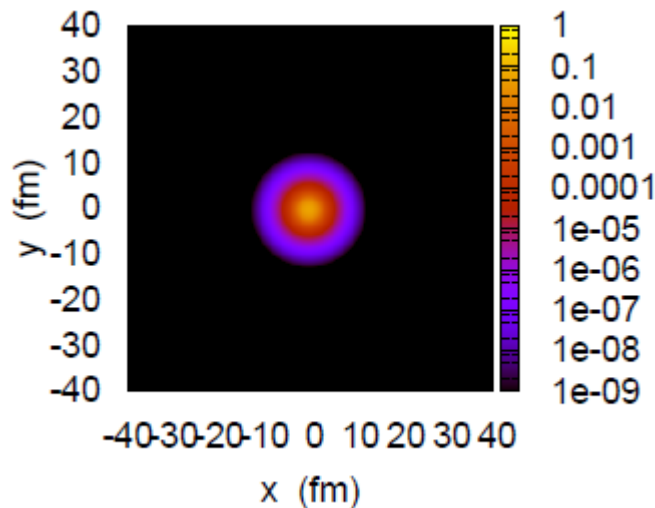


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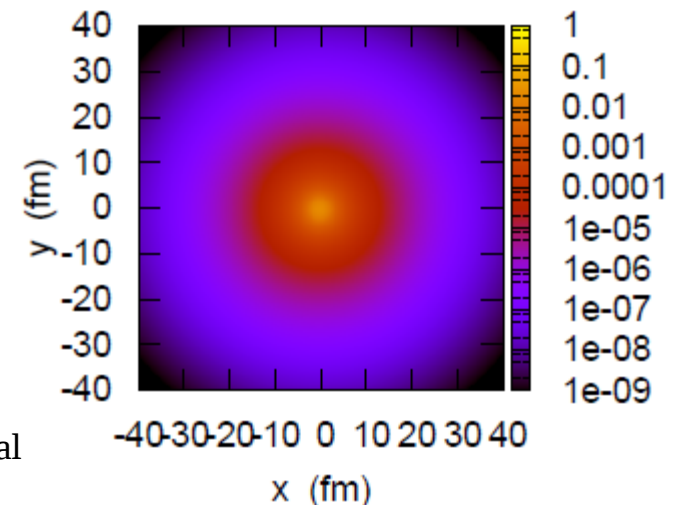


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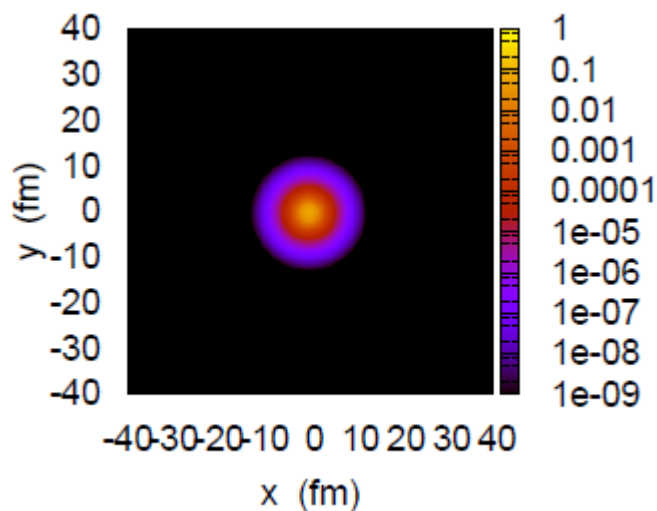


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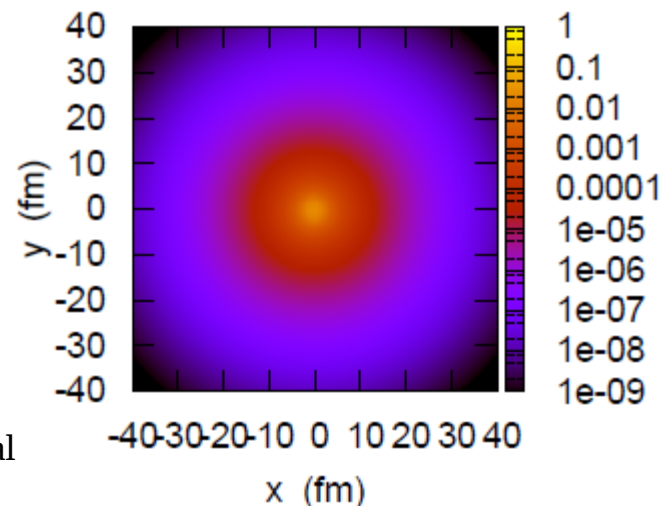


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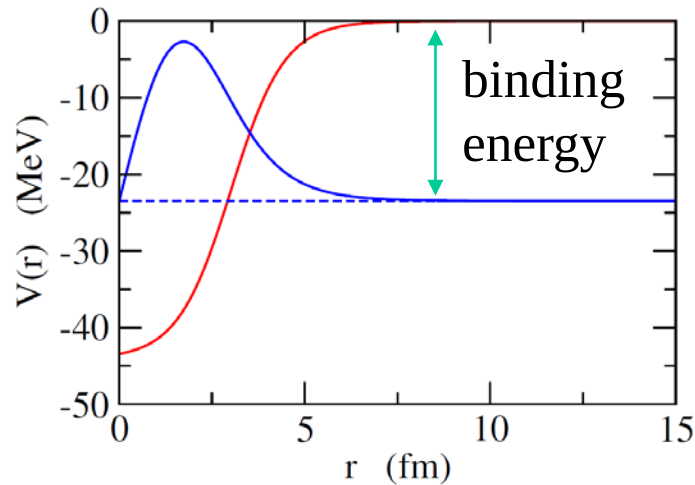
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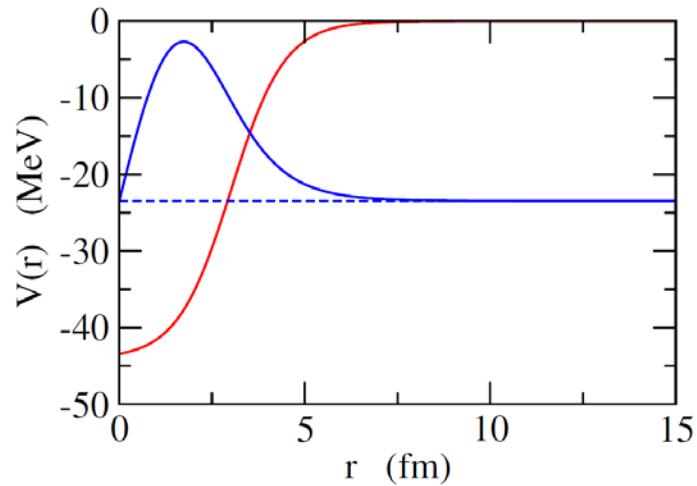


Consider a bound state in a potential V

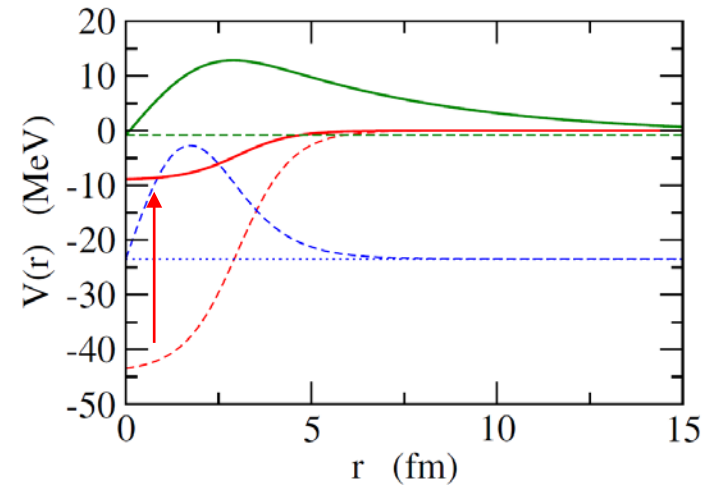
What would you do if you want to investigate properties of a weakly bound system within this model?

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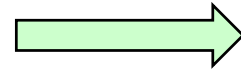
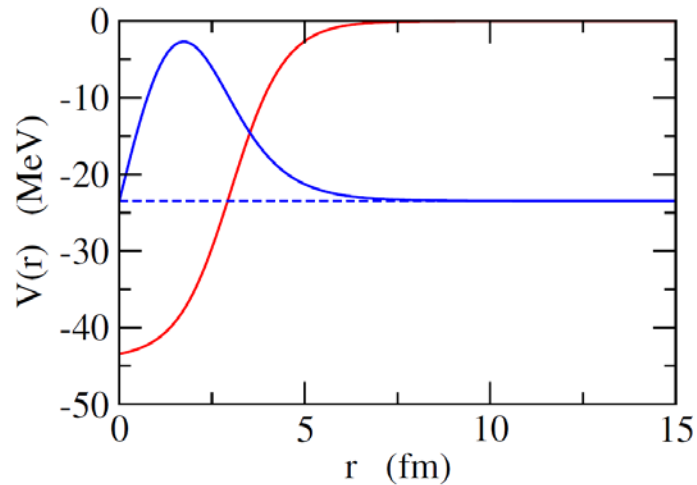


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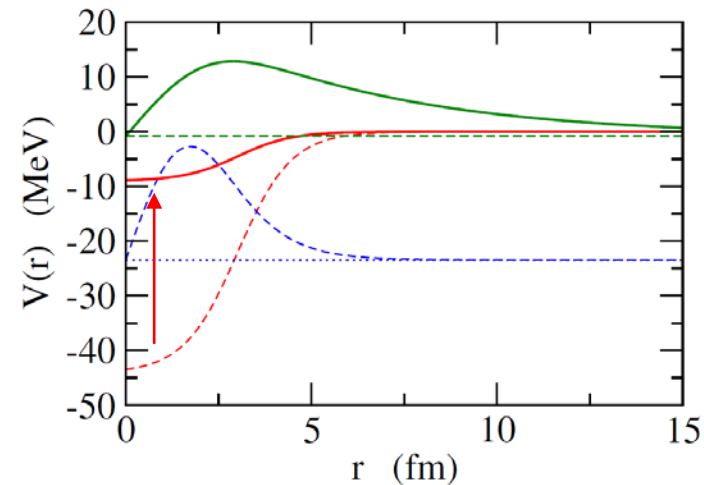
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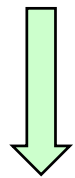


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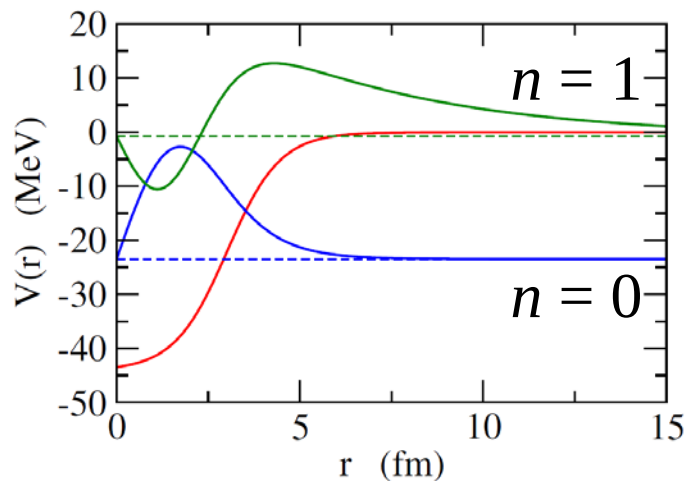


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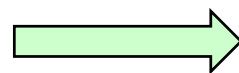
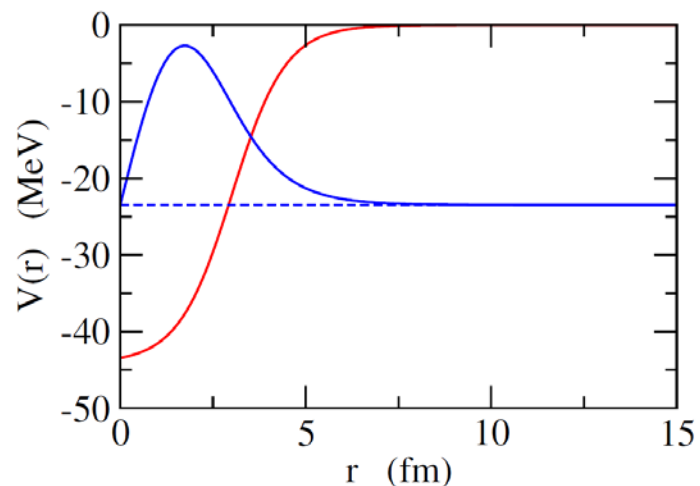
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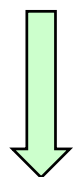
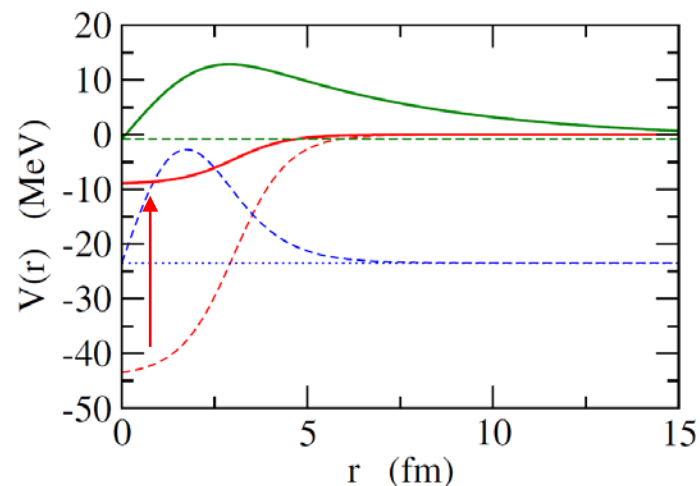
- ✓ excite the system
- ✓ increase the number of particles (Fermion)

weakly bound state

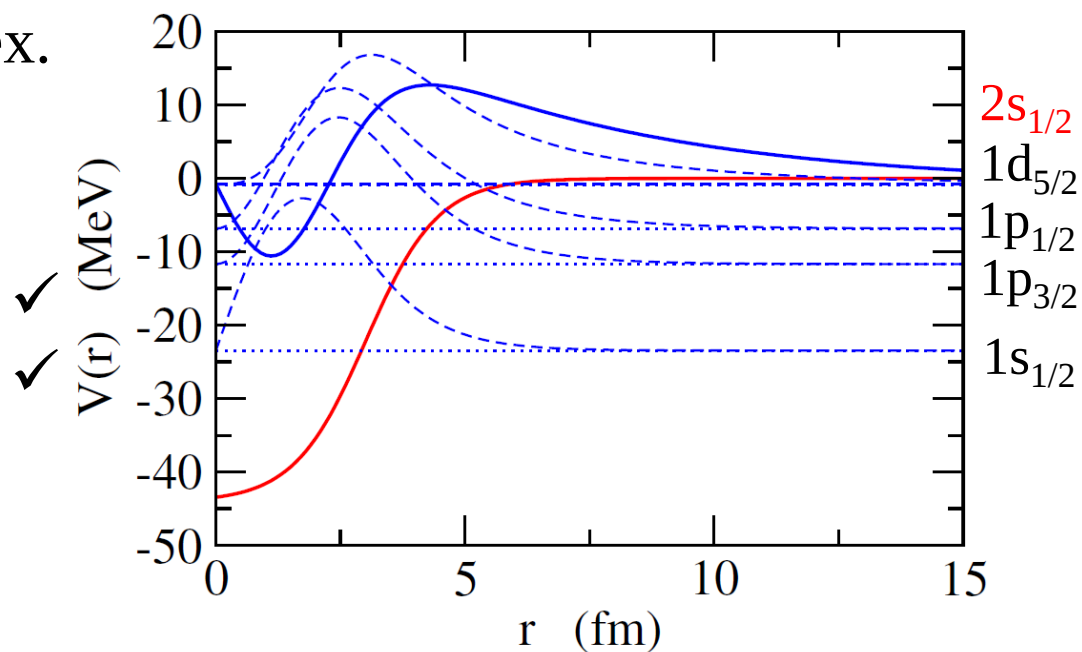
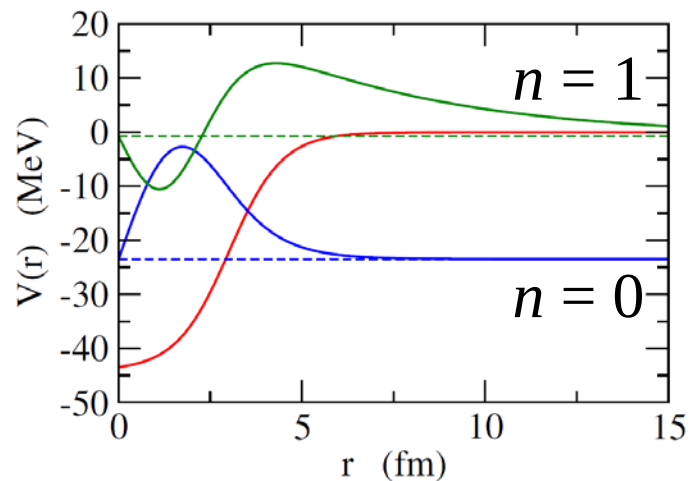
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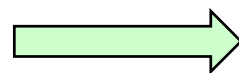
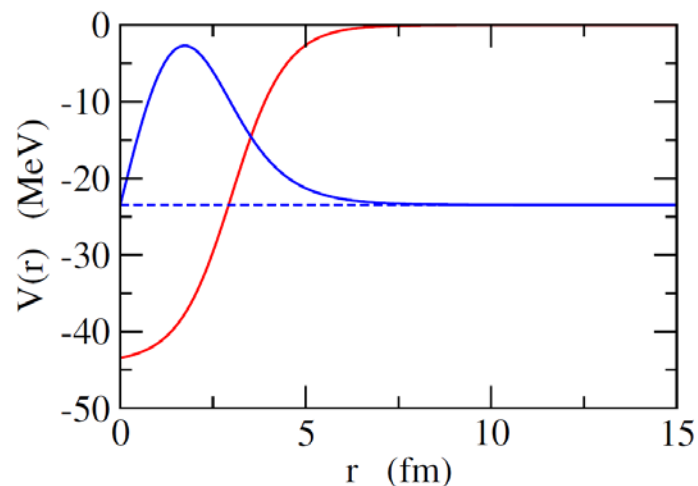


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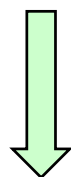
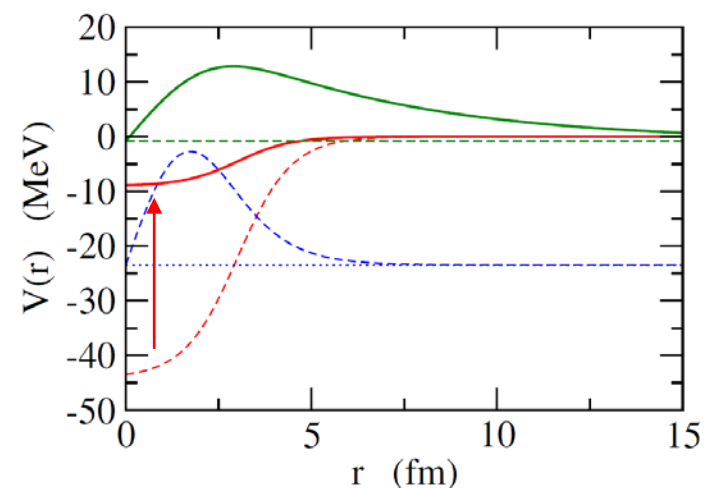


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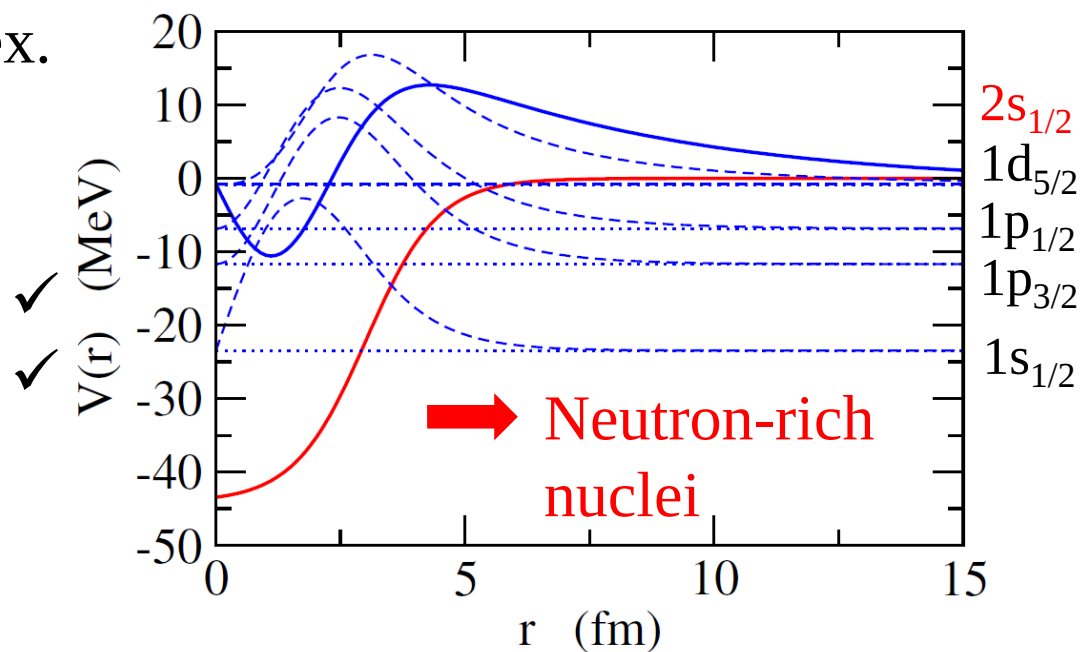
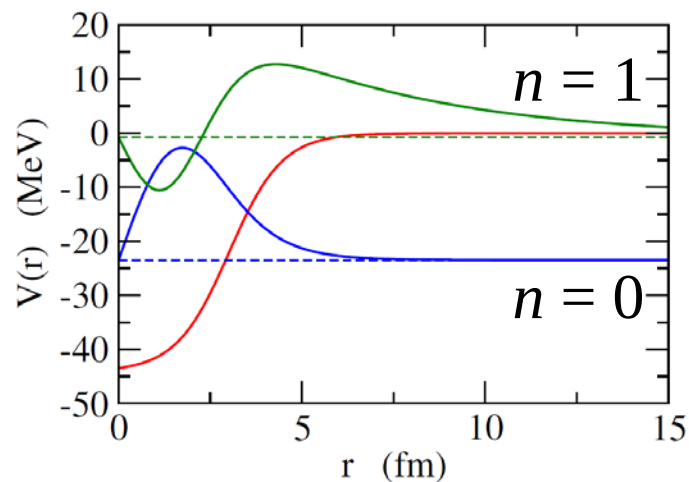
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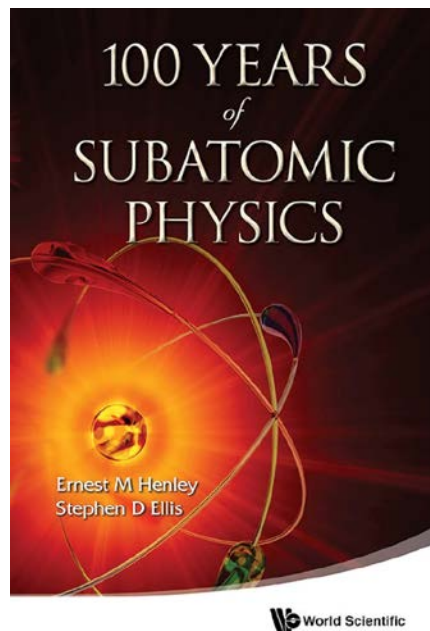
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| 1. Introduction: physics of neutron-rich nuclei
overview, r-process nucleosynthesis | today |
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angular momentum and halo phenomena | 11/2 morning |
| 3. Unbound nuclei and resonance states
general theory of potential resonances
proton radioactivities | 11/2 afternoon |
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resonance state of a deformed potential | 11/5 afternoon-1 |
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➤ Lecture notes

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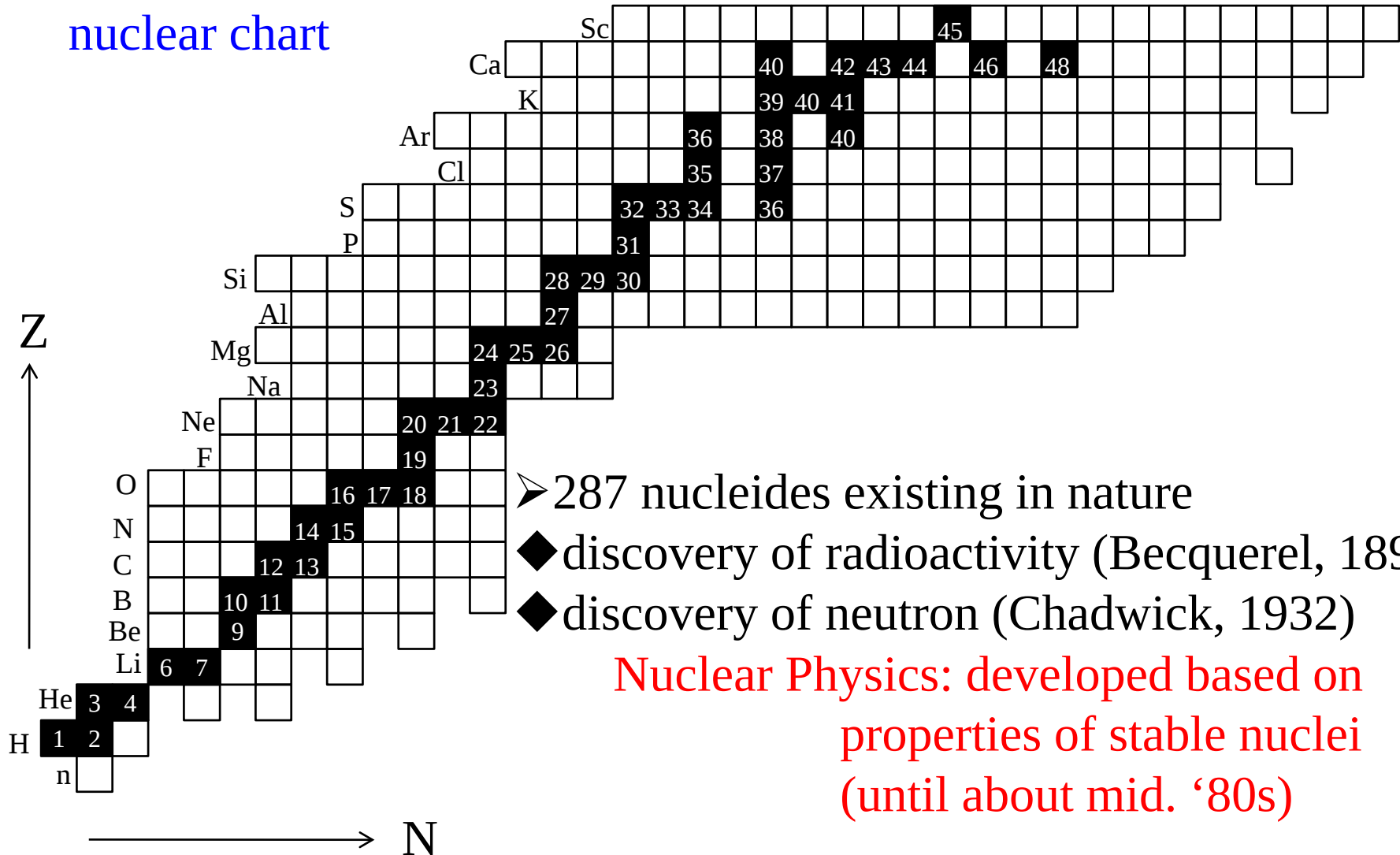
Theoretical models for exotic nuclei

Hiroyuki Sagawa^{1,2} and Kouichi Hagino^{3,4,5,a}

“Physics of Unstable
Nuclei” Prof. T. Nakamura

Introduction

nuclear chart



saturation, radii, binding energy,
magic numbers.....

Nuclear Physics: based on properties of stable nuclei

→ Nevertheless, there has existed a natural question since old time
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[illegible]⁶He : H.S. Sommers Jr. and R. Sherr, PR74('48)1192.⁸He : A.M. Poskanzer et al., PRL15('65)1030.¹¹Li : R. Klapisch et al., PRL23('69)652.

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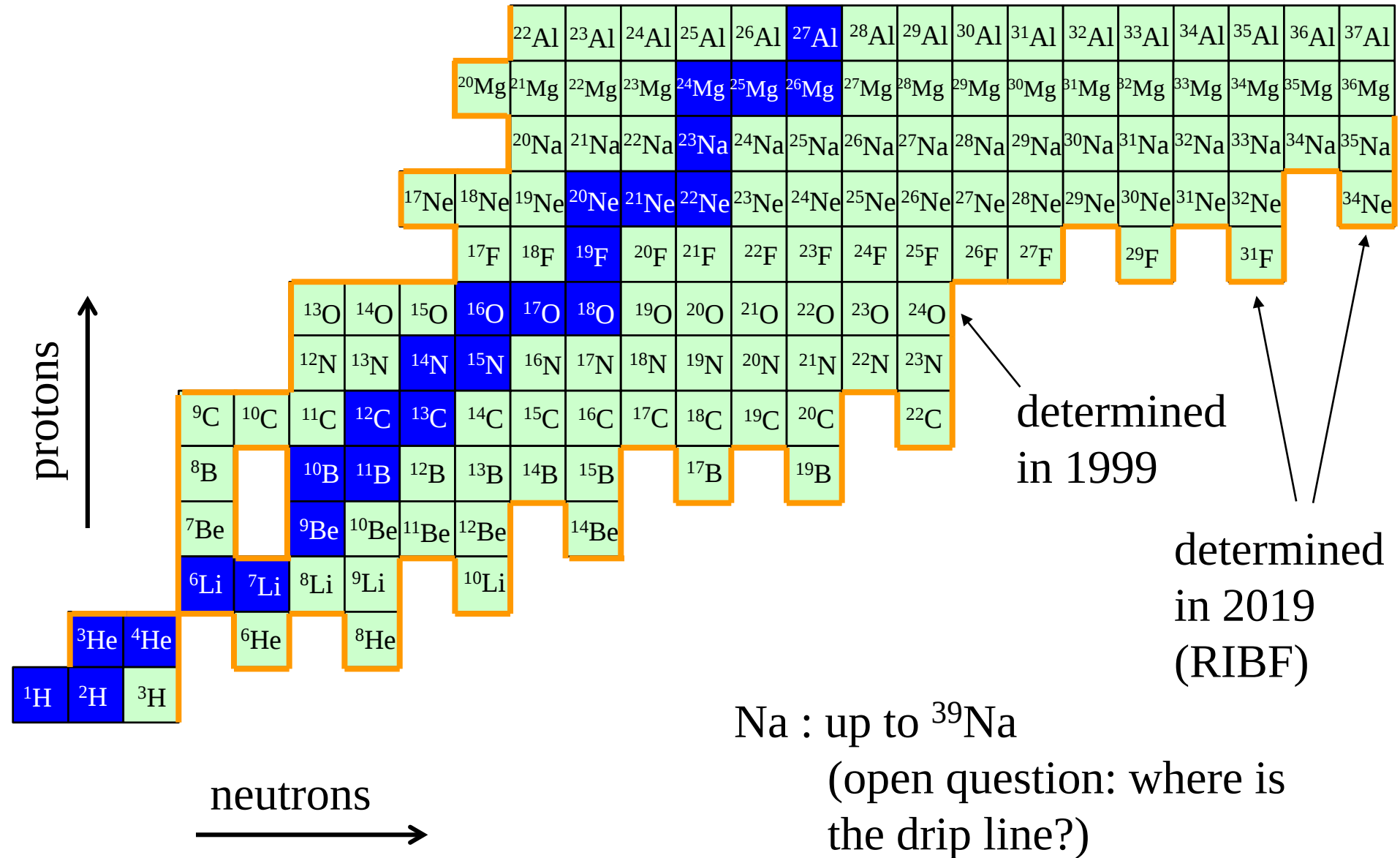
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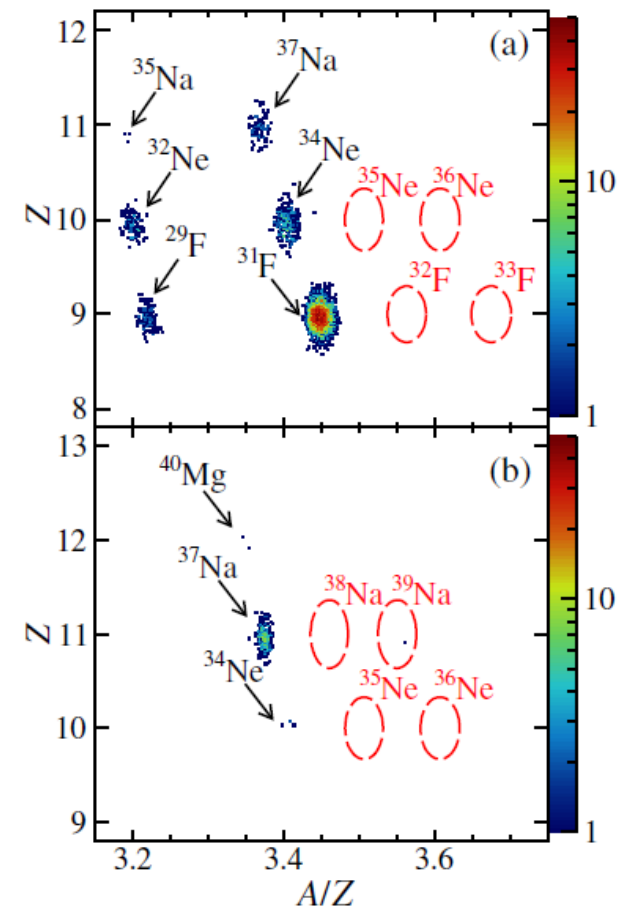
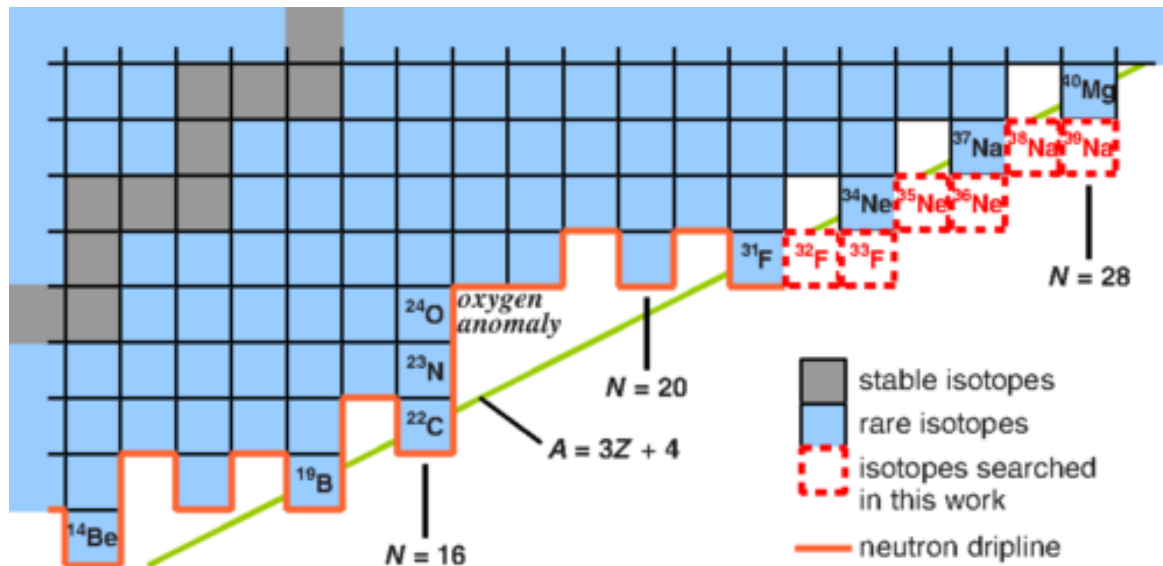
+ are there interesting phenomena which exist only in weakly bound systems?

“how many neutrons can be put into a nucleus for a given number of protons?” → where is the neutron drip-line?



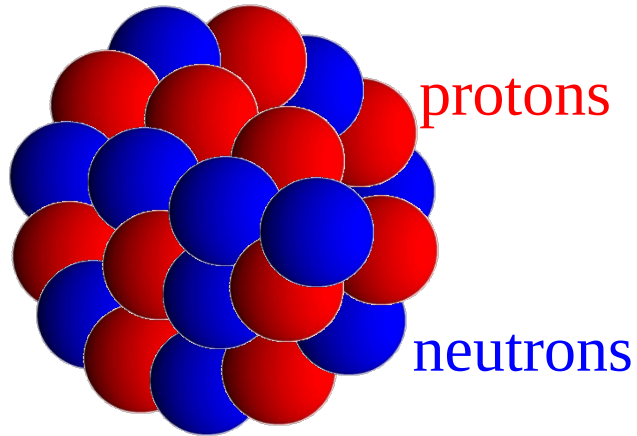
Location of the Neutron Dripline at Fluorine and Neon

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fragmentation of ^{48}Ca
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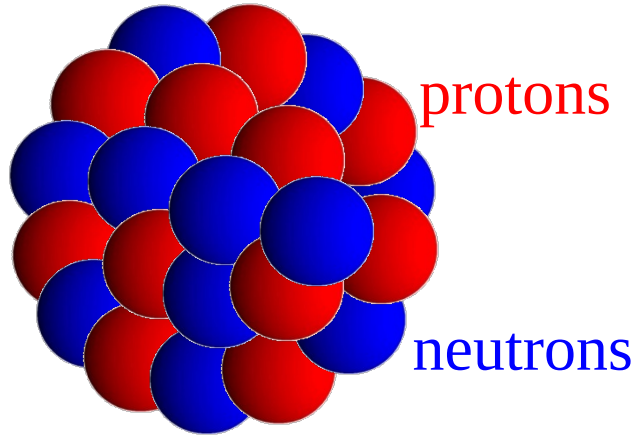
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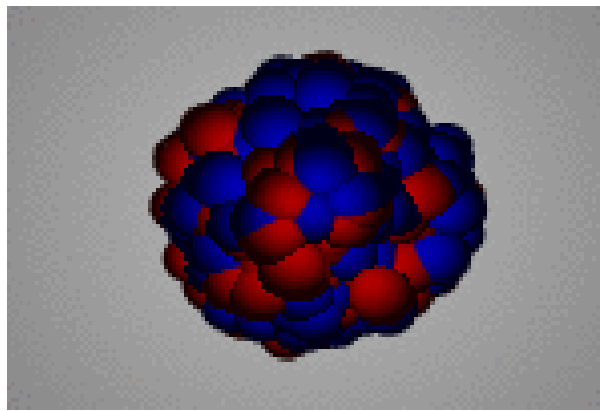
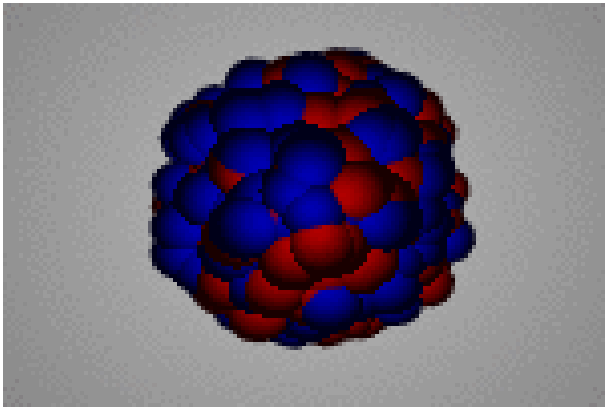
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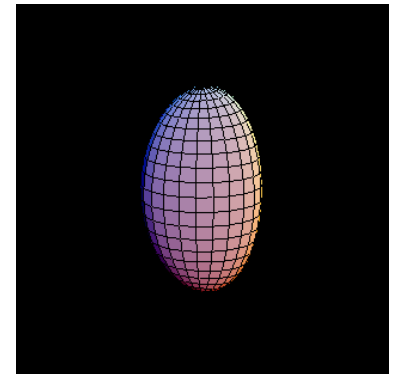
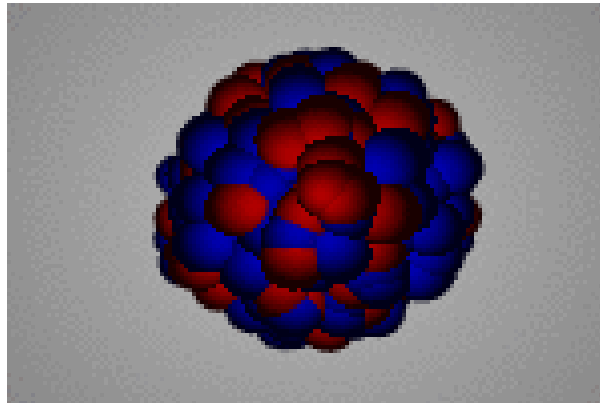
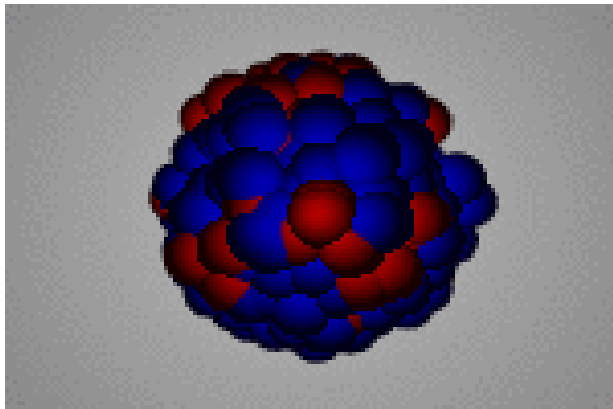
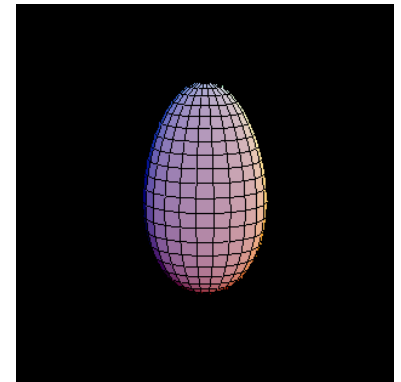
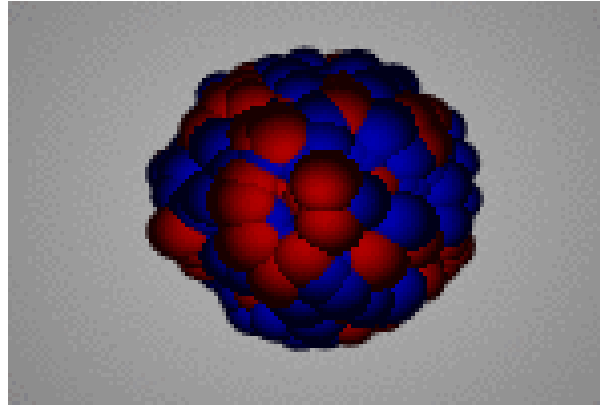
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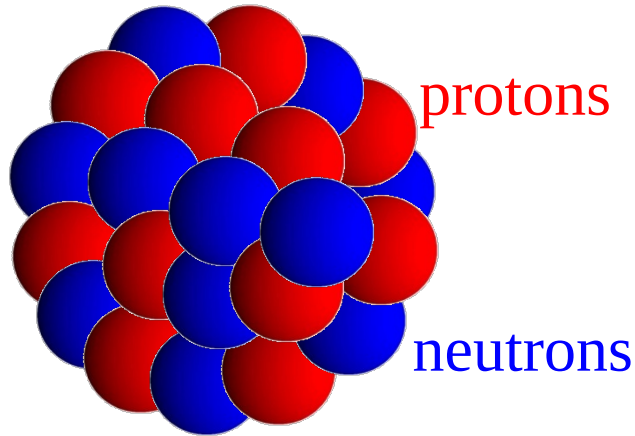


very regular motion
“collective motions”

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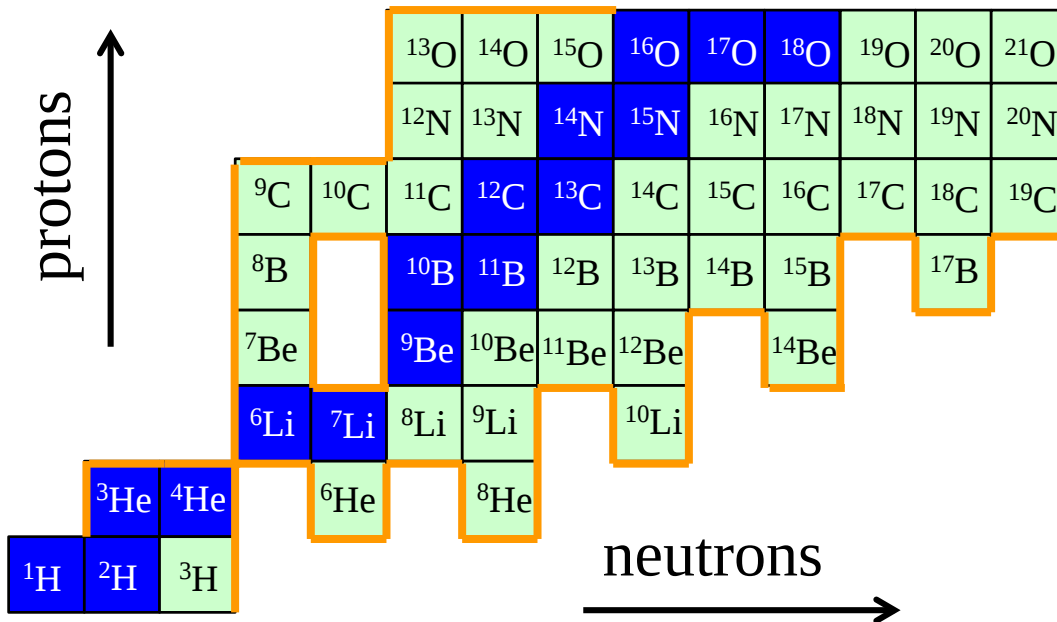
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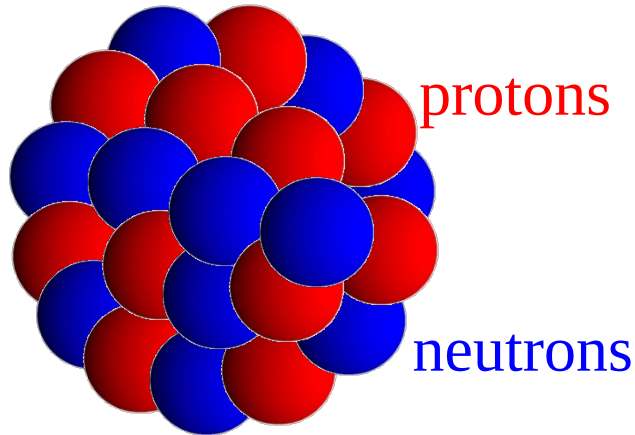
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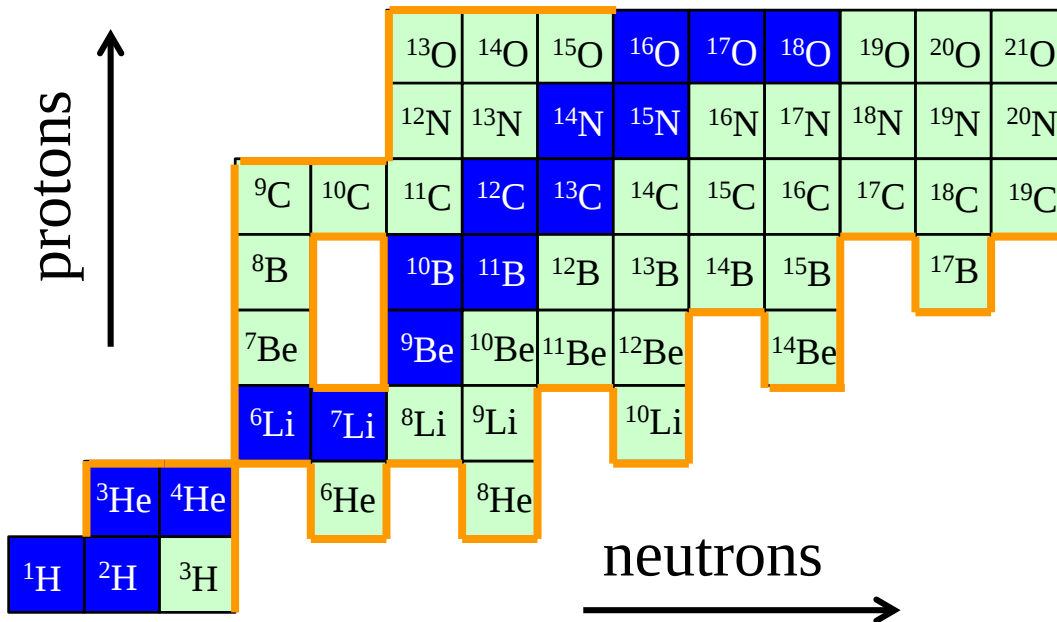
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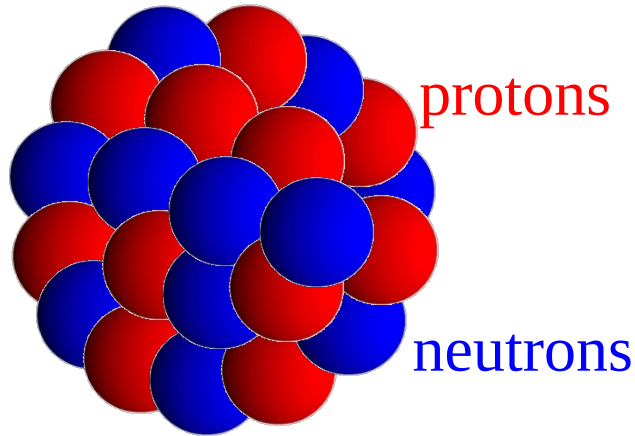


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the situation has been largely changed after neutron-rich nuclei could be accessed

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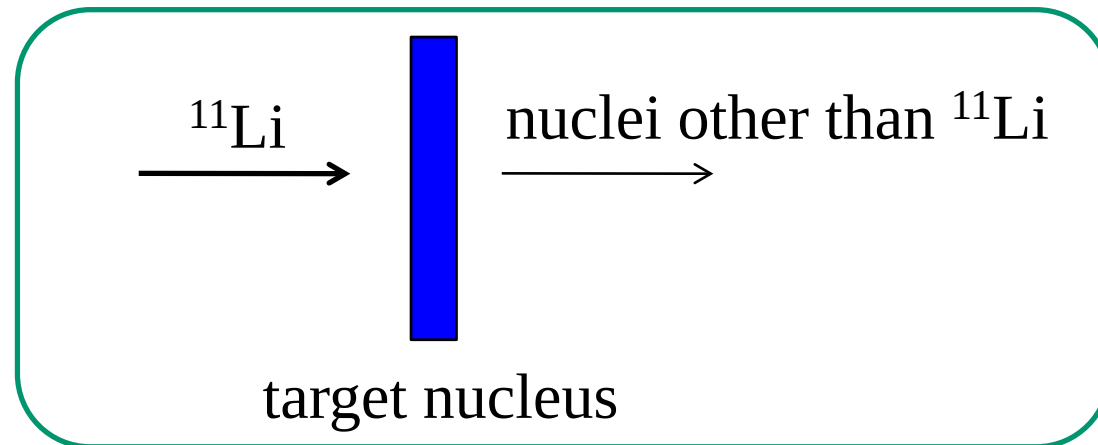
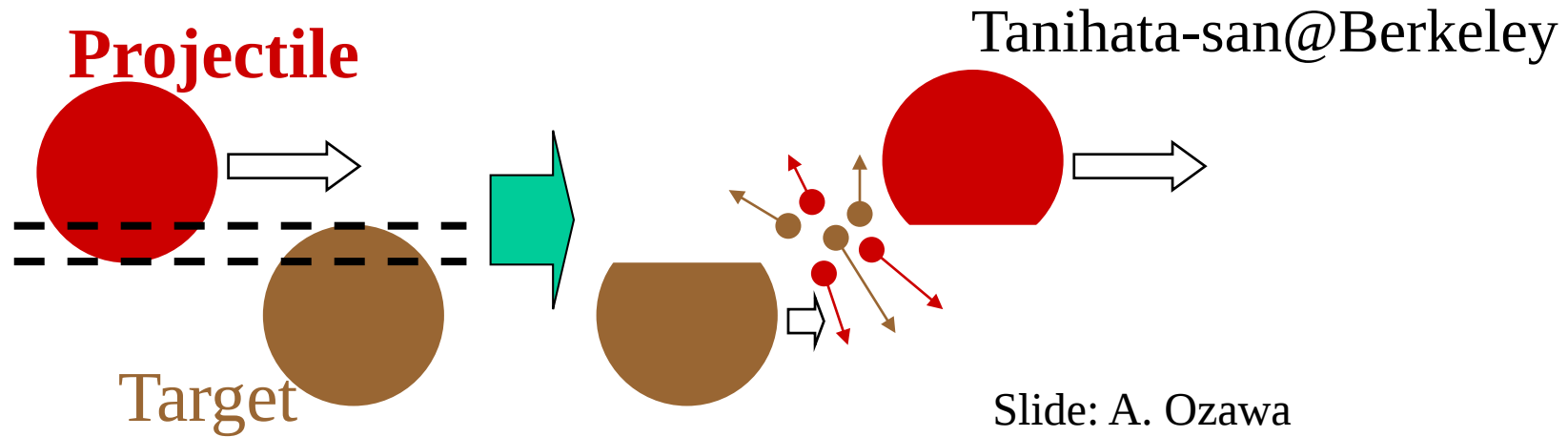
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Physics of unstable nuclei:

unveil new properties of atomic nuclei by controlling the proton and neutron numbers

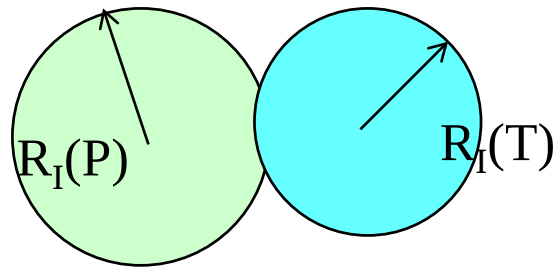
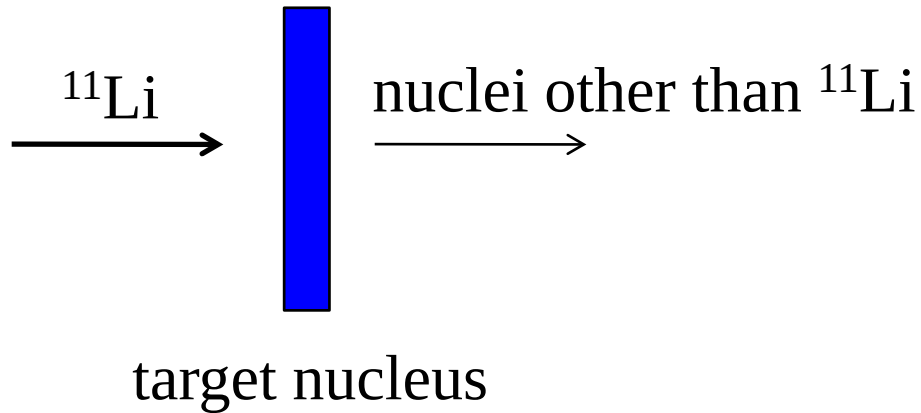
- ✓ what are properties of neutron-rich and proton-rich nuclei?
- ✓ how are they different from stable nuclei?

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projectile

target

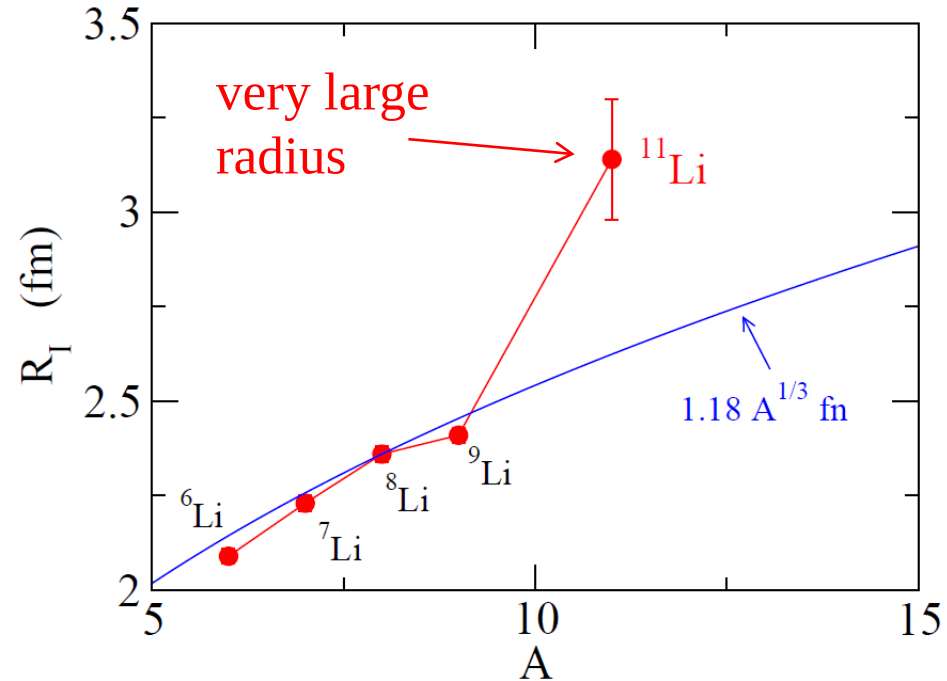
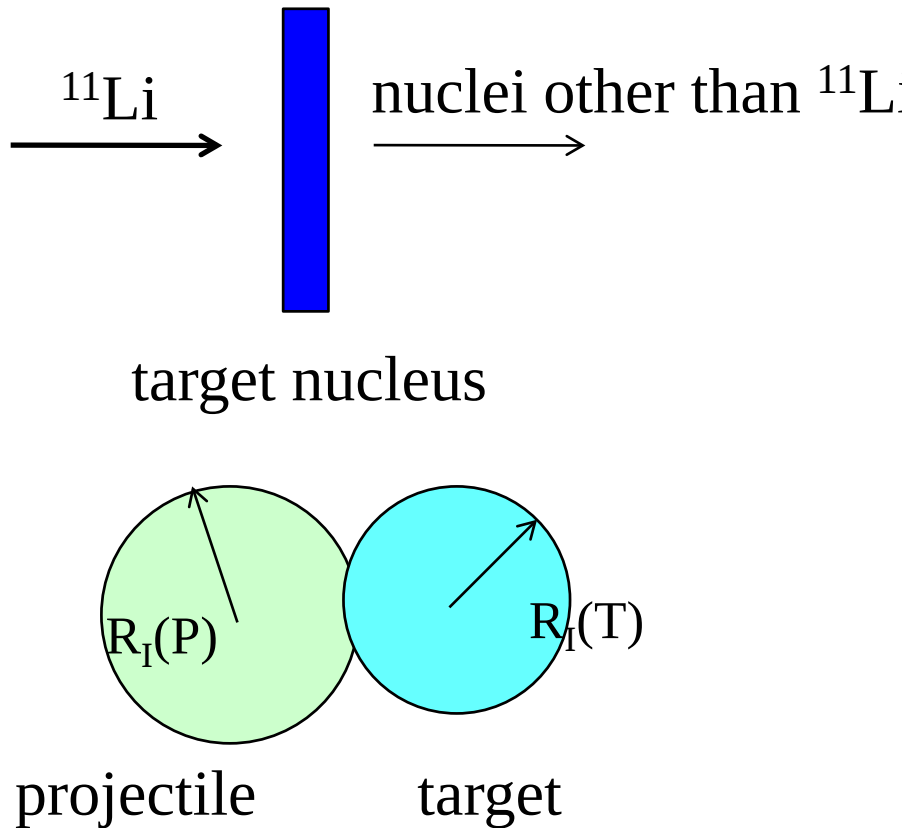
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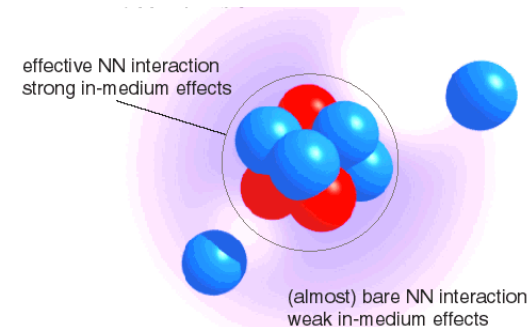
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discovery of halo

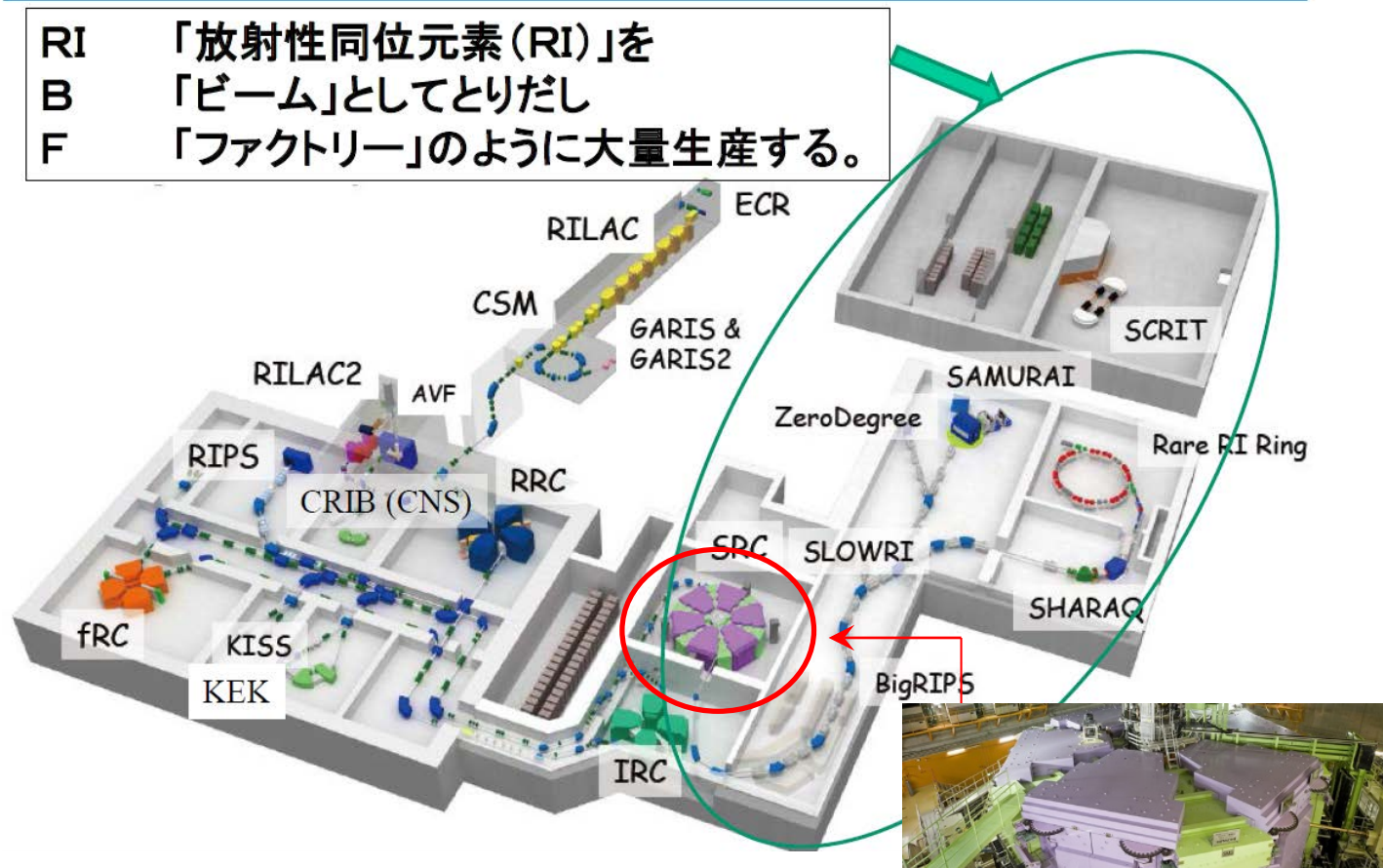
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New generation RI beam facility: RIKEN RIBF (2007-)

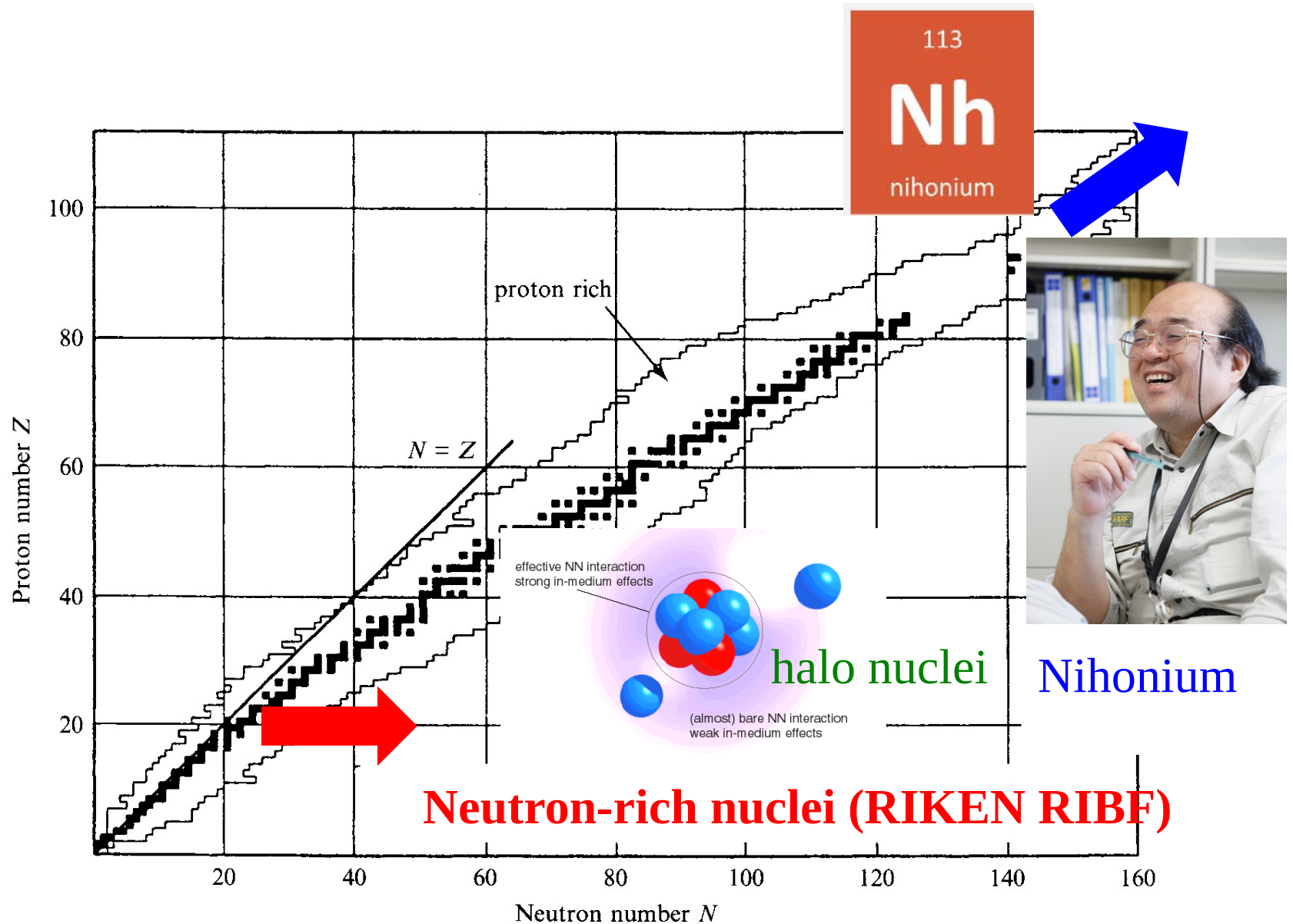
a facility for unstable nuclei with the world largest intensity



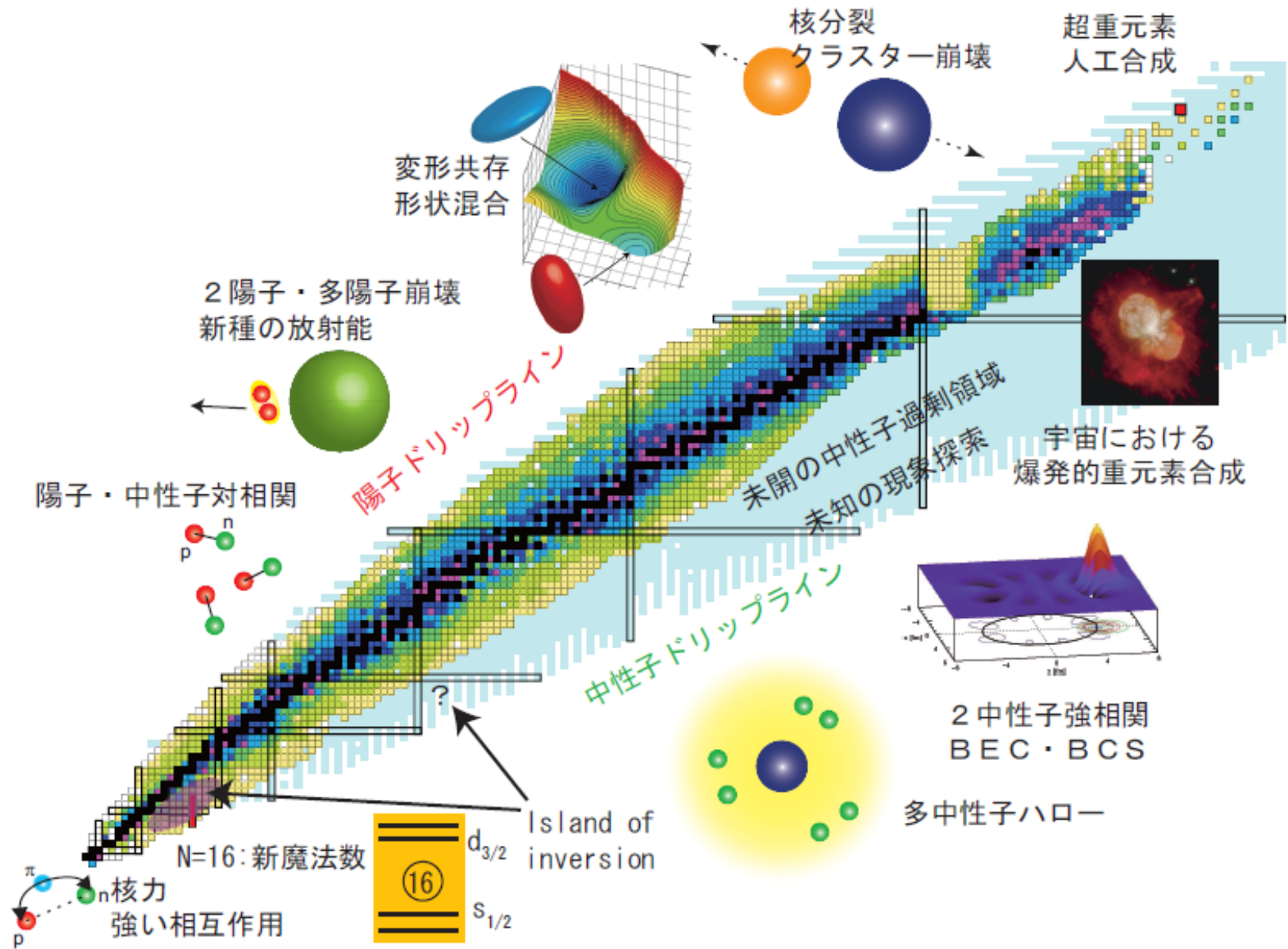
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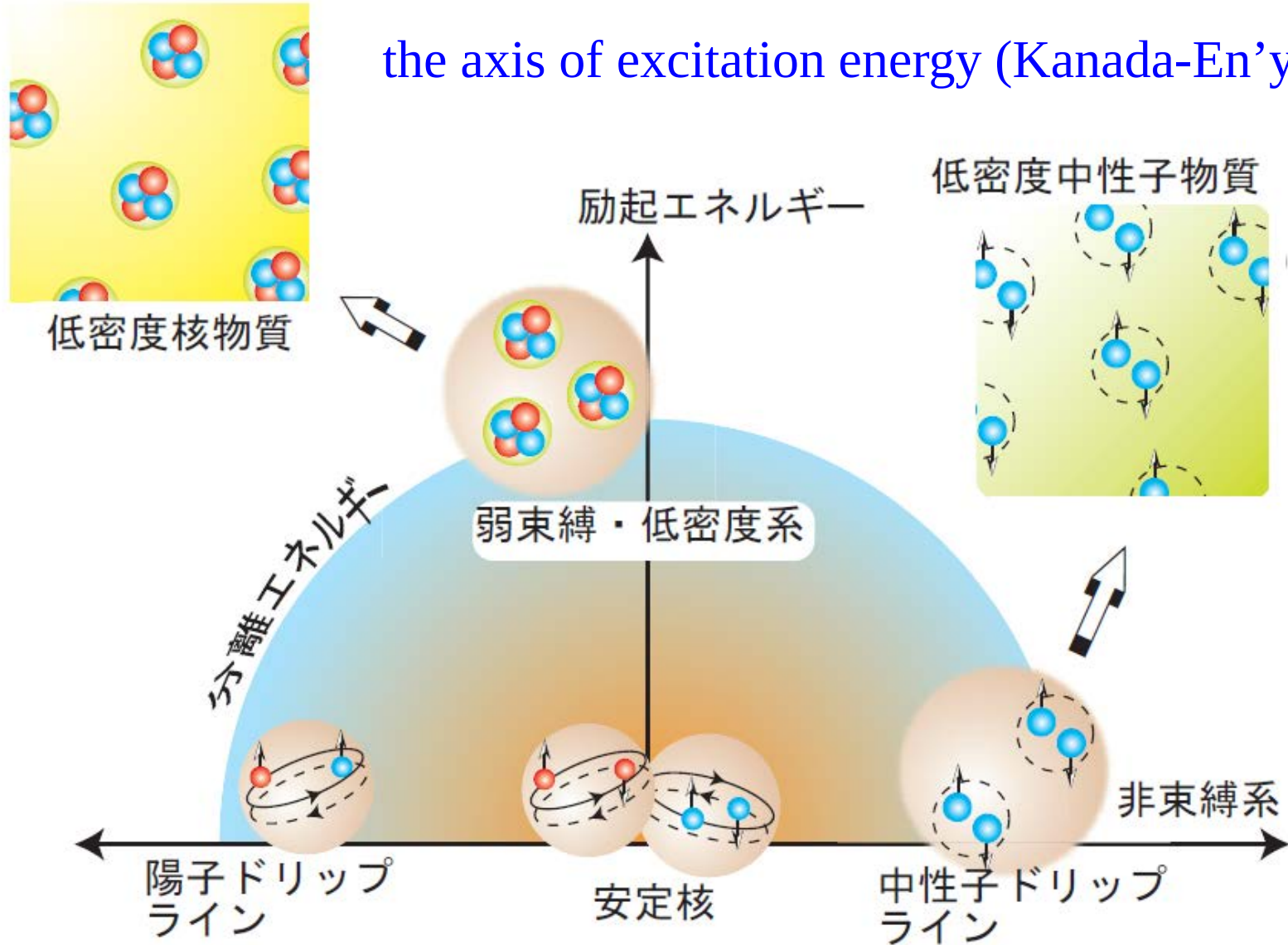
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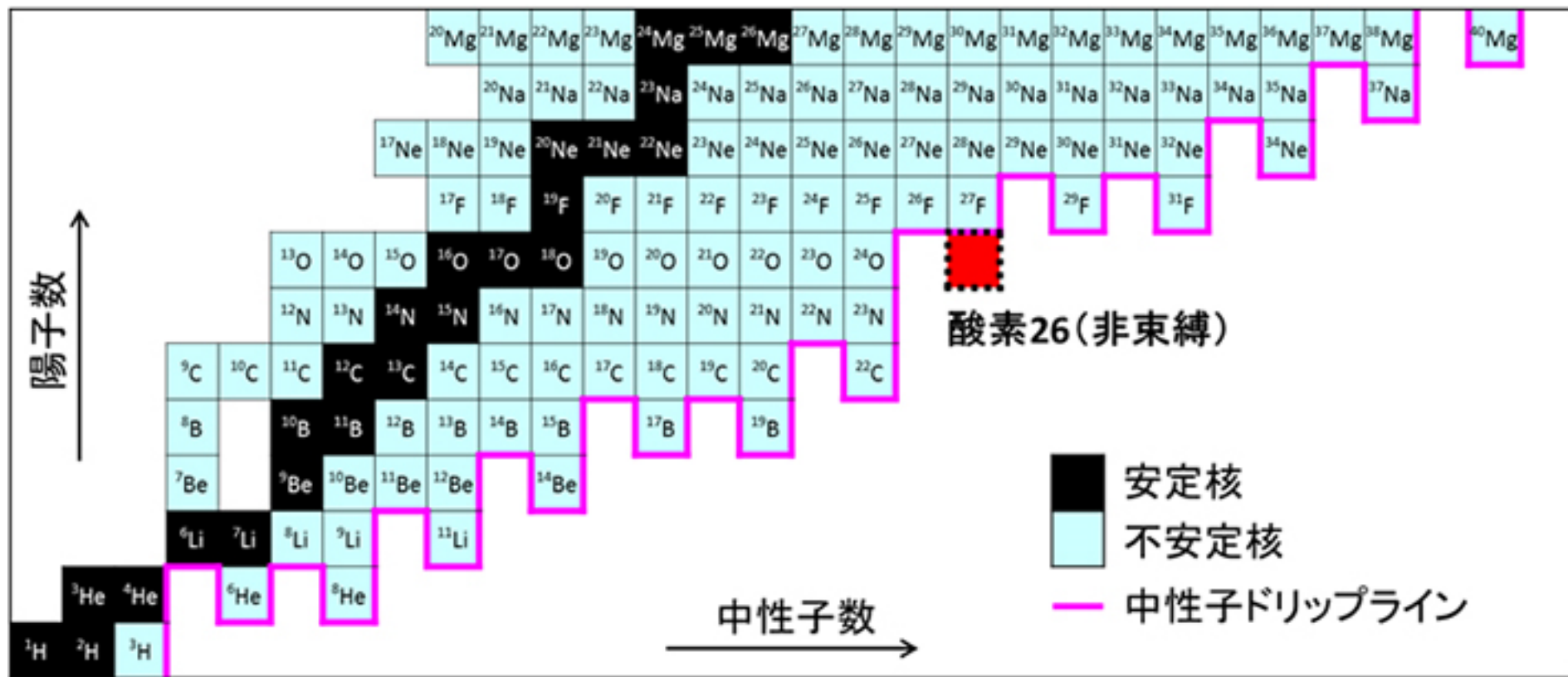


the axis of excitation energy (Kanada-En'yo)



Stable nuclei become weakly bound if they are excited.

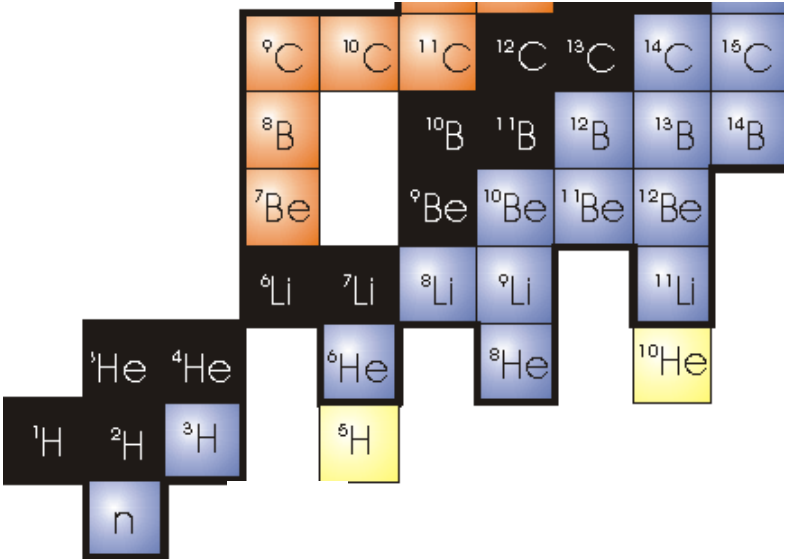
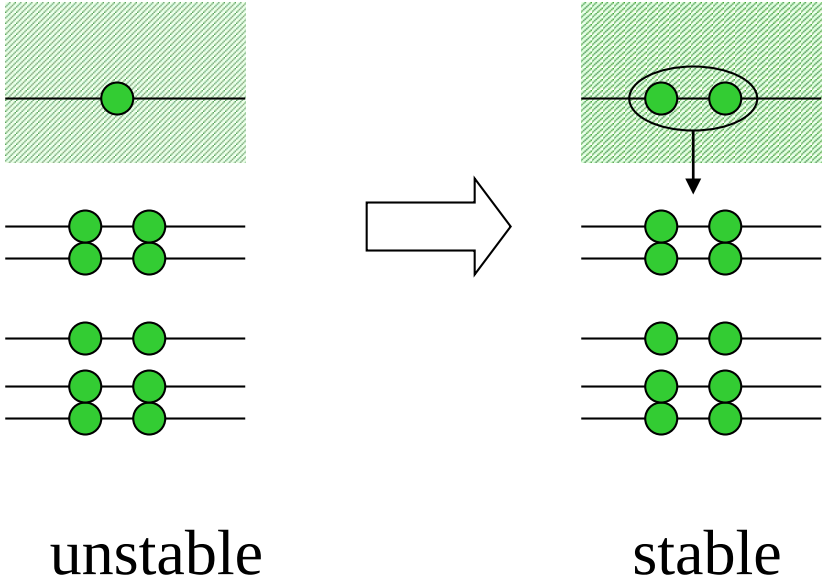
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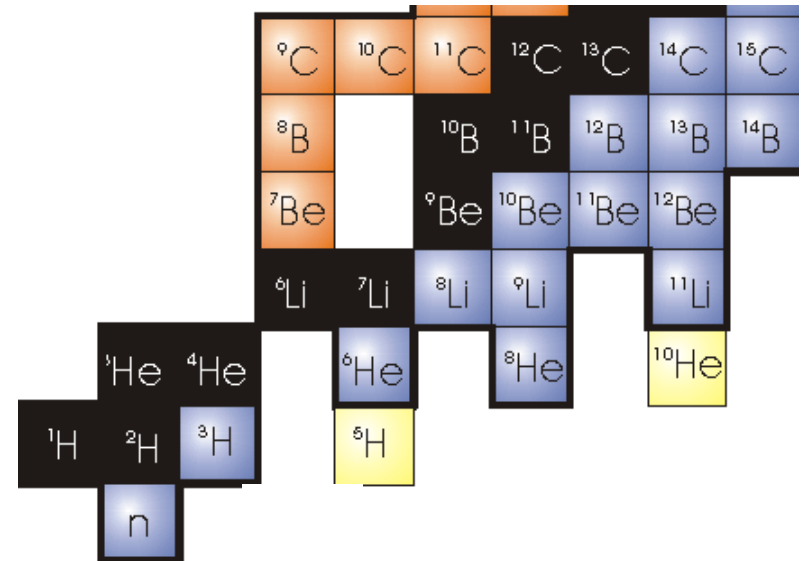
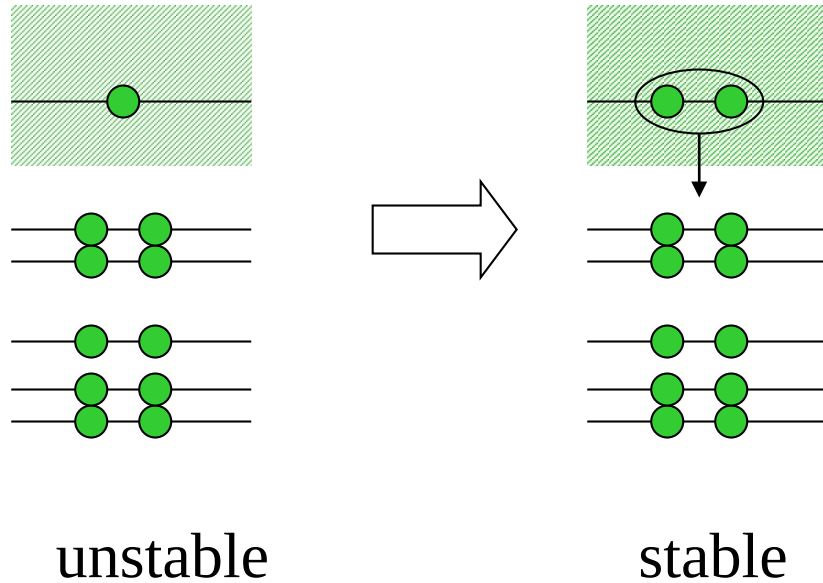
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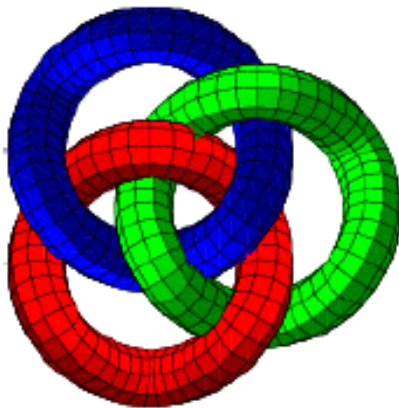
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Borromean nuclei

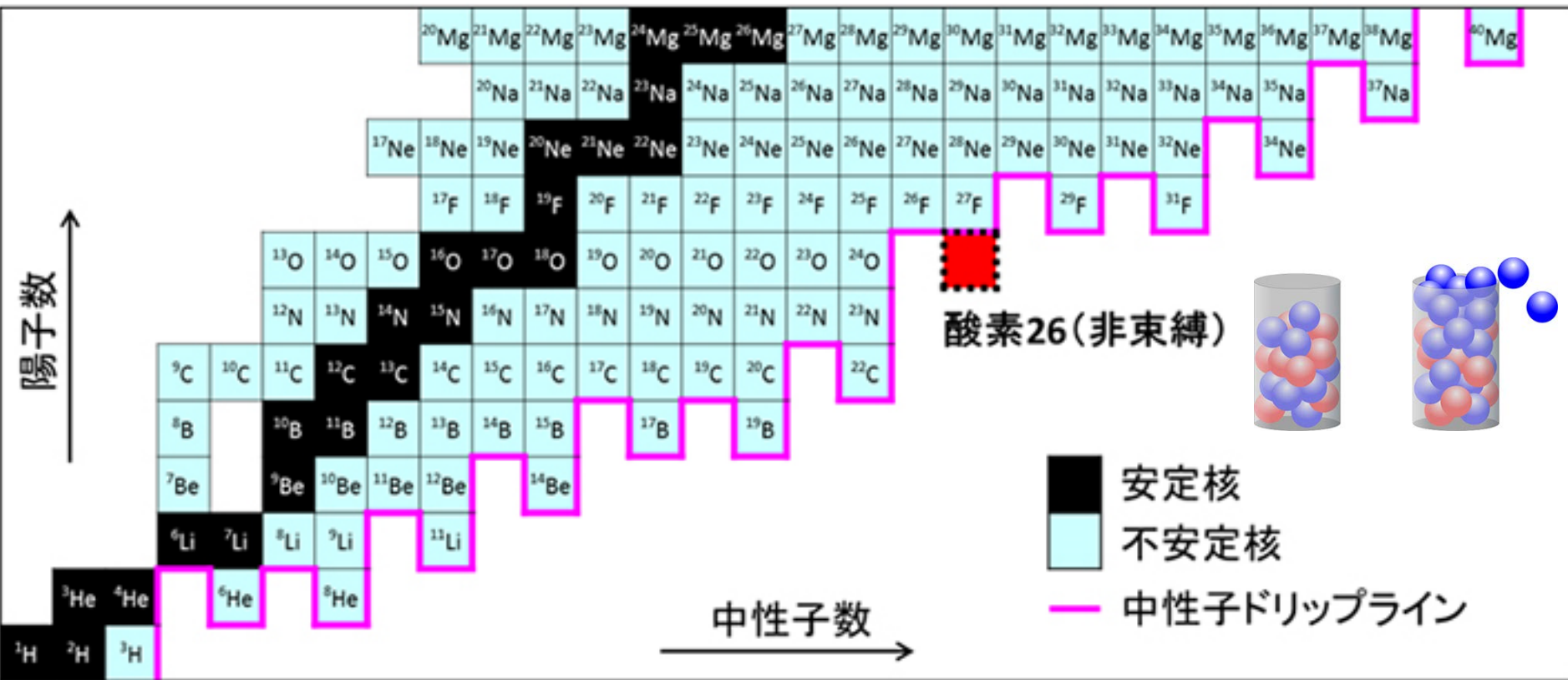


bound as a three-body system

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$$^{11}\text{Li} = ^9\text{Li} + n + n \quad \text{etc.}$$

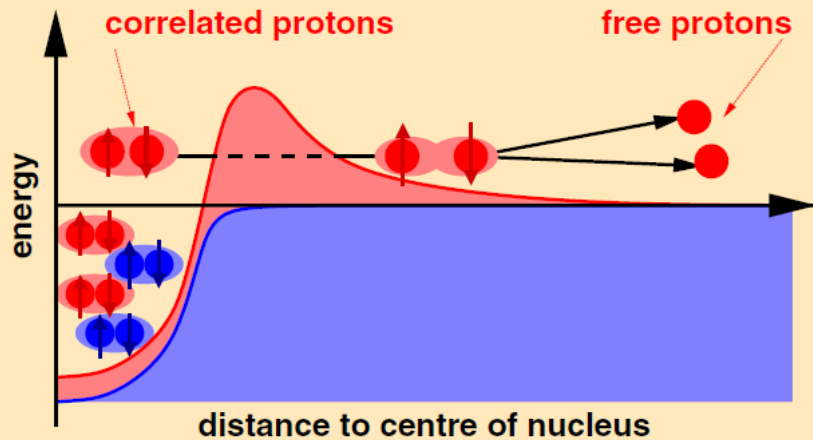
dynamics of Borromean nuclei
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- ✓ why is the drip-line jagged? → due to pairing correlation
- ✓ a nucleus may exist for a short time as a resonance state when there is a potential barrier

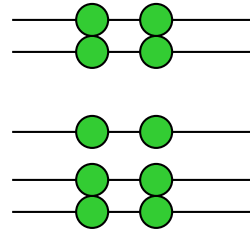
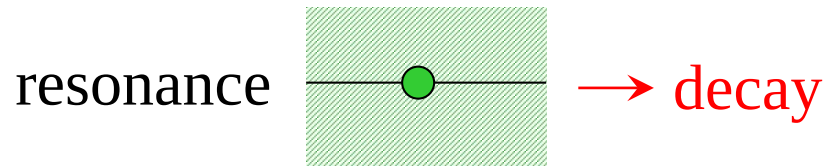
how does the pairing correlation affect the decay dynamics of a resonance state : on Monday, 11/9



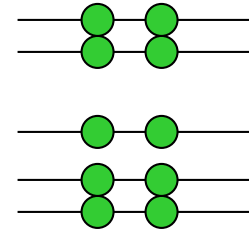
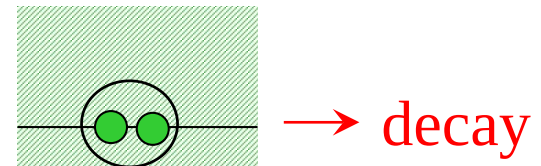
barrier:

- ✓ Coulomb+centrifugal (for p)
- ✓ centrifugal (for n)

B. Blank and M. Ploszajczak, Rep. Prog. Phys. 71('08)046301



1 particle emission



2 particle emission

physics of drip-lines = physics of weakly bound nuclei
+physics of many-body resonances

particle emission decays of unstable nuclei

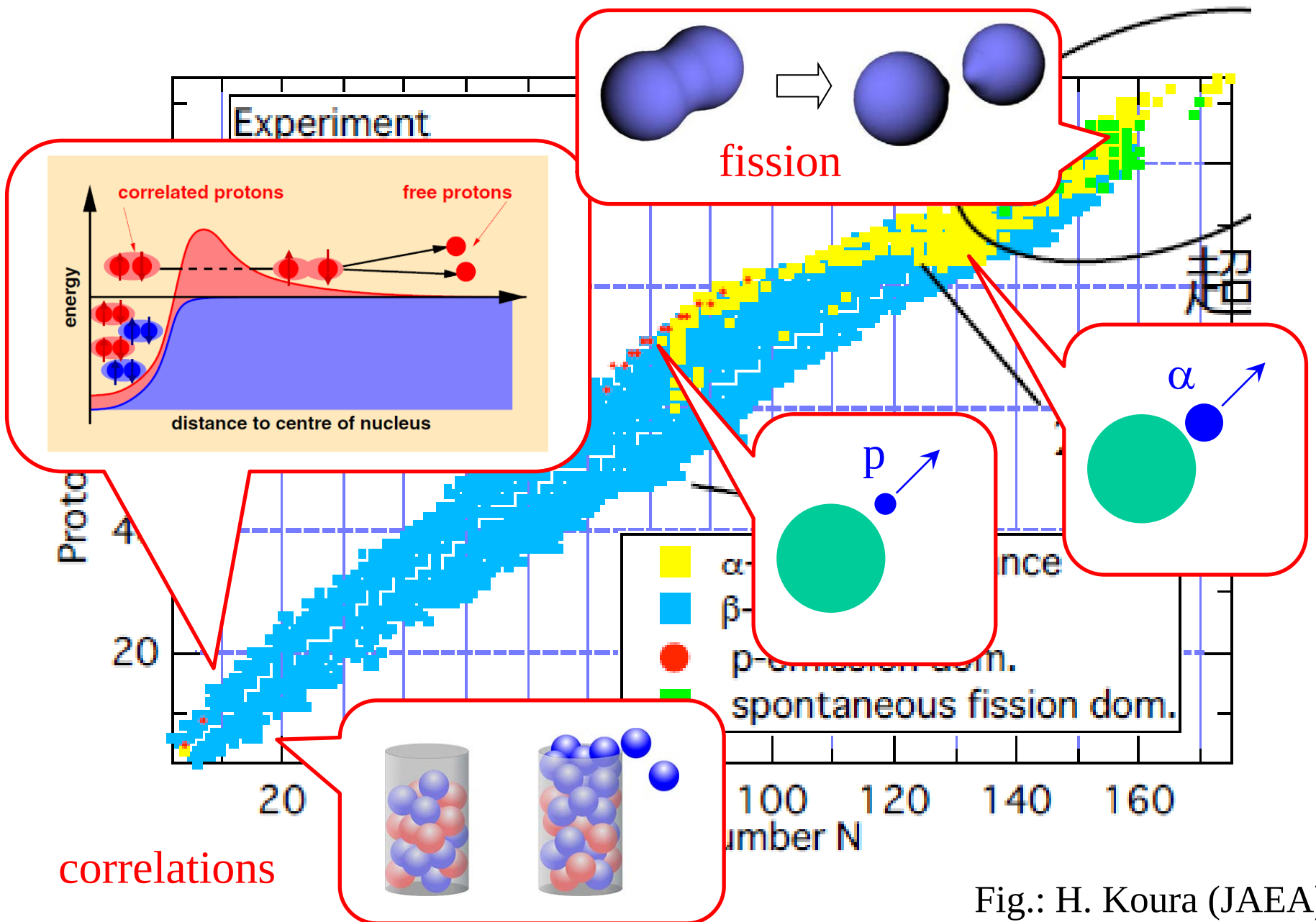


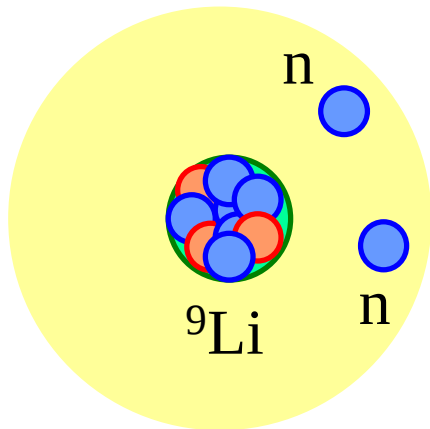
Fig.: H. Koura (JAEA)

Connection to hadron physics?

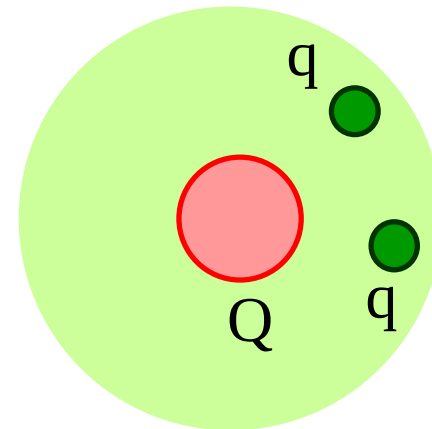
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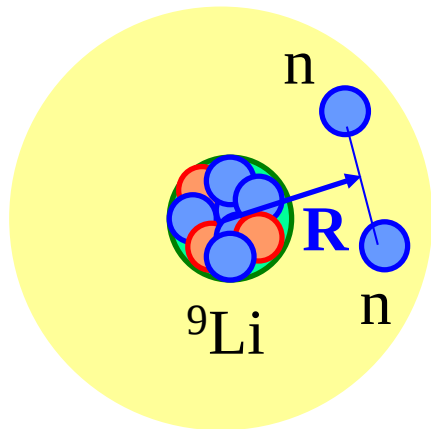


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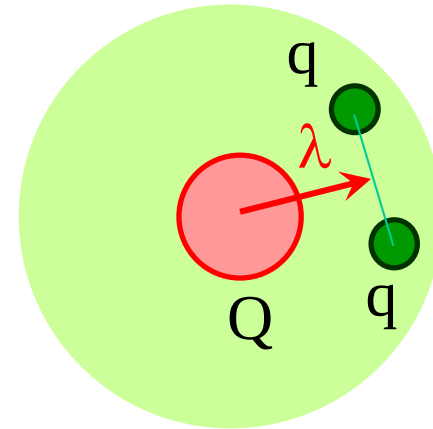
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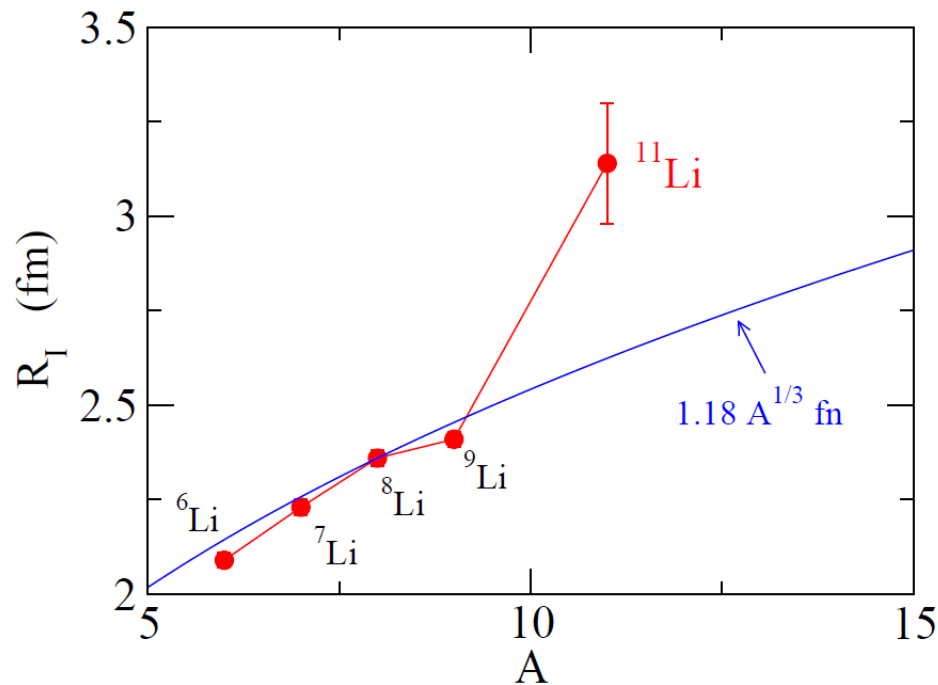
λ mode

on Thursday, 11/5

Any question?

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- Why do you think I am talking about neutron-rich nuclei, rather than proton-rich nuclei?
- Do you know why ^{10}Li is absent in this figure?



r-process nucleosynthesis and neutron-rich nuclei

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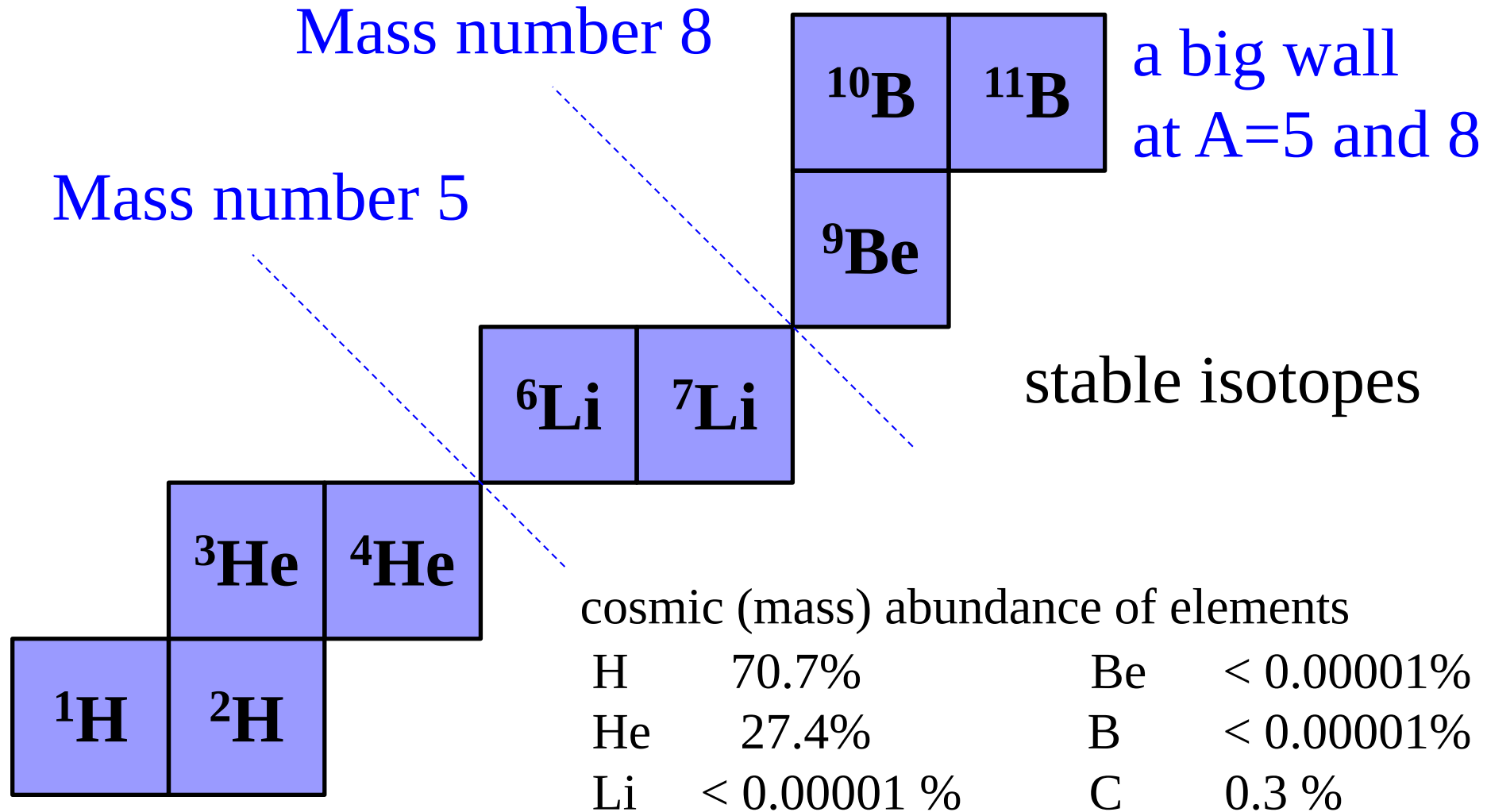
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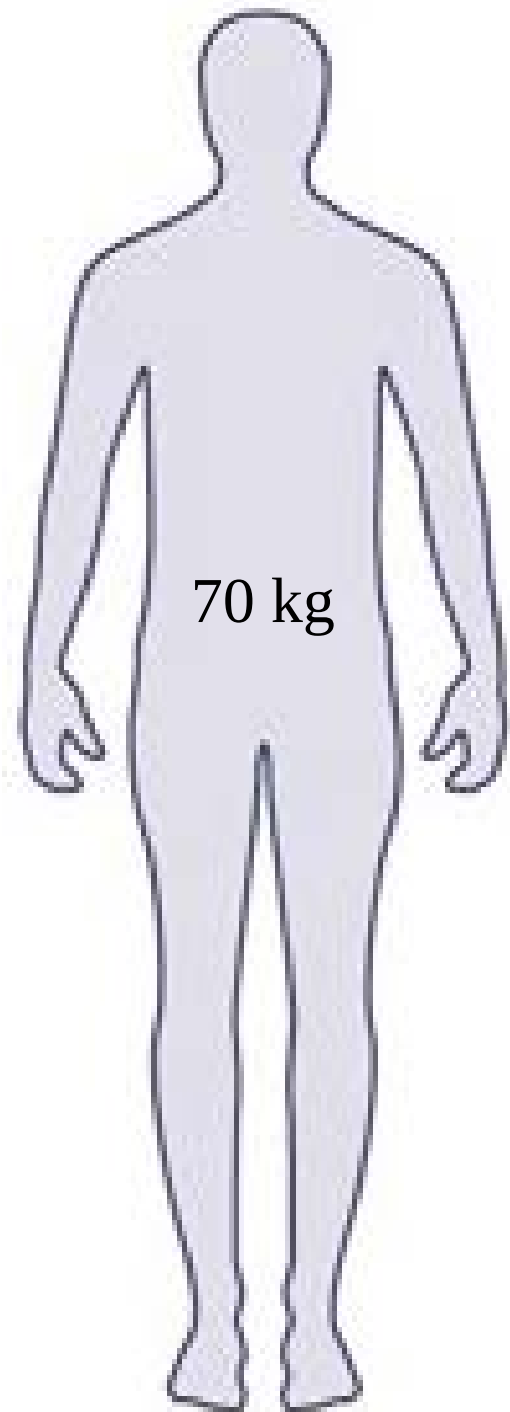
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What are we made of ?

oxygen 43 kg
carbon 16 kg
hydrogen 7 kg
nitrogen 1.8 kg
calcium 1.0 kg
phosphorus 780 g
potassium 140 g
sulphur 140 g
sodium 100 g
chlorine 95 g
magnesium 19 g
iron 4.2 g
fluorine 2.6 g
zinc 2.3 g
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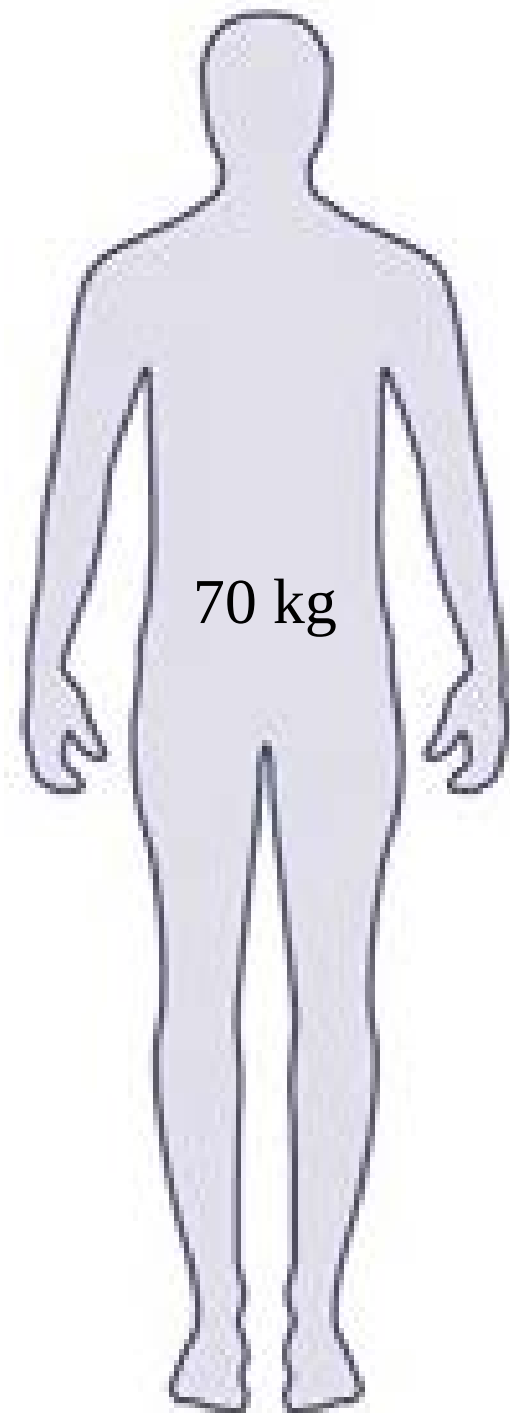
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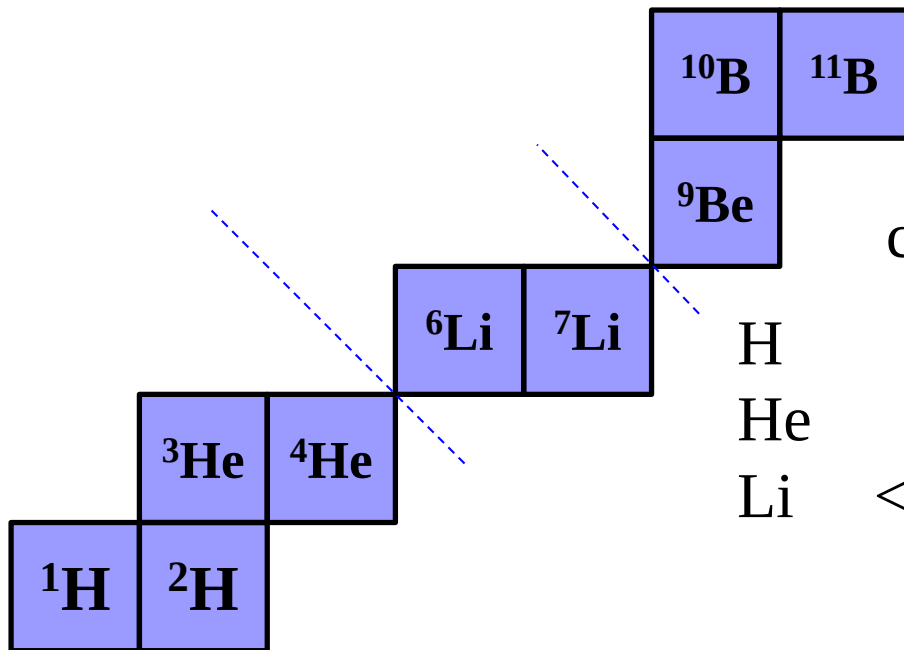


How were elements up to Fe created?

The origin of elements up to Fe

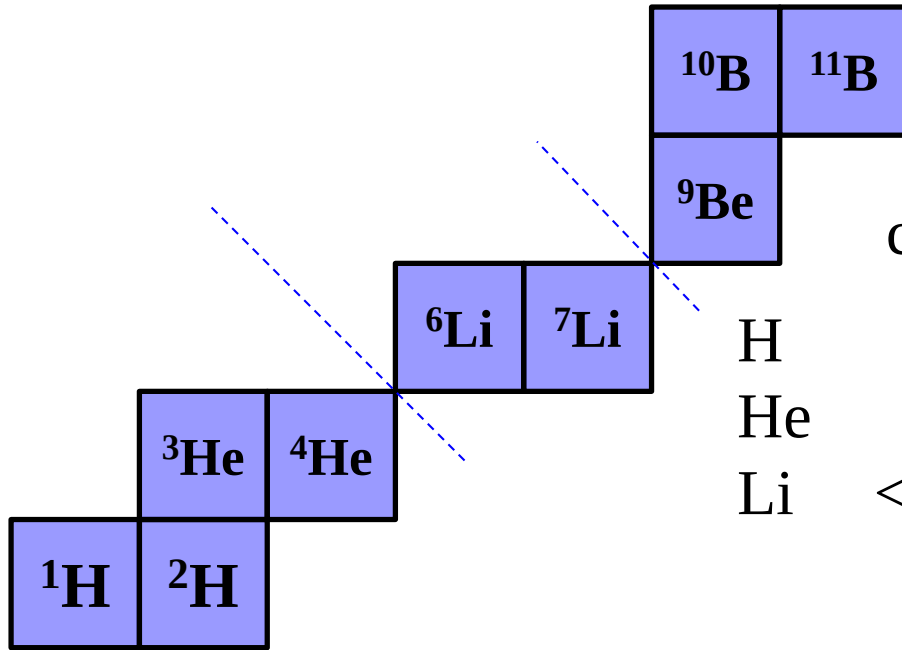


Nuclear fusion inside (massive) stars
————→ the reason why stars are shining



cosmic (mass) abundance of elements

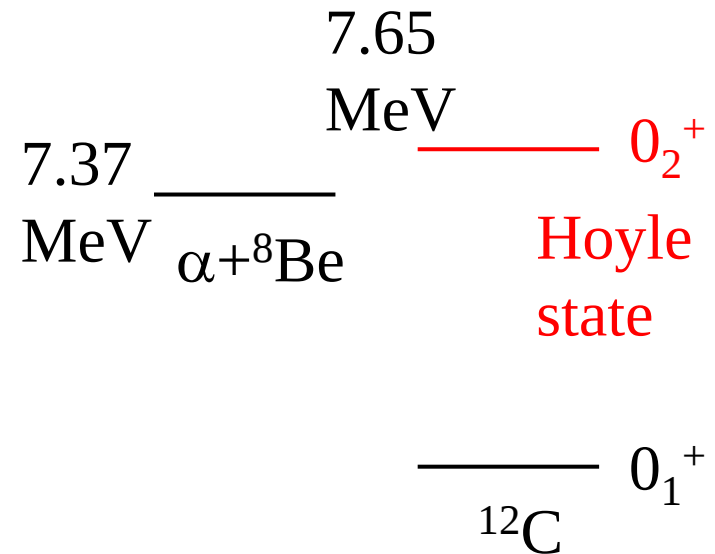
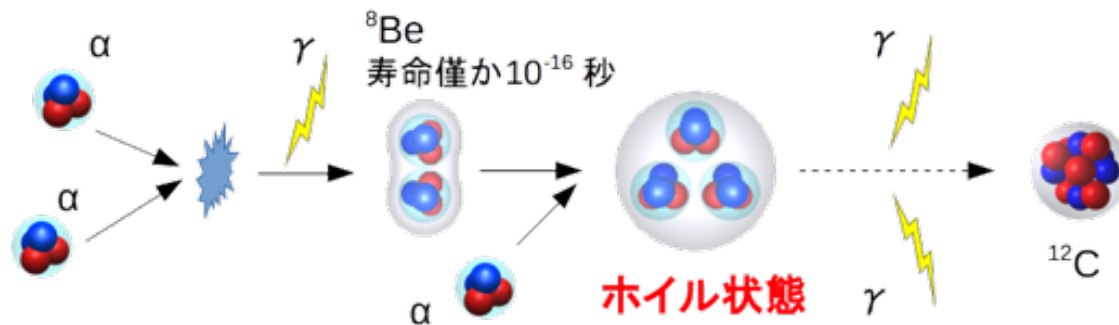
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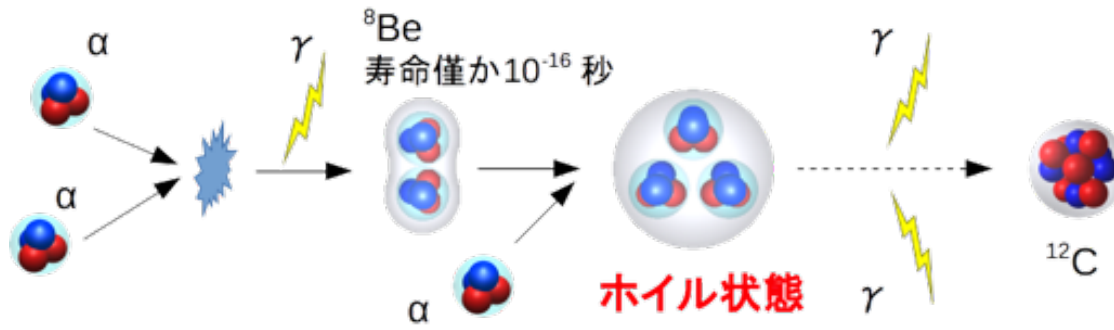
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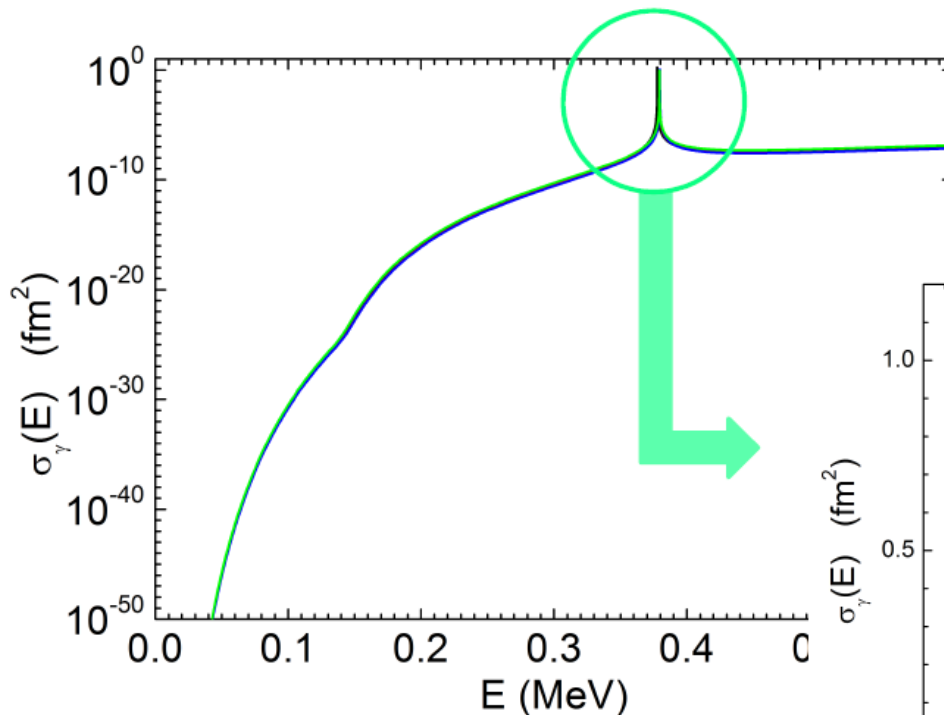
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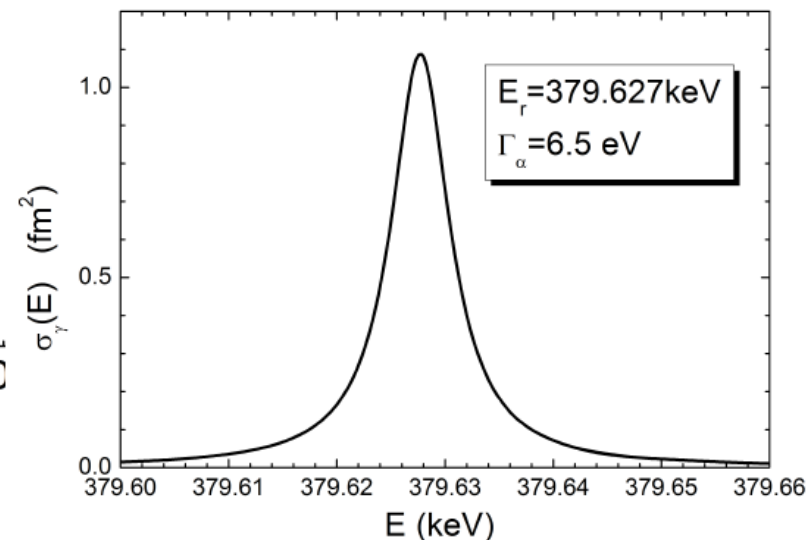
7.37 MeV $\alpha + ^8\text{Be}$

7.65 MeV 0_2^+
Hoyle state

^{12}C 0_1^+

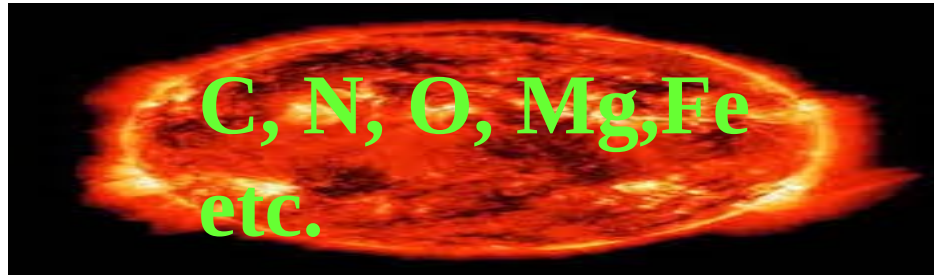


F. Hoyle: a prediction for a resonance state in ^{12}C (1952)



Why up to Fe?

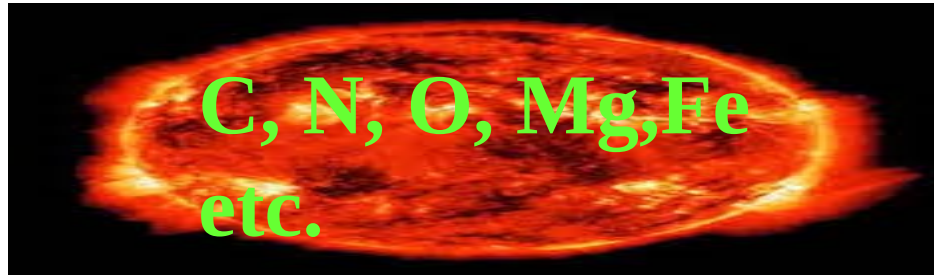
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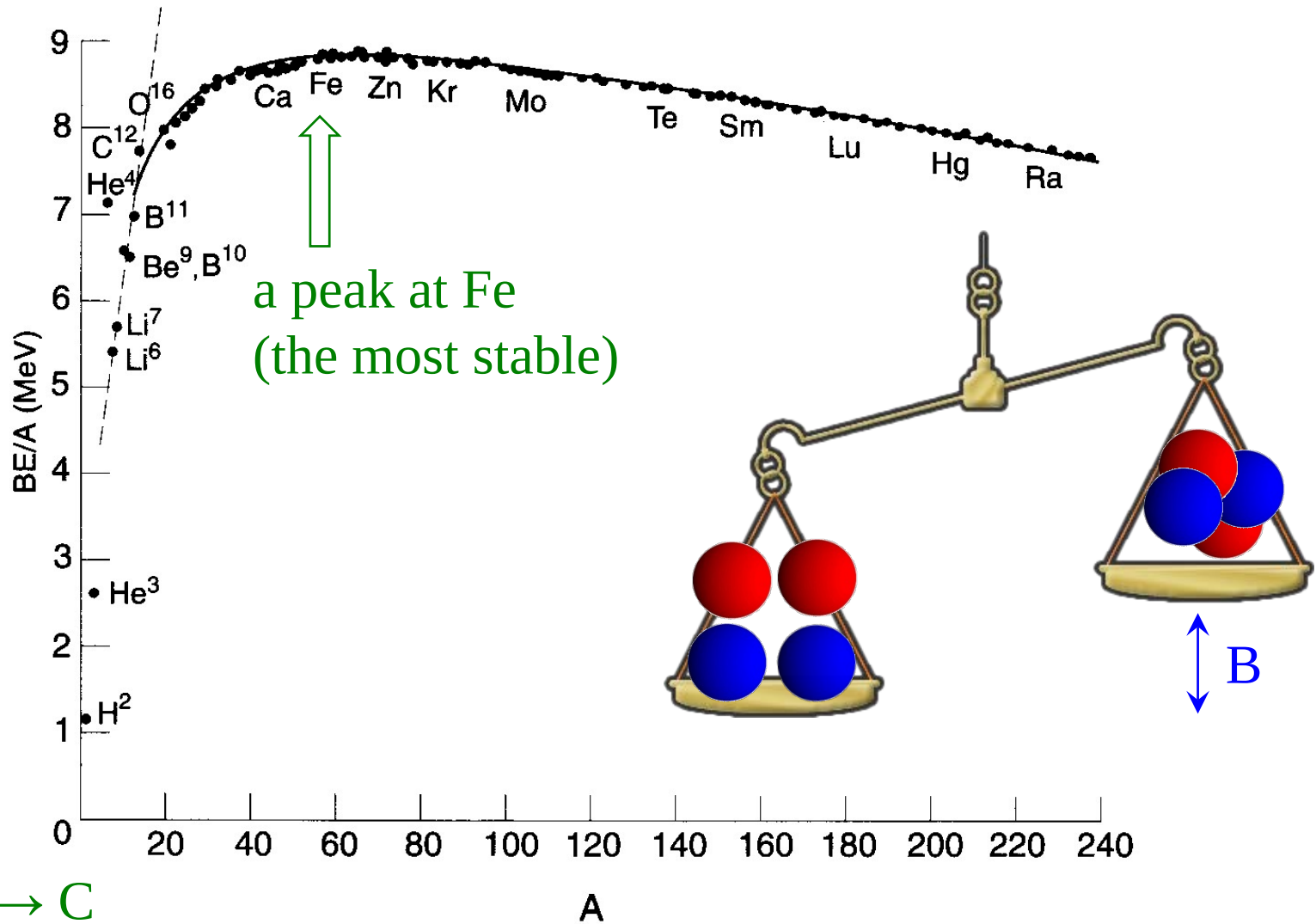
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- up to Fe: exothermal reactions 発熱反応
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————→ fusion stops at Fe

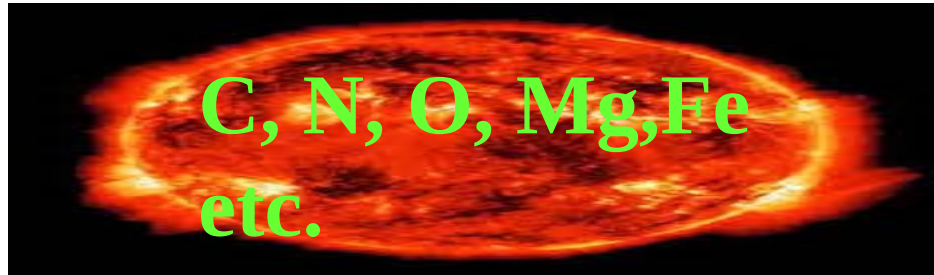
Binding energy of atomic nuclei



- up to Fe : $m_A + m_B > m_C$ (exothermal) creation of energy
- from Fe : $m_A + m_B < m_C$ (endothermal) extra energy required

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How to create heavier elements
(e.g., Pb and U)?

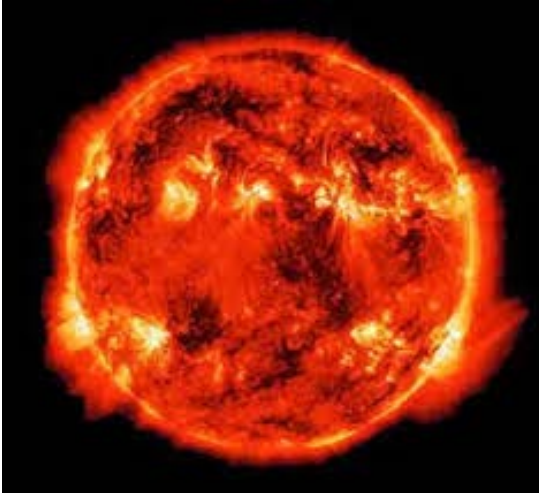
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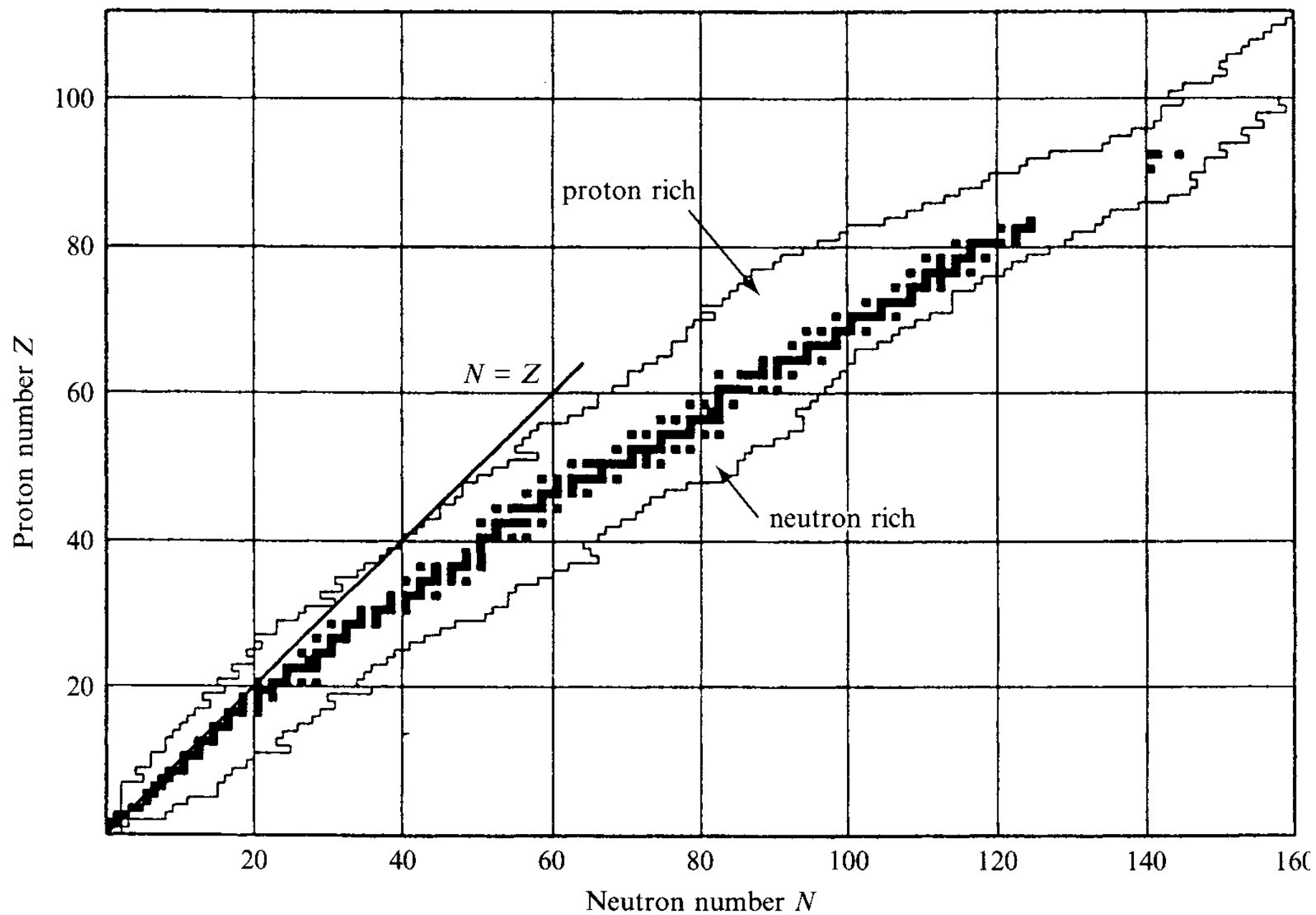


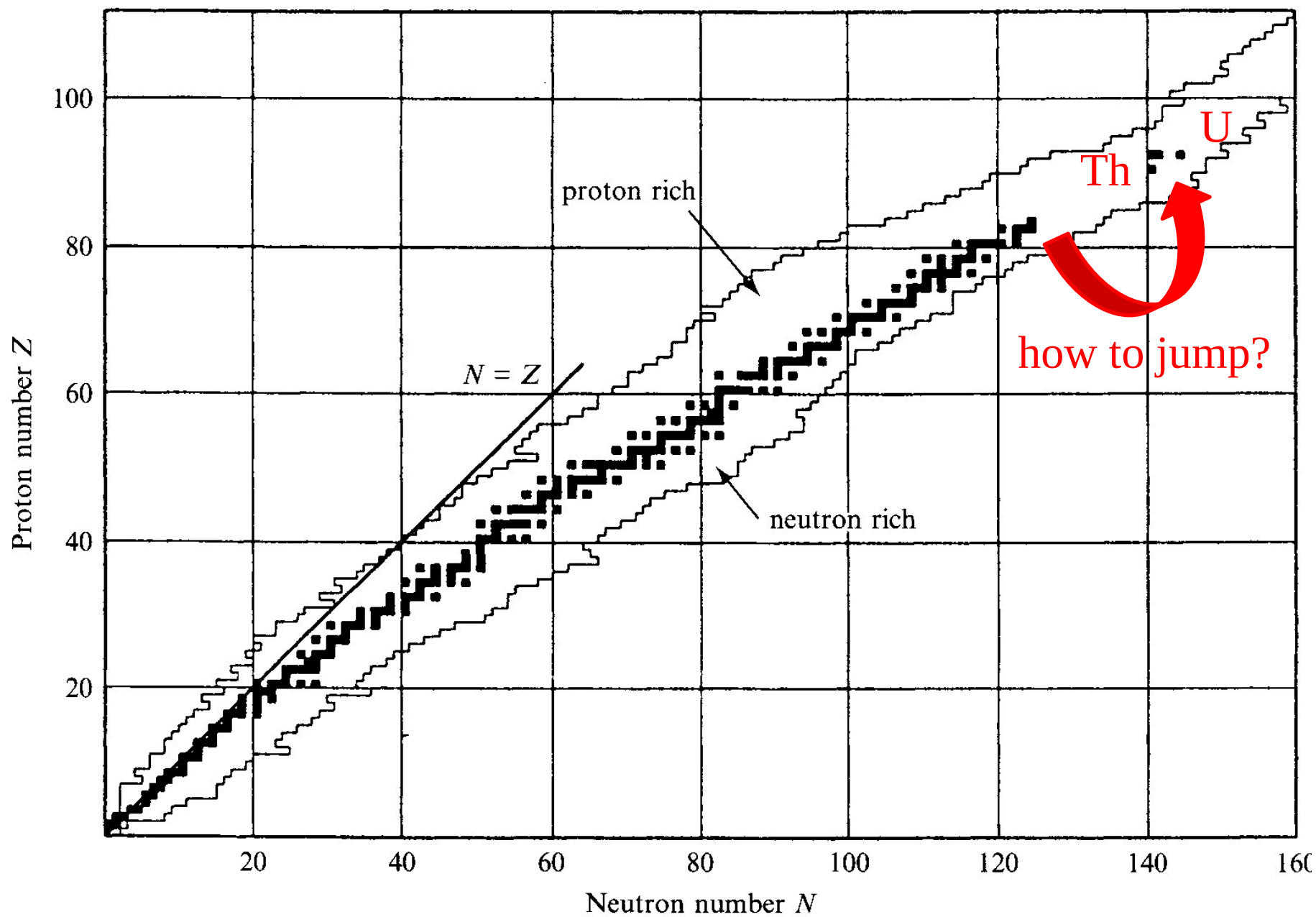
red giant



s-process

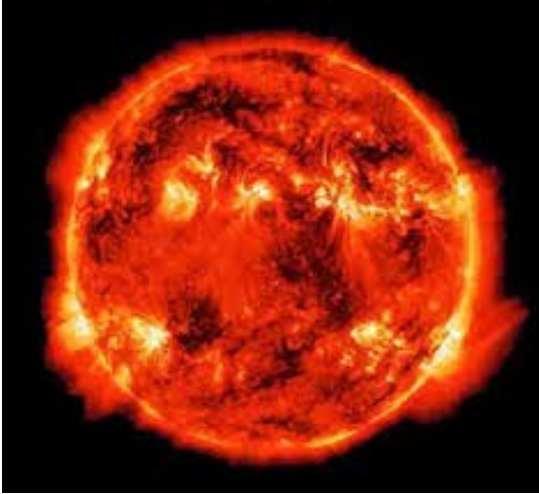
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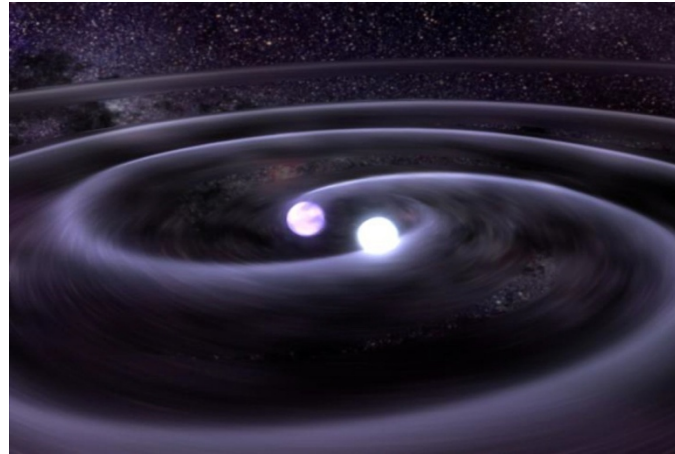


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neutron star merger



r-process

Th, Eu, U etc.

3 steps of nucleosynthesis

Group → 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18

↓ Period

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

big bang

1	2																
3 Li	4 Be											5 B	6 C	7 N	8 O	9 F	10 Ne
11 Na	12 Mg											13 Al	14 Si	15 P	16 S	17 Cl	18 Ar
19 K	20 Ca	21 Sc	22 Ti	23 V	24 Cr	25 Mn	26 Fe	27 Co	28 Ni	29 Cu	30 Zn	31 Ga	32 Ge	33 As	34 Se	35 Br	36 Kr
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55 Cs	56 Ba	57 La *	72 Hf	73 Ta	74 W	75 Re	76 Os	77 Ir	78 Pt	79 Au	80 Hg	81 Tl	82 Pb	83 Bi	84 Po	85 At	86 Rn
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neutron
absorption
(r-process,
s-process)

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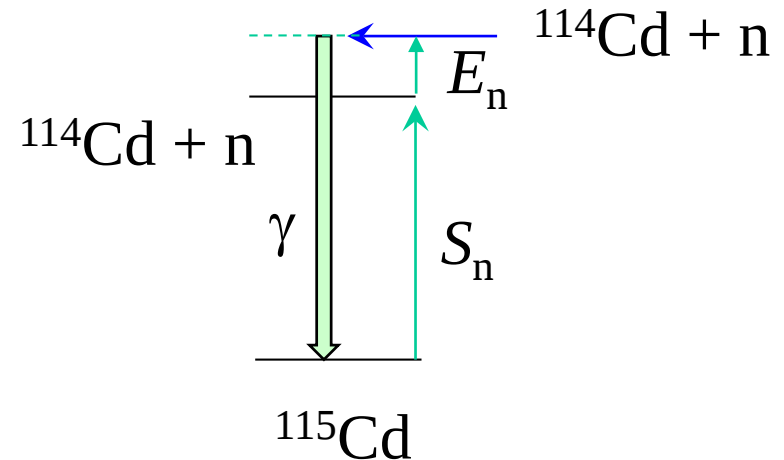
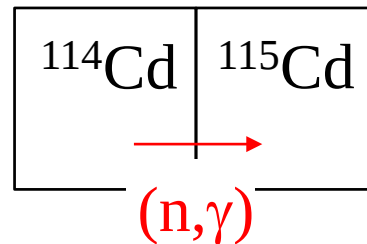
s-process nucleosynthesis and r-process nucleosynthesis

neutron capture reactions



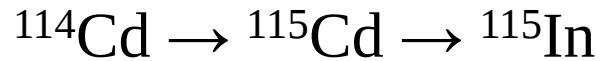
(n, γ) reaction

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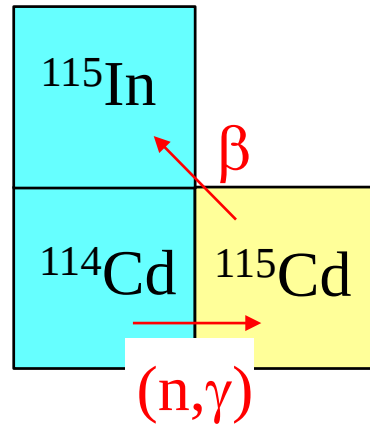


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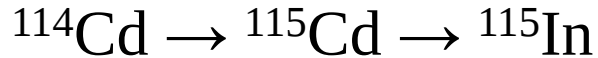
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n-capture



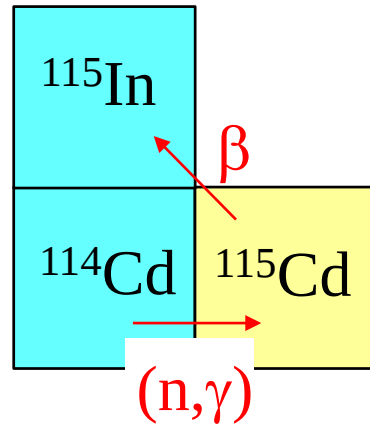
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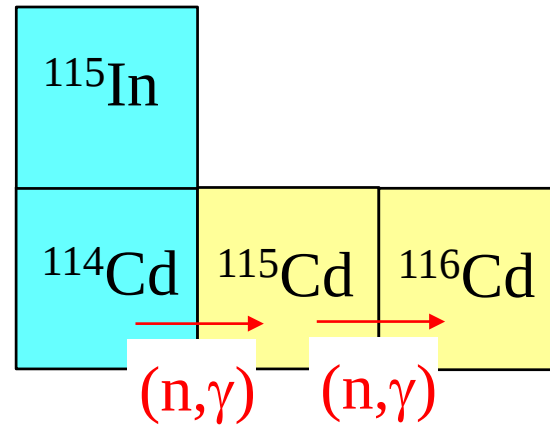


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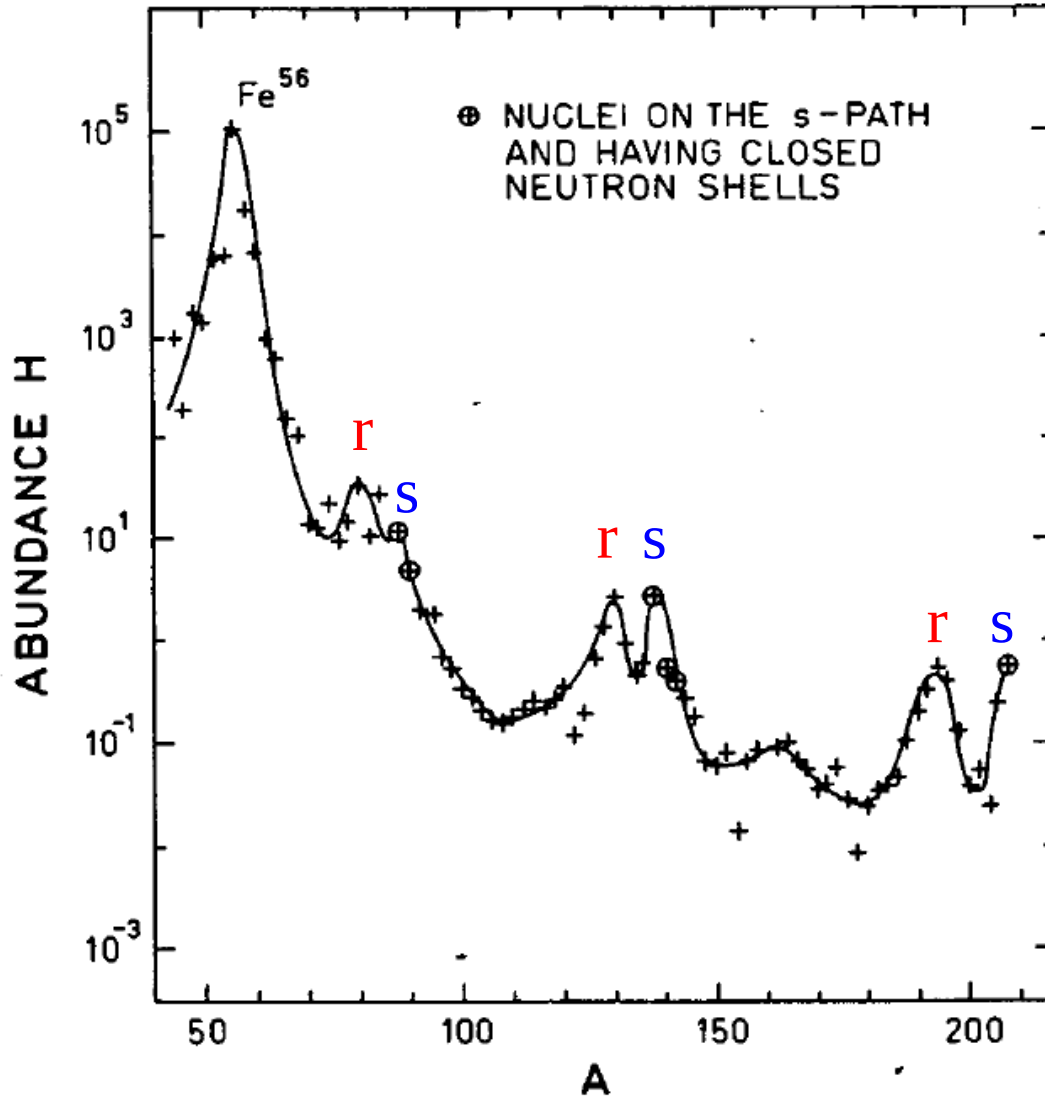


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r-process
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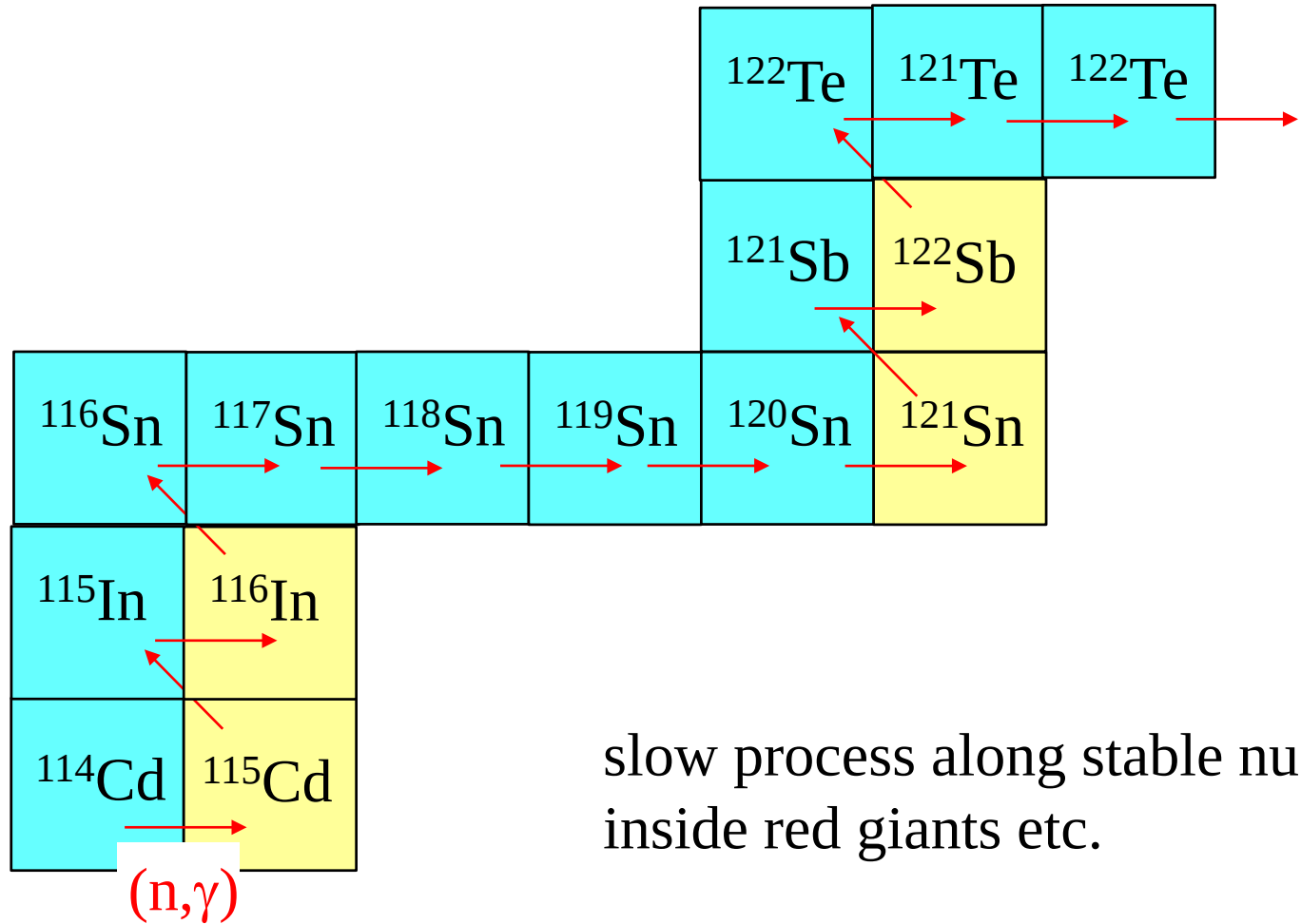
cosmic abundance of elements



Bohr-Mottelson,
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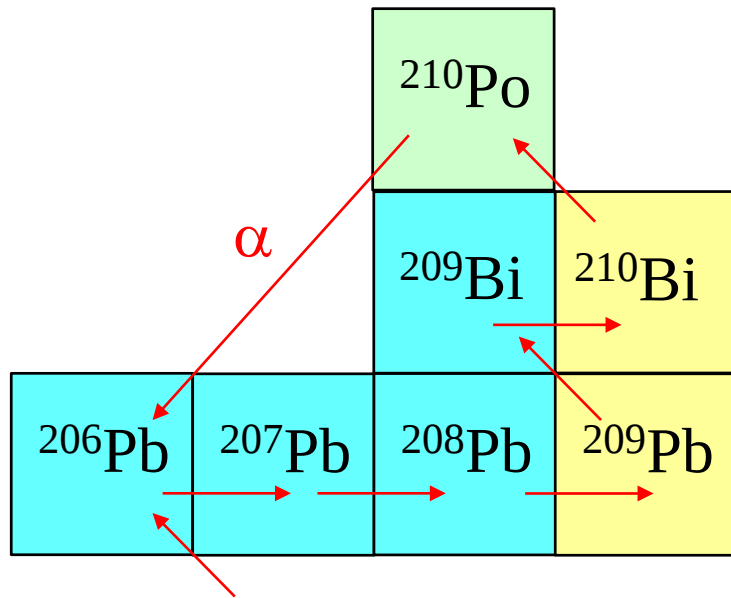
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s-process nucleosynthesis



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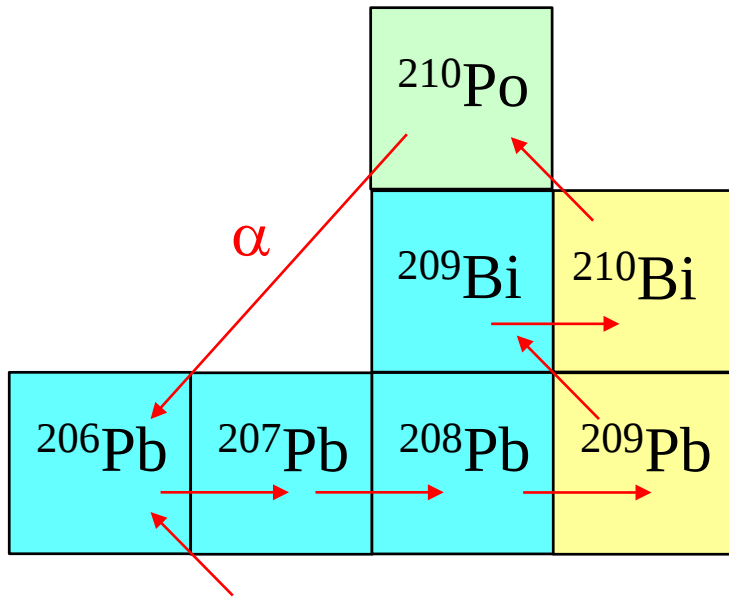
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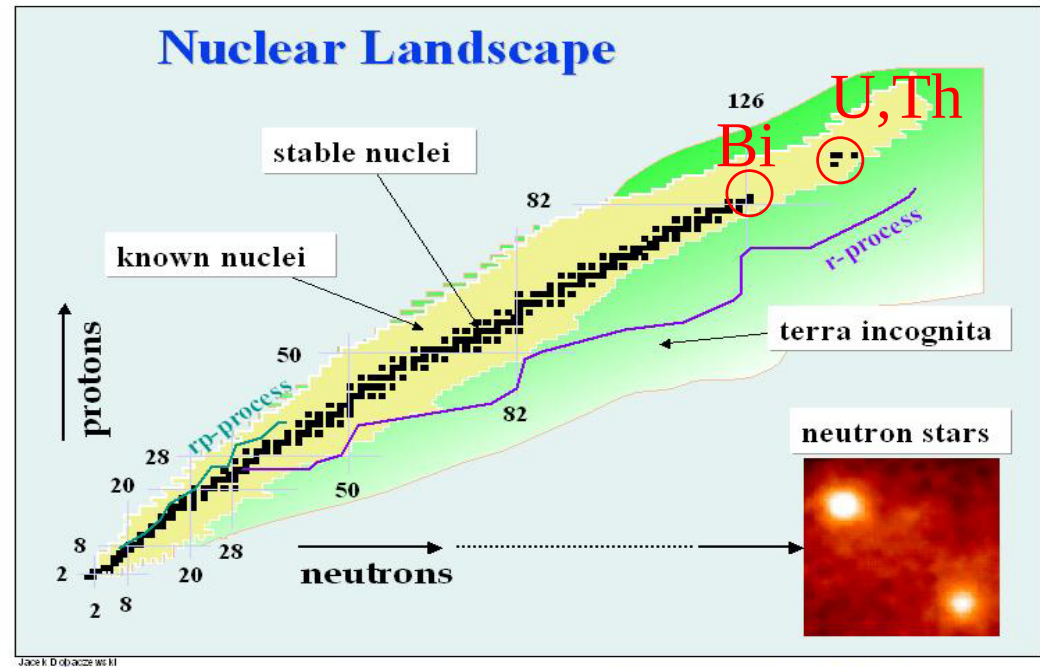
s-process: up to ^{209}Bi

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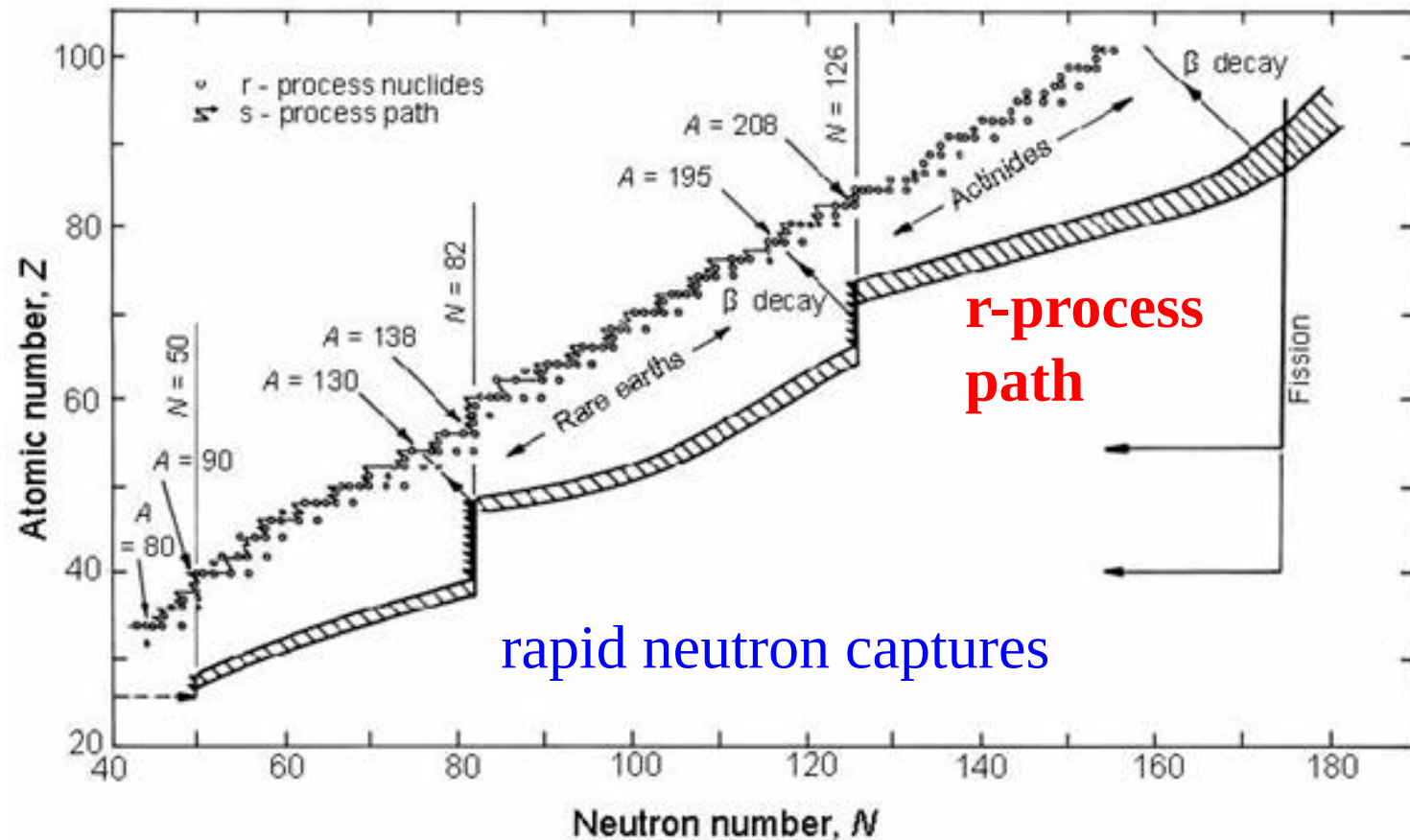
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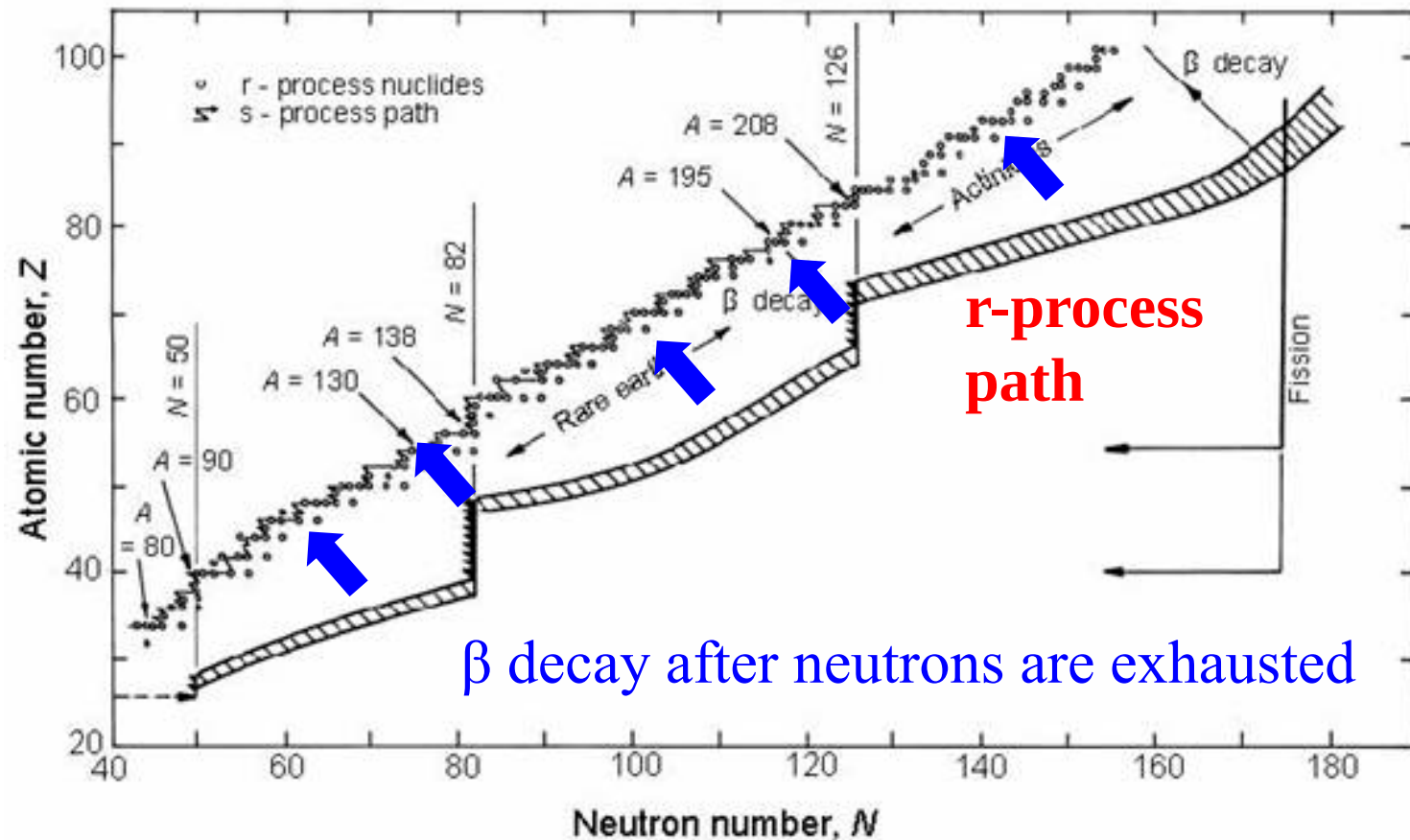
U, Th cannot be synthesized in
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→ r-process

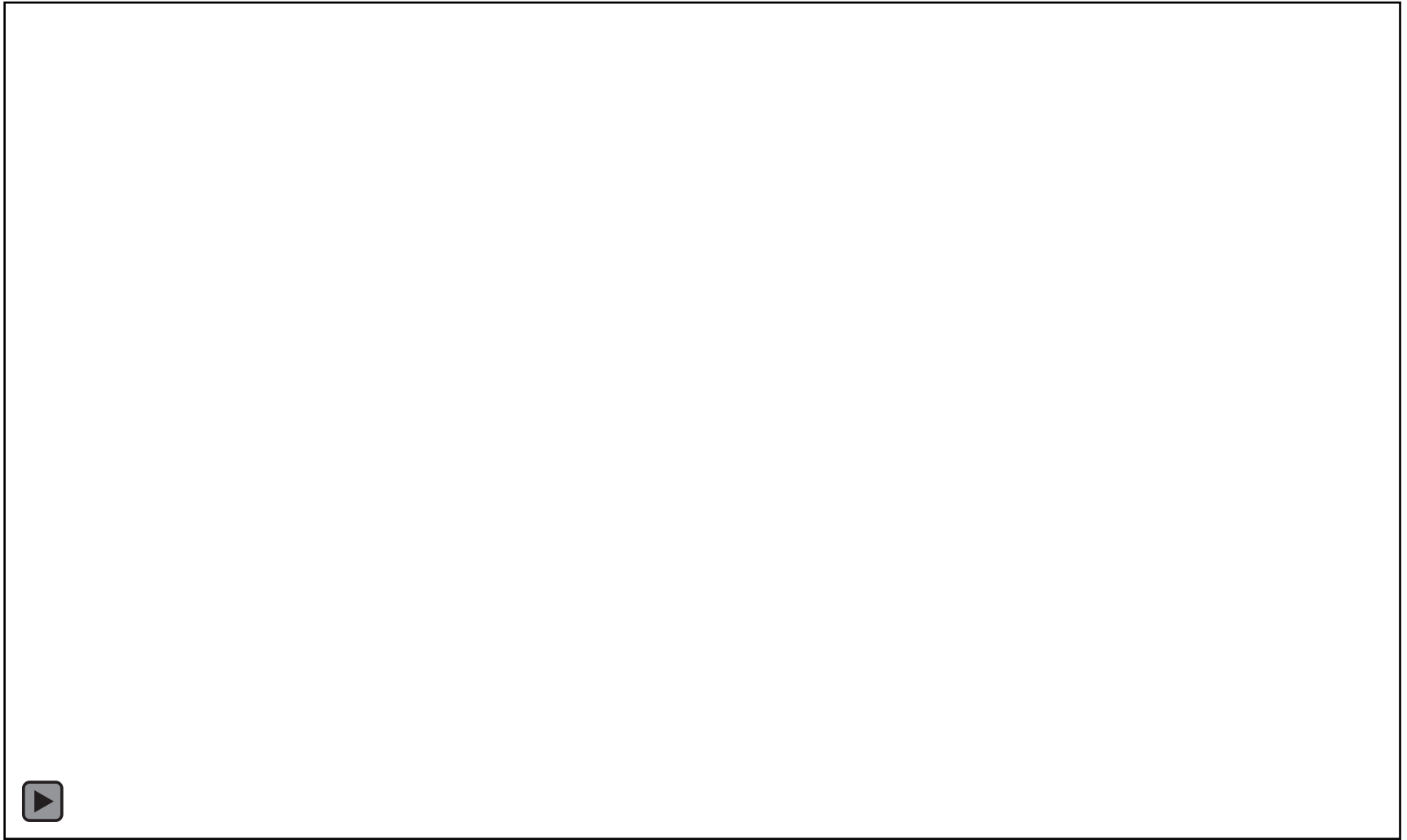
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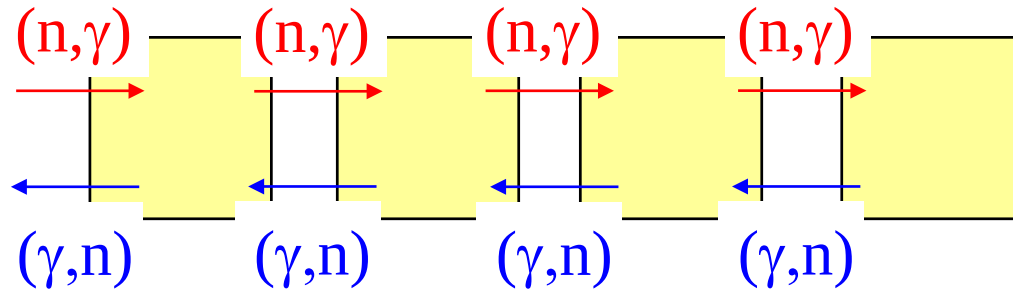


movies of r-process nucleosynthesis

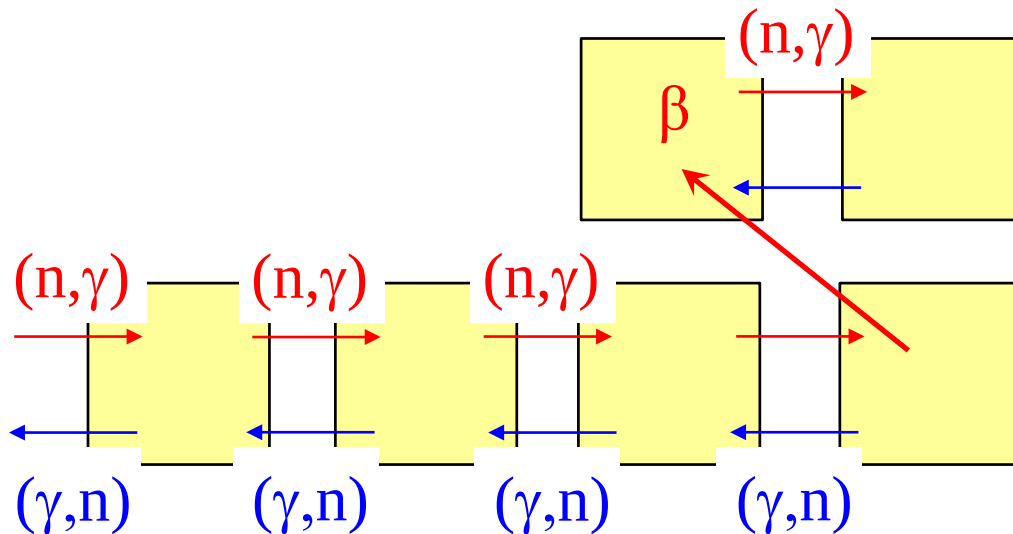


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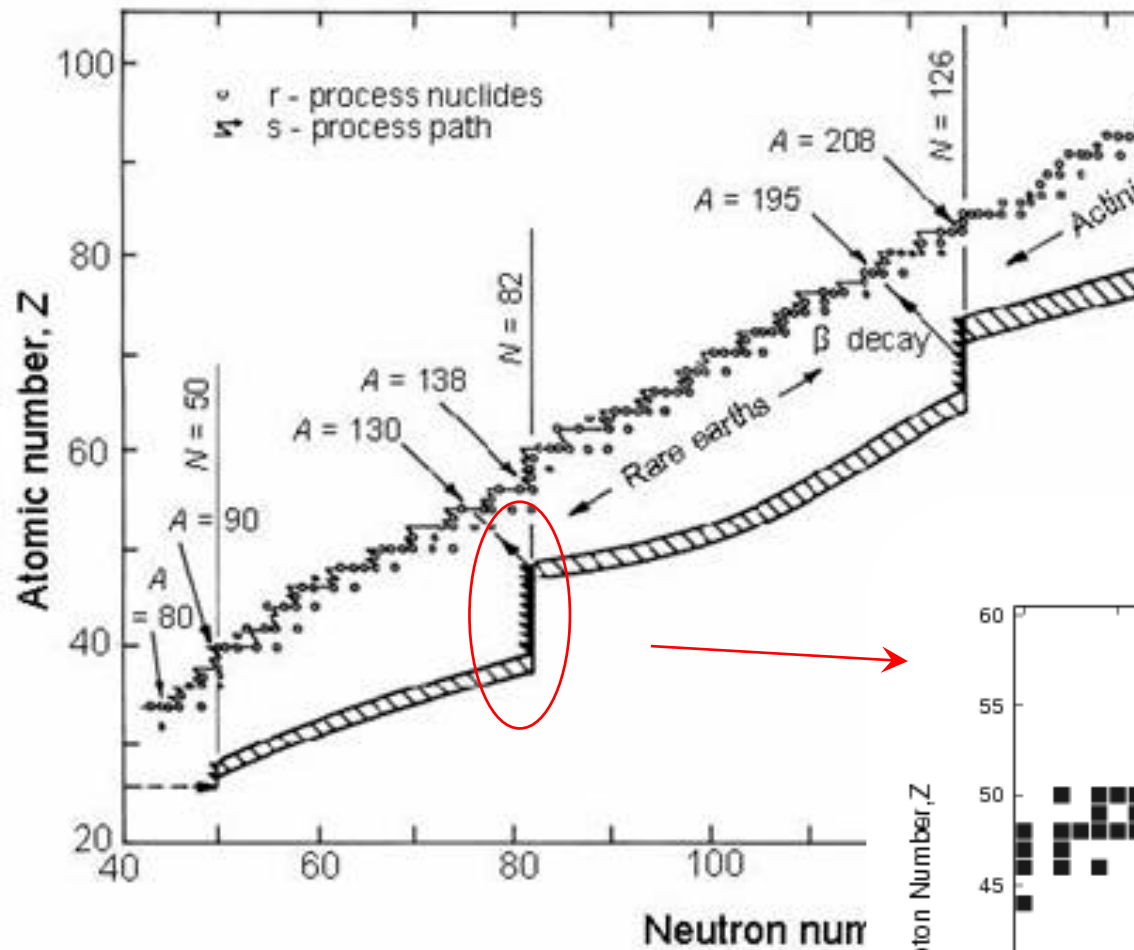
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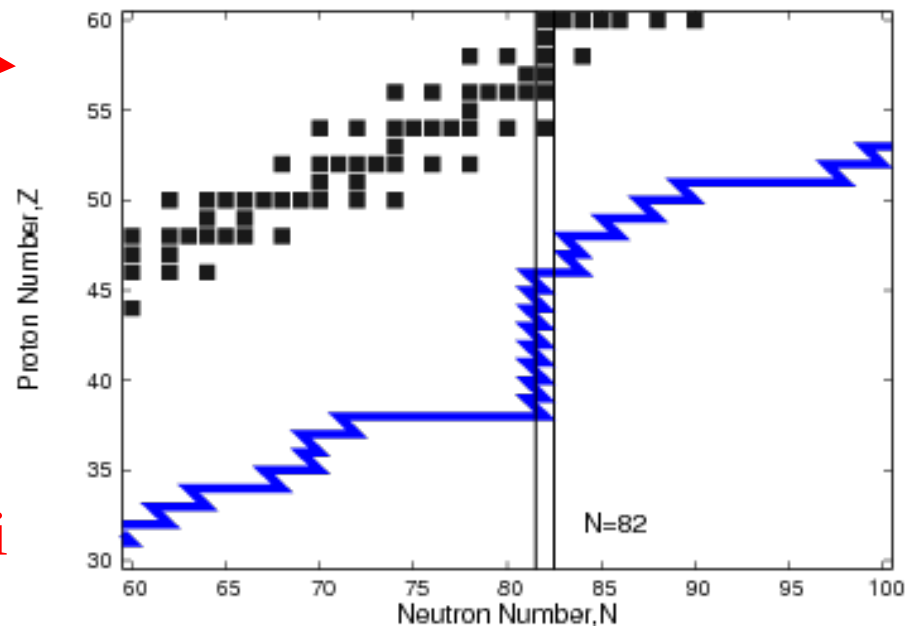
the n-capture stops
when the reaction
rate is small



β -decay
→ different element



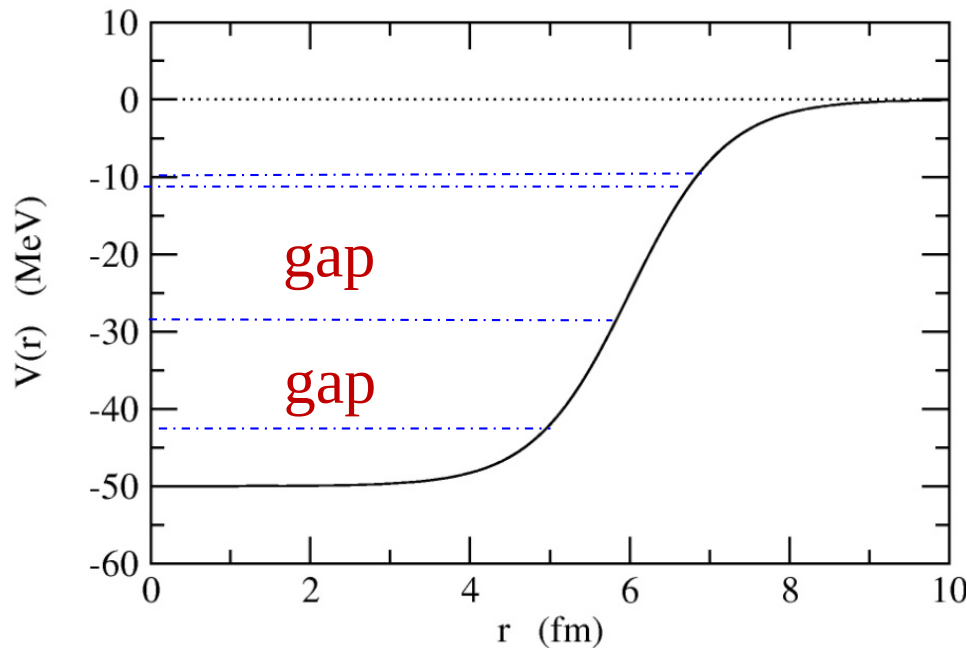
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where does the r-process wait?

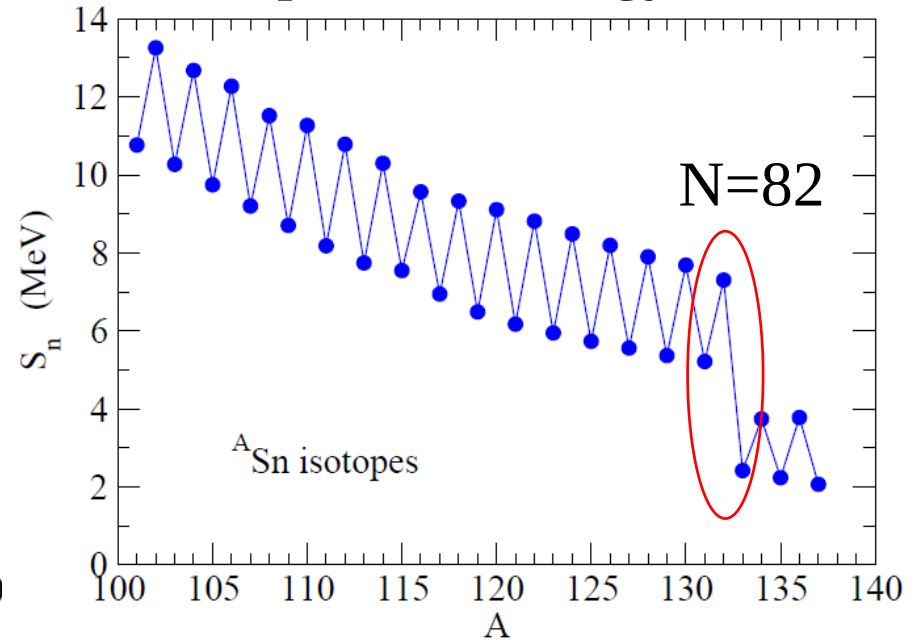
→ nuclei with a magic number: a small n-capture rate

potential for neutrons



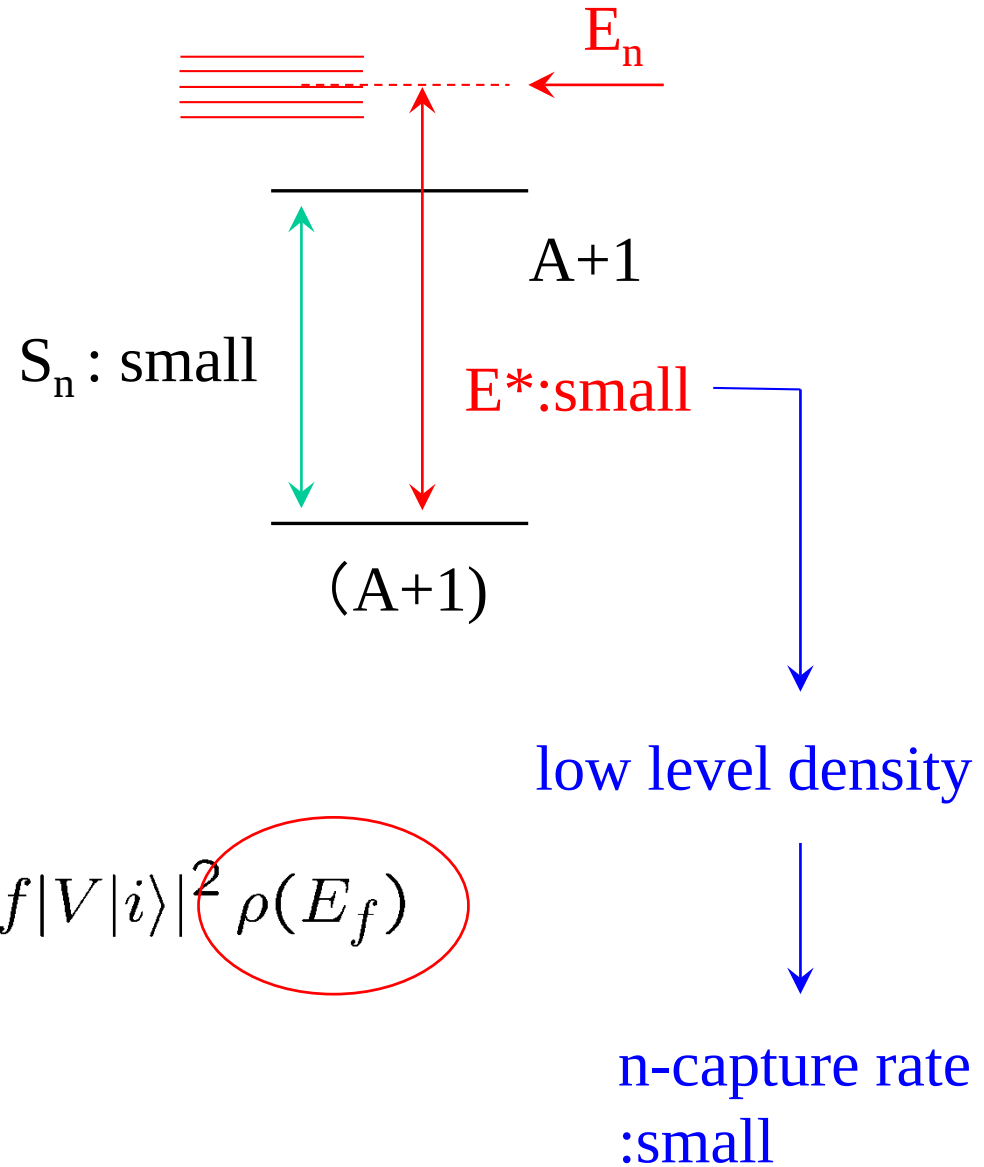
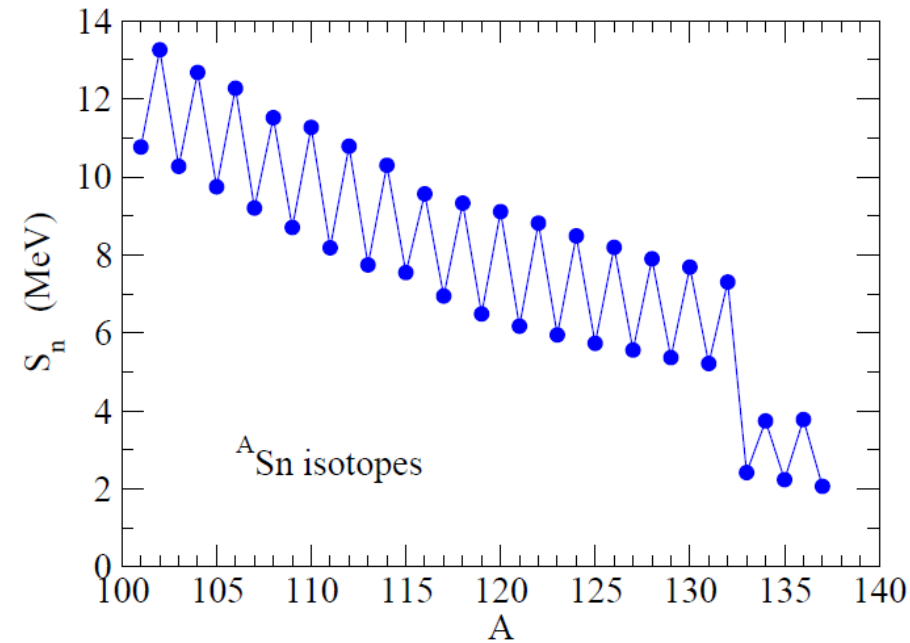
energy gap → stable
= shell structure

1n separation energy of Sn



for $N > 83$
→ smaller 1n-separation energy

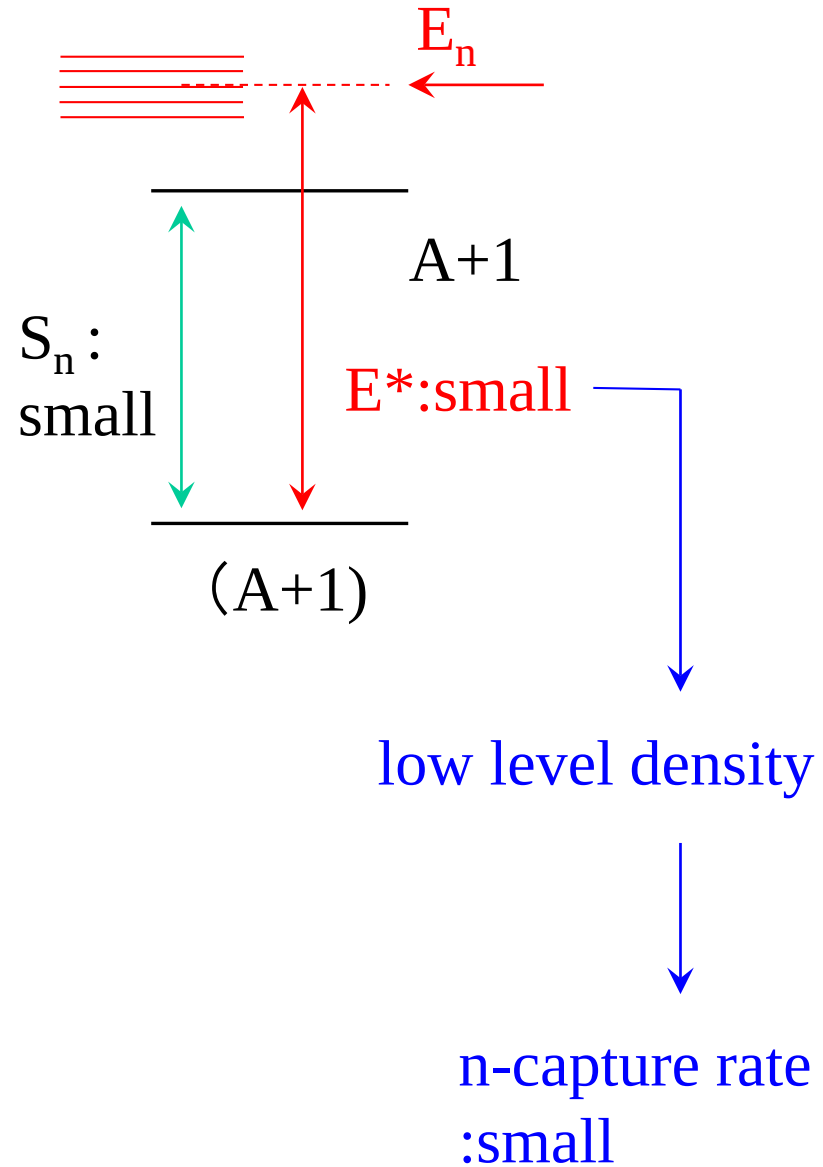
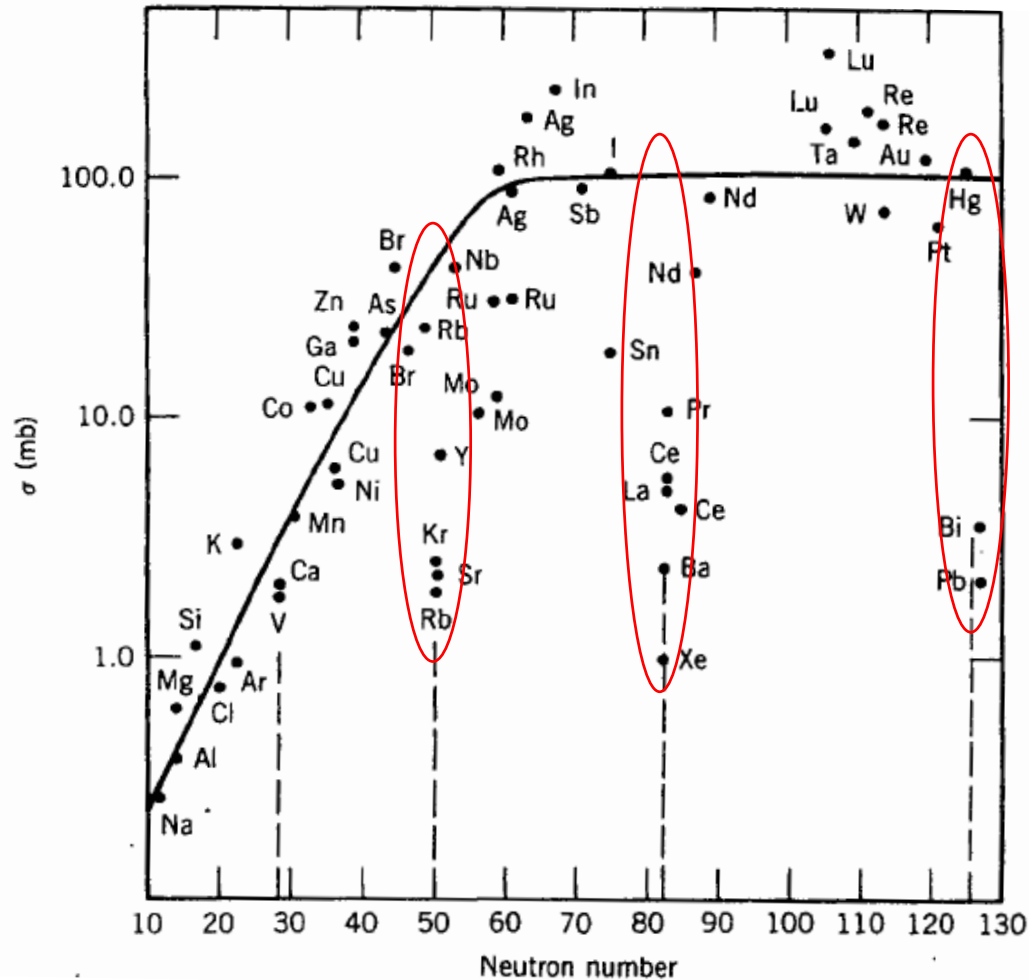
shell closure + 1 neutron:



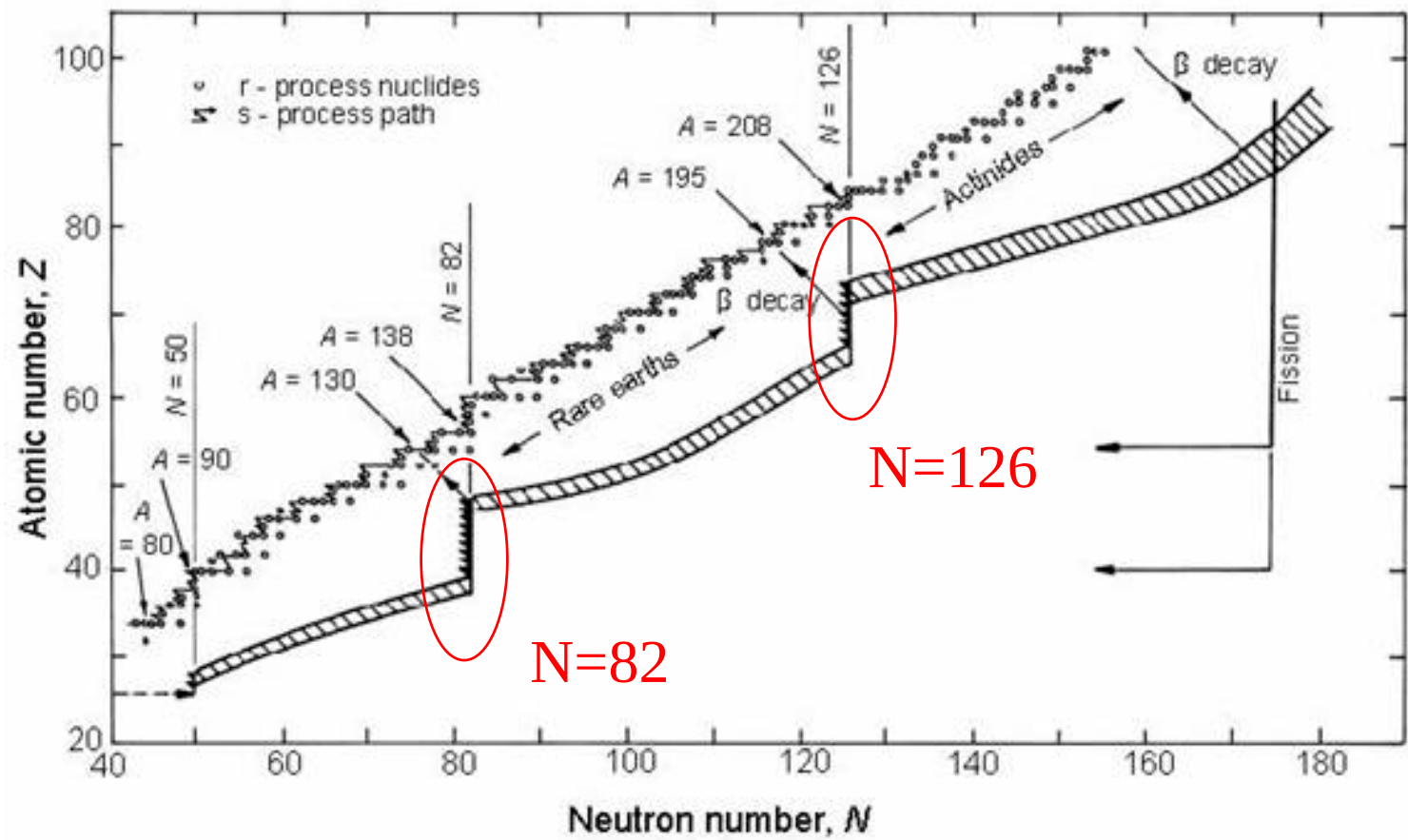
$$\Gamma_{i \rightarrow f} = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} |\langle f | V | i \rangle|^2 \rho(E_f)$$

shell closure + 1 neutron:

neutron capture cross sections

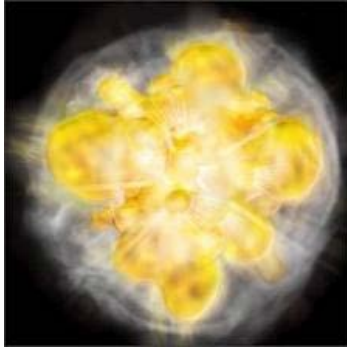


K.S. Krane, "Introductory Nuclear Physics"

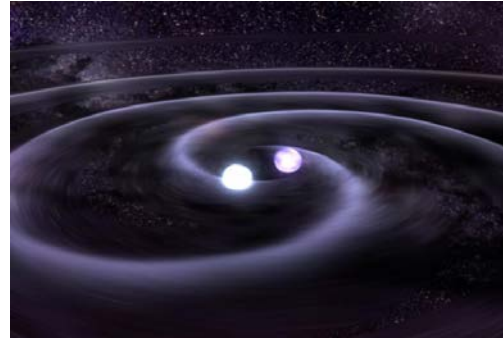


Open issues in r-process nucleosynthesis

➤ where is the main site?

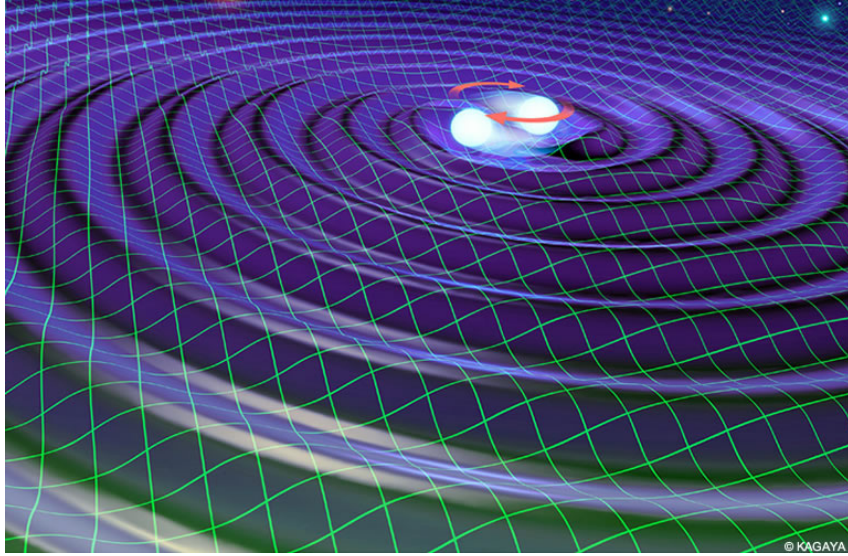


SN explosion



Neutron star merger

gravitational wave due to
a neutron star merger

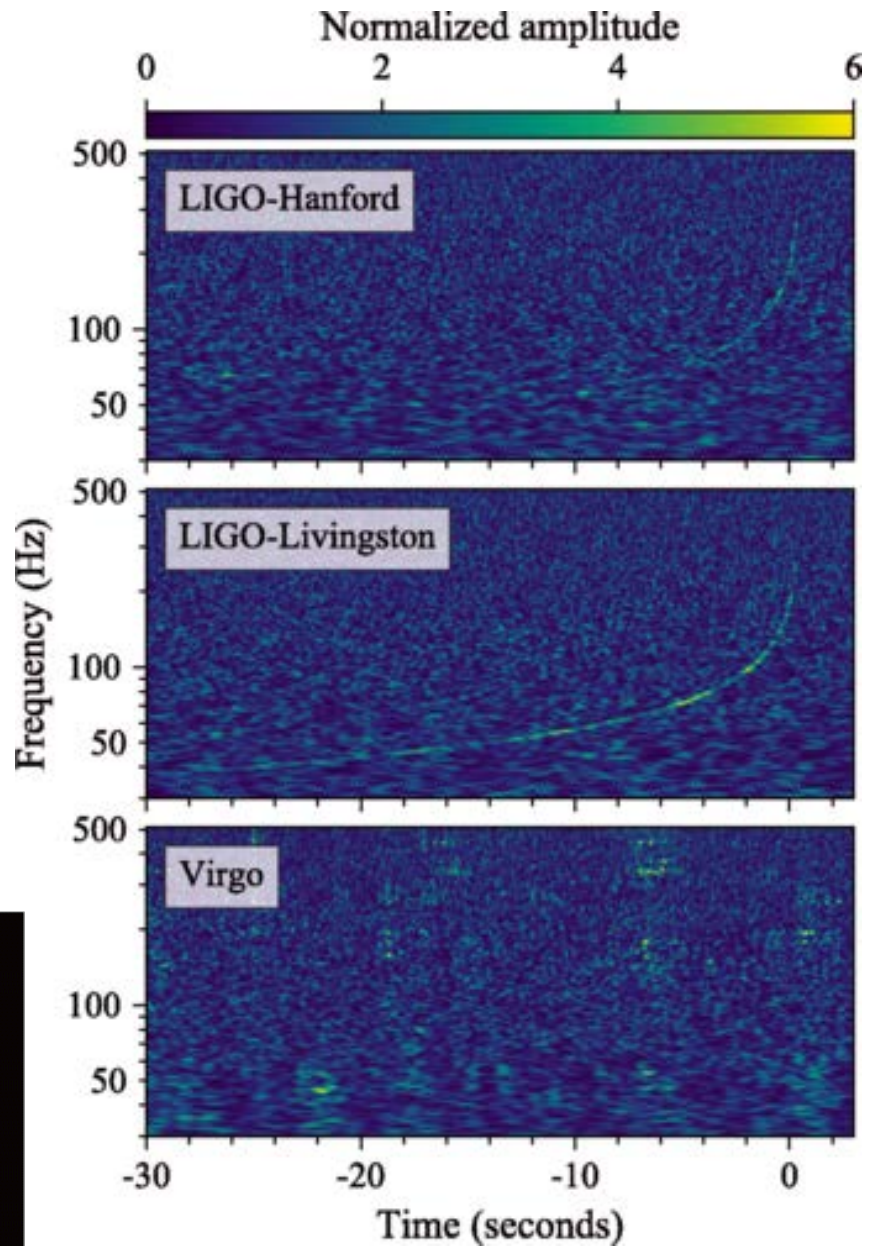
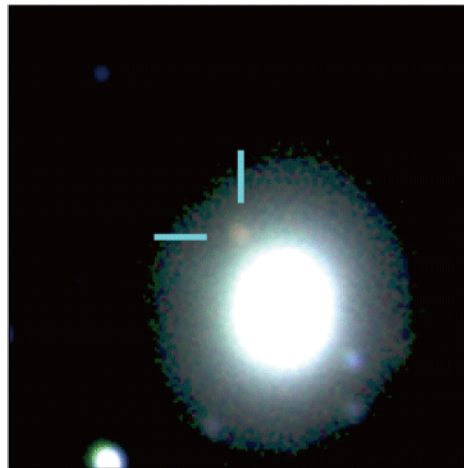
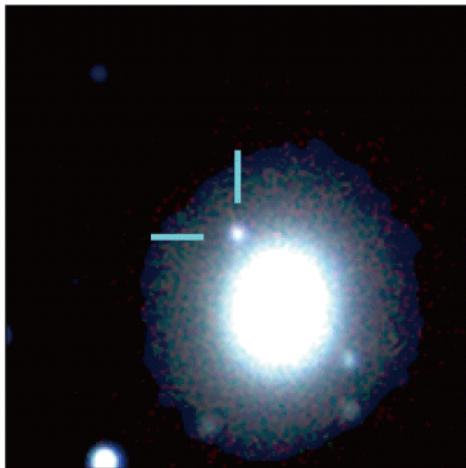


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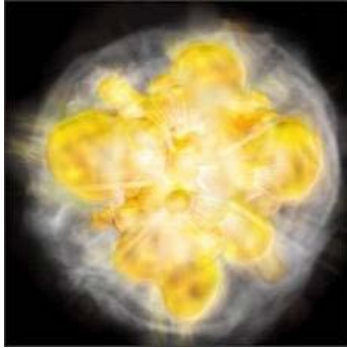
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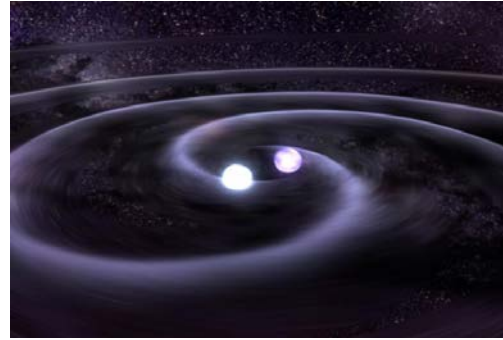
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SN explosion



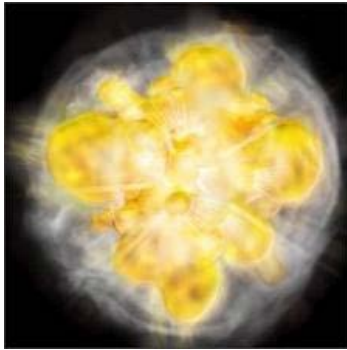
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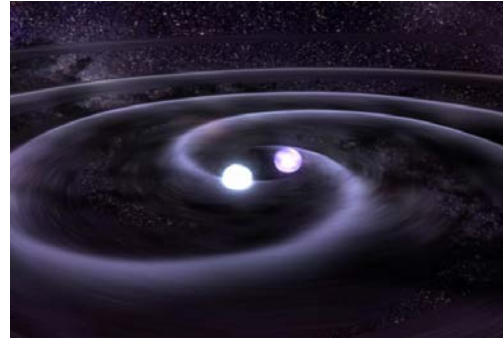
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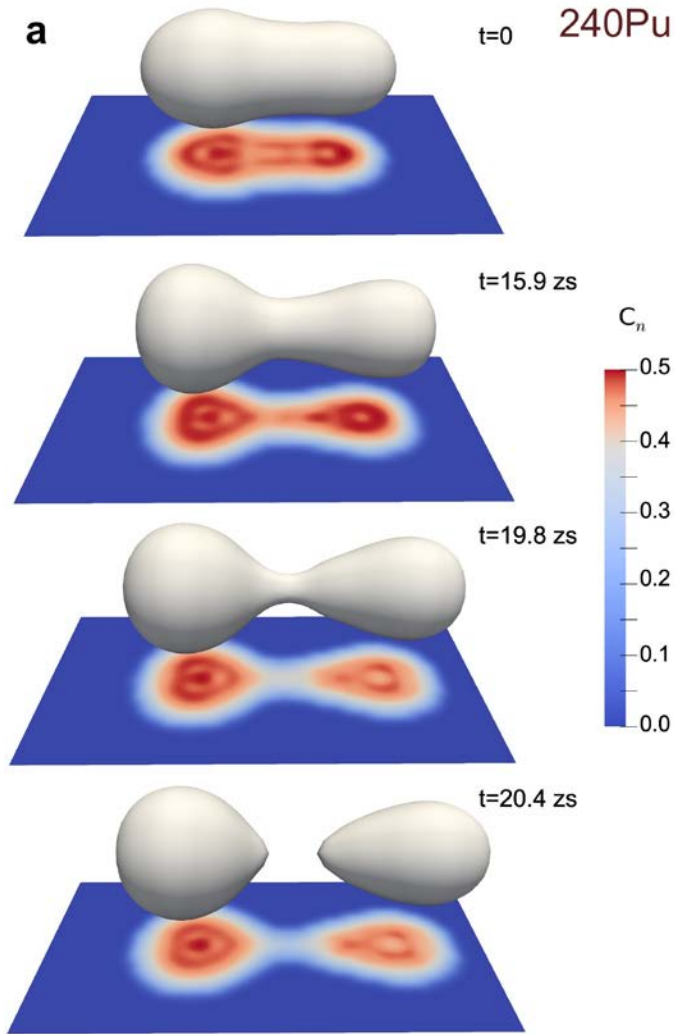
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- role of fission?

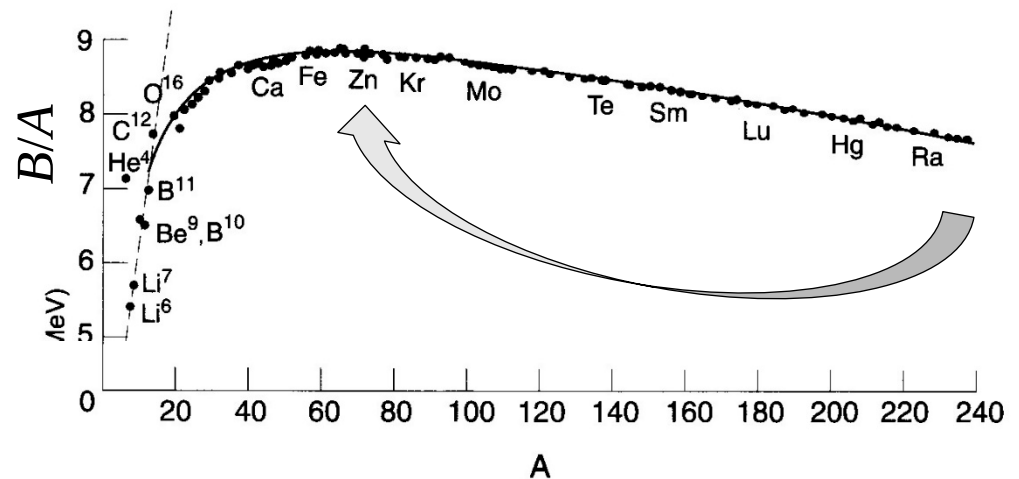
- spontaneous and neutron-induced fissions
- β -delayed fission

nuclear fission



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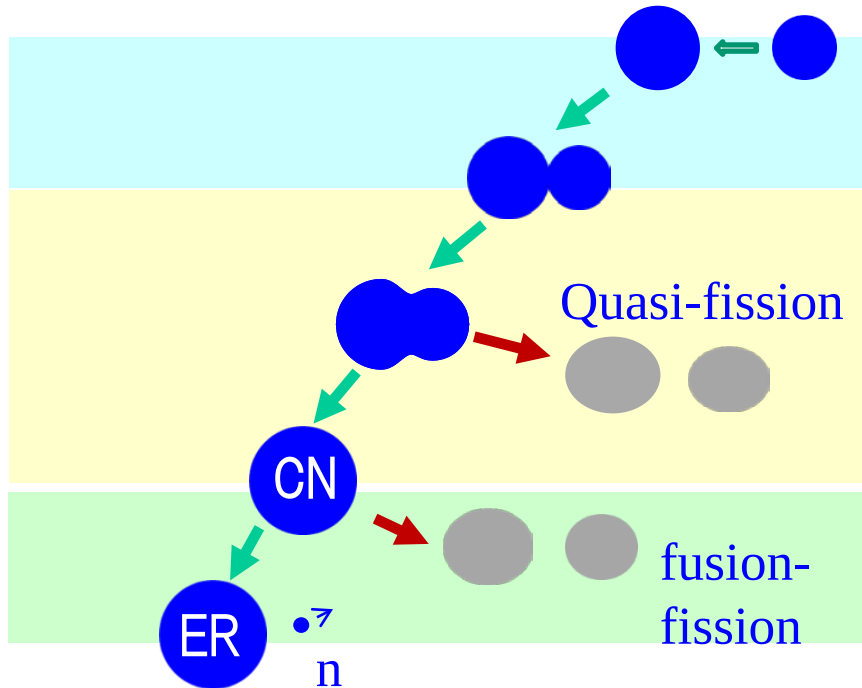
- discovered about 80 years ago (in 1938) by Hahn and Strassmann
- a primary decay mode of heavy nuclei



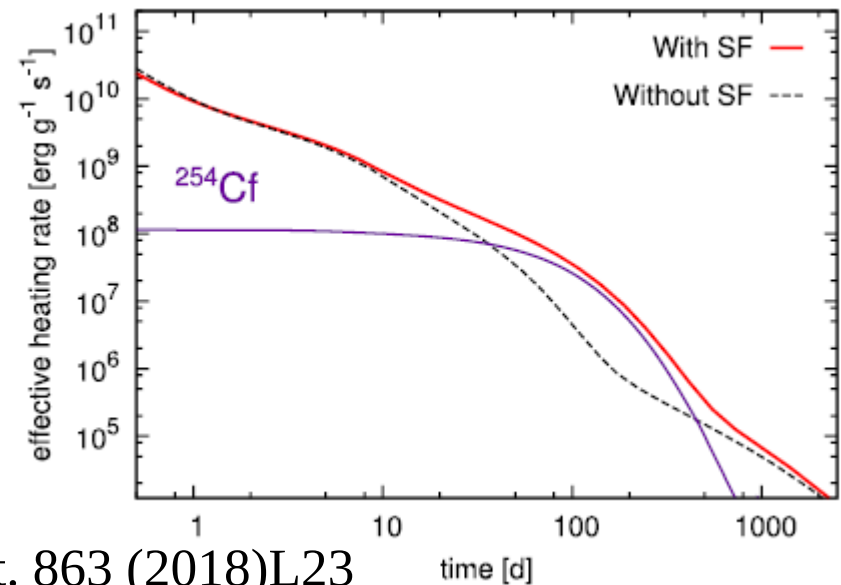
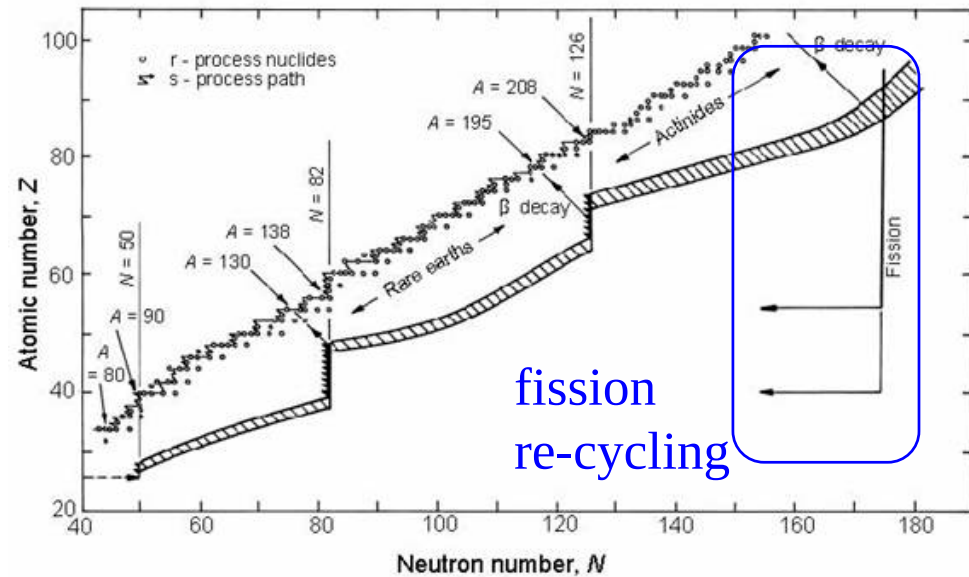
➤ important role in:

- energy production
- superheavy elements
- r-process nucleosynthesis
- production of neutron-rich nuclei

fission in SHE



fission in r-process nucleosynthesis



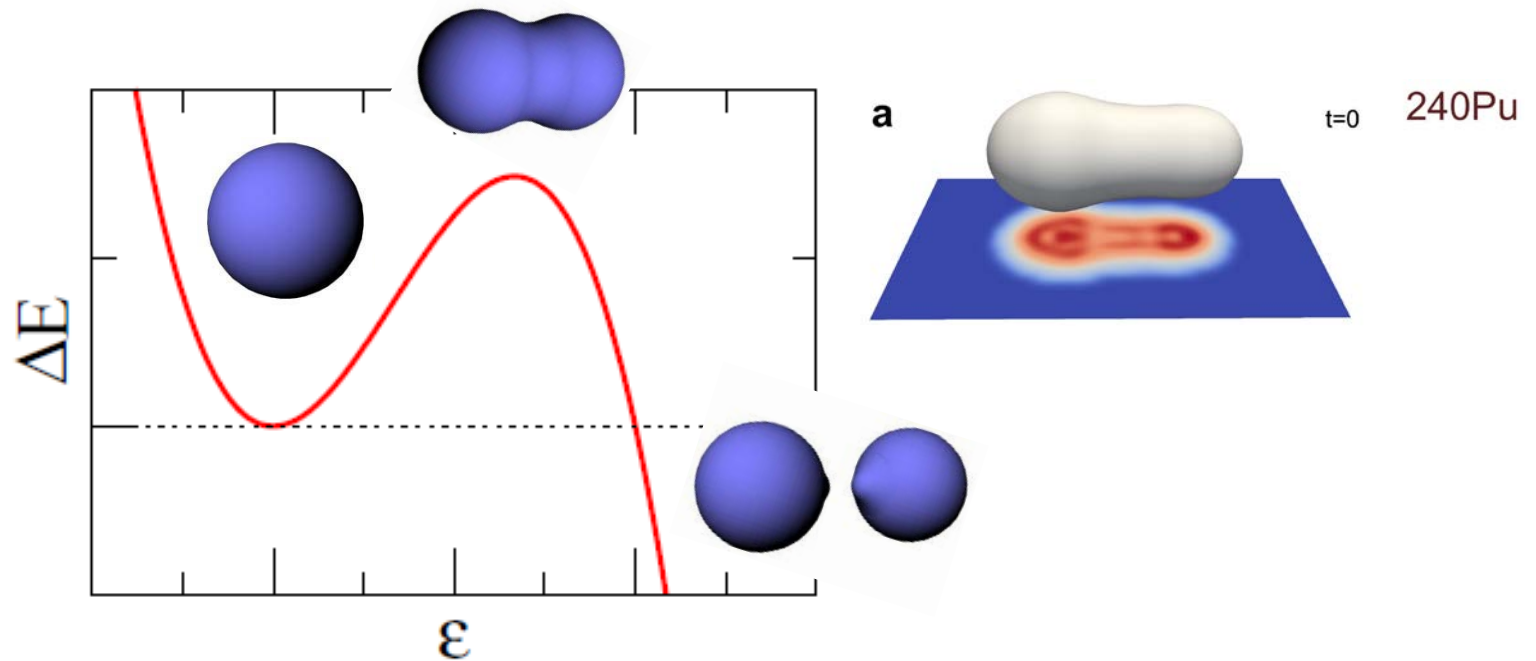
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nuclear fission

➤ macroscopic understanding:

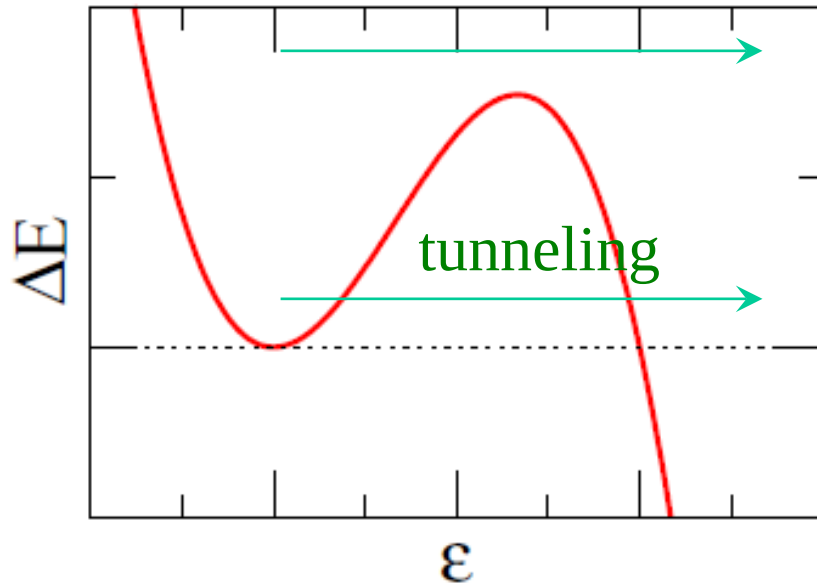
competition between the surface and the Coulomb energies

→ fission barrier



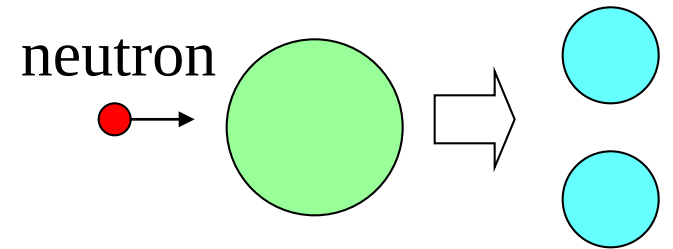
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➤ various fission processes



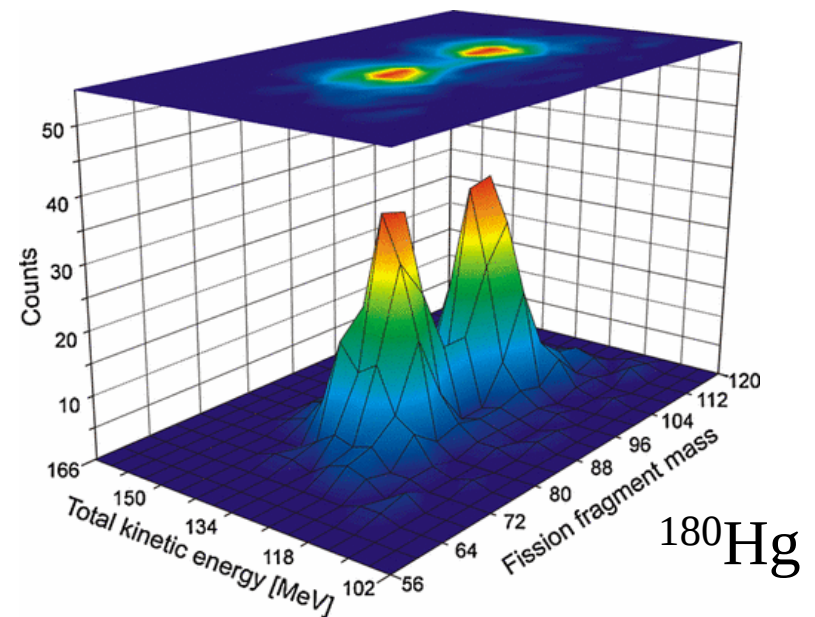
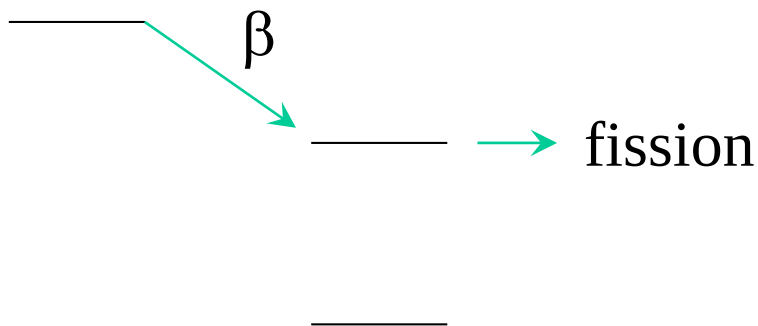
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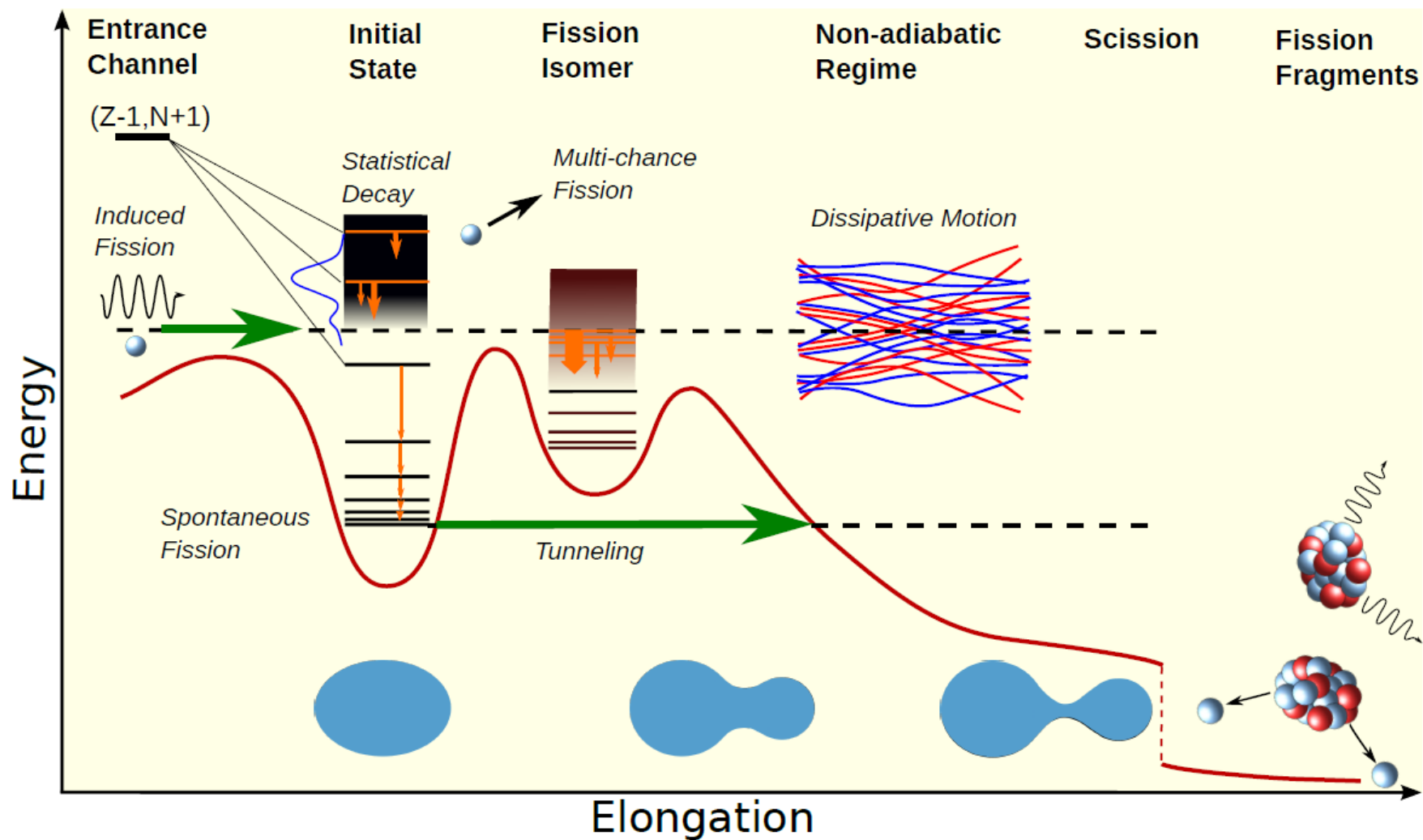
spontaneous
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asymmetric fission

beta-delayed fission

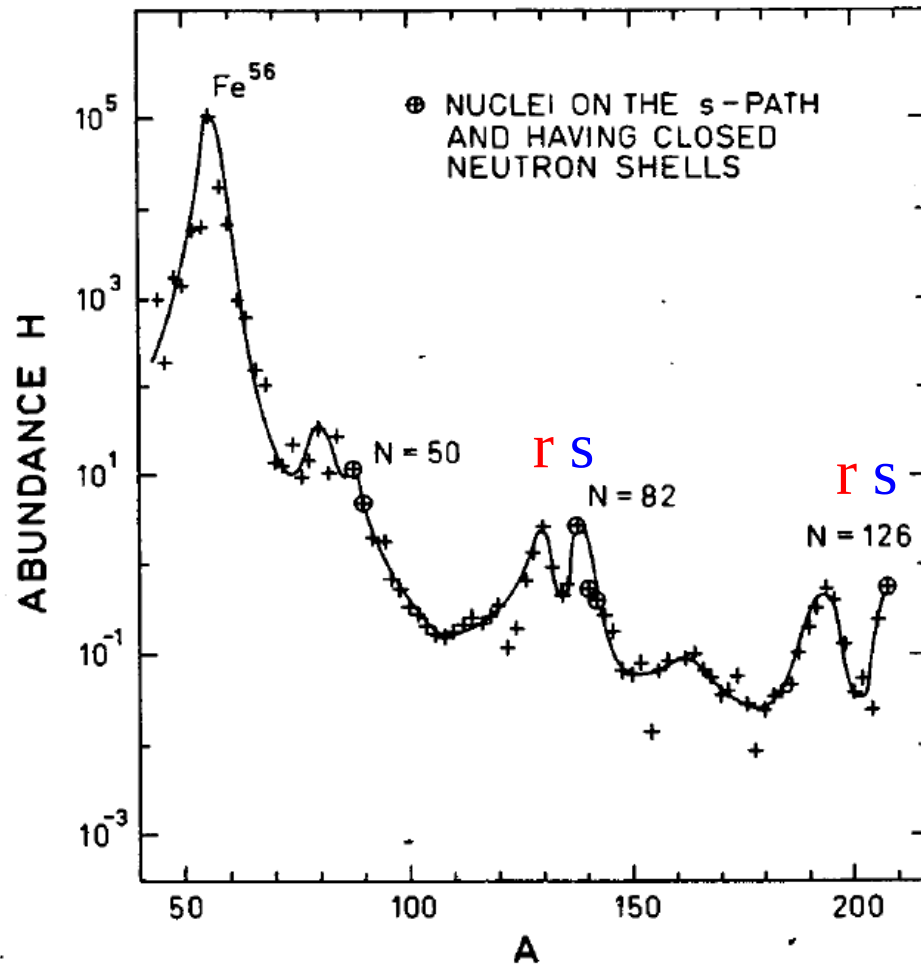




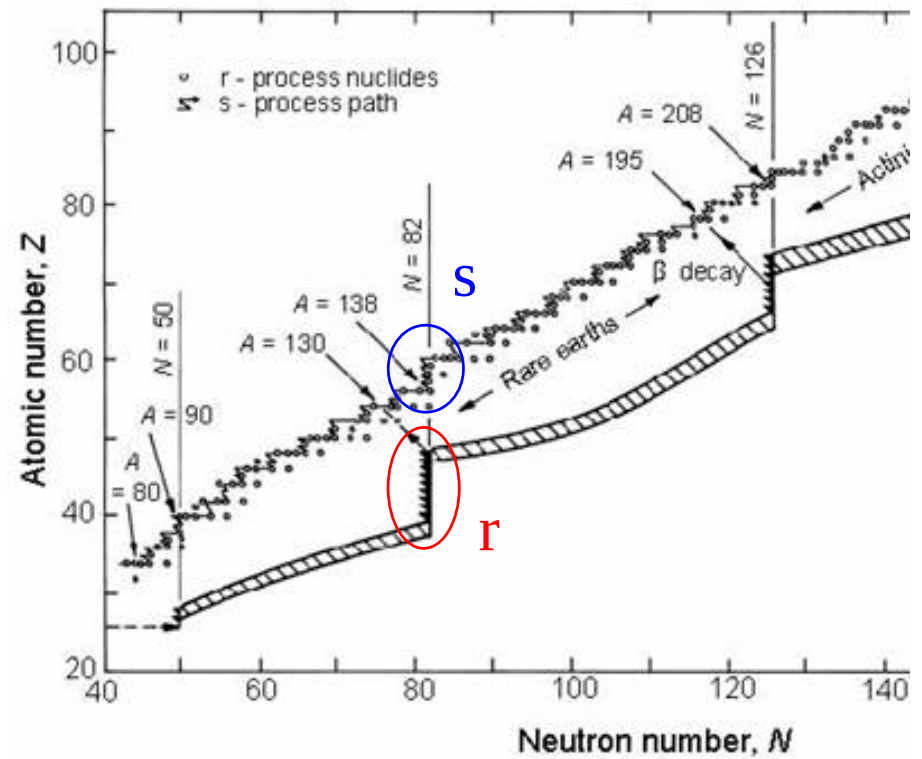
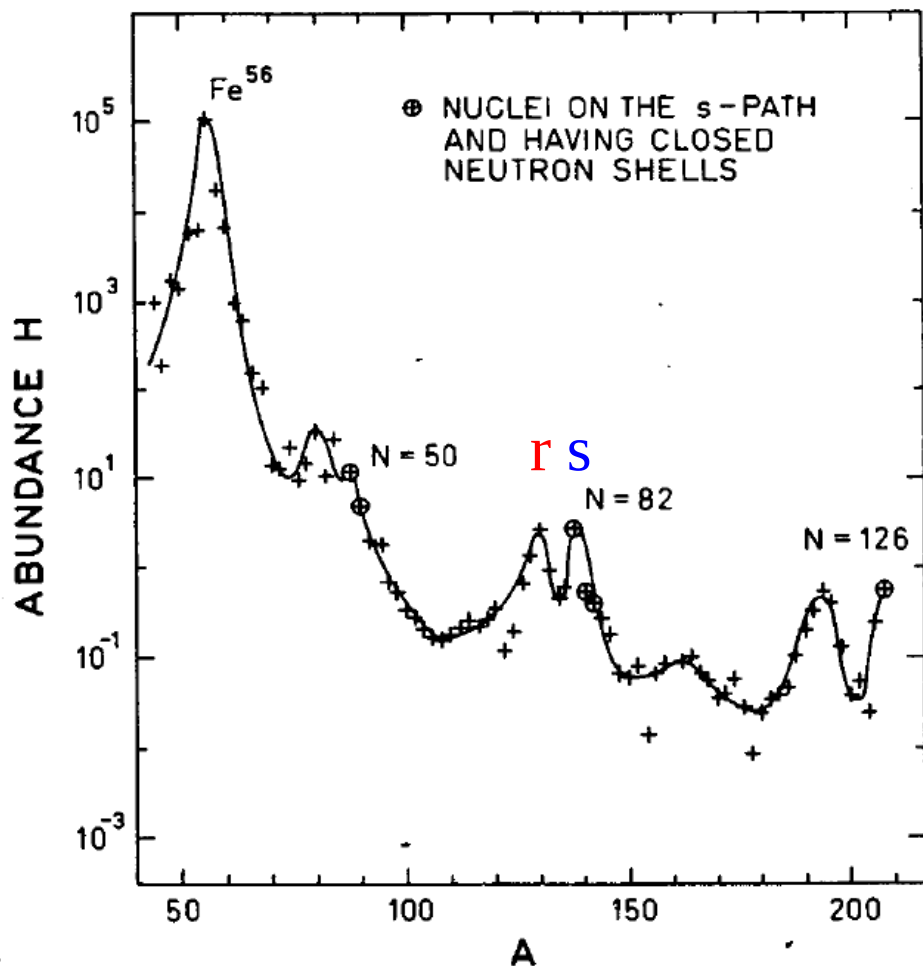
“Future of fission theory” White paper

Any question?

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why are the r-process peaks on the left hand-side?



the r -process peaks: the left hand-side

← a path goes through the neutron-rich region