



Processing covariances for WPEC/SG46 TAR Exercise

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- ❑ *Legacy Work WPEC/SG26 (2005-2008)*
- ❑ *WPEC/SG46 (2019-2021)*
- ❑ *Target Accuracy Requirements: Necessity of “Expert Judgment”*
- ❑ *Methodology: The inverse problem*
- ❑ *TAR Benchmark Specifications*
<https://oecd-nea.org/download/wpec/sg46/>
- ❑ **Processing Covariances**
- ❑ *New reactor systems in WPEC/SG46: ASTRID, ESFR-SMART, JSFR750 and ALFRED*
- ❑ *Preliminary Results: Uncertainty Quantification*
- ❑ *Preliminary TAR Results for ENDF/B-VIII.0*

- **WPEC/SG46** is again a new **bridge** between ND evaluators and end-users in the utilisation of integral experiments
- WPEC/SG46 to provide **updated target accuracies for nuclear data uncertainty reduction**
 - *“It is essential to verify the status of design target accuracies and their potential evolution (reactor operation and fuel cycle parameters)”*
 - *New reactors concepts are presently explored besides Gen-IV, MA burners, and ADS: MSR, SMR, micro reactors, and test reactors*
- **TAR WPEC/SG46 methodology** based on:
 - *New covariance data matrices: ENDF/B-VIII.0, JEFF-3.3 and JENDL-4.0u*
 - *Using correlations in energy, reactions and isotopes*
 - *Energy structure: “7 energy groups (based on physical considerations)”*
- *“The **HPRL** will certainly benefit from an update, to motivate and focus new experiments and to meet potential new requirements”*

The “inverse problem”:

- To define the TAR on design parameters: R_n^T
- To find out **the required reduction in the cross-section uncertainties**: Δx_i

$$\text{To minimize: } \left(\sum_i \frac{\lambda_i}{\Delta x_i^2} \right)$$

$i = 1, \dots, K$

λ_i : cost parameter related with each cross-section

Δx_i : uncertainty cross-section (i.e. standard deviation)

K: total number of reactions-energy groups whose uncertainty is to be determined

- ISOTOPES:** ^{10}B , ^{16}O , ^{52}Cr , ^{56}Fe , ^{58}Ni , $^{235,238}\text{U}$, $^{239,240,241}\text{Pu}$, $^{206,207,208}\text{Pb}$, ^{23}Na + others (e.g. ^{35}Cl)?
- REACTIONS:** σ_{cap} , σ_{fiss} , ν , σ_{el} , σ_{inel} , PFNS and elastic-P1 + others (e.g. (n,p), n(alpha))?
- ENERGY Groups:** 7g

The **objective function** is constrained to:

correlation terms

- $\Delta x_{i0} \geq \Delta x_i \geq 0; i = 1 \dots K$
 - $\sum_i S_{ni}^2 \cdot \Delta x_i^2 + \sum_{ii'} S_{ni} \cdot \Delta x_i \cdot \mathbf{corr}_{ii'} \cdot \Delta x_{i'} \cdot S_{ni}^+ \leq (R_n^T)^2; n = 1 \dots N$
- S_{ni} : sensitivity coefficient for the integral parameter R_n
 - $\mathbf{corr}_{ii'}$: correlation between i and i'
 - R_n^T : target accuracies on the N-integral parameters

Who is involved in TAR exercise?

To minimize:
$$\left(\sum_i \frac{\lambda_i}{\Delta x_i^2} \right)$$

 $i = 1, \dots, K$

ND Differential measurement experts

- Cost parameters assigned to isotopes, reactions, and/or energy group

The objective function is constrained to:

1) $\Delta x_{i0} \geq \Delta x_i \geq 0; i = 1 \dots K$

ND Processing

- AMPX/NJOY codes
- Issues to be solved:
 - MF34/O16-P₁ for JENDL
 - MF34/235U and 238U in ENDF/B-VIII.0
- Limitations in NJOY: unique Ein value for MF35/PFNS
- Correlations between MATs-MTs-Energy to be processed and used

Lower uncertainty

- Standards?

ND Evaluators

- Uncertainties for all MATs/MTs
- Credible uncertainties
- Mathematically “positive definite” for full covariance data

Reactor Designers

- Safety margins
- Licensing

2) $\sum_i S_{ni}^2 \cdot \Delta x_i^2 + \sum_{i \neq j} S_{ni} \cdot \Delta x_i \cdot \text{corr}_{ij} \cdot \Delta x_j \cdot S_{nj}^+ \leq (R_n^T)^2; n = 1 \dots N$

TAR Solving

- Assumptions
- Inverse method + others ML/AI?
- Note: TAR calculations performed by UPM using the solver DONLP2 (Spellucci P., 1998)

Reactor Physicists

- Reactor Model
- Sensitivity Profiles

Ref.: Spellucci, P. “An SQP method for general nonlinear programs using only equality constrained subproblems”. Math. Program. 82, 413–448 (1998)

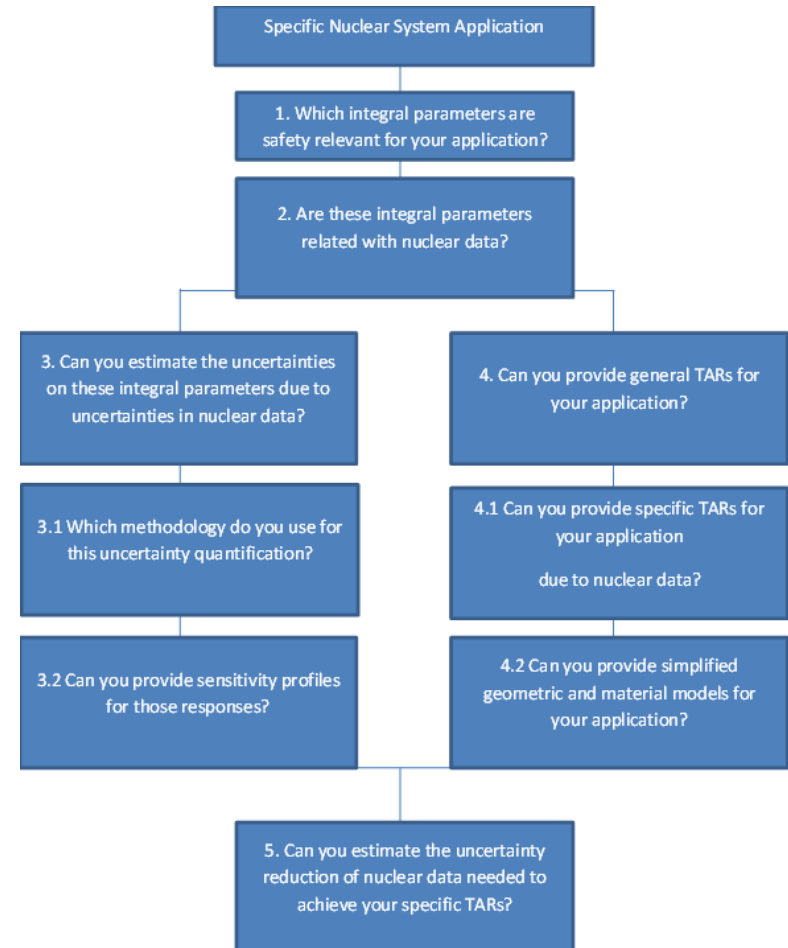
Benchmark Specifications: WPEC/SG46 Exercise on Target Accuracy Requirement (TAR)

WPEC/SG46, May 2021

Table 1. Energy group structure

Group #	Lower Energy (eV)	Upper Energy (eV)	
1	$2.23130 \cdot 10^6$	$1.96403 \cdot 10^7$	Above Threshold fertile
2	$4.97871 \cdot 10^5$	$2.23130 \cdot 10^6$	Above Threshold inelastic
3	$6.73795 \cdot 10^4$	$4.97871 \cdot 10^5$	Continuum to URR
4	$2.03468 \cdot 10^3$	$6.73795 \cdot 10^4$	URR
5	$2.26033 \cdot 10^1$	$2.03468 \cdot 10^3$	RRR
6	$5.40000 \cdot 10^{-1}$	$2.26033 \cdot 10^1$	EPITHERMAL
7	$1.40000 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$5.40000 \cdot 10^{-1}$	THERMAL

Figure 1. Procedure for any specific application to participate in WPEC/SG46 exercise on TAR



- *ND covariances processed with NJOY2016.63*
- *Processed ND:*
 - *MF31*
 - *MF32/MF33*
 - *MF34*
 - *MF35*
- *Energy structure 7g- weighting IWT8 (for fast reactors)*
- *Ein for MF35: 1.0E+5eV*
- *Formats: BOXER, ERROR (and COVERX)*

See MATERIALS at: <https://oecd-nea.org/download/wpec/sg46/materials/>

□ Processing issues with NJOY2016.63 (LANL GitLab)

- Discrepancy between NJOY2016 and NJOY99 for JENDL4 MF34 processing in O16

Issue #210 · njoy/NJOY2016 · GitHub

- ERRORR covout subroutine only outputs the first subsection covariance matrix

Issue #205 · njoy/NJOY2016 · GitHub

NJOY2016/ERRORR is now capable of reading MF34 for ENDF/B-VIII.0 mubar for 235U and 239Pu

- NJOY2016/MF35 may be improved: definition of a weighting function instead of only one Ein value
- Need of definite positive for “full” covariance matrices

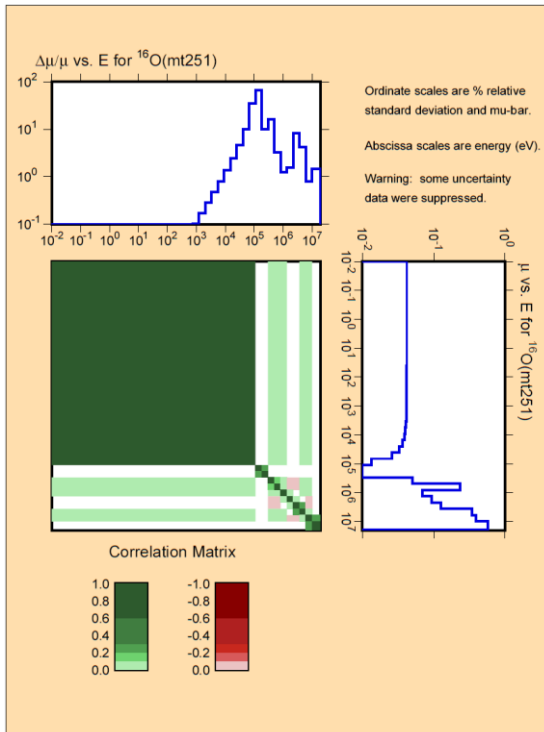
□ Working on progress

- AMPX –NJOY processing and comparison

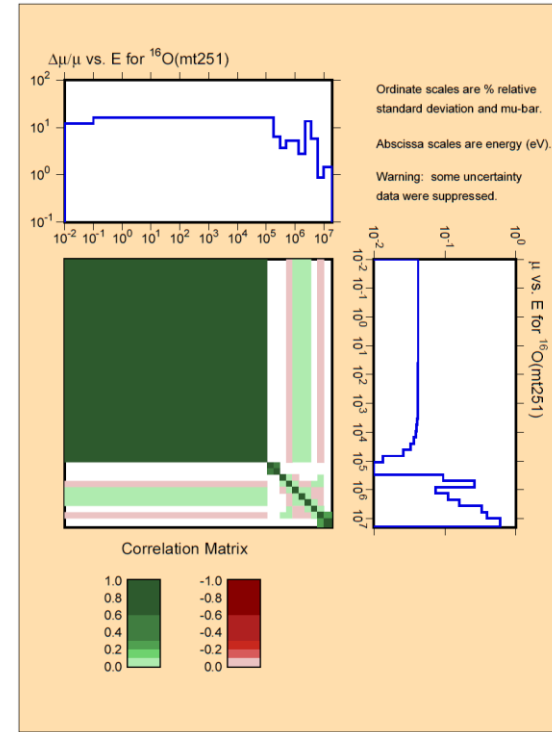
(see presentation by A. Jiménez-Carrascosa in JEFF-Nov2021 Processing Session)

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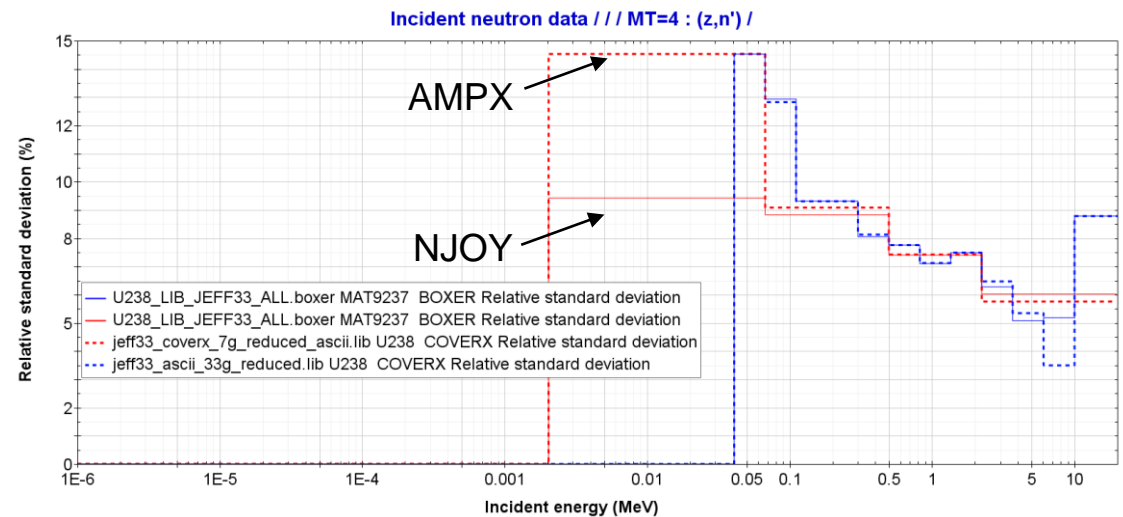
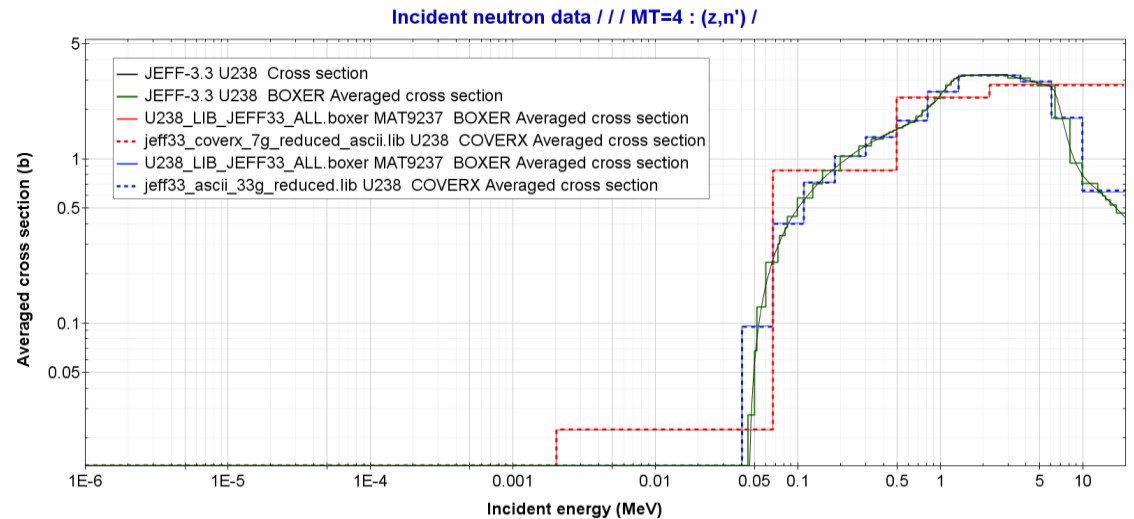


O-16 mu-bar covariance processed by NJOY99



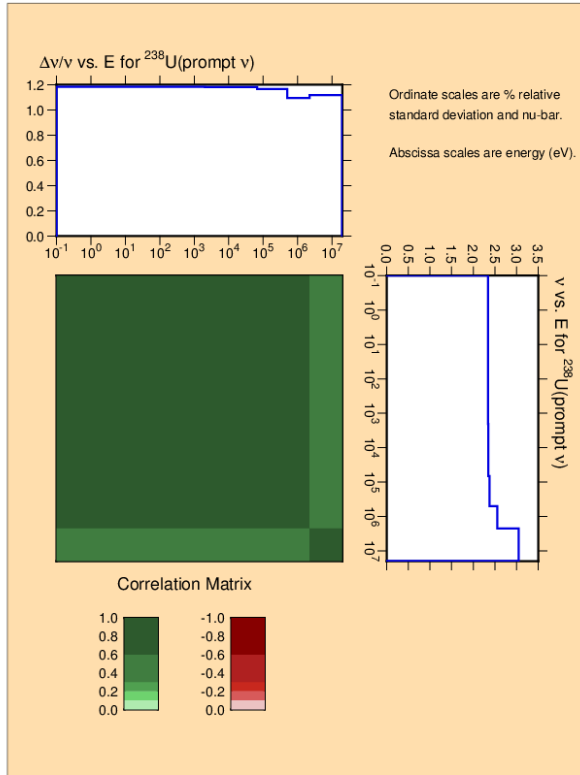
O-16 mu-bar covariance processed by NJOY2016

AMPX –NJOY issue
processing the relative
standard deviation in 7g?



○ Reported by email, Nov. 17, 2021

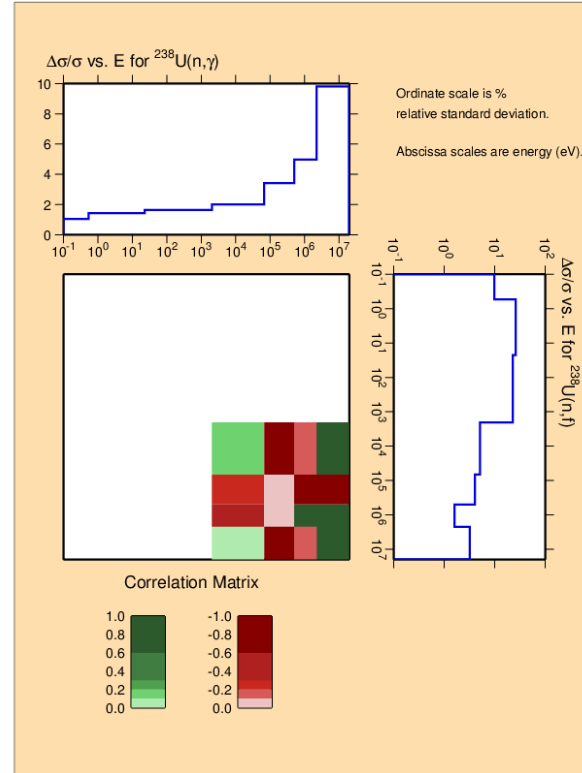
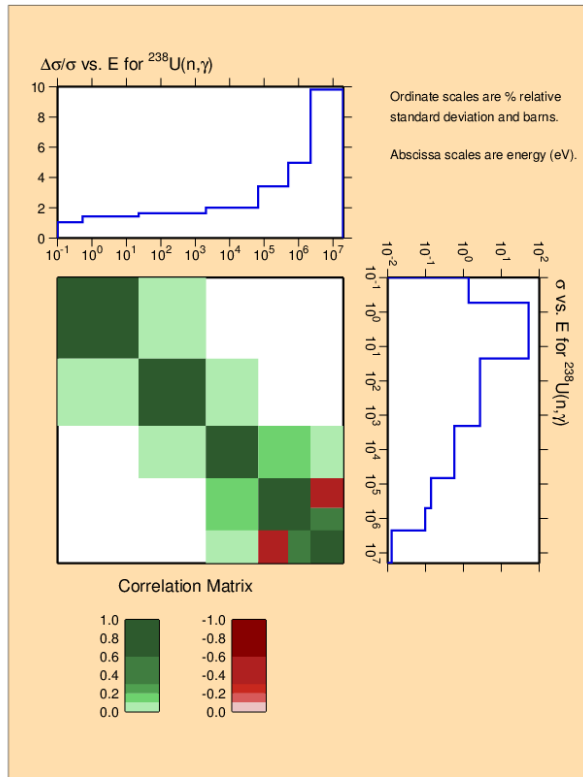
MF31



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21 24 0 31 /
  9237 1 0 8 0 1 1 1 /
'GENDF- 7g' /
300.0
1.E10
7 /
1.00000E-05
5.40000E-01
2.26033E+01
2.03468E+03
6.73795E+04
4.97871E+05
2.23130E+06
1.9640E+07 /
3 /
3 452 nubar_t /
3 455 nubar_d /
3 456 nubar_p /
5 455 nubar_spc /
0 /
0 /
errorr
21 0 31 41 /
  9237 1 2 1 1 /
1 300.0 / Just only one temperature
0 31 /
7 /
1.00000E-05
5.40000E-01
2.26033E+01
2.03468E+03
6.73795E+04
4.97871E+05
2.23130E+06
1.9640E+07 /
covr
41 0 81 /
1 /
/
/
  9237 0 0 0 /
viewr
81 82
covr
41 71 /
4 1
'LIB_JEFF33 ' /
'BOXER format' /
  9237 0 0 0 /
stop
  
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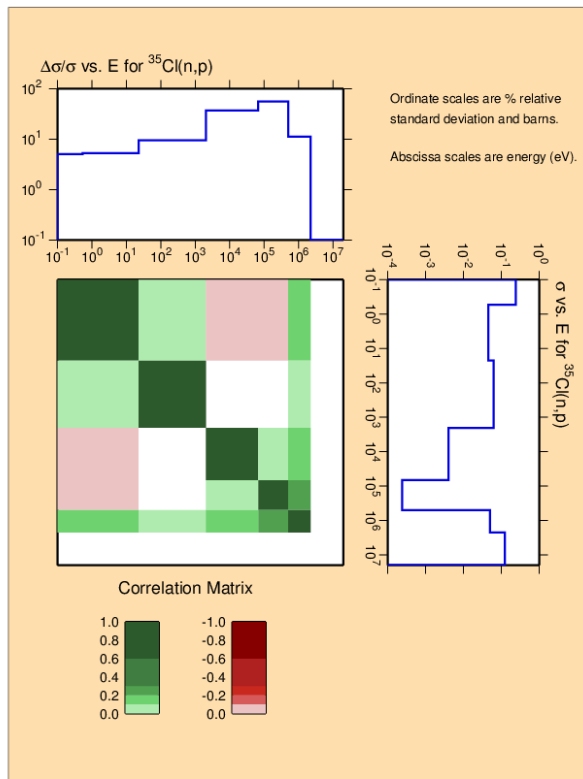
MF32/33



```

group /
21 24 0 31 /
  9237 1 0 8 0 1 1 1 /
'GENDF- 7g' /
300.0
1.E10
7 /
1.00000E-05
5.40000E-01
2.26033E+01
2.03468E+03
6.73795E+04
4.97871E+05
2.23130E+06
  1.9640E+07 /
3 /
3 18 /
3 251 /
3 452 nubar_t /
3 455 nubar_d /
3 456 nubar_p /
5 455 nubar_spc /
0 /
0 /
errorr
21 0 31 77 /
  9237 1 2 1 1 /
1 300.0 / Just only one temperature
0 33 /
7 /
1.00000E-05
5.40000E-01
2.26033E+01
2.03468E+03
6.73795E+04
4.97871E+05
2.23130E+06
  1.9640E+07 /
covr
77 0 81 /
1 /
/
/
  9237 0 0 0 /
viewr
81 82
covr
77 78 /
4 1
'LIB JEFF33 ' /
'BOXER format' /
  9237 0 0 0 /
stop
  
```

Evaluated without MF33 (only MF32)



```

groupnr /
21 24 0 31/
  1725 1 0 6 0 1 1 1 /
'GENDF- 7g' /
300.0
1.E10
7 /
1.00000E-05
5.40000E-01
2.26033E+01
2.03468E+03
6.73795E+04
4.97871E+05
2.23130E+06
1.9640E+07 /
3/
3 251/
0/
0/

```

○ NJOY2016 input for CI35-ENDF/B-VIII.0

errorr

```

999/
21 88/
1 / MT1
2 / MT2
102 / MT102
600 / MT600
0/

```

○ NJOY21 does not need the intermediate error module

errorr

```

88 0 31 77 /
  1725 1 2 1 1 /
1 300.0 / Just only one temperature
0 33 /
7 /
1.00000E-05
5.40000E-01
2.26033E+01
2.03468E+03
6.73795E+04
4.97871E+05
2.23130E+06
1.9640E+07 /
covr
77 0 81 /
1/
/
/
  1725 0 0 0 /
viewr
81 82
covr
77 78 /
4 1
'LIB ENDFB-VIII.0 ' /
'BOXER format'/
  1725 0 0 0 /
stop

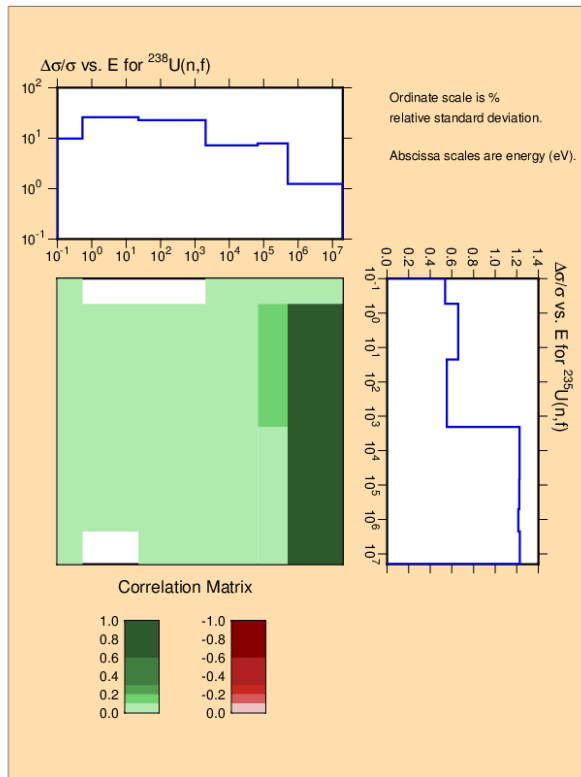
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Processing correlations between materials (MAT)

Library	
ENDF/B-VII.1	9228 (U235) MT18 - 9237 (U238) MT18
	9228 (U235) MT18 - 9237 (U238) MT102
	9228 (U235) MT18 - 9437 (PU239) MT18
ENDF/B-VIII.0	9237 (U238) MT18 - 9437 (PU239) MT18
	9237 (U238) MT102 - 9437 (PU239) MT18
	9228 (U235) MT18 - 9237 (U238) MT18
	9228 (U235) MT18 - 9237 (U238) MT102
	9228 (U235) MT18 - 9437 (PU239) MT18
JEFF-3.3	None
JENDL-4.0u	9440 (PU240) MT18 - 9443 (PU241) MT18
	9437 (PU239) MT18 - 9443 (PU241) MT18
	9437 (PU239) MT18 - 9440 (PU240) MT18
	9237 (U238) MT18 - 9443 (PU241) MT18
	9237 (U238) MT18 - 9440 (PU240) MT18
	9237 (U238) MT18 - 9437 (PU239) MT18
	9228 (U235) MT18 - 9443 (PU241) MT18
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	9228 (U235) MT18 - 9237 (PU239) MT18



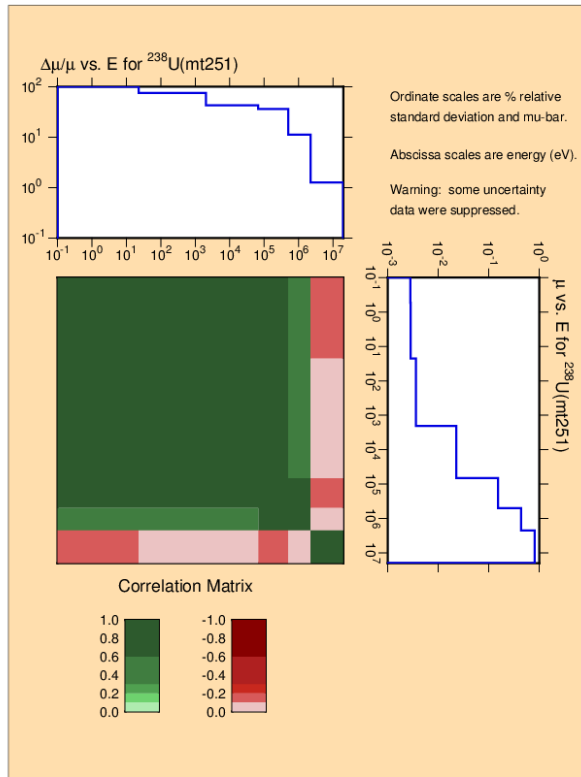
Correlation between MATs



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moder /
2 99
' 9228 and 9237' /
91 9228 /
92 9237 /
0/
errorr
21 0 99 26 61 /
9228 1 2 1 1 /
1 300.0 / Just only one temperature
2 33 /
9237 18 /
0 /
7 /
1.00000E-05
5.40000E-01
2.26033E+01
2.03468E+03
6.73795E+04
4.97871E+05
2.23130E+06
1.9640E+07 /
covr
26 0 81 /
1/
/
/
9228 18 9237 18 /
viewr
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covr
26 27 /
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9228 18 9237 18 /
stop
    
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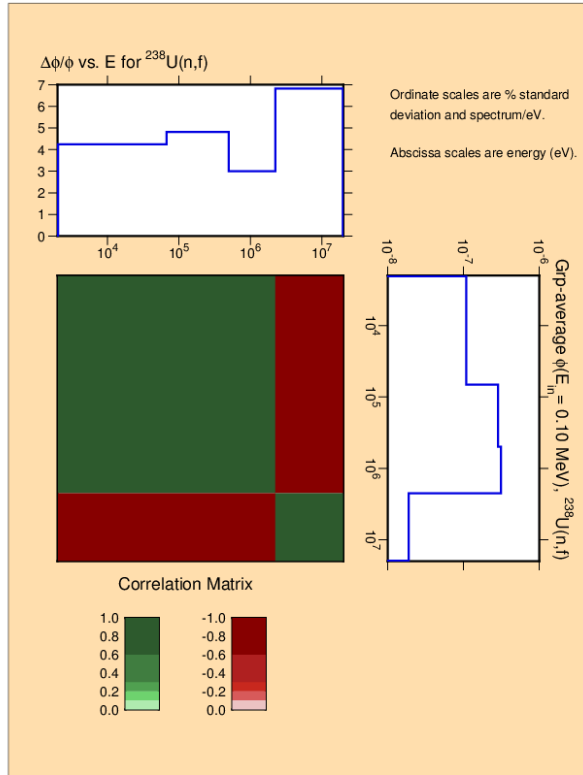
MF34



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1.E10
7 /
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5.40000E-01
2.26033E+01
2.03468E+03
6.73795E+04
4.97871E+05
2.23130E+06
1.9640E+07 /
3 /
3 251 /
0 /
0 /
errorr
21 0 31 42 /
  9237 1 2 1 1 /
1 300.0 / Just only one temperature
0 34 /
7 /
1.00000E-05
5.40000E-01
2.26033E+01
2.03468E+03
6.73795E+04
4.97871E+05
2.23130E+06
1.9640E+07 /
covr
42 0 81 /
1 /
/
/
  9237 0 0 0 /
viewr
81 82
covr
42 72 /
4 1
'LIB_JEFF33 ' /
'BOXER format' /
  9237 0 0 0 /
stop
  
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MF35



```

group /
21 24 0 31/
  9237 1 0 8 0 1 1 1 /
'GENDF- 7g' /
300.0
1.E10
7 /
  1.00000E-05
  5.40000E-01
  2.26033E+01
  2.03468E+03
  6.73795E+04
  4.97871E+05
  2.23130E+06
  1.9640E+07 /
3/
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3 456 nubar_p/
5 455 nubar_spc/
5 18 nubar_spc/
0/
errorr
21 0 31 40 /
  9237 1 2 1 1 /
1 300.0 / Just only one temperature
0 35 1 1 -1 1.0000E+05 /
7 /
  1.00000E-05
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  2.03468E+03
  6.73795E+04
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  2.23130E+06
  1.9640E+07 /
covr
40 0 81 /
1/
/
/
  9237 0 0 0 /
viewr
81 82
covr
40 70 /
4 1
'LIB_JEFF33 ' /
'BOXER format'/
  9237 0 0 0 /
stop
  
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Issues in evaluated files

ND Evaluation	Large processed uncertainties (> 100%)	Lack of ND covariances	Processed null
ENDF/B-VII.1	B10(n,n') – g=2 Cr52(n,alpha) g=2	No MF33 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pb206(n,p), Pb206(n,alpha) Pb207(n,p), Pb207(n,alpha) Pb208(n,p), Pb208(n,alpha) No MF34 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> B10 O16 Cr52 Ni58 U235, U238 Pu239, Pu240, Pu241 No MF35 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pu-241 	Processed null values <ul style="list-style-type: none"> B10(n,alpha) – g=1 B10(n,n') – g=3 Ni58(n, alpha) g=3-7 Ni58(n,p) – g=3-7 Cr52(n,n') –g=3 U235(n,n') – g=5 Na23(n,elasticP1) –g= 7 U-235(CHI) – g=7 U-238(CHI) – g=7 Pu239(CHI) – g=7 Pu-240(CHI) – g=7

Issues in evaluated files

ND Evaluation	Large processed uncertainties (> 100%)	Lack of ND covariances	Processed null
ENDF/B-VIII.0	B10(n,n') – g=2 Cr52(n, n,alpha) - g=2 O16(n,n') – g=1 O16(n, elastic-P1) – g=5-7	No MF33 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fe56 (n,alpha) Pb206(n,p), Pb206(n,alpha) Pb207(n,p), Pb207(n,alpha) Pb208(n,p), Pb208(n,alpha) No MF34 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> B10 Cr52 Fe56 Ni58 Pu240, Pu241 No MF35 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pu-241 	Processed null values <ul style="list-style-type: none"> B10(n,alpha) – g=1 B10(n,n') – g=3-7 Cr52(n,n') – g=3-7 Ni58(n,p) – g=3-7 Ni58(n,alpha) –g=3-7 Na23(n,elasticP1) - g=7 Pu239(CHI) – g=7 Pu240(CHI) –g=7 Fail NJOY2016.63: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> U235(n,elasticP1) U238(n,elasticP1) Pu239(n,elasticP1)

Note: **See Appendix I.**

Issues in evaluated files

ND Evaluation	Large processed uncertainties (> 100%)	Lack of ND covariances	Processed null
JEFF-3.3	B10(n,n') – g=2 U238(n,elasticP1) – g=6,7	<p>No MF31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pu240 <p>No MF33</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pb206(n,p), Pb206(n,alpha) • Pb207(n,p), Pb207(n,alpha) • Pb208(n,p), Pb208(n,alpha) <p>No MF34</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B10 • O16 • Na23 • Cr52 • U235 • Pu239, Pu240 <p>No MF35</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pu240 	<p>Processed null values</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B10(n,alpha) –g=1 • B10(n,n') - g=3-7 • Cr52(n,n') - g=3-7 • Ni58(n,alpha) – g=3-7 • Ni58(n,p) –g=3-7 • Fe56(n,alpha) –g=2-7 • U235(n,n') – g=5 • Ni58(n,elasticP1) –g=3-7 • Pu241(n, elasticP1) –g=6-7

Note: See Appendix I.

Issues in evaluated files

ND Evaluation	Large procesed uncertainties (> 100%)	Lack of ND covariances	Processed null
JENDL-4.0u	-	No MF33 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> B10(n,p) Pb206(n,p), Pb206(n,alpha) Pb207(n,p), Pb207(n,alpha) Pb208(n,p), Pb208(n,alpha) No MF34 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> B10 	Processed null values <ul style="list-style-type: none"> B10(n,n') –g=1-3 Ni58(n,p) –g=1, 3-7 Ni58(n,alpha) –g=4-7 Na23(n,elasticP1) – g=7 Cr52(n,elasticP1) – g=1,6,7 Ni58(n,elasticP1) – g=7 Fe56(n,elasticP1) – g=6-7 U235(n,elasticP1) – g=6-7 U238(n,elasticP1) – g=6-7 Pu239(n,elasticP1) – g=6-7 Pu240(n,elasticP1) – g=6-7 Pu241(n,elasticP1) – g=6-7

Discrepancy between NJOY2016 and NJOY99 for JENDL4 MF34 processing in O16

Formats: BOXER

- merged all covariances in a unique BOXER file for each MAT

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0 LIB_EN-b- 7 BOXER format          9228  1 9228  1  8 10  8  3  0  8  1
1.000E-05 5.400E-01 2.260E+01 2.035E+03 6.738E+04 4.979E+05 2.231E+06 1.964E+07
-1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1
1 LIB_EN-b- 7 BOXER format          9228  1 9228  1  7 10  7  3  0  7  1
3.372E+02 7.588E+01 2.497E+01 1.513E+01 1.092E+01 7.304E+00 7.549E+00
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2 LIB_EN-b- 7 BOXER format          9228  1 9228  1  7 10  7  3  0  7  1
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-1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1
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0.5123 1.0000
-1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -3 -1 -1 -1 -3 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1
-1 -1 -1 -1
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0.8309 0.9823 0.8125 0.6811 0.1778 0.3263 0.2168 0.8016 0.8569 0.9226 0.5952
0.0648 0.1188 0.0790 0.5500 0.5795 0.5783 0.6263
-1 -1 -1 -1  3 -1 -1 -1 -1  3 -1 -1 -1 -1  3 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1
-1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1
-1 -1 -1
...

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- BOXER is a useful format ... to increase precision (as suggested by Ivo Kodeli, JEFF Nov2021, JEFDOC-2059)**

See MATERIALS at: <https://oecd-nea.org/download/wpec/sg46/materials/>

Formats:

SG33 → SG7

```
# Date:
# Lab:
# Library: LIB_ENDFB-VIII.0
#
# Data: U235
Data: 1000*Correlation( U235 / MF3/MT1 , U235 / MF3/MT1 )
#
# Grp upper E (eV)      X      Rel. unc.  Abs. unc.      X      Rel. unc.  Abs. unc.
# lowest= 1.E-05
#
#-I2-----E12.4-----E12.4-----E12.4-----E12.4-----E12.4-----E12.4-----E12.4
1  1.9640E+07      7.5490E+00  2.9050E-02  2.1930E-01  7.5490E+00  2.9050E-02  2.1930E-01
2  2.2310E+06      7.3040E+00  2.2170E-02  1.6193E-01  7.3040E+00  2.2170E-02  1.6193E-01
3  4.9790E+05      1.0920E+01  2.0070E-02  2.1916E-01  1.0920E+01  2.0070E-02  2.1916E-01
4  6.7380E+04      1.5130E+01  2.0670E-02  3.1274E-01  1.5130E+01  2.0670E-02  3.1274E-01
5  2.0350E+03      2.4970E+01  1.0180E-02  2.5419E-01  2.4970E+01  1.0180E-02  2.5419E-01
6  2.2600E+01      7.5880E+01  3.9110E-03  2.9677E-01  7.5880E+01  3.9110E-03  2.9677E-01
7  5.4000E-01      3.3720E+02  4.7250E-03  1.5933E+00  3.3720E+02  4.7250E-03  1.5933E+00
#
# Grp upper E (eV)      1      2      3      4      5      6      7
# lowest= 1.E-05      Y      Y      Y      Y      Y      Y      Y
#
#-I2-----E12.4--A-----I6-----I6-----I6-----I6-----I6-----I6
1  1.9640E+07 X 1000  512  560  613  504 1000 1000
2  2.2310E+06 X  512 1000  871  932  739 1000 1000
3  4.9790E+05 X  560  871 1000  845  38  22  -32
4  6.7380E+04 X  613  932  845 1000  -19  -60  -59
5  2.0350E+03 X  504  739  38  -19 1000  -46  6
6  2.2600E+01 X 1000 1000  22  -60  -46 1000  203
7  5.4000E-01 X 1000 1000  -32  -59  6  203 1000
#
Data: 1000*Correlation( U235 / MF3/MT1 , U235 / MF3/MT2 )
#
# Grp upper E (eV)      X      Rel. unc.  Abs. unc.      X      Rel. unc.  Abs. unc.
# lowest= 1.E-05
#
#-I2-----E12.4-----E12.4-----E12.4-----E12.4-----E12.4-----E12.4-----E12.4
1  1.9640E+07      7.5490E+00  2.9050E-02  2.1930E-01  4.1560E+00  3.7550E-02  1.5606E-01
2  2.2310E+06      7.3040E+00  2.2170E-02  1.6193E-01  4.2500E+00  3.3450E-02  1.4216E-01
3  4.9790E+05      1.0920E+01  2.0070E-02  2.1916E-01  8.4500E+00  2.5470E-02  2.1522E-01
4  6.7380E+04      1.5130E+01  2.0670E-02  3.1274E-01  1.1440E+01  2.7260E-02  3.1185E-01
5  2.0350E+03      2.4970E+01  1.0180E-02  2.5419E-01  1.2120E+01  1.8480E-02  2.2398E-01
6  2.2600E+01      7.5880E+01  3.9110E-03  2.9677E-01  1.1900E+01  1.2280E-02  1.4613E-01
7  5.4000E-01      3.3720E+02  4.7250E-03  1.5933E+00  1.3730E+01  2.2530E-02  3.0934E-01
#
# Grp upper E (eV)      1      2      3      4      5      6      7
# lowest= 1.E-05      Y      Y      Y      Y      Y      Y      Y
#
#-I2-----E12.4--A-----I6-----I6-----I6-----I6-----I6-----I6
1  1.9640E+07 X  626  578  580  550  79  119  65
2  2.2310E+06 X  595  923  857  802  217  326  178
3  4.9790E+05 X  681  813  982  831  49  74  41
4  6.7380E+04 X  651  768  830  981  -8  -22  -12
5  2.0350E+03 X  0  0  0  8  899  497  226
6  2.2600E+01 X  0  0  0  -1  -46  -72  -106
7  5.4000E-01 X  0  0  0  2  10  22  115
...
...

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□ **Processing Covariances**

□ **And now ... using processed covariances in 7 groups**

○ *First, checking mathematical properties:*

- *Positive definite, symmetry, correlations in $[-1, 1]$*
- *Negative eigenvalues (roundoff issues)*

... minor adjustments needed to perform Cholesky decomposition

○ *Identifying*

- *large relative uncertainties*
- *lack of covariances*

Ref.: I. Kodeli, "Mathematical verification of JEFF-3.3 and ENDF/B-VIII.0 covariance data, JEFF Nov 2021.

Ref.: Nathan A. Gibson, "Update on Covariance Data Testing Strategy at LANL", CSEWG Nov 2021.

□ **Applying in**

- *UQ (sandwich formula and/or Monte Carlo approaches)*
- *TAR exercise*

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- *ND covariances processed with NJOY2016.63*
- *Processed ND:*
 - *MF31*
 - *MF32/MF33*
 - *MF34*
 - *MF35*
- *Energy structure 7g- weighting IWT8*
- *Ein for MF35: 1.0E+5eV*
- *Formats: BOXER, ERROR (and COVERX)*

See MATERIALS at: <https://oecd-nea.org/download/wpec/sg46/materials/>

Issues in evaluated files

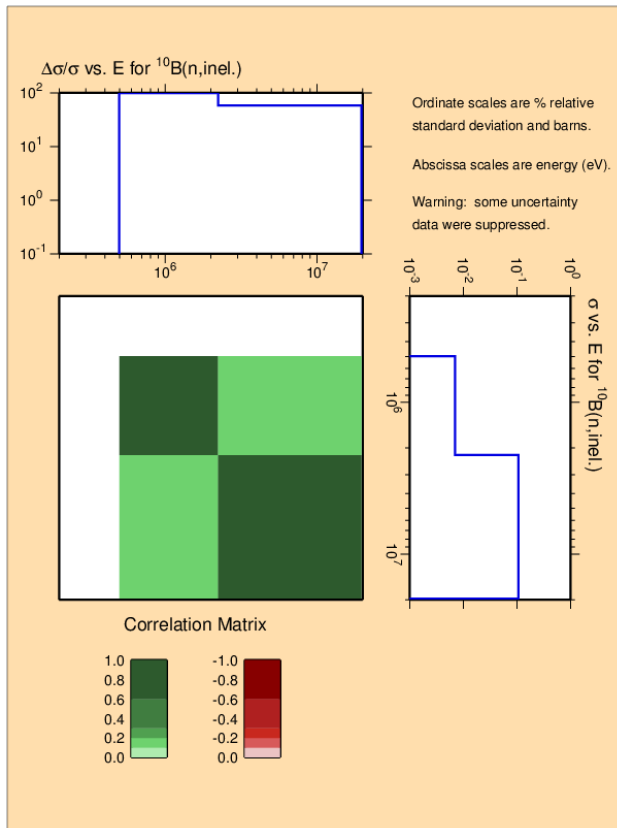
ND Evaluation	Large processed uncertainties (> 100%)	Lack of ND covariances	Processed null
ENDF/B-VII.1	B10(n,n') – g=2 Cr52(n,alpha) g=2	No MF33 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pb206(n,p), Pb206(n,alpha) Pb207(n,p), Pb207(n,alpha) Pb208(n,p), Pb208(n,alpha) No MF34 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> B10 O16 Cr52 Ni58 U235, U238 Pu239, Pu240, Pu241 No MF35 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pu-241 	Processed null values <ul style="list-style-type: none"> B10(n,alpha) – g=1 B10(n,n') – g=3 Ni58(n, alpha) g=3-7 Ni58(n,p) – g=3-7 Cr52(n,n') –g=3 U235(n,n') – g=5 Na23(n,elasticP1) –g= 7 U-235(CHI) – g=7 U-238(CHI) – g=7 Pu239(CHI) – g=7 Pu-240(CHI) – g=7

Issues in evaluated files

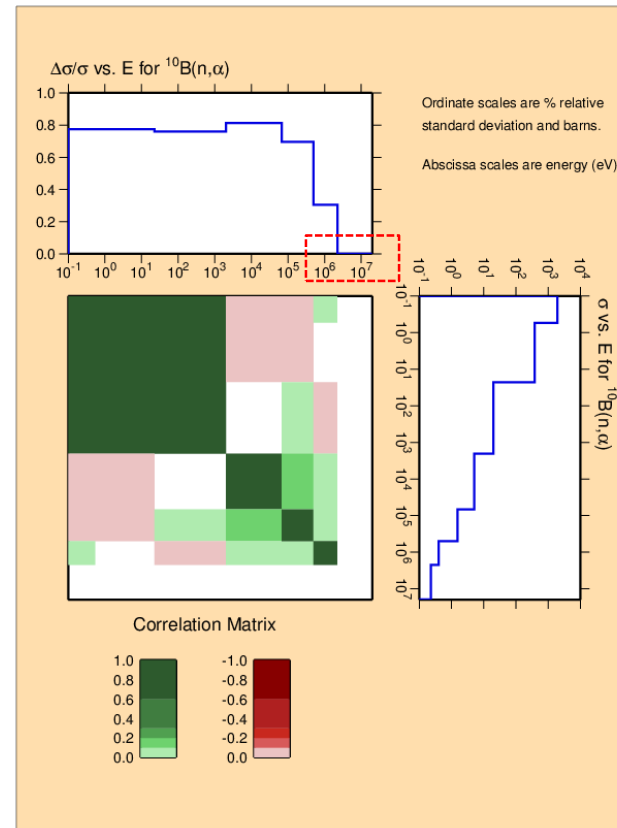
ND Evaluation	Large processed uncertainties (> 100%)	Lack of ND covariances	Processed null
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Note: **See Appendix I.**

□ ENDF/B-VIII.0: 10B

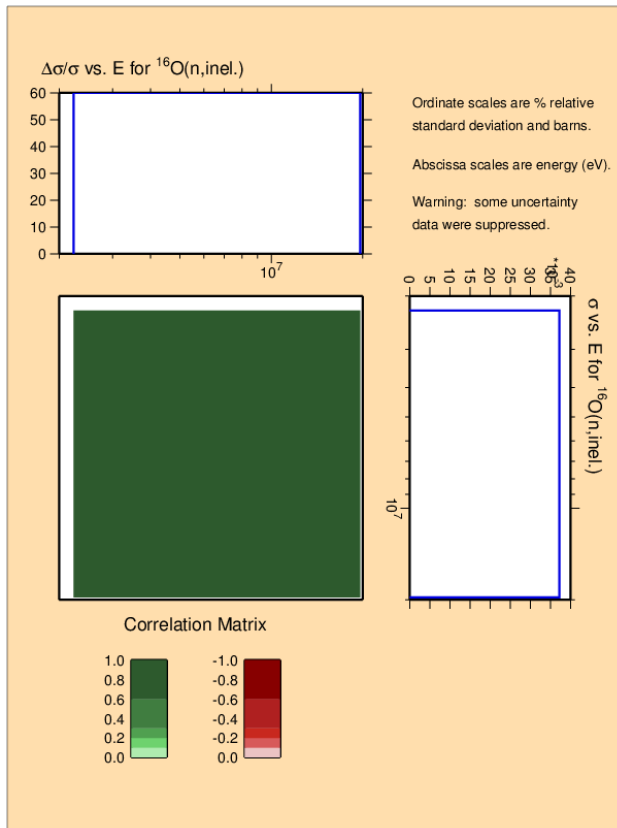


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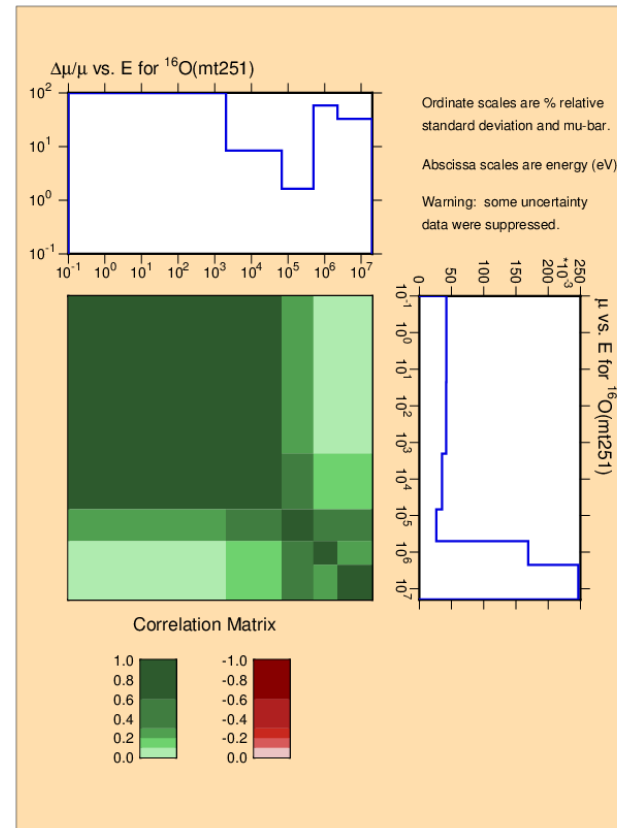


➤ Null processed (E > 2.23 MeV – g=1)

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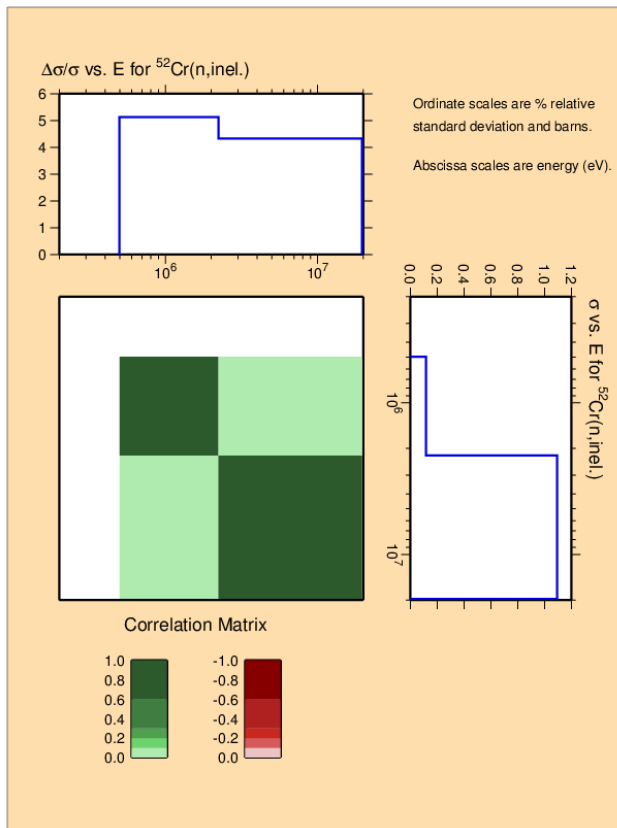


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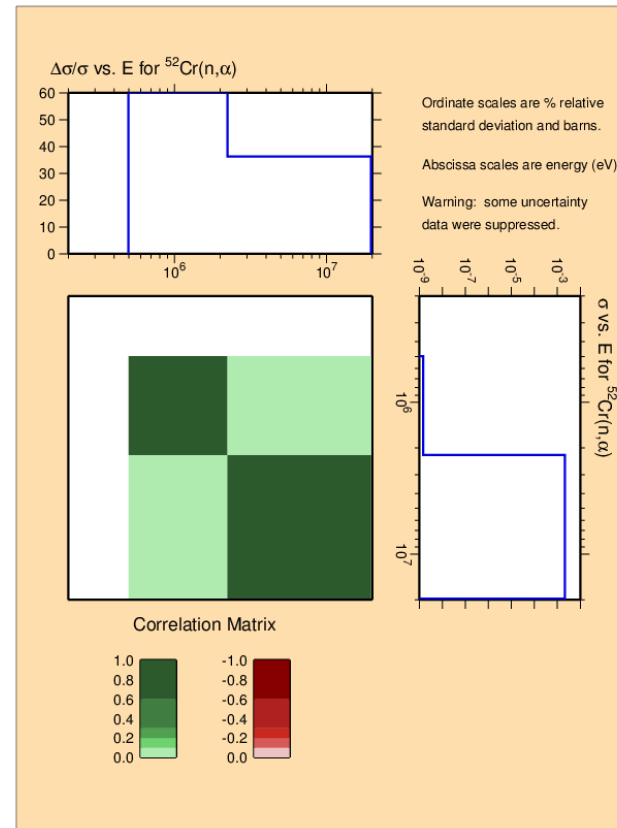


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□ ENDF/B-VIII.0: ^{52}Cr

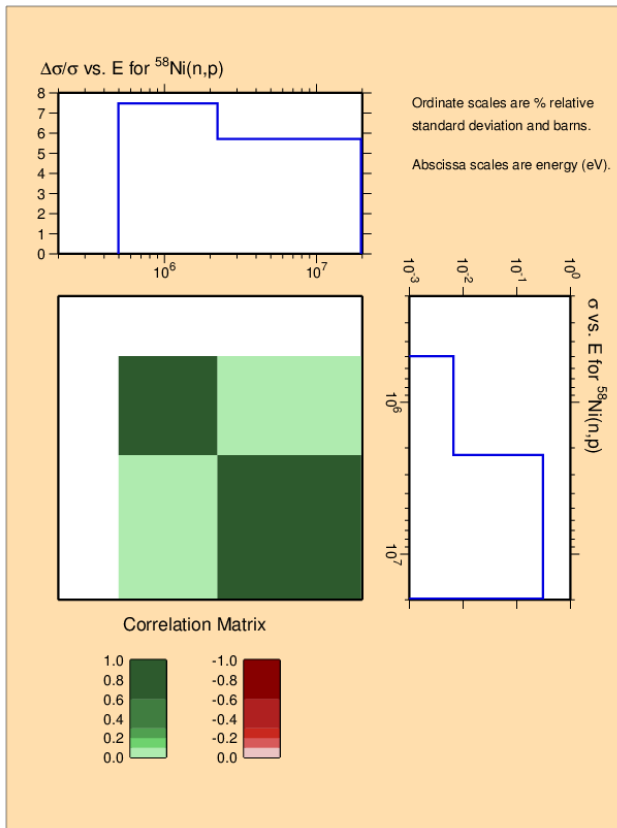


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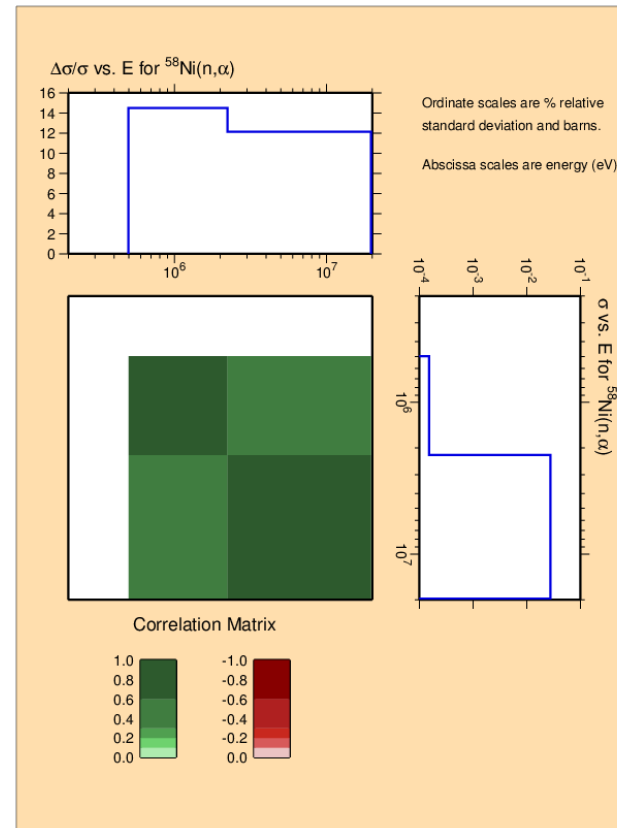


➤ Large processed uncertainties (> 100%)

□ ENDF/B-VIII.0: ^{58}Ni

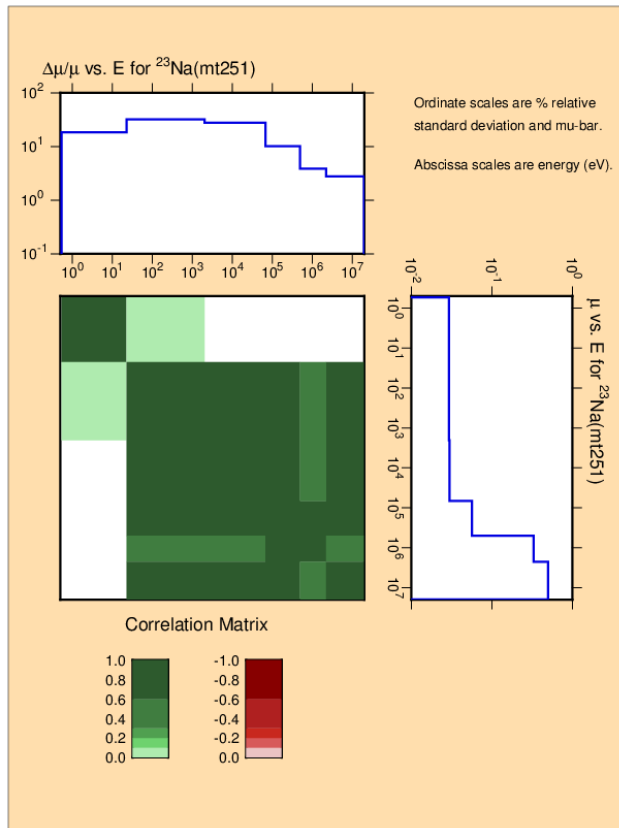


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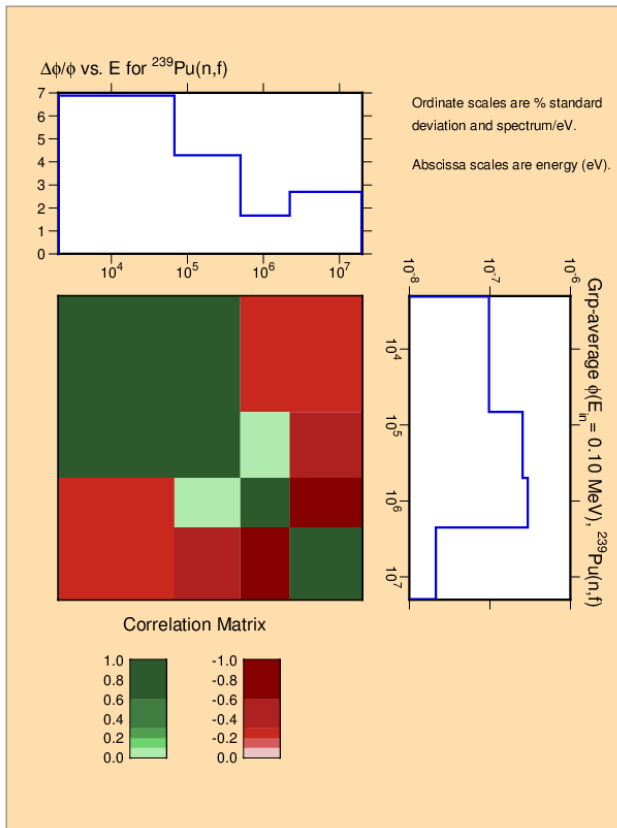
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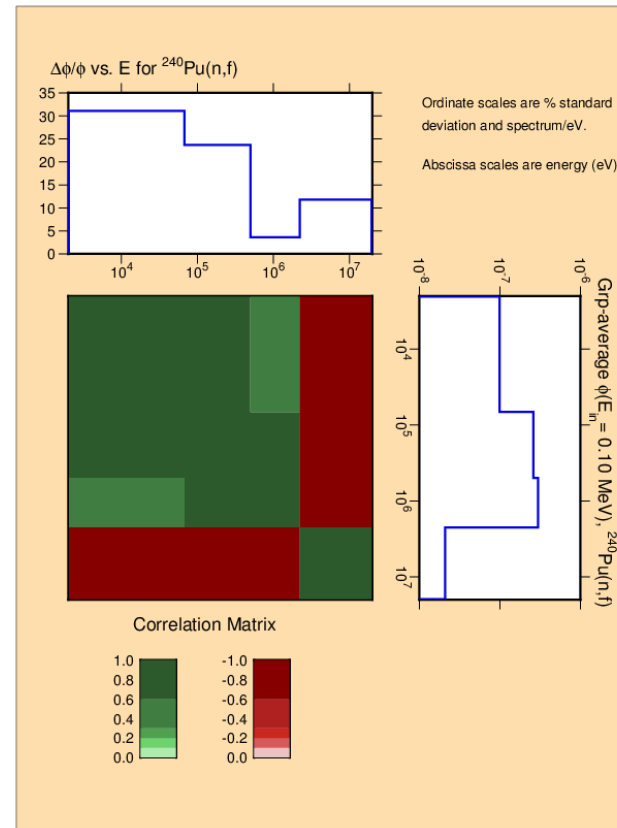


➤ Null processed (E < 0.54 eV – g=7)

□ ENDF/B-VIII.0: ^{239}Pu and ^{240}Pu



➤ Null processed (E < 0.54 eV – g=7)

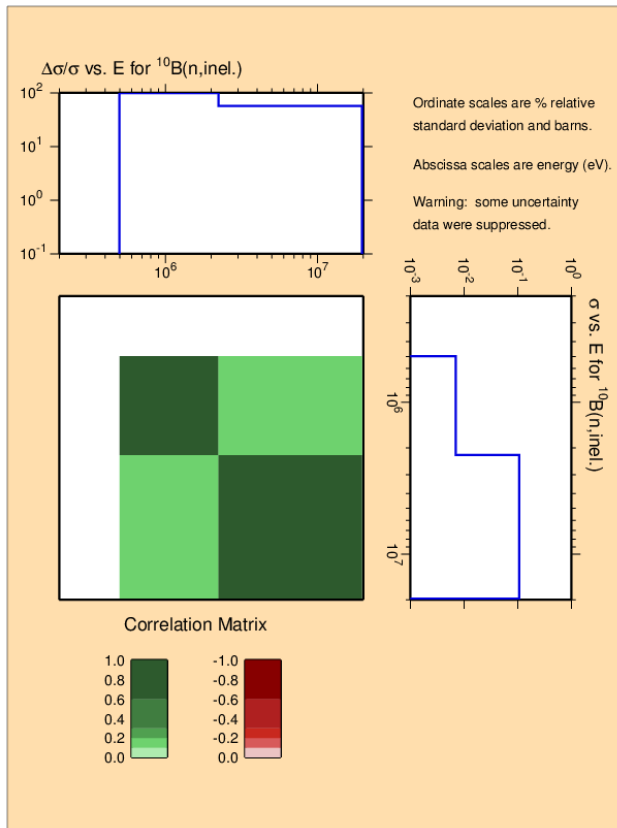


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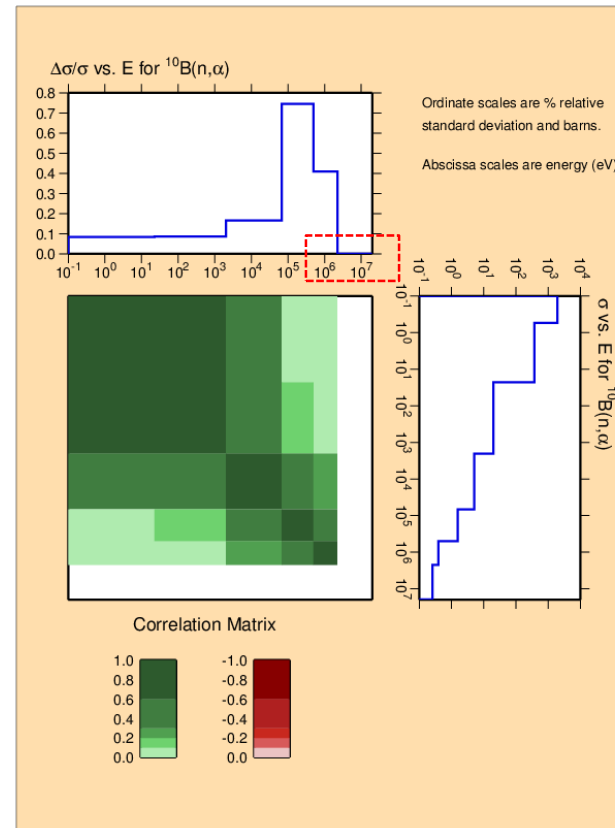
Issues in evaluated files

ND Evaluation	Large processed uncertainties (> 100%)	Lack of ND covariances	Processed null
JEFF-3.3	B10(n,n') – g=2 U238(n,elasticP1) – g=6,7	<p>No MF31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pu240 <p>No MF33</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pb206(n,p), Pb206(n,alpha) • Pb207(n,p), Pb207(n,alpha) • Pb208(n,p), Pb208(n,alpha) <p>No MF34</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B10 • O16 • Na23 • Cr52 • U235 • Pu239, Pu240 <p>No MF35</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pu240 	<p>Processed null values</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B10(n,alpha) –g=1 • B10(n,n') - g=3-7 • Cr52(n,n') - g=3-7 • Ni58(n,alpha) – g=3-7 • Ni58(n,p) –g=3-7 • Fe56(n,alpha) –g=2-7 • U235(n,n') – g=5 • Ni58(n,elasticP1) –g=3-7 • Pu241(n, elasticP1) –g=6-7

JEFF-3.3: B10

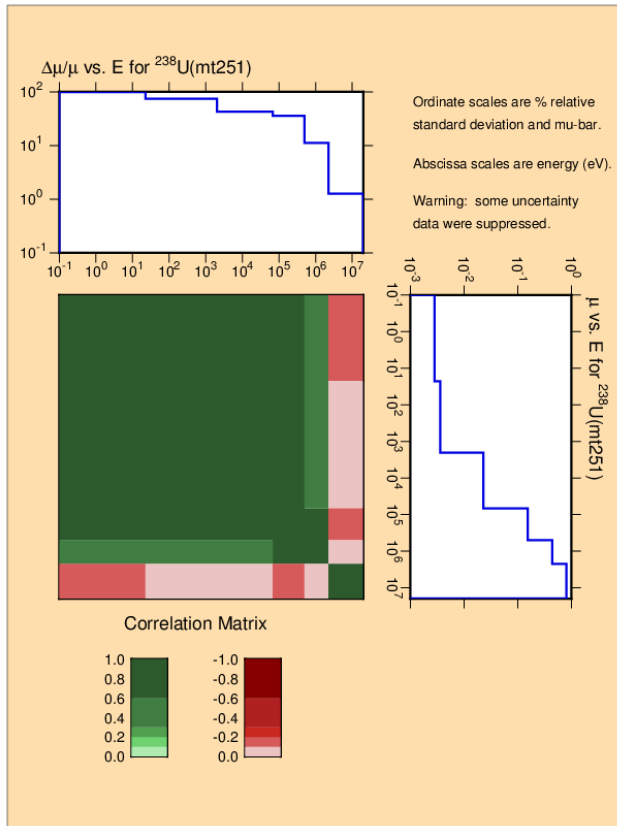


- Large processed uncertainties (> 100%)
- Null processed (E < 497 keV – g=3-7)



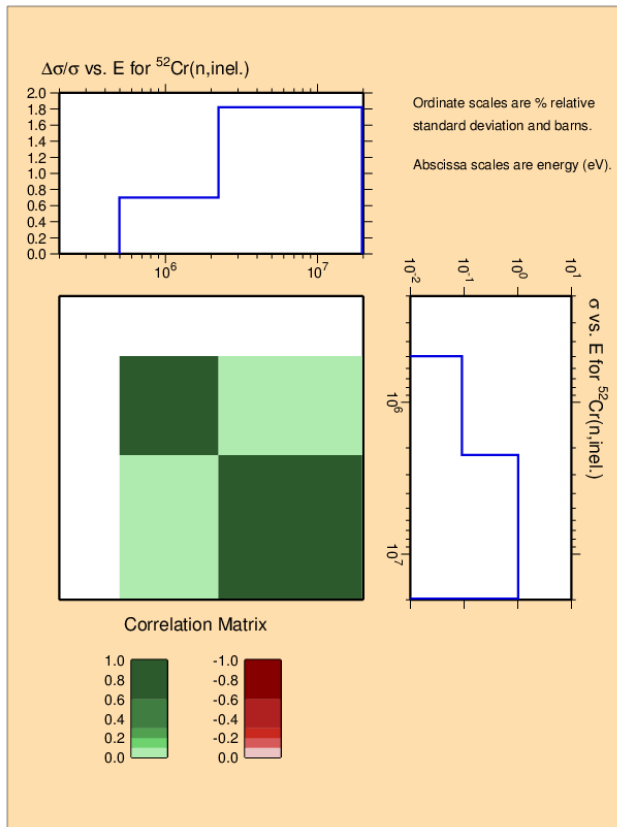
- Null processed (E > 2.23 MeV – g=1)

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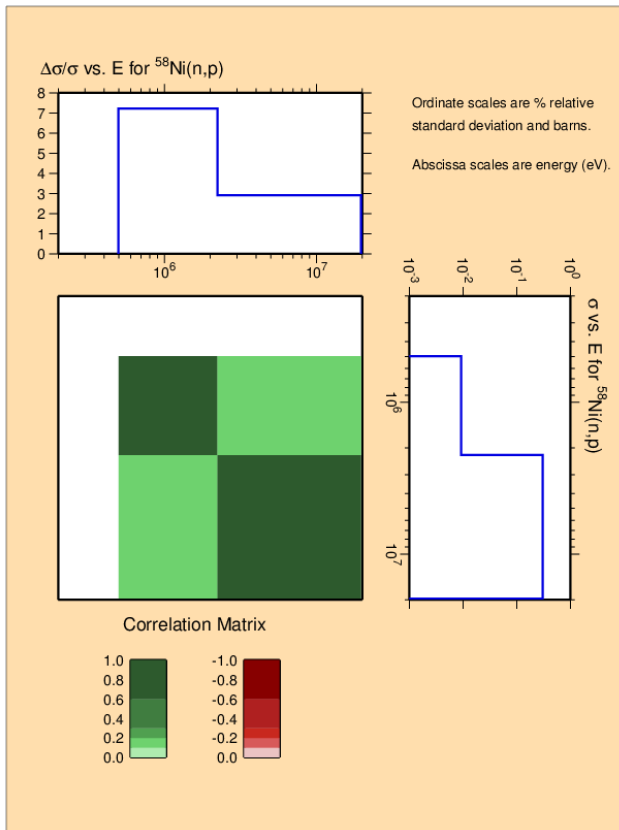
➤ Large processed uncertainties (> 100%)

□ JEFF-3.3: ^{52}Cr

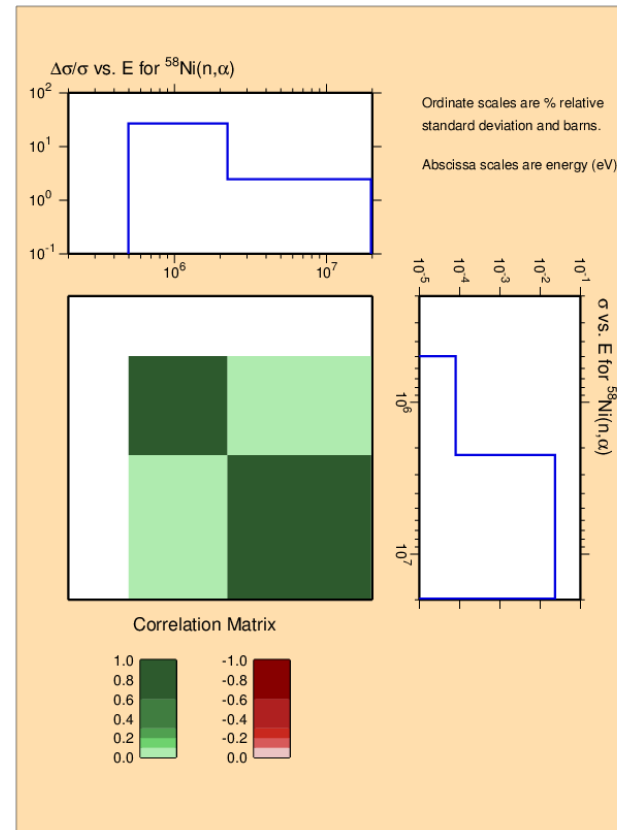


➤ Null processed (E < 497 keV – g=3-7)

JEFF-3.3: ^{58}Ni

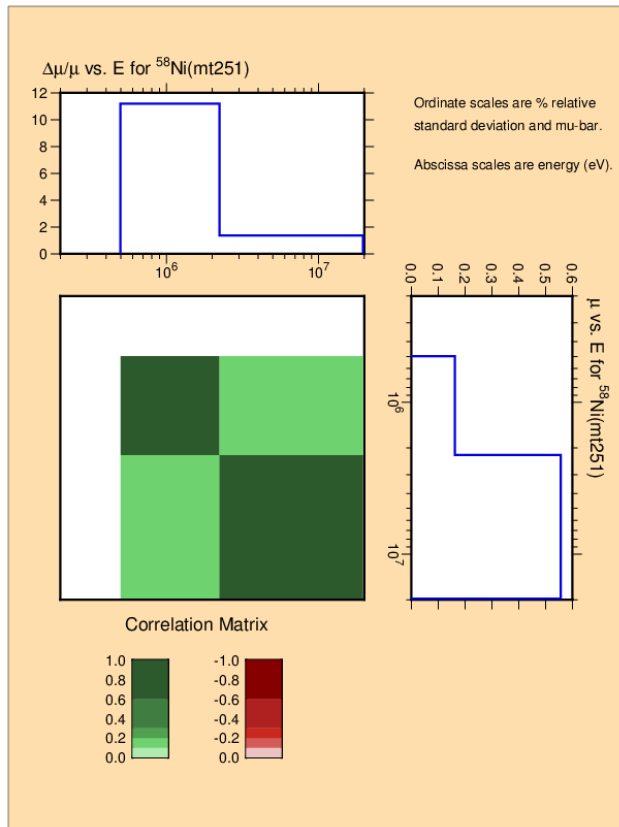


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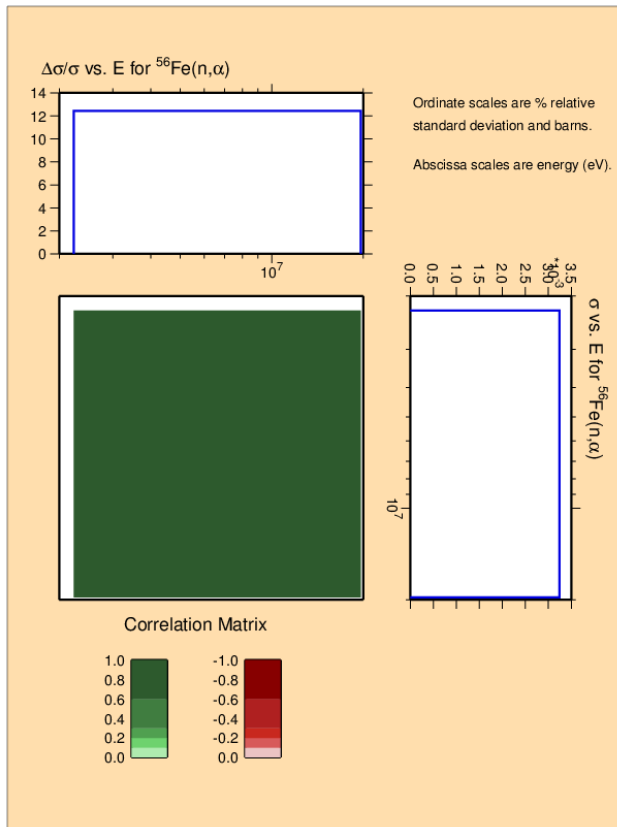
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□ JEFF-3.3: ^{58}Ni



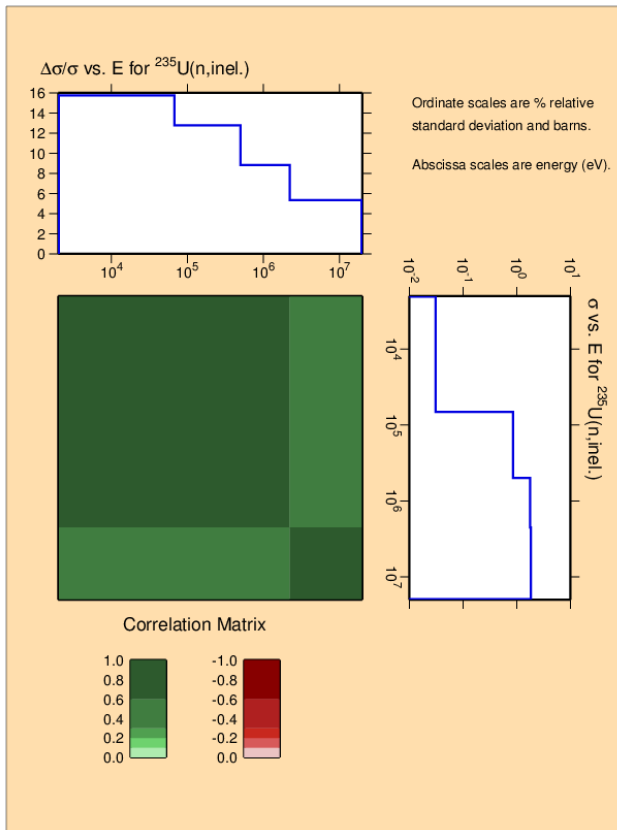
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□ JEFF-3.3: ^{56}Fe



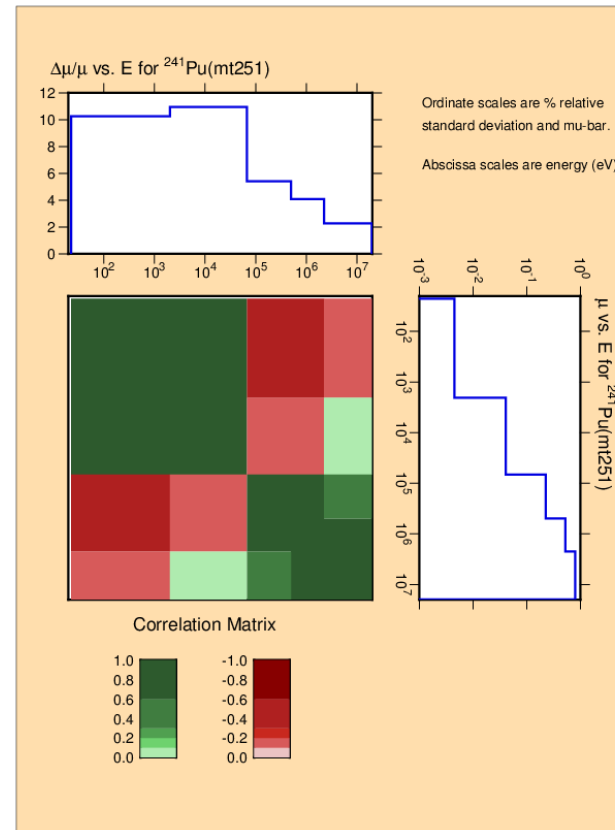
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□ JEFF-3.3: 235U



➤ Null processed (E < 2.03 keV – g=5-7)

□ JEFF-3.3: 241Pu



➤ Null processed (E < 22.6 eV – g=6-7)

Issues in evaluated files

ND Evaluation	Large procesed uncertainties (> 100%)	Lack of ND covariances	Processed null
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