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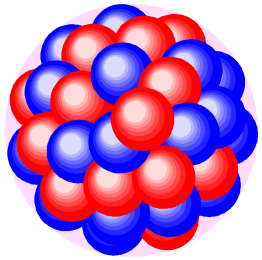
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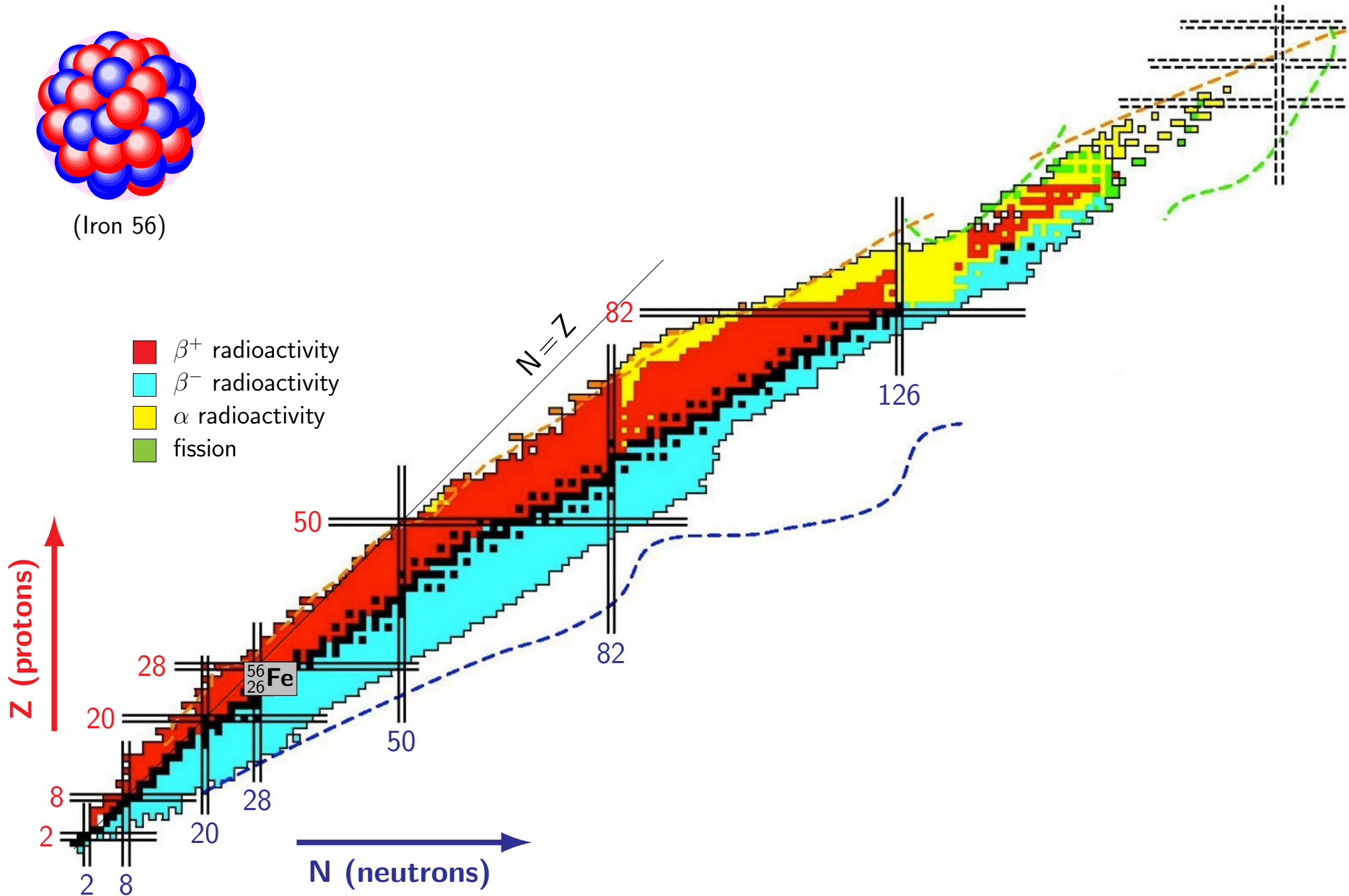
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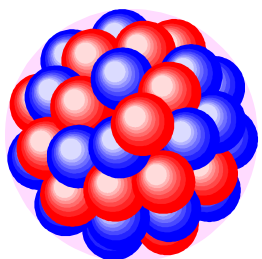
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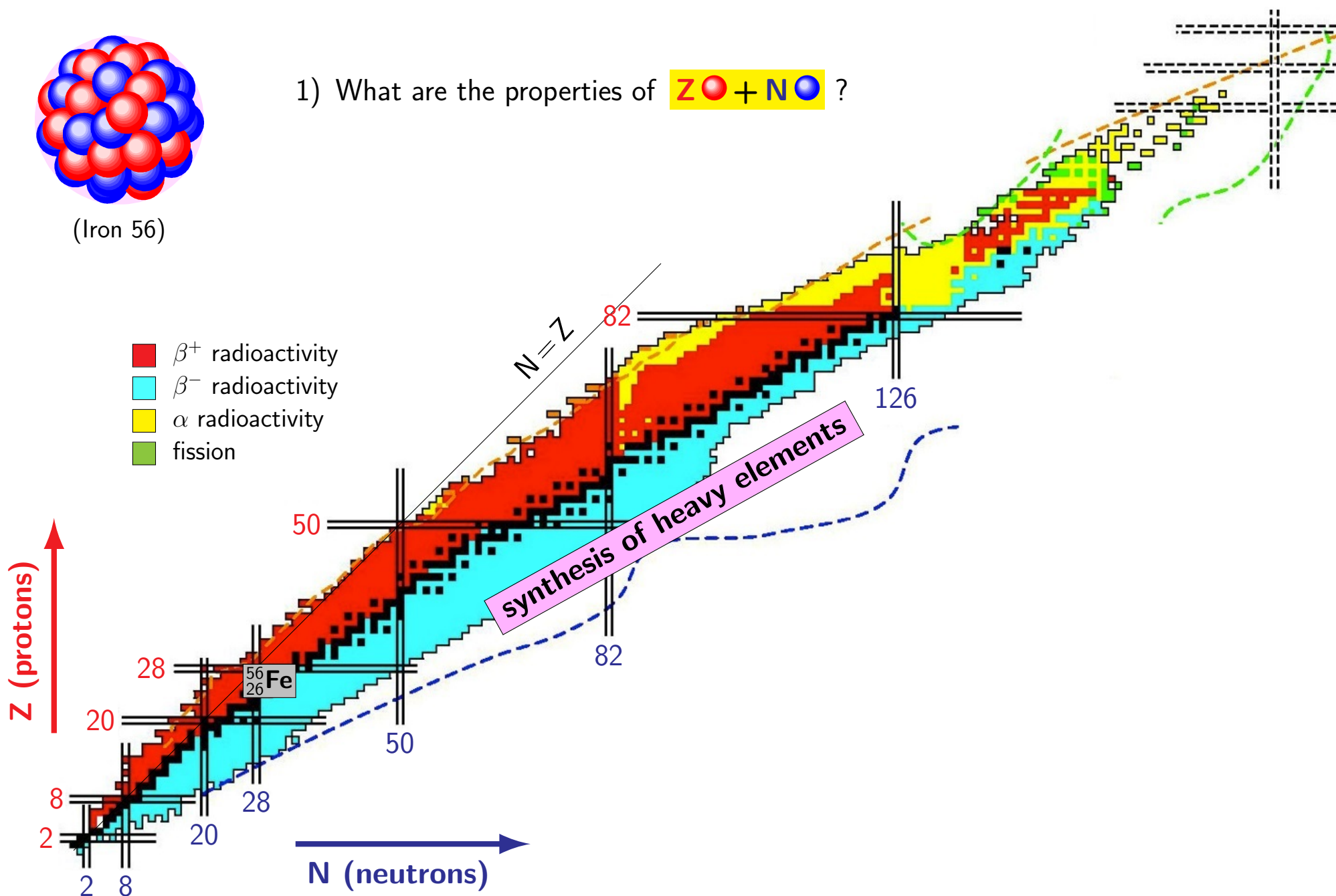


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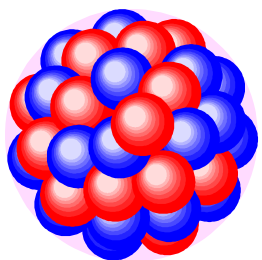


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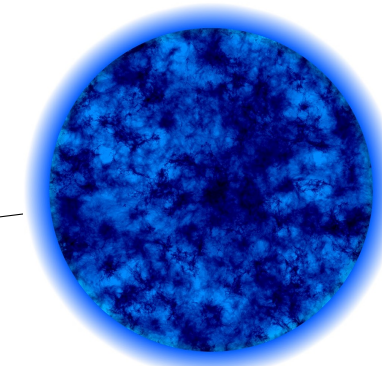
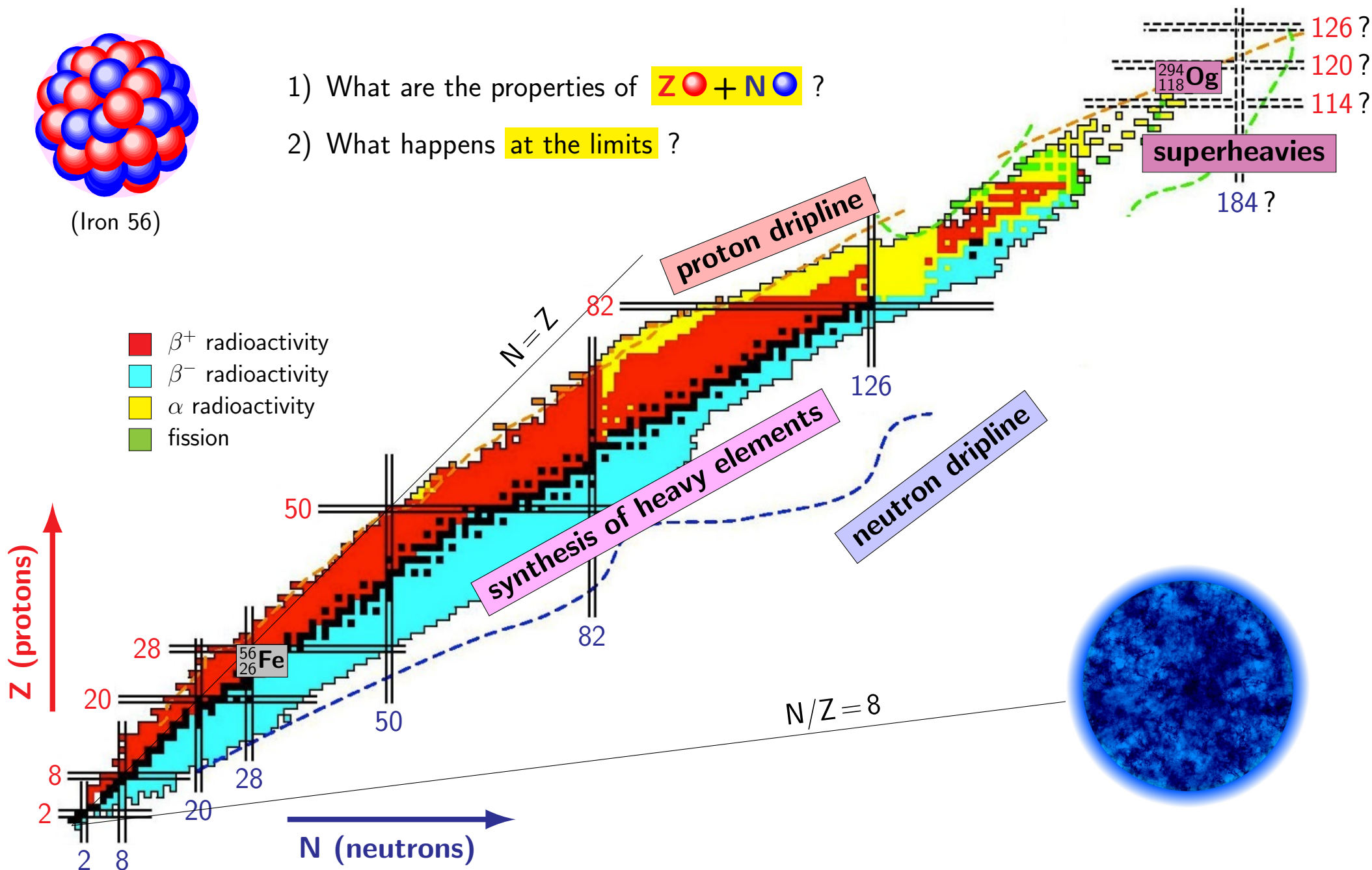


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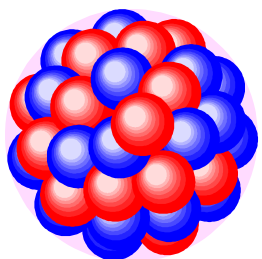


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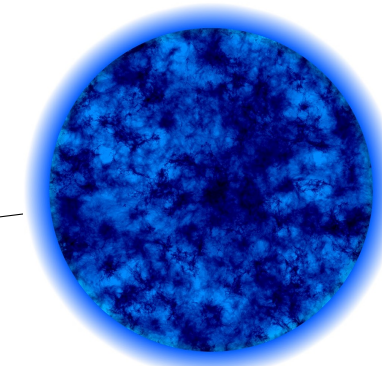
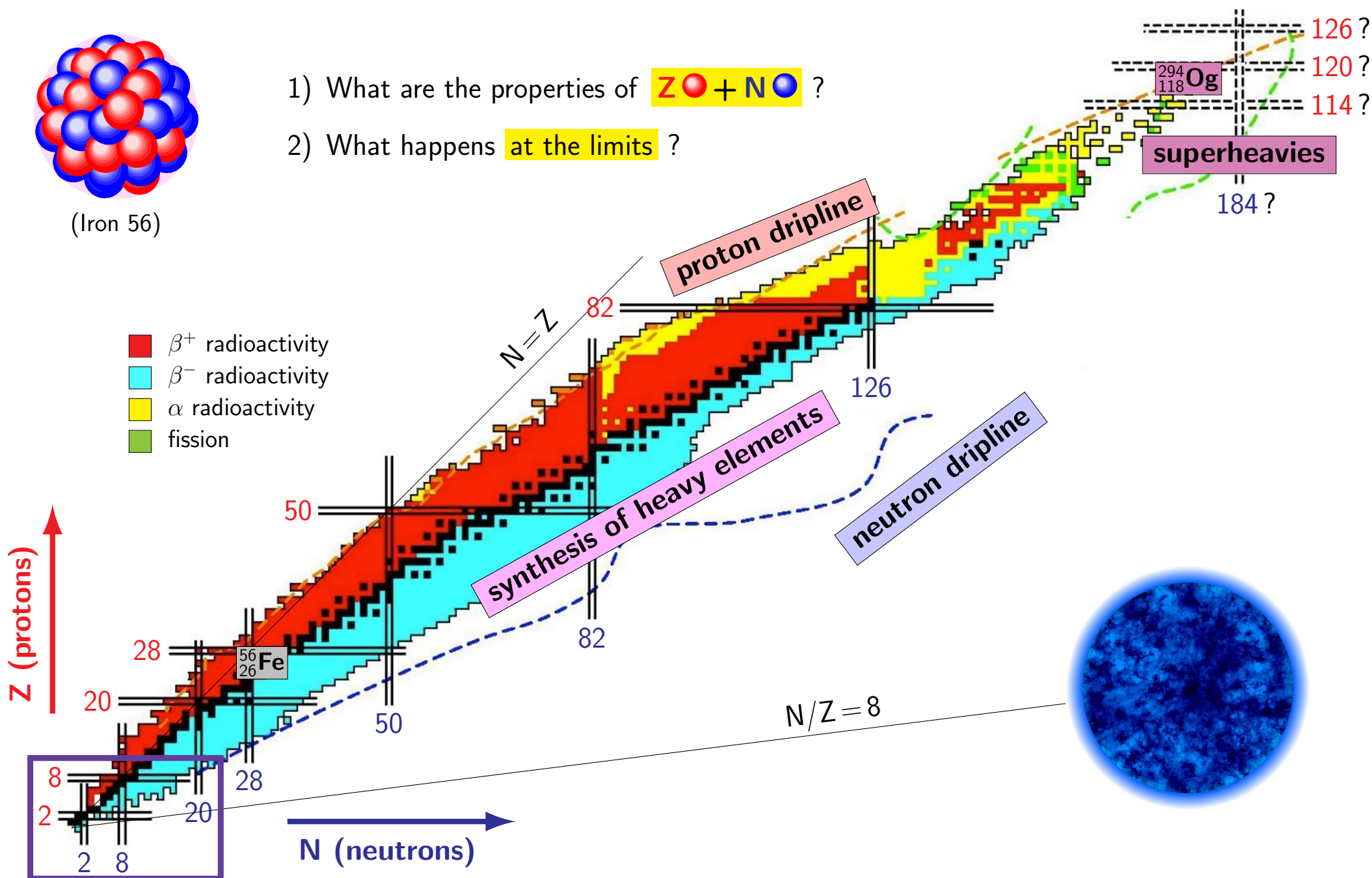


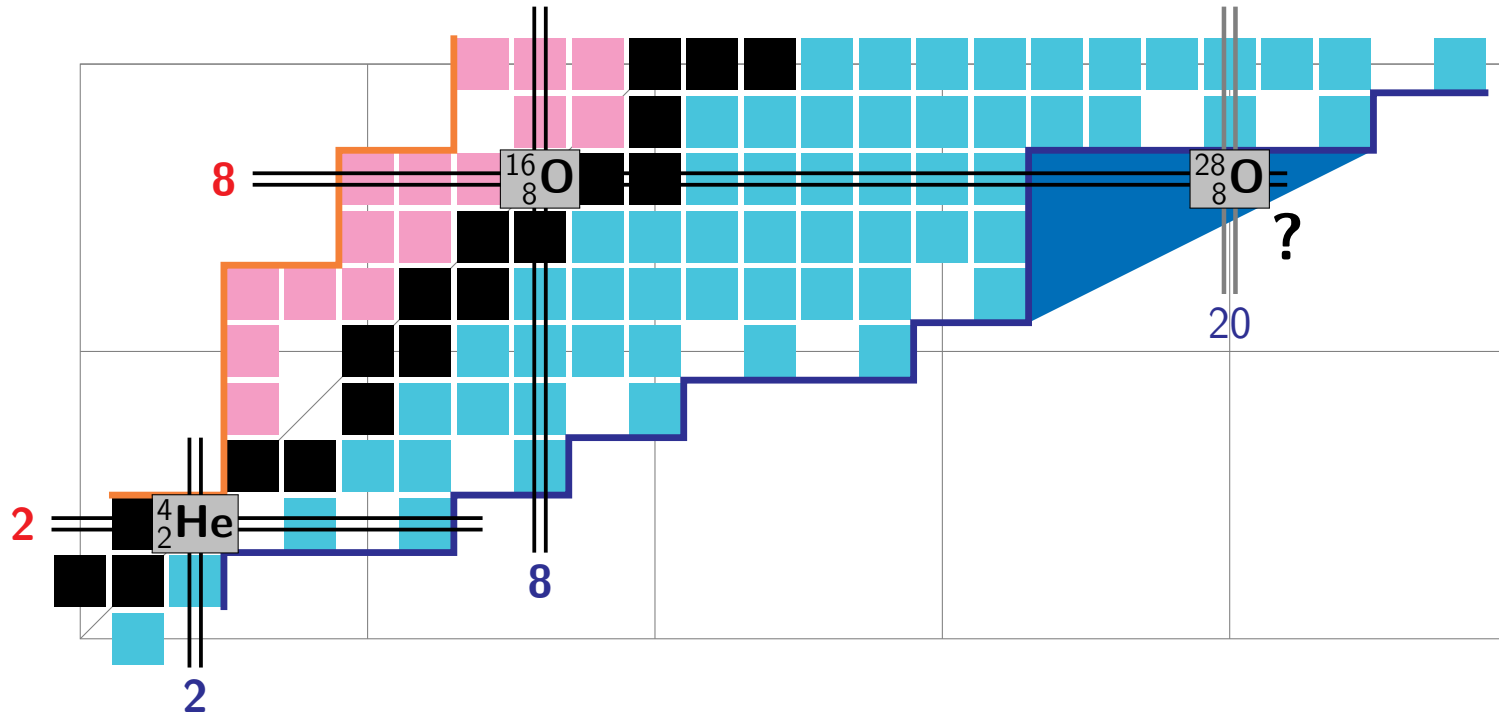
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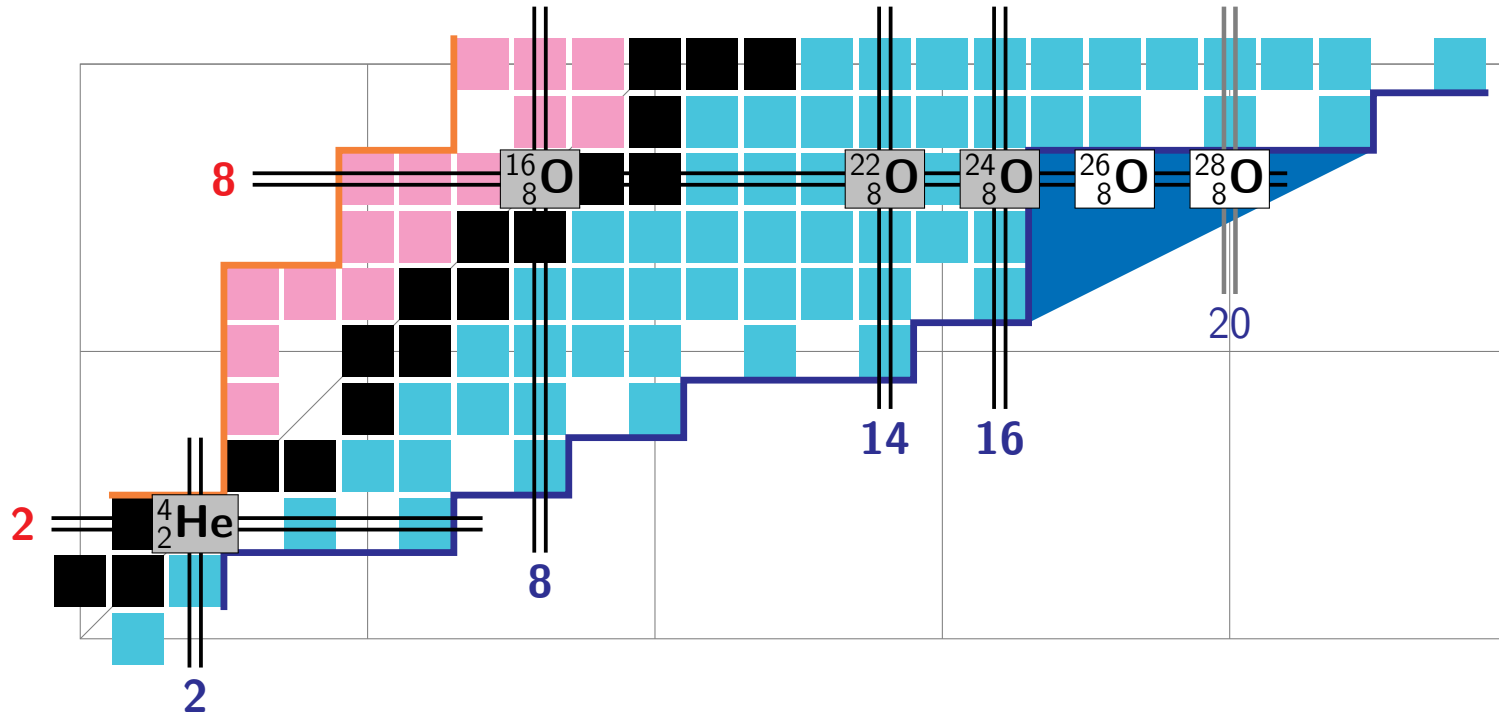
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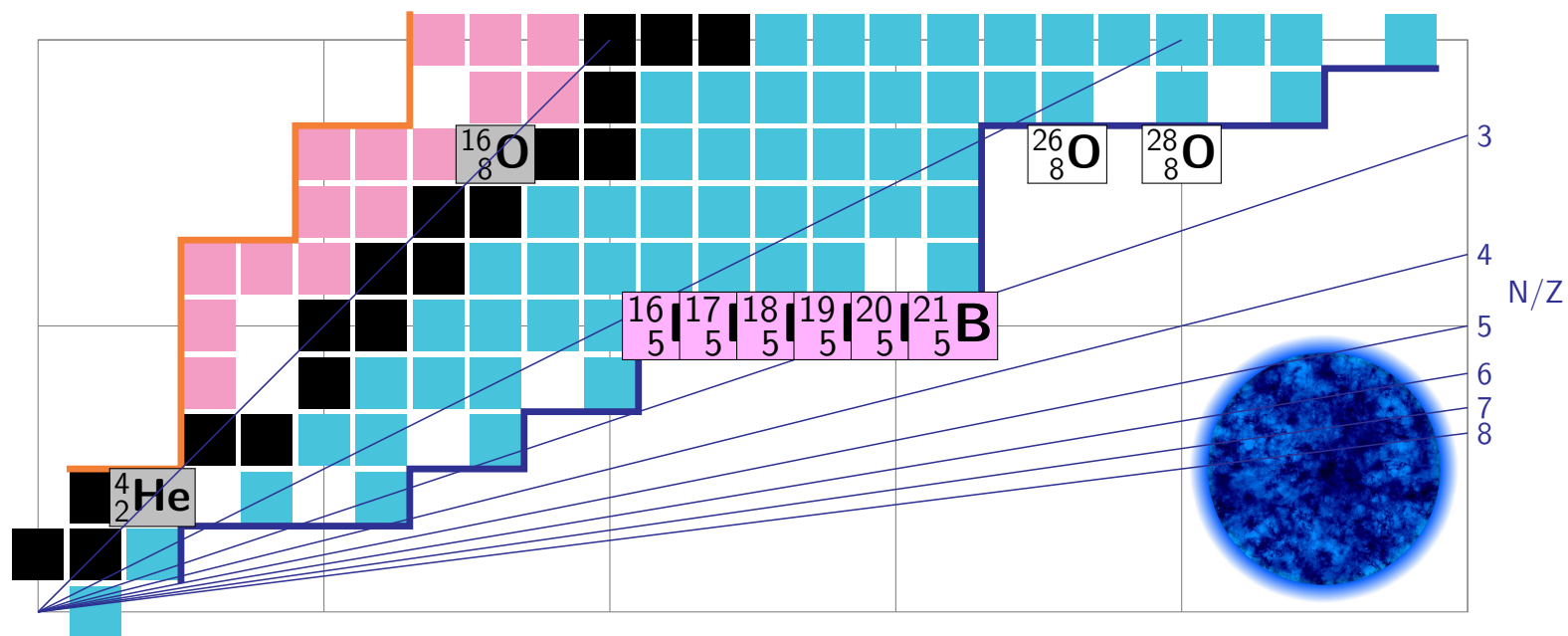


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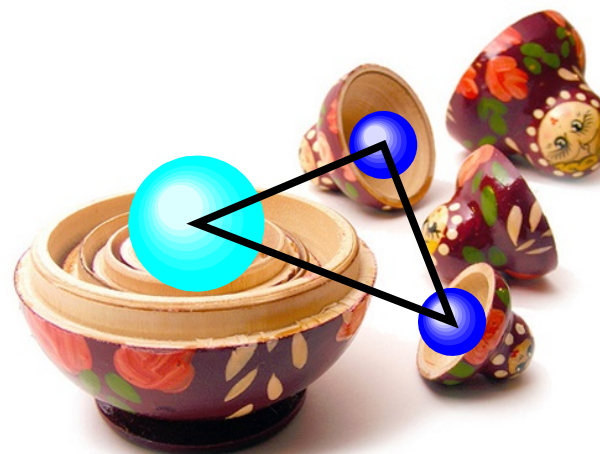


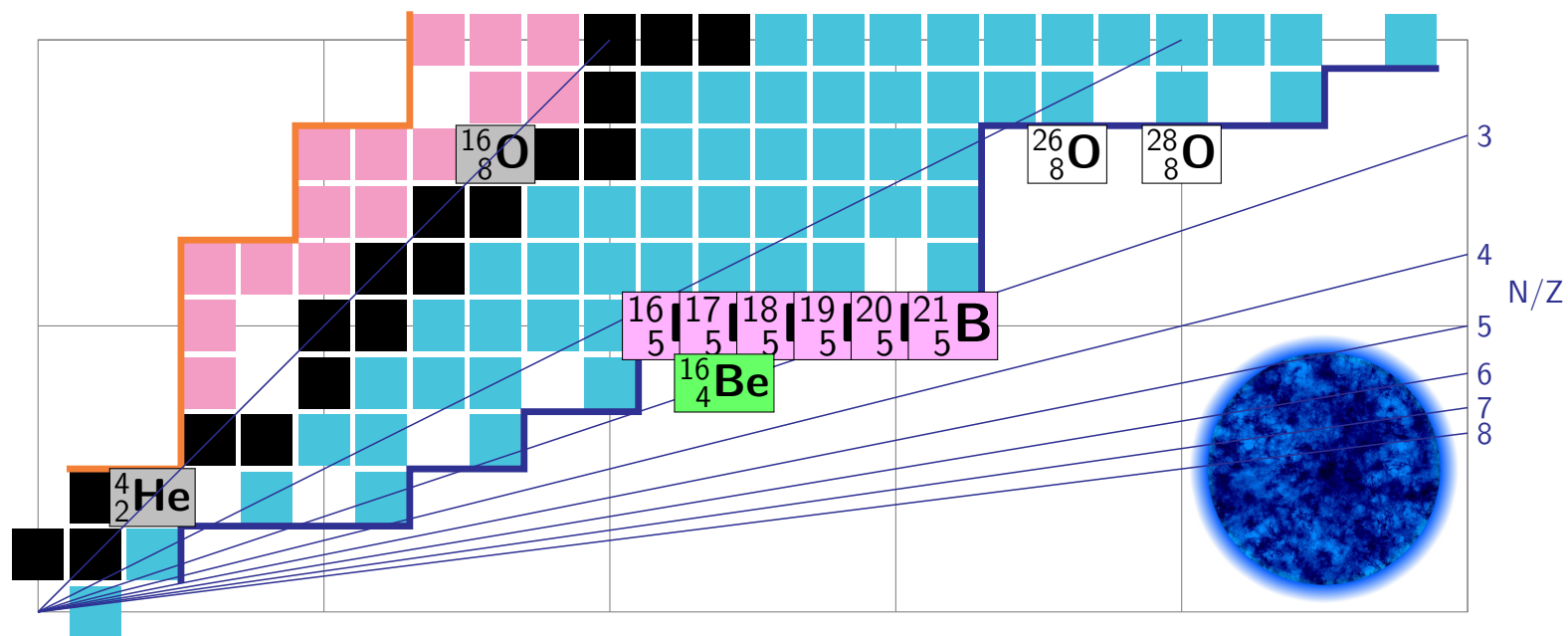


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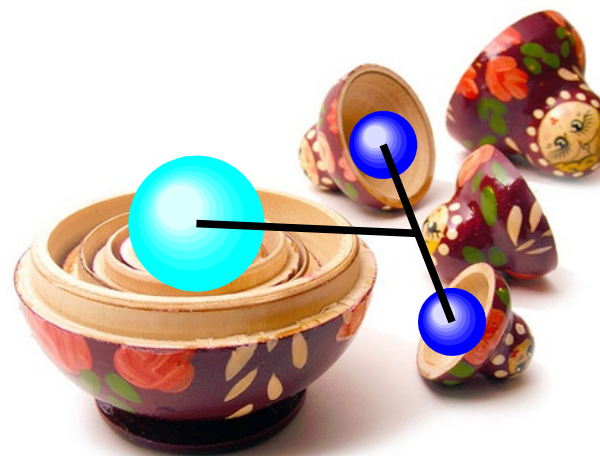
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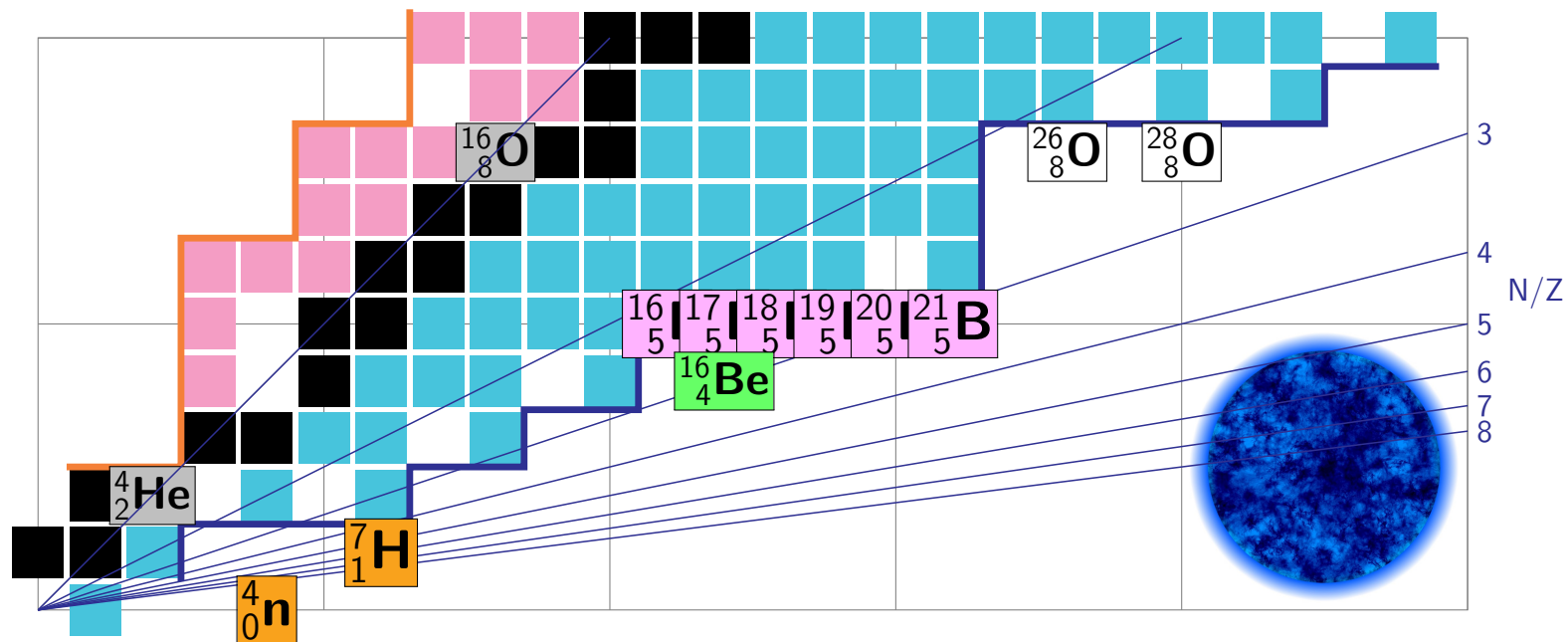
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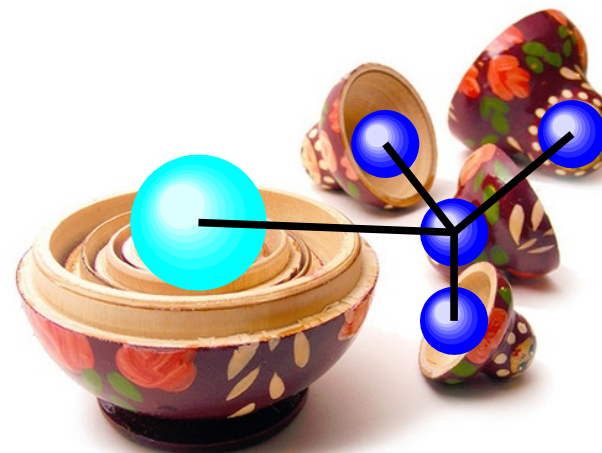
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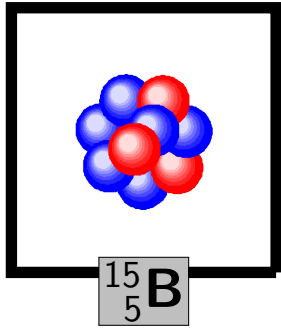
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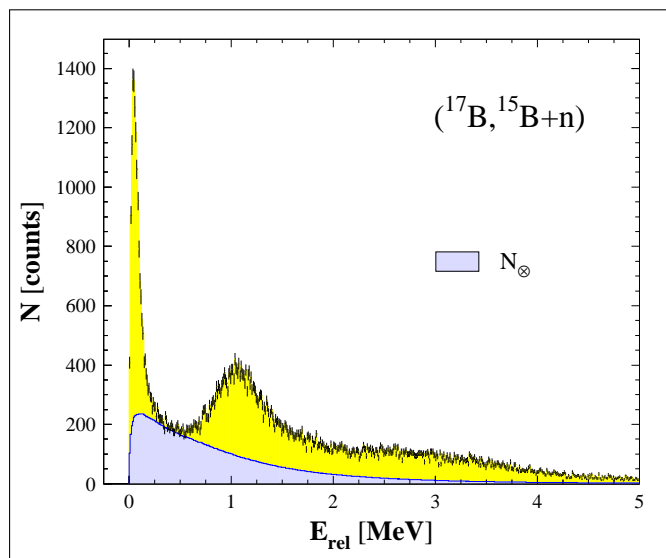
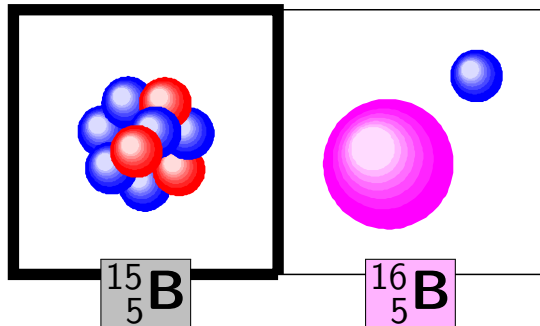
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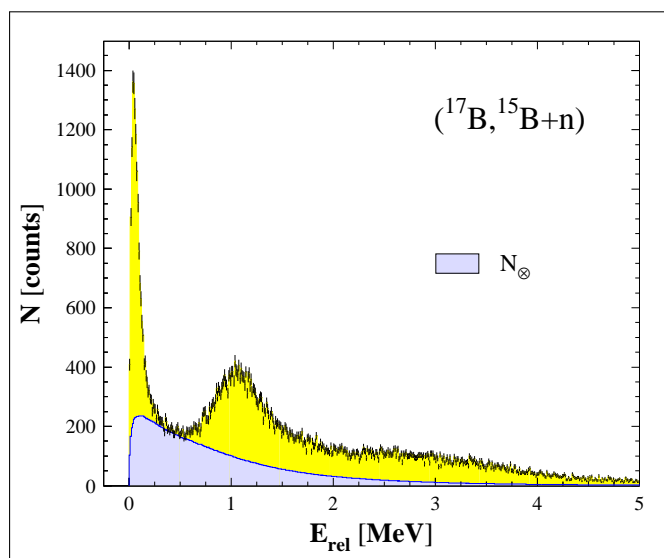
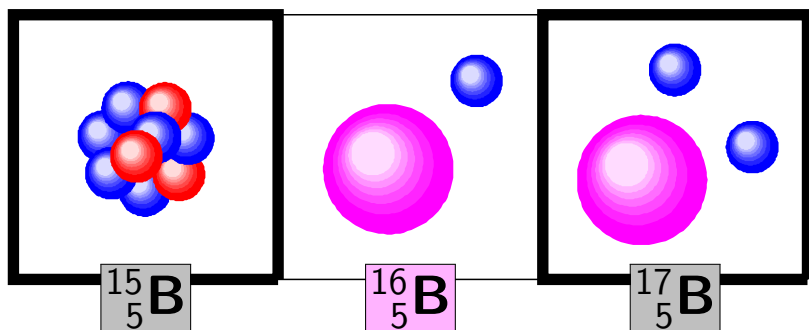




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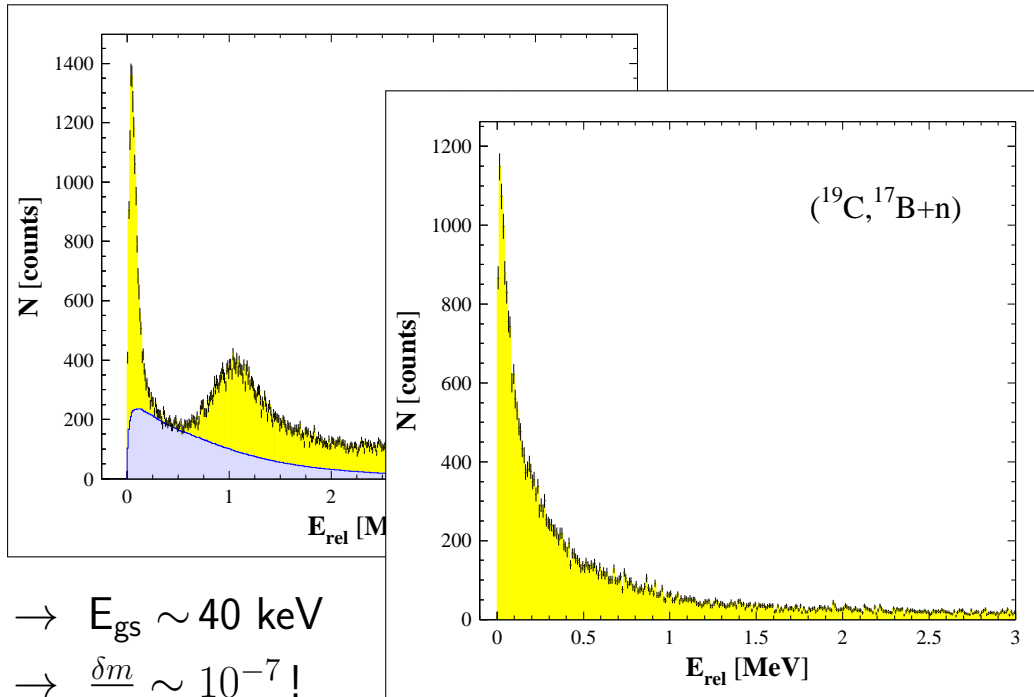
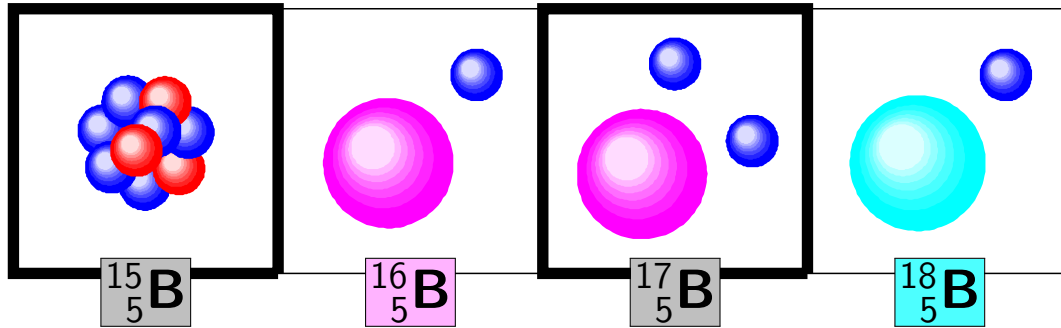


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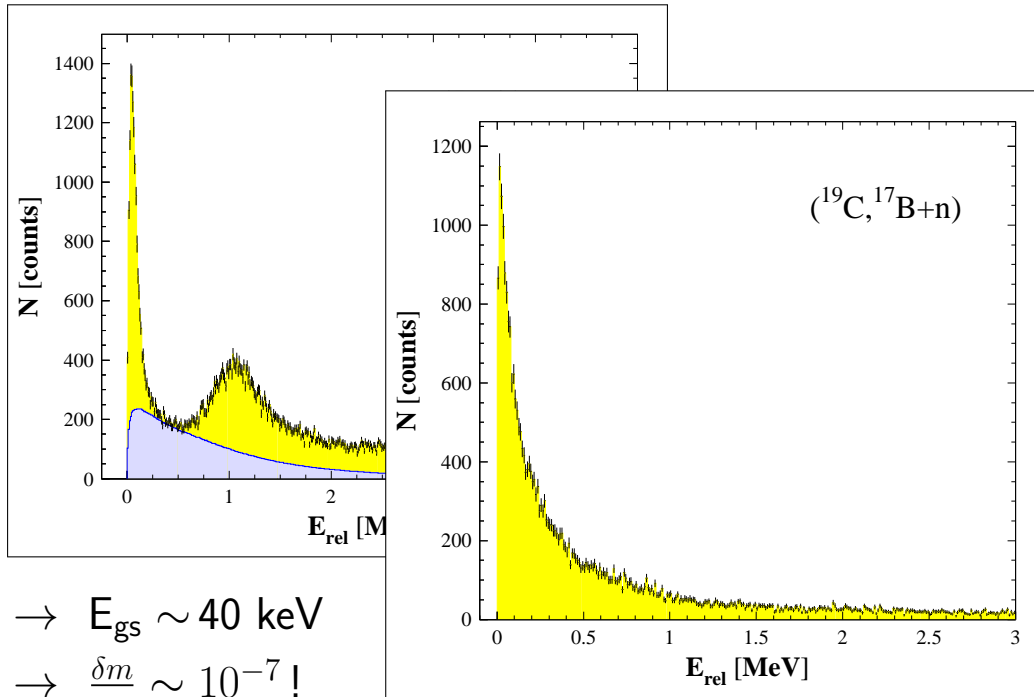
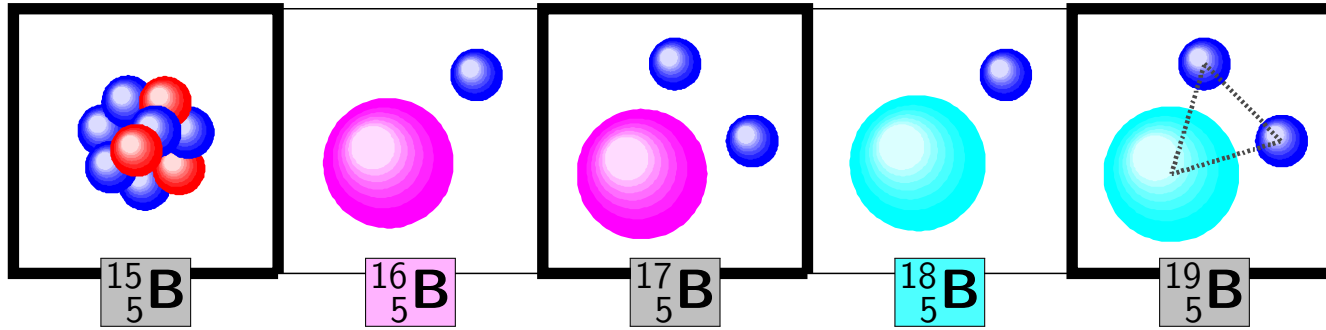
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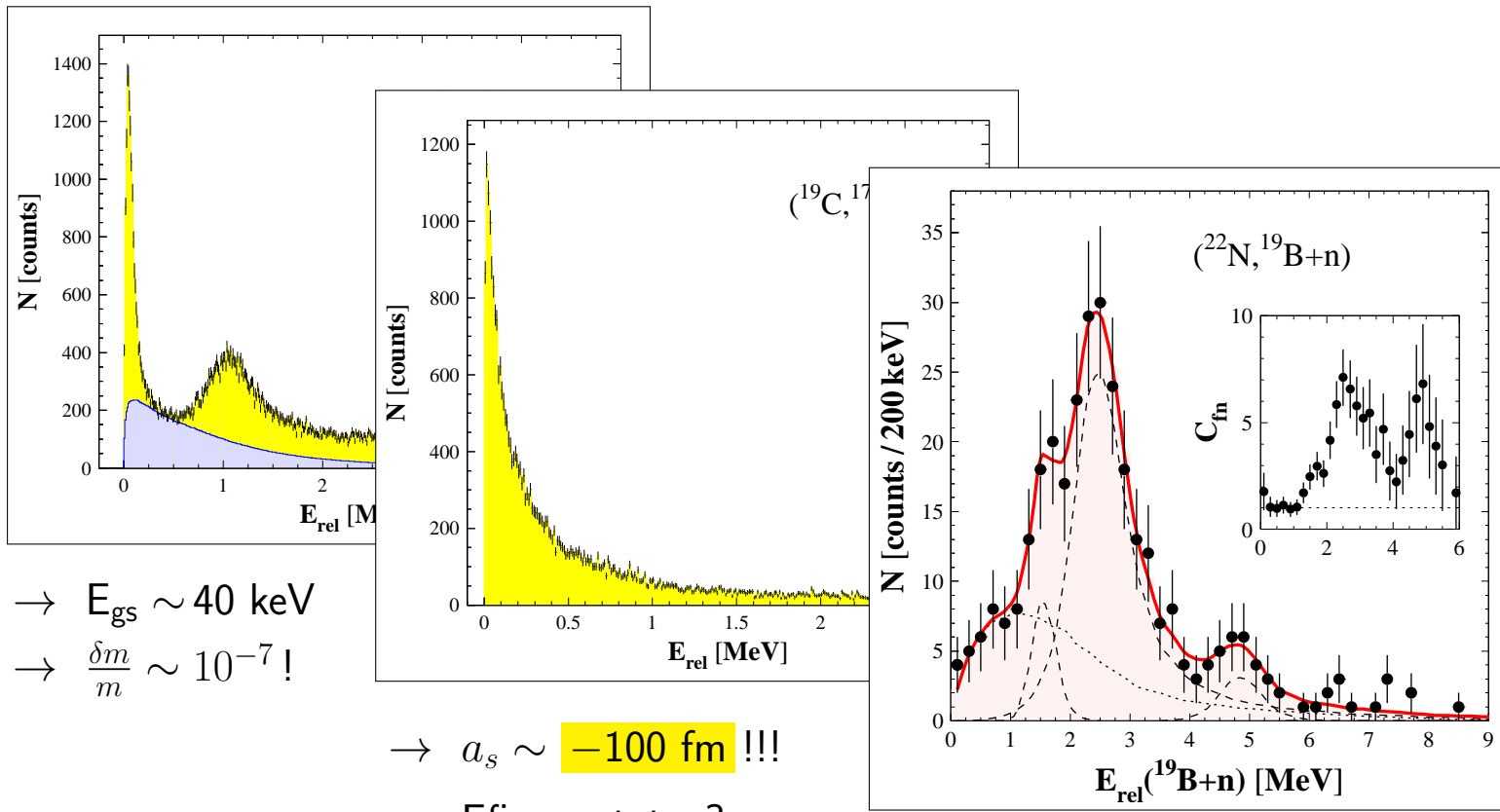
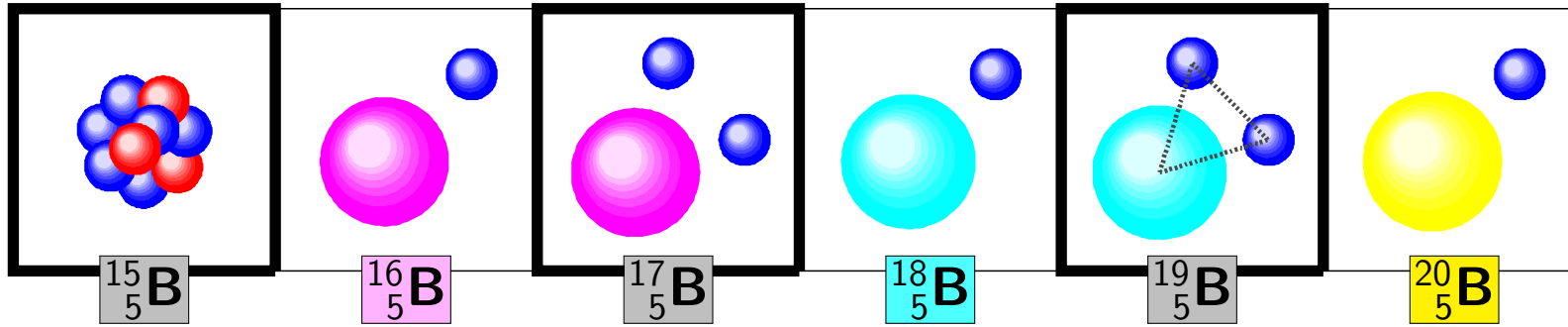
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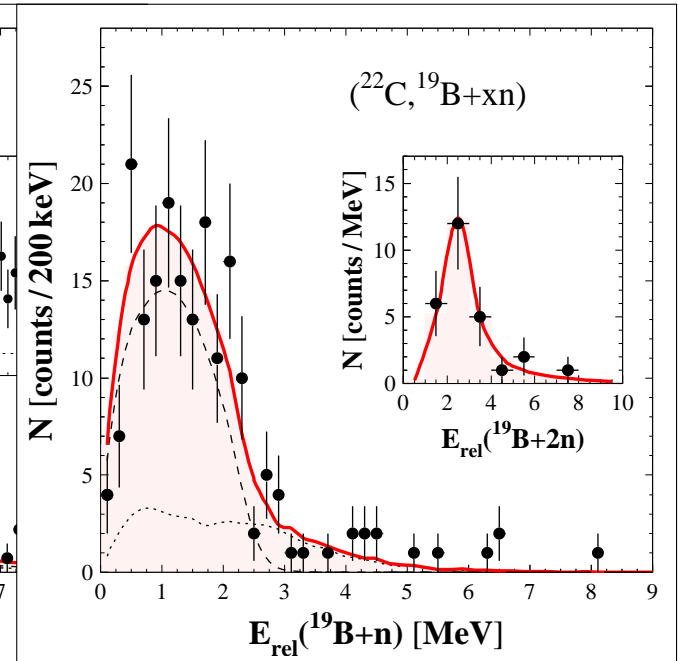
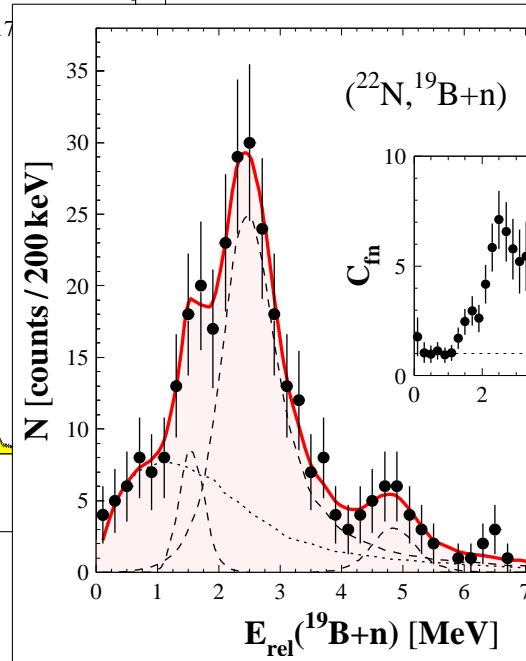
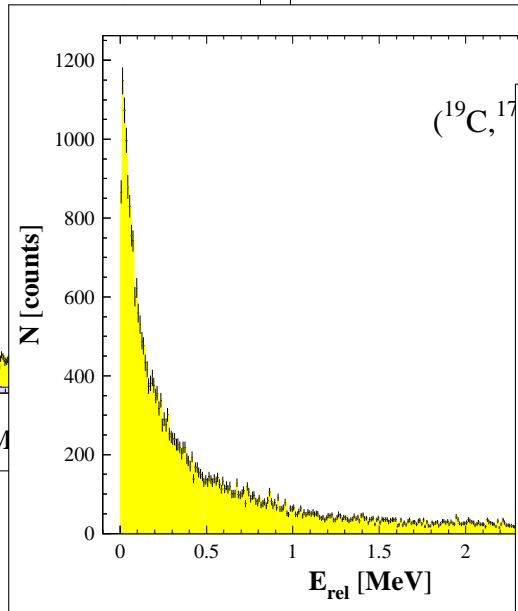
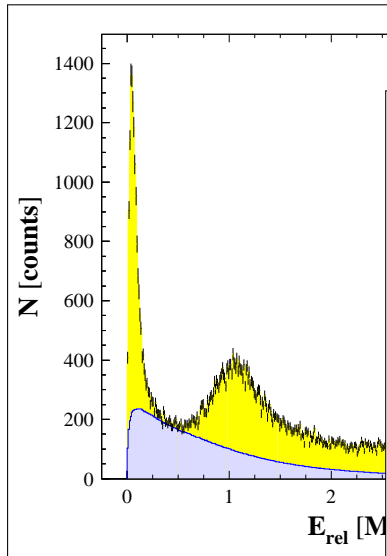
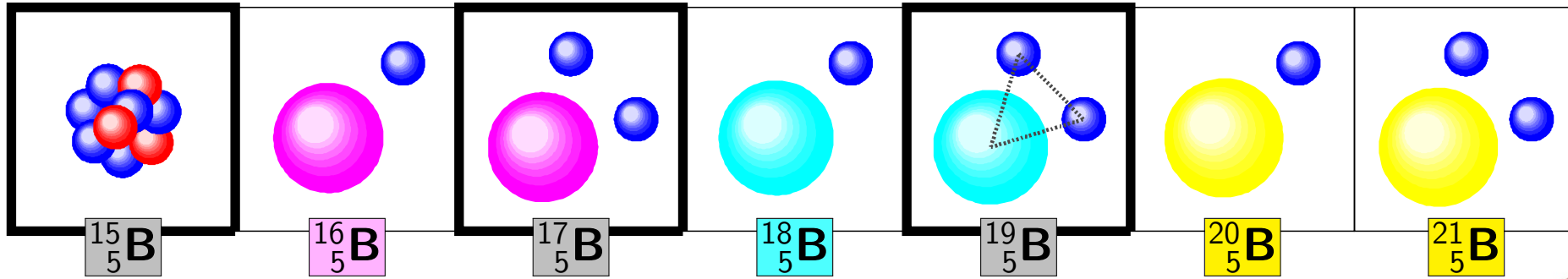
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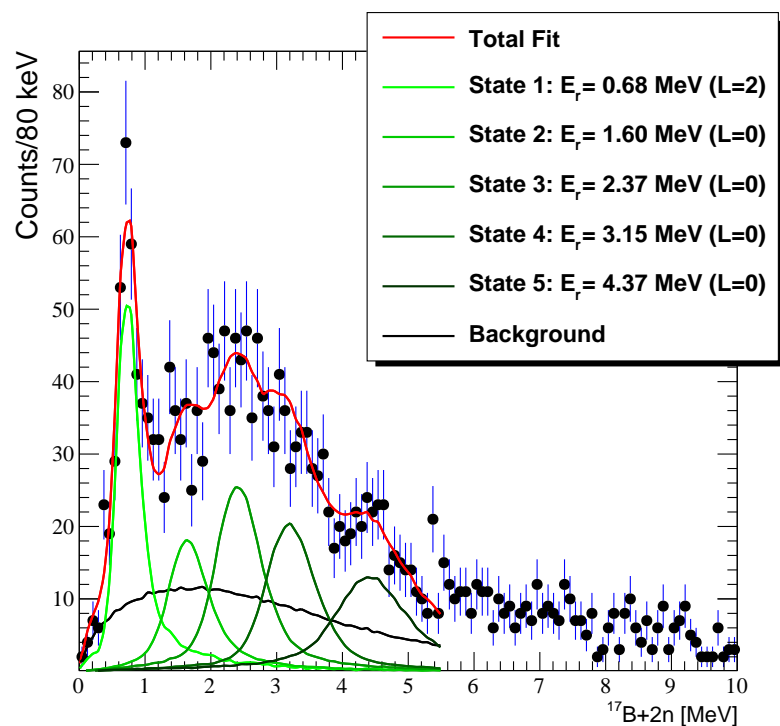
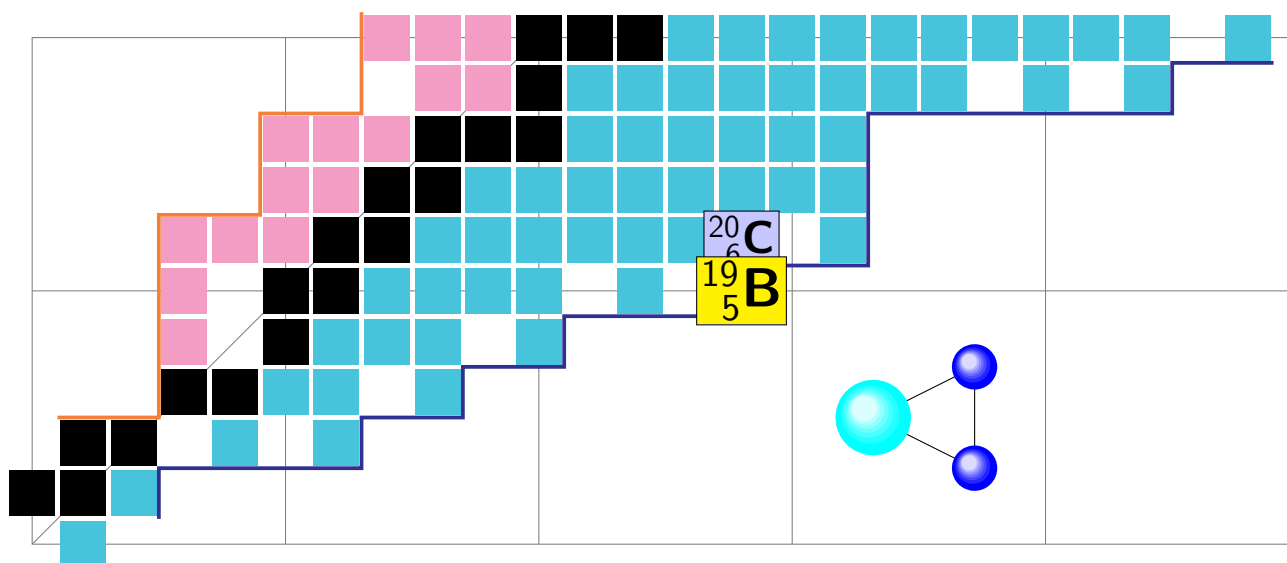
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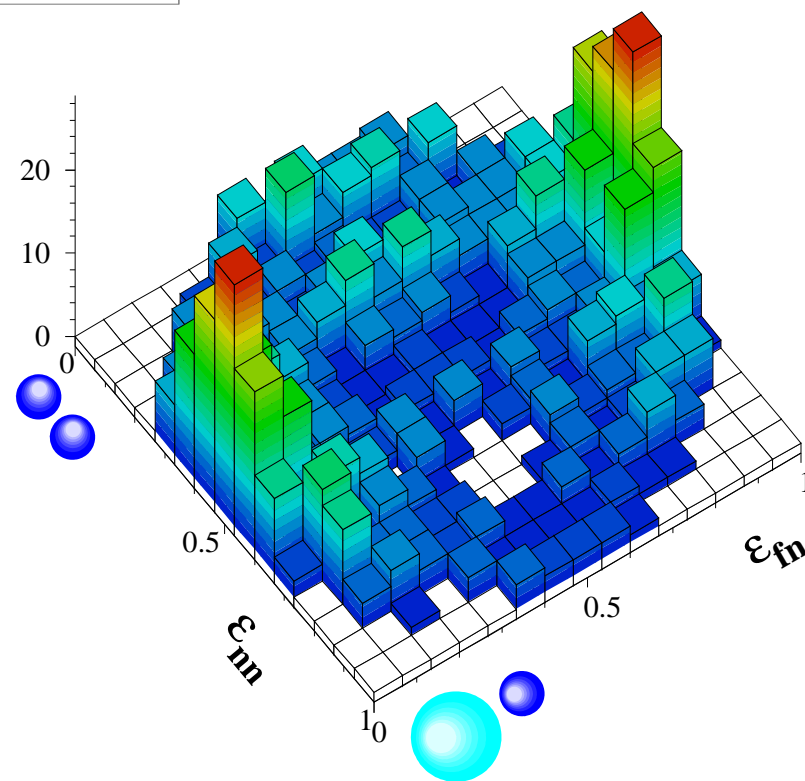
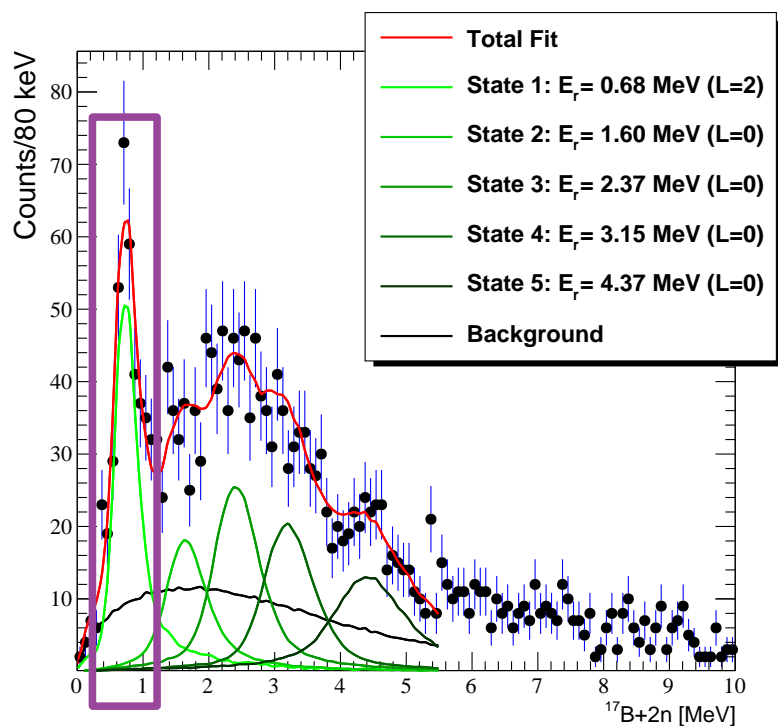
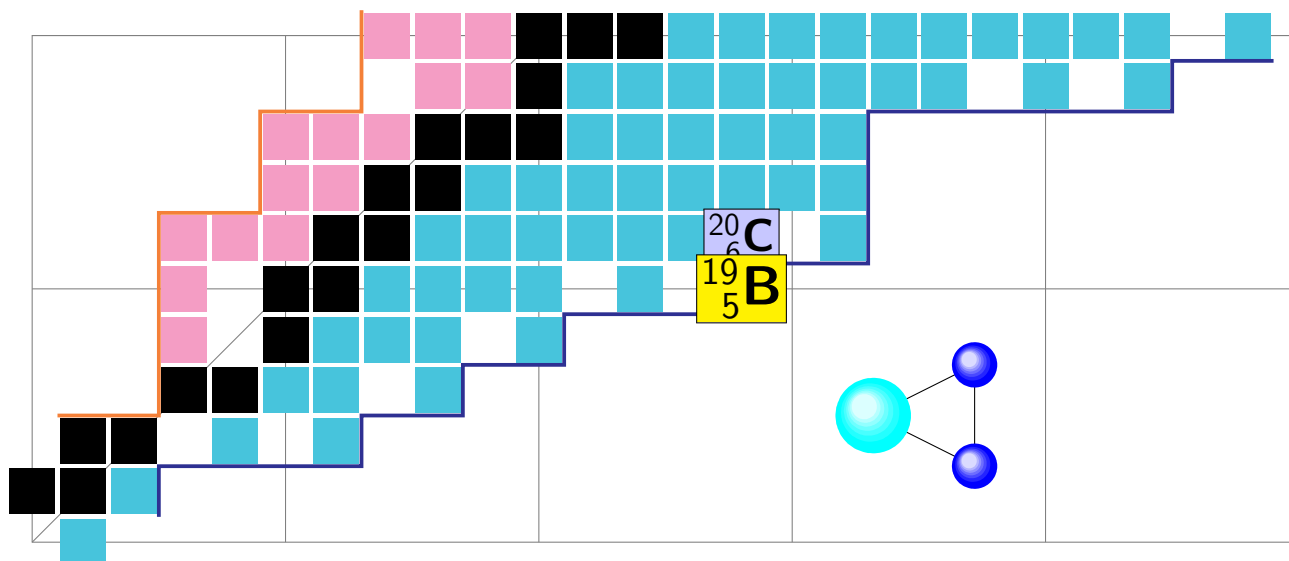
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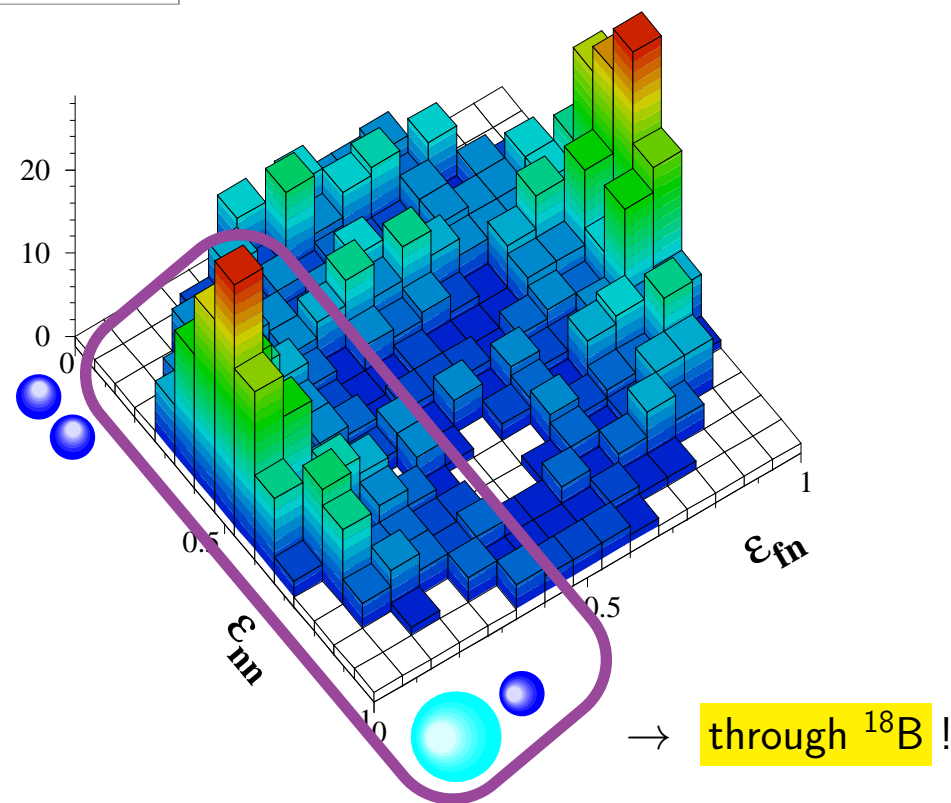
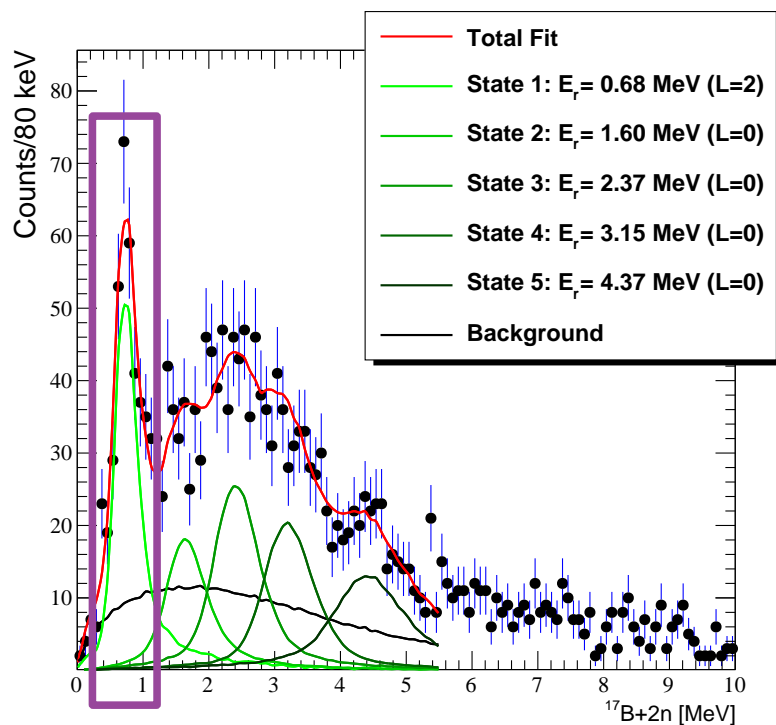
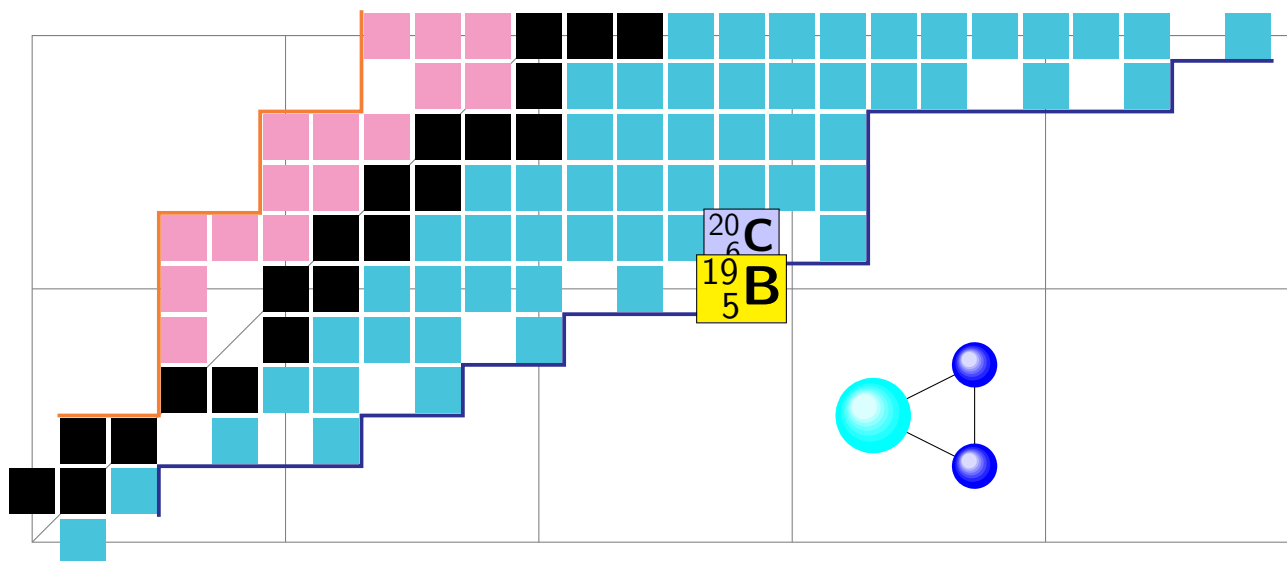
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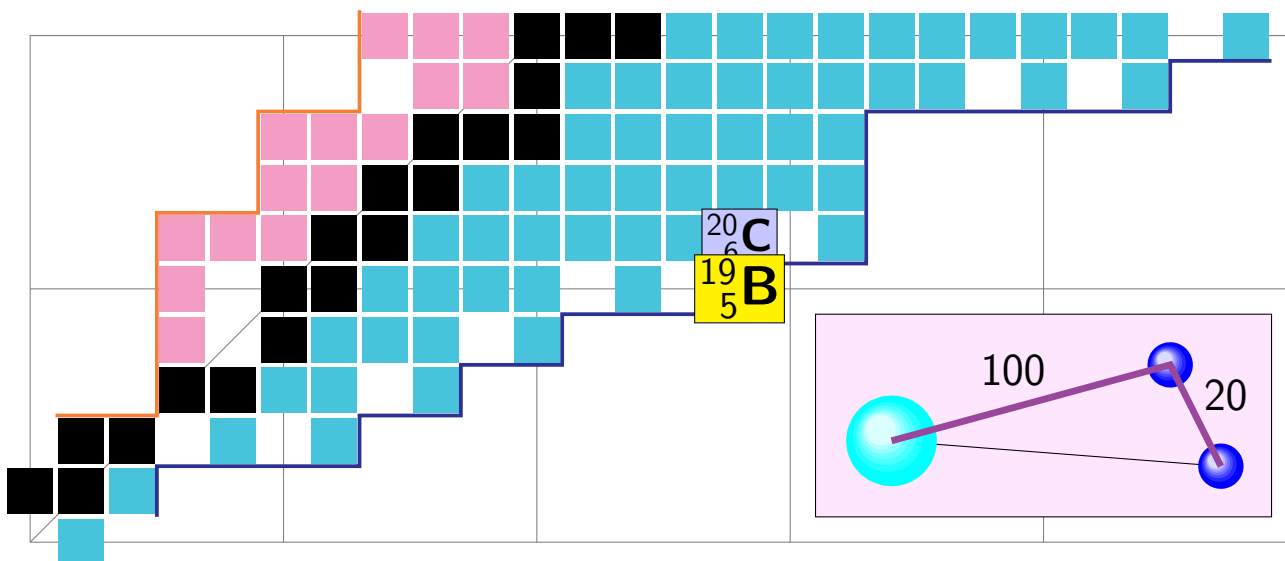
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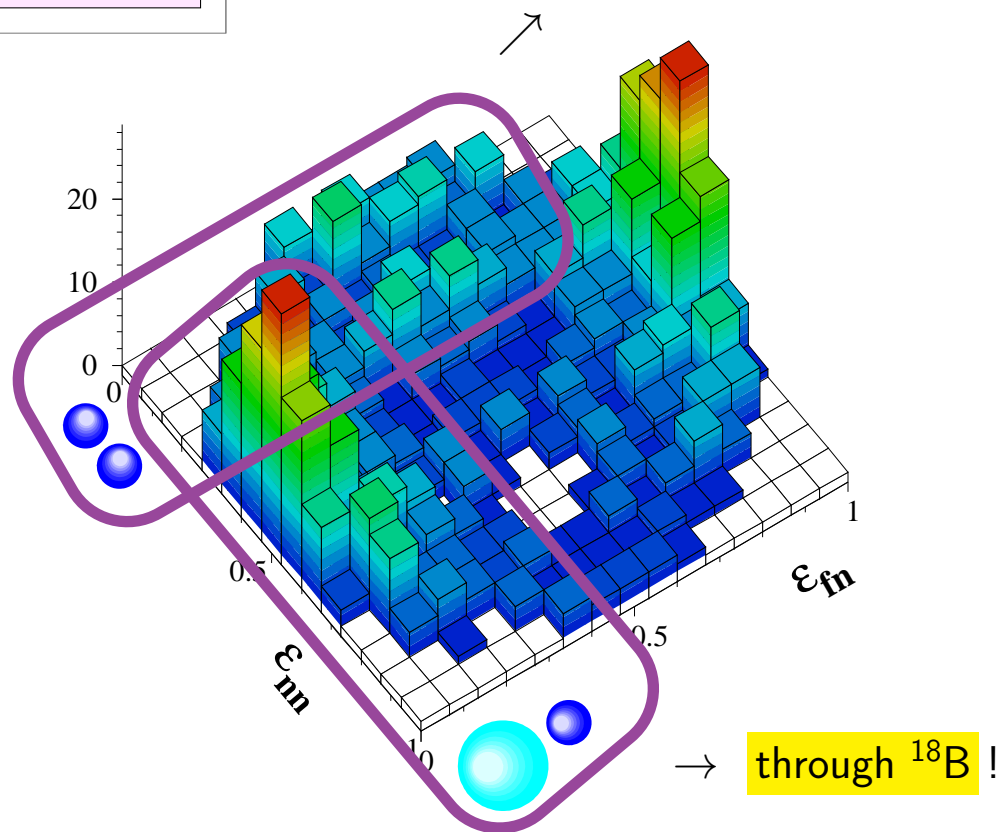
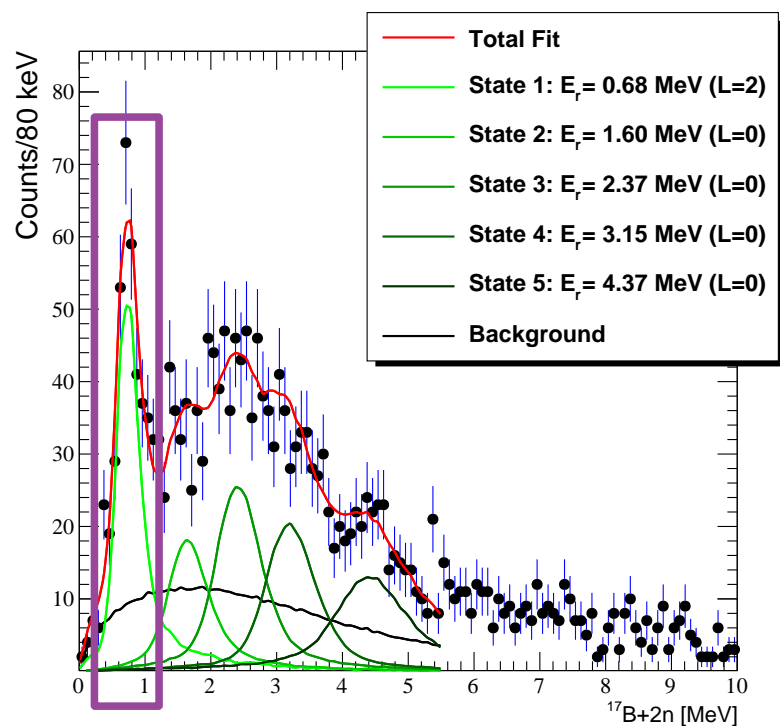
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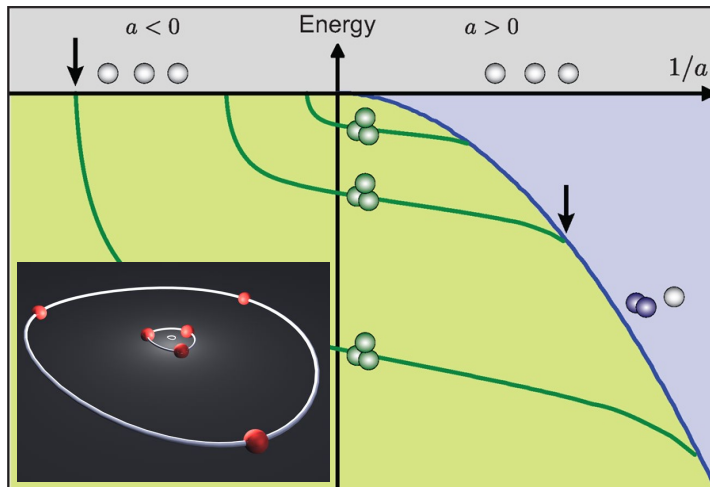
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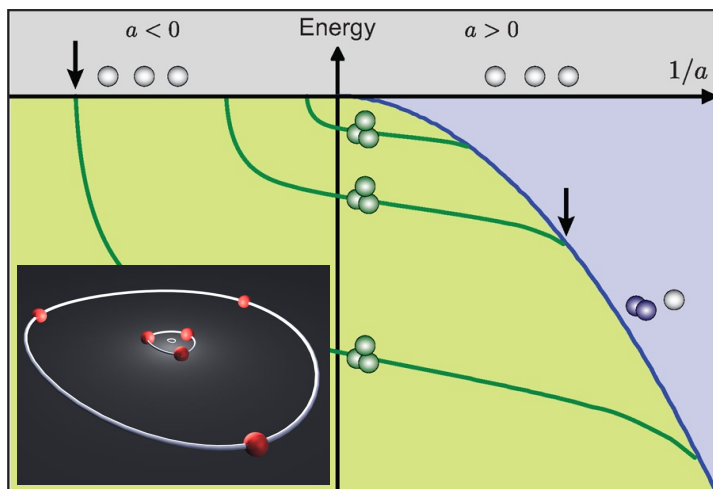
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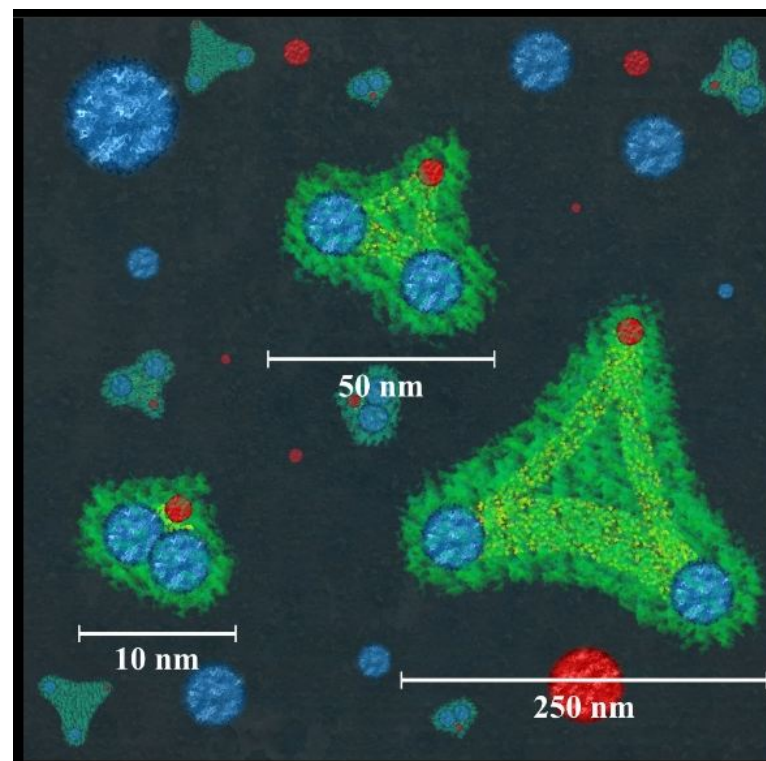
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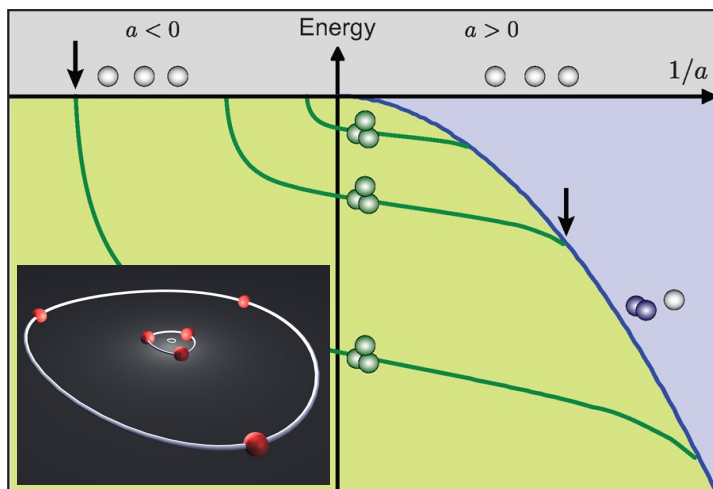
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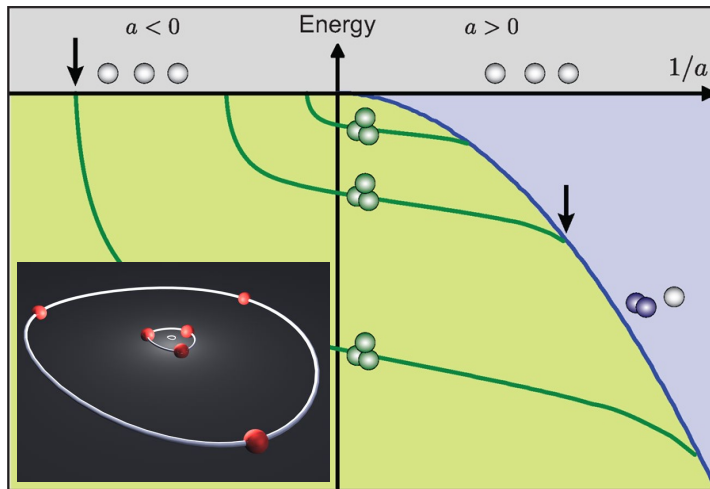
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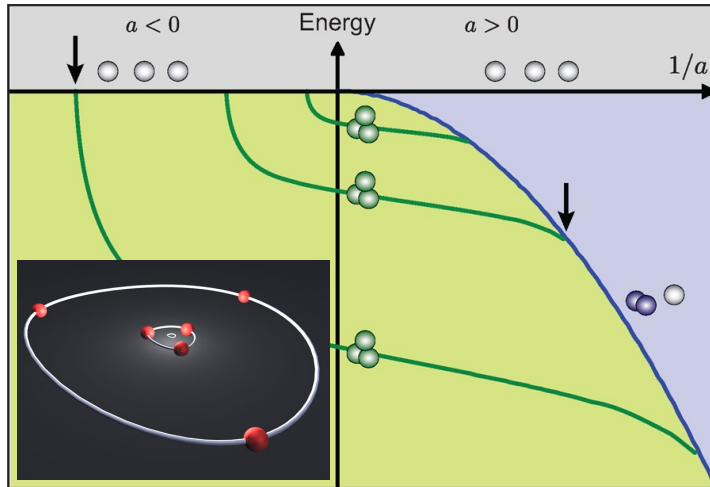
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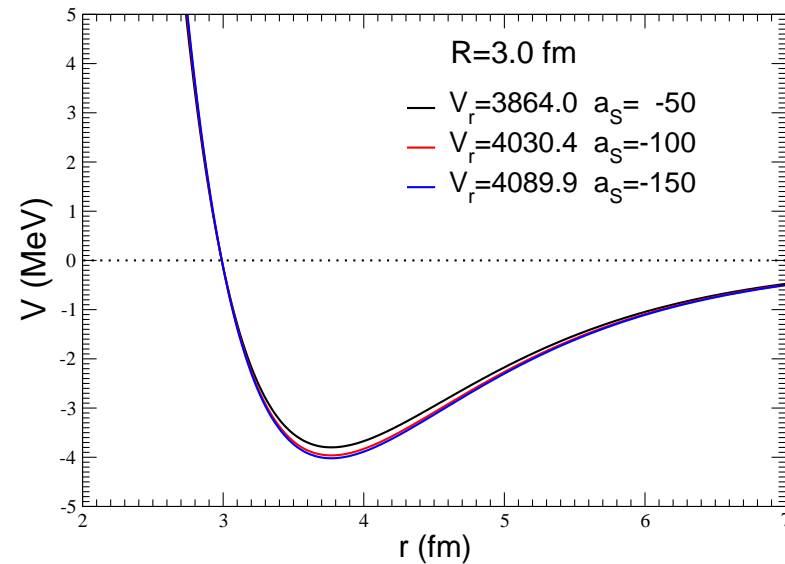
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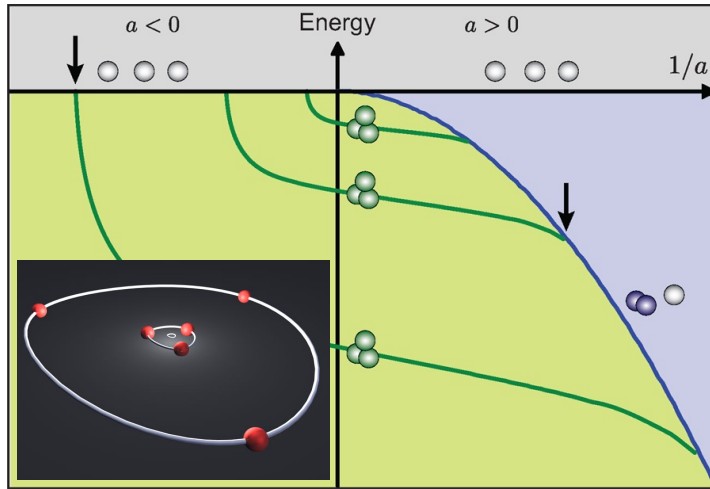


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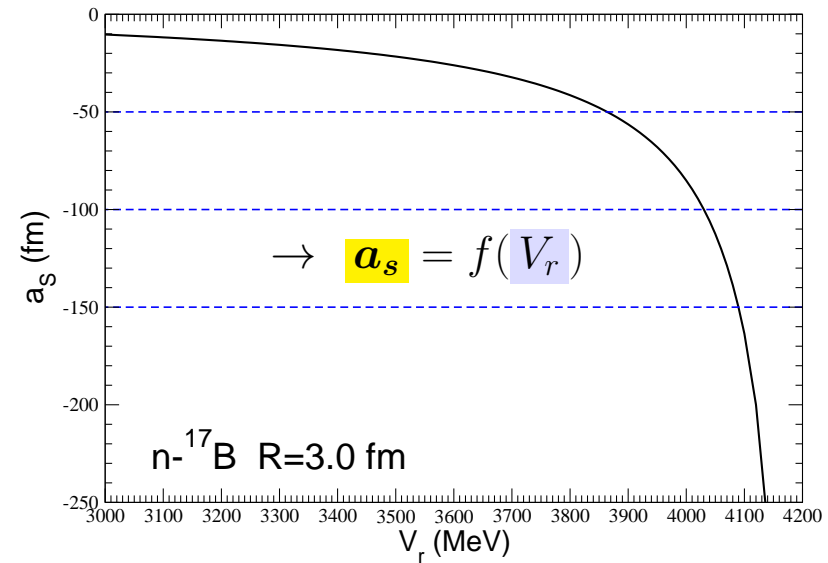
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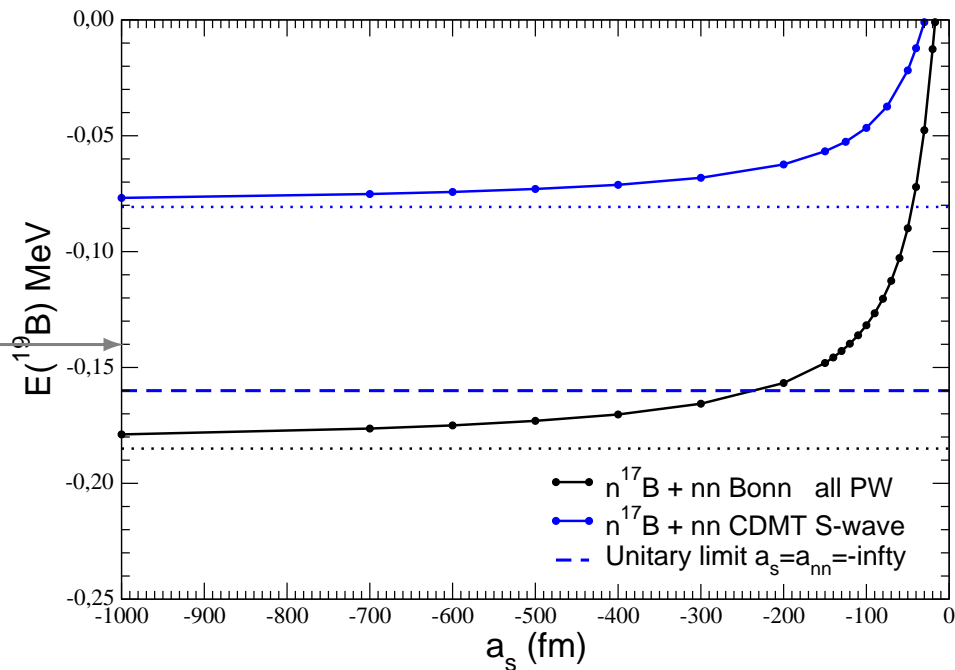
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- n-n: Bonn A (all waves) / CD MT13 (s wave)

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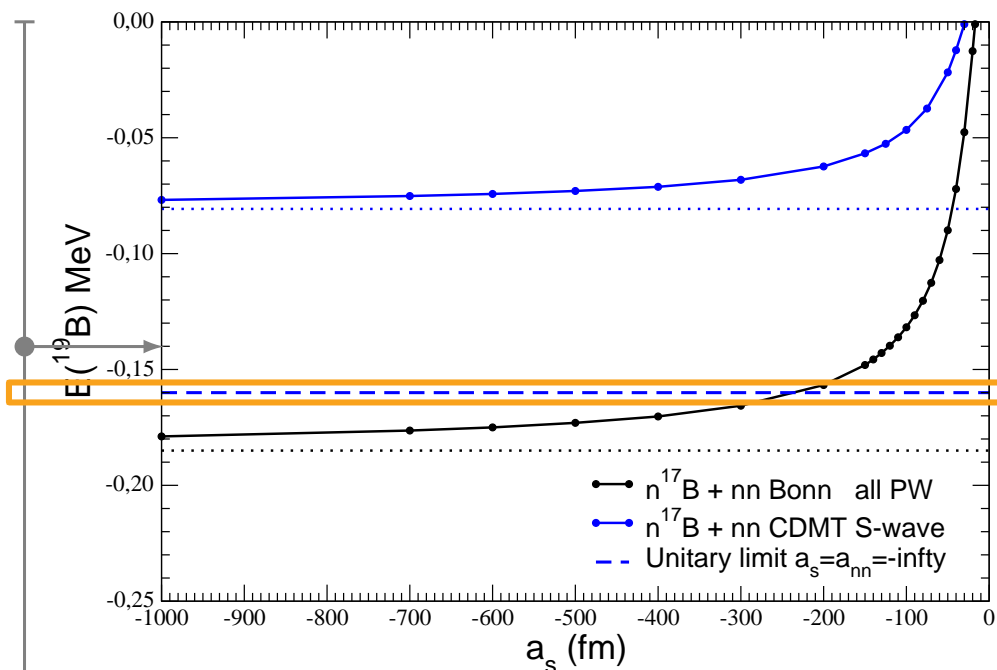


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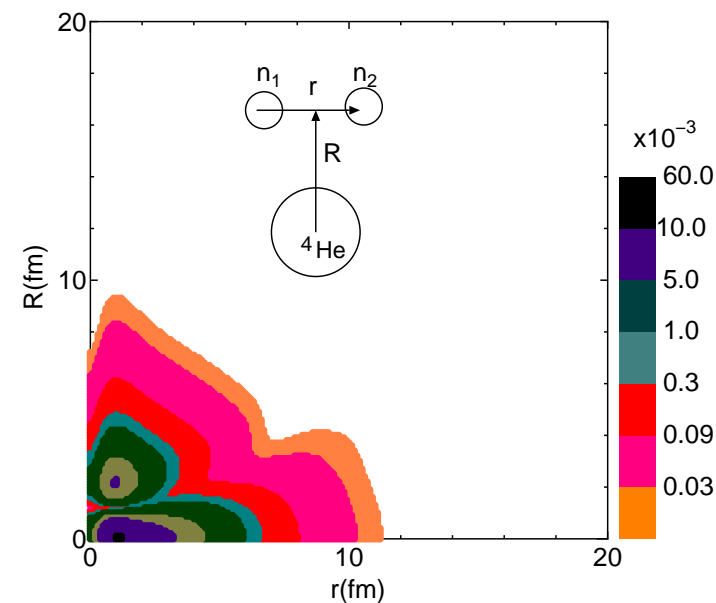
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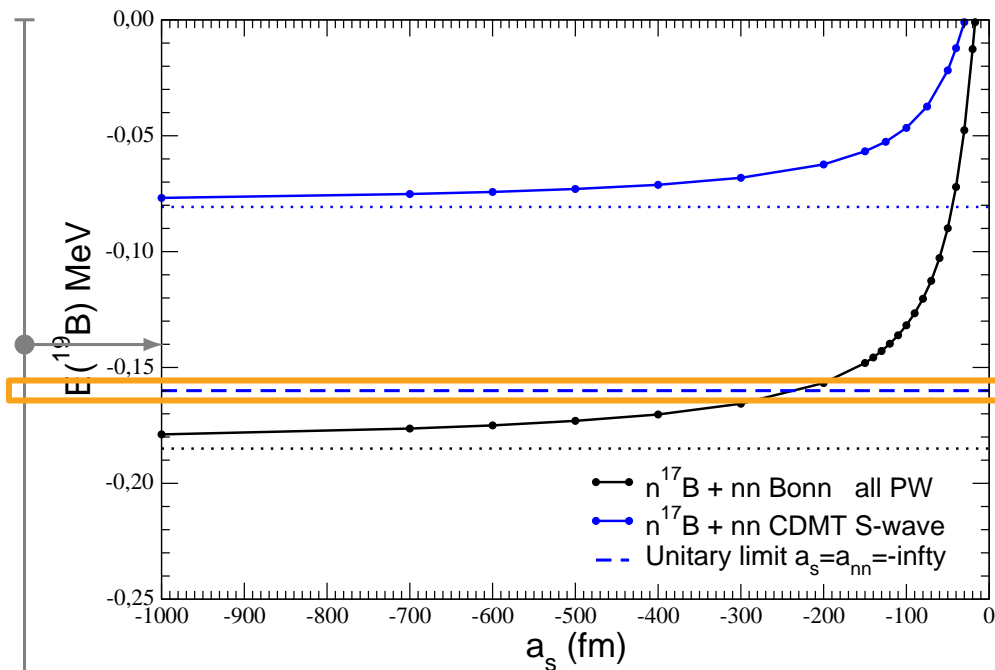
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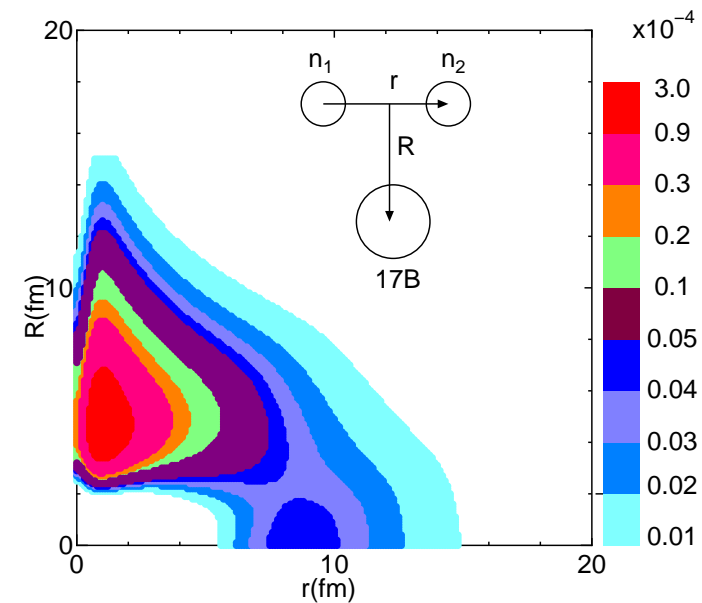
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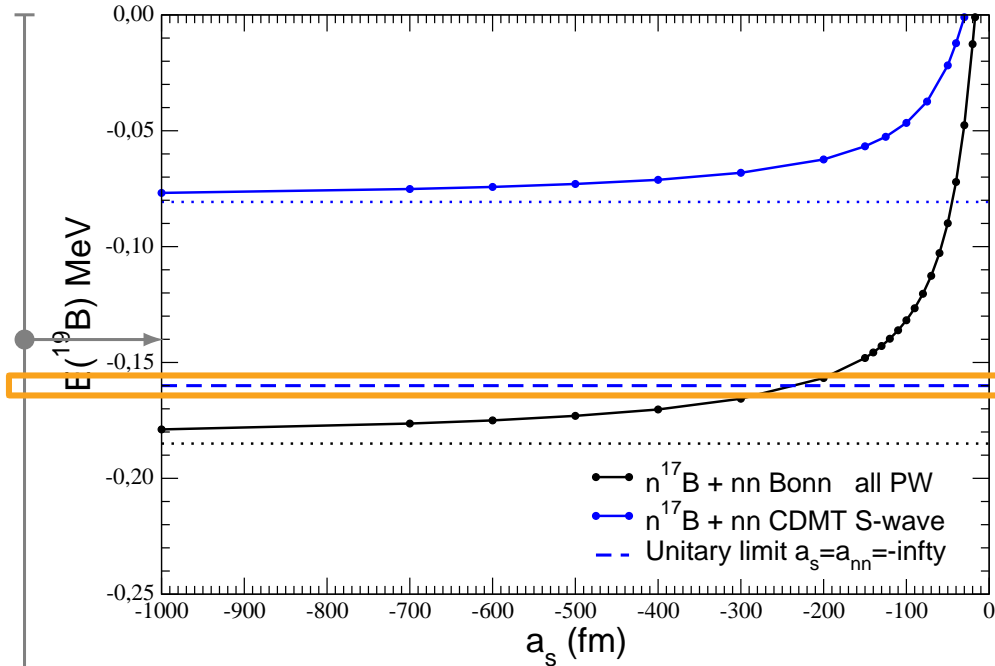
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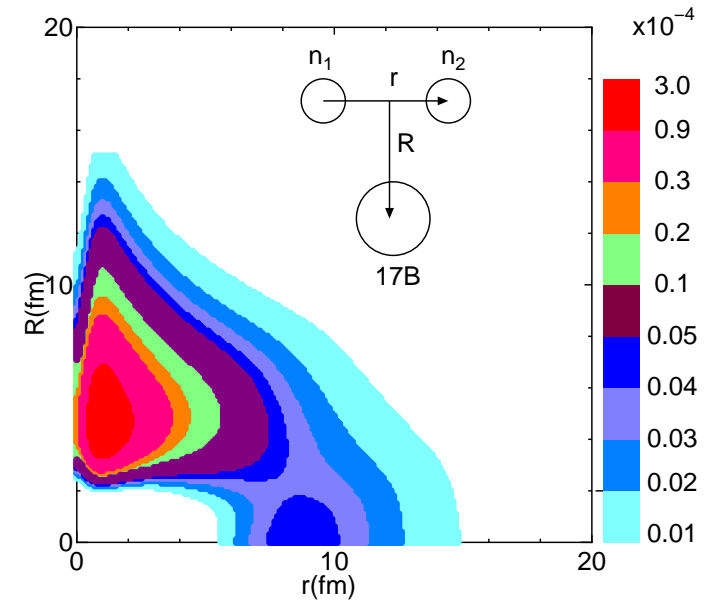
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- extensible to $^{20,21}\text{B} \equiv ^{17}\text{B} + 3,4n \dots$

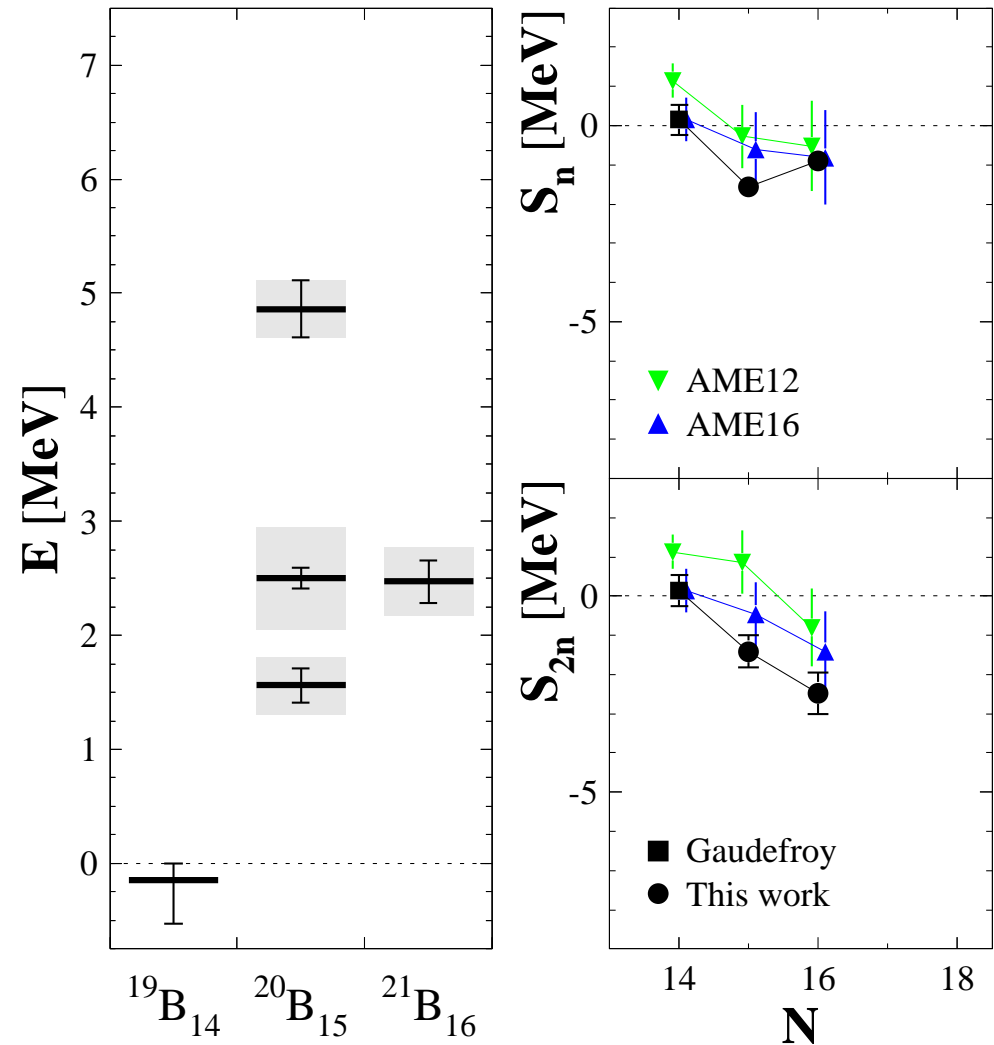
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Wang, Chinese Phys. C 41 (2017) 030003

- lower by ~ 3 MeV
- new data (^{19}B , ^{22}C , ^{23}N) improve trends!



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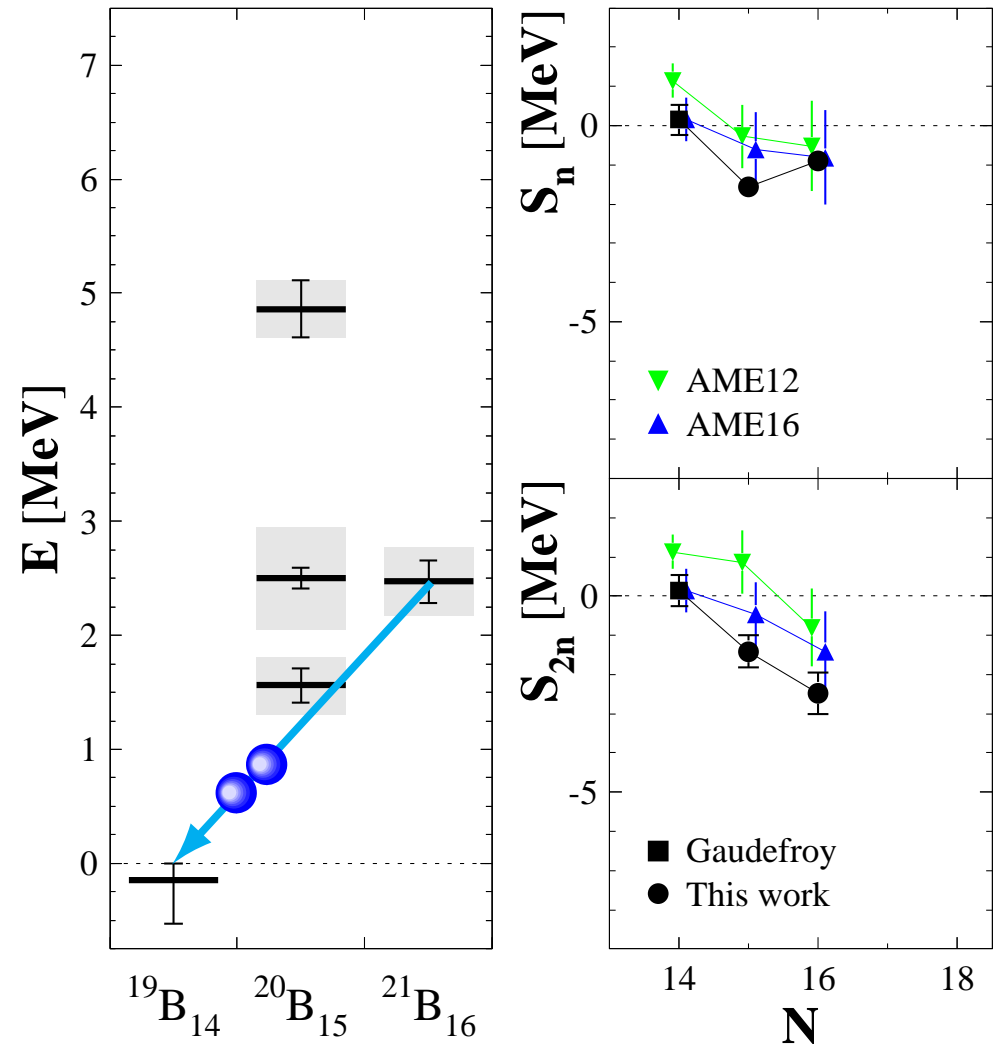
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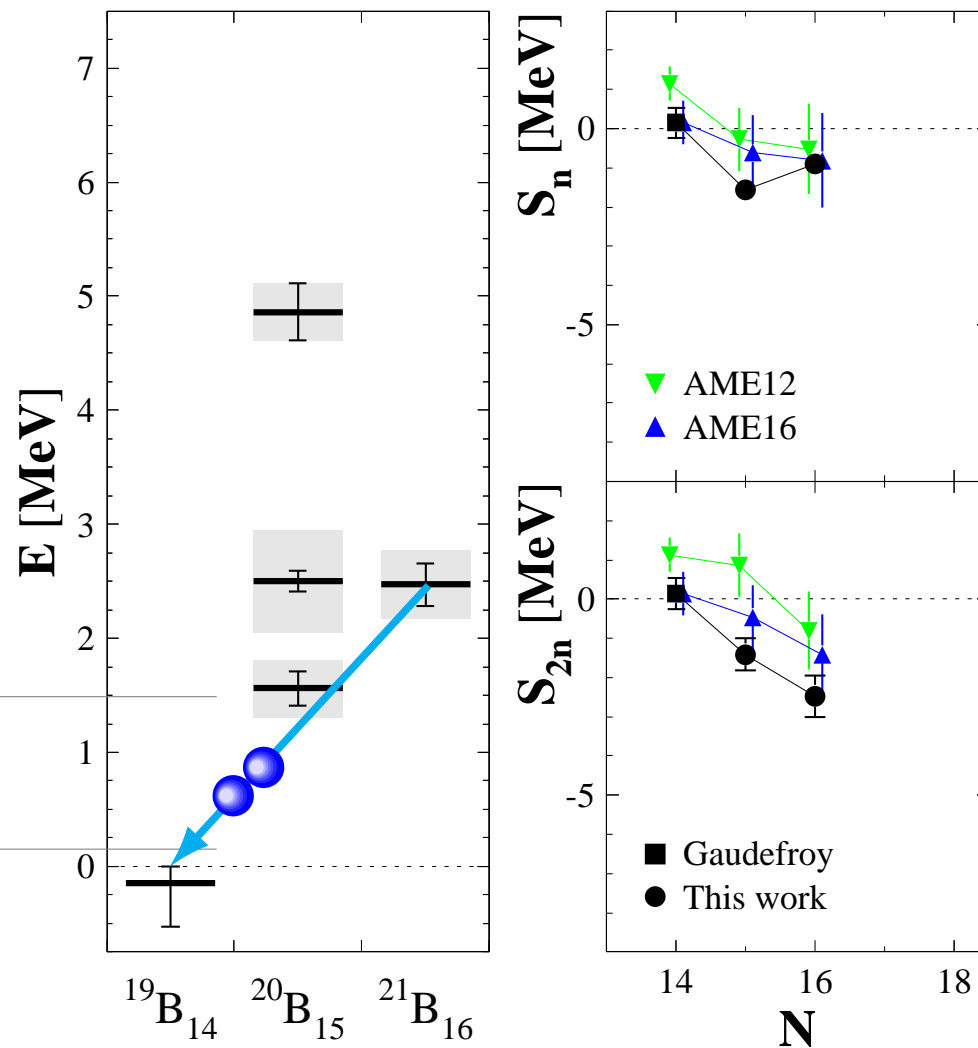
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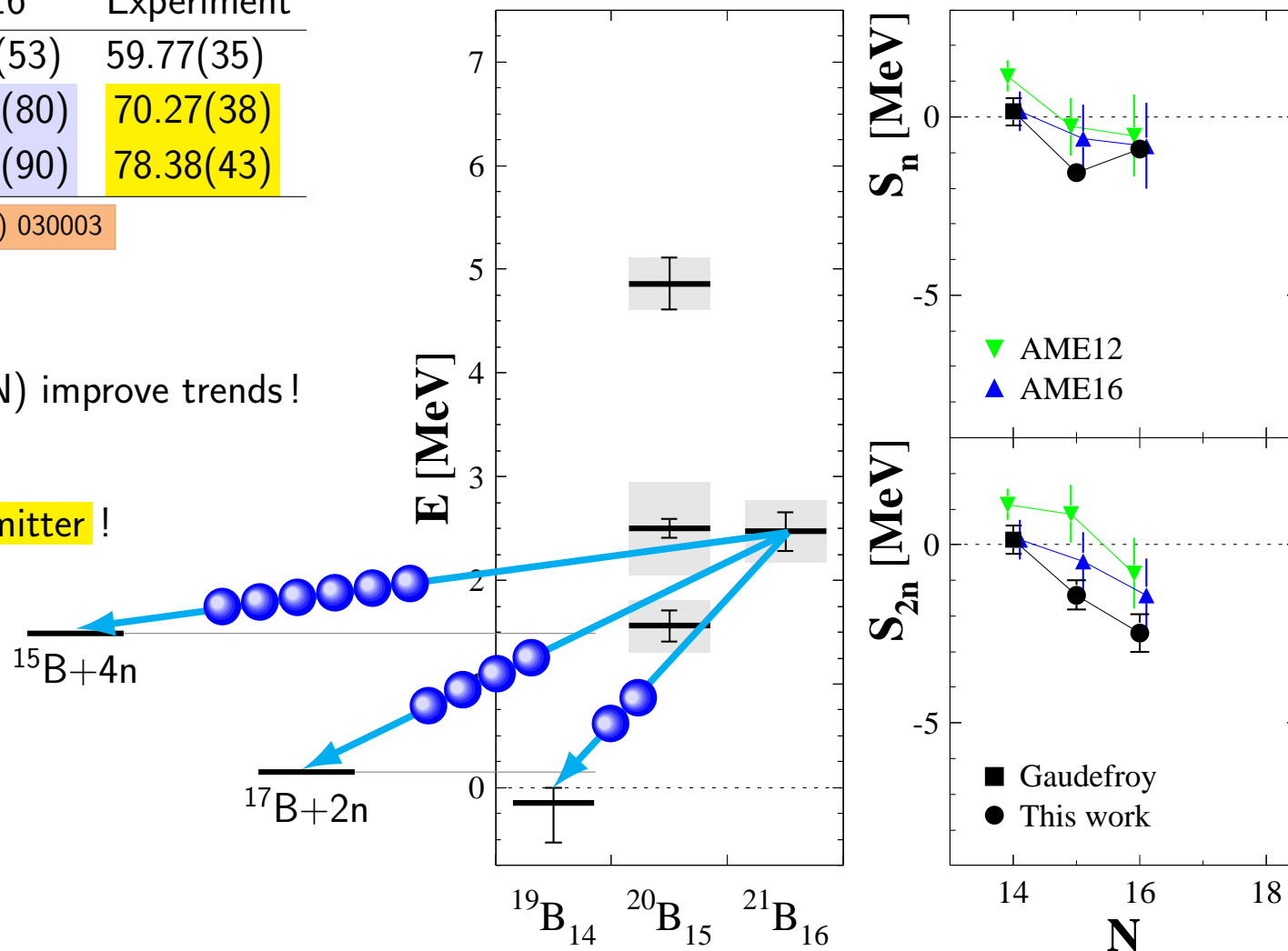
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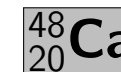
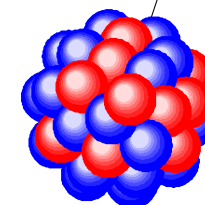
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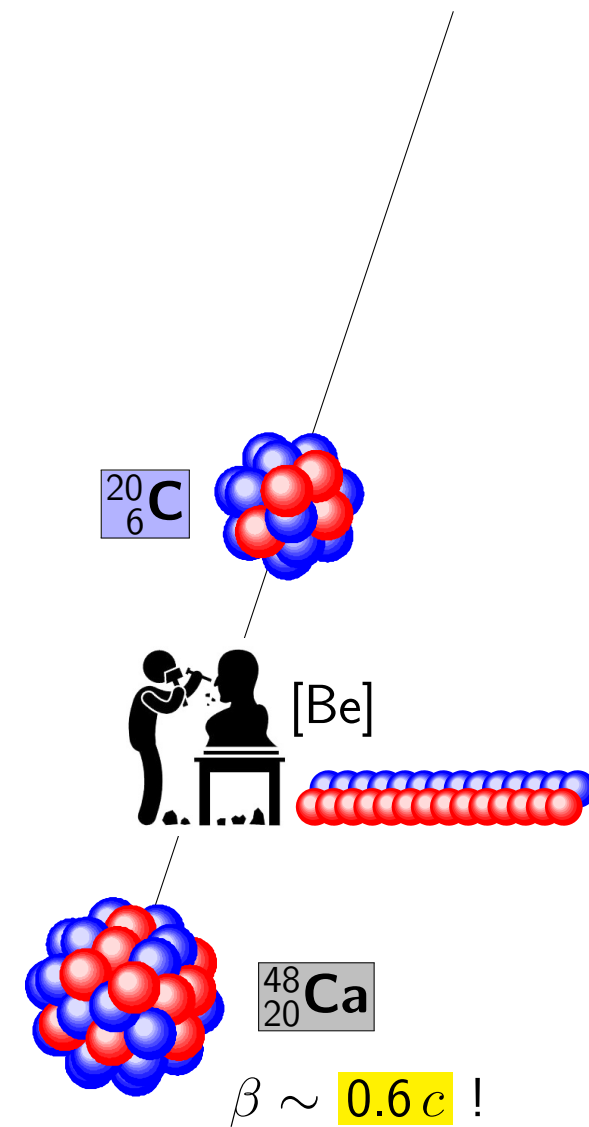


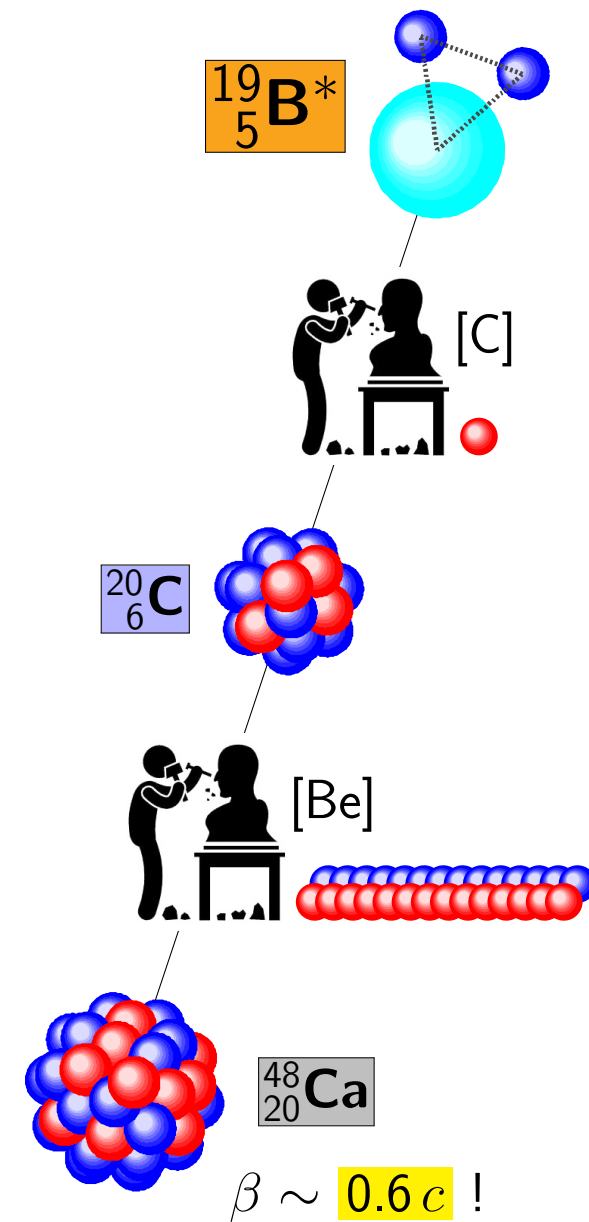
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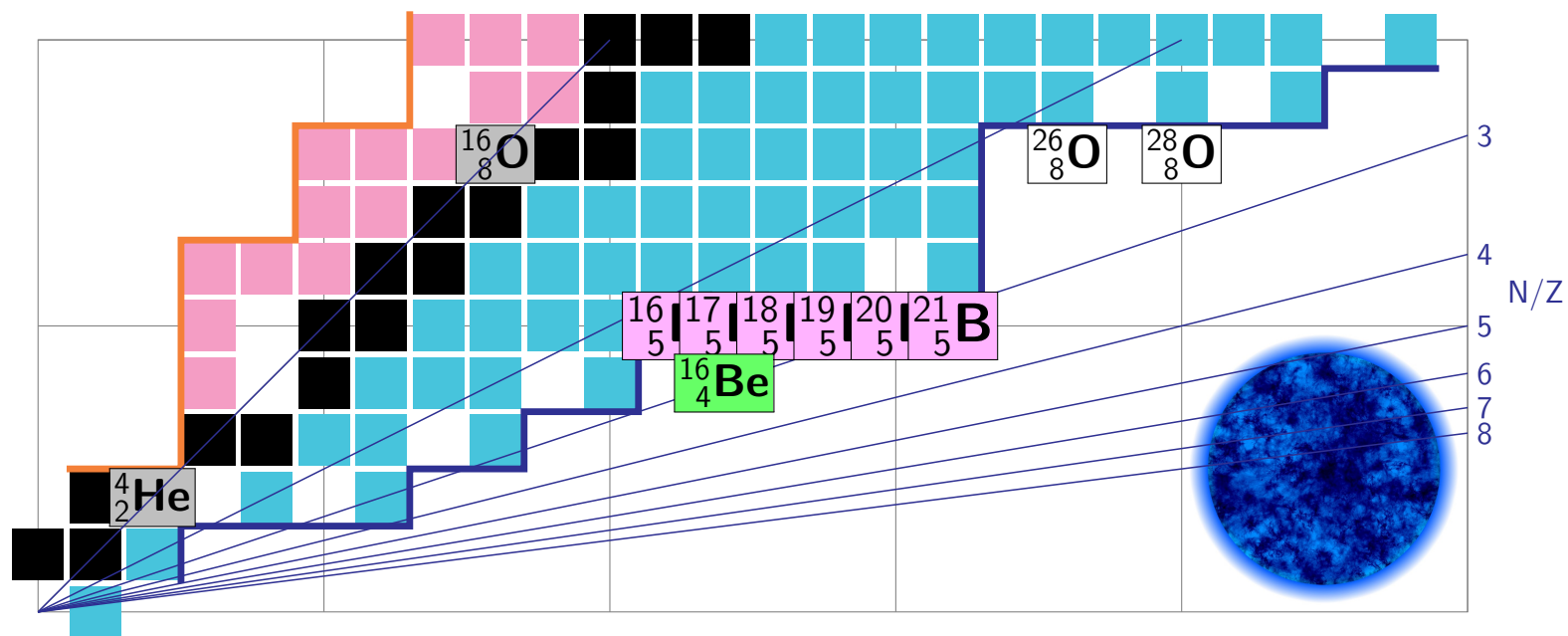
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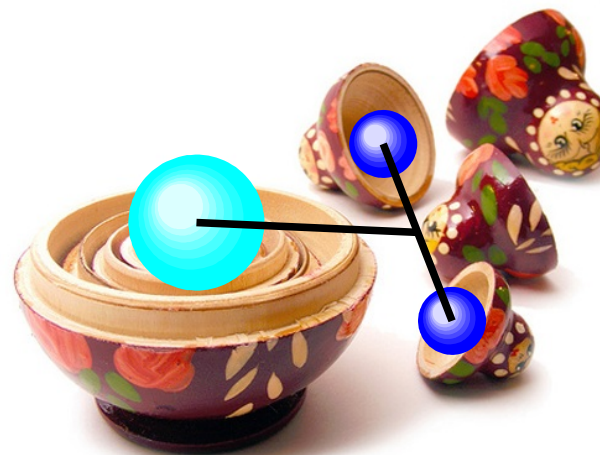
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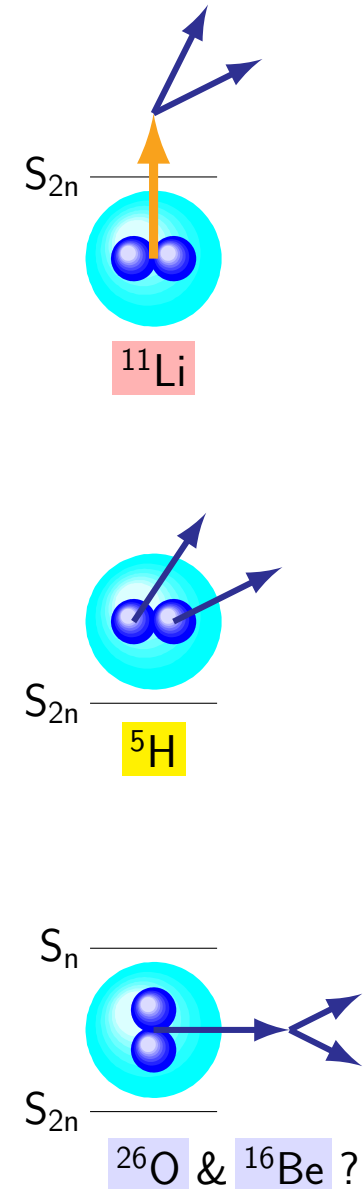
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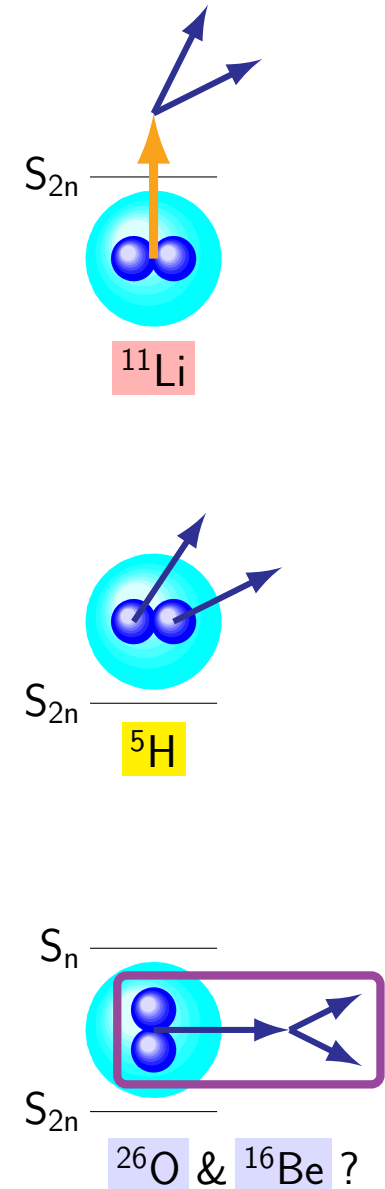
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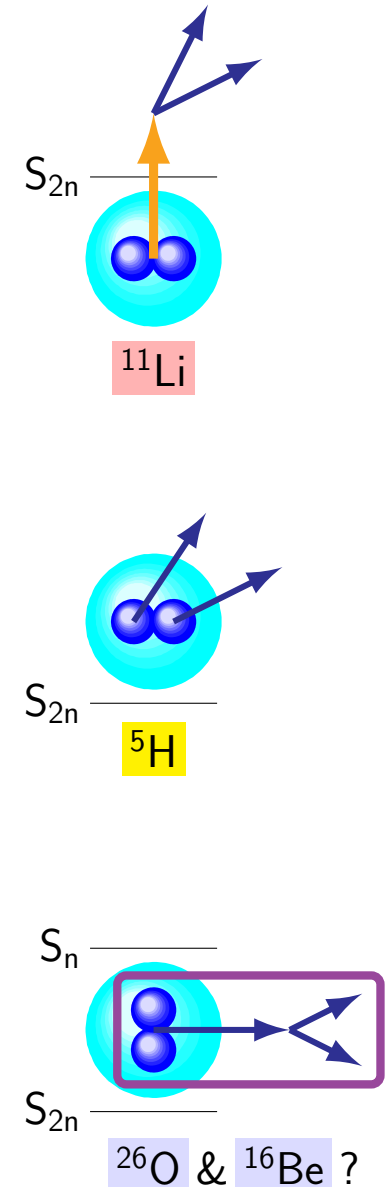
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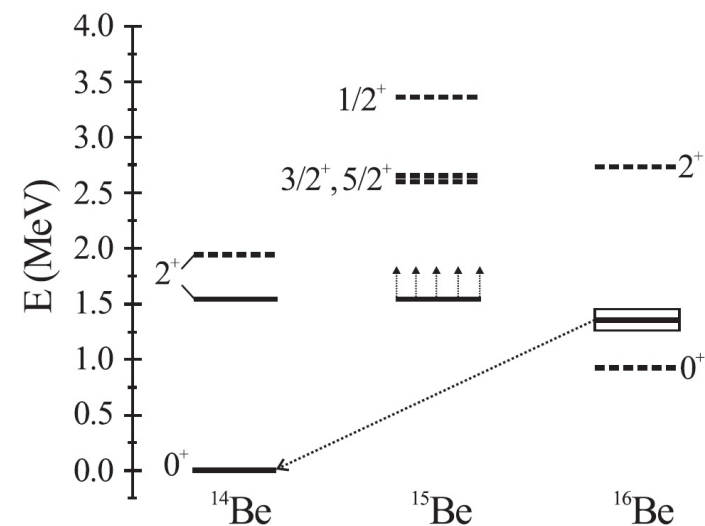
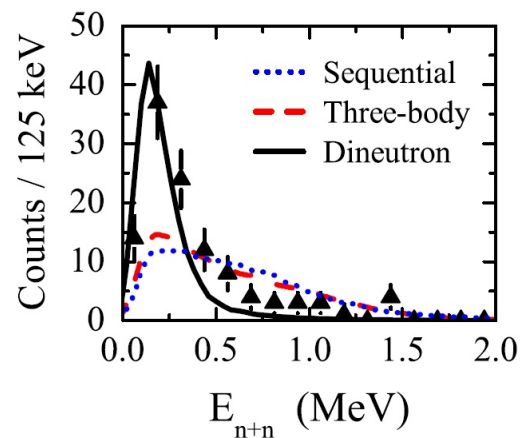
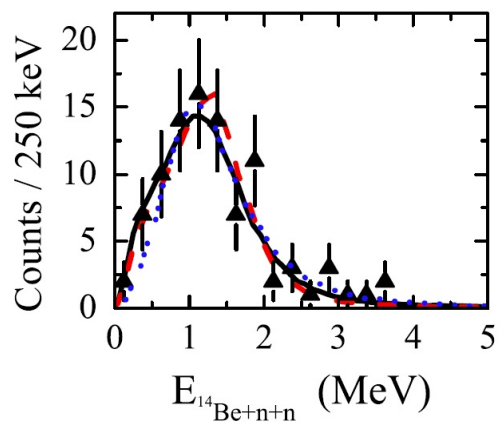
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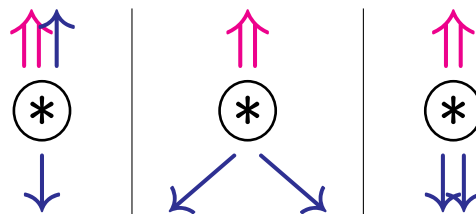
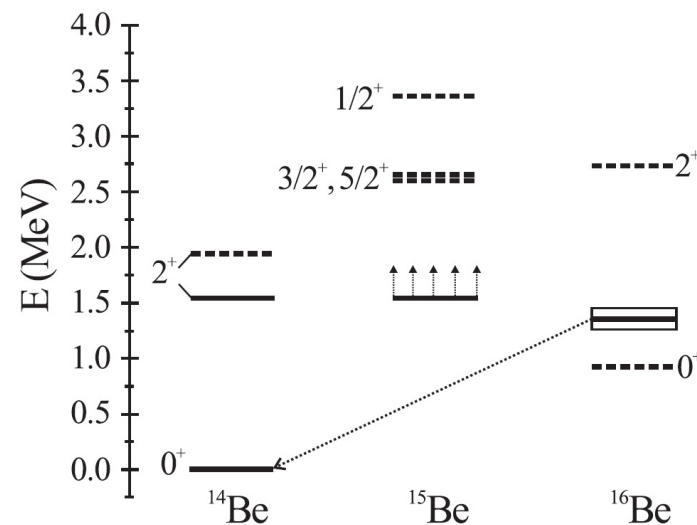
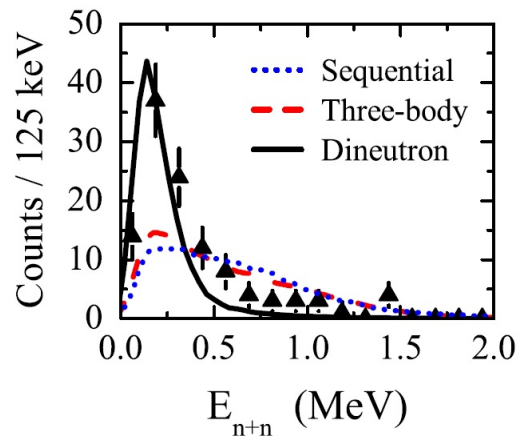
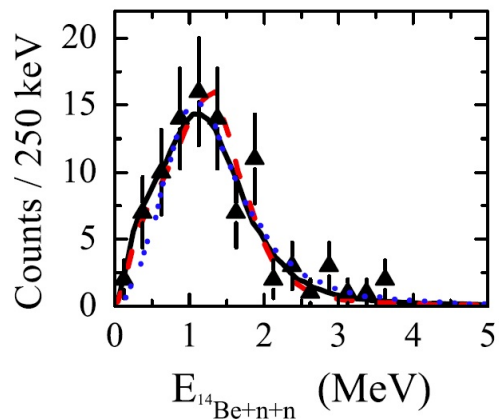
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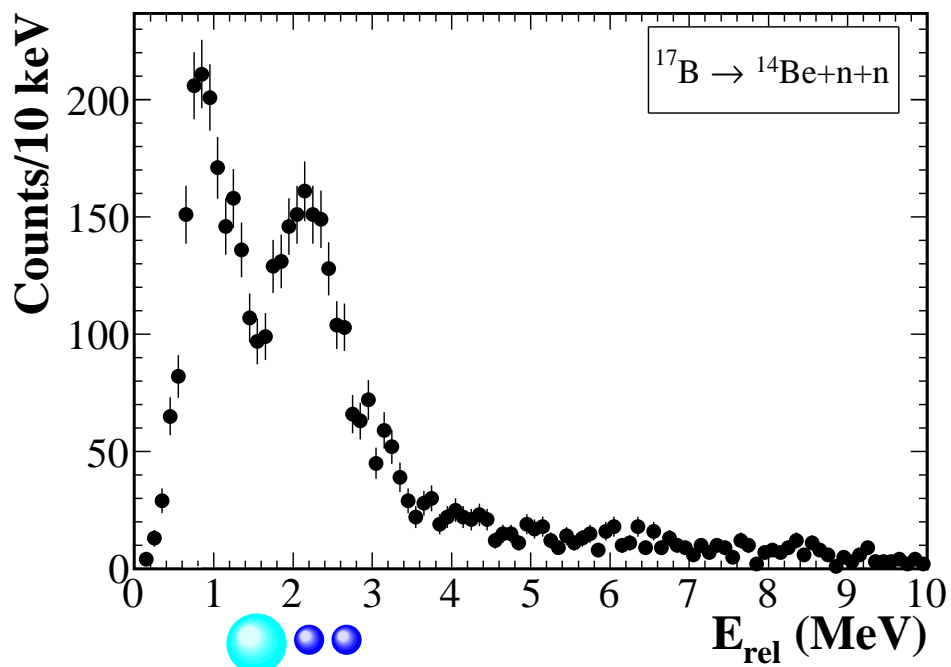
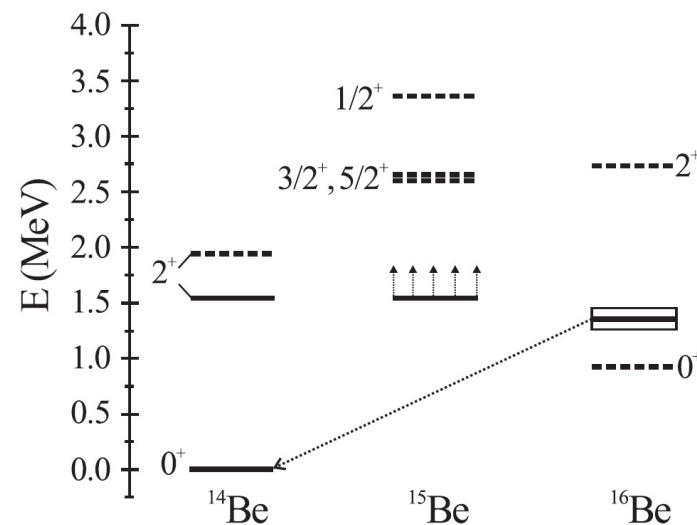
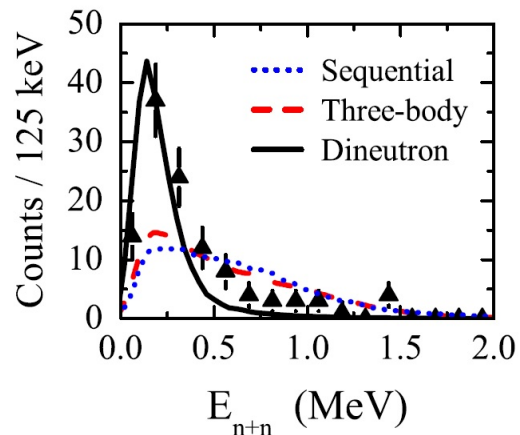
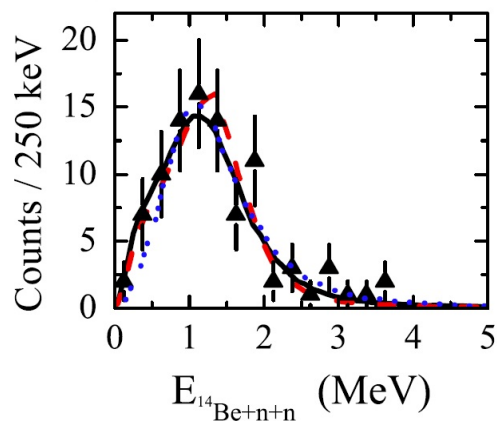


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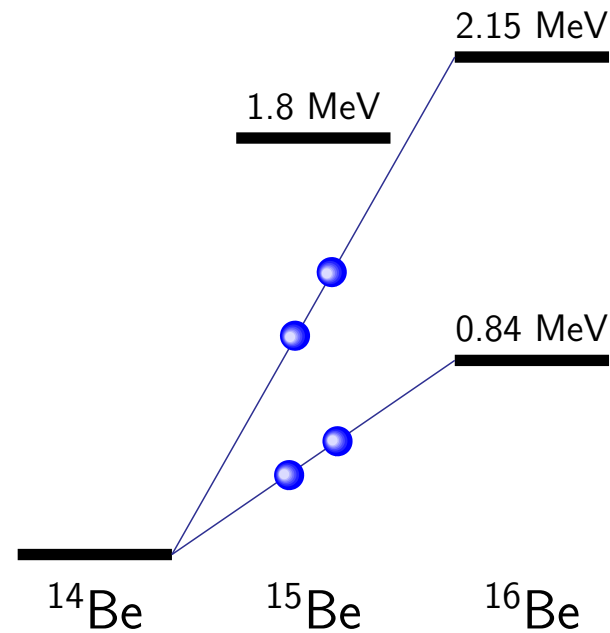
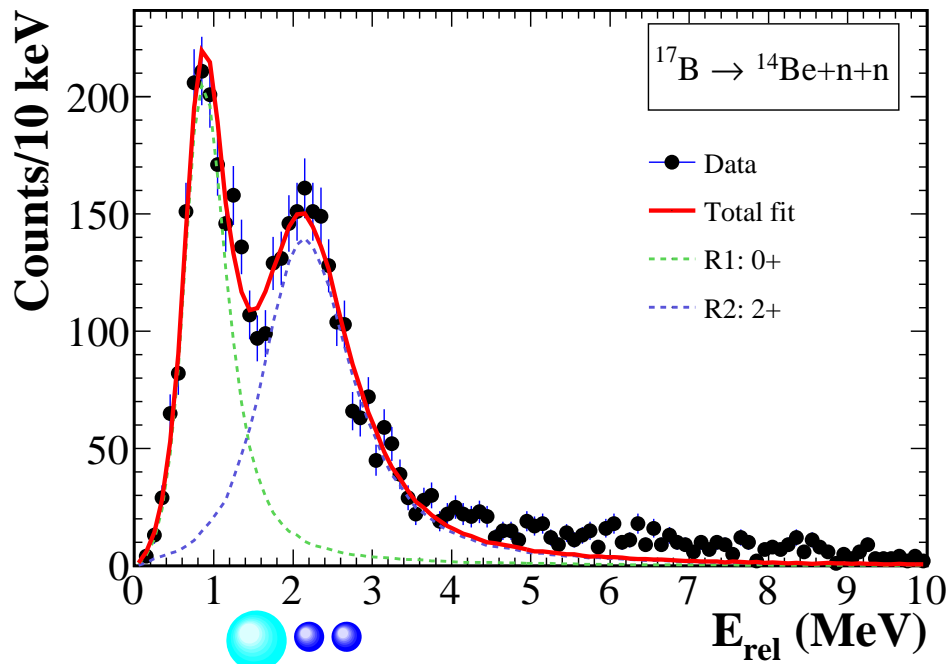
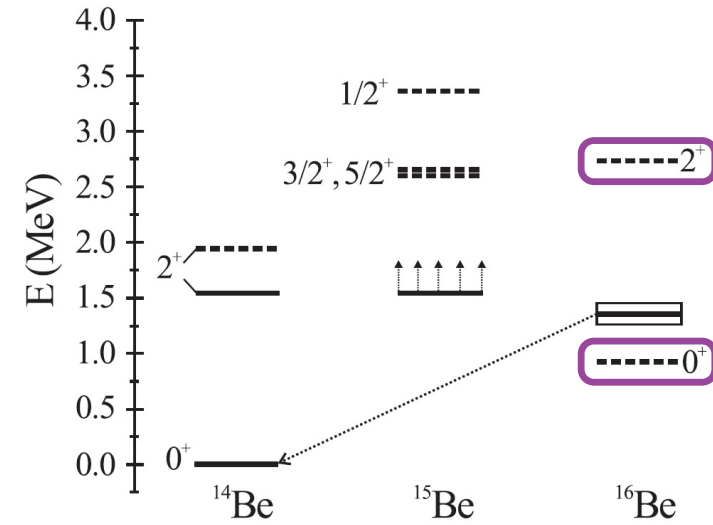
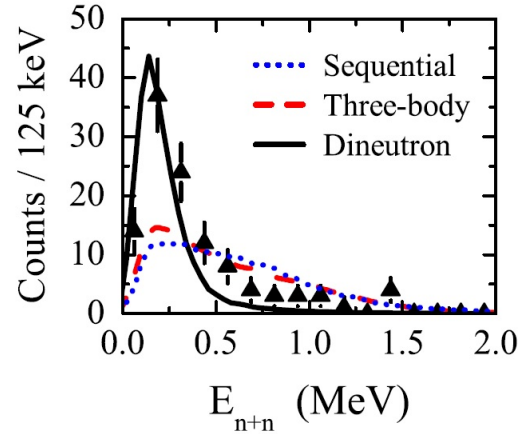
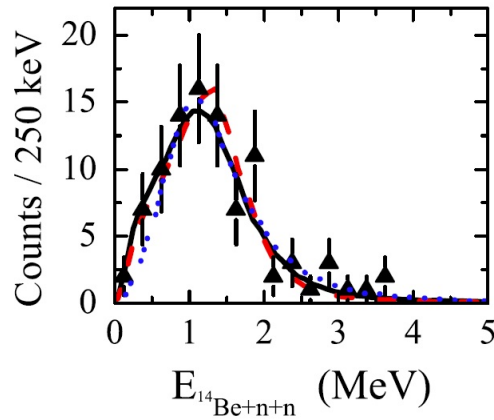


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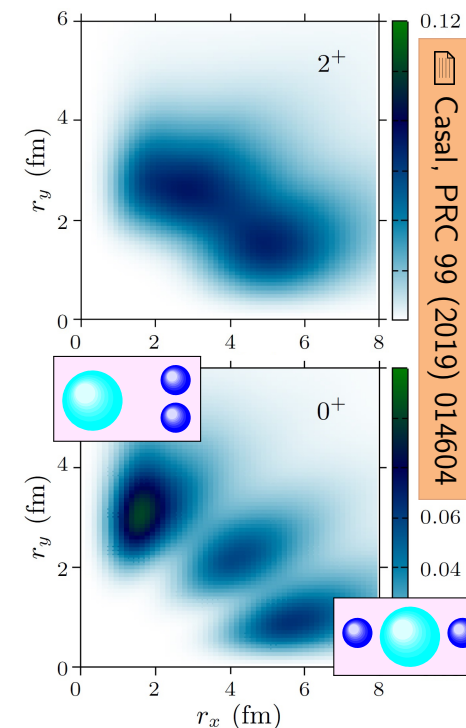
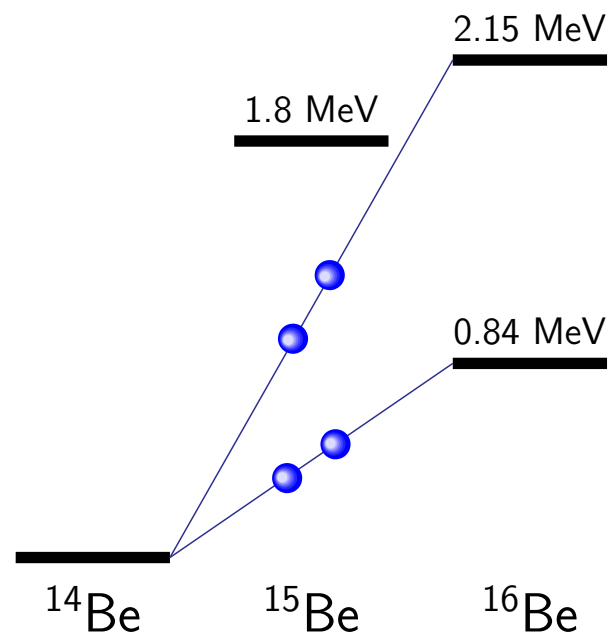
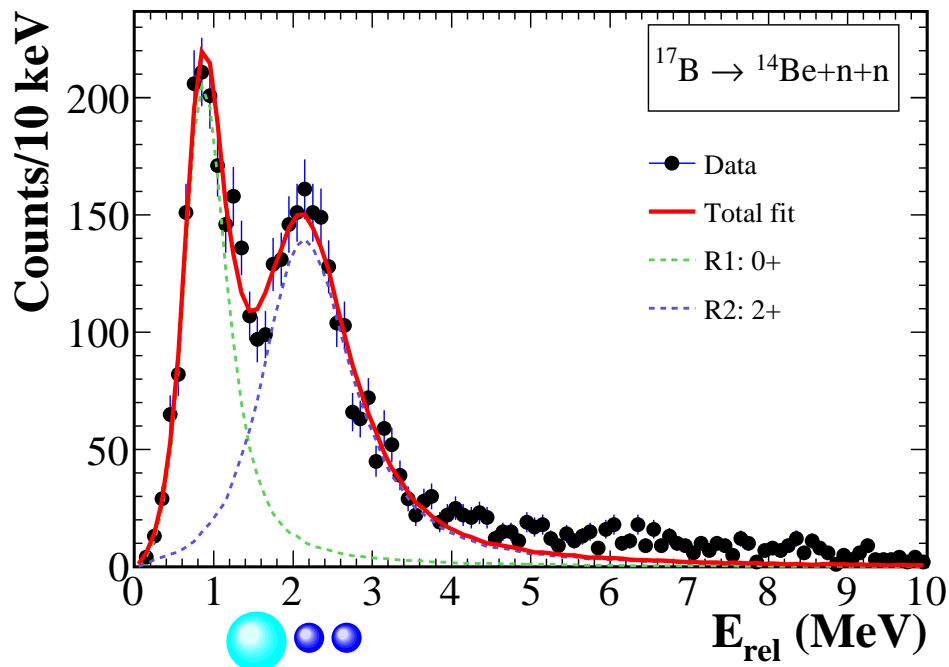
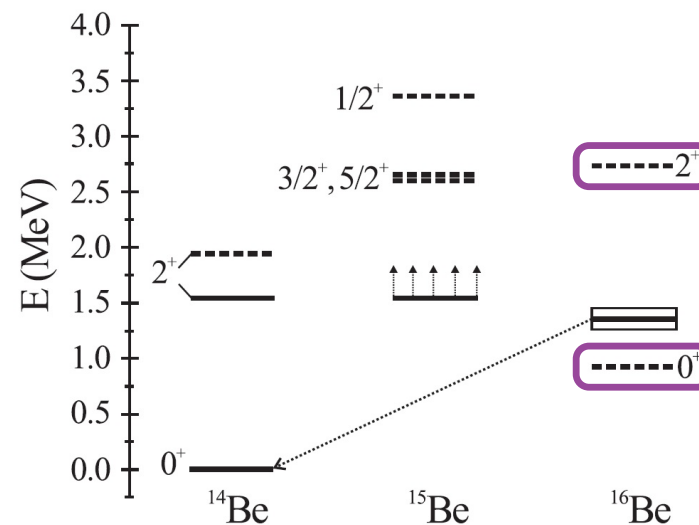
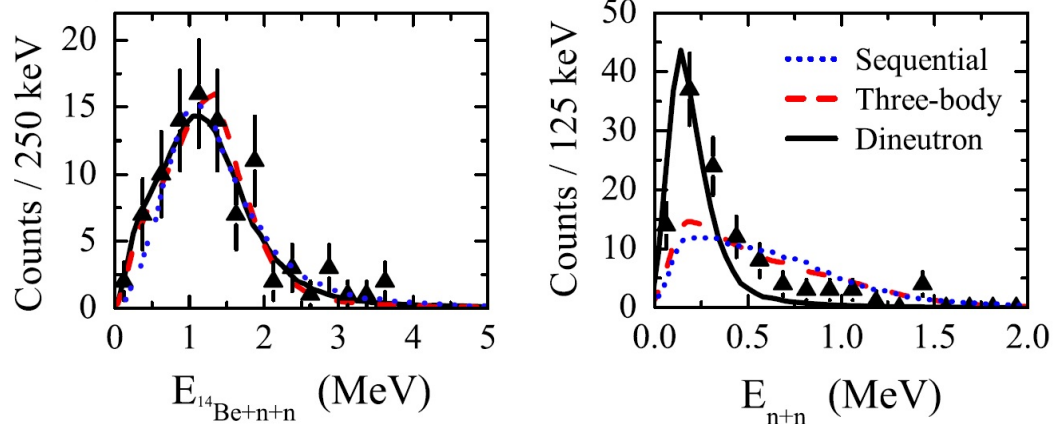
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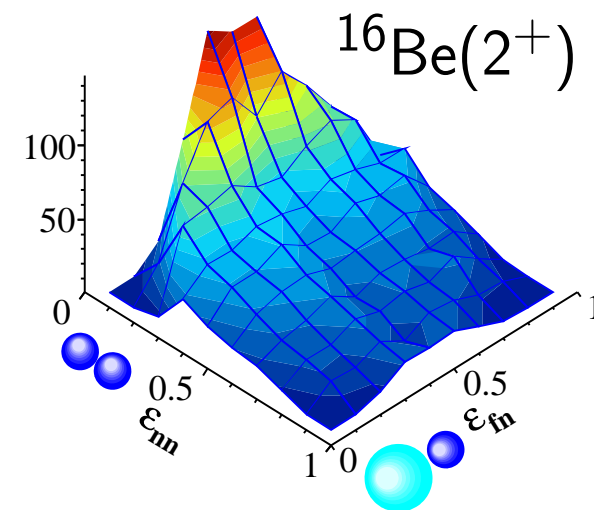
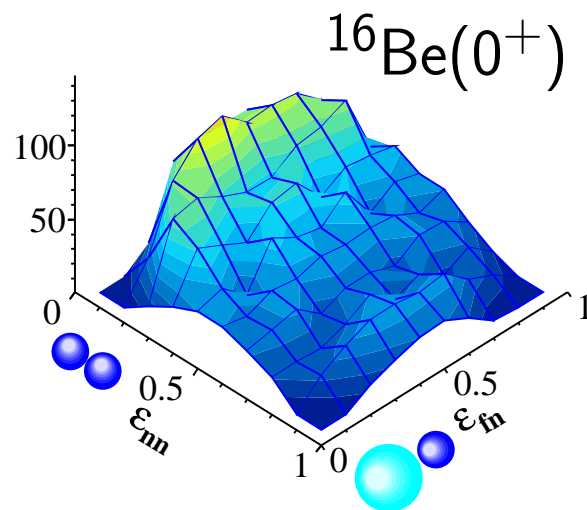
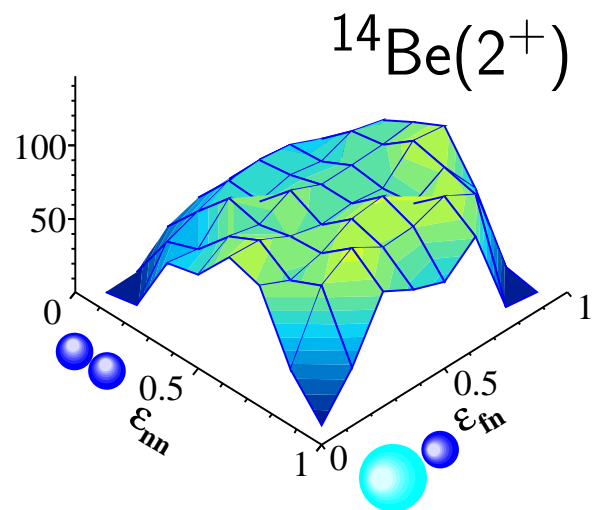


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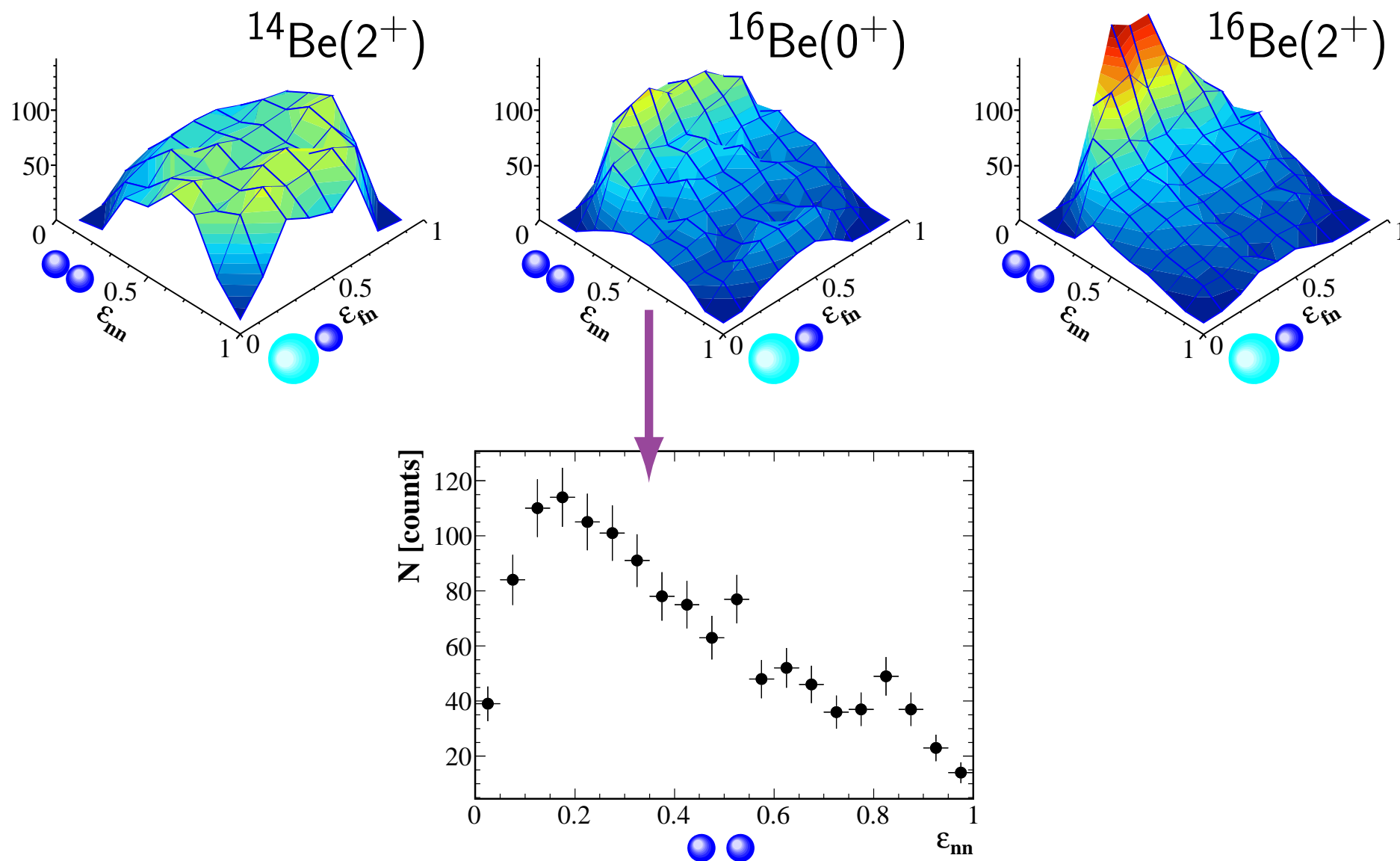


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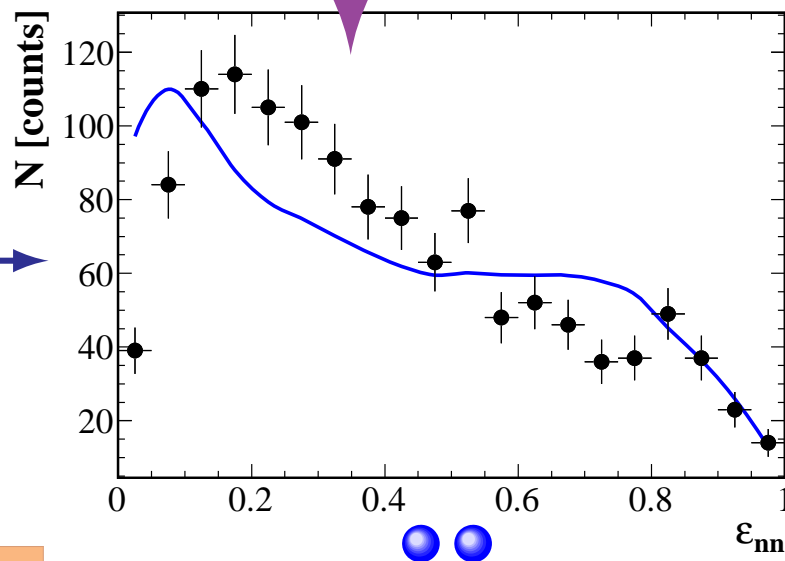
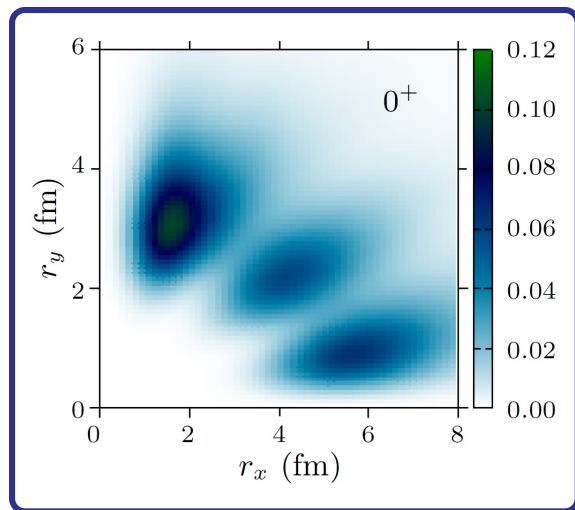
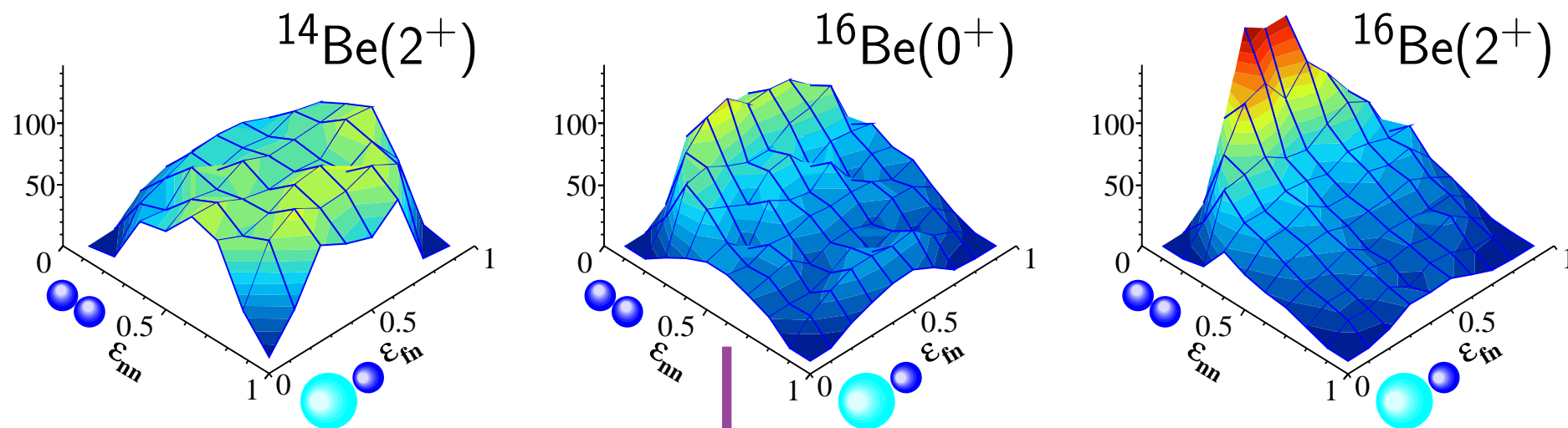
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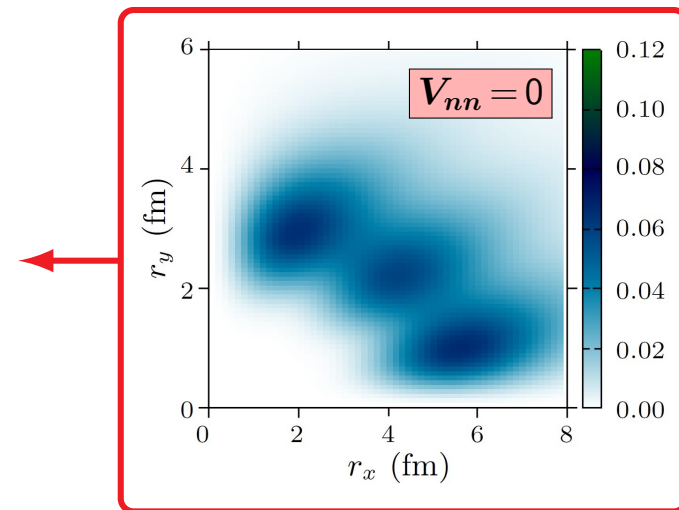
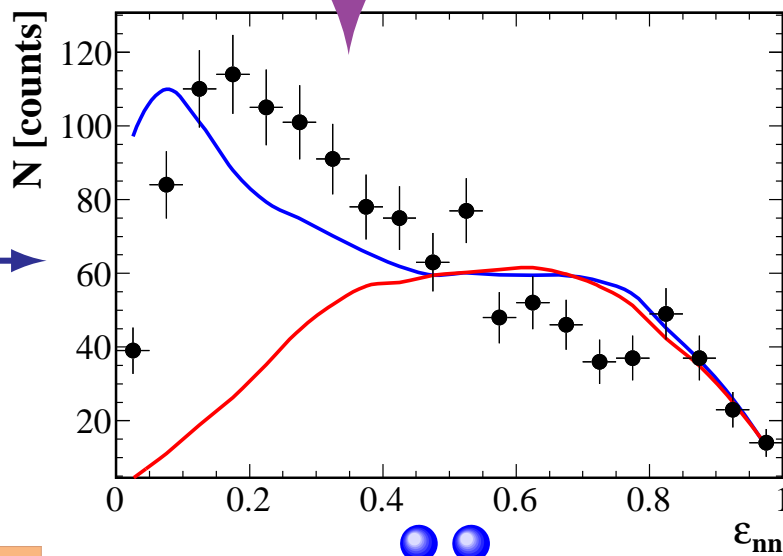
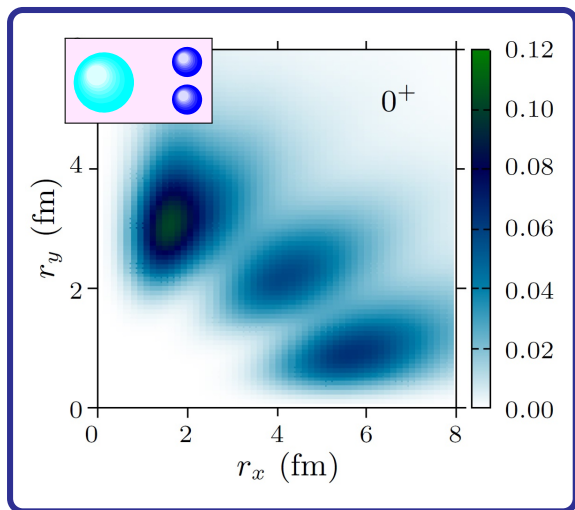
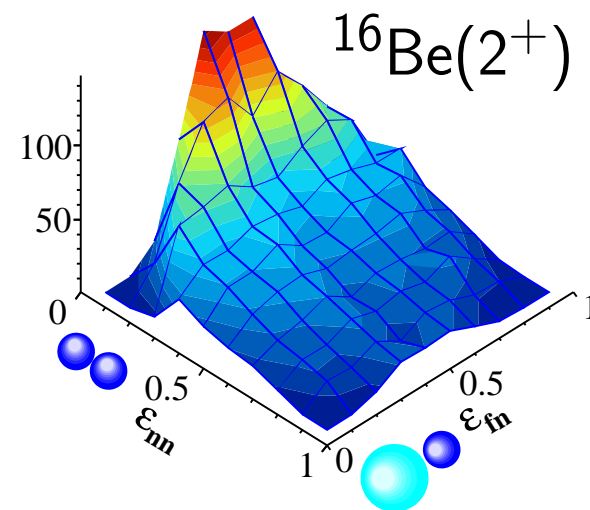
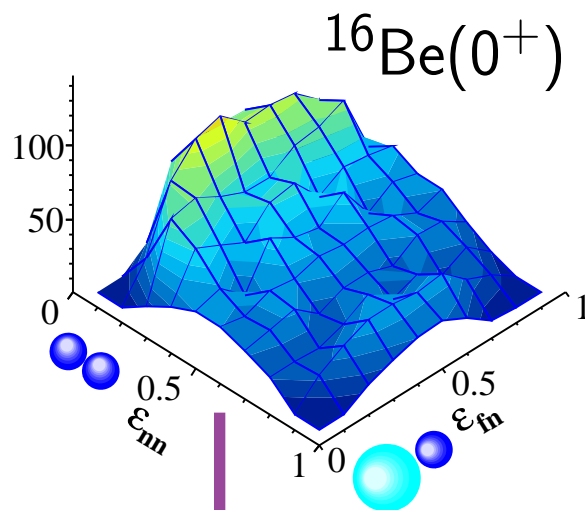
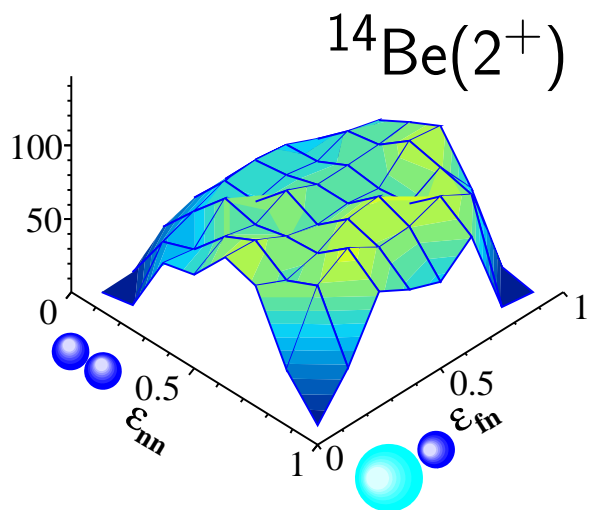


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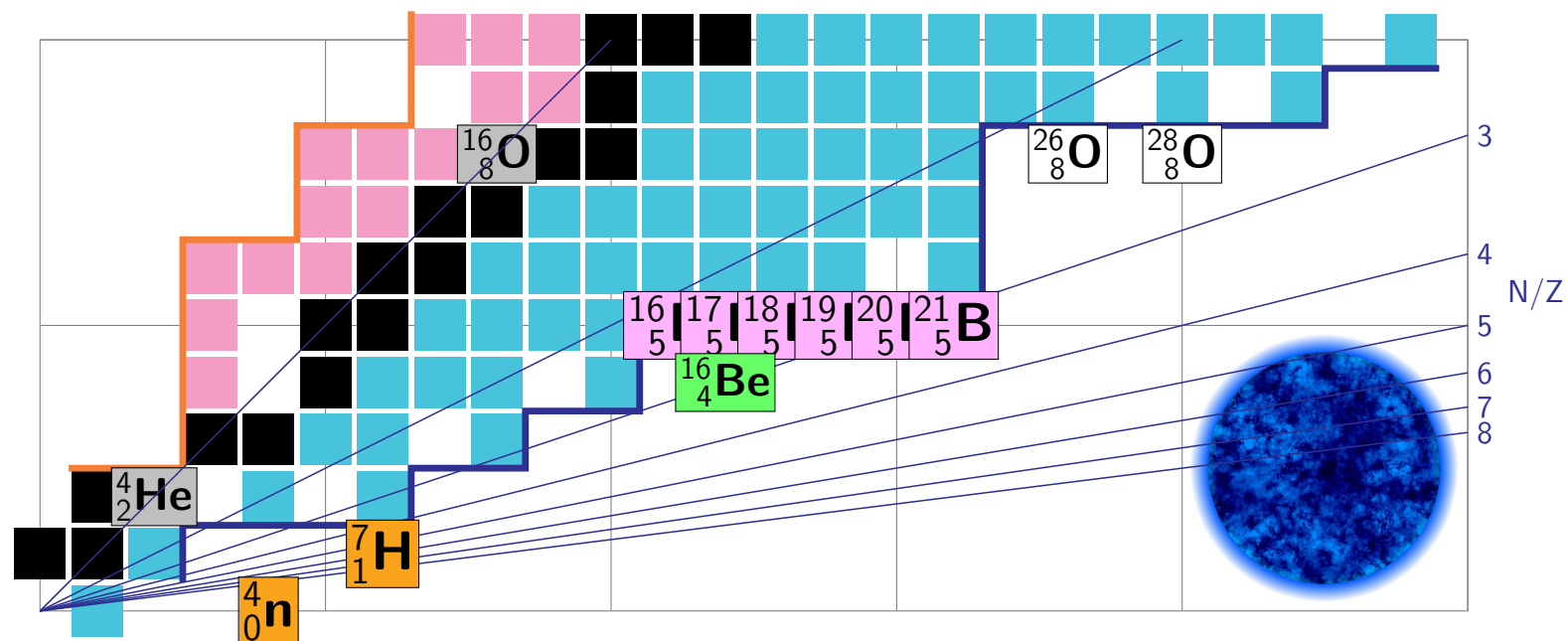
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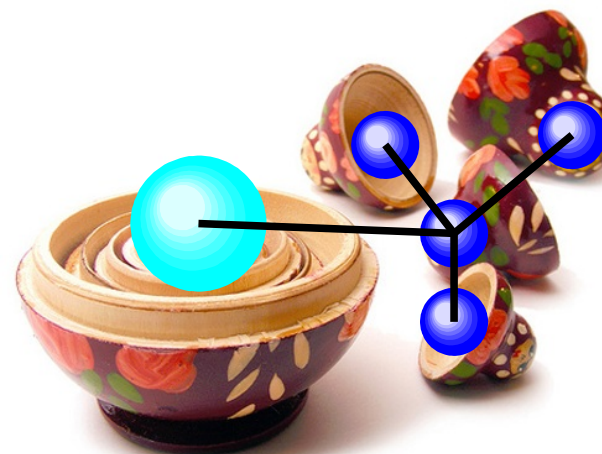
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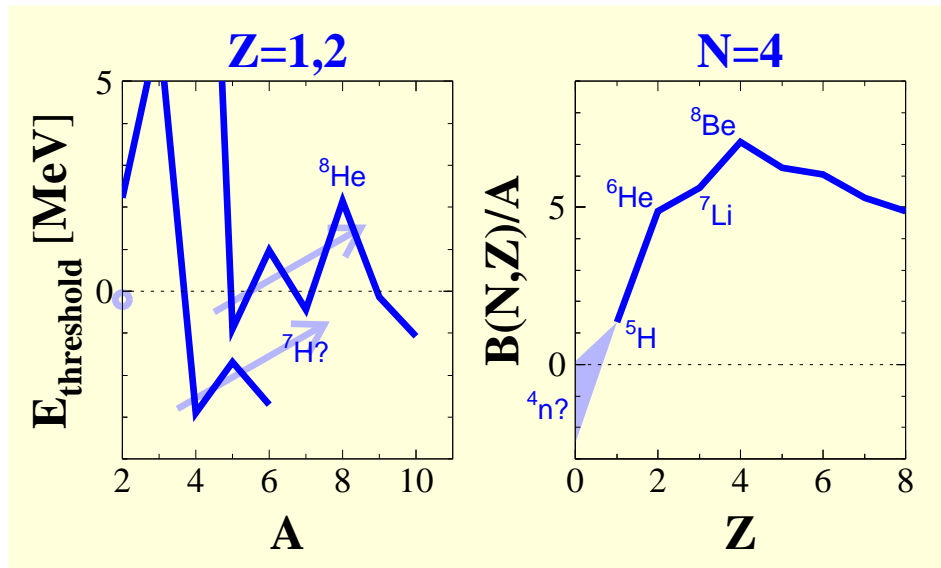
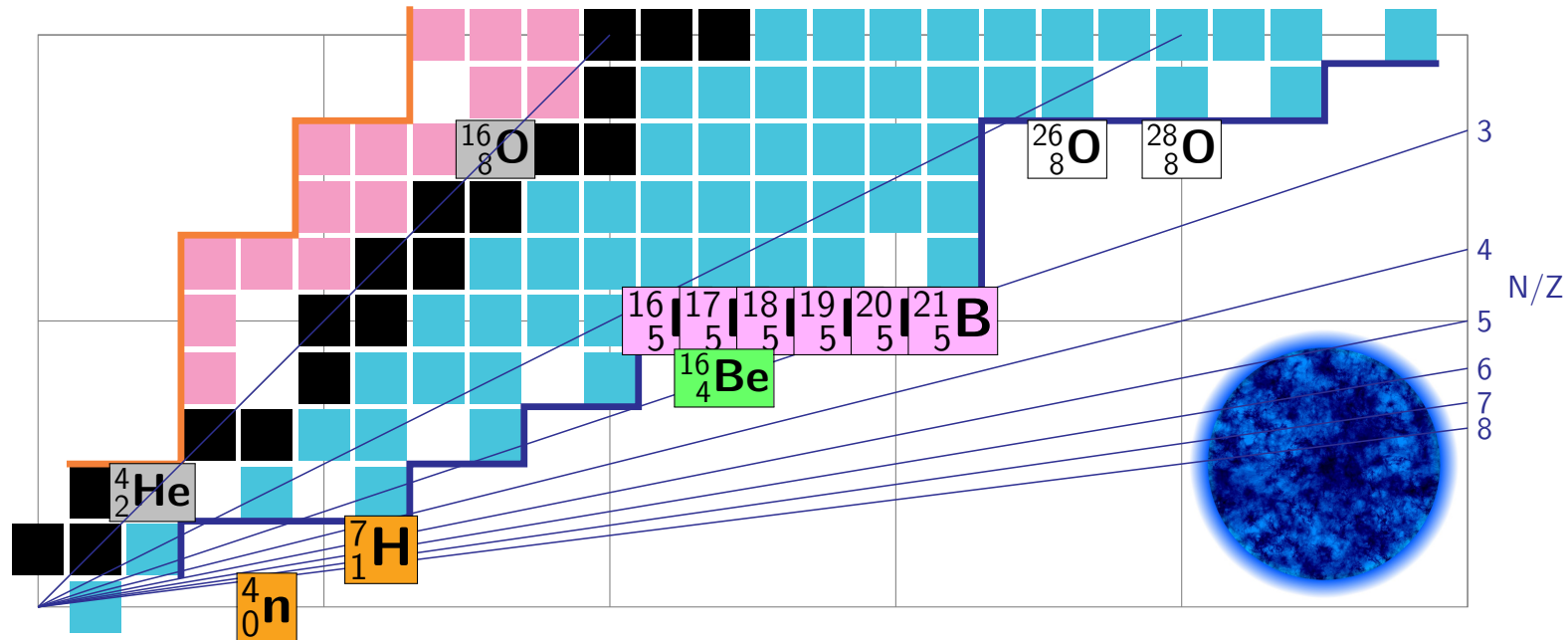
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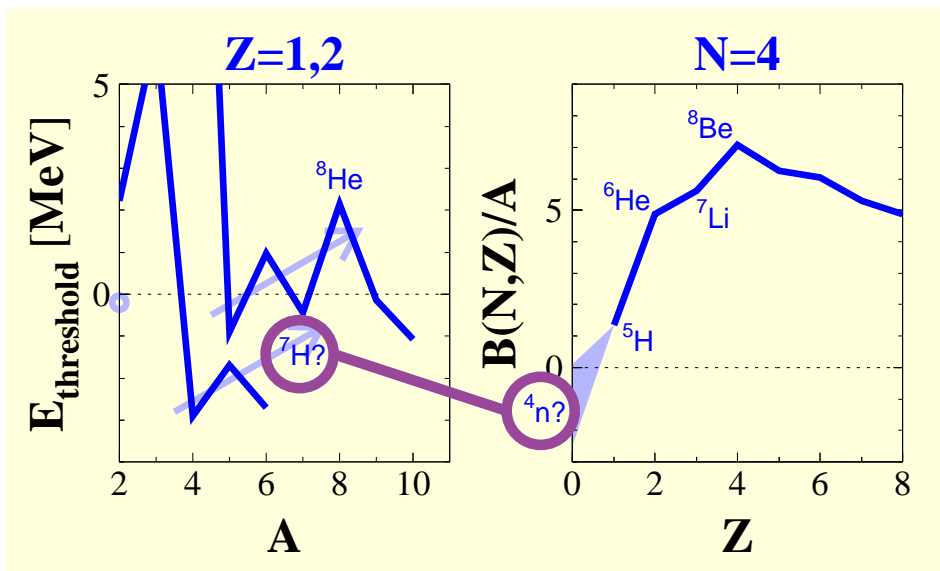
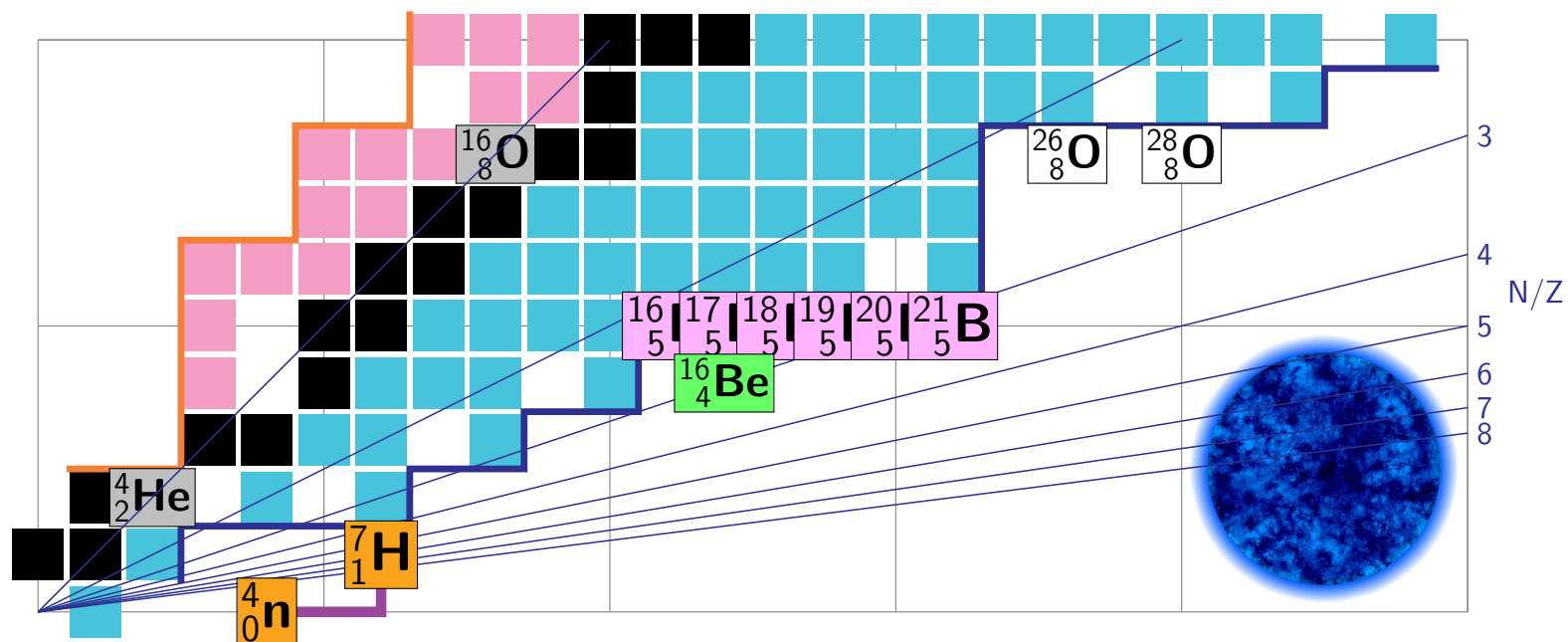
③ **Z=1** & **Z=0** (SAMURAI S34):

→ **multineutron** physics!



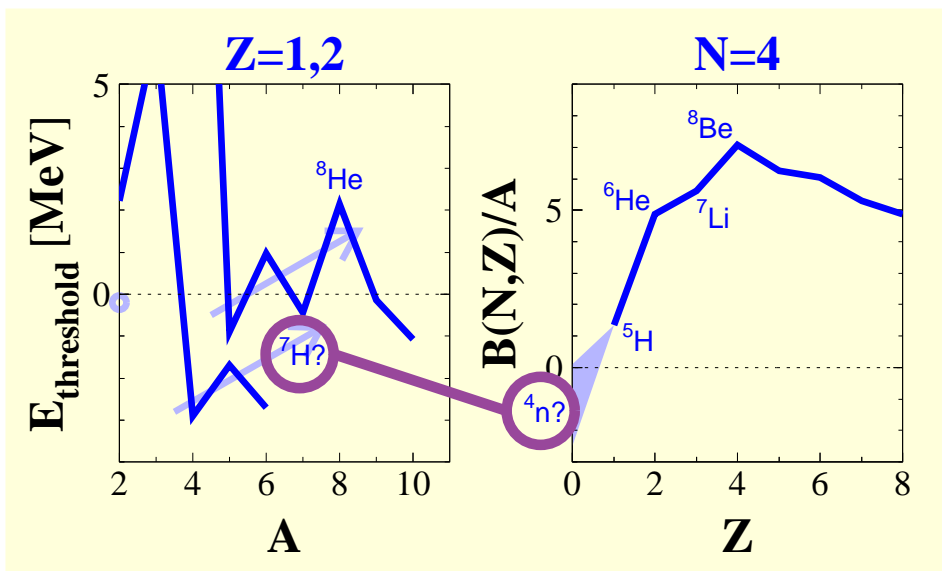
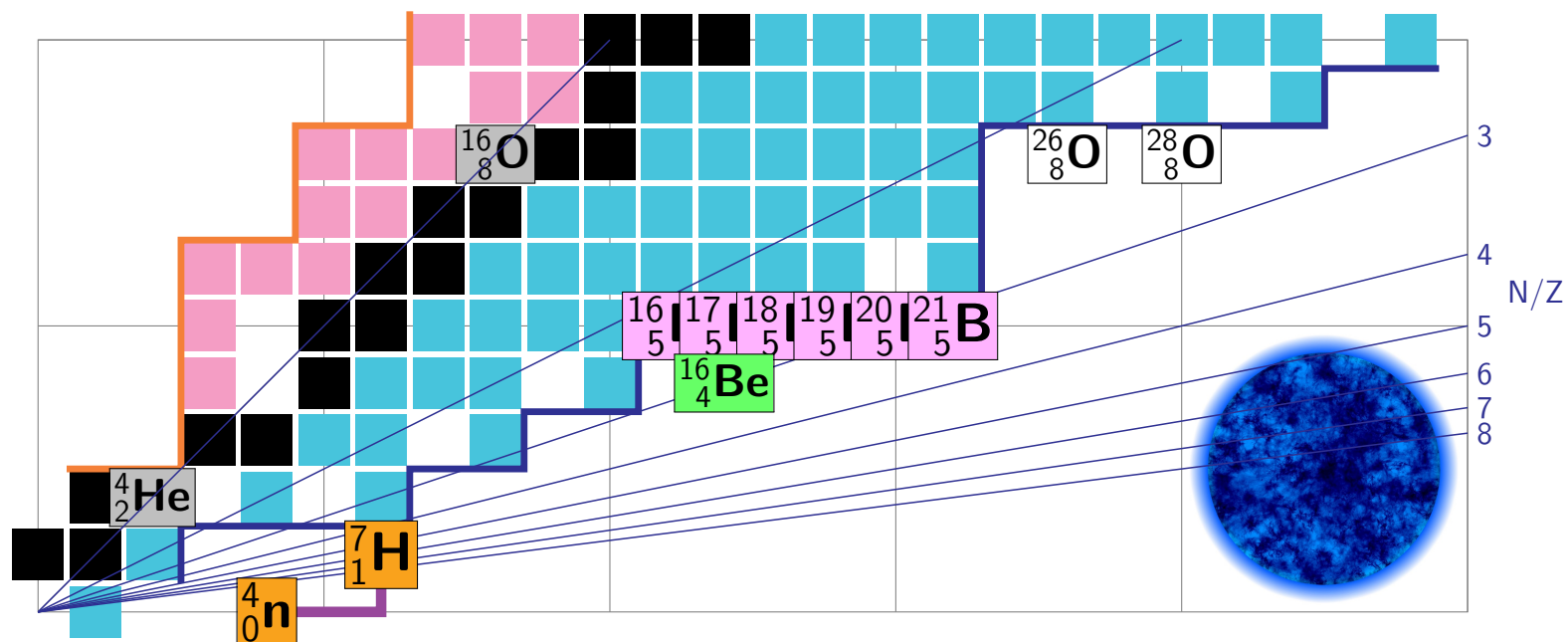
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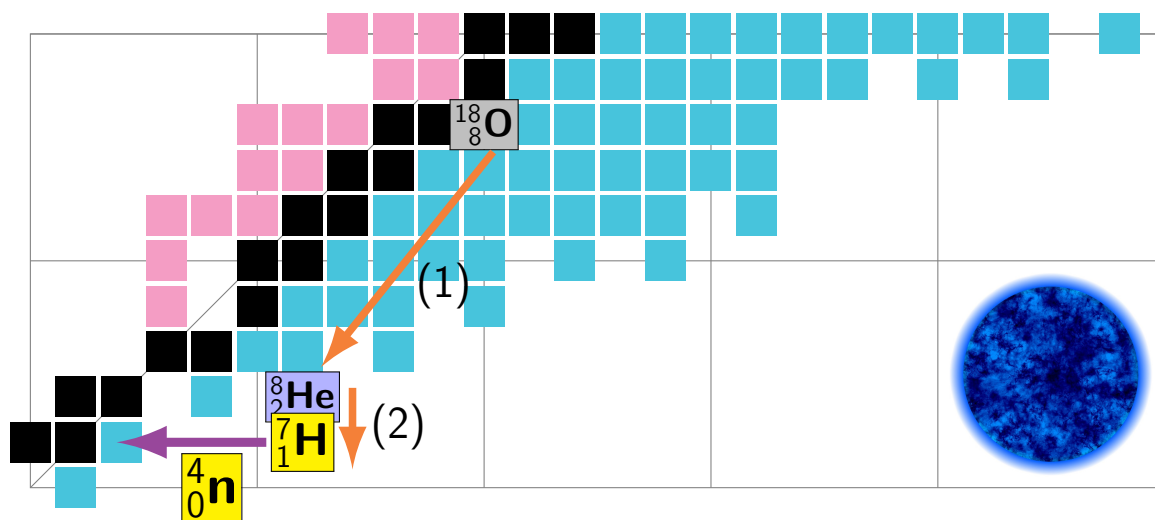
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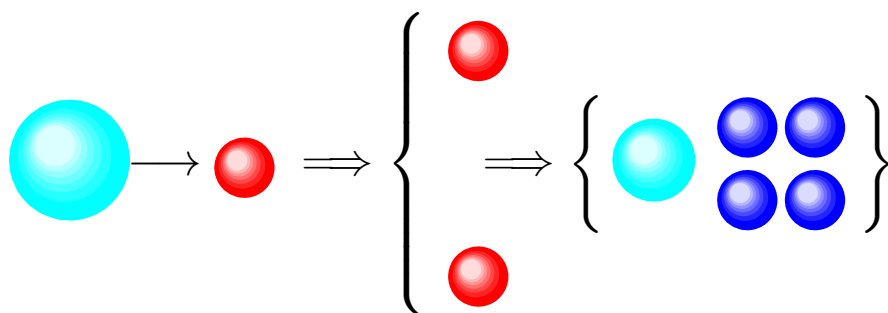
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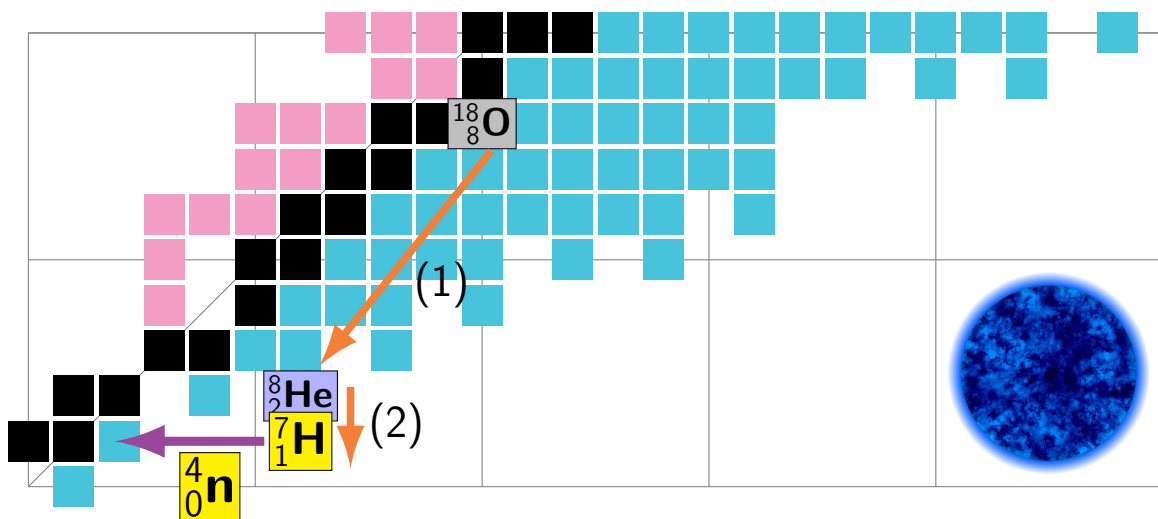


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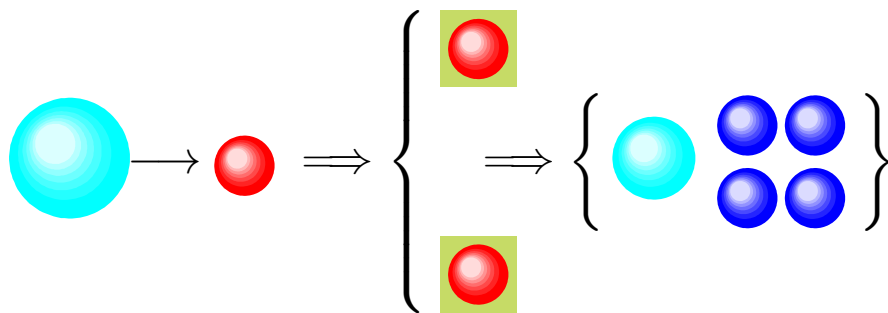


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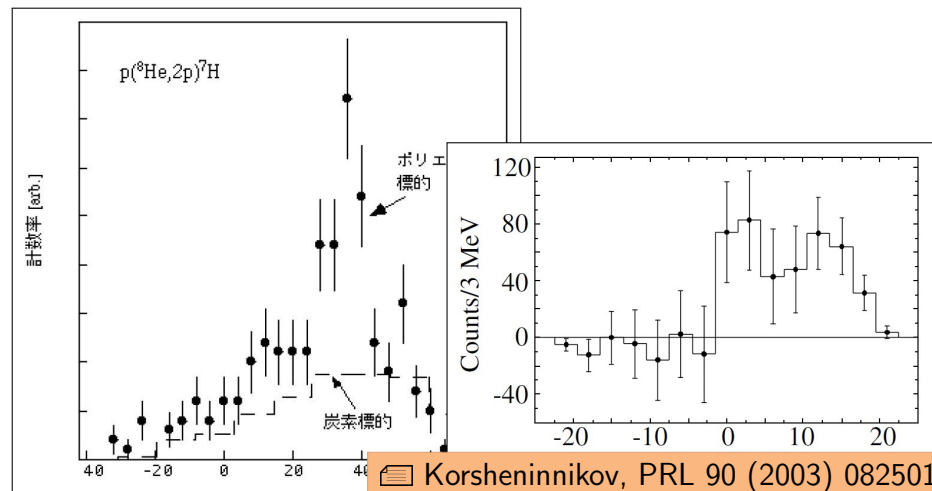


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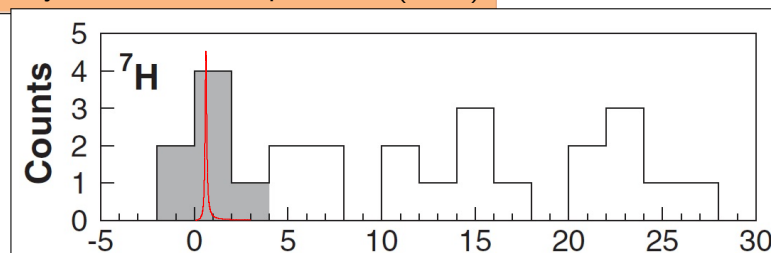
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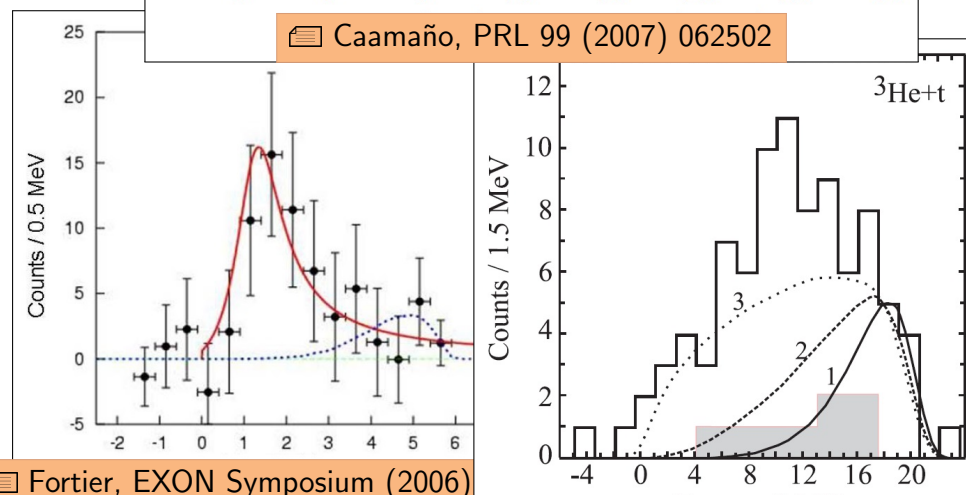


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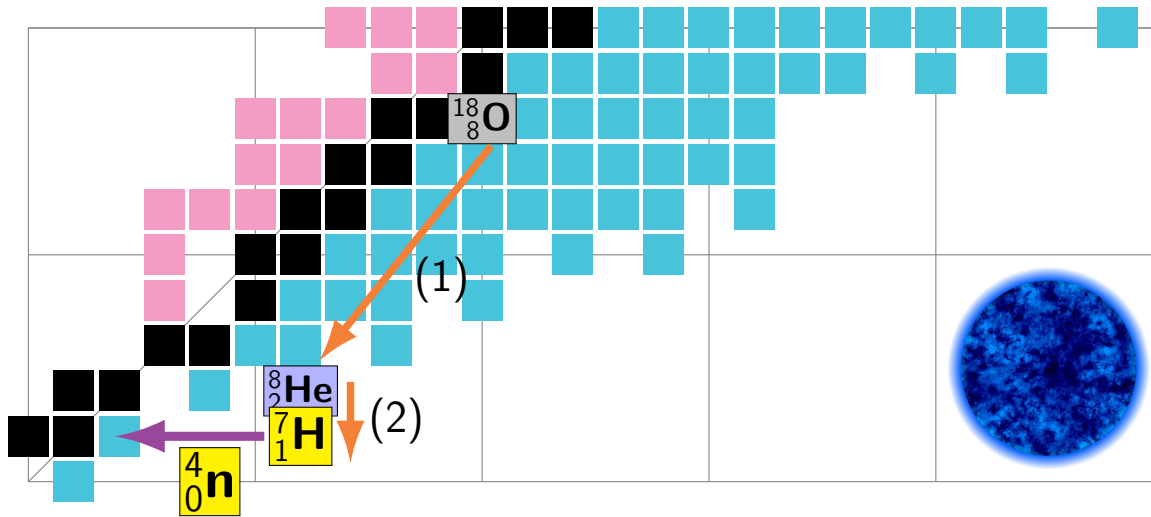


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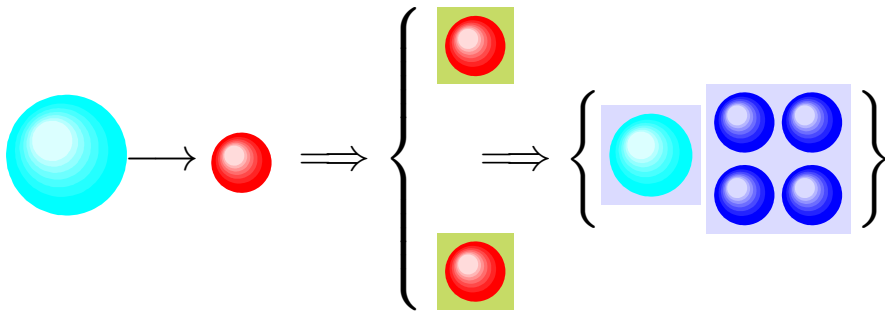


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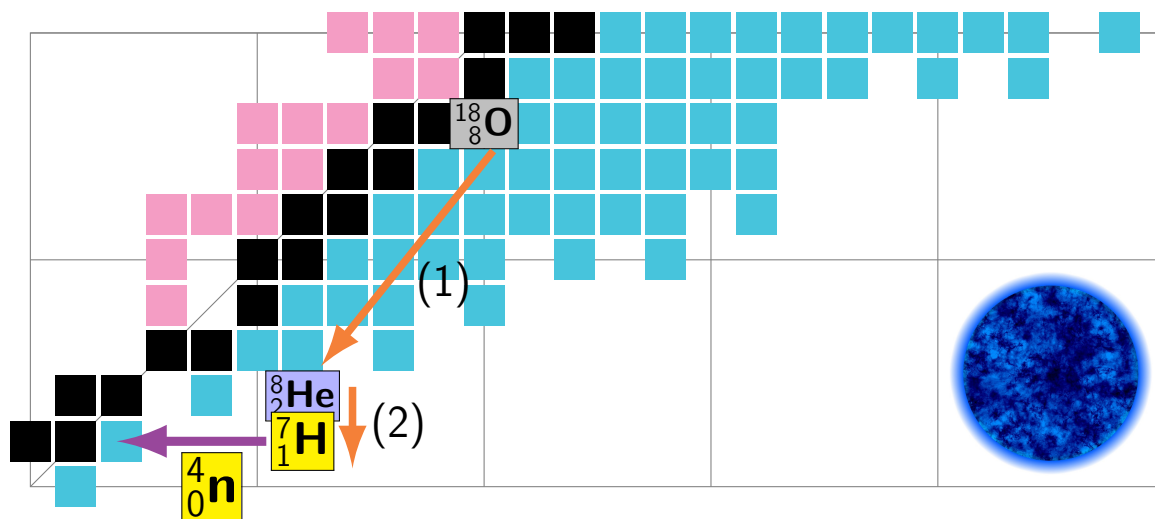
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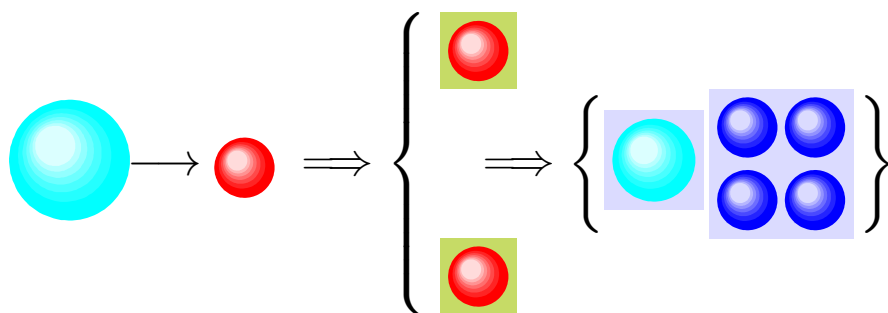
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 - proton energies (*efficiency*)
- **SAMURAI** :
 - triton momentum (*resolution & correlations*)
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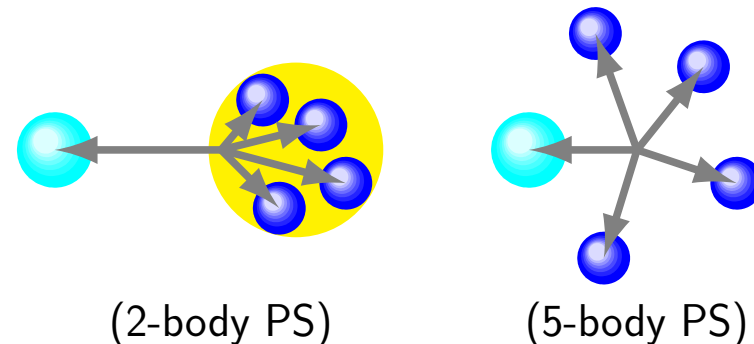
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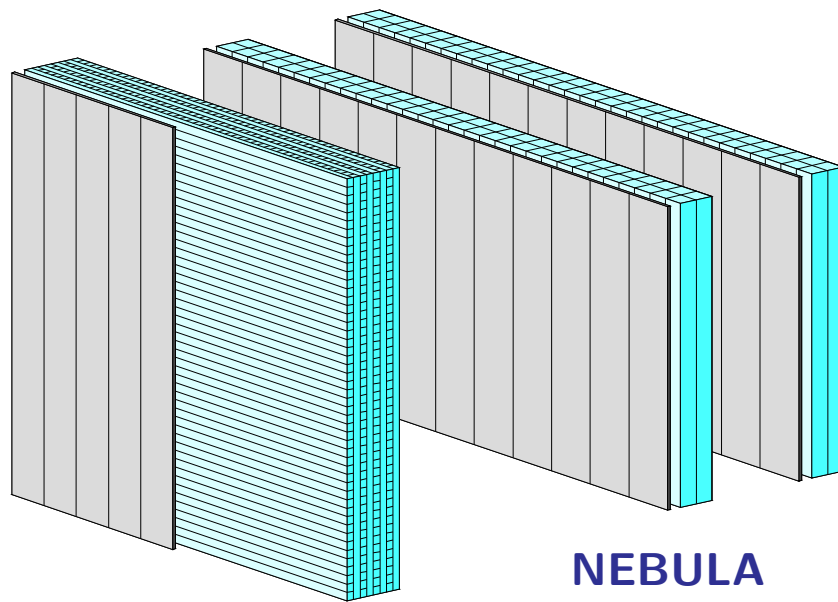
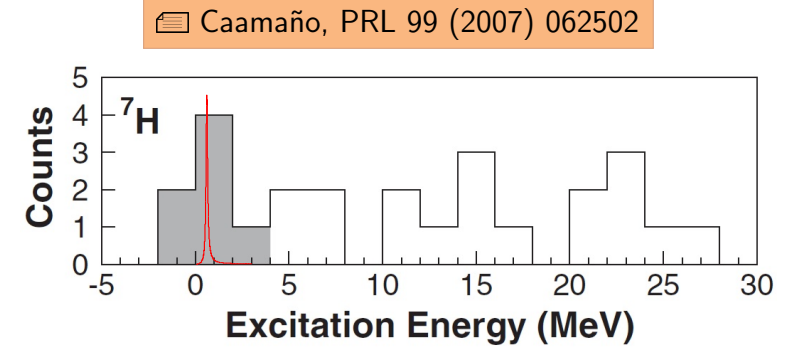
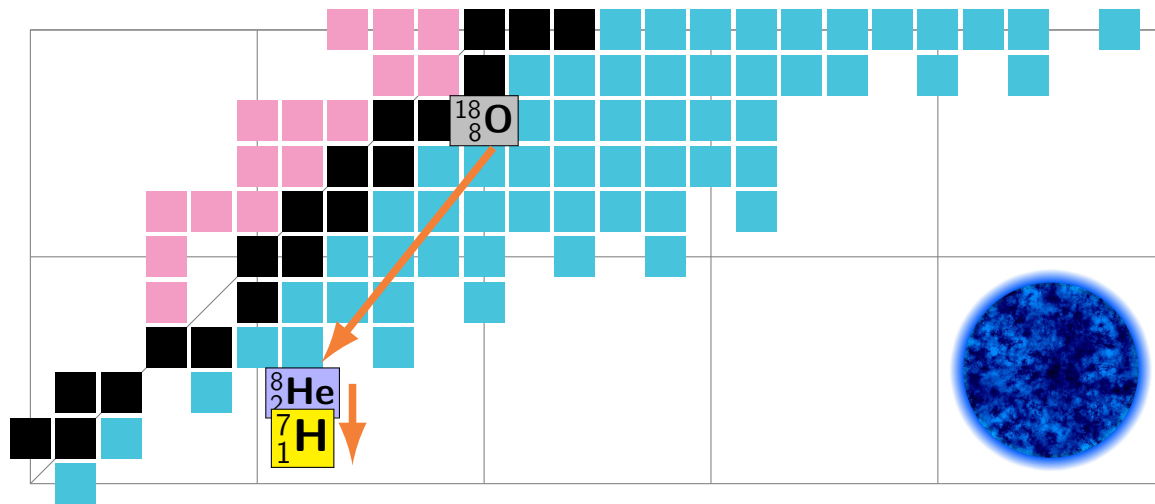
→ FWHM ~ few MeV → 100 keV !

→ (2p+t+3n) ~ 150 keV!

- **MINOS** liquid H target :
 - high luminosity (*statistics*)
 - proton angles (*resolution*)
- **DALI** NaI crystals :
 - proton energies (*efficiency*)
- **SAMURAI** :
 - triton momentum (*resolution & correlations*)
- **NEBULA + NeuLAND** :
 - 3/4 neutron momenta (*efficiency, resolution & correlations*)

angular correlations → E(4n) !

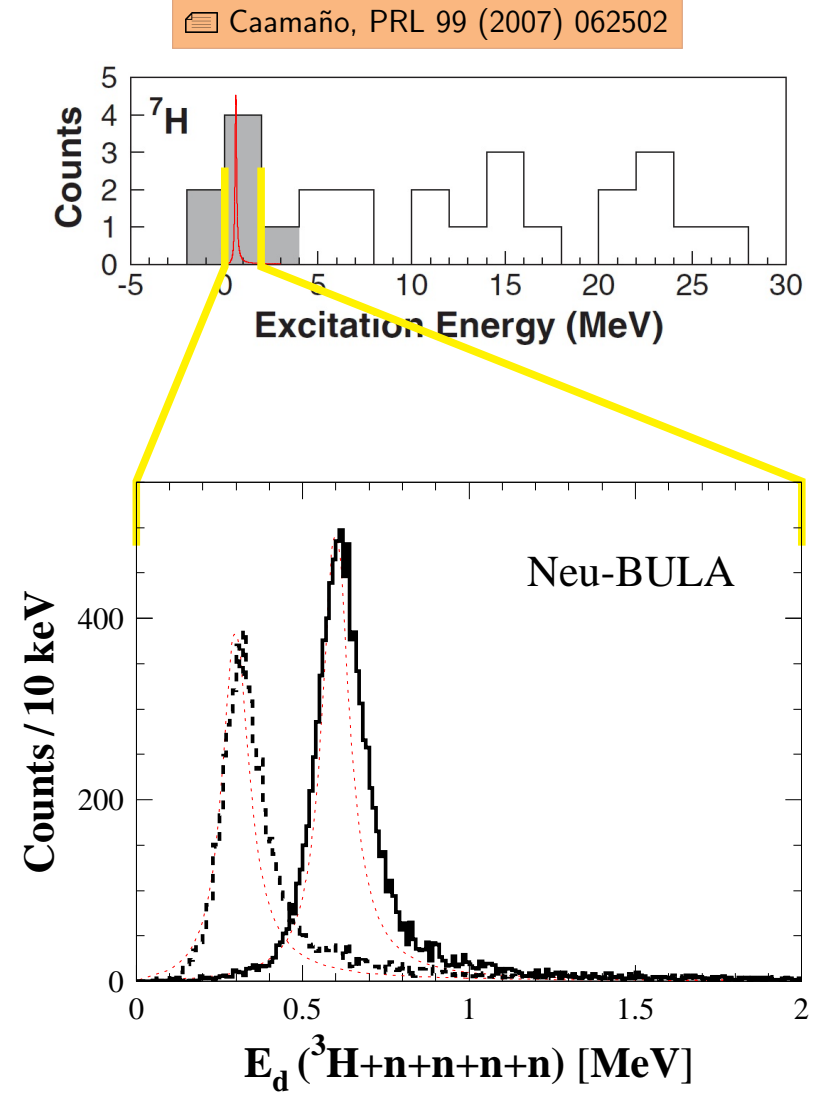
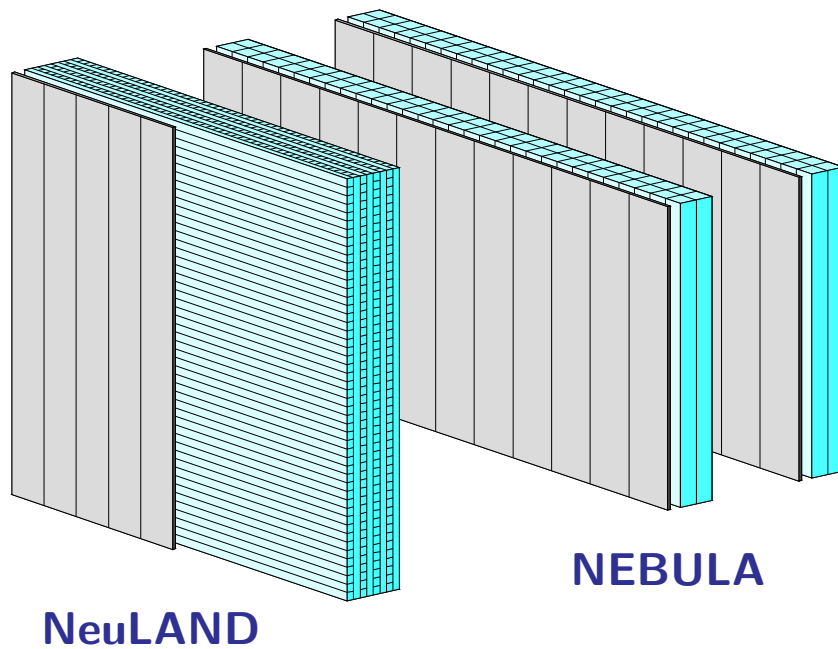
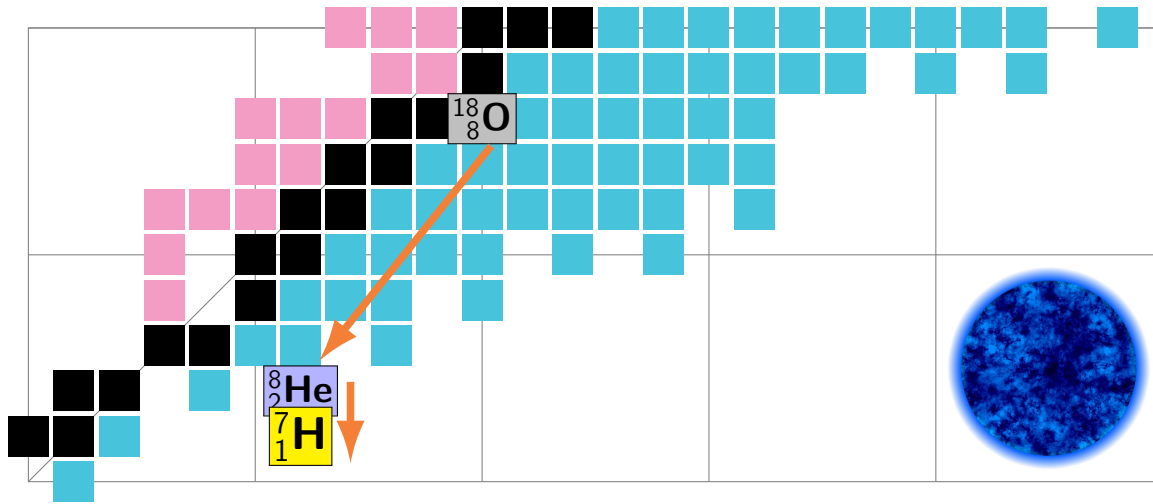


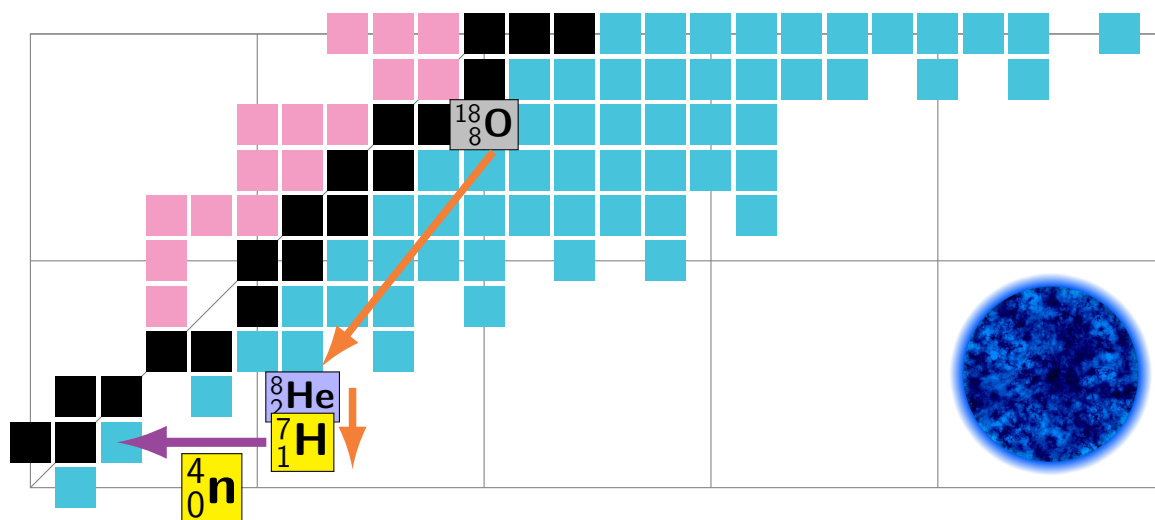


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Expected results: MC simulations





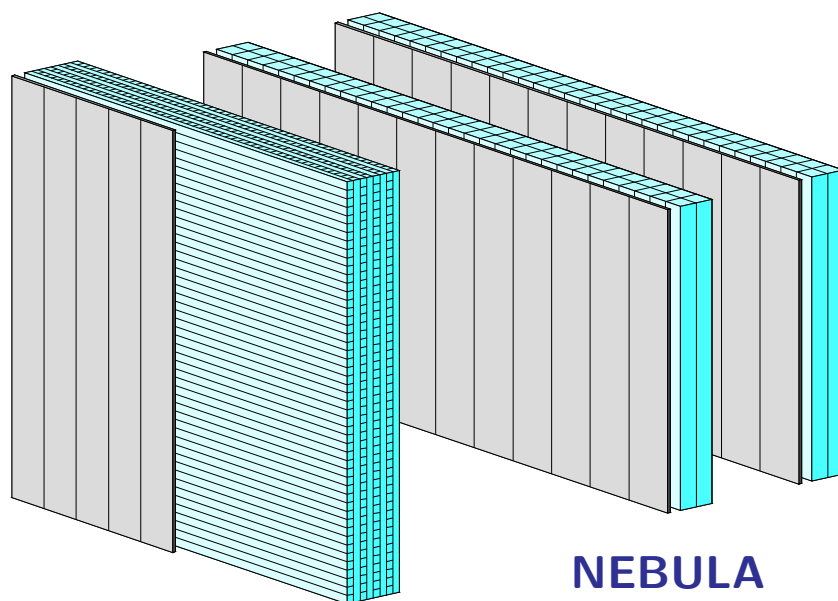
► Online analysis: ${}^8\text{He} (p, 2p) {}^3\text{H} + 4n$

✓ ${}^8\text{He}$ on target

✓ 2p detected

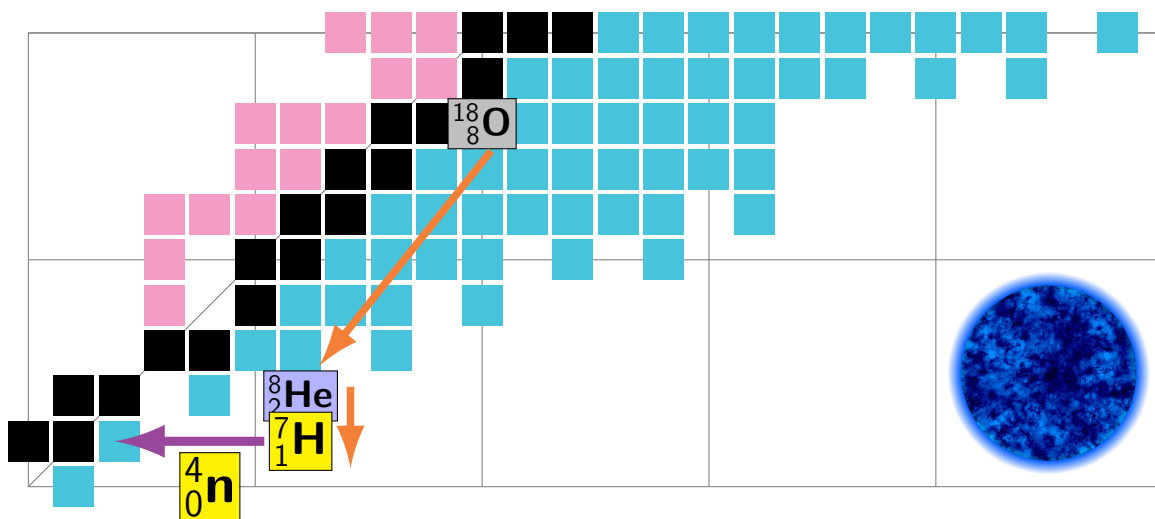
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→ ≥ 4 bars ???



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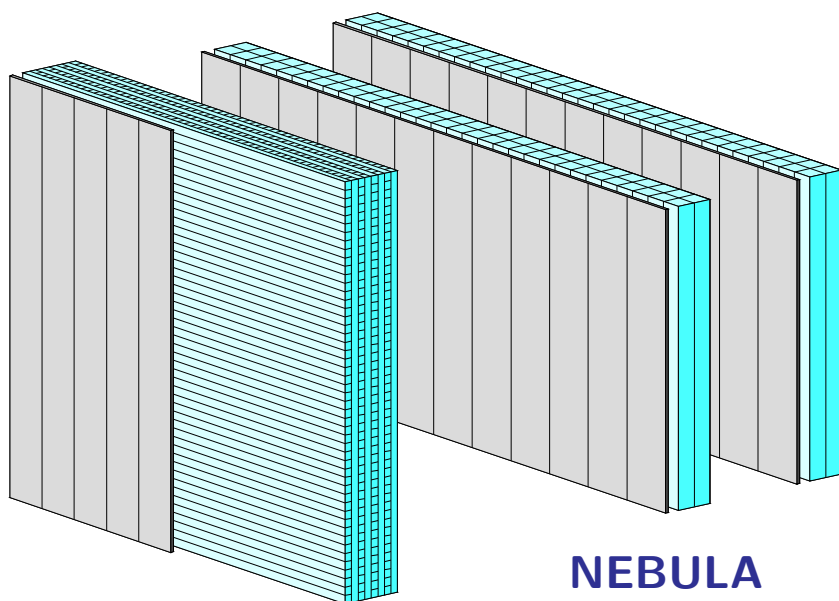
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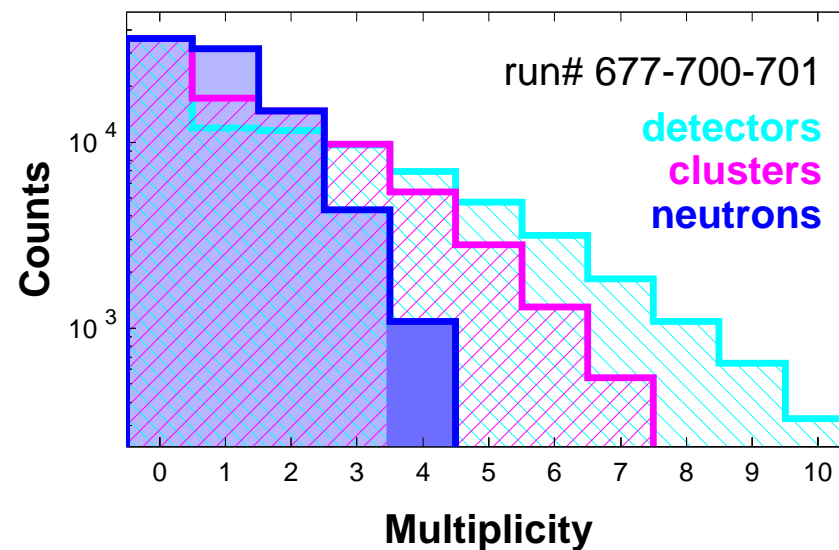
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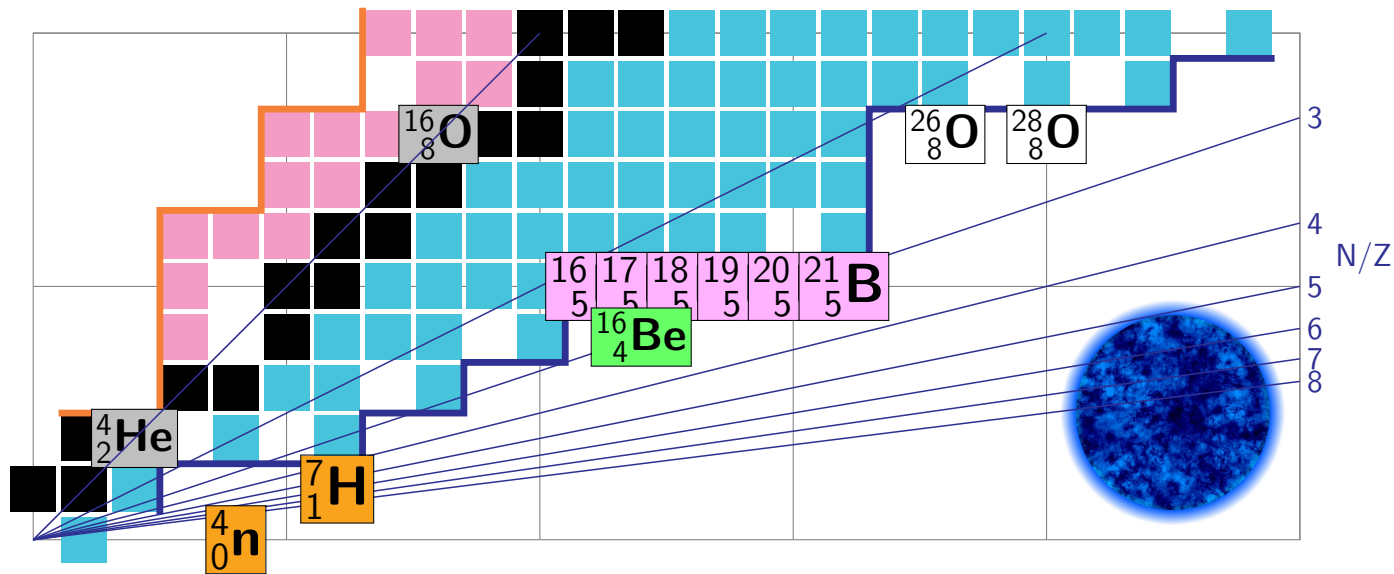
→ total events: $\approx 50\text{k}$!!!

→ still 1-2 years : calibrations ...









► Extreme N/Z regime :

- **Z=5** : exotic phenomena !
 - Efimov trimers ?
 - 2/4/6n emission ...
- **Z=4** : 2n emission from ^{16}Be !
- **Z=1** & **Z=0** : multineutron physics !
 - definitive location of ^7H & ^4n ...
 - benchmark for many-neutron models

