

Superheavy Nuclei and Giant Quasi-atoms

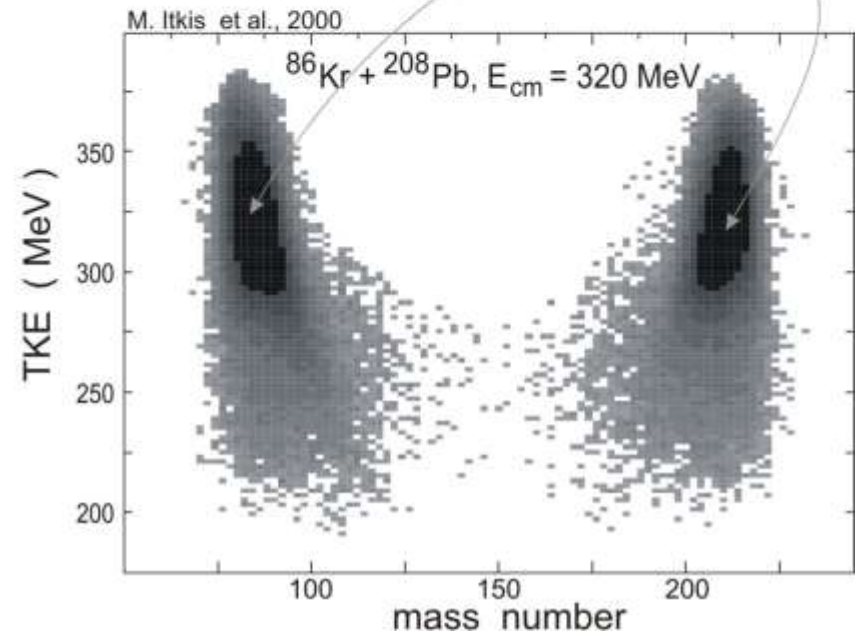
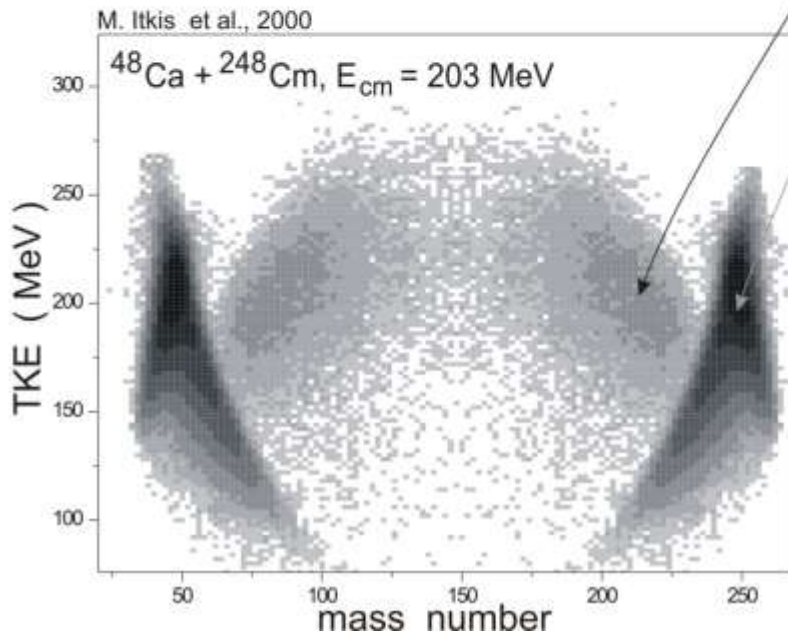
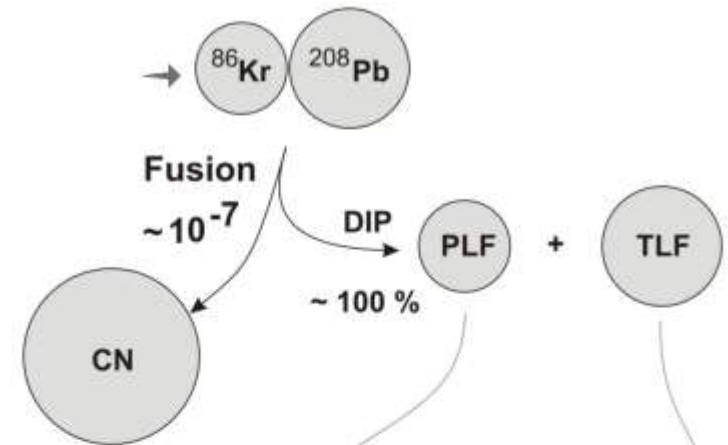
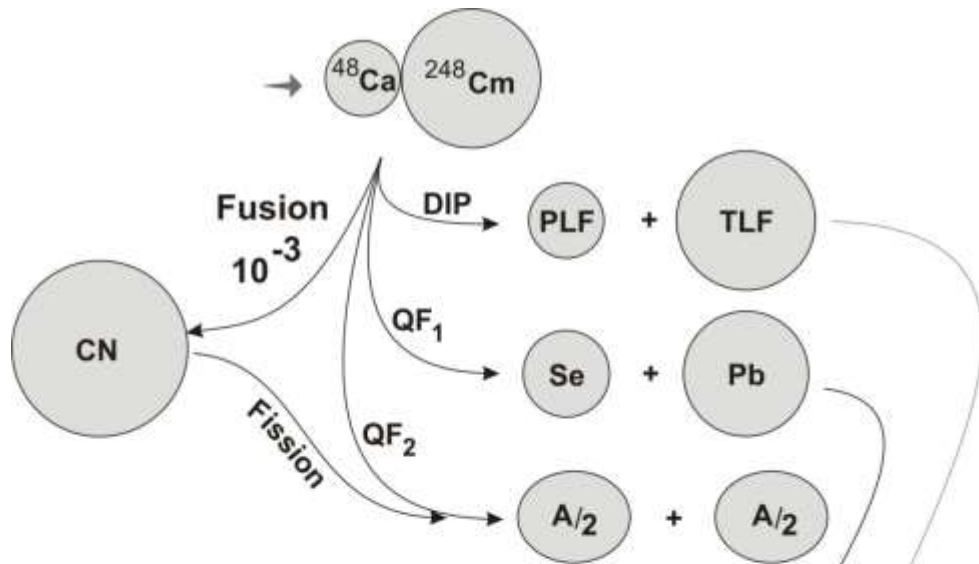


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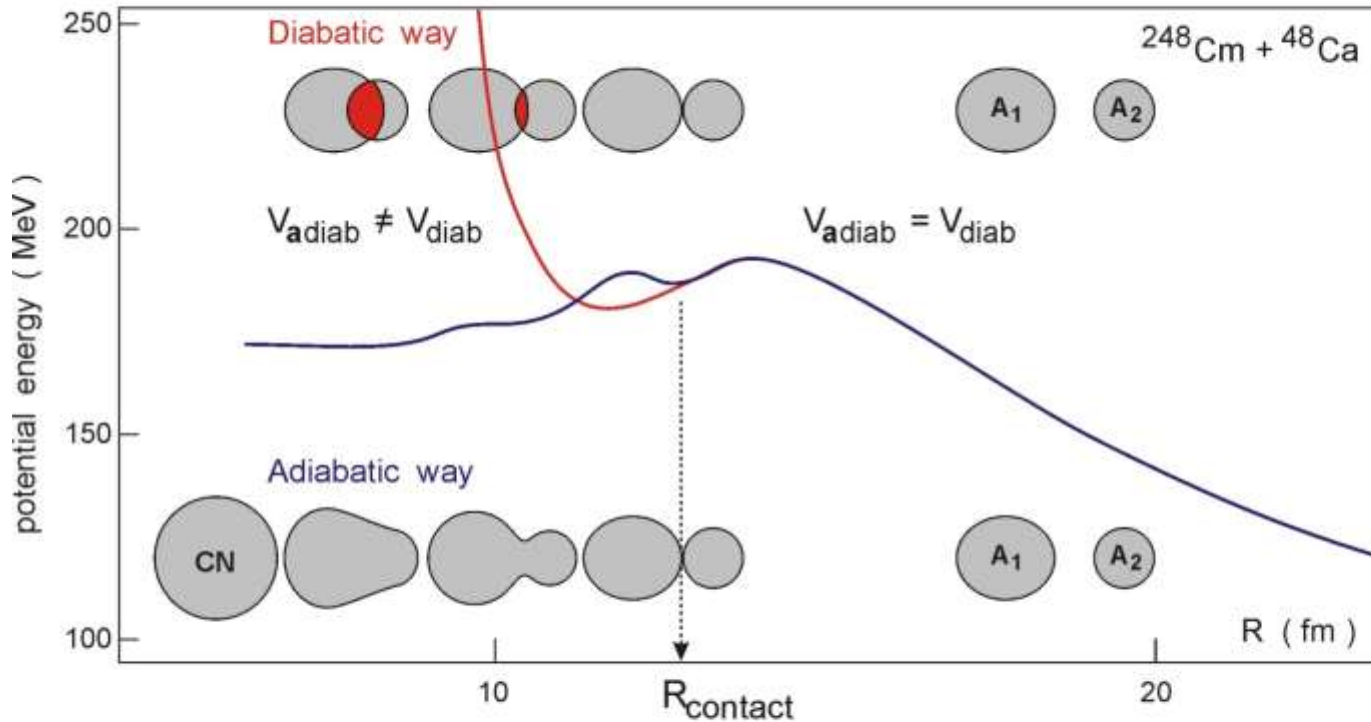
- **Unified description of Deep-Inelastic, Quasi-Fission and Fusion-Fission processes**
- **Super-Heavy Element formation**
- **Collisions of very heavy ions (U + Cm) at low energies**
- **Giant quasi-atoms and spontaneous positron formation**

Unified description is needed for Deep Inelastic, Quasi-Fission and Fusion-Fission processes



Diabatic and Adiabatic Potential Energy

$$V_{\text{diabat}}(R, \beta_1, \beta_2, \alpha, \dots) = V_{12}^{\text{folding}}(Z_1, N_1, Z_2, N_2; R, \beta_1, \beta_2, \dots) + M(A_1) + M(A_2) - M(\text{Proj}) - M(\text{Targ})$$



$$V_{\text{adiabat}}(R, \beta_1, \beta_2, \alpha, \dots) = M_{\text{TCSM}}(R, \beta_1, \beta_2, \alpha, \dots) - M(\text{Proj}) - M(\text{Targ})$$

→ time-dependent potential energy

$$V_{\text{fus-fis}}(t) = V_{\text{diab}} \cdot e^{-\frac{t}{\tau_{\text{relax}}}} + V_{\text{adiabat}} \cdot [1 - e^{-\frac{t}{\tau_{\text{relax}}}}]$$

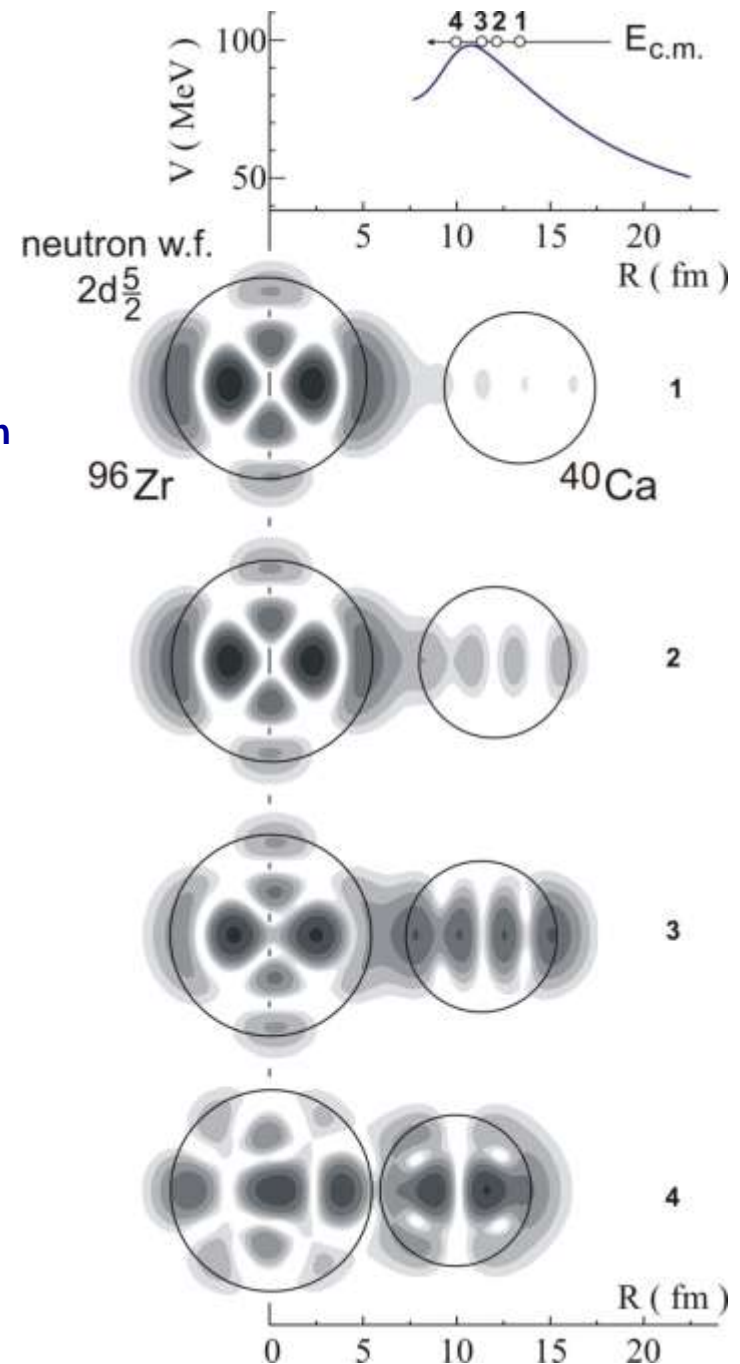
What is behavior of valence neutrons in near-barrier fusion reactions ?

Time-dependent Schrödinger equation applied to valence neutron wave function

Wave functions of valence neutrons follow the two-center molecular states and spread over both nuclei **before** they reach and overcome the Coulomb barrier !

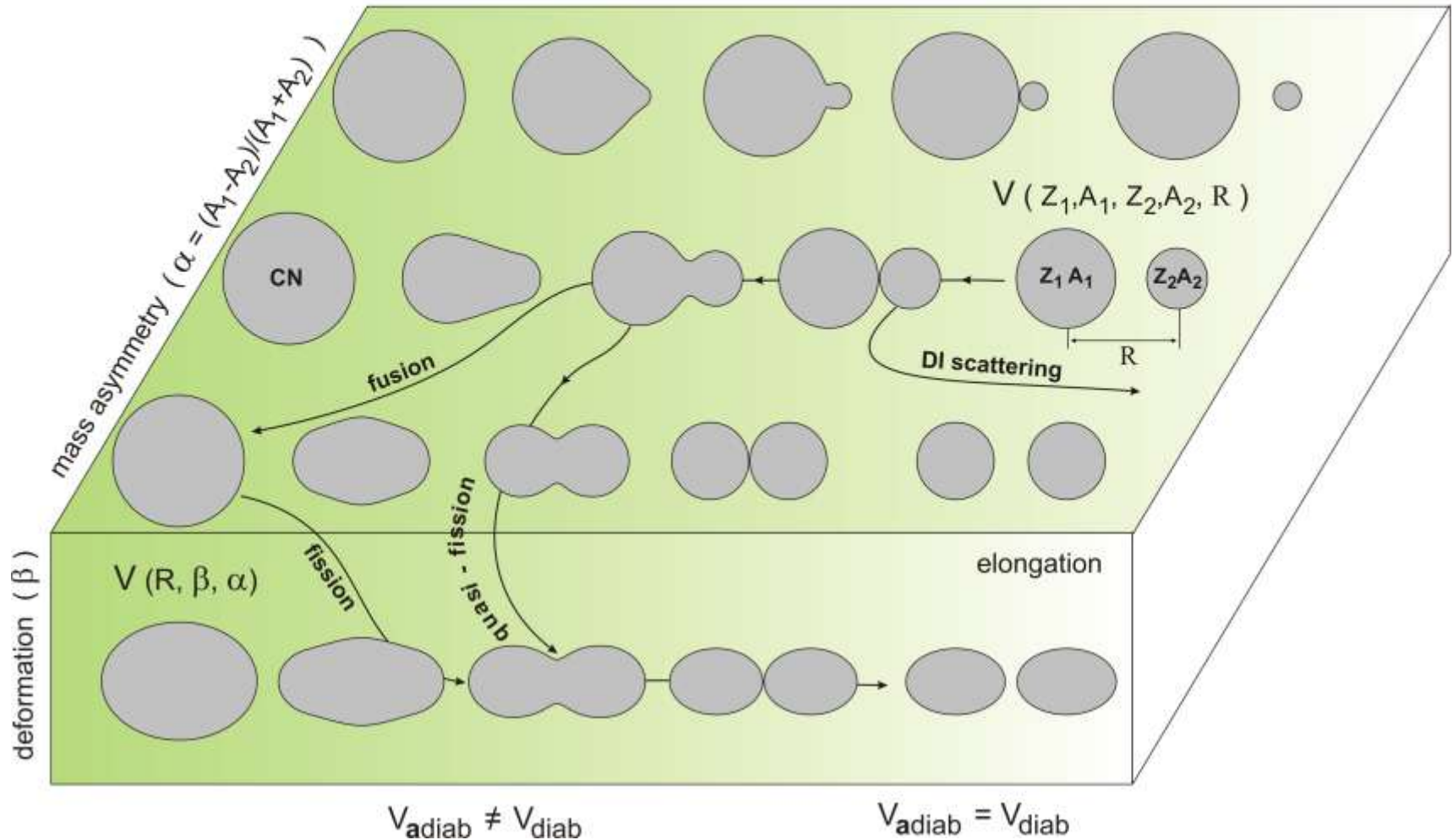


Two-Center Shell Model and **Adiabatic Potential Energy Surface** are appropriate for description of such processes.

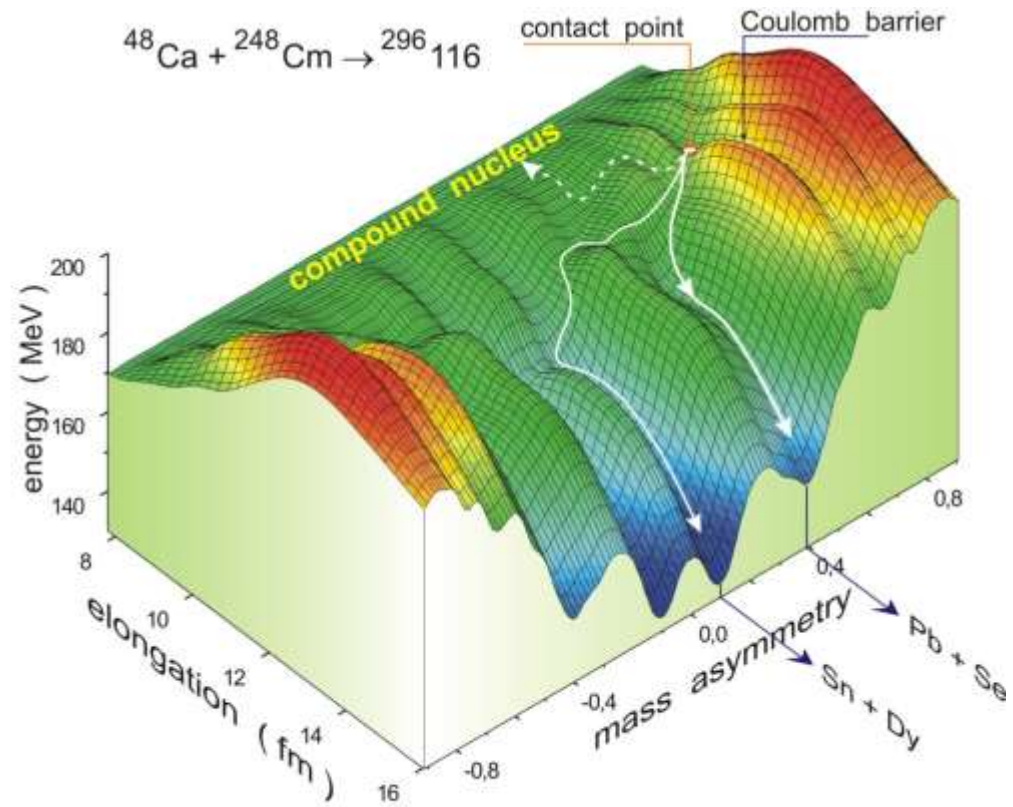
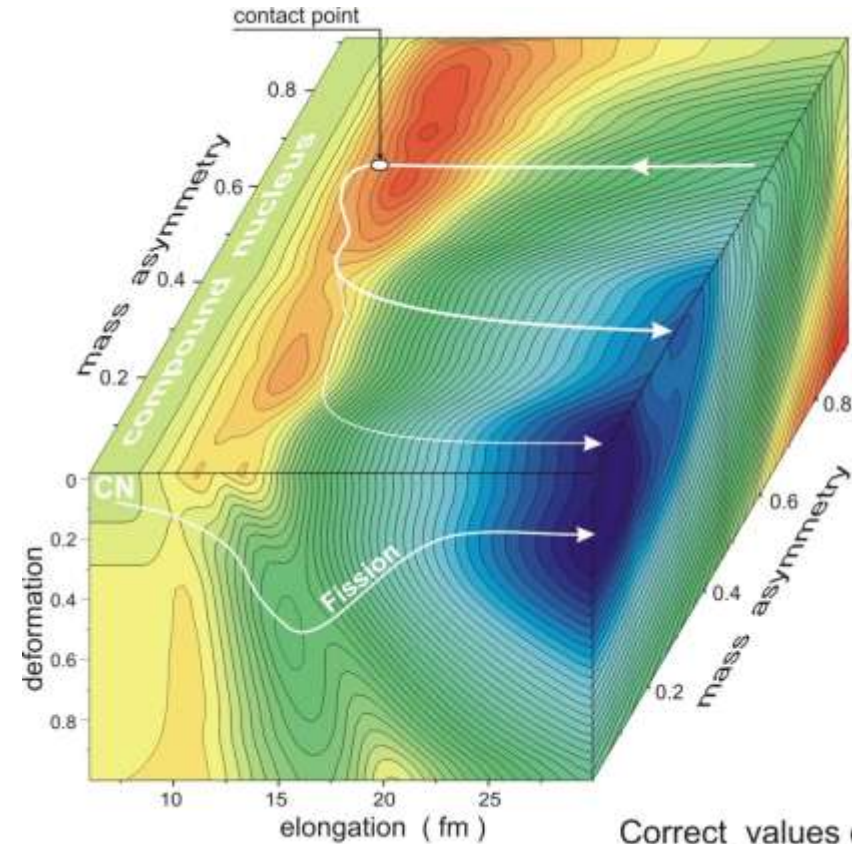


Variables ?

- ? - principal degrees of freedom: $\{q_1, q_2, \dots\}$,
 - ? - potential energy surface: $V(q_1, q_2, \dots)$,
 - ? - dynamic equations of motion: $dq_i/dt = \dots$
- Common (unified) for all the processes:
Deep Inelastic, Quasi-Fission, Fusion-Fission !!!

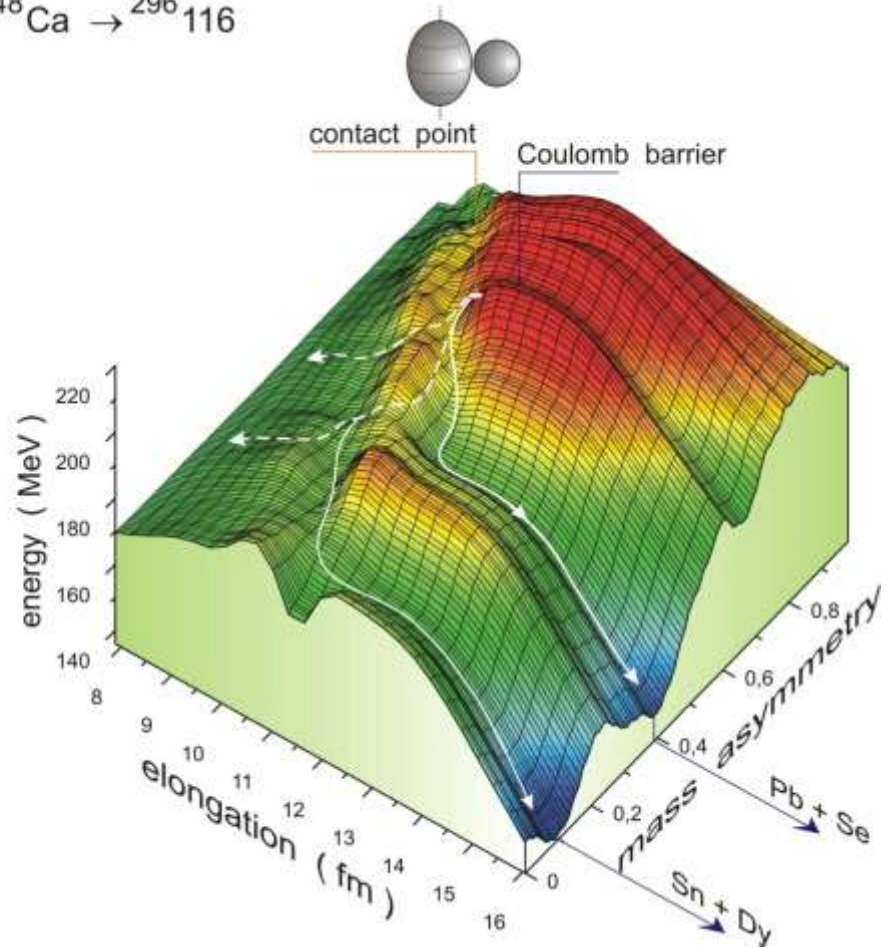
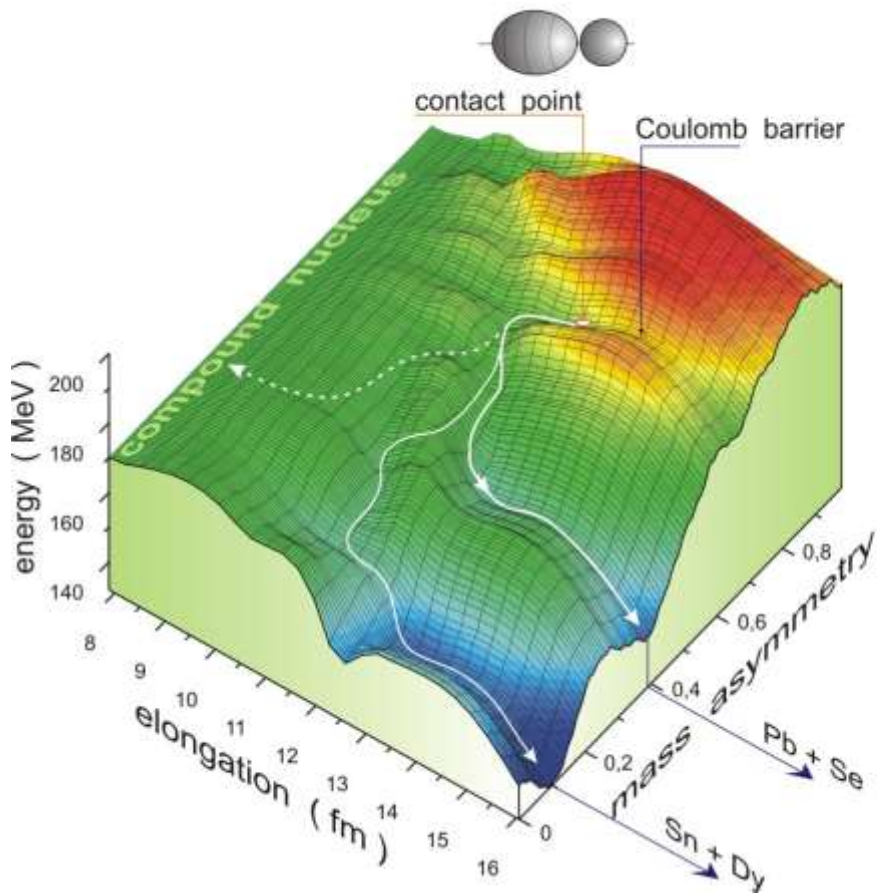
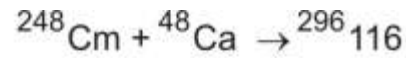
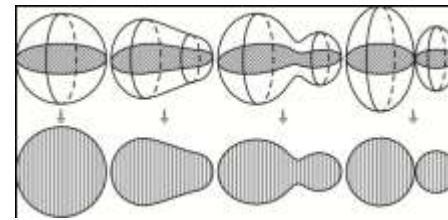
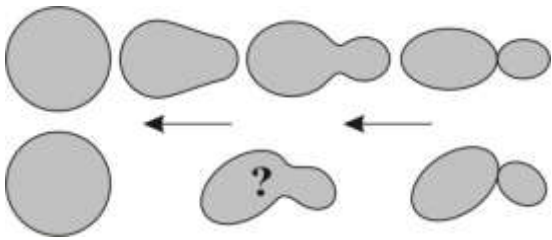


Potential Energy: Fusion, Fission and Quasi-Fission



Correct values of the Coulomb barriers and the height of the fission barrier of CN

Orientation effects



Equations of Motion. The problem of mass exchange

Variables: elongation R
 deformations β_1, β_2
 mass asymmetry α

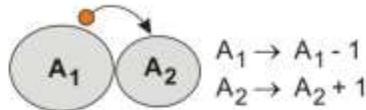
Schrödinger,
 Newtonian,
 Langevin type

No problems with
 inertia parameters
 $M_R(R, \beta, \alpha)$, $M_\beta(R, \beta, \alpha)$
 (Werner - Wheeler)

$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{dR}{dt} = \frac{p_R}{M_R} \\ \frac{dp_R}{dt} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial R} V(R, \beta, \alpha) + \dots \\ \frac{d\beta}{dt} = \frac{p_\beta}{M} \\ \frac{dp_\beta}{dt} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} V(R, \beta, \alpha) + \dots \end{cases}$$

? mass-asymmetry α :

- 1) discrete nature
- 2) $M_\alpha (R \geq R_{\text{contact}}) \rightarrow \infty$



(L. Moretto, 1974)

Distribution function $\varphi(A, t) \rightarrow$ Master equation $\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial t} = \sum_{A'=A\pm 1} \lambda(A' \rightarrow A) \cdot \varphi(A') - \lambda(A \rightarrow A') \cdot \varphi(A)$

$$\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial A} (D^{(1)} \varphi) + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial A^2} (D^{(2)} \varphi) \quad \text{Fokker - Planck (W. Nörenberg, 1974)}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{A_1 - A_2}{A_{CN}}$$

$$\frac{d\alpha}{dt} = \frac{2}{A_{CN}} D_A^{(1)}(\alpha) + \frac{2}{A_{CN}} \sqrt{D_A^{(2)}(\alpha)} \Gamma(t)$$

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = D^{(1)} + \sqrt{D^{(2)}} \Gamma(t) \quad \text{Langevin type eq.}$$

$$D^{(1)} = \int dA' (A' - A) \lambda(A \rightarrow A')$$

$$D^{(2)} = \frac{1}{2} \int dA' (A' - A)^2 \lambda(A \rightarrow A')$$

at $A = A \pm 1$

$$D^{(1)} = \lambda(A \rightarrow A+1) - \lambda(A \rightarrow A-1)$$

$$D^{(2)} = \frac{1}{2} [\lambda(A \rightarrow A+1) + \lambda(A \rightarrow A-1)]$$

transition probability $\lambda^{(\pm)} = \lambda_0 \sqrt{\frac{\rho(A \pm 1)}{\rho(A)}} P_{tr}(R; A \rightarrow A \pm 1) \approx \lambda_0 \exp\left(\frac{V(R, \beta, A \pm 1) - V(R, \beta, A)}{2T}\right) P_{tr}(R; A \rightarrow A \pm 1)$

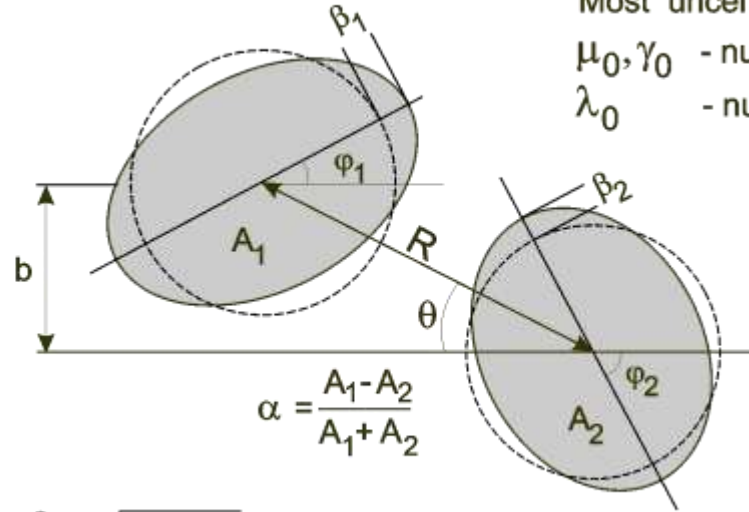
The system of coupled Langevin type Equations of Motion

Variables: $\{R, \theta, \varphi_1, \varphi_2, \beta_1, \beta_2, \alpha\}$

Most uncertain parameters:

μ_0, γ_0 - nuclear viscosity and friction,

λ_0 - nucleon transfer rate



$$\frac{dR}{dt} = \frac{p_R}{\mu_R}$$

$$\frac{d\vartheta}{dt} = \frac{\hbar \ell}{\mu_R R^2}$$

$$\frac{d\varphi_1}{dt} = \frac{\hbar L_1}{\mathfrak{S}_1}$$

$$\frac{d\varphi_2}{dt} = \frac{\hbar L_2}{\mathfrak{S}_2}$$

$$\frac{d\beta_1}{dt} = \frac{p_{\beta_1}}{\mu_{\beta_1}}$$

$$\frac{d\beta_2}{dt} = \frac{p_{\beta_2}}{\mu_{\beta_2}}$$

$$\frac{d\alpha}{dt} = \frac{2}{A_{CN}} D_A^{(1)}(\alpha) + \frac{2}{A_{CN}} \sqrt{D_A^{(2)}(\alpha)} \Gamma_\alpha(t)$$

$$\frac{dp_R}{dt} = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial R} + \frac{\hbar^2 \ell^2}{\mu_R R^3} + \left(\frac{\hbar^2 \ell^2}{2\mu_R^2 R^2} + \frac{p_R^2}{2\mu_R^2} \right) \frac{\partial \mu_R}{\partial R} + \frac{p_{\beta_1}^2}{2\mu_{\beta_1}^2} \frac{\partial \mu_{\beta_1}}{\partial R} + \frac{p_{\beta_2}^2}{2\mu_{\beta_2}^2} \frac{\partial \mu_{\beta_2}}{\partial R} - \gamma_R \frac{p_R}{\mu_R} + \sqrt{\gamma_R T} \Gamma_R(t)$$

$$\frac{d\ell}{dt} = -\frac{1}{\hbar} \frac{\partial V}{\partial \vartheta} - \gamma_{\text{tang}} \left(\frac{\ell}{\mu_R R} - \frac{L_1}{\mathfrak{S}_1} a_1 - \frac{L_2}{\mathfrak{S}_2} a_2 \right) R + \frac{R}{\hbar} \sqrt{\gamma_{\text{tang}} T} \Gamma_{\text{tang}}(t)$$

$$\frac{dL_1}{dt} = -\frac{1}{\hbar} \frac{\partial V}{\partial \varphi_1} + \gamma_{\text{tang}} \left(\frac{\ell}{\mu_R R} - \frac{L_1}{\mathfrak{S}_1} a_1 - \frac{L_2}{\mathfrak{S}_2} a_2 \right) a_1 - \frac{a_1}{\hbar} \sqrt{\gamma_{\text{tang}} T} \Gamma_{\text{tang}}(t)$$

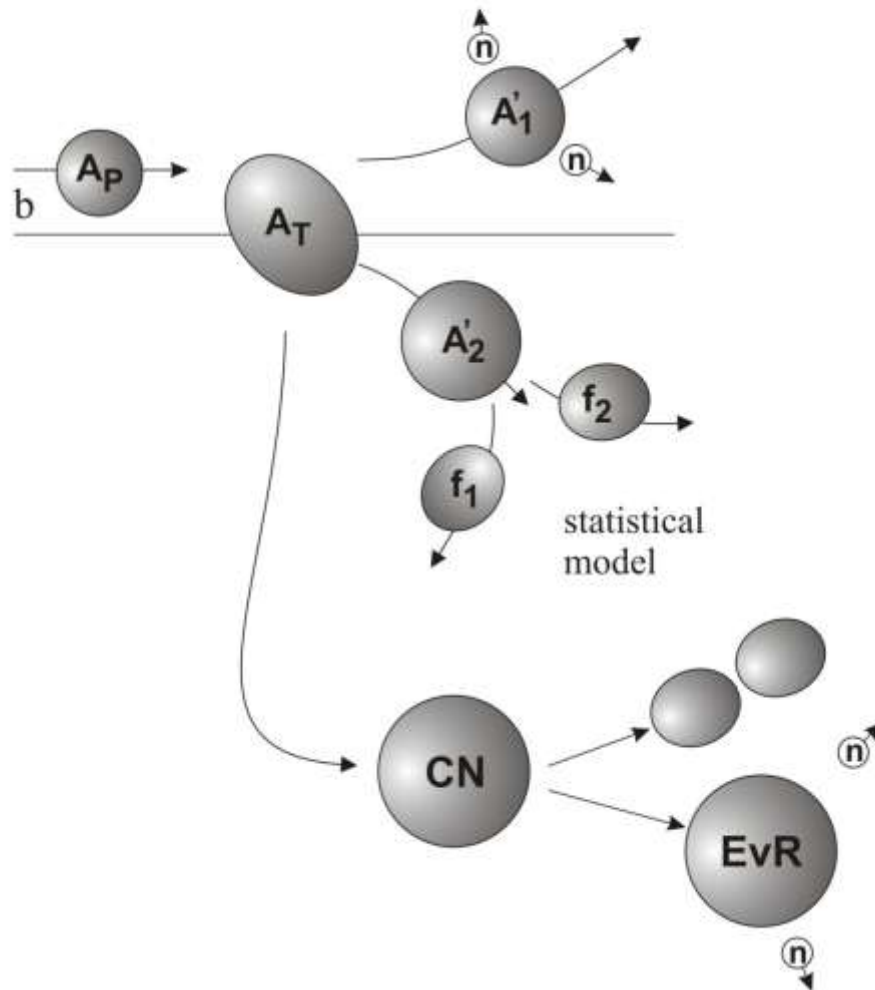
$$\frac{dL_2}{dt} = -\frac{1}{\hbar} \frac{\partial V}{\partial \varphi_2} + \gamma_{\text{tang}} \left(\frac{\ell}{\mu_R R} - \frac{L_1}{\mathfrak{S}_1} a_1 - \frac{L_2}{\mathfrak{S}_2} a_2 \right) a_2 - \frac{a_2}{\hbar} \sqrt{\gamma_{\text{tang}} T} \Gamma_{\text{tang}}(t)$$

$$\frac{dp_{\beta_1}}{dt} = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial \beta_1} + \frac{p_{\beta_1}^2}{2\mu_{\beta_1}^2} \frac{\partial \mu_{\beta_1}}{\partial \beta_1} + \frac{p_{\beta_2}^2}{2\mu_{\beta_2}^2} \frac{\partial \mu_{\beta_2}}{\partial \beta_1} + \frac{\hbar^2 L_1^2}{2\mathfrak{S}_1^2} \frac{\partial \mathfrak{S}_1}{\partial \beta_1} + \left(\frac{\hbar^2 \ell^2}{2\mu_R^2 R^2} + \frac{p_R^2}{2\mu_R^2} \right) \frac{\partial \mu_R}{\partial \beta_1} - \gamma_{\beta_1} \frac{p_{\beta_1}}{\mu_{\beta_1}} + \sqrt{\gamma_{\beta_1} T} \Gamma_{\beta_1}(t)$$

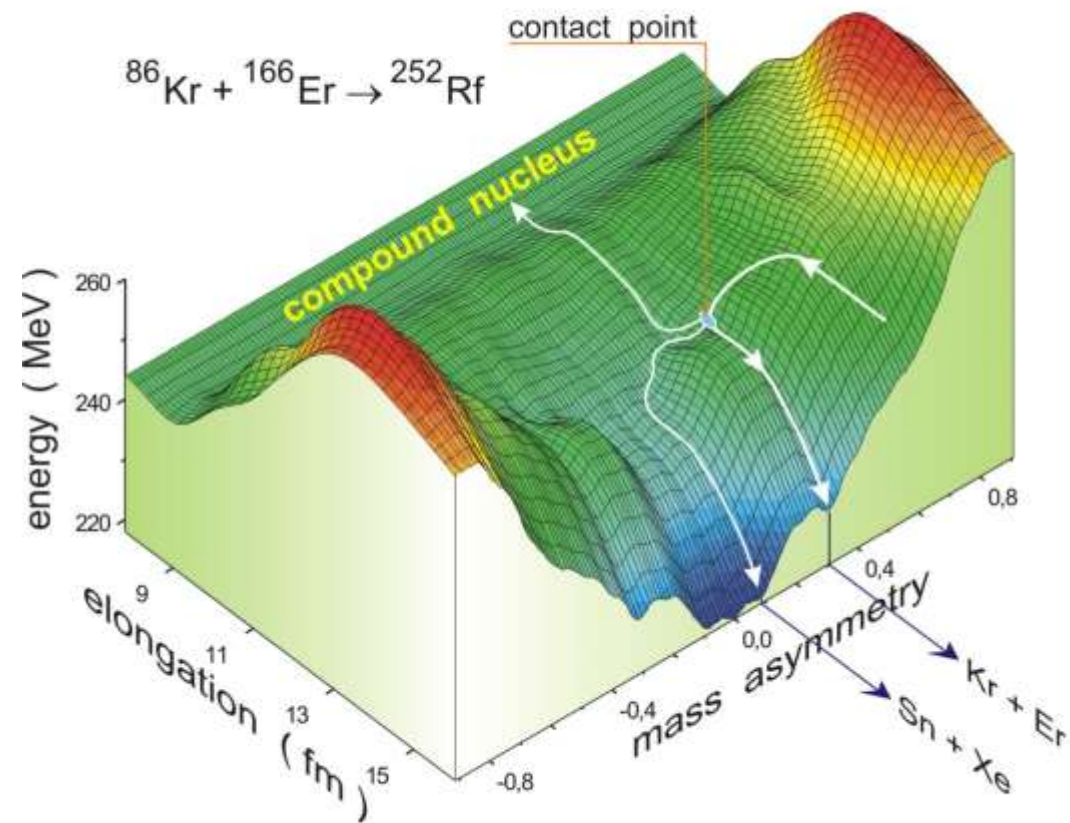
$$\frac{dp_{\beta_2}}{dt} = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial \beta_2} + \frac{p_{\beta_1}^2}{2\mu_{\beta_1}^2} \frac{\partial \mu_{\beta_1}}{\partial \beta_2} + \frac{p_{\beta_2}^2}{2\mu_{\beta_2}^2} \frac{\partial \mu_{\beta_2}}{\partial \beta_2} + \frac{\hbar^2 L_2^2}{2\mathfrak{S}_2^2} \frac{\partial \mathfrak{S}_2}{\partial \beta_2} + \left(\frac{\hbar^2 \ell^2}{2\mu_R^2 R^2} + \frac{p_R^2}{2\mu_R^2} \right) \frac{\partial \mu_R}{\partial \beta_2} - \gamma_{\beta_2} \frac{p_{\beta_2}}{\mu_{\beta_2}} + \sqrt{\gamma_{\beta_2} T} \Gamma_{\beta_2}(t).$$

Simulation of experiment and cross sections

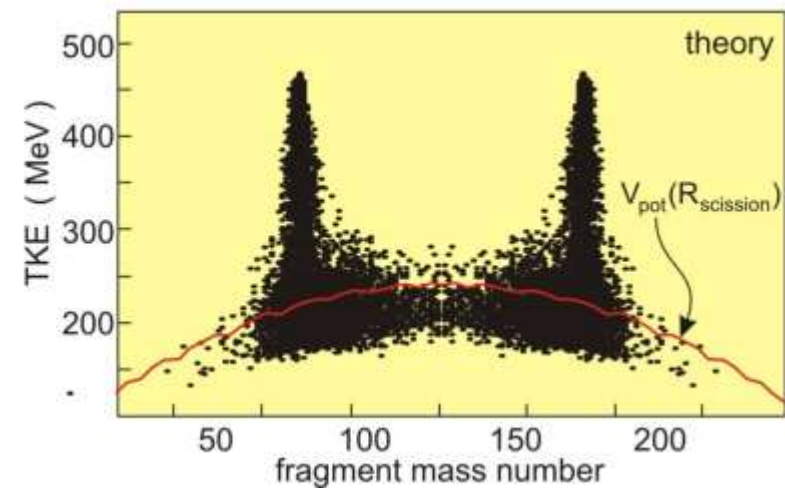
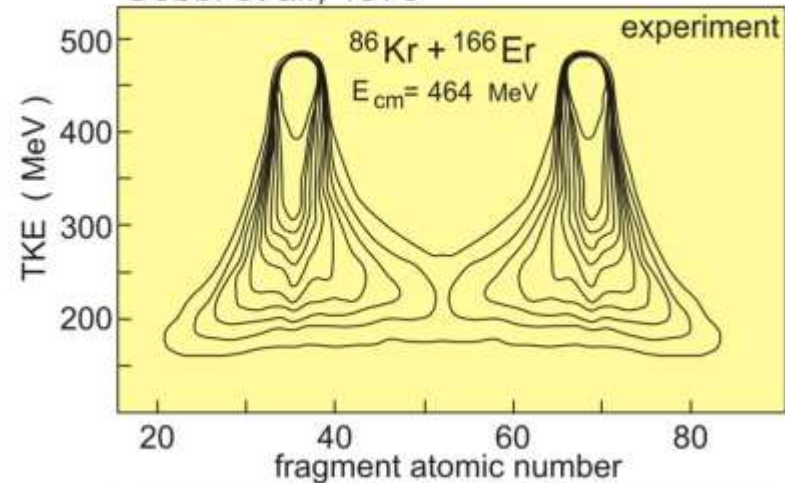
$$\frac{d^2\sigma_\alpha}{d\Omega dE}(E,\theta) = \int_0^\infty b db \frac{\Delta N_\alpha(b,E,\theta)}{N_{\text{tot}}(b)} \frac{1}{\sin(\theta)\Delta\theta\Delta E}$$



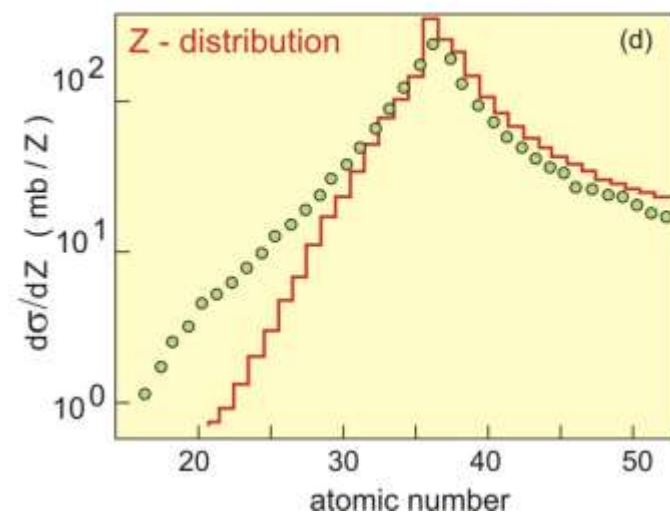
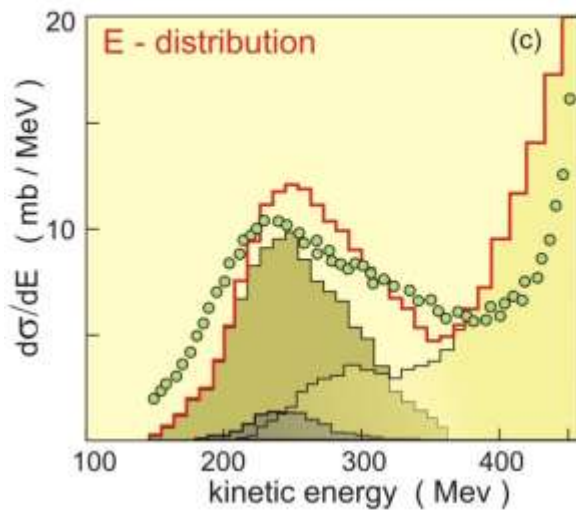
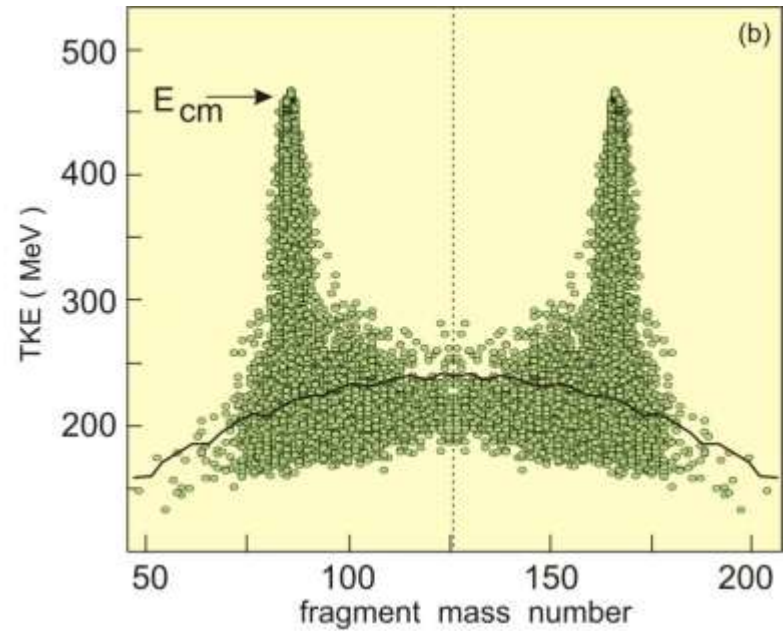
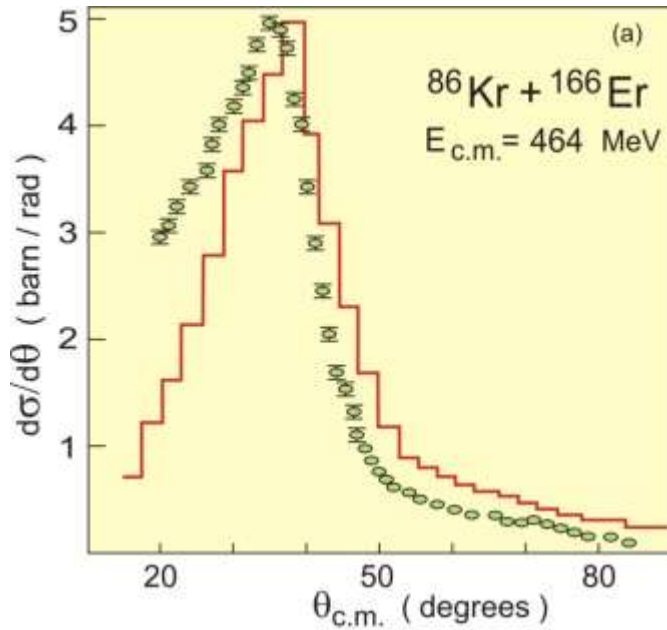
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Gobbi et al., 1979

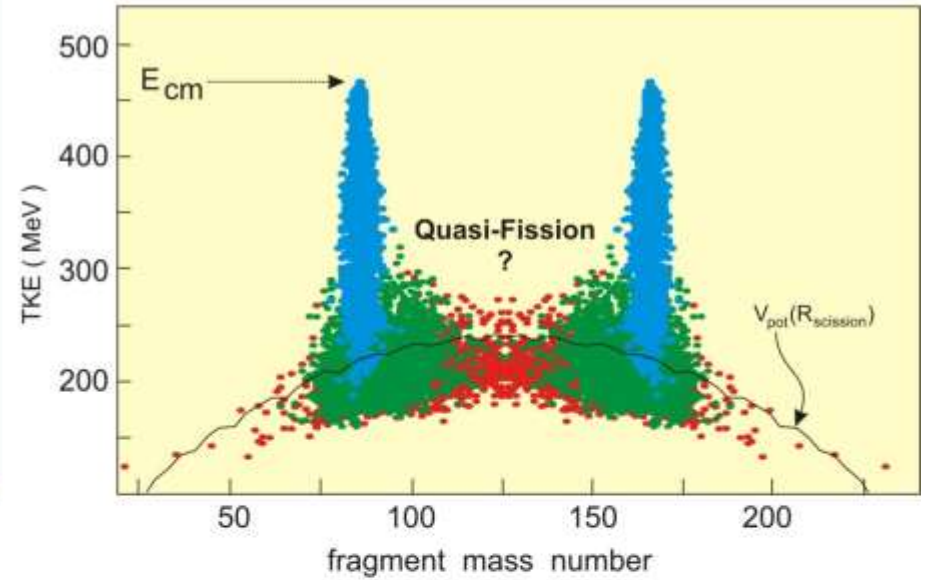
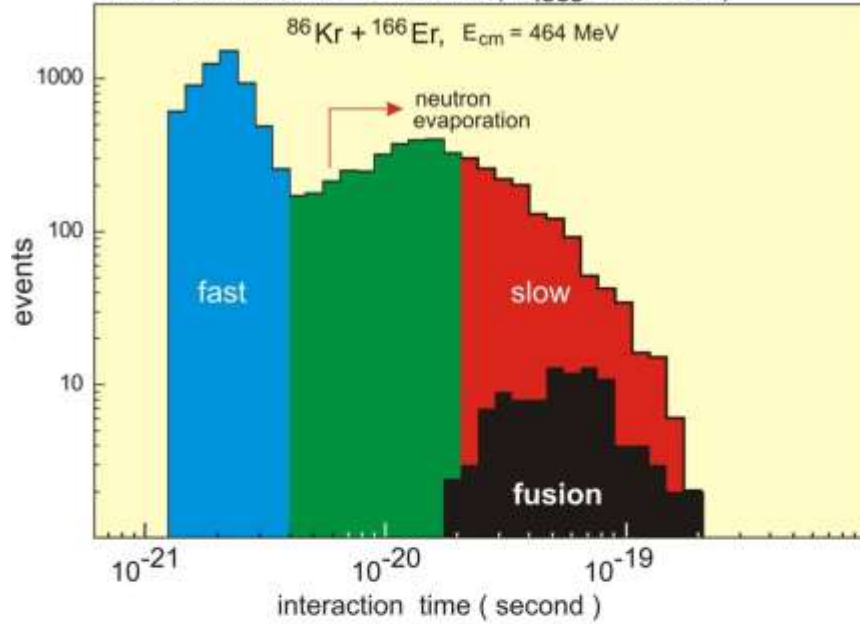


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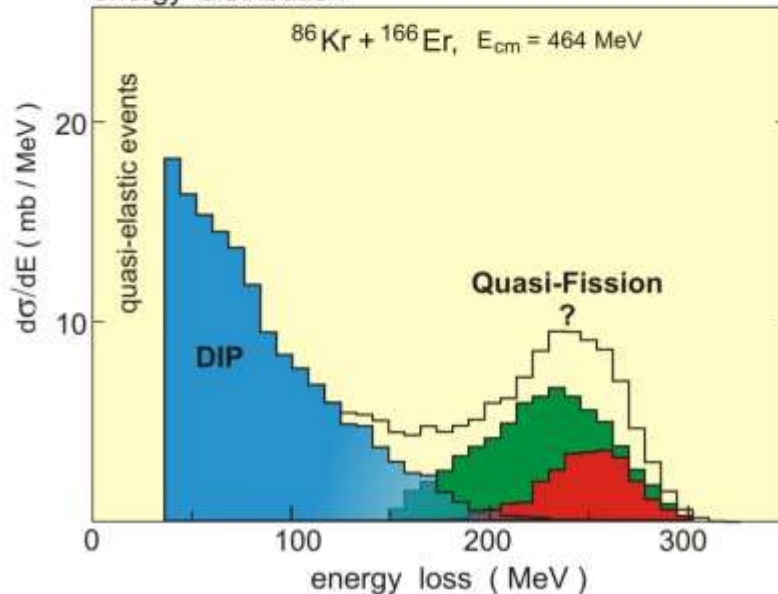


$^{86}\text{Kr} + ^{166}\text{Er}$ collision at $E_{\text{cm}} = 464 \text{ MeV}$ (time analysis)

time distribution of all events ($E_{\text{loss}} > 30 \text{ MeV}$)



energy distribution



- $t_{\text{int}} < 4 \cdot 10^{-21} \text{ s}$
- $4 \cdot 10^{-21} < t_{\text{int}} < 2 \cdot 10^{-20} \text{ s}$
- $2 \cdot 10^{-20} \text{ s} < t_{\text{int}}$

What can we learn ?

from comparison with experimental data:

nuclear viscosity $\mu_0 \sim 1 \div 3 \cdot 10^{-22} \text{ MeV}\cdot\text{s}\cdot\text{fm}^{-3}$

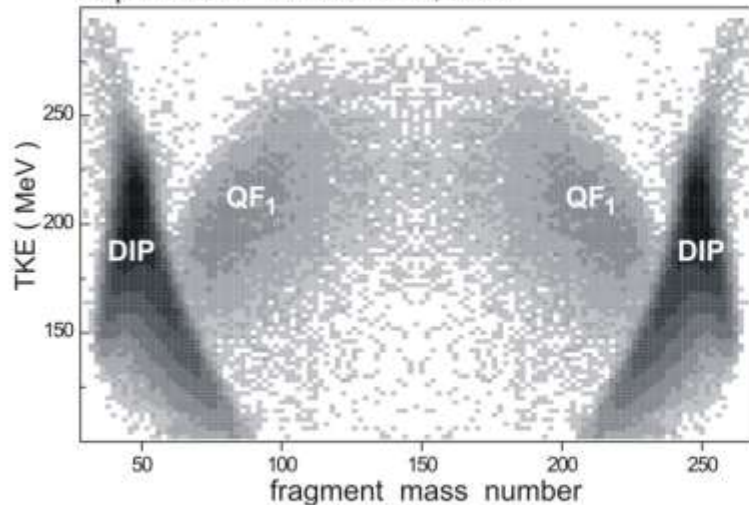
depends on excitation energy (nuclear temperature)

nucleon
transfer rate $\lambda_0 \lesssim 0.1 \cdot 10^{22} \text{ s}^{-1}$

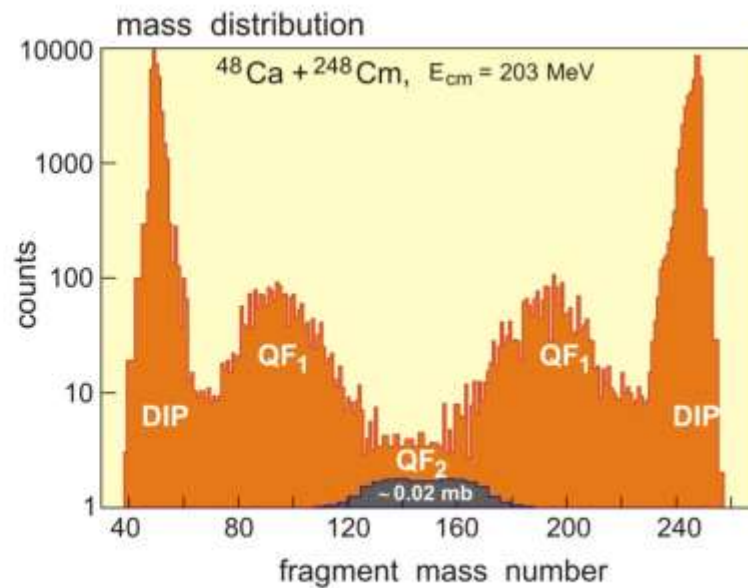
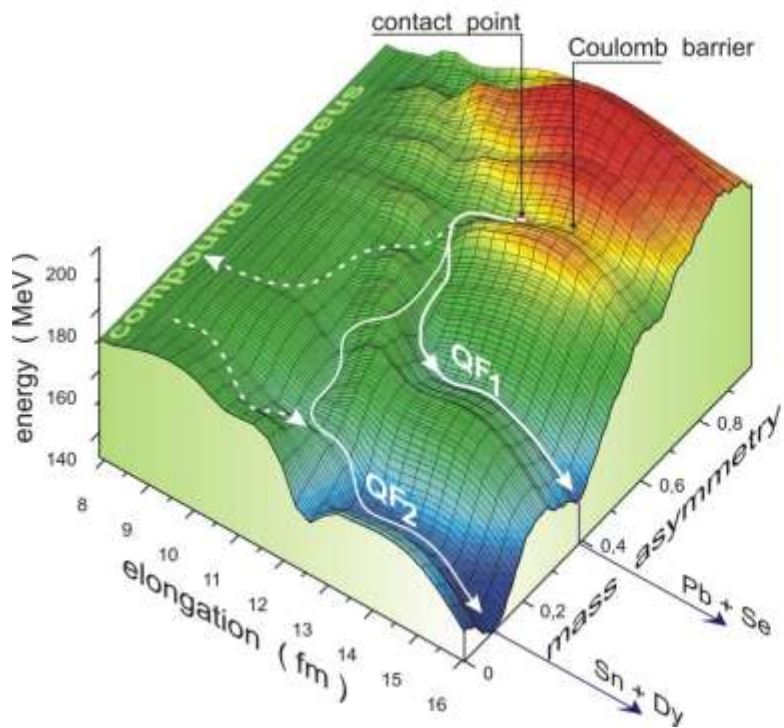
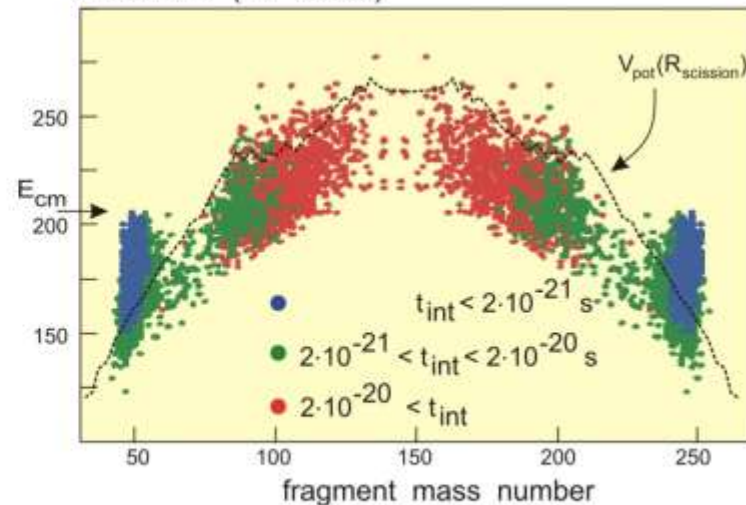
less than those used in “diffusion models”

$^{48}\text{Ca} + ^{248}\text{Cm}$ collisions at $E_{\text{cm}} = 203 \text{ MeV}$

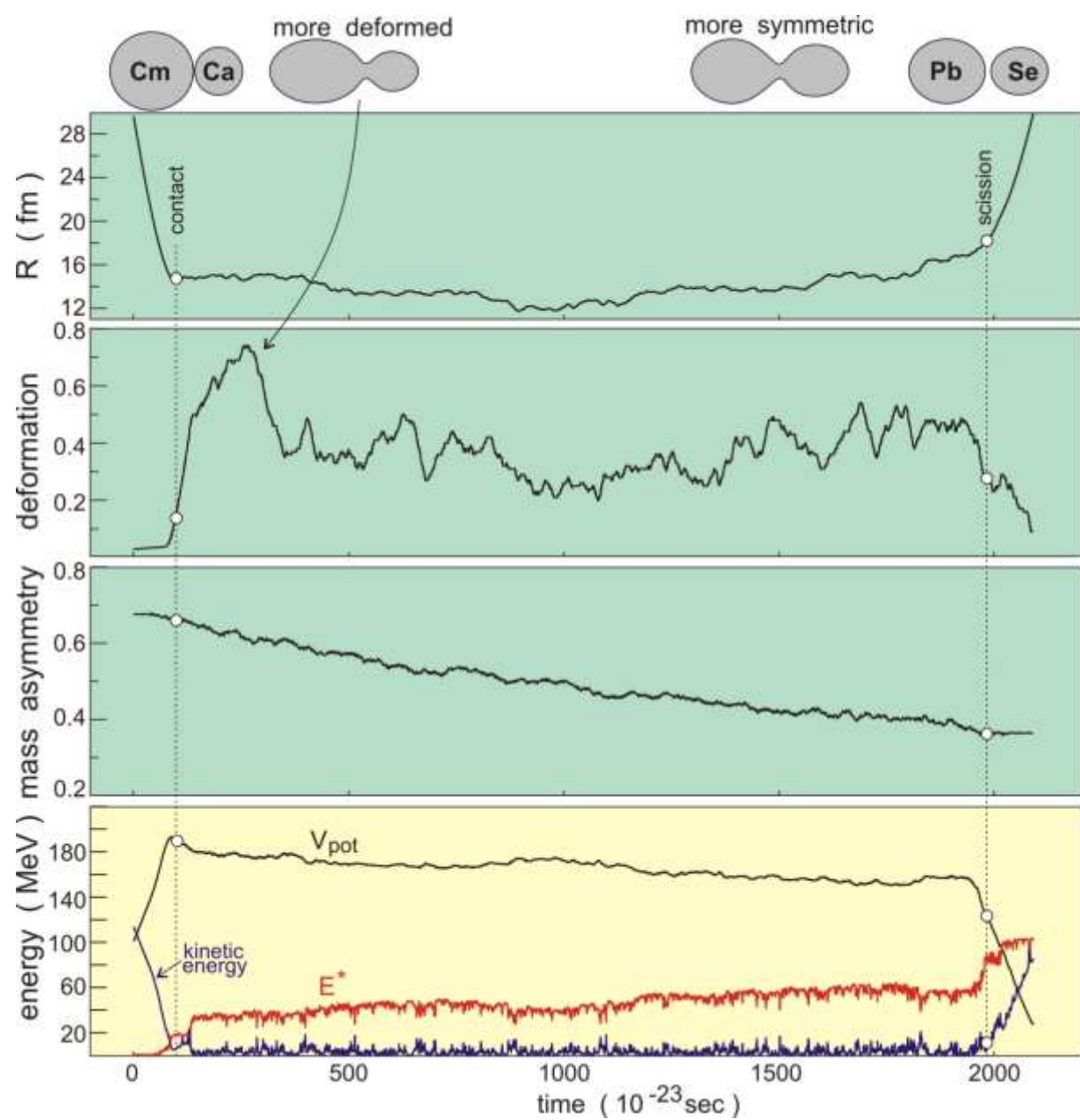
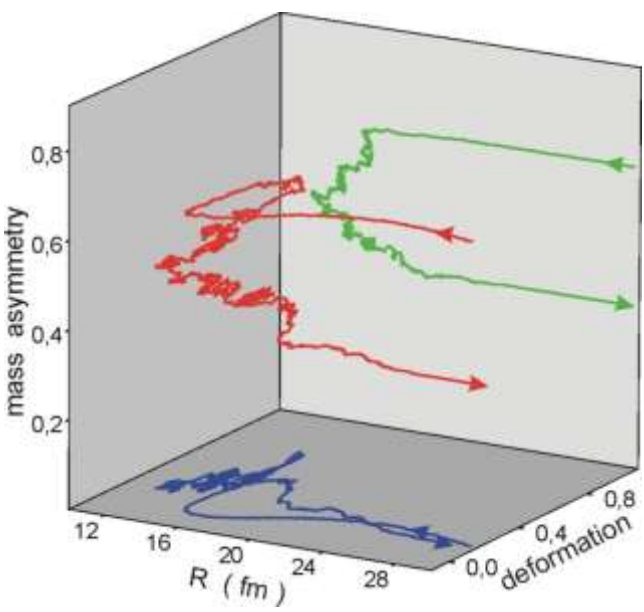
experiment: M. Itkis et al., 2000



calculation (10^5 events)



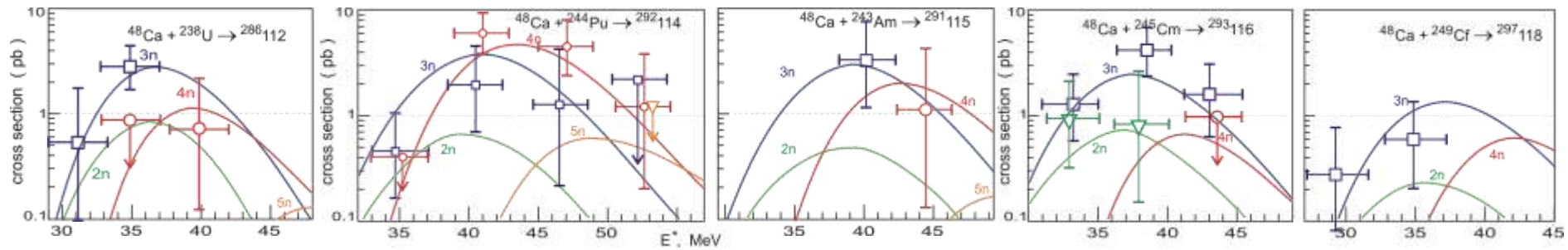
$^{48}\text{Ca} + ^{248}\text{Cm}$ collision at $E_{\text{cm}} = 203 \text{ MeV}$ (one trajectory)



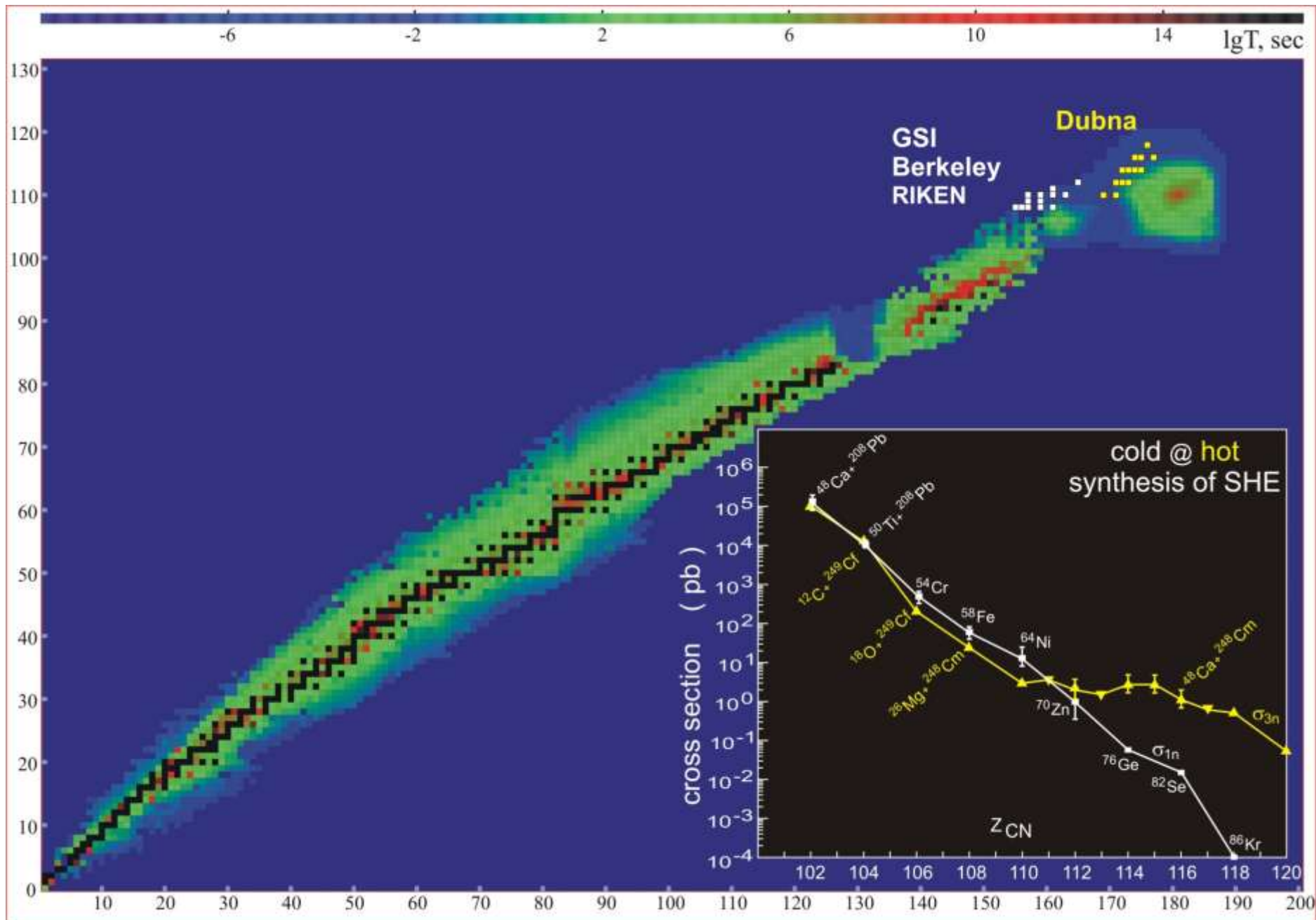
Predictive power of the theory

2003 - 2005

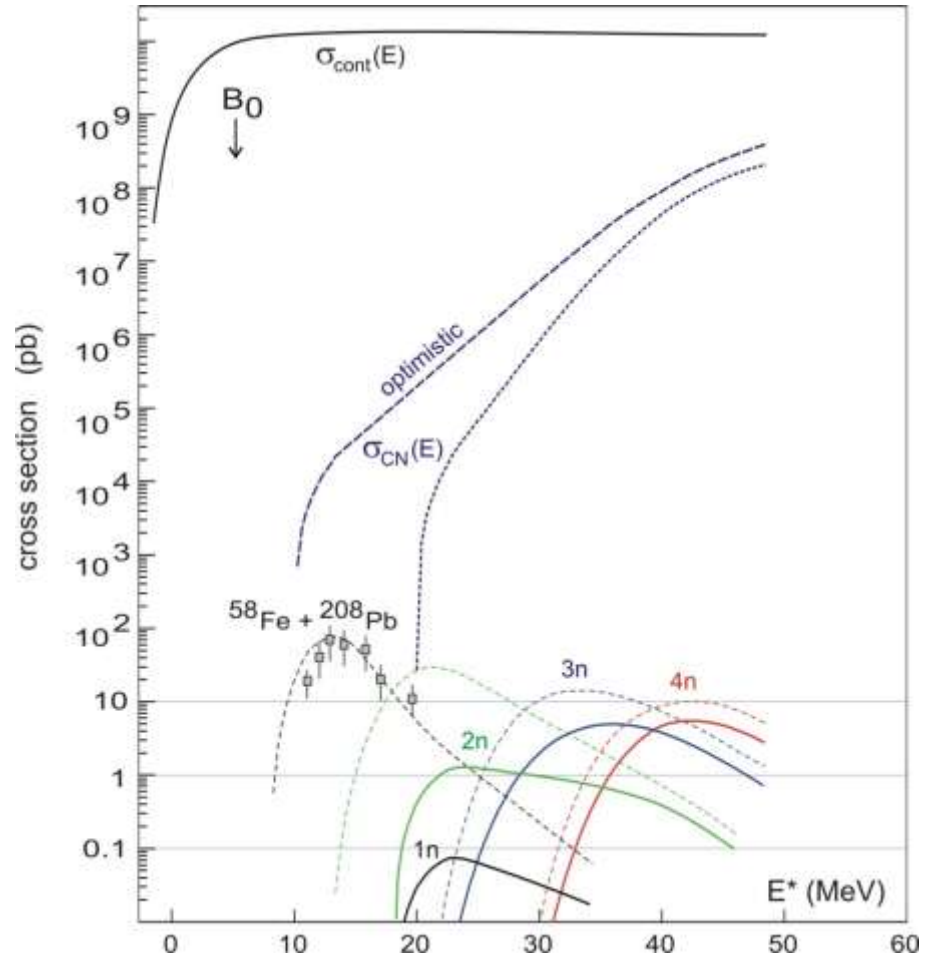
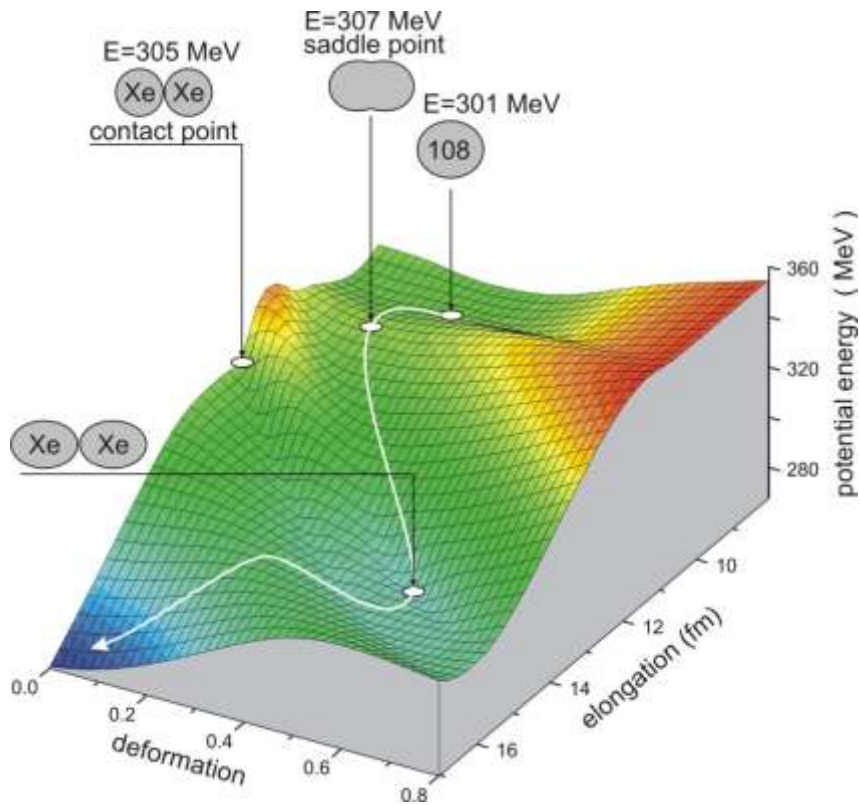
2002 (3n ? 4n ?)



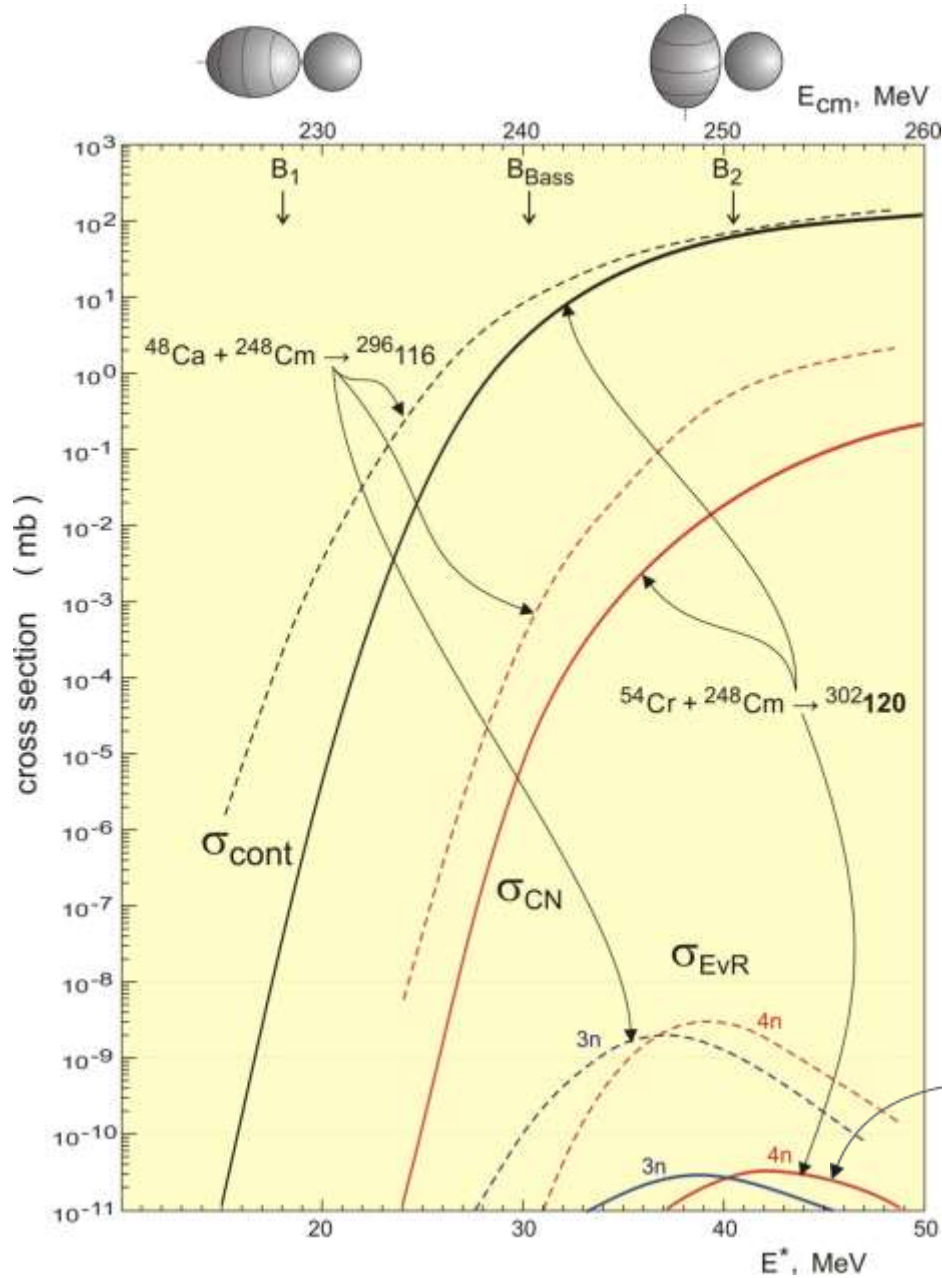
On the way to the first Island of Stability



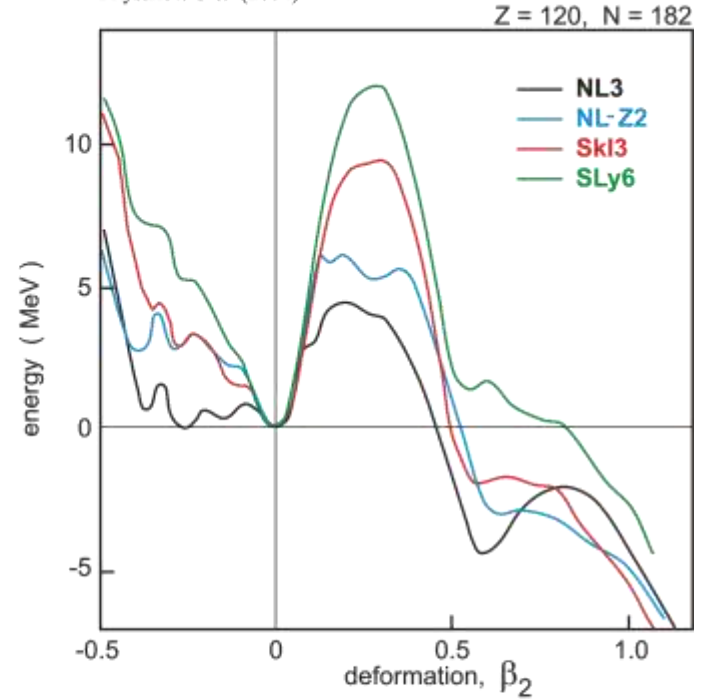
New ways to the Island of Stability



Synthesis of 120: $^{54}\text{Cr} + ^{248}\text{Cm} \rightarrow ^{302}\text{120}$ or $^{64}\text{Ni} + ^{238}\text{U} \rightarrow ^{302}\text{120}$



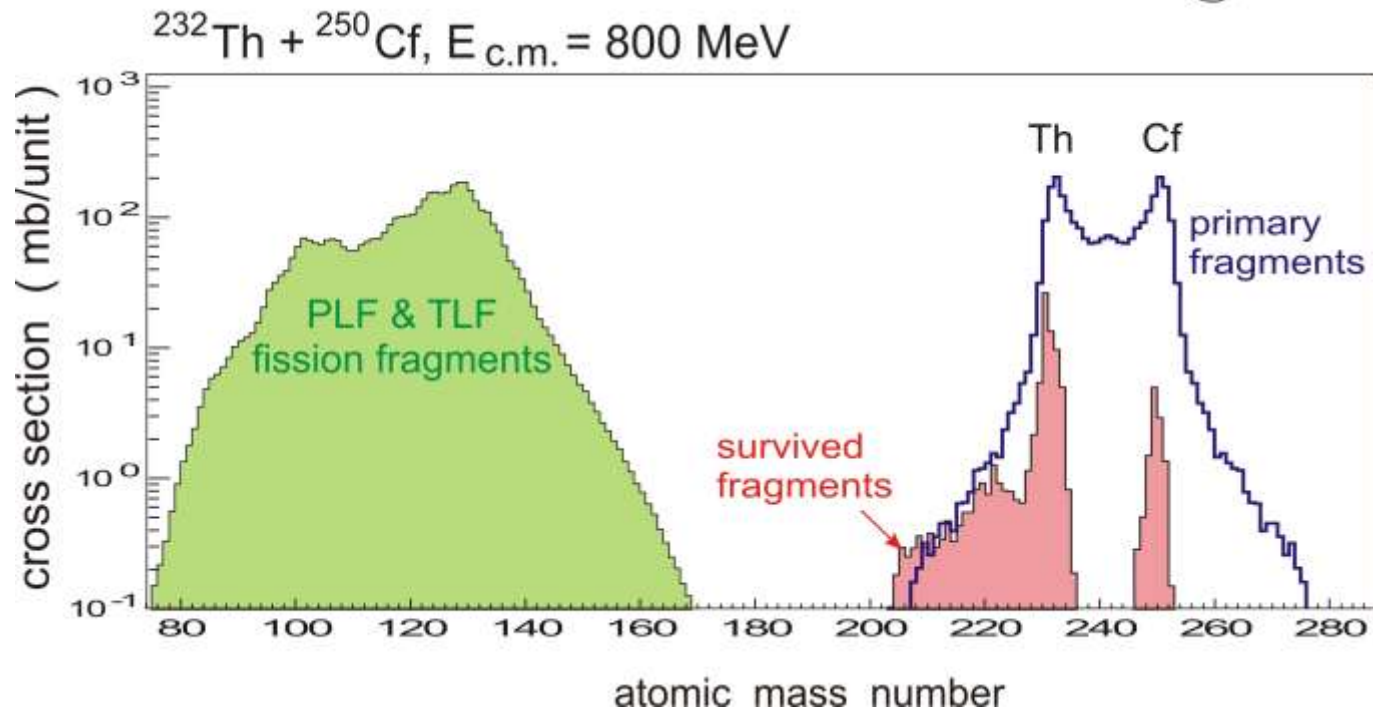
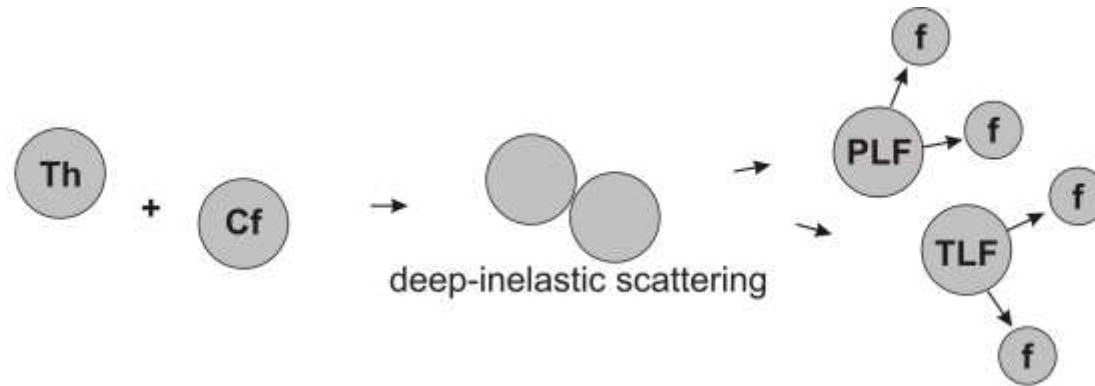
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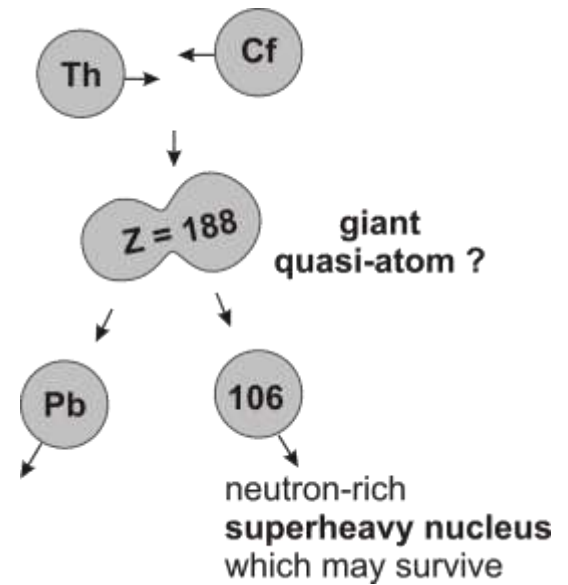
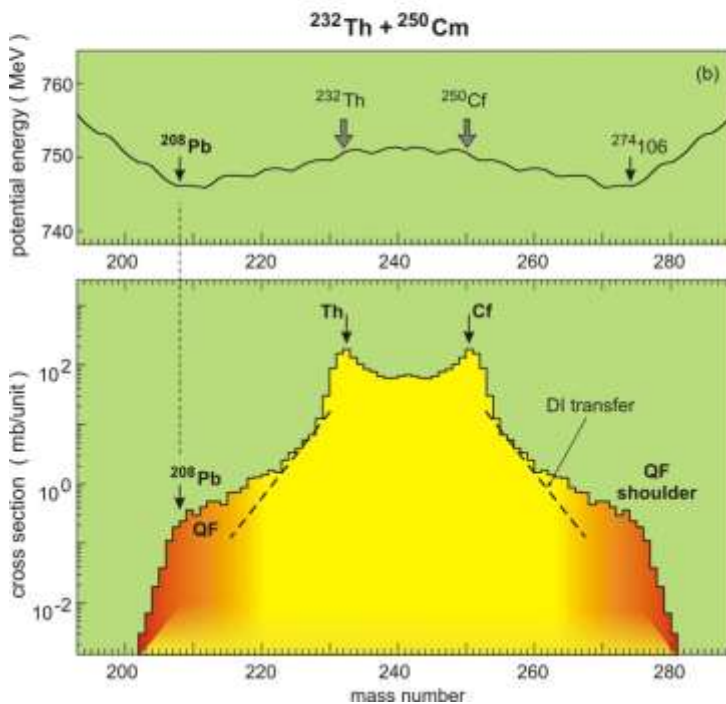
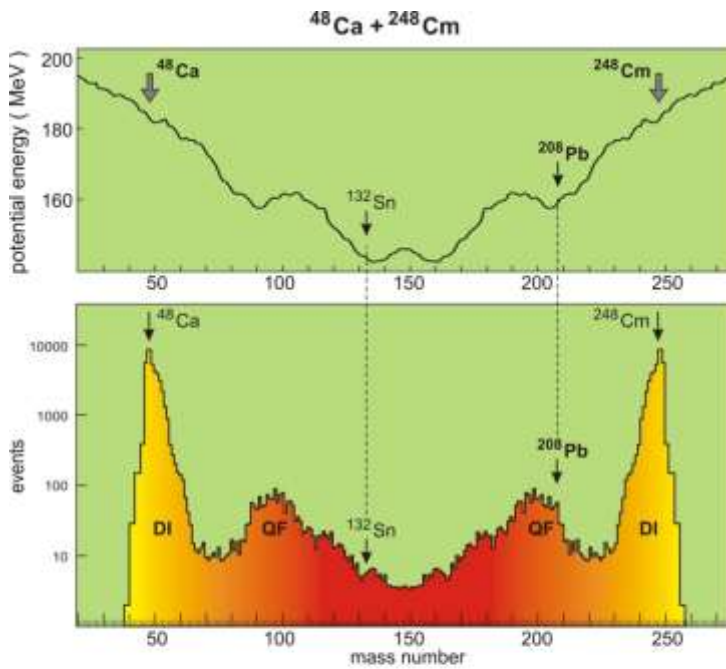
Fission barriers of $^{302}\text{120}$

B_{fis} , MeV	Model
~ 6	A. Sobiscewski
~ 7	P. Möller et al.
~ 6	RMF
~ 11	SkHF

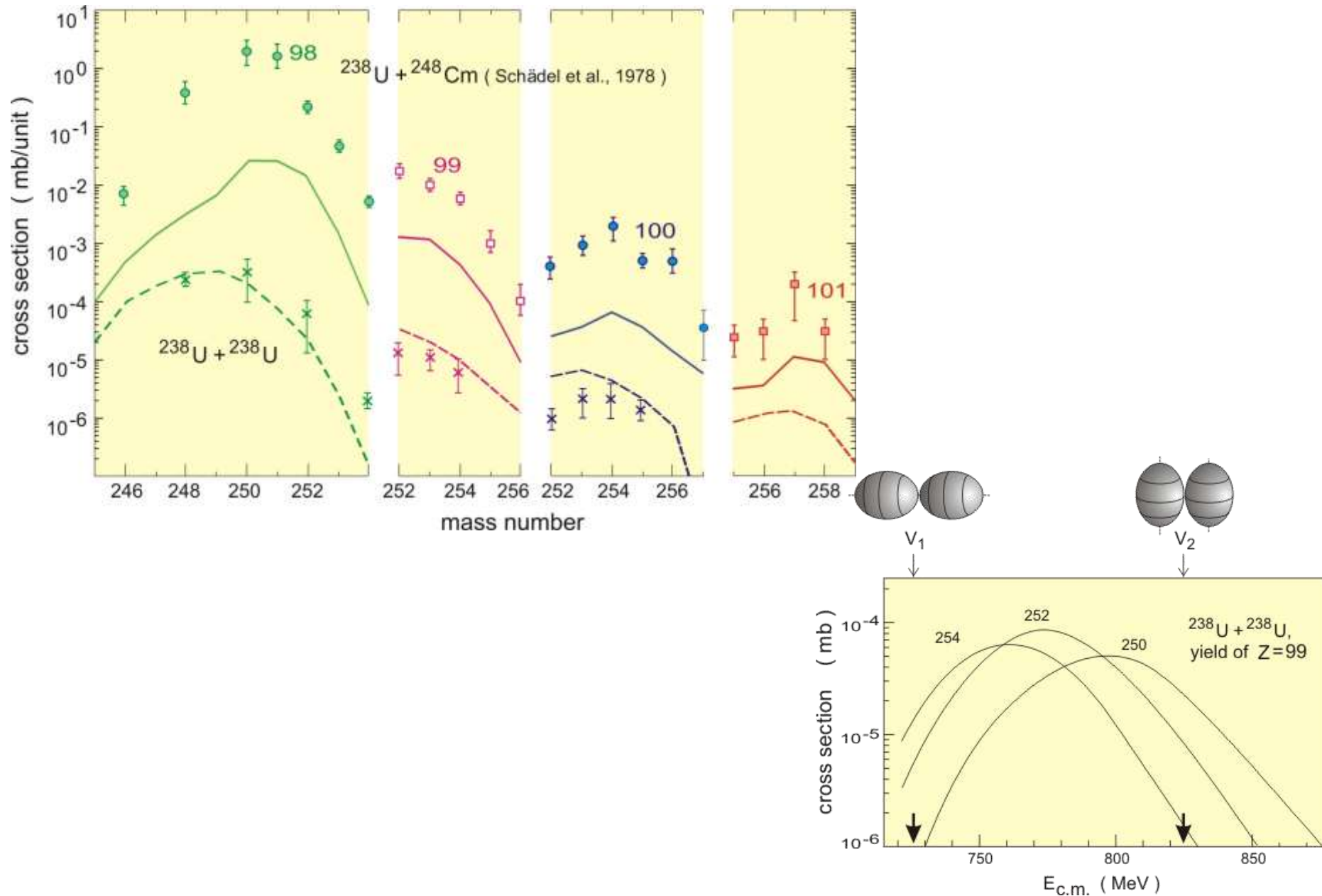
Collision of very heavy (transactinide) nuclei



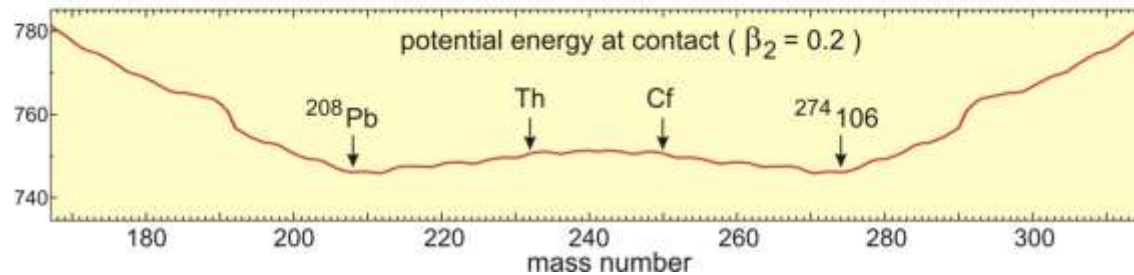
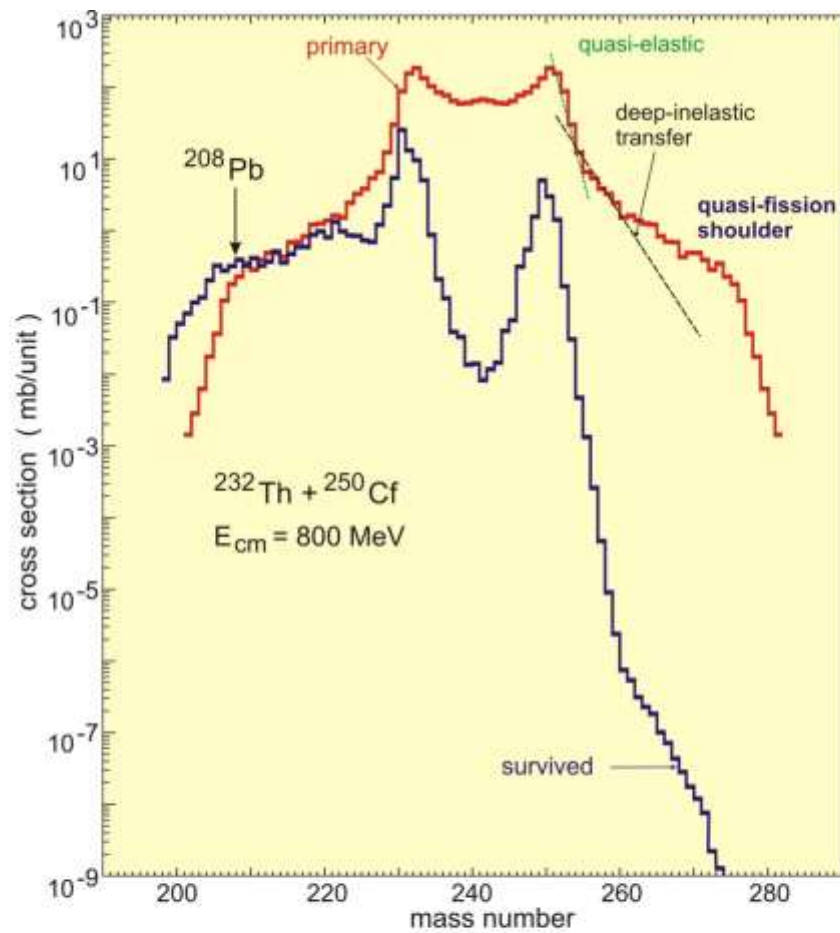
Production of neutron-rich superheavy nuclei and giant quasi-atoms



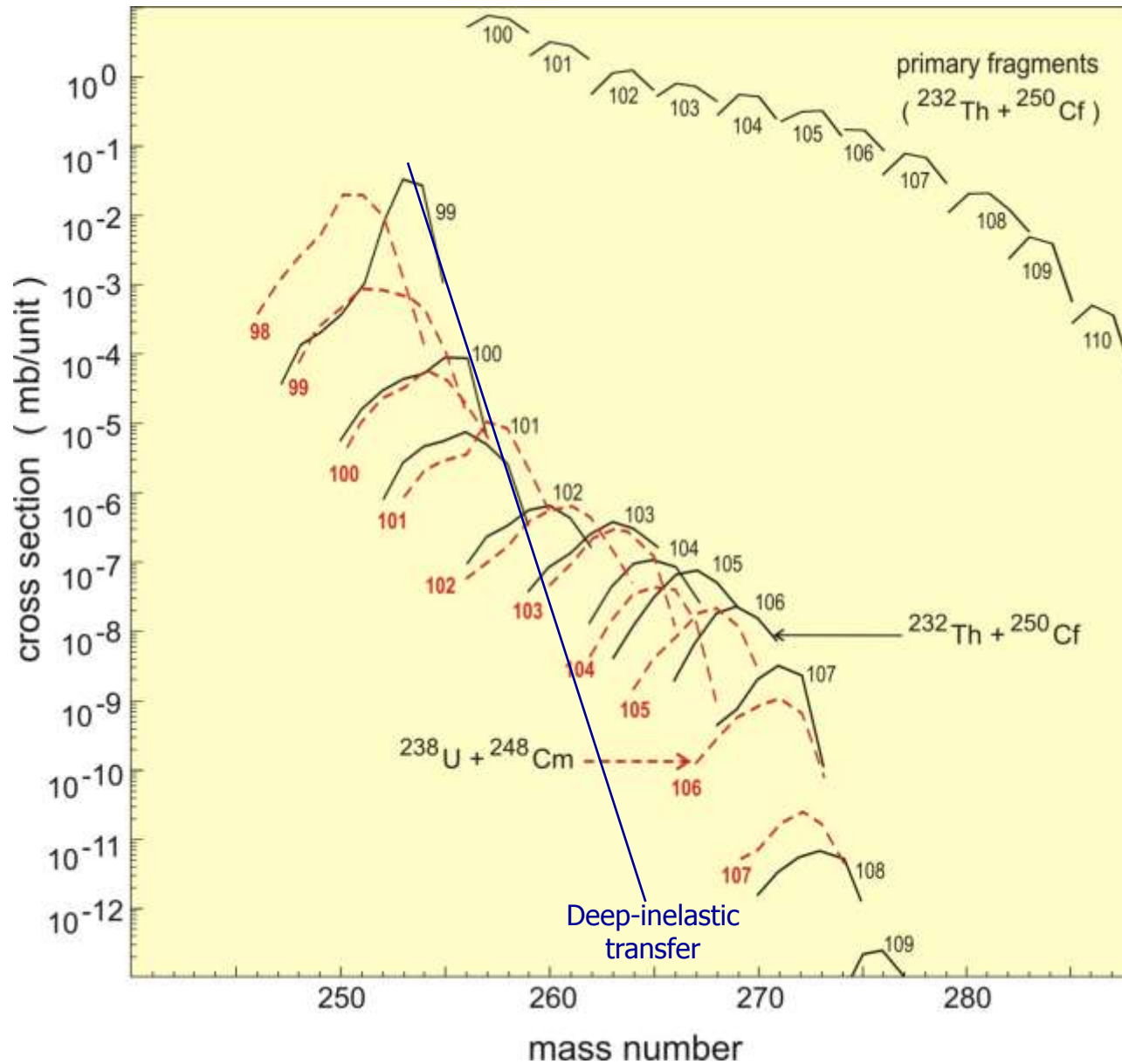
Comparison with available experimental data



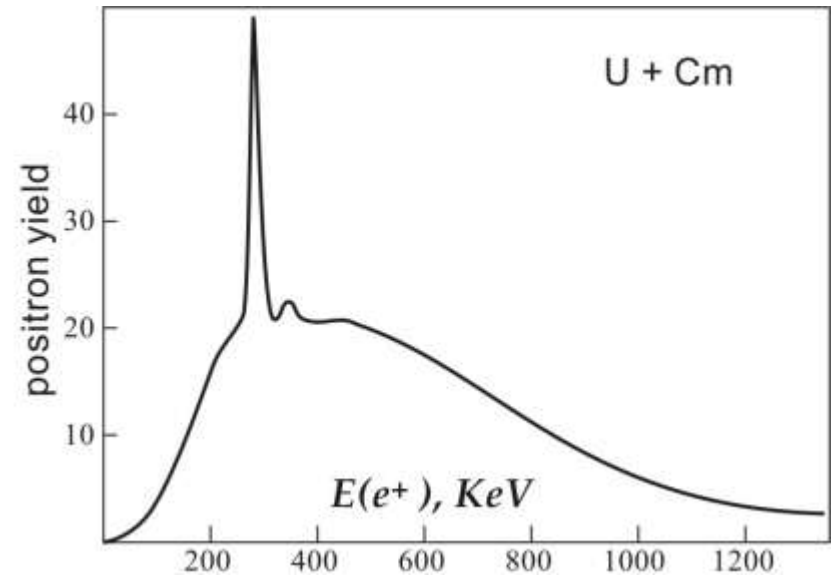
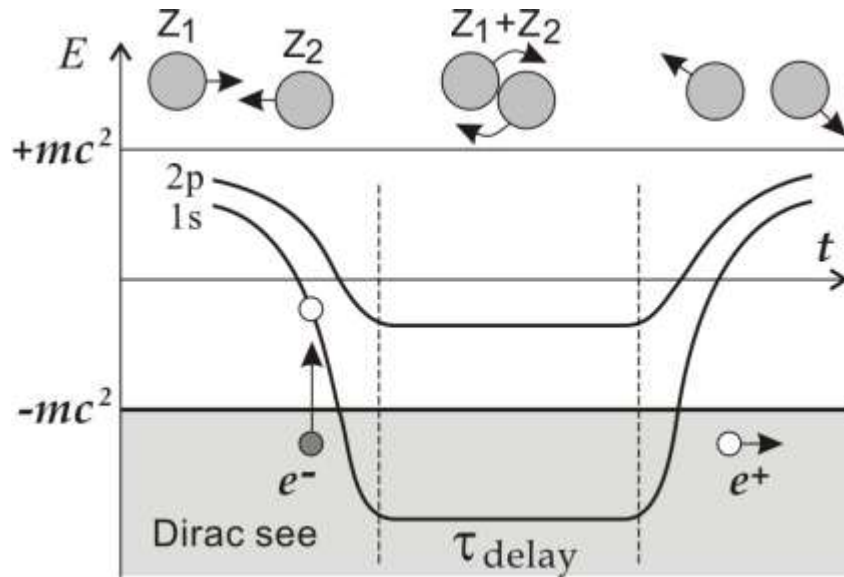
Deep-Inelastic and Quasi-Fission processes in very-heavy-ion damped collisions



Isotopic yield of SHE in very-heavy-ion damped collisions

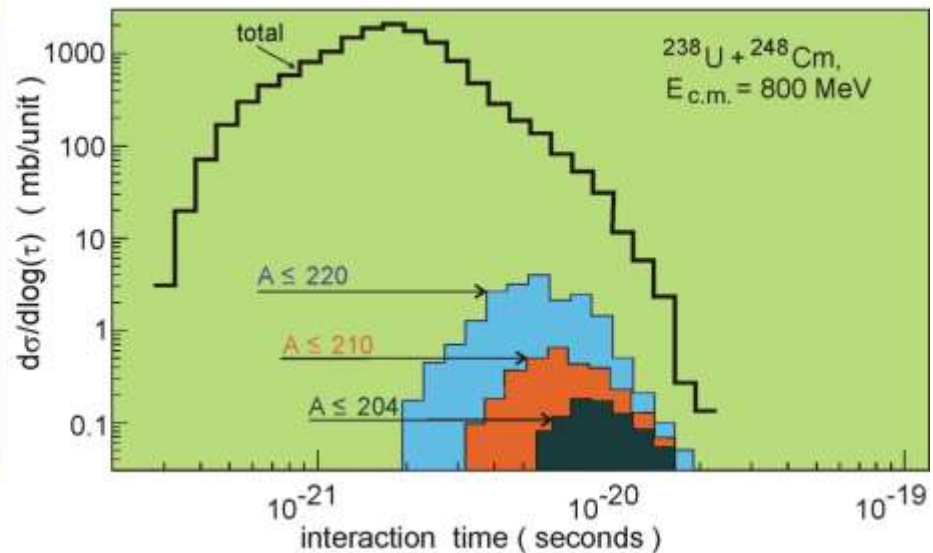
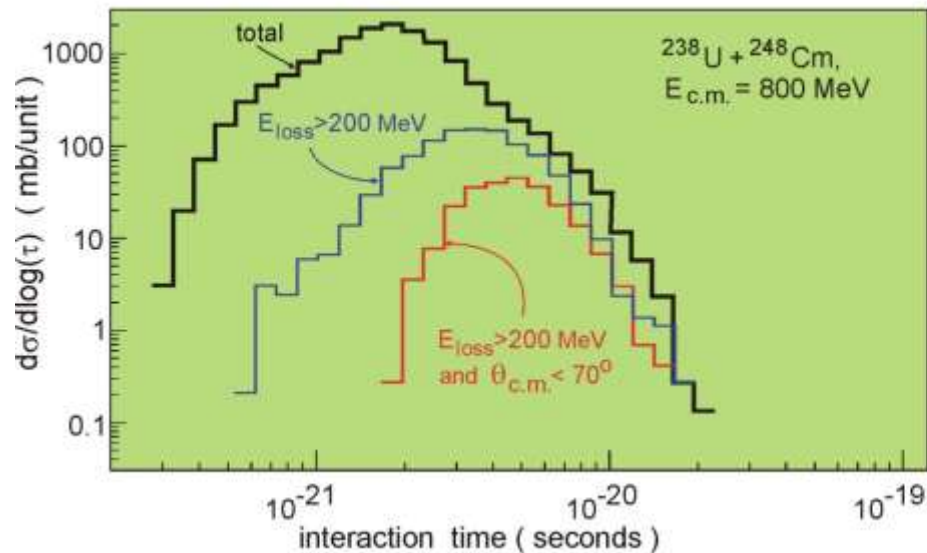
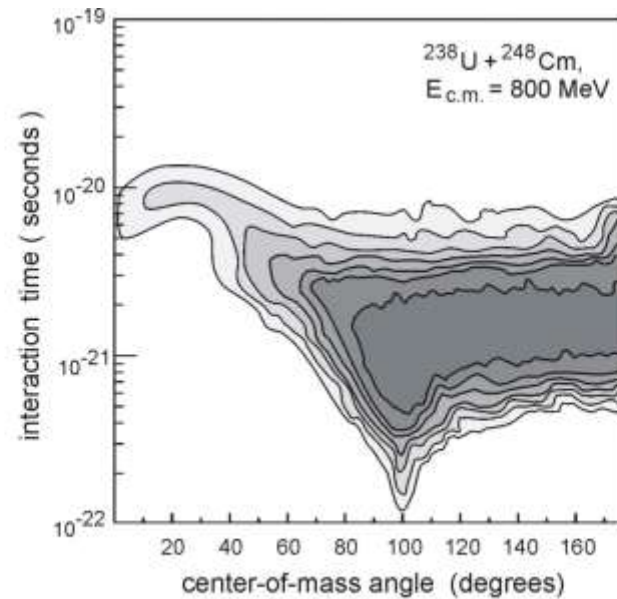
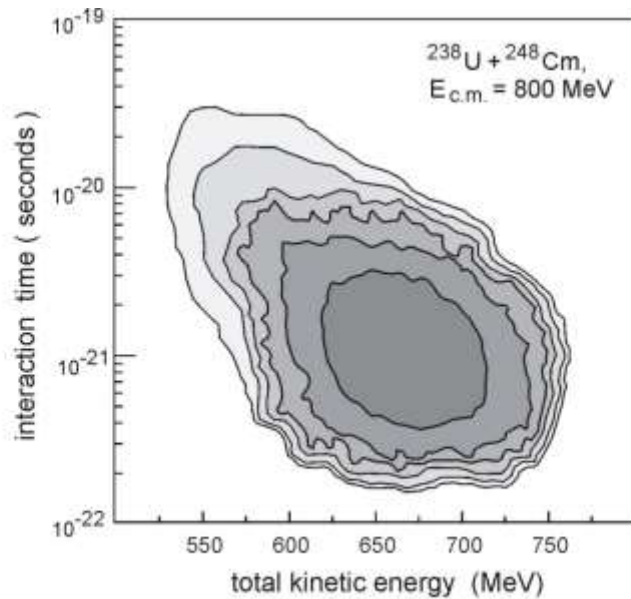


Spontaneous positron formation: fundamental QED process



Greiner, Reinhard, 1981

What are the triggers for long reaction time ?



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Summary

For heavy nuclear system it is extremely important to perform a **combined (unified) analysis** of all strongly coupled channels: Deep-Inelastic scattering, Quasi-Fission, Fusion and regular Fission. This ambitious goal has now become possible.

The mechanisms of quasi-fission and fusion-fission processes can be clarified much better than before . Determination of such fundamental characteristics of nuclear dynamics as the nuclear viscosity and the nucleon transfer rate is now possible. Accurate estimations of the probabilities for **super-heavy element formation** can be obtained now.

Low energy collisions of transuranium nuclei:

Production of **long-lived neutron-rich SHE** seems to be quite possible (“inverse quasi-fission” process). **Spontaneous positron emission** from a supercritical electric field of giant quasi-atoms.