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# ENSDF Analysis and Utility Codes Platforms

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- Most of the programs are available for the following:
  - ANSI standard Fortran 77 or Fortran 95
  - LINUX and UNIX (gnu f77 FORTRAN, INTEL FORTRAN 90, or Lahey/Fujitsu FORTRAN 95)
  - Windows 95/98/ME/NT/2000/XP/VISTA (COMPAQ/DEC Visual Fortran)
- For LINUX, UNIX, and Windows, executables are also provided.

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## Overview

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- ADDGAM — Adds gammas to an adopted dataset
- ALPHAD — Calculates  $\alpha$   $R_0$ 's, Hindrance Factors and theoretical  $T_{1/2}(\alpha)$ 's
- BrIcc/HSICC (Band-Raman Internal Coefficients/ Hager-Seltzer Internal Conversion) — Interpolates internal conversion coefficients – BrIcc adopted.
- BrIccMixing — Calculates mixing ratios from internal conversion coefficients
- COMTRANS (Comments Translation) — Translates comment records in ENSDF dataset to a “rich text” format
- DELTA — Analyzes angular correlation data
- ENSDAT (Evaluated Nuclear Structure Drawings and Tables) — Produces high quality drawings and tables in the Nuclear Data Sheets style

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## Overview - 3

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- RadList (Radiation Listing) — Calculates atomic & nuclear radiations. Checks energy balance
- RULER — Calculates reduced transition probabilities
- TREND (Tabular Representation of ENSDF) — Tabular display of ENSDF data

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## All Types of Datasets

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- Applicable programs are FMTCHK, ENSDAT, PANDORA, and TREND.
- FMTCHK should be run after any manual changes to the file.
- ENSDAT may be used to visually check the data.
- If you are considering combining several datasets (e.g., from XUNDL), PANDORA may be useful.
- TREND may be used to visually check the data.

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## Adopted Levels, Gamma Datasets — 1

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- Applicable programs are ADDGAM, GTOL, Brlcc, PANDORA, and RULER.
- ADDGAM and PANDORA are useful in constructing the dataset.
- PANDORA used iteratively to aid in physics decisions, checking assignments, and updating source datasets based on changes in the adopted data.
- **GTOL** useful only in obtaining the least-squares adjustment of the level energies.
  - Matrix may occasionally be singular.



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## Adopted Levels, Gamma Datasets — 2

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- RULER may be used in either of two modes:
  - Comparison mode to provide additional information in obtaining  $\gamma$ -multipolarity assignments.
  - Should also be run to provide the  $BE\lambda W$ 's and  $BM\lambda W$ 's.
  - Brlcc/HSICC should be run before RULER.
- Brlcc should be run to provide the internal conversion coefficients.
  - Note that there is no need to delete the "S G" records generated by code.

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## Decay Datasets — 1

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- Applicable programs are ALPHAD (for  $\alpha$  decay), GABS, GTOL, Brlcc, LOGFT (for  $\beta^\pm/\varepsilon$  decay), RadList, and RULER.
- ALPHAD should be used to obtain the hindrance factors and, for even-even ground-state nuclei,  $R_0$ . For other nuclei, an  $R_0$  must be supplied.
- GABS may be used to combine the data from up to three sources to obtain  $I_\gamma$ -normalization (NR), the branching ratios (BR), and absolute  $I_\gamma$ 's.
  - Brlcc should run on the input data or the  $\alpha$ 's from the adopted dataset should be used.

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## Decay Datasets — 2

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- GTOL may be used to:
  - Provide a least-squares adjustment of the level energies.
  - Check the uncertainties and placement of the  $\gamma$ 's.
  - Obtain the intensities of particles feeding the levels.
    - Should be done before ALPHAD and LOGFT are employed.
  - May be useful in deriving  $I_{\gamma}$ -normalization (NR).
- Brlcc may be used to:
  - Check experimentally measured  $\alpha$ 's against theory.
  - If the adopted  $\alpha$ 's are not used, to produce this information for the data set.

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## Decay Datasets — 3

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- LOGFT is required to obtain the log ft's,  $I_{\beta^+}$  and  $I_{\epsilon}$ , and partial electron-capture fractions.
  - Should be done before using RadList.
  - If one is not using measured intensities, GTOL should be used to obtain  $I_{\beta^-}$  and  $I_{\epsilon+\beta^+}$ .
- RadList should be used to:
  - Check the calculated energy deposited with that based the Q-value and branching ratio.
  - To compare to experimentally obtained X-ray intensities
  - Check results against integral measurements (e.g.,  $\langle E_{\beta^\pm} \rangle$ )
  - Unresolved discrepancies should be noted in the dataset.
  - Brlcc and LOGFT should have been used before doing these checks.

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## Decay Datasets — 4

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- RULER may be used to check or further limit multipolarities based on other methods (e.g., from experimental conversion coefficients).

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## Reaction Datasets — 1

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- Applicable programs are GTOL, Brlcc, and RULER.
  - For (thermal  $n,\gamma$ ) datasets, RadList may also prove of use.
- GTOL's primary use is to do a least-squares adjustment of the level energies and to check the uncertainties and placement of the  $\gamma$ 's.
  - If  $\Delta E_\gamma$ 's are not given and a good estimate of these cannot be obtained, it may be better to use the authors' level energy values.
  - Also useful for checking for intensity imbalance problems if relative intensities are given.

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## Reaction Datasets — 2

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- Brlcc may be used to check experimentally measured  $\alpha$ 's against theory.
  - Very useful to include  $\alpha$ 's and partial  $\alpha$ 's for (thermal  $n,\gamma$ ) datasets.
- RadList may be used to check the energy balance of (thermal  $n,\gamma$ ) datasets by tricking it.
  - Change the DSID on the ID record to indicate IT decay
  - Add an appropriate Parent record ( $E_{\text{level}}=S_n$ )
  - Add a BR of 1.0 on the Normalization record.

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## Additional Notes - 1

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### ■ COMTRANS

- Should not be run on ENSDF or XUNDL files submitted to the NNDC.
  - $^A4 \rightarrow A4 \rightarrow A\{-4\} \rightarrow a\{-4\}$
  - $T \rightarrow T\{-1/2\} \rightarrow T\{-1/2\}T\{-1/2\} \rightarrow T\{-1/2\}T\{-1/2\}T\{-1/2\}T\{-1/2\} \rightarrow \dots$
- Useful to run before using Isotope Explorer 2 or ENSDAT.

### ■ ENSDAT

- Keynumber list generated by ENSDAT may be used to check the keynumbers
- Layout commands may be embedded in the input.
  - See ENSCOMDS.TXT
  - Need to be removed before submission to the NNDC
- “View” option available if you have a PostScript viewer such as GhostView installed.



# ENSDF Analysis and Utility Codes

## Additional Notes - 2

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- NSDFLIB — Subroutine package used in all programs, except DELTA, GABS, and LWRIGHT
  - ANSI standard FORTRAN77
  - ANSI standard FORTRAN95 with a couple of exceptions
- RadList
  - Calculated uncertainties may be overestimated.
    - Total energy deposited by  $\gamma$ 's calculated as  $\Sigma BR \times NR \times E_{\gamma} \times I_{\gamma}$  instead of  $BR \times NR \Sigma E_{\gamma} I_{\gamma}$ .
  - Uses the first partial conversion coefficient found.
    - If EKC is encountered before KC, EKC will be used in the calculations.

# ENSDF Analysis Detailed

## Alphad

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- Hinderance Factor — HF
  - Experimental  $T_{1/2}(\alpha)$ /Theoretical  $T_{1/2}(\alpha)$
  - Theoretical value from 1947Pr17 (M.A. Preston)
  - Assumption is that  $0^+$  to  $0^+$  from even-even nuclei are fastest (HF = 1)
- Radius parameter ( $r_0$ ) calculations
  - Alphad calculates  $r_0$  for decays from even-even nuclei
    - See 1998Ak04 (Y.A. Akovali) for even-even values
  - Evaluator must interpolate to obtain odd-even and odd-odd cases and add to ENSDF file for alphad to calculate HF

# alphad

## Obtaining the radius parameter

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- Odd N

$$r_0(Z,N) = [r_0(Z,N-1) + r_0(Z,N+1)]/2$$

- Odd Z

$$r_0(Z,N) = [r_0(Z-1,N) + r_0(Z+1,N)]/2$$

- Odd-Odd

$$r_0(Z,N) = [r_0(Z-1,N+1) + r_0(Z-1,N-1) + r_0(Z+1,N+1) + r_0(Z+1,N-1)]/4$$

# alphad

## More on hinderance factors

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- Odd-odd and even-odd nuclei have relatively longer half-lives than theoretical calcs ( $l=0$  decay) due to hinderance factors
- GS transition from odd nucleus can only take place if the unpaired nucleon becomes part of the  $\alpha$  particle, and so a pair is broken

# alphad

## Hinderance factors

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- 1-4
  - “favored”. Alpha assembled from low lying pairs of nucleons in parent nucleus
- 4-10
  - Mixing or favorable overlap between initial and final nuclear states
- 10-100
  - Spin projs parallel but  $\Psi$  overlap not favorable
- 100-1000
  - Change in parity, parallel spin projs
- > 1000 (change in parity, not parallel spin projs)

# alphad

## Example ENSDF

```
cm249.alpha
249CM 253CF A DECAY 1968BE21 11NDS 201108
249CM H TYP=FUL$AUT=KHALIFEH ABUSALEEM$CIT=NDS 112, 2129 (2011)$
249CM2 H CUT=31-Dec-2010$
249CM N 1 0.0031 4
253CF P 0.0 7/2+ 17.81 D 8 6126 4
253CF cP $Q from 2011AuZZ, 2009AuZZ and 2003Au03
249CM c J({+253}Cf g.s.)=7/2+, therefore, the favored |a branch
249CM2c (HF=1.3 {I2}) is unlikely to go to the {+249}Cm g.s with J=1/2(+).
249CM3c It most probably feeds the 48-keV (7/2+) state.
249CM cA E Recommended value from 1991Ry01, based on adjusted values
249CM2cA from 1968Be21, 1966Rg01; 2009AuZZ
249CM cA IA Recommended value from 1991Ry01, based on measurements of
249CM2cA 1968Be21 and 1966Rg01
249CM cA HF r{-0}({+249}Cm)=1.509 {I5}
249CM L 0.0 1/2(+)
249CM L 48.758 (7/2+) 23 US
249CM cL T from delayed coin (1966As12)
249CM A 5980 4 94.7 9 1.3 2
249CM L 110 1 (9/2+)
249CM A 5920 5 5.3 19 11 5
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## Beta and EC decay: logft

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- Needs logft.dat for radial wave function data
  - On Windows or Linux, is contained in the compressed file
  - Also under “Input data” on the main logft website.

# Example of before logft

tl205noft.beta

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205TL 205HG B- DECAY 1971HI01 04NDS 200404
205TL H TYP=FUL$AUT=F.G. KONDEV$CIT=NDS 101, 521 (2004)$CUT=1-Feb-2004$
205TL cG E,RI$From 1971Hi01, unless otherwise specified.
205TL cG M,MR$From adopted gammas, unless otherwise specified.
205TL cL E$From a least-squares fit to E|g.
205TL cL J$From adopted levels.
205HG P 0.0 1/2- 5.14 M 9 1533 4
205TL N 0.022 10 1 1.0
205TL cN NR$based on I|b{+-}=3.2% {I15} to the 203.7 level.
205TL2cN The total energy realized in |b{+-} decay of {+205}Hg is calculated
205TL3cN using RADLST as
205TL4cN 1534 keV {I23}. This value is in a very good agreement with
205TL5cN Q(g.s.)=1533 keV {I4}, thus suggesting that the decay scheme
205TL6cN is complete.
205TL L 0.0 1/2+
205TL B 96.8 15
205TL L 203.6519 3/2+ 1.46 NS 8
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# After logft (logft.new)

```
logft.new
205TL 205HG B- DECAY :01 04NDS 200404
205TL H TYP=FUL$AUT=F.G. KONDEV$CIT 521 (2004)$CUT=1-Feb-2004$
205TL cG E,RI$From 1971Hi01, unless specified.
205TL cG M,MR$From adopted gammas, u rwise specified.
205TL cL E$From a least-squares fit to
205TL cL J$From adopted levels.
205HG P 0.0 1/2- 5.14 M 9 1533 4
205TL N 0.022 10 1 1.0
205TL cN NR$based on I|b{+-}=3.2% {I15} to the 203.7 level
205TL2cN The total energy realized in |b{+-} decay of {+20
205TL3cN using RADLST as
205TL4cN 1534 keV {I23}. This value is in a very good agre
205TL5cN Q(g.s.)=1533 keV {I4}, thus suggesting that the d
205TL6cN is complete.
205TL L 0.0 1/2+
205TL B 96.8 15 5.257 11
205TSL B EAV=540.4 17
205TL L 203.6519 3/2+ 1.46 NS 8
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