

# Workshop Aims and Evaluation History

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# Workshop Aims

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International Evaluation Activity in  
Nuclear Structure Physics

Nuclear Structure and Decay Data  
Network

# Workshop Aims

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Get new evaluators into the system

Technical Assistance

# Workshop - General

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Databases currently in use

ENSDF

XUNDL

# Workshop - General

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Evaluation Methods and Policies

# Workshop - General

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Hands-on exercises

# Evaluations

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A short History

# Evaluation History-cont

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Webster's Dictionary defines to compile as  
“to put together, in a new form, out of materials  
already existing”

In addition in scientific fields it involves to  
compact and serve as a convenient source of  
detailed information. A good “compilation”  
always involves “evaluation”.



# Evaluation History-cont

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First Compilation of known nuclides was published by Giorgio Fea in 1935:

Tabelle Riassuntive E Bibliografia delle Transmutazioni Artificiali,

Nuovo Cimento 6, 1 (1935)

# Evaluation History-cont

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First Evaluation as Table of Isotopes published  
by J.J. Livingwood and G. T. Seaborg –  
Rev Mod Phys 12, 30 (1940)

Evaluation Limited to

Artificially Produced Nuclear Species –  
Immediate use in identification and  
radiotracers

# Evaluation History - cont

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The subsequent editions of Table of Isotopes included all nuclear species:

- G.T. Seaborg, Rev Mod Physics 16, 1 (1944)
- G.T. Seaborg, I. Perlman, *ibid.* 20, 585 (1948)
- J. M. Hollander, I. Perlman, and G. T. Seaborg, *ibid.*, 25, 469 (1953)
- D. Strominger, J.M. Hollander, G.T. Seaborg, *ibid.*, 30, 585 (1958)

# Evaluation History - cont

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The subsequent editions of Table of Isotopes  
Published by John Wiley:

6<sup>th</sup> Edition: C. M. Lederer, J. M. Hollander, and I.  
Perlman

7<sup>th</sup> Edition: C. M. Lederer, V. S. Shirley, Editors;  
E. Browne, J.M. Dairiki, R.E. Doebler, Principal  
Authors; A.A. Shihab-Eldin, L.J. Jardine,  
J.K. Tuli, A.B. Buyrn, Authors

# Evaluation History - cont

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The 8<sup>th</sup>, which is the last, edition of Table of Isotopes was also published by John Wiley in two volumes, ~3000 pages+ CD ROM:

R.B. Firestone, V.S. Shirley, Editor

C.M. Baglin, S.Y. Chu, J. Zipkin, Assistant Editors

Unlike previous editions, it is derived, and not an independent evaluation

# Evaluation History - cont

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In 1941 an Editor of Table of Isotopes observed

“The rate at which radioactivities are discovered may be reduced very considerably and the table would itself become stable.”

That clearly did not happen!

# Evaluation History - cont

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There were other parallel evaluation efforts:

Some of these were:

T. Lauritsen (and later F. Ajzenberg-Selove) (1948-on)

B.S. Dzhelepov (and later with L. Peker and others) in  
USSR (1950-on)

P. M. Endt (and later with C. van der Leun) (1954 – on)

# Evaluation History - cont

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## Wall Chart

Emilio Segre, as part of Enrico Fermi's group, introduced first chart, with  $Z$  along the x-axis and  $N$  along the  $Y$  axis.

Segre's chart was published in 5/1945 as Los Alamos report with classified data omitted!

In 1948 G. Friedlander and M. Perlman, at GE Research Lab, created the first GE chart with  $Z$  and  $N$  reversed. Sixteen editions have since been published by Knolls Atomic Power Lab



# Evaluation History - cont

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## Nuclear Data Sheets

Katherine Way as part of Manhattan Project working at Clinton Lab (later renamed ORNL) began collecting nuclear data.

In 1948 Way headed the Nuclear Data Project at US National Bureau of Standards (later renamed US National Inst of Standards and Technology)

# Evaluation History - cont

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A “Nuclear Data” report was published in 1950.

The data included measured values with references of : isotopic abundances, methods of production, n cross sections, half-lives, decay modes, energies and intensities of radiations, conversion coefficients and some reaction data and some decay schemes. There were no recommended values or uncertainties given.

# Evaluation History - cont

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In 1953, the Nuclear Data Project, moved under the US National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council in Washington, DC

The published data, as AEC reports, now also included coin, mass assignments, n,p separation energies, total disintegration energies, spins, magnetic and electric moments. Uncertainties were given with a single decay scheme for all isobars for given A.

The data were in form of loose leaf pages called the “NUCLEAR DATA SHEETS”

# Evaluation History - cont

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In 1964, the Nuclear Data Project, under the leadership of Katherine Way moved back to Oak Ridge National Lab, where her effort had originally started in 1948.

The Nuclear Data Sheets were once again to be published in a book form by the Academic Press, rather than the single sheets of data.

# Evaluation History - cont

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## Nuclear Data Sheets-Journal

In February 1966, Nuclear Data Sheets started as the section B of the journal Nuclear Data, and later as simply Nuclear Data Sheets published by the Academic Press

The section A of Nuclear Data was started in December 1965 as Atomic Data Tables.

In August 1973 Two journals Atomic Data and Atomic Data A merged as Atomic and Nuclear Data Tables with K. Way as the Editor

# Evaluation History - cont

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Evaluations limited to NDP-ORNL effort

Time lag in evaluations (1970-71)

Employment situation was not good for Ph.D.'s  
NSF/NAS joined to make evaluations more  
current. Created three-year NIRA program.  
Recruited two sets of 12 young Ph.D's for two-  
year terms. Some stayed in evaluation business  
at the end of the program.(1971-74)

# Evaluation History - cont

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Hand-written data sheets. Draftsman drawn drawings.

Bruce Ewbank at ORNL was instrumental in Computerization of recent references (NSR)

Computerization of drawings

Common input format for tables and drawing

Evaluated Nuclear Structure Data File

# Evaluation History - cont

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Subsequent to the completion of NIRA program, it was proposed in 1975 that the evaluation activity be decentralized with international involvement under the auspice of IAEA, Nuclear Data Section. The evaluation responsibility was divided amongst various data centers within and outside the US. The NNDC at BNL coordinated the national and the international effort for the US/DOE. But the lead role in editing and processing of evaluation continued at the NDP/ORNL.



# Evaluation History - cont

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Change of production responsibility to NNDC, however, came about in 1980 when ORNL management support for the activity dropped considerably.

The NNDC took over production of Nuclear Data sheets in 1981 and completely computerized the process. Photo-ready copy of the journal has since been supplied to the publisher.

# Evaluation History - cont

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The ORNL and NNDC jointly edited the journal until June, 1998 when Murray Martin, who started evaluation work with Katherine Way and served as the Editor-in-Chief of the journal while working at the Nuclear Data Project at ORNL, retired. With Murray's retirement the editing responsibility completely shifted to the National Nuclear Data Center.

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## Nuclear Data Sheets:

1966-1968 Editor: K. Way

Asstt: A. Artna, N.B. Gove, W.B. Ewbank

1969-1976 Editor: D. Horen

Asstt. Editor: W.B. Ewbank

1976-1980 Editor: W.B. Ewbank

1981-1998 Editor-in-Chief: M. J. Martin

Editor: J.K. Tuli

1999- Editor: J.K. Tuli

# Nuclear Structure and Decay Data Network

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Created in 1975 under auspice of the IAEA, Nuclear Data Section.

1. IAEA coordinates international groups
2. Meets every two years
3. Discuss Responsibilities
4. Cooperate in evaluation and program development

# Nuclear Structure and Decay Data Network

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## US Network (~ 6 FTE)

ANL

BNL

LBNL

(McMaster, Canada)

ORNL

TUNL

(Texas A&M)

# Nuclear Structure and Decay Data Network –Cont.

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## Non-US Contributors

(IAEA)

(Bulgaria)

Canada

China

France

Hungary

India

Japan

(Jordan)

Kuwait

(Romania)

Russia

(UK)

# Nuclear Structure and Decay Data Network –Cont.

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## WHAT DO WE DO?

### Primary mission:

Evaluate (or compile) structure & decay data,  $A=1-294$ , for inclusion in ENSDF (or XUNDL) database.

# Nuclear Structure and Decay Data Network –Cont.

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## WHAT DO WE DO?

### Other responsibilities:

- Maintenance of checking & evaluation software
- Peer review of evaluations
- Dissemination of data



# Nuclear Structure and Decay Data Network –Cont.

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## OUR PRINCIPAL DATABASES

(Web accessible from NNDC or mirror sites;  
<http://www.nndc.bnl.gov> links you to them).

- **NSR** - Nuclear Science References
- **ENSDF** - Evaluated Nuclear Structure Data File
- **NUDAT** – Nuclear Data Retrieval
- **XUNDL** - Unevaluated data compiled from recently published literature

# Nuclear Structure and Decay Data Network –Cont.

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Analysis Programs

Services to community and evaluators

Web access, from NNDC or its mirror sites; <http://www.nndc.bnl.gov> links to all

Publications: NDS, (TOI), WC