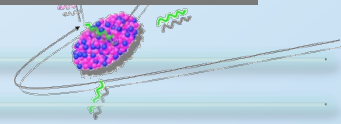


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# Heavy Ion Reactions

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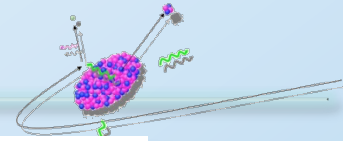
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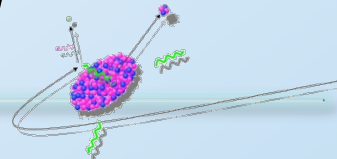
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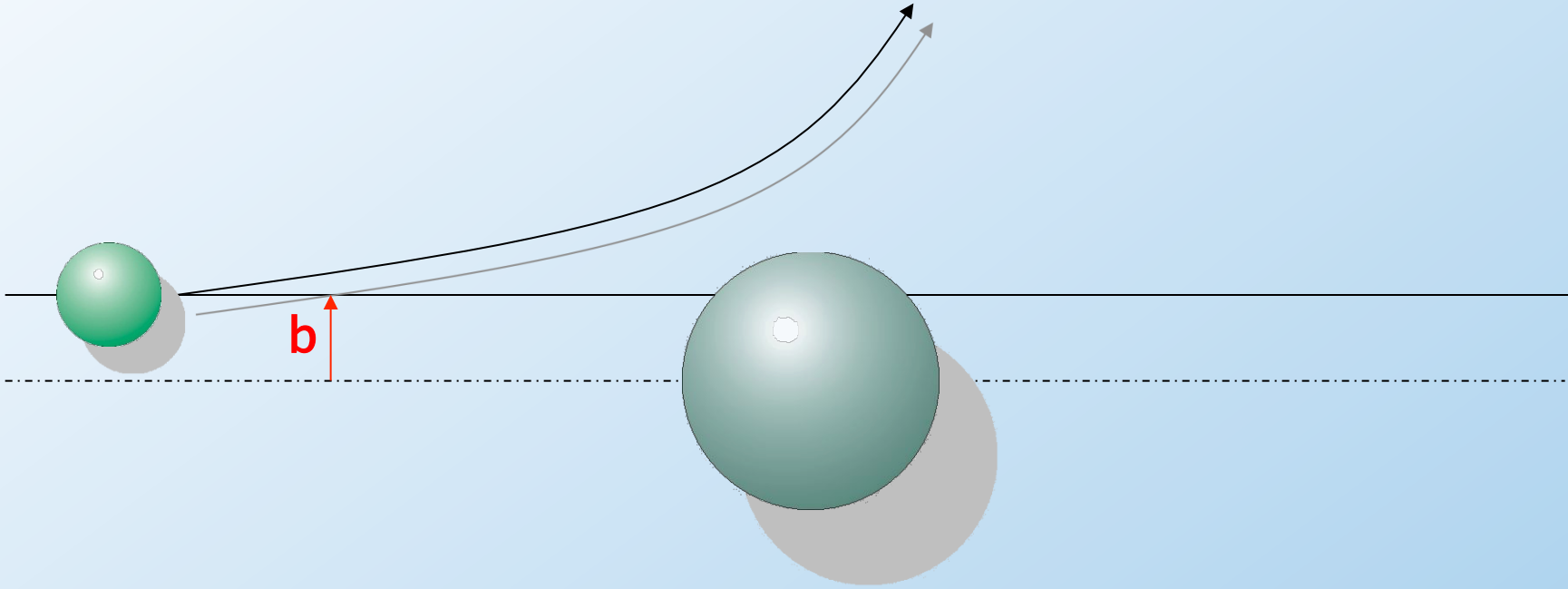
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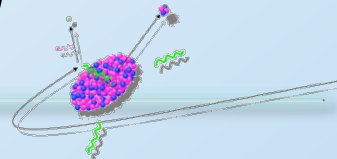
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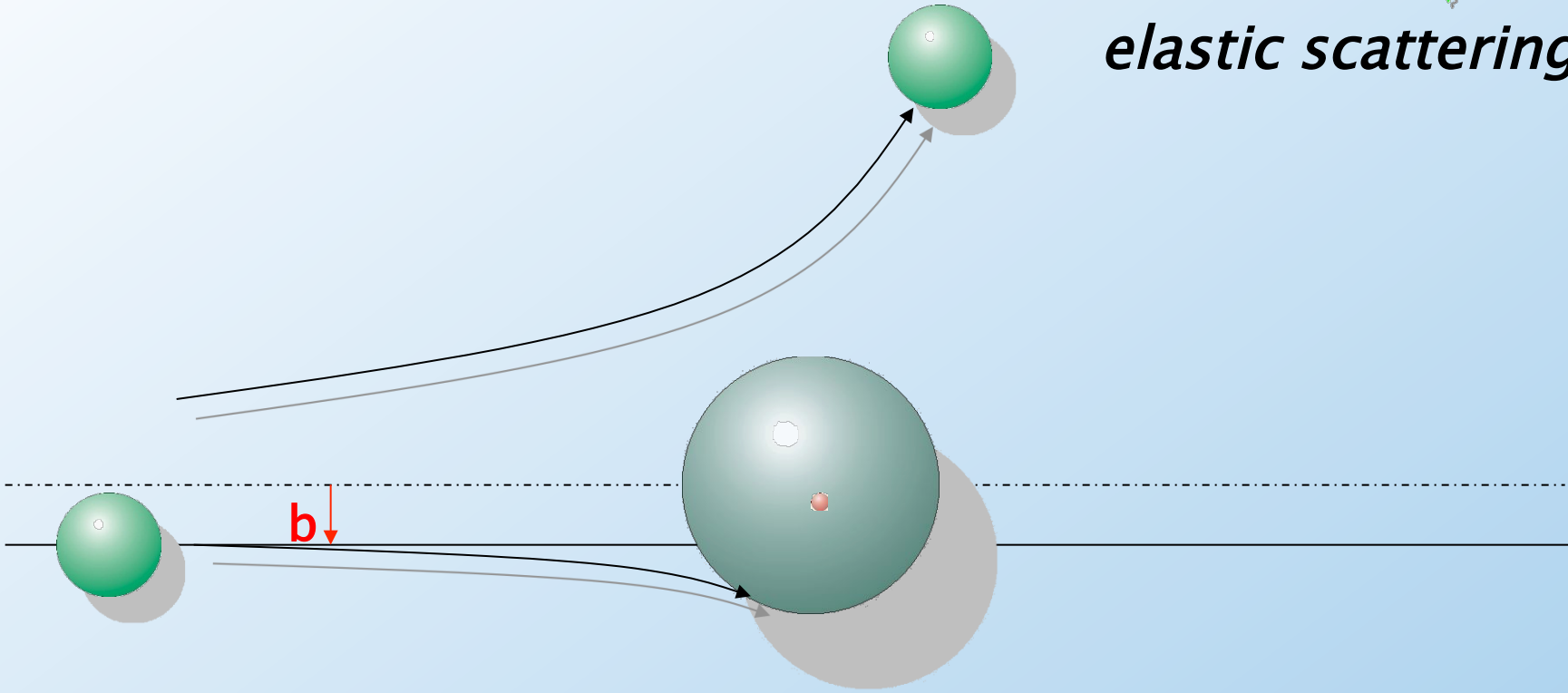
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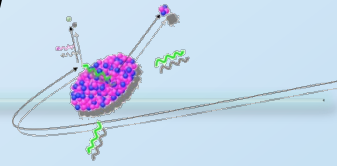


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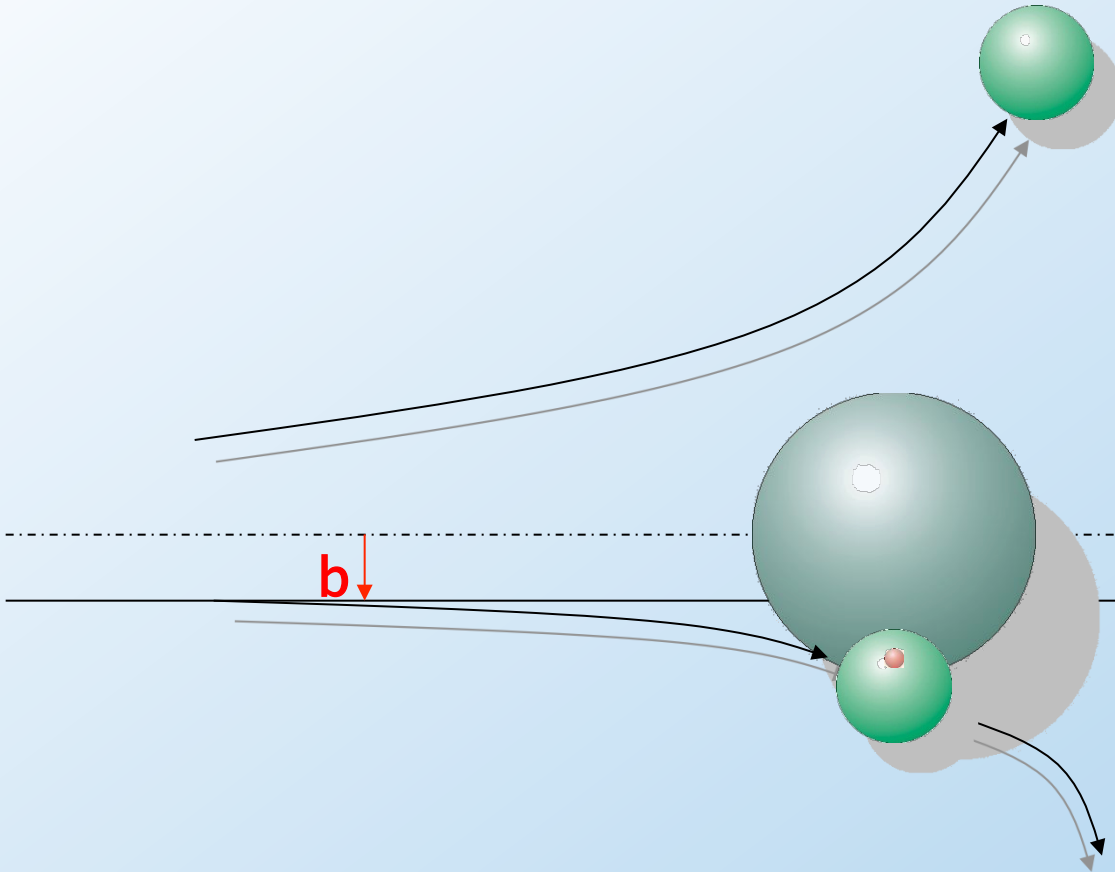




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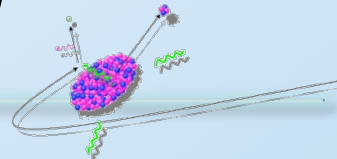


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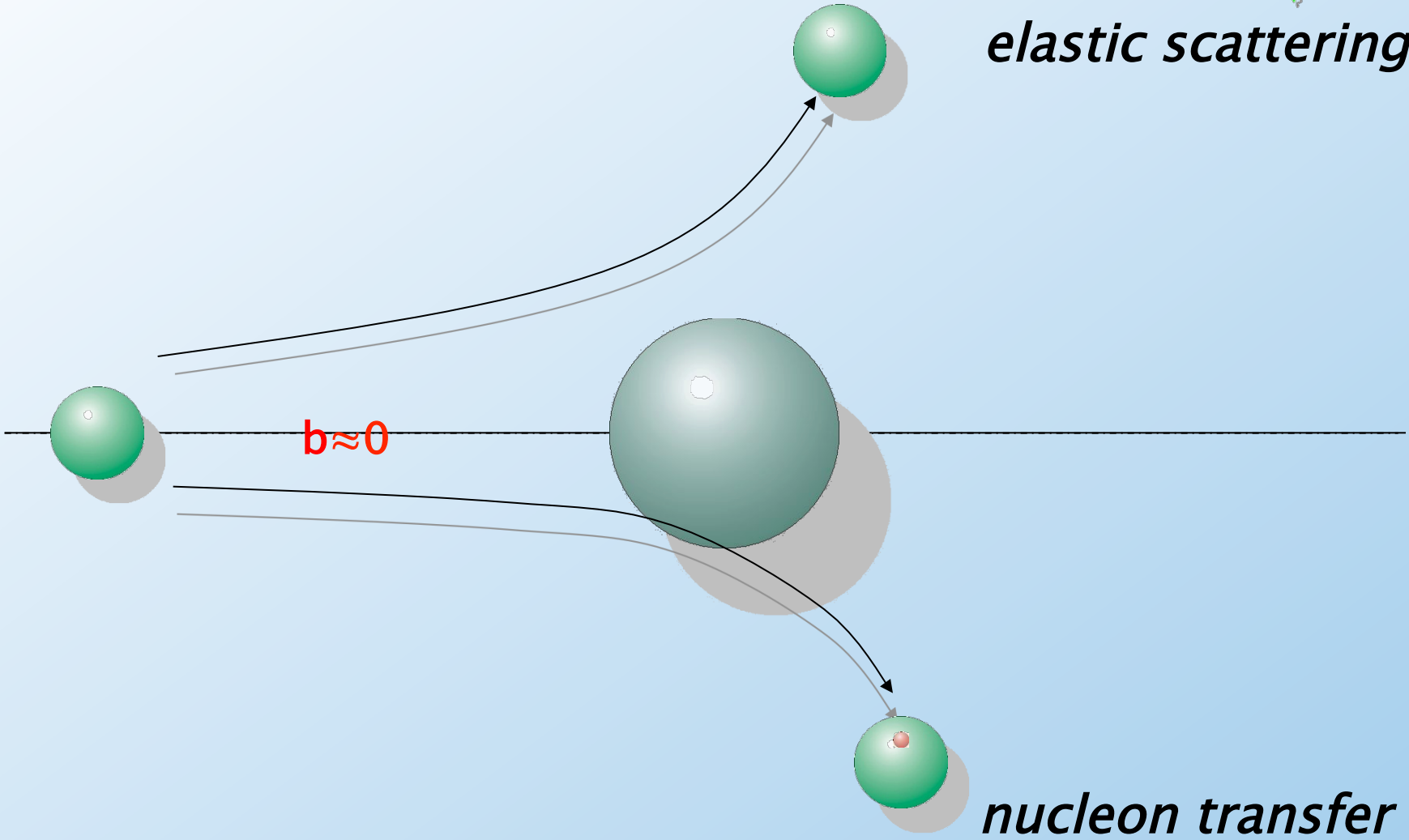


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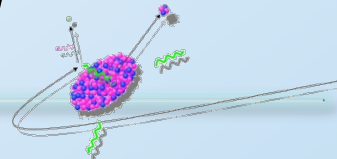
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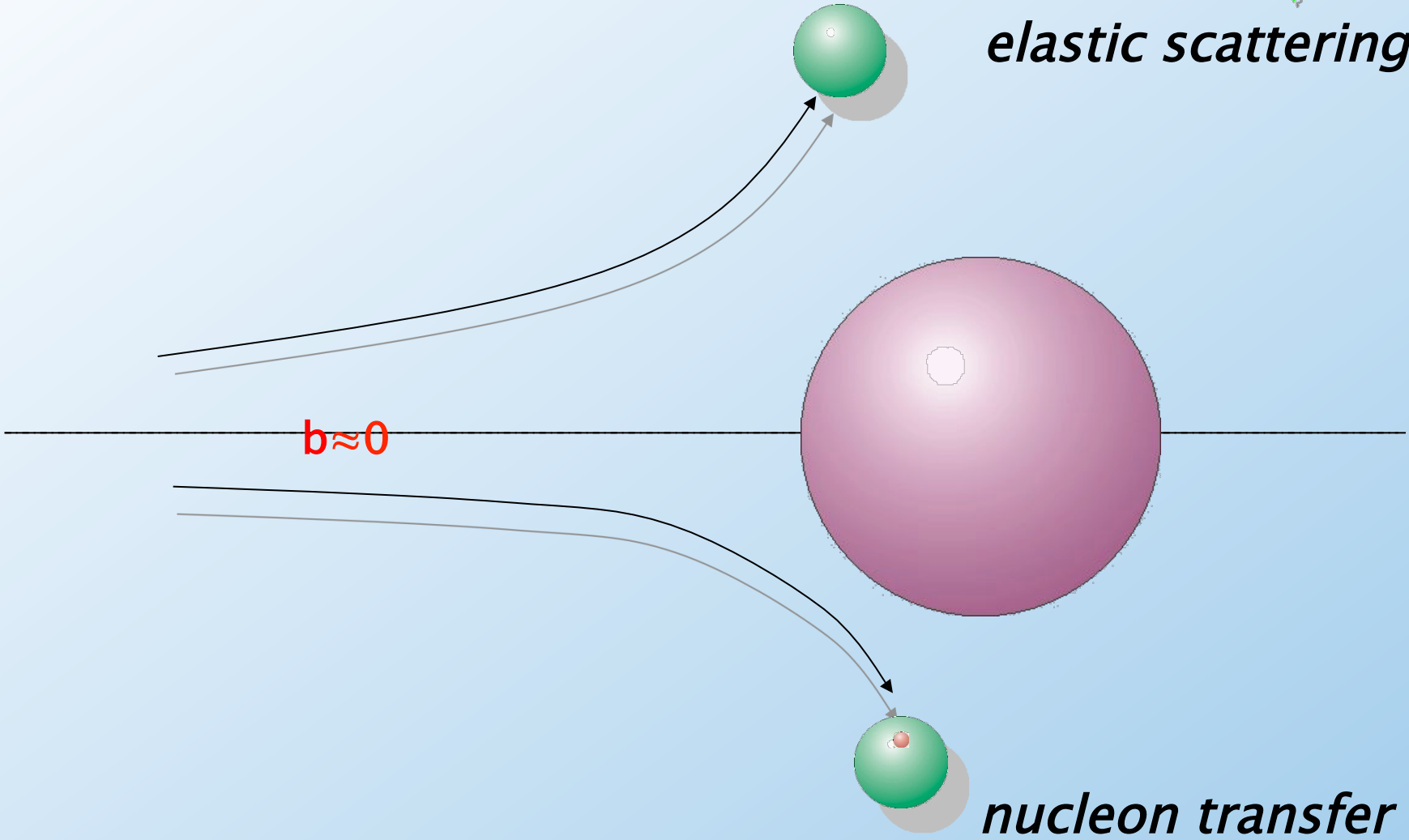
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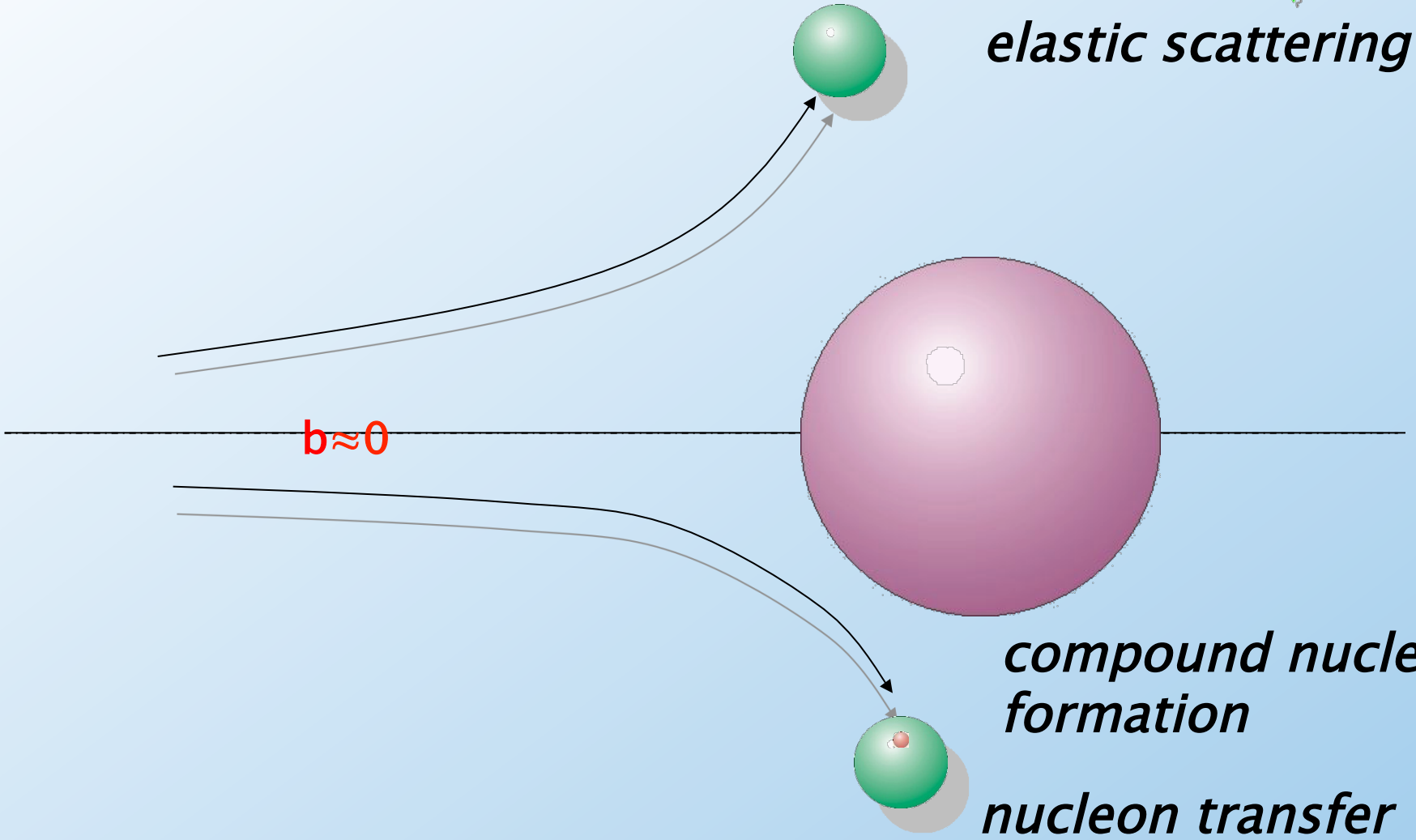
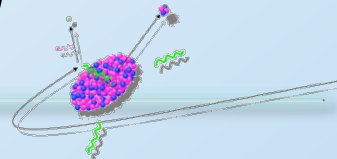
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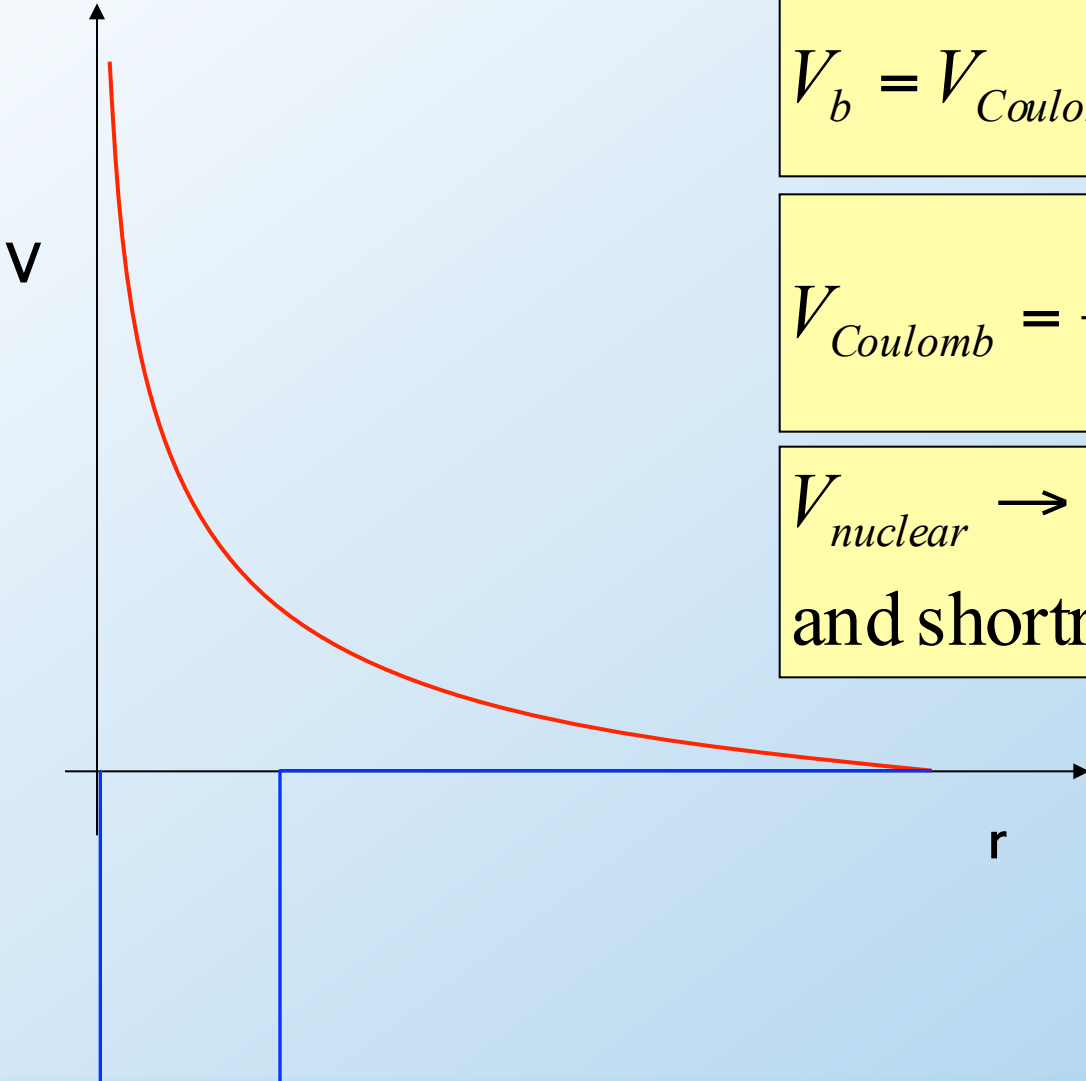
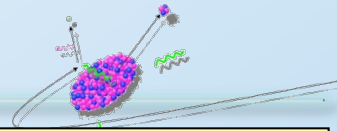


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# The Nuclear Potential

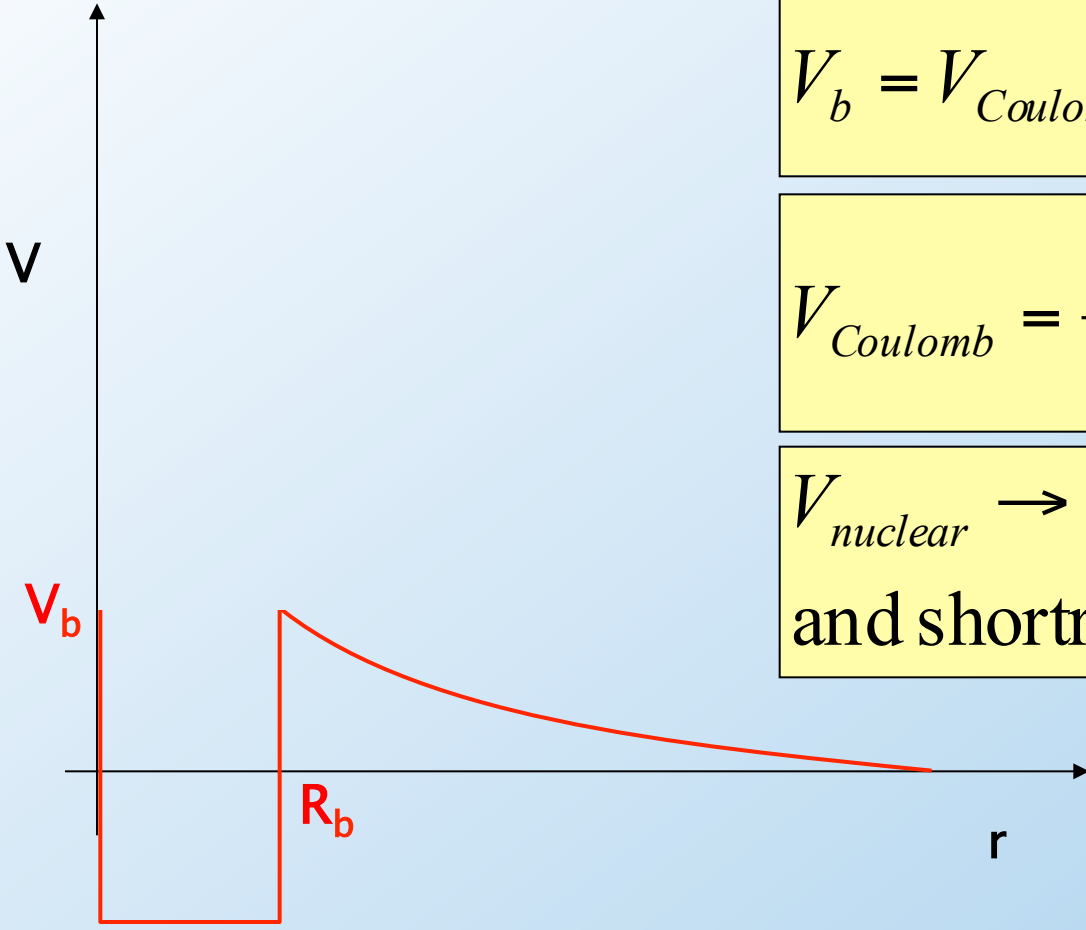
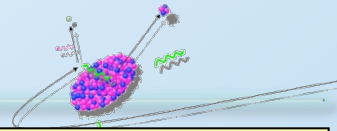


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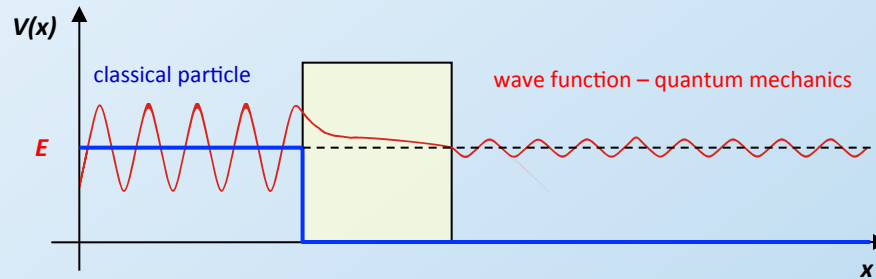
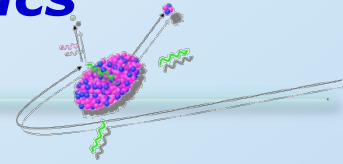
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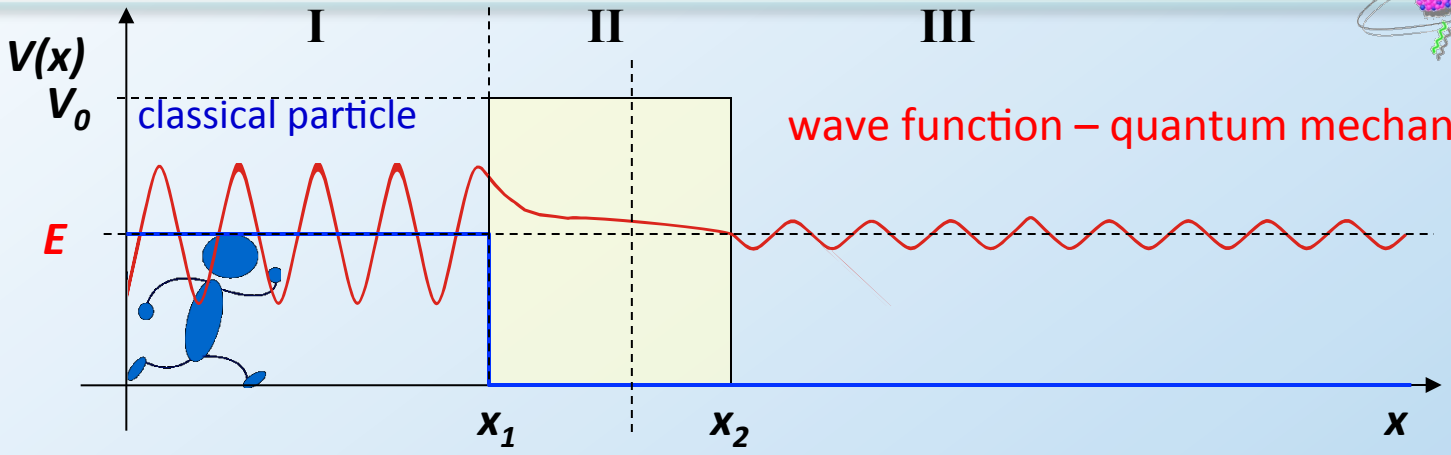
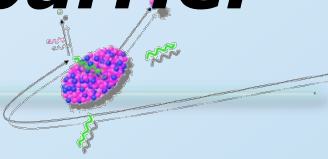
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# The „tunnel“ effect

– a fundamental concept of quantum mechanics



# Tunneling across a one-dimensional barrier



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  - stationary
  - one-dimensional

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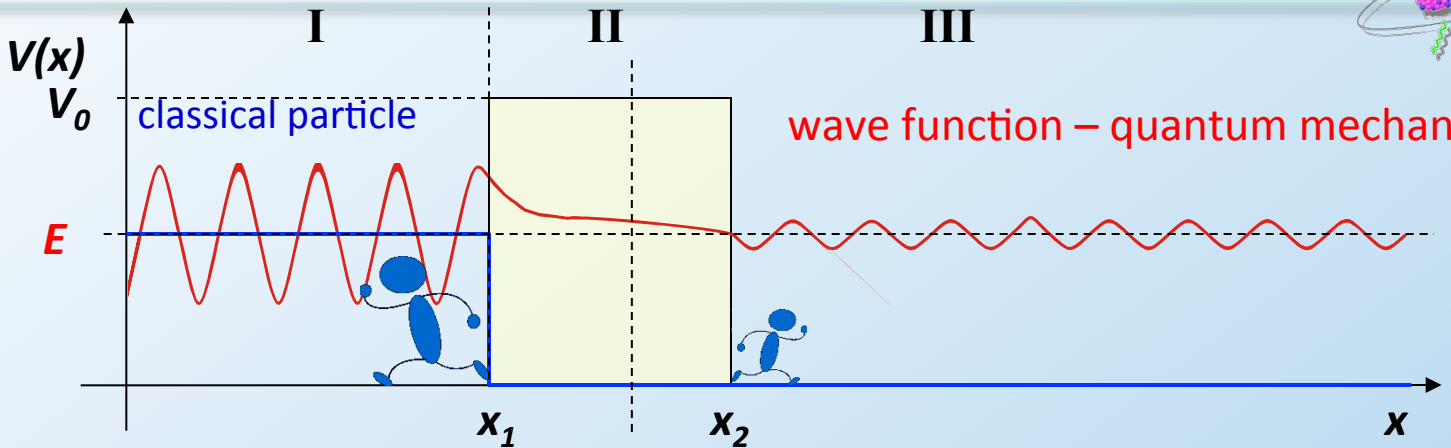
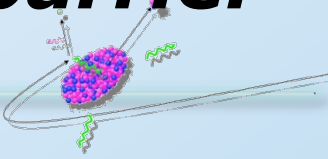
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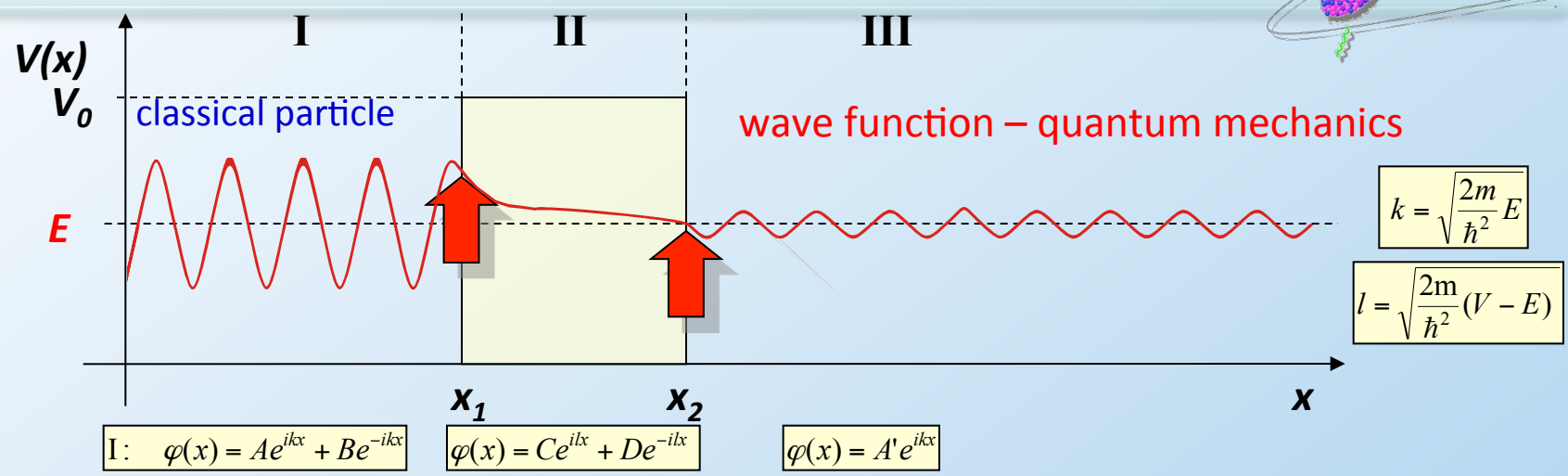
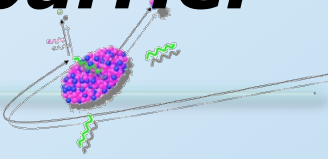
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border conditions: continuous connection

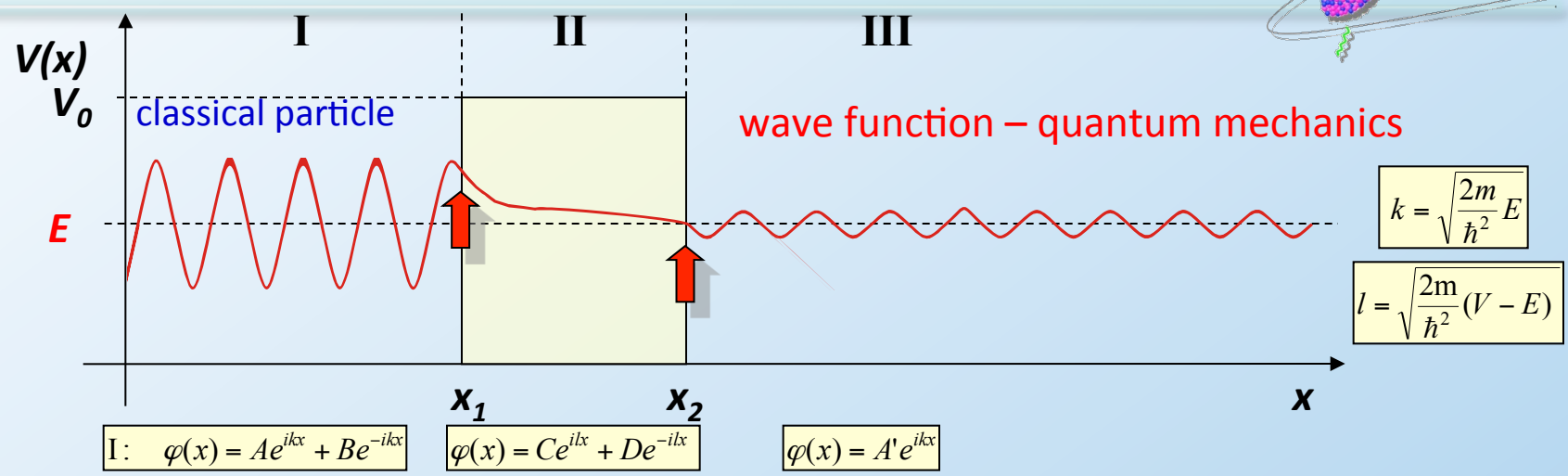
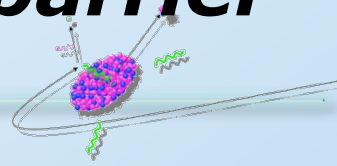
• I → II

1.  $\varphi_I(x_1) = \varphi_{II}(x_1)$
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• II → III

3.  $\varphi_{II}(x_2) = \varphi_{III}(x_2)$
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# Tunneling across a one-dimensional barrier



solution of the system of equations

1.  $A(x_1) + B(x_1) = C(x_1) + D(x_1)$
2.  $ikA - ikB = -ilC + ilD$
3.  $C(x_2)e^{-il(x_2-x_1)} + D(x_2)e^{il(x_2-x_1)} = A'e^{ik(x_2-x_1)}$
4.  $-lCe^{-l(x_2-x_1)} + lDe^{l(x_2-x_1)} = ikA'e^{-k(x_2-x_1)}$

con :

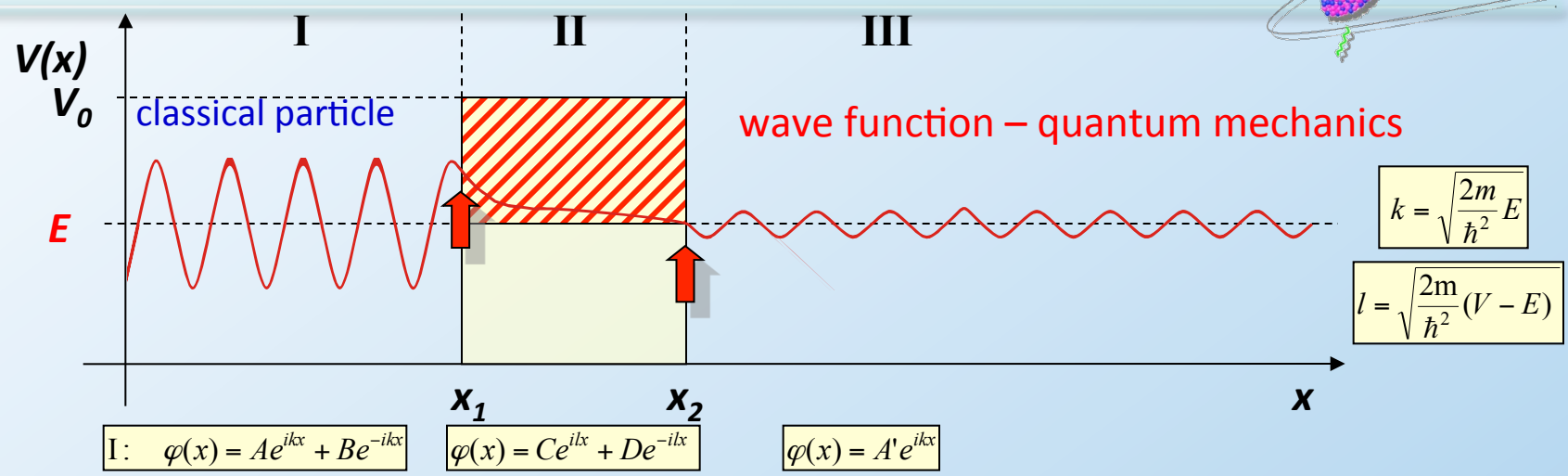
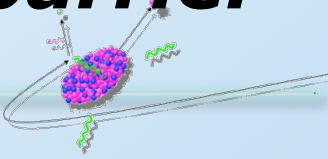
$$\cosh x = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2}$$

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transmission and transmission probability

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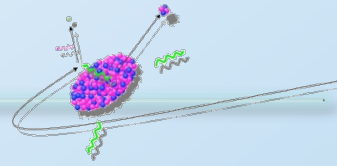
$$T \approx e^{-\frac{2(x_2 - x_1)}{\hbar} \sqrt{2m(V_0 - E)}}$$

→ transmission probability depends on barrier height and width

→ area  $x_2 - x_1 \cdot V_0 - E$

# Tunnel effect – example: $\alpha$ -decay

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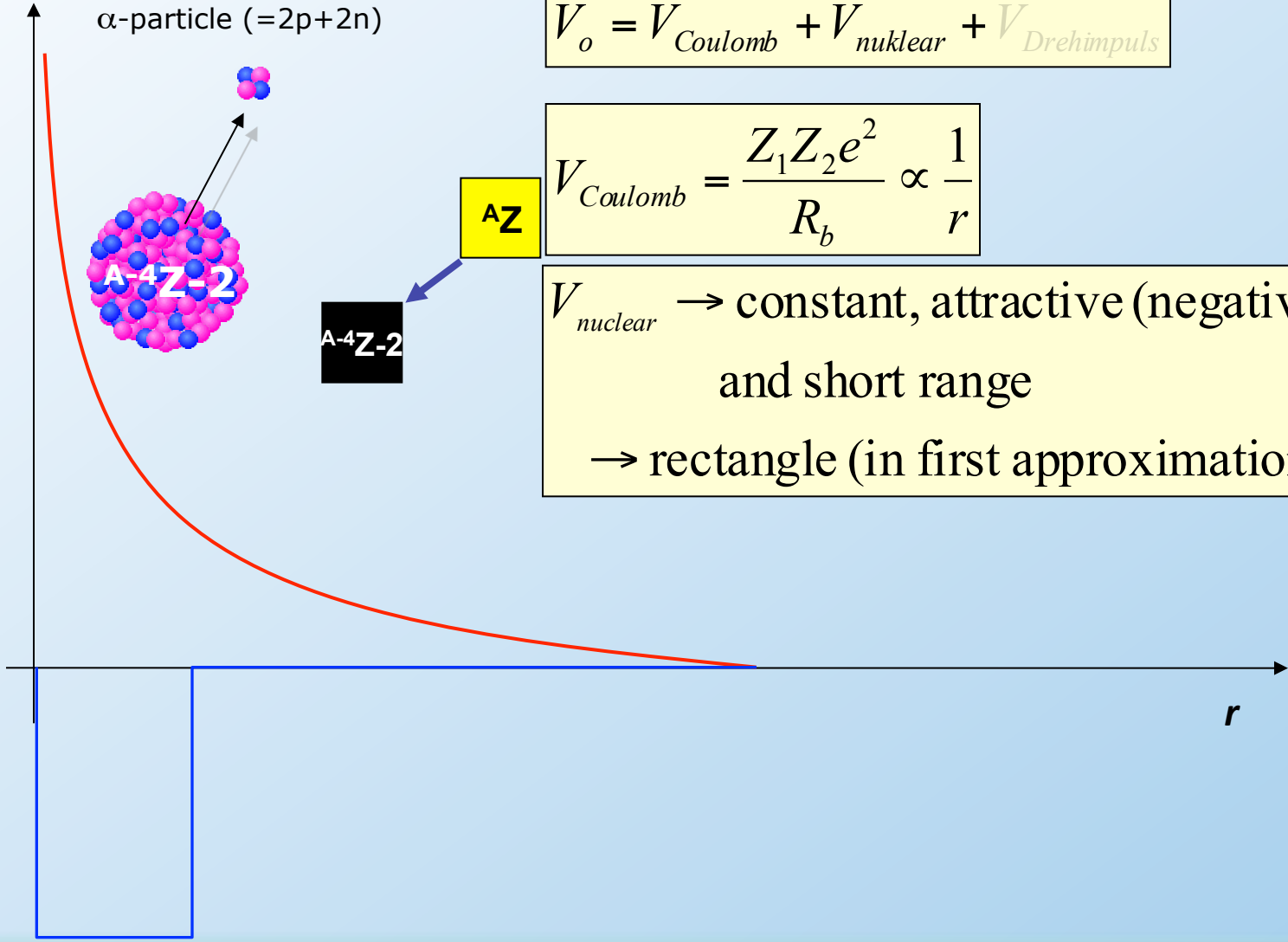


$\alpha$ -Zerfall:  
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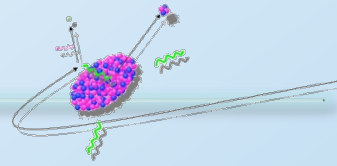
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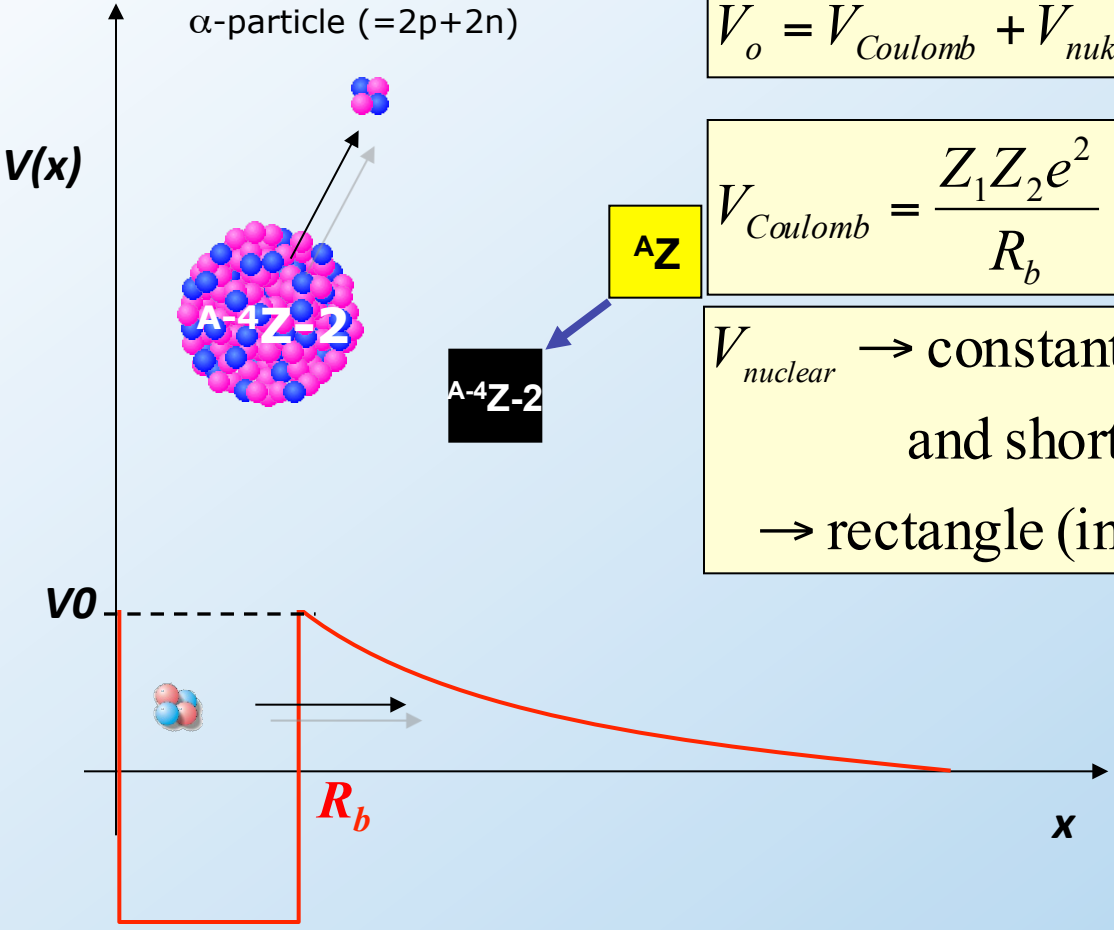


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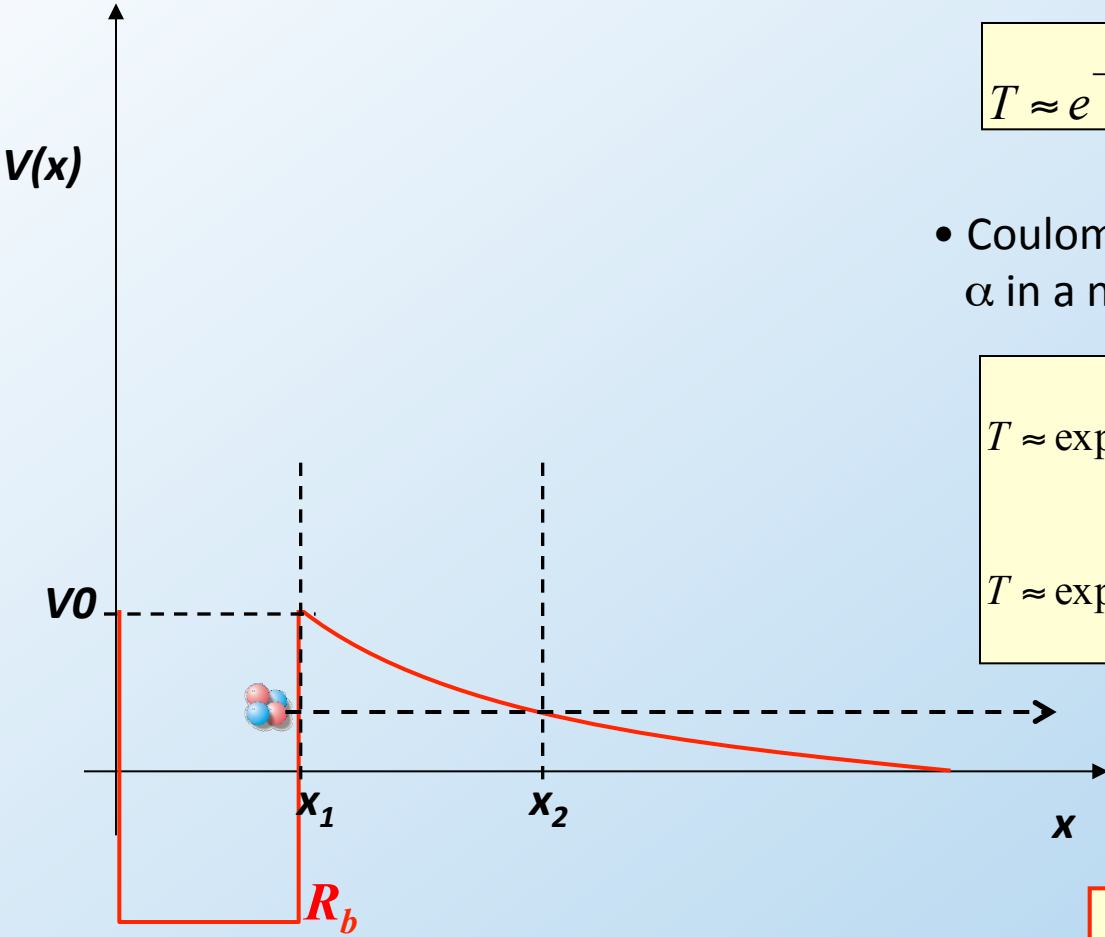
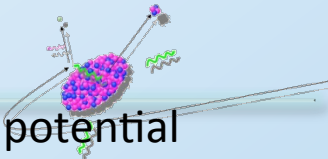
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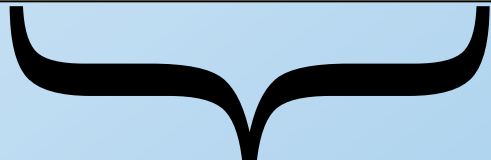
- one-dimensional rectangular potential

$$T \approx e^{-\frac{2(x_2 - x_1)}{\hbar} \sqrt{2m(V_0 - E)}}$$

- Coulomb potential  
 $\alpha$  in a nucleus with atomic charge Z

$$T \approx \exp \left\{ -\frac{2}{\hbar} \sqrt{2m_\alpha} \int_{r_1}^{r_2} \sqrt{\left(\frac{2Ze^2}{x} - E_\alpha\right)} dr \right\}$$

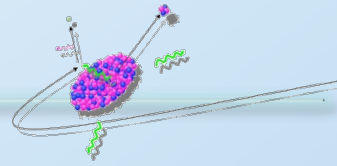
$$T \approx \exp \left\{ -\frac{2\pi e^2 Z}{\hbar} \sqrt{\frac{2m_\alpha}{E_\alpha}} + \frac{8}{\hbar} \sqrt{e^2 Z R_b m_\alpha} \right\}$$



Gammow-factor **G**

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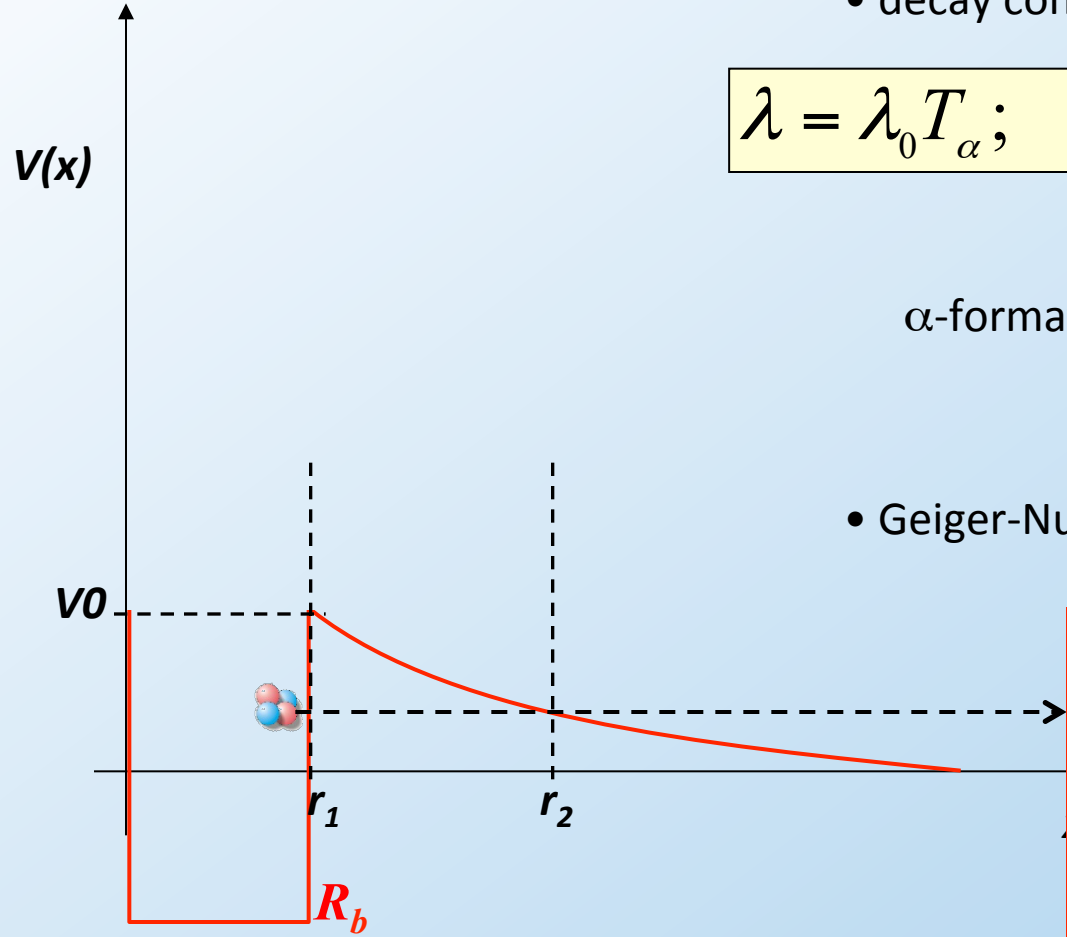


- decay constant

$$\lambda = \lambda_0 T_\alpha; \quad \text{with} \quad \lambda_0 = w_\alpha v_\alpha$$

$\alpha$ -formation probability

„knocking rate“



- Geiger-Nuttal rule:  $\alpha$ -decay probability

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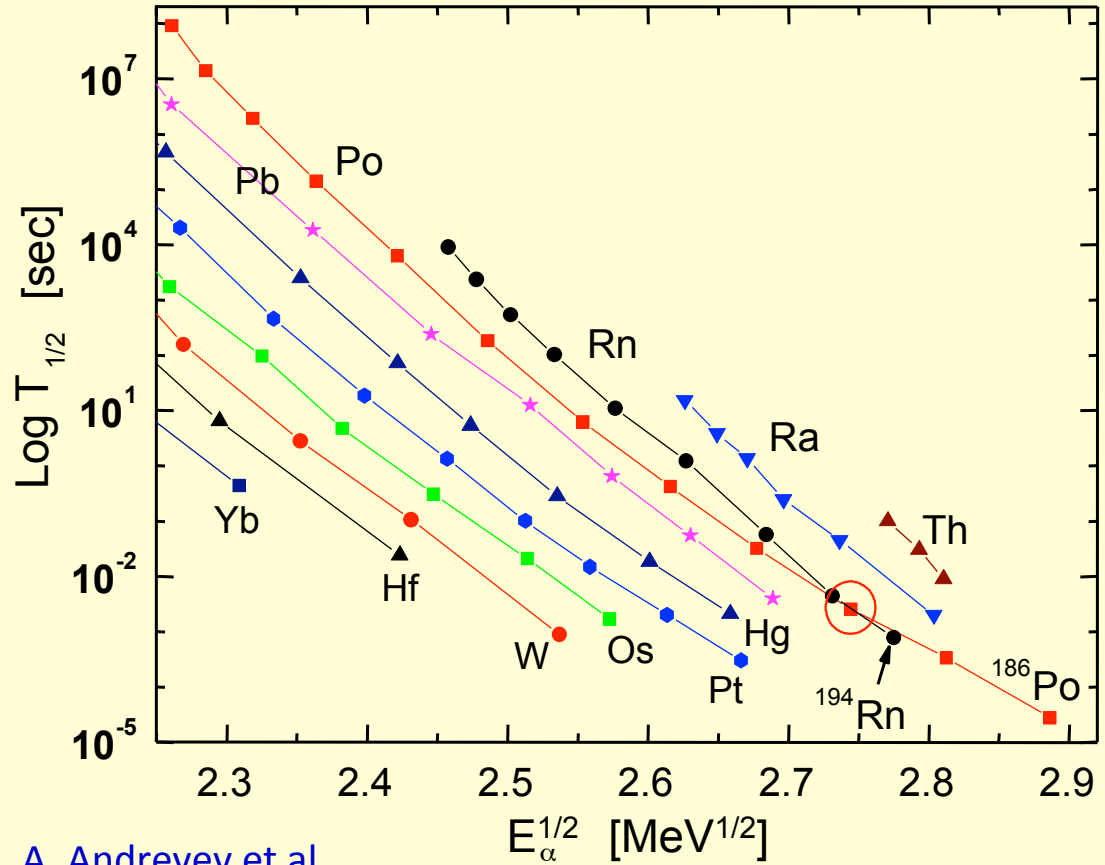
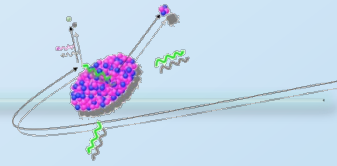
$$\ln \lambda = \ln \lambda_0 - G = a - \frac{bZ}{\sqrt{E_\alpha}}$$

$a$  and  $b$ : constant



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## - application: Geiger-Nuttal rule



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where  $G$ :  $\alpha$ -decay probability

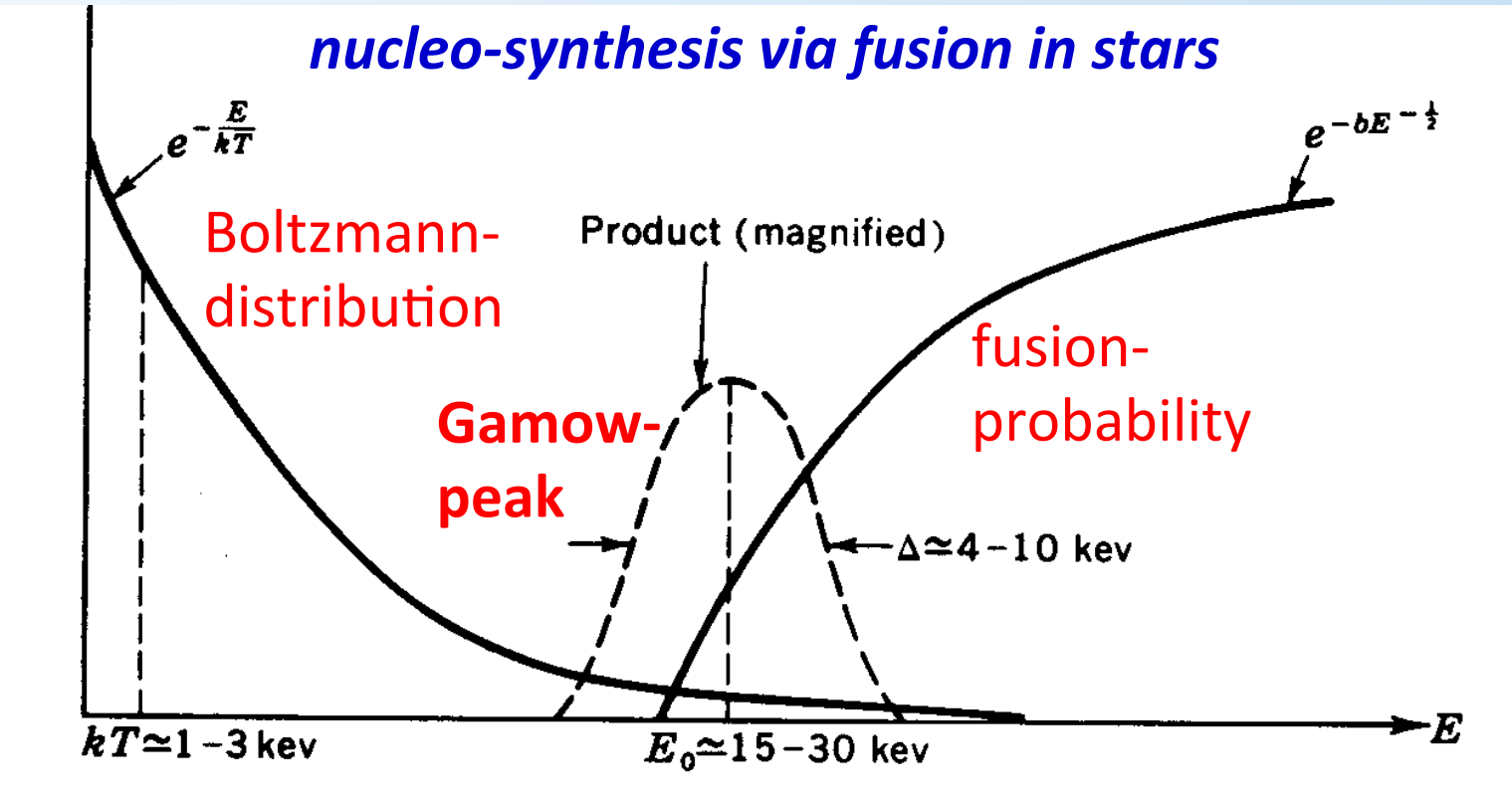
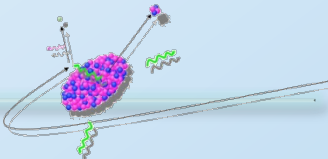
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and  $b$ : constant

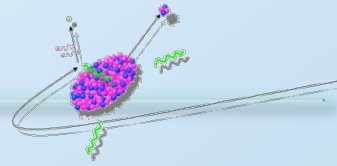
# Tunnel effect – example

## - Gamow-Peak and astrophysics



# The concept of multiple barriers

## - the model of coupled channels



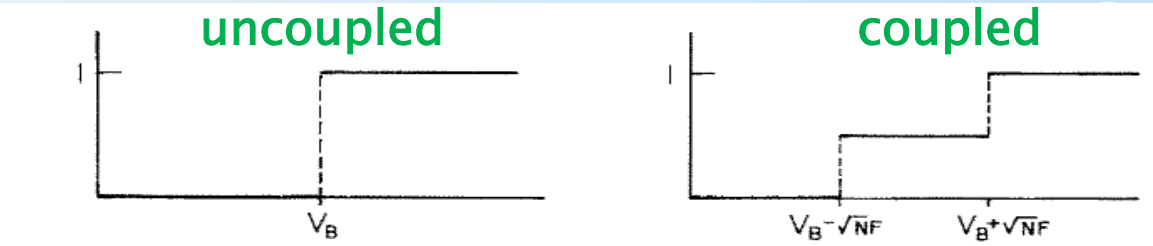
single barrier

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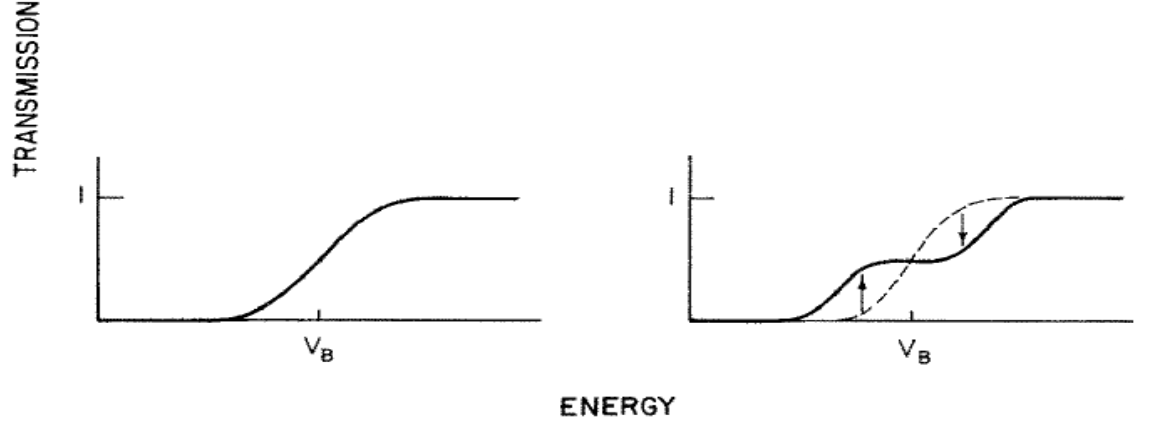
2 barriers

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classical limit



quantum smearing

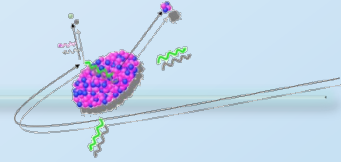


at  $E < E_B$  fusion increases

C.H. Dasso and S. Landowne,  
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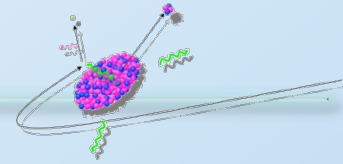
## – coupling to competing channel



### Competing reaction channels modify the interaction barrier

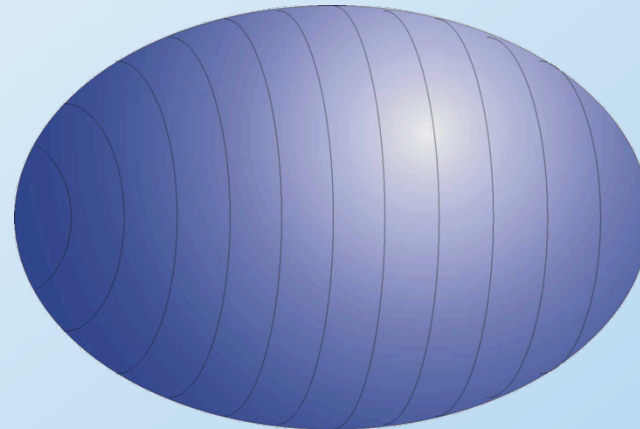
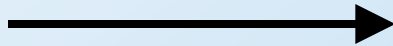
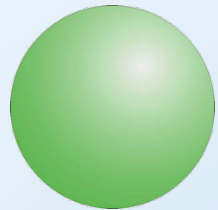
- inelastic excitation of either reaction partner  
vibrational nuclear excitation → barrier fluctuations
- nucleon transfer between the reaction partners  
proton-neutron ratio is modified  
Q-value effects  
problem: form factor
- deformation of either reaction partner  
Coulomb repulsion  $\propto$   $1/r$   
short range nuclear force → sudden onset  
→ range of barriers

# Fusion Barrier Distribution - Deformed Nuclei



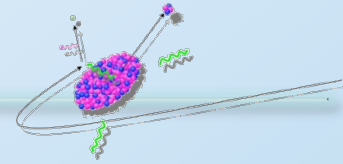
deformed target

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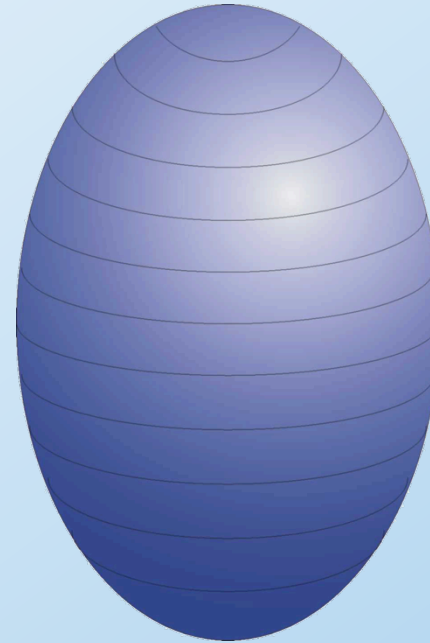
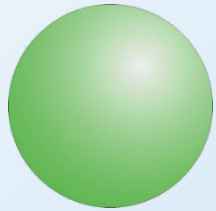
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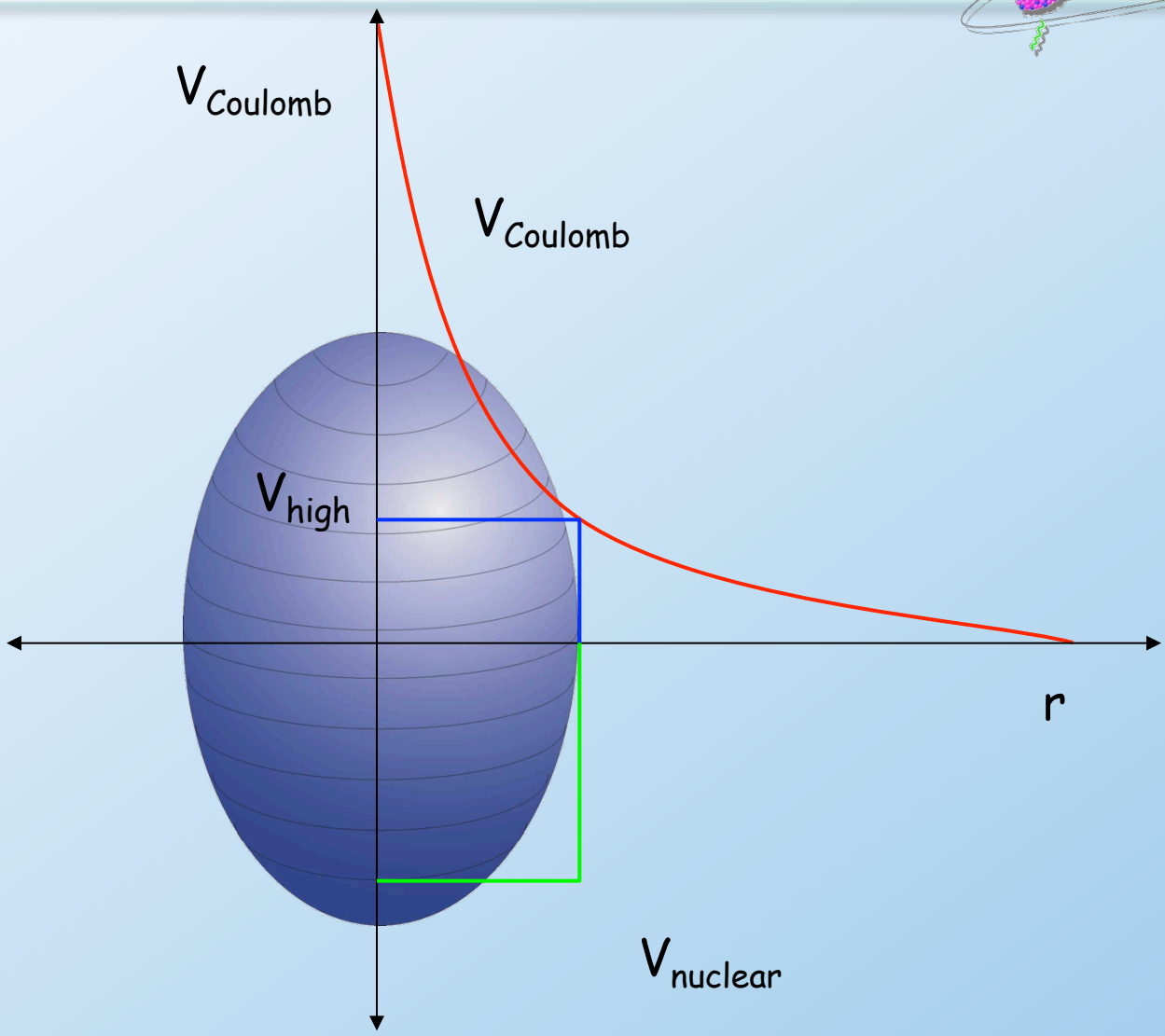
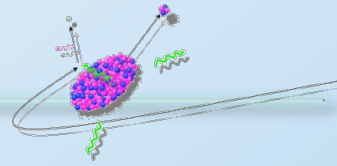
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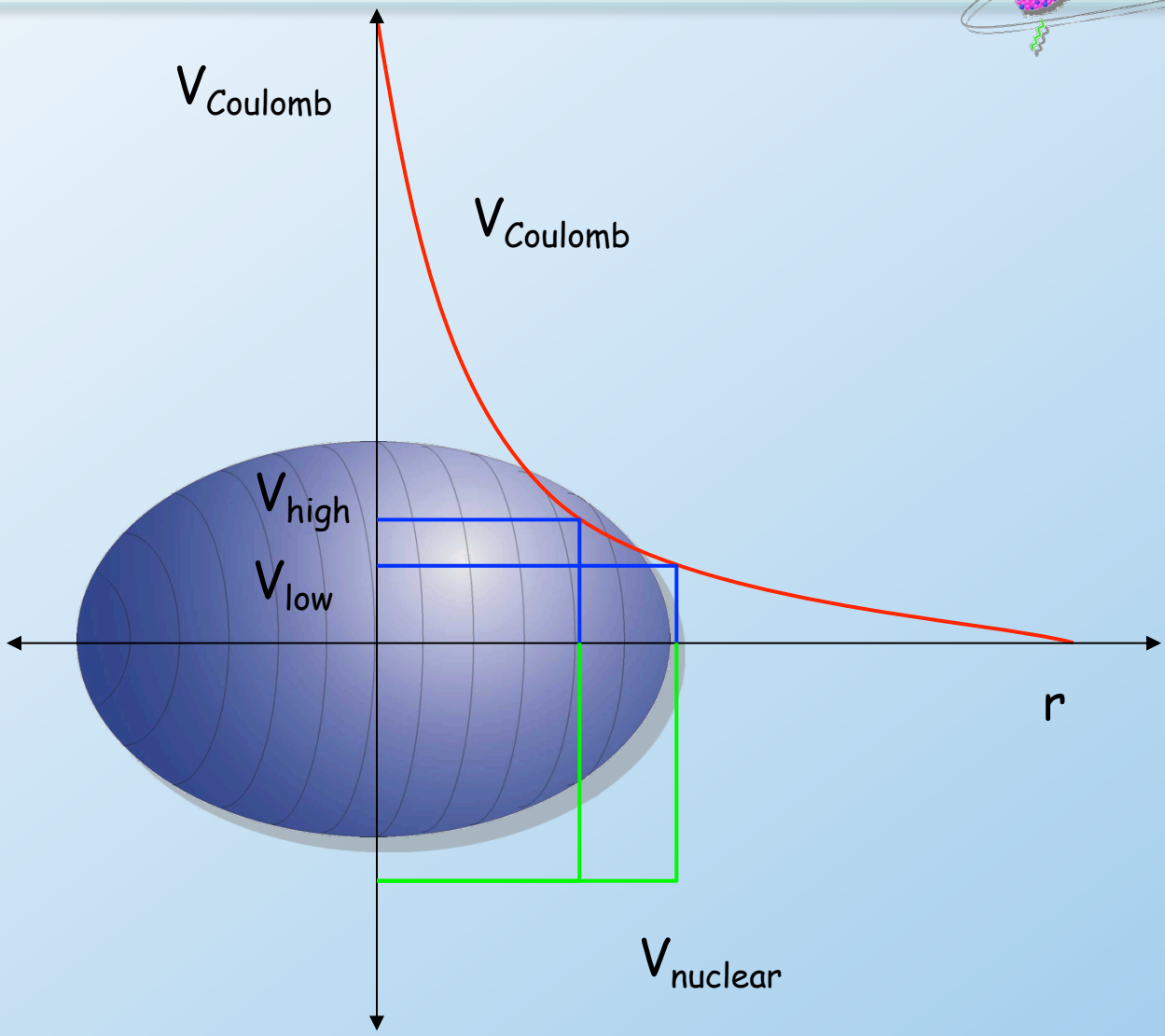
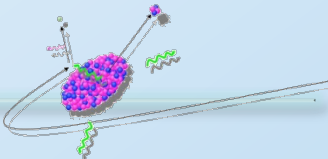
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## - Deformed Nuclei and the Potential



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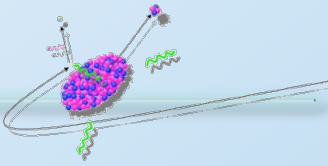
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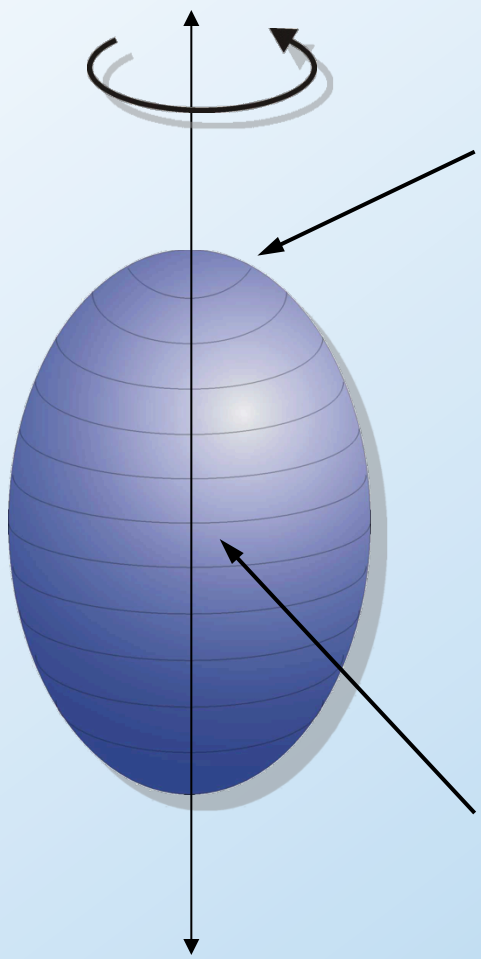
# Fusion Barrier Distribution

## - Deformed Nuclei: prolate and oblate



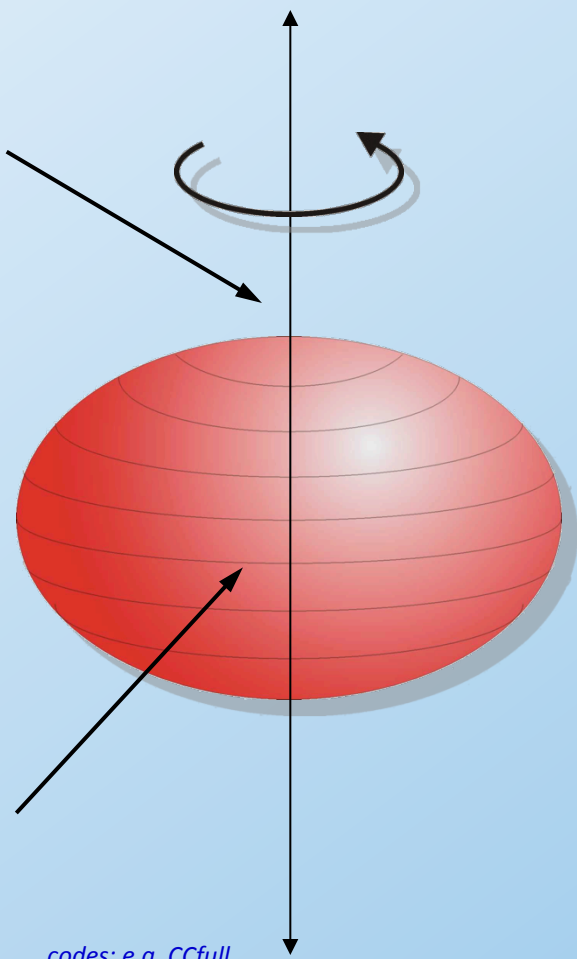
prolate

oblate



small geometric cross section at the poles

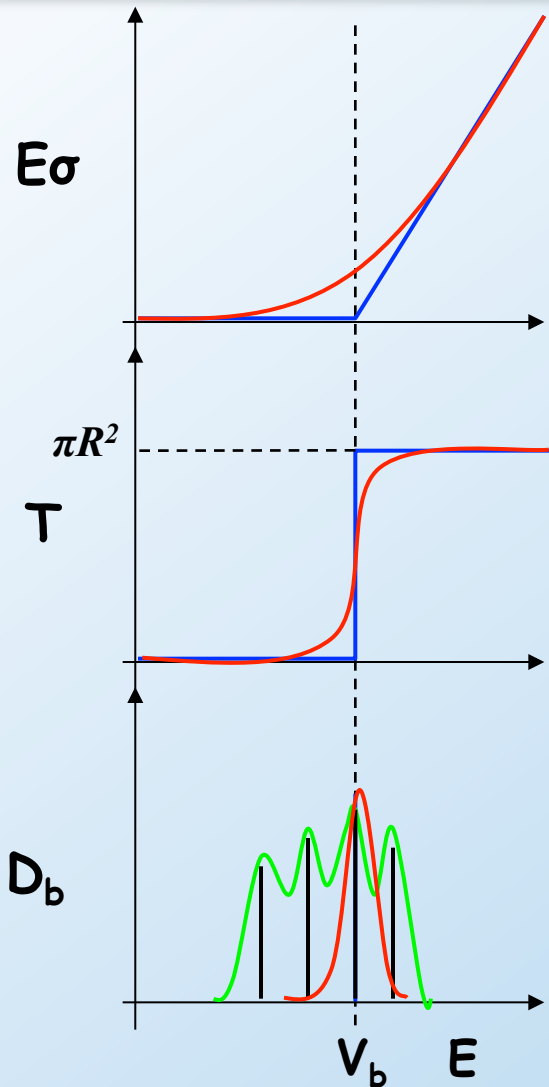
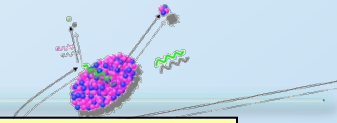
large geometric cross section at the waist



codes: e.g. CCfull,  
Hagino et al. *Comp.Phys. Comm.* 123 (1999), p. 143–152

# Fusion Barrier Distribution

## - the Concept



$$\sigma E(E, V_b) = \pi R^2 \left( 1 - \frac{V_b}{E} \right) \quad , E > V_b$$

$$\sigma E(E, V_b) = 0 \quad , E < V_b$$

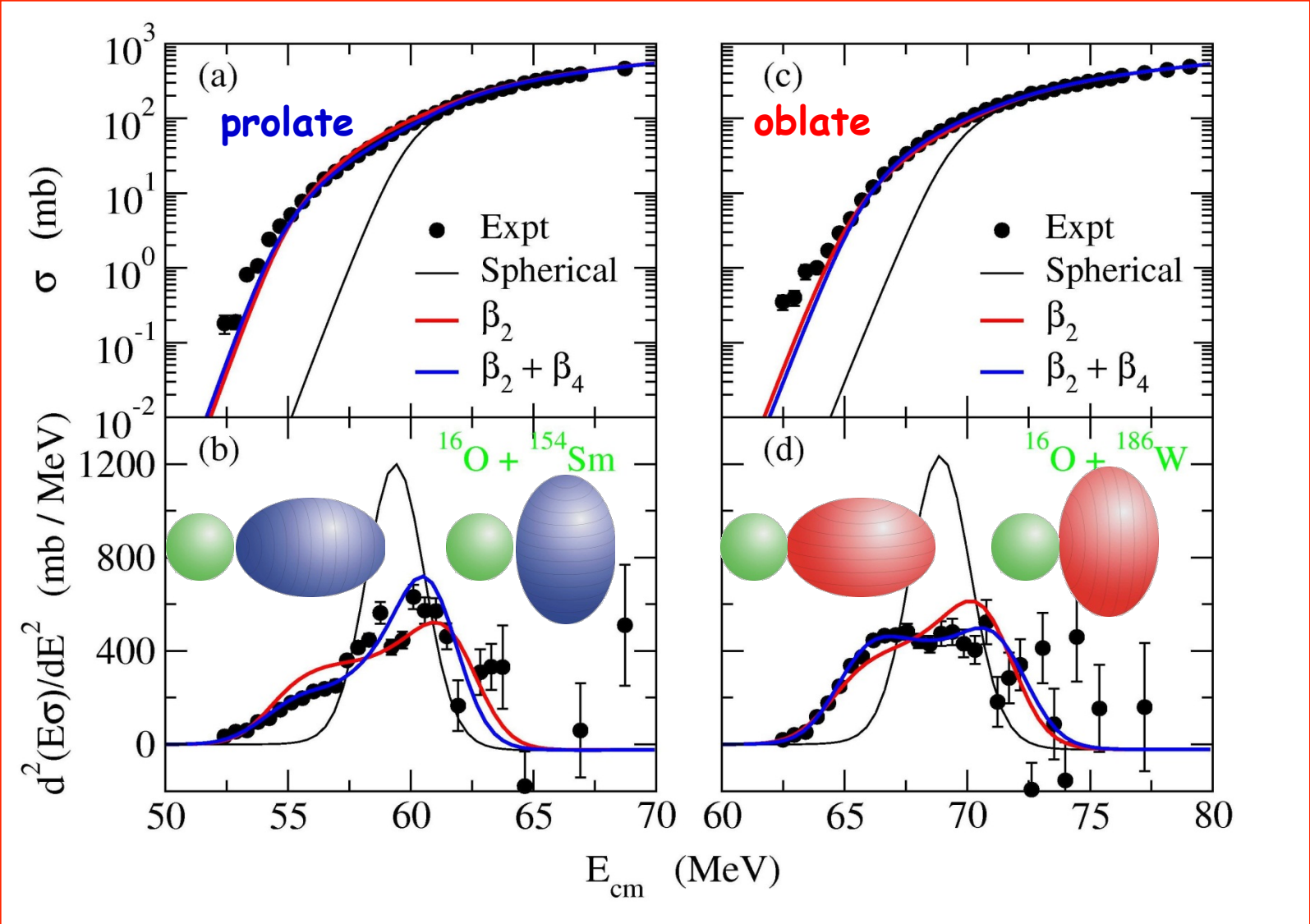
$$\frac{d(E\sigma(E, V_b))}{dE} = \pi R^2 \quad , E > V_b$$

$$\frac{d(E\sigma(E, V_b))}{dE} = 0 \quad , E < V_b$$

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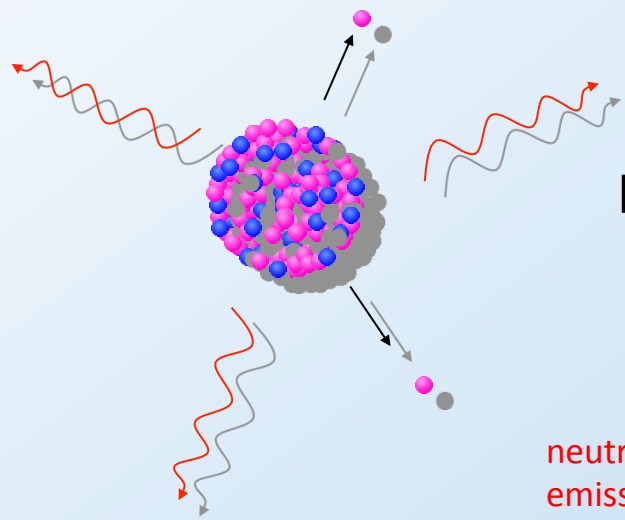
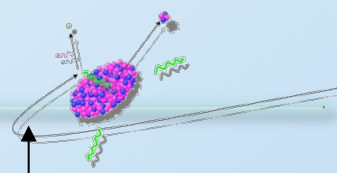
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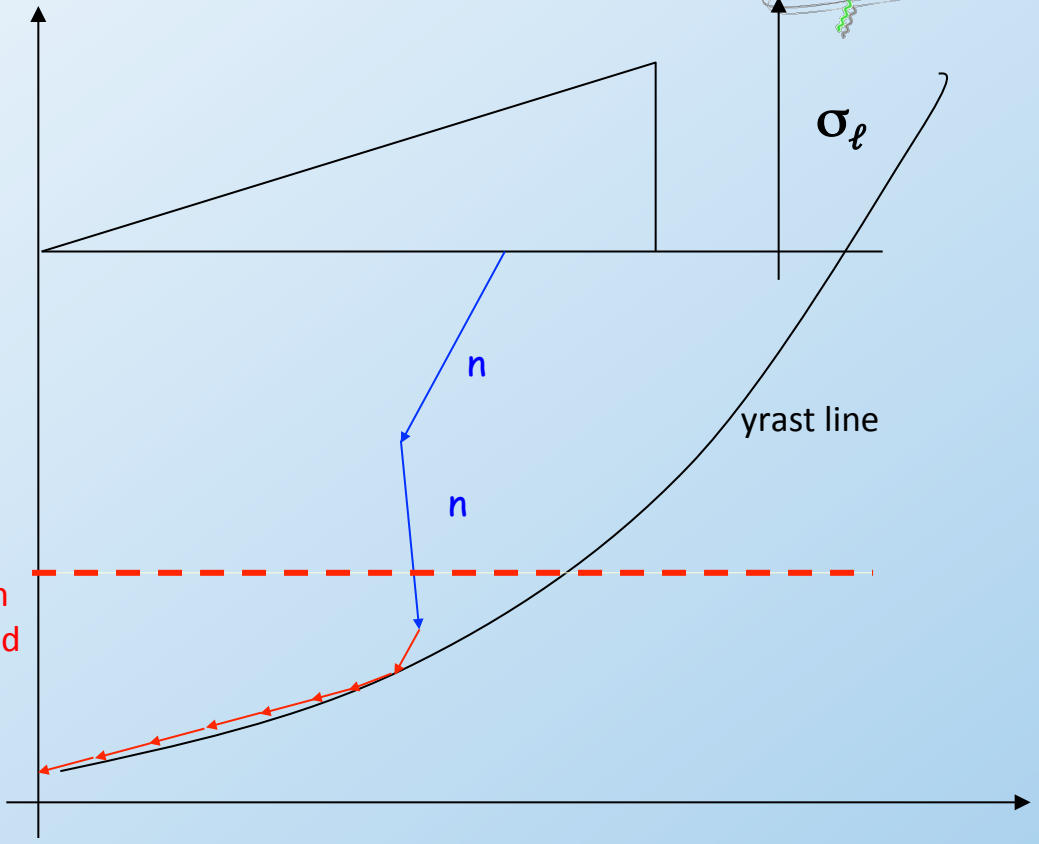


# The Statistical Model

## - de-excitation of the hot Compound System



theoretical modeling

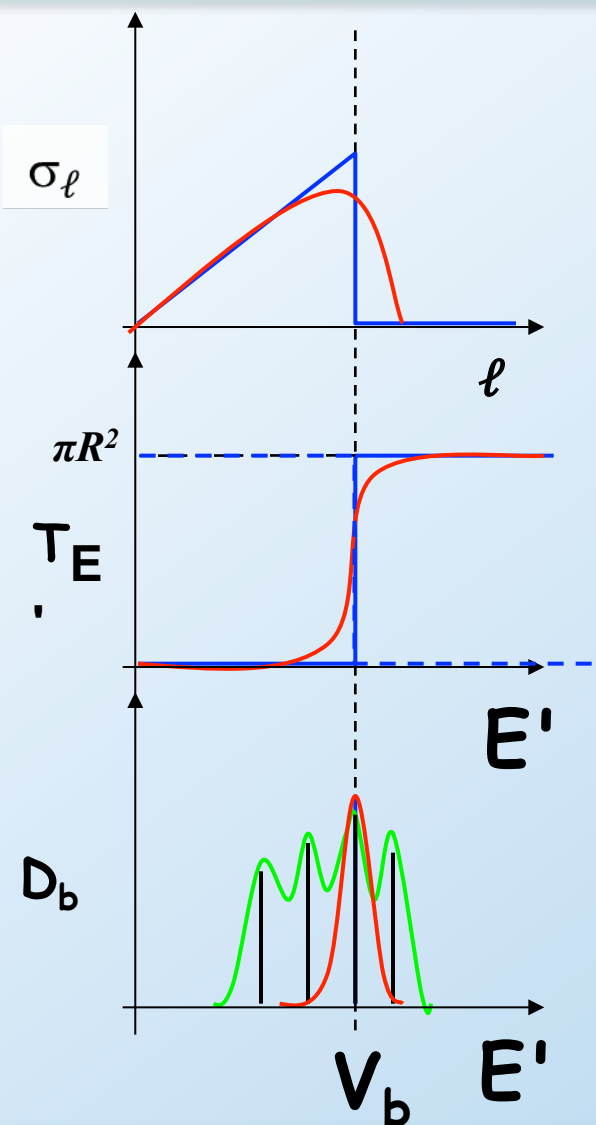
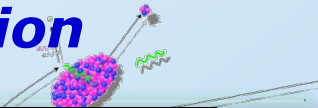


- fusion cross section  
e.g. Wong formula  
Partial wave cross section (spin distribution)
- interaction barrier  
e.g. Bass potential
- Particle emission  
Monte-Carlo simulation: particle potential an spectra (theory/exp. data)

codes on the market:  
**HIVAP, PACE/EVAP, ...**

# Fusion Barrier Distribution

## - Partial Wave Cross sections: the CN Spin Distribution



$$\sigma_\ell(E) = T_\ell(E, \ell)(2\ell + 1)\pi\tilde{\lambda}^2$$

$$\tilde{\lambda} = \frac{\hbar}{\sqrt{2\mu E}} \rightarrow \text{de Broglie wave length}$$

$$T_\ell(E, \ell) = \frac{\sigma_\ell(E)}{(2\ell + 1)\pi\tilde{\lambda}^2}$$

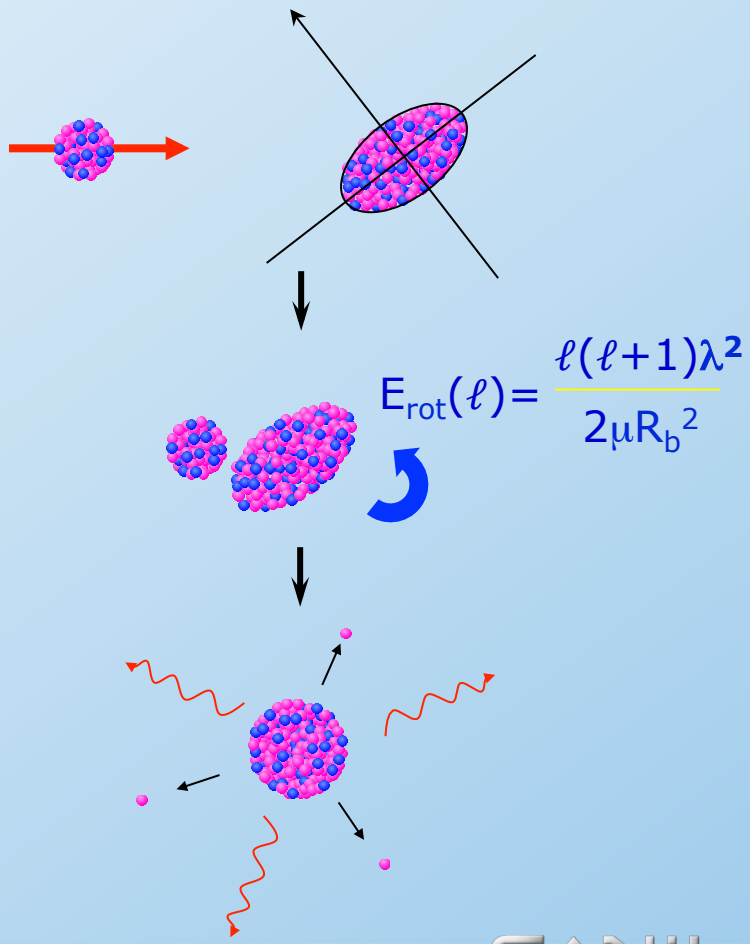
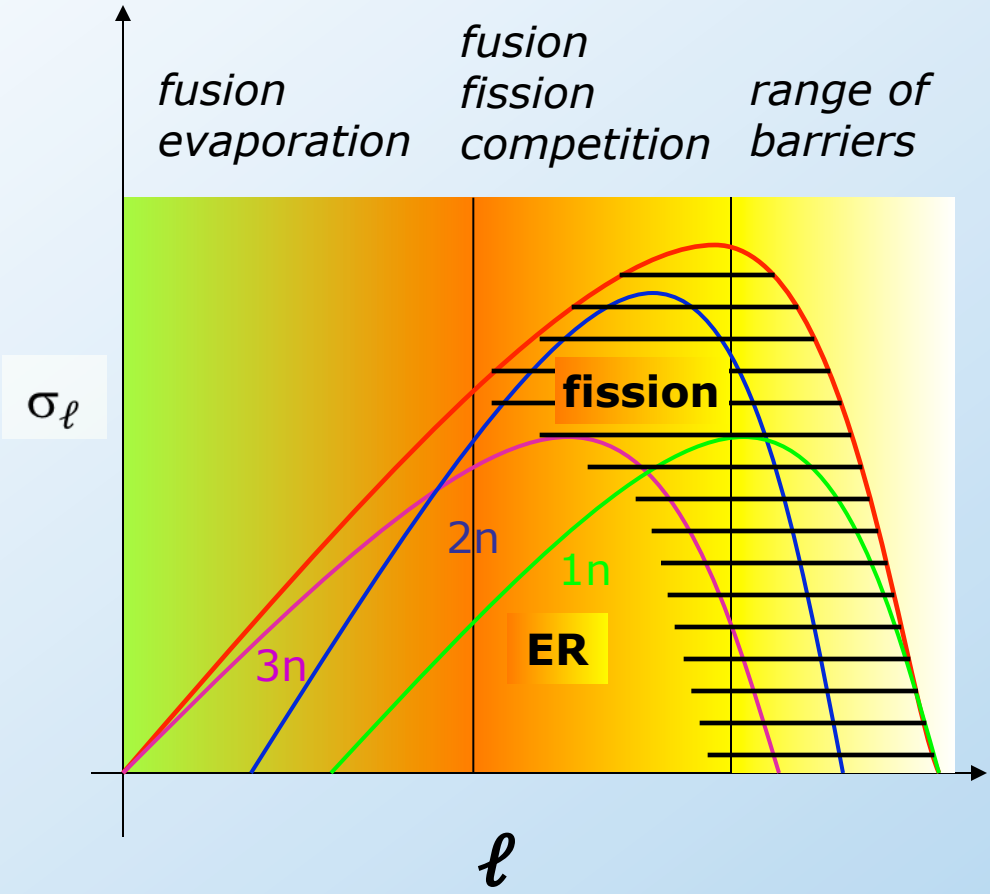
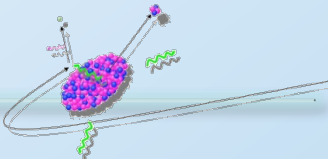
$$\ell \rightarrow E' \text{ with } E' = E - E_{rot}, \quad E_{rot}(\ell) = \frac{\ell(\ell + 1)}{2\mu R_b^2}$$

$$T_\ell \rightarrow T_{E'}$$

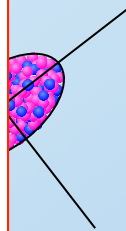
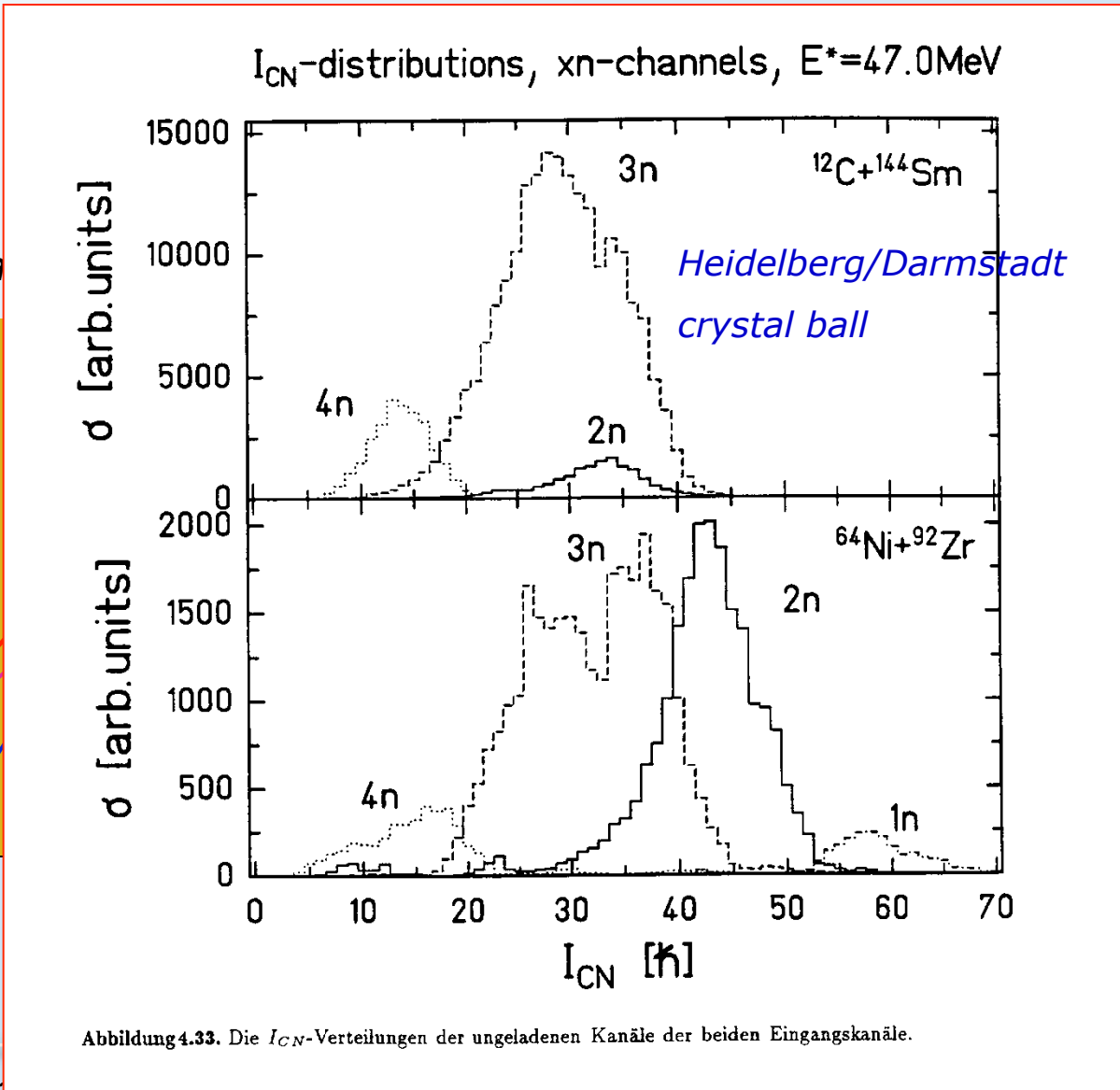
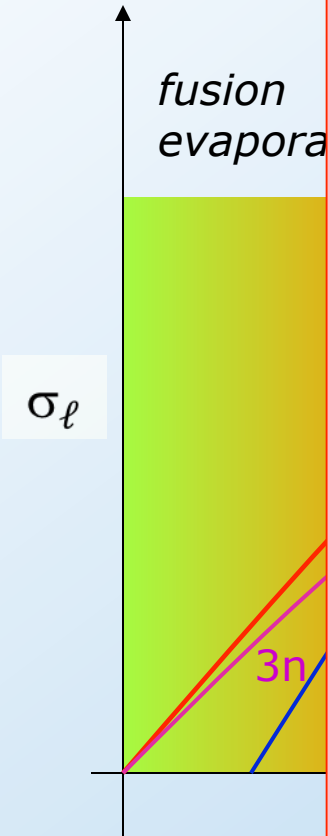
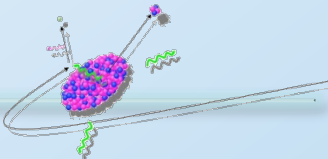
$$T_{E'} = \frac{1}{\pi R_b} \frac{d(E' \sigma(E', V_b))}{dE'} = \frac{\sigma(E')}{(2\ell + 1)\pi\tilde{\lambda}^2}$$

$$D_b = \frac{dT_{E'}}{dE'} = \frac{d^2(E' \sigma(E, V_b))}{dE'^2} = \pi R^2 \delta(E' - V_b)$$

# Fusion Dynamics and the Spin Distribution



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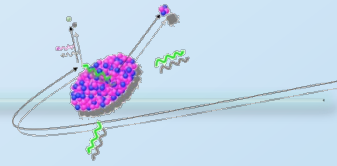


$$\sigma_{\text{rot}}(\ell) = \frac{\ell(\ell+1)\lambda^2}{2\mu R_b^2}$$

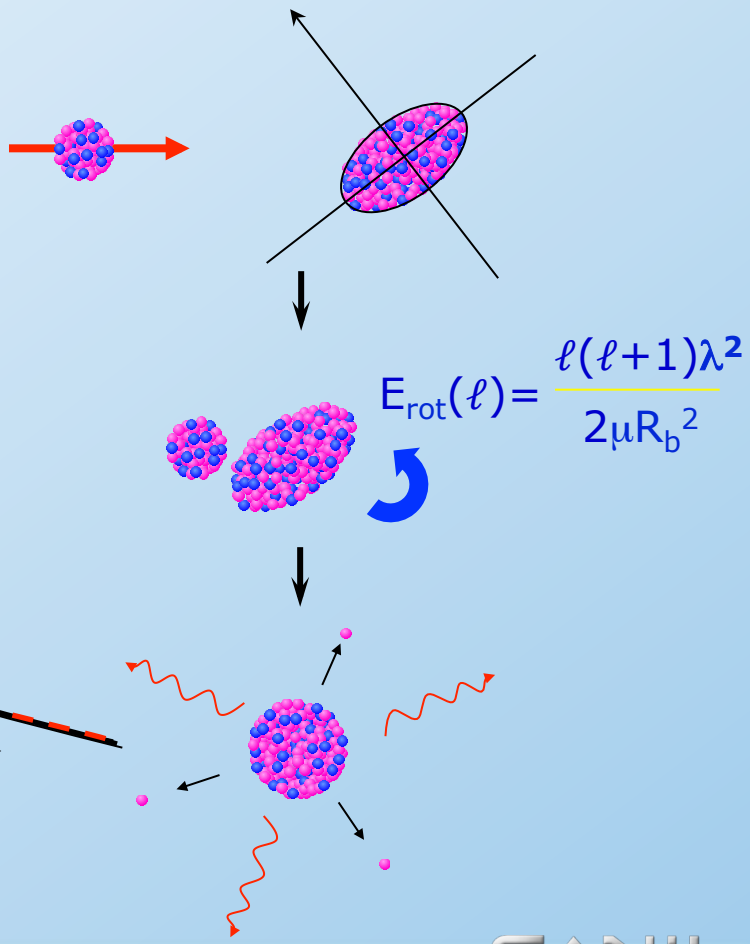
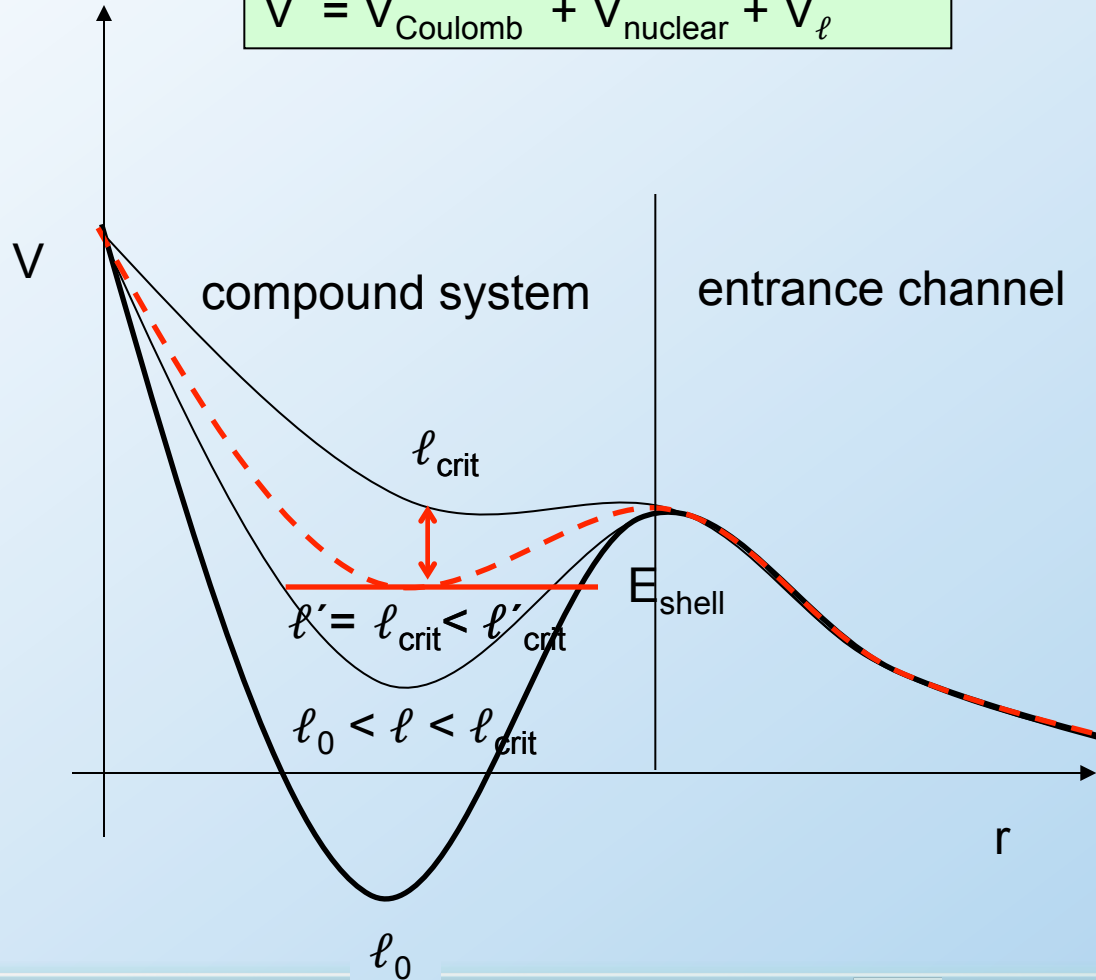




# Fusion Dynamics and the Spin Distribution



$$V = V_{\text{Coulomb}} + V_{\text{nuclear}} + V_{\ell}$$





# Fusion-Fission and the Barrier Structure for $^{34}\text{S} + ^{168}\text{Er} \rightarrow ^{202}\text{Po}^*$

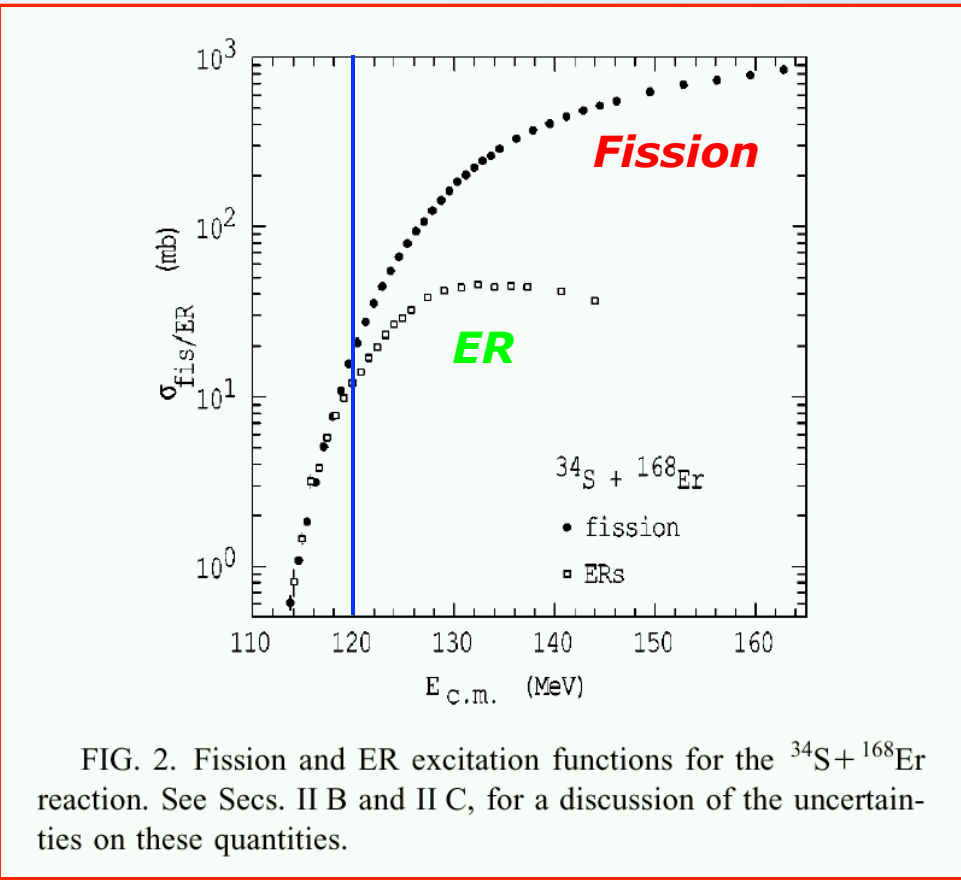
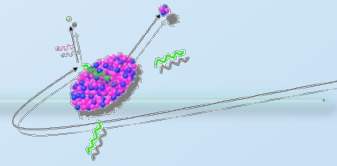


FIG. 2. Fission and ER excitation functions for the  $^{34}\text{S} + ^{168}\text{Er}$  reaction. See Secs. II B and II C, for a discussion of the uncertainties on these quantities.

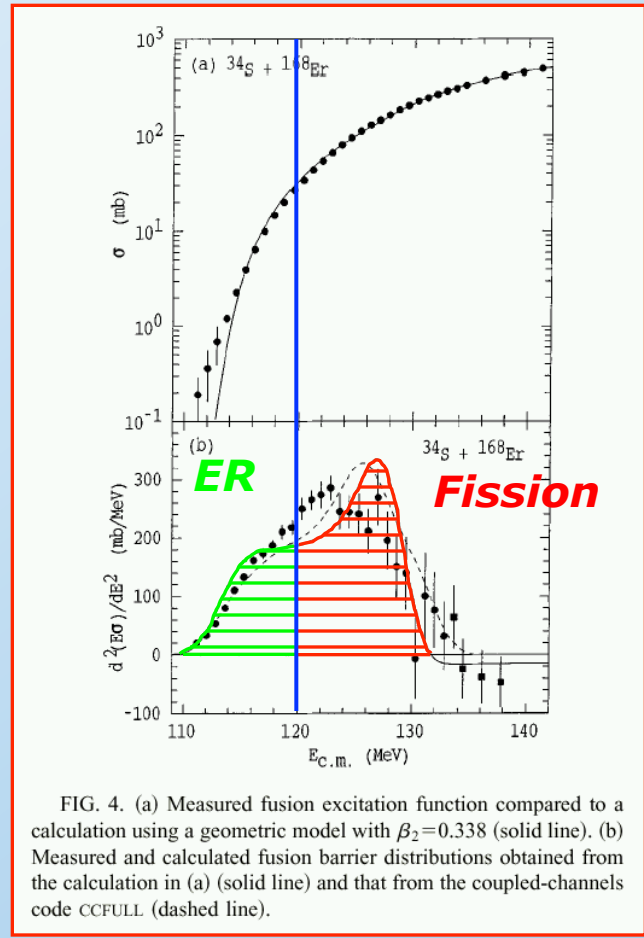
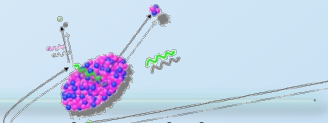


FIG. 4. (a) Measured fusion excitation function compared to a calculation using a geometric model with  $\beta_2=0.338$  (solid line). (b) Measured and calculated fusion barrier distributions obtained from the calculation in (a) (solid line) and that from the coupled-channels code CCFULL (dashed line).

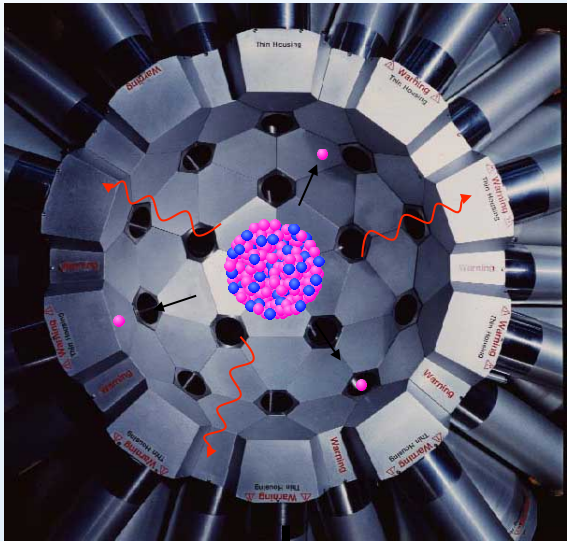
C.R. Morton et al., Phys. Rev. C 62 024607

# Experimental Approach to the Spin Distribution

## - example: GASP, LNL



1 GASP – inner ball (80 BGO-crystals)



2 GASP – high resolution Ge-detectors

3 statistical model (codes like PACE, EVAP, HIVAP...)



$E_\gamma$



evaporation parameters



ER identification

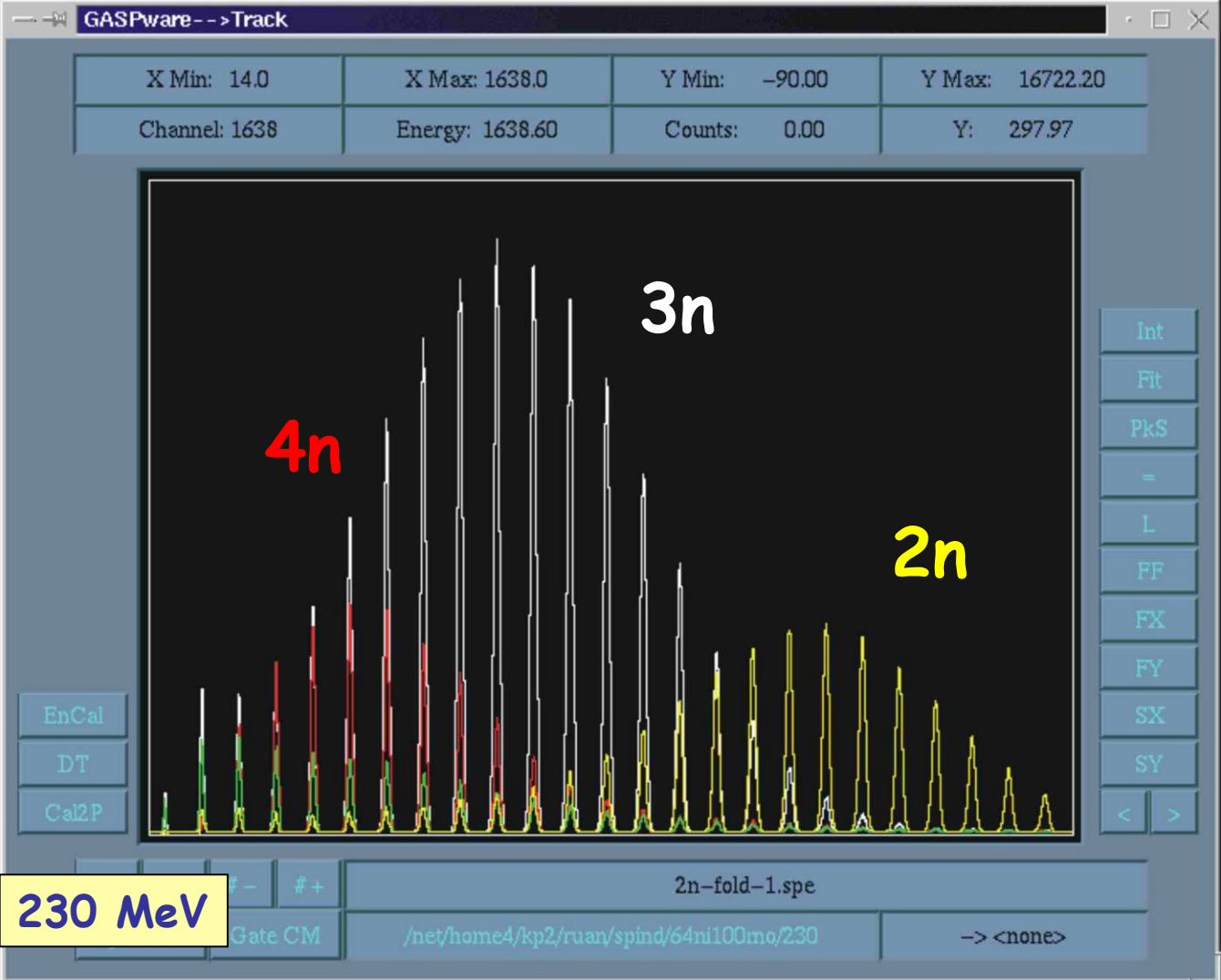
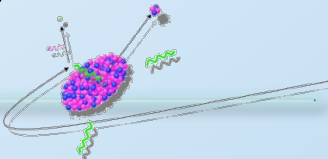
spin removed by particles and statistical  $\gamma$ -rays

$\gamma$ -ray fold  
GASP response function

$M_\gamma$

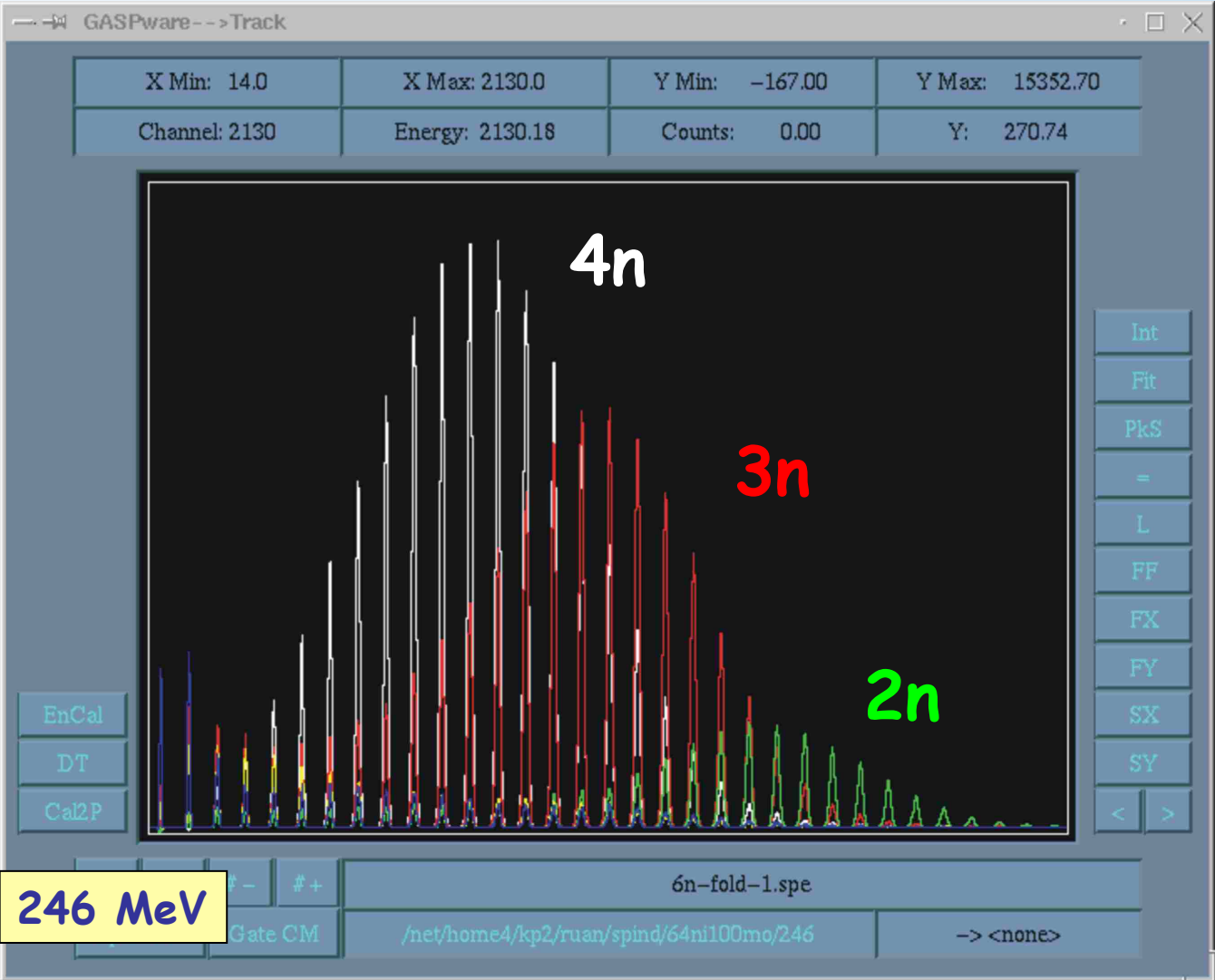
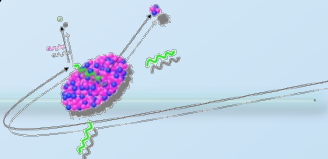
$$\ell_{CN} = (M_\gamma - M_{\gamma s}) \Delta \ell_\gamma + M_{\gamma s} \Delta \ell_{\gamma s} + \sum_i M_i \Delta \ell_i + \Delta \ell_{gs/m}; \quad i = p, n, \alpha$$

# Fold Distributions with GASP for $^{64}\text{Ni}+^{100}\text{Mo}$

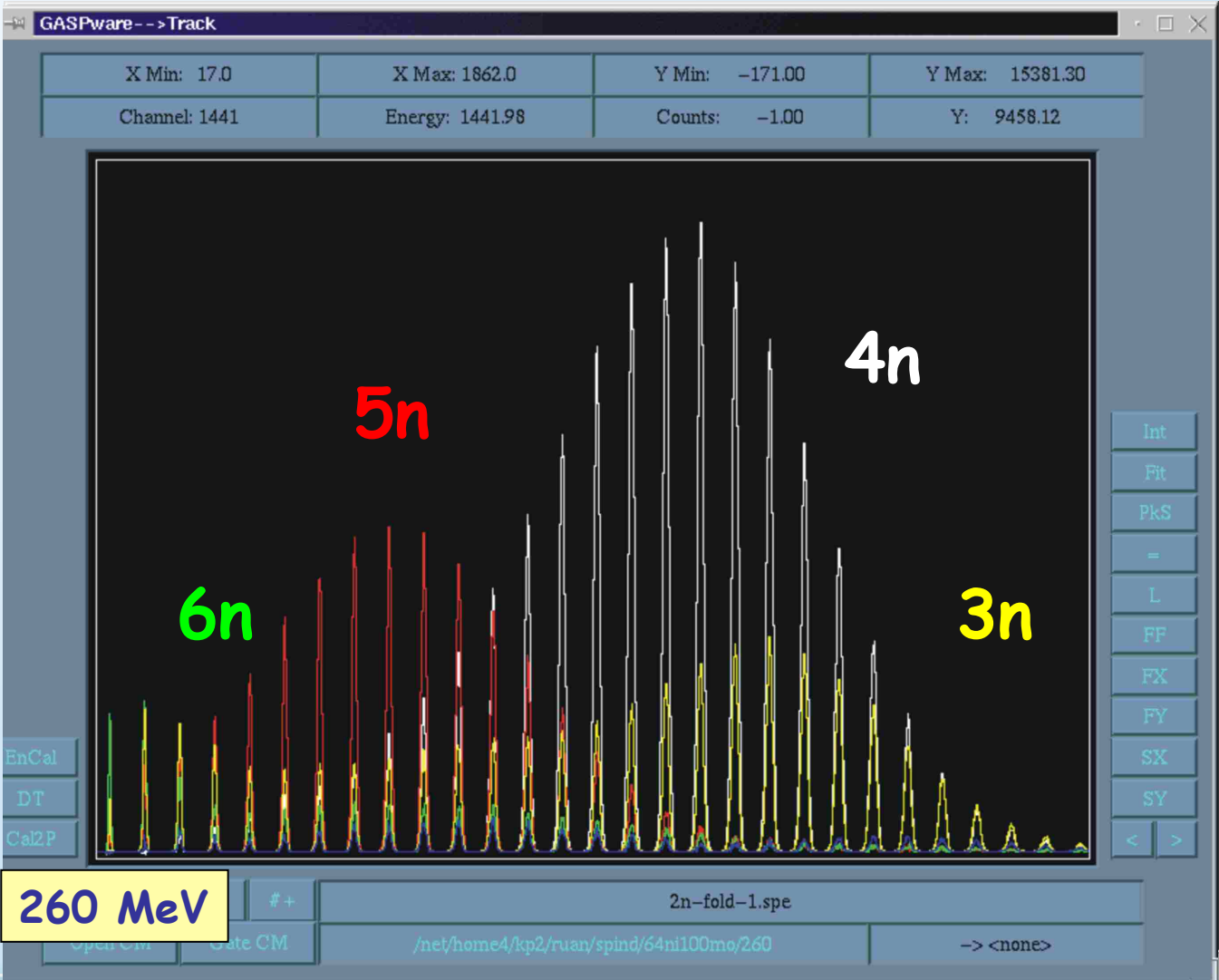
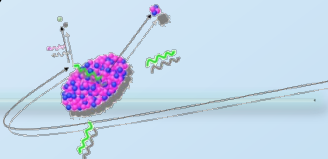


**230 MeV**

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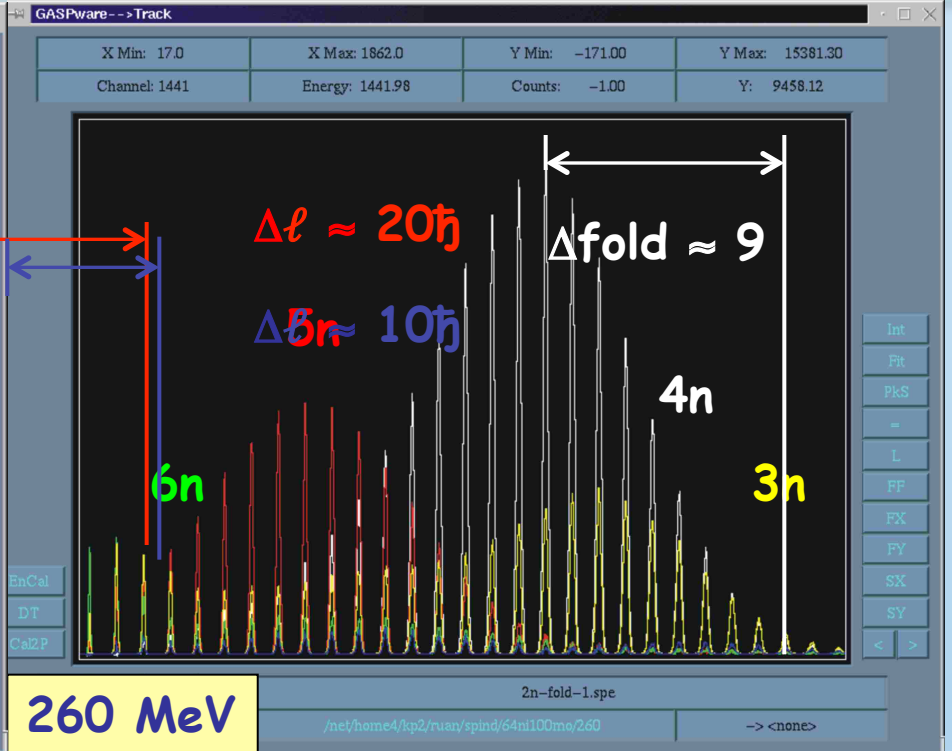
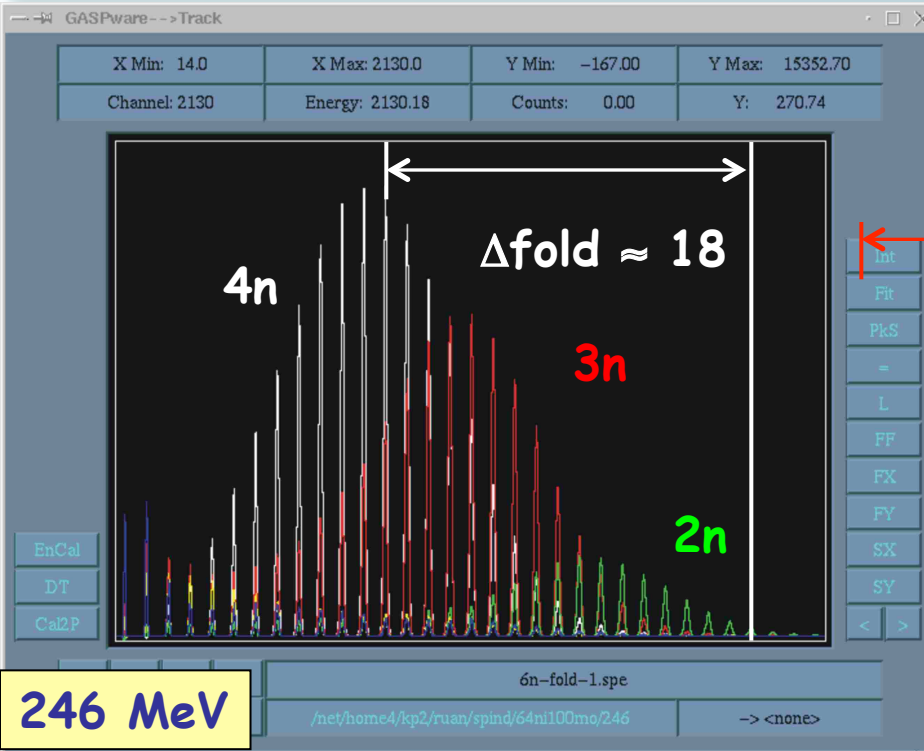
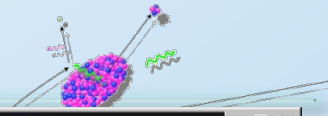


# Fold Distributions with GASP for $^{64}\text{Ni}+^{100}\text{Mo}$



260 MeV

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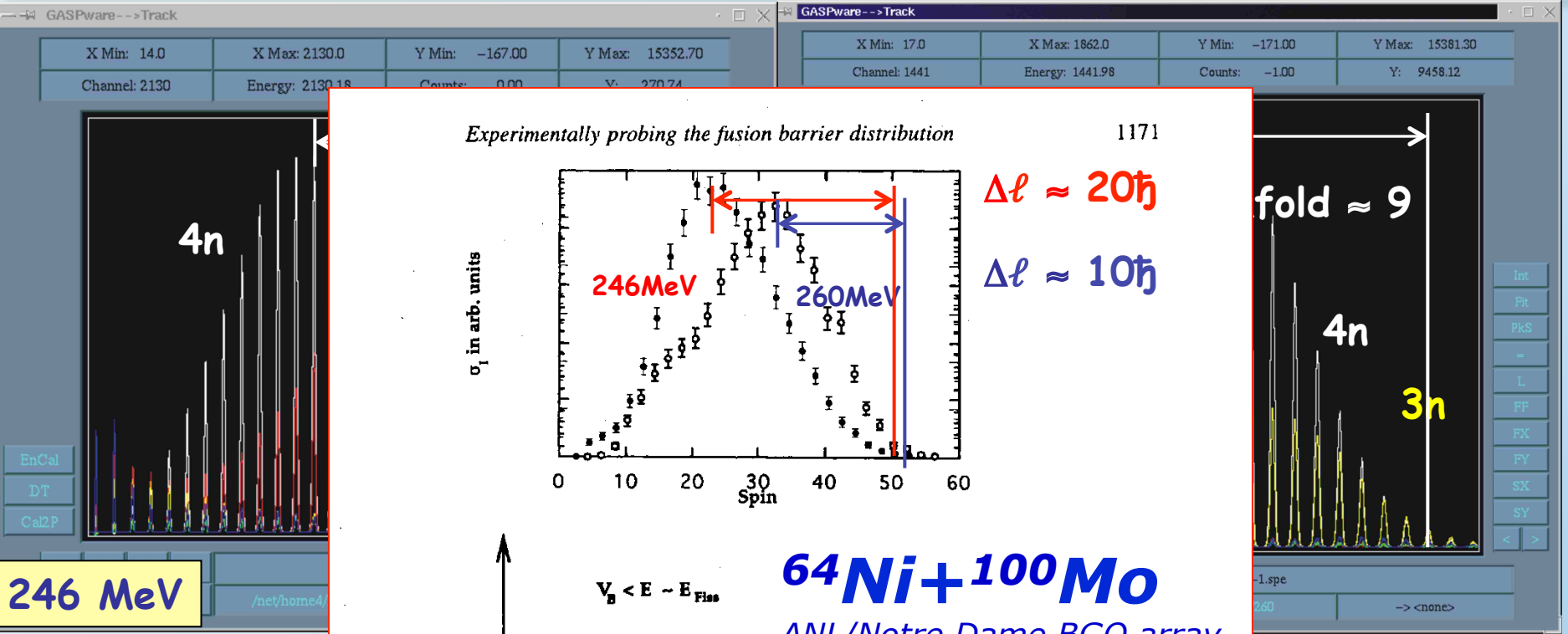
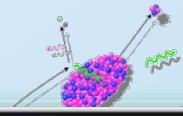
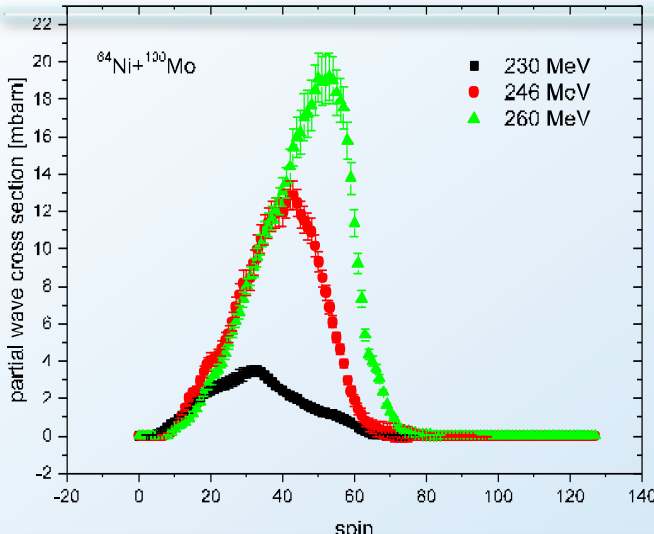
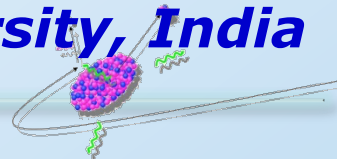


Figure 4. Comparison of the spin distributions at the two higher energies (figures 3(e) and (f)). The shaded area in the bottom figure illustrates the truncation of the distribution by fission.

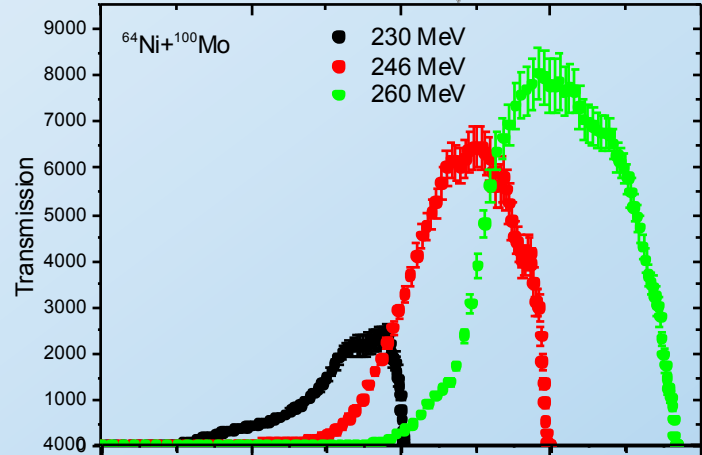
D.Ackermann et al., J. Phys. G 23 (1997)

# Extraction of the barrier distribution for $^{64}\text{Ni}+^{100}\text{Mo}$

- analysis by Varinderjit Singh, Panjab University, India

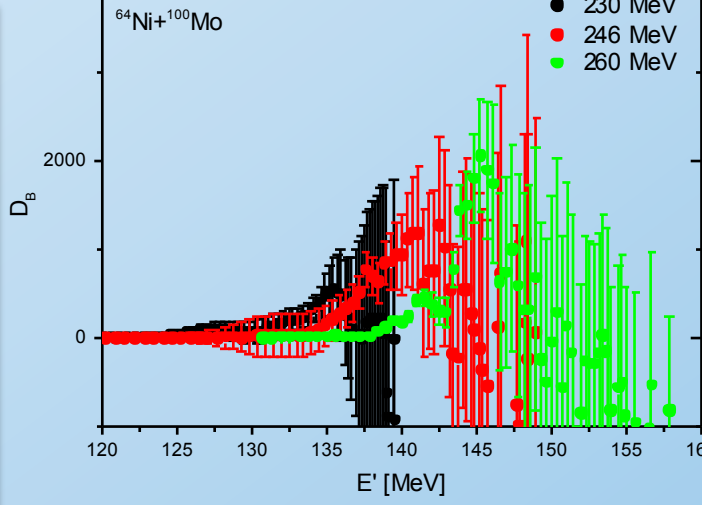


spin  $\ell \rightarrow E'$   
 with  $E' = E - \frac{\ell(\ell + 1)}{2\mu R_b^2}$



### Step wise transformation $\sigma_\ell$ to $D_b$

- transmission function  $T(E')$  ( $T(\ell)$ )
- barrier distribution
  - covers large energy range  $E'$  for one  $E_{\text{beam}}$
  - sensitive only for fusion-evaporation
  - fission cut-off leads to truncation at low  $E' \leftrightarrow$  high  $\ell$

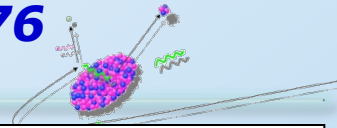


priliminary – analysis ongoing



# Entrance channel effect on ER spin distribution

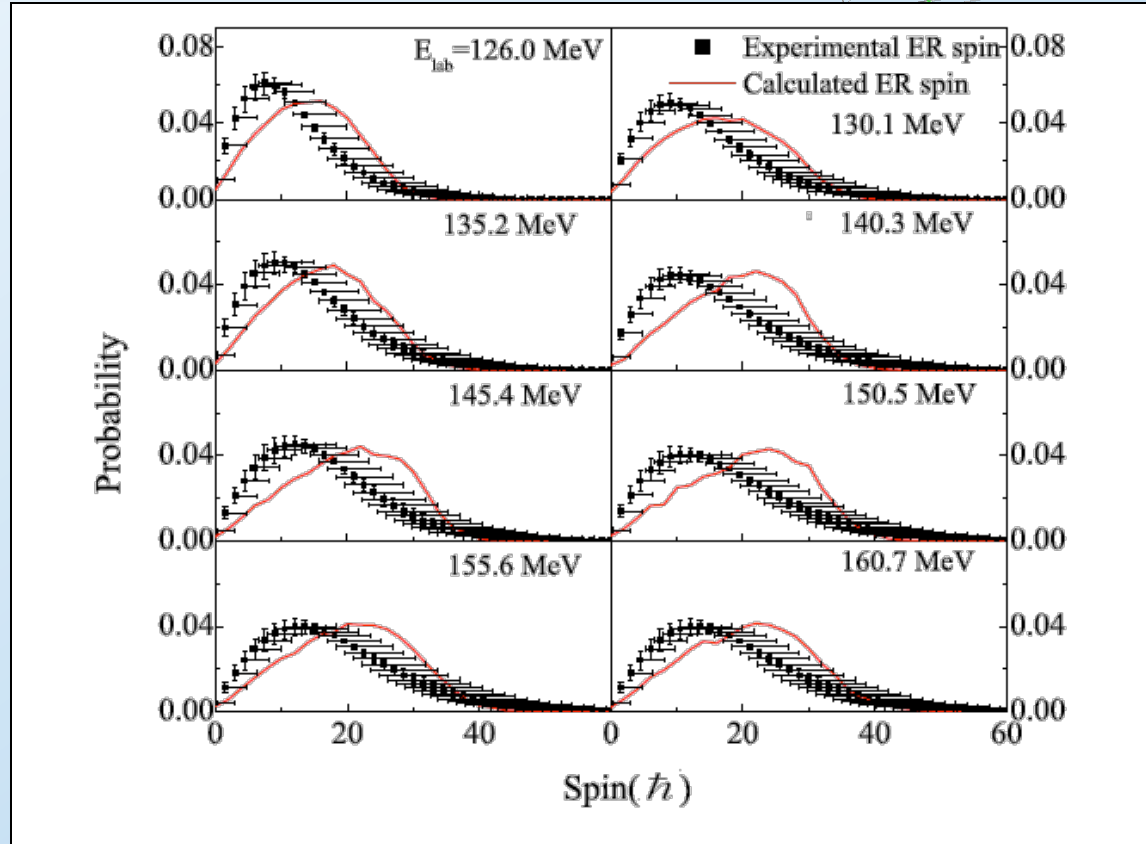
- G. Mohanto et al., Nucl. Phys. A 890–891 (2012) p. 62–76



## Abstract

... **ER gated gamma-multiplicity** was measured for the reaction  $^{30}\text{Si}+^{170}\text{Er}$

... measured multiplicity distribution was **compared ...  $^{16}\text{O}+^{184}\text{W}$  and  $^{19}\text{F}+^{181}\text{Ta}$  forming the same CN ... with **statistical model calculations** ... indicate an absence of higher spins in ERs for  $^{30}\text{Si}+^{170}\text{Er}$  ... lowering of spin value is **attributed to non-compound fission**.**

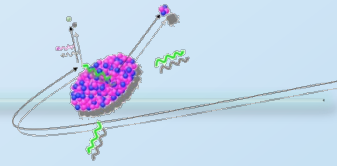


**HYRA + T.I.F.R. 4 $\pi$  spin spectrometer at the IUAC, New Delhi**

Fig. 11. Calculated and experimentally obtained ER spin distribution for the reaction  $^{30}\text{Si}+^{170}\text{Er}$ . The experimental ER spin is the spin remaining after particle evaporation. It is obtained by multiplying the gamma-multiplicity by  $1.5\hbar$ .

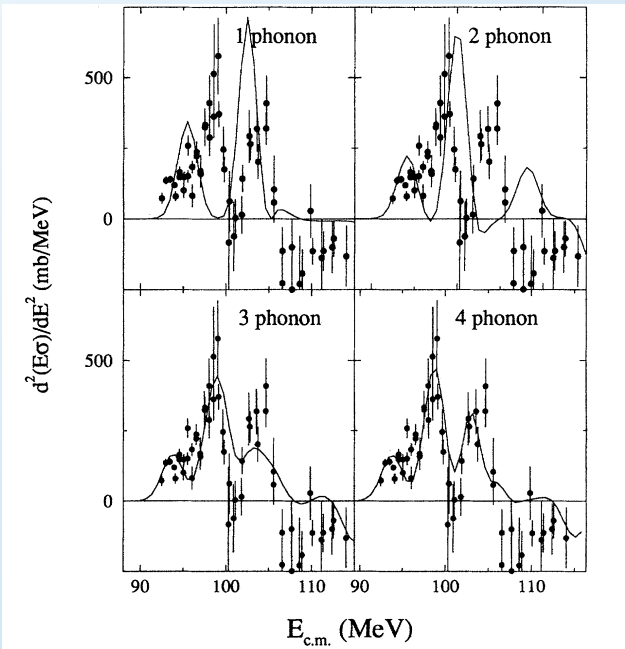
# The concept of multiple barriers

## - coupling to inelastic channels

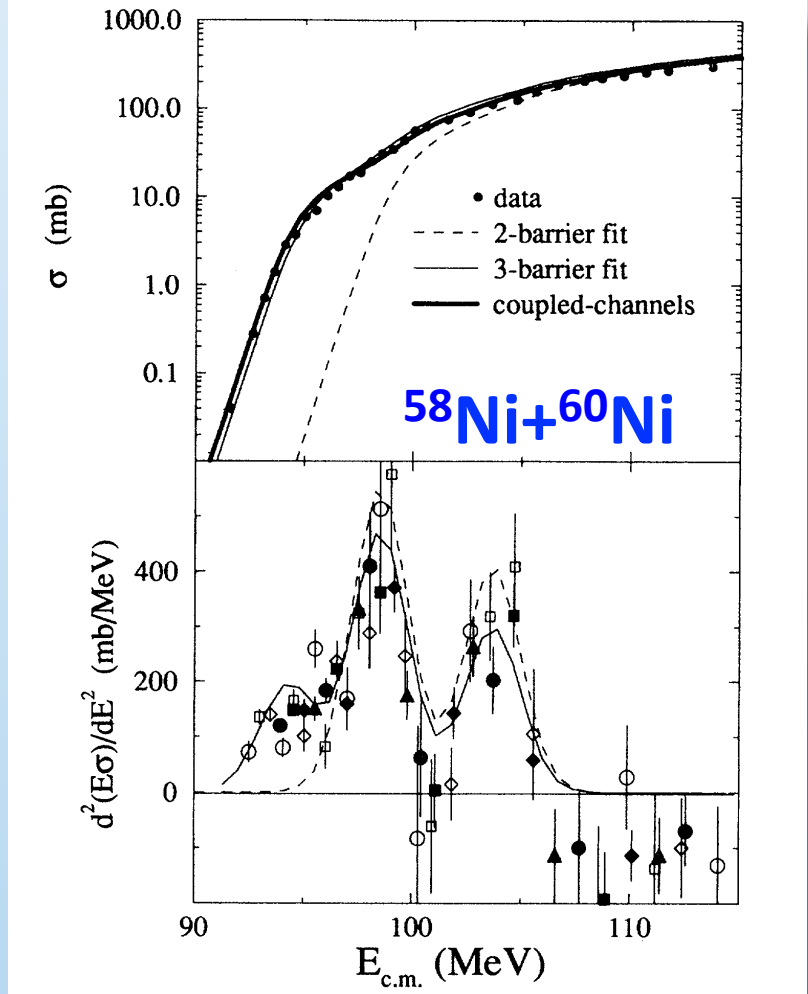


### Competing reaction channels modify the interaction barrier

- inelastic excitation of either reaction partner
- vibrational nuclear excitation
- barrier fluctuations



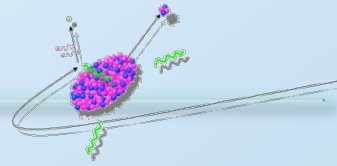
- coupling to phonon states
- collective vibrations
- convergence after 3-phonon coupling



A.M. Stefanini et al., PRL 74 (1995) 864

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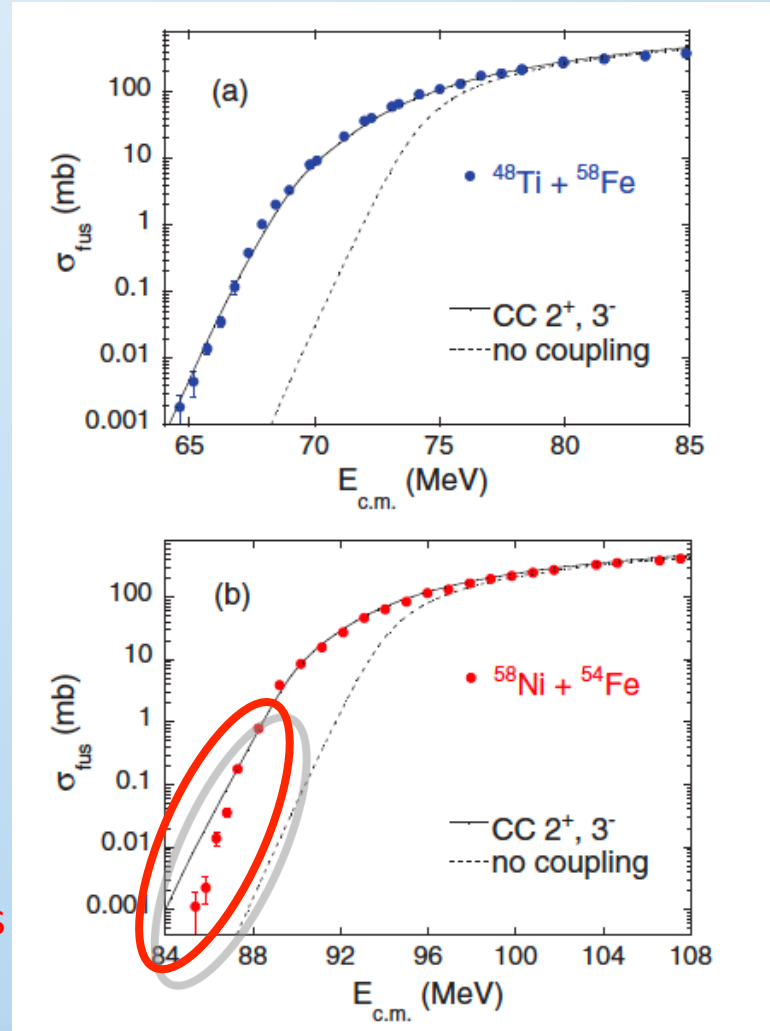


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Nucleus	$E_x$ (MeV)	$\lambda^\pi$	$B(E\lambda)$ (W.u.)	$\beta_\lambda$
$^{48}\text{Ti}$	0.984	$2^+$	14.0	0.269 (7)
	3.359	$3^-$	7.7	0.197 (20)
$^{58}\text{Fe}$	0.811	$2^+$	18.0	0.259 (4)
	3.861	$3^-$	9.9	0.189 (8.6)
$^{58}\text{Ni}$	1.454	$2^+$	10.4	0.183 (2.6)
	4.475	$3^-$	12.6	0.198 (9)
$^{54}\text{Fe}$	1.408	$2^+$	10.2	0.195 (8)
	4.782	$3^-$	3.6	0.114 (5)

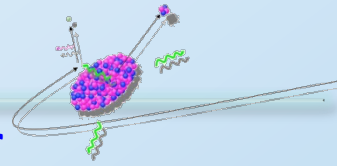
- differences in nuclear structure features
- different behavior far below the barrier
  - fusion is hindered in one of the two systems
  - relevance for astrophysics (discussed later)



A.M. Stefanini et al., PRC 92 (2015) 064607

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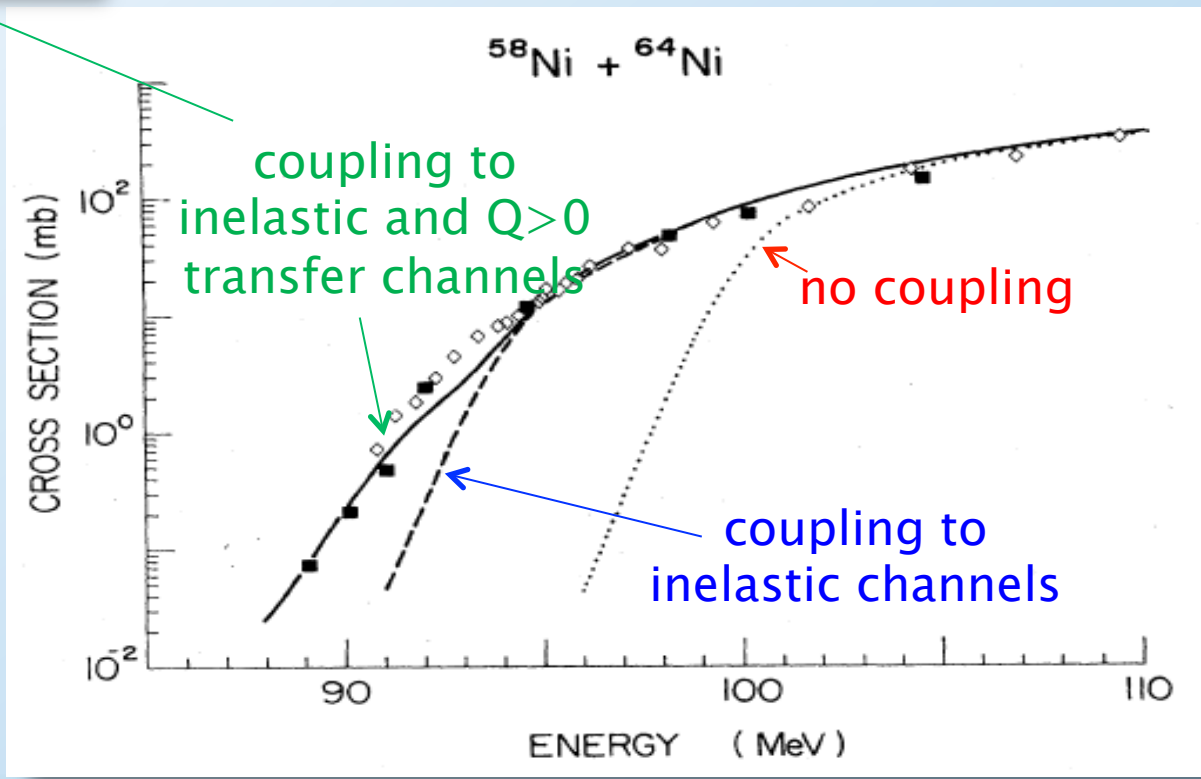
## - coupling to transfer channels



Competing reaction channels modify the interaction barrier

- nucleon transfer between the reaction partners
- proton-neutron ratio is modified
- Q-value effects
- problem: form factor

$$[F(r)]_p = \frac{\beta_p}{3A} R_0 \frac{\partial U_{ad}(r)}{\partial r}$$

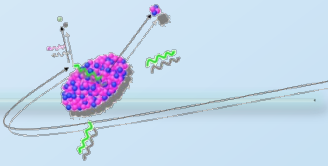


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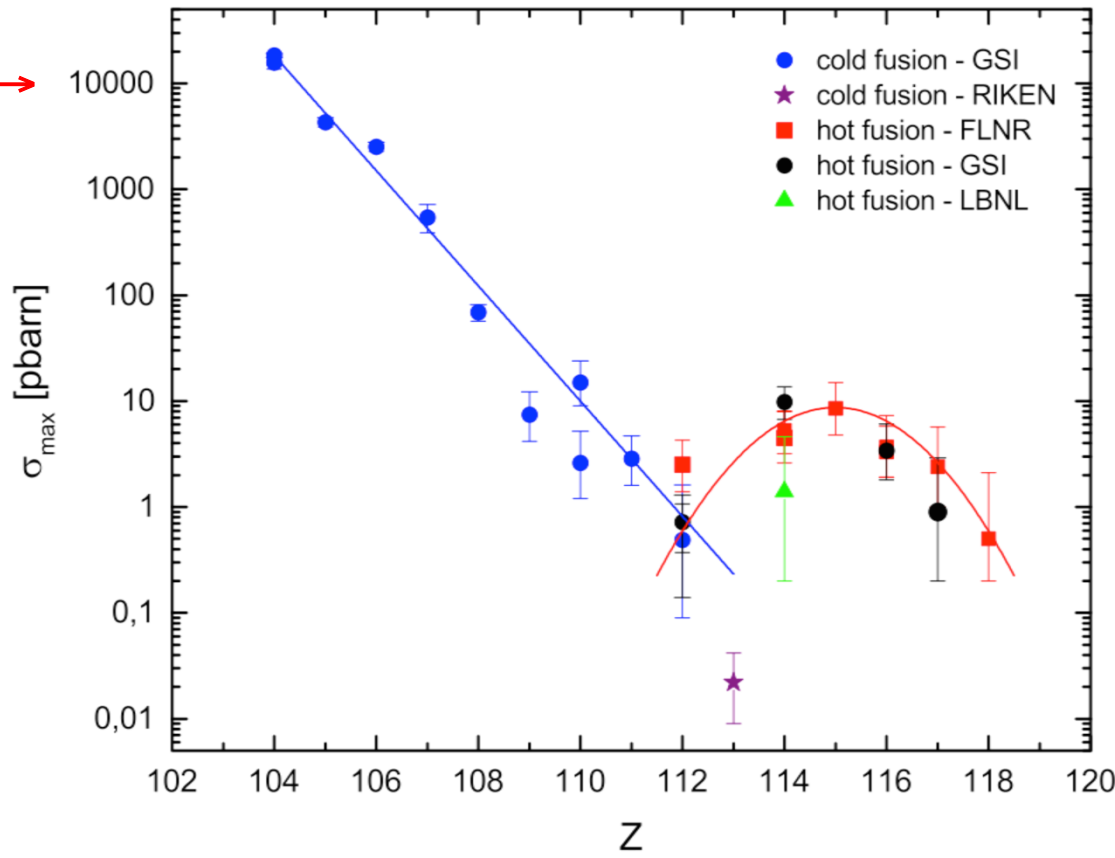


# The Region of Superheavy Elements

## - methods and state of the art

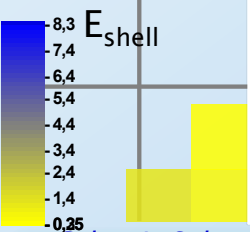


maximum measured cross sections



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Calc.: A. Sobiczewski

Dieter Ackermann



Pisa, July 25<sup>th</sup> 2017

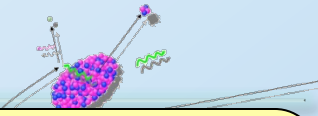


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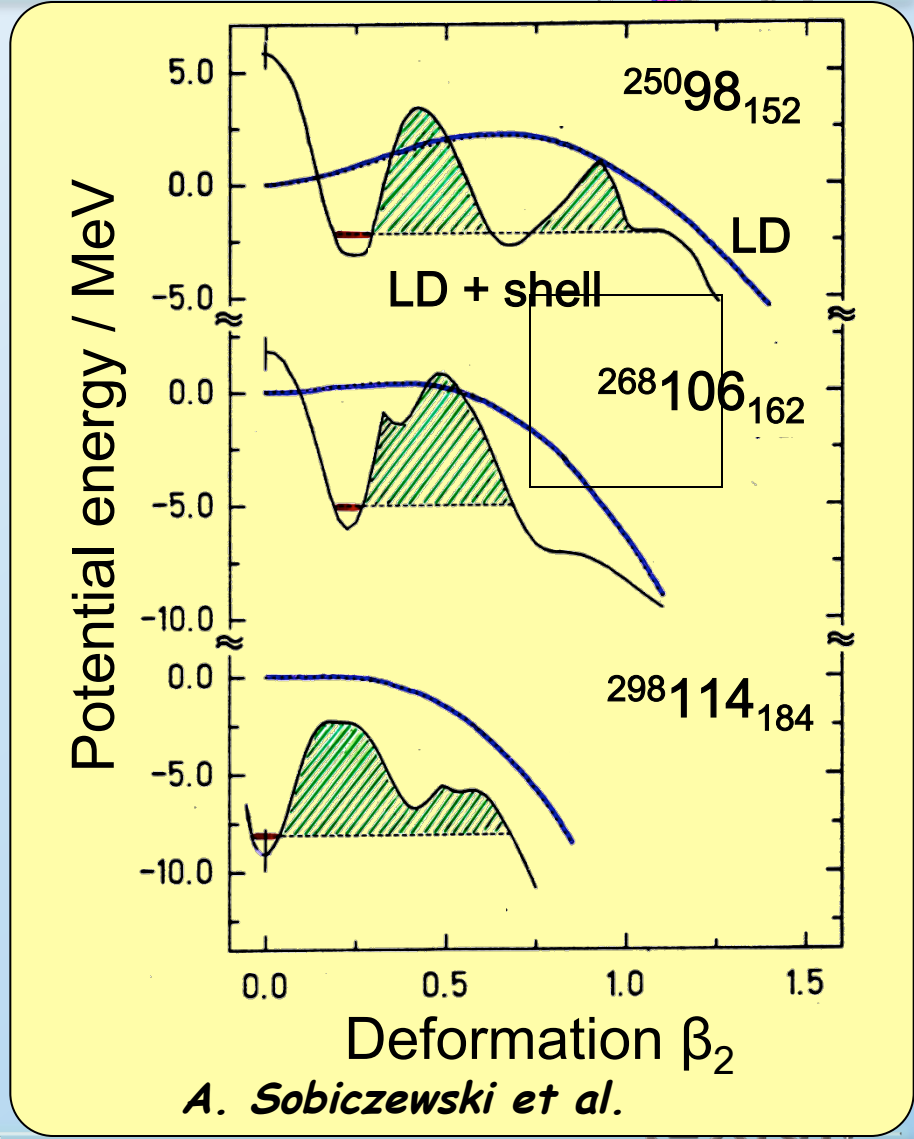
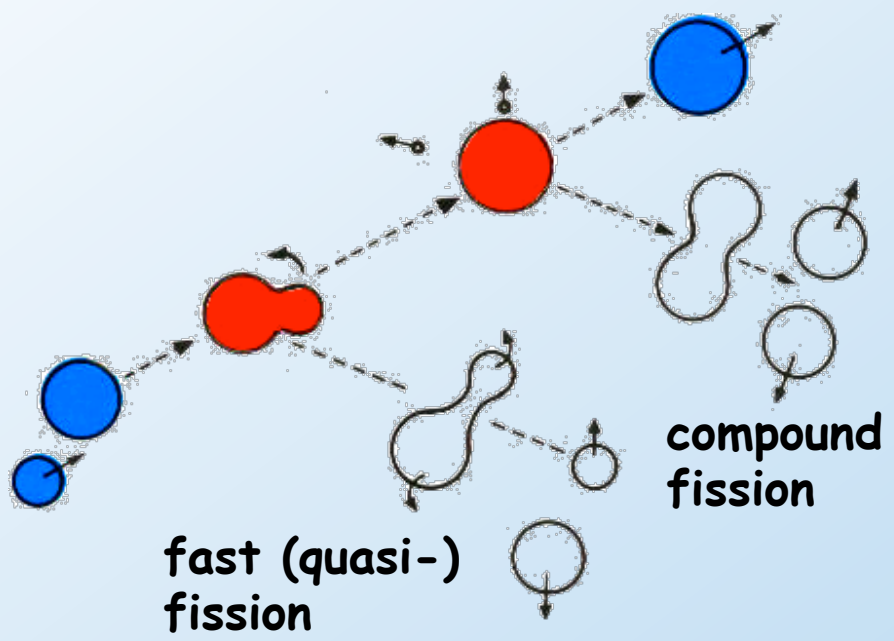


# Fusion/Fission Competition for SHE

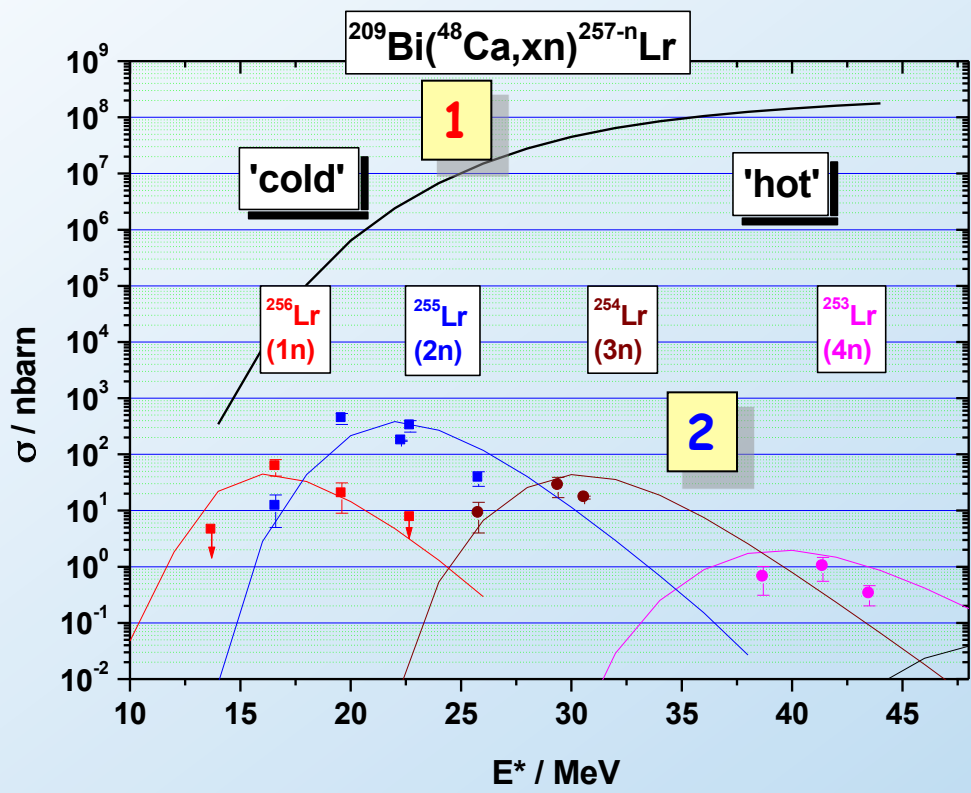
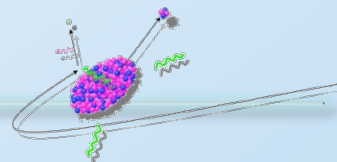
## - Liquid Drop + Shell Corrections



evaporation residue survival



# The (simplified) 2-step process - Fusion - Evaporation



F.P.Heßberger 2.5.2005

## 1. compound nucleus (CN) formation

- entrance channel properties

coupling to competing channels:  
nuclear structure, deformation, ...

## 2. Evaporation residue (ER) formation

- surviving de-excitation

competition  
fission-neutron emission:

$$\Gamma_n / \Gamma_f$$

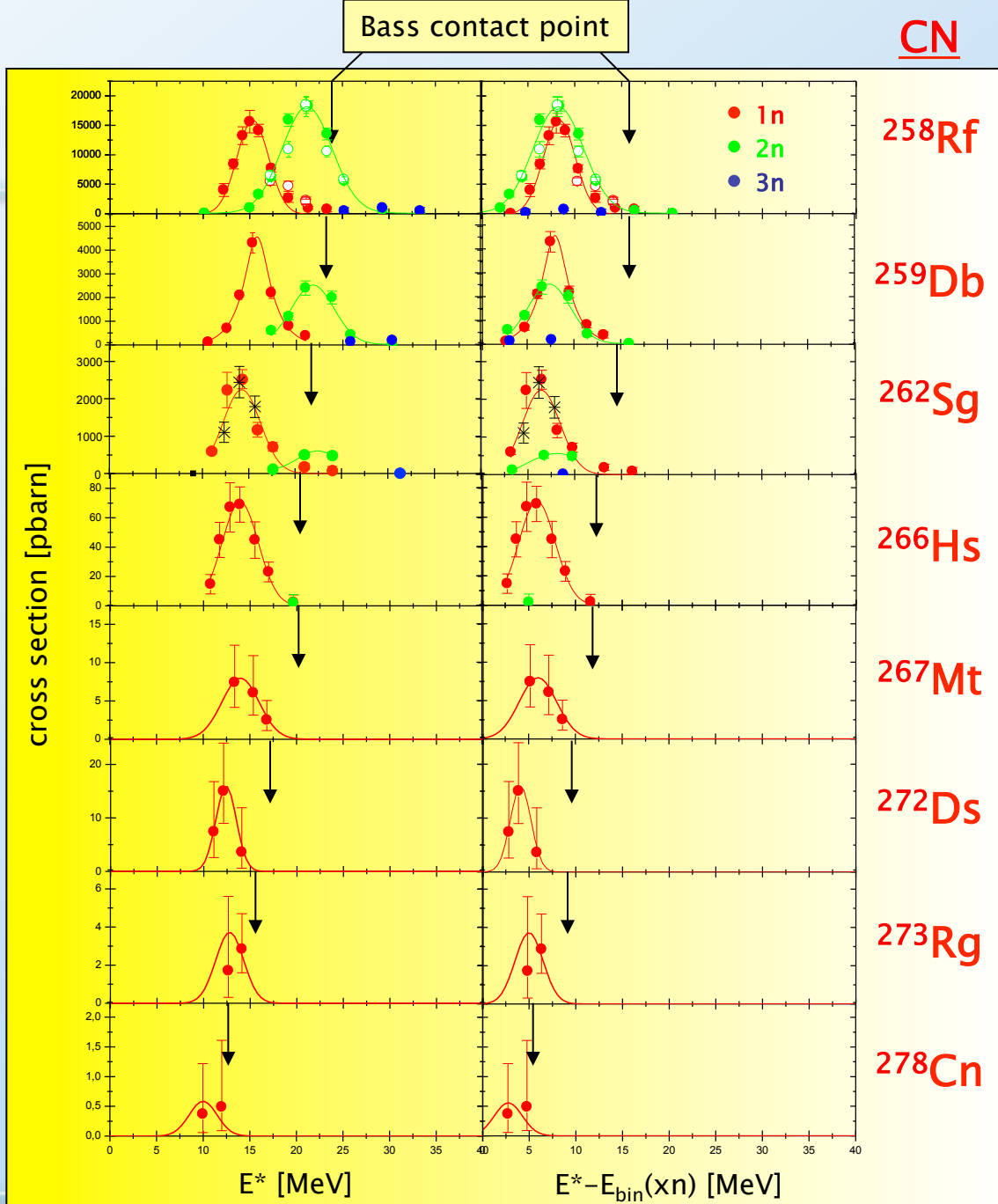
$\Gamma_n$ : n-emission probability

$\Gamma_f$ : fission probability

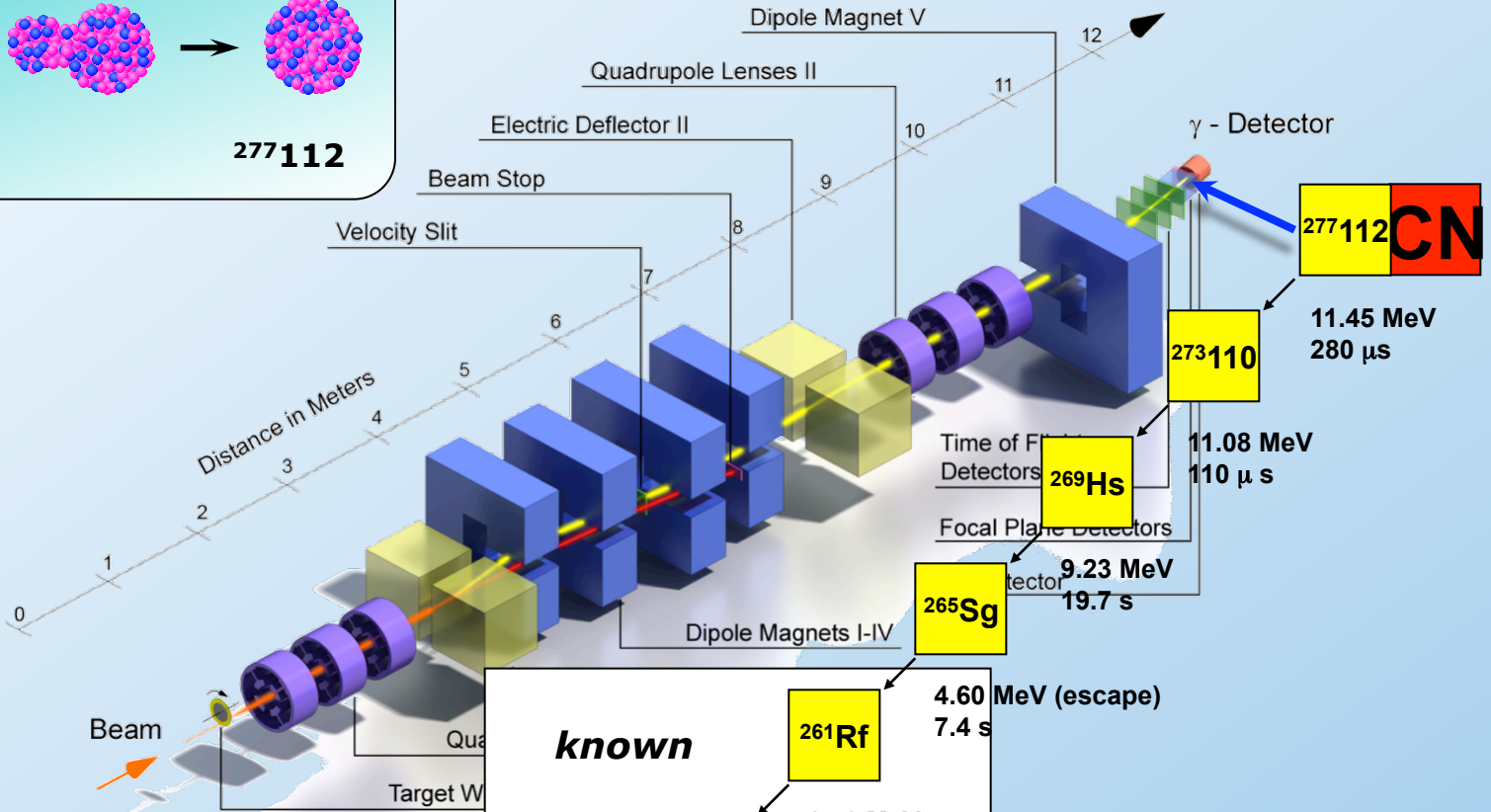
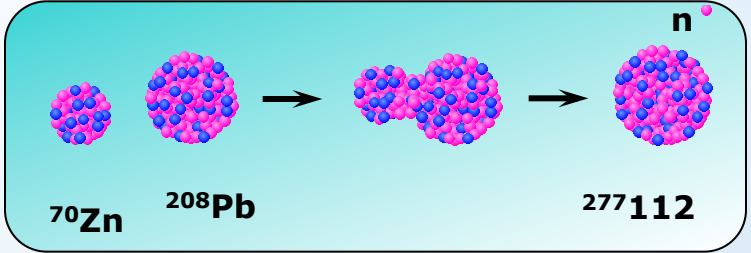


# Excitation functions for $Z \geq 104$

- cross section as a function of the  $E^*$
- after subtraction of  $E_{bin}(xn)$  maxima coincide



# Synthesis and Identification of SHE at SHIP



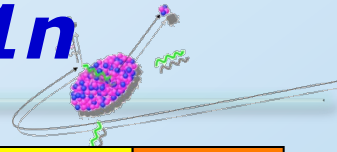
**kinematic separation in flight**

**identification by α-α correlations to known nuclides**

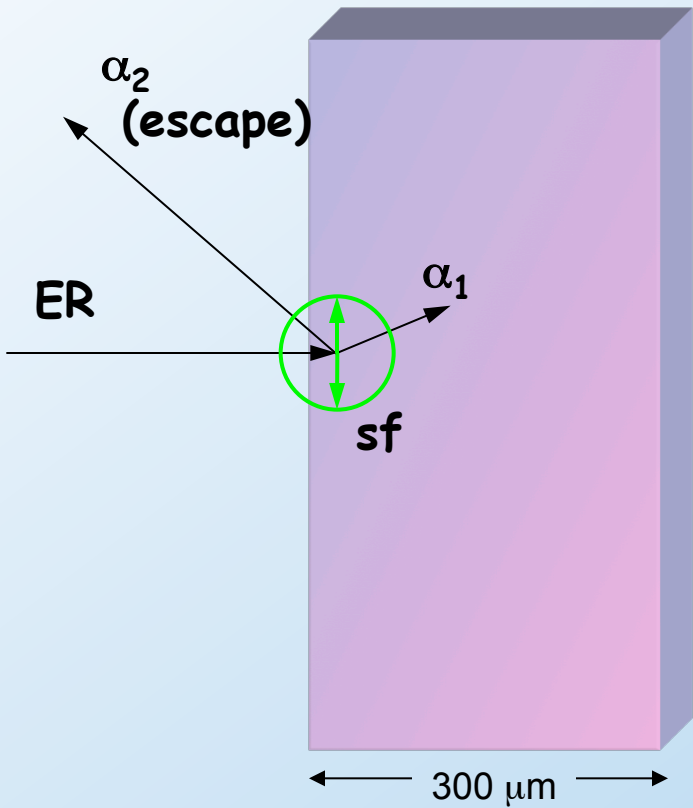
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# ER- $\alpha$ Correlation method

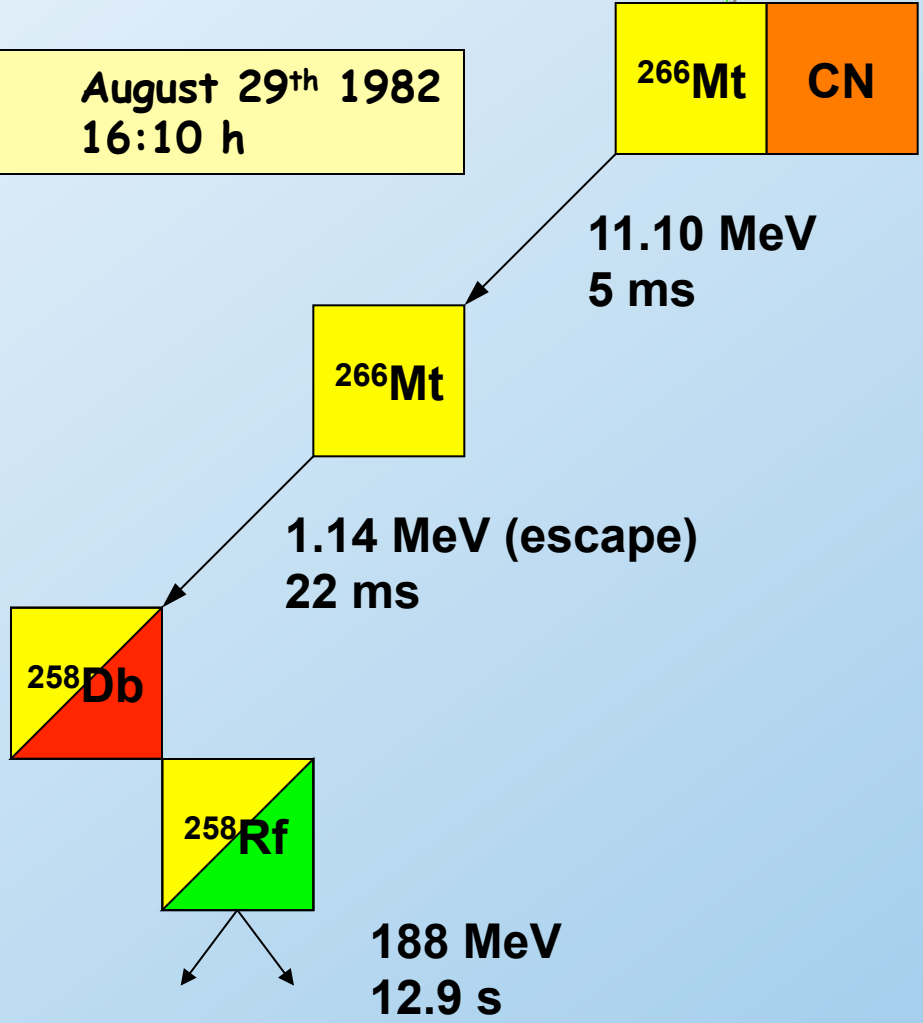
- Example:  $^{58}\text{Fe} + ^{209}\text{Bi} \rightarrow ^{266}\text{Mt} + 1n$



Si (STOP) detector

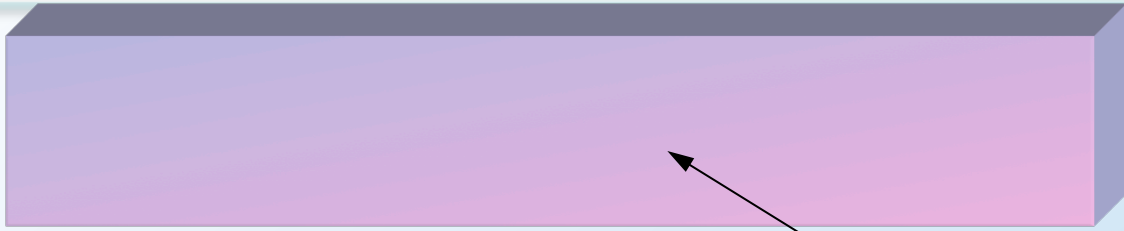
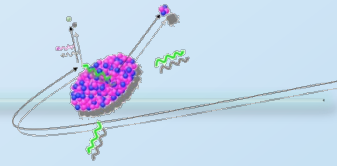


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# Revelation of escape $\alpha$ 's

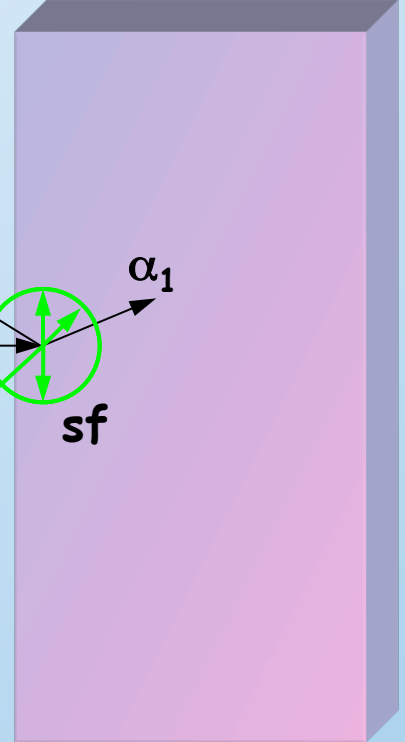
## - "Backward Box" SI detector array



Si (STOP) detector

$\alpha_2$  (escape)

ER



$\alpha_1$

sf

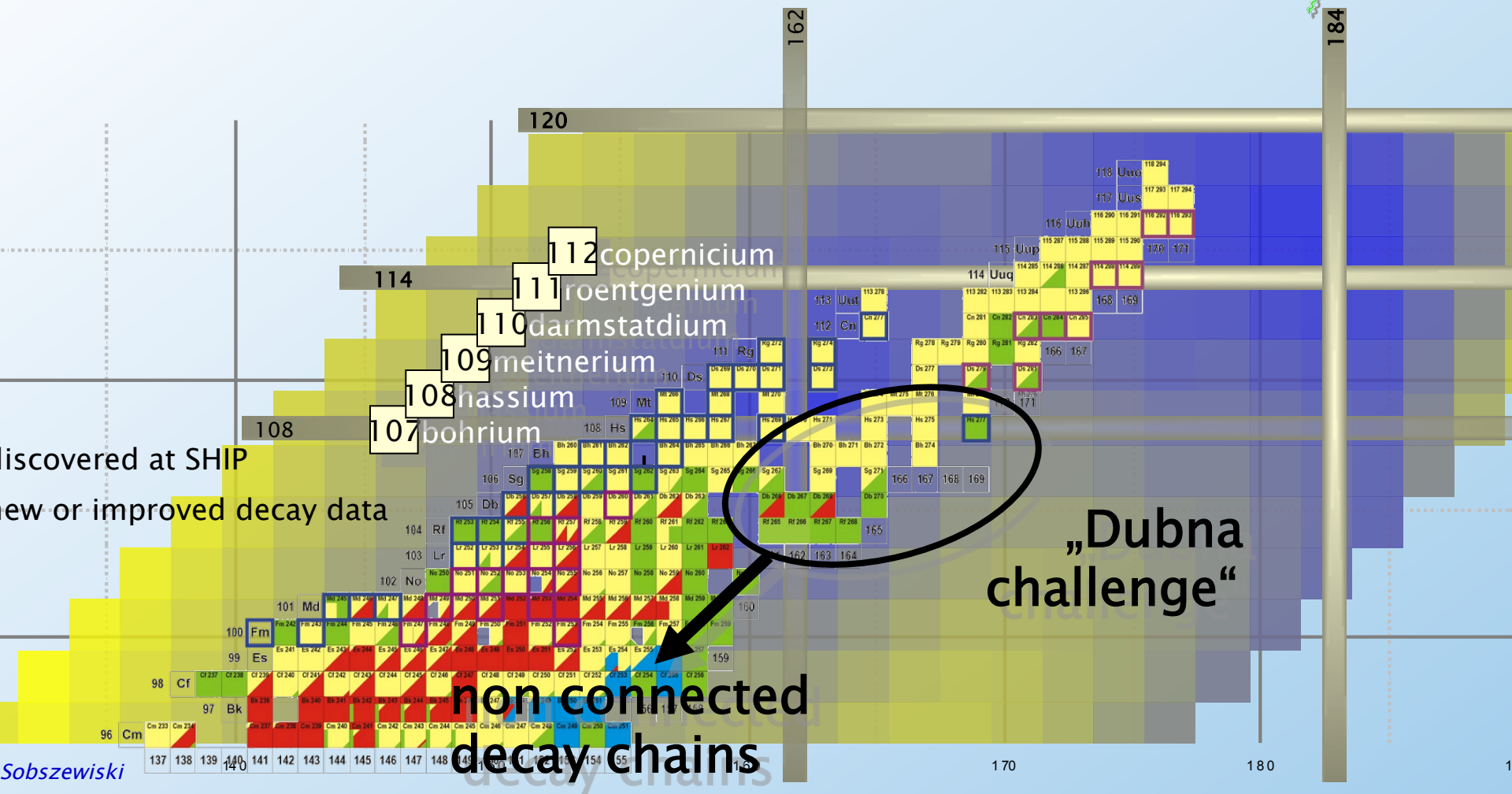
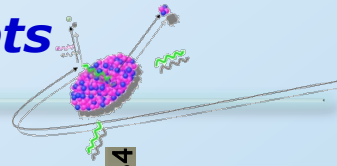
300  $\mu$ m

"backward box" for detecting escape  $\alpha$ 's  
→ efficiency increase:  
from ~50% to >80-85%



# "Hot Fusion" Studies

## - $^{48}\text{Ca}$ (et al.) Induced Reactions on Actinide Targets



discovered at SHIP  
new or improved decay data

„Dubna challenge“

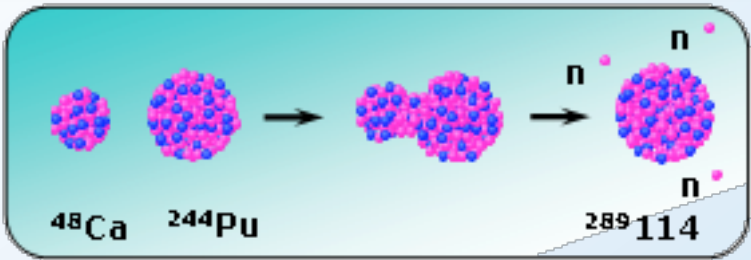
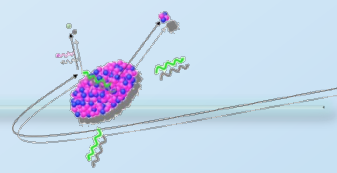
non connected  
decay chains

Sobszewski

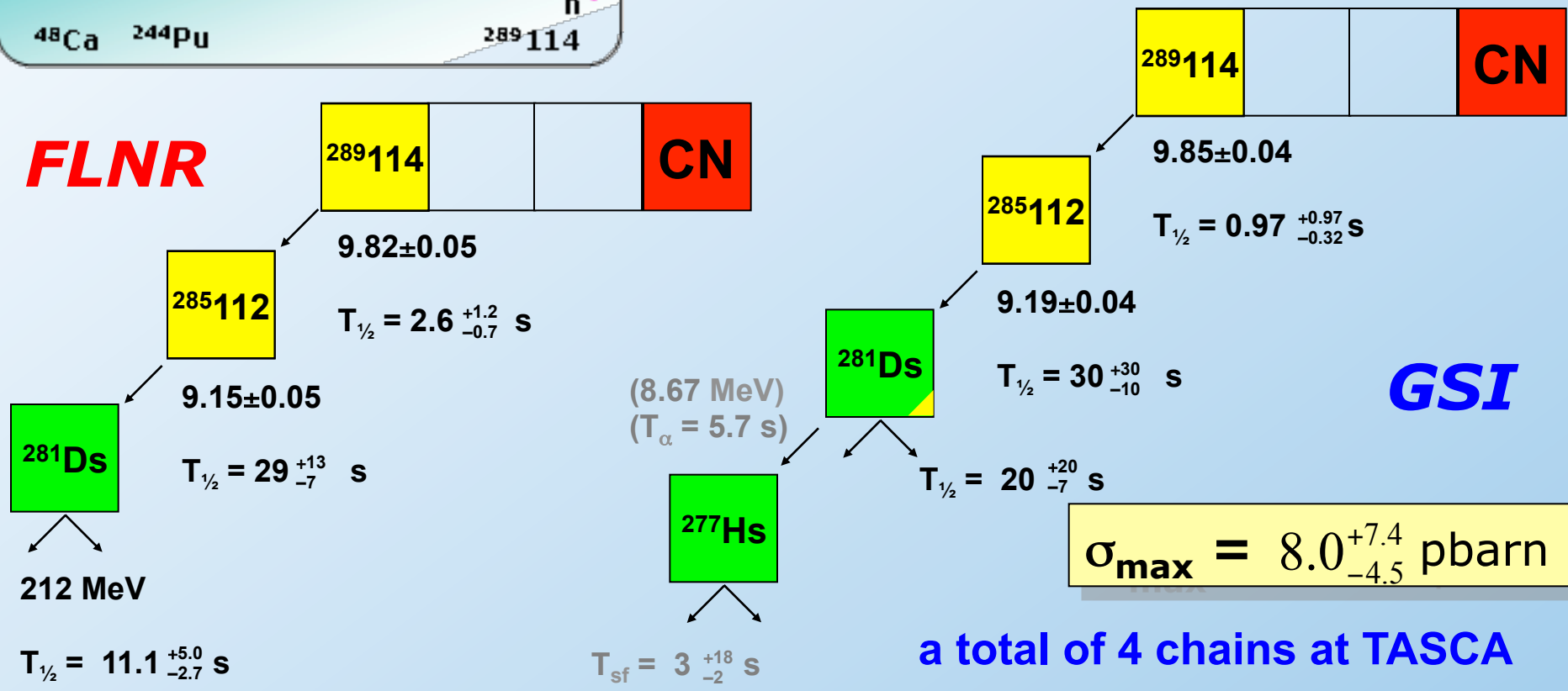




# Comparison with FLNR Results



**FLNR**

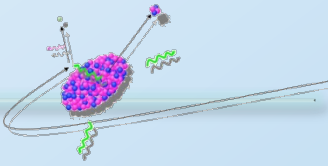


**a total of 4 chains at TASCA**

Yu. Ts. Oganessian, J. Phys. G 34 (2007) R165

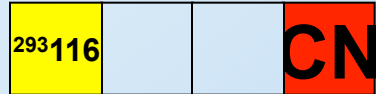
Ch. Düllmann et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 104 (2010) 252701

# The "Dubna Challenge"

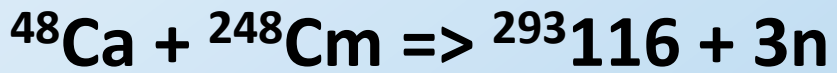
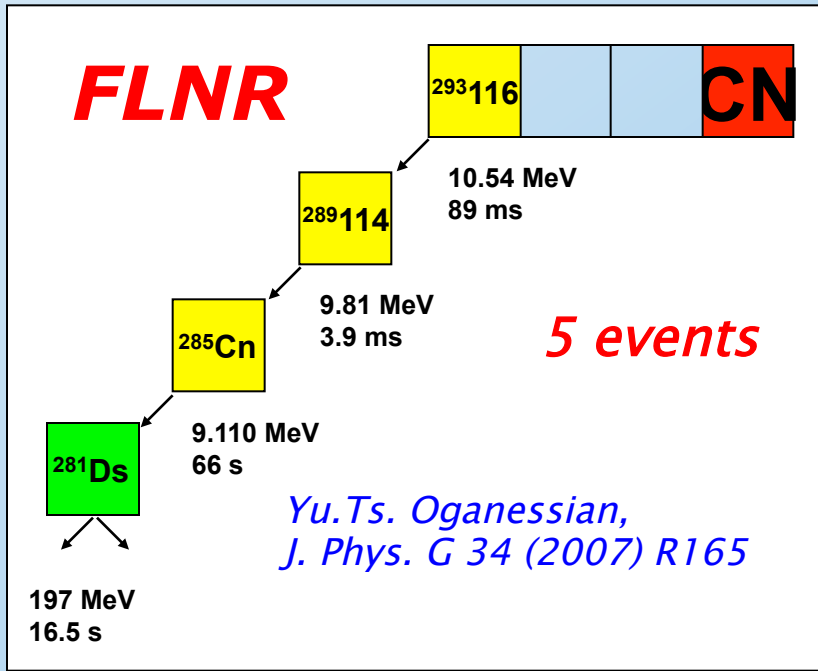
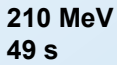
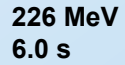
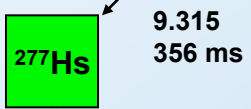
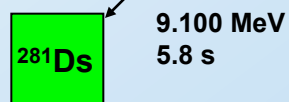
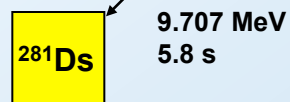
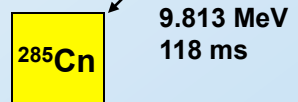
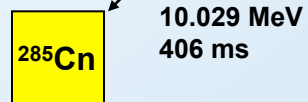
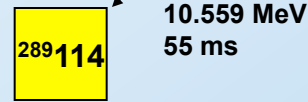
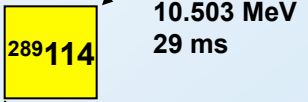


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10.06 MeV, 6.3 mm, strip 4

08/09-July-2010, chain 6  
21 MeV, 11.4 mm, strip 8



tentative assignment

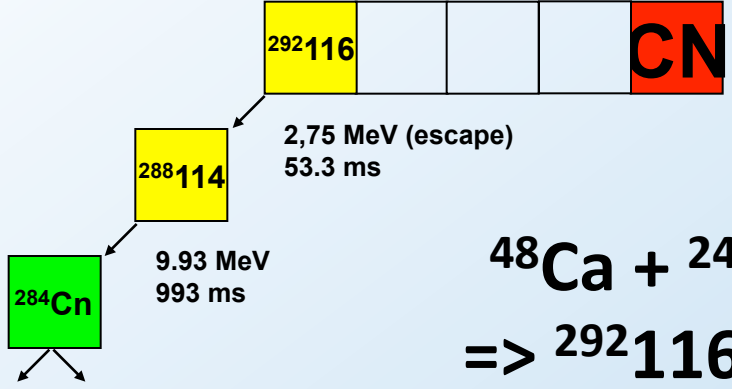




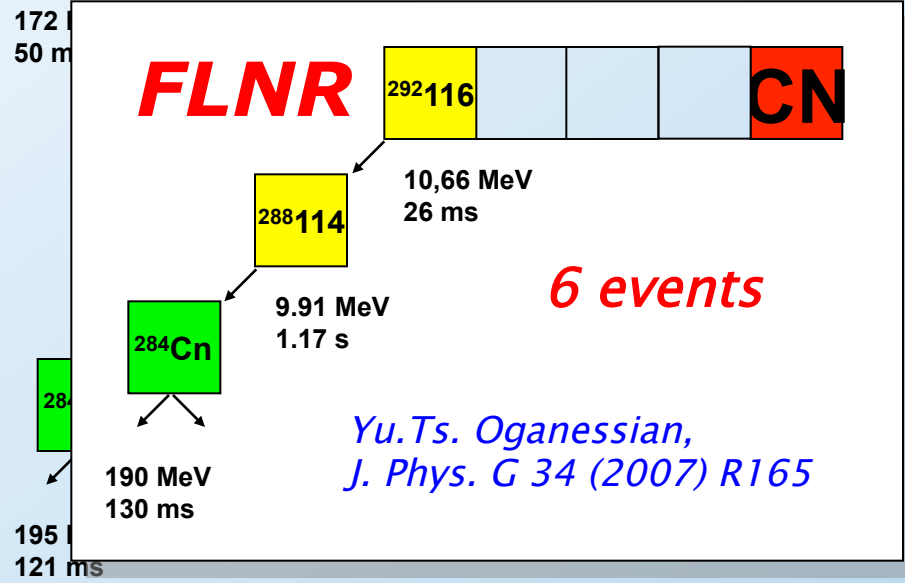
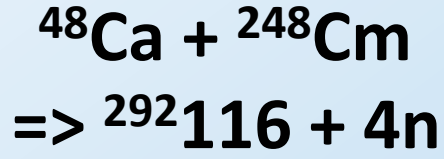
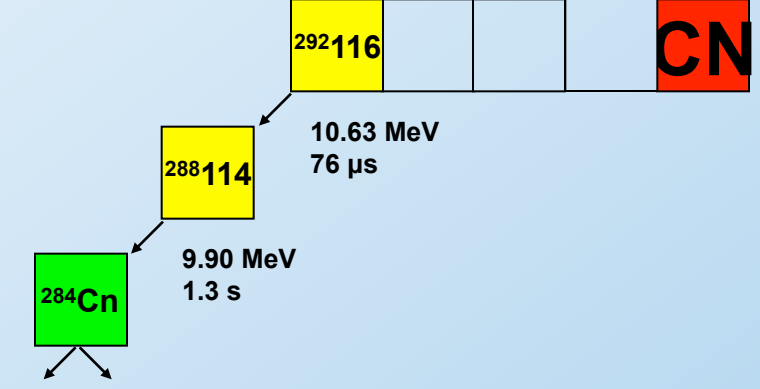
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8.96 MeV, 10.4 mm, strip 4

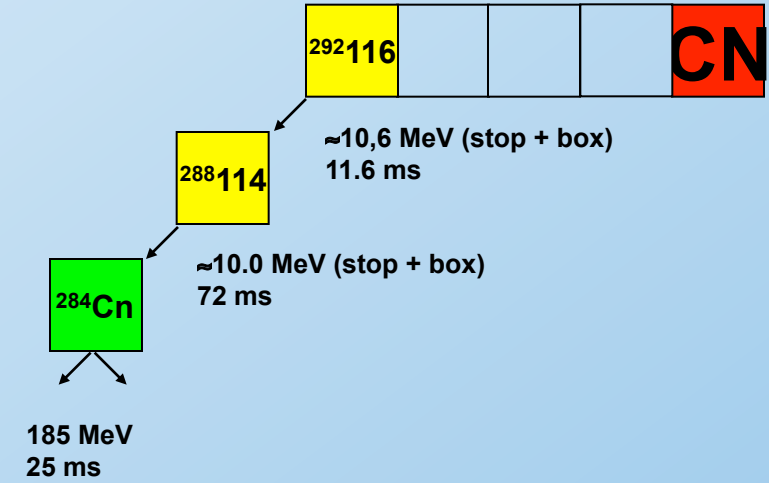


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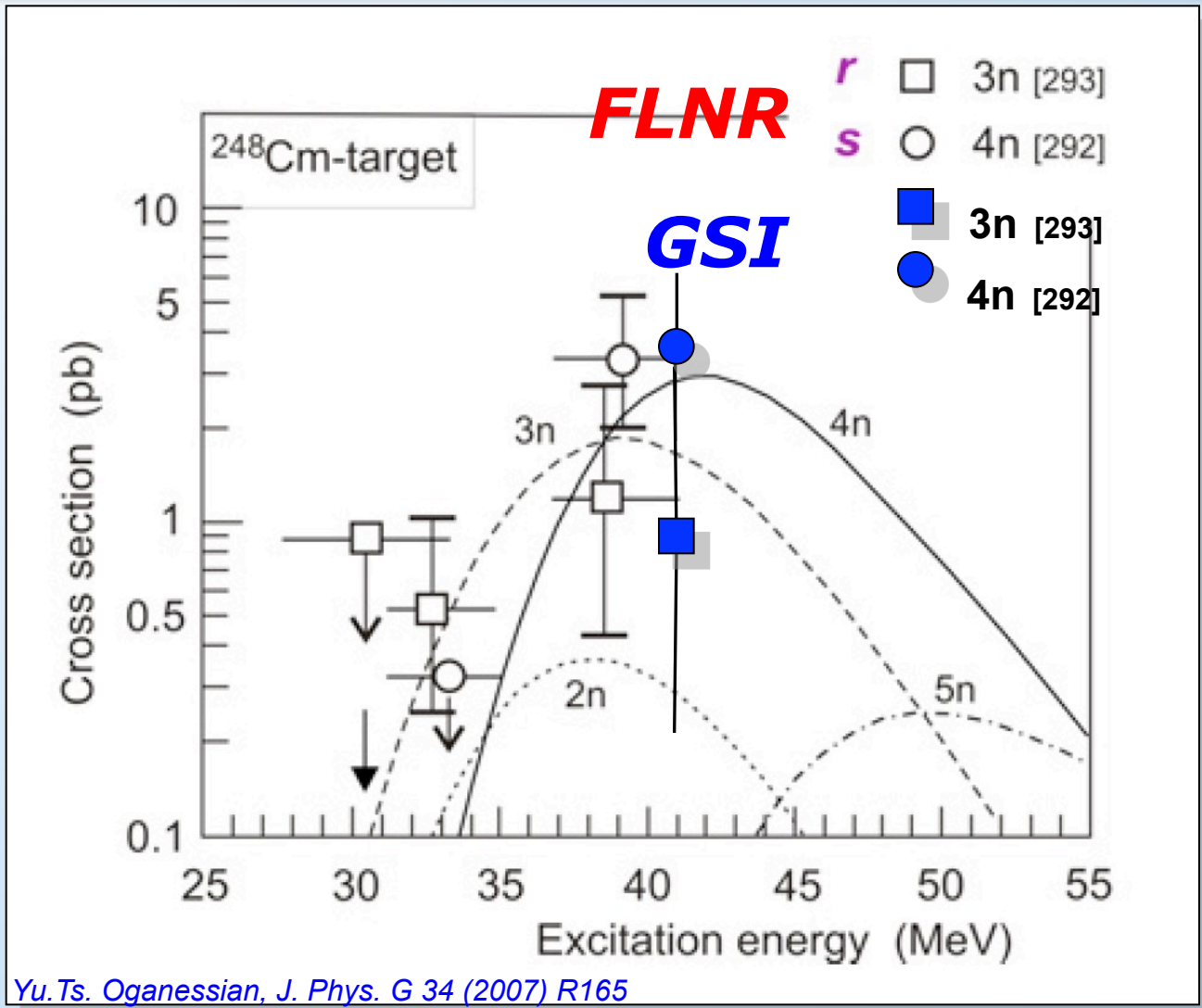
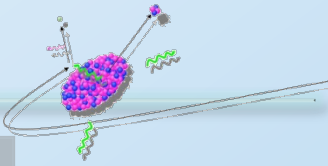
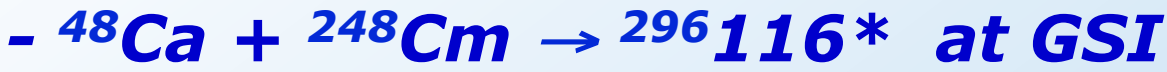


197 MeV  
269 ms

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21 MeV, 28 mm, strip 12

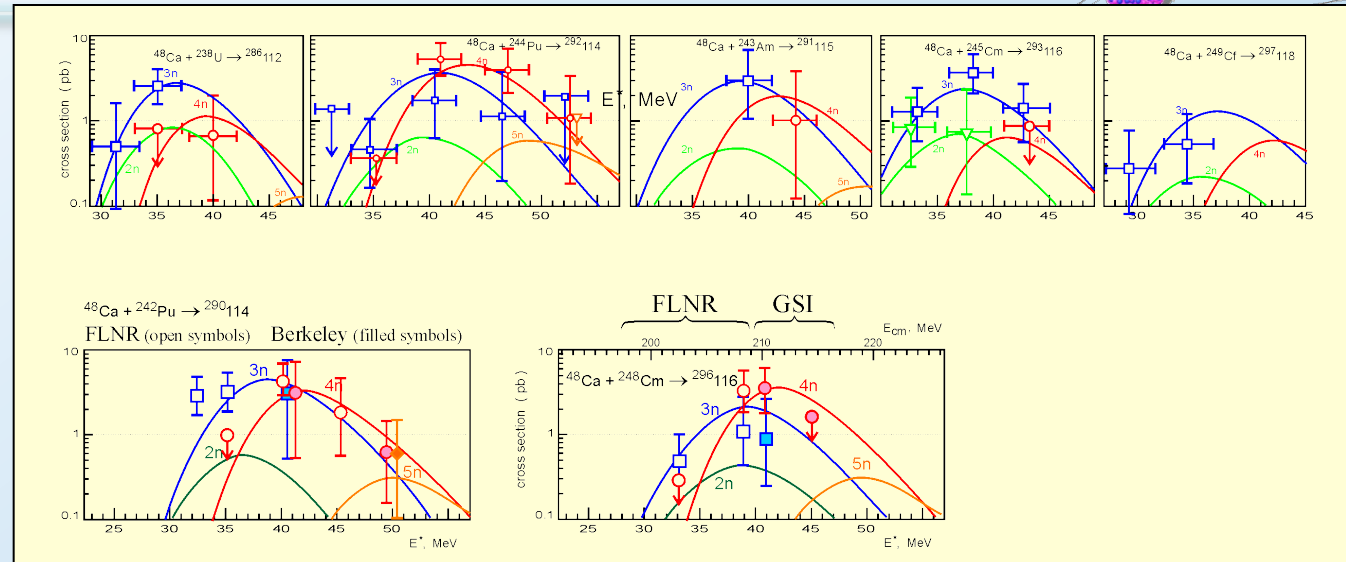


# The "Dubna Challenge"



# Cross Section Predictions and their Validity

Predictive power  
of theory  
for hot fusion reactions



looks quite impressive,  
but...

Synthesis of SHE  
in fusion reactions  
(theoretical problems  
to be solved)

## 1. Capture (contact) reaction stage

standard CC calculation:

→ no problems with predictions  
of capture cross sections  
(within factor **2 or 3**)

## 2. CN formation stage

two-center shell model and transport equations:

- explicit potential energy surface?
- appropriate degrees of freedom and equations of motion?
- nuclear viscosity?
- nucleon transfer rate?

→ uncertainty factor may vary  
from **10 to 1000**

## 3. Cooling stage

standard Statistical Model calculation:

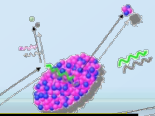
- collective enhancement factor in level density?
- damping of shell corrections and fission barrier?
- unknown fission barriers for SH nuclei?

→ uncertainty factor is about **10**

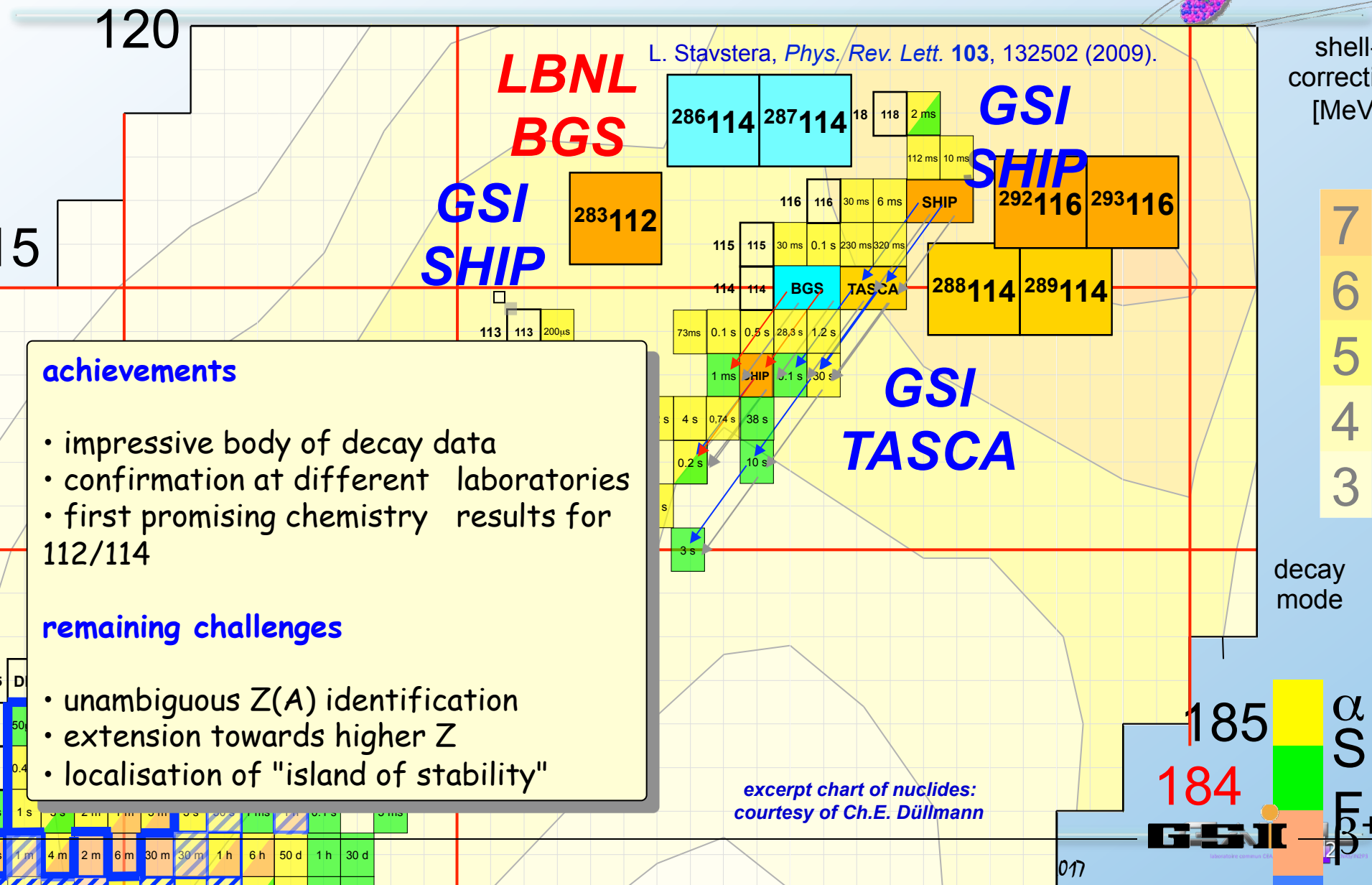
**(2 or 3) × 10 to 1000 × 10 = ?!!!**

# Confirmation of FLNR Results

## - Summary



L. Stavstera, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **103**, 132502 (2009).



### achievements

- impressive body of decay data
- confirmation at different laboratories
- first promising chemistry results for 112/114

### remaining challenges

- unambiguous Z(A) identification
- extension towards higher Z
- localisation of "island of stability"

excerpt chart of nuclides:  
courtesy of Ch.E. Düllmann

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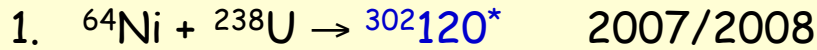
$\alpha$   
S  
E  
B<sup>+</sup>

GSI

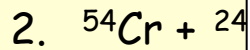
# Hunt for the heaviest

## - towards element 119, 120 at SHIP and TASCA

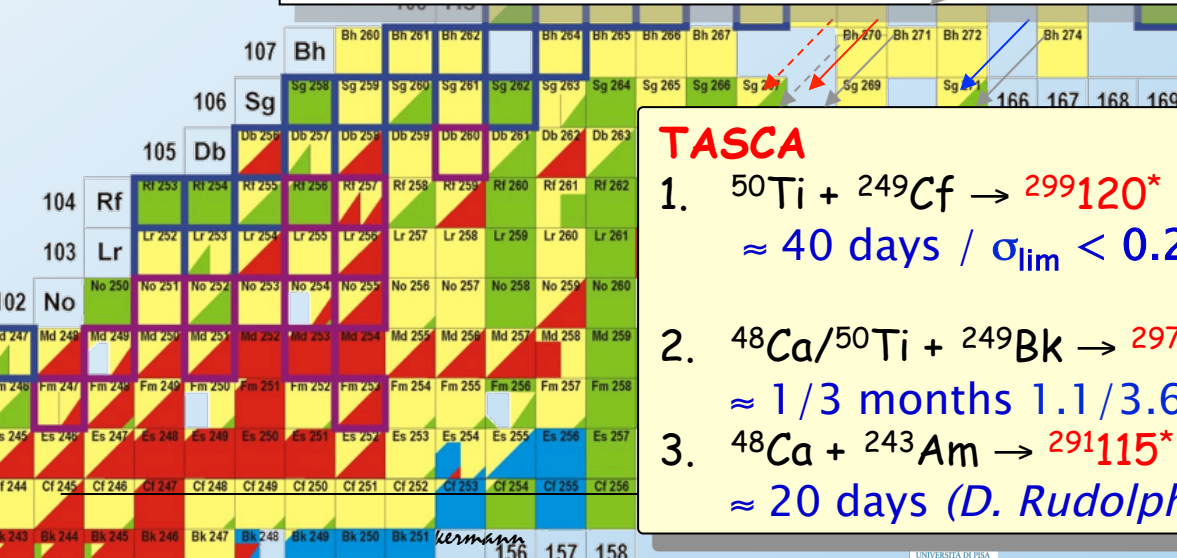
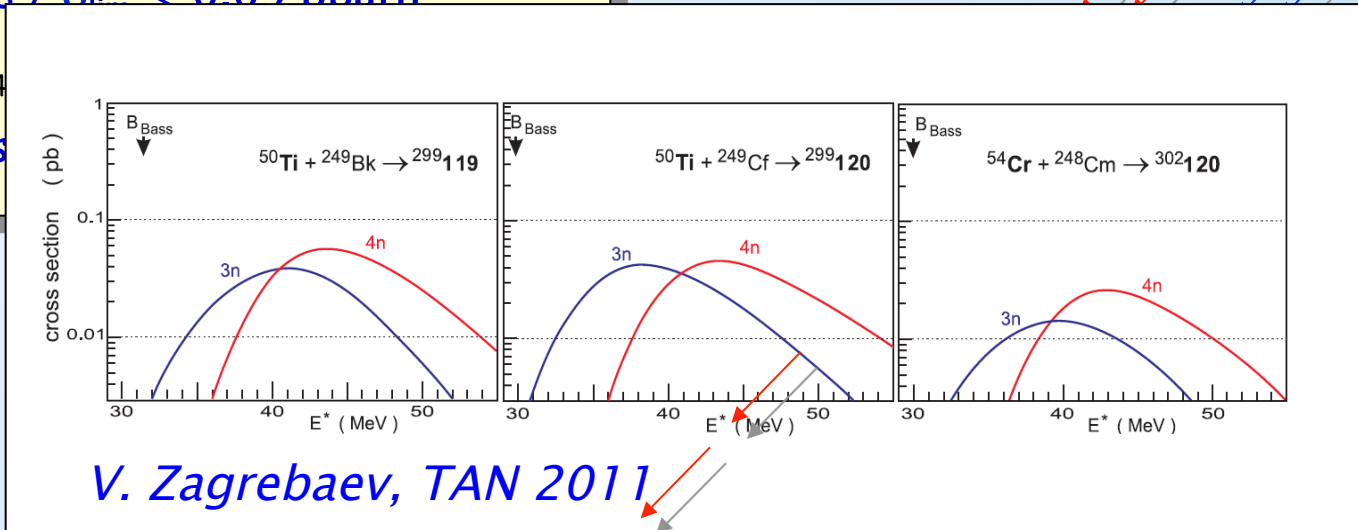
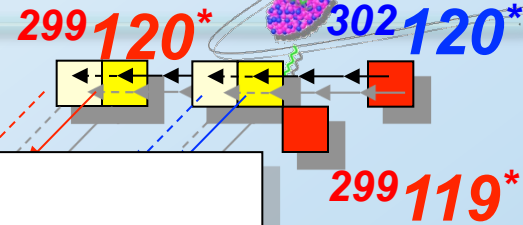
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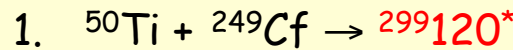
120 days /  $\sigma_{lim} < 0.09$  nbarn



36 days

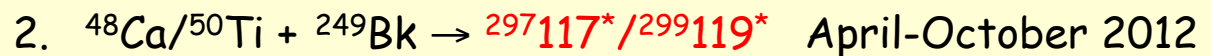


### TASCA



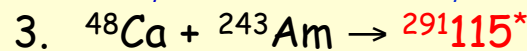
August-October 2011

$\approx 40$  days /  $\sigma_{lim} < 0.2$  pbarn



April-October 2012

$\approx 1/3$  months  $1.1/3.6 \times 10^{19}$  projectiles on target



November 2012

$\approx 20$  days (D. Rudolph et al. - characteristic X-rays)

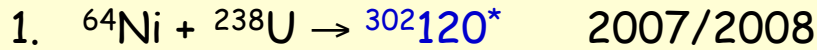




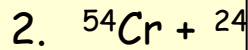
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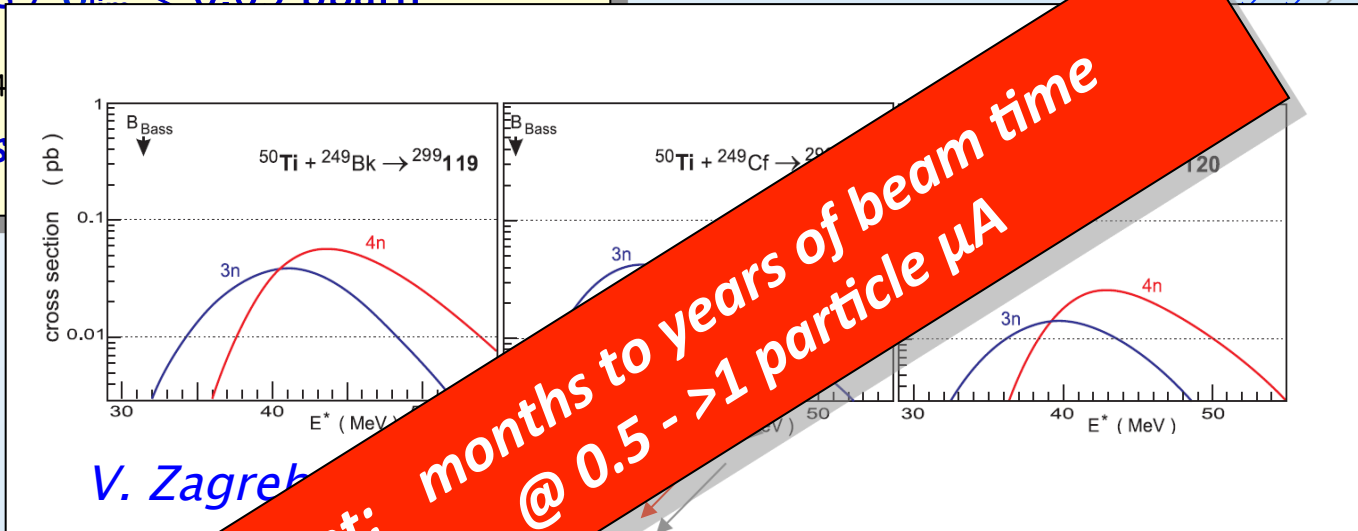
## SHIP



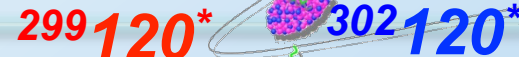
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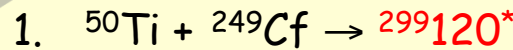
36 days



**Requirement: months to years of beam time @ 0.5 - >1 particle  $\mu\text{A}$**

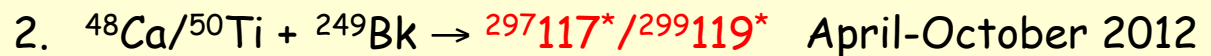


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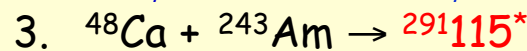
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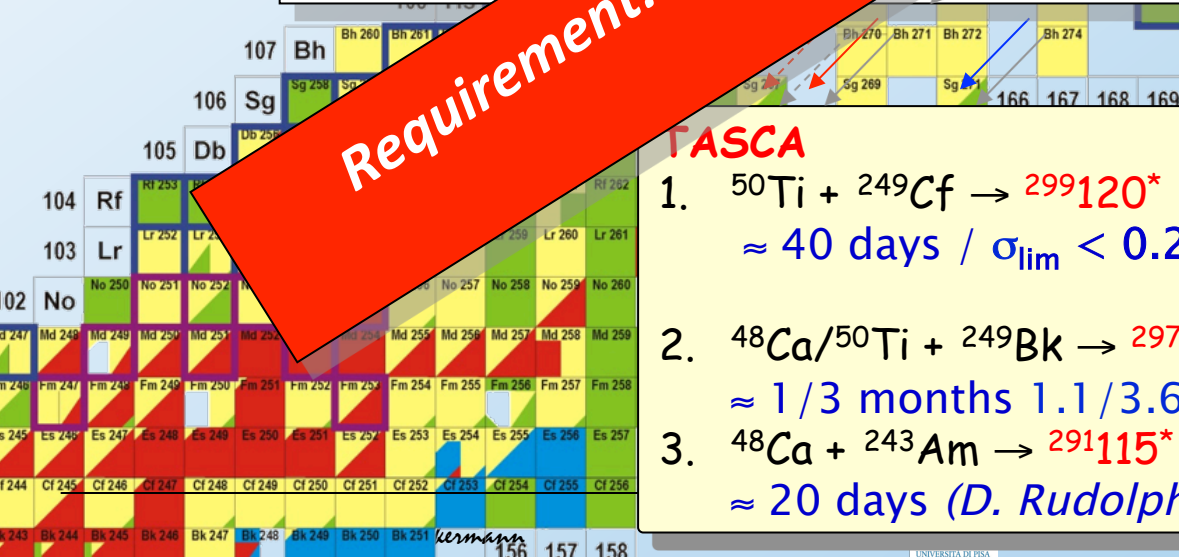
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# Multi nucleon transfer as a tool to study n-rich species

## - Reaction dynamics

D. Ackermann, L. Corradi, E. Fioreto, D. Montanari, G. Montagnoli, G. Pllatolo, F. Scarlassara, A.M. Stefanini, S. Szilner

investigation of transfer reaction dynamics

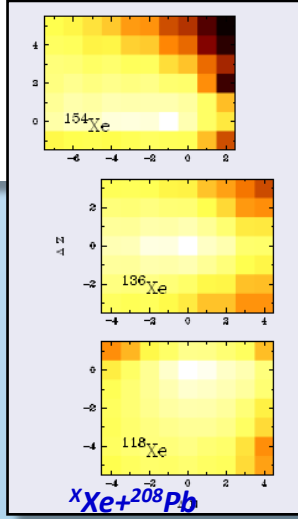
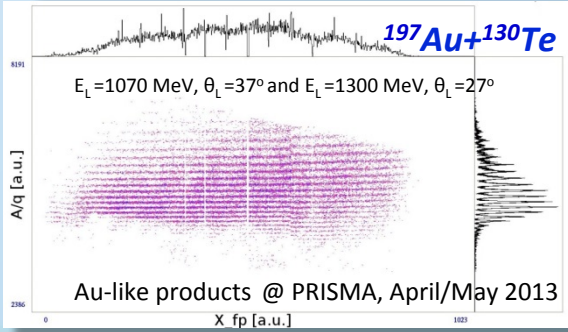
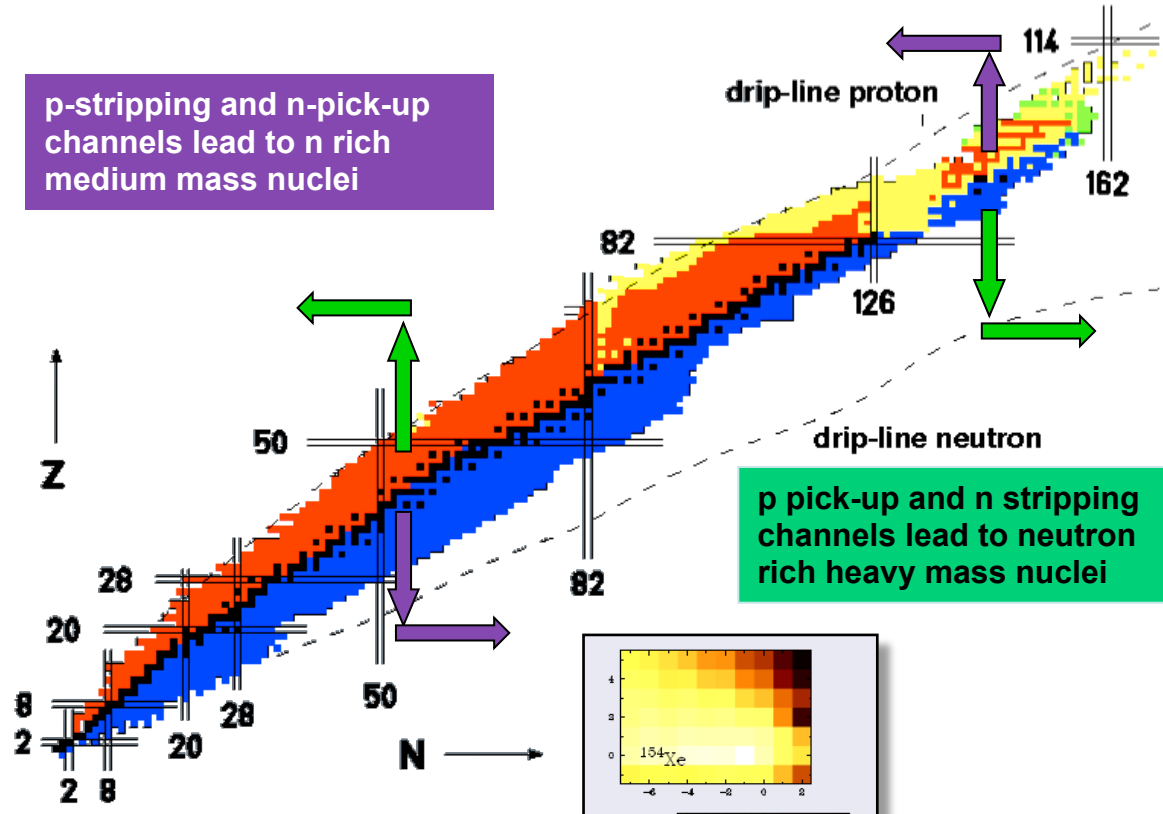
- n rich projectiles favor p pick-up/n stripping (light partner)
  - caution: n evaporation and (transfer induced) fission shifts towards stability

instrumental requirements:

- large acceptance magnetic (tracking) spectrometer (PRISMA/VAMOS type)
  - also in coincidence with particle and  $\gamma$  detector arrays
- detection of the heavy partner
  - high spatial and energy resolution (PRISMA:
    - $\Delta x, \Delta y \sim 1\text{mm}$
    - $\Delta \theta_{in} \sim 1^\circ$
    - $\Delta E \sim 1\%$



PRISMA@LNL



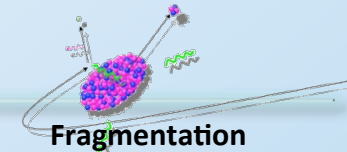
C.H. Dasso, G. Pollarolo, A. Winther, PRL73 (1994) 1907;

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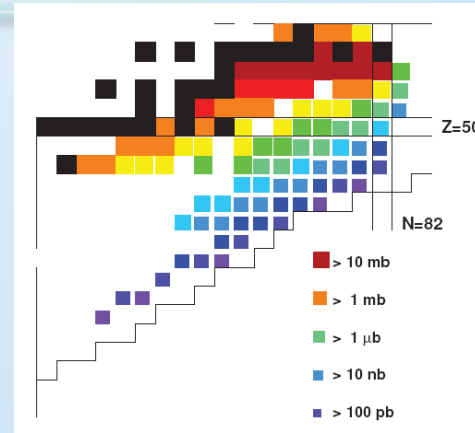
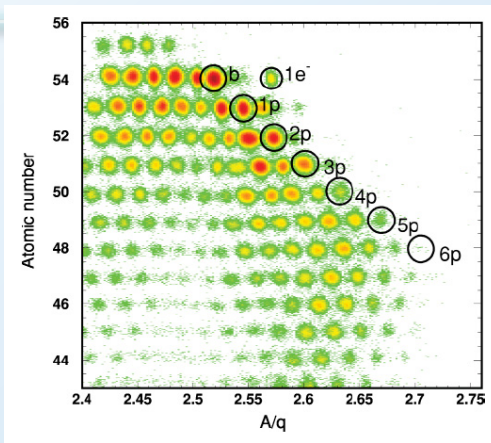
## - research topics ...

D. Ackermann, L. Corradi, E. Fioretto, D. Montanari, G. Montagnoli, G. Pllatolo, F. Scarlassara, A.M. Stefanini, S. Szilner



Fragmentation reactions of Xe isotopes at 1 A GeV on light targets

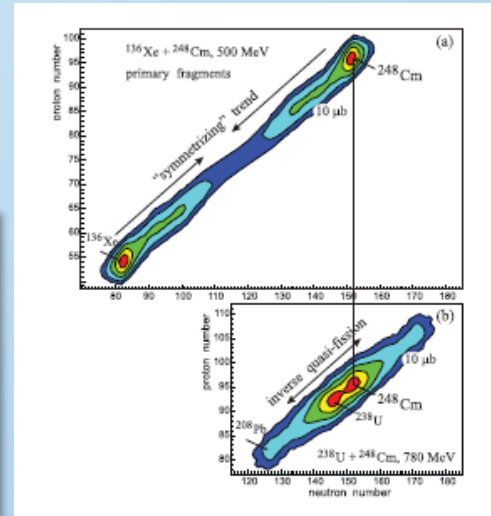
- competitive with fragmentation – where and to what extent?
- complementarity



J. Benlliure et al., Phys.Rev.C78 (2008) 054605

- production and nuclear structure of n-rich species (actinides, Z=82, N=126)

- population of high-A/high-Z in the tail of the transfer mass distribution



V.I. Zagrebaev and W. Greiner, Phys.Rev.C87 (2013) 034608

**$^{136}\text{Xe} + ^{248}\text{Cm} \rightarrow$  Neutron-Rich Below-Target Nuclides**

103	Lr 252	Lr 253	Lr 254	Lr 255	Lr 256	Lr 257	Lr 258	Lr 259	Lr 260	Lr 262								
	0.36s	1.44	0.57	13s	16.4	2.1	0.65s	3.9s	3m	3.6s	No 263							
102		No 250	No 251	No 252	No 253	No 254	No 255	No 256	No 257	No 258	No 260							
		46	4.2	0.93	0.78	2.8s	1.7s	0.26	55	3.1m	2.91s	24.5s	1.2ms	58m	106ms			
101	Md 247	Md 248	Md 249	Md 250	Md 251	Md 252	Md 253	Md 254	Md 255	Md 256	Md 257	Md 258	Md 259	Md 260				
	0.24	1.4	7s	7	19	52s	4.0m	2.3m	-6m	10	28	27m	77m	5.62s	57	51.5	99m	31.8d
100	Fm 246	Fm 247	Fm 248	Fm 249	Fm 250	Fm 251	Fm 252	Fm 253	Fm 254	Fm 255	Fm 256	Fm 257	Fm 258	Fm 259				
	1.4s	43	29	36s	2.6m	1.8	30h	25.39d	3.0d	3.24h	20.1h	70	3	66	100.5d	9.38ms	1.5s	
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30 | 2 |  $^{136}\text{Xe} + ^{248}\text{Cm}$

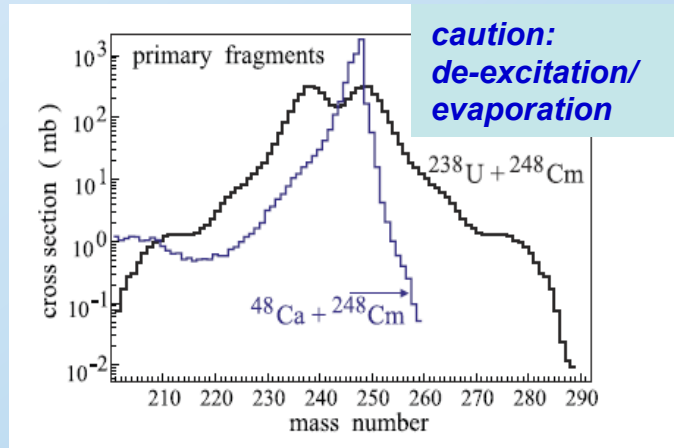
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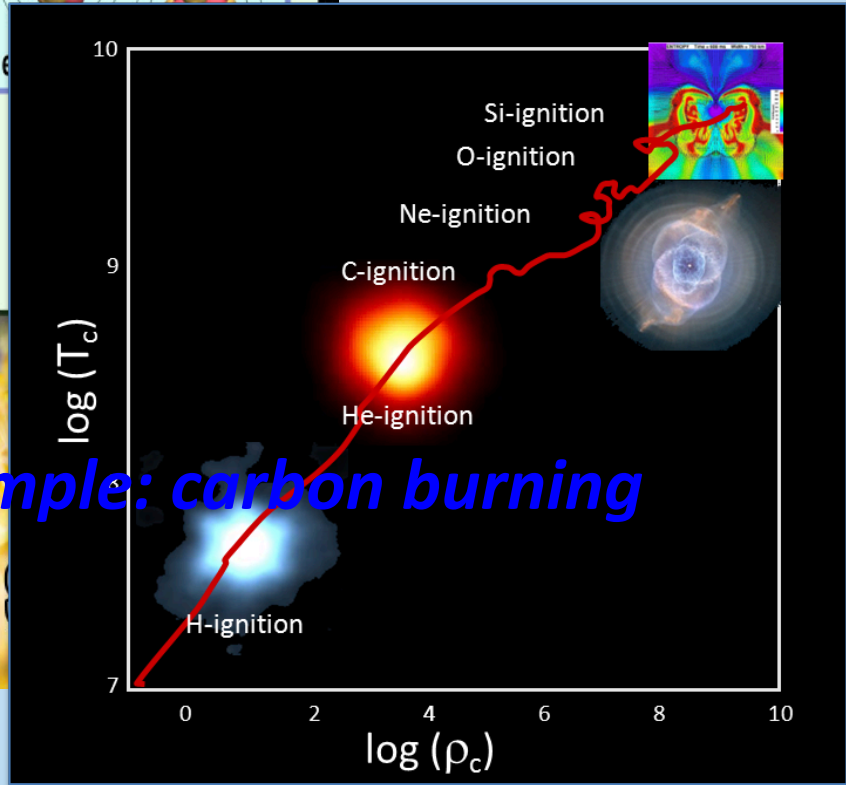
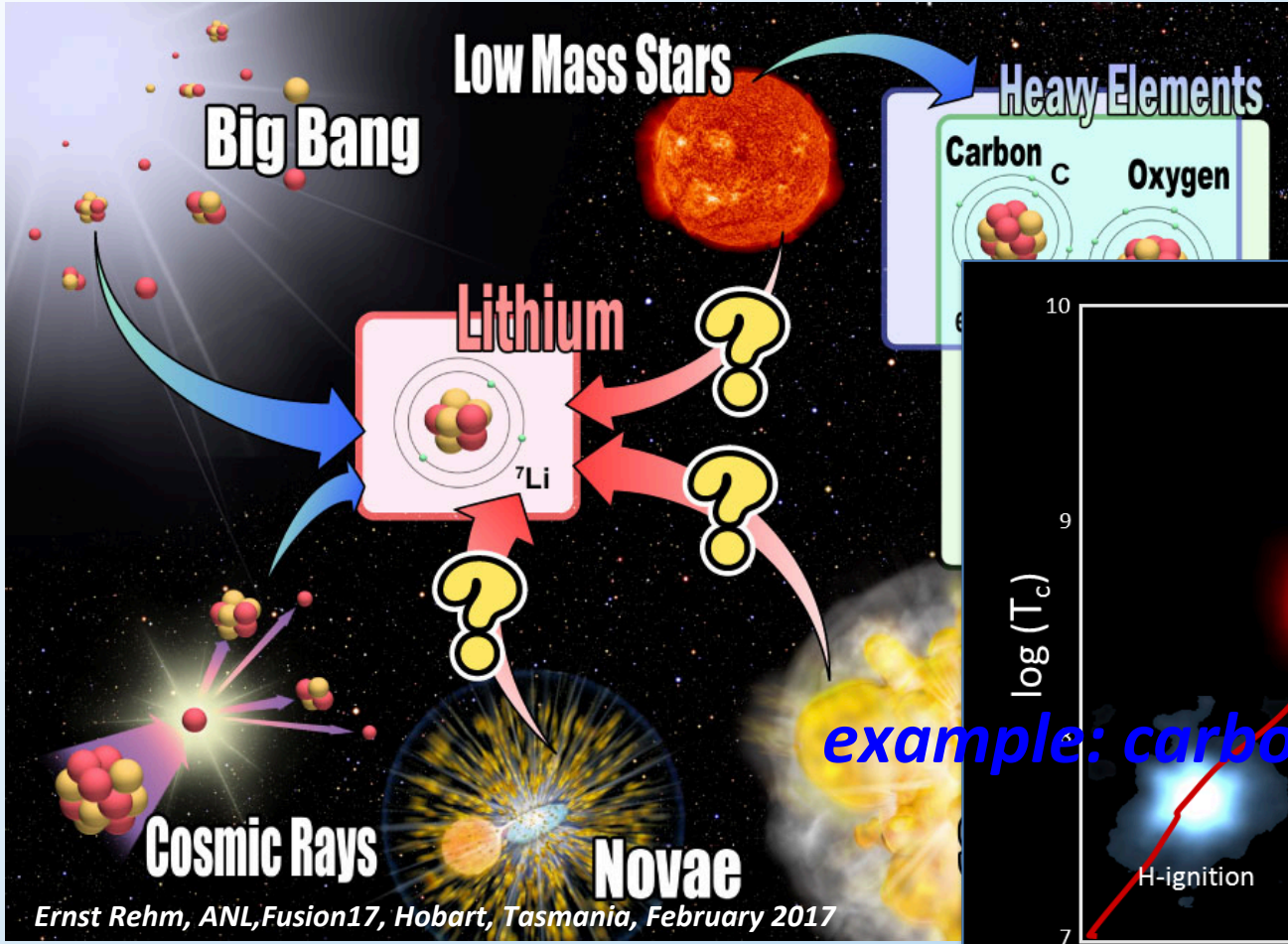
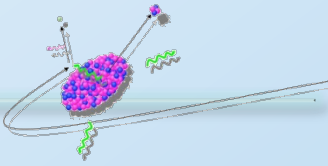
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cross section /  $\mu\text{b}$



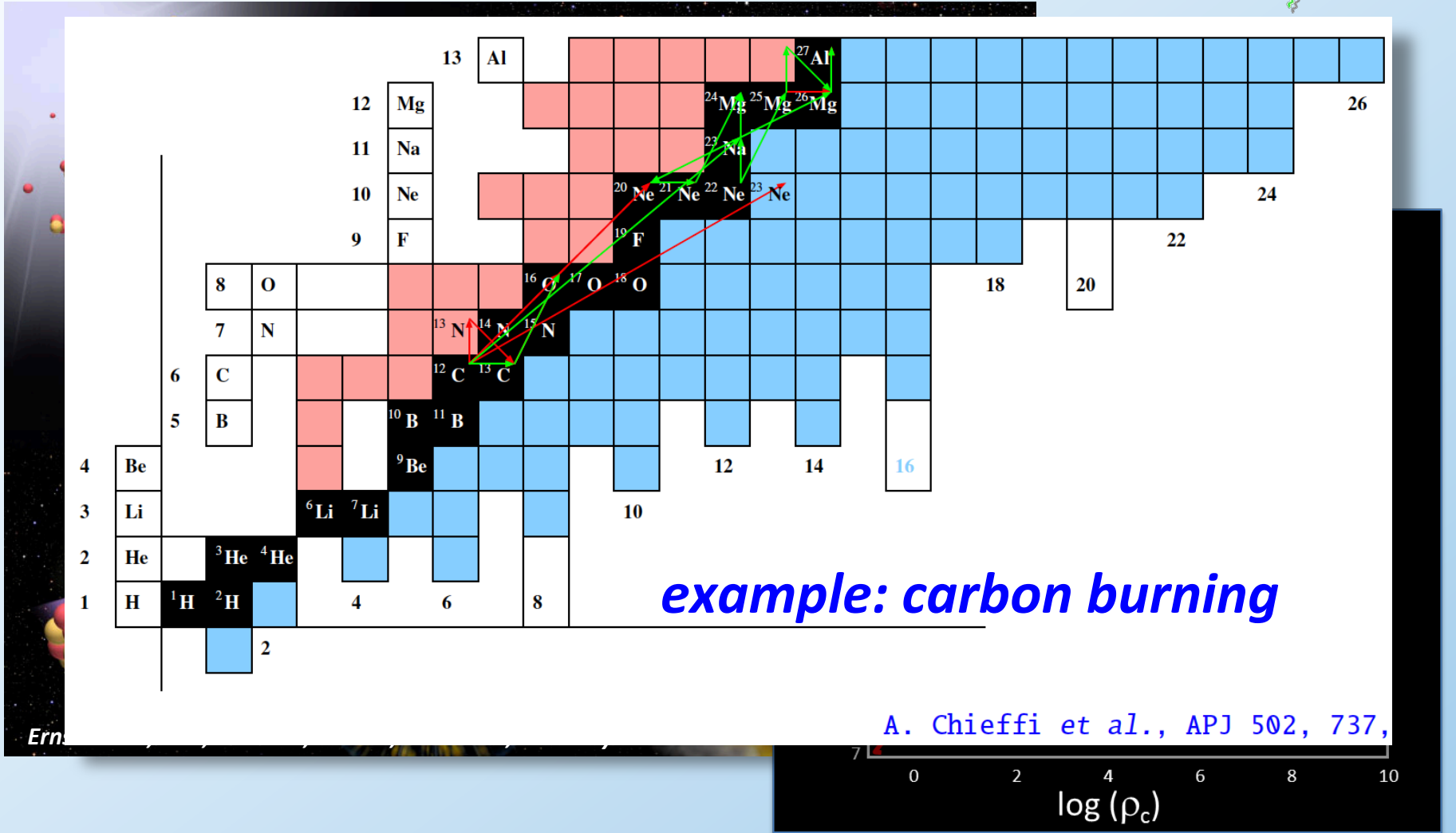
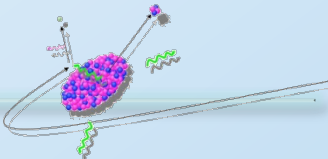
# Fusion in astrophysics

## - stellar nucleo-synthesis

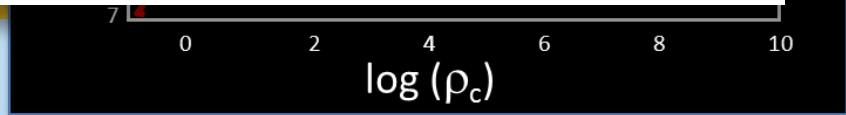


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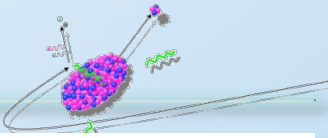


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- fusion hindrance far below the barrier

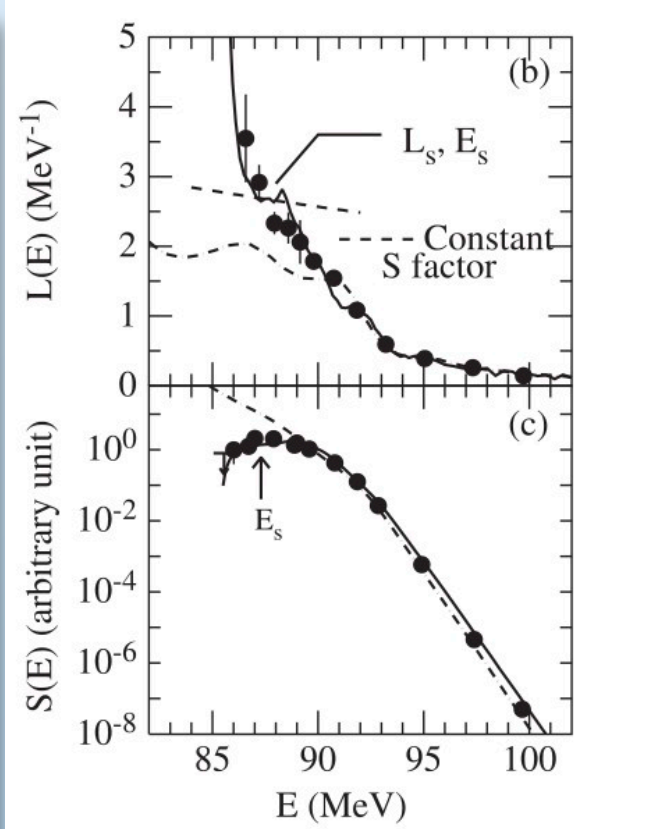
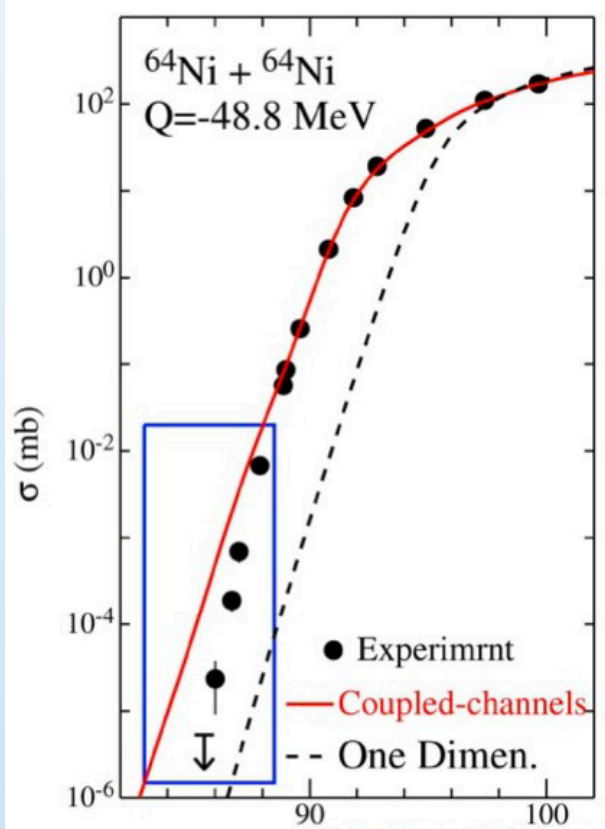


fusion cross section and the astrophysical S factor

$$\sigma(E) = \frac{1}{E} e^{-2\pi\eta} S(E)$$

Sommerfeld parameter  $\eta = Z_1 Z_2 \frac{e^2}{\hbar\omega}$

$$S(E) = E\sigma(E)e^{2\pi\eta}$$



Logarithmic derivative for a constant S factor:

$$\frac{dS}{dE} = S \left[ L - \frac{\pi\eta}{E} \right] = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad L_{CS}(E) = \frac{\pi\eta}{E}$$

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## - hindrance and reaction rates

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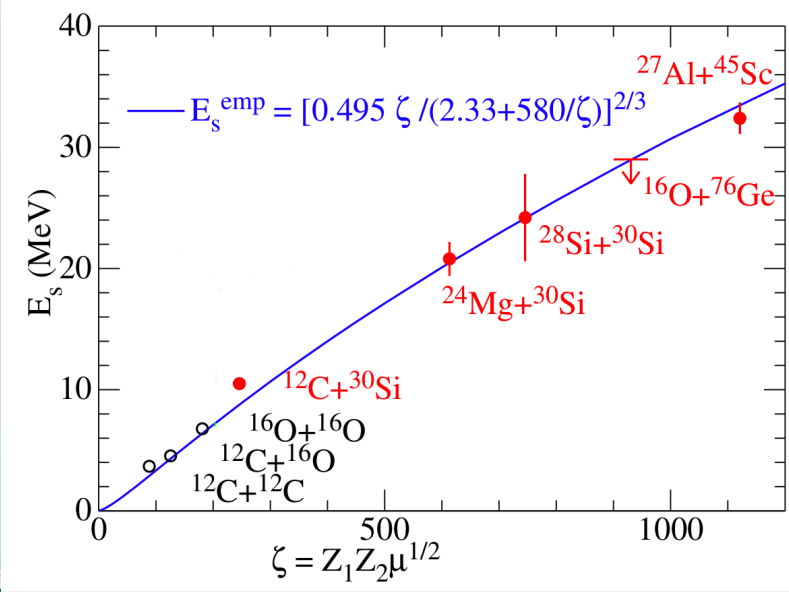
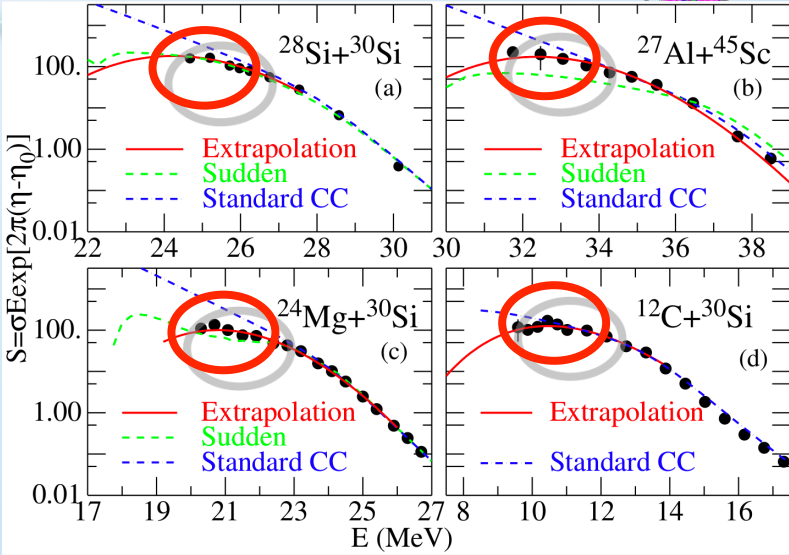
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systematics of max. S energy  $E_s$

→ purely empirical!  
... physics behind ?!

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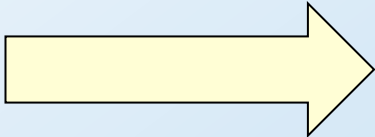
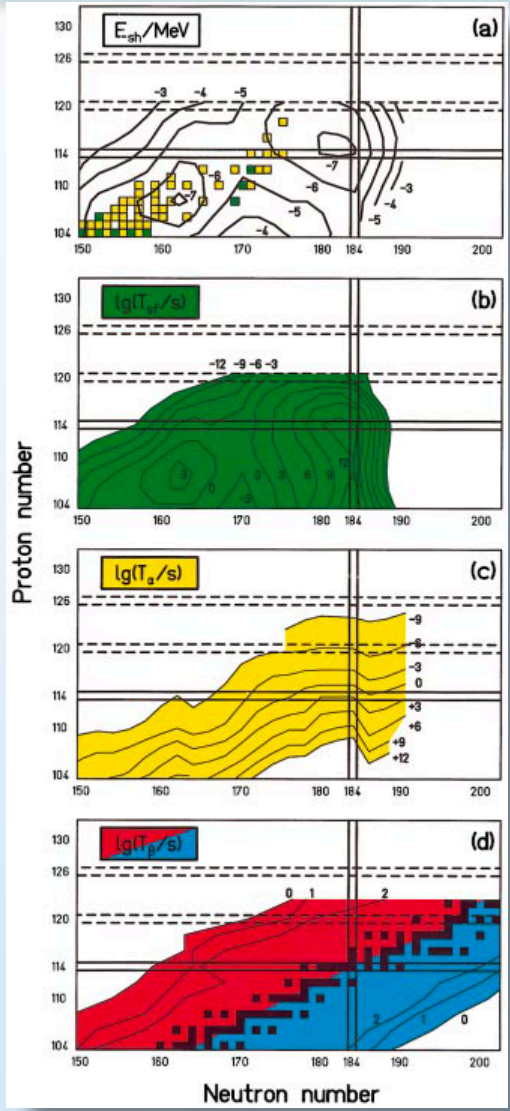
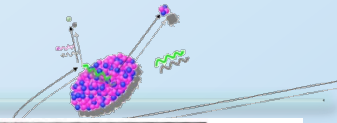


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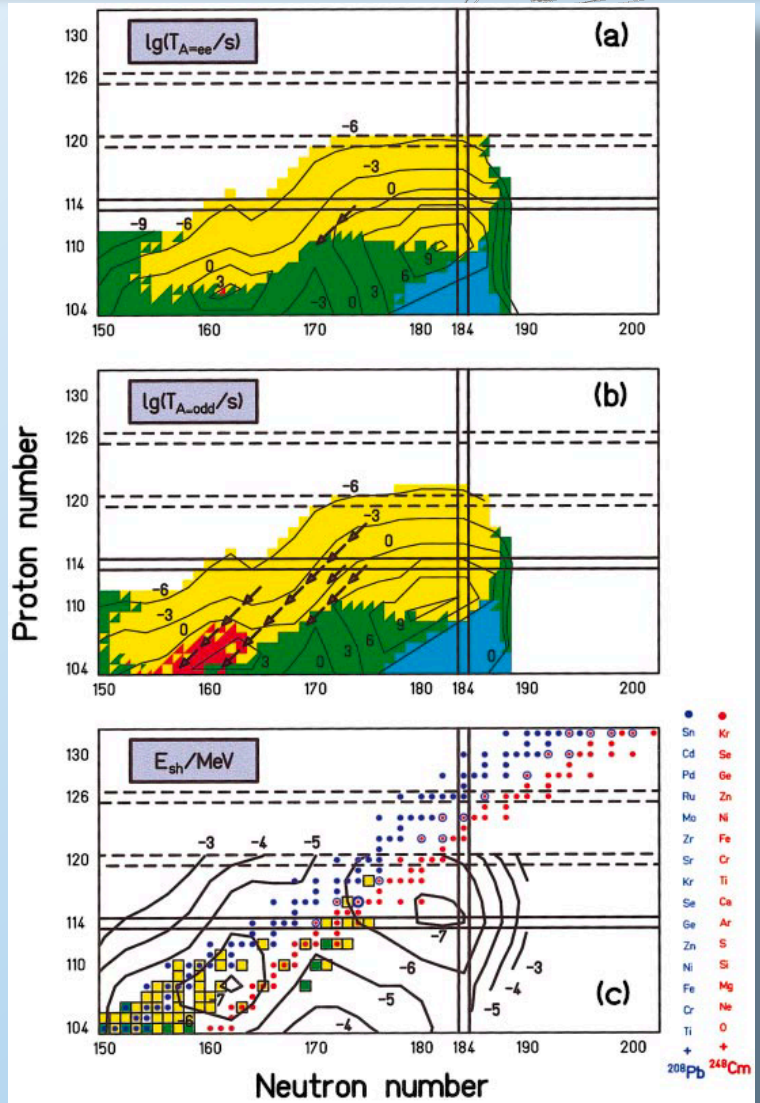
# Competition between different decay modes

- partial decay times → global decay times



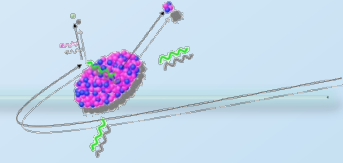
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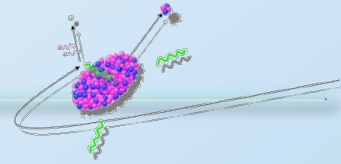
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# Take home questions lecture 1



## Lecture 1 – Reaction mechanism and SHE production

- Components of the potential in heavy ion collisions
- How does a prolate deformation influence the subbarrier fusion cross section?
- What is the equivalent to the barrier distribution in the partial wave picture?
- How are the magic numbers generated by nature?
- What governs the production of heavy nuclei?
- Which two types of models are used to describe heavy nuclei and what are the main features?