

Spectroscopy of SHE

Voyage to superheavy elements

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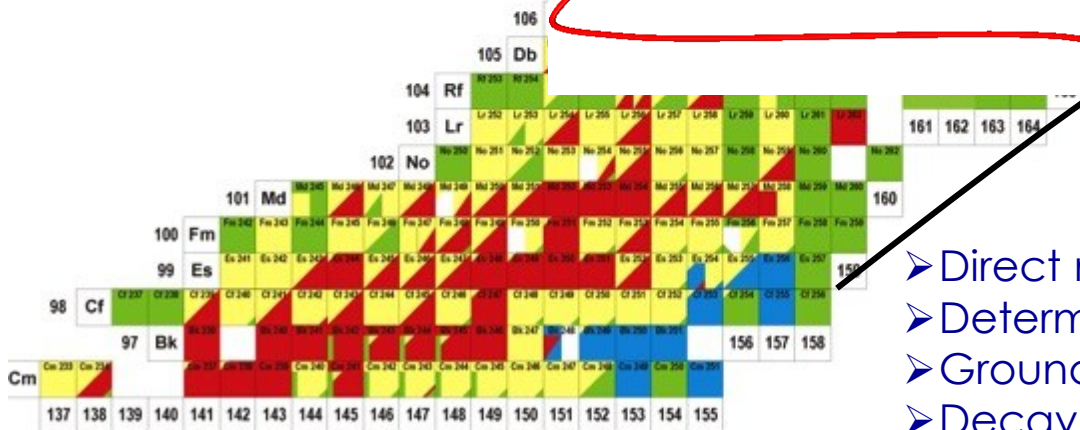
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What we can learn from spectroscopy of SHE

- Learn about underlying
- Learn about nuclear force
- Self-consistent calculation prediction of properties



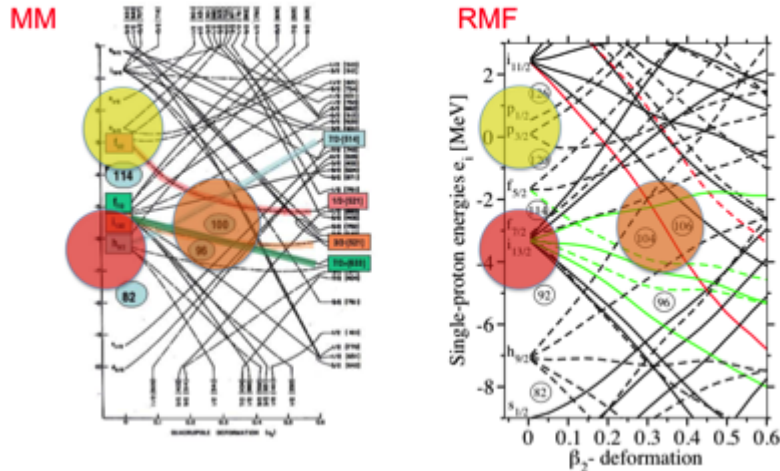
Observables

- Direct mass measurements
- Determination of rotational properties
- Ground state properties
- Decay properties nuclear structure
- Reaction mechanism



Motivation: Constraining theory

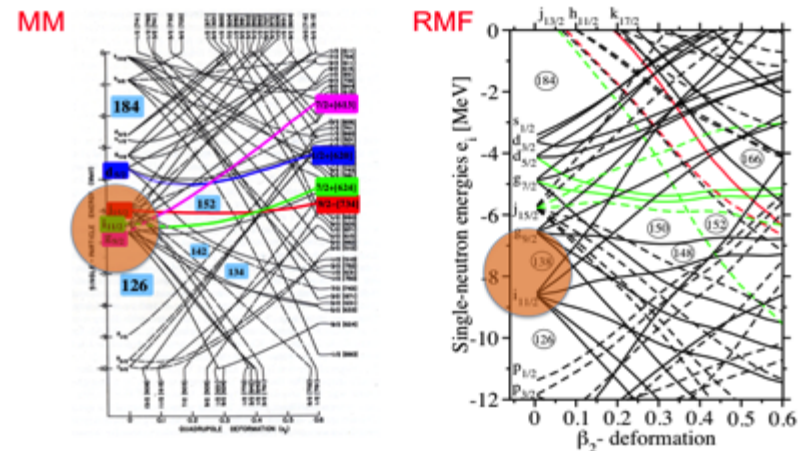
Nilsson Diagram: Protons



- Microscopic-Macroscopic models based on a liquid drop model ($Z=114$)
- Relativistic mean field models ($Z=120, 126$)
- Hartree-Fock-Bogoliubov –Skyrme or Gogny Interaction ($z=120, 126$)

- Differences in single-particle structure reflected in the shell gaps for both spherical and deformed systems

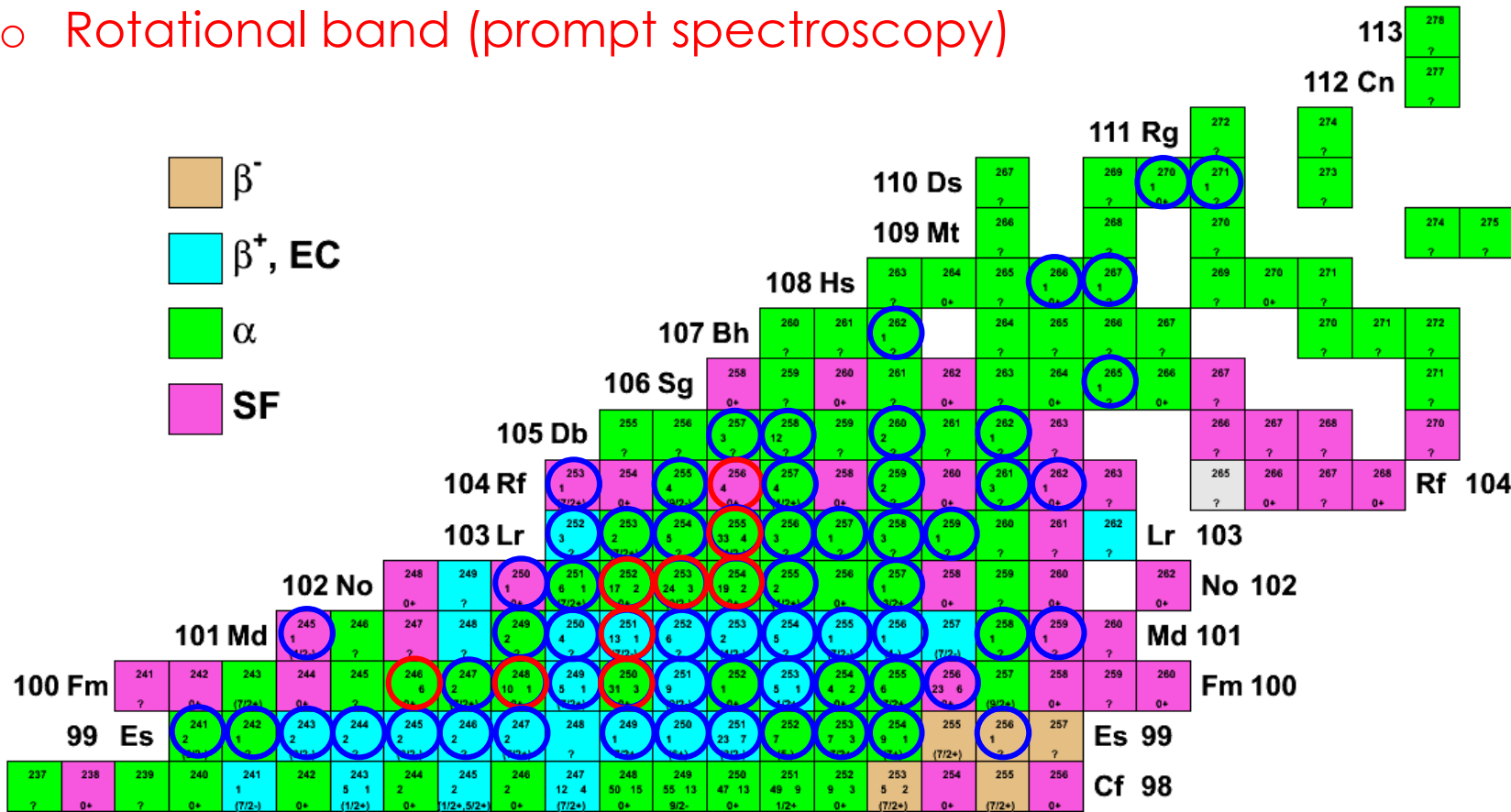
Nilsson Diagram: Neutrons



Similar differences seen for neutron level structure

VHE Status

- At least an excited states known
- Rotational band (prompt spectroscopy)



Courtesy of Ch.Theisen

Methods and limits

- In-beam spectroscopy using RDT & RT technique

- recent achievements 10 nb @ $z=104$ (^{256}Rf) @ JYFL

- SAGE spectrometer allowing γ/e^- spectroscopy

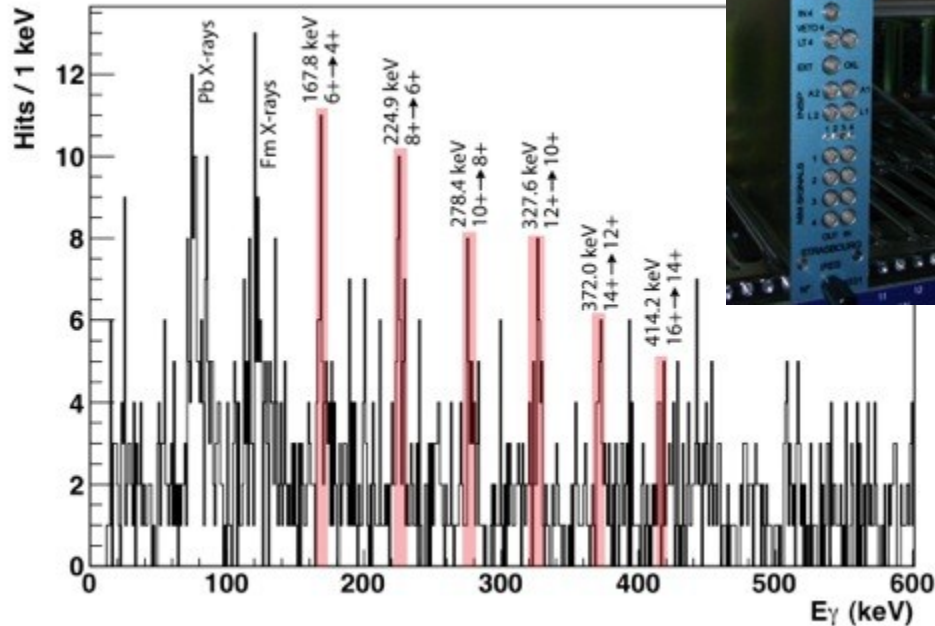
Bottleneck: Target position arrays limiting beam intensities environ 10 pA

→ a factor 100 below the intensities for synthesis

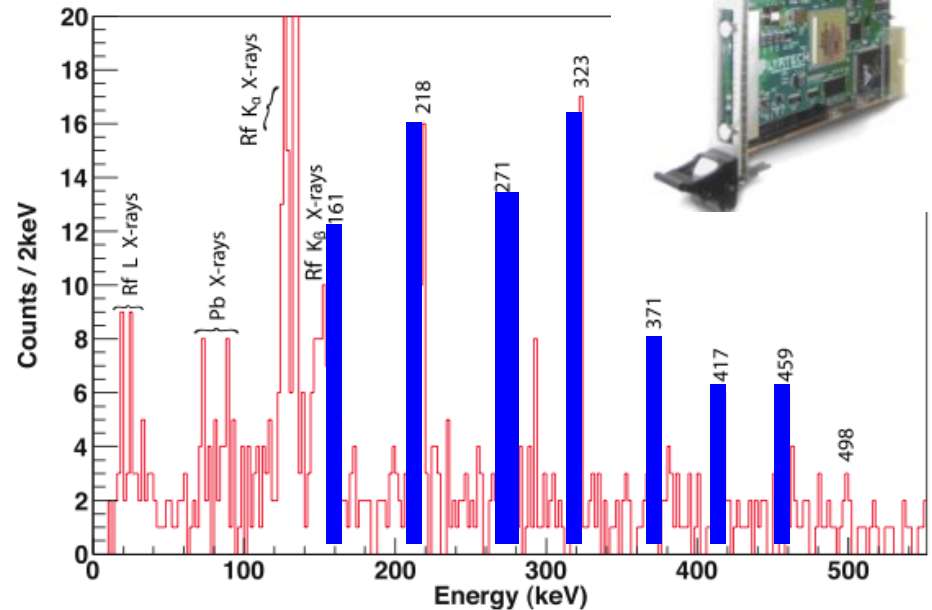
Current limit for in-beam spectroscopy

$^{208}\text{Pb}(^{40}\text{Ar}, 2n)^{246}\text{Fm}$
 up to 71 pA, 40 kHz
 $\sigma = 11 \text{ nb}$

J. Piot et al., Phys. Rev. C 85, 041301 (2012)



$^{208}\text{Pb}(^{50}\text{Ti}, 2n)^{256}\text{Rf}$
 up to 45 pA, 50 kHz
 $\sigma = 15 \text{ nb}$



P.T. Greenlees et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 109 (2012) 012501

Methods and limits

- Decay spectroscopy : energies and ordering of single particle states can be obtained from the spectroscopy of odd-mass nuclei and K-isomeric states.
 - details studies are feasible up to $Z=110$
 - systematic nuclear structure study of odd-mass nuclei
 - position of deformed shell gaps in region $z=100$ and $N=152$ are not well reproduced by modern mean-field theories

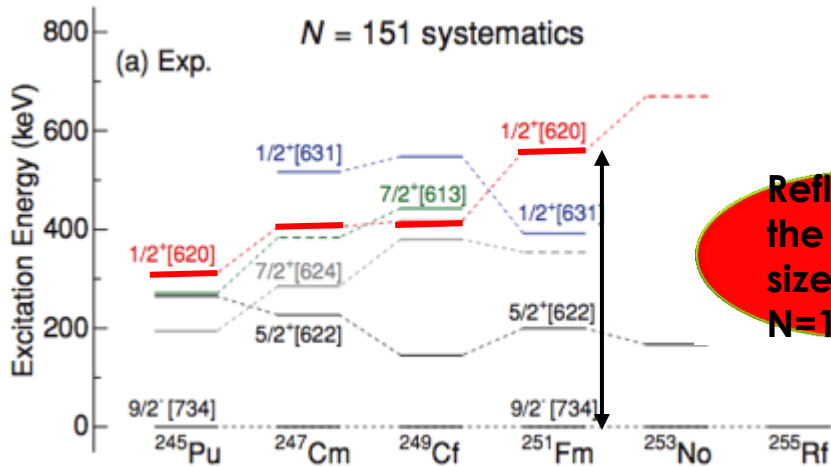
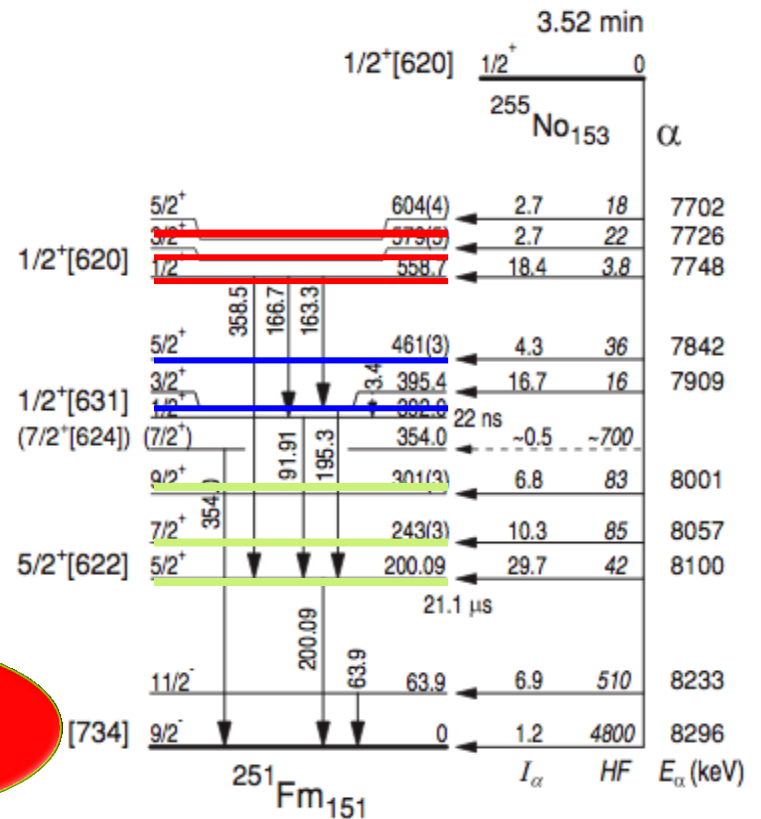
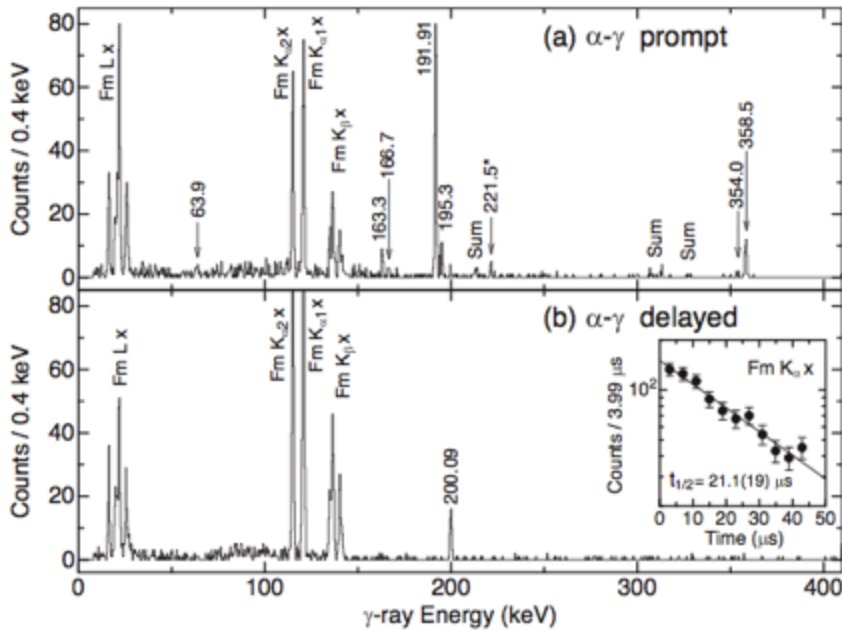
Bottleneck: limited counting rate

→ Needs a beam intensity increase by at least one order of magnitude is essential

Decay spectroscopy: position of N=152 gap

No $^{248}\text{Cm}(^{12}\text{C},5n)^{255}\text{No}$, $I_{\text{beam}}=270$ pA, $\sigma\sim 600$ nb

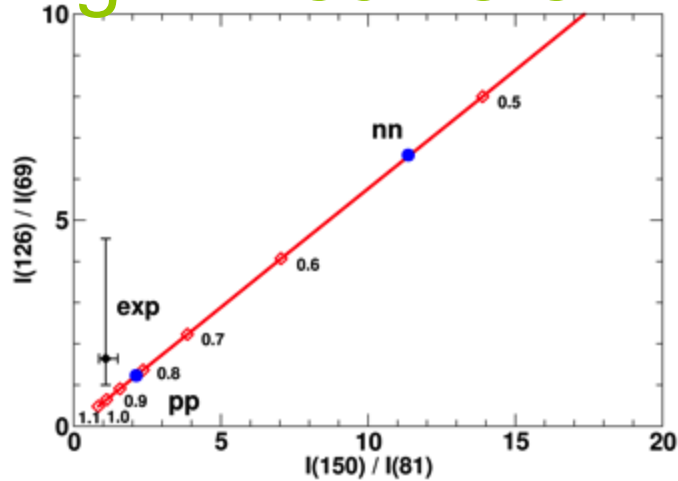
M. Asai et al., Phys. Rev. C 83 (2011) 014315



Reflects the size of the N=152 gap

➤ N=152 gap energy increases with the atomic number

High-K isomers in ^{254}No

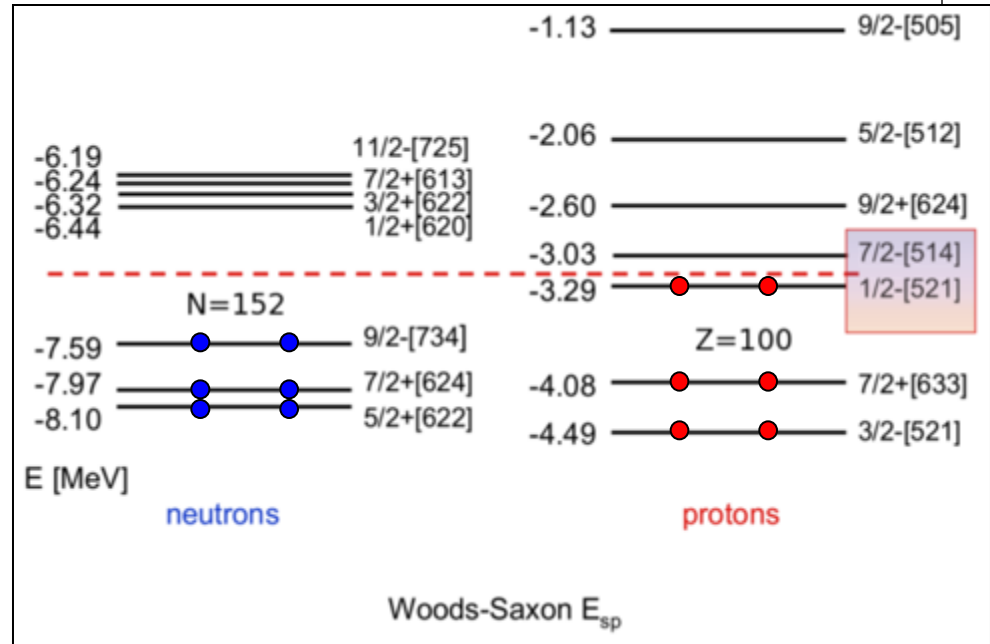
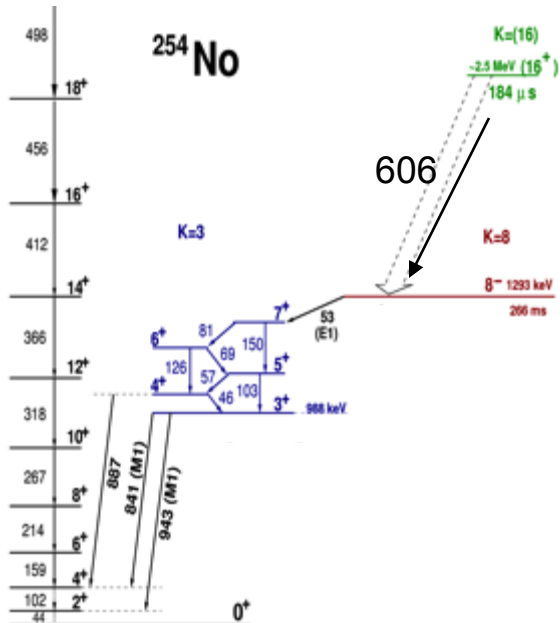


3^+ : 2 quasiproton state $7/2-[514] \otimes 1/2-[521]$

8^- : 2 quasiproton state $7/2-[514] \otimes 9/2+[624]$

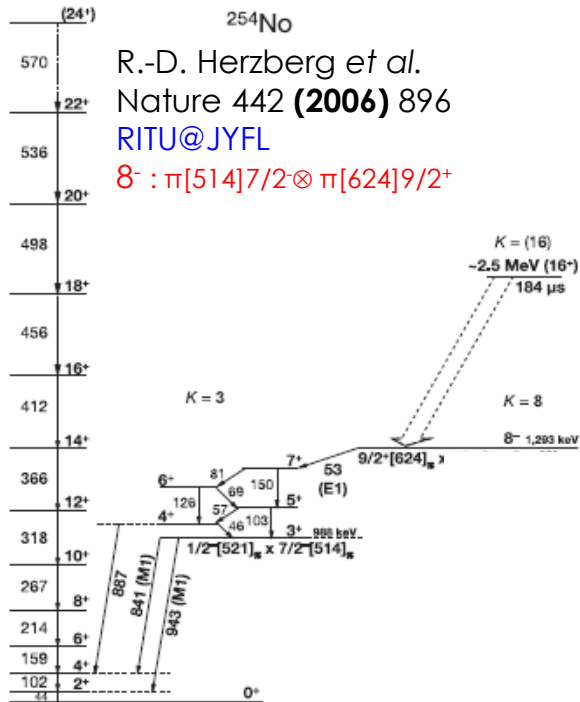
or

2 quasineutron state $9/2-[734] \otimes 7/2+[613]$
(and $7/2+[624] \otimes 9/2-[734]$)

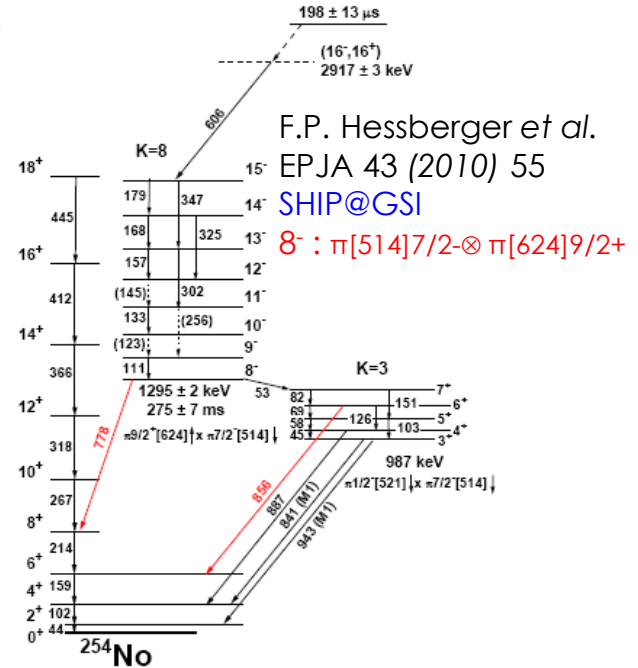


R.-D. Herzberg et al. Nature 442, 896 (2006)
S. Tandel et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 97 (2006) 082502

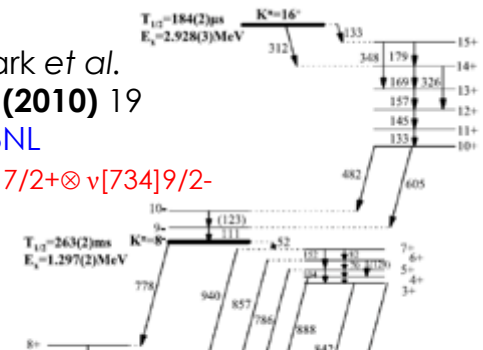
K isomerism in ^{254}No



S.K. Tandel *et al.*
 PLR 97 (2006) 082502
 FMA@ANL
 $8^- : \pi[514]7/2^- \otimes \pi[624]9/2^+$

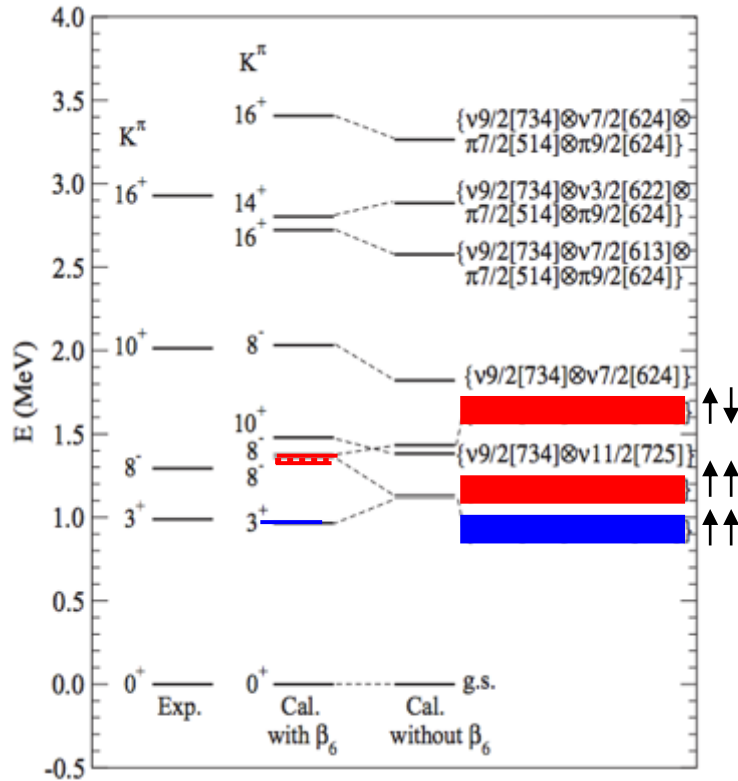


R.M. Clark *et al.*
 PLB 690 (2010) 19
 BGS@LBNL
 $8^- : \nu[613]7/2^- \otimes \nu[734]9/2^-$



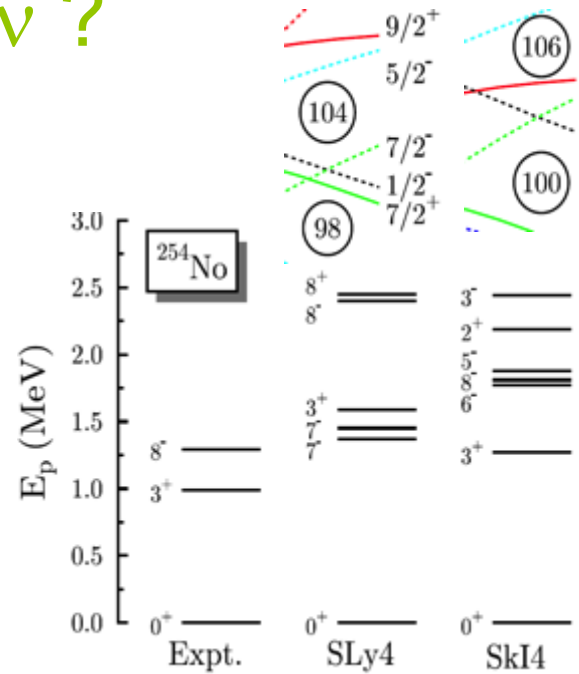
no agreement concerning an 2qp K isomer at ~1,3 MeV

Theory: 8^- state, $2-\pi$ or $2-\nu$?

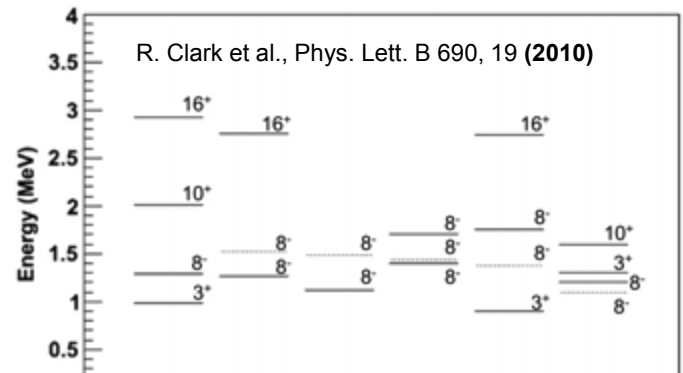


H.L. Liu, F. R. Xu, P.M. Walker and C.A. Bertulani, Phys. Rev. C 83 (2011) 011303(R)

Including higher order deformation strengthens the $N=152$ and $Z=100$ gaps

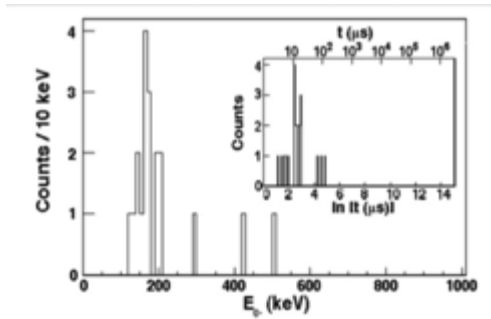
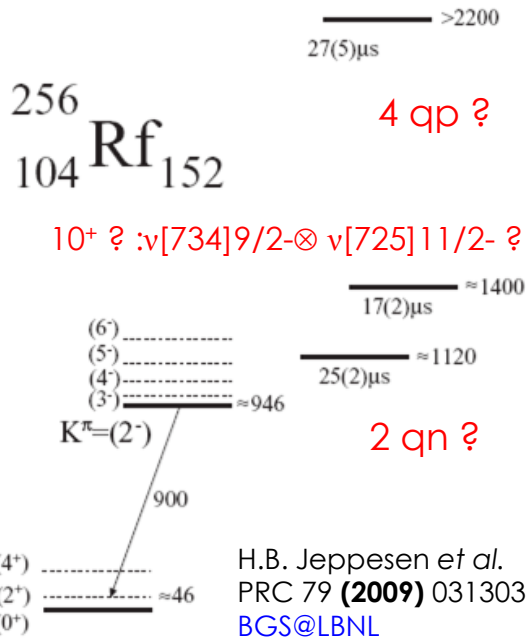


P-H Heenen, from <http://nuclear1.paisley.ac.uk/SHEworkshop>

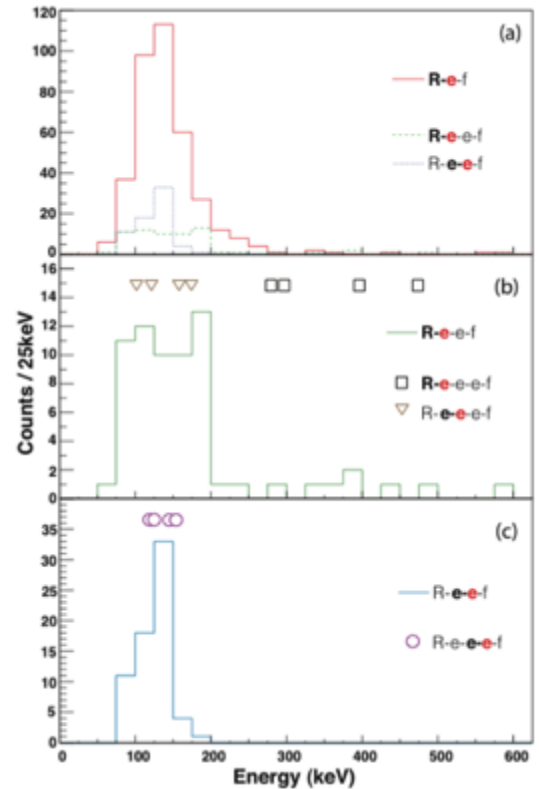


More experimental data are needed to solve the discrepancies

K isomerism in ^{256}Rf



A.P. Robinson *et al.*
 PRC 83 (2011) 064311
 FMA@ANL
 Only one isomer 17(5) μs 4qp ?



Observed decays **BGS**

Chain	No. Events	$T_{1/2}$ (Parent-Daughter)
R-F	5400	6.67(9) ms
R-e-F	985 (18%)	25(2) μs
R-e-e-F	147	23 μs
R-e-e-e-F	7	23 μs

Observed decays **ANL**

Chain	No. Events	$T_{1/2}$ (Parent-Daughter)
R-F	1322	6.9(4) ms

Observed decays **JYFL**

Chain	No. Events	$T_{1/2}$ (Parent-Daughter)
R-F	2210	6.9(2) ms
R-e-F	382 (17%)	23 μs
		23 μs

Experimental differences difficult to reconcile
 → An order of magnitude in statistics is required



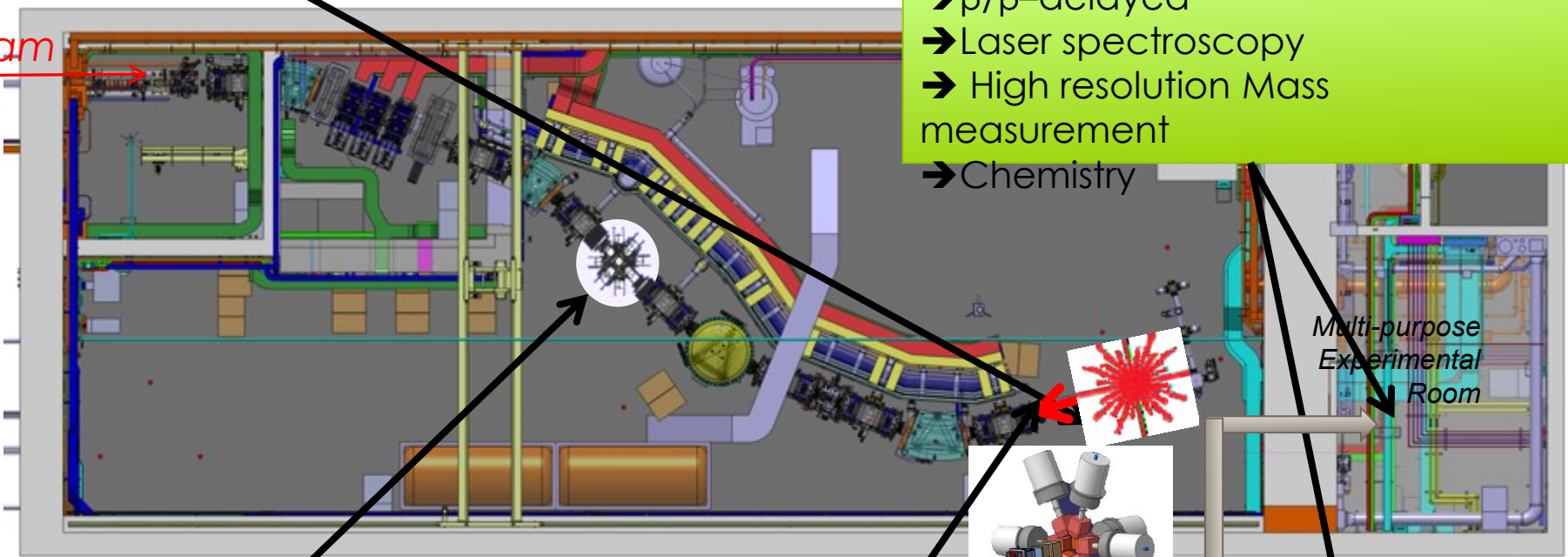
S3 and LINAG @ GANIL

Experimental Techniques

**Final focal plane
Selection & Identification**
→ Time of flight + Energy
→ A measurement

**Converging mode
Gas catcher + Laser ionisation +
Mass Resolution by Time-of-flight**
→ β/β -delayed
→ Laser spectroscopy
→ High resolution Mass
measurement
→ Chemistry

Beam



**Achromatic point
Two step reactions**
→ Transfer+Fusion (transfer)
Specific Modes
→ Ion-ion collision : **FISIC**

**Mass dispersive mode
Delayed spectroscopy**
→ p, α , γ , e- decay

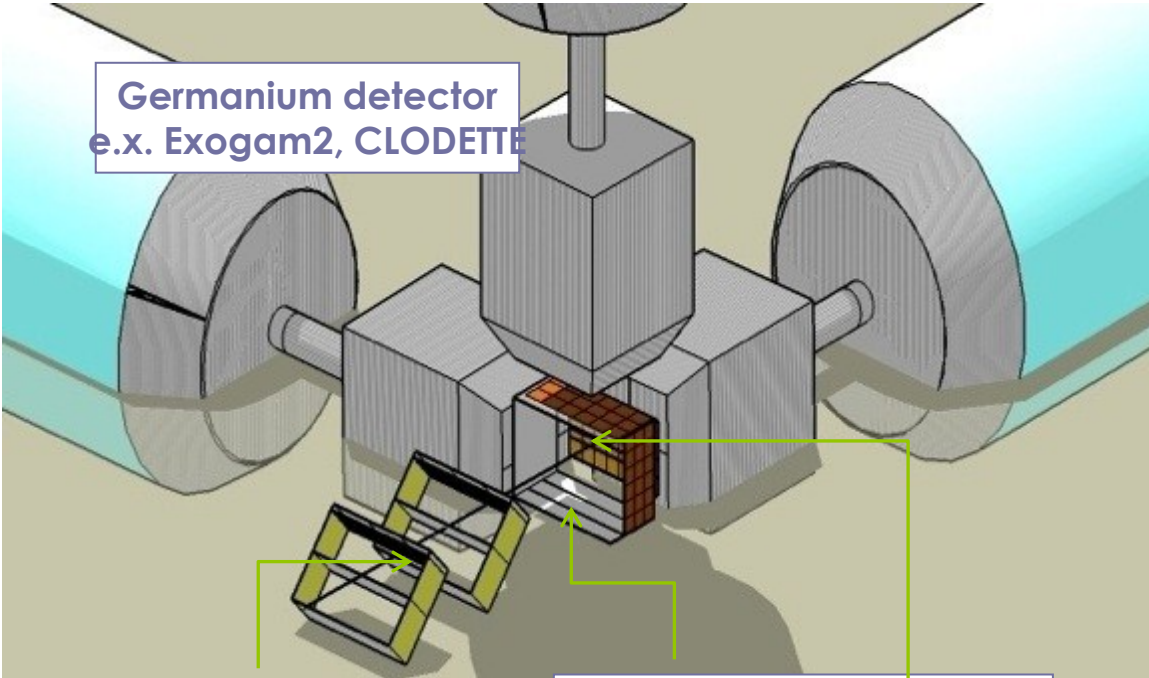
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S³ room three weeks ago



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(Spectroscopy & Identification of Rare Ions Using S^3)



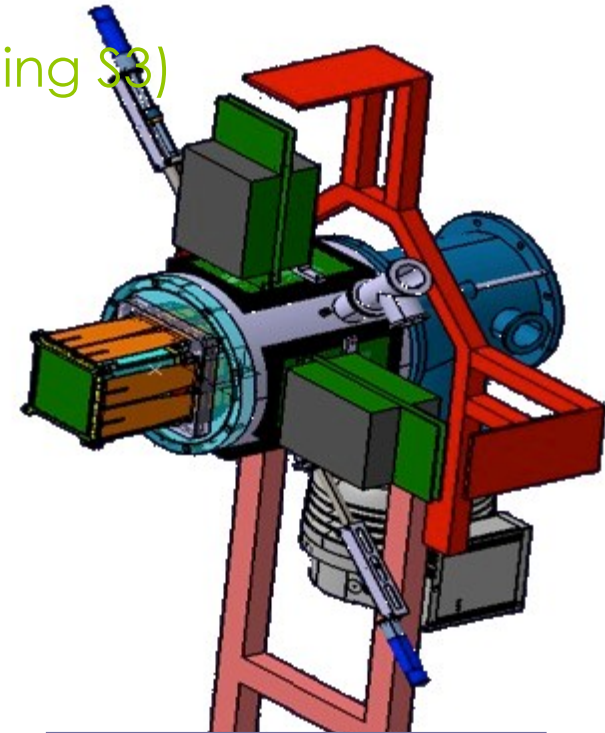
Germanium detector
e.x. Exogam2, CLODETTE

Time of flight + tracking
detector

- Large size (200x150 mm²)
- Time Resolution < 1 ns
- Position resolution = 1 mm
- Very low thickness

Tunnel detector for
escaped e⁻ and α

- Conversion electrons FWHM < 5 keV
- Escaped alpha FWHM 15 keV



Implantation detector
(HI, α and e⁻ decay)

- Large detector size 10x10cm²
- High resolution FWHM
- **Ability to detect large > 50MeV pulse followed (≈ 10μs) by a weak (<15MeV) pulse.**
- No Dead time

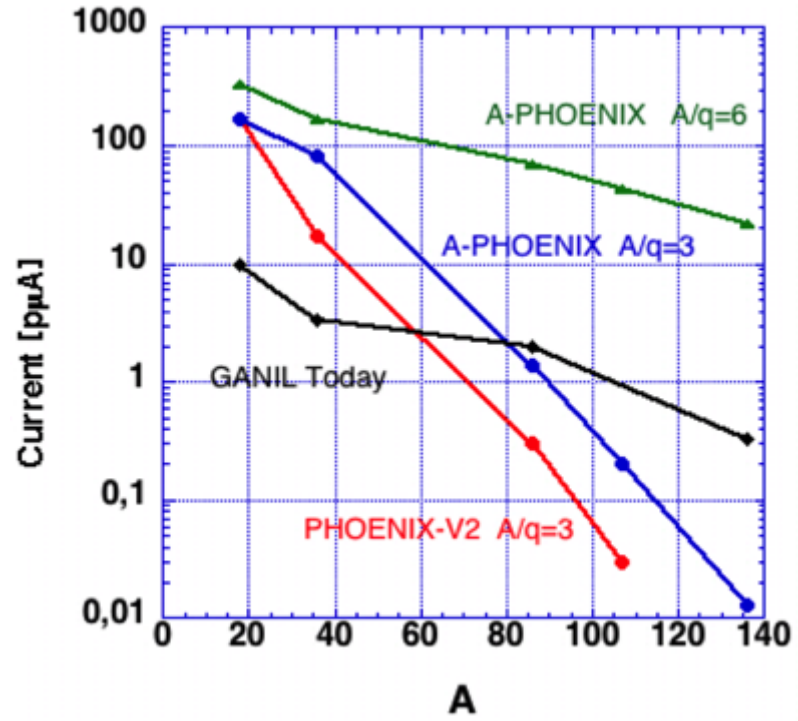
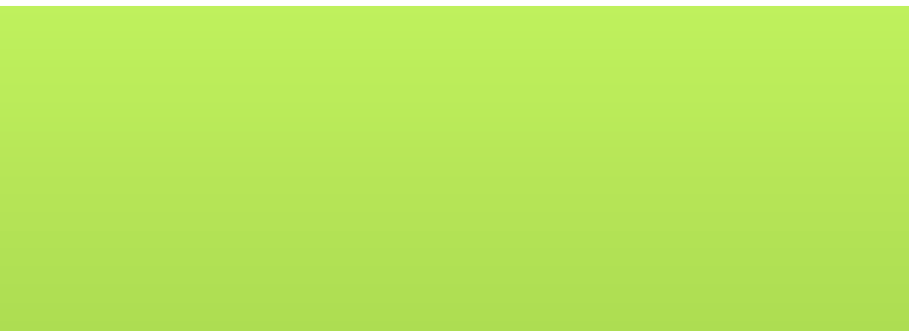
R&D is ending → Construction phase could start

Search for the funds !

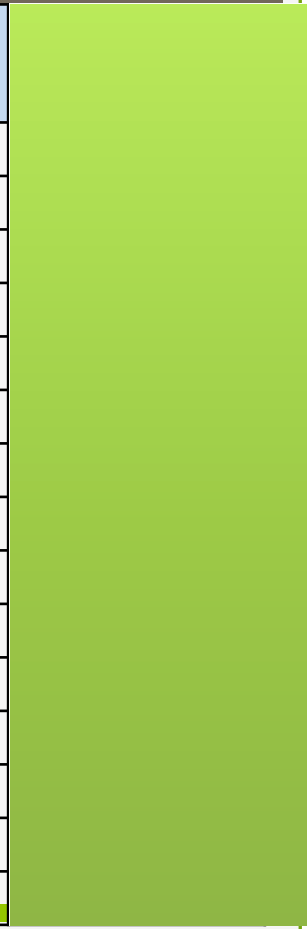
SPIRAL2 day1

Very high intensity beams with:
 - Phoenix V3 source A/q=3 RFQ

Rate summary vs GSI
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 X 2-4 [A/Q=3, Phoenix V3]
 X 15-20 [A/Q=6, SC source]

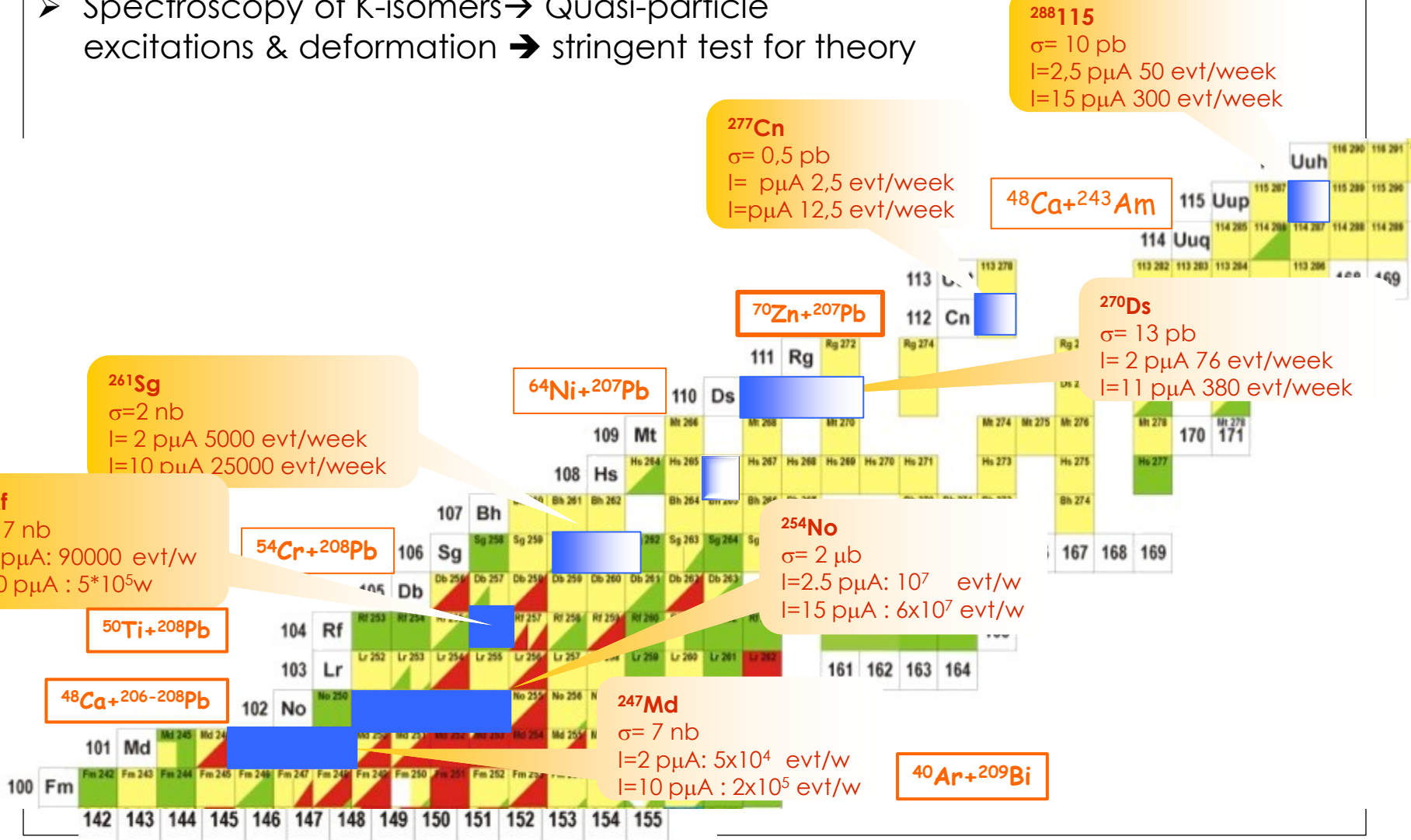


Ions	Intensity (pμA) Phoenix V2 PHOENIX V3
⁴ He	850
¹⁸ O	216
¹⁹ F	28,6
³⁶ Ar	17.5
⁴⁰ Ar	2.9
³² S	7.3
³⁶ S	4.6/9
⁴⁰ Ca	3/5
⁴⁸ Ca	1.25/2.5
⁵⁸ Ni	1.1/2
⁵⁰ Ti	1/2
⁵⁴ Cr	1/2
⁸⁴ Kr	0
¹³⁹ Xe	0
²³⁸ U	0



S³ first day experiment and beyond

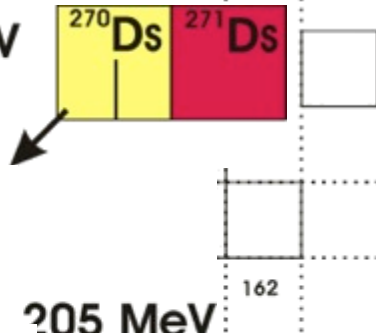
- Spectroscopy of K-isomers → Quasi-particle excitations & deformation → stringent test for theory



K- Isomers in ^{270}Ds & its decay ^{266}Hs @ GSI

- 26 decay chains (^{270}Ds : 25, ^{271}Ds :1)
- new spectroscopic data

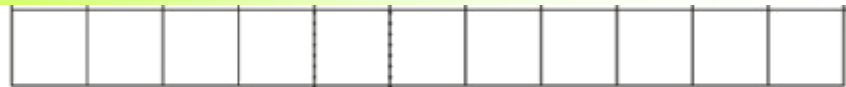
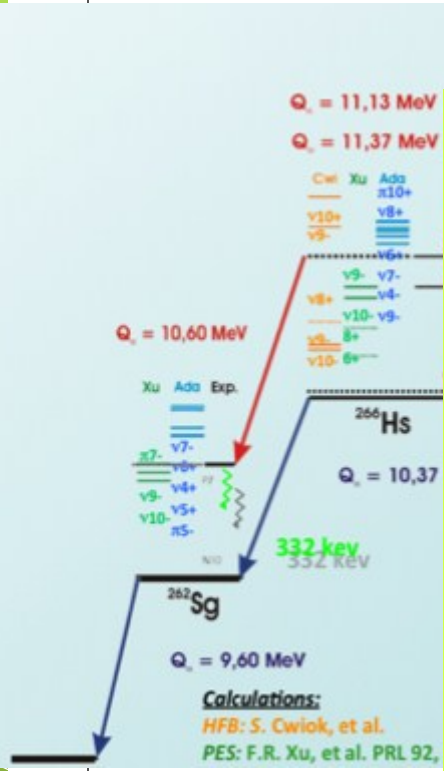
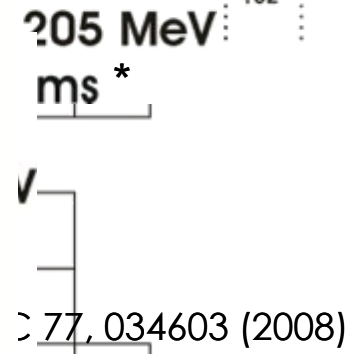
$E_{\alpha} = (10.897 - 12.116) \text{ MeV}$
 $T_{1/2} = 100 \mu\text{s}, 6.0 \text{ ms}^*$



Rate estimate for ^{270}Ds , ^{266}Hs et al.

- I_{beam} 2 μA
- S^3 transmission 50%
- production cross section $\approx 15 \text{ pb}$
- expected rate: $\approx 0.0075 \text{ ER/min}$
 $\approx 0.45 \text{ ER/h}$
- integral for 21 UT

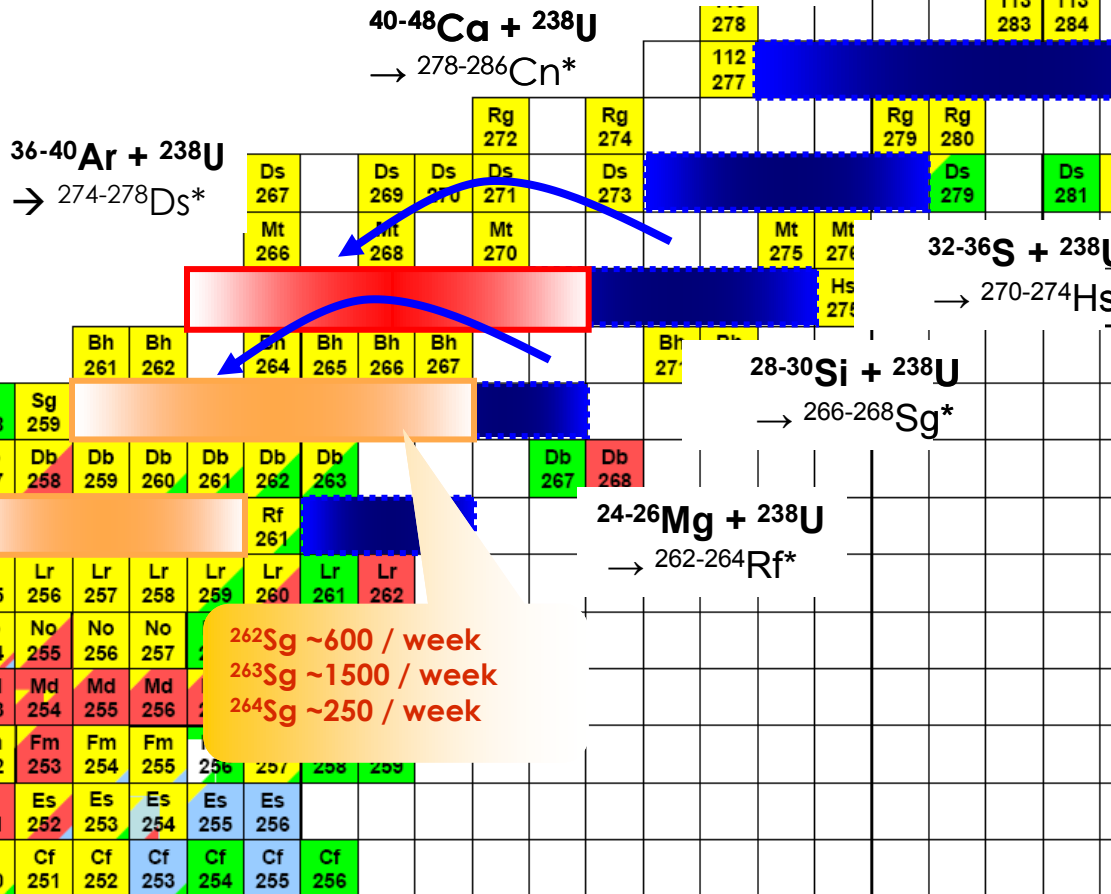
- $\approx 76 \text{ }^{270}\text{Ds}$
- $\approx 38 \text{ }^{270\text{m}}\text{Ds}$
- $\approx 57 \text{ }^{266}\text{Hs}$
- $\approx 2.5 \text{ }^{266\text{m}}\text{Hs}$
- $\approx 5 \text{ }^{262}\text{Sg } \alpha\text{-decays}$



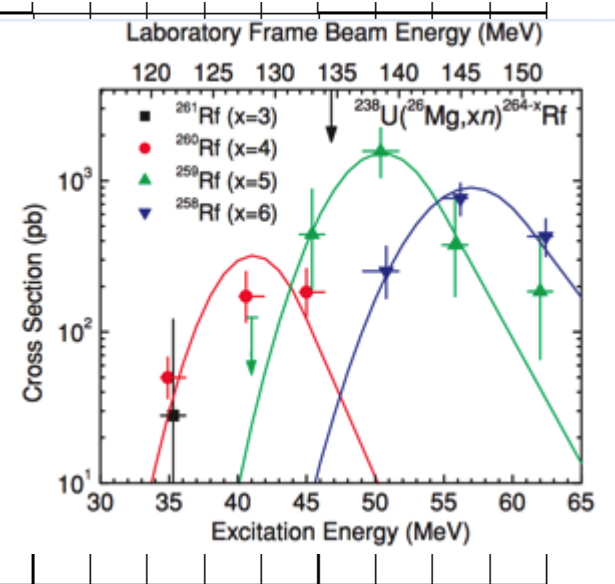
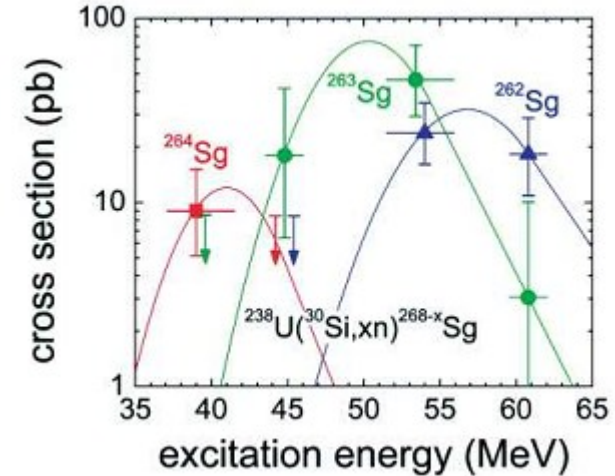
* $T_{1/2}$ from S. Hofmann et al., Eur. Phys. J. A 10, 5 (2001)

After Day 1 : reactions with U targets

- Reaction mechanism
- Single particle structure
- K isomers
- Link cold-hot fusion








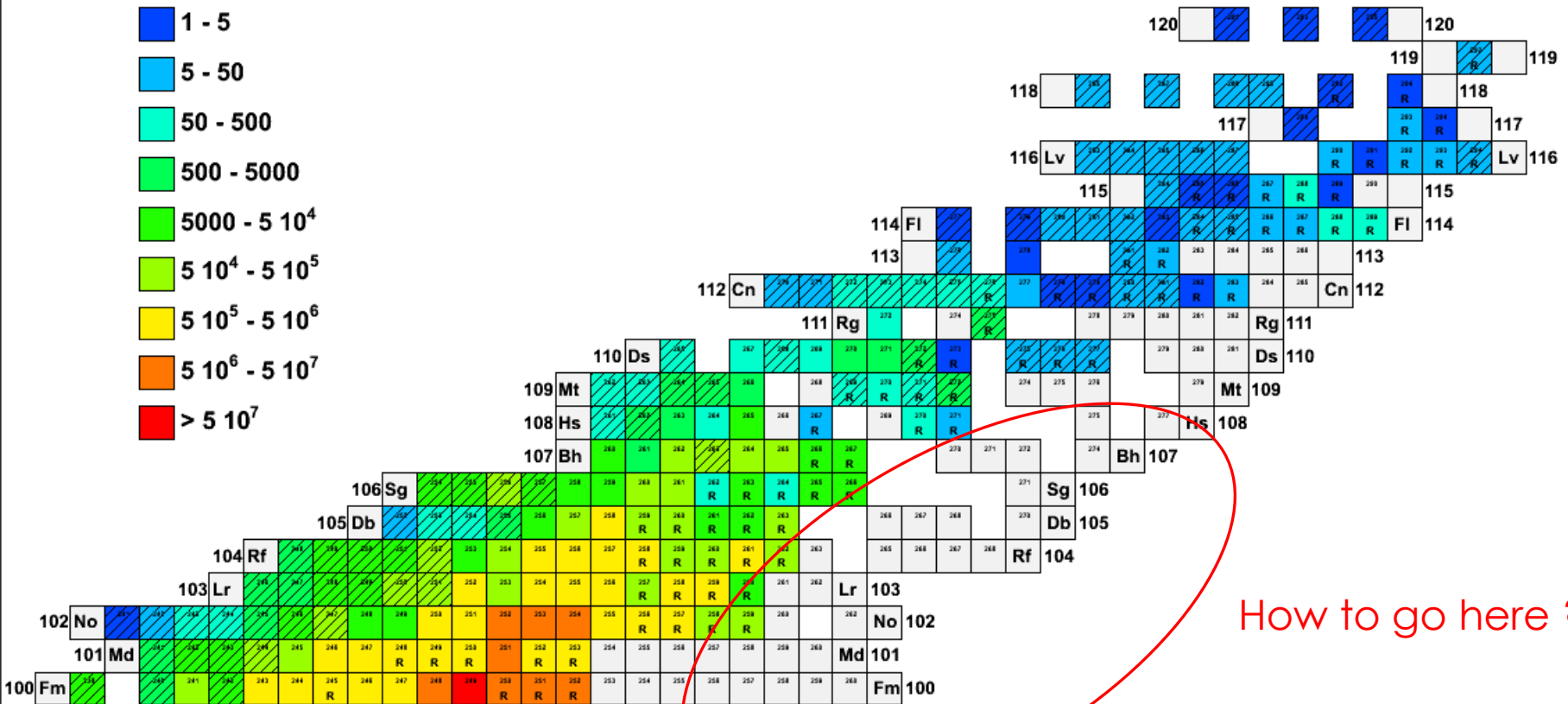
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Two weeks experiment; RFQ 1/6

Spectroscopy up to $Z=114$?

-  1 - 5
-  5 - 50
-  50 - 500
-  500 - 5000
-  5000 - $5 \cdot 10^4$
-  $5 \cdot 10^4$ - $5 \cdot 10^5$
-  $5 \cdot 10^5$ - $5 \cdot 10^6$
-  $5 \cdot 10^6$ - $5 \cdot 10^7$
-  $> 5 \cdot 10^7$

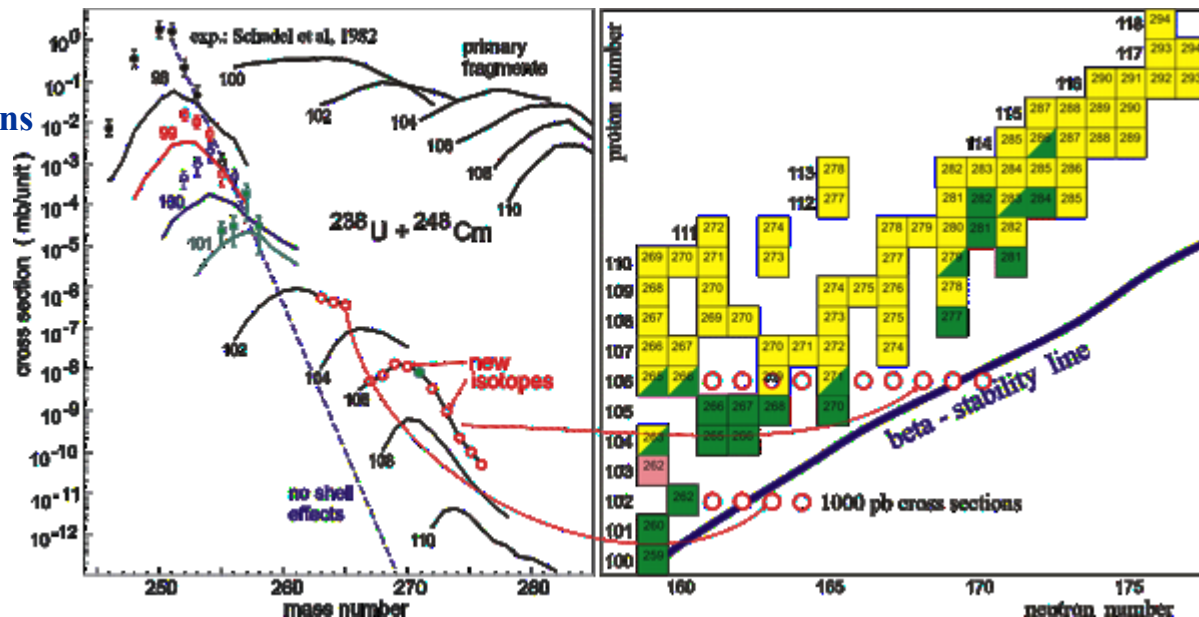


How to go here ?

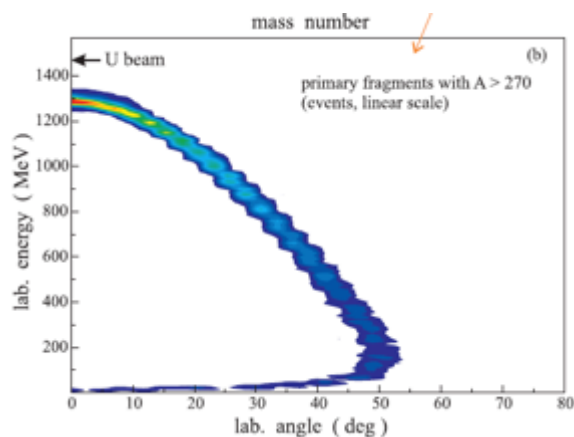
The limits of fusion-evaporation reactions

Using multi-nucleon transfer reactions ?

- **Multi-nucleon transfer reactions can be used for synthesis of neutron enriched long-living**
- **U-like beams are needed**
- **Actinide targets**
- **Lage acceptance spectrometer**

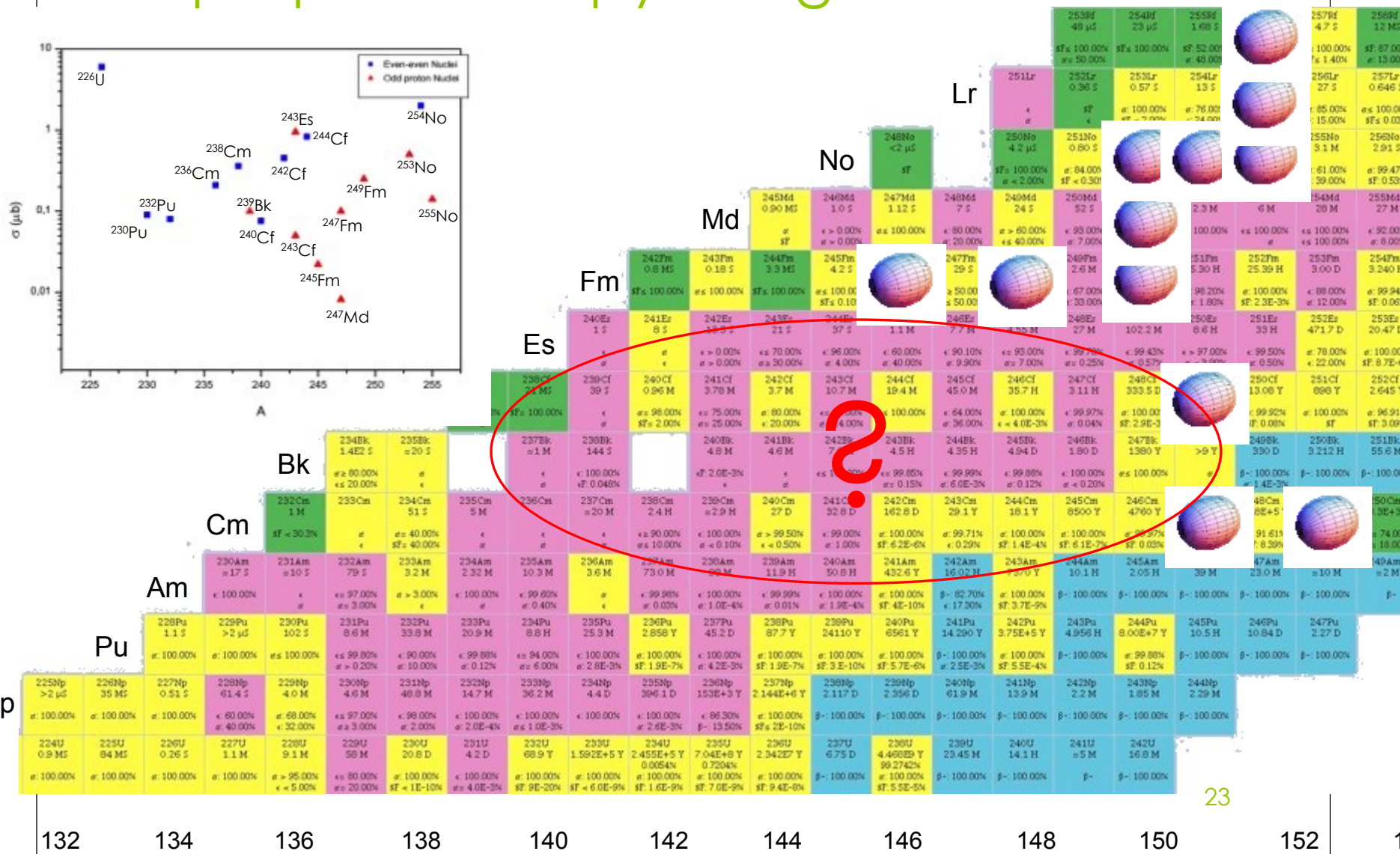


$^{238}\text{U} + ^{248}\text{Cm}$ @ 750 MeV

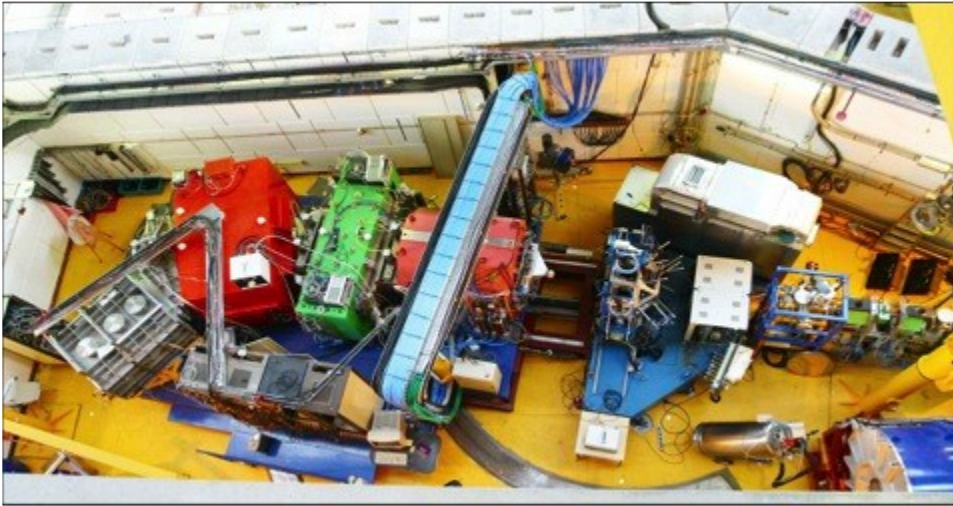


Still cross section near zero degree !!!

Prompt spectroscopy for light nuclei: actinides



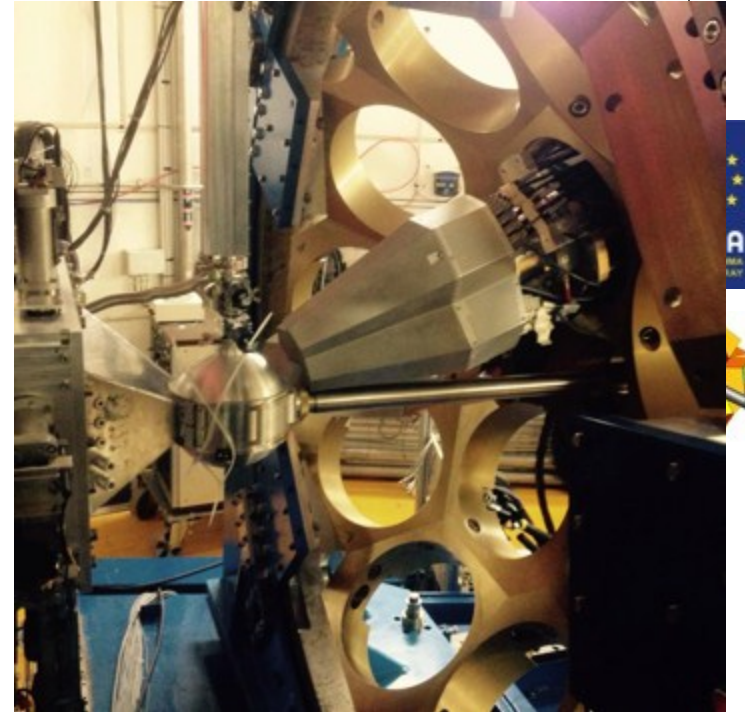
VAMOS gas filled separator



Large acceptance $\Omega \sim 60 \text{ msr}$
→ Large transmission expected for
fusion-evaporation reactions

EXOAM2, AGATA
→ Gamma spectroscopy, high efficiency

MUSETT
→ Focal plane detection, RDT



Competitors for the very high intensity facilities

Present generation facilities (intensities around $1\mu\text{A}$) : Berkely, Dubna, GSI, Riken, IMP/Lanzhou
 S^3 does better for light ions, and slightly better (x2) for heavy ones

Next Generation

Dubna and the SHE Factory

- SC ion source
- Very high intensity cyclotron : $10\text{-}20\mu\text{A}$
- 1st experiments foreseen in 2016

GSI HLI

- 28GHz ion source and $A/q=6$ injector
- new continuous wave Superconducting LINAC
- Construction should start in 2015
- Not funded

SC ion source and associated RFQ are required to compete with the next generation facilities



Summary

- Availability of a high charge state ions source, the $A/q=6-7$ line, actinide targets and a state of the art detection system
- Availability of VSMOS-GFS from 2017 coupling with AGATA
- GANIL and Spiral2 phase 2 provide opportunities to study alternative production schemes of yet unknown isotopes;
 - MNT and fusion–evaporation reactions using stable or neutron rich beams