

INDC Proposal

**Nuclear Data form and Observable for
the safe Monitoring, Handling and
Disposal of nuclear fuels and irradiated
material from Pile, Experiment, Facility
and Nuclear Power plant**

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Background

- It is foreseen that during the next decades a significant number of nuclear power plant NPP, pile and equipment will have reached their end of life
- From a 2020 World inventory of circa 840 piles and research reactors, 226 still operational, 450 operational nuclear power plant generating electricity, 44 having been loaded with MOX fuel since the 70's, numerous research, industrial and medical facilities
- One notices that quite a few have already reached or are close to their end of life, have been closed while inevitably more will also reach those stages in the next decades

Background

- Existing plants, new conceptual designs need scouting the nuclear landscapes for operational efficiency, optimisation, safety or security gains
- New concepts need robust simulation based on exhaustive, complete nuclear data as experiments are scarce outside the traditional envelope
- Exhaustive, robust simulation of irradiated fuels, plant internals, irradiated structures are needed beyond the sole timescales of operation and wet storage

CM on nuclear data form and observable for the safe Monitoring, Handling and Disposal of nuclear fuels and irradiated material from pile, experiment, facility and nuclear power plant

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The purpose of the Consultancy Meeting on nuclear data form and observable for the safe Monitoring, characterisation, Dismantling, Decommissioning and Disposal of nuclear fuel and irradiated material from nuclear power plant, pile, experiment and facility is to assess members needs in terms of research, compilation and assembling of the specific nuclear data forms and observables databases needed for robust nominal and conceptual simulations of time dependant nuclear inventory, radiological characterisation and source terms for the fission, fusion, accelerator, life, earth, research sciences applications.

Agenda

The agenda is available from [here](#).

An instant of the virtual meeting

<https://www-nds.iaea.org/index-meeting-crp/CM-McDDD/>

Summary Report

The summary report [INDC\(NDS\)-0822](#) is available.

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Purposes

- To comprehend the needs for data forms and observables, services and capabilities in the operational and research areas important for time-dependent source terms simulations in support for the safe Monitoring, Handling and Disposal (even temporary) of irradiated materials and fuels, been existent or conceptual
- The simulations scheme and protocols involved rely heavily, depend on both comprehensive, all-embracing nuclear reactions, emitted particles, residuals spectra and decays data in unison

Aims

- to research, compile and assemble, deliver and deploy the data forms and observables needed for robust nominal or conceptual simulations of nuclear inventory and source terms for all applications
- From the backend of the fuel cycle to millennia when fission is concerned, but also able to provide for the specific need of accelerator, fusion, space and non-energy life and earth sciences applications

Intentions

- One imperative will be to streamline, automatize the evaluation, processing and verifications of the multiphase protocols capable of delivering the practical data forms needed while providing uncertainty quantification and propagation methodology UQM
- Such undertakings would also benefit for activities related to novel reactor concepts and fuel cycles research, development and demonstration by filling the gaps, completing the nuclear forms landscape beyond and above the traditional envelope

Limited regional tentative, to build upon

- JENDL LLFP Transmutation Cross Section File - JENDL/ImPACT-2018 - 163 targets
<https://www.ndc.jaea.go.jp/ftpnd/jendl/jendl-impact-2018.html>
- JENDL Activation Cross Section File for Nuclear Decommissioning - JENDL/AD-2017 - 312 targets
<https://www.ndc.jaea.go.jp/ftpnd/jendl/jendl-ad-2017.html>
- The European Activation File projects (2010) – 816 targets
https://www.oecd-nea.org/dbforms/data/eva/evatapes/eaf_2010/
- UK Decay Data 2012 - general purpose decay data
<https://fispact.ukaea.uk/nuclear-data/downloads/>

Deliverables

- The end-products fully integrate the nuclear data forms and observables (all fuels, materials) needed beyond the normal and safe operational NPP, piles, conceptual design needs, for in depth activation, transmutation, fuel burnup, shielding, materials decay doses and heat, hazard indices simulations
- Actual and conceptual novel concepts, accelerator, fusion, space and non-energy life & earth sciences applications fully covered by the high to low energy incident particle ranges and for the timescale from second after operation to millennia

Deliverables

- A specific goal is to achieve completeness in covering the nuclear data landscape rather than partiality without losing the gains: precision, robustness secured over decades in mostly but not only fission applications
 - $Z=1-100$, Hydrogen to Fermium, stable but also radioactive targets
 - Including isomeric states, target & daughter
 - Gamma, proton and neutron incident up to 200 MeV
 - Cross section, residual and emitted particle spectra,
 - Decay data for all residuals products

Strategy

- Nuclear observables and data forms are at the foundations of most nuclear programs
- IAEA's member countries traditional efforts in research, development and technologies have been in support of each member's needs
- However the scenarios are shifting in support of more cross-country, -continent collaborations on new technologies and waste standards (for acceptability) while regulations and licensing protocols now need to account for export markets (for critical mass, series effects, costs optimization)

Operational implementation

- Leadership NAPC/NDS with involvement, interest, collaboration with NAPC/PHY, NENP/NPTD, NENP/MFCM, NE-NEFW
- Interested IAEA's members countries and institutions: UK, Japan, Sweden-Norway-Finland, China, Switzerland, USA, Spain, France, Germany, Canada, etc. All countries susceptible to engage in NDO-MHD activities from Nuclear Power, Nuclear Sciences or otherwise
- Timelines: 2021-2024

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Monitoring, **H**andling, and **D**isposal
of nuclear fuels and irradiated materials

Depletion

Source terms

Material Science

Inventory

Activation

Spallation

$$\frac{dN_i}{dt} = -N_i(\lambda_i + \sigma_{if}\phi) + \sum_{j \neq i} N_j(\lambda_{ij} + \sigma_{ij}\phi)$$

Transmutation

