Indication in EXFOR database and Web interface the full coincidence of values of independent variables of different data points in one dataset.

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EXFOR stores data presenting single valued functions in mathematical sense, i.e. "each element of the function's domain maps to a single, well-defined element of its range" [1], for example: cross section depending on incident energy - CS(E_{inc}). If it is necessary to present different data points with the same independent variable, EXFOR format offers to use variables having headers FLAG or MISC*. For example, variable FLAG is used for differentiating data obtained on different facilities. Also, data from reactions with modifier RAW in sub-field SF8 often have coinciding values of independent variables in different data points. Another big group of such data is the data digitized from figures with bad quality.

Some EXFOR users need to be informed about such a coinciding data, especially when their data formats do not allow such coincidence. For example, during development of software converting EXFOR to R33 format in 2008, special algorithm merging coinciding data by averaging central values and increasing uncertainties was developed [2]. In 2010 an automatic pipe-line was developed for exporting EXFOR data to IBANDL database using automatic conversion X4TOR33; after using it on regular basis the question of coinciding points was raised by A.Gurbich (IPPE, Obninsk, Russia) when visiting Nuclear Data Section. Since then, in 2011 I've decided to implement flagging of such cases in EXFOR database and to provide their indication in EXFOR Web interface:

Full coincidence of independent variables for different experimental points:

r: raw data from the experiment

f: having flag explaining the difference

* : without flag

Obviously, some of EXFOR data sets are having such coincidences due to mistakes in compilation. All EXFOR contains 1677 such Entries (3709 Subentries) which need further analysis. Analysis of cases for Area-3 (47 Entries, 81 Subentries) was done by M. Mikhaylyukova at the end of 2012. Beyond finding mistakes in EXFOR data, other improvements of EXFOR system could be done. For example, generalizing results of analysis of Area-4 and in particular 40989004 and similar data, I proposed to modify a flag in the Dictionary 024 allowing using THICKNESS as an independent variable

From: TRA 198202 THICKNESS 83K_0000000THK Sample thickness
To: TRA 201212 THICKNESS 83K_1000000THK Sample thickness

Some Entries have THICKNESS, which is classified in the dictionaries as "Additional information", but it is not allowed to be independent variable (due to the present flag in Dictionary-024). (The data in 40989004 have Reaction Type: CS+ and Quantity: [CS] Transmission.) This subject might be discussed on NRDC Meeting 2013.

References:

- 1. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Single-valued function
- 2. http://www-nds.iaea.org/exfor/x4guide/x4tor33/ EXFOR to R33 conversion algorithm notes.pdf

Appendix-1

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MONITOR	No informati						40989001	15
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