



## Status of the Decay Data Evaluation Project (DDEP)

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## Decay Data Evaluation Project (DDEP)

- Decay data evaluations for the metrology community. Initiated by PTB (Germany) and LNHb (France) in 1993, joined by US evaluators in 1994.
- DDEP decay data are officially recommended by the BIPM.
- DDEP is also linked to the metrology community through the ICRM Working Group “Nuclear Decay Data”, coordinated by Mark A. Kellett.
- Latest DDEP meeting (online) on October 26, 2020. 34 attendees from 15 different countries.
- Change in the coordination: Mark A. Kellett (since 2016) → Xavier Mougeot.
- Since then, assessment of the current situation.

## Evaluators

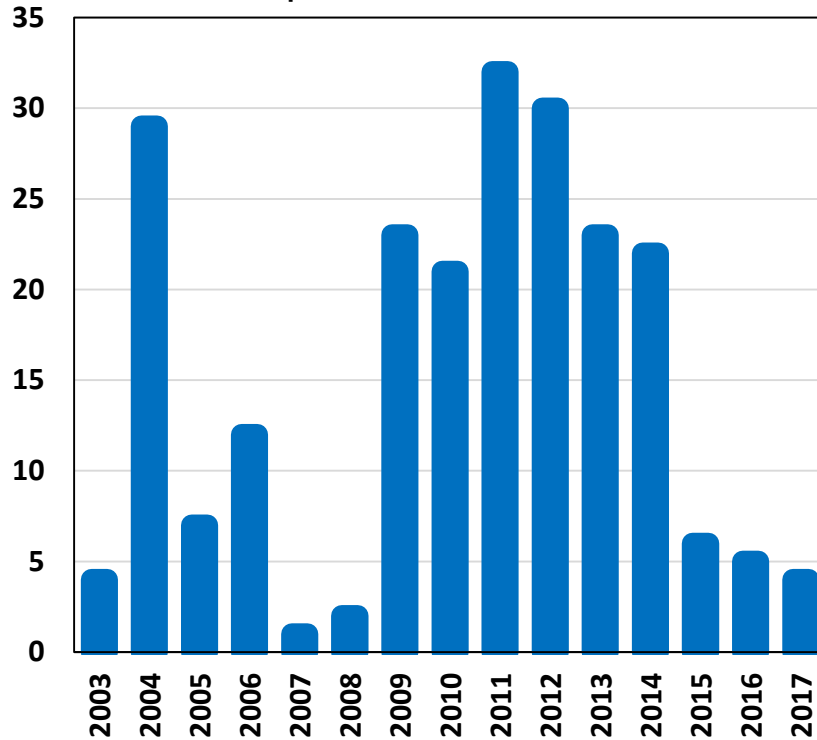
### ➤ LNHB team (part time)

- Christophe Dulieu (IT support)
- Mark A. Kellett (special advisor)
- Yann Kergadallan (evaluations)
- Sylvain Leblond (evaluations)
- Xavier Mougeot (coordination, evaluations)

### ➤ International

- **China:** Xiaolong Huang (CIAE) and Haoran Liu (Metrology Institute)
- **Romania:** Aurelian Luca (IFIN-HH)
- **Russia:** Nikolai Kuzmenko (KRI)
- **UK:** Rob Shearman, Sean Collins, Andrew Fenwick (NPL)
- **US:** Brian Zimmerman (NIST)
- Additional support: Tibor Kibédi (ANU, **Australia**) – *Brlcc & BrlccMixing codes* and others from the wider community who help in the review process, e.g. Balraj Singh (McMaster, **Canada**)

Updated evaluations



Total: 221

Pending nuclei: 15

$^{45}\text{Ti}$ ,  $^{52}\text{Mn}$ ,  $^{52\text{m}}\text{Mn}$ ,  $^{55}\text{Co}$ ,  $^{56}\text{Co}$ ,  $^{87}\text{Rb}$ ,  $^{124}\text{I}$ ,  
 $^{133}\text{Xe}$ ,  $^{135}\text{Xe}$ ,  $^{135\text{m}}\text{Xe}$ ,  $^{226}\text{Th}$ ,  $^{227}\text{Th}$ ,  $^{229}\text{Th}$ ,  
 $^{230}\text{U}$ ,  $^{233}\text{U}$

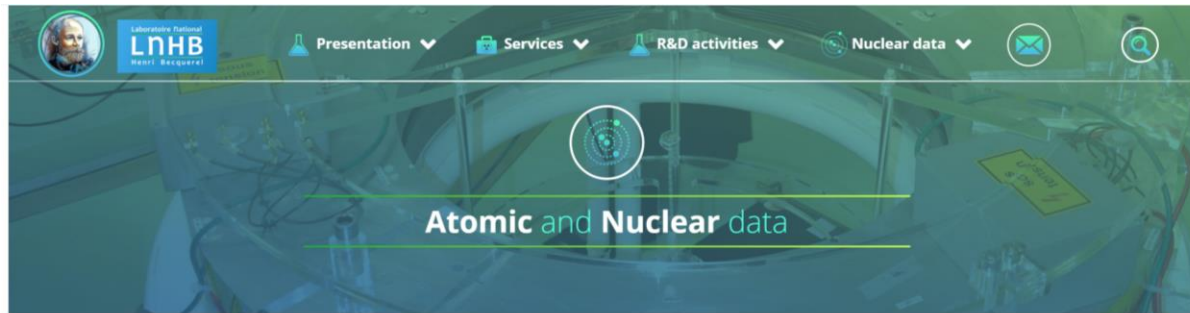
First priority: reviewing and publishing

# Revamped website

Previous website no longer maintained: [nucleide.org](http://nucleide.org)

DDEP decay data are now made available on the new LNHB website:

<http://www.lnhb.fr/nuclear-data/nuclear-data-table/>



This [introduction](#) presents a brief description of the radioactivity physical processes, the enumeration of the evaluation rules leading to the recommended values, and a summary of the symbols and terms used in all the publications.

Explanation on recommended data and their evaluation (in various languages):



Please cite our evaluations using the following references:

Vol.	Publication	Year	ISBN	NSR	BibTeX	Vol.	Publication	Year	ISBN	NSR	BibTeX
99	CEA Report – Table de Radionucléides	1999	2-7272-0200-8	<a href="#">1999BeZQ</a>	<a href="#">TabRad_v0.bib</a>	5	Monographie BIPM-5 – Table of Radionuclides, vol. 5	2010	978-92-822-2234-8	<a href="#">2010BeZQ</a>	<a href="#">TabRad_v5.bib</a>
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4	Monographie BIPM-5 – Table of Radionuclides, vol. 4	2008	92-822-2231-4	<a href="#">2008BeZV</a>	<a href="#">TabRad_v4.bib</a>	9	Monographie BIPM-5 – Table of Radionuclides, vol. 9	2020	to be published	-	-

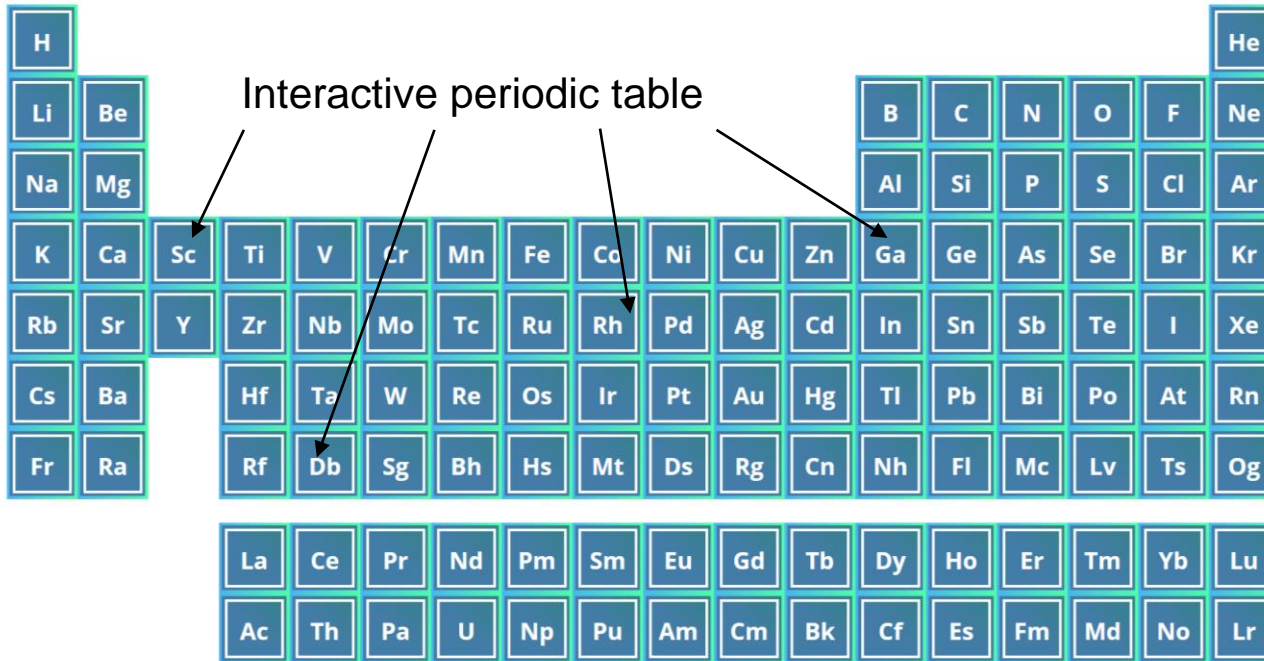
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by Element

by Atomic number (Z)

by Mass number (A)

# Revamped website



Sort by:

Atomic number ▾

E: ENSDF - P: PenNuc - L: Lara - B: BetaShape spectra

Additional files

Nuclide	Z	Vol. (?)	UpDate	Type (?)	Table (?)	Comments (?)	ASCII files (?)	
H-3	<sup>3</sup> H	1	3	04/09/2006	1	T	C	E P L B
Be-7	<sup>7</sup> Be	4	1	18/02/2004	1	T	C	E P L B

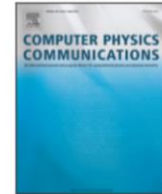
## Radioactive decay module for the PENELOPE Monte Carlo code using DDEP data

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journal homepage: [www.elsevier.com/locate/cpc](http://www.elsevier.com/locate/cpc)PENNUC: Monte Carlo simulation of the decay of radionuclides<sup>☆</sup>E. García-Toraño<sup>a</sup>, V. Peyres<sup>a</sup>, F. Salvat<sup>b,\*</sup><sup>a</sup> Laboratorio de Metrología de Radiaciones Ionizantes, CIEMAT, Avda. Complutense 22, 28040 Madrid, Spain<sup>b</sup> Facultat de Física (FQA and ICC), Universitat de Barcelona, Diagonal 645, 08028 Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain

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The Fortran subroutine package PENNUC that performs Monte Carlo simulation of the decay of radioactive nuclides is described. The adopted nuclear decay characteristics (possible disintegration modes and branching ratios, energies and half-lives of nuclear energy levels, types and energies of emitted particles) are from the NUCLEIDE evaluated database ([http://www.nucleide.org/DDEP\\_WG/DDEPdata.htm](http://www.nucleide.org/DDEP_WG/DDEPdata.htm)) in the specific format PenNuc. The initial energies of electrons and positrons emitted in beta disintegrations are sampled from their continuous spectra by means of the RITA (rational inverse transform with aliasing) algorithm, which is described in the Appendix. Electronic relaxation of the residual ion after electron capture and internal conversion is simulated by using the data and sampling methods of the PENELOPE code system. At each call the subroutines deliver a list of state variables of the particles (photons, electrons, positrons and alphas) emitted in a random decay path of the considered radionuclide down to a metastable level or to the ground state of the daughter nucleus. The



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## Nuclide++: A C++ module to include DDEP recommended radioactive decay Data in Geant4

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This article describes the Nuclide++ module developed at LNE-LNHB to simulate the decay schemes related to single or multiple radionuclides, by randomly selecting decay pathways. Written in C++, with respect of the Geant4 coding style, this module can be used transparently in Geant4-based simulation applications as an alternative to the existing Radioactive Decay Module (RDM). Nuclide++ takes advantage of the DDEP recommended data, accurate  $\beta$ -emitting spectra calculation and detailed description of the atomic rearrangement. This module can be useful in many applications, especially those involving radioactive sources. The reliability of the module was verified through comparisons with a while chosen radionuclides.



### Nucléide - Lara

Library for gamma and alpha emissions

**Nuclide list:**  
  
 Nuclide, element or mass number search:  
 or   
 (e.g.: 57Co, Co-57, Co, 57)

Energy threshold (keV):   
 Intensity threshold (%):   
 Coincidence threshold (%):   
 Show  $\gamma$ - $\gamma$  coincidences   
 Sort by decreasing intensity

Display:  
 Data  Tools  Emissions  Scheme  
 X  Gamma  Alpha

Language:  EN  EO  FR

Nuclide search criteria

Decay mode:   $\beta^+$ ,  $\epsilon$    $\beta^-$   IT   $\alpha$   
 (  And  Or  XOr )

Emissions:  X  Gamma  Alpha

Energy 1 (or range):   $\pm$  / -  keV  
 Energy 2 (or range):   $\pm$  / -  keV  And  
 Energy 3 (or range):   $\pm$  / -  keV  Or

Intensity range:  -  %  
 Mass range:  -  u  
 Atomic number range:  -   
 Half-life range:  a  -  a

Last update: 2017-03-03 (data\*) & 2020-07-23 (code)

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### $^{40}\text{K}$ - Emissions and decay scheme

**Data** | Tools | Emissions | Scheme

**Data**

Element: Potassium (Z=19)  
 Daughter(s): Ar-40 ( $\beta^+$ ,  $\epsilon$ , 10.75%), Ca-40 ( $\beta^-$ , 89.25%)  
 $Q^+$ : 1504.69 keV,  $Q^-$ : 1311.07 keV  
 Half-life (T<sub>1/2</sub>): 1.2504 (30) 10<sup>9</sup> a  $\approx$  39.46 (9) 10<sup>15</sup> s  
 Decay constant ( $\lambda$ ): 17.566 (42) 10<sup>-18</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>  
 Specific activity (A<sub>m</sub>): 264.5 (6) 10<sup>3</sup> Bq.g<sup>-1</sup>  
 Reference: LNHB, INEEL - 2009  
 Associated data files: [Table](#) - [Comments](#) - [ENSDF](#) - [PenNuc](#)

Data and emissions file (ASCII text format): [K-40.txt](#)

**Tools**

Activity  $\rightleftharpoons$  Mass conversion:  Bq  $\rightleftharpoons$   g

Decay calculation:  calculation step(s)  
 : t<sub>1</sub> → t<sub>2</sub> =  →  a   
 : d<sub>1</sub> → d<sub>2</sub> =   2020 16:34:36 →   2020 16:34:36

Nuclide	(T <sub>1/2</sub> )	A <sub>0</sub>	A(t <sub>1</sub> )	A(t <sub>2</sub> )
$^{40}\text{K}$	(1.2504 10 <sup>9</sup> a)	1000	500	0.9765625 Bq

(d<sub>2</sub> - d<sub>1</sub> = Debug d)

**Emissions**

Coincidence threshold: 10%  
 Emissions (6 lines) sorted by decreasing intensity

Energy (keV)	Intensity (%)	Type	Origin*	Levels Start* End*	Possible coincidence with (keV) / Possible sum of (levels)
1 460.822 (6)	10.55 (11)	Y	Ar-40	1 0	
2.95774 (-)	0.592 (17)	X <sub>K<math>\alpha</math>1</sub>	Ar-40		
2.95566 (-)	0.299 (9)	X <sub>K<math>\alpha</math>2</sub>	Ar-40		
3.1905 (-)	0.096 (4)	X <sub>K<math>\beta</math>1</sub>	Ar-40		
0.26545 (-)	0.003 (1)	X <sub>L</sub>	Ar-40		
511 (-)	0.00200 (24)	Y $\pm$	Ar-40	-1 -1	

**Scheme**

$\beta^+$ ,  $\epsilon$   
10.75%

1.2504 (30) 10<sup>9</sup> a

10.55

1460.851

10.55

0.2

0.001

Stable

$^{40}_{18}\text{Ar}$

Q<sup>+</sup> = 1504.69 keV

$\beta^-$   
89.25%

1.2504 (30) 10<sup>9</sup> a

89.25

0

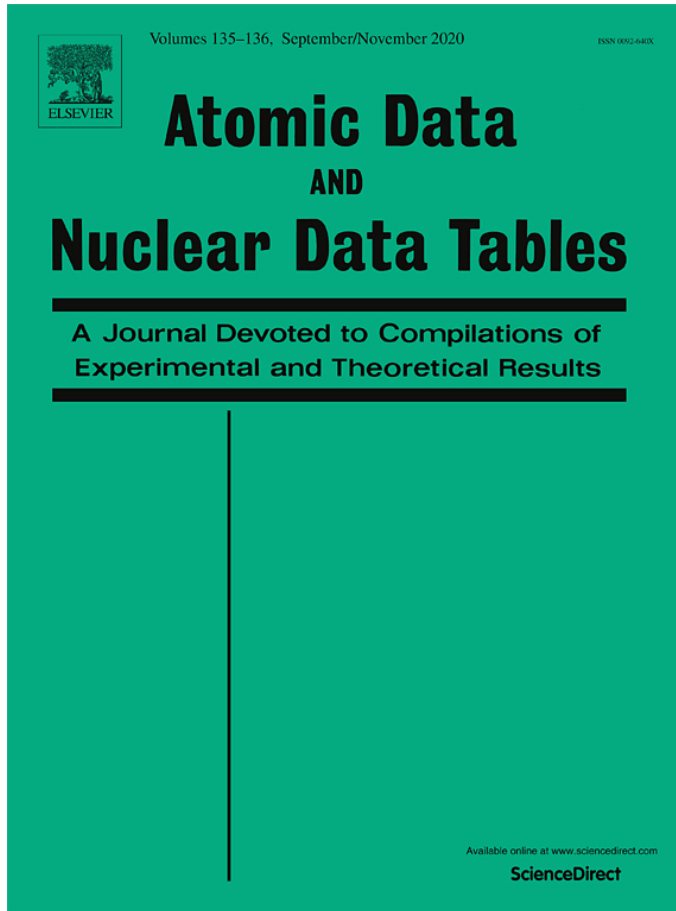
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Stable

$^{40}_{20}\text{Ca}$

Q<sup>-</sup> = 1311.07 keV

## Publication of Lara Tables



Lara Tables: Library for alpha, X and gamma emissions sorted by increasing energy.

We would like to publish an updated version in Atomic Data and Nuclear Data Tables (open access).

We are waiting for the publication of the pending nuclei.

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## Measurement of the absolute gamma-ray emission intensities from the decay of $^{103}\text{Pd}$

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New measurement of  $^{103\text{m}}\text{Rh}$  decay and evaluation of  $^{103}\text{Pd}/^{103\text{m}}\text{Rh}$  scheduled in 2021.



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## Measurement of the absolute gamma-ray emission intensities from the decay of $^{147}\text{Nd}$

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### ABSTRACT

The 2011 Decay Data Evaluation Project (DDEP) evaluation for  $^{147}\text{Nd}$  includes recommended absolute emission intensities for the two main gamma-rays at 91.105 (2) keV and 531.016 (22) keV of 0.284 (18) and 0.127 (9) respectively, i.e. with uncertainties of 6.3% and 7.1%. These large uncertainties stem from inconsistencies in the published data and are unfit for modern purposes, since the production of  $^{147}\text{Nd}$  is used as an important neutron flux dosimeter.

The LNE-LNHB has undertaken new absolute gamma-ray emission intensity measurements. The results of these measurements will be presented, along with a full uncertainty budget, and their effect on the recommended data uncertainties will be discussed.

Pending update of the evaluation: waiting for Los Alamos and NPL new measurements.



Review

## The joint evaluated fission and fusion nuclear data library, JEFF-3.3

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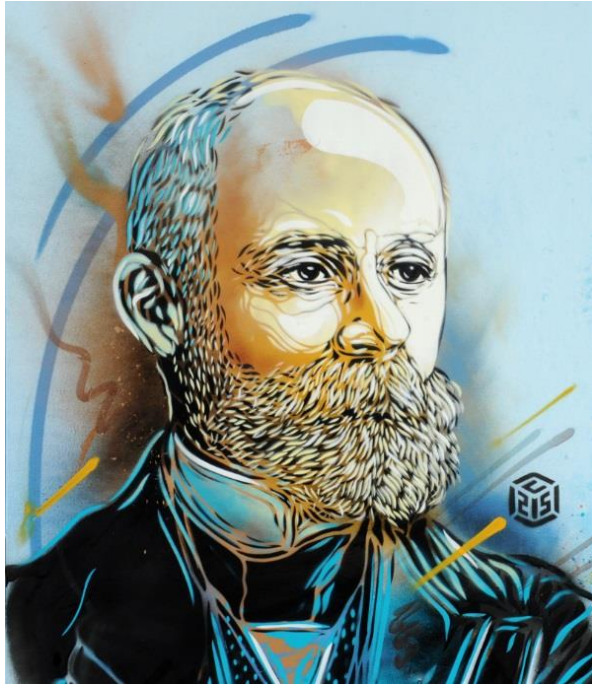
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## Link with NSDD

- Discussions during the latest DDEP meeting with Balraj Singh.
- Common rules for evaluating half-lives: guidelines from Alan L. Nichols and Balraj Singh to be circulated within DDEP.
- Possible joint evaluations:  $^{137}\text{Cs}$ ,  $^{147}\text{Nd}$ ,  $^{194}\text{Ir}$ ,  $^{194\text{m}}\text{Ir}$ .
- If interest in some pending nuclei, help in reviewing is more than welcome.
- When published, DDEP can send the evaluation, e.g. to the coordinator of the corresponding mass chain.



**Thank you for your attention**

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