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Web Databases and Data Exchange**

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# Atomic, molecular and particle-surface interaction web databases and data exchange

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# Where and how to find AM/PSI data

- Internet: major support for information
- Data Centres major actors on Internet
- Data Quality
  - Traceability, reference sources
  - Methods
  - Accuracy
- Data exchange
  - Huge amount of available data
  - How to store, to retrieve and exchange the data
  - Data structure and data integrity

# Content

## 1. Atomic and Molecular Data Unit of the IAEA

- Objective
- Tools, The Data Centre Network (DCN), the Coordinated Research Projects (CRP)
- Achievements: databases ALADDIN and AMBDAS, search engine GENIE, web calculations tools

## 2. Bibliographic data

- Databases
- AMBDAS
- Web search engines
- Electronic publishers
- Web libraries

## 3. Numerical data

- Data quality
- Data centres
- Web numerical databases
- ALADDIN
- A search engine: GENIE

## 4. Data exchange

- New trends in data exchange
- XSAMS a XML Schema for Atoms, Molecules and Solids

# Atomic and Molecular Data Unit

<http://www-amdis.iaea.org>

- Objective: establishment of recommended numerical databases for use in fusion energy research:
  - atomic and molecular collisions
  - radiative processes
  - atomic and molecular structure characteristics
  - particle surface interactions
  - (physico-chemical and thermo-mechanical material properties)
- WWW, main support to provide the information
  - AMBDAS, a bibliographic database
  - ALADDIN, a numerical database
  - GENIE, a web search engine
  - Web calculation tools

# Atomic and Molecular Data Unit

- **CRP**: Coordinated Research project
  - Numerical data (experimental and theoretical): data collection, data production, data evaluation
- **DCN**: Atomic and Molecular Data Centre Network
  - Bibliographic data for AMBDAS
  - Priorities in data generation, compilation and evaluation
  - Development of web search engines
  - Data exchange
- **CCN**: Code Centre Network
- **Consultancies**
  - Web calculation tools
  - XSAMS, XML format for atoms, molecules and solids
  - Numerical data inputs

# DCN

- The A+M/PMI Data Centre Network (DCN) includes 12 national data centres
- Activities in collection, assessment (evaluation) and generation of atomic and molecular (A+M), particle surface interaction (PSI) and bulk material properties (plasma-material interaction - PMI) data for fusion and other applications.
- The activities of this DCN related to fusion research are coordinated by the IAEA A+M Data Unit
- The DCN represents one of the main instruments by which the international fusion related A+M/PMI data collection and evaluation programmes are implemented. The heads of the national A+M/PMI data centres, members of the A+M/PMI DCN, constitute a standing Advisory Group for advising the Agency on the technical aspects of A+M/PMI data exchange and processing.
- Advisory Group meets every 2 years

# DCN Members

- IAEA AMD Unit, Austria
  - NIST, USA
  - CRAAMD, China
  - NIFS, Japan
  - KAERI, South Korea
  - ADAS, UK
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- ORNL, USA
  - JAERI, Japan
  - GAPHYOR, LPGP, France
  - Kurchatov Institute, Russia
  - ENEA, Italy
  - Max-Planck-Institut für Plasmaphysik, Germany



# CRP: Co-ordinated Research Project

## Joint Project with research effort on topic of interest to fusion:

- Representatives from approximately 12 research institutions
- Duration of 3-5 years
- Research Coordination Meeting (RCM): periodic meeting at IAEA Headquarters

## Goals:

- Data generation
- Compilation and assessment of data
- Data evaluation
- Establishment of databases

## Data and results:

- Final results published in “**Atomic and Plasma-Material Interaction Data for Fusion**” (APID)
- Data included in the IAEA ALADDIN database: <http://www-amdis.iaea.org/ALADDIN/>

# Active and Planned CRPs

Title	Duration
<i>Core Concentrations of Hydrogen Isotopes and Light Elements in Burning Plasmas</i>	2009
Characterization of size, composition and origins of dust in fusion devices	2008-2012
Data for surface composition dynamics relevant to erosion processes	2007-2011
Atomic data for high Z element impurities in fusion reactors	2005-2009
Atomic and molecular data for plasma modelling	2005-2009

# CRP on Characterization of Size, Composition and Origins of Dust in Fusion Devices

## Tritium is a main issue for future fusion reactors

- **Safety hazard:** dust can be flammable and toxic, it can bring potential respiratory problems and radiation concerns with tritium.
- **Tritium inventory:** a significant uptake of hydrogen isotopes occurs in dust, making the transport behaviour of this material a significant factor in tritium inventory studies of next generation machines such as ITER and DEMO

## Plasma behaviour

- Dust can become electrically charged from radioactivity, leading to the interaction of the dust with the plasma and electric fields

## Objective

Dust and tritium issues are not of high importance for operational machines, but will become significant for ITER and later production machines.

Data needs to addressed

- particle size and distribution  
physical and aerodynamic mass median diameter
- composition (elemental and chemical)
- origins of dust in fusion machines

Period 2008-2012, first RCM in December 2008

# CRP on Data for Surface Composition Dynamics Relevant to Erosion Processes

## Objectives

- Increase understanding of erosion processes in fusion devices, such as ITER
- Better knowledge of pathways of eroded materials
- Propose possible methods to mitigate erosion effects in future fusion devices

## Outputs

- New data on physical sputtering, reflection, radiation enhanced sublimation...

Period 2007-2011, second RCM in March 2009

# CRP on A + M Data for Plasma Modeling

## Objective

Gathering and generating new data relevant to modeling the edge region of plasmas relevant to nuclear fusion energy devices

## Outputs

- Cross sections, rate coefficients, branching ratios, and kinetic energies from various sources for hydrides (with isotopes) and hydrocarbons
- Surface interactions, such as sticking and generation of hydride species

**Ending 2009**

# CRP on Atomic Data for High Z elements impurities in Fusion Reactors

## Overall objective

Heavy elements from erosion of plasma facing components, introduction for diagnostics purpose, unavoidable contamination

- $Z \geq 13$ , priority to noble gases (Ar, Kr, Xe) and Si, Cl, Cr, Fe Ni, Cu, Mo, W
- Ion stage considered: ion stages giving rise to the most distinct spectral line

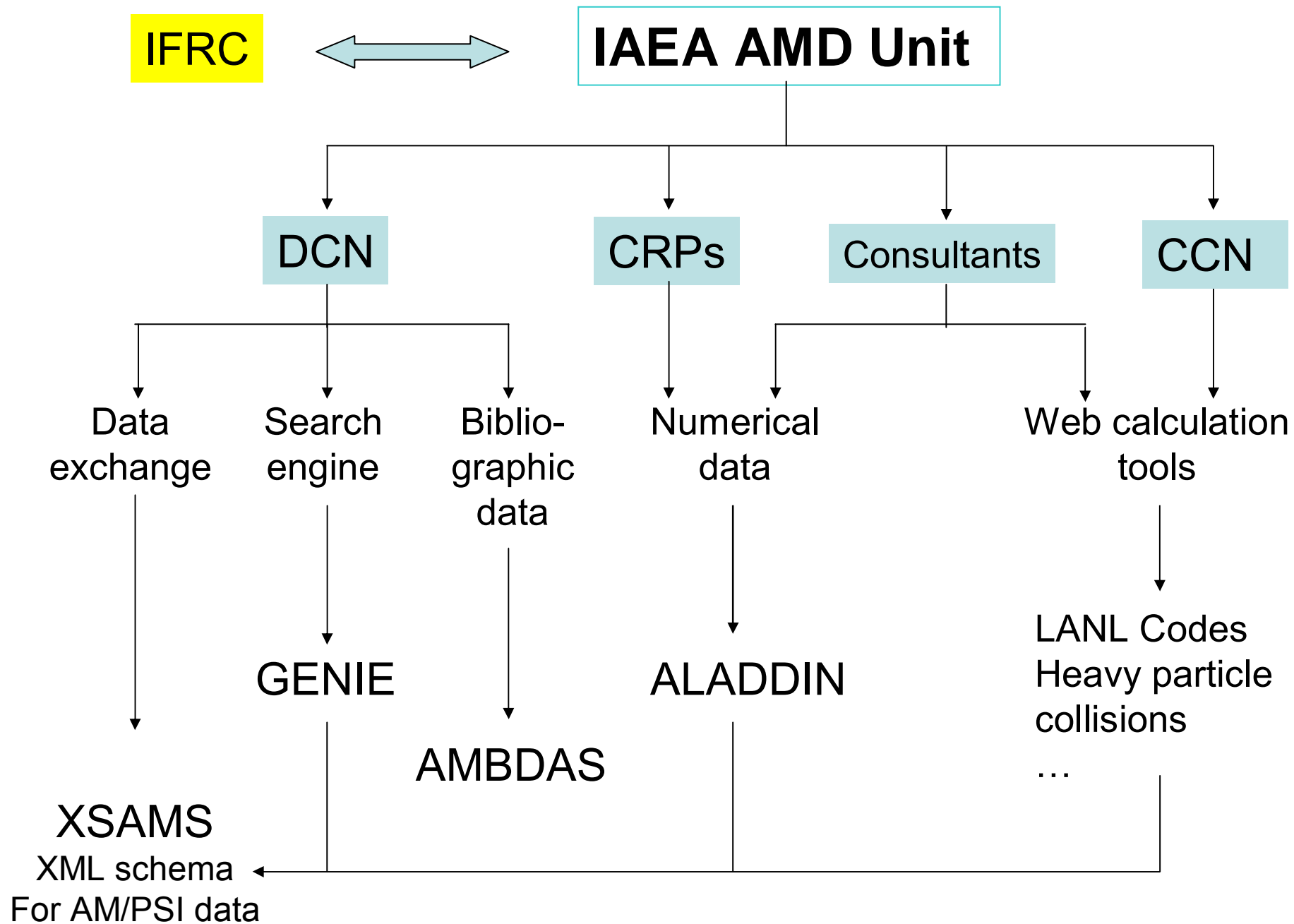
## Output

Benchmark data for most important processes: transition probabilities, excitation and ionization cross sections, charge transfer and recombination

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# Code Centre Network

- Establish a network to provide computational tools related to atomic, molecular and particle surface interaction data generation for use in fusion energy research
  - Web tools, download of codes, expertise
- Members
  - Web tools: NIST, IAEA, LANL, NIFS, FZ Juelich
  - Codes: Lebedev Physical Institute
  - Expertise: Curtin University (CCC and RCCC), Universidad Autonoma de Madrid
- Extension
  - R-Matrix community
  - HULLAC, FAC, AUTOSTRUCTURE...
  - PMI community: ORNL, IPP Garching
- Biennial meeting, December 2008 meeting:  
<http://www-nds.iaea.org/reports-new/indc-reports/indc-nds/indc-nds-0548.pdf>





# Conclusions

- With the DCN, attempt to coordinate international efforts on AM/PSI data for fusion energy research
- WWW is the main support of the information
- Focus on structured databases with a web interface
- Development of web calculations tools
- Data exchange issues, XSAMS
  - Huge amount of data disseminated on the web
  - Communication between applications
  - Attempt to codify the whole field of AM/PSI physics