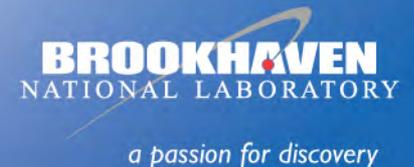


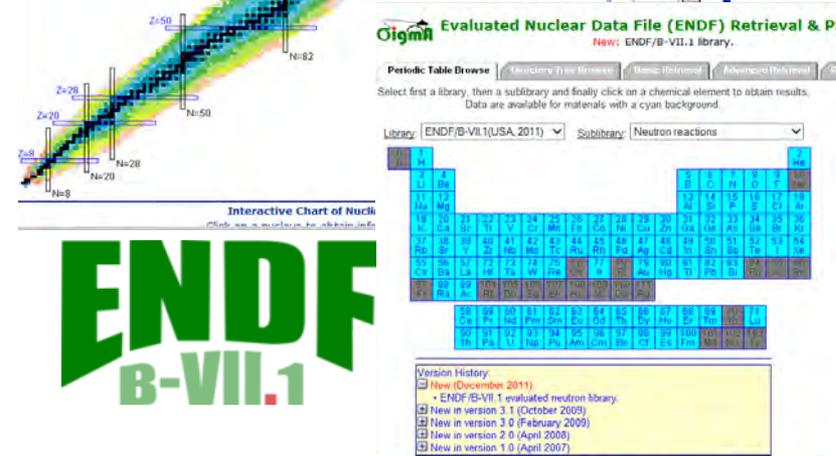
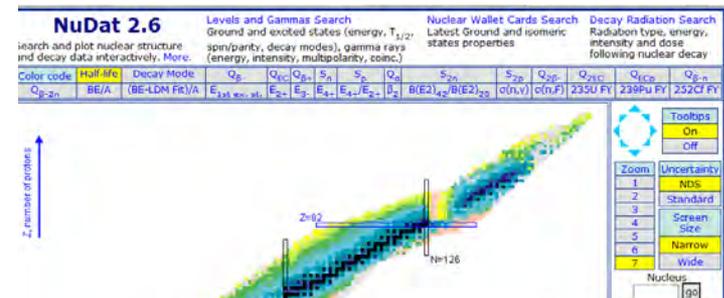
# Nuclear Data in a Nutshell

Libby McCutchan

*National Nuclear Data Center  
Brookhaven National Laboratory, NY USA*



# Take away message



**NUCLEAR WALLET CARDS**  
October 2011  
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National Nuclear Data Center  
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**Atlas of Neutron Resonances**  
Resonance Parameters and Thermal Cross Sections  
Z=1-100  
S.F. Mughabghab

**EMPIRE**  
Nuclear Reaction Model Code

**Nuclear Data Sheets**

NSR XUNDL ENSDF  
NuDat Databases MIRD  
Sigma CSIRS ENDF

Chart of Nuclides

Networks  
CSEWG USNDP

Empire  
Nuclear Wallet Cards  
Atlas of n Resonances  
Tools and Publications  
Nuclear Data Sheets

**Main thing to take away from this talk**

- We work for YOU!!
- Comments/suggestions/criticisms are welcome
- If you notice an error, tell us

# We've come a long way

THE PHYSICAL REVIEW  
REVIEWS OF MODERN PHYSICS

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JOHN T. TATE, *Managing Editor*

*University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn., U. S. A.*

March 21, 1941

Professor G. T. Seaborg

I believe your suggestion of a revised list of radioactive isotopes for the April or July, 1942 issue of the REVIEWS OF MODERN PHYSICS is a very good one. By that time the rate at which such radioactivities are discovered may be reduced very considerably and the table would itself become "stable". I should be glad to have you prepare such a table.

I have the new criterion and need the cases in which I am quite sure it is not worth taking any action, even though some evidence exists for a "case".

Sincerely yours,

  
J. W. Buchta,  
Assistant Editor

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courtesy of E. Browne (LBNL)

# Do you use Nuclear Data?

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- If you ever simulated a detector response
- If you ever simulated the nuclear decays of materials
- If you ever simulated nucleosynthesis

**Then you have used nuclear data**

- If you work with an accelerator
- If you use electricity from a nuclear power plant
- If you or someone you know ever needed a medical treatment that used medical isotopes

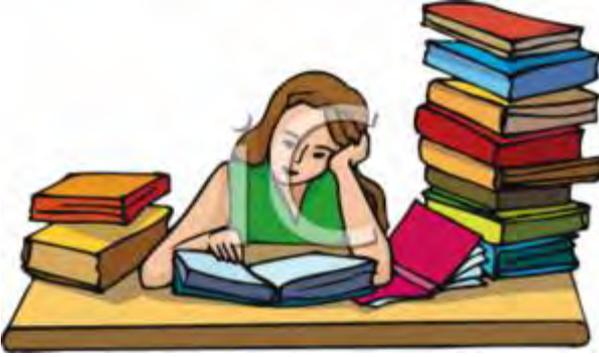
**Then someone else used nuclear data on your behalf**

What comes to mind when you hear ...

# Database Evaluator

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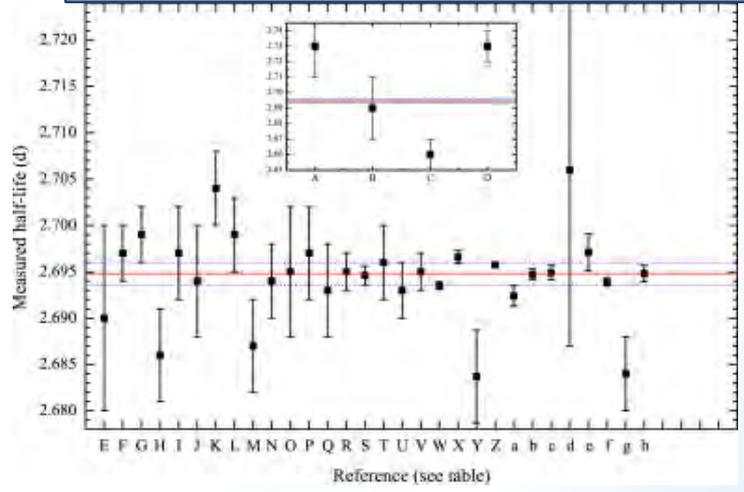
## Reading the literature



## Making tables

| Isotope   | Half-Life (years) | Beta Energy (keV) | Gamma Energy (keV) | U-235 Fission Yield | Activity Ratio to Cs-137 |
|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Se-79     | 6.50E+04          | 149               | NA                 | 0.045               | 3.30E-06                 |
| Kr-85     | 1.07E+01          | 687               | 514                | 1.31                | 5.90E-07                 |
| Sr-90     | 2.88E+01          | 546               | NA                 | 5.91                | 9.80E-01                 |
| Zr-93     | 1.53E+06          | 62                | NA                 | 6.38                | 2.10E-05                 |
| Tc-98     | 4.20E+06          | 394               | NA                 | 5.77                | 6.60E-06                 |
| Tc-99     | 2.11E+05          | 294               | NA                 | 6.1                 | 1.40E-04                 |
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| Pd-107    | 6.50E+06          | 33                | NA                 | 0.14                | 7.40E-08                 |
| Sn-121    | 5.50E+01          | 388               | NA                 | 0.013               | 1.10E-03                 |
| Sb-125    | 2.76E+00          | 622               | 428                | 0.029               | 5.00E-02                 |
| I-129     | 1.57E+07          | 152               | NA                 | 0.74                | 2.20E-07                 |
| Cs-134    | 2.06E+00          | 658               | 796                | Activation          | NA                       |
| Cs-137    | 3.01E+01          | 511               | 662                | 6.22                | 1.00E+00                 |
| Ce-144    | 7.80E-01          | 318               | 134                | 5.47                | 3.40E+01                 |
| Pm-147    | 2.62E+00          | 225               | NA                 | 2.25                | 4.20E+00                 |
| Sm-151    | 9.00E+01          | 76                | NA                 | 0.418               | 2.20E-02                 |
| Eu-154    | 8.59E+00          | 1884              | 723                | Activation          | NA                       |
| Eu-155    | 4.76E+00          | 141               | 1053               | 0.032               | 3.10E-02                 |

## Taking averages



## thus... BORING



# Nuclear Data Program

Link between basic science and applications

## Nuclear Science Community

- experiments
- theory



## Nuclear Data Community

- ◆ compilation
- ◆ evaluation
- ◆ dissemination
- ◆ archival

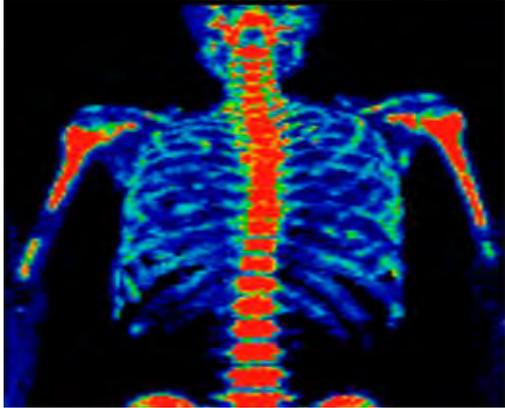


## Application Community

- needs data:
- ◆ complete
  - ◆ organized
  - ◆ traceable
  - ◆ readable

# Users of Nuclear Data ?

Applications, Applications and More Applications



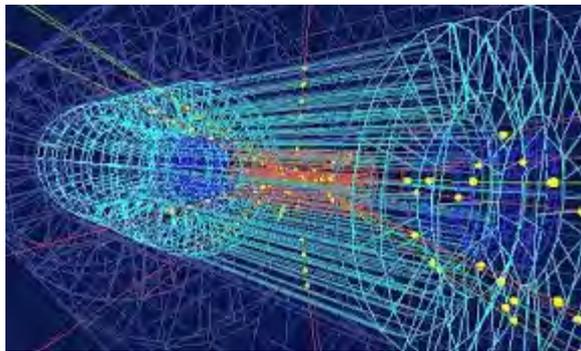
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# US Nuclear Data Program

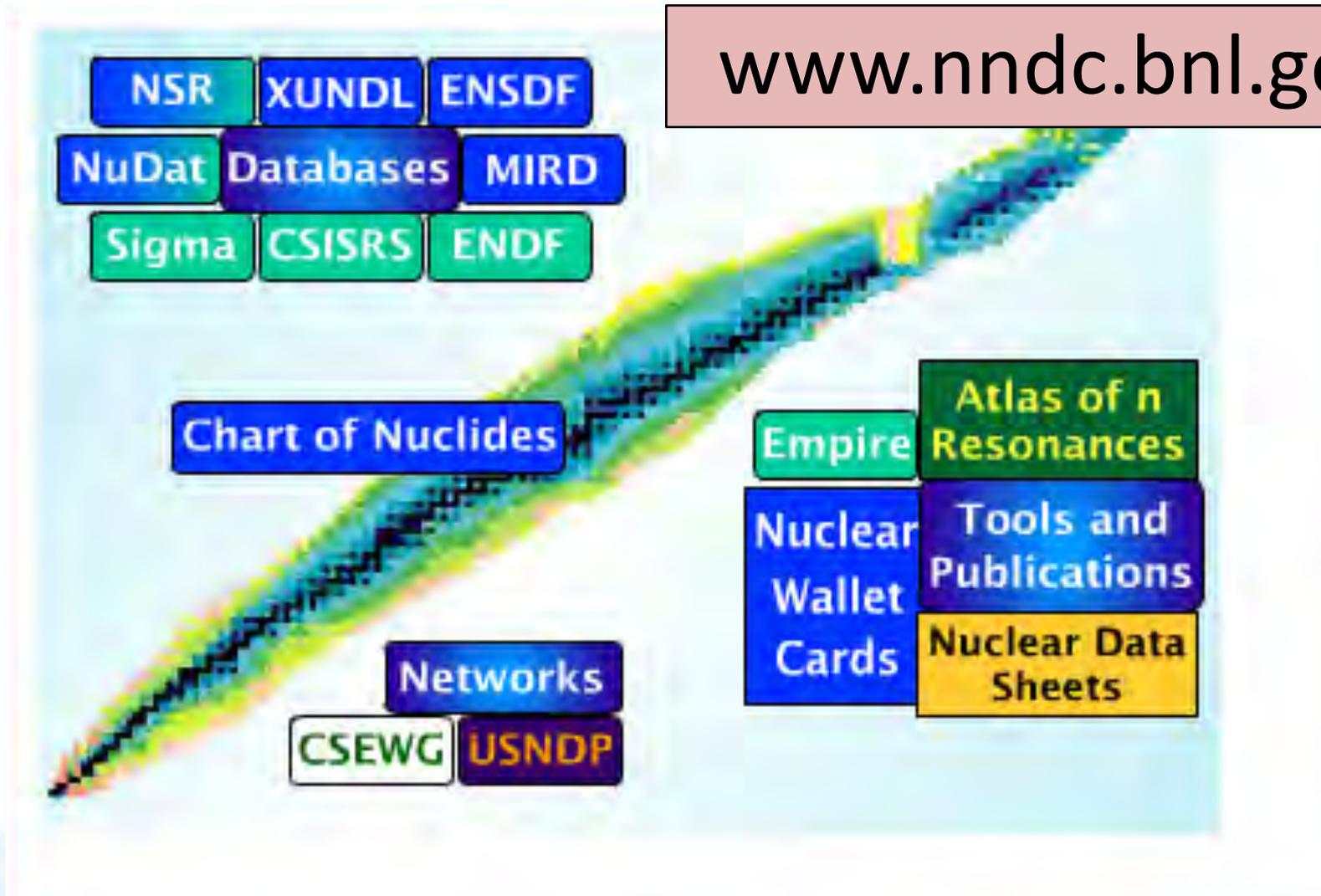
The mission of the United States Nuclear Data Program (USNDP) is to provide current, accurate, authoritative data for workers in pure and applied areas of nuclear science and engineering. This is accomplished primarily through the compilation, evaluation, dissemination, and archiving of extensive nuclear datasets. USNDP also addresses gaps in the data, through targeted experimental studies and the use of theoretical models.



Supported by the Office of Nuclear Physics, Office of Science, US DOE

# National Nuclear Data Center

[www.nndc.bnl.gov](http://www.nndc.bnl.gov)



# Nuclear data are ...

## Numerical values of nuclear physics quantities

- **Bibliographical** - index of publications (partially key-worded)
- **Compiled** - formatted and searchable collection of published results (typically experimental)
- **Evaluated** - recommended values obtained using all available knowledge (assessment of available experimental data combined with nuclear theory modeling, supported by experience and, if possible, validation against integral experiments)

# Two main efforts in nuclear data

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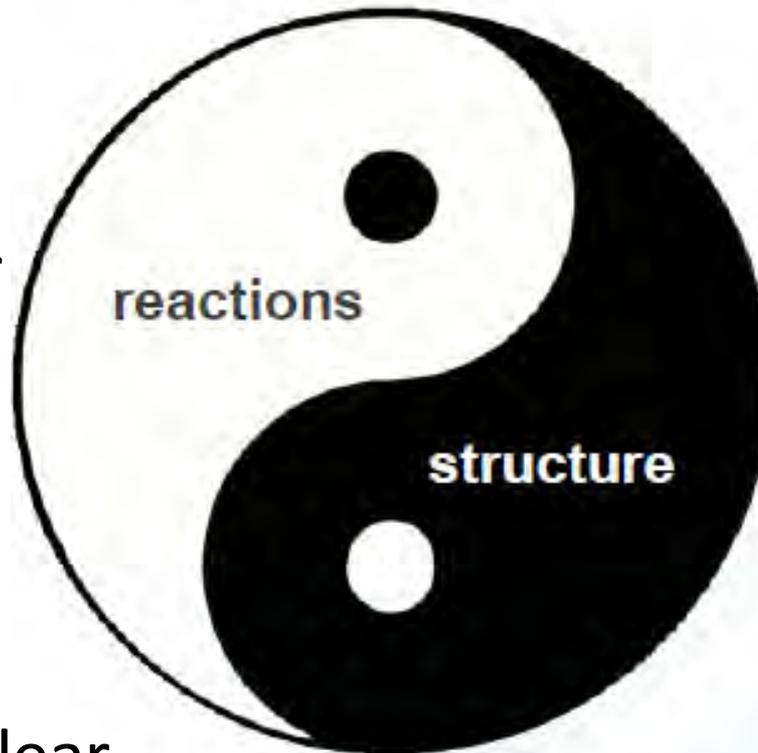
They are complementary and we support both

**ENDF**

Evaluated Nuclear  
Data File

**EXFOR**

Compiled Nuclear  
Reaction data



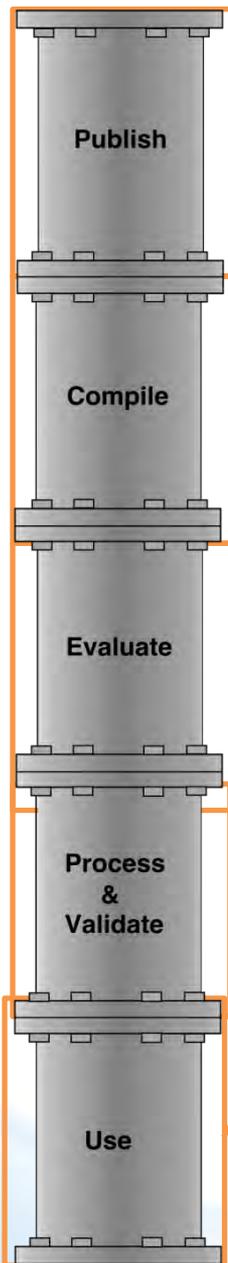
**ENSDF**

Evaluated Nuclear  
Structure Data  
File

**XUNDL**

Compiled Nuclear  
Structure data

# The USNDP main products and the nuclear data pipeline

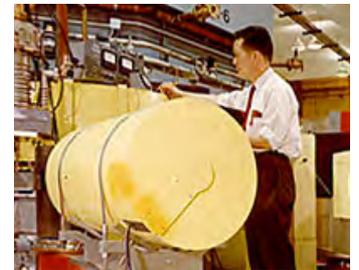


**Our work begins when data is (or should be) published**

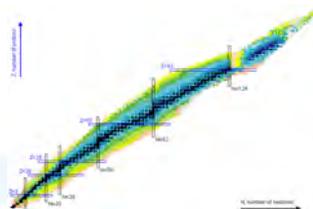
**Code development:** Actively develop codes that support our work

**Archive:** Seek “abandoned” data and archive it before it is lost

**Address gaps:** Perform targeted experiments to address gaps in databases



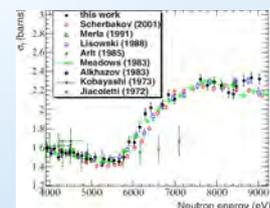
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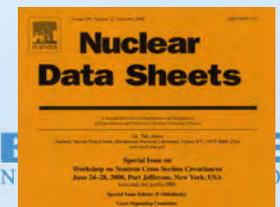
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EXFOR searches



Nuclear Data Sheets



# Example of our Nuclear Science References (NSR) database

Let's say we want a list of articles that measured neutron induced fission cross sections on Uranium-235.

We could go to  
google scholar  
(free)

**27,700  
Results!**

**And the first  
articles, while  
very relevant,  
don't have the  
experimental  
data we need!**

The screenshot shows a Google Scholar search interface. The search bar at the top contains the text "measured neutron fission cross section uranium 235" and is highlighted with a red box. Below the search bar, the text "Articles" is followed by "About 27,700 results (0.09 sec)". To the right of the search bar, the word "Keywords" is written in red. The left sidebar contains filters for "Any time" (with sub-options: "Since 2018", "Since 2017", "Since 2014", "Custom range..."), "Sort by relevance" (with "Sort by date" below it), and checkboxes for "include patents", "include citations", and "Create alert". The main content area displays a list of search results. The first result is titled "ENDF/B-VII. 1 nuclear data for science and technology: cross sections, covariances, fission product yields and decay data" by MB Chadwick, M Herman, P Obložinský, ME Dunn, et al., published in Nuclear Data Sheets, 2011. The second result is titled "Energy Spectrum of Neutrons from Thermal Fission of U<sup>235</sup>" by BE Watt, published in Physical Review, 1952. The third result is titled "ENDF/B-VII. 0: next generation evaluated nuclear data library for nuclear science and technology" by MB Chadwick, P Obložinský, M Herman, NM Greene, et al., published in Nuclear Data Sheets, 2006. The fourth result is titled "Rb and Cs Isotopic Cross Sections from 40-60-MeV-Proton Fission of <sup>238</sup>U, <sup>232</sup>Th, and <sup>235</sup>U" by BL Tracy, J Chaumont, R Klapisch, JM Nitschke, et al., published in Physical Review C, 1972. Each result includes a brief abstract and citation information.

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3. **CIELO Collaboration Summary Results: International Evaluations of Neutron Reactions on Uranium, Plutonium, Iron, Oxygen and Hydrogen**  
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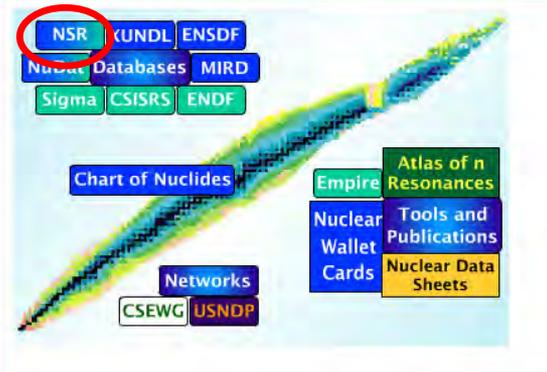
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**2016DI03** Phys.Rev. C 93, 034614 (2016)

[M.Diakaki](#), for the n\_TOF Collaboration

*Neutron-induced fission cross section of  $^{237}\text{Np}$  in the keV to MeV range at the CERN n\_TOF facility*

NUCLEAR REACTIONS  $^{235,238}\text{U}(n, F)$ ,  $E=0.1-9$  MeV;  $^{237}\text{Np}(n, F)$ ,  $E=0.1-9$  MeV; measured fission  $\sigma(E)$  using fast ionization chamber at high-resolution and high-intensity facility n\_TOF at CERN. Comparison with previous experimental data in literature and EXFOR database, and with ENDF/B-VII.1, JEFF 3.2, and JENDL 4.0 evaluations.  $^{237}\text{Np}(n, X)$ ,  $(n, F)$ ,  $E=0.1-20$  MeV; calculated cross sections for the main neutron-induced reaction channels in Hauser-Feshbach formalism using the EMPIRE code, and comparison with experimental data in the present work and EXFOR database; deduced final fission barrier parameters for  $^{236,237,238}\text{Np}$ .

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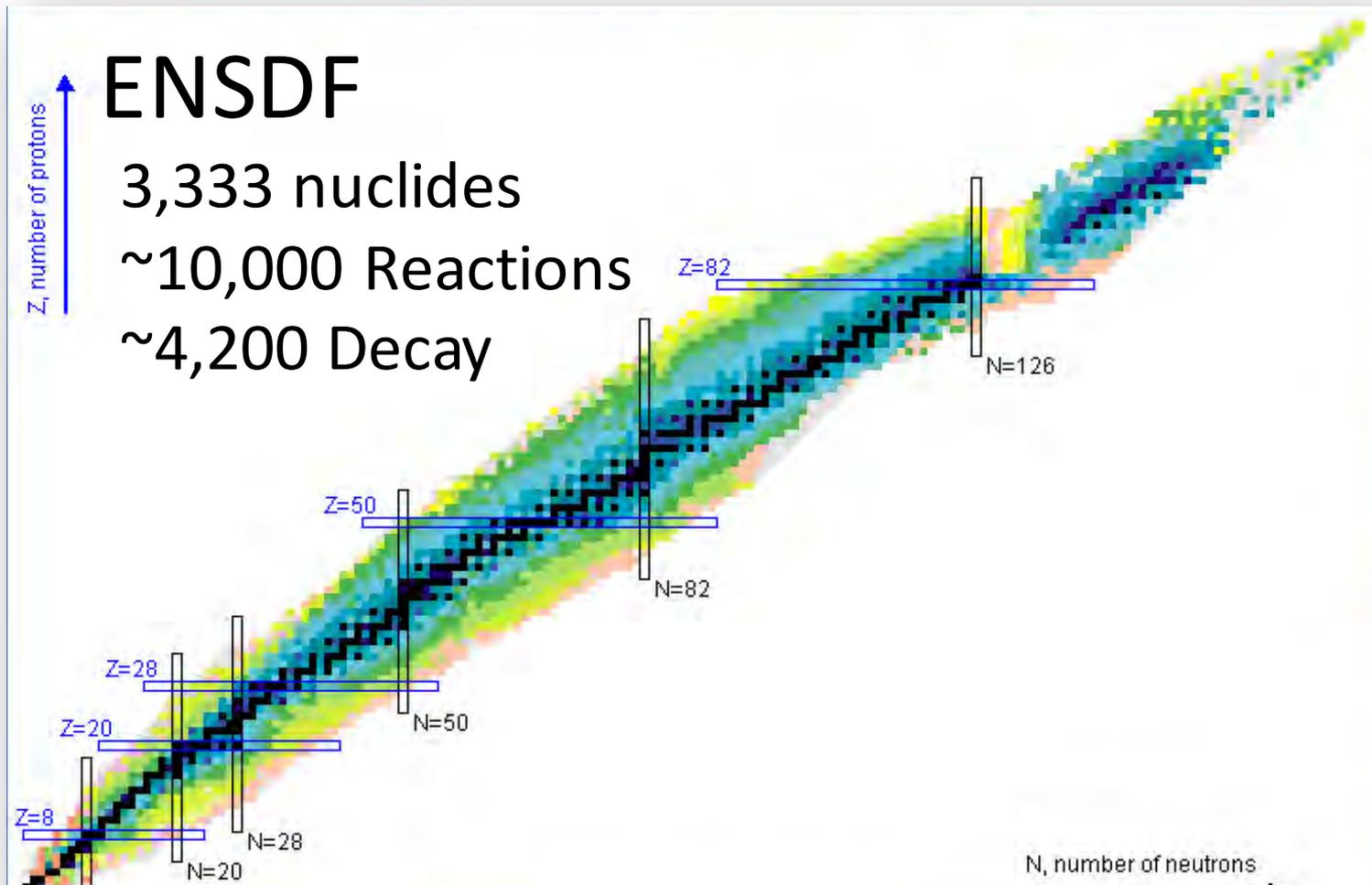
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# Evaluated Nuclear Structure Data File



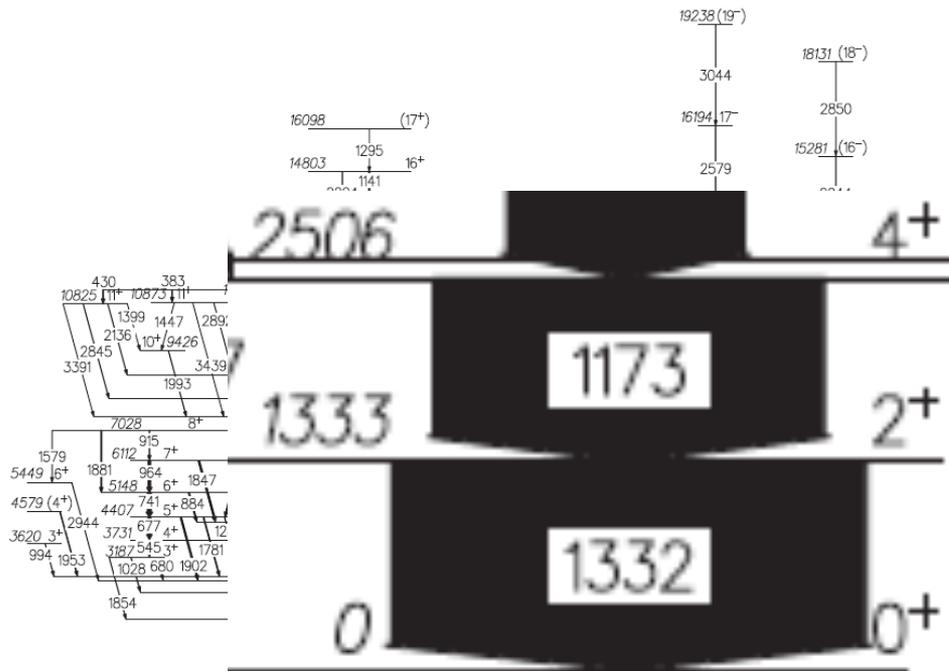
It is Unique: Only Nuclear Database of this kind in the world

It is Complete: **All** nuclei and **all** level and radiation properties

It is Versatile: Feeds back into both basic and applied sciences

# ENSDF in a Nutshell

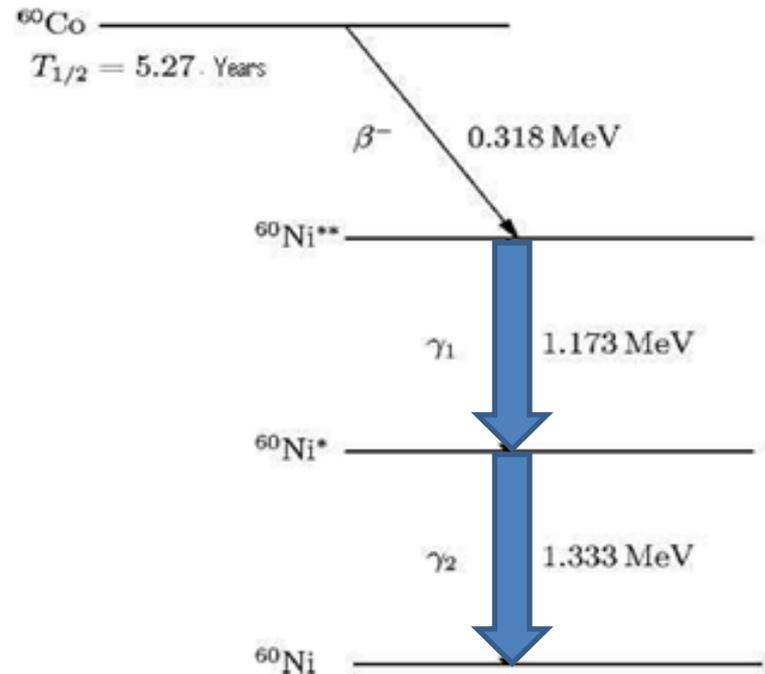
## Properties of Nuclei



$^{60}\text{Ni}$

Level energies, spin, parity, half-life, ...  
Gamma-ray energies, intensities, ...

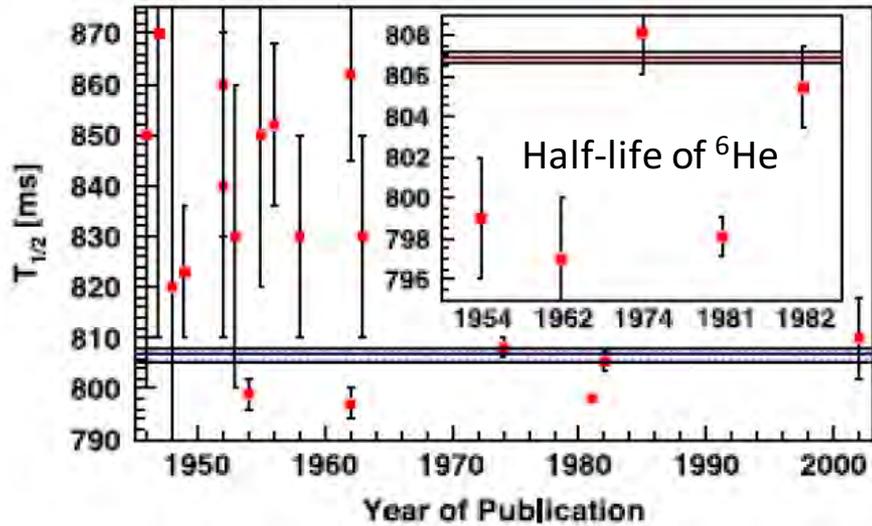
## And how they decay



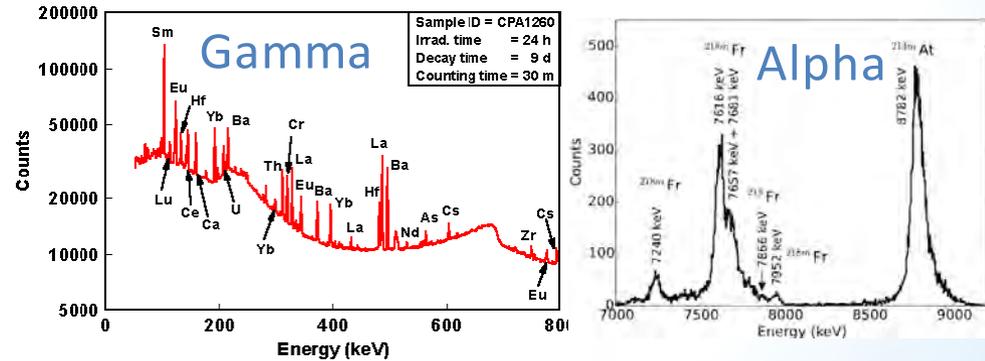
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# Why do we need ENDSF?

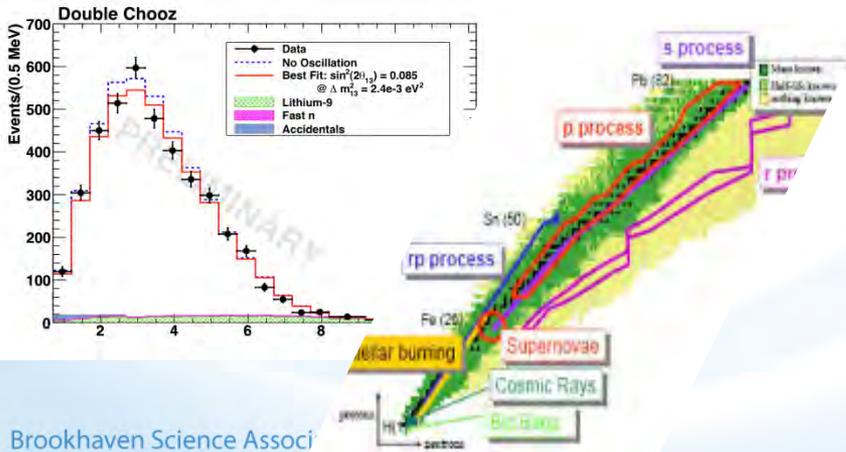
Arbiter of the "Truth"



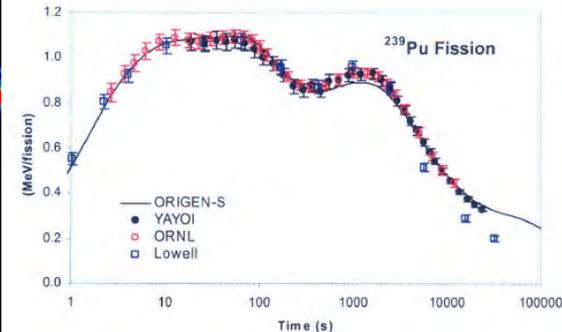
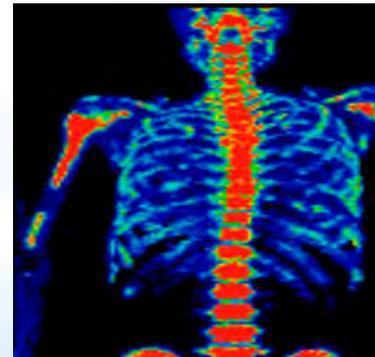
Used in all spectroscopy aspects



Input for other nuclear physics fields



Wide range of applications require decay data

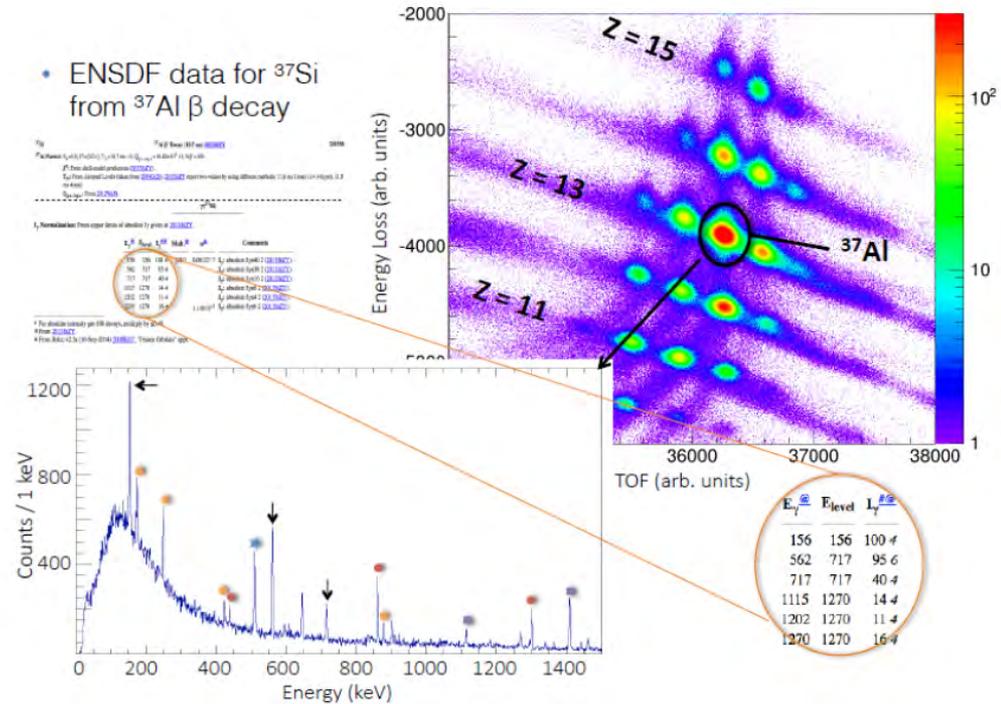


# ENSDF and FRIB

ENSDF is essential for planning, designing, performing and interpreting FRIB experiments

As an example:

- Gamma-rays are routinely used to identify fragmentation products
- ENSDF is the only place to search them in live-time



## FRIB USERS ORGANIZATION

FACILITY FOR RARE ISOTOPE BEAMS

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### NUCLEAR DATA

WORKING GROUP CONVENERS

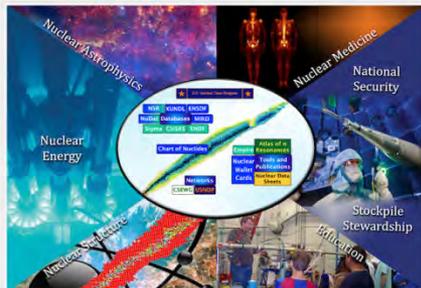
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OVERVIEW

This working group is focused on coordinating the efforts of the Nuclear Data community and the program foreseen for FRIB physics. More information is coming soon.

LINKS

- NNDC hosted at Brookhaven National Laboratory
- Data Session summary from 2015 LEC meeting
- Applications Data Summary from 2014 Town Hall Meeting
- Data Summary from 2013 LEC Meeting



Nuclear Data Working Group established within FRIB Users Organization in order to develop data needs for FRIB

# ENSDF Searching

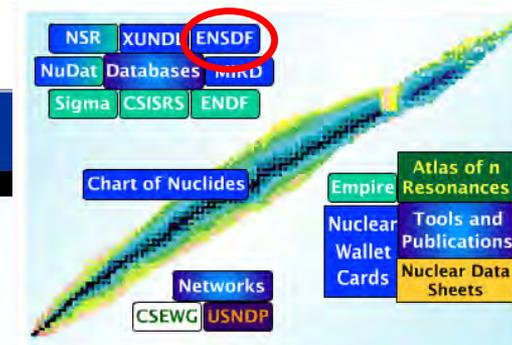
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**ENSDF: Evaluated Nuclear Structure Data File Search and Retrieval**  
 Last updated 2018-06-07  
 ENSDF provides recommended nuclear structure and decay information.  
 For more recent nuclear data which has not yet been evaluated, please visit [XUNDL](#).

75 new datasets added/modified in the last month!  
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## Levels

### <sup>62</sup>Fe Levels

#### Cross Reference (XREF) Flags

#### $\gamma(^{62}\text{Fe})$

| $E_i(\text{level})$ | $J_i^\pi$         | $E_\gamma^\dagger$ | $I_\gamma^\dagger$ | $E_f$  | $J_f^\pi$      | Mult. $^\ddagger$ | Comments  |
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## And Gammas

<sup>†</sup>1/2: average of 0.1 ps 6 (2010Jy1, RDDS and differential decay curve analysis in <sup>64</sup>Ni(<sup>238</sup>U,X $\gamma$ )) and 5.5 ps 7 (2011Ro02, RDDS and line-shape analysis in <sup>197</sup>Au(<sup>62</sup>Fe,<sup>62</sup>Fe' $\gamma$ )).

<sup>‡</sup>: from systematics of level structure of even-even Fe nuclei.

# The Friendly Face of ENSDF

## NuDat 2.7

Search and plot nuclear structure and decay data interactively. [More.](#)

## Levels and Gammas Search

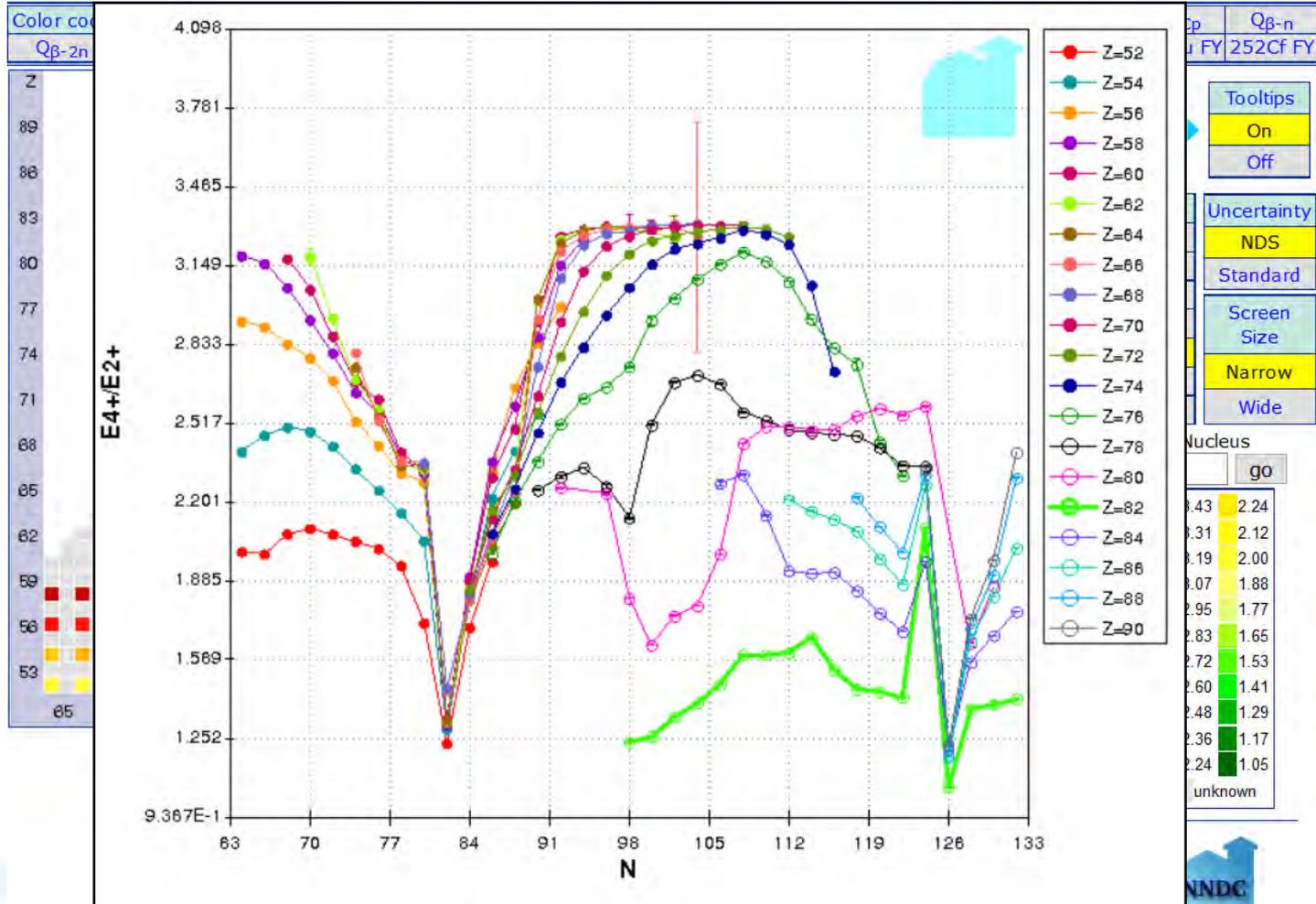
Ground and excited states (energy,  $T_{1/2}$ , spin/parity, decay modes), gamma rays (energy, intensity, multipolarity, coinc.)

## Nuclear Wallet Cards Search

Latest Ground and isomeric states properties

## Decay Radiation Search

Radiation type, energy, intensity and dose following nuclear decay



The corresponding projections on the N and Z axis are found below. The data can be found [here.](#)

Upgrades typically follow users recommendations

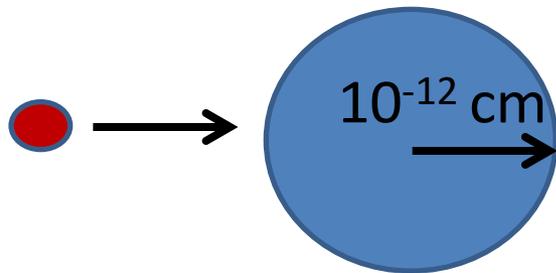
# ENDF in a Nutshell

And how they interact

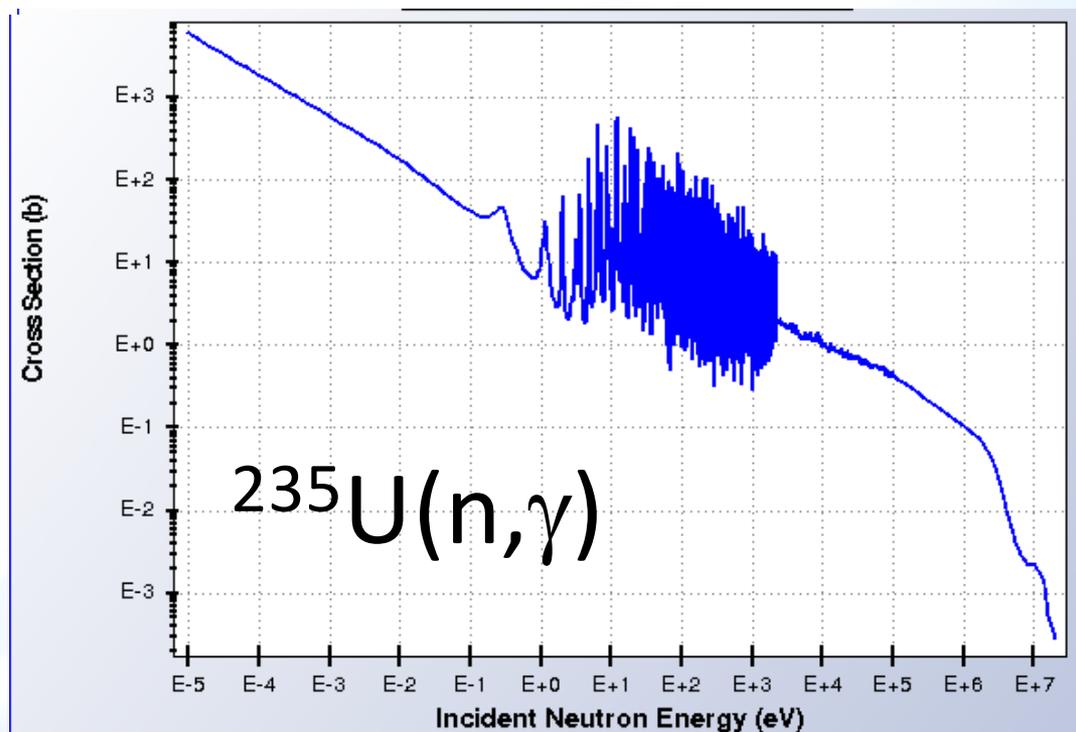
Cross section: related to the size of a nucleus

Probability of “hitting” the nucleus  $\sim \pi R^2$

$$1 \text{ barn (b)} = 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^2$$

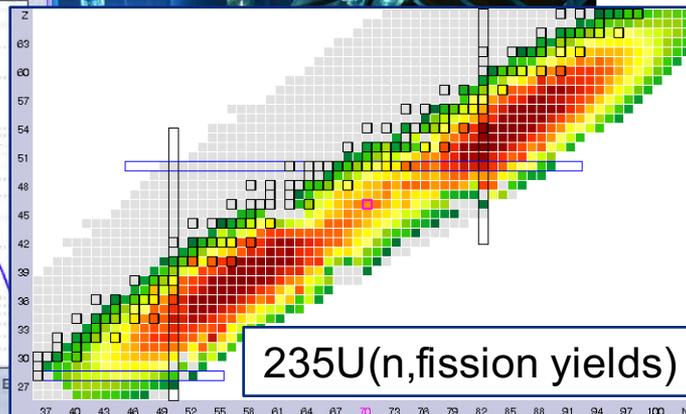
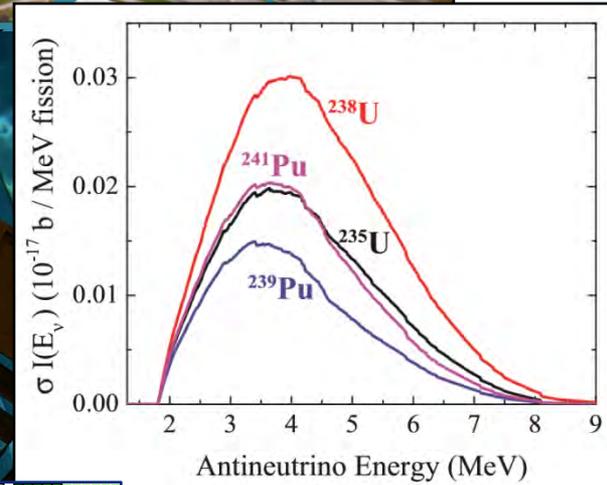
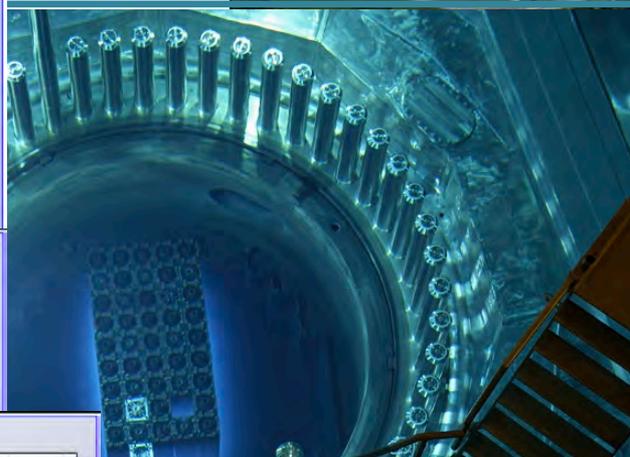
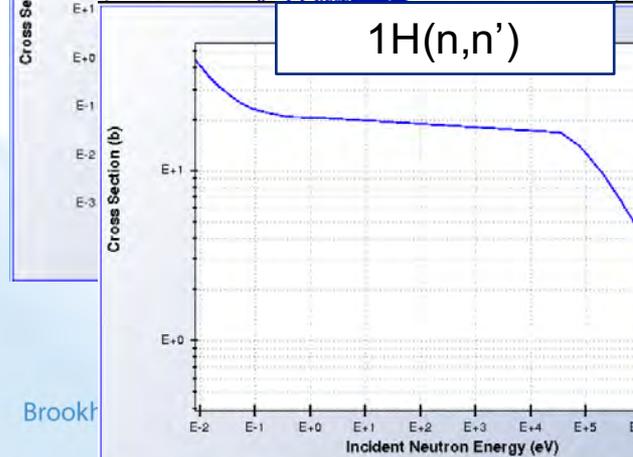
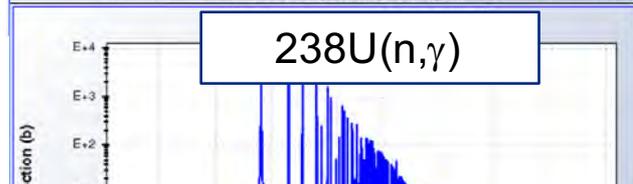
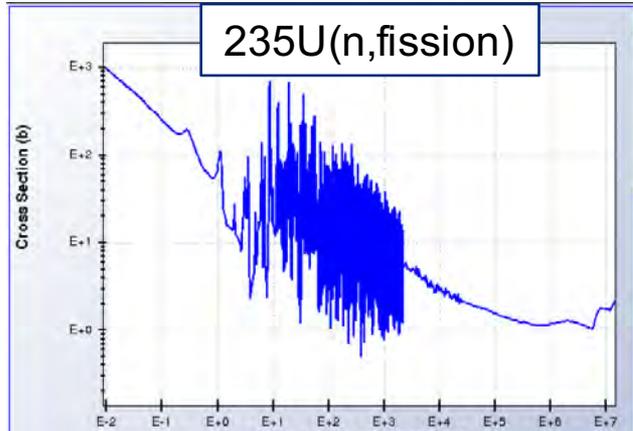


- Cross section as a function of incident particle energy
- Energy and angles of reaction products
- Neutron resonance parameters
- Neutron multiplicities
- Fission yields
- ....

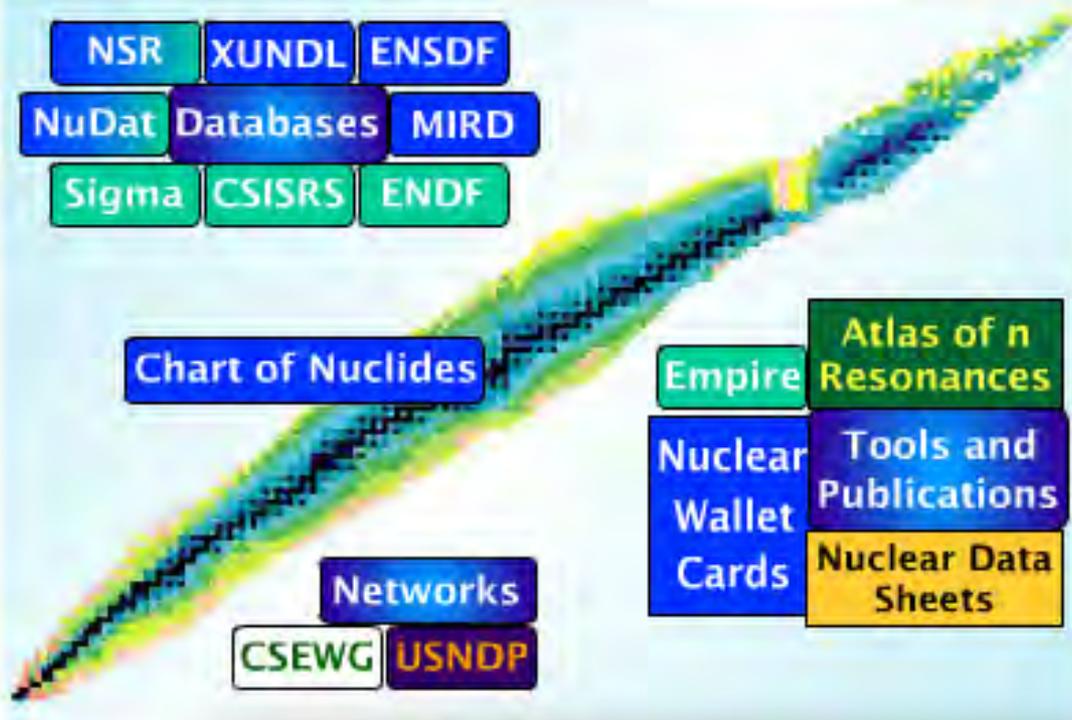


# Evaluated Nuclear Data File (ENDF)

Data needed in many applications, for instance, design, operation and decommission nuclear reactors



# How to use the databases ...

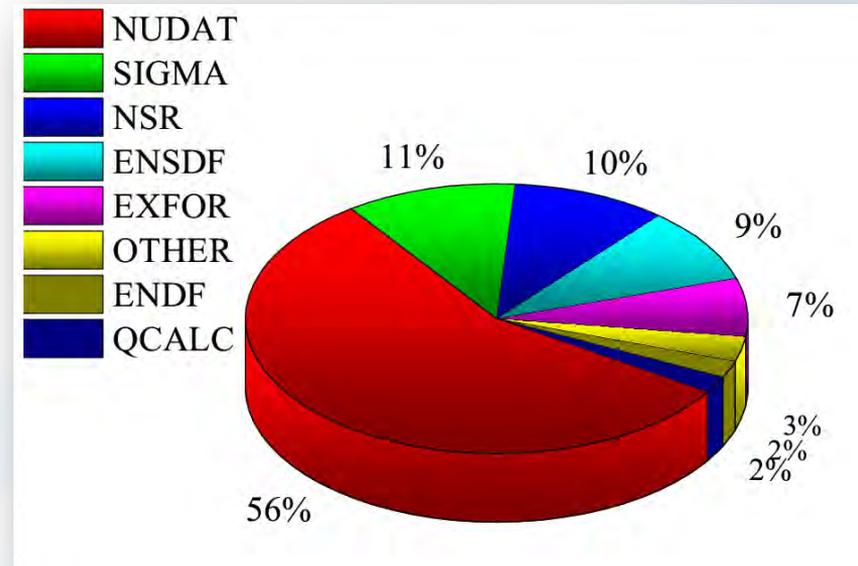
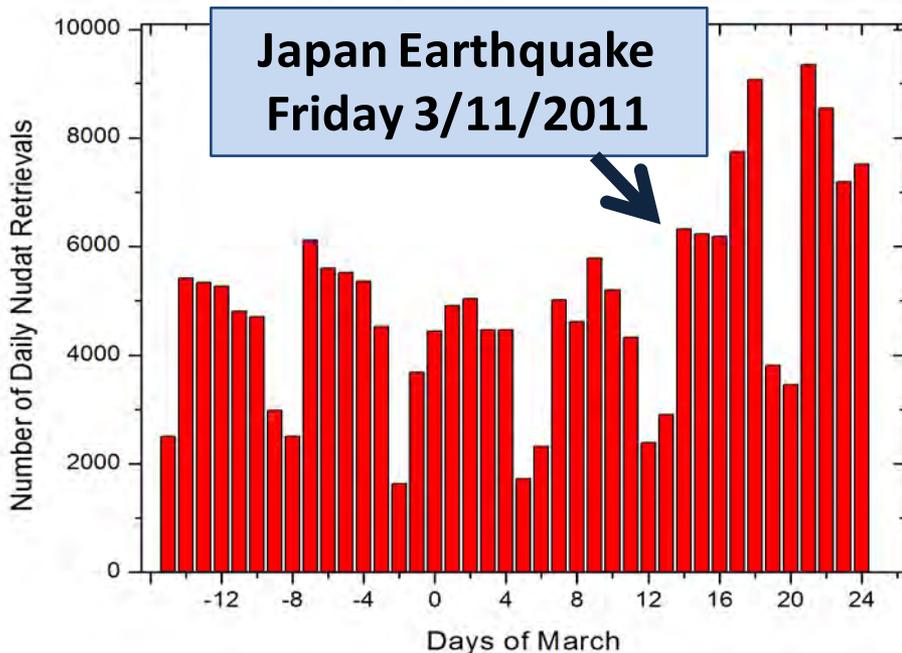
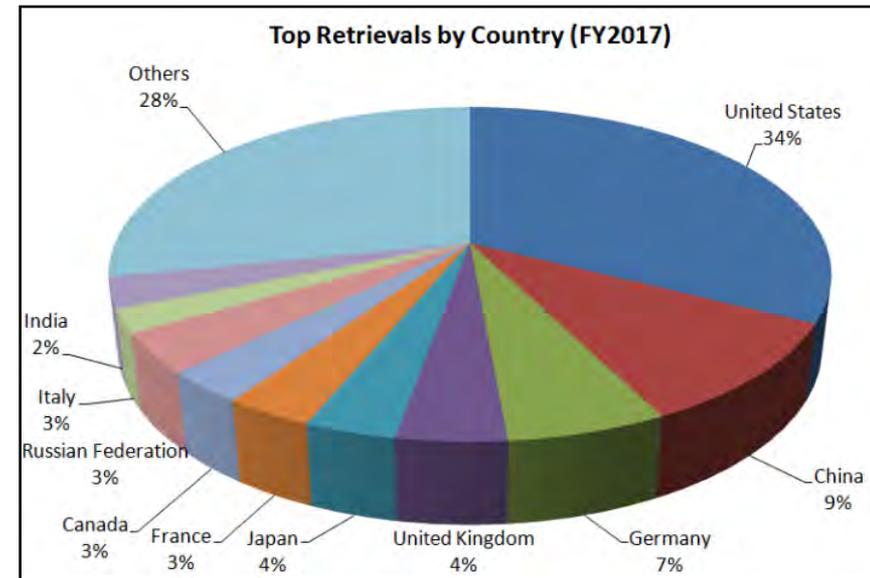
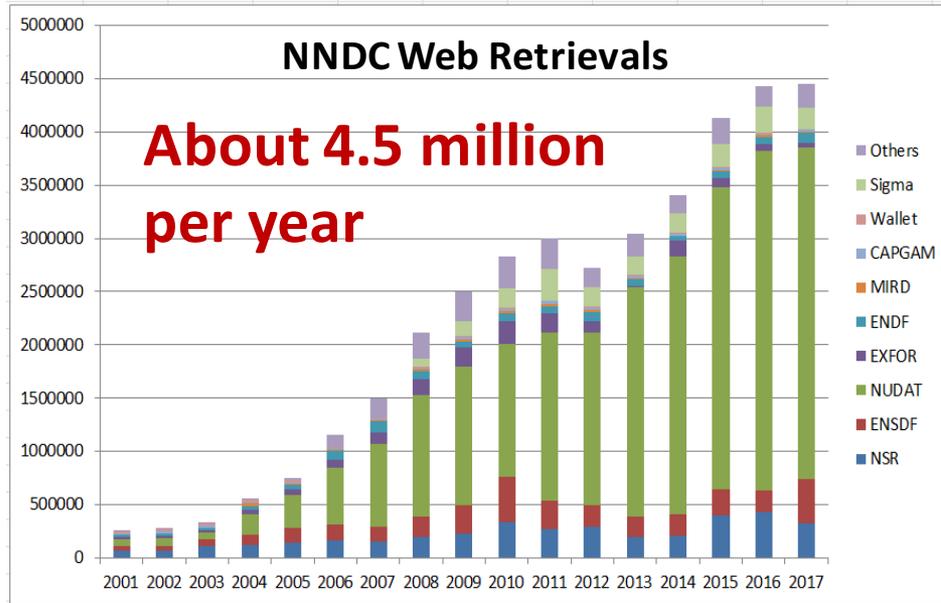


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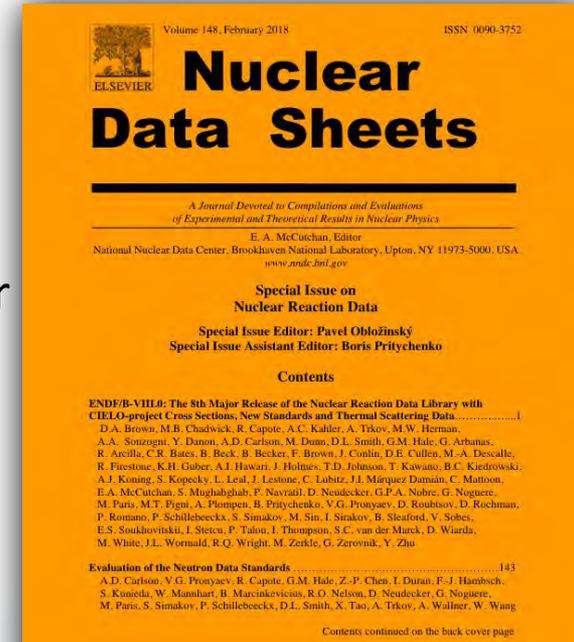


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- Began in 1966, currently published by Elsevier.
- NNDC responsible for editorial role and management
- Original mission was to publish ENSDF evaluations and Recent References (NSR).
- Starting in 2006, one issue per year is devoted to nuclear reaction related articles.
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## Evaluation of Beta-Delayed Neutron Emission Probabilities and Half-Lives for $Z = 2 - 28$

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# Wallet Cards



- Pocket reference for properties of all 3,333 ground states and also long-lived isomers
- Update to 2018 being performed as we speak
- Mobile app being developed

## For ground state and isomers

- Spin/parity
- Mass excess
- Half-life
- Decay mode

137Cs<sup>m</sup>

|                  |                           |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| E(level) MeV     | 0.0000                    |
| J <sup>π</sup>   | 7/2 <sup>+</sup>          |
| Δ (MeV)          | -86.5459                  |
| T <sub>1/2</sub> | 30.08 y 9                 |
| Decay Modes      | β <sup>-</sup> : 100.00 % |

138Cs<sup>m</sup>

138mCs

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140mCs

# Example Application

# Recent measurements of $\theta_{13}$

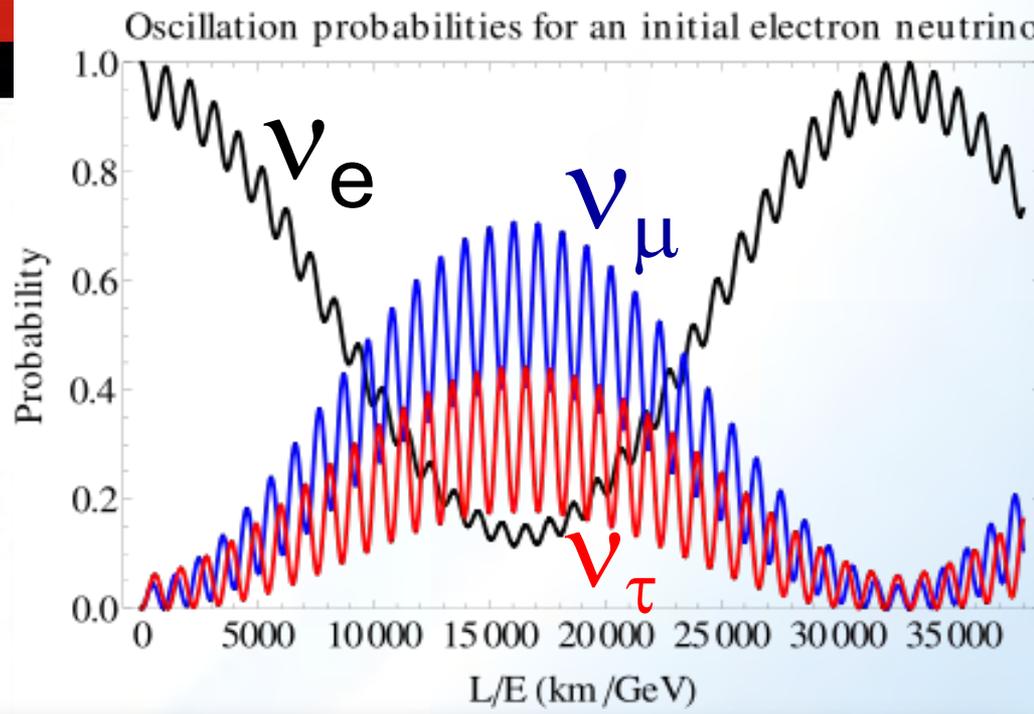
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New dawn. The measurement of a key parameter at the Daya Bay Nuclear Power Plant in China presages an exciting future for neutrino physics. Roy Kalltachmidt/Laurence Berkeley National Laboratory

## Physicists in China Nail a Key Neutrino Measurement

By Adrian Cho | Mar. 8, 2012, 1:00 AM



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## Observation of Reactor Electron Antineutrinos Disappearance in the RENO Experiment

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# Anti-neutrinos from reactors

Detection through inverse  $\beta$  decay on proton



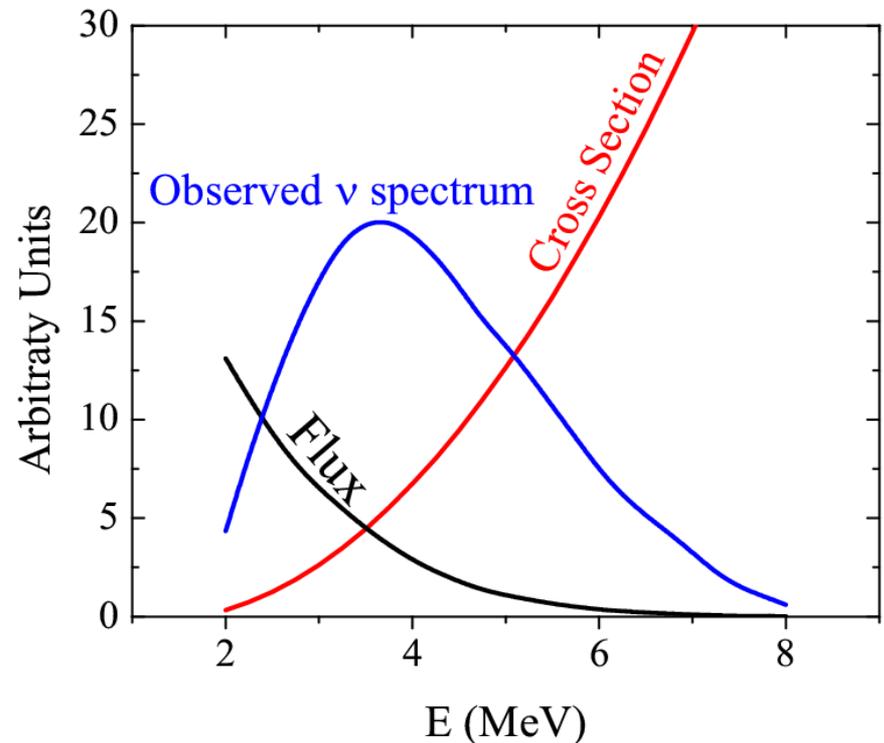
But cross section is tiny !!

$$\langle \sigma \rangle \sim 10^{-16} \text{ mb}$$



**Reactors are copious producers of antineutrinos**

$$\sim 5 \cdot 10^{20} \bar{\nu}_e / s$$



Reaction threshold :  $\sim 1.8$  MeV

# Daya Bay Results

Intense source of  $\bar{\nu}_e$

Distance from reactor



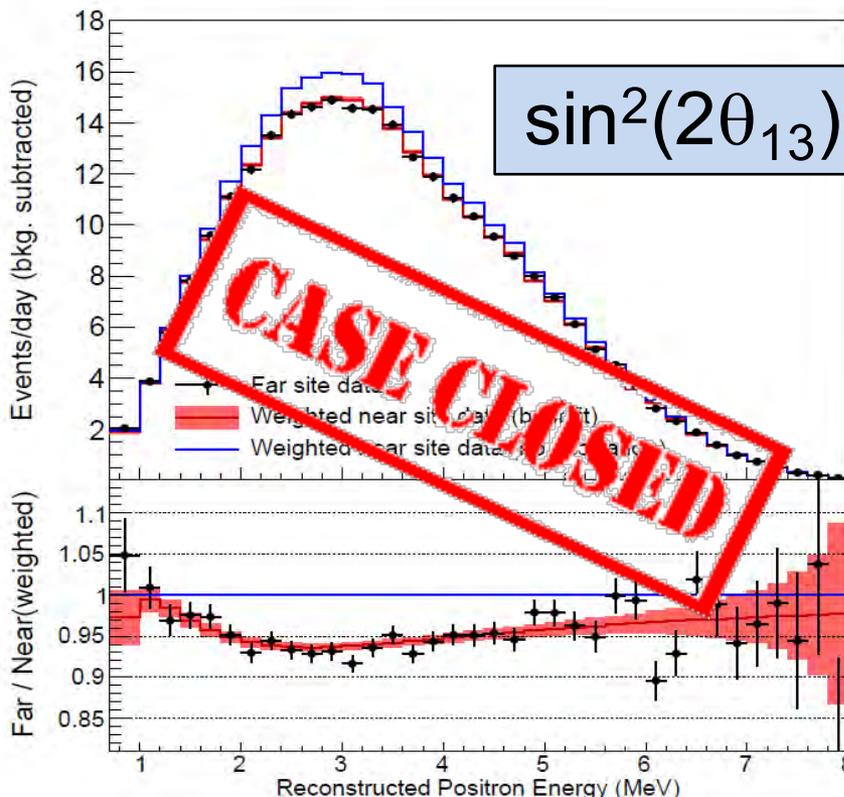
100 ton  
detectors

400 m



$\theta_{13}$

2 km



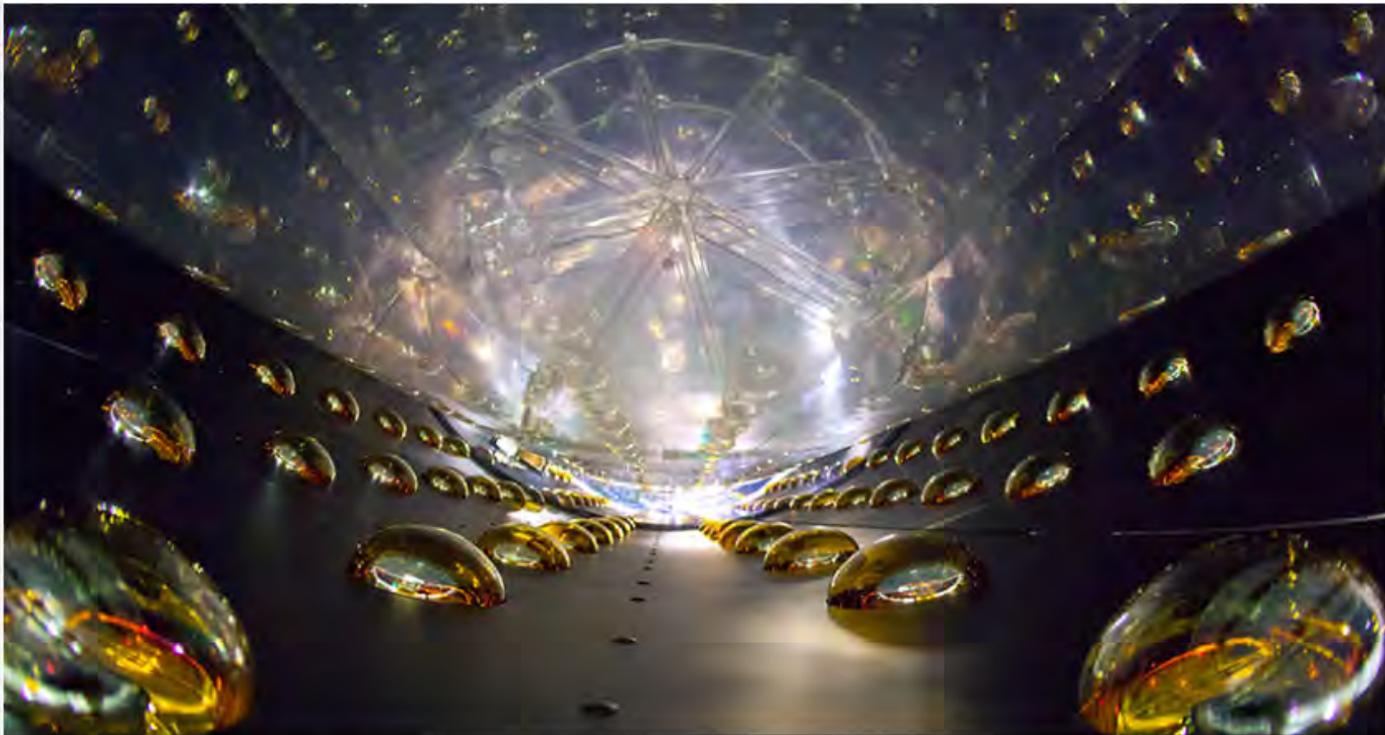
# Or not ?

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## Reactor data hint at existence of fourth neutrino

Deficit in antiparticle output exceeds theoretical expectations

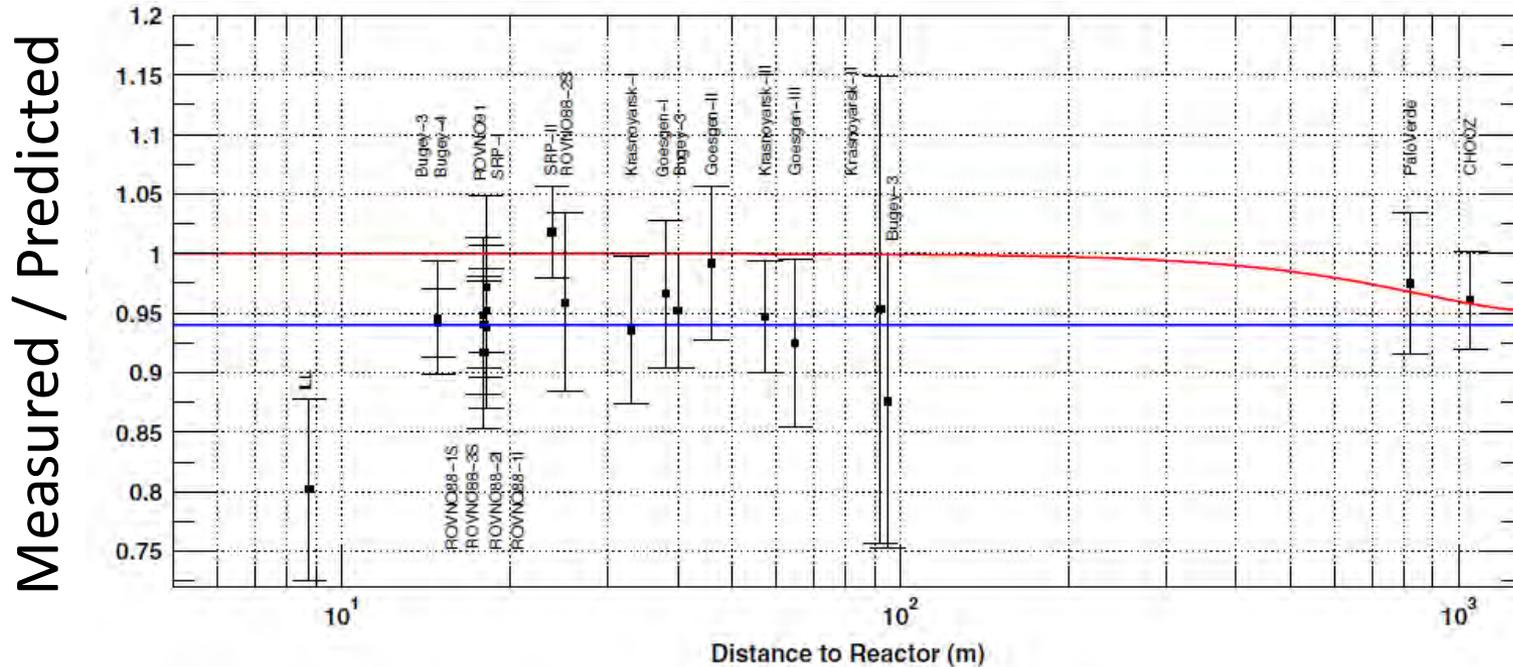
BY RON COWEN 1:20PM, FEBRUARY 25, 2016



**GHOST FINDER** New results of experiments at the Daya Bay neutrino detector (walls lined with photomultiplier tubes, shown) hint at the existence of a lightweight sterile neutrino, about one-millionth the mass of an electron.

# And then the story got more interesting

## Analysis of all experiments close to reactors



## Deficit in antineutrinos in all short baseline experiments

PHYSICAL REVIEW D 83, 073006 (2011)

### Reactor antineutrino anomaly

G. Mention,<sup>1</sup> M. Fechner,<sup>1</sup> Th. Lasserre,<sup>1,2,\*</sup> Th. A. Mueller,<sup>3</sup> D. Lhuillier,<sup>3</sup> M. Cribier,<sup>1,2</sup> and A. Letourneau<sup>3</sup>

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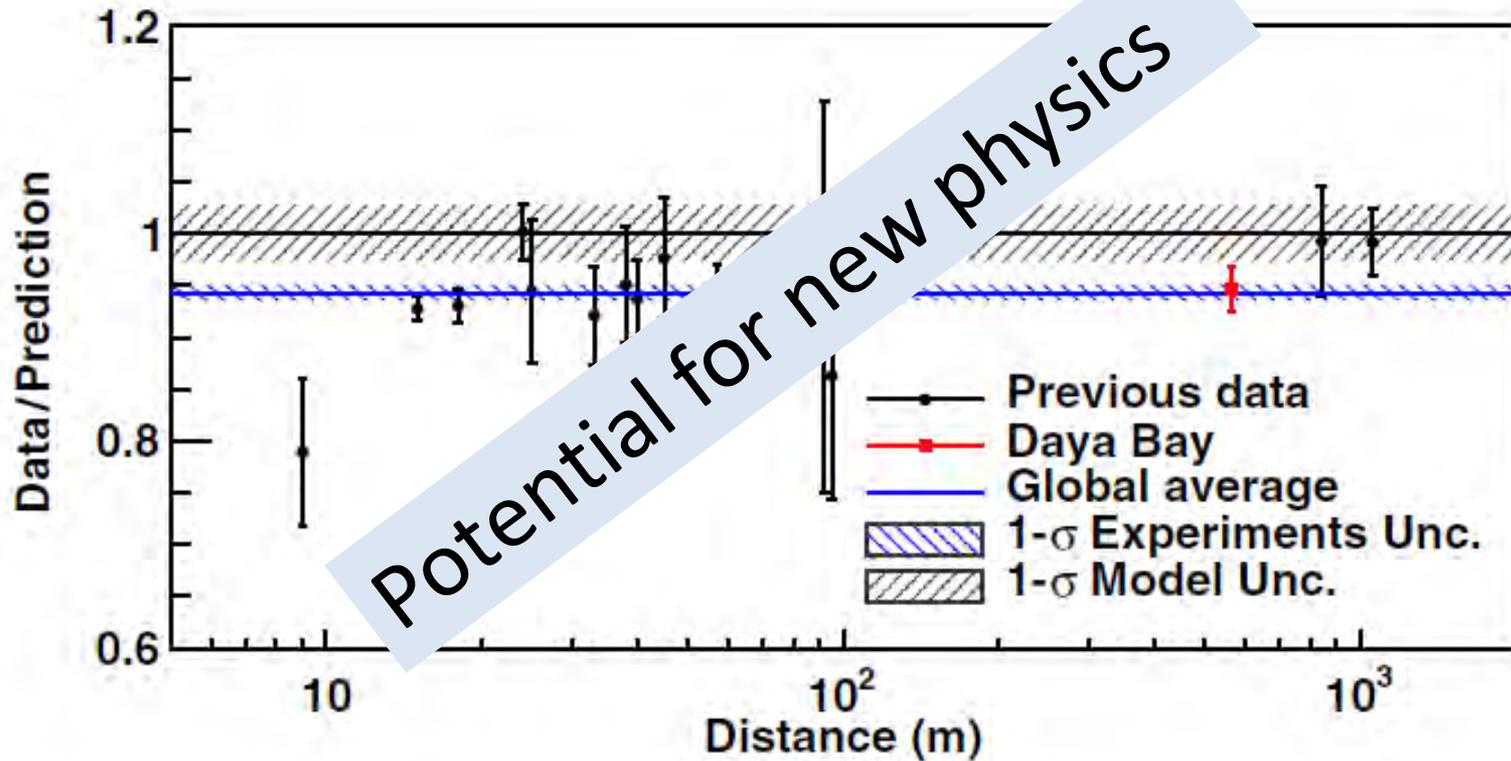
## Re-analysis + New Daya Bay results

PRL 116, 061801 (2016)

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Measurement of the Reactor Antineutrino Flux and Spectrum at Daya Bay



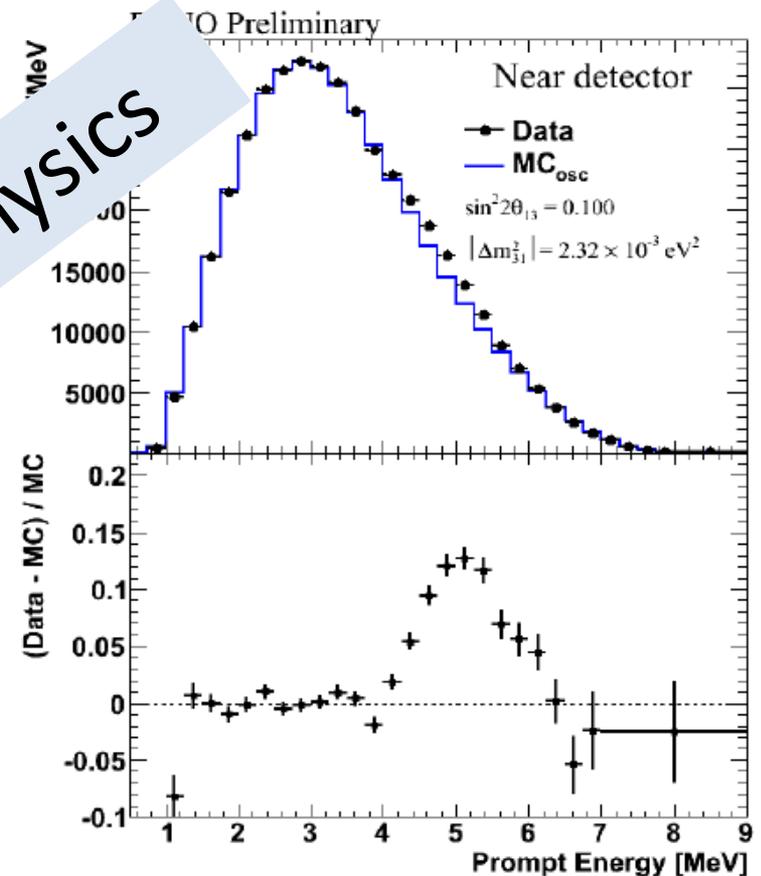
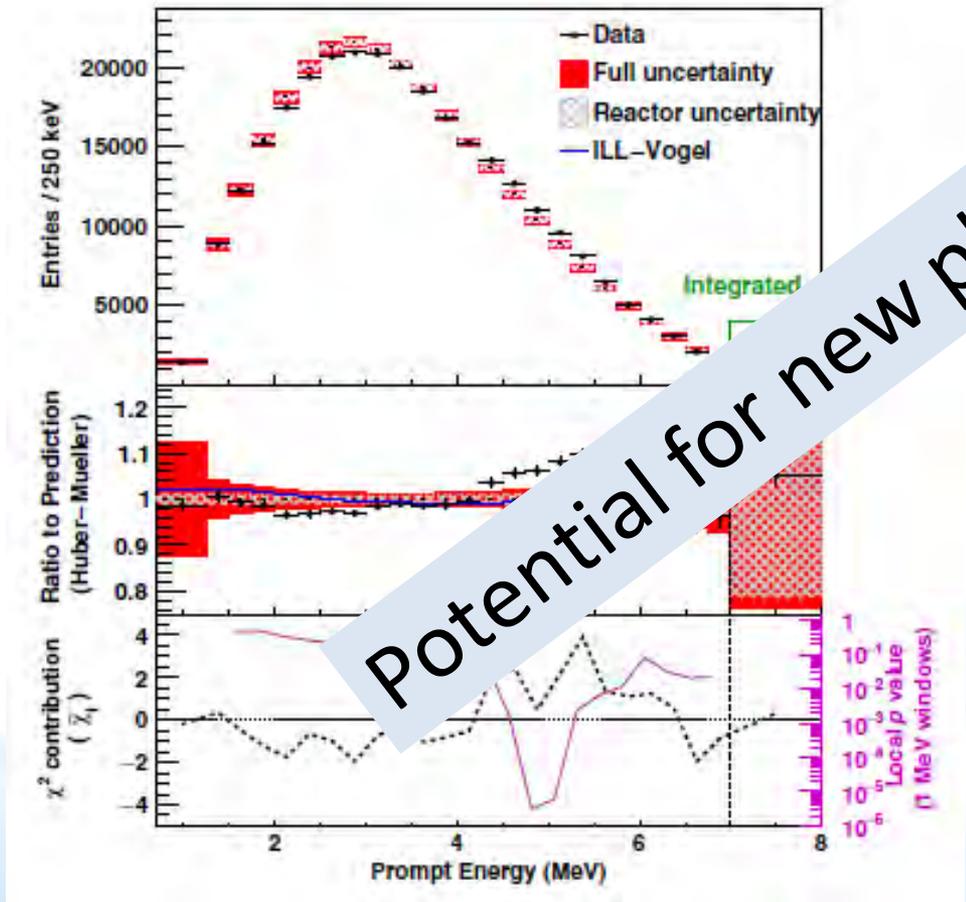
**Data/prediction =  $0.946 \pm 0.022$**

# And more interesting



The “bump” :

An excess of measured antineutrinos relative to predictions



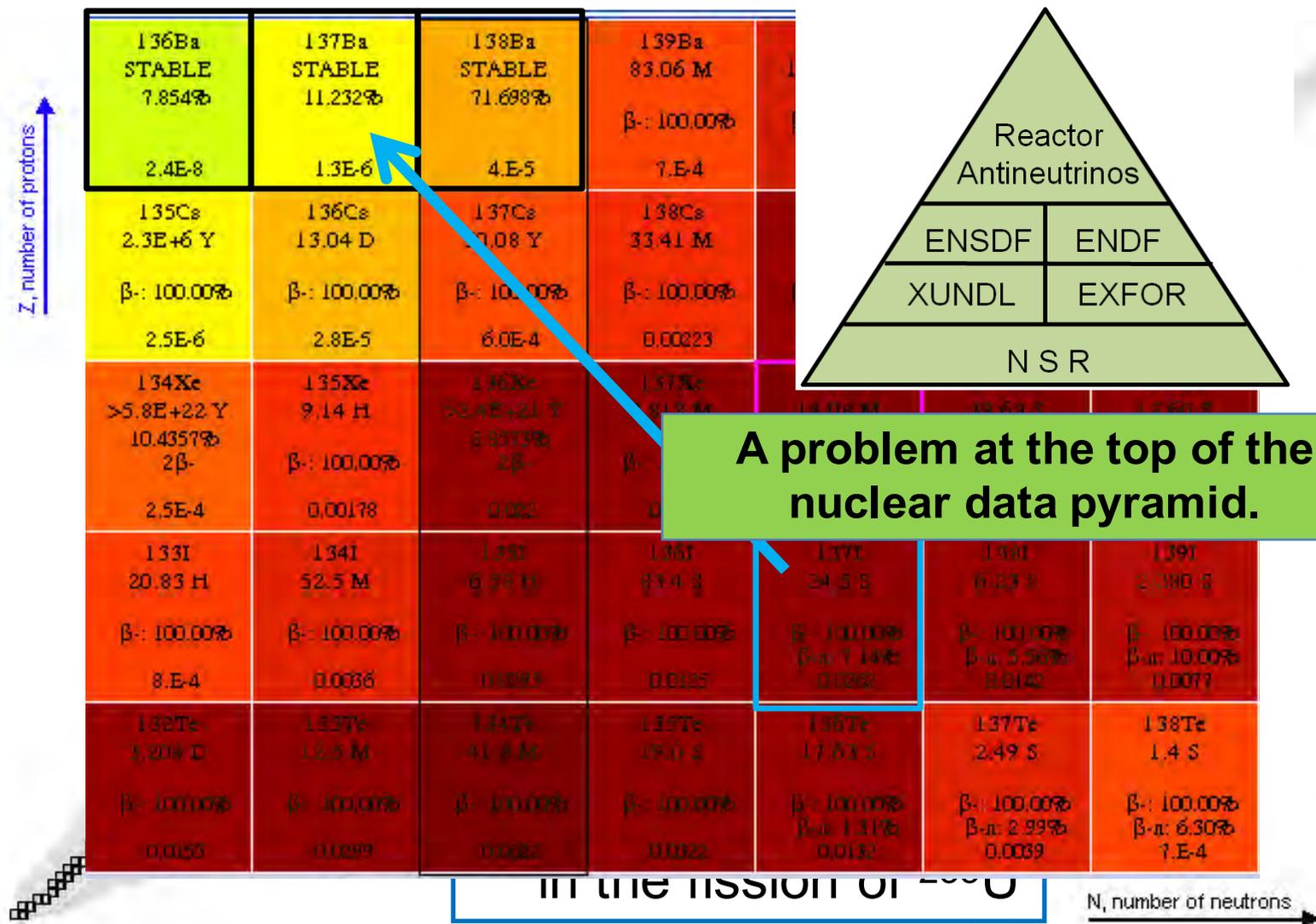
# What are the implications?

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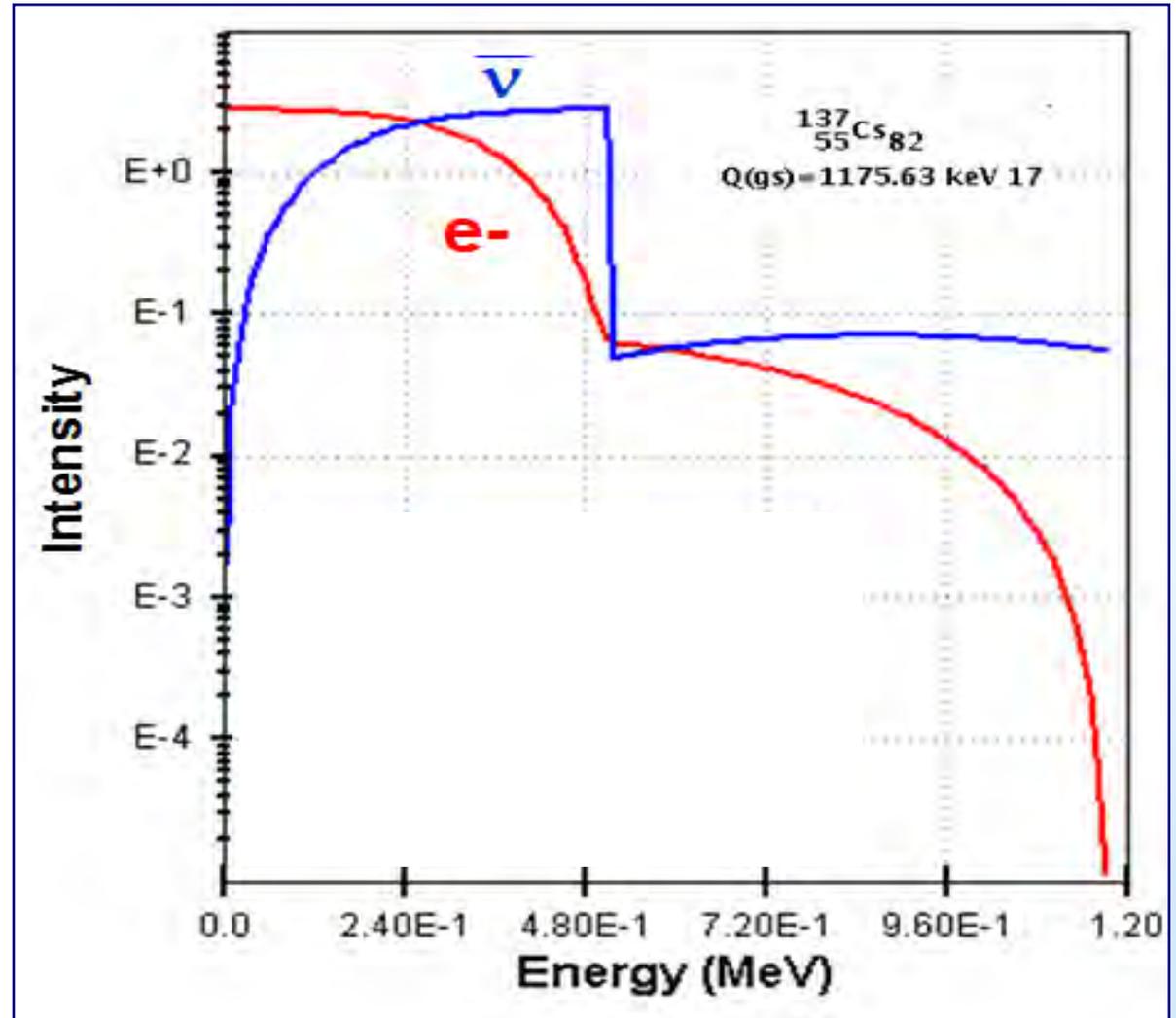
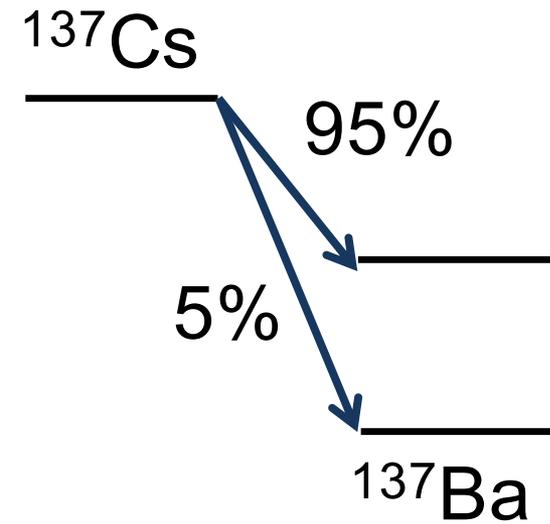
## Many possible explanations

- Predicted Antineutrino spectrum is incorrect
- Experimental bias in all experiments
- New physics at short baselines
  - Existence of one (or more) neutrinos beyond the standard model

# Understanding reactor $\nu_e$ flux is nuclear physics



# Simple Example : $^{137}\text{Cs}$

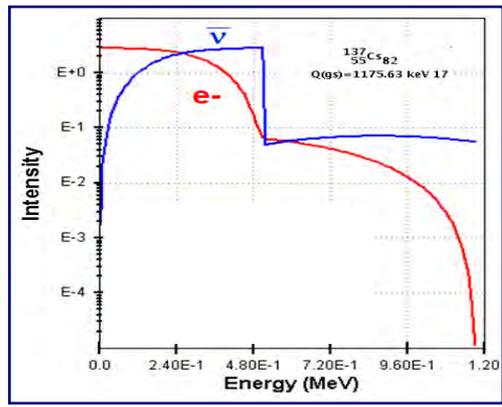


$$I(E) = N W (W^2 - 1)^{1/2} (W - W_0)^2 F(Z, W) C(Z, W) (1 + \delta)$$

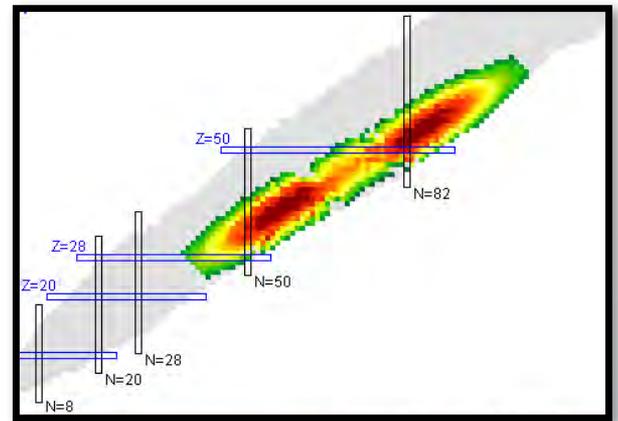
# Approaches to calculating the $\nu_e$ flux

## Ab-initio Method or Summation Method

Individual Beta spectra



Fission Yields



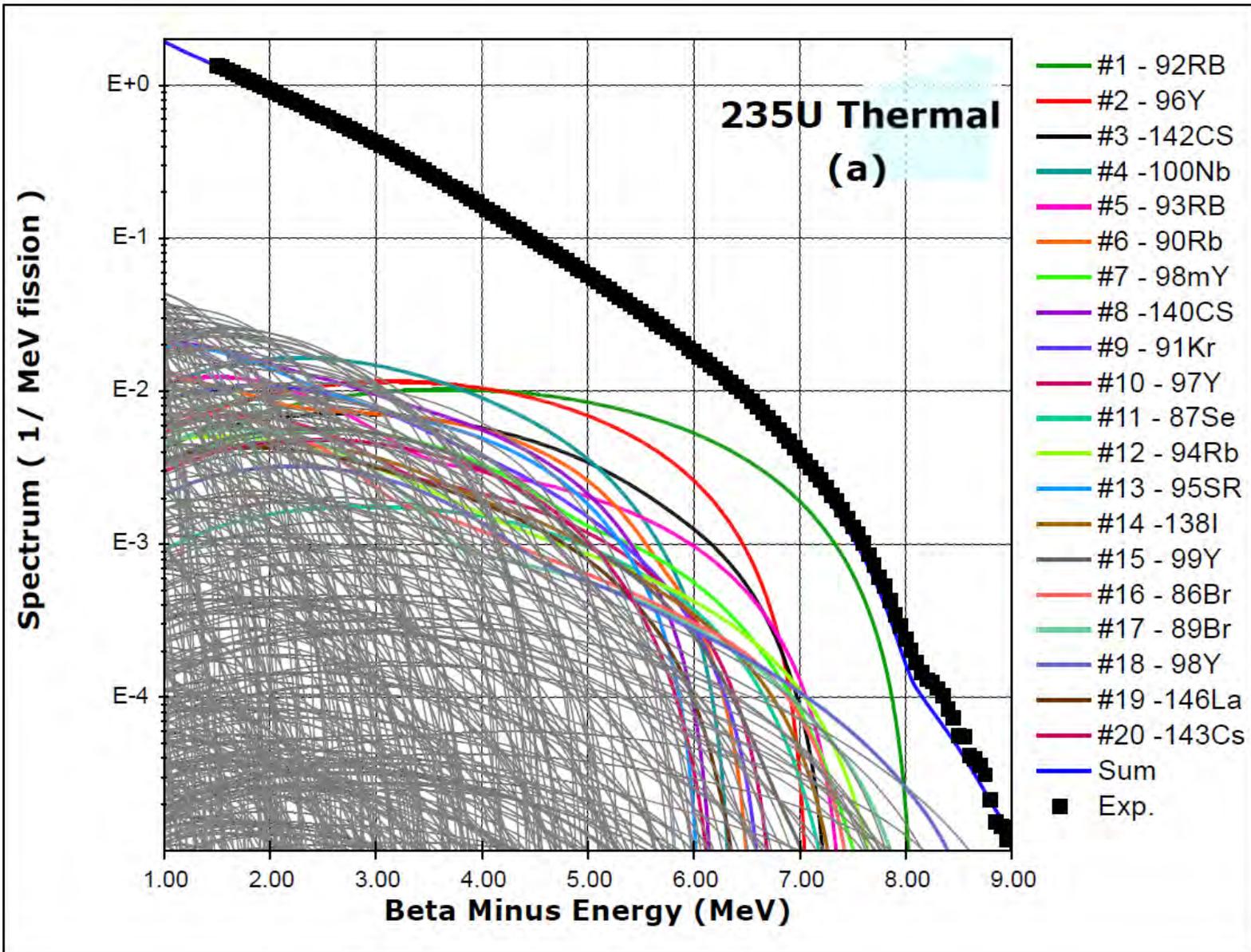
## Conversion Method

- Take **total** beta spectrum from actinides and convert into  $\nu_e$  spectrum

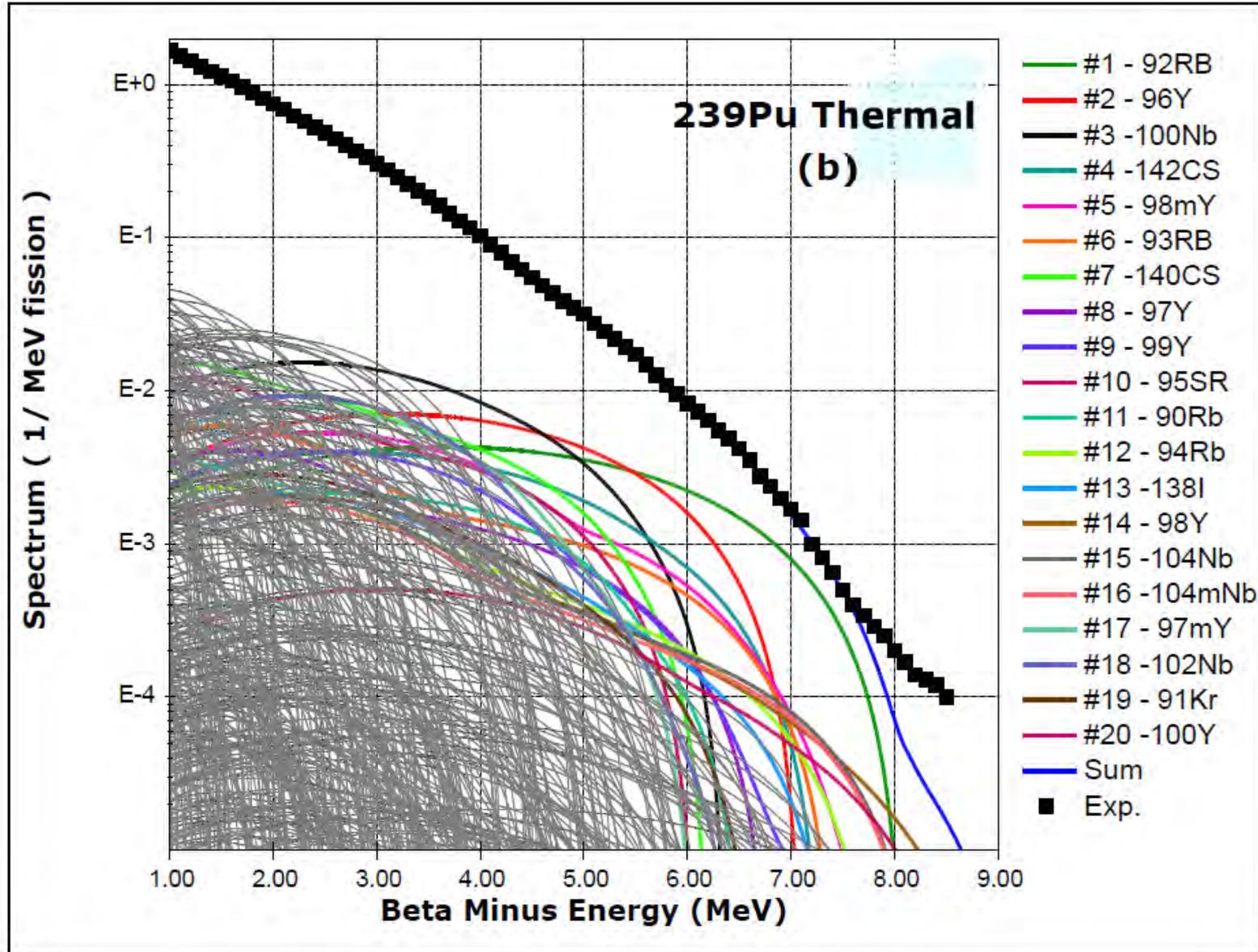
PHYSICAL REVIEW C 84, 024617 (2011)  
**Determination of antineutrino spectra from nuclear reactors**  
Patrick Huber\*

- The anomaly and bump come from this method

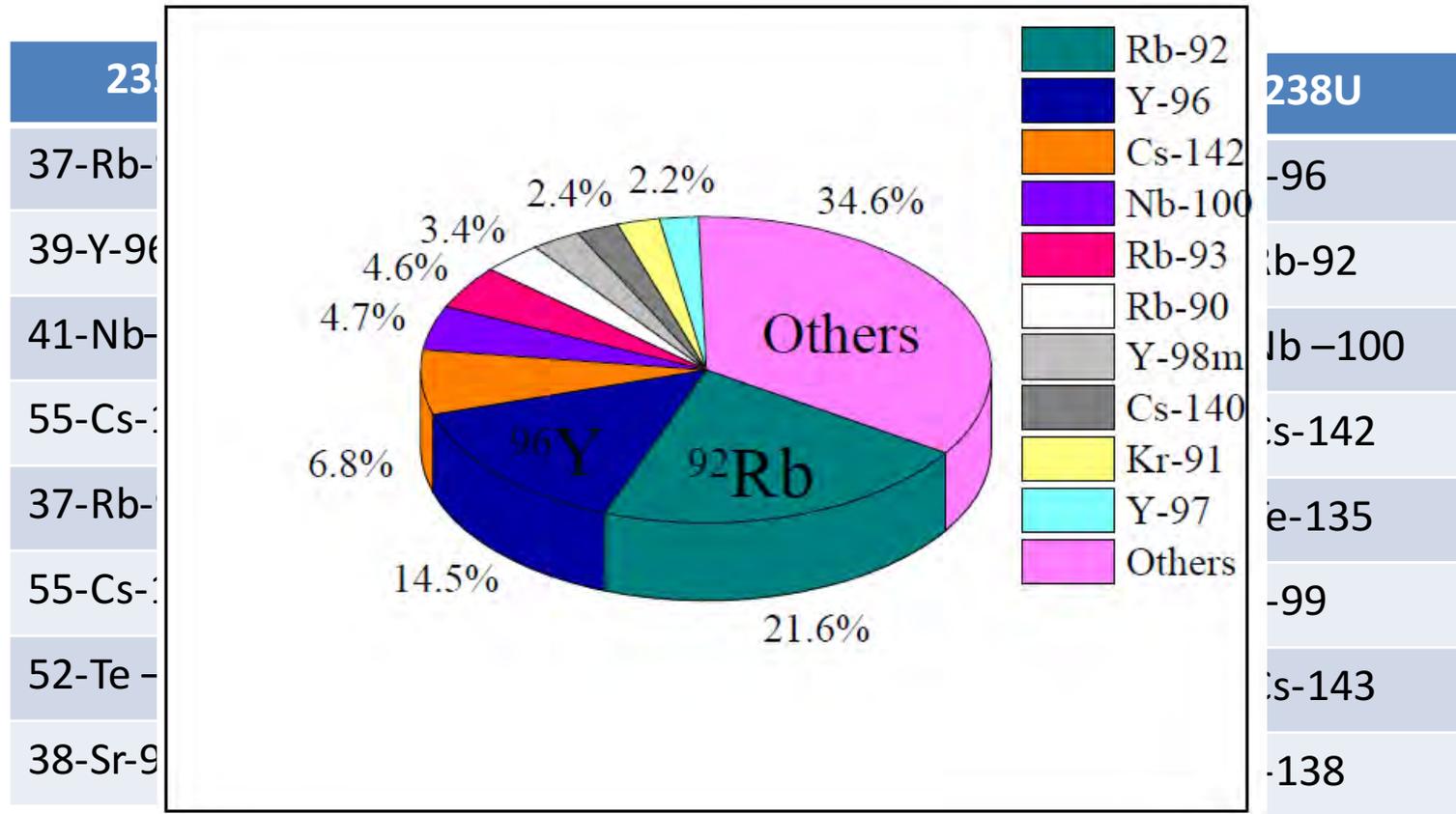
# Summation for $^{235}\text{U}$



# Summation for $^{239}\text{Pu}$



# Main Contributors at ~5 MeV

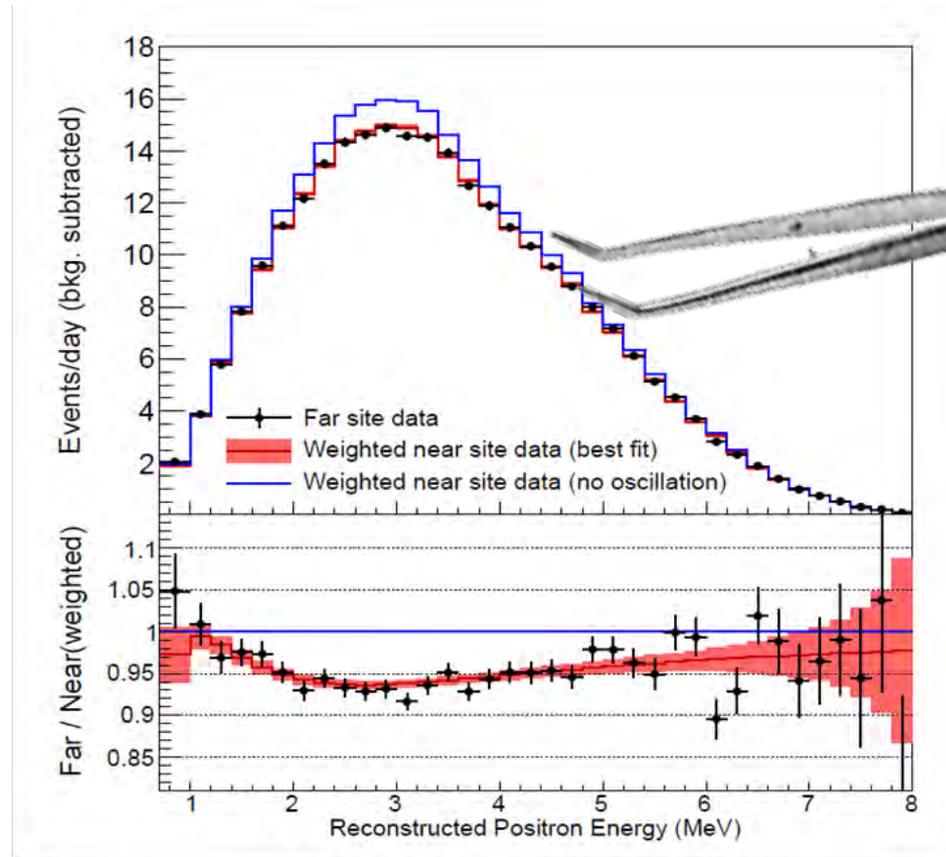


Top 10 contribute ~60% to the overall spectrum

New measurements underway based on these sensitivity studies

# Dissecting Reactor Antineutrino Spectra

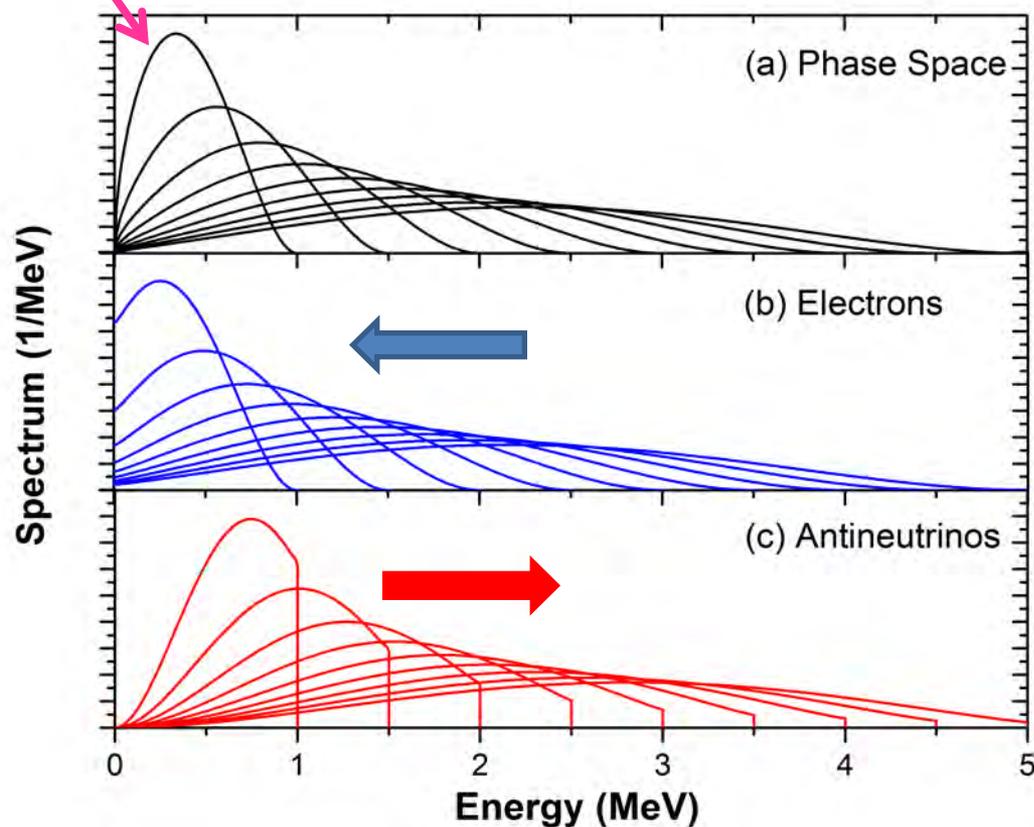
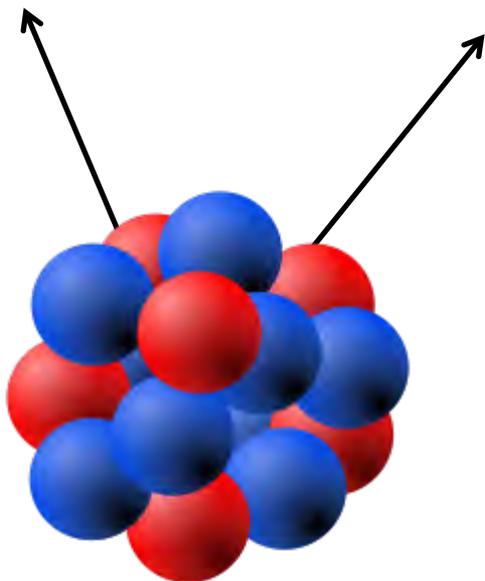
Can we disentangle individual isotopes from the total spectrum?



F.P. An *et al*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **115**, 111802 (2015)

# Beta Decay Basics

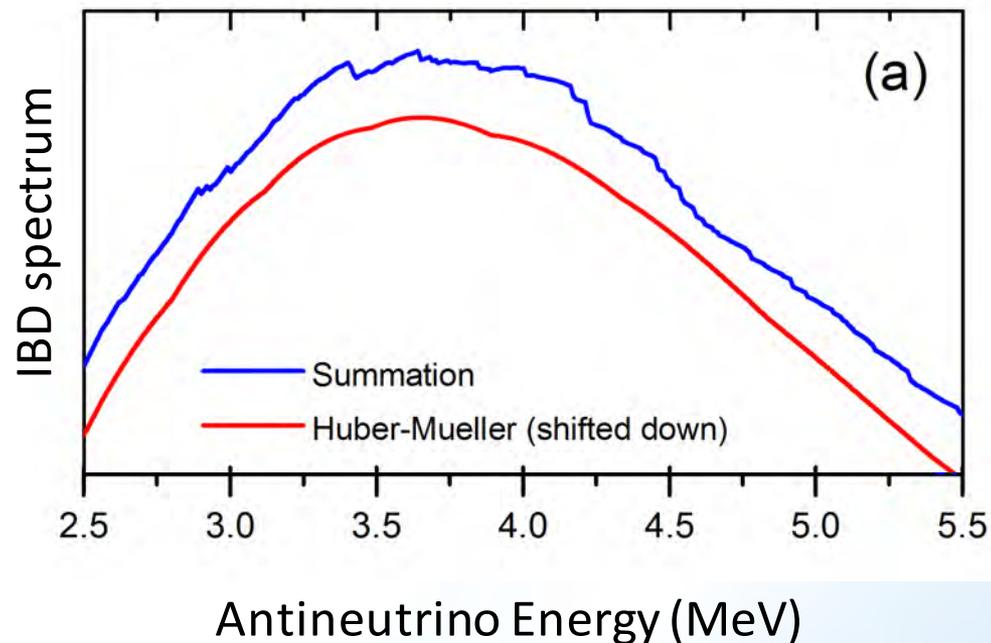
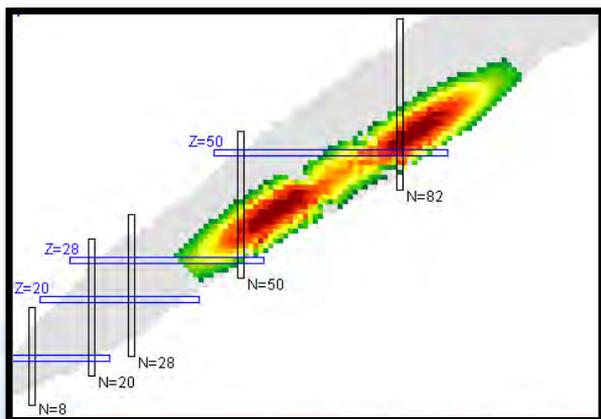
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# A tree from the forest



More than 800 fission fragments produced !!

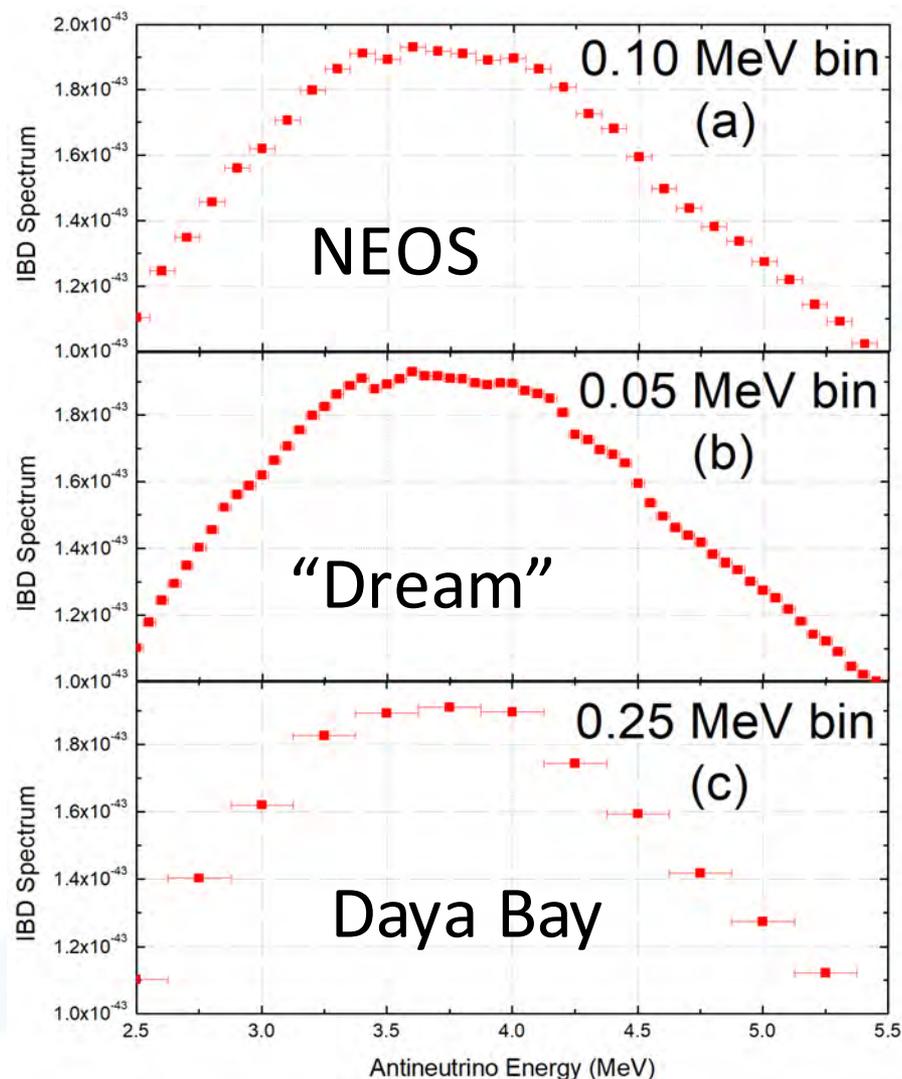
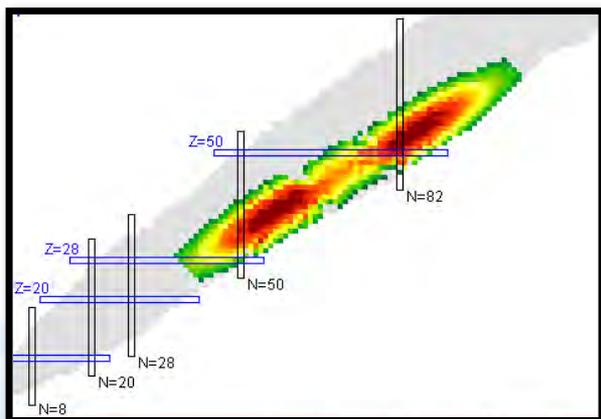


- “Fine structure” in summation
- Conversion is featureless

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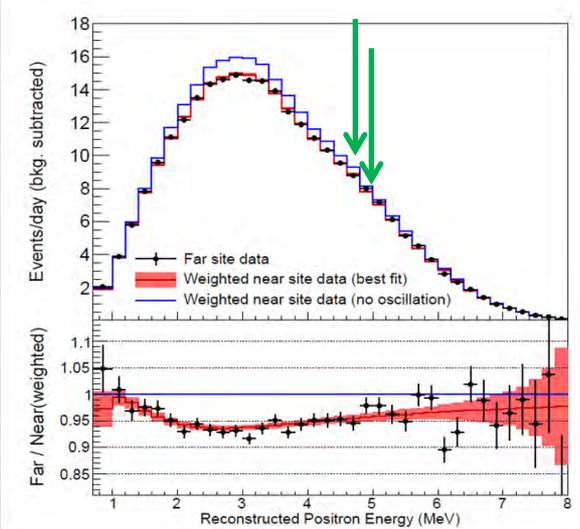


# A Simple way to analyze

Consider ratio of adjacent points of the spectrum

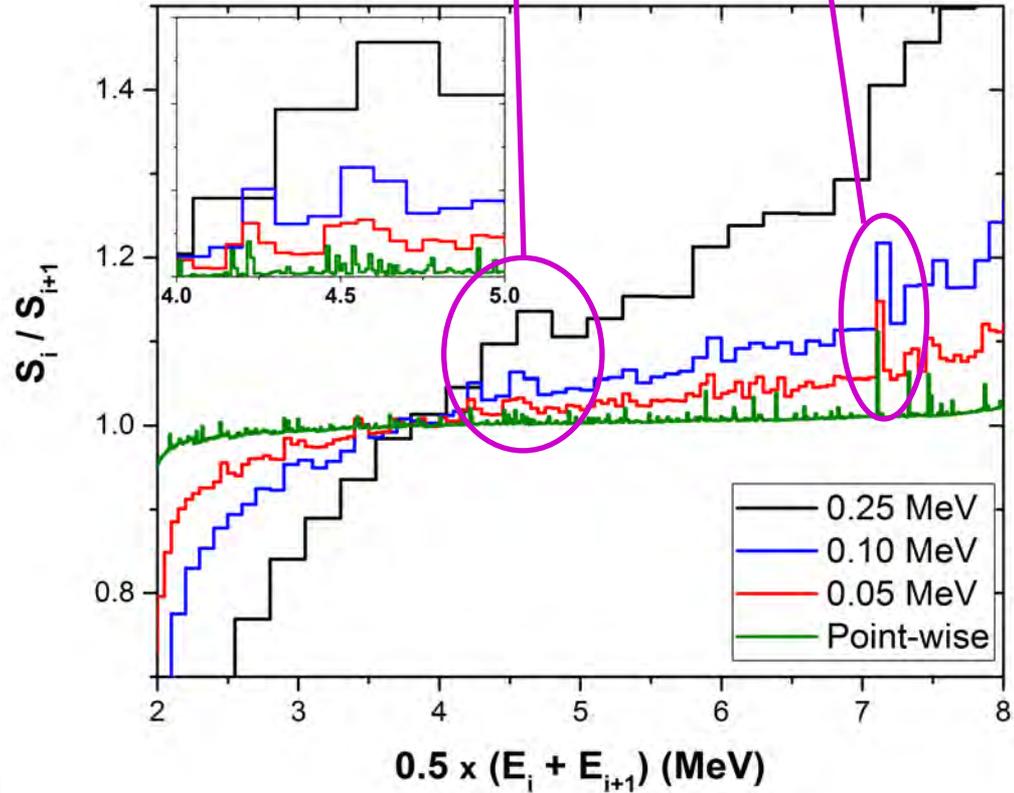
$$R_i = \frac{S_i}{S_{i+1}}$$

Plotted as a function of average energy bin  $0.5 * (E_i + E_{i+1})$

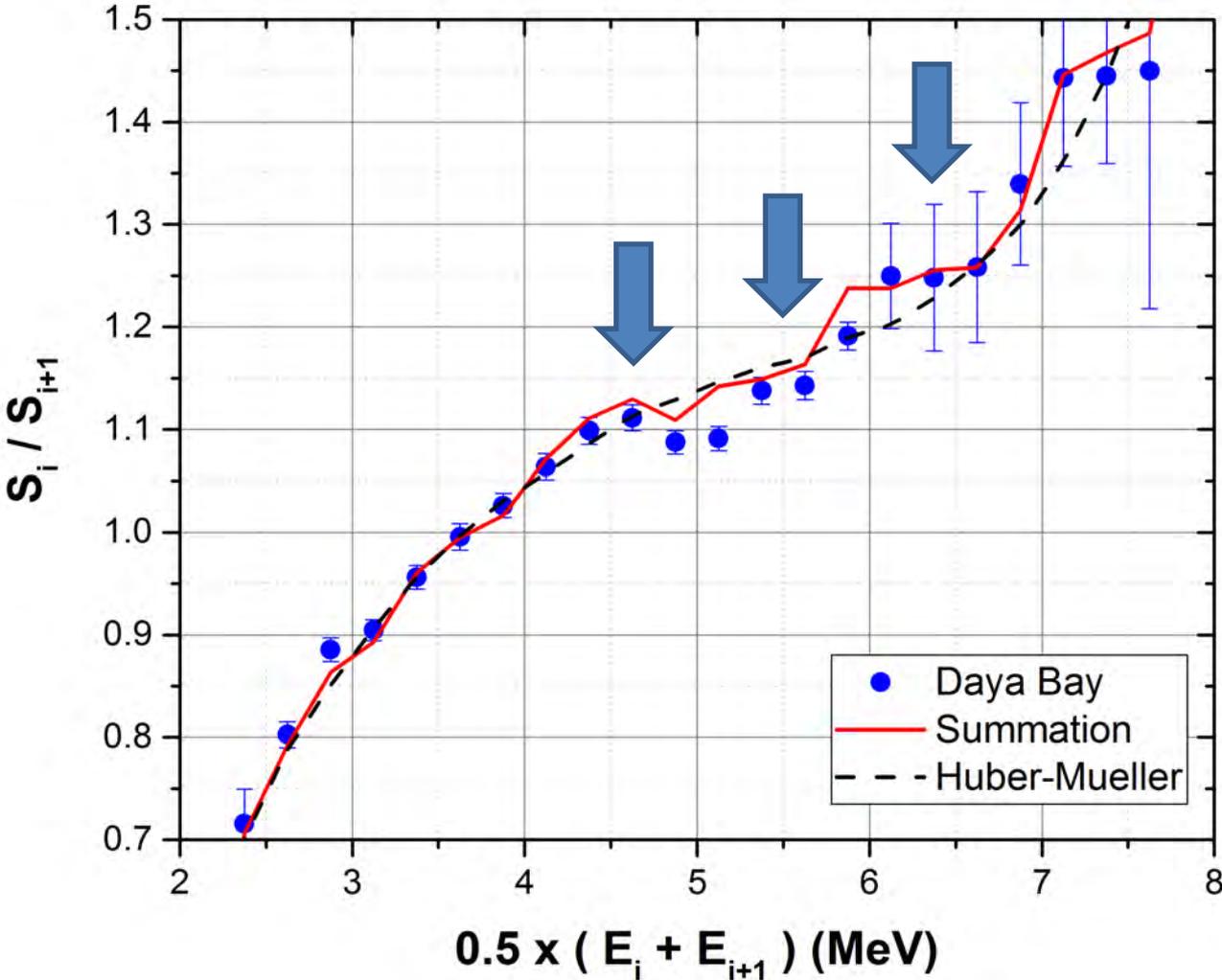


Several Nuclei, adding up

Single Nucleus, sharp cut-off

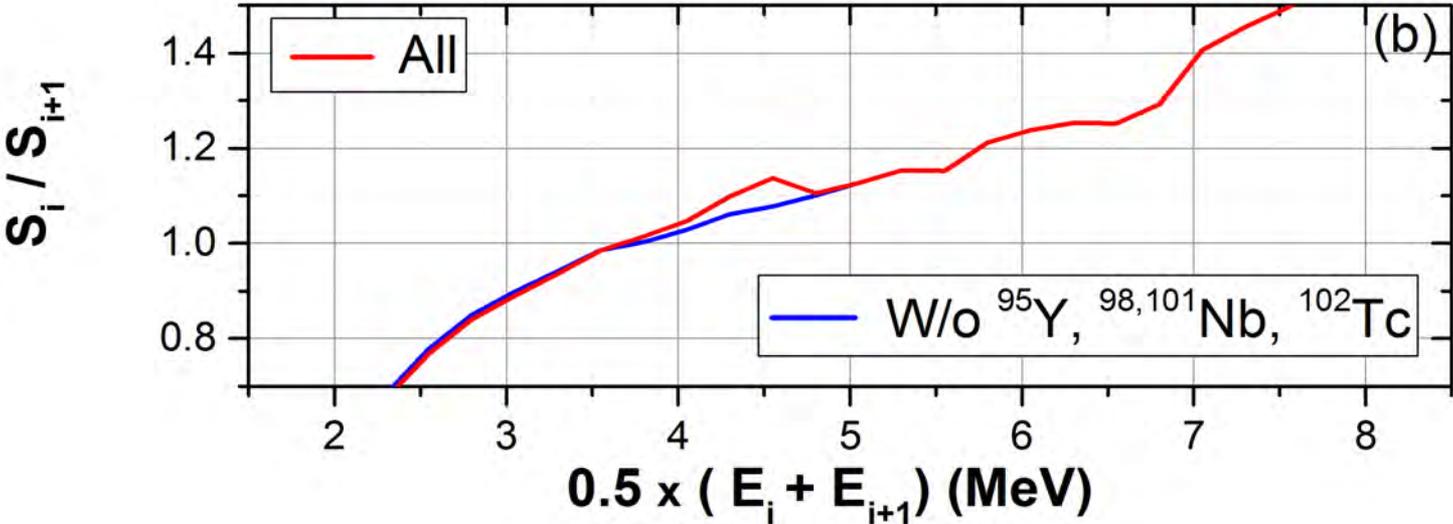


# Fine structure in Daya Bay?



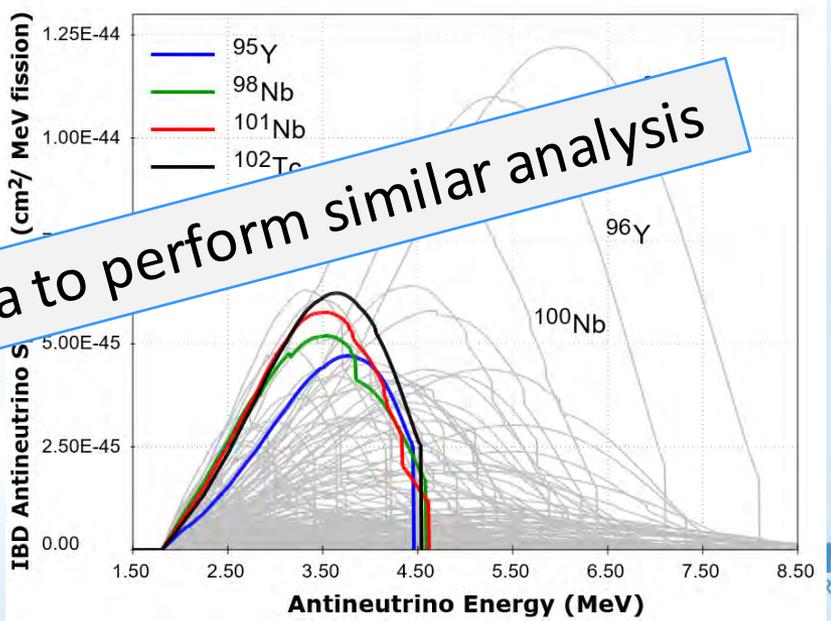
- Peak observed around 4.5 MeV
- Summation not perfect but trends are there

# Nuclear data under a microscope



“Fine structure” can be attributed to just 4 nuclides

Eagerly awaiting PROSPECT data to perform similar analysis



# Feedback on our products

**NuDat 2.6**  
 search and plot nuclear structure and decay data interactively. More.

Levels and Gammas Search  
 Ground and excited states (energy,  $T_{1/2}$ , spin/parity, decay modes), gamma rays (energy, intensity, multipolarity, conc.)

Nuclear Wallet Cards Search  
 Latest Ground and isomeric states properties

Decay Radiation Search  
 Radionuclide type, energy, intensity and dose following nuclear decay

| Color code       | Half life | Decay Mode    | $Q_{\alpha}$             | $Q_{\beta^-}$ | $S_{\beta^-}$ | $Q_{\beta^+}$ | $Q_{EC}$ | $S_{EC}$         | $Q_{\alpha}$    | $Q_{\beta^-}$   | $Q_{\beta^+}$ | $Q_{EC}$ |
|------------------|-----------|---------------|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|----------|
| $Q_{\alpha}$ -Zn | BE/A      | (BE-LDM FR)/A | $E_{\alpha}$ at exc. st. | $E_{\beta^-}$ | $E_{\beta^+}$ | $E_{EC}$      | $E_{EC}$ | $B(E2)_{\alpha}$ | $B(E2)_{\beta}$ | $\sigma(n,\nu)$ | 235U FY       | 239Pu FY |

**Ogma Evaluated Nuclear Data File (ENDF) Retrieval & Plotting**  
 New: ENDF/B-VII.1 library.

Periodic Table Browse

Select first a library, then a sublibrary and finally click on a chemical element to obtain results. Data are available for materials with a cyan background.

Library: ENDF/B-VII.1(USA, 2011) Sublibrary: Neutron reactions

**ENDF B-VII.1**

Version History:  
 - New (December 2011)  
 - ENDF/B-VII.1 evaluated neutron library.  
 - New in version 3.1 (October 2009)  
 - New in version 3.0 (February 2009)  
 - New in version 2.0 (April 2008)  
 - New in version 1.0 (April 2007)

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