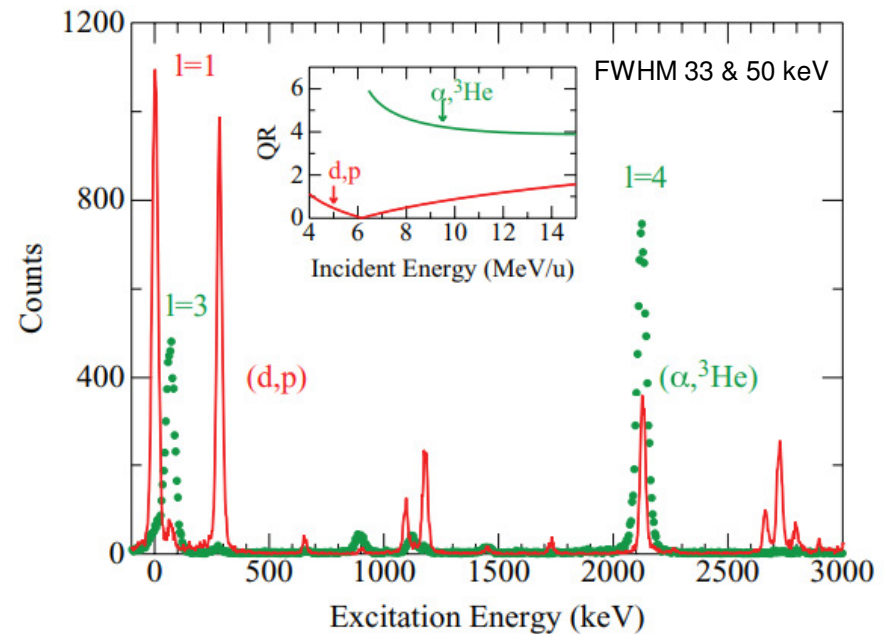


FIG. 2. (Color online) Spectra for the $^{60}\text{Ni}(d,p)$ and $(\alpha,^3\text{He})$ reactions at 15° and 7° , respectively, indicating the strong enhancement of the lower ℓ values in the former reaction and the higher ones in the latter. The inset shows the reason for this: the momentum matching for the two reactions as a function of bombarding energy (deduced from a crude semiclassical picture), where the arrows show the bombarding energies used in this work, and Q is the momentum transfer and R the radius.

Stripping and Pickup:

Provides:

- 3) J-transfer – from analyzing power using polarized beams
- 4) Hole or particle character (from relative pickup and stripping strengths)
- 5) Configuration identification and purity (from absolute cross sections)

Quantities of interest:

- E (level)
- L (angular momentum transfer)
- S, C²S - spectroscopic factors
- Configuration
- Items to note in dataset:
 - Target $J\pi$ (unless 0^+), spectrum resolution (FWHM), range of angles measured, in *lab* or *c.m. system*

Multi-particle Transfer:

Examples:

(p,t), (p,d, α), (t,p), (α ,p), (α ,d), (^6Li ,d), ...

Quantities of interest:

- E(level)
- L – if angular distribution can be fitted by a unique value

Two-nucleon transfer (p,t), (t,p), (^3He ,n):

- Observation of strong group (Identical nucleons transferred in a relative s state).

Charge Exchange Reactions:

Examples:

(p,n) , $({}^3\text{He},t)$, $(d,{}^2\text{He})$, $({}^6\text{Li},{}^6\text{He})$

...

- Widely used for GT strength – to study the problem of GT strength quenching in beta decay
- GT^+ and GT^- giant resonances – using (n,p) and (p,n)

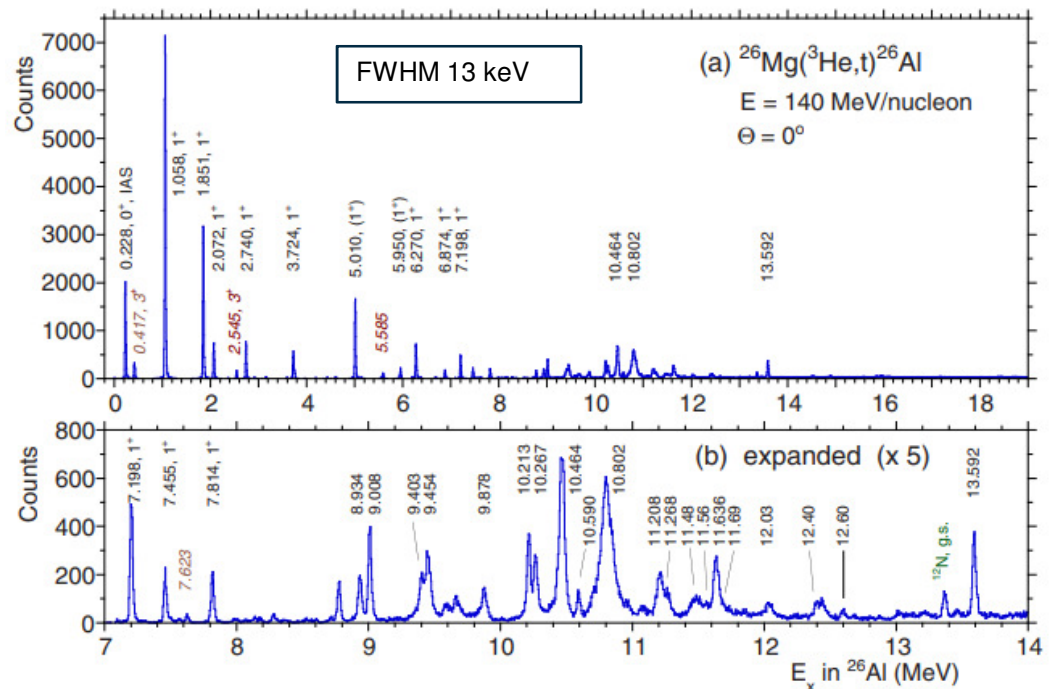
Quantities of interest:

- $E(\text{level})$
- Isobaric analogue state

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High-resolution study of $T_z = +1 \rightarrow 0$ Gamow-Teller transitions in the ${}^{26}\text{Mg}({}^3\text{He},t){}^{26}\text{Al}$ reaction

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Inelastic Scattering:

Examples:

(e,e'), (p,p'), (d,d'), (α,α') (projectile energy **above** the Coulomb barrier)

Quantities of interest:

- E(level)
- L – if angular distribution is fitted by unique L value
- Natural, unnatural parity – (usually from (α,α'))
- $B(E\lambda)$, $B(M\lambda)$ – transition probabilities (typically from (e,e')).
- Isospin – (p,p') vs. (d,d'), (α,α')

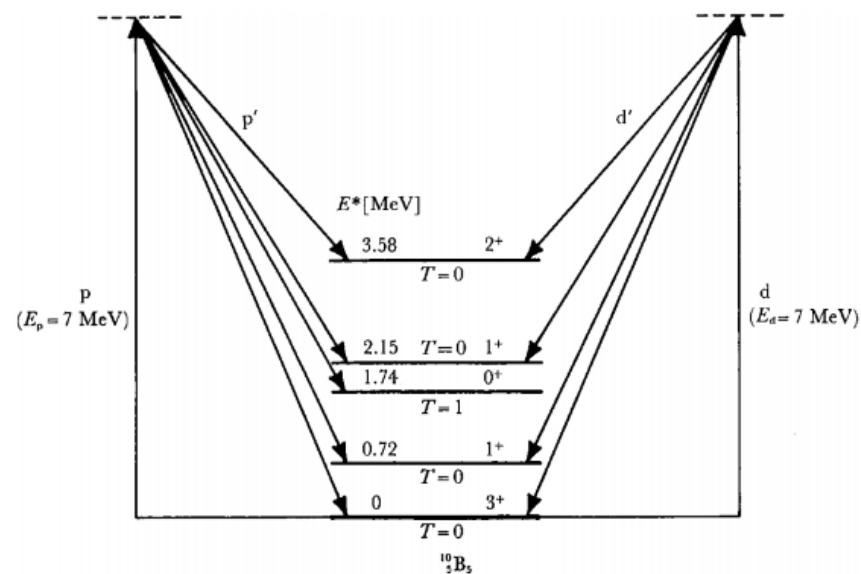


Fig. 5-6. Elastic and inelastic proton and deuteron scattering at 7 MeV to various levels in ^{10}B . The absence of (d, d') scattering to the second excited level is significant in that it illustrates the operation of an isospin selection rule forbidding d' transitions to $T=1$ states while permitting them to $T=0$ states.

Resonance Reactions:

Charged-particle Resonances:

Examples:

(p,p) , (p,X) , $(p,p'\gamma)$...

Quantities of interest:

- Level excitation energy - deduced from center-of-mass resonances energy and S_n , S_p
- Isobaric analogue states
- Giant resonances
- Level spins and parities, and L-values (when available).
- Total level widths or partial widths

Resonance Reactions: Cont.

Quantities of interest: Cont.

- Resonance strength
- Cross sections and reaction Q values
- Gamma-ray energies (often measured but not given by authors)
- Gamma-ray intensities - generally branching ratios (often missing branches)
- Gamma-ray multipolarities and mixing ratios.

Recommendation:

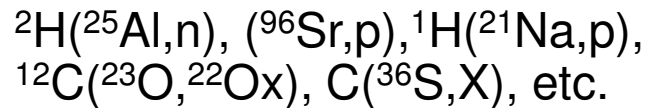
Adopt charged-particle resonance data

Reactions with Inverse Kinematics

Using Radioactive ion beam (RIB)

- Knock-out, breakup reactions

Example:



Quantities of interest:

- E (level)
- L transfer – from width of longitudinal momentum distribution and model analysis
- Particle removal cross section
- Absolute transition intensities give reliable spectroscopic factors

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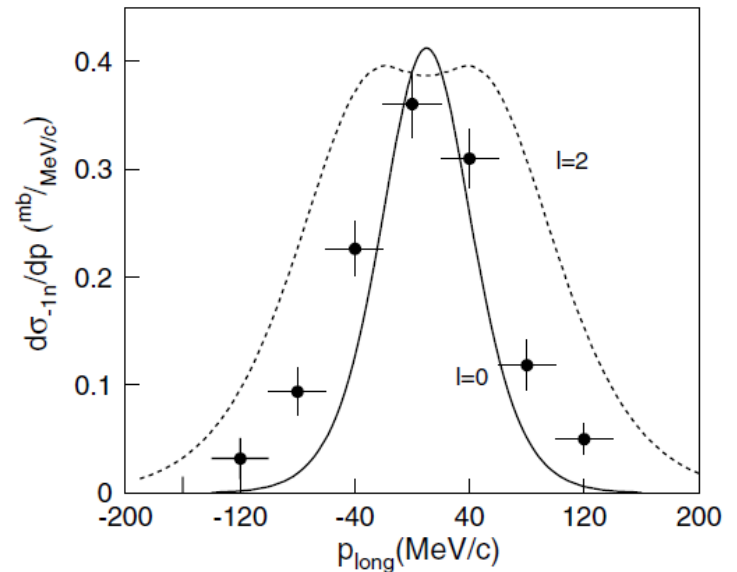


FIG. 3. Ground-state exclusive momentum distribution for ${}^{22}\text{O}$ fragments after one-neutron knockout reaction from ${}^{23}\text{O}$ compared with calculations assuming $l=0$ and $l=2$ (see text).

With future FRIB – more data expected from these reactions

General Comments:

Particle transfer datasets:

- Often - level energy with higher uncertainty
- Challenge – overlapping levels with different centroid values
- $J\pi$ is helpful to distinguish if available
- For $J\pi$ argument – L value, natural or unnatural parity, vector analyzing power, etc.
 - ✓ For L value - list how it was obtained, i.e. $\sigma(\theta)_{\text{exp}}$ compared with DWBA calculations or with shape of level with known $J\pi$
 - ✓ Caution for higher L values!
- Options in Adopted Levels
 - ✓ Lowercase letters in 'XREF'
 - ✓ 'XREF' energy as comments

Communicate what is measured/listed by authors

Example: Overlapping levels

$^{26}\text{Mg}(t,^3\text{He})$ 1974Fl01,1987Pe06,2006Ze01

1974Fl01: Triton beam $E=23.5$ MeV provided by Los Alamos Van de Graff facility impinged upon ^{26}Mg target. Reaction products measured from 15 to 30° at 5° intervals using $E-\Delta E$ silicon surface-barrier-detector telescope with a $50 \mu\text{m}$ ΔE detector. Excited states in ^{26}Na were populated using charge-exchange ($t,^3\text{He}$) reaction and relative $d\sigma/d\Omega$ measured.

1987Pe06: $^3\text{H}^-$ ions accelerated to 36 MeV by tandem Van de Graff accelerator with average beam intensity of 200 nA and incident upon self-supporting foils of ^{26}Mg with thicknesses of 0.20 mg/cm^2 and 1.50 mg/cm^2 . Recoiling particles measured using Daresbury 1 m scattering chamber in conjunction with five $\Delta E-E$ semiconductor telescopes. ΔE detectors were between 118 and $155 \mu\text{m}$ thick and E detectors 5 mm thick. Particle-energy spectra and differential cross sections obtained over angular range 15 to 50° . Results compared to DWBA calculations.

2006Ze01,2007Ze04: $E=115$ MeV/nucleon. Triton beam produced from 140 MeV/nucleon α beam impinging on a Be target. Measured ^3He spectrum, $\sigma(\theta)$ using the s800 spectrometer of two two-dimensional cathode-readout drift detectors (CRDCs). FWHM= 300 keV, DWBA analysis. Deduced Gamow-Teller transition strengths.

^{26}Na Levels

$E(\text{level})^\dagger$	$J\pi^\S$	$L^\#$	$B(\text{GT})^\#$	Comments
0.0	3+			
88 15	1+	0	0.41 5	
241 15	2+			
420 15	2+			
$1.4 \times 10^3^\#$ 2	1+ [#]	0	0.09 2	E(level): A group of unresolved levels between 1450 and 1650 keV is also reported in 1987Pe06.
1400 ± 200				

Example: Overlapping levels

Adopted Levels, Gammas

$Q(\beta^-)=9354.4$; $S(n)=5574.4$; $S(p)=12090.50$; $Q(\alpha)=-12079.13$ 2012Wa38.

^{26}Na Levels

Cross Reference (XREF) Flags

A ^{26}Ne β^- Decay
 B $^{14}\text{C}(^{14}\text{C},d\gamma)$
 C $^{25}\text{Na}(d,p\gamma)$
 D $^{26}\text{Ne}(d,2n\gamma)$
 E Coulomb Excitation

F $^{26}\text{Mg}(n,p)$
 G $^{26}\text{Mg}(t,^3\text{He})$
 H $^{26}\text{Mg}(^7\text{Li},^7\text{Be})$
 I $^{26}\text{Mg}(^{11}\text{B},^{11}\text{C})$

$E(\text{level})^\dagger$	$J\pi$	XREF	$T_{1/2}$	Comments
0.0	3+	ABCDE GHI	1.07128 s 25	$\% \beta^- = 100$; $\mu = +2.8512$; $Q = -0.00532$.
1408.0 10		B g		XREF: B(1514).
1509.0 11	(1+) \ddagger	ABCD g		
1660.2 12		B		XREF: G(1860).
1808.0 6	(3+) $\#$	C G		

Example: Spin-parity arguments

²⁶Mg Levels

Cross Reference (XREF) Flags

A ²⁶Na β⁻ Decay
 B ²⁶Al ε Decay (7.17×10⁵ y)
 C ²⁶Al ε Decay (6.3460 s)
 D ²⁷Na β⁻n Decay
 E ¹⁸O(¹³C,αnγ)
 F ²²Ne(⁶Li,d)
 G ²³Na(α,pγ)
 H ²⁴Mg(t,p)

I ²⁵Mg(n,γ) E=thermal
 J ²⁵Mg(n,γ),(n,n): Res
 K ²⁵Mg(d,p)
 L ²⁵Mg(α,³He)
 M ²⁶Mg(pol γ,γ'),(γ,γ')
 N ²⁶Mg(γ,n): Res
 O Others:
²⁶Mg(e,e')

²⁶Mg(p,p'),(p,p'γ)
²⁶Mg(α,α'γ),²²Ne(α,n)
²⁷Al(μ⁻,νnγ)
²⁷Al(d,³He)
²⁷Al(t,α)
²⁸Si(μ⁻,νpnγ)

E(level) [†]	Jπ	XREF	T _{1/2} ^c	Comments
4835.13 5	2+	A E GHI KL O	28 fs 6	Jπ: L=2 in (t,p).
5711.2 8	1+, 2+	E H K O		Jπ: L=2 in (d,p), γ to 0+.

Particle transfer (j=l+s) and target Jπ(²⁵Mg)=5/2+ yield spin 0 to 5; Parity from (-1)^L

Example: Centroid, uncertainty

Adopted Levels, Gammas

$Q(\beta^-) = -18110$ SY; $S(n) = 19040$ 10; $S(p) = 5513.8$ 5; $Q(\alpha) = -9166.0$ 3 2012Wa38.
 $\Delta Q(\beta^-) = 200$ (syst) (2012Wa38).

5th resonance above Sp in ²⁶Si

²⁶Si Levels

Cross Reference (XREF) Flags

A ²⁶P ε Decay
 B ²⁷S β⁺p Decay
 C ¹H(²⁵Al,p)
 D ¹H(²⁷Si,²⁶Siγ)

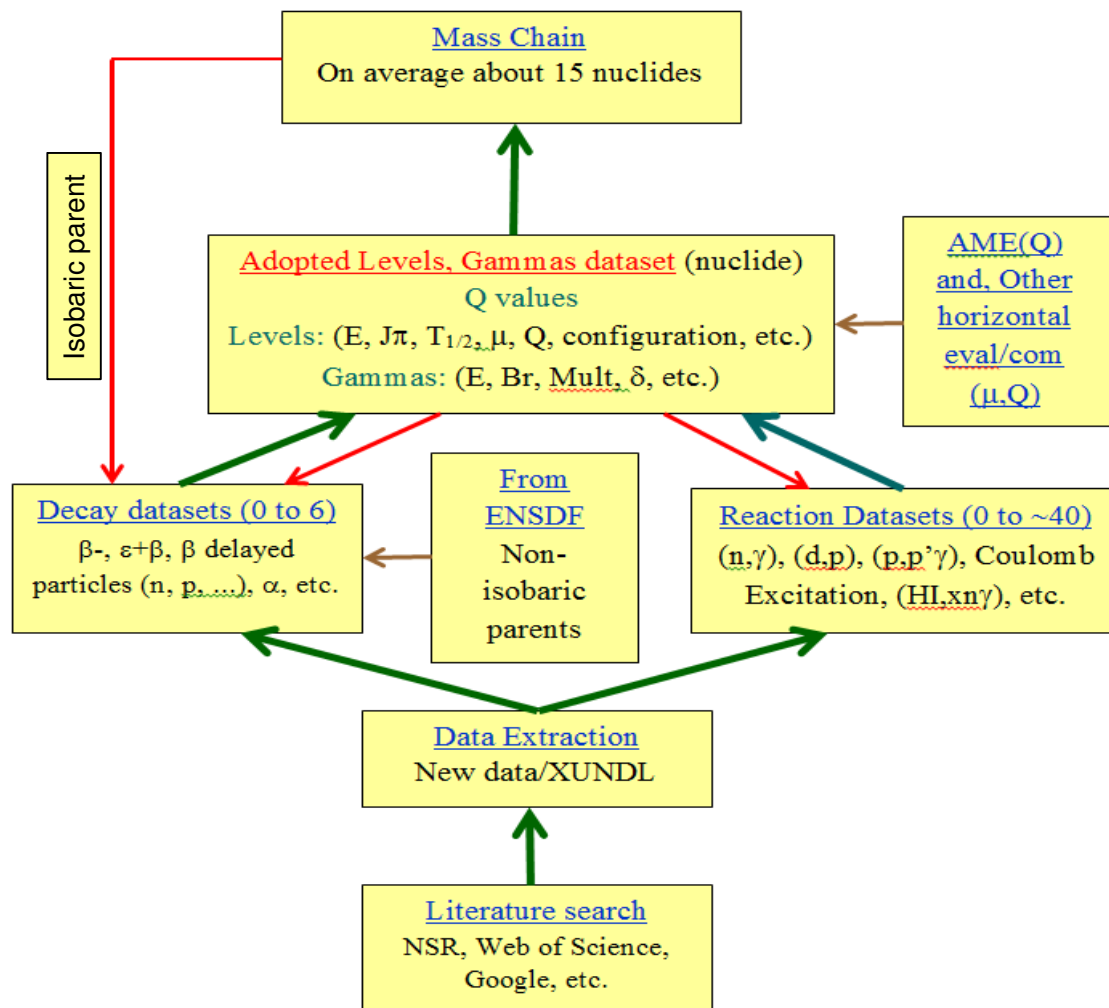
E ¹²C(¹⁶O,2nγ)
 F ²⁴Mg(³He,n)
 G ²⁴Mg(³He,nγ)
 H Coulomb Excitation

I ²⁸Si(p,p2nγ)
 J ²⁸Si(p,t)
 K ²⁸Si(α,⁶He)
 L ²⁹Si(³He,⁶He)

E(level) [†]	Jπ [#]	XREF	T _{1/2} ^e	Comments
5676.2 3	1+	DEFG J L		$\Gamma_\gamma = 1.2 \times 10^{-4}$ keV (2009Pe04); other value; $\Gamma_p = 1.3 \times 10^{-12}$ keV; $\Gamma_\gamma = 1.1 \times 10^{-4}$ keV (2006Ba65).
5890.1 3	0+	G K		Jπ: Proposed in 2015Do07 (³ He,nγ), based on isotropic distribution of γ rays and absence of 0- analogue states in ²⁶ Al and ²⁶ Mg. Also in 2014Ko41.
5929.4 § 8	3+ ^c	A F JK		XREF: F(5912)K(5918).
5945.9 ‡ 40	(0+) ^{cd}	F J L		E(level): Weighted average of 5946 keV 4 (2004Pa42), 5946 keV 4 (2006Ba65), 5945 keV 8 (2002Ca24), and 5946 keV 4 (2009Pe04).

‡ The existence of this level as a separate resonance is called into question in 2015Do07 due to lack of evidence in their (³He,nγ) measurement and also argue that 5946 keV level might the same level as that at 5929.4 keV. This inference is refuted in 2016Ch09 on the basis of (³He,nγ) (2004Pa42) and (p,t) (2010Ma43) measurements that have populated both this resonance and the 5929.4-keV resonance simultaneously.

Tips for evaluation: Workflow - mass chain evaluation



Challenges:

Knowledge:

- Often a beginner has experience with a particular field
- However – needs to deal with data sources from many different experiments.
- Conflicting or discrepant data (Physics, experiment type, facility, statistics, etc.)
- Dealing with uncertainties
- Develops slowly with reading and evaluation work

Data management skill:

- Many components – data, source ref., data sets, use of codes, organization, txt to pdf, ENSDF policies, etc.
- Efficiency
 - Keep the latest mass chain txt and pdf files
 - Codes - know which one and when to use for a data set
 - Work on a dataset at a time within a nuclide – name to differentiate from one to another (may be as Nucl_datatype/projectile.txt)
 - Avoid repetitive work on the same dataset
 - Find mistakes/typos

Workflow: Tips for evaluation

Literature search (completeness): For current and missing references

Nuclear Science References (NSR)

Quick Search Text Search **Indexed Search** Keynumber Search Combine View
Recent References

Initialization Parameters

Publication year range: 2005 to 2018
Primary only: View All: Require measured quantity:
Output year order: Ascending Descending
Output format: HTML BibTex Text Keynum Exchange
 Search all entries Search entries added since 1 / 1 / 2005 (month/day/year)

Search Parameters

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(none) ▼ browse...
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(none) ▼ browse...
Search Reset

Documentation:

Save the output in a file, print and work on it.

Good practice: Search Web of Science (if available) and Google

Workflow: Tips for evaluation

[XUNDL search](#)

Quick Search By Nuclide By Reaction By Decay Recently Added

Nuclide or mass: Search

(208Pb, pb-208, 144, 1n (neutron), etc.)

- ✓ Save in a file
- ✓ Check all retrieved literature (New or already in XUNDL)
- ✓ Check with exiting nuclide XREF, if new data or to be combined

Note:

1. XUNDL datasets are in ENSDF **format** (mainly reflects the paper) – not necessarily following the ENSDF **policies**.
2. For ENSDF – check the paper and XUNDL dataset for mistake, omission, or extra data

Important: XUNDL dataset will need slight modification to include in the ENSDF evaluation.

Workflow: Tips for evaluation

Decay and reaction datasets

Cross Reference (XREF) Flags

A	$^{59}\text{Cr} \beta^-$ decay	D	$^{64}\text{Ni} (^3\text{He}, ^8\text{B})$
B	$^{13}\text{C} (^{48}\text{Ca}, \text{pn}\gamma)$	E	$^{238}\text{U} (^{70}\text{Zn}, \text{X}\gamma)$
C	$^{59}\text{Co} (\pi^-, \pi^+)$		

- ✓ After sorting new datasets from literature - create new or combine with existing dataset
- ✓ Remember to check if anything taken/needed from Adopted Levels, Gammas dataset

Decay data sets:

Very important one and perhaps the most interesting one too

Presentations: by Kondev (1st week) later this week by McCutchan

Workflow: Adopted levels, Gammas

Helpful for nuclides, lets say ≥ 10 source datasets

1. Adopt γ -ray energy from measurement - (helpful **GAMUT** outputs and "**pandora.gle**")
2. Level energy from γ -ray least squares fit (use **GTOL** features ('unc' or '?' for a proper fit).
3. Level energy for others (no γ -ray connection) (helpful "pandora.lev" output file)
4. Calculated γ -ray energies, if needed (recoil correction?)
5. Adopt γ -ray **branching** - (helpful **GAMUT** outputs and "**pandora.gle**")
6. Adopt γ -ray multipolarity and mixing ratios (helpful '**pandora.gle**')
7. Adopt level $T_{1/2}$
8. Adopt $J\pi$ for adopted levels

Workflow: Adopted levels, Gammas (con't)

9. Run **Bricc**
10. Run **RULER** (check for unexpected outputs (bug in the code))
11. Physics checks using **pandora.err** output
12. Check for format (**fmtchk**)
13. Produce pdf file (**JAVA-NDS**)
14. Check for BANDs, if present (looking through pdf figures)
15. Check **data back flow** from Adopted Levels to source datasets for consistency.

Some variation in the order is ok – but adopt relevant qualities before running a code

Uncertainty: Example

Uncertainty: An important issue

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Identification of ^{180}Tl α decay

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TABLE I. Summary of results from the present work compared with literature values where available.

Isotope	E_α (keV)		$T_{1/2}$ (ms)		I_α (relative)	
	This work	Previous	This work	Previous	This work	Previous
^{181}Tl	6186(10)	6180 [12]	3200(300)	3400(600) [12]	100	100 [12]
$^{181}\text{Tl}^m$	6578(10)	6566(20) [5]	1.4(5)	2.7(10) [5]	100	100 [5]
^{180}Tl	6208(10)				18(5) ^a	
	6281(10)		1600(400)		30(6) ^a	
	6362(10)		1500(300)		30(6) ^a	
	6470(20)				7(3) ^a	
	6560(10)		1400(300)		15(3) ^a	
^{179}Tl	6569(10)	6568(18) [9]	230(40)	430(350) [9]	100	100 [9]
		6560(20) [10]		160 ⁺⁹⁰ ₋₄₀ [10]		100 [10]
$^{179}\text{Tl}^m$	7213(10)	7201(20) [9]	1.8(4)	0.7 ^{+0.6} _{-0.4} [9]	80(20)	100 [9]
	7096(10)	7200(10) [10]		1.4(5) [10]		100 [10]
			1.6(8)		20(9)	

^aIntensities deduced from the parent spectrum [Fig. 1(c)] correlated with ^{176}Au α decay.

Uncertainty (Con't): Example

$$20(9)/[20(9)+80(20)]=1/[1+80(20)/20(9)]=1/[1+4(2)]*100=20(8)$$

$$80(20)/[80(20)+20(9)]=1/[1+20(9)/80(20)]=1/[1+0.25(13)]*100=80(8)$$

¹⁷⁹Tl α Decay (1.5 ms) 2002Ro17,1998To14,1996Pa01

¹⁷⁵Au

Parent ¹⁷⁹Tl: E=0.0+x; J π =(11/2-); T_{1/2}=1.5 ms 3; Q(g.s.)=6718 8; % α decay=100.
Other: 1983Sc24.

2004Ba89

2002Ro17: Target: 90.4% enriched 202Pb; Projectile: ⁷⁸Kr, E=355 MeV (340 MeV at midtarget); gas-filled separator, parallel-plate avalanche counters, Si strip detector, HPGe detector; deduced T_{1/2}, corrected for random correlation rates.

1998To14: Target: ⁹⁰Zr; Projectile: ⁹²Mo, E=420 MeV (404 MeV at mid-target); fragmented mass analyzer, gas-filled parallel grid avalanche counter, double-sided Si strip detector with 40 horizontal and 40 vertical strips; measured: E α , t, I α .

α radiations

E α	E(level)	I $\alpha^{\ddagger\S}$	HF	Comments
7096 10		20 8		E α : Observed only in 1998To14. An expected level of 116 keV above the (11/2-) state at (0.0+x) keV level, calculated from the 7209 α and 7096 α energy difference, has not been observed in ¹⁷⁵ Au level scheme (2001Ko44).
7209 8	0.0+x	80 8	=1.1 \dagger	E α : Weighted average of 7213 10 (1998To14), 7201 20 (1996Pa01), and 7200 20 (1983Sc24).

\dagger Using r₀=1.537; average of r₀(¹⁷⁴Pt)=1.545 10, and r₀(¹⁷⁶Hg)=1.53 4 (1998Ak04).

\ddagger For α intensity per 100 decays, multiply by =1.00.

\S Normalized from 1998To14 values.

Code: PABS

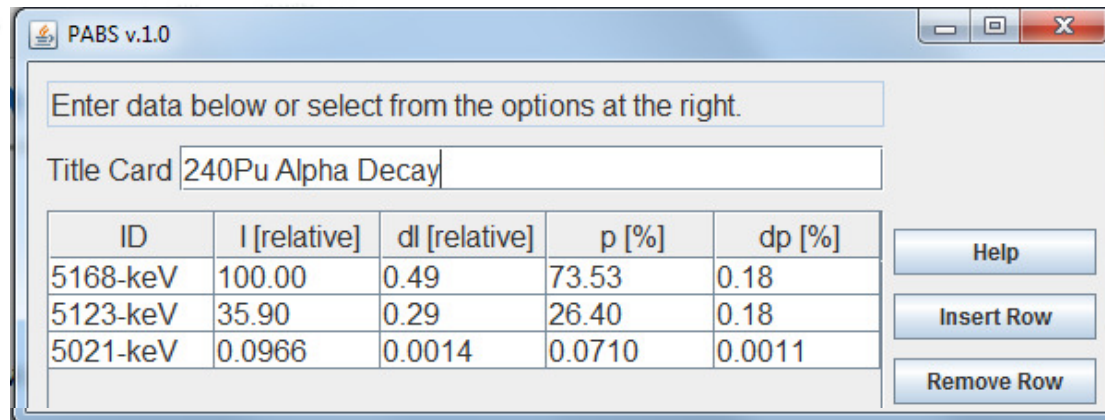
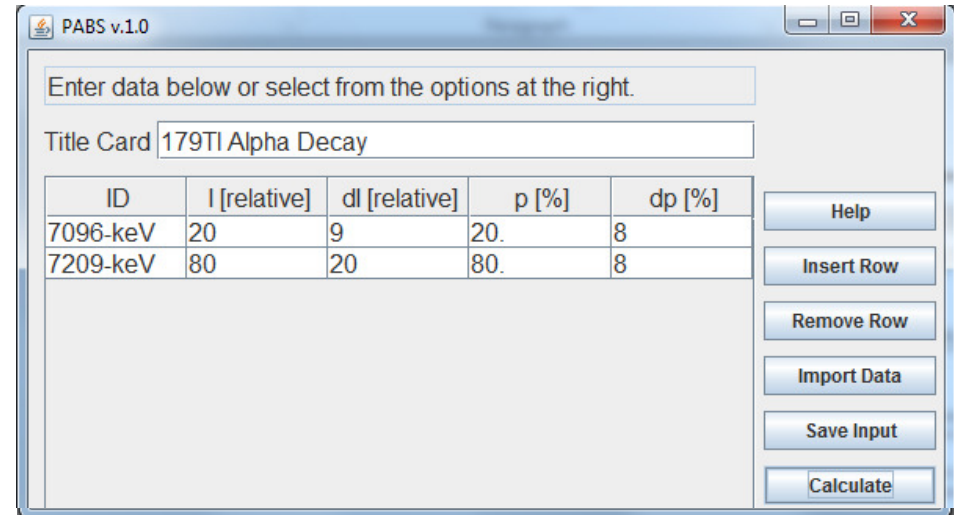
PABS: A Computer Program to Normalize Emission Probabilities and Calculate Realistic Uncertainties

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August, 2009



E. Browne, Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research **A265**, 541 (1988)

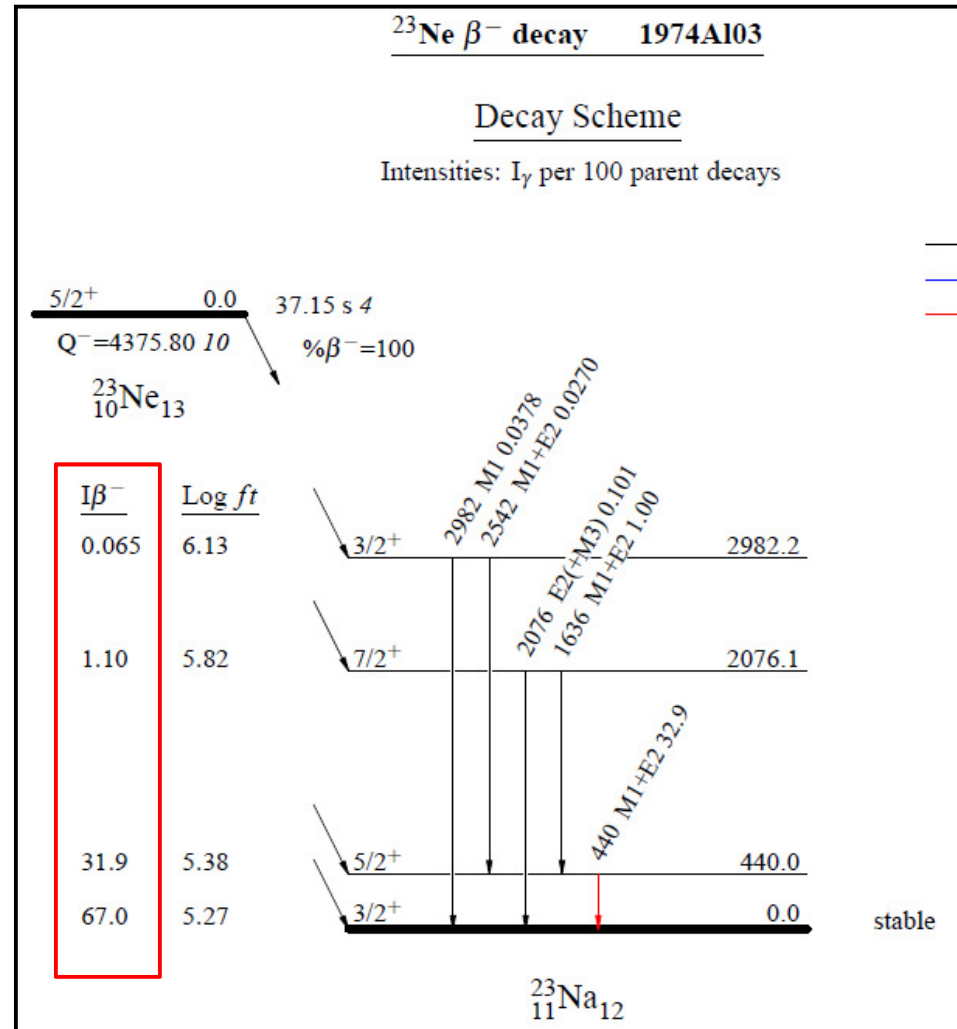
Uncertainty: Excited state β feeding in ^{23}Ne β^- decay (example)

1957Pe12 - β measurements

g.s. feeding: 67 ± 3
 1st excit. state: 32 ± 3
 2nd excit. state: 1.00 ± 0.15

1974Al04 - γ measurements

E_γ (keV)	I_γ (relative) Present
440	33.0
1636	1.00 ± 0.04
2076	0.101 ± 0.006
2542	0.027 ± 0.002
2982	0.038 ± 0.002



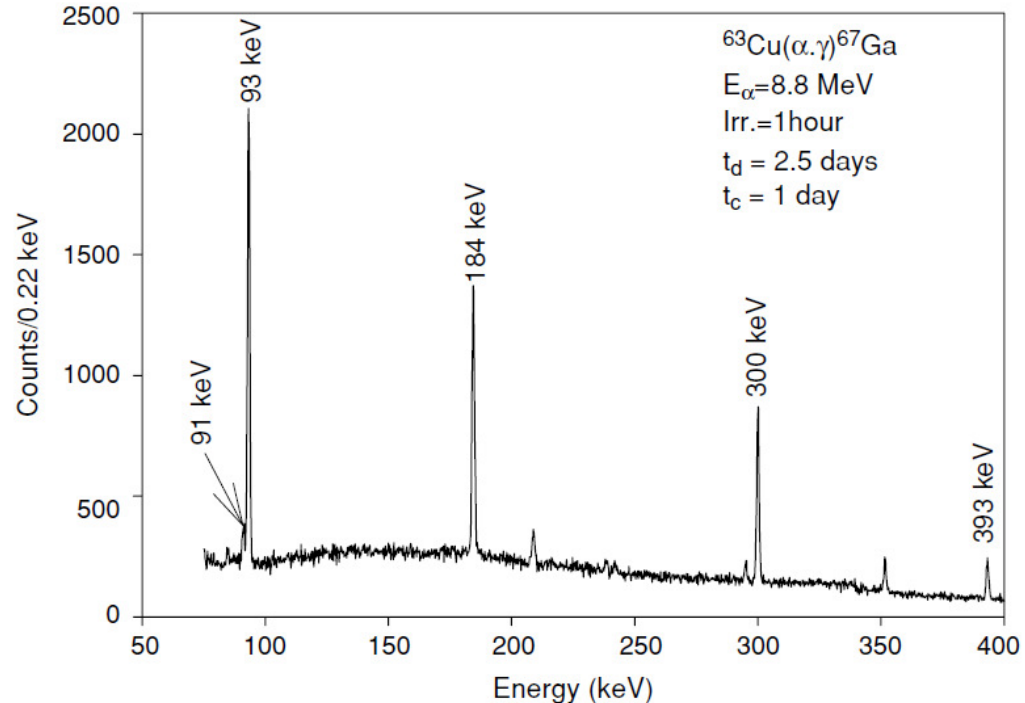
Uncertainty (con't): 440-keV γ ray absolute intensity (^{23}Ne β - decay)

Often – in γ measurements

I_γ (relative): strongest 100 (no uncertainty) and if not stated, we can assume propagated to other reported I_γ values.

Imposing γ measurements uncertainty in normalization:

We can report 440-keV absolute intensity as 32.9 ± 1.3 instead of 32.9 ± 30 (if beta feeding unc.)



E_γ ‡	I_γ & @	$E_i(\text{level})$	J_i^π	E_f	J_f^π	Mult. §	δ † §	α #	Comments
440	100	440.0	$5/2^+$	0.0	$3/2^+$	M1+E2	+0.065 5		<div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">$\%I_\gamma=32.9\ 13$</div> $I_\gamma: 33.0\ (1974A103).$



Uncertainty:

In weighted average, if yields more precise value than the input uncertainties, consider the lowest input in final result

***GTOL:** Default $\Delta E=1$ -keV for E_γ without uncertainty. For other values see “Read Me” file to apply.*

***GABS:** Recently modified to yield $\%I_\gamma$ (if normalized from decay scheme) - to avoid double consideration of ΔI_γ .*

***LOGFT:** Sometime yields uncertainty up to three decimal places – may be reduced to one or two*

***RULER:** Check outputs – for overlapping zero values (bug in the code) – need fixing manually*

In brief:

- Inter connected data
 - Any changes in one dataset may prompt changes in other datasets
- Many different experiments, experimental setup, analytical approaches
 - Sometimes documentation is poor
- Identify mistakes or inconsistent data
- Many special cases: In decay datasets, mass region related issues
- Remember to use latest version of the analysis programs
- Keep notes of important observations to list those in the abstract

List of some useful references:

- 2017Wa10 – Atomic mass evaluation
- 2017Au03 – The NUBASE evaluation of nuclear properties
- 2013Ma15 – Ground state spin (compilation)
- 2014StZZ, 2016St16 – Nuclear and quadrupole moments (compilation)
- 1998Ak04 – r_0 radius parameter – for alpha hindrance factor calculation (revision ongoing)
- 2015Bi05 – β -delayed neutron emission prob. and half-life ($Z=2$ to 28) (evaluation)
- 2016Ba?? - β -delayed proton and alpha emission – In press
- 2016Pr01 – $B(E2)$ values from 1st 2+ states (compilation and evaluation)
- 2006MuZX – Atlas of neutron resonances
- 2015Ja04 – Atlas of Nuclear Isomers
- 1997Mo25 – Nuclear properties (calculation)
- Also many reports, documents, presentations, etc.

Nuclear Data Sheets: (User's info)

NUCLEAR DATA SHEETS

GENERAL POLICIES - Presentation of Data

The Nuclear Data Sheets are prepared from the Evaluated Nuclear Structure Data File (ENSDF), a computer file maintained by the National Nuclear Data Center on behalf of the International Network for Nuclear Structure and Decay Data Evaluations. See page iii for a list of the members of this network and their evaluation responsibilities. The presentation of material in the Nuclear Data Sheets reflects the organization of ENSDF, which is a collection of "data sets". For each nuclear species, these data sets present the following types of information:

- The adopted properties of the nucleus.
- The evaluated results of a single type of experiment, such as a

For the nuclide:

1. **Q(β^-)**: β^- decay energy [always presented as $Q(\beta^-)=M(A,Z)-M(A,Z+1)$] and α decay energy [$Q(\alpha)$] for the ground state.
2. **S(n) and S(p)**: Neutron and proton separation energies.
3. **XREF**: Cross-reference symbol assignments for the various experimental data sets.

For each level:

1. **E(lev)**: Excitation energy (relative to the ground state).
2. **J ^{π}** : Spin and parity with arguments supporting the assignment.

Nuclear Data Sheets Symbols and Abbreviations

A	mass number*, $A = Z + N$	pol	polarized, polarization
A ₂ , A ₄	coefficients of Legendre polynomials in angular-correlation or angular-distribution measurement	priv comm	private communication
av	average	PWBA	plane-wave Born approximation
B(EL), B(ML)	reduced EL, ML transition probability in $e^2 \times (\text{barn})^L$, $\mu_N^2 \times (\text{barn})^{L-1}$	Q	(1) reaction energy*, (2) disintegration energy*, (3) quadrupole moment*, in units of barns, (4) quadrupole
calc, CA	calculated, calculation	Q(ϵ)	total disintegration energy in ϵ decay
CCBA	coupled-channel Born approximation	Q(β^-)	total disintegration energy in β^- decay
ce	conversion electron	Q(α)	total disintegration energy in α decay, $E(\alpha) + E(\text{recoil})$
chem	chemical separation	R	$r_0 A^{1/3}$, nuclear radius*
circ	circular	RDM	recoil distance measurement
c.m.	center of mass	RUL	recommended upper limit for γ -ray strength
coef	coefficient	rel	relative
		res	resonance

Useful to have handy (available at Nuclear Data Sheet publication web site – <https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/nuclear-data-sheets/issues>)

Thank you

Questions/Comments

