



# Los Alamos Report to NDAG

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# Summary of Los Alamos FY20 NCSP Nuclear Data Accomplishments (1)

## ■ Evaluations

- U-234 and U-236 submitted to NNDC (Stetcu)
- Be-9 completed; undergoing testing; submission to NNDC pending (Paris)
- U-235/U-238 fission ratio cross-sections by niffteTPC incorporated into standards (Neudecker)
- Initial work on high-energy Ta-181 (Herman)

## ■ Measurements

- U-233 capture: assessment of previous “thin” target data; finalize specifications and order material for new “thick” target; testing of NEUANCE detector (Couture)
- Pu-240 PFNS (with LLNL): Pu-240, apparatus for foil preparation and PPAC obtained; measurements on LANSCE 2021 schedule (Devlin / Wu)

# Summary of Los Alamos FY20 NCSP Nuclear Data Accomplishments (2)

- Codes, Theory, and Modeling
  - Report on Status / Plans for Consistent Evaluation of Fission Observables (Lovell)
  - NJOY21: RECONR modernized and implemented; LEAPR modernized in stand-alone code (Conlin)
  - Updated  $S(\alpha,\beta)$  library for MCNP created, documented, and distributed (Parsons)
  - Extensive report on 2-year LANL project exploring Machine Learning for Nuclear Data evaluation and validation (Neudecker)

# Summary of Los Alamos FY21 NCSP Nuclear Data Plans (1)

- Evaluations
  - U-235 and Pu-239 fission cross-sections incorporated into standards from TPC Pu-239/U-235 ratio data
  - U-235 and Pu-239: Evaluate PFNS and multiplicity consistently, including angular information about prompt neutrons
  - U-235: Develop consistent evaluation of fission yields, neutron multiplicity, and spectra from thermal to 20 MeV
  - U-235: Finalize prompt fission neutron spectra based on LANSCE high-energy emission data from Chi-Nu
  - Complete Ta-181 high-energy evaluation and initiate work on Li-6 and U-233

# Summary of Los Alamos FY21 NCSP Nuclear Data Plans (2)

- Measurements
  - U-233 capture: Complete fabrication of new U-233 target; acquire initial data using DANCE and NEUANCE (beam time available through Dec 21 and Q3-Q4)
  - Pu-240 PFNS (with LLNL): Electroplate material onto thin Ti foils (12); assemble and test the PPAC; acquire data (beam time scheduled at LANSCE during Q4)
  - Mo-95: finish analysis of  $^{95}\text{Mo}$  neutron capture, transmission, and resonance spin/parity data taken at ORELA
- Codes, Theory, and Modeling
  - NJOY21: Integrate modernized versions of THERMR and LEAPR; demonstrate modernized version of ACER
  - FAUST: continued focus on enabling capabilities for enhanced data testing and benchmarking