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Introduction to IAEA Nuclear Data Services



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Nuclear Data for Safe Rice

Sinosphere
Dispatches From China



After ‘Cadmium Rice,’ now ‘Lead’ and ‘Arsenic Rice’

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A farmer works her land near a lead smelter in Hunan Province. Sim Chi Yin for The New York Times

Rice absorb poisonous heavy metallic elements like Cd, As more than other vegetables.

An improved rice against Cd absorption is developed in Japan.

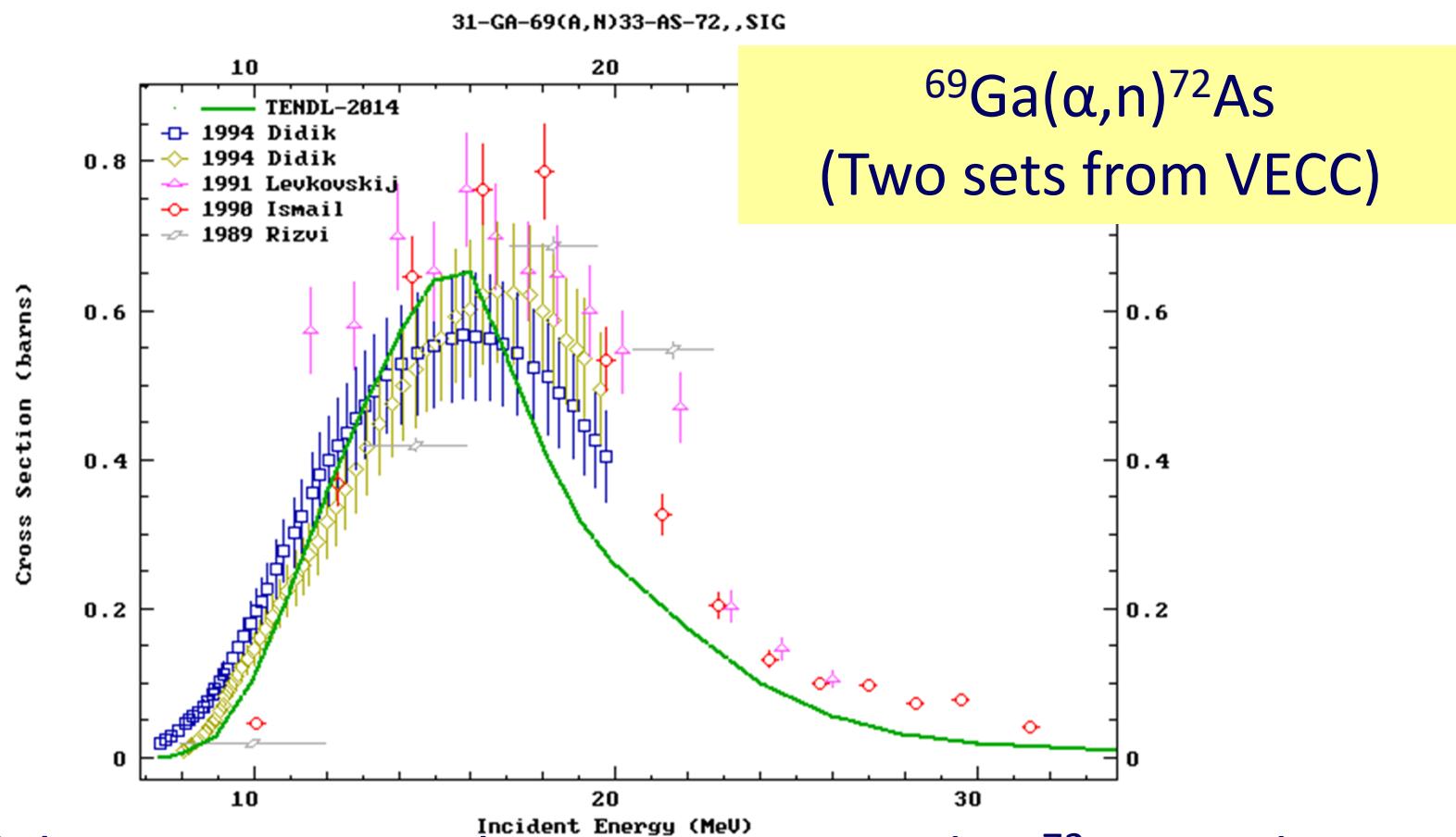
However, this improved rice absorbs more As ☹

→ Needs of As RI tracer.

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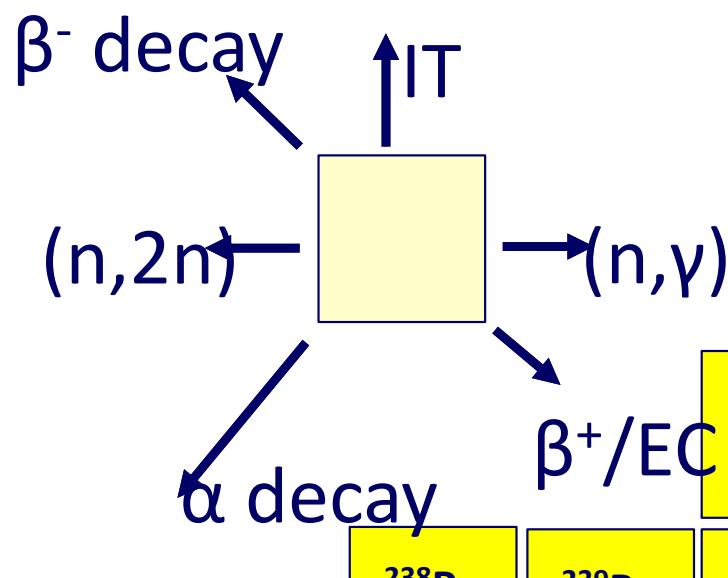
Nuclear Data for ^{72}As (26 hrs) Tracer Production



- None of these experimentalists are interested in ^{72}As production for application.
- Nevertheless, we can estimate yield and best beam energy without a new experiment **thanks to EXFOR**.

Nuclear Database for Reaction Network Study (in nuclear engineering)

Burning chain model in a **fast reactor** (JOYO, Japan)



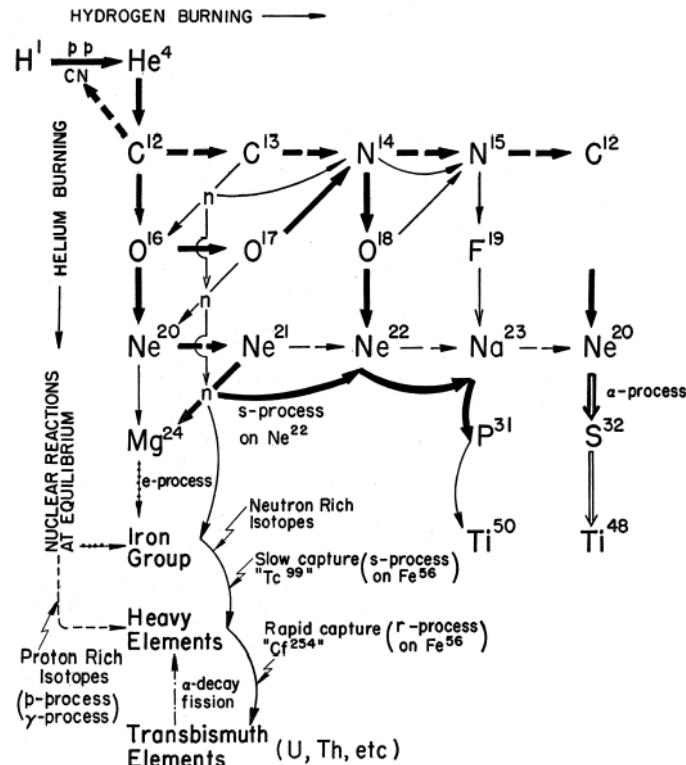
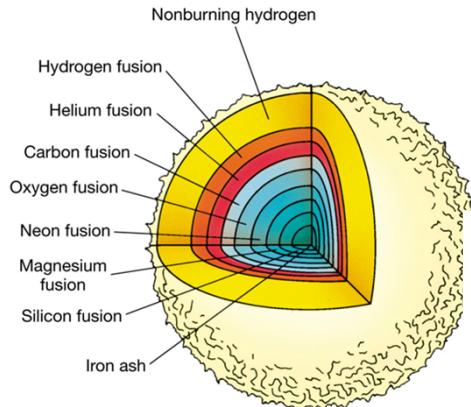
^{242}Cm 163 d	^{243}Cm 29 y	^{244}Cm 18 y	^{245}Cm 9E+3 y	^{246}Cm 5E+3 y	^{247}Cm 2E+7 y	^{248}Cm 3E+5 y
^{242}Am 16 h						
^{241}Am 430 y	$^{242\text{m}}\text{Am}$ 141 y	^{243}Am 7E+3 y	^{244}Am 10 h			
^{238}Pu 88 y	^{239}Pu 2E+4 y	^{240}Pu 7E+3 y	^{241}Pu 14 y	^{242}Pu 4E+5 y	^{243}Pu 5 h	
^{237}Np 2E+6 y	^{238}Np 2.1 d	^{239}Np 2.4 d				
^{234}U 2E+5 y	^{235}U 7E+8 y	^{236}U 2E+7 y	^{237}U 6.8 D	^{238}U 4E+9 y	^{239}U 24 min	



Based on private communication with K.Sugino

Comprehensive **nuclear data** for reaction and decay are needed.

Nuclear Database for Reaction Network Study (in nuclear science)



E. M. Burbidge et al., (B²FH) Rev.Mod.Phys.29(1957)

C. General Dynamics of the *s* and *r* Processes

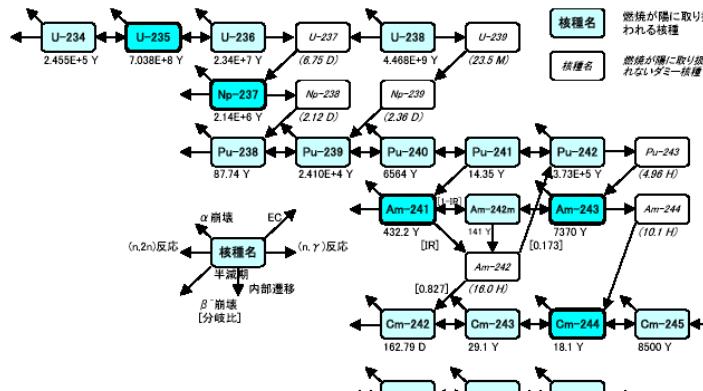
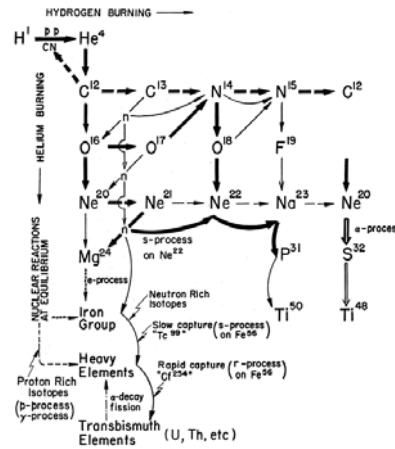
In the buildup of nuclei by the *s* and the *r* processes the reactions which govern both the rate of flow and the track followed in the (*A,Z*) plane are the (*n,γ*) and (γ,n) reactions, beta decay, and, at the ends of the tracks, alpha decay in the case of the *s* process and neutron-induced fission in the case of the *r* process. We denote the rates of the (*n,γ*), (γ,n) and beta process as λ_n , λ_γ , λ_β , where

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_n &= 1/\tau_n = \sigma_n v_n n_n, \\ \lambda_\beta &= 1/\tau_\beta = \text{const}/W_\beta^5, \\ \lambda_\gamma &= 1/\tau_\gamma = \sigma_\gamma c n_\gamma,\end{aligned}\quad (8)$$

and σ_n and σ_γ are the cross sections for the (*n,γ*) and (γ,n) reactions, respectively; v_n and n_n are the velocity and density of neutrons responsible for the (*n,γ*) reactions; n_γ is the density of γ radiation; and W_β is the beta-decay energy.

Comprehensive nuclear data for reaction and decay are needed.

Nuclear Data in Bateman Equation



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

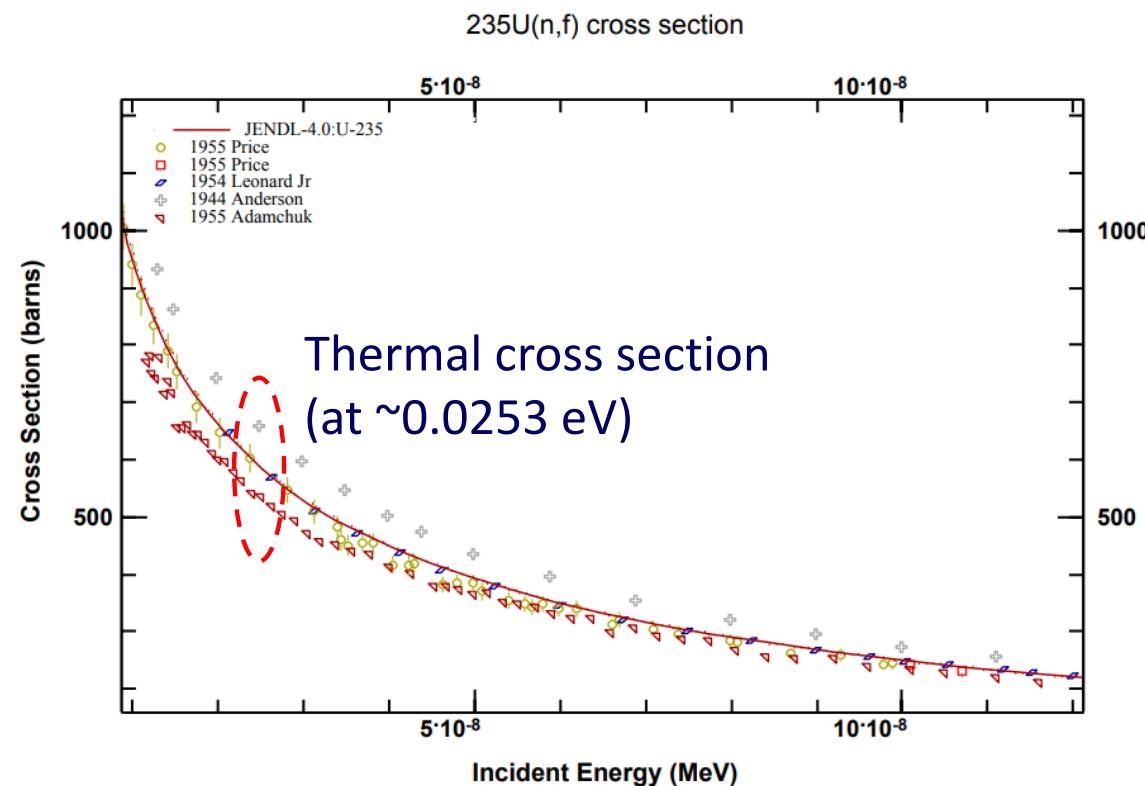
λ : decay constant ($=\ln 2/T_{1/2}$)

σ : cross section

***Collection of nuclear data is necessary.
(nuclear database)***

Nuclear Data in the 1950s – “Classified Information”

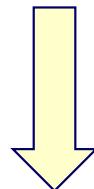
Nuclear data information was classified in the 1950s. Even $^{235}\text{U}(n_{\text{th}}, f)$ cross section was not an well established constant.



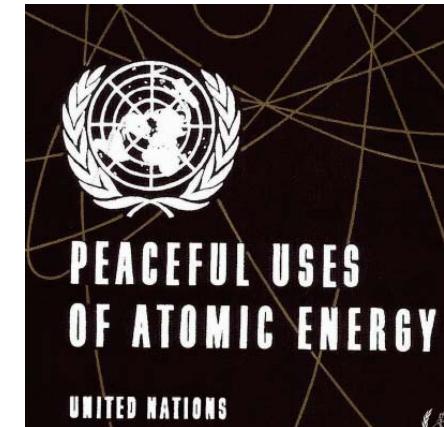
Experimental data published before 1955 by LANL, Harwell and Dubna.

UN Geneva Conferences (1955, 1958) - Declassification

An attempt to publicize nuclear data was made among USA, UK and USSR in the 1955 and 1958 Geneva Conferences.



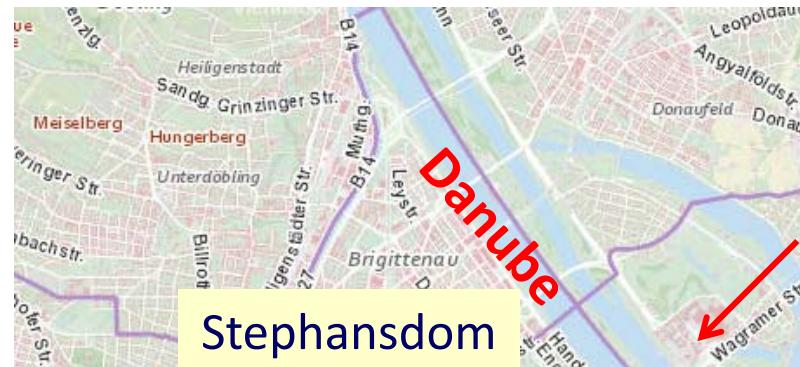
IAEA Nuclear Data Unit (1964)
IAEA Nuclear Data Section (1970)



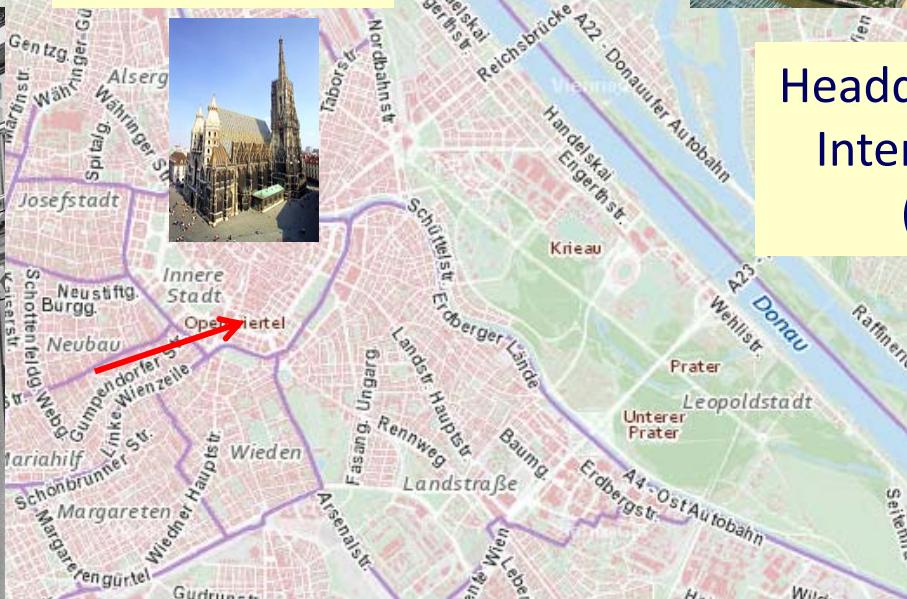
Closing session of the 1955 Geneva Conference (President: Homi Bhabha)

Where is IAEA?

Headquarters on
Kärntner Ring
**(1958-1979,
now Grand Hotel)**

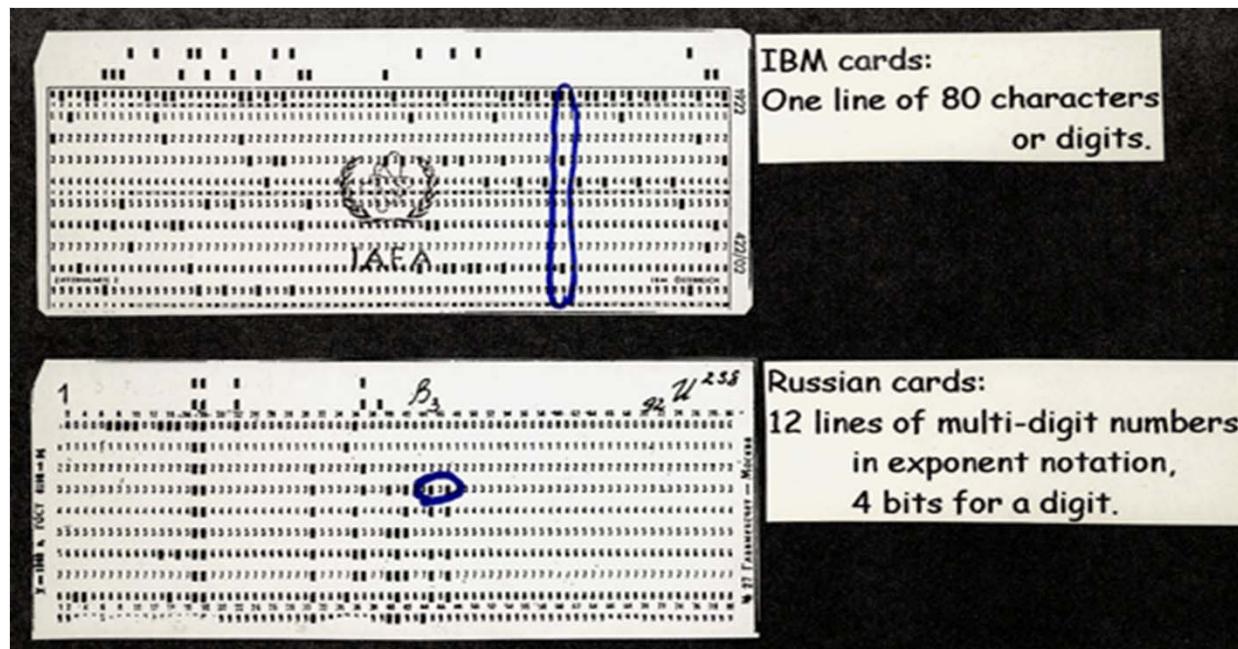


Headquarters in Vienna
International Centre
(1979- now)



Data Exchange Between Western and Eastern Countries

- Cards received from western and eastern countries. Same size, but different format.
- Nuclear Data Unit developed a special code which translate data in one card format to the other one.



Mission of IAEA Nuclear Data Section (IAEA NDS)

- The Nuclear Data Section (NDS) carries out the IAEA activities concerning development and dissemination of nuclear and atomic data for applications.
- Nuclear data for energy and non-energy application
 - Reactor (design, safety, spent fuel, decommissioning etc.)
 - Shielding
 - Dosimetry
 - Medical isotope production
 - Ion beam analysis
 - Safeguards
 - + Sciences (astrophysics etc.)

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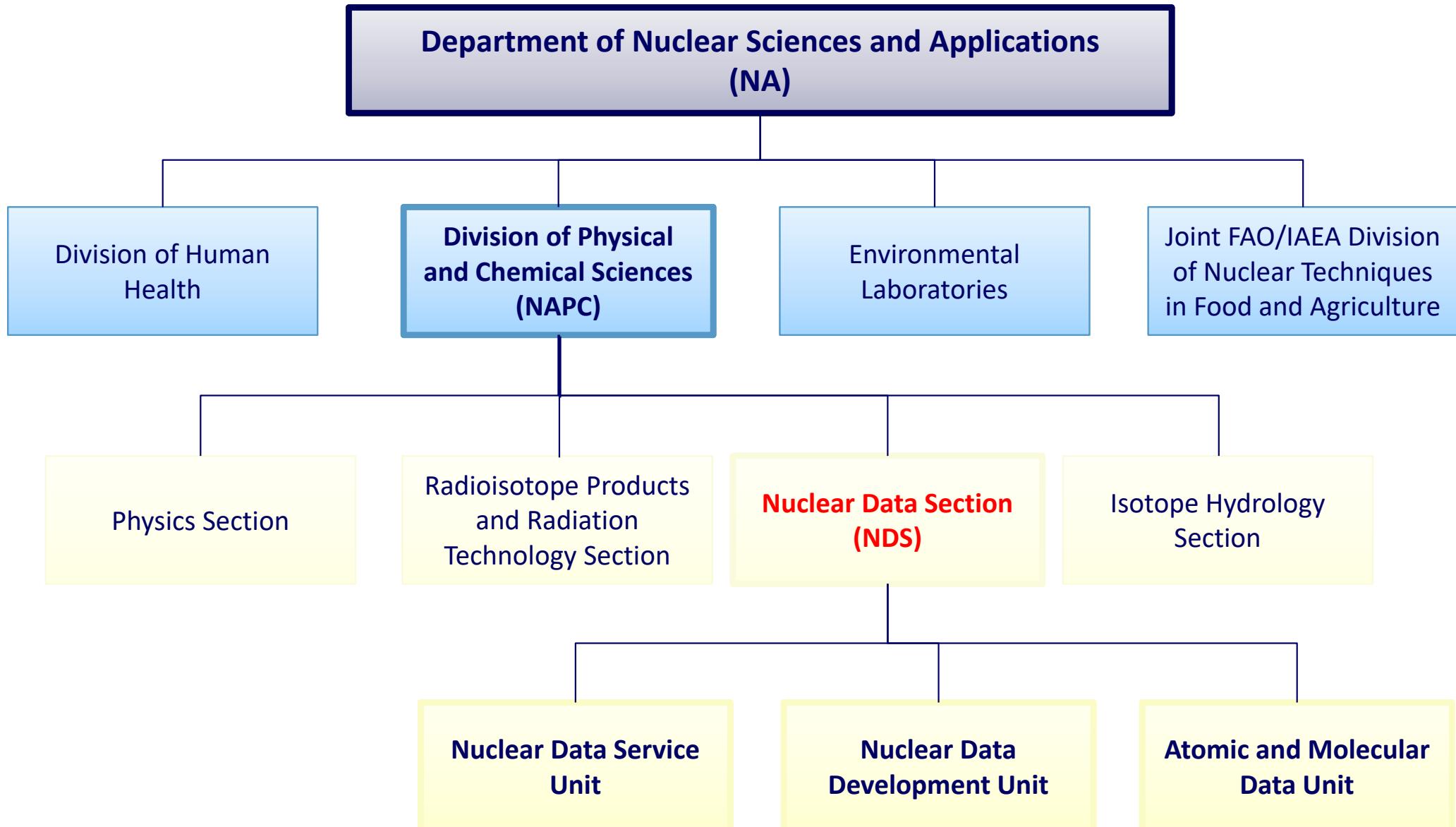


Where is IAEA Nuclear Data Section?

Nuclear Data Section
(NDS) on the 23rd floor



Organization Chart



NDS Staff List

Section Head: Arjan Koning 

Section Secretary & Team Assistant: Charisse Monfero 

Nuclear Data Service Unit	Nuclear Data Development Unit	Atomic & Molecular Data Unit
Unit Head: Jean-Christophe Sublet 	Unit Head: Roberto Capote Noy 	Unit Head: Christian Hill 
Software Engineer: (Vecant)	Nuclear Physicist: Paraskevi Demetriou 	Atomic Physicist: Kalle Heinola 
Nuclear Data Physicist: Naohiko Otsuka 	Nuclear Physicist: Georg Schnabel 	Nuclear Data Analyst/Programmer: Marco Verpelli 
Associate Nuclear Data Physicist: Shin Okumura 	Team Assistant: Kira Nathani 	IT Systems Engineer: Ludmila Marian 
Nuclear Data Services Assistant: Lidija Vrapcenjak 		
Team Assistant: Szende Elias 		

12 professional staff and 4 supporting staff



IAEA Nuclear Data Services

EXFOR (experimental reaction data)

ENDF (evaluated reaction data)

→ We will discuss them later.

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NDS, June 2014

IRDFF - International Reactor Dosimetry and Fusion File v1.03 [page] [archive] [retrieve]
CD/DVD-ROMs available for on-line downloading [page]
Portable Empire-3.2.2 for Windows - nuclear reaction model code system for data evaluation [page] [download]

CD/DVD with documentation, data, codes, etc.

Quick Links

- ADS-Lib
- Atomic Mass Data Centre
- CINDA
- Charged particle reference cross section
- DROSG-2000
- EMPIRE-3.2

Main All Reaction Data Structure & Decay by Applications Doc & Codes NDS-Internal Index Events Links News

EXFOR Experimental nuclear reaction data

ENDF Evaluated nuclear reaction libraries

LiveChart of Nuclides Interactive Chart of Nuclides

ENSDF evaluated nuclear structure and decay data (+XNDL) **

CINDA Nuclear reaction bibliography

NSR Nuclear Science References *

is Nuclear

id spectra up

Charged particle reference cross section

Beam monitor reactions

IRDFF

International Reactor Dosimetry and Fusion File

Standards

Neutron Activation Analysis Portal

recommendations, August 2008

Data for Medical Application

*Database at the IAEA, Vienna **Database at the US NNDC

Mirrors

- Nuclear Data Services International Atomic Energy Agency Vienna, Austria
- BARC, India Nuclear Data Services
- Bhabha Atomic Research Centre Mumbai, India
- CNDC, China Nuclear Data Services China Institute of Atomic Energy Beijing

Partners

- NNDC National Nuclear Data Center Brookhaven USA
- NEA

NSR (Bibliography)

<http://nds.iaea.org/> : primary server (Vienna)



<http://www.nndc.bnl.gov/nsr/> NSR (Nuclear Science References)



National Nuclear Data Center



NNDC Databases: NuDat | NSR | XUNDL | ENSDF | MIRD | ENDF | CSISRS | Sigma

Nuclear Science References (NSR)

NSR Reference Paper NIM A 640, 213 (2011)

Database version of January 14, 2015

The NSR database is a bibliography of nuclear physics articles, indexed according to content and spanning more than 100 years of research. Over 80 journals are checked on a regular basis for articles to be included. For more information, see the help page. The

- ~200,000 references (~150,000 from journals)
- Database maintained at NNDC.
- Compiled at NNDC and McMaster Univ. (Canada).

Quick Search

Nuclide

Reaction

Publication Year from to

Reference Type All Experiment Theory

Output Format HTML BibTeX Text



NSR (cont.)

Very easy to use!

Just provide

- Author and/or
- Nuclide (Target) and/or
- Reaction

and search.

Nuclear Science References (NSR)

NSR Reference Paper NIM A 640, 213 (2011)
Database version of December 18, 2014

physics articles, indexed according to content and spanning more than 100 years. For more information, see the [help page](#). The NSR database schema is described in the NSR Web Interface.

Number Search Combine View Recent References

Author
Brown or B.A.Brown

Nuclide
31Na or ca-38

Reaction
 n,g or (n,g) or $(16O,16O)$

Publication Year from 1896 to 2015

Reference Type All Experiment Theory

Output Format HTML BibTex Text



NSR – Exercise 1

Question

Search articles where
“Balasubramaniam”
is an author.

Nuclear Science References (NSR)

NSR Reference Paper NIM A 640, 213 (2011)

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Nuclide

Reaction

Publication Year from to

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NSR – Exercise 2

Question

Search articles reporting experimental results of $^{78}\text{Se}(n,p)^{78}\text{As}$.

Nuclear Science References (NSR)

NSR Reference Paper NIM A 640, 213 (2011)

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Number Search Combine View Recent References

Author

Nuclide **78Se**

Reaction **n,p**

Publication Year from to

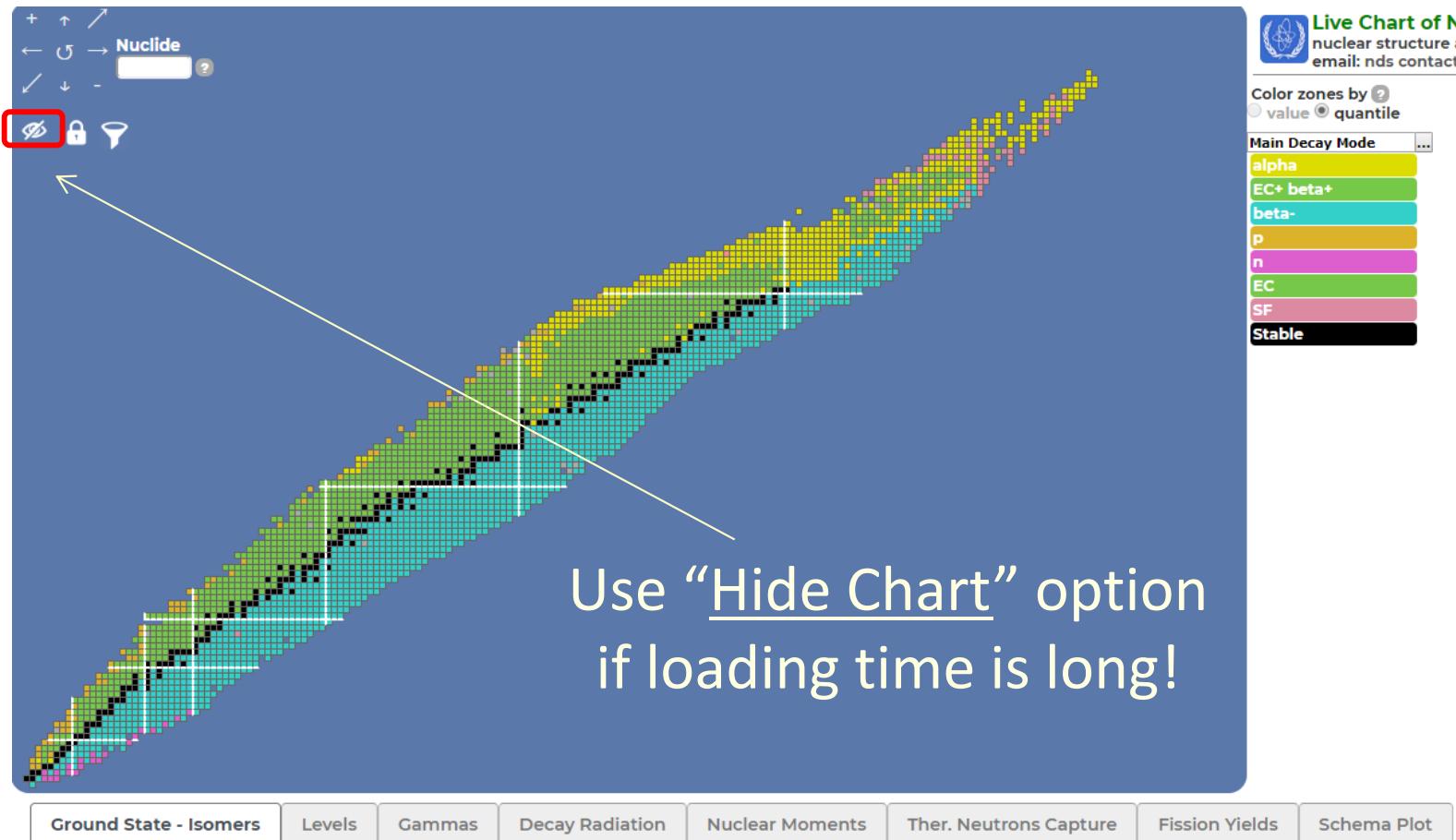
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LiveChart of Nuclides

<http://nds.iaea.org/livechart/>



LiveChart of Nuclides (cont.)

The query page becomes very simple if you select “Hide Chart” option.

The screenshot shows the 'Live Chart of Nuclides' interface. At the top, there are links for 'List of updates' (Mar 2018 to Jan 2019), 'Mass chains' (beta and ec decays plotting), and 'Neutron Cross Sections' (Resonance Integrals). Below this is the main title 'Live Chart of Nuclides nuclear structure and decay data'. A red circle highlights the 'Go to Nuclide:' input field and the 'Show Chart' button. A blue arrow points from the text 'Type a nuclide symbol (e.g., 135Xe)' down to the 'Go to Nuclide:' field. Below the title is a horizontal navigation bar with tabs: 'Ground State - Isomers' (highlighted with a red circle and a blue arrow), 'Levels', 'Gammas', 'Decay Radiation', 'Nuclear Moments', 'Ther. Neutrons Capture', 'Fission Yields', and 'Schema Plot'. Underneath the navigation bar are several promotional boxes:

- New in Livechart Sep 2019 Thermal n Cross Section update
- Isotope Browser for mobile (with icons for iOS, Android, and Amazon)
- 3D Plotting with zoom, rotation, and filter
- Data update ENSDF snapshot January 2019
- Search & Filter query panel on structure and decay
- Decay Portal compare different evaluations

Type a nuclide symbol
(e.g., 135Xe)



LiveChart of Nuclides – ^{135}Xe

Ground State - Isomers tab

Go to Nuclide: ^{135}Xe [Show Chart](#)

[Ground State - Isomers](#)

[Levels](#)

[Gammas](#)

[Decay Radiation](#)

[Nuclear Moments](#)

[Ther.](#)

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Sources

• Evaluation: BALRAJ SINGH, ALEXANDER A. RODIONOV and YURI L. KHAZOV Publication cut-off: 22-Jan-2008 ENSDF

Nuclide	Energy [keV]	J^π	$T_{1/2}$ Abund. [mole fract.]	$T_{1/2}$ [s]	Decay Modes		Isospin	μ [μ_N]	Q [barn]	R [fm]	Q_{β^+} [keV]
^{135}Xe 54 81	0.0	$3/2^+$	9.14 h 2	3.29E4	β^-	100		+0.9032 7	+0.214 7		1168 .
^{135m}Xe 54 81	526.551 73	$11/2^-$	15.29 min 5	9.17E2	IT	> 99.4	β^-	-1.1036 74	+0.618 27		

Ground state

Metastable state



LiveChart of Nuclides - ^{135}Xe (cont.)

Levels tab

Go to Nuclide: ^{135}Xe

Show Chart

Ground State - Isomers	Levels	Gammas	Decay Radiation	Nuclear Moments	Ther. Neu
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Definitions & Sources

 Evaluation: BALRAJ SINGH, ALEXANDER A. RODIONOV and YURI L. KHAZOV Publication cut-off: 22-Jan-2008 ENS

Nuclide	E_x [keV]	J^π order	Band	$T_{1/2}$	$T_{1/2}$ [s]	Decay modes BR [%]	Isospin	μ [μ_N]	Q [b]	Add	
$^{135}\text{Xe}_{54}^{81}$	0.0	$3/2^+$		9.14 h 2	3.29E4	β^- 100		+0.9032 7	+0.214 7		$7/2^+$
$^{135}\text{Xe}_{54}^{81}$	288.455 75	$1/2^+$									$11/2^+$
$^{135}\text{Xe}_{54}^{81}$	526.551 73	$11/2^-$		15.29 min 5	9.17E2	IT β^- > 99.4 < 0.6		-1.1036 74	+0.618 27		$1/2^+$
$^{135}\text{Xe}_{54}^{81}$	1131.512 77	$7/2^+$									$3/2^+$
$^{135}\text{Xe}_{54}^{81}$	1260.416 73	$5/2^+$									
$^{135}\text{Xe}_{54}^{81}$	1448.36 3	($3/2^+$)									^{135}Xe



LiveChart of Nuclides - ^{135}Xe (cont.)

Decay Radiation tab

Go to Nuclide: ^{135}Xe Show Chart

Ground State - Isomers Levels Gammas Decay Radiation Nuclear Moments Theory

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Data from: ENSDF apart Q from AME2016 · Definitions & Sources

100% β^- 9.14 h
 • 1 $^{135}\text{Xe}_{54}^{81} \rightarrow ^{135}\text{Cs}_{55}^{80}$

99.4% IT 15.29 min
 • 2 $^{135m}\text{Xe}_{54}^{81} \rightarrow ^{135}\text{Xe}_{54}^{81}$

0.6% β^- 15.29 min
 • 3 $^{135m}\text{Xe}_{54}^{81} \rightarrow ^{135}\text{Cs}_{55}^{80}$

① Evaluation: BALRAJ SINGH, ALEXANDER A. RODIONOV and YURI L. KHAZOV Publication cut-off: 22-Jan-2008 E

Parent	T _{1/2}	E _x [keV]	J ^π	order	Decay	Q _{decay} note on Q value	Daughter	Comments	Total energy by reaction
									Alpha Beta
$^{135}\text{Xe}_{54}^{81}$	9.14 h 2	0.0	3/2+		β^- 100 %	1168 4	$^{135}\text{Cs}_{55}^{80}$		0.000 0.000 304.71

see the ENSDF source

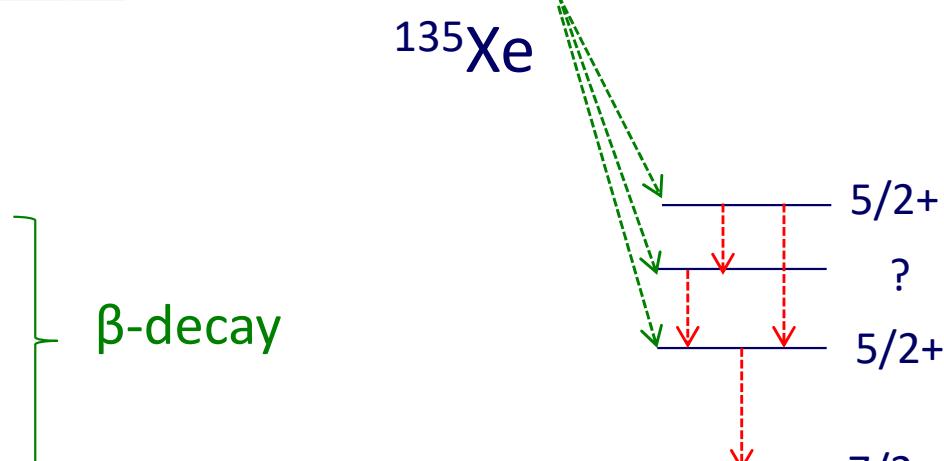
Note: Q-value used in ENSDF to determine displayed decay data is: 1165.4 keV - see note on Q value

Beta - [CSV](#)

$\langle E_{\beta} \rangle$ [keV]	I _β (abs) [%]	Daughter level [keV]	J ^π	E _{β-, max} [keV]	logft	Transition type	Comments
26.9 11	0.123 6	1062.420 14		(103)	5.71 6		
50.0 12	0.075 5	981.315 22		(184)	6.71 5		
173.3 15	3.11 14	608.186 14	5/2+	(557)	6.67 3	allowed	
248.1 16	0.59 3	407.989 13		(757)	7.86 3		
310.2 16	96 4	249.793 12	5/2+	910 10	5.94 2	allowed	

Gamma [CSV](#)

E _γ [keV]	I _γ (abs) [%]	Initial level [keV]	J ^π	Final level [keV]	J ^π	Mult.	δ	α _T	Comments
158.197 18	0.289 14	407.989 13		249.793	5/2+				
200.19 10	0.012 5	608.186 14	5/2+	407.989					
249.794 15	90 3	249.793 12	5/2+	0.0	7/2+	M1(+E2)	< 1.0	0.0737 20	
358.39 3	0.220 11	608.186 14	5/2+	249.793	5/2+	M1,E2		0.0265 17	

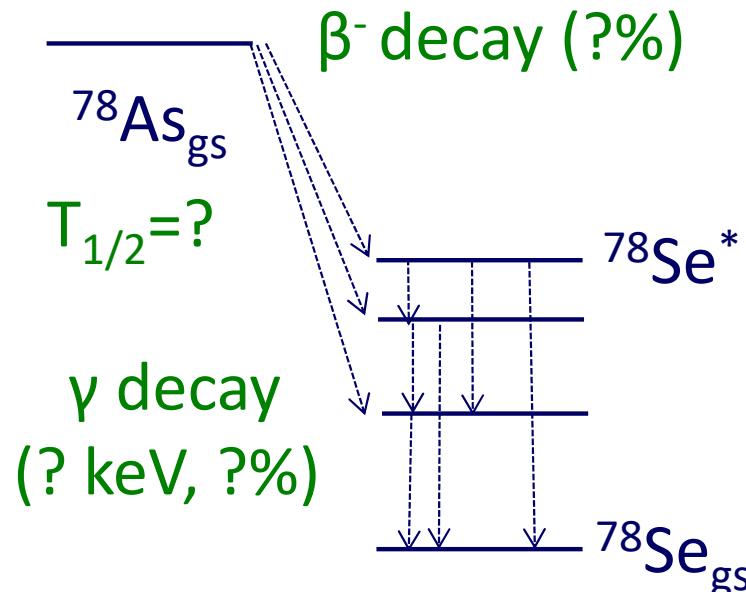


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LiveChart of Nuclides - Exercise

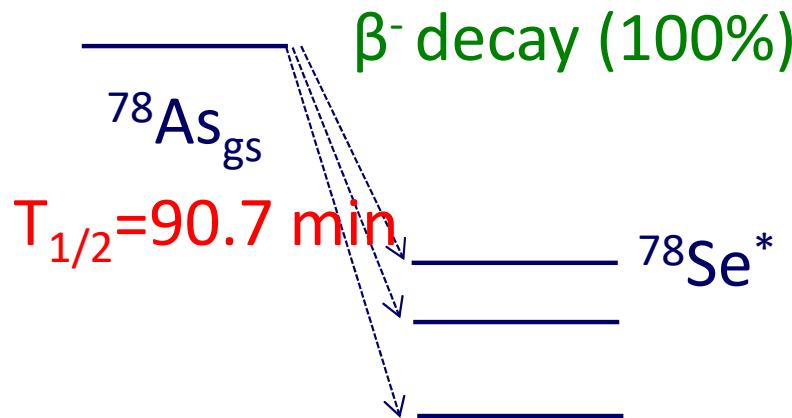
One determined the $^{78}\text{Se}(\text{n},\text{p})^{78}\text{As}$ cross section by detection of γ from ^{78}As - β^- decay $\rightarrow ^{78}\text{Se}^* - \gamma$ decay $\rightarrow ^{78}\text{Se}_{\text{gs}}$.



Questions:

1. Half-life of ^{78}As
2. Branching ratio of ^{78}As β^- decay
3. Energy of strongest decay γ radiation and its intensity

LiveChart of Nuclides – Exercise (cont)



Questions:

1. Half-life of ${}^{78}\text{As}$
2. Branching ratio of ${}^{78}\text{As}$ β^- decay
3. Energy of strongest decay γ radiation and its intensity

Go to Nuclide: Show Chart

Ground State - Isomers Levels Gammas Decay Radiation Nuclei

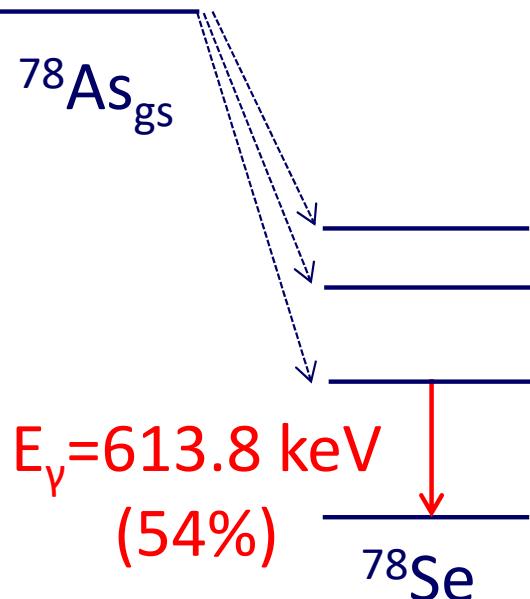
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Sources

· Evaluation: AMEENAH R. FARHAN, BAL RAJ SINGH Publication cut-off: 30-Jun-2009 ENSDF i

Nuclide	Energy [keV]	J^π	$T_{1/2}$ Abund. [mole fract.]	$T_{1/2}$ [s]	Decay Modes	Isospin	μ [μ_N]	Q [bar]
${}^{78}\text{As}$ 33 45	0.0	2-	90.7 min 2	5.44E3	β^- 100			



LiveChart of Nuclides – Exercise (cont)



Questions:

1. Half-life of ^{78}As
2. Branching ratio of ^{78}As β^- decay
3. Energy of strongest decay γ radiation and its intensity

Go to Nuclide: 78As Show Chart

Ground State - Isomers Levels Gammas Decay Radiation Nuclear Mo

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Data from: ENSDF apart Q from AME2016 · Definitions & Sources

Gamma							csv		
E_{γ} [keV]	$r_{\gamma\text{-abs}}$ [%]	Initial level [keV]	J^{π}	Final level [keV]	J^{π}	Mult.	δ	α_T	Comments
156.6 3	0.092 24	2838.58 9	(2+)	2682.09	4+				
174.2 3	0.18 4	2682.09 9	4+	2507.72	3-				
351.1 2	0.162 24	1854.00 9	3+	1502.64	4+				
354.3 2	1.9 3	2682.09 9	4+	2327.34	2+				
391.0 3	0.124 21								
449.8 4	0.08 3	1758.91 11	0+	1308.66	2+				
462.2 2	0.59 8	3144.52 13	3-	2682.09	4+				
468.8 3	0.097 19								
497.0 3	0.18 3	1995.78 10	2+	1498.76	0+				
503.7 2	0.42 6	2838.58 9	(2+)	2334.87	0+				
545.3 1	3.0 4	1854.00 9	3+	1308.66	2+				
551.9 7	0.17 4								
613.8 1	54 6	613.84 7	2+	0.0	0+				
677.8 2	0.13 3	7122.59 17	7-	5550.00	7-				

ENSDF insertion: 2
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LiveChart of Nuclides – Exercise (cont)

Half-lives and decay gamma intensities are important inputs to derive Activation cross sections.

Extractions from the 33080 article ($\lambda = \ln 2 / T_{1/2}$, f_d : decay γ intensity)

$$\sigma = \sigma_M \frac{A_M \varepsilon_M f_d M \lambda}{A_M \varepsilon f_d \lambda_M} \frac{N_M}{N} \frac{(1 - e^{-\lambda_M t_1})}{(1 - e^{-\lambda t_1})} \frac{e^{-\lambda_M t_2}}{e^{-\lambda t_2}} \frac{(1 - e^{-\lambda_M t_3})}{(1 - e^{-\lambda t_3})},$$

We extracted these data
from LiveChart.

TABLE I. The decay data of the radioisotopes produced in

Nuclear Reaction	Abundance (%)	Half life	E_γ (MeV)	f_d (%)
$^{78}\text{Se}(n, p)^{78}\text{As}$	23.77 ± 0.28	$90.7 \pm 0.2 \text{ m}$	0.614	54 ± 0.6
$^{80}\text{Se}(n, p)^{80}\text{As}$	49.61 ± 0.41	$15.2 \pm 0.2 \text{ s}$	0.666	42 ± 0.5
$^{56}\text{Fe}(n, p)^{56}\text{Mn}$	91.75 ± 0.36	$2.578 \pm 0.0001 \text{ hr}$	0.847	99 ± 0.3
$^{19}\text{F}(n, p)^{19}\text{O}$	100	$26.91 \pm 0.08 \text{ s}$	0.197	96 ± 2.1
			1.357	50.4 ± 1.1



LiveChart of Nuclides – Data Source

- Q-value, S-value, atomic masses: 2012 Atomic Mass Evaluation (G. Audi et al., Chin.Phys.C**36**(2012)1287; M. Wang et al., Chin.Phys.C**36**(2012)1603)
- Natural isotopic abundances: M.Berglund and M.E.Wieser, Pure.Appl.Chem.**83**(2011)397.
- Other data are mainly from the ENSDF library which evaluation results are also published in “Nuclear Data Sheets” which is good for citation.
- Similar data can be also available through NuDat (NNDC).

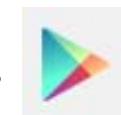


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