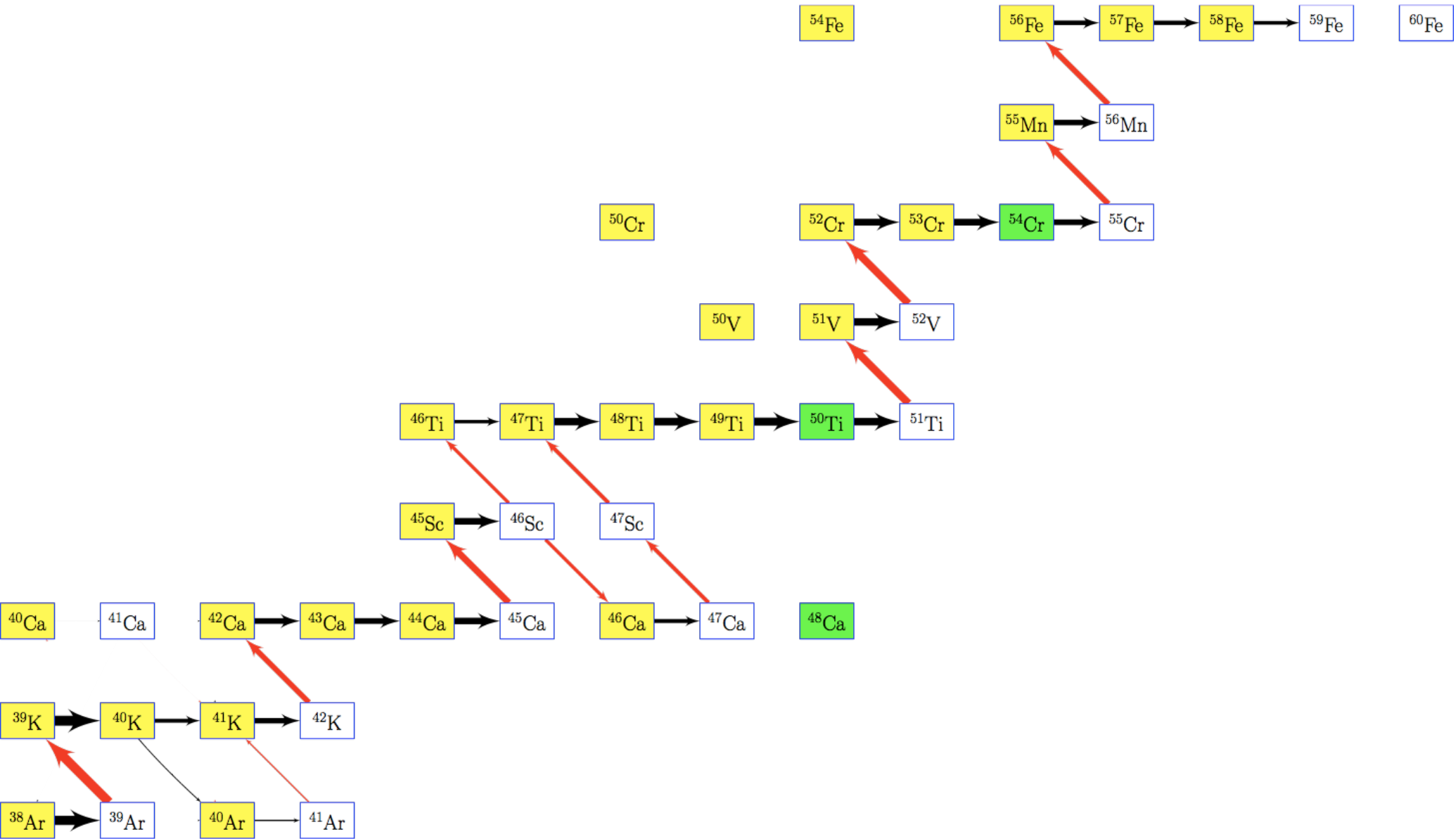
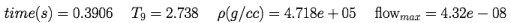


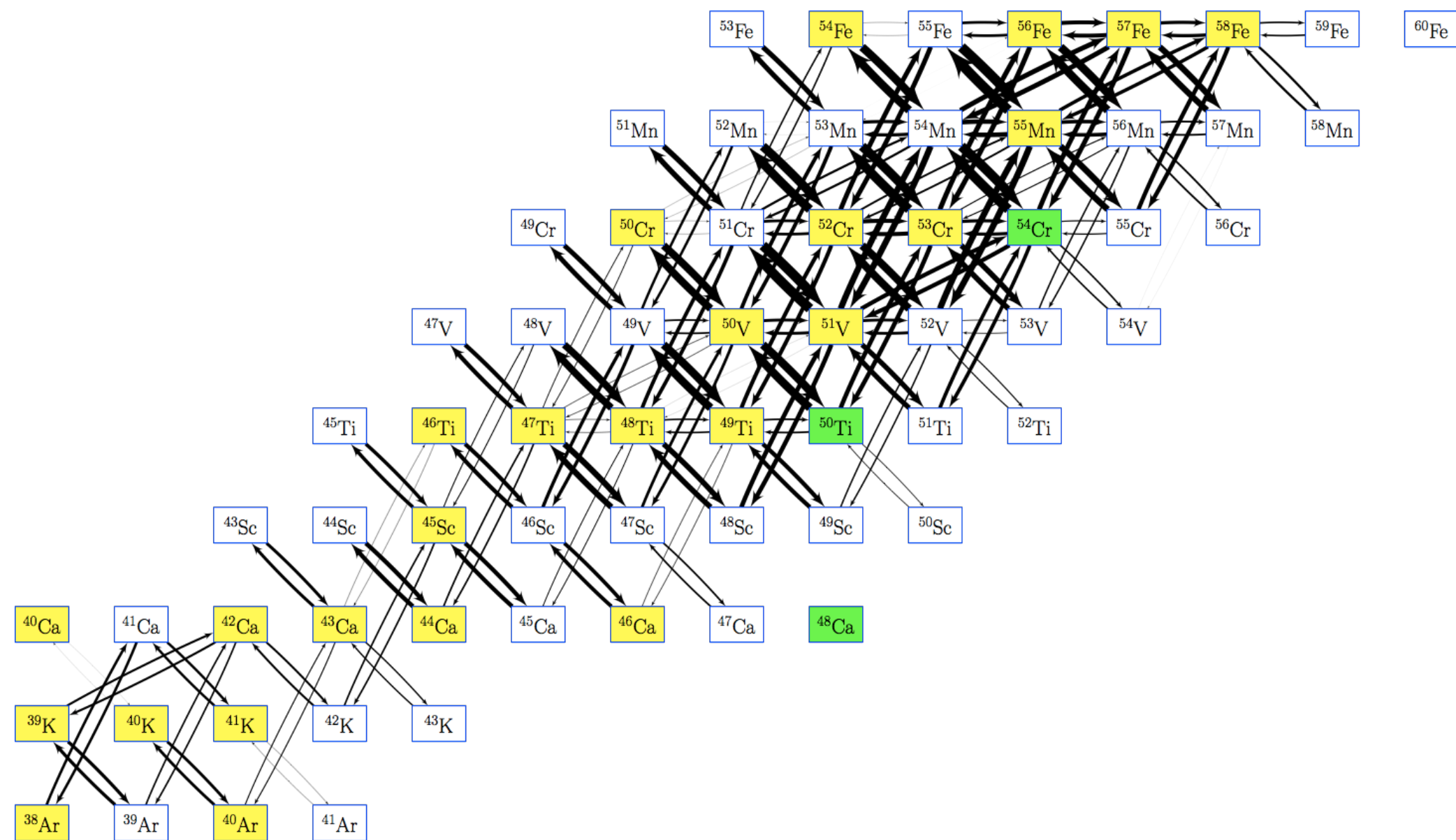
Understanding Network Flows with Branchings on Digraphs

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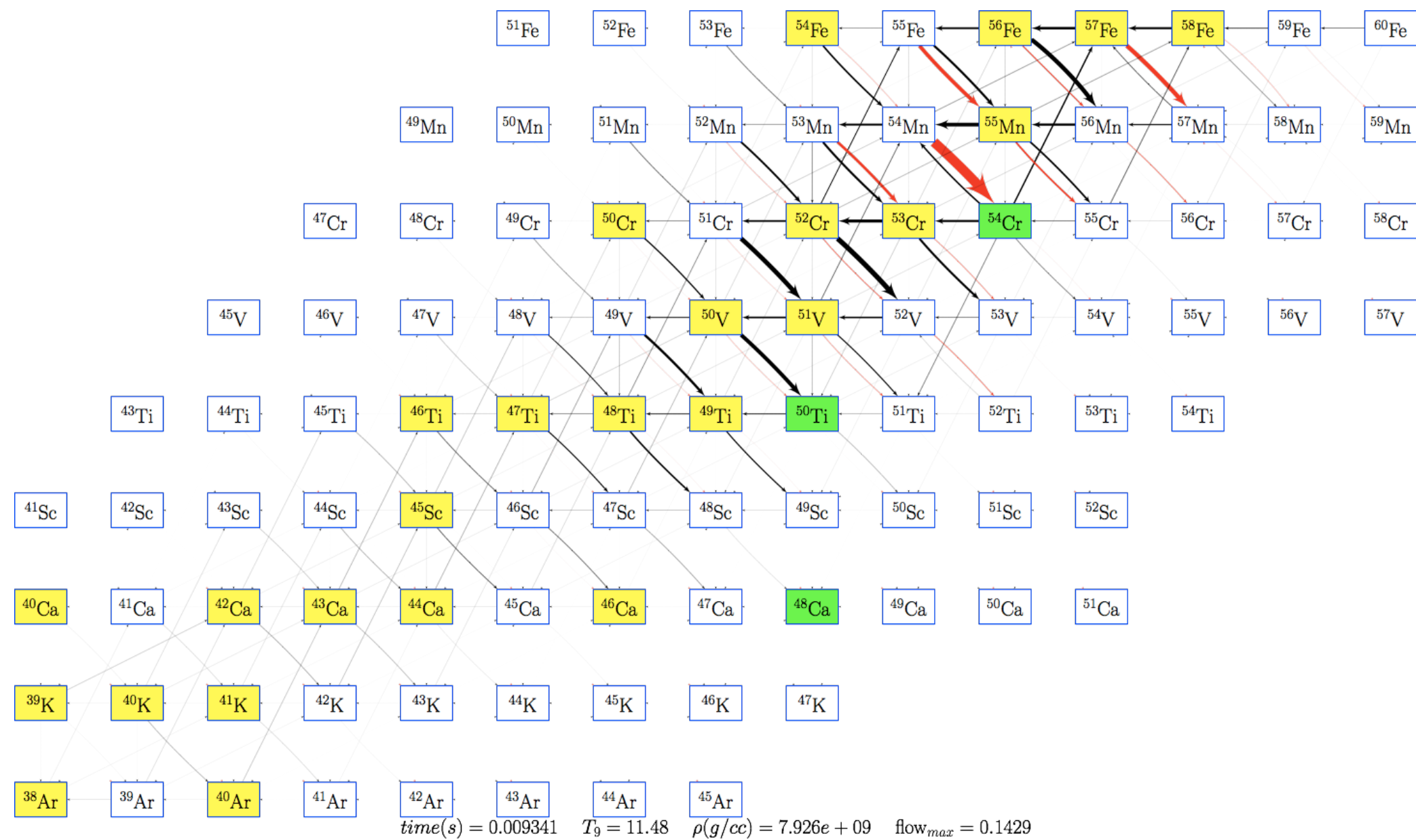


$time(yr) = 3.798e + 06$ $T_9 = 0.2$ $\rho(g/cc) = 1500$ $flow_{max} = 3.981e - 21$





$time(s) = 0.009341$
 $T_9 = 11.48$
 $\rho(g/cc) = 7.926e + 09$
 $flow_{max} = 1.631e + 12$



Hierarchy of Statistical Equilibria in Nucleosynthesis

(0) Equilibrium with nonconstant nucleon number

(1) NSE with weak equilibrium

(2) NSE with fixed Y_e

(3) QSE (equilibrium with fixed Y_e and Y_h)

(4) Two QSE clusters (equilibrium with fixed Y_e , Y_{h1} , and Y_{h2})

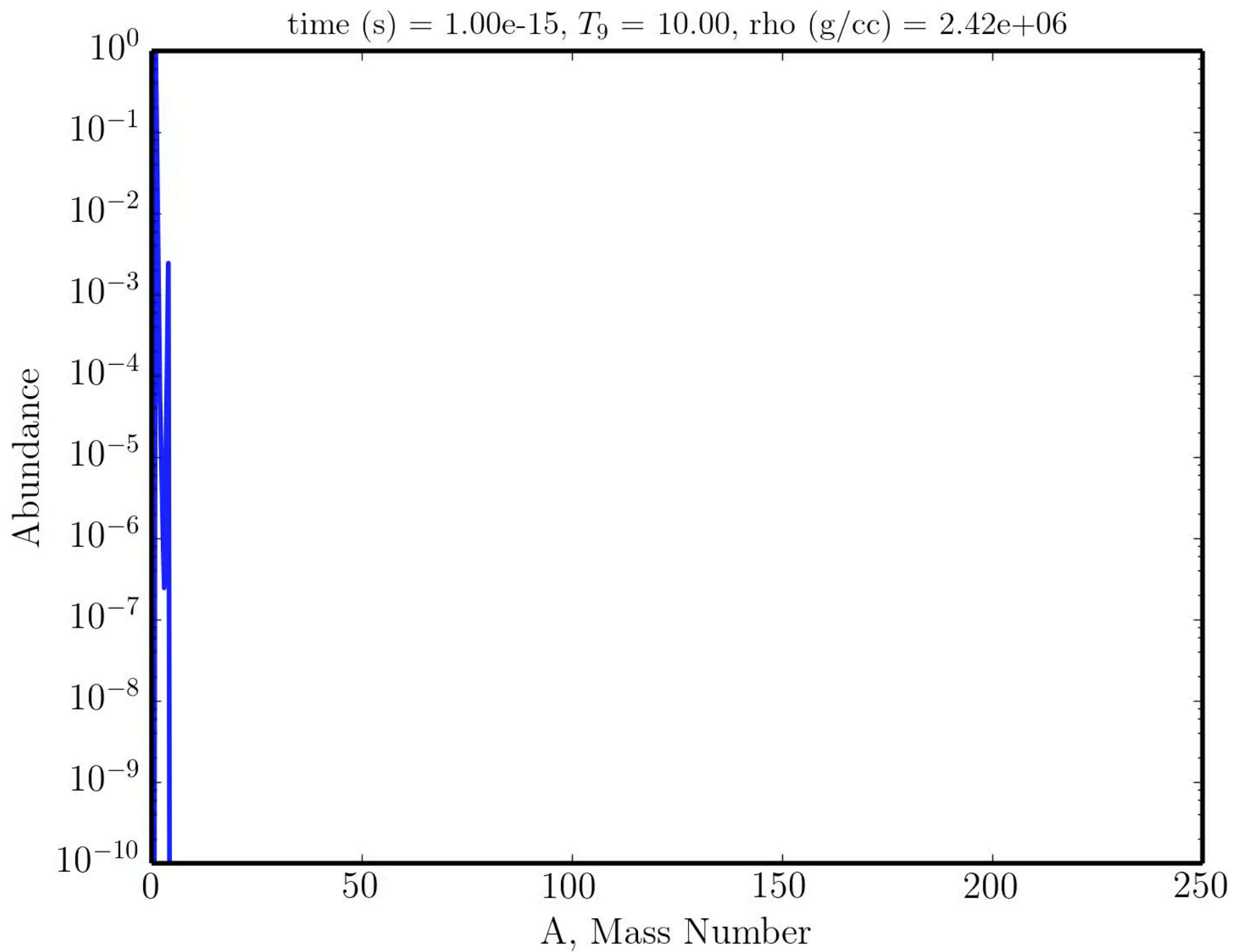
(5) Three QSE clusters (equilibrium with fixed Y_e , Y_{h1} , Y_{h2} , and Y_{h3})

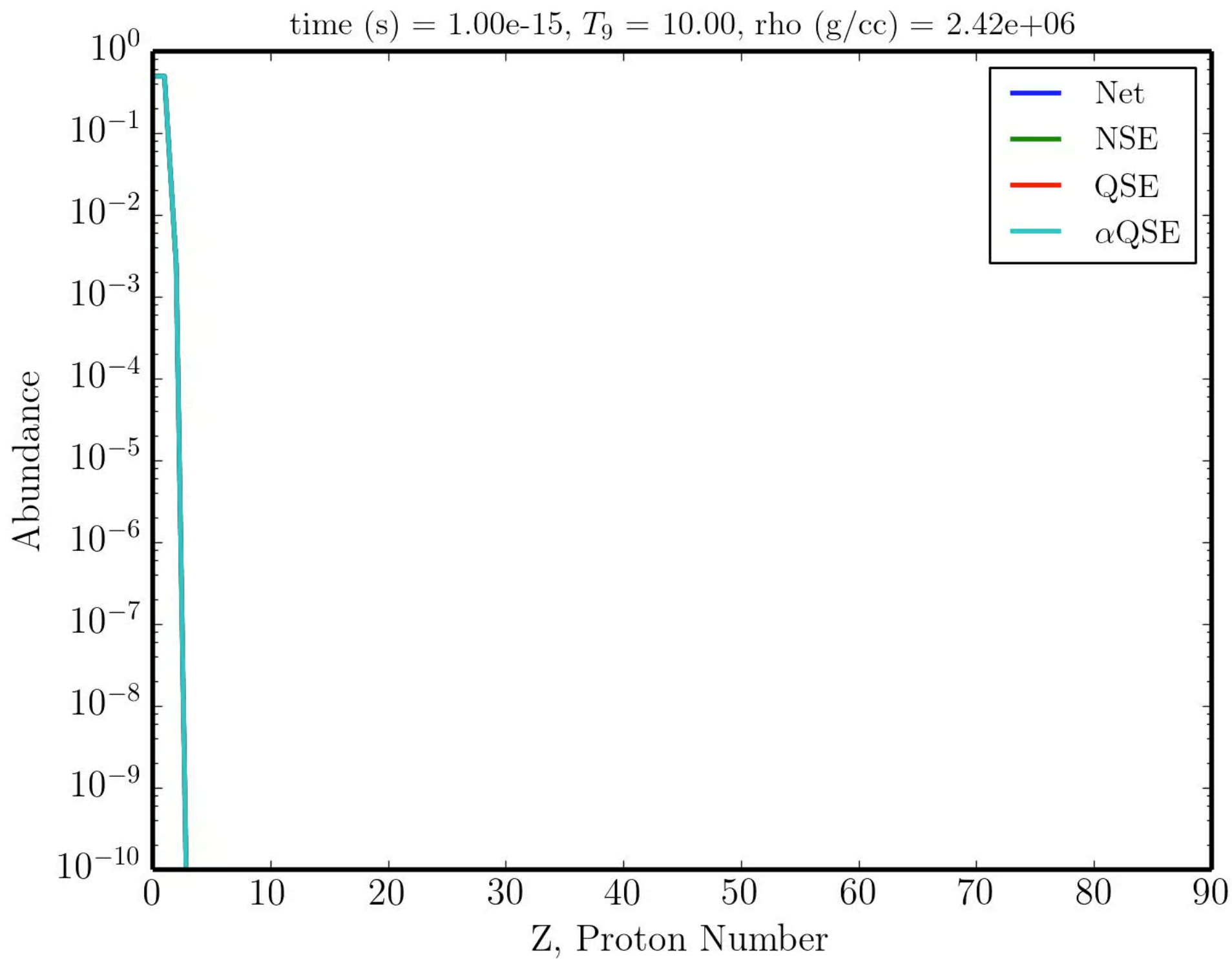
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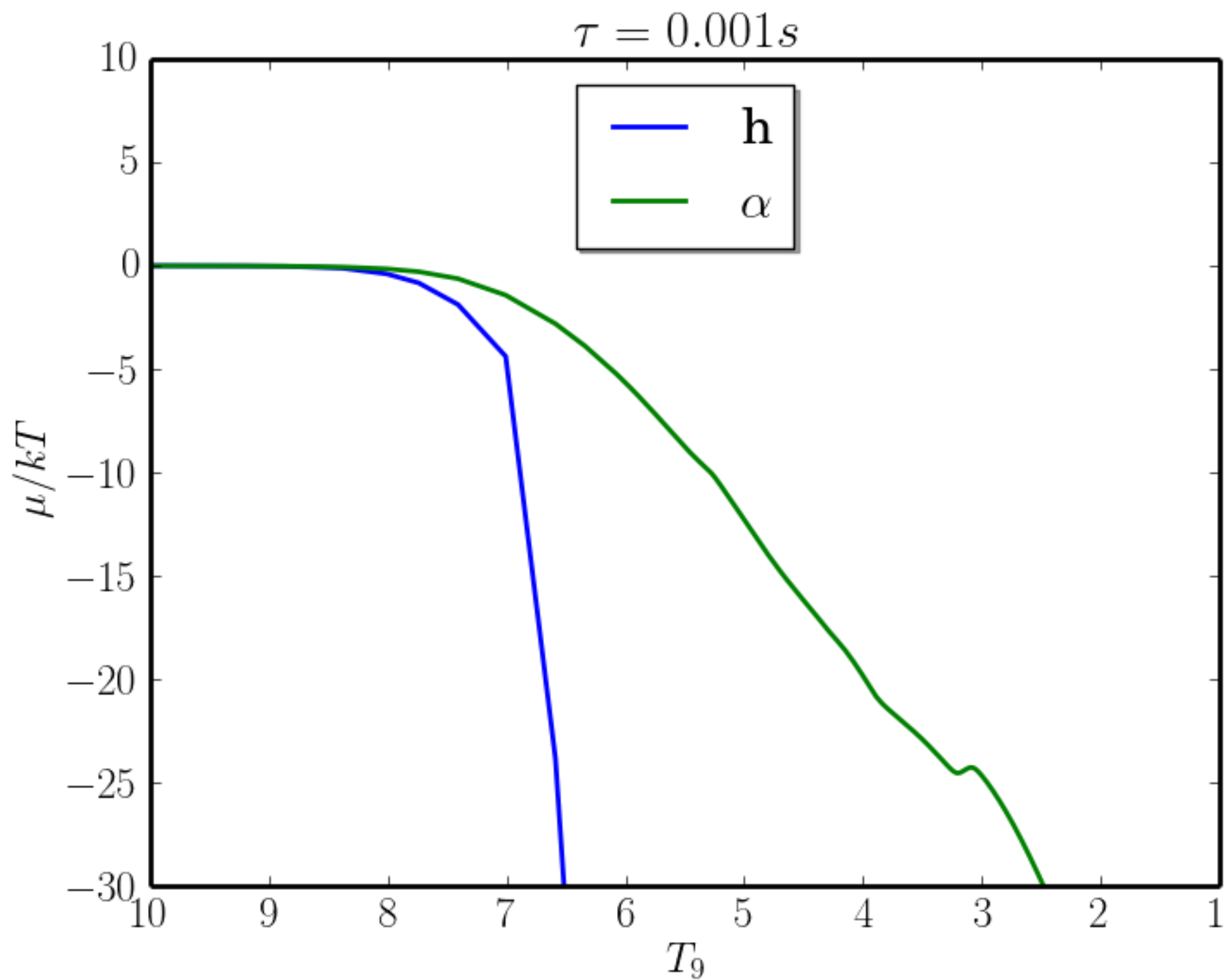
More constraints on system

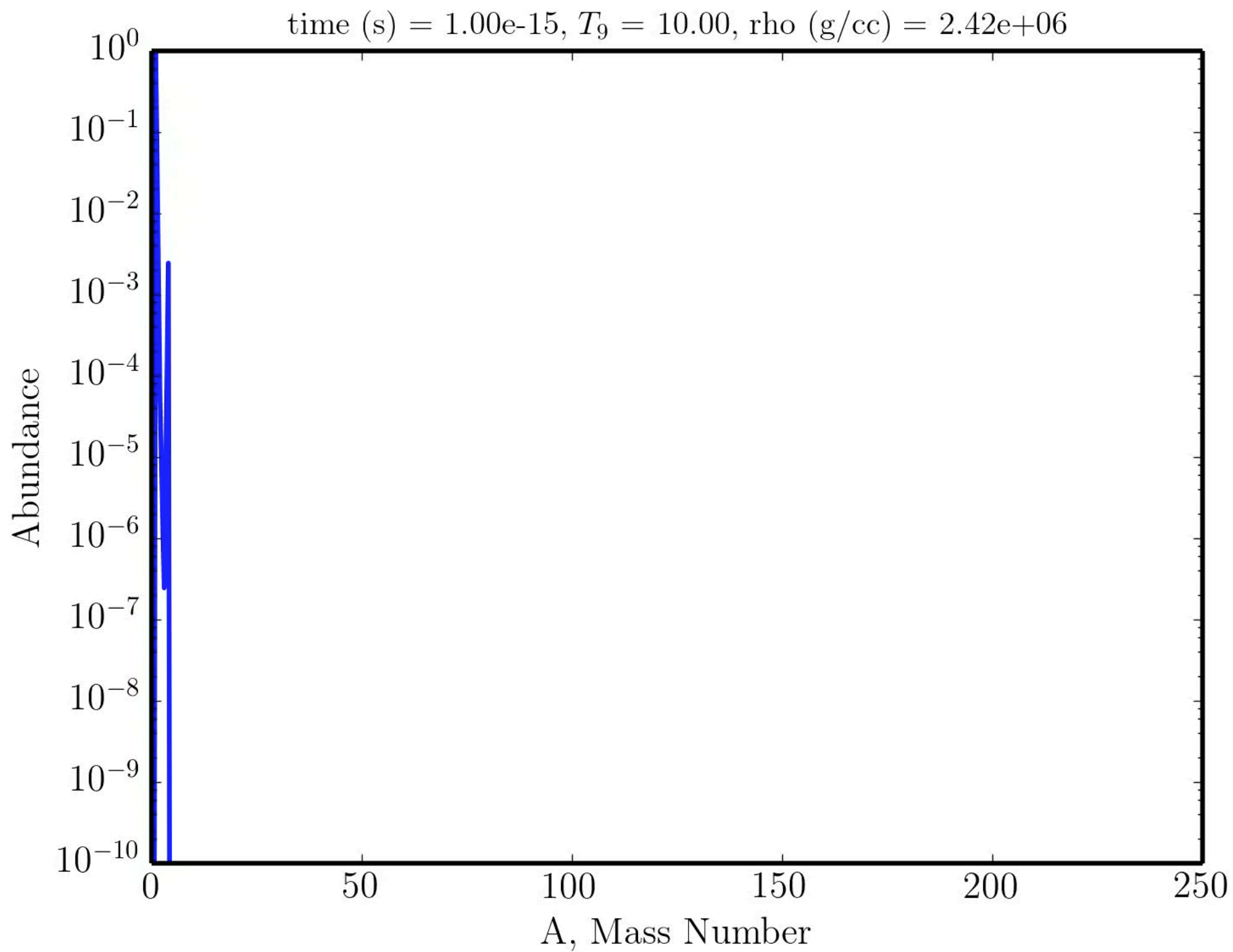
Physically possible equilibria in nucleosynthesis
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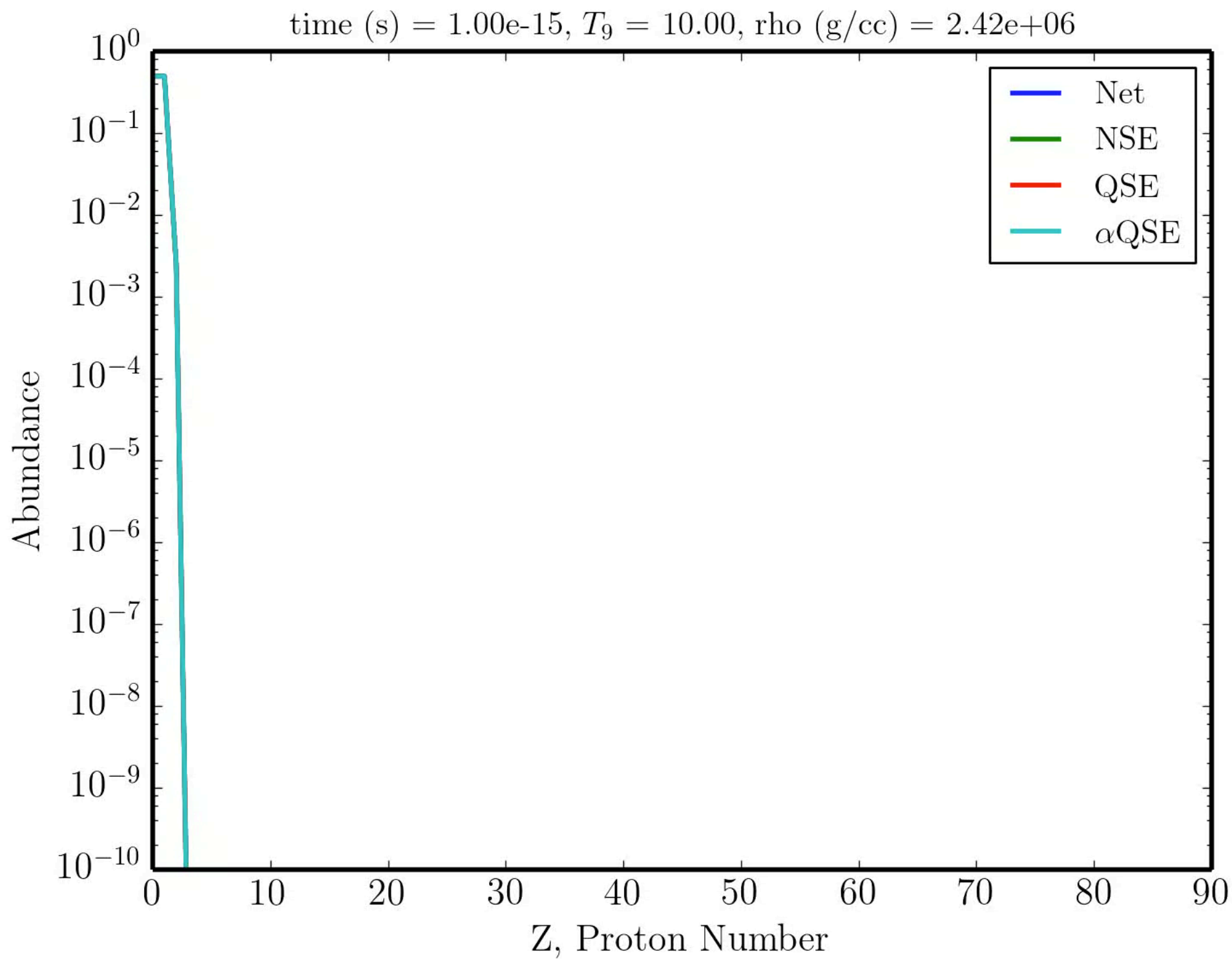
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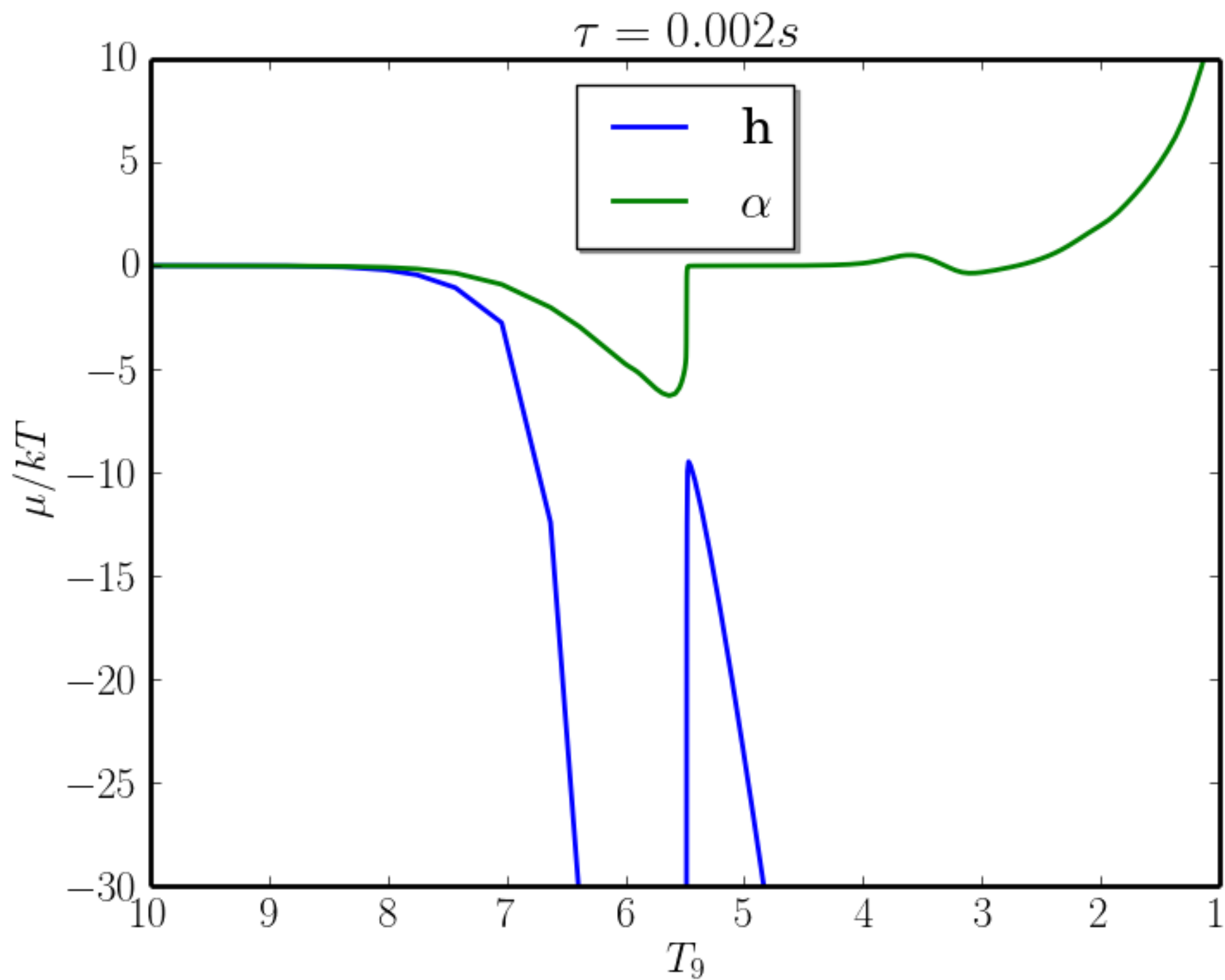












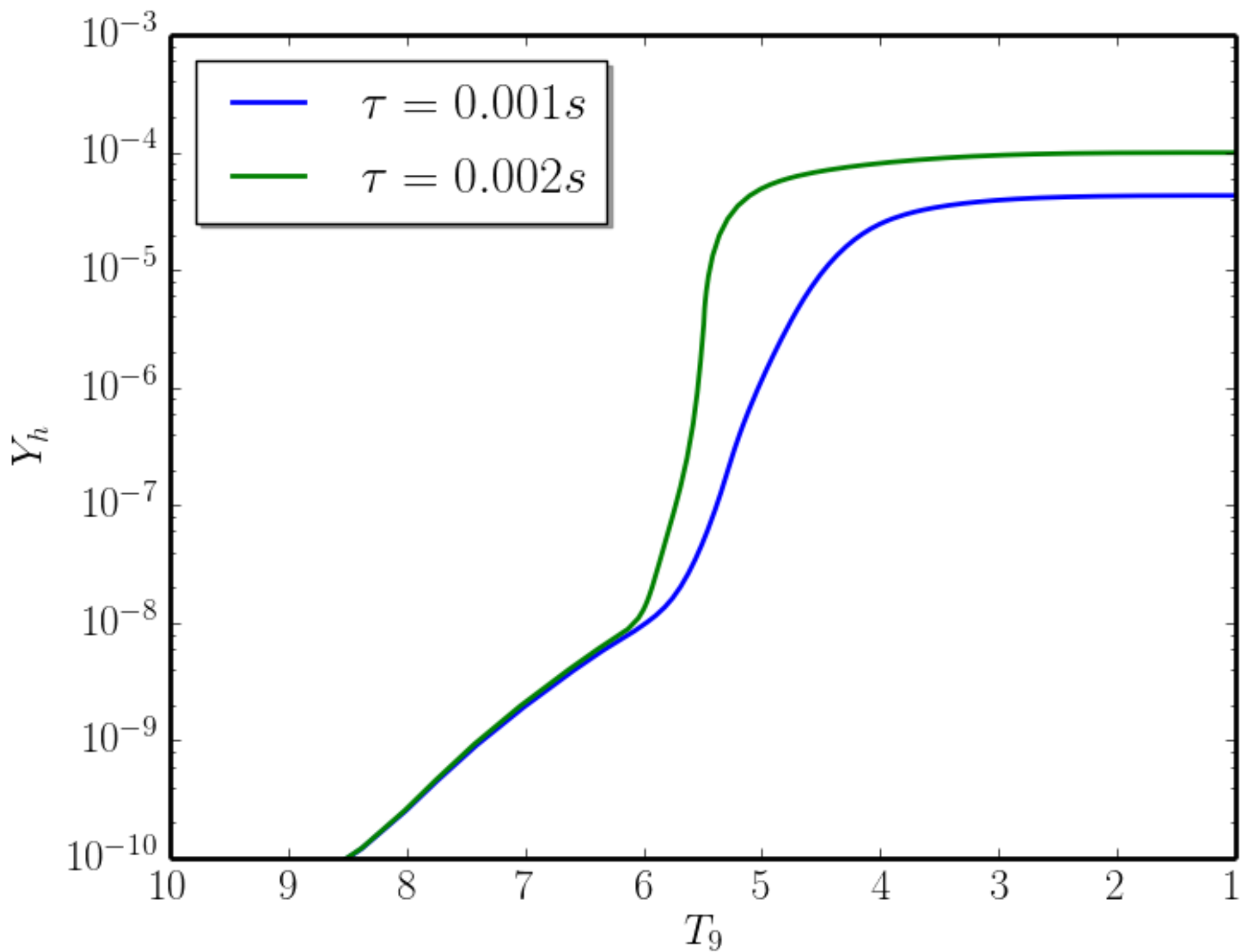
$p(n,g)d(n,g)t(p,g)^4He$

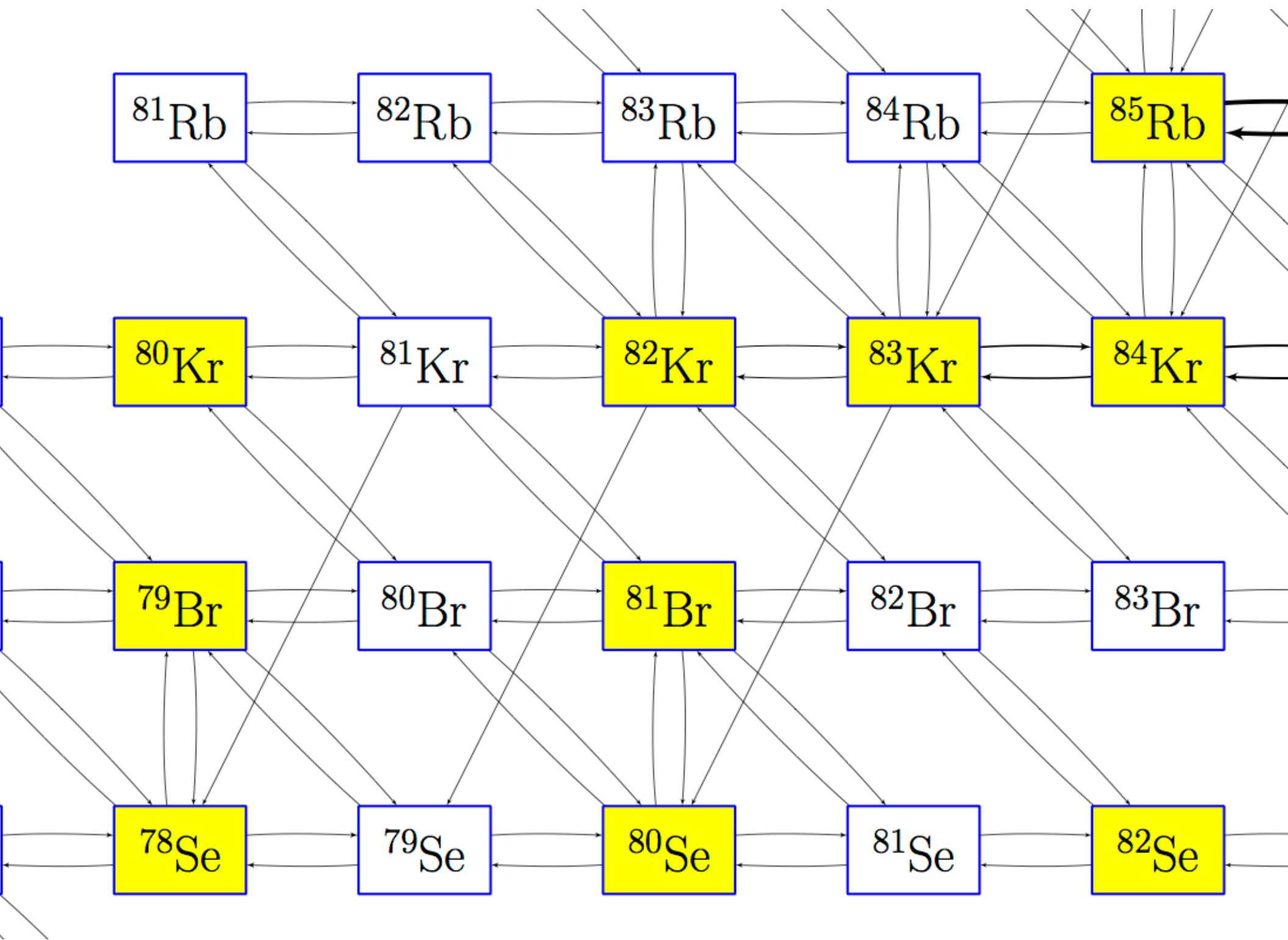
$\Rightarrow p + p + n + n \rightarrow a$

~~p(n,g)d(n,g)t(p,g)⁴He~~

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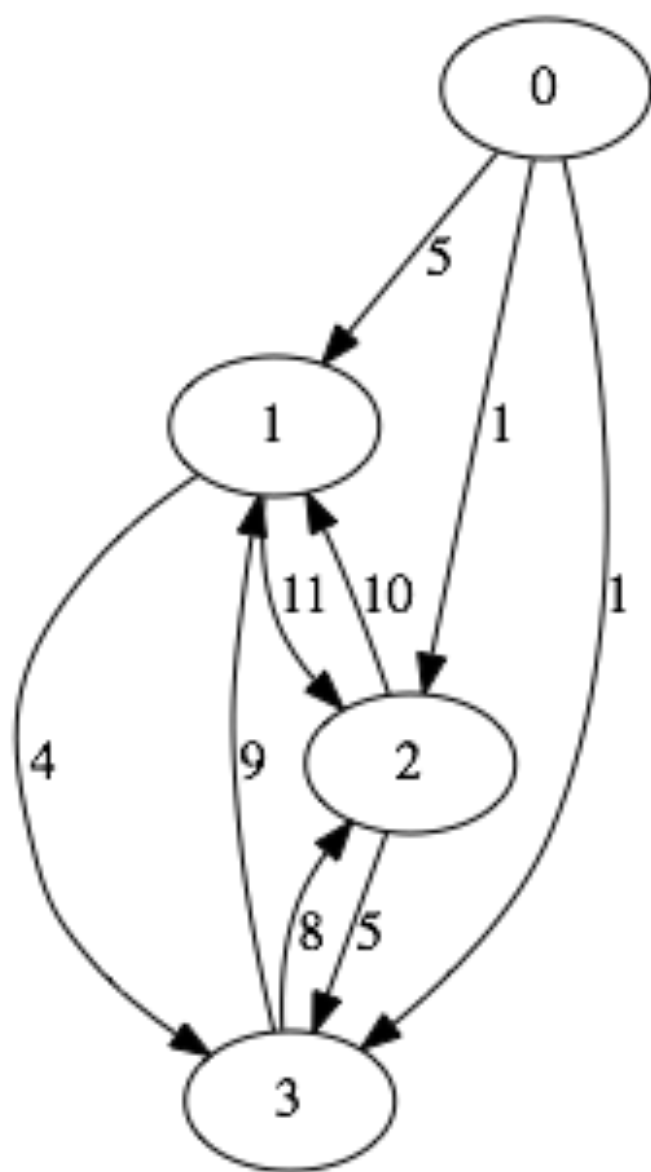
=>p + p + n + n -> a

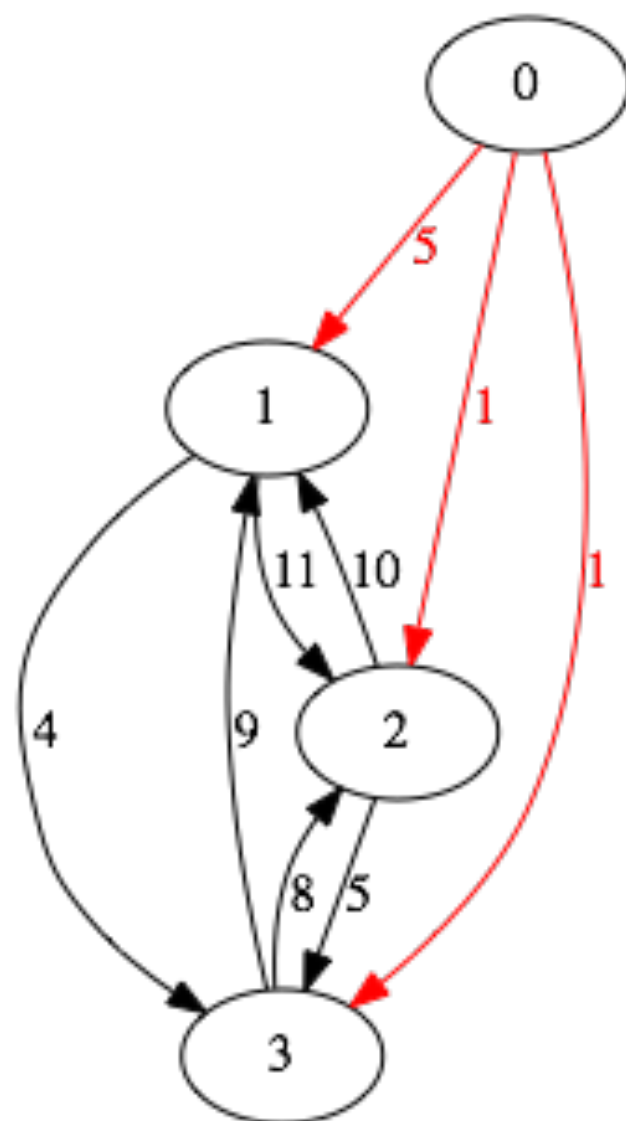




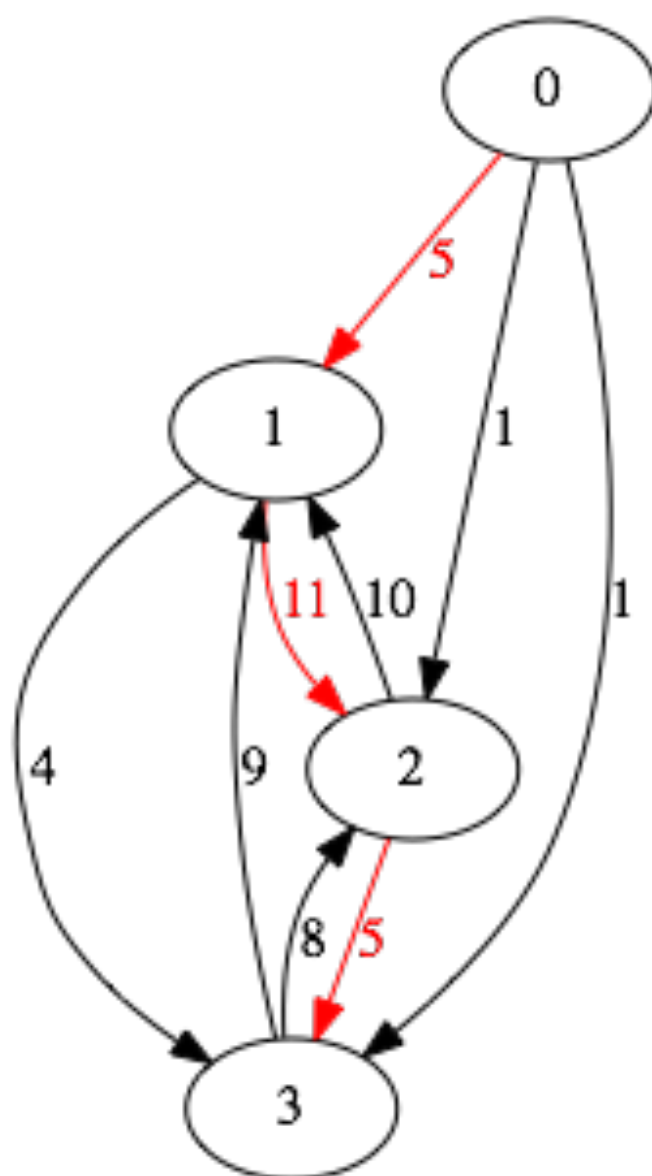


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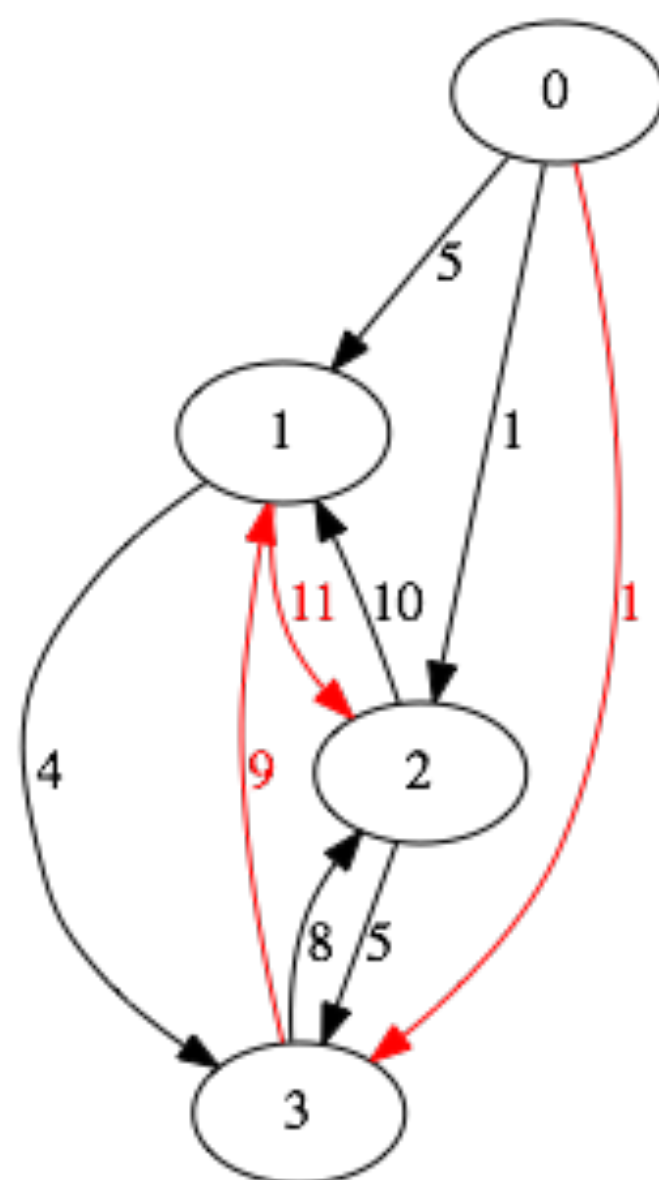




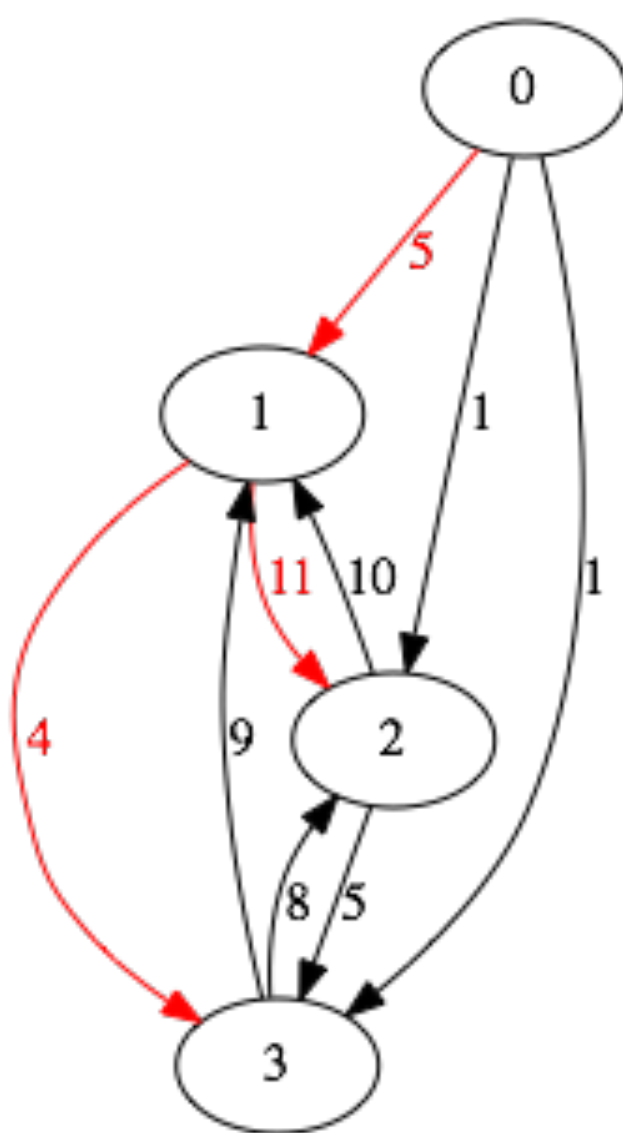
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Branching Weight = 21



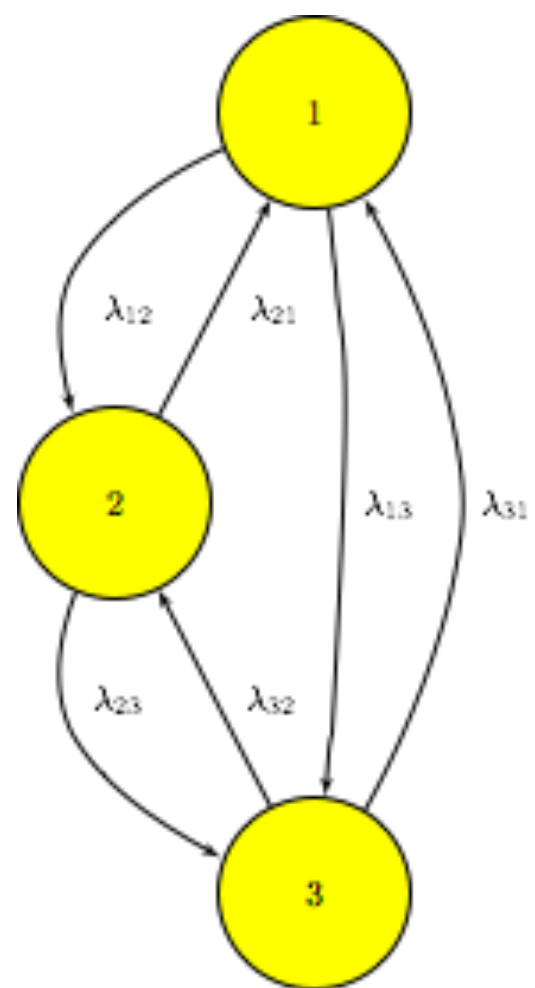
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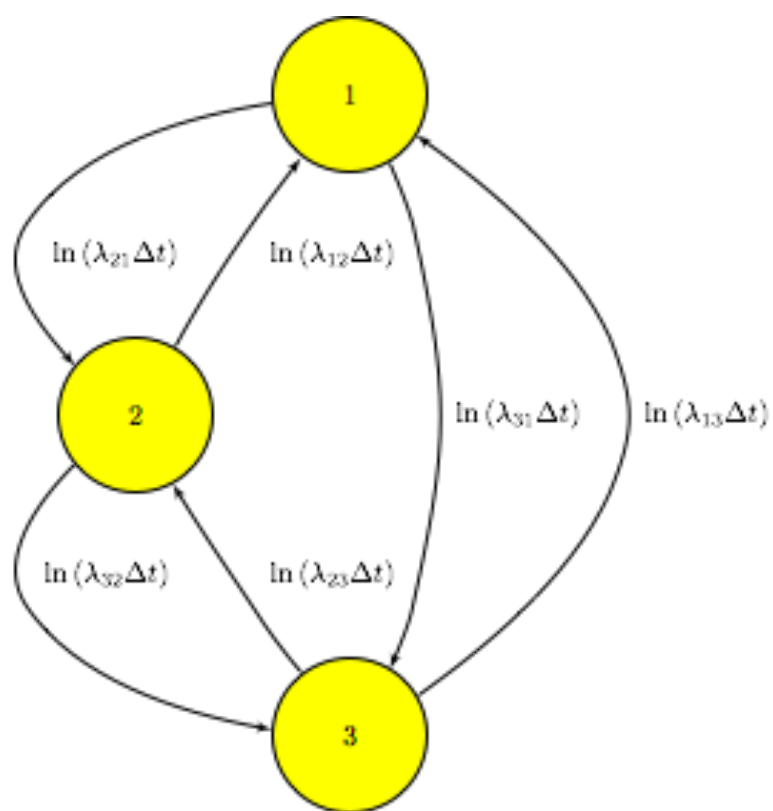


Branching Weight = 20

Matrix-Forest Theorems

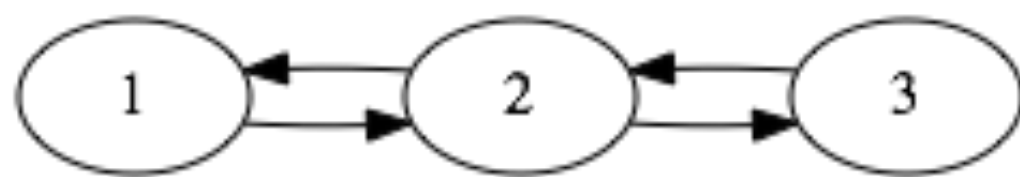
- Relate matrix properties to branchings on directed graphs.
- Tutte (1984), Moon (1994), Chebotarev and Shamis (2006), Meyer and Wang (in prep).



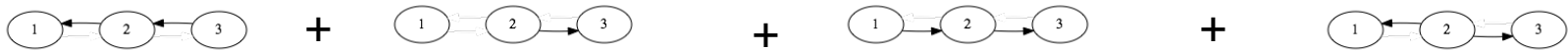


$$Y_i(t + \Delta t) = \frac{\sum_{B:(i)} e^{w(B)} \sum_{j \in B} Y_j(t)}{\sum_B e^{w(B)}}$$

$$\lambda_{j,i}^{eff} = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \frac{\sum_{B:(i) \rightarrow j} e^{w(B)}}{\sum_B e^{w(B)}}$$



$$Y_3(t + \Delta t)$$



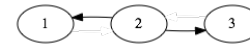
$Y_3(t + \Delta t) \rightarrow \text{equilibrium}$



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Number of Branchings in a complete
simple graph of order n

$$(n+1)^{(n-1)}$$

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$$n = 3: 16$$

$$n = 4: 125$$

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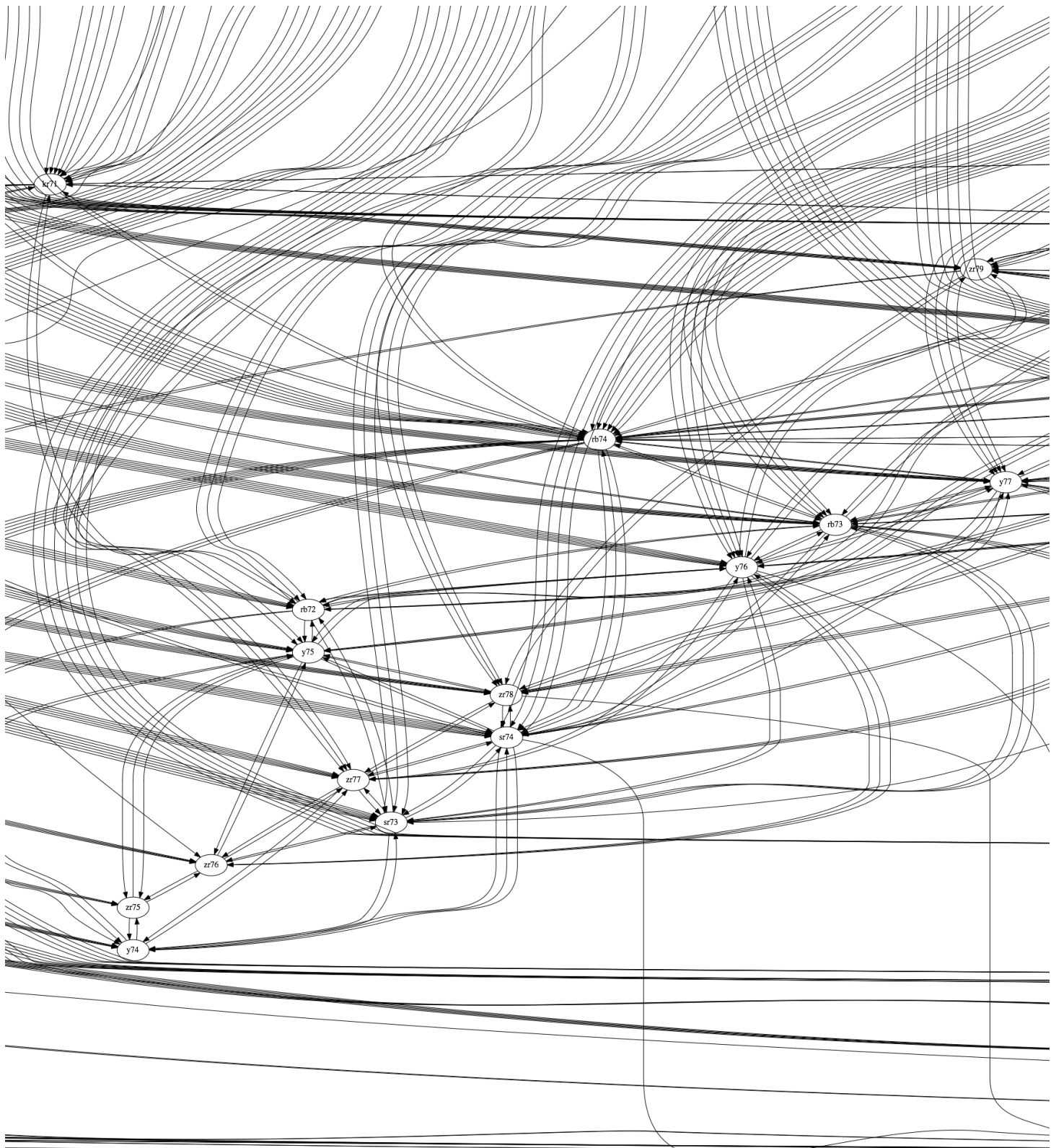
$$n = 9: 10^8$$

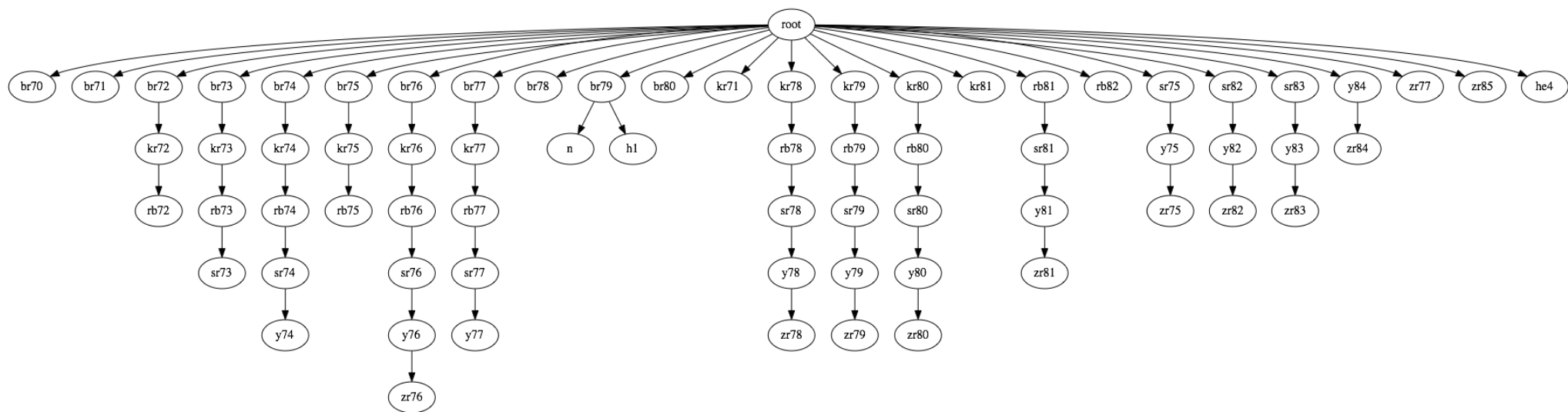
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$$n = 99: 10^{196}$$

k-th Best Algorithms

- Optimal Branching Algorithm (Edmonds 1967 & Chi and Liu 1965)
- kth Best Branching (Camerini et al. 1980)
- $O(km \ln(n))$





By a nose



Why Might You Care?

- Better picture of the evolution of abundances in a nuclear reaction network, especially between rungs of the hierarchy of statistical equilibria
- Insight into which reaction rates or other nuclear properties govern the abundance evolution in reaction networks

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