

Decoding the Nucleus – John R. Huizenga: Pioneer, Scholar, Mentor



Honoring John Huizenga on the occasion of his 85. birthday, April 21, 2006.

W. Udo Schröder

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Polymeric electrolytes, metal ion attachment and diffusion \rightarrow radiotracer methods Chemical dependence of nuclear beta decay \rightarrow pressure sensitivity of EC rates Cosmic abundances of elements \rightarrow metorites Nucleogensis via r-process \rightarrow irradiation in reactors, bomb tests Heavy elements Spontaneous/induced fission, isotopic dependence Fission delay times \rightarrow muon induced prompt fission Fission transition state shapes, Z^2/A and pairing dependence K alignment \rightarrow ff angular distributions Spin/isospin/pairing dependent nuclear level densities statistical nuclear decay \rightarrow isomer ratios, Γ_n/Γ_f Single-particle structure of actinides \rightarrow characterization of Nilsson states Interaction potentials and dissipative forces in heavy-ion reactions Interaction IRH85-Fest times, fusion probability \rightarrow dissipation, deflection functions \rightarrow fragment-Z distributions- E_{Diss} Multi-nucleon diffusion



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Community Service

Manhattan Project 1942-46 Co-founder of Gordon Conference on Nuclear Chemistry 1958 IAEA Technical advisor 1965 ERAB Panel 1984-90 DOE Cold-Fusion Panel 1989-92, Co-Chair Advisory Council, G.T. Seaborg Institute for Transuranium Science (LLNL), 1991

Book "Cold Fusion – The Scientific Fiasco of the Century" 1992/4

Scientific awards

- 1966 E. O. Lawrence Memorial Award for Research in Nuclear Fission.
- 1975 ACS Award for Nuclear Applications in Chemistry,
- 1975 Distinguished Alumni Award at Calvin College,
- 1976 Elected to the National Academy of Sciences,
- 1991Leroy Randle Grumman Medal for Outstanding Scientific

Achievement.

1954...74 Several Fulbright & Guggenheim Fellowships



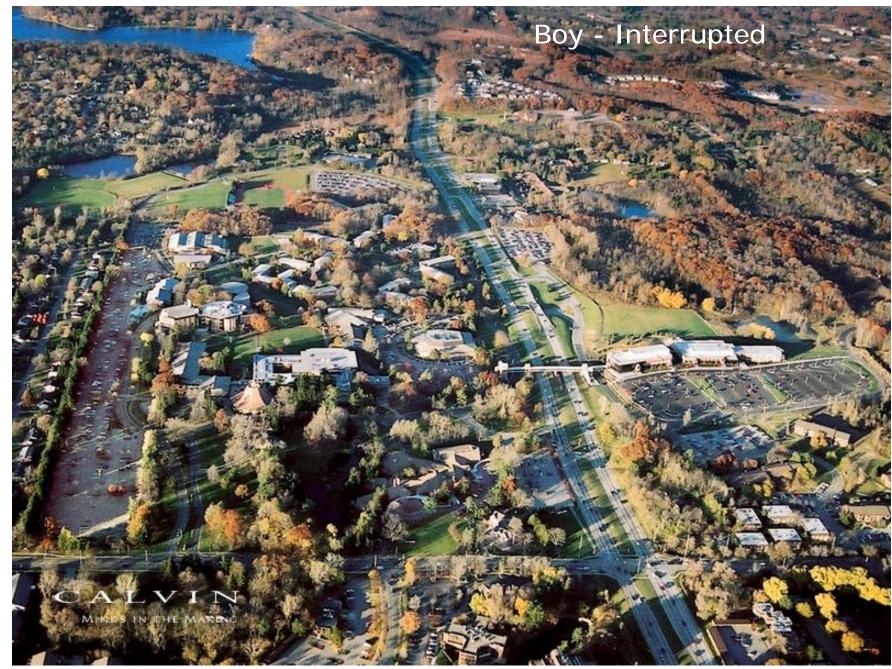
John's Career Trail





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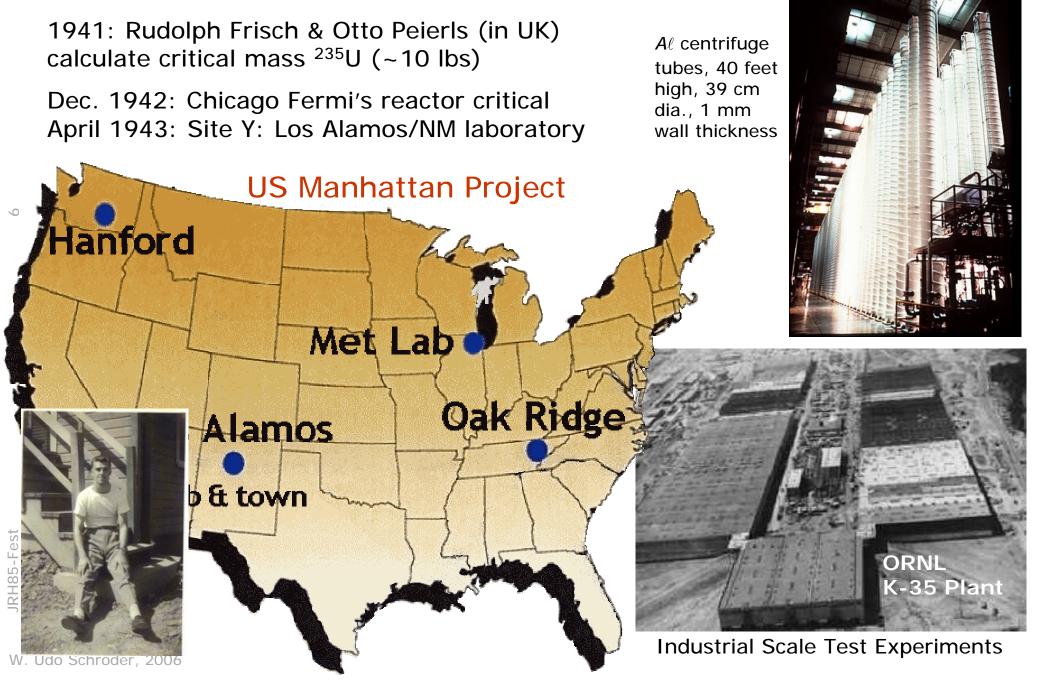
1940-44: Calvin College: "Minds in the Making"



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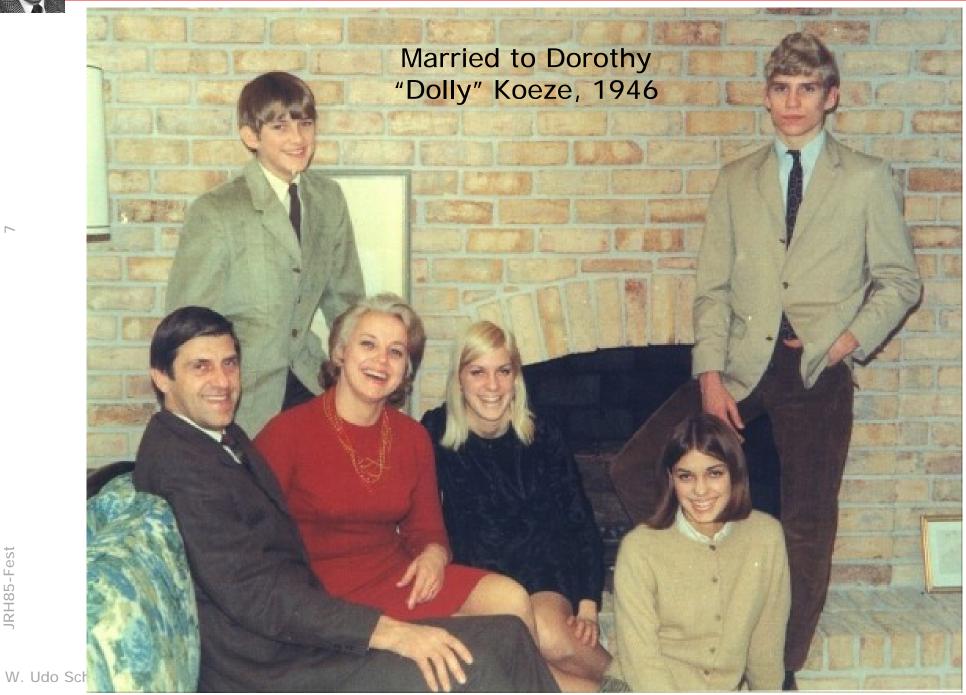


1944-46: Oak Ridge National Laboratory



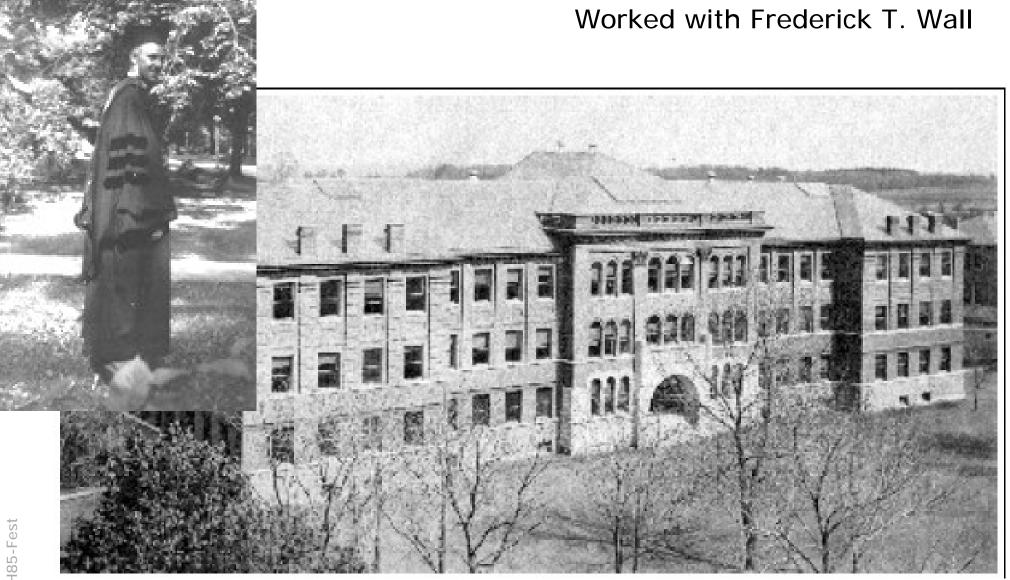


The Huizengas (1969)





1946-49: University of Illinois, Urbana



Dept. Chemistry, Noyes Laboratory



Pioneering application of radio-tracer methods in electro-chemistry \rightarrow Ph.D. Thesis

	A STUDY OF THE TRANSFERENCE PROPERTIES OF POLYMERIC ELECTROLYTES USING RADIOACTIVE TRACERS	
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Diffusion of radioactive Na in PAA/NaOH

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a Hittorf type transference experiment with pH and conductance measurements. Since previous attempts (1,2,3,4) to measure the fraction of bound sodium are in extremely poor agreement, and since transference results are roughly midway between the other estimates, it appeared worthwhile to test the validity of the transference experiments in another way. This was accomplished by measuring the diffusion of radioactive sodium in otherwise uniform solutions of polyacrylic acid and sodium hydroxide, using the steady state technique (5,6). The results obtained from the diffusion experiments are in excellent agreement with the transference results. For comparison, the results of Stent obtained by using sodium amalgam electrode-E.M.F. measurements and of deButts obtained by repeating the pH and conductance measurements of Kern are included in Table I. The transference number, t_p , and the equivalent conductance, Λ_{p} , of the polyacrylate ion also appear in Table I.

TABLE I.

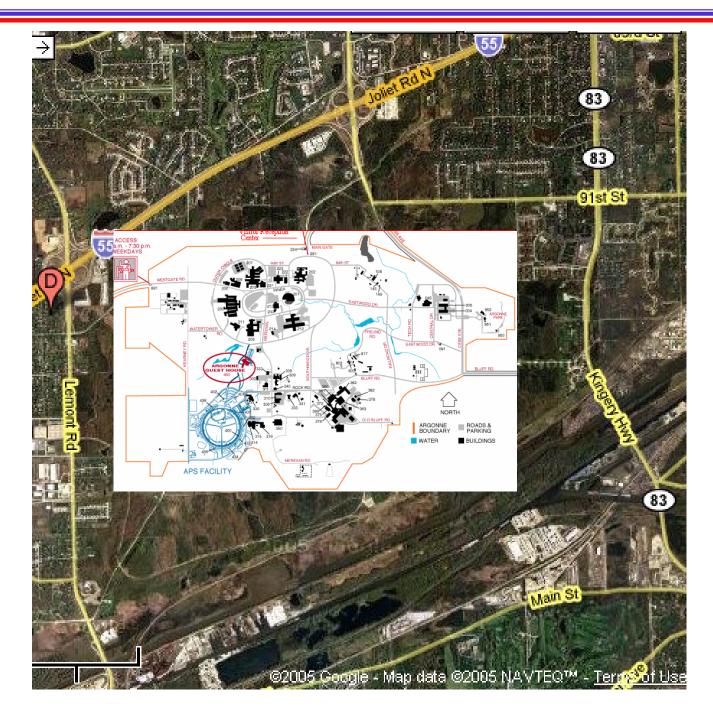
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24.0	0.00	0.89	0.29	0.27	0.42	34
41.3	0.00	0.90	0.41	0.41	0.46	40
61.7	0.06	0.87	0.51	0.54	0.49	45
81.6	0.25	0.80	0.59	0.60	0.49	44
97.9	0.40	0.73	0.62	0.62	0.43	34
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As can readily be seen from the above Table, the polymer ions conduct nearly one-half the current in the range 25 to 100 percent neutralization whereas in pure acid solutions hydrogen ions carry virtually all the current. deButts (3) assumed that a negligible fraction of the current was carried by the partially neutralized polymer ion in his calculation. In



1949-67 Argonne National Laboratory

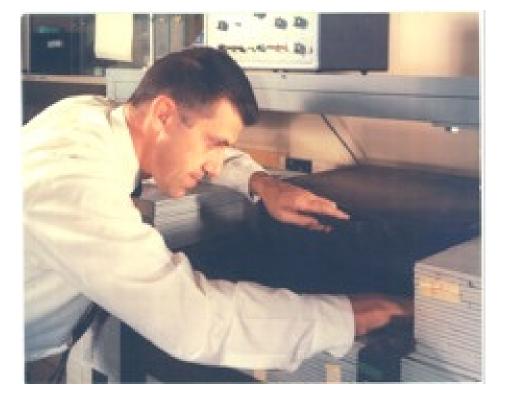


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Radiochemical Work at ANL





Loading a radioactive sample into a shielded detector

Working with a 4k MCA

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Radiotracing heavy elements in Meteorites (Chondrites)

Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta, 1959, Vol. 17, pp. 125 to 185. Pergamon Press Ltd. Printed in Northern Ireland

Bismuth, thallium and mercury in stone meteorites by activation analysis*

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(Received 23 January 1959)

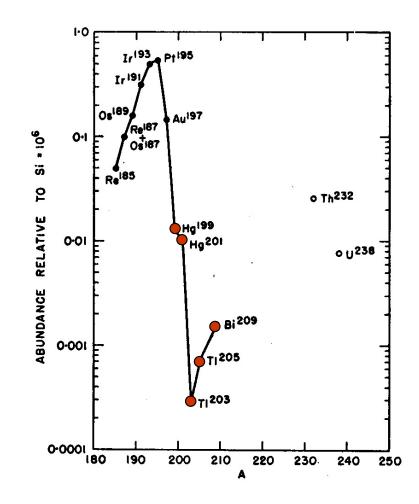
Abstract—The radiochemical procedures for the assay of bismuth, thallium, and mercury in stone meteorites following neutron activation are described in detail. A Bi²⁵⁰ abundance of $2 \cdot 2 \times 10^{-3}$ gramme/ gramme meteorite leading to a cosmic abundance of $0 \cdot 0016$ (per 10^{6} §3 iatoms) was determined from the analysis of six stone meteorites. A TI¹⁰⁰ abundance of $0 \cdot 40 \times 10^{-3}$ g/g meteorite and a Hg⁵⁰⁰ abundance of 0^{-3} 0 cosmic abundance of 0^{-3} six abundance of 0^{-3} g/g meteorite and a Hg⁵⁰⁰ abundance of 0^{-3} 0 cosmic abundances of 0^{-3} 0 cosmic abundances of 0^{-3} six abundance of 1^{-3} g/g meteorite and a Hg⁵⁰⁰ abundance of 1^{-3} g/g meteorite and a Hg⁵⁰⁰ abundance of 1^{-3} six abundance of 1^{-3} g/g meteorite and a Hg⁵⁰⁰ abundance of 1^{-3} g/g meteorite and a Hg⁵⁰⁰ abundance of 1^{-3} g/g meteorite abundance of 1^{-3} g/g

INTRODUCTION

THE heavy elements Hg, Tl, Pb and Bi are of particular interest to those working in geochemistry and cosmochemistry, since they are the highest atomic number nonradioactive elements in the periodic table. In this work the abundances of three of these, Hg, Tl and Bi, were determined by use of the very sensitive analytical tool of neutron activation.

The advantages and disadvantages of neutron activation analysis have been discussed at length in the literature (BOYD, 1949; MEINKE, 1955; PLUMB and LEWIS, 1955; JENKINS and SMALES, 1956), and will not be dealt with in detail here. It is sufficient to say that the two major advantages of the method are its high sensitivity (in this work abundances down to $\sim 10^{-19}$ g/g) and its freedom from contributions to an elemental abundance due to reagent contamination during chemical processing. The latter is of extreme importance for low abundance elements especially in the ccse of Hg owing to the generally high prevalence of Hg contamination in chemistry laboratories.

Previous data on heavy element abundances in stone meteorites at the time this investigation began were very sparse. SUESS and UREY use an interpolated value of 0.284 (Si = 10^6) for the atomic abundance of mercury (SUESS and UREY, 1956). They state, however, that all early analyses are suspect because of possible contamination in the laboratory. The NODDACK's report the atomic abundance of thallium as 0.108 (Si = 10^6) (NODDACK and NODDACK, 1934), while SHAW (1952) reports thallium as less than 0.007 (Si = 10^6). EL BADRY and KOHMAN (1957) using microchemical techniques found the thallium abundance of the Plainview chondrite to be 0.0005 (Si = 10^6) based on one determination. SUESS and UREY adopt 0.144 (Si = 10^6) for the atomic abundance of bismuth based on the work of the NODDACK (NODDACK and NODDACK, 1934). Recently REED et al. (1958)



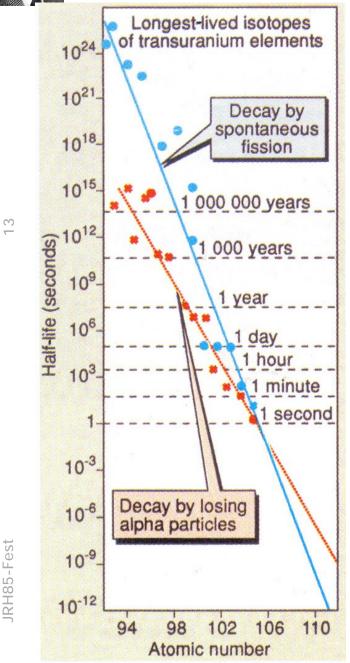
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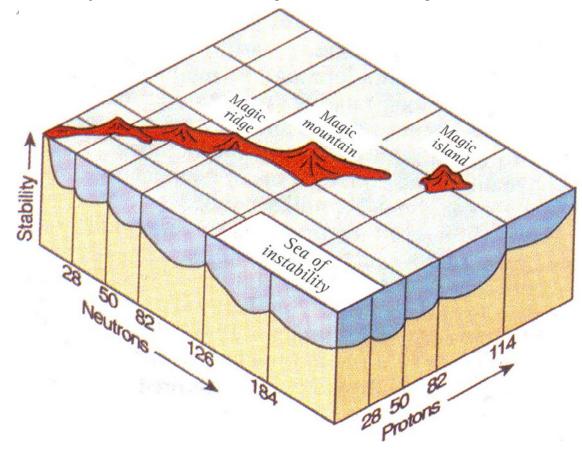
^{*} Based on work performed under the auspices of the United States Atomic Energy Commission. † Permanent address: Department of Chemistry, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky.



The Quest for (Super) Heavy Elements



Seaborg & Loveland, "The Search for New Elements," in The New Chemistry (N. Hall, Edt.) Cambridge U Press, Cambridge 2000



December 1952: Event Mike \rightarrow LBL & ANL analyzed debris \rightarrow Z=99,100 Reported 25 years later

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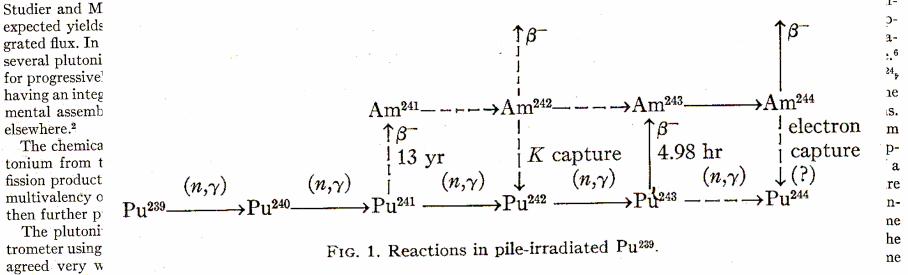
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Plutonium-244 from Pile-Irradiated Plutonium

M. H. STUDIER, P. R. FIELDS, P. H. SELLERS, A. M. FRIEDMAN, C. M. STEVENS, J. F. MECH, H. DIAMOND, J. SEDLET, AND J. R. HUIZENGA Argonne National Laboratory, Lemont, Illinois (Received February 1, 1954)

THE high neutron flux of the Materials Testing Reactor (MTR) enhances by manyfold the possibility of multipleorder neutron-capture reactions. For plutonium-239 irradiations,

On the basis of a predicted alpha disintegration energy of 4.7 Mev for Pu²⁴⁴, a closed cycle shows Pu²⁴⁴ to be approximately 1.3 Mey heavier than Cm^{244} . If the β^- energy of Am^{244} is greater than 1.3 Mev, it will be electron-capture unstable. If the β^- energy of Am²⁴⁴ is less than 1.3 Mev, Pu²⁴⁴ will be β^- unstable. In any case arguments from heavy element systematics indicate that the energies will be small (i.e., either the β^- energy of Pu²⁴⁴ or the electroncapture energy of Am²⁴⁴). Other experiments have shown the β^- 1f_



values used by Studier and Manning. In addition to the protonium isotopes 239, 240, 241, 242, previously produced and identified in pile irradiations, this plutonium sample also contained Pu²⁴⁴.⁴ The Pu²⁴⁴/Pu²⁴² mole ratio was 0.0036 percent. Plutonium-244 is produced from Pu²³⁹ in the pile by the reactions shown in Fig. 1. The solid arrows represent the predominant reactions causing the production of the higher masses in the MTR. The dashed arrows indicate reaction paths of secondary importance. Plutonium-244 is formed by $Pu^{243}(n,\gamma)Pu^{244}$ reaction and possibly by electron capture of Am²⁴⁴.

The technical assistance of U. n. Loungquist in the engineering aspects of these experiments is gratefully acknowledged. We also wish to thank W. M. Manning for many stimulating discussions.

- ¹ M. H. Studier and W. M. Manning (unpublished).
- ² A. B. Shuck (unpublished).
- P. R. Fields and M. A. Weiss (unpublished). 4 This isotope was previously discovered by Hess, Fried, Pyle, and
- Inghram (unpublished).
- ⁵ Fried, Pyle, and Fields (private communication).
- ⁶ Pyle, Fields, and Huizenga (unpublished).
- 7 Street, Ghiorso, and Seaborg, Phys. Rev. 79, 530 (1950).

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Accelerator studies in the 1960s

Nuclear Physics 29 (1962) 462-473; (C) North-Holland Publishing Co., Amsterdam 2.E Not to be reproduced by photoprint or microfilm without written permission from the publisher THEORETICAL REACTION CROSS SECTIONS FOR ALPHA PARTICLES WITH AN OPTICAL MODEL I. R. HUIZENGA

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and

G. IGO

Lawrence Radiation Laboratory, Berkeley, California †

Received 23 May 1961

Abstract: The transmission coefficients T_{I} and total reaction cross sections σ_{R} for alpha particles in the energy range 0-46 MeV interacting with 20 target nuclei with atomic numbers ranging from 10 to 92 are calculated with an optical model program in which a previously determined complex nuclear potential is utilized. The dependence of the T_i values and hence $\sigma_{\rm R}$ on the Woods-Saxon parameters is investigated as a function of projectile energy. The optical model reaction cross sections are compared to those derived from (1) a square well potential and (2) a model which approximates the real optical model potential barrier by a parabola and makes use of the Hill-Wheeler penetration formula for a parabolic potential.

Used different simple functions for the real part of optical potential for medium-weight to heavy target anuclei.



Thorough analysis. "Bestseller" - still used today in statistical model codes.

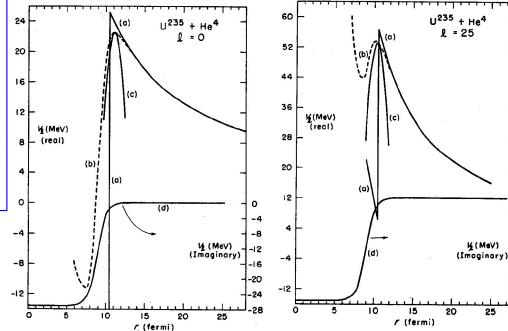


Fig. 1. Potential barriers for the reaction $_{92}U^{335}+_{9}He^{4}$ Fig. 2. Potential barriers for the reaction $_{92}U^{335}+_{9}He^{4}$ for angular momentum l = 0. (a) Square well potential for radius equal to $(1.50A^{\ddagger}+1.21)$ fm and a constant nuclear potential of V = -50 MeV for r < R and V = 0for r > R. (b) Optical model potential (real part) given by eq. (2) with a nuclear potential given by expression (8). (c) Parabolic approximation of the real part of the optical model potential (see eqs. (5), (6), and (7)). (d) Imaginary part of the optical model potential which is given by expression (9).

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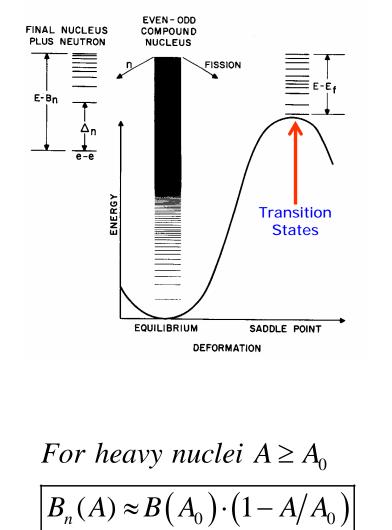
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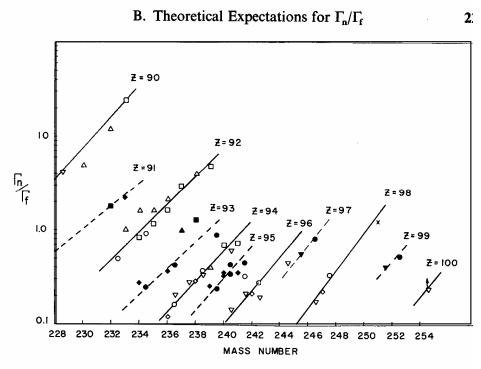
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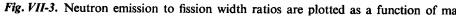


Fission barrier $E_f \approx const.$

Neutron evaporation / fission branching

$$\frac{\Gamma_n(A)}{\Gamma_f(A)} \approx \frac{2A^{2/3}}{K_0} T \cdot e^{\frac{E_f(A) - B_n(A)}{T}}$$

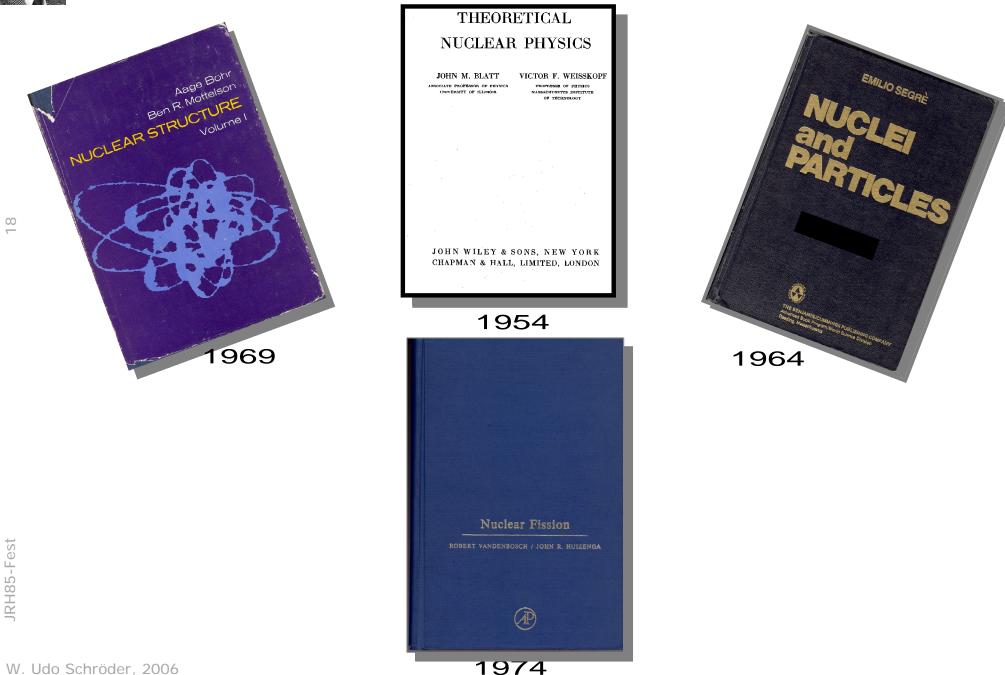




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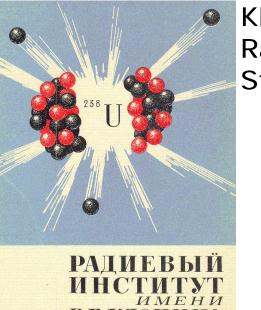
Classic Works in Nuclear Science



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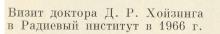
"Scientific Ambassador" During Cold-War Era



В.Г. ХЛОПИНА

Khlopin Radium Institute St. Petersburg Американские физики доктор Д. Р. Хойзинга (слева) доктор П. Даймонд в лаборатории члена-корреспондент АН СССР Б. С. Джелепова (справа), 1966 г

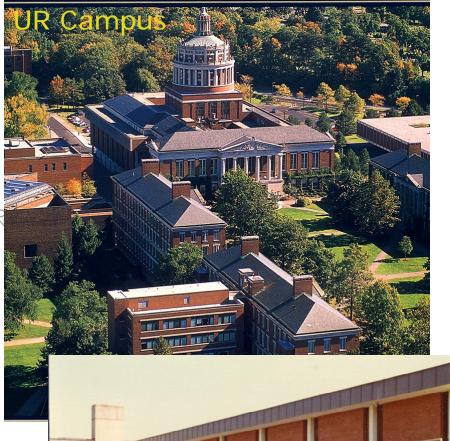




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1967 → University of Rochester/NSRL





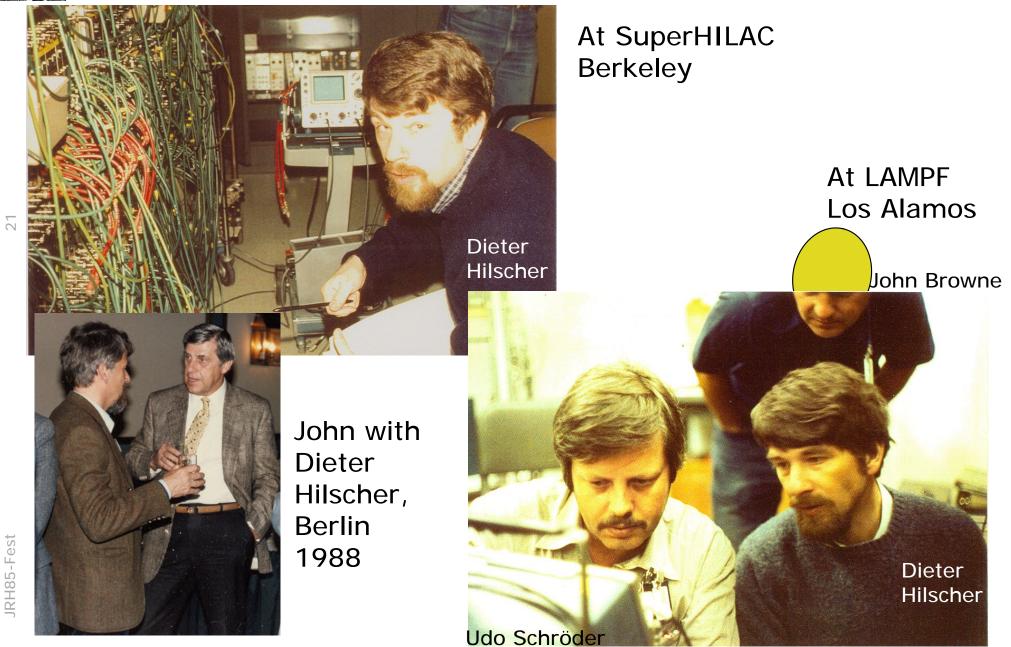




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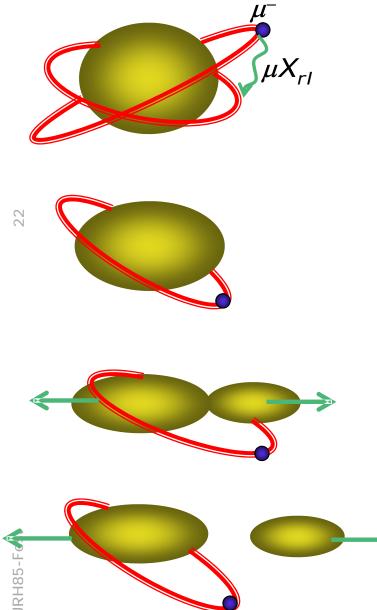


Outside Users at National-Laboratories









Prompt, muon-induced fission induced by radiation less transitions \rightarrow

Observation: Muon is captured by heavy fission fragment → adiabatic fission process relative to muonic motion

→ Constraint on nuclear viscosity in fission



"Nuclear Chemistry Jet Set" RAM



Tired even before the start of the experiment ...

Laura Tubbs, Arden Hoover, Dieter Hilscher, WUS, John Birkelund

Watching the data flow: Vic Viola, Kevin Wolf, Dieter Hilscher, WUS

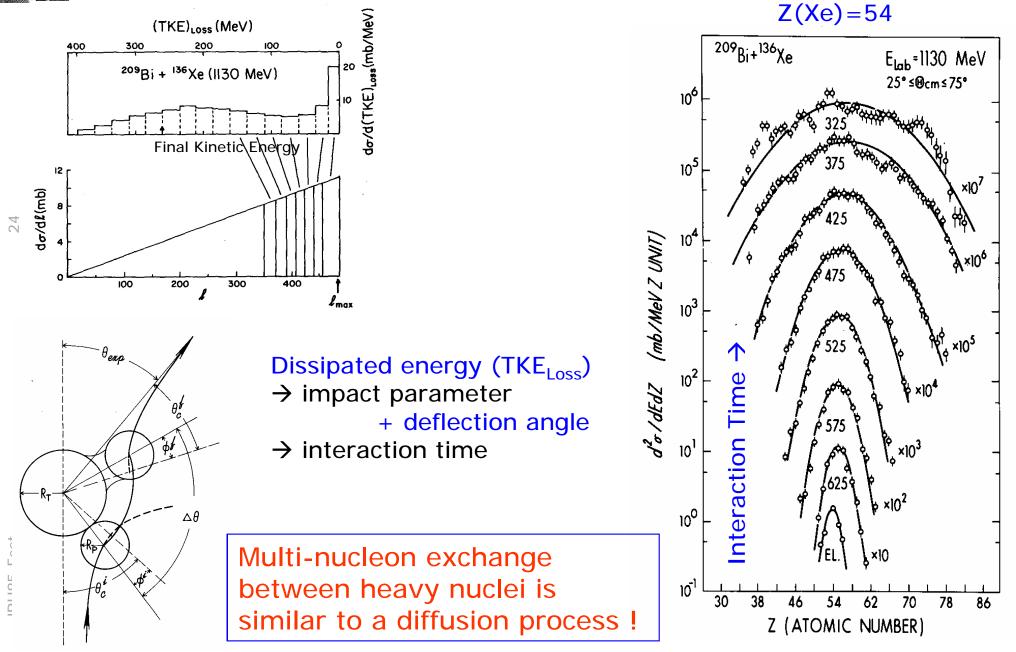
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An Elegant Analysis Scheme



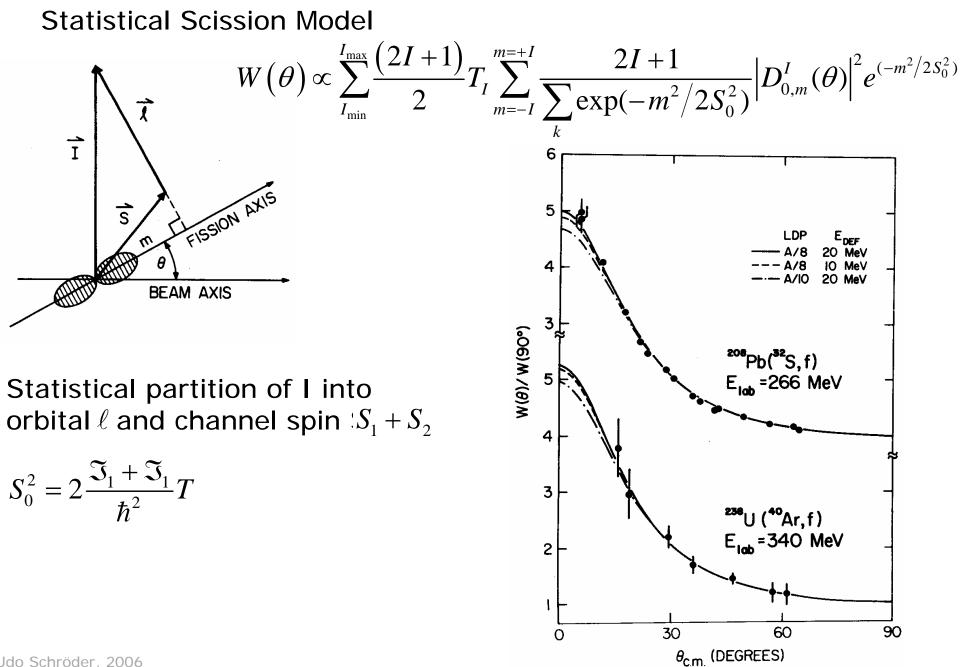


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Remarkable Results from SuperHILAC Work HYSICAL REVIEW C VOLUME 20, NUMBER 2 AUGUST 1979 6 NE213 Neutron emission in the reaction 165 Ho + 56 Fe at $E_{lab} = 8.5 \text{ MeV/u}$ D. Hilscher,* J. R. Birkelund, A. D. Hoover, W. U. Schröder, W. W. Wilcke, and J. R. Huizenga Fe" 7MeV/u Departments of Chemistry and Physics, University of Rochester, Rochester, New York 14627 A. C. Mignerey and K. L. Wolf Argonne National Laboratory, Argonne, Illinois 60439 Fe 8.5 MeV/u H. F. Breuer and V. E. Viola, Jr. "Но" .2 MeV/u Department of Chemistry, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland 20742 (Deceived 8 March 1979) ¹⁶⁵Ho + ⁵⁶Fe M_H/M_L **Diffusive Transport Reaction Dynamic** • Energy-partition 165Ho + 56Fe A/Z-relaxation ELab=476 MeV • (Spin relaxation) Beam Direction ML,H Orbiting Neutrons carry most of the E* signal \rightarrow M_n(E*) 200 100 ELOSS(MeV)

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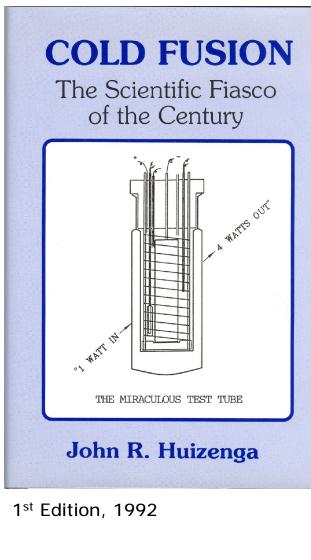
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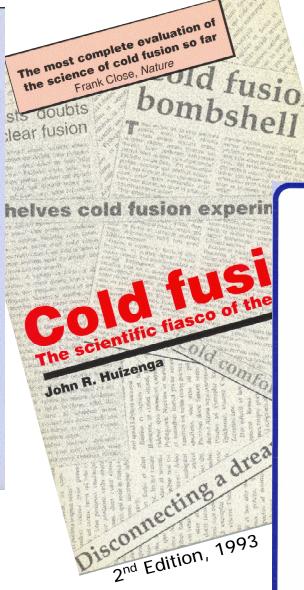
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Chronicle of the "Cold Fusion" Scientific Fiasco





23 March 1989 Press Conference in Salt Lake City University of Utah

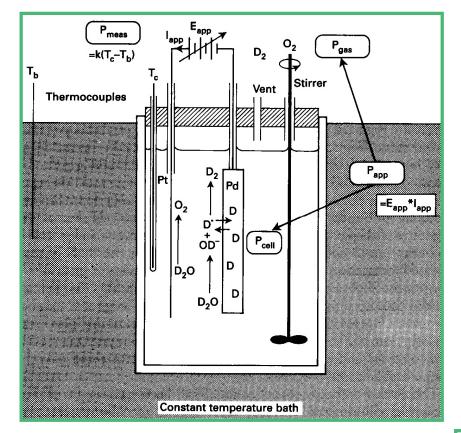
M. Fleischmann & B.S. Pons: Table-top DD Fusion

"Huizenga has written an authoritative, frank, hard-hitting account of the cold fusion fiasco. He compares this with other examples of pathological science and makes suggestions for the proper operation of the scientific process". GLENN T. SEABORG, Nobel Laureate in Chemistry, University of California at Berkeley.

"Cheap, clean energy is everybody's dream. John Huizenga tells the story of the rise and decline of cold fusion from the inside, as co-chairman of the Department of Energy panel on cold fusion – a fascinating account...a book to read and keep". DOUGLAS R.O. MORRISON, particle physicist, CERN, Geneva.



Chronicle of the "Cold Fusion" Scientific Fiasco



Claim: D₂O Electrolysis followed by DD fusion in Pd cathode absorbing D.

Excess heat through DD fusion.

Potential perils of experiment: extreme radiation levels

The approximate branching ratios for the D+D reaction at low energies are included.

Reaction	Energy Release (MeV)	Reactions sec ⁻¹ per 1 Watt Output	Branching ratio
(1a) D + D \rightarrow ³ He + n	3.27	1.91 x 10 ¹²	~0.5
(1b) D + D →T + p	4.03	1.55 x 10 ¹²	~0.5
(1c) D + D → ⁴ He + gamma	23.85	2.61 x 10 ¹¹	~10-7
(2) p + D \rightarrow ³ He + gamma	5.49	1.14 x 10 ¹²	
(3) $p + T \rightarrow {}^{4}He + gamma$	19.81	3.15 x 10 ¹¹	
$(4) D + T \rightarrow {}^{4}He + n$	17.59	$3.55 \ge 10^{11}$	

Theoretical estimate (Koonin et al.): $\sigma \sim 10^{-64}$



Student Name	Thesis Title
Atcher, Robert Whitehill.	New radionuclide generator systems for use in nuclear medicine / by Robert Whitehill Atcher.
Boyno, John Stephen, 1946-	Levels of Tb excited in helium induced single proton transfer reactions.
Butler, Michael Alan, 1957-	Study of reaction processes with characteristics intermediate between damped and fusion processes
Chan, Woon-chun, 1944-	Significance of shell corrections in the parameterization of numerical state density calculations.
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To Dr John Huizenga You gave me the opportunity no one else would take a chance on. You went out of your way to help a student way out of your field. No one else would have that compassion for education. I will never forget how many doors you opened for me. And look, it all worked out ok. Highlight of my education was scoring 100% on the nuclear chemistry final. lam sorry I missed this great day. HAPPYBIRTHDAY

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Thomas Elze

Dear John,

Due to health problems, I find myself unable to attend your birthday celebration....

I came to Rochester 39 years ago in the fall of 1967. The first tour I took through the lab was truly impressing. I found the research area filled with state-of-the-art equipment, the Emperor-accelerator, the Enge spectrograph, to name just two major components. In addition, there was a library containing almost everything needed for nuclear research. There was ample office and laboratory space. In my recollection, the lab ranged among the top university-based laboratories in the U.S., if not in the world. There were numerous research groups engaged in various aspects of nuclear research, nuclear structure as well as nuclear reaction mechanisms. In addition, the development of new detector systems and the application of computers for data acquisition and analysis were the subject of ongoing and successful research.

John - I wish to thank you again for inviting me to join your research group at the NSRL 39 years ago and participate in the fascinating research going on at that time. For the coming years I send you my best wishes. I trust, you and all those attending the celebration will have a nice and long remembered meeting in Rochester. Thank you. Tom





Dear John:

I am sure that, in terms of praises, you must be close to saturation by now. So, let me temper the atmosphere with a few words of reproach.

Luciano Moretto

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⁹ While you were with us we looked up to you for example, direction and guidance. Now, without you, we are like sheep without shepherd (Somebody might correct that as shepherds without sheep, given the shortness of graduate students). You kept us with your steady hand, to the straight and narrow of Nuclear Science. Now we are led astray by the physicists with phase transitions, negative heat capacities, bimodalities etc., all things that a good chemist of the old school with his thermodynamical good sense would have stayed away from like the devil from holy water. I myself, I must confess, have been tempted by that, and I have even done the unthinkable of trying my hand with quark gluon plasma, for which I now stand aside red faced.





Joe Natowitz

Hi John



Congratulations on 85 years! What a milestone.

I really regret not being there personally to help you celebrate. You have been an inspiration to me since the early sixties when I was a graduate student and then post-doc. I have always admired your work. I have also always appreciated your enthusiasm and your intellectual honesty and tried to incorporate as much of that as possible into my own work. Looking for pictures of us together I found this one from the Fall Creek Falls meeting in 1977. Unfortunately it confirms my fears- I have aged while you continue to remain young.

Best wishes for the next 85.



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Dear John,

Sorry that I am unable to join you for this celebration. We are in the midst of moving (part-time) to Arizona.

Sue and I have nearly completed a book on the science and politics of nuclear waste disposal. In the course of trying to find a publisher I have come to realize I owe you a large debt of gratitude for doing all the leg work in getting our book on Nuclear Fission published. In spite of the hassles Sue and I have found researching the nuclear waste issue very interesting. Now we are learning how to walk away from the computer to enjoy the sunshine. I hope you can continue to do this in North Carolina.

Sincerely, Bob V.



Thank You, John, from me and many others !

