Nuclear-structure effects deduced from the number of bound states

Systematic studies of global nuclear properties of isotopically separated nuclei have been extremely successful

Established global observables:

- masses → pairing correlations and shell effects
- total interaction cross sections → halo nuclei

New global observable:

 nuclide production cross-sections in nucleus-nucleus collisions → complex phenomena of nuclear structure

Example: $^{238}U \rightarrow Ti$ at 1 A·GeV at the FRS (GSI)



Nuclei with enhanced production



EXPERIMENT

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CALCULATION



OUTLOOK

- even-odd structure of even-mass nuclei reveals higher-order structural effects:
 - mean-field contribution to pairing effect
 - alpha clustering
 - neutron-proton pairing

The yield from highly excited nuclei reflecting the number of bound states is a new global observable probing complex nuclear structure phenomena