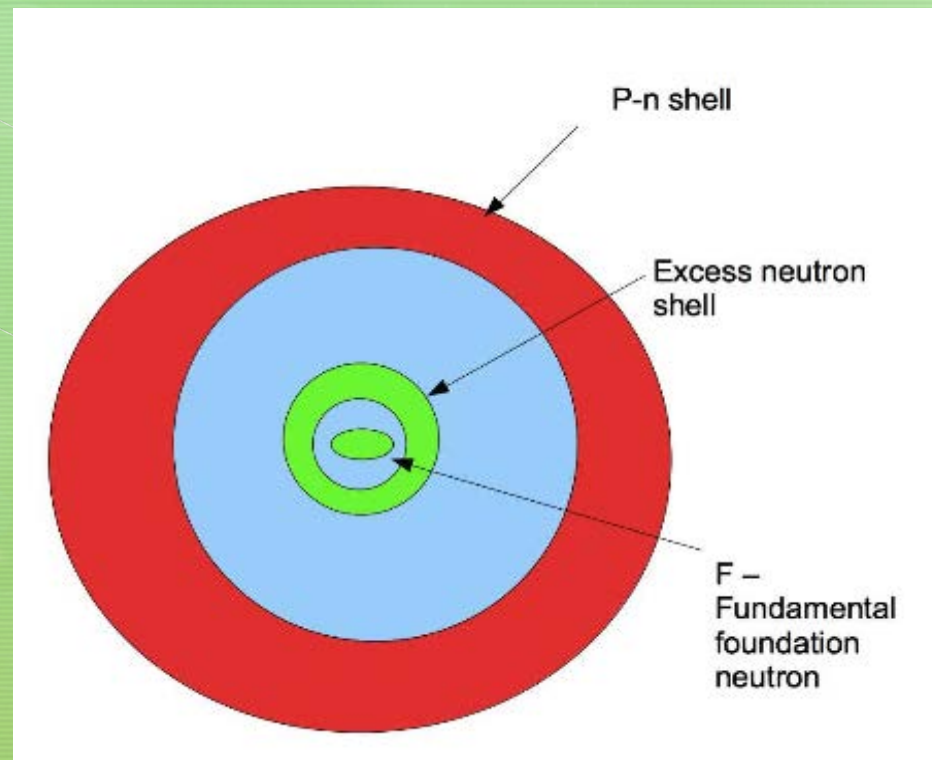


# Excess Neutron Shell Model of Nuclei

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# Analysis of Periodic Table

- ◆ 80 Stable elements
- ◆ Tc  $z=43$  unstable!
- ◆ Pm  $z = 61$  unstable!
- ◆ Even the stable elements can be made unstable by introducing a Neutron or removing it.
- ◆ No H isotope with 100 neutrons !!!!

The image displays a comprehensive periodic table of elements. At the top, it is titled "THE PERIODIC TABLE OF THE ELEMENTS" in English, with translations in French ("LE TABLEAU PÉRIODIQUE DES ÉLÉMENTS"), German ("DAS PERIODENSYSTEM DER ELEMENTE"), and Spanish ("LA TABLA PERIÓDICA DE LOS ELEMENTOS"). The table is color-coded by groups and includes a legend for element categories. At the bottom, there are several pie charts and a small table of data, likely representing the distribution of elements by group or other characteristics.

# STATISTICAL FEATURES OF THE THERMAL NEUTRON CAPTURE CROSS SECTIONS

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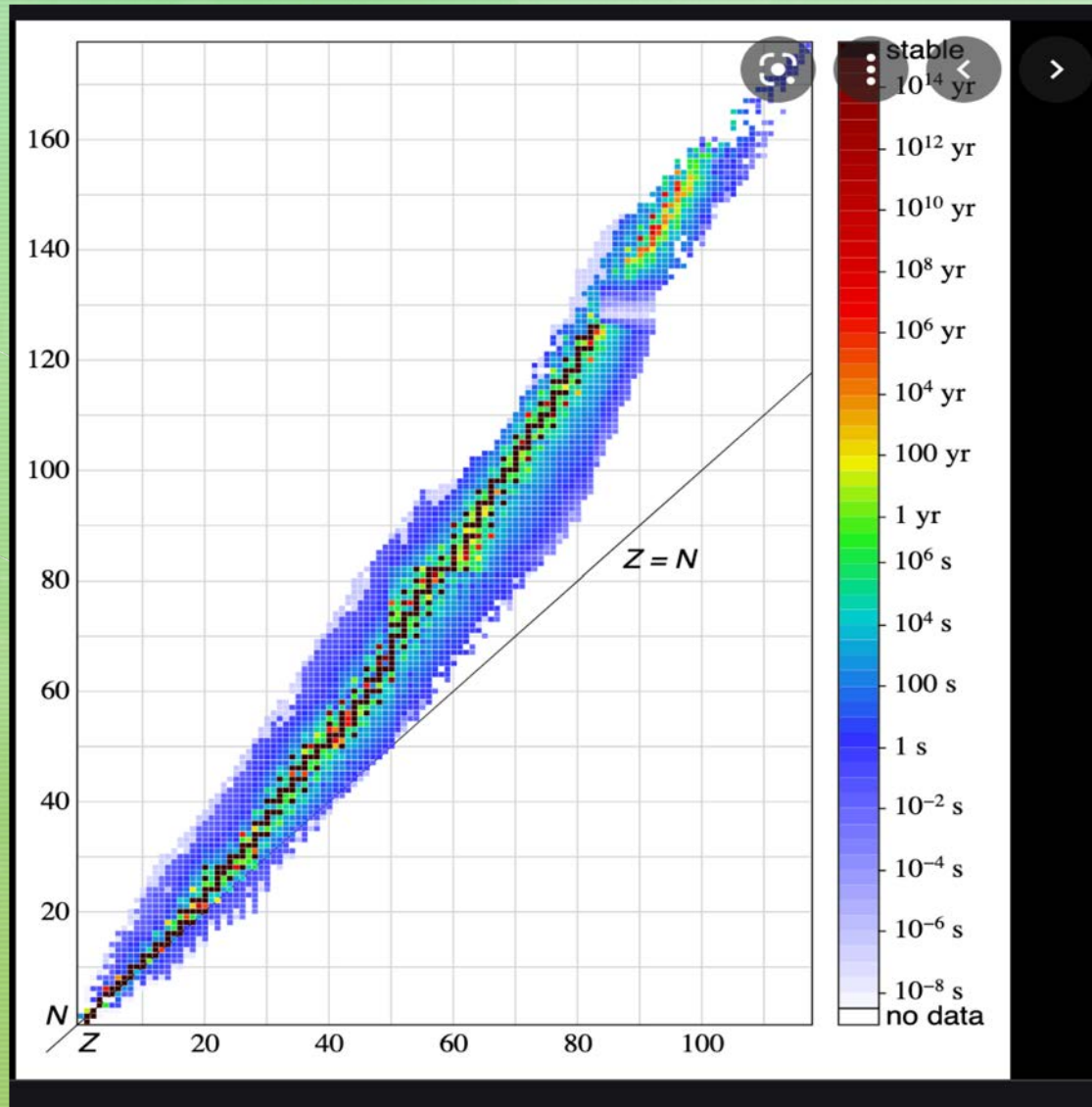
Very low energy neutron capture cross sections are important ingredients for nuclear research and applications. In the r-process of astrophysical significance, these cross sections are of fundamental importance as they dictate

For ultra cold neutrons ( $E_n < 0.001$  eV), the capture cross section for  $^{157}\text{Gd}$  can reach  $1.2 \times 10^8$  barns. This is comparable to typical atomic cross sections! The natural gadolinium capture cross section of these neutrons is

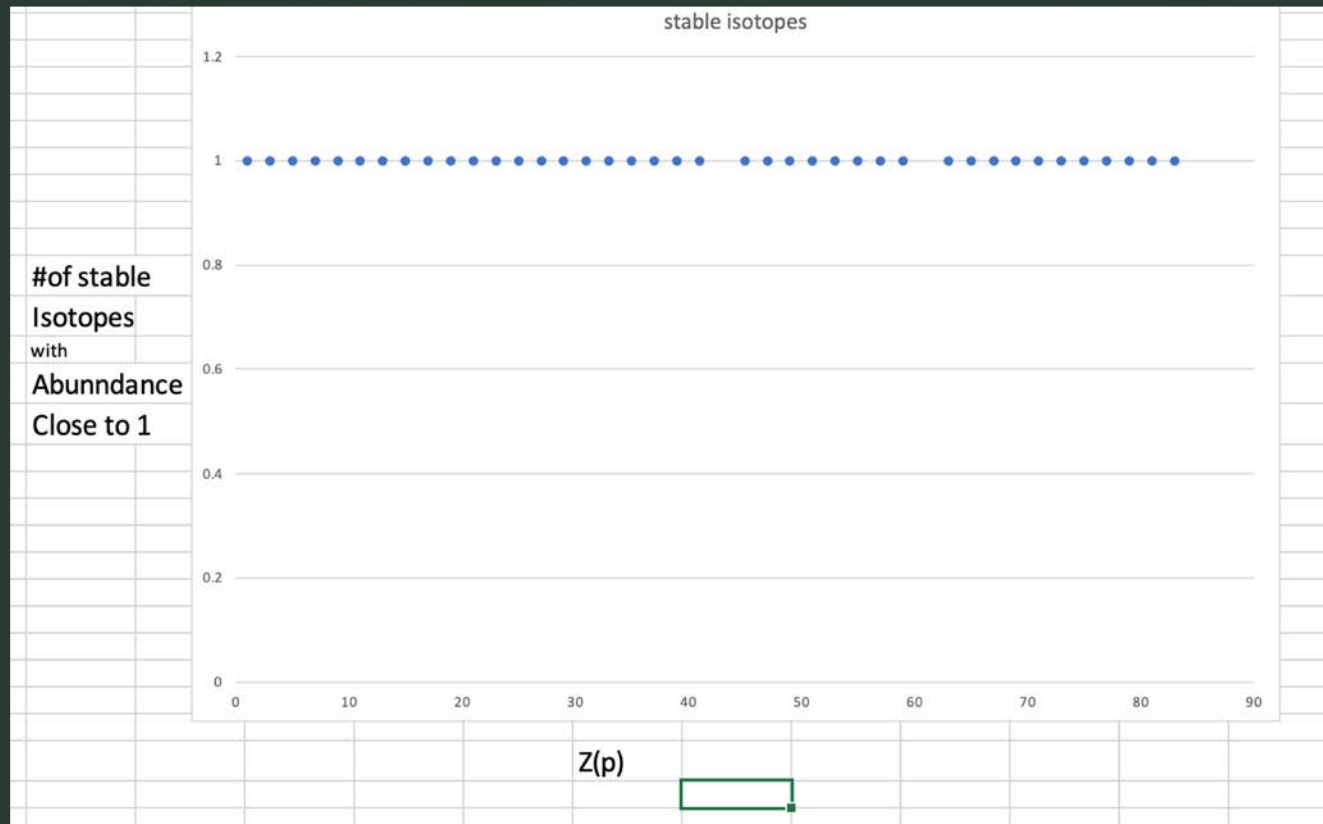
## **2. Abnormal nuclear resonance reactions and the possible rôle of simple doorways**

A notorious case of an abnormal resonance reaction is the intermediate structure seen at low energy [8], and interpreted by Feshbach and Block [2] as arising from simple doorways, that modulates the compound nuclear resonances. We refer the reader to Feshbach's book on nuclear reactions [9]. A more recent example, which has been already alluded to above, concerns

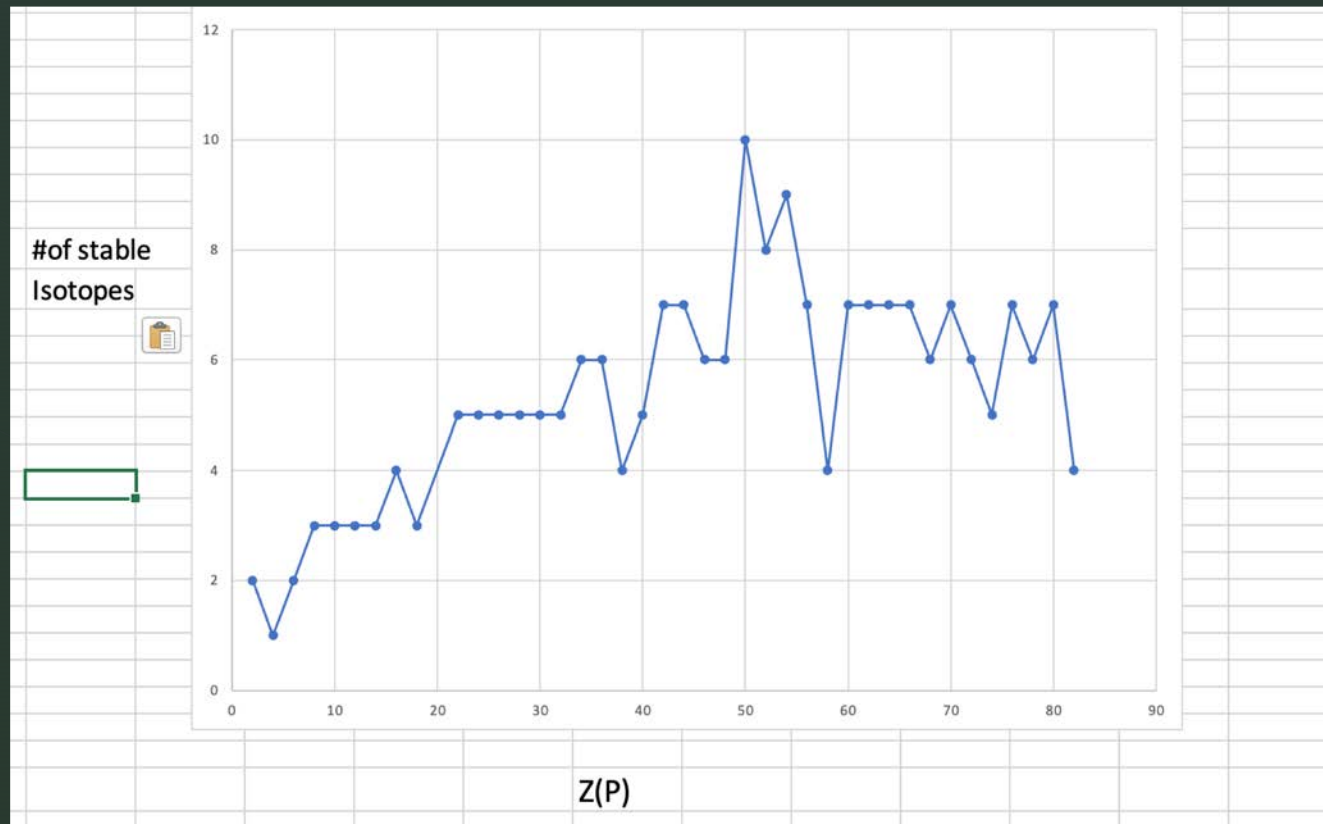
# Traditional plot



# Odd Z elements vs #of stable Isotopes



# Even Z elements Stable Isotopes



- ▶ Neutron's distinct identity within the nuclei

- ◆ If neutrons are really neutral than All neutrons in the nuclei should combine and form one heavy neutron But in reality
- ◆ All neutrons stand up and want to get counted
- ◆ **What gives separate identity in the reference frame of Nuclei?**

# Preferential states and abundance in Nature

- ◆ Nature prefers stable systems
- ◆ Probability  $\rightarrow$  Abundance
- ◆ The most abundant isotope of Element in nature represents the preferred state of that Nuclei
  
- ◆ **WHAT MAKES THE ISOTOPE STABLE?**



## Relation between Abundance and Preferred state

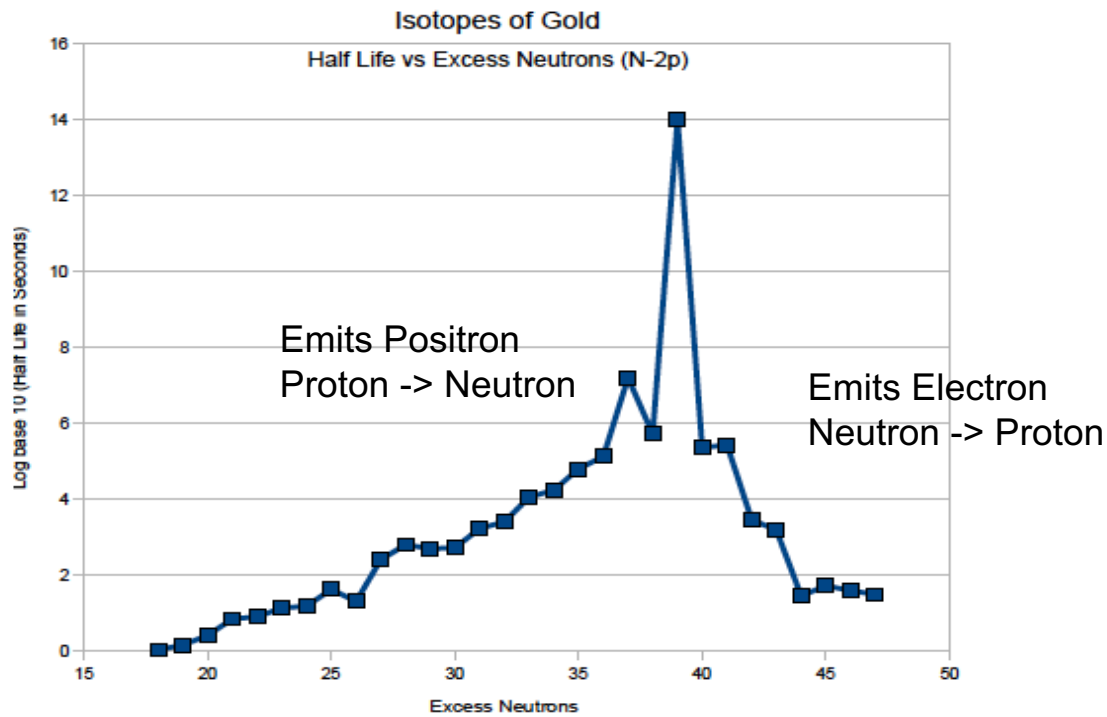
- ◆ Element may have many isotopes but it has upper limit
- ◆ Only handful of isotopes of element are non radioactive

Out of all the possibilities only some states are preferred

# Stable Isotopes of Au, Pt, Hg and It's Abundance

Element	Z(p)	N(n)	n – p Unpaired excess neutrons	n- p/Z(p )	Relative abundance	stable isotope s
<b>190Pt</b>	78	112	34	0.44	0	6
<b>192Pt</b>	78	114	36	0.46	0.01	
<b>194Pt</b>	78	116	38	0.49	0.33	
<b>195Pt</b>	78	117	39	0.5	0.34	
<b>196Pt</b>	78	118	40	0.51	0.25	
<b>198Pt</b>	78	120	42	0.54	0.07	
<b>197Au</b>	79	118	39	0.49	1	1
<b>196Hg</b>	80	116	36	0.45	0	7
<b>198Hg</b>	80	118	38	0.48	0.1	
<b>199Hg</b>	80	119	39	0.49	0.17	
<b>200Hg</b>	80	120	40	0.5	0.23	
<b>201Hg</b>	80	121	41	0.51	0.13	
<b>202Hg</b>	80	122	42	0.53	0.3	
<b>204Hg</b>	80	124	44	0.55	0.07	

# Instability Of Nuclei



Notes: Dips are associated with shell parity, please refer to the neutron shell tables provided in the full article. Down load it to view tables.

## 43Tc and 61Pm

- ◆ No stable isotopes ,None found in Nature .
- ◆ Radioactive isotopes ..

byproduct of Nuclear Reactor waste

The longest surviving Isotopes have

- ◆ For Tc excess N 11,12,13
- ◆ For Pm excess N 23, 24, 25

# A Quantum Particle in a gravitational field

The quantum mechanical behaviour of this system may be described by the solution to the time-independent Schrödinger equation,

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2\psi}{dz^2} + mgz\psi = E\psi$$

which is simplified by the coordinate rescaling  $q = z/\alpha$  where  $\alpha = (\hbar^2/2m^2g)^{1/3}$ :

$$\frac{d^2\psi}{dq^2} - (q - q_E)\psi = 0, \quad \text{where } q_E = \frac{E}{mg\alpha}.$$

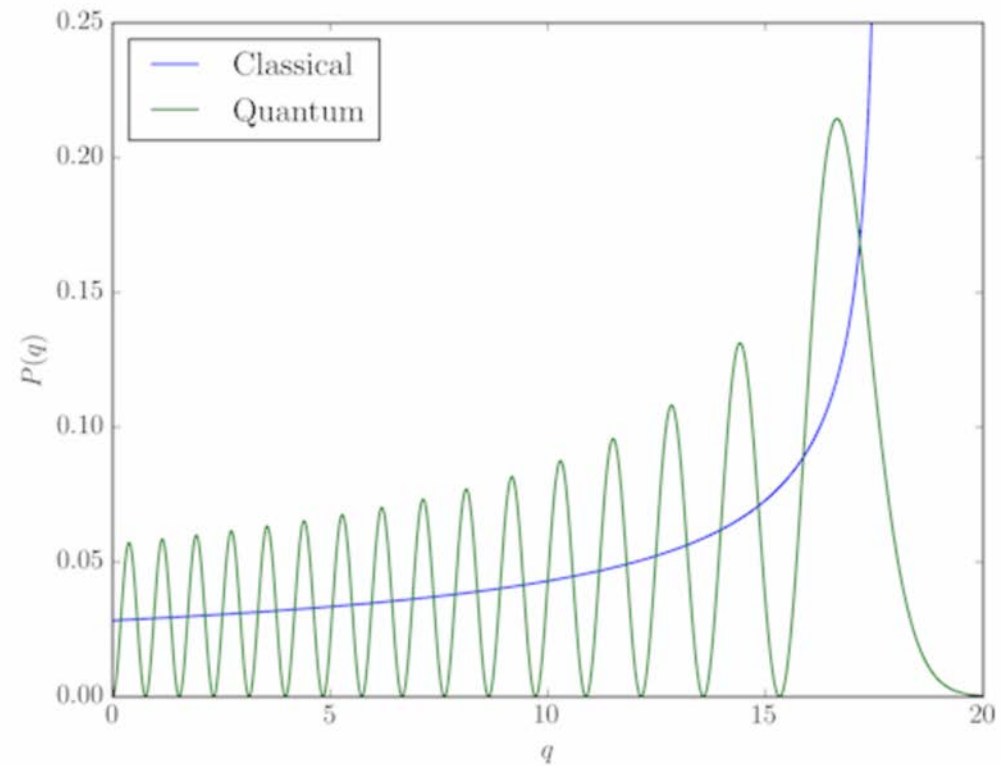
The solutions to this differential equation are the Airy functions. The boundary condition  $\psi(z) \rightarrow 0$  as  $z \rightarrow \infty$  specifically gives:

$$\psi(q) = N_E \text{Ai}(q - q_E),$$

where  $N_E$  is a normalization constant.

# Solution for $n = 16$

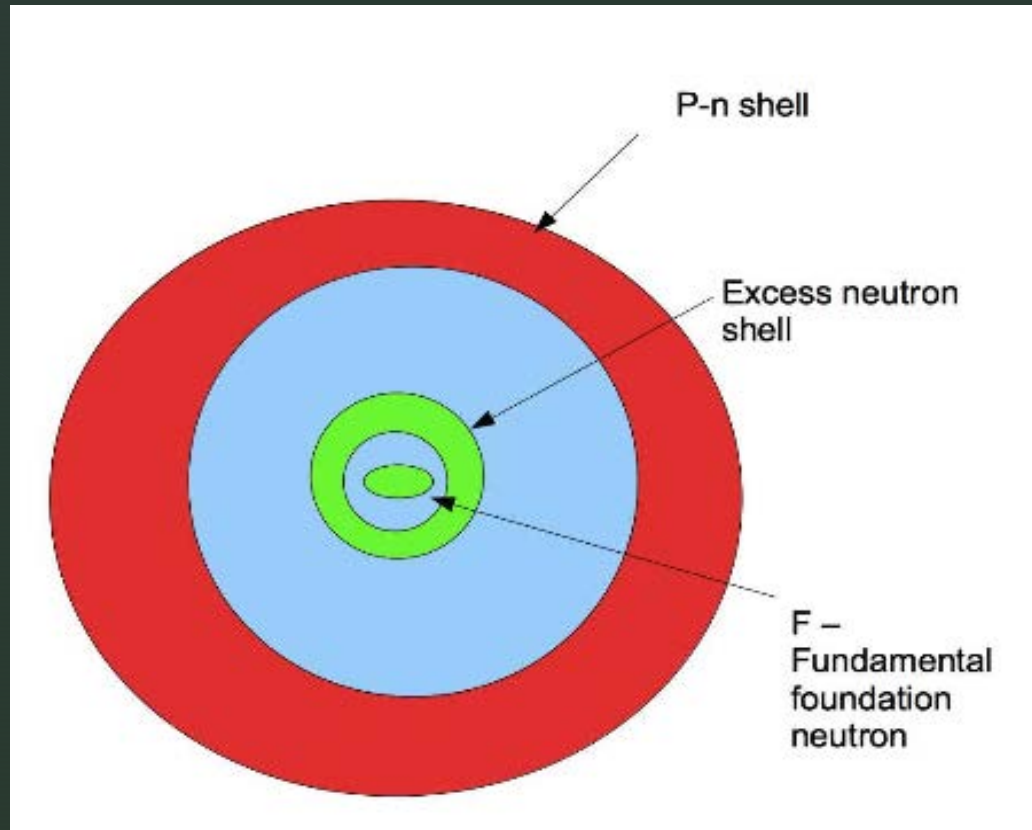
The excited state  $n = 16$ :



# Energy levels of Neutron Shell

Excess Neutron Shell	Shell										
	F	K	L		M			N			
		s	s	p	s	p	d	s	p	d	f
	1	2	2	6	2	6	10	2	6	10	14

# Excess Neutron Shell model of Nuclei





# Orbital Energy Levels Au

7s	2		
6p	6		
6s	2	6s	2
5d	10		
5p	6		
5s	2	5s	2
4f	5		
4d	10		
4p	6	4p	6
4s	2	4s	2
3d	10	3d	8
3p	6	3p	6
3s	2	3s	2
2p	6	2p	6
2s	2	2s	2
1s	2	1s	2
		F	1
NP shell			39
79 NP pairs			Excess Neutron shell 39 (N-P)

## Initial condition

$$K \frac{Q Q}{z^2} = G \frac{2M(N-P)M}{z^2} \text{ stable}$$

$> \beta^+$  Emmitter  
 $< \beta^-$  Emmitter

# Isotopes of odd z Element

nuclide symbol	Z(p)	N(n)	isotopic mass (u)	half-life	decay mode(s) <sup>[2][n 1]</sup>	daughter isotope(s) <sup>[n 2]</sup>	nuclear spin	representative isotopic composition (mole fraction)
	excitation energy							
<sup>24</sup> Al	13	11	23.9999389(30)	2.053(4) s	β <sup>+</sup> (99.95%)	<sup>24</sup> Mg	4+	
					β <sup>+</sup> , α (.0349%)	<sup>20</sup> Ne		
					β <sup>+</sup> , p (.0159%)	<sup>23</sup> Na		
<sup>24m</sup> Al	425.8(1) keV			131.3(25) ms	π <sup>-</sup> (82%)	<sup>24</sup> Al	1+	
					β <sup>+</sup> (18%)	<sup>24</sup> Mg		
					β <sup>+</sup> , α	<sup>20</sup> Ne		
<sup>25</sup> Al	13	12	24.9904281(5)	7.183(12) s	β <sup>+</sup>	<sup>25</sup> Mg	5/2+	
<sup>26</sup> Al <sup>[n 3]</sup>	13	13	25.98689169(6)	7.17(24)×10 <sup>5</sup> a	β <sup>+</sup>	<sup>26</sup> Mg	5+	Trace <sup>[n 4]</sup>
<sup>26m</sup> Al	228.305(13) keV			6.3452(19) s	β <sup>+</sup>	<sup>26</sup> Mg	0+	
<sup>27</sup> Al	13	14	26.98153863(12)	Stable			5/2+	1.0000
<sup>28</sup> Al	13	15	27.98191031(14)	2.2414(12) min	β <sup>-</sup>	<sup>28</sup> Si	3+	
<sup>29</sup> Al	13	16	28.9804450(13)	6.56(6) min	β <sup>-</sup>	<sup>29</sup> Si	5/2+	
<sup>30</sup> Al	13	17	29.982960(15)	3.60(6) s	β <sup>-</sup>	<sup>30</sup> Si	3+	
<sup>31</sup> Al	13	18	30.983947(22)	644(25) ms	β <sup>-</sup> (98.4%)	<sup>31</sup> Si	(3/2,5/2)+	
					β <sup>-</sup> , n (1.6%)	<sup>30</sup> Si		
						<sup>22</sup>		

# Isotopes of even Z Element

nuclide symbol	Z(p)	N(n)	isotopic mass (u)	half-life	decay mode(s) <sup>[2][n 1]</sup>	daughter isotope(s) <sup>[n 2]</sup>	nuclear spin	representative isotopic composition (mole fraction)
	excitation energy							

<sup>110</sup> Sn	50	60	110.907734(7)	35.3(8) min	β <sup>+</sup>	<sup>110</sup> In	7/2+	
<sup>111m</sup> Sn			254.72(8) keV	12.5(10) μs			1/2+	
<sup>112</sup> Sn	50	62	111.904818(5)	Observationally Stable <sup>[n 5]</sup>			0+	0.0097(1)
<sup>113</sup> Sn	50	63	112.905171(4)	115.09(3) d	β <sup>+</sup>	<sup>113</sup> In	1/2+	
<sup>113m</sup> Sn			77.386(19) keV	21.4(4) min	IT (91.1%)	<sup>113</sup> Sn	7/2+	
					β <sup>+</sup> (8.9%)	<sup>113</sup> In		
<sup>114</sup> Sn	50	64	113.902779(3)	Stable <sup>[n 6]</sup>			0+	0.0066(1)
<sup>114m</sup> Sn			3087.37(7) keV	733(14) ns			7-	
<sup>115</sup> Sn	50	65	114.903342(3)	Stable <sup>[n 6]</sup>			1/2+	0.0034(1)
<sup>115m1</sup> Sn			612.81(4) keV	3.26(8) μs			7/2+	
<sup>115m2</sup> Sn			713.64(12) keV	159(1) μs			11/2-	
<sup>116</sup> Sn	50	66	115.901741(3)	Stable <sup>[n 6]</sup>			0+	0.1454(9)
<sup>117</sup> Sn	50	67	116.902952(3)	Stable <sup>[n 6]</sup>			1/2+	0.0768(7)
<sup>117m1</sup> Sn			314.58(4) keV	13.76(4) d	IT	<sup>117</sup> Sn	11/2-	
<sup>117m2</sup> Sn			2406.4(4) keV	1.75(7) μs			(19/2+)	
<sup>118</sup> Sn	50	68	117.901603(3)	Stable <sup>[n 6]</sup>			0+	0.2422(9)
<sup>119</sup> Sn	50	69	118.903308(3)	Stable <sup>[n 6]</sup>			1/2+	0.0859(4)
<sup>119m1</sup> Sn			89.531(13) keV	293.1(7) d	IT	<sup>119</sup> Sn	11/2-	
<sup>119m2</sup> Sn			2127.0(10) keV	9.6(12) μs			(19/2+)	
<sup>120</sup> Sn	50	70	119.9021947(27)	Stable <sup>[n 6]</sup>			0+	0.3258(9)
<sup>120m1</sup> Sn			2481.63(6) keV	11.8(5) μs			(7-)	
<sup>120m2</sup> Sn			2902.22(22) keV	6.26(11) μs			(10+) <sup>#</sup>	
<sup>121</sup> Sn <sup>[n 7]</sup>	50	71	120.9042355(27)	27.03(4) h	β <sup>-</sup>	<sup>121</sup> Sb	3/2+	

# Mathematics of Force

- ◆ Strong Nuclear Forces , Nuclei should be unbreakable.. But it Breaks !!! Why?

$$F = G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2},$$

- ◆ Must Consider other influence as well

$$|\mathbf{F}| = k_e \frac{|q_1 q_2|}{r^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{F} = k_e \frac{q_1 q_2 \hat{\mathbf{r}}_{21}}{r_{21}^2}, \quad \text{respectively.}$$

# Au197(n,γ)Au198 Reaction Mechanism

O. A. Wasson, R. E. Chrien, M. R. Bhat, M. A. Lone, and M.

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- The variation in intensity of 24  $\gamma$  rays emitted in neutron capture near the 4.9-eV resonance in gold was measured as a function of neutron energy. Significant interference was observed in the partial capture cross sections, which was consistent with interference between local resonances provided that a bound level was postulated which contributes 3.5 b to the thermal-capture cross section. With this assumption, no direct reaction mechanism is required in the capture process. Capture  $\gamma$ -ray spectra were also observed in the various resonances for neutron energies  $<400$  eV. Previously unreported  $\gamma$  rays were observed in thermal neutron capture, while additional new  $\gamma$  rays were observed in resonance capture. The choice of relative signs of the partial-width amplitudes of the 4.9- and 60-eV resonances required to fit the data is inconsistent with the usual assumption of normally distributed width amplitudes.

# *Fission Energies and Resonance*

Nucleus of an atom	Excitation energy for fission MeV	Binding energy of the last neutron MeV
Th-232	6.5	4.8
U-233	6.2	6.8
U-235	5.7	6.5
U-238	6.5	4.8
Pu-239	5.8	6.5
Pu-240	6.2	5.2
Pu-241	5.6	6.3

Excitation energy for fission

## Case of Bismuth Element $Z=83$

- $^{126}\text{Bi}$  Half life  $2.01(8)\times 10^{19}$  y formerly believed to be heaviest element stable isotope nuclide
- excess Neutrons 43 ( $126 - 83$ )

Looks like For stability of nuclide  $P = 80$  and  $N = 122$  with Highest relative abundance among Hg stable nuclide and Thallium  $P = 81$  and  $N = 124, 123$  are stable. Even lead isotopes are not stable.



## Excess Neutron shell Model some observations

- It shows that gravitational pull from innermost neutron shell gives the stability as well as upper limit to stable element (discuss)
- Alpha emission is the result of constant collision of neutron shell with NP shell
- Existence of Neutron shell thus postulated correlates to compressible spongy nature of neutron
- Excess Neutron shell resonances allows for cold neutron resonance capture

# Fusion

- ◆ Must overcome coulomb forces and bring two nuclei close enough for strong forces to work
- ◆ Only Hydrogen isotope  $2\text{H}$  and  $3\text{H}$  fuses.
- ◆ To fuse  $1\text{H}$  , neutron rich environment is needed

## Diffused Hydrogen in Solid

- ◆ It is a Free Proton since the electron will be lost in electron cloud

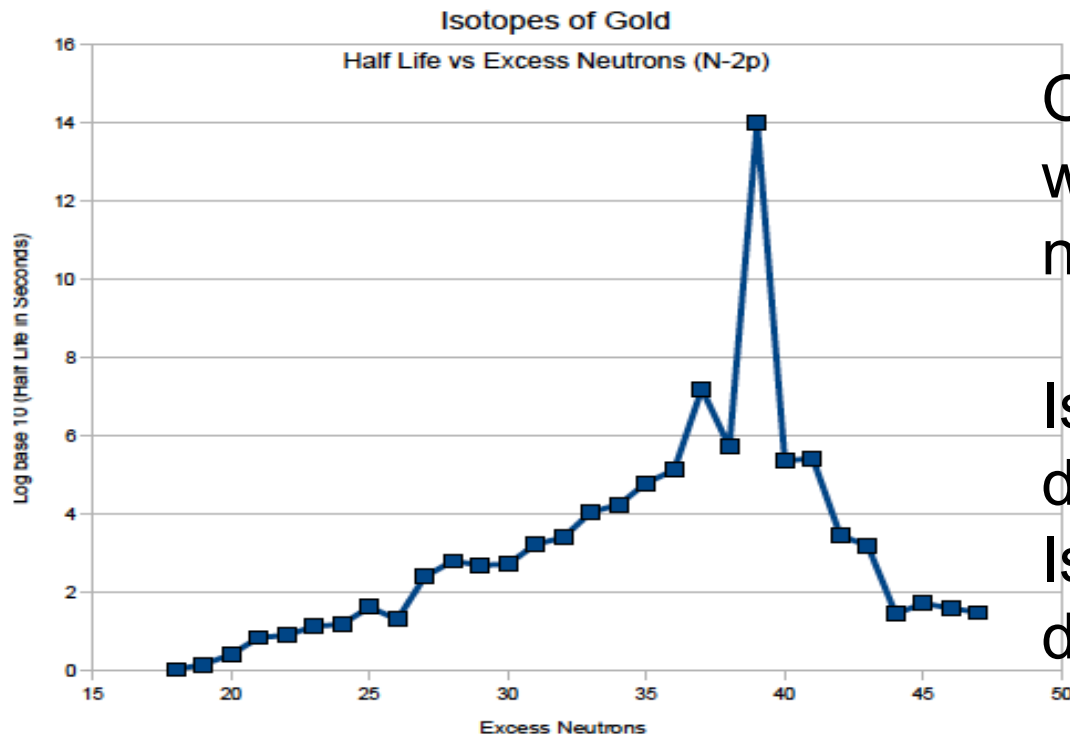
## Emerging New Model of Nuclei

### Bold Statements

- ◆ No neutrons.. No elements !!!!
- ◆ Are neutrons really neutral?
- ◆ How neutrons keep distinct identity inside nuclei?
- ◆ ? All elements were created at the time of Big Bang” Example proof “black body spectrum of the Sun”

What Makes Nuclei unstable (Radio active)?

# Radioactivity Revisited



Only one stable isotope with 39 excess neutrons

Isotopes < 39 neutrons decay with Beta +  
Isotopes > 39 neutrons decay with Beta -

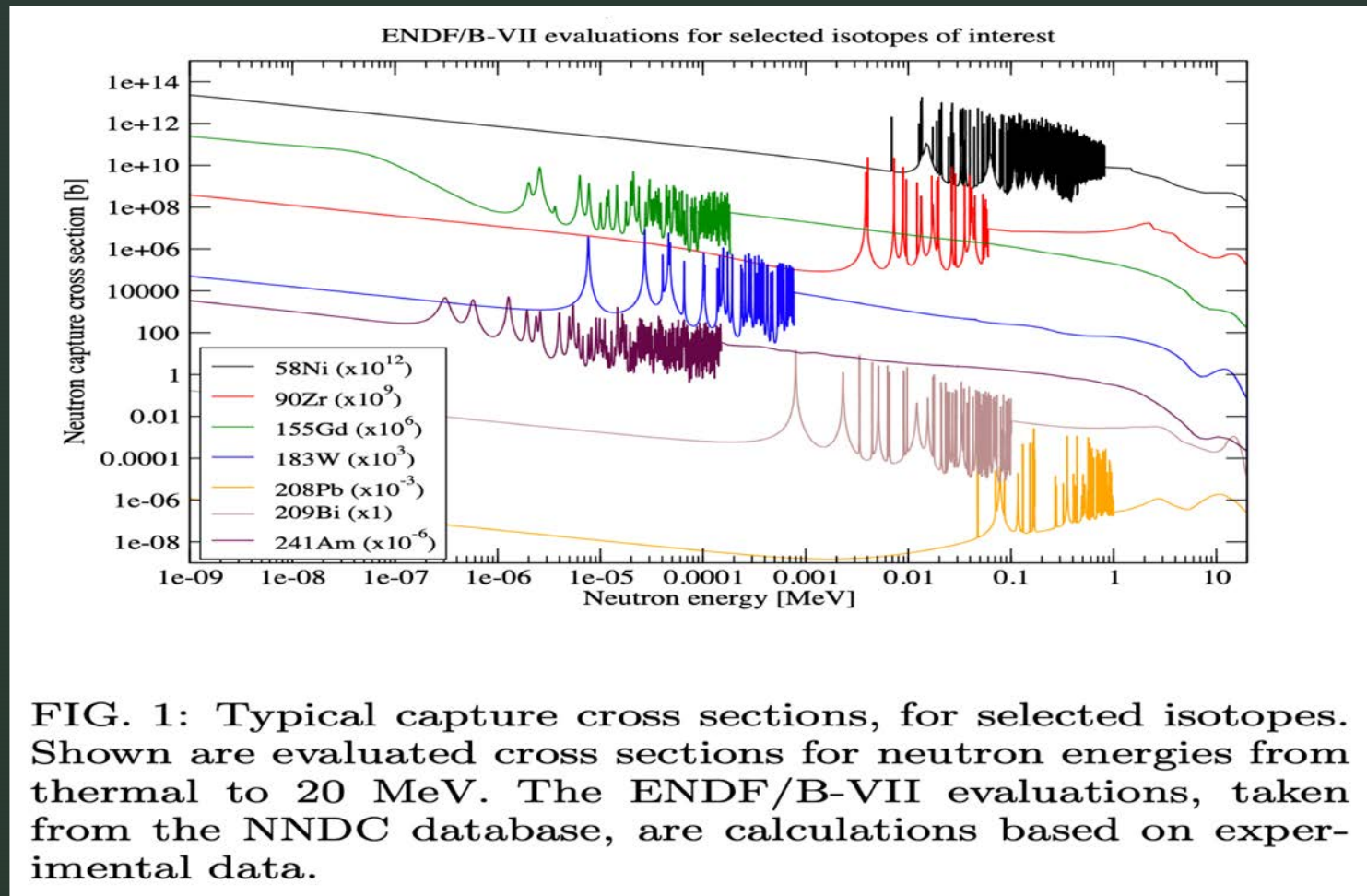
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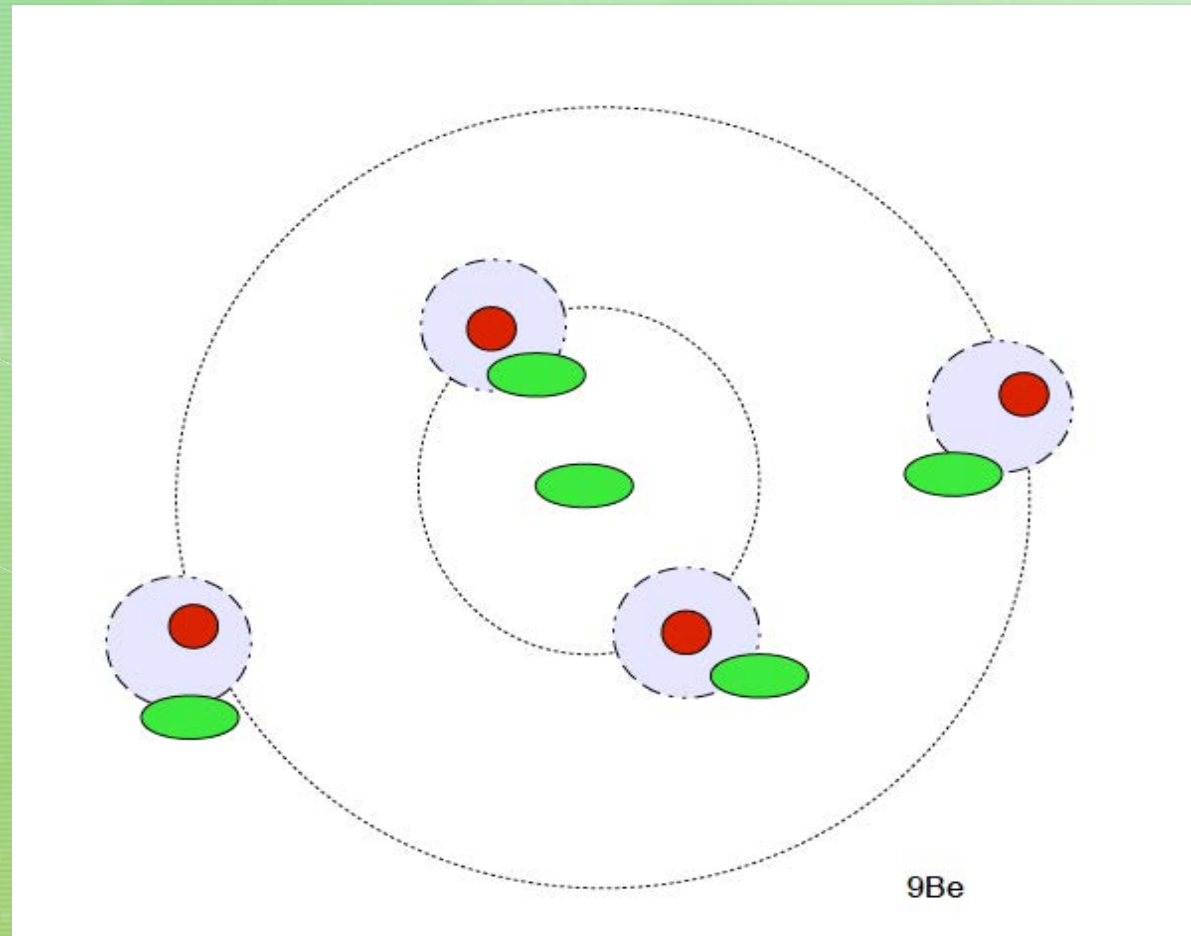
Excess neutrons ( $N - Z$ ) form own shell at the center..Excess Neutron Shell

- ◆ The first excess neutron stay at the center of Nuclei !!!?  $n = 0$
- ◆ Protons Pair up with Neutrons and form outer shell
- ◆ Spin Balanced Shell gives stability to nuclei

# Cold Neutron Resonance Capture Cross section



# Applying Model to various stable and non stable Elements and their isotopes





# RadioActivity & Half Life of elements

Neutrons in periodic Gravitational field may share neutrons temporary to increase stability.

Experiments at Cern has found that Neutron in elements found at several atom radius beyond the size of atom of the element.