# ALPHAD\_RadD-v1.0

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This ALPHAD\_RadD-v1.0 code is an extension of original ALPHAD program, based on Preston's spin-independent formalism [1]. The extended code automatically deduces radius parameter ( $r_0$ ) for odd-A and odd-odd alpha emitters by employing interpolation or extrapolation procedures [2] using a recent data file of evaluated  $r_0$  parameters, as given in 2020Si16 [3] for ground-state to ground-state alpha transitions in 186 even-even nuclei, followed by deduction of alpha hindrance factors [1]. Additionally, the ALPHAD\_RadD code has an option of inputting user-supplied radius parameter. 2020Si16 evaluation [3], an update to 1998Ak04 [4] evaluation, presents updated  $Q_\alpha$  values (primarily from AME2016) half-lives, and other relevant quantities required for the deduction of  $r_0$  parameters of even-even alpha emitters, with literature cutoff date of June-2020, with no new relevant references up to November 2020. In the ALPHAD\_RadD code, some bugs in the original ALPHAD code, as pointed at some data meetings, were resolved by Tim Johnson at NNDC and by us.

#### Features of the ALPHAD\_RadD code

Case 1: Even-Even Alpha emitters

The value of deduced radius parameter for ground-state to ground-state transition is automatically inserted by ALPHAD\_RadD code in the ENSDF-formatted data file.

Case 2: Odd-Odd and Odd-A Alpha emitters

The ALPHAD\_RadD code automatically deduces radius parameter, using an interpolation procedure for  $r_0$  parameters for the neighboring nuclides [2], employing our recent evaluation of  $r_0$  parameters of even-even nuclides, followed by deduction of HFs for alpha transitions. The deduced radius parameter for a particular alpha decay dataset is inserted in the corresponding ENSDF -formatted data file, together with appropriate comments. Additionally, the code has an option of accepting user-supplied  $r_0$  parameter (*Note: If the ALPHAD\_RadD code is executed multiple times on a particular alpha decay data set, r<sub>0</sub> statement is added to the output file each time the code is executed. A user needs to remove the multiply inserted r\_0 parameter statements).* 

## Handling of asymmetric and large fractional uncertainties in $T_{1/2}$ and other quantities:

ALPHAD\_RadD and ALPHAD codes do not handle asymmetric, and large (>30% or so) fractional uncertainties correctly. These codes read only the first uncertainty in half-life that appears in a parent record of input file in the .ensdf format. Users can consider running the code(s) multiple times to estimate the uncertainty in r<sub>0</sub> parameter for such cases, as for example, with the input of mean value, mean value + the upper limit, and mean value - the lower limit. Non-numeric uncertainties such as LT, LE, GT, GE and AP are ignored in ALPHAD\_RadD and ALPHAD codes. User should consider assigning (reasonable) numeric uncertainties in such cases.

### **Input files:**

#### (1) 2020 r0 EE.DAT

This is the main input file containing  $r_0$  parameters of 186 nuclei listed in our recent evaluation of radius parameters of even-even alpha emitters (2020SI16) [3]. The data values listed in this file are appearing as per following format:

Column No.	Details of Input value	
1-5	Parent Z	
6-9	Parent N	
10-18	Daughter radius parameter (r <sub>0</sub> )	
19-27	Uncertainty in daughter radius parameter	

## (2) ELE.IN

This file contains nuclide symbols along with their atomic numbers. This file is used to list nuclide symbols of alpha parent and alpha daughter nuclei.

#### Some sample input, report and output ENSDF Files provided in ALPHAD\_RadD package

Input ENSDF	Report File	Output ENSDF	r <sub>0</sub> parameter (fm)
210Ra.ens	210Ra.rpt	210Ra.out	1.4989(56)
217Po.ens	217Po.rpt	217Po.out	1.55206(14)
194Bi.ens	194Bi.rpt	194Bi.out	1.5187(42)

#### References

- [1] M.A. Preston. Phys. Rev. 71, 865 (1947).
- [2] M. J. Martin, Guidelines for Evaluators, Appendix E, page 73 (October 2019).
- [3] Sukhjeet Singh, Sushil Kumar, Balraj Singh, and A.K. Jain, Nuclear Data Sheets 167, 1 (2020).
- [4] Y.A. Akovali, Nuclear Data Sheets 84, 1 (1998).

## Step by step execution of ALPHAD\_RadD for even-even, odd-odd and odd-A nuclides

## Even-even nuclide (example: <sup>210</sup>Ra)

Typical input consol for <sup>210</sup>Ra is shown in Fig. 1. The code writes the value of radius parameter in output file with appropriate comment (see Fig.: 2).

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F:\\g95>ALPHAD_RadD_v1
Alpha Hinderance Factor Program (AHF,AHFYE,ALPHAD)
ALPHAD_RadD Version 1.0 [15-November-2020]

INPUT DATA FILE (DEF: alphad.inp): 210Ra.ens
OUTPUT REPORT FILE (DEF: alphad.rpt): 210Ra.rpt
Echo input (Y/N) -
Rewrite input with hinderance factor (Y/N):
OUTPUT ENSDF DATA SET FILE (DEF: alphad.out): 210Ra.out

Output ENSDF DATA SET FILE (DEF: alphad.out): 210Ra.out
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Fig. 1: Console of ALPHAD\_RadD for <sup>210</sup>Ra

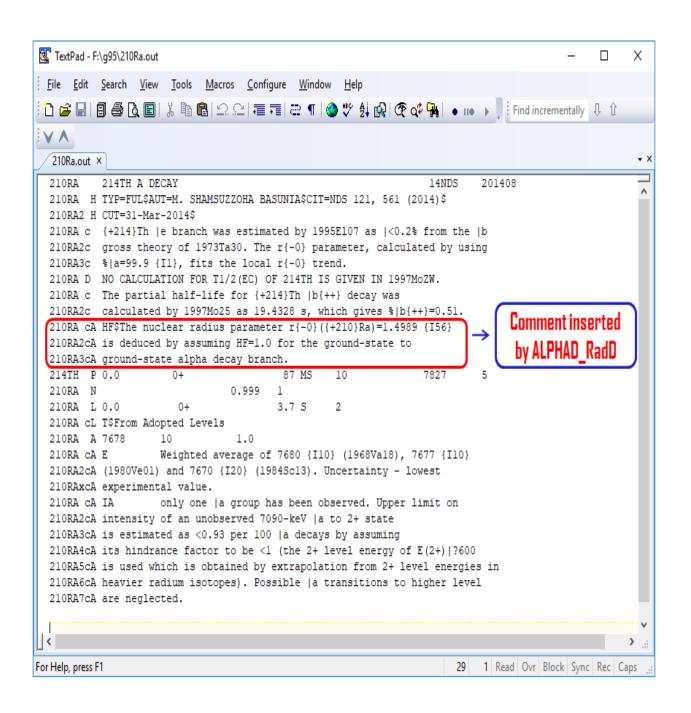


Fig.:2 Output file of ALPHAD\_RadD

# Odd-odd nuclide (example 194Bi)

The code automatically deduces r<sub>0</sub> parameter, followed by deduction of HFs.

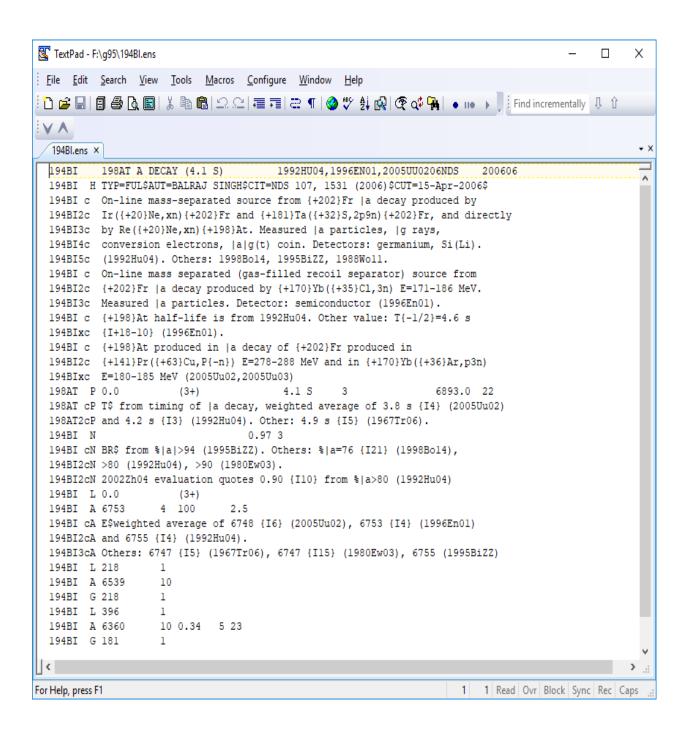
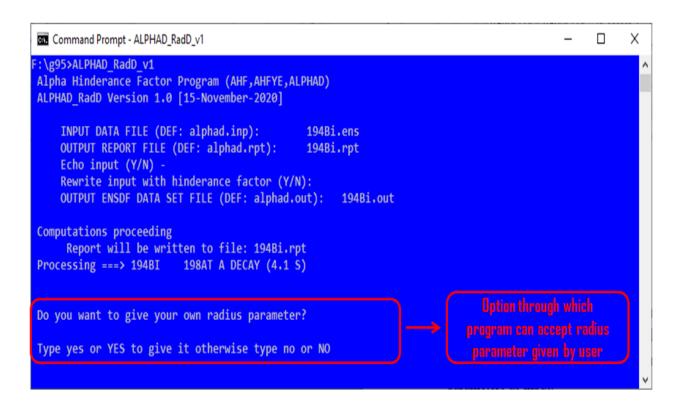
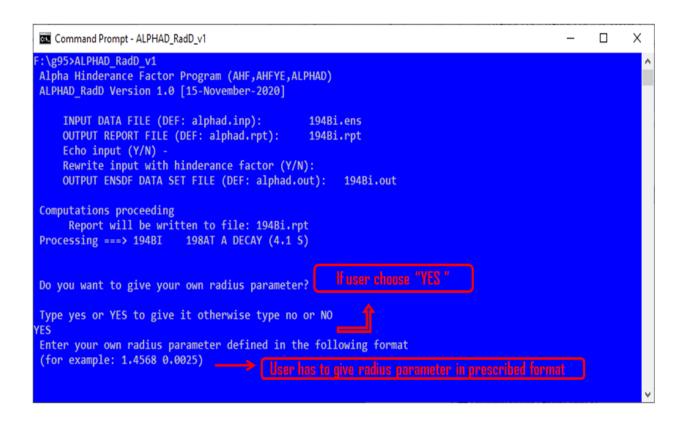


Fig.3: Input file of <sup>194</sup>Bi containing no record corresponding to r<sub>0</sub> parameter

The typical input console and executions of ALPHAD\_RadD for <sup>198</sup>Bi is shown in figures below. After specifying the name of input, report and output files, program gives two options i.e. user can give his own radius parameter OR let the program deduce the value of radius parameter using even-even radius parameters as input:



Case (a): If user wants to give his own radius parameter then he/she has to type "yes" or "YES". The snapshot after typing "YES" is shown below:

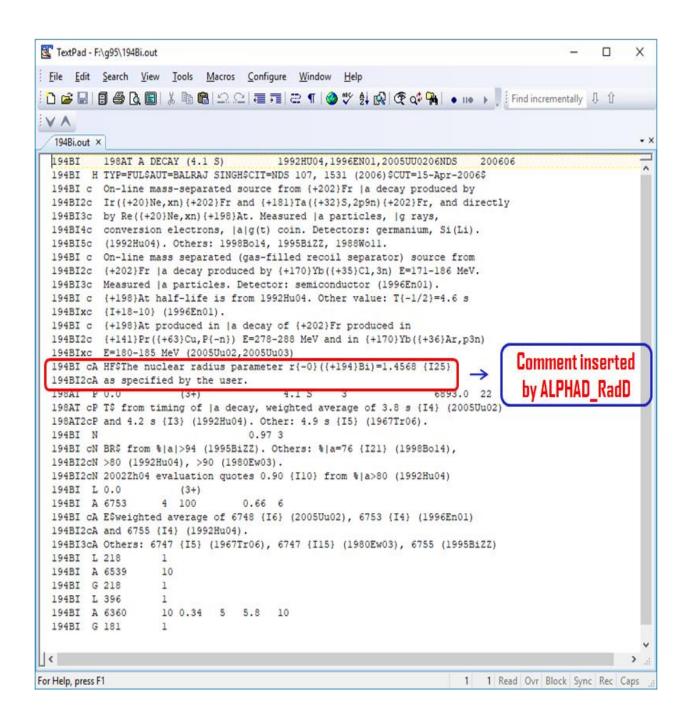


After typing "YES" program ask for the value of radius parameter. The format in which radius parameter should be supplied to program is shown below:

Suppose in case <sup>198</sup>Bi the values for radius parameter and its uncertainty deduced by user are 1.4568 and 0.0025, respectively. The user has to enter the value of radius parameter and its uncertainty separated by one blank space. In present case, the program will accept following number:

#### 1.4568 0.0025

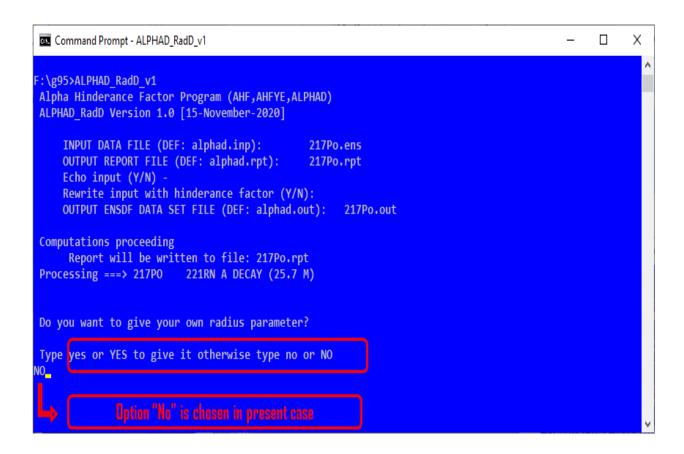
When the radius parameter is supplied in the above said format, then program will do the calculations of HFs and theoretical half-lives and will also insert the value of radius parameter in the output file. The snapshot of output file is shown below:



Case (b): If user type "no" or "NO", it means program will first deduce the value of radius parameter by using the radius parameter of adjacent even-even nuclides listed in 2020\_r0\_EE.DAT. Then, it will perform calculations of HFs and theoretical half-lives. The deduced value of radius parameter will also be inserted in output file with suitable comment. The snapshot corresponding to this situation is shown for <sup>217</sup>Po nuclide whose case is discussed below.

## Odd-A nuclide (example <sup>217</sup>Po)

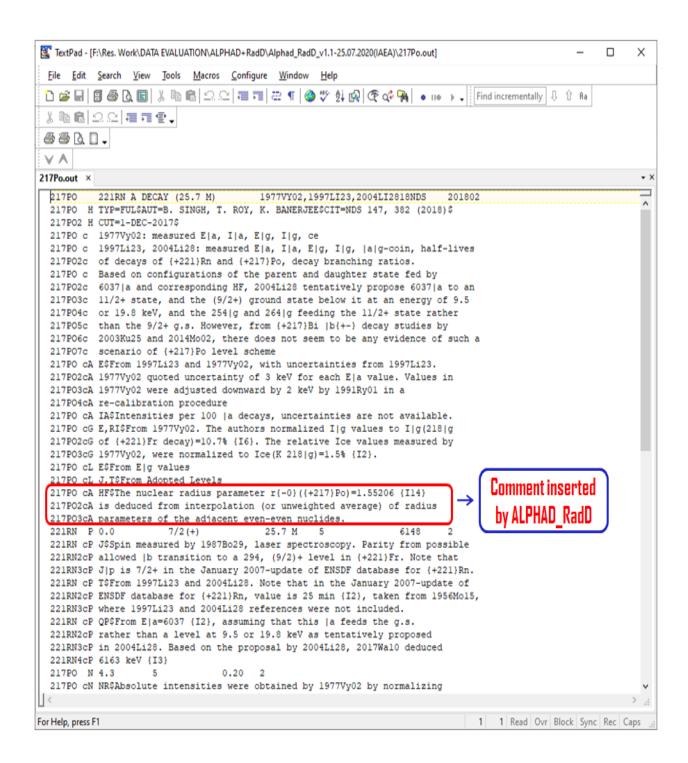
The execution of the program for this case is same as odd-odd <sup>194</sup>Bi. Again, there are two options for user.



Option (a): If the user type "no", the program will deduce radius parameter by using the radius parameter of adjacent even-even nuclides.

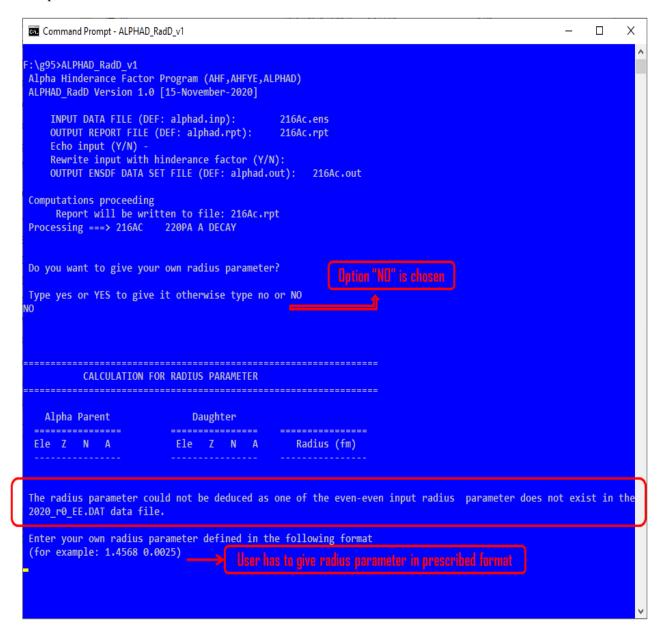
Option (b): User can supply his/her own radius parameter; this situation is already described in case of <sup>194</sup>Bi above.

If user chooses option (a) then following output file will appear. Please note that, the deduced value of radius parameter will be inserted at appropriate place with suitable comment.



Odd-odd and odd-A nuclide for which deduction of radius parameter is not possible through ALPHAD\_RadD (example <sup>216</sup>Ac)

There are certain cases for which deduction of radius parameter is not possible. This situation occurs when  $r_0$  parameters for one or both neighboring even-even alpha emitters are not available in the input file. In such cases, an appropriate message will be displayed on screen and user has to give his/her own radius parameter as shown below for  $^{216}$ Ac:



In such cases, if option "no" is selected, the code prints the following message: "the radius parameter could not be deduced as one of the even-even input radius parameter does not exist in the 2020\_r0\_EE.DAT data file."