

Can we produce new isotopes of  
 $\text{Sg} \rightarrow \text{Cn}$  with an uranium target?

Or Np one ?

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First Physics with the Super separator  
Spectrometer  $\text{S}^3$

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# Isotope discovery project

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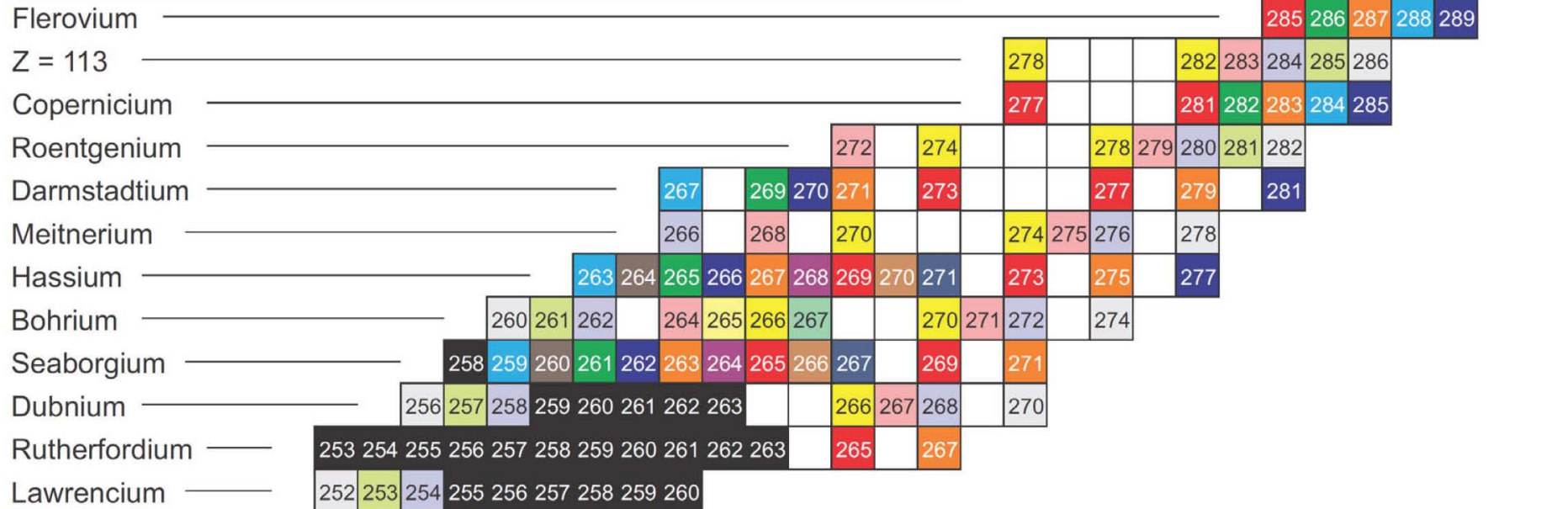
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### Discovery of isotopes of elements with $Z \geq 100$

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Michigan State University



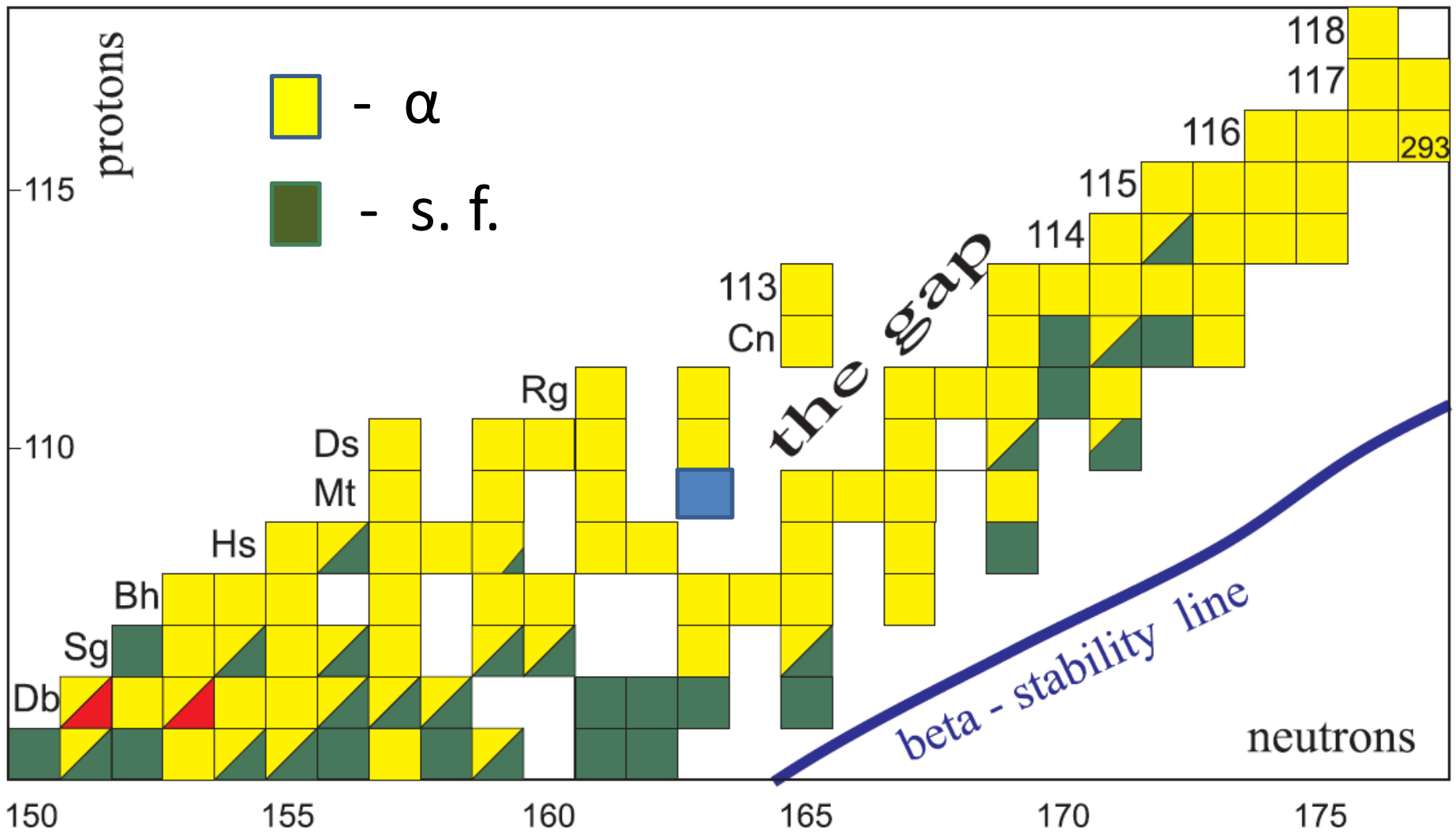
## IUPAC Technical Report

Paul J. Karol<sup>a,\*</sup>, Robert C. Barber, Bradley M. Sherrill, Emanuele Vardaci and Toshimitsu Yamazaki

# Discovery of the elements with atomic numbers $Z = 113, 115$ and $117$ (IUPAC Technical Report)

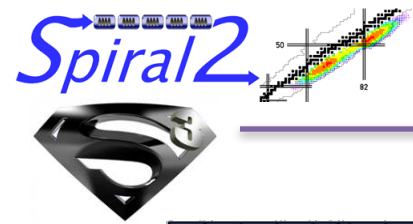
We would like to point out that for the newest super heavy elements, cross-reaction experiments have achieved increasing importance. Cross-reactions were established as one of the Criteria for discovery in 1991 by the TWG [1] and their growing influence has been extensively deliberated within the previous and current JWPs. The key to this importance of cross-reaction lies in the fact that, even in the case of missing anchors, the  $Z$  of the super heavy can be reliably assigned as the sum of the  $Z$ s of the target and projectile if different combinations of projectile and target are found to produce the same states. Such combinations essentially circumvent possible misidentifications of  $Z$ .

The new elements identified in the claims considered here have distinct features from their assigned  $Z = 114$  and  $Z = 116$  neighbors [5]. The nature of the alpha energy spectra observed in the decays of nuclides with atomic numbers 113, 115, and 117 differ from their even- $Z$  neighbors and show a wider energy spread corresponding to decay to excited states. This is further evidence that new atomic number has been produced in these studies and disfavor charged-particle emission in the evaporation process or electron capture in the decay chains. As a result a large group of super heavy nuclides are now on an island without connection to the main peninsula of known nuclei where reliable identification of  $Z, N$  becomes more and more difficult. Firmly connecting this island to the nuclear mainland should remain a priority. We encourage development of direct physical methods to determine  $Z$ . Particularly promising are the prospects for X-ray measurements and identification as was now attempted [22].



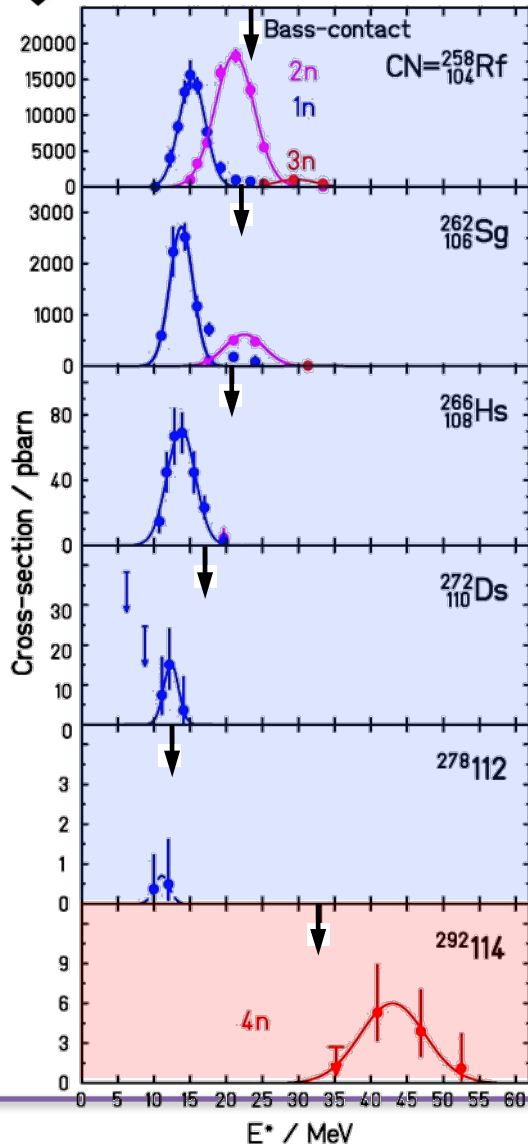
V. I. Zagrebaev, A. V. Karpov, and W. Greiner  
 PHYSICAL REVIEW C **85**, 014608 (2012).

**272 Mt: High-K states: a chance for longer half-lives.**  
 There is a possibility, that one such high-K ground- or low-excited state may be the longest lived superheavy nucleus e.g.  $272\text{Mt} \sim 1\text{h}$ .



# Excitation Functions

Cold (GSI) and Hot (FLNR) Fusion



$^{208}\text{Pb} +$   
 $^{50}\text{Ti}$

$^{54}\text{Cr}$

$^{58}\text{Fe}$

$^{64}\text{Ni}$

$^{70}\text{Zn}$

GSI-SHIP

FLNR-DGFRS

$^{48}\text{Ca} +$

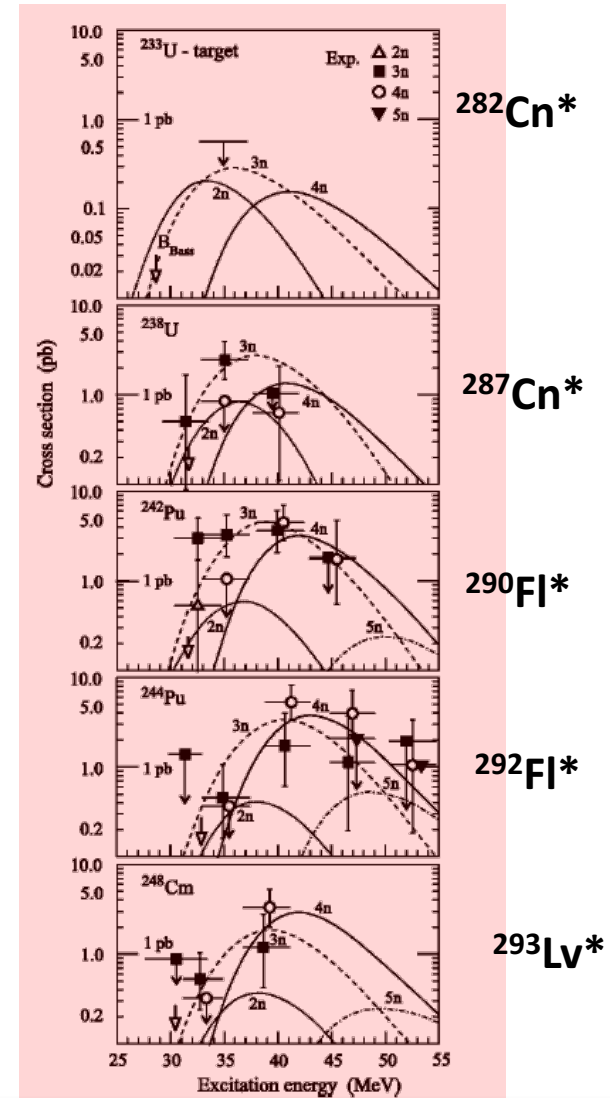
$^{233}\text{U}$

$^{238}\text{U}$

$^{242}\text{Pu}$

$^{244}\text{Pu}$

$^{245}\text{Cm}$



$^{282}\text{Cn}^*$

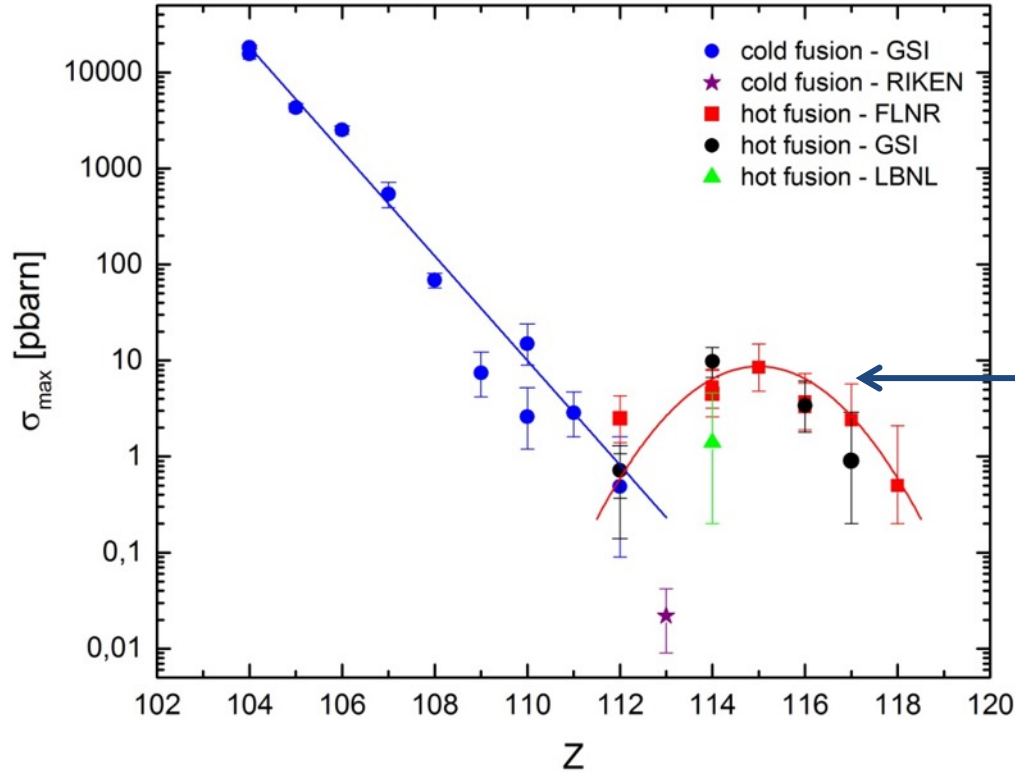
$^{287}\text{Cn}^*$

$^{290}\text{Fl}^*$

$^{292}\text{Fl}^*$

$^{293}\text{Lv}^*$

# Fusion cross-sections ?



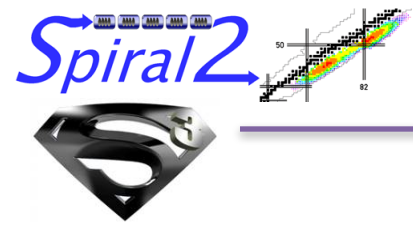
Fission barrier higher ?  
Island ?

Courtesy: D. Ackermann

S<sup>3</sup>: from « stable » to actinides ?







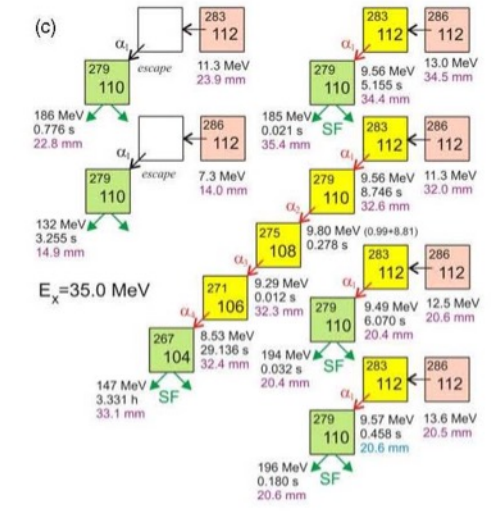
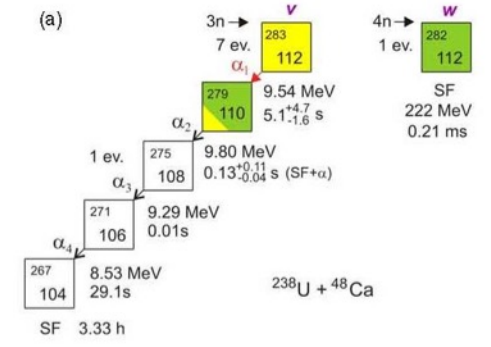
# Z=112 Cn isotopes

Yu. T. Oganessian, *J. Phys.G. : Nucl. Part. Phys.* 34(2007) R165-242

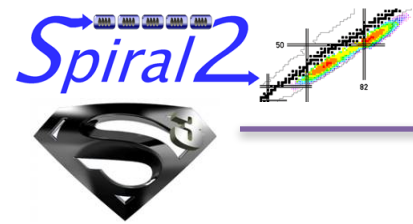
Topical Review

|         | 277               | 278 | 279 | 280 | 281 | 282              | 283              | 284 | 285 |
|---------|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------------|------------------|-----|-----|
| beam    | <sup>70</sup> Zn  |     |     |     |     | <sup>48</sup> Ca | <sup>48</sup> Ca |     |     |
| target  | <sup>208</sup> Pb |     |     |     |     | <sup>238</sup> U | <sup>238</sup> U |     |     |
| channel | 1n                |     |     |     |     | 4n               | 3n               |     |     |
| σ (pb)  | 1.1               |     |     |     |     | 0.6              | 2.45             |     |     |
| ref     | ZPA354 (1996)     |     |     |     |     | PRC70 (2004)     | PRC70 (2004)     |     |     |

<sup>285</sup>F1+α  
<sup>290</sup>Lv+2α  
<sup>291</sup>Lv+2α  
<sup>292</sup>Lv+2α  
<sup>293</sup>Lv+2α

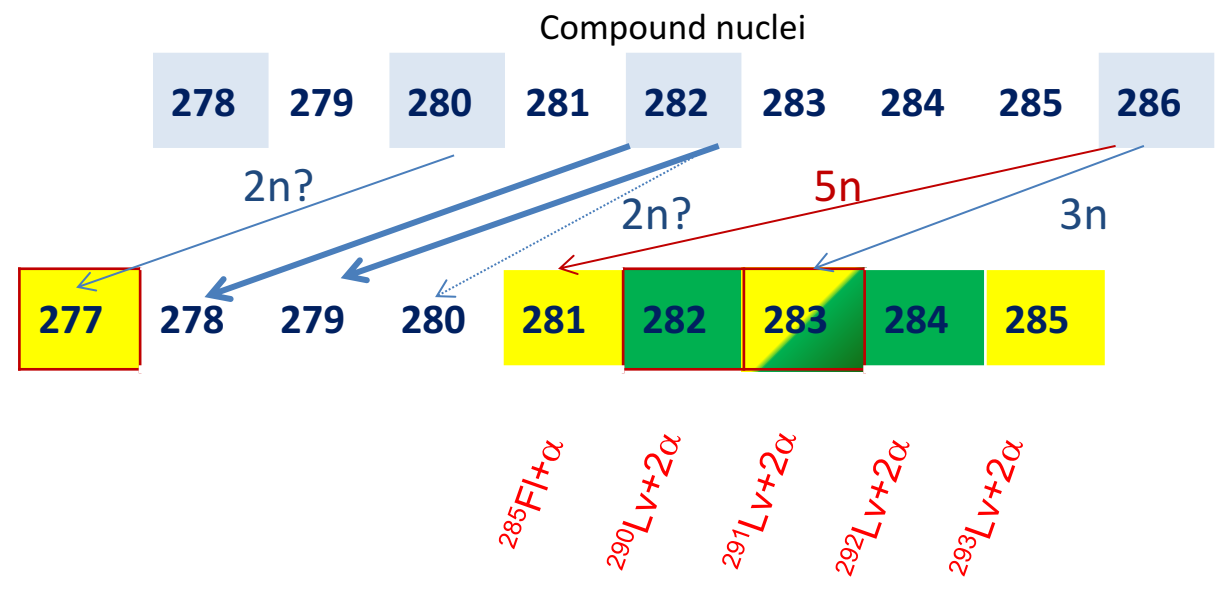
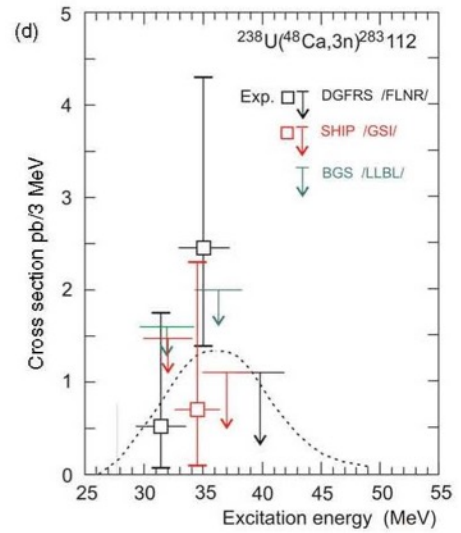
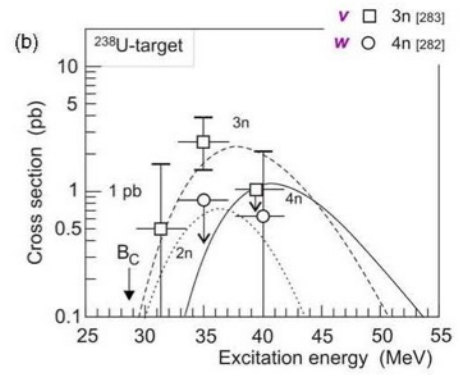


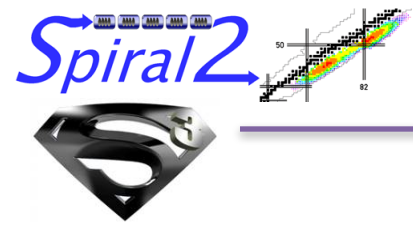




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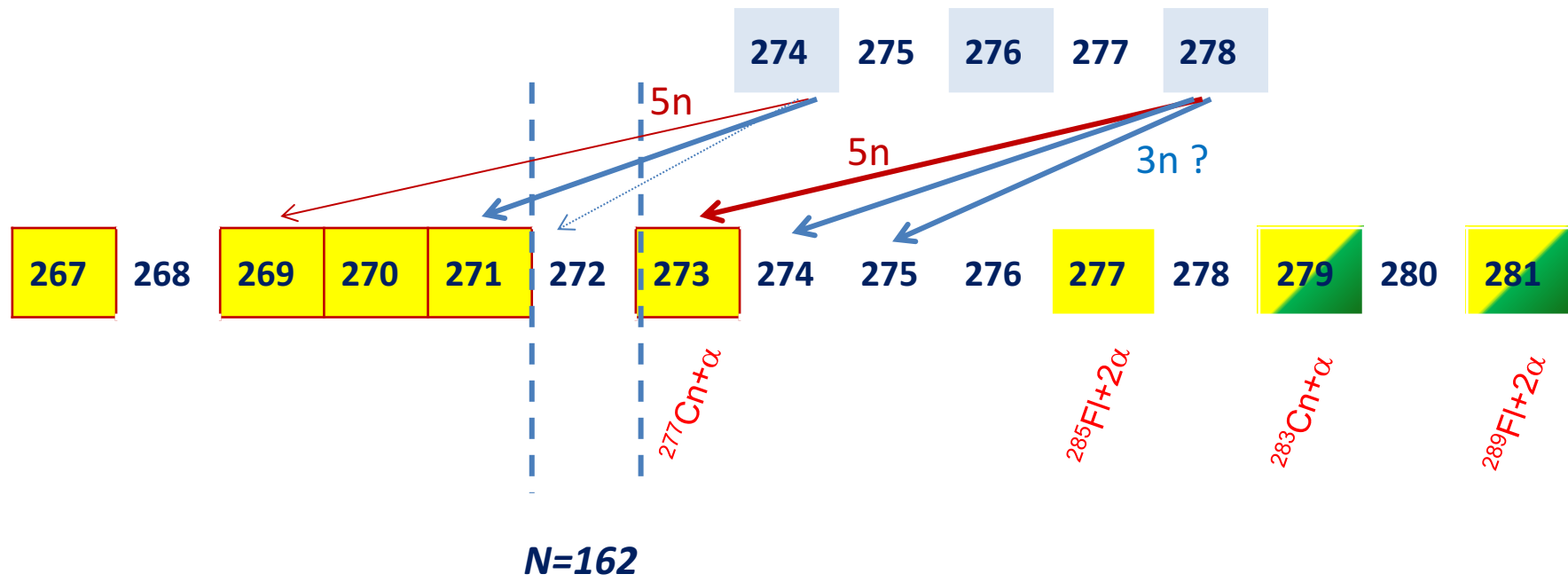
# Z=110 Ds isotopes

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| beam          | $^{59}\text{Co}$     |     | $^{62}\text{Ni}$     | $^{64}\text{Ni}$     | $^{64}\text{Ni}$    |     | $^{277}\text{Cn}+\alpha$ |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| target        | $^{209}\text{Bi}$    |     | $^{208}\text{Pb}$    | $^{207}\text{Pb}$    | $^{208}\text{Pb}$   |     | $^{244}\text{Pu}$        |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| channel       | 1n                   |     | 1n                   | 1n                   | 1n                  |     | 5n                       |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| $\sigma$ (pb) |                      |     | 3.3                  | 13                   | 15                  |     | 0.4                      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| ref           | <i>PRC 51 (1995)</i> |     | <i>ZPA350 (1995)</i> | <i>EPJA10 (2001)</i> | <i>RPP61 (1998)</i> |     | <i>PRC54 (1996)</i>      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |

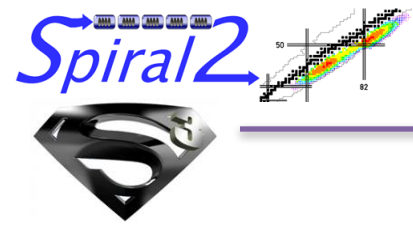
**N=162**

(0.337-0.063-99.6%)

Compound nuclei



Yu. A. Lazarev et al PRC 54, 1996  
 **$\alpha$  decay of  ${}^{273}110$ : Shell closure at  $N=162$**   
 ${}^{244}\text{Pu} + {}^{34}\text{S} = {}^{273}110 + 5n$   
 0.4 pb



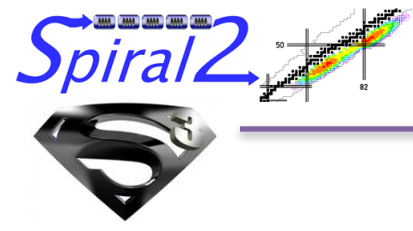
# Z=108 Hs isotopes

beam  
target  
channel  
 $\sigma$  (pb)  
ref

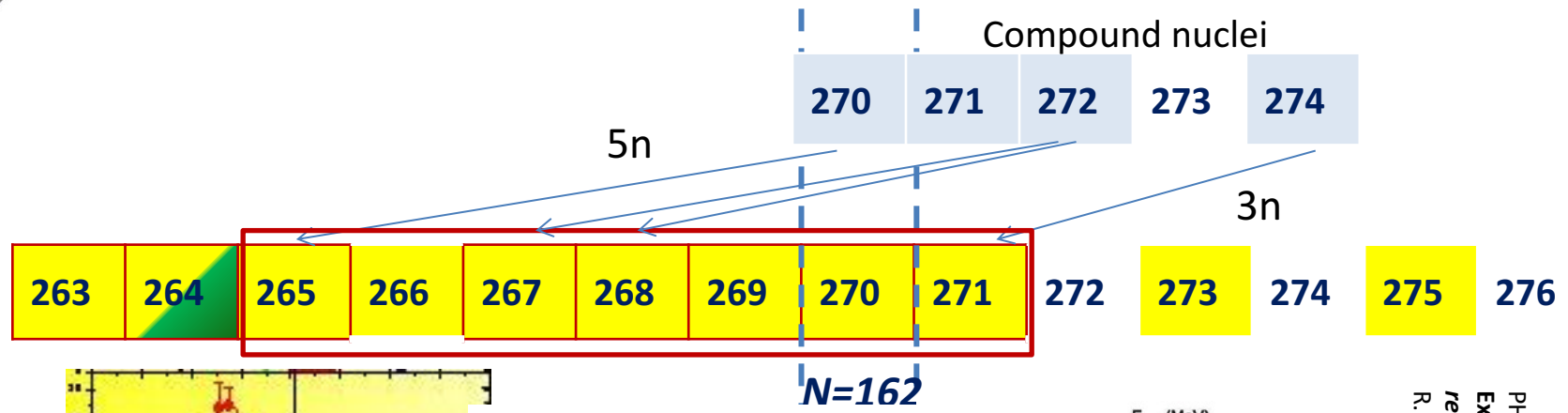
|               | 263               | 264                 | 265                      | 266                      | 267                                 | 268                                   | 269                                 | 270                      | 271                       | 272 | 273                       | 274 | 275                       | 276 |
|---------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----|---------------------------|-----|---------------------------|-----|
|               |                   |                     | $^{269}\text{Ds}+\alpha$ | $^{270}\text{Ds}+\alpha$ | $^{271}\text{Ds}+\alpha$            |                                       | $^{277}\text{Cn}+2\alpha$           | $^{269}\text{Hs}+\alpha$ | $^{277}\text{Ds}+2\alpha$ | ??? | $^{285}\text{Fl}+3\alpha$ | ??? | $^{283}\text{Cn}+2\alpha$ | ??? |
| beam          | $^{56}\text{Fe}$  | $^{58}\text{Fe}$    | $^{58}\text{Fe}$         |                          | $^{34}\text{S}$                     | $^{34}\text{S}$<br>$^{25}\text{Mg}$   | $^{26}\text{Mg}$                    | $^{26}\text{Mg}$         | $^{26}\text{Mg}$          |     |                           |     |                           |     |
| target        | $^{208}\text{Pb}$ | $^{207}\text{Pb}$   | $^{208}\text{Pb}$        |                          | $^{238}\text{U}$                    | $^{238}\text{U}$<br>$^{248}\text{Cm}$ | $^{248}\text{Cm}$                   | $^{248}\text{Cm}$        | $^{248}\text{Cm}$         |     |                           |     |                           |     |
| channel       | 1n                | 1n                  | 1n                       |                          | 5n                                  | 4n<br>5n                              | 5n                                  | 4n                       | 3n                        |     |                           |     |                           |     |
| $\sigma$ (pb) | $21^{+13}_{-8.4}$ | $2.8^{+5.1}_{-1.8}$ | $19^{+18}_{-11}$         |                          | $1.8^{+4.2}_{-1.5}$                 | $0.54^{+1.3}_{-0.45}$                 | 6                                   | 3                        |                           |     |                           |     |                           |     |
| ref           | PRC 79<br>(2009)  | ZPA328<br>(1987)    | ZPQ<br>(1984-<br>1997)   |                          | PRL 75<br>(1995)<br>PRC82<br>(2010) | PRC82<br>(2010)<br>PRC79(<br>2009)    | EPJA17<br>(2003)<br>PRL97(<br>2006) | PRL97<br>(2006)          | PRL100<br>(2008)          |     |                           |     |                           |     |

**N=162**

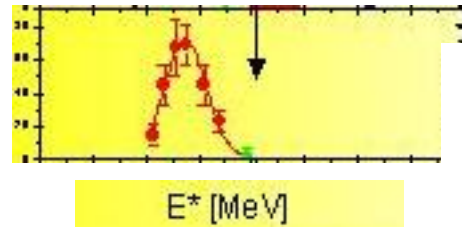




(95 - 0,7 - 4,1 - 0,02 %)

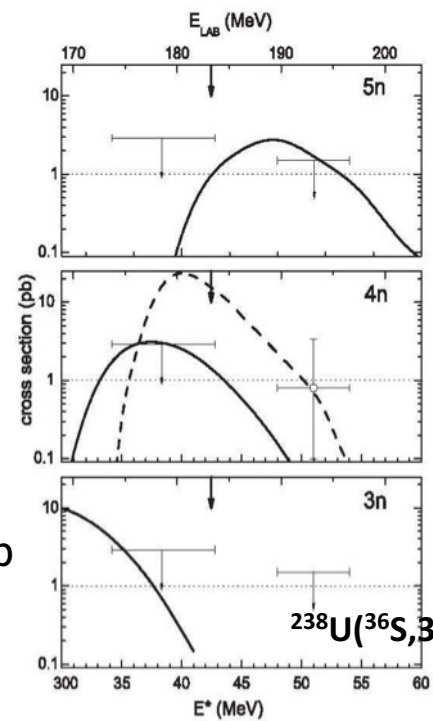
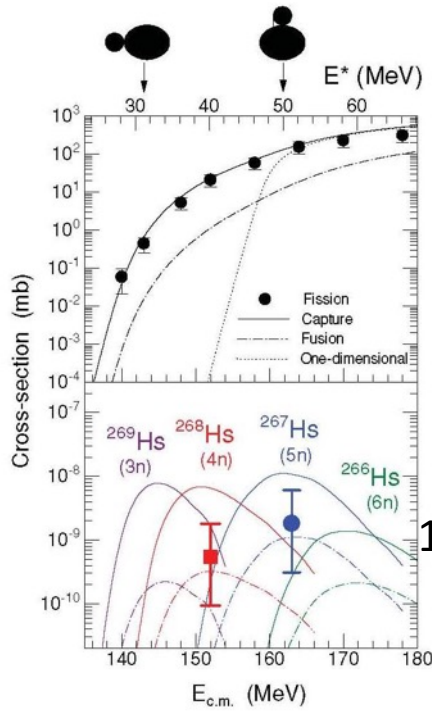
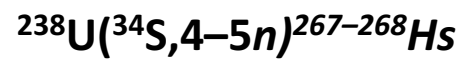


${}^{208}\text{Pb} + {}^{58}\text{Fe} \rightarrow {}^{266}\text{Hs}^*$



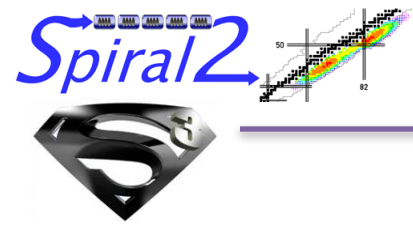
*K. Nishio, PRC82(2010) 024611*

$\sigma_{\text{ER\_calc}}(3n) \approx \sigma_{\text{ER\_calc}}(4n)$   
 Below Bass barrier and deformed actinide targets == « considerable yield » of n-rich nuclei: access to new Ds isotopes (S+Pu)

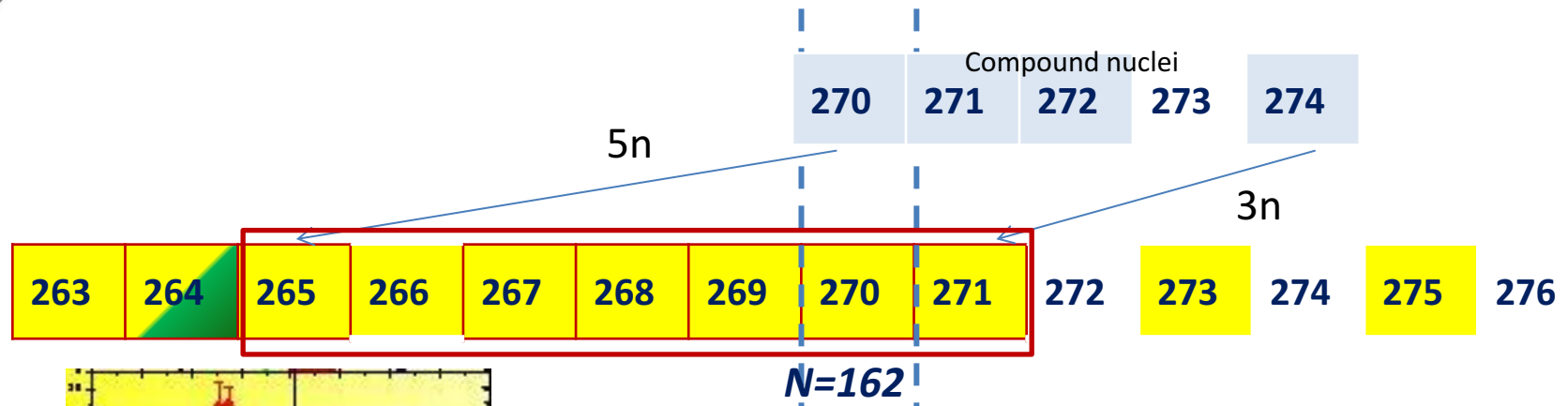


PHYSICAL REVIEW C 81, 061601(R) (2010)  
 Experimental study of the  ${}^{238}\text{U}({}^{36}\text{S}, 3-5n){}^{269-271}\text{Hs}$  reaction leading to the observation of 270Hs  
 R. Graeger, D. Ackermann, .....

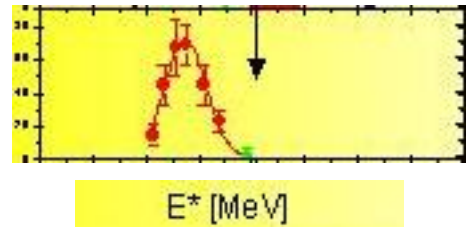




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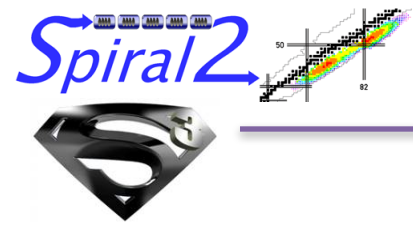
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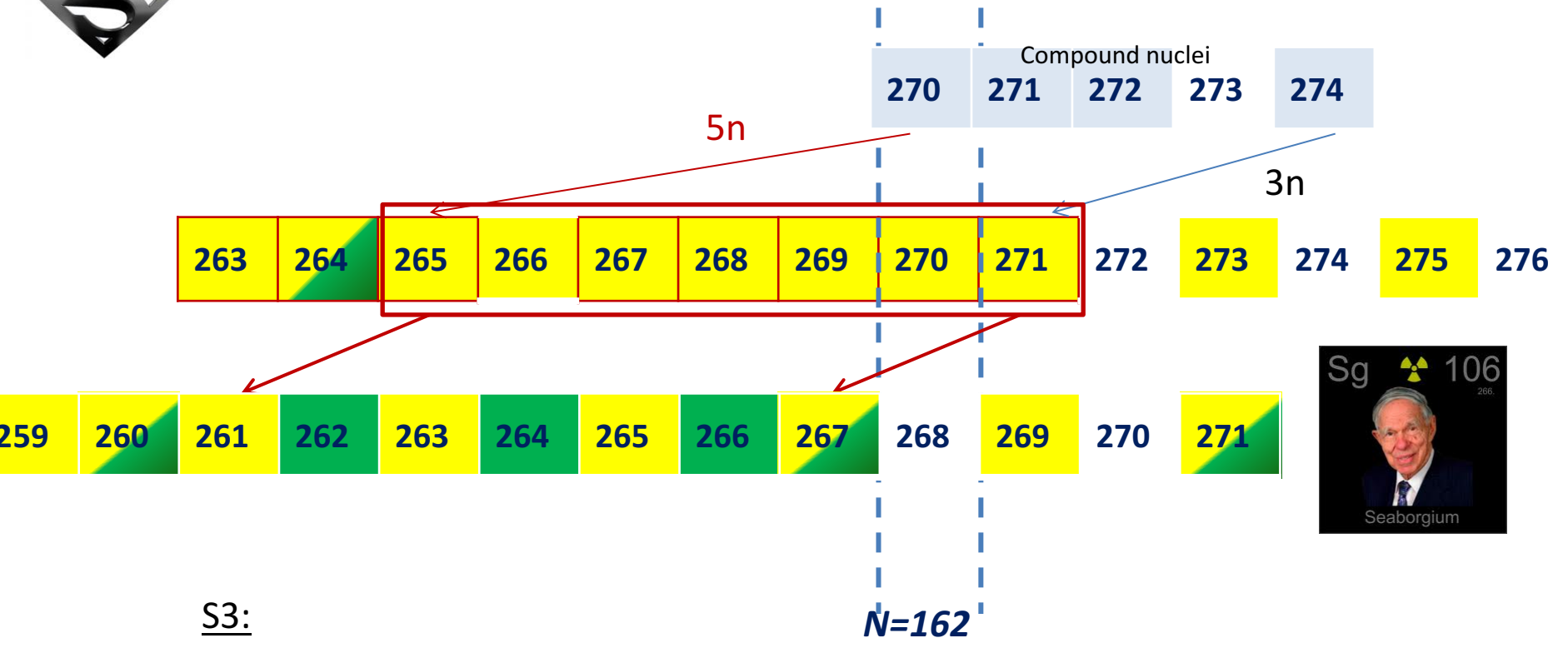
$I = 2 \rightarrow 10 \mu\text{A}$   
 $\sigma = 10 \text{ pb}; \epsilon = 10\%$   
 5 atoms/day

S<sup>3</sup>:  
 Excitation functions ?  
 Checking  $\sigma(3n) \approx \sigma(4n)$   
 Observation of  ${}^{269..271}\text{Hs}$   
 Scarce data on  ${}^{268}\text{Hs}$   
 Influence of neutrons in beams

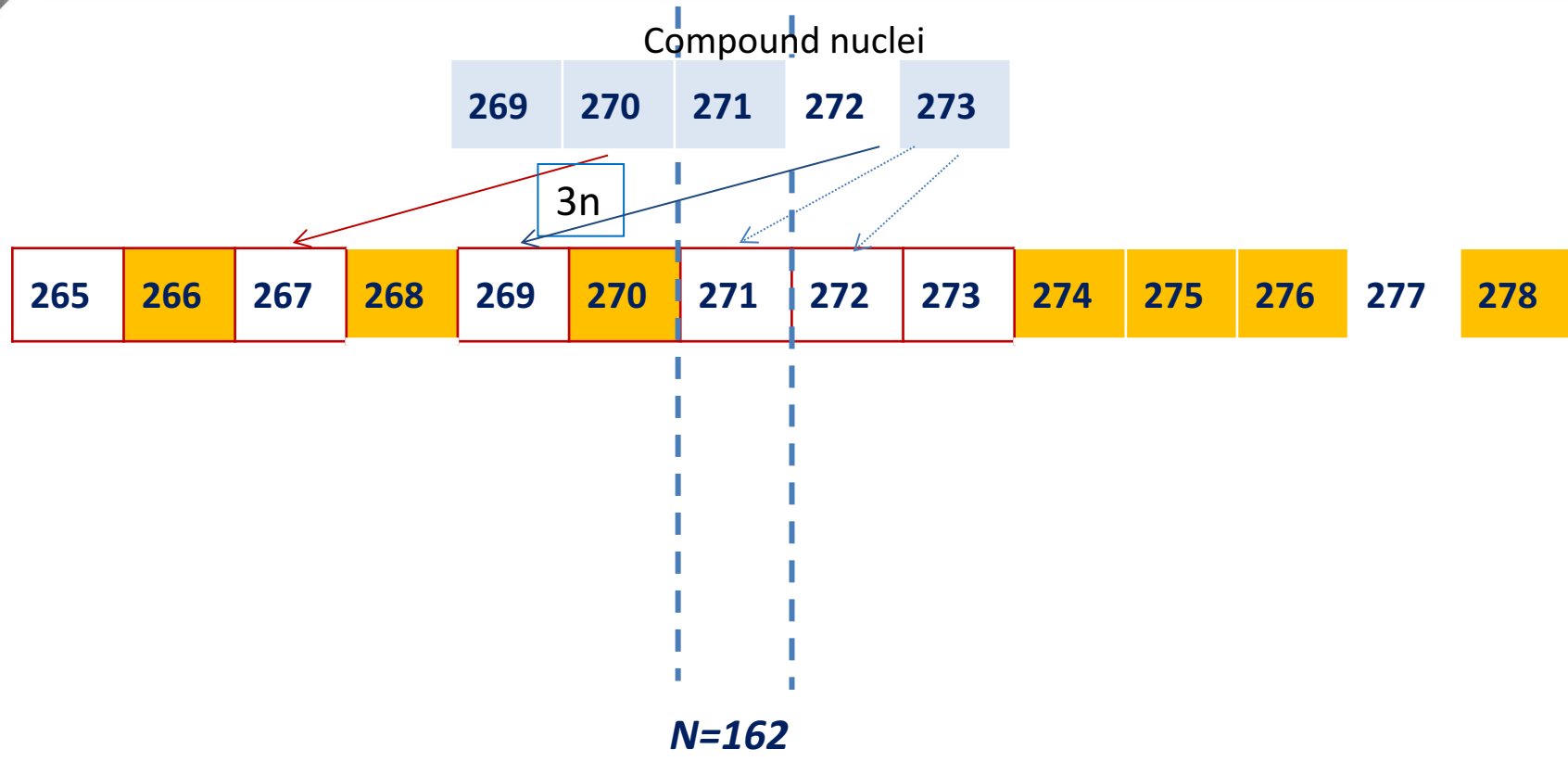
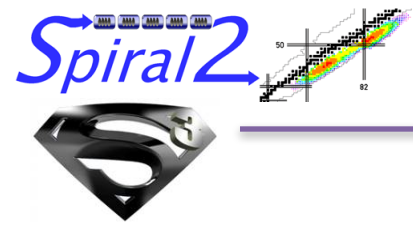




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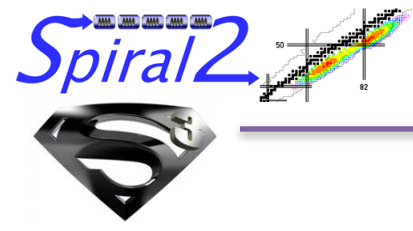


S3:  
Decays to known Sg isotopes



Référence cross-sections ?

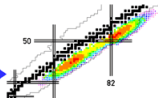




# Z= 106 Sg isotopes\*

|               | 258               | 259               | 260                                    | 261                      | 262                       | 263                                   | 264              | 265                                   | 266                       | 267                      | 268 | 269                      | 270 | 271                       |                           |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----|--------------------------|-----|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|               |                   |                   | $^{264}\text{Hs}+\alpha$               | $^{265}\text{Hs}+\alpha$ | $^{270}\text{Ds}+2\alpha$ | $^{271}\text{Ds}+2\alpha$             |                  | $^{269}\text{Hs}+\alpha$              | $^{277}\text{Ds}+2\alpha$ | $^{270}\text{Hs}+\alpha$ |     | $^{271}\text{Hs}+\alpha$ |     | $^{285}\text{Fl}+4\alpha$ | $^{283}\text{Cn}+3\alpha$ |
| beam          | $^{51}\text{V}$   | $^{54}\text{Cr}$  | $^{54}\text{Cr}$                       | $^{54}\text{Cr}$         | $^{30}\text{Si}$          | $^{18}\text{O}$<br>$^{30}\text{Si}$   | $^{30}\text{Si}$ | $^{22}\text{Ne}$<br>$^{30}\text{Si}$  | $^{22}\text{Ne}$          |                          |     |                          |     |                           |                           |
| target        | $^{209}\text{Bi}$ | $^{207}\text{Pb}$ | $^{207}\text{Pb}$<br>$^{208}\text{Pb}$ | $^{208}\text{Pb}$        | $^{238}\text{U}$          | $^{249}\text{Cf}$<br>$^{238}\text{U}$ | $^{238}\text{U}$ | $^{248}\text{Cm}$<br>$^{238}\text{U}$ | $^{248}\text{Cm}$         |                          |     |                          |     |                           |                           |
| channel       | 2n                | 2n                | 1n<br>2n                               | 1n                       | 6n                        | 4n<br>5n                              | 4n               | 5n<br>3n                              | 4n                        |                          |     |                          |     |                           |                           |
| $\sigma$ (pb) | 38                | 320               | 22<br>280                              | 500                      | $22^{+51}_{-18}$          | $\approx 300$<br>$67^{+67}_{-37}$     | $10^{+10}_{-6}$  | 260<br>$3.5^{+8.1}_{-2.9}$            | 80                        |                          |     |                          |     |                           |                           |
| ref           | ZPA359<br>(1997)  | ZPA322 (1985)     |  |                          | EPJA29<br>(2006)          | PRL33<br>(1974)<br>EPJA29<br>(2006)   | EPJA29<br>(2006) | PRC57<br>(1998)<br>EPJA29<br>(2006)   | PRC57<br>(1998)           |                          |     |                          |     |                           |                           |
|               | <b>N=152</b>      |                   |  |                          | PRC74, 2006               |                                       |                  |                                       |                           | <b>N=162</b>             |     |                          |     |                           |                           |



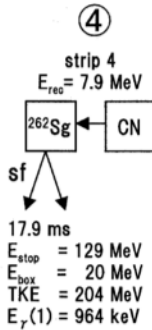


$^{262}\text{Sg}$

$^{263}\text{Sg}$

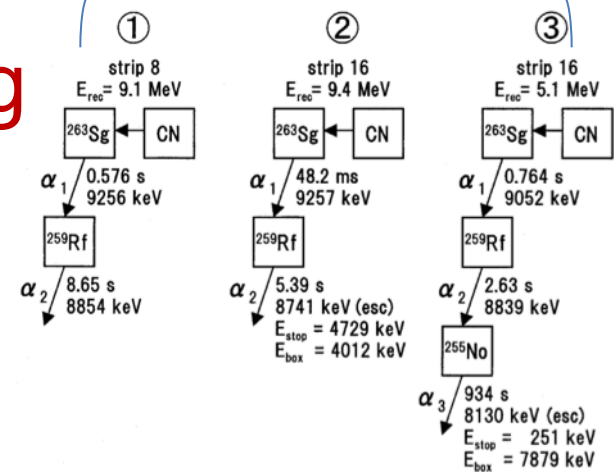
$E_{c.m.} = 144.0 \text{ MeV}$

$67^{+67}_{-37}\text{pb}$



$22^{+51}_{-18}\text{pb}$

SF TKE = 204 MeV  
 $T_{1/2} = 12.4^{+56}_{-6} \text{ ms}$   
 + $\gamma$  ray@964 keV of  $^{262}\text{Sg}$



EPJA10 (2001) S. Hofmann:

$^{207}\text{Pb}(^{64}\text{Ni},n)^{270}\text{Ds}$  (15pb)

$T_{1/2} = 6.9^{+3.8}_{-1.8} \text{ ms}$

TKE =  $222 \pm 10 \text{ MeV}$

Viola = 210 MeV

9.06 and 9.25 MeV : 2 different levels

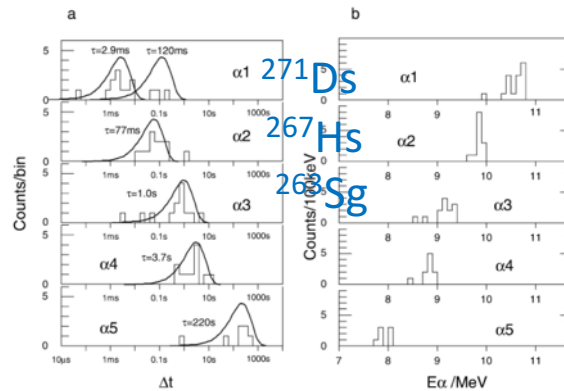
PRL33 (1974) A. Ghiorso:

$^{249}\text{Cf}(^{18}\text{O},4n)^{263}\text{Sg}$  ( $\approx 300 \text{ pb}$ )

-  $73 \pm 3$  events @9.06MeV

- 14 events @9.25 MeV

-  $T_{1/2} = 0.9 \pm 0.2 \text{ sec}$

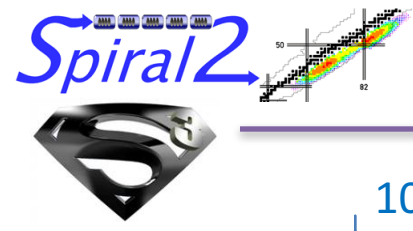


EPJA21 (2004) K. Morita:

$^{208}\text{Pb}(^{64}\text{Ni},n)^{271}\text{Ds}$  (15pb)

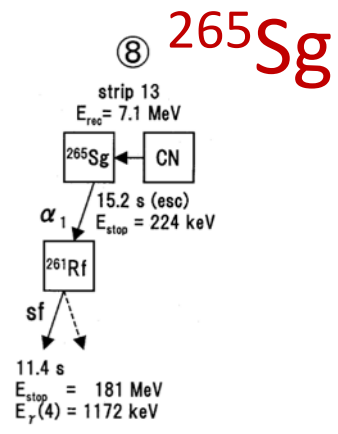
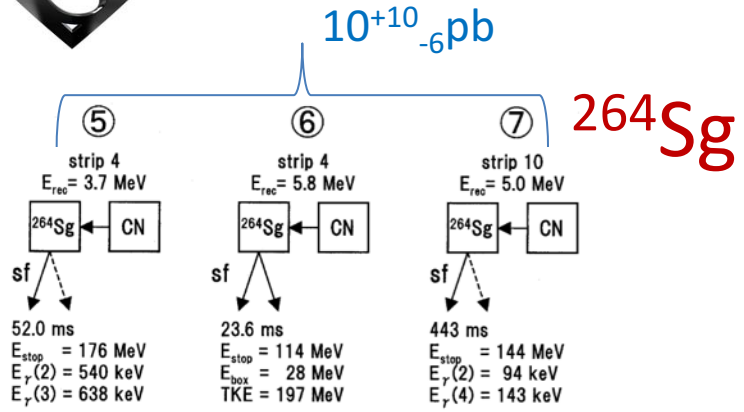
Isomeric states ?





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$E_{c.m.} = 133.0 \text{ MeV}$



SF  $T_{1/2} = 120^{+126}_{-44} \text{ ms}$

TKE (Viola) = 210 MeV

No reference !!!

$T_{1/2\text{-calc}} = 2.3 \text{ sec}$  (PRC52 (1995) R. Smolanczuk)  
 $= 20 * T_{\text{exp}}$

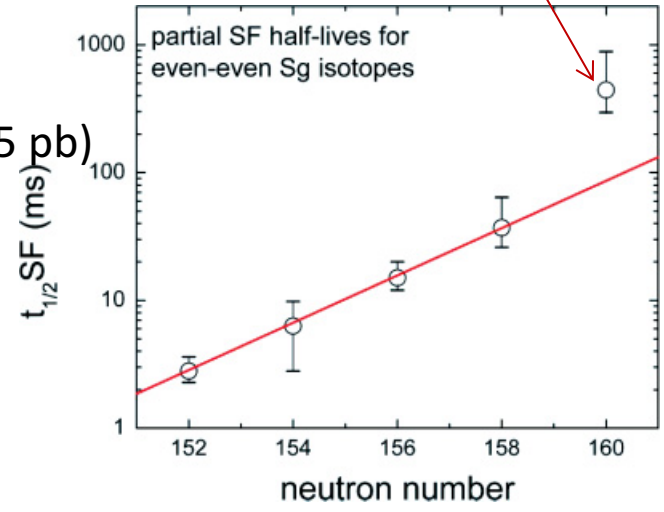
|                   | Tcalc/Texp |
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| $^{258}\text{Sg}$ | 2          |
| $^{260}\text{Sg}$ | 2          |
| $^{262}\text{Sg}$ | 10         |
| $^{264}\text{Sg}$ | 20         |

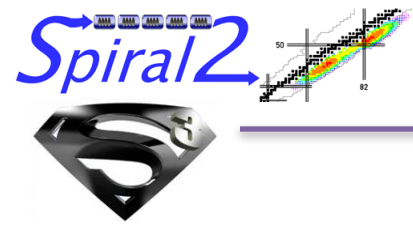
EPJA17 (2003) 505 A. Türler:  
 $^{248}\text{Cm}(^{26}\text{Mg},5n)^{269}\text{Hs}$

EPJA14 (2002) S. Hofmann:  
 $^{208}\text{Pb}(^{70}\text{Zn},n)^{277}\text{Cn}$  (0.5 pb)  
 $T_{1/2} = 7.9^{+6.4}_{-2.4} \text{ s}$

K.E. Gregorich, PRC74(2006) :

$^{266}\text{Sg}$

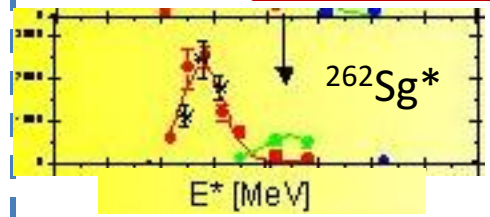
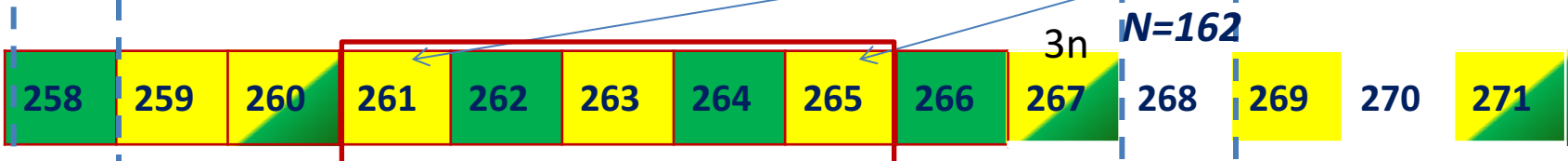




(92,2 - 4,6 - 3,1 %)



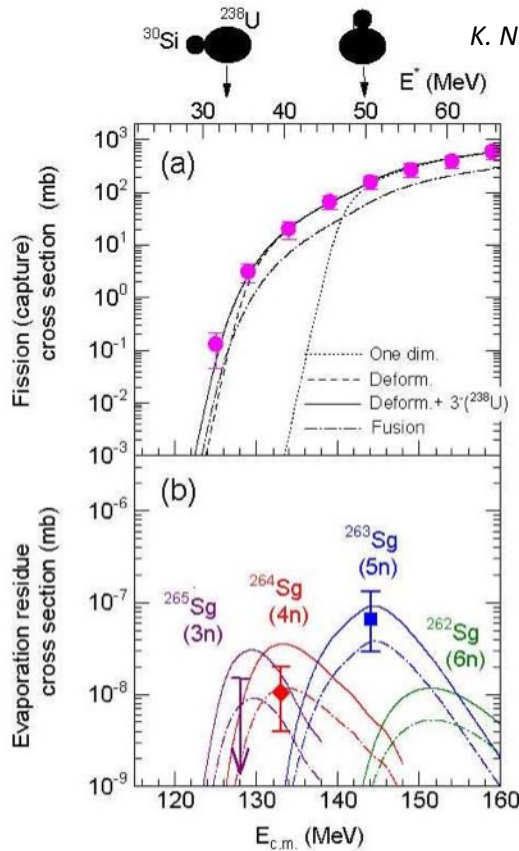
| Compound nuclei |     |     |
|-----------------|-----|-----|
| 266             | 267 | 268 |



$I = 1 \rightarrow 10 \mu\text{A}$   
 $\sigma = 10 \text{ pb}; \epsilon = 10\%$   
 5 atoms/day

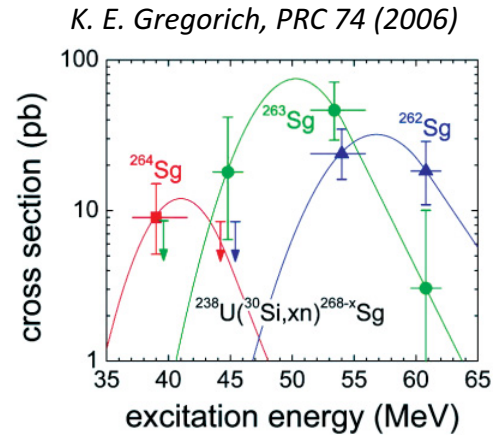
$N=152$

S3:  
 Excitation functions ?  
 Influence of neutrons in beams



K. Nishio, EPJA 29 (2006)

3 and 4n: ( ${}^{30}\text{Si} + {}^{238}\text{U}$ )  
 $\sigma_{\text{ER\_exp}} * 5 \text{ or } 4 = \sigma_{\text{ER\_calc}}$   
 Quasifission contribution



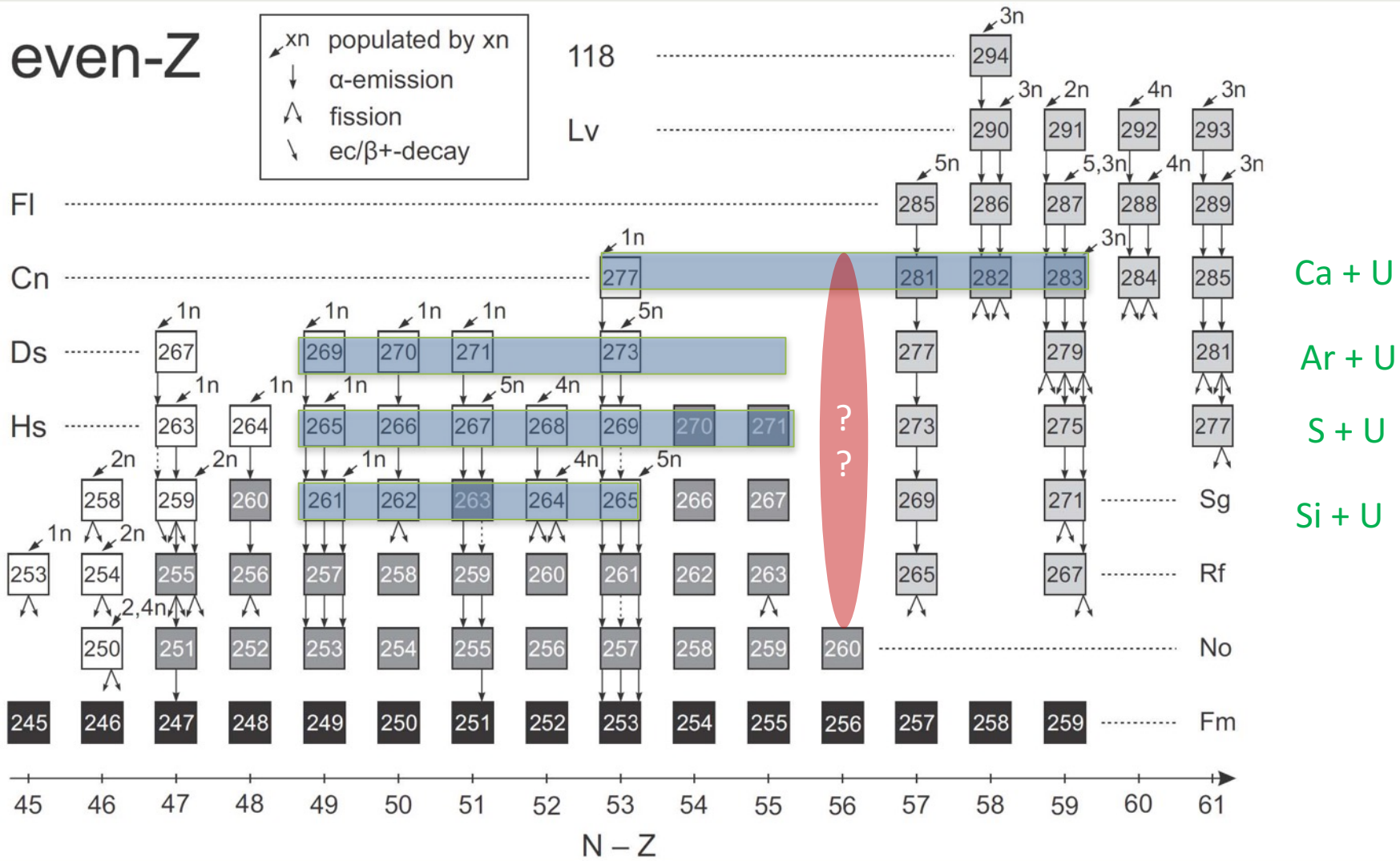
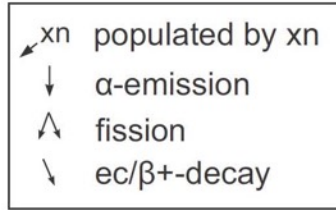
K. E. Gregorich, PRC 74 (2006)





# Z versus N-Z

even-Z





✓ some isotopes have scarce data (1970's and 80's experiments) and still some questions about their structure; it looks worth to reproduce these data with higher statistics.

✓ Production via 2 channels?

✓ Study for Z even with U target to be done with  $^{237}\text{Np}$  target:



✓ What about reaction mechanism ?

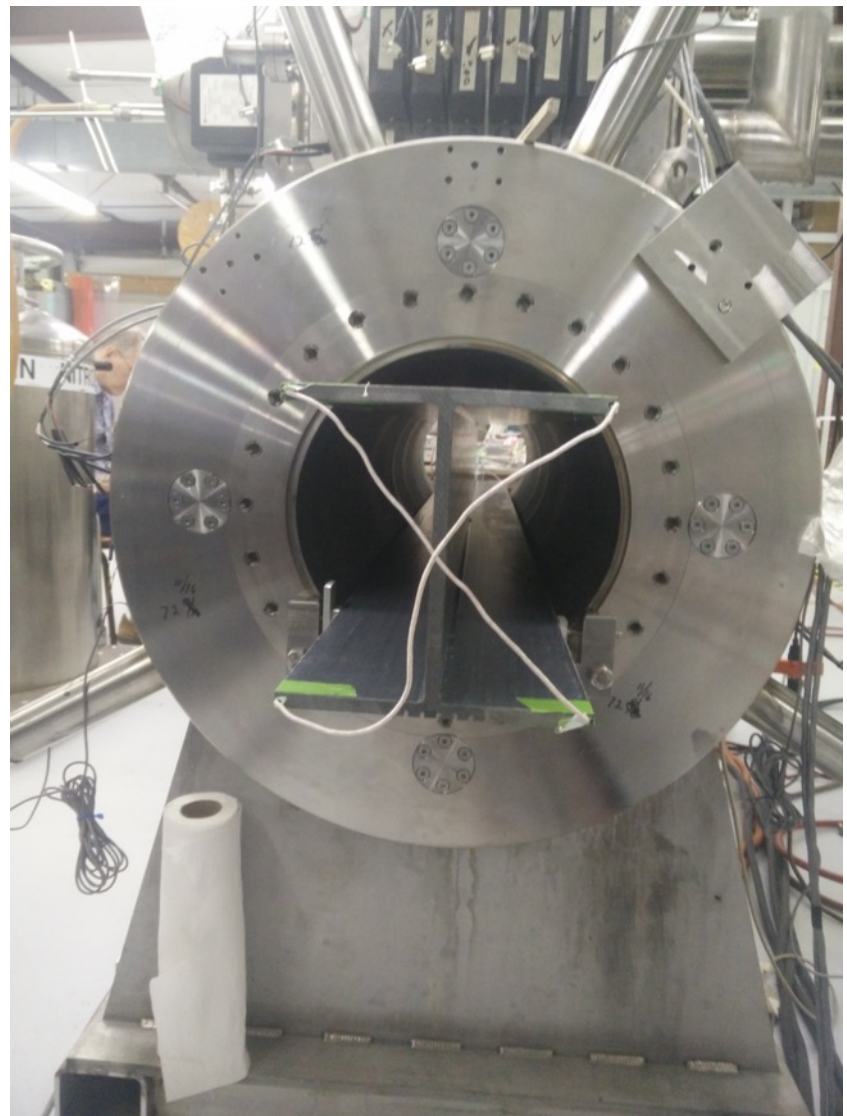
- no full experimental excitation functions on SHE

- latest data on Z=90-92 and for SHE only with one system projectile/target

- Which experiments could help theory ?

- What are experimental and theoretical "precisions" ? (to estimate the cross-section)

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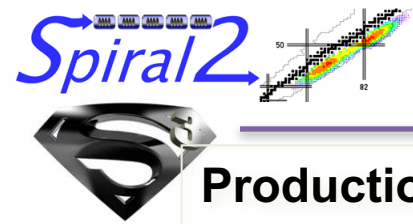




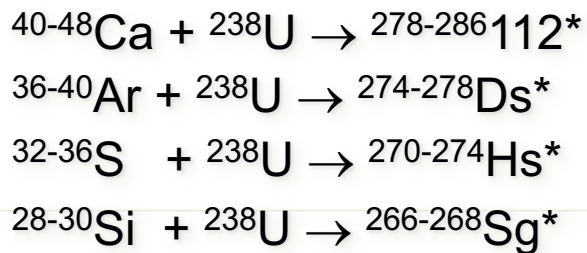
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[Vidéo 2](#)





## Production of SHE with Z=106-108-110-112



**Isotopic exploration**  
 $40-48\text{Ca} + {}^{238}\text{U} \rightarrow {}^{275-283}\text{112} + 3,4n$   
 $\text{S}^3 (I=10\mu\text{A}) \rightarrow 20\text{evt/week/pb}$

### At the crossing road for

#### Reaction of synthesis :

- Link hot to cold fusion
- Isospin dependent reaction mechanism studies

- X-section systematics

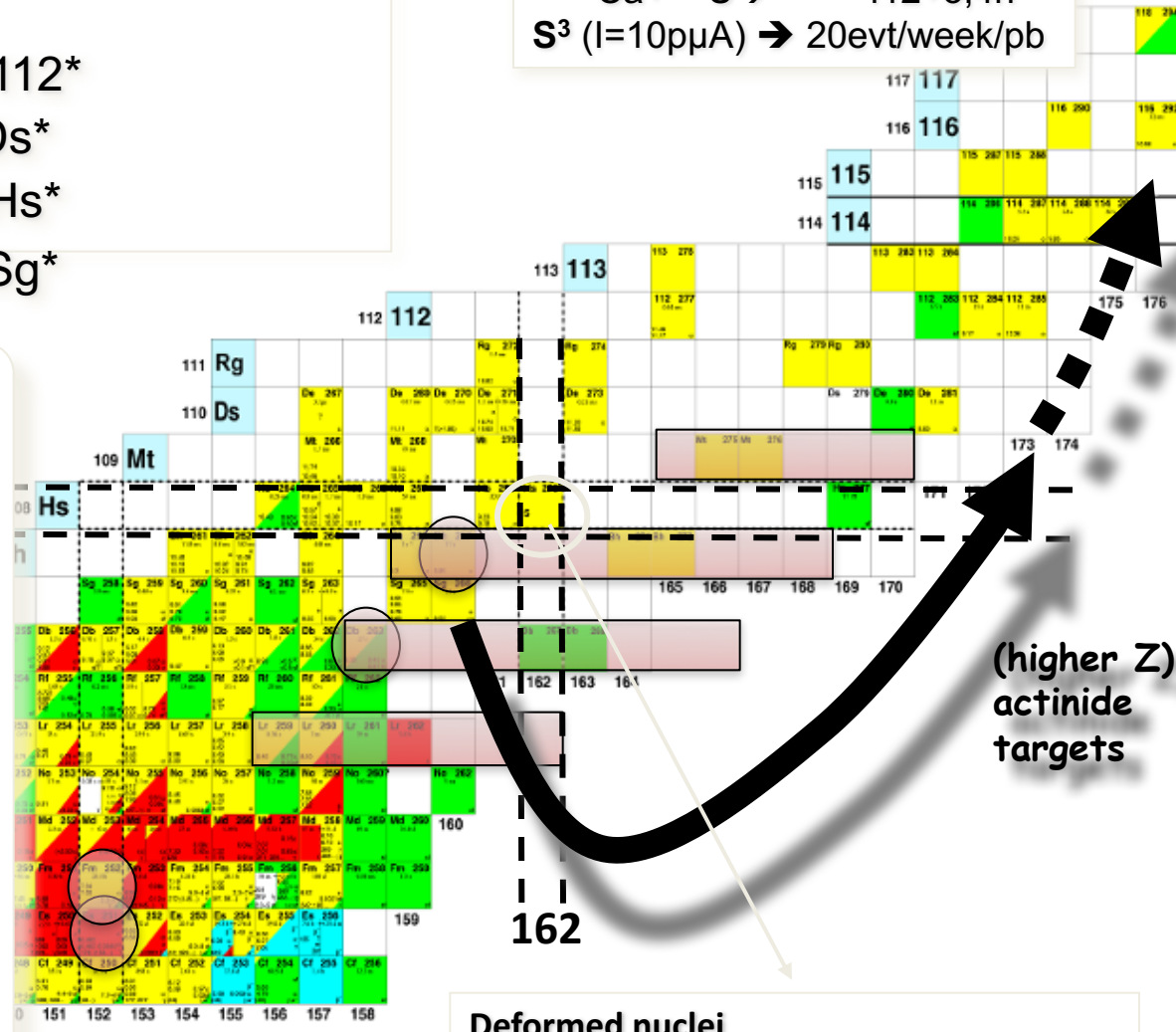
#### Decay properties :

- K-isomers
- SF decay ( $T_{\text{SF}}$  half-lives)
- Alpha decays ( $Q_\alpha$  & half-lives)

#### Trans-actinide chemistry

#### GS properties

- Mass measurements ...



**Deformed nuclei**  
 $40\text{Ar} + {}^{238}\text{U} \rightarrow {}^{274}\text{Ds} (+4n) \rightarrow {}^{270}\text{Hs} + \alpha$   
 $\text{S}^3 (I=50\mu\text{A}) \rightarrow 190\text{evt/week} @ \sigma_{\text{th}} = 2\text{pb}$



# Toward the Heaviest elements

## An evaluation of Opportunities & Difficulties

A very prospective evaluation: NOT a first year experiment  
In the framework of a full SHE study program

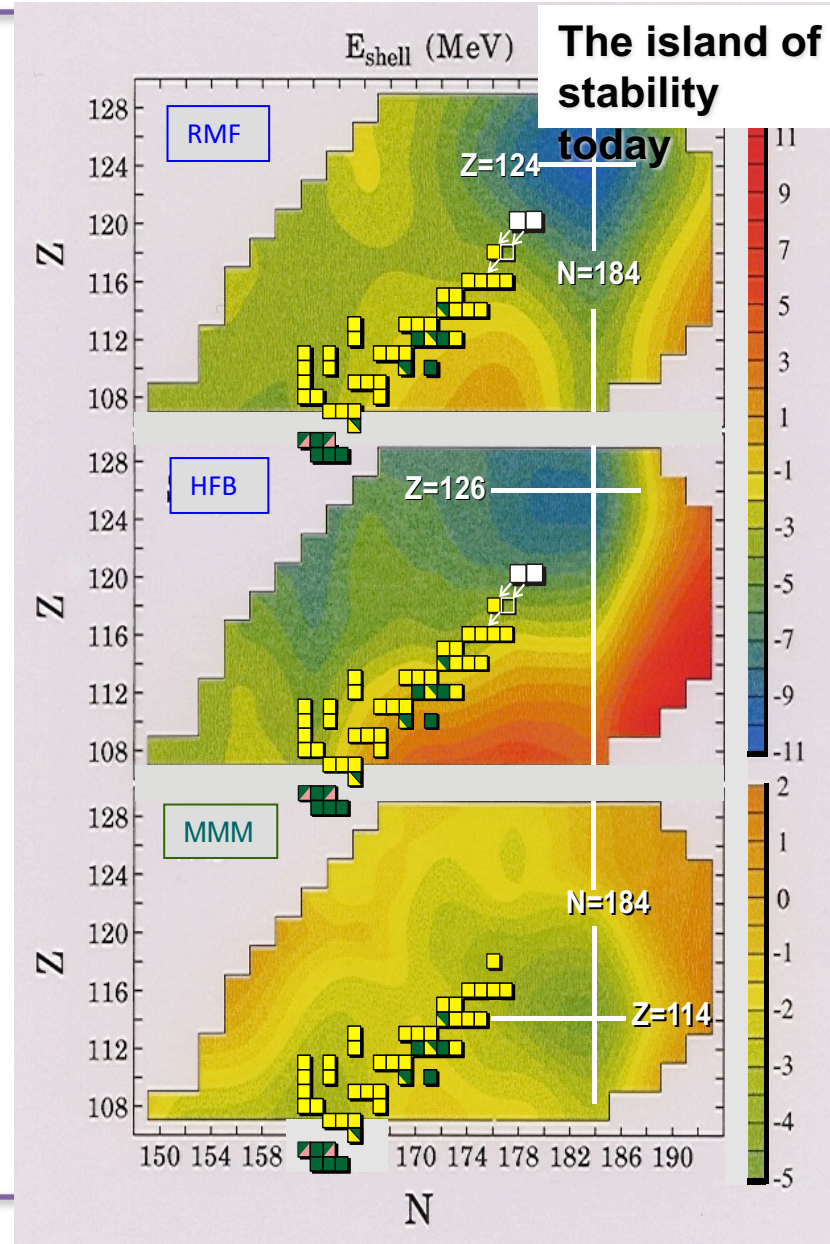
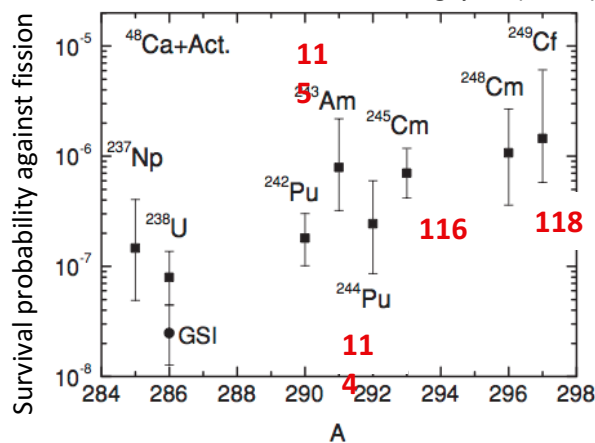
### The island of stability today

N=184 : common to all models, strong effect observed  
Z=114, 120, 126 ?

shell stabilization lowers:

- the ground-state energy,
- creates a fission barrier,
- and thereby enables the SHN to exist.

Adamian, Antonenko & Sargsyan (2009)

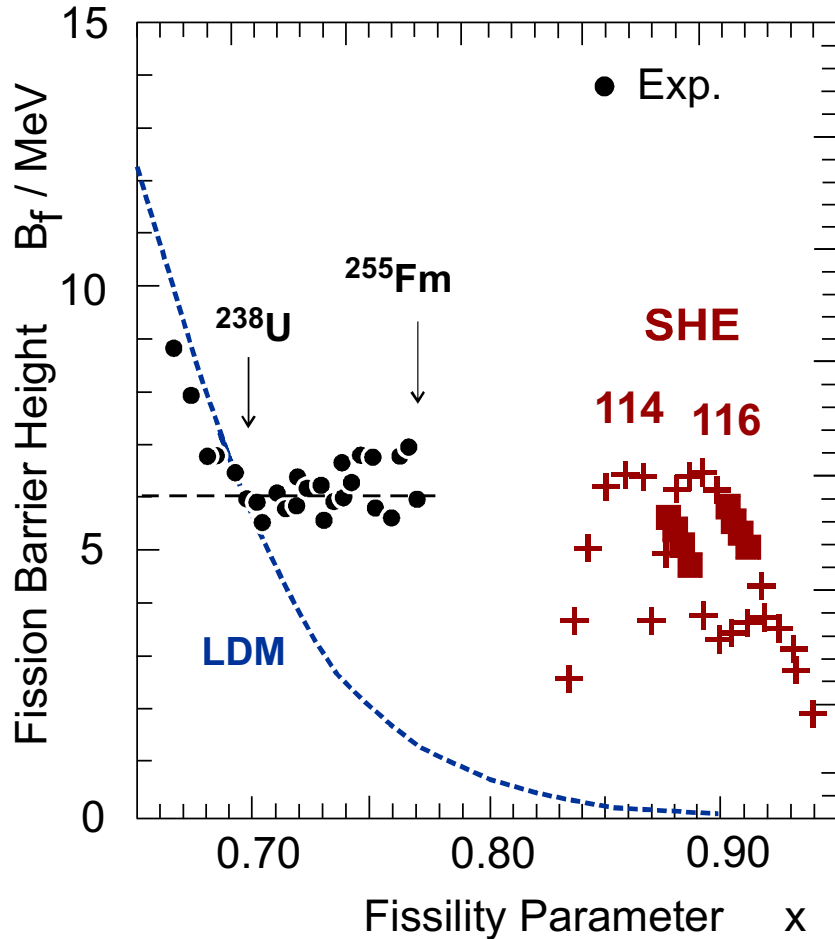


### Production cross sections

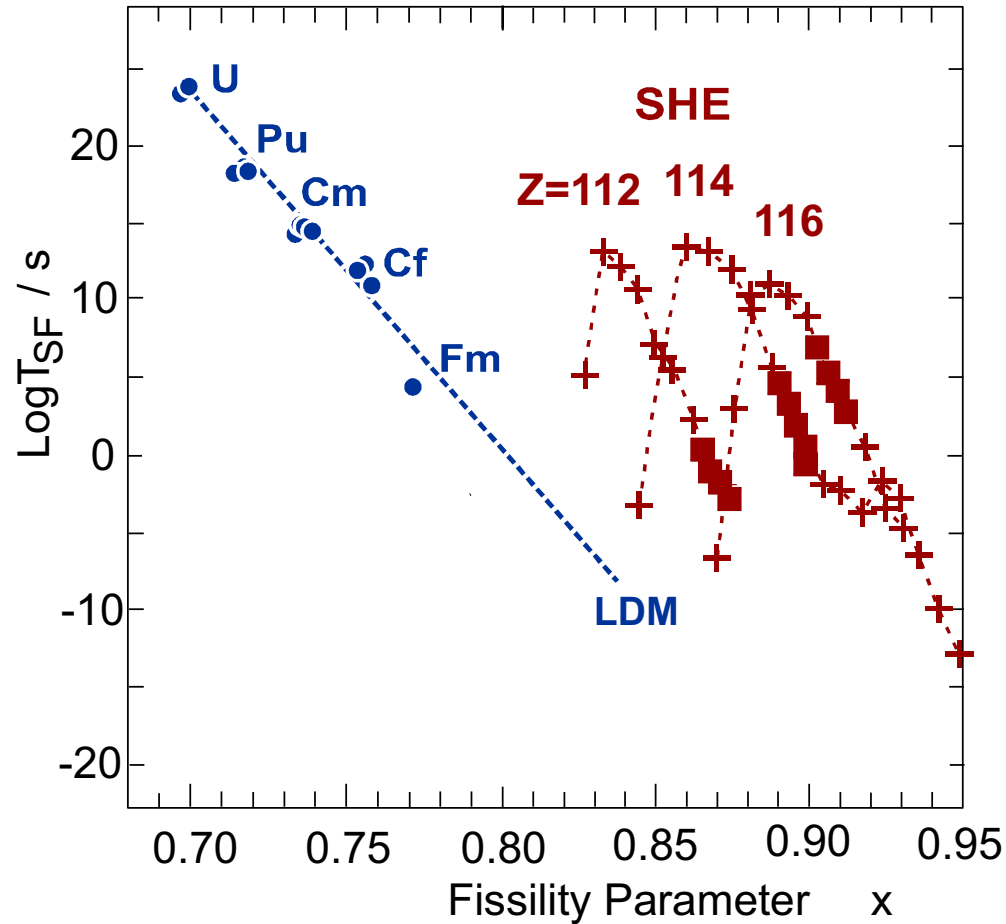
➔ Seem to indicate a shell closure  $Z \geq 120$



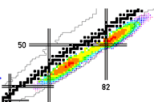
## Fission Barriers



## ...and Half - Lives



R. Smolańczuk, Phys. Rev. C 56 (1997) 812



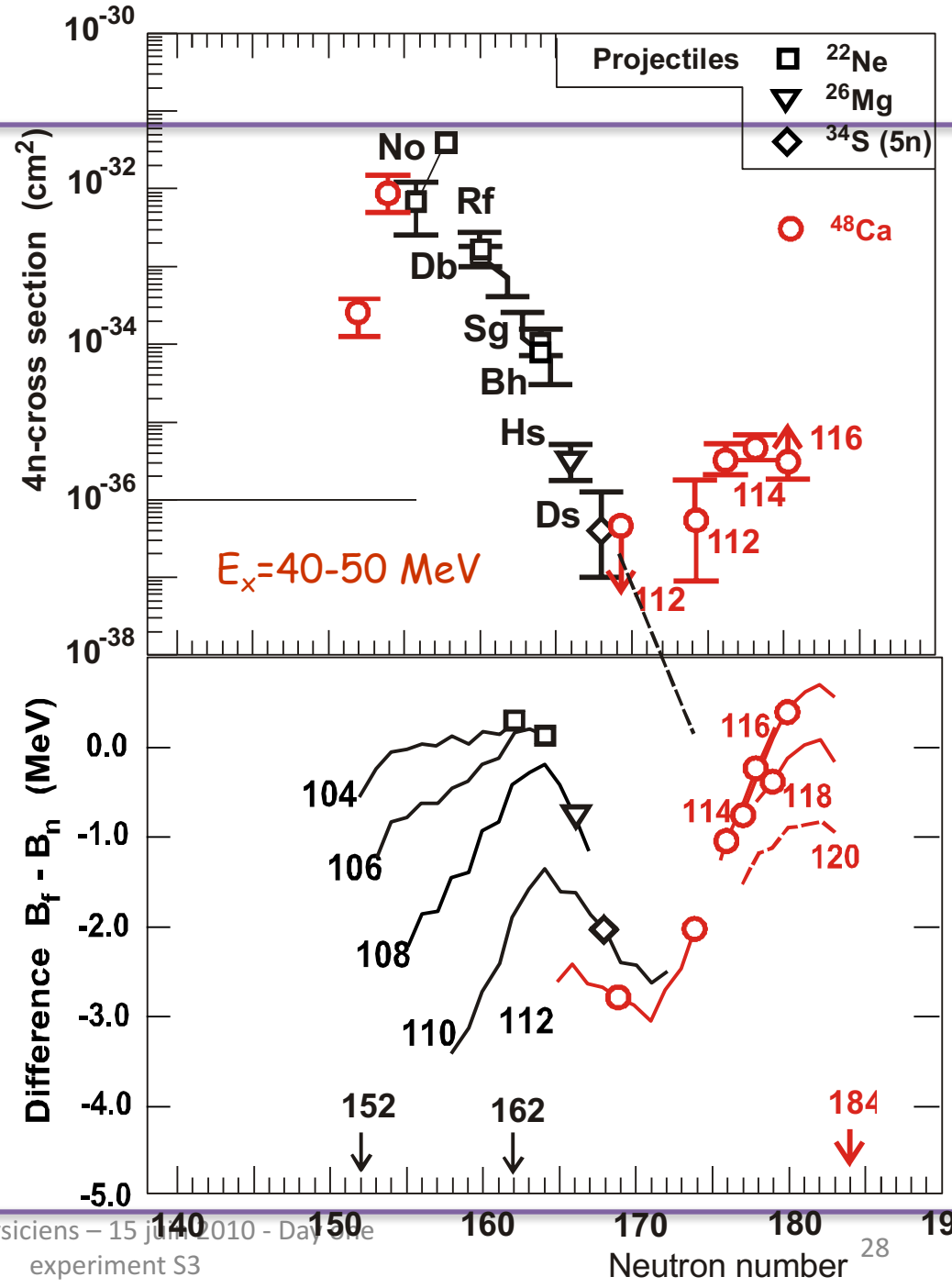
Yu. Oganessian et al. PR C69, 054607 (2004)

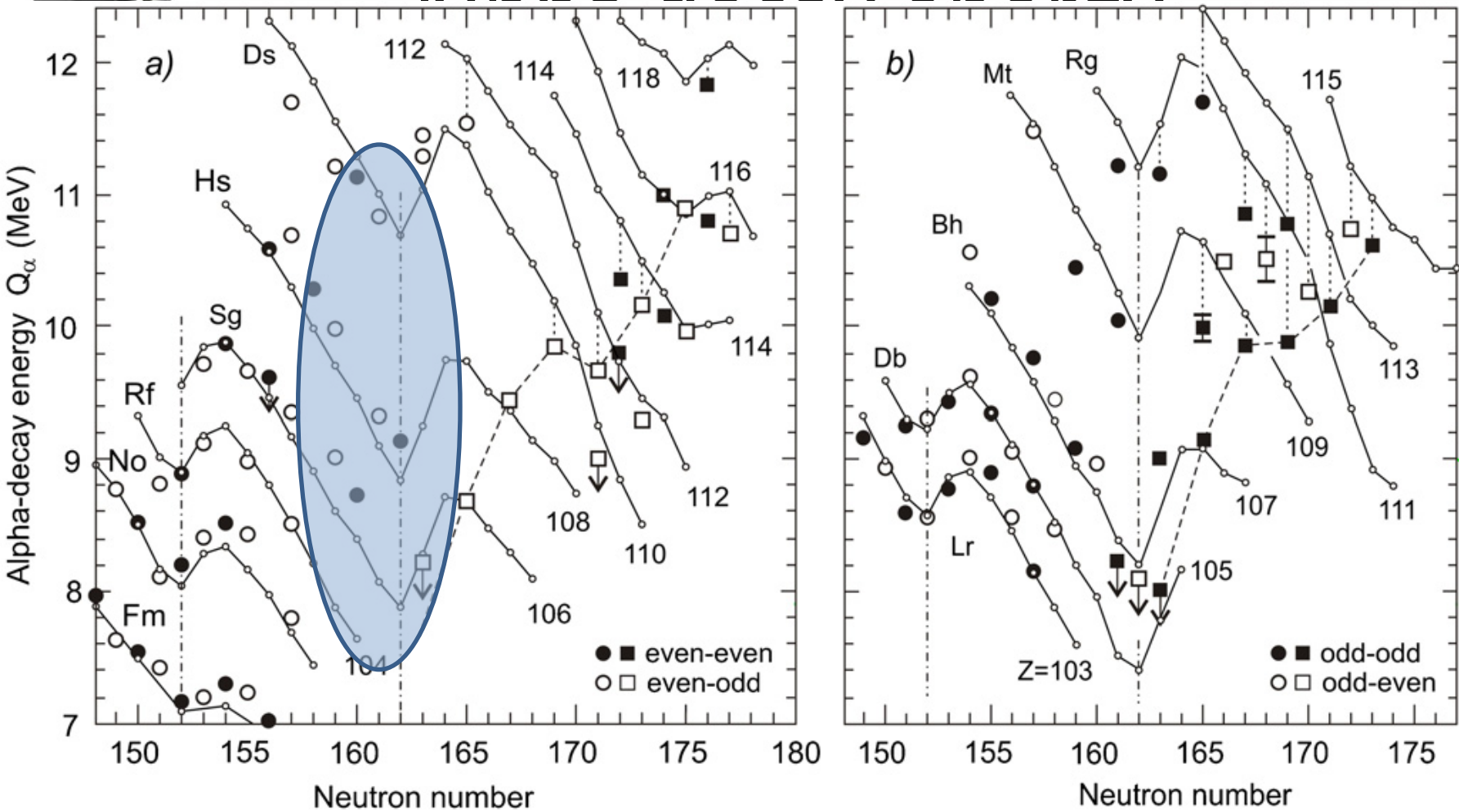
$$\sigma_{xn} \sim (\Gamma_n / \Gamma_f)^x;$$

$x$  — number of evaporated neutrons

$$(\Gamma_n / \Gamma_f) \sim \exp [(B_f - B_n)]$$

$$B_f = \underbrace{B_f^{LD}}_0 + \Delta E^{Shell}$$





**Figure 27. Alpha-decay energy versus neutron number of trans-fermium nuclei. (a) Isotopes of even-Z elements with  $Z = 100$ . (b) Isotopes of odd-Z elements with  $Z = 103$ .** Circles denote nuclei synthesized in hot fusion reactions with light ions ( $^{22}\text{Ne}$ ,  $^{26}\text{Mg}$ ,  $^{36}\text{S}$ ) and in cold fusion with massive projectiles; squares correspond to the nuclei, produced in  $^{48}\text{Ca}$ -induced reactions. Dashed lines represent long sequences of correlated decays of the nuclei  $^{288}\text{115}$  and  $^{291}\text{116}$ , observed in the reactions  $^{243}\text{Am} + ^{48}\text{Ca}$  and  $^{245}\text{Cm} + ^{48}\text{Ca}$  (see panel (a)), respectively. The solid lines are drawn through the values of  $Q_\alpha$  (small open circles), calculated in the MM-model [39, 144]. The closed neutron shells  $N = 152$  and  $N = 162$  are shown by the vertical dashed-dotted lines.