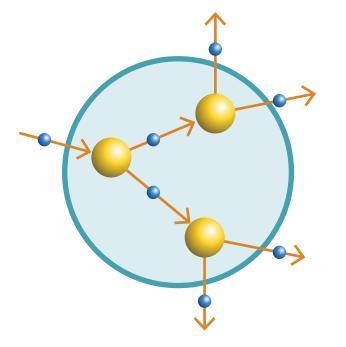
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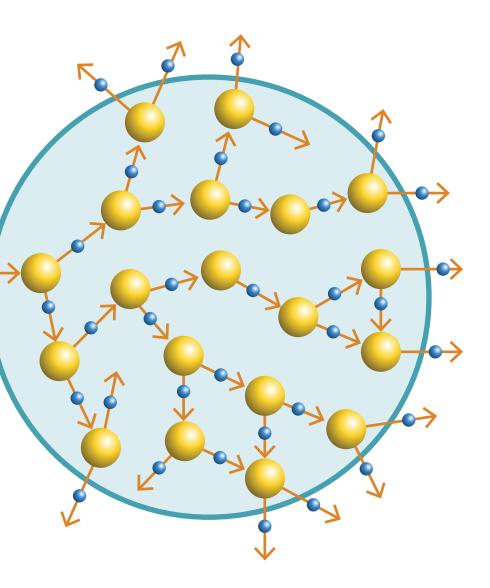


### Subcritical mass

Rate of neutron loss > rate of neutron creation by fission

## **Critical mass**

Rate of neutron loss = rate of neutron creation by fission



### Supercritical mass

Rate of neutron loss < rate of neutron creation by fission