## **Session I: Gamma Strength Function & Level Density**



## 10 Talks from leaders in NLD/gSF experimental and theory work

#### **Experiment**

Lee Bernstein Introduction/summary

Paul Koehler Neutron resonance parameters to improve gSF

Sean Liddick b-Oslo method to extract NLD/gSF from rare isotopes

Alexander Voinov Particle evaporation technique for determining NLD

Andrea Richard Indirect (n,g) measurement techniques



#### <u>Theory</u>

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TLC: Targeted Experiments, Lots of Theory, Considered Experiments Uncertainties in capture rate calculations due to NLD and gSF Modern NLD calculations using microscopic nuclear theory Modern gSF from extended QRPA and FAM The case for an evaluated NLD/gSF database

### Experimental techniques for determining QC properties

1. Energy indexing approaches

a) Reaction-based (Surrogate, particle scattering, particle evaporation)

b) Oslo methods (beta-Oslo, Shape method analysis)

2.Photo-absorption

3. High resolution (n,g)

4.(n,n'g) and neutron evaporation spectra





RPI Gamma Multiplicity Counter Data against several gamma-cascade models (A. Lewis)



Shape-method results to eliminate theoretical normalizations for Olso method. (A. Richard)



A. Richards and M. Mumpower:  $\gamma$ SF uncertainties lead to large (n, $\gamma$ ) uncertainties



 $\gamma$ -ray strength from QRPA calculations N. Schunck

J. Escher: Deeper understanding of the underlying nucl. structure



Level densities from shell-model calculations by S. Karampagia



#### Challenges Relevance and uncertainties



Monte Carlo variation of reaction rates for all nuclei out to the driptine

Current uncertainties likely around an order of magnitude (or more) far from stability

### Challenges Theory development is needed



Using two  $\gamma$ -ray strength functions within the same



 $\gamma$ -ray cascades to the ground state are described by SLO, while  $\gamma$ -ray cascades to the first 2+ state are described by SLO+KMF.

# Recommendations for future work:

- Development of Evaluated QC properties library
  → Preferred gSF/NLD models for reactions
- Targeted experiments to push theory forward
  →Identify needs and create experiment to target resolving specific questions/challenges

<u>gSF:</u>

Microscopic explanation of features? Dependence on deformation, mass, N? Limits of Brink-Axel assumption(s)?

NLD:

Correlations in LDs?

Impact of deformation, spin-dependencies, non-equal parities?

3. Experimental neutron-rich anchor points to benchmark theoretical developments

 $\rightarrow$  Complete spectroscopy experimentation



Complete spectroscopy may be necessary to enable a full description of gamma emission from neutron capture. Encompassing both discrete level information and QC information.