

# Fusion barrier distribution and **superheavy elements (SHE)**

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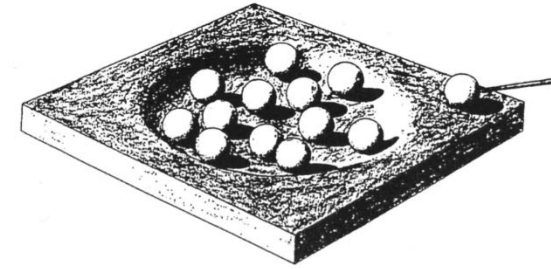
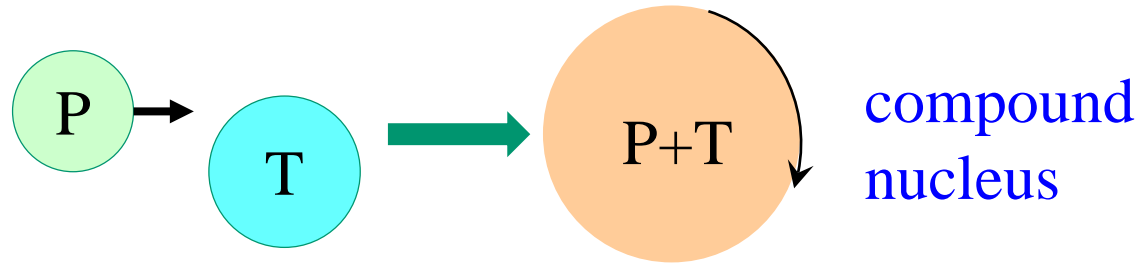


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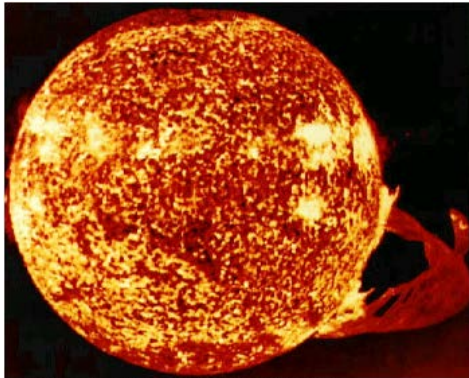
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1. Heavy-ion sub-barrier fusion reactions
2. Coupled-channels approach and barrier distributions
3. Application to superheavy elements
4. Quantum friction
5. Summary

# Fusion reactions: compound nucleus formation

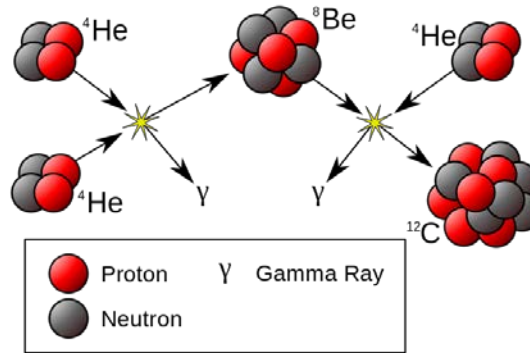


cf. Bohr '36

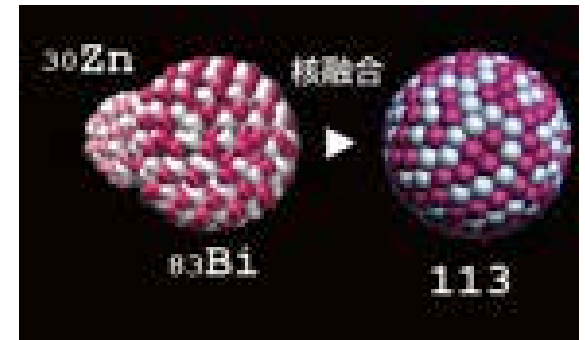


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energy production  
in stars



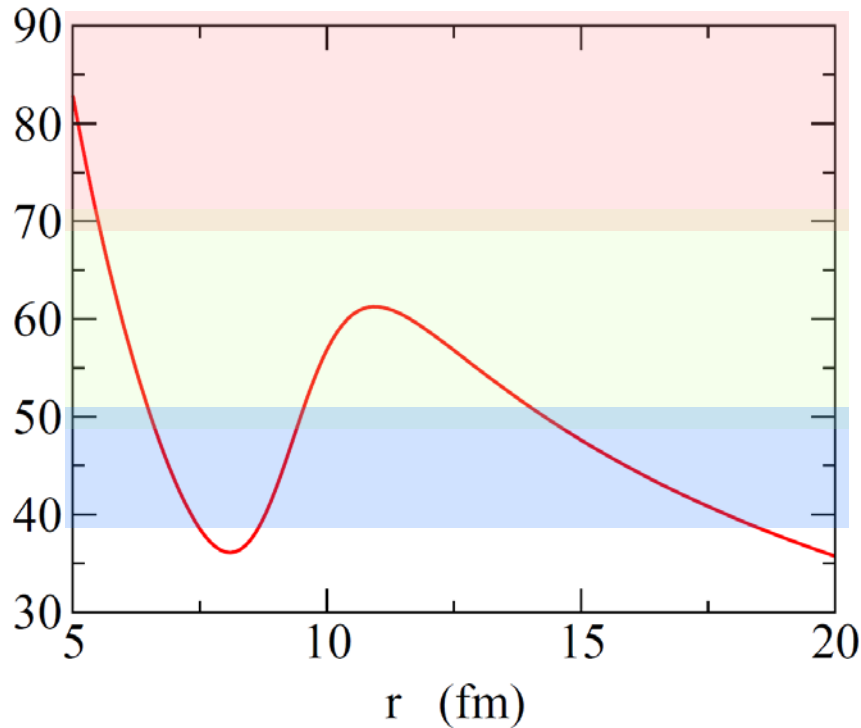
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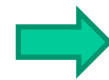
superheavy elements

**Fusion and fission:** large amplitude motions of quantum many-body systems with strong interaction  
← microscopic understanding: an ultimate goal of nuclear physics

# Fusion reactions: compound nucleus formation



- 1. Coulomb force : long range, repulsive
- 2. Nuclear force : short range, attractive



Coulomb barrier

## Why sub-barrier fusion?

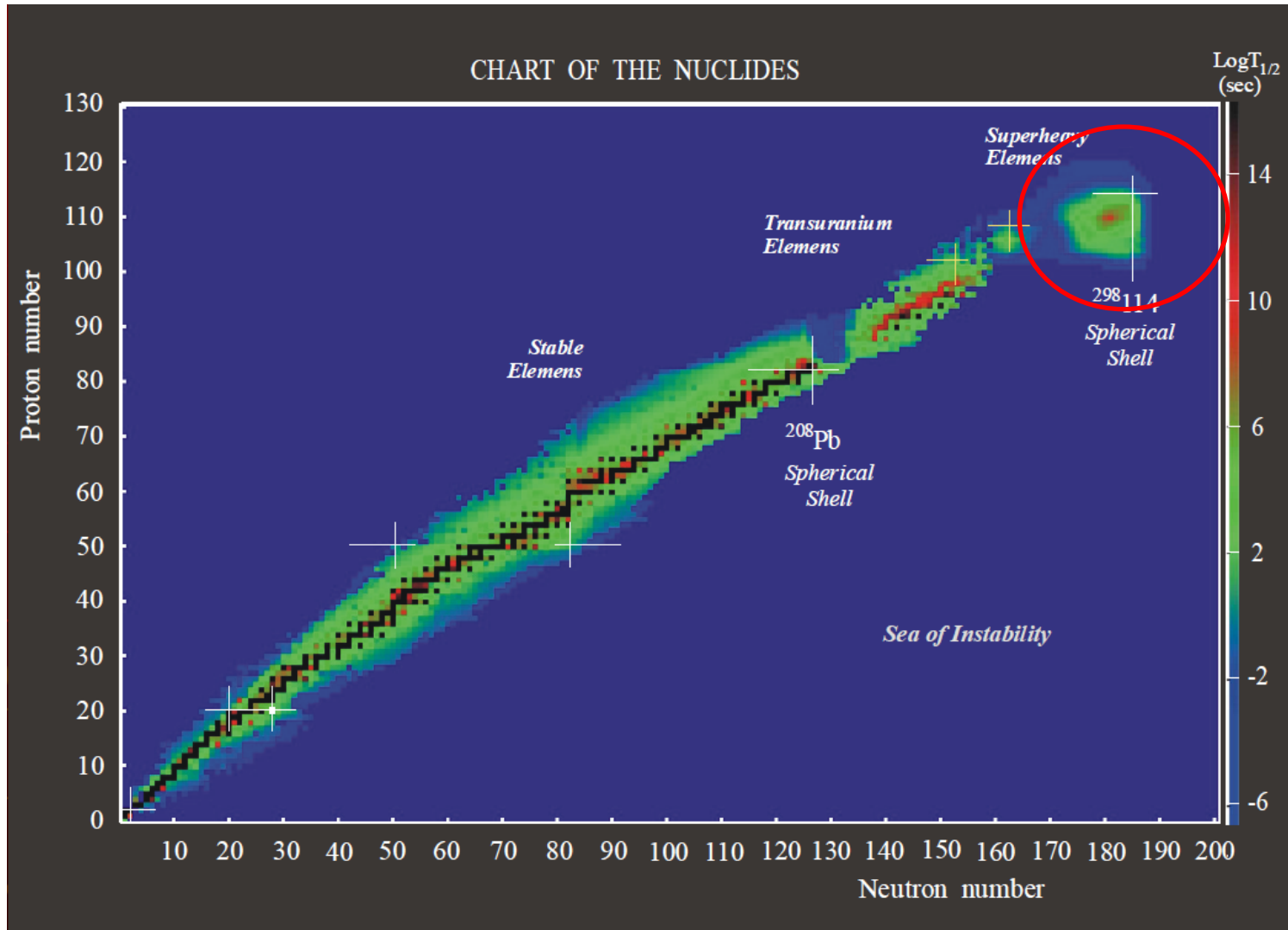
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- i) Superheavy elements
- ii) Nuclear Astrophysics

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## island of stability around $Z=114$ , $N=184$

W.D. Myers and W.J. Swiatecki (1966), A. Sobiczewski et al. (1966)



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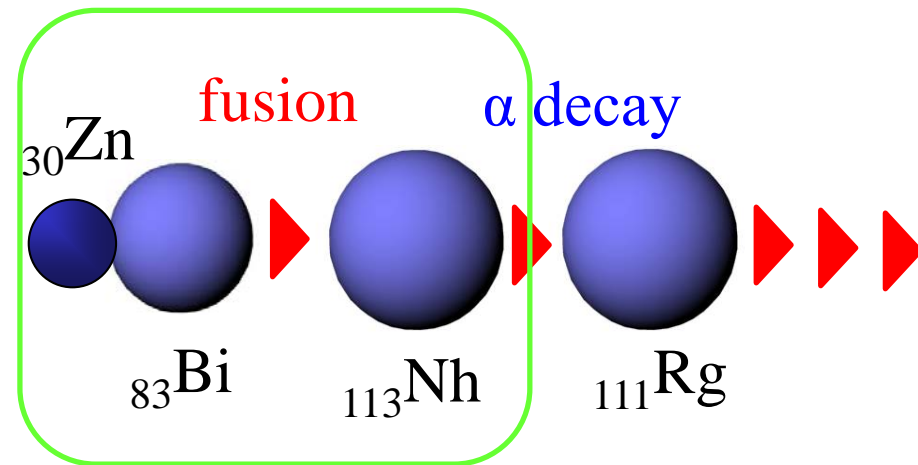
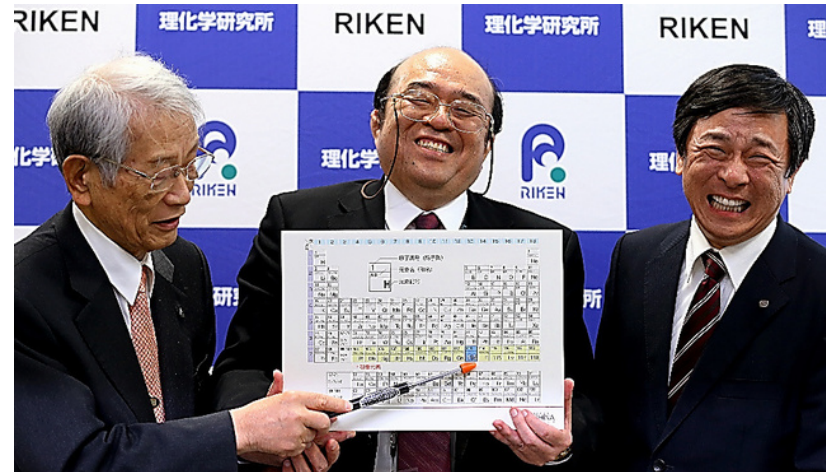
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superheavy elements

cf.  $^{209}\text{Bi} (^{70}\text{Zn}, n) ^{278}\text{Nh}$

$V_B \sim 260 \text{ MeV}$

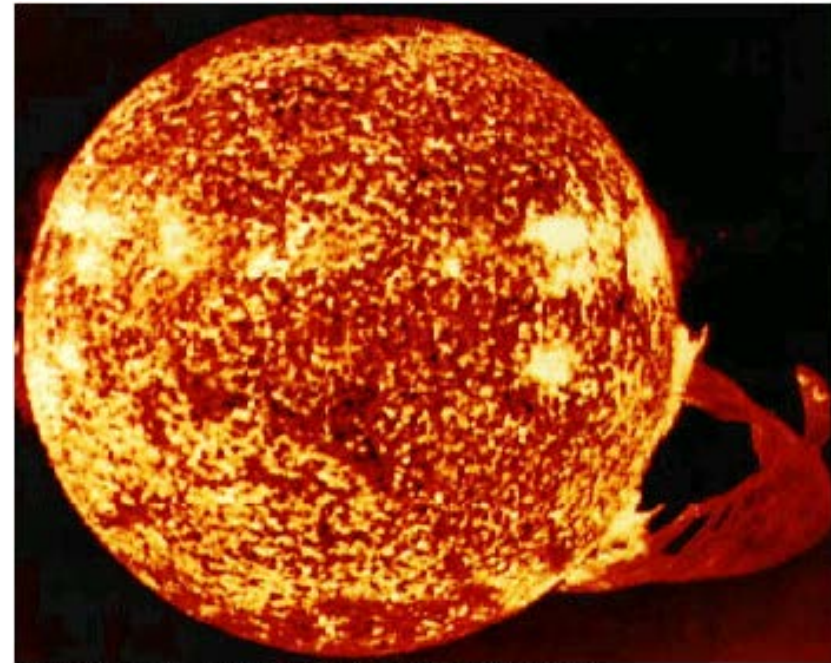
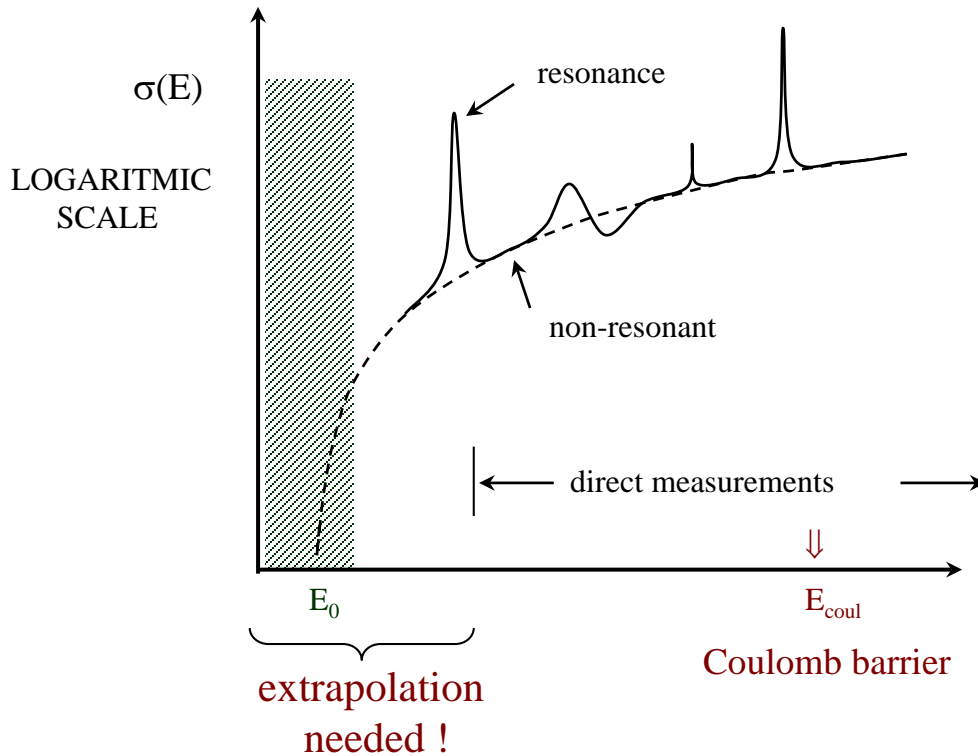
$E_{\text{cm}}^{(\text{exp})} \sim 262 \text{ MeV}$



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nuclear astrophysics (nuclear fusion in stars)

cf. extrapolation of data



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figure: M. Aliotta



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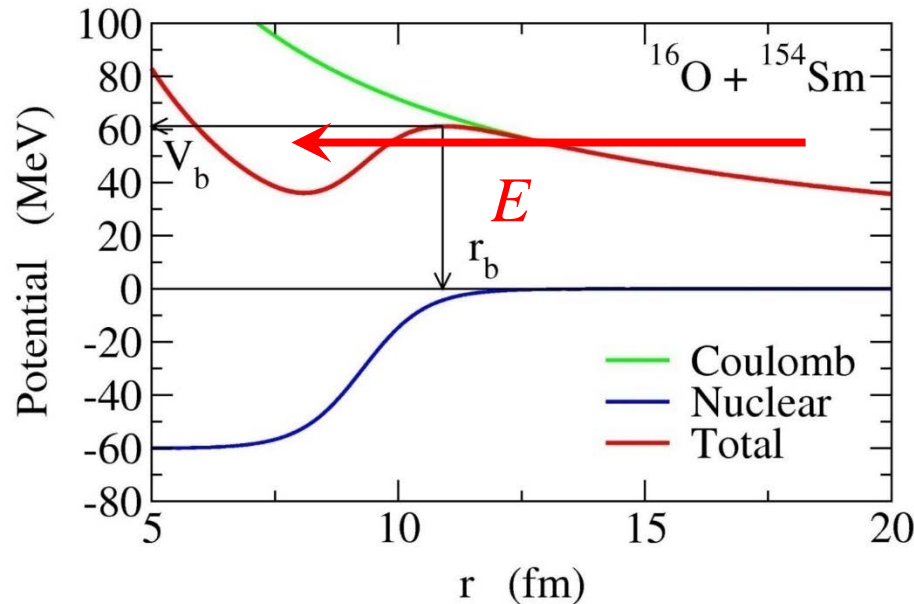
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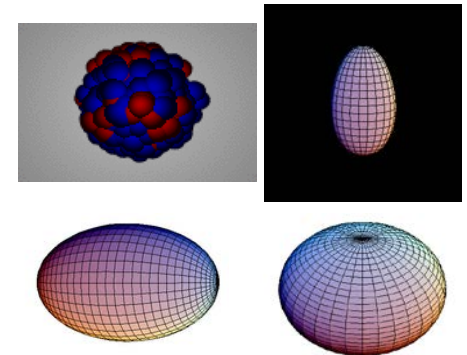
## ◆ reaction mechanism

**strong interplay between reaction and nuclear structure**

cf. high  $E$  reactions: much simpler reaction mechanism

## ◆ many-particle tunneling

- ✓ many types of intrinsic degrees of freedom
- ✓ energy dependence of tunneling probability  
cf. alpha decay: fixed energy

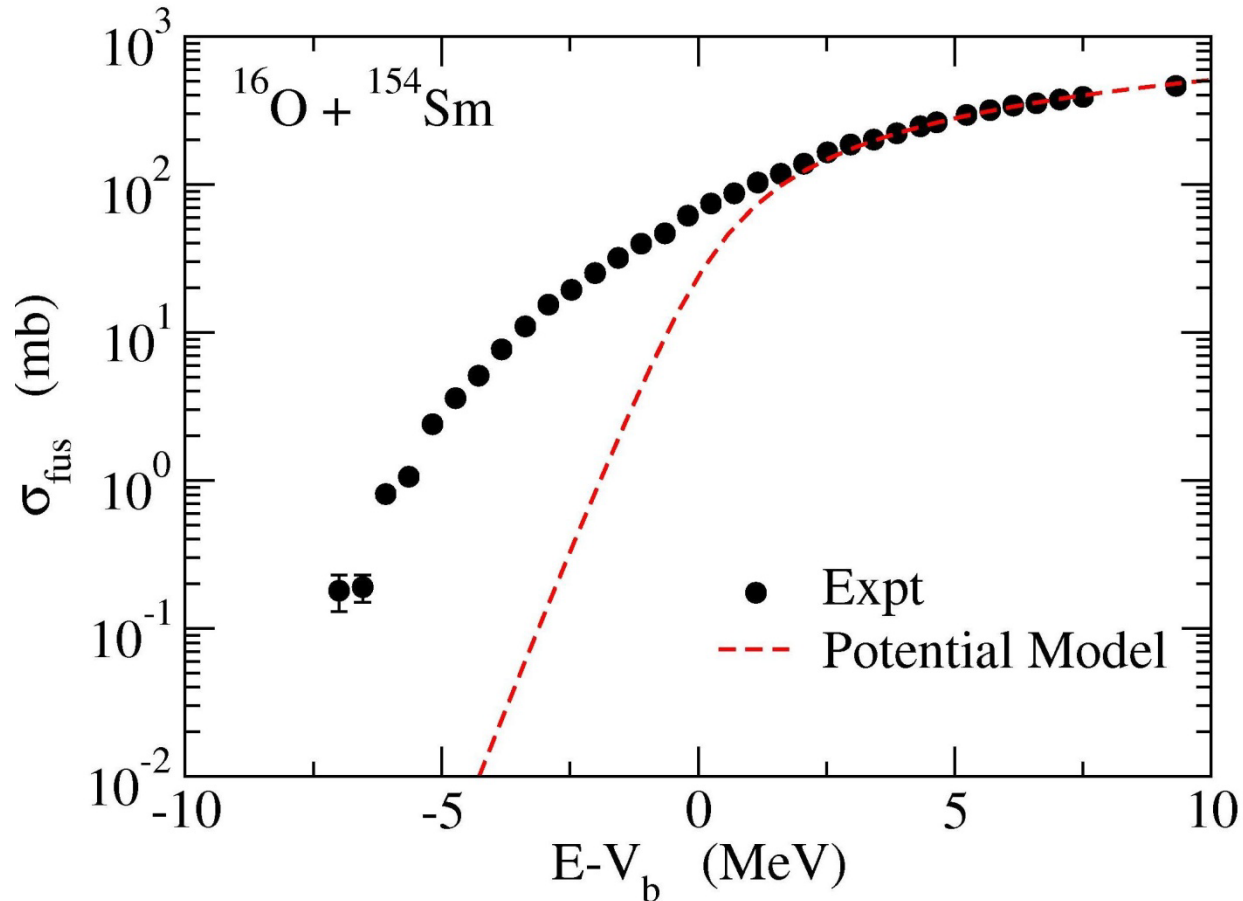


H.I. fusion reaction = an ideal playground to study quantum tunneling with many degrees of freedom



# Discovery of large sub-barrier enhancement of $\sigma_{\text{fus}}$

potential model:  $V(r) + \text{absorption}$

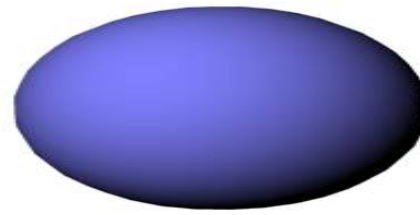


cf. seminal work:

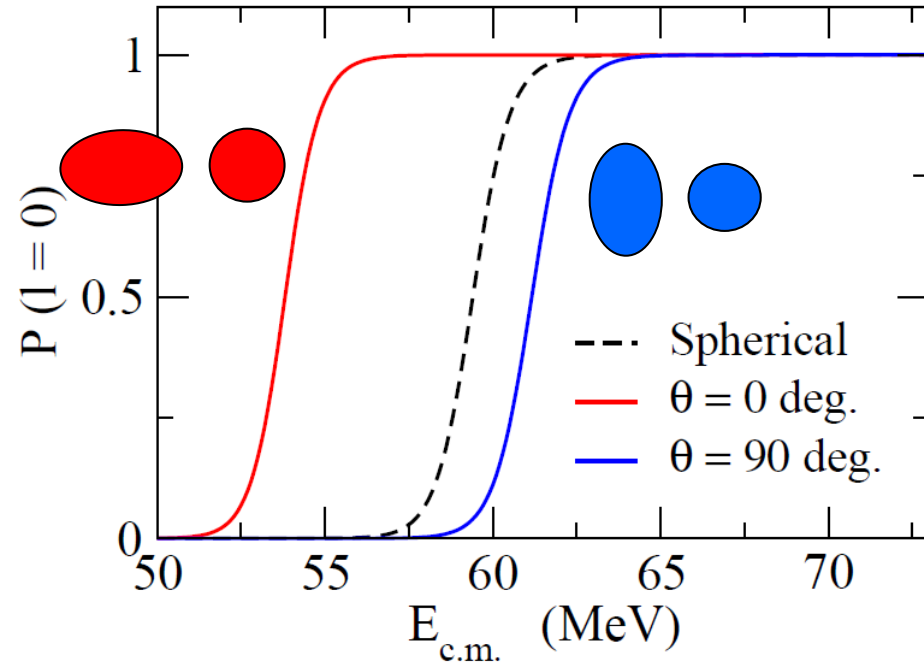
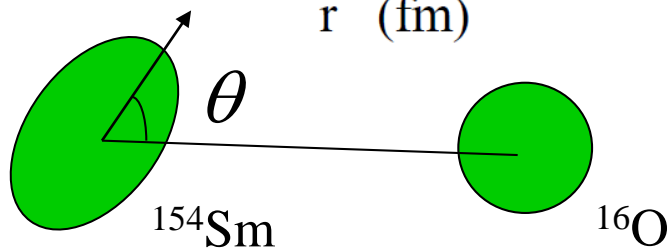
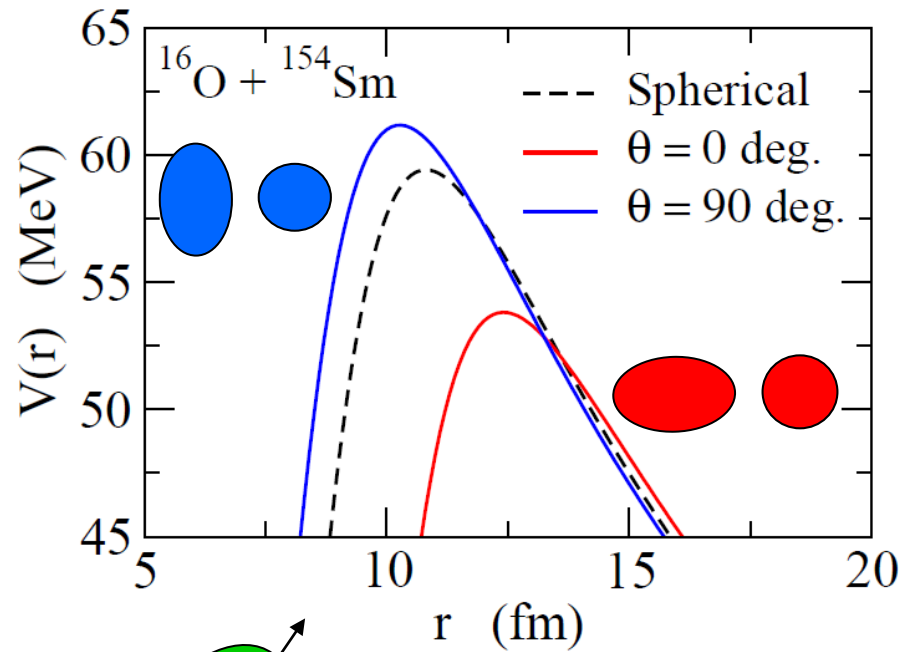
R.G. Stokstad et al., PRL41('78) 465

# Effects of nuclear deformation

$^{154}\text{Sm}$  : a typical deformed nucleus

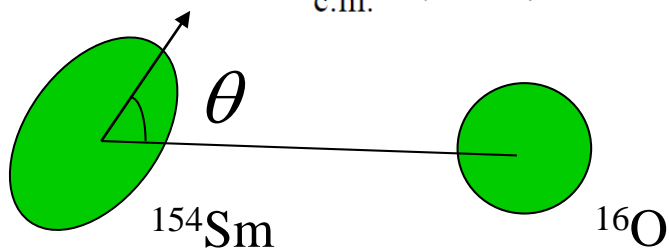
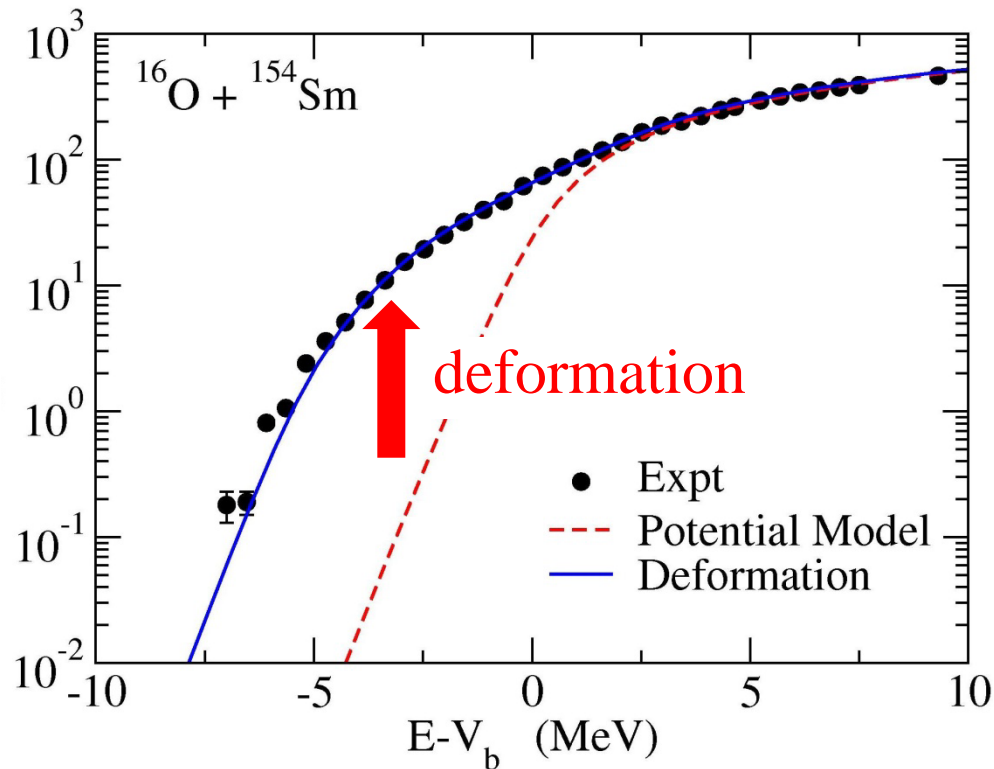
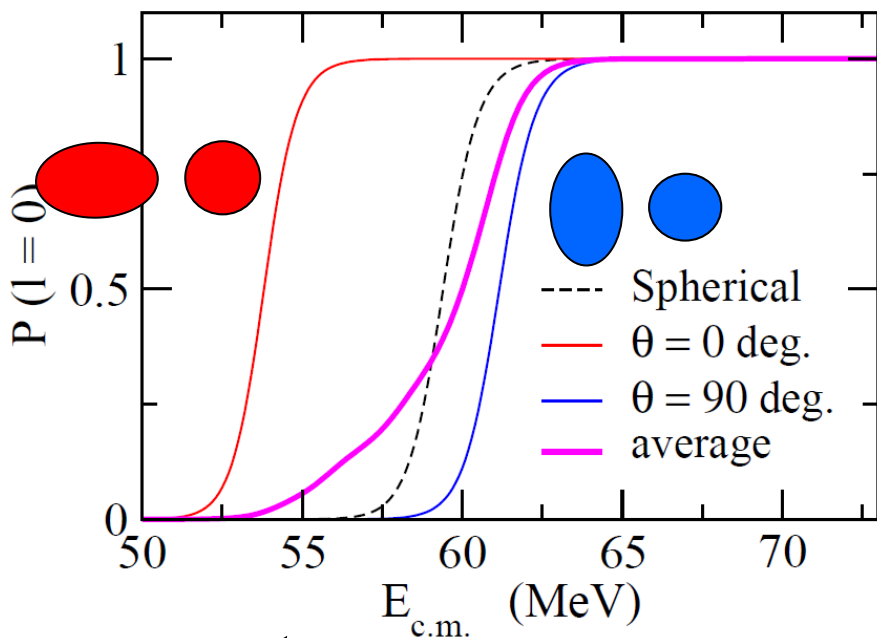
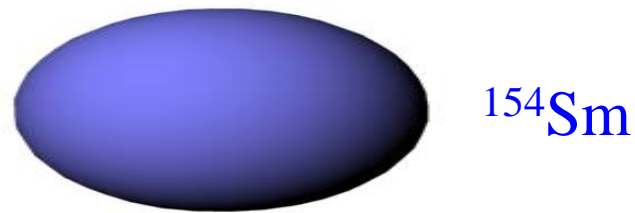


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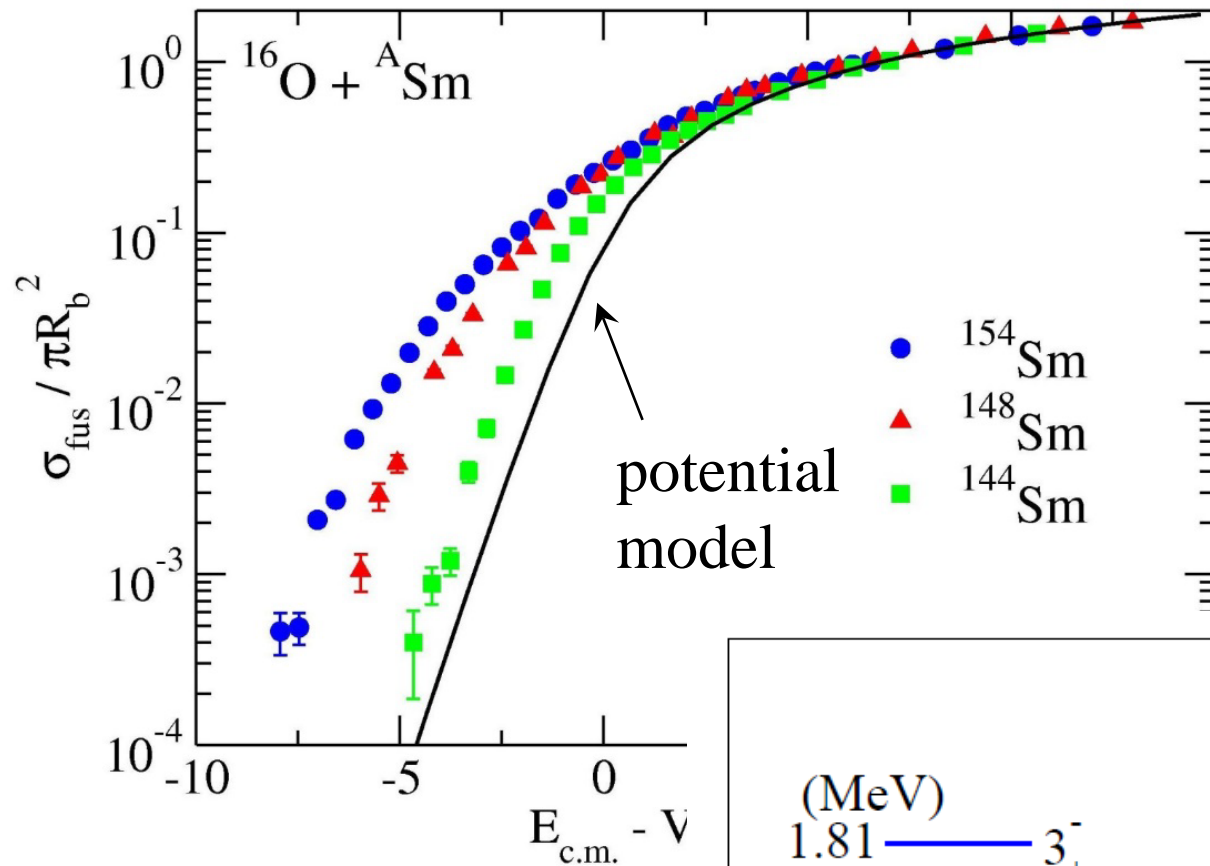
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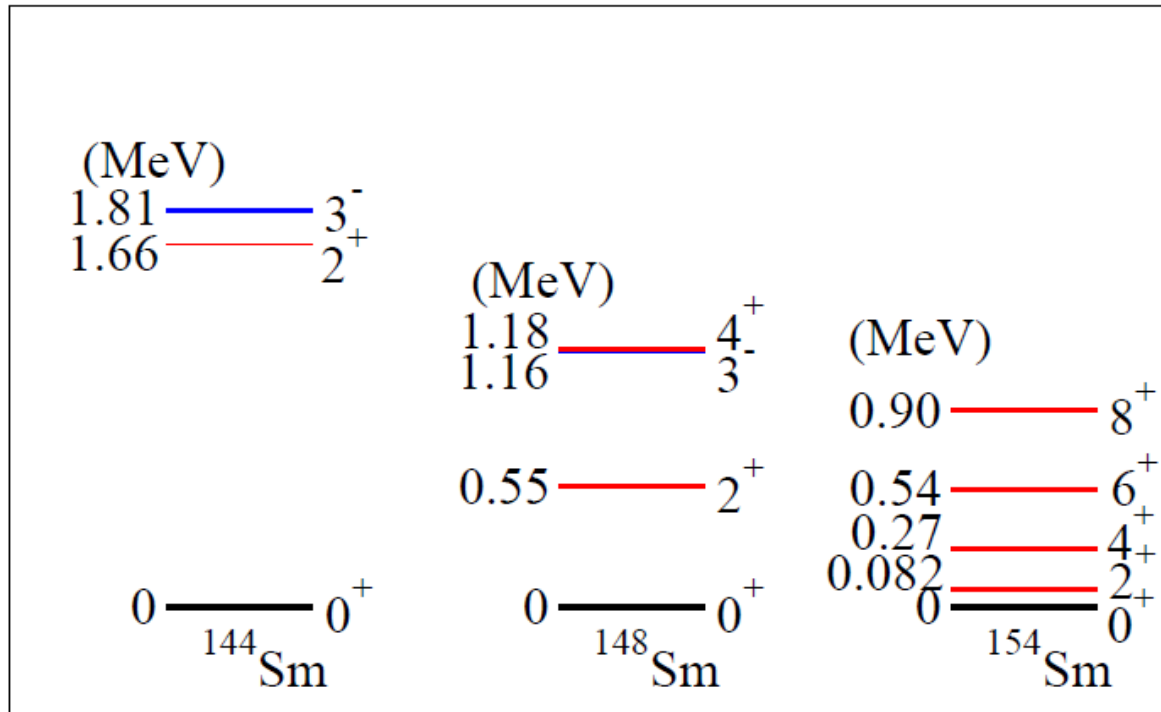
$$\sigma_{\text{fus}}(E) = \int_0^1 d(\cos \theta) \sigma_{\text{fus}}(E; \theta)$$

**Fusion: strong interplay between nuclear structure and reaction**



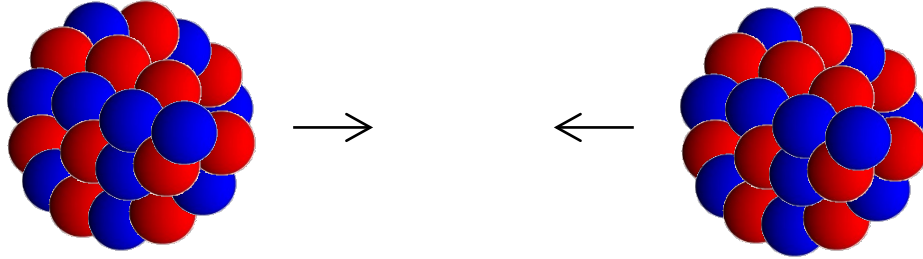
enhancement of fusion cross sections  
: a general phenomenon

strong correlation with nuclear spectrum  
→ coupling assisted tunneling



# Coupled-channels method: a quantal scattering theory with excitations

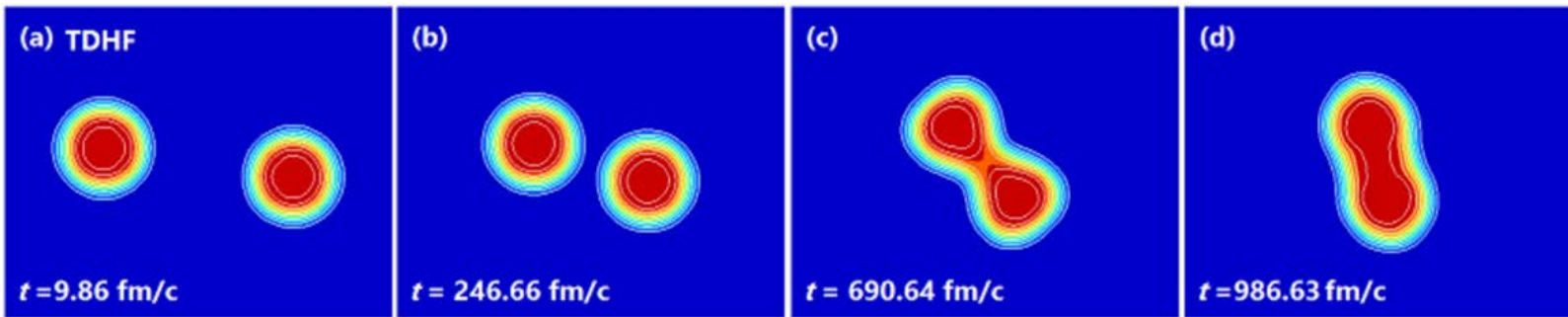
many-body problem



still very challenging

TDHF simulation

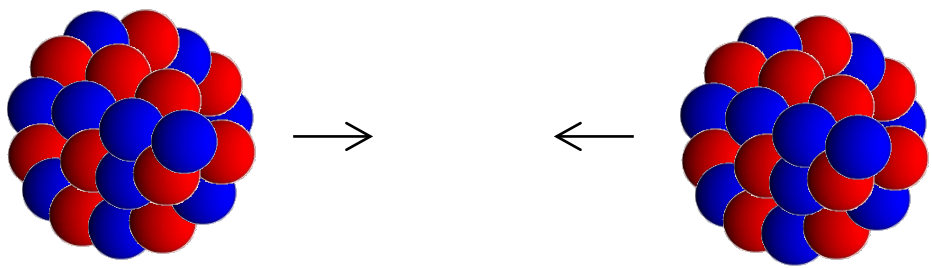
TDHF = Time Dependent Hartree-Fock



S. Ebata, T. Nakatsukasa, JPC Conf. Proc. 6 ('15) 020056

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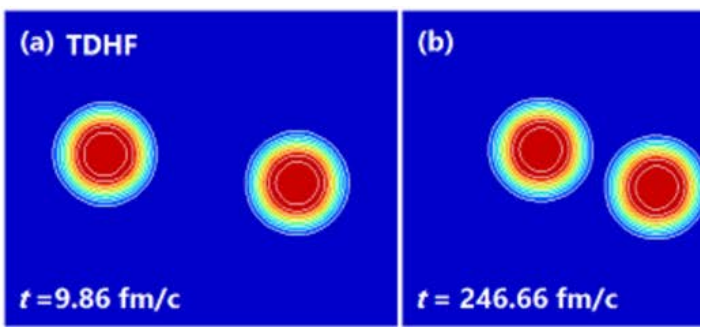
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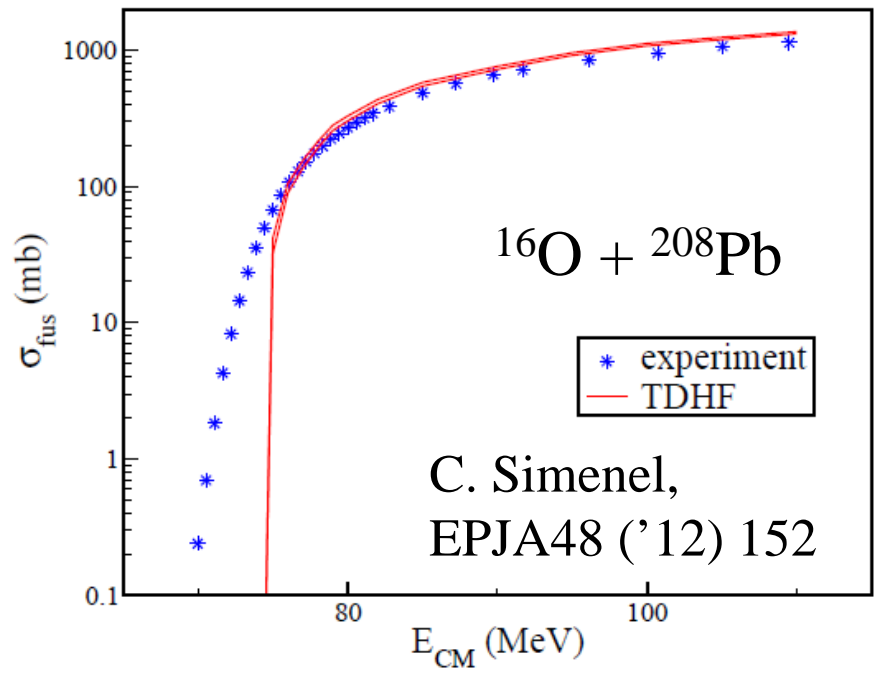
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“ab-initio”, but no tunneling

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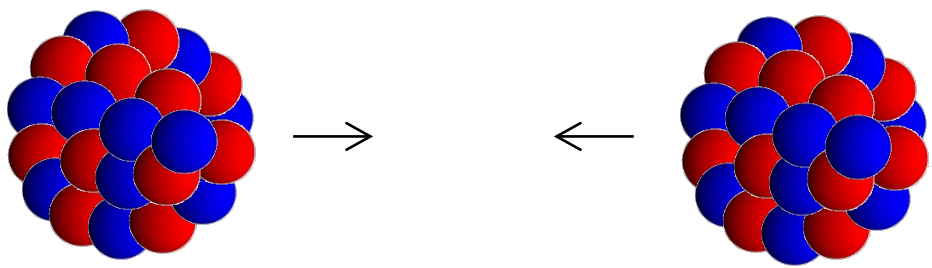
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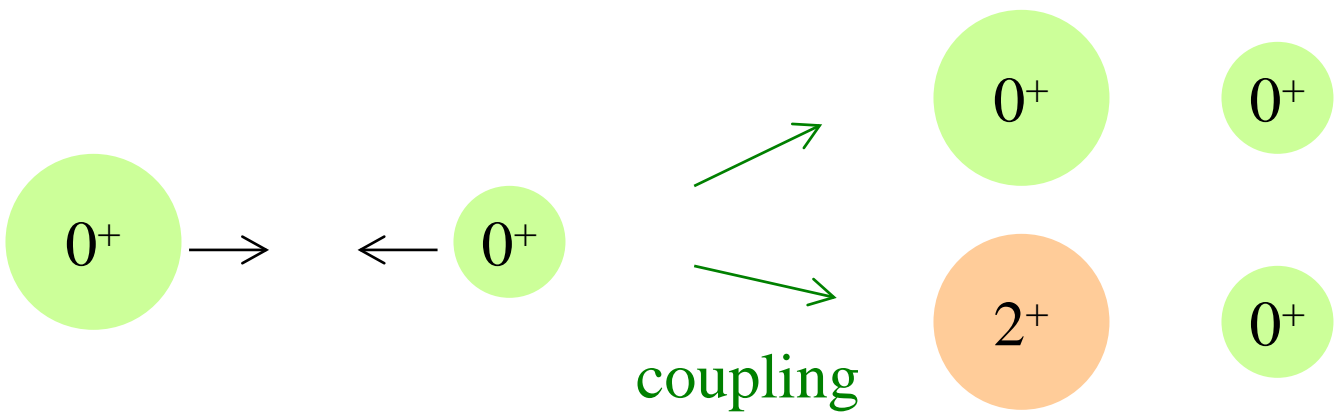
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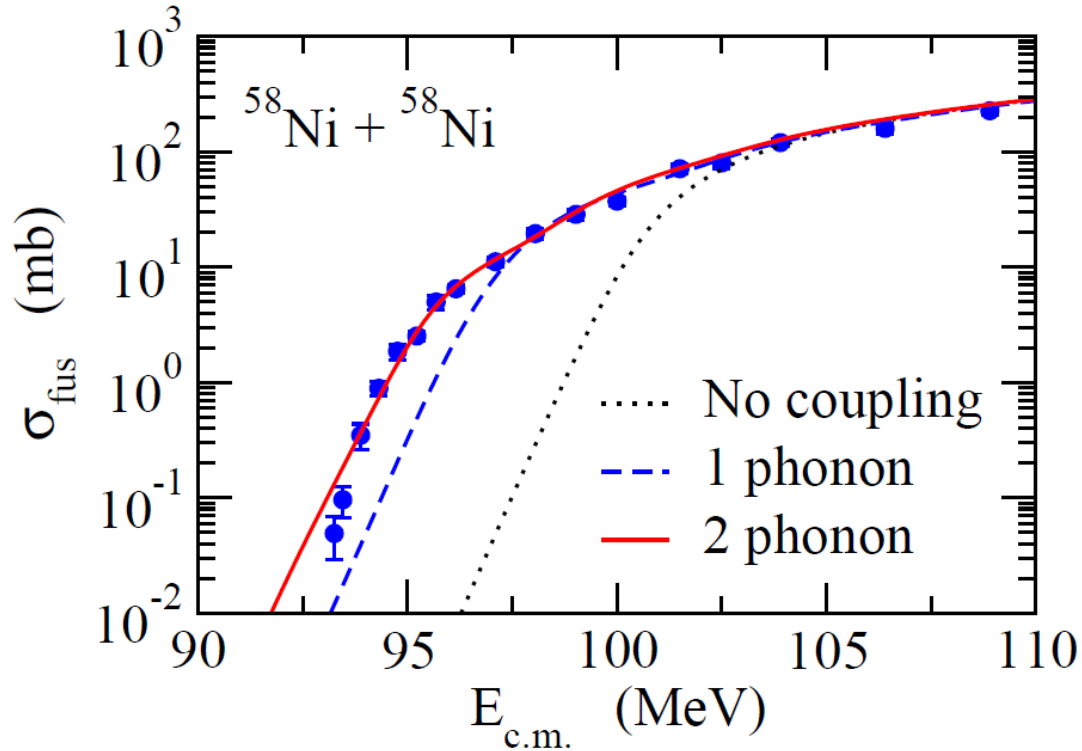


two-body problem, but with excitations  
(coupled-channels approach)

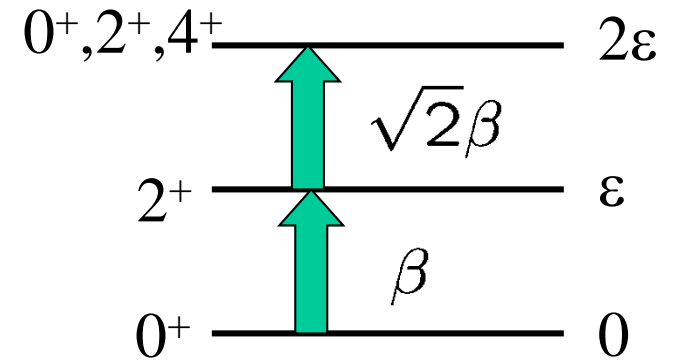


scattering theory with excitations

## An example of coupled-channels calculation



simple harmonic oscillator



## C.C. approach: a standard tool for sub-barrier fusion reactions

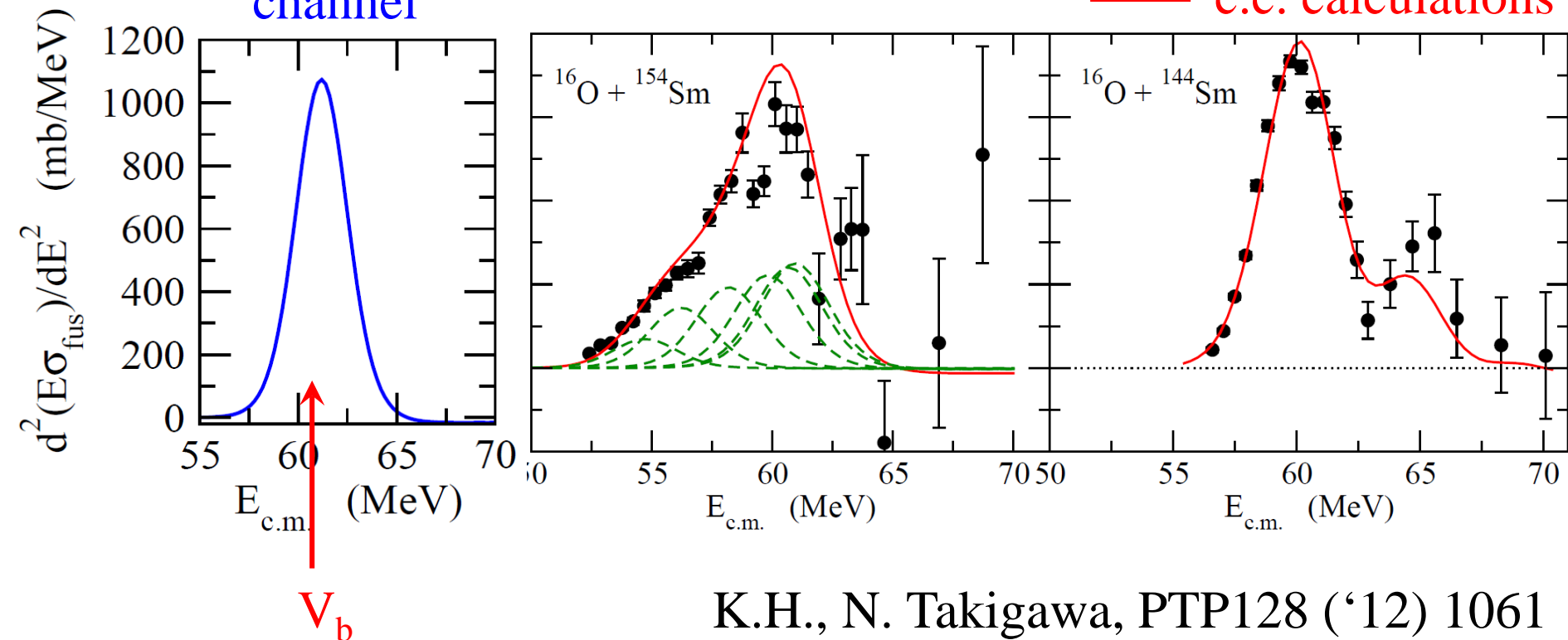
cf. CCFULL (K.H., N. Rowley, A.T. Kruppa, CPC123 ('99) 143)

✓ Fusion barrier distribution [Rowley, Satchler, Stelson, PLB254('91)]

$$D_{\text{fus}}(E) = \frac{d^2(E\sigma_{\text{fus}})}{dE^2} \propto \frac{dP_{l=0}}{dE}$$

single  
channel

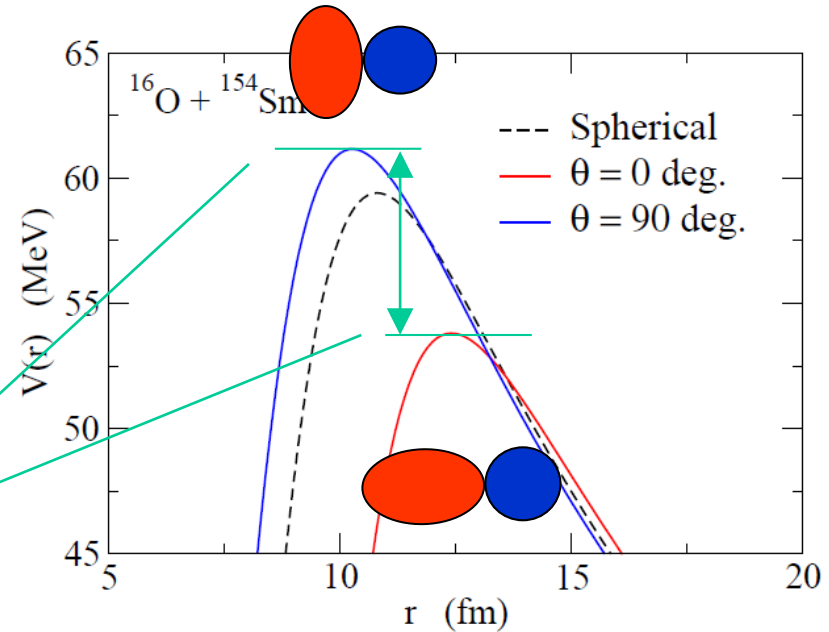
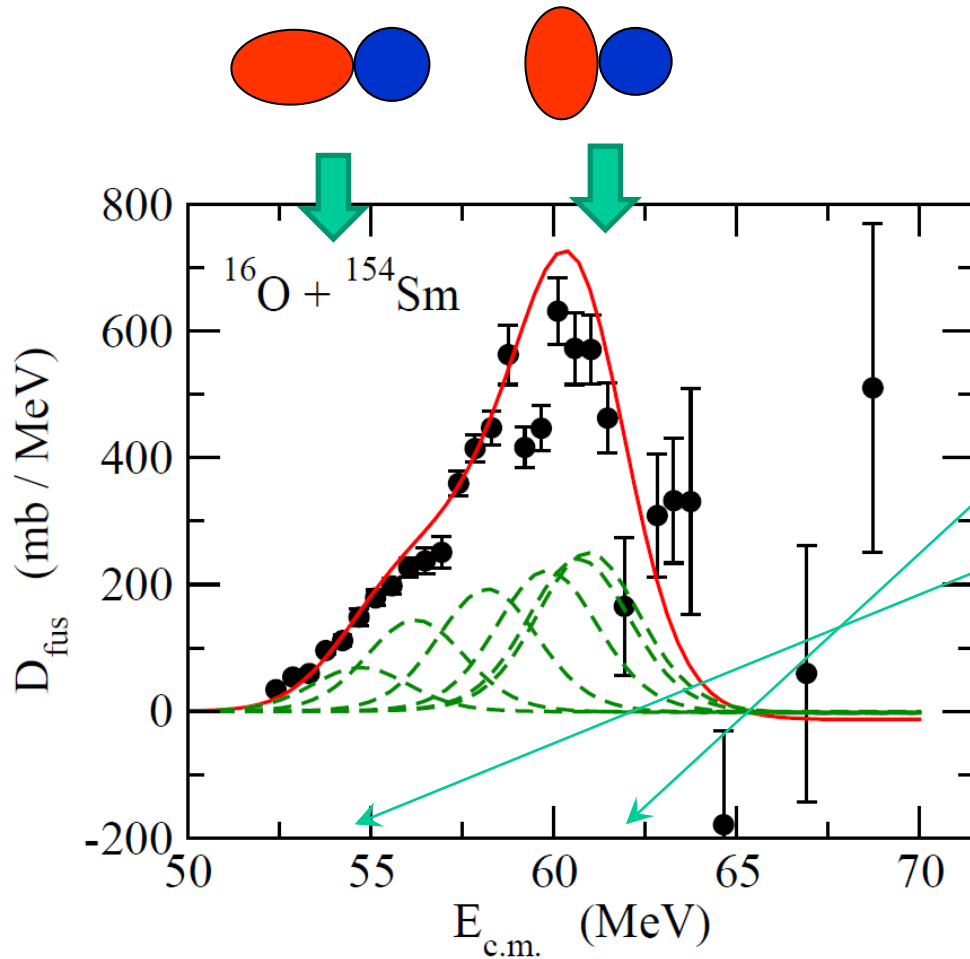
— c.c. calculations



K.H., N. Takigawa, PTP128 ('12) 1061

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Data: J.R. Leigh et al.,  
PRC52 ('95) 3151

geometrical interpretation → a nice tool to understand the reaction dynamics

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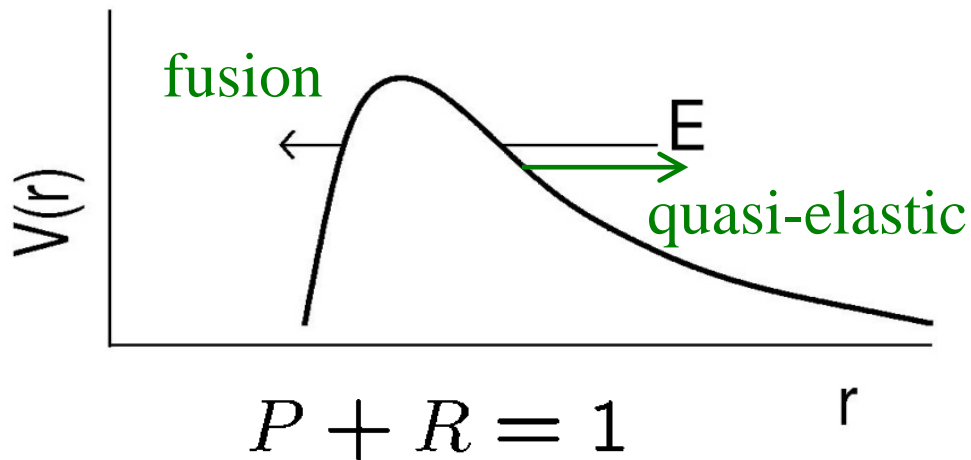
# Recent application to SHE : Quasi-elastic B.D.

hot fusion reactions



= deformation  $\rightarrow$

reaction dynamics with  
barrier distributions?



Quasi-elastic scattering  
: reflected flux at the barrier

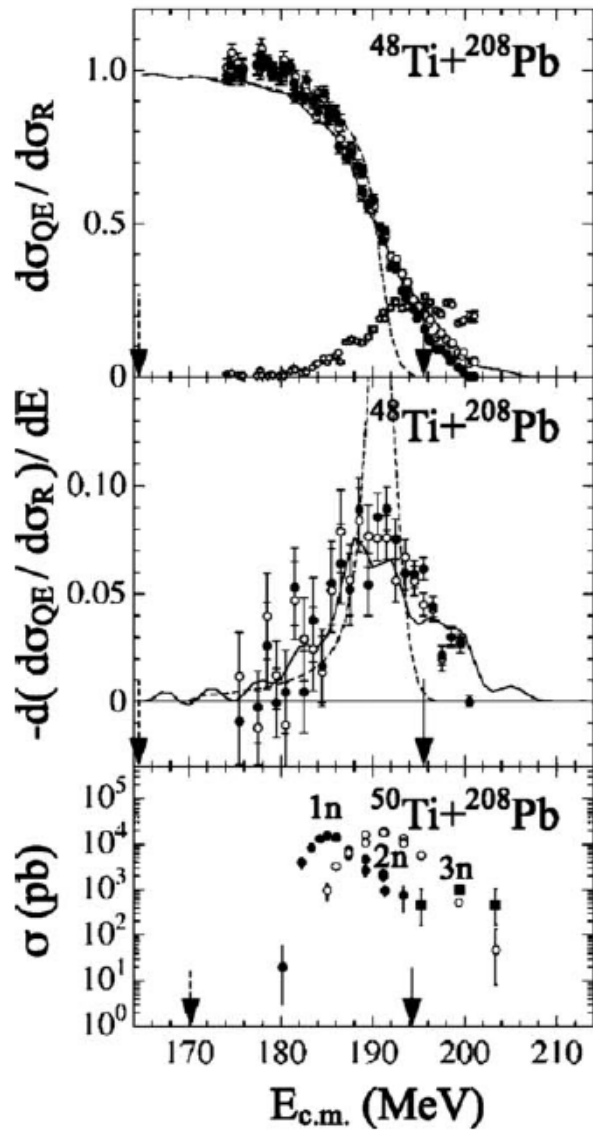
- a sum of elastic, inelastic, and transfer
- easier to measure than capture

Quasi-elastic barrier distribution

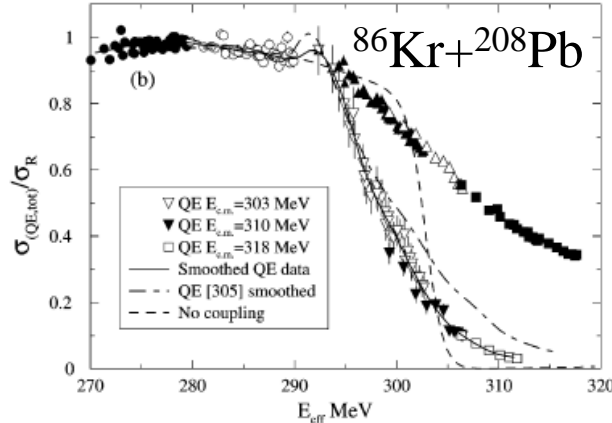
$$D_{\text{qel}}(E) = -\frac{d}{dE} \left( \frac{\sigma_{\text{qel}}(E, \pi)}{\sigma_R(E, \pi)} \right)$$

H. Timmers et al., NPA584('95)190  
K.H. and N. Rowley, PRC69('04)054610

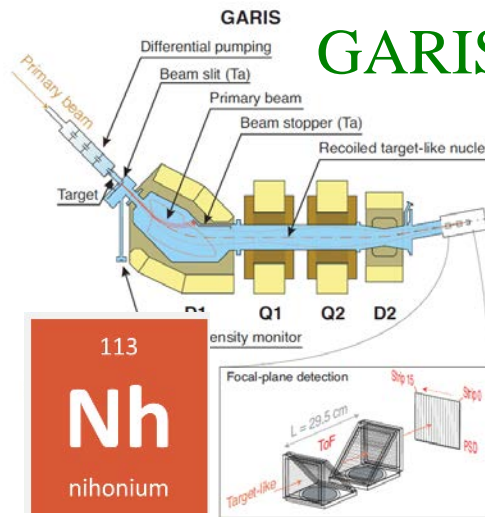
previous attempts



S. Mitsuoka et al.,  
PRL99 ('07) 182701

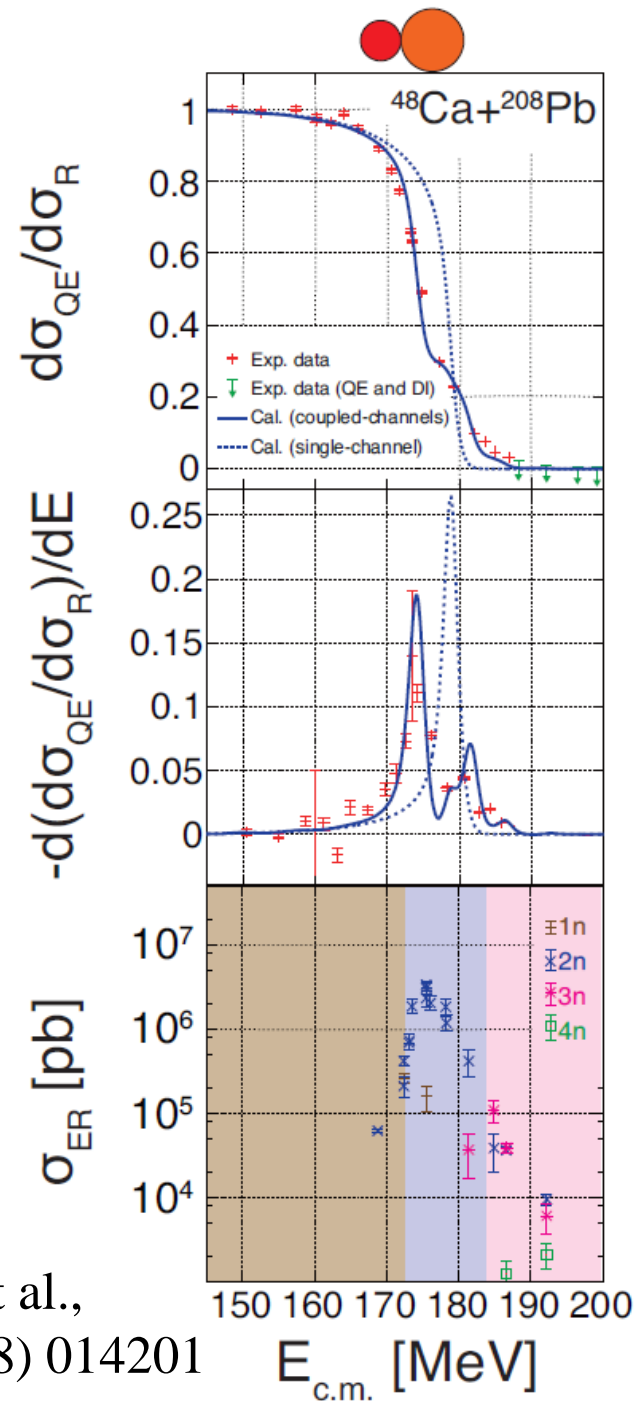


S.S. Ntshangase et al.,  
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T. Tanaka et al.,  
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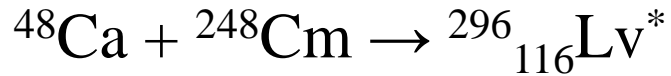
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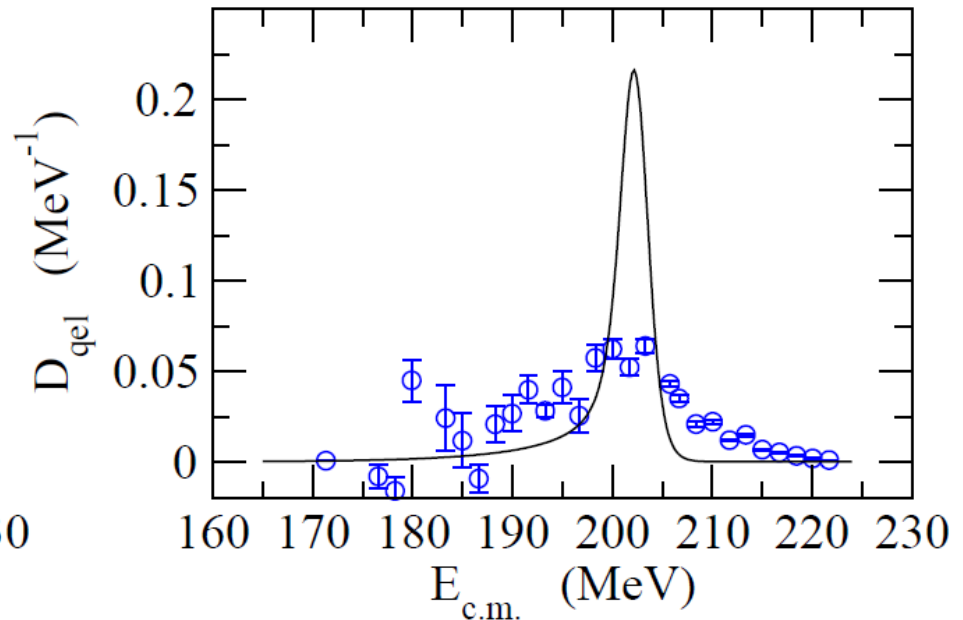
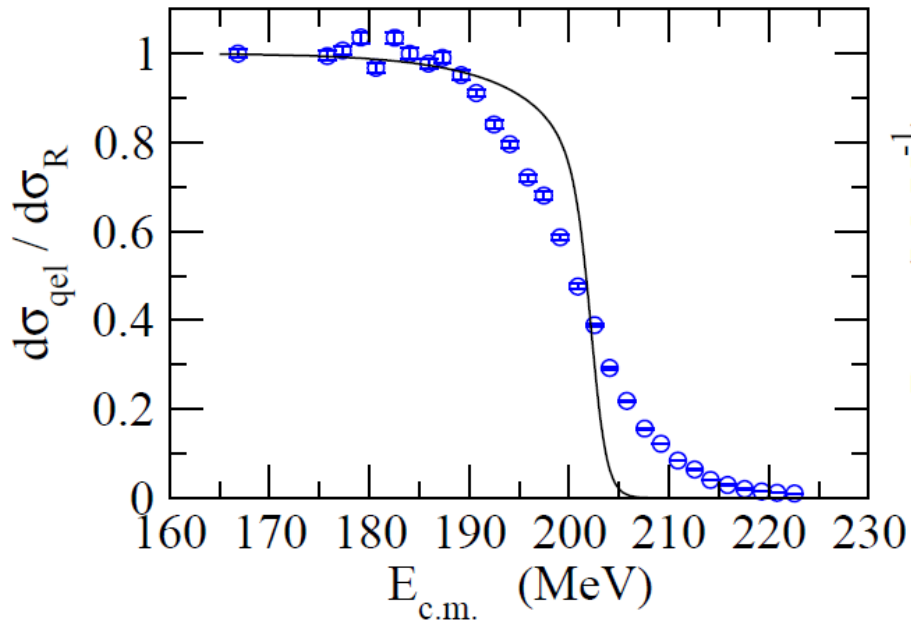
K.H. and T. Tanaka (2017)

(T. Tanaka et al., JPSJ 87 ('18) 014201)



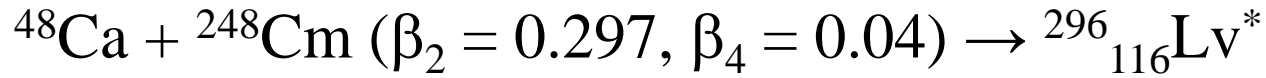
single-channel calculation  
(spherical  $^{248}\text{Cm}$ )

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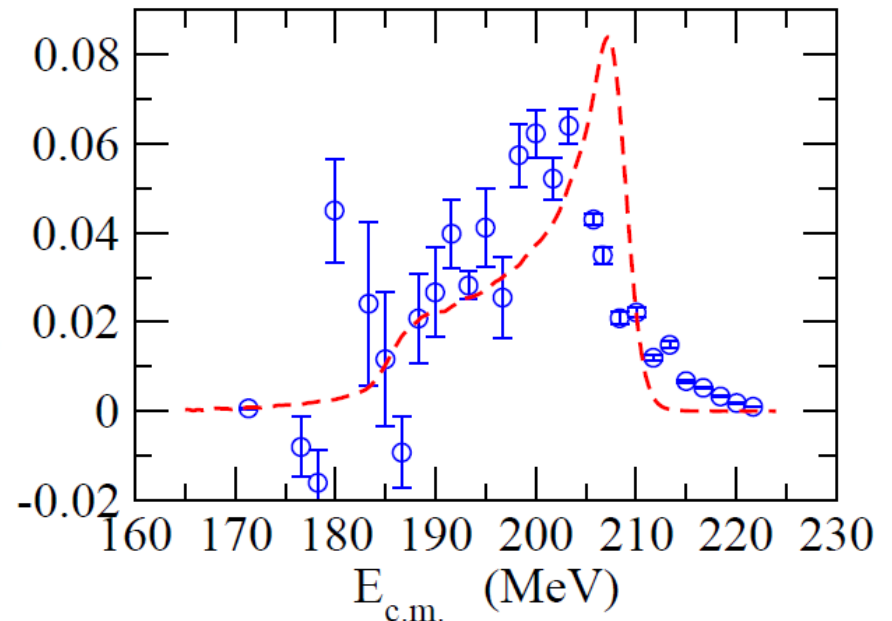
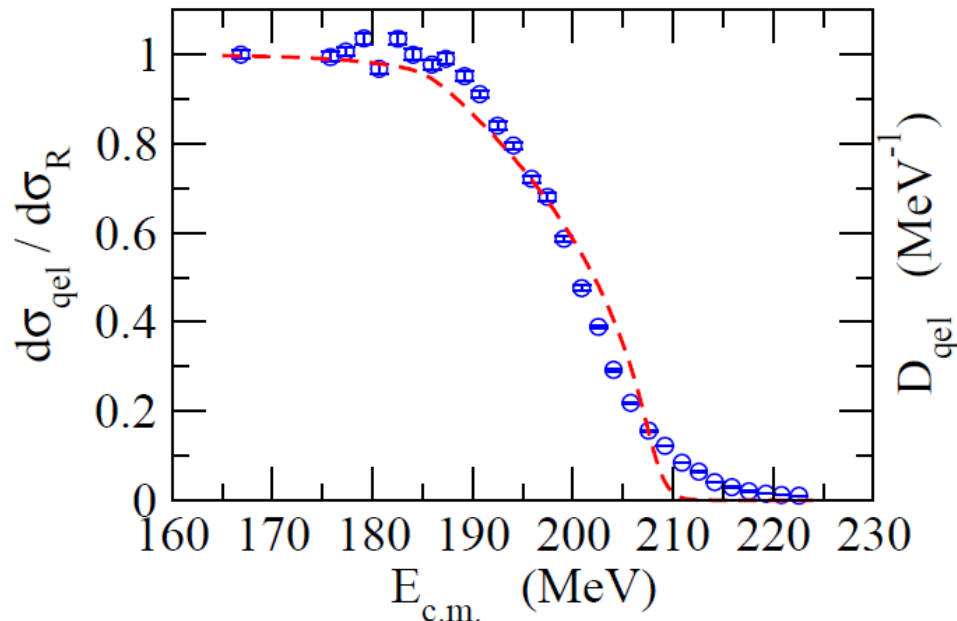
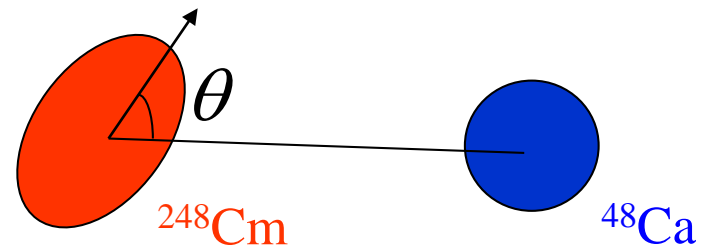
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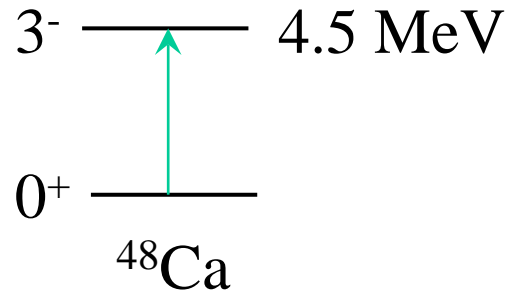
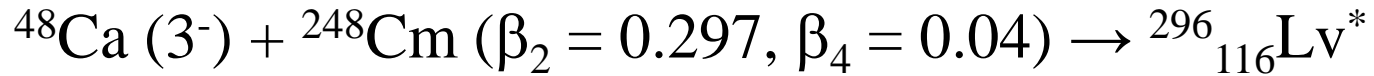
$[\beta_2$  and  $\beta_4$  from P. Moller]

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{qel}}}{d\Omega} = \int_0^1 d(\cos\theta) \left( \frac{d\sigma_{\text{el}}}{d\Omega} \right)_\theta$$



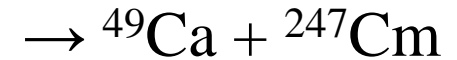
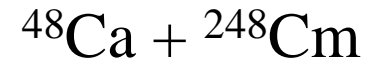
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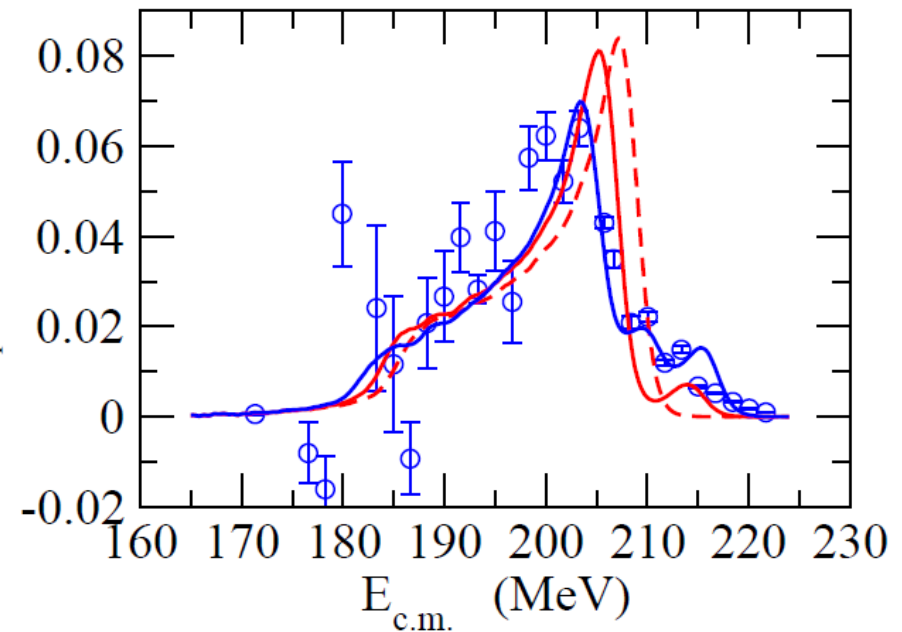
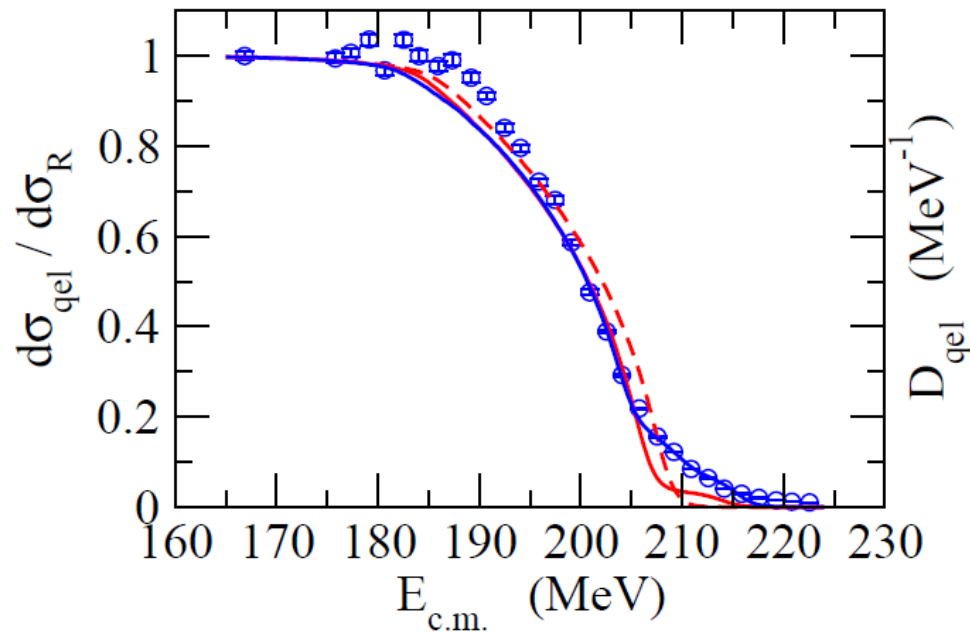


- def. of  $^{248}\text{Cm}$
- +  $^{48}\text{Ca} (3^-)$
- + In transfer

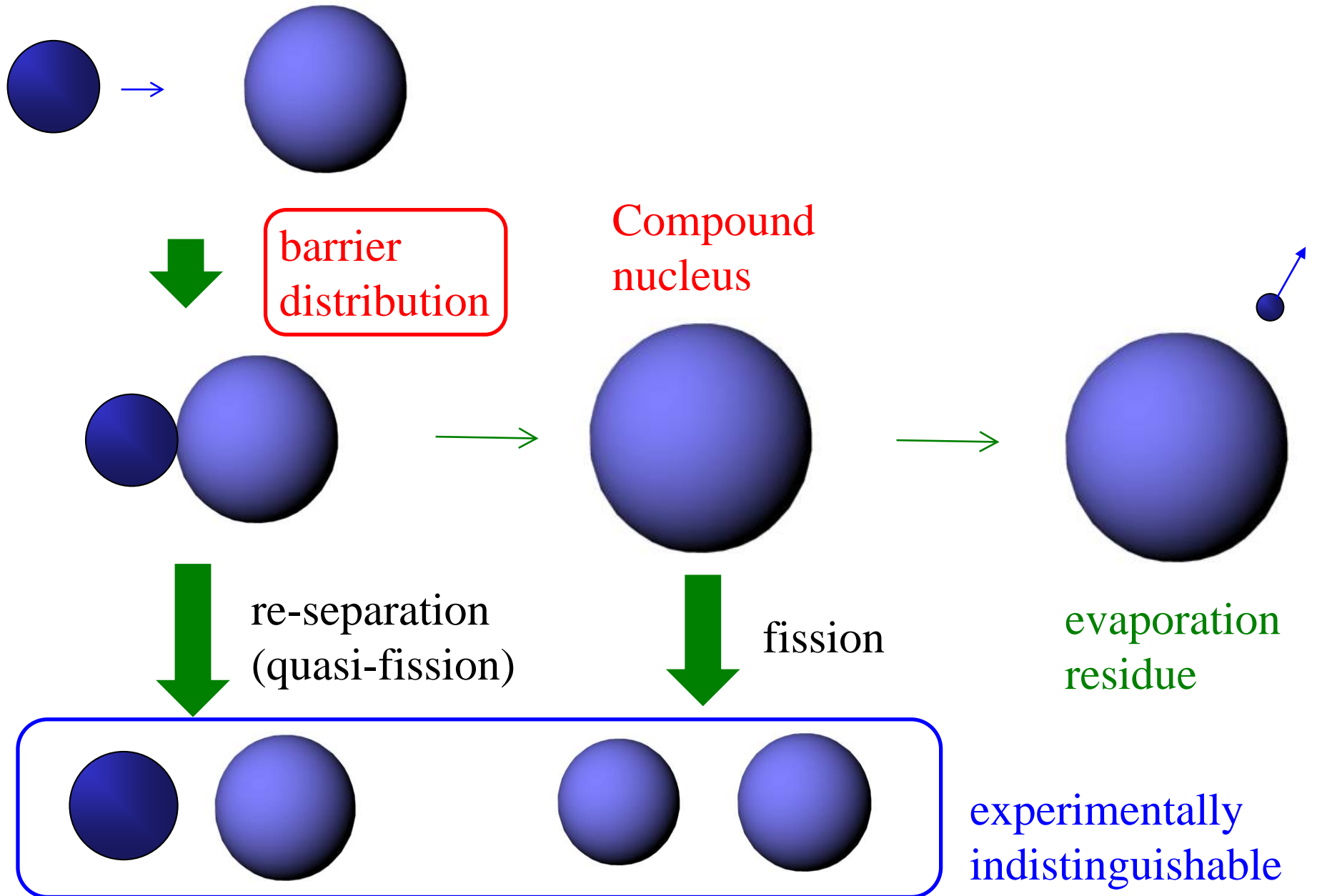
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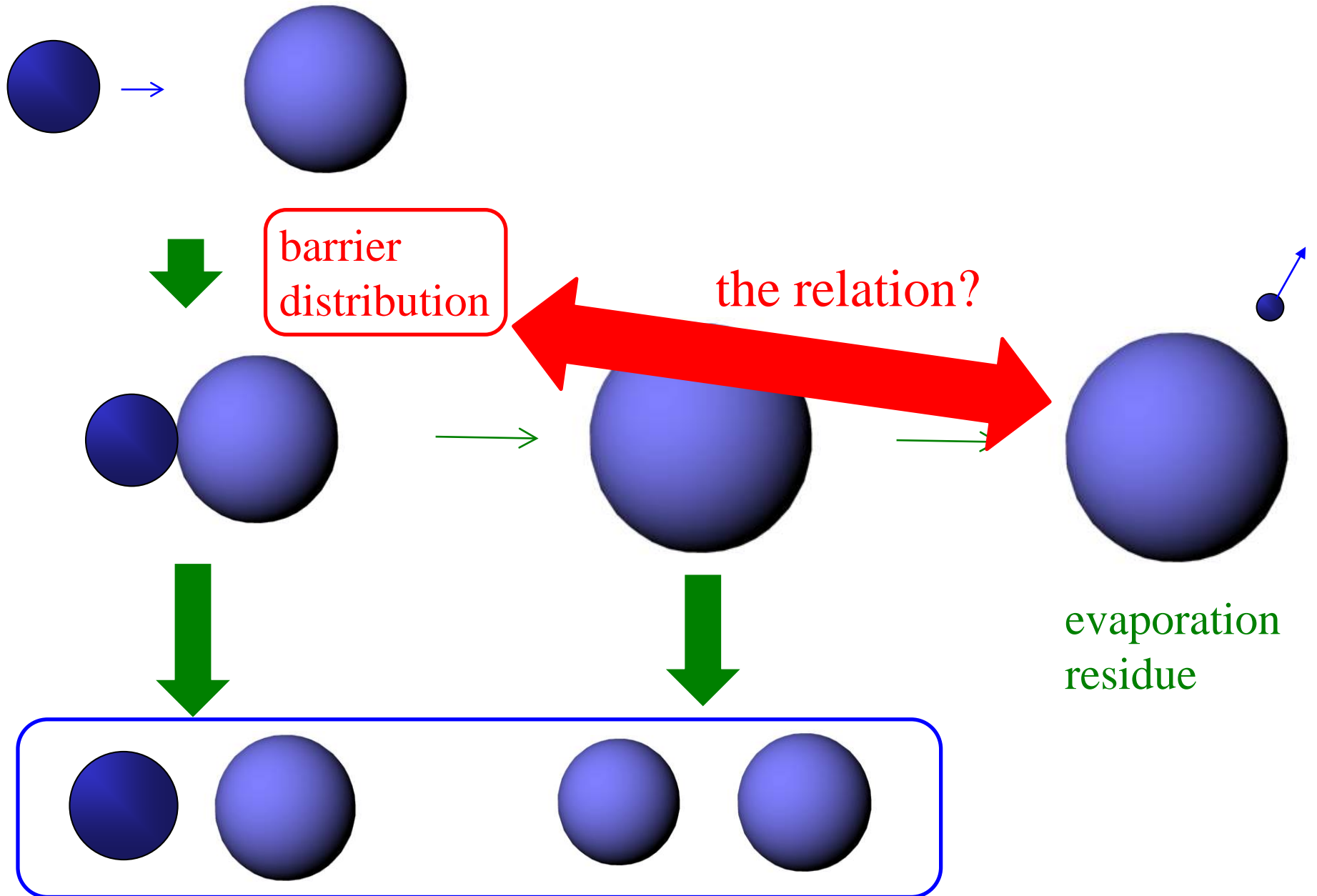
$$(Q_{\text{gg}} = -1.06 \text{ MeV})$$



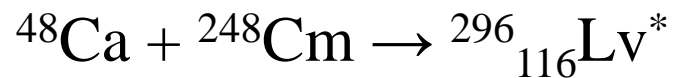
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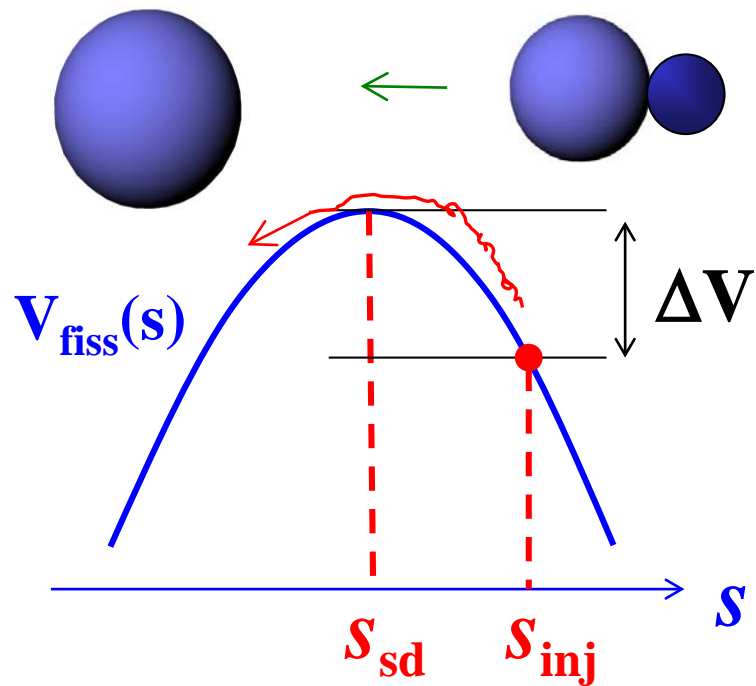
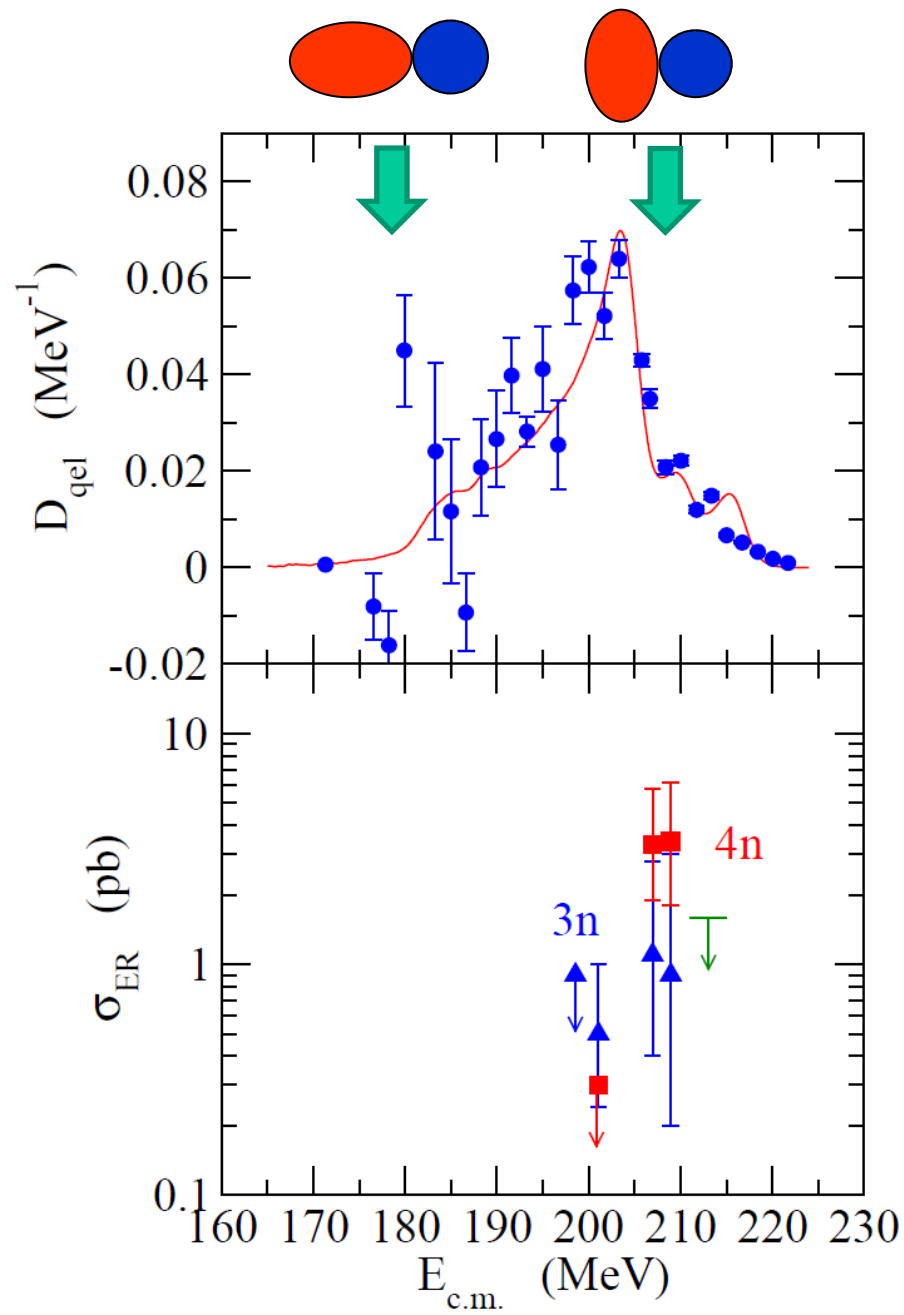
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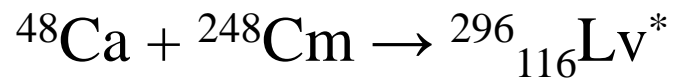
D.J. Hinde et al., PRL74 ('95) 1295

= more compact at the touching  
 → favorable for CN



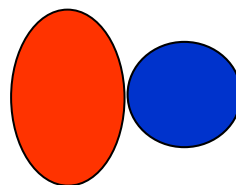


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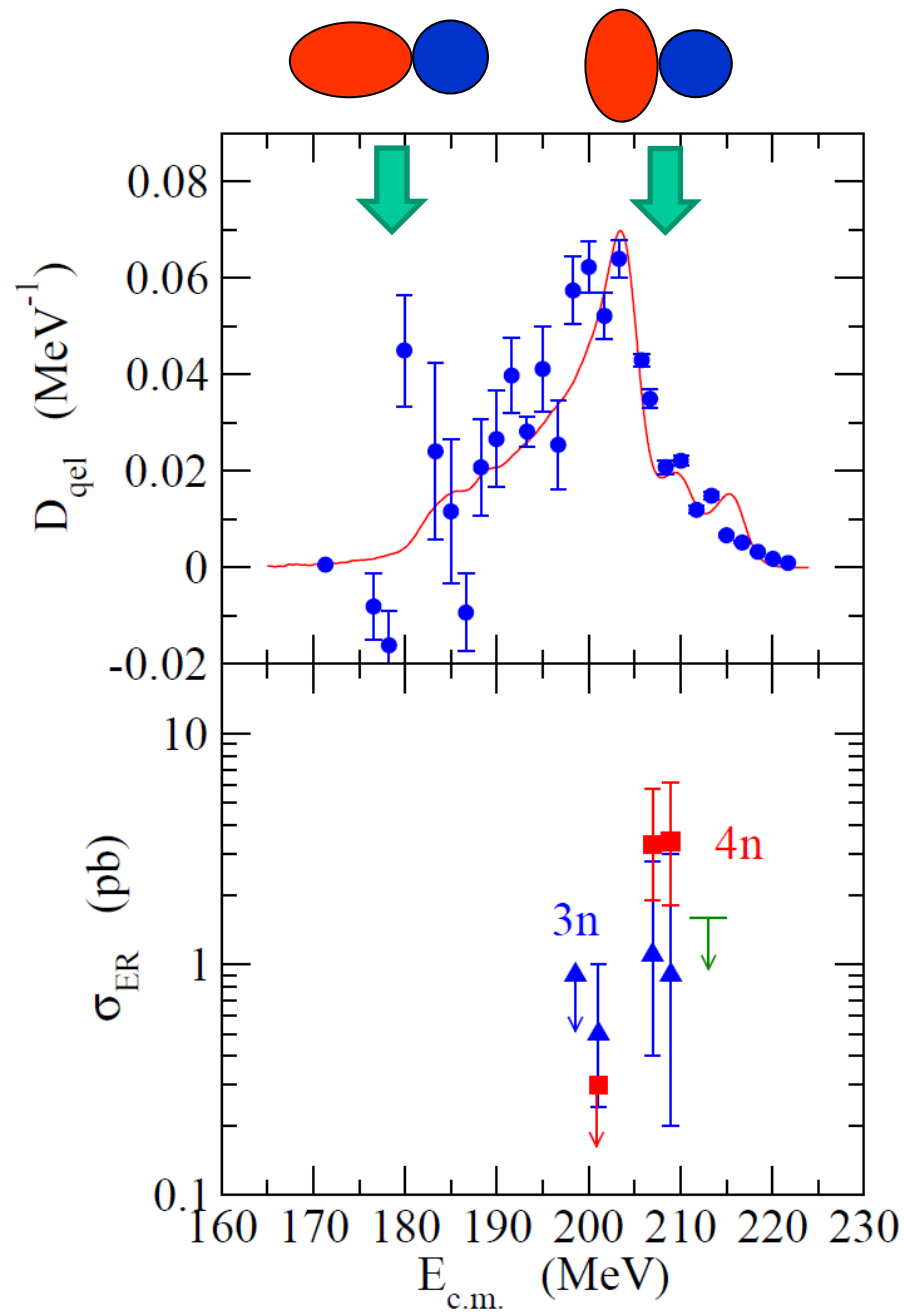
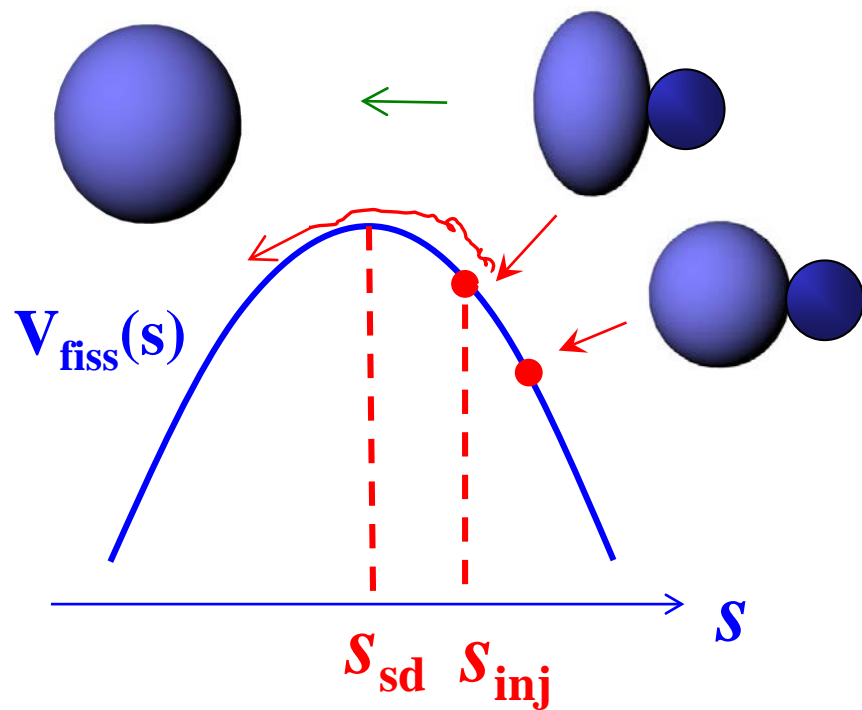
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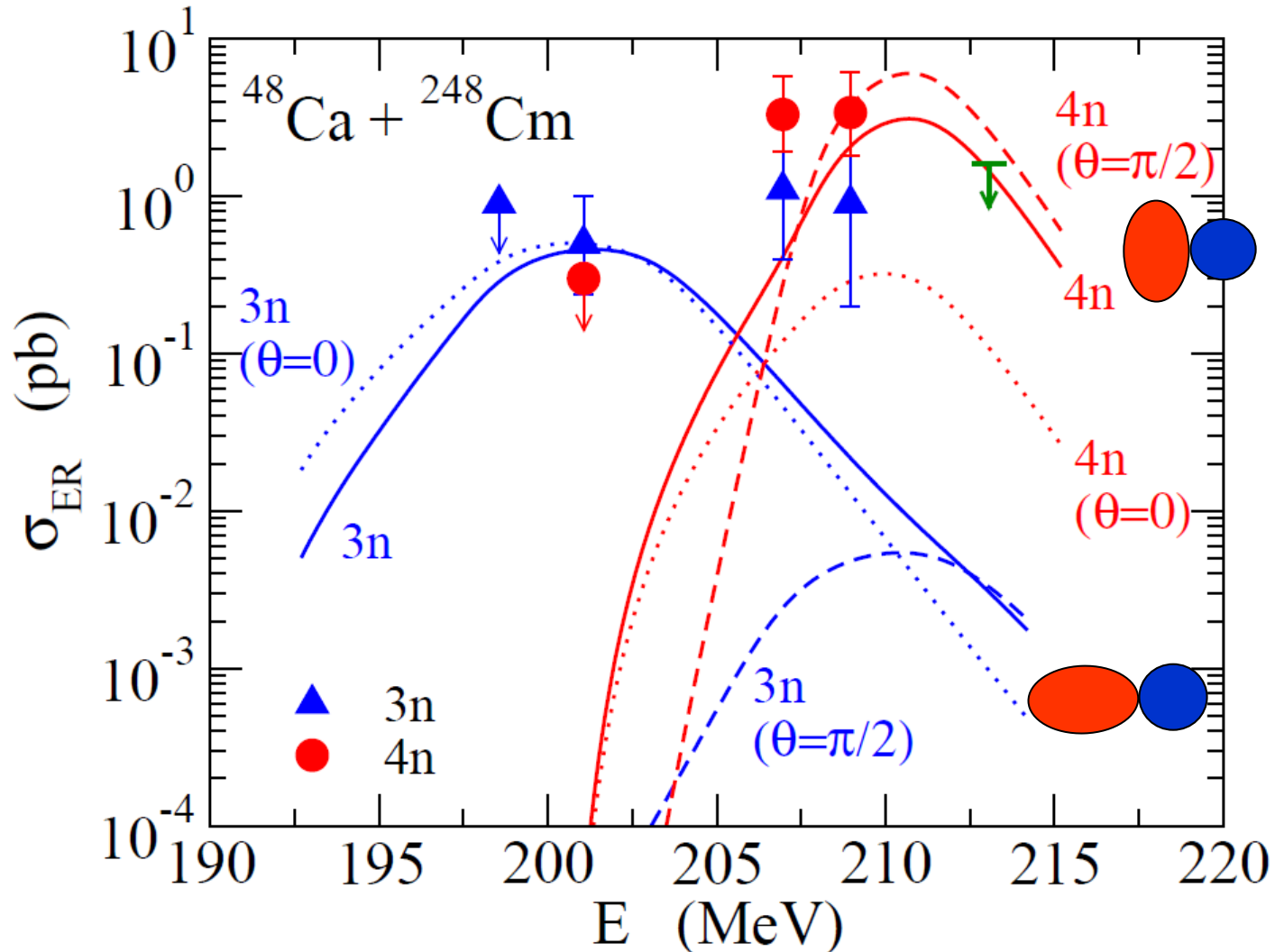
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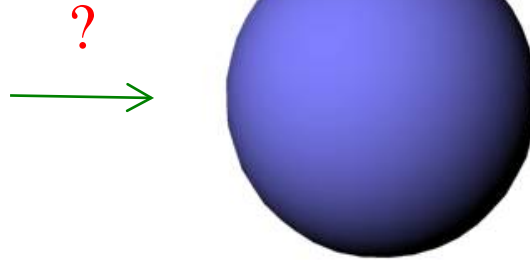
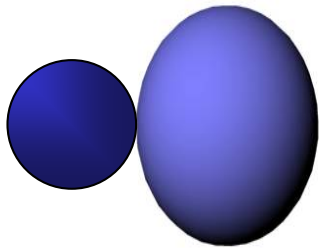
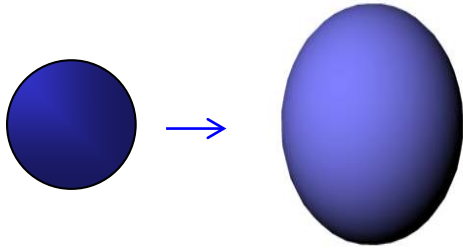
# Role of deformation in formation of evaporation residues

extended fusion-by-diffusion model

K.H., PRC98 ('18) 014607



# A more challenging problem



heat up



disappearance of quantum effects  
(shell effect and deformation)


quantum theory for friction

# Quantum friction

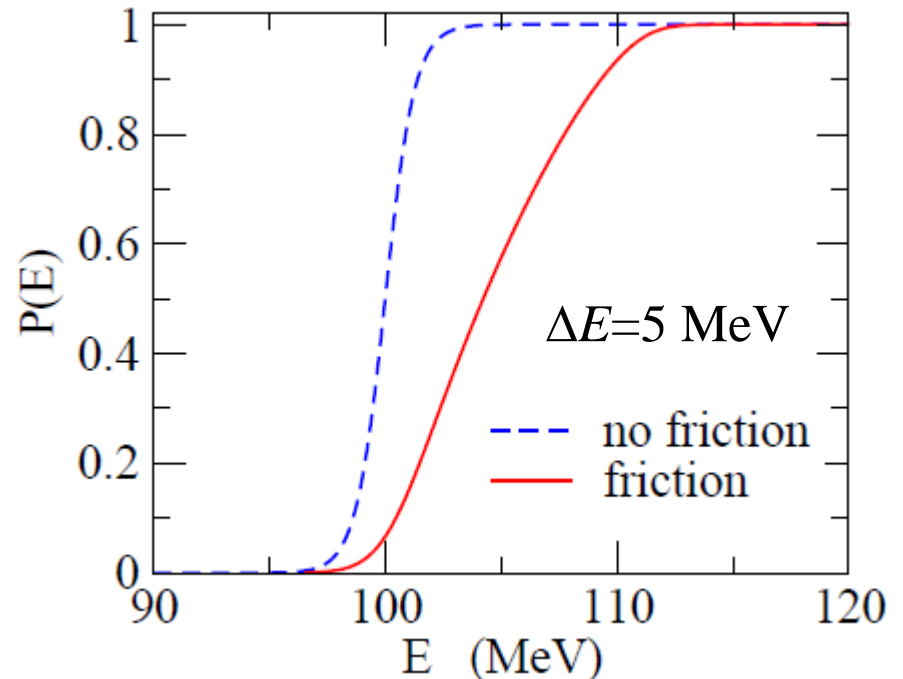
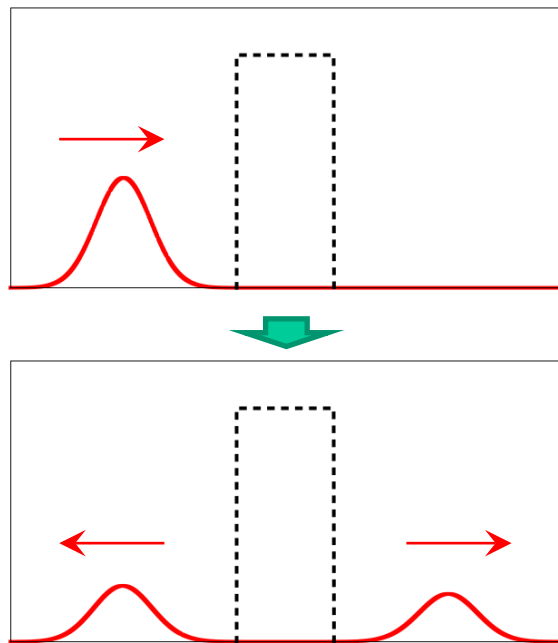
classical eq. of motion  $\dot{p} = -V'(x) - \gamma p$

a quantization: Kanai model E. Kanai, PTP 3 (1948) 440

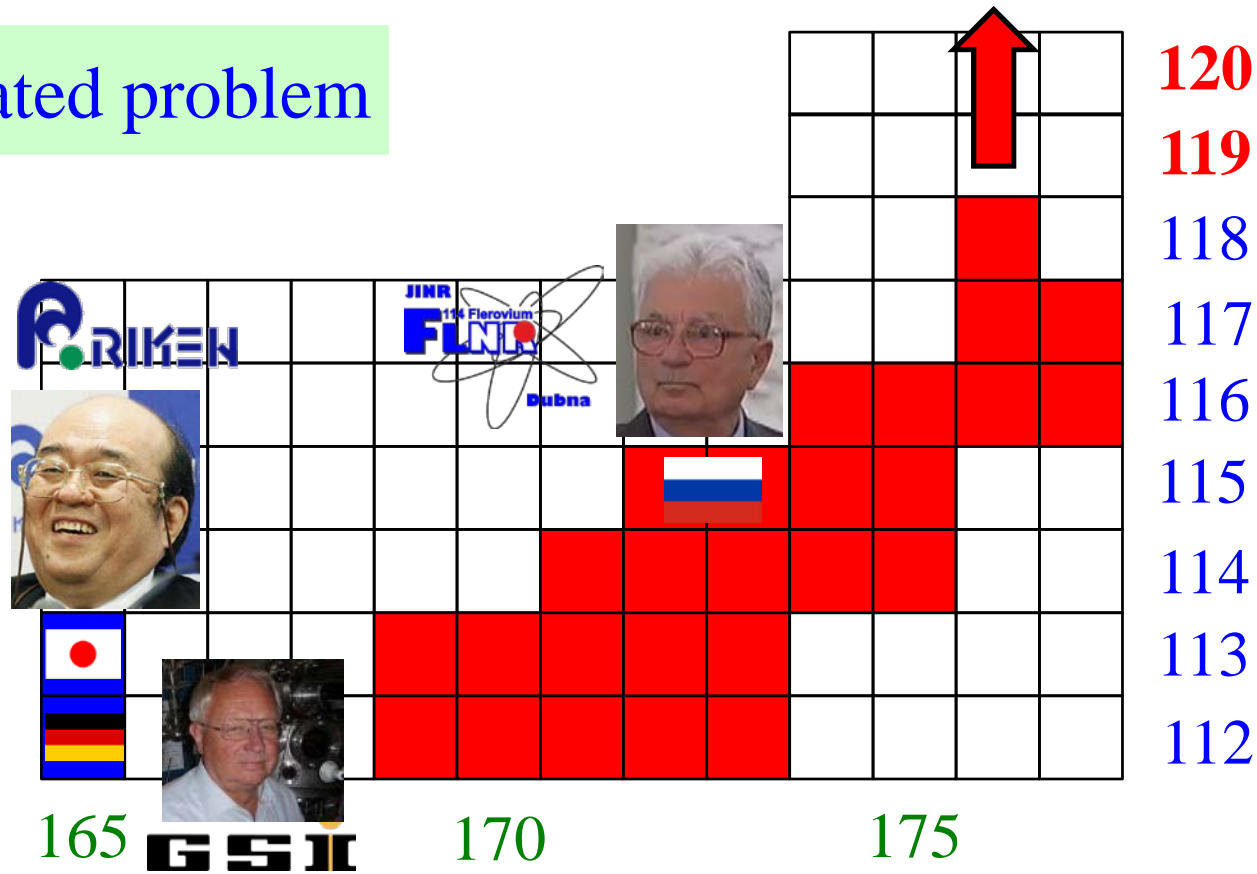
$$H = \frac{p^2}{2m} + V(x) \rightarrow \frac{\pi^2}{2m} e^{-\gamma t} + e^{\gamma t} V(x) \quad (\pi = e^{\gamma t} p)$$

  $\frac{d}{dt} \langle p \rangle = -\langle V'(x) \rangle - \gamma \langle p \rangle$

time-dep. wave packet approach



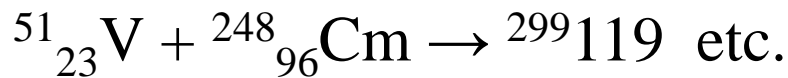
# A related problem



hot fusion reaction:



not available with sufficient amount

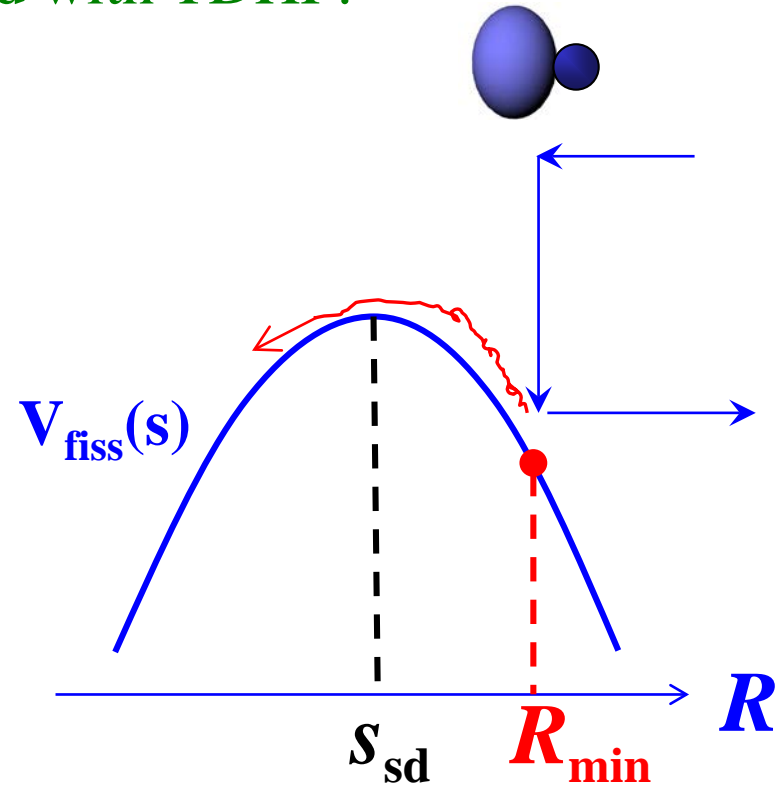


how much will fusion cross sections be influenced?

## TDHF+Langevin approach

K. Sekizawa and K. Hagino, a work in progress

the distance of closest approach estimated with TDHF:



**→** input to Langevin calculations

**→** comparison between  $^{48}\text{Ca}$ - and  $^{51}\text{V}$ -induced reactions (on going)

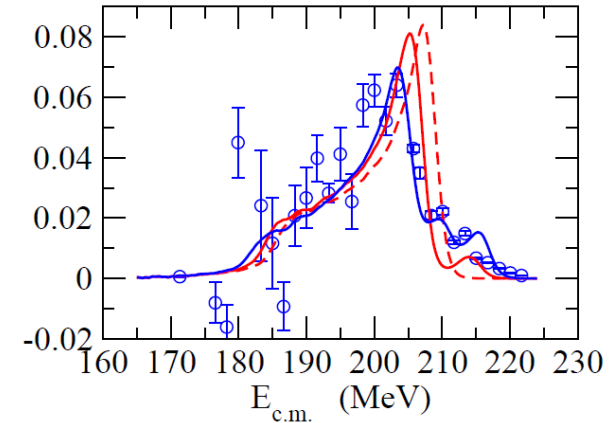
# Summary

## Reaction dynamics for SHE formation reactions

### ➤ Recent measurement of barrier distributions with GARIS

- ✓  $^{48}\text{Ca} + ^{248}\text{Cm}$
- ✓ coupled-channels analysis
- ✓ notion of compactness: ER formation with side collisions

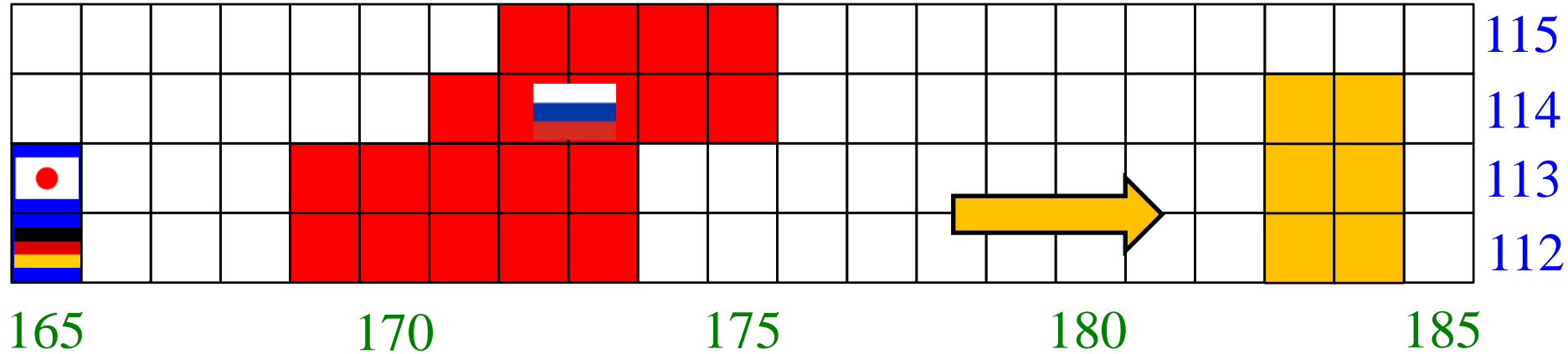
more data coming soon



### ➤ Open problems

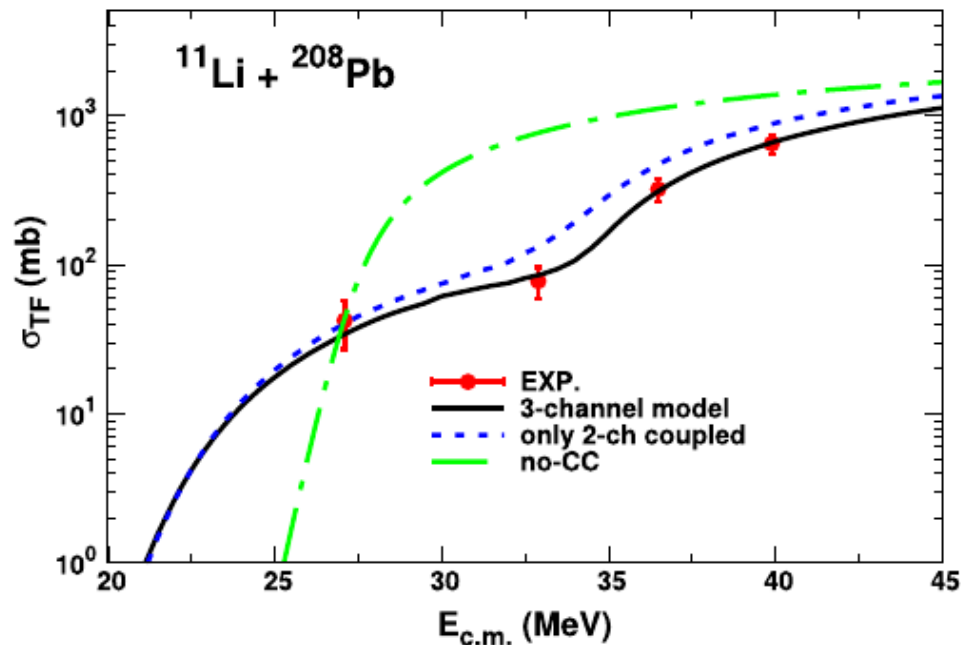
- ✓ reaction dynamics? → quantum theory for friction
- ✓ shape evolution with a deformed target?  
how does the deformation disappear during heat-up?
- ✓ towards island of stability

# Towards the island of stability



neutron-rich beams: indispensable

→ reaction dynamics with neutron-rich beams?



**more studies are needed**

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W.Y. So, K.H., and K.S. Kim,  
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# SHE as an interdisciplinary science

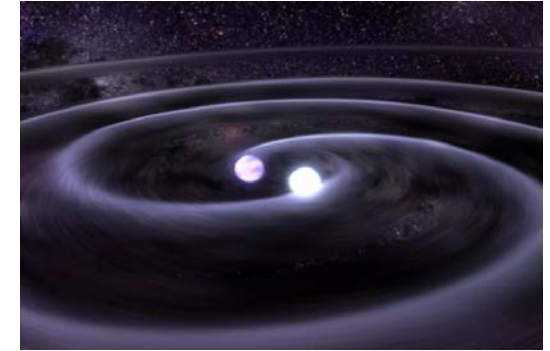
formation  
of SHE

chemistry of SHE

the origin of (S)HE

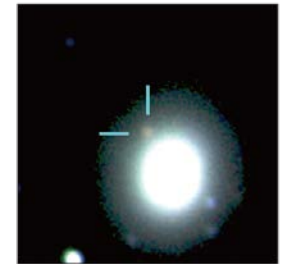
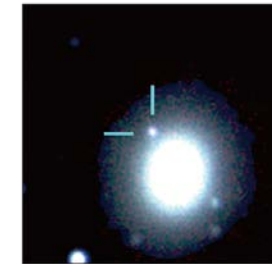
113 <b>Nh</b> nihonium	115 <b>Mc</b> moscovium
117 <b>Ts</b> tennessine	118 <b>Og</b> oganesson

Group	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
1	1 H																	2 He
2	3 Li	4 Be											5 B	6 C	7 N	8 O	9 F	10 Ne
3	11 Na	12 Mg											13 Al	14 Si	15 P	16 S	17 Cl	18 Ar
4	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
5	37 Rb	38 Sr	39 Y	40 Zr	41 Nb	42 Mo	43 Tc	44 Ru	45 Rh	46 Pd	47 Ag	48 Cd	49 In	50 Sn	51 Sb	52 Te	53 I	54 Xe
6	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
7	87 Fr	88 Ra	89 Ac*	104 Rf	105 Db	106 Sg	107 Bh	108 Hs	109 Mt	110 Ds	111 Rg	112 Cn	113 Nh	114 Fl	115 Mc	116 Lv	117 Ts	118 Og
				58 Ce	59 Pr	60 Nd	61 Pm	62 Sm	63 Eu	64 Gd	65 Tb	66 Dy	67 Ho	68 Er	69 Tm	70 Yb	71 Lu	
				90 Th	91 Pa	92 U	93 Np	94 Pu	95 Am	96 Cm	97 Bk	98 Cf	99 Es	100 Fm	101 Md	102 No	103 Lr	



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heavy-ion fusion  
reactions



International Year  
of the Periodic Table  
of Chemical Elements

r-process  
nucleosynthesis  
✓ fission

**SHE: quantum many-body systems with a strong Coulomb field**  
→ comprehensive understanding of SHE

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