

Introduction session physique nucléaire

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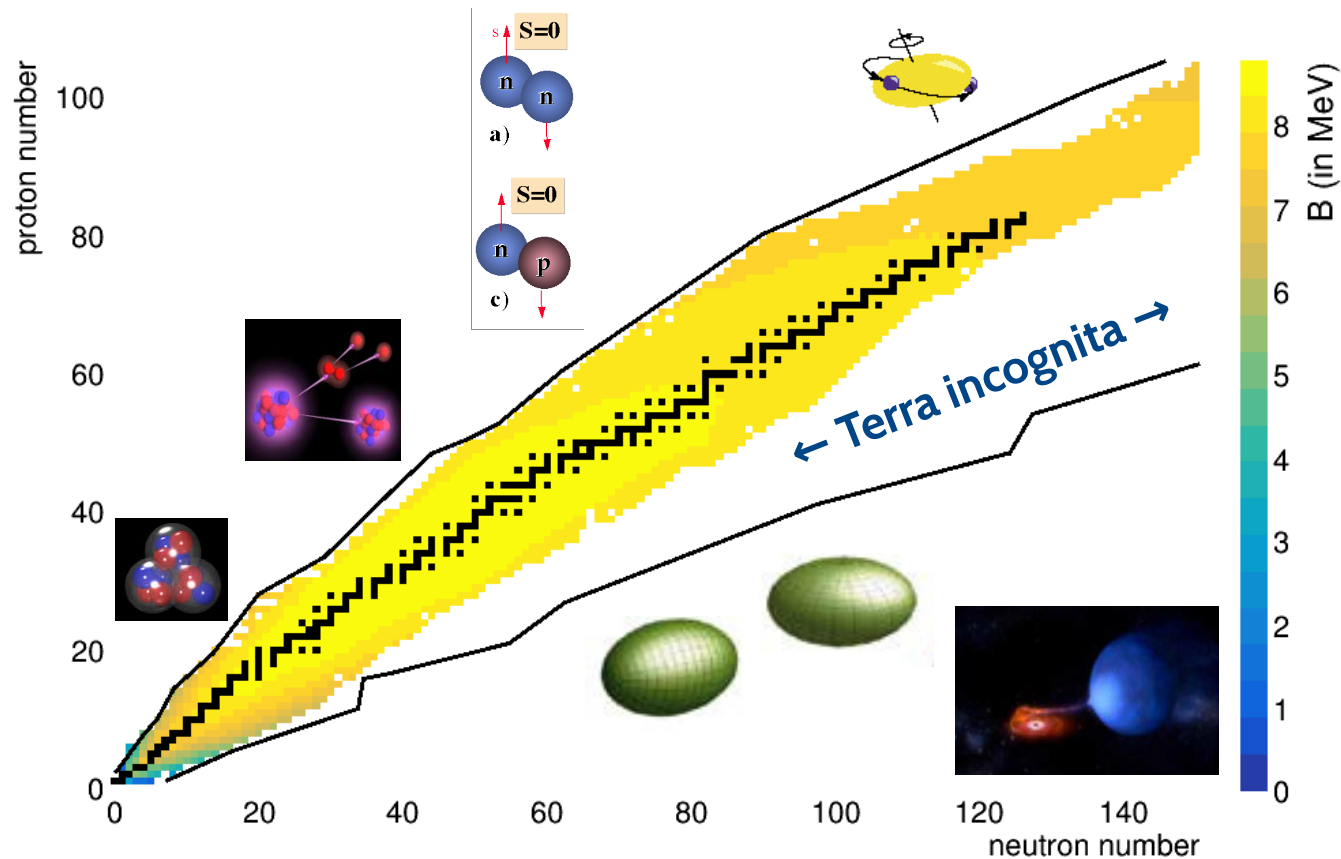
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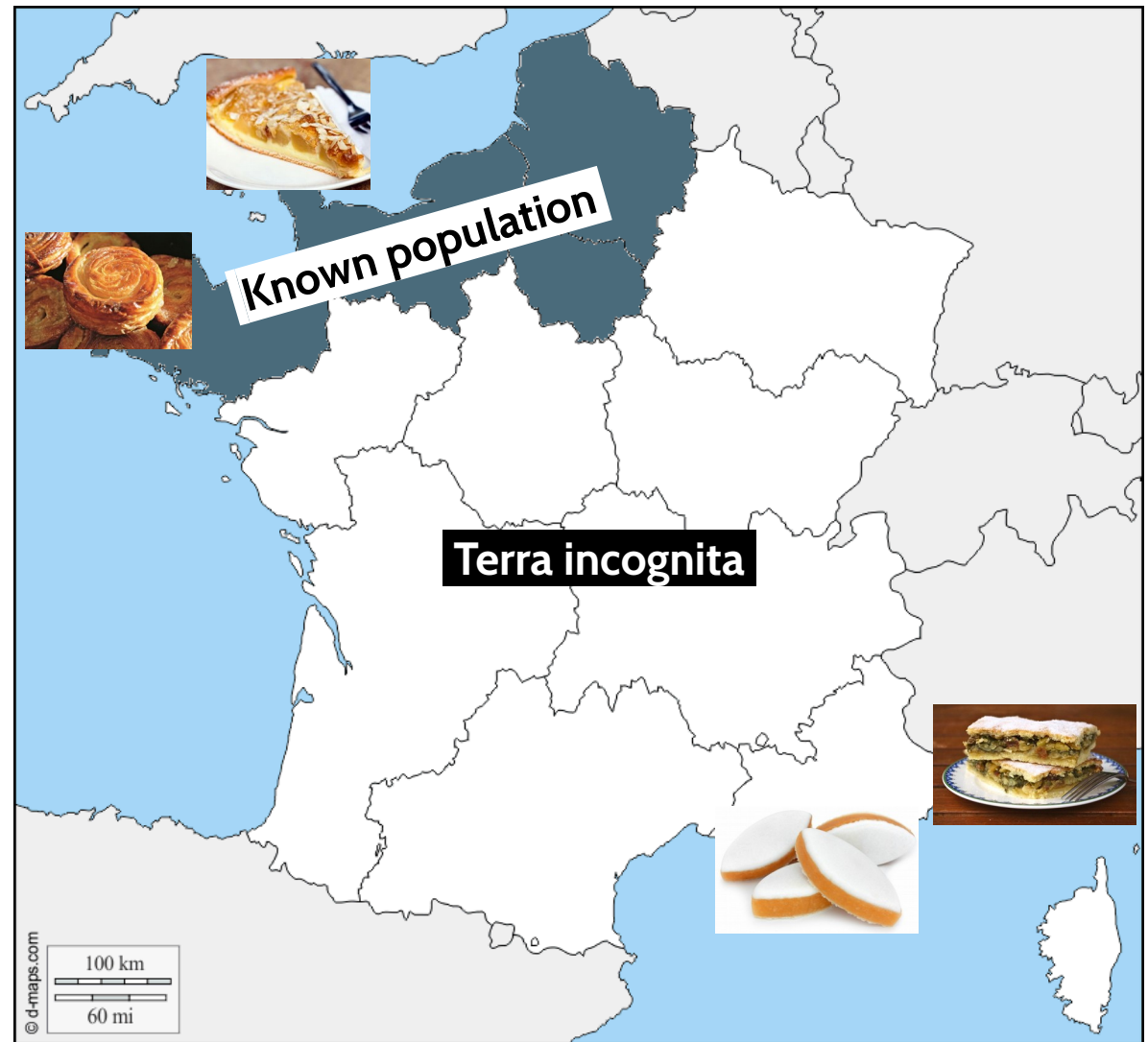
25M known people/35M unknown

North West + Paris (4 regions)

Exercise

Knowing population properties (mass, deformation, ground state spin/parity, decay modes...)

Deduce *Marseil* people's behavior and predict the existence of Corsica



The Mechanism of Nuclear Fission

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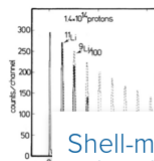


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The nuclear liquid-drop model

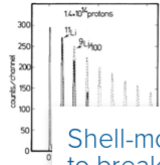


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Gamow's idea

Protons and neutrons behave like molecules in a drop of liquid

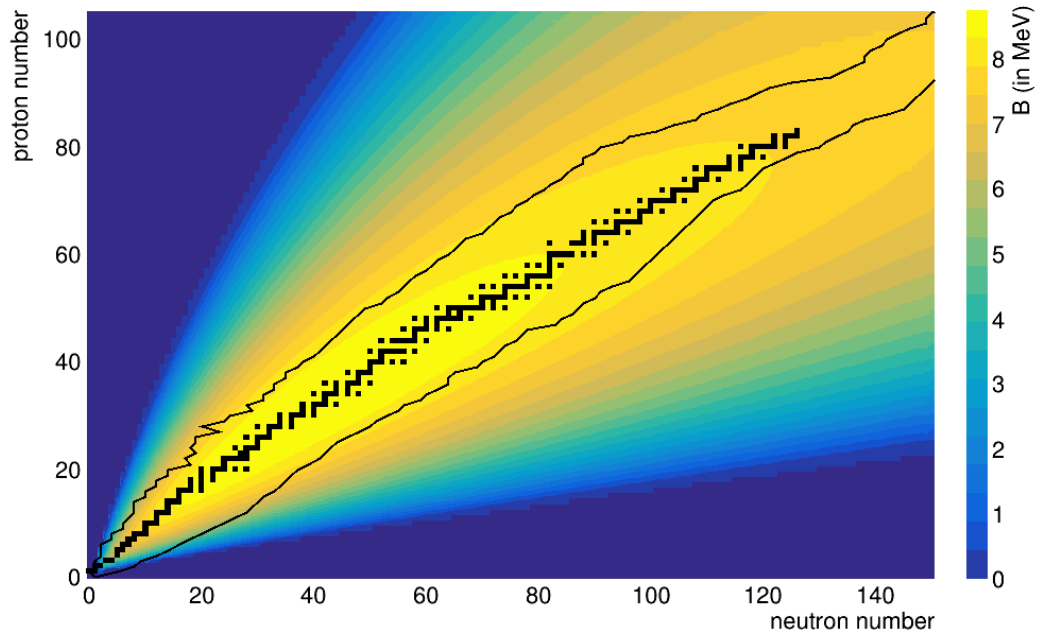
Weizsäcker's semi-empirical mass formula

Binding energy of spherical drops at constant density :

$$E_B = a_V A - a_S A^{2/3} - a_C \frac{Z(Z-1)}{A^{1/3}} - a_A \frac{(A-2Z)^2}{A} \pm \delta(A, Z)$$

Parameters fitted on experimentally measured masses

Allow to extrapolate not-observed nuclei/processes



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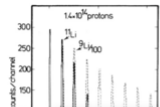


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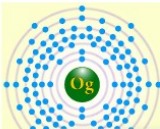


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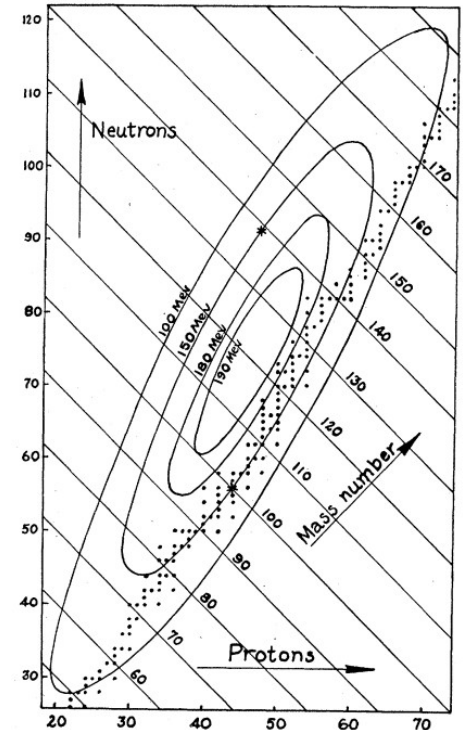
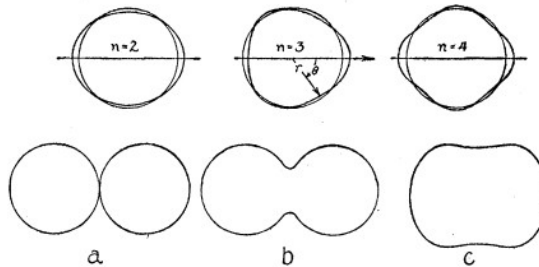
Fission

Energy release by $^{239}\text{U} \rightarrow ^{100}\text{Ru} + ^{139}\text{Cd}$

Production of neutron rich elements

Fission fragment beta decay

Estimation of the composite beta-spectrum

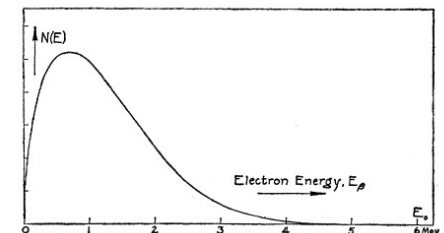


Deformation

Introduction of deformation modes

Fission as a constant-volume process

Stability as heavy elements against fission



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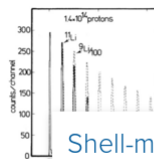


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Modern nuclear fission studies

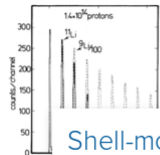


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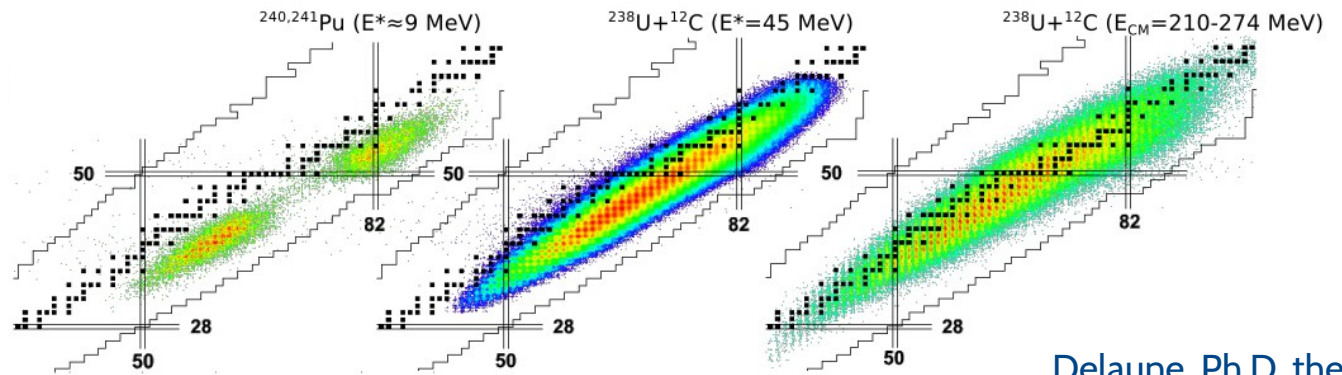
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Fission experiments

Fission fragment mass/charge/energy measurement (GANIL, GSI)

Neutron, gamma and charged particle multiplicities

Used to produce exotic nuclei beams



Delaune, Ph.D. thesis
Ramos, PRL 123 (2019) 092503

Fission models

Liquid-drop models + Langevin/Metropolis

Global coordinate methods (GCM)

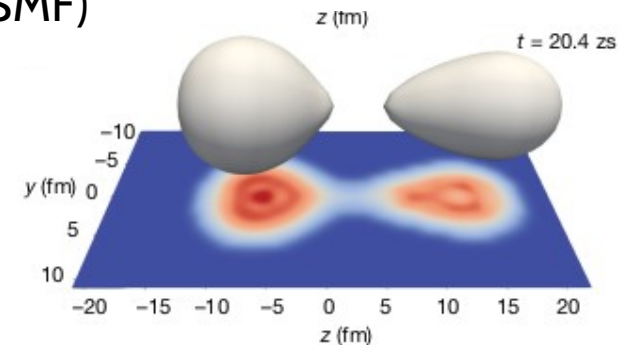
Time-dependant stochastic mean field (SMF)

Scamps, Nature 564 (2018) 382

Recent highlights

Fission fragment internal properties

Impact of octupole shell closures



Shell closure ? Magic numbers ?

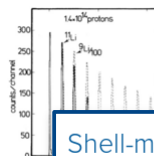


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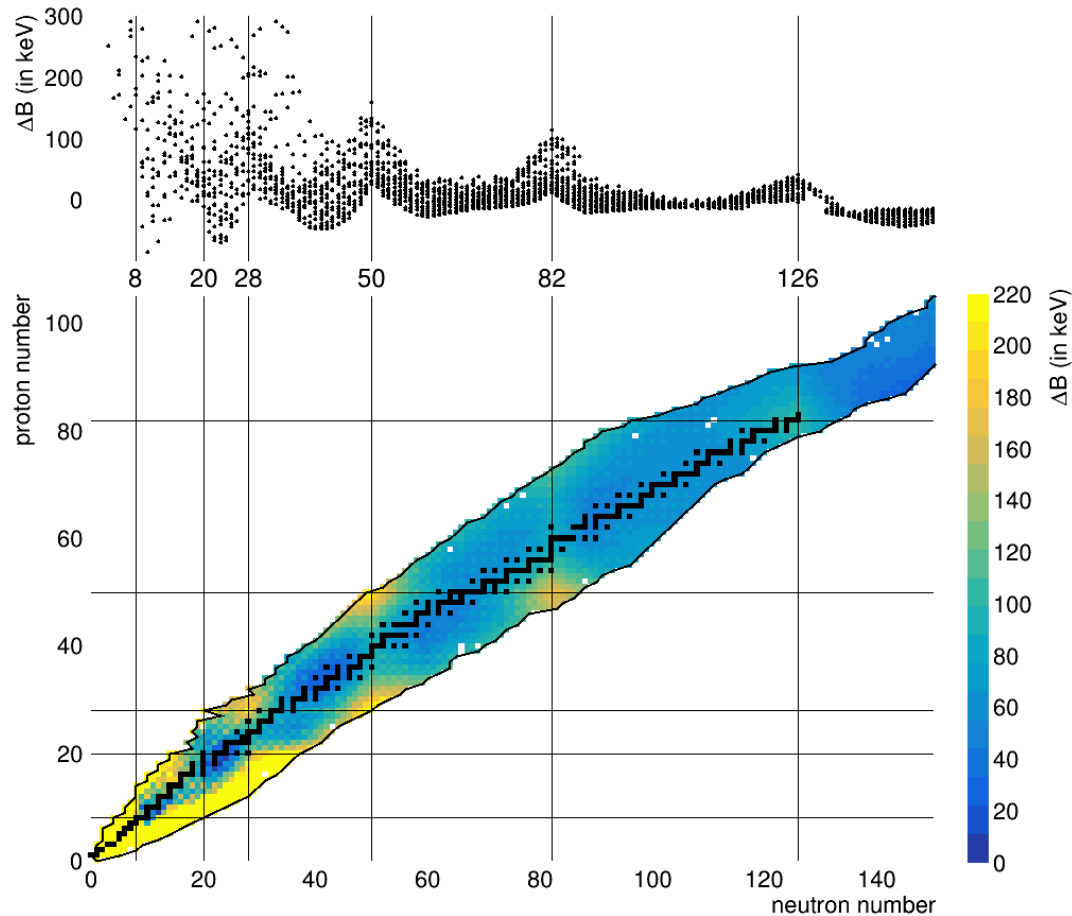


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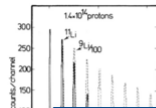


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$$H = T + V = (T + U) + (V - U) = H_0 + H_1$$

T : kinetic part

V : nucleon-nucleon interaction part

U : external central potential

H_0 : single particle energy

H_1 : residual interaction

Spherical magic numbers

Harmonic potential $\rightarrow 2, 8, 20, 40, 70$

Woods-Saxon or $l^2 \rightarrow l$ splitting

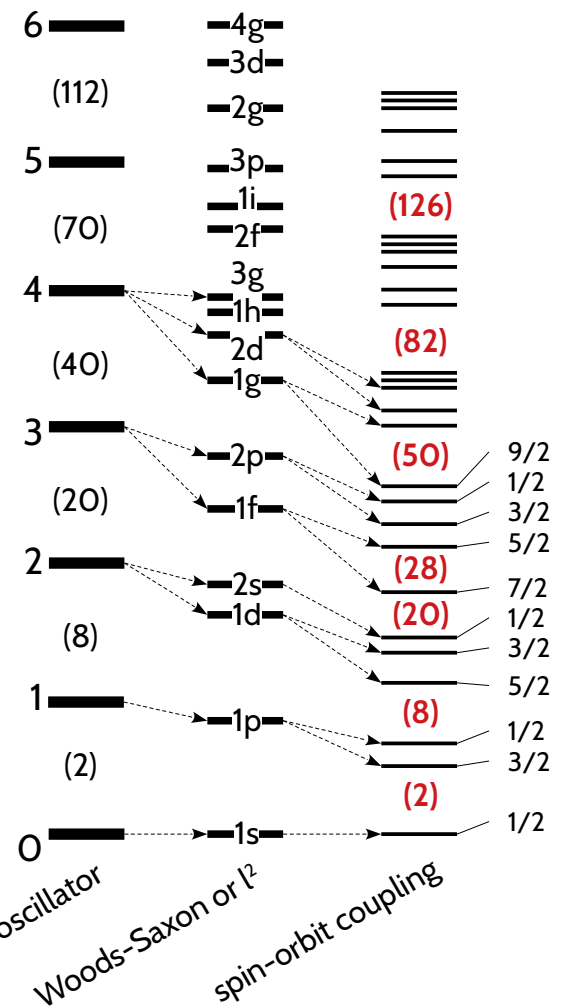
Spin-orbit coupling \rightarrow Nobel price

Single particle model

Magic numbers = shell gaps

Spin/parity of ground state

Excited states close to shell closure



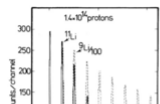


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Direct measurement of the masses of ^{11}Li and $^{26-32}\text{Na}$ with an on-line mass spectrometer

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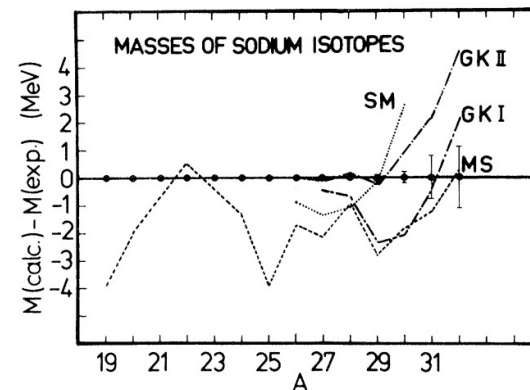
(Received 17 March 1975)

Deviation to Shell Model (SM)

Mass measurement of n-rich Na isotopes

Close to N=20 spherical magic number

Strong deviation to SM prediction



New magic numbers

Disappearance of magic number far from stability

Emergence of new shell closure

Modern studies

Residual interaction

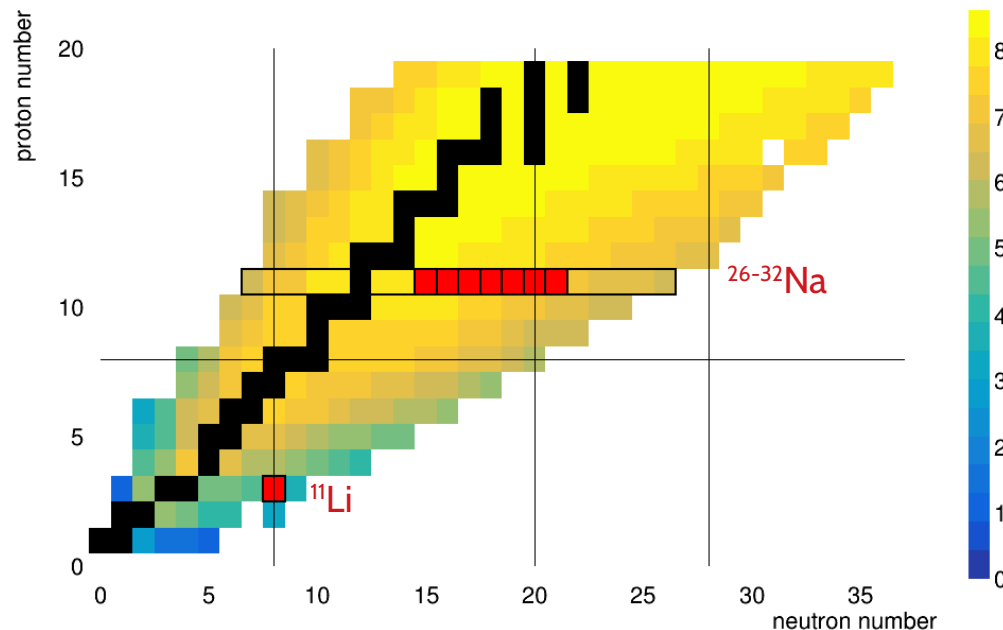
Spin-orbit splitting

Deformation

Shape coexistence

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➔ Armel's talk on ^{12}Be



The quest of super-heavy nuclei

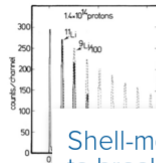
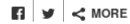


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Heaviest element

Liquid drop model : $Z \sim 104$ (wrong)

Super-heavy only possible with shell closure

Many microscopic models predict an island of stability (Corsica ?)

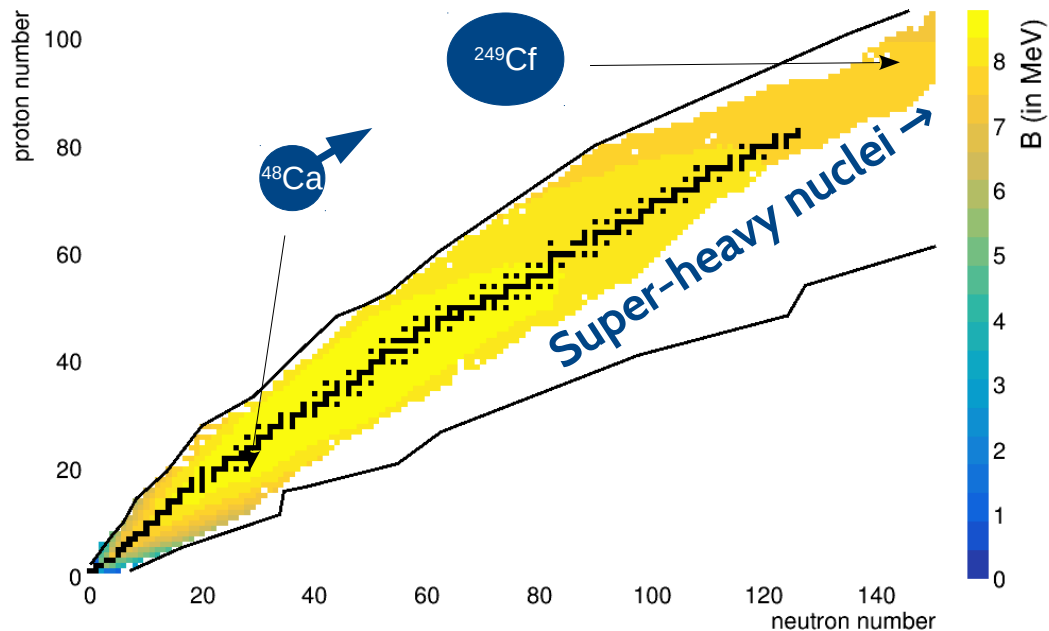
Experimental strategy

^{48}Ca beam ($4.1 \cdot 10^{19}$) on heavy ^{249}Cf and ^{245}Cf target for $Z=116,118$

Energy close to the Coulomb barrier to maximize survival probability

No heavier target available → find the new golden projectile

Characterization of these nuclei → S^3 @SPIRAL2 in GANIL




Nuclear physics in astro/particle physics

1939



Bethe predicts stellar nuclear reactions

Bethe shows that two types of helium-yielding nuclear reactions could power stars: the fusion of hydrogen and the so-called carbon-oxygen-nitrogen cycle. Nine years later, Bethe, Alpher, and Gamow propose an explanation for the abundance of the chemical elements using one of the first models of the post-big-bang Universe.

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Stellar fuel and nuclear abundances

Introduction of the C-N-O circle by Bethe

Prediction of nuclear abundances on cosmologic arguments by Gamow

Still a strong interplay between nuclear structure and astrophysics

→ Please wait for the Chloé Fougère's Talk

1956



Parity violation is found in weak interaction

Mirror symmetry or, as physicists call it, parity symmetry, holds the status of a sacred principle until theorists Lee and Yang show that they can explain puzzling cosmic-ray data by assuming that the symmetry is violated in weak interactions. A year later, beta-decay experiments by Wu and her collaborators prove that parity is, in fact, violated.

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Fundamental symmetries

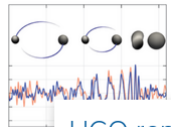
Lee and Yang's prescription : two experiment for parity violation test

Evidence of parity violation in ^{60}Co beta decay by Madame Wu's team

Triggered a lot of experiment looking for CP violation in beta decay

→ Please wait for the Nishu Goyal's talk

2016



LIGO reports observation of gravitational waves

The collaborations behind the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO) and the Virgo experiment report that LIGO's sensitive interferometers have picked up a gravitational-wave signal from the merger of two black holes—the first detection of the waves that Einstein had predicted in 1916. LIGO's success sets the stage for a new era of gravitational-wave astronomy, and it is soon followed by a joint detection with Virgo of a binary neutron star merger.

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Nuclear equation of state

First BH-BH and NS-NS gravitational wave signal by LIGO/VIRGO

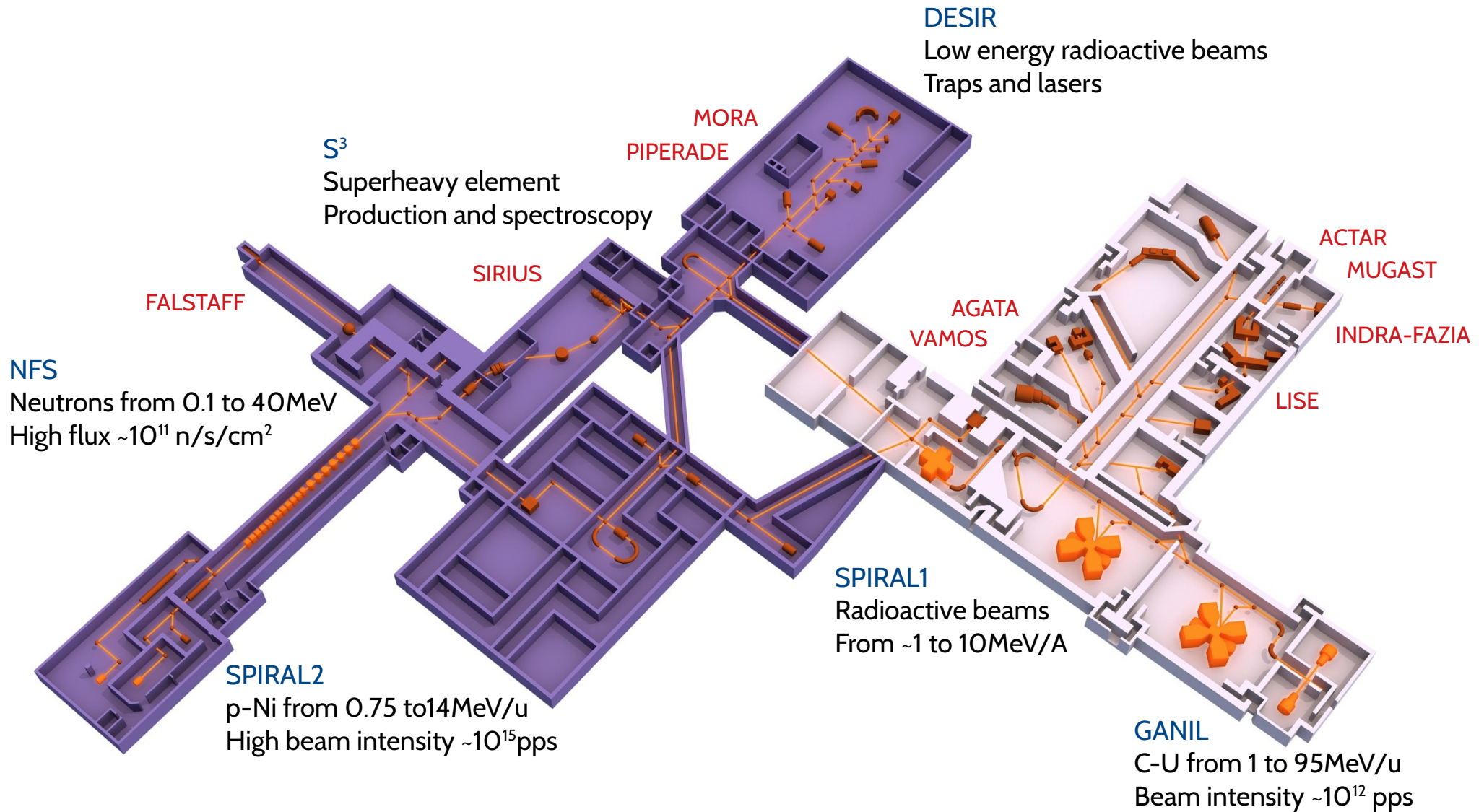
NS-NS merger electro-magnetic counterpart detected

New window on dense matter equation of state

Also accessible in violent heavy-ion collisions

→ See the Joël Quicray's talk

Quick overview of GANIL



La suite des hostilités

Armel 'the correlator' Kamenyero

Etude des corrélations neutron-neutron dans le noyau de ^{12}Be

Chloé 'cosmic' Fougères

Understanding cosmic abundance of ^{22}Na

Joël Quicray also known as 'jojoleBG'

Transport d'isospin dans les collisions nucléaires

Nishu 'Wu' Goyal

Detection of the decay of laser oriented radioactive isotopes

Nicolas Dray alias 'the activator'

Développement d'un module tout-en-un d'activation neutronique

Quentin 'PIXE' Mouchard

High energy PIXE : K-shell ionization cross section for Ti, Cu, and Ag atoms