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Status of (the) TALYS (empire)

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- Public relations
- Level density and photon strength function validation
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TALYS: modeling of nuclear reactions

This is now the basic reference
for TALYS

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Abstract TALYS is a software package for the simulation of nuclear reactions below 200 MeV. It is used worldwide for the analysis and prediction of nuclear reactions and is based on state-of-art nuclear structure and nuclear reaction models. A general overview of the implemented physics and capabilities of TALYS is given. The general nuclear reaction mechanisms described are the optical model, direct reactions, compound nucleus model, pre-equilibrium reactions and fission. The most important nuclear structure models are those for masses, discrete levels, level densities, photon strength functions and fission barriers. A wide variety of nuclear reactions simulated with TALYS will be demonstrated, ranging from low-energy neutron cross sections, astrophysics, high-energy charged particle reactions and other reactions. TALYS is a nuclear reaction software which aims to give a complete description of nuclear reaction observables, and to be an important link between fundamental nuclear physics and applications.

2.3.4	Residual production cross sections
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2.3.6	Fission cross sections
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3.3	Spherical OMP: complex particles
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TALYS & Related Software

TALYS and the related packages are open source software and datasets ([MIT License](#)) for the simulation of nuclear reactions.

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TALYS

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Nuclear reaction model code.

- Download [TALYS-2.0](#) or [TALYS-1.97](#) (equivalent results)
- [Previous and Other Versions](#)
- [Read Tutorial](#)
- [Cite Reference](#)
- [Use TALYSworld](#)
- [Watch TALYS video lectures](#)
- [Access on GitHub](#)

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nds.iaea.org/talys

TASMAN

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Statistical software for TALYS: Uncertainties, sensitivities and optimization.

- Download [TASMAN-2.0](#)
- [Read Tutorial](#)
- [Cite Reference](#)
- [Access on GitHub](#)

TEFAL

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Code to make ENDF-6 nuclear data libraries from TALYS.

- Download [TEFAL-2.0](#)
- [Read Tutorial](#)
- [Cite Reference](#)
- [Access on GitHub](#)

EXFORTABLES

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Experimental nuclear reaction database based on EXFOR.

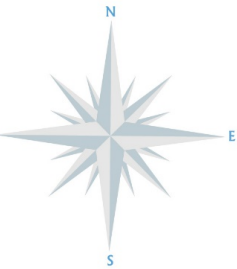
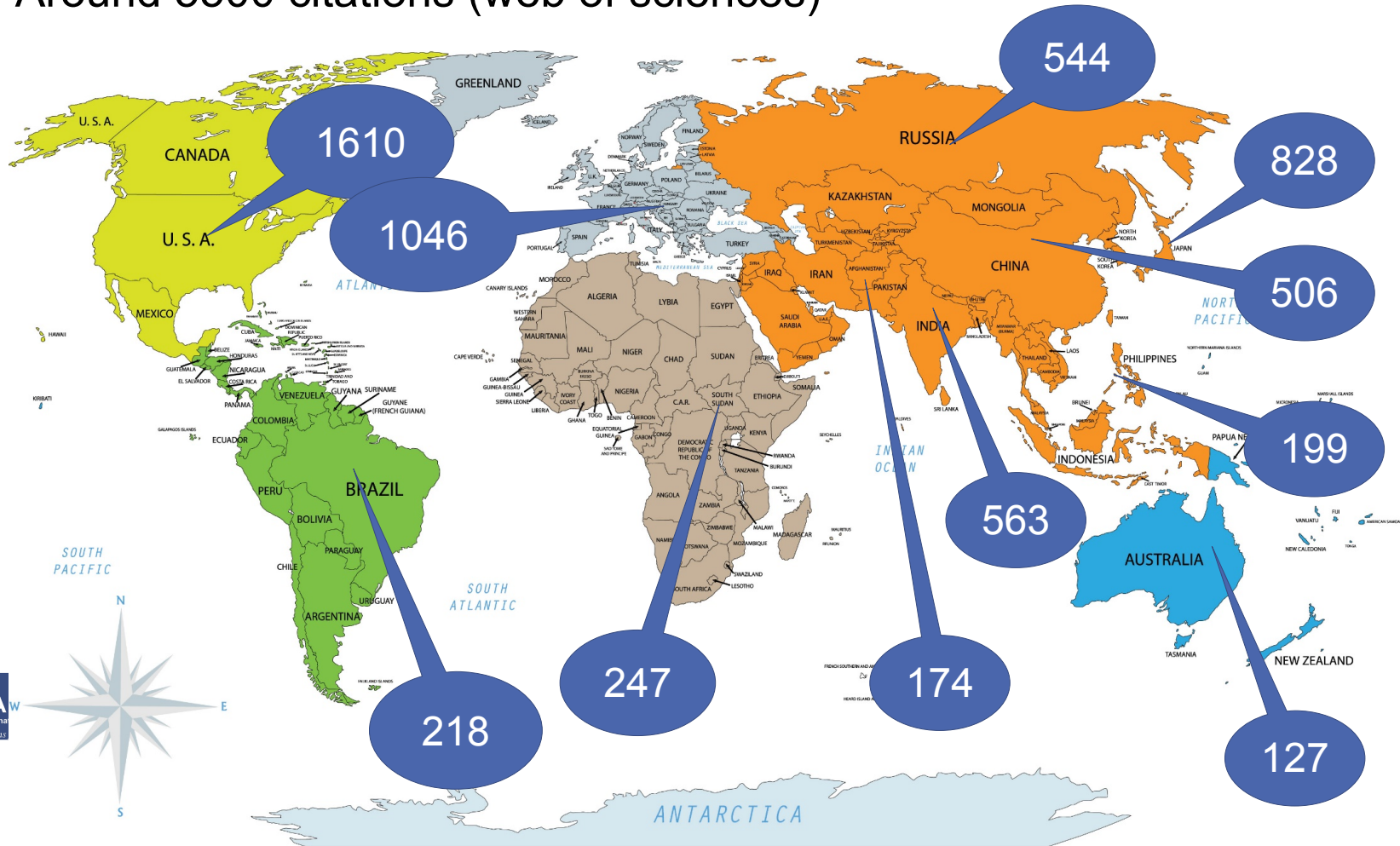
ENDFTABLES

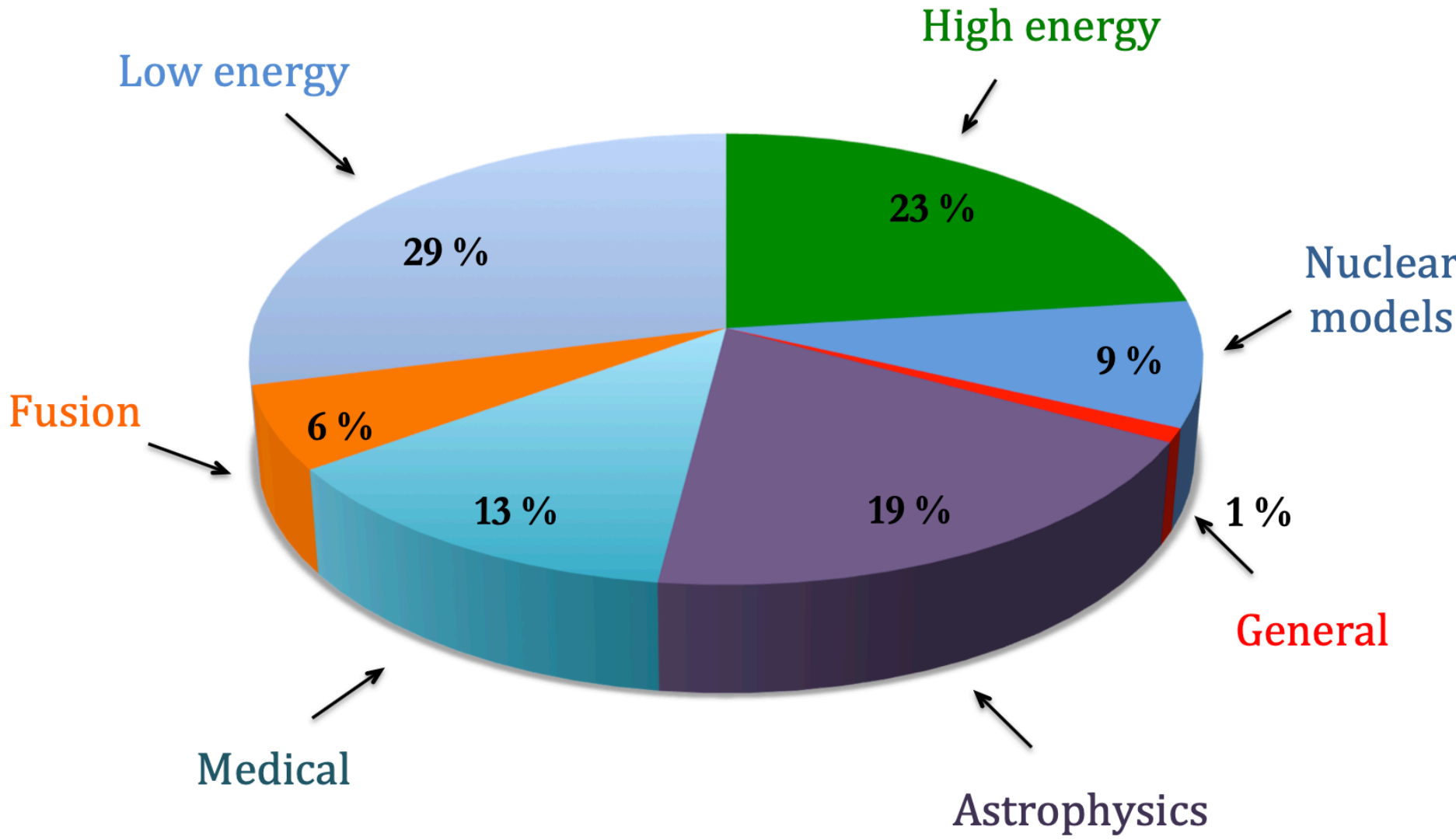
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Code to translate ENDF nuclear data libraries into tabular format.

TALYS around the World (status 2022)

- Around 5500 citations (web of sciences)





Scientific Calendar Event

Speakers

09:00 - 17:30

Practical info

Material

AGENDA

AbstractTemplate

Booklet Participants'
talks

Final list of
Participants

Group photo

How to choose your
Time Zone

Poster

- 09:00 **Introduction to ICTP and the Workshop 10'**
Speakers: Arjan KONING (IAEA, Austria), Nadia BINGGELI (ICTP, Italy)
Material: [Slides](#)
- 09:10 **General overview and use of TALYS 1h20'**
Speaker: Arjan KONING (IAEA, Austria)
Material: [Slides](#) [Video](#)
- 10:30 **Coffee break 30'**
- 11:00 **Nuclear data facilities and measurements I 1h30'**
Speaker: Stephan POMP (University Uppsala, Sweden)
Material: [Slides](#) [Video](#)
- 12:30 **Lunch break 1h30'**
- 14:00 **Nuclear structure ingredients for reaction models 1h30'**
Speaker: Stephane GORIELY (Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium)
Material: [Slides](#) [Video](#)
- 15:30 **Coffee break 30'**
- 16:00 **Optical model and compound nucleus model 1h30'**
Speaker: Stephne HILAIRE (CEA, DAM, DIF, France)
Material: [Slides](#) [Video](#)

TALYS

Input

projectile n
element Fe
mass 56
energy 14.0

~ 400 keywords

Physical parameters

Nuclear Structure (RIPL-3)

- Masses
- Discrete levels
- Level densities
- Resonance parameters
- Photon strength functions
- Optical model parameters
- Fission barrier parameters

Other

- Fission fragment distributions
- 'Best' nuclear model parameters optimised to experimental reaction data

- Phenomenological parameters
- Microscopic tables

Reaction models

Optical model (ECIS)

- Local/global OMP
- Phenomenological
- Semi-microscopic (JLM)

Direct reaction

- Spherical OMP
- DWBA
- Coupled-channels
 - Rotational
 - Vibrational
- Giant resonances

Compound reactions

- Hauser-Feshbach
- Width fluctuations
- Blatt-Biedenharn ang. dis.
- Particle, photon and fission transmission coeff.

Pre-equilibrium reactions

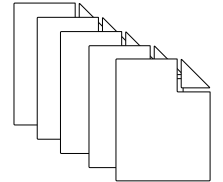
- Exciton model
- Particle hole level density
- Kalbach systematics
 - Angular distribution
 - Cluster emission
- γ -ray emission

Multiple emission

Multiple emission

- Hauser-Feshbach
- Multiple preeq. exciton
- Fission competition
- γ -ray cascade
- Exclusive channels
- Recoils
- Fission fragment de-excitation

Output



Output files per reaction channel

- Cross sections
 - Total
 - Exclusive: (n, γ), (n,f), (n,n'), (n,2n), (n,p) etc.
 - Per level
 - Residual production
 - Particle production
 - γ -ray production
- Emission spectra
 - Single-differential
 - Double differential
 - Recoils
- Angular distributions
 - Elastic
 - Per level
- Particle multiplicities
- Fission yields, neutron observables
- Astrophysical reaction rates, MACS
- ...etc

If nothing else works...TALYSworld!!!



TALYSworld
IAEA Nuclear Data Section

Main input

projectile **n**
element **nb**
mass **93** [Livechart](#)
from MeV **1**
to MeV **30**
points **15**

TALYS options

bins **20**
micro
[show 9 more](#)

Models

Level density

ldmodel **1**
colenhance
ctmglobal
kvibmodel **1**
spincutmodel **1**

Optical model

spherical
localomp
autorot
alphaomp **6**
deuteronomp **1**
jlmomp
maxrot **2**

Preequilibrium

preeqmode **1**
preeqspin **1**
mpreeqmode **1**

Totals **Total** Total elastic Non-elastic [more...](#)

Channels **(n,g)** (n,n') (n,p) (n,a) (n,2n) (n,n'p) (n,n'a) (n,3n) [more...](#)

Residuals [show...](#)

Total

cross section [b]

Incident energy [MeV]

— TALYS
• Finlay 1993
• Filippov 1983
• Poenitz 1983
• Poenitz 1983
• Green 1973
• Green 1973
• Fosterjr 1971
• Manero 1968
• Carlson 1967
• Gorlov 1967

(n,g)

cross section [b]

Incident energy [MeV]

— TALYS
• Voignier 1992
• YunshanMuu 1991
• Poenitz 1975
• Poenitz 1974
• Rigaud 1971
• Diven 1960
• Stavisskii 1960
• Xia 1992
• Reffo 1982
• Yamamuro 1975

(n,n')

TALYS world

<https://nds.iaea.org/relnsd/talys/talys.html>

- Run TALYS online
- Direct plots
- EXFORtables included (coverage of EXFOR not complete)
- Status July 2024:
 - First announcement at ICTP Trieste School on TALYS
 - Half of the keywords are implemented
 - Only cross sections



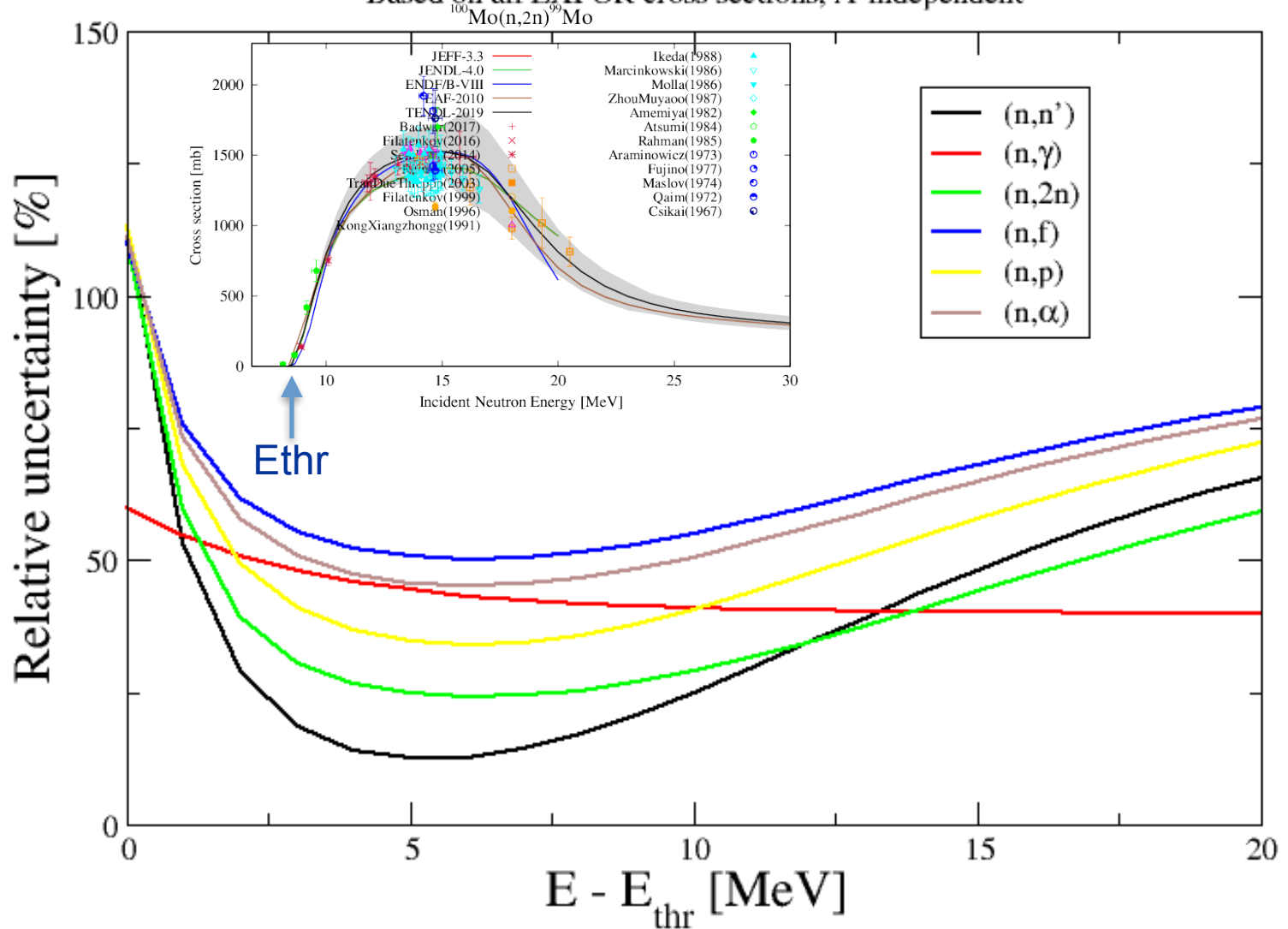
Scan me!

TALYS-2.0

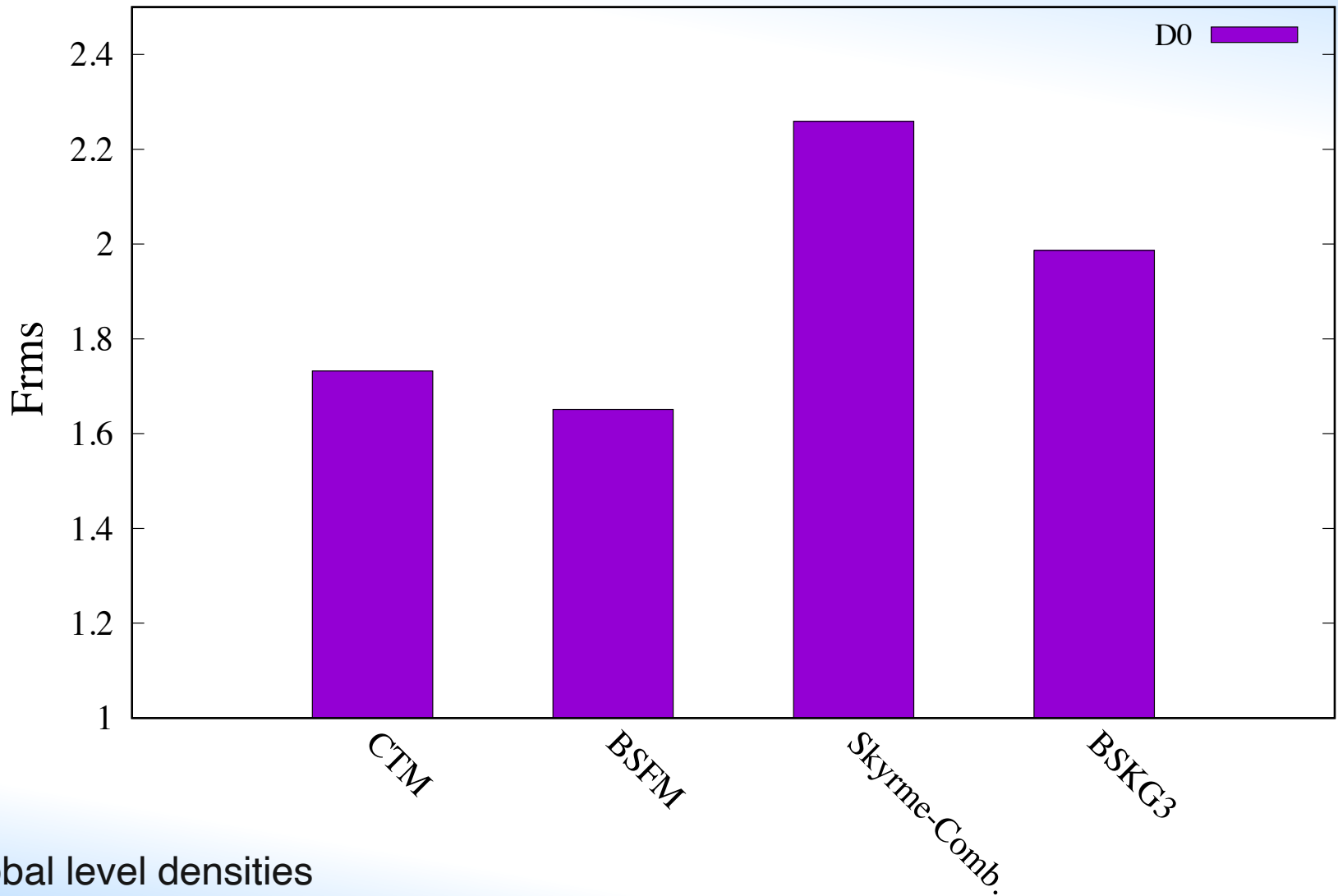
- Some important new features since TALYS-1.96 (Dec 2021)
 - Further refinement of explicit evaporation of fission fragments via Hauser-Feshbach: FY, nubar, $\nu(A)$, PFNS, etc. using HF3D, GEF, SPY and 4D-Langevin fission fragment distributions
 - ‘fit y’: read in optimised nuclear model parameters for all nuclides and reaction channels (from TASMAN parameter search to EXFOR), giving the best fits
 - Unifying all TALYS output in YANDF format (Yet Another Nuclear Data Format) for efficient interpretation for processing software - ENDF, GNDS, AI/ML, plotting, astro libraries etc. etc.
- TALYS-1.97/2.0 was released end of December 2023

Global predictive power of TALYS

Based on all EXFOR cross sections, A-independent



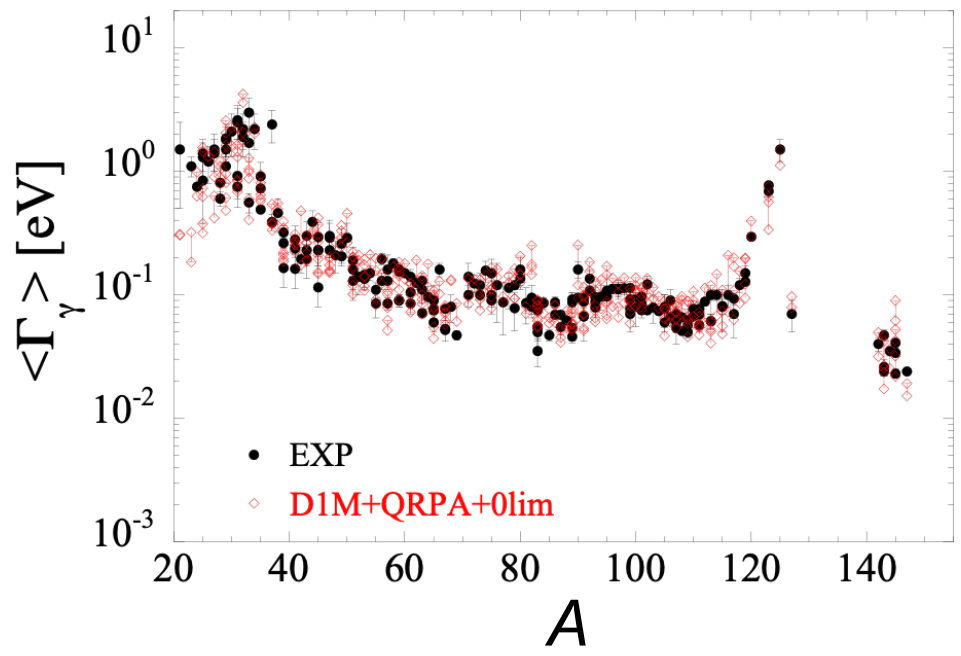
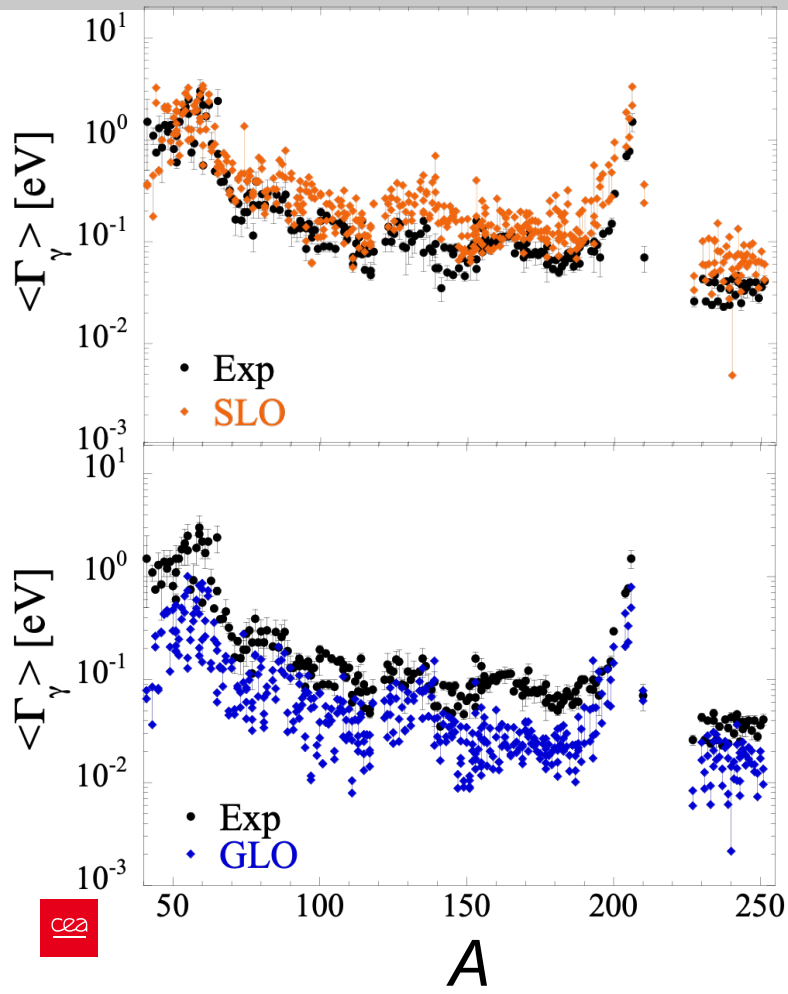
TALYS Average s-wave resonance width (D0) vs. experiment



Global level densities

Nuclides with experimental D0 data: 300 (RIPL-3)

Gamma-ray strengths : Gogny QRPA vs analytical



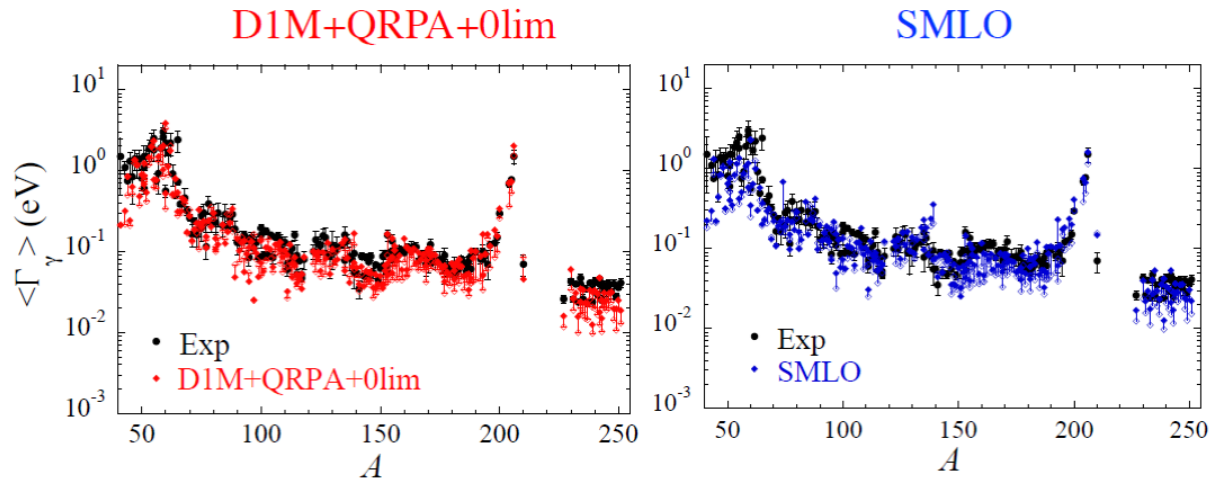
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Gamma-ray strengths : Gogny QRPA vs analytical



Comparison of **D1M+QRPA+0lim** and **SMLO** with $\langle \Gamma_\gamma \rangle$ data

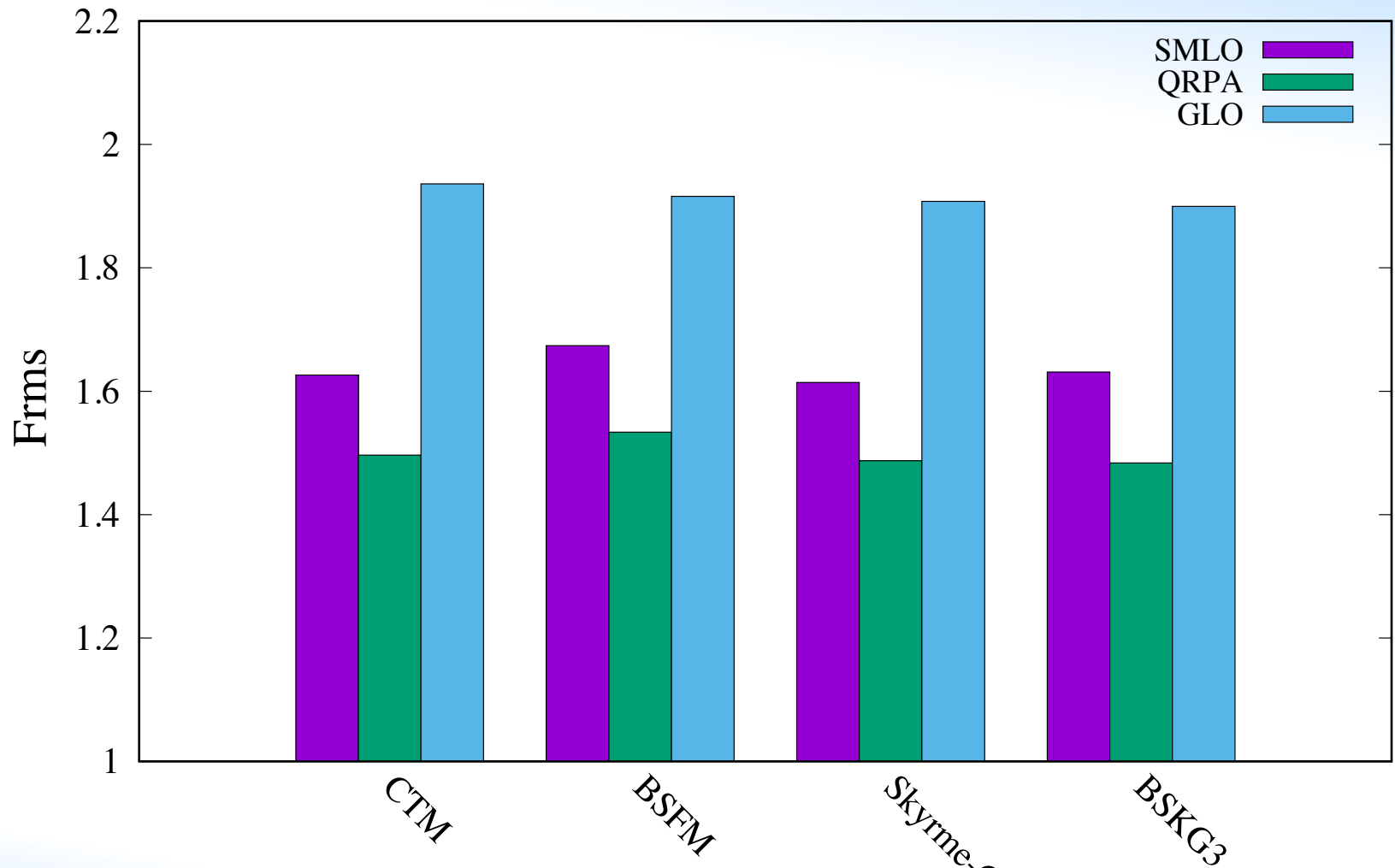
$$\langle \Gamma_\gamma \rangle = \frac{D_0}{2\pi} \sum_{X,L,J,\pi} \int_0^{S_n+E_n} T_{XL}(\varepsilon_\gamma) \times \rho(S_n + E_n - \varepsilon_\gamma, J, \pi) d\varepsilon_\gamma$$



Open diamonds = CT + BSFG
 Full diamonds = HFB + Combinatorial

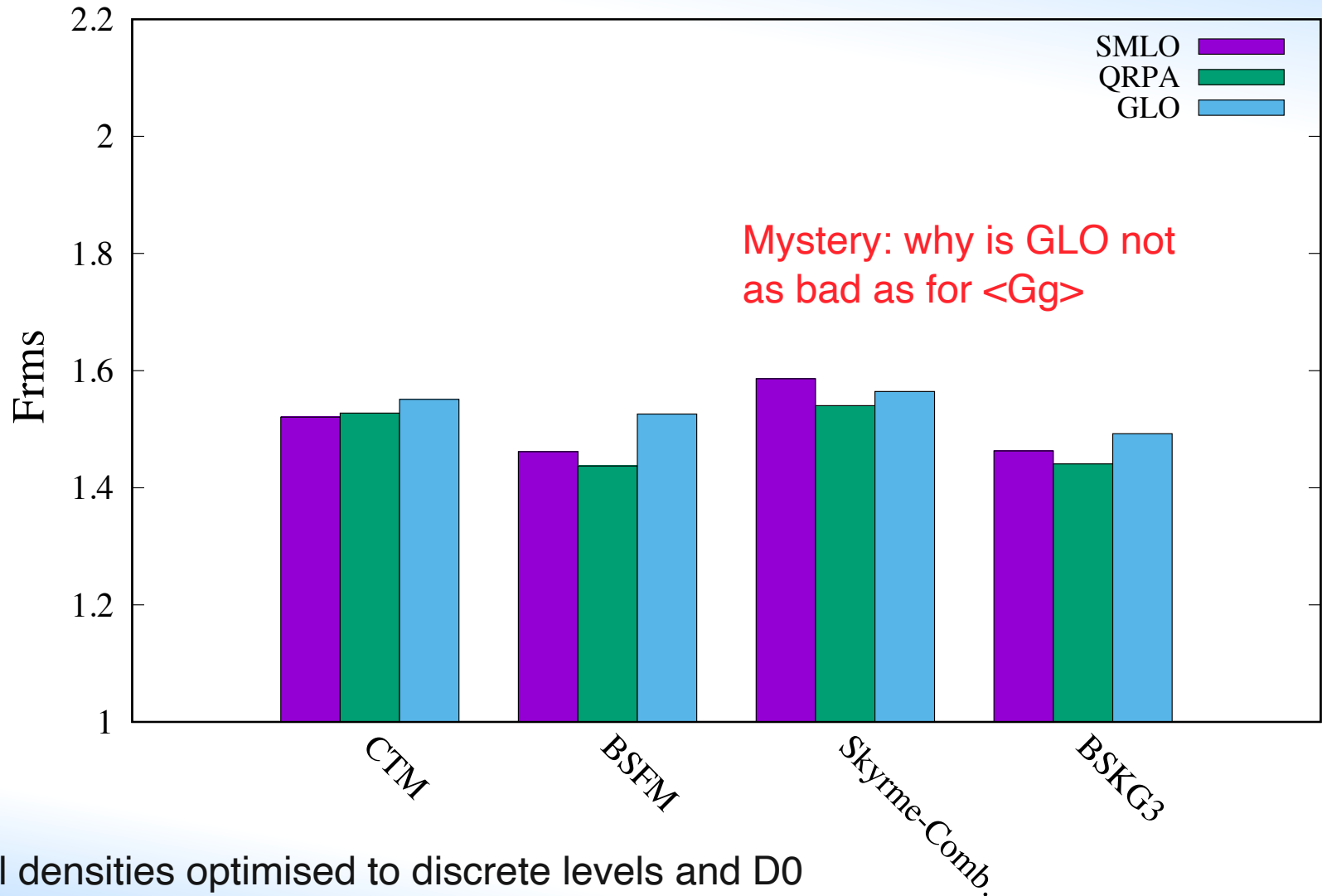
Both PSF models reproduce $\sim 230 \langle \Gamma_\gamma \rangle$ within $\sim 30-50\%$

TALYS Average radiative width vs. experiment



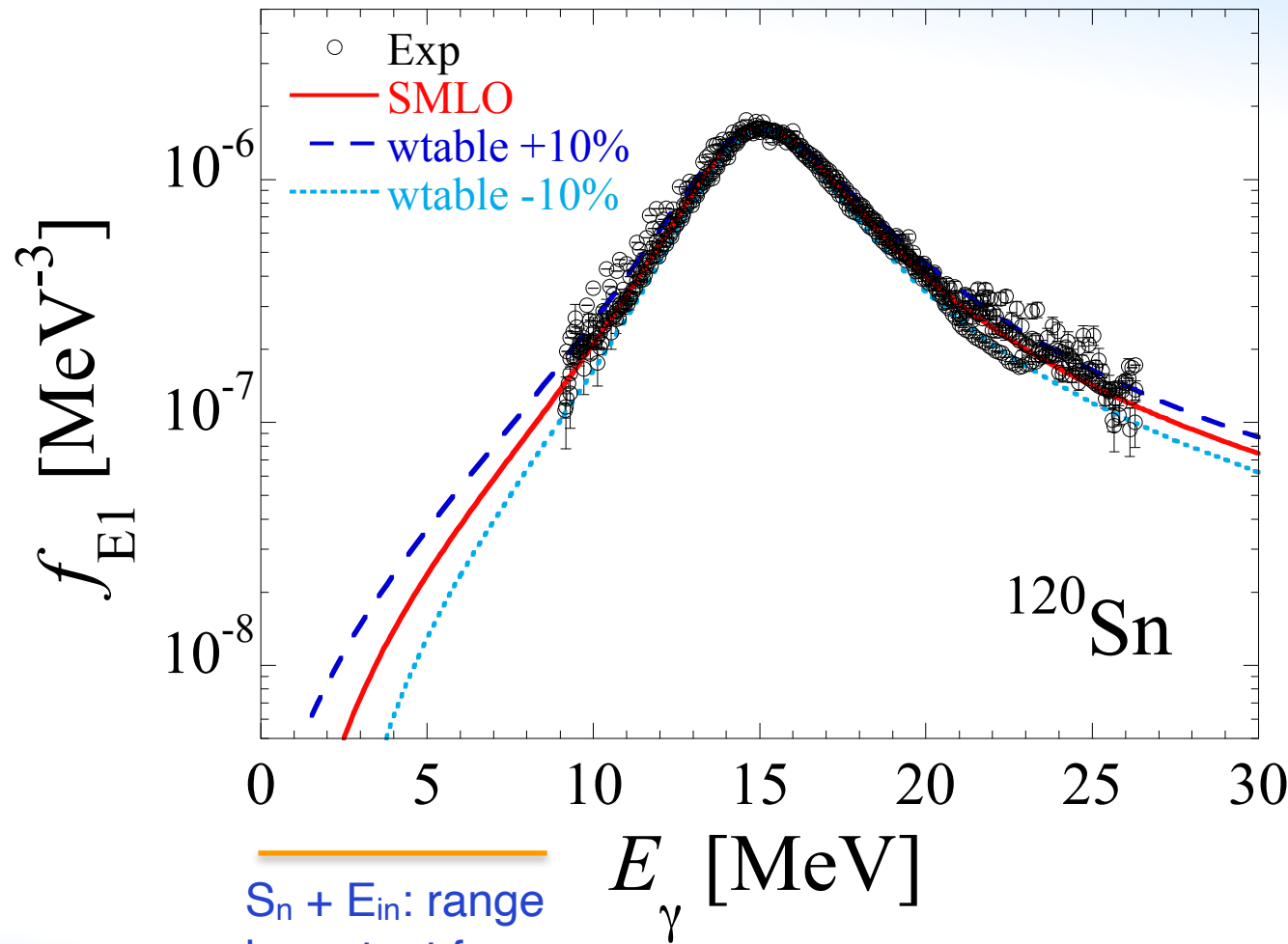
Level densities optimised to discrete levels and D0
 Nuclides with experimental $\langle Gg \rangle$ data: 228

TALYS Maxwellian Averaged cross sections vs. experiment



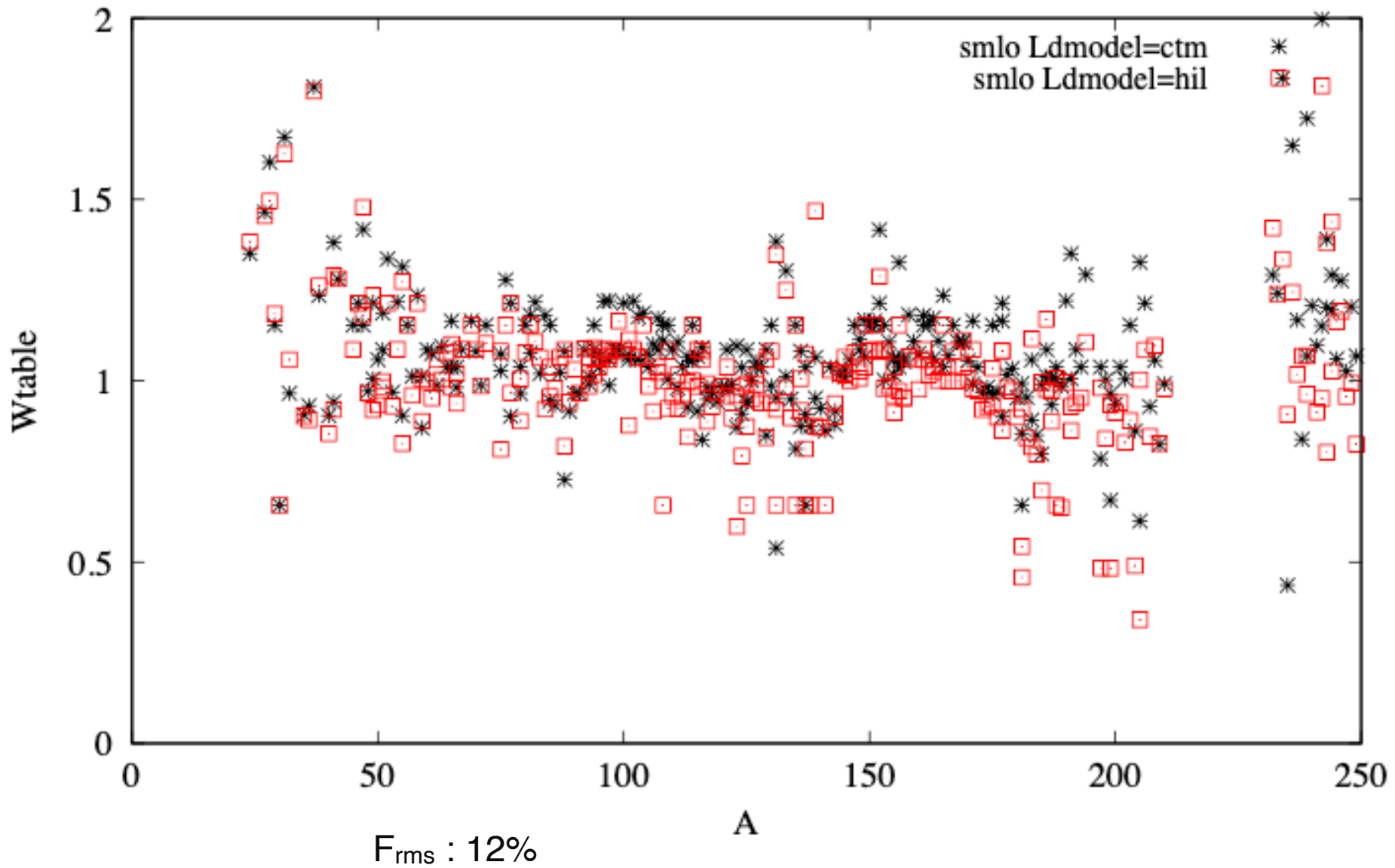
Level densities optimised to discrete levels and D0
 Nuclides with experimental MACS data: 277

Adjusted width parameter does not affect original photon strength function very much

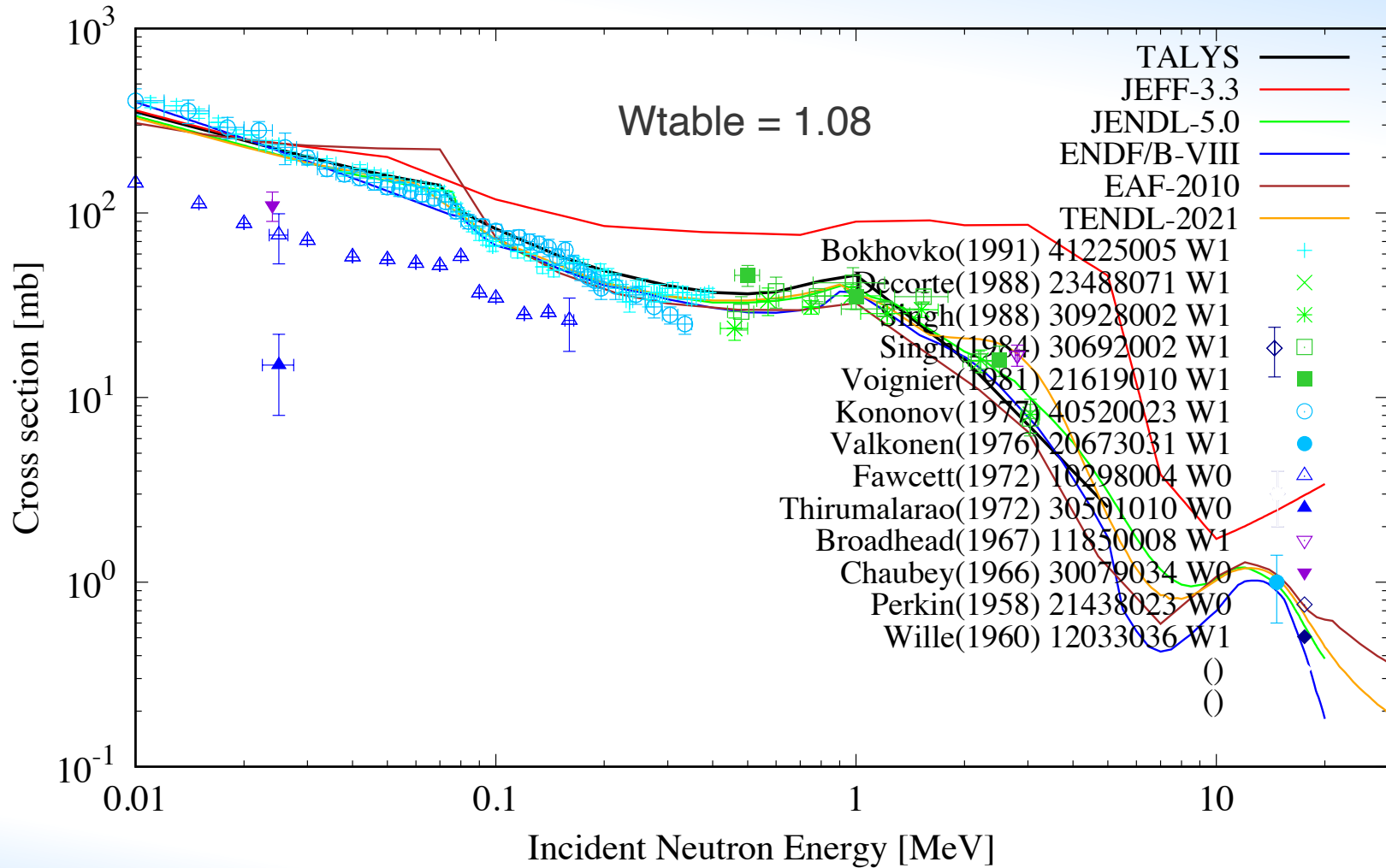


$$\langle \Gamma_{\gamma} \rangle = \frac{D_0}{2\pi} \sum_{X,L,J,\pi} \int_0^{S_n + E_n} T_{XL}(\varepsilon_{\gamma}) \times \rho(S_n + E_n - \varepsilon_{\gamma}, J, \pi) d\varepsilon_{\gamma}$$

Wtable for (n,g) with exp. MACS, fitted to best library



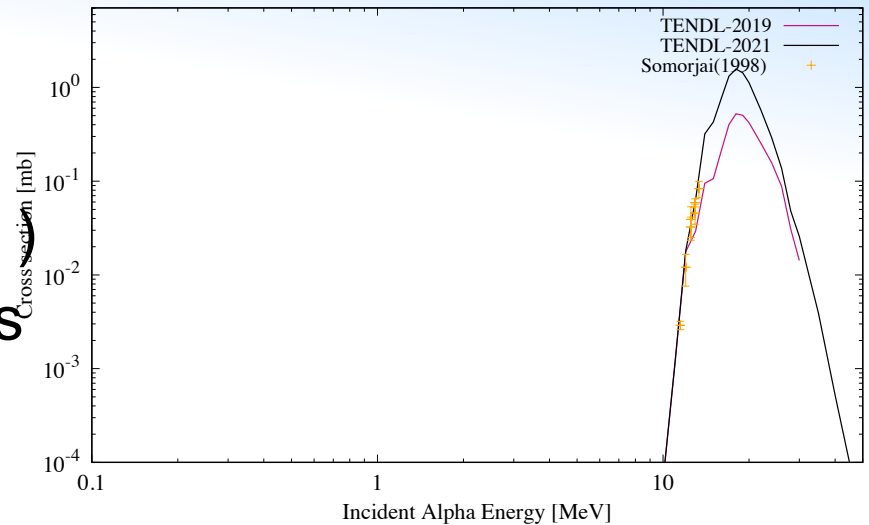
$^{160}\text{Gd}(n,\gamma)^{161}\text{Gd}$ GOF= 1.094



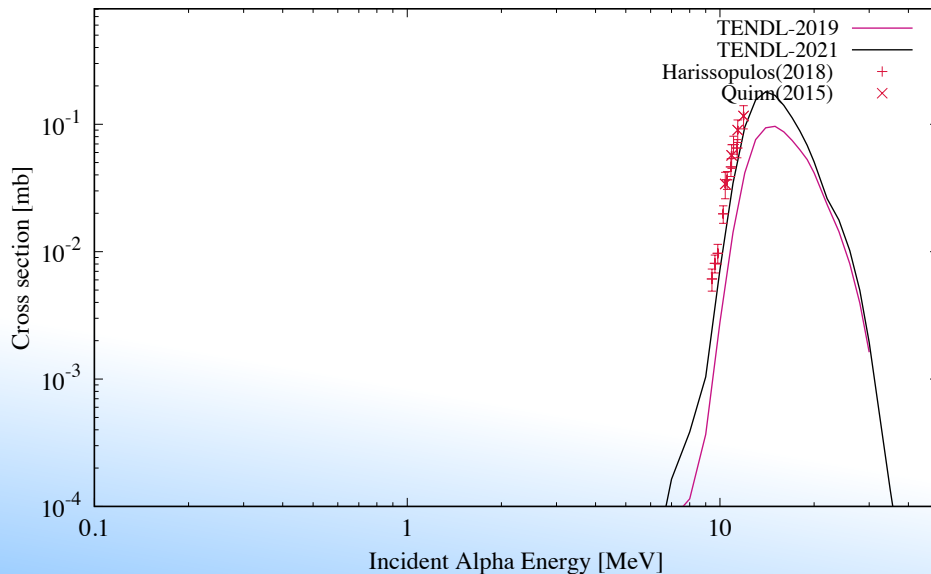
channel: (α , γ)

- New photon strength functions (Plujko & Goriely), SML0, give better gamma-related data for all reaction channels, including (α , γ)
- CRP on photon strength functions and photonuclear data, Dimitriou et al (IAEA 2019)

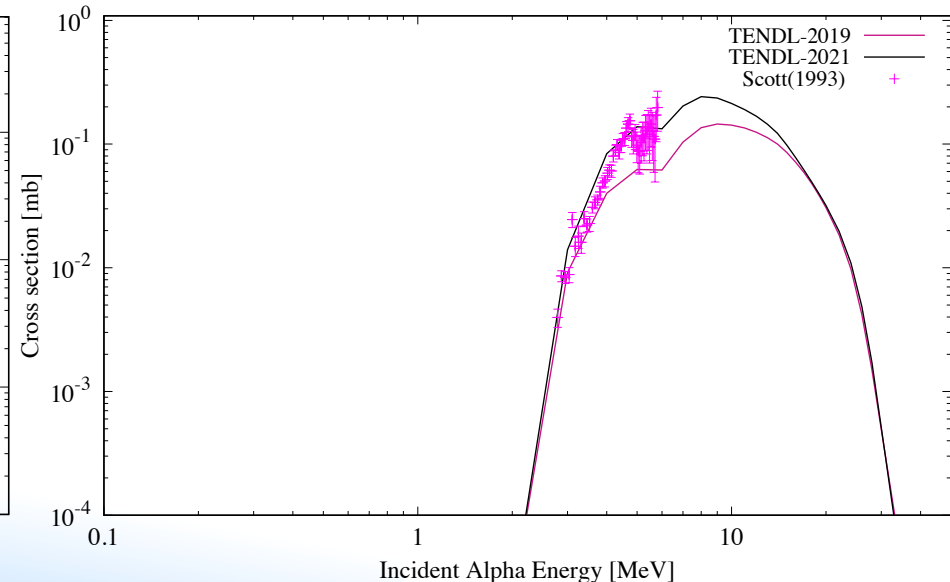
$^{144}\text{Sm}(\alpha,\gamma)^{148}\text{Gd}$



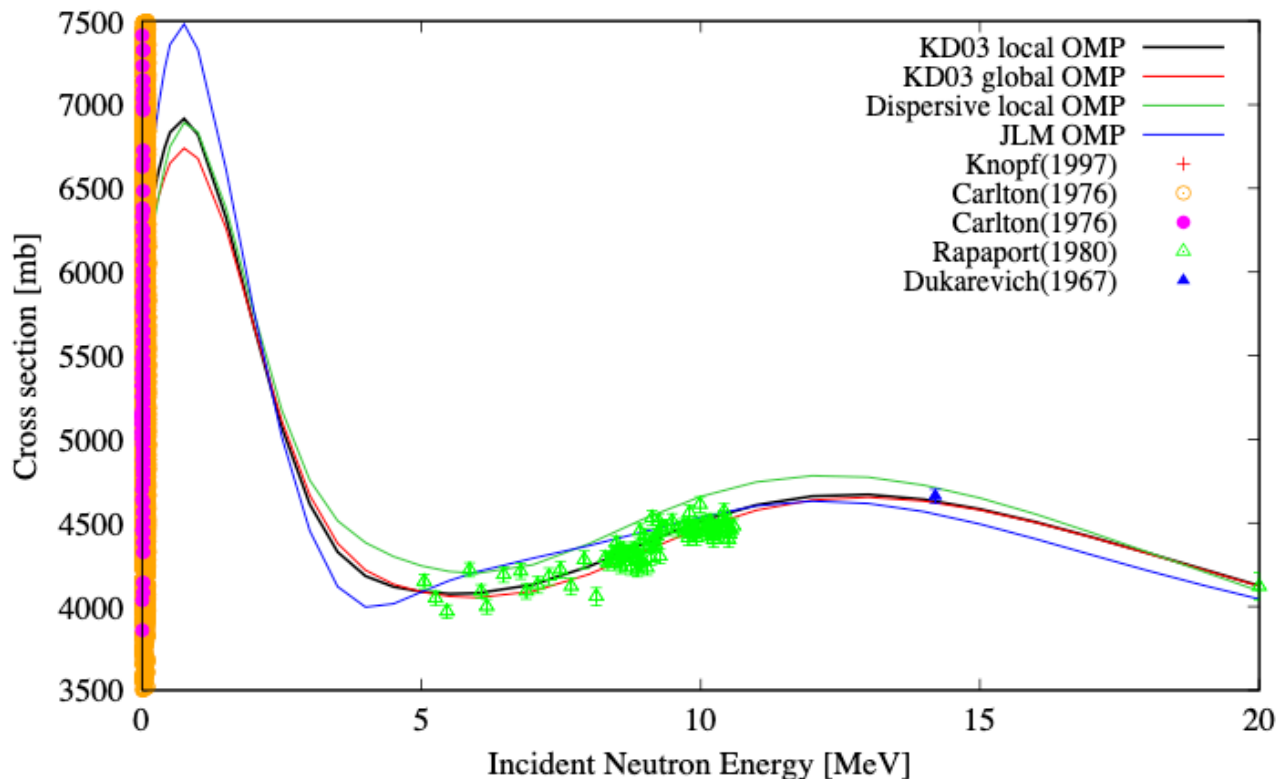
$^{92}\text{Zr}(\alpha,\gamma)^{96}\text{Mo}$



$^{34}\text{S}(\alpha,\gamma)^{38}\text{Ar}$



$^{120}\text{Sn}(n,\text{tot})$



4 different input files

```
#
# n-Sn120-omp-KD03
#
# General
projectile n
element sn
mass 120
energy energies
```

```
#
# n-Sn120-omp-KD03global
#
# General
projectile n
element sn
mass 120
energy energies
#
# Parameters
#
localomp n
```

```
#
# n-Sn120-ompKD03disp
#
# General
projectile n
element sn
mass 120
energy energies
#
# Parameters
#
dispersion y
```

```
#
# n-Sn120-omp-JLM
#
# General
projectile n
element sn
mass 120
energy energies
#
# Parameters
#
jlmomp y
```



Eric Bauge JMP OMP:
Only 6 parameters

TENDL-2023: Fission yields and fission neutron observables from TALYS

TALYS: reads distribution of excited fission fragments and evaporates them all with Hauser-Feshbach

Fission fragment yield models stored in TALYS



GEF Designed with global fitting parameters based on experimental data
F. Nordström, Technical Report UPTEC ES21016, Uppsala university, 2021.

From ${}_{76}\text{Os}$ to ${}_{115}\text{Mc}$, 737 nuclides

HF³D Designed with a fully deterministic technique with fitting functions

S. Okumura, T. Kawano, P. Jaffke, P. Talou, and S. Chiba, JNST, 55(9),1009–1023, 2018.

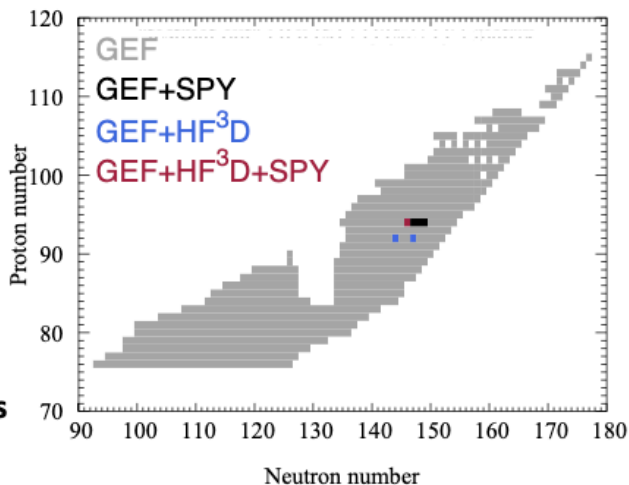
${}^{236}\text{U}$, ${}^{239}\text{U}$, and ${}^{240}\text{Pu}$, 3 nuclides

SPY Designed with a statistical scission point model using microscopic calculation

J.-F. Lemaître, S. Goriely, S. Hilaire, and J.-L. Sida, PRC99, 034612, 2019.

${}^{240}\text{Pu}$, ${}^{241}\text{Pu}$, ${}^{242}\text{Pu}$, and ${}^{243}\text{Pu}$, 4 nuclides
(May 2022: 809 nuclides)

Arbitrary fission fragment data provided by users



Univ. Uppsala:
Ali Al-Adili
Fredrik Nordstroem

CEA-DAM Bruyeres:
Jean-Francois Lemaître

Titech TOKYO:
Kazuki Fujio
Satoshi Chiba

LANL:
Toshihiko Kawano

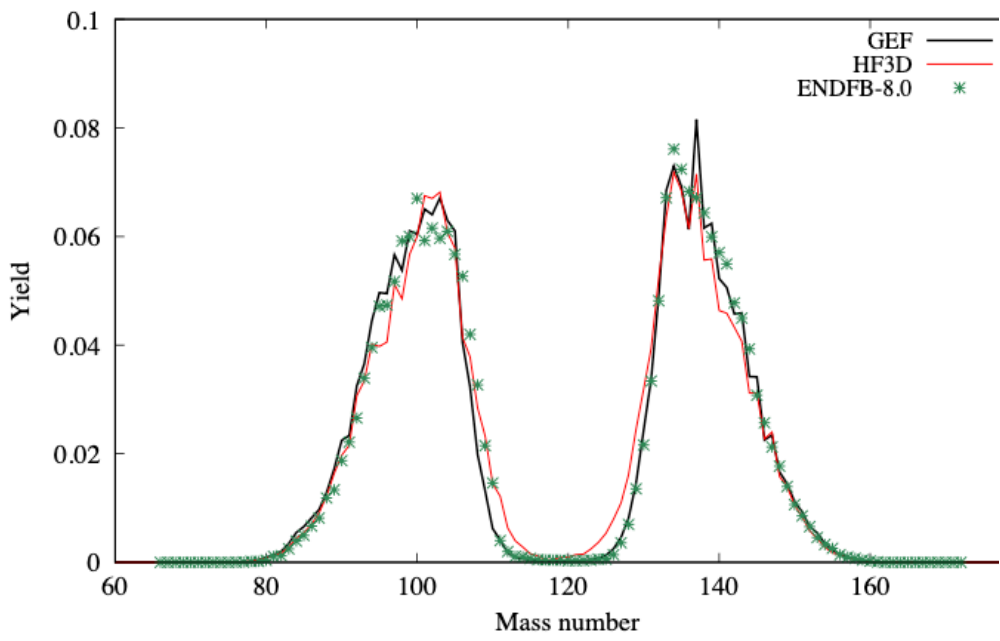
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Shin Okumura
Arjan Koning

We did:

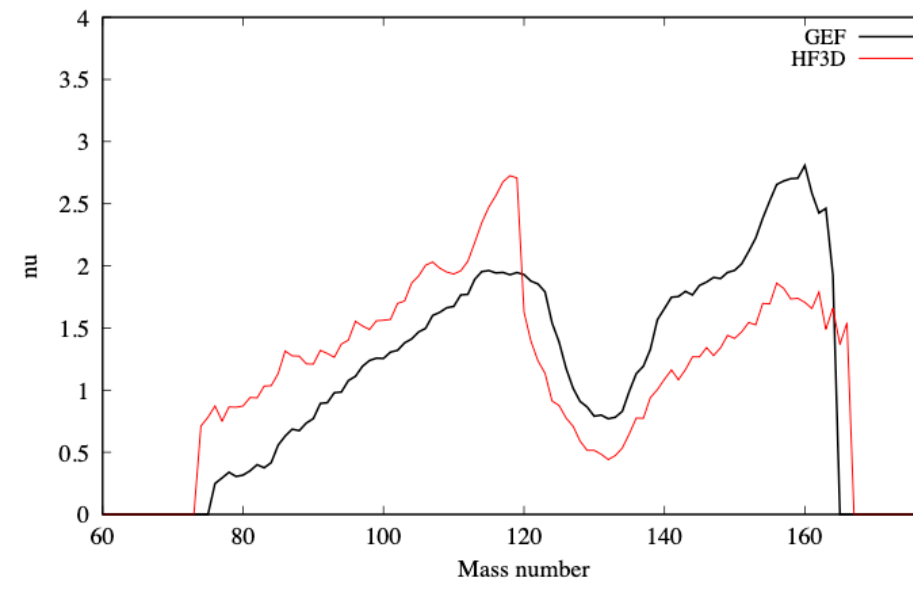
calculations of the de-excitation process for ${}^{235}\text{U}+n$ with Hauser-Feshbach statistical decay theory and comparison with evaluated and experimental data



$^{239}\text{Pu}(n_{\text{th}},f)$ fission product yield

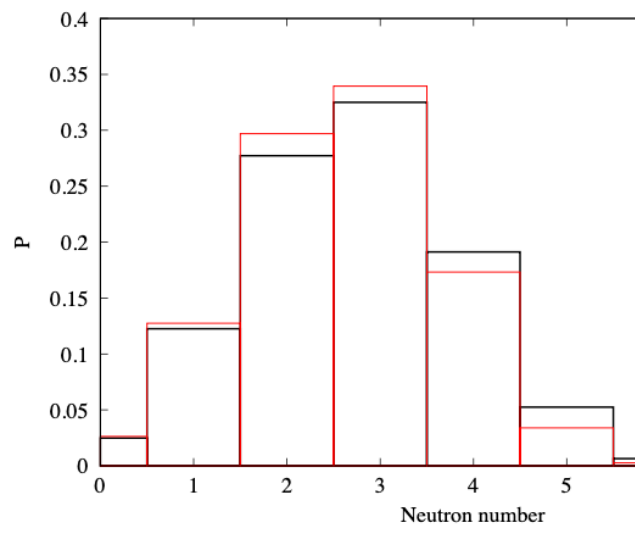


$^{239}\text{Pu}(n_{\text{th}},f)$ nu(A)

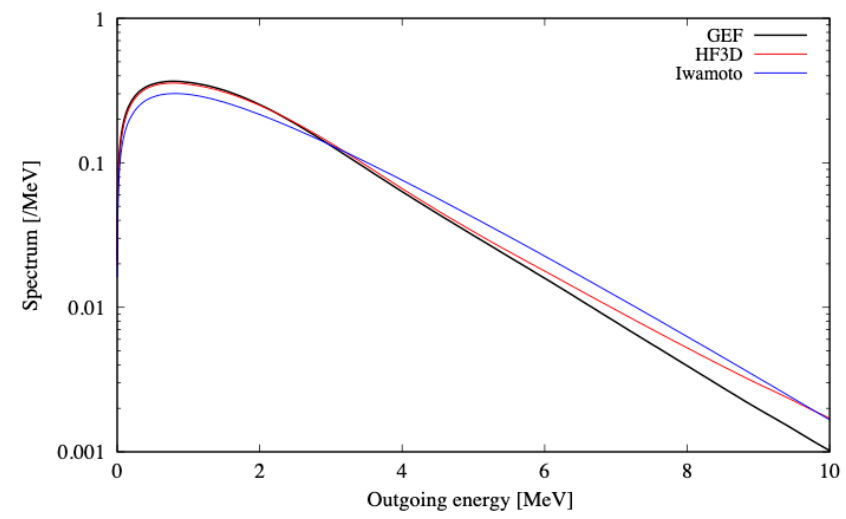


TALYS-2 only

$^{239}\text{Pu}(n_{\text{th}},f)$ P(nu)



$^{239}\text{Pu}(n_{\text{th}},f)$ PFNS



```
projectile n
element Pu
mass 239
energy 2.53e-8
ejectiles g n
massdis y
fymodel 4
ffmodel 1
ldmodel 5
Rfiseps 1.e-5
outspectra y
bins 40
channels y
maxchannel 8
..
```

```

# header:
#   title: Nb93(n,x)Y90m cross section
#   source: TALYS-2.0
#   user: Arjan Koning
#   date: 2024-01-11
#   format: YANDF-0.1
# target:
#   Z: 41
#   A: 93
#   nuclide: Nb93
# reaction:
#   type: (n,x)
#   Q-value [MeV]: 4.248473E+00
#   E-threshold [MeV]: 0.000000E+00
#   ENDF_MF: 6
#   ENDF_MT: 5
# residual:
#   Z: 39
#   A: 90
#   nuclide: Y90m
#   mass [amu]: 8.990714E+01
#   level:
#     number: 2
#     energy [MeV]: 6.820100E-01
#     spin: 7.000000E+00
#     parity: 1
#     isomer: 1
#     half-life [sec]: 1.148000E+04
# datablock:
#   quantity: cross section
#   columns: 3
#   entries: 25
##      E                xs          Isomeric ratio
##      [MeV]           [mb]           []
2.000000E-01  0.000000E+00  0.000000E+00
4.000000E-01  0.000000E+00  0.000000E+00
6.000000E-01  0.000000E+00  0.000000E+00
8.000000E-01  0.000000E+00  0.000000E+00
1.000000E+00  0.000000E+00  0.000000E+00
1.200000E+00  0.000000E+00  0.000000E+00
1.400000E+00  8.135896E-05  0.000000E+00
1.600000E+00  1.296808E-04  1.266436E-01
1.800000E+00  2.699952E-04  1.644318E-01
2.000000E+00  5.832345E-04  2.057970E-01

```

‘#’ for direct use in various software, e.g. Gnuplot

Without ‘#’: YAMLesque
2 space indentation per level

Parsing to JSON should be easy

Only 5 main attributes for nuclear reactions

TALYS: 2 more main attributes: ‘parameters’ and ‘observables’

EXFOR: All specific metadata may follow after the datablock

Future (?): Extension to 2 GeV

- Challenges:
 - Extension of OMP to 2 GeV
 - folding/microscopic approach, wine-bottle shape
 - Woods-Saxon not appropriate
 - Include pions or good approximation to exclude them
- Existing features:
 - (Multiple) Pre-equilibrium known to work to quite high energies (Mashnik)
 - TALYS has built in multiple loops over itself for residual products (as for fission fragments)
 - The systematic logic of TALYS input, output and reaction flow

Future (?): Extension to heavy ions

- Challenges:
 - Extension of OMP to heavy ions
 - Folding/microscopic approach, Sao Paolo potential
 - Woods-Saxon maybe another option
 - Much higher J-limit in TALYS (more dynamic programming)
- Existing features:
 - Pre-equilibrium known to work for heavy ions (Gadioli)
 - Hauser-Feshbach would be applied as usual
 - Probably easy extension of the arrays
 - The systematic logic of TALYS input, output and reaction flow

Near future: Full particle decay scheme and Monte Carlo

- Challenges:
 - Write complete reaction flow to probability tables: Hauser-Feshbach + Direct + Pre-equilibrium
 - Allows restarting with Monte Carlo scheme
 - Allows direct inclusion in advanced transport codes
 - Finalise “Dicebox-like” capability
- Existing features:
 - Basically there, since we already need it for any TALYS calculation



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Thank you!

