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#### Developing a New Web Service for Experimental Nuclear Reaction Database (EXFOR) Using RESTful API and JSON Schema

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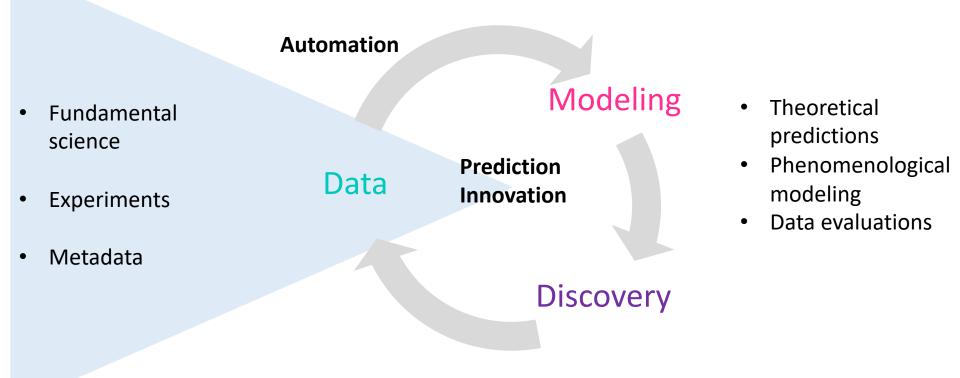
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### Scientific database needs

- Toward machine learning-enhanced high-throughput scientific experimentation/developments in chemistry, physics, biology.. etc
  - Automation: more automatic, processable, and analysable
  - Innovation: materials, drug, chemical substance discovery
  - **Prediction**: predict properties without experiments



#### Experimental databases in various fields





Protein Data Bank Protein Data Bank https://www.rcsb.org/



High-Energy Physics data https://www.hepdata.net/

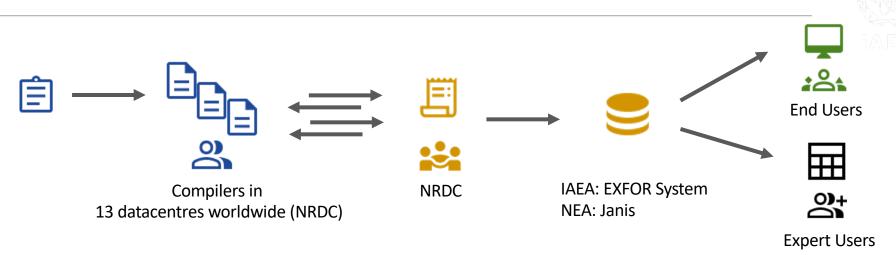
High Throughput Experimental Materials Database <u>https://htem.nrel.gov/</u>



**Experimental Nuclear Reaction Database (EXFOR)** 

https://nds.iaea.org/exfor/

#### EXFOR is compiled by the international collaboration (NRDC)



- 1. Compile EXFOR data from publications by 13 datacentres worldwide
- 2. Data check done by NRDC
- 3. Store (create, update, or delete entries) into the IAEA system
- 4. Provide interface to end users via <a href="https://nds.iaea.org/exfor/">https://nds.iaea.org/exfor/</a>
  - X4pro package, C4 or C5 (tabulated) format data for expert users

More diverse users' requirements to manipulate data in their way

- To compare and plot with model calculation or new measured experimental data,
- To analyze data for the development of a phenomenological model,
- To use data for ML/AI applications ...and so on

#### EXFOR: <u>EX</u>change <u>FOR</u>mat with punch-card legacy



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### Format is the big barrier for newcomers



# • Understanding formats (ENDF, ENSDF, and EXFOR) is the first barrier to work in the nuclear data field.

Modern AI/ML tools, including the development and use of Natural Language Processing (NLP) could shorten the time needed for an EXFOR compilation to be completed by automatically processing tables, graphs, and relevant in-text context. The incorporation of these tools, however, will require new skills not currently present in the EXFOR network. **Outdated formats** and compilation rules **have also substantially hindered the progress of such modern mechanisms.** This has motivated the creation of NEA SG-50, which is working to provide a modern interface to EXFOR as well as a framework for providing corrections, both simple error fixes and more complex ones discovered by evaluators in the course of their work.

Second Report of the Nuclear Data Charge Subcommittee of the Nuclear Science Advisory Committee <a href="https://science.osti.gov/-/media/np/nsac/pdf/docs/2023/NSAC-ND\_Report\_2\_031923.pdf">https://science.osti.gov/-/media/np/nsac/pdf/docs/2023/NSAC-ND\_Report\_2\_031923.pdf</a>

#### Being a specialist ≠ Format understandings

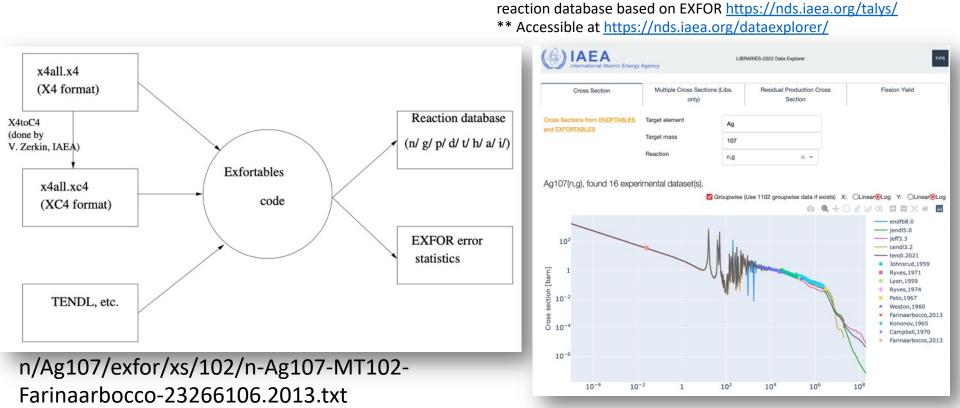
### Large scale use cases of EXFOR outside NRDC community

Name	Author	Purpose	Language	Data source	Source code/data
ENEL (EXFOR Nuclear Extraction Library)	Ahmed A. Selman	Package for MATLAB	?	C4	https://www.mathworks.com/mat labcentral/fileexchange/110930- enel-exfor-nuclear-extraction- library
EXFORTABLES	Arjan Koning	Developing TENDL using experimental data from EXFOR, also used in <u>https://nds.iaea.org/dataexplorer/</u>	Fortran	C4, C5	https://nds.iaea.org/talys/
EXFOR SQL and NucML	Pedro Jr. Vicente- Valdez	Modernizing the EXFOR Database using Google BigQuery and Python Pipeline for ML-based Nuclear Data Solutions	Python	C4	https://pedrojrv.github.io/projects .html
exfor-couchdb- docker	Georg Schnabel	EXFOR database in JSON format using CouchDB	Python	EXFOR master file	<u>https://github.com/IAEA-</u> <u>NDS/exfor-couchdb-docker</u>
x4i	David Brown	Parsing EXFOR: For the US evaluation (forked version: x4i3 by Anatoli Fedynitch)	Python	EXFOR master file	https://github.com/brown170/x4i
Visualization of nuclear data used in PHITS	Naoya Furutachi	Visualization of nuclear data with ACE format loaded in PHITS Test of a tool to convert EXFOR to PHITS "Frag data" format	Fortran	EXFOR master file	https://conference- indico.kek.jp/event/136/contributi ons/3032/attachments/2064/254 9/P23_Furutachi.pdf
exfor-parserpy	Georg Schnabel	Parsing EXFOR: As a part of the developments of evaluation framework of SG-50/WPEC	Python	EXFOR master file	https://github.com/IAEA- NDS/exfor-parserpy
EXFOR_Parser	Shin Okumura	Parsing EXFOR: Convert EXFOR to JSON, tabulated format for the visualization	Python	EXFOR master file	https://github.com/shinokumura/ exforparser

+ more local evaluation systems must exist, and data curation

## Development of <a href="https://nds.iaea.org/dataexplorer/">https://nds.iaea.org/dataexplorer/</a>

- We developed "dataexplorer" in 2021 based on:
  - **EXFORTABLES** is a directory-structured database from C5 format
  - ENDFTABLES is a pre processed and directory-structured database



- Increase of access, but the data cannot be updated so frequently (irregularly)
- Need a processing of C4/C5 (by V. Zerkin) and EXFORTABLES production (by A. Koning)

   → Require better data pipeline to show latest EXFOR data

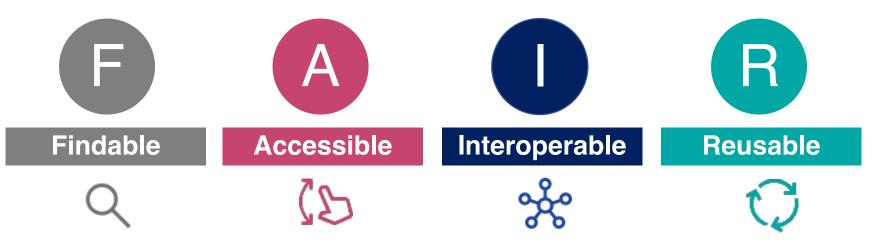


\* A. Koning, *iaea-nds-0235*, EXFORTABLES-1.0: An experimental nuclear

Experimental data and FAIR Principles<sup>[1]</sup>

Research data integrity is crucial because it ensures the transparency and trustworthiness of scientific data. Therefore,

Data should be...

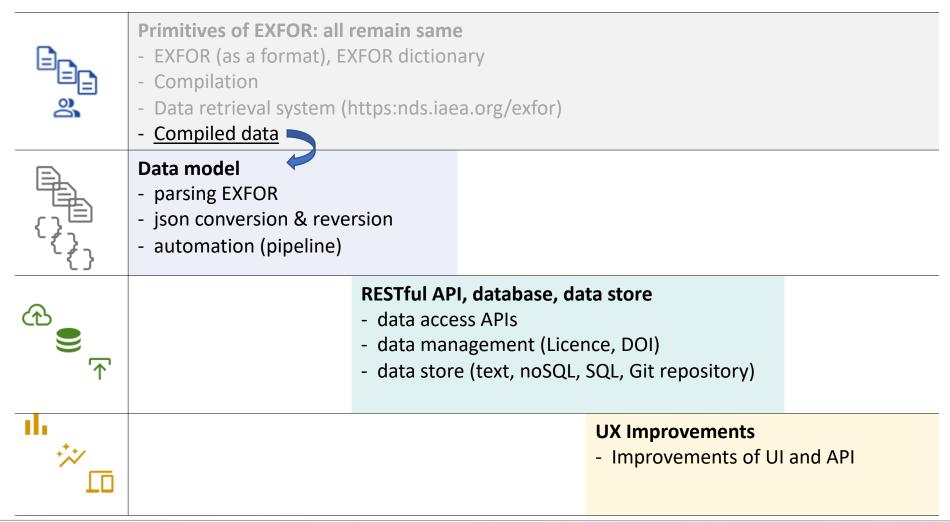


- Easy to find by both human and computer with machine-readable metadata
- Retrievable by the persistent identifier (e.g. DOI)
- Easy to work from different applications, workflows, storage, or processing
- Well-described, self-explanatory

[1] Mark D. Wilkinson et al., Scientific Data, 3, 160018 (2016)

#### Towards FAIR for EXFOR data

Findable: Unified metadata, Query-able by SQL/ORM, graphical frontend Accessible: RESTful API, DOI assignment Interoperable: Open-sourced, transparent data pipeline Reusable: Conversion of EXFOR to JSON, helper for EXFOR jargons, clear JSON schema



#### **EXFOR Parser**

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- A new python program to convert EXFOR text into JSON
  - Python3.x (<u>https://github.com/shinokumura/exforparser</u>)
  - Inspired by "x4i" by David Brown (NNDC, BNL)
  - Convert 25,000 entries into JSON in 30-40 min
- Features
  - EXFOR to JSON
    - Simplify JSON schema
    - Parse blocks (BIB, COMMON, DATA)
    - Parse identifires (TITLE, AUTHOR, REACTION, METHOD, ERR-ANALYS..etc)
    - Separate EXFOR-code and freetext
    - Separate subentries based on POINTERs
  - Outputs
    - 1. Pure (best effort) conversion from EXFOR to JSON (noSQL)
    - 2. Bib info, reaction index, and tabulated data in SQL db

#### **Related repositories**

- <u>https://github.com/IAEA-NDS/exfor\_master</u>
  - Preservation of historical 24,630 EXFOR entries (= 24,630 files)
  - Recovered from more than 430 backup zip files stored in NDS since 2005
  - All updates are merged into main branch
  - Retroactive to any timestamp (commits)
- <u>https://github.com/IAEA-NDS/exfor\_dictionary</u>
  - Best-effort conversion of EXFOR dictionary to JSON format
- <a href="https://github.com/IAEA-NDS/exfor\_json">https://github.com/IAEA-NDS/exfor\_json</a>
  - All entries in JSON format converted by EXFOR\_parser
  - (JSON schema is not yet fixed and may will be changed)
- <a href="https://github.com/shinokumura/exfortables\_py">https://github.com/shinokumura/exfortables\_py</a>
  - Tabulated data files of datasets from EXFOR entry to the tabulated data like EXFORTABLES\*produced by the EXFOR Parser
  - To allow user to download the data file

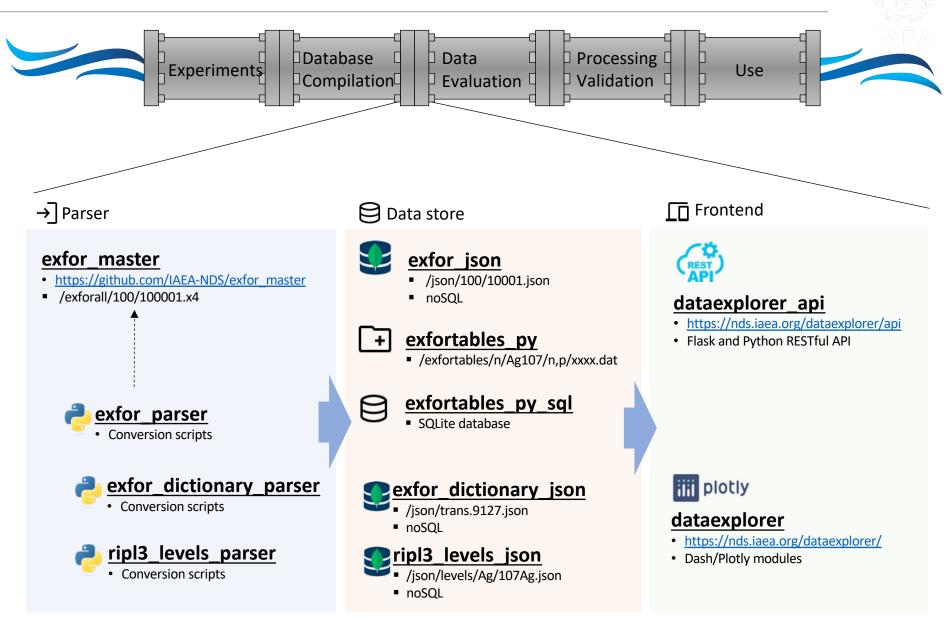
- \* A. Koning, iaea-nds-0235, EXFORTABLES-1.0: An
- experimental nuclear reaction database based on EXFOR
- <a href="https://github.com/shinokumura/ripl3\_json">https://github.com/shinokumura/ripl3\_json</a>
  - Convert RIPL3 into JSON
  - Currently, only discrete level and mass tables







### Data pipeline summary



### https://github.com/IAEA-NDS/exfor\_master

Clone/download all EXFOR files anytime

git clone https://github.com/IAEA-NDS/exfor\_master.git

• Easy access to change logs of entry using Git command

git log -p exforall/224/22449.x4





### https://github.com/IAEA-NDS/exfor json



#### Separate information by pointer Separate EXFOR Keyword from free text FACILITY (REAC, 2UK HAR) Harwell pile at Atomic Energy Research

Establishment.

#### Parse folded DATA block

EN	EN-RSL	DATA	ERR-T	ERR-S	ERR-1
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"facilities": {
  "0": [
    {
      "x4_code": "(REAC,2UK HAR)",
      "free_txt": [
        " Harwell pile at Atomic Energy Research",
        " Establishment."
      ],
      "facility_type": "(REAC)",
      "institute": "(2UK HAR)"
    }
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## https://github.com/IAEA-NDS/exfor\_dictionary

- EXFOR dictionary in <u>JSON</u> with EXFOR keywords as a JSON key
  - Easy to lookup programmatically from JSON friendly computer languages
- Convert abbreviations
  - e.g. "abs." could be "Absolute", "Absorption" does "f." mean fragment, factor, fission, for or final?

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"21": {
  "diction_name": "Methods",
  "codes": {
    "ACTIV": {
      "description": "Activation",
      "active": true
    },
    "AMS": {
      "description": "Accelerator mass spectrometry",
      "active": true
    },
    "ASEP": {
      "description": "Off-line mass separation of a product",
      "active": true
    },
    "ASPEC": {
      "description": "Alpha spectrometry",
      "active": true
    },
    "ASSOP": {
      "description": "Associated particle",
      "active": true
    },
    "BCINT": {
      "description": "Beam current integrated",
      "active": true
```

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"25": {
   "EV": {
     "description": "electron-Volts",
     "additional_code": "E",
     "unit_conversion_factor": "1.E+0",
     "active": true
    },
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     "description": "GeV",
     "additional_code": "E",
     "unit_conversion_factor": "1.E+9",
      "active": true
   },
    "KEV": {
     "description": "keV",
     "additional_code": "E",
      "unit_conversion_factor": "1.E+3",
     "active": true
   },
   "MEV": {
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     "additional_code": "E",
     "unit_conversion_factor": "1.E+6",
     "active": true
   },
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### https://github.com/shinokumura/exfortables\_py

- Produce-able without C4/C5
- Best effort to get smallest "dataset" of physical observable and tabulate them

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### **RESTful API**

- An architectural style for an application program interface (API) that uses HTTP requests to access and use data Addressability, Stateless, Uniform Interface
  - EXFOR entry: entry, subentry, bib, data, experimental condition, reactions
  - EXFOR dictionary: facilities, institutes, methods, detectors
  - RIPL-3 descrete level: levels, level records
- API documentation is available

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▶ facilities:	{}
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▶ 003:	{}
entry:	"22449"
<pre> weight experimental_condition </pre>	ons:
▶ 001:	{}
▶ 002:	{}
▶ 003:	{}
<pre>w histories:</pre>	
▼ 0:	
<pre>▼ free_txt:</pre>	
0:	" Compiled by S.M."
x4_code:	"(20000202C)"
▼ 1:	
<pre>▼ free_txt:</pre>	
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#### /dataexplorer/api/ripl3/levels/90Zr

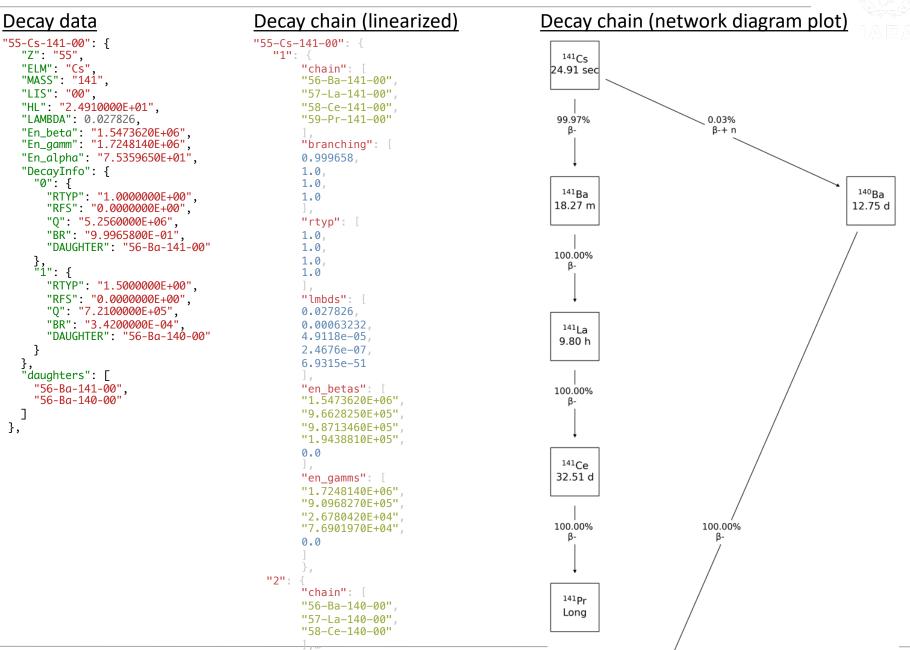
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#### **Decay Chain in JSON**

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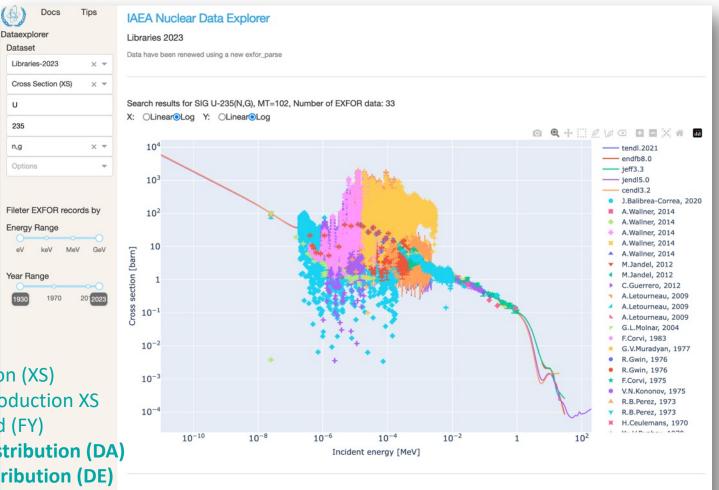
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### Renewed interface of <a href="https://nds.iaea.org/dataexplorer/">https://nds.iaea.org/dataexplorer/</a>



#### Dataset List Raw Data Download Data Files

Add more data to the chart by selecting dataset from the following table. Use filter function, e.g. >2000 in Year field.

x4_code	E_max[MeV] 🗘	\$ E_min[MeV]	Points	<pre>#Entry</pre>	\$ Year	Author
						filter data
(92-U-235(N,G)92-U-236,,SIG,,TTA)	1.999e-4	2.001e-7	9000	23733-002-0	2020	J.Balibrea-Correa
(92-U-235(N,G)92-U-236,,SIG,,SPA)	2.500e-2	2.500e-2	1	23170-002-0	2014	A.Wallner
(92-U-235(N,G)92-U-236,,SIG,,SPA)	4.260e-1	4.260e-1	1	23170-005-0	2014	A.Wallner
(92-U-235(N,G)92-U-236,,ST SPA)	2.500e-2	2.500e-2	1	23170-008-0	2014	A.Wallner
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#### Data plots for

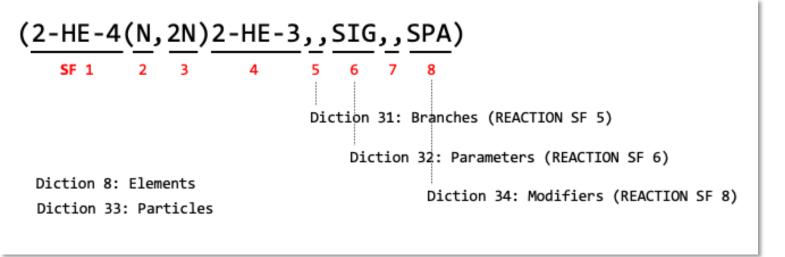
- Cross Section (XS)
- Residual Production XS
- Fission Yield (FY)
- Angular Distribution (DA)
- Energy Distribution (DE)
- Fission Observables

   PFNS, PFGS, nu\_bar

#### New UX for EXFOR entry viewer based on API

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EXFOR	× +	Number of entry: 2448, Num	ber of dataset: 123456									
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40412-004-0				,								
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		Title:	Measurement of alpha	e cross sections for 10-80 keV neutrons								
		Autors:	V.N.Kononov, E.D.Polet	taev, B.D.Yurlov, Yu.S.Prokopets, A.A.Metler	v, Yu.Ya.Stavisskiy, Pibliographic info							
		Institute:	(4RUSFEI) (4RUSFEI) (4RUSFEI)									
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		filter data			Fast ionization chamber with Cf-252.							
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		6.		dictionary	Amplitude resolution about 13 % at E-gamma=478 keV,							
		6.			time resolution 8ns at E-gamma 420540. keV.							
		6.	FACILITY	(VDG,4RUSFEI)	FEI pulsed Van-de-Graaff accelerator.							
		6.	INC-SOURCE	(P-L17)	Pulse duration 22ns, frequency 300.kHz. Proton-Lithium-7							
		6.	INC-SOURCE		Metal lithium targets were used							
		6.		(P-T)	Proton-tritium, standard tritium-titanium targets were used Separate code and free	eetext						
			METHOD	(TOF)	Time-of-flight method with resolution 18 nsec/m for neutron energy range from 10 keV to 80 keV And energy resolution from 10 keV to 30 keV For neutron energy range from 100 keV to 1 MeV at working on monoenergetic neutrons. Flight path 1.18 m.							





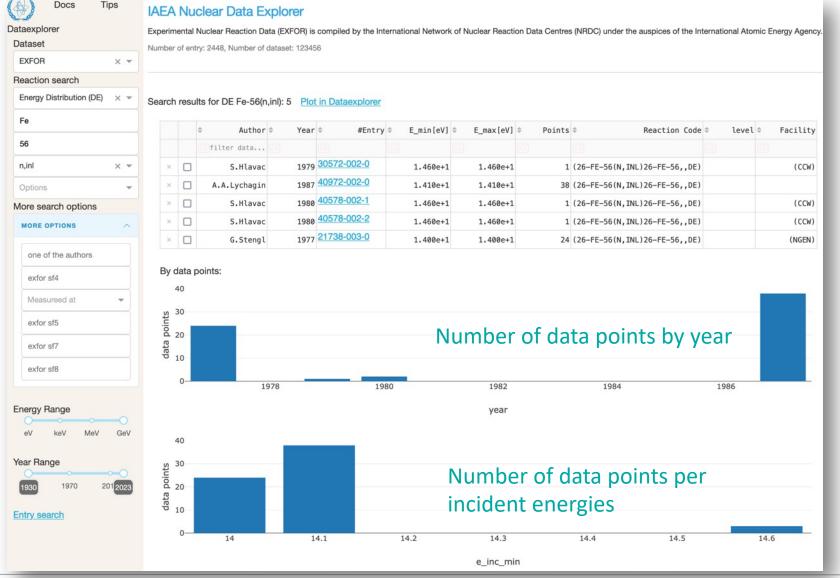
• If the PRODUCT (SF4) in REACTION is either of MASS, ELEM, or ELEM/MASS, one cannot know real products until reading DATA block

#### (89-AC-227(N,F)ELEM/MASS,CUM,FY,,REL/FIS)

id	year	author	<pre>min_inc_en</pre>	<pre>max_inc_en  </pre>	points	target	process	sf4	residual	sf5	sf6	sf7	s
30944-002-0	1965	R.S.Iyer	1.000e+00	1.000e+00	1	89-AC-227	N,F	ELEM/MASS	35-Br-83	CUM	FY	None	REL/F
30944-002-0	1965	R.S.Iyer	1.000e+00	1.000e+00	1	89-AC-227	N,F	ELEM/MASS	38-Sr-89	CUM	FY	None	REL/F
G0074-002-0	2019	A.Chatillon	1.740e+01	1.740e+01	1	89-AC-219	G,F	ELEM	Zn	CHG	FY	None	S
G0074-002-0	2019	A.Chatillon	1.740e+01	1.740e+01	1	89-AC-219	G,F	ELEM	Ga	CHG	FY	None	S
G0074-002-0	2019	A.Chatillon	1.740e+01	1.740e+01	1	89-AC-219	G,F	ELEM	Ge	CHG	FY	None	S

#### New UX to search EXFOR entry

#### • Search by the reaction or EXFOR subfields



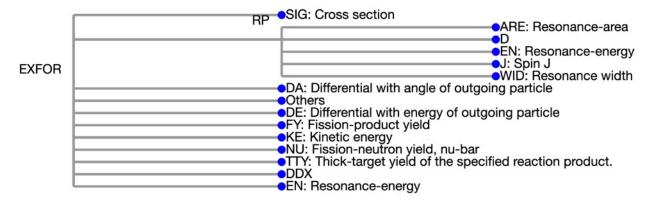
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### And more...



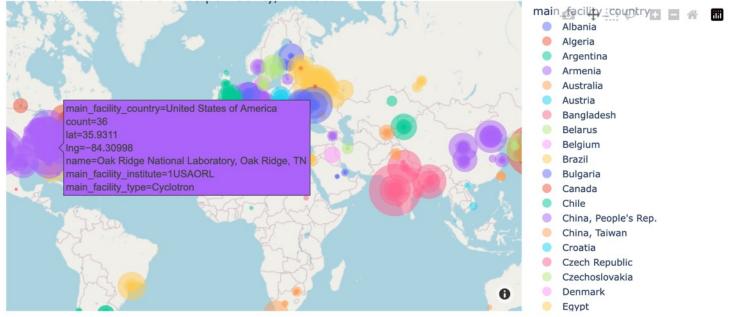
#### Search by EXFOR taxonomy

**EXFOR Taxonomy** 



#### Search by geography

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#### Summary

- We are working towards FIAR principle on EXFOR
- Open source/data on GitHub
  - EXFOR Parser: main EXFOR parsing program in Python
  - exfor\_master: backup of EXFOR master files
  - exfor\_json: JSON converted EXFOR files
  - exfor\_dictionary: JSON converted EXFOR dictionary
  - exfortables\_py: tabulated (X-Y table) reaction data
- Future work
  - Deployment, internal test, and security scan toward the production release (w/L. Marian)
  - Automatic update of data pipeline
  - Develop clear JSON schema (w/G. Schnabel)
  - Implementation of FAIR principles for EXFOR and other data stored in IAEA/NDS
    - Findable, Accessible
      - DOI assignment
      - License assignment (CCO/CC BY 4.0) is important
    - Interoperable, Reusable
      - Move on to a research repository

## Thank you!



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