

# Evaluation of prompt fission neutron spectra of actinides

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**I. INTRODUCTION**

Status before the CRP (R. Capote), physical overview of the problem (KHS)

**A. Los Alamos model**

Ohsawa/Talou

**II. EXPERIMENTS**

- U5 thermal: Kornilov, Pronyaev - U5 other energies: Kornilov, Pronyaev - Cf252 sf : Pronyaev - Pu239, all energies: Neudecker + Chatillon - U233: Pronyaev, Vorobyev - U238: Oberstedt, Saxena - Th232: Saxena, Oberstedt

**B. PbP Los Alamos model**

Tudora

**C. Empirical parameterization**

Kornilov/Capote - Two-Watt

**A. List of all experiments**

a. U235: thermal (6 data sets) b. Cf252sf: c. U235: all other energies d. Pu239: thermal, up to 3.5 MeV + Chatillon Einc=1–60 MeV e. U233: thermal, 0.5 MeV f. U238: all energies g. Th232: all energies h. Minor Actinides: EXFOR data list (Otsuka)

**D. Semi-empirical parameterization**

Shu

**IV. EVALUATIONS (SPECTRUM + COVARIANCES)****A. Evaluation methodologies****B. Description of new evaluations****V. DATA TESTING****A. Thermal criticality benchmarks**

Trkov, Capote + those calculating the optional thermal benchmarks

It is recommended to add HEU-SOL-THERM-009 serie (A. Trkov) and PU-SOL-THERM 001 serie (SG34) to the testing. These are large leakage thermal benchmarks highly sensitive to the thermal U235 and Pu239 spectra.

**B. Fast criticality benchmarks**

Kodeli, Morillon, Manturov, Serot

**C.  $\beta_{\text{eff}}$  benchmarks**

Kodeli

**D. Reaction rates in reference neutron fields**

Capote and Trkov

**E. NUEX experiment**

Talou

**III. MODELLING**

Capote, Kornilov, Ohsawa, Schmidt, Serot, Shu, talou, Tudora, Vogt

To be covered in each model section: physics assumptions, input data & model parameters, output data, sensitivity of calculated results to input data and model parameters. Calculations of selected spectra (Cf252sf, U235th, Pu239th).

**B. Uncertainty analysis of existing data for important actinides****C. Guideline on uncertainty quantification****D. Overview of ongoing or planned experiments**

Chi-Nu (LANSC), U238 (Bruyeres-le-Chatel;BARC,India;IRMM?), Cf252sf (Eout<sub>0</sub>8 MeV; Ohio U.); Cf252sf (IRMM, Chi-Nu?)

**E. Overview of ongoing or planned experiments****F. Recommendations for future experiments, future detectors, etc.**

Kornilov

**G. Web repository of experimental data sets with uncertainty quantification**

Capote/Otsuka/Trkov

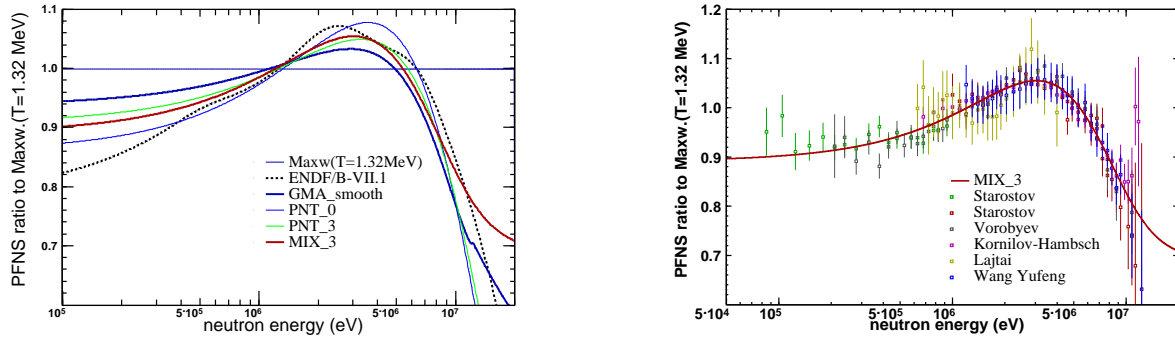


FIG. 1: Fitted spectra (left); and comparison of the fitted basis function with renormalised differential data (i.e. shape data) (right) displayed as ratios to a Maxwellian with temperature 1.32 MeV.

## VI. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

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