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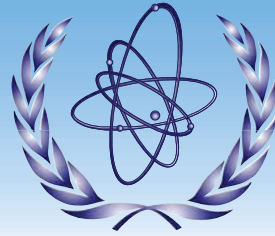
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**ICTP, Trieste, Italy, 10 August 2011**

# Outline

- **IAEA Nuclear Data Section (NDS)**
- **Nuclear Technology**
- **Nuclear Data**
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  - Decay data
  - Where to find data?
- **NDS Activities**
  - Example databases
  - Coordinated Research Projects
- **Conclusions**



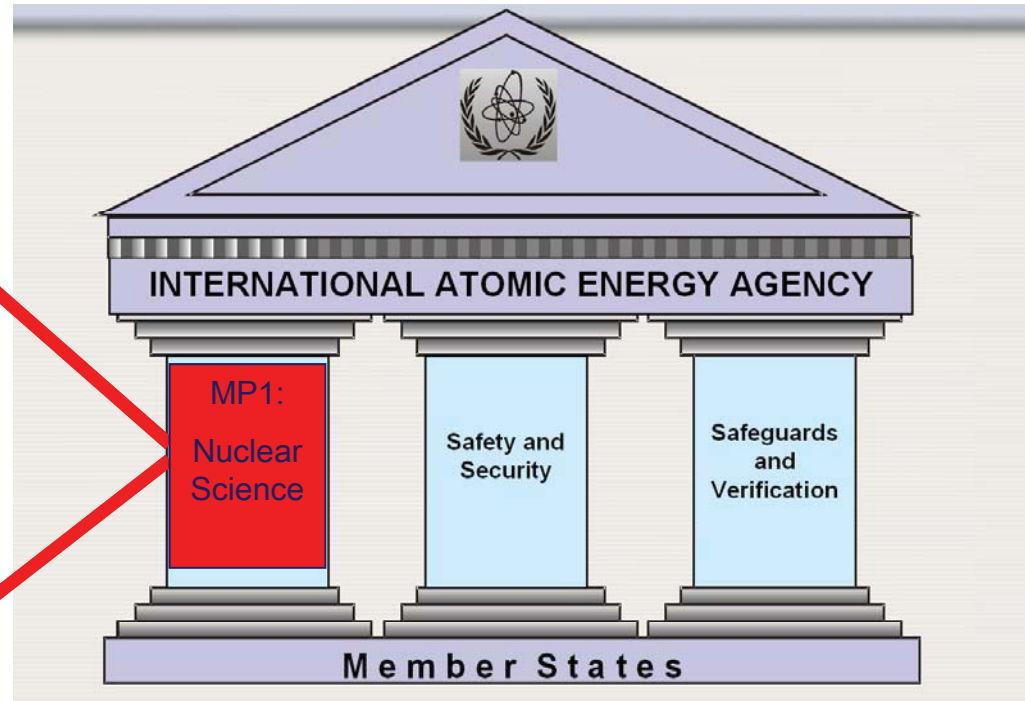
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Fusion

## Nuclear Data Section

Nuclear Data  
Atomic and Molecular Data



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# IAEA Nuclear Data Section

## Role

- Provision of **atomic** and **nuclear data** services to scientists worldwide (data libraries, bibliographies, documents) through the internet, CD and other media
- Coordination of three international atomic and nuclear data **networks**
- Production of new databases through Coordinated Research Projects (**CRPs**) and Data Development projects
- Assist developing countries through **technology transfer** activities



# IAEA Nuclear Data Section


The **development** and **maintenance** of nuclear technologies rely on the availability of **atomic, molecular and nuclear data**

Essential data include:

- Energy-dependent reaction probabilities (**cross sections**)
- Energy and angular **distributions** of reaction products
- Atomic and nuclear properties of excited states
- Radioactive **decay data**



# NDS Web site




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




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<b>NGATLAS</b> atlas of neutron capture cross sections	<b>Safeguards Data</b> recommendations, August 2008	<b>Medical Portal</b> Data for Medical Applications	<b>Standards</b> - Neutron cross-sections, 2006 - Decay data, 2005

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
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# Publications



# Nuclear Technology

- Essential in the modern world
  - Fission power plants
  - Medical applications
  - Analytical techniques
  - Future energy production – Fusion
- To apply these safely and efficiently need to have accurate and well tested values for many physical quantities

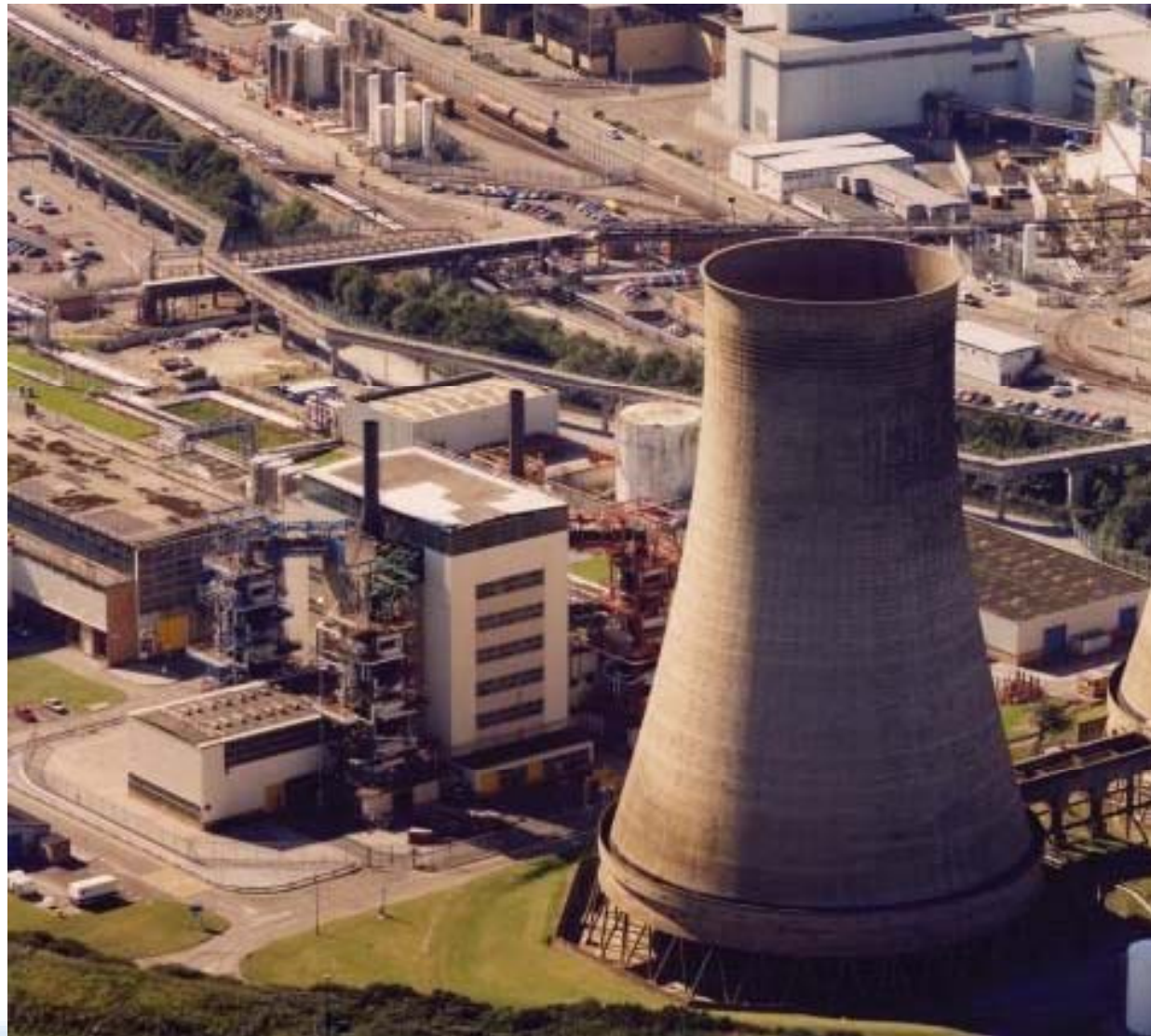


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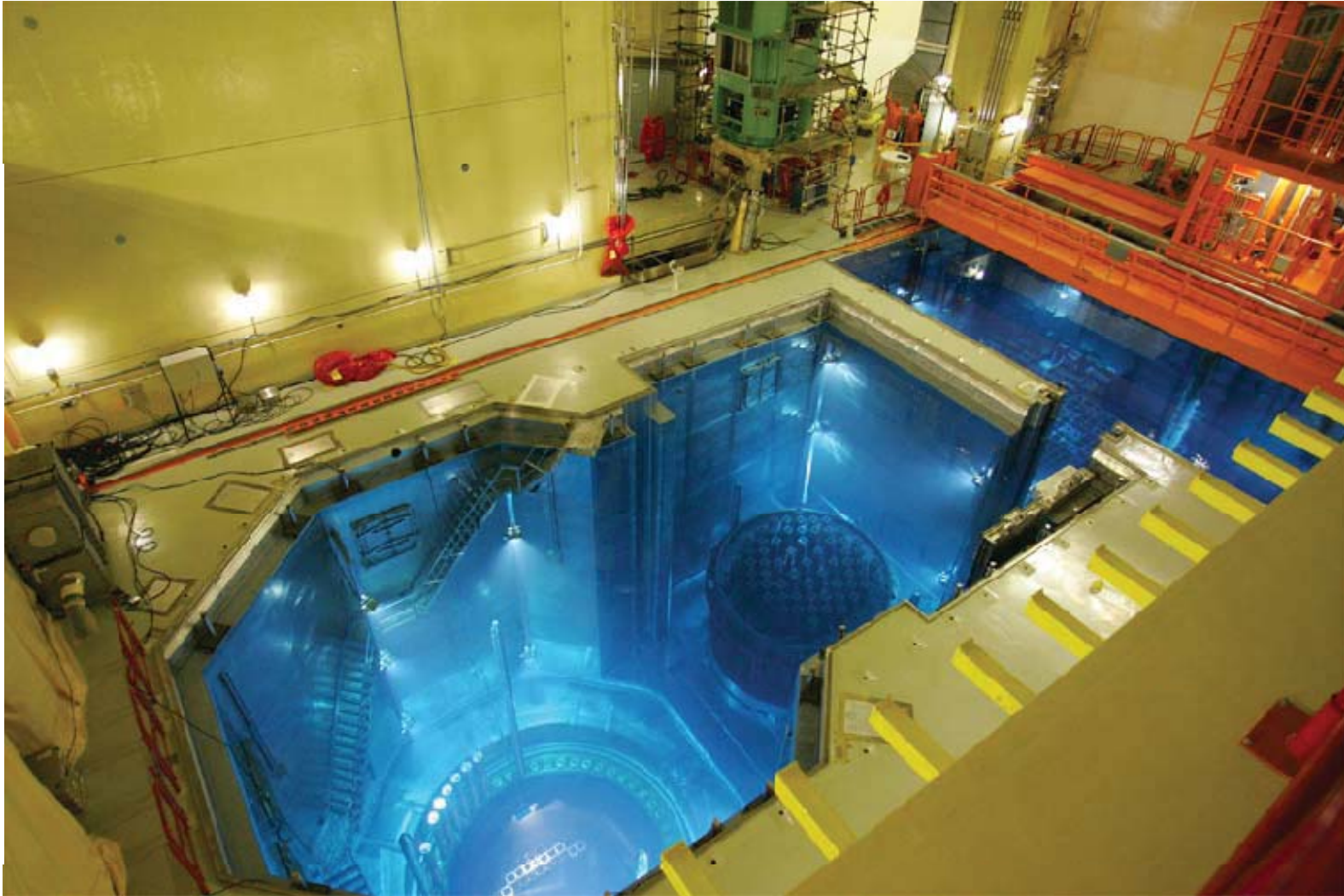




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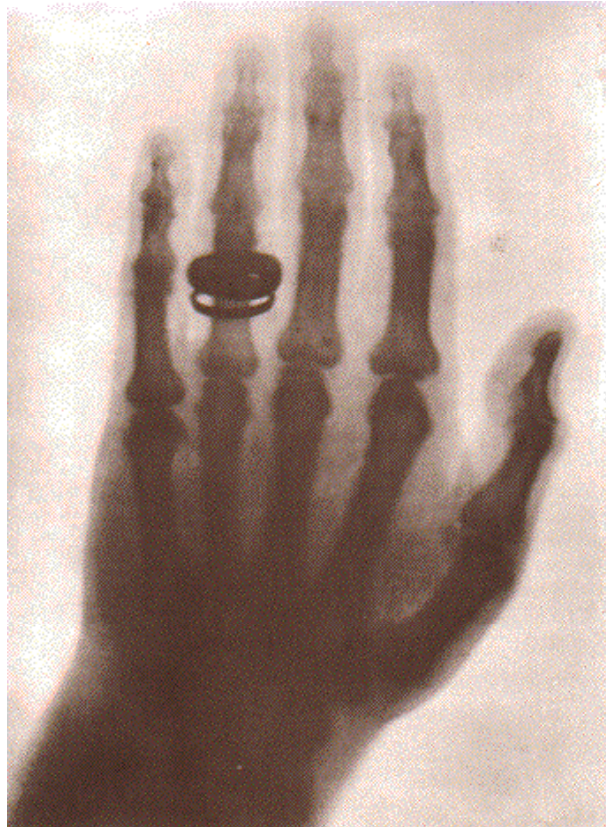


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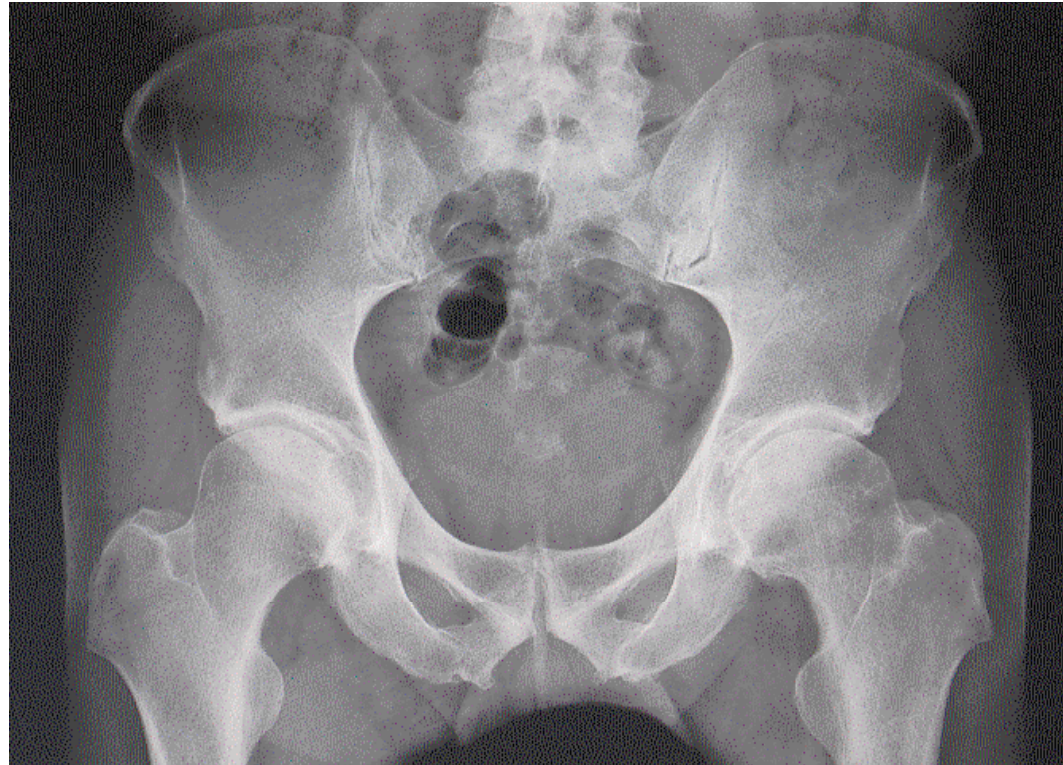




## Medical - diagnosis



The left hand of  
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Modern pelvic X-ray  
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# Medical - diagnosis

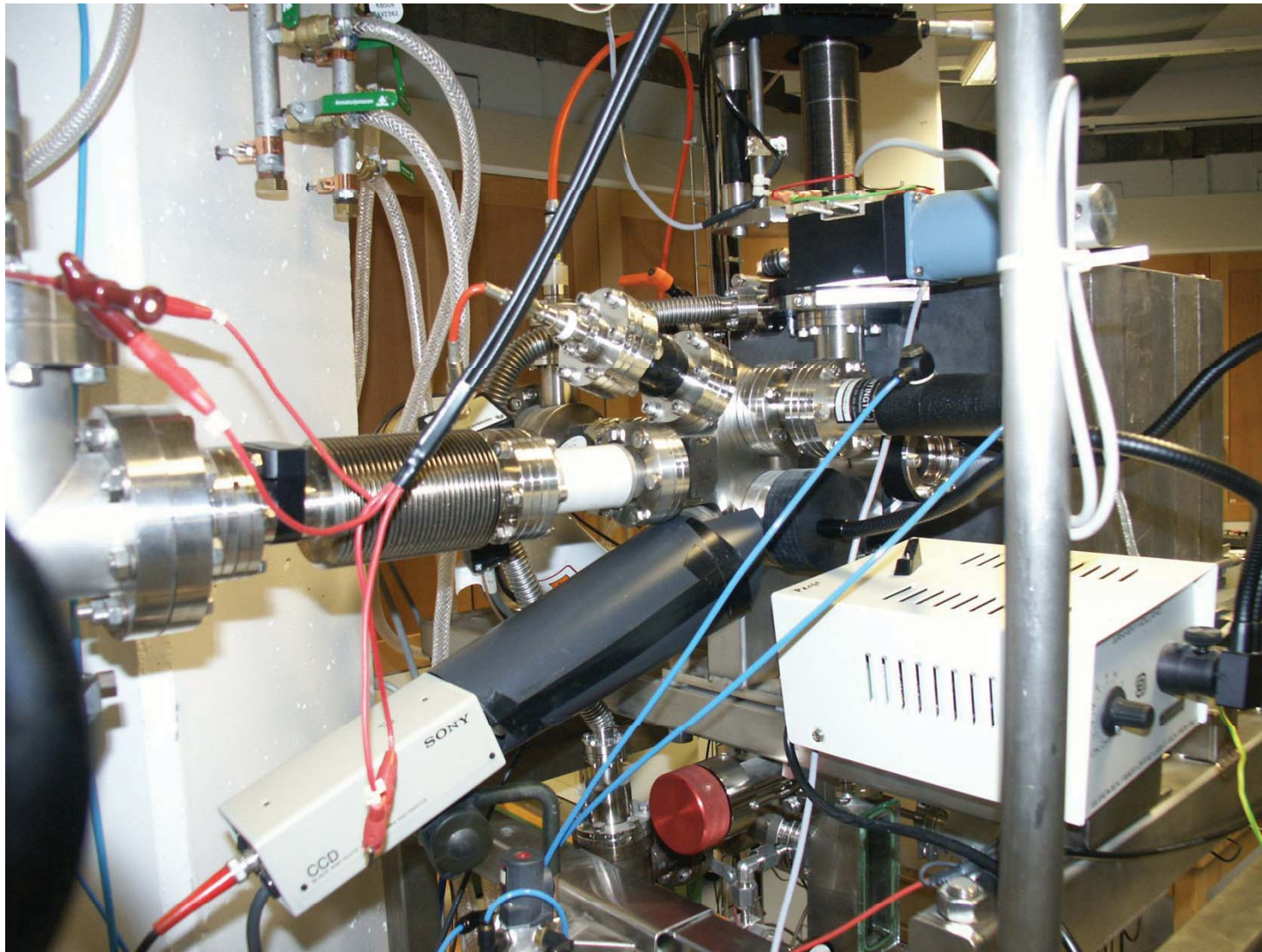


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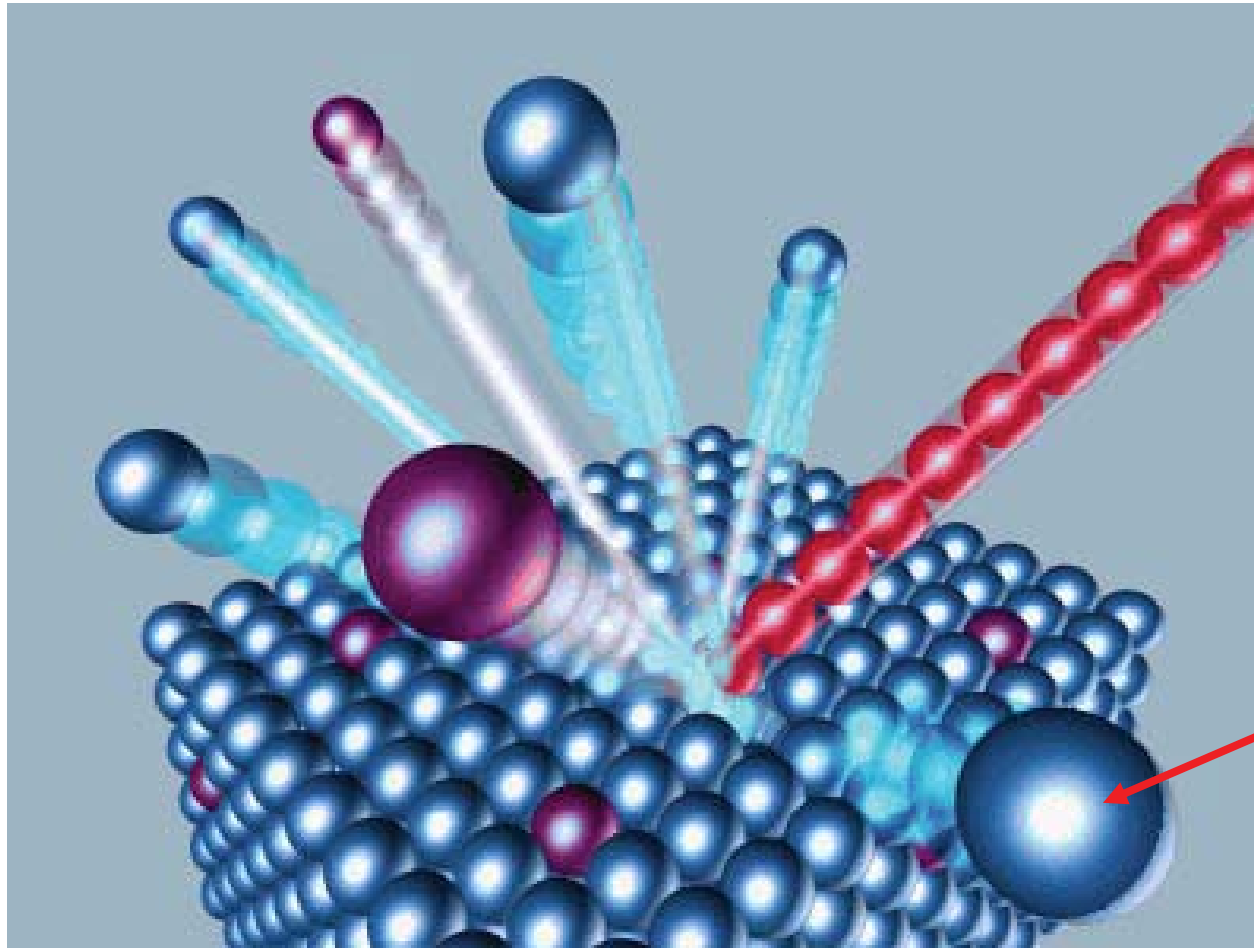




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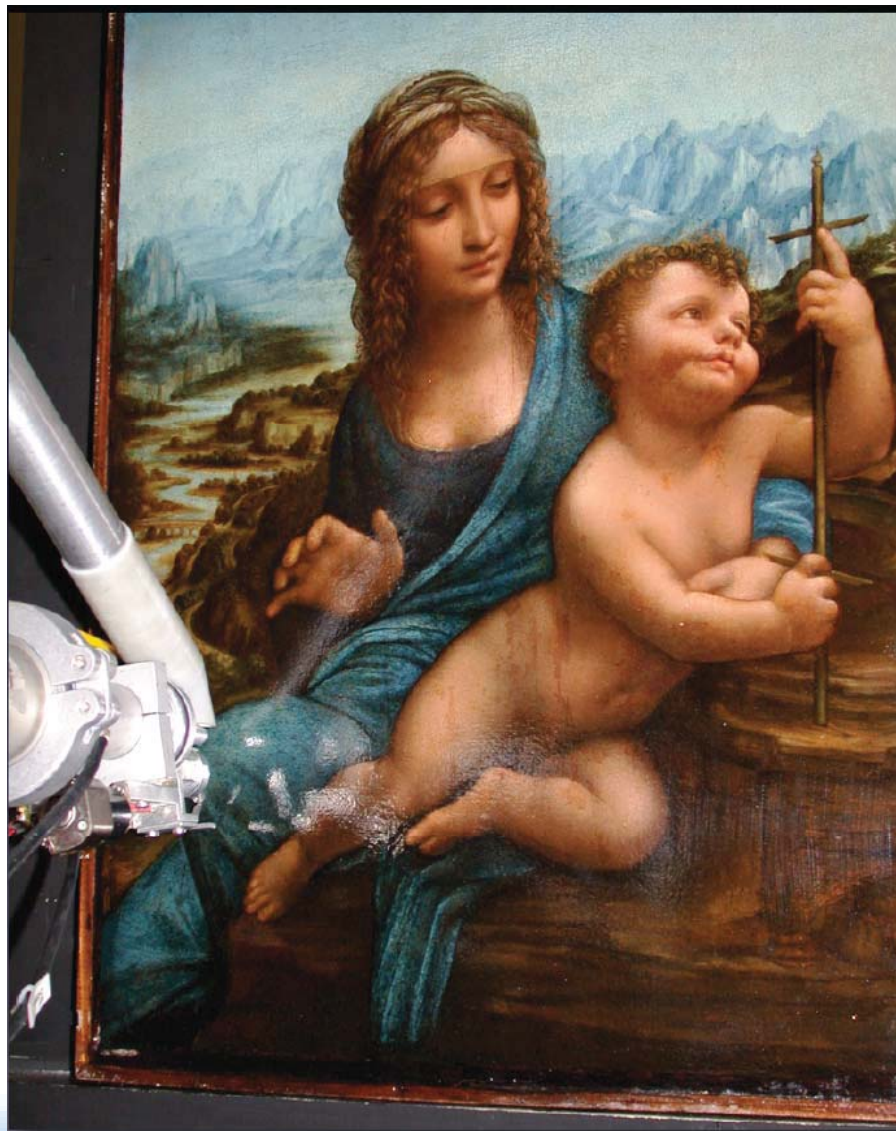
Ion beam

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particles,  
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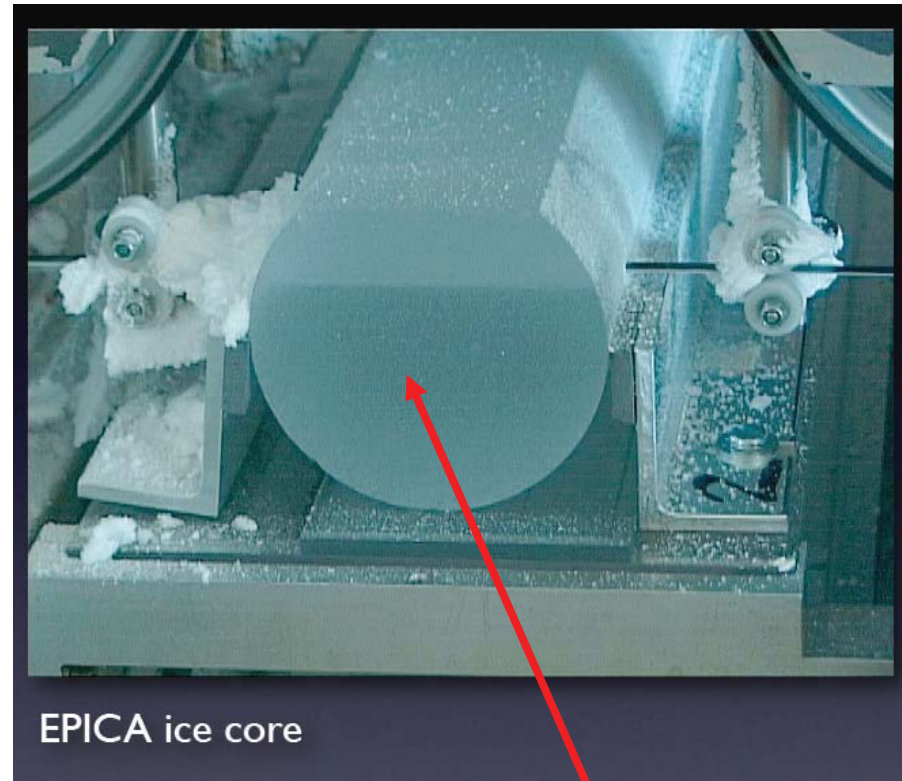
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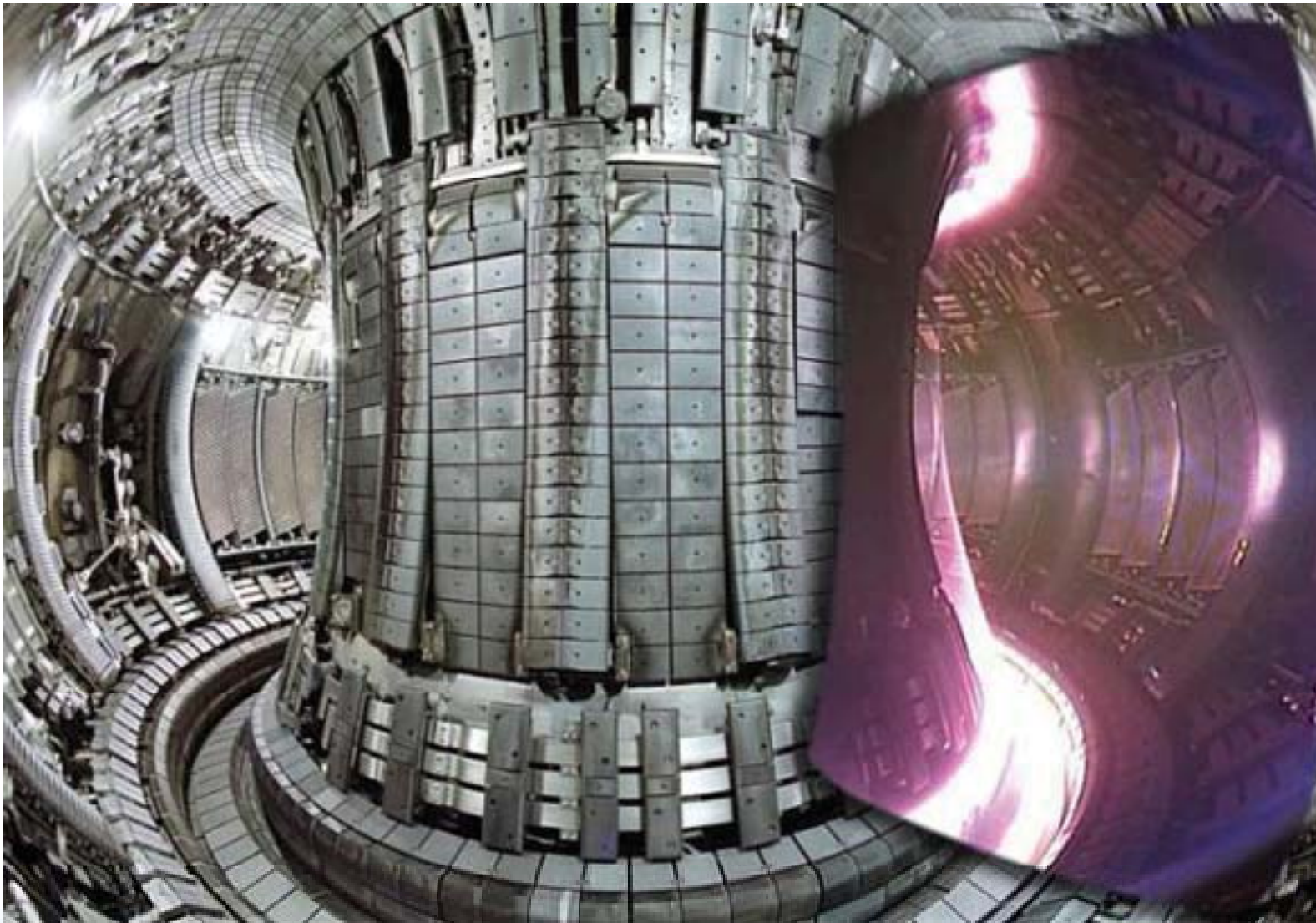
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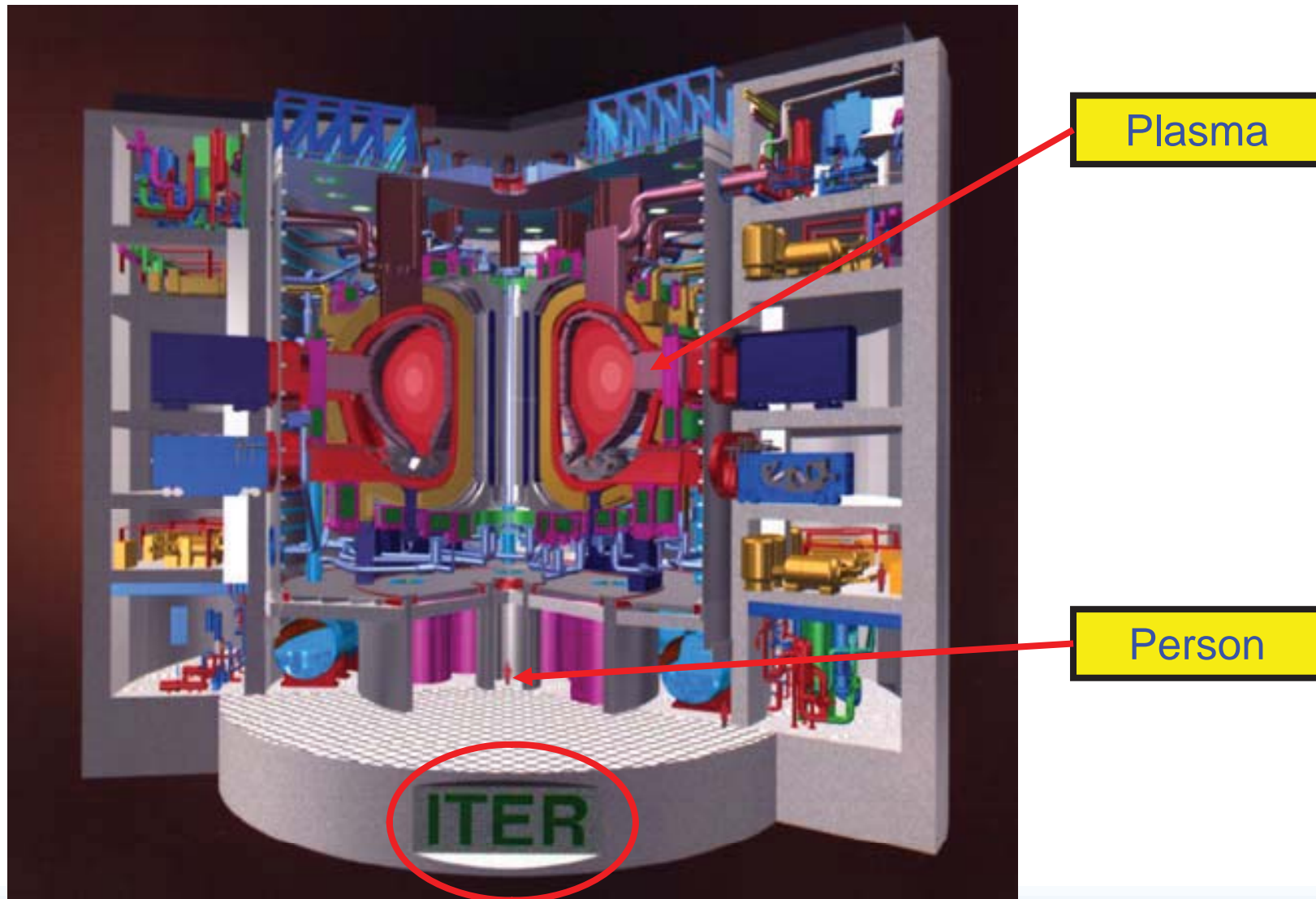
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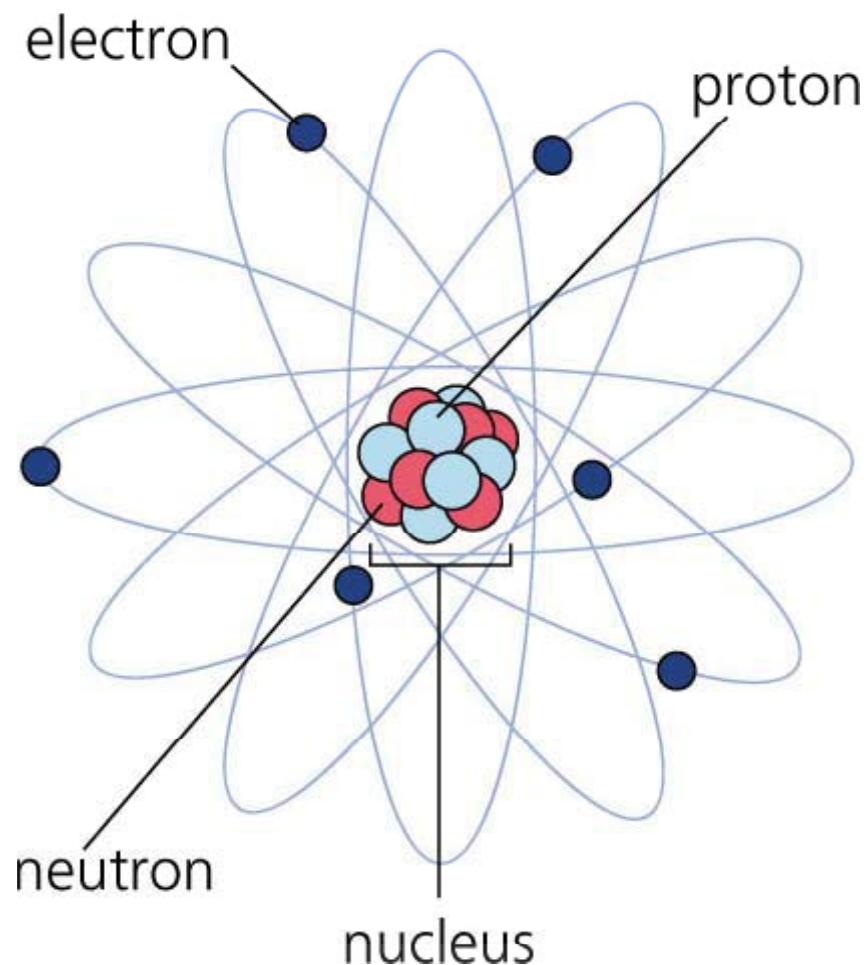


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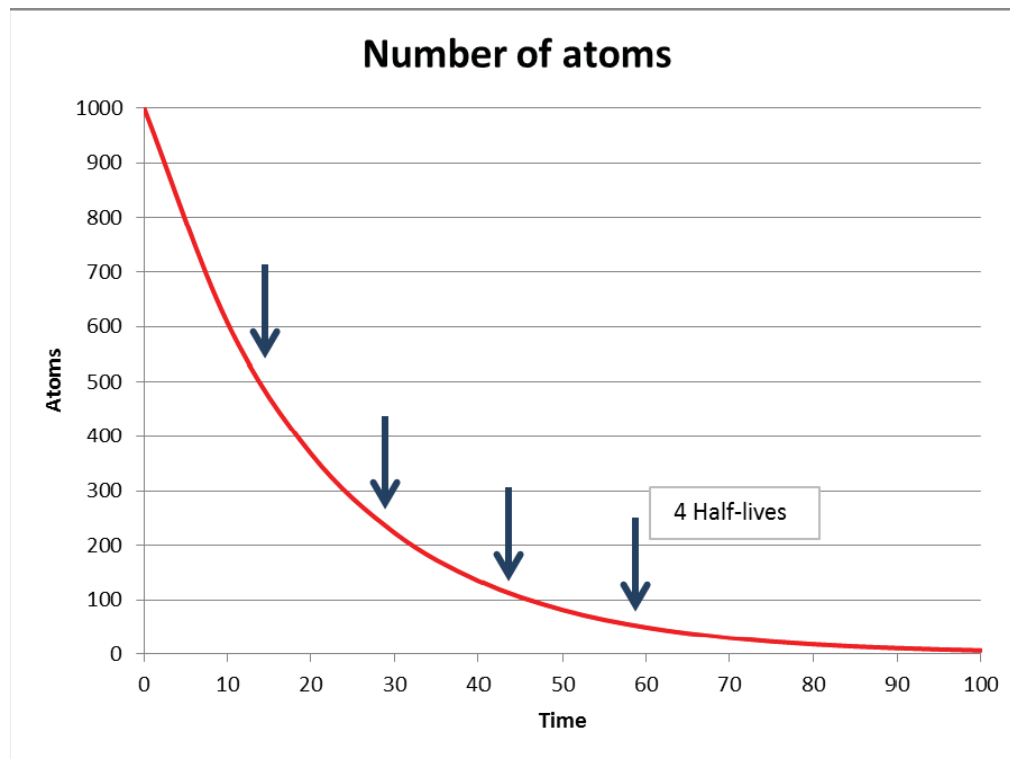
## Technical terms



- **Chemistry and atomic physics – electrons**
- **Nuclear physics – interact with nucleus with neutrons or protons**



# Decay



- Radioactive atoms decay
- After 4 half-lives only 1/16 left
- Compare to chemical toxicity – lasts forever!





## Natural Radioactivity

- We are all 'radioactive' because of the  $^{14}\text{C}$  and  $^{40}\text{K}$  in our bodies
- Actinides such as Thorium and Uranium occur naturally, when we burn coal radioactivity is released from the stack
- Carbon dating relies on  $^{14}\text{C}$  being formed in the atmosphere
- We are constantly irradiated by radiation from rocks and cosmic rays



## Reaction cross sections

- Production of  $^{14}\text{C}$  and the fusion in the sun are examples of nuclear reactions
- Note a nucleus is shown as  $^A_Z\text{X}$  or  $^A\text{X}$
- When a particle e.g. neutron 'hits' a nucleus it can react
- Many types of reaction are possible
- Write as  
Target(Incoming,Outgoing)Product
- $^{56}\text{Fe}(\text{n},2\text{n})^{55}\text{Fe}$

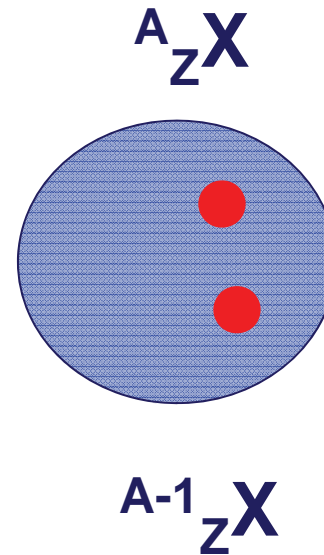


# **(n,2n) reaction**

**n**

**n**  


**Compound  
nucleus**



**n**



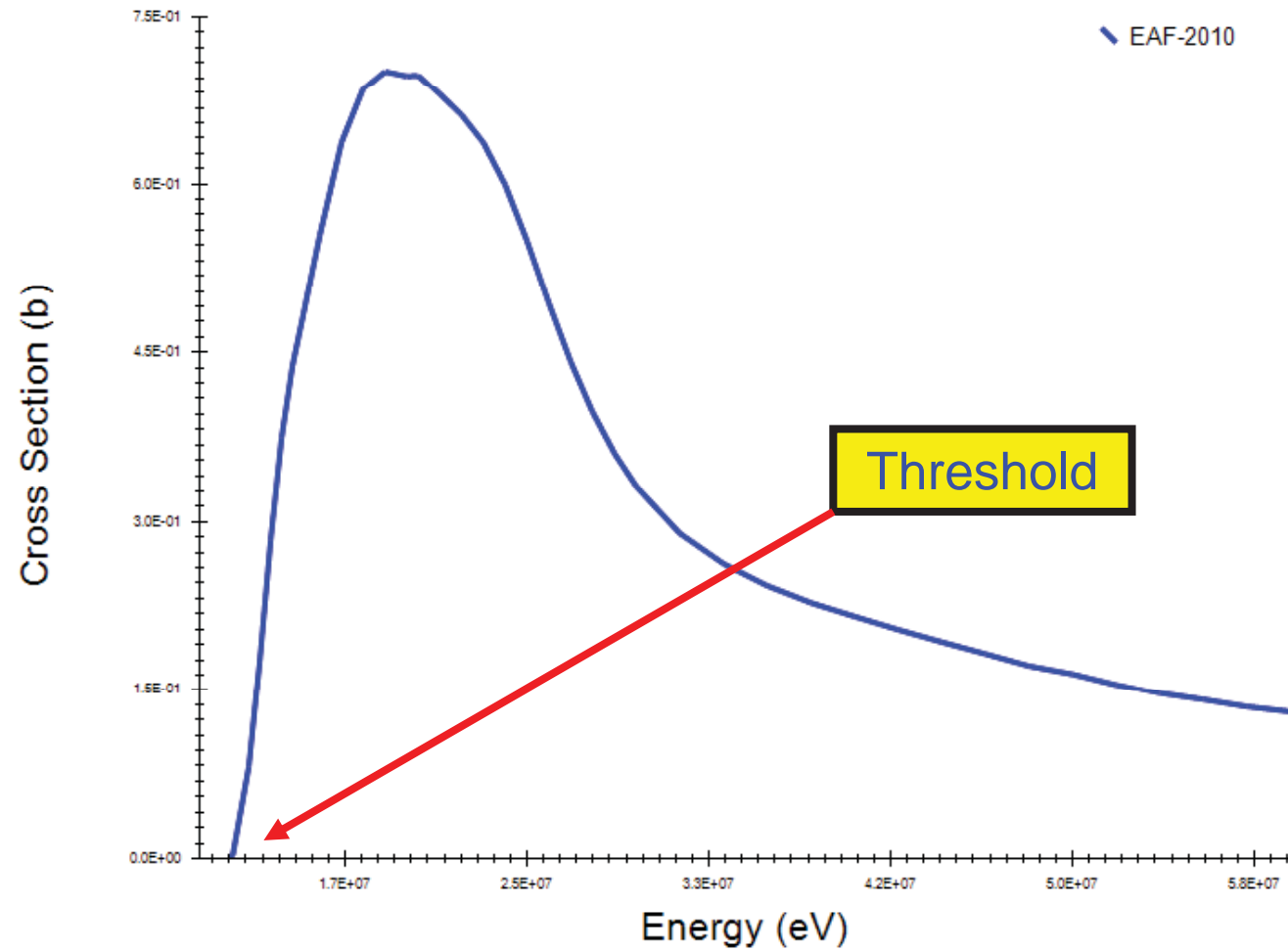
## Cross section

- Cross section  $\approx$  **Probability** of reaction
- Depends on energy (E) of incident particle
- Units **barns** (b) =  $1 \times 10^{-28} \text{ m}^2$
- For a nucleus 1 b cross section is 'as big as a barn door'!!
- $\sigma(E)$



# Cross section

Fe-56(n,2n)Fe-55

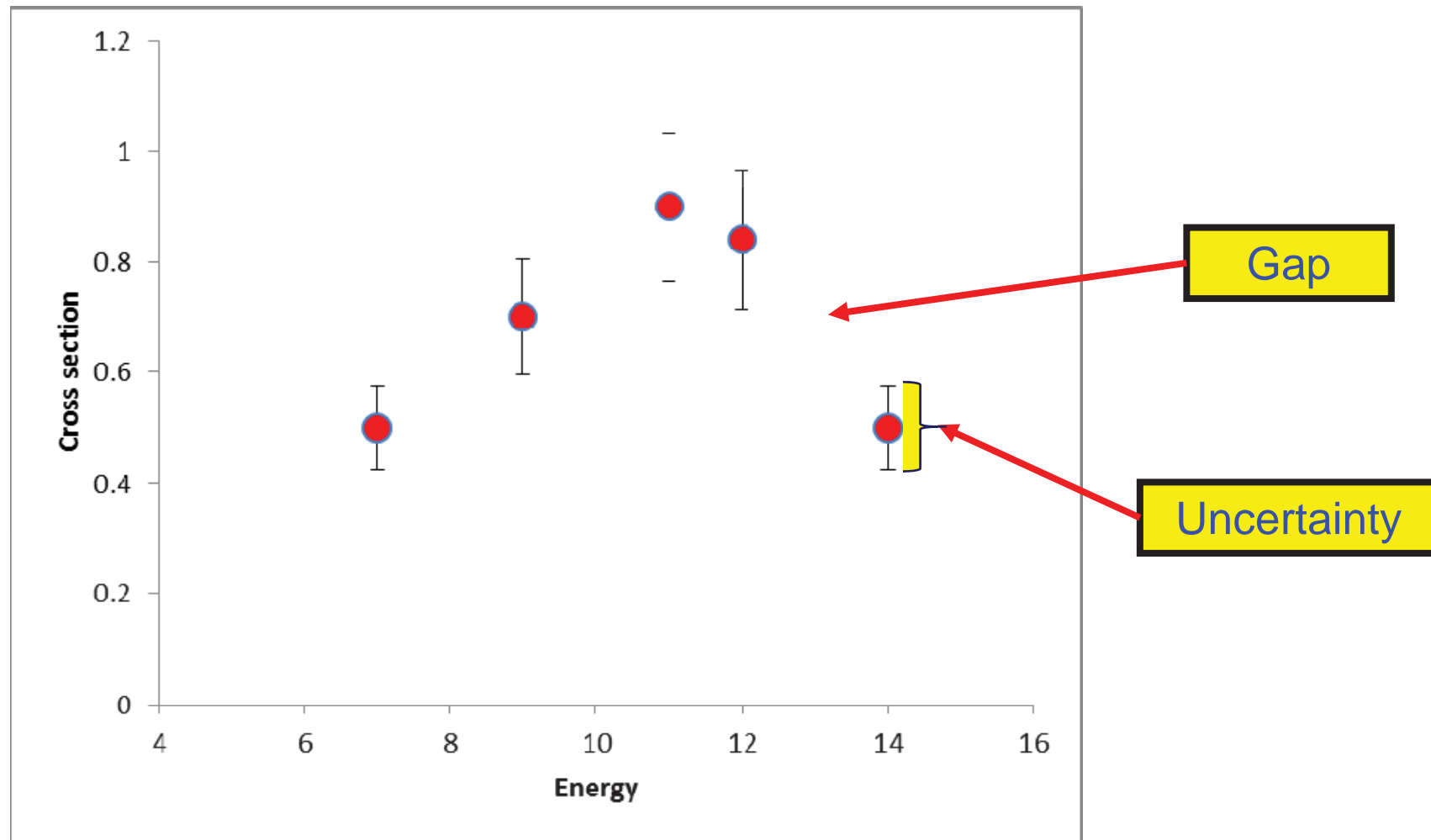


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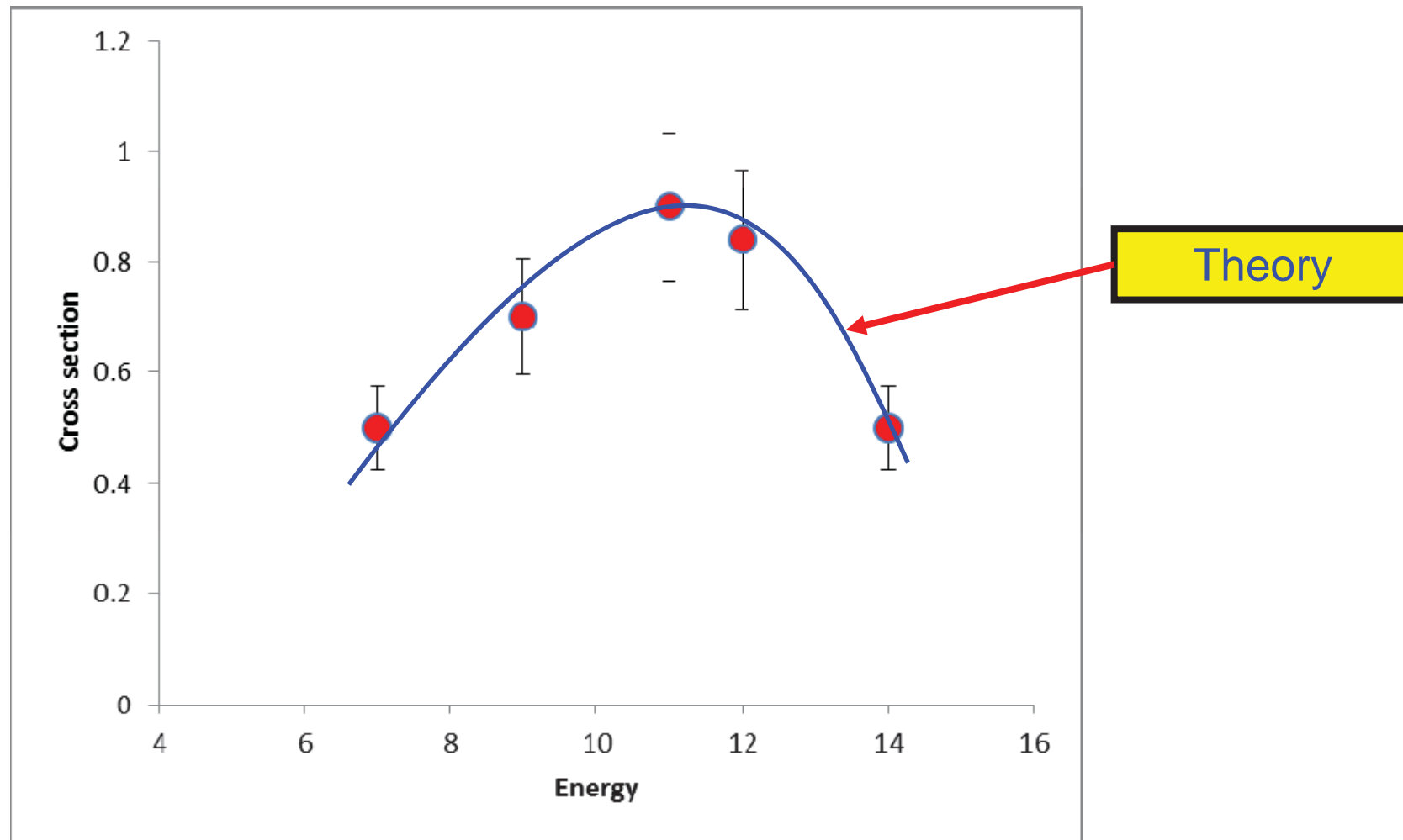
- **How do we know the values of a cross section?**
- **Measurements are made at particular energies**
- **Note that we actually measure a quantity like ‘counts’ and then infer the cross section**
- **Measurements are not exact**



# Data



# Data



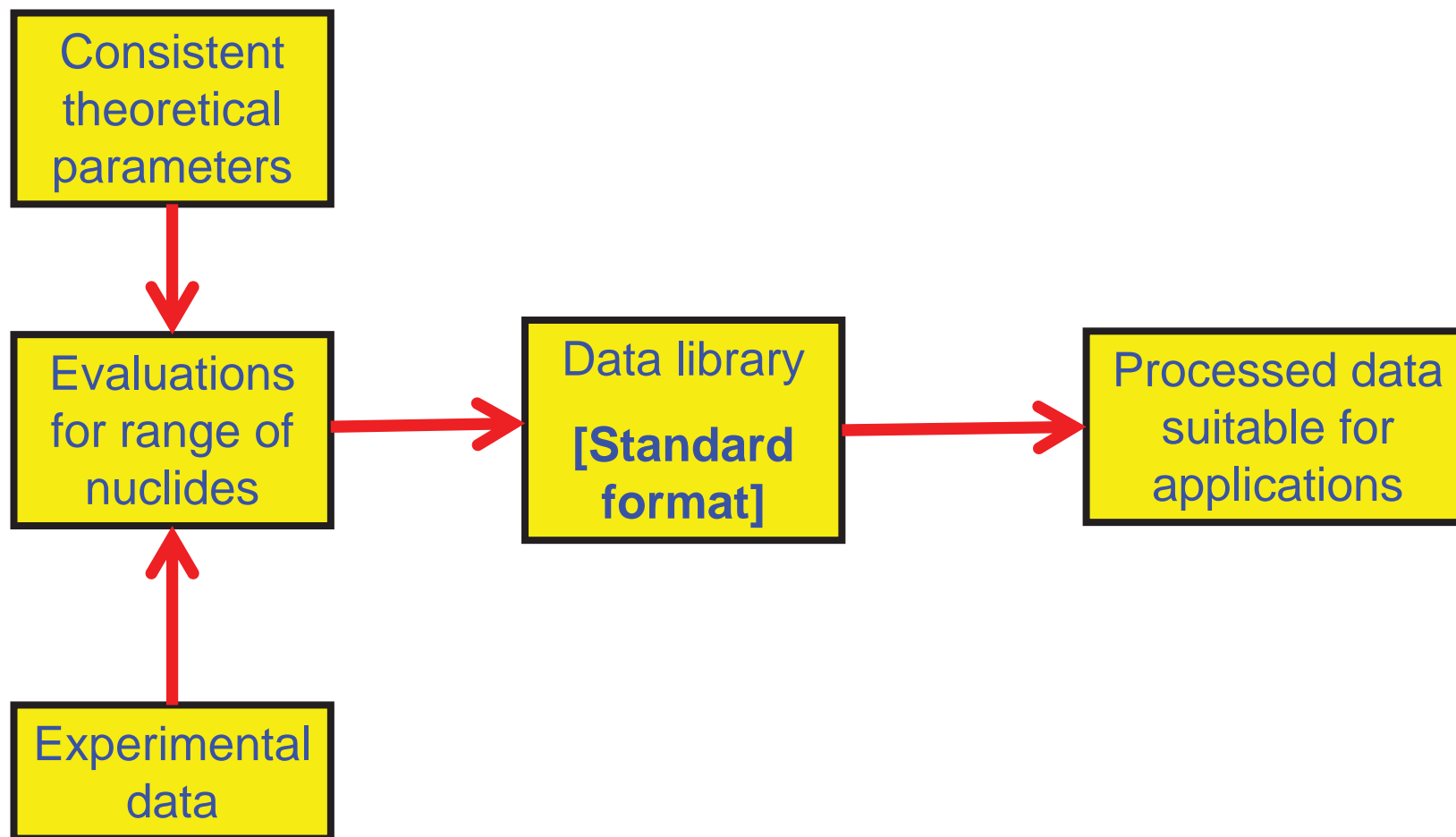


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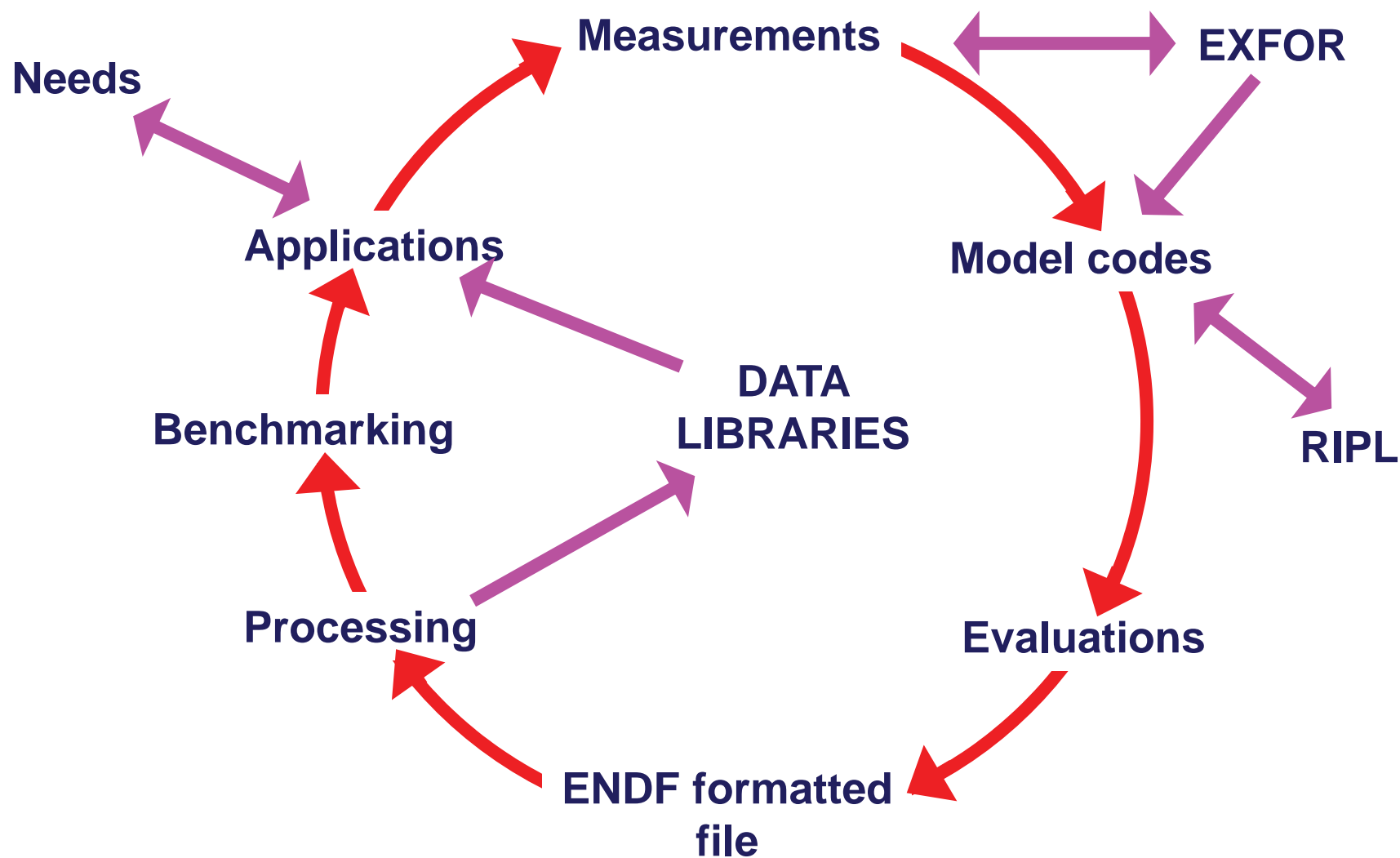
- If the same theory is used for all reactions on the target and fits made to all data
- Theory gives a 'complete' description of all reactions
- Put in standard format (ENDF)
- Gives a first evaluation
- Test under wide range of conditions
- Iterate



# Data library

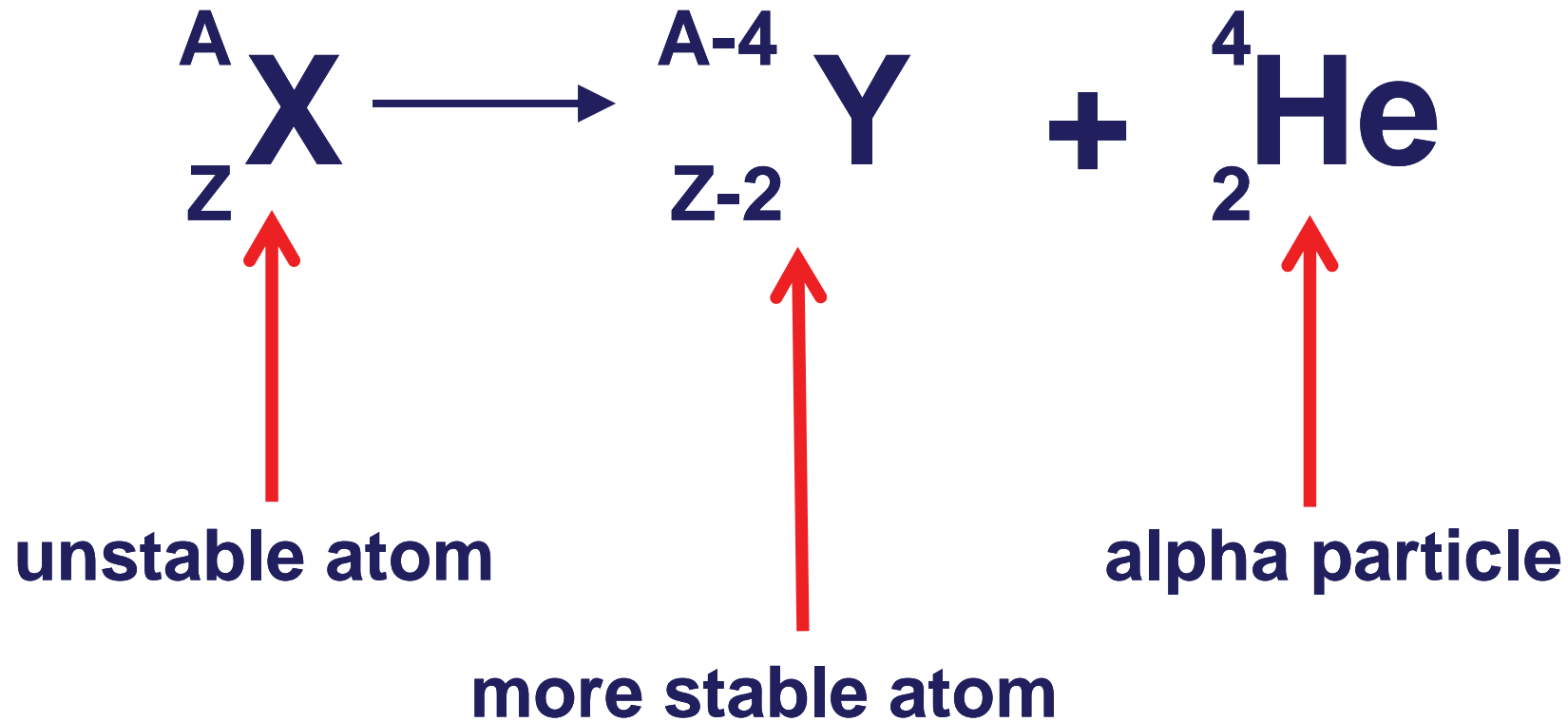


# Nuclear data

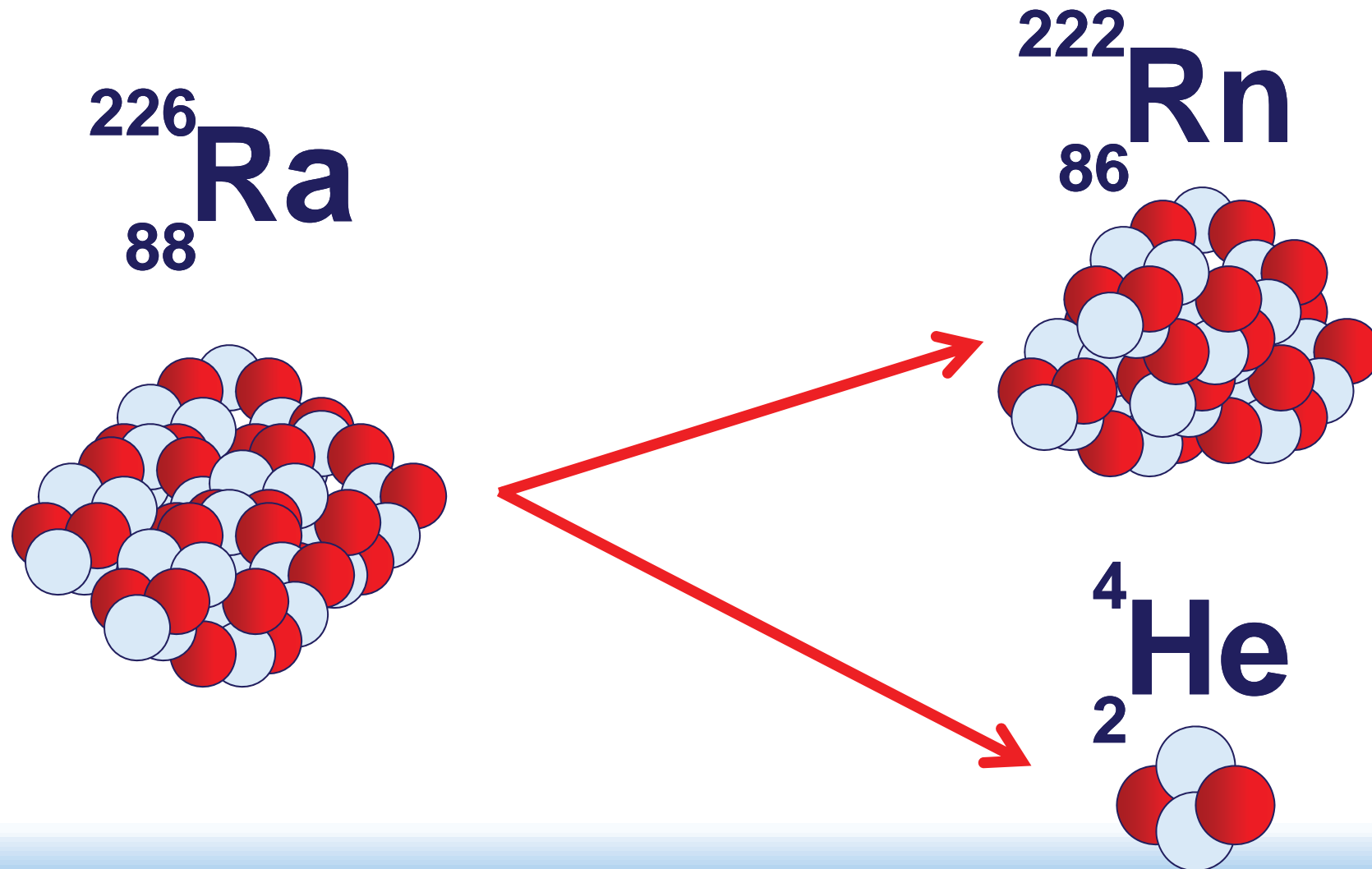


# Nuclear structure and decay

## Alpha Decay

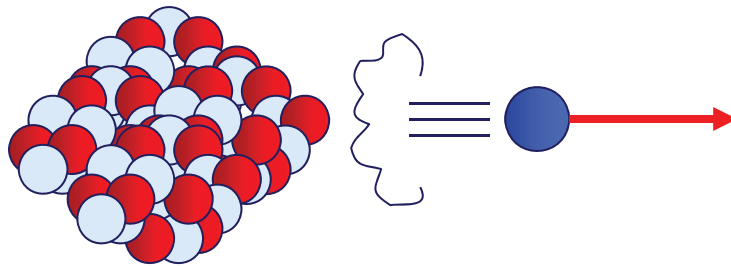


# Alpha Decay



# Beta Decay

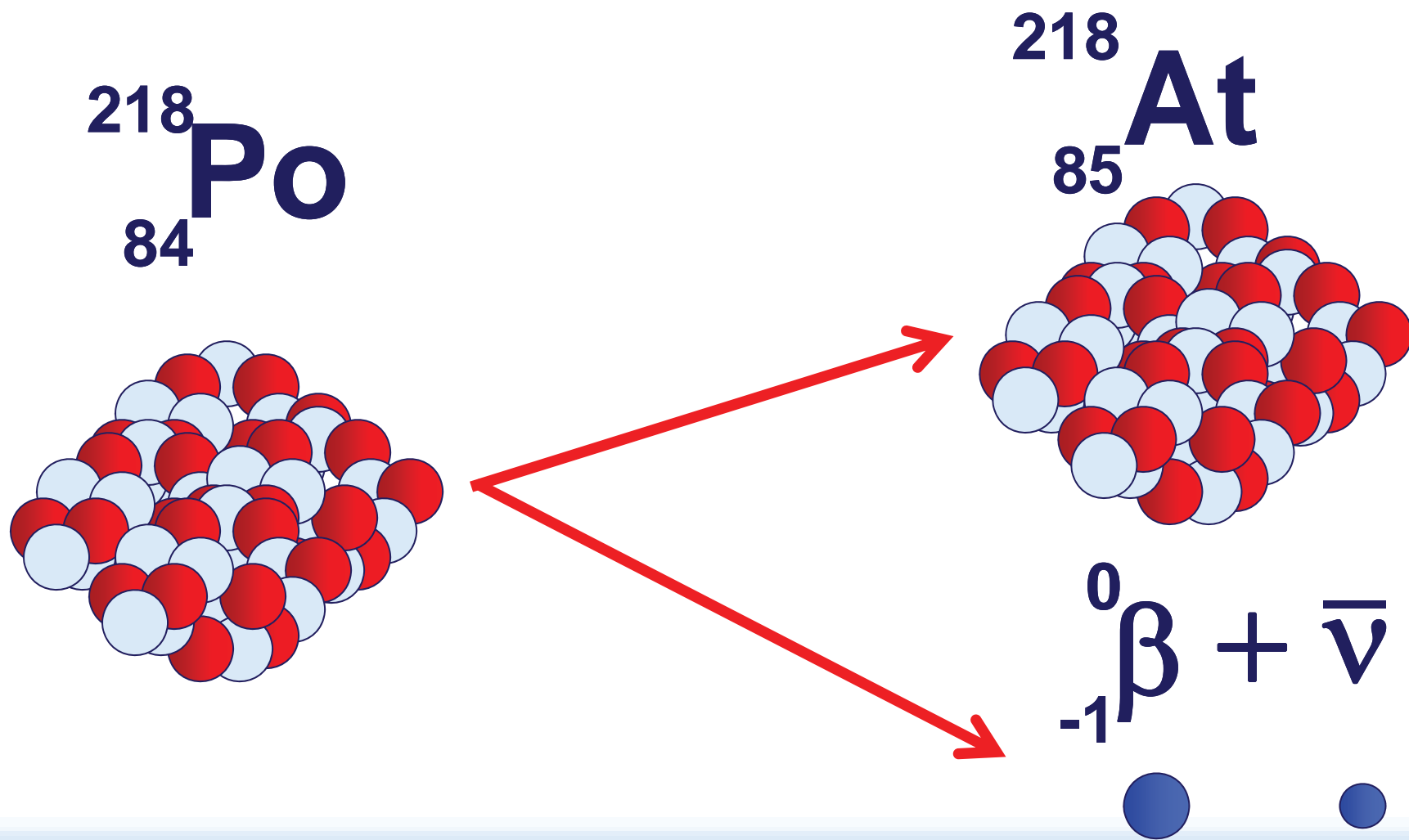
**A beta particle is a fast moving electron which is emitted from the nucleus of an atom undergoing radioactive decay**



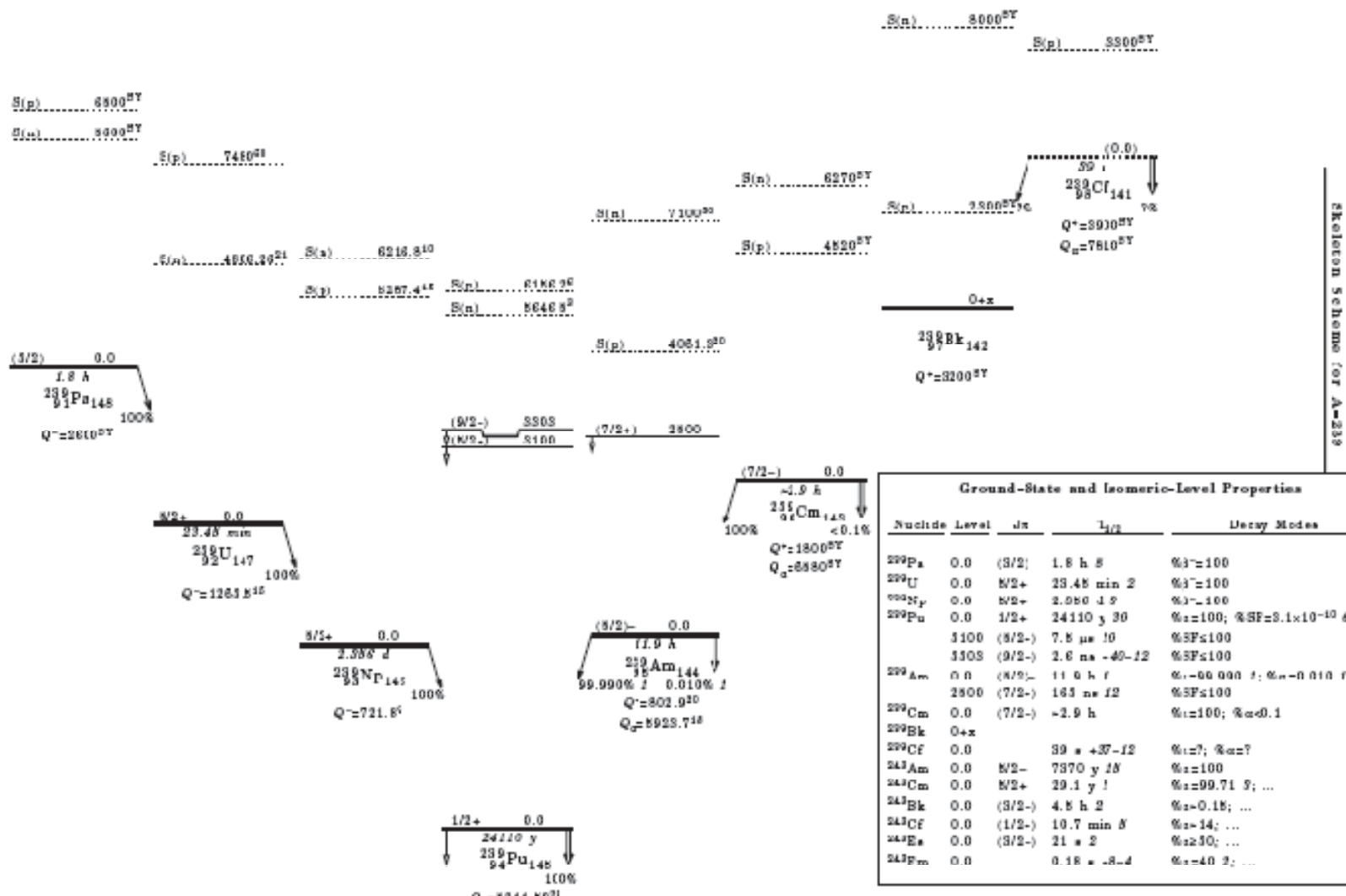
**Beta decay occurs when a neutron changes into a proton, an electron and an anti-neutrino**



# Beta Decay



# Nuclear structure and decay





## Nuclear Data

- **Nuclear Data is a separate field of study from Nuclear Physics**
- **Not research**
- **Aim is produce complete, accurate, tested and reliable databases suitable for a range of applications**
- **Thus Nuclear Data forms the basis for many other studies**



## Perceptions

- Most ‘non-Nuclear Data specialists’ assume that the data exists and are adequate in the same way as a telephone directory exists
- Data are ‘free’
- Available for all applications particularly ‘new’ ones
- If data exist for fission studies then they should also be available for fusion!



# Reality

- **Data are not ‘free’**
- **Require extension and improvement as new applications arise**
- **Since measurement usually made relative to a standard, as these improve then original data need to be recalculated**
- **Rather few experts – International collaboration essential**
- **Core role for a body such as IAEA**



# Obtaining Nuclear Data

**Q. Where to get Nuclear Data?**


**A. The Internet**

**Example:**

what is the capture cross section  
of  $^{91}\text{Zr}$  at  $E_n = 30 \text{ keV}$  ?



# Nuclear Data Online




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International Reactor Dosimetry File

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atlas of neutron capture cross sections


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
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## Evaluated Nuclear Data File (ENDF)

Database Version of February 08, 2011  
Software Version of 2011.04.28 Old interface is [\[here\]](#)

### News & History

2011/01 New libraries and software improvements:

- 1) **EAF-2010**: European Activation File (816 materials/60MeV), UK, issued in 2010
- 2) **TENDL-2010**: TALYS-based Evaluated Nuclear Data Library, 2010 [\[page\]](#)
- 3) Easy to get full pre-processed material (**PEN**: temperature=293.16 Kelvin, accuracy=0.1%)

2010/10 Software extension:

Core nuclear reaction database contain recommended, evaluated cross sections, spectra, angular distributions, fission product yields, photo-atomic and thermal scattering law data, with emphasis on neutron induced reactions. The data were analyzed by experienced nuclear physicists to produce recommended libraries for one of the national nuclear data projects (USA, Europe, Japan, Russia and China). All data are stored in the internationally-adopted ENDF-6 format maintained by CSEWG.

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Target

Reaction

Quantity

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**Libraries:** ☒ All ☐ Selected

☒ Major Libraries ☒ Special Libraries

☐ 1) ENDF/B-VII.0 (USA,2006) ☒ Archival

☐ 2) JEFF-3.1.1 (Europe,2005-2009) ☒ Derived

☐ 3) JENDL-4.0 (Japan,2010)

☐ 4) CENDL-3.1 (China,2009)

☐ 5) ROSFOND-2010 (Russia,2010)

☐ 6) BROND-2.2 (Russia,1992)

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- criteria separated in a field by ";", are combined with logical OR
- wildcards and intervals are available
- pointwise libraries contain reconstructed resonances using parameters from MF=2 and applied Doppler broadening at a given temperature.

Original ENDF libraries and files for FTP downloading: [\[ENDF-Archive\]](#)

Extensive temperature dependent pointwise libraries: [Point-2009](#) (ENDFB-VII.0)

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Data Source: Nuclear Energy Agency International Working Party on Evaluation Cooperation (<http://www.nea.fr/html/science/wpec/>) and Cross Section Evaluation Working Group (<http://www.nndc.bnl.gov/csewg/>)

R.A. Forrest, ICTP, 8-26 Aug 2011

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**Plotting options:** ☒ Quick plot (cross-sections only:  $\sigma$ ) ☐ MF3-Plot  
☐ Universal plot ( $\sigma \pm \Delta\sigma$ ,  $d\sigma/d\Omega$ ,  $d\sigma/dE$ ,  $d^2\sigma/dE/d\Omega$ ) *beta version*

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 Sorted by: [Reactions] Reorder by: [Libraries] View: ☒ basic

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**\*Plotting options:**

**Plot** cross sections with reconstructed resonances and applied Doppler broadening at the temperature of the experiment.

**MF3-Plot** cross section from file MF3 as is (sometimes presents only "background" data without resonances).

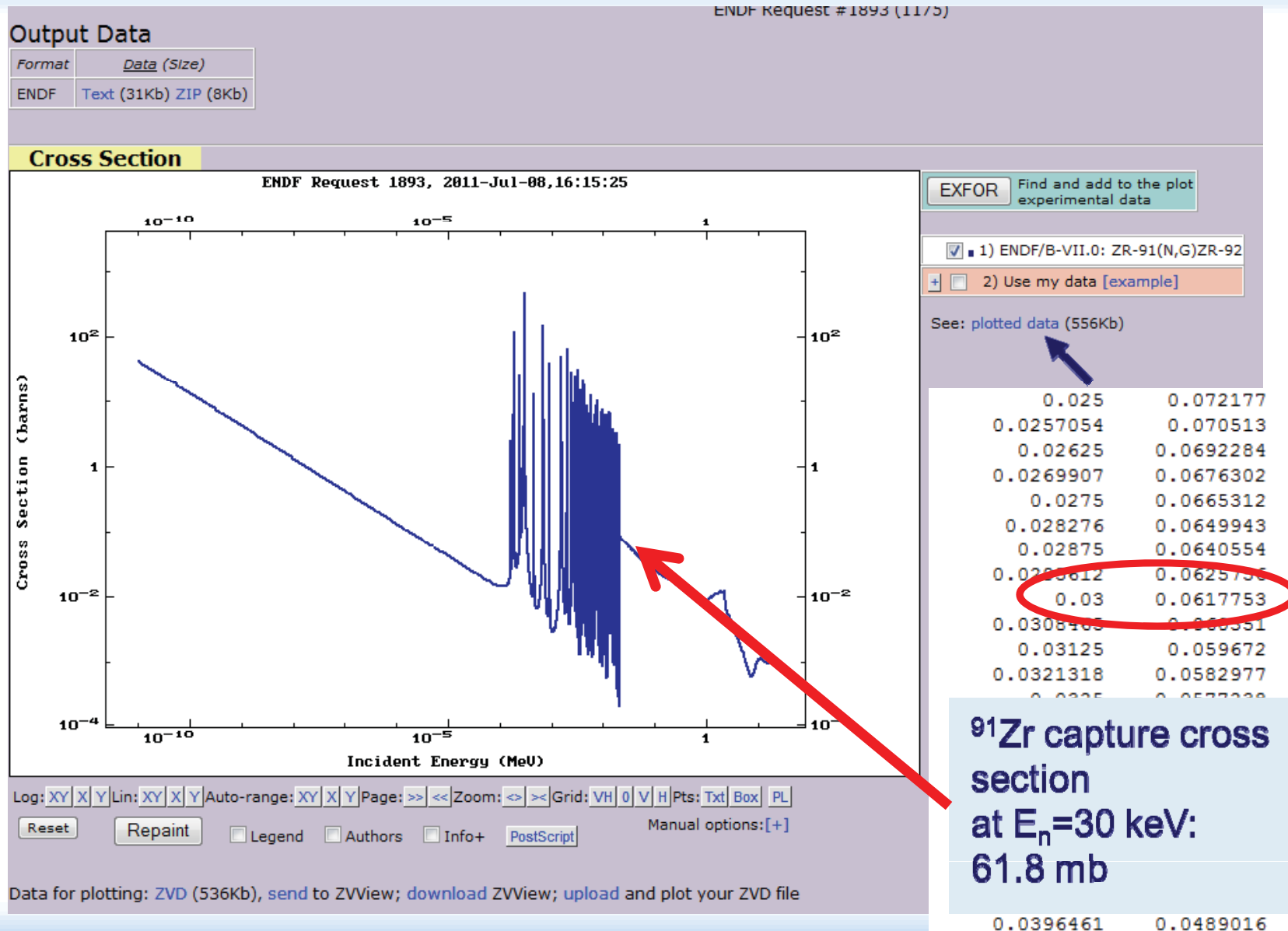
**Other plots**

- $d\sigma/d\Omega$  - angular distributions,
- $d\sigma/dE$  - energy distributions.





# Nuclear Data Online



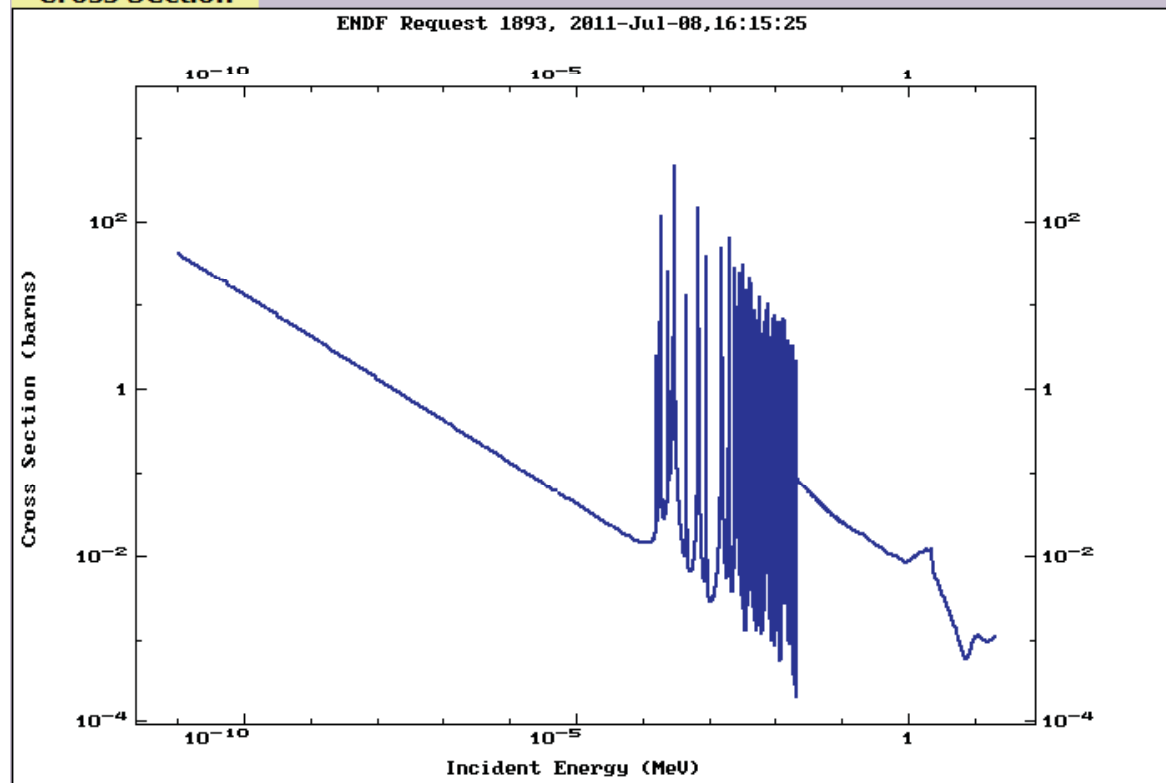
# Nuclear Data Online

## Output Data

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ENDF	Text (31Kb) ZIP (8Kb)

Easy to add  
experimental data

## Cross Section



EXFOR Find and add to the plot experimental data

- ☒ 1) ENDF/B-VII.0: ZR-91(N,G)ZR-92
- ☐ 2) Use my data [example]

See: [plotted data](#) (556Kb)

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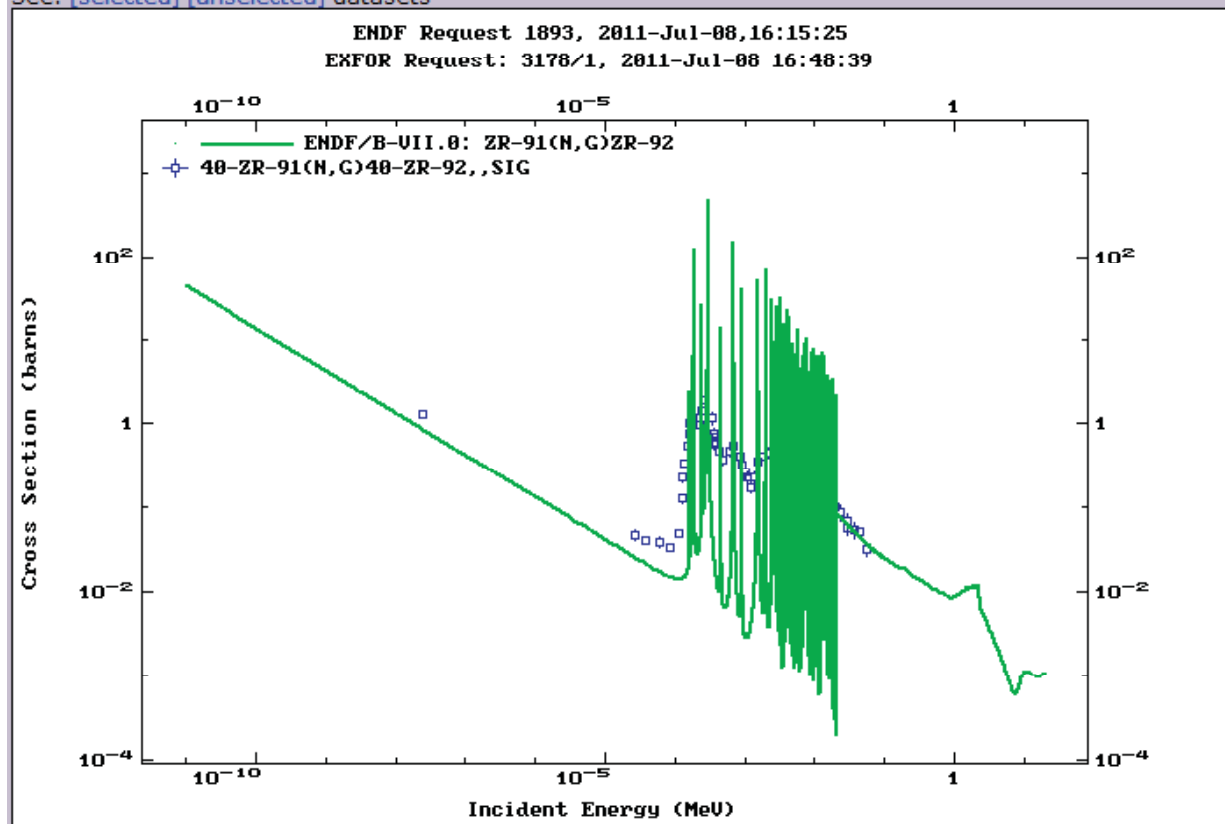
# Nuclear Data Online

EXFOR Request #3178/1174 (following ENDF Request #1893)

## Output Data

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EXFOR	Text (16Kb) ZIP (4Kb) Generate: X4± X4s C5
Bibliography	html (5Kb) BibTeX (2Kb)

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- ☒ 1) 40-ZR-91(N,G)40-ZR-92,,SIG
- ☒ 2) ENDF/B-VII.0: ZR-91(N,G)ZR-92
- ☐ 3) Use my data [\[example\]](#)

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Data for plotting: [ZVD](#) (542Kb), [send](#) to ZVView; [download](#) ZVView; [upload](#) and plot your ZVD file



# EXFOR

- **Database of experimental data, from 1935, initially neutron-induced but now enlarged**
- **Not necessary to read original papers and extract data**
- **Covers ~19,000 experiments**
- **Computer readable format**
- **Includes ~11,500,000 data points**



# Compilation

PHYSICAL REVIEW C

VOLUME 37, NUMBER 2

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## Neutron capture cross section of $^{197}\text{Au}$ : A standard for stellar nucleosynthesis

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(Received 19 October 1987)

We have measured the neutron capture cross section of gold using the  $^7\text{Li}(p,n)^6\text{Be}$  reaction for neutron production. This reaction not only provides the integrated neutron flux via the  $^7\text{Be}$  activity of the target, but also allows for the simulation of a Maxwellian neutron energy spectrum at  $kT=25$  keV. As this spectrum is emitted in a forward cone of  $120^\circ$  opening angle, the cross section can be measured in good geometry and independent of any other standard. Systematic uncertainties were studied experimentally in a series of activations. The final stellar cross section at  $kT=25$  keV was found to be  $648 \pm 10$  mb, and extrapolation to the common s-process temperature  $kT=30$  keV yields  $582 \pm 9$  mb. This result is used for renormalization of a number of cross sections which had been measured relative to gold.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The importance of the neutron capture cross section of gold as a standard in the keV region initiated a number of measurements. In the energy range of astrophysical interest around 30 keV neutron energy, differential data obtained with time-of-flight (TOF) techniques as well as data obtained with the activation technique are available. Conversion of these results to stellar cross sections is achieved by folding with the Maxwellian neutron energy distribution

$$\Phi \sim E_n \exp(-E_n/kT). \quad (1)$$

For nucleosynthesis by slow neutron captures (s process) the common thermal energy is  $kT=30$  keV, corresponding to temperatures of  $3.5 \times 10^8$  K, as they are typical for helium burning in red giant stars. According to the definition

$$\frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle}{v_T} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{\int_0^\infty \sigma(E_n) E_n \exp(-E_n/kT) dE_n}{\int_0^\infty E_n \exp(-E_n/kT) dE_n}, \quad (2)$$

the stellar capture cross section can easily be derived from differential data,  $\sigma(E_n)$ . Here,  $E_n$  is the total kinetic energy in the center-of-mass system. The factor  $2/\sqrt{\pi}$  comes from the normalization of the Maxwellian

flux formula, using the mean thermal velocity  $v_T = (2kT/m)^{1/2}$  ( $m$  being the reduced mass) instead of the average velocity. Table I collects all recent gold cross sections, while data prior to 1971 are represented by the evaluation of Allen, Gibbons, and Macklin.<sup>1</sup> The respective experimental cross sections for  $30 \pm 3$  keV are listed in column 4. Maxwellian averages were calculated if the differential data covered a sufficiently large energy range. Otherwise, the 30 keV value was simply multiplied by the factor  $2/(1.05\sqrt{\pi})$ ; this approximation was derived from the data of Macklin<sup>2</sup> and accounts for the fact that the cross section falls slightly steeper than  $E_n^{-0.5}$ .

Inspection of Table I shows a confusing situation: Most Maxwellian averages<sup>3-6</sup> group around  $640 \pm 20$  mb, except the values of Macklin<sup>2</sup> and of Yamamuro *et al.*,<sup>7</sup> which are at  $590 \pm 20$  mb, but with both groups being characterized by similar uncertainties. In view of this discrepancy and because of their relevance for the present study, the measurements of Macklin<sup>2</sup> and of Zhu *et al.*<sup>6</sup> will be discussed in more detail.

The data given by Macklin<sup>2</sup> were obtained in a measurement of Macklin, Halperin, and Winters,<sup>8</sup> but were later revised at energies below  $\sim 100$  keV due to an error in data processing. These cross sections were measured relative to the  $^6\text{Li}(n,\alpha)$  cross section between 3 and 550

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AUTHOR	(W.RATYNSKI,F.KAEPPeler)			
INSTITUTE	(2GERKFK)			
FACILITY	(VDG,2GERKFK) A VAN DE GRAAFF ACCELERATOR DELIVERED A BEAM OF 1912 KEV PROTONS. THE ACCELERATOR WAS OPERATED IN A DC MODE DURING IRRADIATIONS AND IN PULSED MODE WHEN OBTAINING THE NEUTRON ENERGY SPECTRUM WITH TIME-OF-FLIGHT. THE BEAM CURRENT HAD A DENSITY OF LESS THAN 1 MICROAMP/MM2.			
CRITIQUE	.ALTHOUGH THE TERM 'MAXWELLIAN SPECTRUM' IS USED THROUGHOUT THE PAPER THIS IS UNDERSTOOD IN A STELLAR CONTEXT, THE ACTUAL AVERAGE CROSS SECTION ( $\langle \sigma \rangle_{KT}$ ) BEING DEFINED AS THE AVERAGED REACTION RATE (CROSS SECTION MULTIPLIED BY VELOCITY) DIVIDED BY THE MEAN THERMAL VELOCITY (VT) WITHIN THE STELLAR PLASMA OF THERMAL ENERGY KT : $\langle \sigma \rangle_{KT} = \langle \sigma \times VELOCITY \rangle / VT$ USING THE ACCEPTED MAXWELL VELOCITY DISTRIBUTION FORMULA THE TERM VT CAN EASILY BE SHOWN TO BE $(2KT/M)^{0.5}$ , M BEING THE REDUCED MASS. THIS IS EQUIVALENT TO FOLDING THE CROSS SECTION WITH AN ENERGY SPECTRUM PROPORTIONAL TO A MAXWELLIAN DISTRIBUTION TIMES VELOCITY ( $E(N) \times \exp(-E(N)/KT)$ ) WITH A NORMALISATION FACTOR OF $2/(PI)^{0.5}$ , INSTEAD OF A TRUE MAXWELLIAN ( $E(N)^{0.5} \times \exp(-E(N)/KT)$ ). IT IS THIS FORMER SPECTRUM THAT IS REPRODUCED EXPERIMENTALLY USING THE P-LI7 SOURCE, AND THE RESULTING AVERAGE CROSS SECTION WITHOUT THE $2/(PI)^{0.5}$ FACTOR APPEARS IN THE DATA TABLE.			



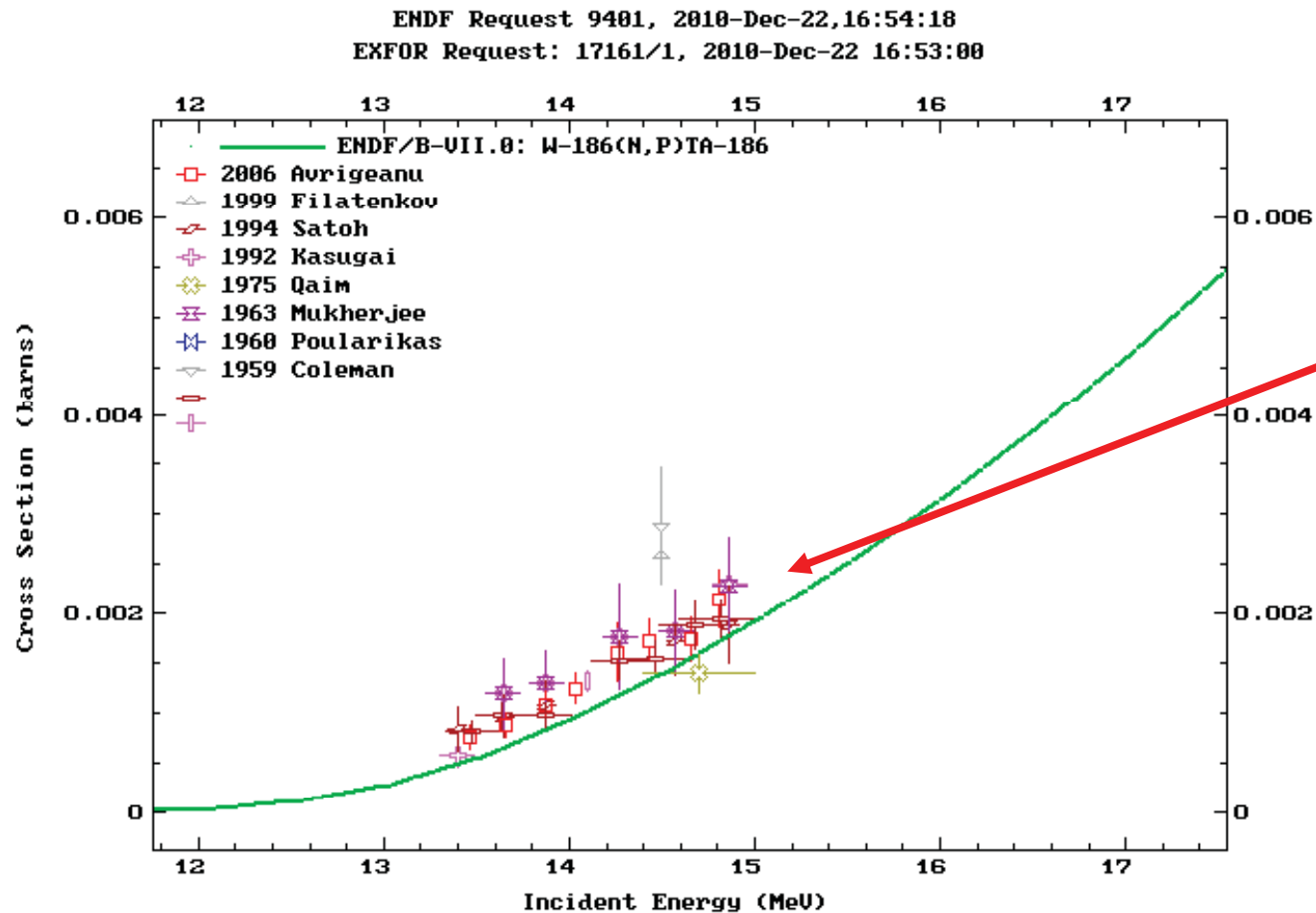


## IAEA role

- **Coordinate the network of data centres throughout the world doing compilation**
- **Maintain Master EXFOR file**
- **Do compilation**
- **Maintain format and documentation**
- **Develop tools to search and visualise**



# Visualisation



EXFOR data  
compared to  
evaluated data

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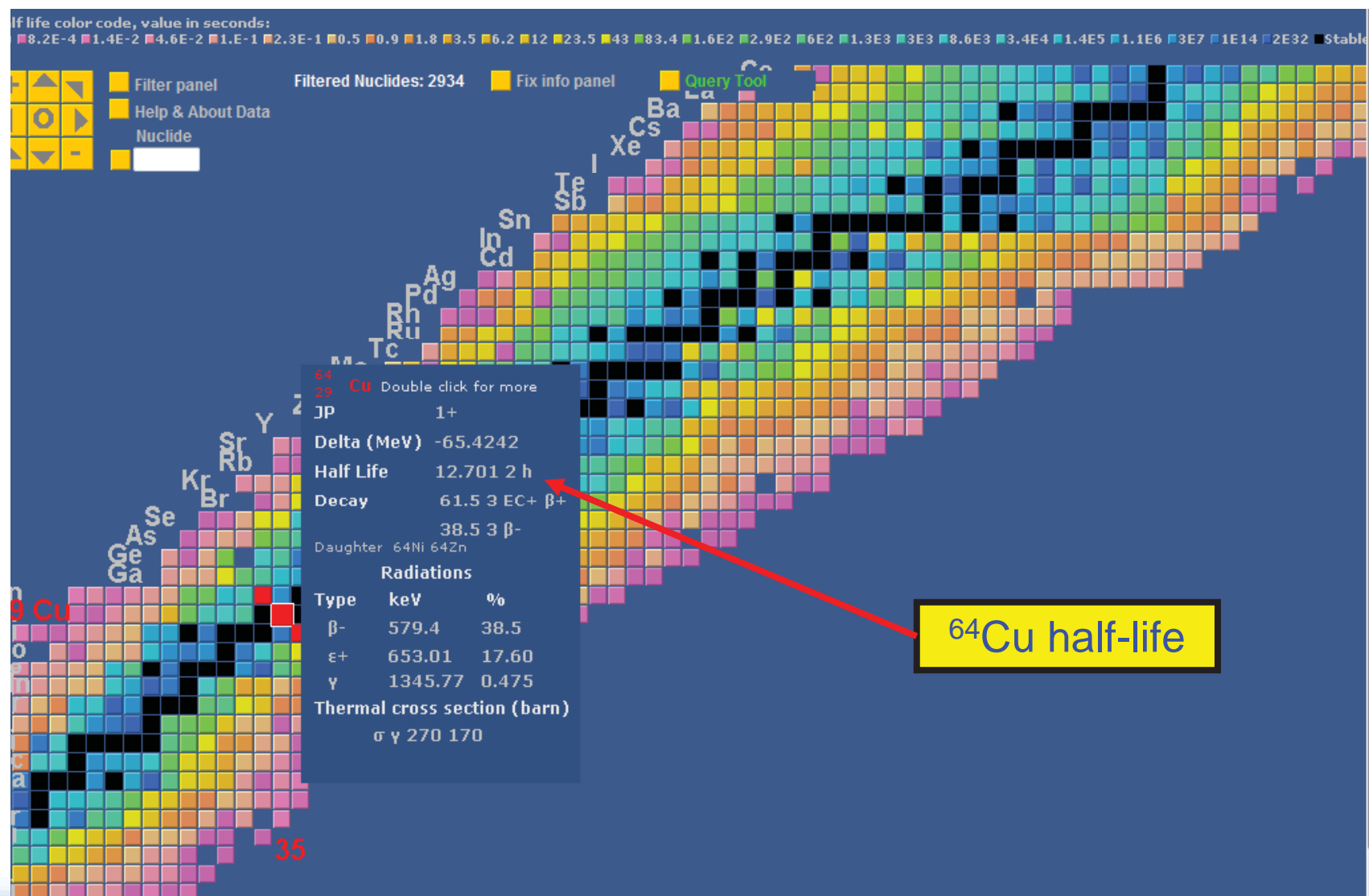


# ENSDF

- **Database of evaluated data for properties of nuclides (structure and decay)**
- **Results published in printed form**
- **Interactive computer programme valuable**
- **IAEA has developed LiveChart**



# Data for nuclides - LiveChart



# RIPL

- **Model codes (theoretical calculations) require many input parameters**
- **Previously very time consuming to collect**
- **Not sure if data up to date and consistent**
- **Now use RIPL (Reference Input Parameter Library)**
- **Produced by IAEA over 15 years**
- **Universal**







## Reference Input Parameter Library (RIPL-3)

R. Capote, M. Herman, P. Oblozinsky, P.G. Young, S. Goriely, T. Belgia,  
A.V. Ignatyuk, A.J. Koning, S. Hilaire, V.A. Plujko, M. Avrigeanu, O. Bersillon,  
M.B. Chadwick, T. Fukahori, Zhigang Ge, Yinlu Han, S. Kailas, J. Kopecky, V.M. Maslov, G. Reffo,  
M. Sin, E.Sh. Soukhovitskii and P. Talou



*Nuclear Data Sheets - Volume 110, Issue 12, December 2009, Pages 3107-3214*

Next update of the RIPL-3 scheduled for January 2011.

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### Nuclear Levels Segment

#### Discrete Levels and Decay Data

Compilation of nuclear level schemes extracted from the ENSDF (CD-ROM in the Table of Isotopes - version 1998). Missing spins were inferred uniquely from spin distributions constructed using the available spins up to the highest known level. Missing Internal Conversion Coefficients (ICC) were calculated using inferred or available spins. Decays other than electromagnetic are given if available.

#### Retrieval of Discrete Levels

Atomic number (Z)

Mass number (A)

#### Discrete Levels in the GNASH Format

Atomic number (Z)

#### Cumulative Plot

Atomic number (Z)

Mass number (A)

Max Excitation Energy  MeV

Enter nuclide  
and retrieve



## Bibliographic

- Information on all relevant papers can be found in databases such as CINDA and NSR
- CINDA – nuclear reactions
- NSR – originally covered nuclear structure but now enlarged
- Enter requests interactively



# Computer Index of Nuclear Reaction Data (CINDA)

Database Version of December 07, 2010

Software Version of 2010.03.23



CINDA contains bibliographic references to measurements, calculations, reviews, and evaluations of neutron cross-sections and other microscopic neutron data; it also includes index references to computer libraries of numerical neutron data available from four regional neutron data centers.

Since 2005, database is extended by photonuclear and charged particle reaction data.

## Standard Request [\(example\)](#);

Submit

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Reaction ☒ n,tot

Product ☐ Na-24

Quantity ☒ CS

Old Quantity ☐ NG

Energy from ☐ 0 to ☐ 20e6 eV

Work type ☐ E

1-st Author ☐ Norman

Laboratory ☐ 1USAANL; 2GERKFK; 4CCPFEI

Publication year ☐ 1970-2002

Last modified ☐ 1970/01/01-2001/12/31

Area ☐ 1; 3

Country ☐ CAN; GER

Short Reference ☐ J,NIM; 4,EXFOR

Full Reference ☐ J,NIM, 86, 83;  
R, INDC-156

Comment ☐ Ohkubo.\*;  
Shen+\*; Malik+\*

Submit

Reset

### Options

Sort: ☒ by Reactions ☐ by References

☐ Show full CINDA-blocks

☐ Include lines imported from NSR [\[Test\]](#)

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A	<input type="checkbox"/> 0;2/-29	<input type="checkbox"/> 28

### Clone Request:

EXFOR

ENDF

### Feedback:

Comments/Remarks?

Enter target  
and reaction  
type



Request #119015

CINDA Data Search Results: Reactions: 1; Lines: 527; Full Blocks:212

## Data Selection

Data for Output: ☐ Selected ☐ Unselected ☒ All

Output Formats: ☒ CINDA ☒ Bibliography ☐ EXFOR ☐ Show full CINDA-blocks

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International Atomic Energy Agency

## Nuclear Data Services

Provided by the Nuclear Data Section

IAEA NDS Main Databases: ENDF | EXFOR | CINDA | LiveChart | NuDat | NSR | XUNDL | ENSDF | MIRD

National Nuclear Data Center



### Nuclear Science References (NSR)

Database version of December 21, 2010

The NSR database is a bibliography of nuclear physics articles, indexed according to content and spanning nearly 100 years of research. Over 80 journals are checked on a regular basis for articles to be included. For more information, see the [help page](#). The NSR database schema and web applications have undergone some [recent changes](#). This is a revised version of the NSR Web Interface.

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Web Programming: Boris Priychenko, NNDC, Brookhaven National Laboratory  
Data Source: NNDC, Brookhaven National Laboratory,  
NDS, International Atomic Energy Agency,  
NDG, McMaster University



# Nuclear Data Development

**The main tools to produce Nuclear Data Libraries for users are:**

- **Coordinated Research Projects**
- **Data Development Projects**
- **Staff work**
- **Individual Contracts**





## Examples of CRPs

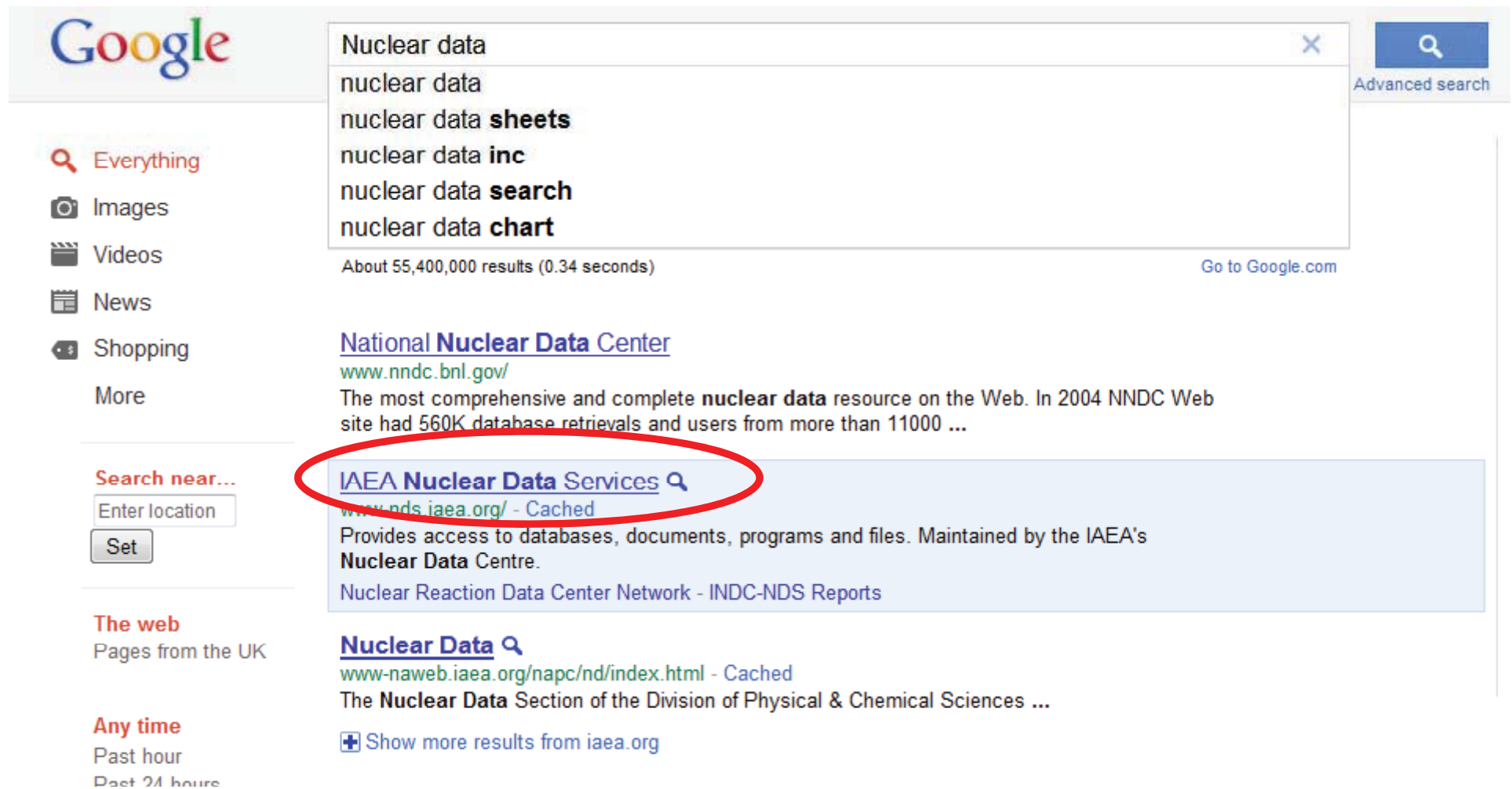
- **Minor actinide neutron reaction data (MANREAD)**
- **Nuclear data libraries for advanced systems: fusion devices (FENDL-3)**
- **Prompt fission neutron spectra for actinides**
- **Nuclear data for Particle Induced Gamma Ray Emission (PIGE) analysis**



# IAEA Nuclear Data Section

**<http://www-nds.iaea.org/>**

# How to reach our Web-page?



The image is a screenshot of a Google search interface. At the top, the Google logo is on the left, and a search bar contains the text 'Nuclear data'. Below the search bar, a dropdown menu lists suggestions: 'nuclear data', 'nuclear data sheets', 'nuclear data inc', 'nuclear data search', and 'nuclear data chart'. To the right of the search bar is a blue button with a magnifying glass icon and the text 'Advanced search'. Below the search bar, it says 'About 55,400,000 results (0.34 seconds)' and a link 'Go to Google.com'.

On the left side of the page, there are filters: 'Everything' (selected), 'Images', 'Videos', 'News', 'Shopping', and 'More'. Below these is a 'Search near...' section with a text input 'Enter location' and a 'Set' button. Further down are 'The web' (Pages from the UK) and 'Any time' (Past hour, Past 24 hours).

The search results are listed below. The first result is 'National Nuclear Data Center' with the URL 'www.nndc.bnl.gov/'. The description says: 'The most comprehensive and complete **nuclear data** resource on the Web. In 2004 NNDC Web site had 560K database retrievals and users from more than 11000 ...'. The second result is 'IAEA Nuclear Data Services' with the URL 'www.nds.iaea.org/ - Cached'. This result is circled in red. Its description says: 'Provides access to databases, documents, programs and files. Maintained by the IAEA's **Nuclear Data** Centre. Nuclear Reaction Data Center Network - INDC-NDS Reports'. The third result is 'Nuclear Data' with the URL 'www-naweb.iaea.org/napc/nd/index.html - Cached'. Its description says: 'The **Nuclear Data** Section of the Division of Physical & Chemical Sciences ...'. At the bottom of the results, there is a link '+ Show more results from iaea.org'.



# Conclusions

- **Nuclear Data underpins much of Technology**
- **The IAEA NDS provides data for users from Member States**
- **Discussion of concepts of cross section and radioactive decays**
- **How to get nuclear data**
- **Examples of important databases:**
  - **EXFOR**
  - **ENSDF**
  - **RIPL**
- **CRPs tool for data development**



# Thank you!

