





Nuclear reactions studies for improved nuclear data for science and technology

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# Nuclear data for SDG

## Safety and Security:

Nuclear security and counter terrorism, Remote controlled radiation measurements, radiation detection systems...

#### **Environment:**

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Climate and earth science, Urban pollution, Ocean acidifications, Environmental radioactivity, ...

### **Materials:**

Materials characterization or modification, radiation damage, semiconductors, metallurgy, nanoscience application, ...

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## Medical:

Particle therapy, Imaging, Radioisotope production and for therapy, Theranostic approach, Radioprotection, ...

## Science:

Heritage science, Space radiations, Astrophysics, Geology, ...

## **Energy:**

LWR, Gen IV reactors, Accelerator Driven Systems, Fusion reactors, Nuclear power sources for space applications, ...







# (n,xn) and fission







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Disentangling multi-chance fission needs input from other reaction channels (and neighboring Isotopes):





See talk by Greg Henning today





# Fission yields

FY for many systems and excitation energies are needed for both *fuel cycle and nucleosynthesis scenarios*.

Such needs can be fulfilled by **direct measurements** combined with **theoretical developments** that need guidance from other

experimental input (e.g.  $\overline{v}(A)$ ).







# Penning trap for fission studies



Use **Penning trap** to measure yields and isomeric yield ratios (IYR) using *direct ion counting* from (proton-induced) fission.





Use IYR to trace back and deduce angular momentum of fragment

(Huizenga and Vandenbosch 1960)



Improves modeling of angular momentum generation; impact on  $n/\gamma$ -emission competition.





# Extracted $J_{rms}^{av}$ for isotopes in the <sup>132</sup>Sn region

Cd: g.s. is low spin state;

In: g.s. is high spin state

## (p,f); (n,f) in progress

Nuclide	Ground state		Isomeric state			IYR	$J^{av}_{ m rms}$
	Ιπ	<i>T</i> <sub>1/2</sub>	Ιπ	$T_{1/2}$	$E_x$ (keV)		
<sup>81</sup> Ge	9/2+ #	8 (2) s	$(1/2^+)$	8 (2) s	679.14(4)	0.975(7)	
<sup>119</sup> Cd	$1/2^{+}$	2.69 (2) m	$11/2^{-}$	2.20 (2) m	146.54(11)	0.871(15)	12.3(5)
<sup>121</sup> Cd	$3/2^{+}$	13.5 (3) s	$11/2^{-}$	8.3 (8) s	214.86(15)	0.867(4)	14.7(1)
<sup>123</sup> Cd	3/2+	2.10 (2) s	$11/2^{-}$	1.82 (3) s	143(4)	0.876(7)	15.7(2)
<sup>125</sup> Cd	3/2+	680 (40) ms	$11/2^{-}$	480 (30) ms	186(4)	0.902(8)	
<sup>127</sup> Cd	$3/2^{+}$	360 (40) ms	$11/2^{-}$	450 (120) ms	276(15)	0.872(38)	
<sup>119</sup> In	$9/2^{+}$	2.4 (1) m	$1/2^{-}$	18.0 (3) m	311.37(3)	0.978(15)	26.2(4)
<sup>121</sup> In	$9/2^{+}$	23.1 (6) s	$1/2^{-}$	3.88 (10) m	313.68(7)	0.971(11)	25.1(5)
<sup>123</sup> In	$(9/2)^+$	6.17 (5) s	$(1/2)^{-}$	47.4 (4) s	327.21(4)	0.958(2)	▶ 21.2(2)
<sup>125</sup> In	$9/2^{+}$	2.36 (4) s	$(1/2)^{(-)}$	12.2 (2) s	360.12(9)	0.950(3)	15.9(3)
<sup>127</sup> In	$(9/2^{+})$	1.09 (1) s	1/2- #	3.67 (4) s	408.9(3)	0.921 (2)	9.5 (2)
			$(21/2^{-})$	1.04 (10) s	1870 (60)		
<sup>129</sup> Sb	7/2+	4.366 (26) h	(19/2-)	17.7 (1) m	1851.31(6)	0.441(32)	

 $T_{1/2}$  for <sup>127</sup>Cd: recent measurement by C. Lorenz et al. at JYFLTRAP (priv. comm.)

V. Rakopoulos et al., PRC 99, 014617 (2019)



# Identifying mesurement needs

- Sensitivity studies (for a certain system)
- Target accuracy (requirements for safety/economy)
- HPRL for specific measurements









# Example from nuclear medicine

- See talk by Ferid Haddad (Tuesday)
- Nuclear data needed for
  - optimizing (accelerator-based) production,
  - minimizing impurities (e.g. <sup>211</sup>At),
  - development of innovative radionuclei.
- Need for large scale production, reducing dependency on few (reactor) suppliers (like in the case of <sup>99</sup>Mo/<sup>99m</sup>Tc).
- Other examples:
  - Dosimetry and
  - dose reconstruction.







## DDX for better dose calculations



$$K = \Phi \cdot k_{\Phi}$$

 $\Phi$ : fluence of uncharged particles at the same point  $k_{\Phi}$ : kerma coefficient; unit: [J m<sup>2</sup> kg<sup>-1</sup>] or [fGy m<sup>2</sup>]

$$k_{\Phi}(E_{\rm n}) = N \sum_{i} \int E \int \left( \frac{\mathrm{d}^{2} \sigma_{i}(E_{\rm n})}{\mathrm{d}\Omega \,\mathrm{d}E} \right) \mathrm{d}\Omega \,\mathrm{d}E$$

**Kerma:** Kinetic energy of the secondary charged particles released by the primary neutron per unit mass.

**Dose:** Absorbed energy per unit mass from the secondary charged particles.

- range of the secondary charged particles?
- their angular distribution?
- biological response?

### And: reaction mechanisms?!



# Example from material science

- Reactor materials:
  - dpa and gas production leading to embrittlement and swelling;
- Action by IAEA: https://www-nds.iaea.org/CRPdpa/

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V. Khryachkov	supplemental Technical M	leeting 13-16 June 2016	TM-2012 Report			
A. Konobeev			INDC(NDS)-0624			
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• Somewhat "easier": Radiation effects in electronics





## Radiation effects in electronics





**Single-Bit Upset (SBU)** 



"Wanted and unwanted memory loss"



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Slide adapted from Alexander Prokofiev







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# Data quality assurance

• NEA is setting up a new SG in *Reproducibility in Nuclear Data Evaluation*.



- A key to reproducibility is the possibility of *automatic interpretation* of the experiments.
- Today, many of the r in the co-variance fil

Tough challenge for the experimentalist but important!

- Detailed documentation of sources of uncertainties and correlations, as well as correlations between experiments, is essential to produce wellfounded co-variances in new evaluations.
- This information needs also to be available in EXFOR.



## Modern nuclear data evaluation



#### TENDL: Complete Nuclear Data Library for Innovative Nuclear Science and Technology

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The TENDL library is now established as one of the major nuclear data libraries in the world, striving for completeness and quality of nuclear data files for all isotopes, evaluation methods, processing and applied performance. To reach this status, some basic principles have been applied which sets it apart from other libraries: reproducible dedicated evaluations when differential data are available, through determination of nuclear models implemented in TALYS and their parameters, completeness (with or without experimental data), format and processing standardization, automation of production and reproducibility. In this paper, we will outline how such an approach has become a reality, and recall some of the past successes since the first TENDL release in 2008. Next, we will demonstrate the performance of the latest TENDL releases for different application fields, as well as new approaches for uncertainty quantification based on Bayesian inference methods and possible differential and integral adjustments. Also, current limitations of the library performances due to modelling and needs for new and more precise experimental data will be outlined.

#### TENDL-2019beta: (release date: end of 2019)

Last update: 19 august 2019

TENDL is a nuclear data library which provides the output of the TALYS nuclear model code system for direct use in both basic physics and applications. The 10<sup>th</sup> version is **TENDL-2019**, which is based on both default and adjusted **TALYS** calculations and data from other sources (previous releases can be found here: <u>2008</u>, <u>2009</u>, <u>2010</u>, <u>2011</u>, <u>2012</u>, <u>2013</u>, <u>2014</u>, <u>2015</u>), and . <u>2017</u>).

Up to 2014, TENDL was produced at NRG Petten. Since 2015, TENDL is mainly developped at PSI and the IAEA (Nuclear Data Section). Still, many people contributes to TENDL with the testing and processing of the files.

TENDL contains evaluations for seven types of incident particles, for all isotopes living longer than 1 second (about 2800 isotopes), up to 200 MeV, with covariances.

TENDL is **not** a default or shadow library. Not a single neutron evaluation is based on default calculations. With the HFR approach, all resonances are unique, following statistical rules. For important isotopes, great care was used in the evaluations.

#### https://tendl.web.psi.ch/tendl\_2019/tendl2019.html







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## Some background:

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- Currently no (!) neutron facility in the Nordic countries; no research reactor, no accelerator, not even a 14 MeV generator (but soon ...)
- Few facilities worldwide (QMN over 20 MeV < 5)
- NFS is filling a gap and meets the needs to a large extend
- Flexibility is one of the great assets







# Neutron production at NFS







# NFS is ...

EURADOS Report 2013-02

Braunschweig, May 2013

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## ... one of a few QMN facilities ...

Facility	Energy range [MeV]	Peak neutron fluence rate at standard irradiation position [cm <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> ]	Beam angle relative to primary beam	Remarks
iThemba <b>°</b>	35 – 200	104	0°, 4°, 8°, 12°, 16°	
TSL	11 – 175	$10^{6} \text{ for } E_{p} < 100 \text{ MeV}$ $10^{5} \text{ for } E_{p} > 100 \text{ MeV}$	0°	large experimental area
TIARA	40-90	104	0°	large irradiation room
CYRIC <sup>d</sup>	20-90	10 <sup>6</sup>	0°	
RCNP <sup>e</sup>	100 - 400	10⁵	0° - 30°	up to 100 m ToF
NPI <sup>f</sup>	18 – 36	Up to 10 <sup>9</sup>	0°	Standard irradiation very close to source
NFS <sup>g</sup>	20 - 33	n.a. yet	0°	Start late 2014

## neutron fields: existing facilities and future needs Pomp S., Bartlett D.T., Mayer S., Reitz G., Röttger S., Silari, M., Smit F.D., Vincke H., and Yasuda H. Rad. Prot. Dosim. 161 (2014) 62-66.

http://www.eurados.org/en/Documents\_Publications/Reports\_documents

**EURADOS** 

High-energy quasi-monoenergetic



# ... and a complement to other white neutron beams







# Rich experimental program at NFS





# Rich experimental program at NFS







# Lol and proposals for Day 1 exp.

#### Neutron induced reactions studies :

- Lol\_13 : Study of pre-equilibrium process in (n,xn) reaction, X. Ledoux
- Lol\_14 : Comparison between activation and prompt spectroscopy as means of (n,xn) cross section measurements, M. Kerveno
- Lol\_20 : Direct measurement of (n,xn) reaction cross sections on <sup>239</sup>Pu, G. Bélier
- Lol\_21 : Light-ion production studies with Medley, S. Pomp
- SCALP Scintillating ionization Chamber for ALpha particle Production in neutron induced reaction, G. Lehaut

#### Fission :

- Lol\_15 : Fission fragment distributions and neutron multiplicities, D. Doré
- Lol\_22 : Fission fragment angular distribution and fission cross section measurements relative to elastic np scattering with Medley, S. Pomp
- Lol\_28 : Study of the fission process and fission cross-section measurements, G. Bélier
- Measurements of prompt fission neutron energy spectra for fast neutron induced fission on major and minor actinides, A. Sardet

Measurement of prompt fission gamma-ray spectra in fast neutron induced-fission of actinides, J.M. Laborie

Gamma-rays spectroscopy and lifetime measurements at NFS, A. Dijon

#### Cross-section reaction measurements by activation technique :

Lol\_16 : Proton and deuteron induced activation reactions, P. Bem

Lol\_24 : Neutron-induced activations reactions, A. Klix

Measurement of cross-sections of deuteron-induced reactions on Ni and Zn, J. Grinyer

#### Biology :

Lol\_23 : Response of Mammalian cells to neutron exposure, C. Hellweg

R&D for the production of radioisotopes for medical applications at NFS, G. De France

Investigation of 211At and 64Cu medical radioisotope production at NFS, J. Grinyer

#### Detector development :

Lol\_29 : Neutron spectrometer characterization for LMJ project, B. Rossé

Characterization of neutron signal in Si-CsI telescope an measurement of the absolute neutron detection efficiency, E. Bonnet





# 10 submitted proposal:7 accepted in this first round

Slide courtesy Xavier Ledoux

	NUM	Title	Spokesperson
Reaction model	E712	Measurement of (n,xn) reaction cross sections on U238	G. Bélier, CEA-DAM
	E721	LIONS - Light-Ion Production Studies with Medley at the NFS facility	A.V. Prokofiev, Uppsala University
Fission	E713	Prompt fission neutron spectra measurement in neutron induced fission reactions	B. Laurent, CEA-DAM
	E718	Fission fragment angular distribution and fission cross section measurements relative to elastic NP scattering at 30 MeV	D. Tarrio, Uppsala University
Fusion		Excitation functions of short-lived isotopes in proton induced reactions on <sup>nat</sup> Fe	E. Simeckova, NPI, Rez
	E715	Neutron-induced activation reactions	A. Klix, KIT
Radionuclei for		Alpha-induced reaction cross-section measurements on natural and enriched Zn	J. Grinyer, GANIL
medical applications	E717	Measurements of the excitation function for the production of possible candidates for targeted alpha therapy at SPIRAL2	G. de France, GANIL
Astrophysic	E719	Precise direct measurements of the ${}^{28}$ Si(p, $\gamma$ ) ${}^{29}$ P and ${}^{29}$ Si(p, $\gamma$ ) ${}^{30}$ P reaction rates to understand the origin of presolar nova grains	B. Bastin, GANIL
Instrumentation	E720	Measurement of the absolute neutron detection efficiency of FAZIA telescopes	E. Bonnet, GANIL



# α-induced radioisotope production (case of <sup>124</sup>I)

• Better to use  $(\alpha, x)$  on Sb than (p, x) on Te? (impurities)







# α-induced radioisotope production (case of <sup>68</sup>Ge for <sup>68</sup>Ga)







# SCONE – (n,xn) vs fission

(one of several proposed n,xn exp.)

Multiplate fission chamber:  $360 \text{ mg of } {}^{238}\text{U} \rightarrow$ 72 deposits, CF<sub>4</sub> gas, homemade dedicated preamps  $\rightarrow$  Fission veto

SCONE (Solid COunter for NEutron)





Gd-loaded scintillators.

Require time-correlation to supress bgr.

Range: 6 MeV < E<sub>n</sub> < 20 MeV Targets: <sup>238</sup>U, plan for <sup>239</sup>Pu



# Medley – Light-ion production ...

- Cancer therapy and dosimetry (H, C, O, Ca, ...)
- Radiation effects in microelectronics (SEU; single event upsets) Si, O, ... Silicon and oxygen data is needed for:
- Energy applications (GenIV, fusion)
  - Construction material: Fe, Cr, ...
  - Fuel: U, Th, ...
  - Coolant: Pb, Bi, Na, ...
  - $^{16}O(n,\alpha)$  affects reactor reactivity, 25% of the helium production



### Medley

Evacuated chamber  $\Delta E$ - $\Delta E$ -E technique + angles  $\Rightarrow$  double differential xs

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Tippawan et al., Phys. Rev. C 79, 064611 (2009).

## E721





# Medley – Light-ion production ..

• Cancer therapy and dosimetry (H, C, O, Ca, ...)

## E721

Study DDX for <sup>nat</sup>C(n,lcp) in the 10 to 30 MeV range; Improve theoretical understanding of competition of different reaction mechanisms (multi particle, preequilibrium)



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## ... neutron spectra and standards

Add PPACs, and a target arrangement of  $^{235}U - CH_2 - ^{238}U$ 

for simultaneous measurement of neutron standards vs primary H(n,n) standard with minimal syst. uncert.

(+ "for free": FFAD)









## FALSTAFF

Four arm cLover for the Study of Actinide Fission Fragments

- Spectrometer for fission fragment detection in coincidence
  - o Kinetic energy
  - Masses BEFORE and AFTER evaporation (->  $\overline{v}(A)$ )
  - o Charge
- → Mass **before** evaporation → 2V method <u>TOF</u> : Good time resolution ( $\sigma$ ) <150 ps
  - Large solid angle (~1% of 4π)
    Good position resolution (1.2 mm)



- Mass after evaporation → EV method Energy & TOF
  - Good energy resolution (~1%)
  - Charge identification (dE profile)



Slide courtesy Diane Doré





... I could convince you

- that the field of nuclear data research is important,
- that NFS offers rich possibilities,
- and that there is much work ahead for experimentalists and theorists to provide modern, high-quality nuclear data for use in science and technology!











# Thanks!

And thanks to

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# 50+ physicists from 16 labs ...

## ... are eagerly waiting for first beam and running experiments at NFS!





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