

Fundamentals in Nuclear Physics 原子核基礎

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Schedule

5/12	Nuclear reactions
5/19	Nuclear decays and fundamental interactions

Report assignment for each session

References

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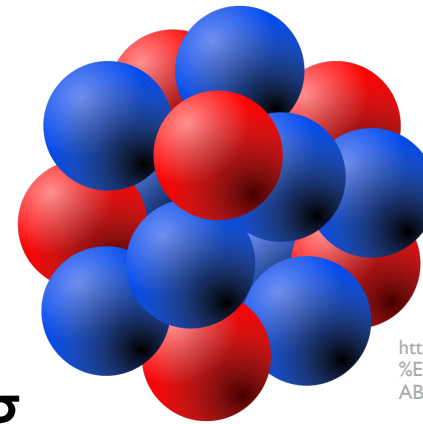
Nuclear reactions

free particle (photon, electron,
positron, neutron, proton, ...)


projectile



scattering



target

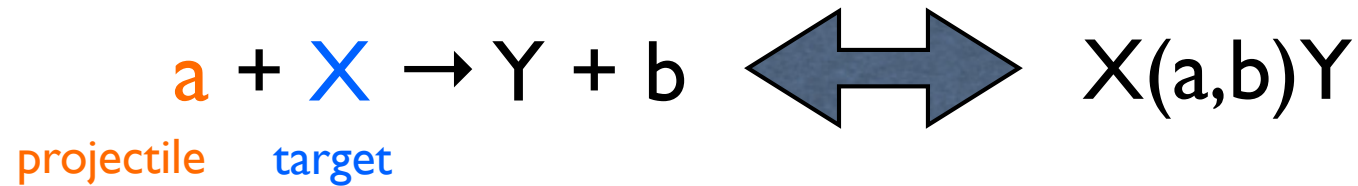
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nuclear reactions

Examples



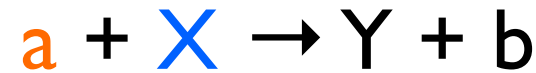
Typical nuclear reactions



Important nuclear reactions for thermal energy generation

- Fission (核分裂)
- Fusion (核融合)

Energetics エネルギー論



$$m_X c^2 + T_X + m_a c^2 + T_a = m_Y c^2 + T_Y + m_b c^2 + T_b$$

↑ ↑
rest mass kinetic energy

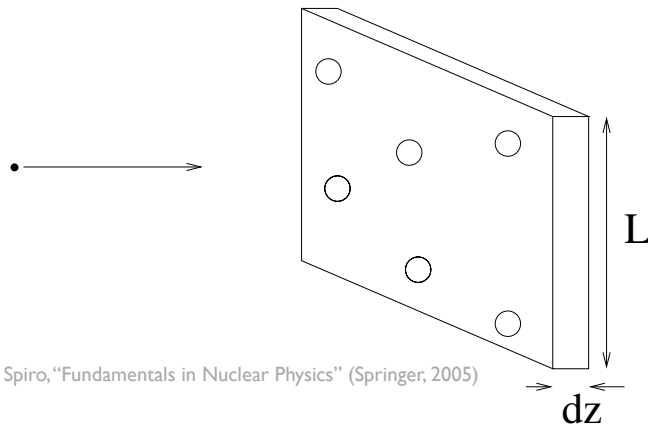
reaction Q value

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= (m_{\text{initial}} - m_{\text{final}})c^2 \\ &= (m_X + m_a - m_Y - m_b)c^2 \\ &= T_Y + T_b - T_X - T_a \\ &\quad \text{excess kinetic energy} \end{aligned}$$

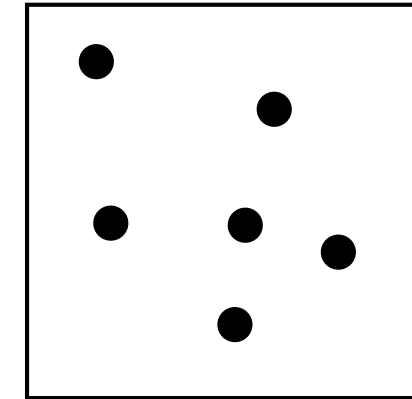
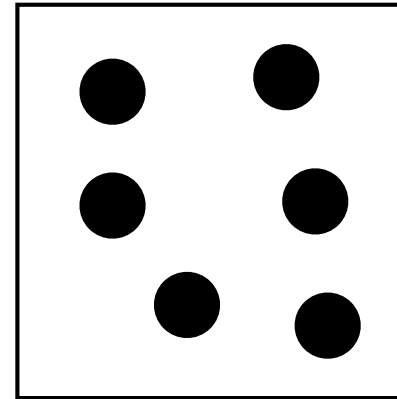
$Q > 0$: exothermic 発熱反応

$Q < 0$: endothermic 吸熱反応

Cross section 断面積



Basdevant, Rich, and Spiro, "Fundamentals in Nuclear Physics" (Springer, 2005)



number density n

radius r

reaction probability $\frac{(\pi r^2)n(L^2 dz)}{L^2} = \pi r^2 n dz$

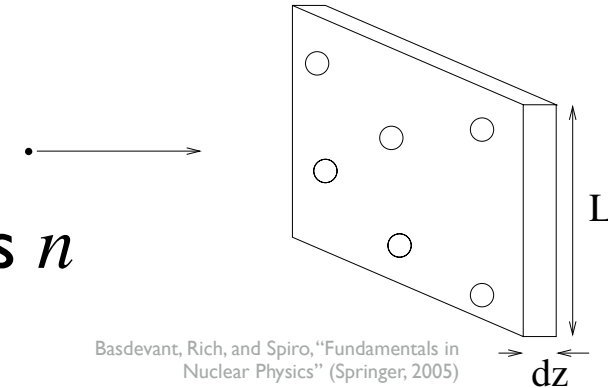
$\sigma \equiv \pi r^2$
"cross section"

$$dP = \sigma n dz$$

“Cross section” can be used to define a probability for any type of reaction

Probability P proportional to

- number density of target particles n
- target thickness dz



$$dP = \sigma n dz$$

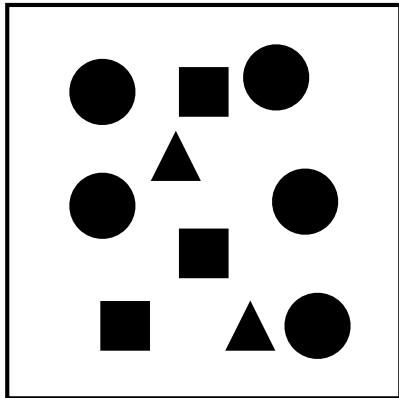
Unit of cross section

dimension of area \longrightarrow m^2, cm^2

size of nucleus \sim a few fm

\longrightarrow 1 barn (b) = $10^{-28} \text{ m}^2 = 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^2$

Different types of target objects



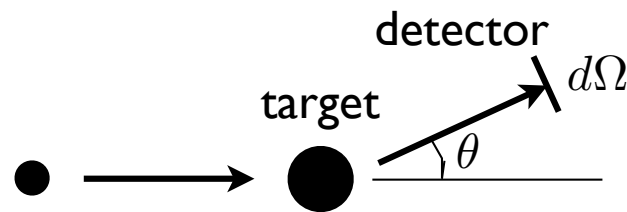
number density n_i

cross section σ_i

$$dP = dz \sum_i \sigma_i n_i$$

Differential cross section

angular dependence (角度依存性を考える)



Probability that the incident particle is scattered to a solid angle $d\Omega$

$$dP_{\theta,\phi} = \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} n dz d\Omega$$

differential cross section
(微分断面積)

for isotropic scattering (等方散乱)

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{\sigma}{4\pi}$$

total cross section

$$\sigma = \int d\Omega \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \int_0^\pi \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(\theta, \phi) \sin \theta d\theta$$

Differential cross section

reaction creating N particles $a b \rightarrow x_1 x_2 x_3 \dots x_N$

probability to create the particles x_i in the momentum ranges $d^3\mathbf{p}_i$ around \mathbf{p}_i

$$dP = \frac{d\sigma}{d^3\mathbf{p}_1 \dots d^3\mathbf{p}_N} n_b dz d^3\mathbf{p}_1 \dots d^3\mathbf{p}_N$$

← differential cross section (微分断面積)

total probability for the reaction $dP_{ab \rightarrow x_1 \dots x_N} = \sigma_{ab \rightarrow x_1 \dots x_N} n_b dz$

reaction cross section

$$\sigma_{ab \rightarrow x_1 \dots x_N} = \int d^3\mathbf{p}_1 \dots \int d^3\mathbf{p}_N \frac{d\sigma}{d^3\mathbf{p}_1 \dots d^3\mathbf{p}_N} d^3\mathbf{p}_1 \dots d^3\mathbf{p}_N$$

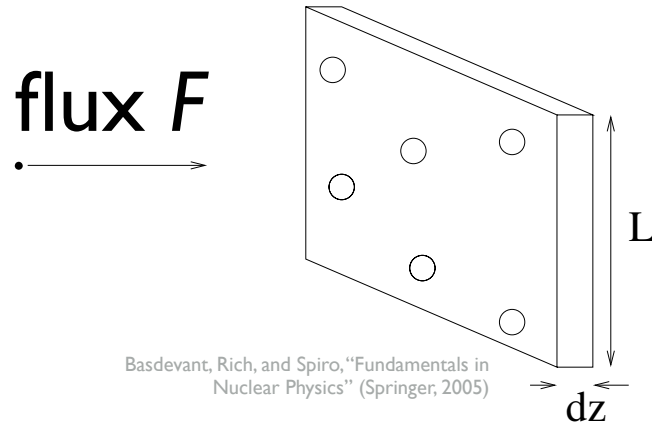
if there are more than one reactions

$$dP = \sigma_{\text{tot}} n_b dz \quad \sigma_{\text{tot}} = \sum_i \sigma_i$$

平均自由行程

反応速度

Mean free path and reaction rate



$$dF = -F\sigma ndz$$

$$\frac{dF}{dz} = -F\sigma n$$

$$F(z) = F(0)e^{-\sigma nz} = F(0)e^{-\Sigma z}$$

macroscopic cross section (マクロ断面積)

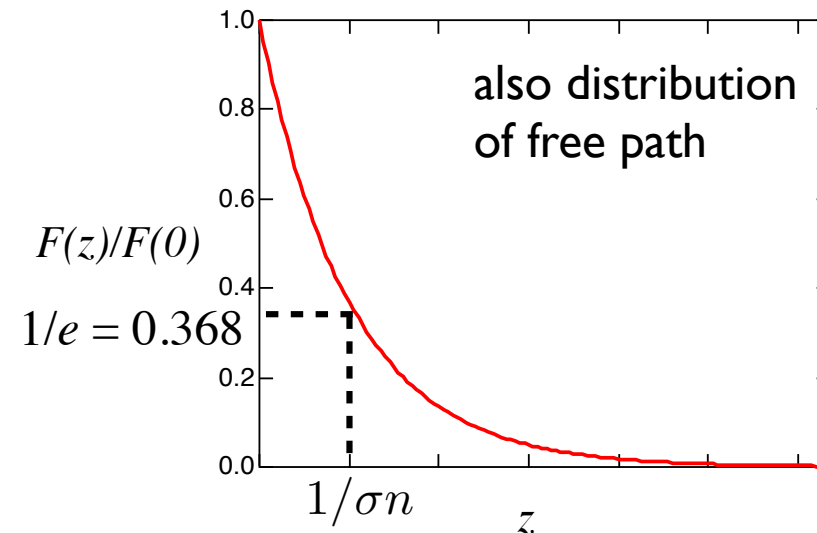
$$\Sigma = \sigma n \quad [\text{l/length}]$$

mean free path $l = 1/\sigma n$

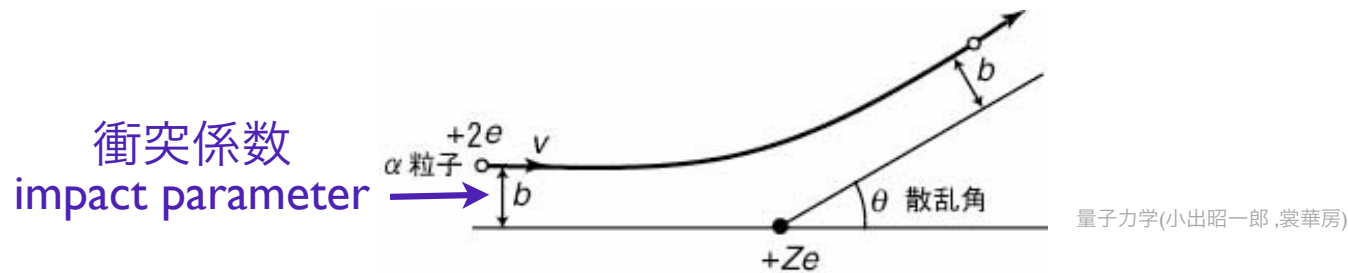
if there are different types of target objects (nuclei)

$$l = 1 / \sum_i \sigma_i n_i$$

reaction rate $\frac{v}{l} = n \sigma v$



differential cross section of scattering in general



classical scattering in general

$$b \longleftrightarrow \theta(b)$$

$$b+db \longleftrightarrow \theta(b+db) = \theta + d\theta = \theta(b) + \frac{d\theta}{db}db$$

$$d\sigma = 2\pi bdb \longleftrightarrow d\Omega = -2\pi \sin \theta d\theta$$

$$\boxed{\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \left| \frac{b(\theta)}{\sin \theta} \frac{db}{d\theta} \right|}$$

Example: hard sphere with a radius R

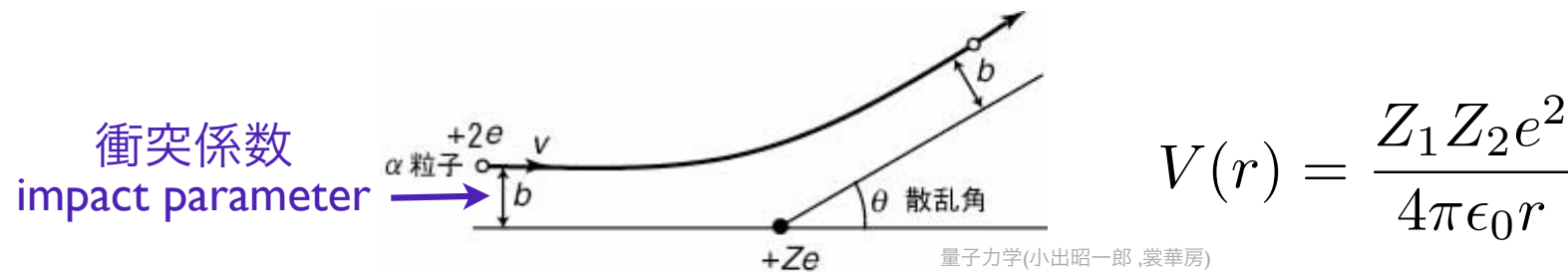
$$b = R \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{R^2}{4} \quad \sigma = \pi R^2$$

geometrical cross section

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Rutherford scattering

scattering of a charged particles by a Coulomb potential



$$b = \frac{Z_1 Z_2 e^2}{8\pi\epsilon_0 E_k} \cot \frac{\theta}{2} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \left(\frac{Z_1 Z_2 e^2}{16\pi\epsilon_0 E_k} \right)^2 \frac{1}{\sin^4 \frac{\theta}{2}}$$

The same result is obtained by the quantum theory.

$$\sigma = \infty$$

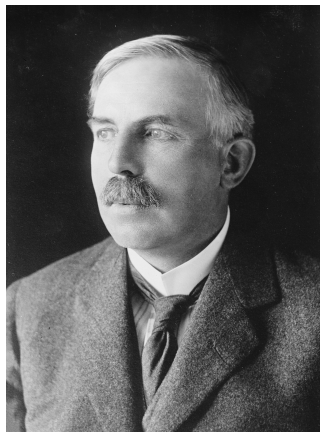
Coulomb force is long-range 長距離力

- Incident particle is scattered no matter how large the impact parameter may be.
- Practically, the Coulomb potential is screened at large distances by oppositely charged particles

Rutherford scattering

Geiger-Marsden experiment (1909) ガイガー・マースデンの実験

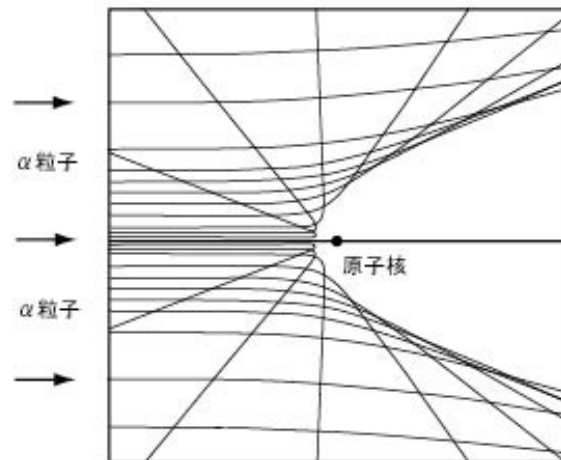
Ernest Rutherford



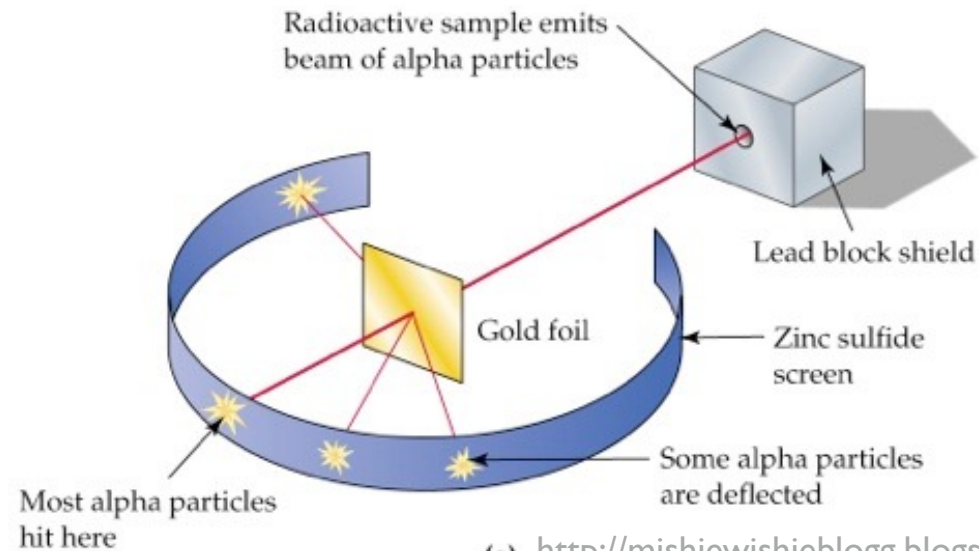
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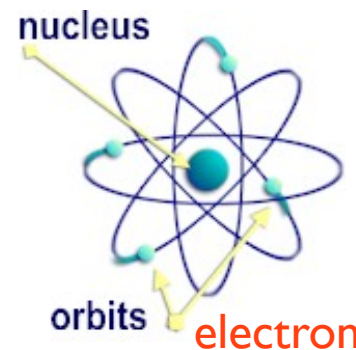
α 粒子散乱の軌道



量子力学(小出昭一郎, 裳華房)

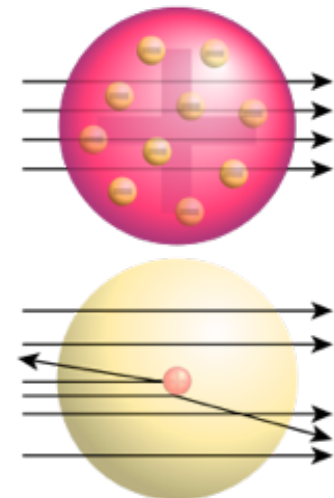


(a) <http://mishiewishieblog.blogspot.jp/>



1911

Rutherford (or planetary) model



General characteristics of cross-sections

Elastic scattering 弾性散乱

The internal states of the projectile and target (scatterer) do not change before and after the scattering.

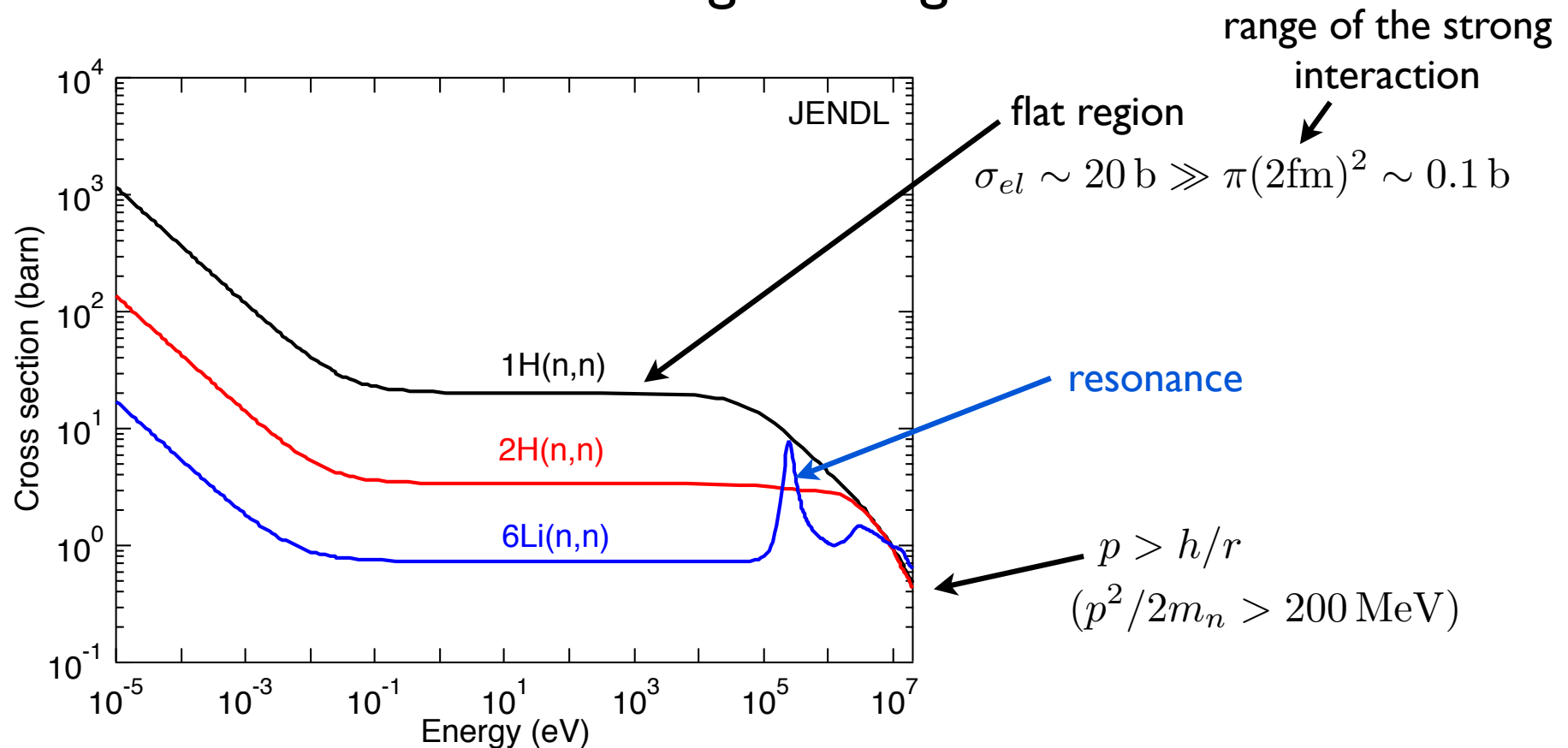
- Rutherford scattering, (n,n) , (p,p) , etc.

Inelastic scattering 非弾性散乱

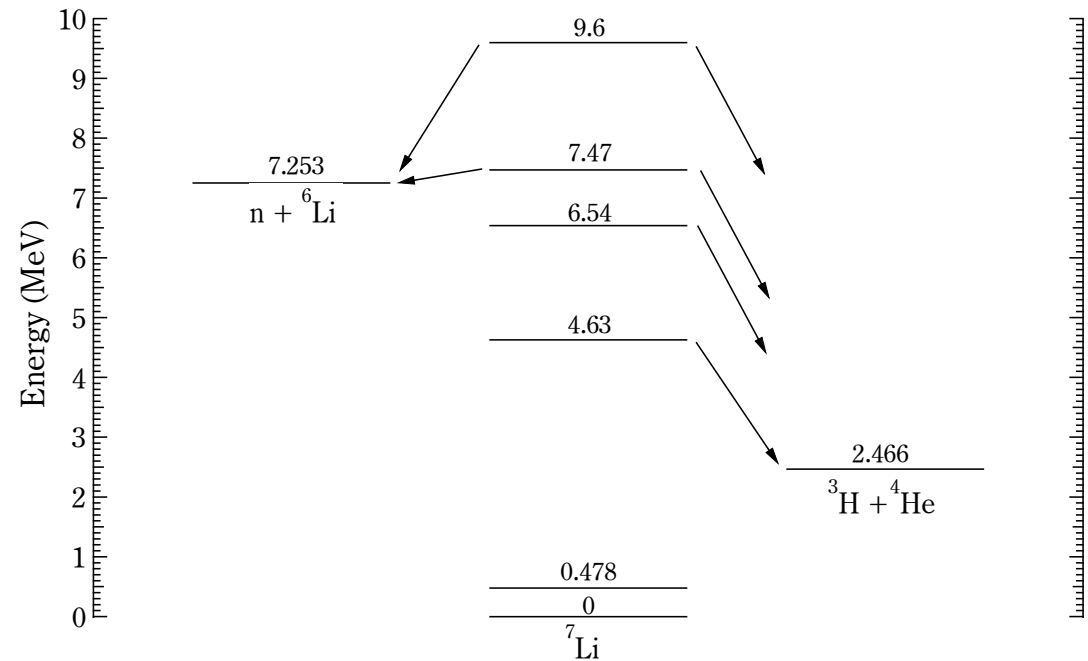
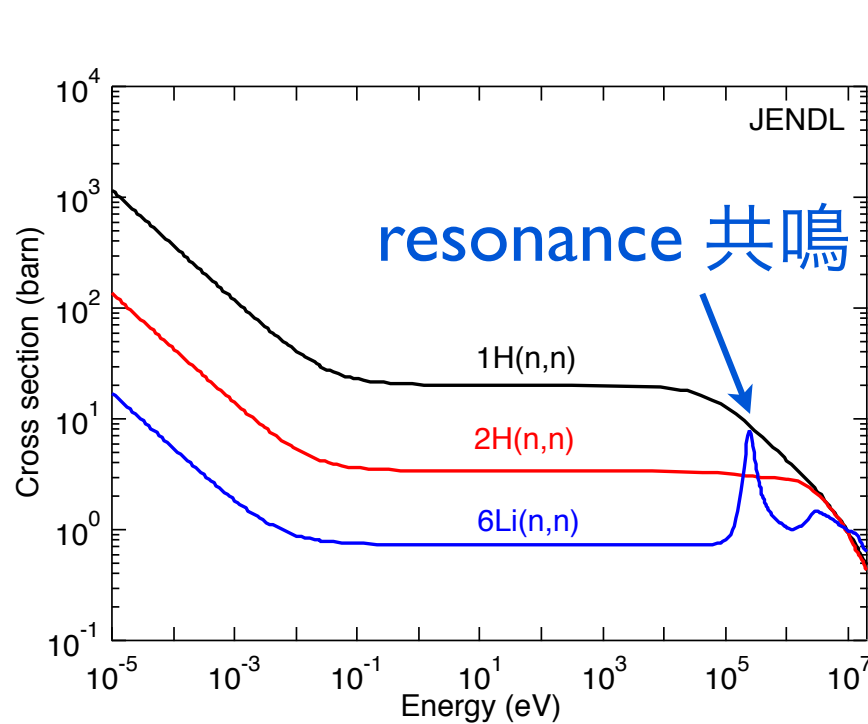
- (n,γ) , (p,γ) , (n,α) , (n,p) , (n,d) , (n,t) , etc.
- fission, fusion

Elastic neutron scattering

- relevant to (neutron) moderator in nuclear reactors
中性子減速材
- due to the short-range strong interaction



Elastic neutron scattering



The energy levels of ${}^7\text{Li}$ and two dissociated states $n-{}^6\text{Li}$ and ${}^3\text{H}-{}^4\text{He}$ ($t-\alpha$)

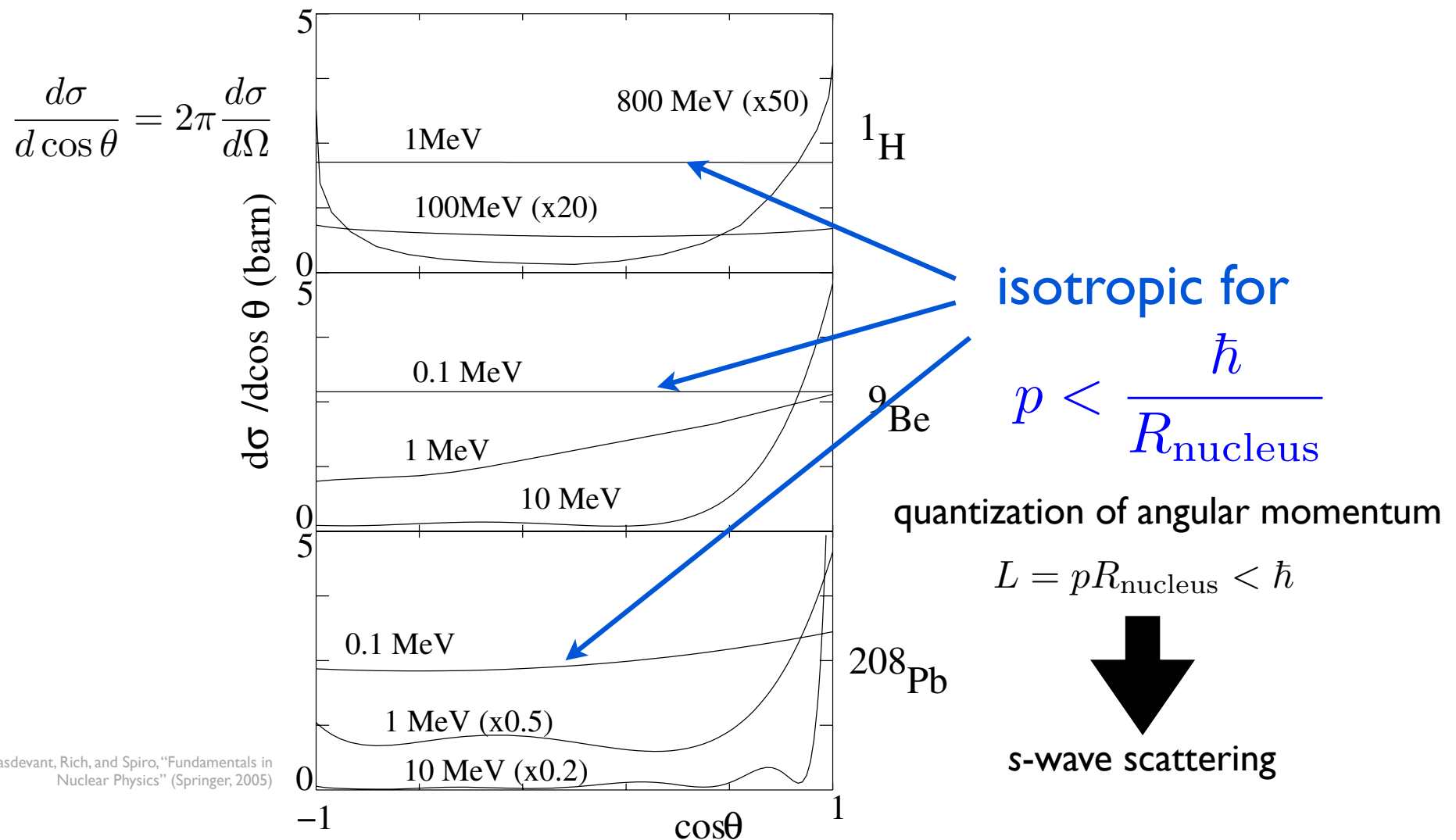


Nuclear data libraries

- ENDF (Evaluated Nuclear Data File, USA)
- JENDL (Japanese Evaluated Nuclear Data Library, Japan)
- JEFF (Joint Evaluated Fission and Fusion file, Europe)
- CENDL (Chinese Evaluated Nuclear Data Library, China)
- ROSFOND (Russia)
- BROND (Russia)

<http://www-nds.iaea.org/exfor/endlf.htm>

Differential cross section for elastic neutron scattering



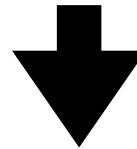
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Inelastic scattering

中性子捕獲反応

Neutron capture

neutron binding energy = ca. 8 MeV



発熱反応

exothermic reaction in most cases

放射化
activation



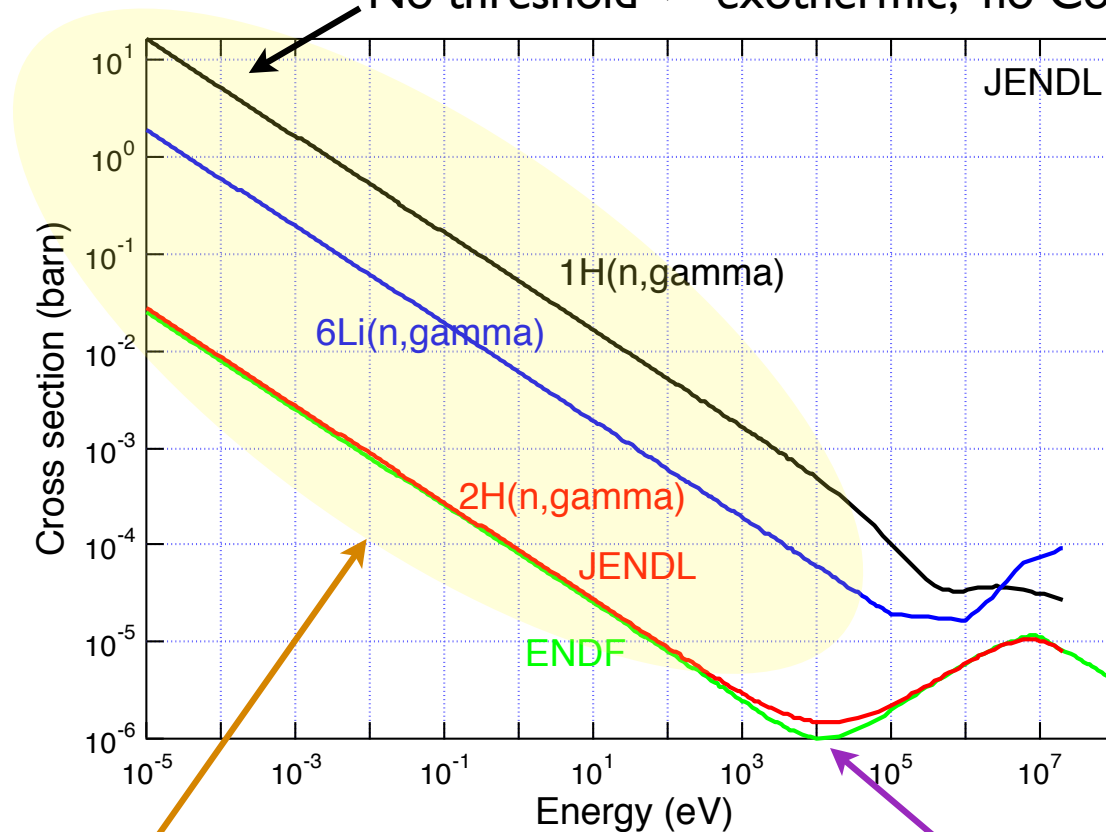
Highly excited states formed, which subsequently decay.

- Radiative capture 放射捕獲 (放射性捕獲) $A\text{X}(n,\gamma)A+1\text{X}$
 - emits a gamma ray
 - $^{113}\text{Cd}(n,\gamma)^{114}\text{Cd} \leftarrow$ neutron shield
- Other neutron capture reactions
 - $^{10}\text{B}(n,\alpha)^7\text{Li}$, $^3\text{He}(n,p)^3\text{H}$, $^6\text{Li}(n,t)^4\text{He}$
 - Applications: neutron detector, shield, neutron capture therapy for cancer

Inelastic scattering neutron radiative capture

放射捕獲 (放射性捕獲)

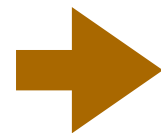
No threshold ← exothermic, no Coulomb barrier



discrepancy between JENDL and ENDF

$$\sigma \propto E^{-1/2} \propto 1/v$$

1/v law

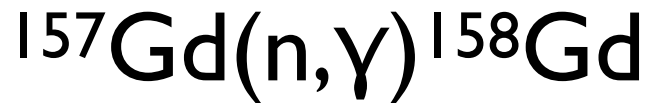


Energy-independent reaction rate σv

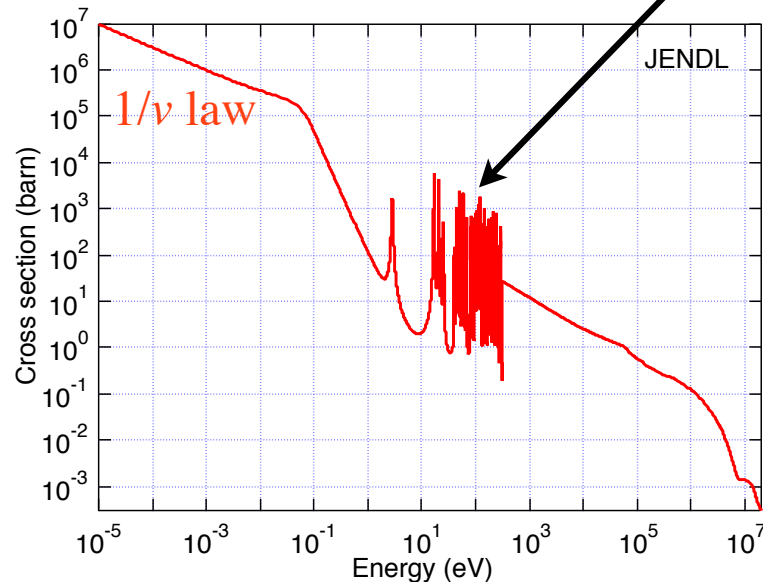
Neutron capture reactions with large cross section

- $^{113}\text{Cd}(n,\gamma)^{114}\text{Cd}$: shield
- $^{157}\text{Gd}(n,\gamma)^{158}\text{Gd}$: neutron absorber in nuclear fuel, cancer therapy
- $^{10}\text{B}(n,\alpha)^7\text{Li}$: detector, cancer therapy
- $^3\text{He}(n,p)^3\text{H}$: detector
- $^6\text{Li}(n,t)^4\text{He}$: shield, filter, detector

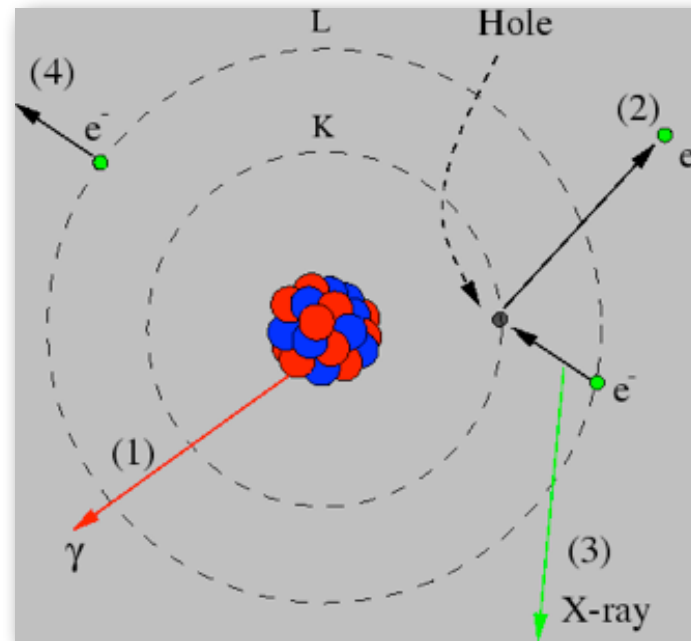
Inelastic scattering



Heavy nuclei have many excited states.
→ Complicated resonance structure



オージェ効果 (4) Auger effect 内部転換 (2) internal conversion



Possible channels

- (1)
- (2)+(3)
- (2)+(4)

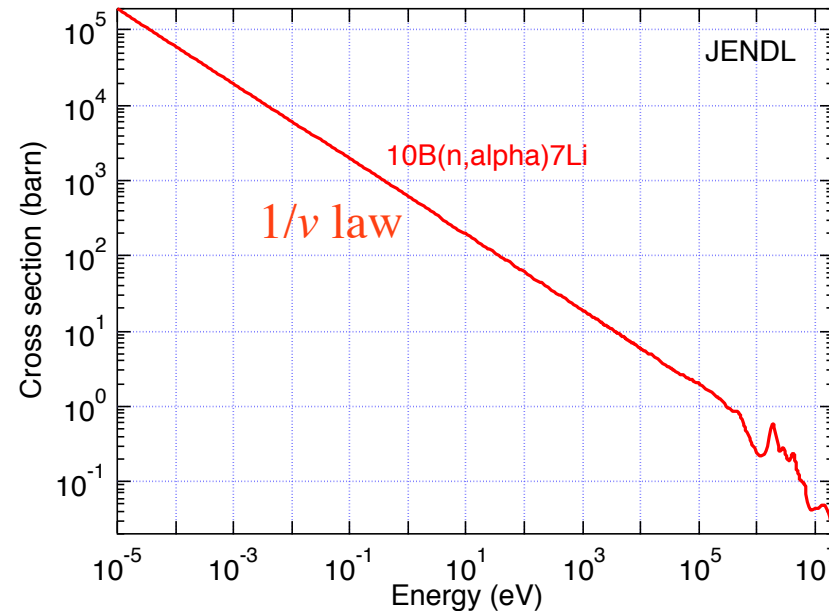
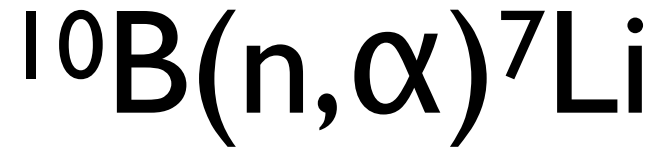
thermal neutron
= 0.025 eV

Applications

- Burnable poison Gd_2O_3 (neutron absorber in nuclear fuel)
- Gadolinium neutron capture therapy (GdNCT) for cancer

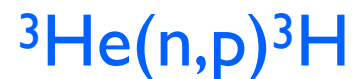
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Inelastic scattering



Applications

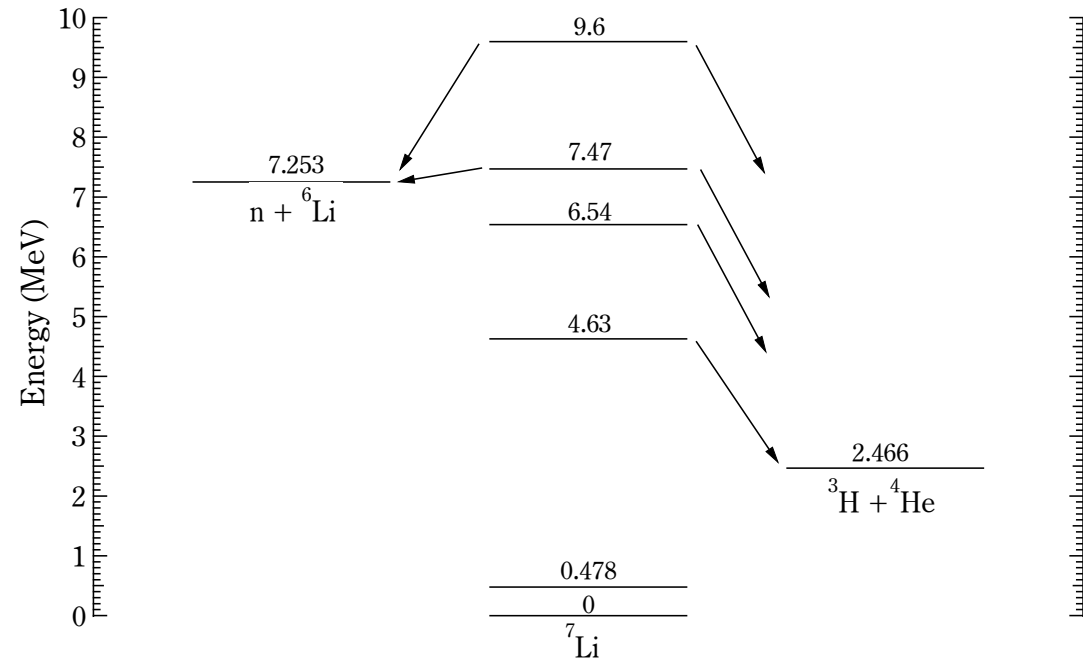
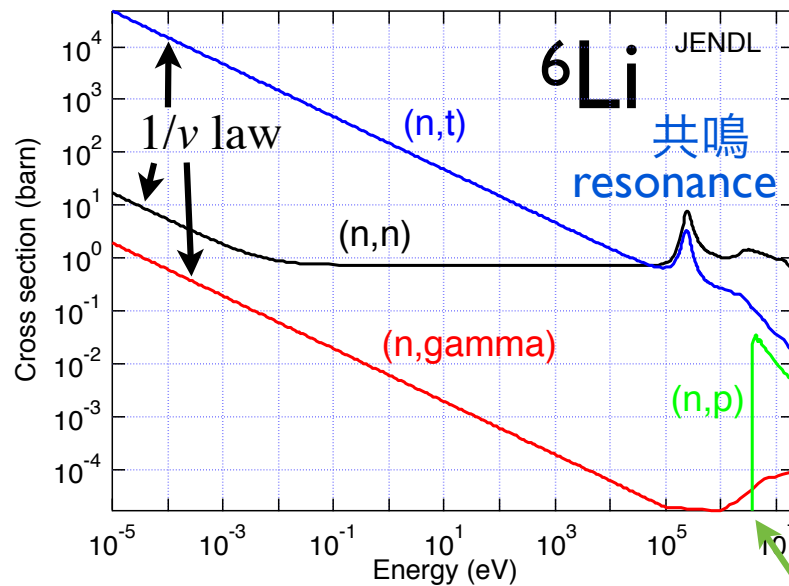
- BF_3 proportional counter
- Boron neutron capture therapy (BNCT) for cancer



- Helium-3 proportional counter

Inelastic scattering

Neutron capture by ${}^6\text{Li}$



- LiF neutron shield and filter
- Neutron detector

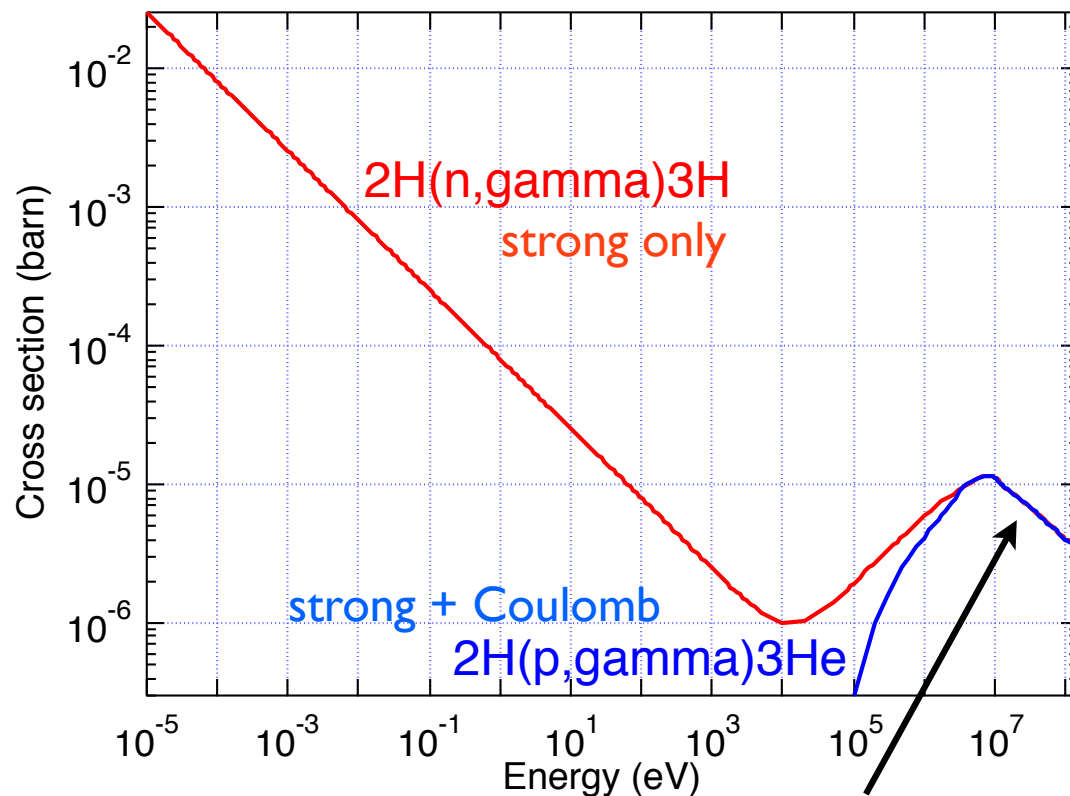
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threshold ← endothermic reaction
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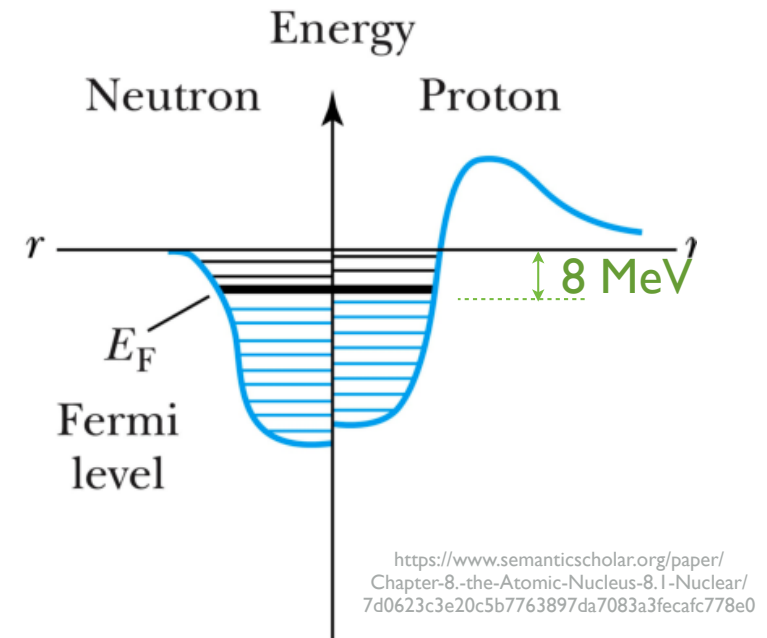
Inelastic proton scattering

Coulomb barrier

The low-energy cross-section for inelastic reactions are strongly affected (suppressed) by Coulomb barriers through which a particle must tunnel.



proton energy > the Coulomb potential energy at the ${}^6\text{Li}$ surface



$$\frac{3e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{2.4 \text{ fm}} \sim 1.8 \text{ MeV}$$

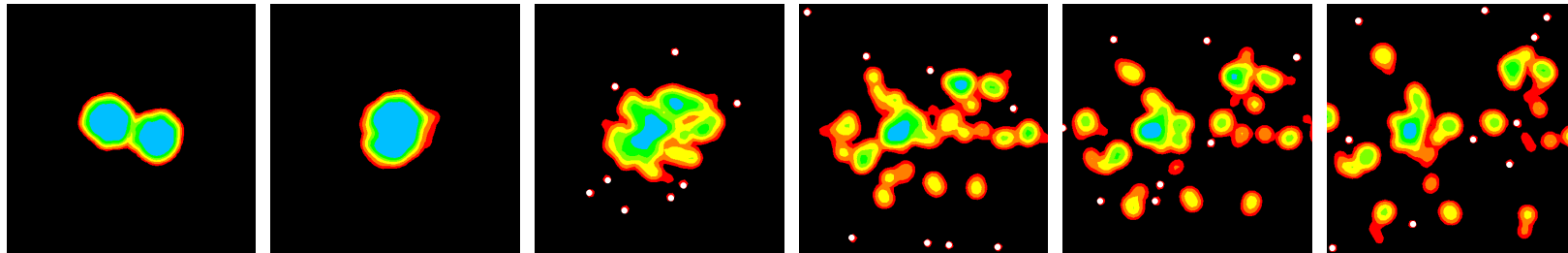
High-energy inelastic nucleus-nucleus collision

Coulomb barrier ineffective for $E_{cm} > \frac{Z_1 Z_2 e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R}$ — sum of the radii of the two nuclei

Energy < 1 GeV/u (GeV/nucleon)

Total inelastic cross section ~ order of πR^2

Break up of one or both of the nuclei



- Fragmentation reaction - for medium-A nuclei 核破碎反応
- Collision-induced fission - for heavy nuclei
- Spallation - fragmentation by protons or neutrons

- application: production of unstable (radioactive) nuclides
- issue in carbon-ion cancer therapy

Fusion evaporation reaction 核融合蒸発反応

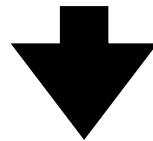
- Occasionally, the target and projectile may fuse to form a much heavier nucleus.
- The produced excited nucleus emits neutrons until a bound nucleus is produced.
- used to produce trans-uranium elements 超ウラン元素

<http://www.phy.ornl.gov/hribf/science/abc/fusion-evap.shtml>

Energy > 1 GeV/u

- Production of pions and other hadrons

cosmic-ray protons → upper-atmosphere nuclei



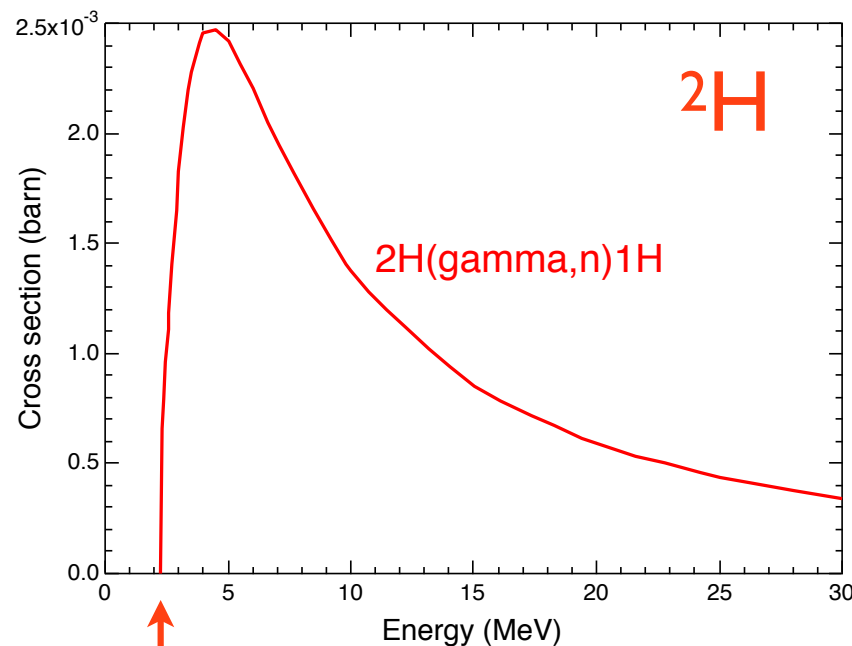
pions $\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ + \nu_\mu$ $\pi^- \rightarrow \mu^- + \bar{\nu}_\mu$

muons - primary component of cosmic rays on the ground

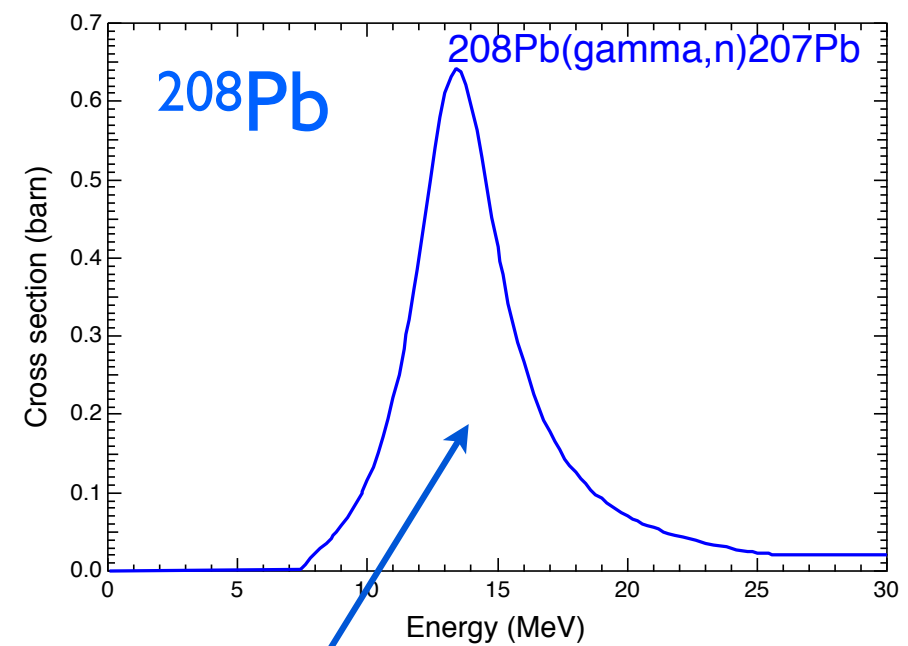
光核反応

Photo-nuclear reaction

- Excitation and break-up (dissociation) through photo-absorption
- Analog of the photoelectric effect



threshold (2.22 MeV) = binding energy of 2H



giant resonance 巨大共鳴

collective oscillation of protons in the nucleus

ニュートリノ Neutrino reaction

- Only weak interactions

- Cross section $\sim 10^{-48} \text{ m}^2$

$$\nu_e e^- \rightarrow \nu_e e^-$$

$$\bar{\nu}_e e^- \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e e^-$$

$$\nu_\mu e^- \rightarrow \nu_\mu e^-$$

$$\bar{\nu}_\mu e^- \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\mu e^-$$

$$\nu_e n \rightarrow e^- p$$

$$\bar{\nu}_e p \rightarrow e^+ n$$

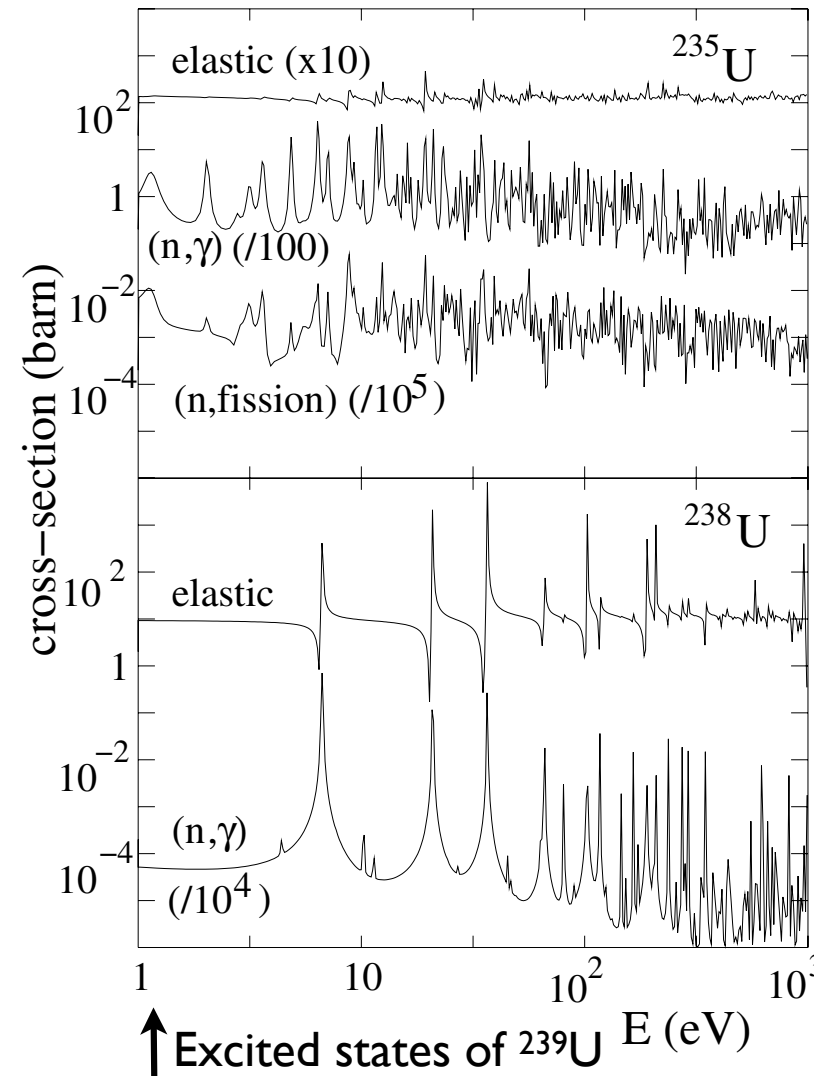
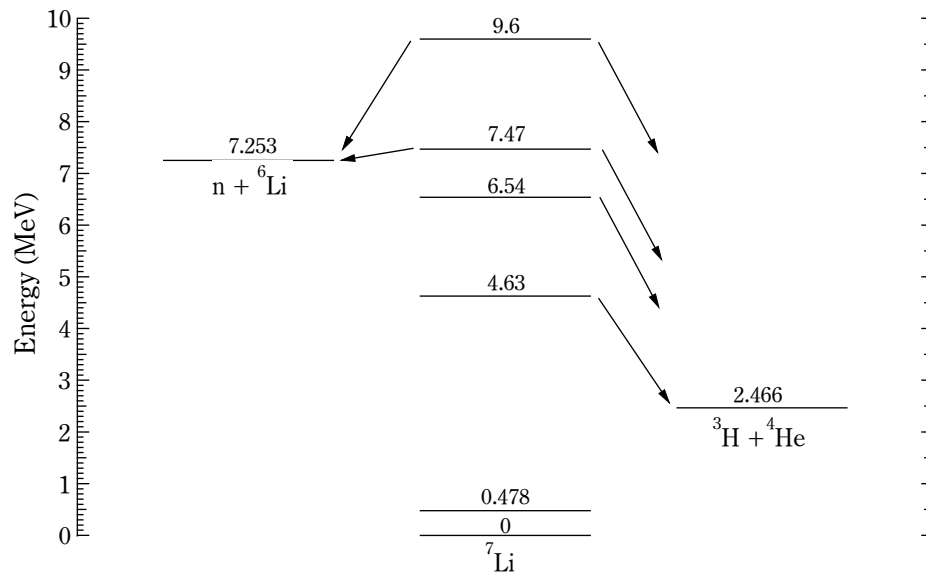
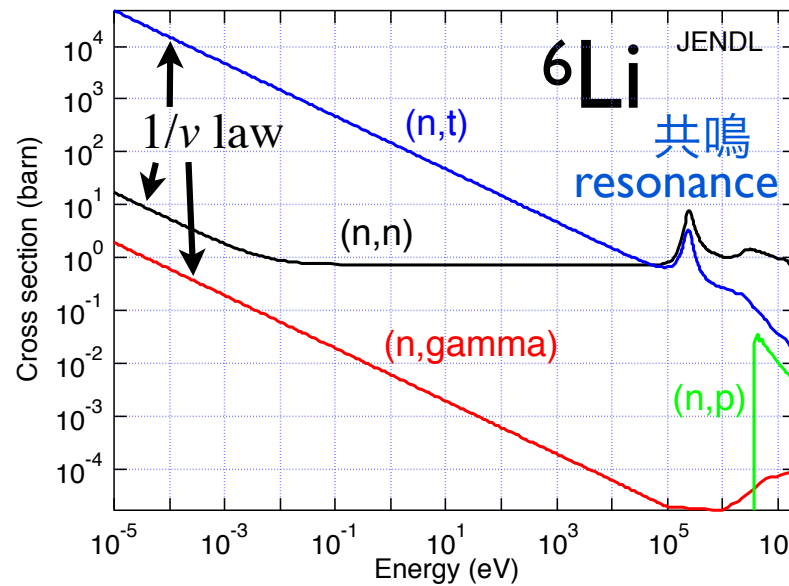
Resonance 共鳴

重い核には多くの励起状態

Many excited states for heavy nuclei

→ complicated resonance structure

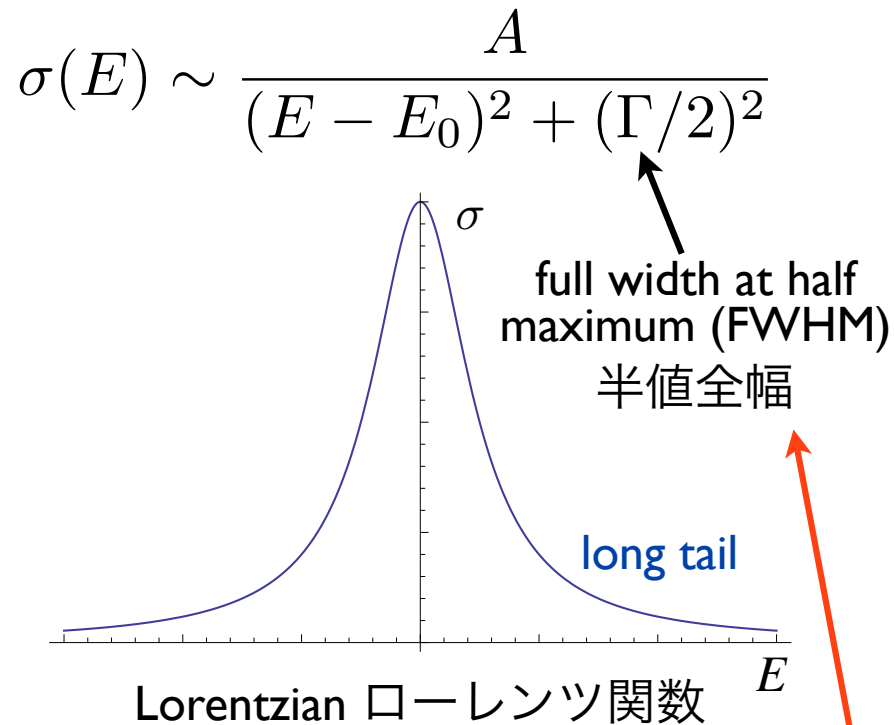
複雑なエネルギー依存性



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Resonance line shape

Resonance



Life time $\tau = \hbar/\Gamma$

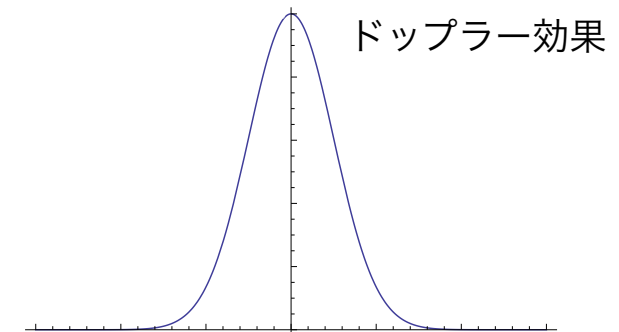
Decay rate $\tau^{-1} = \Gamma/\hbar$

$\Gamma \cdot \tau = \hbar$ ← uncertainty principle
不確定性原理

Γ : 自然幅
natural width
homogeneous width



Doppler effect



ドップラー幅
inhomogeneous width
 $\sim \exp \left[-\frac{(E - E_0)^2}{\Delta E^2} \right]$

Time-dependent wave function of an excited state

$$\Psi(\mathbf{r}, t) = \psi(\mathbf{r})e^{-iE_0t/\hbar} \quad \Rightarrow \quad |\Psi(\mathbf{r}, t)|^2 = |\psi(\mathbf{r})|^2$$

does not decay

To be consistent with the exponential decay law

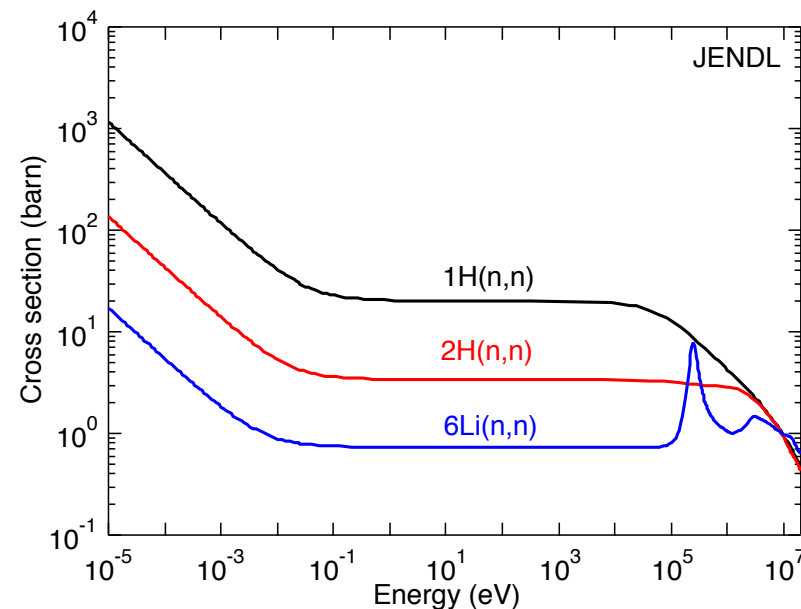
$$|\Psi(\mathbf{r}, t)|^2 = |\psi(\mathbf{r})|^2 e^{-t/\tau}$$
$$\Rightarrow \Psi(\mathbf{r}, t) = \psi(\mathbf{r})e^{-iE_0t/\hbar} e^{-t/2\tau}$$

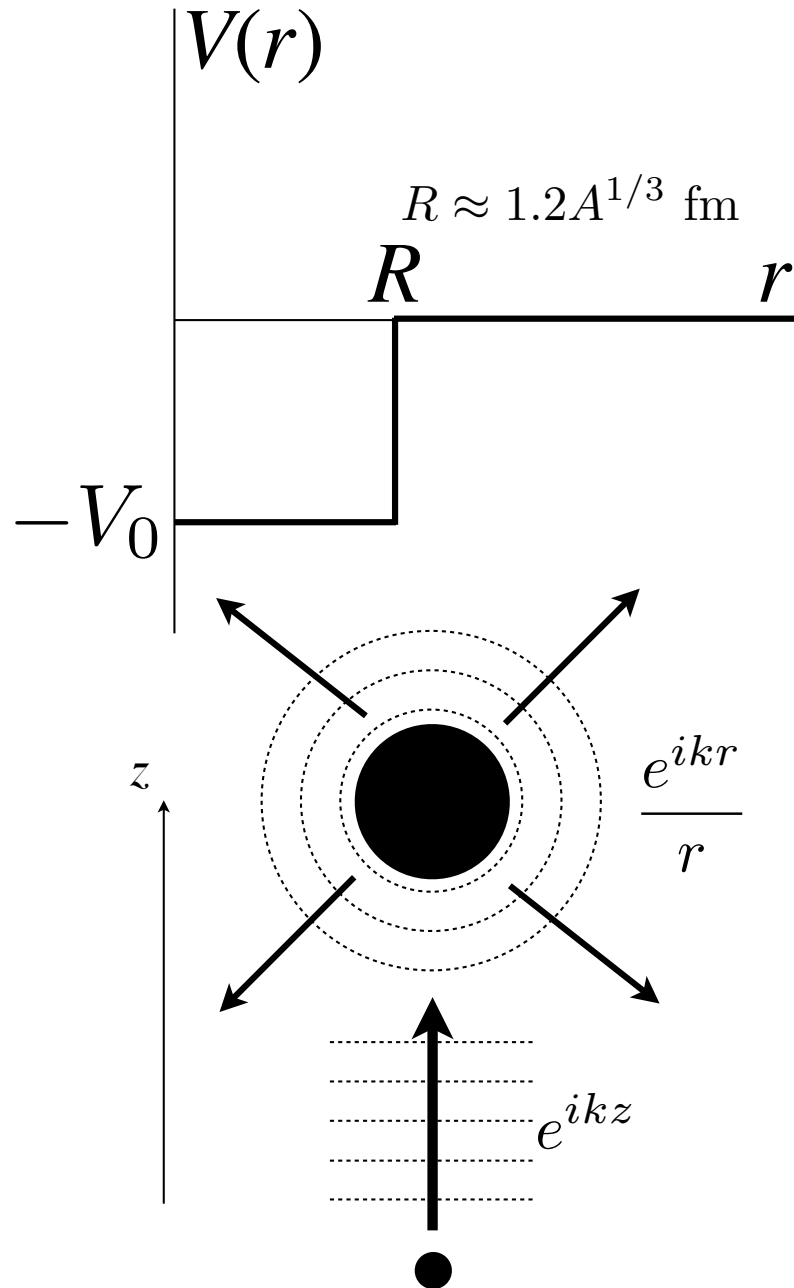
Energy spectrum (by Fourier transform)

$$P(E) \propto \left| \int_0^\infty e^{iEt/\hbar} e^{-iE_0t/\hbar} e^{-t/2\tau} dt \right|^2$$
$$\propto \frac{1}{(E - E_0)^2 + (\Gamma/2)^2}$$

核子-原子核散乱の量子力学的取り扱い

Quantum treatment of nucleon-nucleus scattering





isotropic scattering 等方散乱

angular momentum 角運動量

$$L = \hbar k R \ll \hbar \quad \longrightarrow \quad k R \ll 1$$

for neutron scattering 中性子散乱

$$E = \frac{p^2}{2m_n} \ll \frac{(\hbar c)^2}{2m_n c^2 R^2} \sim \frac{13 \text{ MeV}}{A^{2/3}}$$

Schrödinger equation シュレーディンガー方程式

$$\left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + V(r) \right) \psi_k(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} \psi_k(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\psi_k(\mathbf{r}) = e^{ikz} + \frac{f e^{ikr}}{r} \quad (r > R)$$

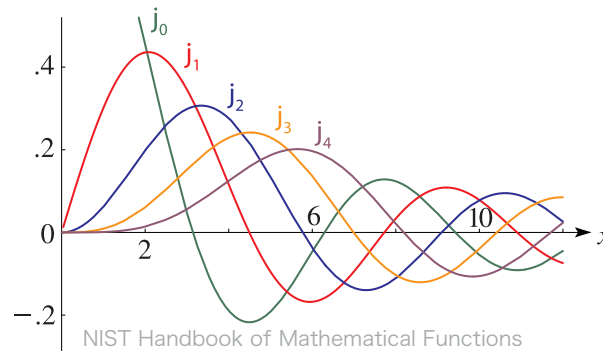
$$e^{ikz} = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (2l+1) i^l j_l(kr) P_l(\cos \theta)$$

spherical Bessel function

球ベッセル関数

Legendre polynomial

ルジャンドル多項式



$$j_l(kr) \sim (kr)^l / (2l+1)!!$$

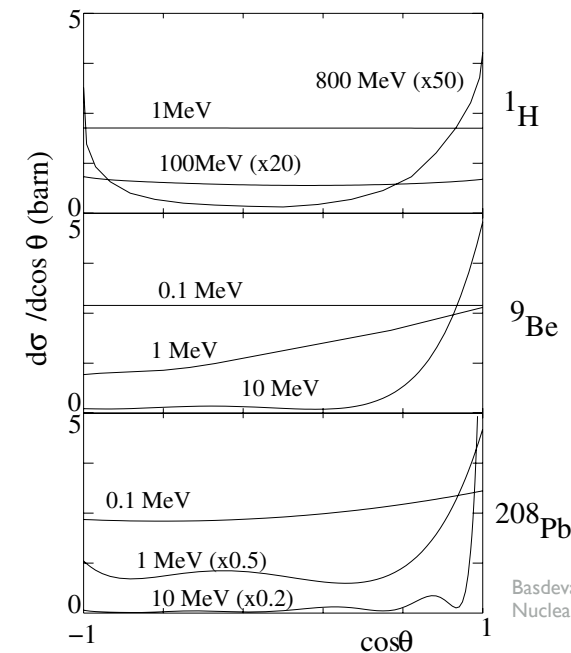
$$j_0(z) = \frac{\sin z}{z}$$

$$j_1(z) = \frac{\sin z}{z^2} - \frac{\cos z}{z}$$

$$P_0(\cos \theta) = 1$$

$$P_1(\cos \theta) = \cos \theta$$

$$P_2(\cos \theta) = \frac{3}{2} \cos^2 \theta - \frac{1}{2}$$



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$$\psi_k(\mathbf{r}) = \underbrace{\left(e^{ikz} - \frac{\sin kr}{kr} \right)}_{\substack{\text{anisotropic} \\ \text{非等方}}} + \underbrace{\left(\frac{\sin kr}{kr} + \frac{f e^{ikr}}{r} \right)}_{\substack{\text{isotropic} \\ \text{等方}}} \quad (r > R)$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{\sin kr}{kr} + \frac{f e^{ikr}}{r} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{near the boundary} \\ \text{ポテンシャルの境界近く} \end{array} \quad kR \ll 1$$

isotropic

➡ $\psi_k(\mathbf{r})$ **isotropic also at $r < R$** ポテンシャル内でも等方

$$u_k(r) = r \psi_k(r)$$

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$$\left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2 u_k}{dr^2} + V(r) \right) u_k(r) = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} u_k(r)$$

$$u_k(r) = \frac{\sin kr}{k} + f e^{ikr} \quad (r > R)$$

Solution at $r < R$

$$u_k(r) = A \sin Kr \quad (r < R)$$

Boundary condition $u_k(r)$ and $u_k'(r)$ continuous at $r = R$

境界条件

$$kR \ll 1 \quad \longrightarrow \quad f = R \left(\frac{\tan KR}{KR} - 1 \right) \quad K \approx \sqrt{\frac{2mV_0}{\hbar^2}}$$

low-energy scattering

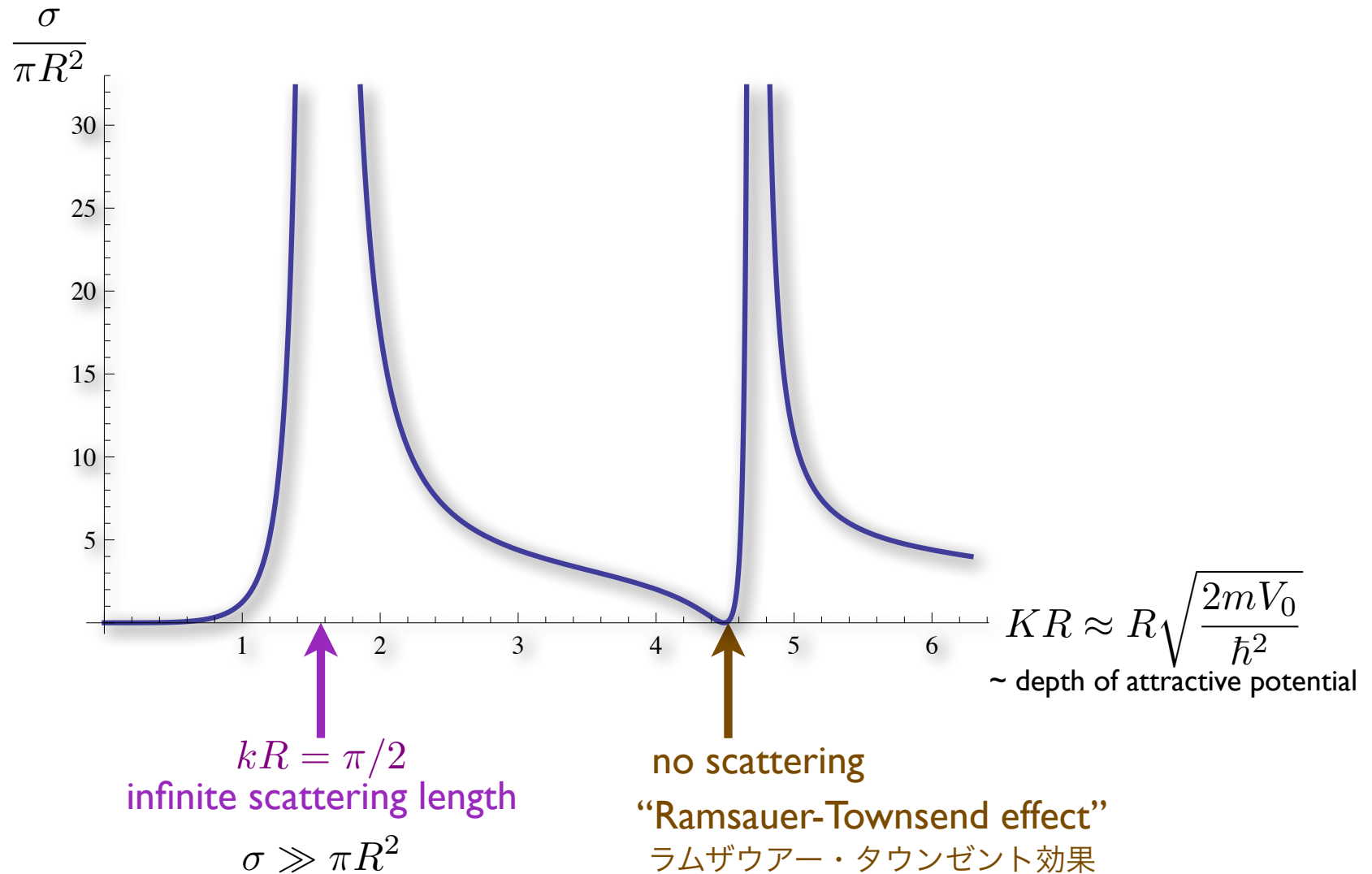
Cross section

$$\sigma = 4\pi |f|^2 = 4\pi R^2 \left(\frac{\tan KR}{KR} - 1 \right)^2$$

Scattering length 散乱長

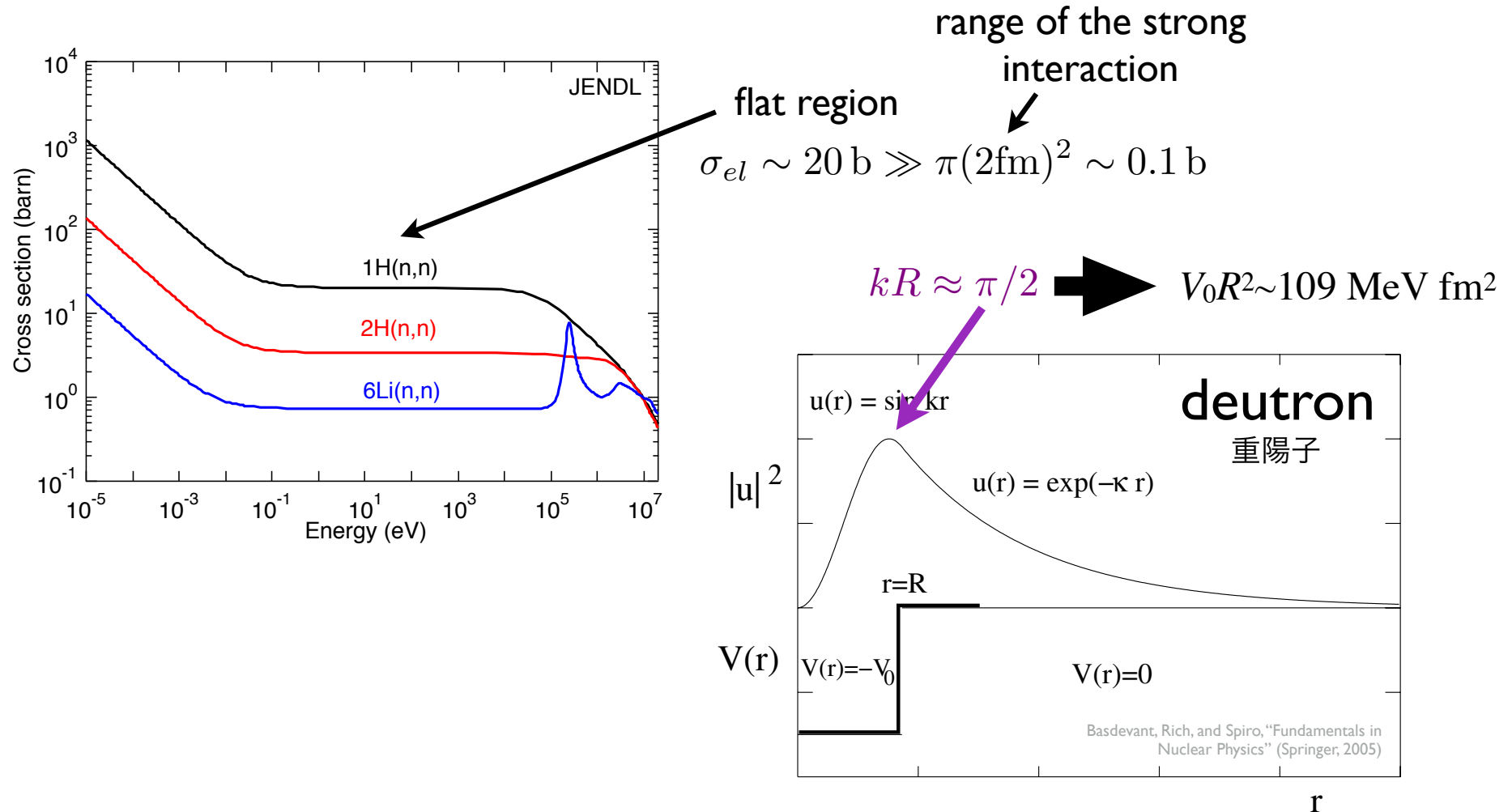
$$a = -f(k=0) \quad \sigma(k \simeq 0) = 4\pi a^2$$

$$\sigma = 4\pi|f|^2 = 4\pi R^2 \left(\frac{\tan KR}{KR} - 1 \right)^2$$



Nucleon-nucleon effect

核子-核子散乱



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	f (fm)	R (fm)	V_0 (MeV)	$V_0 R^2$ (MeV fm ²)
n-p (s=1, T=0)	+5.423 ± 0.005	1.73 ± 0.02	46.7	139.6
n-p (s=0, T=1)	-23.715 ± 0.015	2.73 ± 0.03	12.55	93.5
p-p (s=0, T=1)	-17.1 ± 0.2	2.794 ± 0.015	11.6	90.5
n-n (s=0, T=1)	-16.6 ± 0.6	2.84 ± 0.03	11.1	89.5

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$$\sigma_{n-p} = \frac{3}{4}4\pi|f_{s=1}|^2 + \frac{1}{4}4\pi|f_{s=0}|^2 \approx 20 \text{ b}$$