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# Problem Sheet 1

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# 1 First Exercise

(a)

**Solution:** We know that

$$\left. \frac{\partial M(A, Z)}{\partial Z} \right|_A = 0 \quad (1)$$

for the minimum mass and from the lecture notes this gives

$$Z_{\min}(A) \approx \frac{A}{1.98 + 0.015A^{2/3}}. \quad (2)$$

We now want to find for which  $A$  we have  $Z_{\min}(A) = 28$  and  $N = \text{even}$ , where  $N$  is the number of neutrons. Using the code found in App. A.1, the most stable nickel nuclide is  $^{62}\text{Ni}$ .

**Answer:** The most stable nickel nuclide is  $^{62}\text{Ni}$ .

(b)

**Solution:** From the lecture it is known that the neutron drip line appears at

$$S_n = B(A, Z) - B(A - 1, Z) = 0 \quad (3)$$

and the proton drip line appears at

$$S_p = B(A, Z) - B(A - 1, Z - 1) = 0, \quad (4)$$

where  $B(A, Z)$  is the binding energy which can be calculated from the Weizsäcker mass formula where it is given as

$$B(A, Z) = a_v A - a_s A^{2/3} - a_c \frac{Z^2}{A^{1/3}} - a_{\text{ass}} \frac{(N - Z)^2}{A} + a_p A^{-1/2}, \quad (5)$$

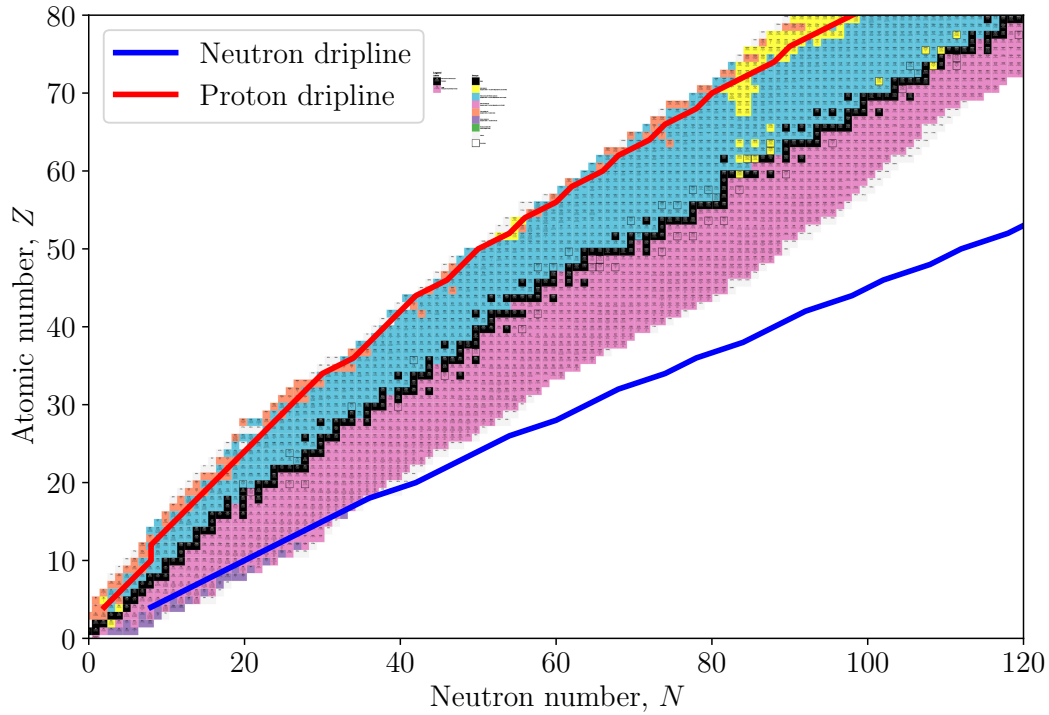


Figure 1: The neutron and proton drip lines plotted for  $Z \in [4, 80]$

where  $N = A - Z$  and the values for the constants are  $a_v = 15.9$  MeV,  $a_s = 18.4$  MeV,  $a_c = 0.71$  MeV,  $a_{\text{ass}} = 23.2$  MeV, and  $a_p = 11.5$  MeV. Implementing these equations in Python gives that the neutron drip line appears at  $^{88}\text{Ni}$  while the proton drip line appears at  $^{52}\text{Ni}$ . The code can be seen in App. A.2. For fun, the code was run for  $Z \in [4, 80]$  and the result was plotted against the nuclide chart. Both analyzing the actual chart as well as looking at Fig. 1 the calculation seems to give a bit too high of an  $A$ , but is reasonably accurate.

**Answer:** The even-even Nickel nuclide that denotes the neutron drip line is  $^{88}\text{Ni}$  and the proton drip line is  $^{52}\text{Ni}$

## 2 Second Exercise

(a)

**Solution:** Consulting Feynman's lectures of physics the energy stored in a uniformly charged sphere is

$$E = \frac{3}{5} \frac{Q^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R} \quad (6)$$

where  $Q$  is the total charge,  $\epsilon$  is the vacuum permittivity, and  $R$  is the radius of the sphere. Since  $R = r_0 A^{1/3}$  the equation may be written as

$$E = \frac{3}{5} \frac{Q^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 A^{1/3} r_0}. \quad (7)$$

The energy difference

$$\Delta E = [M(A, Z) - M(A, Z - 1)]c^2 \quad (8)$$

may then be written as

$$\Delta E = \frac{3}{5} \frac{Z^2 e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 A^{1/3} r_0} - \frac{3}{5} \frac{(Z - 1)^2 e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 A^{1/3} r_0} = \frac{3}{5} \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 A^{1/3} r_0} [Z^2 - (Z - 1)^2] \quad (9)$$

$$= \frac{3}{5} \frac{(2Z - 1) e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 A^{1/3} r_0}. \quad (10)$$

Since  $N = Z - 1$  we get that  $A = 2Z - 1$  which then makes

$$\Delta E = \frac{3e^2 A^{2/3}}{20\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{r_0}. \quad (11)$$

**Answer:** The relationship between the energy difference and  $1/r_0$  is

$$\Delta E = \frac{3e^2 A^{2/3}}{20\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{r_0}. \quad (12)$$

(b)

${}^A_Z\text{X}$	Mass excess [μu]	$\Delta E$ [MeV]	${}^A_Z\text{X}$	Mass excess [μu]	$\Delta E$ [MeV]
${}^{11}_5\text{B}$	9305	933.48	${}^{15}_7\text{N}$	109	934.25
${}^{11}_6\text{C}$	11 434		${}^{15}_8\text{O}$	3065	
${}^{19}_9\text{F}$	−1597	934.74	${}^{23}_{11}\text{Na}$	−10 230	935.56
${}^{19}_{10}\text{Ne}$	1880		${}^{23}_{12}\text{Mg}$	−5875	
${}^{29}_{14}\text{Si}$	−23 505	936.44	${}^{35}_{17}\text{Cl}$	−31 147	937.47
${}^{29}_{15}\text{P}$	−18 199		${}^{35}_{18}\text{Ar}$	−24 743	
${}^{41}_{20}\text{Ca}$	−37 722	938.00	${}^{45}_{22}\text{Ti}$	−41 876	938.63
${}^{41}_{21}\text{Sc}$	−30 749		${}^{45}_{23}\text{V}$	−34 218	

Table 1: The error is generally less than 1 μu, so this is the uncertainty that will be used in the error calculations. The calculation of  $\Delta E$  according to Eq. (8) and the conversion to MeV is done in the code in App. A.3.

(c) &amp; (d)

**Solution:** Rewriting Eq. (12) with  $X = (3e^2 A^{2/3})/(20\pi\epsilon_0)$  as

$$\Delta E = \frac{1}{r_0} X, \quad (13)$$

then by calculating  $\Delta E$  from Tab. 1 and Eq. (8) and doing a linear regression and plotting the result gives  $r_0 = 1.28 \text{ fm} \pm 0.06 \text{ fm}$  with a 95.4 % confidence rating. From the lectures we know that  $r_0 \approx 1.2 \text{ fm}$ , and the calculated value seems reasonable. However, the y-intercept is not at  $y = 0$  which is a bit weird.

**Answer:** The value of  $r_0$  is  $r_0 = 1.28 \text{ fm} \pm 0.06 \text{ fm}$

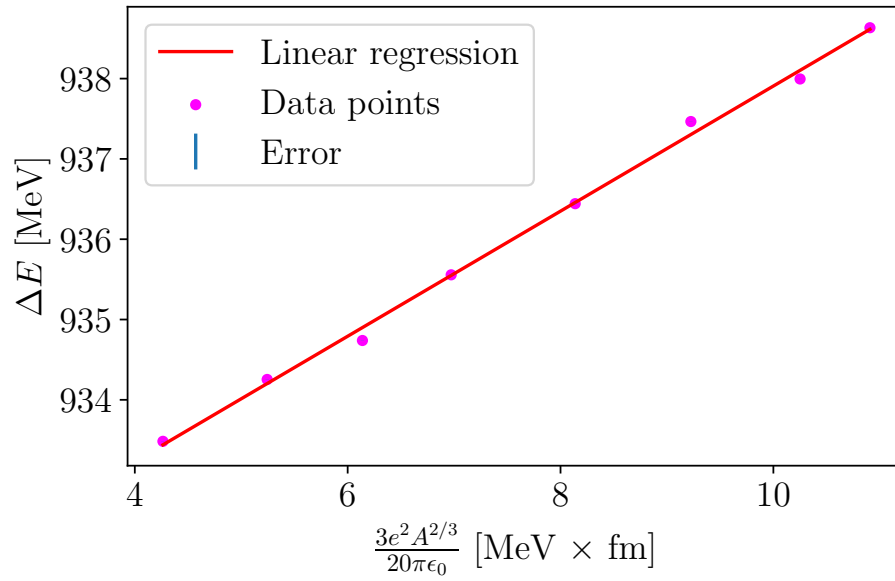


Figure 2: Data points and a linear regression. The error bars are not visible since they are smaller than the scatter-markers. For the code see App. A.3.

### 3 Third Exercise

(a)

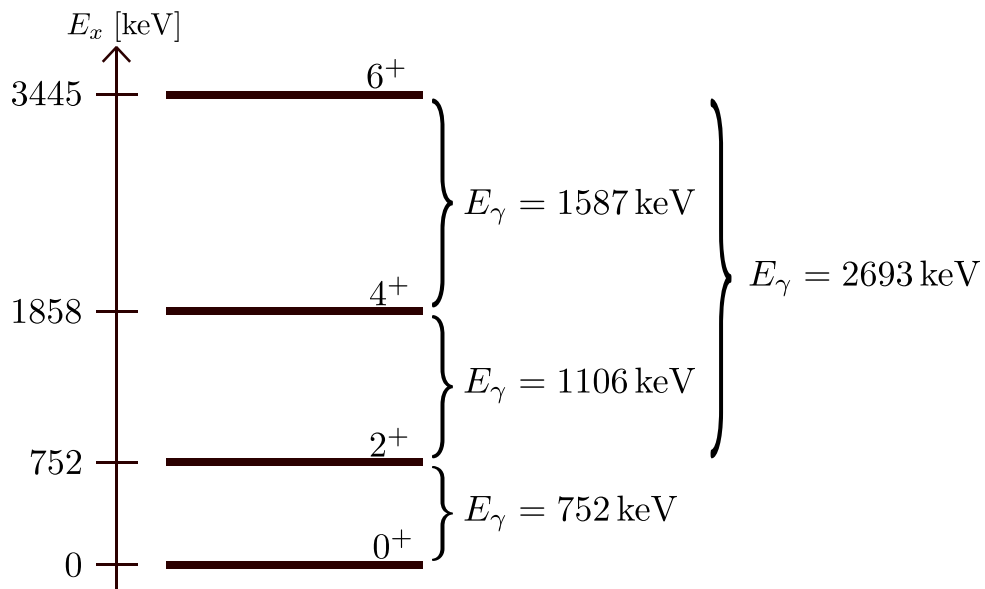


Figure 3: The level sequence of  $^{48}\text{Cr}$ .

(b)

**Solution:** The energy for a rotational state is given by

$$E = \frac{\hbar^2 I(I+1)}{2\mathcal{I}}, \quad (14)$$

then we get that

$$E_\gamma = E(I+2) - E(I) = \frac{\hbar^2(I+2)(I+3)}{2\mathcal{I}} - \frac{\hbar^2 I(I+1)}{2\mathcal{I}} \quad (15)$$

$$= \frac{\hbar^2}{2\mathcal{I}}[(I+2)(I+3) - I(I+1)] = \frac{\hbar^2}{2\mathcal{I}}[(I^2 + 5I + 6) - (I^2 + I)] \quad (16)$$

$$= \frac{\hbar^2(4I+6)}{2\mathcal{I}} = \frac{\hbar^2(2I+3)}{\mathcal{I}} \quad (17)$$

Thus,

$$E_\gamma = \frac{\hbar^2(2I+3)}{\mathcal{I}}. \quad (18)$$

(c)

**Solution:** Solving for  $\mathcal{I}$  in Eq. (18) we obtain

$$\mathcal{I} = \frac{\hbar^2(2I+3)}{E_\gamma}. \quad (19)$$

Using the values from Fig. 3 we get for  $I = 0, 2, 4$  the moment of inertias

$$\mathcal{I}_0 = 3.99 \hbar^2 \text{ MeV}^{-1} \quad (20)$$

$$\mathcal{I}_2 = 6.33 \hbar^2 \text{ MeV}^{-1} \quad (21)$$

$$\mathcal{I}_4 = 6.93 \hbar^2 \text{ MeV}^{-1}, \quad (22)$$

which gives an average moment of inertia  $\langle \mathcal{I} \rangle = 5.75 \hbar^2 \text{ MeV}^{-1}$ .**Answer:** The average moment of inertia for the rotational band of  $^{48}_{24}\text{Cr}$  is  $\langle \mathcal{I} \rangle = 5.75 \hbar^2 \text{ MeV}^{-1}$ .

(d)

**Solution:** From the lectures we know that the theoretical moment of inertia for a rigid body nuclei is

$$\mathcal{I}_{\text{rigid}} \approx \frac{2}{5} M r_0^2 A^{2/3} (1 + 0.31 \beta_2), \quad (23)$$

where  $M$  is the mass,  $A$  is the atomic number,  $r_0 \approx 1.2$  fm and  $\beta_2 \approx 0.35$  is the quadrupole deformation parameter.

$$\mathcal{I}_{\text{rigid}} \approx 128.80 \hbar^2 \text{ MeV}^{-1} \quad (24)$$

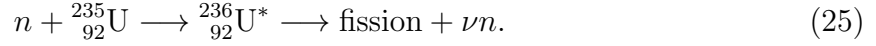
I think I do the conversion wrong to get the answer in the correct units. I don't have time to fix it :)



## 4 Fourth Exercise

(a)

**Solution:** The reaction that is seen is



The activity is given as

$$A(t) = A_0 e^{-\lambda t}, \quad (26)$$

where  $\lambda$  is the decay probability of  ${}^{236}_{92}\text{U}^*$ . However, there is only a  $p = 84.0(2)\%$  probability that  ${}^{235}_{92}\text{U}$  absorbs a neutron and turns into  ${}^{236}_{92}\text{U}^*$  so this factor needs to be accounted for. Since the power output is constant at  $2.2 \text{ GW} = 1.37 \times 10^{22} \text{ MeV s}^{-1}$  and every fission event is  $190(5) \text{ MeV}$ . However, the thermal efficiency of a nuclear power plant is  $35(2)\%$  so we can calculate the base activity.

$$A_0 = \frac{\text{Power}}{\text{Energy per Fission event} \times \text{Efficiency}} \quad (27)$$

The total number of fission events during one year can then be calculated with

$$N_{\text{year}}^{\text{fission}} = A_0 \times T_{\text{year}} \quad (28)$$

and taking all used  ${}^{235}_{92}\text{U}$  into account we get

$$N_{\text{year}}^{\text{total}-235} = \frac{N_{\text{year}}^{\text{fission}}}{p} = 7.8(5) \times 10^{27}. \quad (29)$$

From the course literature we know that the mass per nuclide of  ${}^{236}_{92}\text{U}$  is  $m({}^{236}_{92}\text{U}) = 236.045\,562 \text{ u} = 3.9 \times 10^{-25} \text{ kg}$ . This gives the total mass  ${}^{235}_{92}\text{U}$  consumed each year is  $M({}^{235}_{92}\text{U/yr}) = N_{\text{year}}^{\text{total}-235} \times m({}^{236}_{92}\text{U}) = 3040(190) \text{ kg}$ . Looking up data on the internet one can find that for  $1 \text{ GW}$  of energy generation for a year about one tonne of  ${}^{235}_{92}\text{U}$  is needed and the calculated value used here is a bit too high. However, some energy is also released

from the daughter nuclide's decay as well. The code used for the calculation can be seen in App. A.4

**Answer:** The total mass  $^{235}_{92}\text{U}$  consumed each year for a constant power generation of 2.2 GW is 3040(190) kg

(b)

**Solution:** The probability  $p_f$  for fission of  $^{235}_{92}\text{U}$  can be calculated as

$$p_f = \frac{\sigma_f(^{235}_{92}\text{U})}{\sigma_a(^{235}_{92}\text{U}) + \sigma_a(^{238}_{92}\text{U})} \text{NA}(^{235}_{92}\text{U}) \quad (30)$$

where  $\sigma_f$  is the cross-section for fission,  $\sigma_a$  is the cross-section for capture of neutrons and NA is the natural abundance. The probability  $p_c$  for capture for  $^{238}_{92}\text{U}$  can be calculated as

$$p_c = \frac{\sigma_c(^{238}_{92}\text{U})}{\sigma_a(^{235}_{92}\text{U}) + \sigma_a(^{238}_{92}\text{U})} \text{NA}(^{238}_{92}\text{U}) \quad (31)$$

The ratio of  $^{238}_{92}\text{U}$  capture and  $^{235}_{92}\text{U}$  fission is then

$$\xi = \frac{p_c}{p_f} = \frac{\sigma_c(^{238}_{92}\text{U})}{\sigma_f(^{235}_{92}\text{U})} \frac{\text{NA}(^{238}_{92}\text{U})}{\text{NA}(^{235}_{92}\text{U})} = R \times \frac{\text{NA}(^{238}_{92}\text{U})}{\text{NA}(^{235}_{92}\text{U})} \quad (32)$$

The natural abundance of  $^{235}_{92}\text{U}$  and  $^{238}_{92}\text{U}$  is  $\text{NA}(^{235}_{92}\text{U}) = 0.72\%$  and  $\text{NA}(^{238}_{92}\text{U}) = 99.28\%$  respectively. Thus

$$\xi = 0.552(14) \quad (33)$$

so the number of  $^{238}_{92}\text{U}$  nuclides which capture neutrons and turn in to  $^{239}_{94}\text{Pu}$  is then

$$N_{\text{year}}^{\text{capture-238}} = N_{\text{year}}^{\text{total-235}} \times \xi = 4.3(3) \times 10^{27} \quad (34)$$

and the mass per  $^{239}_{94}\text{Pu}$  nuclide is  $m(^{239}_{94}\text{Pu}) = 239.052157\text{ u}$  which gives a total mass during a year to  $M(^{239}_{94}\text{Pu}) = 1710(120)\text{ kg}$ . The calculations can be seen in A.5.

**Answer:** The total mass  $^{239}_{94}\text{Pu}$  produced each year is 1710(120) kg

(c)

**Solution:** The activity is calculated as

$$A(t) = A_0 e^{-\lambda t} = \lambda N_0 e^{-\lambda t} \quad (35)$$

and  $\lambda$  can be calculated as  $\lambda = \ln 2 / T_{1/2}$  and the total number of  $^{254}_{98}\text{Cf}$  nuclides  $N_0$  can be calculated as  $N_0 = \text{Total mass} / \text{Mass per nuclide}$ , and the nuclide mass is  $m(^{254}_{98}\text{Cf}) = 254.087\,317\,\text{u}$ . Since the amount of  $^{254}_{98}\text{Cf}$  will decrease over time, we can calculate for  $t = 0$  and the power is  $P = 11.3(3)\,\text{mW}$ , and the efficiency of the reactor give  $P_{\text{eff}} = 4.0(2)\,\text{mW}$ . The power is very small, but the mass is also incredibly little, so even if it is more active than the uranium the small amount doesn't produce any real energy. The calculations can be seen in App. A.6

**Answer:** The total power generated in the reactor from  $1.0\,\mu\text{g}$  of  $^{254}_{98}\text{Cf}$  is  $4.0(2)\,\text{mW}$ .

(d)

**Solution:** Rise in temperature for a metal can be calculated as

$$\Delta T = \frac{E}{M(^{254}_{98}\text{Cf}) \times C}. \quad (36)$$

Since one minute is much less than 60 days, the effect can be thought of as constant. The specific heat capacity for  $^{254}_{98}\text{Cf}$  is unknown but using the closest nuclide with a known value, Americium, we get  $C = 110\,\text{J kg}^{-1}\,\text{K}^{-1}$ . This gives the temperature change in one minute as  $\Delta T = 6.18(24)\,\text{MK}$ . This value seems unreasonably high. The reason is most likely that we have neglected the heat exchange with the environment. The calculations can be seen in App. A.6.

**Answer:** The theoretical change of temperature in one minute for the  $^{254}_{98}\text{Cf}$  source without heat exchange is  $6.18(24)\,\text{MK}$

# A Code

## A.1 1a

```

1 import numpy as np
2
3 def Zmin(A: int) -> float:
4     """
5     Calculation of Zmin from mass number
6
7     parameters:
8         A; int; The mass number.
9     returns:
10        Zmin; float; The minimum Z
11    """
12    return A/(1.98 + 0.015 * A**(2/3))
13
14 def find_ee_A(Z: int) -> int:
15     """
16     Calculation of the mass number of the most stable even-even nuclide of
17     given atomic number
18
19     parameters:
20         Z; int; The atomic number for which the most stable nuclide is to be
21         found
22     returns:
23         A; int; The mass number of the most stable even-even nuclide with
24         atomic number Z
25    """
26    A_list = np.arange(Z, Z + 200, 2)
27    idx = np.argmin(np.abs((Zmin(A_list) - Z)))
28    return A_list[idx]
29
30 print(f"The most stable nuclide is nickel-{find_ee_A(28)}")

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## A.2 1b

```

1 import numpy as np
2 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
3 from matplotlib import rc
4
5 rc('font',**{'family':'serif','serif':['Computer Modern'], 'size':'16'})
6 rc('text', usetex=True)
7
8
9 def B(A: int, Z: int) -> float:
10     """
11     Implementation of the Weizsacker mass formula from the lecture,
12     for even-even nuclides
13
14     parameters:
15         A; int; The mass number
16         Z; int; The atomic number
17
18     returns:
19         B; float; Binding energy [MeV]
20    """
21    N = A - Z

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22 volume_term = 15.9 * A
23 surface_term = 18.4 * A**(2/3)
24 coulomb_term = 0.71 * Z**2 * A**(-1/3)
25 assymetry_term = 23.2 * (N - Z)**2 / A
26 pairing_term = 11.5 * A**(-1/2)
27 return volume_term - surface_term - coulomb_term - assymetry_term +
    pairing_term
28
29 def Sn(A: int, Z: int) -> float:
30     """
31     Finding the neutron seperation energy [MeV]
32
33     parameters:
34     A; int; The mass number
35     Z; int; The atomic number
36
37     returns:
38     Sn; float; The neutron seperation energy [MeV]
39     """
40     return B(A, Z) - B(A - 1, Z)
41
42 def Sp(A: int, Z: int) -> float:
43     """
44     Finding the proton seperation energy [MeV]
45
46     parameters:
47     A; int; The mass number
48     Z; int; The atomic number
49
50     returns:
51     Sp; float; The proton seperation energy [MeV]
52     """
53     return B(A, Z) - B(A - 1, Z - 1)
54
55 def find_driplines(Z: int, pr: bool = False) -> float:
56     """
57     Finding the neutron and proton driplines for an even-even nuclide with
58     a given atomic number
59
60     parameters:
61     Z; int; the atomic number
62
63     returns:
64     Driplines; tuple; A tuple containging the mass numbers
65     on the form (neutron dripline, proton dripline)
66     """
67     A_list = np.arange(Z+2, Z + 200, 2)
68
69     Sn_list = Sn(A_list, Z)
70     idx_N = np.argmin(np.abs(Sn_list))
71     N_dripline = A_list[idx_N]
72
73     Sp_list = Sp(A_list, Z)
74     idx_P = np.argmin(np.abs(Sp_list))
75     P_dripline = A_list[idx_P]
76
77     if pr:

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78     print(f"The neutron dripline is nickel-{N_dripline} and the proton
79         dripline is nickel-{P_dripline}")
80     return (N_dripline, P_dripline)
81
82
83 def plot():
84     """
85     Plotting the drip lines
86     """
87     Z_list = np.arange(4, 82, 2)
88     A_dripline = np.vectorize(find_driplines)
89
90     N_neutron = A_dripline(Z_list)[0] - Z_list
91     N_proton = A_dripline(Z_list)[1] - Z_list
92
93     fig, ax = plt.subplots(1,1)
94     fig.set_figheight(4*1.5)
95     fig.set_figwidth(4*(11125/7438)*1.5)
96
97     ax.plot(N_neutron, Z_list, c='b', lw=3, label='Neutron dripline')
98     ax.plot(N_proton, Z_list, c='r', lw=3, label='Proton dripline')
99
100    img = plt.imread('./NuclideMap.jpg')
101    ax.imshow(img, extent=[-0.5, 176.5, -0.5, 117.5])
102
103    ax.set_xlim(0, 120)
104    ax.set_ylim(0, 80)
105
106    ax.set_ylabel(r'Atomic number, $Z$')
107    ax.set_xlabel(r'Neutron number, $N$')
108
109    ax.legend()
110
111    plt.savefig('driplines.pdf', dpi=500)
112
113 plot()

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### A.3 2cd

```

1 import numpy as np
2 import scipy.constants as c
3 from scipy.stats import linregress as linreg
4 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
5 import uncertainties as u
6 from uncertainties import unumpy as unp
7 from matplotlib import rc
8
9 rc('font',**{'family':'serif','serif':['Computer Modern'], 'size':'16'})
10 rc('text', usetex=True)
11
12
13 nuclide_data = np.array([
14     ["B", 11, 5, u.ufloat(9305, 1)],
15     ["C", 11, 6, u.ufloat(11434, 1)],
16     ["N", 15, 7, u.ufloat(109, 1)],
17     ["O", 15, 8, u.ufloat(3065, 1)],
18     ["F", 19, 9, u.ufloat(-1597, 1)],

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19  ["Ne", 19, 10, u.ufloat(1880, 1)],
20  ["Na", 23, 11, u.ufloat(-10230, 1)],
21  ["Mg", 23, 12, u.ufloat(-5875, 1)],
22  ["Si", 29, 14, u.ufloat(-23505, 1)],
23  ["P", 29, 15, u.ufloat(-18199, 1)],
24  ["Cl", 35, 17, u.ufloat(-31147, 1)],
25  ["Ar", 35, 18, u.ufloat(-24743, 1)],
26  ["Ca", 41, 20, u.ufloat(-37722, 1)],
27  ["Sc", 41, 21, u.ufloat(-30749, 1)],
28  ["Ti", 45, 22, u.ufloat(-41876, 1)],
29  ["V", 45, 23, u.ufloat(-34218, 1)]
30 ])
31
32 def mass_diff(data: np.ndarray) -> np.ndarray:
33     """
34     Calculates the mass difference
35
36     parameters:
37         data; numpy array; the input data
38     returns:
39         mass_diff_total; numpy array, the mass difference and the error
40         mass_diff; numpy array; the mass difference
41         error; numpy array; the error after the calculations
42     """
43     idx1 = np.arange(0, len(data), 2)
44     idx2 = np.arange(1, len(data), 2)
45     data1 = data[idx1]
46     data2 = data[idx2]
47     mass_diff_total = (data2[:,3] - data1[:,3]) * 0.0009315 # MeV / u
48     mass_diff = unp.nominal_values(mass_diff_total)
49     error = unp.std_devs(mass_diff_total)
50     return mass_diff_total, mass_diff, error
51
52 def plot(X, Y, error):
53     """
54     Plotting
55     """
56     fig, ax = plt.subplots(1,1)
57     fig.set_figwidth(6)
58     fig.set_figheight(4)
59
60     ax.set_xlabel(r'$\frac{e^2 A^{2/3}}{20 \pi \epsilon_0}$ [MeV $\times$ fm]')
61     ax.set_ylabel(r'$\Delta E$ [MeV]')
62
63     scale = 1.602e-13*1e-15 # Scaling the X data/axis to MeV * fm
64     reg = linreg(X, Y)
65     x_reg = np.linspace(X[0], X[-1], 200)
66     y_reg = (x_reg*reg[0] + reg[1])
67
68     print(reg)
69     slope = 1/(reg[0]*scale)
70     err = 2*(reg[4]/reg[0]) * 1/(reg[0]*scale) # calculating 2 standard
71     deviations so approx 95% confidence
72     print(f'r0 = {round(slope,2)} fm +/- {round(err,2)} fm')
73
74     ax.plot(x_reg/scale, y_reg, c='r', label='Linear regression')
75     ax.scatter(X/scale, Y, c='fuchsia', s=16, zorder=3, label='Data points

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    ')
75 ax.errorbar(X/scale, Y, yerr=error, ls='None', zorder=1, label='Error'
    )
76
77 ax.legend()
78 plt.tight_layout()
79 plt.savefig('r0.pdf')
80
81
82 mdt, Dm, error = mass_diff(nuclide_data)
83 A = np.array([11, 15, 19, 23, 29, 35, 41, 45])
84 x_list = 3*(1.6e-19)**2 * A**(2/3) / (20*np.pi*8.85e-12)
85
86 plot(x_list, Dm, error)

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## A.4 4a

```

1 import uncertainties as u
2 from uncertainties import unumpy as unp
3
4
5 def kgYear(P: float):
6     """
7     Calculates the kg of U-235 used per year to generate a constant power
8     of P
9
10    parameters:
11    P; float; The total Power
12    return:
13    prints the total mass used per year.
14    """
15    eff = u.ufloat(0.35, 0.02) #efficiency of nuclear power plants
16    power = P/1.602e-13 # converting from watt to MeV/s
17    E_fission = u.ufloat(190, 5) * eff # energy per fission events in MeV
18    year = 31556952 #seconds in a year
19    p = u.ufloat(0.84, 0.002) # probability that U-236 decays with fission
20    activity = power/E_fission
21    mass_per_N = (236 + 45562e-6)*1.66e-27 #mass per nuclide in kg
22    N = activity * year/p # Total number of decays in a year
23    total_mass = N*mass_per_N
24    return print(f"The total number of nuclides needed is {N} and the mass
25    is {total_mass}")

```

## A.5 4b

```

1 import uncertainties as u
2
3 def xi(R: float):
4     """
5     Calculates xi as seen in the assignment
6
7     parameters:
8     R; float; The relative neutron capture probability
9
10    returns;
11    xi; float; the ratio

```



```

12 """
13 U235 = 0.0072
14 U238 = 0.9928
15 return R * U238/U235
16
17 def Ncapture(xi: float, Nfission: float):
18     """
19     Calculates the number of U238 turning into Pu239
20     parameters:
21         xi; float; The ratio against fission
22         Nfission; float; the number of U235
23
24     returns;
25         Ncapture; float; the number of Pu239
26     """
27     return Nfission * xi
28
29 N = Ncapture(xi(u.ufloat(4e-3, 0.1e-3)), u.ufloat(7.8e27, 0.5e27))
30
31 print(f"The total mass of Pu-239 {N * 239.052157 * 1.66e-27} kg" )

```

## A.6 4cd

```

1 import uncertainties as u
2 import numpy as np
3
4 def power(mass: float):
5     """
6     Calculates the power from a given mass Cf254
7
8     parameters:
9         mass; float; the mass of Cf254
10
11     return:
12         power; float; The total power released from Fission
13     """
14     nuclide_mass = 254.087317 * 1.66e-27 #mass in kg/nuclide
15     N_0 = mass/nuclide_mass #total number
16     T12 = u.ufloat(60.5, 0.2) * 86400 #half life in seconds
17     l = np.log(2)/(T12)
18     A_0 = N_0 * l
19     E_per_event = u.ufloat(225, 5) * 1.602e-13
20     print(N_0)
21     return A_0 * E_per_event # power in W
22
23 P = power(1e-9)
24 Peff = P * u.ufloat(0.35, 0.02)
25
26 print(f" The power is {Peff*1e3} mW")
27
28 energy_minute = P * 60
29 print(f"The temperature change in one minute is {energy_minute/(1e-9 *
    110)}")

```