Nuclear reaction calculations with NCG the TALYS code

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TALYS



- Nuclear model code by NRG Petten, CEA Bruyeres-le-Chatel, UL Bruxelles
- g,n,p,d,t,h,a induced reactions from 10⁻⁵ eV up to 250 MeV Release:
- <u>www.talys.eu</u>
- Latest official version, TALYS-1.4, released december 23, 2011.
- Estimated 400-500 users, > 400 publications

Software issues:

- TALYS is ready to be used by persons other than the authors
- Very flexible:
 - 4-line idiot-proof input (element, mass, projectile, energy), but also...
 - > 250 keywords to change models, parameters, level of output, etc.
- 300 page manual, 20 widely varying sample cases
- Readable modular programming (extensions by others is relatively easy)
- Very robust, thanks to dripline-to-dripline and random input testing



TALYS code scheme





TALYS physics

General use:

- TALYS can be used for
 - In-depth single nuclide/reaction analyses
 - Global multi-nuclide calculations

Complete output:

 Total, partial and residual production cross sections, (Double)differential spectra, Angular distributions per discrete level, Fission yields, Recoils, Isomeric production, Astrophysical reaction rates Gamma production, etc,

Recent accomplishment: option to use all optical, level density, fission and pre-equilibrium models phenomenologically (Woods-Saxon, Fermi gas, Hill-Wheeler, exciton) or microscopically (Hartree-Fock-Bogolyubov-based, by Hilaire, Goriely, Bauge)

Typical calculation times



Numbers based on a single Intel Xeon X5472 3.0 GhZ processor

- Time needed to get all cross sections, level densities, spectra, angular distributions. gamma production etc.:
- 14 MeV neutron on non-deformed target: 3 sec.
- 60 incident energies between 0 and 20 MeV:

1 min. (AI-27) to 4 min. (Pb-208) to 10 min. (U-238)

- 100 incident energies between 0 and 200 MeV: 20 min. (AI-27) to 3 hours (U-238)
- 60 incident energies between 0 and 20 MeV for all 2430 nuclides, stable or with t> 1 sec: about 200 hours
- To obtain credible Monte Carlo based covariance data: multiply the above numbers by 50-500.



TALYS: Phenomenological fission





requires "in-depth" evaluation and adjustment of fission barrier parameters, level density parameters (a, T, shell corr.) for ground state and fission barriers, radiative widths, and preequilibrium parameters



A.J. Koning, S. Hilaire and S. Goriely, Nucl. Phys. A810, 13-76 (2008)

Trends for level densities: HFB (Goriely-Hilaire) vs constant temperature model





Trends for level densities: HFB vs CTM





Trends for gamma-ray strength functions



Capture c.s. at 100 keV: HFB vs. Kopecky-Uhl strength f. (1100 nuclides)



Conclusions

- TALYS (<u>www.talys.eu</u>) is
 - a user-friendly nuclear model code for reactions involving all light particles up to 200 MeV,
 - used, and validated, by a worldwide community,
 - competitive at all energies
 - Used to analyze nuclear reaction experiments
 - Capable of producing complete nuclear reaction data sets of reasonable to good quality for all kinds of applications