

Modernizing Experimental Nuclear Data Access: The IAEA Nuclear Reaction Data Explorer (...and Beyond)

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Nuclear Data Formats

EXFOR: Experimental Nuclear Reaction Database

ENTRY	C	41553	20240709	41553000	1				
SUBENT	C	41553001	20240709	41553001	1				
BIB		10	21	41553001	2				
TITLE		Angular distribution gamma-rays emitted during the inelastic scattering of fast neutrons from a reactor by 114, 116Cd			3				
AUTHOR		(A.M.Demidov,L.I.Govor,O.K.Zhuravlev,M.M.Komkov,I.B.Shchukalov)			4				
REFERENCE		(J,BAS,40,(6),119,1976) Engl.translation of IZV,40,157 (J,IZV,40,1241,1976) Issue 6			5				
ENDSUBENT		28	0	4155300199999	6				
SUBENT	C	41553002	20240709	41553002	7				
BIB		6	14	41553002	8				
REACTION		((48-CD-114(N,INL)48-CD-114,,SPC/DA,,FST)//(48-CD-114(N,INL)48-CD-114,,SPC/DA,,FST))			9				
ENDBIB		14	0	41553002	10				
DATA		8	56	41553002	11				
E-NM	E-NM-ERR	DATA	DATA-ERR	LVL-INI	LVL-INI-ER	41553002	12		
LVL-FIN	MISC					41553002	13		
KEV	KEV	NO-DIM	NO-DIM	KEV	KEV	41553002	14		
KEV	NO-DIM					41553002	15		
367.7	0.6	0.62	E-2	0.06	E-2	1732.2	0.4	41553002	16
1364.0	4.8	E-2						41553002	17
448.3	0.8	0.35	E-2	0.09	E-2	1732.2	0.4	41553002	18

EXFOR example

Line numbers

ENDF-6: Evaluated Nuclear Data Library

33	103	42	02725	1451	907				
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			33	105	16	02725	1451	909	
			33	106	9	02725	1451	910	
			33	107	49	02725	1451	911	
			33	111	8	02725	1451	912	
			33	112	13	02725	1451	913	
			34	2	63	02725	1451	914	
						2725	1	099999	
						2725	0	0	0
2.705900+4	5.842693+1		0	0	1	02725	2151	1	
2.705900+4	1.000000+0		0	0	1	02725	2151	2	
1.000000-5	1.000000+5		1	3	0	12725	2151	3	
3.500000+0	6.672000-1		0	0	2	32725	2151	4	
5.842690+1	6.672000-1		0	0	600	1002725	2151	5	
-5.000000+3	3.000000+0	5.576800+2	9.215100+0	0.000000+0	0.000000+0	02725	2151	6	
-5.000000+3	4.000000+0	1.898100+2	1.868200-1	0.000000+0	0.000000+0	02725	2151	7	
-4.767000+2	4.000000+0	1.949000-2	2.148900+0	0.000000+0	0.000000+0	02725	2151	8	
-2.258800+2	3.000000+0	8.910000+0	5.940000-2	0.000000+0	0.000000+0	02725	2151	9	
1.320000+2	4.000000+0	5.270100+0	4.700000-1	0.000000+0	0.000000+0	02725	2151	10	
4.323100+3	4.000000+0	1.041400+2	4.173700-1	0.000000+0	0.000000+0	02725	2151	11	
5.016000+3	3.000000+0	6.789600+2	1.332200+0	0.000000+0	0.000000+0	02725	2151	12	
6.389700+3	4.000000+0	1.681100+0	3.155600-1	0.000000+0	0.000000+0	02725	2151	13	
8.061900+3	3.000000+0	4.083300+1	4.078000-1	0.000000+0	0.000000+0	02725	2151	14	

$n+^{59}\text{Co}$ example

Line numbers

These formats are still actively used today, but they inherit several constraints from the Fortran era (punch-card legacy):

- incompatibility with modern data tools
- limited metadata and contextual information
- lack of human readability and semantic clarity

Challenges and Needs in Nuclear Data Usage

- **Traditional (Legacy) nuclear data formats**
 - Fixed-width text formats (EXFOR, ENDF-6, XUNDL, ENSDF)
 - Limited metadata and poor machine readability
 - Require format expertise and preprocessing before use
- **Impact**
 - High entry barrier for newcomers
 - Not all nuclear physicists are nuclear data format specialists
- **What researchers (not format expert) need**
 - Easy access to EXFOR and evaluated (ENDF-6) data and self-explanatory metadata
 - Compatibility with modern data science and AI/ML tools

IAEA Nuclear Reaction Data Explorer

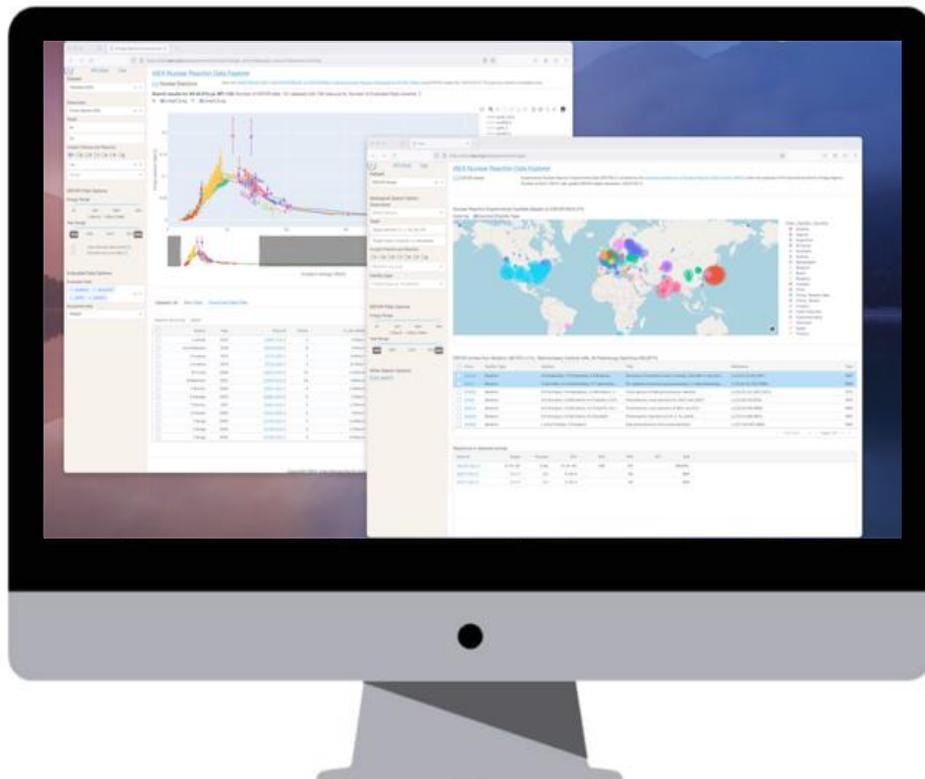
- Developed in 2021, renewed in 2024, will be renewed in 2026 (soon)



<https://nds.iaea.org/dataexplorer>



Python 3 based, Open source project



Reaction based data plotter

- Input target and reaction to get evaluated and experimental datasets
 - Cross section
 - Thermal neutron cross section
 - Residual production cross section
 - Fission yield

EXFOR entry viewer

- Easy access without understanding of EXFOR format
 - Search by reactions
 - Entry viewer
 - Geographical analysis

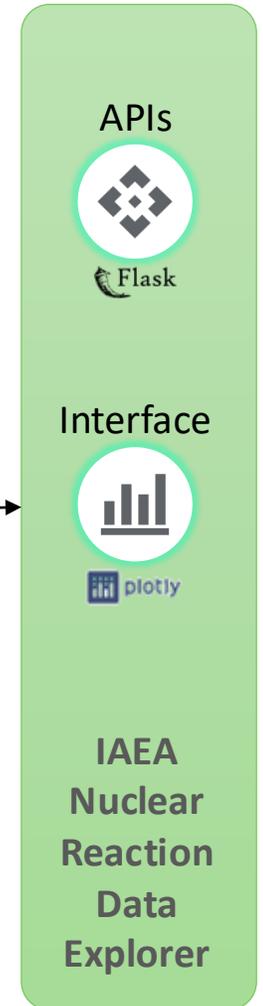
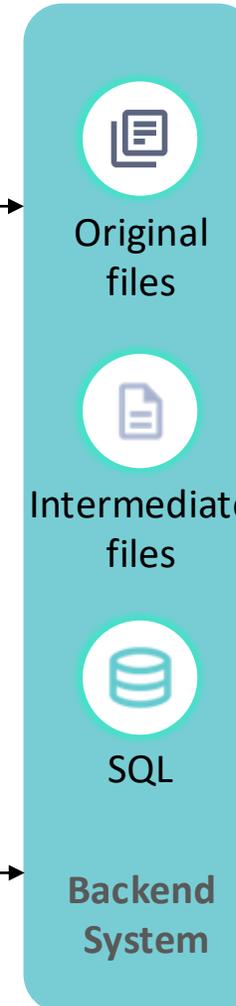
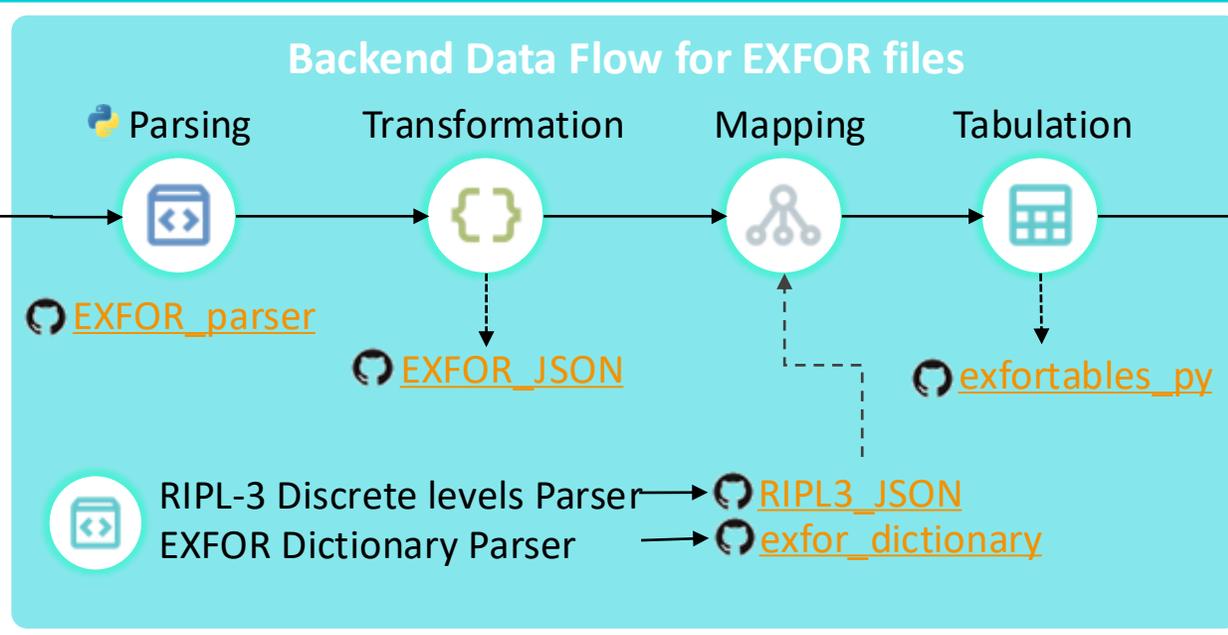
Web APIs

- Easy computational access
 - Reaction, EXFOR entry and definition of EXFOR keywords, RIPL-3 levels

Dataflow: Experimental (EXFOR) and Evaluated (ENDF-6) Data

Experimental Data (EXFOR)

Trans files →  [EXFOR_Master](#)

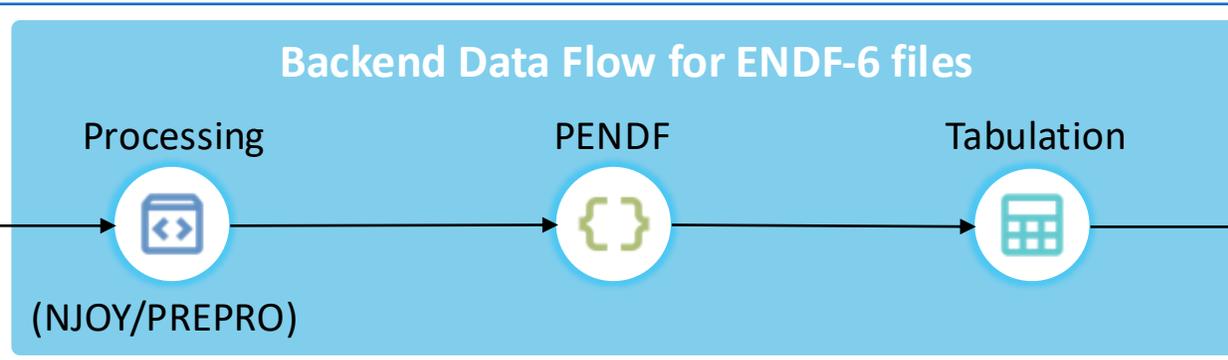


Evaluated Data

Latest ENDF-6 libraries
Libraries-2025

Arjan Koning

Evaluated nuclear data libraries and EXFOR
in tabular format, plots and statistics.



EXFOR Parsing: General Format Parsing into JSON

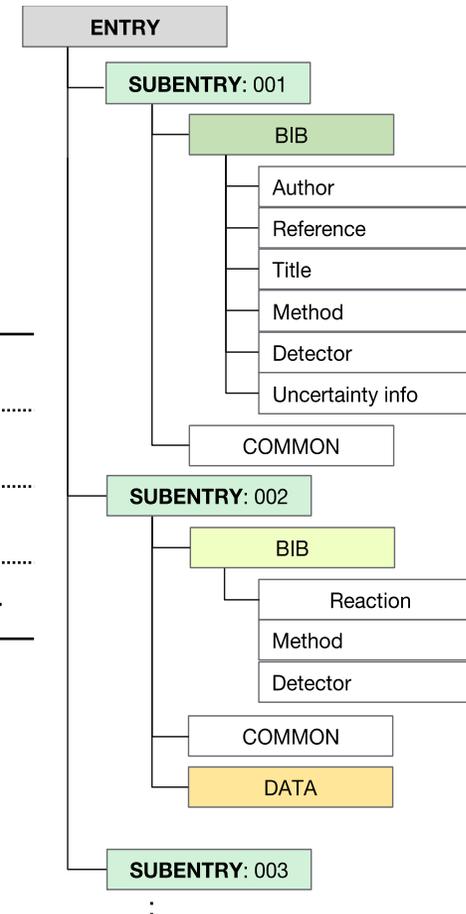
• Block Parsing

- Pseudo-document oriented database format.
- Based on tagged, nested blocks.

Raw Input Block

Parsed JSON Fragment

ENTRY – ENENTRY	"entry": "D1036", "last_updated": ...
SUBENT – ENDSUBENT	"subentry": "D1036001", "date": ...
BIB – ENDBIB	"bib_record": { "title": "...", ... }
DATA - ENDDATA	"data": { "head": [...], "unit": [], "data"*[]... }



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ENTRY      10230  20010309  20010426  20050926  0000
SUBENT     10230001 20010309  20010426  20050926  0000
BIB        14      37
INSTITUTE  (1USADAV)
REFERENCE  (J,PR/C,5,1,197201)
AUTHOR     (M.ALMAN,F.P.BRADY,J.A.JUNGERMAN,W.J.KNOX,M.R.MCGIE,
           T.C.MONTGOMERY)
TITLE      Neutron Total Cross Sections of the Light Elements in
           the Energy Range 24-60 MeV
FACILITY   (CYCLO) Isochronous cyclotron.
INC-SOURCE (P-LI7) 7Li(p,n) source
INC-SPECT  Neutrons monochromatic with resolution (FWHM) of 2
           MeV. Mean energy determined to better than 100 keV by
           time-of-flight.
SAMPLE     Cylinders 63mm to 127mm long, 25.4mm diameter. high-
           purity material.
METHOD     (TOF) Time-of-flight
DETECTOR   (TELES) Each telescope contained veto scintillator, CH2
           converter, and two thin (1mm) scintillators separated
           by copper absorber. Absorber removed low-energy tail.
           Neutron-detection efficiency of each about 1%.
           Beam passed in sequence through a telescope, the
           sample, and a second and third telescope. Target -
           sample distance 4 m. Sample - midpoint between second
           and third telescope distance 3.5 m.
CORRECTION Corrected for background, air displacement, dead time,
           finite solid angle, beam hardening, and impurities.
           Total of all corrections typically 0.5%.
           Energy uncertainty correction small and only made at
           46.18 MeV.
ERR-ANALYS (DATA-ERR) Includes uncertainty due to
           . counting statistics.
           . background correction (20%),
           . dead-time correction (30%),
           . impurity correction (50%).
STATUS     (APRVD) Approved by author.
           Data taken from Table II of reference.
           (19720111C)
HISTORY    (19821015A) Converted to REACTION formalism
           (20010309A) Updated to new date formats, lower case.
ENDBIB     37
NOCOMMON   0      0
ENDSUBENT  40
SUBENT     10230002 20010309  20010426  20050926  0000
BIB        1      1
REACTION   (4-BE-9(N,TOT)),SIG)
ENDBIB     1
NOCOMMON   0      0
DATA       3      5
EN         DATA  DATA-ERR
MEV        MB      MB
36.34     971.3   2.3
46.18     810.0   1.7
49.07     762.2   1.7
54.37     696.6   1.8
  
```

EXFOR Parsing: EXFOR Code and Free Text Separation

- Block → Key-Value Parsing → JSON → SQL Table

- Step 1: Separation of dictionary-defined codes (in parentheses) from free-text descriptions + JSON conversion

```
FACILITY (CYCLO,3POLIPJ) C-30 cyclotron
SAMPLE Enriched metallic 112Sn
        (20.6 mg, 5 mm diam., 0.2 mm thick)
        (50-SN-112,ENR=0.84)
        (50-SN-114,ENR=0.13)
DETECTOR (HPGE) 1 HPGe detector (1.8 keV resolution at
        1332 keV) for 114m2In measurement, and 2 HPGe
        detectors (2.0 keV resolution at 1332 keV and 1.1 keV
        resolution at 122 keV)
```

```
"facilities": [
  {"x4_code": "(CYCLO,3POLIPJ)", "free_txt": ["C-30 cyclotron"],
   "facility_type": "(CYCLO)", "institute": "(3POLIPJ)"}
],
"sample": [
  {"x4_code": null, "free_txt": ["Enriched metallic 112Sn", "(20.6 mg, 5
mm diam., 0.2 mm thick)"]},
  {"x4_code": "(50-SN-112,ENR=0.84)", "free_txt": []},
  {"x4_code": "(50-SN-114,ENR=0.13)", "free_txt": []}
],
"detector": [
  {"x4_code": "(HPGE)", "free_txt": ["1 HPGe detector (1.8 keV
resolution at", "1332 keV) for 114m2In" ...]}
]
```

- Step 2: SQL Representation

Key	Value	Free text
SAMPLE		Enriched metallic 112Sn (20.6 mg, 5 mm diam., 0.2 mm thick)
SAMPLE	(50-SN-112,ENR=0.84)	
SAMPLE	(50-SN-114,ENR=0.13)	
METHOD	(ACTIV)	Irradiated for 5 min at 27nA or 1 hr at 3.5 nA
INC-SPECT		The proton energy beam was determined by detection of elastically scattered proton on polyethylene foil by a Si(Li) telescope.
DETECTOR	(HPGE)	1 HPGe detector (1.8 keV resolution at 1332 keV) for 114m2In measurement, and 2 HPGe detectors (2.0 keV resolution at 1332 keV and 1.1 keV resolution at 122 keV)

EXFOR Parsing: Handling Reaction Expressions

- Re-Structuring EXFOR's Reaction Math Expressions for Better Usability

- Clear Operation
- JSON-Friendly

```
{  
  "type": "Ratio",  
  "numerator": "...",  
  "denominator": "..."  
}
```

Original Expression	Structured Form
(92-U-235(N,F),,SIG)	N/A
((9-F-19(N,G)9-F-20,,RI)//(9-F-19(N,G)9-F-20,,SIG))	['Ratio', '(9-F-19(N,G)9-F-20,,RI)', '(9-F-19(N,G)9-F-20,,SIG)']
((94-PU-239(N,F),DL/GRP,NU)/(94-PU-239(N,F),DL,NU))	['Divide', '(94-PU-239(N,F),DL/GRP,NU)', '(94-PU-239(N,F),DL,NU)']
((92-U-238(N,F)ELEM/MASS,CUM,FY)/ (92-U-238(N,F)43-TC-99,CUM,FY))// ((92-U-235(N,F)ELEM/MASS,CUM,FY,,MXW)/ (92-U-235(N,F)43-TC-99,CUM,FY,,MXW)))	['Ratio', ['Divide', '(92-U-238(N,F)ELEM/MASS,CUM,FY)', '(92-U-238(N,F)43-TC-99,CUM,FY)'], ['Divide', '(92-U-235(N,F)ELEM/MASS,CUM,FY,,MXW)', '(92-U-235(N,F)43-TC-99,CUM,FY,,MXW)']]

The EXFOR Entry Viewer

Example: <https://nds.iaea.org/dataexplorer/exfor/entry/40412>

ENTRY 40412 20200318 20200515 20200514
SUBENT 4 0412001 20200318 20200515 20200514
BIB 13 76
INSTITUTE (4RUSFEI)
REFERENCE (J,AE,38,82,1975) Issue 2.
 (J,SJA,38,105,1975) Engl.translation of AE,38,
 #doi:10.1007/BF01208866
 (R,FEI-274,1971)
 (R,INDC(CCP)-21,1972) Engl.translation of R,FE
 (C,71KIEV,1,293,1971) Graphs of Alpha val
 (C,71KIEV,1,301,1971) Exp.method.
 (R,FEI-290,1972) Facility details.
 (J,AE,32,85,1972) Issue 1. Graphs of Alpha val
 (J,SJA,32,95,1972) Engl.translation of AE,32,8
 #doi:10.1007/BF01261042
 ((R,YK-15,12,1974)=
 (R,INDC(CCP)-57,12,1974))
 Even at NDS web-site in this INDC(CCP)-57 pdf
 are absent.
AUTHOR (V.N.Kononov, E.D.Poletaev, B.D.Yurlov, Yu.S.Pr
 A.A.Metlev, Yu.Ya.Stavisskiy)
TITLE Measurement of alpha and the 235U and 239Pu fi
 capture cross sections for 10-80 keV neutrons
FACILITY (VDG,4RUSFEI) FEI pulsed Van-de-Graaff accele
 Pulse duration 22ns, frequency 300.kHz.
INC-SOURCE (P-LI7) Proton-Lithium-7
 Metal lithium targets were used
 (P-T) Proton-tritium, standard tritium-ti
 targets were used
SAMPLE Four metal Pu-239 discs of 40 mm diameter, 2.5
 nuclei/b thickness. Total weight 14.5 g.
 Pu-240 content in the sample - 0.2%.
 Triuranium octoxide U3O8 (90.3 percents of U-2
 Sample of 4.1E-3 U-235-nuclei/b thickness in a
 shell of 40 mm Diameter and 0.5mm wall thickne
 U3O8 weight - 24.4g.
 Background measurements equivalent scattering
 of carbon and lead were used
METHOD (TOF) Time-of-flight method with resolutio
 nsec/m for neutron energy range from 10 keV to
 And energy resolution from 10 keV to 30 keV
 For neutron energy range from 100 keV to 1 MeV
 at working on monoenergetic neutrons.
 Flight path 1.18 m.
DETECTOR (STANK) Large (400. l) liquid scintillation de
 loaded with cadmium
 (FISCH) Fast ionization chamber with Cf-252.
 (NAICR) NaI(Tl) Crystal of 150x80 mm size det
 Amplitude resolution about 13 % at E-gamma=47
 time resolution 8ns at E-gamma 420.-540. keV.
MONITOR Measurement of the capture-to-fission cross-se
 ratios (ALFA) was absolute
 The fission cross-sections have been measured
 energy dependence of B-10(n,alpha-gamma) react
 given by Sowerby M.G. et al, 70HELSINKI,1,161
 Macklin P.L. et al, Phys.Rev., 165, 1147, 1968
 Normalization of fission cross-section was mad
 energy region 30-40 keV to evaluated data by S
 et al, Ann. Of Sci. and Eng., V1, No.718,1974.
CORRECTION Correction for isotopic impurities, correction
 neutron multiplication in the samples, correct
 energy dependence nu-bar, correction for multi
 neutron self-shieldin

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 Number of entry: 2448, Number of dataset: 123456

Entry number: 40412: Last updated on 2020-05-15 (Rev. 7) [Compilation history](#) [EXFOR](#) [GIT](#) [JSON](#)

Title: Measurement of alpha and the 235U and 239Pu fission and capture cross sections for 10-80 keV neutrons
Autors: V.N.Kononov, E.D.Poletaev, B.D.Yurlov, Yu.S.Prokopets, A.A.Metlev, Yu.Ya.Stavisskiy,
Institute: (4RUSFEI)
References: (J,AE,38,82,1975), (J,SJA,38,105,1975), (R,FEI-274,1971), (R,INDC(CCP)-21,1972), (C,71KIEV,1,293,1971), (C,71KIEV,1,301,1971), (R,FEI-290,1972), (J,AE,32,85,1972), ((R,YK-15,12,1974)=(R,INDC(CCP)-57,12,1974)), ((R,YK-15,12,1974)=(R,INDC(CCP)-57,12,1974)),
Reactions: 40412-004-0: (92-U-235(N,G)92-U-236,,SIG,,AV)

EXPERIMENTAL CONDITIONS

CORRECTION Correction for isotopic impurities, correction for neutron multiplication in the samples, correction for energy dependence nu-bar, correction for multiple neutron scattering and resonance self-shielding.

DETECTOR (STANK) Large (400. l) liquid scintillation detector loaded with cadmium
 (FISCH) Fast ionization chamber with Cf-252.
 (NAICR) NaI(Tl) Crystal of 150x80 mm size detector.
 Amplitude resolution about 13 % at E-gamma=478 keV,
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INC-SOURCE (P-LI7) Proton-Lithium-7
 Metal lithium targets were used
 (P-T) Proton-tritium, standard tritium-titanium targets were used

METHOD (TOF) Time-of-flight method with resolution 18 nsec/m for neutron energy range from 10 keV to 80 keV
 And energy resolution from 10 keV to 30 keV
 For neutron energy range from 100 keV to 1 MeV at working on monoenergetic neutrons.
 Flight path 1.18 m.

20 40 60
 EN-MIN (KEV)

← Simplified bibliographic info

← Reactions in ENTRY

← Measurement info

↓ Tooltip from the EXFOR dictionary

Scintillator tank

Separate code and free text →

Search EXFOR Entry

Example: https://nds.iaea.org/dataexplorer/exfor/search?type=DA&target_elem=Nb&target_mass=93

API Docs Tips

Dataset
EXFOR Viewer

Search by entry number/ID
e.g. 12345, 12345-002-0

Search from reaction index
Angular Distribution (DA)

Target
Nb
Target mass: 0:natural, m:metastable

Incident Particle and Reaction
On Op Od Ot Oa Oh Og
Reaction e.g. (n,g)

More search options
MORE OPTIONS

First author
One of the authors
Measured at
Type of facility
EXFOR SF4
EXFOR SF5
EXFOR SF7
EXFOR SF8

SEARCH CLEAR

EXFOR Filter Options
Energy Range
1.00e-8 - 1.00e+3 MeV
Year Range
1900 1930 1970 201 2025

Other Search Options
[Geo search](#)

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Number of entry: 25919. Last update EXFOR master repository: v20231027.0.

Search results for type: Angular Distribution (DA), target_elem: Nb, . Number of EXFOR subentries: 256.

Entry Id	Authors	Year	Refer...	Target	Process	SF4	SF5	SF6	SF7	SF8	EXFO...	Emin	Emax
D6409-005-0	S.K.Pandi...	2021	(J,PL/B,820,1	41-NB-93	3-LI-7,EL	41-NB-93		DA		RTH	(41-NB-9...	2.400e+1	2.400e+1
D6409-006-0	S.K.Pandi...	2021	(J,PL/B,820,1	41-NB-93	3-LI-7,X	2-HE-4		DA			(41-NB-9...	2.400e+1	2.400e+1
D6409-007-0	S.K.Pandi...	2021	(J,PL/B,820,1	41-NB-93	3-LI-7,A	42-MO-96		DA			(41-NB-9...	2.400e+1	2.400e+1
D6388-002-0	T.N.Nag, ...	2020	(J,PR/C,102,0	41-NB-93	6-C-12,EL	41-NB-93		DA		RTH	(41-NB-9...	6.500e+1	6.500e+1
D6388-003-0	T.N.Nag, ...	2020	(J,PR/C,102,0	41-NB-93	6-C-13,EL	41-NB-93		DA		RTH	(41-NB-9...	6.500e+1	6.500e+1
D6388-004-0	T.N.Nag, ...	2020	(J,PR/C,102,0	41-NB-93	6-C-12,X	7-N-15		DA			(41-NB-9...	6.500e+1	6.500e+1
D6388-005-0	T.N.Nag, ...	2020	(J,PR/C,102,0	41-NB-93	6-C-12,X	7-N-13		DA			(41-NB-9...	6.500e+1	6.500e+1
D6388-006-0	T.N.Nag, ...	2020	(J,PR/C,102,0	41-NB-93	6-C-12,X	6-C-13		DA			(41-NB-9...	6.500e+1	6.500e+1
D6388-007-0	T.N.Nag, ...	2020	(J,PR/C,102,0	41-NB-93	6-C-12,X	5-B-11		DA			(41-NB-9...	6.500e+1	6.500e+1
D6388-008-0	T.N.Nag, ...	2020	(J,PR/C,102,0	41-NB-93	6-C-12,X	5-B-10		DA			(41-NB-9...	6.500e+1	6.500e+1
D6388-009-0	T.N.Nag, ...	2020	(J,PR/C,102,0	41-NB-93	6-C-12,X	4-BE-10		DA			(41-NB-9...	6.500e+1	6.500e+1
D6388-010-0	T.N.Nag, ...	2020	(J,PR/C,102,0	41-NB-93	6-C-12,X	4-BE-9		DA			(41-NB-9...	6.500e+1	6.500e+1
D6388-011-0	T.N.Nag, ...	2020	(J,PR/C,102,0	41-NB-93	6-C-12,X	3-LI-7		DA			(41-NB-9...	6.500e+1	6.500e+1
D6388-012-0	T.N.Nag, ...	2020	(J,PR/C,102,0	41-NB-93	6-C-13,X	7-N-15		DA			(41-NB-9...	6.500e+1	6.500e+1
D6388-013-0	T.N.Nag, ...	2020	(J,PR/C,102,0	41-NB-93	6-C-13,X	7-N-14		DA			(41-NB-9...	6.500e+1	6.500e+1
D6388-014-0	T.N.Nag, ...	2020	(J,PR/C,102,0	41-NB-93	6-C-13,X	6-C-14		DA			(41-NB-9...	6.500e+1	6.500e+1
D6388-015-0	T.N.Nag, ...	2020	(J,PR/C,102,0	41-NB-93	6-C-13,X	6-C-12		DA			(41-NB-9...	6.500e+1	6.500e+1
D6388-016-0	T.N.Nag, ...	2020	(J,PR/C,102,0	41-NB-93	6-C-13,X	5-B-12		DA			(41-NB-9...	6.500e+1	6.500e+1
D6388-017-0	T.N.Nag, ...	2020	(J,PR/C,102,0	41-NB-93	6-C-13,X	5-B-11		DA			(41-NB-9...	6.500e+1	6.500e+1
D6388-018-0	T.N.Nag, ...	2020	(J,PR/C,102,0	41-NB-93	6-C-13,X	4-BE-10		DA			(41-NB-9...	6.500e+1	6.500e+1
D6388-019-0	T.N.Nag, ...	2020	(J,PR/C,102,0	41-NB-93	6-C-13,X	4-BE-9		DA			(41-NB-9...	6.500e+1	6.500e+1
D6388-020-0	T.N.Nag, ...	2020	(J,PR/C,102,0	41-NB-93	6-C-13,X	3-LI-7		DA			(41-NB-9...	6.500e+1	6.500e+1
D6388-021-0	T.N.Nag, ...	2020	(J,PR/C,102,0	41-NB-93	6-C-13,X	3-LI-6		DA			(41-NB-9...	6.500e+1	6.500e+1
D6388-022-0	T.N.Nag, ...	2020	(J,PR/C,102,0	41-NB-93	6-C-12,INL	41-NB-93	PAR	DA			(41-NB-9...	0.000e+0	0.000e+0
D6388-023-0	T.N.Nag, ...	2020	(J,PR/C,102,0	41-NB-93	6-C-12,6...	41-NB-92	PAR	DA			(41-NB-9...	0.000e+0	0.000e+0
D6388-024-0	T.N.Nag, ...	2020	(J,PR/C,102,0	41-NB-93	6-C-12,6...	41-NB-91	PAR	DA			(41-NB-9...	0.000e+0	0.000e+0

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Fe56(n,g) Cross Section Plot

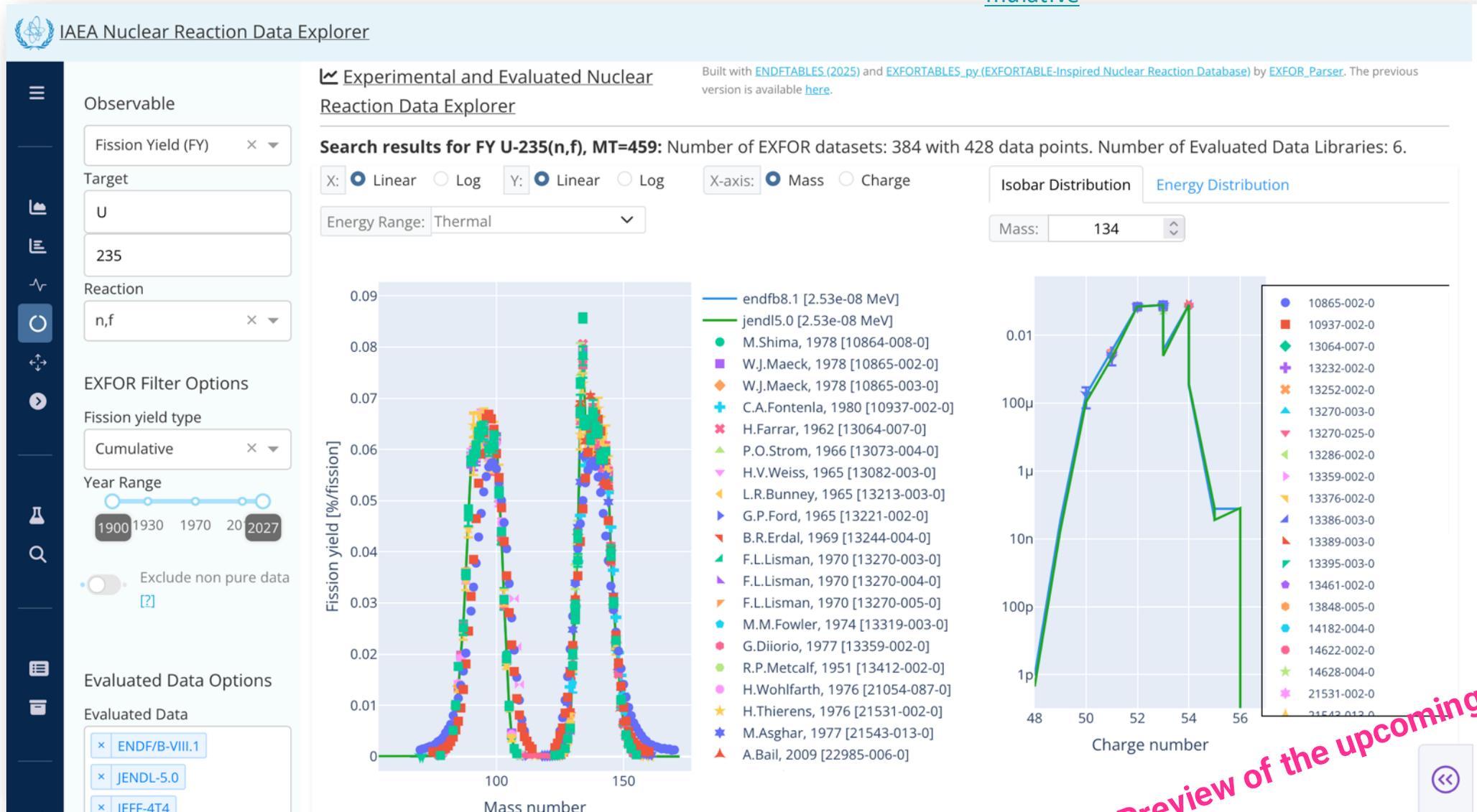
Example: https://nds.iaea.org/dataexplorer/reactions/xs?target_elem=Fe&target_mass=56&reaction=n%2Cg



Preview of the upcoming interface

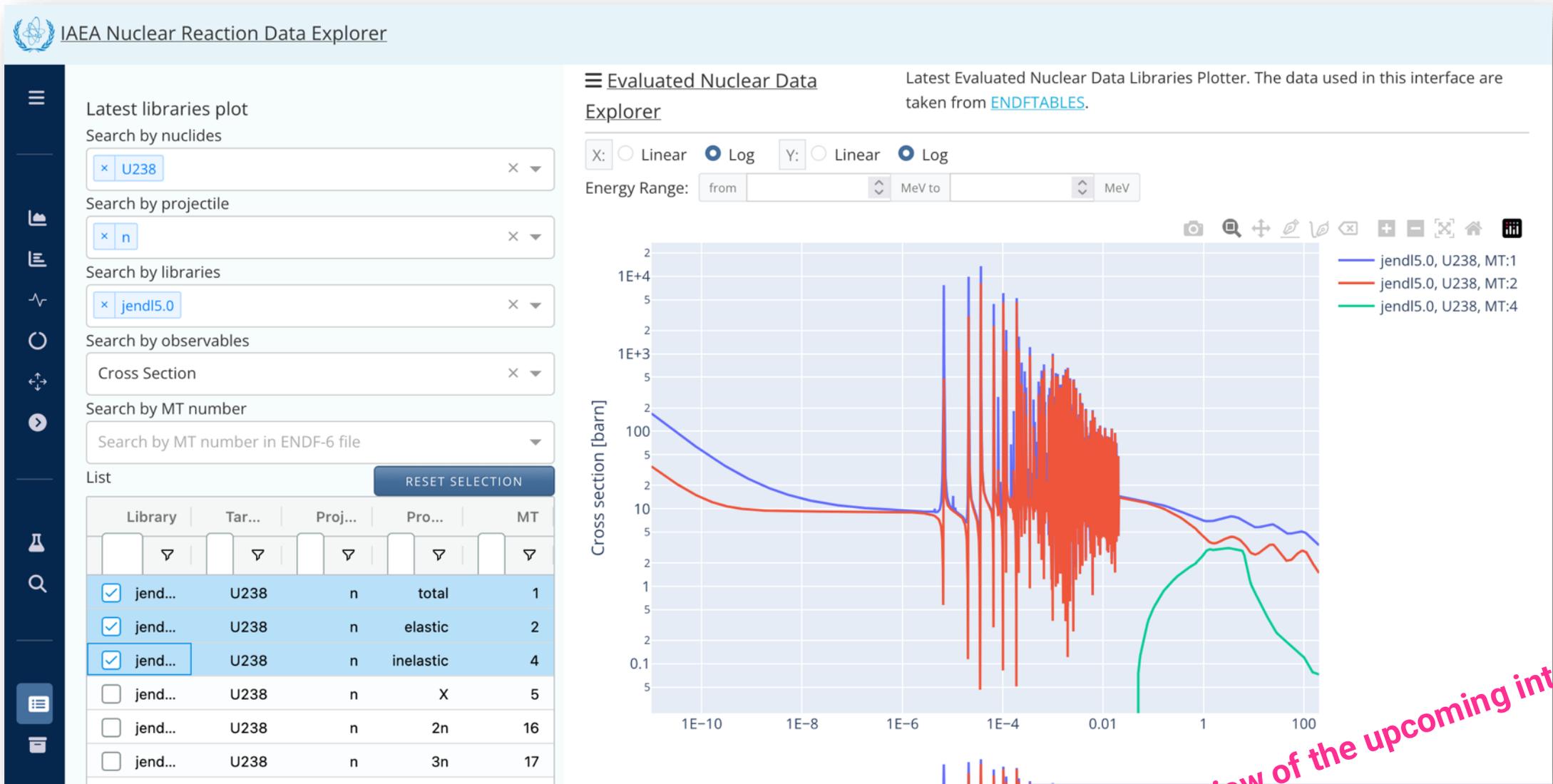
Fission Product Yield Plot

Example: https://nds.iaea.org/dataexplorer/reactions/fy?&target_elem=U&target_mass=235&reaction=n,f&fy_type=Cumulative



Preview of the upcoming interface

Library Comparison





Library Archive Access (powered by DeCE)

IAEA Nuclear Reaction Data Explorer

Evaluated Nuclear Data Explorer

Evaluated Nuclear Data Library in ENDF-6 format viewer powered by DeCE developed in Los Alamos National Laboratory, NM, US.

ENDF-6 Format File

JENDL4.0

n

Am243_20120914.j40u1...

ENDF Section

Files - MF

MF3: Reaction cross sect.

MT2: Elastic scattering cr.

table

showheaders

extract

table

reconstruct

Selection: MF3-MT2 (operator=table)

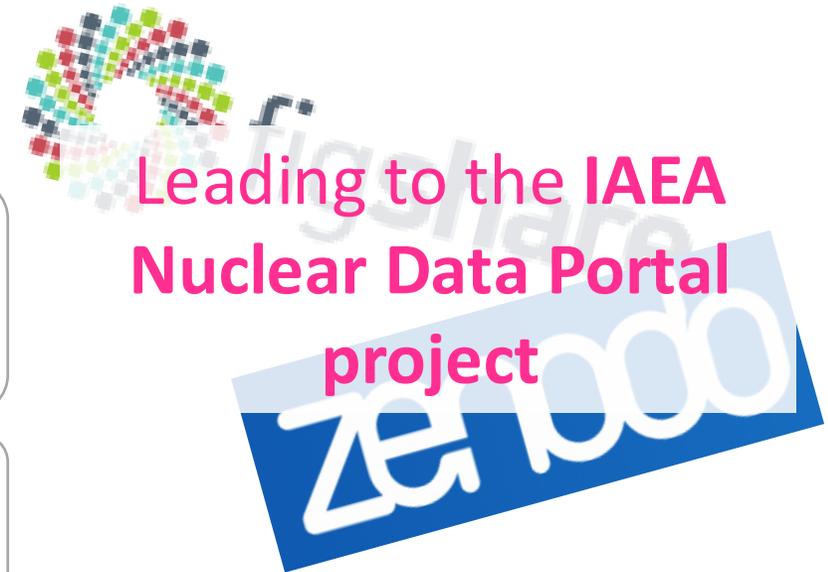
```
# [ 9549 : 3 : 2 ] 95 - 243
# Cross section
# QM 0.0000000e+00 mass difference Q-value
# QI 0.0000000e+00 reaction Q-value
# NR 2 number of interpolation range
# NP 4 lin-lin interpolation
# Energy CrossSection
1.0000000e-05 0.0000000e+00
2.5300000e-02 0.0000000e+00
2.5000000e+02 0.0000000e+00
2.5000000e+02 1.3913400e+01
# NP 116 log-log interpolation
# Energy CrossSection
```

X: Linear Log Y: Linear Log

- ENDF-6 content viewer powered by DeCE^[1]
 - showheaders: print parameters in header MF1 MT 451
 - extract: print section in ENDF-6 format
 - table: print section in tabulated table format
 - reconstruct: cross section from resonance parameters

Preview of the upcoming interface

Scenario in Next Few Years



experimentalists

I want to share recently measured data as soon as possible with collaborators and others. I cannot wait for the EXFOR compilation.

Is there a place to upload data for sharing? (Ideally with a persistent identifier like a DOI.)



theoreticians

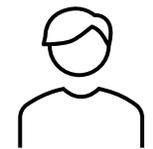
I want to share the theoretical calculation results published in a paper so that other scientists can easily access and reuse them.

I want to preserve the datasets and methods (metadata) used to produce evaluated library data.



evaluators

I have corrected an EXFOR entry data. The original entry contained a compilation mistake.



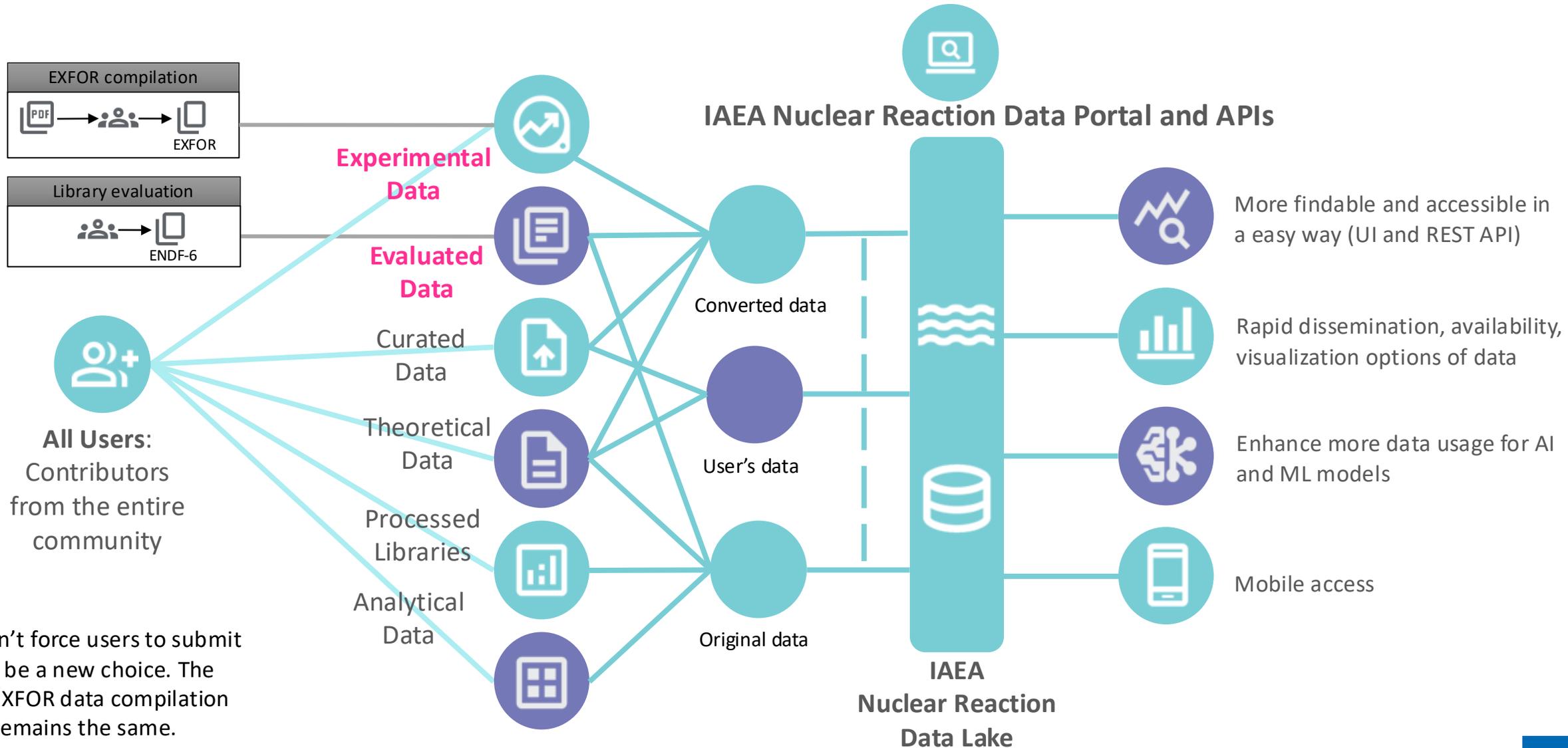
any data user

Ideas for the Next Decade – Nuclear Reaction Data Portal

Consolidating these scenarios into practical implementation needs leads:

1. Format-Independent Data Access
 - Access nuclear data without requiring expertise in formats such as EXFOR or ENDF-6.
2. Rich Metadata & Contextual Relationships
 - Link between datasets, experiments, and evaluations for clear context.
3. Accelerated Data Availability
 - User submissions + automatic extraction from publications for rapid updates.
4. Community-Driven Contributions
 - Curated, corrected, theoretical, or experimental data with provenance tracking.
5. Transparent and Reproducible Evaluations (≡WPEC SG54)
 - Trace ENDF evaluations back to experimental and corrected data.
6. Future-Ready Infrastructure and Modern Data Management
 - Scalable, version-controlled, FAIR-compliant system ready for AI and new data types.

Next Step: Expand the Data Explorer into a Data Portal

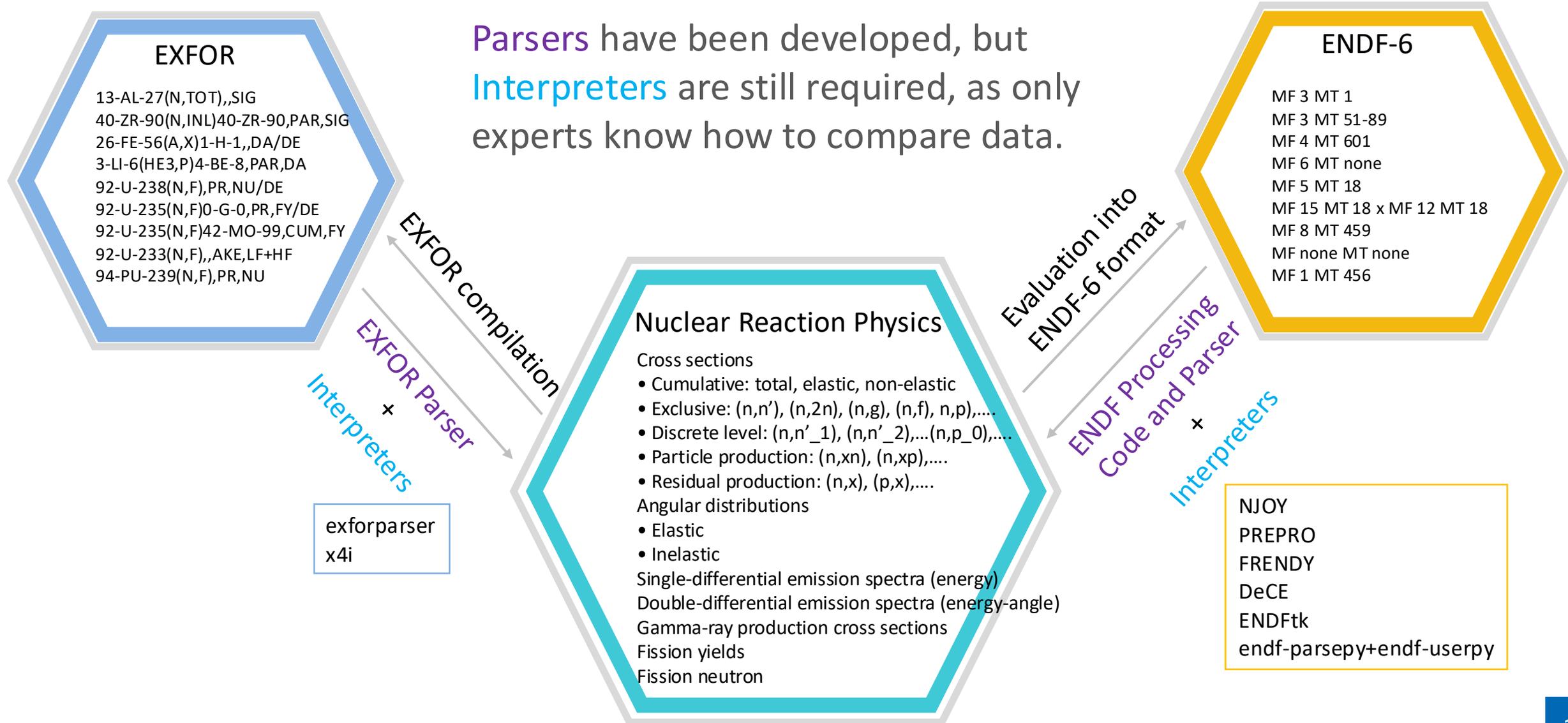


* We won't force users to submit data, it'll be a new choice. The current EXFOR data compilation process remains the same.

Data Portal Project Goals

- **Goal 1: Integrate** diverse nuclear data **into unified data models**
 - Scalable, version-controlled, AI-ready infrastructure.
 - Convert legacy nuclear data formats into machine-readable JSON and/or SQL models.
 - Support modern scientific **data management** practices.
- **Goal 2: Ensure data quality, provenance, and reproducibility**
 - Track data provenance and processing history.
 - Maintain explicit links between evaluated values and experimental / curated data.
- **Goal 3: Enable open and FAIR data access**
 - Align with FAIR principles (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable).
 - Provide APIs and bulk data access for collaborating institutes.
 - Use standardized identifiers:
 - Institutes → ROR, Authors → ORCID, Publications → DOI
- **Goal 4: Support community contributions**
 - Allow submission of curated, corrected, collected, theoretical, or experimental data.
 - Support **rapid updates and dissemination** via automatic extraction and user submissions.

Challenges on Data Mapping



Parsers have been developed, but Interpreters are still required, as only experts know how to compare data.

Summary

- The IAEA Nuclear Reaction Data Explorer has been developed since 2021, was renewed in March 2024, and will be renewed in 2026 with the following updates:
 - New interface, latest datasets
 - Additional observables: Resonance Parameters, Transmission
 - New function: Library archive access using DeCE as an EDNF-6 parser
- Towards a new era of nuclear data management and utilization, developments of IAEA Nuclear Reaction Data Portal has been initiated.
 - Existing data formats and processes will remain unchanged for the official community.
 - Nuclear Reaction Data Portal will provide new options to explore and analyse data using modern mechanisms with new transparent data pipelines.
 - Timeline will be announced within 2026.
- Any comments and requests from Nuclear Data for the Next Decade community are appreciated.
 - Feedback: nds.contact-point@iaea.org or s.okumura@iaea.org



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Useful Resources around EXFOR

Area	Name	Purpose	GitHub Repository
EXFOR	EXFOR Master Files	Preservations of all historical changes on EXFOR entries	https://github.com/IAEA-NDS/exfor_master
	EXFOR in JSON	All EXFOR entries converted into JSON	https://github.com/IAEA-NDS/exfor_json
	EXFOR Dictionary in JSON	All EXFOR entries converted into JSON	https://github.com/IAEA-NDS/exfor_dictionary
	EXFOR Parser	Program to Parse EXFOR and convert into JSON and create tabulated table	https://github.com/IAEA-NDS/exforparser
	EXFORTABLES_py	EXFOR data in tabulated format similar to EXFORTABLES	https://github.com/shinokumura/exfortables_py
	RIPL-3 Discrete Levels in JSON	All discrete levels converted into JSON	https://github.com/shinokumura/ripl3_json
	Thermal Cross Section	Extracted thermal cross section from EXFOR	https://github.com/shinokumura/thermaldata
	Resonance Parameters	Extracted resonance parameters from EXFOR	https://github.com/shinokumura/resonance_data
	More DOIs for EXFOR Entries	DOIs for REFERENCE, REL-REF and MONIT-REF in EXFOR entries	https://github.com/shinokumura/exfor_entry_doi

Reactions API

GET

</dataexplorer/api/reactions/{type}>

Name	Data Type	Required	Description
type	string		xs : Cross section residual : Residual production cross sections thermal : Thermal neutron cross sections fy : fission yields

- General search parameters

Name	Data Type	Required	Description
target_elem	string		e.g. Al
target_mass	number		e.g. 27
reaction	string		e.g. n,g
rp_elem	string	optional	Element name of the residual product
rp_mass	number	optional	Mass number of the residual product
fy_type	string	optional	Cumulative, Independent, Primary for FPY
table	boolean	optional	Default: False, True to include data table in the return
page	number		Default: 1, page number of paging. 100 datasets in one page are returned.

Example: https://nds.iaea.org/dataexplorer/api/reactions/xs?target_elem=Al&target_mass=27&reaction=n%2Cp&table=True&page=1

```

aggregations:
  22312-003-0:
    author: "Y.Ikeda"
    datatable:
      data: [...]
      ddata: [...]
      den_inc: [...]
      en_inc: [...]
      level_num: [...]
      residual: [...]
    e_inc_max: 14.91
    e_inc_min: 13.33
    file: "https://nds.iaea.org/dataexplorer/api/reactions/xs?target_elem=Al&target_mass=27&reaction=n%2Cp&table=True&page=1"
    level_num: null
    mf: 3
    mt: 103
    points: 8
    sf4: "12-MG-27"
    sf5: null
    sf6: "SIG"
    sf7: null
    sf8: null
    sf9: null
    x4_code: "(13-AL-27(N,P)12-MG-27,,SIG)"
    year: 1993
    22338-030-0: {...}
    22414-006-0: {...}
    22641-002-0: {...}
  
```

Simple Use Case of Reactions API

```

import json
import pandas as pd
import requests
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

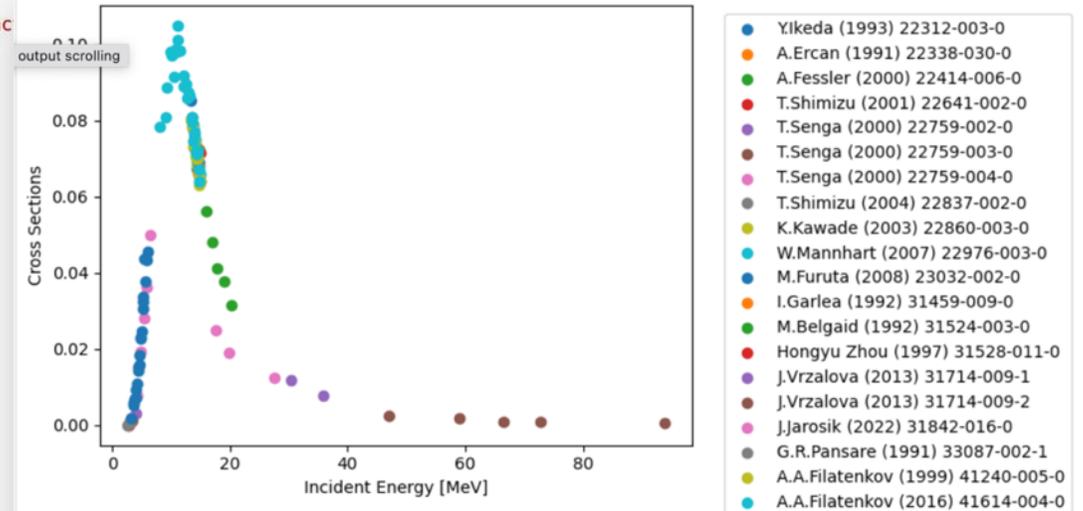
# access to the reaction data via HTTPS
headers = {
    "Authorization": "Bearer xxxxxxxxxxxx",
    "User-Agent": "Get all samples",
    "Content-Type": "application/json",
}
response = requests.get("https://nds.iaea.org/dataexplorer/api/reactions/xs?target_elem=Al&target_mass=27&reac
                        headers=headers)

# get response in JSON format
entries = response.json().get("aggregations")

# loop over the entries and make the plot and store the data into pandas dataframe
df = pd.DataFrame()
for entry in entries.keys():
    entry_df = pd.DataFrame.from_dict(entries[entry]["datatable"])
    author = entries[entry]["author"]
    year = entries[entry]["year"]
    plt.scatter(entry_df["en_inc"], entry_df["data"], label=f"{author} ({year}) {entry}")
    df = pd.concat([df, entry_df])

plt.ylabel('Cross Sections')
plt.xlabel('Incident Energy [MeV]')
plt.legend(bbox_to_anchor=(1.04, 1), loc="upper left")
plt.show()
print(df)

```



	data	ddata	den_inc	en_inc	level_num	residual
0	0.0641	0.0022	None	14.91	None	Mg-27
1	0.0688	0.0031	None	14.65	None	Mg-27
2	0.0675	0.0063	None	14.42	None	Mg-27
3	0.0721	0.0038	None	14.22	None	Mg-27
4	0.0760	0.003	None	13.98	None	Mg-27
..
3	0.0718	0.001501	None	14.04	None	Mg-27
4	0.0710	0.001377	None	14.26	None	Mg-27
5	0.0720	0.001368	None	14.44	None	Mg-27
6	0.0671	0.001389	None	14.63	None	Mg-27
7	0.0640	0.001242	None	14.81	None	Mg-27

[113 rows x 6 columns]

EXFOR Entry API

Example: <https://nds.iaea.org/dataexplorer/api/exfor/entry/31558>

GET /dataexplorer/api/exfor/entry/{entry_id}/{subent_id}

Name	Data Type	Required	Description
entry_id	string		EXFOR entry number
subent_id	string	optional	Subentry number

GET /dataexplorer/api/exfor/entry/{entry_id}/{section}

Name	Data Type	Required	Description
section	string	optional	bib: return bibliographic data data: return datatable experiment: return experimental conditions histories: return entry history

```
127.0.0.1:5000/exfor/entry/22449
JSON Raw Data Headers
Save Copy Collapse All Expand All Filter JSON
▼ bib_record:
  ▶ authors: [...]
  ▶ facilities: [...]
  ▶ institutes: [...]
  ▶ references: [...]
  ▶ title: ".The Stellar (N,GAMMA) ...table Iridium Isotopes"
▼ data_tables:
  ▶ 001: [...]
  ▶ 002: [...]
  ▶ 003: [...]
entry: "22449"
▼ experimental_conditions:
  ▶ 001: [...]
  ▶ 002: [...]
  ▶ 003: [...]
▼ histories:
  ▼ 0:
    ▼ free_txt:
      0: " Compiled by S.M."
      x4_code: "(2000202C)"
  ▼ 1:
    ▼ free_txt:
      0: " Last checking has been done."
      x4_code: "(2000202U)"
last_updated: "2006-07-20"
number_of_revisions: "3"
```

EXFOR Dictionary API

GET

</dataexplorer/api/exfor/dict/{field}/{name}>

Name	Data Type	Required	Description
field	string		institute: used in INSTITUTE field facility: used in FACILITY field method: used in METHOD field detector: used in DETECTOR field
name	string	optional	

<http://nds.iaea.org/dataexplorer/api/exfor/dict/institute/1CANALA>

```
active: true
description: "University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta"
```

<https://nds.iaea.org/dataexplorer/api/exfor/dict/facility/accel>

```
active: true
description: "Accelerator"
```

<http://nds.iaea.org/dataexplorer/api/exfor/dict/method/activ>

```
active: true
description: "Activation"
```

<http://nds.iaea.org/dataexplorer/api/exfor/dict/detector/hpge>

```
active: true
description: "Hyperpure Germanium detector"
```

Example: <https://nds.iaea.org/dataexplorer/api/exfor/dict/method>

```
codes:
  ABSFY:
    active: true
    description: "Absolute fission yield measurement"
  ACTIV:
    active: true
    description: "Activation"
  AMS:
    active: true
    description: "Accelerator mass spectrometry"
  ASEP:
    active: true
    description: "Off-line mass separation of a product"
  ASPEC:
    active: true
    description: "Alpha spectrometry"
  ASSOP:
    active: true
    description: "Associated particle"
  BCINT:
    active: true
    description: "Beam current integrated"
```

RIPL-3 discrete level API

GET

</dataexplorer/api/exfor/ripl3/{field}/{nuclide}>

Name	Data Type	Required	Description
field	string		levels: discrete level information
nuclide	string		Name of nuclide with '235U' format

Example: <http://nds.iaea.org/dataexplorer/api/ripl3/levels/90Zr>

```
{
  "level_info": {
    "A": 90,
    "Sn": "1.1966e+01",
    "Sp": "8.3503e+00",
    "Z": 40
  },
  "level_record": {
    "0": {
      "gamma_record": [],
      "half_life": "-1.0000e+00",
      "level_energy": "0.0000e+00",
      "level_number": 1,
      "parity": 1,
      "spin": 0,
      "spin_notation": "0+"
    },
    "1": {},
    "2": {},
    "3": {},
    "4": {},
    "5": {},
    "6": {},
    "7": {},
    "8": {},
    "9": {},
    "10": {},
    "11": {}
  }
}
```