

ENSDF Format, Policies, Guidelines

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ENSDF

Source For
Table of Isotopes
Nuclear Data Sheets
Nuclear Wallet Cards
NUDAT
Update – continuous
Distributed – six monthly

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ENSDF Content

Collection of Data Sets by A and Z

Comments (Abstract)

References

Adopted Levels, Gammas

Experimental Data Sets

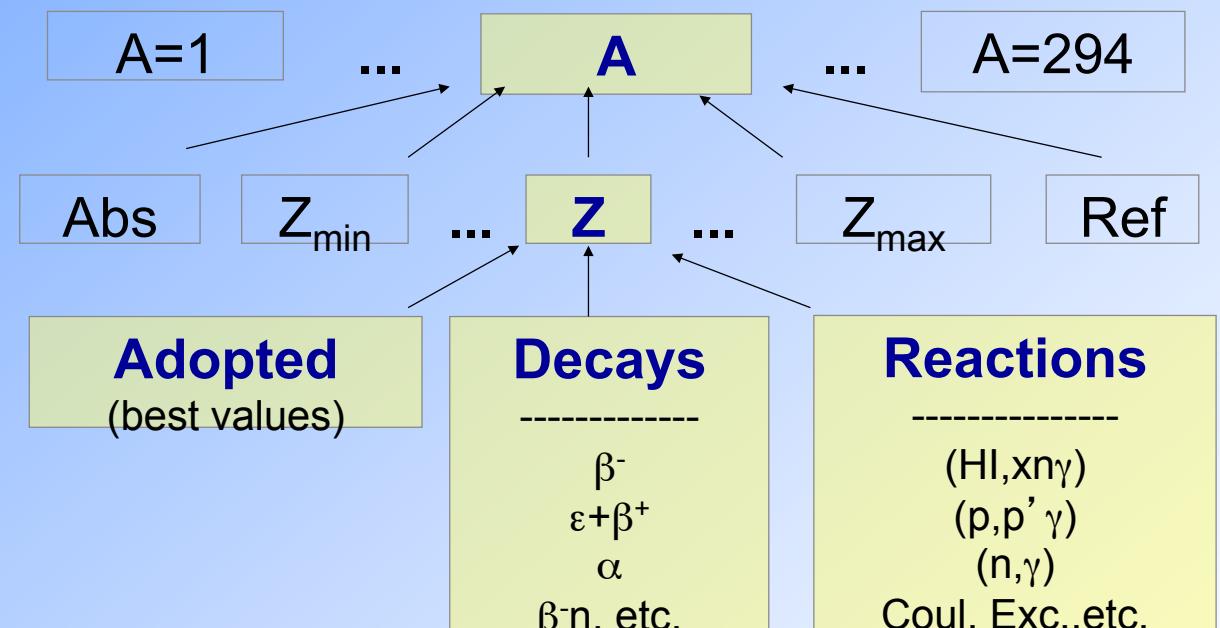
-Radiative Decay

-Nuclear Reactions

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ENSDF Schematic



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EVALUATED NUCLEAR STRUCTURE DATA FILE

A Manual for Preparation
of Data Sets

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Format Summary

ENSDF Standard 80-character Formated Records														
Record	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8						
IDENT	1 5 6 7 8 9 0	9 0 1 2	9 0 1 2	9 0 1 2	9 0	5 6	0 2 3 4 5	0	4 5 6	7 8 9 0				
XREF	NUCID	& blank	DSID		DSREF		PUB		DATE					
REF	NUCID	blank X1	DSID			blank								
HIST	NUCID	& M H M		HTEXT										
Q-VALUE	NUCID	blank Q	Q-	DOS	SN	DEN	SP	DSP	QA	DQA	QREF			
G COMM	NUCID	& T # M		CTEXT										
F/R COMM	NUCID	& T # T	SYM FLAG		CTEXT									
PARENT	NUCID	blank P	E	DE	J	T	DT	blank	QP	DOF	<ION->			
NORM	NUCID	blank N	NR	DNT	NT	DNT	BR	DBS	NB	DNB	NP	DNP		
P NORM	NUCID	& P N	NR*BR	INC	NT*BR	UNC	blank	NB*BR	UNC	NP	DNP	blank		
LEVEL	NUCID	& M L	E	DE	J	T	DT	L	S	DS	MS	Q		
BETA	NUCID	& B B	E	DE	IB	DB	blank	LOGFT	DFT	blank	F	UN	Q	
EC	NUCID	& B E	E	DE	IB	DNB	IE	DSE	LOGFT	DFT	blank	F	UN	Q
ALPHA	NUCID	& B A	E	DE	IA	DA	HF	DHF		blank	F	UN	Q	
PART	NUCID	& M T	E	DE	IP	DIP	ED	T	DT	L	DC	CM	Q	
GA MM A	NUCID	& B G	E	DE	RI	DRI	M	MR	DMR	CC	DCC	TI	DTP	CMQ
	1 5 6 7 8 9 0	9 0 1 2	9 0 1 2	9 0 1 2	9 0	5 6	0 2 3 4 5	0	4 5 6	7 8 9 0				
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8						

Purpose/Philosophy (ENSDF)

- Present set of critically evaluated properties of nuclides based on best known experimental information to date
- Present best data available for each type of experiment
- Present best info for each nuclide
- Concise, consistent, and well-documented

Purpose/Philosophy (XUNDL)

Present information given in a paper in ENSDF format.
Present it as concise, consistent, and well-documented.

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General

Evaluated results of a single experiment or combined results of a number of experiments yielding basically the same kind of information, e.g., (HI,xng), or Coulomb Excitations. The collection is called a Data Set.

The adopted Properties of the nucleus.

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Minimum Standards

A-Chain completeness – All nuclides

Nuclide Completeness – All data sets

Data Set Completeness – ID to END record

Decay Data Sets: Parent record, (Normalization)

Adopted sets: Q record, (XREF's)

etc.

Uncertainty, units, documentation

Physical Properties

Adopted Properties

General – Q, History, XREF, Comments

Levels-E,Jpi,T1/2,branching,static mom

Gammas-E,branching,mult,cc,BLW

Decay Properties

Nuclear Reaction Properties

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GS Properties

- Q(beta-)
- N-Separation Energy
- P-Separation Energy
- Alpha-Decay Q value
- Half-life
- Spin-parity
- Decay Modes
- Static Moments

Level Properties

- Spin-parity
- Half-life
- Angular Momentum transfer
- Spectroscopic Factor
- Decay branching
- Static Moments
- Configuration
- Experiments in which level is seen

Level Properties –Special Cases

Configuration assignments

Band Assignments

Isomer Shifts, isotope shifts

Charge distribution of gs, often only a reference

Deformation parameters of gs (model dependent)

Excitation Probabilities (BEL, BML) when the T_{1/2} and gs
branching are not known

Radiation Properties

Placement in level scheme

Energy

Intensity –Relative and Absolute through Normalization. Per 100 decay modes for Alphas.

Transition Intensity. EC, B+ decay (theory).

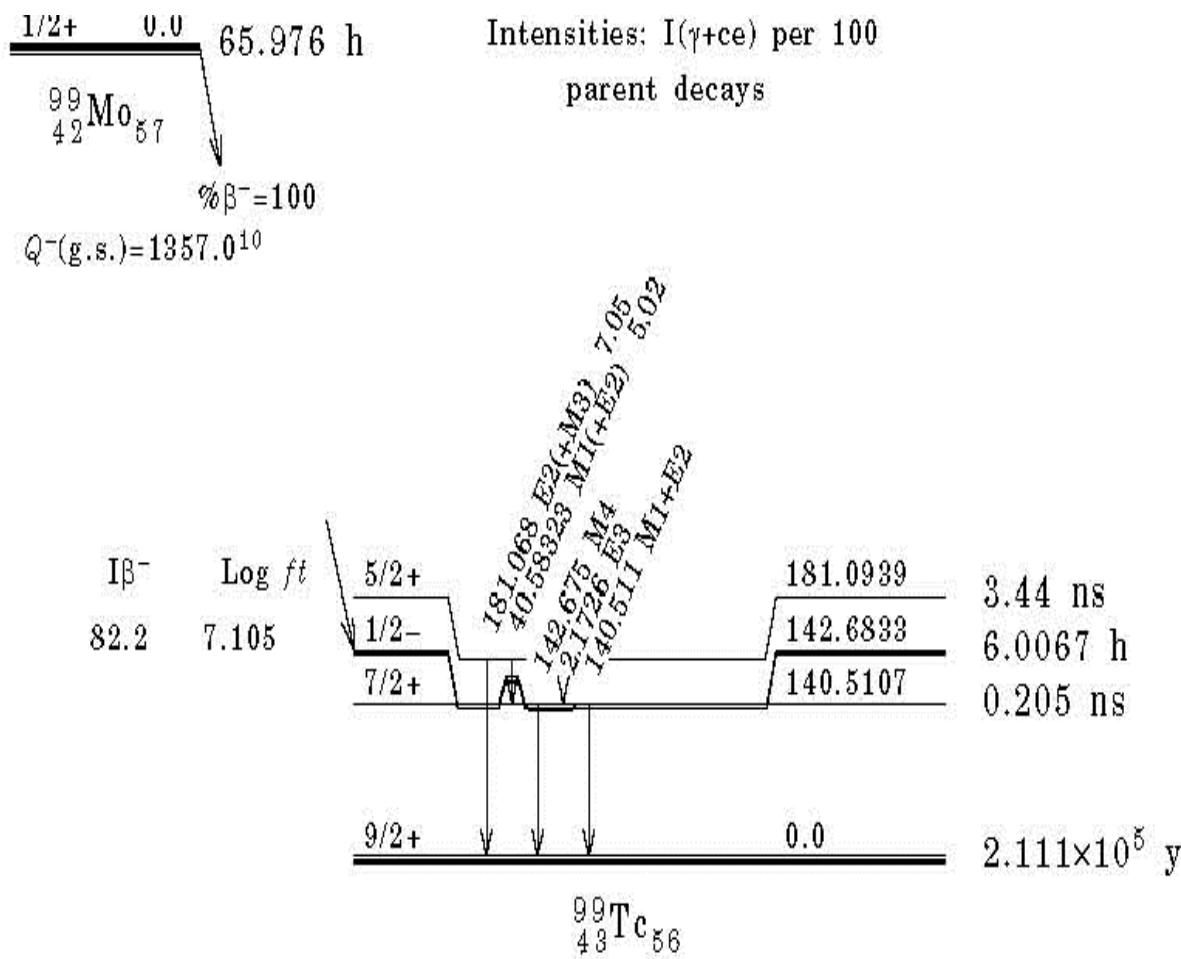
Partial EC probabilities.

Multipolarity and Mixing Ratios

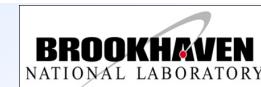
Total internal Conversion Coefficients

Logft values/ Hindrance Factors

Reduced Transition Probability-down –W.u.



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Decay Dataset

99TC	99MO	B-	DECAY	1992GO22	11NDS	2011
99TC c	Measured:	g	(1992Go22,1990Me15,1978MeZK); g, g g, g g(q)			
99TC2c	(1982Si16); g, g g (1969Co18); g, g g (1968Va14); g (1980Di					
99TC cG	The large discrepancies of the measurements of g g(q)					
99TC2cG	involving the 181 level					
99TC cG E	From 1990Me15 and 1978MeZK, if not indicated otherwise.					
99TC cG RI	From 1992Go22, if not indicated otherwise					
99TC cG RI(A)	From 1990Me15					
99TC cG M	From g g(q) and a(K)exp, if not noted otherwise.					
99TC cL J	Adopted values					
99MO	P	0	1/2+	65.976 H 24	1357.0	10
99TC	N	0.1226	18	1.0	1.0	
99TC	G	89.4	2	0.025	17	
99TC	G	455.84	130.011	5		A
99TC	G	490.53	150.009	3		A
99TC	G	581.30	120.008	4		
• 99TC G 599.6 5 0.017 8						
99TC	I	0	0/2+	2.111E+5 V12		

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Record Types

ID	LEVEL
History	BETA
XREF	EC
Comments	ALPHA
Q-value	PARTICLE
Parent	GAMMA
Normalization	END

Identification Record

Required for all data sets. Must precede all other records.

Field (Col.)	Name
1-5	NUCID
10-39	DSID
40-65	DSREF
66-74	PUB
75-80	DATE (year/month)

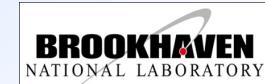
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The History Record

Field (Col.)	Name
1-5	NUCID
6	Blank
7	Blank
8	H
9	Blank
10-80	History

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The Q-value Record

Field (Col.)	Name		
1-5	NUCID		
8	Q Letter 'Q' is required		
10-19	Q-	20-21	DQ-
22-29	SN	30-31	DSN
32-39	SP	40-41	DSP
42-49	QA	50-55	DQA
56-80	QREF		

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The Cross-Reference Record

Field (Col.)	Name
1-5	NUCID
8	X Letter 'X' is required
9	DSSYM Any ASCII character
10-39	DSID <i>Must</i> exactly match one of ID's

The Comment Record

Field (Col.)	Name
1-5	NUCID
7	Letter ‘C’ , ‘D’ , or ‘T’ is required
8	RTYPE Blank or record type
9	PSYM Blank, or symbol
10-80	CTEXT Text of the comment.

The Parent Record

Field	Name	
1-5	NUCID	
8	P (required)	
9	Blank or integer	
10-19	E Energy	20-21 DE
22-39	JPI	
40-49	T	50-55 DT
65-74	QP	75-76 DQP
77-80	Ionization State	

The Normalization Record

Field	Name	
8	N (required)	
10-19	NR	20-21 DNR
22-29	NT	30-31 DNT
32-39	BR	40-41 DBR
42-49	NB	50-55 DNB
56-62	NP	63-64 DNP

The Prod Normalization Record

Field	Name	
8	N (required)	
10-19	NR*BR	20-21 DNR
22-29	NT*BR	30-31 DNT
42-49	NB*BR	50-55 DNB
56-62	NP	63-64 DNP
77	Blank or C	78 Opt (1-7)

The Level Record

Field	Name	
1-5	NUCID	
8	L (required)	
10-19	E Energy	20-21 DE
22-39	JPI	
40-49	T	50-55 DT
56-64	L (angular momentum transfer)	
65-74	S	75-76 DS
77	Flag	78-79 MS
80	Q	

The Beta Record

Field	Name	
1-5	NUCID	
8	B (required)	
10-19	E Energy	20-21 DE
22-29	IB Intensity	30-31 DIB
42-49	Logft	50-55 DFT
77	Flag	
78-79	Forbiddenness	80 Q

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The EC Record

Field	Name
1-5	NUCID
8	E (required)
10-19	E Energy
20-21	DE
22-29	IB Intensity
30-31	DIB
32-39	IE Intensity
40-41	DIE
42-49	Logft
50-55	DFT
65-74	TI
75-76	DTI
77	Flag
78-79	Forbiddenness
80	Q

The Alpha Record

Field	Name
1-5	NUCID
8	A (required)
10-19	E Energy
22-29	IA Intensity
32-39	HF
77	Flag
80	Q

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The Gamma Record

Field	Name	
8	G (required)	
10-19	E Energy	20-21 DE
22-29	RI rel Intensity	30-31 DRI
32-41	M multipolarity	
42-49	MR mix ratio	50-55 DMR
56-62	CC total CC	63-64 DCC
65-74	TI	75-76 DTI
77	Flag	78 COIN 80 Q

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The (Delayed-) Particle Record

Field	Name
8	D (for delayed) 9 particle (N,P,..)
10-19	E Energy 20-21 DE
22-29	IP % Intensity 30-31 DIP
32-39	EI lev en intermediate nucleus
40-49	T Width 50-55 DT
56-64	L angular momentum transfer
77	Flag 78 COIN 80 Q

Guidelines-extraction of data

- Quote authors' measured quantities
- Document any deviations
- Note authors' assumptions
- Check for missed references
- Check authors' quoted older values

Guidelines-presentation of data-1

Order of Comments

E= not needed for reaction

Target JPI should be given

Keyno: measured, etc.

Do not combine different kind of data sets

Specify source of data

Guidelines-presentation-2

Gammas order by increasing Eg

Significant digits

Uncertainty limited to 25

Multiplets

Xsection,Analyzing-power not given

BEL up for levels, down for gammas

Delayed gammas-give as IT decay

Guidelines-presentation-3

Normalization condition should be given
Parent record, all fields should be given
Replace ‘/’ by ‘:’ for multiple ratios
Unresolved discrepancies should be pointed out
Uncertainty not error
E(ec),E(b-) only when accurate, measured

Guideline-presentation-4

APS style adopted

Accepted abbreviations

Key no. is plural. Space after `,'

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QCalc

The screenshot shows a web-based calculator interface. At the top, there's a header bar with the NNDC logo, "National Nuclear Data Center", and the Brookhaven National Laboratory logo. Below the header, a menu bar includes links for NuDat, NSR, XUNDL, ENSDF, MIRD, ENDF, CSISRS, and Sigma. A search bar labeled "Search the NNDC:" with a "Go" button is also present. The main content area features a title "Q-value Calculator for ENSDF evaluators". On the left, a sidebar lists "NNDC Site Index", "Additional Resources", "Atomic Mass Data Center (AMDC)", and "2003 Atomic Mass Evaluation". The main form area contains fields for "Nuclide" (set to "56fe, Fe-56, fe, 56"), "Uncertainties" (radio buttons for "Nuclear Data Sheets style" and "Standard style" with "Nuclear Data Sheets style" selected), and "Submit" and "Reset" buttons. At the bottom of the form area, there's a note about web programming by B. Pritychenko and A. Sonzogni, and a data source link to the "Atomic Mass Data Center".

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QCalc

National Nuclear Data Center

NNDC Databases: NuDat | NSR | XUNDL | ENDF | MIRD | ENDF | CSISRS | Sigma

Search the NNDC:

NNDC Site Index

Additional Resources

Atomic Mass Data Center (AMDC)

2003 Atomic Mass Evaluation

Q-value Calculator (QCalc)

Nucleus	KeyNumber	Q_{β}	SY	ΔQ_{β}	S_n	SY	ΔS_n	S_p	SY	ΔS_p	Q_a	SY	ΔQ_a	$Q_{\beta-n}$	SY	$\Delta Q_{\beta-n}$	Q_{EcP}	SY	ΔQ_{EcP}
^{211}Hg	2003AU03																		
	2011AUZZ	5.5E+3	SY 3	3.2E+3	SY 3	1.01E+4	SY 4					7.1E+2	SY 20						
^{211}Tl	2003AU03	4.42E+3	SY 20	4.90E+3	SY 20	8.3E+3	SY 4					5.8E+2	SY 20						
	2011AUZZ	4.55E+3	SY 20	4.77E+3	SY 20	7.9E+3	SY 3	2.4E+3	SY 4	7.1E+2	SY 20	-1.56E+4	SY 4						
^{211}Pb	2003AU03	1367	6	3834	3	8534	12	3.30E+3	15	-3771	3	-1.27E+4	3						
	2011AUZZ	1368	6	3833	3	8533	12	3.30E+3	15	-3770	3	-1.24E+4	20						
^{211}Bi	2003AU03	574	5	5138	5	4419	6	6750.3	5	-3977	5	-9901	13						
	2011AUZZ	575	5	5137	5	4419	6	6750.3	5	-3976	5	-9901	13						
^{211}Po	2003AU03	-785	3	4550.8	5	4929.7	9	7594.5	5	-8532	8	-4993.2	10						
	2011AUZZ	-785	3	4550.8	5	4929.6	9	7594.5	5	-8532	8	-4993.1	10						
^{211}At	2003AU03	-2892	7	7747	8	2983.1	25	5982.4	13	-10121	9	-4144.3	24						
	2011AUZZ	-2892	7	7747	8	2983.1	25	5982.4	13	-10118	5	-4144.3	24						
^{211}Rn	2003AU03	-4598	22	7229	11	4073	10	5965.4	14	-13481	23	-91	7						
	2011AUZZ	-4616	14	7226	8	4073	10	5965.4	14	-13495	17	-91	7						

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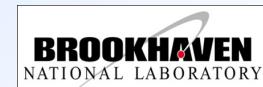
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Structure & Decay

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Structure & Decay website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links to various databases and tools, including NSR, XUNDL, ENSDF, NuDat, Databases, MIRD, Sigma, CSISRS, ENDF, Chart of Nuclides, Empire, Nuclear Wallet Cards, Tools and Publications, Nuclear Data Sheets, Networks, CSEWG, and USNDP. To the right of this is a sidebar with links to BNL Antineutrino Lecture, Special NDS Issue, Nuclear Data Week 2015, and the USNDP White Paper. Below the sidebar is a thumbnail of the white paper titled "Nuclear Data Needs and Capabilities for Applications" dated May 27-29, 2015, at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Berkeley, CA USA. A message below the thumbnail says "USNDP White Paper Available!". The main content area features a menu bar with Main, Structure & Decay (which is highlighted), Reactions, Bibliography, Networks & Links, Publications, and Meetings. Below the menu are four columns of links: Databases (Chart of Nuclides, ENSDF, MIRD, NuDat, XUNDL), Codes (BrIcc, ENSDF Codes, HSicc, LOGFT), Evaluations (Atomic Mass Evaluation, ββ-decay, B(E2), DDEP, Evaluators' Corner, Nuclear Wallet Cards), and Manuals (ENSDF Manual, Tools, CapGam, Palm Pilot, Q-value Calculator, USNDP/CSEWG, GForge, Web tools for ENSDF).

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ENSDF Analysis and Utility Codes

Platforms

- Most of the programs are available for the following:
 - ANSI standard Fortran 95
 - LINUX and UNIX (Lahey/Fujitsu FORTRAN 95)
 - Windows -7
 - For LINUX, UNIX, and Windows, executables are also provided.

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ENSDF Analysis and Utility Codes

Overview

- FMTCHK (Format Check)
- GTOL (Least-Squares fit, Intenisty Balance)
- JGAMUT (Combine datasets)
- Logft
- Pandora
- RadList (Radiation Listing) — Calculates atomic & nuclear radiations. Checks energy balance
- Ruler — Calculates reduced transition probabilities

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ENSDF Analysis and Utility Codes

All Types of Datasets

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

ENSDF Analysis and Utility Codes

Adopted Levels, Gamma Datasets — 1

- Applicable programs are ADDGAM, GTOL, BrIcc, 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.

ENSDF Analysis and Utility Codes

Adopted Levels, Gamma Datasets — 2

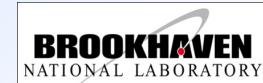
- RULER may be used in two modes:
 - Comparison mode to provide additional information in obtaining γ -multipolarity assignments.
 - Should also be run to provide the $BE\lambda W'$'s and $BM\lambda W'$'s.
 - BrIcc/HSICC should be run before RULER.
- BrIcc should be run to provide the internal conversion coefficients.

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Decay Datasets — 1

- Applicable programs are ALPHAD (for α decay), GABS, GTOL, BrIcc, LOGFT (for β^\pm/ε 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_γ -normalization (NR), the branching ratios (BR), and absolute I_γ 's.
 - BrIcc should run on the input data or the α 's from the adopted dataset should be used.

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Decay Datasets — 2

■ GTOL may be used to:

- Provide a least-squares adjustment of the level energies.
- Check the uncertainties and placement of the γ 's.
- Obtain the intensities of particles feeding the levels.
 - Should be done before ALPHAD and LOGFT are employed.
- May be useful in deriving I_γ -normalization (NR).

■ BrIcc may be used to:

- Check experimentally measured α 's against theory.
- If the adopted α 's are not used, to produce this information for the data set.

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Decay Datasets — 3

- LOGFT is required to obtain the log ft' 's, I_{β^+} and I_ϵ , 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_{β^-} and $I_{\epsilon+\beta^+}$.

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Decay Datasets — 4

- 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.
- BrIcc and LOGFT should have been used before doing these checks.

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Decay Datasets — 5

- 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

- Applicable programs are GTOL, BrIcc, and RULER.
 - For (thermal n, γ) 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 γ 's.
 - If ΔE_{γ} '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

- BrLcc may be used to check experimentally measured α' 's against theory.
 - Very useful to include α' 's and partial α' 's for (thermal n, γ) datasets.
- RadList may be used to check the energy balance of (thermal n, γ) datasets

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