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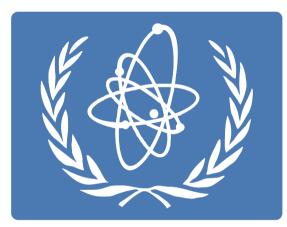
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Introduction to IAEA Nuclear Data Services



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1.1 The Mission of NDS

The IAEA Nuclear Data Section (NDS)

- provides <u>nuclear data services</u> to scientists worldwide (data libraries, bibliographies and related materials) through Internet, CD-ROM and other media
- produces new databases through its <u>data</u> <u>development</u> programme
- assists developing countries through <u>technology transfer</u> activities



Data Center Activities

- Compilation
 - Compile new data (neutron-induced) in EXFOR and CINDA
 - Keep master files in cooperation with other centers
 - Collect evaluated and specialized libraries for users
- Online and Off-line data services with particular emphasis on meeting the needs of developing countries
- Data Center Network Co-ordination



Data Development Activities

- Main mechanism: Co-ordinated Research Projects (CRPs)
 - 5-15 participating groups, duration 3-4 years
 - Research contracts, research agreements
 - Research co-ordination meetings
 - Objectives: new or upgraded database
 - Results (data and documentation) made available (TECDOC, Web, CD-ROM)



Recent Coordinated Research Projects

Short Title	Duration	Participants
Fission Yield Data (<20 MeV)	1991-96	7
CS f.Medical Radioisotope Production	1995-99	7
Photonuclear Data	1996-2000	7
Fiss.Yield Data for Transmut. (<150 MeV)	1997-2002	10
X- and Gamma-Ray Standards	1998-2002	11
Input Parameter Testing (RIPL-II)	1998-2002	8
Prompt Gamma Activation Analysis	1999-2003	7
Nuclear data for Th-U cycle	2002-2006	13
Standard Cross Sections for Light Elem.	2002-2006	9
N.D.Eval.for emerging technol.(RIPL-III)	2003-2006	
N.D.for prod.of therapeutic radionuclides	2003-2007	



Technology Transfer Activities

Technical Cooperation Projects

- Latin American "Mirror Server" Project Started operation at IPEN, Sao Paulo, Brazil in March 2000
- Ghana Project: installed "Mini-data center" on WinNT workstation

Workshops

- Bi-annual workshops on "Nuclear Reaction Data and Nuclear Reactors: Physics, Design and Safety" at ICTP Trieste, Italy (all even years)
- ICTP workshops on Nuclear Data for Science and Technology (odd years, several weeks).
 - 1999: Medical Physics
 - 2001: Accelerator Driven Waste Incineration
 - 2003: Materials analysis
- Also 2003 at ICTP: Nuclear Structure and Decay Data: Theory and Evaluation
- Occasionally small workshops at IAEA Vienna



Atomic and Molecular Data Unit

- Databases for fusion energy and other plasma research and other applications
- Additional CRPs
- Separate database server (AMDIS)
 - Numerical data: ALADDIN
 - Bibliographic data: AMBDAS
- Publications, e.g. CIAMDA
- Separate activity under NDS organizational unit



1.2 What is "nuclear data"?

- Quantitative results of any scientific investigation of the nuclear properties of matter: nuclear physics data, or "nuclear constants".
- Examples: cross sections, half-lives, decay modes and decay radiation properties, γ-rays from radionuclides



Applications of nuclear data

- Energy applications
 - Fission power
 - Fusion reactor technology
- Non-energy applications
 - Nuclear medicine
 - Materials analysis and process control
 - Safeguards
 - Radiation safety
 - Waste management
 - Environmental research
 - Basic research (e.g. nuclear astrophysics) and education

Nuclear Data Types

- Bibliographic data (e.g. CINDA, NSR)
- Experimental data (e.g. EXFOR)
- Evaluated data (e.g. ENDF)

- Nuclear reaction data (e.g. EXFOR, ENDF)
- Nuclear structure and decay data (e.g. ENSDF)

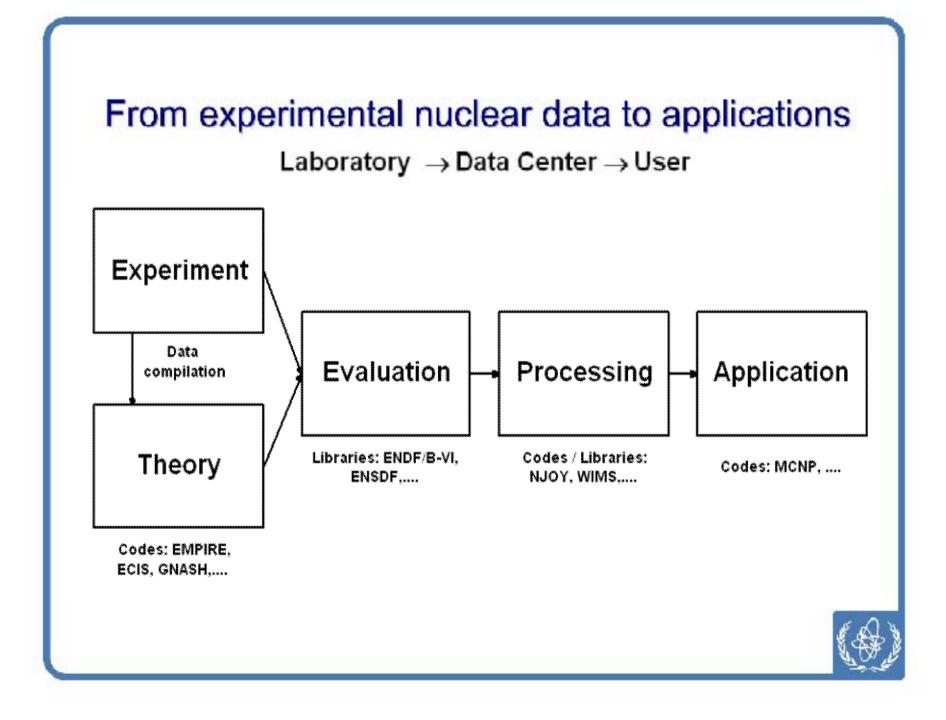


1.3 Data center networks

Nuclear data centers:

- organize collection and distribution of nuclear data on a world-wide scale
- are involved in all stages of data preparation between measurement and application: compilation, review, evaluation, processing, distribution
- The work of international, regional and national nuclear data centers is co-ordinated by the IAEA in two specialized data center networks for maximum efficiency and work sharing





Nuclear Data Center Networks

- Network of 13 <u>Nuclear</u> <u>Reaction Data Centers</u>
 - 4 "core centers":
 - IAEA Nuclear Data Section, Vienna
 - OECD NEA Data Bank, Paris, France
 - U.S. National Nuclear
 Data Center,
 Brookhaven, USA
 - Russia Nuclear Data Center, Obninsk, Russia
 - Expanded network includes additional co-operating specialized centers in Russia, China, Japan, Hungary, Korea, and Ukraine

- <u>Nuclear Structure Data</u> <u>Centers Network</u>
 - IAEA Nuclear Data Section, Vienna (Co-ordination)
 - U.S. National Nuclear Data Center, Brookhaven, USA (Master database)
 - 13 data evaluation centers in USA, Russia, China, France, Japan, Kuwait, Belgium, Canada
 - Data dissemination centers (IAEA, OECD-NEA, USA, France, Sweden)



2. Overview of libraries and databases

- Most comprehensive collection of nuclear data libraries worldwide - enormous value
- All data available free of charge to scientists in IAEA member states, on informal request or by Internet
- Overview:
 - "Index of Nuclear Data Libraries available from the IAEA Nuclear Data Section", Report IAEA-NDS-7, ed. by O. Schwerer and H.D. Lemmel (July 2002), see also http://www-nds.iaea.or.at/reports/nds-7.pdf
 - IAEA Nuclear Data Guide, http://www-nds.iaea.or.at/indg_intro.html
- Brief documentations of contents and/or format for most libraries are published in the *IAEA-NDS-* report series (some reports and index IAEA-NDS-0 available also online), e.g. *IAEA-NDS-1: EXFOR, IAEA-NDS-100: ENDF/B-VI, IAEA-NDS-136: MENDL-2*



2.1 General Purpose Libraries

- Nuclear Wallet Cards
- NUDAT
- MIRD
- ENSDF
- NSR
- CINDA
- EXFOR
- ENDF



Nuclear Wallet Cards

Basic properties of ground and metastable states

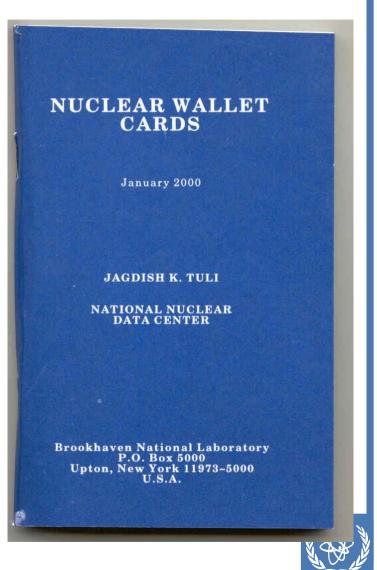
Available in several formats:

Pocket booklet

•WWW: (display of tables for each element)

•WWW as part of NUDAT (interactive retrievals by various criteria)

•Telnet: as part of NUDAT, same functions as in WWW



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- User-friendly extract of most important data (for applications) from ENSDF, plus thermal neutron data (cross sections and resonance integrals)
- Consists of 6 modules:
 - Levels / Gammas / Levels and Gammas / Wallet Cards / Decay Radiations / Neutron Data
- Available online through WWW and Telnet. Interactive retrievals by various criteria
- PC version can be downloaded (PCNUDAT).



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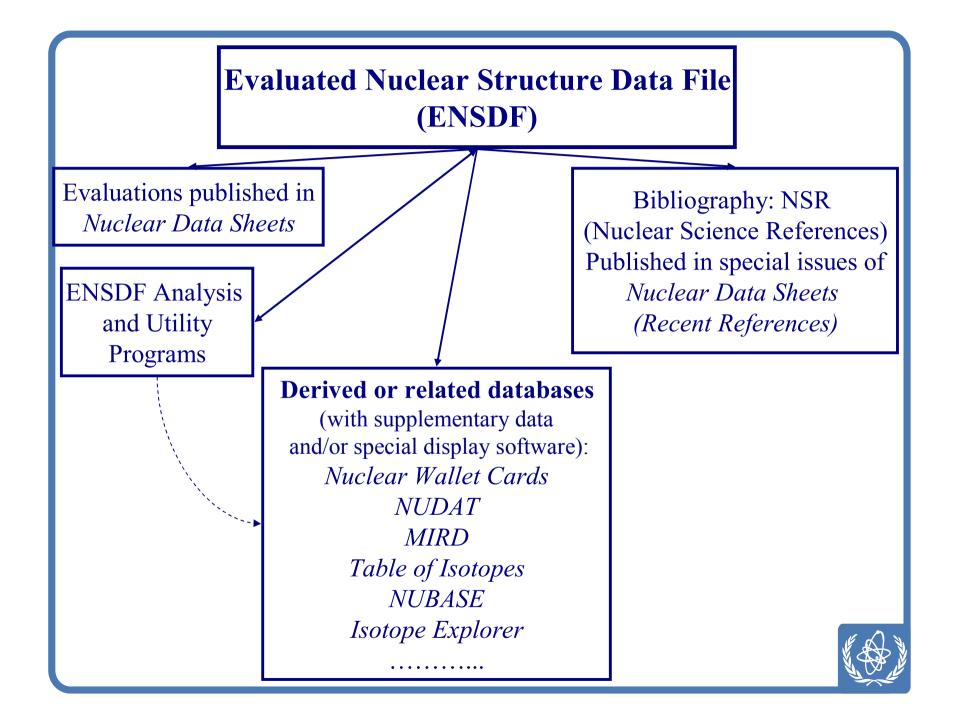
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- Output: Tables with intensities, energies and dose of all produced radiations, including Xrays, Auger electrons, etc., and decay scheme plots
- Output in HTML/GIF or PostScript
- NUDAT option "Decay radiations" provides similar function (table only)
- "Advanced" or "custom" tables: use RADLST separately (available for downloading)



ENSDF (Evaluated Nuclear Structure Data File)

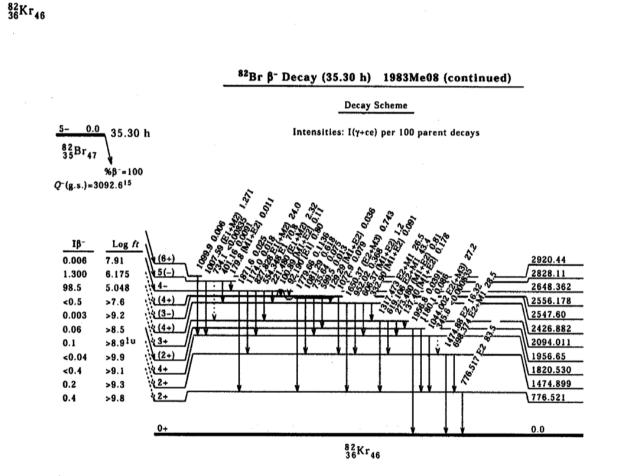
- "Master library" for structure and decay data
- International evaluation effort coordinated by IAEA, master file maintained by US-NNDC
- Covers mass range 1 277
- Organized by nuclide; several "data sets" per nuclide
- Evaluations done for mass chains (e.g. A=235), published in journal Nuclear Data Sheets
- Special internal format
- Standard output: Tables and/or plots (HTML, PostScript)





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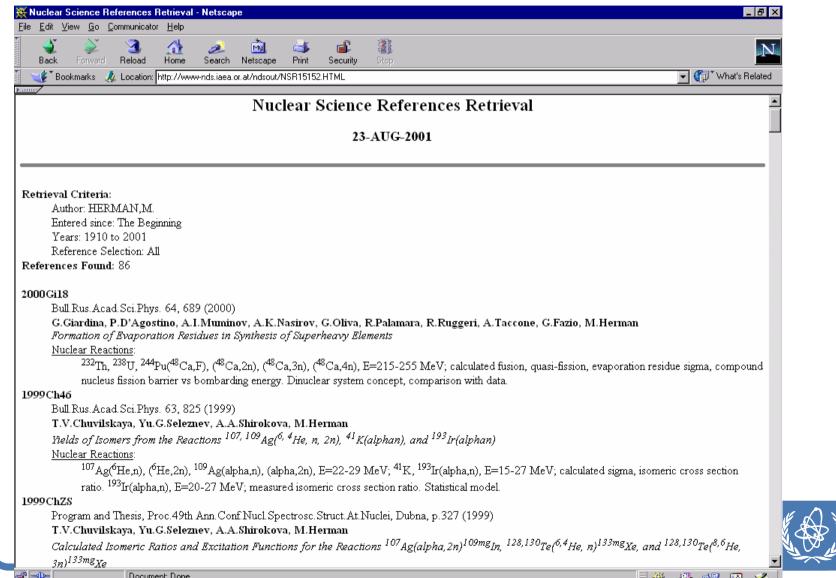
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NSR (Nuclear Science References)

- NSR (Nuclear Science References, previously called Nuclear Structure References)
 - Bibliographic database for low and intermediate energy nuclear physics. Main bibliography for structure and decay data and for non-neutron reaction data
 - 1910 present
 - Published regularly in the journal Nuclear Data Sheets (Recent References)
 - Closely linked to ENSDF
 - Retrieval by nuclide, reaction, quantity, keywords, authors,...
 - Access by WWW or Telnet



NSR retrieval (on author)



CINDA (Computer Index of Neutron Data)

- Bibliography of neutron data (literature, inofficial publications, computer files); (γ,n), (γ,f) and spontaneous fission data also included
- Entries primarily sorted by nuclide, reaction/quantity, laboratory; therefore separate entries for each measured reaction of one publication
- Unique feature: all entries describing the same experiment are listed together ("CINDA blocks")
- Extension of database to include chargedparticle induced and (all) photonuclear reactions is under preparation



CINDA products and retrievals

- CINDA book
 - Complete file contained in several volumes:
 - Archival 1935-1987 (5 volumes)
 - CINDA2002 (1988-2002)
- Selective online retrievals through WWW and Telnet. WWW output with hyperlinks to EXFOR and electronic journals
- CD-ROM



The Index to Literature and Computer Files on MICROSCOPIC NEUTRON DATA

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Another nuclear bibliography: INIS

- INIS (International Nuclear Information System): a multi-gigabyte general nuclear bibliography maintained by IAEA
- Not specialized on nuclear data, not maintained by Nuclear Data Section. Wide scope, including reactor technology, nuclear law, nuclear medicine. Occasionally useful for nuclear data searches
- Available through WWW (license required, or through scientific library) or commercial CD-ROM



EXFOR

- Unified computerized system (library and format) by which international, regional and national data analysis centers exchange experimental nuclear reaction data
- Compilation and exchange coordinated by IAEA
- CSISRS = US implementation of EXFOR
- Coverage is complete for neutron data (in particular up to 20 MeV)
- Coverage less complete (but improving) for higher energy neutrons, charged particle-induced and photonuclear data
- More than 60 000 data sets, more than 3 million data points



More on EXFOR

- Library contains numerical tables and structured abstract with experimental and bibliographic information
- Neutron data: bibliographic link to CINDA (non-neutron data will be added to CINDA in 1-2 years)
- Main users:
 - Evaluators (EXFOR database is starting point for all evaluations)
 - Applied users, if no evaluation available
 - Anybody measuring or calculating cross section data



Access to EXFOR

- Available for interactive retrievals through WWW and Telnet
- New improved web retrieval available for testing
- Two CD-ROM versions (same database, different retrieval software), developed by NDS
- Complicated retrievals available individually on request from IAEA-NDS
- Output in various formats:
 - Standard format (EXchange FORmat)
 - Computational formats for plotting etc.
 - Online plots for intercomparison with evaluated data: "BNL325", "ZVView"

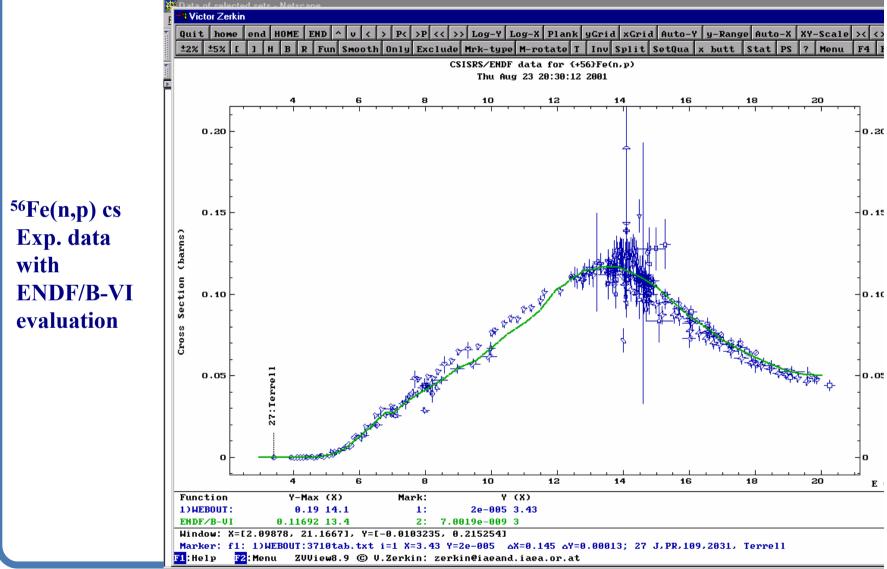


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EXFOR "Standard" format

Same data in computational ("table") format

EXFOR retrieval (WWW/ZVView)



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ENDF (Evaluated Nuclear Data File)

- ENDF-6: internationally agreed format for evaluated nuclear reaction data (and related decay data). Used for major libraries ENDF/B-VI, JEF, BROND, JENDL, CENDL, and others
- ENDF/B-VI: Version 6 of the U.S. nuclear data library, released by US-NNDC
 - Contents: for summary see report IAEA-NDS-100
 - Format Manual: BNL-NCS-44945(=ENDF-102), Rev.April 2001
 - Summary documentation of evaluations: BNL-NCS-17541, 4th ed. (=ENDF-201), 1991, with supplement (1996)



Contents of ENDF/B-VI

- ENDF/B-VI General Purpose Library (320 materials from ¹H to ⁹⁹Es. Neutron data, mostly 0-20 MeV, some materials extended to 150 MeV)
 - Basic file
 - 300 K point data file (Resonance parameters converted to cross sections)
- Subfiles for Standards, Dosimetry, Neutron activation, Fission products cs data, Actinides cs data are included in General Purpose file but are available separately

- Other sublibaries for:
 - Incident charged particles
 - Decay data
 - Photo-atomic interaction
 - Thermal scattering law data
 - Fission product yields (neutron-induced and spontaneous)
 - High-energy (up to 1 GeV), incident neutrons and protons, few materials only



ENDF File Structure

- "Sublibrary" determines incident particle and basic data type (neutron data, proton data, decay data,...)
- Hierarchical file organization:
 - "Tape" (Unit of data release, full sublibrary or update)
 - Material (MAT number, up to 4 digits)
 - File (MF number): Data category
 - Section (Reaction Type, MT number).

File numbers (MF):	Reaction Type numbers (MT):				
1=General information	l=total cs				
2=Resonance parameters	16=(z,2n) cs (z=projectile dep. on sublibrary)				
3=reaction cs 4=angular distributions 5=energy distributions 6=energy-angular distributions	$ \begin{array}{l} 102 = (z, \gamma) \ cs \\ 103 = (z, p) \ cs \\ etc. \end{array} $				
8=decay data etc.					

Access to major ENDF libraries

- Major libraries ENDF/B-VI, JEF, BROND, JENDL, CENDL available online through Telnet and WWW (interactive, retrieval by material, reaction and data type, energy): database "ENDF"
- Various utilities for file handling, plotting, pre-processing: ENDF *Pre-Processing Codes* and *Utility Codes*, available for downloading
- CD-ROM (libraries and codes), only from IAEA (WINENDF). Separate: "POINT2003" (Point data from ENDF/B-VI at 8 temperatures)
- Output:
 - ENDF-format (all definitions coded with numerical flags)
 - Table format and plots available online



2.2 Selected Specialized Libraries (including many IAEA products)

- FENDL-2
- IAEA Photonuclear Data Library
- Medical Radiosotope Prod. Cs Library
- RNAL
- RIPL-2

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FENDL-2 (Fusion Evaluated Nuclear Data Library)

- Result of worldwide effort coordinated by IAEA
- Aimed at fusion applications (ITER project)
- Extensively tested, therefore recommended also for other applications
- Sublibraries:
 - FENDL-E/2.0: Transport: n-interactions, γ-production for 57 nuclides; photon-atom interactions for 34 elements; basic data as well as processed data for MCNP and multigroup calculations
 - FENDL/A-2.0: Activation (636 nuclides, 11000 reactions)
 - FENDL/C-2.0: Fusion (light charged-particle fusion reactions)
 - FENDL/D-2.0: Decay data for 2900 nuclides
 - FENDL/DS-2.0: Neutron activation reactions from IRDF-90
- Available for downloading from IAEA website and on CD-ROM (47 directories, 810 files, 1 Gbyte data)





- Evaluated photonuclear data for 164 nuclides mostly up to 140 MeV
- Cross sections and emission spectra
- Result of IAEA CRP
- Available from IAEA website
- Handbook IAEA-TECDOC-1178 (October 2000)
- Various applications: radiation shielding, radiotherapy, waste transmutation and others



Charged-particle cross section database for medical radioisotope production

- Evaluated cross sections for 48 reactions induced by light charged particles with incident energies of several tens of MeV (max.100)
 - Production cross sections for diagnostic radioisotopes
 - Cross sections for beam monitor reactions
- Result of IAEA CRP
- Data and documentation available from NDS website
- Handbook IAEA-TECDOC-1211 (May 2001)



RNAL (Reference Neutron Activation Library)

- Evaluated cross sections for 255 neutroninduced reactions leading to radioactive products
- For activation analysis and various other applications
- Product of IAEA CRP. Evaluations extracted from various projects
- Data, plots, and documentation available from NDS website and on CD-ROM



RIPL-2 (Reference Input Parameter Library for Nuclear Model Calculations)

- Result of IAEA coordinated project, released 2003
- Input parameters for theoretical calculations of nuclear reaction cross sections involving light particles up to about 100 MeV
- Contents:
 - Atomic masses and deformations
 - Discrete level and decay schemes
 - Spacings of neutron resonances
 - Optical model parameters
 - Level densities
 - Gamma-ray strength functions and giant resonance parameters
 - Fission barriers
- Available from IAEA web pages and on CD-ROM. Handbook (IAEA-TECDOC) in preparation



MENDL-2 and MENDL2-P

(Medium Energy Nuclear Data Library)

- Libraries for activation and transmutation (formation of radioactive product nuclides) at indermediate energies, for 505 stable and unstable target nuclides between ²⁶Al and ²¹⁰Po, by Shubin et al., Obninsk, Russia
- Based largely on calculations
- MENDL-2: Neutron-induced reactions up to 100 MeV, altogether 57500 reactions
- MENDL2-P: Proton-induced reactions up to 200 MeV, altogether 87000 reactions
- Available by FTP or off-line



Databases for Reactor Dosimetry

 IRDF-90: International Reactor Dosimetry File (Version 2 of 1993): Cross sections for neutron dosimetry by foil activation, radiation damage cross sections, benchmark neutron spectra.

New version IRDF-2002 is being finalized

- RRDF-98: Russian Reactor Dosimetry File. Cross sections and covariance data for 22 reactions
- NMF-90: Neutron Metrology File. Integrated database for neutron spectrum unfolding calculations (PC codes and data).



Data for Actinides and Fission Products

- Neutron cross sections for actinides, fission product yields, and cross sections and decay data for fission products, are included in major evaluated neutron data libraries
- Some special libraries:
 - Minsk Actinides Library by Maslov et al: Evaluated neutron reaction data for Th-232, Pa, U, Np, Pu, Am and Cm isotopes (1995-2003). Available on WWW
 - WIND and WIND-2: For waste incineration. Neutron cross sections for U, Np, Pu isotopes up to 100 MeV. Proton data for ²³⁸U. Neutron activation data for ²³⁹Pu up to 2 GeV.
 - SGNucDat (Nuclear Data for Safeguards). Actinides and fission products data for safeguards. Available from WWW, on diskette and as handbook



Latest additions

- PGAA-IAEA: Database for prompt gammaray neutron activation analysis
 - 32000 prompt γ rays
 - 3000 γ rays emitted by radioactive decay
 - Data for all stable isotopes
 - γ energies, partial production cross sections, k₀ factors (relative to H standard), all with uncertainties
- IBANDL: Experimental cross sections for ion beam analysis



And there is much more....

- Many additional data libraries available from NDS can be found in IAEA-NDS-7 (http://www-nds.iaea.or.at/reports/nds-7.pdf)
- Direct links to some minor databases, and index of IAEA-NDS-documentation series: IAEA-NDS-0
 (http://www.nds.iaea.or.at/nds-0.html)

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3. Data Access and Services

- FTP
- Telnet
- Mail and hardcopy
- Computer codes

- Alternative entry points
- How to reference the data
- Future trends



Online Services

- IAEA-NDS:
 - WWW (Worldwide Web):
 - Interactive access to most important libraries
 - IAEA Nuclear Data Guide
 - Documents, Links, General information
 - FTP (Internet File Transfer):
 - downloading complete files, libraries and documents
 - Telnet service (NDIS) (will be phased out)
 - Interactive access to most important libraries, some utilities and documents
- US-NNDC, OECD/NEA Data Bank (restricted), partly other centers, offer similar services



WWW (Worldwide Web)

- IAEA Nuclear Data Services homepage: http://www-nds.iaea.or.at or http://www-nds.iaea.org
- Brazil mirror server: *http://www-nds.ipen.br*
- General IAEA homepage: *http://www.iaea.org* "Worldatom"



FTP (Internet file transfer)

- Command: ftp iaeand.iaea.or.at or ftp iaeand.iaea.org
- IAEA-NDS keeps several FTP accounts requiring no password:
 - ANONYMOUS contains several complete libraries and utility codes
 - FENDL2 contains FENDL-2 files
 - RIPL contains RIPL-1 files
 - NDSONL contains files saved by Telnet users
 - NDSOPEN for bilateral file exchange



Mail and hardcopy services by NDS

• Data by mail

- Complete files on magnetic tape, CD-ROM or diskette
- Specific retrievals on diskette, printout or by e-mail
- Hardcopy documents
 - Manuals and data library documentation
 - Handbooks
 - Meeting reports
 - Research reports
 - Nuclear Data Newsletter

Many new documents (almost all of those published by NDS) are made available also on the WWW in PDF format.



How to request mail services

• e-mail:

services@iaeand.iaea.org for data requests, *online@iaeand.iaea.org* for questions on online services, or

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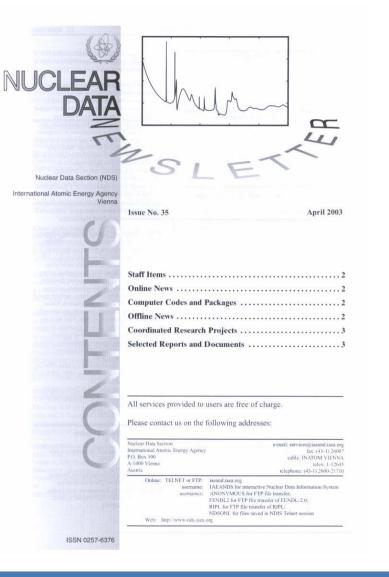
- Fax: +43-1-26007
- Mail:

Nuclear Data Section International Atomic Energy Agency P.O.Box 100 A-1400 Vienna, Austria



Want to be kept informed?

Available as hardcopy and from WWW in PDF format





Computer codes

- Most computer codes for nuclear data processing have to be requested from the OECD-NEA Data Bank at Issy-les-Moulineaux near Paris, France (or from Radiation Shielding Information Computational Center (RSICC), Oak Ridge, for codes originating from USA)
- The following codes are available from NDS (mostly also on CD-ROM):
 - EMPIRE-II: System of codes for nuclear reaction calculations
 - ENDF Utility codes and ENDF Preprocessing codes
 - ENDVER: ENDF verification support package
 - ENSDF analysis and utility programs
 - ZVVIEW package for interactive plotting



Alternative entry points

- Same basic data are available online (or on CD-ROM) from various sources
- Possible reasons for using alternative sources:
 - Better network connection to your location
 - Different user interface
- Possible problems:
 - Sources from outside the Data Centers Networks may not always be fully up-to-date
 - Some products available only commercially



How to reference the data

- Data obtained from databases of the Nuclear Data Centers Networks should be properly cited
- Citation should include
 - original source of information and
 - database from which data were extracted (which may contain essential information not existing in a published article) with date of retrieval

• Example: How to cite the MENDL-2 library

- Yu.N. Shubin, V.P. Lunev, A.Yu. Konobeyev, A.I. Ditjuk, "Cross-section data library MENDL-2 to study activation as transmutation of materials irradiated by nucleons of intermediate energies", report INDC(CCP)-385 (International Atomic Energy Agency, May 1995). Data library MENDL-2 received from the IAEA Nuclear Data Section
- Detailed citation guidelines for data retrieved online:
 - V. McLane, Citation Guidelines for Nuclear Data Retrieved from Databases Resident at the Nuclear Data Centers Network, Report BNL-NCS-63381 (July 1996). Available online in PostScript from http://www-nds.iaea.or.at/ndspub/documents/online/



Nuclear data services: Trends

- Advanced database software, combined "nuclear reaction database" with common user interface
- Databases on CD-ROM with retrieval software (and, optionally, update possibility through Internet), in parallel to online service
- "Mirror sites" to improve WWW accessibility worldwide
- IAEA-NDS intends to keep all ways of data distribution for medium term future, with emphasis on WWW and CD-ROM



4. Conclusion

- Starting point for nuclear data searches: IAEA Nuclear Data Services
 - http://www-nds.iaea.or.at or http://www-nds.iaea.org
 - Most complete collection of nuclear data libraries with documentations published in IAEA-NDS- report series
 - Online services
 - Customized retrievals and off-line data service available cost-free on request
- What are the most important databases for your field of application? Send your feedback to IAEA-NDS
- Data requests and feedback: e-mail to services@iaeand.iaea.or.at



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