

Coulomb Dissociation for Nuclear Astrophysics

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HW1 - Why are we here?

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Talk to: Tohru Motobayashi

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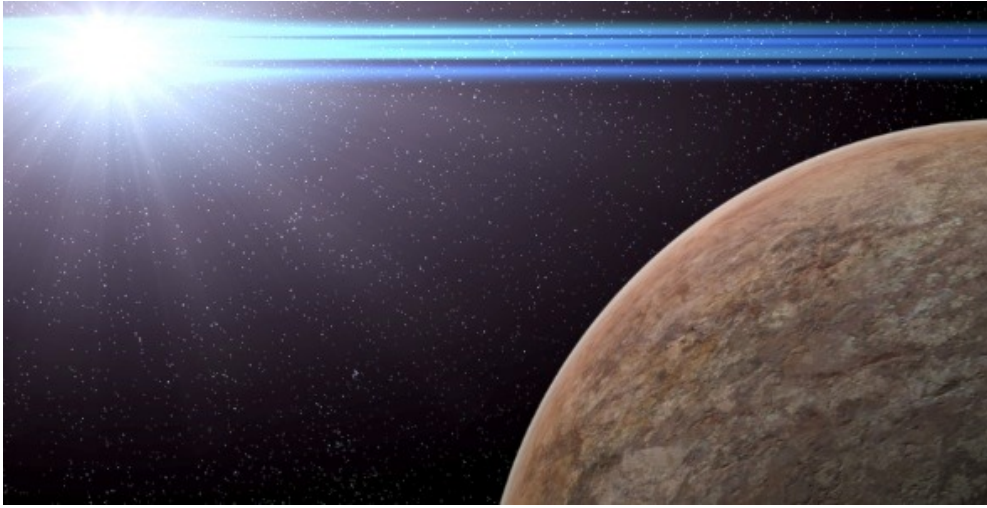
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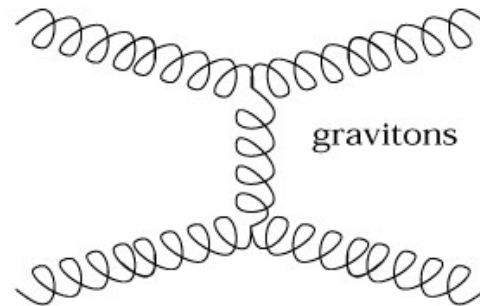
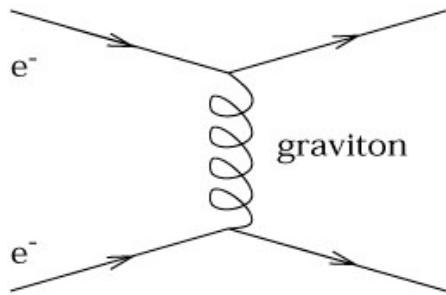
Talk to the Libyanese intelligence

Gravity



Classical:

$$V = \frac{c}{r}$$



Quantum:

$$m_{\text{graviton}} = 0$$



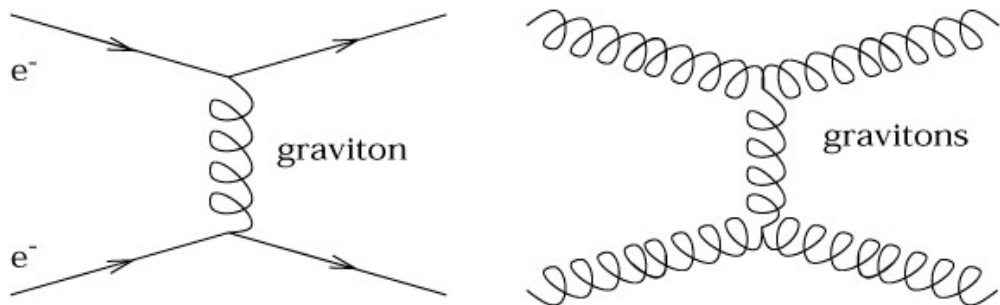
Non-linear

Gravity



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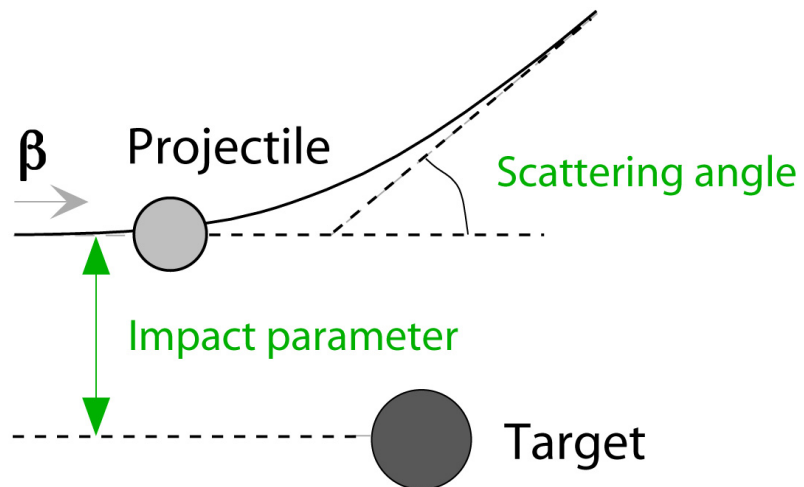


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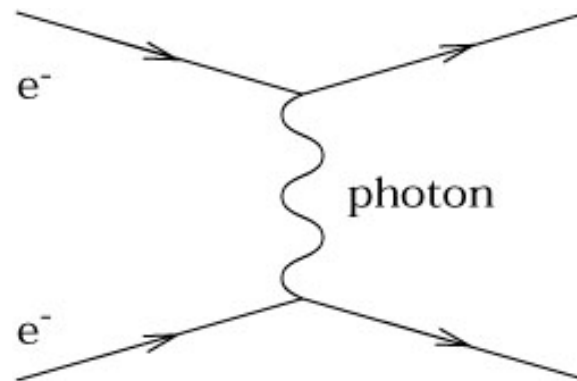
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Coulomb



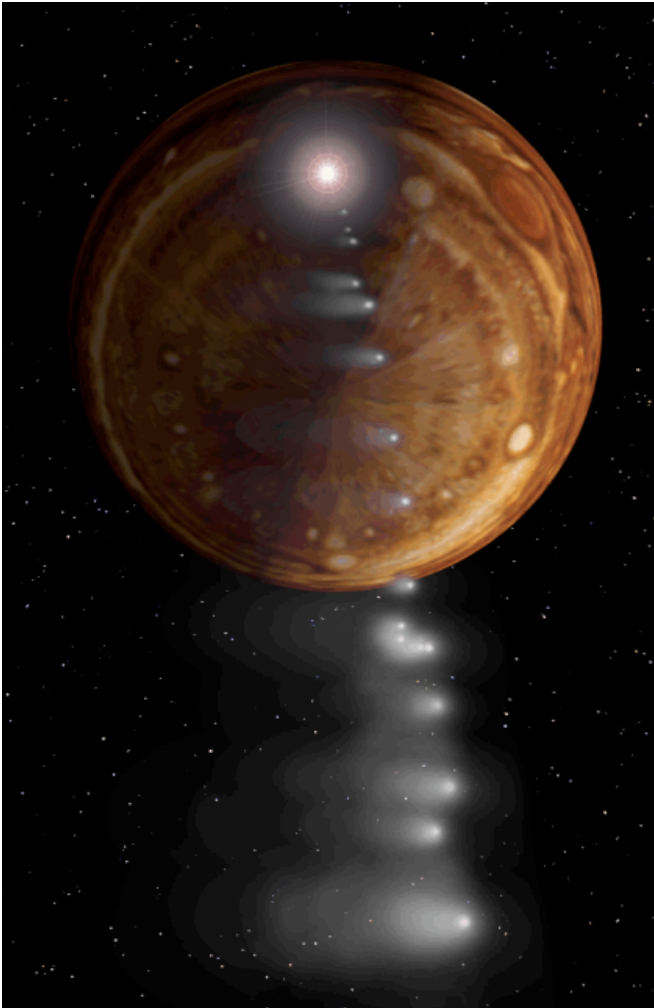
Classical:

$$V = \frac{c'}{r}$$



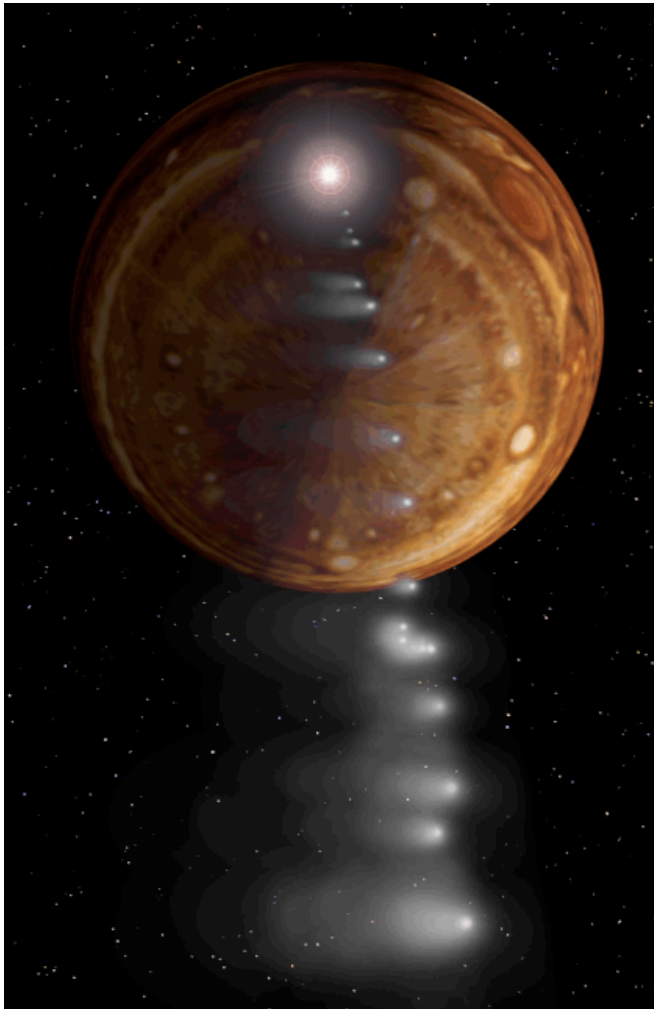
Quantum:

$$m_{\text{photon}} = 0$$



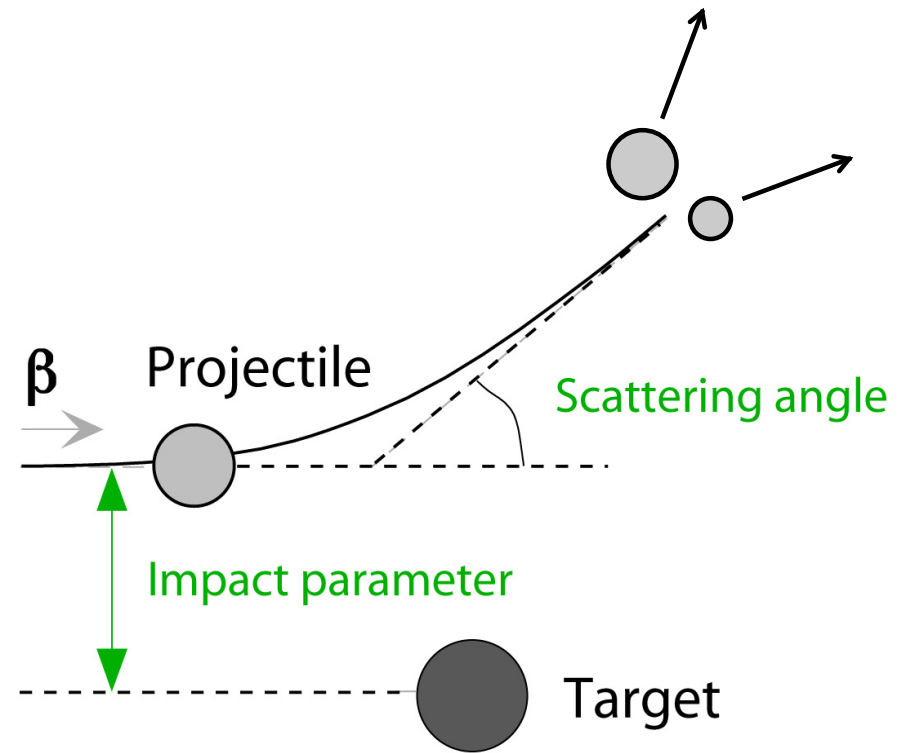
Shoemaker-Levi comet
break into many pieces

Classical and complicated



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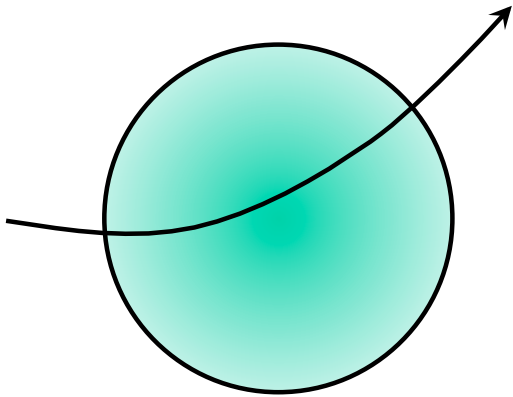
Classical and complicated



Coulomb breakup much
simpler - only few pieces

Quantum and simple

Electron scattering



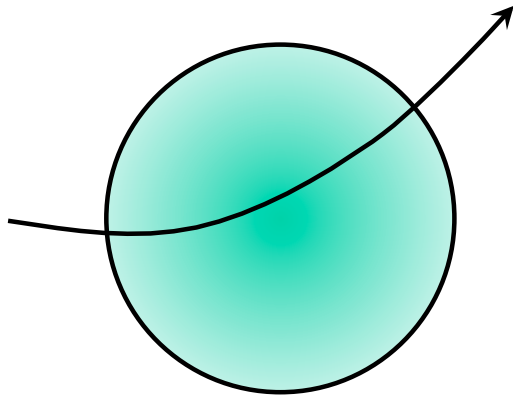
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Probes EM matrix elements s
function of $\Delta\mathbf{p}$ and ΔE

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dE d\Omega} \left(|\Delta\mathbf{p}| = \frac{\Delta E}{\hbar c} \sim 0, \Delta E \right) \sim \sigma_{\gamma}$$

Same matrix elements as
real photon

Electron scattering



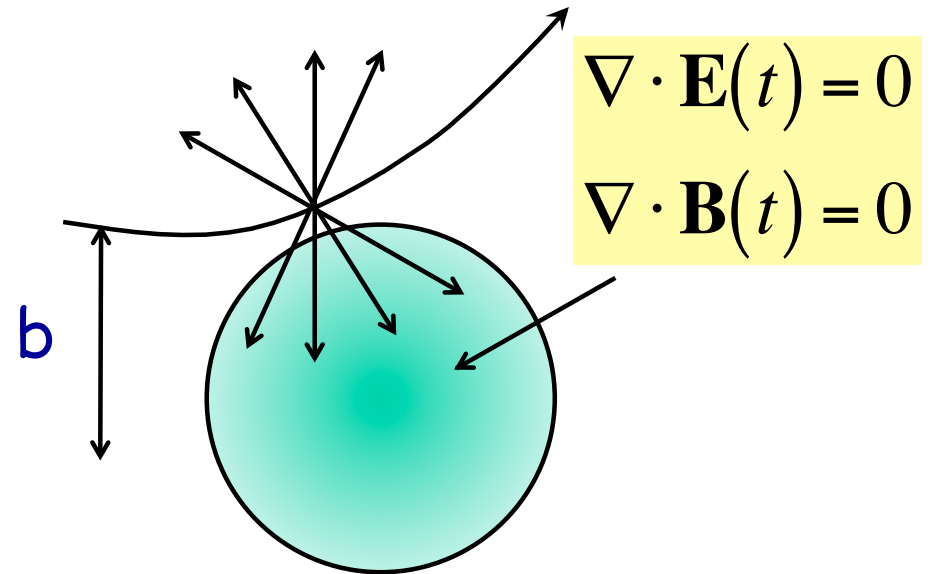
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Probes EM matrix elements as function of $\Delta\mathbf{p}$ and ΔE

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Coulomb scattering



$$\frac{d\sigma}{dEd\Omega}(\Delta E) \sim \sigma_\gamma$$

Always probes same matrix elements as real photon

Swiss candidate's platform: PowerPoint

By **Moni Basu**, CNN

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Mathias Poehm believes PowerPoint presentations dilute the point, dull the speech and make people less persuasive.

STORY HIGHLIGHTS

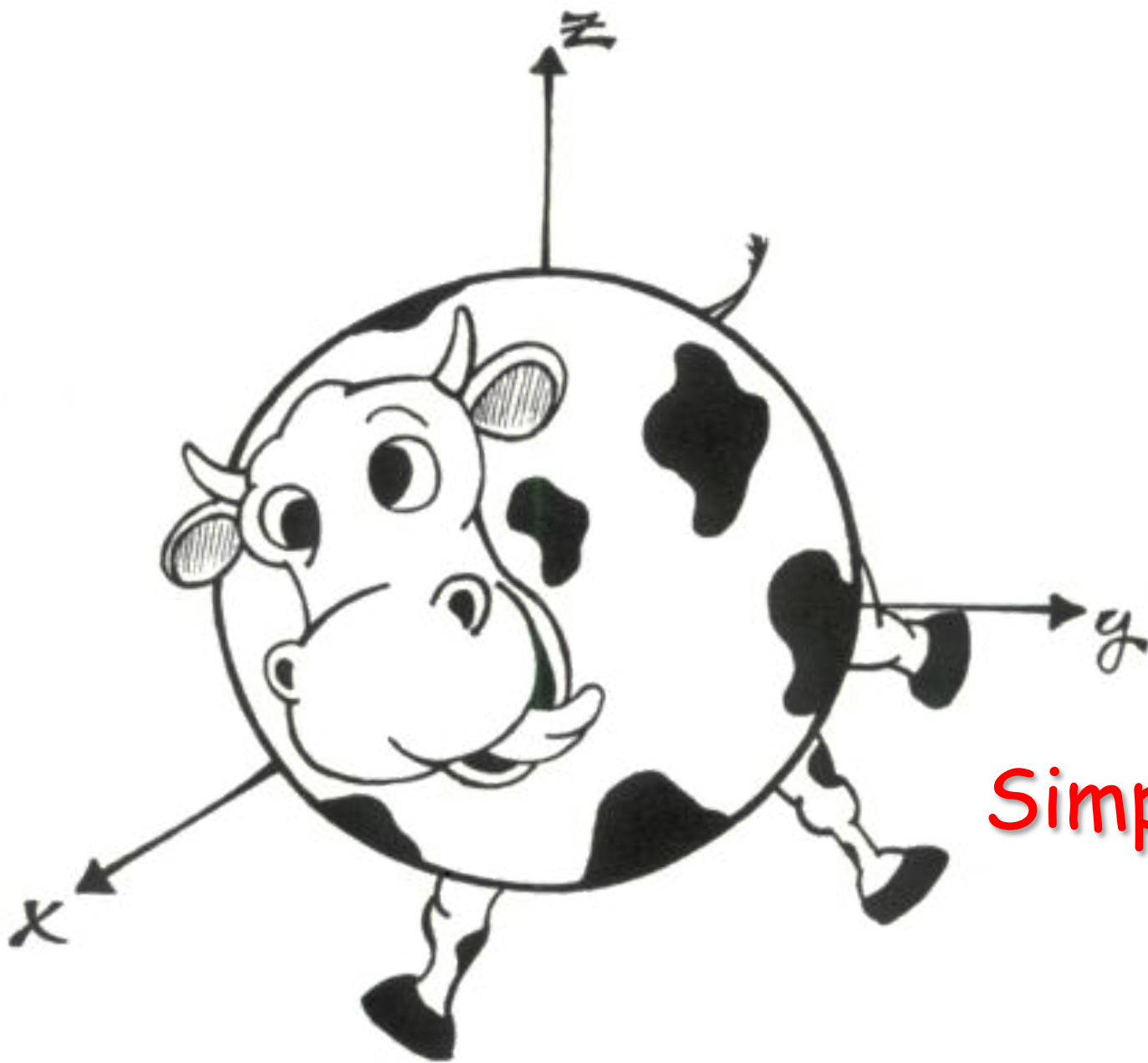
- Forget taxes or jobs. Mathias Poehm is rallying against PowerPoint
- The Swiss public speaking coach thinks the program dulls speech

(CNN) -- Taxes, health care, jobs. These are issues that are center stage in U.S. elections. But a parliamentary candidate in Switzerland has a slightly different platform: PowerPoint.

Come again? Yes, we're talking about the computer program that has become the tool of choice for public speakers of all varieties -- such as politicians, businessmen, and educators.

Matthias Poehm would rather see it all stopped. No more discussion points. No more, "Next slide, please." No more droopy eyes tired of following along.

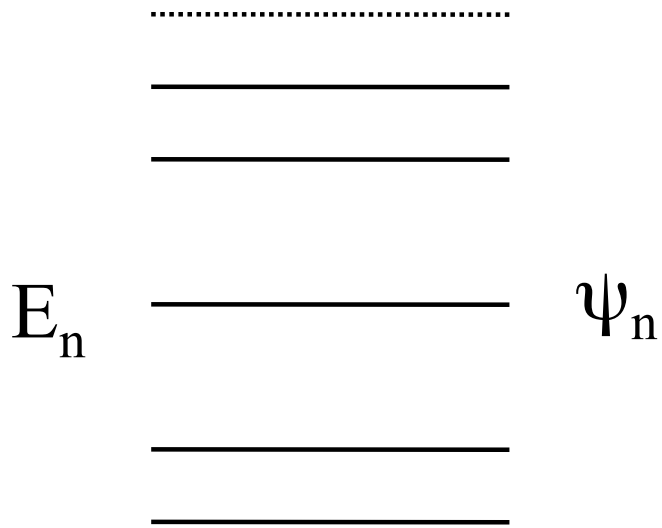
The Swiss public speaking coach believes PowerPoint presentations dilute the point, dull the speech and in the end, make people less persuasive. They are also a huge waste of money, Poehm says.



Simple theory

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t.d. coupled-channels



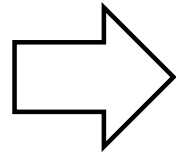
$$E \text{ ————— } \psi$$

$H = H_0 + V$ solution

$$\psi = \sum_n a_n(t) \psi_n e^{-iE_n t / \hbar}$$

H_0 spectrum: $H_0 \psi_n = E_n \psi_n$

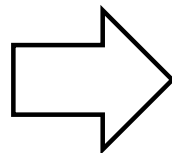
$$H\psi = i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t}$$



$$\frac{da_k}{dt} = -\frac{i}{\hbar} \sum_n a_n(t) V_{kn}(t) e^{i(E_k - E_n)t / \hbar}$$

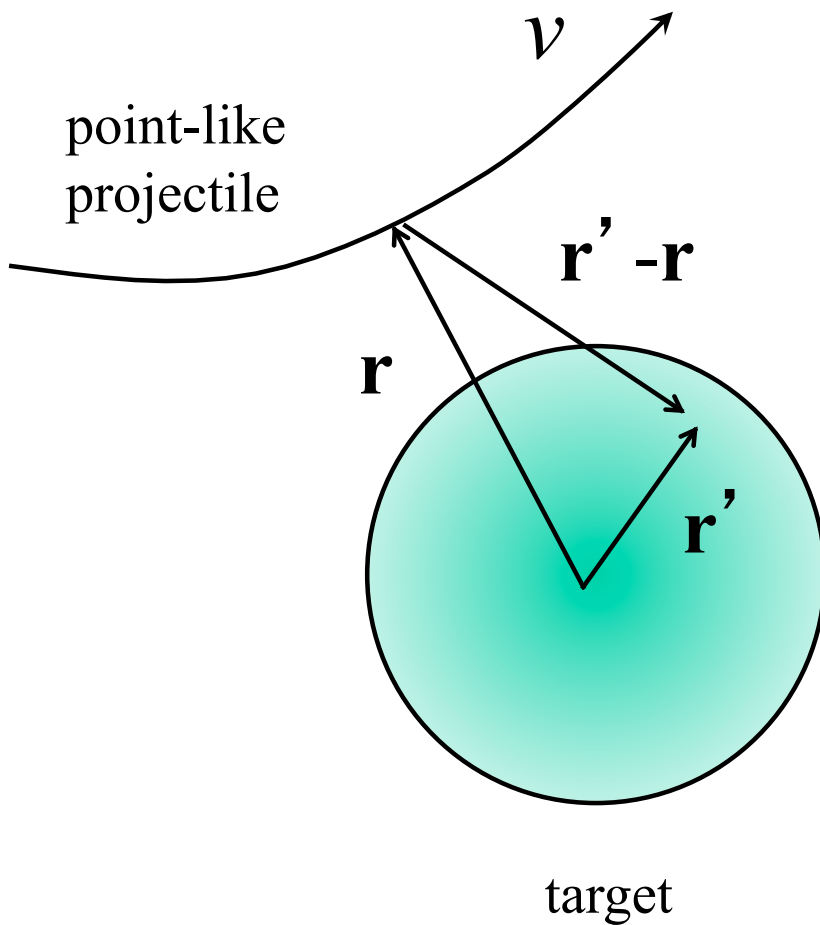
$$V_{kn}(t) = \int \psi_k^* V(t) \psi_n d^3 r$$

1st order: $a_n \sim \delta_{n0}$



$$a_k = -\frac{i}{\hbar} \int dt V_{k0}(t) e^{i(E_k - E_0)t / \hbar}$$

Multipole expansion



$$\begin{aligned}
 V_C(r, r') &= Z_p e \int \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} d^3 r' \\
 &= \frac{Z_p e}{r} + \frac{\mathbf{p} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}}{r^3} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{Q_{ij} r_i r_j}{r^5} + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{p} = \int \mathbf{r}' \rho(\mathbf{r}') d^3 r' \quad \text{(dipole)}$$

$$Q_{ij} = \int (3r'_i r'_j - r'^2 \delta_{ij}) \rho(\mathbf{r}') d^3 r'$$

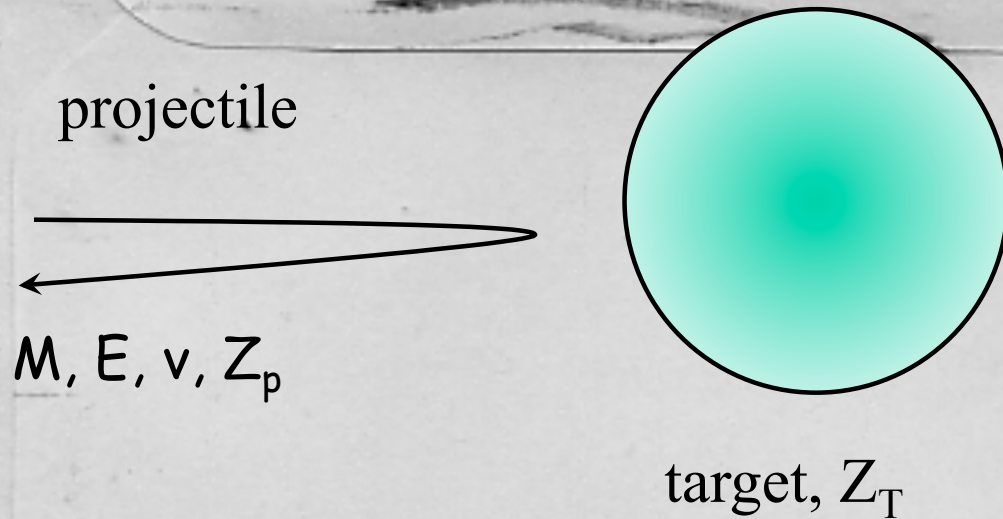
(Quadrupole)

Semiclassical method: $r = r(t)$

Validity: $\eta = \frac{\text{distance of closest approach}}{\text{wavelength}} = \frac{Z_1 Z_2 e^2}{\hbar v} \gg 1$

Back of envelope: central collision

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$$V_C(t) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{Z_p e^2 Q_{fi}}{r^3(t)}$$

$$Q_{fi} = \int \psi_f^*(\mathbf{r}') (3z'^2 - r'^2) \psi_i(\mathbf{r}') d^3 r'$$

excitation amplitude:

$$a_{fi} = \frac{Z_p e^2 Q_{fi}}{2i\hbar} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{i\omega t}}{r^3(t)} dt = \frac{4Q_{fi} E^2}{3Z_p Z_T^2 e^2 \hbar v}$$

Cross section:

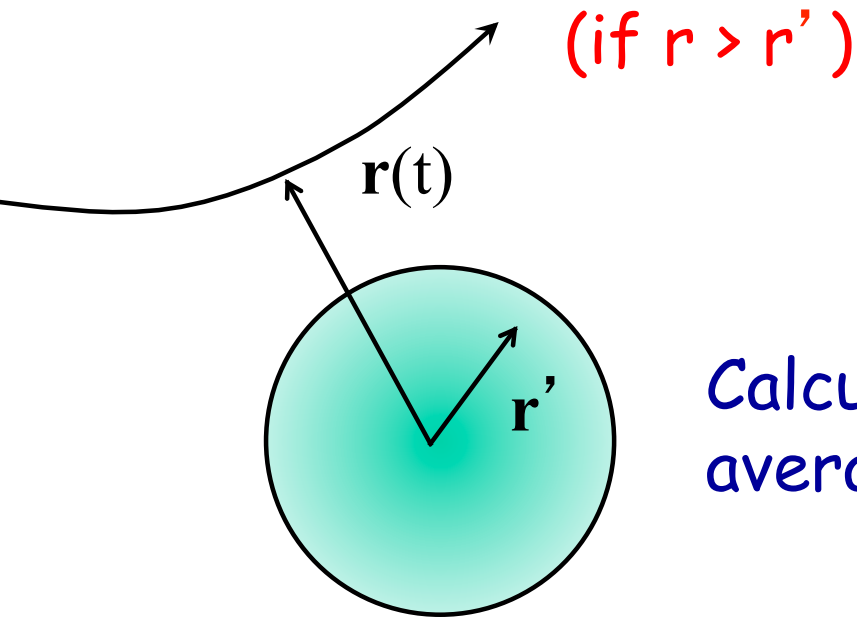
$$\left. \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right|_{\theta=180^\circ} = \left. \frac{d\sigma_R}{d\Omega} \right|_{\theta=180^\circ} \times |a_{fi}|^2 = \frac{ME |Q_{fi}|^2}{18\hbar^2 Z_T^2}$$

HW4: Obtain equation for a_{fi} above. X-section does not depend on Z_p ! Why is it larger for heavier projectiles?

better theory



General multipole expansion



$$\frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}(t) - \mathbf{r}'|} = \sum_{L,M} \frac{4\pi}{2L+1} \frac{r'}{r^{L+1}(t)} Y_{LM}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}(t)) Y_M^*(\hat{\mathbf{r}}')$$

Calculate a_{fi} and average over spins:

$$w_{fi} = \frac{1}{2J_i + 1} \sum_{M_i M_f} |a_{fi}|^2$$

Cross section:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{d\sigma_R}{d\Omega} \cdot w_{fi} = \sum_{L>0} \frac{d\sigma_L}{d\Omega}$$

orbital integral

$$\frac{d\sigma_L}{d\Omega} \sim Z_P^2 B(EL) \left| I_L(\omega_{fi}) \right|^2$$

$$I_L(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \frac{1}{r^{L+1}(t)} Y_{LM}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}(t)) e^{i\omega t}$$

$$\omega_{fi} = \frac{E_f - E_i}{\hbar}$$

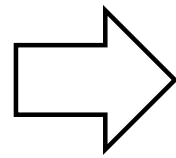
$$B(EL) \sim \left| \int r^L \delta\rho_{fi} d^3 r \right|^2$$

reduced matrix element

Virtual photon numbers



$$\frac{d\sigma_L}{d\Omega} \sim Z_P^2 B(EL) \left| I_L(\omega_{fi}) \right|^2$$



$$\frac{d\sigma_L}{d\Omega} = \int \frac{dE_\gamma}{E_\gamma} \frac{dn_L}{d\Omega}(E_\gamma, \theta) \sigma_L^\gamma(E_\gamma)$$

photonuclear X-section:

$$\sigma_L^\gamma \sim E_\gamma^{2L+1} B(EL)$$

$$E_\gamma = E_f - E_i$$

virtual photon numbers:

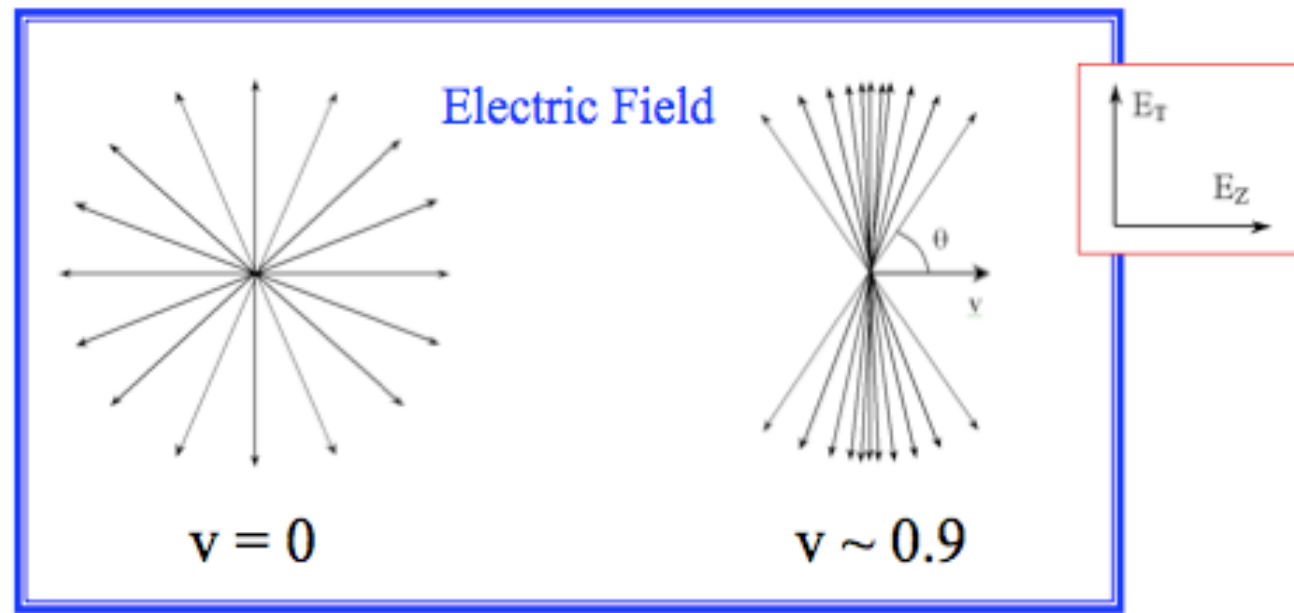
$$\frac{dn_L}{d\Omega} \sim Z_P^2 \left| I_L(\omega_{fi}, \theta) \right|^2$$

impact parameter dependence:

$$n_L(E_\gamma, b) \equiv \frac{dn_L}{2\pi b db} \sim \sin^4(\theta/2) \frac{dn_L}{d\Omega}$$

Magnetic excitations:

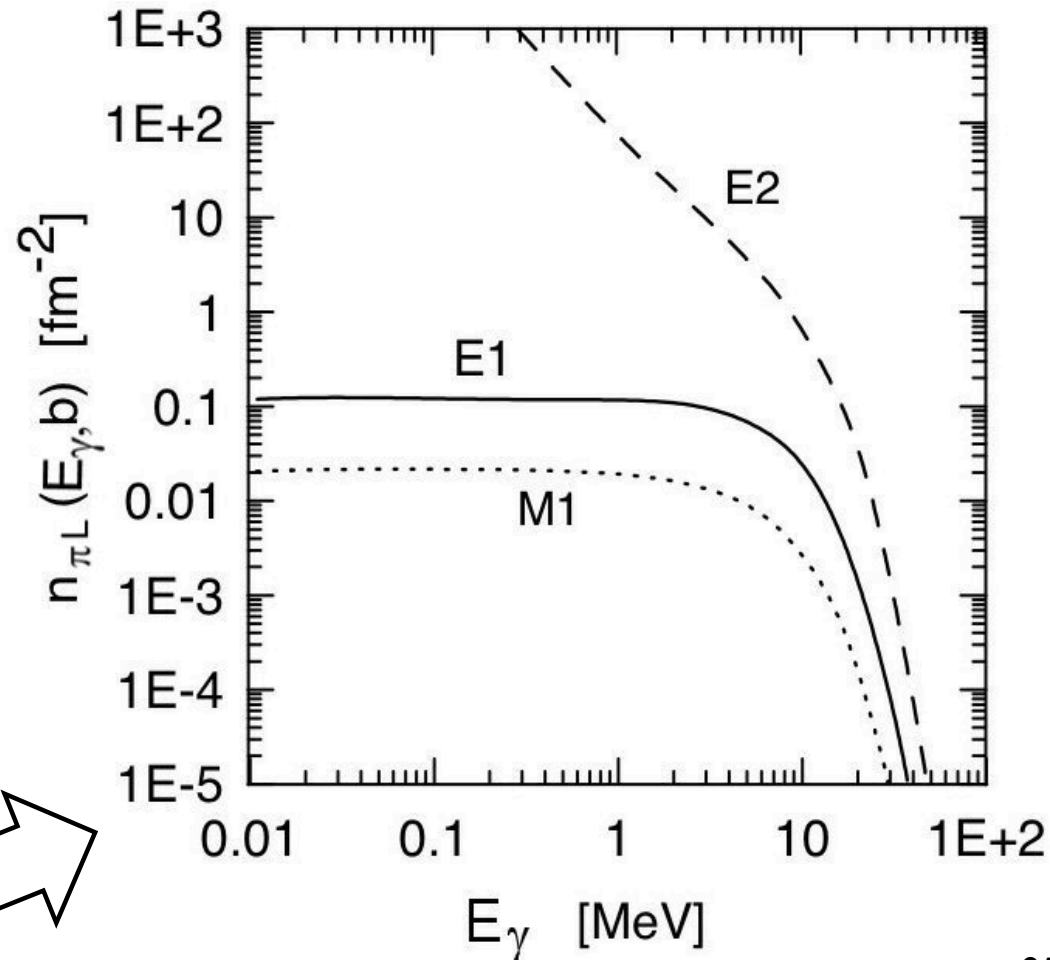
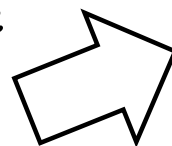
more complicated (involves currents, spins), but straight-forward.



low energy scattering:

$$n_{E2} \gg n_{E1} \gg n_{M1} = \frac{v^2}{c^2} n_{E1}$$

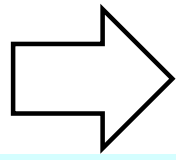
Virtual photons “seen” by a Pb target due to the passage of an O projectile at 100 MeV/nucleon and $b = 15$ fm



Now, relax and enjoy!



Adiabacity



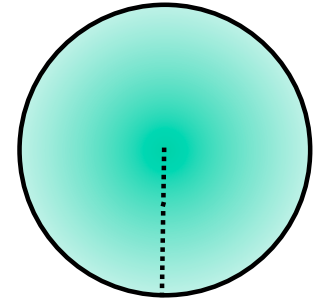
Maximum effective excitation energy
Maximum effective impact parameter.

$$I_L(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \frac{1}{r^{L+1}(t)} Y_{LM}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}(t)) e^{i\omega t}$$

orbital integral



low energy scattering



(1/2) distance of closest approach

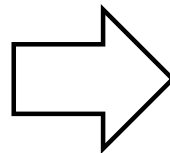
$$a = \frac{Z_P Z_T e^2}{2E_{c.m.}}$$

if $|t| > t_{exc} \sim \frac{1}{\omega}$ then $e^{i\omega t}$ oscillates too fast: I_L small

if $|t| > t_{coll} \sim \frac{a}{v}$ then $\frac{1}{r^{L+1}}$ too large: I_L small

excitation possible if

$$\frac{t_{coll}}{t_{exc}} \lesssim 1$$



$$\xi = \frac{a\omega}{v} \lesssim 1$$

adiabacity
parameter

$$I_L(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \frac{1}{r^{L+1}(t)} Y_{LM}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}(t)) e^{i\omega t}$$

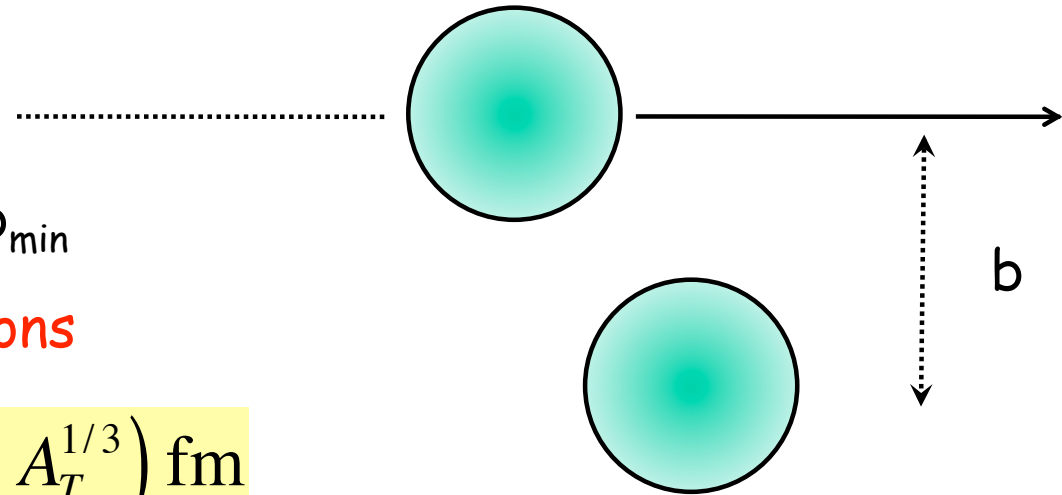
orbital integral

high energy collisions

Closest approach distance = b_{\min}

$b < b_{\min} \rightarrow$ nuclear interactions

$$b_{\min} \sim R_P + R_T \sim 1.2 \left(A_P^{1/3} + A_T^{1/3} \right) \text{ fm}$$



$$t_{\text{coll}} \sim \frac{R}{\gamma v}$$

(γ due to contraction)

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

Lorentz γ -factor

Excitation possible if

$$\xi = \frac{\omega R}{\gamma v} \lesssim 1$$

adiabacity
parameter

Energy budget

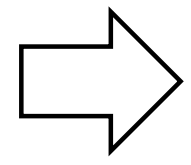
$$\xi = \frac{E_\gamma a}{\hbar v}$$

low energy collisions

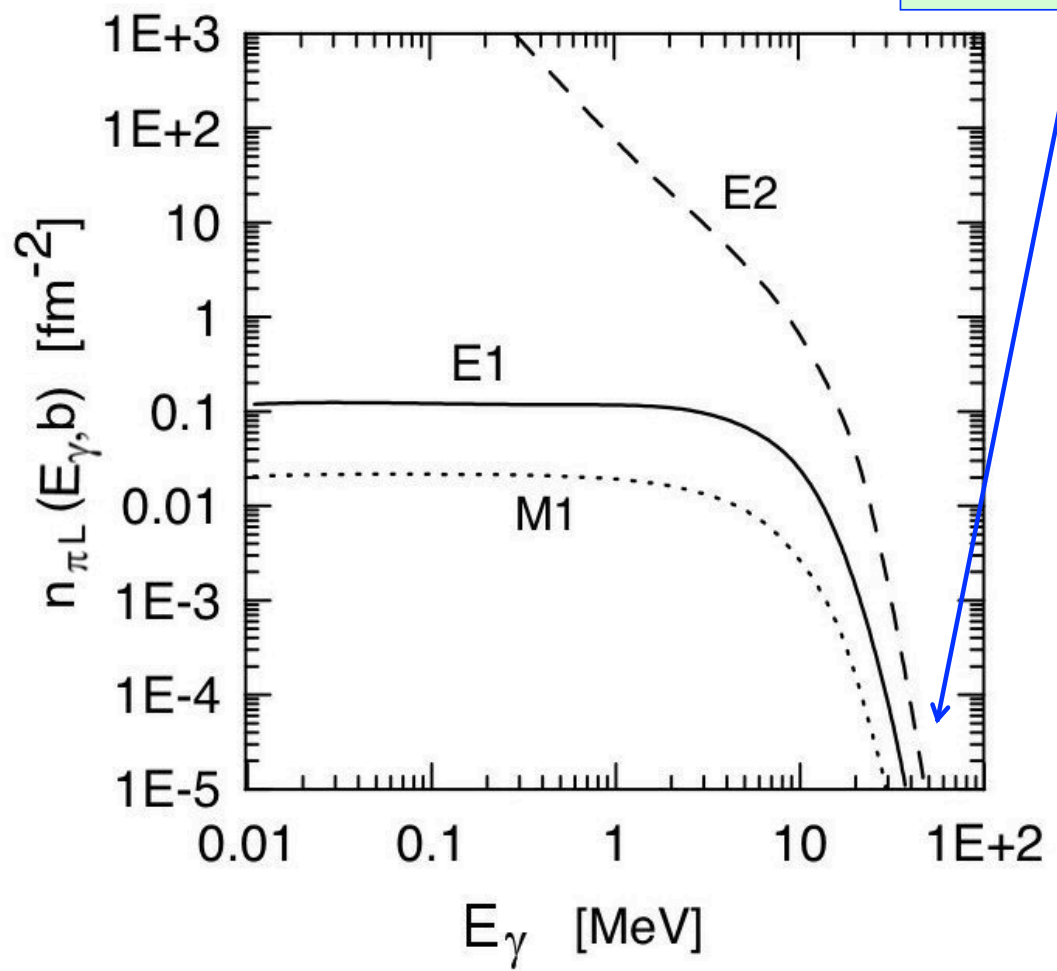
$$\xi = \frac{E_\gamma R}{\gamma \hbar v}$$

high energy collisions

$a, b_{\min} \sim 20 \text{ fm}$



$$E_\gamma \lesssim \frac{200 \text{ MeV} \cdot \text{fm} \gamma}{20 \text{ fm}} = 10 \text{ MeV} \cdot \gamma$$



- small γ 's: giant resonances
- large γ 's: giant resonances, quasi-deuteron, deltas, mesons (ex: J/ ψ)

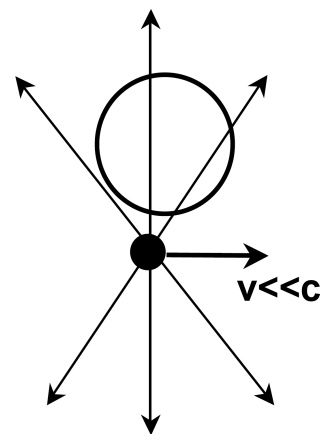
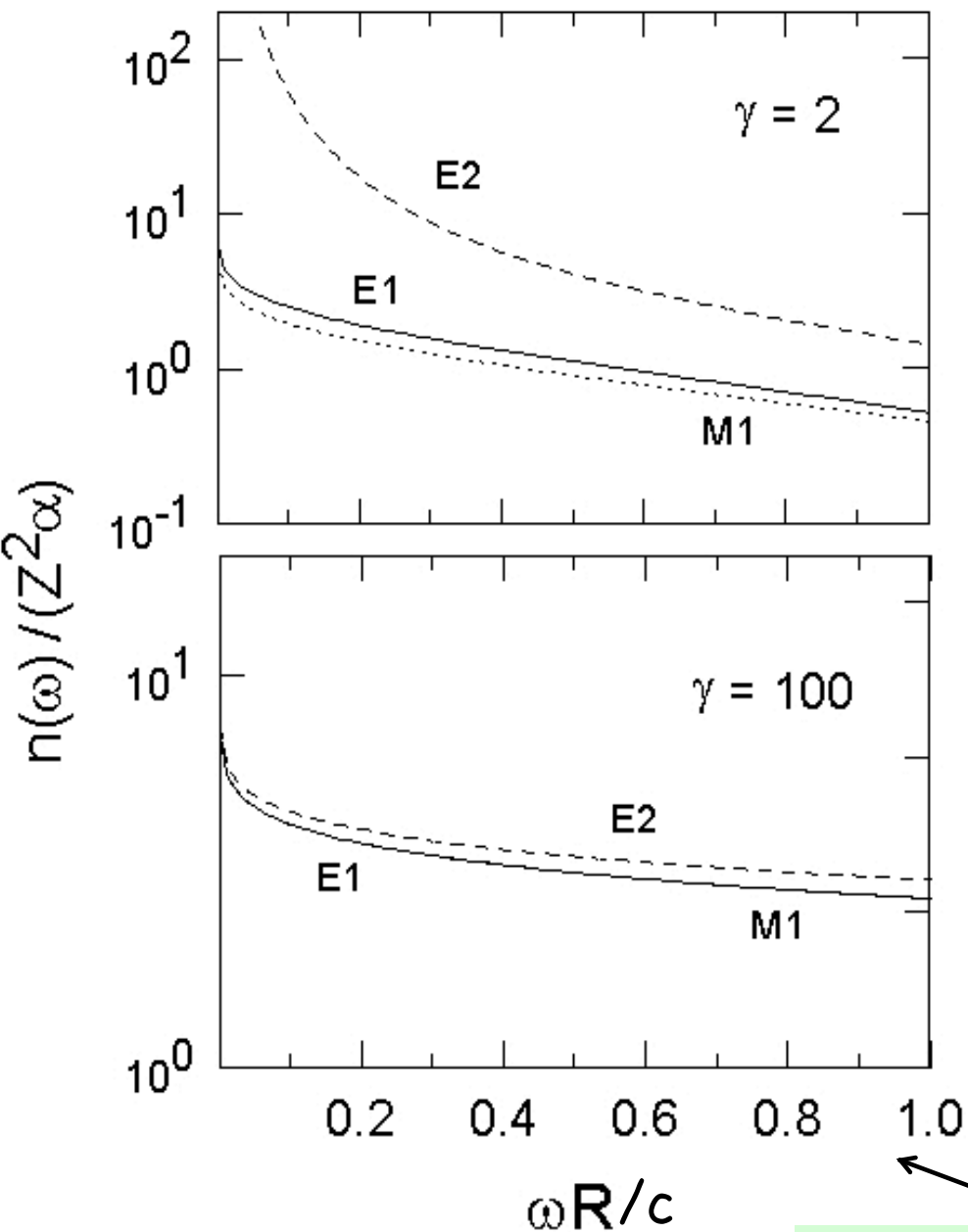
Multipolarity budget

orbital integral

$$I_L(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \frac{1}{r^{L+1}(t)} Y_{LM}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}(t)) e^{i\omega t}$$

ω large, $e^{i\omega t}$ oscillates fast: I_L small

$$n_L(E_\gamma, b) \sim |I_L(\omega_{fi}, \theta)|^2 \text{ also small}$$



low-energy (tidal)

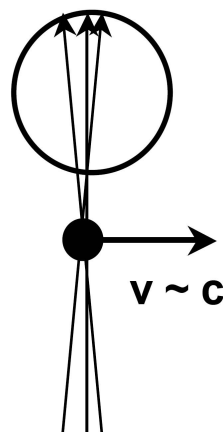
$$n_{E2} \gg n_{E1} \gg n_{M1} = \frac{v^2}{c^2} n_{E1}$$

high-energy (contraction)

$$n_{E2} \sim n_{E1} \sim n_{M1}$$

Low-energies: multipolarities of virtual photons have different weights

High energies: multipolarities have same weight



$$n_L(\omega) = 2\pi \int db b n_L(\omega, b)$$

Are we there yet?



Almost.

Virtual

$$\frac{d\sigma}{db} = \int \sum_L \frac{dE_\gamma}{E_\gamma} n_L(E_\gamma, b) \sigma_L^\gamma(E_\gamma)$$

Coulomb excitation: virtual photons

Each part (multipolarity) of a real photon has a different weight n_L

High-energy:

$$n_{E2} \sim n_{E1} \sim n_{M1}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{db} = \int \frac{dE_\gamma}{E_\gamma} n(E_\gamma, b) \sigma^\gamma(E_\gamma)$$

Real photons

$$\sigma^\gamma(E_\gamma) = \sum_L \sigma_L^\gamma(E_\gamma)$$

Real photons

All parts (multipolarities) have the same weight

Coulomb excitation for a fixed energy E_γ probes the same physics as a real photon.

But each E_γ has a different weight.

Z_p^2 makes number of photons large.

Bertulani, Baur, Phys. Rep. 163, 299 (1988)

Almost there.



Nuclear response to multipolarities

$$\sigma_L^\gamma \sim E_\gamma^{2L+1} B(EL)$$

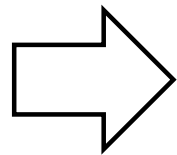
$$B(EL) \sim \left| \int r^L \delta\rho_{fi} d^3r \right|^2$$

Estimate

$$\delta\rho_{fi} = \psi_f^* \psi_i$$

$$\psi_f \sim \psi_i \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{R^3}}, \quad \text{if } r < R, \quad 0 \text{ otherwise}$$

$$B(EL) \sim R^{2L}$$



$$\sigma_L^\gamma \sim (kR)^{2L}$$

$$k = \frac{E_\gamma}{\hbar c}$$

$$\frac{\sigma_{L+1}}{\sigma_L} \sim (kR)^2 \ll 1 \text{ for low lying states}$$

ready.

Applications

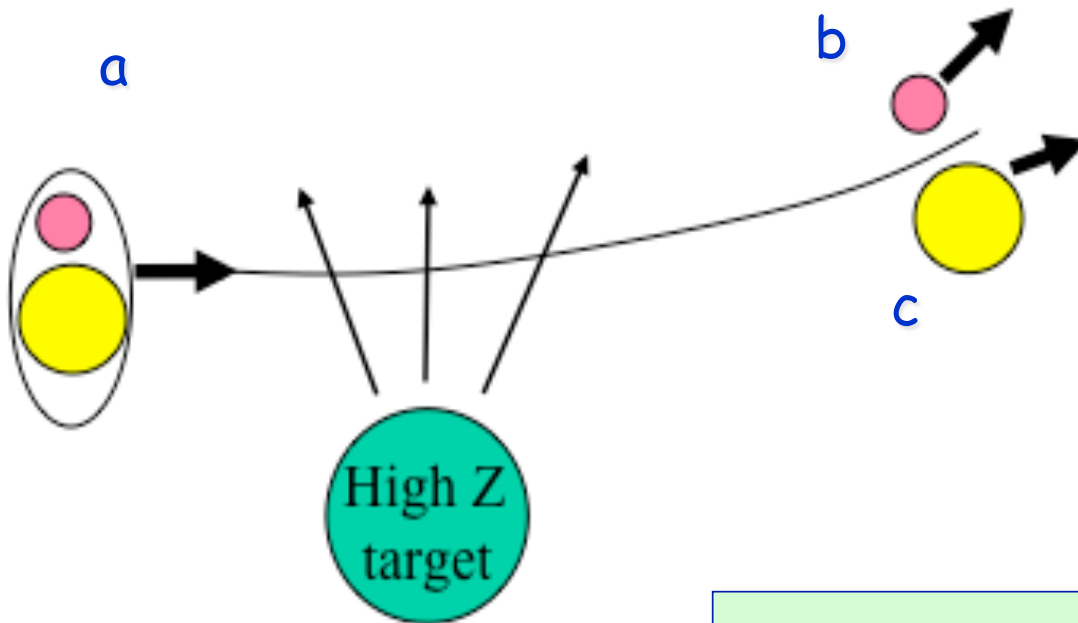
- Coulomb dissociation for astrophysics
+ bonus



Coulomb dissociation method

Baur, Bertulani, Rebel
NPA 458 (1986) 188

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dE_\gamma d\Omega} = \frac{1}{E_\gamma} \sum_l \frac{dn_l(E_\gamma, \Omega)}{dE_\gamma d\Omega} \sigma_{\gamma+a \rightarrow b+c}(E_\gamma)$$



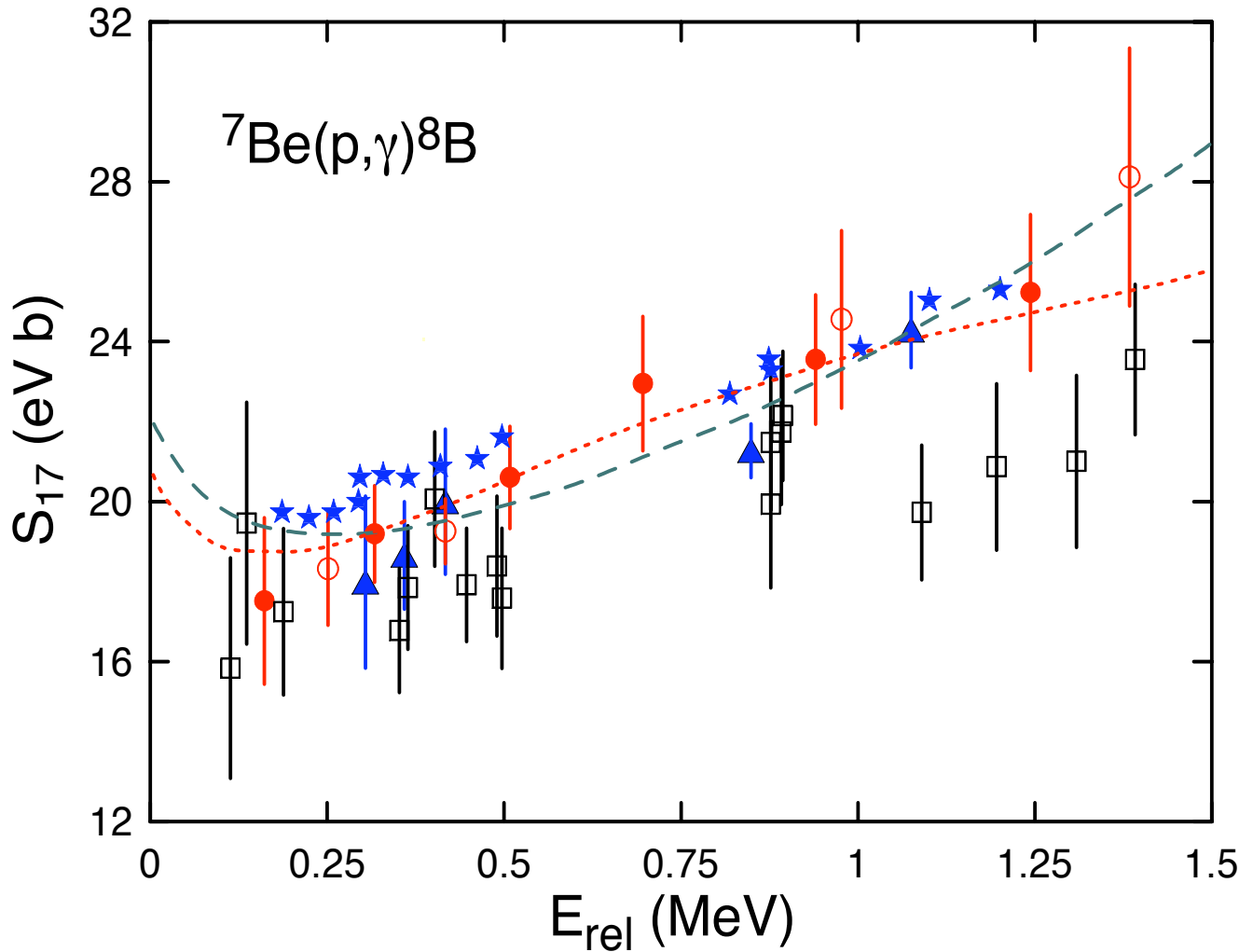
Theory

detailed balance

$$\sigma_{b+c \rightarrow a+\gamma} = \frac{2(2j_a + 1)}{(2j_b + 1)(2j_c + 1)} \frac{k_{bc}^2}{k_\gamma^2} \sigma_{\gamma+a \rightarrow b+c}$$

Applications to radiative capture (n, γ) and (p, γ) reactions in nuclear astrophysics.

Ex: ${}^7\text{Be}(p,\gamma){}^8\text{B}$



Solar neutrino problem
is due to ν -oscillations

But this reaction needs
to be known more
accurately

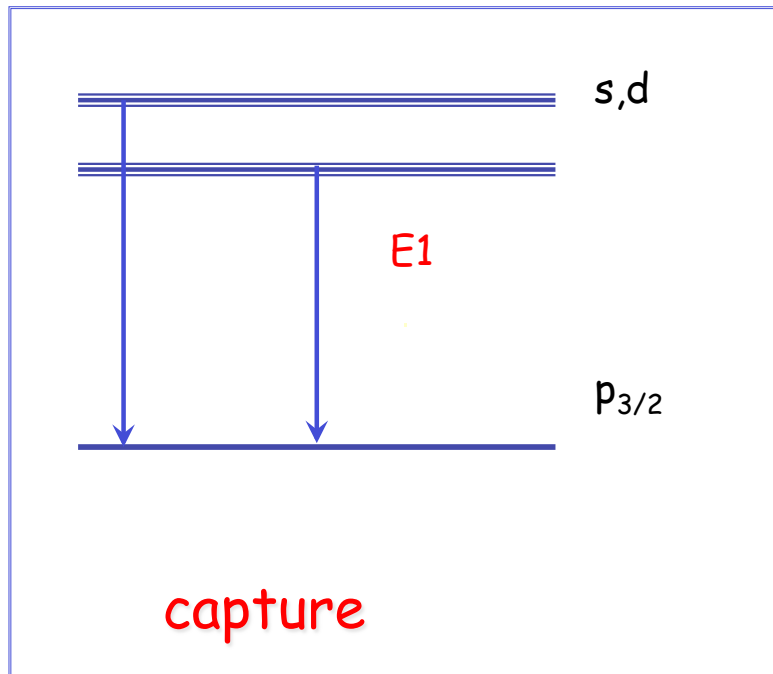
- J. Bahcall

$S_{17}(0) = 20.8$ (0.7) expt
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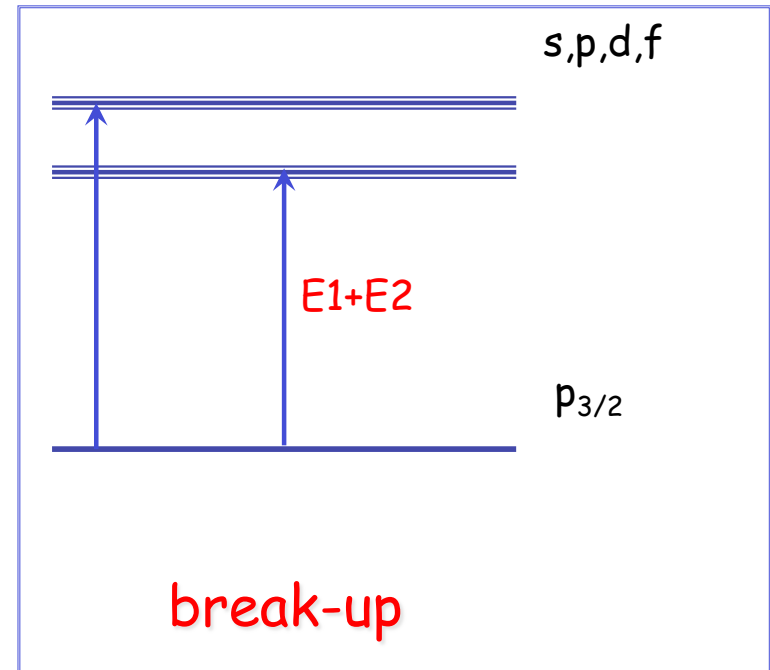
Adelberger et al
RMP 83, 195 (2011)

Life is hard

THIS occurs in stars



THIS is obtained in lab



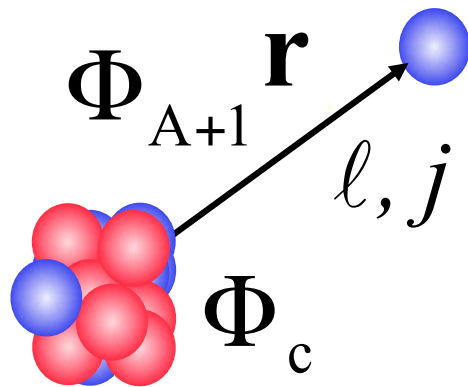
and other issues later

Forget it. Let us have some fun.



Spectroscopic factors

Nucleon removal from Φ_{A+1} will leave mass A residue in the ground or an excited state - amplitude for finding nucleon with sp quantum numbers ℓ, j , about core state Φ_c in Φ_{A+1} is



$$O_{\ell j}^c(\mathbf{r}) = \langle \mathbf{r}, \Phi_c | \Phi_{A+1} \rangle, \quad S_N = E_{A+1} - E_c$$

overlap integral

$$\int d^3r |O_{\ell j}^c(\mathbf{r})|^2 = C^2 S(\ell j)$$

Spectroscopic factor: occupancy of the state

Usual to write

$$O_{\ell j}^c(\mathbf{r}) = \sqrt{C^2 S(\ell j)} \phi_0(\mathbf{r}); \quad \int d^3r |\phi_0(\mathbf{r})|^2 = 1$$

Breakup estimates

$$\frac{d\sigma_c}{dE_x} \approx n_{EL}(E_\gamma) \times C^2 S \left| \langle \psi_{\mathbf{k}} \| r^L Y_L \| \phi_0 \rangle \right|^2 \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3}$$

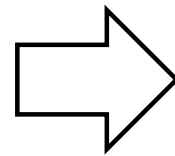
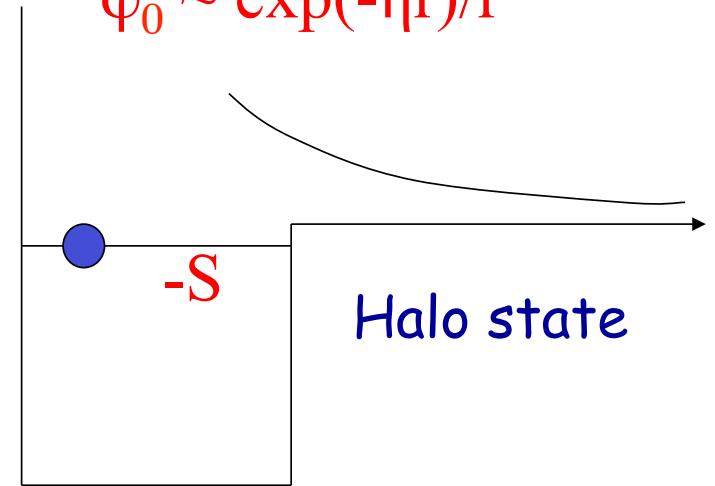
Estimate

$$\frac{dB(EL)}{dE_\gamma}$$

$$\psi_{\mathbf{k}} \approx e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}}$$

$$\phi_0 \approx \frac{1}{r} e^{-\eta r}$$

$$\phi_0 \sim \exp(-\eta r)/r$$



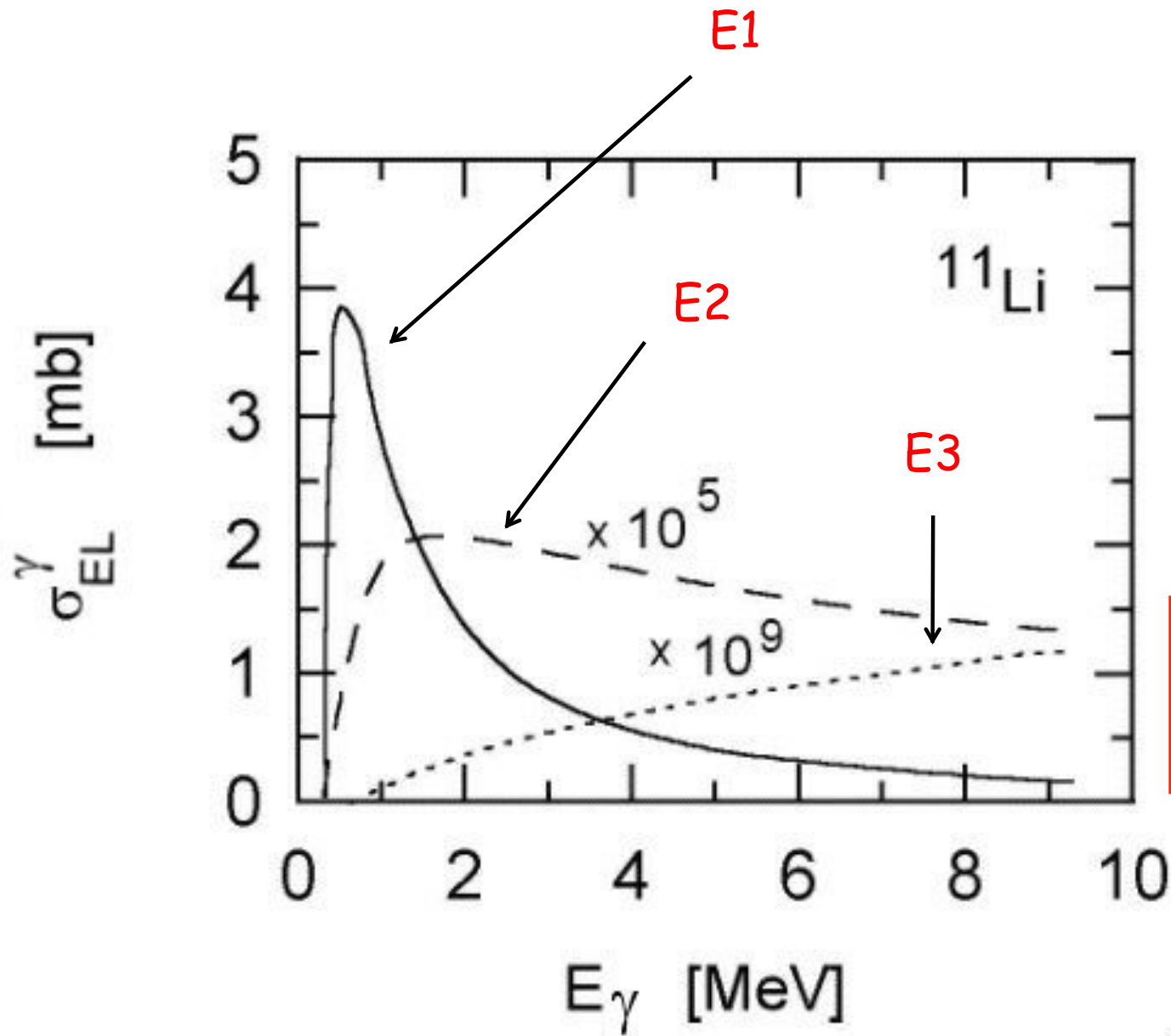
$$\frac{dB(EL)}{dE_\gamma} \approx \frac{\sqrt{S} E_{rel}^{L+1/2}}{(E_{rel} + S)^{2L+2}}$$

$$E_{rel} = E_\gamma - S$$

$$S = \frac{\hbar^2 \eta^2}{2\mu}$$

Separation energy of fragments with reduced mass μ

Electric response

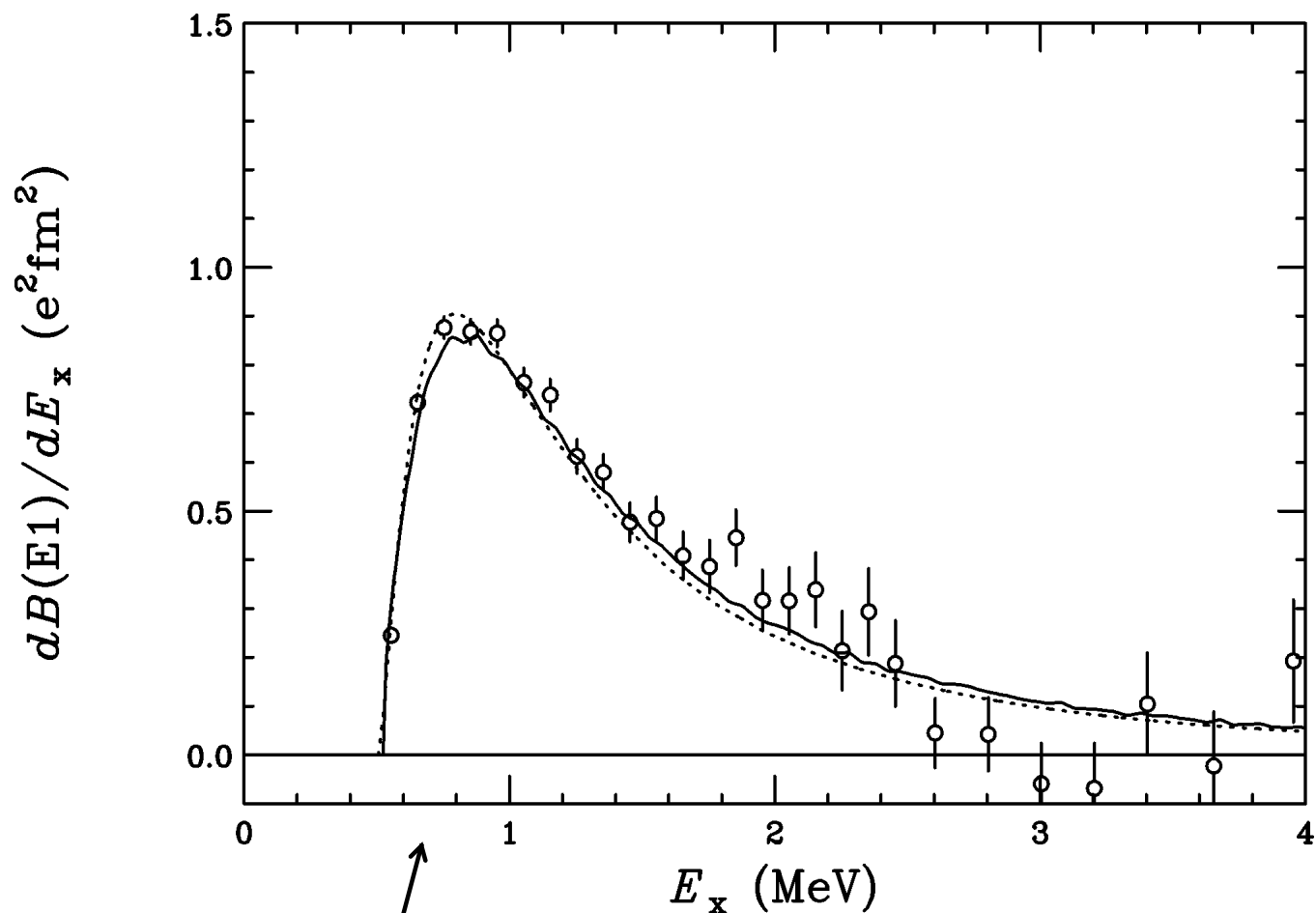


$$\sigma_L^\gamma \sim E_\gamma^{2L+1} B(EL)$$

$$\frac{dB(EL)}{dE_\gamma} \approx \frac{\sqrt{S} E_{rel}^{L+1/2}}{(E_{rel} + S)^{2L+2}}$$

Bertulani, Sustich
PRC46, 2340 (1992)

Ex: breakup of ^{11}Be



Data: Nakamura *et al.*,
PLB 331, 296(1994)

$$B(E1) = 1.05 \pm 0.06 e^2 \text{fm}^2$$

$$(3.29 \pm 0.06 \text{ W.u})$$

$$S = 0.54 \text{ MeV}$$

$$C^2 S \sim 1$$

peak at $E_x = \frac{8}{5} S = 0.76 \text{ MeV}$

$$\frac{dB(EL)}{dE_\gamma} \approx \frac{\sqrt{S}(E_x - S)^{3/2}}{E_x^4}$$

Life is hard

$$\mathcal{I}_{sp} = \langle \psi_{\mathbf{k}} \| r^1 Y_1 \| \phi_0 \rangle \approx \frac{k^2}{(k^2 + \eta^2)^2} \left[\cos \delta + \sin \delta \frac{\eta(\eta^2 + 3k^2)}{2k^3} \right]$$
$$\approx \frac{E_{rel}}{(S + E_{rel})^2} \left[1 + \left(\frac{\mu}{2\hbar^2} \right) \frac{\sqrt{S}(S + 3E_{rel})}{-1/a + (\mu E_{rel} / \hbar^2) r_{eff}} \right]$$

Final state interactions

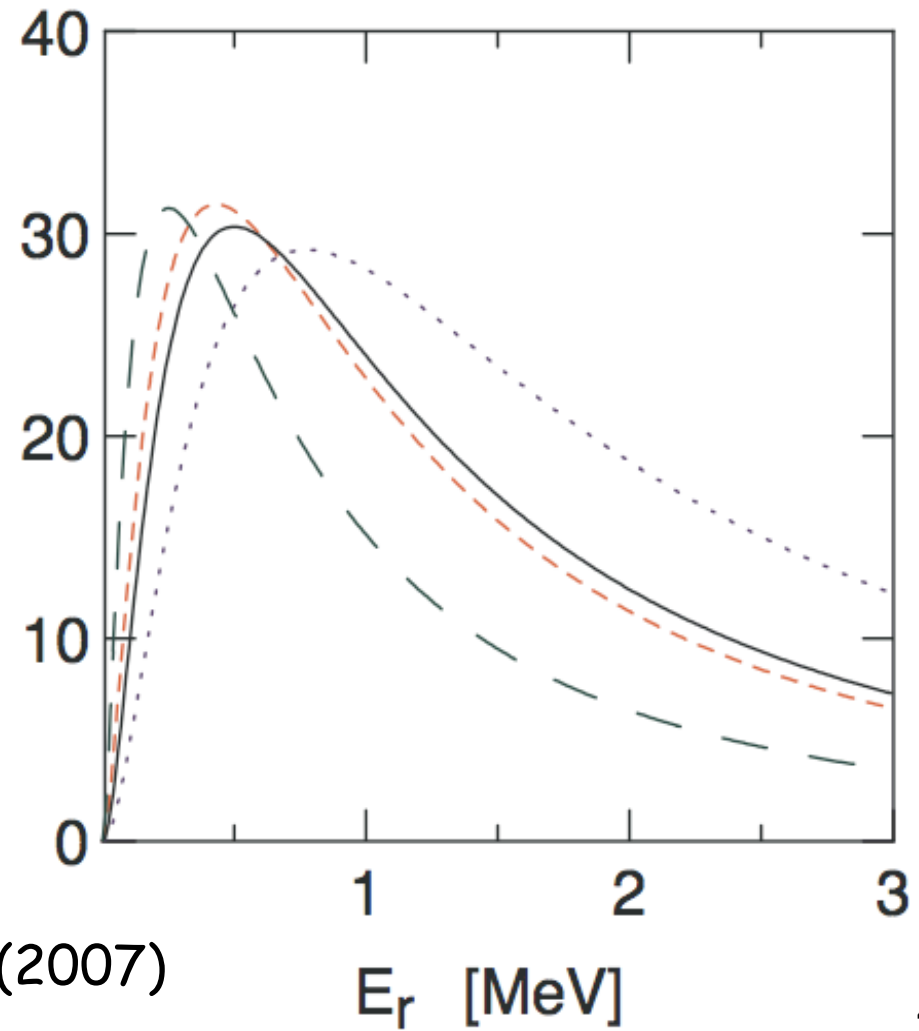
δ = scattering phase shift

a = scattering length

r_{eff} = effective range

Strongly dependent on
final state interactions
(phase-shifts)

$|\mathcal{I}_{sp}|^2$ [MeV fm⁵]



Bertulani, PRC 75, 024606 (2007)

A dramatic volcanic eruption is captured in this image. A massive, bright orange and yellow plume of ash and smoke billows upwards from the summit of a dark, conical volcano. A thick, glowing flow of lava cascades down the right side of the mountain, its surface shimmering with intense heat. The sky is a deep, clear blue, providing a stark contrast to the fiery scene below. The overall atmosphere is one of raw, powerful natural energy.

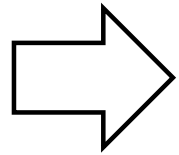
Life is complicated

Sum-rules

$$S = \sum_f (E_f - E_i) \left| \langle f | \hat{O} | i \rangle \right|^2$$

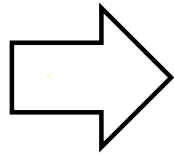
$$\hat{O} \equiv \hat{O}(z)$$

$$\hat{H} = \frac{\hat{p}_z^2}{2m} + V(z)$$



$$S = \frac{1}{2} \langle i | [[H, \hat{O}], \hat{O}] | i \rangle$$

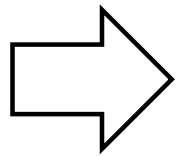
$$\hat{O} = f(z)$$



$$S = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left\langle i \left| \left| \frac{df}{dz} \right|^2 \right| i \right\rangle$$

Example: electric dipole operator

$$\hat{O} = ez$$



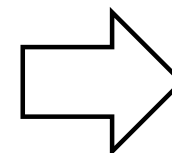
$$S = \frac{\hbar^2 e^2}{2m}$$

independent of V!

A-particles:

$$\hat{H} = \sum_b \left[\frac{\hat{p}_b^2}{2m_b} + V(z_b) \right]$$

$$\hat{O} = \sum_a e_a z_a$$



$$S = \sum_a \frac{\hbar^2 e_a^2}{2m_a}$$

Effective charges, c.m. motion

$$d_z = \sum_a e_a z_a = \sum_a e_a r_a Y_{10}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}_a)$$

$$z_a \rightarrow z_a - R_z$$

$$R_z = \sum_a \frac{z_a}{A} \quad (\text{center of mass})$$

$$d_z = \sum_a e_a (z_a - R_z) = e \sum_p z_p - \frac{Ze}{A} \left(\sum_p z_p + \sum_n z_n \right)$$

$$= e_p \sum_p z_p + e_n \sum_n z_n$$

$$e_p = \frac{N}{A} e, \quad e_n = -\frac{Z}{A} e$$

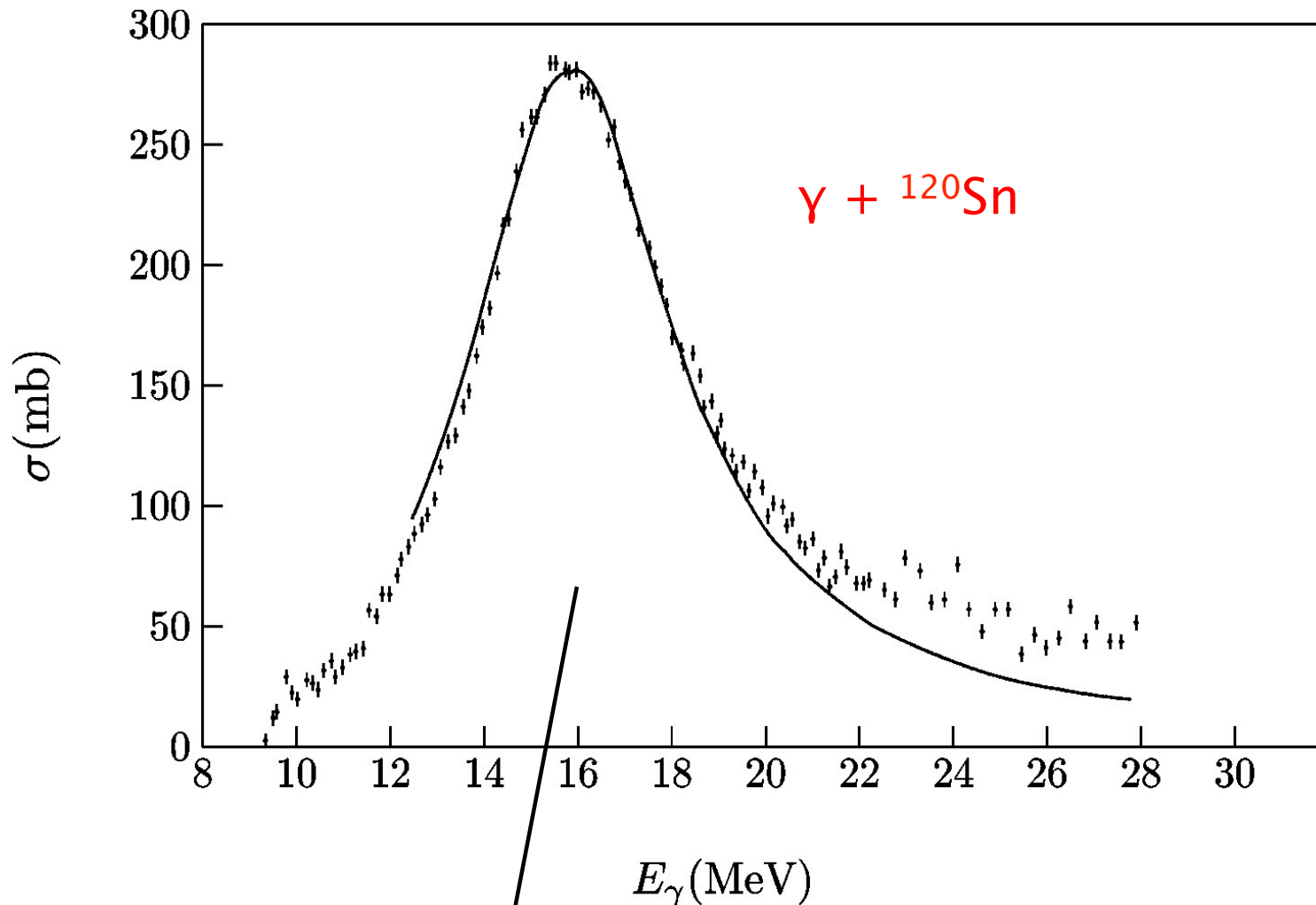
effective charges

$$S = \sum_f E_{fi} |d_{fi}^z|^2 = \frac{\hbar^2 e^2}{2m_N} \left[Z \left(\frac{N}{A} \right)^2 + N \left(-\frac{Z}{A} \right)^2 \right]$$

$$= \frac{\hbar^2 e^2}{2m_N} \frac{NZ}{A}$$

Thomas-Reiche-Kuhn sum-rule

Nuclear response to photon energies

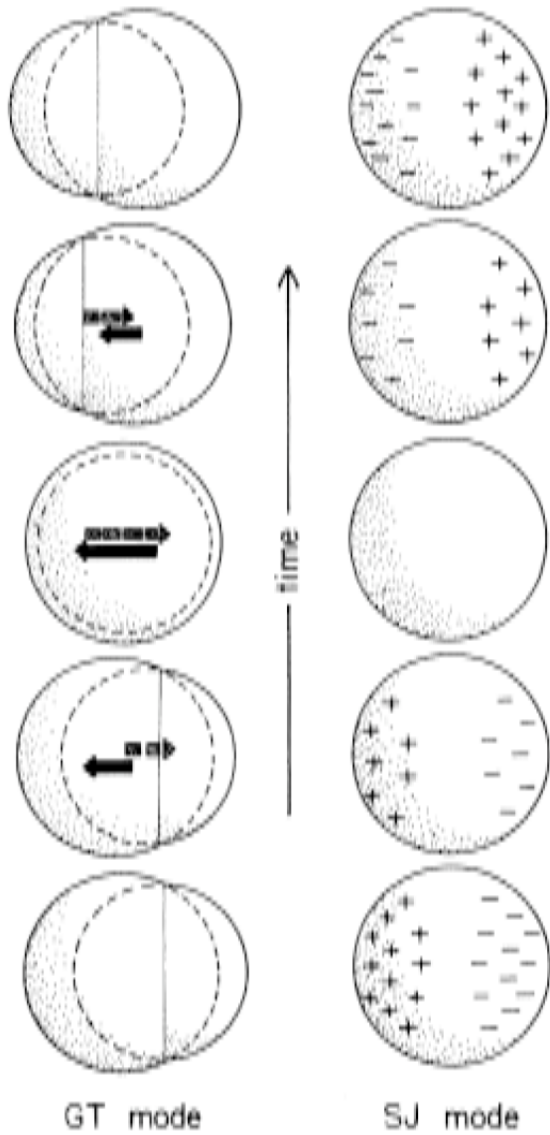


Area $\sim 100\%$ TRK sum-rule:

$$\int dE_\gamma \sigma^\gamma(E_\gamma) = 2\pi^2 \frac{\hbar e^2}{m_N c} \frac{NZ}{A}$$

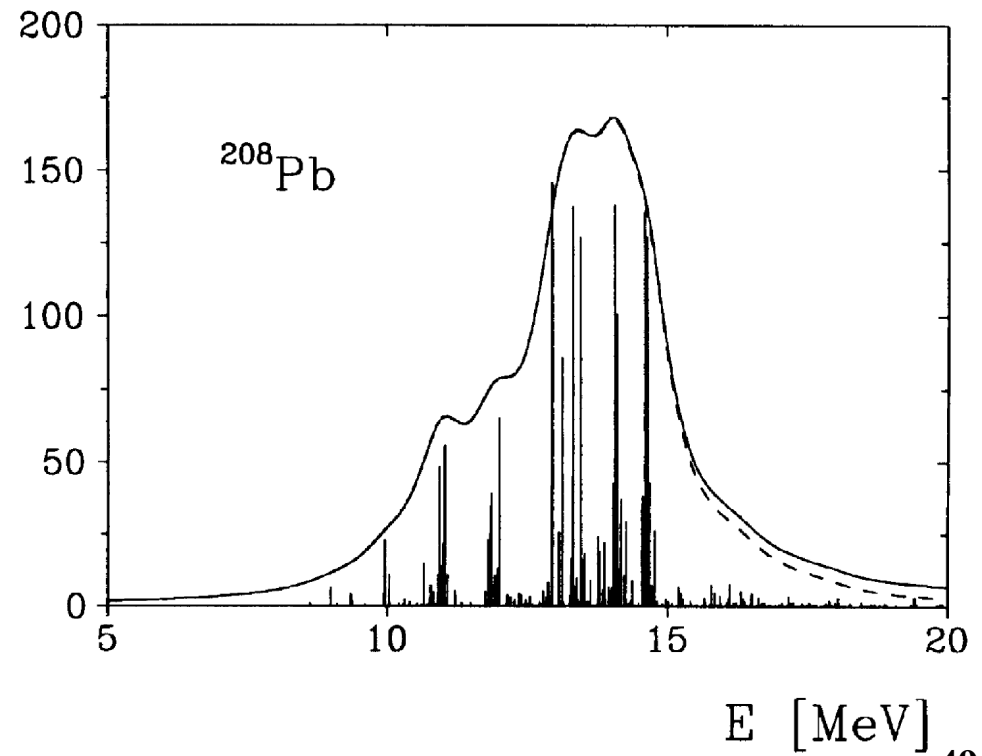
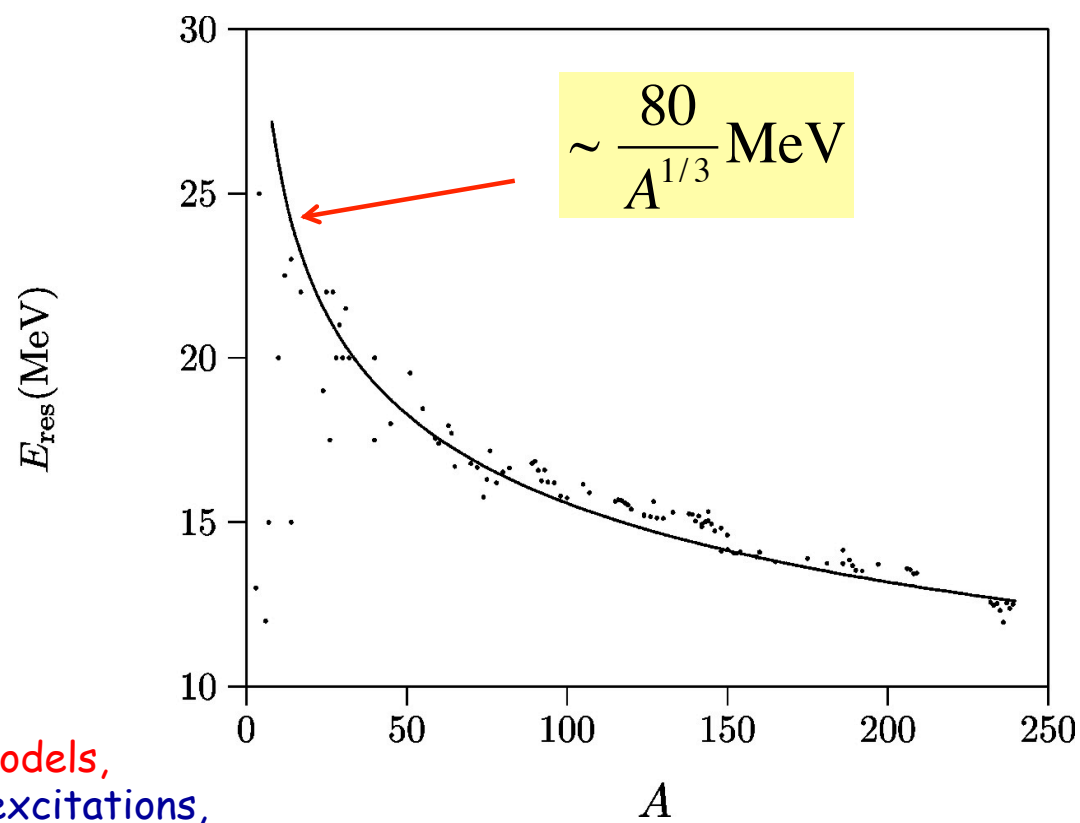
Giant resonances

Macroscopic models, liquid drop

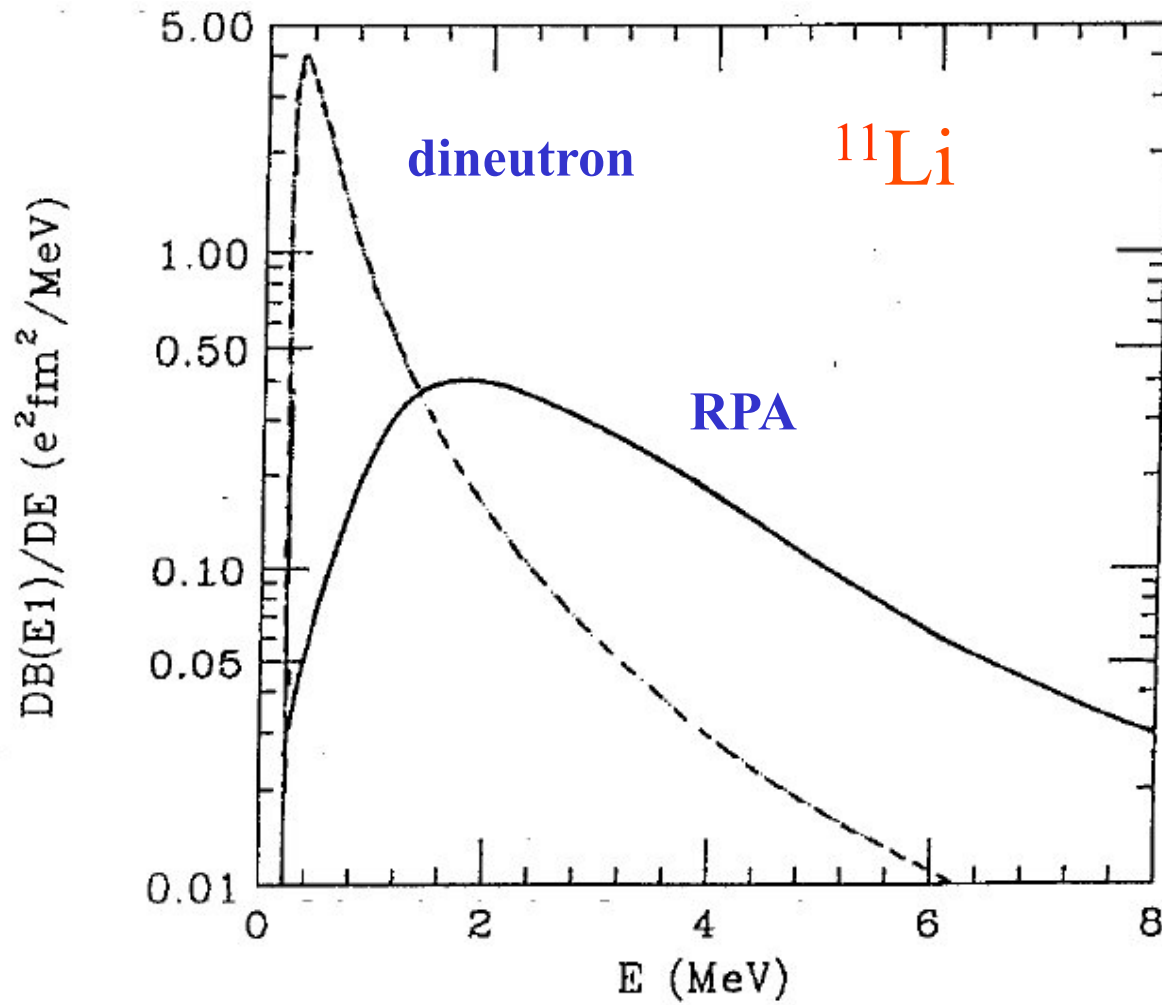


GT: Goldhaber-Teller
 SJ: Steinwedel-Jensen

Microscopic models,
 particle-hole excitations,
 RPA

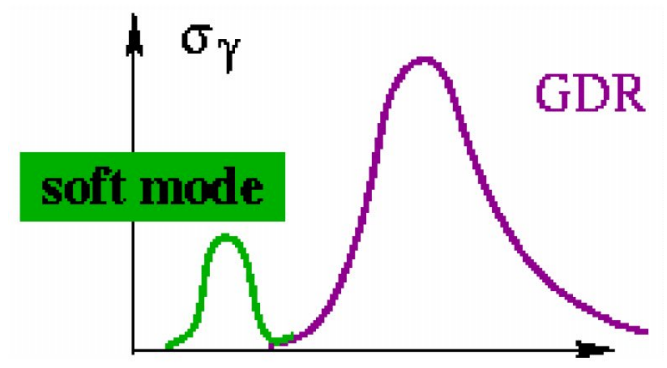


Pigmy resonances

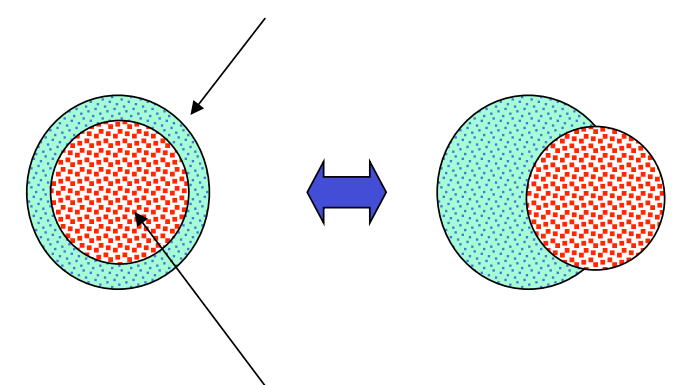


Teruya, Bertulani
PRC 43, 2049 (1991)

RPA + $2n_p-2n_h$ excitations



excess neutrons



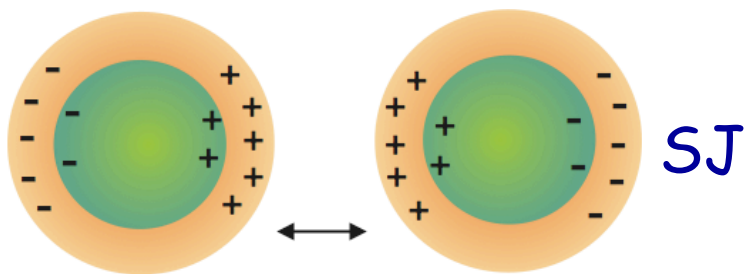
Is there a soft dipole ?

“core” with p and n

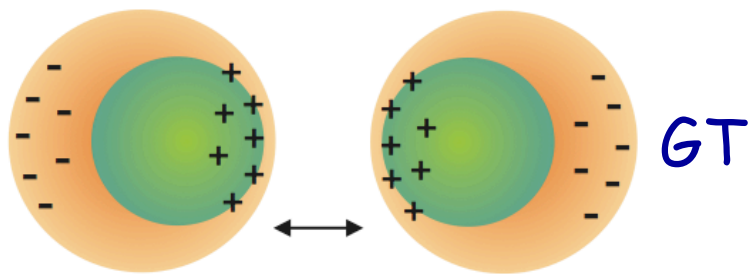
Pigmy resonances

$$B(EL) \sim \left| \int r^L \delta\rho_{fi} d^3r \right|^2$$

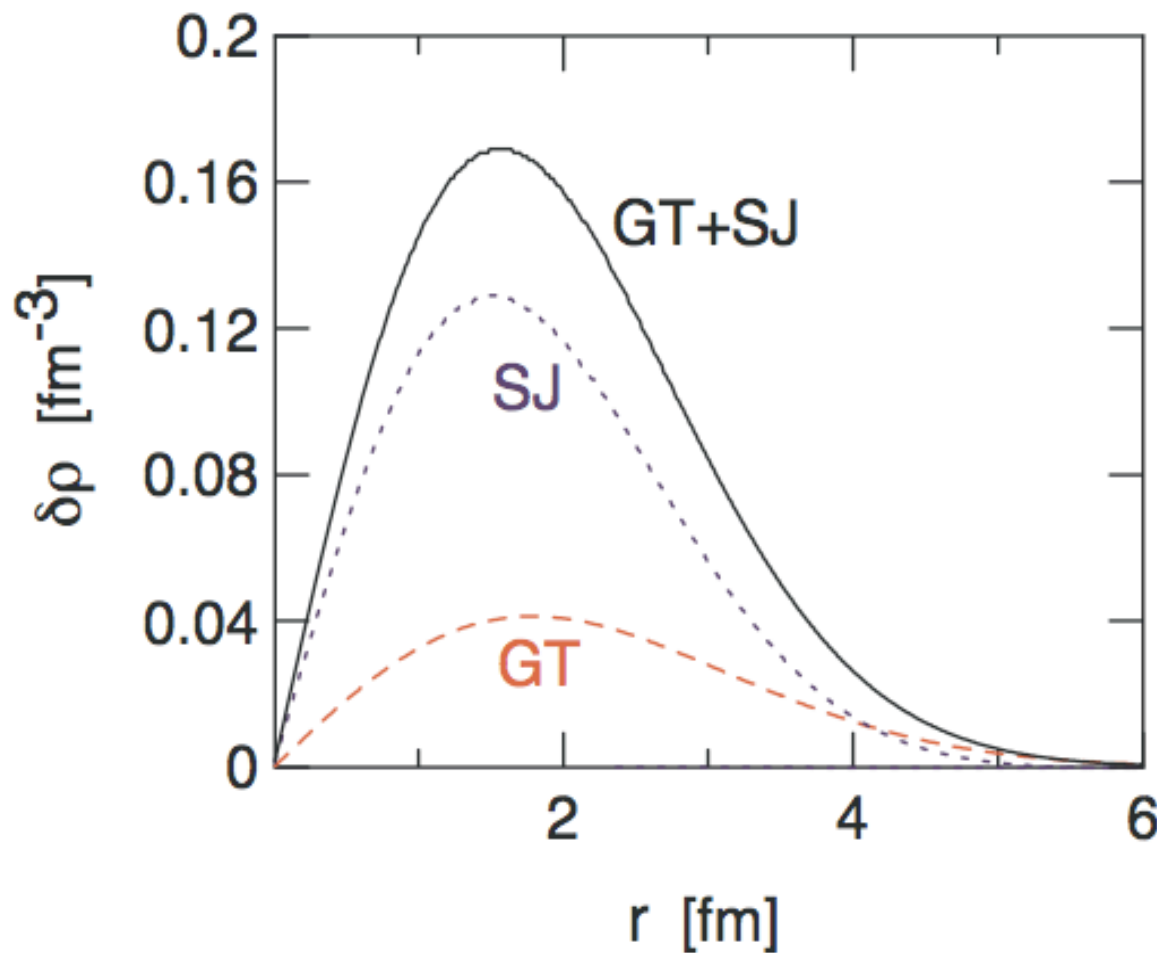
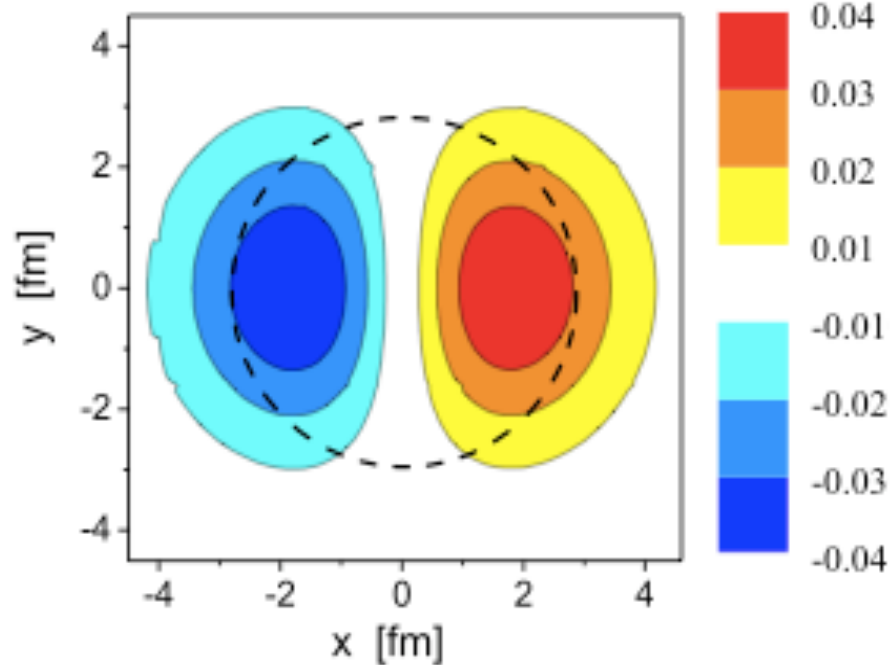
$$\delta\rho_P(r) \approx Z_{eff}^{GT} \alpha_{GT} \frac{d\rho_0}{dr} + Z_{eff}^{SJ} \alpha_{SJ} j_1(kr) \rho_0(r)$$



SJ



GT



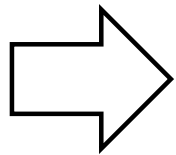
Estimates

hydrodynamical model

$$E_{PR} = \left(\frac{3\hbar^2}{2aRm_N A_r} \right)$$

$$A_r = A_c (A - A_c) / A$$

R = nuclear size
a = diffuseness



$$E_{PR} \approx 1 \text{ MeV}$$

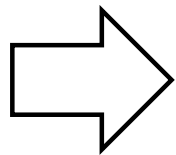
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$$\Gamma \sim \frac{\hbar \bar{v}_N}{R}$$

$$\bar{v}_N = \frac{3}{4} v_F = \frac{3}{4} \sqrt{\frac{2E_F}{m_N}}$$

$$E_F \sim 35 \text{ MeV}$$

$$R \sim 5 \text{ fm}$$



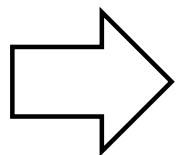
$$\Gamma \sim 6 \text{ MeV}$$

usual GR

pygmy GR

$\bar{v} \sim$ relative velocity of core and halo

$$E_F \rightarrow E_P \sim 1 \text{ MeV}$$



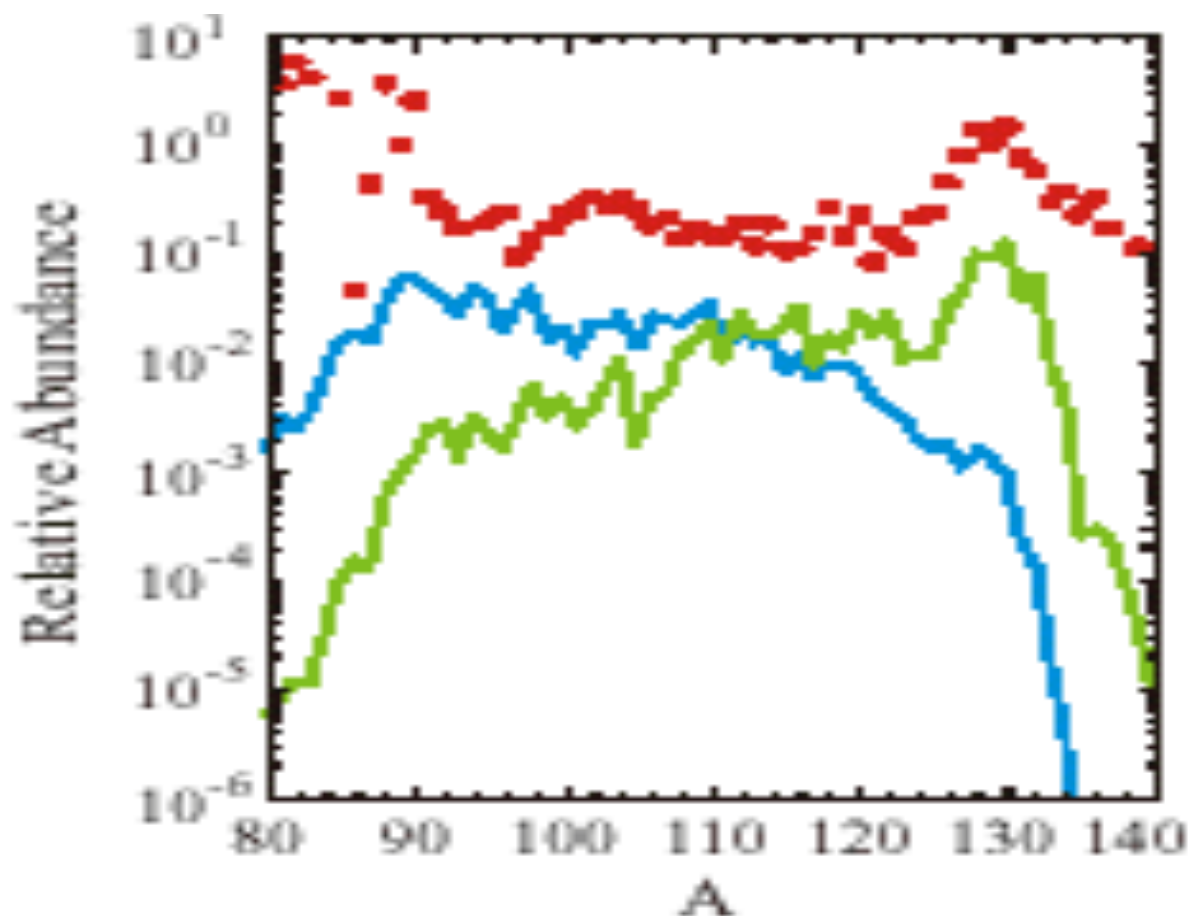
$$\Gamma \sim 1 \text{ MeV}$$

Trouble!

only accurate microscopic models
can resolve pygmy from direct breakup

Relevance for nuclear astrophysics (medium A)

Nucleosynthesis: (γ, n) or (n, γ) cross sections in the r-process
Importance of the "pygmy" states



Red: empirical

Blue: no pygmy

Green: with pygmy

S. Goriely, PLB 2000