

# Berkeley Nuclear Database Projects

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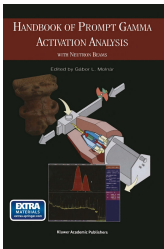
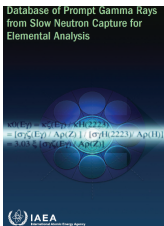
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# EGAF disseminated in printed form and through the IAEA

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### Evaluated Gamma-ray Activation File (EGAF)

The Evaluated Gamma-ray Activation File (EGAF) has been developed as part of a Coordinated Research Project for the Development of a Database for Prompt Gamma-ray Neutron Activation Analysis sponsored by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). A file is provided for each isotope containing ENSDF datasets for the Adopted and Bagdadi PGAA data and the Resdy and Fianble neutron capture data. These data can be viewed with the [language:ExpJest 2.2.ENSDF Viewer](#).

**Thermal (n,g) Target Nucleus**

1H	2H	3He	6Li	7Li	8Be	10B	12C	13C	14N
16O	17O	18O	20Ne	21Ne	22Ne	23Na	24Mg	25Mg	26Mg
27Al	28Si	29Si	30Si	31P	32S	33S	34S	35Cl	36S
36Ar	37Cl	38K	39K	40K	40Ca	41K	42Ca	43Ca	44Ca
45Sc	46Ca	48Ti	47Ti	48Ca	49Ti	50Ti	51V	50Cr	52Cr
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59Co	60Ni	61Ni	62Ni	63Cu	64Ni	64Zn	65Cu	66Zn	67Zn
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# pyEGAF on the Python Package Index (PyPI) repository

<https://pypi.org/project/pyEGAF/>

The screenshot shows the PyPI project page for pyEGAF 1.0.0. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation links for Help, Sponsors, Log in, and Register. The main header displays the package name 'pyEGAF 1.0.0' and a 'Latest version' button. Below this, a code block shows the installation command: `pip install pyEGAF`. A release date of 'Released: Sep 7, 2023' is also visible. A brief description states: 'Allows for interaction, manipulation, and analysis of thermal-neutron capture gamma-ray data from the EGAF library.'

**Navigation**

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**Statistics**

GitHub statistics:

- Stars: 1
- Forks: 0
- Open issues: 0
- Open PRs: 0

**Project description**

This project is a Python package enabling interaction, manipulation, and analysis of thermal-neutron capture gamma-ray data from the Evaluated Gamma-ray Activation File (EGAF) library [\[PR-2007\]](#), [\[REV-2004\]](#). The EGAF library is a database of  $\gamma$ -ray energies and their corresponding partial  $\gamma$ -ray cross sections from thermal-neutron capture measurements carried out with a guided neutron beam at the Budapest Research Reactor for 245 isotopes encompassing measurements of natural elemental samples for targets from  $Z = 1, 83, 90,$  and  $92,$  except for Tc ( $Z = 43$ ) and Pm ( $Z = 61$ ). The database comprises a total of 8172 primary  $\gamma$  rays and 29655 secondary  $\gamma$  rays (a total of 37777  $\gamma$  rays) associated with 12664 levels. The  $(n, \gamma)$  targets and corresponding residual compound nuclides relevant to the EGAF project are summarized in the schematic of the nuclear chart shown in the figure below.

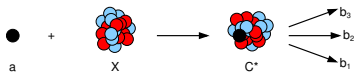
The nuclear chart plots the number of protons (Z) on the x-axis and the number of neutrons (N) on the y-axis, both ranging from 0 to 80. Red dots represent EGAF (n,  $\gamma$ ) targets, and blue dots represent EGAF (n,  $\gamma$ ) residuals. The data points form a clear diagonal line from the bottom-left to the top-right, indicating a strong correlation between the number of protons and neutrons in the targets and residuals.

- `pip install pyegaf`
- pyEGAF 1.0.0: Production/stable development release.
- FreeBSD License.





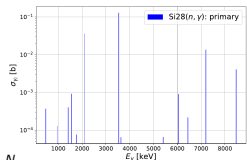
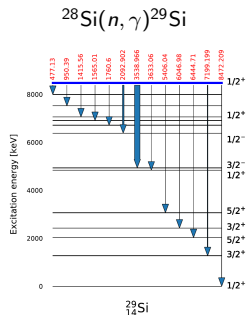
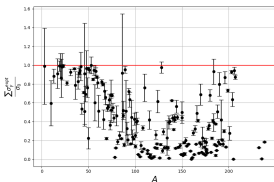
# Assess completeness of capture- $\gamma$ data using pyEGAF



- The cross section for fusion in entrance channel (a) is given by the sum of cross sections for decay to all final channels ( $b_i$ ):

$$\sigma_F(a) = \sum_{b_i}^N \sigma_{a \rightarrow b_i}^C \quad \therefore \quad \sigma_0 = \sum_{i=1}^N \sigma_{\gamma_i}^{\text{primary}}$$

- Compare  $\sum_{i=1}^N \sigma_{\gamma_i}^{\text{primary}}$  from pyEGAF to  $\sigma_0$ .

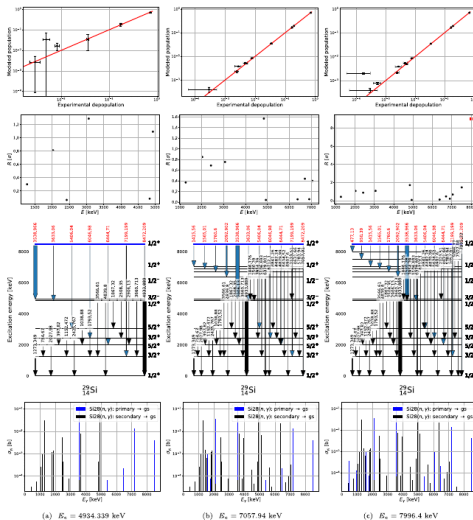


$$\sum_{i=1}^N \sigma_{\gamma_i}^{\text{primary}} = 0.185(2) \text{ b [pyEGAF]}$$

$$\sigma_0 = 0.177(5) \text{ b [Adopted]}$$



# Modeling the $(n, \gamma)$ reaction using pyEGAF methods



- Statistical-model analysis of  $(n, \gamma)$  reaction, e.g.,  $^{28}\text{Si}(n, \gamma)$ .
- Compare modeled population of levels to experimental data.
- Establish critical energy  $E_c$ .





# CapGam cf. pyEGAF : : capgam

## CapGam

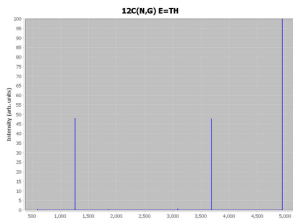
12C(N,G) E=TH  
Target: <sup>12</sup>C  
Product: <sup>13</sup>C

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[PDF](#)

Strongest Transition:  
E( $\gamma$ ) = 4945.301  $\pm$  0.003  
I( $\gamma$ ) = 67.47  $\pm$  0.92

Thermal Neutron Capture Cross Section (2000MuZX):  
0.00353 b  $\pm$  0.00007 b



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Type	E( $\gamma$ ) (keV)	$\Delta E(\gamma)$ (keV)	I( $\gamma$ )/I( $\gamma$ ) <sub>max</sub> $\times 100$	$\Delta(I(\gamma)/I(\gamma)_{max})$
Secondary	595.013	0.014	0.3527	0.0156
Primary	1261.764	0.012	47.9621	0.9225
Primary	1856.716	0.012	0.2371	0.0152
Secondary	3089.049	0.020	0.6373	0.0309
Secondary	3683.921	0.023	47.6300	1.0482
Primary	4945.301	0.003	100.0000	1.5237

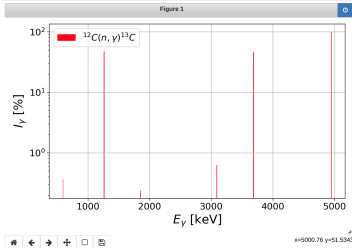
## pyEGAF

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In [4]: # Define compound nucleus as a string, e.g., 12C(n,g)13C:
compound_nucleus = 'C13'

In [5]: # Extract capture-gamma data for defined compound nucleus and write results to CSV file in pwd
df=c.capgam(edata, "(0)", format(compound_nucleus))
df.to_csv("cappga_style_00.csv", format(compound_nucleus), index=False)
print(df.to_string(index=False))

Target nucleus: C12
Residual (compound nucleus): C13
C12(n,g)C13
Total radiative thermal neutron-capture cross section = 0.00387 b  $\pm$  3e-05
Reference: 2018MuZT
Maximum  $\Sigma$  = 0.0026389710000000004 b at E = 4945.301 keV; RI = 100.
Type      E      dE      RI      dRI
secondary 595.015 0.009  0.363985 0.015326
primary   1261.765 0.009  47.509579 1.149512
primary   1856.717 0.009  0.237548 0.015326
secondary 3089.057 0.009  0.632104 0.030652
secondary 3683.920 0.009  46.743295 1.149509
primary   4945.301 0.003  100.000000 1.915939

In [6]: # Plot gamma-ray intensities from DataFrame
plot_df_data(df['E'], df['RI'], "(0)".format(compound_nucleus))
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# CapGam cf. pyEGAF : : capgam

## CapGam

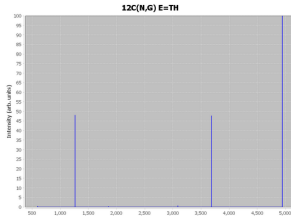
**<sup>12</sup>C(N,G) E=TH**  
Target: <sup>12</sup>C  
Product: <sup>13</sup>C

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Strongest Transition:  
E(γ) = 4945.301 ± 0.003  
I(γ) = 67.47 ± 0.92

Thermal Neutron Capture Cross Section (2000MuZX):  
0.00353 b ± 0.00007 b



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Type	E(γ) (keV)	ΔE(γ) (keV)	I(γ)/I(γ)max × 100	Δ(I(γ)/I(γ)max)
Secondary	595.013	0.014	0.3257	0.0156
Primary	1261.764	0.012	47.9621	0.9225
Primary	1856.716	0.012	0.2371	0.0152
Secondary	3089.049	0.020	0.6373	0.0309
Secondary	3683.921	0.023	47.6300	1.0482
Primary	4945.301	0.003	100.0000	1.5233

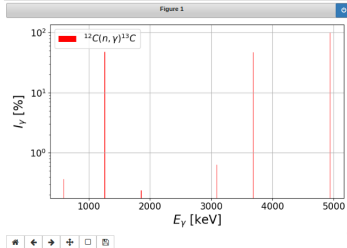
## pyEGAF: 'more'

```
In [4]: # Define compound nucleus as a string
compound_nucleus = '13C'

In [5]: # Extract capture-gamma data for defined compound nucleus and write results to CSV file in pdf
df=c.capgam(edata, '{0}'.format(compound_nucleus), 'more')
df.to_csv('capgam_style {0}.csv'.format(compound_nucleus), index=False)
print(df.to_string(index=False))

Target nucleus: C12
Residual (compound nucleus): C13
C12(N,G)C13
Total radiative thermal neutron-capture cross section = 0.00387 b ± 3e-05
Reference: 2018MuZy
Maximum E = 0.0026389710000000004 b at E = 4945.301 keV; RI = 100.
Type  I  f      E(I)      E(f)      E      dE      RI      dRI
secondary 2  1  3684.400  3089.451  595.015  0.000  0.363985  0.015326
primary  3  2  4946.311  3684.400  1261.765  0.000  47.50579  1.149512
primary  3  1  4946.311  3089.451  1856.717  0.000  0.237548  0.015326
secondary 1  0  3089.451  0.000  3089.057  0.000  0.632184  0.030652
secondary 2  0  3684.400  0.000  3683.920  0.000  46.743295  1.149509
primary  3  0  4946.311  0.000  4945.301  0.003  100.000000  1.91939

In [6]: # Plot gamma-ray intensities from DataFrame
plot_of_data(df['E', 'df', 'RI'], '{0}'.format(compound_nucleus))
```



pyEGAF also displays associated level information.



# Attenuation in Prompt Gamma Activation Analysis


[https://github.com/AaronMHurst/attenuation\\_integration](https://github.com/AaronMHurst/attenuation_integration)

- C++ implementation for calculating attenuation integrated over sample thickness ( $t$ ):

$$\frac{I_\gamma}{I_0} = \int_{x=0}^{x=t} dx \exp\left(-\rho \left(\frac{\mu_\gamma}{\rho}\right) E_\gamma x \cos\theta\right)$$

- Build project out-of-source with CMake.
- Finds unique solution for effective  $t$  corresponding to observed attenuation.
- Project bundled with mass-attenuation coefficients for 100 elements (H ( $Z = 1$ ) to Fm ( $Z = 100$ )) taken from XMuDat.
- Interpolated energies from 1 keV to 20 MeV.
- Program can also be used to calculate simple attenuation for elemental (e.g., Re, La...) or stoichiometric compound (e.g.,  $\text{ReCl}_3$ ,  $\text{LaCl}_3 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ...) samples.



Determination of the effective sample thickness via radiative capture 

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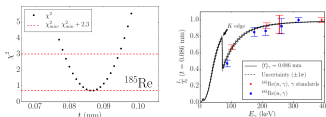
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## ABSTRACT

A procedure for determining the effective thickness of non-uniformly shaped samples via radiative capture is described. In this technique, partial  $\gamma$ -ray production cross sections of a compound nucleus produced in a neutron capture reaction are measured using Prompt Gamma Activation Analysis and compared to their corresponding standardized absolute values. For the low-energy transitions, the measured cross sections are lower than their standard values due to significant photoelectric absorption of the  $\gamma$  rays within the bulk sample volume itself. Using standard theoretical techniques, the amount of  $\gamma$ -ray self-absorption and neutron self-shielding can then be calculated by iteratively varying the sample thickness until the observed cross sections converge with the known standards. The correct attenuation, then, provides a measure of the effective sample thickness illuminated by the neutron beam. This procedure is illustrated through radiative neutron capture using powdered metal samples comprising enriched  $^{185}\text{Re}$  and  $^{187}\text{Re}$  from which their respective equivalent effective thicknesses are deduced to be 0.07(3) mm and 0.040(3) mm, respectively.

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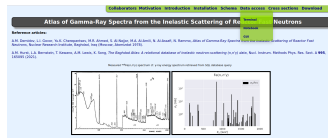


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The “Baghdad Atlas”: Fast-reactor ( $n, n'\gamma$ ) database<https://nucleardata.berkeley.edu/atlas/>

- Energy-integrated ( $n, n'\gamma$ ) data disseminated in book format.
- $\sim 7000$   $\gamma$  rays ( $E_\gamma$ ,  $I_\gamma$ ,  $E_L$ ) from 105 samples: 76 natural and 29 enriched.
- Ge(Li) viewing filtered fast-neutron beam line at the IRT-M Reactor, NRI, Baghdad, Iraq.
- Unique  $^{56}\text{Fe}$  847-keV  $2_1^+ \rightarrow 0_{gs}^+$   $\gamma$ -ray normalization.
- Digitized database, open source dissemination.
- Downloadable SQLite platform built with Makefile.
- Enhanced mathematical functionality provided by shared-object library compiled from C module during build.
- Interact with data using SQL scripts or Jupyter Notebook.
- Future: Deploy to GitHub and develop PyPI project.



The Baghdad Atlas: A relational database of inelastic neutron-scattering ( $n, n'\gamma$ ) data

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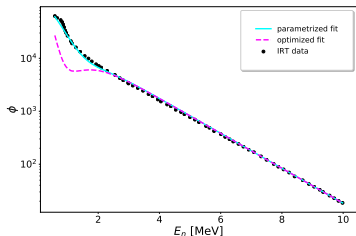
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# Flux at the Baghdad Research Reactor



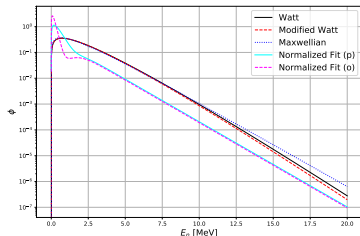
Flux described by compound function:

$$\phi(E_n) = \text{Maxwellian}(E_n \ll 1.5) + \text{Exponential}(E_n \gg 1.5).$$

- Adjust  $kT$  in  $\chi^2$  minimization using  $^{56}\text{Fe}$  data to optimize flux:

$$\chi^2 = (B_{Fe} - B_{kT})V^{-1}(\widetilde{B_{Fe}} - \widetilde{B_{kT}}).$$

- $^{56}\text{Fe}$  data well reproduced for the three strongest transitions:  $E_\gamma = 846.8, 1238.3, 1810.8$  keV.



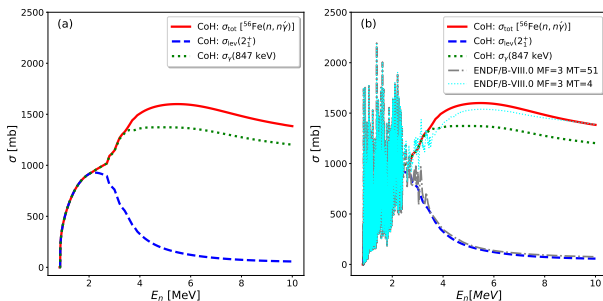
Flux satisfies normalization condition:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \phi^*(E_n)\phi(E_n)dE_n = 1$$

- Watt  $\langle E_n \rangle = 2.00$  MeV.
- Modified Watt  $\langle E_n \rangle = 1.98$  MeV.
- Maxwellian  $\langle E_n \rangle = 1.94$  MeV.
- Parameterized IRT-M  $\langle E_n \rangle = 0.88$  MeV.
- Optimized IRT-M  $\langle E_n \rangle = 0.63$  MeV.



# Convolution of flux with $^{56}\text{Fe}(n, n'\gamma)$ reaction calculations and data libraries



- Deduce flux-weighted averages for all graphed quantities for  $^{56}\text{Fe}$ .

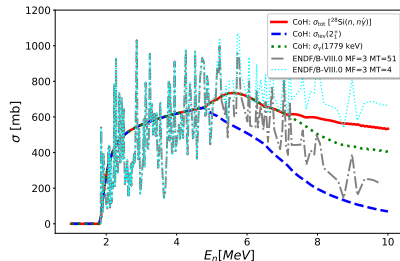
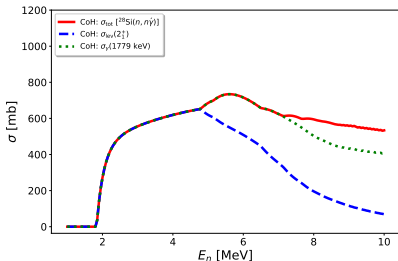
- Results indicate:  $\frac{\langle \sigma_{\text{CoH}}^{\text{lev}} \rangle}{\langle \sigma_{\text{CoH}}^{\text{tot}} \rangle} \approx \frac{\langle \sigma_{\text{lev}}^{\text{ENDF}} \rangle}{\langle \sigma_{\text{tot}}^{\text{ENDF}} \rangle}$ .

- Find  $\langle \sigma_{\gamma}^{\text{ENDF}} \rangle \approx \langle \sigma_{\text{tot}}^{\text{ENDF}} \rangle \frac{\langle \sigma_{\gamma}^{\text{CoH}} \rangle}{\langle \sigma_{\text{CoH}}^{\text{tot}} \rangle}$ .

- CoH calculation and ENDF are consistent for  $^{56}\text{Fe}(n, n'\gamma)$ .



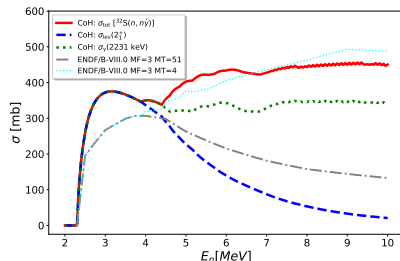
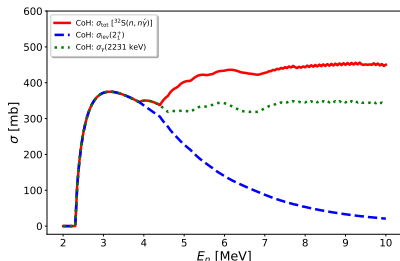
# Validation using the flux: $^{28}\text{Si}(n, n'\gamma)$ ; $E_\gamma = 1779$ keV



Source	$\langle \sigma_\gamma \rangle$ [mb]	$\langle \sigma_{\text{tot}} \rangle$ [mb]	$\langle \sigma_{\text{lev}} \rangle$ [mb]	$\frac{\langle \sigma_{\text{lev}} \rangle}{\langle \sigma_{\text{tot}} \rangle}$
CoH	55.69	55.84	53.45	0.957
ENDF	48.17	48.30	46.59	0.965
Baghdad Atlas	<b>47.1(94)</b>	—	—	—



# Validation using the flux: $^{32}\text{S}(n, n'\gamma); E_\gamma = 2231 \text{ keV}$

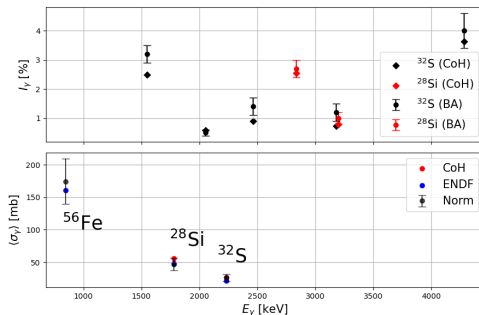


Source	$\langle \sigma_\gamma \rangle$ [mb]	$\langle \sigma_{\text{tot}} \rangle$ [mb]	$\langle \sigma_{\text{lev}} \rangle$ [mb]	$\frac{\langle \sigma_{\text{lev}} \rangle}{\langle \sigma_{\text{tot}} \rangle}$
CoH	26.57	27.91	23.95	0.858
ENDF	21.67	22.76	19.98	0.878
Baghdad Atlas	<b>26.3(53)</b>	—	—	—





# Reproduction of known data in $^{56}\text{Fe}$ , $^{32}\text{S}$ , and $^{28}\text{Si}$ using the flux



- Absolute flux-weighted quantities from CoH and ENDF reproduce known absolute  $I_\gamma$  data in the Baghdad Atlas.
- Explore additional isotopes covering broader energy range.

Neutron flux at the Baghdad Research IRT-M Reactor is *well characterized* in region  $0.862 \leq E_n \leq 5.0$  MeV.



# BEApR: BErkeley Alpha and proton Radioactivity

<https://nucleardata.berkeley.edu/research/betap.html>



- Led by J.C. Batchelder.
- Work in progress: Downloadable PDFs  $-4 \leq T_Z \leq +19$ .
- Arranged by  $T_Z$  and  $Z/A$ .
- JSON format developed.
- Python project development underway.
- Built up from *many* source datasets, e.g.,

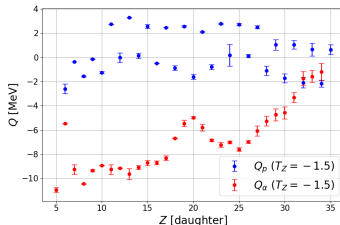
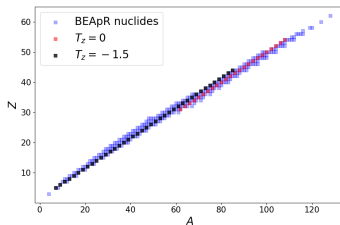
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<sup>39</sup>Ca  $\epsilon$  decay

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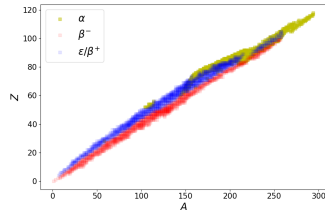


# Open-source Python library paceENSDF on GitHub

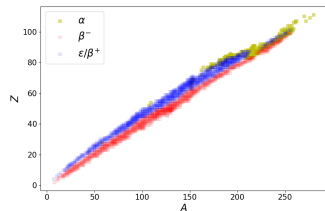
[https://github.com/AaronMHurst/pace\\_ensdf](https://github.com/AaronMHurst/pace_ensdf)

- *Python Archive of Coincident Emissions from ENSDF.*
- Translated 3254 ENSDF-decay datasets to JSON format.
- Converted each ENSDF-decay dataset into RIPL format.
- Generated 2394 JSON-formatted coincidence datasets, i.e., only those containing  $\gamma$  rays.
- Developed suite of Python modules enabling interaction, analysis, and visualization of the **ENSDF-decay** data and derived **coincidence**  $\gamma - \gamma$  and  $\gamma - X$ -ray data.
- Docstrings provided for all methods.
- JSON schema keys documented extensively in README.
- 283 unit tests (multiple virtual Python3 environments).
- Installation, testing scripts, and Jupyter Notebooks.
- JSON and RIPL files bundled with software.
- Over 2500 downloads.

ENSDF decay (all)



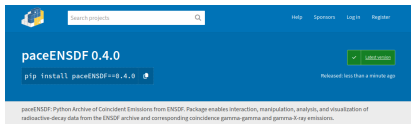
ENSDF decay (with  $\gamma$  data)



`git clone https://github.com/AaronMHurst/pace_ensdf.git`



## paceENSDF on the Python Package Index (PyPI) repository

<https://pypi.org/project/paceENSDF>


paceENSDF 0.4.0

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paceENSDF: Python Archive of Coincident Emissions from ENSDF. Package enables interaction, manipulation, analysis, and visualization of radioactive-decay data from the ENSDF archive and corresponding coincidence gamma-gamma and gamma-X-ray emissions.

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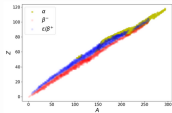
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## Project description

The `paceENSDF` (Python Archive of Coincident Emissions from ENSDF) project [1] is a Python package enabling access, manipulation, analysis, and visualization of the radioactive decay data from the Evaluated Nuclear Structure Data File (ENSDF) library [2]. A total of 2264 data sets encompassing 1034,  $\beta^-$  (1244), and 419 (1279) have been extracted from the ENSDF archive [3], parsed and translated into a representative JavaScript Object Notation (JSON) format (described below). The JSON-formatted data sets constitute a total of 92,264 description  $\gamma$ -rays associated with 41,818 levels. Additionally, we also provide a reference equal-uncertainty library [4] (ENSDF) HTML-translated format of the corresponding decay-scheme data. These data sets are bundled together with the analysis toolkit. A schematic illustrating the portion of the nuclear chart of relevance to the aforementioned decay data from ENSDF is shown in the figure below.


 **pip install paceENSDF**
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EPJ Web of Conferences **284**, 18002 (2023)  
ND2022<https://doi.org/10.1051/epjconf/202328418002>**A decay database of coincident  $\gamma$ - $\gamma$  and  $\gamma$ -X-ray branching ratios for in-field spectroscopy applications**A.M. Hurst<sup>1,\*</sup>, B.D. Pierson<sup>2</sup>, R.C. Archambault<sup>2</sup>, L.A. Bernstein<sup>1,2</sup>, and S.M. Tannous<sup>3</sup><sup>1</sup>Department of Nuclear Engineering, University of California, Berkeley, California, 94720, USA<sup>2</sup>Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, Richland, Washington, 99352, USA<sup>3</sup>Nuclear Science Division, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Berkeley, California, 94720, USA

**Abstract.** Current fieldable spectroscopy techniques often use single detector systems heavily impacted by interferences from intense background radiation fields. These effects result in low-confidence measurements that can lead to misinterpretation of the collected spectrum. To help improve interpretation of the fission products and short-lived radionuclides produced in a composite sample, a coincidence  $\gamma$ -database is being developed in support of a robust portable  $\gamma$  and X-ray coincidence detection system concurrently under development at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory for in-field deployment. Hitherto, no database exists containing coincident  $\gamma$ - $\gamma$  and  $\gamma$ -X-ray branching-ratio information on an absolute scale that will greatly enhance isotopic identification for in-field applications. As part of this project, software has been developed to parse all radioactive-decay data sets from the Evaluated Nuclear Structure Data File (ENSDF) archive to enable translation into a more useful JavaScript Object Notation (JSON) format that more readily supports query-based data manipulation. The coincident database described in this work is the first of its kind and contains coincidence  $\gamma$ - $\gamma$  and  $\gamma$ -X-ray transitions and their corresponding uncertainties, together with auxiliary metadata associated with each decay data set. The new JSON format provides a convenient and portable means of data storage that can be imported into analysis frameworks with relatively low overhead allowing for meaningful comparison with measured data.

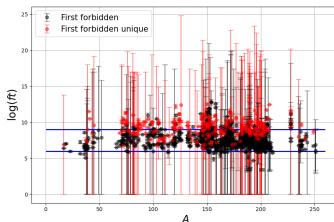
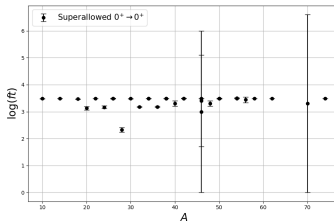


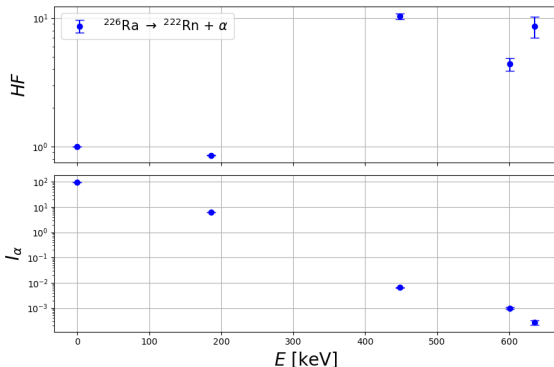
# Querying the ENSDF data

Superallowed transitions in  $\epsilon/\beta^+$  and first-forbidden transitions in  $\beta^-$  decay

Transition	$\log(ft)$	$l$
SA	3.5	0
A	4 – 7.5	0
1 <sup>st</sup> F	6 – 9	1
2 <sup>nd</sup> F	10 – 13	2
3 <sup>rd</sup> F	14 – 20	3
4 <sup>th</sup> F	$\approx 23$	4

- Angular momentum selection rules for **firm**  $J^\pi$  assignments.
- Examine trends and anomalies.



Hindrance factors in  $\alpha$  decay

- Low-lying levels populated in  $\alpha$  decay of  $^{226}\text{Ra} \rightarrow ^{222}\text{Rn}$ .
- Variance and correlation between  $I_\alpha$  and hindrance factors.
- Negative correlation.

$$V = \begin{pmatrix} 14.91 & -80.80 \\ -80.80 & 1368.72 \end{pmatrix}$$

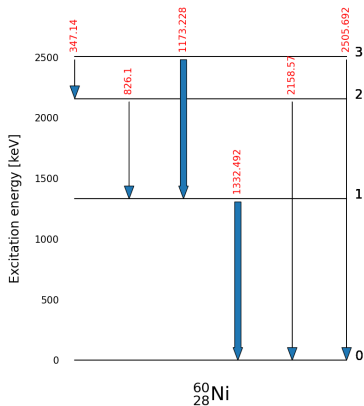
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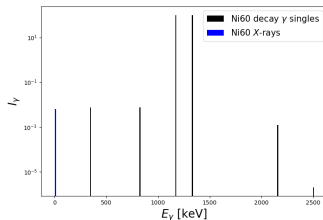
# Delayed $\gamma$ -ray emission from radioactive compounds

Example:  $^{59}\text{Co}(n,\gamma)^{60}\text{Co} \rightarrow ^{60}\text{Ni} + \beta^- [T_{1/2} = 1925.28(14) \text{ d}]$

Delayed  $\gamma$  rays observed in  $^{60}\text{Ni}$  some time after  $n$ -interrogation of  $^{59}\text{Co}$ : Activation signatures from paceENSDF (*Python Archive of Coincident Emissions from ENSDF*).



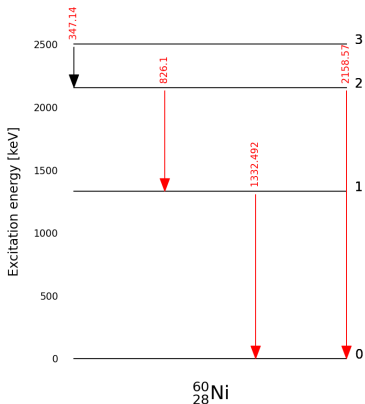
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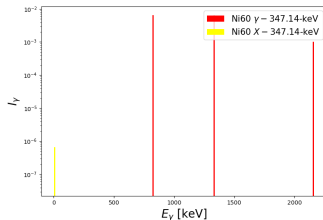
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Gate on 3  $\rightarrow$  2 transition (347 keV)

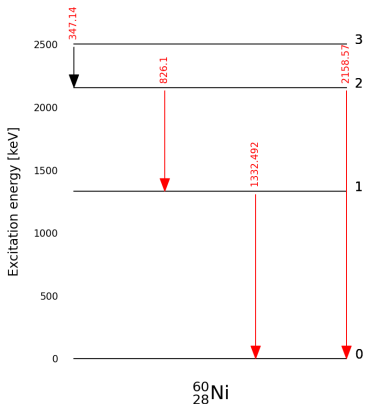




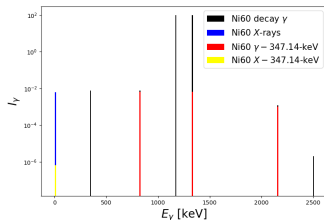
# Delayed $\gamma$ -ray emission from radioactive compounds

Example:  $^{59}\text{Co}(n,\gamma)^{60}\text{Co} \rightarrow ^{60}\text{Ni} + \beta^- [T_{1/2} = 1925.28(14) \text{ d}]$

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“Before” and “after”



# Parallel paths in $\gamma$ -ray cascades

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>>> help(e.show_cascades)
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In [3]: # Show the cascade gamma-ray sequence between the 3->2 and 1->0 transitions in 60Ni following  
# 60Co beta-minus decay (G.S.)  
e.show_cascades(cdata,"BM","Co60",0,3,2,1,0)
```

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Cascade sequence between coincidence gammas: g(347.14 keV)-g(1332.492 keV):  
g(3 [2505.748 keV] -> 2 [2158.612 keV]) - g(1 [1332.508 keV] -> 0 [0.0 keV])
```

Path number 1:

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Transition sequence: 3 -> 2: g(347.14 keV) [2505.748 keV -> 2158.612 keV]  
Transition sequence: 2 -> 1: g(826.1 keV) [2158.612 keV -> 1332.508 keV]  
Transition sequence: 1 -> 0: g(1332.492 keV) [1332.508 keV -> 0.0 keV]
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Out[3]: [(3, 2), (2, 1), (1, 0)]
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In [4]: # Show the cascade gamma-ray sequence between the 9->6 and 1->0 transitions in 147Pm following  
# 147Nd beta-minus decay (G.S.)  
e.show_cascades(cdata,"BM","Nd147",0,9,6,1,0)
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Cascade sequence between coincidence gammas: g(53.1 keV)-g(91.105 keV):  
g(9 [685.899 keV] -> 6 [632.85 keV]) - g(1 [91.1051 keV] -> 0 [0.0 keV])
```

Path number 1:

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Transition sequence: 9 -> 6: g(53.1 keV) [685.899 keV -> 632.85 keV]  
Transition sequence: 6 -> 3: g(222.27 keV) [632.85 keV -> 410.515 keV]  
Transition sequence: 3 -> 1: g(319.41 keV) [410.515 keV -> 91.1051 keV]  
Transition sequence: 1 -> 0: g(91.105 keV) [91.1051 keV -> 0.0 keV]
```

Path number 2:

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Transition sequence: 9 -> 6: g(53.1 keV) [685.899 keV -> 632.85 keV]  
Transition sequence: 6 -> 1: g(541.79 keV) [632.85 keV -> 91.1051 keV]  
Transition sequence: 1 -> 0: g(91.105 keV) [91.1051 keV -> 0.0 keV]
```

```
Out[4]: [(9, 6), (6, 3), (3, 1), (1, 0)], [(9, 6), (6, 1), (1, 0)]
```

Allows for  $\gamma$ -ray cascade reconstruction and re-calculation of coincidence intensities if required.



Forensics applications: Search for  $\gamma - \gamma$  and  $\gamma - X$ -ray pairs $\gamma - X$ -ray search

In [33]: # Find all isotopes containing a gamma-X-ray coincidence pair with a 52-keV X ray and 688-keV gamma, # respectively, assuming the default tolerance=0.5 keV  
e.find\_xray\_coinc(cdata, 52, 688)

Out[33]:

Parent	Decay Index	Ex. Energy	Daughter	Decay Mode	Xray Label	Photon 1	Photon 2
0 Dy195	0	0.0	Tb155	electronCaptureBetaPlusDecay	Kbeta2	51.688	688.4
1 Th104	0	0.0	Dy164	betaMinusDecay	Kbeta1	52.113	695.46
2 Th164	0	0.0	Dy164	betaMinusDecay	Kbeta2	51.947	686.46
3 Lu164	0	0.0	Yb164	electronCaptureBetaPlusDecay	Kalpha1	52.389	667.83
4 Th170	0	0.0	Dy170	betaMinusDecay	Kbeta1	52.113	687.72
5 Th170	0	0.0	Dy170	betaMinusDecay	Kbeta2	51.947	667.72
6 Lu170	0	0.0	Yb170	electronCaptureBetaPlusDecay	Kalpha1	52.389	686.0
7 Hf163	0	0.0	Lu163	electronCaptureBetaPlusDecay	Kalpha2	52.443	686.25
8 Lu169	0	0.0	Yb169	electronCaptureBetaPlusDecay	Kalpha1	52.389	667.93
9 Hf157	0	0.0	Dy157	electronCaptureBetaPlusDecay	Kbeta1	52.113	686.1
10 Hf157	0	0.0	Dy157	electronCaptureBetaPlusDecay	Kbeta2	51.947	688.1

In [35]: # Tune the tolerance to narrow the search window to +/- 0.15 keV  
e.find\_xray\_coinc(cdata, 52, 688, 0.15)

Out[35]:

Parent	Decay Index	Ex. Energy	Daughter	Decay Mode	Xray Label	Photon 1	Photon 2
0 Hf157	0	0.0	Dy157	electronCaptureBetaPlusDecay	Kbeta1	52.113	686.1
1 Hf157	0	0.0	Dy157	electronCaptureBetaPlusDecay	Kbeta2	51.947	688.1

 $\gamma - \gamma$  search

In [37]: # Find all isotopes containing a coincidence pair of gamma rays  
# at 106 keV and 392 keV (default tolerance=0.5 keV)  
e.find\_gamma\_coinc(cdata, 106, 392)

Out[37]:

Parent	Decay Index	Ex. Energy	Daughter	Decay Mode	Gamma 1	Gamma 2
0 Cm243	0	0.0	Pu239	alphaDecay	106.47	392.4
1 Np239	0	0.0	Pu239	betaMinusDecay	106.47	392.4

In [38]: # Tune the tolerance to expand the search window to +/- 2.0 keV  
e.find\_gamma\_coinc(cdata, 106, 392, 2.0)

Out[38]:

Parent	Decay Index	Ex. Energy	Daughter	Decay Mode	Gamma 1	Gamma 2
0 La135	0	0.0	Ba135	electronCaptureBetaPlusDecay	107.32	392.08
1 Fr227	0	0.0	Ra227	betaMinusDecay	107.306	391.57
2 Cm243	0	0.0	Pu239	alphaDecay	106.47	392.4
3 Nd133	0	0.0	Pv133	electronCaptureBetaPlusDecay	105.1	393.3
4 Kr90	0	0.0	Rb90	betaMinusDecay	106.05	392.6
5 Kr90	0	0.0	Rb90	betaMinusDecay	106.92	392.6
6 Tl195	0	0.0	Hg195	electronCaptureBetaPlusDecay	107.0	392.2
7 Np239	0	0.0	Pu239	betaMinusDecay	106.47	392.4
8 Mo104	0	0.0	Tc104	betaMinusDecay	105.2	393.1
9 Cs145	0	0.0	Ba145	betaMinusDecay	105.94	391.15

Search methods for single  $\gamma$  rays and  $X$  rays also implemented in addition to  $\gamma - \gamma$  and  $\gamma - X$ -ray pairs.



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