



# The Present Status of the EXFOR Project: Area #1

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## Nuclear Reaction Data Compilations in USA & Worldwide

- Experimental neutron reaction data compilations have been pioneered at the Metallurgical Laboratory, University of Chicago and Los Alamos National Laboratory in 1945-1947.
- Brookhaven National Laboratory hired many *Manhattan Project* alumni when it was founded in 1947, and the lab got involved in nuclear data.

75 Years of Experimental Nuclear Reaction Data Compilations  
Invited Talk at the ND2022 Conference

- SCISRS (Sigma Center Information and Retrieval System) at BNL (1964) was a precursor of EXFOR.
- Other data centers were created in Paris, France (NEA-Databank), Vienna, Austria (NDS-IAEA), and Obninsk, USSR (IPPE) in 1963-1964.
- Around 1970 four neutron data centers agreed on the data interchange format (EXFOR). The four centers could store data locally in its formats. The Nuclear Data Centres Reaction (NRDC) network was founded in 1979 under the auspices of the IAEA.

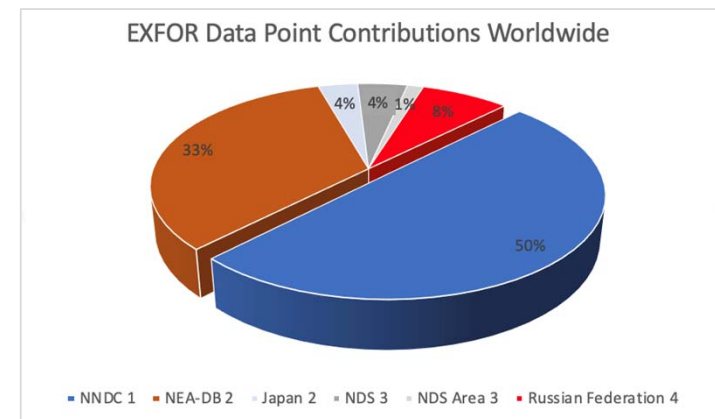
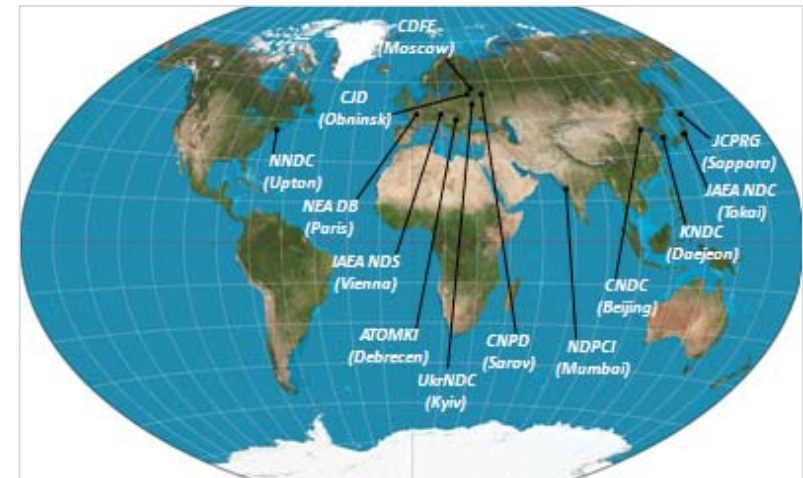


# EXFOR - Experimental Nuclear Reaction Data

The largest experimental nuclear reaction database ([www.nndc.bnl.gov/exfor](http://www.nndc.bnl.gov/exfor) or [www-nds.iaea.org/exfor](http://www-nds.iaea.org/exfor))

- 24,560 experiments (multiple publications are grouped into a single measurement).
- 183,390 data sets as of May 2, 2023.
- Essential for Evaluated Nuclear Data File (ENDF) libraries worldwide.
- Presently run by the Nuclear Reaction Data Centres (NRDC), internationally. This is an IAEA network which is coordinated by the IAEA.
- Two largest contributors: NNDC & NEA-Databank.
- Every second, third and sixth data points in the library were contributed by the NNDC, NEA-Databank and the rest of NRDC network, respectively.

*EXFOR philosophy is to compile data as they were published (in consultation with authors) unless obvious errors are found.* Published nuclear reaction data contain outliers and discrepancies.



# Area #1 FY 2022 Statistics

- New compilations: 158
- Updated compilations: 210
- Finished compilation of missing Los Alamos reports, UNOBT data, p-, d-induced reactions.
- Actively worked on missing  $\alpha$ -induced reactions and Mughabghab's references.
- Preliminary NRDC transmissions: 29
- Final NRDC transmissions: 31
- EXFOR DB Updates: 41

# Final Transmissions: Area #1 FY 2022 Statistics

- Overall NNDC performance, and performance of individual compilers are very good.
- All data are from <https://www-nds.iaea.org/public/exfor/x4compil/>.

**Full EXFOR Compilation Statistics (based on HISTORY)**  
**Information updated: 30-Apr-2023, 14:22:06**

#. Year	NNDC	NEA-DB	NDS	CJD	ATOMKI	CDFE	CNDC	CNPD	JCPRG	UkrNDC	NDPCI	KNDC	KAZMON	CAJaD	KCPDG	RIKEN	Sum
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50. 2020	217	134	77	40	10	12	31	29	41	11	35	3	23				663 +90
49. 2019	124	108	44	24	4	34	18	31	37	58	79	7	5				573 +54

**Personal Contributions to EXFOR**  
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#	Initials	Name	Center	#Entries	Area:Entries // Year
1	BP	B.Pritychenko	NNDC	99	NNDC:99 2022:40 2021:59
2	SH	S.Hlavach	NNDC	90	NNDC:90 2022:18 2021:72
3	OG	O.Gritzay	UkrNDC	89	NNDC:89 2022:42 2021:47
4	VT	Vidya Thakur	NDPCI	80	NDPCI:58 NDS:22 2022:49 2021:31
5	VS	V.Semkova	NDS	76	NEA-DB:62 NDS:14 2022:24 2021:52
6	MM	M.Mikhailyukova	CJD	71	NEA-DB:41 CJD:30 2022:7 2021:64
7	ON	N.Otsuka	NDS	57	NDS:28 JCPRG:3 NE/ 2022:17 2021:40
8	JIMIN	Wang Jimin	CNDC	20	CNDC:20 2022:9 2021:11
9	UKRNDC	KINR, Kiev	UkrNDC	19	UkrNDC:19 2022:4 2021:15
10	VV	V.Varlamov	CDFE	17	CDFE:17 2022:5 2021:12

**Nuclear Data Centers abbreviations**

1	NNDC	US National Nuclear Data Center, Brookhaven, USA
2	NEA-DB	OECD/NEA Nuclear Data Bank, Boulogne-Billancourt, France
3	NDS	IAEA Nuclear Data Section, Vienna, Austria
4	CJD	Nuclear Data Centre, Obninsk, Russia
5	ATOMKI	ATOMKI Nuclear Reaction Data Group, Debrecen, Hungary
6	CDFE	Centre for Photonuclear Experiments Data, Moscow State University, Russia
7	CNDC	China Nuclear Data Center, Beijing, China
8	CNPD	Center of Nuclear Physics Data, Russian Federal Nuclear Center (VNIIEF), Sarov, Russia
9	JCPRG	Japan Charged Particle Nuclear Reaction Data Group, Hokkaido University, Sapporo, Japan
10	UkrNDC	Ukrainian Nuclear Data Center, Institute for Nuclear Research, Kyiv, Ukraine
11	NDPCI	Indian Compilation Group: BARC and others, India
12	KNDC	KAERI Nuclear Data Evaluation Group, Daejeon, Republic of Korea
13	KAZMON	Kazakhstan+Mongolia team
14	CAJaD	Russian Nuclear Structure and Reaction Data Centre, Kurchatov Institute, Moscow, Russia
15	KCPDG	Karlsruhe Charged Particle Data Group, Germany (extinct)
16	RIKEN	RIKEN Nuclear Data Group, Japan (extinct)

**EXFOR Compilation Statistics based on N2 and EXFOR archive.**  
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	NNDC	NEA-DB	NDS	CJD/ATOMKI	CDFE	CNDC	CNPD	JCPRG	UkrNDC	NDPCI	KNDC	KAZMON	CAJaD	KCPDG	RIKEN	Sum
2023	1	1	11	2	3	13	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	17
2022	100	36	33	9	9	20	19	48	4	34	7	9				334
2021	183	105	34	23	5	11	27	18	16	41	10	12				504
2020	221	129	80	39	10	12	32	39	13	33	3	26				663

# Work Distribution Within Area #1

- Stanislav Hlavac is responsible for new experimental data compilations.
- Olena Gritzay finished compilation of four NRDC memos: CP/C-0464, CP/C-0465, CP/C-0466, and CP/D-979 (*Experimental fission product yields missing in EXFOR*). Olena presently works on CP-D/937 (*Proton-induced reaction articles in NSR/CINDA but not in EXFOR*), CP-D/947 (*Alpha-induced reaction articles in NSR/CINDA but not in EXFOR*).
- Boris Pritychenko provides the overall project and database management, compilation of individual user requests, charged particle fission yields, historic Manhattan Project data, and the NNDC library data.
- Otto Shwerner provides quality assurance in the Area #1, preliminary and final transmission handling, fixes errors and bugs in the existing entries.
- Viktor Zerkin (IAEA) helps with Web dissemination and database management.

 **Compartmentalization**, the division of something into sections or categories.

# Missing (Unobtainable) Data: Existing EXFOR Entries

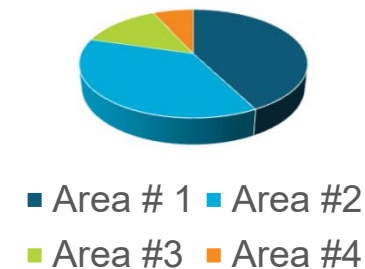
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- NRDC 2021:
  - Area #1: 130
  - Area #2: 114
  - Area #3: 42
  - Area #4: 21
- NRDC 2022, June 10, 2022:
  - Area #1: 66
  - Area #2: 117
  - Area #3: 46
  - Area #4: 20
- NRDC 2023, May 31, 2022:
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  - Area #3: 44
  - Area #4: 5

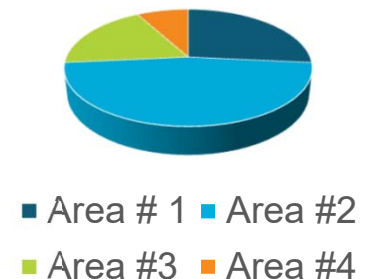
All Area #1 entries are processed, and submitted as preliminary and final transmissions.



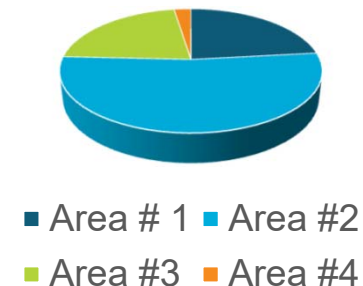
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June 10, 2022



May 1, 2023





# Missing Data: Deuteron-Induced Reactions

- Memo 4C-3/395 (Rev.)
- Los Alamos work, courtesy of Mark Paris.
- Upcoming publication was scanned for historic references.
- 1938Ru02, C2844: First observation of 17 MeV neutrons.

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Memo CP-D/758 (Rev.)

**Date:** 8 August 2012  
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**Early Thermonuclear Cross Section Advances 1942-1952  
& Comparison to Today's ENDF Data**

M. B. Chadwick, G. M. Hale, M. W. Paris, N. A. Gibson, and J. Wilhelmy  
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**Abstract—** We describe the developing knowledge of thermonuclear (TN) fusion cross sections of paramount importance for the development of the first thermonuclear tests fielded by Los Alamos in the Pacific from 1951 on; this technical history has not been previously documented. We compare these nuclear physics

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115	R.Vandenbosch+
56	L.H.Brown+
86	J.B.Natowitz+
97	M. W. Paris

**1938RU02** Phys.Rev. 54, 308 (1938)

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*Search for Gamma-Rays from the Deuteron-Deuteron Reaction*

NUCLEAR REACTIONS  $^2\text{H}(d, \gamma)$ ,  $(d, n)$ ,  $E=0.5$  MeV; measured reaction products,  $E_n$ ,  $I_n$ ,  $E_\gamma$ ,  $I_\gamma$ ; deduced product yield ratio.

doi: [10.1103/PhysRev.54.308](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRev.54.308)  
Citations: [PlumX Metrics](#)

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# Missing Data: Atlas of Neutron Resonances

- EXFOR completeness was checked against Mughabghab's Atlas: Memo 4C-3/395 (Rev.)
- Budapest Conference: Proc. Intern. Conf. Nuclear Structure Study with Neutrons, Budapest, 31 July - 5 Aug. 1972, J. Ero, J. Szucs, Eds. Plenum Press, p.218 (1974)
- Two different proceedings books: proceedings and abstracts.
- Both books were scanned and added to NSR/EXFOR.
- One article of 55Geneva is still n

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## Articles published in area 3 countries and missing in EXFOR

(NDS, 2014-06-19)

Ref.	Author	Reference	Lab	Centre	Remark	CINDA*
1	Santry	P, INDC (SEC) -62, 120 (2), 1977	1CANCRC	NNDC	1977SAYH ---> 14803	N/A
2	Inghram	C, 55GENEVA, 4, 105, 1955	1USAANL	NNDC	Needs NSR keynumber	E
3	Kane	C, 69STUDSVIK, , 105, 1969	1USABNL	NNDC	14390, Needs NSR keynumber	E
4	Chrien	C, 70HELKINKI, 1, 377, 1970	1USABNL	NNDC	Done, 1970ChZR, 14386	E
5	Mughabghab	C, 72BUD, , 214, 1972	1USABNL	NNDC	1972MUZG --->14804	E
6	Choi	C, 72BUD, , 198, 1972	1USADKE	NNDC	1972CHZC ---> 14806	M
7	Bowman	C, 58GENEVA, 15, 212, 1958	1USALRL	NNDC	Done, 1958BoZR, 14387	E
8	Macklin	C, 55GENEVA, 5, 96, 1955	1USAORL	NNDC	Done, 1955MaZZ, 14388	E,R
9	Halperin	C, 55GENEVA, 7, 258, 1955	1USAORL	NNDC	Also J, NSE, 1, 108, 1956? Done, 1956Ha92, 1955HaZZ, 14389	E,R
10	Block	C, 60VIENNA, 535, 1960	1USAORL	NNDC	Done, 1960BLZZ, 14393	E,R
11	Musgrove	P, AABC/PR-43-PD, 39, 1977	1USAORL	NNDC	=P, INDC (AUL) -27, 39, 1977, Is it 1977MUZA??? Need a copy!!!	N/A

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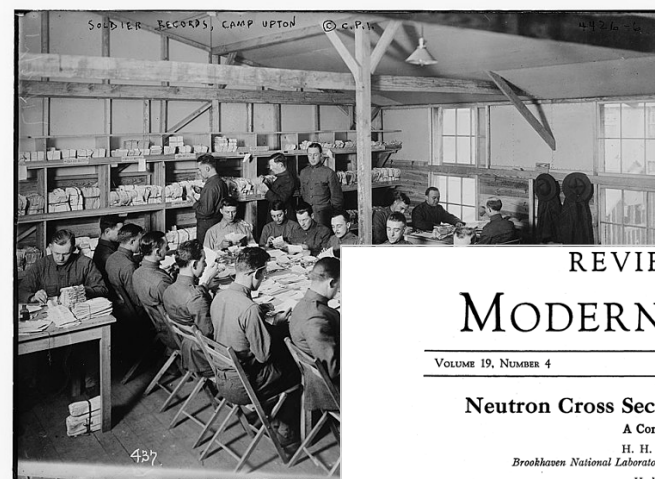
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Total radiation widths and non-statistical effects in neutron resonance capture

NUCLEAR REACTIONS  $^{54,57}\text{Fe}$ ,  $^{50,52,53,54}\text{Cr}$ ,  $^{60}\text{Ni}$ ,  $^{51}\text{V}(n, \gamma)$ ,  $E=5\text{-}200$  keV; measured reaction products,  $E_{\gamma}$ ,  $I_{\gamma}$ ; deduced radiation width, resonance parameters. The Karlsruhe 3 MV Van-de-Graaff accelerator.

# Takeaways

- NNDC (or camp Upton) EXFOR compilation efforts are complex and well-organized: B. Pritychenko (BNL), O. Schwerer, S. Hlavac, O. Gritzay (Under contract with BNL), V. Zerkin (IAEA).
- FY 2022: 158 new and 210 updated compilations.
- UNOBT, d-, p-induced reaction (missing data) issues are fixed in EXFOR.
- 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of nuclear reaction data compilations talk was presented at the ND2022 conference.



## REVIEWS OF MODERN PHYSICS

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### Neutron Cross Sections of the Elements

A Compilation\*

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University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin

AND

B. T. FELD

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PRIOR to the war, most cross-section measurements at low neutron energies were made for distributions ranging around 1/40 ev (thermal neutrons).<sup>1-4</sup> There were, in addition, some measurements in the resonance region (1-1000 ev) made with various resonance detectors and boron-absorption techniques.<sup>5-9</sup> At high energies, measurements were made in essentially three energy regions: between 0.1 and 1 Mev, by use of photo-neutrons derived from naturally

radioactive gamma-sources;<sup>8,10</sup> the region between 2 and 3 Mev, with neutrons derived from low voltage apparatus and the  $D(d,n)$  reaction;<sup>11-14</sup> finally, the very broad energy distribution, averaging around 4 Mev, obtained from Ra-Be sources.<sup>3</sup>

However, the nuclear physicist's interest in the study of nuclear energy levels, level spacing, level widths, etc., demands greater detail in the determination of cross section as a function of

\*A collection of neutron cross sections of the elements, based on the prewar and wartime work of many investigators, was compiled during 1945 (by Goldsmith and Isser) at the Metallurgical Laboratory, University of Chicago. This compilation was designed for use in the Manhattan Project Laboratories. It was declassified in June, 1946, for publication in the Manhattan Project Technical Series. Informal circulation resulted in widespread demand for the publication of such a collection. However, many of the original articles were then being prepared for appearance in the periodical literature. The publication of this collection was, therefore, delayed to permit as many as possible of these papers to appear in the normal fashion. During this delay the original collection was completely revised (by Feld and Goldsmith). At the present writing, some of the data included in this compilation are still unpublished, mainly because of the pressure of other commitments on the original authors. In all such cases, permission has been secured from the authors for the inclusion of their data in this collection.

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- develops nuclear safety standards and, based on these standards, promotes the achievement and maintenance of high levels of safety in applications of nuclear energy, as well as the protection of human health and the environment against ionizing radiation;
- verifies through its inspection system that States comply with their commitments, under the Non-Proliferation Treaty and other non-proliferation agreements, to use nuclear material and facilities only for peaceful purposes.