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Subject: Proposal to update old entries instead of creating new.

Compilation of non-neutron experiments was voluntary for many years. Centers which started regular compilation of those sometimes compiled an article which was already compiled by another centre. If a new entry was created by responsible center, the old entry had to be deleted and a new one was created. The result was the appearance of two entries in EXFOR: a new entry and a "dead" one. (In the future and in accordance with the rules of EXFOR nobody would be able to use the accession numbers of the old (deleted) entries.)

It was an additional mess for scientists using EXFOR in their research and that is why NDS propose this procedure to be changed.

Since there are already many "dead" entries (>700) NDS suggests update of old entries in an agreement between centers in order to prevent increase of "dead" ones.

The first thing before starting a new compilation must always be to check whether this experiment was already compiled earlier by another (or even the same) center. If a compilation already exists (even an incomplete or inaccurate one), normally an update of the existing entry should be made.

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