

# Berkeley Nuclear Database Projects

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# ENSDF and potential applications



# Structure (ENSDF) and Reactions (ENDF)

## Libraries hosted at the National Nuclear Data Center (NNDC)

- Evaluated Nuclear Structure Data File (ENSDF)
- $E_L$ ,  $J^\pi$ ,  $E_\gamma$ ,  $\delta_\gamma$ ,  $\alpha \dots$
- Basic science
- String

- Evaluated Nuclear Data File (ENDF)
- $\sigma$  from  $(n, x)$  reactions
- Applications
- Numerical



# Migration of data into nuclear databases

## The Nuclear Data Pipeline

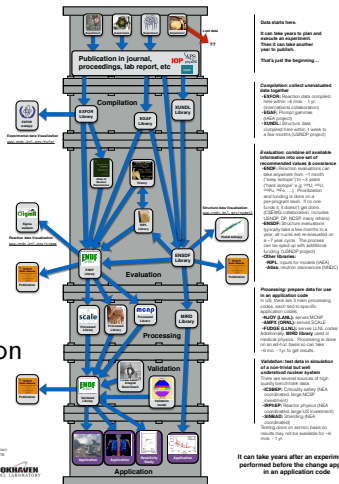
Publish data

Compile data

Evaluate data

Processing/validation

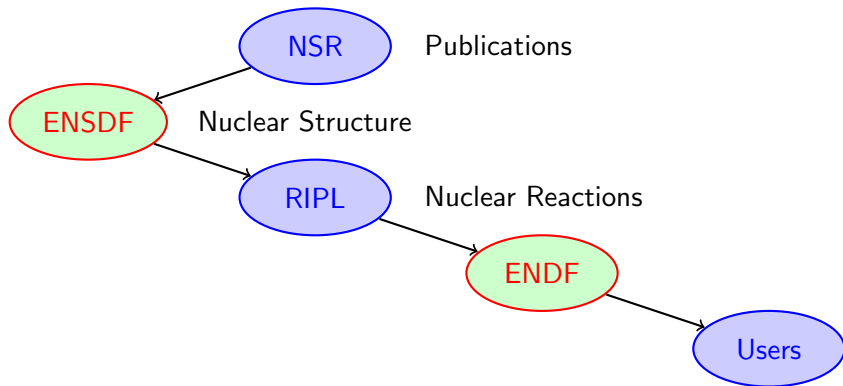
Application



David Brown  
8 Apr. 2016  
BROOKHAVEN  
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# Nuclear data library development



NSR: Nuclear Science References

RIPL: Reference Input Parameter Library



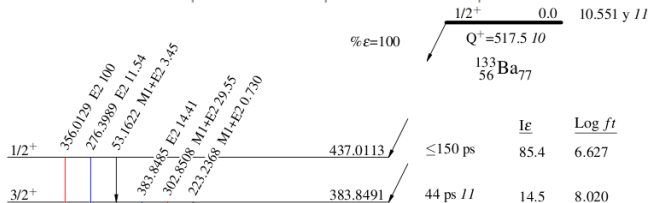
# ENSDF data types

- *Standard records*, e.g., the Level L record ( $E$ ,  $J^\pi$ ,  $T_{1/2} \dots$ ); the Gamma G record ( $E_\gamma$ ,  $I_\gamma$ ,  $\alpha \dots$ ).
- *Continuation records*, e.g., L: particle-decay modes ( $\alpha$ ,  $\beta^-$ , etc.); G: reduced transition probabilities ( $B(M1)$ ,  $B(E2)$ , etc.).

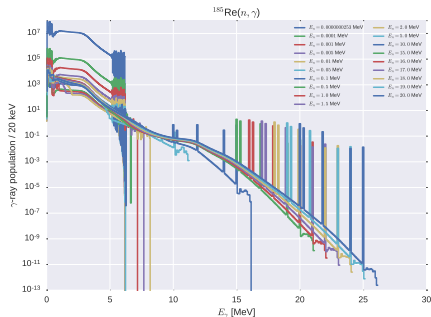
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# ENSDF-to-RIPL translator for reaction calculations



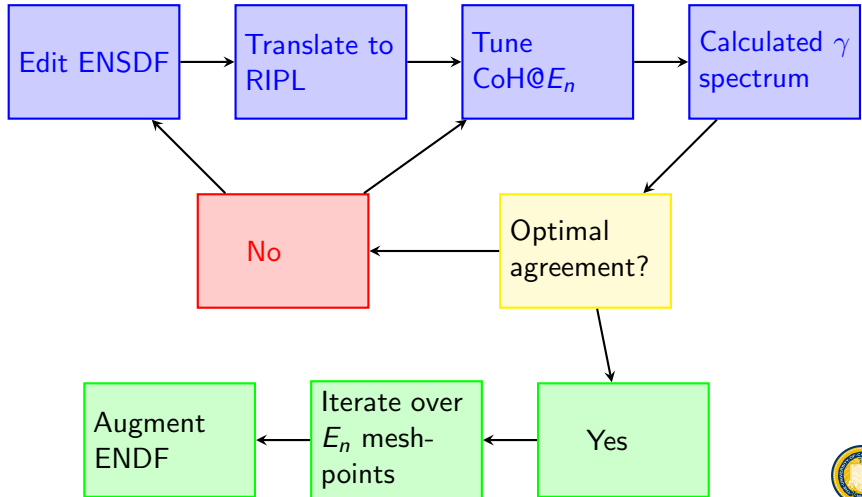
Application: Calculate  $(n, \gamma)$   $\gamma$ -ray spectrum as function of increasing  $E_n$ . Requires **structure** data and reaction-model parametrizations.

- Reaction calculations often use RIPL-formatted data sets.
- Reaction codes: CoH, EMPIRE, TALYS.
- RIPL may be out of date (RIPL-3 2009).
- Structure data sets often prepared in ENSDF format.





# Application processing methodology



# ENSDF-to-RIPL: Representative translation for $^{243}\text{Pu}$

$^{242}\text{Pu}(n, \gamma)$  data set

ENSDF

RIPL

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243PU2cG Must be there, Based on intensity balance
243PU3cG close to Am241id so not observed
243PU G 58.3 10 0.0059 22 [M1] 27.2 4
243PU cG Based on DICEBOX Expectation
243PU L 124.65 10 11/2+
243PU G 66.37 71 0.0003125 [M1] 18.61
243PU2cG 66 Dicebox increased
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11/2+ 0
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# ENSDF-to-XML: $^{133}\text{Cs}$ gamma ( $\gamma$ ) record

## $^{133}\text{Ba}$ $\epsilon$ -decay data set

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- Interpreted numeric ENSDF data useful
- XML output can be verbose
- No longer space limited
- Numerical accuracy and LSD no longer an issue
- Level indexing: include final levels associated with  $\gamma$  decay



# ENSDF-to-XML: $^{133}\text{Cs}$ $T_{1/2}$ (T) and $\delta_\gamma$ (MR) quantities

<https://escholarship.org/uc/item/23v3f35g>

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- Allows for inclusion of derived quantities
- Derive  $\tau$  from parsed  $T_{1/2}$  field
- Symmetrization methods for handling asymmetric uncertainties

Implicit ENSDF  $\Rightarrow$  Explicit XML



# Nuclear Structure Experimental Issues Website

<http://nucleardata.berkeley.edu/hpnsrl>

*“Create website of high-priority nuclear structure and decay-data measurements for information and guidance.”*

## Nuclear Structure Experimental Issues

### List of priorities:

Nucleus	Issue	Submission	Action	Status
<sup>26</sup> Si	Conflicting nuclear structure data	A. M. Hurst	A. M. Hurst	resolved
<sup>86</sup> Sr	Branching ratio of the 184.5 keV transition from the first 6 <sup>+</sup> state	A. Negret	pending	open
<sup>99</sup> Rh	<sup>99</sup> Rh Q(EC) in 2011Wa38 not consistent	J. Tuli	pending	open
<sup>238</sup> U	Better knowledge of branching ratios, multipolarities and mixing ratios	M. Kerveno	pending	open

#### Status key:

**open** = Action on item yet to be taken

**in progress** = Action on item currently in progress

**resolved** = Issue has been resolved

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# Raised experimental issues

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EXPERIMENTAL REQUEST:

**Name:** Alexandru Negret  
**Affiliation:** IFIN-HH  
**Email:** alinegret@tandem.nipne.ro  
**Nucleus:**  $^{86}\text{Sr}$     **Subject:** Branching ratio of the 184.5 keV transition from the first  $6^+$  state

REQUEST MOTIVATION:

Contradicting information exist in recent literature regarding the branching ratio of the 184.5-keV gamma transition decaying from the first  $6^+$  level ( $E=2857$  keV):  
 $2017\text{Du}08$  - 23.7(14)%  
 $2016\text{Li}25$  - 8.1(10)%  
 $2014\text{Li}25$  - 3.2(2)%

In the latest ENSDF evaluation (2015), the value is 5.7(25)%. A gamma-gamma coincidence measurement may clarify the issue.

**Responsible Individual (RI):** *Pending assignment*    **Email:**

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- $^{86}\text{Sr}$ : Discrepant branching ratios for the 184.5-keV  $\gamma$  ray.
- 23.7(14)%; 8.1(10)%; 3.2(2)%; ENSDF  $\Rightarrow$  5.7(25)%.
- $\gamma$ - $\gamma$  coincidence measurement may help.

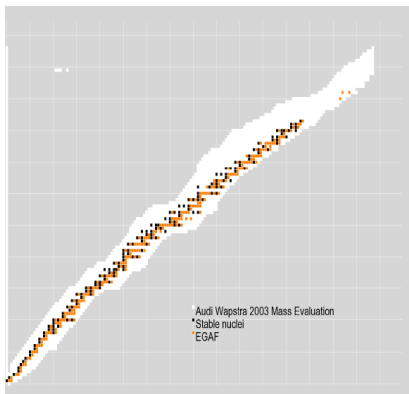


# EGAF





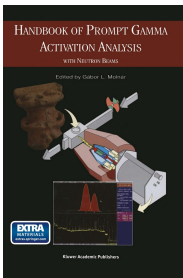
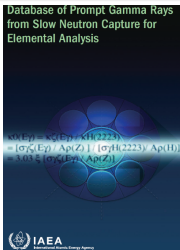
# The EGAF project



- Evaluated Gamma-ray Activation File (EGAF)
- IAEA initiative led by Rick Firestone (LBNL) and researchers from the Budapest Reactor
- Thermal-capture cross-section data
- Isotopes close to stability
- Natural targets  $Z = 1 - 82, 90, 92$  except for  $Z = 2, 61$
- $\sim 32,000$  prompt and  $\sim 3,000$  decay  $\gamma$ -ray lines



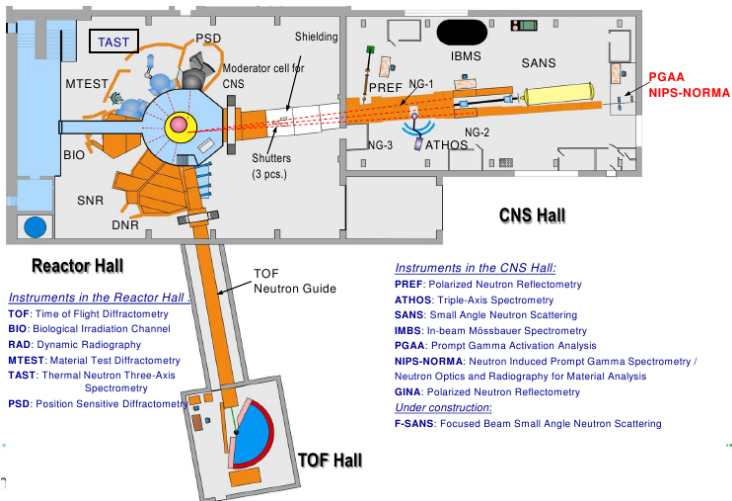
# The EGAF database



- *Database of Prompt Gamma Rays from Slow Neutron Capture for Elemental Analysis* (IAEA, Vienna, 2007).
- *Handbook of PGAA with Neutron Beams*, Ed. G. L. Molnár (Kluwer Academic, Dordrecht, the Netherlands, 2004).
- <http://www-nds.iaea.org/pgaa/egaf.html>
- EGAF 2007 - present: Prompt  $\gamma$ -ray analysis and statistical modeling enriched isotopes.
- Peer-reviewed publications.
- $E_\gamma$ ,  $S_n$ ,  $\sigma_\gamma$ ,  $\sigma_0$ ,  $\Gamma_0$ ,  $J^\pi$ ,  $\delta_\gamma$ .



# PGAA @ Budapest Reactor: Experimental Facility



# Nondestructive assay (NDA) of materials

- Enable NDA: Guide Evaluated Nuclear Data File (ENDF) library development using high-resolution HPGe-quality  $\gamma$ -ray line data from EGAF.
- Improved capture- $\gamma$  and inelastic- $\gamma$  data needed for high-priority isotopes for accurate simulation of interrogation systems.



- Interrogation system: Evaluating munitions for presence of explosives, chemicals or nerve agents.
- SF, DD, DT neutron sources.
- Characteristic  $\gamma$  rays (primaries).  
(Gus Caffrey, Ed Seabury, INL)



## “NA-22” Priority List

Z	Element	Z	Element	Z	Element
1	H	26	Fe	74	W
3	Li	28	Ni	75	Re
4	Be	29	Cu	77	Ir
5	B	31	Ga	78	Pt
6	C	39	Y	79	Au
7	N	40	Zr	82	Pb
8	O	41	Nb	84	Po
12	Mg	42	Mo	88	Ra
13	Al	46	Pd	90	Th
14	Si	57	La	92	U
22	Ti	63	Eu	93	Np
23	V	64	Gd	94	Pu
24	Cr	73	Ta	95	Am



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**$(n, \gamma)$  analysis published**



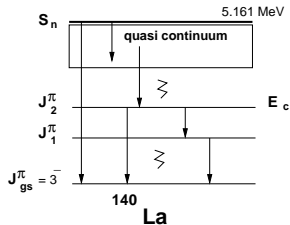
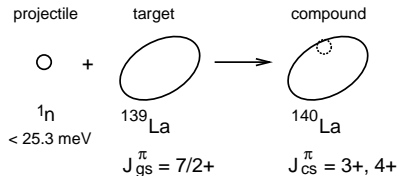
# Thermal neutron capture: $^{139}\text{La}(n, \gamma)$

- $T = 293 \text{ K} \Rightarrow E_n = 25.3 \text{ meV}$
- s-wave capture ( $l = 0$ ):  
compound @  $E \approx S_n$
- Capture-state spin ( $J_{CS}$ ) is related to G.S. spin ( $J_{gs}$ ) of target:

$$J_{CS} = J_{gs} + l + s$$

$$\pi_{CS} = \pi_{gs}(-1)^l$$

- Beneath threshold for particle evaporation
- Deexcitation via  $\gamma$  emission
- Bohr's extreme statistical model



# EGAF case study: $^{139}\text{La}(n, \gamma)$

## APPLICATIONS

- $^{139}\text{La}$  is abundant fission product with significant cumulative yield from thermal- and fast- $n$  fission of  $^{233,235}\text{U}$  and fast- $n$  fission of  $^{239}\text{Pu}$ .
- Neutron-capture cross sections for  $^{139}\text{La}$  provide useful ingredient for nuclear-reactor fuel-related applications.

## BASIC SCIENCE

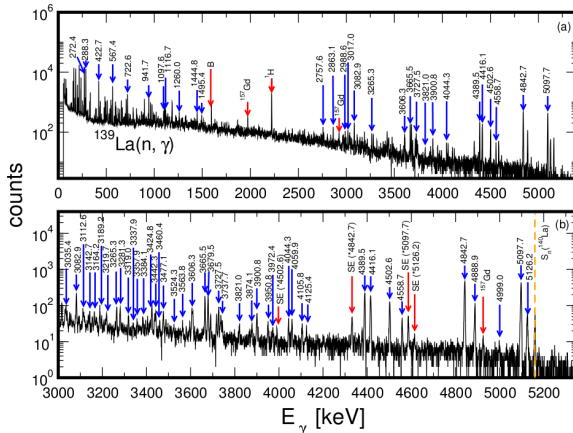
- $^{139}\text{La}(n, \gamma)$  reaction to probe statistical properties of nuclei near  $N = 82$  shell closure.
- Assess decay-scheme nuclear structure information for the compound nucleus  $^{140}\text{La}$ .



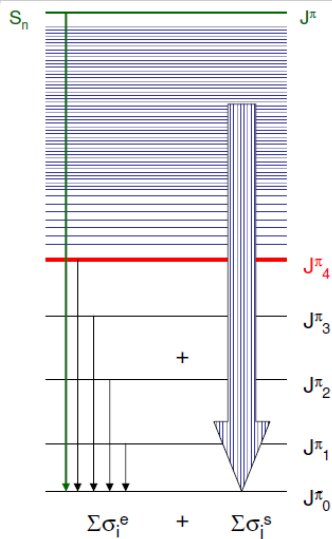


# Prompt $\gamma$ -ray energy spectra: $^{139}\text{La}(n, \gamma)$

- $\text{La}_2\text{O}_3$ :  $T_{IRR} = 2.7 \text{ h}$ ;  $\phi \approx 2.3 \times 10^6 \text{ n/cm}^2/\text{s}$  (thermal).
- extract partial  $\gamma$ -ray cross sections  $\sigma_\gamma(E_\gamma)$



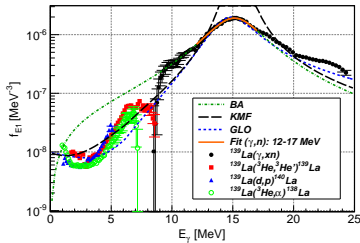
# Simulation of the $\gamma$ -decay cascade



- Monte Carlo approach
- Generate  $(n, \gamma)$  decay scheme simulations originating at  $S_n$
- All levels and  $\gamma$  rays below  $E_c$  are taken from experiment
- All levels and  $\gamma$  rays above  $E_c$  are randomly generated
- Primary  $\gamma$  rays from experiment when known
- Adopted photon strength function (PSF) and level density (LD) models to calculate simulated level-feedings and compare to experimental data



# Model assessment

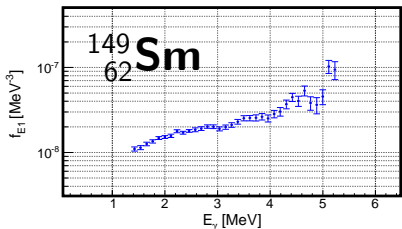
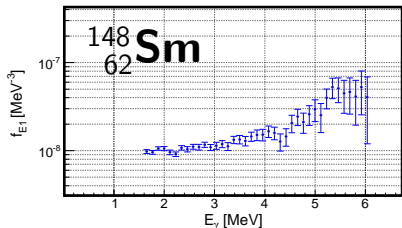


- PSF constrained by high-energy ( $\gamma, n$ ) data (Giant Dipole Electric Resonance).
- **BA**: Brink-Axel  
**GLO**: Generalized Lorentzian  
**KMF**: Kadmenski-Markushev-Furman
- BA, **GLO** describe ( $\gamma, n$ ) data rather well.
- **GLO**, KMF describe low-energy Oslo-type data rather well.
- Assess PSF systematics approaching  $N = 82$  shell closure.
- PSF for  $^{140}\text{La}$  ( $N = 83$ ) is best described using models that “flatten out” as  $E_\gamma \rightarrow 0$ .



# PSF in nuclei near $N = 82$

Siem et al., Phys. Rev C 65, 044318 (2002)

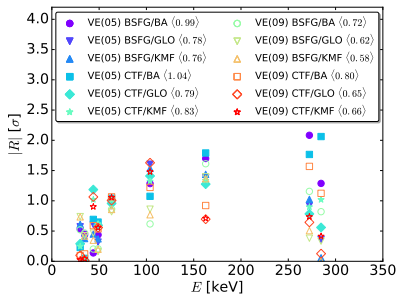


- $^{148}\text{Sm}$  ( $N = 86$ ;  $\beta_2 = 0.16$ )
- $E_\gamma \rightarrow 0$ :  $f_{E1}(E_\gamma) \rightarrow \sim \text{const}$
- cf.  $^{138-140}\text{La}$  ( $N = 81 - 83$ ;  $|\beta_2| \leq 0.045$ ),  $^{144}\text{Nd}$  ( $N = 84$ ;  $\beta_2 = 0$ )
- $^{149}\text{Sm}$  ( $N = 87$ ;  $\beta_2 = 0.18$ )
- $E_\gamma \rightarrow 0$ :  $f_{E1}(E_\gamma)$  differs from  $^{148}\text{Sm}$
- Addition of 1 particle  $\Rightarrow$  pronounced change in PSF

PSF informs nuclear shape?



# Simulated level populations in $^{140}\text{La}$



- Fair treatment requires assessment of PSF + Nuclear Level Density (NLD) model combinations.
- Residuals indicate all levels below  $E_{\text{crit}}$  adequately reproduced by all PSF + NLD model combinations.
- Only model combinations with  $|R| > 2\sigma$  invoke BA PSF.

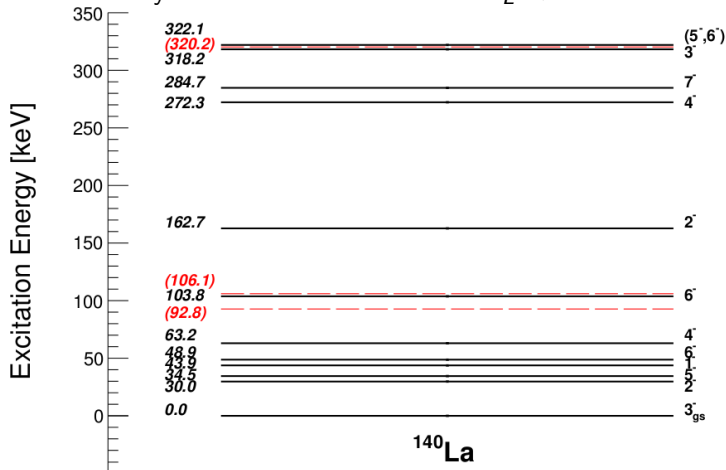
- Adopted width  $\Gamma_0 = 50(2)$  meV: Combinations invoking KMF and GLO (+ nuclear level density) generate  $\langle \Gamma_0 \rangle$  within  $2\text{-}\sigma$ .
- All PSF+NLD combinations yield statistically-consistent ground-state feeding ( $P_0$ ).

**Average total radiative-capture cross section  $\sigma_0 = 9.36(74)$  b**



# Low-lying levels in $^{140}\text{La}$ (compound nucleus)

Partial decay scheme from ENSDF for  $E_L < 350$  keV



## Interpretation of $^{140}\text{La}$ low-lying levels

- Below excitation energy  $E_L \lesssim 600$  keV in  $^{140}\text{La}$ : single-particle states.
- Orbitals near Fermi surface:  $\pi(1g_{7/2})$  and  $\pi(2d_{5/2})$  quasiprotons coupling with  $\nu(2f_{7/2})$  quasineutrons [and to a lesser extent  $\nu(3p_{3/2})$ ]:

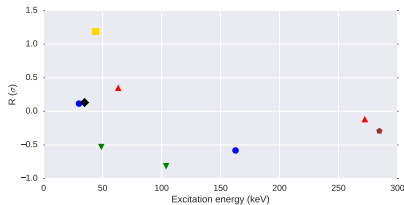
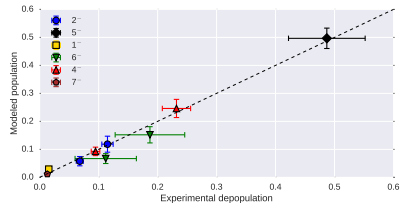
$$|\pi(1g_{7/2}) \otimes \nu(2f_{7/2}); J^\pi = 0^-, 1^-, 2^-, 3^-, 4^-, 5^-, 6^-, 7^-\rangle,$$

$$|\pi(2d_{5/2}) \otimes \nu(2f_{7/2}); J^\pi = 1^-, 2^-, 3^-, 4^-, 5^-, 6^-\rangle.$$

- 14 levels expected based on above configurations with mixed and pure state vectors.
- Can we interpret known decay scheme based on above multiplet of states?



# $^{139}\text{La}(n, \gamma)$ : Statistical-model analysis using ENSDF data

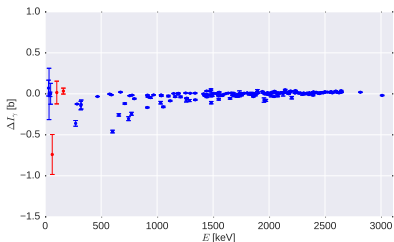
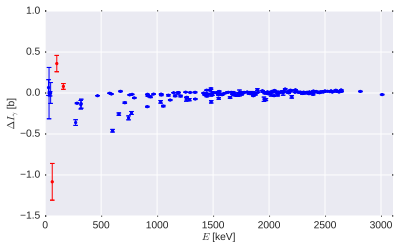


- Measured  $\sigma_\gamma$  taken from  $^{139}\text{La}(n, \gamma)$  and are consistent with  $I_\gamma$  (branching ratios) from the Evaluated Nuclear Structure Data File (ENSDF).
- Internal conversion ( $\alpha$ ), mixing ratios ( $\delta_\gamma$ ) and spin-parity ( $J^\pi$ ) data taken from ENSDF.
- Compare calculated population of levels to experimental data.
- Residuals show good agreement implying well-characterized decay scheme for  $E_c = 285$  keV?





# $^{139}\text{La}(n, \gamma)$ : $\gamma$ -ray intensity balance for $^{140}\text{La}$



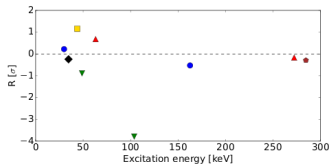
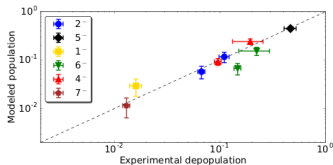
- $\gamma$ -ray intensity balance for *all* levels decay scheme:

$$\Delta I_\gamma = \sum_{i=1}^M I_{\gamma_i}(\text{in}) - \sum_{j=1}^N I_{\gamma_j}(\text{out})$$

- Condition:  $\sum_{j=1}^N I_{\gamma_j}(\text{out}) \geq \sum_{i=1}^M I_{\gamma_i}(\text{in})$
- Upper plot: ENSDF data for  $\alpha$  and  $\delta_\gamma$
- Lower plot:  $\alpha$  and  $\delta_\gamma$  optimized according to measured  $I_\gamma$  from  $^{139}\text{La}(n, \gamma)$



# Statistical-model analysis using optimized $\gamma$ -decay data

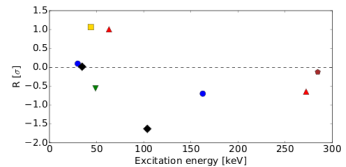
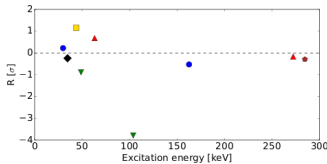
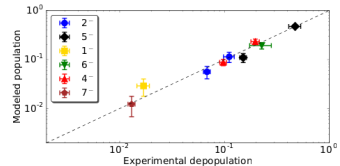
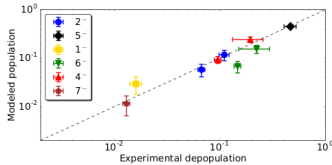


ENSDF:

$$J^\pi(E_L = 103.8) = 6^-$$



# Statistical-model analysis using optimized $\gamma$ -decay data



ENSDF:  
 $J^\pi(E_L = 103.8) = 6^-$

$^{139}\text{La}(n, \gamma)$ :  
 $J^\pi(E_L = 103.8) = 5^-$

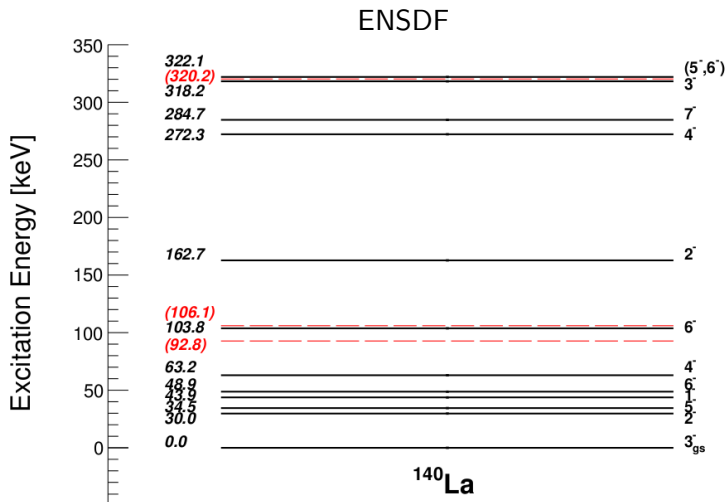


# Changes to $^{140}\text{La}$ decay scheme

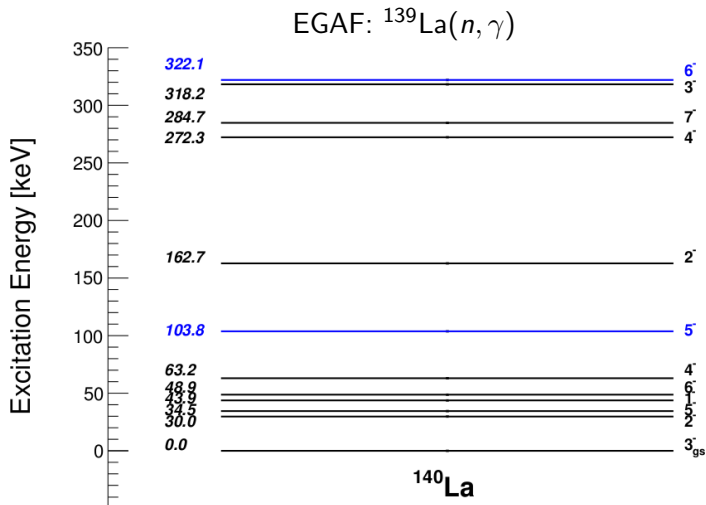
- New  $J^\pi = 5^-$  for  $E_L = 103.8$  keV [previously  $J^\pi = 6^-$ ] from statistical-model analysis.
- New  $J^\pi = 6^-$  for  $E_L = 322.1$  keV [previously  $J^\pi = (5^-, 6^-)$ ] from expected multiplet of states.
- 322.1-keV  $J^\pi = 6^-$  level  $\Rightarrow$  pure  $\pi(2d_{5/2}) \otimes \nu(2f_{7/2})$  configuration.
- $\alpha$  and  $\delta_\gamma$  optimized according to  $\Delta I_\gamma$  balance for low-lying  $\gamma$ -ray transitions.
- No evidence for tentative ENSDF-reported levels at (92.8), (106.1), and (320.2) keV.
- Physical Review C **99**, 024310 (2019).



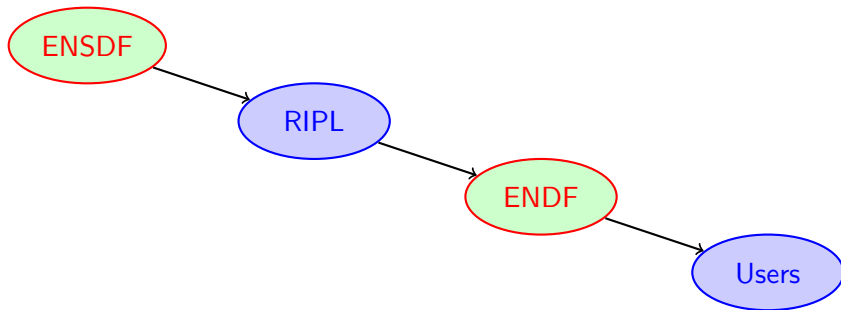
# Properties of the $^{140}\text{La}$ low-lying levels



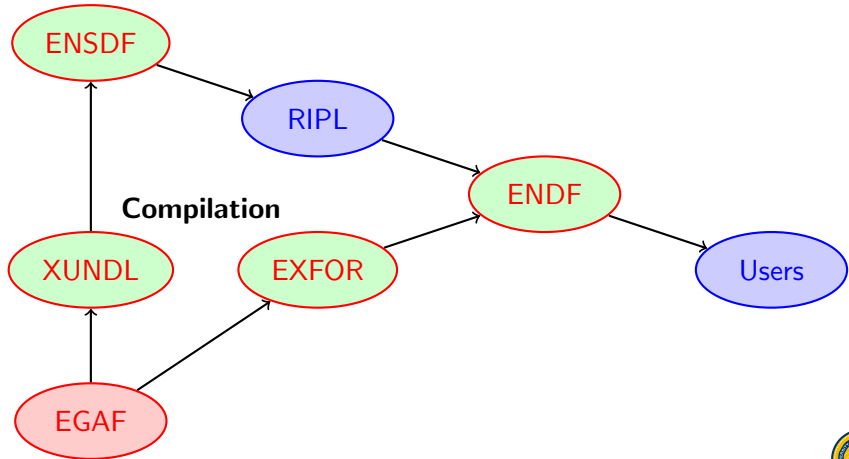
# Properties of the $^{140}\text{La}$ low-lying levels



# Augmentation of the nuclear data libraries



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# The Baghdad Atlas



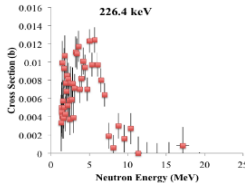
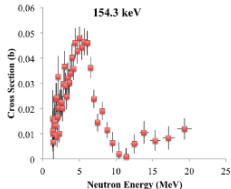
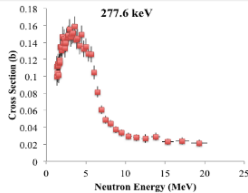
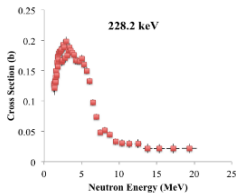
## Inelastic ( $n, n'\gamma$ ) reactions

- Radiative-capture ( $n, \gamma$ ) reactions provide diagnostic for NDA applications
- But is it the most useful  $\gamma$ -ray signature?
- $\sigma_{(n,\gamma)}(E_n = \text{thermal})$  is high;  $\sigma_{(n,\gamma)}(E_n > \text{thermal})$  is small
- Can we learn anything from high-energy neutrons?
- Other reaction channels are open
- ( $n, n'$ ) is primary energy-loss mechanism for fast neutrons in heavy nuclei  $\Rightarrow$  look for ( $n, n'\gamma$ ) signatures in NDA

**Improved ( $n, n'\gamma$ ) data needed for accurate simulations of interrogation systems [NDNCA Workshop, LBNL (2015)]**



## Current status



$^{239}\text{Pu}(n, n'\gamma)$  yields  
measured at LANL, but  
focus was  $^{239}\text{Pu}(n, 2n)$ :  
L. A. Bernstein *et al.*,  
PRC **65**, 021601 (R)  
(2002); (EXFOR 2015)

- Available data are *scattered* amongst published literature
- LANL, GELINA, Ohio, Kentucky (structure)
- **Gamma Energy Neutron Energy Spectrometer for Inelastic Scattering (GENESIS) @ 88" Cyclotron LBNL**



# “The Baghdad Atlas”: Fast neutron $\gamma$ -ray data from $(n, n')$

АТЛАС  
СПЕКТРОВ  
ГАММА-ИЗЛУЧЕНИЯ  
ОТ НЕУПРУГОГО  
РАССЕЯНИЯ  
БЫСТРЫХ НЕЙТРОНОВ  
РЕАКТОРА

ATLAS  
OF GAMMA-RAY SPECTRA  
FROM THE INELASTIC  
SCATTERING  
OF REACTOR  
FAST NEUTRONS

- Compilation of energy-integrated inelastic neutron-scattering  $(n, n'\gamma)$  data disseminated in book format
- $\sim 7000$   $\gamma$  rays ( $E_\gamma$  and BR) from 105 samples: 76 natural and 29 isotopically-enriched targets
- Set of consistent measurements performed under identical conditions
- Ge(Li) viewing filtered fast-neutron beam line at the IRT-5000 Reactor: NRI, Baghdad, Iraq

Trkov (IAEA)  $\Rightarrow$  Firestone (LBNL)  $\Rightarrow$  Sleaford (LLNL)



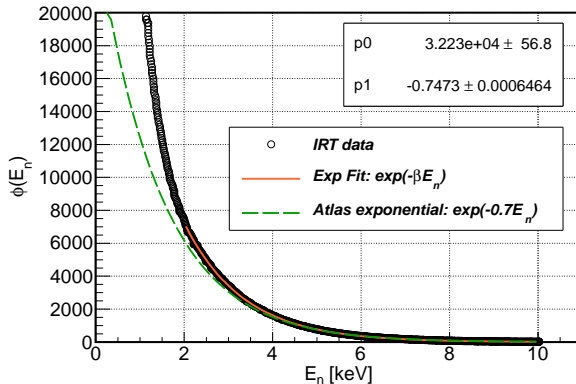
# The IRT-5000 Reactor



**No longer accepting beam-time proposals**



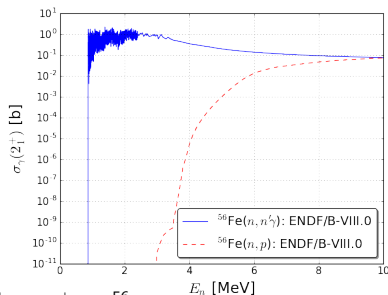
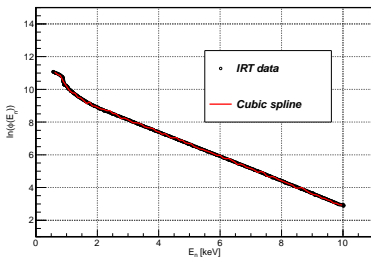
# The IRT-5000 Reactor flux



$$\phi(E_n) \propto \exp(\beta E_n); \quad \forall E_n \gtrsim 1.5 \text{ MeV}$$



# The Baghdad Atlas: $(n, n'\gamma)$ data

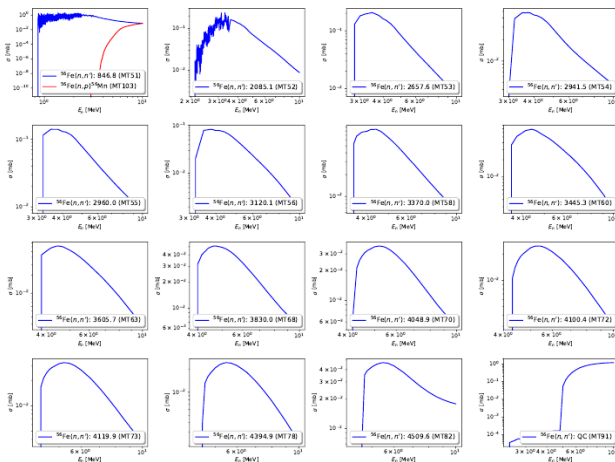


- Extract  $\sigma_\gamma(E_\gamma)$  relative to 847-keV  $2_1^+ \rightarrow 0_{gs}^+$  in  $^{56}\text{Fe}$  for all data sets.
- Convolve IRT-500 spectrum  $^{56}\text{Fe}(n, n'\gamma_{847})$  from ENDF-B/VIII.0:

$$\langle \sigma_\gamma \rangle = \frac{\int_{E_n=0}^{E_n=10} \phi(E_n) \sigma_\gamma(E_n) dE_n}{\int_{E_n=0}^{E_n=10} \phi(E_n) dE_n} \equiv \frac{\sum_{k=0}^N \phi(E_n) \sigma_\gamma(E_n) \Delta E_n}{\sum_{k=0}^N \phi(E_n) \Delta E_n}$$



# Direct and indirect feeding of the $^{56}\text{Fe } 2_1^+$ state



Flux-weighted  $\langle \sigma_\gamma \rangle = 979(13)$  mb





# Development of relational database I

<http://nucleardata.berkeley.edu>

- Serves applications community (nonproliferation, NDA)
- Nuclear data evaluation: benchmarking reaction models in fast-fission neutron-energy range
- Limited use  $\Rightarrow$  data *was* only available in printed form
- Data now compiled into a set of CSV-style ASCII tables
- Developed suite of Python scripts and C modules to build SQLite relational database

- Downloadable software platform hosted at:

National Nuclear Data Center (NNDC)

<http://www.nndc.bnl.gov/lbnlatl.html>

Nuclear Science and Security Consortium (NSSC)

<http://nssc.berkeley.edu/research/nuclear-data/atlas/>



# Development of relational database II

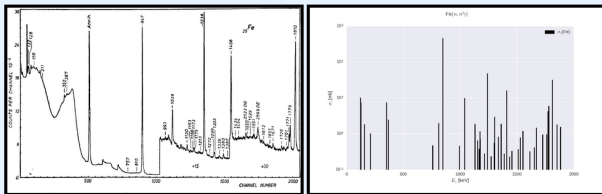
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## Atlas of Gamma-Ray Spectra from the Inelastic Scattering of Reactor Fast Neutrons

[A.M. Demidov et al., Nuclear Research Institute, Baghdad, Iraq (Moscow, Atomizdat 1978)]

Measured  $^{56}\text{Fe}(n,n'\gamma)$  spectrum cf.  $\gamma$ -ray energy spectrum retrieved from SQL database query

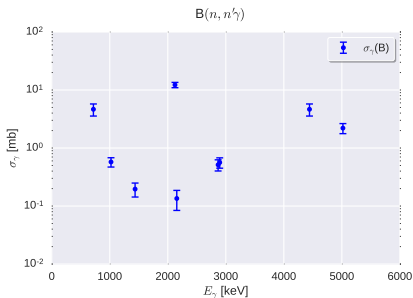
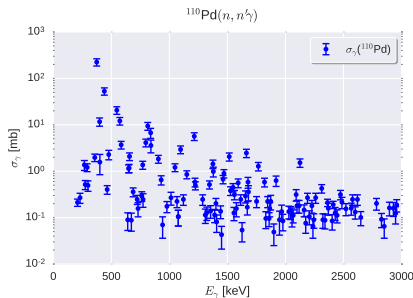


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# Jupyter Notebook: Automating cross-section calculations



Enriched  $^{110}\text{Pd}$

- `Z = int(46)`
- `A = int(110)`
- `Chem_symb=str('110Pd')`

Natural B

- `Z = int(5)`
- `A = int(0)`
- `Chem_symb = str('B')`



# A short demonstration



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- **LBNL** – M. S. Basunia, L. A. Bernstein



# Tarball contents

- Approach: Distribute database to expert user community in as general a form as possible
- Source code to build database locally
- Source CSV-style data sets for all 105 samples
- SQL scripts and Jupyter Notebook provided to exemplify methods for retrieving and interacting with the data
- HTML documentation installation instruction and help pages (offline viewing)
- A PDF of the original book by A. M. Demidov *et al.*
- Total package size:  $\sim 22$  Mb



# Installing the Baghdad Atlas

- Linux or Mac OS X only (not Windows)
- Requirements: SQLite3 database engine, The GNU C compiler gcc, Python libraries
- Jupyter Notebook requires Python 2.7 or 3
- More info: [nucleardata.berkeley.edu/into.html](http://nucleardata.berkeley.edu/into.html)
- A Makefile is provided to automatically detect OS and Python version
- Download in \$HOME and build:

```
cd ~/BaghdadAtlas/src
make # build C extension-functions library
make run # build the SQLite database
make install # install the library and database
```
- To cleanup any of the C, Python, SQLite artifacts, Notebook objects, or remove database: `make help`
- More info: [nucleardata.berkeley.edu/install.html](http://nucleardata.berkeley.edu/install.html)



## Terminal-based access

- `sqlite3` engine: terminal-based front-end to SQLite libraries
- Evaluate SQL queries interactively (or use batch/shell)

```

amhurst@amhurst-office:sql_codes$ sqlite3 atlas_baghdad_py3.db
SQLite version 3.13.0 2016-05-18 10:57:30
Enter ".help" for usage hints.
sqlite> .header on
sqlite> .mode column
sqlite> SELECT symbol, sample_composition, mass, exposure_time
...> FROM sample
...> WHERE Z >= 30 AND Z <=40;
symbol      sample_composition  mass      exposure_time
-----
Zn          Zn                  31.5      6.0
Ga          Ga                  15.5      23.0
Ge          Ge                  4.7       44.0
As          As                  22.1     21.0
Se          Se                  24.0     12.9
Br          BrInGlass           32.0     12.0
Rb          Rb2C03              15.5     23.0
Sr          SrC03                12.1     9.0
Y          Y_N03_3_6H20        28.9     22.0
Zr          ZrF02                42.0     16.1
sqlite>
sqlite>.exit
amhurst@amhurst-office:sql_codes$

```





# SQL scripting methods

target	sample	compound	E [keV]	dE [keV]	BR	dBR	cross section [nb]	error cs [nb]
Pd	E	110Pd	356.9	0.2	0.88	0.04	1.97471562992	0.361782109365736
Pd	E	110Pd	373.8	0.08	100.0	0.0	224.3999036	39.8261771881064
Pd	E	110Pd	398.0	0.2	5.2	0.5	11.6687741760	2.35530807678854
Pd	E	110Pd	401.0	0.7	0.7	0.3	1.5707965238	0.720640894634137
Pd	E	110Pd	439.76	0.08	23.6	0.3	52.952828824	9.42305577970604
Pd	E	110Pd	463.9	0.4	0.18	0.02	0.40391918032	0.084576879268378
Pd	E	110Pd	477.5	0.3	1.02	0.15	2.28887493468	0.52755892343483
Pd	E	110Pd	547.84	0.1	9.2	0.5	20.6447543128	3.83194927683448
Pd	E	110Pd	572.09	0.1	5.4	0.3	12.1175731836	2.25351613122552
Pd	E	110Pd	584.48	0.1	1.65	0.1	3.7025910861	0.694398021635276
Pd	E	110Pd	641.0	1.1	0.04	0.015	0.08975980136	0.037239367444231
Pd	E	110Pd	648.51	0.16	0.51	0.04	1.14443746734	0.222062067920510
Pd	E	110Pd	653.1	0.2	0.52	0.05	1.16687741760	0.23530807678854
Pd	E	110Pd	656.42	0.15	0.93	0.06	2.08691538162	0.394096114934713
Pd	E	110Pd	672.4	1.1	0.039	0.015	0.08751586326	0.037078744596919
Pd	E	110Pd	687.7	0.3	0.16	0.02	0.35903920544	0.077940258672717
Pd	E	110Pd	722.5	0.4	0.11	0.015	0.24683945374	0.055246729283649
Pd	E	110Pd	729.9	1.0	0.07	0.02	0.15707965238	0.052033762272471
Pd	E	110Pd	762.2	0.4	0.13	0.02	0.29171935442	0.060510287363096
Pd	E	110Pd	778.3	0.2	0.61	0.05	1.36883089784	0.267597594929364
Pd	E	110Pd	773.0	0.8	0.11	0.03	0.24683945374	0.080319193550216
Pd	E	110Pd	796.83	0.1	1.84	0.12	4.12895986256	0.780711893345544
Pd	E	110Pd	813.52	0.1	4.2	0.3	9.4247701428	1.883866147993229
Pd	E	110Pd	838.5	0.3	3.0	0.5	6.731985182	1.639821164791668
Pd	E	110Pd	848.9	0.7	1.6	0.4	3.5903920544	1.100786699898999
Pd	E	110Pd	905.2	0.2	0.82	0.06	1.84007592788	0.353240503496184
Pd	E	110Pd	929.2	0.3	0.29	0.04	0.65075053096	0.1462741513749854
Pd	E	110Pd	941.5	1.2	0.031	0.014	0.069563846954	0.0337514010642283
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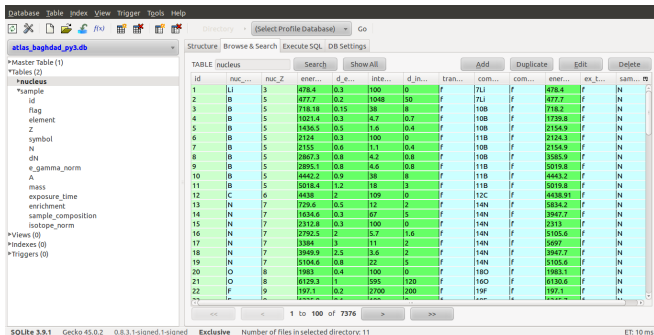
- Useful for complicated queries
- Several SQL scripts provided
- Schema defined in HTML documentation

- Manipulate data in **sample** (normalization) and **nucleus** ( $\gamma$ -ray properties) relational tables
- Convert enriched  $^{110}\text{Pd}$  intensities to partial  $\sigma_{\gamma}(n, n'\gamma)$  i.e. calculate relative to  $\langle \sigma_{\gamma}(n, n'\gamma) \rangle$  for  $2_1^+ \rightarrow 0_{\text{gs}}^+$  in  $^{56}\text{Fe}$
- Condition on  $\gamma$ -ray energies:  $300 \leq E_{\gamma} \leq 1000$  keV
- Display selected variables





# Using GUI to access data



The screenshot displays the SQLite Manager interface. On the left, a tree view shows the database structure for 'atlas\_baghdad\_py3.db', including a master table and various tables like 'nucleus'. The main window shows a table with the following columns: id, nuc\_..., nuc\_Z, ener..., d\_e..., Intra..., tran..., com..., ener..., ex\_t..., and sam... The table contains 22 rows of data, with the first row being (1, U, 3, 478.4, 0.3, 100, 0, f, 7L1, f, 478.4, f, N). The status bar at the bottom indicates 'SQLite 3.9.1', 'Gecko 45.0.2', '0.8.3.1-signed.1-signed', 'Exclusive', 'Number of files in selected directory: 11', and 'ET: 10 ms'.

- SQLite Manager add-on for Firefox browser
- Connect to database to browse and view data
- Manipulate data and execute SQL code through GUI

