

$$m_n = 1.008665 \text{ u}$$

$$M(^1\text{H}) = 1.007825 \text{ u}$$

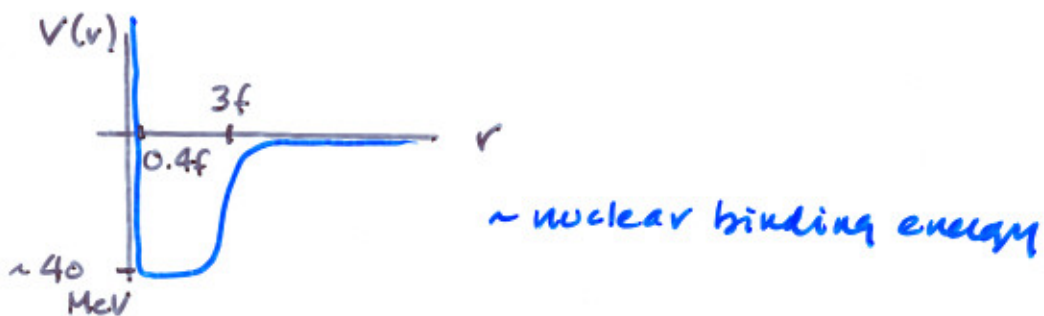
$$M(^2\text{H}) = 2.014102 \text{ u}$$

$$\frac{B}{c^2} = m_n + M(^1\text{H}) - M(^2\text{H}) = 0.002388 \text{ u}$$

converting $B/c^2 = (0.002388 \text{ u}) \left(\frac{931.5 \text{ MeV}/c^2}{\text{u}} \right)$
 $B = 2.224 \text{ MeV}$

which is a very loosely bound nucleus...

How to make a Deuteron?



\Rightarrow get 'em close and they stick.

... They can play catch with pions.

How tightly can a neutron & proton bind?

$$B = m_n c^2 + m_p c^2 - m_D c^2$$


aside: $m_{\text{atom}} c^2 = m_{\text{nucleus}} c^2 + Z m_e c^2 + \text{electron binding}$

\downarrow \downarrow \downarrow
 $\sim 10^9 - 10^{10} \text{ eV}$ $10^6 - 10^8 \text{ eV}$ $10 - 10^5 \text{ eV}$

nuclear mass of Hydrogen = ~~m_p~~ $m_H - m_e$

nuclear mass of Deuterium = $m_D - m_e$

$$B = m_n c^2 + [m({}^1\text{H}) c^2 - \underline{m_e}] c^2 - [m({}^2\text{H}) - \underline{m_e}] c^2$$



$$B = [m_n + m({}^1\text{H}) - m({}^2\text{H})] c^2$$

cancellation of m_e 's always happens ... so for

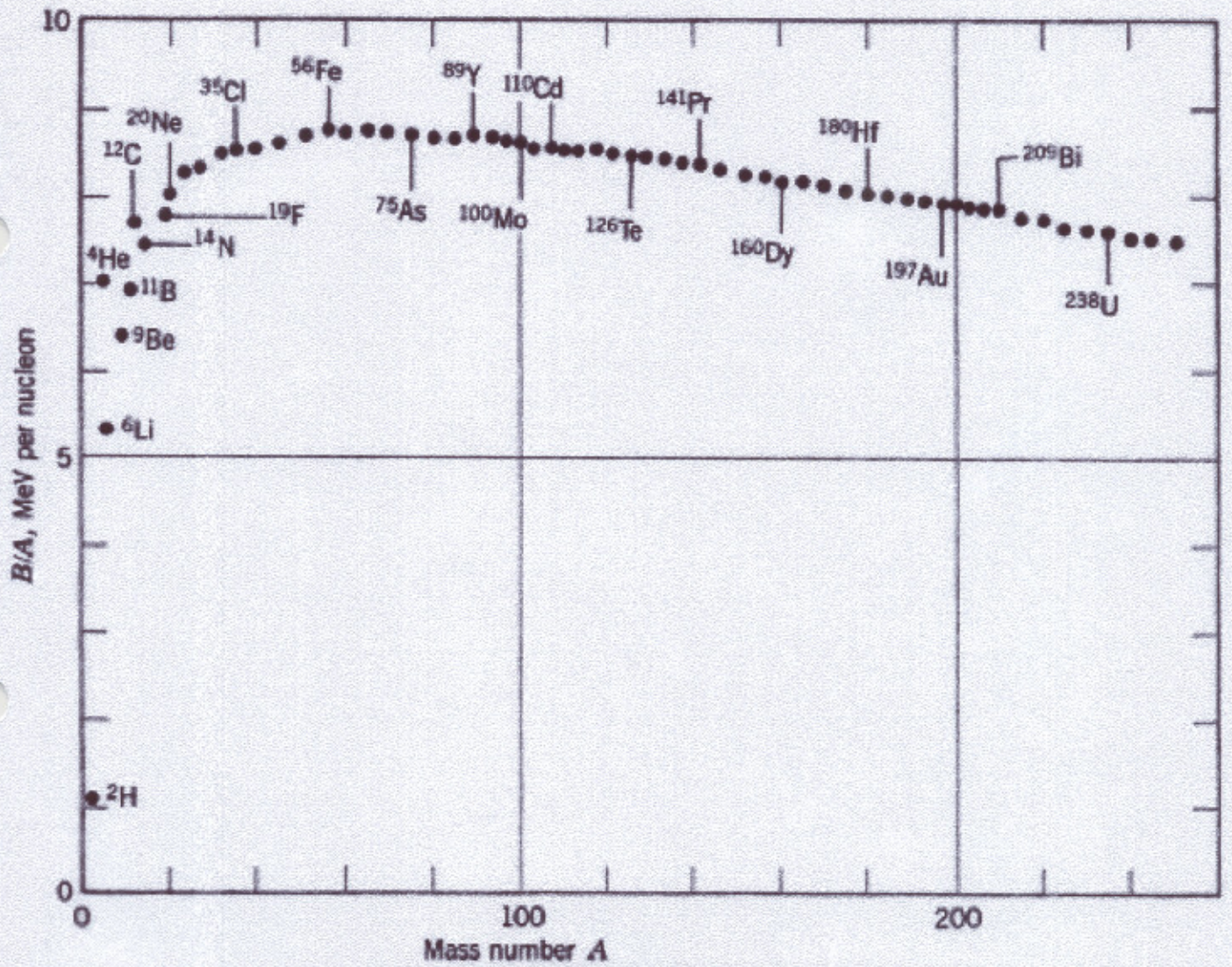
$${}^A_Z X_N :$$

$$B = [N m_n + Z m({}^1\text{H}_0) - m({}^A_Z X_N)] c^2$$

using atomic masses

your book:

$$B = [N m_n + Z M({}^1\text{H}_0) - M({}^A_Z X_N)] c^2$$



Binding energy per nucleon?



$$M({}^9_4\text{Be}) = 9.0121 \text{ u}$$

$$\begin{aligned} B &= [(5)(1.008665 \text{ u}) + (4)(1.007276 \text{ u}) - 9.0121 \text{ u}] (931.5 \frac{\text{MeV}}{\text{u}}) \\ &= (5.043325 + 4.029104 - 9.0121) (931.5 \text{ MeV}) \\ &= (0.060329)(931.5 \text{ MeV}) \end{aligned}$$

$$B({}^9_4\text{Be}) = 56.196 \text{ MeV.}$$

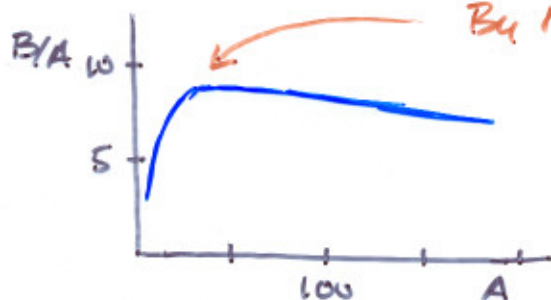
per nucleon: $\frac{B}{A} = B({}^9_4\text{Be})/\text{nucleon} = \frac{56.196 \text{ MeV}}{9} = 6.24 \text{ MeV}$

likewise

$$\frac{B}{A} = 492.3 \text{ MeV}$$

$${}^{56}_{26}\text{Fe} \Rightarrow \frac{B}{A} = 8.791$$

$$\frac{B}{A} = 7.571 \text{ MeV}$$



By the time all nucleons are ~ surrounded by others -- there is a saturation
← ~ 8 MeV/nucleon

Nuclear Models...

very much a "phenomenological" exercise.

Two broad models, historically.

Liquid Drop Model - Bohr 1936

nucleons act like molecules confined to a drop of fluid... Bohr had fission in mind.

Three influences:

1. Volume effect.

$$\text{since } B/A \sim \text{constant, } B \propto A \\ \propto V$$

2. Surface effect.



nuclei on surface will reduce the overall binding energy.

3. Coulomb repulsion.

total Coulomb energy ~ work required to assemble Z protons from ∞ to the volume of nucleus.

$$\propto \frac{Z(Z-1)}{A^{1/3}}$$

led to the "semi empirical binding energy formula"

$$B\left(\frac{A}{Z}X_N\right) = a_V A - a_A A^{2/3} - \frac{3}{5} \frac{Z(Z-1)e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} - a_S \frac{(N-Z)^2}{A} + \delta$$

fitting to data -- for $A \gtrsim 15$:

$$a_V = 14 \text{ MeV} \quad \text{"volume"}$$

$$a_A = 13 \text{ MeV} \quad \text{"surface"}$$

$$a_S = 19 \text{ MeV} \quad \text{"symmetry"}$$

$$\delta = \begin{cases} +\Delta & \text{even-even} \\ 0 & \text{even-odd} \\ -\Delta & \text{odd-odd.} \end{cases} \quad \Delta = 33 \text{ MeV} \cdot A^{-3/4}$$

"pairing"

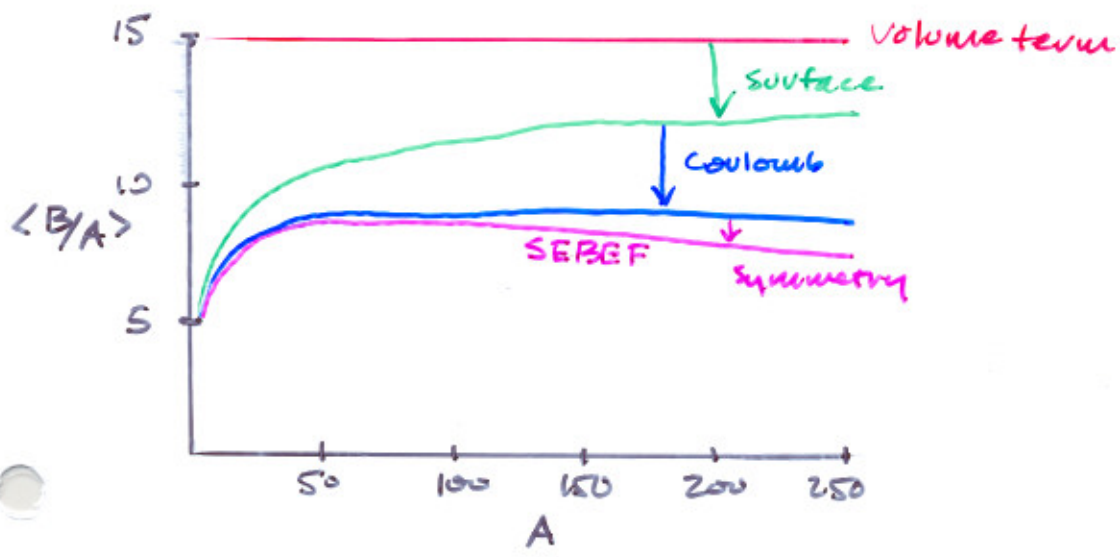
Independent Particle Model ("Shell Model")

each nucleon moves in a well-defined

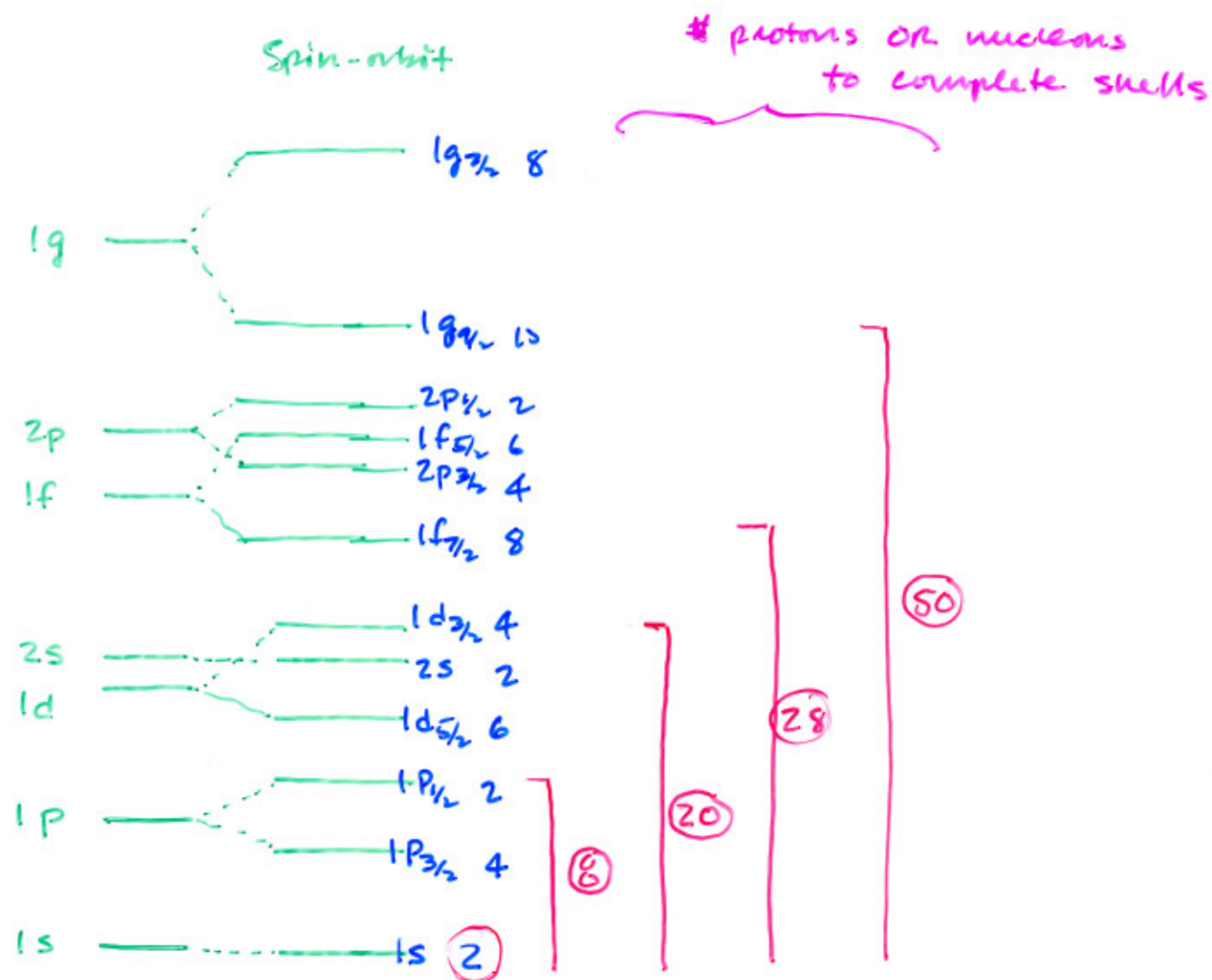
quantum mechanical orbit \Rightarrow quantized orbit.

— in the ^{average} potential created by all of the other nucleons.

... like a Fermi gas in some ways.



For a square-well-like nuclear potential, we found



nuclear closed shells - like Noble gases

- very stable



Maria Goepfert Mayer

1963

d number of identical nucleons in a state j give a total spin j and a magnetic moment of a single particle in that state.

For a given nucleus the "pairing energy" of the same orbit is greater for orbits with

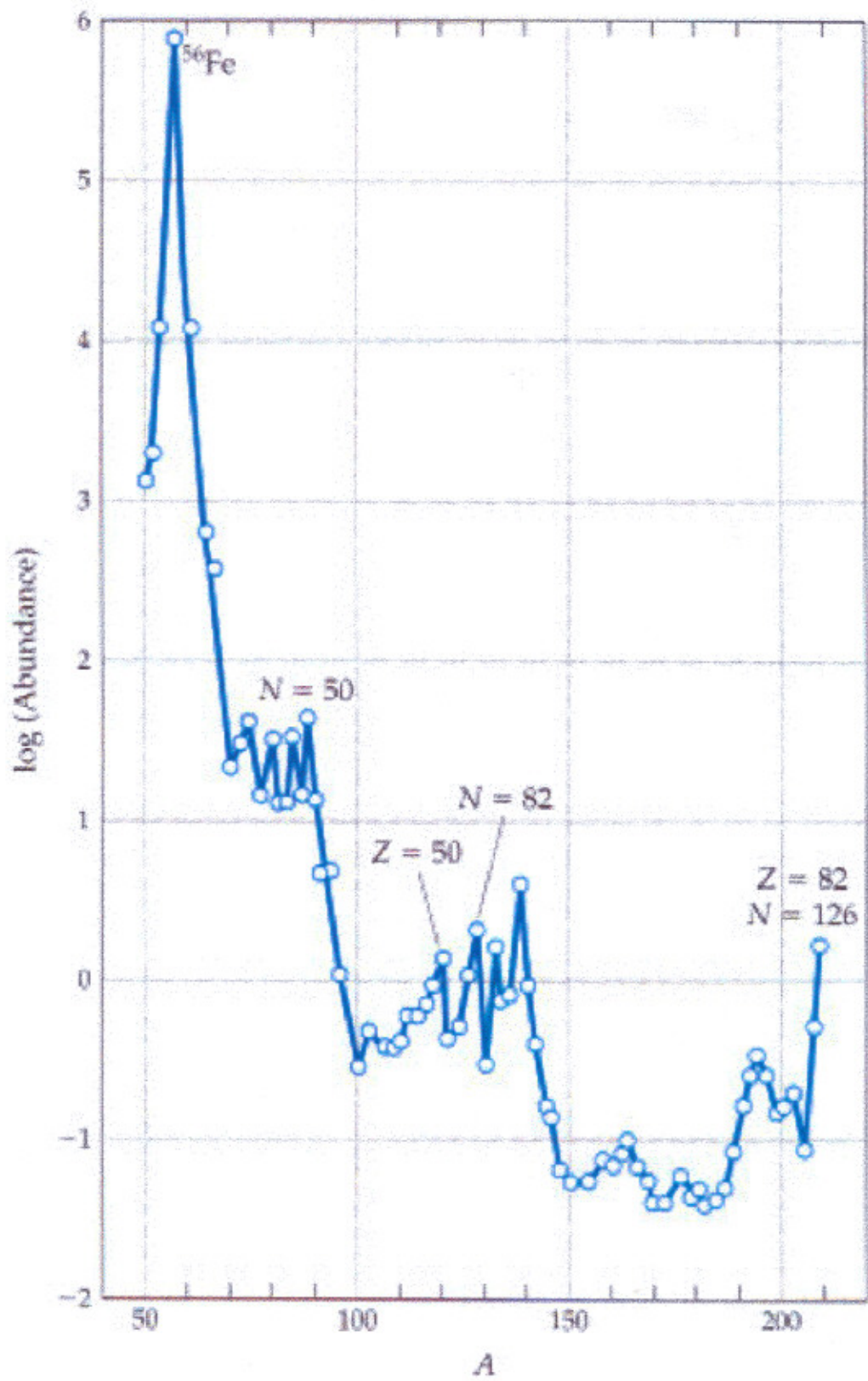
assumption leads to the prediction that the value appears less often as the spin of odd the energy order of Table II predicts. For the $3s_{1/2}$ level has slightly lower energy than the pairing energy of $h_{11/2}$ exceeds that of $s_{1/2}$ in this difference, the spin $11/2$ would not be observed, but $1/2$ would be observed instead. Some theoretical justification for assumptions and this will be discussed in the next paper. Assumption 2 has the consequence that all even-even nuclei have spin zero. The main testing ground for the theory consists then in the spins and magnetic moments of the nuclei of odd A . According to the theory we will adopt for these nuclei the extreme Schmidt picture, ascribing both spin and magnetic moment to the last odd proton or neutron.

MAGNETIC MOMENTS OF ODD A NUCLEI

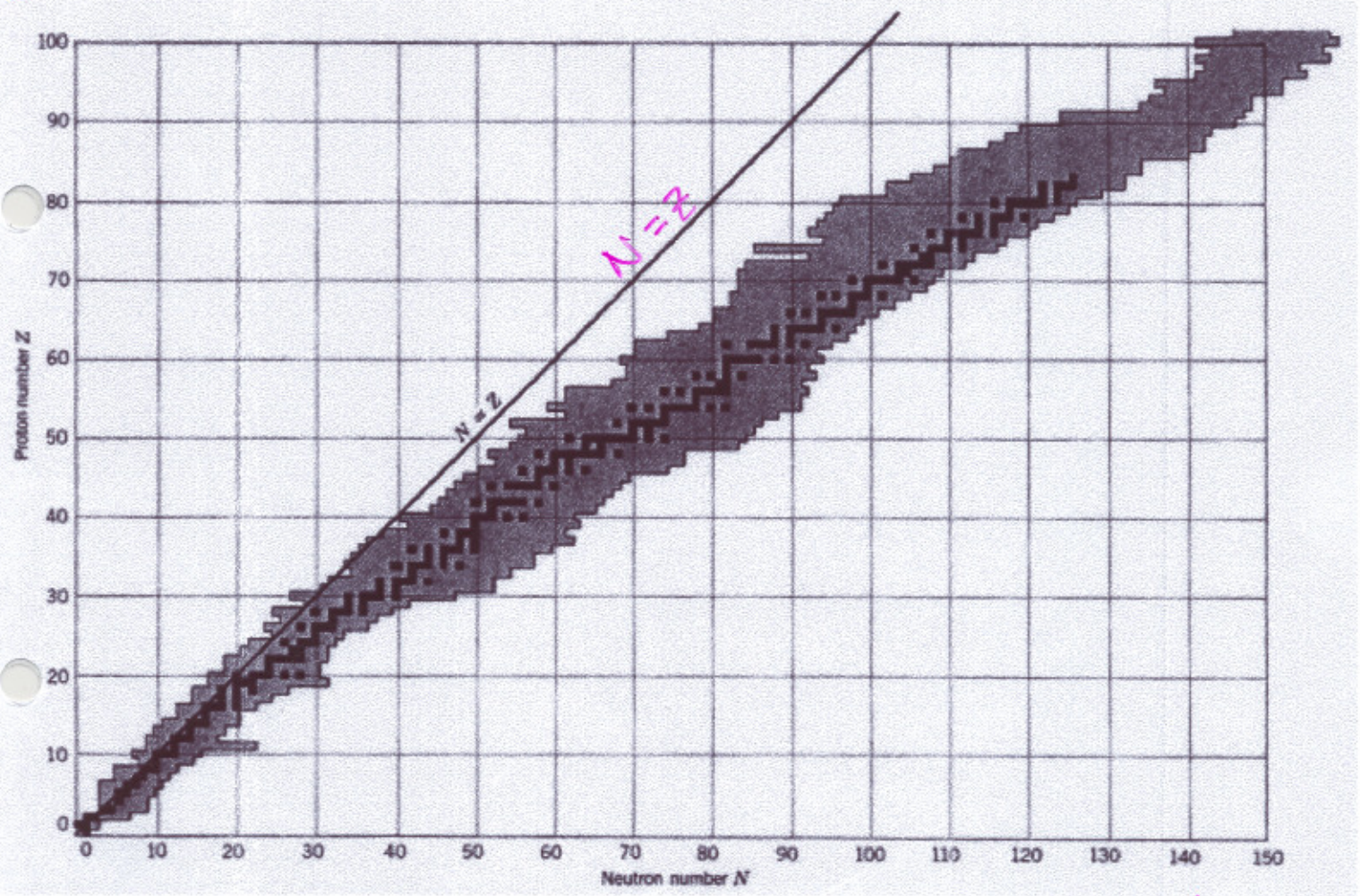
If assumption 3 were exactly correct, the magnetic moments of all odd nuclei could be computed by the theory from the known gyromagnetic ratios of the proton and neutron. The two possible cases, $l = j - \frac{1}{2}$ and $l = j + \frac{1}{2}$ for given j value lead to two computed values of magnetic moment μ against j for odd A nuclei with odd neutron number and two (different) values for odd A nuclei with odd proton number. These theoretical values will be referred to as "Schmidt lines." The experimental values lie in between the Schmidt lines, and often coincide with them. For each j value the experimental moments seem to fall into two groups, one close to the line corresponding to $l = j + \frac{1}{2}$, and the other scattered from near the line corresponding to $l = j - \frac{1}{2}$ about halfway. It turns out that the assignments made attributes to the first group an odd l value, state $l = j + \frac{1}{2}$, to the second one $l = j - \frac{1}{2}$. In the following discussion l -values as derived from magnetic moments will be quoted only if the magnetic moment of

TABLE II. Order of energy levels obtained from those of a square well potential by spin-orbit coupling.

Osc. no.	Square well	Spin term	No. of states	Shells	Total no.				
0	1s	$1s_{1/2}$	2	2	2				
1	1p	$1p_{3/2}$	4	6	8				
		$1p_{1/2}$	2						
2	1d	$1d_{5/2}$	6	12	20				
		$1d_{3/2}$	4						
		$2s_{1/2}$	2						
		2s	2						
3	1f	$1f_{7/2}$	8	22	28				
		$1f_{5/2}$	6						
		$2p_{3/2}$	4						
		$2p_{1/2}$	2						
		2p	2						
		$1g_{7/2}$	10						
4	1g	$1g_{7/2}$	8	32	50				
		$2d_{5/2}$	6						
		$2d_{3/2}$	4						
		3s	2						
		$1h_{11/2}$	12						
		5	1h			$1h_{9/2}$	10	44	82
						$2f_{7/2}$	8		
						$2f_{5/2}$	6		
$3p_{3/2}$	4								
$3p_{1/2}$	2								
3p	2								
$1i_{13/2}$	14								
$1i_{11/2}$	14								
6	1i	$1i_{11/2}$	14	44	126				
		2g	10						
		3d	10						
		4s	2						



Z



N

Shell Model and Stability -- makes some sense.

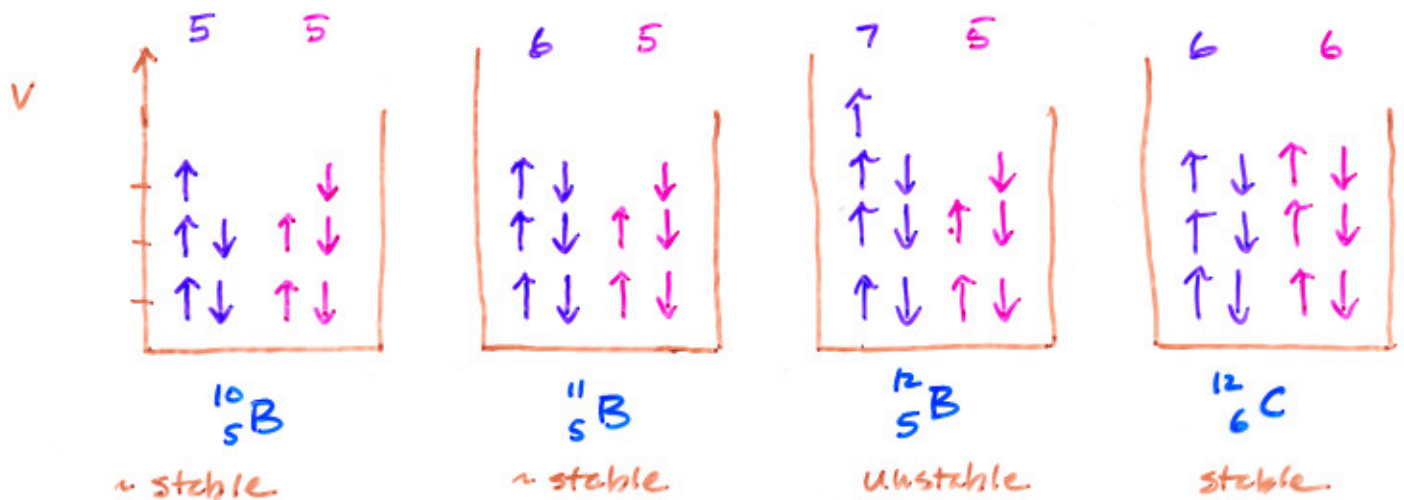
Nucleus Z - N	# stable nuclei	# very long lived nuclei
even - even	155	11
even - odd	53	3
odd - even	50	3
odd - odd	4	5

Want to be really stable?

Be a nucleus with an even # protons and even # neutrons.

Why? Pauli Exclusion.

↑ neutron ↑ proton



Radioactivity.

Conserved:

1. nuclear number, A
2. electric charge, net.
3. energy
4. momentum.
5. angular momentum.

3 kinds of nuclear radioactive decay:

1. alpha decay. ${}^4\text{He}$
2. beta decay. e^- or e^+ (β^- or β^+)
3. gamma decay. γ

Generic description -

$N = \#$ nuclei present

The rate at which they decay

$$- \frac{\Delta N}{\Delta t} = \text{Activity, } R \propto N$$

so,

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = -\lambda N$$

λ - "decay constant"

or

$$\frac{dN}{N} = -\lambda dt$$

$$\int_{N_0}^N \frac{dN}{N} = -\lambda \int_0^t dt$$

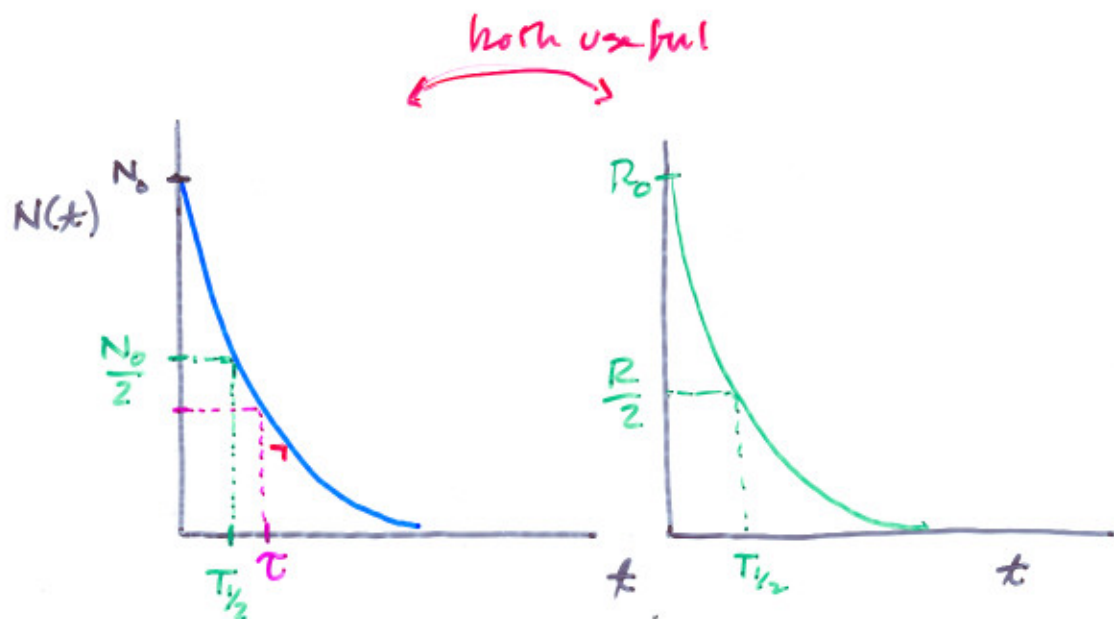
$$\ln\left(\frac{N}{N_0}\right) = -\lambda t$$

$$N = N_0 e^{-\lambda t}$$

obviously $N_0 = \#$
at $t=0$.

Decay Rate

$$R \equiv \left| \frac{dN}{dt} \right| = N_0 \lambda e^{-\lambda t} = R_0 e^{-\lambda t}$$



Two standard "measures" of the particular decay.

Half-life: time it takes for a sample to decay $1/2$

of its original number, $T_{1/2}$

$$N = \frac{N_0}{2} = N_0 e^{-\lambda T_{1/2}}$$

$$e^{\lambda T_{1/2}} = 2$$

$$\lambda T_{1/2} = \ln 2$$

$$T_{1/2} = \frac{\ln 2}{\lambda} = \frac{0.693}{\lambda}$$

Mean lifetime: the time equal to $1/\lambda \equiv \tau$

$$N(t) = N_0 e^{-t/\tau}$$

$$N(\tau) = N_0 e^{-1} = \frac{N_0}{e} = \frac{N_0}{2.718} = 0.368 N_0$$

Units:

$$[T_{1/2}] = \text{s}$$

$$[\tau] = \text{s}$$

$$[R] = \text{decays per s}$$

$$1 \text{ Ci} = 3.7 \times 10^{10} \text{ decays/s} \quad \text{"Curie"}$$

$$1 \text{ Bq} = 1 \text{ decay/s} \quad \text{"Becquerel" SI}$$

often mCi & μCi are practical

Example $T_{1/2}$ of $^{226}_{88}\text{Ra}$ is 1.6×10^3 years.

What is the activity at this time? $N_0 = 3 \times 10^{16}$ nuclei.

$$T_{1/2} = 1.6 \times 10^3 \text{ y} \left(\frac{3.15 \times 10^7 \text{ s}}{\text{y}} \right) = 5.0 \times 10^{10} \text{ s}$$

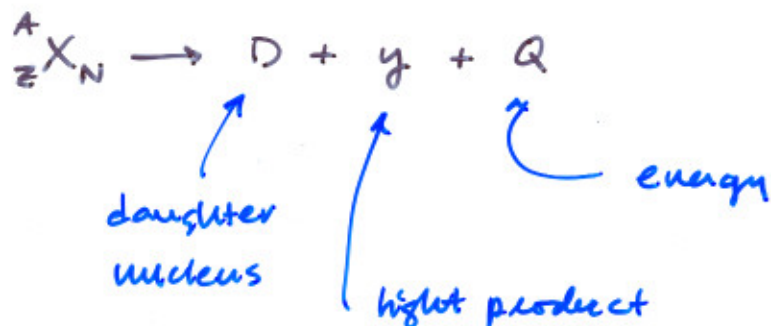
$$\text{from } T_{1/2} = \frac{0.693}{\lambda}, \quad \lambda = 1.4 \times 10^{-11} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$R_0 = \lambda N_0 = (1.4 \times 10^{-11} \text{ s}^{-1})(3 \times 10^{16}) = 4.2 \times 10^5 \text{ decays/s}$$

$$(4.2 \times 10^5 \text{ decays/s}) \left(\frac{1 \text{ Ci}}{3.7 \times 10^{10} \text{ decays/s}} \right) = 11.3 \mu\text{Ci}$$

Disintegration Energy.

Suppose we have the following generic decay chain:



Then the "Q" of the decay

$$Q = [M({}^A_Z X_N) - M(D) - M(\gamma)] c^2 \quad \text{J}$$

or in u's:

$$Q = [M({}^A_Z X_N) - M(D) - M(\gamma)] \cdot 931.5 \text{ MeV/u}$$

Notice from before

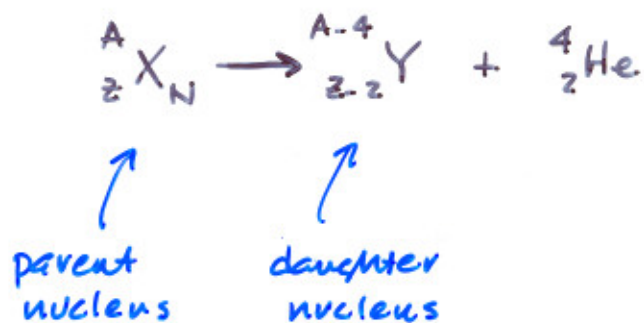
$$Q = -B$$

if $B > 0$ \Rightarrow nucleus is stable
 $Q < 0$

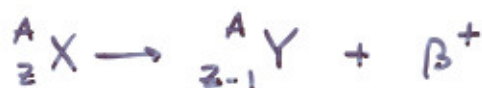
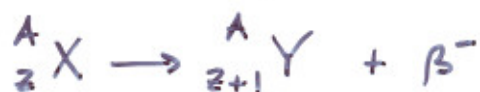
if $B < 0$ \Rightarrow nucleus is unstable and
 $Q > 0$ MIGHT decay.

\uparrow
Other factors may inhibit decay.

α decay



β decay



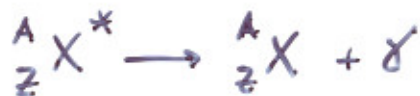
notice, you can think of this as:



within the nucleus



γ decay



literally, the radiative transition from a nucleus in an excited state (shell) to a lower one

α Decay.

not all nuclei are alpha-emitters

Radium and Uranium isotopes are famous α emitters

Radon 222 is also...



$$Q = [M({}^A_Z X_N) - M({}^{A-4}_{Z-2} D_{N-2}) - M({}^4_2 \text{He}_2)] c^2$$

Example Radium 226 \rightarrow Radon 222 + α

$$M({}^{226}\text{Ra}) = 226.025406 \text{ u}$$

$$M({}^{222}\text{Rn}) = 222.017574 \text{ u}$$

$$M({}^4\text{He}) = 4.002603 \text{ u}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= (226.025406 - 222.017574 - 4.002603) \text{ u} \cdot 931.5 \frac{\text{MeV}}{\text{u}} \\ &= (0.005229 \text{ u})(931.50 \text{ MeV/u}) \end{aligned}$$

$$Q = 4.87 \text{ MeV} > 0 \Rightarrow \text{unstable and decay might be allowed.}$$