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The Joint Evaluated Fission and Fusion (JEFF) Nuclear Data Library

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Nuclear data and applications of JEFF Towards a general purpose library

Applications: fission and fusion, radiation protection, nuclear medicine, (nuclear) security, object and materials analysis

Science: reactions and structure of nuclei, astrophysics, basic physics





Challenge: Climate Change - carbon free energy Nuclear energy can be an important component in the mix

2016	CO2	CO2-free	Nuclear	Bio+waste
world	81%	19%	5%	10%
EU 28	72%	28%	14%	10%
Belgium	71%	29%	20%	7%
France	47%	53%	42%	7%
Germany	79%	21%	7%	10%
Sweden	29%	71%	33%	25%

Countries with a high percentage CO_2 -free energy use (nuclear) <u>electricity for heating</u>. Still a lot to do for CO_2 -free transport.

Data International Energy Agency, Total primary energy supply

Challenges for nuclear energy

- Cost of construction
- Perception of risk & public opinion

Legacy of historical major accidents, Fukushima and Chernobyl, and the shadow they project over the future.

Communication in a difficult era





Nuclear Data Activities of the EUROfusion Consortium

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MYRRHA K_{eff} uncertainty and data priorities



From science to application

Reactive versus proactive: ensure best science for every application





Modeling for cost reduction

- Reliable predictions with credible uncertainty margins.
- We are a far cry from that in the nuclear field
- Lots of expert judgement and ad-hoc methods and codes.
- Lots of tests needed for innovative ideas. •
- Knowledge management through data libraries, codes and procedures can make ٠ major steps forward with modern software technology
- JEFF-4 development goal for 2018-2024



Nuclear Reactor Physics

Weston M. Stacey, Wiley-VCH, 2nd ed. (2007)



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- Nuclear Reactor Physics
- One set of data for all applications
- One suite of modeling codes



The JEFF collaboration

- NEA Databank member countries
- Large fraction of contributors is from Europe
- 2 meetings per year
- 40-100 participants
- Voluntary contributions: resources of contributors
- Maintain close links with data projects in Europe
- Joint meetings.





Nuclear Energy Agency



NEA Data Bank: Tools and Databases



NEA Data Bank Services

- Secretariat activities
- □ Technical services:
- Consistency checks
- Conversion to formats
- Testing/verification
- Benchmarking (e.g. ICSBEP,
- Web/Compilation library
- Feedbacks
- New tool NDEC (Nuclear Data Evaluated Cycle).

Fig: NEA Data Bank tools and databases. JEFF Working Groups on Nuclear Data activities on Benchmarking & Validation (B&V), Processing & Verification (P&V) and Evaluation are shown

IAEA-NDS: CRPs, DDPs, CMs

- INDEN
- IRDFF
- Standards
- RIPL
- EXFOR
- Medical isotopes
- IBANDL

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15th Varenna Conference on Nuclear Reaction Mechanisms 11-15 June 2018, Villa Monastero, Varenna, Italy Roberto Capote, IAEA Nuclear Data Section e-mail: <u>R.CapoteNoy@iaea.org</u> Web: http://www-nds.iaea.org

JEFF – 3.3, 20 November 2017

- New major actinides (CEA Cadarache & Bruyeres-le-Chatel, IRSN)
- FY beta file UKFY3.7 (NNL)
- Radioactive Decay Data File (CEA Saclay)
- New covariances
- Increased reliance on TENDL for completeness and decay heat (D. Rochman, M. Fleming)
- New Cu files (Pereslavtsev, Leal) solved important issue with JEFF-3.2
- Improved gamma-emission data (C. Jouanne, R. Perry, G. Noguere, O. Serot, ...)
- Restoration of 8 group structure for delayed neutrons (P. Leconte)
- New thermal scattering data (Cantargi, Granada, Marquez Damian, Noguere)
- Removal of legacy files, update of adopted files to latest release
- Many issues resolved (many contributors)









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Table 3: Standard values and resonance parameters results for 0.0253 eV

JEFF-3.3 Pu-239



Table 7: Standard average fission integral						
		Average fission				
	$\mathbf{S} \mathbf{t} \mathbf{a} \mathbf{n} \mathbf{d} \mathbf{a} \mathbf{r} \mathbf{d}$	cross section				
Energy Interval	recommended	obtained				
(eV)	values and	with the				
	uncertainties	new resonance				
	(barns)	$\mathbf{parameter}$				
		(barns)				
100 - 200	18.709(93)	18.547				
200 - 300	17.859(89)	17.832				
300 - 400	8.562(51)	8.309				
400 - 500	9.567(48)	9.564				
500 - 600	15.489(77)	15.495				
600 - 700	4.523(27)	4.286				
700 - 800	5.654(34)	5.508				
800 - 900	5.039(30)	4.859				
900 - 1000	8.384(50)	8.496				
1000 - 4000	4.515(31)	4.369				

		1000 - 4000	4.515 (31)	4.36	9	50 6	50 7	
		ANR	JEFF-3.1.1	JEFF-3.2	JEFF-3.3]		
(σ_{γ}	269.1 ± 2.9	272.61	270.06	271.3			
(σ_{f}	748.1 ± 2.0	747.08	747.19	749.0]		
	σ_s	7.94 ± 0.36	8.0	8.1	7.76]		





U-235, Pu-239 nu-bar and pfns





Structural materials, coolants



European Commission

Cyrille De Saint Jean





Further covariances for Hf

Many from TENDL (D. Rochman)









Robert Mills, NNL, UKFY-3.7 = JEFF-3.3 FY

Max. Fr			
>10%	1-10%	0.1%-1%	Spont. fission
nuclides: 5	2	12	3
* ²³³ U TFH * ²³⁵ U TFH * ²³⁸ U FH * ²³⁹ Pu TF * ²⁴¹ Pu TF	* ²⁴⁰ Pu F ²⁴⁵ Cm TF	*2 ³² Th FH ²³⁴ U F ²³⁶ U F ²³⁷ Np TF ²³⁸ Np TF ²³⁸ Pu TF ²⁴² Pu F ²⁴¹ Am TF ²⁴² Am TF ²⁴³ Am TF ²⁴³ Cm TF ²⁴⁴ Cm TF	²⁵² Cf Sp ²⁴² Cm Sp ²⁴⁴ Cm Sp

Nuclides in UKFY1 and previous UK libraries.

T Thermal fission.

F Fast fission.

H 14Mev Fission.

Sp Spontaneous fission.

Neutron spectra	Fissioning nuclide	UKFY3.6	New data	UKFY3.7
Thermal	Th229	337	72	409
Thermal	U233	757	188	945
Thermal	U235	2390	151	2541
Thermal	Np238	115	63	178
Thermal	Pu239	861	225	1086
Thermal	Pu241	334	63	397
Thermal	Cm245	161	219	380
Thermal	Cf249	305	239	544
Fast	U235	724	5	729
Fast	Pu239	390	5	395
Fast	Pu241	111	5	116

New JEFF-3.3 DD file, Mark Kellett, CEA Saclay

• FROM JEFF-3.1.1 TO JEFF-3.3

JEFF-3.3 (released October 2016):

Complete re-assessment and update to all 900 evaluations coming from ENSDF Assessment of IAEA actinide decay data (85 nuclei) Assessment of IRDFF decay data library (~80 nuclei) Inclusion of updated UKPADD-6.12 library (~50 additional nuclei) Assessment of new DDEP evaluations (~30 additional nuclei) Inclusion of initial TAGS results from University of Valencia (2010) Inclusion of first TAGS results from University of Nantes (2015) Inclusion of further TAGS results from University of Valencia (2016) Corrections based on limited feedback to JEFF-3.1.1



JEFF Meeting, 30 November 2016 | Mark A. Kellett & Olivier Bersillon

JEFF-3.3 Gamma yields

- Prompt fission (Serot)
- Capture (Perry, Noguere, Serot)
- Inelastic (Jouanne)





Fig. 71: Monte-Carlo simulations of gamma spectra from Al-27 inelastic scattering with 4.5 MeV neutrons, with excited level energies of Al-27 shown in blue.



Thermal scattering

- 20 files, 14 new, first covariances for H in H_2O .
- Cantargi, Granada, Marquez Damian
 - D in D₂O, Ortho D₂, Para D₂
 - H in ice, mesitylene, Ortho H₂, Para H₂, toluene
 - 0-16 in D₂O, Al₂O₃
 - Al in Al2O₃
 - Si in Si
- Mg in Mg (Mounier)
- H in CaH₂, Ca in CaH₂ (Serot)
- Keinert, Mattes
 - H in H₂O, CH₂, ZrH (Keinert, Mattes)
 - Be in Be (Keinert, Mattes)
 - C in graphite (Keinert, Mattes)





Delayed neutrons – 8 groups structure





Benchmarking

NEA-Mosteller

NRG - Van der Marck

IRSN - Leclaire



Case number

Outlier analysis

- NEA+IRSN suite implied materials other than actinides (2-3s and >3s)
- The remainder of outliers (16 out of 45) are **actinide+water+oxygen** only.
- IAEA suite: 1/3 of cases are outliers > 2s. Many due to small benchmark unc.
- PE, Be/BeO, F, Al, concrete, S, steel, Cu, Er, W, Pb, Th
- (D2O, C, Hf, Np) ... (Gd, Cr).
- Most important remain the major actinides

mat.	Ν	Cases
\mathbf{PE}	2	lmt5-1, pmf31-1
D_2O	1	hst20-5
Be&BeO	5	hmf9-2, hst46-1, pmf21-2, hmf38-1, hci4-1
С	3	hmf19-1, hmi6-3, hst46-1
F	2	hmf7-32, hst20-5
Al	3	hmf70-1, imf6-1, lmt5-1
$\operatorname{concrete}$	1	hst7-1
S	1	hst46-1
Steel	4	hmf13, hmf7-1, lct34-17, hmi1-1
Cu	2	hmf73, hmi6-1
Er	1	lmt5-1
Hf	1	lct29-8
W	2	umf4-2, hmf70-1
Pb	5	hmf57-2, lct27-1 to -4,
Th	1	pmf8-1
Np	1	smf8-1
	$\begin{array}{c} \text{mat.} \\ \text{PE} \\ \text{D}_2\text{O} \\ \text{Be\&BeO} \\ \text{C} \\ \text{F} \\ \text{Al} \\ \text{concrete} \\ \text{S} \\ \text{Steel} \\ \text{Cu} \\ \text{Er} \\ \text{Hf} \\ \text{W} \\ \text{Pb} \\ \text{Th} \\ \text{Np} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c c} {\rm mat.} & {\rm N} \\ {\rm PE} & 2 \\ {\rm D}_2 {\rm O} & 1 \\ {\rm Be\&BeO} & 5 \\ {\rm C} & 3 \\ {\rm F} & 2 \\ {\rm Al} & 3 \\ {\rm concrete} & 1 \\ {\rm S} & 1 \\ {\rm Steel} & 4 \\ {\rm Cu} & 2 \\ {\rm Er} & 1 \\ {\rm Hf} & 1 \\ {\rm Hf} & 1 \\ {\rm W} & 2 \\ {\rm Pb} & 5 \\ {\rm Th} & 1 \\ {\rm Np} & 1 \end{array}$



Additional critical experiments



VENUS-F



Table 32: Calculated k_{eff} -values for the VENUS-F CR0 core. The statistical uncertainty of the calculated values is less than 5 pcm.

library	$k_{ m eff}$	library	$k_{ m eff}$
JEFF-3.1.2	1.0059	JENDL-4.0	1.0031
JEFF-3.2	1.0083	ENDF/B-VII.1	1.0069
JEFF-3.3	1.0073	ENDF/B-VIII.0	1.0054



Application to PWR – UPM – SEANAP Boron concentration and axial offset



• JEFF-3.3 does very well when applied to an actual PWR code system



Delayed neutron testing

- Beta-eff versus 20 cases in literature and VENUS-F
- JEFF-3.3 comes out well (JEFF-3.1.1 somewhat better)

	Exp	eriment	JEFF	JEFF
		$\beta_{ m eff}$	3.3	3.1.1
TCA	771	(2.2%)	$2.3{\pm}0.8$	$3.9{\pm}0.7$
IPEN/MB01	742	(0.9%)	$4.2{\pm}0.9$	$4.6{\pm}1.0$
Masurca/R2	721	(1.5%)	$2.1{\pm}1.1$	$2.9{\pm}1.1$
Masurca/ZONA2	349	(1.7%)	$2.6{\pm}1.7$	$1.1{\pm}1.7$
FCA/XIX-1	742	(3.2%)	$3.0{\pm}1.2$	$3.6{\pm}1.2$
FCA/XIX-2	364	(2.5%)	$3.3{\pm}1.6$	$3.8{\pm}1.6$
FCA/XIX-3	251	(1.6%)	$4.4{\pm}1.9$	$-1.2{\pm}2.0$
SNEAK/9C1	758	(3.2%)	-1.8 ± 1.1	-0.8 ± 1.1
SNEAK/7A	395	(5.1%)	$1.0{\pm}1.5$	$-1.0{\pm}1.5$
SNEAK/7B	429	(4.9%)	$3.5{\pm}1.4$	$3.7{\pm}1.3$
SNEAK/9C2	426	(4.5%)	$-4.9{\pm}1.5$	$-5.4{\pm}1.5$
ZPR-9/34	667	(2.2%)	0.7 ± 2.2	$4.2{\pm}2.2$
ZPR-U9	725	(2.3%)	$2.6{\pm}1.9$	$0.8{\pm}1.9$
ZPPR-21/B	381	(2.4%)	$-8.9{\pm}2.3$	-4.5 ± 2.2
ZPR-6/10	222	(2.3%)	5.9 ± 3.8	$3.9{\pm}0.7$
Godiva	659	(1.5%)	$0.3{\pm}1.1$	-1.7 ± 1.1
Topsy	665	(2.0%)	$4.1{\pm}1.0$	$2.4{\pm}1.0$
Jezebel	194	(5.2%)	-3.1 ± 1.6	$-1.0{\pm}1.6$
Popsy	276	(2.5%)	$7.6 {\pm} 1.7$	$4.3{\pm}1.4$
Skidoo	290	(3.4%)	$0.7{\pm}1.4$	$1.7{\pm}1.4$
Flattop	360	(2.5%)	$3.1{\pm}1.3$	$4.2{\pm}1.3$

	Experi	Experiment		JEFF
	Rossi	$-\alpha$	3.3	3.1.1
SHE/core8	6.53e-3	(5.2%)	-1.5 ± 1.0	-3.5 ± 1.0
Sheba-II	200.3e-6	(1.8%)	-4.4 ± 1.4	$4.7{\pm}1.4$
Stacy/run-029	122.7e-6	(3.3%)	$-2.9{\pm}1.2$	$3.5{\pm}1.2$
Stacy/run-033	116.7e-6	(3.3%)	-0.6 ± 1.2	$0.2{\pm}1.2$
Stacy/run-046	106.2e-6	(3.5%)	-0.1 ± 1.1	$0.7{\pm}1.1$
Stacy/run-030	126.8e-6	(2.3%)	-1.1 ± 1.2	$0.9{\pm}1.2$
Stacy/run-125	152.8e-6	(1.7%)	-4.1 ± 1.2	$3.2{\pm}1.2$
Stacy/run-215	109.2e-6	(1.6%)	-4.6 ± 1.1	$0.0{\pm}1.2$
Winco	1109.3e-6	(0.1%)	$-4.4{\pm}1.0$	$0.7{\pm}1.0$
Big Ten	117.0e-6	(0.9%)	0.1 ± 1.4	-0.3 ± 1.5

library	$eta_{ ext{eff}}$	library	β_{eff}
JEFF-3.1.2	730	JENDL-4.0	724
JEFF-3.2	733	ENDF/B-VII.1	727
JEFF-3.3	729	ENDF/B-VIII.0	727
Experiment	730(11)		





ASPIS IRON-88



Cross section validation using shielding benchmarks from SINBAD Ivo Kodeli I443

FNS Oxygen



Cf-252 leakage spectra Fe and U - IPPE



Decay Heat, Pu-239 & Inconel-600 examples



Fig. 98: Total and gamma fission decay heat pulse for ²³⁹Pu, showing simulations with a range of nuclear data files, as calculated by FISPACT-II. Note the significant under-prediction of gamma heat for JEFF-3.1.1, over a range of cooling periods from 10 to 2000 seconds.



Fig. 100: Decay heat simulations and measurements from the JAEA Fusion Neutron Source, considering Inconel-600 irradiation and the most recent nuclear data libraries. Dominant nuclides are labeled at (x,y) coordinates that are their half-life and post-irradiation quantity, respectively.



JEFF-4.0

- We want JEFF-4 to be a fundamental change
- Best knowledge for users best physics
- Completeness large reliance on TALYS and TENDL
- Agreed ways of integrating contributions
- Version and documentation control
- Use modern tools for inspection and checking
- Use modern tools for benchmarking and validation
- Eliminate limitations (formats, correlated emissions)
- Method development 2018-2020
- JEFF-4 development 2021-2024



CEA model development for improved evaluations

Summary

- Using better models allows to better reproduce experimental data Ex: OMP, Statistical models, Level densities, Γγ, fission transmission
- Microscopic models are able to compute model ingredients from nuclear interaction + many body formalism (no adjustment)
- Use of better (more microscopic) reduce the dynamics of model parameter adjustment.
 - + parameter values more physical
 - fine adjustments still needed for optimal agreement with data Ex: OMP, level densities, $\Gamma\gamma$, fission transmission

• Examples shown for cross sections in the continuum but conclusions also relevant for PFNS, PFGS, and in the resonance region

Quantification of model defects into the covariance matrix is needed **BUT** using better models will reduce the amplitude of such defects.



Hilaire R180

Evaluation of n + ¹⁶O cross-section data using Hybrid R-Matrix approach

- Hybrid R-matrix fit in energy range 1 keV 14 MeV using TUW code system GECCCOS
- Statistical model fit using TALYS with optimized optical potentials (1 keV 200 MeV)
- Unified Bayesian evaluation accounting for model defects (in resonance and statistical energy range) providing co-variance matrices
- $\Rightarrow Production of full ENDF prototype data file for use in$ benchmark analyses $<math display="block">\Rightarrow H. Leeb, R046$

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energy [MeV]

with model defects

2

1.5

14000

12000

10000

8000

6000

4000

2000

0

0

cs [mbarn]

uncertainty

0.5

 σ_{true}

exp. data 🛶



Total cross-section n + ¹⁶O





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Evaluation of fast n + ⁵⁶**Fe cross-sections using advanced evaluation methodologies** Arjan Koning L451





- Extension of TMC method (A. Koning, D. Rochman)
- <u>Varying nuclear models (e. g. gamma strength functions,</u> leve densities, optical models, ... from TALYS & EMPIRE) <u>and parameters</u> (n + ⁵⁶Fe: 18 000 random files created)
- BMC/BFMC method to find best final evaluation
- Testing with criticality and shielding benchmarks
- - Simulation of model defects by <u>energy-dependent</u> <u>parameters</u> in TALYS code
 - Parameter functions modelled as <u>Gaussian processes</u> UPPSALA INIVERSITET fitted together with energy-independent parameters
 - \Rightarrow Demonstration ENDF data file up to 30 MeV







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Iron-56, problem with the elastic cross section in neutron energy region around 300 keV and natural iron isotopes influence on the neutron transport through iron

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Resonance range evaluations

JRC & partners

• Au (500 eV <->5 keV)

CEA/Cadarache

- Lu
- Ag
- KAERI
- Rh
- Gd (+ INFN Bologna + ENEA) JAEA
- Cu
- Bi (+SCK-CEN)
- INFN Bari
- Y
- Zr

Pu-239 Pu-240, Pu-241, Am-241, U-235, U-238, U-234 Gd isotopes, Mo isotopes, Fe-54, Fe56, Pb-204, Pb-206, Pb-207, Pb-208 Cl-35, Cl-37, F-19, Nickel isotopes, Sm-149, Sm-152, Cs-133, Si isotopes, Ca isotopes, Mn-55, Nd-143

IRSN priority list (to be completed)



• CEA Cadarache

- ²³⁷Np,
- ^{240,242}Pu,
- ^{241,243}Am,
- ¹⁰³Rh,
- ⁹⁹Tc,
- ²³⁴U,
- ^{235,238}U,
- ²³⁹Pu



Fission yields

- Support for new evaluation was very fragile
- Considerable new experimental and modeling efforts
- Database needs to be secured
- Evaluation process needs to be secured
- Alignment with radioactive decay data evaluation
- Completeness is possible using FIFRELIN & GEF



 Resolution needed between accuracy from experiment and complete modeling (similar to reaction evaluations)

From fission yield measurements to evaluation Status on statistical methodology for the covariance question

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Comparative study between experiment, evaluation and GEF

Karl-Heinz Schmidt



Subatech, Nantes

Thermal scattering

- Important new modeling developments.
- New experimental data.
- Only partly on board in JEFF-3.3.
- We should fully adopt the new modeling as it is supported by old and new data, better than JEFF-3.3.
- Use covariance information.







- JEFF-3.3 delivered in November 2017 good performance
- JEFF-4 is expected in 2024.
- Important developments are underway.

