

nuclear data validation

Advanced interrogation capabilities with FISPACT-II

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FISPACT-II workshop





#### Introduction

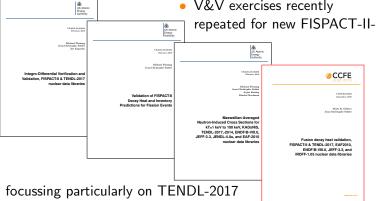
- Validation & Verification (V&V) is an important part of the development and release of FISPACT-II
- A suite of automated validation benchmarks have been created to test new releases of both the FISPACT-II code and the nuclear data libraries
  - against international experimental databases
- Results are compiled into open access pdf reports (see fispact.ukaea.uk)
  - thousands of pages in total providing a near-complete coverage of the physics landscape for neutron interactions



#### FISPACT-II validation

 V&V exercises recently repeated for new FISPACT-II-4.0

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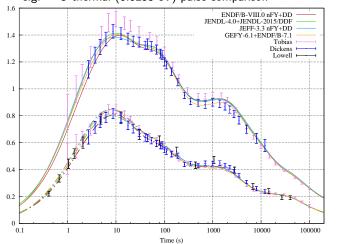
- but also benchmarking ENDF/B-VIII.0, JEFF-3.3 (and others)
- decay heat validation against (Japan-FNS) fusion experiments
- integral & differential xs validation against EXFOR
- fission decay heat and criticality benchmarks
- astrophysics testing (KADoNiS)

In conjunction with J.-Ch. Sublet (IAEA) & M. Fleming (NEA)



#### Other validation efforts (1)

- Fission decay heat
- Comparison of simulated fission pulse decay heat to carefully interpreted experimental data
- e.g. <sup>235</sup>U thermal (0.0253 eV) pulse comparison



total and  $\beta$ -generated decay heat

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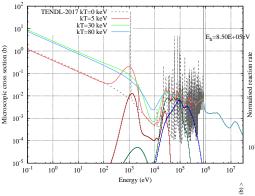
- simulated with latest ENDF/B, JEFF, and JENDL **libraries**
- Also included in exercise: 233 U. <sup>238</sup>U. <sup>239</sup>Pu. <sup>241</sup>Pu.  $^{232}$ Th, and  $^{237}$ Np



Decay heat (MeV/fission)

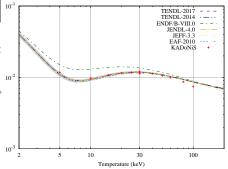
#### Other validation efforts (2)





- e.g. <sup>56</sup>Fe results:
- TENDL-2017 xs & comparison to KADoNiS of average xs at various temperatures for different libraries

- Maxwellian-averaged neutron xs comparison
- using KADoNiS astrophysics experimental database, which includes data for 357 nuclides at temperatures ranging from 5 keV (58 million K) to 100 keV (1.2 billion K)



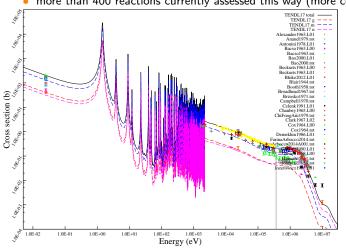


#### Other validations (3)

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- Integro-differential V&V
- Comparison of cross section data against integral and differential data in the EXFOR database

more than 400 reactions currently assessed this way (more could be added)



- e.g.  $^{115}$ In(n, $\gamma$ ) differential data compared to TENDL-2017
- obvious complexity associated with three metastable states of <sup>116</sup>In and potential for mis-attribution



### Fusion decay heat benchmark

- Experiments performed at the Fusion Neutron Source (FNS) at JAEA in 1996-2000
- aimed at providing fusion-relevant decay-power data for important structural materials
- accurate experimental measurements with detailed records are ideal for simulation benchmarking

Experiment reports & papers: F. Maekawa M. Wada, Y. Ikeda *et al.* Tech. Rep. JAERI-Data/Code 98-024, JAERI-Data/Code 98-021, & JAERI 99-055. http://www.jaea.go.jp/jaeri/

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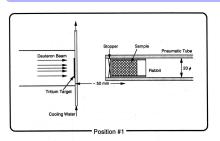
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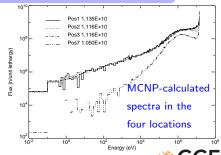
Simulation paper: Gilbert, Sublet, *Nuclear Fusion* **59** (2019) 086045 Latest report: Gilbert, Sublet, CCFE(R)18-002 (2018), available from



#### The experiment

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- 2 mA deuteron beam onto a tritium target producing a fusion neutron spectrum with fluxes of  $\sim 10^{10}$  n cm $^{-2}$  s $^{-1}$  at the sample location
- samples irradiated for 5 minutes or 7 hours (4 different experimental set-ups)
- for the short irradiations, a rapid rabbit extraction system was used to make the samples available for immediate measurement

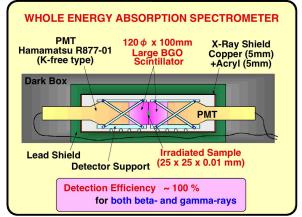




#### The experiment



- time-dependent decay heat of each sample was measured using a WEAS system
  - providing almost 100% detector efficiency
  - around 1 hour of recording for the 5-minute irradiations (starting from less than 1 minute after irradiation)
  - ▶ & up to a year of measurements from the 7-hour-irradiated samples





Metallic Powder

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Rhodium





#### Simulations

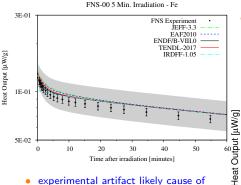
- UK Atomic Energy Authority
- Detailed experimental information (irradiation times, measurement times, material compositions, etc.) have been translated into a set of FISPACT-II input files
  - ▶ these can be rapidly repeated for different nuclear data libraries
- Latest version of exercise compares results from TENDL-2017, ENDF/B-VIII.0, JEFF-3.3, and EAF2010 neutron cross section libraries
  - in some cases it is also possible to produce a meaningful comparison with the IRDFF-1.05 dosimetry file
- where available, the decay data file associated with each xs library is used (i.e. for JEFF and ENDF/B)
- otherwise the "dec\_2012" decay database distributed with FISPACT-II is used – applies to TENDL-2017
  - ▶ 3875 nuclides
  - a combination of data from JEFF-3.1.1, JEF-2.2 to produce the EAF2010 decay file, UK evaluations in UKPADD6.1-6.9, and supplemented from ENDF/B-VII



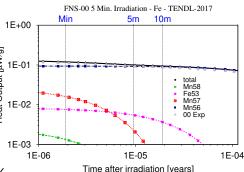
#### Typical results and presentation

• 5 minute irradiation of pure iron

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experimental artifact likely cause of slight disagreement – otherwise simulation captures the profile well  decay heat curves from simulations with different libraries vs. experiment



Path % Product  $T_{1/2}$ **Pathways** Mn58 Fe58(n,p)Mn58 1 09m 98.4 Mn57 1 42m Fe57(n,p)Mn57 100.0 Fe53 8.51m Fe54(n,2n)Fe53 100.0 Mn56 2.58h Fe56(n,p)Mn56 99.5

nuclide contribution breakdown for TENDL-2017 vs. experiment

• showing <sup>56</sup>Mn dominance



#### Typical results and presentation

- tabulated comparison against each experimental measurement
- ullet and tabulated characteristic E/C values for important radionuclides

Times	FNS EXP.	5 mins	TE	NDL-2017		ENDF/B-VIII.0	JEFF-3.3	EAF2010	IRDFF-1.05
Min.	$\mu W/g$		$\mu W/g$		E/C	E/C	E/C	E/C	E/C
0.58	1.17E-01	+/-5%	1.24E-01	+/-16%	0.94	1.00	0.91	0.94	1.15
0.83	1.14E-01	+/-5%	1.22E - 01	+/-17%	0.94	0.99	0.90	0.93	1.13
1.08	1.12E-01	+/-5%	1.19E - 01	+/-17%	0.94	0.99	0.90	0.93	1.11
1.35	1.08E-01	+/-5%	1.17E - 01	+/-17%	0.93	0.97	0.89	0.92	1.08
1.60	1.07E-01	+/-5%	1.15E - 01	+/-17%	0.93	0.98	0.90	0.92	1.07
2.03	1.04E-01	+/-5%	1.12E - 01	+/-18%	0.93	0.97	0.89	0.92	1.04
2.63	1.02E-01	+/-5%	1.08E - 01	+/-18%	0.94	0.97	0.90	0.92	1.02
3.23	9.87E-02	+/-5%	1.05E - 01	+/-19%	0.94	0.96	0.90	0.92	1.00
4.10	9.58 <i>E</i> - 02	+/-5%	1.02E - 01	+/-19%	0.93	0.95	0.90	0.91	0.98
5.20	9.30E-02	+/-5%	9.98E - 02	+/-20%	0.93	0.94	0.90	0.91	0.96
6.32	9.13E-02	+/-5%	9.79E - 02	+/-20%	0.93	0.94	0.90	0.91	0.95
7.93	8.96E-02	+/-5%	9.58E - 02	+/-20%	0.93	0.94	0.90	0.91	0.95
9.98	8.73E-02	+/-5%	9.39E - 02	+/-20%	0.93	0.94	0.90	0.91	0.94
12.03	8.58 <i>E</i> - 02	+/-5%	9.24E - 02	+/-20%	0.93	0.93	0.91	0.91	0.93
15.10	8.41 <i>E</i> - 02	+/-5%	9.05E - 02	+/-21%	0.93	0.93	0.91	0.92	0.93
19.20	8.13E-02	+/-5%	8.82E - 02	+/-21%	0.92	0.93	0.91	0.91	0.93
23.32	7.94E-02	+/-5%	8.61E - 02	+/-21%	0.92	0.93	0.92	0.91	0.93
27.42	7.75E-02	+/-5%	8.42E - 02	+/-21%	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.91	0.92
34.53	7.47E-02	+/-5%	8.11E - 02	+/-21%	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.92
44.65	7.10E-02	+/-5%	7.73E - 02	+/-21%	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.91	0.92
54.75	6.77E-02	+/-5%	7.37E - 02	+/-21%	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.91	0.92
mean %	diff. from E				8	5	10	9	7

Product	$T_{1/2}$	E/C	% <b>∆</b> E	$\Delta C^{nuc}$
Mn56	2.58h	0.94	5%	21%

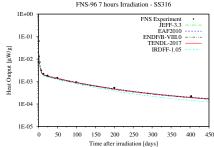


#### A complex case

• 7 hour irradiation of 316 stainless steel

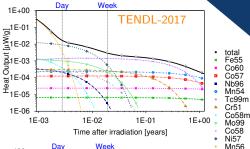
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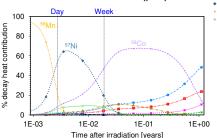
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 a good fit with all major data libraries despite the relative complexity

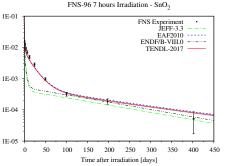
- predictions are within a few % of the experiment at all decay times
- numerous (minor) contributions but <sup>8</sup> importance dominance of <sup>56</sup>Mn,
  <sup>57</sup>Ni. and <sup>58</sup>Co at different times

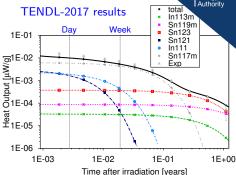




#### Multiple metastable importance

7 hour irradiation of pure tin





- TEND-2017 and EAF2010 produce a good match to the measured profile
  - but absolute decay heat values are not very close to the experiment
- JEFF-3.3 and ENDF/B-VIII.0 get the profile wrong

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	TENDL-2017	ENDF/B-VIII.0	JEFF-3.3	EAF2010
mean % diff. from E	22	50	60	23



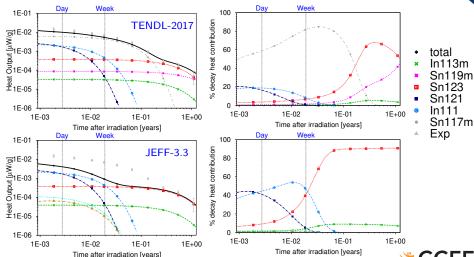
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Heat Output [µW/g]

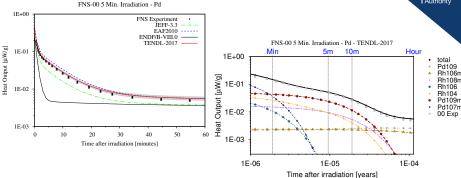
#### Tin nuclide comparisons

- TENDL result shows importance of two metastable nuclides
  - ▶ <sup>119m</sup>Sn and <sup>117m</sup>Sn produced via (n,2n) reactions
- JEFF & ENDF/B include the (n,2n)s but only to ground-states



#### A case where TENDL-2017 is best

• 5 minute irradiation of pure palladium



- a complex case with many contributing nuclides
  - ▶ particularly metastables: <sup>108m</sup>Rh, <sup>109m</sup>Pd, and <sup>106m</sup>Rh
  - ▶ a mixture of (n,2n) and (n,p) reactions dominate
  - ► TENDL-2017 outperforms all others

	TENDL-2017	ENDF/B-VIII.0	JEFF-3.3	EAF2010
mean % diff. from E	8	64	32	24



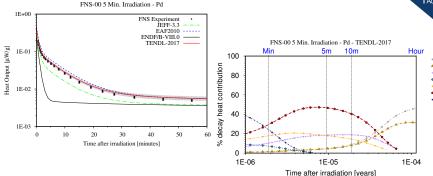
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Pd109

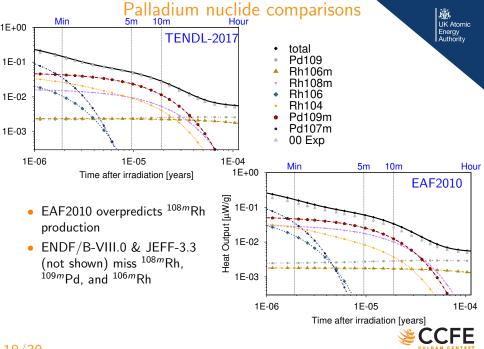
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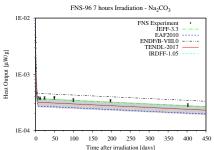
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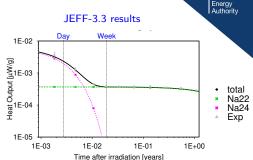




#### A case where JEFF-3.3 is best

• 7 hour irradiation of sodium





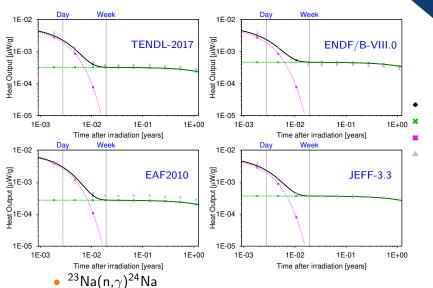
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- only JEFF-3.3 matches closely the experimental measurements
  - other libraries either under or over predict the production of <sup>22</sup>Na
  - this could be a coincidence due to an experimental artefact especially since the IRDFF dosimetry file underpredicts

	TENDL-2017	ENDF/B-VIII.0	JEFF-3.3	EAF2010	IRDFF-1.05	
mean % diff. from E	16	18	4	24	15	
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#### Sodium nuclide comparisons





total Na<sub>22</sub>

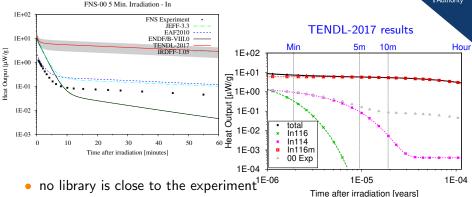
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**CCFE** 

<sup>23</sup>Na(n,2n)<sup>22</sup>Na

#### A case where all are wrong (1)

• 5 minute irradiation of pure Indium



- the TENDL-2017 nuclide profiles suggest an overestimate of <sup>116m</sup>In production
  - ▶ <sup>116*m*</sup>In decay profile matches the experimental measurements beyond 5 minutes of cooling
  - incorrect distribution of  $^{115}$ ln(n, $\gamma$ ) to  $^{116}$ ln,  $^{116m}$ ln,  $^{116m}$ ln? ( $\mathsf{T}_{1/2}{=}14.2\mathsf{s},\ 54.6\mathsf{m},\ \mathsf{and}\ 2.2\mathsf{s},\ \mathsf{respectively})$

#### Indium nuclide comparisons



total

In116

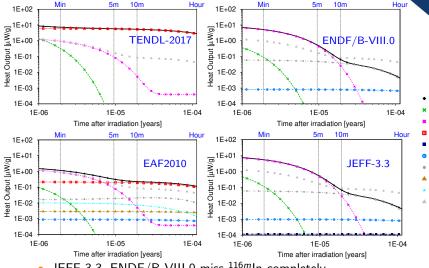
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In116m

Cd115

Ag112

In112 In115m In112m 00 Exp



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#### Indium nuclide comparisons



total In116

In114

In116m

Cd115

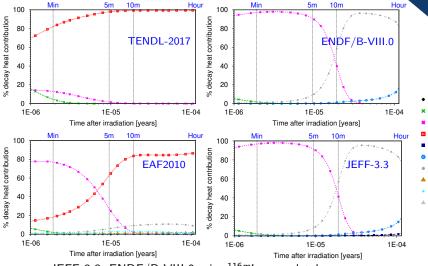
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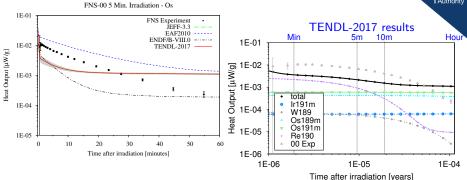
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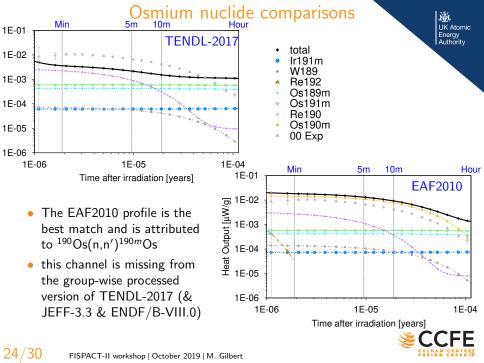
• 5 minute irradiation of pure Osmium

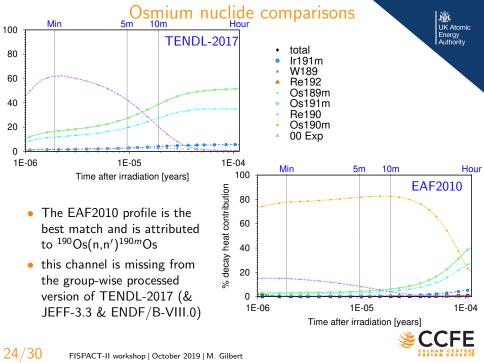


- no library predicts the correct decay-profile or heat magnitudes
  - ▶ JEFF-3.3 and TENDL-2017 are identical and under & overpredict at different times
  - ► EAF2010 always overpredicts, while ENDF/B-VIII.0 underpredicts

	TENDL-2017	ENDF/B-VIII.0	JEFF-3.3	EAF2010
mean % diff. from E	78	62	78	152

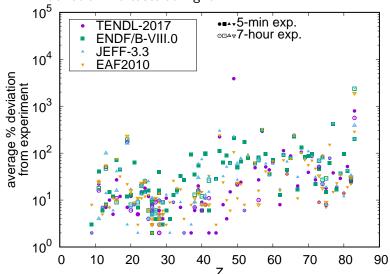






#### Statistical analysis

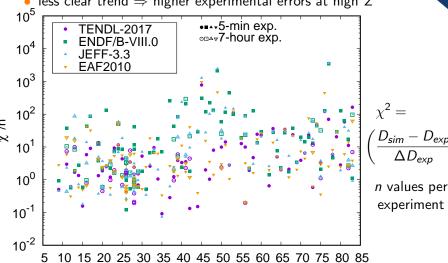
- % deviation across all experiments
- deviation increases at higher Z





#### $\chi^2$ test

- $\chi^2/n$  variation for all experiments
- less clear trend  $\Rightarrow$  higher experimental errors at high Z

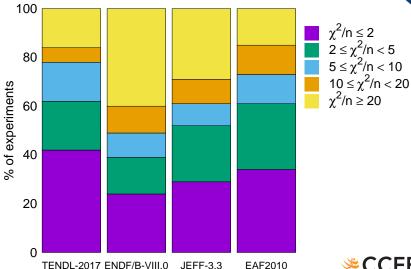




### $\chi^2$ test

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TENDL-2017 performs better than other modern libraries
 & slightly better than EAF2010



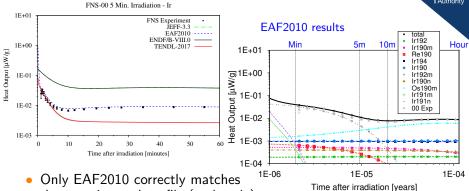
#### Summary

- The FNS experimental results from Japan offer a unique validation benchmark for inventory simulations in fusion-relevant conditions
  - they test the cross section data for a significant fraction of stable nuclides
- Automation of benchmarking against these experiments with FISPACT-II allows rapid testing of libraries
  - quickly provides a global impression of data quality
  - but each individual experiment and associated simulations can have unexpected subtleties
  - overall libraries perform well, particularly at low Z
  - no library succeeds for every case
  - new libraries still have something to learn from older ones ...



#### A case where the "legacy" is best

5 minute irradiation of pure Iridium

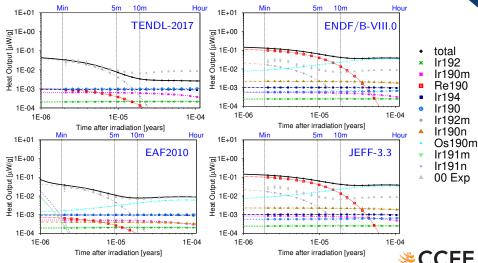


- the experimental profile (and scale)
  - ▶ the observed decay heat originates from <sup>192</sup>mIr in the first 5 minutes of cooling
  - ▶ at longer times <sup>190m</sup>Os dominates

	TENDL-2017	ENDF/B-VIII.0	JEFF-3.3	EAF2010
mean % diff. from E	38	423	429	15



- TENDL-2017 underpredicts  $^{191}$ Ir $(n,2n)^{190n}$ Ir $(\beta^+)^{190m}$ Os
- ENDF/B-VIII.0 and JEFF-3.3 overestimate this path and predict a different dominant nuclide ( $^{193}$ Ir(n, $\alpha$ ) $^{190}$ Re) at short cooling times



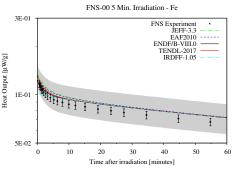


# FISPACT-II inputs & outputs



#### .gra files

e.g. irradiation of pure iron



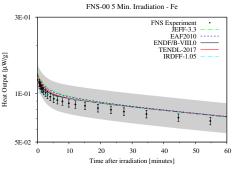
- separate FISPACT-II simulation for each different nuclear data library (and for each different material)
- curves extracted directly from .gra files

# GRAPH 1 2 1 3 UNCERTAINTY 2

- UNCERTAINTY keyword included to provide uncertainty estimates
- GRAPH <<n>> <<show>> <<uncert>> <<li>ist>>
  - instructs FISPACT-II to output <<n>> blocks of summary data in an additional output file with a .gra stub
  - <<show>> equal to 2 makes the output suitable for GNUPLOT plotting (+ a template .plt file is written)

#### .gra files

e.g. irradiation of pure iron



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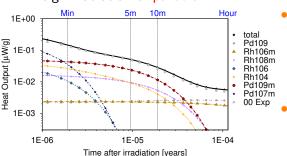
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- UNCERTAINTY keyword included to provide uncertainty estimates
- GRAPH <<n>> <<show>> <<uncert>> <<li>list>>
  - <<uncert>> equal to 1 includes the uncertainties in the .gra file (and plot)
  - <<li><<li>!ist of <<n>> graphs required1=activity;2=dose;3=decay-heat...



#### Nuclide graphs

e.g. irradiation of palladium



- recently developed capability to extract nuclide contribution breakdown to radiological quantities
- curves extracted directly from .grn files

#### NUCGRAPH 1 1.0 1 2

- NUCGRAPH <<n>> <<floor>> <<uncert>> <<li>list>>
- instructs FISPACT-II to output <<n>> blocks of data in .grn file 1=activity;2=decay-heat;3=dose...
- for each radiological quantity (block) as a function of time:
  - total with uncertainty (if <<uncert>> equals 1)
  - contribution to quantity from any nuclide that contributes <<floor>> % or more at any time





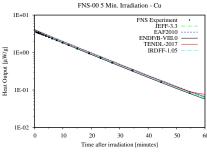
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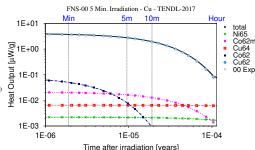


#### A good agreement case

• 5 minute irradiation of pure copper







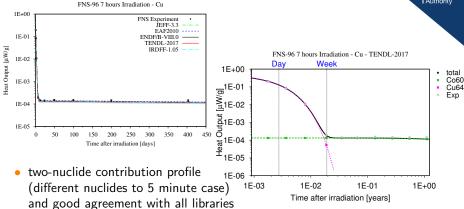
- a straightforward case entirely dominated by <sup>62</sup>Cu
  - ► <sup>63</sup>Cu(n,2n)<sup>62</sup>Cu
  - all library predictions are within a few % of the experiment at all decay times

	TENDL-2017	ENDF/B-VIII.0	JEFF-3.3	EAF2010	IRDFF-1.05	
mean % diff. from E	4	3	5	6	3	
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#### Copper at longer times

• 7 hour irradiation of pure copper



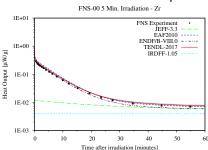


- $^{63}$ Cu(n, $\alpha$ ) $^{60}$ Co (including isomeric transition via  $^{60m}$ Co)
- ► <sup>65</sup>Cu(n,2n)<sup>64</sup>Cu

	TENDL-2017	ENDF/B-VIII.0	JEFF-3.3	EAF2010	IRDFF-1.05
mean % diff. from E	9	9	9	5	12

#### A problem for JEFF-3.3?

• 5 minute irradiation of pure zirconium



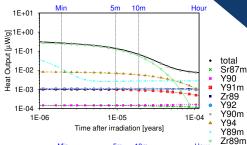
- JEFF-3.3 underpredicts during the first 30 minutes of cooling
  - other libraries produce a good match to the experiment (IRDFF-1.05 only captures the low-level production of <sup>89</sup>Zr via <sup>90</sup>Zr(n,2n))

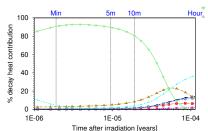


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#### Zr nuclide contributions



total Sr87m

Y90

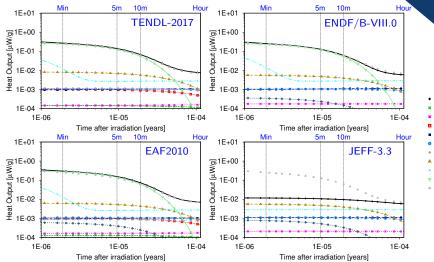
Y91m

Zr89

Y92

Y94 Y89m Zr89m 00 Exp

Y90m



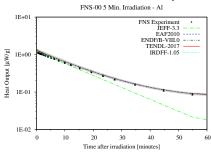
- JEFF-3.3 does not include the <sup>90</sup>Zr(n,2n)<sup>89m</sup>Zr channel
  - ▶ this is unexpected because it was included in JEFF-3.2

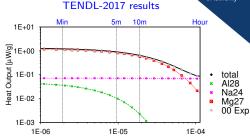


#### A problem for JEFF-3.3?

• 5 minute irradiation of pure aluminium





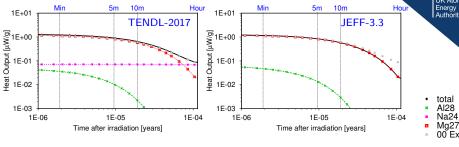


- beyond 20 minutes of cooling JEFF-3.3 underpredicts the experimentally measured decay heat
  - all other libraries produce a good match to the experiment



#### Aluminium nuclide contributions





- JEFF-3.3 does not predict any <sup>24</sup>Na via <sup>27</sup>Al(n, $\alpha$ )
  - analysis of the raw ENDF-6 JEFF-3.3 reveals that the MF 9 entries for this reaction are incorrect (MF 9 is necessary to split between <sup>24</sup>Na and <sup>24m</sup>Na)
  - causes incorrect processing to group-wise format
  - ► TENDL-2017 doesn't include the <sup>24m</sup>Na channel (the MF 3 entry is correct in both JEFF-3.3 and TENDL-2017)

