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## Delayed Fission Gammas



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# Introduction

**LLNL has a DOE NCSP task to test the suitability of ENDF/B-VII.0 delayed fission gammas data for use in criticality accident (dose) assessment**

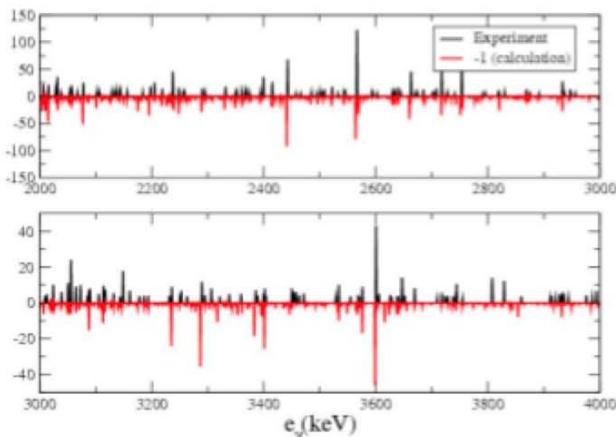
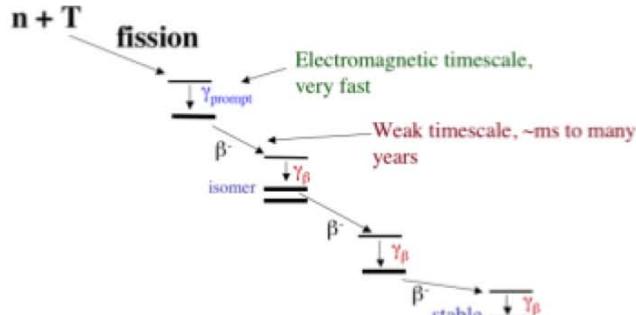
- \* ENDF/B-VII.0 delayed fission gamma data are not suitable for this application (slides 3 and 4)
- \* Yanagisawa's results – Journal of Nuclear Science and Technology, vol. 39, no. 5, 499-505 (2002) – look promising
- \* **New work by Ed Lent (LLNL)** following Pruett and Yanagisawa
- \* **Proposed new data for ENDF/B-VII.1**

# ENDF/B-VII.0

ENDF/B-VII.0 data provided by LLNL

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## Simulating $\beta$ -delayed $\gamma$ 's from fission



**Monte-Carlo model  
(J.Pruet, et al. NIM A,  
521, 608 (2004) )**

- Generate fission fragment from England and Rider. **Monte Carlo**
- Follow  $\beta$ -decay chain to stability
- Collect  $\gamma$ 's along the way. **NuDat database**
- Generally good agreement w/ experiment of Norman et al.

**This detailed data should work for dose assessment purposes as well ..... but**

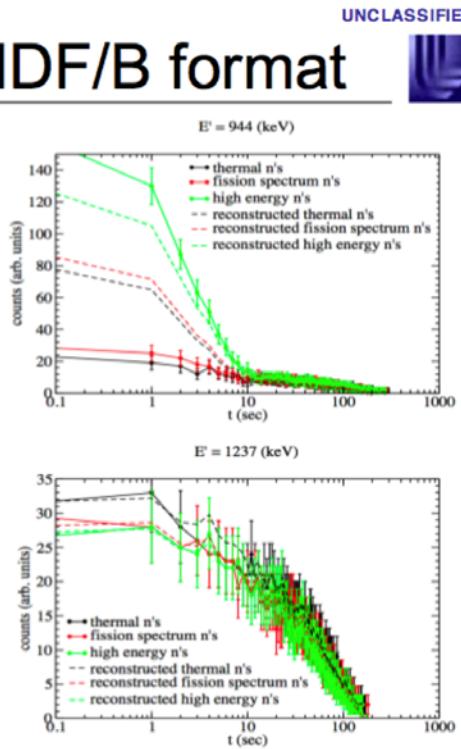
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## Putting data in ENDF/B format

- Approximate  $\gamma$  spectrum/unit time as product of time distribution and multiplicity:
- $s_\gamma(E, E_\gamma, t) = y(E, E_\gamma)T(t)$
- In MT=460, MF=1,14
- 3129 lines in  $^{239}\text{Pu}$ , 3262 lines in  $^{235}\text{U}$
- Data in use in COG transport code

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Unfortunately, Prael data way off in energy and multiplicity\*:

Nd	Ed	Reference
3.6 g/f	2.89 MeV/f	Prael (2004)
6.66 g/f	6.22 MeV/f	Lent (2010) ... this work
N/A	6.33(5) MeV/f	ENDF/B-VII.0
6.51 g/f	6.43(30) MeV/f	PhysRevC 6:1023(1972)
6.7 g/f	6.51(30) MeV/f	PhysRevC 7:1173 (1973)
7.45 g/f	7.18(26) MeV/f	PhysRevC 3:373 (1971)
7.9 g/f (1967)		PhysRevC 6:1023

\*Personal communication with Dave Brown (N-Div) at mini-CSEWG (2010). Ed/Nd = 0.80 MeV/g (Prael) when it should be ~ 1 MeV/g.

**ENDF/B-VII.0 data is not suitable for dose calculations**

# Yanagisawa 2002

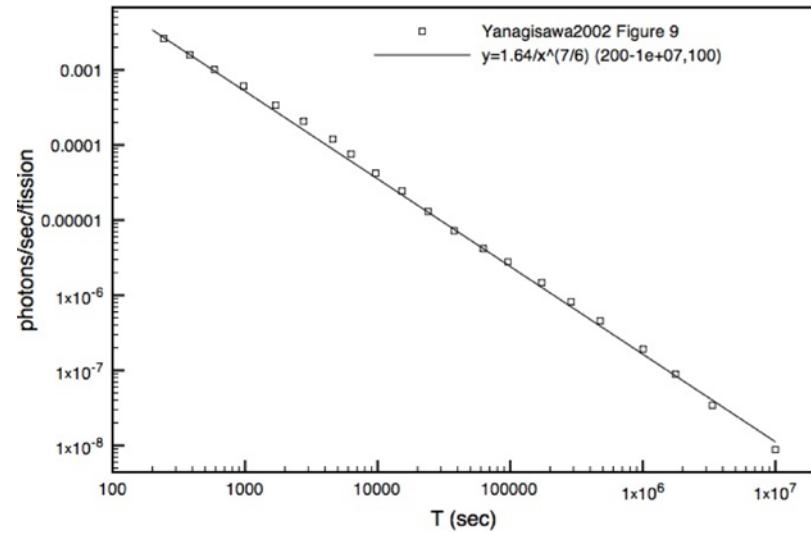
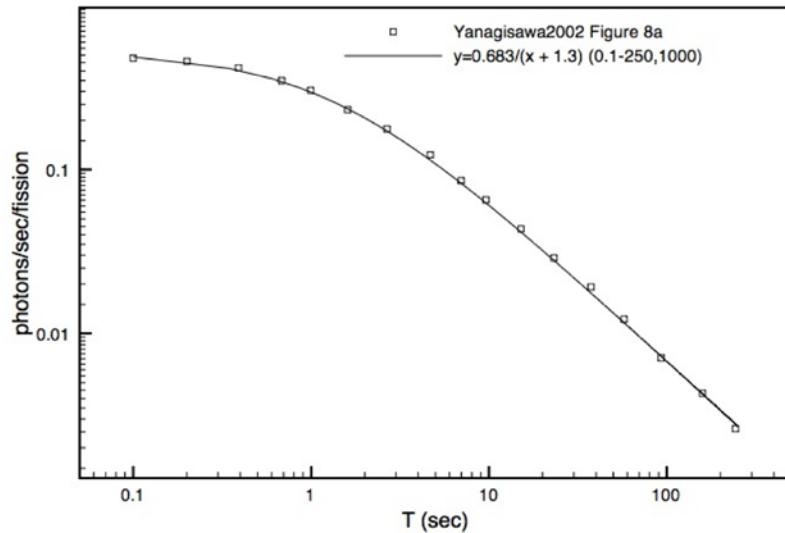
Journal of NUCLEAR SCIENCE and TECHNOLOGY, Vol. 39, No. 5, 499–505 (May 2002)  
provides detailed multiplicity data without spectra.

Way-Wigner  $T^{-1.2}$

Ed Lent digitized and fit Yanagisawa's time-dependent photon multiplicity data

$$n_d = 0.683/(T + 1.3), \quad T < 200 \text{ sec}$$

$$n_d = 1.64/T^{7/6}, \quad T > 200 \text{ sec}$$



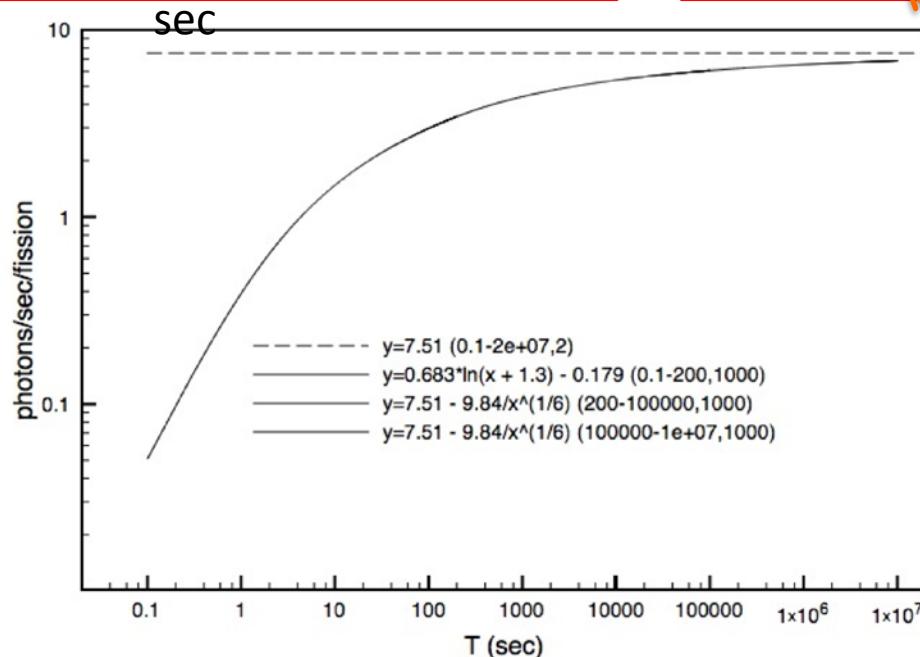
# Yanagisawa 2002

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Ed Lent also integrated these equations to determine the cumulative number of delayed photons in the time interval  $[0, T]$ :

$$N_d = 0.683 \ln(T + 1.3) - 0.179, \quad T < 200$$

$$N_d = 7.51 - 9.84/T^{1/6}, \quad T > 200 \text{ sec}$$



7.51 delayed photons per fission  $[0, \infty]$ , which is in agreement with the value  $7.45 \pm 0.35$  given by Peele and Maienschein, Phys. Rev. C 3:373 (1971).

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# This work

Ed Lent replicated previous work by Pruett and Yanagisawa by:

## COGFY

T.R. England and B.F. Rider database (LA-UR-94-3106, ENDF-349) of fission products (789 FP nuclides for  $^{235}\text{U}$  vs. probability at the instant of fission) – **like Pruett**

## COGDC

JENDL-FPDD2000 containing 1221 FP half-lives, daughter branching ratios, and discrete and/or continuous gamma energy spectra – **like Yanagisawa**

## RadSrc

\* Bateman solutions previously developed for gamma emission from  $\alpha$ -decay

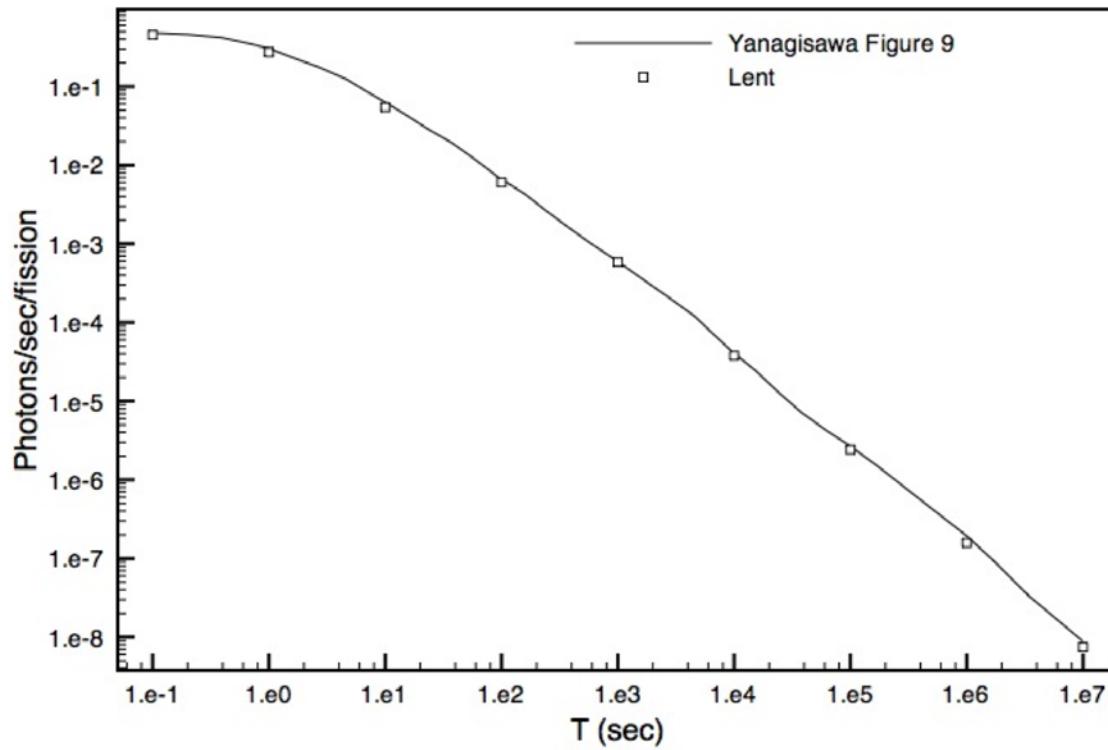
## GetEG

The final piece is a code, GetEG, to put all the above pieces together. The input is ***isotope t***, where ***isotope*** is one of the FY isotopes (e.g., fast pooled neutron induced fission of U235), and ***t*** is the time in seconds. Start with the first nuclide in the ***isotope***'s fission product list. Use the DC branching ratio data to develop the (various possible) decay chain(s), add the DC half-life data to get the resultant nuclides amplitudes and decay rates at time ***t***, sum the DC discrete and/or continuous gamma energies to get the number of delayed gammas and associated gamma energy spectrum. Weight these results with the appropriate FY probability. Step through the remaining nuclides in the ***isotope***'s fission product list in a similar manner, summing the results as you go.

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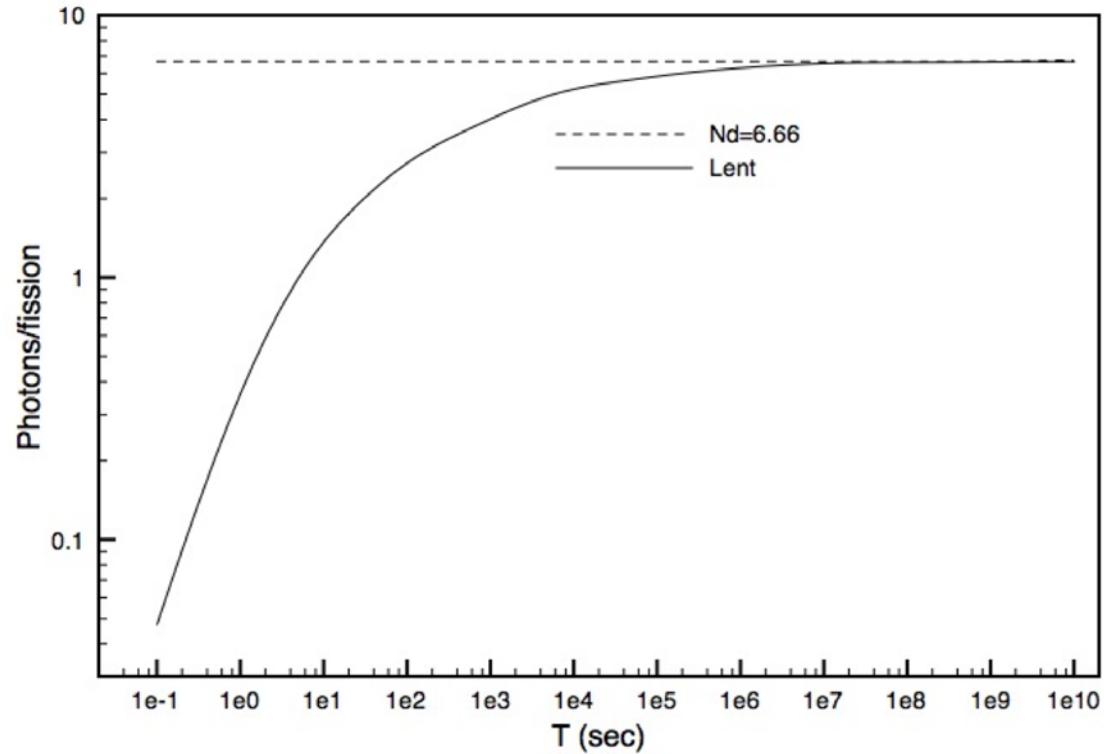
# Results (1)

Lent's calculations produce delayed FP gamma multiplicities about 4% lower than Yanagisawa's results **– good agreement!**



# Results (2)

Lent performed FP decay calculations out to  $1e10$  seconds and integrated the data to yield the photons/fission in the time interval  $[0, T]$ :



# Results (3)

Ed Lent compared his calculated multiplicity against measured data ...

Godiva

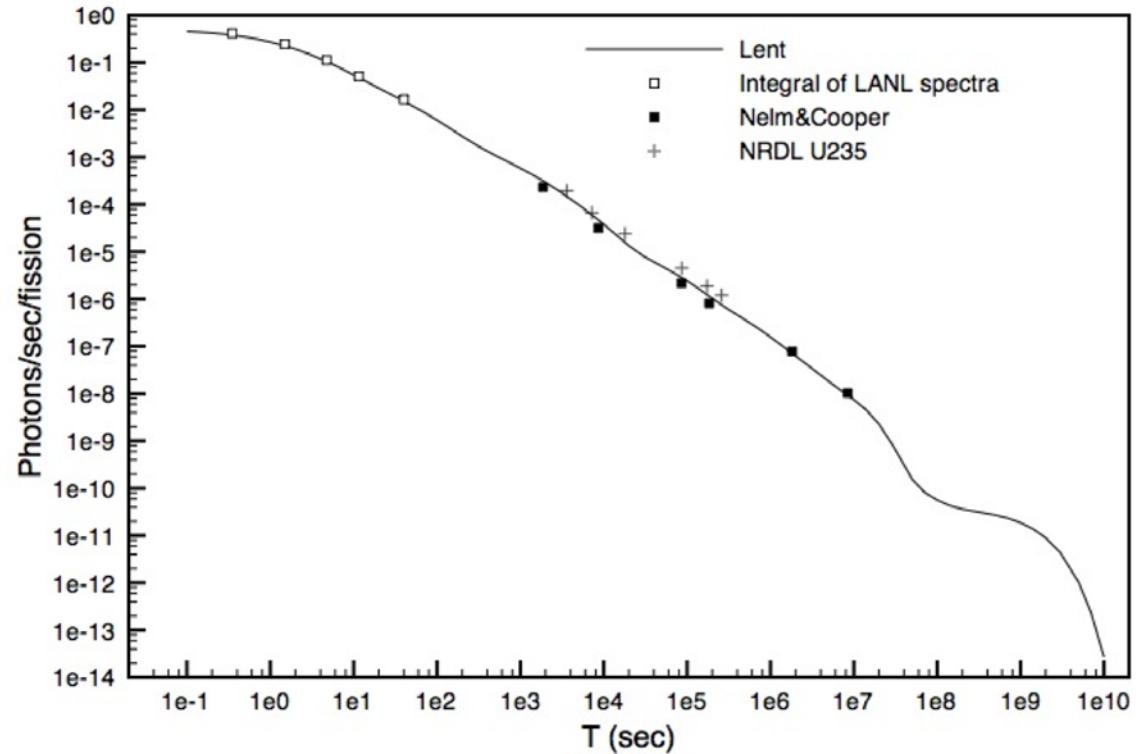
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Nelms & Cooper

Health Physics, 1, 427, 1959

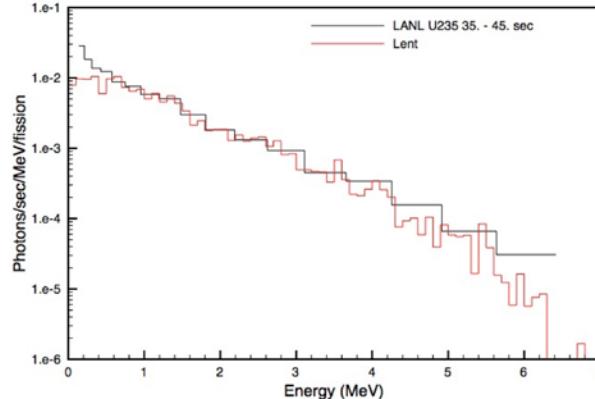
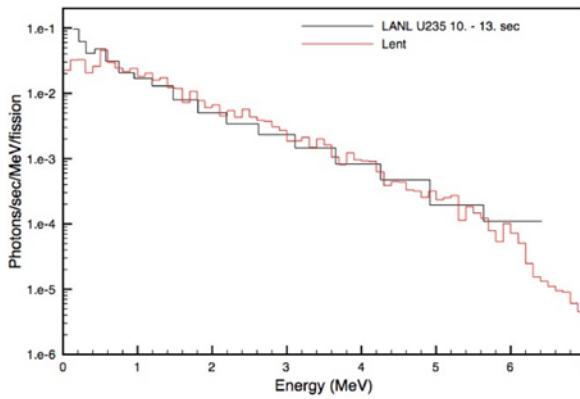
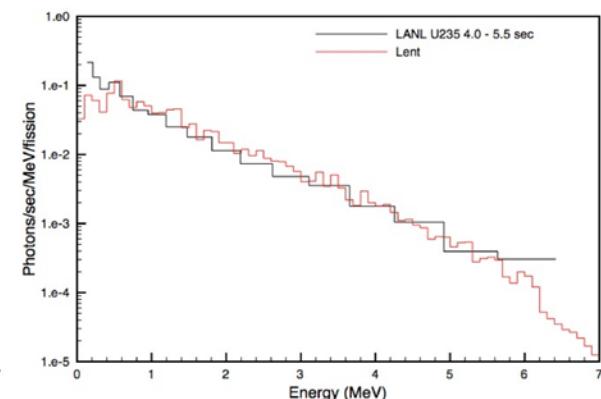
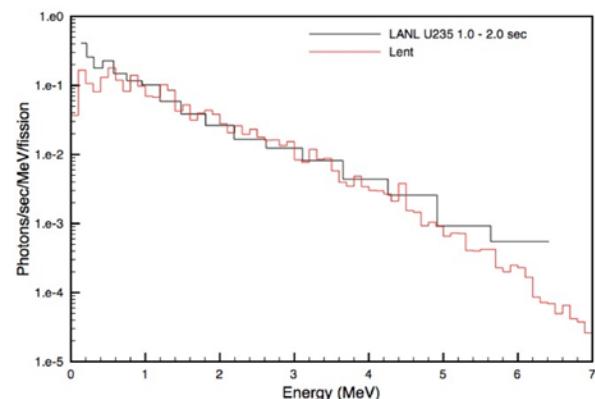
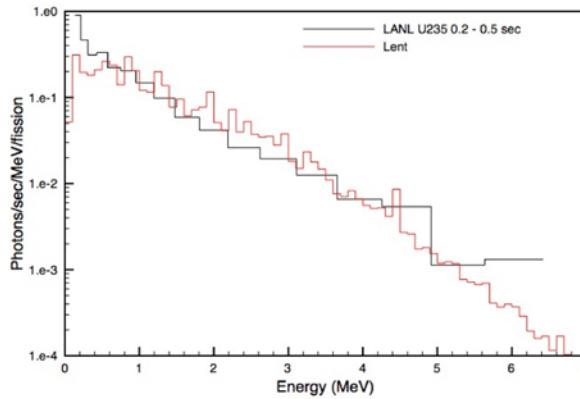
NRDL

NSE, 29, 432, 1967



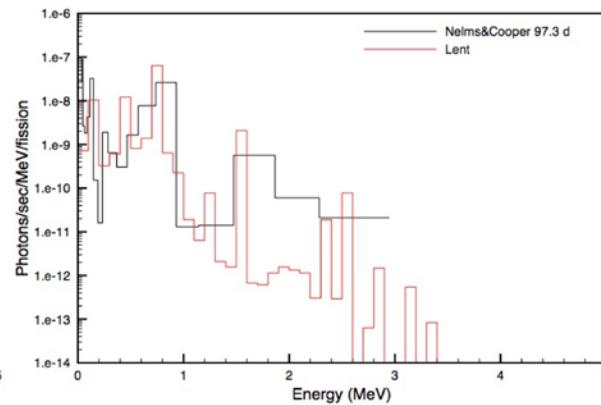
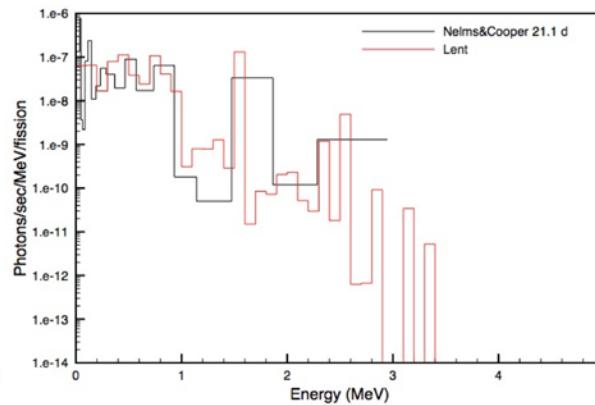
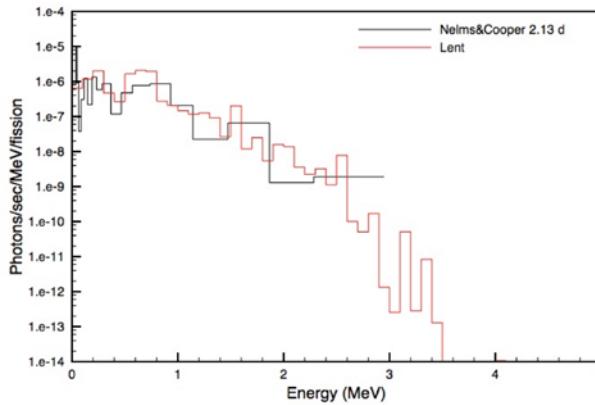
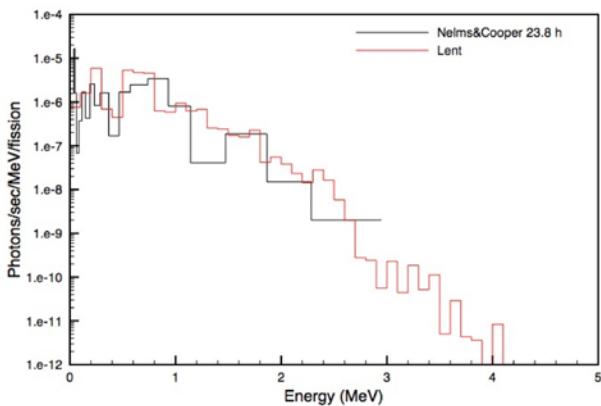
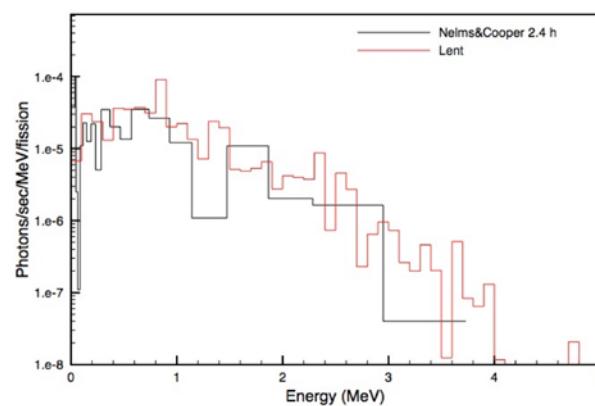
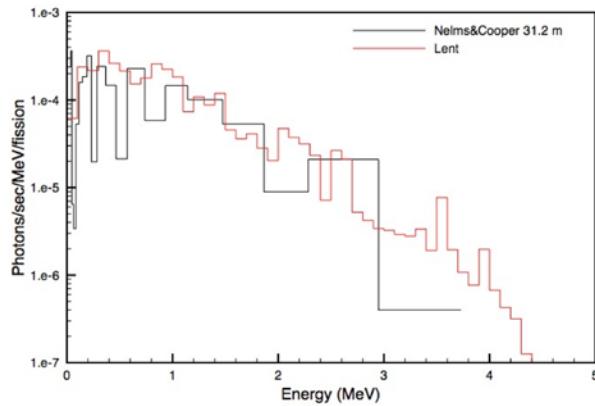
# Results (4)

... and Ed Lent compared his calculated spectra against LANL (Godiva) measured data at early times (< 1 min) ...



# Results (5)

... and Ed Lent compared his calculated spectra against Nelms & Cooper measured data later times (1/2 hour to 97 days) ...

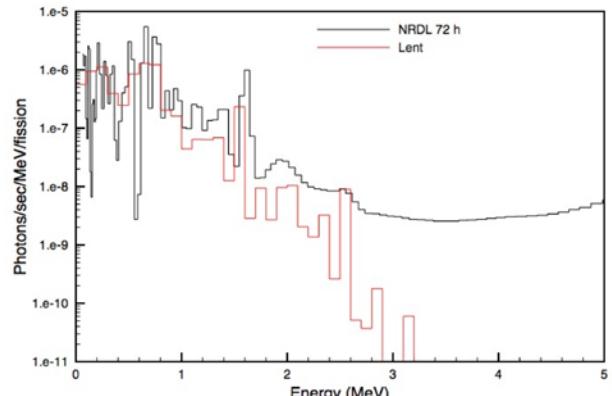
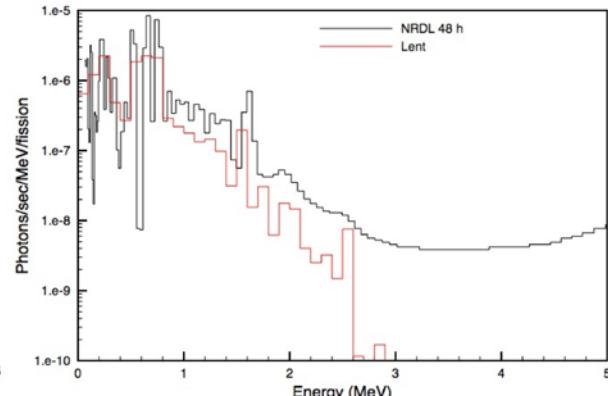
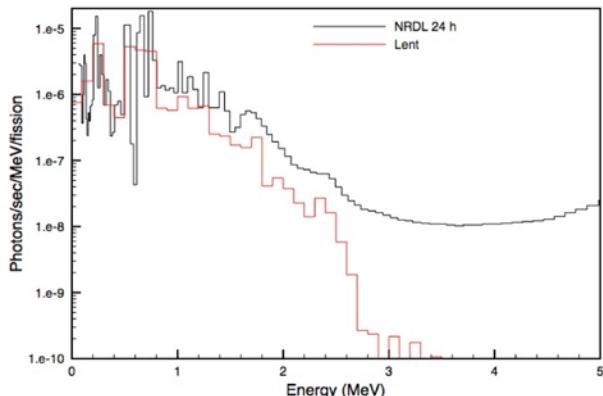
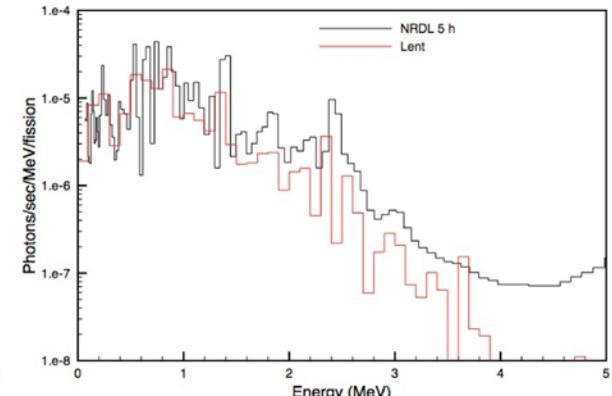
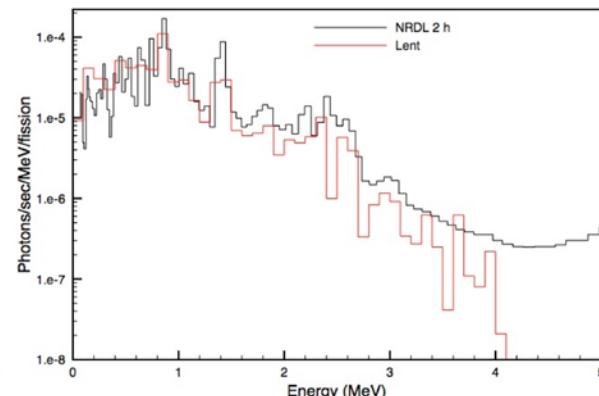
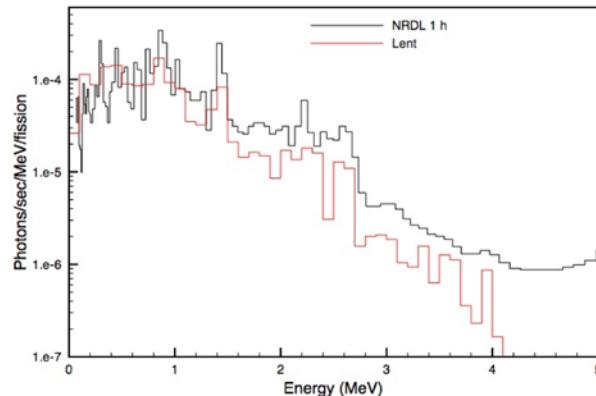


# Results (6)

... and Ed Lent compared his calculated spectra against NRDL measured data late times ....

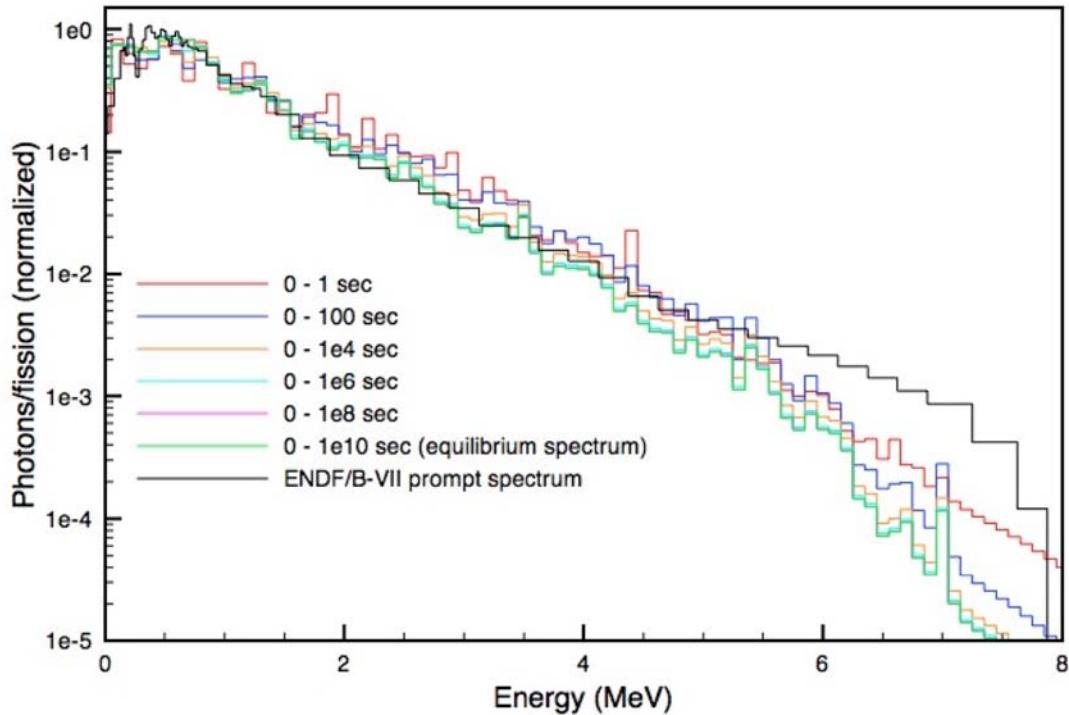
Note:  
Lent > NRDL ( $E > 2$  MeV)

Recall:  
Lent ≈ LANL (Slide 11)  
Lent ≈ Nelms & Cooper (Slide 12)



# Results (7) and Conclusions

Ed Lent also normalized and compared calculated spectra for various times .... and compared it to the prompt spectrum ...



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- (a) Use of an equilibrium delayed photon spectrum is superior to the current shielding practice of using the prompt spectrum to represent delayed photons.
- (b) Time-dependent multiplicity data with equilibrium spectra is adequate for criticality accident "slide-rule" type calculations (see slide 16).
- (c) This data is proposed for inclusion in ENDF/B-VII.1.
- (d) Average parameters (see slide 4):
  - 6.66 photons/fission
  - 6.22 MeV/fission
  - 0.934 MeV/photon

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Time-dependent point (not shown) and binned spectra are also available.

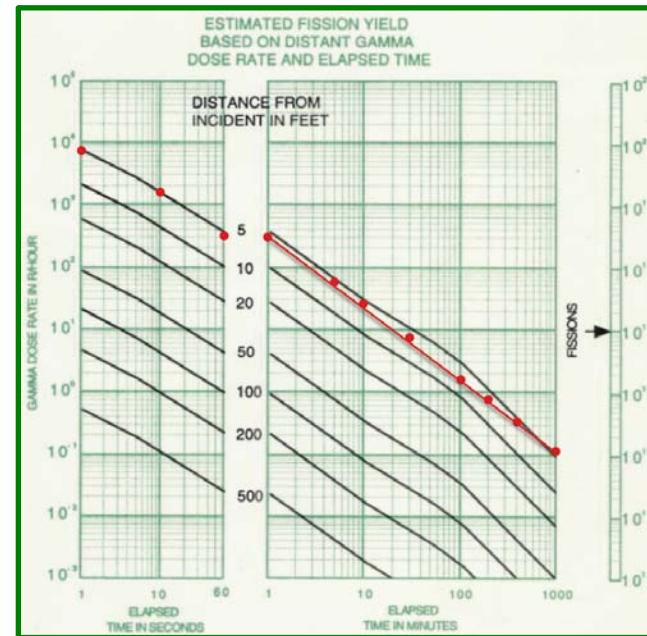
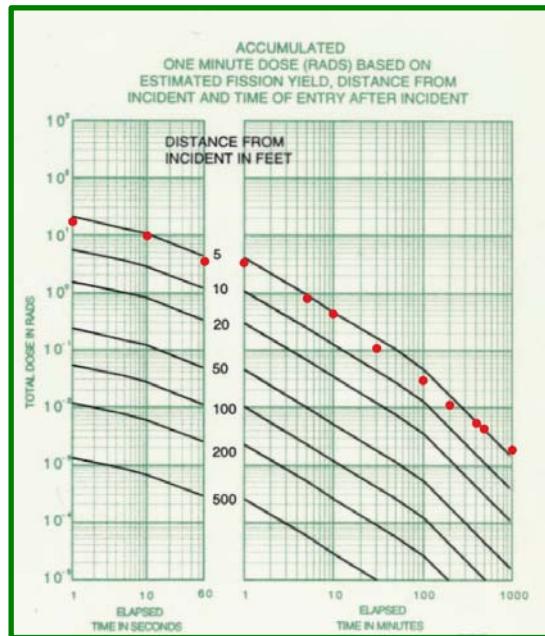
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Time-dependent line and continuous spectra (not shown) are available.

# Criticality accident slide-rule

Preliminary work by Heinrichs using COG11x demonstrates good agreement with the ORNL “slide rule” using: (a) Yanasigawa’s time-dependent photon multiplicity data and (b) equilibrium prompt gamma spectrum.

These calculations will be repeated with Lent’s time-dependent multiplicity and equilibrium delayed spectrum for  $^{235}\text{U}$  proposed for inclusion in ENDF/B-VII.1. Similar data for  $^{238}\text{U}$  needed.

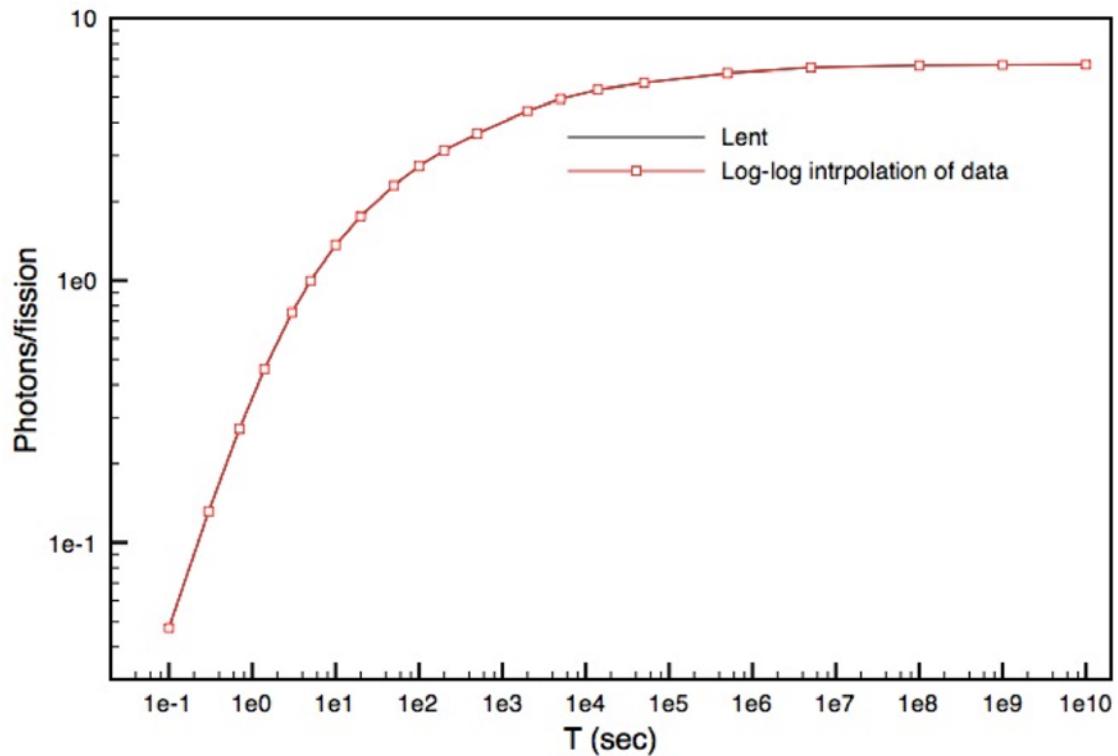


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# ENDF/B-VII.1 Proposed Multiplicity Data

T(sec)	N <sub>d</sub> (photons/fission)
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1.e-1	0.047
3.e-1	0.131
7.e-1	0.271
1.4e0	0.459
3.e0	0.754
5.e0	0.997
1.e1	1.364
2.e1	1.754
5.e1	2.301
1.e2	2.728
2.e2	3.131
5.e2	3.626
2.e3	4.426
5.e3	4.924
1.4e4	5.344
5.e4	5.675
5.e5	6.175
5.e6	6.487
1.e8	6.610
1.e9	6.634
1.e10	6.659



The plot (above) shows  $N_d$  vs  $T$  as a solid black line and the 21 points from the table (on the left) with a log-log interpolation between points as a red line with squares. A 21 point log-log table accurately represents the data.

# Proposed ENDF/B Manual Changes

## Proposed Changes to ENDF/B Manual

### MF = 1 Changes:

#### *Page 1.1, General Information:*

“File 1 may contain up to four ...” changed to “File 1 may contain up to five additional sections giving fission neutron and photon yields and energy release information.”

#### *New Section:*

#### **Delayed Photon Data (MT=xxx)**

This section describes the delayed photon/fission versus time.

#### **Formats**

#### **Discrete Representation (LNU=2)**

The following quantities are defined:

**NR, NP,  $t_{int}$**  Standard TAB1 parameters.

**$M_d(t)$**  Delayed photons/fission.

The structure of the time dependence data block is:

[MAT, 1, xxx/ ZA, AWR, 0, LNU=2, 0, 0] HEAD

[MAT, 1, xxx/ 0.0, 0.0, 0, 0, NR, NP/ $t_{int}$ / $M_d(t)$ ] TAB1

[MAT, 1, 0/ 0.0, 0.0, 0, 0, 0, 0] SEND

The photon energy spectra versus time may be entered in the MF=15 section as usual with MT=xxx.

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# ENDF/B-VII.1 – MF1 Data

Fast neutron induced fission – time-dependent delayed photon multiplicity (see slide 17)

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# ENDF/B-VII.1 – MF15 Data

## Fast neutron induced fission – equilibrium delayed photon spectrum

[Replace data on slide 20 with...]

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# Summary

- \* Delayed photon multiplicity and spectra are available for  $^{235}\text{U}$  for thermal, fast, fusion neutron induced fission.
- \* Time-dependent multiplicity and time-independent (equilibrium) spectra are proposed for inclusion in ENDF/B-VII.1 – useful in assessing criticality accident doses.
- \* Are time-dependent point or binned spectra needed for more accurate calculations or other applications?
- \* Is there interest in time-dependent line and continuous spectra for use in identifying specific fission product signatures?

## Questions?

- \* Work on  $^{239}\text{Pu}$  in progress.

\* This method can be applied to spontaneous fission of U238, Cm244, Cm246, Cm248, Cf250, Cf252, Es253, Fm254, and Fm256; thermal neutron induced fission of Th227, Th229, U232, U233, U235, Np237, Pu239, Pu240, Pu241, Pu242, Am241, Am242, Cm245, Cf249, Cf251, Es254, and Fm255; the fast neutron induced fission of Pa231, Th232, U233, U234, U235, U236, U237, U238, Np237, Np238, Pu238, Pu239, Pu240, Pi241, Pu242, Am241, Am243, Cm242, Cm243, Cm244, Cm246, and Cm248; and high energy neutron induced fission of Th232, U233, U234, U235, U236, U238, Np237, Pu239, Pu240, Pu242, and Am241.