

Heavy Nuclei and Texas

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(1872–1952)



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The Robert A. Welch Foundation Conferences in Time

- The Structure of the Nucleus – Houston, 1957 (Md-101, 1955). End of the n - β , beginning of the **Hot Fusion era**
- Transuranium Elements - the Mendeleev Centennial – Houston, 1969 (Db-105, 1967). End of the **Hot Fusion era**
- Fifty Years with Transuranium Elements – Houston, 1990 (Mt-109, 1982). **Cold Fusion era** on on the march
- The Transactinide Elements – Houston, 1997 (Cn-112, 1996). End of the **Cold Fusion era**, only one new element, with $Z=113$ in next 20 years

... since 1997

^{48}Ca and heavy actinide **Warm Fusion era** – six new elements with atomic numbers from 113 to 118

and most important:

first human tracks on the shores of the **Stability Island**



Spring 2015
we are back in Texas

What is next?

Moment of silence to honor our friend

Valery Zagrebaev

1950 - 2015



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and finally

Big was born in Texas!

That is why it is not a surprise
the we will be discussing about:

Biggest nuclei

and

Big research planes

with

Big hopes about Big future