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## **Introduction: Background, contents and objectives**

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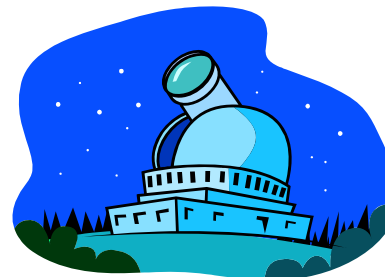
**IAEA Nuclear Data Section**

# Nuclear Data for Application

- Nuclear energy systems (e.g., new design, critical safety)
  - Dosimetry (e.g., neutron dose estimation)
  - Shielding
  - Medical isotope production
  - Material analysis
- etc.



(Also utilized in *basic science*,  
e.g., astronuclear physics)



# Generation IV Reactor (GEN IV - Next Generation)

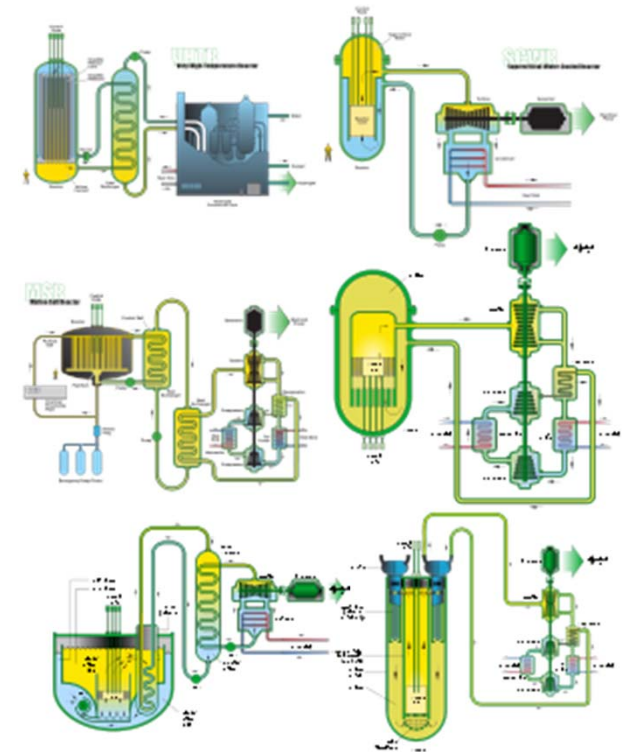
## GEN IV International Forum (GIF)

Argentina, Canada, China, EU, France, Japan, Korea, Russia, South Africa, Switzerland, UK, USA (Secretariat: NEA)

## GEN IV Reactors (Rio de Janeiro, 2002)

- Very-high-temperature reactor (VHTR)
- Supercritical-water-cooled reactor (SCWR)
- Molten-salt reactor (MSR)
- Gas-cooled fast reactor (GFR)
- Sodium-cooled fast reactor (SFR)
- Lead-cooled fast reactor (LFR)

**Highly *Economical*, Enhanced *safety*,**  
***Minimal waste*, *Proliferation resistant***



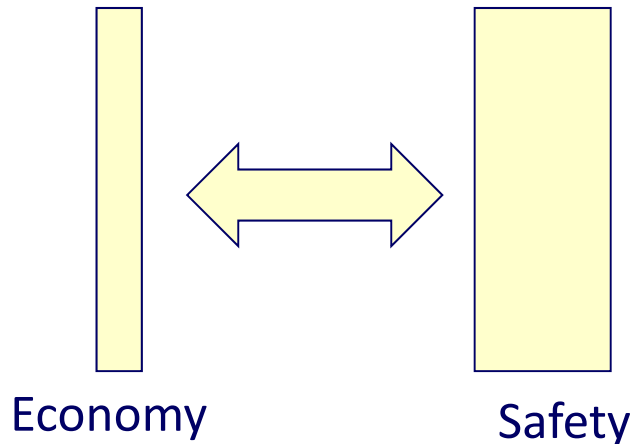
Images from Wikipedia



# Target Accuracy in New Reactor Design

**Target accuracy** is a concept to ensure *safe* and *economic* design of new reactor cores.

Thickness of shielding wall



*Example:*

Target accuracies for design of a fast reactor core in Japan:

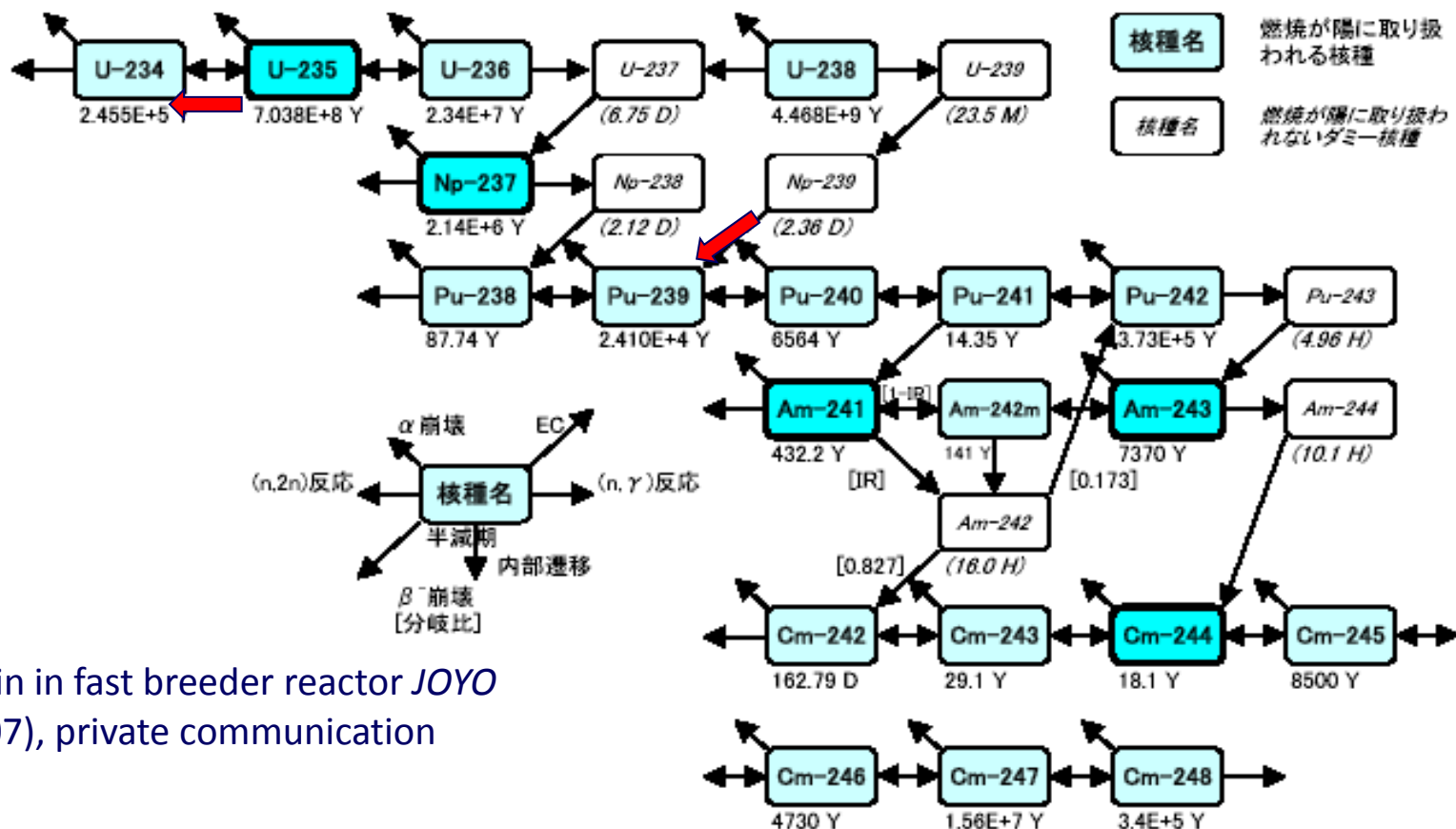
- Criticality ( $k_{\text{eff}}$ ) -  $\pm 3\%$  ( $1\sigma$ )
- Na void reactivity worth ( $\pm 20\%$ ,  $2\sigma$ )
- Doppler reactivity worth ( $\pm 14\%$ ,  $2\sigma$ )

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**Model** and **inputs** for *reactor design calculation* must be accurately prepared to meet the target accuracy.

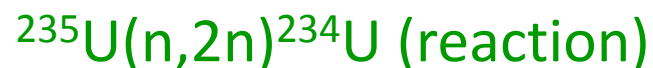


# Modelling of Reactor System (Burning Chain)



Burning chain in fast breeder reactor JOYO  
Sugino (2007), private communication

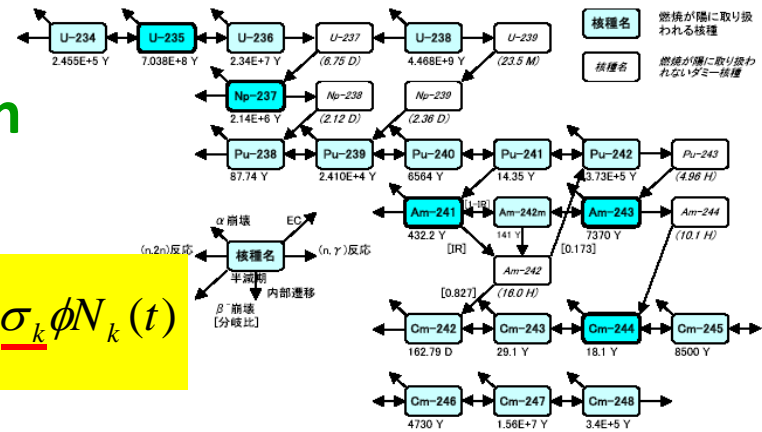
An isotope to another isotope through *reaction* or *decay* e.g.,



# Nuclear Data to Solve Fission Energy System

Time evolution of the number of the  $i$ -th isotope (“burn-up equation”)

$$\frac{dN_i(t)}{dt} = -(\lambda_i + \sigma_i \phi) N_i(t) + \sum_j f_{j \rightarrow i} \lambda_j N_j(t) + \sum_k g_{k \rightarrow i} \sigma_k \phi N_k(t)$$



Nuclear data as inputs for the coupled equations ( $i=1,n$ ):

- $\sigma_i$ : cross section for reaction from isotope  $i$  to other isotopes
- $\lambda_i$ : decay constant for the isotope  $i$  ( $\lambda = \ln 2 / T_{1/2}$ ).

Propagation of uncertainty from (independent) nuclear data  $\{\Delta x_i\}$  to reactor parameters  $\Delta X_{\text{react}}$  in linear approximation:

$$\sum_i (S_i \cdot \Delta x_i) = \Delta X_{\text{react}},$$

where  $S_i = (\partial X_{\text{react}} / \partial x_i)$  – “sensitivity coefficient”.



# Target Accuracy of Nuclear Data

Error propagation from nuclear data to reactor quantity:

$$\sum_i (S_i \cdot \Delta x_i) = \Delta X_{\text{react}}$$

Target accuracy  $\Delta X_{\text{react}}$  and sensitivity coefficients  $\{S_i\}$  constrain the target accuracies of nuclear data  $\{\Delta x_i\}$ .

**→ Motivation for nuclear data improvements by new experiments and evaluations**

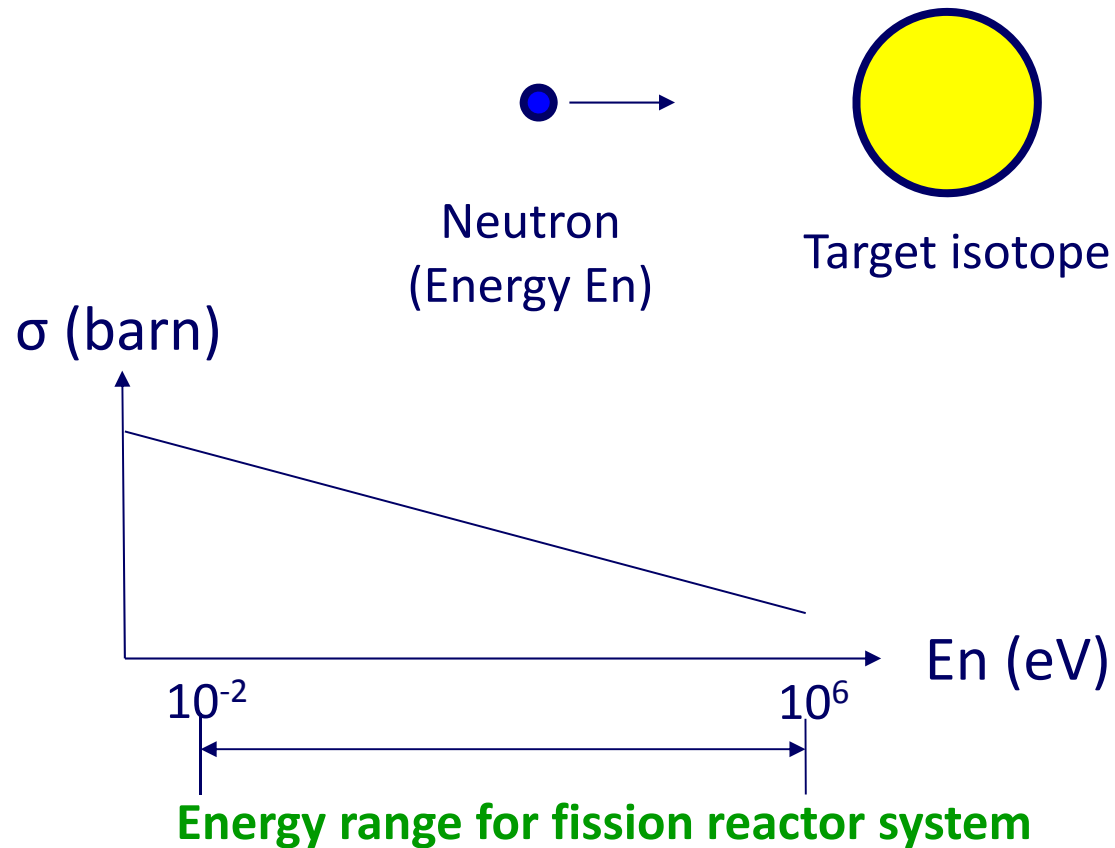
Table 30. ADMAB: uncertainty reduction requirements needed to meet integral parameter target accuracies

Isotope	Cross-Section	Energy range	Uncertainty (%)		
			Initial	Required	
				$\lambda=1$	$\lambda \neq 1^{(a)}$
Pu238	$\sigma_{\text{fiss}}$	6.07 - 0.498 MeV	20	3	3
	$\nu$	1.35 - 0.183 MeV	7	3	3
Pu239	$\sigma_{\text{capt}}$	498 - 2.03 keV	12	4	3
	$\sigma_{\text{inel}}$	6.07 - 0.498 MeV	25	5	6
Pu240	$\sigma_{\text{capt}}$	183 - 67.4 keV	14	6	6
	$\sigma_{\text{fiss}}$	2.23 - 0.498 MeV	6	2	2
Pu241	$\nu$	1.35 - 0.498 MeV	4	2	2
	$\sigma_{\text{capt}}$	1.35 - 0.183 MeV	20	7	7
Pu242	$\sigma_{\text{fiss}}$	6.07 MeV-22.6 eV	15	2	2
	$\sigma_{\text{capt}}$	24.8 - 9.12 keV	35	10	10
Np237	$\sigma_{\text{fiss}}$	6.07 - 0.498 MeV	20	4	4
	$\sigma_{\text{capt}}$	498 - 0.454 keV	6	3	3
	$\sigma_{\text{fiss}}$	6.07 - 0.183 MeV	8	2	2
Am241	$\sigma_{\text{inel}}$	2.23 - 0.183 MeV	25	5	6
	$\sigma_{\text{capt}}$	1.35 MeV- 0.454 keV	8	2	2
	$\sigma_{\text{fiss}}$	6.07 - 0.183 MeV	10	1	1
	$\nu$	6.07 - 1.35 MeV	2	1	1
Am242m	$\sigma_{\text{inel}}$	6.07 - 0.183 MeV	25	4	5
	$\sigma_{\text{fiss}}$	1.35 MeV- 9.12 keV	17	5	5

Report NEA/WPEC-26 (OECD, 2008)



# Neutron-Induced Reaction Cross Section



$10^{-2}$  eV: Energy of thermal neutrons (room temperature)

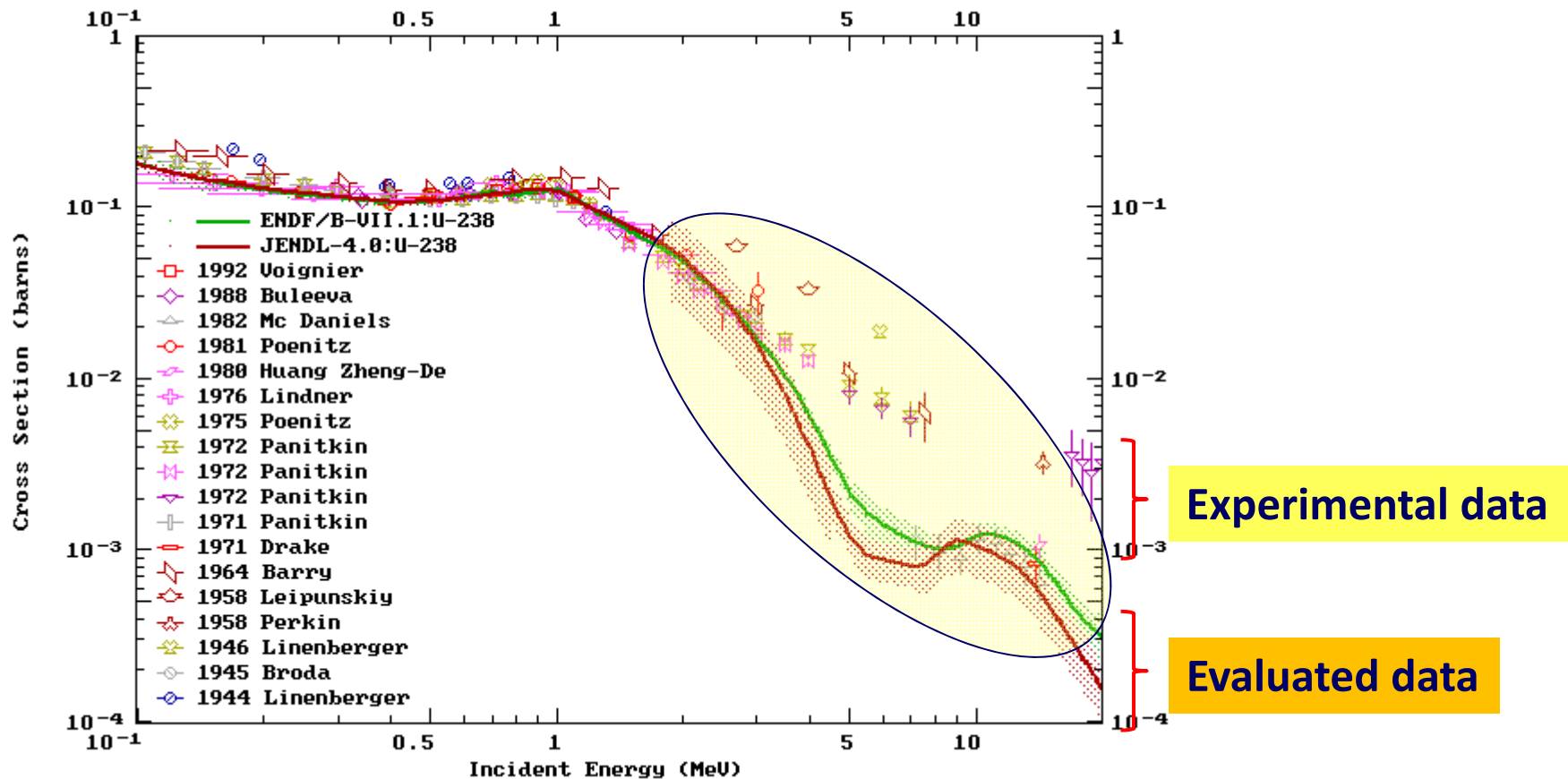
$10^6$  eV (=1 MeV): Energy of neutrons emitted during fission





# Evaluation of Cross Section ( $\sigma$ )

$^{238}\text{U}(n,\gamma)^{239}\text{U}$  (neutron capture by uranium-238) cross section



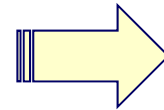
It is now common to provide evaluated cross sections **with their uncertainties**.



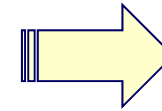
# Uncertainties and Covariances for Evaluations

Experimental data  $\{\sigma_{\text{exp},i}\}$

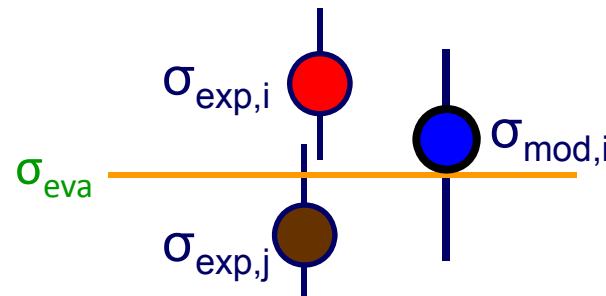
Theoretical data  $\{\sigma_{\text{the},i}\}$



Evaluated data  $\sigma_{\text{eva}}$



Reactor calculation



## Least-squares with variance (standard deviation $\Delta\sigma$ )

$$\chi^2 = \sum_i (\sigma_{\text{eva}} - \sigma_{\text{exp},i})^2 / (\Delta\sigma_{\text{exp},i})^2 + \sum_i (\sigma_{\text{eva}} - \sigma_{\text{the},i})^2 / (\Delta\sigma_{\text{the},i})^2 = \min$$

## Least-squares with covariance (V)

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{ij} (\sigma_{\text{eva}} - \sigma_{\text{exp},i}) (\mathbf{V}^{-1}_{\text{exp},ij}) (\sigma_{\text{eva}} - \sigma_{\text{exp},j}) + \sum_{ij} (\sigma_{\text{eva}} - \sigma_{\text{the},i}) (\mathbf{V}^{-1}_{\text{the},ij}) (\sigma_{\text{eva}} - \sigma_{\text{the},j}) = \min$$

Experimental uncertainty  $\Delta\sigma_{\text{exp}}$  and covariance  $\mathbf{V}_{\text{exp}}$  are essential for proper weighting of each experimental data point  $\sigma_{\text{exp}}$ !



# Simple Evaluation: Averaging of Experimental Data

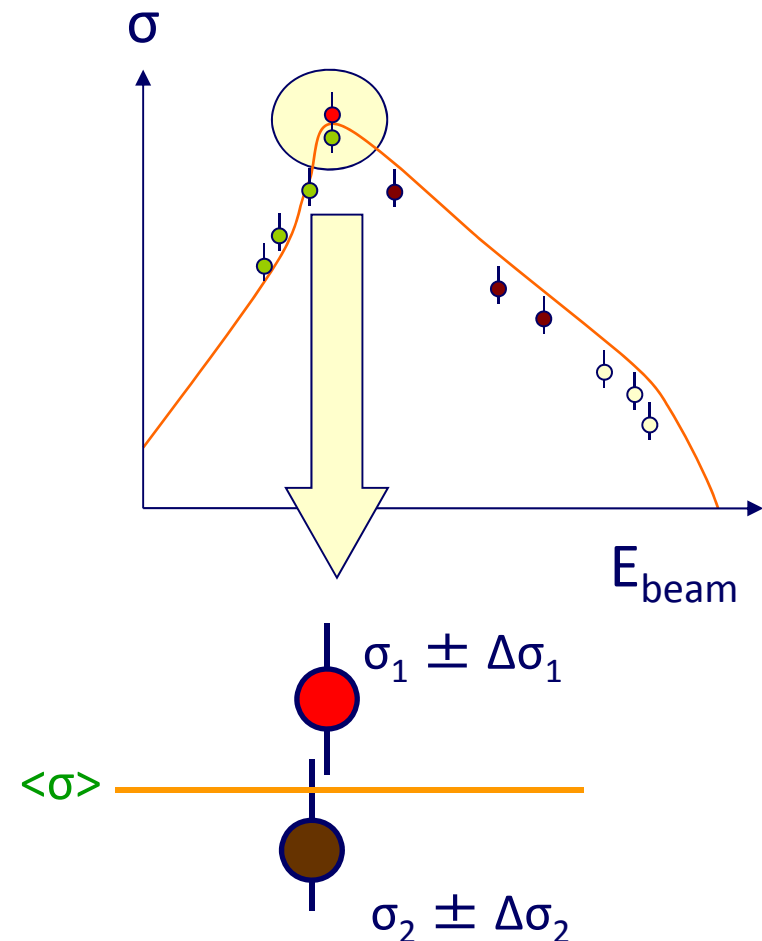
Evaluation of the best estimate from experimental data sets (averaging) for

$$\sigma_1 \pm \Delta\sigma_1 \text{ and } \sigma_2 \pm \Delta\sigma_2 .$$

If two experiments are independent (i.e.,  $\text{cov}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = 0$ ), the least squares prescription gives

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \langle \sigma \rangle = (\sigma_1 w_1 + \sigma_2 w_2) / (w_1 + w_2) \\ (\Delta \langle \sigma \rangle)^2 = 1 / (w_1 + w_2) \end{array} \right.$$

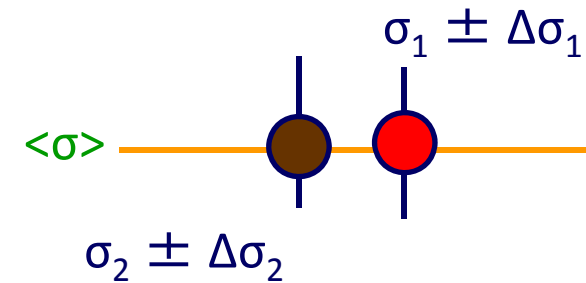
with  $w_1 = (1/\Delta\sigma_1)^2$ ,  $w_2 = (1/\Delta\sigma_2)^2$   
(simple weighted mean).



# Average from Two Independent Measurements

## Formula:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \langle \sigma \rangle = (\sigma_1 w_1 + \sigma_2 w_2) / (w_1 + w_2) \\ (\Delta \langle \sigma \rangle)^2 = 1 / (w_1 + w_2) \\ \text{with } w_1 = (1/\Delta \sigma_1)^2, w_2 = (1/\Delta \sigma_2)^2 \end{array} \right.$$



## Example:

	Experiment 1	Experiment 2
$\sigma$	100.0 mb	100.0 mb
$\Delta \sigma$	5.0 mb (5%)	5.0 mb (5%)

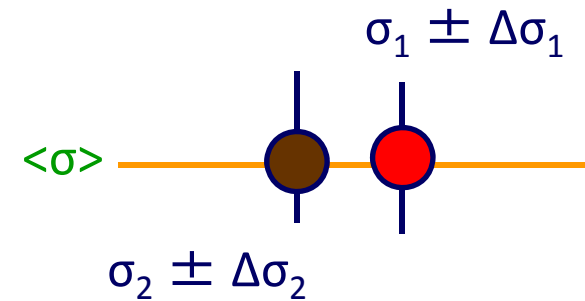
The weighted average is  $100.0 \pm \underline{3.5}$  mb (3.5%).

Averaging (i.e., repetition of the experiment) **improved the uncertainty.**



## Partial Uncertainties – Numerical Example

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sigma_1 = N_1 / (n_1 \rho_1) \\ \sigma_2 = N_2 / (n_2 \rho_2) \end{array} \right.$$



	Experiment 1	Experiment 2	Source of uncertainty
$\sigma$	100.0 mb	100.0 mb	
$\Delta\sigma$	5.0 mb (5%)	5.0 mb (5%)	Total ( $5^2=4^2+3^2$ )
$\Delta\sigma_N$	4.0 mb (4%)	4.0 mb (4%)	product <i>counting</i>
$\Delta\sigma_\rho$	3.0 mb (3%)	3.0 mb (3%)	sample density <i>counting</i>
$\Delta\sigma_n$	(negligible)	(negligible)	beam <i>counting</i> (assumed as negligible)
$\langle \sigma \rangle$	100 $\pm$ 3.5 mb		

Repetition of *counting* (measurements of  $N$ ,  $\rho$ ,  $n$ ) improves the uncertainty. (For random variable  $x$ ,  $\Delta x/x \sim x^{-1/2}$  for normal distribution.)



## Uncertainty Determined by Other Measurement

Sometimes the same sample material is used by several experiments without repetition of sample density counting.



	Experiment 1	Experiment 2	Source of uncertainty
$\sigma$	100.0 mb	100.0 mb	
$\Delta\sigma$	5.0 mb (5%)	5.0 mb (5%)	total
$\Delta\sigma_N$	4.0 mb (4%)	4.0 mb (4%)	product counting
$\Delta\sigma_\rho$	3.0 mb (3%)		sample density counting (measured in Exp. 1 only)
$\Delta\sigma_n$	(negligible)	(negligible)	beam counting

The Exp. 2 assumed that  $\rho_2 = \rho_1$ , namely

Probability density  $P(\rho_1, \rho_2) = P(\rho_1)\delta(\rho_1 - \rho_2)$ , where  $\delta$  is Dirac's delta function.

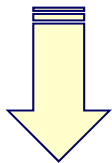
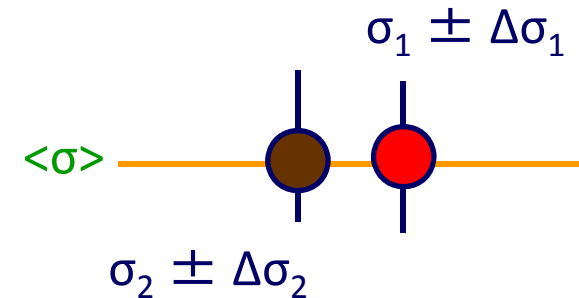
What is the influence of the assumption (correlation) on error propagation?



# Modification to Weighted Average Formula

Weighted average without correlation exists

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \langle \sigma \rangle = (\sigma_1 w_1 + \sigma_2 w_2) / (w_1 + w_2) \\ \text{with } 1/w_1 = (\Delta\sigma_1)^2, 1/w_2 = (\Delta\sigma_2)^2 \\ (\Delta\langle \sigma \rangle)^2 = 1 / [(\Delta\sigma_1)^2 \cdot (\Delta\sigma_2)^2 / ((\Delta\sigma_1)^2 + (\Delta\sigma_2)^2)] \end{array} \right.$$



$$100 \pm 3.5 \text{ mb}$$

Weighted average with correlation (same sample density)

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \langle \sigma \rangle = (\sigma_1 w_1 + \sigma_2 w_2) / (w_1 + w_2) \\ \text{with } 1/w_1 = (\Delta\sigma_1)^2 - \text{cov}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2), 1/w_2 = (\Delta\sigma_2)^2 - \text{cov}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2), \\ (\Delta\langle \sigma \rangle)^2 = [(\Delta\sigma_1)^2 \cdot (\Delta\sigma_2)^2 - \text{cov}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)^2] / [(\Delta\sigma_1)^2 + (\Delta\sigma_2)^2 - 2\text{cov}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)] \end{array} \right.$$

$$100 \pm 4.1 \text{ mb}$$



## Impact of Correlated Source of Uncertainty

	Experiment 1	Experiment 2
$\sigma$	100.0 mb	100.0 mb
$\Delta\sigma$	5.0 mb (5%)	5.0 mb (5%)
$\Delta\sigma_N$	4.0 mb (4%)	4.0 mb (4%)
$\Delta\sigma_\rho$	3.0 mb (3%)	3.0 mb (3%)
	(counted in both experiments)	
$\Delta\sigma_n$	(negligible)	(negligible)
$\langle \sigma \rangle$	$100 \pm 3.5$ mb	

Experiment 1	Experiment 2
100.0 mb	100.0 mb
5.0 mb (5%)	5.0 mb (5%)
4.0 mb (4%)	4.0 mb (4%)
3.0 mb (3%)	
(counted in one experiment)	
(negligible)	(negligible)
$100 \pm 4.1$ mb	

### Conclusion:

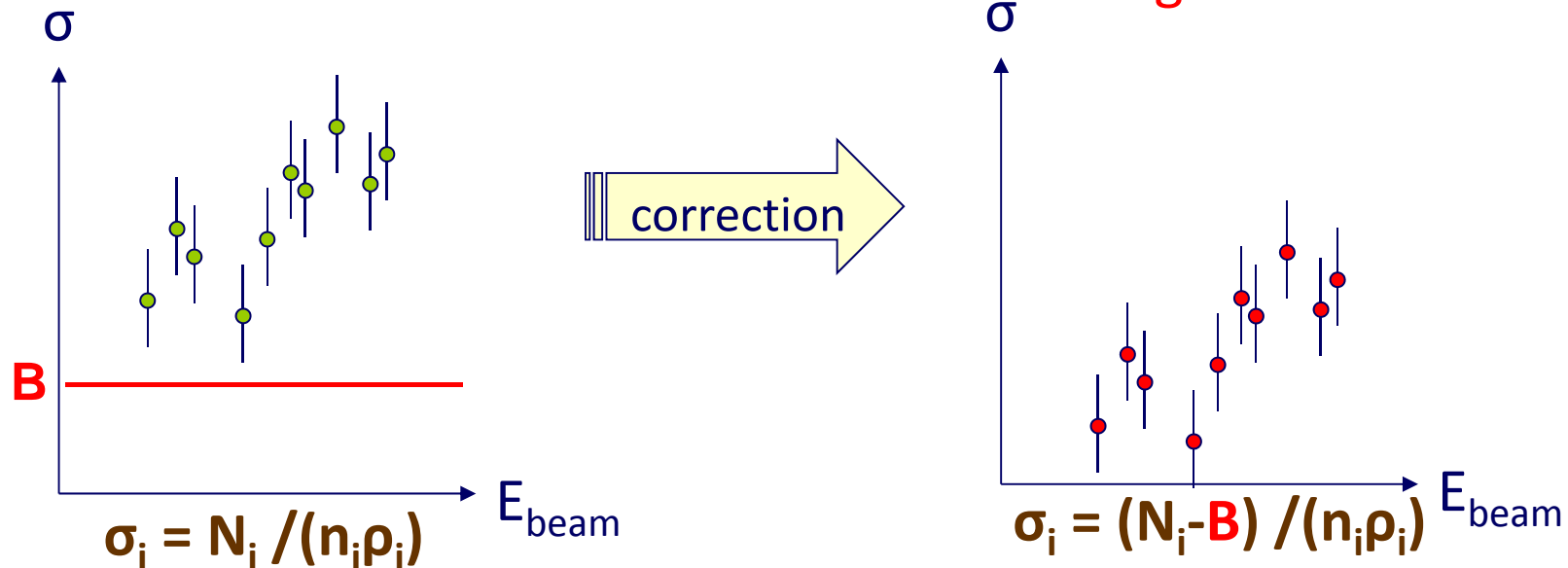
Uncertainty is less improved if a primary measurable was not determined independently.





## Correlation within Single Experiment

Example: Cross section measurement at various beam energy with **renormalization factor C** and **subtraction of background B**

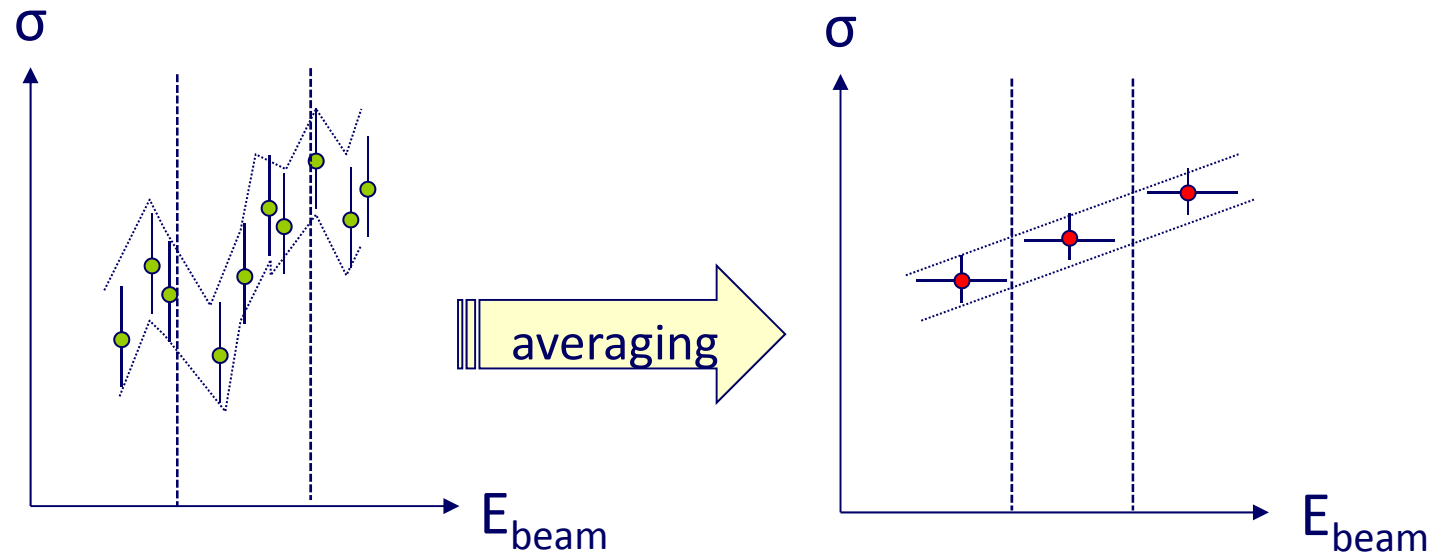


### Typical correlated source within one experiment

- Common sample characterization (n)
- Common normalization factor (C)
- Common background subtraction (B)



## Average within Single Experiment

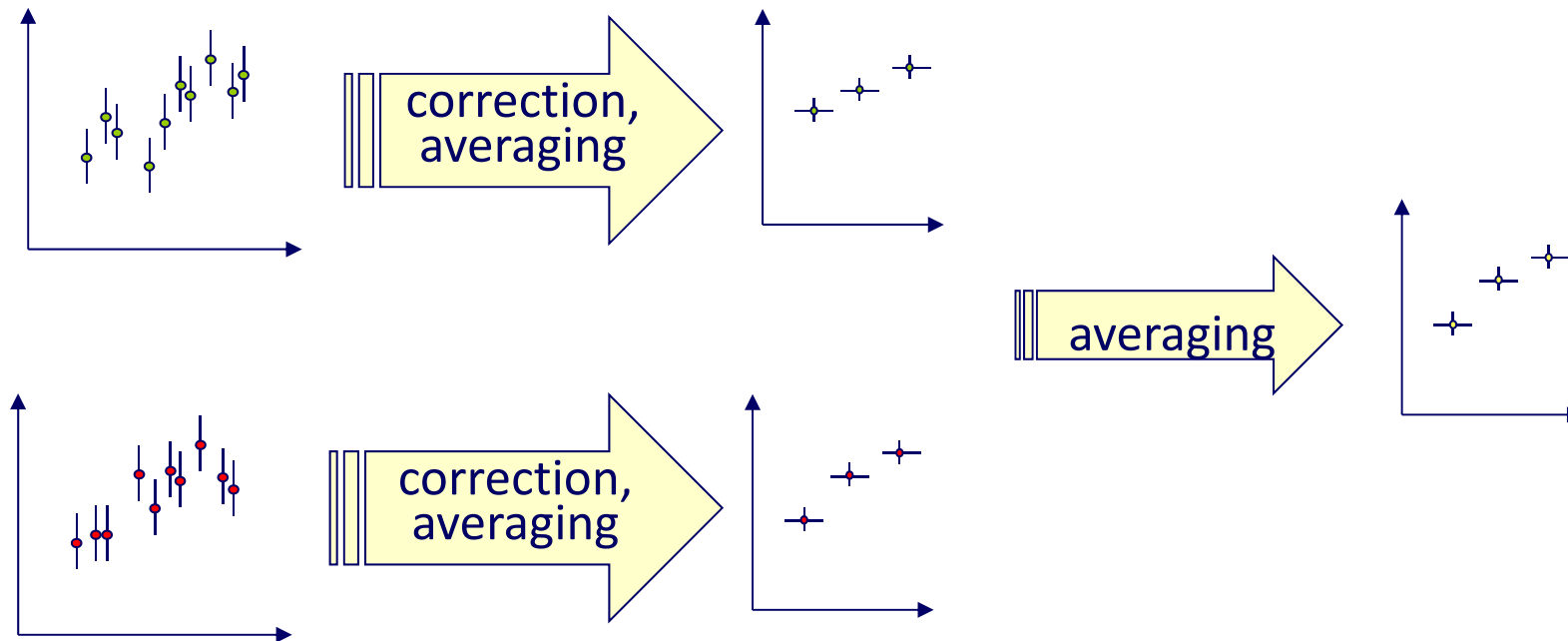


Statistical fluctuation visible.  
Uncorrelated uncertainty  
dominant.

Statistics (fluctuation) improved.  
Correlated uncertainty  
dominant.



# Correlation in Various Steps of Data Reduction

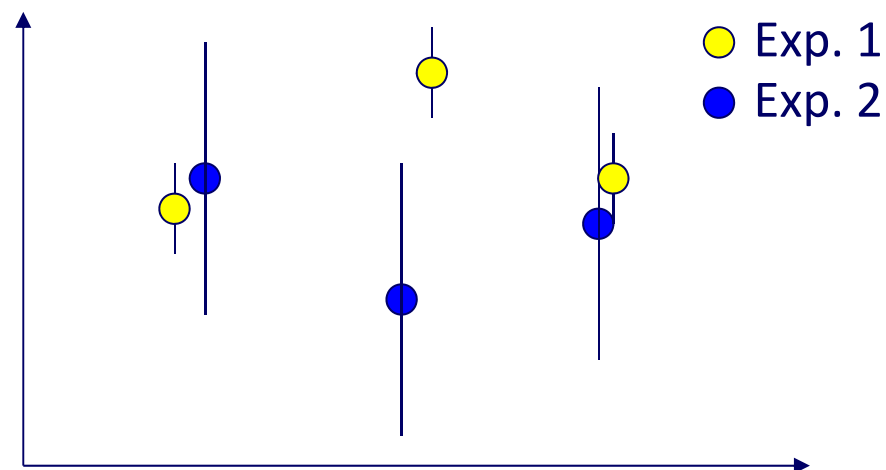


Information on uncertainties and correlation performed by experimentalists are essential for further evaluation.

→ **EXFOR Compilation!**



## Which Data Sets Shall We Trust?



Which data set is better? We cannot answer if components considered in each set is not known.

**EXFOR compilers are responsible to avoid this trouble.**



# Documentation: Journal Article

## $^{51}\text{V}(n,p)^{51}\text{Ti}$ cross sections published in a journal (Ann. Nucl. Energy)

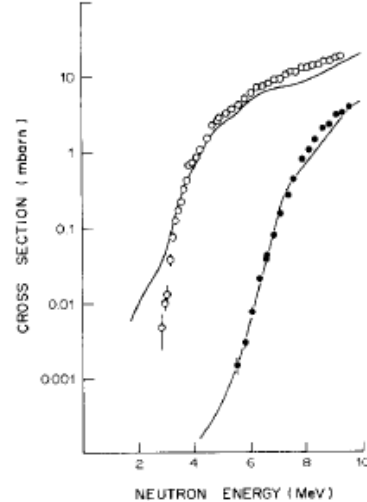
Ann. Nucl. Energy, Vol. 11, No. 12, pp. 623-627, 1984  
Printed in Great Britain

0306-4549/84 \$3.00 + 0.00  
Pergamon Press Ltd

### MEASURED ACTIVATION CROSS SECTIONS BELOW 10 MeV FOR THE $^{51}\text{V}(n,p)^{51}\text{Ti}$ AND $^{51}\text{V}(n,\alpha)^{48}\text{Sc}$ REACTIONS

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Applied Physics Division, Argonne National Laboratory, 9700 South Cass Ave., Argonne,



Sources of uncertainty

Because of the size limitation, uncertainties are often expressed by their **ranges** (not for each data point).

Table 2. Sources of experimental error

Source	Magnitude (%)	
	$^{51}\text{V}(n,p)^{51}\text{Ti}$	$^{51}\text{V}(n,\alpha)^{48}\text{Sc}$
<i>Random Errors</i>		
Exposure, waiting and count times	0.2	N <sup>a</sup>
γ-Ray yield	0.3-47.8	0.5-22.6
Fission yield	0.7-1.5	0.1-0.2
Extrapolation correction	1-2	0.5
Background fission correction	N-3 <sup>a</sup>	1-3
Background activation	0.2-1.2	N-0.5 <sup>a</sup>
Geometric corrections	1.5	1.5
<i>Systematic Errors</i>		
Decay half-life	0.1	0.1-0.2
<sup>238</sup> U content of monitor deposit	2	2
<sup>51</sup> V content of the samples	0.2	0.2
U deposit thickness correction	0.8	0.8
γ-Ray counting efficiency	2.4	1
γ-Ray decay branch factor	1	N <sup>a,b</sup>
Orientation of sample for counting	N <sup>a</sup>	N <sup>a,b</sup>
Neutron-source properties	2	2
Room-return fission events	N <sup>a</sup>	N <sup>a</sup>
Neutron-scattering corrections	1.4-2.1	1.3-1.6
Geometric corrections	1.5	1.5
Average neutron energy determination	0.5-19.5	2.6-12.2

<sup>a</sup> N = negligible.

<sup>b</sup> Uncertainty included in γ-ray counting efficiency determination.



# Documentation: Laboratory Report (Full Info.)

Same experimental work documented in a laboratory report.

ANL/NDM-85  
 MEASUREMENT OF THE  $^{51}\text{V}(n,p)^{51}\text{Ti}$  REACTION CROSS SECTION FROM THRESHOLD TO 9.3 MeV BY THE ACTIVATION METHOD\*  
 by  
 Donald L. Smith, James W. Meadows and Ikuo Kanno\*\*  
 June 1984

All partial uncertainties are Given for each data point. But they are **not computer readable.**



Table 3: Explicit Values for Variable Error Components<sup>a</sup>

Data Point <sup>b</sup>	$K_2$	$K_3$	$K_4$	$K_5$	$K_6$	$S_{11}$	$S_{12}$
1	47.8	0.8	2.0	NC	NC	2.0	14.9
2	20.4	0.8	2.0	N	N	2.1	7.9
3	15.7	0.8	2.0	N	N	2.1	19.5
4	6.2	0.7	2.0	N	N	2.0	14.8
5	4.2	0.7	2.0	N	N	1.9	10.2
6	2.5	0.7	2.0	N	N	1.9	6.6
7	2.2	0.7	2.0	N	N	1.9	4.9
8	1.8	0.7	2.0	N	N	1.9	6.3
9	1.5	0.7	2.0	N	N	1.9	5.5
10	1.2	0.7	2.0	N	N	1.9	7.0
11	1.0	0.7	2.0	N	N	1.9	3.6
12	1.0	0.7	2.0	N	N	1.9	3.6
13	1.0	0.7	2.0	N	N	1.9	1.7
14	0.9	0.7	2.0	N	N	1.9	2.1
15	0.8	0.7	2.0	N	N	1.9	4.9
16	0.7	0.7	2.0	0.1	N	2.0	2.3
17	0.7	0.9	2.0	0.2	N	2.0	0.5
18	0.7	1.0	2.0	0.2	N	2.0	1.3
19	1.1	1.5	1.0	0.5	0.3	2.0	2.0
20	1.0	1.5	1.0	0.5	0.3	1.9	4.2
21	0.8	1.3	1.0	0.5	0.3	1.9	2.4
22	0.7	1.2	1.0	0.6	0.2	1.9	1.9
23	0.7	1.2	1.0	0.7	0.2	1.9	3.2
24	0.6	1.2	1.0	0.8	0.3	1.8	2.6
25	0.6	1.2	1.0	1.0	0.3	1.8	2.5
26	0.5	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.2	1.8	1.8
27	0.5	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.3	1.7	1.5
28	0.5	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.3	1.7	1.3
29	0.4	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.3	1.7	1.2
30	0.4	0.8	1.0	1.0	0.3	1.6	1.1
31	0.4	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.3	1.6	1.1
32	0.4	0.8	1.0	1.0	0.3	1.6	1.1
33	0.4	0.8	1.0	1.0	0.3	1.6	1.0
34	0.3	0.8	1.0	1.5	0.5	1.6	0.9
35	0.4	0.7	1.0	1.5	0.5	1.6	0.9
36	0.3	0.7	1.0	2.0	0.6	1.6	0.9
37	0.3	0.8	1.0	2.0	0.6	1.5	0.9
38	0.3	0.7	1.0	2.0	0.7	1.5	0.9
39	0.3	0.7	1.0	2.0	0.8	1.5	0.9
40	0.3	0.8	1.0	2.5	0.9	1.5	0.8
41	0.3	0.8	1.0	2.5	0.9	1.4	1.1
42	0.3	0.7	1.0	2.5	0.9	1.4	1.0



# Documentation: EXFOR entry

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SUBENT      12898002   20120710
BIB         4         32
REACTION    ((23-V-51(N,P)22-TI-51,,SIG)/(92-U-238(N,F),,SIG))
...
FLAG        (1.) 7Li(p,n)7Be source
            (2.) 2H(d,n)3He source
ERR-ANALYS Uncertainty due to orientation of sample for counting
            was treated as negligible.
            (ERR-T) Total uncertainty
            (ERR-S) Total random uncertainty in ratio
            (ERR-SYS) Total systematic uncertainty
            (ERR-1,,U) Exposure, waiting and counting times(0.2%)
            (ERR-2,,U) 0.320-MeV gamma ray yield (0.3-47.8%)
            (ERR-3,,U) Fission yield (0.7-1.5%)
            (ERR-4,,U) Extrapolation correction (1-2%)
            (ERR-5,,U) Background fission correction (<3%)
            (ERR-6,,U) Background activation (0.2-1.2%)
            (ERR-7,,U) Geometric corrections (1.5%)
            (ERR-8,,F) 51Ti decay half life (0.1%)
            (ERR-9,,F) 238U content of monitor deposit (2%)
            (ERR-10,,F) 51V content of samples (0.2%)
            (ERR-11,,F) Uranium deposit thickness correction(0.8%)
            (ERR-12,,F) Gamma-ray counting efficiency (2.4%)
            (ERR-13,,F) 51Ti gamma-ray decay branch factor (1%)
            (ERR-14,,P) Neutron source properties (2%)
            (ERR-15,,P) Neutron scattering corrections (1.4-2.1%)
            (ERR-16,,F) Geometric corrections (1.5%)
            (ERR-17,,F) Average neutron energy (0.5-19.5%)
COVARIANCE ERR-14:
            No correlation between p+7Li and and d+D points.
            Otherwise correlation coefficient=100-10 dE
            (dE: energy difference in MeV)
ERR-15:
            Correlation coefficient=100-10 dE
            (dE: energy difference in MeV)
...
ENDBIB      32         0

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	ERR-1	ERR-7	ERR-8	ERR-9	ERR-10	ERR-11
	ERR-12	ERR-13	ERR-14	ERR-16		
	PER-CENT	PER-CENT	PER-CENT	PER-CENT	PER-CENT	PER-CENT
	PER-CENT	PER-CENT	PER-CENT	PER-CENT		
	0.2	1.5	0.1	2.	0.2	0.8
	2.4	1.	2.	1.5		
	ENDCOMMON		6	0		
	DATA		14	45		
	EN	EN-RSL-FW	DATA	ERR-S	ERR-SYS	ERR-T
	ERR-2	ERR-3	ERR-4	ERR-5	ERR-6	ERR-15
	ERR-17	FLAG				
	MEV	MEV	NO-DIM	PER-CENT	PER-CENT	PER-CENT
	PER-CENT	PER-CENT	PER-CENT	PER-CENT	PER-CENT	PER-CENT
	PER-CENT	NO-DIM				
	2.856	0.095	9.075 E-06	47.9	15.6	50.4
	47.8	0.8	2.0			2.0
	14.9	1.				
	2.957	0.094	1.966 E-05	20.6	9.2	22.6
	20.4	0.8	2.0			2.1
	7.9	1.				
	3.057	0.094	2.575 E-05	15.9	20.1	25.6
	15.7	0.8	2.0			2.1
	19.5	1.				
	3.158	0.092	7.369 E-05	6.7	15.5	16.9
	6.2	0.7	2.0			2.0
	14.8	1.				
	3.258	0.090	1.441 E-04	4.9	11.2	12.2
	4.2	0.7	2.0			1.9
	10.2	1.				
	3.359	0.087	2.354 E-04	3.6	8.1	8.9
	2.5	0.7	2.0			1.9
	6.6	1.				
	3.459	0.087	3.210 E-04	3.4	6.7	7.5
	2.2	0.7	2.0			1.9
	4.9	1.				
	3.560	0.087	4.130 E-04	3.2	7.8	8.4

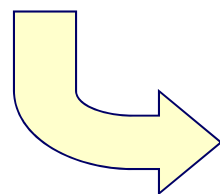
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Full information is available in computer readable form!!



# New EXFOR Formats for Correlation Properties

	Corr.	8.96 MeV	9.46 MeV
$\sigma$		21.71 mb	98.13 mb
$\Delta\sigma_{\text{total}}$		0.99 mb	7.24 mb
$\Delta\sigma_{\text{intensity}}$	Corr.	0.49 %	
$\Delta\sigma_{\text{half-life}}$	Corr.	0.39 %	
$\Delta\sigma_{\text{efficiency}}$	Corr.	1.5%	
$\Delta\sigma_{\text{statistics}}$	Uncorr.	0.33 mb	2.10 mb



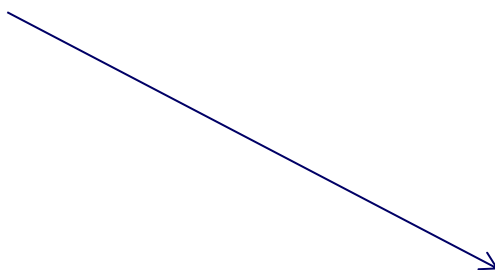
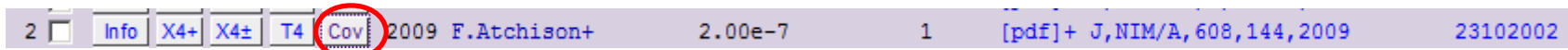
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ERR-ANALYS (ERR-T) Total uncertainty
              (ERR-1,C)gamma intensity          (0.49%)
              (ERR-2,C)half-life                (0.39%)
              (ERR-3,C)absolute HPGe efficiency(1.5%)
              (ERR-S,U) statistics
ENDBIB              8              0
COMMON              3              3
ERR-1      ERR-2      ERR-3
PER-CENT    PER-CENT    PER-CENT
  0.49      0.39      1.5
ENDCOMMON              3              0
DATA              5              9
EN      EN-ERR      DATA      ERR-S      ERR-T
MEV      MEV      MB      MB      MB
  8.96      0.09      21.71      0.33      0.99
  9.46      0.13      98.13      2.10      7.24
    
```





# New NDS EXFOR Web Tool to Construct Covariances



## Constructing a covariance matrix from EXFOR uncertainties

Request: #302  
 Dataset: 23102002 LX=1 Set default: [1] [2] → → Calculate matrix

Restore your previous Recipe /test-version/  
 Reaction: 13-AL-27(N,TOT),,SIG  
 C4Referer: F.Atchison,ET.AL. (09)  
 Data and uncertainties (data points: 1)

Data	
No.	1
Energy (eV) *1e6	0.2
Data (B) *1.	229.
Uncertainties defined in C5 (C4++)	
Total (%) const	1.3
Statistical (%) empty	-
Systematic (%) empty	-
Uncertainties given in EXFOR	
DATA-ERR (%) const	1.3

Summary: available uncertainties L=4  
 Text in EXFOR under keywords "ERR-ANALYS" and "METHOD"

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#ENTRY 23102 L=4
ERR-ANALYS (DATA-ERR) Total uncertainty, including statistical
uncertainty, uncertainty from calibration, uncertainty
of flight path.
Defined as 1.009*(statistical uncertainty).
#ENTRY 23102
#ENTRY 23102 L=5
METHOD 2 (TRN,TOF) Transmission of very slow neutrons (3-20 m/s)
was measured by time-of-flight method.
Flight path 2.270 m. TOF spectra were measured with and
without sample.TOF system was calibrated by recording
TOF spectra of foil at two different flight paths.
#ENTRY 23102
    
```

...Method Time-Of-Flight: **Yes**  
 Set/Add uncertainties (%) More myErr: [+] [-]

Name	Status	Set all values to	Set if empty	Comment
Total	full	% of [Data]		
Statistical	empty	50 % of Total		
Systematic	empty	Auto		
myErr-1	empty	50 % of Systematic		
myErr-2	empty	50 % of Systematic		
myErr-3	empty	2 % of Data		

[myErr-\*] are uncertainties defined by user, they can be used e.g. to split [Systematic] uncertainty to components:  
 a) fully correlated and  
 b) medium energy range correlated or for using uncertainties given in free EXFOR text under [ERR-ANALYS]

Input parameters and run calculation

Request Submit Reset  Submit in new Window  Include uncertainty arrays to the Recipe-report  Use energy intervals (default: 1.999999999999998e-13 1.999999999999998e-13 MeV)

No.	Name	Apply	Correlation-type	Parameters
1	Statistical	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Uncorrelated	
2	Systematic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fully-correlated	
3	myErr-1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fully-correlated	
4	myErr-2	<input type="checkbox"/>	MERC-correlated	Corr-Length: 0.05 of the Range(eV): 1e-5 to 20e6 Scale: Log >>
5	myErr-3	<input type="checkbox"/>	MERC-correlated	Corr-Length: 0.05 of the Range(eV): 1e-5 to 20e6 Scale: Log >>

New tools to construct and manipulate covariance matrices from EXFOR are available!



## Background of This Workshop

- Evaluators have to provide evaluated cross sections **with their uncertainties / correlations** for future applications – e.g., nuclear energy, dosimetry.
- The evaluation of uncertainties / correlations **strongly relies on those in experimental data.**
- New **formats** and new **tools** for EXFOR are ready.
- EXFOR compilers (not evaluators!) are responsible to collect necessary information from experimentalists.
- Compilers should know **what will be useful** for evaluators.



# Contents of the Workshop (27 – 28 August)

## Contents:

- **Basic concepts** - probability distribution, mean, (co)variance etc.
- **Error propagation** – linear combination, linear approximation
- **Evaluation** - least-squares analysis, weighted average
- **Topics** – tools (Viktor), activation (Valentina, Sandor), transmission (Olena)

## Goal:

- To understand basic concepts.
- To understand the usage of experimental covariance by users.
- To understand correlation information must be in EXFOR.



## Contents of the Workshop (27 – 28 August)

### Remarks:

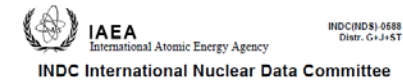
- Though I want to introduce concepts without equations, it is difficult within limited preparation time.
- It is probably not necessary to follow all equations.
- Correct my slides if you find any mistake (even after workshop)
- It is rather important to understand the role of variables (input for evaluators) **which must be identified by EXFOR compilers in articles!**



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# Social Event (28 August 19:00~)



U4→U1 →35A



# Contents of the Workshop (29 – 30 August)

## Contents:

- **New tool** – GDgraph Ver.5.0 released by CNDC.
- **Updated tools** – CNPD (EXFOR Edit, InpGraph), JCPRG (GSYS), NDS
- **Feedback from software users** - NDPCI

## Goal:

1. To understand new functions of these tools.
2. To provide feedback, bug reports to developers (face-to-face discussion is easier to discuss software issues!)

