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ENSDF

- Source for
 - Table of Isotopes
 - Nuclear Data Sheets
 - Nuclear Wallet Cards
 - NUDAT
- Update – continuous
- Distributed – six monthly



Content of ENSDF

- Collection of Data Sets by A and Z

Abstract (Comments)

Adopted Levels, Gammas

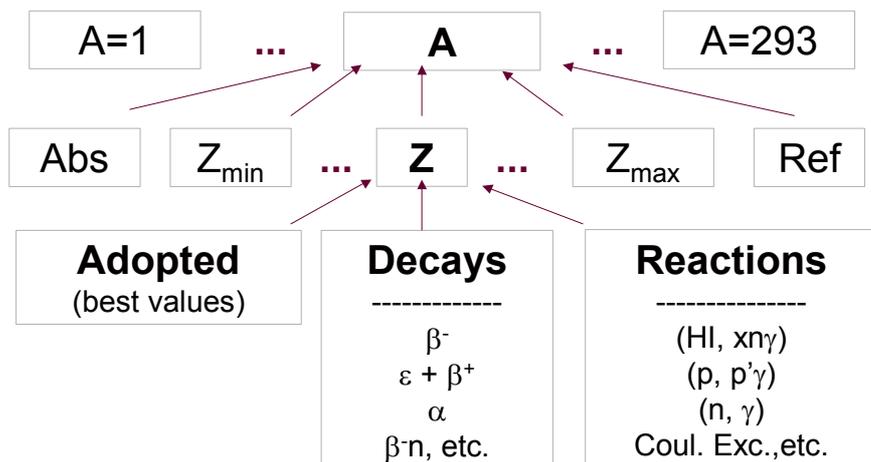
Experimental Data Sets

- Radioactive Decay

- Nuclear Reactions



ENSDF Schematic



Record Types

ID	LEVEL
History	BETA
XREF	EC
Comments	ALPHA
Q-value	PARTICLE
Parent	GAMMA
Normalization	END

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Identification Record

Required for all data sets-must precede all other records

Field (Col.)	Name
1-5	NUCID
10-39	DSID
40-65	DSREF
66-74	PUB
75-80	DATE (year/month)

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History Record

Field (Col.)	Name
1-5	NUCID
6	Blank
7	Blank
8	H
9	Blank
10-80	History



Q-value Record

Field (Col.)	Name
1-5	NUCID
8	Q Letter 'Q' is required
10-19	Q 20-21 DQ
22-29	SN 30-31 DSN
32-39	SP 40-41 DSP
42-49	QA 50-55 DQA
56-80	QREF



Cross-Reference Record

Field (Col.)	Name	
1-5	NUCID	
8	X	Letter 'X' is required
9	DSSYM	Any ASCII character
10-39	DSID	<i>Must</i> exactly match one of IDs

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Comment Record

Field (Col.)	Name	
1-5	NUCID	
7		Letter 'C', 'D', or 'T' is required
8	RTYPE	Blank or record type
9	PSYM	Blank, or symbol
10-80	CTEXT	Text of the comment

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Parent Record

Field	Name
1-5	NUCID
8	P (required)
9	Blank or integer
10-19	E Energy 20-21 DE
22-39	JPI
40-49	T 50-55 DT
65-74	QP 75-76 DQP
77-80	Ionization State

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Normalization Record

Field	Name
8	N (required)
10-19	NR 20-21 DNR
22-29	NT 30-31 DNT
32-39	BR 40-41 DBR
42-49	NB 50-55 DNB
56-62	NP 63-64 DNP

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Production Normalization Record

Field	Name	
8	N (required)	
10-19	NR*BR	20-21 DNR
22-29	NT*BR	30-31 DNT
42-49	NB*BR	50-55 DNB
56-62	NP	63-64 DNP
77	Blank or C	78 Opt (1-7)

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Level Record

Field	Name	
1-5	NUCID	
8	L (required)	
10-19	E Energy	20-21 DE
22-39	JPI	
40-49	T	50-55 DT
56-64	L (angular momentum transfer)	
65-74	S (spect at)	75-76 DS
77	Flag	78-79 MS 80 Q

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Beta Record

Field	Name	
1-5	NUCID	
8	B (required)	
10-19	E Energy	20-21 DE
22-29	IB Intensity	30-31 DIB
42-49	Logft	50-55 DFT
77	Flag	
78-79	Forbiddenness	80 Q

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EC Record

Field	Name	
1-5	NUCID	
8	E (required)	
10-19	E Energy	20-21 DE
22-29	IB Intensity	30-31 DIB
32-39	IE Intensity	40-41 DIE
42-49	Logft	50-55 DFT
65-74	TI	75-76 DTI 77 Flag
78-79	Forbiddenness	80 Q

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Alpha Record

Field	Name	
1-5	NUCID	
8	A (required)	
10-19	E Energy	20-21 DE
22-29	IA Intensity	30-31 DIA
32-39	HF	40-41 DHF
77	Flag	
80	Q	

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Gamma Record

Field	Name		
8	G (required)		
10-19	E Energy	20-21 DE	
22-29	RI rel Intensity	30-31 DRI	
32-41	M multipolarity		
42-49	MR mix ratio	50-55 DMR	
56-62	CC total CC	63-64 DCC	
65-74	TI	75-76 DTI	
77	Flag	78 COIN	80 Q

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(Delayed-)Particle Record

Field	Name
8	D (for delayed) 9 particle (N, P,..)
10-19	E Energy 20-21 DE
22-29	IP % Intensity 30-31 DIP
32-39	EI lev en int nuc
40-49	T Width 50-55 DT
56-64	L angular momentum transfer
77	Flag 78 COIN 80 Q

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DECAY DATA EVALUATIONS

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Decay Data

1. Statistical treatment of data
2. Properties of the parent nucleus
3. Gamma rays
4. Decay scheme normalization
5. Beta particles
6. Electron capture
7. Alpha particles
8. Level structure and decay scheme

1. Statistical treatment of data

- Weighted and unweighted averages
- Limits
- Discrepant data
- Limitation of relative statistical weight method

2. Properties of the parent nucleus

- Energy
- Spin/parity
- Half-life
- Q-value

3. Gamma rays

- Energy (E_γ)
- Relative intensity (I_γ (rel))
- Multipolarity and mixing ratio (δ)
- Internal conversion coefficients (α_i)
- Total transition intensity [$I_\gamma (1 + \alpha)$]
- Absolute intensity ($\%I_\gamma$)

4. Beta particles

- Relative intensity (I_β)
- Absolute intensity ($\%I_\beta$)
- Average energy (I_{avg})
- Log ft
- Energy (E_β)

5. Electron capture

- Relative probability (I_{ε})
- Absolute probability ($\%I_{\varepsilon}$)
- Relative sub-shell probabilities (P_K, P_L, P_M, P_N)
- Log ft

6. Alpha particles

- Energy (E_{α})
- Relative intensity (I_{α})
- Absolute intensity ($\%I_{\alpha}$)
- Hindrance factor (HF)

7. Level structure and decay scheme

- Level energy (E)
- Level spin/parity ($J\pi$), particle configuration (CONF)
- Level half-life ($T_{1/2}$)
- Decay scheme normalization

1. Statistical treatment of data

- Average, Weighted Average (weight = $1/\sigma_i^2$)
- Limits (given by authors: < 10 ; changed by evaluator: 5 ± 5)
- Confidence level for limits deduced by evaluators from transition intensity balances
- Discrepant data – Limitation of Relative Statistical Weight (LWEIGHT)

Averages

Unweighted

$$x(\text{avg}) = 1 / n \sum x_i$$

$$\sigma_{x(\text{avg})} = [1 / n (n - 1) \sum (x(\text{avg}) - x_i)^2]^{1/2} \text{ Std. dev.}$$

Weighted

$$x(\text{avg}) = W \sum x_i / \sigma_{x_i}^2 ; \quad W = 1 / \sum \sigma_{x_i}^{-2}$$

$$\chi^2 = \sum (x(\text{avg}) - x_i)^2 / \sigma_{x_i}^2 \text{ Chi sq.}$$

$$\chi_v^2 = 1 / (n - 1) \sum (x(\text{avg}) - x_i)^2 / \sigma_{x_i}^2 \text{ Red. Chi sq.}$$

$$\sigma_{x(\text{avg})} = \text{larger of } W^{1/2} \text{ and } W^{1/2} \chi_v. \text{ Std. dev.}$$

Limits

B_m = measured value

σ = Standard deviation

B_0 = True value

Example: -2 ± 3

For a Gaussian distribution, the formula to convert measured values to limits are:

$B_0 < B_m + 1.28 \sigma$ (90% confidence limit); example: < 1.84

$B_0 < B_m + 1.64 \sigma$ (95% confidence limit); example: < 2.92

$B_0 < B_m + 2.33 \sigma$ (99% confidence limit); example: < 4.99

Discrepant Data

Simple definition: a set of data for which $\chi_v^2 > 1$.

But, χ_v^2 has a Gaussian distribution, i.e., varies with the degrees of freedom ($n - 1$).

Better definition: a set of data is discrepant if χ_v^2 is greater than χ_v^2 (critical), where χ_v^2 (critical) is such that there is a 99% probability that the set of data is discrepant.

Limitation of Relative Statistical Weight Method

For discrepant data ($\chi^2_n > \chi^2_n(\text{critical})$) with at least three sets of input values, apply the *Limitation of Relative Statistical Weight* method. The program identifies any measurement that has a relative weight $> 50\%$ and increases its uncertainty to reduce the weight to 50%. Then it recalculates χ^2_n and produces a new average and a best value as follows.

If $\chi^2_n \leq \chi^2_n(\text{critical})$, the program chooses the weighted average and associated uncertainty (larger of the internal and external values).

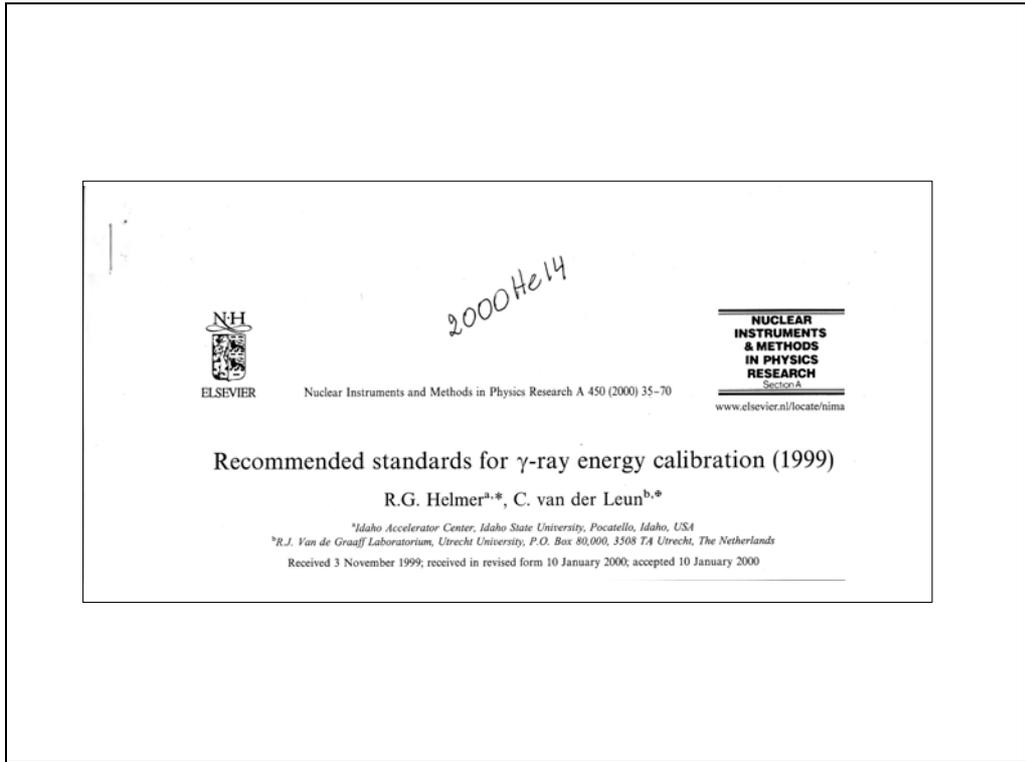
If $\chi^2_n > \chi^2_n(\text{critical})$, the program chooses either the weighted or the unweighted average, depending on whether the uncertainties in the average values make them overlap with each other. If that is so, the program chooses the weighted average and (internal or external) uncertainty. Otherwise, the program chooses the unweighted average. In either case, the uncertainty may be expanded to cover the most precise input value

2. Properties of the parent nucleus

- Level energy (keV): 0.0, 328.0 25, 942 4, 0.0 + X
- Spin/parity: 1/2+, (3/2+), 5-, 6(+), (5/2-,7/2-)
- Half-life: 3.8 d 2, 432.2 y 7, 2 m, 35 ms 10, ~3 s, 1.2×10^{15} y
- Units: (sidereal) y (= 365.25636 d), d, h, m, s, ms, ns, ps, fs, ...
- Q-value (keV): 1995Au04 (G. Audi and A.H. Wapstra, Nucl. Phys. **A595**, 409 (1995))
- Theoretical values: 1997Mo25 (P. Möller et al., At. Data Nucl. Data Tables **66**, 131 (1997))

3. Gamma rays

1. Energy (keV)
 - Weighted average from radioactive decay
 - Very precise measurements (e.g., bent crystal)
 - Recommended standards for energy calibration: Helmer and van der Leun (Nucl. Instrum. Meth. Phys. Res. **A450**, 35 (2000))
 - Not observed, but expected (from level energy difference)
 - Deduced from conversion electron energies (give atomic electron binding energy)
 - Multiplets:
 - broader peak in spectrum
 - known levels involved



1. Uncertainties: statistical

Give (in comments) estimate of systematic errors.

When uncertainties are known to include systematic errors, no result from weighted average should have an uncertainty smaller than the smallest on the input uncertainty.

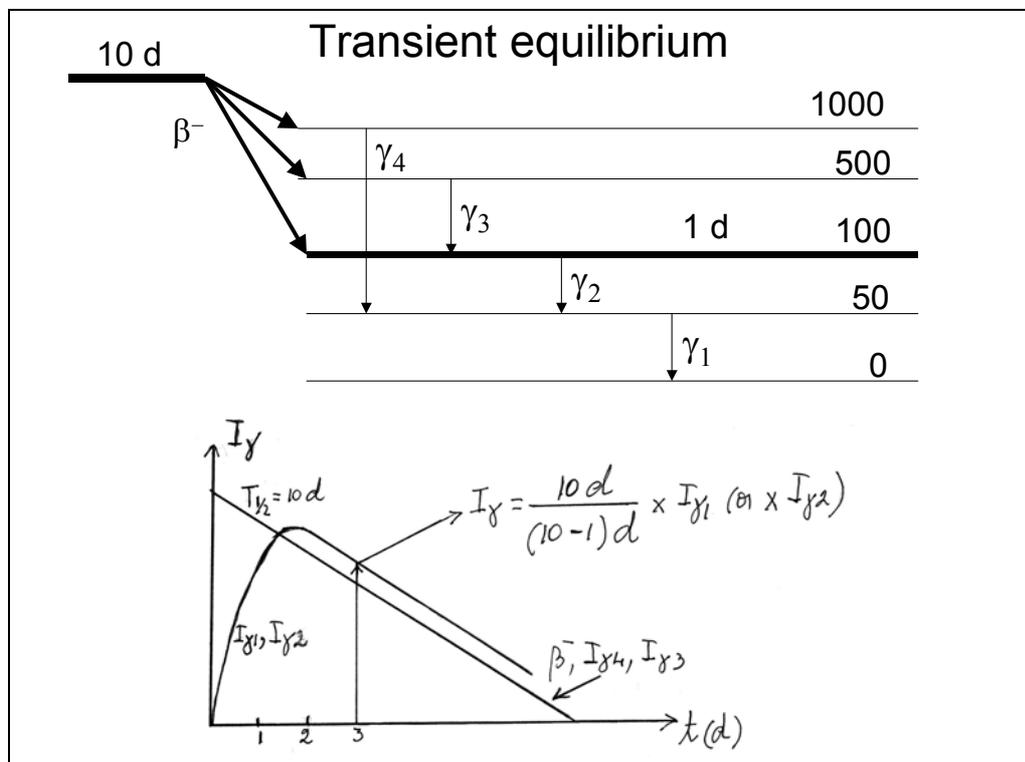
No uncertainty should be smaller than the uncertainty in the calibration standard.

Uncertainties larger than 25 should be rounded.

<u>Author</u>	<u>ENSDF</u>
351.53 ± 0.25	351.53 25
351.53 ± 0.30	351.5 3
8346 ± 29	83.5E2 3

2. Relative intensity

- Weighted average from radioactive decay
- Use 100 for the most intense gamma ray.
- Use a limit for an expected (but unobserved) γ ray.
- Use total transition intensity (TI) if this is the only quantity measured, or deduced from transition intensity balance. If α_T is known, deduce and give I_γ .
- Limits are acceptable (e.g., $I_\gamma < A$), but $I_g = \frac{1}{2} A \pm \frac{1}{2} A$ is preferable (for calculating transition intensity balances).
- Intensity from an isomer in the daughter nucleus should not be given if such intensity is time dependent. Include comments that give the percent feeding to the isomer, and explain the reason for not giving I_γ .



3. Multipolarity and mixing ratio (δ)

- From conversion electron data. If I_K and I_γ were used to determine α_K , explain normalization between electron and photon intensity scales. Conversion electron sub-shell ratios.
- From γ -ray angular correlations ($\gamma(\theta)$). Notice that $\gamma(\theta)$ determines *only* the L component of the γ -ray character, thus mult.= D, D + Q, etc. $T_{1/2}(\text{exp.})$ may be used to rule out choices, usually Q = M2 and D + Q = E1 + M2.

Multipolarity and mixing ratio (δ) from conversion electron data

Using experimental conversion coefficients

$$\delta^2 = \text{E2 } \gamma\text{-ray intensity} / \text{M1 } \gamma\text{-ray intensity} = I_\gamma(\text{E2})/I_\gamma(\text{M1}) \dots (1)$$

$$I_\gamma(\text{M1}) + I_\gamma(\text{E2}) = I_\gamma \dots (2)$$

From equations (1) and (2) we obtain:

$$I_\gamma(\text{M1}) = I_\gamma / 1 + \delta^2, \text{ and } I_\gamma(\text{E2}) = I_\gamma \delta^2 / 1 + \delta^2$$

Conversion electron intensity: $I_e = I_e(\text{M1}) + I_e(\text{E2})$

Experimental conversion coefficient

$$\alpha(\text{exp}) = I_e / I_\gamma = 1 / I_\gamma [I_\gamma(\text{M1}) \times \alpha(\text{M1})^{\text{th}} + I_\gamma(\text{E2}) \times \alpha(\text{E2})^{\text{th}}]$$

$$\text{or, } \alpha(\text{exp}) = 1 / I_\gamma [I_\gamma / 1 + \delta^2 \times \alpha(\text{M1})^{\text{th}} + I_\gamma \delta^2 / 1 + \delta^2 \times \alpha(\text{E2})^{\text{th}}]$$

$$\delta^2 = (\alpha(\text{M1})^{\text{th}} - \alpha(\text{exp})) / (\alpha(\text{exp}) - \alpha(\text{E2})^{\text{th}})$$

$$\% \text{M1} = 100 / 1 + \delta^2, \quad \% \text{E2} = 100 \delta^2 / 1 + \delta^2$$

Using experimental electron sub-shell ratios

$$R(\text{exp}) = I_e(L1) / I_e(L3)$$

Then

$$\delta^2 / 1 + \delta^2 = A / [\alpha(E2,L1)^{\text{th}} - \alpha(M1,L1)^{\text{th}} + R(\text{exp}) (\alpha(M1,L3)^{\text{th}} - \alpha(E2,L3)^{\text{th}})]$$

where

$$A = R(\text{exp}) \alpha(M1,L3)^{\text{th}} - \alpha(M1,L1)^{\text{th}}$$

Consistency of entries for α and δ :

For a single multipolarity the δ field should be blank.

For $\delta < V$:

Give *only* dominant multipolarity and corresponding α . Give $\delta < V$ in a comment, or give both multiplicities and $\delta < V$ in the δ field. Calculate α from $\delta = \frac{1}{2} V \pm \frac{1}{2} V$.

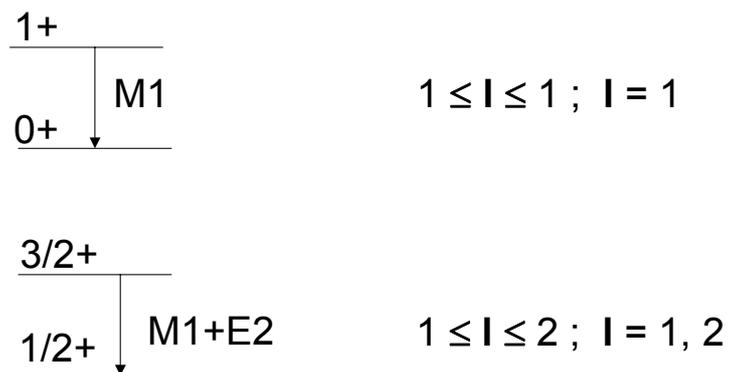
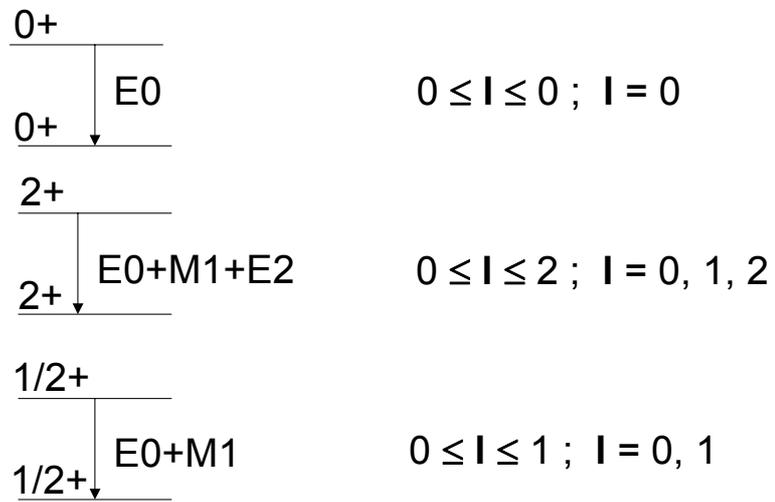
Examples: E2 + M3 with $\delta < 0.5$ should preferably be entered as E2, whereas M1 + E2 with $\delta < 0.5$, as M1 + E2 ($\delta = 0.25 \pm 0.25$).

M1, E2 is not the same as M1 + E2.

Assumed multipolarity

[M1], [E2], [M1 + E2], [M4], etc.

More about multipolarities



4. Internal conversion coefficients

Theoretical values:

From Hager and Seltzer (1968Ha53) for K, L_i, M_i shells, and Z ≥ 30

From Dragoun et al. (1971Dr11) for N, O shells.

From Dragoun et al. (1971Dr09) for N_i shells.

From Band et al. (1976Ba63) for E_γ ≤ 6000 keV, Z=3, 6, 10, and 14 ≤ Z ≤ 30.

From Trusov (1972Tr09) for E_γ > 2600 keV.

From Hager and Seltzer (1969Ha61), K/L₁, L₁/L₂ for E0 transitions.

Experimental values:

For very precise values (≤ 3% uncertainty)

E_γ = 661 keV – ¹³⁷Cs (α_K = 0.0902 ± 0.0008, M4)

Nuclear penetration effects

²³³Pa β⁻ decay to ²³³U

E_γ = 312 keV almost pure M1 from electron sub-shell ratios

However α_K(exp) = 0.64 ± 0.02

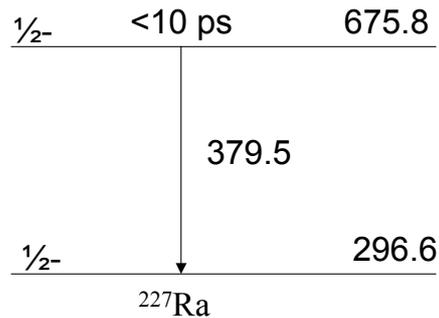
(α_Kth(M1) = 0.78, α_Kth(E2) = 0.07)

For mixed E0 transitions (e.g., M1+E0)

$^{227}\text{Fr} (\beta) \text{-} ^{227}\text{Ra}$

$E_\gamma = 379.1 \text{ keV (M1+E0); } \alpha(\text{exp}) = 2.4 \pm 0.8$

$\alpha^{\text{th}}(\text{M1}) = 0.40; \alpha^{\text{th}}(\text{E2}) = 0.08$



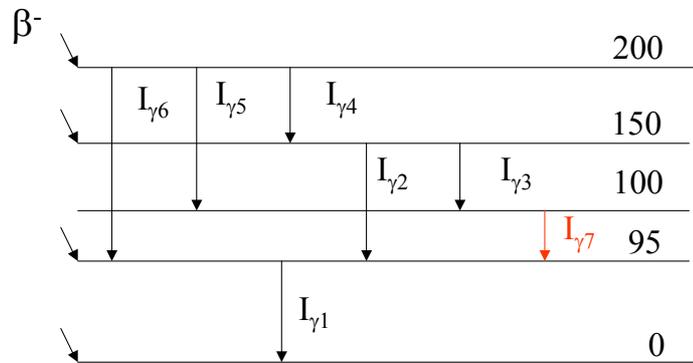
Total transition intensity (TI)

TI field should be used *only* if TI (rather than I_γ) is the measured or deduced quantity. Usual cases are:

TI deduced from transition intensity balance

$\text{TI} = \sum I_i(\text{ce})$, if I_γ is known to be negligible. If I_γ is not negligible and the total conversion coefficient is known, deduce and give I_γ

Total intensity from transition-intensity balance



$$TI(\gamma_7) = TI(\gamma_5) + TI(\gamma_3)$$

If $\alpha(\gamma_7)$ is known,

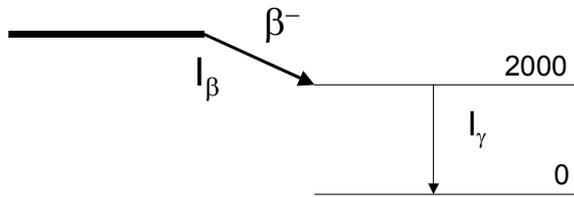
$$I_{\gamma_7} = TI(\gamma_7) / [1 + \alpha(\gamma_7)]$$

5. Absolute intensities

Intensities per 100 disintegrations of the parent nucleus

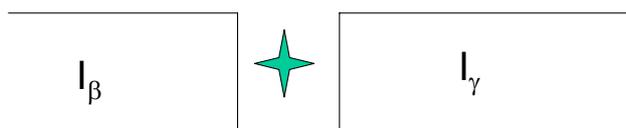
- Measured (Photons from β^- , $\epsilon + \beta^+$, and α decay)
Simultaneous singles measurements
Coincidence measurements

Absolute γ -ray intensity



$$\gamma(\%) = I_\gamma / I_\beta = 100\%$$

Simultaneous singles measurement



I_β : β^- intensity corrected for detector efficiency

I_γ : γ -ray intensity corrected for detector efficiency

$$I_\gamma / I_\beta = \text{absolute } \gamma\text{-ray intensity}$$

Units: photons per β^- (or per 100 β^-) disintegrations

4. Decay scheme normalization

Rel. int.	Norm. factor	Abs. Int.
I_γ	$NR \times BR$	$\%I_\gamma$
I_T	$NT \times BR$	$\%I_T$
I_β	$NB \times BR$	$\%I_\beta$
I_ε	$NB \times BR$	$\%I_\varepsilon$
I_α	$NB \times BR$	$\%I_\alpha$

BR: factor for converting intensity per 100 decays through this decay branch, to intensity per 100 decays of the parent nucleus

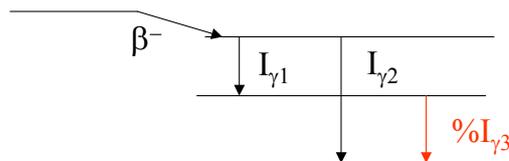
NR: factor for converting relative I_γ to I_γ per 100 decays through this decay branch.

NT: factor for converting relative TI to TI per 100 decays through this decay branch.

NB: factor for converting relative β^- and ε intensities to intensities per 100 decays of this decay branch.

Normalization Procedures

1. Absolute intensity of one gamma ray is known ($\%I_\gamma$)



Relative intensity $I_\gamma \pm \Delta I_\gamma$

Absolute intensity $\%I_\gamma \pm \Delta \%I_\gamma$

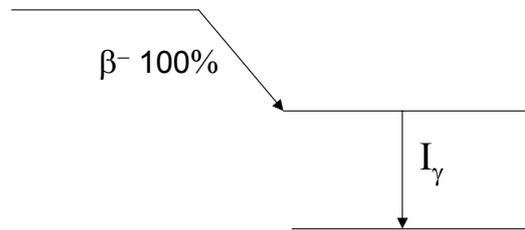
Normalization factor $N = \%I_\gamma / I_\gamma$

Uncertainty $\Delta N = [(\Delta \%I_\gamma / \%I_\gamma)^2 + (\Delta I_\gamma / I_\gamma)^2]^{1/2} \times N$

Then $\%I_{\gamma 1} = N \times I_{\gamma 1}$

$\Delta \%I_{\gamma 1} = [(\Delta N / N)^2 + (\Delta I_\gamma / I_\gamma)^2]^{1/2} \times I_{\gamma 1}$

2. From Decay Scheme



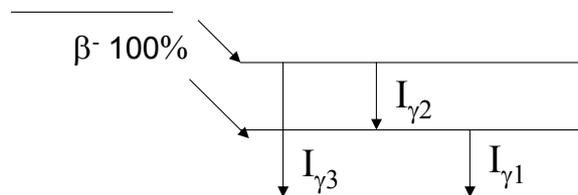
I_γ : Relative γ -ray intensity; α : total conversion coefficient

$$N \times I_\gamma \times (1 + \alpha) = 100\%$$

Normalization factor $N = 100 / I_\gamma \times (1 + \alpha)$

Absolute γ -ray intensity $\% I_\gamma = N \times I_\gamma = 100 / (1 + \alpha)$

Uncertainty $\Delta\% I_\gamma = 100 \times \Delta\alpha / (1 + \alpha)^2$



Normalization factor $N = 100 / I_{\gamma 1}(1 + \alpha_1) + I_{\gamma 3}(1 + \alpha_3)$

$$\% I_{\gamma 1} = N \times I_{\gamma 1} = 100 \times I_{\gamma 1} / I_{\gamma 1}(1 + \alpha_1) + I_{\gamma 3}(1 + \alpha_3)$$

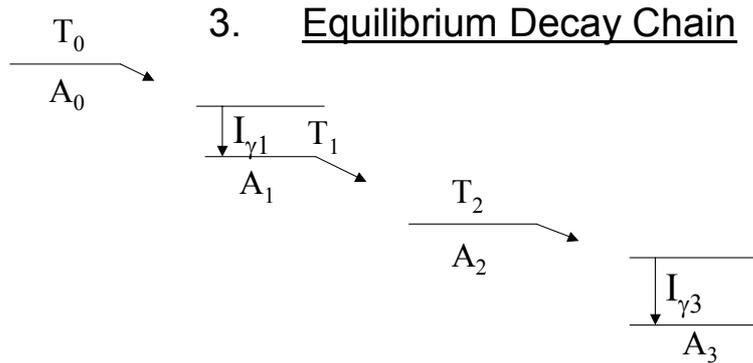
$$\% I_{\gamma 3} = N \times I_{\gamma 3} = 100 \times I_{\gamma 3} / I_{\gamma 1}(1 + \alpha_1) + I_{\gamma 3}(1 + \alpha_3)$$

$$\% I_{\gamma 2} = N \times I_{\gamma 2} = 100 \times I_{\gamma 2} / I_{\gamma 1}(1 + \alpha_1) + I_{\gamma 3}(1 + \alpha_3)$$

Calculate uncertainties in $I_{\gamma 1}$, $I_{\gamma 2}$, and $I_{\gamma 3}$. Use 3% fractional uncertainty in α_1 and α_3 .

See Nucl. Instrum. Meth. **A249**, 461 (1986)

Use computer program GABS to save time



$T_0 > T_1, T_2$ are the radionuclide half-lives,

At $t = 0$, only radionuclide A_0 exists,

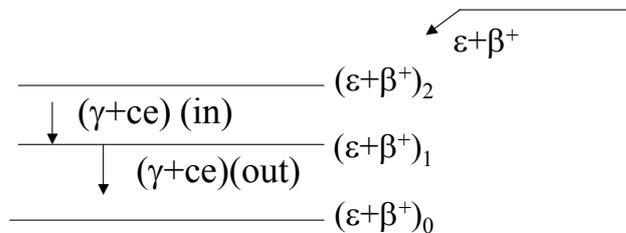
$\% I_{\gamma 3}, I_{\gamma 3}$, and $I_{\gamma 1}$ are known

Then, at equilibrium

$$\% I_{\gamma 1} = (\% I_{\gamma 3} / I_{\gamma 3}) \times I_{\gamma 1} \times (T_0 / (T_0 - T_1)) \times (T_0 / (T_0 - T_2))$$

Normalization factor $N = \% I_{\gamma 1} / I_{\gamma 1}$

4. Annihilation radiation intensity is known



$I(\gamma_{\pm})$ = Relative annihilation radiation intensity

X_i = Intensity imbalance at the i^{th} level = $(\gamma+ce)$ (out) – $(\gamma+ce)$ (in)

$r_i = \epsilon_i / \beta_i^+$ theoretical ratio to i^{th} level

$X_i = \epsilon_i + \beta_i^+ = \beta_i^+ (1 + r_i)$, therefore $\beta_i^+ = X_i / (1 + r_i)$

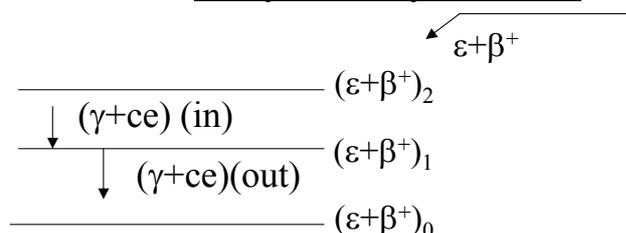
$$2 [X_0 / (1 + r_0) + \sum X_i / (1 + r_i)] = I(\gamma_{\pm}) \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

$$[X_0 + \sum I_{\gamma i} (\gamma + ce) \text{ to gs }] N = 100 \dots \dots \dots (2)$$

Solve equation (1) for X_0 (rel. gs feeding)

Solve equation (2) for N (normalization factor)

5. X-ray intensity is known



I_K = Relative Kx-ray intensity

X_i = Intensity imbalance at the i^{th} level = $(\gamma+ce)$ (out) – $(\gamma+ce)$ (in)

$r_i = \varepsilon_i / \beta_i^+$ theoretical ratio to i^{th} level

$X_i = \varepsilon_i + \beta_i^+$, so $\varepsilon_i = X_i r_i / (1 + r_i)$ (atomic vacancies); ω_K = K-fluorescence yield

P_{Ki} = Fraction of the electron-capture decay from the K shell

$I_K = \omega_K [\varepsilon_0 \times P_{K0} + \sum \varepsilon_i \times P_{Ki}]$

$I_K = \omega_K [P_{K0} \times X_0 r_0 / (1 + r_0) + \sum P_{Ki} \times X_i r_i / (1 + r_i)] \dots (1)$

$[X_0 + \sum I_i(\gamma + ce) \text{ to gs}] N = 100 \dots (2)$

Solve equation (1) for X_0 ; equation (2) for N

5. **Beta particles**

1. Energy (keV)

Give $E_\beta(\text{max})$ *only* if experimental value is so accurate that the data could be used as input to mass adjustment.

Do not give $E_\beta(\text{avg})$; program LOGFT calculates these values.

2. Absolute intensity (% I_β per 100 decays of the parent nucleus)

Give experimental value, if used for normalizing the decay scheme.

Give absolute value deduced from γ -ray transition intensity balance (Program GTOL).

3. Logft

Usually authors assign spins and parities. Nevertheless, verify that the relevant logft values are consistent with their assignments.

6. Electron capture

- Give ($I_\varepsilon + I_{\beta^+}$) feedings deduced from γ -ray transition intensity balance. Program LOGFT calculates ε and β^+ probabilities from theory.
- Program LOGFT calculates sub-shell ($P_K, P_L, P_M \dots$) probabilities from theory.
- Give (in comments) x-ray intensities. These data are useful for normalizing or testing the decay scheme.

7. Alpha particles

- Energy (keV)

Most measurements are relative to a line from a standard radionuclide. Include this information in a comment.

Use Rytz (At. Data Nucl. Data Tables **47**, 205 (1991)) evaluated E_α and I_α when no new values are available.

- Intensity

Give intensities preferably “per 100 α decays” (NB = 1), and a branching factor BR to convert them to “per 100 decays of the parent nucleus”.

- Hindrance factor

HF = experimental $T_{1/2}(\alpha)$ / theoretical $T_{1/2}(\alpha)$. The theoretical value is from 1947Pr17 (M.A. Preston). The assumption is that 0^+ to 0^+ α transitions from even-even nuclei are the fastest (HF = 1). These transitions are used to determine the radius parameter r_0 (see 1998Ak04, Y.A. Akevali). Use program ALPHAD.

Favored alpha-particle transition

- $HF < 4$
- Takes place between levels with the same spin and parity

Radius parameter r_0
(Y. Akevali, Oak Ridge)

Odd-N nucleus (Z, A)

$$r_0(Z, N) = [r_0(Z, N-1) + r_0(Z, N+1)]/2$$

Odd-Z nucleus (Z, A)

$$r_0(Z, N) = [r_0(Z-1, N) + r_0(Z+1, N)]/2$$

Odd-Odd nucleus (Z, A)

$$r_0(Z, N) = [r_0(Z, N-1) + r_0(Z, N+1)]/2 = \\ [r_0(Z-1, N+1) + r_0(Z-1, N-1) + r_0(Z+1, N+1) + r_0(Z+1, N-1)]/4$$

Example

$^{219}\text{Rn} \rightarrow ^{215}\text{Po}$ (Odd-N)

$$r_0(Z = 84, N = 131) = [r_0(84, 130) + r_0(84, 132)] / 2$$

From 1998Ak04:

$$r_0(84, 214) = 1.559\ 8$$

$$r_0(84, 216) = 1.5555\ 2, \text{ therefore}$$

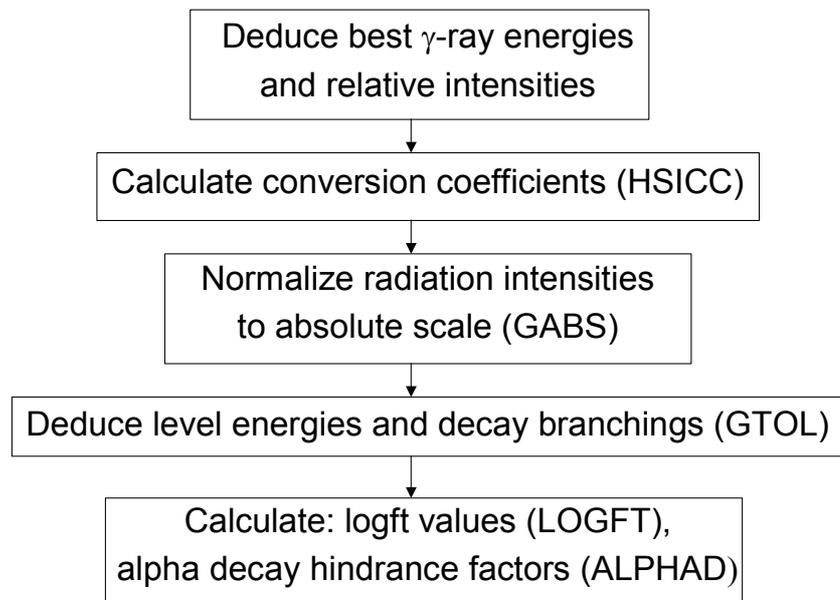
$$r_0(Z = 84, N = 131) = 1.557$$

Use Table 1 – “Calculated r_0 for even-even nuclei” (1998Ak04). Insert $R_0 = \dots$ in *comment* record:

CA HF R0 =...

Run program ALPHAD to calculate hindrance factors.

8. Level structure and decay scheme



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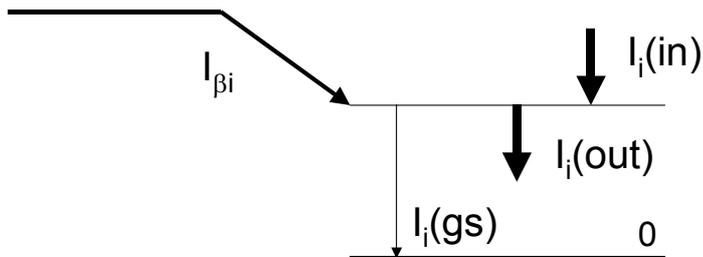
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DECAY DATA EVALUATIONS: MODEL EXERCISES

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γ -ray transition intensity balance

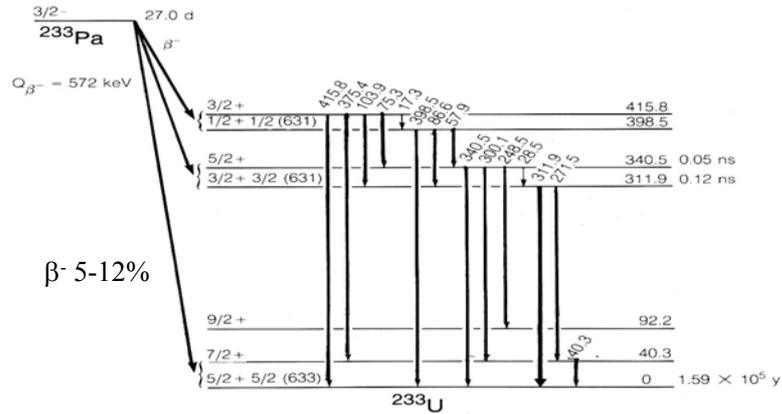


The corresponding normalization factor is

$$\begin{aligned} N &= 100 / \Sigma [I_i(\text{out}) + I_i(\text{gs}) - I_i(\text{in})] = \\ &= 100 / \Sigma [I_i(\text{out}) - I_i(\text{in})] + \Sigma I_i(\text{gs}), \\ &\text{but } \Sigma [I_i(\text{out}) - I_i(\text{in})] = 0, \\ &\text{therefore } N = 100 / \Sigma I_i(\text{gs}) \end{aligned}$$

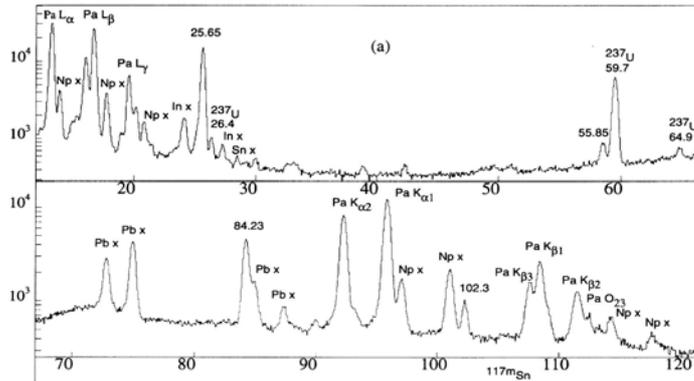
^{233}Pa β^- decay

$I_\gamma(312) = 38.6$ (5) % (experimental value, Gehrke et al.)
 $\Sigma I(\gamma+ce)$ (gs) = 102 (2) %

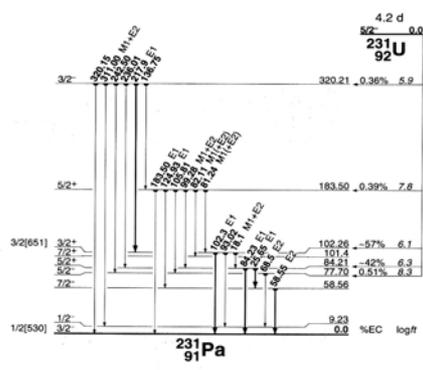


Using X rays to normalize decay schemes

^{231}U γ -ray spectrum



$I_\gamma(25)=100$ (6)
 $I_\gamma(84)=50$ (3)
 $I_{KX}=390$ (14)



$EC(K)/EC(\text{Total}) = 0.59$
 $\omega_K = 0.972$

Fig. 4. ^{231}U electron-capture decay scheme. Gamma rays measured in this work are shown with thicker arrows; other data are from refs. [3,11]. Electron-capture branches per 100 decays of ^{231}U and $\log ft$ values are from gamma-ray transition probability balances (see Table 3).

$B_K=115.6$ keV, thus most K-x rays originate from vacancies produced by the electron-capture process.

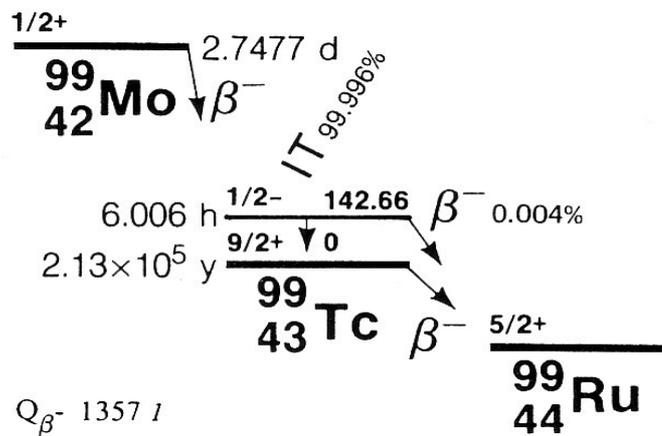
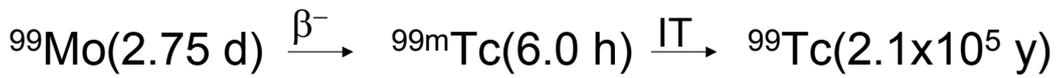
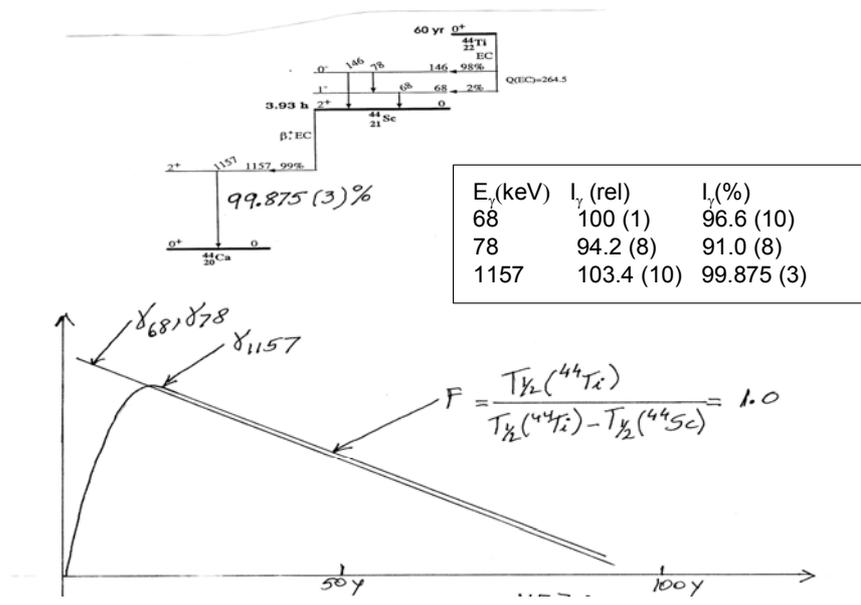
Total vacancies = $I_{KX} EC(\text{Total}) / \omega_K EC(K) = 680$ (33)

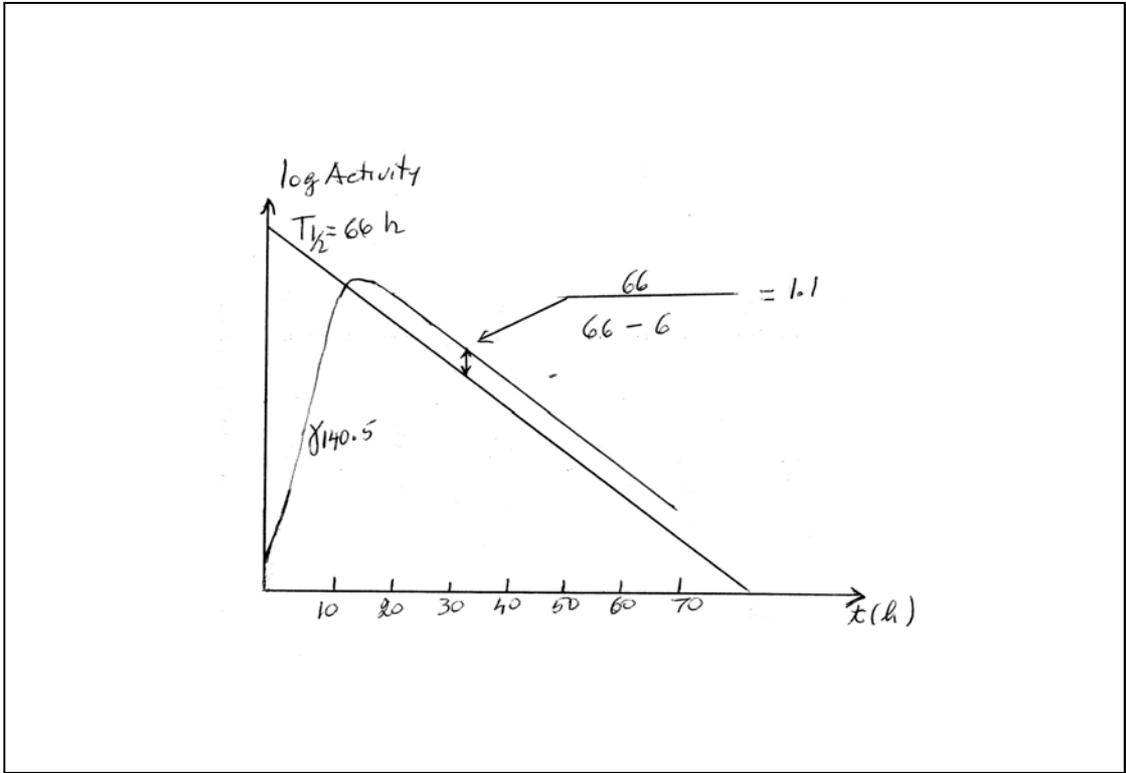
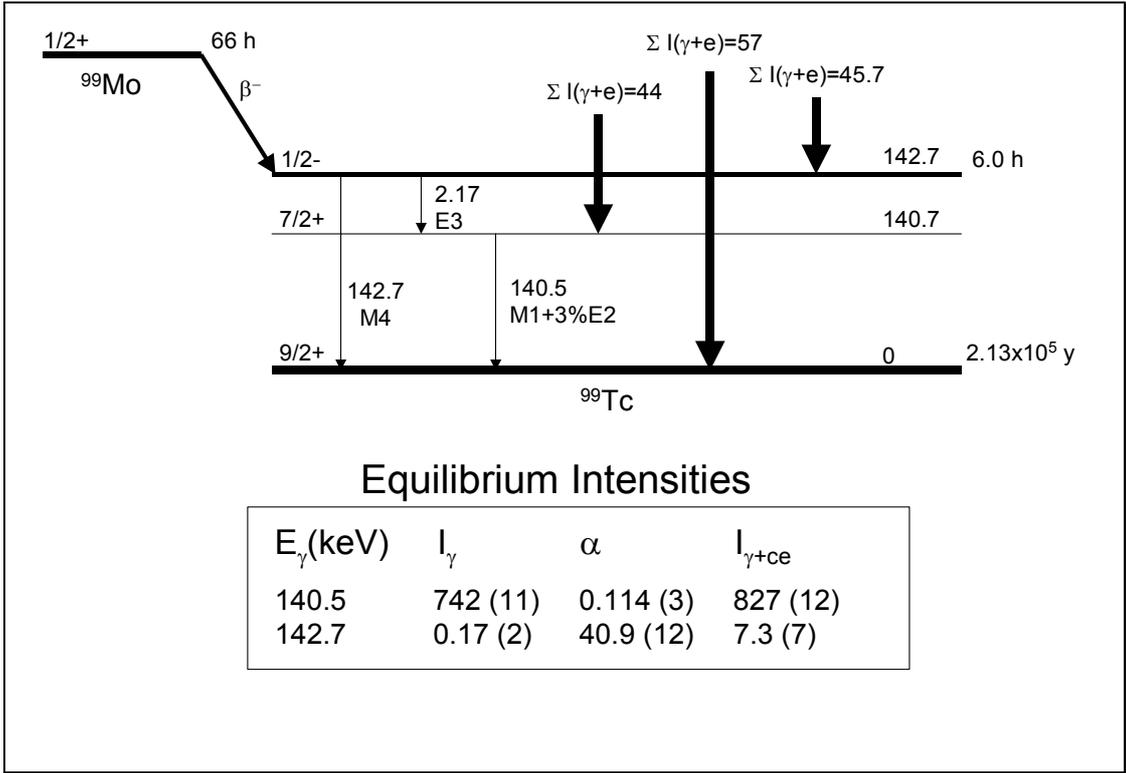
Normalization factor $N = 100 / 680$ (33) = 0.147 (7)

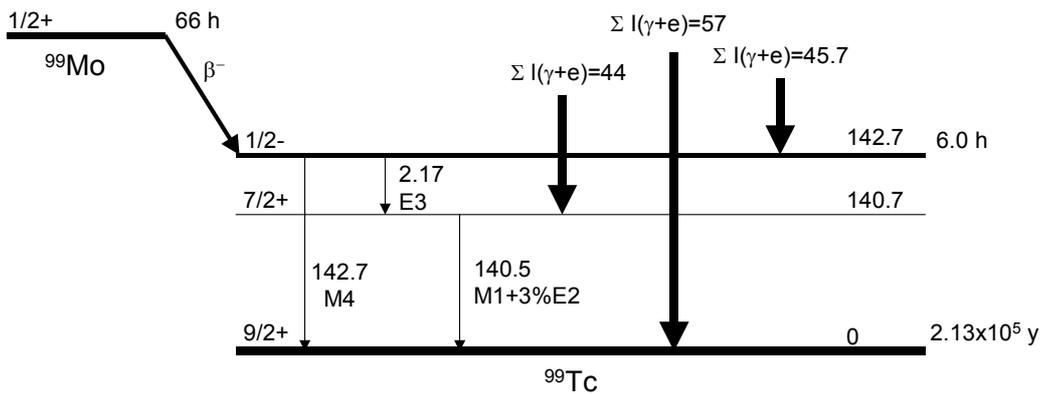
$I_\gamma(25)=100$ (6) \times 0.147 (7) = 15 (1)%

$I_\gamma(84)=50$ (3) \times 0.147 (7) = 7.5 (6)%

^{44}Ti electron capture decay







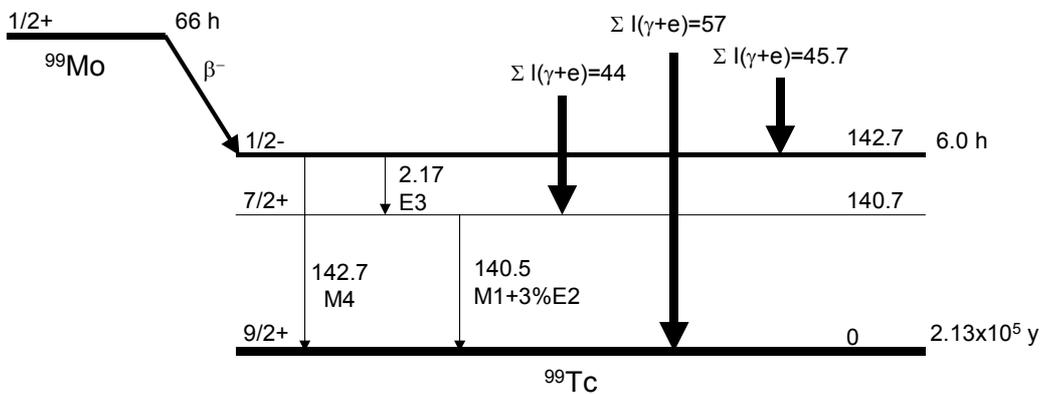
Decay Scheme Normalization

$$[I(\gamma+ce)(142.7)/1.1 + I(\gamma+ce)(140.5)/1.1 + \Sigma I(\gamma+ce)_{gs}] \times N = 100$$

$$[7.3 (7)/1.1 + 827 (12)/1.1 + 57.0 (8)] \times N = 100$$

$$N = 100/816 (11) = 0.1226 (17)$$

$$\text{So, } I_{\gamma}(\%)(140.5) = 742 (11) \times 0.1226 (7) = 91.0 (3)\%$$



β^- feeding to 142.7-keV level

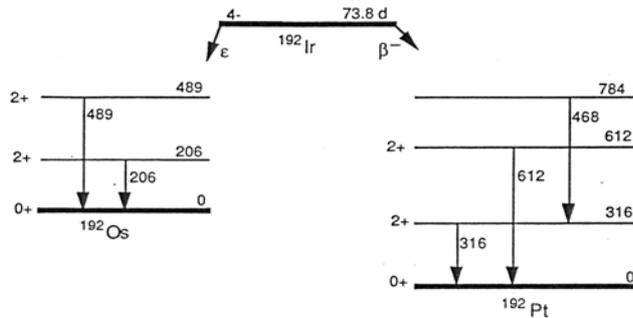
$$I_{\beta^-} = I(\gamma+ce)(142.7)/1.1 + I(\gamma+ce)(2.17)/1.1 - \Sigma I(\gamma+ce)_{142.7}$$

$$I(\gamma+ce)(140.5)/1.1 - I(\gamma+ce)(2.17)/1.1 - \Sigma I(\gamma+ce)_{140.5} = 0$$

$$I_{\beta^-} = 668$$

$$\text{So, } I_{\beta^-}(\%) = 668 \times 0.1226 = 82.0\%$$

^{192}Ir β^- and electron capture decay



E_γ (keV)	I_γ	α	$I_\gamma (1+\alpha)$	
206	4.01 (6)	0.305 (9)	5.23 (8)	
489	0.527 (9)	0.0242 (7)	0.540 (9)	$\Sigma = 5.77$ (8)
316	100.0 (5)	0.085 (3)	108.5 (6)	
468	57.76 (20)	0.0294 (9)	58.43 (20)	
612	6.365 (25)	0.0155 (5)	6.464 (25)	$\Sigma = 114.9$ (6)

Normalization factor is:

$$N = 100 / [I_\gamma(489) (1+\alpha_{489}) + I_\gamma(206) (1+\alpha_{206}) + I_\gamma(316) (1+\alpha_{316}) + I_\gamma(612) (1+\alpha_{612})]$$

$$= 100 / 120.7 (7) = 0.828 (5)$$

$$N = 0.828 (5)$$

Electron capture (ϵ) and β^- decay branchings are:

$$\epsilon = 100 [I_\gamma(489) (1+\alpha_{489}) + I_\gamma(206) (1+\alpha_{206})] / 120.7 (7) =$$

$$100 / [1 + (I_\gamma(316) (1+\alpha_{316}) + I_\gamma(612) (1+\alpha_{612})) / (I_\gamma(489) (1+\alpha_{489}) + I_\gamma(206) (1+\alpha_{206}))] =$$

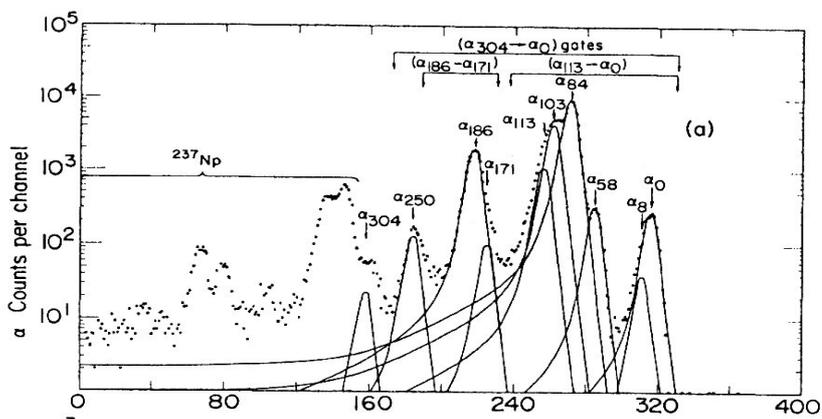
$$100 / [1 + 114.9 (6) / 5.77 (8)] = 100 / 20.9 (3) = 4.78 (7)\%$$

$$\beta^- = 100 - \epsilon = 100 - 4.78 (7) = 95.22 (7)\%$$

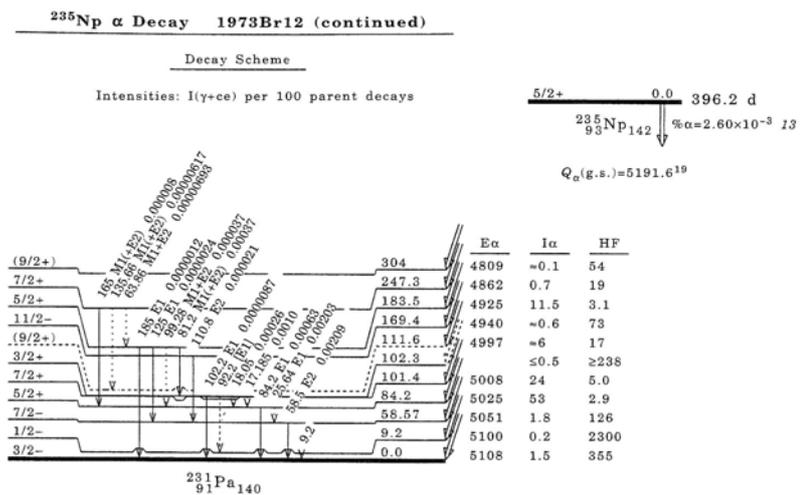
$$\beta^- = 95.22 (7)\%$$

$$\epsilon = 4.78 (7)\%$$

^{235}Np alpha-particle spectrum



^{235}Np alpha decay scheme

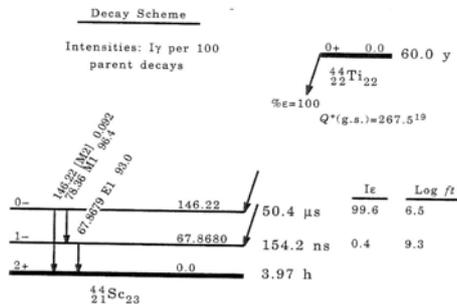


^{235}Np alpha-particle intensities

E_{α} (keV)	E_{lev} (keV)	I_{α} (spec.)	I_{α} (bal.)
4809	304	~0.1	
4862	247	0.7 (1)	0.8 (2)
4925	183	11.5 (5)	16 (3)
4940	169	~0.6	0.8 (3)
4997	112	~6	
5008	101	24 (8)	33 (10)
5025	84	53 (8)	51 (12)
5051	58	1.8 (3)	~2
5100	9	0.2	
5108	0	1.5 (2)	

Preparing ENSDF Data Sets

44Sc ENSDF Data Set



44SC	44TI	EC	DECAY					
44TI	P	0	0+	60.0	Y	11	267.5	19
44SC	N	0.964	13	1.0				
44SC	L	0	2+	3.97	H	4		
44SC	L	67	1-	154.2	NS	8		
44SC	G	67.8679	14	96.5	16	E1	0.0845	
44SCS	G	KC=	0.0766	\$LC=	0.00664			
44SC	L	146	0-	50.4	US	7		
44SC	G	78.36	3	100.0	11	M1	0.0302	
44SCS	G	KC=	0.0273	\$LC=	0.00243			
44SC	G	146.22	3	0.095	3	[M2]	0.0460	
44SCS	G	KC=	0.0414	\$LC=	0.00385			

44Ti Half-life (LWEIGHT)

44Ti Half-life Measurements

INP. VALUE	INP. UNC.	R. WGHT	CHI**2/N-1	REFERENCE	
.607000E+02	.120E+01	.141E+00	.826E-01	99Wi01	
.590000E+02	.600E+00	MIN	*.563E+00*	.479E+00	98Ah03
.603000E+02	.130E+01	.120E+00	.163E-01	98Go05	
.620000E+02	.200E+01	.507E-01	.214E+00	98No06	
.666000E+02	.160E+01	.792E-01	.348E+01	90Al11	
.542000E+02	.210E+01	.460E-01	.149E+01	83Fr27	

No. of Input Values N= 6 CHI**2/N-1= 5.76 CHI**2/N-1(critical)= 3.00

UWM :.604667E+02 .164796E+01
 WM :.599288E+02 .450317E+00(INT.) .108057E+01(EXT.)

INP. VALUE	INP. UNC.	R. WGHT	CHI**2/N-1	REFERENCE
.607000E+02	.120E+01	.161E+00	.563E-01	99Wi01
.590000E+02	.681E+00	*.500E+00*	.487E+00	98Ah03
* Input uncertainty increased .114E+01 times *				
.603000E+02	.130E+01	.137E+00	.663E-02	98Go05
.620000E+02	.200E+01	.580E-01	.188E+00	98No06
.666000E+02	.160E+01	.907E-01	.334E+01	90Al11
.542000E+02	.210E+01	.526E-01	.156E+01	83Fr27

No. of Input Values N= 6 CHI**2/N-1= 5.63 CHI**2/N-1(critical)= 3.00

UWM :.604667E+02 .164796E+01
 WM :.600634E+02 .481846E+00(INT.) .114378E+01(EXT.)
 LWM :.600634E+02 .114378E+01 Min. Inp. Unc.=.600000E+00
 LWM has used weighted average and external uncertainty

Recommended value: 60.0 (11) y

⁴⁴Sc ENSDF Data Set (GTOL)

LEVEL	TI	TI	TI	NET FEEDING	
	(OUT)	(IN)	(NET)	(CALC)	(USE)
0.0	0.000	104.8 18	-104.8 18	-1.0 17	0.0
67.8679 14	104.7 18	103.0 12	1.6 21	1.6 21	0.6 11
146.224 22	103.1 12	0.000	103.1 12	99.4 11	99.4 1

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44SC N 0.964 13 1.0
44SC L 0 2+ 3.97 H 4
44SC L 67.8679 141- 154.2 NS 8
44SC E 0.6 11
44SC G 67.8679 14 96.5 16 E1 0.0845
44SCS G KC= 0.0766 $LC= 0.00664
44SC L 146.224 220- 50.4 US 7
44SC E 99.4 11
44SC G 78.36 3 100.0 11 M1 0.0302
44SCS G KC= 0.0273 $LC= 0.00243
44SC G 146.22 3 0.095 3 [M2] 0.0460
44SCS G KC= 0.0414 $LC= 0.00385
    
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⁴⁴Sc ENSDF Data Set (LOGFT)

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44SC E 0.6 11 9.2 8
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44SCS G KC= 0.0766 $LC= 0.00664
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44SC G 146.22 3 0.095 3 [M2] 0.0460
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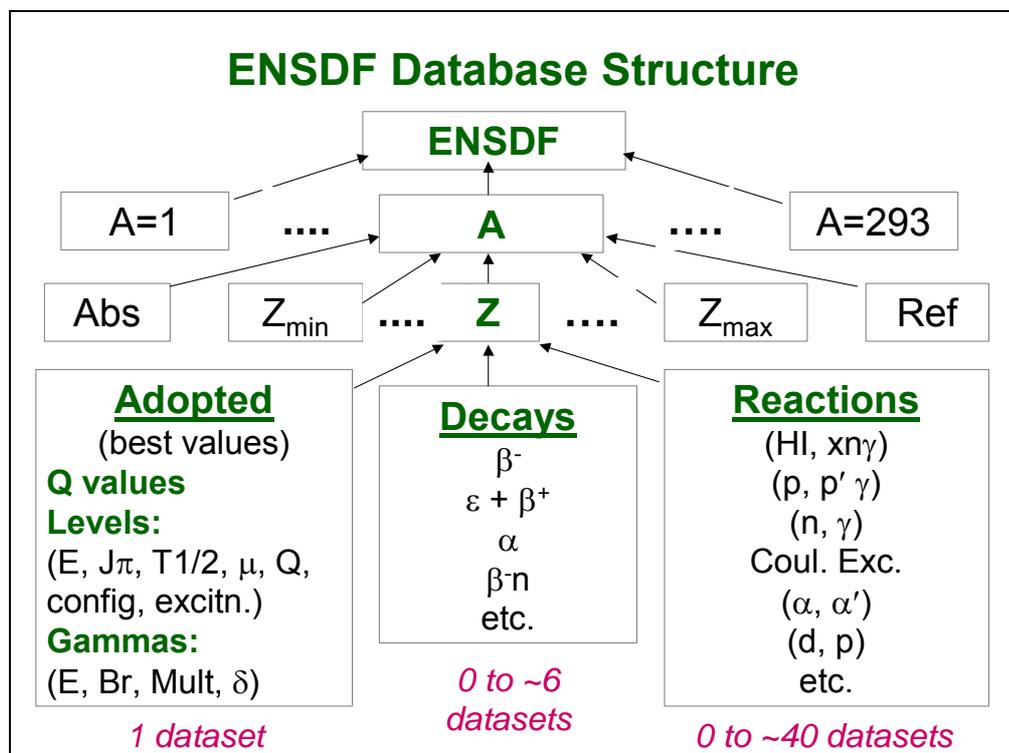
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ENSDF – Reaction Data

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Summary

Principal Categories of Reactions:

- Reactions in which gamma emissions are not detected:
 - Stripping and Pickup Reactions
 - Multi-particle Transfer Reactions
 - Charge-Exchange Reactions
 - Inelastic Scattering
 - Coulomb Excitation (particles detected)
 - Resonance Reactions ...
- Reactions in which gamma emissions are detected:
 - Summary of information available from γ -ray measurements
 - Inelastic Scattering
 - Nuclear Resonance Fluorescence
 - (light ion, $xnyp\gamma$)
 - (heavy ion, $xnyp\gamma$)
 - Particle Capture
 - Coulomb Excitation (γ s detected)

Gamma emissions not detected

Measured Quantities of Interest:

- $E(\text{level})$ from particle spectrum or excitation function.
- L – angular momentum transfer
- S, C^2S - spectroscopic factors
- β_2, β_4 - deformation parameters (if model independent)
- Γ, Γ_1 – total or partial widths for level
- $B(E\lambda), B(M\lambda)$ – transition probabilities

Stripping and Pickup

Examples:

Stripping: (d, p), (α , ^3He), (pol d, p), (^3He , d), etc.

Pickup: (p, d), (^3He , α), etc.

Quantities to Record:

• **E(level)** from charged particle spectrum.

• **L** and **S** or **C²S** from DWBA analysis

$$(d\sigma/d\omega(\theta))_{\text{exp}} = (d\sigma/d\omega(\theta))_{\text{DWBA}} \times C^2 S' \times N$$

where $S'=S$ (pickup) or

$$S' = S \times (2J_f + 1) / (2J_i + 1) \text{ (stripping)}$$

• **J** from $L \pm 1/2$ for polarised beam if vector analysing power shows clear preference between $L+1/2$ and $L-1/2$.

($d\sigma/d\omega$ is not normally given, but may be useful in absence of angular distribution; give in S field with suitable label.)

Relevant Documentation:

Target $J\pi$ (unless 0^+)

Spectrum resolution (FWHM, keV)

Normalisation factor for DWBA analysis

Range of angles measured, lab or c.m. (but say which).

Stripping and Pickup

Deformed Nuclides; α and lighter beams:

• Pattern of cross sections among rotational-band members characteristic of a particular Nilsson configuration (**fingerprint**) enables a set of levels to be assigned as specific J members of that band if:

(i) fingerprint agrees well with that predicted by Nilsson-model wavefunctions, and

(ii) fingerprint is distinct from those for other possible configurations.

• Authors may give 'spectroscopic strength' (S) which can be entered in spectroscopic factor field (with suitable label).

Multi-particle Transfer

Examples:

(p, t), (α , d), (t, p), (α , p), (^6Li , d) ...

Quantities to Record:

E(level)

L – if angular distribution can be fitted by a unique value

Deduced Quantities:

$J\pi$ - from $J(\text{target}) + L$ (vector sum) and $\pi_i\pi_f = (-1)^{J_f}$, for strong groups only in two-neutron, two-proton or α -particle transfer

pairs of identical particles can be assumed to be transferred in relative s state for strong groups

Charge-Exchange Reactions

Examples:

(p, n), (^3He , t)

Quantities of interest:

E(level)

Isobaric analog state information

Inelastic Scattering

Examples:

(e, e'), (p, p'), (d, d'), (α , α') at projectile energies **above** the Coulomb barrier

Quantities to Record:

E(level)

L – if angular distribution is fitted by unique L value

$\beta_2, \beta_4 \dots$ - deformation parameters (if model independent); specify whether 'charge' or 'nuclear', if relevant (typically from (α , α') or (e, e')).

$B(E\lambda), B(M\lambda)$ – transition probabilities (typically from (e, e')).

Coulomb Excitation - particles detected

Examples:

(p, p'), (d, d'), (α , α') with projectile energy **below** Coulomb barrier

Quantities to Record:

E(level)

$J\pi$:

- determined if the excitation probability agrees with that calculated by Alder (1960AI23).
- low energy Coulomb excitation is predominantly E2

$B(E\lambda)$ – for excitation

Resonance Reactions

Examples:

(p, p), (p, X), (γ , n) ... (excitation function data, $\sigma(E)$, $d\sigma/d\omega(\theta, E)$)

Quantities of interest:

E(level) – can be given as 'S(p) + 976.3', etc., where 976.3 is E(p) for resonance (c.m. or lab. energy, but must specify which).

Is this an isobaric analog state? If so, specify analog state

Partial widths

Is this a giant resonance?

Note:

ENSDF is primarily concerned with bound levels, but includes all isobaric analog states, giant resonances and unbound levels that overlap or give information on bound levels

Reactions with Gamma Emissions - Detected

Measured Quantities of Interest:

- E_γ - photon energy
- I_γ - relative intensity (or photon branching)
- α , α_K , ... - electron conversion coefficients, usually from $I(\text{ce})/I_\gamma$, sometimes from intensity balance (note: this gives α_{exp}).
- K/L, L1/ L3 ... - ce subshell ratios
- A_2 , A_4 ... - Legendre polynomial coefficients characterizing angular distribution ($\gamma(\theta)$) or angular correlation ($\gamma\gamma(\theta)$).
- DCO ratio – directional correlation of gammas from oriented nuclei.
- Asymmetry ratio - e.g., $I_\gamma(\theta_1)/I_\gamma(\theta_2)$
- Linear polarization
- Level $T_{1/2}$ – from $\gamma(t)$, DSAM, RDM, centroid-shift, delayed coincidence, etc., if measured in that reaction
- g-factor – include if measured in that reaction

Reactions with Gamma Emissions - Detected

Deduced Quantities of Interest:

- E(level) – from least-squares adjustment of E_γ (GTOL), avoiding E_γ for lines that have uncertain or multiple placements whenever possible. Note serious misfits.
- Band structure – indicate via band flags for levels (note: life will be easier if a given band has the same band-flag character in each dataset in the nuclide!)
- $J\pi$ - default is adopted value; however, much more useful to indicate authors' values in reaction dataset and add parentheses in *Adopted Levels* if insufficient (or no!) supporting arguments are available
- M - transition multipolarity
- δ – mixing ratio ($\sqrt{(L+1)\text{-pole}/(L\text{-pole})}$), Krane-Steffen sign convention

Gamma-ray Energies

- Give measured energy and uncertainty (i.e., do not correct for recoil energy loss)
- State source of data (unless obvious, e.g., if only one keynumber)
- Uncertainties: if authors give uncertainty as:
 - (i) “0.3 keV for strong lines, 1 keV for weak or poorly resolved lines”; assign 0.3 to those which could be reasonably considered ‘strong’ and 1 to all others, but give authors’ statement in general comment on E_γ and define I_γ that you consider ‘strong’ (or assign 1 keV to all)
 - (ii) “do not exceed 0.5 keV”; 0.5 could be assigned for all lines
 - (iii) if no uncertainty is stated, point out in general comment (for the purpose of deducing E(level) using GTOL, default of 1 keV (adjustable by user via control record at head of dataset) will be used and this should be noted in comments on level energy)
- If measured E_γ not available but G record needed in order to give other information, deduce from level energy difference and remove recoil energy loss; give no ΔE_γ and state origin of E_γ

Gamma-ray Intensities

- Give relative intensities, if available (do not renormalise so strongest is 100).
- Do not mix data from different reactions or data from same reaction at different energies when entering RI on G records (use different datasets instead, or include in comments or tabulation)
- If branching ratios are measured independently (e.g., from $\gamma\gamma$ coincidences), quote these data (e.g., in comments); one set of data may be more precise than the other
- Give uncertainties whenever authors state them; if authors give both statistical and systematic uncertainties, show statistical on G record but state systematic in comments (so uncertainty in I_γ ratios is not distorted)
- If both prompt and delayed I_γ are given, use separate datasets or give one set under comments.
- For multiply-placed lines, specify whether quoted I_γ has been suitably divided between placements (& or @ in column 77)

Conversion Coefficients

- Give measured α_K , α_L , etc., and subshell ratios (in comments or on continuation of G record); state how photon and ce intensity scales were normalised
- Quote experimental coefficients (usually α) obtained using intensity balance arguments (these are frequently buried in the text of the paper); specify as “from intensity balance at xxxx level” where relevant
- Include $\alpha(\text{theory})$ on G record (from HSICC) when needed for calculation or argument

γ Linear Polarisation

γ linear polarisation data may be available from Compton polarimeter measurements of relative I_γ in planes perpendicular and parallel to reaction plane
Such data may distinguish between electric and magnetic radiations

Angular Distributions

I_γ as a function of angle θ with respect to beam direction:

$$W(\theta) = 1 + A_2 P_2(\cos \theta) + A_4 P_4(\cos \theta) + \dots$$

- Inclusion of $A_2, A_4 \dots$ is optional, but data are so useful to evaluators and readers alike, they really should be given whenever available!
- Remember that these are signed quantities
- $A_2, A_4 \dots$ depend on ΔJ , mixing ratio and degree of alignment σ/J , where σ is half-width of Gaussian describing the magnetic substate population
- σ/J is usually determined from measurements of $W(\theta)$ for known $\Delta J = 2$ transitions. However, many authors assume $\sigma/J = 0.3$, for practical purposes.
- σ/J affects only the magnitudes of A_2, A_4
- $W(\theta)$ is largely independent of J for high-spin states
- Alignment is reduced if level lifetime is not small
- **$W(\theta)$ can determine ΔJ but not $\Delta\pi$**

Angular Distributions

Typical values of A_2, A_4 for θ relative to beam direction if $\sigma/J=0.3$

(B. Singh, McMaster University)

ΔJ	Multipolarity	Sign of A_2	Sign of A_4	Typical A_2	Typical A_4
2	Q	+	-	+0.3	-0.1
1	D			-0.2	0.0
1	Q	+	+	-0.1	+0.2
1	D+Q	+ or -	+	+0.5 to -0.8	0.0 to +0.2
0	D	+		+0.35	0.0
0	Q	-	-	-0.25	-0.25
0	D+Q	+ or -	-	+0.35 to -0.25	0.0 to -0.25

DCO Ratios

Directional **C**orrelations of γ -rays from **O**riented states of Nuclei

• If γ_K (known multipolarity) and γ_U (unknown multipolarity) are measured in coincidence using detectors at angles θ_1 and θ_2 to the beam:

$$\text{DCO} = I(\gamma_U(\text{at } \theta_1) \text{ gated by } \gamma_K(\text{at } \theta_2)) / (I(\gamma_U(\text{at } \theta_2) \text{ gated by } \gamma_K(\text{at } \theta_1)))$$

- Sensitive to ΔJ , multipolarity and mixing ratio; **independent of $\Delta\pi$**
- Gating transitions are frequently stretched Q, but stretched D may also be used, so specify
- Authors frequently state expected DCO values for stretched Q and stretched D transitions for the geometry used; helpful to specify
- Remember that identical values are expected for stretched Q and for D, $\Delta J = 0$ transitions (although latter are less common)

DCO Ratios

Typical DCO values for $\theta_1 = 37^\circ$, $\theta_2 = 79^\circ$, $\sigma/J = 0.3$ (B. Singh, McMaster U.)

ΔJ_γ gate, Mult	ΔJ_γ	Mult	Typical DCO
2, Q	2	Q	1.0
2, Q	1	D	0.56
2, Q	1	D+Q	0.2 to 1.3
2, Q	0	D	1.0
2, Q	0	D+Q	0.6 to 1.0
1, D	2	Q	1/0.56
1, D	1	D	1.0
1, D	0	D	1/0.56

Multipolarity

- L and $\Delta\pi$ may be determined from measured subshell ratios or conversion coefficients
- L alone can be determined by angular distributions or DCO ratios or γ asymmetry ratios
- $\Delta\pi$ may be determined by γ linear polarisation measurements
- When transition strengths are calculable ($T_{1/2}$ and branching known), **R**ecommended **U**pper **L**imits (RUL) can be used to rule out some multipolarities (e.g., stretched Q transition for which $B(M2)_W$ exceeds 1 can be assigned as E2); similarly, for a D+Q transition with large mixing, RUL may enable the rejection of E1+M2
- Assign Multipolarity only when measured information indicates clear preference for that assignment; otherwise, let $\gamma(\theta)$ or DCO data speak for themselves (exception: if no measurement exists but multipolarity is needed use [M1 + E2], etc., type of entry)
- Multipolarity determined for a doublet will be not reliable; can be given in comments (with disclaimer), but not on G record

Mixing Ratios

- Include on G record whenever available
- Calculate from conversion electron data or $\gamma\gamma(\theta)$ using DELTA or from subshell ratios
- Rely on authors' deductions from $\gamma(\theta)$, DCO or nuclear orientation data
- In (HI, xn γ) studies: model-dependent values of δ are sometimes deduced from in-band cascade to crossover transition intensity ratios; these could be given in comments (stating relevant K) if considered really important, but should not be entered on G record
- Check that correct sign convention was used by authors – if not, convert to Krane-Steffen, and take special care if uncertainties are asymmetric (-2.3 +4-2 becomes +2.3 +2-4 upon sign reversal)

Inelastic Scattering

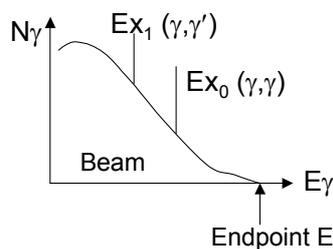
(p, p'γ), (n, n'γ), etc.; beam energies > Coulomb barrier

Separate these datasets from those for (p, p'), (n, n') ... and from that for Coulomb excitation

Information of interest: typically E_γ , I_γ , $\gamma(\theta)$; maybe γ linear polarisation

Nuclear Resonance Fluorescence

(γ , γ) and (γ , γ') measurements with Bremsstrahlung spectrum; low momentum transfer so excite low-spin states (mainly E1 and M1, some E2 excitation)



- γ spectrum measured; areas of γ peaks at Ex_0 and Ex_1 combined with knowledge of $N_\gamma(Ex_0)$ yields scattering cross section from which width and branching information may be obtained

- γ asymmetry differentiates D and Q excitation
- γ linear polarization differentiates M and E

Nuclear Resonance Fluorescence

(Integrated) scattering crosssection I_s (eV b) is often given:

$$I_s = ((2J+1)/(2J_0+1)) (\Gamma_{\gamma_0}\Gamma_{\gamma_f}/\Gamma_\gamma) (\pi\hbar c/E_\gamma)^2 W(\theta)/4\pi$$

where J is g.s. spin, J_0 is spin of excited level, $\Gamma_\gamma \cong \Gamma$ is total width and Γ_{γ_0} , Γ_{γ_f} are decay widths for γ decay to the g.s. and the final state f (for elastic scattering, $\Gamma_{\gamma_0} = \Gamma_{\gamma_f}$); $W(\theta)$ represents the normalised angular distribution. Data are often taken at 127° where $W = 1$ for D transitions

- Give $\Gamma_{\gamma_0}^2/\Gamma$ values (extract if necessary) on L record (col. 65 (value), 75 (unc.)); relabel field

- If $\Gamma_{\gamma_f}/\Gamma_{\gamma_0}$ is measured, include relative branching on G records

Γ is calculable from:

$$(\Gamma_{\gamma_0}^2/\Gamma) / (\Gamma_{\gamma_0}/\Gamma)^2$$

using known branching, or under assumption $\Gamma = \Gamma_{\gamma_0} + \Gamma_{\gamma_f}$ (which needs to be stated)

- Then: $T_{1/2}$ (fs) = $0.456 / \Gamma$ (meV); include on L record

Propagate uncertainties with care!

(Light Ion, xnypg)

(p, xn γ), (³He, xn γ), (α , p γ), etc.

Separate from (HI, xn γ) studies

Separate from datasets in which gammas are not measured (e.g., do not combine (d, p γ) and (d, p)).

(Heavy Ion, xnyp γ)

- Relative intensities differ for different reactions and also for a given reaction measured at different beam energies; in general, simplest to use separate datasets for each study that provides significant I γ or branching data
- (HI, xn γ) reactions tend to populate yrast (lowest energy for given J) levels or near-yrast levels; populated states tend to have spins that increase as the excitation energy increases
- Use band flags to delineate deduced band structure; if authors give configuration for band, include in band description

(Heavy Ion, xnyp γ)

- Note inconsistencies in γ order, postulated J π , configuration, etc., compared with other studies, and especially with that in *Adopted Levels, Gammas*
- Beware of multipolarity and J π assignments for which no supporting measurements exist - values are sometimes inserted in order to generate a RADWARE band drawing, and live on in the published table of data; these do not qualify as 'data'!
- Multipolarities determined as D, Q, D+Q, etc, by $\gamma(\theta)$ or DCO are best left this way in the reaction dataset unless definite arguments exist to establish $\Delta\pi$ (otherwise 'D' (strong J π argument) and '(D)' (weak J π argument) become indistinguishable when written as, say (M1))
- Report statements of coincidence resolving time (or equivalent) since they might place a limit on level lifetime, thereby enabling RUL to be used to reject $\Delta\pi = \text{yes}$ for a transition multipolarity
- For K = 1/2 rotational bands, the decoupling parameter may give a clear indication of the Nilsson orbital involved in the band configuration

(Heavy Ion, $xn\gamma$)

- For near-spherical nuclei, if a cascade of $\Delta J = 1$ transitions is observed at high spin with regular energy progression, these transitions may be assigned as (M1) transitions within a common band.

Exception: in rare cases, nuclei can have alternating parity bands (reflection asymmetry), and $\Delta J = 1$, $\Delta\pi = \text{yes}$ cascades occur

- For a well-deformed nucleus, if a cascade of $\Delta J = 2$ transitions is observed at high spin with regular energy progression, these transitions may be assigned as E2 transitions within a common band

- Octupole-deformed nuclei may exhibit an apparent band which is really two $\Delta J = 2$ rotational sequences of opposite parity, connected by cascading E1 transitions

Special Case:

Superdeformed band data are updated continuously in ENSDF by Balraj Singh (McMaster University). Check ENSDF at the conclusion of a mass chain evaluation to be sure no SD-band data have been added since the chain was downloaded for revision

Capture Reactions

(p, γ) , (n, γ) E = thermal, (n, γ) E = res, etc.

- Use separate datasets for thermal and resonance n-capture data

- Primary and secondary transitions usually appear in the same dataset even if their intensities require different normalisations

- $J\pi$ of the thermal neutron capture state(s) is $J\pi(\text{target}) \pm 1/2^+$ (i.e., s-wave capture assumed)

- Thermal neutron capture: multipolarity of a primary γ is E1, M1, E2 or M1+E2

- For resonance n capture, ENSDF does not include the resonances and their properties; list the bound states fed, their interconnecting gammas and any conclusions concerning level $J\pi$

- Average resonance n capture: inclusion of primary gammas and their reduced intensities (which carry information on final state $J\pi$) is optional; a list of final level E and deduced $J\pi$ would suffice

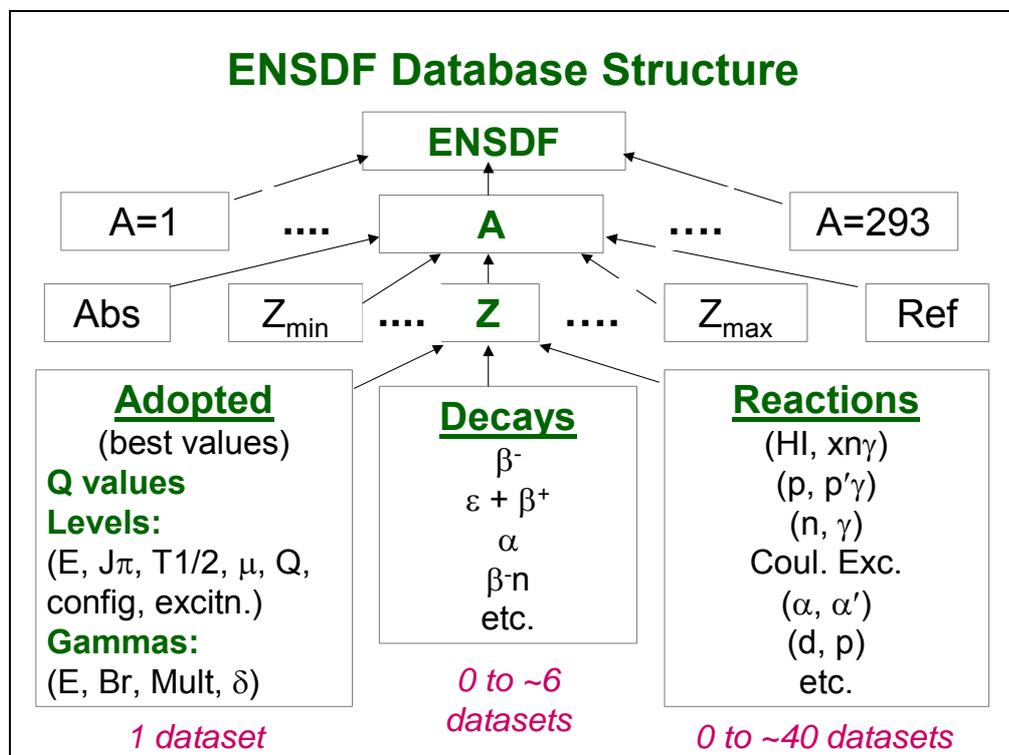
Coulomb Excitation

- If authors give matrix element values, convert to $B(E\lambda)$ using
$$B(E\lambda) = |\langle M(E\lambda) \rangle|^2 / (2J_0 + 1)$$
 where J_0 is g.s. spin.
- If authors give $B(E\lambda)_{\downarrow}$, convert to $B(E\lambda)_{\uparrow}$ and include with level information
- In the strongly deformed region, a cascade of E2 transitions with enhanced transition probabilities ($B(E2)_W > 10$) provides definitive evidence for a rotational band and for the sequence of $J\pi$ values, providing $J\pi$ of one level is independently known
- Calculate level $T_{1/2}$ from $B(E\lambda)$ and adopted γ -ray properties when possible

ENSDF – Adopted Levels and Gammas: Model Exercises

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Adopted Levels, Gammas

This dataset is the heart of any nuclide evaluation!

- Condensation of all the information from all the other datasets, and provides the **best values** known at the time of the evaluation
- Provides the information that goes into the summary database NUDAT
- May be the **only** dataset that some users will ever look at
- Sources of all data appearing here must be made transparent to the reader

General Information

Q values:

- Usually rounded values from latest mass table (presently 1995Au04)
- Add new S(p), Q(α) with keynumber, if available; compare with 1995Au04
- Optional: comment on uncertainties in 'SY' values; note newly-measured masses if very different from Audi prediction

General Comments:

e.g., Production/Identification, keynumber lists for major shell model calculations or isotope shift/hfs references (all optional)

Other Reactions:

Give reaction and keynumber for completeness, even though no data have been used and no reaction dataset has been created e.g., continuum gamma study (optional)

Define XREF Symbols:

Every DSID in nuclide must be listed here, even if not associated with a specific level

Example 1 ?

167IR ADOPTED LEVELS
 167IR C Production: 92MO(78KR,p2n) E=357, 384 MEV (1997DA07).
 167IR C Identification: 1981HO10 unambiguously assign a new |a group to 167IR
 167IR2C by relating it to known transitions through a multi-dimensional
 167IR3C analysis correlating parent energies, daughter energies, and the
 167IR4C timing of events. The production reactions involved 58Ni on
 167IR5C molybdenum-tin targets and 107AG on vanadium-nickel targets
 167IR C For calculation of proton decay widths for 167IR GS and isomer see
 167IR2C 2000DA11.
 167IR Q 11760 SY-1070 6 6507 5 1995AU04,1997DA07
 167IR CQ |DS(n)=300 (1995AU04).
 167IR CQ QA\$from measured EA=6351 5 (1997DA07) for GS to GS transition; 1995AU04
 167IR2CQ give QA=6495 50, reflecting lack of information concerning daughter
 167IR3CQ state at that time.
 167IR CQ SP From measured EP=1064 6 (1997DA07) for GS to GS transition;
 167IR2CQ SP=-1110 10 in 1995AU04.
 167IR XA171AU A DECAY (1.02 MS)
 167IR XB78KR(92MO,2NPG)
 167IR L 0 (1/2+) 35.2 MS 20
 167IR2 L %A=48 6 (1997DA07)\$%P=32 4 (1997DA07)\$%EC+%B+=?
 167IRX L XREF=B
 167IR CL J comparison of calculated and measured partial lifetimes for
 167IR2CL p decay rule out d{-3/2} and h{-11/2} transitions, so 1997DA07 conclude
 167IR3CL that an L=0 p is emitted to the 0+ GS of 166OS.
 167IR CL %A,%P From relative intensities of |a and p decay from level,

Level and Gamma Properties - General

- Every nuclide must have at least 1 level
- Document sources of all data (dataset name, not just keynumber)
- Comment on serious discrepancies
- Specify whether 'average' is weighted or unweighted (use larger of internal and external uncertainties in weighted averages)
- Remember to round off so that uncertainty <26
- Remember that 'level' and 'gamma' data appear in different tables in NDS; unhelpful to say "Jpi for levels with γ to 8+ isomer based on ..." (in level table) or "multipolarity for γ s observed in low spin reactions is from ..." (in γ table)
- Do not include:
 - continuation G records giving CC, KC, etc
 - primary γ rays from neutron capture
 - neutron capture state(s)
 - coincidence 'C' from col. 78 of G records
 - unplaced γ rays listed in source datasets

Level Properties

Level Energy:

- Use GTOL to calculate from adopted E_γ in most cases.
- Include all discrete levels and giant resonances; identify analog resonances
- Adopt minimum number of levels consistent with source datasets

T1/2 (or Γ):

- Specify source, e.g., “from $B(E2)^\uparrow$ in Coulomb excitation”, etc.
- Give bare-atom half-lives in comment (e.g., “ $T_{1/2}(52\text{Fe}26+) = \dots$ ”)
- Remember $\Gamma = \Gamma_\gamma + \Gamma_p + \dots$ for resonance, so note any assumptions such as ‘ $\Gamma = \Gamma_{\gamma_0} + \Gamma_{\gamma_1}$ ’ or ‘ $\Gamma = \Gamma_p$ ’.

Band Flag: (if relevant)

Give rotational band parameters in comment (if meaningful) from:

$$E_K(J) = E_0 + A(J(J+1) - K^2) + B(J(J+1) - K^2)^2 + (-)^{J+K}(J+K)!/(J-K)!(A_{2K} + B_{2K}(J(J+1) - K^2))$$

Isospin: very important for low A!

Level Decay Branches: for g.s. and $T_{1/2} \geq 0.1$ s levels, include all modes that might reasonably be expected, even if not yet observed

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92RB  Q  8100      7  5099   10 10750   60                1995AU04
92RB  L  0.0              0-                      4.492 S   20
92RB2 L  %B-=100 $ %B-N=0.0107 5 $
92RBX L  XREF=AB
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192PO  Q              11.0E3 SY 2.2E3  SY 7320   7   1995AU04
192PO  CQ             |DS(n)=360, |DS(p)=450 (1995AU04).
192PO  L  0.0              0+                      33.2 MS   14
192POX L  XREF=AB
192PO2 L  %A AP 100$ %EC+%B+=?$
192PO  CL              %A: only A DECAY observed. %(EC+B+) AP 0.4 can be
192PO2CL estimated from gross B decay theory (partial T AP 8 S)
192PO3CL (1973TA30), or AP 0.54 from partial BETA T of 6.1 S
192PO4CL calculated by 1997MO25.
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168RE  Q -5800      SY8960   SY830   SY5063   13   1995AU04
168RE  CQ             |DQ(|b)=400, |DS(n)=420, |DS(p)=510 (1995Au04).
168RE  L  0.0              (5+,6+,7+)   4.4 S   1
168RE2 L  %EC+%B+=100$ %A AP 5E-3 $
168REX L  XREF=AB
168RE  CL              %A: deduced from IA/RI(199.3G in 168W) and EC decay
168RE2CL scheme for 168RE (1992Me10).

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Example 2: decay branches

XREF Flags:

- Use 'X(*)' if level from dataset X cannot be uniquely identified with level in question
- Use 'X(energy)' to resolve any ambiguity due to poor energy match between adopted level and dataset X level

Example 3: XREFs

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59NI L 5821 10
59NIX L XREF= BN(*5830)
59NI CL JPI=3/2+ FROM (POL P,D) AND L(P,D)=2 FOR 5821 AND/OR
59NI2CL 5844 LEVEL(S).
59NI L 5844 10 (3/2+,5/2+)
59NIX L XREF=BN(*5830)
59NI CL J L(D,P)=(2). JPI=3/2+ FROM (POL P,D) AND L(P,D)=2 FOR 5821
59NI2CL AND/OR 5844 LEVEL(S).
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- Watch for systematic energy scale deviations between various reaction studies

- Avoid associating transfer reaction level with an adopted level whose configuration would not be excited

Example 4

169Tm(d,p) Target: $1/2[411]p$ g.s.
n stripped from d

170Tm states populated must be $1/2[411]p \otimes \Omega[xxx]n$

Populated:

 $1/2[411]p \pm 1/2[521]n$ $1/2[411]p \pm 5/2[512]n$ $1/2[411]p \pm 7/2[633]n$ $1/2[411]p \pm 3/2[521]n$ Not populated: $7/2[404]p \pm 7/2[633]n$ $1/2[541]p \pm 5/2[512]n$ $1/2[541]p \pm 7/2[633]n$ **B(L λ) \uparrow :**

Give only when value measured, but branching or $T_{1/2}$ unknown (e.g., E3 Coulomb excitation measured, but no E3 transition observed)

Moments (μ , Q): static, model-independent values

- Summarized in 89Ra17 (evaluation) and 01StZZ (listing); add new references
- Specify method used
- Mention standards used, corrections applied (e.g., Sternheimer)
- Signs do matter
- Convert g-factor data to μ

$\Delta\langle r^2 \rangle$ (DAVRSQ): include data in comment on g.s. (or isomer) if available

Example 5: μ , $\Delta\langle r^2 \rangle$, etc

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167LU L 0.0+X 1/2(+) 1 M GE CM
167LUX L XREF=B
167LU2 L %EC+%B+=?%IT=?
167LU3 L MOMM1=-0.0999 13 (1998GE13)$
167LU CL DAVRSQ(170LU,167LU)=-0.291 (1998GE13); 10%
167LU2CL systematic uncertainty.
167LU CL J,MOMM1: from collinear fast beam laser spectroscopy
167LU2CL (1998GE13). PI based on proximity of MOMM1 to value expected for
167LU3CL 1/2[411] orbital (-0.05) cf. that for the only other nearby J=1/2
167LU4CL orbital (viz. 1/2[541], |m AP +0.7).
167LU CL T estimated by 1998GE13; based on known rare-earth diffusion ...
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Spin and Parity:

- An argument must be provided for every $J\pi$ that is given
- Use fewest and best arguments for definite $J\pi$; more arguments the better for uncertain J or π . Try to convince reader; enable a quick check on the impact of any new data that may become available later
- Use flagged comments for long, repetitive arguments (e.g., “ $J\pi$ based on presence of primary γ from $1/2^+$ capture state in (n, γ) E = thermal and $\log f^{ut} < 8.5$ from $1/2^-$ in ... EC decay”)
- If directly measured (e.g., atomic beam), state the method
- Note that μ no longer provides a strong $J\pi$ argument (used to)
- Avoid using multiply-placed γ s in “ γ to $J\pi$ ” type arguments
- Note that “ γ s to $3/2^+$ and $5/2^-$ ” (2 levels) differs from “ γ s to $3/2^+$, $5/2^-$ ” (1 level) – avoid ambiguities
- “ γ to $J\pi$ ” is a weak argument
- “ γ to ...” arguments: level $J\pi$ matters; not E(level)
- Use “ $\log ft = \dots$ from $J\pi = 1/2^-$ ” and $L(d, p) = 2$ for $9/2^+$ target” type arguments; parent/target $J\pi$ is part of the argument

Sample $J\pi$ Arguments:

Argument(s)	$J\pi$
E2 737 γ to 7/2+ g.s.; $\log ft < 5.9$ from 1/2+.	3/2+
Primary γ from 1/2+ in (n, γ) E = thermal; E1 438 γ from 7/2- 832 level.	5/2+
From (pol d, p) and $L(d, p) = 3$ for 0+ target.	5/2+
$\log f^{ut} < 8.5$ from 2-; M1 558 γ from 4+ 1038 level.	3+
M1+E2 78 γ to 1/2- 132 level.	3/2-
E1 122 γ to 2- 244 level; 72 γ to 4+ 50 level.	(2,3)+
Probable analog of 3/2- 358 level in ^{AA} ZZ.	(3/2-)
Unhindered α decay from (10-) parent.	(10-)
γ to 2- and γ to 4+.	(2+,3,4-)

Gamma-ray Properties

Energy:

If E derived from level energy difference, say so and recalculate after GTOL has been run (without that $E\gamma$ included, of course)

Relative Branching:

- Scale $I\gamma$ so strongest branch is 100;

Exceptions:

Strongest line is multiply placed (& in col. 77) (give as $< I+\Delta I$)

Strongest line is given as a limit

Transition is within a superdeformed band

- Omit uncertainty if only one branch
- Give TI for E0 or fully converted transitions

Multipolarity:

• [mult] means 'deduced solely from level scheme'; use [E2], etc. only if needed to calculate transition probabilities or CC for line with no measured multipolarity

• Convert 'D' or 'Q' to '(E1)', '(E2)', etc., if preferred or if needed for calculation; specify how $\Delta\pi$ was deduced

- Remember that 'M1, E2' and 'M1+E2' are not equivalent

Mixing Ratio:

- Include sign, if known; absence of sign indicates modulus δ
- If two solutions, give both in comment, none in MR field
- Watch for cases where experiment gives higher limit than RUL allows

Conversion Coefficients (CC):

Give when significant

E0 Transitions:

Quote $\rho^2(E0)$ from 1999Wo07 (or from authors of later papers)

Reduced Transition Probabilities:

- Give whenever calculable
- If δ overlaps 0 or ∞ , calculate for D or Q only
- Calculate for [E1], [E2], [$\Delta J > 2$]
- Watch out for data given as a limit

Reduced Transition Probability Calculations (special cases)

I: Data given as limit:

$\delta(M1, E2) < 0.3$:

$B(E2)_W$: give as upper limit

$B(M1)_W$: give av. of $B(M1)_W(\delta=0)$ and $B(M1)_W(\delta=0.3)$

$Tl < i$ for non-dominant branch:

Assign $1/2i \pm 1/2i$ to this transition to enable calculation of

$B(L\lambda)_W$ s for other branches

$T_{1/2} < t$:

Give resulting lower limits on $B(L\lambda)_W$ s.

$T_{1/2} > t$:

Typically, forget it !

However, $B(E2)_W < 0.005$ or $B(E1)_W < 2 \times 10^{-10}$ might, for example, be worth mentioning

II: When $T_{1/2}$ was calculated directly from $B(L\lambda)$:

Calculate $B(L\lambda)_W \downarrow$ from measured $B(L\lambda) \uparrow$ and single-particle value (available from RULER)

Checking Your File

- Run FMTCHK and make necessary corrections
- Read through file (ENSDAT/ENSWIN output may be helpful); amazing what the eye can catch this way
- Check band drawings – typographical error in $J\pi$ or incorrect band flag may be extremely easy to detect in these drawings
- Run PANDORA.
 - Use FILE.ERR output to identify physics errors.
 - Use FILE.GLE to check for:
 - (i) inconsistencies in $J\pi$, MULT, δ between adopted and decay datasets
 - (ii) adopted photon branching that has not been renormalised so the strongest branch is 100
 - (iii) levels or transitions in decay or reaction datasets which were accidentally omitted from *Adopted Levels, Gammas* (or conversely)

**Bibliographic Databases
in support of NSDD Evaluations**

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1. Introduction

Bibliographic databases useful to nuclear structure and decay data (NSDD) evaluators are briefly described, along with examples of their usage. Authors' reference listings are also discussed. Nuclear Science References is recognized as the major bibliographic resource, and therefore most of the presentation is devoted to this database.

2. Nuclear Science References

Nuclear Science References (NSR) is the primary bibliographic resource for NSDD evaluators. Originally known as Nuclear Structure References, the name was changed in 1995 to reflect the extended coverage. The primary scanning effort is concentrated at the National Nuclear Data Center (NNDC), with some contributions from Russian groups that cover various conferences and laboratory reports.

About 75 to 80 journals are regularly scanned, particularly journals devoted completely to nuclear physics (*e.g.*, European Journal of Physics A, Nuclear Physics A, and Physical Review C) that are comprehensively indexed in NSR. Relevant information from laboratory reports, conference proceedings, theses, *etc.* is also indexed. NSR is a reference-oriented bibliography; *i.e.*, each entry represents one article. There are approximately 174000 entries with about 4500 added yearly. The database is considered "complete" for primary nuclear structure references (articles published in refereed journals) since 1967, and has references dating back to 1910.

HTML-formatted retrievals have links to other sources:

1. Journal link managers (American Physical Society, EDP Sciences, and Nuclear Physics Electronic
43561 as of 9 October 2003
2. Evaluated Nuclear Structure Data File (ENSDF)
229 as of 9 October 2003
3. Experimental Unevaluated Nuclear Data Library (XUNDL)
960 as of 8 October 2003
4. Digital Object Identifiers (*doi*) for several journals

Use of the journal link managers is being phased out in favor of *doi*. At present, links to XUNDL are only available at the NNDC.

One issue of *Nuclear Data Sheets* is devoted to Recent References each year, reflecting the entries added to Nuclear Science References during the year. The following access *via* the Internet is available:

1. TELNET — IAEA-NDS and IAEA-NDS IPEN mirror,
2. Web — NNDC, IAEA-NDS, and IAEA-NDS IPEN mirror, (CODASYL database, and PERL)
3. Web — NNDC, IAEA-NDS and IAEA-NDS IPEN mirror (relational database, SQL, and Java Server Pages).

The older Web interface will be discarded by NNDC, probably before the end of 2004.

The master NSR database is updated as entries are added or modified, and the NNDC Web site is updated approximately weekly. Monthly updates are sent to the IAEA Nuclear Data Section. NSDD evaluation centers receive mass-chain-specific updates, and monthly updates in the exchange format are also sent to groups such as the Isotopes Project at LBNL and Sarov.

There are many ways to use NSR (*e.g.*, text searches of titles and keyword abstracts in the SQL version). The following five examples are relevant to ENSDF evaluators (all examples use SQL NSR, although similar capabilities are generally present in the older interfaces).

Example 1: Starting a New Mass Chain Evaluation

When starting a new mass chain evaluation, one should check NSR for entries added since the cut-off date of the previous evaluation, using the **Indexed search** option.

The screenshot shows a Netscape browser window titled "NSR Indexed Search - Netscape". The address bar contains the URL "http://www.nndc.bnl.gov/nsr/indx_form.jsp". The page content includes navigation links: [NSR Home], [Indexed Search], [Text Search], [Keynumber Search], and [Help].

Initialization Parameters:

Publication year range: 1910 to 2004
Primary only: Require measured quantity:
Output year order: Descending
Output format: Normal
 Search all entries Search entries added since 6 / 19 / 1995 (month/day/year)

Search parameters

Search Reset

Nuclide: [none] A=45 browse...
AND [none] browse...
AND [none] browse...

Search Reset

Instructions: Choose a category from the drop-down boxes on the left, and type in a value to search for on the right. The "Browse" buttons can be used to list allowed values. For more information, see the [help page](#).

[NSR Home] [Indexed Search] [Text Search] [Keynumber Search] [Help]

1. Uncheck primary only.
2. Selection of descending Output year order will list published references before earlier related preliminary results.
3. Select Search entries added since, and use the ENSDF cut-off date for the mass chain as the criteria.
4. Select Nuclide and specify the mass as A = mmm to obtain all entries for nuclides with mass mmm.

The resultant retrieval will look like:

The screenshot shows a Netscape browser window titled "NSR Query Results - Netscape". The address bar contains the URL "http://www.nndc.bnl.gov/nsr/indx_act.jsp". The page content includes the following text:

NSR Query Results

Publication year range : 1910 to 2004
Primary and secondary references.
Search entries added since 6/19/1995.

Output year order : Descending
Format : Normal

NSR database version of Apr 30, 2004.

Indexed quantity search: Nuclide=A=45

Found 133 matches. Showing 1 to 100. [\[Next\]](#)

[Back to query form](#)

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Hot rotating fp shell nuclei near proton drip

NUCLEAR STRUCTURE 44,45,46,47,48,49,50,51,52,53,54,55,56,57,58,59,60Fe, calculated proton separation energies, level density and deformation parameters vs temperature. 46,50,54,58Fe; calculated rotational bands energy vs spin, related features. Determination of particle stability discussed.

doi: [10.1103/PhysRevC.69.034602](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevC.69.034602)

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One should probably not check **Require measured quantity** in this initial survey, since you will want to check for relevant compilations and evaluations.

The retrieval should also be repeated by selecting A [range] instead of Nuclide and specifying the mass of interest. Such an approach is necessary to obtain NSR entries where the number of nuclides is too numerous to list, and again is useful to check for relevant compilations and evaluations. The two retrievals may be combined using a Boolean OR.

View and Combine NSR Retrievals - Netscape

File Edit View Go Bookmarks Tools Window Help

http://www.nndc.bnl.gov/nsr/comb_form.js Search

View and Combine NSR Retrievals

View and Combine Previous Retrievals

[\[NSR Home\]](#) [\[Indexed Search\]](#) [\[Text Search\]](#) [\[Keynumber Search\]](#) [\[Combine/View Lists\]](#) [\[Help\]](#)

Combine lists:

2 OR 3 Combine

Output format: Normal Output year order: Descending

Current lists:

List #	Search/Initialization strings	Number found	
1	Indexed quantity search: Nuclide=A=45 YLO:1910; YHI:2004; PRIM:no; EXPR:no; Cutoff:None	860	View
2	Indexed quantity search: Nuclide=A=45 YLO:1910; YHI:2004; PRIM:no; EXPR:no; Cutoff:6/19/1995	133	View
3	Indexed quantity search: A(range)=45 YLO:1910; YHI:2004; PRIM:no; EXPR:no; Cutoff:6/19/1995	201	View

[Clear Lists](#)

[\[NSR Home\]](#) [\[Indexed Search\]](#) [\[Text Search\]](#) [\[Keynumber Search\]](#) [\[Combine/View Lists\]](#) [\[Help\]](#)

Done

Example 2: Starting an Evaluation of a Nuclide

The first step in starting an evaluation of a nuclide is similar to that for a mass chain. Instead of specifying $A = mmm$ for the nuclide, define the nuclide. Also, the ENSDF cut-off date for the nuclide should be used.

The screenshot shows the Netscape browser window titled "NSR Indexed Search - Netscape". The address bar contains the URL "http://www.nndc.bnl.gov/nsr/indx_form.jsp". The page content includes a navigation menu with links for [NSR Home], [Indexed Search], [Text Search], [Keynumber Search], and [Help]. Below this is the "Initialization Parameters" section, which includes a "Publication year range" set from 1910 to 2004, checkboxes for "Primary only" and "Require measured quantity", a dropdown for "Output year order" set to "Descending", and a dropdown for "Output format" set to "Normal". There are also radio buttons for "Search all entries" and "Search entries added since" with date pickers for month (6), day (19), and year (1995). The "Search parameters" section features a "Search" button, a "Reset" button, and three rows of search criteria. The first row has a "Nuclide" dropdown set to "45Sc" and a "browse..." button. The second and third rows have a "(none)" dropdown and a "browse..." button. A second "Search" and "Reset" button are located below these rows. At the bottom, there is an "Instructions" paragraph and another set of navigation links: [NSR Home], [Indexed Search], [Text Search], [Keynumber Search], and [Help].

- 1 May also be useful to undertake retrievals for A [range] and Z [range] and use a Boolean OR. Note that the Z number (not chemical symbol) is required for the option.

View and Combine NSR Retrievals - Netscape

File Edit View Go Bookmarks Tools Window Help

http://www.nndc.bnl.gov/nsr/comb_form.js Search

View and Combine NSR Retrievals

View and Combine Previous Retrievals

[\[NSR Home\]](#) [\[Indexed Search\]](#) [\[Text Search\]](#) [\[Keynumber Search\]](#) [\[Combine/View Lists\]](#) [\[Help\]](#)

Combine lists:

4 5

Output format: Output year order:

Current lists:

List #	Search/Initialization strings	Number found	
1	Indexed quantity search: Nuclide=45Sc YLO:1910; YHI:2004; PRIM:no; EXPR:no; Cutoff:6/19/1995	38	<input type="button" value="View"/>
2	Indexed quantity search: Z(range)=Sc YLO:1910; YHI:2004; PRIM:no; EXPR:no; Cutoff:6/19/1995	0	<input type="button" value="View"/>
3	Indexed quantity search: Z(range)=21 YLO:1910; YHI:2004; PRIM:no; EXPR:no; Cutoff:6/19/1995	128	<input type="button" value="View"/>
4	Indexed quantity search: A(range)=45 YLO:1910; YHI:2004; PRIM:no; EXPR:no; Cutoff:6/19/1995	201	<input type="button" value="View"/>
5	List combine: 1 OR 3	166	<input type="button" value="View"/>

[\[NSR Home\]](#) [\[Indexed Search\]](#) [\[Text Search\]](#) [\[Keynumber Search\]](#) [\[Combine/View Lists\]](#) [\[Help\]](#)

Example 3: As an Aid in Reviewing an ENSDF Evaluation

NSR may also aid the referee in checking for the completeness of an evaluation under review. Using the new cut-off date and the cut-off date of the previous evaluation, a Boolean NOT operation can be adopted to achieve this objective.

View and Combine Previous Retrievals

[\[NSR Home\]](#) [\[Indexed Search\]](#) [\[Text Search\]](#) [\[Keynumber Search\]](#) [\[Combine/View Lists\]](#) [\[Help\]](#)

Combine lists:

1 AND NOT 2

Output format: Normal Output year order: Descending

Current lists:

List #	Search/Initialization strings	Number found	
1	Indexed quantity search: Nuclide=A=45 YLO:1910; YHI:2004; PRIM:no; EXPR:no; Cutoff:6/19/1995	133	<input type="button" value="View"/>
2	Indexed quantity search: Nuclide=A=45 YLO:1910; YHI:2004; PRIM:no; EXPR:no; Cutoff:1/1/2004	10	<input type="button" value="View"/>
3	List combine: 1 AND NOT 2	123	<input type="button" value="View"/>

[\[NSR Home\]](#) [\[Indexed Search\]](#) [\[Text Search\]](#) [\[Keynumber Search\]](#) [\[Combine/View Lists\]](#) [\[Help\]](#)

Again, one should check for relevant compilations and evaluations.

Example 4: Searches by Publication Year and First Author

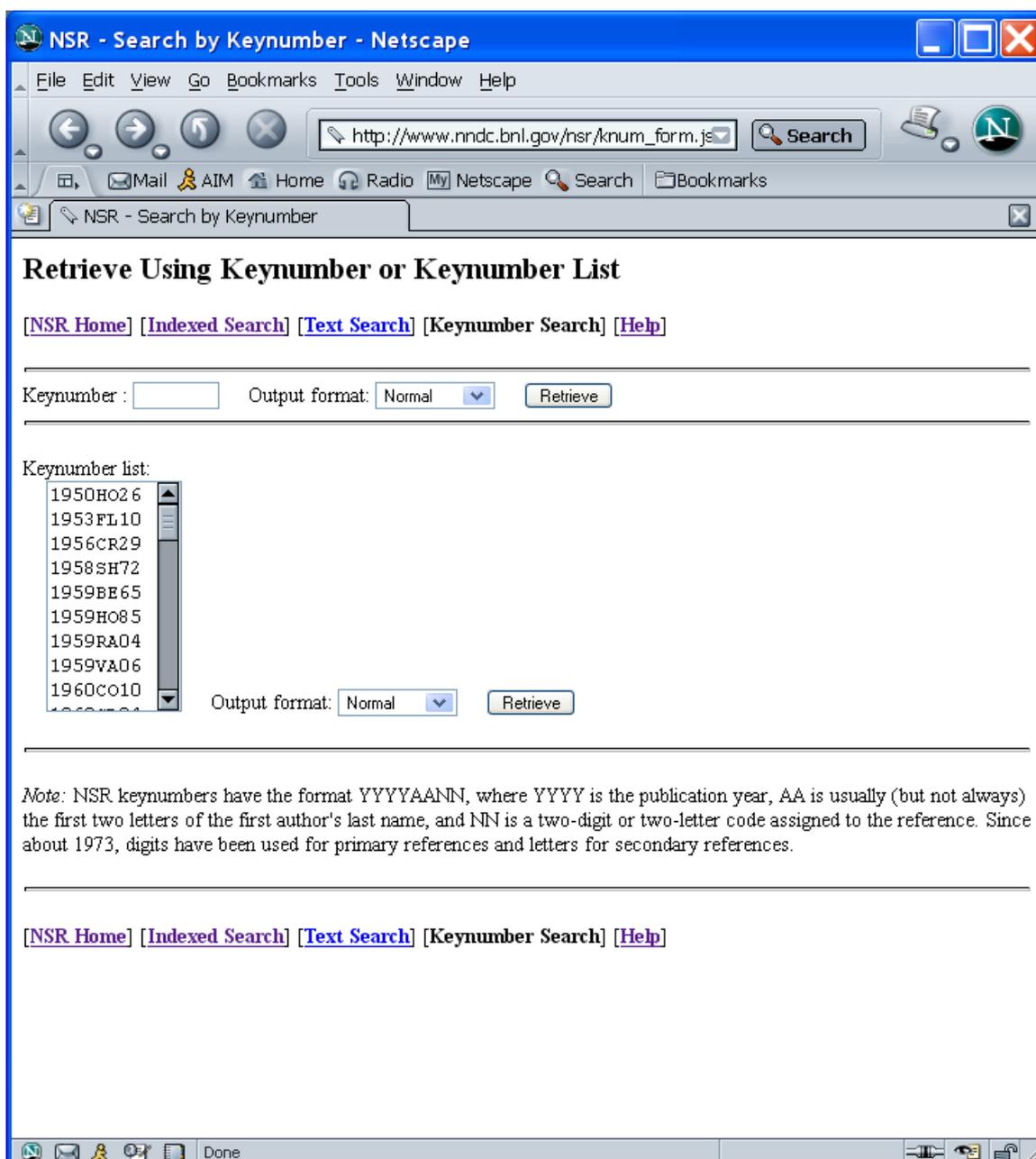
There may be instances when an evaluator finds a reference that does not seem to appear in NSR. This observation may occur if there is an error in NSR or if Selectors could not be generated for the NSR entry, and can be checked by means of the **Indexed search** option.

The screenshot shows the Netscape browser window titled "NSR Indexed Search - Netscape". The address bar contains the URL "http://www.nndc.bnl.gov/nsr/indx_act.jsp". The page content includes a navigation menu with links for [NSR Home], [Indexed Search], [Text Search], [Keynumber Search], and [Help]. Below this is the "Initialization Parameters" section, which includes a "Publication year range" set to "2003 to 2003", checkboxes for "Primary only" and "Require measured quantity", a dropdown for "Output year order" set to "Ascending", and a dropdown for "Output format" set to "Normal". There are also radio buttons for "Search all entries" (selected) and "Search entries added since" with dropdowns for "5", "7", and "2004" (month/day/year). The "Search parameters" section features a "Search" and "Reset" button, followed by three rows of search criteria. The first row has a dropdown for "FirstAuthor" and a text input field containing "Audi". The second and third rows are labeled "AND" and have a dropdown set to "(none)". Each row has a "browse..." button. A second "Search" and "Reset" button is located below the search criteria. At the bottom, there is an "Instructions" section and another set of navigation links: [NSR Home], [Indexed Search], [Text Search], [Keynumber Search], and [Help].

1. Specify the publication year range.
2. Deselect primary only.
3. Select **FirstAuthor**, and specify the last name of the first author.

Example 5: Checking Keynumber Lists

Useful to check the keynumbers in an ENSDF evaluation prior to submission to the NNDC for typographical errors. Use the keynumber list generated by the ENSDAT program (Evaluated Nuclear Structure Drawings and Tables) and the **Keynumbersearch** option of NSR.



1. Copy the keynumber file generated by ENSDAT to the clipboard.
2. Paste into the Keynumber list.
3. Check the results for missing entries or entries that have no relationship to your evaluation.

When using NSR as an NSDD evaluator, there are three points worth noting:

1. If you encounter a possible error in an NSR entry, please check the entry using the exchange format option which allows one to see the Selectors that have been generated from the keyword abstract. If you confirm the problem, report your findings to Dave Winchell at Winchell@bnl.gov or nsr@bnl.gov.
2. All references cited in an ENSDF evaluation should have a keynumber assignment. If you encounter a reference which does not appear to be indexed in NSR, please note the following: Check NSR using first author and publication year.
 - a. If a relatively recent secondary reference (*e.g.*, a private communication or preprint), may be useful to wait.
 - b. Except for major journals and conference proceedings, a copy of the reference is required for a keynumber assignment. For theses, this would be complete bibliographic information and the pages of text relevant to your evaluation. Conferences require complete bibliographic information and the article. Authors' names, file creation/modification and download dates, and hard copy or the files are required for data downloaded from the Internet.
 - c. Send the information to Jag Tuli (NNDC, BNL) with your submittal or update of an ENSDF evaluation.
3. If you have access to obscure laboratory reports, limited distribution conference proceedings, *etc.*, send a copy to the NNDC for inclusion in the library and scanning into NSR.

3. Computer Index to Neutron Data

The Computer Index to Neutron Data (CINDA) is the result of scanning efforts by four centers in the Nuclear Reaction Data network (National Nuclear Data Center - US and Canada, Nuclear Energy Agency Data Bank - OECD members, Russian Nuclear Data Center - former Soviet Union, and IAEA Nuclear Data Section - other countries). Coverage includes journals, conference proceedings, laboratory reports, theses, *etc.* Data compiled in the Exchange Format (EXFOR) and evaluations in various national or international nuclear reaction data libraries are also indexed.

CINDA is a data-oriented bibliography in which information is blocked in terms of experimental quantity and laboratory: consists of about 265000 entries and is considered "complete" from the discovery of the neutron onwards.

HTML retrievals have links to other sources of data including the journal link managers listed above, EXFOR entries, and various evaluated nuclear reaction data libraries. The following access *via* the Internet is available:

1. TELNET — IAEA-NDS and IAEA-NDS IPEN mirror,

2. Web — NNDC, IAEA-NDS, and IAEA-NDS IPEN mirror (CODASYL database and PERL),
3. Web — NNDC, IAEA-NDS and IAEA-NDS IPEN mirror (relational database, SQL and Java Servlets).

Historically, CINDA has proved useful for checking the completeness of reference coverage for NSDD evaluations. At present, the primary usefulness involves links to the data compiled in the EXFOR format. An example of such links for $^{235}\text{U}(n, \gamma)$ spectral data is shown in the following figure.

Energy Range	Source	Reaction Type	EXFOR ID	Points
6.4+0 3.9+1	GEL	Expt Data	EXFOR20135.	7303
1.1+0 6.4+0	BNL	Expt Jour	PRL 25 953 7010	27PTS.
4.8+0	BNL	Expt Conf	69STUDSV	105 6908
NDG	BNL	Expt Abst	BAP 16	551 7104
+0 +1	BNL	Expt Abst	BAP 15	807 7006
Maxw	KFK	Expt Rept	KFK-1214	7007
2.5-2	KFK	Expt Prog	KFK-1980	2 4 7410
Maxw	KFK	Expt Conf	74PETTEN	658 7409
Maxw	KFK	Expt Conf	74PETTEN	749 7409
Maxw	KFK	Expt Prog	EANDC (E) 157U I	7303
Maxw	KFK	Expt Conf	72BUD	84 7208
Maxw	KFK	Expt Conf	69STUDSV	51 6908
Maxw	KFK	Expt Rept	KFK-1095	6908
Maxw 2.0+3	KFK	Expt Prog	NEANDC (E) -161U	7408
Maxw	KFK	Expt Priv	WIETKAMP	7300
Maxw	KFK	Expt Prog	EANDC (E) 127U	7004
Maxw	KFK	Expt Data	EXFOR20956.006	7906
Maxw	KFK	Expt Data	EXFOR20372.002	7409
Spec n, gamma	NDG	COL Expt Prog	NCSAC-38	60 7105
NDG	COL	Expt Prog	NCSAC-31	56 7005
Spec n, gamma +0 +1	COL	Expt Prog	NCSAC-38	59 7105
NDG	COL	Expt Prog	NCSAC-31	51 7005
Spec n, gamma +0 +4	COL	Expt Prog	WASH-1124	31 6811
Maxw	UPP	Expt Conf	72BUD	6 7208
Maxw	UPP	Expt Rept	INIS-MF-427	7206
Maxw	UPP	Expt Prog	EANDC (OR) 99	19 7008
Maxw	UPP	Expt Conf	69STUDSV	141 6908
Maxw	UPP	Expt Prog	EANDC (OR) -83	6901
Spec n, gamma 1.1+0 3.2+1	BNL	Expt Jour	PR/C 8 781 7308	
-1 +2	BNL	Expt Abst	DA/B 32	4793 7202
1.1+0 3.2+1	BNL	Expt Conf	71KNOX	792 7103
1.1+0 3.2+1	BNL	Expt Conf	70HELSIN 1	377 7006
1.1+0 3.2+1	BNL	Expt Prog	NCSAC-42	48 7111
1.1+0 3.2+1	BNL	Expt Abst	BAP 16	1181 7110
1.1+0 3.2+1	BNL	Expt Abst	BAP 16	496 7104
1.1+0 3.2+1	BNL	Expt Prog	NCSAC-33	24 7012

Future plans for CINDA include expanding the coverage to include charged-particle and photon-induced reactions (limiting indexing to experimental and evaluated data only), and closer linkages between CINDA and NSR that may allow links from NSR to EXFOR.

4. Authors' Reference Lists

The bibliography of an article should always be checked for relevant references that are not in NSR. These include private communications, preprints, obscure journal articles, conferences, laboratory reports, theses and URLs. Care should be taken when using some of these sources, particularly Web-based information and data. Any discrepancies between the

supporting data on a Web site and the published article should be resolved with the authors. Also, since the Web is somewhat ephemeral in nature, the data should be saved locally along with sufficient information to identify such material (authors and file creation, modification, and download dates).

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Abstract

The structure and format for the Evaluated Nuclear Structure Data File (ENSDF) are described. ENSDF is used to store nuclear structure properties of nuclides and the results of various experiments to derive those properties.

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Chapter I

I. INTRODUCTION

The organization and structure of the Evaluated Nuclear Structure Data File (ENSDF) are described in this manual.¹ This computer-based file is maintained by the National Nuclear Data Center (NNDC) at Brookhaven National Laboratory for the international Nuclear Structure and Decay Data Network.²

For every mass number (presently $A \leq 293$), the Evaluated Nuclear Structure Data File (ENSDF) contains evaluated structure information. For masses $A \geq 44$, this information is published in the *Nuclear Data Sheets*; for $A < 44$, ENSDF is based on compilations published in the journal *Nuclear Physics*. The information in ENSDF is updated by mass chain or by nuclide with a varying cycle time dependent on the availability of new information.

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¹ The format for ENSDF was first designed by W. B. Ewbank and M. R. Schmorak at the Nuclear Data Project, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, and was described in the ORNL-5054/R1 (February 1978). The present report describes the current format and supersedes both the ORNL report and BNL-NCS 51655 (March 1983) and BNL-NCS-51655-Rev.87 (April 1987).

² Coordinated by the International Atomic Energy Agency, Vienna - see any issue of the *Nuclear Data Sheets* for list of evaluation data centers.

Chapter II

II. GENERAL ORGANIZATION AND STRUCTURE OF THE DATA FILE

A. General Organization

The Evaluated Nuclear Structure Data File (ENSDF) is made up of a collection of 'data sets' which present one of the following kinds of information:

1. The summary information for a mass chain giving information, *e.g.*, evaluators' names and affiliations, cutoff date, evaluators' remarks, and publication details, *etc.*
2. The references used in all the data sets for the given mass number. This data set is based upon reference codes (key numbers) used in various data sets for a given mass number and is added to the file by the NNDC.
3. The adopted level and gamma-ray properties for each nuclide.
4. The evaluated results of a single type of experiment, *e.g.*, a radioactive decay or a nuclear reaction for a given nuclide.
5. The combined evaluated results of a number of experiments of the same kind, *e.g.*, (heavy ion, $xn\gamma$), Coulomb excitation, *etc.* for a given nuclide.

The data sets in ENSDF are organized by their mass number. Within a mass number the data sets are of two kinds:

- Data sets which contain information pertaining to the complete mass chain. These data sets contain information of the type (1) and (2) given above.
- Data sets belonging to a given nuclide (Z -value).

Latter data sets, *i.e.*, for a given nuclide (Z -value), consist of the following:

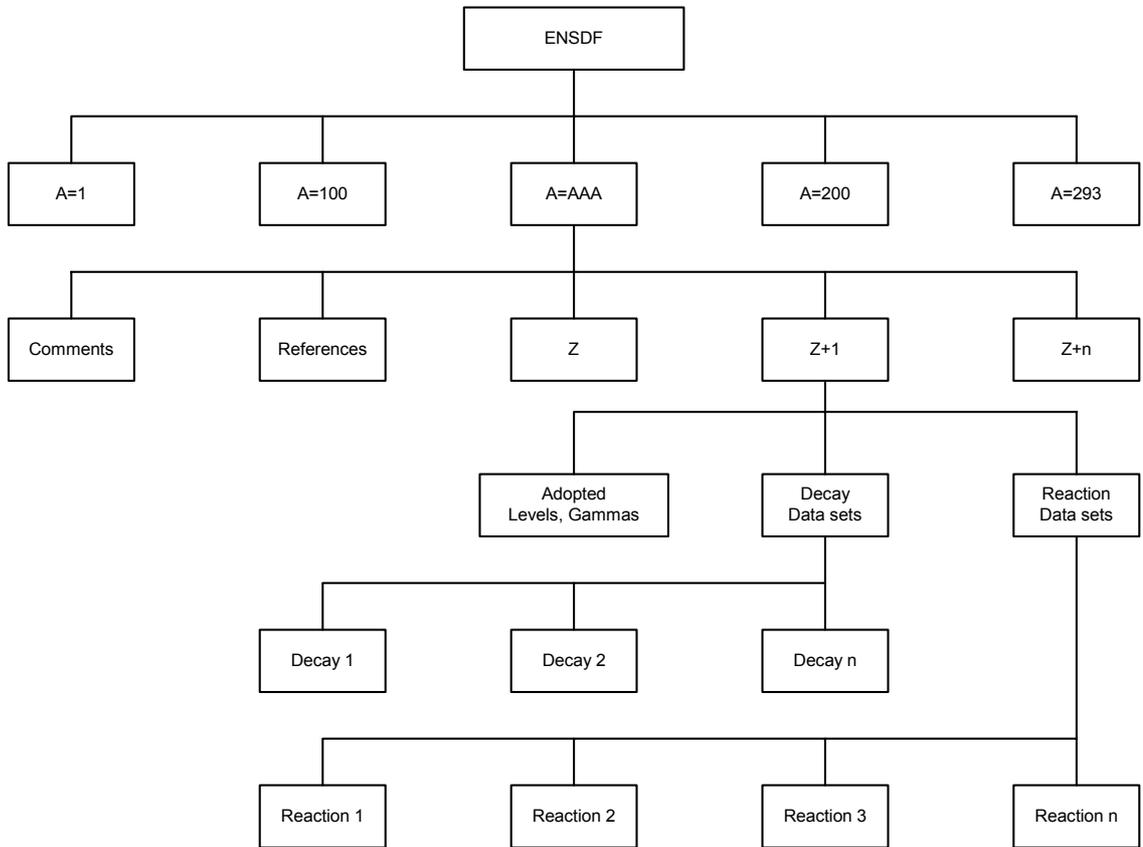
- A Comments data set which gives abstract information for the nuclide. This data set contains summary information as described in (1) above. This data set exists only if the nuclide was evaluated or updated beyond the whole mass chain was evaluated.
- Adopted data set (only one per Z -value) giving adopted properties
- of the levels and gamma rays seen in that nuclide.
- Data sets giving information of the type (4) or (5) above.

If there is more than one data set of type (4) or (5) for a given nuclide, then an adopted data set is *required* for that nuclide. If there is only one data set for a given nuclide and no gamma-rays have been seen, then that data set is assumed also to present the adopted properties for that nuclide. However, if there is gamma information known for the nuclide, a separate Adopted Levels, Gammas data set must be given even though all the information may come from only one experiment (data set).

The general organization of ENSDF is shown in Fig. II.1.

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Figure II.1: ENSDF Organization Chart



B. Data Set Structure

A data set is composed of 80-character records. A data set has at least two records, the beginning (DSID) and the endrecord. Data set structure is shown in Fig. II.2, and is described below:

A data set *must* begin with an IDENTIFICATION record and *must* end with an END record (a blank record). Between these two records, there can be as many additional records as are needed to describe fully the experimental or the evaluated information.

Immediately following the IDENTIFICATION record is a group of records which contain information about the entire data set (#1 and #2 in Fig. II.2). The History (H), general COMMENT (C), NORMALIZATION (N), Q-VALUE (Q), PARENT (P), and CROSS-REFERENCE (X) records are of this type. Not all of these records are included in every data set. For example, Q-VALUE (Q) and CROSS-REFERENCE (X) records normally appear only in adopted data sets while the PARENT (P) record is given only in radioactive decay data sets.

The body of a data set (#3 and #4 in Fig. II.2) is composed of numeric data records which describe the measured or deduced properties of levels, γ rays, α particles, etc. These records are associated with the level which decays (for GAMMA, records) or the level which is populated (for BETA, EC, ALPHA, PARTICLE, or DELAYED-PARTICLE records). Thus, each LEVEL record is followed by a group of records describing β , ϵ , or (delayed-) particle decay into the level and γ -ray out of the level (#4 in Fig. II.2). The LEVEL records, and the corresponding radiation records, are placed in the data set in the order of increasing energy.

If a GAMMA, ALPHA, EC, BETA, or (DELAYED-)PARTICLE record properly belongs in a data set but cannot be associated with any particular level, the record should be placed in the data set *before* any LEVEL records (#3 in Fig. II.2).

The placement of COMMENT records is described in Section III.B.5.

C. File Storage and Transmittal

The data sets sent to NNDC for inclusion in ENSDF can be in any order, as the file is currently maintained using a data base management system which rearranges various data sets in their predetermined order. Copies of the file are transmitted in the form of a sequential file via various mass media. Unless requested otherwise the data sets in the sequential file are arranged by mass numbers in increasing numerical order. For a given mass number the data sets are organized as given in Fig. II.1, ordering them from left to right. Decay data sets are placed under the daughter nuclide and are ordered by A , Z and then the excitation energy of the parent nuclide. The reaction data sets are given under the residual nuclide and ordered by the A , Z of the target nuclide followed by the A , Z of the incident particle and then by the energy of the incident particle. These are followed by other data sets, e.g., Coulomb Excitation, (HI, XNG), etc.

Data Set Structure

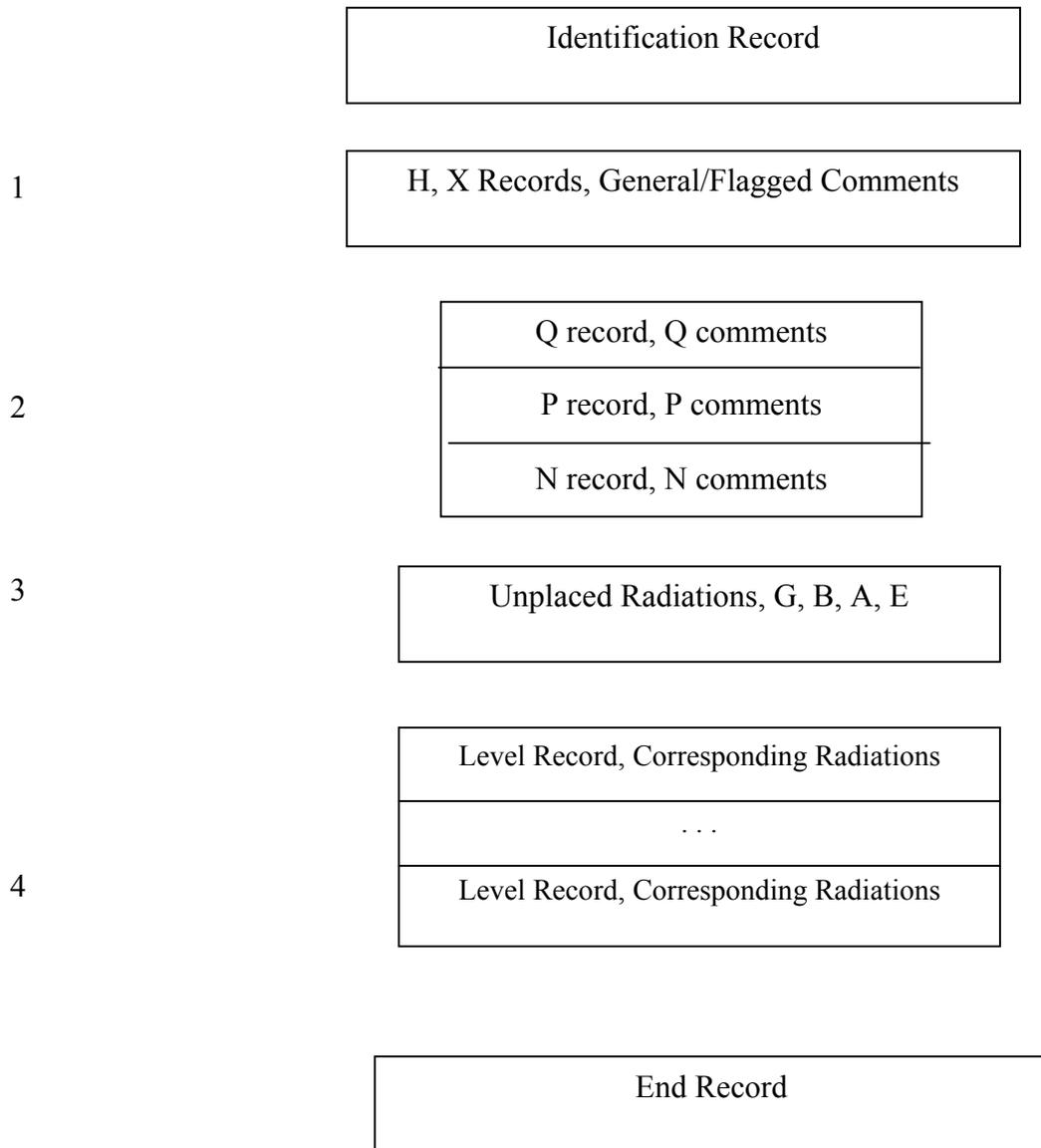


Fig. II.2

Chapter III

III. STANDARD ONE-CARD RECORD FORMATS

A. Introduction

In most cases, all information for a record can be placed on a single 80-column (byte) card (record)³. A 'standard' format has been defined for each one-card record, such that the most commonly used quantities can be placed on a single card. The standard formats are described in this section for each record. If a needed quantity is not included in the standard format or if a value will not fit within the field defined for the value by the standard format, or if a record cannot be contained on a single card, then additional cards can be prepared as described in Chapter IV (for examples, see Appendices C and D). Note that many of the analysis programs may not process standard fields when placed on the continuation records.

B. The Standard One-Card Record Formats

Record formats are given below in the same order in which they would normally be encountered in a data set. Conditions under which each record may appear or be required are given in parentheses. The format descriptions give the fields (in inclusive card-column numbers), the field names (the formal 'name' of the quantity that goes into the field), and a brief field description. Card columns not explicitly included in the fields are expected to be blank. A detailed description of each field can be found in the reference section noted. Any numerical field left blank usually implies that the numerical information is lacking. Numbers will usually be assumed to be positive unless stated otherwise. Numbers can be entered anywhere in the appropriate field (i.e., there is no need to left-adjust or right-adjust, unless stated otherwise.)

³ Throughout this manual an 80-byte record is referred to as a card of 80 columns. Column number refers to the byte number on the record, starting from the left.

1. Identification Record

*Required for all data sets.
Must precede all other records.*

Field (Col.)	Name	Description	Reference
1-5	NUCID	Nuclide Identification	V.1
6-9		Must be blank	
10-39	DSID	Data set identification	V.2
40-65	DSREF	References to main supporting publications and analyses	V.3
66-74	PUB	Publication Information	V.4
75-80	DATE	Date (year/month) when the data set was placed in ENSDF (entered automatically by computer)	V.5

Note: In the rare case when DSID field is insufficient for dataset identification it may be continued on a second identification record with columns 1-39 defined as above except that col. 6 will contain an alphanumeric character and columns 40-80 will be blank. If there is a continuation record, the DSID field on the first IDENTIFICATION record *must* end with a comma ‘,’.

2. History Record

The history records follow the Identification record and should appear in reverse-chronological order, most recent being the first

Field (Col.)	Name	Description	Reference
1-5	NUCID	Nuclide identification	V.1
6		Blank	
		Any alphanumeric character other than ‘1’ for continuation records	
7		Must be blank	
8	H	Letter ‘H’ is required	
9		Must be blank	
10-80	History	Dataset history consisting of various field descriptors and their values in cols 10-80 continued on any number of continuation records. Field descriptor is followed by an ‘=’ (without spaces before or after ‘=’) and the value and a terminator ‘\$’ (‘\$’ is not needed for the last field descriptor)	V.25

3. Q-value Record

Required for adopted data sets.

If there is only one data set for the nuclide, the Q-value record should be given in that data set.

Must precede L, G, B, E, A, DP records.

If signs are not given, they will be assumed to be +.

Field (Col.)	Name	Description	Reference
1-5	NUCID	Nuclide identification	V.1
6		Blank	
7		Must be blank	
8	Q	Letter 'Q' is required	
9		Must be blank	
10-19	Q ⁻	Total energy (keV) available for β^- decay of the ground state. (Q ⁻ > 0 if β^- decay is energetically possible. Q ⁻ < 0 represents the Q _{ϵ} energy of the Z+1 (Z = proton number) isobar.)	V.10
20-21	DQ ⁻	Standard uncertainty in Q ⁻	V.11
22-29	SN	Neutron separation energy in keV	V.10
30-31	DSN	Standard uncertainty in SN	V.11
32-39	SP	Proton separation energy in keV	V.10
40-41	DSP	Standard uncertainty in SP	V.11
42-49	QA	Total energy (keV) available for α decay of the ground state	V.10
50-55	DQA	Standard uncertainty in QA	V.12
56-80	QREF	Reference citation(s) for the Q-values	V.3

4. Cross-Reference Record

Given only in adopted data sets.

Must precede L, G, B, E, A, DP records.

Field (Col.) Name		Description	Reference
1-5	NUCID	Nuclide identification	V.1
6		Blank	
7		Must be blank	
8	X	Letter 'X' is required	
9	DSSYM	Any ASCII character that uniquely identifies the data set whose DSID is given in col. 10-39.	
10-39	DSID	<i>Must</i> exactly match one of the DSID's used	V.2
40-80		Blank	

NOTES:

1. In *Nuclear Data Sheets* the DSID on the first 'X' record in the data set will be identified with character 'A' and second DSID with 'B' and so on, irrespective of DSSYM on the X card. Only the first 14 DSIDs on 'X' records are given different symbols. All the rest are given the symbol 'O' (for others). By merely reshuffling the X-records, evaluators can ascertain the DSIDs that will be identified individually. This has no effect on the file and affects only the published output.
2. If the DSID for the data set is continued on to a second card, the DSID on XREF record must match the DSID on the first card, including the terminating ',' which will be translated into ellipses in the cross-reference table in the output.
3. There must be a data set corresponding every given X-record.

5. Comment Record

General Comments

Must precede all L, G, B, E, A, DP records.

Field (Col.)	Name	Description	Reference
1-5	NUCID	Nuclide identification	V.1
6		Blank	
7	C	Any alphanumeric character other than '1' for continuation records	V.6
8		Letter 'C', 'D', or 'T' is required <i>See notes 3 - 5 below</i>	
9	RTYPE	Blank or record type of records to which the comment pertains	V.6
10-80	PSYM	Blank, or symbol for a (delayed-)particle, e.g., N, P, etc.	V.7
	CTEXT	Text of the comment. [See ENSDF Translation Dictionary (Appendix F)]	

NOTES:

1. The comment refers only to records of specified RTYPE given in that data set. The comment will normally appear only in the table for that RTYPE in the output. For example, if the comment is on levels ('L' in col. 8) it will appear only in the level properties table.
2. If col. 8 and 9 are blank then the comment refers to the whole data set. These general comments precede formatted level or the radiation records. See Appendix B for use of comment records in COMMENTS data set.
3. Letter 'T' in place of 'C' in col. 7 of a comment record indicates to the output programs that this record should be reproduced 'as is' and the blanks in the record should not be squeezed out.
4. Letter 'D' in place of 'C' in col. 7 of a comment record indicates to the output programs that this is a documentation record and can be ignored. This record will also be ignored by the various analysis programs.
5. Lower case letters 'c' and 't' in col. 7 of a comment record indicate to the output programs that CTEXT in these records should not be translated. These will appear as written in the *Nuclear Data Sheets*. In this mode one must write special characters directly, for example, '[g' for γ , '{+238}Pu' for ^{238}Pu . See Appendix A for list of special characters.

Record Comments

Must follow the record to which the comment pertains.

Field (Col.)	Name	Description	Reference
1-5	NUCID	Nuclide identification	V.1
6		Blank	
7	C	Any alphanumeric character other than '1' for continuation records	V.6
8		Letter 'C' or 'D' is required <i>See notes 4 and 5 on General Comments</i>	
8	RTYPE	Record type being commented upon It can be blank for Particle records	V.6
9	PSYM	Blank, or symbol for a particle, e.g., N, P, etc.	
10-80	SYM\$ or SYM, SYM...\$	SYM = type of data being commented upon Specified SYMs must be followed by a '\$' except as in note 1 below.	V.8
10-80	CTEXT	Text of comment follows the '\$' On continuation comment records, CTEXT may start in col. 10, and SYM or SYMs are <i>not</i> repeated. [See ENSDF Translation Dictionary, Appendix F]	V.7

NOTES:

1. The old format, where SYM were specified in col. 10-19, will be accepted without the '\$' delimiter as long as col. 19 is a blank, and comment text begins in col. 20.
2. Record comments placed following a record of the same **RTYPE** refer only to that one record (for example, a comment record with 'CL' in cols. 7-8 and 'T\$' in col. 10-11 placed following the level record for the second-excited state refers to the half-life of *only* the second-excited state).

Footnote Comments

Must precede L, G, B, E, A, DP records

Field (Col.)	Name	Description	Reference
1-9		same as in ii (Record Comments)	
10-80	SYM\$ or SYM, SYM...\$or SYM(FLAG)\$ or SYM(FLAG), SYM(FLAG)...\$	SYM = see note 1 below FLAG = any ASCII alphanumeric character or string of alphanumeric characters <i>Field must end with a '\$'</i> <i>See note 1 on Record comments for exception</i>	V.8
10-80	CTEXT	Text of comment follows '\$' On continuation comment records SYM or SYM (FLAG) are <i>not</i> repeated. [See ENSDF Translation Dictionary (Appendix F)]	V.7

NOTES:

1. SYM can only be one of the following:
 - The fields defined in formatted L, G, B, E, A, DP records.
 - BAND. This SYM *must* be accompanied with a FLAG. Note also that text following '\$' delimiter, or in col. 20-80 in old format, will appear as the band label in some of the drawings. Therefore any other information on that band should be given on continuation records.
2. Footnote without FLAG
 - This refers to all records of the specified RTYPE in the data set.
 - The footnote will normally appear only in the table for that RTYPE in the output. For example, if the footnote is on levels ('L' in col. 8) it will appear only in the level properties table.
 - Footnote with FLAG
 - Only those records are footnoted for which footnote flags are given, see note 4 below.
 - Only those data values of data types specified by SYM which is associated with a given FLAG are footnoted.
3. Footnote FLAG must be either a single character placed in col. 77 of the formatted record or a string of characters assigned to a special data type called FLAG on the following continuation record.

Examples of flags on a continuation record:

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152EU2 G FLAG=ABCD$
156GD2 L FLAG=KMP$
```

4. No footnotes are allowed for records of RTYPE: N, P, or Q.

5. To change the standard label heading of a formatted field, e.g., S to C^2S for L records, CTEXT should have the form LABEL=name, where 'name' is the new label desired. The new label should be kept as short as possible. Note that FLAG can not be specified with relabeling; also any other comment on the relabeled field must appear on a different record.

Examples of field relabel:

156GD CL S\$LABEL=C2S

156GD CL S\$LABEL=DSIGMA/DOMEGA (45 DEG)

6. Parent Record

Required for all decay data sets.

Must precede L, G, B, E, A, DP records.

Field (Col.)	Name	Description	Reference		
1-5	NUCID	Parent Nuclide identification	V.1		
6		Must be blank			
7		Must be blank			
8		Letter 'P' is required			
9	P	Blank or an integer in case of multiple P records in the data set			
10-19		E		Energy of the decaying level in keV (0.0 for g.s.)	V.18
20-21		DE		Standard uncertainty in E	V.11
22-39		J		Spin and parity	V.20
40-49		T		Half-life; units <i>must</i> be given	V.14
50-55	DT	Standard uncertainty in T	V.12		
56-64		Must be blank			
65-74		QP		Ground-state Q-value in keV (total energy available for <u>g.s.</u> → <u>g.s.</u> transition); it will always be a positive number. Not needed for IT and SF decay.	V.9
75-76	DQP	Standard uncertainty in QP	V.11		
77-80	ION	Ionization State (for Ionized Atom decay), blank otherwise			

NOTES:

1. More than one parent card is allowed in a data set. If the decay scheme is due to more than one parent, separate P records should be given for each parent level.
2. Currently, publication program allows maximum of two parent cards.
3. Parent information, *namely*, E, J, T, QP must be identical to their values given in the Adopted Levels data set.

7. Normalization Record

Must precede L, G, B, E, A, DP records.

Required if an absolute normalization is possible;

used mainly with decay and (n, γ) reaction data sets.

Field (Col.)	Name	Description	Reference
1-5	NUCID	Nuclide (Daughter/Product) identification	V.1
6		Must be blank	
7		Must be blank	
8	N	Letter 'N' is required	
9		Blank or an integer in case of multiple P records in the data set. It should correspond to the designator on the P record.	
10-19	NR	Multiplier for converting relative <i>photon</i> intensity (RI in the GAMMA record) to <i>photons</i> per 100 decays of the parent through the decay branch or to <i>photons</i> per 100 neutron captures in an (n, γ) reaction. <i>Required</i> if the absolute photon intensity can be calculated.	V.9
20-21	DNR	Standard uncertainty in NR	V.11
22-29	NT	Multiplier for converting relative <i>transition</i> intensity (including conversion electrons) [TI in the GAMMA record] to <i>transitions</i> per 100 decays of the parent through this decay branch or per 100 neutron captures in an (η , γ) reaction. <i>Required</i> if TI are given in the GAMMA record and the normalization is known.	V.9
30-31	DNT	standard uncertainty in NT	V.11
32-39	BR	Branching ratio multiplier for converting intensity per 100 decays through this decay branch to intensity per 100 decays of the parent nuclide. <i>Required if known.</i>	V.9
40-41	DBR	Standard uncertainty in BR	V.11
42-49	NB	Multiplier for converting relative β^- and ϵ intensities (IB in the β^- record; IB, IE, TI in the EC record) to intensities per 100 decays through this decay branch. <i>Required if known.</i>	V.9

Field (Col.)	Name	Description	Reference
50-55	DNB	Standard uncertainty in NB	V.11
56-62	NP	Multiplier for converting per hundred delayed-transition intensities to per hundred decays of precursor	V.9
63-64	DNP	standard uncertainty in NP	V.11
65-80		Must be blank	

Note: Normally β^- and ϵ intensities are given as per 100 parent decays. One should remember that the multiplier for conversion to per 100 decays is $NB \times BR$, and therefore $NB = 1/BR$. Also, the uncertainties in $I(\beta^-)$ will be calculated from addition of three quantities $\Delta(I(\beta^-))$, DBR and DNB in quadrature. Unless the uncertainties are precisely known it is recommended that NB be given without uncertainty. See PN record.

If more than one P records exist in the data set then there should be corresponding N records giving the respective branching ratios.

8. Production Normalization Record

Must follow N record, if N record present.

Should be given when G records with intensities are present.

Field	Name	Description
1-5	NUCID	Nuclide (Daughter/Product) identification
6		Blank
7	P	Letter 'P' (for production) is required
8	N	Letter 'N' is required
9		Must be blank
10-19	NRxBR	Multiplier for converting relative <i>photon</i> intensity (RI in the GAMMA record) to <i>photons</i> per 100 decays of the parent (normally NRxBR). If left blank, (NR DNR)x(BR DBR) from N record will be used for normalization.
20-21	UNC ⁴	Standard uncertainty in NRxBR
22-29	NTxBR	Multiplier for converting relative <i>transition</i> intensity (including conversion electrons) [TI in the GAMMA record] to <i>transitions</i> per 100 decays of the parent (normally NTxBR). If left blank, (NT DNT)x(BR DBR) from N record will be used for normalization.
30-31	UNC ¹	standard uncertainty in NTxBR
42-49	NBxBR	Multiplier for converting relative β^- and ϵ intensities (IB in the B- record; IB, IE, TI in the EC record) to intensities per 100 decays. If left blank, (NB DNB)x(BR DBR) from N record will be used for normalization.
50-55	UNC ¹	Standard uncertainty in (NB DNT)x(BR DBR)
56-62	NP	Same as in 'N' record
63-64	UNC ¹	standard uncertainty in NP
77	COM	Blank or 'C' (for comment) If blank, comment associated with the intensity option will appear in the drawing of <i>Nuclear Data Sheets</i> . If letter 'C' is given, the desired comment to appear in the drawing should be given on the continuation ('nPN') record(s), col. 10-80.
78	OPT	Intensity Option. Option as to what intensity to display in the drawings of <i>Nuclear Data Sheets</i> . The available options are given below (default option 3).

⁴ If left blank no uncertainty will appear in the publication.

<u>Option</u>	<u>Intensity displayed</u>	<u>Comment in drawing</u>
1	TI or $RI(1+\alpha)$	Relative $I(\gamma+ce)$
2	$TIxNT$ or $RIxNRx(1+\alpha)$	$I(\gamma+ce)$ per 100 (mode) decays
3	$TIxNTxBR$ or $RIxBRxNRx(1+\alpha)$	$I(\gamma+ce)$ per 100 parent decays
4	$RIxNTxBR$	$I(\gamma)$ per 100 parent decays
5	RI	Relative $I(\gamma)$
6	RI	Relative photon branching from each level
7	RI	photon branching from each level

9. Level Record

Optional, although a data set usually has at least one.

Field (Col.)	Name	Description	Reference
1-5	NUCID	Nuclide identification	V.1
6		Blank Any alphanumeric character other than `1' for continuation records	
7		Must be blank	
8	L	Letter `L' is required	
9		Must be blank	
10-19	E	Level energy in keV - <i>must not be blank</i>	V.18
20-21	DE	Standard uncertainty in E	V.11
22-39	J	Spin and parity	V.20
40-49	T	Half-life of the level; units <i>must</i> be given Mean-life expressed as the width of a level, in units of energy, may also be used	V.14
50-55	DT	Standard uncertainty in T	V.12
56-64	L	Angular momentum transfer in the reaction determining the data set (whether L_n , L_p , ΔL , etc., is determined from the DSID field of the IDENTIFICATION record).	V.22
65-74	S	Spectroscopic strength for this level as determined from the reaction in the IDENTIFICATION record (spectroscopic factor for particle-exchange reactions; β for inelastic scattering). Note: If a quantity other than spectroscopic factor is given in this field, a footnote relabelling the field is required.	V.21
75-76	DS	Standard uncertainty in S	V.11
77	C	Comment FLAG used to refer to a particular comment record	V.8
78-79	MS	Metastable state is denoted by `M' or `M1' for the first (lowest energy) isomer; `M2', for the second isomer, etc. For Ionized Atom Decay, field gives the atomic electron shell or subshell in which β^- particle is captured	V.17
80	Q	Character `?' denotes an uncertain or questionable level Letter `S' denotes neutron, proton, alpha separation energy or a level expected, but not observed	

10. Beta (β^-) Record

Must follow the LEVEL record for the level which is fed by the β^- .

Field (Col.)	Name	Description	Reference
1-5	NUCID	Nuclide identification	V.1
6		Blank	
		Any alphanumeric character other than '1' for continuation records	
7		Must be blank	
8	B	Letter 'B' is required	
9		Must be blank	
10-19	E	Endpoint energy of the β^- in keV <i>Given only if measured</i>	V.18
20-21	DE	Standard uncertainty in E	V.11
22-29	IB	Intensity of the β^- -decay branch ⁵	V.13
30-31	DIB	Standard uncertainty in IB	V.11
42-49	LOGFT	$\log ft$ for the β^- transition for uniqueness given in col. 78-79	V.9
50-55	DFT	Standard uncertainty in LOGFT	V.12
56-76		Must be blank	
77	C	Comment FLAG (Letter 'C' denotes coincidence with a following radiation.	V.8
	A	'?' denotes probable coincidence with a following radiation.)	
78-79	UN	Forbiddenness classification for the β^- decay, e.g., '1U', '2U' for first-, second-unique forbidden (a blank field signifies an allowed transition; non-unique forbiddenness can be indicated in col 78, with col 79 blank)	V.16
80	Q	Character '?' denotes an uncertain or questionable β^- decay Letter 'S' denotes an expected or predicted transition	

⁵ Intensity units are defined by the NORMALIZATION record.

11. EC (or EC + β^+) Record

Must follow the LEVEL record for the level being populated in the decay.

Field (Col.)	Name	Description	Reference
1-5	NUCID	Nuclide identification	V.1
6		Blank Any alphanumeric character other than '1' for continuation records	
7		Must be blank	
8	E	Letter 'E' is required	
9		Must be blank	
10-19	E	Energy for <i>electron capture</i> to the level Given only if measured or deduced from measured β^+ end-point energy	V.18
20-21	DE	Standard uncertainty in E	V.11
22-29	IB	Intensity of β^+ -decay branch ⁶	V.13
30-31	DIB	Standard uncertainty in IB	V.11
32-39	IE	Intensity of electron capture branch ⁶	V.13
40-41	DIE	Standard uncertainty in IE	V.11
42-49	LOGFT	Log ft for ($\epsilon + \beta^+$) transition for uniqueness given in col. 78-79	V.9
50-55	DFT	Standard uncertainty in LOGFT	V.12
65-74	TI	Total ($\epsilon + \beta^+$) decay intensity ⁶	V.13
75-76	DTI	Standard uncertainty in TI	V.11
77	C	Comment FLAG (letter 'C' denotes coincidence with a following radiation. '?' denotes probable coincidence with a following radiation).	V.8
78-79	UN	Forbiddenness classification for ϵ , β^+ decay e.g., '1U', '2U' for first, second unique forbidden (a blank signifies an allowed or a non-unique forbidden transition. Non-unique forbiddenness can be indicated in col 78, with col 79 blank)	V.16
80	Q	Character '?' denotes an uncertain or questionable ϵ , β^+ branch Letter 'S' denotes an expected or predicted transition	

12. Alpha Record

Must follow the LEVEL record for the level being populated in the decay.

Field (Col.)	Name	Description	Reference
1-5	NUCID	Nuclide identification	V.1
6		Blank	
7		Must be blank	
8	A	Letter 'A' is required	
9		Must be blank	
10-19	E	Alpha energy in keV	V.18
20-21	DE	Standard uncertainty in E	V.11
22-29	IA	Intensity of α -decay branch in <i>percent</i> of the total α -decay	V.13
30-31	DIA	Standard uncertainty in IA	V.11
32-39	HF	Hindrance factor for α decay	V.9
40-41	DHF	Standard uncertainty in HF	V.11
42-76		Must be blank	
77	C	Comment FLAG (letter 'C' denotes coincidence with a following radiation. A '?' denotes probable coincidence with a following radiation).	V.8
78-79		Must be blank	
80	Q	Character '?' denotes uncertain or questionable α branch Letter 'S' denotes an expected or predicted α branch	

13. (Delayed-) Particle Record

*Must follow the LEVEL record for the level which is fed by the particle.
Records for particles which are unassigned in a level scheme should precede the first level of the data set.*

Field (Col.)	Name	Description	Reference
1-5	NUCID	Nuclide identification	V.1
6		Blank	
		Any alphanumeric character other than '1' for continuation records	
7		Must be blank	
8	D	Blank for prompt-, letter 'D' for delayed-particle emission	
9	Particle	The symbol for the (delayed) particle (N = neutron, P = proton, A = alpha particle) is required)	
10-19	E	Energy of the particle in keV	V.18
20-21	DE	Standard uncertainty in E	V.11
22-29	IP	Intensity of (delayed) particles in <i>percent</i> of the total (delayed-)particle emissions	V.13
30-31	DIP	Standard uncertainty in IP	V.11
32-39	EI	Energy of the level in the 'intermediate' (mass = A+1 for n, p; A+4 for α) nuclide in case of delayed particle	V.13
40-49	T	Width of the transition in keV	V.14
50-55	DT	Uncertainty in T	V.12
56-64	L	Angular-momentum transfer of the emitted particle	V.22
65-76		Blank	
77	C	Comment FLAG used to refer to a particular comment record.	V.8
78	COIN	Letter 'C' denotes placement confirmed by coincidence. Symbol '?' denotes probable coincidence.	V.15
79	Blank		
80	Q	Character '?' denotes an uncertain placement of the transition in the level scheme Letter 'S' denotes an expected, but as yet unobserved, transition	

NOTES:

1. The delayed-particle record will appear in a delayed-particle data set (e.g., B-N DECAAY, ECP DECAAY, etc.) which should be given under the A-chain for the final nuclide. For example, '95RB B-N DECAAY' should be given as data set for ^{94}Sr .
2. The intensity units are defined by the NORMALIZATION record.

14. Gamma Record

Must follow the LEVEL record for the level from which the γ ray decays. Records for γ rays which are unassigned in a level scheme should precede the first level of the data set.

Field (Col.)	Name	Description	Reference
1-5	NUCID	Nuclide identification	V.1
6		Blank Any alphanumeric character other than '1' for continuation records	
7		Must be blank	
8	G	Letter 'G' is required	
9		Must be blank	
10-19	E	Energy of the γ -ray in keV <i>Must not be blank</i>	V.18
20-21	DE	Standard uncertainty in E	V.11
22-29	RI	Relative <i>photon</i> intensity ¹	V.13
30-31	DRI	Standard uncertainty in RI	V.11
32-41	M	Multipolarity of transition	V.19
42-49	MR	Mixing ratio δ . (sign must be shown explicitly if known; if no sign is given, assumed to be unknown).	V.10
50-55	DMR	Standard uncertainty in MR	V.12
56-62	CC	Total conversion coefficient	V.9
63-64	DCC	Standard uncertainty in CC	V.11
65-74	TI	Relative total transition intensity ⁶	V.13
75-76	DTI	Standard uncertainty in TI	V.11
77	C	Comment FLAG used to refer to a particular comment record. Symbol '*' denotes a multiply-placed γ ray. Symbol '&' denotes a multiply-placed transition with intensity <u>not</u> divided. Symbol '@' denotes a multiply-placed transition with intensity suitably divided. Symbol '%' denotes that the intensity given as RI is the branching in the Super Deformed Band.	V.8
78	COIN	Letter 'C' denotes placement confirmed by coincidence. Symbol '?' denotes questionable coincidence.	V.15
79		Blank	
80	Q	Character '?' denotes an uncertain placement of the transition in the level scheme. Letter 'S' denotes an expected, but as yet unobserved, transition	

⁷ Intensity units are defined by the NORMALIZATION record.

15. Reference Record

Record can occur only in Reference data set.

NNDC provides the Reference data set.

Field (Col.)	Name	Description	Reference
1-3	MASS	Mass Number	
4-7		Must be blank	
8	R	Letter 'R' is required	
9		Must be blank	
10-17	KEYNUM	Reference key number	V.3
18-80	REFERENCE	Abbreviated reference (from NSR file)	

16. End Record

Required for all data sets.

Must be the last record in a data set.

Field (Col.)	Description
1-80	All columns are blank

C. Summary

The following two pages summarize the standard one-card formats for all allowed record types.

SUMMARY OF STANDARD ONE-CARD RECORD FORMAT

Col No.	R	I	X	C/D	Q	N	P	L	G	B	E	A	Particle
1-3	←-----Mass-----→												
4-5	←-----Element symbol-----→												
6	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#
7				C/D									
8	R			@	Q	N	P	L	G	B	E	A	D(delayed)
9		#											P/N/A
10-39	ID	ID											
10-19	key#		SYM		Q-	NR							←-----E-----→
20-21					DQ-	DNR							←-----DE-----→
20-80	Ref		Com										
22-39						J	J						
22-29			SN		NT			RI	IB	IB	IA	IP	
30-31			DSN		DNT			DRI	DIB	DIB	DIB	DIP	
32-41									M				
32-39			SP		BR					IE	HF	ED	
40-41			DSP		DBR					DIE	DHF		
40-49							T	T					T
40-65	Ref												
42-49			QA		NB			MR	<-LOGFT->				
50-55			DQA		DNB	DT	DT	DMR	←DFT→				
56-62								CC					
56-64								L					L
56-80			Qref										
63-64								DCC					
65-74						QP	S	TI		TI			
66-74	PUB												
75-76						DQP	DS	DTI		DTI			
75-80	Date												
77								C	a	C	C	C	C
78-79							MS	C/?	UN	UN			
80								Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q

Any ASCII Character

@ L,G,B,A,E,N,Q,P for record comments following the respective record

* denotes multiply placed.

@ denotes multiply placed, intensity sitably divided.

& denotes multiply placed, undivided intensity given.

% denotes that the intensity given is % branching in SD band.

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Record	1	5	6	7	8	9	0	9	0	1	2	9	0	1	2	9	0	1	2	9	0	5	6	0	2	3	4	5	0	4	5	6	7	8	9	0				
IDENT	NUCID	&	blank	<	DSID											DSREF					<	PUB			>	DATE			>											
XREF	NUCID	blank	X!	<	DSID											blank																								
REF	AAA	blank	R	bl	KEYNUMBER				REFERENCE																															
HIST	NUCID	&	bl	H	bl	HTEXT																																		
Q-VALUE	NUCID	blank	Q	bl	Q-	DOE	SN	DSN	SP	DSP	QA	DQA	QREF																											
G COMM	NUCID	&	†	†	bl	CTEXT																																		
F/R COMM	NUCID	&	†	†	SYM(FLAG)				CTEXT																															
PARENT	NUCID	blank	P	‡	E	DE	J				<	T			>	DT	blank	QP			DOE	<	ION			>														
NORM	NUCID	blank	N	§	NR	DNR	NT	DNT	BR	DBR	NB	DNB	NP	DNP	blank																									
P NORM	NUCID	&	P	§	NR*BR	JNC	NT*BR	JNC	blank	NB*BR	UNC	NP	DNP	blank																										
LEVEL	NUCID	&	bl	L	bl	E	DE	J				<	T			>	DT	<	L			>	<	S			>	DS	‡	MS	Q									
BETA	NUCID	&	bl	B	bl	E	DE	IB	DIB	blank	LOGFT	DFT	blank														‡	UN	Q											
EC	NUCID	&	bl	E	bl	E	DE	IB	DIB	IE	DIE	LOGFT	DFT	blank														‡	UN	Q										
ALPHA	NUCID	&	bl	A	bl	E	DE	IA	DIA	IF	DIF	blank														‡	bl	Q												
PART	NUCID	&	bl	*	E	DE	IP	DIP	ED	<	T			>	DT	<	L			>	blank			‡	C	bl	Q													
GAMMA	NUCID	&	bl	G	bl	E	DE	RI	DRI	<	M			>	MR	DMR	CC	DCC	TI	DTI	‡	C	bl	Q																

Notes:

- blank These fields must be blank.
- & Primary record must have a blank or "1" in this field. Continuation records should have any printable ASCII character except for blank or "1" (one).
- † Unique alphanumeric character identifying the source data set.
- ‡ Allowed characters for this field are C, c, D, d, T, and t.
- § Character identifying the record being commented on. Allowed characters for this field are N, P, Q, L, G, B, E, A, D, and blank.
- ‡ Must be blank except for: 1) Particle code for a (delayed-)particle record. 2) Sequence number for normalization and parent records.
- ‡ Must be blank except when there are multiple parent records then this field should contain an integer relating the parent record to the related normalization record.
- ‡ Byte 8 must either be blank for a prompt particle radiation or D for a delayed particle radiation. Byte 9 identifies the particle (N, P, D, or T).

Chapter IV

IV. RECORDS CONTAINING MORE THAN ONE CARD

A. Card Enumeration

Certain record types, namely, the Identification, History, Parent, and Normalization records can have multiple occurrence of records with qualifications as indicated in the descriptions of these record types. For other record types if all the information cannot be contained on a single card, additional cards can be used to describe the record fully. The first card of a record will have a blank in col. 6 and subsequent cards will have an ASCII character different from blank or 1 (usually running numbers: 2 to 9 or letters A to Z).

B. Format for Continuation Cards

CONTINUATION RECORD

Must follow the record of the same RTYPE.

Field	Name	Description
1-5	NUCID	Nuclide identification
6		Any alphanumeric character other than 1. Note: 'S' is reserved for computer-produced records which will usually be suppressed in <i>Nuclear Data Sheets</i>
7		Must be blank
8	RTYPE	Letter corresponding to the record type L, B, E, G or H
9		Must be blank
10-80	Data	< quant >< op >< value >[< op >< value >][< ref >]\$...

The following abbreviations have been used in the description of the data above:

- < quant >: Standard symbol for a quantity as defined in IV.C below.
Notes: 1. Ratios of more than two quantities should be indicated by colons and not by slashes (e.g., K:L1:L2:L3 and not K/L1/L2/L3).
2. See Section V.24 for description of < value > when < quant >=XREF
3. See Section V.25 for description of items for H record
- < op >: =, <, >, <=>=, EQ, AP, LT, LE, GT, GE
Note: for the last 6 operators, blanks before and after them are required.
- < value >: Numeric value with units as needed and optional uncertainty.
Uncertainty is as defined in Sections V.11 and V.12.
Note: For ranges, uncertainties should not be included.
To specify a bounded range of values a second operator (note that =, EQ, AP are not valid) and value are required.
See examples below.

- [...]: Optional.
 < ref >: 8 character key numbers, KEYNUM (see Section V.3), separated by commas and enclosed within parentheses, e.g., (1976TU01,1981BO01).
 \$: Delimiter (end of record is also a delimiter; thus '\$' is not needed for the last item on a record)

Examples:

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126TE 2 G BE2W=25.3 7(1970LAZM)
126I 2 L %EC+%B+=56.3 20 (1977JA04)$%B- EQ 43.7 20 (1977JA04)
126SN S B EAV=2030 60
126TE 2 L G LE 0.19 GT 0.1 (1981SH15)$MOME2 AP -0.20$BE2=0.478 12
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C. Allowed Data Types on Continuation Records

Each record type is permitted to contain only a limited (but extendable) set of data types. For example, a GAMMA record is not allowed to contain information of data type DTYPE = J (nuclear spin), similarly a LEVEL record is not allowed to contain LOGFT information.

For A and DP records only FLAG in addition to the quantities on the formatted records, can be given on a continuation record. The allowed data types for LEVEL, GAMMA, B-, and EC records are described below.

1. Level Record

Allowed data types E, DE, J, T, DT, L, S, DS, C, MS, Q are described with the standard formats in Section III.B.9. Additional allowed data types are:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>Description</u>
%EC,%B+,%EC+%B+, %B-,%IT,%SF %A,%P,%N ... %B-N; %B-XN ...	Percent decay of the level by ϵ , β^+ , $\epsilon + \beta^+$, β^- , isomeric transition, spontaneous fission, α , proton, or neutron decay, ... Percent delayed decay through n, xn emission,.... Similarly, for other particle emissions, e.g., p, xp, α , x α , etc., following β^- , β^+ , or ϵ decays. <i>Note: Decay modes must be given on '2 L' card in adopted set and on an 'S L' card in decay and (n, γ) data sets</i>
ION	Ionization State (used in Ionized Atom Decay)
CONF	Nuclear configuration of the level
BE1, BE2 ...	Reduced electric transition probability (upward) given in units $e^2 \times (\text{barns})^L$, where $L = 1, 2, \dots$ for the transition from the ground state to this level
B2, B3 ...	2^L - pole ($L=2,3,\dots$) nuclear deformation parameter
FLAG	Additional footnote symbols
G	g-factor of the level
ISPIN	Isobaric spin
ISPINZ	Z-component of Isobaric Spin
MOME1, MOME2 ...	Electric moments: dipole, quadrupole, ...
MOMM1, MOMM2 ...	Magnetic moments: dipole, quadrupole, ...
WIDTH,WIDTHG, WIDTHG0,WIDTHN, WIDTHP, WIDTHA	Level width, Γ , Partial- γ , $-\gamma_0$, -n, -p, $-\alpha$ widths, $\Gamma(\gamma)$, $\Gamma(\gamma_0)$, $\Gamma(n)$, $\Gamma(p)$, $\Gamma(\alpha)$, respectively
XREF	Cross-reference to other data sets for that nuclide; this is generally given only in the adopted set.

2. Gamma Record

Allowed data types, E, DE, RI, DRI, M, MR, DMR, CC, DCC, TI, DTI, C, COIN, Q are described with the standard formats in Section III.B.14. Additional allowed data types are:

<u>DTYPE</u>	<u>Description</u>
BE1, BE2 ...	Reduced electric transition probability (downward) given in units of $e^2 \times (\text{barns})^L$, where $L = 1, 2, \dots$
BE1W, BE2W ...	Reduced electric transition probability (downward) given in single-particle (Weisskopf) units
BM1, BM2 ...	Reduced magnetic transition probability (downward) given in units of $\mu_N^2 \times (\text{barns})^{L-1}$, where $L = 1, 2, \dots$
BM1W, BM2W ...	Reduced magnetic transition probability (downward) given in single-particle (Weisskopf) units
CE	Total conversion electron intensity
CEK, CEL ...	Conversion-electron (ce) intensity for K, L, ...
CEL1 ...	L_1 ... conversion
ECC	Measured total conversion coefficient
EKC, ELC, EL1C	Measured K-, L-, L_1 -... conversion coefficient
...	
FL	Final level energy; must be either identical to a level energy in the data set optionally followed by a '?' (latter expresses uncertain placement) or a '?' (if the final level is not known)
FLAG	Additional footnote symbols
KC, LC, L1C ...	Theoretical K-, L-, L_1 -... conversion coefficient
K:L, M:L, L1:L2 ...	Conversion-electron intensity ratios
K:T, L:T ...	Ratio of K, L ... ce-intensity to total ($\gamma + \text{ce}$) intensity

3. Beta (β^-) Record

Allowed data types E, DE, IB, DIB, LOGFT, DFT, C, UN, Q are described with the standard formats in Section III.B.10. Additional allowed data types are:

<u>DTYPE</u>	<u>Description</u>
EAV	Average energy of the β^- spectrum
FLAG	Additional footnote symbols Note: 'C' and '?' may not be used - see Section III.B.10 for their special meaning

4. EC Record

Allowed data types, E, DE, IB, DIB, IE, DIE, LOGFT, DFT, TI, DTI, C, UN, Q are described with the standard formats in Section III.B.11. Additional allowed data types are:

<u>DTYPE</u>	<u>Description</u>
EAV	Average energy of the β^+ spectrum
CK,CL,CM ... CL+	Calculated fraction of decay by electron capture from the K, L, M ..., L+M+...shells
ECK,ECL,ECM ... ECL+	Measured fraction of decay by electron capture from the K, L, M ..., L+M+... shells
CK/T,CL/T ...	Ratio of K, L ... ϵ -intensity to total ϵ intensity
FLAG	Additional footnote symbols Note: 'C' and '?' may not be used - see Section III.B.11 for their special meaning

Chapter V

V. DETAILED FIELD DESCRIPTIONS

1. NUCID

The standard nuclide identification consists of two parts - mass number in cols. (1-3), right justified and element name (or $Z - 100$ for $Z 109$) in (col. 4-5), left justified. The nuclide identification must be contained within the field defined for it (cols. 1-5). The nuclide identification must be included on every card of a data set except the END record. Comments and reference data sets pertaining to the whole A-(mass) chain evaluation contain only the A-value in the NUCID field.

2. DSID

Data Set ID for an ENSDF data set serves as a unique, computer recognizable identification for the data set. There can not be two data sets with identical DSID and NUCID. In the rare circumstance two data sets with same DSID for a given NUCID can be accommodated by ending DSID with a colon (:) and following it with a unique identifier which will then be different for the various data sets with that DSID.

The following rules for DSID should be strictly observed for ENSDF entries. Single blanks have meaning and should be used according to the formats below. In the description below the optional fields are given in italics. General categories are given in upper and lower cases and further defined. DSID must be confined to the 30 spaces allowed. The field may, however, be continued on to the DSID field on the second ID record as explained in Chapter III in which case the DSID on the first record must end with a comma ‘,’.

GENERAL IDs

REFERENCES

COMMENTS (see Appendix B for format for this data set)

ADOPTED LEVELS

ADOPTED LEVELS, GAMMAS

DECAY DATA SET IDs

Parent Mode Decay (Half-life)

Parent should be the parent nuclide symbol, e.g., 52CR

For SF decay more than one parent can be given separated by commas

For Ionized Atom Decay parent nuclide symbol is followed by ionization state in square brackets, e.g., 187RE[+75]

Mode may be one of B+, B-, EC, IT, A, P, B-N, ECP, SF ...

List of decay modes may be expanded.

Half-life can be of the form T defined in Section V.14.1

MUONIC ATOM

REACTION DATA SET IDs

Target(Reaction), (Reaction), Target(Reaction) E=Energy Qualifier

COULOMB EXCITATION

(HI,XNG)

Target should be the target (nuclide or element) symbol

Reaction should be given as (in,out), e.g., (N,P)

in is the incident particle, out are the outgoing particles

Energy may be one of the following

NUM, NUM Units (for definition of NUM see Section V.9.)

NUM-NUM Units

TH (for thermal)

RES (for resonance)

Qualifier may be one of the following

RES

IAR

IAS

EXAMPLES:

187RE B- DECAY

187RE[+75] B- DECAY

190PT A DECAY (6E11 Y)

186OS(N,G) E=THERMAL

RE(N,N'):TOF

186W(N,G) E=RES: AVG

187OS(D,D') E=12, 17 MEV

187RE(D,2NG), 187RE(P,NG)

PB(238U,FXG)

187OS IT DECAY (231 US)

187AU P DECAY:?

95RB B-N DECAY

186W(N,G) E=TH: SECONDARY

238U(N,FG) E=TH

189OS(P,T) E=19 MEV

185RE(A,2NG) E=23-42.8 MEV

44CA(P,G) E=856, 906 KEV IAR

PB(238U,XG)

3. DSREF, KEYNUM, QREF

The DSREF and QREF fields may include up to three key numbers (KEYNUM) each of which refers to a particular publication. Additional key numbers may be placed in COMMENT records. Key numbers must be left-justified and separated by commas with no blanks between the comma and the reference. A reference key number must be of the form YYYYAAABB where YYYY is a four digit integer, AA are two alphabetic characters and BB is either a two digit integer or consists of two alphabetic characters. Examples: 1981TU01, 1981TUXY, etc.

4. PUB

Publication information generally consists of the year of the A-chain publication denoted by two digit year indicator followed by three-character code NDS for Nuclear Data Sheets and two-letter code NP for Nuclear Physics-A. This may optionally be followed by a comma and other updating information, e.g., the initials of the person modifying the data set after its publication. Example: 78NDS,TWB or 81NDS.

5. DATE

This field is of the form YYYYMM where YYYY and MM are four and two digit integers, respectively, within the following ranges: $YY \geq 1900$ and $01 \leq MM \leq 12$.

6. RTYPE

RTYPE is a two-letter code in col. 8-9 that gives a name to the RECORD type. Note that col. 9 is blank for most of the RTYPE tabbing

RTYPE Description

blank	May be IDENTIFICATION, general COMMENT, or END record
H	HISTORY record
N	NORMALIZATION record Production Normalization record has 'P' in col 7.
P	PARENT record
Q	Q-VALUE record
L	LEVEL record
G	GAMMA record
B	BETA (β^-) record
E	EC (for ϵ , β^+ or $\epsilon + \beta^+$) record
A	ALPHA record
R	REFERENCE record
X	CROSS-REFERENCE record
DP	DELAYED PARTICLE record, or PARTICLE (col.8=blank) record Particle symbol (e.g., 'P' for proton) is given in col. 9.

7. CTEXT

This field consists of free text. The various expressions used in CTEXT can be translated via dictionary lookup. The translation dictionary is given in Appendix F. The unit expression used in translation is the string of characters between adjacent 'delimiters'. The characters presently used as 'delimiters' are:

b(blank) ,(comma) .b(period followed by a blank) ; : () - = + < > / and \$

In some cases the dictionary lookup programs look beyond the next delimiter for proper translation.

8. SYM(FLAG)

The SYM(FLAG) field (with FLAG given) is valid only for records with RTYPE: L, G, B, E, A, DP. However, SYM (without FLAG) may additionally be used for record types N, P, and Q.

FLAG can be a string of characters optionally separated by commas. Any character other than a comma and parentheses can be used as a FLAG symbol. For B and E records 'C' can not be used for a FLAG as 'C' in column 77 of B, E, and A records denotes coincidence. Similarly '*', '@', '%', and '&' for G records are reserved with special meaning (Section III.B.14). See notes on SYM and FLAG under description of COMMENT record. FLAG can be used only with SYMs which are valid data types on a formatted card or with BAND. In fact, for BAND FLAG must be given.

Allowed symbols to be used as SYM for various RTYPE are currently limited to the fields allowed on the formatted records.

9. BR, CC, HF, LOGFT, NB, NP, NR, NT, QP

These fields consist of either a blank or a single unsigned number (NUM) in one of the following forms:

1. An integer (e.g., 345)
2. A real number (e.g., 345.23)
3. An integer followed by an integer exponent (e.g., 345E-4, 4E+5)
4. A real number followed by an integer exponent (e.g., 345.E-4)

Note: desirable to write a number as '0.345' rather than '.345'.

10. MR, Q-, QA, SN, SP

These fields have the same form as the quantities in Section V.9. above, with the difference that they are allowed to have signature (positive or negative).

11. DBR, DCC, DE, DHF, DIA, DIB, DIE, DIP, DNB

Includes DNR, DNP, DNT, DQP, DQ-, DS, DSP, DTI

These two character fields, represent uncertainty in the 'standard' form in the given quantity. The 'standard' numeric uncertainty denotes an uncertainty in the last significant figure(s), for example, NR=0.873, DNR=11 represent a normalization factor of 0.873 ± 0.011 , similarly QP=2.3E6, DQP=10 stand for a Q-value of $(2.3 \pm 1.0) \times 10^6$ (see also General Policies given in Appendix H). The non-numeric uncertainty, e.g., <, >, or \geq , etc. is denoted by expressions LT, GT and GE, etc. The allowed forms for these fields are summarized below:

1. Blank
2. An integer <99, preferably <25, (left or right justified)
3. One of the following expressions:
LT, GT, LE, GE, AP, CA, SY
for <, >, \leq , \geq , \approx , calculated, and from systematics, respectively.

12. DFT, DMR, DT, DNB, DQA

These fields allow for the specification of 'standard' asymmetric uncertainty. For example, T=4.2 S, DT=+8-10, represent a half-life= $4.2^{+0.8}_{-1}$ s, similarly MR=-3, DMR=+1-4 represent mixing ratio= -3^{+1}_{-4} meaning a range from -7 to -2 (note: asymmetric uncertainties add algebraically). When the +/- construction is missing from this field, the digits or the expressions given in this field represent either the numeric 'standard' symmetric or the non-numeric uncertainty as described in Section V.11 above.

Summarizing this field, there are two cases:

1. Symmetric uncertainty - the field consists of an integer number or an expression of the type described in Section V.11 above.
2. Asymmetric uncertainty - the field is of the form +x-y, where x and y are integers.

13. IA, IB, IE, IP, RI, TI

The following numbers/expressions are valid for these fields:

1. NUM (number as defined in Section V.9 above)
2. (NUM)

Note: Parentheses denote that the number given has been deduced (not directly measured) or taken from other experiment(s).

14. T

The field for half-life T must have one of the following forms:

1. NUM-Blank-Units (i.e., number as defined in Section V.9 above followed by a blank and units). Valid symbols for units are: Y, D, H, M, S, MS, US, NS, PS, FS, AS, EV, KEV, and MEV, for year, day, hour, minute, second(s), 10^{-3} s, 10^{-6} s, 10^{-9} s, 10^{-12} s, 10^{-15} s, 10^{-18} s, eV, 10^3 eV, and 10^6 eV, respectively.
2. Word 'STABLE'

Note: A question mark following half-life denotes that the assignment to that level is not certain. A comment should be given to explain the exact meaning intended.

15. COIN

This one character field can either be blank or have character 'C' or '?'. The character 'C' denotes coincidence, while '?' denotes questionable coincidence.

16. UN

This two character field can either be blank for allowed transitions, or have an integer between 1 and 9 indicating order of forbiddenness followed by a blank for 'non-unique' or a 'U' for unique transition.

17. MS

This two character field can either be blank or have character 'M' followed by a blank or a digit between 1 and 9.

18. E

An energy field (E) can have only one of the following forms:

1. NUM (as defined in Section V.9 above)
2. NUM+A or A+NUM, where A=X, Y, Z, U, V, W, A, B,... used in this order; i.e., for the first occurrence an 'X' is used, for its second occurrence a 'Y' is used, and so on.
3. SN+NUM, SP+NUM. Resonance energies should be given in center-of-mass system, as far as possible.
4. A (as defined in 2. above)

Note: Parentheses are allowed for this field. They denote that the number given has been deduced (not directly measured) or taken from other experiment(s). Explanation as to what is intended should be given.

19. M

The multipolarity field can be one of the following:

1. Mult
2. Mult + Mult
3. Mult, Mult
4. NOT Mult

MULT

where Mult = E_L or $M_{L'}$
(where L, L' are single digits – $L \geq 0$, $L' \geq 1$)

$M_L' + E_L$ or
 $E_L + M_L'$ or
 D or Q

Note: Parentheses in the multipolarity field denote that the assignment is probable and not definite. Square brackets indicate assumed or derived assignment.

20. J

The spin-parity field can have only one of the following forms:

1. JPI (can be J, π , or $J\pi$)
2. PI OR JPI (',' (comma) can be used in place of 'OR')
3. JPI AND JPI ('&' (ampersand) can be used in place of 'AND')
4. OP JPI (where OP is AP, LE, or GE)
 Note: This will be interpreted as $\pi = \text{PI}$ and J is OP J
 Example: $\leq 5+$ means $\pi = +$ and $J \leq 5$
5. NOT JPI

6. JPI TO JPI (':' (colon) can be used in place of 'TO')

Note: If parity is given in the range it will be interpreted as follows:

- a) J to J'PI means $J \leq J \leq J'$ and $\pi = \text{PI}$
- b) JPI to J'PI' means JPI, $J = J+1$ $\text{PI} = \pm, \dots, J = J'-1$ $\text{PI} = \pm, \text{J'PI}'$
- c) JPI to J' means JPI, $J = J+1$ $\text{PI} = \pm, \dots, J = J'-1$ $\text{PI} = \pm, \text{J'PI} = \pm$

Examples:

- a) 3 to 6- means $J\pi = 3-, 4-, 5-, 6-$
- b) 3+ to 6- means $J\pi = 3+, 4\pm, 5\pm, 6-$
- c) 3+ to 6 means $J\pi = 3+, 4\pm, 5\pm, 6\pm$

7. NATURAL/UNNATURAL

8. A or A+JPI (where A is one of the characters, J, K, L, M, N, O, P...)

In the above $J = N$ or $N/2$ (N is a positive integer or zero)

$PI(\pi) = +$ or $-$

JPI = J or PI or J followed by PI

Note:

1. Parentheses in the J^π field indicate that the parenthesized value(s) is (are) based upon weak arguments. See 'Bases for Spin and Parity Assignments' in Appendix H. Note that JPI = (3,4)- is interpreted as $J = (3)$ or (4) and $\pi = -$.
2. As far as possible do not give more than three JPI values.
3. The ranges such as 3- to 5+ are better written as 3-, 4, 5+.
4. Square brackets around J^π value indicate assumed value.

21. S

This field may contain no more than three S-values, in the form of NUM defined in Section V.9, separated by a '+' or a comma, for corresponding L-values given in the L-field (col. 65-74). Parentheses are allowed and will be interpreted to mean probable values.

22. L

This field may contain no more than three integer numbers optionally preceded by LE or GE and separated by a '+' or a comma. Parentheses are allowed and will be interpreted to mean probable values. Square brackets indicate assumed or derived values.

For certain reactions the L value may be accompanied by its electric or magnetic character in the form similar to multipolarity (see Section V.19).

23. ION

This field is either blank or a signed integer, left justified, denoting order of ionization of the atom, e.g., +75. It is used in Ionized Atom Decay data sets.

24. Cross Reference

The cross referencing of a record (currently allowed only for the 'L' record in an ADOPTED data set) is done through specification on the continuation record and takes the following forms:

1. NUCID 2 L XREF=ABC\$

Above record indicates that the adopted level (specified by preceding 'L' record) has been seen in data sets 'A', 'B' and 'C' and that the corresponding levels are unambiguous.

2. NUCID 2 L XREF=A(E1)B(E2)C(E3)\$

This record indicates that the adopted level is the same as the E1 level in data set 'A', the E2 level in data set 'B', etc.

3. NUCID 2 L XREF=A(E1,E2)B(E3)\$

This record indicates that the adopted level is either the E1 or the E2 level in data set 'A', the E3 level in data set 'B'.

4. NUCID 2 L XREF=A(*E1)B(E2)\$

This record indicates that a level with energy E1 in data set 'A' is associated with more than one adopted level. An '*' must appear on all occurrences of a multiply assigned level. Alternatively, the notation A(*) may be used if the energy is apparent.

5. NUCID 2 L XREF=+\$

This record indicates that the adopted level has been seen in all data sets.

6. NUCID 2 L XREF=- (AB)\$

This record indicates that the adopted level has been seen in all data sets except the data sets 'A' and 'B'.

Note: The symbols A, B, C relating to specific data sets must be defined through Cross-Reference records (see Section III.B.4).

25. History record

1. In all individual ENSDF data sets (excepting the REFERENCE and COMMENTS data sets), the following information will be presented (the information is required, unless indicated optional) on an H record every time changes are made to the data set (see Section III.B.2 for description of H record):

TYP Type of change/evaluation (required)
AUT Author's name (the person who makes or is responsible for the change not necessarily the evaluator of the data set) (required)
DAT Date of change (optional, if cutoff date given)
CUT Literature cutoff date (optional when changes do not involve fresh evaluation)
CIT Citation (optional, if not published)
COM Comments (optional)

2. Current list of evaluation types (can be expanded) are

FUL Complete revision of the nuclide based on all information to the cutoff date indicated. Cutoff date required
FMT Some format changes done
ERR Errata (fix error(s) in the dataset, should be accompanied with COM)
MOD Modified dataset for partial update of nuclide. Kind of modification done should be indicated as comment. Cutoff date is optional.
UPD Update due to scan of new literature. Cutoff date is required.
EXP Experimental (not evaluated) data set.

There can be only one type specification per history record given.

3. Date and Cutoff date must be given as DD-MMM-YYYY (e.g., 31-MAY- 1996)
4. Citation (optional) gives the reference where the evaluation is published. CIT=ENSDF means included in ENSDF but not published.
5. Comments (optional) may give general remarks about evaluation/update.
6. The fields can be in any order on an 'H' record.

Note that history records indicate various revisions. These are wiped out at the next FULL evaluation.

For FULL evaluation NNDC will introduce 'H' records based on the COMMENTS data set.

Examples:

156DY H TYP=MOD\$AUT=B. Singh\$DAT=31-DEC-1995\$
156DY2H COM=Updated SDB data only\$
156DY H TYP=UPD\$AUT=R. Helmer\$CUT=15-DEC-1994\$
156DY2H COM=Updated data set since last full evaluation\$
156DY H TYP=FMT\$AUT=J. Tuli\$DAT=1-DEC-1994\$COM=FIXED T1/2\$
156DY H TYP=FUL\$AUT=R. Helmer\$CUT=01-May-1991\$
156DY2H CIT=NDS 65, 65 (1992)\$

Appendix A

Character Set

The base character set is the standard 7-bit ASCII character set up to octal 173. Characters with octal values of 173 and greater are used as control characters. An alternate character set consists primarily of the Greek alphabet and some special symbols. The backslash character (octal 134) is interpreted as a backspace command. An alternate character in the input file consists of two characters, a control character and the standard character equivalent of the alternate character. All available alternate characters and their standard equivalents are given in the table on the following page.

There are four control characters, | (octal 176), ~ (octal 176), { (octal 173), and } (octal 175). The vertical bar and the tilde are used to shift the next character into the first and second alternate character sets, respectively. The entire string of characters may also be modified from their standard form. In this case the string to be modified is enclosed by the open and close brace control characters. The character immediately following the open brace is interpreted as a control character. The available control character values and their meanings are given below. The modified character strings may be nested. The control characters may be in either upper or lower case.

Examples

|g will be displayed as γ
{B{+238}Pu will be displayed as ^{238}Pu

String Control Characters

| first alternate character
~ second alternate character
+ superscript
- subscript (+ and – are mutually exclusive)
I italic
B bold
U underline

Note: Symbol ^ (caret) may be used before a word to preserve case, e.g., ^A for A (and not a).

Alternate Character Sets

Standard	1 st alt.	2 nd alt.	Standard	1 st alt.	2 nd alt.
!	©	!	N	N	N
"	-	"	O	O	Ö
#	§	⊗	P	Π	P
\$	e	\$	Q	⊇	Õ
%	√	%	R	P	R
&	≡	&	S	Σ	S
'	°	Å	T	T	T
(	←	(	U	Υ	Ü
)	→	)	V	∇	V
*	x	.	W	Ω	W
+	<u>+</u>	+	X	Ξ	X
,	½	,	Y	∇	Y
-	F	-	Z	Z	Z
.	∞	.	[{	[
/	÷	/]	}]
0	(	0	^	↑	^
1	)	1	-	↓	-
2	[	2	·	,	·
3	]	3	a	α	ä
4	<	4	b	β	b
5	>	5	c	η	c
6	√	6	d	δ	d
7	] ]	7	e	ε	é
8	Π	8	f	φ	f
9	Σ	9	g	γ	g
:	†	:	h	©	h
;	‡	;	i	□	i
<	≤	<	j	ε	j
=	≠	=	k	κ	k
>	≥	>	l	λ	λ
?	≈	?	m	μ	m
@	∞	•	n	v	n
A	A	Ä	o	o	ö
B	B	B	p	π	p
C	H	C	q	Θ	ö
D	Δ	D	r	ρ	r
E	E	É	s	σ	s
F	Φ	F	t	|	t
G	Γ	G	u	⌋	ü
H	X	H	v	?	v
I	I	I	w	ω	w
J	~	J	x	ξ	x
K	K	K	y	ψ	y
L	Λ	L	z	ζ	z
M	M	M			

Appendix B

Format for Comments Data Set

This data set consists only of general comment records (defined in III.B(4)). The format of the comment records is similar to general comments in other data sets except that the NUCID field will contain only the mass number, AAA, and that a SYM field is required as in a flagged comment. As in the flagged comments, the SYM field will either occupy columns 10 to 19 with column 19 being blank or the SYM will be followed by a '\$'. Continuation records for a given comment are allowed with the additional feature that a new line will be started if the continuation character in column 6 is a '#' and that a new paragraph will be started if the character is a '@'. This feature is intended to facilitate the entry of information into the COMM comments.

SYM	Meaning
TITLE	Title of evaluation. Required if the evaluation spans several masses.
AUTH	Authors, a list of authors from the institution given in the following INST comment. A letter or number in parenthesis following an authors last name will signal a permanent address which is different from the institution. (See PERM)
INST	Institution, name and address of the authors' institution.
INST	comment must follow the appropriate AUTH comment. The # continuation character is used so the address does not run together into one line. More than one set of AUTH and INST comments can be given if more than one institution is involved.
ABST	Abstract, should be terse and to the point. Additional details should be given under COMM comments.
CUT	Cutoff data and associated comments.
COMM	General comments on techniques used in the evaluation or on other information common to many of the isotopes.
ACKN	Acknowledgments.
PERM(a)	Permanent address of an author. The letter or number 'a' within the parenthesis corresponds to the letter or number within the parenthesis which follows the authors last name in the AUTH comment.
FUND	Funding, an acknowledgment of funding which will result in a footnote being added to the title.
CIT	Citation. To be added by the NDS production staff so that the publication can be correctly cited by persons using a retrieval of the A chain. The authors may leave it out.

EXAMPLE of a COMMENTS data set

156 COMMENTS
156 C TITL\$ Nuclear Data Sheets for A=156
156 C AUTH\$R. G. Helmer
156 C INST\$Idaho National Engineering Laboratory
156 #C EG&G Idaho, Inc.
156 #C Idaho Falls, Idaho 83415 USA
156 C ABST\$The experimental results from the various reaction and decay
156 2C studies leading to nuclides in the A=156 mass chain, and ALPHA decays
156 3C from it, have been reviewed. These data are summarized and presented,
156 4C together with adopted levels schemes and properties.
156 C CUT\$Data available prior to May 1991 have been evaluated.
156 C ACKN\$The evaluator wishes to thank C. W. Reich, the reviewer, and the
156 2C editors for many helpful discussions.
156 C FUND\$Research sponsored by the U. S. Department of Energy.
156 C CIT\$R. G. Helmer, NDS 65, 65 (1992)
156 C COMMS\$General Comments: In this evaluation, the following expression
156 2C was used to define the rotational-band parameters a and B:
156 C $E(J)=E\{-0\} + a[J(J+1)-K\{+2\}] + B[J(J+1)-K\{+2\}]\{+2\}.$
156 C with the following terms sometimes added for K=1 and 2 bands
156 C $+ (-1)\{+J+1\}a\{-2\}J(J+1)$ for K=1
156 C and
156 C $+ (-1)\{+J\}a\{-4\}(J-1)J(J+1)(J+2)$ for K=2.
156 C In the determination of the values of these parameters, the energy
156 2C spacings of only the lowest levels, and minimum number of levels, were
156 3C used.
156 C The ENSDF file (the computer data base from which these Data Sheets
156 3C are produced), contains some information that is not printed in these
156 4C Data Sheets. This includes the theoretical internal-conversion
156 6C coefficients for each shell, where the values are significant, for
156 8C each |g| for which a multipolarity is given in the Data Sheets. Also, a
156 9C short comment is made about the experimental methods for each
156 BC reference. This information would be available if a copy of the ENSDF
156 DC file were obtained.

Output for above COMMENTS data set is shown on the following page

Nuclear Data Sheets for A = 156*

Nuclear Data Sheets 65, 65 (1992)

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Abstract: The experimental results from the various reaction and decay studies leading to nuclides in the A=156 mass chain, and α decays from it, have been reviewed. These data are summarized and presented, together with adopted levels schemes and properties.

Cutoff Date: Data available prior to May 1991 have been evaluated.

General Policies and Organization of Material: See the January issue of Nuclear Data Sheets.

Acknowledgments: The evaluator wishes to thank C. W. Reich, the reviewer, and the editors for many helpful discussions.

General Comments: In this evaluation, the following expression was used to Define the rotational-band parameters A and B:

$$E(J) = E_0 + A[J(J+1) - K^2] + B[J(J+1) - K^2]^2$$

with the following terms sometimes added for K=1 and 2 bands

$$+ (-1)^{J+1} A_2 J(J+1) \text{ for } K=1$$

and

$$+ (-1)^J A_4 (J-1)J(J+1)(J+2) \text{ for } K=2.$$

In the determination of the values of these parameters, the energy spacings of only the lowest levels, and minimum number of levels, were used.

The ENSDF file (the computer data base from which these Data Sheets are produced), contains some information that is not printed in these Data Sheets. This includes the theoretical internal-conversion coefficients for each shell, where the values are significant, for each γ for which a multipolarity is given in the Data Sheets. Also, a short comment is made about the experimental methods for each reference. This information would be available if a copy of the ENSDF file were obtained.

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Appendix C

Example of an Adopted Data Set

162TB ADOPTED LEVELS, GAMMAS 99NDS 199909
162TB H TYP=FUL\$AUT=R. G. Helmer and C. W. Reich\$CIT=NDS 87, 317 (1999)\$
162TB2 H CUT=1-Jan-1999\$
162TB Q 2506 36 6284 36 7457 36 -895 85 1995AU04
162TB C Data are from 162GD B- decay (1982Ge07,1970Ch02) and 163DY(T,A)
162TB2C reaction (1989BuZW,1988BuZP).
162TB CL E Other levels up to 1600 keV are indicated by the 163DY(T,A)
162TB2CL spectrum in 1988BuZP.
162TB CL J For the levels reported from the 163DY(T,A) reaction, the
162TB2CL JPI values are based on L=2 transfers and intensity patterns
162TB3CL within bands that indicate pickup of a 3/2[411] proton.
162TB CL BAND(A) KPI = 1- band.
162TB2CL CONF=((P,3/2(411))(N,5/2(523))).
162TB@CL ^A=9.78
162TB DL Levels: 1- (0), 2- (39), 3- (97), 4- (176), 5- (267).
162TB CL BAND(B) KPI = 4- band.
162TB2CL CONF=((P,3/2(411))(N,5/2(523))).
162TB@CL ^A AP 10
162TB CL BAND(C) Bandhead of KPI = 1+ band.
162TB2CL CONF=((P,7/2(523))(N,5/2(523)))
162TB XY162GD B- DECAY
162TB XZ163DY(T,A)
162TB PN 6
162TB L 0 1- 7.60 M 15 A
162TB2 L %B-=100 \$ XREF=+
162TB CL T Unweighted average of 7.43 MIN 4 (1965Sc24) and 7.76 MIN 10
162TB2CL (1977Ka08). Others: 7.48 M 3 (1965Sc24), 8.0 M 5 (1966Fu08),
162TB3CL 7.75 M 31 (1966Sc24), 7.5 M 10 (1967Gu03), and 7.6 M 2 (1968Ka10).
162TB4CL See 1951Bu25, 1960Wi10, and 1962Ta12 for half-life measurements
162TB5CL related to nuclide identification.
162TB CL J Configuration is assigned as
162TB2CL CONF=((P,3/2(411))(N,5/2(523))) based on the ground-state
162TB3CL assignments of CONF=(P,3/2(411)) for 161TB and
162TB4CL CONF=(N,5/2(523)) for 161GD and 163DY.
162TB CL J LOGFT=4.95 of the B- transition to the 2- level at 1148 keV
162TB2CL in 162DY indicates an allowed-unhindered B transition, which
162TB3CL must be CONF=(N,5/2(523)) to CONF=(P,7/2(523)). This confirms
162TB4CL the configuration assignment to this ground state as well as
162TB5CL helping establish the configuration assignment to the 1148-keV
162TB6CL level in 162DY as CONF=((P,3/2(411))(P,7/2(523))). See 162DY
162TB6CL Adopted Levels and 1995Be02 for further discussion.
162TB L 39.10 9 2- A

162TB2 L XREF=+
 162TB CL J From M1 component in G to 1- ground state, expected energy
 162TB2CL spacing in rotational band, and (T,A) reaction results.
 162TB G 39.0 2 100 M1+(E2)
 162TB CG M From intensity balance at 39 level in 162GD B- decay,
 162TB2CG transition is primarily M1 (1970Ch02); x/G intensity ratio and
 162TB3CG ^L x-ray energy are consistent with this.
 162TB L 97 1 3- A
 162TB2 L XREF=Z
 162TB L 176 1 4- A
 162TB2 L XREF=Z
 162TB L 216 1 4- B
 162TB2 L XREF=Z
 162TB CL J Configuration is assigned as that of the ground state,
 162TB2CL namely, (PI 3/2[411])(NU 5/2[523]) recoupled. The systematics
 162TB3CL of 1998Ja07 suggest a "theoretical" Gallagher-Moszkowski splitting
 162TB4CL of 82 keV compared to the observed 216 keV, if this assignment
 162TB5CL is correct.
 162TB L 267 2 5- A
 162TB2 L XREF=Z
 162TB L 310 1 5- B
 162TB2 L XREF=Z
 162TB L 341.41 9 (0-,1)
 162TB2 L XREF=Y
 162TB CL J From LOGFT=5.9 in B- decay from 0+ 162GD.
 162TB G 302.30 15 58 9
 162TB G 341.42 10 100 9
 162TB L 442.11 8 1+ C
 162TB2 L XREF=Y
 162TB CL J From allowed-unhindered (LOGFT=4.4) B- transition from the
 162TB2CL 162GD ground state (0+). This also uniquely establishes the
 162TB3CL configuration of this level as CONF=((N,5/2(523))(P,7/2(523))).
 162TB G 403.00 8 85 4
 162TB G 442.12 8 100

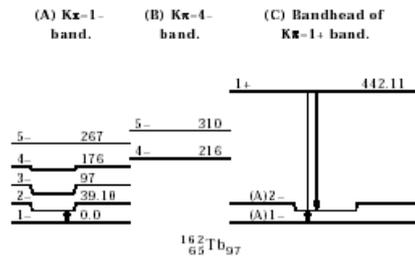
Output for above data set is shown in the following pages

Adopted Levels, GammasQ(β^-)=2506 36; S(n)=6284 36; S(p)=7457 36; Q(α)=-895 85 1995Au04.Data are from ^{162}Gd β^- decay (1982Ge07,1970Ch02) and $^{163}\text{Dy}(t,\alpha)$ reaction (1989BuZw,1988BuZP). ^{162}Tb LevelsCross Reference (XREF) FlagsA ^{162}Gd β^- Decay
B $^{163}\text{Dy}(t,\alpha)$

E(level) [†]	J π [‡]	XREF	T _{1/2}	Comments
0. 0 [§]	1-	AB	7.60 min 15	% β^- =100. T _{1/2} : Unweighted average of 7.43 min 4 (1965Sc24) and 7.76 min 10 (1977Ka08). Others: 7.48 min 3 (1965Sc24), 8.0 min 5 (1966Fu08), 7.75 min 31 (1966Sc24), 7.5 min 10 (1967Gu03), and 7.6 min 2 (1968Ka10). See 1951Bu25, 1960Wi10, and 1962Ta12 for half-life measurements related to nuclide identification. J π : Configuration is assigned as configuration-(π 3/2[411])(ν 5/2[523]) based on the ground-state assignments of configuration-(π 3/2[411]) for ^{161}Tb and configuration-(ν 5/2[523]) for ^{161}Gd and ^{163}Dy . J π : log f_t =4.95 of the β^- transition to the 2- level at 1148 keV in ^{162}Dy indicates an allowed-unhindered β^- transition, which must be configuration-(ν 5/2[523]) to configuration-(π 7/2[523]). This confirms the configuration assignment to this ground state as well as helping establish the configuration assignment to the 1148-keV level in ^{162}Dy as configuration-(π 3/2[411])(π 7/2[523]). See ^{162}Dy Adopted Levels and 1995Be02 for further discussion.
39. 10 [§] g	2-	AB		J π : From M1 component in γ to 1- ground state, expected energy spacing in rotational band, and (t, α) reaction results.
97 [§] 1	3-	B		
176 [§] 1	4-	B		
216 [¶] 1	4-	B		J π : Configuration is assigned as that of the ground state, namely, (π 3/2[411])(ν 5/2[523]) recoupled. The systematics of 1998Ja07 suggest a "theoretical" Gallagher-Moszkowski splitting of 82 keV compared to the observed 216 keV, if this assignment is correct.
267 [§] 2	5-	B		
310 [¶] 1	5-	B		
341. 41 g	(0-, 1)	A		J π : From log f_t =5.9 in β^- decay from 0+ ^{162}Gd .
442. 11 [¶] g	1+	A		J π : From allowed-unhindered (log f_t =4.4) β^- transition from the ^{162}Gd ground state (0+). This also uniquely establishes the configuration of this level as configuration-(ν 5/2[523])(π 7/2[523]).

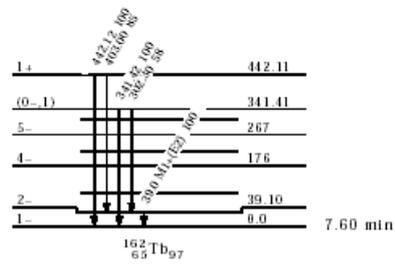
[†] Other levels up to 1600 keV are indicated by the $^{163}\text{Dy}(t,\alpha)$ spectrum in 1988BuZP.[‡] For the levels reported from the $^{163}\text{Dy}(t,\alpha)$ reaction, the J π values are based on L=2 transfers and intensity patterns within bands that indicate pickup of a 3/2[411] proton.[§] (A): K π =1- band. Configuration=(π 3/2[411])(ν 5/2[523]). A=9.78.[¶] (B): K π =4- band. Configuration=(π 3/2[411])(ν 5/2[523]). A=10.[¶] (C): Bandhead of K π =1+ band. Configuration=(π 7/2[523])(ν 5/2[523]). $\gamma(^{162}\text{Tb})$

E(level)	E γ	I γ	Mult.	Comments
39. 10	39. 0 2	100	M1 + (E2)	Mult.: From intensity balance at 39 level in ^{162}Gd β^- decay, transition is primarily M1 (1970Ch02); x/7 intensity ratio and L x-ray energy are consistent with this.
341. 41	302. 30 15	58 g		
	341. 42 10	100 g		
442. 11	403. 00 g	85 d		
	442. 12 g	100		

Adopted Levels, Gammas (continued)

Level Scheme

Intensities: relative photon branching from each level



Appendix D

Example of a Decay Data Set

162TB 162GD B- DECAY 1982GE07,1970CH02 99NDS 199909
162TB H TYP=FUL\$AUT=R. G. Helmer and C. W. Reich\$CIT=NDS 87, 317 (1999)\$
162TB2 H CUT=1-Jan-1999\$
162TB C 162GD has been produced by double-neutron capture in enriched 160GD
162TB2C with radiochemistry (1967Wa05,1970Ch02) and from spontaneous fission
162TB3C of 252CF with radiochemistry (1982Ge07). Measurements include
162TB4C G singles and GG, GX, and GB coincidences.
162TB CL Decay scheme is from 1982Ge07, and is similar to those of
162TB2CL 1970Ch02 and 1967Wa05.
162TB CL The consistency of the scheme is supported
162TB2CL by the fact that the sum of the energies of the radiations is
162TB3CL 1395 keV 56 which agrees with the Q value of 1400 100.
162TB CL E From least-squares fit to G energies.
162TB CL J From 162TB Adopted Levels. Rotational band and Nilsson
162TB CG Data are from 1982Ge07, unless otherwise noted. Others:
162TB2CG 1970Ch02, 1967Wa05.
162TB CB E From 1970Ch02.
162TB CB IB From evaluators' assumption that 100% of the decays
162TB2CB depopulate the levels at 341 and 442 keV (that is, no B-
162TB3CB feeding of the ground state and 39 level) and no G feeding of
162TB4CB the 341-keV level. From LOGFT GE 5.9 for 0+ to 1- ground state
162TB5CB (1973Ra10), IB-(0) LE 13% and from LOGF1T GE 8.5 for 0+ to 2- at
162TB6CB 39 keV (1973Ra10), IB-(39) LE 0.15%.
162TB2CL configuration assignments are given there.
162TB D Experimental methods:
162TB D 1967Wa05: 162GD from double-neutron capture in enriched (94%) 160GD
162TB2D with radiochemistry. G's measured with NAI(TL) detectors.
162TB D 1970Ch02: 162GD from double-neutron capture in enriched (94.8%) 160GD
162TB2D with radiochemistry. G's measured with Ge and Si(Li) detectors
162TB3D and B's with Si(Li) detector. GX and GB coincidences measured.
162TB D 1982Ge07: 162GD from 252CF spontaneous fission with radiochemistry.
162TB2D G's measured with Ge detector.
162GD P 0 0+ 8.4 M 2 14E2 1
162TB N 0.51 2 1.0 1.0
162TB CN NR Based on evaluators' assumption that 100% of the decays
162TB2CN depopulate the levels at 341 and 442 keV.
162TB PN 3
162TB L 0 1- 7.60 M 15
162TB CL T From 162TB Adopted Levels and based on 7.43 M 4 (1965Sc24)
162TB2CL and 7.76 M 10 (1977Ka08).
162TB L 39.10 9 2-
162TB G 39.0 2 10 2 M1+(E2) 8 2 C
162TBS G LC=6 2\$ MC=1.4 3
162TB CG E Average of 39.1 2 (1982Ge07) and 38.8 2 (1970Ch02).

162TB CG RI Average of 9 2 (1982Ge07) and 14 3 (1970Ch02).
 162TB CG M,CC CC value deduced by evaluators from intensity balance at 39
 162TB2CG level for current decay scheme; added G's feeding 39 level will
 162TB3CG increase CC value. From CC(M1)=5.58 and CC(E2)=135, G is
 162TB4CG primarily M1 with some E2 probable. Measured x/G intensity
 162TB5CG ratio and L x-ray energy are consistent with this (1970Ch02).
 162TB L 341.41 9 (0-,1)
 162TB B 4.5 5 5.9 2
 162TBS B EAV=362 14
 162TB G 302.30 15 3.1 5
 162TB G 341.42 10 5.3 5
 162TB L 442.11 8 1+
 162TB B 10E2 1 95.5 5 4.4 2 C
 162TBS B EAV=322 40
 162TB G 403.00 8 85 4 [E1] 0.008 C
 162TBS G KC=0.0069\$ LC=0.0010\$ MC=0.0002
 162TB G 442.12 8 100 [E1] 0.007 C
 162TBS G KC=0.0056\$ LC=0.00076\$ MC=0.0002

Output for above data set is shown in the following pages

^{162}Gd β^- Decay 1982Ge07,1970Ch02

Parent ^{162}Gd : E=0; $J^\pi=0^+$; $T_{1/2}=8.4$ min 2; $Q(\text{g.s.})=14\times 10^2$ l; % β^- decay=100.

^{162}Gd has been produced by double-neutron capture in enriched ^{160}Gd with radiochemistry (1967Wa05,1970Ch02) and from spontaneous fission of ^{252}Cf with radiochemistry (1982Ge07). Measurements include γ singles and $\gamma\gamma$, γX , and $\gamma\beta$ coincidences.

 ^{162}Tb Levels

Decay scheme is from 1982Ge07, and is similar to those of 1970Ch02 and 1967Wa05.

The consistency of the scheme is supported by the fact that the sum of the energies of the radiations is 1395 keV 56 which agrees with the Q value of 1400 100.

E(level) [†]	J^π [†]	$T_{1/2}$	Comments
0.0	1-	7.60 min 15	$T_{1/2}$: From ^{162}Tb Adopted Levels and based on 7.43 min β (1965Sc24) and 7.76 min 10 (1977Ka08).
39.10 9	2-		
341.41 9	(0-, 1)		
442.11 8	1+		

[†] From least-squares fit to γ energies.

[†] From ^{162}Tb Adopted Levels. Rotational band and Nilsson.

 β^- radiations

$E\beta^-$ [†]	E(level)	$I\beta^-$ [‡]	Log f_t	Comments
1000 100	442.11	95.5 5	4.4 2	av $E\beta^-$ =322 40.
(1060 100)	341.41	4.5 5	5.9 2	av $E\beta^-$ =362 14.

[†] From 1970Ch02.

[†] From evaluators' assumption that 100% of the decays depopulate the levels at 341 and 442 keV (that is, no β^- feeding of the ground state and 39 level) and no γ feeding of the 341-keV level. From log f_t 5.9 for 0+ to 1- ground state (1973Ra10).

$I\beta^-(0)\leq 13\%$ and from log f_t 8.5 for 0+ to 2- at 39 keV (1973Ra10). $I\beta^-(39)\leq 0.15\%$. configuration assignments are given there.

[‡] For β^- intensity per 100 decays, multiply by 1.0.

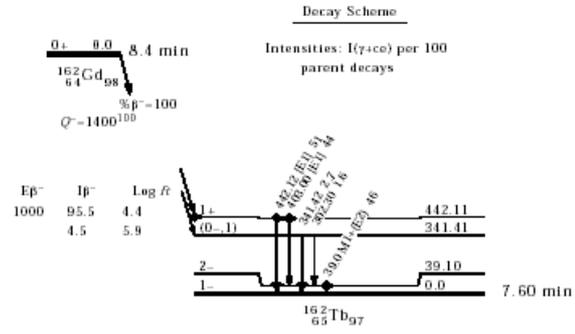
 $\gamma(^{162}\text{Tb})$

Data are from 1982Ge07, unless otherwise noted. Others: 1970Ch02, 1967Wa05.

$I\gamma$ normalization: Based on evaluators' assumption that 100% of the decays depopulate the levels at 341 and 442 keV.

$E\gamma$	E(level)	$I\gamma$ [†]	Mult.	α	Comments
39.0 2	39.10	10 2	M1+(E2)	8 2	$\alpha(L)=6.2$; $\alpha(M)=1.4.3$. $E\gamma$: Average of 39.1 2 (1982Ge07) and 38.8 2 (1970Ch02). $I\gamma$: Average of 9 2 (1982Ge07) and 14 3 (1970Ch02). Mult., α : α value deduced by evaluators from intensity balance at 39 level for current decay scheme; added γ 's feeding 39 level will increase α value. From $\alpha(M1)=5.58$ and $\alpha(E2)=135$, γ is primarily M1 with some E2 probable. Measured x/γ intensity ratio and L x-ray energy are consistent with this (1970Ch02).
302.30 15	341.41	3.1 5			
341.42 10	341.41	5.3 5			
403.00 8	442.11	85 4	[E1]	0.008	$\alpha(K)=0.0069$; $\alpha(L)=0.0010$; $\alpha(M)=0.0002$.
442.12 8	442.11	100	[E1]	0.007	$\alpha(K)=0.0056$; $\alpha(L)=0.00076$; $\alpha(M)=0.0002$.

[†] For absolute intensity per 100 decays, multiply by 0.51 2.

$^{162}\text{Gd} \beta^-$ Decay 1982Ge07.1970Ch02 (continued)

Appendix E

ENSDF Coding for Ionized Atom decay

Decay Data Set

1. ID record

The ionization state of the atom would be in square brackets following the nuclide symbol in the DSID field.

2. Parent record

- Energy field: level energy of the parent nucleus
- Half-life field: half-life for the decay of the ionized atom
- Q-value field: nuclear ground-state to ground-state value
- New field (77-80): ionization state

3. Level records

- Energy field: level energy of the daughter nucleus
- MS field: atomic electron shell or subshell in which the emitted beta- particle is captured.
- A new quantity, "ION", giving the ionization state would be required on an "S L" record following the level record.

4. Daughter Adopted Levels, Gammas

The adopted levels would be cross-referenced to the observed states in the ionized atom decay dataset.

5. Parent Adopted Levels, Gammas

The half-life and decay branching of the ionized atom decay would be given as comments (analogous to the current practice for half-lives which differ due to chemical effects). This should be regarded as an interim solution; after more experience is gained, methods of giving these data on level continuation records should be derived.

Examples:

187Re

187OS 187RE[+75] B- DECAY 96BO37
187OS C BOUND STATE B- DECAY OF BARE 187RE (75+ CHARGE STATE)
187OS C 96BO37 (ALSO 97NO07,97KL06,97WE08): DECAY OF FULLY IONIZED
187RE
187OS2C NUCLEI CIRCULATING IN A STORAGE RING.
187OS C T1/2 OF 187RE ION (75+ CHARGE STATE)=32.9 Y 20
187RE P 0 5/2+ 32.9 Y 20 2.663 19+75
187OS N 1.0
187OS L 0 1/2- K
187OSS L ION=+75
187OS B WEAK 11 AP 1U?
187OS L 9.75 3/2- K
187OSS L ION=+75
187OS B 100 7.87 3
187OS G 9.75 S
187OS L 0 1/2- L1
187OSS L ION=+75
187OS B ?

187RE ADOPTED LEVELS, GAMMAS

187RE CL BAND(A)\$5/2[402]?
187RE L 0.0 5/2+ 4.35E10 Y 13 A
187RE2 L %B-=100%A LT 0.0001
187RE CL %B-({+187}Re{++75})=100; T1/2({+187}Re{++75})=32.9 20 Y

187OS ADOPTED LEVELS, GAMMAS

187OS CL BAND(A)\$1/2[501] BAND
187OS CL BAND(B)\$3/2[512] BAND
187OS XA187RE B- DECAY
187OS XB187IR EC DECAY
187OS XC186OS(N,G) E=THERMAL
187OS XD187RE(D,2NG), 187RE(P,NG)
187OS XECOULOMB EXCITATION
187OS XF189OS(P,T)
187OS XG186OS(D,P)
187OS XH187OS(D,D')
187OS XI188OS(D,T),(T,A)
187OS XJ187RE[+75] B- DECAY
187OS L 0.0 1/2- STABLE A
187OSX L XREF=ABCDEFGHIJ
187OS L 9.746 24 3/2- 2.38 NS 18 B
187OSX L XREF=BCDFJ

163Dy

163HO C BOUND STATE B- DECAY OF $\{+163\}\text{Dy}\{+66+\}$ ION
 163HO C 92JU01: T1/2 MEASURED BY STORING BARE 163DY 66+ IONS IN A
 HEAVY-ION

163HO2C STORAGE RING.
 163HO C T1/2($\{+163\}\text{Dy}\{+66+\}$)=47 +5-4 D
 163DY P 0+Y 5/2- 47 D +5-4 -2.565 14+66
 163HO N 1.0
 163HO L 0 7/2- K
 163HOS L ION=+66
 163HO B 100

163DY ADOPTED LEVELS, GAMMAS

163DY L 0.0 5/2- STABLE
 163DY CL $\%B-(\{+163\}\text{Dy}\{+66+\})=100$; T1/2($\{+163\}\text{Dy}\{+66+\}$)=47 +5-4 D
 163HO XA163HO IT DECAY (1.09 S)
 163HO XB163ER EC DECAY
 163HO XC162DY(P,P) IAR
 163HO XD162DY(3HE,D),(A,T)
 163HO XE163DY(D,2NG),(P,NG)
 163HO XG164ER(POL T,A)
 163HO XI165HO(P,T)
 163HO XJ163DY[+66] B- DECAY
 163HO CL BAND(A) 7/2(523). A=11.12, B=-0.313 EV
 163HO L 0.0 7/2- 4570 Y 25
 163HO2 L %EC=100
 163HO3 L FLAG=A\$XREF=-(C)

Appendix F.

ENSDF Dictionary – Translation into True-type Character Set

<u>ENSDF</u>	<u>Translation</u>
"A"	"A"
%12C	%{+12}C
%14C	%{+14}C
%2B-	%2|b{+-}
%A	%|a
%B+A	%|b{++}|a
%B+N	%|b{++}n
%B+P	%|b{++}p
%B+_	%|b{++}
%B-2N	%|b{+-}2n
%B-N	%|b{+-}n
%B-P	%|b{+-}p
%B-_	%|b{+-}
%BEC	%|b{++}|e
%E0	%E0
%E2	%E2
%EC	%|e
%ECA	%|e|a
%ECF	%|e|f
%ECK	%|e|k
%ECP	%|e|p
%EWSR	%EWSR
%G	%|g
%I	%|I
%IB	%|I|b
%IG	%|I|g
%IT	%|IT
%M1	%M1
%N	%n
%P	%p
%RI	%|I|g
%SF	%SF
(A)	(|a)
(B)	(|b)
(COUL.)	(Coul.)
(CV)	(CV)
(DOWN)	(|_)
(H,T)	(H,T)

<u>ENSDF</u>	<u>Translation</u>
(IT)	(IT)
(T)	(t)
(THETA,H)	(|q,H)
(THETA,H,T,T)	(|q,H,t,T)
(THETA,T,H)	(|q,T,H)
(UP)	(|^)
*	*
** (J+1/2)	{+(J+|,)}
** -1	{+-1}
** -3	{+-3}
** -4	{+-4}
** 1/2	{+1/2}
** 1/3	{+1/3}
** 2	{+2}
** 3	{+3}
** L	{+L}
*A**(1/3)	|*|A{+1/3}
*DS/DW	d|s/d|W
*E	|*E
*EG	E|g
*EKC	|a(K)exp
*G*WIDTHG0**2	g|G{+2}\{-|g0}
*G2	g{-2}
*IB-	|*|I|b{+-}
*IE	|*|I|e
*Q	|*Q
*R	R
*RI	I|g
*SIGMA	|*|s
*SUMOF	|S
*T1/2	|*T{-1/2}
*TAU	|t
*WIDTH	|G
*WIDTHP	|G{-p}
2B-	2|b{+-}
2J	2J
2N*SIGMA	2N|s
4PI	4|p

<u>ENSDF</u>	<u>Translation</u>
4PIB	4|p|b
4PIBG	4|p|b|g
4PIG	4|p|g
A DECAF	|a decay
A DECAYS	|a decays
A SYST	|a syst
A'	|a'
A(THETA)	A(|q)
A**1/3	A ^{+1/3}
A**2/3	A ^{+2/3}
A-DECAF	|a-decay
A-N	A-N
A-SYST	|a-syst
A0	A ^{-0}
A1	A ^{-1}
A11	A ^{-11}
A2	A ^{-2}
A2/A0	A ^{-2} /A ^{-0}
A22	A ^{-22}
A2P2	A ^{-2} P ^{-2}
A3	A ^{-3}
A4	A ^{-4}
A44	A ^{-44}
A5	A ^{-5}
A6	A ^{-6}
A7	A ^{-7}
A=	A=
AA	|a|a
AA0	Aa ^{-0}
AAS	AAS
AB	AB
ACE	(|a)(ce)
AG	|a|g
AJ	AJ
ALAGA	Alaga
ALPHA	|a
ALPHA0	|a ^{-0}
ALPHA1	|a ^{-1}
ALPHA2	|a ^{-2}
ALPHA3	|a ^{-3}
ALPHAS	|a's
AP	|?
APRIL	April
AUGER	Auger
AUGUST	August

<u>ENSDF</u>	<u>Translation</u>
AVRSQ	{<r ^{+2} >}
AXK	(|a)(K x ray)
AY	Ay
B	|b
B(E0)	B(E0)
B(E1)	B(E1)
B(E2)	B(E2)
B(E3)	B(E3)
B(E4)	B(E4)
B(IS)	|b(IS)
B(J)	B(J)
B*R	|bR
B*RHO	B|*|r
B+	|b ^{++}
B-2N	|b ^{+-} 2n
B-N	|b ^{+-} n
B-VIBRATIONAL	|b-vibrational
B-	|b ^{+-}
B/A	B/A
B0	|b ^{-0}
B00	|b ^{-00}
B02	|b ^{-02}
B03	|b ^{-03}
B04	|b ^{-04}
B1	|b ^{-1}
B12	|b ^{-12}
B2	|b ^{-2}
B2*R	|b ^{-2} R
B20	|b ^{-20}
B22	|b ^{-22}
B24	|b ^{-24}
B3	|b ^{-3}
B3*R	|b ^{-3} R
B30	|b ^{-30}
B4	|b ^{-4}
B4*R	|b ^{-4} R
B42	|b ^{-42}
B4C	B ^{-4} C
B5	|b ^{-5}
B5*R	|b ^{-5} R
B6	|b ^{-6}
B6*R	|b ^{-6} R
B7	|b ^{-7}
B=	B=
BA	|b|a

<u>ENSDF</u>	<u>Translation</u>	<u>ENSDF</u>	<u>Translation</u>
BAVRSQ	{ < b{+2}>{+1/2}}	BGT	|b(GT)
BB	|b|b	BIEDENHARN	Biedenharn
BC	|bc	BJ**2	BJ{+2}
BCE	|bce	BL	|b{-L}
BCS	BCS	BL**2	|b{-L}{+2}
BE(L)	BE(L)	BL*R	|b{-L}R
BE-	|be{+-}	BL*R*A**(1/3)	|b{-L}RA{+1/3}
BE0	B(E0)	BLAIR	Blair
BE0W	B(E0)(W.u.)	BM(L)	BM(L)
BE1	B(E1)	BM1	B(M1)
BE1UP	B(E1)|^	BM1UP	B(M1)|^
BE1W	B(E1)(W.u.)	BM1W	B(M1)(W.u.)
BE2	B(E2)	BM2	B(M2)
BE2DWN	B(E2)|_	BM2UP	B(M2)|^
BE2UP	B(E2)|^	BM2W	B(M2)(W.u.)
BE2W	B(E2)(W.u.)	BM3	B(M3)
BE3	B(E3)	BM3W	B(M3)(W.u.)
BE3UP	B(E3)|^	BM4	B(M4)
BE3W	B(E3)(W.u.)	BM4W	B(M4)(W.u.)
BE3WUP	B(E3)(W.u.)|^	BM5W	B(M5)(W.u.)
BE4	B(E4)	BM8UP	B(M8)|^
BE4UP	B(E4)|^	BML	B(ML)
BE4W	B(E4)(W.u.)	BMLW	B(ML)(W.u.)
BE5	B(E5)	BN	|bn
BE5W	B(E5)(W.u.)	BOHR	Bohr
BE6	B(E6)	BORN	Born
BE6UP	B(E6)|^	BP	|bp
BE6W	B(E6)(W.u.)	BR	Branching
BE7	B(E7)	BREIT	Breit
BE7W	B(E7)(W.u.)	BRINK	Brink
BE8	B(E8)	Be	Be
BEC DECAY	|b{++}|e Decay	C	C
BEL	B(EL)	C.M.	c.m.
BELW	B(EL)(W.u.)	C12G	{+12}C|g
BERKELEY	Berkeley	C2S	C{+2}S
BESSEL	Bessel	CA(OH)	Ca(OH)
BETA	|b	CC	|a
BETA*R	|bR	CCBA	CCBA
BETAS	|b's	CCC	CCC
BETHE	Bethe	CE	ce
BF3	BF{-3}	CEB	ce|b
BG	|b|g	CEG	ce|g
BGG	|b|g|g	CEK	ce(K)
BGN	|b|gn	CEL	ce(L)
BGO	BGO	CEL1	ce(L1)

<u>ENSDF</u>	<u>Translation</u>	<u>ENSDF</u>	<u>Translation</u>
CEL12	ce(L12)	CURIE	Curie
CEL2	ce(L2)	Cm	Cm
CEL23	ce(L23)	D)	D)
CEL3	ce(L3)	D+(Q)	D+(Q)
CEM	ce(M)	D+Q	D+Q
CEM1	ce(M1)	D3HE	d{+3}He
CEM2	ce(M2)	DA	|DA
CEM23	ce(M23)	DA2	|DA{-2}
CEM3	ce(M3)	DA4	|DA{-4}
CEM4	ce(M4)	DAVRSQ	{ |D<r{+2}>}
CEM45	ce(M45)	DAVRSQ4	{ |D<r{+4}>}
CEM5	ce(M5)	DAVRSQ6	{ |D<r{+6}>}
CEN	ce(N)	DAVYDOV	Davydov
CEN1	ce(N1)	DBR	branching uncertainty
CEN2	ce(N2)	DCC	|D|a
CEN3	ce(N3)	DCO	DCO
CEN4	ce(N4)	DCOQ	DCOQ
CEN45	ce(N45)	DE	|DE
CEN5	ce(N5)	DE/DX	dE/dx
CEO	ce(O)	DECEMBER	December
CEO+CEP	ce(O)+ce(P)	DEG	\|'
CEO1	ce(O1)	DELTA	|D\
CERENKOV	Cerenkov	DFT	|D(log ft)
CERN	CERN	DG	d|g
CHI	|h	DHF	|D(HF)
CHI**2	|h{+2}	DIA	|D|a
CK	|eK	DIB	|D|b
CL	|eL	DIE	|D|e
CLEBSCH	Clebsch	DISPIN	|DT
CM	|eM	DJ	|DJ
CM2	cm{+2}	DJPI	|DJ|p
CM3	cm{+3}	DK	|DK
CN	|eN	DL	|DL
CO	Co	DMR	|D|d
COMPTON	Compton	DN	|DN
CONF	configuration	DNB	|D(|b-normalization)
CONF=	configuration=	DNR	|D(|g-normalization)
CORIOLIS	Coriolis	DNT	|D(|g+ce-normalization)
COS2TH	cos{+2}|q	DOMEGA	d|W
COSTER	Coster	DOPPLER	Doppler
COUL	Coul	DPAC	DPAC
COULOMB	Coulomb	DPAD	DPAD
CP	CP	DPI	|D|p
CRC	CRC	DQ+	|DQ(|e)
CSI	CsI	DQ-	|DQ(|b{+-})

<u>ENSDF</u>	<u>Translation</u>
DQA	|DQ(|a)
DRI	|DI|g
DS	|DS
DS/DW	d|s/d|W
DSA	DSA
DSAM	DSAM
DSIGMA	d|s
DSN	|DS(n)
DSP	|DS(p)
DT	|DT{-1/2}
DT1/2	|DT{-1/2}
DTI	|DI(|g+ce)
DUBNA	Dubna
DWBA	DWBA
DWIA	DWIA
DWUCK	DWUCK
E	E
E'(THETA)	e'(|q)
E(A)	E(|a)
E(D)	E(d)
E(E)	E(e)
E(N)	E(n)
E(P)	E(p)
E(P1)	E(p{-1})
E(P2)	E(p{-2})
E(T)	E(t)
E**1/2	E{+1/2}
E**2	E{+2}
E+	e{++}
E+-	e{+|+}
E-E	E-E
E.G.	{|e.g.}
E/DE	E/|DE
E0	E0
E1	E1
E10	E10
E2	E2
E3	E3
E4	E4
E5	E5
E6	E6
E7	E7
E8	E8
E9	E9
EA	E|a

<u>ENSDF</u>	<u>Translation</u>
EAV	av E|b
EB	E|b
EB-	E|b{+-}
EBE2UP	|eB(E2)|^
EBE3UP	|eB(E3)|^
EB_	E|b
EC	|e
EC2P	|e2p
ECA	|e|a
ECC	|a(exp)
ECE	E(ce)
ECK	|eK(exp)
ECL	|eL(exp)
ECL1	|eL1(exp)
ECL2	|eL2(exp)
ECL3	|eL3(exp)
ECM	|jM(exp)
ECN	|jN(exp)
ECP	|ep
ED	E(d)
EDE	E|DE
EE	Ee
EEC	E|e
EG	E|g
EG**3	E|g{+3}
EG**5	E|g{+5}
EKC	|a(K)exp
EL	EL
EL12C	|a(L12)exp
EL1C	|a(L1)exp
EL23C	|a(L23)exp
EL2C	|a(L2)exp
EL3C	|a(L3)exp
ELC	|a(L)exp
EM1C	|a(M1)exp
EM2C	|a(M2)exp
EM3C	|a(M3)exp
EM4C	|a(M4)exp
EM5C	|a(M5)exp
EMC	|a(M)exp
EN	E(n)
EN1C	|a(N1)exp
EN23C	|a(N23)exp
EN2C	|a(N2)exp
EN3C	|a(N3)exp

<u>ENSDF</u>	<u>Translation</u>
EN4C	|a(N4)exp
ENC	|a(N)exp
ENDF/B-V	ENDF/B-V
ENDF/B_	ENDF/B
ENDOR	ENDOR
ENGE	Enge
EP	E(p)
EPR	EPR
EPSILON	|e
EPSILONB	|eB
ESR	ESR
ET	E(t)
EV	eV
EVEN-A	even-A
EWSR	EWSR
EX.	ex.
E{	E{
F+B	F+B
F-K	F-K
F/B	F/B
FEBRUARY	February
FERMI	Fermi
FESHBACH	Feshbach
FG	(fragment)|g
FM	fm
FM**-1	fm{+-1}
FM**2	fm{+2}
FM**4	fm{+4}
FM-1	fm{+-1}
FOCK	Fock
FOURIER	Fourier
FWHM	FWHM
G FACTOR	g factor
G FACTORS	g factors
G(2+	g(2+
G*T	gT
G*W*WIDTHG0	gw|G{-|g0}
G*W*WIDTHG0**	2gW|G{-0}\{+2}
G*WIDTH	g|G
G*WIDTHG0	g|G{-|g0}
G*WIDTHG0**2	g|G{+2}\{-|g0}
G*WIDTHN	g|G{-n}
G+-	|g{++}
G-FACTOR	g-factor
G-FACTORS	g-factors

<u>ENSDF</u>	<u>Translation</u>
G-M	G-M
G/A	|g/a
G0	|g{-0}
G1	g{-1}
G1*WIDTH	g{-1}|G
G2	g{-2}
G2*WIDTH	g{-2}|G
G=	g=
GA	|?>
GA2	g{-A}\{+2}
GALLAGHER	Gallagher
GAMMA	|g
GAMOW	Gamow
GARVEY	Garvey
GAUSSIAN	Gaussian
GB	|g|b
GB-	|g|b{+-}
GCE	|gce
GDR	GDR
GE	|>
GE(LI)	Ge(Li)
GE-	|ge{+-}
GEIGER	Geiger
GEIGER-MULLER	Geiger-Muller
GELI	Ge(Li)
GEV	GeV
GG	|g|g
GGG	|g|g|g
GGN	|g|gn
GGT	|g|gt
GM	GM
GMR	GMR
GN	|gn
GP	|gp
GP'	|gp'
GP(T)	|gp(t)
GQR	GQR
GS	g.s.
GSI	GSI
GT	>
GT1/2	gT{-1/2}
GTOL	GTOL
GWIDTH0WIDTHG	g|G{-0}|G|g
GX	|gX
G_	|g

<u>ENSDF</u>	<u>Translation</u>
H(	H(
H**2	h{+2}
H,	H,
H=	H=
HAGER	Hager
HARTREE	Hartree
HAUSER	Hauser
HERA	HERA
HF	HF
HI	HI
HOMEGA	h\|w
HP	HP
HPGE	HPGE
I	I
I.E.	{i.e.}
IA	I|a
IAR	IAR
IAS	IAS
IB	I|b
IB+	I|b{++}
IB-	I|b{+-}
IBA	IBA
IBM	IBM
IBS	IBS
ICC	|a
ICE	Ice
ICE(K)	Ice(K)
ICE(N)	Ice(N)
IE	I|e
IEC	I|e
IG	I|g
IG*EG	I|gE|g
IGISOL	IGISOL
IMPAC	IMPAC
IN(	In(
INFNT	|@
IPAC	IPAC
IS D	is D
ISOLDE	ISOLDE
ISPIN	T
ISPINZ	T{-z}
IT BRANCHING	IT branching
IT DECAY	IT decay
IT DECAYS	IT decays
IT TRANSITION	IT transition

<u>ENSDF</u>	<u>Translation</u>
IT-	IT-
IT=	IT=
IX	I(x ray)
J	J
J**2	J{+2}
J0	J{-0}
J1	J{-1}
J2	J{-2}
JANUARY	January
JF	J{-f}
JI	J{-i}
JKP	JK|p
JMAX	Jmax
JMIN	Jmin
JOSEF	JOSEF
JPI	J|p
JULIE	JULIE
JULY	July
JUNE	June
K	K
K/L+M	K/L+M
K/LM	K/LM
K/T	ce(K)/(lg+ce)
KAPPA	|k
KC	|a(K)
KELSON	Kelson
KEV	keV
KEVIN	Kelvin
KG	kG
KL1L1	KL{-1}L{-1}
KL1L2	KL{-1}L{-2}
KL1L3	KL{-1}L{-3}
KL1M1	KL{-1}M{-1}
KL1M2	KL{-1}M{-2}
KL1M3	KL{-1}M{-3}
KL2L2	KL{-2}L{-2}
KL2L3	KL{-2}L{-3}
KL2M1	KL{-2}M{-1}
KL2M3	KL{-2}M{-3}
KL2M4	KL{-2}M{-4}
KL3L3	KL{-3}L{-3}
KL3LM1	KL{-3}LM{-1}
KL3M2	KL{-3}M{-2}
KL3M3	KL{-3}M{-3}
KL3N	KL{-3}N

<u>ENSDF</u>	<u>Translation</u>	<u>ENSDF</u>	<u>Translation</u>
KLL	KLL	LOHENGRIN	LOHENGRIN
KLM	KLM	LORENTZIAN	Lorentzian
KM2M3	$KM\{-2\}M\{-3\}$	LP	L(p)
KM2N2	$KM\{-2\}N\{-2\}$	LT	<
KM3M3	$KM\{-3\}M\{-3\}$	M	M
KNIGHT	Knight	M+/T	$ce(M+)/(|g+ce)$
KOE	kOe	M+=	M+=
KPI	K|p	M-SHELL	M-shell
KRANE	Krane	M-SUBSHELL	M-subshell
KRONIG	Kronig	M/CE	M/total ce
KUO-BROWN	Kuo-Brown	M/T	$ce(M)/(|g+ce)$
KURIE	Kurie	M1	M1
KXY	KXY	M12	M12
L	L	M1C	|a(M1)
L+/T	$ce(L+)/(|g+ce)$	M2	M2
L/T	$ce(L)/(|g+ce)$	M23	M23
L1	L1	M2C	|a(M2)
L12	L12	M3	M3
L12C	|a(L12)	M3C	|a(M3)
L1C	|a(L1)	M4	M4
L2	L2	M45	M45
L23	L23	M4C	|a(M4)
L23C	|a(L23)	M5	M5
L2C	|a(L2)	M5C	|a(M5)
L3	L3	M6	M6
L3C	|a(L3)	M8	M8
LA	?<	MARCH	March
LAMBDA	|l	MB	mb
LAMPF	LAMPF	MB/SR	mb/sr
LARMOR	Larmor	MC	|a(M)
LASER	LASER	MC+	|a(M+..)
LBL	LBL	MEDLIST	MEDLIST
LC	|a(L)	MEV	MeV
LE	<	MEV**-4	MeV {E4-4}
LEGENDRE	Legendre	MG/CM2	mg/cm {+2}
LI	Li	MHZ	MHZ
LITHERLAND	Litherland	MILLI-EV	meV
LM	LM	MIT	MIT
LMN	LMN	ML	M+L
LN	L(n)	MNO	M+N+O
LOGF1T	$\log | \{If\{+1\}t\}$	MOME2	Q
LOGF1UT	$\log | \{If\{+1u\}t\}$	MOME3	Octupole mom(e1)
LOGF2UT	$\log | \{If\{+2u\}t\}$	MOMM1	|m
LOGF3UT	$\log | \{If\{+3u\}t\}$	MOMM3	Octupole mom(mag)
LOGFT	$\log | \{If\}$	MOMM5	2 {+5} mom(mag)

<u>ENSDF</u>	<u>Translation</u>
MOMM7	2 ^{+7} mom(mag)
MOSSBAUER	Mossbauer
MOSZKOWSKI	Moszkowski
MR	|d
MR**2	|d ^{+2}
MS	ms
MU	|m
MU-	|m ^{+-}
N*SIGMA	N|*|s
N+/T	ce(N+)/(|g+ce)
N-SHELL	N-shell
N-SUBSHELL	N-subshell
N-Z	N-Z
N/T	ce(N)/(|g+ce)
N1	N1
N12	N12
N123	N123
N1C	|a(N1)
N2	N2
N23	N23
N2C	|a(N2)
N3	N3
N3C	|a(N3)
N4	N4
N45	N45
N4C	|a(N4)
N5	N5
N5C	|a(N5)
N6C	|a(N6)
N<	N<
N=	N=
NAI	NaI
NB	|b normalization
NB/SR	nb/sr
NBS	NBS
NC	|a(N)
NC+	|a(N+..)
NC2S	NC ^{+2} S
NDS	Nuclear Da Sheets
NE	|=
NE213	NE213
NG	n|g
NGG	n|g|g
NILSSON	Nilsson
NMR	NMR

<u>ENSDF</u>	<u>Translation</u>
NOTE:	Note:
NOVEMBER	November
NP	Particle normalization
NQR	NQR
NR	I|g normalization
NS*SIGMA	NS|s
NT	I(|g+ce) normalization
NU	|n
NX	NX
Ne	Ne
O	O
O/Q	O/Q
O/T	ce(O)/(|g+ce)
O1	O1
O123	O123
O1C	|a(O1)
O2	O2
O2C	|a(O2)
O3	O3
O3C	|a(O3)
O4C	|a(O4)
OCTOBER	October
ODD-A	odd-A
OMEGA	|w
OMEGA**2*TAU	|w ^{+2}}|t
OMEGA*T	|w|t
ORNL	ORNL
OSIRIS	OSIRIS
P DECAy	p decay
P(THETA)	p(|q)
P+/T	ce(P+)/(|g+ce)
P-WIDTH	p-width
P0	P ^{-0}
P1	P1
P1/2	p1/2
P1C	|a(P1)
P2NG	p2n|g
PAC	PAC
PAD	PAD
PALPHA	p|a
PG	p|g
PGG	p|g|g
PHI	|F
PHI(P1)	|F(p ^{-1})
PHI(P2)	|F(p ^{-2})

<u>ENSDF</u>	<u>Translation</u>
PI	|p
PI-	|p{+-}
PIB	|p|b
PIBG	|p|b|g
PIG	|p|g
PN	P{-n}
PNG	pn|g
PRI	|DI|g(%)
PSI	|Y
PWBA	PWBA
PWIA	PWIA
Q	Q
Q(	Q(
Q+O	Q+O
Q+_	Q(|e)
Q ⁻	Q(|b{+-})
Q/D	Q/D
Q22	Q{-22}
Q2D	Q2D
Q2DM	Q2DM
Q3D	Q3D
QA	Q(|a)
QDD	QDD
QDDM	QDDM
QDMDQ	QDMDQ
QMG	QMG
QP	Q(g.s.)
QQSP	QQSP
QS	Q{-s}
QSD	QSD
R	R
R(DCO)	R(DCO)
R**2	r{+2}
R**4	r{+4}
R**6	r{+6}
R0	r{-0}
RDDS	RDDS
RDM	RDM
RHO	|r
RHO**2	|r{+2}
RI	|I|g
RITZ	Ritz
ROSE	Rose
RPA	RPA
RUL	RUL

<u>ENSDF</u>	<u>Translation</u>
RUTHERFORD	Rutherford
RYTZ	Rytz
S VALUE	S value
S VALUES	S values
S'	S'
S(2N)	S(2n)
S(2P)	S(2p)
S(CE)	s(ce)
S-1	s{+-1}
S-FACTOR	S-factor
S-FACTORS	S-factors
S-VALUE	S-value
S-VALUES	S-values
S-WAVE	s-wave
S/	S/
S=	S=
SA	S(|a)
SAXON	Saxon
SCHMIDT	Schmidt
SD	SD
SDB	SDB
SE(LI)	Se(Li)
SELTZER	Seltzer
SEPTEMBER	September
SF	SF
SI(LI)	Si(Li)
SIGMA	|s
SIGMA(0)	|s{-0}
SIGMA*DE	|s|*|DE
SIGMAG	|s{-|g}
SIGMAN	|s{-n}
SIGMANU	|s|n
SIGNA	|s(n|a)
SINGG	|s(n|g)
SILI	Si(Li)
SIO	SiO
SLIV-BAND	Sliv-Band
SN	S(n)
SOREQ	SOREQ
SP	S(p)
STEFFEN	Steffen
STOCKHOLM	Stockholm
SUMOF	|S\
SY	syst
Sn	Sn

<u>ENSDF</u>	<u>Translation</u>
T	T ^{-1/2}
T)	t)
T,	t,
T/	T/
T1/2	T ^{-1/2}
T20	T20
T21	T21
T22	T22
TAU	|t
TDPAD	TDPAD
TELLER	Teller
TEMP	T
TG	|g
TH	th
THETA	|q
THETA**2	|q ^{+2}
THETA1	|q ^{-1}
THETA2	|q ^{-2}
THETAA	|q|a
THETAA**2	|q|a ^{+2}
THETAG	|q|g
THETAP1**2	|q ^{-p1} ^{+2}
THETAP2**2	|q ^{-p2} ^{+2}
TI	I(|g+ce)
TOF	tof
TPAD	TPAD
TRISTAN	TRISTAN
TRIUMPH	TRIUMPH
Ti	Ti
U	U
U2A2	U ^{-2} A ^{-2}
UB	|mb
UB*MEV	|mb|*MeV
UB/SR	|mb/sr
UG	|mg
UG/CM	|mg/cm
UK	UK
UNISOR	UNISOR
UNIV	Univ
UNIVERSITY	University
US	|ms
USA	USA
USSR	USSR
V	V
VAP	VAP

<u>ENSDF</u>	<u>Translation</u>
W	W
W(THETA)*G*WIDTH	w(|q)g|G^{{-|g0}
W.U.	W.u.
WEISSKOPF	Weisskopf
WIDTH	|G
WIDTH**2	|G ^{+2}
WIDTHA	|G|a
WIDTHA0	|G^{{-|a0}
WIDTHA1	|G^{{-|a1}
WIDTHA2	|G^{{-|a2}
WIDTHA3	|G^{{-|a3}
WIDTHA4	|G^{{-|a4}
WIDTHG	|G^{{-|g}
WIDTHG0	|G^{{-|g0}
WIDTHG0**2	|G ^{+2}}^{{-|g0}
WIDTHG1	|G^{{-|g1}
WIDTHN	|G ^{-n}
WIDTHN0	|G ^{-n0}
WIDTHP	|G ^{-p}
WIDTHP'	|G ^{-p'}
WIDTHP0	|G ^{-p0}
WIDTHP1	|G ^{-p1}
WIDTHP2	|G ^{-p2}
WIGNER	Wigner
WINTHER	Winther
X(	X(
X-RAY	x-ray
X-RAYS	x-rays
XG	X|g
XK	K|x ray
XKA	K|a x ray
XKA1	K|a ^{-1}}| x ray
XKA2	K|a ^{-2}}| x ray
XKB	K|b x ray
XKB1	K|b ^{-1} x ray
XKB13	K|b ^{-13} x ray
XKB1P	K|b ^{-1}}'| x ray
XKB2	K|b ^{-2} x ray
XKB2P	K|b ^{-2}}'| x ray
XKB3	K|b ^{-3} x ray
XKB4	K|b ^{-4} x ray
XKB5	K|b ^{-5} x ray
XKB5I	K|b ^{-5} ^{+I} x ray
XKB5II	K|b ^{-5} ^{+II} x ray
XKG	(K|x ray)|g

<u>ENSDF</u>	<u>Translation</u>
XKO2	K-O{-2} x ray
XKO23	K-O{-23} x ray
XKO3	K-O{-3} x ray
XL	L| x ray
XL1	L{-1} x ray
XL2	L{-2} x ray
XL3	L{-3} x ray
XLA	L{-|a} x ray
XLA1	L|a{-1}| x ray
XLA2	L|a{-2}| x ray
XLB	L{-|b} x ray
XLB1	L|b{-1}| x ray
XLB10	L|b{-10}| x ray
XLB15	L|b{-15}| x ray
XLB2	L|b{-2}| x ray
XLB215	L|b{-215}| x ray
XLB3	L|b{-3}| x ray
XLB4	L|b{-4}| x ray
XLB5	L|b{-5}| x ray
XLB6	L|b{-6}| x ray

<u>ENSDF</u>	<u>Translation</u>
XLB9	L|b{-9}| x ray
XLC	L{-|c} x ray
XLG	L{-|g} x ray
XLG1	L|g{-1}| x ray
XLG2	L|g{-2}| x ray
XLG3	L|g{-3}| x ray
XLG4	L|g{-4}| x ray
XLG5	L|g{-5}| x ray
XLG6	L|g{-6}| x ray
XLL	L{-{|S|}} x ray
XM	M x ray
XPYNG	xpyn|g
XX	XX
YTTRIUM	Y
Z	Z
Z>N	Z>N
[E2]	[E2]
[RI	[I|g
a0	a{-0}
|D	|D

Appendix G

ENSDF Dictionary Ordered by Output

<u>Translation</u>	<u>ENSDF</u>	<u>Translation</u>	<u>ENSDF</u>
(α)(ce)	ACE	B(E0)	B(E0)
(β)	(B)	B(E0)	BE0
(θ ,H,t,T)	(THETA,H,T,T)	B(E0)(W.u.)	BE0W
(θ ,H)	(THETA,H)	B(E1)	B(E1)
(θ ,T,H)	(THETA,T,H)	B(E1)(W.u.)	BE1W
2J	2J	B(E1) \uparrow	BE1UP
2N σ	2N*SIGMA	B(E1)	BE1
2 ⁵ mom(mag)	MOMM5	B(E2)	B(E2)
2 ⁷ mom(mag)	MOMM7	B(E2)	BE2
2 β^-	2B-	B(E2) \uparrow	BE2UP
4 π	4PI	B(E2) \downarrow	BE2DWN
4 $\pi\beta\gamma$	4PIBG	B(E2)(W.u.)	BE2W
4 $\pi\beta$	4PIB	B(E3)	B(E3)
4 $\pi\gamma$	4PIG	B(E3) \uparrow	BE3UP
<	LT	B(E3)(W.u.) \uparrow	BE3WUP
>	GT	B(E3)	BE3
A(θ)	A(THETA)	B(E3)(W.u.)	BE3W
A-N	A-N	B(E4)	B(E4)
A=	A=	B(E4) \uparrow	BE4UP
AAS	AAS	B(E4)(W.u.)	BE4W
AB	AB	B(E4)	BE4
AJ	AJ	B(E5)	BE5
Aa ₀	AA0	B(E5)(W.u.)	BE5W
Alaga	ALAGA	B(E6)(W.u.)	BE6W
April	APRIL	B(E6) \uparrow	BE6UP
Auger	AUGER	B(E6)	BE6
August	AUGUST	B(E7)(W.u.)	BE7W
A γ	AY	B(E7)	BE7
A ^{1/3}	A**1/3	B(E8)	BE8
A ^{2/3}	A**2/3	B(EL)(W.u.)	BELW
A ₀	A0	B(EL)	BEL
A ₁₁	A11	B(J)	B(J)
A ₁	A1	B(M1)	BM1
A ₂₂	A22	B(M1) \uparrow	BM1UP
A ₂ /A ₀	A2/A0	B(M1)(W.u.)	BM1W
A ₂	A2	B(M2)	BM2
A ₂ P ₂	A2P2	B(M2) \uparrow	BM2UP
A ₃	A3	B(M2)(W.u.)	BM2W
A ₄₄	A44	B(M3)(W.u.)	BM3W
A ₄	A4	B(M3)	BM3
A ₅	A5	B(M4)	BM4
A ₆	A6	B(M4)(W.u.)	BM4W
A ₇	A7	B(M5)(W.u.)	BM5W

<u>Translation</u>	<u>ENSDF</u>	<u>Translation</u>	<u>ENSDF</u>
B(M8)↑	BM8UP	D+Q	D+Q
B(ML)	BML	DCO	DCO
B(ML)(W.u.)	BMLW	DCOQ	DCOQ
B/A	B/A	DPAC	DPAC
B=	B=	DPAD	DPAD
BCS	BCS	DSA	DSA
BE(L)	BE(L)	DSAM	DSAM
BF ₃	BF3	DWBA	DWBA
BGO	BGO	DWIA	DWIA
BJ ²	BJ**2	DWUCK	DWUCK
BM(L)	BM(L)	Davydov	DAVYDOV
Be	Be	December	DECEMBER
Berkeley	BERKELEY	Doppler	DOPPLER
Bessel	BESSEL	Dubna	DUBNA
Bethe	BETHE	E	E
Biedenharn	BIEDENHARN	E(ce)	ECE
Blair	BLAIR	E(d)	ED
Bohr	BOHR	E(D)	E(D)
Born	BORN	E(e)	E(E)
Branching	BR	E(n)	E(N)
Breit	BREIT	E(n)	EN
Brink	BRINK	E(p)	EP
B ₄ C	B4C	E(p)	E(P)
Bxp	B*RHO	E(p ₂)	E(P ₂)
C	C	E(p ₁)	E(P ₁)
CCBA	CCBA	E(t)	ET
CCC	CCC	E(t)	E(T)
CERN	CERN	E(α)	E(A)
CP	CP	E-E	E-E
CRC	CRC	E/ΔE	E/DE
Ca(OH)	CA(OH)	E0	E0
Cerenkov	CERENKOV	E1	E1
Clebsch	CLEBSCH	E10	E10
Cm	Cm	E2	E2
Co	CO	E3	E3
Compton	COMPTON	E4	E4
Coriolis	CORIOLIS	E5	E5
Coster	COSTER	E6	E6
Coul	COUL	E7	E7
Coulomb	COULOMB	E8	E8
CsI	CSI	E9	E9
Curie	CURIE	EL	EL
C ² S	C2S	ENDF/B-V	ENDF/B-V
D)	D)	ENDF/B	ENDF/B_
D+(Q)	D+(Q)	ENDOR	ENDOR

<u>Translation</u>	<u>ENSDF</u>	<u>Translation</u>	<u>ENSDF</u>
EPR	EPR	H=	H=
ESR	ESR	HERA	HERA
EWSR	EWSR	HF	HF
Ee	EE	HI	HI
Enge	ENGE	HP	HP
E	E	HPGE	HPGE
E ^{1/2}	E**1/2	Hager	HAGER
E ²	E**2	Hartree	HARTREE
EΔE	EDE	Hauser	HAUSER
Eα	EA	I	I
Eβ	EB	I(xray)	IX
Eβ	EB_	I(γ+ce)	TI
Eβ ⁻	EB_	I(γ+ce) normalization	NT
Eε	EEC	IAR	IAR
Eγ	*EG	IAS	IAS
Eγ	EG	IBA	IBA
Eγ ³	EG**3	IBM	IBM
Eγ ⁵	EG**5	IBS	IBS
F+B	F+B	IGISOL	IGISOL
F-K	F-K	IMPAC	IMPAC
F/B	F/B	IPAC	IPAC
FWHM	FWHM	ISOLDE	ISOLDE
February	FEBRUARY	IT branching	IT BRANCHING
Fermi	FERMI	IT decay	IT DECAY
Feshbach	FESHBACH	IT decays	IT DECAYS
Fock	FOCK	IT=	IT=
Fourier	FOURIER	Ice	ICE
G-M	G-M	Ice(K)	ICE(K)
GDR	GDR	Ice(N)	ICE(N)
GM	GM	In(	IN(
GMR	GMR	Iα	IA
GQR	GQR	Iβ	IB
GSI	GSI	Iβ normalization	NB
GTOL	GTOL	Iβ ⁻	IB-
Gallagher	GALLAGHER	Iβ ⁺	IB+
Gamow	GAMOW	Iε	IE
Garvey	GARVEY	Iε	IEC
Gaussian	GAUSSIAN	Iγ	IG
Ge(Li)	GE(LI)	Iγ	*RI
Ge(Li)	GELI	Iγ	RI
GeV	GEV	Iγ normalization	NR
Geiger-Muller	GEIGER-MULLER	IγEγ	IG*EG
Geiger	GEIGER	J	J
H(	H(	JKπ	JKP
H,	H,	JOSEF	JOSEF

<u>Translation</u>	<u>ENSDF</u>	<u>Translation</u>	<u>ENSDF</u>
JULIE	JULIE	Kronig	KRONIG
January	JANUARY	Kuo-Brown	KUO-BROWN
Jmax	JMAX	Kurie	KURIE
Jmin	JMIN	K xray	XK
July	JULY	$K\alpha_2$ xray	XKA2
June	JUNE	$K\alpha_1$ xray	XKA1
J^2	J**2	$K\alpha$ xray	XKA
J_0	J0	$K\beta_2$ xray	XKB2
J_1	J1	$K\beta_2'$ xray	XKB2P
J_2	J2	$K\beta_4$ xray	XKB4
J_f	JF	$K\beta_3$ xray	XKB3
J_i	Ji	$K\beta_1$ xray	XKB1
$J\pi$	JPI	$K\beta_1'$ xray	XKB1P
K	K	$K\beta_{5x}^I$	XKB5I
K-O ₂ xray	XKO2	$K\beta_{5x}^{II}$	XKB5II
K-O ₃ xray	XKO3	$K\beta_{13}$ xray	XKB13
K-O ₂₃ xray	XKO23	$K\beta_5$ xray	XKB5
K/L+M	K/L+M	$K\beta$ xray	XKB
K/LM	K/LM	$K\pi$	KPI
KLL	KLL	L	L
KLM	KLM	L(n)	LN
KL_1L_1	KL1L1	L(p)	LP
KL_1M_2	KL1M2	L1	L1
KL_1L_3	KL1L3	L12	L12
KL_1M_3	KL1M3	L2	L2
KL_1M_1	KL1M1	L23	L23
KL_1L_2	KL1L2	L3	L3
KL_2M_1	KL2M1	LAMPF	LAMPF
KL_2L_2	KL2L2	LASER	LASER
KL_2L_3	KL2L3	LBL	LBL
KL_2M_3	KL2M3	LM	LM
KL_2M_4	KL2M4	LMN	LMN
KL_3L_3	KL3L3	LOHENGRIN	LOHENGRIN
KL_3LM_1	KL3LM1	Larmor	LARMOR
KL_3N	KL3N	Legendre	LEGENDRE
KL_3M_3	KL3M3	Li	LI
KL_3M_2	KL3M2	Litherland	LITHERLAND
KM_2M_3	KM2M3	Lorentzian	LORENTZIAN
KM_2N_2	KM2N2	L_1 xray	XL1
KM_3M_3	KM3M3	L_2 xray	XL2
KXY	KXY	L_3 xray	XL3
Kelson	KELSON	L_1 xray	XLL
Kelvin	KEVIN	L_α xray	XLA
Knight	KNIGHT	L_β xray	XLB
Krane	KRANE	L_η xray	XLC

<u>Translation</u>	<u>ENSDF</u>	<u>Translation</u>	<u>ENSDF</u>
L _γ xray	XLG	Moszkowski	MOSZKOWSKI
L xray	XL	N-Z	N-Z
Lα ₁ xray	XLA1	N-shell	N-SHELL
Lα ₂ xray	XLA2	N-subshell	N-SUBSHELL
Lβ ₃ xray	XLB3	N1	N1
Lβ ₄ xray	XLB4	N12	N12
Lβ ₁ xray	XLB1	N123	N123
Lβ ₅ xray	XLB5	N2	N2
Lβ ₂ xray	XLB2	N23	N23
Lβ ₂₁₅ xra	XLB215	N3	N3
Lβ ₉ xray	XLB9	N4	N4
Lβ ₁₅ xray	XLB15	N45	N45
Lβ ₆ xray	XLB6	N5	N5
Lβ ₁₀ xray	XLB10	N<	N<
Lγ ₃ xray	XLG3	N=	N=
Lγ ₄ xray	XLG4	NBS	NBS
Lγ ₆ xray	XLG6	NC ² S	NC2S
Lγ ₅ xray	XLG5	NE213	NE213
Lγ ₂ xray	XLG2	NMR	NMR
Lγ ₁ xray	XLG1	NQR	NQR
M	M	NSσ	NS*SIGMA
M x ray	XM	NX	NX
M+=	M+=	NaI	NAI
M+L	ML	Ne	Ne
M+N+O	MNO	Nilsson	NILSSON
M-shell	M-SHELL	Note:	NOTE:
M-subshell	M-SUBSHELL	November	NOVEMBER
M/total ce	M/CE	NuclearDataSheets	NDS
M1	M1	Nxσ	N*SIGMA
M12	M12	O	O
M2	M2	O/Q	O/Q
M23	M23	O1	O1
M3	M3	O123	O123
M4	M4	O2	O2
M45	M45	O3	O3
M5	M5	ORNL	ORNL
M6	M6	OSIRIS	OSIRIS
M8	M8	October	OCTOBER
MEDLIST	MEDLIST	Octupole mom(mag)	MOMM3
MHZ	MHZ	Octupole mom(el)	MOME3
MIT	MIT	P1	P1
March	MARCH	PAC	PAC
MeV	MEV	PAD	PAD
MeV {E4-4}	MEV**-4	PWBA	PWBA
Mossbauer	MOSSBAUER	PWIA	PWIA

<u>Translation</u>	<u>ENSDF</u>	<u>Translation</u>	<u>ENSDF</u>
Particle normalization	NP	S-values	S-VALUES
P ₀	P0	S/	S/
P _n	PN	S=	S=
Q	MOME2	SD	SD
Q	Q	SDB	SDB
Q(	Q(	SF	SF
Q(g.s.)	QP	SOREQ	SOREQ
Q(α)	QA	Saxon	SAXON
Q(β^-)	Q-	Schmidt	SCHMIDT
Q(ϵ)	Q+	Se(Li)	SE(LI)
Q+O	Q+O	Seltzer	SELTZER
Q/D	Q/D	September	SEPTEMBER
Q2D	Q2D	Si(Li)	SI(LI)
Q2DM	Q2DM	Si(Li)	SILI
Q3D	Q3D	SiO	SIO
QDD	QDD	Sliv-Band	SLIV-BAND
QDDM	QDDM	Sn	Sn
QDMDQ	QDMDQ	Steffen	STEFFEN
QMG	QMG	Stockholm	STOCKHOLM
QQSP	QQSP	T	TEMP
QSD	QSD	T	ISPIN
Q ₂₂	Q22	T/	T/
Q _s	QS	T20	T20
R	*R	T21	T21
R	R	T22	T22
R(DCO)	R(DCO)	TDPAD	TDPAD
RDDS	RDDS	TPAD	TPAD
RDM	RDM	TRISTAN	TRISTAN
RPA	RPA	TRIUMPH	TRIUMPH
RUL	RUL	Teller	TELLER
Ritz	RITZ	Ti	Ti
Rose	ROSE	T _{1/2}	T1/2
Rutherford	RUTHERFORD	T _{1/2}	T
Rytz	RYTZ	T _z	ISPINZ
S values	S VALUES	U	U
S value	S VALUE	UK	UK
S'	S'	UNISOR	UNISOR
S(2n)	S(2N)	USA	USA
S(2p)	S(2P)	USSR	USSR
S(n)	SN	Univ	UNIV
S(p)	SP	University	UNIVERSITY
S(α)	SA	U ₂ A ₂	U2A2
S-factors	S-FACTORS	V	V
S-factor	S-FACTOR	VAP	VAP
S-value	S-VALUE	W	W

<u>Translation</u>	<u>ENSDF</u>	<u>Translation</u>	<u>ENSDF</u>
W.u.	W.U.	ce(N45)	CEN45
Weisskopf	WEISSKOPF	ce(N4)	CEN4
Wigner	WIGNER	ce(N5)	CEN5
Winther	WINTHER	ce(O)	CEO
X(	X(	ce(O)/(γ+ce)	O/T
XX	XX	ce(O)+ce(P)	CEO+CEP
X _γ	XG	ce(O1)	CEO1
Y	YTTRIUM	ce(P+)/(γ+ce)	P+/T
Z	Z	ceβ	CEB
Z>N	Z>N	ce _γ	CEG
[E2]	[E2]	cm ²	CM2
[I _γ	[RI	cm ³	CM3
°	DEG	configuration=	CONF=
x	*	configuration	CONF
avEβ	EAV	cos ² θ	COS2TH
a ₀	a0	dE/dx	DE/DX
branching uncertainty	DBR	d ³ He	D3HE
c.m.	C.M.	dΩ	DOMEGA
ce	CE	dy	DG
ce(K)/(γ+ce)	K/T	dσ	DSIGMA
ce(K)	CEK	dσ/dΩ	DS/DW
ce(L)/(γ+ce)	L/T	dσ/dΩ	*DS/DW
ce(L)	CEL	e'(θ)	E'(THETA)
ce(L+)/(γ+ce)	L+/T	eV	EV
ce(L1)	CEL1	even-A	EVEN-A
ce(L12)	CEL12	ex.	EX.
ce(L23)	CEL23	e+	E+
ce(L2)	CEL2	e±	E+-
ce(L3)	CEL3	fm	FM
ce(M)/(γ+ce)	M/T	fm ⁻¹	FM-1
ce(M)	CEM	fm ⁻¹	FM**-1
ce(M+)/(γ+ce)	M+/T	fm ²	FM**2
ce(M1)	CEM1	fm ⁴	FM**4
ce(M2)	CEM2	g factor	G FACTOR
ce(M23)	CEM23	g factors	G FACTORS
ce(M3)	CEM3	g(2+	G(2+
ce(M45)	CEM45	g-factors	G-FACTORS
ce(M4)	CEM4	g-factor	G-FACTOR
ce(M5)	CEM5	g.s.	GS
ce(N)/(γ+ce)	N/T	g=	G=
ce(N)	CEN	gT	G*T
ce(N+)/(γ+ce)	N+/T	gT _{1/2}	GT1/2
ce(N1)	CEN1	gWΓ ₀ ²	G*W*WIDTHG0**2
ce(N2)	CEN2	gWΓ _{γ0}	G*W*WIDTHG0
ce(N3)	CEN3	g ₁ Γ	G1*WIDTH

<u>Translation</u>	<u>ENSDF</u>	<u>Translation</u>	<u>ENSDF</u>
g_1	G1	s-wave	S-WAVE
$g_2\Gamma$	G2*WIDTH	syst	SY
g_2	*G2	s^{-1}	S-1
g_2^2	G2	t)	T)
g_A^2	GA2	t,	T,
$g\Gamma$	G*WIDTH	th	TH
$g\Gamma_{\gamma 0}^2$	*G*WIDTHG0**2	tof	TOF
$g\Gamma_{\gamma 0}^2$	G*WIDTHG0**2	t γ	TG
$g\Gamma_n$	G*WIDTHN	w(θ) $g\Gamma_{\gamma 0}$	W(THETA)*G*WID
$g\Gamma_{\gamma 0}$	G*WIDTHG0	x-ray	X-RAY
$g\Gamma_0\Gamma\gamma$	GWIDTH0WIDTHG	x-rays	X-RAYS
$h'\omega$	HOMEGA	xpyn γ	XPYNG
h^2	H**2	$\langle r^2 \rangle$	AVRSQ
is D	ISD	$\langle \beta^2 \rangle^{1/2}$	BAVRSQ
kG	KG	$\Delta \langle r^4 \rangle$	DAVRSQ4
kOe	KOE	$\Delta \langle r^2 \rangle$	DAVRSQ
keV	KEV	$\Delta \langle r^6 \rangle$	DAVRSQ6
$\log f^{1u_t}$	LOGF1UT	($J+1/2$)	**($J+1/2$)
$\log f^{3u_t}$	LOGF3UT	-1	**_1
$\log f^{2u_t}$	LOGF2UT	-3	**_3
$\log f^{1t}$	LOGF1T	-4	**_4
$\log ft$	LOGFT	1/2	**1/2
mb	MB	1/3	**1/3
mb/sr	MB/SR	$^{12}\text{C}\gamma$	C12G
meV	MILLI-EV	2	**2
mg/cm^2	MG/CM2	3	**3
ms	MS	L	**L
nb/sr	NB/SR	e.g.	E.G.
$n\gamma$	NG	i.e.	I.E.
$n\gamma\gamma$	NGG	xE	*E
odd-A	ODD-A	$xI\beta^-$	*IB-
p decay	PDECAY	$xI\epsilon$	*IE
p(θ)	P(THETA)	xQ	*Q
p-width	P-WIDTH	$xT_{1/2}$	*T1/2
p1/2	P1/2	$x\alpha^{1/3}$	*A**(1/3)
p2n γ	P2NG	$x\sigma$	*SIGMA
p $n\gamma$	PNG	\leq	LE
p α	PALPHA	\neq	NE
p γ	PG	\geq	GE
p $\gamma\gamma$	PGG	\approx	AP
r^2	R**2	$\approx <$	LA
r^4	R**4	$\approx >$	GA
r^6	R**6	∞	INFNT
r_0	R0	Δ	Δ
s(ce)	S(CE)	$\Delta(\text{HF})$	DHF

<u>Translation</u>	<u>ENSDF</u>	<u>Translation</u>	<u>ENSDF</u>
$\Delta(\log ft)$	DFT	Γ_{p2}	WIDTHP2
$\Delta(\beta\text{-normalization})$	DNB	Γ_p	WIDTHP
$\Delta(\gamma\text{-normalization})$	DNR	$\Gamma_{\alpha4}$	WIDTHA4
$\Delta(\gamma+ce\text{-normalization})$	DNT	$\Gamma_{\alpha1}$	WIDTHA1
ΔA	DA	Γ_γ	WIDTHG
ΔA_2	DA2	$\Gamma_{\gamma1}$	WIDTHG1
ΔA_4	DA4	$\Gamma_{\alpha2}$	WIDTHA2
ΔE	DE	$\Gamma_{\alpha0}$	WIDTHA0
$\Delta I(\gamma+ce)$	DTI	$\Gamma_{\gamma0}$	WIDTHG0
$\Delta I\alpha$	DIA	$\Gamma_{\alpha3}$	WIDTHA3
$\Delta I\beta$	DIB	Γ_α	WIDTHA
$\Delta I\epsilon$	DIE	Σ	*SUMOF
$\Delta I\gamma$	DRI	Σ	SUMOF
$\Delta I\gamma(\%)$	PRI	Ψ	PSI
ΔJ	DJ	α	ICC
$\Delta J\pi$	DJPI	α	ALPHA
ΔK	DK	α	CC
ΔL	DL	α decay	ADECAY
ΔN	DN	α decays	ADECAYS
$\Delta Q(\epsilon)$	DQ+	α syst	ASYST
$\Delta Q(\beta^-)$	DQ-	α'	A'
$\Delta Q(\alpha)$	DQA	α 's	ALPHAS
ΔS	DS	$\alpha(K)\text{exp}$	*EKC
$\Delta S(n)$	DSN	$\alpha(K)\text{exp}$	EKC
$\Delta S(p)$	DSP	$\alpha(K)$	KC
ΔT	DISPIN	$\alpha(L)\text{exp}$	ELC
$\Delta T_{1/2}$	DT	$\alpha(L)$	LC
$\Delta T_{1/2}$	DT1/2	$\alpha(L12)\text{exp}$	EL12C
Δ	DELTA	$\alpha(L12)$	L12C
$\Delta\alpha$	DCC	$\alpha(L1)\text{exp}$	EL1C
Δ^{TM}	DMR	$\alpha(L1)$	L1C
$\Delta\pi$	DPI	$\alpha(L2)$	L2C
Φ	PHI	$\alpha(L23)\text{exp}$	EL23C
$\Phi(p_2)$	PHI(P2)	$\alpha(L23)$	L23C
$\Phi(p_1)$	PHI(P1)	$\alpha(L2)\text{exp}$	EL2C
Γ	*WIDTH	$\alpha(L3)\text{exp}$	EL3C
Γ	WIDTH	$\alpha(L3)$	L3C
$\Gamma_{\gamma0}^2$	WIDTHG0**2	$\alpha(M)\text{exp}$	EMC
Γ^2	WIDTH**2	$\alpha(M)$	MC
Γ_n	WIDTHN	$\alpha(M+..)$	MC+
Γ_{n0}	WIDTHN0	$\alpha(M1)$	M1C
Γ_{p0}	WIDTHP0	$\alpha(M1)\text{exp}$	EM1C
Γ_{p1}	WIDTHP1	$\alpha(M2)$	M2C
Γ_p	*WIDTHP	$\alpha(M2)\text{exp}$	EM2C
Γ_p'	WIDTHP'	$\alpha(M3)$	M3C

<u>Translation</u>	<u>ENSDF</u>	<u>Translation</u>	<u>ENSDF</u>
$\alpha(M3)exp$	EM3C	βp	BP
$\alpha(M4)$	M4C	β^+	B+
$\alpha(M4)exp$	EM4C	$\beta^+ \epsilon$ Decay	BECDECAY
$\alpha(M5)$	M5C	$\beta^- 2n$	B-2N
$\alpha(M5)exp$	EM5C	β^-	B-
$\alpha(N)exp$	ENC	$\beta^- n$	B-N
$\alpha(N)$	NC	β_0	B0
$\alpha(N+..)$	NC+	β_{04}	B04
$\alpha(N1)exp$	EN1C	β_{03}	B03
$\alpha(N1)$	N1C	β_{02}	B02
$\alpha(N2)exp$	EN2C	β_{00}	B00
$\alpha(N2)$	N2C	β_{12}	B12
$\alpha(N23)exp$	EN23C	β_1	B1
$\alpha(N3)$	N3C	β_{20}	B20
$\alpha(N3)exp$	EN3C	β_{24}	B24
$\alpha(N4)exp$	EN4C	β_{22}	B22
$\alpha(N4)$	N4C	$\beta_2 R$	B2*R
$\alpha(N5)$	N5C	β_2	B2
$\alpha(N6)$	N6C	β_3	B3
$\alpha(O1)$	O1C	$\beta_3 R$	B3*R
$\alpha(O2)$	O2C	β_{30}	B30
$\alpha(O3)$	O3C	β_4	B4
$\alpha(O4)$	O4C	β_{42}	B42
$\alpha(P1)$	P1C	$\beta_4 R$	B4*R
$\alpha(exp)$	ECC	β_5	B5
α -decay	A-DECAY	$\beta_5 R$	B5*R
α -syst	A-SYST	β_6	B6
α_0	ALPHA0	$\beta_6 R$	B6*R
α_1	ALPHA1	β_7	B7
α_2	ALPHA2	β_L	BL
α_3	ALPHA3	$\beta_L R A^{1/3}$	BL*R*A**(1/3)
$\alpha\alpha$	AA	β_L^2	BL**2
$\alpha\gamma$	AG	$\beta_L R$	BL*R
β	BETA	$\beta\alpha$	BA
β	B	$\beta\beta$	BB
β 's	BETAS	$\beta\gamma$	BG
$\beta(GT)$	BGT	$\beta\gamma n$	BGN
$\beta(IS)$	B(IS	$\beta\gamma\gamma$	BGG
β -vibrational	B-VIBRATIONAL	δ	MR
βR	B*R	δ^2	MR**2
βR	BETA*R	ϵ	EPSILON
βc	BC	ϵ	EC
βce	BCE	$\epsilon 2p$	EC2P
βe^-	BE-	ϵB	EPSILONB
βn	BN	$\epsilon B(E2)\uparrow$	EBE2UP

<u>Translation</u>	<u>ENSDF</u>	<u>Translation</u>	<u>ENSDF</u>
$\epsilon B(E3)\uparrow$	EBE3UP	ν	NU
ϵK	CK	π	PI
$\epsilon K(\text{exp})$	ECK	π^-	PI-
ϵL	CL	$\pi\beta$	PIB
$\epsilon L(\text{exp})$	ECL	$\pi\beta\gamma$	PIBG
$\epsilon L1(\text{exp})$	ECL1	$\pi\gamma$	PIG
$\epsilon L2(\text{exp})$	ECL2	θ	THETA
$\epsilon L3(\text{exp})$	ECL3	θ^2	THETA**2
ϵM	CM	θ_1	THETA1
ϵN	CN	θ_2	THETA2
ϵp	ECP	θ_{p1}^2	THETAP1**2
$\epsilon\alpha$	ECA	θ_{p2}^2	THETAP2**2
γ	GAMMA	$\theta\alpha$	THETA A
γ	G_	$\theta\alpha^2$	THETA A**2
γ/α	G/A	$\theta\gamma$	THETA G
γX	GX	ρ	RHO
γce	GCE	ρ^2	RHO**2
γe^-	GE-	σ	SIGMA
γn	GN	$\sigma(n\gamma)$	SIGNG
γp	GP	$\sigma(n\alpha)$	SIGNA
$\gamma p'$	GP'	σ_0	SIGMA(0)
$\gamma p(t)$	GP(T)	σ_n	SIGMAN
$\gamma\pm$	G+-	σ_γ	SIGMAG
γ_0	G0	$\sigma x\Delta E$	SIGMA*DE
$\gamma\beta$	GB	$\sigma\nu$	SIGMANU
$\gamma\beta^-$	GB-	Γ	*TAU
$\gamma\gamma$	GG	Γ	TAU
$\gamma\gamma n$	GGN	ω	OMEGA
$\gamma\gamma^f$	GGT	$\omega^2\Gamma$	OMEGA**2*TAU
$\gamma\gamma\gamma$	GGG	$\omega\Gamma$	OMEGA*T
χ_2	CHI		
χ^2	CHI**2		
$\epsilon M(\text{exp})$	ECM		
$\epsilon N(\text{exp})$	ECN		
κ	KAPPA		
λ	LAMBDA		
μ	MOMM1		
μ	MU		
μb	UB		
$\mu b/sr$	UB/SR		
$\mu b x MeV$	UB*MEV		
μg	UG		
$\mu g/cm$	UG/CM		
μs	US		
μ^-	MU-		

Appendix H

ENSDF Policies

GENERAL POLICIES - Presentation of Data

The Nuclear Data Sheets are prepared from the Evaluated Nuclear Structure Data File (ENSDF), a computer file maintained by the National Nuclear Data Center on behalf of the International Network for Nuclear Structure and Decay Data Evaluations. See page iii for a list of the members of this network and their evaluation responsibilities. The presentation of material in the Nuclear Data Sheets reflects the organization of ENSDF, which is a collection of "data sets". For each nuclear species, these data sets present the following types of information:

The adopted properties of the nucleus.

The evaluated results of a single type of experiment, such as a radioactive decay, a single nuclear reaction, or the combined results of a number of similar types of experiments, such as (HI,xn γ) reactions. The data given in ENSDF are primarily derived from experimental information.

The general policies and conventions followed in the preparation of these data sets and in the presentation of material in the Nuclear Data Sheets (NDS) are discussed below.

General

The following policies apply to the adoption or presentation of data. Deviations from these policies will be noted by the evaluator.

1. The excitation energies of levels connected by γ transitions are from a least-squares fit to the adopted γ energies.
2. Dominant decay branches (*i.e.*, for the decay of ground states and isomeric states) are rounded off to 100 when the competing branches total less than approximately 0.001%. When only one branch has been observed and no estimate can be made for expected competing branches, the observed branch is given as ≤ 100 and the competing branch(es) as "%branching=?".
3. Total internal-conversion coefficients (α) for each transition are theoretical values corresponding to the listed radiation character (*i.e.*, multipolarity) and mixing ratio (δ). For a transition of mixed character (two or more multipolarities) and unknown mixing ratio, α is the average of the possible extremes and the uncertainty overlaps the full range of values.

In all calculations by the evaluator involving internal-conversion coefficients, a 3% uncertainty is assumed for the theoretical coefficients.

4. The cross reference flags (XREF), defined in the Adopted Levels table are given for each adopted level. When a level in an individual reaction or decay data set may correspond to more than one adopted level, the flag for that data set is given in lower case. In case of ambiguity, the energy from a particular data set is given as a comment.

Adopted Levels, Gammas data set

The Adopted Levels and γ radiations tables in the NDS are generated from an Adopted Levels, Gammas data set in ENSDF. This data set represents the best values for the level and γ properties as determined by the evaluator on the basis of all the available information.

The following information is included in an Adopted Levels, Gammas data set.

For the nuclide:

1. **Q (β^-):** β^- decay energy [always presented as $Q(\beta^-)=M(A,Z)-M(A,Z+1)$] and α decay energy [$Q(\alpha)$] for the ground state.
2. **S(n) and S(p):** Neutron and proton separation energies.
3. **XREF:** Cross-reference symbol assignments for the various experimental data sets.

For each level:

1. **E(lev):** Excitation energy (relative to the ground state).
2. **J ^{π} :** Spin and parity with arguments supporting the assignment.
3. **T_{1/2} or Γ :** Half-life or total width in center of mass.
4. **Decay branching** for the ground state and isomers (an isomer is defined as a nuclear level with $T_{1/2} \geq 0.1$ s or one for which a separate decay data set is given in ENSDF).
5. **Q, μ :** Static electric and magnetic moments.
6. **XREF Flags** to indicate in which reaction and/or decay data sets the level is seen.
7. **Configuration assignments** (*e.g.*, Nilsson orbitals in deformed nuclei, shell-model assignments in spherical nuclei).
8. **Band assignments** and possibly band parameters (*e.g.*, rotational bands in deformed regions).
9. Isomer and isotope shifts (usually only a literature reference is given).
10. Charge distribution of ground states (usually only a literature reference is given).
11. Deformation parameters.
12. **B(E₂) \uparrow , B(M1) \uparrow , ...:** Electric or magnetic excitation probabilities when the level half-life or the ground-state branching is not known.

For γ -ray and E0 transitions:

1. **Placement** in level scheme.
2. **E γ :** Measured γ -ray or E0 transition energy.
3. **I γ :** Relative photon intensity from each level.
4. **Mult, δ :** Electric or magnetic multipole character, the mixing ratio, and nuclear penetration parameter.
5. **CC:** Total internal-conversion coefficient (when significant).
6. **(EL)(W.u.), B(M1)(W.u.), ...:** Reduced transition probabilities in Weisskopf units.

GENERAL POLICIES - Presentation of Data (cont.)

GENERAL POLICIES – “THEORY”

A reference "Theory 1967Xy01" indicates theoretical predictions computed by the authors of 1967Xy01. A reference "Theory" alone indicates a determination by the evaluator of theoretical predictions described below.

Internal Conversion Coefficients

Theoretical conversion coefficients are obtained by spline interpolation (1968Ha53) from tables of Hager and Seltzer (1968Ha53) for the K-, L_{1,2,3}-, M_{1,2,3}-shells and of Dragoun, Plajner, and Schmutzler (1971Dr11) for the (N+O+...) -shells. For the N_{1,2,3}-subshells, values are obtained by graphical interpolation from tables of Dragoun, Pauli, and Schmutzler (1969Dr09). For K-, L_{1,2,3} shells, conversion coefficients for transitions outside the E_γ, A, or Z ranges of Hager and Seltzer are obtained as follows: for E_γ ≤ 6000 keV and for Z=3,6,10 and 14 < Z ≤ 30 interpolation from tables of Band, *et al.* (1976Ba63); for E_γ > 2600 keV, by graphical interpolation from tables of Trusov (1972Tr09). For E0 transitions, K/L₁ and L₁/L₂ ratios are obtained by graphical interpolation from tables of Hager and Seltzer (1969Ha61).

Angular Distribution and Correlation Coefficients

The coefficients required for analysis of directional correlation, polarization correlation, directional distribution, and polarization distribution data are obtained as described by Steffen (1971St47, 1971St48). In particular, we adopt the phase convention for the mixing ratio, δ, defined by Krane and Steffen (1970Kr03). Particle parameters required for the analysis of correlation and distribution data involving conversion electrons are obtained by graphical interpolation from tables of Hager and Seltzer (1968Ha54). The expression for the deorientation coefficient required to account for intermediate unobserved mixed radiations is given by Anicin (1972An20).*

A tabulation of gamma-gamma directional-correlation coefficients is given by Taylor, *et al.* (1971Ta32). These authors use the Steffen phase convention.

Penetration Parameters

Penetration parameters required for the analysis of internal conversion data and angular correlation or distribution data involving electrons are obtained by graphical interpolation from tables of Hager and Seltzer (1969Ha61).

Internal Pair Conversion Coefficients

Theoretical internal pair conversion coefficients for Λ=E1, M1, E2 are obtained by graphical interpolation in Z, E from tables of Lombard, *et al.* (1968Lo16).

* As pointed out by these authors, most earlier references which discuss this coefficient define it incorrectly.

β-Decay Rate Probabilities

Log *ft* values, capture-to-positron ratios, and electron-capture ratios for allowed, first-forbidden unique, and second-forbidden unique transitions are obtained as described by Gove and Martin (1971Go40). This reference also contains a tabulation of log *ft* values and total capture-to-positron ratios for allowed and first-forbidden unique transitions.

Atomic Processes

X-ray fluorescence yields are obtained from Bambynek, *et al.* (1972Bb16) for Z ≤ 92 and from Ahmad (1979Ah01) for Z > 92. Electron binding energies for Z < 84 are taken from Bearden and Burr (1967Be73) and from Porter and Freedman (1978Po08) for Z > 84.

α-Decay Hindrance Factors

The α-hindrance factors (the ratio of the measured partial half-life for α-emission to the theoretical half-life) are obtained from the spin-independent equations of Preston (1947Pr17). The nuclear radius for each even-even nucleus is determined by defining, for the g.s. to g.s. α-transition, the hindrance factor (HF) = 1. For odd-A and odd-odd nuclei, the radius parameters are chosen to be the average of the radii for the adjacent even-even nuclei (1998Ak04). In cases where only one adjacent even-even radius is known, the extrapolated/interpolated value for the unknown radius is used in the calculation. A survey of the dependence of α-hindrance factors on asymptotic quantum numbers and the variation of α-hindrance factors within rotational bands is given for A < 229 in 1972El21.

Electromagnetic Transition Rates

The Weisskopf single-particle estimates for the half-lives of electric and magnetic multipole radiation of energy E_γ are (1952B197)

$$T_{1/2W}(EL) = 0.190 \left(\frac{L}{L+1} \right) \left(\frac{3+L}{3} \right)^2 \frac{(2L+1)!!^2}{A^{2L/3}} \left(\frac{164.44}{E_{\gamma} \text{ (MeV)}} \right)^{2L+1} \times 10^{-21} \text{ s}$$

$$T_{1/2W}(ML) = 3.255 A^{2/3} T_{1/2W}(EL)$$

for a nuclear radius of 1.2 A^{1/3} × 10⁻¹³ cm.

Unweighted and Weighted Averages

If x₁ ± Δx₁, x₂ ± Δx₂, ... x_n ± Δx_n are n independent measurements of a given quantity, Δx_i being the uncertainty in x_i, then the weighted average of these measurements is $\bar{x} \pm \Delta \bar{x}$, where

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\sum W x_i}{\sum W}, \quad W = 1/\sum (\Delta x_i)^2,$$

and Δ \bar{x} is the larger of (W)^{1/2} and [W Σ (Δx_i)⁻² (x_i - \bar{x})² / (n-1)]^{1/2}.

The unweighted average of these same measurements is given by $\bar{x} \pm \Delta \bar{x}$, where

$$\bar{x} = \sum x_i / n, \quad \Delta \bar{x} = [\sum (\bar{x} - x_i)^2 / n(n-1)]^{1/2}.$$

SUMMARY OF BASES FOR SPIN AND PARITY ASSIGNMENTS

PROPOSITIONS ON WHICH STRONG ARGUMENTS
ARE BASED

Ground States

1. The ground state of an even-even nucleus has $J_\pi = 0^+$.
2. Spin determinations by such techniques as atomic-beam resonance, paramagnetic resonance, electron-spin resonance, and optical spectroscopy give correct values.

Gamma Transitions

3. The agreement of the measured value of a single conversion coefficient with the theoretical value for a multipolarity which is well separated from the value for any other multipolarity determines the transition multipolarity.
4. In all other cases if there is no other evidence for multipolarity, agreement of two or more measured conversion coefficients or ratios with theoretical values is necessary in order to establish the multiplicities of a transition and its mixing ratio.
5. Since an E0 transition can proceed only by conversion or pair production, pure E0 is ruled out if photons are observed.
6. Recommended upper limits for γ -ray strengths ($\Gamma_\gamma/\Gamma_w, \Gamma_w$ -Weisskopf estimate) for various A values are given below.

Character*	Γ_γ/Γ_w (Upper Limit)		
	A=6-44 ^{as}	A=45-150 ^{bs}	A>150 ^d
E1 (IV)	0.3 [†]	0.01	0.01
E2 (IS) ^c	100	300	1000
E3	100	100	100
E4	100	100 [†]	
M1 (IV)	10	3	2
M2 (IV)	3	1	1
M3 (IV)	10	10	10
M4		30	10

* 'IV' and 'IS' stand for isovector and isoscalar

[†] Γ_γ/Γ_w (Upper Limit)=30 for A=90-150

[#] Γ_γ/Γ_w (Upper Limit)=0.1 for A=21-44

[§] Γ_γ/Γ_w (Upper Limit)=0.003 for E1 (IS),

10 for E2 (IV), 0.03 for M1 (IS), 0.1 for M2 (IS)

^a From 1979En05

^b From 1979En04

^c From 1981En06

^d Deduced from ENSDF by M. J. Martin

^e In super-deformed bands the E2 transitions can have

$\Gamma_\gamma/\Gamma_w > 1000$.

Beta Transitions[§]

7. If $\log ft < 5.9$, the transition is allowed: $\Delta J=0$ or 1, $\Delta\pi=no$ (no change in parity).

Superallowed ($\Delta T=0$) $0^+ \rightarrow 0^+$ transitions have $\log ft$ in the range 3.48 to 3.50.

Isospin forbidden ($\Delta T=1$) $0^+ \rightarrow 0^+$ transitions have $\log ft > 6.4$. If $3.6 < \log ft < 6.4$, the transition is not $0^+ \rightarrow 0^+$.

8. If $\log f^u t < 8.5$ ($\log f^l t < 7.4$), $\Delta J=0,1$; $\Delta\pi=yes$ or no.

9. If $\log ft < 11.0$, $\Delta J=0,1$; $\Delta\pi=yes$ or no or $\Delta J=2$, $\Delta\pi=yes$.

10. If $\log ft < 12.8$, $\Delta J=0,1,2$; $\Delta\pi=yes$ or no.

11. If $\log f^u t \geq 8.5$ ($\log f^l t \geq 7.4$) and if the Fermi plot has the curvature corresponding to a shape factor (p^2+q^2), then the transition is first-forbidden unique ($\Delta J=2$, $\Delta\pi=yes$).

See " *β -Decay Rate Probabilities*" on page vii.

Note that $\log f^u t = \log f^l t + 1.079$.

Note: For nuclei at, or very near to, closed shells values may be smaller. For example, in the mass region around Z=82, the upper limit of 5.9 given in #7 above could be 5.1.

§ See 1973Ra10

$\gamma\gamma$ Directional Correlation

$$W(\theta) = \sum_{k\text{-even}} A_k P_k(\cos \theta)$$

12. If a gamma-gamma directional-correlation experiment yields $A_2 \approx +0.36$ and $A_4 \approx +1.1$, then the spin sequence is $0 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 0$.
13. Results of $\gamma\gamma(\theta)$ are strong evidence for excluding spin sequences for which the theoretical A_2 or A_4 falls well outside the experimental range.

$\beta\gamma$ Directional Correlation

$$W(\theta) = \sum_{k\text{-even}} A_k(\beta) A_k(\gamma) P_k(\cos \theta)$$

14. If $|A_2(\beta)| \geq 0.1$ ($A_4=0$), the transition is not allowed. The converse is not true.
15. If $A_4(\beta) \neq 0$, the transition is neither allowed nor first forbidden.
16. If $A_4(\beta)=0$, the transition is allowed or first forbidden.

$\beta\gamma$ Polarization Correlation

$$P(\theta) = \frac{\sum_{k\text{-odd}} A_k(\beta) A_k(\gamma) P_k(\cos \theta)}{W(\theta)}$$

17. In allowed transitions,

$$\begin{array}{ll} \beta^- & A_1(\beta) < 0 \text{ if } J_i = J_f \\ \beta^+ & A_1(\beta) > 0 \text{ if } J_i = J_f \\ \\ \beta^- & A_1(\beta) \geq 0 \text{ if } J_i = J_f + 1 \\ & A_1(\beta) < 0 \text{ if } J_i = J_f - 1 \\ \\ \beta^+ & A_1(\beta) \leq 0 \text{ if } J_i = J_f + 1 \\ & A_1(\beta) > 0 \text{ if } J_i = J_f - 1 \end{array}$$

18. If $A_3(\beta) \neq 0$, the β -transition is not allowed. The converse is not always true.

γ Angular Distribution

19. In the angular distribution of gamma rays from deexcitation of states populated in high-spin reactions (for a typical value of $\sigma/J=0.3$, where σ is the magnetic substate population parameter):

- a. If $A_2 \approx +0.3$ and $A_4 \approx -0.1$, the transition is generally $\Delta J=2$ (stretched quadrupole). (The same A_2 and A_4 values are possible for $\Delta J=0$, D+Q transitions also, but such transitions are N less common. $A_4=0$ for $\Delta J=0$, dipole transition).
- b. If $A_2 \approx -0.2$ and $A_4 \approx 0$, the transition is generally $\Delta J=1$ (stretched dipole).
- c. If $A_4 > 0$ ($A_2 \approx +0.5$ to -0.8), the transition is $\Delta J=1$, D+Q.

γ DCO Ratio

- In the angular correlation (DCO) of gamma rays from deexcitation of states populated in high-spin reactions (for a typical value of $\sigma/J=0.3$, where σ is the magnetic substate population parameter):

20. For $\Delta J=2$, stretched quadrupole as a gating transition:
 - a. $R(\text{DCO}) \approx 1.0$, the transition is generally $\Delta J=2$ (stretched quadrupole). (The same value is possible for $\Delta J=0$, dipole but such transitions are less common).
 - b. If $R(\text{DCO}) \approx 0.5$, the transition is generally $\Delta J=1$ (stretched dipole).
 - c. If $R(\text{DCO})$ differs significantly from ≈ 0.5 or ≈ 1.0 , the transition is $\Delta J=1$ (or 0), D+Q

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γ DCO Ratio continued

21. For $\Delta J=1$, stretched dipole as a gating transition:
 - a. If $R(\text{DCO}) \approx 2.0$, the transition is generally $\Delta J=2$ (stretched quadrupole). (The same value is possible for $\Delta J=0$, dipole transitions, but such transitions are less common).
 - b. If $R(\text{DCO}) \approx 1.0$, the transition is generally $\Delta J=1$ (stretched dipole).
 - c. If $R(\text{DCO})$ differs significantly from ≈ 2.0 or ≈ 1.0 , the transition is $\Delta J=1$ (or 0), D+Q.

Reactions

22. Low-energy Coulomb excitation is predominantly E2 excitation.
23. Coulomb excitation determines J^π if the excitation probability agrees with the calculated values of Alder (1960AI23).
24. The spin of the compound nuclear state resulting from thermal-neutron capture is equal to the spin of the target nucleus plus or minus 1/2.
25. Primary γ 's from neutron capture are E1, M1, E2, or M1+E2.
26. If the angular distribution in a single-nucleon transfer reaction can be fitted with a unique L value, the spin of the final state J_f is related to the spin of the initial state J_i by

$$\vec{J}_f = \vec{J}_i + \vec{L} + 1/2$$

with parity change if L is odd.

27. If the vector analyzing power for a single-nucleon transfer reaction shows a clear preference between $J=L+1/2$ and $J=L-1/2$ and if the L value is known, then the J value is determined.
28. Generally for the states populated in high-spin reactions, spins increase with increasing excitation energy. This is a result of the fact that these reactions tend to populate yrast or near yrast states.
29. If the angular distribution can be fitted with a unique L-value the J^π of the final state is related to the J^π of the initial state by $\vec{J}_f = \vec{J}_i + \vec{L}, \pi_f \pi_i = (-1)^L$, for the following cases
 - a. A strong group observed in (p,t), (t,p), and (^3He ,n) reactions (strong groups are assumed to result from two identical nucleons transferred in a relative s state)
 - b. A strong group observed in the α -particle transfer reaction (^6Li ,d).
 - c. (e,e') and (α,α') inelastic scattering.
30. In reactions with $J^\pi = 0^+$ target, projectile, and ejectile, if the yield of a group at 0° or 180° is
 - a. non-zero, the parity of the final state is $(-1)^{J_f}$
 - b. zero at several uncorrelated energies, the parity of the final state is $(-1)^{J_f+1}$
31. In reactions with a polarized $J^\pi = 1$ projectile in the $m=0$ substate, with $J^\pi = 0^\pi$ ejectile and target, if the yield of a group at 0° or 180° is
 - a. non-zero, the parity of the final state is $(-1)^{J_f+1}$
 - b. zero at several uncorrelated energies, the parity of the final state is $(-1)^{J_f}$

Regions of Strong Nuclear Deformation

The systematic occurrence of rotational-band structure in the strongly deformed nuclides can be a considerable help in making $J\pi$ assignments, since one can also use the level energy as one of the considerations. This frequently makes it possible to assign a $J\pi$ value to a level with confidence from data which, absent such structure, might yield an ambiguous assignment.

32. Level-energy considerations. If the couplings among the states are not too strong, the energies of the lower members of a band can be expressed by the relatively simple relation (see, e.g., 1971Bu16 and references therein):

$$E(J,K) = AX + BX^2 + CX^3 + \dots + (-1)^{J+K} \frac{K}{i} (J+i) \{A_{2K}\} + B_{2K} X + \dots \quad (1)$$

$i = 1 - K$
where $X = J(J+1) - K^2$

The **inertial parameter**, A, exhibits a systematic behavior in the various regions of strongly deformed nuclei, which can be helpful in assigning levels to rotational bands. In some instances (e.g., strong Coriolis coupling) where the A values depart significantly from systematic trends, this observation can itself be useful, since it can help establish the presence of such effects and, hence, provide evidence for the relevant nucleonic configurations.

For the case of $K=1/2$ bands, the **decoupling parameter**, a, which is characteristic for each such band, is given by the ratio A_1/A in (1). Establishing a value for the decoupling parameter of a proposed band can be useful in assigning a nucleonic configuration to it - and *vice-versa*.

33. Allowed-unhindered beta transitions. In this region, beta transitions having $\log ft$ values < 5.0 are classified as "allowed unhindered" (*au*). Such transitions take place between one-quasiparticle orbitals having the same asymptotic quantum numbers. In the "rare-earth" region ($90 \leq N \leq 112$, $60 \leq Z \leq 76$), four such orbital pairs are known: [522], near the beginning of this

region; [523], near the middle of this region; [514], above the middle of this region; and, at the high end, [505]. Observation of an *au* transition is definitive evidence for the presence of the particular pair of orbitals.

34. Coulomb excitation. If a sequence of levels having "rotational-like" energy spacings is found to be excited with enhanced probabilities, this is evidence that this sequence (at least below the first "backbend") forms the ground-state rotational band for the nuclide involved. If the E2 transition probabilities involved are large (tens of Weisskopf units or larger) and comparable to each other, then this is definitive evidence for both a band structure and the sequence of $J\pi$ values, assuming one of the spins N is known.

35. Alpha decay. Observation of a "favored" α transition ($HF < 4$) indicates that the two states involved have the same nucleonic configuration. If a sequence of levels having "rotational-like" energy spacings is associated with the level fed by this favored transition and these levels have HF's that vary according to the established trend within rotational bands (1972EI21), then this sequence can be considered to form a rotational band whose nucleonic configuration is the same as that of the alpha-decaying state. If the $J\pi$ value of this latter state and its configuration are known, then the corresponding quantities can be considered to be known for the band in the daughter nuclide or *vice versa*.

36. Single-nucleon-transfer reactions (light-ion-induced). For a single-nucleon transfer reaction induced by light ions (^4He and lighter), the characteristic pattern of cross sections among rotational-band members ("fingerprint") can be used to assign a set of levels as specific $J\pi$ members of a band based on a particular Nilsson configuration, if the fingerprint agrees well with that predicted by the Nilsson-model wavefunctions and is distinct from those expected for other configurations in the mass region. (This method is even stronger if angular distributions giving unique L values, or vector analyzing powers, support the assignments for one or more of the levels.)

SUMMARY OF BASES FOR SPIN AND PARITY ASSIGNMENTS – continued

PROPOSITIONS ON WHICH STRONG ARGUMENTS
ARE BASED continued

High-spin states

In the decay of high-spin states, commonly produced in heavy-ion induced compound nuclear reactions or in highly excited nuclides created as products of nuclear fission or in Coulomb excitation, the multipolarities of the deexciting γ transitions and the relative spins and parities of the levels are generally determined from angular distributions, angular correlations (DCO ratios), linear polarizations and internal-conversion coefficients. In addition, relative energy-level spacings and the increase of γ intensity with decreasing excitation energy are important clues.

37. For a well-deformed nucleus when a regular sequence of $\Delta J=2$ (stretched quadrupole) transitions is observed at high spins as a cascade, the sequence may be assigned to a common band with E2 multipolarity for all the transitions in the cascade. A similar but somewhat weaker argument holds for less deformed nuclei where a common sequence of levels is connected by a regular sequence of $\Delta J=2$ (stretched quadrupole) transitions in a cascade.

38. For near-spherical nuclei, when a regular sequence of $\Delta J=1$ (stretched dipole) transitions is observed at high spins as a cascade, then the sequence may be assigned to a common band with (M1) multipolarity for all the transitions in the cascade. (Cascades of $\Delta J=1$, E1 transitions occur in rare cases of nuclides which show alternating-parity bands or reflection asymmetry.)

39. In the absence of angular distribution/correlation data, a regular sequence of transitions in a cascade may be assigned to a common structure or a band if (a) the low-lying levels of this structure have well established spin and parity assignments and (b) there is good evidence that, at higher energies and spins, the band has not changed in its internal structure due to band crossings or other perturbations.

Alpha Decay

40. The hindrance factor for an α transition from the ground state of an even-even nucleus to the ground state of the daughter nucleus is 1.0 by definition. For odd-A and odd-odd nuclei, hindrance factors ≤ 4 identify favored α transitions, and these connect states having the same spin, parity and configuration.

41. For α -decay between two states, one of which has $J=0$, the parity change is given by $\Delta\pi=(-1)^{\Delta J}$.

PROPOSITIONS ON WHICH WEAK ARGUMENTS
ARE BASED

1. In cases where gammas of one multipolarity "cluster" in one time region in the half-life vs. energy plot, as is true for M4's, other γ 's whose half-lives fall in this cluster may be assigned the corresponding multipolarity.
2. In cases where a cluster of two multipolarities, e.g. M1 and E2 occupies one time region, a new gamma of which the half-life falls in this region may be assigned one of the two multipolarities or a mixture of the two.
3. Whenever $\Delta J \geq 2$, an appreciable part of the gamma transition proceeds by the lowest possible multipole order.

This statement is based on the scarcity of counter-examples and the observation that few E2 γ 's are as slow as M3's, few E2's as slow as E3's, etc.

4. The spin and parity of a parent state may be inferred from the measured properties of its assumed isobaric analog resonance, and vice versa.

5. Low-lying states of odd-A nuclei have shell-model spins and parities, except in the regions where deformations appear. This argument is much stronger when supported by expected cross-section strengths (C^2S) in single-nucleon transfer reactions.

It is recognized that some shell-model predictions are stronger than others. For example, the shell model would mildly deny that the ground-state J^π of the 39th proton be $3/2^-$, but emphatically deny its being $3/2^+$. However, we have not included this distinction here and consider all shell-model arguments to be weak.

6a. For low-lying states of odd-odd spherical nuclei, the Nordheim Nrules (1950No10):

$$J = j_p + j_n, \text{ if } j_p = l_p + 1/2 \text{ and } j_n = l_n + 1/2;$$

$$J = |j_p - j_n|, \text{ if } j_p = l_p + 1/2 \text{ and } j_n = l_n - 1/2.$$

may be helpful in obtaining the ground-state spins and parities, if there is supporting evidence.

6b. For excited states of strongly deformed odd-odd nuclei, the Gallagher-Moszkowski rules (1958Ga27) may be helpful in deducing the relative positions of the two two-quasiparticle states formed by the two different couplings of the quasiparticle constituents, if there is supporting evidence. Here, the state corresponding to the parallel alignment ($\Sigma=1$) of the projections ($=1/2$) of the intrinsic spins of the two odd particles is expected to lie lower than that produced by the antiparallel ($\Sigma=0$) alignment. This can be particularly useful in establishing the ground state $J\pi$ values and nucleonic configurations for odd-odd nuclei.

(In the strongly deformed even-even nuclei, the opposite is expected to obtain, i.e., the $\Sigma=0$ coupling should lie lower than that with $\Sigma=1$. In these nuclei, however, the experimental situation is less clear since the two-quasiparticle excitations occur at or above the pairing gap, where the level densities are high and couplings to vibrational excitations can affect the two two-quasiparticle states differently.)

7. Statements similar to 5 and 6 based on other models.

8. Statements based on interpolation or extrapolation of regional trends, such as shown in 1971Bu16, 1972E121, 1977Ch27, 1990Ja11 and 1998Ja07 for the rare-earth and heavy-mass regions.

9. All statements connected with the nonobservation of expected transitions.

10. Rules extracted in the survey by 1972E121 for unfavored α transitions can be used to deduce the configuration of the parent or the daughter level, if the configuration of the other is known.

11. For magnetic moments, the extreme rarity of pure single-particle states and observation of large deviations from free-nucleon g-factors in nuclei means that comparison between the experiment and the 'Schmidt Limit' estimates (based on such pure states) is not a sound basis for spin or parity assignment. The magnetic moments or g-factors, however, can give supporting, and in some cases decisive, evidence for assignments where predictions for possible alternatives, using g-factors based on local systematics of measured moments, differ widely.

For excited states, the 'collective' aspects of the state frequently make substantial contribution to the magnetic moment. The correct g-factor for this contribution, however, is a matter of detailed theory and any potential assignment based on assumed $g(\text{collective})=Z/A$ must be viewed with caution.

NUCLEAR DATA SHEETS

CONVENTIONS USED IN NUCLEAR DATA SHEETS

Units
 Energies keV
 Cross Sections barns
 Magnetic dipole moments nuclear magnetons (μ_N)
 Electric quadrupole moments barns
 B(EL) $e^2 b^{L-1}$
 B(ML) $\mu_N^2 b^{L-1}$

Uncertainties ("Errors") The uncertainty in any number is given one space after the number itself:

4.623 3 means 4.623 \pm 0.003

4.6 h 12 means 4.6 \pm 1.2 h

5.4x10³ 2 means 5400 \pm 200

4.2 +8-10 means 4.2 $\begin{smallmatrix} +0.8 \\ -1.0 \end{smallmatrix}$

-4.2 +8-10 means -(4.2 +10-8) = -4.2 $\begin{smallmatrix} +0.8 \\ -1.0 \end{smallmatrix}$

? Question Mark given after a quantity often indicates doubt as to the existence or the value of the quantity. For example, a "?" given after the T_{1/2} value indicates that the assignment of that half-life to the associated level is not certain.

() Parentheses have the following interpretation for different quantities in the tabular data:

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Meaning of parentheses</u>
J π	J π based upon weak arguments. See SUMMARY OF BASES FOR SPIN AND PARITY ASSIGNMENTS.

L transfer or Mult.	Possible value but not definitely established experimentally.
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Other	Value deduced (<i>i.e.</i> , is not directly measured) or taken from other sources.
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Examples:

J π =(1/2,3/2)⁻

Weak arguments limit the spin to 1/2 or 3/2. Strong arguments indicate negative parity.

J π =4⁽⁺⁾

Strong arguments show the spin is 4; weak arguments suggest positive parity.

L=(3)

L value tentatively established as 3.

Mult.=(M1)

Radiation character tentatively established as M1.

Mult.=M1(+E2)

Radiation character includes E2 with a mixing ratio, $|\delta|$, that may be >0.

[] Brackets

7/2⁻[2514] Nilsson asymptotic quantum numbers, K π [N n_z Λ]

Assumed quantity, *e.g.*, [M1+

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Nuclear Data Sheets Symbols and Abbreviations

<p>A mass number*, $A=Z+N$</p> <p>A_2, A_4 coefficients of Legendre polynomials in angular- correlation or angular-distribution measurement</p> <p>av average</p> <p>B(EL), B(ML) reduced EL, ML transition probability in $e^2x(\text{barn})^L, \mu_N^2 x(\text{barn})^{L-1}$</p> <p>calc, CA calculated, calculation</p> <p>CCBA coupled-channel Born approximation</p> <p>ce conversion electron</p> <p>chem. chemical separation</p> <p>circ circular</p> <p>c.m. center of mass</p> <p>coef coefficient</p> <p>coin coincidence</p> <p>Coul. ex Coulomb excitation</p> <p>CP circular polarization</p> <p>cryst crystal-diffraction spectrometer</p> <p>C^2S, C^2S' one-nucleon spectroscopic strength for pickup, stripping reactions</p> <p>d day</p> <p>D dipole</p> <p>DSA Doppler shift attenuation</p> <p>DWBA distorted-wave Born approximation</p> <p>DWIA distorted-wave impulse approximation</p> <p>E energy</p> <p>$E(\epsilon)$ energy of electron-capture transition(endpoint of γ-continuum + K-electron eparation nergy of daughter)</p> <p>E1, E2, EL electric dipole, quadrupole, 2^L-pole</p> <p>excit excitation function</p> <p>expt experiment, experimental</p> <p>F fission</p> <p>F-K Fermi-Kurie (plot)</p> <p>FWHM energy resolution, full width at half maximum</p> <p>g gyromagnetic ratio*</p> <p>GDR giant dipole resonance</p> <p>GQR giant quadrupole resonance</p> <p>g.s. ground state</p> <p>h hour</p> <p>H magnetic field</p> <p>HF hindrance factor</p> <p>hfs hyperfine structure</p> <p>HI heavy ion</p> <p>I intensity</p> <p>IAR isobaric analog resonance</p> <p>IAS isobaric analog state</p> <p>IBS internal bremsstrahlung spectrum</p> <p>IMPAC ion implantation perturbed angular correlation technique</p> <p>inel inelastic</p> <p>ion chem. chemical separation by ion exchange</p> <p>IT isomeric transition</p> <p>J total angular momentum quantum number*</p> <p>K projection of nuclear angular momentum J on nuclear symmetry axis</p> <p>K, L, M K-, L-, M-shell internal conversion</p> <p>K/L K-, L-conversion electron ratio</p> <p>L (1)orbital angular momentum quantum number*, (2)multipolarity</p> <p>L(n), L(p) L-transfer in neutron, proton transfer reaction</p> <p>min minute</p> <p>M+ $M+N+O+\dots$</p> <p>M1, M2, ML magnetic dipole, quadrupole, 2^L-pole</p> <p>mag spect magnetic spectrometer</p> <p>max maximum</p> <p>Moss Mossbauer effect</p> <p>ms (1)mass spectrometer, (2)millisecond</p> <p>mult multiplicity/character</p> <p>N neutron number*, $N=A-Z$</p> <p>NMR, NQR nuclear magnetic, quadrupole resonance</p> <p>norm normalization</p>	<p>PAC perturbed angular correlation</p> <p>pc proportional counter</p> <p>$p,\gamma(\theta)$ angular distribution of γ-rays with respect to a proton beam</p> <p>$p,\gamma(t)$ time distribution of photons with respect to a pulsed proton beam</p> <p>pol polarized, polarization</p> <p>priv comm. private communication</p> <p>PWBA plane-wave Born approximation</p> <p>Q (1)reaction energy*, (2)disintegration energy*, (3)quadrupole moment*, inunits of barns, (4)quadrupole</p> <p>$Q(\epsilon)$ total disintegration energy in ϵ decay</p> <p>$Q(\beta^-)$ total disintegration energy in β^- decay</p> <p>$Q(\alpha)$ total disintegration energy in α decay, $E(\alpha) + E(\text{recoil})$</p> <p>R $r_0A^{1/3}$, nuclear radius*</p> <p>RDM recoil distance measurement</p> <p>RUL recommended upper limit for γ-ray strength</p> <p>rel relative</p> <p>res resonance</p> <p>s second</p> <p>S spectroscopic factor</p> <p>S' $[(2J_f+1)/(2J_i+1)]S$</p> <p>$S(n)$ or S_n, energy necessary to separate a neutron, proton from nucleus</p> <p>$S(p)$ or S</p> <p>scatt scattering</p> <p>scin scintillation counter</p> <p>semi semiconductor detector</p> <p>SF spontaneous fission</p> <p>Spall spallation</p> <p>Sr steradian</p> <p>syst, SY systematics</p> <p>t triton</p> <p>T (1)isobaric spin, (2)temperature</p> <p>Tz Z-Component of isobaric spin, $(N-Z)/2$</p> <p>$T_{1/2}$ half-life*</p> <p>th thermal</p> <p>thresh threshold</p> <p>tof time-of-flight measurement</p> <p>vib vibrational</p> <p>W.u. Weisskopf single-particle transition speed</p> <p>Y year</p> <p>Z atomic number*, $Z=A-N$</p> <p>α total γ-ray internal conversion coefficient $N(\text{ce})/N(\gamma)^*$</p> <p>$\alpha(K), \alpha(L)$ γ ray internal conversion coefficient for electrons ejected from the K-, L-shell</p> <p>$\alpha\gamma, \beta\gamma, \gamma\gamma, \alpha\gamma(\theta, H, t), \beta\gamma(\theta, H, t), \beta_2, \beta_3, \beta_L$ coincidences of α's and γ's, β's and γ's, γ's and γ's $\alpha\gamma-, \beta\gamma-, \gamma\gamma$-coincidences as function of angle, magnetic $\gamma\gamma(\theta, H, t)$ field, time quadrupole, octupole, 2^L-pole nuclear deformation parameter</p> <p>$\beta\gamma(\text{pol}), \gamma\gamma(\text{pol}), \Gamma, \Gamma(\gamma), \Gamma(n), \gamma(\theta, H, T)$ polarization correlation of γ's in coincidence with β's, γ's level width*, partial width for $\gamma-, n$-emission γ-intensity as function of angle, magnetic field, temperature</p> <p>$\gamma\pm$ annihilation radiation</p> <p>δ ratio of reduced matrix elements of $(L+1)-$ to L-pole radiation with sign convention of Krane and Steffen, Phys.Rev. C2, 724 (1970)</p> <p>ϵ electron capture</p> <p>$\epsilon K, \epsilon L, \epsilon M, \epsilon(\gamma)B(E2), \epsilon(\text{ce})B(E2)$ electron capture from K-, L-, M-shell partial B(E2) for photon, conversion electron detection</p> <p>θ indicates angular dependence</p> <p>λ (1)projection of particle angular momentum on nuclear symmetry axis, (2)radiation type, e.g., M1, M2..</p>
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Nuclear Data Sheets Symbols and Abbreviations - continued

<p>μ magnetic moment of particle*, given in nuclear magnetons (μ_n)</p> <p>ν neutron shell-model configuration</p> <p>π parity, proton shell-model configuration</p> <p>σ cross section*</p> <p>$\Sigma(\gamma\gamma)$ coincidence summing of γ-rays</p> <p>$\omega(K), \omega(L)$ K, average-L fluorescence yield</p>	<p>$\% \alpha$ percent α branching from level</p> <p>$\% \beta^-$ percent β^- branching from level</p> <p>$\% \beta^+$ percent β^+ branching from level</p> <p>$\% \epsilon$ percent ϵ branching from level</p> <p>$\% IT$ percent ($\gamma+ce$) branching from level</p> <p>$\% SF$ percent spontaneous fission from level</p> <p>$\langle r^2 \rangle$ root-mean-square of nuclear radius</p>																																																								
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Their Descriptions and Uses

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Summary

The ENSDF analysis and checking codes are briefly described, along with their uses with various types of ENSDF datasets. For more information on the programs see “Read Me” entries and other documentation associated with each code (<http://www.nndc.bnl.gov/nndc/ensdfpgm/H>). The current status and platform availability may be obtained at http://www.nndc.bnl.gov/nnddescr/ensdf_pgm/code_status.html.

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How to Use the Programs

FMTCHK

FMTCHK should be run every time the ENSDF formatted file has been manually changed before executing any of the other programs. All fatal errors (indicated by “<F>”) should be corrected. If possible, all errors (indicated by “<E>”) should be corrected. Warning messages (indicated by “<W>”) should be checked to see if there are problems that may need correction. For small input files, use of the default options is recommended. For larger files, the user may wish to make several iterations, starting with fatal errors only. This program should also be run on the final version before submittal to the NNDC.

Notes:

1. It is sometimes difficult to judge whether a message should be flagged as an error or warning. If you disagree with an error message, please indicate this along with your reasons on submittal or before. In some instances, error messages are given because of the possible effects on other programs. Two examples are:
 - a. It is considered an error when a mixing ratio is given and there is no associated mixed multipolarity. This is a problem since programs such as RULER or HSICC will be unable to perform the proper calculations. Note that the converse (*i.e.*, a mixed multipolarity given with no mixing ratios) may be addressed by assuming a 50%/50% admixture of the two multipolarities.
 - b. It is considered an error when an “FL=” is not given and there are no final levels with a certain limit or there are more than one level which may be considered the final level based on $E_{\text{level}} - E_{\gamma}$. This is a problem, particularly for complex level schemes such as in the adopted dataset, for level scheme programs such as ENSDAT or Isotope Explorer and programs such as GTOL, which do a least-squares adjustment of the level energies, or programs such as PANDORA.

ENSDAT and TREND

ENSDAT produces level schemes, bands, and tables in a format similar to that of the *Nuclear Data Sheets* and may be used to visual expect the results. TREND provides a simpler ASCII presentation of the tabular data that does not require a PostScript printer or viewer. One should also be able to copy the list of keynumbers generated by ENSDAT into the clipboard and paste this into the keynumber form of the NNDC Web NSR to obtain the NSR entries corresponding to these keynumbers.

Adopted Levels, Gammas Datasets

As well as ENSDAT, FMTCHK, and TREND, applicable programs for these datasets are ADDGAM, GTOL, HSICC, PANDORA, and RULER. ADDGAM and PANDORA are useful in constructing the dataset. In addition, PANDORA may be used iteratively to aid in physics decisions, checking assignments, and updating source datasets based on changes in the adopted data. GTOL is useful only in obtaining the least-squares adjustment of the level energies; for complex datasets, the matrix to be inverted may be singular (see Additional notes under GTOL for methods of handling this problem). RULER may be used in the comparison mode to provide additional information in obtaining γ -multipolarity assignments. HSICC and RULER should also be run to provide the internal conversion coefficients and BE λ Ws and BM λ Ws, respectively; note that HSICC should be executed before RULER. HSICC should also be run to provide the internal conversion coefficients; note that there is no need to delete the “S G” records generated by HSICC; the publication program automatically suppresses these when the evaluation is prepared for submission to Academic Press. Figure 1 shows the approximate order in which the programs are run. Note that this is an iterative process and, as changes are made, various programs will need to be rerun (in particular, FMTCHK).

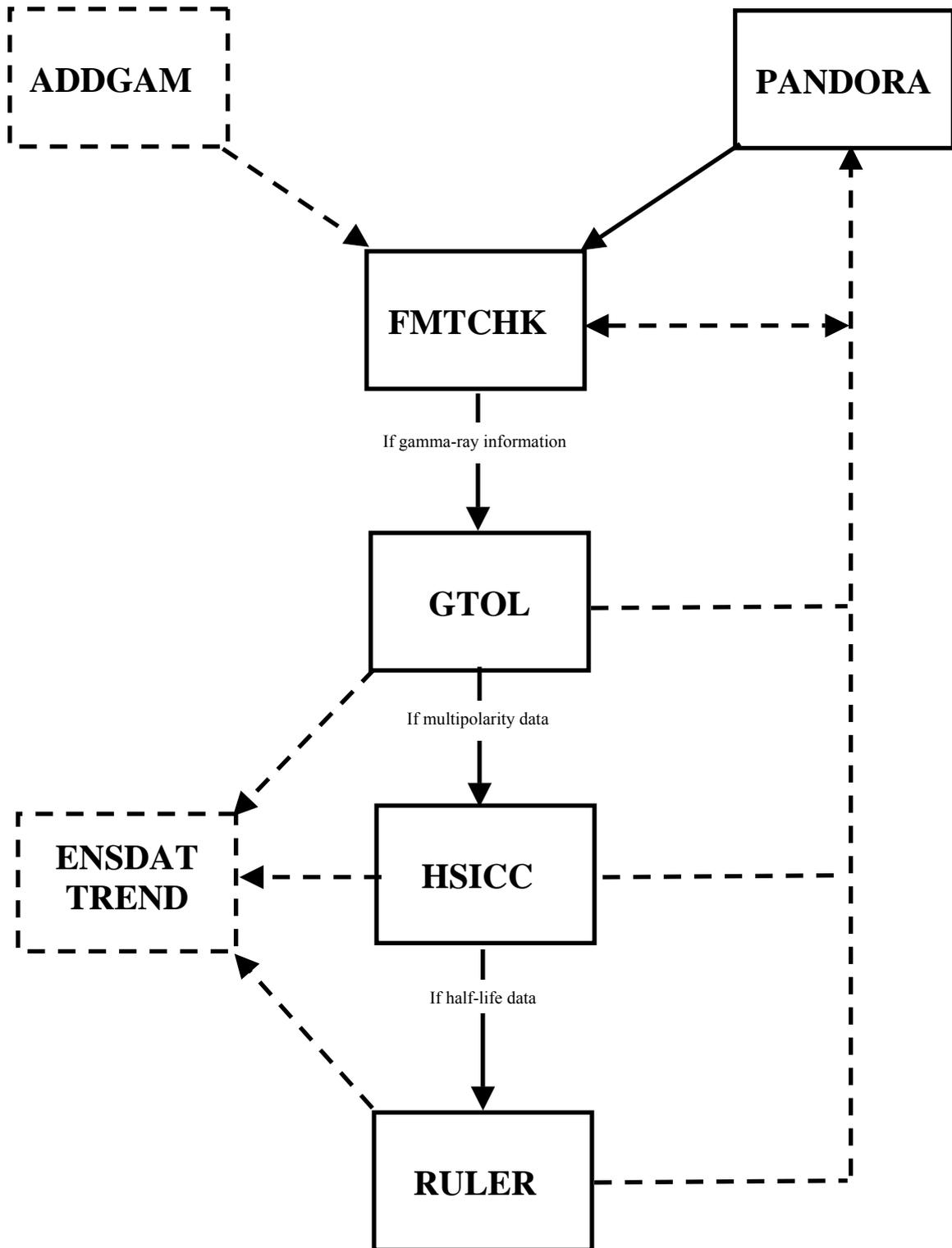


Figure 1: Flowchart of programs for Adopted Levels, Gammas datasets

Decay Datasets

Along with ENSDAT, FMTCHK, and TREND, applicable programs for these datasets are ALPHAD (for α decay), GABS, GTOL, HSICC, LOGFT (for β^\pm/ϵ decay), RadList, and RULER. Figure 2 shows the approximate order in which the programs are run. Note that this is an iterative process and, as changes are made, various programs will need to be rerun (in particular, FMTCHK).

1. ALPHAD should be used to obtain the hindrance factors and, for even-even ground-state nuclei, r_0 . For other nuclei, an r_0 must be supplied.
2. GABS may be used to combine the data from up to three sources to obtain I_γ -normalization (NR), the branching ratios (BR), and absolute I_γ s. HSICC should run on the input data or the internal conversion coefficients from the adopted dataset should be used.
3. GTOL may be used to provide a least-squares adjustment of the level energies. It should be used to check the uncertainties and placement of the γ s. If there are a large number of γ s and few whose energies deviate from the calculated energies, the experimental uncertainties may be overestimated; on the other hand, if there are a large number of deviations, the uncertainties may be underestimated. Also, for any deviation of over $\approx 3\sigma$, the placement of the transition should be carefully checked. GTOL should also be used to obtain the intensities of particles feeding the levels; this should be done before ALPHAD and LOGFT are employed and may be useful in deriving I_γ -normalization (NR).
4. HSICC may be used to check experimentally measured internal conversion coefficients against theory. If the adopted internal conversion coefficients are not used, HSICC should be executed to produce this information for the data set. This should be done before GABS, GTOL, or RadList are used.
5. LOGFT is required to obtain the $\log ft$ s, I_{β^+} and I_ϵ , and partial electron-capture fractions. This should be done before using RadList. If one is not using measured intensities, GTOL should be used to obtain I_{β^-} and $I_{\epsilon+\beta^+}$.
6. RadList should be used to check the calculated energy deposited with that predicted by the Q-value and branching ratios. If X-ray intensities are measured, these should be compared to those calculated by the program. If discrepancies cannot be resolved, these should be noted in the dataset. ALPHAD, HSICC, and LOGFT should have been used before doing these checks.
7. If $T_{1/2}$ s have been measured, RULER may be used to check or further limit multipolarities based on other methods (*e.g.*, from experimental conversion coefficients).

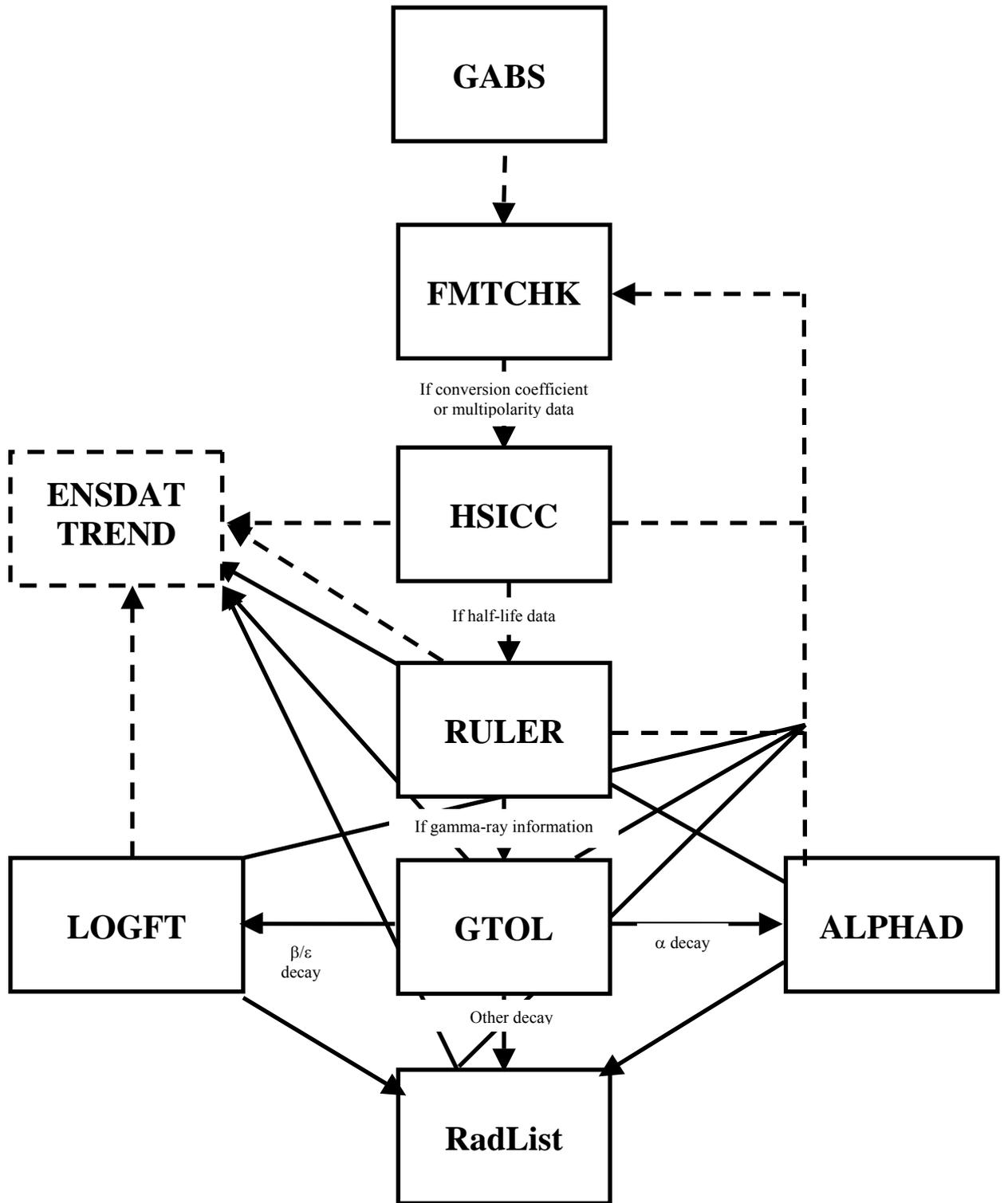


Figure 2: Flowchart of programs for decay datasets

Reaction Datasets

Along with ENSDAT, FMTCHK, and TREND, applicable programs for these datasets are GTOL, HSICC, and RULER. For (thermal n, γ) datasets, RadList may also prove of use. Figure 3 shows the approximate order in which the programs are run. Note that this is an iterative process and, as changes are made, various programs will need to be rerun (in particular, FMTCHK).

1. GTOL's primary use is to do a least-squares adjustment of the level energies and to check the uncertainties and placement of the γ s as described above. Note that it is now common for authors to omit the $\Delta\gamma$ s; if the evaluator cannot obtain a good estimate of these, it may be better to use the author's level energy values. It is also useful for checking for intensity imbalance problems if relative intensities are given.
2. HSICC may be used to check experimentally measured internal conversion coefficients against theory. While it is generally not required to include the conversion and partial conversion coefficients for reaction datasets, it is very useful to do this for (thermal n, γ) datasets.
3. If half-lives ($T_{1/2}$) have been measured, RULER may be used to check or further limit multipolarities based on other methods (*e.g.*, from experimental conversion coefficients).
4. RadList may be used to check the energy balance of (thermal n, γ) datasets by tricking it into believing the dataset is an IT decay dataset. This is done by changing the DSID on the ID record, adding an appropriate Parent record (level energy equal to the neutron separation energy) and a BR of 1.0 on the Normalization record.

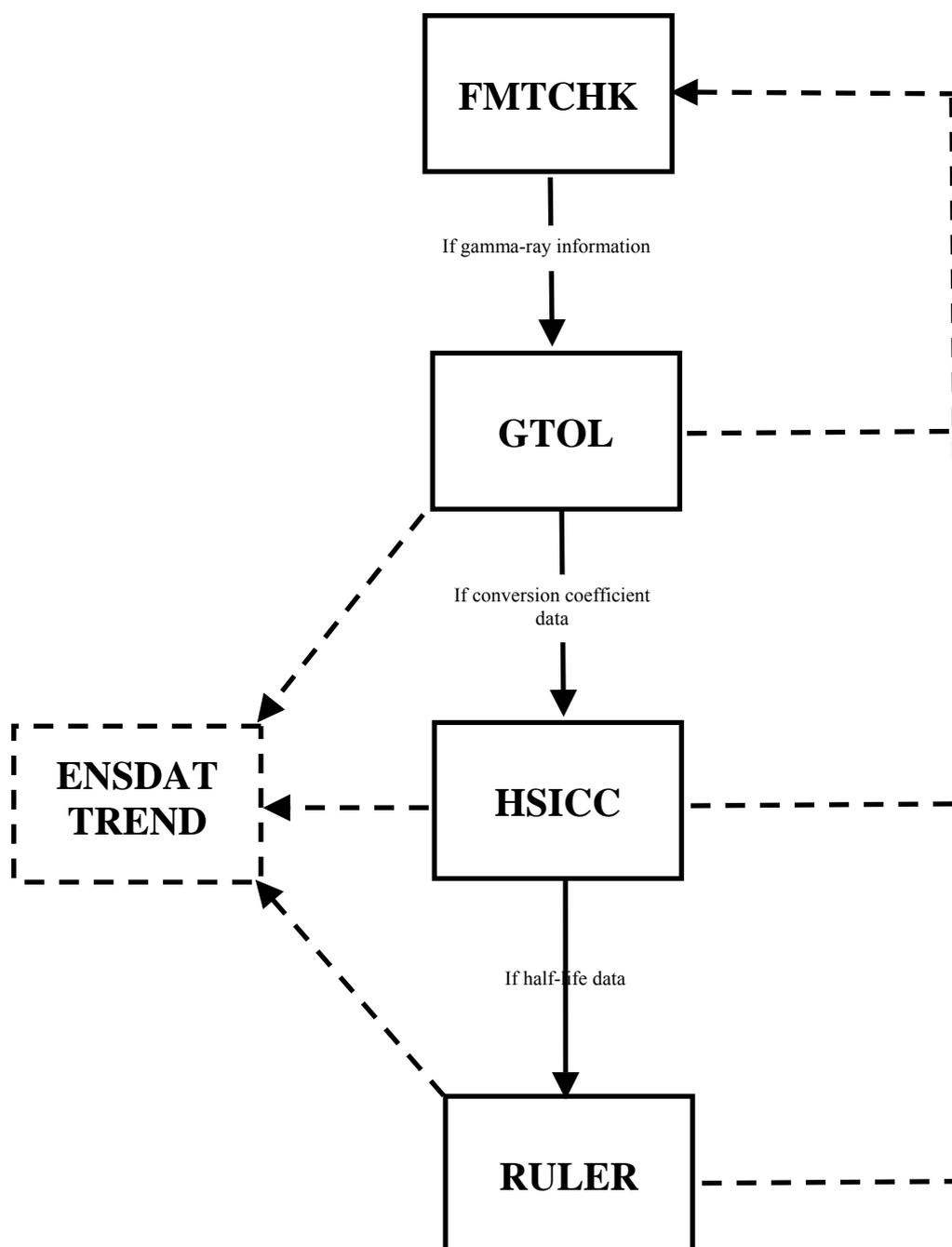


Figure 3: Flowchart of programs for reaction datasets

ADDGAM

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This program adds γ s to the Adopted Levels when all γ s come from one data set. If γ s come from more than one data set but are non-overlapping, the program may be run successively with different γ data sets as input.

Input files (ENSDF format):

- 1) Data set containing the adopted levels. Sample input file: ADDGAML.DAT
- 2) Data set containing the gammas to be added. Sample input file: ADDGAMG.DAT

Output file: Merged set containing the information in (1) and the γ s from (2). Sample output file: ADDGAM.NEW

Terminal dialog: The user will be asked to provide the file names for the data set containing the adopted levels, the file for the gammas to be added, and the file for the new data set.

Compilation and loading instructions: This program requires subroutines from the NSDFLIB package.

Additional documentation: None

ALPHAD

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This program calculates the α hindrance factors and theoretical $T_{1/2}$ and, for even-even ground state to ground state transitions, r_0 using Preston's spin-independent equations (M.A. Preston. Phys. Rev. 71, 865 (1947)).

The program reads an ENSDF-formatted file and produces a report of the hindrance factors, theoretical $T_{1/2}$ s, and r_0 s calculated by the program. This report will also summarize any problems encountered or assumptions made. There is also an option to produce a new file using containing the HFs calculated. r_0 s may be specified on an ALPHA comment record by "HF" in columns 10 and 11 and a dollar sign ("\$\$") in column 12 or blanks in columns 12 through 19. The first value and uncertainty in columns 20 through 80 preceded by an R ("R") and an equal sign ("=") or approximate sign ("AP") will be taken as r_0 .

Sample input file: ALPHAD.DAT

Sample output files:

1. ALPHAD.RPT - Report of calculations
2. ALPHAD.NEW - New ENSDF file containing the hindrance factors (HFs) calculated by the program.

Terminal dialog:

1. **Input data file (Default: ALPHAD.DAT):**
2. **Output report to file (Y/N):**
The default is "Y". If NO is answered, the report will be displayed on the terminal. If YES is answered, the following query will appear:
Output report file (Default: ALPHAD.RPT):
3. **Echo input (Y/N):**
The default is "Y". In this case the input file will be copied to the report file.
4. **Rewrite input with hinderance factor (Y/N):**
The default is "Y". If YES is answered, the following query will appear:
Output data set file (Default: ALPHAD.NEW):

If the report output is to a file, the terminal output will note the progress in the calculations and report warning messages.

Compilation and loading instructions: This program requires subroutines from the NSDFLIB package.

Additional notes:

1. Calculation of Δr_0 : Five values are calculated: $r_0(T_{1/2}(\alpha), E_\alpha)$, $r_0(T_{1/2}(\alpha) + \Delta T_{1/2}(\alpha), E_\alpha)$, $r_0(T_{1/2}(\alpha) - \Delta T_{1/2}(\alpha), E_\alpha)$, $r_0(T_{1/2}(\alpha), E_\alpha + \Delta E_\alpha)$, and $r_0(T_{1/2}(\alpha), E_\alpha - \Delta E_\alpha)$. $\Delta r_0 = \sqrt{(((r_0(T_{1/2}(\alpha) + \Delta T_{1/2}(\alpha), E_\alpha) - r_0(T_{1/2}(\alpha) - \Delta T_{1/2}(\alpha), E_\alpha))/2)**2 + (((r_0(T_{1/2}(\alpha), E_\alpha + \Delta E_\alpha) - r_0(T_{1/2}(\alpha), E_\alpha - \Delta E_\alpha))/2)**2))}$. r_0 and Δr_0 as calculated are output in the report file and so are $r_0(T_{1/2}(\alpha) + \Delta T_{1/2}(\alpha), E)$, $r_0(T_{1/2}(\alpha) - \Delta T_{1/2}(\alpha), E)$, $r_0(T_{1/2}(\alpha), E + \Delta E)$, and $r_0(T_{1/2}(\alpha), E - \Delta E)$.
2. If either the value or the uncertainty for E_{parent} , Q_α , or E_{level} is non-numeric and E_α and ΔE_α are numeric, E_α and ΔE_α are used in the calculations. NOTE: For systematic uncertainties in Q_α from the Audi-Wapstra Mass Tables, the input data should be modified to use the estimated uncertainty and the new output edited to change DQP back to "SY".
3. If there is more than one non-numeric uncertainty involved, the order of precedence is limits (*e.g.*, GT or LT) and then "AP", "CA", and "SY" for the new output.

Additional documentation: None.

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COMTRANS (COMment TRANSlation)

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The program COMTRANS is a nuclear structure evaluator tool for translating comments in the Evaluated Nuclear Structures Data File (ENSDF) from the all upper case form to the upper/lower case form. In addition, translations of code words found in the NSD dictionary are made into a rich text type of format (*e.g.*, |a replaces ALPHA and {+56}Fe replaces 56FE). These comments no longer need to be used with the NSD dictionary. However, evaluators should note that adding a code word to such a translated comment means they must change the lower case comment flag (c or t) in column 7 to an upper case comment flag (C or T) or rerun the file using COMTRANS. Otherwise, ENSDAT (and the publication code), which do not translate lower case comment (c or t) cards, will output the code word unchanged. Finally, the input file is converted into an Y2K compliant form if it is not in that form. All keynumbers are changed from the old six-character keynumber (85AU01) into the new eight-character Keynumber (1985AU01). The keynumbers fields of the ID and Q cards are also changed to comply with the Y2K formats.

The program asks for an input file name, an output file name and options. The ENSDF translation dictionary file must be in the same directory from which the program is executed. The input and output files may include a disk and directory path.

Program files:

1. comtrans_sl.exe
2. ensdf_dic.exe - dictionary creation program.

Text files:

1. ensdf_dic.dat - sequential text file of the dictionaries used to create ra_ensdf_dic.dat.

Input files:

1. An ENSDF formatted file. Sample input file: comtrans.tst
2. ra_ensdf_dic.dat - (direct access binary file) contains the ENSDF translation dictionaries used by ENSDAT and COMTRANS; must be in the execution directory.

Sample output file: comtrans.out (Y2K compliant)

Terminal dialog: The program will request the following information:

1. Input
2. Output

Compilation and loading instructions: Only the executable is supplied.

Additional notes:

1). Should **not** be run on ENSDF or XUNDL files submitted to the NNDC.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} ^A4 & \rightarrow & A4 & \rightarrow & A\{-4\} & \rightarrow & a\{-4\} \\ A4 & & A_4 & & & & a_4 \end{array}$$

2). Useful to run before using Isotope Explorer 2 or ENSDAT.

- a. Isotope Explorer 2 assumes that the comments have been translated into a “rich text” format and does not carry out a dictionary lookup.
- b. ENSDAT may be faster since it will not have to do a dictionary lookup for the comments.

Limitations:

1. No triple correlations.
2. Spins up to 20 are allowed, except when unobserved transitions are involved. For unobserved transitions the maximum spin is 10. These limitations are valid if the computer can handle double precision reals of up to 10^{76} .
3. Effects of internal conversion on the deorientation coefficients for mixed transitions are neglected. See Anicin *et al.*, Nucl. Instrum.Meth. 103, 395 (1972) for this usually very small effect.

NOTE: Except for the changes made in input and output units and to conform to ANSI-77 standard, this code is as provided by the author.

Input file: All records have the following format:

COL. 1-2 Symbol that determines type of card.

COL. 3-72 Free format reals or integers. Separator: any character different from '0-9', '.' and '-'. Everything following a '\$' is ignored. This can be used for comments on the data cards. Only DATA and GO cards are necessary. Uncert. = 0 for δ means that δ is kept fixed. new data with same name as existing data replace the latter.

Options (parameters in () are optional):

CL	Clear data
DU	Dump common blocks (for debugging)
OU A	A = 0 short output (default) A > 0 FULL OUTPUT
ST ST1,(ST2)	Step size (in degrees) for $\tan^{-1}(\delta_1)$ and $\tan^{-1}(\delta_2)$, respectively
EN	End of run
GO RJ1,RJ2,(RJ3)	Read spins and go. RJ's are reals or integers (e.g., 5/2- = -2.5, 2+ = 2, 0- = -0) Maximum 6 spins.
HE ANY TEXT	Header
LI A,B,C,D	Limits $\tan^{-1}(\delta_1)$ to A to B and $\tan^{-1}(\delta_2)$ to c to d
UN (DU(1), DU(2), DU(3))	Unobserved transitions, δ s. Defaults = 0.0
Correlation and DELTA data	
A2 A2,DA2	A ₂ , ΔA_2
A4 A4,DA4	A ₄ , ΔA_4
D NTR (,DELTA,DDELTA)	Transition number, δ , $\Delta\delta$. Defaults: none, 0, 0
Conversion coefficient data (maximum 5 items)	

<p>** NTR, EXP, DEXP, L1, H1(L2,H2)</p>	<p>where ** is any unique combination of symbols (e.g., CC, AK) NTR The number of the transition (1 or 2) EXP Experimental value DEXP Uncertainty L1 Theoretical value for the lower multipole (SHELL1) H1 Theoretical value for the higher multipole (SHELL1) For ratios SHELL1/SHELL2: L2 Theoretical value for the lower multipole (SHELL1) H2 Theoretical value for the higher multipole (SHELL2)</p>
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Sample input data set: DELTA.DAT

Output file (Short output marked with an asterisk (*)):

For each spin combination (each GO card):

* Option and data cards read

* Header

* Data

Header

χ^2 and best theoretical values of data (step in δ_1)

* Best δ_1

Header

* Plot of χ^2 versus $\tan^{-1}(\delta_1)$

Header

χ^2 and best theoretical values of data (step in δ_2)

* Best δ_2

* Plot of χ^2 versus $\tan^{-1}(\delta_2)$

* 'END OF ANALYSIS FOR THIS SPIN COMBINATION'

Optionally a dump of common block variables can be obtained.

Sample output: DELTA.RPT

Terminal dialog: The user will be requested to supply the input file name and the output file name.

Compilation and loading instructions: No special instructions

Additional documentation: DELTA - A computer program to analyze gamma-gamma correlations from unaligned states. L.P. Ekstrom. Nuclear Physics LUNFD6/(NFFR-3048) 1-27,(Lund University. 1983).

ENSDAT (Evaluated Nuclear Structure Drawings and Tables)

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The program ENSDAT (Evaluated Nuclear Structure Drawings And Tables) is similar to the production program for the Nuclear Data Sheets but more limited in its application. Only ENSDF data files can be used as input and a PostScript file, list of keynumbers in NSR, and a report file are output. As the default, all possible tables, band drawings, and gamma drawings are done for each dataset encountered in the input file. However, it is possible to choose one or more of these groups of output (see below). In addition, it is possible to modify the default tables and drawings by adding commands to the input file using control cards. (see the file `enscmds.txt`.) A final page is output to the PostScript file, which gives a listing of all the keynumbers, encountered in the input file.

Program files:

1. `ensdat.exe`
2. `ensdf_dic.exe` - dictionary creation program.

Text files:

1. `enscmds.txt` - instructions for using commands in the input file.
2. `ensdf_dic.dat` - sequential text file of the dictionaries used to create `ra_ensdf_dic.dat`.

Input files:

1. An ENSDF formatted file. Sample input file: `adopted.186`.
2. `ra_ensdf_dic.dat` - contains - translation dictionaries. `ensdf_dic.exe` must be run to create the ISAM files used by ENSDAT and COMTRANS.

Outputs:

1. PostScript file of tables and drawings in a form similar to the Nuclear Data Sheets.
2. Report file summarizing work done and any errors noted.
3. File listing the keynumbers (NSR) found in the input file.

Sample output files: `ad_186.log` and `ad_186.ps`.

Terminal dialog: The program will request the following information:

1. Input - input file specification
2. Output - output file name
3. Options - one or more of the following options can be entered, separated by a blank:

TABLE Level, gamma, and radiation information will be output in tabular format.
BAND Band drawings will be output. Radplot type drawings are also output.
DRAW Gamma drawings will be output.

NOAUTO No drawings or tables will be generated except those that are specified by the user on control cards, added to the input file. If none of these options are used, all tables, band drawings (if any), and gamma drawings (if any) will be output to the PostScript file.

4. View output - Yes or No (optional - see installation instructions for details)

Command Line dialog: ENSDAT *input output [option]*

Compilation and loading instructions: Only the executable is supplied.

Additional documentation: Following the output file name, several options are available to the user. The output file name must be followed by a blank and then, if desired, one or more of the following options:

TABLE	Level, gamma, and radiation information will be output in tabular format.
BAND	Band drawings will be output.
DRAW	Gamma drawings will be output.
NOAUTO	No drawings or tables will be generated except those, which are specified by the user on control cards added to the input file.

As before, if none of these options are used, all tables, band drawings (if any), and gamma drawings (if any) will be output to the PostScript file.

FMTCHK

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This program analyzes the format of an ENSDF formatted file to verify that it conforms to "Evaluated Nuclear Structure Data File. A Manual for Preparation of Data Sets" by J.K. Tuli, Brookhaven National Laboratory Report BNL-NCS-63155-01/02 (2001) and subsequent memos.

Input file (ENSDF format): Sample input file is DATA.TST

Output file: A report file indicating possible errors or warnings is generated. Sample output file: FMTCHK.RPT. Brief explanations of the fatal error (prefix <F>), error (prefix <E>), warning (prefix <W>), and informational (prefix <I>) messages are given in READFMTC.ME or READFMTC.HTML.

Terminal dialog: The user will be asked to supply the input and output file names, if errors only should be reported or the complete file reported (default: errors only), if continuation records should be checked (default: check continuation records), if only fatal errors should be reported (default: no), if warning messages should be suppressed (default: no suppression). This query will be suppressed if only fatal errors are to be reported), and if the checking of the XREF *versus* DSID should be suppressed.

As the data sets in the input file are processed, this will be indicated on the terminal. After each data set is processed, the total number of fatal error, error, and warning messages will be reported. If both adopted data sets and "source" data sets are in the file, the X records and IDENTIFICATION records will be compared and any discrepancies listed.

Compilation and loading instructions: This program requires subroutines from the NSDFLIB package.

Additional documentation: None.

Additional notes:

1. For level energies of the form X, Y, Z, *etc.* or E + X, E + Y, E + Z, *etc.*, an arbitrary energy is assigned to the first occurrence of the character based on the energy of the previous level energy. This is reported as an informational message in the report file and is used to see if the levels are in the proper energy order.

GABS

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GABS calculates absolute gamma-ray intensities and a decay-scheme normalizing factor (NR) for converting relative intensities to absolute values per 100 decays of the parent nucleus. The program calculates the decay mode branching ratios (BR) for radionuclides that decay through several decay modes. It also calculates the uncertainties in all these quantities.

Input file: GABSPC reads up to three data sets (ENSDF format). See the documentation for modifications to the standard ENSDF format for use by this program. Sample input: GABS.IN.

Output files:

1. Report file summarizing the results of the calculations (default: GABSPC.RPT).
2. New ENSDF formatted file containing the results of the calculations (may not already exist). Sample output: GABS.OUT

Terminal dialog: The program will ask for an input file name, a report file name, if a new file should be created ("Y"; default is no, case insensitive), and, optionally, the name of the output file.

Compilation and loading instructions: This program requires subroutines from the NSDFLIB package.

Additional documentation: PROGRAM GABSPC (Version 9, May 2000). Edgardo Browne, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. Adapted for IBM PC by Coral M. Baglin (September 1991).

GTOL

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In this program, gamma-ray energies are used to derive a set of least-squares adjusted level energies. The net feeding at each level is calculated from the input γ intensities and conversion coefficients. Unplaced or questionable γ s, or γ s whose final level is ambiguous or unknown are ignored.

The program parses the DSID of each data set and, if there is no indication of possible gamma records within the data set, skips it. In addition, the program will not calculate the intensity balancing for adopted data sets.

Input file: An ENSDF formatted file with the following optional information:

An option record with 'OPTION' in col. 1-6 may precede any data set and contain any of the following options in free format:

Option	Meaning
NOREC	No recoil correction, <i>i.e.</i> , recoil correction has already been applied to E_γ
RECOIL	Perform recoil correction (DEFAULT)
MARKED	Process only data sets preceded by a card with '*GTOL' in col. 1-5
ALL	Process all data sets (DEFAULT)
DEG=	For the current data set, override default assumption of 1 keV where no uncertainty on the gamma energy is given. Following the equal sign may be either a number or a number followed by a percent sign. A number alone indicates the uncertainty on E_γ in keV while a number followed by a percent sign indicates the fractional percent uncertainty to be assigned.
DRI=	For the current data set, assume a default uncertainty for the relative I_γ when none given. A number alone indicates the uncertainty on I_γ in the current relative units while a number followed by a percent sign indicates the fractional percent uncertainty to be assigned.
DTI=	For the current data set, assume a default uncertainty for when none given. A number alone indicates the uncertainty on $I_{\gamma+ce}$ in the current relative units while a number followed by a percent sign indicates the fractional percent uncertainty to be assigned.

Note that an option card resets the defaults.

A level energy can be held fixed by adding the letter 'F' somewhere in the energy field (columns 10 - 21). If the output option to create a new file containing the adjusted level energies is chosen, 'F' will be removed and a level documentation record will be added (LEVEL ENERGY HELD FIXED IN LEAST-SQUARES ADJUSTMENT).

If DRI= or DTI= are specified on an OPTION record, the assumed uncertainty may be overridden for an individual intensity, by adding an "E" separated from the intensity in either the RI or TI fields.

If DEG=, DRI=, or DTI= are specified on an OPTION record and a new file is created, FOOTNOTE COMMENTS will be generated and inserted as necessary.

Sample input file: DATA.TST

Output files:

1. Report file. The report file will contain a summary of the data input and actions taken by the program (*e.g.*, unplaced or questionable γ s ignored) and the following optional outputs for each data set:
 - a. Comparison of input gamma energies to those calculated based on the adjusted level energies.
 - b. Comparison of calculated net feedings to each level with values input on B, E, or A records

Note: if the calculated net feeding overlaps zero within three standard deviations, the program will calculate estimated upper limits (90% confidence level) using two methods suggested by Louis Lyons in *Statistics for Nuclear and Particle Physicists* (Cambridge University Press) and report these estimates if they differ by more than 0.01. The two methods are:

- i. $(\text{Integral of } gdB \text{ from } 0 \text{ to } B) / (\text{Integral of } gdB \text{ from } 0 \text{ to infinity}) = 0.9$ where g is the normal (Gaussian) distribution.

- ii. $B_l < B_m + 1.28\sigma$.
- c. If a new file is generated a comparison of the old and new records will also be generated.

Sample output file: GTOL.RPT

2. New file containing the adjusted level energies (optional). Sample output file: None

Terminal dialog: The program will request the input and report (default: GTOL.RPT) file names and ask if you wish a new file created (default: no new file) and for the new file name, to suppress the gamma-energy comparison (default: no suppression), and to suppress the intensity comparison (default: no suppression). The progress of the program will be noted on the terminal as well as possible problems.

Compilation and loading instructions: This program requires subroutines from the NSDFLIB package.

Additional documentation:

B.J. Barton and J.K. Tuli. Physics analysis programs for nuclear structure evaluation. Brookhaven National Laboratory Informal Report BNL-NCS-23375/R (1977).

L.P. Ekstrom and P. Andersson. FORTRAN 77 versions of string handling subprograms and the programs GTOL and MEDLIST. Nuclear Physics Report LUNFD/(NFFR-3049)/1-27, (Lund University, Sweden. 1983).

Additional notes:

1. If the level energies are of the form X, Y, Z, *etc.* or E + X, E + Y, *etc.*, the least-squares fit is done separately for each group of states and merged back into the final results. Similar to FMTCHK, an arbitrary energy is assigned to the level based on the energy of the previous energy. This is used to sort the levels in the energy comparison but is not used when creating the new output file.
2. FMTCHK should be rerun if a new file is created since the order of the level energies may have changed as a result of the least-squares adjustment. This may occur when there are two closely lying levels or if there is a series of levels with unknown energies (*e.g.*, E + X) interspersed with levels of known energy.
3. If the connecting information is too sparse, the matrix created may be singular and cannot be inverted (this generally occurs for adopted datasets and other datasets where there are levels with no de-exciting γ s). In such instances, check the report file for levels that do not de-excite and fix these levels.
4. As noted above, uncertainly placed γ s are ignored in the least-squares fit and the intensity balance calculations. This means possible additional iterations to obtain an estimate of the excitation energies and their possible contributions to the uncertainties of the intensity balances:
 - a. To obtain an estimate of the excitation energies of levels only connected by such transitions, modify the input by removing the “?” in column 80 of the relevant gamma records and adding “F” in the energy fields of any connected level records which also are fed or de-excited by other γ s. Factor the results of the new least-squares fit into the original file.

- b. To obtain an idea of the effect of uncertainly placed γ s on the intensities, modify the input file by removing all “?” in column 80 of the gamma records. By comparing the original intensity balance calculations with the new one, you will be able to estimate the effect of these transitions on the balance uncertainties.

HSICC Program Package

The HSICC program package consists of the programs HSICC (calculates internal conversion coefficients), HSMRG (merges new gamma records created by HSICC with the original input data), BLDSHST (builds a direct access file of the internal conversion coefficient table), and SEQHST (recreates a sequential file of the internal conversion table from the direct access file). These are described separately on the following pages.

Compilation and loading instructions: HSICC requires subroutines from the NSDFLIB package; the others do not.

HSICC Program Package — HSICC

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This program calculates internal conversion coefficients by spline (cubic) interpolation tabulated values from Hager and Seltzer for the K, L, and M shells and from Dragoun, Plajner, and Schmetzler for the N + O +... shells.

Input files:

1. ENSDF formatted file. Sample input file: DATA.TST. NOTE: The input data should not be modified before running the code HSMRG.
2. ICC index file (created by the program BLDHST).
3. Binary file of ICCs (created by the program BLDHST).

Output files:

1. Complete report of calculations. Sample output file: HSCALC.LST.
2. New G/2G records generated by the program. This is used as input to the program HSMRG. Sample output file: CARDS.NEW.
3. Comparison of new and old G/2G records. Sample output file: COMPAR.LST.

Terminal dialog: The program will ask for the following information:

1. Input files
 - a. Name of input ENSDF file (default: DATA.TST)
 - b. Name of ICC index file (default: ICCNDX.DAT)
 - c. Name of ICC binary table file (default: ICCTBL.DAT)
2. Output files
 - a. Name of file from complete report (default: HSCALC.LST)
 - b. Name of file containing new G/2G records (default: CARDS.NEW)
 - c. Name of comparison file (default: COMPAR.LST)

Additional documentation:

R.S. Hager and E.C. Seltzer. Internal Conversion Tables. Part 1: K-, L-, M-Shell Conversion Coefficients for $Z = 30$ to $Z = 103$. Nucl. Data A4, 1 (1968).

O. Dragoun, Z. Plajner, and F. Schmutzler. Contribution of Outer Atomic Shells to Total Internal Conversion Coefficients. Nucl. Data Tables A9, 119 (1971).

B.J. Barton and J.K. Tuli. Physics analysis programs for nuclear structure evaluation. Brookhaven National Laboratory Informal Report BNL-NCS-23375/R (1977).

Additional notes: If E_γ is near the threshold for internal conversion, new records are not created.

HSICC Program Package — HSMRG

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This program merges the new (corrected) G-records created by HSICC with the input dataset file to create an updated dataset file.

Input files:

1. Input data file (ENSDF format). This must be the same input file used by HSICC. Sample input file: DATA.TST
2. Correction file of G-records created by HSICC. Sample input file: CARDS.NEW

Output file: Updated file (ENSDF format). Sample output file: CARDS.MRG

Terminal dialog: The program will ask for the names of the input file used by HSICC (default: DATA.TST), the correction file created by HSICC (default: CARDS.NEW), and the merged data file (default: CARDS.MRG).

Additional documentation: none

HSICC Program Package — BLDHST

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This program builds the Hager-Seltzer direct access table plus index from a sequential file.

Input file: A sequential access symbolic file of 80 character records (Z, SHELL, EG, E1, E2, E3, E4, M1, M2, M3, M4) = (I3, A2, F7.2, 8E8.2). Data file included: ICCSEQ.DAT. For MS-DOS, four additional files, H1.DAT through H4.DAT, are included covering Z = 3 - 34, Z = 35 - 59, Z = 60 - 82, and Z = 83 - 103, respectively.

Output files:

1. Direct access table consisting of a binary file of 11 word (44 bytes) records. 13004 records in the file if ICCSEQ.DAT is used as input.
2. An index consisting of a direct access binary file of one word (4 bytes) records. The Zth record is the integer record number pointer to the direct access table.

Terminal dialog: The program will first ask for the sequential input file name (default: ICCSEQ.DAT) and then the output table and index file names (defaults: ICCTBL.DAT and ICCNDX.DAT).

Additional documentation: none

HSICC Program Package — SEQHST

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This program converts the Hager-Seltzer direct access table to a sequential text file format.

Input file: The direct access table is a binary file of 11 word records. 13004 records in the file.

Output file: The text file is a sequential access symbolic file of 80 character records (Z, SHELL, EG, E1, E2, E3, E4, M1, M2, M3, M4) = (I3, A2, F7.2, 8E8.2). Data file included: ICCSEQ.DAT.

Terminal dialog: The program will first ask for the binary table file name (default: ICCTBL.DAT) and then the sequential output file name (default: ICCSEQ.DAT).

Additional documentation: none

LOGFT

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This program calculates $\log ft$ for beta decay. It also calculates the partial capture fractions for electron capture, the electron capture to positron ratio for positron decay, and the average beta energies. It will do special calculations for first and second forbidden unique; all other categories are treated as allowed.

Input files:

1. ENSDF formatted file. Sample input included: DATA.TST
2. Radial wave function data. Data file included: LOGFT.DAT

Output files:

1. Report file. Sample output included: LOGFT.RPT
2. New ENSDF formatted file with appropriate values for B and E cards updated. Sample output included: LOGFT.NEW

Terminal dialog: The program will ask for the names of the input data file (default: DATA.TST), the report file (default: LOGFT.RPT), the file containing the wave function data (default: LOGFT.DAT), and the file to be created (default: LOGFT.NEW).

Compilation and loading instructions: This program requires subroutines from the NSDFLIB package.

Additional documentation: N.B. Gove and M.J. Martin. Log-f tables for beta decay. Nuclear Data Tables A10, 206 (1971).

Additional notes:

1. New records will not be created if there are non-numeric parent or level energies, Q-values, or associated uncertainties.
2. If Lyon's method 1 has been used to estimate the intensity, LOGFT should also be run using the original values.

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This subroutine package consists of three subroutine packages F77STR (Fortran 77 String Processing Library), NSDCNV (Fortran 77 Conversion Routines), and NSDMTH (Fortran 77 Mathematical Routines). All elements of the package have been written to conform to the ANSI standard for Fortran 77, and are therefore machine independent. The version number and date given in this "read me" is for F77STR.

Input file: none

Output file: none

Terminal dialog: none

Compilation and loading instructions: This subroutine package is required by most of the ENSDF analysis and utility codes and should be compiled and linked as necessary with them.

Additional documentation: Internal National Nuclear Data Center memo
NSDFLIB.MEM

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This program provides the following physics checks for an ENSDF file.

1. Decay data sets have a P-card
2. An L-CARD with $T_{1/2} > 0.1$ S should have MS FLAG.
3. Check consistency of spin/parity of levels with multipolarity connecting transitions.
4. For a transfer reaction with even-even target $J = L+1/2$.
5. For $3.6 < \log ft < 5.9$, $J^{i-1} \leq J^f \leq J^{i+1}$, no parity change. For 1U in cols. 78-79 and $\log ft \geq 8.5$ $J^f = J^{i \pm 2}$, parity change.
6. For alpha decay, if the mass is odd and $HF < 4$, $J^f = J^i$, no parity change.
If J^f or $J^i = 0$, parity change = $(-1)^{(J^f - J^i)}$
7. Levels out of order.

Input files: ENSDF formatted file. Sample input file: PANDIN.DAT.

Output files:

1. FILE.ERR. Errors and warnings about the input data. Sample output file: FILE.ERR.
2. FILE.GAM. Report of the γ s in the input file arranged by A, Z, E_γ , and DSID. Sample output file: FILE.GAM.
3. FILE.GLE. Report of the γ s in the input file arranged by A, Z, $E_{(\text{parent level})}$, E_γ , and DSID. I_γ given are branching ratios ($I_{(\text{strongest } \gamma)} = 100$). Sample output file: FILE.GLE.
4. FILE.LEV. Report of the levels in the input file arranged by A, Z, E_{level} , and DSID. Sample output file: FILE.LEV.
5. FILE.RAD. Report of β/ϵ in input file arranged by A, Z, $E_{\beta/\epsilon}$, and DSID. Sample output file: FILE.RAD.
6. FILE.REP. Reports ignored records, levels that have no match in adopted levels, frequency of XREF symbols, new XREF symbols, *etc.* Sample output file: FILE.REP.
7. FILE.XRF. Reports the cross-reference records. The cross-reference symbols are also given in FILE.LEV. Sample output file: FILE.XRF.
8. New ENSDF formatted file with XREFs added or modified. Sample output file: PANDOR.OUT.

Generation of the files reporting on the gammas, levels, and radiations and the new ENSDF formatted file is optional. There is no option to specify file names for the FILE.* outputs.

Terminal dialog: The program will ask for the input file name and then if the user wishes the level, gammas, and radiation reports (default: 0 for no) and a new file generated (default: 0 for

no). If new output is specified, the user will be queried for the output file name. As generation of the various output files is completed, this will be noted on the terminal.

Compilation and loading instructions: This program requires subroutines from the NSDFLIB package.

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RadList

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This program is designed to calculate the nuclear and atomic radiations associated with the radioactive decay of nuclei. It uses as its primary input nuclear decay data in the ENSDF format. Listings or computer files containing the energies, intensities, and dose rates for various nuclear radiations are produced. These outputs also contain the energies, intensities, and dose rates of the associated atomic radiations. Optionally the continua spectra for β^\pm decay and for internal bremsstrahlung associated with β^\pm and electron-capture decay may be calculated.

Input files:

1. ENSDF formatted file. The following optional records as defined in cols. 1-9 of the record are allowed:
 - a. MERGE/ENDMERGE Specifies that the radiations from the data sets contained between them will be merged on output (ignored if the data-base option is selected)
 - b. PAGE Causes the radiation listing output to begin on a new page for the following data set.
 - c. PARAMETER Various parameters affecting the calculations or output of the program may be given in cols. 10 - 80 of this record which immediately precedes a data set and only affects that data set. The parameters are:
 - i. ALLGAM Overrides the minimum intensity cutoff for radiations and outputs all gammas. No value should be given for this parameter.
 - ii. MAXEC Specifies the number of electron-capture branches to be listed in the radiation listing (default = 0).
 - iii. MAT Specifies a material number for ENDF-6 output (default is based on the Z and A of the parent).
 - iv. RIMIN Specifies the minimum intensity cutoff (in percent) for radiations (default = 0.001% except for the data-base option [$10^{-12}\%$]).
 - v. WEIGHT Specifies an arbitrary weighting fraction. Not allowed with database and ENDF-6 options.

Sample input file: RADLST.INP. See the report for an explanation of what is tested within this sample input.

2. Atomic electron binding energies, fluorescence and Auger-electron yields: One of the following two data files must be present:
 - a. Direct access binary file (ATOMIC.DAT). The program will generate this file if it does not exist and the following file is available.
 - b. Sequential file (default name: MEDNEW.DAT). Data file provided with distribution.
3. Atomic mass data: If neither of the two following files is present, the program will calculate atomic masses based on the Garvey-Kelson formalism.
 - a. Direct access binary file (WAPSTB.DAT). The program will generate this file if it does not exist and the following file is available.
 - b. Sequential file (default name: RADMAS.DAT). Data file provided with distribution.

Output files: With the exception of the report file, these files are options.

1. Report file: The input data are listed in cols 2-81 and messages reporting possible problems or assumptions made are given in cols 82-133. Possible severe errors are noted on a line following the record in question.
After all relevant radiation data have been analyzed, there will be a summary of the energy deposited by the radiations and recoiling nuclei and a comparison between the sum of these deposited energies and the energy expected from the branching ratios and Q values.
2. Radiations listing: Fortran-formatted file containing the nuclear and atomic radiations obtained by the program. See the report for additional details.
3. Database file: Presents the data generated by the program in a fixed computer-readable format. See the report for additional details.
4. ENDF-6 format file: MT = 1, MF = 451 (comments) and MT = 8, MF = 457 (decay data) sections are generated.

Either the ENSDF-6 file or the database file may be generated but not both.

Terminal dialog:

1. The program will ask which output files should be generated (defaults: radiation listing; no ENDF-like file or database file).
2. Unless the database option is chosen, the user will be asked if the continua should be calculated (default: no).
3. The names of the input and report files will be requested (defaults: RADLST.INP and RADLST.RPT).
4. If the binary data files are not present, the user will be asked for the names of the sequential files.
5. The user will be asked the names of the various output files to be generated (defaults: ENSDF.RPT, NUDAT.OUT, and ENDF.RAW).
6. The source of the atomic data and the mass data will be noted.
7. As each data set or group of data sets are processed, a summary of the results will be displayed on the terminal.

Sample terminal dialogs and outputs: Following are descriptions of the sample files included in the distribution. NOTE: This supersedes Appendix B of the report. The various outputs in these files are separated by “%%%%%%” followed by the type of output and in some cases only show those outputs where there are major differences.

1. RADLST1.OUT: Normal options
2. RADLST2.OUT: ENDF option

3. RADLST3.OUT: Database file option
4. RADLST4.OUT: Continua with bremsstrahlung chosen
5. RADLST5.OUT: ENDF with continua with bremsstrahlung chosen

Compilation and loading instructions: This program requires subroutines from the NSDFLIB package.

Additional documentation: T.W. Burrows. The program RADLST. Brookhaven National Laboratory Report BNL-NCS-52142 (1988).

RULER

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This program either calculates the reduced electromagnetic transition strengths and compares these to the Recommended Upper Limits (RUL) or calculates BELW and BMLW for inclusion in ENSDF data sets. Primarily designed to work on ADOPTED LEVELS, GAMMAS datasets but will process any dataset whose DSID indicates the presence of gammas.

Input file: ENSDF formatted file. Sample input file: RULER.IN

Output files:

1. The report file will list the datasets and note any problems or assumptions by the program. Comparison mode: will show the calculations and compare the results to the RULs noting possible violations; calculation mode: will show the calculations and compare the old and new values for BELWs and BMLWs. Sample output files: RULER1.RPT (comparison) and RULER2.RPT (calculation).
2. Optionally a new file will be created containing the calculated BE λ Ws and BM λ Ws. Sample output file: RULER.OUT.

Terminal dialog: The program will request the input and report file specifications, the mode of operation (answer is case sensitive), and, optionally, the new file specifications.

Compilation and loading instructions: This program requires subroutines from the NSDFLIB package.

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TREND

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This program generates ENSDF data tables report and allows the user to view and control the output file on the screen.

Input file: An ENSDF formatted file. Sample input file: DATA.TST.

Outputs: Tabular representations of the ENSDF data similar in organization to the Nuclear Data Sheets are generated either as a report file or as a file capable of being viewed interactively on an ANSI (VT100 equivalent) or VT52 terminal.

Sample output file: TREND.RPT (132 columns; 66 lines per page)

Terminal dialog: The program will request the following information:

1. Input file name
2. Output file name
3. If the output file exists, does the user wish to view it?
4. 80 or 132 column display (no defaults)
5. Lines per page (defaults: 60 if 80 column display; 66 if 132 column display). The user should specify 24 for screen display.

If the user has specified "TT:" or "TTY:" (case insensitive) as the output file name, answered yes to viewing an existing file, or 24 lines per page, the tables will be displayed on the screen with a prompt line at the bottom. The user may scroll up and down through the tables.

Compilation and loading instructions: This program requires subroutines from the NSDFLIB package.

Additional documentation: None

GUIDELINES FOR EVALUATORS

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GUIDELINES FOR DECAY AND REACTION DATA SETS

A. Extraction of Data

1. In any experiment, the author's basic measured quantities should be quoted, unless these data can be converted to more usual or convenient forms by applying known numerical factors (for example, mean-life to half-life, BE2(sp) to BE2).

Quote what was actually measured in an experiment and not necessarily what the authors quote, in cases where these are different.

Note: A measurement of $I_\gamma/\Sigma I_\beta$ might be quoted by an author as $I_\beta(\text{gs})$, which, for the author's decay scheme should be equivalent to the absolute I_γ determination, but is not as fundamental a quantity. If the decay scheme is changed, the $I_\beta(\text{gs})$ could change, whereas the absolute I_γ measurement should still be valid. Failure to make such an important distinction is a particularly common source of confusion when normalization conditions are being stated.

A measurement of I_γ^+/I_γ might be quoted by an author as I_β^+/I_γ . The ratio should be expressed in terms of the annihilation radiation, since I_β^+/I_γ could imply that the positron spectrum was measured.

2. Document any and all changes made in data quoted from an author. When correcting an author's value for a quantity, for example an error due to a misprint, give the corrected value in the appropriate field, and mention the uncorrected value in a comment. Do not give the uncorrected value in the field, and rely on the comment to define and explain the correct value.

3. When extracting data from an author's paper, note any assumptions, standards, or constants that enter into a derived value, and correct the data for any changes in these assumed values. For example, an ϵ/α ratio for one nucleus might depend on the value assumed for another nucleus, or a conversion coefficient might be normalized to a standard value. Such data should be presented in such a way that the effect of changes in any of the assumed values is clearly displayed; thus, " $\alpha_k = 0.0324\ 12$ if $\alpha_k = 0.0324\ 12$ if $\alpha_k(^{137}\text{Cs})$ -.....". Better values for the assumed quantities might be available at the time the mass chain is being revised.

4. Check the bibliography in each article against the reference list provided by BNL. This action is a valuable cross-check to help ensure that references have not been overlooked. Also, authors will sometimes quote data received as private communications; these data should be tracked down if possible if they seem important.

5. Do not rely on an author to extract older data correctly. Even if an author collects such data in a table, the original article should be checked. This checking procedure is especially important in view of 3, above.

6. Be sure to distinguish between values measured by an author and those deduced by the same author. For example, in a transfer reaction, an author might adopt L values for some transitions based on known $J\pi$ in order to extract values for other levels. Such a distinction should be made clear.

B. Manipulation and Presentation of Data

1. Comments

(a) For data sets in which the data appear in two or more separate sections in the data sheets output, namely decay data sets and reaction data sets involving gammas, the comments should always be written in such a way that they are clearly separated into general comments, comments on levels, comments on gammas etc. This "separation" of comments avoids the problem of having comments appear where they are not appropriate (of course these comments can be edited out where they are not appropriate, but this is a step that should be avoided).

Note 1: A single comment such as "the level scheme is that of . . . based on. . . The E_γ and I_γ are from . . ., with I_γ normalized so that... The I_β are from the $I(\gamma+ce)$ imbalance at each level" should be rewritten as separate general comments on levels, gammas and betas, or as specific data-type comments on E_γ , I_γ , I_β , as appropriate.

Note 2: Comments on $\gamma_\gamma(\theta)$, $\gamma_\gamma(t)$, $\gamma(\theta,H,T)$ etc. in a given data set should normally be given with levels rather than with gammas since it is usually under the levels listing that one wants to see comments on the values of J , $T\frac{1}{2}$, or μ etc., deduced in that data set from measurements of these types. If the $\gamma_\gamma(\theta)$ data also yield δ values, the comment on δ in the gamma listing can simply state that the relevant $\gamma_\gamma(\theta)$ data are discussed in the levels listing.

(b) General comments of a descriptive nature at the head of individual data sets should be kept to a minimum. In particular, comments for each keynumber that describe what was measured (such as E_γ , I_γ), or what detection method was used (such as semi, Ge(Li)) are not required, but can be given at the evaluator's discretion. The only required comments are the specification of bombarding energy and energy resolution for reaction data sets. Projectile energy and experimental resolution should be given for each reference from which data are quoted, even if not a major source. Such information may also be useful for other references. For grouped reactions, such as (HI, $xn\gamma$) or Coulomb excitation, the bombarding particle would of course also need to be specified for each keynumber. In addition, for Coulomb excitation, the distinction between particle detection, (x , x'), and gamma detection, (x , $x'\gamma$) should be made. Examples are given in (e) below.

Note 1: The bombarding energy and resolution for reference "A" are of interest in a case where, although most of the excitations energies are from some other source, reference "A", whose data are not otherwise included, reports a level not seen by the other sources, and the evaluator chooses to include this level. In many cases, evaluators refer to reference "A" only in a comment on the specific level in question; however, reference "A" should be included explicitly with the other references in the heading.

Note 2: The specification of "s" for spectrometer is an example of the additional type of information that is probably not worth giving, since such an entry conveys only partial information on the experimental setup while giving the analyzer the fact that photographic plates and aluminum absorbers, for example, were used may be of equal importance. In most cases it would be very difficult to write exhaustive comments such that the reader would not have to look at the paper to obtain the necessary experimental details, so there is no strong reason for giving just part of the picture. The specification of "semi" or "Ge(Li)" is also not really needed. Few modern papers contain "scin" data. Probably useful to specify "cryst", since such measurements can be very precise, and the calibration uncertainties are then known to be proportional to E_γ .

Note 3: Specific comments such as "E γ are weighted averages from 77Sc02 and 79Fell. Others: 72Go04, 78Hi23" specify the important references for E γ , and are more informative than a set of keywords presented uncritically.

Note 4: The specification of the angular range might be useful in a case such as the assigning of L = 0 as opposed to L = 2 in (α , α') for a giant resonance. This assignment requires knowledge of the angular yield variation at angles near zero. An indication that this range was measured lends credence to an author's conclusion that L = 0. However the same information could be given instead in a comment discussing the author's conclusion.

c) Do not put E = ... on the ID record, except when needed to distinguish otherwise identical data sets, for example, (n, γ) E = th and (n, γ) E = res. The bombarding energy should be put in a comment; see examples in (e) below.

d) Except for even-even targets, J π (target) should be given for particle transfer reactions in which L values were determined. A general comment such as "J π (¹³⁹La) = 7/2⁺" is recommended; see examples in (e) below.

e) For readability of the comments referred to above, each keynumber followed by the appropriate comments should be given on a separate line with the keynumber first. The following are some examples.

²⁰⁸Pb Levels from ²⁰⁸Pb(d, d'), (pol d, d')

71Un01 E = 13 MeV, FWHM = 3-10 keV, θ = 125°-150°
 80Mo18 E = 86 MeV, FWHM = 1 x 10⁻³
 80Wi12 E = 108 MeV, θ = 4°-14° (partial data also reported in 80Dj02)
 Others: 62Jo05, 68Hi09

²⁰⁸Pb Levels from Coulomb Excitation

69Ba51 (x, x') X = α , E = 17-19 MeV; x = ¹⁶O, E = 69.1 MeV
 71Gr31 (x, x' γ) x- α , E = 15,18 MeV

²⁰⁸Bi Levels from ²⁰⁷Pb(³He, d), (α , t) 71Al05

E(³He) = 30 MeV, FWHM AP 20 keV, θ = 10°-70°
 E(α) = 30 MeV, θ = 20°, 50°
 J π (²⁰⁷Pb) = 1/2⁻

²⁰⁸Bi Levels from ²⁰⁸Pb(p, n), (p, np') IAS

(p, n)	74Fi14	E - 25.8 MeV
	80Ho21	E = 120 MeV, FWHM AP 670 keV; 160 MeV, FWHM AP 1200 keV
	Others:	72Wo23, 71Wo04
(p, np')	73Wo04	E = 30.5 MeV
	77Bh02	E = 25 MeV, n-p' coin
	Others:	79LiZU, 71Wo04

2. Combining data sets

Do not combine reactions that are of fundamentally different character, for example (p, p') and (n, n'), or one-and two-particle transfer reactions.

Except for Coulomb excitation, separate data sets should be created for particle and gamma reactions, for example (d, p) and (d, p γ), or (p, p') and (p, p' γ). Attempting to combine the different types of information usually presented in the two reactions leads to confusion in the presentation. Typically, one wants to present the L (and/or J) and S information from the particle work, and adopted J π for the gamma drawings.

The reaction (X, X') is intended to include (X, X); there is no need to include explicitly the special case of elastic scattering.

Note: In general, we do not include in the data sheets the type of information extracted from elastic scattering, so it is rare that the reaction (X, X) would appear alone. One exception is the case of resonance work, where information on resonances in the compound nucleus can be obtained and may be of importance (see Section F, below). Information on nuclear shapes and charge densities, etc., deduced from elastic scattering can be given, or referred to, in adopted levels without the need for the (X, X) source data set.

3. Sources of data

Sources of data for all headings, for example E(level), I γ , δ , L, S, should be given unless "obvious". The final decision as to whether a source is obvious or not will reside with the editors. Keep in mind that each evaluator has the responsibility to ensure that the data presented are traceable to their source.

When more than one keynumber is included on an ID record, the keynumber from which the individual pieces of data are taken should be stated. If a reader wants to check an E, I γ , or S, for example, that reader should be able to go directly to the relevant reference or references.

Note: A comment on I γ , stating "from X" or "weighted average of data from X and Y" is preferable to requiring the reader to deduce the sources of data based on the keywords in the general comments described in (1) above.

4. Placement of gamma records

Gammas should be placed in order of increasing energy following each level for consistency in presenting drawings (and for convenience in reading data bank listings). This same order should be followed in the unplaced gammas listing.

5. Significant digits

When converting values from one set of "units" to another (for example, half-life to mean-life, or renormalizing I γ values), enough digits should be retained so that the inverse operation will reproduce the original values. Note that in some cases this exercise will result in more digits being quoted in the converted value than in the original value. This procedure is especially important when dealing with quantities determined with fairly high precision. For example, from BE2 = 0.384 4, one should report T1/2 = 7.27 ps 8, not 7.3 ps 1, and from a mean-life of 32 ps 1, one should report T1/2 = 22.2 ps 7, not 22 ps 1. Another way of stating this principle is that the fractional uncertainty in the original value should be preserved (to the same number of significant digits) in the converted value.

When taking a weighted or unweighted average, quote a sufficient number of digits to correspond to our round-off procedure; that is, whenever possible, quote two digits for uncertainties up to 25. For example, a weighted average of 6.0 1 and 6.1 1 should be quoted as 6.05 7.

6. Multiplets

(a) Unless a complex peak in a reaction spectrum is resolved in a given experiment, a single "level" entry should be made. For example, in the case of a peak suspected of being made up of two levels with $J\pi = a$ and $J\pi = b$, respectively, on the basis of work from other experiments, a single level with " $J\pi = a$ and b " in the $J\pi$ field should be introduced. Inclusion in this data set of two levels involves making an explicit assumption that is not necessary. The probable level association can be adequately explained in a comment; this same approach should be used with gammas. A multiply-placed transition seen as a single peak in the spectrum should appear in the output as one transition with multiple placements. Do not introduce additional transitions (with artificially altered energies, or energies taken from the level scheme).

Note: If the intensity of a gamma multiplet is not divided among the several placements, the full intensity, with uncertainty, should be given for each placement, along with "&" in column 77. Do not enter the intensities as limits in source data sets; converse is true in adopted gammas, where multiply-placed I_γ should be entered as upper limits; see Note under Section E. 2. in GUIDELINES FOR ADOPTED LEVELS. If the intensities are divided, for example on the basis of $\gamma\gamma$, "@" should be entered in column 77. These entries will automatically generate footnotes explaining that the transitions are multiply placed and that the intensities are not divided (for "&"), or are suitably divided (for "@").

(b) If a gamma transition or a peak in a reaction spectrum is claimed to be a multiplet, the basis for this claim should be given. For example, the gamma peak might be broad, or coincidence data might suggest that a peak is a multiplet. In the case of a peak in a reaction spectrum, experimental arguments such as "peak is broad" should be distinguished from theoretical arguments such as "C2S is too large for a single level on the basis of shell model expectations".

(c) Consider gamma-ray multiplets where I_γ (peak) in a specific data set cannot be decomposed on the basis of data available in that data set, but branchings involving one or more of the members of the multiplet are available from other data sets; I_γ for members of the multiplet should be deduced where possible using such branchings. Appropriate comments, such as " I_γ : From $I_\gamma(326\gamma)/I_\gamma(432\gamma)$ in Adopted Gammas", are of course required, and "@" should be entered in column 77.

d) A multipolarity determined for a multiplet will not necessarily be correct for each, or perhaps even any, member of the multiplet. For example, depending on the relative strengths of the components, $I(\gamma)$ and $I(\text{cek})$ for a doublet consisting of an E1 and M1 component could yield $\text{mult} = E2$. The multipolarity for the doublet should be given in a comment, but should not be entered in the multipolarity field of the individual components, unless additional information is available that justifies the assignments.

Note: When $I(\gamma)$ but not $I(\text{cek})$ (or vice-versa) is resolved, and the multipolarity of one component of a doublet is known from other sources, the multipolarity for the other component may possibly be deduced.

7. Cross sections and analyzing-power should not be given explicitly - sufficient simply to mention that such measurements were made, in the context of justifying any conclusions based on such data. The conclusions themselves should be given.

Note: If an evaluator feels that the angular distribution coefficients do need to be given, they should be defined in the form A2, A4, not A2/A0, A4/A0; i.e., we define the angular distribution function as $W(\theta) = 1 + A_2 P_2(\cos \theta) + \dots$, not as $A_0 + A_2 P_2(\cos \theta) + \dots$

8. (γ , γ') experiments

Some confusion and a lack of consistency in the presentation of data exists in experiments on resonant fluorescence. Scattering experiments are the most common type of measurement that, for the case of photons scattered elastically from a thin target, yields the quantity $gW(\theta)\Gamma(\gamma_0)^2/\Gamma$, where $g = (2J + 1)/(2J_0 + 1)$, with J-resonance level spin, $J_0 = g_s$ spin, and W is the usual angular correlation function. For inelastic scattering, the term $\Gamma(\gamma_0)^2$ in the numerator should be replaced by $\Gamma(\gamma_0)\Gamma(\gamma_i)$ where $\Gamma(\gamma_i)$ refers to the de-exciting transition to an excited level with $J = J_i$. The quantity $gW\Gamma(\gamma_0)^2/\Gamma$, or just $\Gamma(\gamma_0)^2/\Gamma$, should be given in this type of experiment. When J and W are known, the adopted value for $\Gamma(\gamma_0)/\Gamma$ ($= I(\gamma_0)/\Sigma I(\gamma)$ in the case of bound states) should be used where available to deduce the level width (or T1/2). For the inelastic case, the corresponding intensity ratio $I(\gamma_i)/\Sigma I(\gamma)$ would be needed.

Note 1: Measurements are usually undertaken at 127° where $W = 1$ for all dipole transitions, independent of J_0 , J, or J_i ($P_2(\cos \theta) = 0$ at this angle). For mixed transitions, W depends on the mixing ratio and on the J values.

Note 2: Occasionally, self-absorption experiments are performed to yield $gW\Gamma(\gamma_0)/\Gamma$.

The quantity $\Gamma(\gamma_0)^2/\Gamma$ can be given in the "S" field, with the field suitably relabelled (see Section G. 1. below). This procedure eliminates considerable typing at the input stage. The quantity $\Gamma(\gamma_0)/\Gamma$ can be given in the RI field for the relevant γ or as a comment on the corresponding level.

9. $BE\lambda$ and $\beta\lambda$

Consider Coulomb excitation and (e , e'), where electromagnetic excitation probabilities can be determined, in which the quantities BE_2 , BE_3 , etc., should be quoted on continuation level records. Data quoted as matrix elements should be converted to BE_2 etc. A matrix element has been determined and this fact could be added as a comment. Note that $BE\lambda = (2J_0 + 1)^{-1} |\langle ME\lambda \rangle|^2$, where $\langle ME\lambda \rangle$ is the matrix element, and J_0 is the target spin.

Note: Do not give $BE\lambda$ data with the gammas. $BE\lambda(\text{down})$ data, given by an author for gammas, should be converted to $BE\lambda(\text{up})$ and given with the corresponding level. The appropriate place for $BE\lambda(\text{down})$ data is in adopted gammas where we give such values in single-particle units based on adopted T1/2, branching, etc., data.

For inelastic reactions other than those governed by the electromagnetic interaction, the appropriate interaction strengths to quote are the deformation parameters, $\beta\lambda$ or $\beta\lambda R$. Authors sometimes convert the deformation parameters to $BE\lambda$, but this is a model-dependent procedure and unless the authors quote only $BE\lambda$ the deformation parameters should be entered into ENSDF.

10. Delayed gammas

For an in-beam reaction in which both prompt and delayed I_γ from level X are available, there are two methods of accounting for the data.

(a) If only one reaction (or more than one but grouped together such as in (HI, xn γ)) contains data on the delayed transitions from level X, two data sets can be created: one labelled with the modifier "prompt gammas" and the other with the modifier "delayed gammas".

(b) Preferred method is to create an IT decay data set for level x.

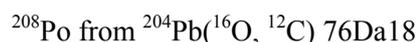
This alternative is especially recommended if there is more than one source of data. A single IT data set which combines the results from all the relevant reactions is preferable to creating several delayed-gamma data sets from the several reactions for the same level X.

Note: The prompt data should always be presented; however, the separation into prompt and delayed data sets can be particularly useful when the delayed-gamma intensities are used to obtain multipolarities based on intensity balance arguments.

If the delayed data are rather sparse, and the results from the data, such as multipolarity information or T1/2, can be conveniently quoted in the prompt data set, (for example "Mult: from α deduced from intensity balance in the delayed spectrum"), the evaluator may choose to combine all the data in a single data set.

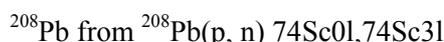
11. Data sets without level information

Separate data sets for reactions studied, but for which no specific level information is given, can be included at the evaluator's discretion if the experiment yielded some useful information. Such a data set would consist only of comments. The following are examples.



E = 93 MeV

The authors deduce $\Gamma(\alpha)$ for the ^{208}Po ground state and compare with the corresponding α -decay value via R-matrix theory using the same target-plus- α nuclear potential.



E = 25.8 MeV

Authors deduce rms neutron/proton radius ratio = 1.07 3

Note: The information contained in such data sets in many cases could also be included as comments in adopted levels. This is especially true for the second example; however, unless a data set is created for a reaction, there is no convenient way to search and retrieve that reaction and thus to indicate to the reader that such a reaction was studied. If a reaction was studied but no "useful" information is available, the best approach would be to simply list the reaction under "Other reactions" in a comment on adopted levels.

12. β^- and $\varepsilon + \beta^+$ feedings, and logft

Logft values should be made consistent with the deduced β^- or $\varepsilon + \beta^+$ feedings. In particular, when $I \pm \Delta I$ is consistent with zero (for example 3% 3), the corresponding logft should be expressed as a lower limit corresponding to a feeding of $I + \Delta I$ (6% in this case). Branches that overlap zero (for example, - 3% 6), should be shown with the feeding given as an upper limit (<3%), with the corresponding logft given as a lower limit.

Note 1: The above holds for cases where the feeding can be expected to be non-negligible, i.e., where the transition is $\Delta J = 1$, $\Delta\pi = \text{yes or no}$, or $\Delta J = 2$, $\Delta\pi = \text{yes}$. Where $J\pi$ change implies negligible feeding, feeding should be set to zero. Any deduced feeding not consistent with zero should be commented on and an explanation for the inconsistency given if possible.

An exception to this policy of omitting "unphysical" branches occurs when the initial or final $J\pi$ is in question; there is no clear evidence whether $J\pi$ or the feeding is in error. Under such circumstances, the β^- or $\varepsilon + \beta^+$ branch should be shown, perhaps with "?", and the problem should be pointed out in a comment.

Note 2: Summed feeding to two levels connected by a transition whose TI is not known, or is known only as a limit, can sometimes be determined even though the feeding cannot be divided between the two levels. Such combined feedings should be given in a comment.

13. Normalization

The normalization condition should always be given. Be sure to account for both NR and BR.

Note 1: If the normalization condition involves a measured quantity for which no uncertainty is quoted by the authors (for example, $I(\beta^- \text{ gs}) = 30\%$), try to assign an uncertainty. If you can not do so, or choose not to do so, the resulting NR (or NR x BR) should be given as approximate. If NR is given with no uncertainty, GTOL will generate level feedings, and MEDLIST will generate absolute intensities that reflect only the uncertainties in the relative intensities. If $\Delta I(\beta^-)$ is assigned in the given example, the uncertainty can be explicitly added to $I(\beta^-)$ in the listing, with an appropriate comment, or simply referred to in the normalization statement, for example, "NR:...the evaluator has assigned an uncertainty of x% to the intensity of the gs β^- branch in order to get an overall uncertainty for NR". The former approach is recommended. Note that when the gs branch has a small intensity (say a few percent), even a large assigned uncertainty can result in a rather precise NR as calculated from $\Sigma TI(\text{gs}) = 100 - I\beta^-(\text{gs})$.

Note 2: When $I\gamma$ in the RI field already include all the uncertainty appropriate for absolute intensities, such as when an author determines and quotes absolute values (including absolute uncertainties), NR and BR should introduce no additional uncertainty and should be given on the "N" record with no uncertainty (there is no requirement that the uncertainty in BR, as given in adopted levels, be carried over to the "N" record in a decay data set, although the value must be the same).

14. Parent records

Fields where data are known should be completed in the parent record, and the data should be the same as in the adopted data set. Comments on the "P" record should not be given unless necessary. The appropriate place for comments on any of the quantities appearing on the "P" record is in the adopted data set for the parent nuclide.

15. Miscellaneous

(a) The symbol "/" should not be used when proportionality of more than two values is defined. The expression K/L/M is mathematically equivalent to KM/L, even though few readers would interpret the term in this way. Use ":" instead: to give K:L:M.

(b) Do not replace numerical values with large uncertainties by approximate values.

Note: An "isomer" energy of 230-300 keV allows for the possibility that the isomer may lie below the "ground state" by 70 keV. If the energy is replaced by ~230 KeV, this possibility (while not ruled out) will not be conveyed to most readers.

(c) Try to resolve discrepancies - if they cannot be resolved, state this lack of resolution.

Note: If $\delta = +0.38$ is adopted for a certain transition, the value $\delta = +2$ appears in one of the source data sets, and the reason for the discrepancy cannot be determined, the evaluator should comment on the discrepancy. These comments can be logged in the source data set by pointing out that the value differs from the adopted value, or in adopted γ s where the discrepant value can be mentioned in a comment. If something of this nature is not done, the reader might think that the discrepant value had been overlooked and may question the adopted value. If there are several such "discrepant" δ values in a certain data set, a general comment rather than a comment on each case could be given.

(d) Use the word "uncertainty" rather than "error" to refer to what we call the standard deviation in a measured quantity. The word "error" should be reserved for mistakes, such as in the sentence "The authors apparently made an error when they ...".

(e) Note that TI is translated as $I(\gamma+ce)$, not $I(\epsilon+\beta^+)$, even though the fields have the same name in ENSDF. When $I(\epsilon+\beta^+)$ is meant, this definition must be spelt out.

(f) A level designated as an isomer in one data set should be treated as an isomer in all data sets (that is, columns 78 and/or 79 should be completed).

(g) Do not comment on correction factors for a quantity when such correction factors are negligible relative to the uncertainty quoted for the quantity. For example, $\mu = +3.8$ 5 does not require a comment stating "diamagnetic correction has not been applied".

(h) Avoid the use of "CA" in the uncertainty field when a numeric uncertainty can be calculated.

Note: If I_γ is calculated from TI and α , the uncertainty in I_γ (from the uncertainty in TI and α), rather than "CA", should be placed in the uncertainty field.

(i) When calculating or correcting quantities that depend on other properties (for example, calculating conversion coefficients which depend on E_γ , calculating T1/2 from BE2 which depends on E_γ , branching, δ , and α , or correcting g factors for their dependence on T1/2), adopted values of all other relevant quantities should be used.

(j) When working with an author's proposed decay scheme, the evaluator should make a search for possible alternative gamma placements between known levels.

(k) Enter data in $E(\epsilon)$ or $E(\beta^-)$ fields only when they are of sufficient accuracy that in the evaluator's judgement they should be considered as input to the mass adjustment. Values that are of somewhat lesser accuracy but still "significant" could be mentioned in comments. Very imprecise values are probably not worth recording. All the network analysis programs that require these energies obtain them from the appropriate Q-value and level energy.

Note: A measurement of β^+ endpoint must be entered as $E(\epsilon) = E(\beta^+) + 2mc^2$. For example, a comment such as "E(ϵ): From $E(\beta^+) = \dots$ (keynumber)" would be appropriate.

(l) Alpha-decay data sets: if the energies of the daughter levels being fed are not known, $E(\text{level}) = 0 + X$ style should be used rather than listing the alphas as unplaced. With this procedure, relative level energies can be presented in the daughter-nucleus mass chain. Alternatively, a level energy from systematics can be given (see Section C. c), below). Note that there is no such thing as an unplaced alpha, unless one is referring to an alpha with uncertain parent assignment.

(m) Measurements of $P_k\omega_k$ ($= I(K-x \text{ ray})$) should be given. Adopted values can be entered on a continuation "E" record. These quantities are of direct interest to some researchers, and provide a direct measurement of the K-x rays, either for ϵ branches to individual levels, or an average for the

whole decay scheme. When possible, $P_k\omega_k$ should be compared with $I(K-x \text{ ray})$ as calculated by RADLIST.

(n) If numerical data are quoted in comments, the uncertainty should be included unless the value is only being used as a label; thus, "T1/2: From BE2 = 0.240 6", or " μ : From $g = 1.62 \ 3$ in $(\alpha, 2n\gamma)$ ". Even though the actual numerical value is not needed in all cross references, the uncertainty should be included.

(o) When changing the sign of a mixing ratio which has an asymmetric uncertainty, note that $\delta = A + a-b$ becomes $\delta = -A + b-a$ (not $-A + a-b$).

(p) The ground state should be included in all data sets of the type (X, X') , i.e., inelastic scattering.

C. Systematics

Use should be made of systematics whenever possible, the extent to which they can be applied in any given case being determined by their reliability. The evaluator is usually in a better position to know how and when to apply systematics of a given quantity than the typical reader who is generally looking at just one or perhaps a few mass chains at a time.

Note: Network evaluators make extensive use of systematics. Strong arguments for $J\pi$ assignments which rely on $\log ft$ values, strong arguments for multipolarities that rely on RUL, and extrapolations from the measured data in the mass adjustment (which are called systematics values) are prime examples.

One area in which systematics are particularly valuable is the estimation of ground and isomeric state branching ratios.

(a) Plots of $\log T_{1/2}(\alpha)$ vs $\log E(\alpha)$ for nuclides with the same Z are usually linear. For a nuclide whose alpha branching has not been experimentally determined, use of $T_{1/2}(\alpha)$ vs $E(\alpha)$ systematics can sometimes yield a reliable estimate of $T_{1/2}(\alpha)$ which, along with the measured total $T_{1/2}$, yields the alpha branching. On more than one occasion, such an estimate has been invoked to show that an experimental value must be incorrect; see also (c), below.

(b) Gross beta decay $T_{1/2}(\beta^-)$ and $T_{1/2}(\epsilon + \beta^+)$ estimates from (for example) Takahashi et al., Beta-Decay Half-lives Calculated on the Gross Theory, At. Data Nucl. Data Tables 12 (1973) 101, can be used to estimate β^- or $\epsilon + \beta^+$ branching fractions. These estimates are considered to be reliable to better than a factor of approximately 3; thus, while an estimate of $\% \beta^- \approx 50$ and branching for the alternate modes of $\approx 50\%$ should be considered as very approximate, an estimate of $\% \beta^- \approx 0.1$ can be used to assign the alternate mode(s) as essentially 100% with a high degree of reliability.

Additional areas where systematics arguments should at least be explored include the following.

(c) Systematics of alpha-decay hindrance factors can be used to deduce a variety of quantities (depending on what is known about the decay branch). These include $J\pi$ and configurations, total alpha branching and branchings of individual groups, and the excitation energy of the level fed in the daughter nucleus. Each evaluator (or centre) responsible for a mass region in which alpha decay occurs is encouraged to build up such a set of systematics. See Schmorak, Systematics of Nuclear Level Properties in the Lead Region, Nucl. Data Sheets 31 (1980) 283; and Schmorak, α -Decay Hindrance Factors in the ENSDF procedures manual for further discussion of these and other types of systematics.

(d) When a certain pair of shell- or Nilsson-model orbitals gives rise to the appearance of an

isomeric transition over a reasonably large mass range, the reduced transition probabilities for the isomeric transition usually fall within a narrow range of values. Such data can be used to estimate properties for the "same" transition where one piece of information is missing, such as $T_{1/2}$, IT branching, or E_γ .

(e) When a ground-state β^- branch is not known and there is no other way to determine the gamma normalization, $\log ft$ values for similar transitions may exhibit local systematics. Even if the evaluator decides not to give an explicit normalization factor, a comment would be of value to the reader that points out what this factor would be if the transition had a $\log ft$ value similar to other such transitions in the same region.

Note: From $\log f^{du}_t > 8.5$ one might derive $I\beta^-(gs) < 10\%$. While this estimate might be the best one can do, systematics of $\log f^{du}_t$ values for other transitions of similar type (i.e., transitions between similar configurations) might suggest that the probable intensity is $< 5\%$, or even close to zero. In such cases, the evaluator can adopt the systematics value for the limit on the β^- feeding in order to obtain the normalization. Justification for the chosen value must be stated. The systematics value could also be entered directly in the $I\beta^-$ field, with an explanation for the source of that parameter instead of (or in addition to) the value derived from the normalization factor.

D. Uncertainties

1. Estimation of uncertainties.

When an experimental value is quoted by an author without an uncertainty, the evaluator should attempt to estimate and assign an uncertainty to that quantity if that quantity is required in further calculations, or if that value is a quantity that needs to be adopted and no other value is available.

Note 1: The normalization of a decay scheme may sometimes involve a measurement quoted with no uncertainty; see Note 1 in Section B. 13, above for a discussion of a ground-state beta transition with no quoted uncertainty that is needed for the normalization of the decay scheme.

Note 2: When one or more excitation energies in a reaction data set (quoted with no uncertainty) need to be included in the adopted levels, the evaluator should attempt to estimate the uncertainty for these excitation energies. Uncertainties can sometimes be estimated by comparing the author's values with adopted energies in regions where there is overlap. Occasionally, comparison with data for other nuclei included in the paper can also be helpful.

2. Adoption of uncertainties

Weighted average program GTOL and all other analysis programs that calculate uncertainties when individual values with uncertainties are combined, treat the individual uncertainties as statistical in nature. When the uncertainties are known to have a significant systematic component, the output from the above programs should be modified as necessary, particularly in cases where the quoted uncertainty is mainly and clearly systematic (due to a calibration uncertainty) so that the adopted uncertainty should be no smaller than the smallest of the input uncertainties. No result obtained from a weighted or unweighted average program or by any other method can have an uncertainty smaller than the uncertainty (or uncertainties) in the calibration standard(s) used to determine the input values.

3. All uncertainties in extracted data (for example, E_γ , I_γ , $E(\text{level})$ and $T_{1/2}$) should be accounted for, either explicitly or in comments. Authors occasionally quote peak-fitting uncertainties and then

state that an additional x% should be included to account for other sources of uncertainty, or they quote the value for some quantity relative to a standard value.

Note I: Consider I_γ in which these additional uncertainties, if independent of E_γ or I_γ , can either be included in NR, or explicitly combined for each transition with the partial uncertainties given by the authors. Since the intensity ratios of transitions close in energy may be nearly independent of the additional uncertainties, there may be an advantage in accounting for these through their inclusion in NR, although additional uncertainties that have been folded in can always be folded out if necessary.

Note 2:, Additional uncertainties should be included explicitly in the case of data describing other quantities, at least for quantities that are used in adopted levels and gammas. Neither network analysis nor listing programs are capable of making use of a comment such as "an additional uncertainty of x eV should be added in quadrature to the E_γ to account for uncertainties in the calibration". If an author quotes a value of T1/2 or a g factor relative to a standard, the uncertainty in the standard should be included when the value is adopted or combined with other measurements.

4. When undertaking calculations, the evaluator should attach an uncertainty to all theoretical α values (3% is recommended). For example, calculations of $TI = I_\gamma(1+\alpha)$ (or $I_\gamma = TI/(1+\alpha)$ or T1/2 from BE2) should include this uncertainty. The contribution of this uncertainty to the total uncertainty is negligible in many cases, but in normalizing 100% IT decay to $I_\gamma(1+\alpha) = 100$, or normalizing a decay scheme in which only a single transition feeds the ground state and I_γ for this transition is given by the authors with no uncertainty, the uncertainty in α will be the only uncertainty in the normalized I_γ (assuming that the decay scheme is known with confidence). A comment should be included to explain what was done, and this uncertainty should not be entered in the $\Delta\alpha$ field. Our analysis programs already assign 3% uncertainty to α when performing calculations involving this quantity.

5. Numerical uncertainties larger than 25 should, normally be rounded off.

Note: Data should be quoted in units such that this round-off convention can be applied. For example, T1/2 = 250 ps 50 should be quoted as 0.25 ns 5, and a set of I_γ data given by an author normalized to $I_{\gamma 1} = 1000$ 70 should be renormalized to $I_{\gamma i} = 100$ 7. Energies: since the standard energy unit is keV, values such as $Q = 2000$ 150, or $E(\beta) = 2450$ 80 do not have to be converted to 2.00 15 MeV, or 2.458 MeV.

E. Resonances

Although the data coverage in ENSDF is limited to the bound-state region, any properties of the bound levels deduced from resonance work should be included. E_γ and I_γ data from (p, γ) and (n, γ) reactions do not need to be included in ENSDF except as noted below.

Note: A typical case of interest involves the study of average resonance neutron capture in which $J\pi$ values have been deduced on the basis of reduced transition intensities. The resulting data set needs to contain only the bound levels fed from the resonances, along with the deduced $J\pi$ values; I_γ presented typically as I_γ/E_γ are not required. In fact, they should not be given since they are just average quantities, and are only significant from the point of view of ENSDF for their use in deducing $J\pi$ (in this sense, they are analogous to angular distribution coefficients).

Resonance data should be included in the following cases.

- a) Isobaric analog resonance data should be included; they should also be included in adopted levels.
- b) Giant resonance data should be included, although data of this type are available for only a few nuclides.
- c) $E\gamma$, $I\gamma$ (and other relevant data) from thermal neutron capture should be included.

Note: Excitation data for isobaric analog resonances should appear with the nucleus in which the resonances occur. Branchings to daughter levels (for example, in (p, np)), should also be given. Comments that include the deduced energies of the parent states (energies relative to $E = 0$ for the analog of the ground state), or comments labelling the resonance with the appropriate parent level are useful.

Other situations may arise where the inclusion of resonance data is important (for example, near closed shells where the resonances occur at excitation energies low enough that they may "overlap" adjacent bound states that have been studied). The inclusion of data in this and other special cases is at the evaluator's discretion.

Note: Energies for resonance data can be entered in the form $SN+X$, $SP+X$, where X is the neutron- or proton-resonance energy, usually given in laboratory units (lab, or c.m. coordinates should be specified in either case). These resonances should be converted to excitation energies in the adopted levels.

F. L Transfers

1. A brief comment is required on the method used for obtaining L values; for example, L values "from DWBA analysis" should be distinguished from L values obtained "from comparison of $\sigma(\theta)$ with shapes for levels with known $J\pi$ ".
2. Parentheses are used to denote questionable or uncertain values. As described in the introductory section, square brackets can be used to indicate an assumed value, i.e., a value adopted by an experimenter (or by an evaluator) on the basis of known $J\pi$. This procedure might be adopted for the purpose of extracting S, or for determining empirical angular distribution shapes so that L values for other levels can be determined.

Note: When quoting L values, the evaluator has the option of quoting the author's values and then applying his/her own judgement as to their reliability when incorporating them into $J\pi$ assignments, or of quoting the author's values as modified by the evaluator. For example, an author's $L = 2$ which in the evaluator's judgement should be $L = (2)$, could appear as $L = 2$ in the source data set, but as $L = (2)$ if used as a JII' argument. Alternatively, a value of $L = (2)$ could be entered in the source data set. In either case, a comment is required explaining that the evaluator feels that the L assignment is tentative.

G. Spectroscopic Factors

1. The exact label for the given quantity should be defined by using the "LABEL=name" format described in the manual; thus, "LABEL = C2S".
2. An explicit definition of S should be given if there is any ambiguity about what is meant; thus, "S is defined by " $d\sigma/d\Omega(\text{exp}) = Nsd\sigma/d\Omega(\text{DWBA})$ with $N=...$ "

3. The method for obtaining the scale of S should be given, and it is important to distinguish between absolute and relative values. Thus, a comment such as "from DWBA", which implies that the values are "absolute", or "from DWBA normalized to X for the y level" for relative S values, should be given.

4. The shell-model (or other) orbital involved in the transfer should be specified if needed for the extraction of S.

Note: This orbital can usually be specified in terms of a general comment such as "L-1, 2, and 3 are assumed to be p3/2, d5/2, and f5/2 except where noted otherwise". An alternative method is to give $J\pi$ for the relevant levels along with a comment such as " $J\pi$: value assumed by the authors for the extraction of S"; the former approach is preferred when practical.

5. When $J\pi$ adopted by an author differs from the evaluator's value, the S value (which will be incorrect) should not be entered in the S field, but given only in a comment. The reason for recommending that the incorrect value be given at all is that a knowledgeable reader can often estimate the value for the correct orbital from the value calculated for the incorrect orbital .

H. $J\pi$

1. $J\pi$ values from adopted levels should be included where known; the introductory section states that this is our standard policy. For reaction data sets with no gammas, $J\pi$ values should not be given unless they are determined in the reaction in question, or unless they are important in explaining some other aspect of the experiment. $J\pi$ values should be given in reaction data sets with gammas. Note that the introductory section states that $J\pi$ values appearing in the γ reaction data set are adopted values unless noted otherwise.

Note 1: Reactions that do not involve gammas - $J\pi$ values, such as from L values and analyzing powers in (d, p) reaction, should be given in the $J\pi$ field along with a comment stating how they were determined. $J\pi$ values that come directly from the L values, such as $J = L \pm 1/2$ for single-particle transfer on an even-even nucleus, or $L = J$ in (p, t) on an even-even target, are redundant, and should not routinely be given. Exceptions occur, for example, where the evaluator wishes to indicate the $J\pi$ value used to extract the spectroscopic factor, or to show explicitly the band structure.

Note 2: Reactions involving gammas, e.g., average resonance neutron capture - deduced $J\pi$ values can be given in the $J\pi$ field, or in comments. The latter procedure is recommended since adopted $J\pi$ can then be placed in the $J\pi$ field, in line with the accepted policy of including adopted $J\pi$ values for any reaction data set involving gammas.

2. Arguments used in the $J\pi$ assignments in adopted levels must be documented in the source data sets. The following represent a few examples.

<u>$J\pi$</u>	<u>argument</u>
a) 3/2-	L(d, p) = 1, 392γ to 5/2- is M1
b) 1-	Average Resonance (n, γ), γ to 0+
c) 3+	E1 γ to 2-, $\gamma\gamma(\theta)$
d) (5/2)+	L = 2, C2S in (d, p)

(a) (d, p) data set should contain the relevant L value, with any explanation deemed necessary to justify or explain the adoption. Recommended γ data set should contain the justification for the MI assignment to the 392γ .

(b) Average Resonance (n, γ) data set should contain the value deduced in that data set ($J\pi = 0^-, 1^-$ in the present case), given in either the $J\pi$ field, or as a comment; see also Note 2 under 1, above.

(c) enough detail of the $\gamma\gamma(\theta)$ experiment should be given in the source data set to justify the conclusions. Briefly, this section should mention the assumptions (i.e., what J values for other levels and what δ values for relevant gammas in the cascade were adopted, and should clearly state which values of J are allowed and which are ruled out. For the above example: only necessary to state that $\gamma\gamma(\theta)$ is consistent with $J = 3$, and rules out $J = 1$ and 2 .

(d) (d, p) data set should contain L and C2S values for the level in question, and a comment justifying the basis for the C2S argument. For example: "d3/2 strength exhausted by known 3/2+ levels. C2S for the L = 2, E=...level suggests d5/2".

I. I_γ , TI

1. Relative TI data (or absolute, for example, for (n, γ) in preference to branching ratio data) should be given when available.

Note: If both relative I_γ and branching ratios are available, and if the branching ratios are more accurately known than the relative TI, both sets of data should be given. Relative I_γ should be given in the RI field, and the branching ratios can be given as comments on the relevant levels.

2. Reaction γ s: projectile energy and angle at which the quoted I_γ were measured should be specified unless obvious from the keywords given in the general comments. Relative I_γ values measured under different experimental conditions, such as at a different bombarding energy or angle, should not be combined in the RI field, except where an I_γ from level "X" is deduced from branchings relative to other transitions from level "X".

3. Gamma intensities reported as upper limits are important data measurements; and should be included (a comment to the effect that the transition was not seen could be included). I_γ given as "weak" by an author should be noted as such in a comment; also important to distinguish between cases where a missing I_γ is weak, and where such an emission is obscured by an impurity (and therefore could be strong).

Note: One could distinguish between observed and unobserved transitions expressed as limits by the use of " \leq " for the former, and "<" for the latter; however, the distinction between these two non-numeric uncertainties is not universally agreed upon, and is probably too subtle a distinction.

4. The TI field should be used only if TI, rather than I_γ , is the quantity measured or deduced. Two common cases where this occurs are when TI is deduced from intensity-balance arguments, or TI is given by summing $I(\text{ce})$. When TI is given and α is known, the corresponding I_γ should be calculated and entered into the I_γ field, unless the value is negligibly small. The uncertainty given for I_γ should include the uncertainties in both TI and α ; a comment should be given stating that I_γ comes from TI and α .

Note 1: I_γ deduced from TI and α may be given in the RI field even when a direct measurement of I_γ is available, if the evaluator concludes that the deduced value is more reliable than the measured value.

Note 2: When TI rather than I_γ is the basic measured or deduced quantity, $K/T (= \alpha k / (1 + \alpha)) = \dots$ etc. , rather than $\alpha k - \dots$ etc. format on the continuation record should be used. For example, K/T operates directly on TI to generate the cek intensity (via MEDLIST) and the resulting x-ray intensities. This format avoids including some uncertainties twice, since I_γ (if calculated from TI and α) will already have an uncertainty combined from these two quantities.

5. Do not put TI values in the RI field, even if a comment is included to explain what is being done, and even if all the entries are TI values. RI and TI must not be mixed in the same field.

6. RI (or TI) field should be left blank for a transition which de-excites a daughter nucleus isomer whose T1/2 value is such that the intensity is time-dependent. A computer-retrievable comment should be included that defines % feeding of the isomer, and a comment is also required to explain why the intensity is missing.

7. $I(\text{x ray})$ and $I(\gamma_\pm)$ data of good quality should be given as comments in the form $I(\text{x ray})/I_\gamma(\gamma_i)$, where γ_i is the transition to which the γ s are normalized. This procedure avoids the necessity of changing the comments if the I_γ are renormalized. The program MEDLIST should be run to compare the measured x ray and γ_\pm intensities with those calculated on the basis of the adopted decay scheme. If the $I(\text{x ray})/I_\gamma$ or $I(\gamma_\pm)/I_\gamma$ measurements are needed to obtain decay scheme normalization, note that MEDLIST can be used in an iterative fashion to deduce NR.

8. Internal conversion intensities are not needed, and they should not be given except in the following cases.

a) $I(\text{ce})$ ratios measured to a precision of better than about 3% should be included. At this level of precision, it is useful to compare such values to the theoretical data.

b) Where no I_γ is given, or where $I(\text{ce})$ are more precise, the $I(\text{ce})$ values should be quoted.

c) $I(\text{ce})$ are needed for E0 transitions, and should also be given for anomalously converted transitions.

9. A limit on a transition intensity ($I < A$) should be converted to $I = 1/2A \pm 1/2A$ for the purpose of calculating quantities that require the intensity of this transition, such as normalization factors, β^- and $\epsilon + \beta^+$ feedings, or branchings (for branchings, see Note 4 under G. in GUIDELINES FOR ADOPTED LEVELS).

Note 1 : Where $I\beta^-(\text{gs})$ is determined to be $< 6\%$ and the evaluator has no further information to suggest that this value should be closer to 0 than to 6, the intensity should be expressed as 3% 3 for the purpose of obtaining the gamma intensity normalization; one should set $\sum \text{TI}(\text{gs}) = 97.3$ and explain what is being done. This procedure is preferable to any of the alternatives, namely setting $\sum \text{TI}(\text{gs}) = 100$, or $\sum \text{TI}(\text{gs}) > 97$. There is no justification for adopting the first alternative, and adopting the second alternative leads to lower limits being given for all the intensities. The usefulness of the procedure depends on the value of the limit - if $I(\beta^-)$ is known only to be $< 50\%$, perhaps normalizing the decay scheme is not worthwhile, although setting $\sum \text{TI}(\text{gs}) = 75\% \text{ 25}$ is still better than doing nothing (if no normalization is adopted, a comment could be given stating what the

normalization factor would be for the extreme cases, namely for $I\beta^- = 0$, and $I\beta^- = 50$). Note that the intensity of the gs β^- group should still be given as a limit in the β^- listing.

Note 2: $I\gamma$ values given as limits should be converted to $1/2I\gamma \pm 1/2I\gamma$ for the purpose of obtaining β^- and/or ε feedings from intensity imbalances. This procedure may lead to some feedings with rather large uncertainties, but this approach reflects correctly the state of knowledge of the decay scheme. The procedure is analogous to setting $\text{mult} = [\text{M1+E2}]$ for a highly converted transition in order to estimate the total intensity. Again, there is no implied suggestion that the intensities themselves should be changed from their limit form in the $I\gamma$ field. GTOL program has been modified to treat limits automatically in this manner.

If the evaluator feels that the limit in a given case should not be treated in this fashion, a comment should be given justifying whatever approach is taken.

10. For the purpose of obtaining β^- and/or ε feedings, gamma transitions whose placements are uncertain (that is, transitions that have a "?" in column 80) should be handled in the same manner as for transitions given as limits discussed in Note 2 under 9, above. One should take $I\gamma = \Delta I\gamma = 1/2(A + \Delta A)$, where $I\gamma = A \pm \Delta A$ is the measured value. GTOL has been modified to treat uncertain transitions in this manner, but the evaluator will also be responsible for ensuring that the input to GTOL is modified as discussed here.

J. Mult, δ , α

1. As stated in the introductory section, the multipolarity and δ entries (and thus α) for decay data sets should be adopted values. The inclusion of such data is mandatory, while for reaction gamma data sets such information should be included as needed or if measured.

Note: TI values are not needed in many reaction data sets, nor δ and α . However, the multipolarity should be defined. If TI values are required, adopted values for multipolarity and δ should also be used.

2. When multipolarity and/or δ values are determined, the basis for such determinations should be stated. Sources for the multipolarity data used by the evaluator (such as $\gamma(\theta)$, α_k), along with the normalization required in α_k data determined from relative $I\gamma$ and $I(\text{cek})$, should be given whether or not the experimental data (e.g., A2 and A4, α_k , etc.) are explicitly given. Multipolarity assignments from ce data should originate from the evaluator based on the output from HSICC. Multipolarities deduced by the authors (or by the evaluator) on the basis of "stretched" $\gamma(\theta)$ should be noted as a comment in the style of " $\Delta J = 1$, or $\Delta J = 2$ ".

Note I: $\gamma(\theta)$ data determine only the L component of the gamma character (i.e., $\text{mult} = D, D + Q$, etc). Further assumptions are needed to establish the change in π , and should be stated when D is converted to M1, or $D + Q$ to $M1 + E2$, etc. In particular, $Q = E2$ should not be considered an "obvious" conclusion. If T1/2 is known, RUL can sometimes be invoked to eliminate specific possibilities, particularly $Q = M2$, and $D + Q = E1 + M2$ when δ is known. If known values of $J\pi$ are used to establish any part of the character of a gamma, that part should be placed in parentheses. Remember that one of the implied uses of a non-parenthesized multipolarity is as a strong argument to assign $J\pi$ values, so one must avoid circularity.

Note 2: If any multipolarity = D, $D + Q$, etc. can be assigned as M1, $M1 + E2$, etc., only by the use of level scheme arguments, the designation $\text{mult} = D$ should be retained in the source data set unless the complete designation ($\text{mult} = (\text{M1})$) is needed to determine α . The

mult = (M1) assignment can be adopted when choosing the multipolarity for the adopted γ s section. The main advantage in following this procedure (other than the such assumptions should be made only when necessary) is that a transition known to have mult = D (strong assignment) may be more useful in defining a $J\pi$ value than having only the parenthesized mult = (M1) (weak assignment). When such an argument is used, the reference for the multipolarity should be to the source data set, and not to adopted γ s if the adopted value is mult = (M1).

3. Entries in the multipolarity, δ and α fields should be mutually consistent, and the following guidelines should be followed.

(a) If a single multipolarity is adopted, the δ field should be blank.

(b) If only a limit on δ is available and this limit is significant and worth giving, there are two options.

(i) Give the dominant multipolarity with corresponding α , and give the δ limit in a comment.

(ii) Give both multipolarities and the δ limit in the δ field. The value of α should correspond to $1/2\delta(\max)$, with an uncertainty chosen to overlap the 0 to $\delta(\max)$ range.

Note: Option (i) is recommended when (in the evaluator's judgement) the admixed component is likely to be smaller than the experimental limit; thus, E2 + M3 with $\delta < 0.5$ should probably be entered as E2, while M1 + E2 with $\delta < 0.5$ should probably be retained as a mixed multipolarity entry.

(c) If two multipolarities are given but no δ is known, the corresponding α value should be the value calculated as described in 7(a), below.

(d) If the multipolarity field contains more than two multipolarities (e.g. E0 + M1 + E2), the E2/M1 or E2/E0 etc., mixing ratios should be given if known on a continuation record rather than in the δ field.

(e) If δ overlaps zero or infinity, the corresponding multipolarity component should be in parentheses. For δ values with experimental limits that do not overlap zero or infinity, the evaluator may still choose to adopt the corresponding component in parentheses if they feel that the difference from zero or infinity is not significant (equivalent to interpreting the author's uncertainty as being somewhat larger than quoted).

4. The mixing ratio notation (M1 + x%E2) used occasionally by authors should be converted to δ .

5. Mult = M1, E2 is not equivalent to mult = M1 + E2. The first designation refers to the case where the experimental data overlap the theoretical values for both multipolarities. The second designation refers to the situation where the experimental data lie between the theoretical values for the two multipolarities. The designation M1 (+E2) is an intermediate case where the experimental data overlap M1 but not E2 values.

6. If α_k , etc. data or conclusions from such data are included, the bases for the adopted values should be given. Thus, the basis for the normalization of the relative scales should be stated for relative $I(\text{ce})$ and 1γ , and the multipolarity for any transition used in this scale normalization should be independently established.

7. When internal conversion is significant but the multipolarity is unknown (apart from level scheme considerations) and TI is otherwise unobtainable and required, the following procedures can be followed.

(a) If ΔJ , $\Delta\pi$ are known, one can enter mult = [M1], [E1 + M2], etc., in the multipolarity field and choose α accordingly. For example if mult = [M1 + E2], one should enter $\alpha = 1/2[\alpha(M1) + \alpha(E2)]$ and $\Delta\alpha = |\alpha - \alpha(M1)| - |\alpha - \alpha(E2)|$.

(b) If ΔJ and/or $\Delta\pi$ are not known, one can still follow the procedure described in (a) and set mult = [D, E2] (or mult = [E1, M1, E2]). Mult = M2 or higher are assumed to be less probable, but can be included.

The usefulness of either (a) or (b) depends on the range of α values for the possible multipolarities.

Note 1: If $\Delta J = 1$, $\Delta\pi = \text{no}$, mult = [M1 + E2] should be adopted rather than mult = [M1] or mult = [E2], unless there are good arguments for believing that one of the two possible multipole components dominates. Thus, α from M1 + E2 is always "correct" even with a large uncertainty, whereas $\alpha(M1)$ may lead to misleading conclusions. The possible large uncertainty in α for M1 + E2 when δ is not known reflects the correct state of knowledge concerning the total intensities.

Note 2: The use of the mult = [] convention should be restricted to cases in which the internal conversion is significant. Do not assign mult = [] simply because the mult can be deduced from the level scheme; see also F. 5. in GUIDELINES FOR ADOPTED LEVELS, below.

8. Experimental α_k , etc., and ce ratios that are used to determine multipolarities can be given at the evaluator's discretion; however, values measured with a precision of better than approximately 3% should be given, as well as values for transitions within 2 keV of the binding energy (and thus outside the range of values given by Hager and Seltzer). Except in these cases, the evaluator should state that "Mult and δ are from $\alpha_k(\text{exp})$ calculated from relative I_γ and $I(\text{ce})$ normalized so that ..."; also important to point out when conversion electron intensity ratios rather than just α_k have been used, since α_k data alone do not always uniquely define a single multipolarity or combination of multipolarities. The references used as sources for the $I(\text{ce})$ data must be given, either in the footnote explaining the source for the multipolarity and δ , or in the general comments.

9. Note the distinction between () and [] for multipolarities. These are discussed in the introductory section. Parentheses are used when there are some experimental data, but the data are not conclusive. The square brackets are used to denote a value deduced solely from level scheme considerations. Note that for the case where $\gamma(\theta)$ determines mult = D + Q and the level scheme is used to assign M1 + E2 rather than E1 + M2, the multipolarity should be in parentheses, mult = (M1 + E2), with a comment stating that "mult: D + Q from $\gamma(\theta)$ in ... $\Delta\pi = \text{no}$ from the level scheme". Square brackets are not appropriate for this case, since the level scheme argument forms only part of the assignment.

10. Do not define α with a lower limit; $I_\gamma(1 + \alpha)$ could then appear incorrectly as a lower limit whereas there must be an upper bound. The situation arises almost exclusively in connection with transitions that have an E0 component in their multipolarity. Basic data are usually measured $I(\text{cek})$ and an upper limit on I_γ which leads to $\text{TI} = I(\text{ce}) + < I_\gamma$, where $I(\text{ce}) = \sum_i(\text{ce}_i)$, i.e., TI has an upper bound. This situation is best addressed by giving $I(\text{cek})$ in a comment, along with the I_γ limit in the RI field. TI should also be defined, and α_k can be given in a comment. Only $\text{TI} = I(\text{ce})$ will be given for a transition adopted as pure E0.

Note: Recommended procedure for obtaining TI will depend on the relative magnitude of $I(\text{ce})$ and the limit of I_γ . The most useful quantity to quote for $I(\text{ce}) \gg I_\gamma$ is $TI = I(\text{ce}) \pm 1/2I_\gamma$, with an uncertainty calculated in the usual way from $\Delta I(\text{ce})$ and $\Delta I_\gamma = 1/2I_\gamma$; $TI < [I_\gamma + I(\text{ce})]$ is an appropriate choice for $I \gg I(\text{ce})$; the first alternative is recommended for the intermediate case,.

K. g Factors, μ , Q

Values of μ should be taken from 78LeZA/2001StZZ where possible and entered directly into adopted levels. The μ values, or the corresponding values of the g factor, do not need to be repeated in the source data set. However, when the value of T1/2 used in 78LeZA is different from your adopted value, the value of μ should be corrected for this difference if possible. A comment should be included if not readily corrected, giving the T1/2 value to which μ in 78LeZA corresponds.

More recent g-factor data should be given in the appropriate source data sets with the corresponding value of μ given in adopted levels (based on the adopted g factor). These values should be corrected for the adopted T1/2 where necessary. When corrected, adopt a comment such as "g: For T1/2=... The authors report g=... for T1/2=... ". A comment is also required stating whether or not the diamagnetic and Knight-shift corrections have been applied (if the data are accurate enough to be affected by these corrections); this comment should be given both in the source data sets and in adopted levels.

Similarly, Q values should be taken from 78LeZA/200StZZ where possible, and quoted in adopted levels. More recent values should be given in the appropriate source data sets, with the adopted value also given in adopted levels. A comment should be given stating whether or not the Sternheimer correction (or some other polarization correction) has been applied, if the accuracy of the measured value warrants such a correction.

GUIDELINES FOR ADOPTED LEVELS, GAMMAS DATA SETS

A. General

1. All distinct levels that are observed in any of the individual data sets and the evaluator feels are firmly established should be included in adopted levels. Uncertain levels (shown with "?" in one or more of the individual data sets) can be included or not included at the evaluators discretion. Isobaric analog states (resonances) should be included; neutron and proton separation energies should not be included.

Note 1: The calibration and general trend of energies compared with adopted values should be checked for each data set to avoid the introduction of "extraneous" levels,. Corrections should be made for systematic shifts of energies in one or more data sets when the energies from such data sets are used to obtain the adopted value:

(a) to avoid the assignment of level "a" in one reaction as corresponding to level "b" in another reaction based only on the energy difference, and,

(b) to ensure that the energy adopted for level "a", if seen in only one reaction, is as correct as possible.

Note 2: When levels from two (or more) reactions lie close in energy (values agree within the uncertainties) and the evaluator chooses to adopt both (or all) levels, the justification for

assuming that the levels are distinct should be given, unless obvious from XREF or other adopted level properties.

Consider the following cases:

$E = 5000.10$, $J\pi = 3/2^+$ and $E = 5010.10$, $J\pi = 5/2^+$ are known from reactions, and $E = 5005.32$ is known from a gamma reaction; however, there is considerable uncertainty as to which of the two reaction levels this level corresponds, and there is no evidence to suggest that the gamma-reaction level is a separate and distinct level. The reaction levels should be adopted, with a comment on each stating that probably the more accurate value of 5005.3 corresponds to one of the two adopted levels. Note that there is no unambiguous way to include the accurate energy as an adopted energy. The evaluator should not adopt three levels, unless there is definite evidence that the gamma-deduced level is distinct from the others.

$E-596.75$ with $J\pi = 0^+, 1, 2$ and $E-597.13$ with $J\pi = 1^+, 2, 3$ are known to be different levels, and $l(p, d) = 2$, leading to $J\pi = 1^-, 2^-, 3^-$ with $E = 598.2$ is also known. Unless there is evidence to suggest that the (p, d) level is distinct, just two levels should be adopted, with a comment on each stating that $l(p, d) = 2$, $J\pi = 1^-, 2^-, 3^-$ for one or both of the levels.

2. Do not unnecessarily adopt values different from those that appear in the literature when the differences are small relative to the quoted uncertainty, and if the literature value has been widely quoted in other sources.

Note: Consider a situation in which an author recommends $T_{1/2} = 6.54$ s [22] as an average from several determinations, and this value has subsequently been used by other researchers. The evaluator determines that the value should be 6.56 s [20]. Such a small difference does not merit the introduction of a different recommended value into the literature. The slight error in the recommended value should be noted - this warning would be useful in case someone recomputes a recommended value on the basis of some new values, and relies on the earlier quoted recommendation as a single input value representing the old data.

3. Make use of the XREF entries so that unnecessary comments can be avoided. For example, a comment such as "seen only in (d, p) " is not needed since XREF should already convey that information. However, an exception could arise if the evaluator wishes to emphasize some doubt about the level. XREF can also convey "one level corresponds to many levels", so that comments that convey only this information are not needed. However, comments such as " $L(d, p) = 1$ for $E = 3450$ " can be given for two or more adopted levels to which the (d, p) level could correspond, and are still needed.

4. Important comments on level properties which appear in source data sets should be repeated in the adopted levels data sets - "doublet", "possible contaminant", "not resolved from X" are usually just as important in adopted levels.

5. If the evaluator adopts a Q value, (Q') that is different from the value given in the most recent mass adjustment, the mass adjustment value should be given in a comment for comparison. Furthermore, when the mass links are not too complicated, the other entries on the Q record could be adjusted to reflect the change in Q' value. Under such circumstances, and if the change in Q' is significant (considerably outside the limits given by the mass adjustment), listings of the adjusted $S(n)$, $S(p)$, and $Q(\alpha)$ values would represent a valuable contribution. However, the inclusion of these data is left to the discretion of the evaluator.

Note: When a re-adjustment is not feasible, a comparison between the mass adjustment value and the adopted value allows the reader to judge qualitatively what the effect on the other Q values might be.

6. All available first-card data should be included for gamma-records; however, continuation-record data generated from the HSICC program are not required.

7. Since the data in adopted levels, gammas are the evaluator's recommended values, discrepant data should not be adopted.

Note 1: If a gamma multipolarity disagrees with the adopted $J\pi$, and $J\pi$ are considered to be well established, the discrepant multipolarity should not be adopted. The discrepancy should be noted in a comment, and a flagged comment should be used so that a footnote symbol appears in the multipolarity field.

Note 2: Since BE2 and T1/2 are equivalent data (if all quantities needed to convert from one to the other are known) and T1/2 is more basic, adopted values for both quantities should not be shown for the same level. The adopted T1/2 will normally be based on all of the available data, including any reliable BE2 measurements. By definition, the best BE2 value will be that deduced from this adopted T1/2 value and the adopted branchings, Q etc. If T1/2 comes from BE2, quoting both values is a redundant exercise; if T1/2 does not come solely from BE2, quoting both T1/2 and BE2 is essentially adopting two different values for the same quantity. A BE2 or BE3, etc. value is best adopted if T1/2 is not known, and cannot be calculated from these same BE2 or BE3 etc. values.

B. E(level)

The introductory section to Nuclear Data Sheets includes the statement "The excitation energies for levels connected by gamma transitions are taken from a least-squares fit to the adopted gamma energies. Other excitation energies are based on best values from all available reactions". No further comment is needed for any adopted levels section for which this statement is appropriate. When this statement may not be appropriate, the evaluator should add a comment explaining the source for the excitation energies.

Uncertainties should be included where available, and should be estimated if the authors do not provide them (see D. 1. under GUIDELINES FOR DECAY AND REACTION DATA SETS).

C. $J\pi$

1. Assignments should be based on the fewest and best arguments. There are two main advantages to this "fewest and best" approach:

(a) $J\pi$ arguments are easier to read and follow when redundancy is eliminated,

(b) alternate arguments can be used to build up systematics.

For example, consider the assignment of $1+$ to a level based on the arguments " $M1 \gamma$ to $0+$. $\log ft = 4.4$ from $0+$ ". Either argument alone is sufficient: if the multipolarity argument is used, the $\log ft$ value can be combined with the values from which the $\log ft$ arguments are derived, thus helping to build up confidence in the application of such systematics to cases where other strong arguments are not available.

Note: The above approach refers to strong arguments. When only weak arguments are available, the more arguments that can be marshalled, the more valid the assignment. However, no combination of weak arguments constitutes a strong argument.

2. "Direct" measurements of J (e.g., atomic beam) should be referenced as 76Fu06. More recent values should be referenced directly. The method should be stated in either case, thus "atomic beam", "NMR". Note that these methods give J only; a separate argument is required for π .

3. Arguments should be detailed enough to convince the reader that the assignments are reliable, and allow judgement to be made as what the consequences would be if new data were to become available.

(a) The argument "From (α , $xn\gamma$)" is not much use, especially if the (α , $xn\gamma$) data set contains no details. Statements such as "Excit. in (α , $xn\gamma$)", " $\gamma(\theta)$ in (α , $xn\gamma$)" are needed. If such arguments appear frequently, they can be included in a flagged comment on $J\pi$ such as "From (α , $xn\gamma$) based on...", or "Member of band X based on energy fit and inertial parameter". An alternative method is to write a $J\pi$ footnote which states "Assignments from (α , $xn\gamma$) are based on excit. and $l(0)$. Assignments from (d, p) are based on L values and analyzing powers. etc". The $J\pi$ argument can then be simply "From (α , $xn\gamma$)", "From (d, p)", etc. for the relevant levels. This approach is particularly useful when the arguments are somewhat lengthy.

(b) Gamma-decay arguments should be specific: thus "M1 γ to 2+", " γ s to 3/2+, 5/2+", while the gamma energy is optional: thus "326 γ to 2+ is M1". A vague statement such as "JP is based on ' γ -decay modes'" is not much use to the reader.

An argument for $J\pi = 2-, 3-$ could be expressed as "L(d, p) = 1 gives 0- to 3-. γ to 4-". If the γ transition were to be subsequently determined as M1, the reader can quickly determine that $J\pi$ would be 3-. If the argument had only been given as a general statement such as "From L values in (d, p) and γ feedings", the consequences of the new piece of evidence would not be so transparent.

Note that $J\pi$ values and γ -ray multiplicities referred to in these comments should be adopted values: "M1 γ to (3/2+)", "(E2) γ to (4)-".

Give $J\pi(\text{parent, target})$ in the specific $J\pi$ arguments when the target is not even-even; for example, "logft = 5.4 from 1/2+", or "L(p, t) = 2 from 9/2+".

4. $J\pi$ arguments for two or more levels can be linked if they are interconnected in such a way that giving separate arguments for each level can be awkward, or can give the appearance of circularity. As an example, consider the sequence 7-(β^-)A(M1)B(E1)C(E2)2+: the argument "Logft = 5.1 from 7- and the M1-E1-E2 cascade to 2+ uniquely establishes $J\pi(A) = 6-$, $J\pi(B) = 5-$ and $J\pi(C) = 4+$ " can be given for one of the relevant levels (say C), and then one can say " $J\pi$: See C level" for the others.

5. Consider an L = 0 component in a particle-transfer reaction in which S = 0 can be assumed: leads to $\Delta J = 0$, $\Delta\pi = \text{no}$, even if other L components are present, and the same is true of an E0 component in a gamma transition. A level connected via an M1 + E2 γ to a level with J = 1/2 must have J = 3/2.

6. $J\pi$ arguments for the ground state of an even-even nucleus are not needed. For example L(p, t) = 0 gives only $\Delta J = 0$ and relies on the assumption of J = 0 for the even-even target nucleus. The absence of hyperfine structure is also not conclusive, since a small μ or Q value can lead to the same result.

7. Maintain consistency between the source data and the conclusions. For example, L(p, t) = 2 (S = 0 assumed) from an even-even target gives $J\pi = 2+$, not (2)+ or 2(+); if the L value is considered to

be a strong argument for J, this same argument applies to π . Similarly, if the argument is not considered to be strong for J, such an argument should not be considered strong for π ; thus, $L(p, t) = (2)$ gives $J\pi = (2+)$.

Note: A reaction such as (Q, d) with a measured L value can be used as a strong argument for π , namely, $\pi = (-)^L$, even though J is determined only as $J = L-1, L, \text{ or } L+1$.

8. Expressions such as "preferred" or "consistent with" are not strong arguments. Avoid these expressions since they leave open the question of whether other alternative $J\pi$ values have been ruled out; however, such expressions are valid for weak arguments.

9. Configurations

"Conf = 3/2[521]" is not a valid argument for $J\pi$; this argument only shifts the burden of proof from establishing $J\pi = 3/2-$ to establishing conf = 3/2[521]. The configuration is normally deduced from $J\pi$, not vice-versa, although sometimes the reverse is true and the same argument for $J\pi$ can be used to assign the configuration (sometimes a measured μ will also determine a specific configuration).

Knowledge of L and the analyzing power in a transfer reaction may give $J\pi = 1/2-$ (and assign this level as a $p_{1/2}$ orbital), but the $J\pi$ argument should be "From L and analyzing power in (d, p)", not "From conf = $p_{1/2}$ ". The configuration should be treated as a separate data type from $J\pi$, and be placed on a continuation record. Comments on "Conf" should normally be treated as distinct from comments on $J\pi$.

Usually in the deformed regions, the cross sections and cross section ratios (e.g., (d, p) and (d, t) reactions) determine directly the combination $J\pi K[\]$, rather than $J\pi$ (such as $5/2-3/2[521]$) or just $J\pi = 5/2-$ alone. Under such circumstances, the configuration must be included in the $J\pi$ argument.

10. Do not use multiply placed transitions in $J\pi$ arguments unless the connection with the level in question is definite.

Note: A multipolarity determined for a multiplet will not necessarily be the correct multipolarity for each member of the multiplet (see B. 6. (d)) under GUIDELINES FOR DECAY AND REACTION DATA SETS). If part of the multiplet is definitely established as being connected with the level in question, $J\pi$ of the connected level can be used as a $J\pi$ argument in the usual way, (e.g., " γ to $3/2+$ ").

11. When choices of $J\pi$ are limited to three or fewer, they should be clearly specified rather than given as a range; thus $J\pi = 5/2-, 7/2-, 9/2-$ rather than $J\pi = 5/2-$ to $7/2-$. There is less chance of values being misinterpreted when they are written out completely, and the extra space required is not significant (which is the only good argument for quoting $J\pi$ values as a range).

12. RUL is an argument for multipolarity, not for $J\pi$.

13. Note the difference between " $J\pi = 5/2+$ and $7/2-$ " (or $5/2+ \& 7/2-$) and " $J\pi = 5/2+, 7/2-$ ". The first notation indicates the presence of two unresolved levels with $J\pi = 5/2+$ and $7/2-$, respectively; while the second notation indicates two alternate $J\pi$ values for a single level.

D. Other Level Properties

1. Cross referencing of data should give the data set, and not just the keynumber, because the data sources are much easier to locate with this information. The method and keynumber are optional except in the following cases where this information is needed.

(a) μ , Q etc., values for stable or long-lived states should be taken from 78LeZA where possible. The method should be given since these data will normally not appear anywhere else in the mass chain. More recent data can be quoted directly, along with the method and keynumber. For values of μ not taken from 78LeZA and when warranted by the accuracy, a comment stating whether or not the diamagnetic and Knight-shift corrections have been applied should be included. Similarly for Q values, a comment should be given stating whether or not the Sternheimer correction (or other polarization correction) has been applied.

b) If T1/2 is obtained from BE2, this fact should be stated: "T1/2: From BE2 in Coul. ex."

2. "g factor" quoted in a source data set should be converted to " μ " in adopted levels if J is known.

3. When branching modes are given (e.g., "%IT="), the bases for the values can be given here or in the source data sets. There is no need to repeat the arguments, but they must appear in one place or the other. Also, all possible modes of decay should be accounted for, unless the reason for omitting a mode is obvious.

Note: Where " $\epsilon + \beta^+ = 99.0 \pm 1$; IT = 1.0" exists but β^- is also energetically allowed, there should be a comment explaining why the β^- branch is considered negligible; for example, " β^- is negligible since the only available decay branch has $\Delta J = 2$, $\Delta\pi = \text{yes}$, for which, from $\log f_{\text{flut}} > 8.5$, one derives $\beta^- < 1 \times 10^{-4}$ ". An experimentally determined limit of this magnitude should be included explicitly in the branching statement. One can state simply " $\Delta J = 4$ for possible β^- branch so β^- is negligible" for more obviously negligible branches such as where the only available branch has $\Delta J = 4$.

4. BE λ values should be included in adopted levels where T1/2 is not independently known and cannot be calculated from BE λ .

E. E γ , I γ , TI

1. Sources of data should be stated unless obvious (i.e., if there is only one or possibly two sources (small mass chain)). General comments are usually sufficient; thus, "From X unless noted otherwise" or "Weighted average of values from A, B, and C".

2. The introductory section to Nuclear Data Sheets includes the explanation that I γ are "photon branchings (normalized to 100 for the most intense transition from each level)". Note that an uncertainty should be included in the value "100" if there is an uncertainty given for the original intensity; however, when there is only one transition de-exciting the level, the uncertainty has no meaning and should not be given. Any major deviation from this policy should be stated, such as quoting branching ratios in %. There are some situations in which this policy should not be followed (i.e., where a transition other than the strongest should be chosen and for which no explanation is needed):

(a) strongest transition is an unresolved multiplet;

(b) strongest transition is given as an upper limit.

Note: I_γ for multiply-placed transitions where the intensity has not been divided should be given as limits ($I_\gamma < A + \Delta A$ if $I_\gamma = A \pm \Delta A$), with "&" in column 77.

3. Where possible, TI should be given for transitions that have no measured I_γ , or for which only a limit on I_γ is available. The most common cases would be for E0 transitions or low-energy transitions when I(ce) but no I_γ (or α) are available; see Note under J. 10. in GUIDELINES FOR DECAY AND REACTION DATA SETS .

Note: When TI is the "measured" quantity from an intensity balance and α is known so that I_γ can be determined, TI as well as I_γ should be given if known more accurately than TI calculated from $I_\gamma(1+\alpha)$. This approach allows the most accurate branching ratios to be obtained for the transitions from the level in question.

F. Mult, δ , α

1. Data sources should be stated unless obvious. Note that the introductory section states that the α values are theoretically determined on the basis of the given multipolarity and δ . The origins of any α value which is not based on this procedure should be explained in a comment. Sources for multipolarity and δ can usually be quite general: "Mult are based on α_k and subshell measurements in and $\gamma\gamma(\theta)$ data in ...". When multiplicities are based on measurements that yield only L, such as $\gamma(\theta)$ or $\gamma\gamma(\theta)$, and M1 + E2 is adopted rather than E1 + M2, the basis for this choice must be stated.

2. See J. 3. in GUIDELINES FOR DECAY AND REACTION DATA SETS for requirements on consistency among the multipolarity, δ and α entries. α is not needed for transitions with mixed multipolarity and unknown δ , even though such values may have been used in a data source.

3. The relationship between BE2 and T1/2 allows δ (and/or α) to be deduced in cases where BE2 and T1/2 are independently known, and the ground-state branch is known (the ground-state branch could be deduced if all other quantities are known).

4. $\gamma(\theta)$ and $\gamma\gamma(\theta)$ normally lead to two solutions for δ , and both should be noted. In particular, both should be placed in a comment if the correct one is not known; do not adopt one value in the δ field and the alternate value in a comment.

5. As well as using [] to indicate multiplicities deduced solely on the basis of the level scheme for transitions for which you want to list α , this convention may also be adopted in cases where α is negligible, but you wish to show the multipolarity because you are recommending a reduced transition probability. However, as noted earlier, do not assign mult=[] simply because the multipolarity can be deduced from the level scheme.

G. Reduced Transition Probabilities

Reduced transition probabilities are required whenever calculable, i.e., when T1/2, branching, multipolarity and δ are known. Note that for mixed transitions, values for both multipole components should be given.

Note 1: When δ is consistent with zero or infinity, the reduced transition probability for only the dominant component is required. The limit for the other component is optional and can be given in certain cases: BE2(W.u.) < 1000 is not of interest, but BE2(W.u.) < 10^{-3} might be significant.

Note 2: Values should be given for transitions that have not been experimentally characterized, but can be determined from the level scheme as $\Delta J = 1$, $\Delta\pi = \text{yes}$; $\Delta J = 2$, $\Delta\pi = \text{no}$, or $\Delta J \geq 3$ (i.e., cases where significant mixing is not expected).

Note 3: When one or more of the relevant pieces of information required to calculate reduced transition probabilities is/are missing, the calculation should be carried out if reasonable assumptions can be made that fill the gaps. For example, a branch with a small gamma fraction of known multipolarity should be estimated (if the multipolarity would lead to a relatively small total branching) so that reduced transition probabilities for the other branches can be calculated.

Note 4: When only limits are available for some of the relevant data, special care must be taken.

(a) Transition with mult = M1 + E2 and $\delta < 0.1$: while BE2(W.u.) can only be given only as an upper limit, assigning BM1(W.u.) as a lower limit would be incorrect since an upper bound occurs for $\delta = 0$. BM1(W.u.) should be given as an average of the values corresponding to $\delta = 0$ and $\delta = 0.1$, with an uncertainty chosen to overlap the two values.

(b) Consider a transition with a total intensity known only as an upper limit: provided that this intensity limit is not the dominant branching mode, the branching for this transition should be treated as $1/2TI \pm 1/2TI$ for the purpose of calculating the reduced transition probabilities for the other transitions.

(c) When T1/2 is only available as an upper limit, the resulting lower limits on the reduced transition probabilities should be given. When T1/2 is a lower limit, the resulting upper limits on the reduced transition probabilities are not of much interest, except perhaps as noted in Note 1, above.

Note 5: Consider the reduced transition probability of a transition for which the corresponding Coulomb excitation probability has been determined (BE2 being the most common case): this parameter can be deduced directly from the measurement and the appropriate single particle value. This procedure should be followed when the level T1/2 has been adopted from a measured BE2 (to avoid including the uncertainty in BE2 twice), or where BE2 is known but branches and/or mixing ratios are not known so that T1/2 for the corresponding level cannot be calculated.

Note 6: When $E\gamma$ is poorly known, the factor $E\gamma^{2L+1}x(1 + \alpha)$ appearing in the formula for the reduced transition probabilities may exhibit a smaller range of values than the factors $E\gamma^{2L+1}$ and $(1 + \alpha)$ taken separately. The correlation in $E\gamma$ and α should always be taken into account when calculating uncertainties for BE λ (W.u.) and BM λ (W.u.).

Note 7: BE λ (W.u.) and BM λ (W.u.) are not needed for mixed multiplicities when δ is not known. However, if an evaluator chooses, these parameters can be given as upper limits.

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NUCLEAR STRUCTURE AND DECAY DATA: INTRODUCTION TO RELEVANT WEB PAGES

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Summary

A brief description is given of the nuclear data centres around the world able to provide access to those databases and programs of highest relevance to nuclear structure and decay data specialists. A number of Web-page addresses are also provided for the reader to inspect and investigate these data and codes for study, evaluation and calculation. These instructions are not meant to be comprehensive, but should provide the reader with a reasonable means of electronic access to the most important data sets and programs.

1. Introduction

A network of international/national nuclear data centres constitutes the infrastructure for the provision of a wide range of atomic and nuclear data services to scientists worldwide (Table 1). More than 100 data libraries are readily available cost-free from these centres through the Internet, CD-ROM and other media.

Two nuclear data centres of particular note are the National Nuclear Data Center (NNDC) at Brookhaven National Laboratory and the Nuclear Data Section at the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA-NDS) in Vienna, Austria. Access to the most relevant databases and associated codes through their web addresses are described below (both main directional web pages are shown in the Annex):

National Nuclear Data Center, Brookhaven - <http://www.nndc.bnl.gov/>

IAEA Nuclear Data Section: <http://www-nds.iaea.org/>
(also <http://www-nds.iaea.or.at/>),

and IAEA-NDS mirror sites at IPEN, Brazil, <http://www-nds.ipen.br/>
and BARC, Mumbai, India, <http://www-nds.indcentre.org.in/>
that are maintained by NDS staff.

All libraries and related documentation held by the Nuclear Data Section are available free of charge to scientists in IAEA Member States. Overviews are given by Schwerer and Obložinský (2001) and in the document *Index of Nuclear Data Libraries Available from the IAEA Nuclear Data Section* (Schwerer and Lemmel, 2002) – also available on:

http://www-nds.iaea.org/indg_intro.html
<http://www-nds.iaea.org/reports/nds-7.pdf> to download as PDF file.

Brief descriptions of the contents and format of most libraries are published in the IAEA-NDS-report series (Lemmel and Schwerer, 2002), while an introduction to NDS database projects and services can be found at <http://www-naweb.iaea.org/napc/nd/index.asp>

2. Nuclear Structure and Decay Data Evaluators' Network

A network of centres has been established that specialize in nuclear structure and decay data (Pronyaev *et al.*, 2004); see also Table 2 for a list and access addresses through the Web and e-mail contacts. These laboratories and institutes are involved in all facets of compilation and production of recommended nuclear structure and decay data (*i.e.*, review, evaluation and processing), sharing the evaluation work by mass chain, and meeting biennially to discuss their common problems and interests under the auspices of the IAEA Nuclear Data Section.

3. Worldwide Web (WWW)

The web page of the IAEA Nuclear Data Services can be found at the web addresses <http://www-nds.iaea.org/> (IAEA, Vienna, Austria), <http://www-nds.ipen.br/> (IPEN, Brazil), and <http://www-nds.indcentre.org.in/> at BARC, India; the equivalent web page for NNDC is <http://www.nndc.bnl.gov/>. These pages contain interactive access to the major databases, as well as overviews of all nuclear data libraries and databases available from the IAEA (*IAEA Nuclear Data Guide*) and NNDC, and access to various reports, manuals, nuclear data utility programs, Nuclear Data Newsletters and other informative documentation.

The web addresses specified above provide links with the following highly relevant databases (see also Section 4):

- [ENSDF](#) - evaluated nuclear structure and decay data
- [MIRD](#) - medical internal radiation dose tables
- [Wallet cards](#) - Ground and metastable state properties
- [NUDAT](#) - selected evaluated nuclear data
- [NSR](#) (Nuclear Science References)
- [Masses](#) (Atomic Mass Evaluation Data File)

For example, NSR bibliographic information can be explored through:

Known author name,
Keynumber (*e.g.*, 1970Ya02 consists of the first two letters of the lead author (Ya (of Yamazaki)), year (1970), and number designation (02)); also to be found in *Recent References, Nuclear Data Sheets* (Tuli, 2005)), and
Nuclide,
as well as through other criteria.

The reader is encouraged to access all of these databases, codes and information manuals through an explorative process, and assess their user-friendliness and usefulness. Your feedback is also welcome, and would help us to improve our web services.

4. Access to Relevant Databases and Programs

The data in some of the nuclear structure databases have been evaluated and assembled through the combined efforts of specialists within the international nuclear structure and decay-data evaluators' network (Section 2), while others are effectively more user-friendly derivatives and subsets of these same data files (*e.g.*, Nuclear Wallet Cards and NuDat).

4.1 Primary databases

NSR: Nuclear Science References is a bibliographic database for low and intermediate energy nuclear physics; published in *Nuclear Data Sheets* (Tuli, 2005) and available on-line (see both <http://www-nds.iaea.org/nsr/> and <http://www.nndc.bnl.gov/nsr/>).

ENSDF: Evaluated Nuclear Structure Data File is the 'master' library for nuclear structure and decay data maintained through the evaluators' network co-ordinated by the IAEA (see Section 2), and containing evaluated experimental data for most known nuclides in the mass range from 1 to 293; published in *Nuclear Data Sheets* (Tuli, 2005) and *Nuclear Physics A* (Bakker, 2005) and

available on-line (see both <http://www-nds.iaea.org/ensdf/> and <http://www.nndc.bnl.gov/ensdf/>). The full library is also available as zipped files from the NDS open area.

4.2 Other specialised and derived databases

Atomic masses 2003 (Wapstra *et al.*, 2003): mass evaluations for over 2900 nuclides; available on-line (see both <http://www-nds.iaea.org/masses/> and <http://www.nndc.bnl.gov/masses/>).

Nuclear Wallet Cards (Tuli, 2000): basic properties of ground and metastable states; available as pocket book and on-line (see both <http://www-nds.iaea.org:8080/wallet/> and <http://www.nndc.bnl.gov/wallet/>). The NNDC site also contains Nuclear Wallet Cards for Radioactive Nuclides (Tuli, 2004), available as a pocket book and online, and Palm Pilot versions of both books.

NuDat: Nuclear Data contains user-friendly extracts of applications data from ENSDF and the Nuclear Wallet Cards, plus thermal neutron data; available on-line (see both <http://www-nds.iaea.org/nudat/> and <http://www.nndc.bnl.gov/nudat/>).

MIRD: Medical Internal Radiation Dose is based on ENSDF and data processed by RADLST to generate, for example, tables of energies and intensities for X-rays and Auger electrons (Burrows, 1988); available on-line (see both <http://www-nds.iaea.org/mird/> and <http://www.nndc.bnl.gov/mird/>).

XUNDL: experimental Unevaluated Nuclear Data Library is a compilation of experimental nuclear structure and decay data in ENSDF format – oriented primarily to high-spin data, but also contains some reaction and decay data (see both <http://www-nds.iaea.org/ensdf/> and <http://www.nndc.bnl.gov/ensdf/>).

4.3 Programs

Useful computer codes for the calculation of specific nuclear structure and decay-data parameters include the following:

GABS: calculates absolute γ -ray intensities;

GTOL: undertakes least-squares fits to γ -ray energies, and calculates net feeding to nuclear levels;

HSICC: calculates internal conversion coefficients based on the theoretical values of Hager and Seltzer (1968), and Dragoun *et al* (1969 and 1971);

LOGFT: calculates $\log ft$ values for β and electron-capture decay, average β^\pm energies and capture fractions;

PANDORA: checks “correctness” of the physics in ENSDF;

and others are available through the NNDC web page

http://www.nndc.bnl.gov/nndcscr/ensdf_pgm/.

4.4 Interactive calculational tools

Users can perform calculations interactively over the web by means of two processing tools:

Nuclear Structure Calculational Tools: calculates internal conversion coefficients based on the theoretical values of Hager and Seltzer (1968), and Dragoun *et al.* (1969 and 1971), and $\log ft$ values for β and electron-capture decay, average β^\pm energies and capture fractions (see <http://www.nndc.bnl.gov/nndc/physco/>).

Atomic Masses, Q-values and Threshold Energies: calculates reaction Q-values, threshold energies and decay Q-values based on the 1995 Update to the Atomic Mass Evaluation (Wapstra *et al.*, 2003), and retrieves other quantities contained in this evaluation (see <http://www.nndc.bnl.gov/qcalc2/>).

4.5 Other network web sites

Web sites of other members of the Nuclear Structure and Decay-data Network (Table 2) contain much useful information, for example:

Energy Levels of Light Nuclei, A = 3 - 20: evaluations, preprints, lists of recent references, reprints for A = 3 - 20 nuclides, and Palm Pilot applications and databases (see <http://www.tunl.duke.edu/NuclData/>);

jvNubase: ground and metastable state properties, based primarily on ENSDF with some additions derived from more recent data (see <http://www.nndc.bnl.gov/amdc/jvnubase/>);

RadWare: software package for interactive graphical analysis of gamma-ray coincidence data library of level scheme files in the RadWare ASCII-gls format that have been derived from ENSDF, XUNDL and contributed level schemes (see <http://radware.phy.ornl.gov/>).

4.6 Nuclear structure and decay-data evaluator's corner

<http://www.nndc.bnl.gov/nndc/evalcorner/> is primarily designed for ENSDF evaluators and currently contains:

- an interface to ENSDF which allows evaluators to retrieve ENSDF mass chains and nuclides in a basic format (*i.e.*, comments have not been translated into a “rich text” format),
- simplified NSR retrieval system designed for ENSDF evaluators,
- new ENSDF analysis and utility codes in β testing, and
- links to materials from previous ENSDF or NSDD workshops.

5. Concluding Remarks

The contents of this report represent a brief introduction to the means of accessing a powerful set of compiled and evaluated nuclear structure and decay-data libraries, as well as codes for the analysis and development of such data. Useful applications of these data and tools are wide ranging, and the reader is encouraged to explore their potential through the various routes outlined above, and so develop a much greater understanding of their capabilities.

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Table 1. International/National Nuclear Data Centres.

IAEA Nuclear Data Section , Vienna, Austria http://www-nds.iaea.org/
US National Nuclear Data Center , Brookhaven, USA http://www.nndc.bnl.gov/
OECD, NEA Data Bank , Paris, France http://www.nea.fr/
Russian Federation Nuclear Data Centre , Obninsk, Russian Federation http://www.ippe.obninsk.ru/podr/cjd/
9 co-operating specialised centres: PR China, Hungary, Japan, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation and Ukraine

Table 2. Nuclear Structure and Decay Data Evaluators' Network.

<p>US National Nuclear Data Center, Brookhaven, USA (maintenance of master ENSDF database) http://www.nndc.bnl.gov/ Contact: J. K. Tuli (network co-ordinator) e-mail: Tuli@bnl.gov</p>
<p>Nuclear Data Project, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, USA http://www.phy.ornl.gov/ndp/ Contact: M. S. Smith e-mail: MSmith@mail.phy.ORNL.gov</p>
<p>Isotope Project, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Berkeley, USA http://ie.lbl.gov/ Contact: C. M. Baglin e-mail: baglin@lbl.gov</p>
<p>Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory, Idaho Falls, USA Contact: C. W. Reich e-mail: CWReich@interplus.net</p>
<p>Triangle University Nuclear Laboratory, Duke University, USA http://www.tunl.duke.edu/NuclData/ Contact: J. H. Kelley e-mail: kelly@tunl.duke.edu</p>
<p>Argonne National Laboratory, Argonne, U.S.A. http://www.td.anl.gov/NDP/ Contact: F.G. Kondev e-mail: kondev@anl.gov</p>
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<p>IAEA Nuclear Data Section, Vienna, Austria (co-ordination of network meetings) http://www-nds.iaea.org/ Contact: A. L. Nichols e-mail: a.nichols@iaea.org</p>

ANNEX

Directional Web pages for
NDS and NNDC



▶ **Mirror Sites**



▶ **Navigation**

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- [ENSDF](#)
- [EXFOR](#)
- [FENDL-2.1](#)
- [IBANDL](#)
- [IRDF-2002](#) **NEW**
- [Masses 2003](#)
- [Medical Radioisotopes Production](#)
- [MIRD](#)
- [Minsk Actinides](#) **[Mod]**
- [NGATLAS](#)
- [NMF-90](#)
- [NuDat 2.0](#)
- [NSR](#)
- [PGAA-IAEA](#)
- [Photonuclear](#)
- [Photon+Electron Interaction](#)
- [POINT2004](#)

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Nuclear Data Services

Major Databases

- [CINDA](#) - neutron reaction data bibliography
- [ENDF](#) - evaluated nuclear reaction cross section libraries
- [ENSDF](#) - evaluated nuclear structure and decay data
- [EXFOR](#) - experimental nuclear reaction data *(with graphics)*
- [NSR](#) - Nuclear Science References
- [NuDat 2.0](#) - selected evaluated nuclear data

Nuclear Databases and Files

General

- [Masses 2003](#) - atomic mass evaluation data file
- [Q-values, Thresholds](#) - atomic masses, Q-values and threshold energies
- [Thermal neutron capture gamma rays](#) - by target and by energy
- [Wallet cards](#) - ground and metastable state properties

Other evaluated data libraries in ENDF format

- [FENDL-2.1](#) - Fusion Evaluated Nuclear Data Library, Version 2.1
- [IAEA Photonuclear Data Library](#) - cross sections and spectra up to 140MeV
- [IRDF-2002](#) - International Reactor Dosimetry File **NEW**
- [Minsk Actinides Library](#) - evaluated neutron reaction data (Maslov et al.) **[Mod]**
- [NGATLAS](#) - atlas of neutron capture cross sections ([old-version](#) is here)
- [NMF-90](#) - Neutron Metrology File
- [POINT2004](#) - Pointwise data of ENDF/B-VI Release 8 at 8 temperatures
- [RNAL](#) - Reference Neutron Activation Library

Evaluated libraries in different formats

- [Charged-particle cross section database for medical radioisotope production](#)
- [IAEA-NDS-0](#) - index to IAEA NDS documentation series
- [IBANDL](#) - Ion Beam Analysis Nuclear Data Library (last updated 03.06.2004)
- [MIRD](#) - medical internal radiation dose tables
- [Nuclear Data for Safeguards](#) - IAEA handbook (1997)
- [PGAA-IAEA](#) - database of prompt gamma rays from slow neutron capture
- [Photon and Electron Interaction Data](#) - EPDL, EADL, EEDL, EXDL and ASF
- [RIPL-2](#) - library of parameters for nuclear model calculations
- [WIMSD-IAEA Library](#) - multigroup data library for the WIMS-D code

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POINT2004	WIMSD-IAEA Library - multigroup data library for the WIMSD code
Q-values, Thresholds	
RIPL-2	Electronic Documents
RNAL	Citation Guidelines - online data service manual and citation guidelines
Safeguards data	ENDF Format Manual - April 2001 version
Thermal Neutron Capture Gamma Rays	ENSDF and NSR Manuals - ENSDF Feb. 2001 version & NSR Aug. '96 version
Wallet cards	Selected INDC Reports - selected INDC reports, INDC(AUL) to INDC(VN)
WIMSD Library	
Documents	Computer codes
ENDF Manual	EMPIRE-II - system of codes for nuclear reaction calculations (Version 2.18)
ENDF/B-6 Summary	ENDF Utility Codes - Release 7.0 NEW
ENSDF, NSR Manuals	ENSDF programs - ENSDF Analysis and Utility programs (ALPHAD, LOGFT, etc.)
INDC Reports	ENDVER - ENDF File Verification Support Package
Computer codes	PREPRO - ENDF Preprocessing Codes. Version - November 2004 NEW
EMPIRE-II	SIGACE - package for generating high temperature ACE files
ENDF Utils NEW	ZVIEW - interactive plotting of nuclear data
ENDVER	
ENSDF Utilities	
PREPRO NEW	General information
SIGACE	NDS information
ZVIEW	Co-ordinated Research Projects (CRPs) - recently completed and ongoing CRPs
	IAEA Nuclear Data Guide - catalogue of all nuclear data available from IAEA NDS
	Index of nuclear data libraries - comprehensive index of NDS libraries
	Nuclear Data Section - introduction, programme description, activities and staff
	Nuclear data information brochure - the IAEA nuclear and atomic data programme
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	IAEA - Department of Nuclear Sciences and Applications
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	Nuclear Reaction Data Centre network - the NRDC network, contacts, webpages, etc.
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