



NNDC Centre Report

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NNDC Vision & Mission

The National Nuclear Data Center (NNDC) vision is to be the premier global resource for nuclear data and plan to:

- Implement AI/ML algorithms to reduce the time from data publication to integration in a recommended library to less than two years.
- Establish an open data repository for low-energy nuclear physics.
- Advance dissemination efforts with modern and efficient software tools.
- Sustain a robust nuclear physics research portfolio, including the development of an experimental program to accelerate isotope production science.

The NNDC is the lead and largest unit of the U.S. Nuclear Data Program (USNDP), whose mission is to provide current, accurate, authoritative data for workers in pure and applied areas of nuclear science and engineering. This is accomplished primarily through the compilation, evaluation, dissemination, and archiving of extensive nuclear datasets. USNDP also addresses gaps in the data, through targeted experimental studies and the use of theoretical models.



Personnel changes at the NNDC



Sanjanee Waniganeththijoined theNNDC on April 1st as a post-doc to workSam Kimhas left the NNDC for aon the Accelerated Decay Datapost-doctoral position at LANL in
the isotopes production group.Evaluation project





<u>**Gulhan Gurdal</u>** brought under NNDC contract for XUNDL compilations following a recommendation from NDAC</u>



<u>Libby Ricard</u> became member of BNL RAP1 team in addition to her duties as deputy NNDC head and ENSDF library manager. In FY24, the NNDC currently had 9 staff scientists, 1 post-doc, 4 professional staff and 3 contractors

As of early spring, BNL no longer has any contractors



FY24 Staffing Summary

- For FY 24, the NNDC supported
- 3 IT professionals (Arcilla, Mason, & Shu),
- 3 administrative staff (Dunn, Krejci, & Frejka)
- 11 permanent scientists (Brown, Chimanski, Coles, Mattera, Morse, Nobre, Ota, Ricard, Sonzogni, Pritychenko, & Wu)
- 2 postdocs (Kim & Waniganeththi)
- 3 contractors (Gritzay, Gurdal, & Symochko)

Legend NNDC member, partly funded by USNDP NNDC member, fully funded by USNDP Non-NNDC member, partly funded by USNDP





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Boris Pritychenko
NSR and EXFOR





The Cross Section Evaluation Working Group produces ENDF/B library

- Formed 1966 & Chaired by BNL
- Currently ~200 members of the collaboration from 25 institutions
 - US programs, industry and international partners
 - If you see something in the library, at some point a sponsor somewhere wanted it
- All steps of nuclear data pipeline coordinated through CSEWG



- BNL chairs CSEWG
- BNL manages the library
- BNL provides the collaboration infrastructure
- USNDP covers all the evaluations not covered by other programs, leveraging structure-reaction cooperation







November 2024 CSEWG collaboration meeting



The previous release (VIII.0) was great, but...

- Underpredicted depletion at high burnup
- Had deficiencies in leakage benchmarks
- Many other contributions since then



G. Nobre, IAEA LD CRP

ENDF/B-VIII.1 "Big Paper"



220+ pages!Still being reviewedAnticipate starting second round of revisions this summerPublication in FY26

ENDF/B-VIII.1: Updated Nuclear Reaction Data Library for Science and Applications

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Nuclear Science References (NSR)

- Leading low- and intermediateenergy nuclear bibliography database.
- 249,782 bibliographic records, including 202,213 keyworded abstracts as of September 26, 2024.
- We will celebrate 250,000 references in NSR in one month.

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NSR FY 2024 Statistics

- Dr. Dima Symochko worked four months (June-September 2024).
- Joann Totans retired at the end of 2023.
- Cat Dunn is working hard to learn NSR and provide services.
- NSR database provided for the NSDD, IAEA.

NSR	FY 2024	FY 2023
New Entries	2,600	3,624
Corrected Entries	266	400
Keyworded Entries	1,496	2,705
Database Updates	172	177
New Authors	9,337	2,072
New Journals	9	23
New Nuclides	267	252
New Decays	14	7
New Reactions	75	252



Joann Totans => Catherine-Anne Dunn

- The most important nuclear data resource is people.
- Joann works on NSR since 2002.
- Joann retired at the end of 2023.
- Cat Dunn would assume responsibilities of Joann Totans.
- Please contact Cat for all NSR relevant issues if needed.





New Method for NSR Entries Preparation

Balraj Singh told me that we have a dozen of relevant journals, and I picked 25.

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- Journals are scanned regularly.
- Journals provide BiBTex and .ris files.
- I wrote Java codes to re <KEYN0 produce new NSR entr <CODEN
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Impact of New Preparation System

- Less manual work, compared to Java Swing written by D. Winchell that Joann used.
- Previously, NSR policy would only allow to enter of up to 100 authors (difficult to do manually).
- New system: 2015Aa03 => ATLAS/CMS =>5,154 is in NSR.
- The current NSR database software supports 5,000+ authors in a single article.
- Thank you Ben and Boris!

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Collaboration between INSPIRE & NNDC

- In FY2024 NNDC started to collaborate with INSPIRE.
- The INSPIRE team helped us identify potential duplicate entries and incorrect dois.
- The INSPIRE now provides links to NSR/EXFOR.
- NSR provides bookmarks to data sets.
- Blog post on Collaboration between INSPIRE and NNDC: https://blog.inspirehep.net/2024/09/inspire -and-the-nuclear-science-references- database/ ;!!P4SdNyxKAPE!FD_tx2Dqu yzz2ZQqxPLeGqm57OgY- LeMbAidHfmq91uqWOxNX4_xm_zG0dp MWinwzphAugXbub9ih6k\$



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Chris Morse, Donnie Mason & Ben Shu Modernization Efforts

XUNDL Metrics

FY 23 Compiled 594 datasets from 302 papers

FY 24** Compiled 98 papers PRC pre-check 280 papers post publication (likely more than 400 papers for final metrics)

Full database is 11180 datasets for 2907 nuclides**



** As of September 17, 2024





XUNDL Pre-publication Checking Statistics

Started in June 2024 to collect statistics on compilation reports

- 35 papers
- 312 "Minor" fixes
- 40 "Major" fixes

Roughly 10 fixes per paper

Minor fix examples:

- Jpi in Figure and Table don't match
- Gamma energy in Spectrum and Table
 don't match
- Small differences in calculated values (transition strengths, beta feedings, etc)

Major fix examples:

- Gammas that don't fit in level scheme
- Large negative intensity imbalances
- Large differences in calculated values that change physics interpretation



(Yes, there is an element of subjectiveness to this)

ENSDF

Recommended nuclear structure and decay data





FY 2024 Metrics

	Total	А	NL	BI	NL	LB (incl.	NL UCB)	М	SU	0	RNL	TA	AMU	Т	UNL	Int.
ENSDF Evaluations	145	13	8.97%	52	35.86%	24	16.55%	24	16.55%	11	7.59%	18	12.41%	3	2.07%	0
Adopted Levels	7,348	721	9.81%	1,964	26.73%	1,582	21.53%	1,579	21.49%	185	2.52%	1,255	17.08%	62	0.84%	0
Adopted Gammas	9,896	786	7.94%	2,524	25.51%	2,189	22.12%	2,021	20.42%	111	1.12%	2,260	22.84%	5	0.05%	0
ENSDF reviews	12	1	8.33%	7	58.33%	1	8.33%	1	8.33%	1	8.33%	1	8.33%	0	0.00%	0



ENSDF Updates for FY24

Welcome two new ENSDF evaluators funded through the NDIAWG FOA



Anthony Ramirez

- PhD from Ohio University level densities
- Postdoc Kentucky nuclear structure
- New LLNL Staff fission yield measurements



Vincent Cheung

- PhD High Energy Theory
- LLNL Converting ENSDF decay into GNDS Decay Sublibrary
- New LLNL Staff



Nuclear Data Sheets for "FY24"



- 6 issues
- 10 mass chains
- 1 Special Issue on Nuclear Data

Next year (Calendar 2025) we will increase from 6 to 8 issues per year



- 10th out of 87 journals (down from 6rd in 2022)
- Good news we have a number of what will be (likely) highly cited papers in the pipeline



The Fusion Evaluated Nuclear Data Library (FENDL) is a comprehensive and validated collection of nuclear cross section data coordinated by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Nuclear Data Section (NDS). FENDL assembles the best nuclear data for fusion applications selected from available nuclear data libraries and has been under develop ... Show more

Nuclear Data Sheets Metrics





Nuclear Data Sheets in FY24

March/April – Memorial Issue to Balraj



Nuclear Data Sheets 194 (2024) 1-2

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Dr. Balraj Singh (1941/12 - 2023/10)



Our dear colleague, mentor, teacher, and friend, Balraj Singh, passed away on 9 October 2023. As a nuclear data evaluator, Balraj was the single most prolific evaluator in the history of Nuclear Data Sheets and ENSDF (Experimental Nuclear Structure Data File), and one of the longest-serving members of the international network of Nuclear Structure and Decay Data evaluators (NSDD). A total of 80 published mass chains out of 300 in ENSDF have his name on them. That is 27% of all the mass chains; a feat only Balraj could accomplish.

Balraj completed his PhD at the University of Toronto in 1971 with Dr. Harry Taylor. The title of his thesis was "Directional Correlation and Multipole Mixing of Gamma Transitions in ¹³⁴Ba and ¹⁰²Ru". He then held postdoctoral fellowships at McMaster University (1971-1974), University of Toronto (1974-1976), and McGill University (1976-1978). He was a Research Scientist at the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) from 1978 to 1984. In 1985 he moved back to Canada to start the Nuclear Data Program with John Cameron at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario. He remained at McMaster University until his retirement in 2013. From the mid 80s to early 90s he spent some time at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory where he worked with some of the nuclear data giants of the time, Virginia Shirley, C.M. Lederer, and Eddie Browne. After his retirement, he continued working for the National Nuclear Data Center (NNDC) of the US Nuclear Data Program (USNDP) at the Brookhaven National Laboratory until 2023.



Nuclear Data Sheets

vww.elsevier.com/locate/nds



Nuclear Data Sheets Volume 194, April 2024, Pages 460-877



Nuclear Structure and Decay Data for A=165 Isobars ☆

Balraj Singh ^{a 1}, Jun Chen ^b 🖂



Nuclear Data Sheets Volume 194, April 2024, Pages 3-459 Nuclear Data Shoots

Nuclear Structure and Decay Data for A=76 Isobars ☆

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Chris Morse, Donnie Mason & Ben Shu Modernization Efforts

ENSDF modernization

- New JSON version of ENSDF "done"
 - (no nuclear data format is every truly *done*)
 - Very easy to work with
- New ENSDF editor being developed, should be "complete" by end of FY25
- New workflow and website to follow



Obligatory screenshot of a JSON file, from C. Morse USNDP Annual Meeting 2024



Web Analytics

- Approximately **12 million** retrievals in FY24
 - Most notable growth in Wallet Cards and NuDat 3



NNDC Mobile Apps

- Offline, search-able access to NNDC data
 - Nuclear Wallet Cards
 - Ground- and isomer-state observable properties
 - <u>CapGam</u>
 - Gamma ray energies from thermal neutron capture
- Currently available on Google Play Store
- iOS versions created by SULI student Hamnah Irfan
 - [Currently applying to publish on App Store]





NNDC Mobile Apps (Android)

Nuclear Wallet Cards





CapGam



NNDC Mobile Apps (iOS)

Nuclear Wallet Cards



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(Photos courtesy of Hamnah Irfan)





Student highlights



Training the next generation workforce





24 NNDC interns in FY23, 34 in FY24 142 interns since 2014

FAIR grant with UMASS Lowell

Improving diversity in STEM

AND Improving thermal neutron capture data for ENSDF & ENDF



Project ending in FY26 due to change in administration priorities







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National Nuclear Data Center



Maintaining and improving nuclear data for world-wide use

Nuclear Structure and Decay

Evaluated Nuclear Structure Data File (ENSDF)

One and only database of recommended values derived from all published experimental nuclear structure and decay data.



Experimental Unevaluated Nuclear Data List (XUNDL)

Compiled nuclear structure and decay data from recently published articles

Nuclear Reactions

Evaluated Nuclear Data File (ENDF)

Recommended neutron reaction data for all nuclei relevant for nuclear science and technology





Experimental Nuclear Reaction Data (EXFOR)

World's only repository of experimental nuclear reaction data

Precision measurements of decay radiation properties