



# COMMARA-3

## Processed ENDF/B-VII.1 covariance library

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# Commara 2.0 materials

- 110 materials most relevant to fast reactor R&D
  - 12 light nuclei (LANL)
  - 78 structural materials (BNL)
  - 20 major and minor actinides (LANL + BNL)
- 135 files
  - 110 cross section covariances,
  - 20 nubars,
  - 3 PFNS,
  - 2 mubars

<sup>1</sup> H	<sup>28</sup> Si	<sup>92</sup> Mo	<sup>208</sup> Ag	<sup>149</sup> Sm	<sup>232</sup> Th
<sup>2</sup> H	<sup>29</sup> Si	<sup>94</sup> Mo	<sup>217</sup> I	<sup>151</sup> Sm	<sup>233</sup> U
<sup>4</sup> He	<sup>30</sup> Si	<sup>95</sup> Mo	<sup>229</sup> I	<sup>152</sup> Sm	<sup>234</sup> U
<sup>6</sup> Li	<sup>50</sup> Cr	<sup>96</sup> Mo	<sup>131</sup> Xe	<sup>153</sup> Eu	<sup>235</sup> U
<sup>7</sup> Li	<sup>52</sup> Cr	<sup>97</sup> Mo	<sup>132</sup> Xe	<sup>155</sup> Eu	<sup>236</sup> U
<sup>9</sup> Be	<sup>53</sup> Cr	<sup>98</sup> Mo	<sup>134</sup> Xe	<sup>156</sup> Gd	<sup>238</sup> U
<sup>10</sup> B	<sup>55</sup> Mn	<sup>100</sup> Mo	<sup>133</sup> Cs	<sup>156</sup> Gd	<sup>237</sup> Np
<sup>11</sup> B	<sup>54</sup> Fe	<sup>99</sup> Tc	<sup>135</sup> Cs	<sup>157</sup> Gd	<sup>238</sup> Pu
<sup>12</sup> C	<sup>56</sup> Fe	<sup>101</sup> Ru	<sup>139</sup> La	<sup>158</sup> Gd	<sup>239</sup> Pu
<sup>15</sup> N	<sup>57</sup> Fe	<sup>102</sup> Ru	<sup>141</sup> Ce	<sup>160</sup> Gd	<sup>240</sup> Pu
<sup>16</sup> O	<sup>58</sup> Ni	<sup>103</sup> Ru	<sup>141</sup> Pr	<sup>166</sup> Er	<sup>241</sup> Pu
<sup>19</sup> F	<sup>60</sup> Ni	<sup>104</sup> Ru	<sup>143</sup> Nd	<sup>167</sup> Er	<sup>242</sup> Pu
<sup>23</sup> Na	<sup>90</sup> Zr	<sup>106</sup> Ru	<sup>145</sup> Nd	<sup>168</sup> Er	<sup>241</sup> Am
<sup>24</sup> Mg	<sup>91</sup> Zr	<sup>103</sup> Rh	<sup>146</sup> Nd	<sup>170</sup> Er	<sup>242m</sup> Am
<sup>25</sup> Mg	<sup>92</sup> Zr	<sup>105</sup> Pd	<sup>148</sup> Nd	<sup>208</sup> Pb	<sup>243</sup> Am
<sup>26</sup> Mg	<sup>93</sup> Zr	<sup>106</sup> Pd	<sup>147</sup> Pm	<sup>206</sup> Pb	<sup>242</sup> Cm
<sup>27</sup> Al	<sup>94</sup> Zr	<sup>107</sup> Pd		<sup>207</sup> Pb	<sup>243</sup> Cm
	<sup>95</sup> Zr	<sup>108</sup> Pd		<sup>208</sup> Pb	<sup>244</sup> Cm
	<sup>96</sup> Zr			<sup>209</sup> Bi	<sup>245</sup> Cm
	<sup>98</sup> Nb				<sup>246</sup> Cm

# ENDF/B VII.1 covariance materials

## 184 materials: 12 Light, 99 structural, 73 Actinides

- $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^2\text{H}$ ,  $^4\text{He}$ ,  $^6\text{Li}$ ,  $^7\text{Li}$ ,  $^9\text{Be}$ ,  $^{10}\text{B}$ ,  $^{11}\text{B}$ ,  $^{12}\text{C}$ ,  $^{15}\text{N}$ ,  $^{16}\text{O}$ ,  $^{19}\text{F}$ ,  $^{24}\text{Mg}$ ,  $^{25}\text{Mg}$ ,  $^{26}\text{Mg}$ ,  $^{27}\text{Al}$ ,  $^{28}\text{Si}$ ,  $^{29}\text{Si}$ ,  $^{30}\text{Si}$ ,  $^{35}\text{Cl}$ ,  $^{37}\text{Cl}$ ,  $^{39}\text{K}$ ,  $^{41}\text{K}$ ,  $^{46}\text{Ti}$ ,  $^{47}\text{Ti}$ ,  $^{48}\text{Ti}$ ,  $^{49}\text{Ti}$ ,  $^{50}\text{Ti}$ ,  $^{50}\text{Cr}$ ,  $^{52}\text{Cr}$ ,  $^{53}\text{Cr}$ ,  $^{54}\text{Cr}$ ,  $^{55}\text{Mn}$ ,  $^{54}\text{Fe}$ ,  $^{56}\text{Fe}$ ,  $^{57}\text{Fe}$ ,  $^{59}\text{Co}$ ,  $^{58}\text{Ni}$ ,  $^{60}\text{Ni}$ ,  $^{89}\text{Y}$ ,  $^{90}\text{Zr}$ ,  $^{91}\text{Zr}$ ,  $^{92}\text{Zr}$ ,  $^{93}\text{Zr}$ ,  $^{94}\text{Zr}$ ,  $^{95}\text{Zr}$ ,  $^{96}\text{Zr}$ ,  $^{95}\text{Nb}$ ,  $^{92}\text{Mo}$ ,  $^{94}\text{Mo}$ ,  $^{95}\text{Mo}$ ,  $^{96}\text{Mo}$ ,  $^{97}\text{Mo}$ ,  $^{98}\text{Mo}$ ,  $^{100}\text{Mo}$ ,  $^{99}\text{Tc}$ ,  $^{101}\text{Ru}$ ,  $^{102}\text{Ru}$ ,  $^{103}\text{Ru}$ ,  $^{104}\text{Ru}$ ,  $^{106}\text{Ru}$ ,  $^{105}\text{Pd}$ ,  $^{107}\text{Pd}$ ,  $^{108}\text{Pd}$ ,  $^{109}\text{Ag}$ ,  $^{127}\text{I}$ ,  $^{129}\text{I}$ ,  $^{131}\text{Xe}$ ,  $^{132}\text{Xe}$ ,  $^{134}\text{Xe}$ ,  $^{133}\text{Cs}$ ,  $^{135}\text{Cs}$ ,  $^{139}\text{La}$ ,  $^{141}\text{Ce}$ ,  $^{141}\text{Pr}$ ,  $^{143}\text{Nd}$ ,  $^{145}\text{Nd}$ ,  $^{146}\text{Nd}$ ,  $^{148}\text{Nd}$ ,  $^{147}\text{Pm}$ ,  $^{149}\text{Sm}$ ,  $^{151}\text{Sm}$ ,  $^{142}\text{Sm}$ ,  $^{153}\text{Eu}$ ,  $^{155}\text{Eu}$ ,  $^{152}\text{Gd}$ ,  $^{153}\text{Gd}$ ,  $^{154}\text{Gd}$ ,  $^{155}\text{Gd}$ ,  $^{156}\text{Gd}$ ,  $^{157}\text{Gd}$ ,  $^{158}\text{Gd}$ ,  $^{160}\text{Gd}$
- $^{166}\text{Er}$ ,  $^{167}\text{Er}$ ,  $^{168}\text{Er}$ ,  $^{170}\text{Er}$ ,  $^{180}\text{W}$ ,  $^{182}\text{W}$ ,  $^{183}\text{W}$ ,  $^{184}\text{W}$ ,  $^{186}\text{W}$ ,  $^{191}\text{Ir}$ ,  $^{193}\text{Ir}$ ,  $^{197}\text{Au}$ ,  $^{204}\text{Pb}$ ,  $^{206}\text{Pb}$ ,  $^{207}\text{Pb}$ ,  $^{208}\text{Pb}$ ,  $^{209}\text{Bi}$ ,  $^{225}\text{Ac}$ ,  $^{226}\text{Ac}$ ,  $^{227}\text{Ac}$ ,  $^{227}\text{Th}$ ,  $^{229}\text{Th}$ ,  $^{230}\text{Th}$ ,  $^{231}\text{Th}$ ,  $^{232}\text{Th}$ ,  $^{233}\text{Th}$ ,  $^{234}\text{Th}$ ,  $^{229}\text{Pa}$ ,  $^{230}\text{Pa}$ ,  $^{232}\text{Pa}$ ,  $^{230}\text{U}$ ,  $^{231}\text{U}$ ,  $^{232}\text{U}$ ,  $^{233}\text{U}$ ,  $^{234}\text{U}$ ,  $^{235}\text{U}$ ,  $^{236}\text{U}$ ,  $^{238}\text{U}$ ,  $^{234}\text{Np}$ ,  $^{235}\text{Np}$ ,  $^{236}\text{Np}$ ,  $^{237}\text{Np}$ ,  $^{238}\text{Np}$ ,  $^{239}\text{Np}$ ,  $^{236}\text{Pu}$ ,  $^{237}\text{Pu}$ ,  $^{238}\text{Pu}$ ,  $^{239}\text{Pu}$ ,  $^{240}\text{Pu}$ ,  $^{241}\text{Pu}$ ,  $^{242}\text{Pu}$ ,  $^{244}\text{Pu}$ ,  $^{246}\text{Pu}$ ,  $^{240}\text{Am}$ ,  $^{241}\text{Am}$ ,  $^{242\text{m}1}\text{Am}$ ,  $^{243}\text{Am}$ ,  $^{240}\text{Cm}$ ,  $^{241}\text{Cm}$ ,  $^{242}\text{Cm}$ ,  $^{243}\text{Cm}$ ,  $^{244}\text{Cm}$ ,  $^{245}\text{Cm}$ ,  $^{246}\text{Cm}$ ,  $^{248}\text{Cm}$ ,  $^{249}\text{Cm}$ ,  $^{250}\text{Cm}$ ,  $^{245}\text{Bk}$ ,  $^{246}\text{Bk}$ ,  $^{247}\text{Bk}$ ,  $^{248}\text{Bk}$ ,  $^{250}\text{Bk}$ ,  $^{246}\text{Cf}$ ,  $^{249}\text{Cf}$ ,  $^{250}\text{Cf}$ ,  $^{251}\text{Cf}$ ,  $^{252}\text{Cf}$ ,  $^{253}\text{Cf}$ ,  $^{254}\text{Cf}$ ,  $^{251}\text{Es}$ ,  $^{252}\text{Es}$ ,  $^{253}\text{Es}$ ,  $^{254}\text{Es}$ ,  $^{254\text{m}1}\text{Es}$ ,  $^{255}\text{Es}$ ,  $^{255}\text{Fm}$

# Scope

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- Associated with neutron cross sections from ENDF/B-VII.1
- Multigroup (processed) covariances with uniform lethargy energy groups (33 groups, flux: thermal-1/E-fiss spec)
- Reaction channels:
  - (n,e), (n,inl), (n,2n), (n, $\gamma$ )
  - (n,f) & nubar MF31 (73)
  - prompt fission neutron spectra (PFNS,  $^{238,239,240}\text{Pu}$  LANL, JENDL-4 MF35 (85))
  - Mubars MF34 (116 & additional from JENDL)

# Methodology

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- Covariance evaluation methodology determined by priorities:
  - Most important materials treated individually
  - Medium importance materials treated with simplified methods
  - Low priority materials (mostly fission products) treated with low-fidelity type approach

# Methodology

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## Thermal and Resonance Region

- Source of data
- Experiments
- ENDF file (retroactive method)
- Atlas of Neutron Resonances (ANR)
- SAMMY analysis
- full analysis (MF32, Exp. data)
- retroactive (MF32, ENDF file)
- EMPIRE Resonance Module (MF32, ANR, scattering radius and thermal point uncertainties reproduced through correlations (if possible))
- “Kernel Approximation” (MF33, ANR)
- MF32 with systematic uncertainties in MF33
- ‘low-fidelity’ (Mark Williams) solution
- Assimilation

## Fast neutron range (MF33)

- EMPIRE/KALMAN considering experimental data
- Least Square fitting of experimental data (SOK code)
- EMPIRE/KALMAN without experimental data (Low-Fidelity)
- Dispersion analysis - differences among evaluations (and exp. data)
- Reconsider previous work (ENDF/B-VI.8, Low-Fidelity)
- Visual analysis of experimental data
- Assimilation

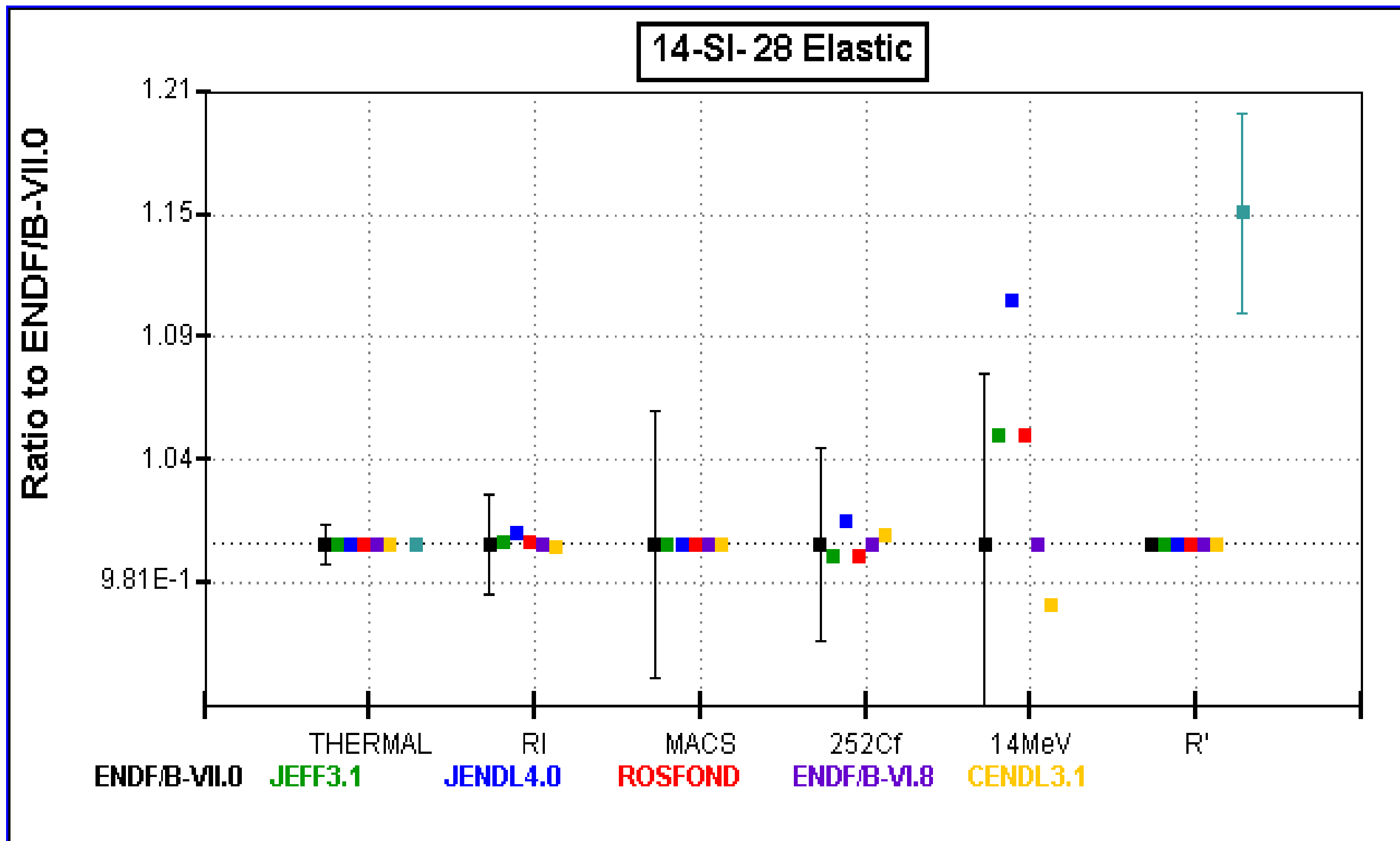
# Quality Assurance

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- New web-based Sigma-QA (A. Sonzogni) allows visual and also quantitative inspection of:
  - Differential uncertainties (dynamic)
  - Integral uncertainties (static)
- UnCor applied to full library, performs 8 tests, warnings for possible problems including:
  - small uncertainties:  $(n,tot) < 1\%$ ,  $(n,el)$  and  $(n,\gamma) < 2\%$ , etc.
  - non-positive-definite matrices (fixable for all but PFNS)
  - PFNS covariance not summing to zero (not usually a problem)
- non-positive-definite matrices are usually fixable by slightly reducing the off-diagonal elements. If not, more drastic measures may be required.



# $^{28}\text{Si}$ integral quantities from Sigma-QA (A. Sonzogni)





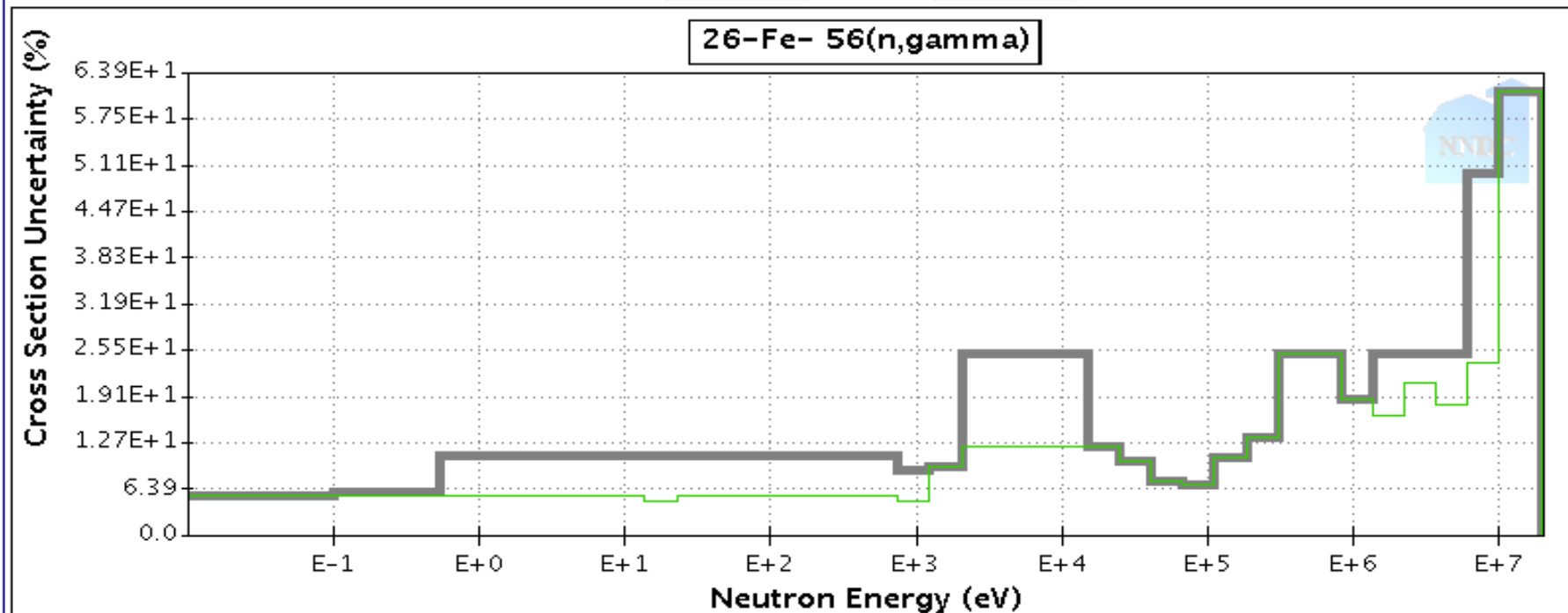
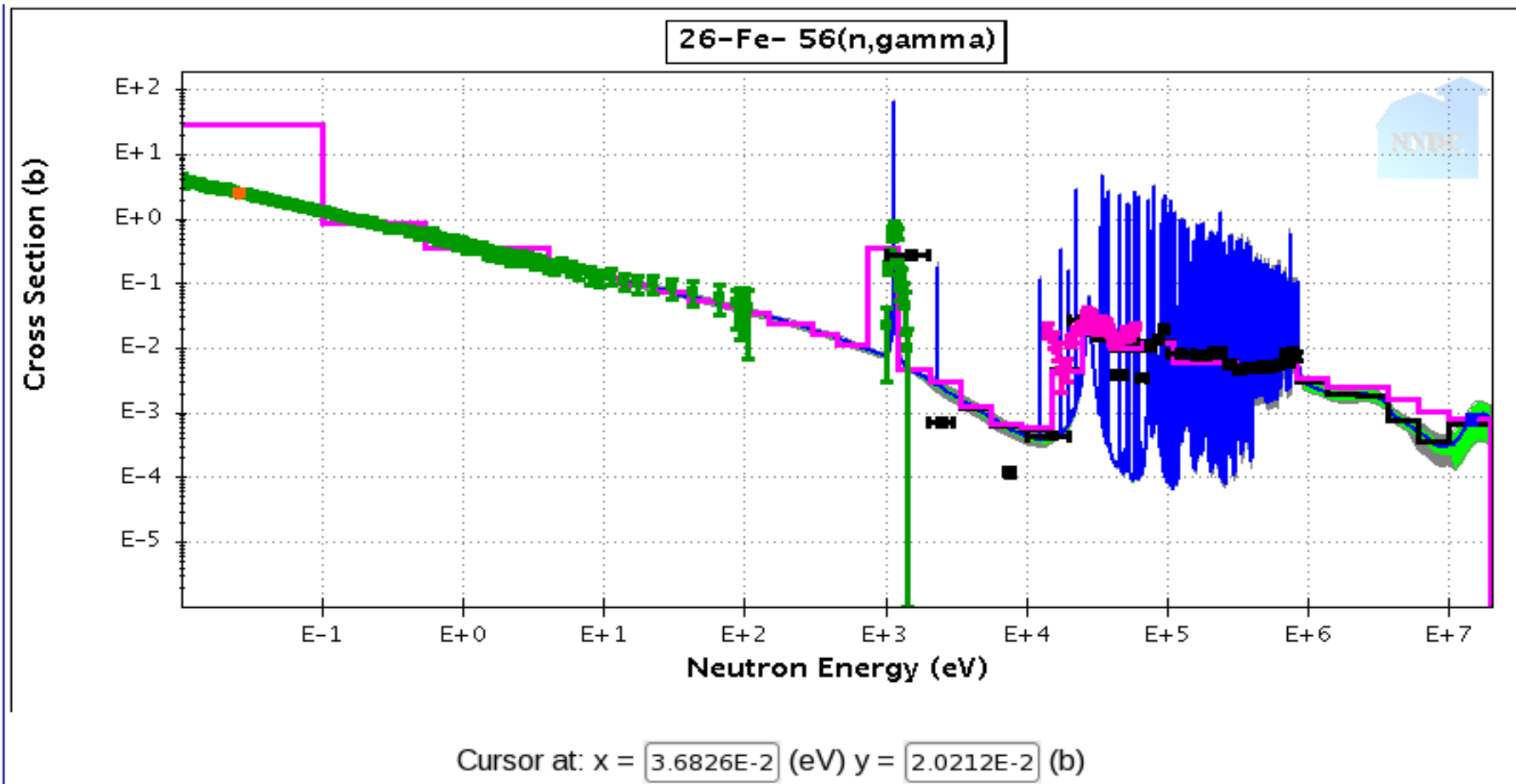
# $^{28}\text{Si}$ elastic integral quantities from Sigma-QA

Elastic						
Library	THERMAL	RI 0.5-2E+7 eV	MACS 30 keV	$^{252}\text{Cf}$	14 MeV	$R'$ (fm)
ENDF/B-VII.0	1.992	3.882E+1	2.382	2.871	6.620E-1	4.136
JEFF3.1	1.992	3.885E+1	2.382	2.854	6.969E-1	4.136
JENDL4.0	1.992	3.904E+1	2.382	2.902	7.400E-1	4.136
ROSFOND	1.992	3.885E+1	2.382	2.854	6.969E-1	4.136
ENDF/B-VI.8	1.992	3.882E+1	2.382	2.871	6.620E-1	4.136
CENDL3.1	1.992	3.879E+1	2.382	2.884	6.424E-1	4.136
Atlas	1.992					4.800
Atlas $\Delta$	6.000E-3 3.01E-1%					2.000E-1 4.16%
AFCI2.0 $\Delta$	1.992E-2 1.00%	9.587E-1 2.46%	1.540E-1 6.46%	1.351E-1 4.70%	5.435E-2 8.20%	
Recommended $\Delta$	6.000E-3 3.01E-1%					3.073E-1 7.43%

# $^{60}\text{Ni}$ capture integral quantities from Sigma-QA

Library	Capture				
	THERMAL	RI 0.5 - 2E+7 eV	MACS 30 keV	$^{252}\text{Cf}$	14 MeV
ENDF/B-VII.0	2.772	1.412	2.826E-2	4.022E-3	2.859E-4
JEFF3.1	2.772	1.412	2.826E-2	6.033E-3	7.558E-4
JENDL4.0	2.913	1.472	2.792E-2	6.172E-3	6.992E-5
ROSFOND	2.772	1.412	2.826E-2	6.033E-3	7.558E-4
ENDF/B-VI.8	2.772	1.406	2.826E-2	4.022E-3	2.859E-4
CENDL3.1	2.772	1.413	2.826E-2	5.825E-3	1.131E-3
KADONIS			2.990E-2		
Atlas	2.500	1.400			
Kadonis $\Delta$			7.000E-4 2.34%		
Atlas $\Delta$	6.000E-2 2.40%	2.000E-1 1.42E+1%			
AFCI2.0 $\Delta$	1.386E-1 5.00%	1.183E-1 8.37%	1.811E-3 6.40%	2.902E-4 7.21%	6.591E-5 2.30E+1%
Recommended $\Delta$	1.430E-1 5.15%	2.017E-1 1.42E+1%	7.968E-4 2.81%		

# Example of Sigma-QA plot



Update Plot    Reset

1E-2 ≤ E<sub>n</sub> (eV) ≤ 2E7    Log

1E-6 ≤ σ (b) ≤ 1.924E2    Log

- ENDF/B-VII.0 pointwise
- AFCI 1.2 uncertainty
- AFCI 1.3 uncertainty
- AFCI 2.0 uncertainty
- AFCI 2.0' uncertainty

Group cross sections with 1/E flux

- ENDF/B-VII.0 group
- JENDL-4.0 group
- JEFF-3.1 group
- CENDL-3.1 group
- ROSFOND group
- ENDF/B-VI.8 group

There are 7 EXFOR datasets

- Check/Uncheck All
- Huang Zheng-De 1980
- Shcherbakov 1977
- Shcherbakov 1977
- Allen 1982
- Allen 1976
- Macklin 1964
- Pomerance 1952

Remove EXFOR

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# Quality Assurance (continued)

- Code 'unCor', (Mattoon, Oblozinsky) checks the library for possible problems in uncertainties and/or correlations

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Uncertainties too large: 19 total
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MT16 in 001_H_002, max = 100.00%  
MT102 in 003_Li_007, max = 100.00%  
MT4 in 005_B_010, max = 100.00%  
MT102 in 040_Zr_090, max = 100.00%  
MT102 in 040_Zr_095, max = 100.00%  
MT2 in 040_Zr_095, max = 100.00%  
MT51 in 090_Th_232, max = 100.00%  
MT852 in 090_Th_232, max = 100.00%  
MT18 in 092_U_238, max = 100.00%  
MT102 in 094_Pu_238, max = 100.00%  
MT4 in 094_Pu_238, max = 100.00%  
MT102 in 094_Pu_240, max = 100.00%  
MT102 in 094_Pu_241, max = 100.00%  
MT102 in 094_Pu_242, max = 100.00%  
MT102 in 095_Am_242m, max = 100.00%  
MT102 in 096_Cm_242, max = 100.00%  
MT18 in 096_Cm_242, max = 100.00%  
MT4 in 096_Cm_242, max = 100.00%  
MT102 in 096_Cm_244, max = 100.00%
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Uncertainties too small: 55 total
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MT1 in 001_H_001, min = 0.29% in bin 33 (27 bins < 1%)  
MT2 in 001_H_001, min = 0.30% in bin 12 (27 bins < 1%)  
MT1 in 002_He_004, min = 0.50% in bin 11 (28 bins < 1%)  
MT2 in 002_He_004, min = 0.50% in bin 11 (28 bins < 1%)  
MT1 in 003_Li_006, min = 0.20% in bin 30 (21 bins < 1%)  
MT105 in 003_Li_006, min = 0.20% in bin 18 (25 bins < 1%)  
MT1 in 003_Li_007, min = 0.27% in bin 3 (7 bins < 1%)  
MT2 in 003_Li_007, min = 0.42% in bin 4 (6 bins < 1%)  
MT1 in 004_Be_009, min = 0.50% in bin 24 (14 bins < 1%)  
MT2 in 004_Be_009, min = 0.50% in bin 24 (14 bins < 1%)
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# Uncor results

- Test for small uncertainties:

Total with small  
uncertainties : 173

Reaction	Max %unc
(n,total)	1.0
(n.elas)	2.0
(n.inel)	3.0
(n,2n)	3.0
(n,f)	0.7
(n,g)	2.0
Total nubar	0.7
Prompt nubar	0.7
other	2.0

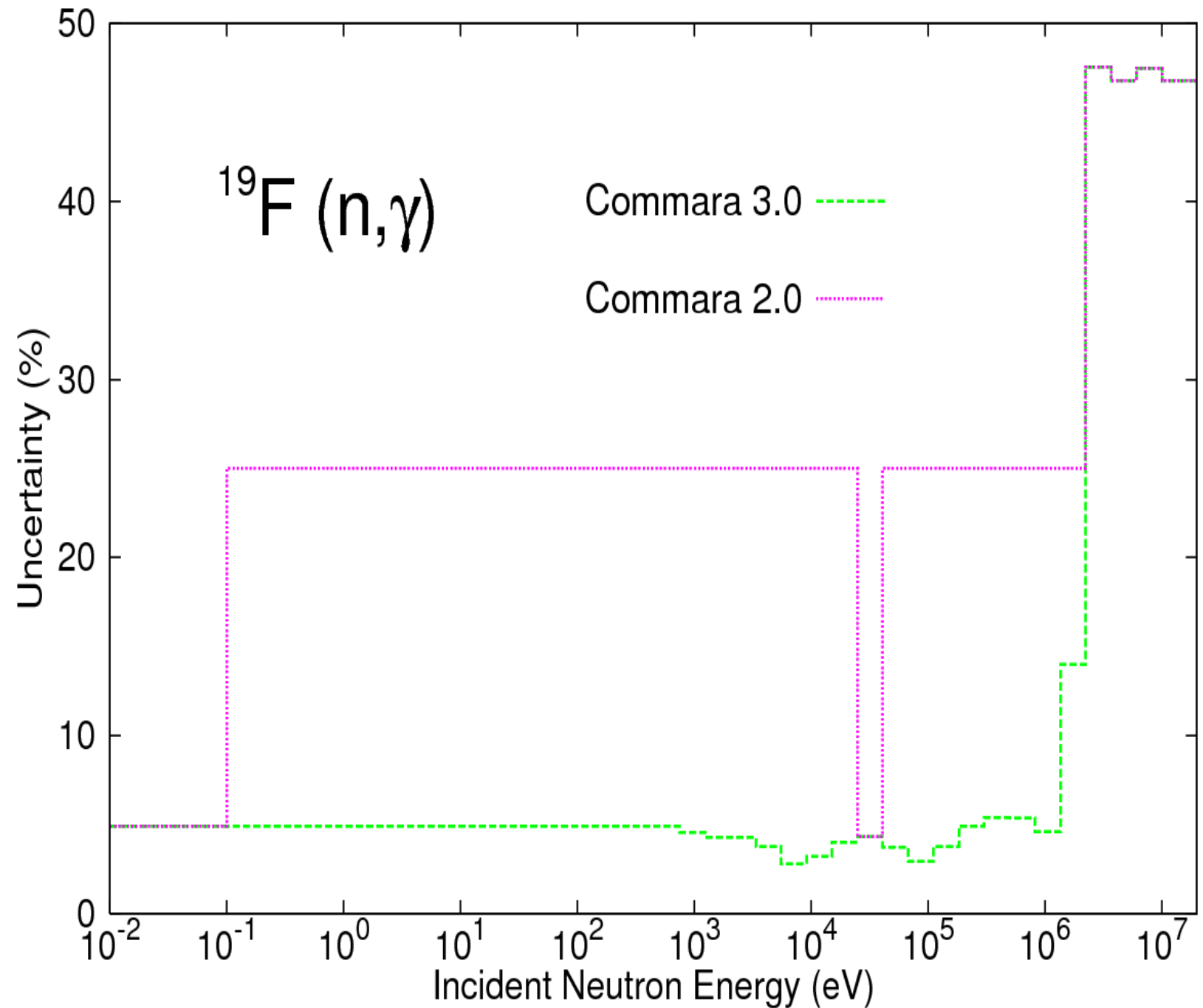
# Uncor results (cont.)

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- 2<sup>nd</sup> test for too small uncertainties:  
If cross section  $< 3\text{mb}$ , min uncert = 25%
- Total materials : 127
- Optical model peaks in elastic: 44
- Zero unc with non-zero cross section: 98
- Peaks/jumps in uncertainties: 55
- Negative eigenvalues : only PFNS (small)

# $^{19}\text{F}$

- New ORNL evaluation

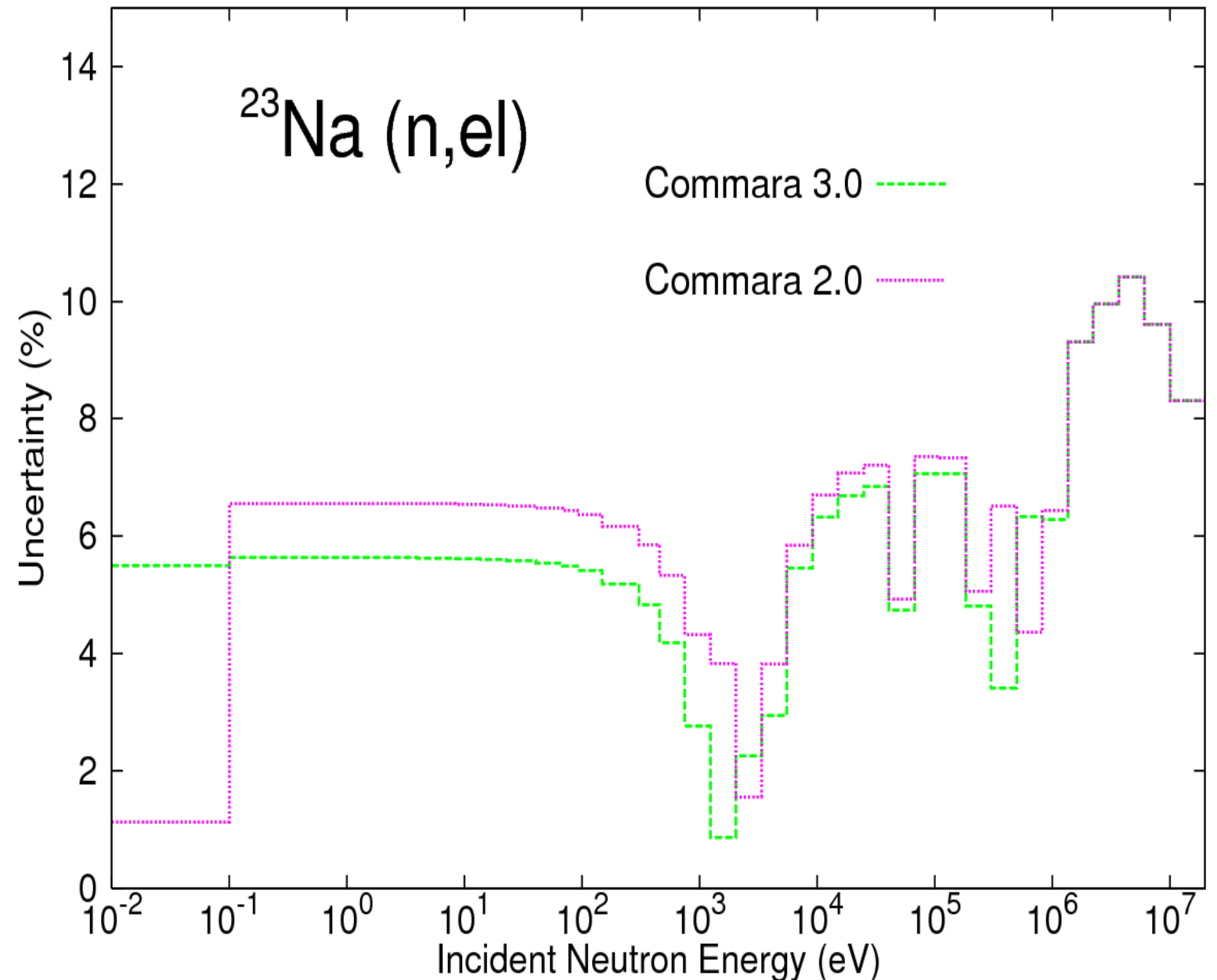




# $^{23}\text{Na}$

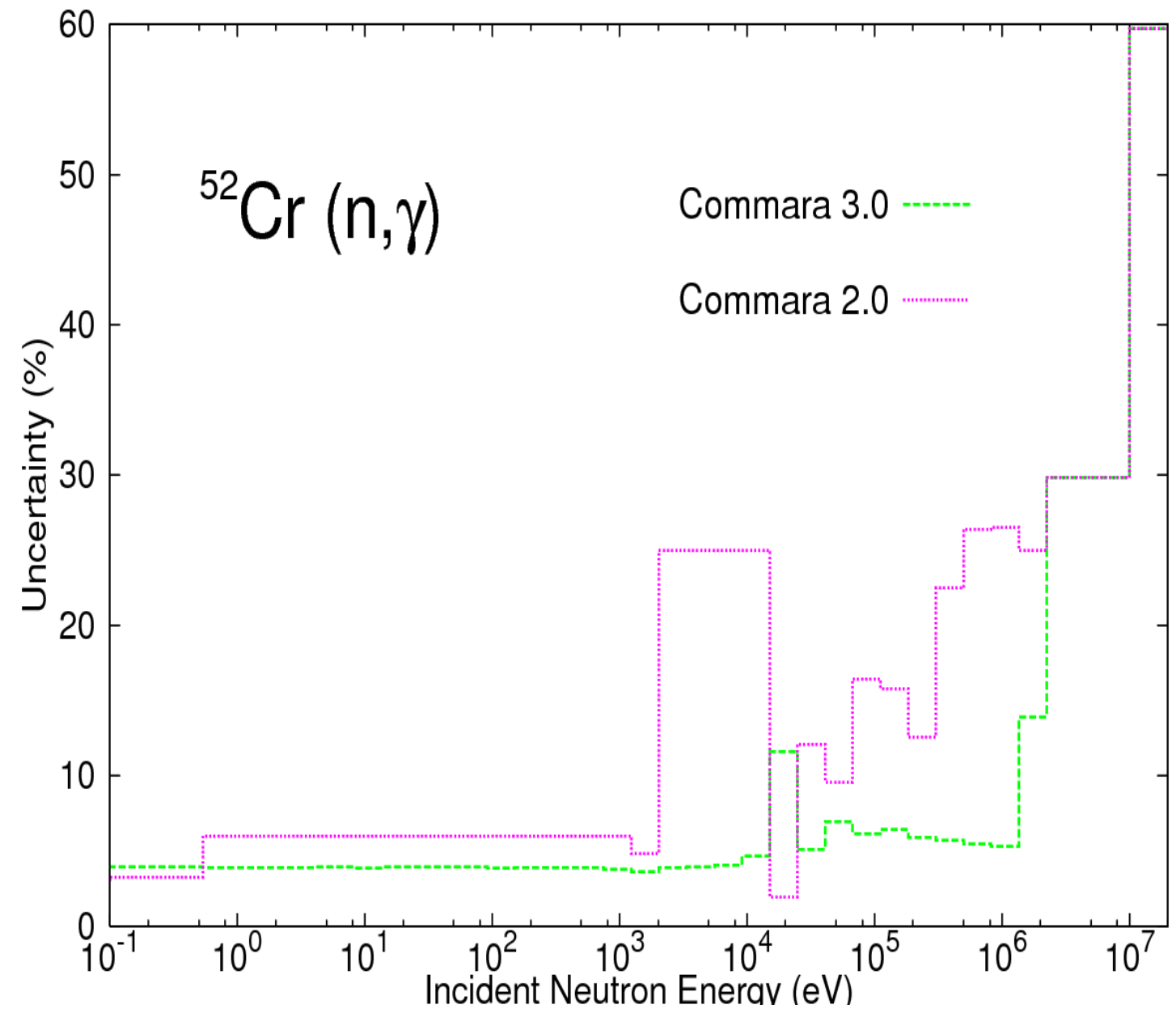
Reverted to  
ENDF/B-VII.0

COMMARA 2.0  
Covariances  
backported, w/  
modifications



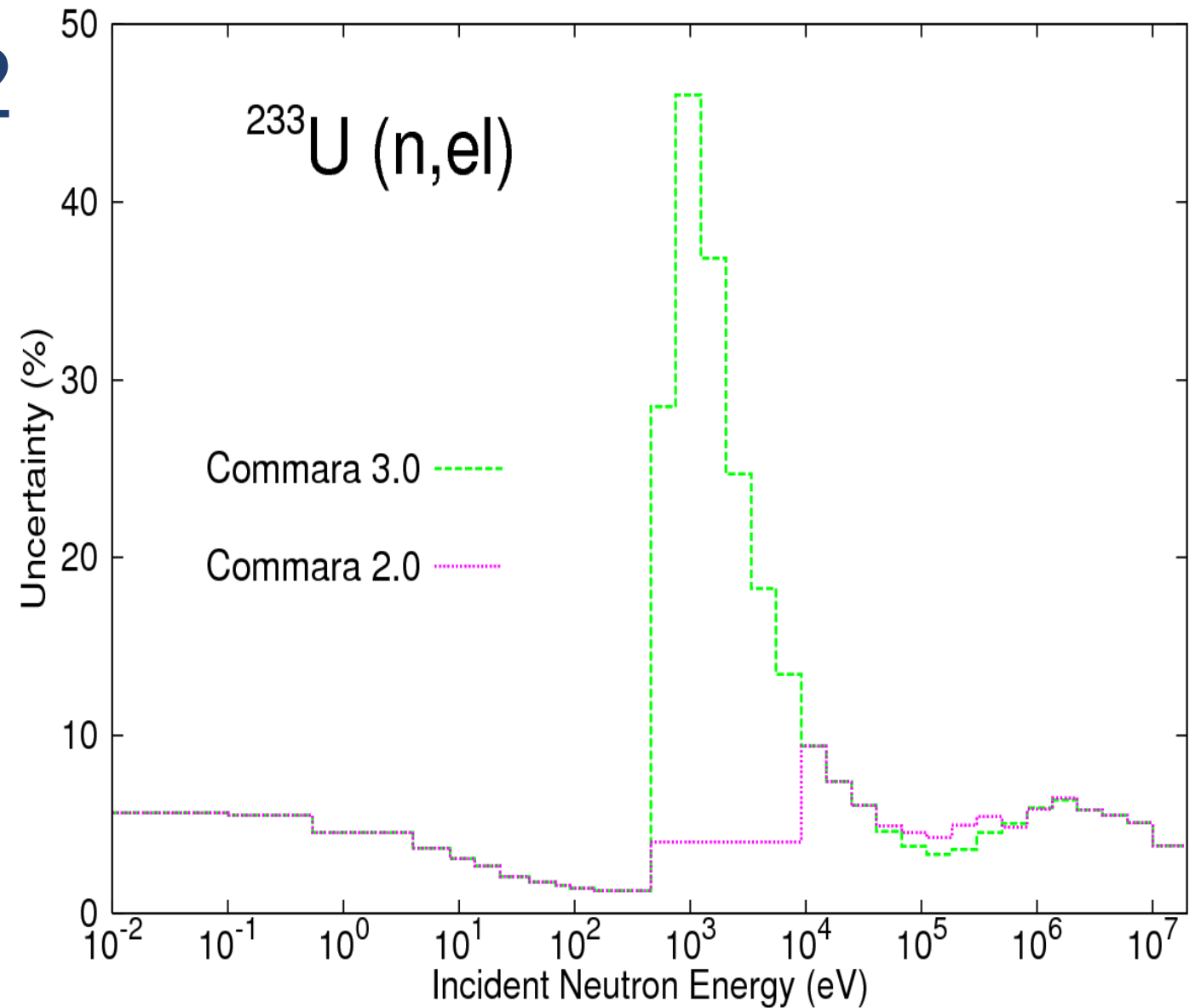
# $^{52}\text{Cr}$

- New ORNL RRR evaluation



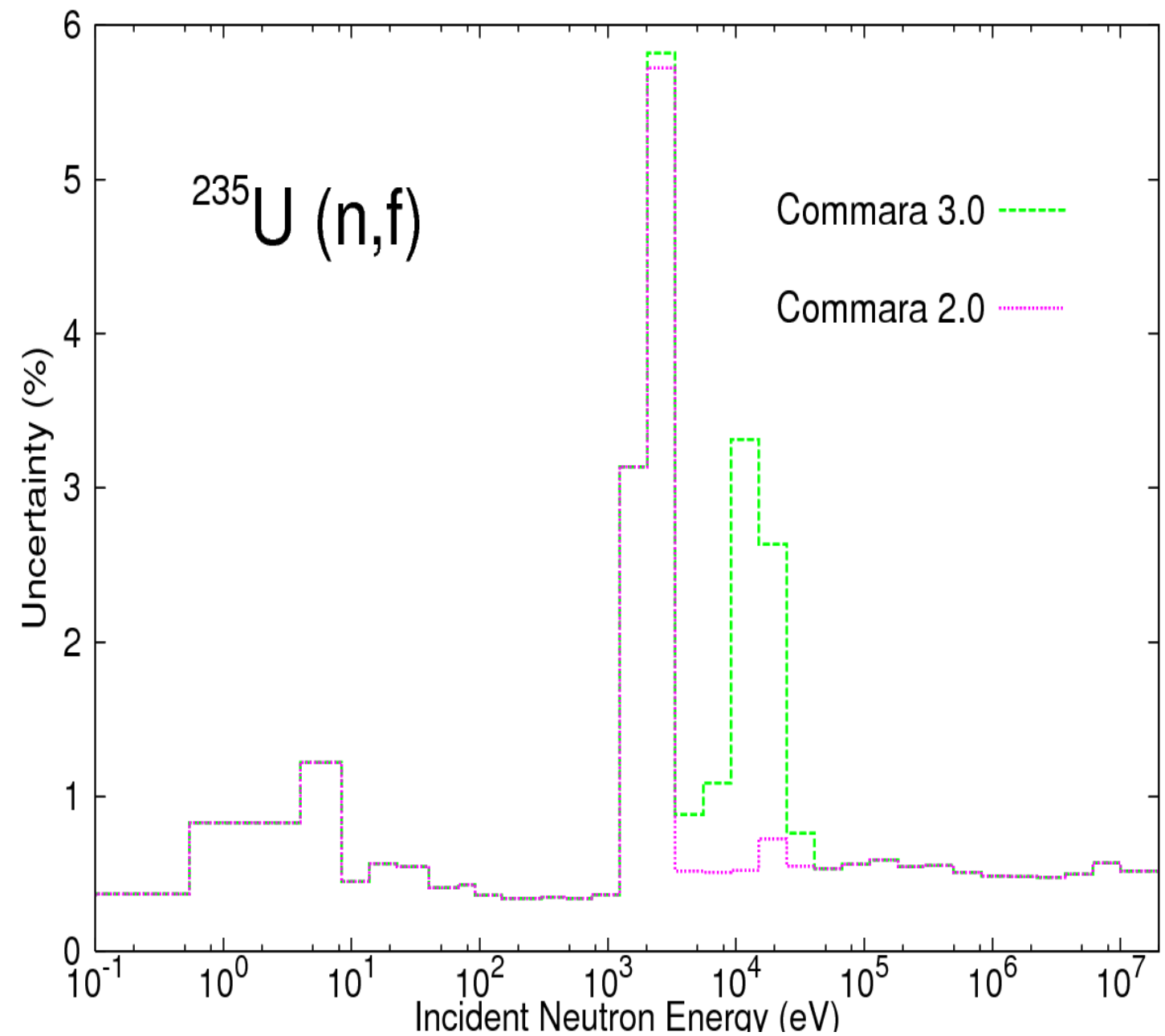
# $^{233}\text{U}$

- ORNL RRR MF32 replaced with LANL MF33



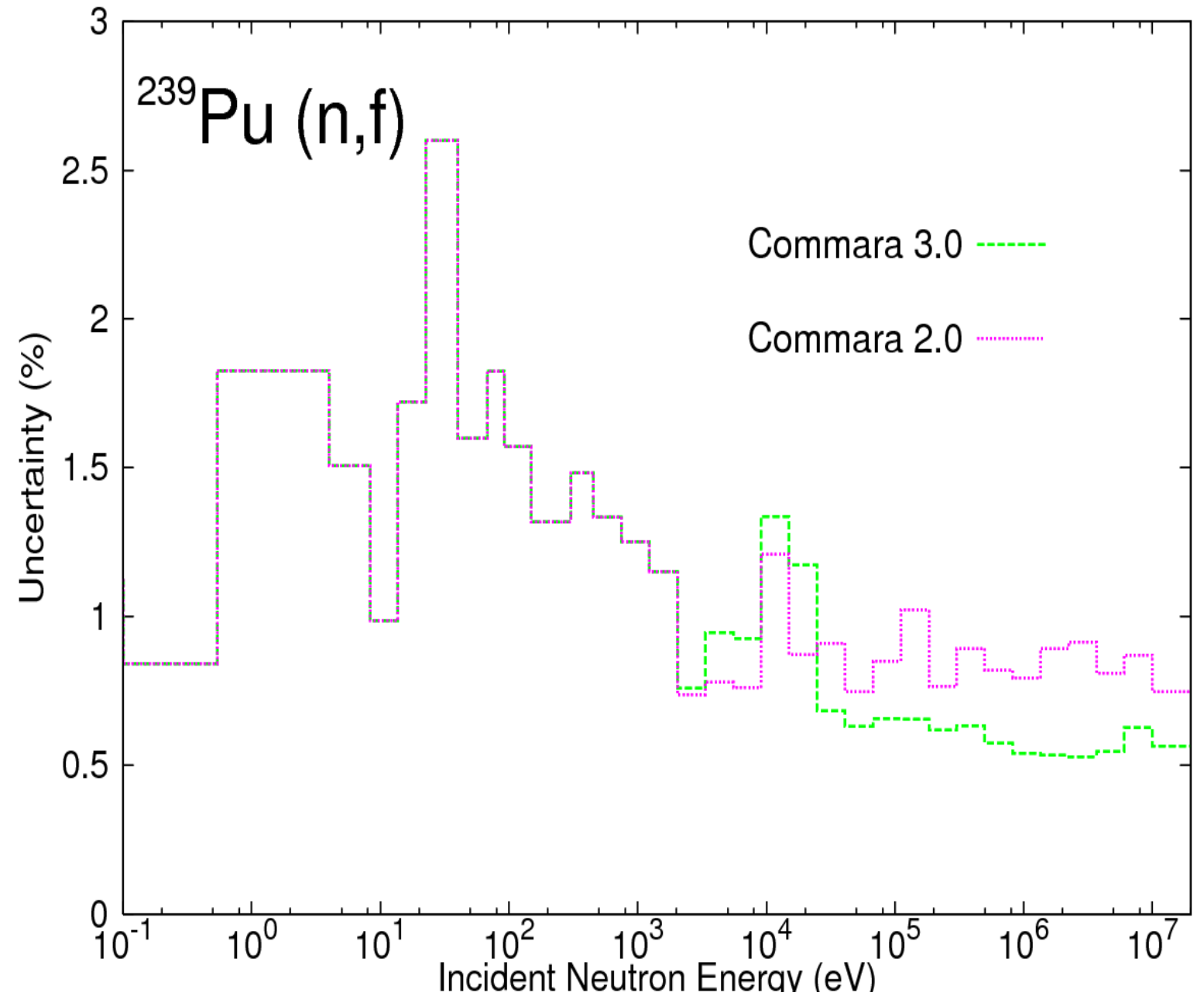
# $^{235}\text{U}$

- New MF33 eval by LANL/ORNL



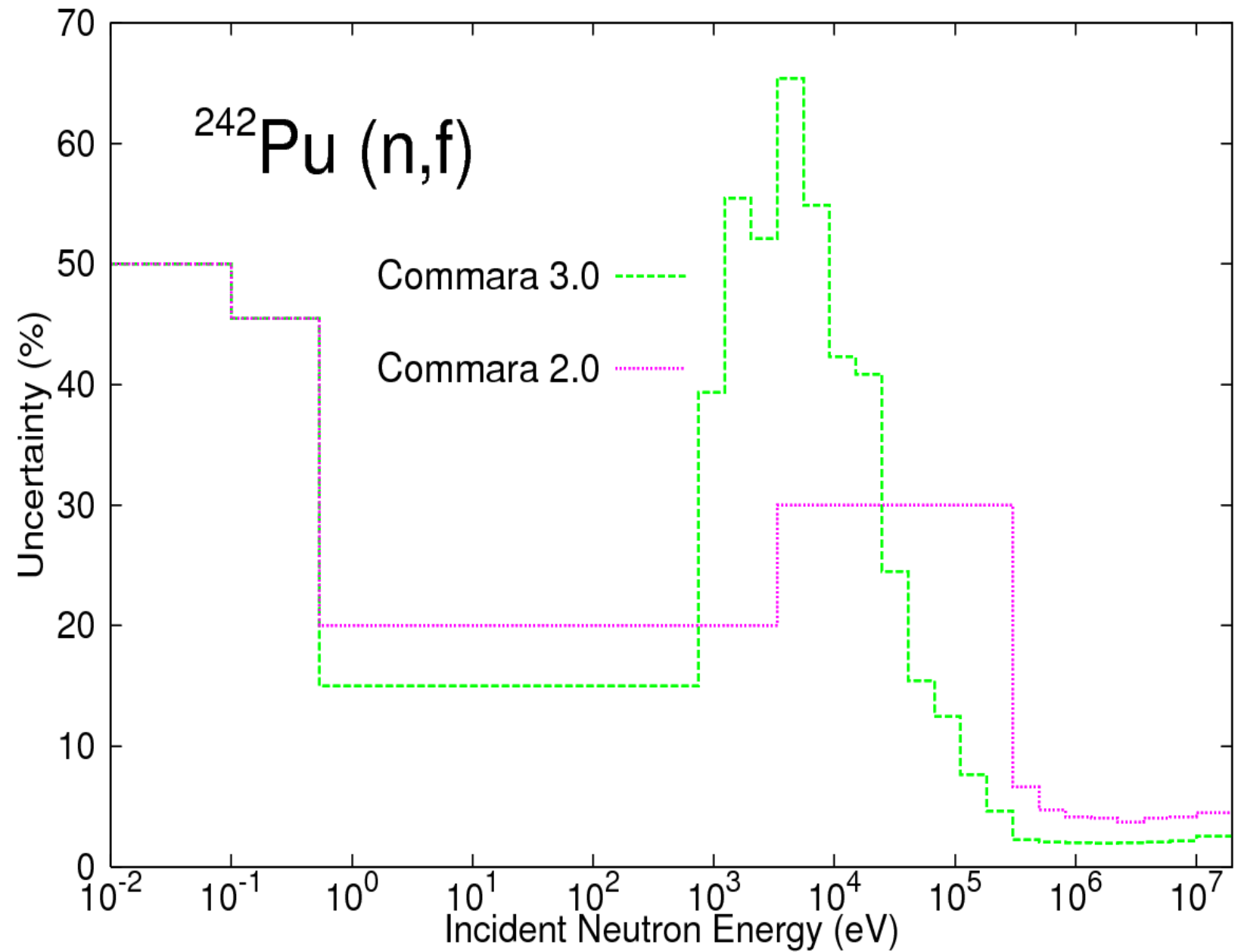
# $^{239}\text{Pu}$

- New MF33 eval by LANL/ORNL



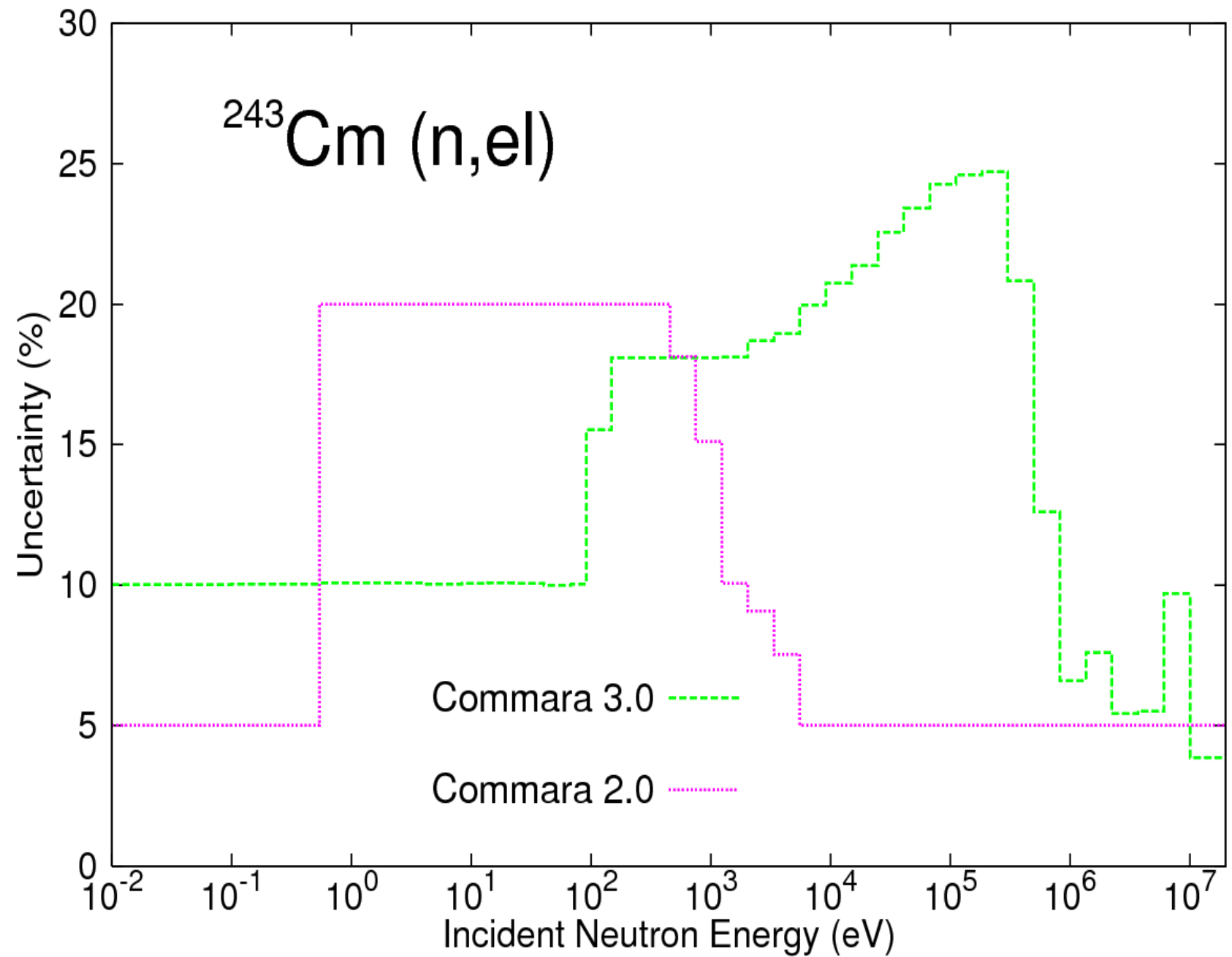
# $^{242}\text{Pu}$

from JENDL-4



# $^{243}\text{Cm}$

from JENDL-4

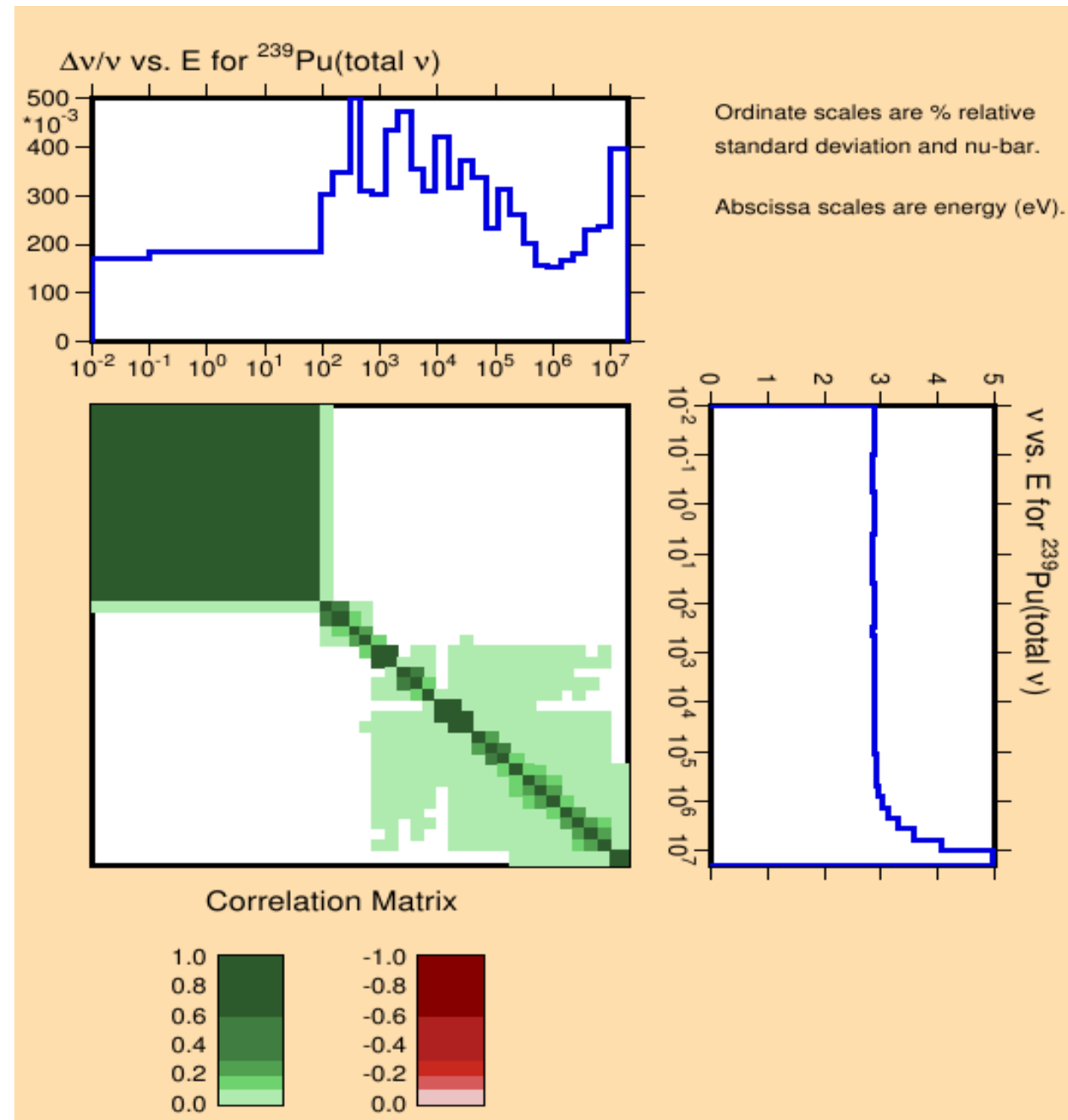




# Nubar covariances

- $^{239}\text{Pu}$

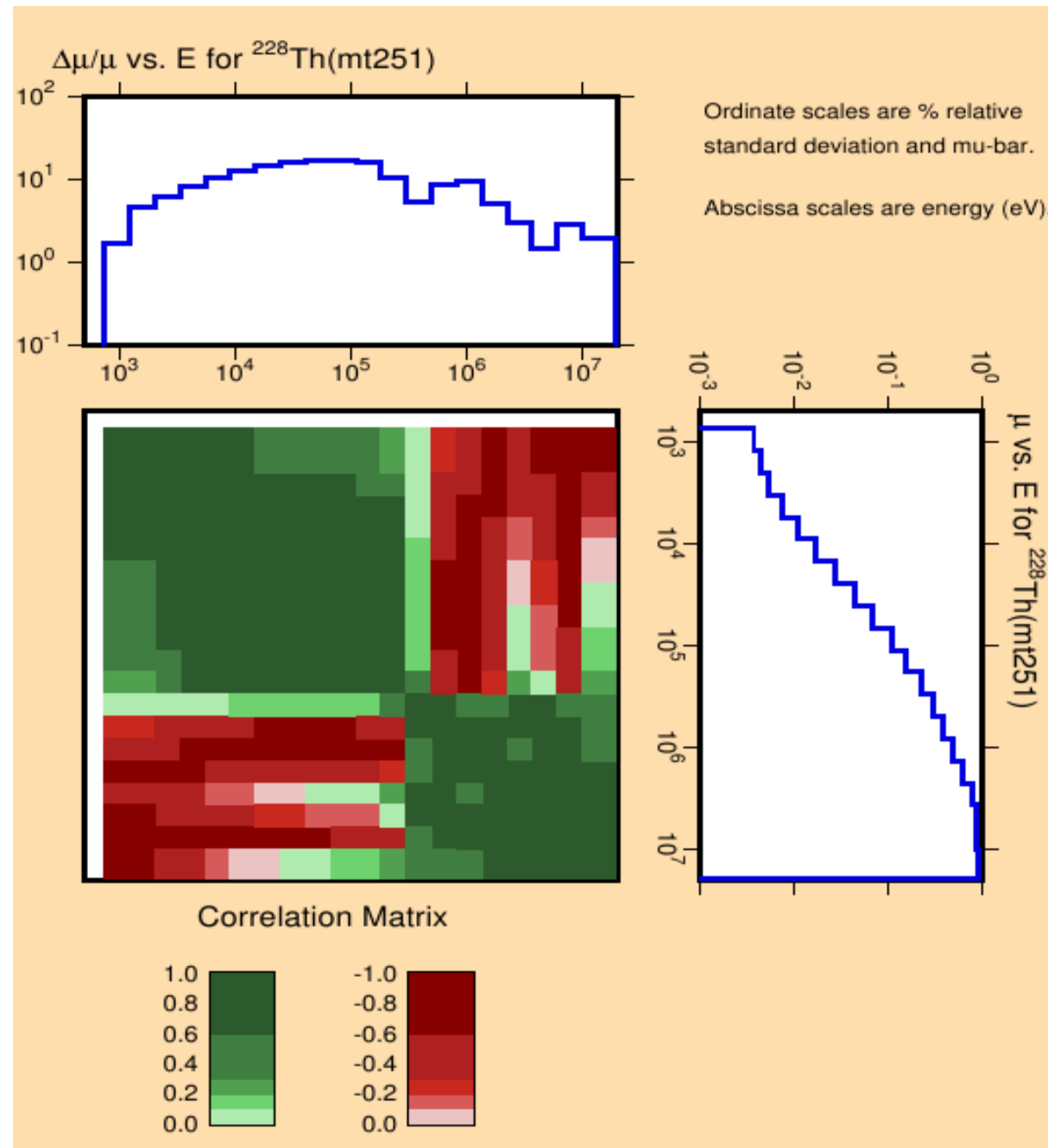
From LANL



# Mubar covariances

$^{228}\text{Th}$

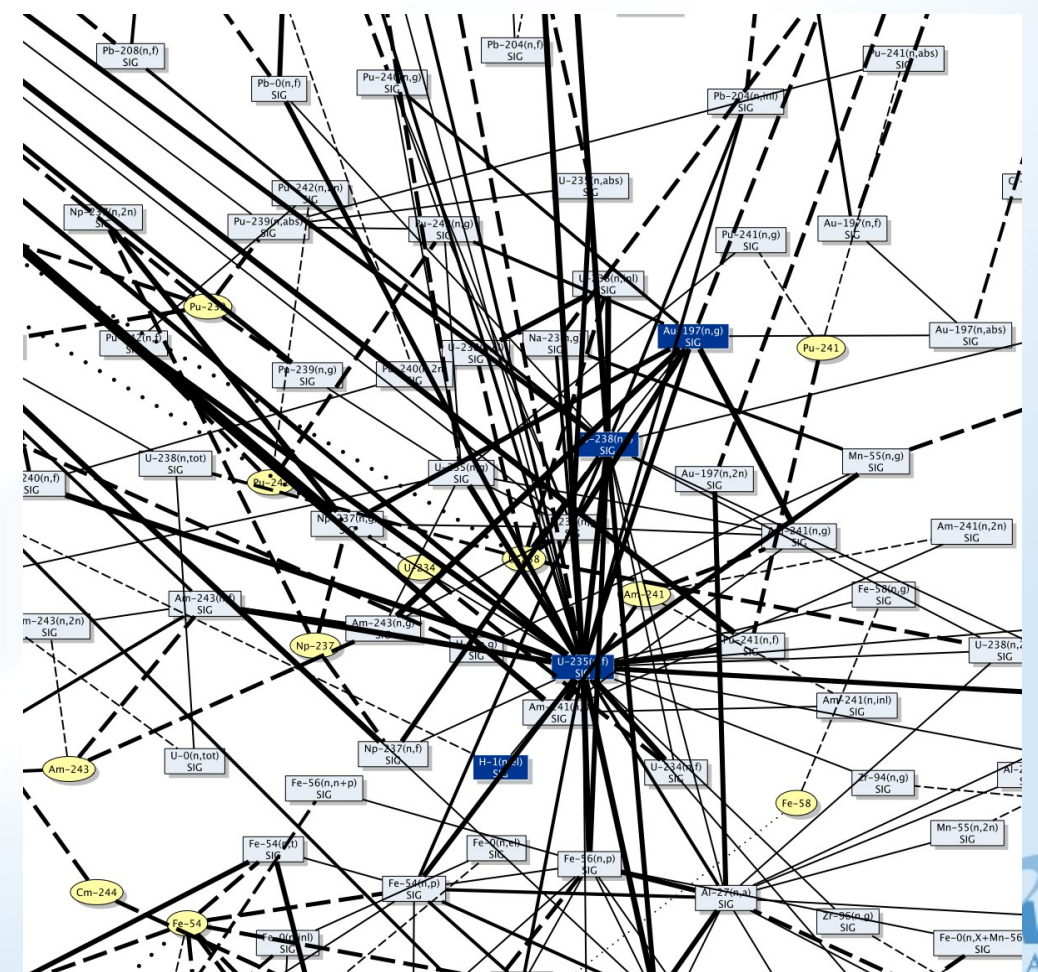
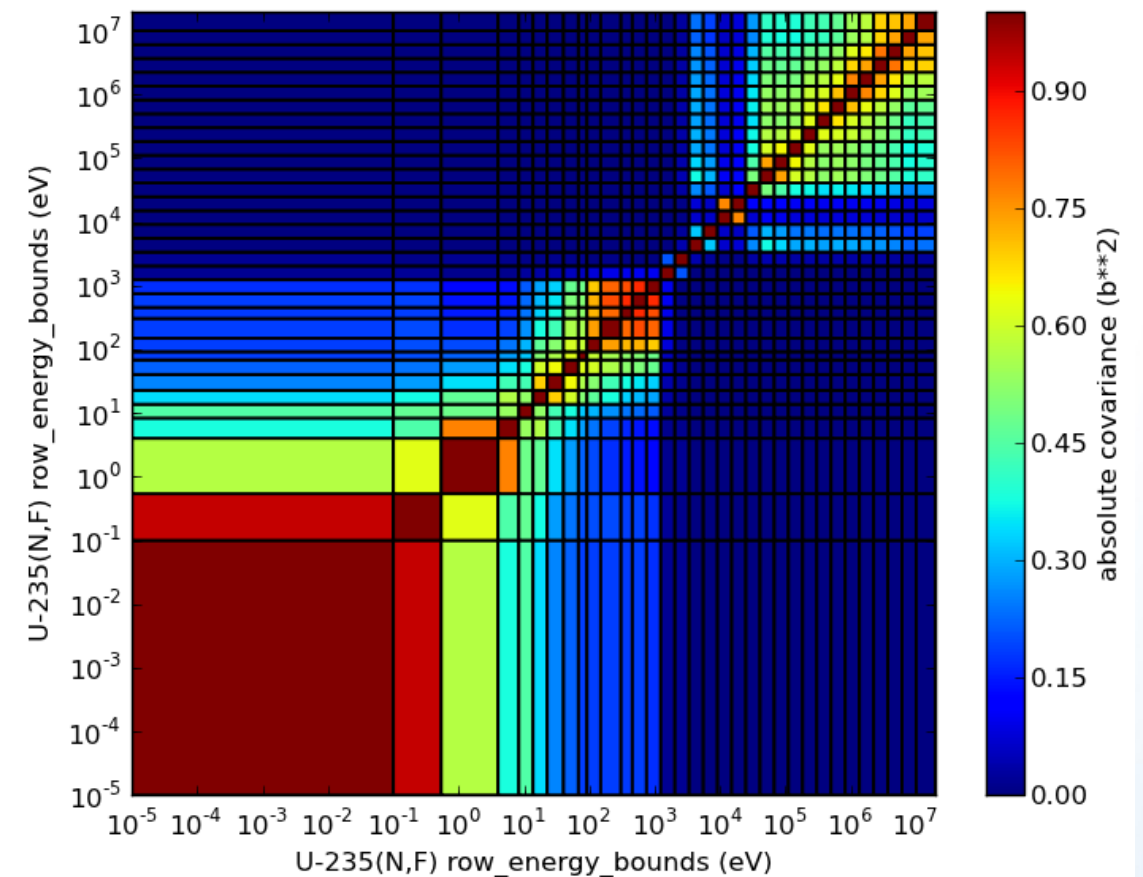
JENDL-4



# Developing cross-isotope cross-reaction covariances

- EXFOR contains many forms of coupled cross section data:
  - reaction combinations
  - reactions on elemental targets
  - non-elastic data
  - ratios to monitors (unused)
  - “isomers math” (unused)
- Goal: Refit all COMMARA-2.0 priority cross sections simultaneously
  - 33-group structure
  - ENDF/B-VII.1 covariances for prior
    - includes “on-diagonal” covariance
    - includes standards “off-diagonals”
  - use EXFOR entry’s REACTION string to construct linearized kernel

End product is covariance,  
not mean values



# Summary

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- ENDF/B-VII.1 released Dec 2011
- Files tested using Sigma-QA and UnCor procedures for Quality Assurance
- ENDF files processed with NJOY using AFCL 33-group structure, flux = thermal, 1/E, fission spec ( $E > 100$  keV)
- Subset used for COMMARA-3.0 in SG33 format

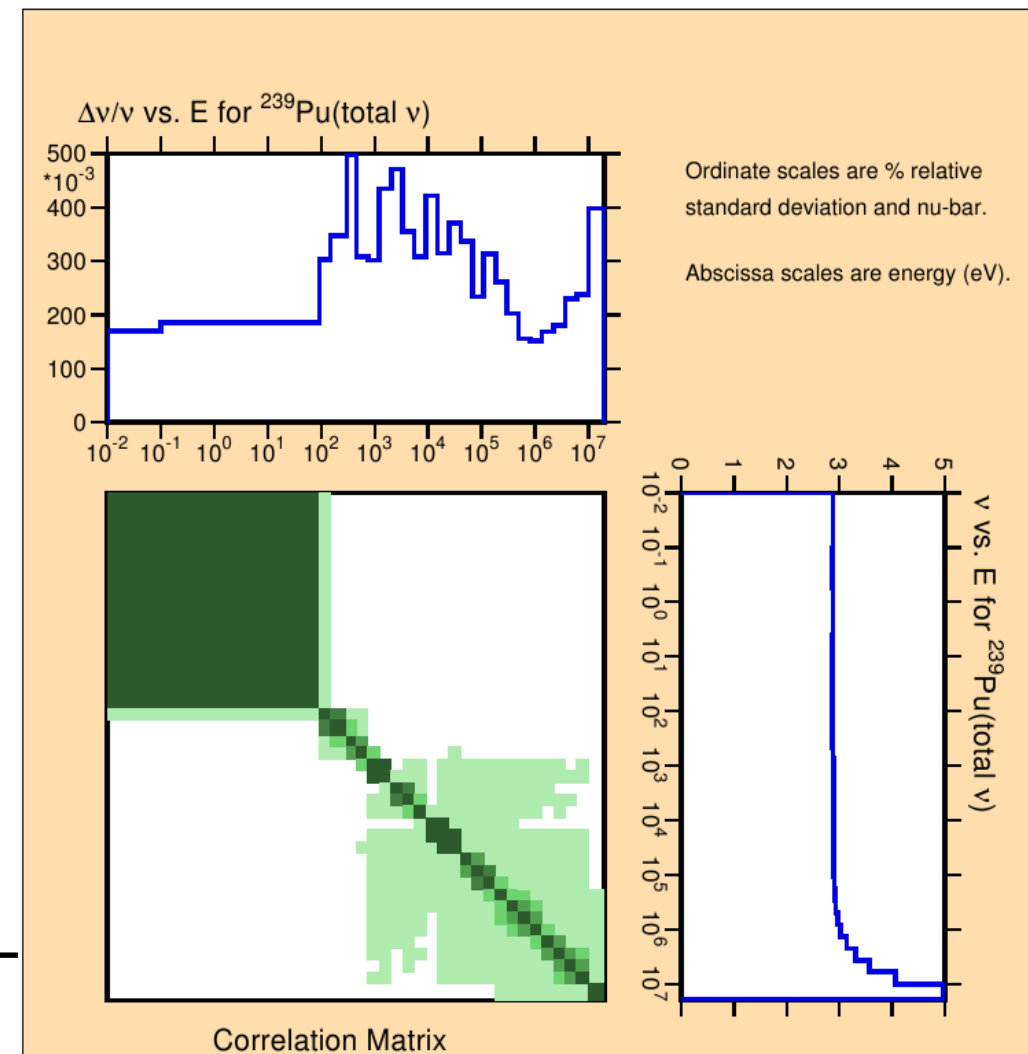
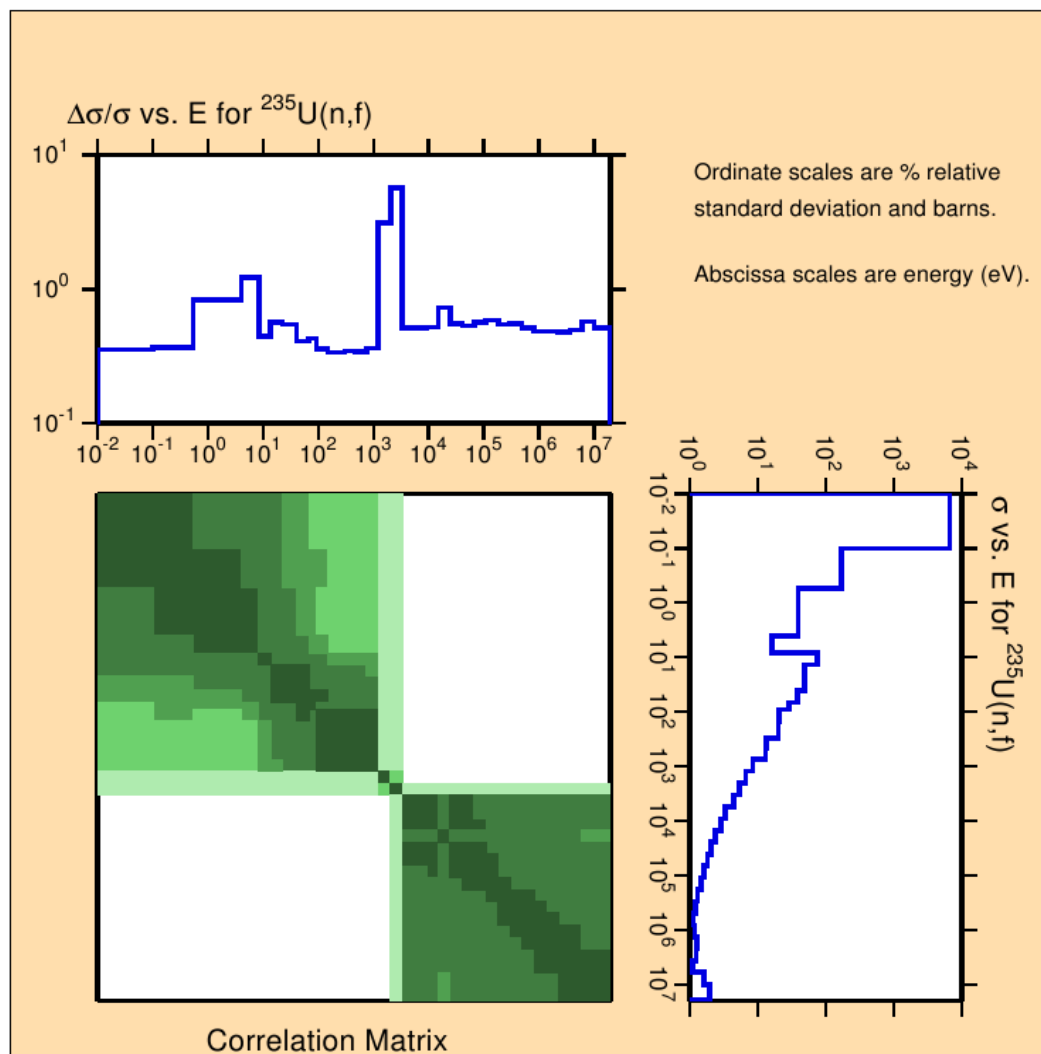
# EXTRAS

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# 33-group structure

- AFCI is a processed covariance library, using 33 energy bins.
- Group boundaries chosen so that in most cases,  $\ln(E_2/E_1)=0.5$



# Which materials to include/modify

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- Include all materials with covariance data from ENDF/B-VII.1?
- Only replace materials in COMMARA-2.0?
- Limit max uncertainty to 100%?
- Place any limits on minimum uncertainties?
- Same reaction channels  $\Rightarrow$  SG33?



# Contents of Library

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- Major Actinides produced by LANL/ORNL
  - $^{233,235,238}\text{U}$ ,  $^{239}\text{Pu}$  – simultaneous evaluation
- Structural materials produced by BNL
  - $^{23}\text{Na}$ ,  $^{52}\text{Cr}$ ,  $^{56}\text{Fe}$ ,  $^{58}\text{Ni}$ , Pb, Bi, ...
- Light nuclei from LANL/ORNL (R-matrix, also low-fi)
- Minor Actinides partly based on V. Maslov estimates, partly on BNL and LANL efforts, JENDL
- Fission products most based on low-fidelity covariances
- Mubar covariances for  $^{23}\text{Na}$ ,  $^{56}\text{Fe}$
- Prompt fission neutron spectra for  $^{238,239,240}\text{Pu}$

# Integral Weightings

