

Coordinated Research Project on Updating/Improving Nuclear Level Densities for Applications: introduction

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Goal of the CRP

Provide updated recommended nuclear level densities based on new experimental data and models

- Ground-state total level densities
- Fission saddle point level densities
- Average resonance spacings (D_0 , D_1)

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Goal cont'd

Update RIPL-3 segment on Densities

Level Densities Segment

Total Level Densities

Back-Shifted Fermi Gas Model (BSFG)

Level density parameters for the BSFG model obtained by fitting the Fermi-gas model formula to the recommended spacings of s-wave neutron resonances and to the cumulative number of low-lying levels.

[Data File \(34.3kB\)](#) [README File \(2.2kB\)](#)

Gilbert-Cameron Model

Level density parameters for the Gilbert-Cameron model obtained by fitting the Fermi-gas model formula to the recommended spacings of s-wave neutron resonances and by matching the corresponding level density to discrete levels.

[Data File \(42.8kB\)](#) [README File \(2.4kB\)](#)

Enhanced Generalized Superfluid Model (EGSM)

Level density parameters for the Enhanced Generalized Superfluid Model (EGSM), which takes into account collective enhancement of the nuclear level density in addition to shell and superfluid effects. The parameters were obtained by fitting the corresponding model formulas to the recommended spacings of s-wave neutron resonances and by matching level densities to discrete levels.

[Data File \(26.1kB\)](#) [README File \(2.4kB\)](#)

Z Systematics:
[Data File \(1.3kB\)](#) [README File \(1.3kB\)](#)

HFB Total Level Densities

The data files (*.dat) contains the HFB plus combinatorial nuclear level densities at ground state deformations^[1]. The nuclear level density is obtained on the basis of the single-particle level scheme and pairing energy derived at the ground state deformation based on the BSk14 Skyrme force^[2]. Phenomenological level density parameters ctable and ptable are tabulated in files (*.cor) by fitting the HFB calculated curve to the RIPL II recommended spacings of s-wave neutron resonances D0 and to the cumulative number of low-lying levels.

References:
[1] S. Goriely, S. Hilaire, A.J. Koning, Improved microscopic nuclear level densities within the Hartree-Fock-Bogoliubov plus combinatorial model, *Phys. Rev. C* **78** (2008) 064307
[2] S. Goriely, M. Samyn, J.M. Pearson, Phys. Rev. C **75** (2007) 064312

[HFB Data Files \(total 486.6MB\)](#) [HFB README File \(3.1kB\)](#)
[HFB corrections File \(30kB\)](#) [HFB corrections README File \(2kB\)](#)

Retrieval of Total Level Density Parameters

Atomic number (Z)
Mass number (A)
(blank for all mass numbers)

Plot of Total Level Density Parameters (a-parameters)

Select one of below and input no.:
Atomic number (Z)
Mass number (A)
Neutron number (N)

X-axis:

Plot of Total Level Densities

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Average Resonance Spacings Segment

Average Spacings of Neutron Resonances

296 average spacings for s-wave neutron resonances and 82 average spacings for p-wave neutron resonances.

References:
[1] Sukhoruchkin, S.I. et al. in Low Energy Neutrons and their Interaction with Nuclei and Matter. Ed. H.Schopper, Springer-Verlag, Berlin, 2000, v.16B.
[2] Ignatyuk A.V. Contribution to the Second CRP Meeting on RIPL-2 (Verenna, June 2000).

[Data File with s-wave Resonances \(22kB\)](#)
[Data File with p-wave Resonances \(9.4kB\)](#)
[README File \(5.1kB\)](#)

Retrieval of Average Spacings of Neutron Resonances

Atomic number (Z)
Mass number (A)
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Plot of Average Spacings of Neutron Resonances in Function of Mass Number (A)

Atomic number (Z)
(blank for all)
s- or p-wave

Level Densities at Saddle Points Calculated within HFB

The files contains the HFB plus combinatorial nuclear level densities at saddle and isomer deformations^[1]. The nuclear level density is coherently obtained on the basis of the single-particle level scheme and pairing energy derived at the saddle point deformation or shape isomer deformation. The same BSk14 Skyrme force^[2] is used to estimate the fission saddle and isomeric points.

References:
[1] S. Goriely, S. Hilaire, A.J. Koning, Phys. Rev. C (2008) in press
[2] S. Goriely, M. Samyn, J.M. Pearson, Phys. Rev. C **75** (2007) 064312

[Data Files](#) [README File \(4.0kB\)](#)

Retrieval of Level Densities at Saddle Points

Atomic number (Z)
Mass number (A)

Research Objectives I

Low-lying discrete states: IAEA-NDS, Yi Xu

- a) Update low-lying states in the RIPL database
- b) Empirical determination of completeness of levels
- c) Investigate the possible assignment of spin and parities for unknown cases
- d) Review the method to assign spin-cutoff on low-lying states
- e) Low-lying discrete levels for exotic nuclei

RIPL discrete levels database updated in **September 2020** - it contains the correction for +X,.. levels

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Nuclear Levels Segment

Discrete Levels and Decay Data (Updated on December 2021)

Compilation of nuclear level schemes extracted from the ENSDF including additional information retrieved from NUBASE. Missing spins were inferred uniquely from spin distributions constructed using the available spins up to the highest known level. Missing Internal Conversion Coefficients (ICC) were calculated using inferred or available spins. Decays other than electromagnetic are given if available.

[README File \(2021\)](#) [README File \(2020\)](#)
[README File \(2015\)](#) [README File \(2002\)](#)

[Click here to download all LEVELS files](#)

Retrieval of Discrete Levels

Atomic number (Z)
Mass number (A)

Discrete Levels in the GNASH Format

Atomic number (Z)
Mass number (A)

Cumulative Plot

Atomic number (Z)
Mass number (A)
Max Excitation Energy MeV

Level Parameters (analysis of level schemes)

Cut-off energies (U_{\max}) for completeness of level schemes and completeness of spins (U_c) for a given level scheme as determined from the constant temperature fit of nuclear levels. Parameters for calculation of nuclear level densities (nuclear temperature, 'back-shift' and spin cut-off) and some additional parameters are also given.

[Data File \(total 355kB\)](#) [README File \(2.7kB\)](#)

Retrieval of Level Parameters

Atomic number (Z)
Mass number (A)
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Research objectives II

Average Resonance Spacings: Milan Krticka, Anatoly Ignatyuk?, Arjan Koning,....

- Comprehensive compilation of average resonance spacings
- Update of RIPL-3 evaluation using RIPL-3 evaluation method (296 s-wave; 82 p-wave)
- New evaluations with new methods
- Uncertainty quantification for all methods
- Comparison of different evaluations
 - Provide D_0 for $(l+1/2)$ and D_0 for $(l-1/2)$ if available and possible

Pre-requisite:

- Database of measured resonances or resonance parameters (ENDF/B, JEFF, JENDL...)
- Known experimental conditions – quality of measured resonances

Research objectives II cont'd

Other average resonance quantities

- Average neutron widths?
- Average neutron strength S
- Average gamma width Γ_γ

RIPL-3

#	Resonance data for s-wave resonances									
# Z El A Io	Bn	D0	dD	S0	dS	Gg	dG			
Com.										
#			[MeV]	[keV]	[keV]	[1E-4]	[1E-4]	[meV]	[meV]	
&Ref										
#	=====									
=====										
11 Na 23 1.5	6.960	1.00E+02	2.00E+01	0.25	0.15	-	-			
*07I										
12 Mg 24 0.	7.331	4.80E+02	7.00E+01	0.00	0.00	-	-			
*07I										
12 Mg 25 2.5	11.094	5.00E+01	1.00E+01	0.00	0.00	-	-			
*07I										
12 Mg 26 0.	6.446	2.10E+02	8.00E+01	0.00	0.00	-	-			
*07I										
13 Al 27 2.5	7.725	5.50E+01	6.00E+00	2.30	0.50	1600	400			
07I										
14 Si 28 0.	8.474	3.32E+02	3.50E+01	0.50	0.24	-	-			
07I										
14 Si 29 0.5	10.609	1.93E+02	2.20E+01	0.00	0.00	-	-			
*07I										
14 Si 30 0.	6.587	2.25E+02	3.00E+01	0.00	0.00	-	-			
*07I										
15 P 31 0.5	7.937	5.00E+01	1.20E+01	0.42	0.20	2000	400			

Research objectives III

Experimental data: Vetle Ingeberg, Mathis Wiedeking, Thibault Laplace, Kgashane Malatji, Peter von Neumann-Cosel, Alexander Voinov, Kaushik Banerjee, Milan Krticka, Pär-Anders Söderström, Gustavo Nobre

- Compilation of experimental derived level densities [Oslo method, Shape method, inelastic scattering, evaporation spectra,...]
- Comparison of results from different measurement techniques
- Comprehensive uncertainty analysis (including model uncertainties)
- Review of the existing data (e.g., re-adjust to updated normalization data, assign quality indicator);
- Recommendation of experimental derived nuclear level density data

Research objectives IV

Model development (global, semi-global): Cenxi Yuan, Stephane Goriely, Stephane Hilaire, Ruirui Xu, Yuan Tian, Osamu Iwamoto, Yi Xu

- New phenomenological (Gilbert-Cameron, Fermi Gas, Enhanced Generalized Superfluid Model)
- New Microscopic (Comb.+Boson expansion, Shell Model, HFB+comb., Relativistic HFB, ..)
- Comparison with experimental data: Ncum, D0, and experimentally derived NLDs
- Uncertainty quantification

Research objectives V

Validation of models and evaluations – Extensive comparisons with different nuclear reaction codes (CCONE, EMPIRE, TALYS, UNF): Iwamoto, Koning, Nobre, Pomp, Xu, et al.

- Reaction data (e.g. standards, (n,n') , (n,p) , neutron spectrum, prompt fission -spectra)
- Isomeric cross section ratios and $(n,n'\gamma)$ cross section data
- Multi-step cascade gamma spectra
- Average radiative widths
- Maxwellian-Averaged Cross Sections (MACS)
- Isomeric fission yield ratios
- To be considered: D_0 for $(l+1/2)$ and D_0 for $(l-1/2)$

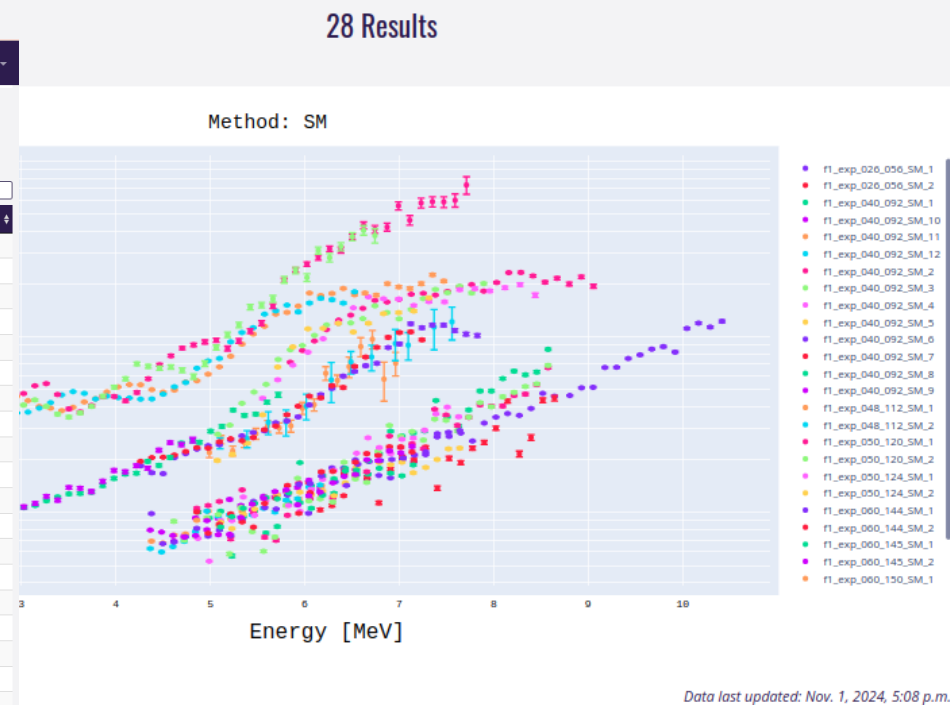
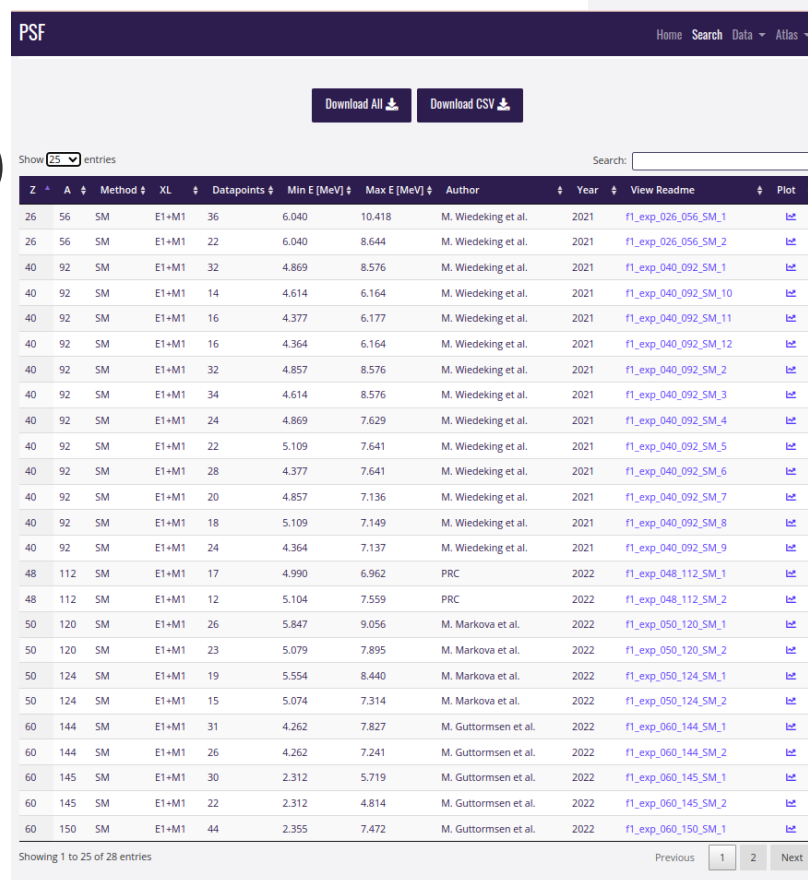
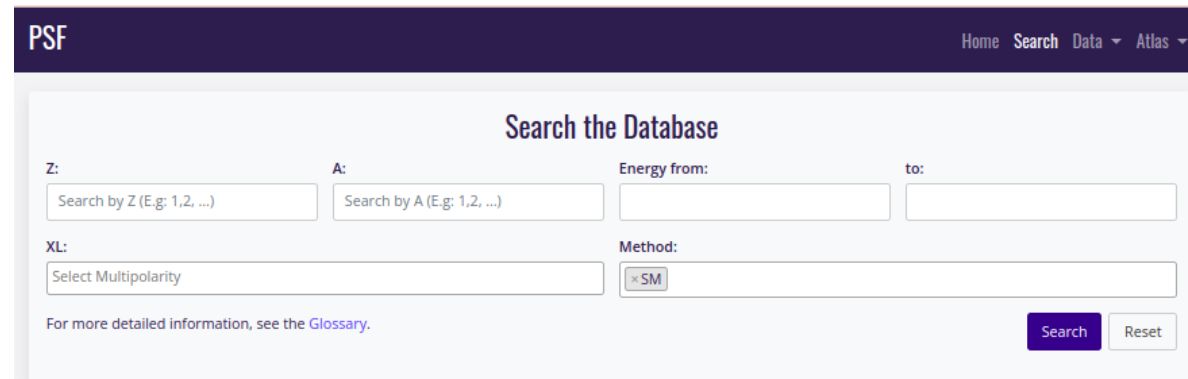
Research objectives VI

Theoretical developments to guide practical calculations and improve understanding: Cenxi Yuan, Yi Xu, ..

- Spin distribution
- Parity distribution
- Damping of shell and collective effects
- Deformation (fission)

Dissemination: IAEA-NDS

- Open repository (GitHub)
- Interactive interface
- Web-based API
- Publications



Outputs

- Recommended NLD models and parameters
- Recommended NLD tables (for both phenomenological and microscopic):
 - a. Provide renormalization parameters on low-lying states and D_0
 - b. Provide adjustment procedure for tabulated NLDs for practical calculations
- Recommended tables of average resonance spacings D_0, D_1, Γ_γ , Strengths
- Compilation of experimental data (derived NLD, resonances, and validation data)
- GitHub repository; interactive interface
- Publication(s) describing technical work and recommendations



Timeline

Duration: 2024 - 2028

RCM 1 : 24-28 March 2025

RCM-2: Q4 2026

RCM-3: Q4 2027→ final outputs and outline of final CRP publication

Consultant Meetings: in between as needed

RCM 1

Agree on individual work plans and additional actions

Assign working group conveners:

WG 1: Low-lying discrete levels

WG 2: Resonances

WG 3: Experimental data

WG 4: Models

WG 5: Validation

WG 6: Theory

WG 7: Dissemination

Outputs need to be discussed in detail:

What (are we able to produce)

Who (has the expertise and time)

How (format)

When (deadlines)

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