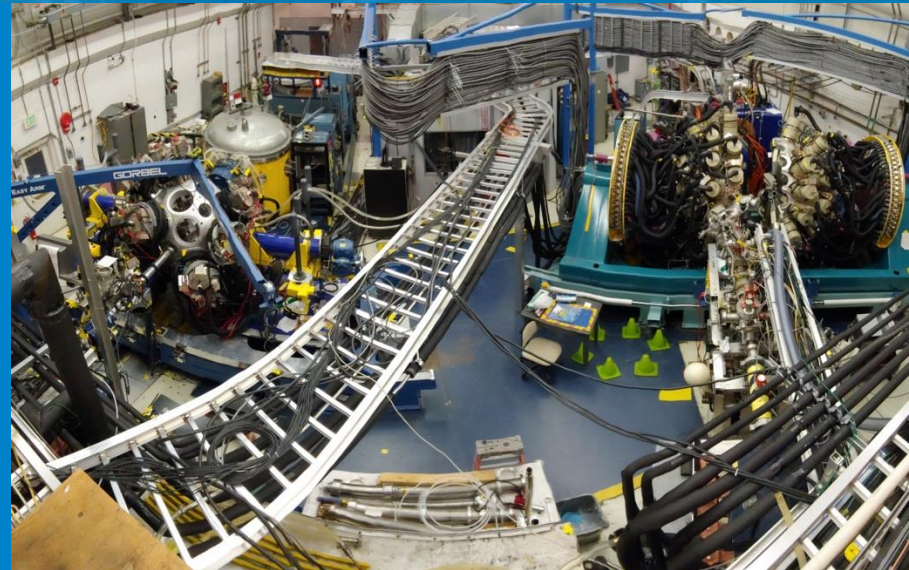


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Marrying In-Beam and Decay Spectroscopy to Reveal the Structure of Exotic Nuclei



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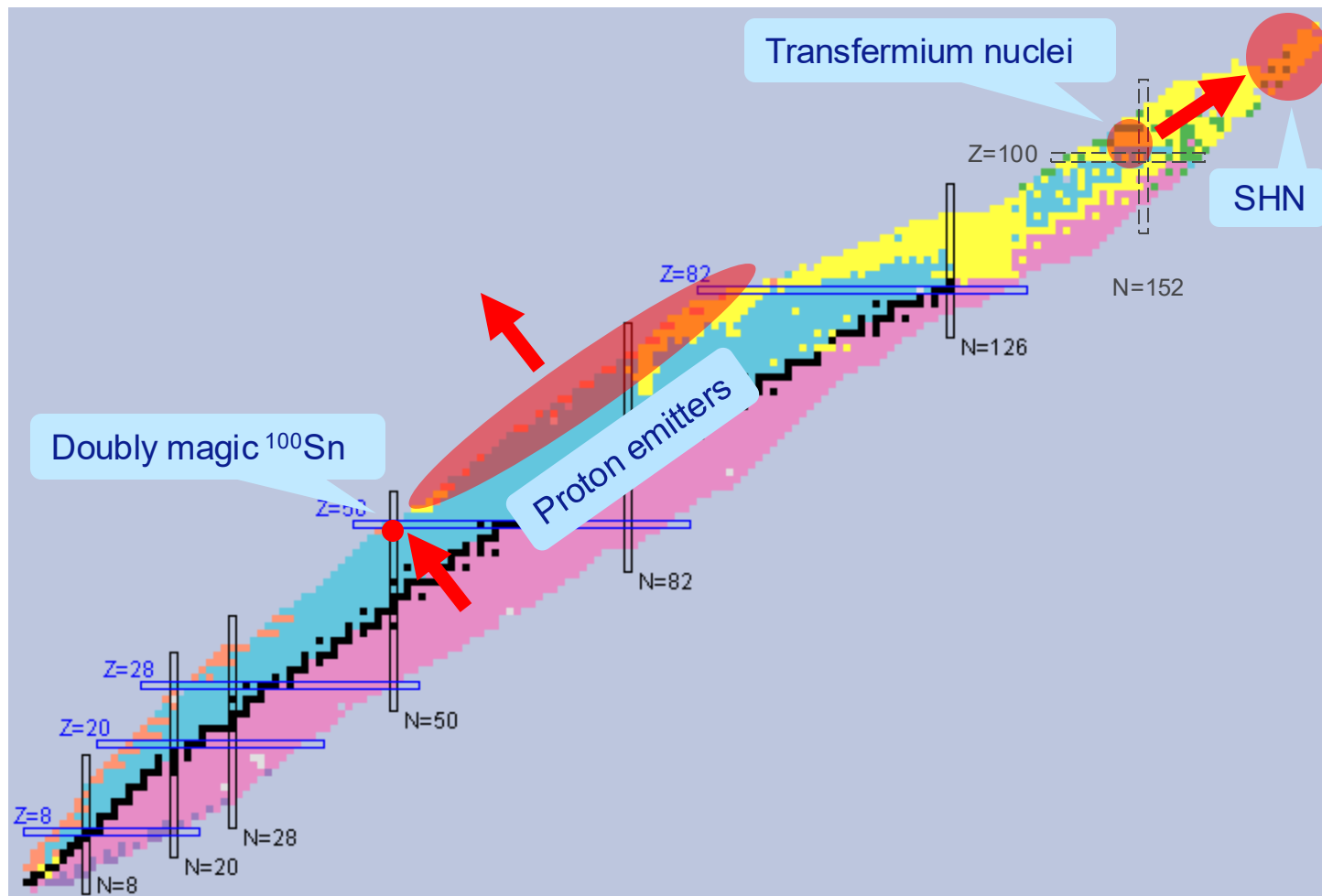


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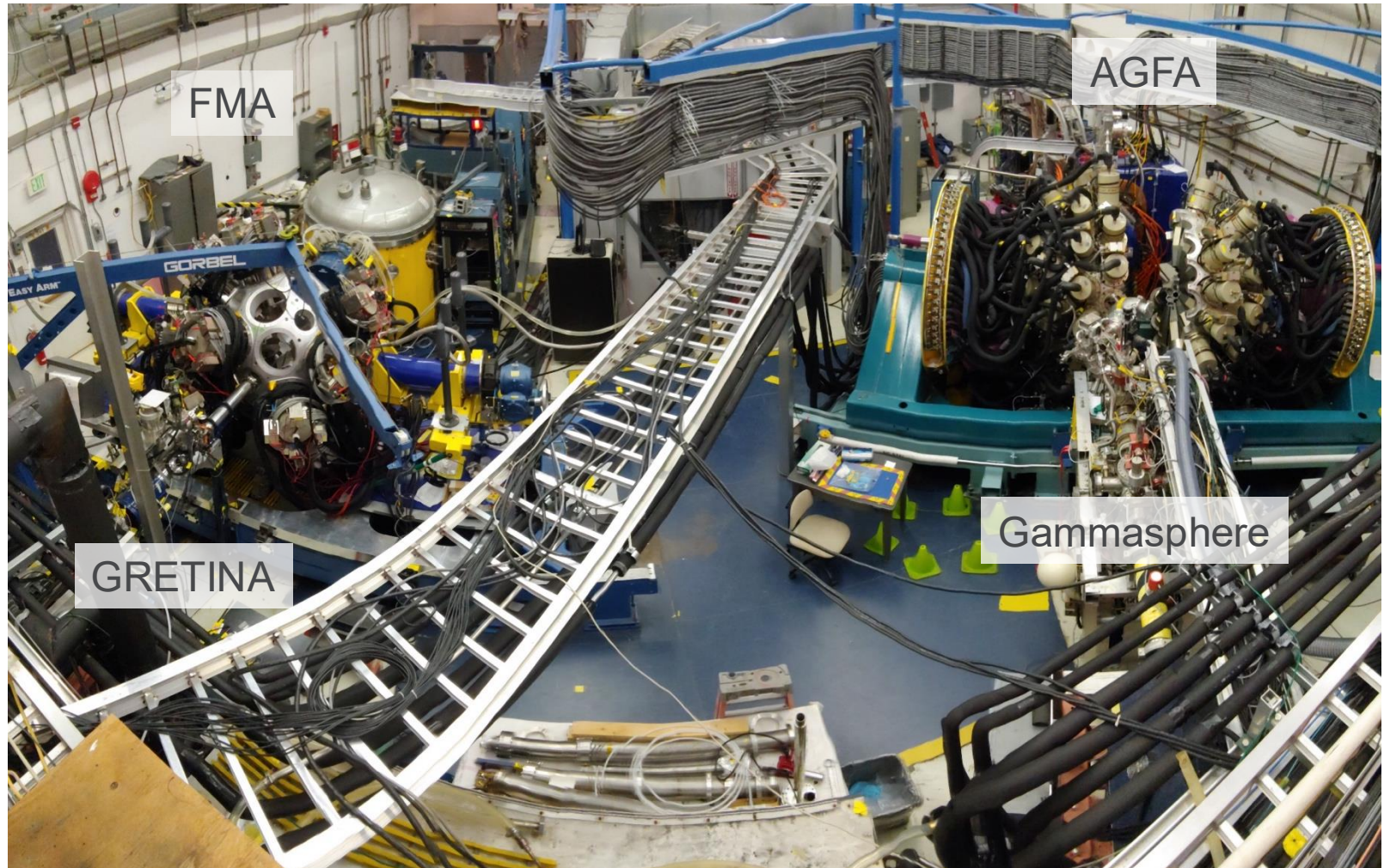
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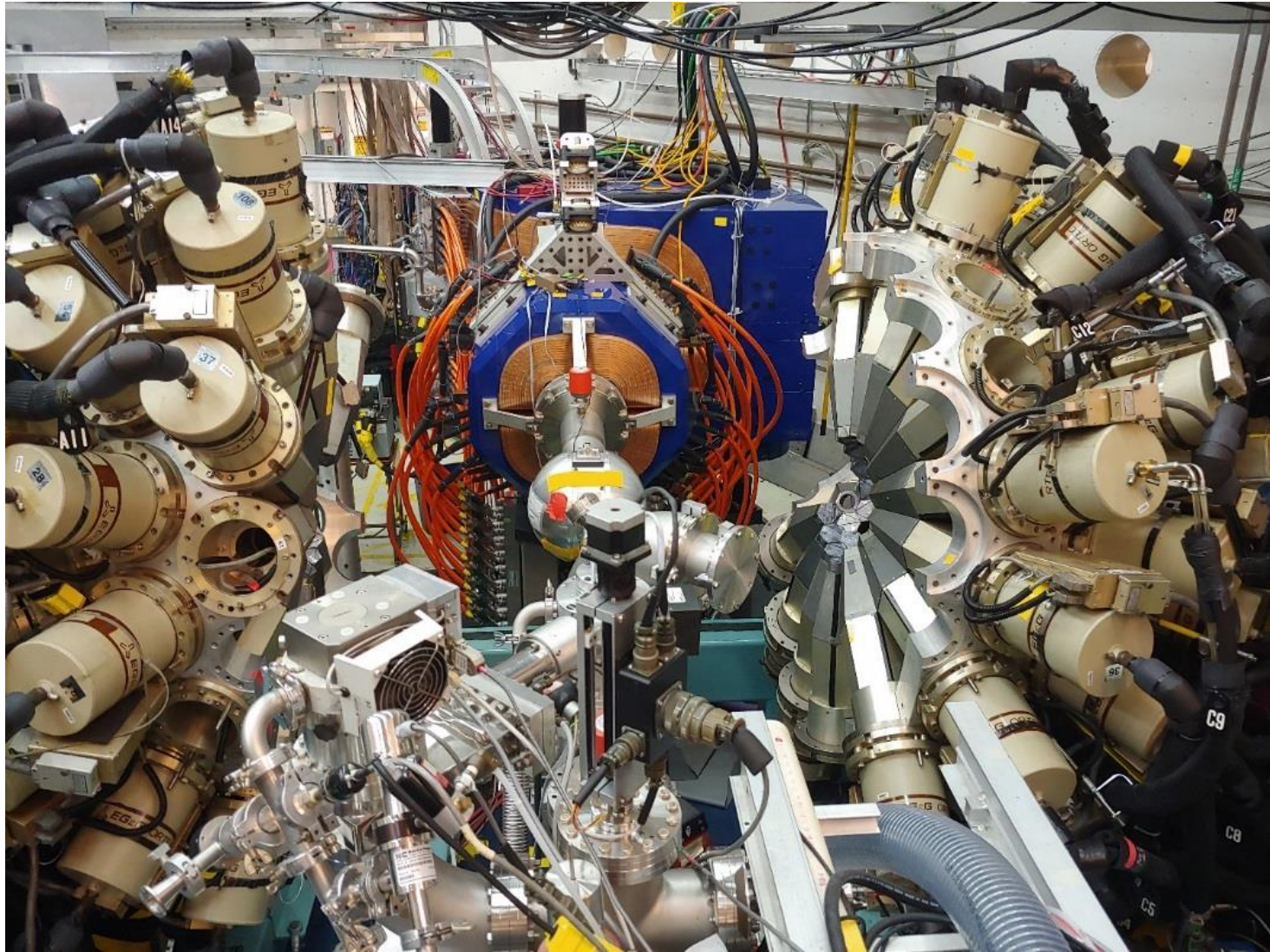
Spectroscopy of exotic nuclei at ATLAS



ATLAS experimental Area IV



Gammasphere and Argonne Gas-Filled Analyzer

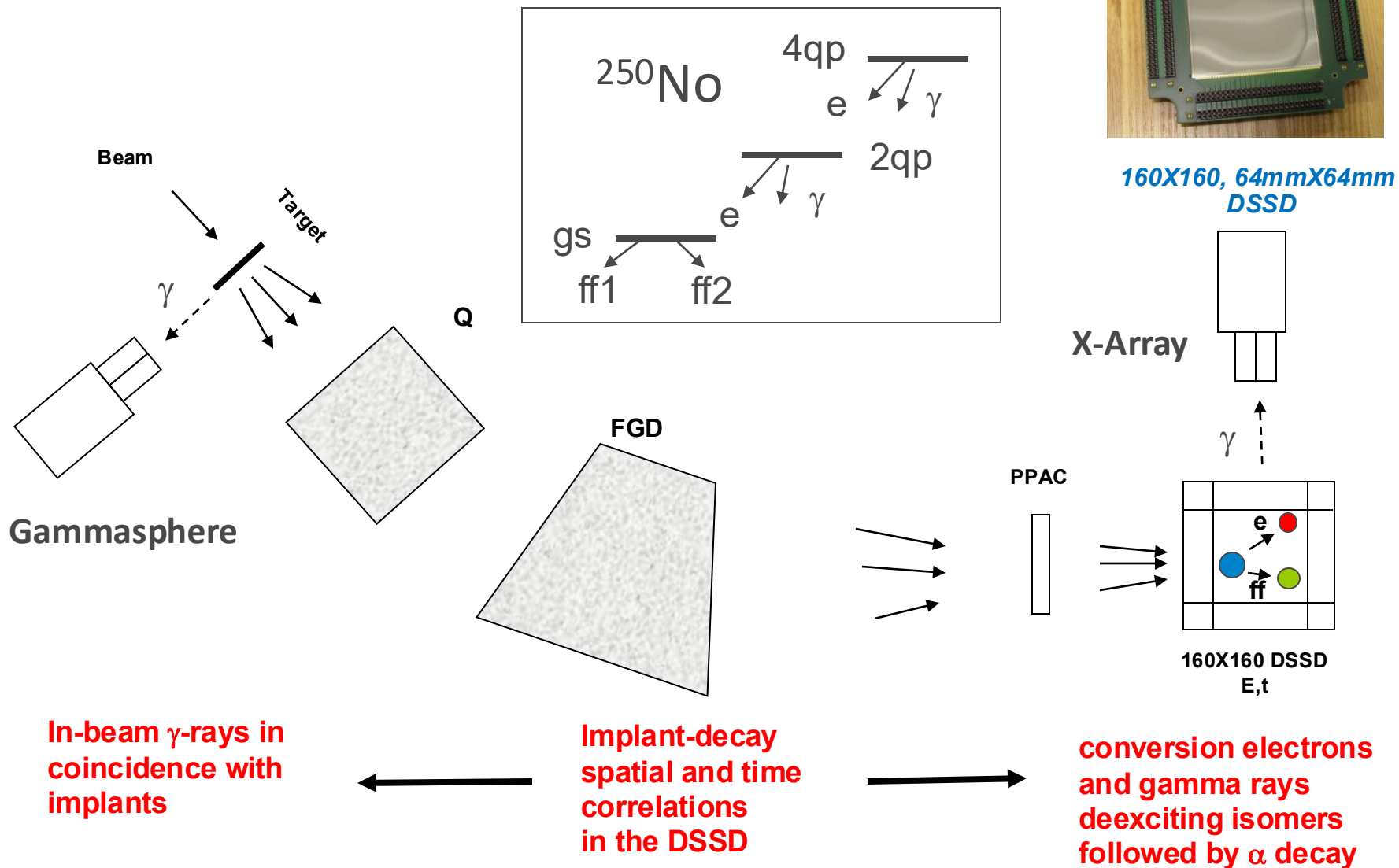


GRETINA and Fragment Mass Analyzer



Custom FMA entrance quadrupole doublet fits inside the GRETINA frame resulting in ~ 6 times larger solid angle compared to experiments with Gammasphere
21 GRETINA-FMA experiments so far

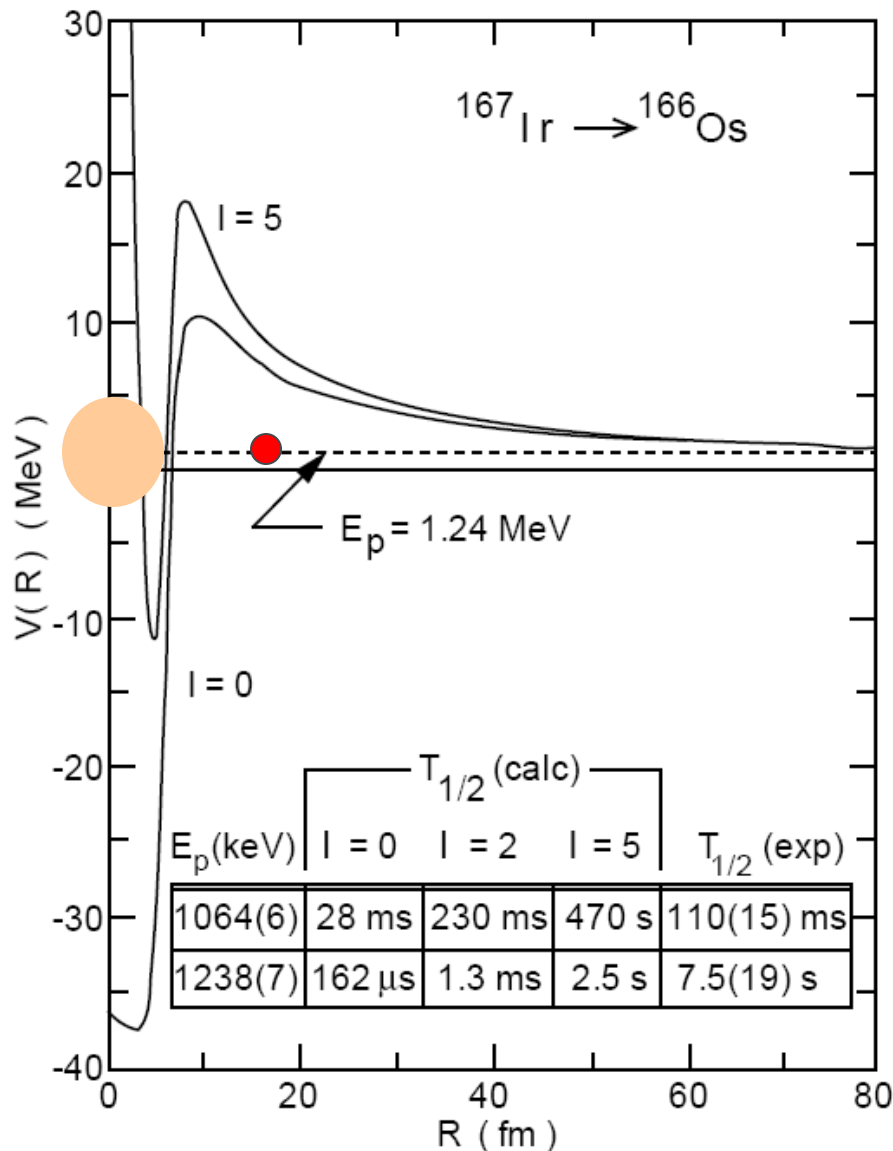
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Proton drip line

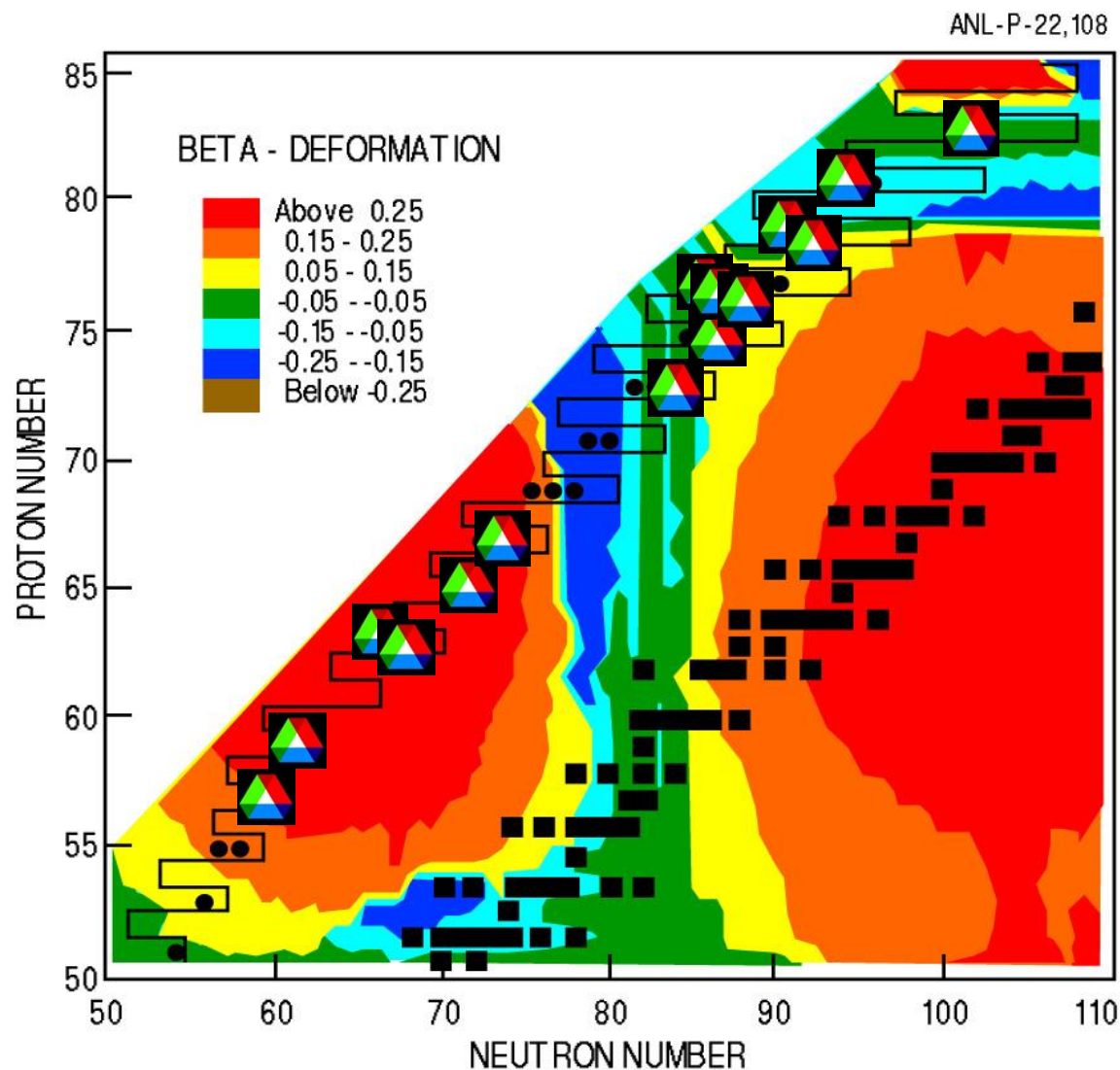


Spontaneous proton emission



- ✓ Analogous to α decay
- ✓ No pre-formation factor
- ✓ Decay rates sensitive to E_p and I_p
- ✓ Unique laboratory to study tunneling through a 3D barrier
- ✓ Source of information on nuclear structure and masses far from stability
- ✓ Γ_p important for (p,γ) cross sections in light p-rich nuclei in the path of the rp-process

Proton emitter landscape

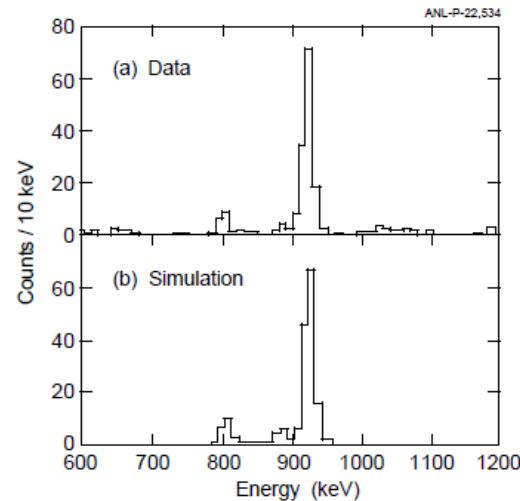
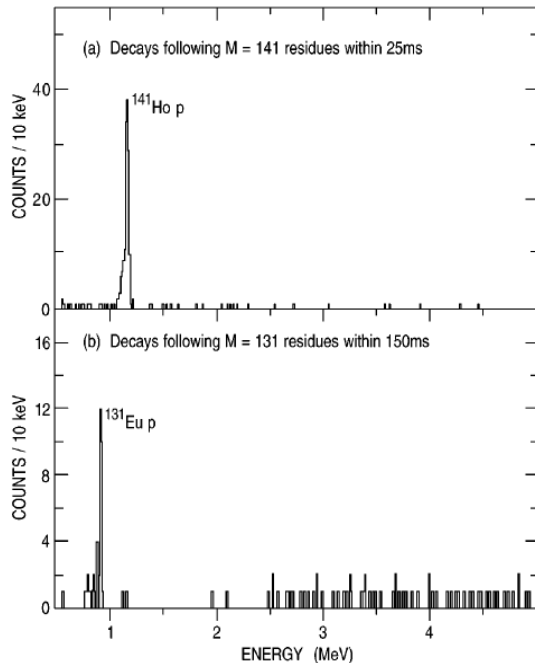


- ✓ 15 new isotopes!
- ✓ ~20-30 mass units away from the line of stability
- ✓ Often less exotic neighbors not known

Program with FMA initiated by C.N. Davids in mid 1990s in collaboration with P.J. Woods from University of Edinburgh

Recently with FMA:
 ^{116}La ($T=0$ np pairing)
 ^{125}Pm ("missing" proton emitter)
 and AGFA:
 ^{185}Bi (PRL, isomer)
 heavy At, Fr proton emitters

First deformed proton emitter ^{131}Eu



- ✓ Spherical
- ✓ Axially deformed
- ✓ Odd-odd axially deformed
- ✓ Coupling to vibrations
- ✓ Non-axial deformation

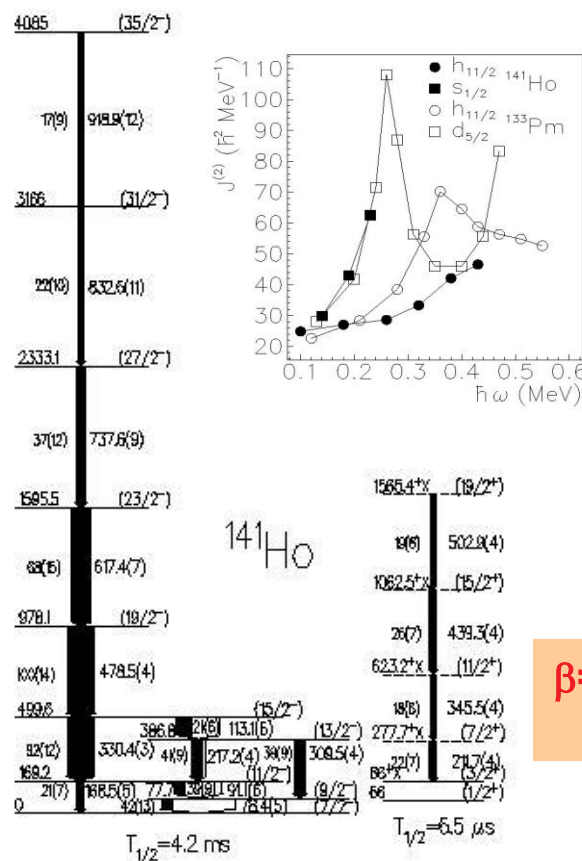
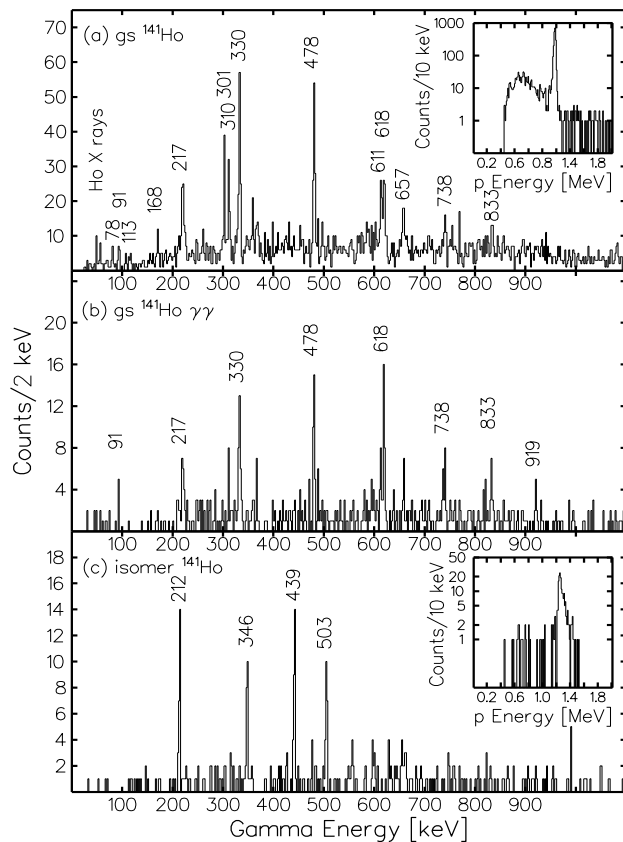
First deformed proton emitters
Anomalous decay rates explained
by introducing deformation

First fine structure

C.N. Davids, P.J. Woods,
D. Seweryniak, A.A. Sonzogni et al.,
PRL C55, 2255 (1997)

A.A. Sonzogni, C.N. Davids,
P.J. Woods, D. Seweryniak et al.,
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Rotational bands in deformed proton emitter ^{141}Ho



Unexpectedly large signature splitting indicates triaxial shape!

$\beta = 0.25(4)$ from Harris formula

$7/2-[523]$

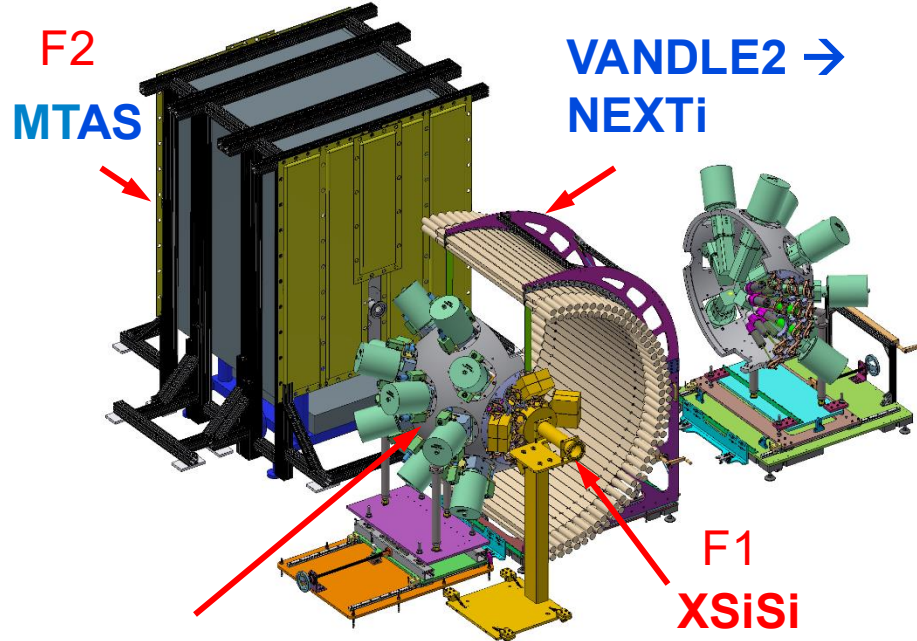
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D. Seweryniak et al., PRL **86**, 1458 (2001)

^{145}Tm - D. Seweryniak et al., PRL **99**, 082502 (2007)

FRIB Decay Station initiator (FDSi)

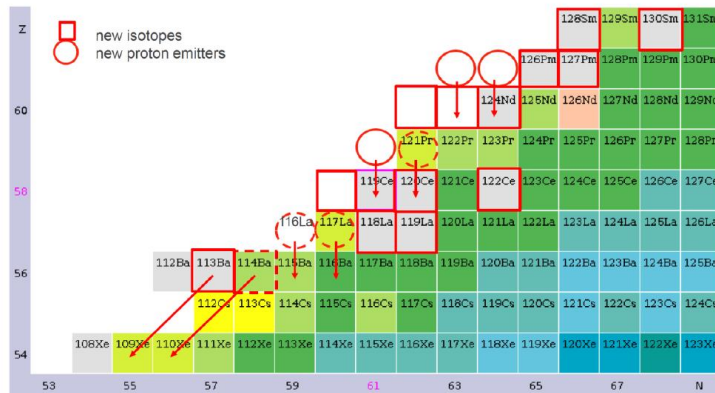
Total absorption



CLARION → DEGAi

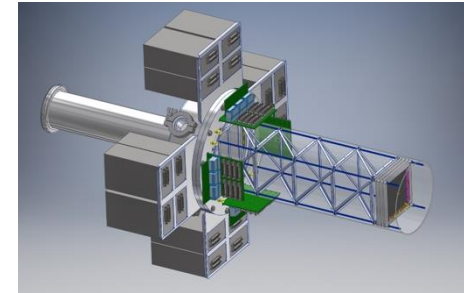
Discrete Spectroscopy

High-Granularity Implantation-Decay Si DSSD
Detection of **fragments**, β , **protons** and α
with very good energy resolution



FRIB experiment 23071
“The Study of Proton-Rich Isotopes
Along the Proton Drip-Line above ^{100}Sn ”

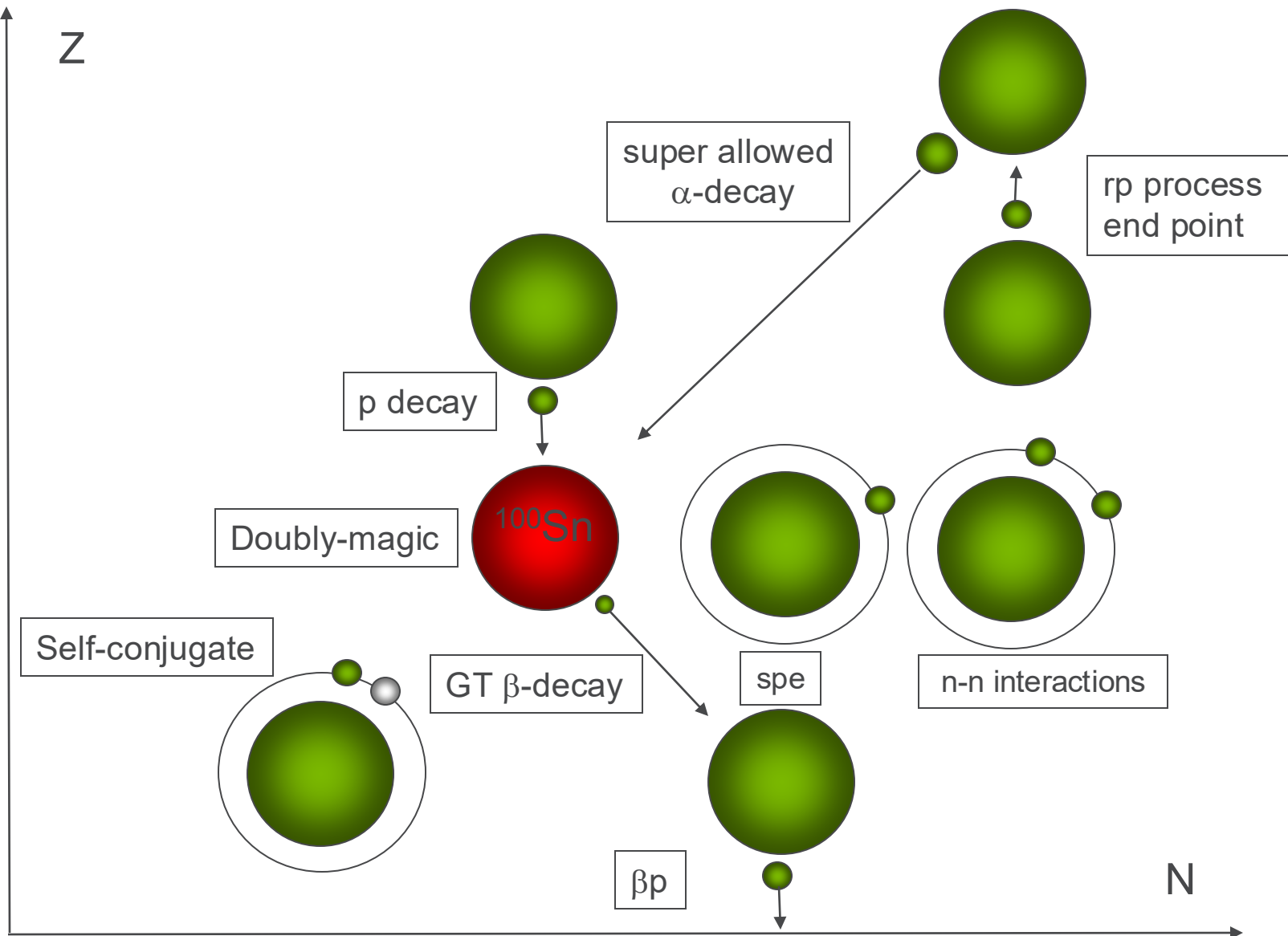
XSiSi



Doubly magic ^{100}Sn



^{100}Sn physics



Single-neutron states in ^{101}Sn

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Single-Neutron States in ^{101}Sn

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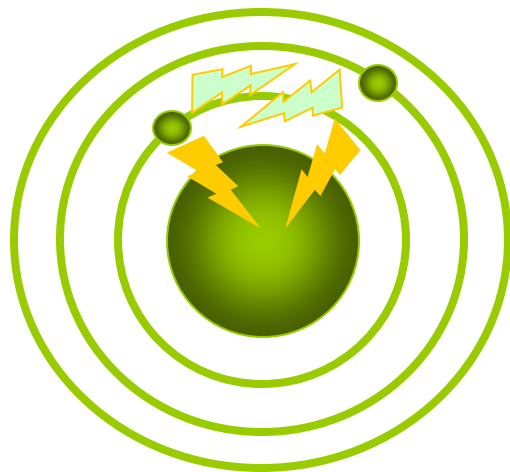
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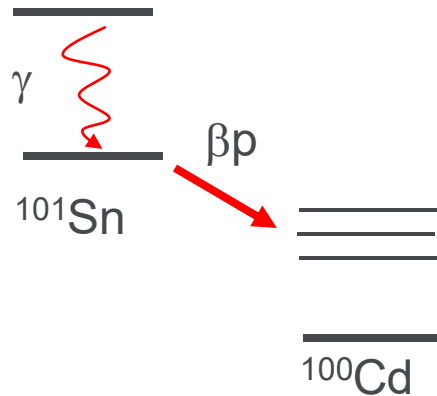
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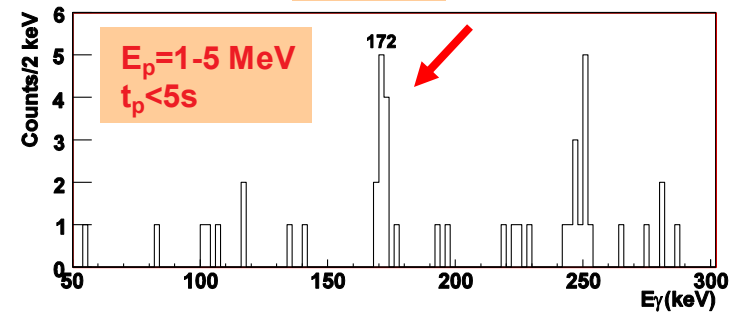
			^{102}Te π^2	
	^{100}Sb $\pi\nu^{-1}$	^{101}Sb π	^{102}Sb $\pi\nu$	
^{98}Sn $(\nu^{-1})^2$	^{99}Sn ν^{-1}	^{100}Sn core	^{101}Sn ν	^{102}Sn ν^2
	^{98}In $\pi^{-1}\nu^{-1}$	^{99}In π^{-1}	^{100}In $\pi^{-1}\nu$	
		^{98}Cd $(\pi^{-1})^2$		

Gamma-ray transition(s) in ^{101}Sn

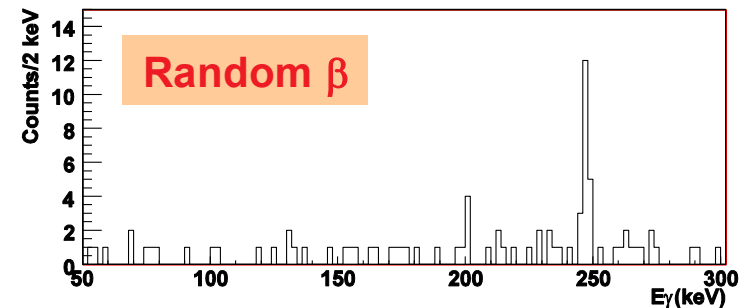


$E_p = 1.5\text{--}5\text{ MeV}$
 $T_{1/2} = 1.9(3)\text{ s}$
 $\sigma \sim 50\text{ nb}$
 $b_{\beta p} \sim 15\%$

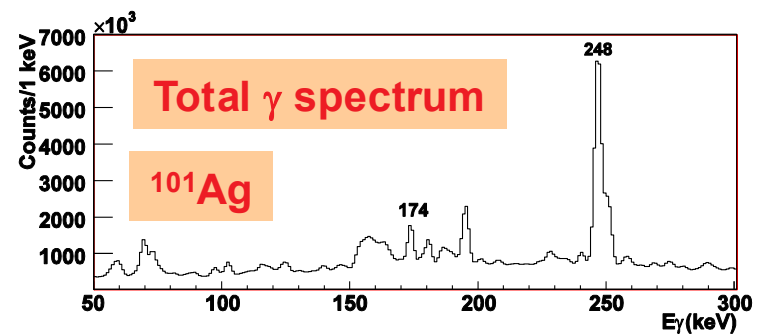
γ rays



Random β



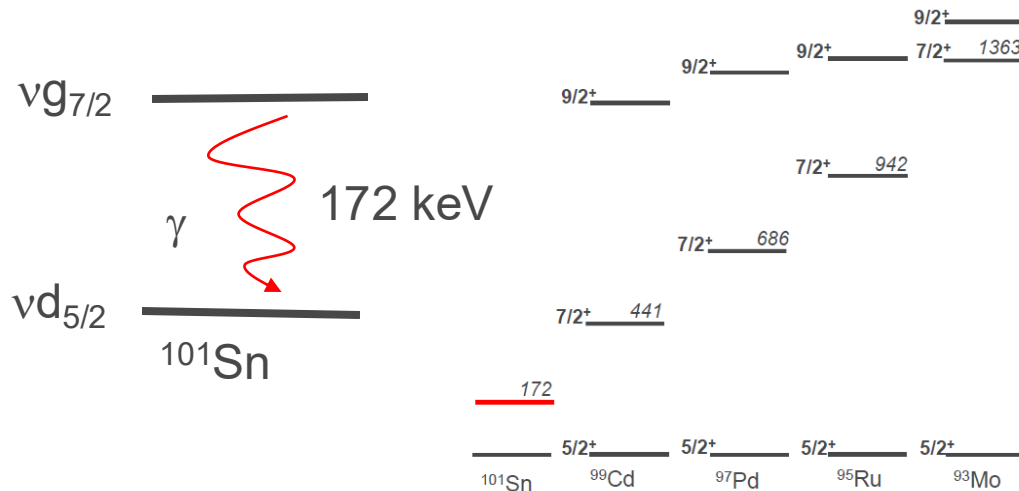
Total γ spectrum



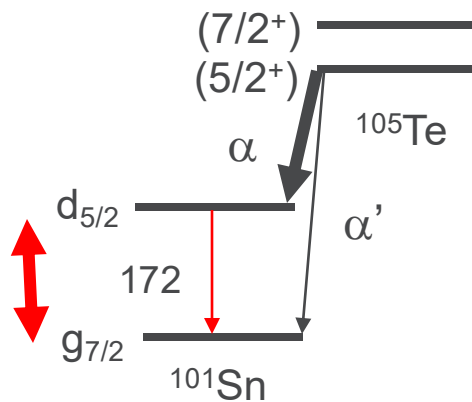
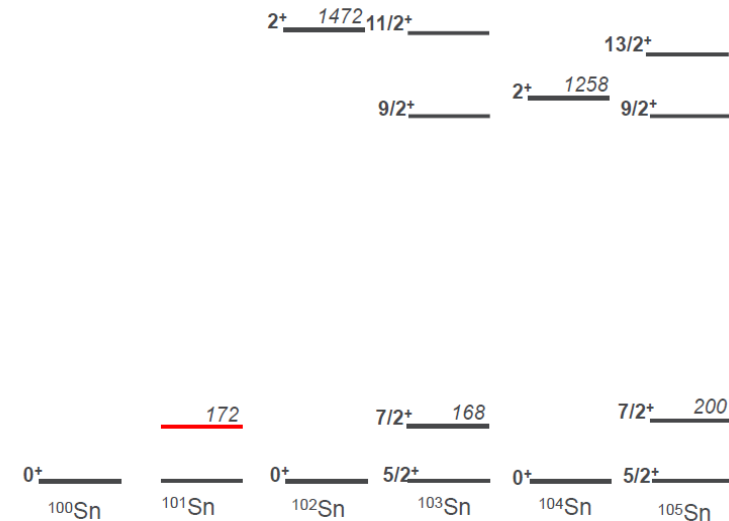
1 out of $\sim 10^8$ γ rays emitted!

^{101}Sn single-neutron level ordering

N=51 ISOTONES



LIGHT Sn ISOTOPES



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I. Darby et al., PRL 105, 162502 (2010)

Reversed order was proposed based on ^{105}Te α decay to ^{101}Sn . Additional experimental evidence needed.

Core excited states could be observed with GRETA

Coupled-cluster calculations

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Editors' Suggestion

Structure of the Lightest Tin Isotopes

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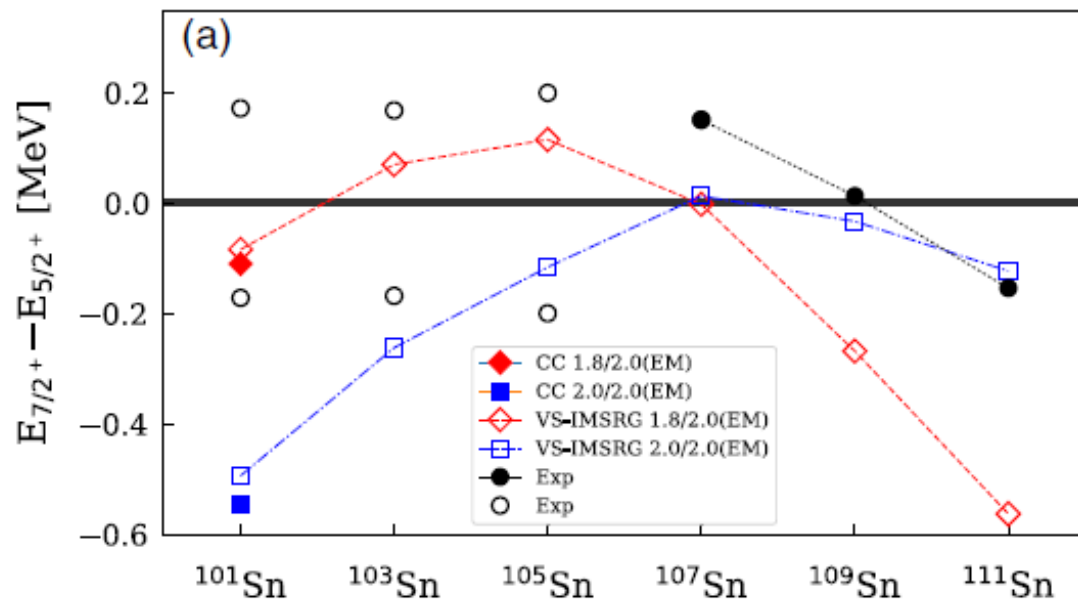
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“Clearly, theory is not sufficiently precise to make a definite prediction for the ground-state spin of ¹⁰¹Sn, as the predicted range for the energy splitting can support either 5/2⁺ or 7/2⁺ as the ground state.”

Super-allowed α decay to doubly magic ^{100}Sn

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Superaligned α Decay to Doubly Magic ^{100}Sn

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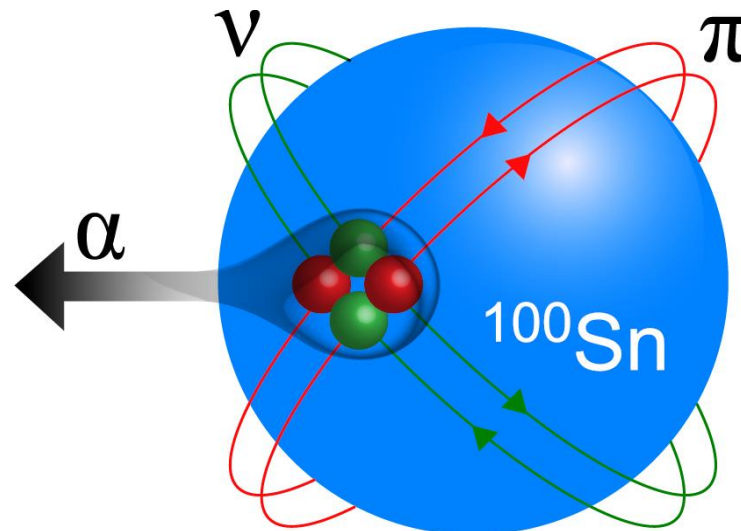
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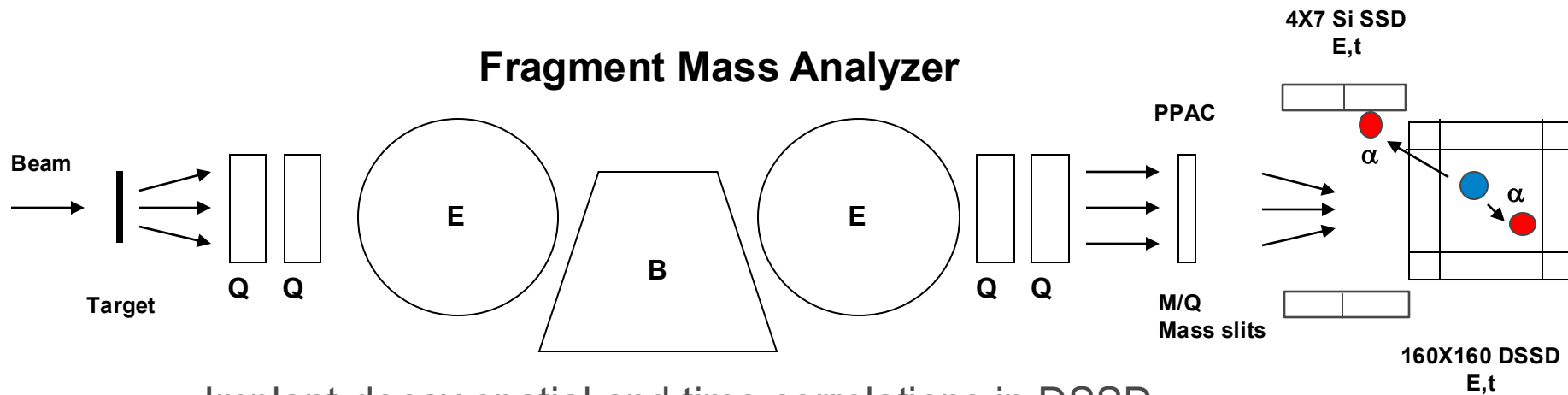
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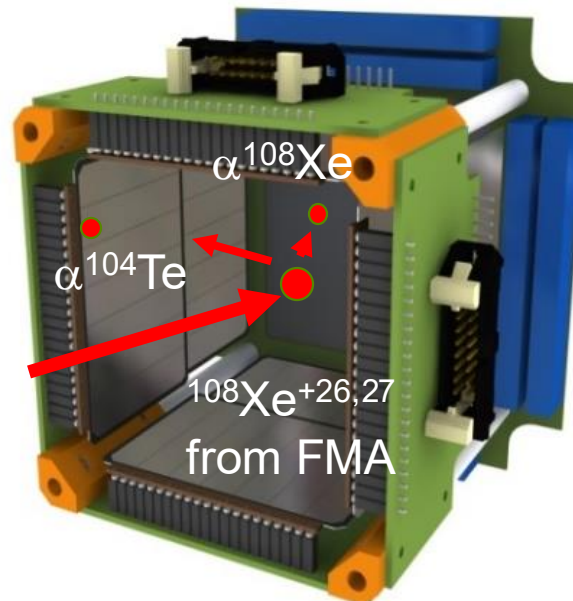
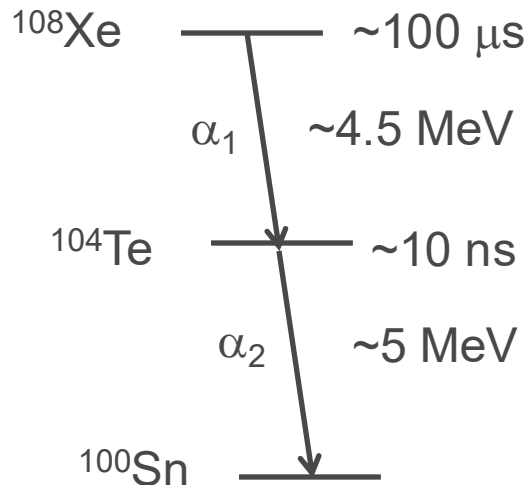
Super-allowed α decay ^{108}Xe - ^{104}Te - ^{100}Sn

Fragment Mass Analyzer



Implant-decay spatial and time correlations in DSSD

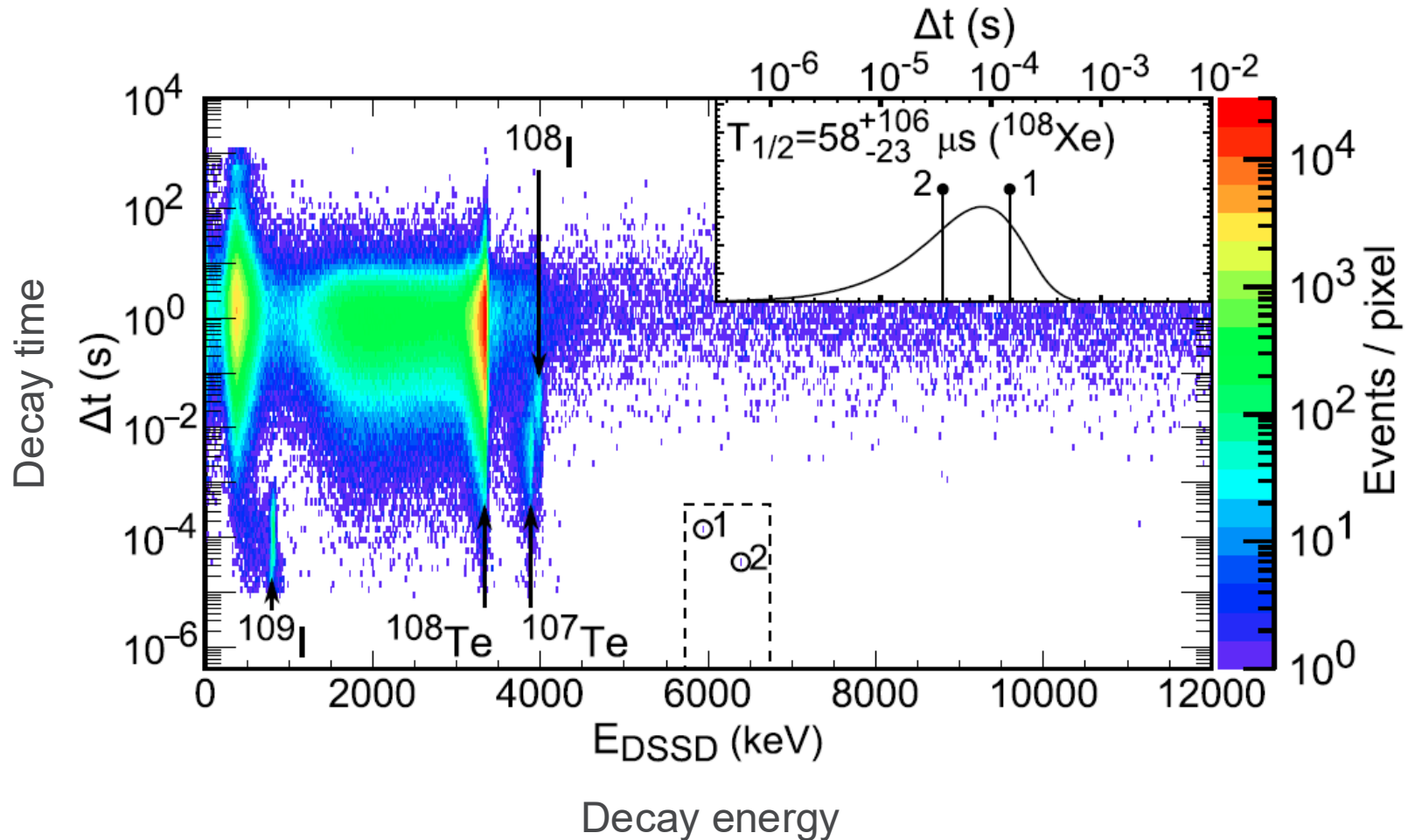
$^{58}\text{Ni}(^{54}\text{Fe}, 4n)^{108}\text{Xe}$ reaction, **cross section ~ 100 pb out of 1b!**



Digital DAQ to detect $\alpha^{108}\text{Xe}$ - $\alpha^{104}\text{Te}$ pileup

Si box to catch escaping alphas

Recoil-decay correlations

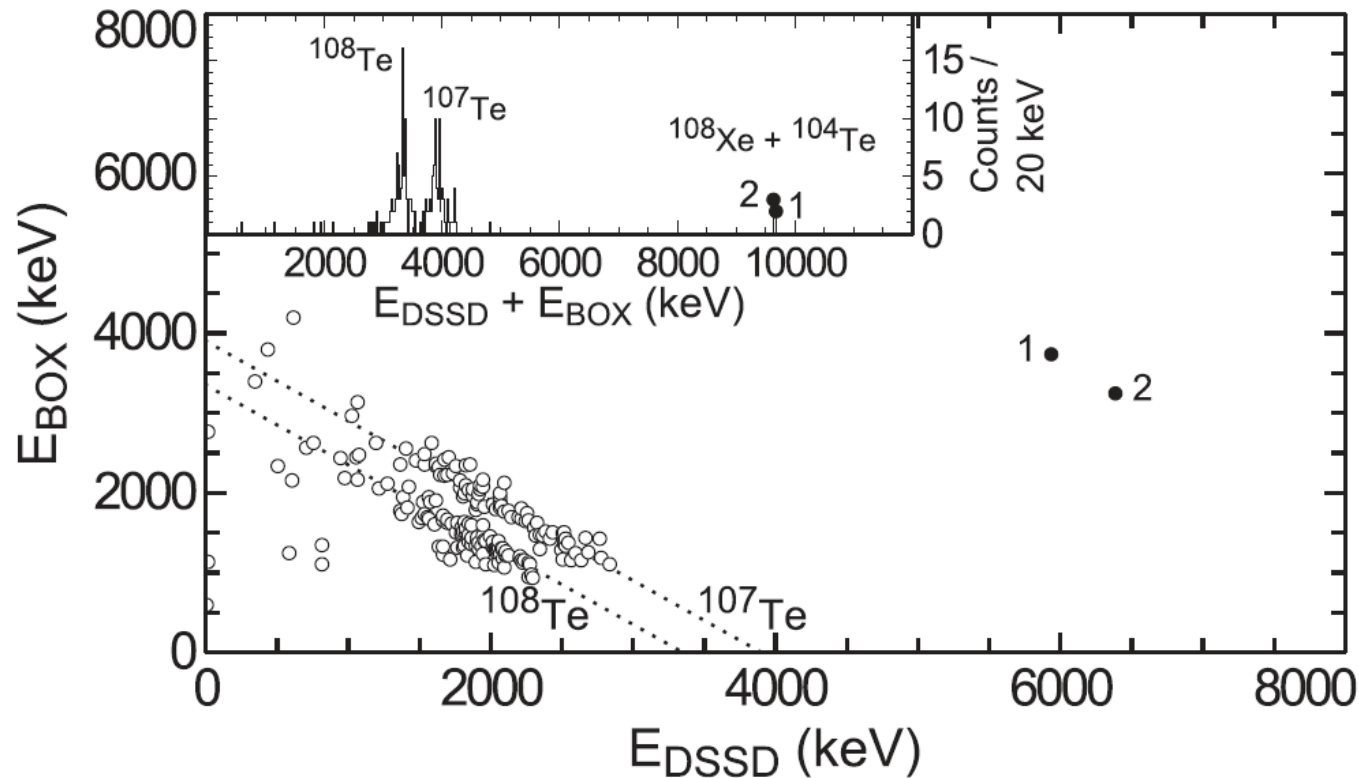


TWO fast high energy decay events

Expected **0.09** random events

BOTH events were in coincidence with the Si box (1 out of 400)

DSSD-Si box coincidences

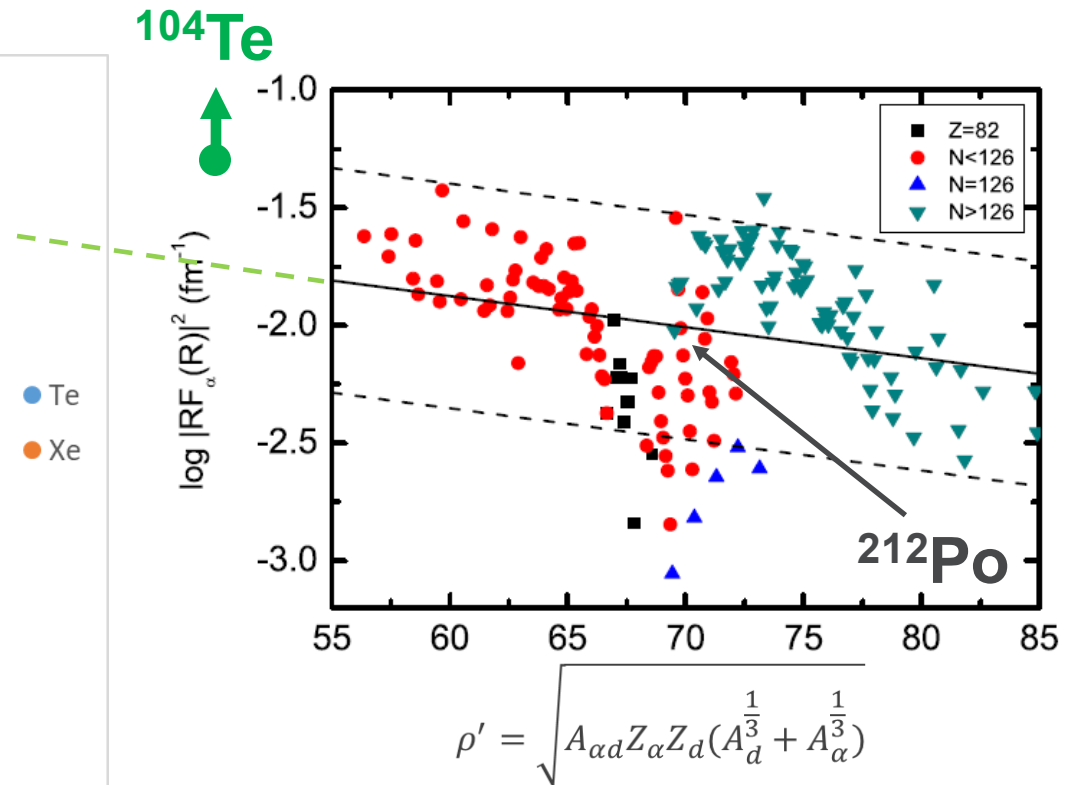
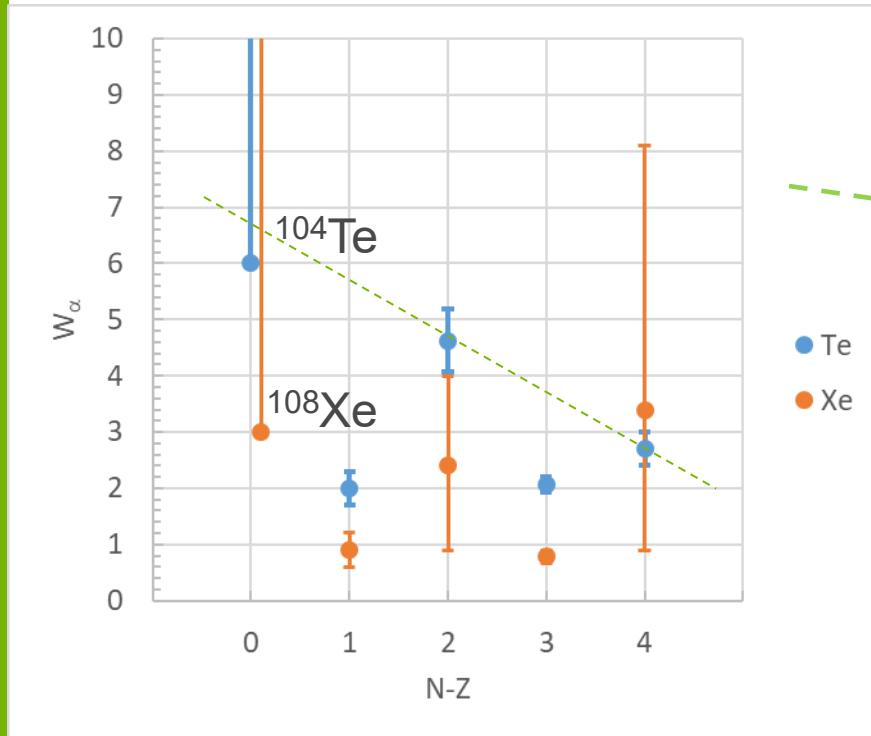


- The same total energy for both events - $\Sigma E_{\alpha} = 9.3(1) \text{ MeV}$
- Compared to α emitters different energy split

$$E_{\alpha}(^{104}\text{Te}) = 4.9(2) \text{ MeV}, E_{\alpha}(^{108}\text{Xe}) = 4.4(2) \text{ MeV}$$

$$T_{1/2}(^{104}\text{Te}) < 18 \text{ ns}, T_{1/2}(^{108}\text{Xe}) = 60(-20, +100) \mu\text{s}$$

Reduced α -decay widths near ^{100}Sn



If $W_\alpha(\text{Te})/W_\alpha(\text{Xe}) \sim 2$ as for $^{106}\text{Te}/^{110}\text{Xe}$ pair: $W_\alpha(^{104}\text{Te}) > 6$, $W_\alpha(^{108}\text{Xe}) > 3$

Recent calculations for $^{104}\text{Te}/^{108}\text{Xe}$

Density-dependent cluster model plus two-potential approach

Dong Bai and Zhongzhou Ren, Eur. Phys. J. A 54, 220 (2018)

$T_{1/2}(^{108}\text{Xe})=4\text{-}213\text{ }\mu\text{s}$, $T_{1/2}(^{104}\text{Te})=7\text{-}166\text{ ns}$

The super-fluid tunneling model

R.M. Clark et al., Phys. Rev. C 101, 034313 (2020)

Relativistic Density Functional DD-PC1+separable pairing of finite range

Dynamical least-action paths from equilibrium deformation to scission

F. Mercier et al., Phys. Rev. C 102, 011301(R) (2020)

$T_{1/2}(^{108}\text{Xe})=50\text{ }\mu\text{s}$, $T_{1/2}(^{104}\text{Te})=197\text{ ns}$

Quartetting wave function approach

Shuo Yang et al., Phys. Rev. C 101, 024316 (2020)

$T_{1/2}(^{104}\text{Te})=18\text{ ns}$

Cluster-Formation Model+DDCM

Niu Wan and Jingya Fan, Phys. Rev. C 104, 064320 (2021)

$T_{1/2}(^{108}\text{Xe})=43\text{ }\mu\text{s}$, $T_{1/2}(^{104}\text{Te})=54\text{ ns}$

Double-folding potentials from chiral effective theory

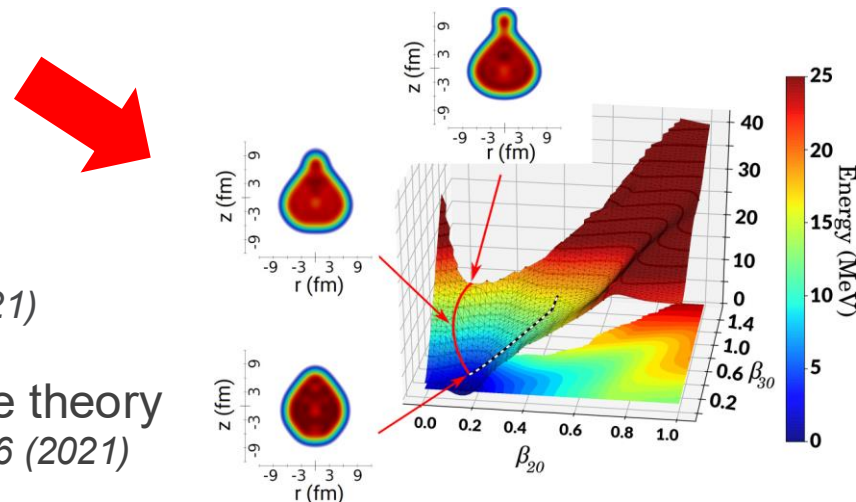
Dong Bai and Zhongzhou Ren, Phys. Rev. C 103, 044316 (2021)

$T_{1/2}(^{104}\text{Te})>30\text{ ns}$

Improved density-dependent cluster model

Zhen Wang, Dong Bai and Zhongzhou Ren, Phys. Rev. C 105, 024327 (2022)

$T_{1/2}(^{108}\text{Xe})=62\text{ }\mu\text{s}$, $T_{1/2}(^{104}\text{Te})=92\text{ ns}$



^{108}Xe reproduced well, ^{104}Te lifetimes longer (enhanced preformation, higher $Q\alpha$)

The island of super-heavy nuclei



Spectroscopy of Super-Heavy Nuclei

CHART OF THE NUCLIDES

Cold fusion with
 ^{208}Pb , ^{209}Bi targets
GSI, LBNL, Riken

$^{208}\text{Pb} + ^{50}\text{Ti} \dots ^{70}\text{Zn}$

$^{48}\text{Ca} + ^{238}\text{U} \dots ^{249}\text{Cf}$

$Z = 114$

Hot fusion with ^{48}Ca beams
Dubna/LLNL, GSI, LBNL

In-beam, K-isomers, α -decay fine structure
near the deformed $Z=100$, $N=152$ shell gaps
ANL, Dubna, GSI, JYFL, LBNL

$^{112}/^{285}$
39 s
9.15

α

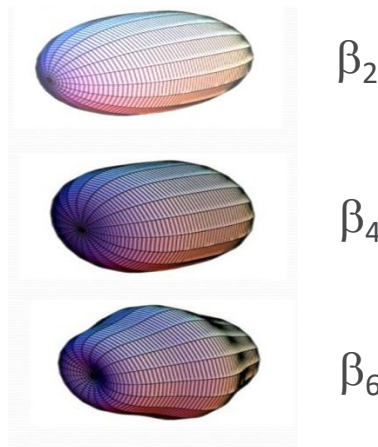
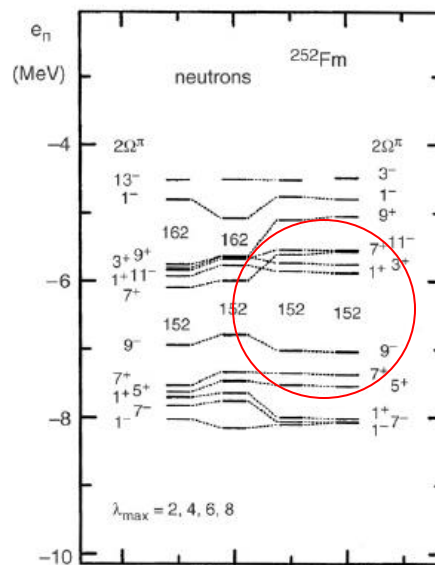
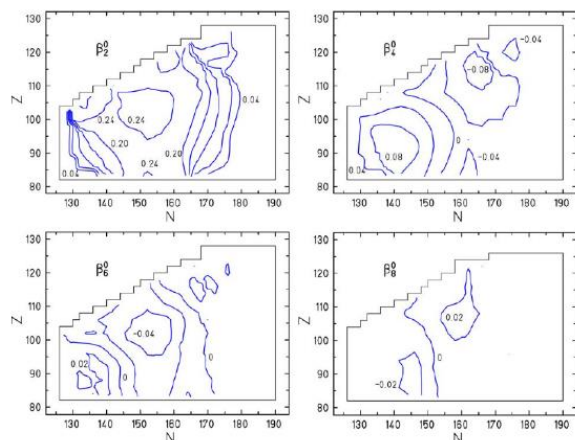
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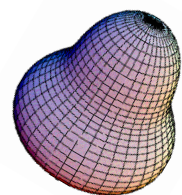
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Deformation landscape near Z=100, N=152

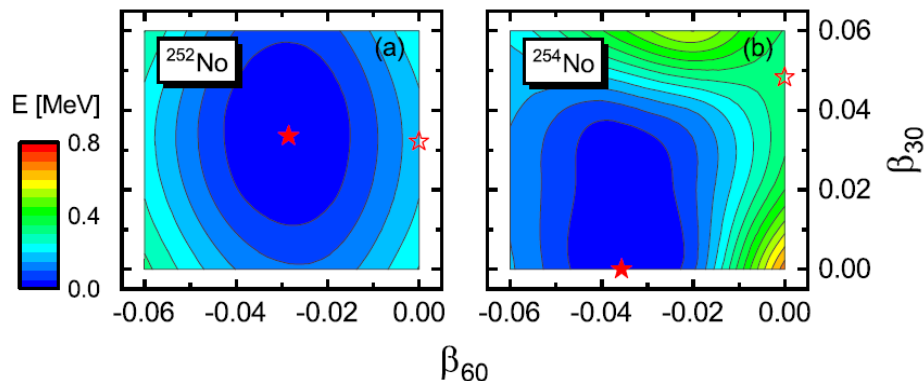
$\beta_2 \sim 0.25$
plateau



Higher order deformation plays an important role, in particular, β_6 opens the N=152 gap



β_3

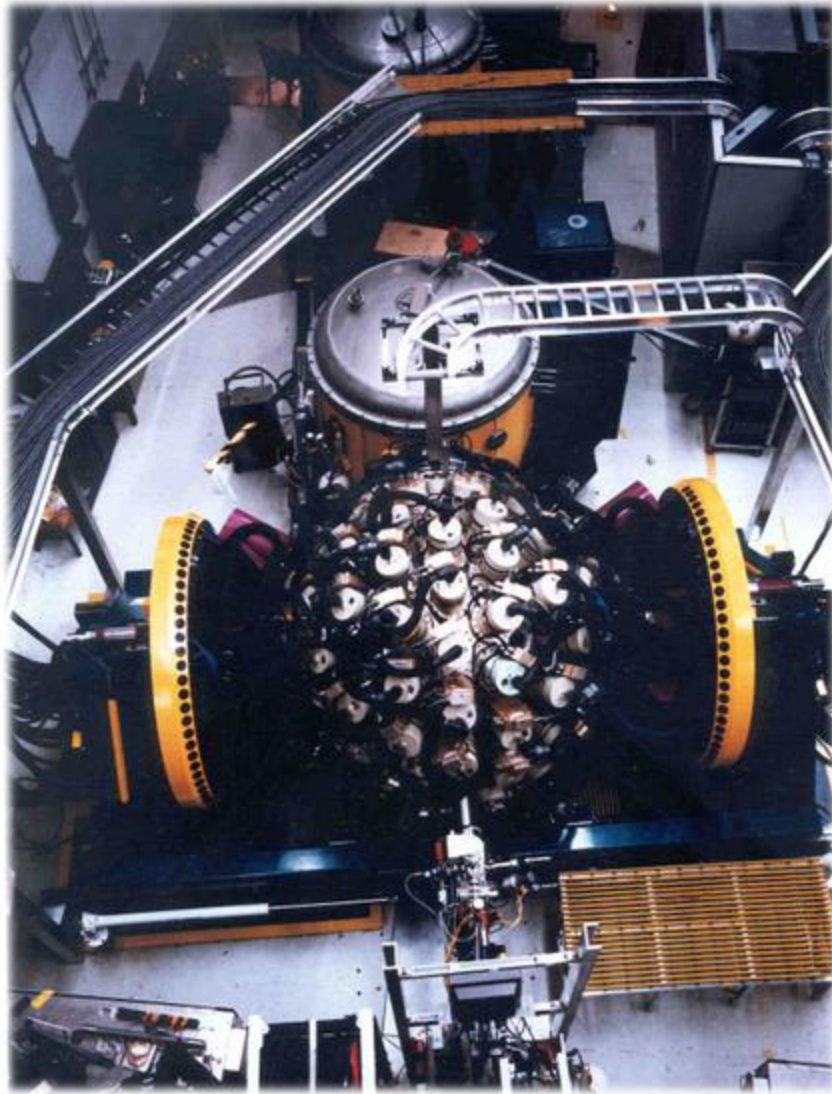


Earlier upbend in moment of inertia in ^{252}No explained by onset of octupole correlations

Shell-model-like approach in the **cranking covariant density functional theory** on a 3D lattice

F.F. Xu et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 133, 022501 (2024)

Pioneering experiments with Gammasphere and FMA



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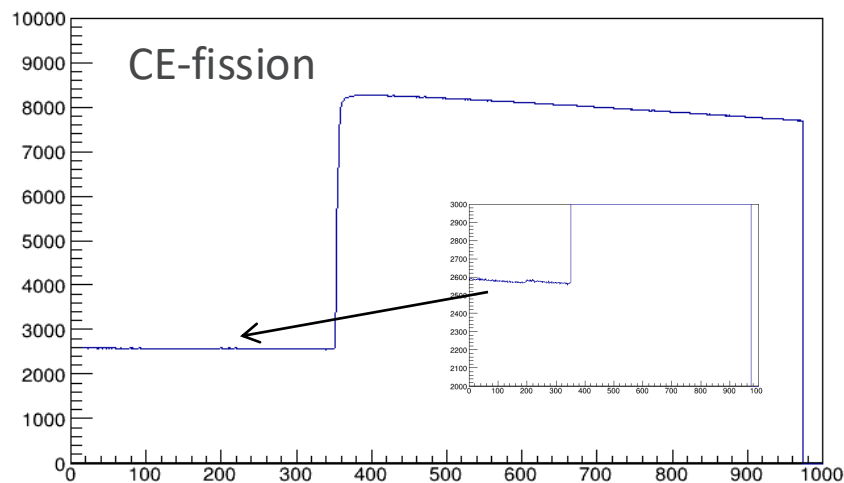
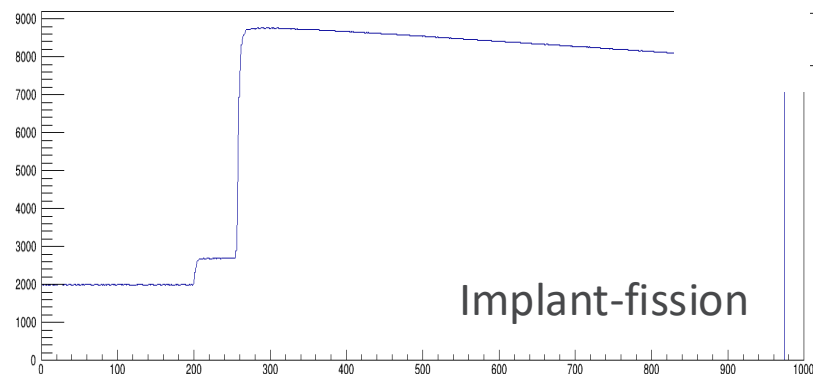
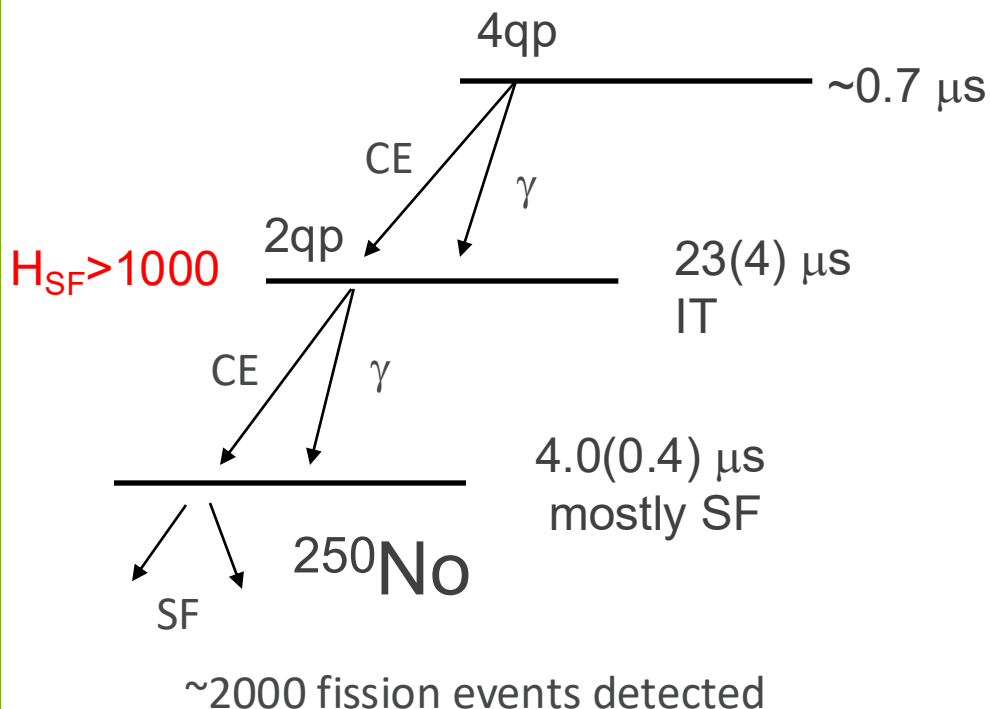
K Isomers in ^{254}No : Probing Single-Particle Energies and Pairing Strengths in the Heaviest Nuclei

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Most fissile nucleus known ^{250}No

$^{40}\text{Ca} + ^{204}\text{Pb}$, $\sim 20\text{--}25$ pnA, 9 days

$\sigma \sim 15$ nb



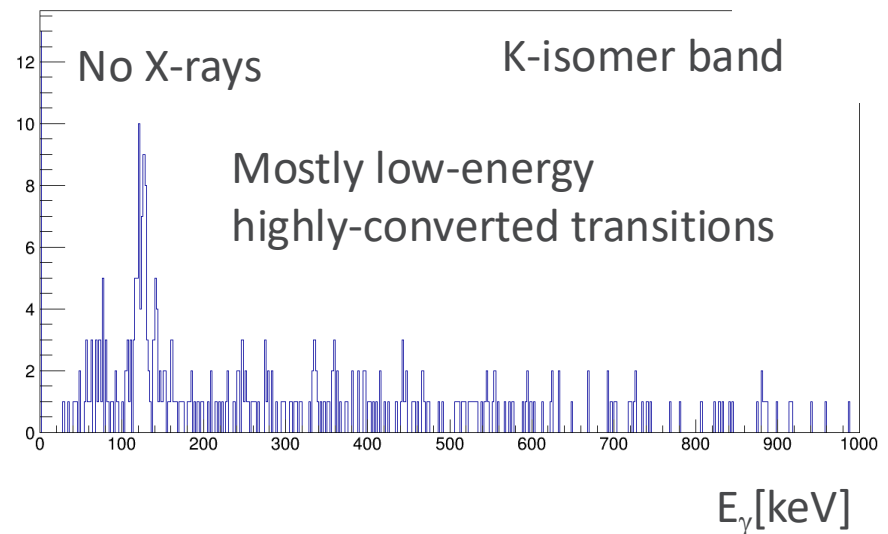
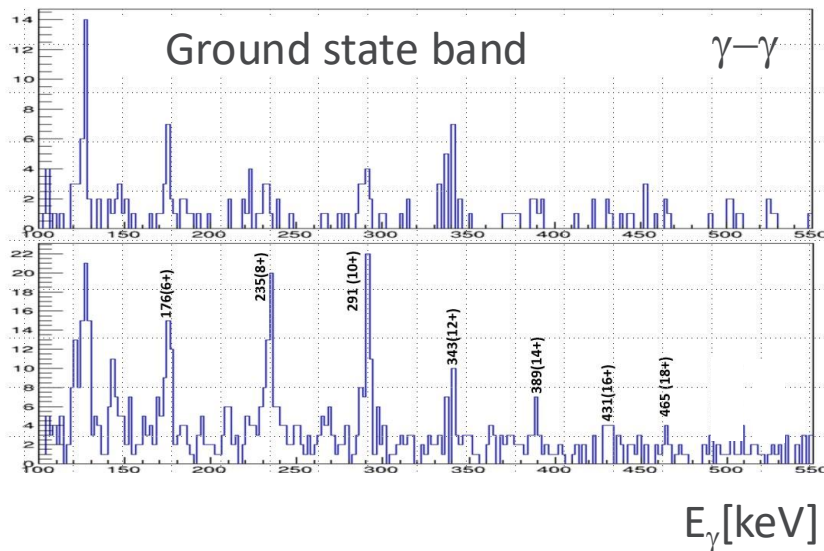
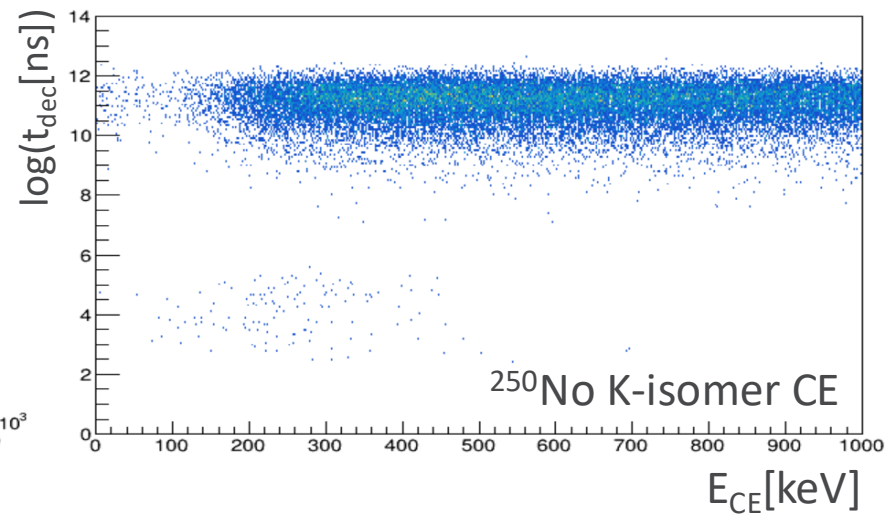
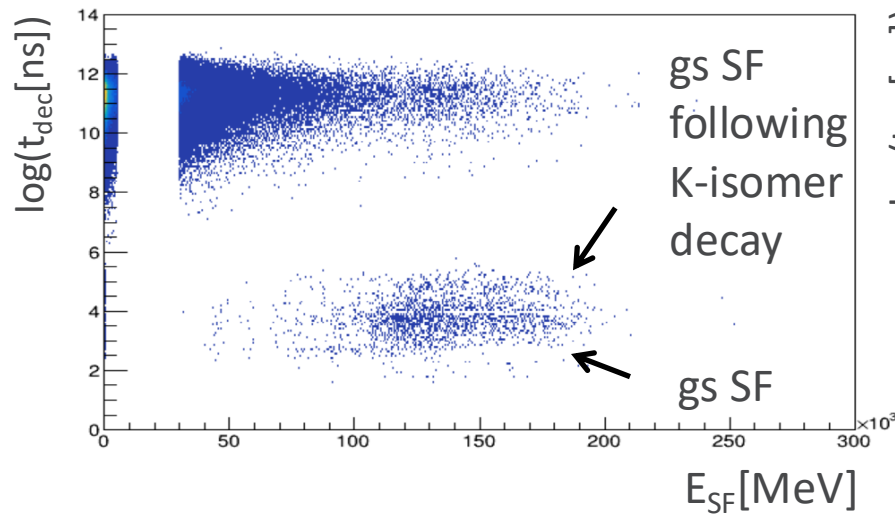
D. Peterson et al. Phys. Rev. C **74**, 014316 (2006) – **ATLAS, FMA, total of 158 SF events, 2 SF lifetimes**

J. Kallunkathariyil et al., Phys. Rev. C **101**, 011301(R) (2020)

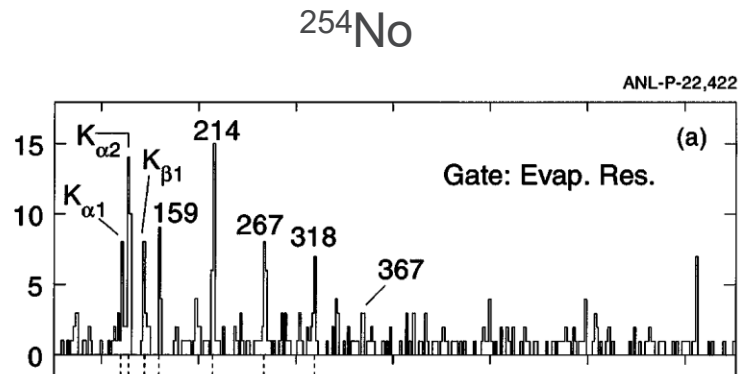
J. Khuyagbaatar et al., Phys. Rev. C **106**, 024309 (2022)

^{250}No No ground-state rotational band

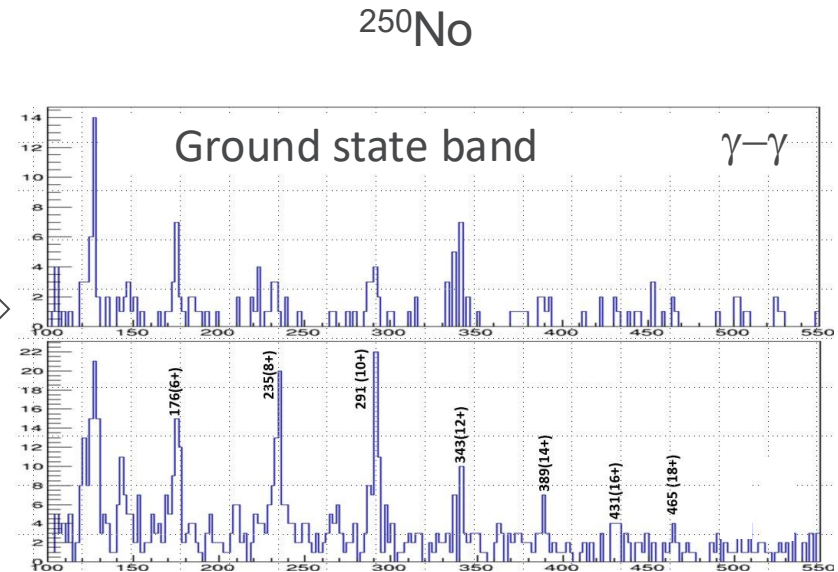
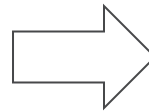
T. Huang, D. Seweryniak et al., in preparation



FMA 2001 and AGFA 2024 comparison



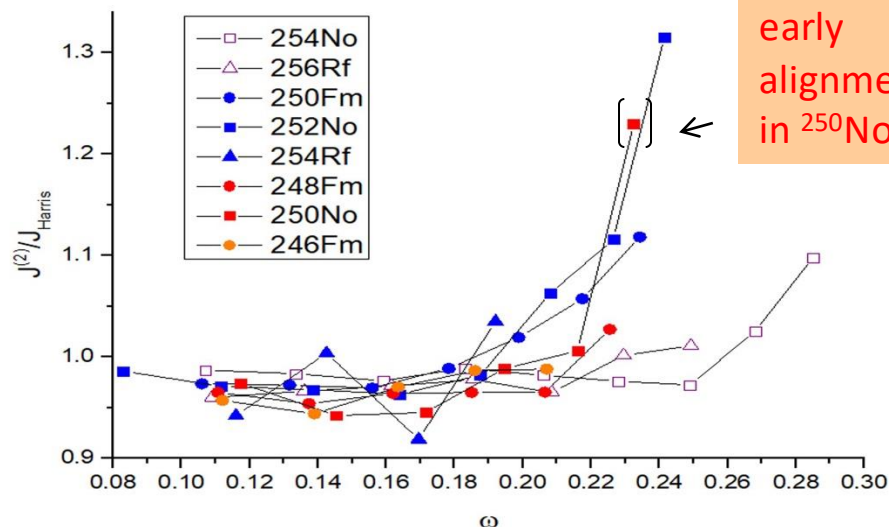
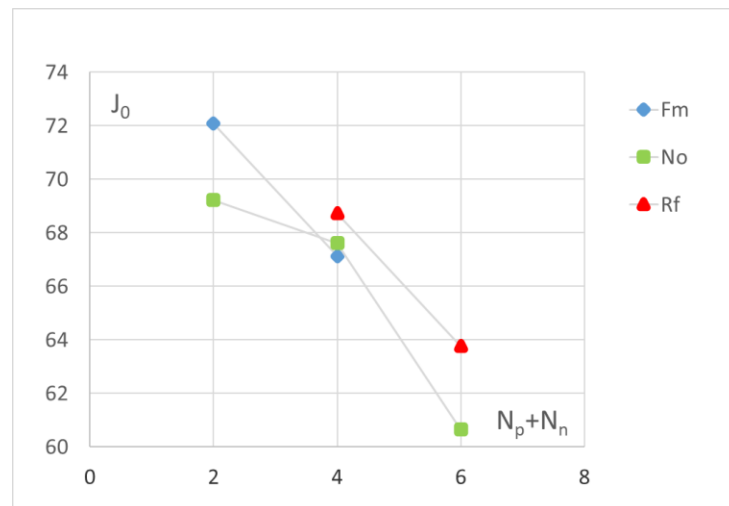
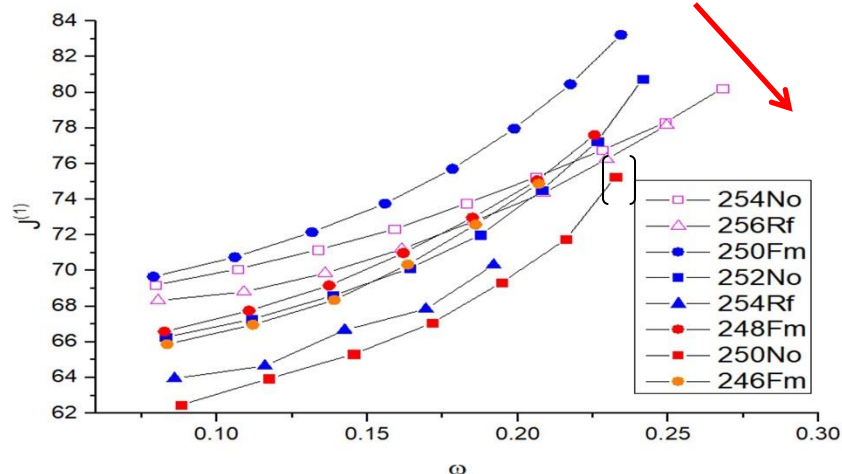
Gammasphere/FMA 2001
The very first in-beam γ -ray spectrum
in a transfermium nucleus



Gammasphere/AGFA 2024
Cross section ~ 100 times lower

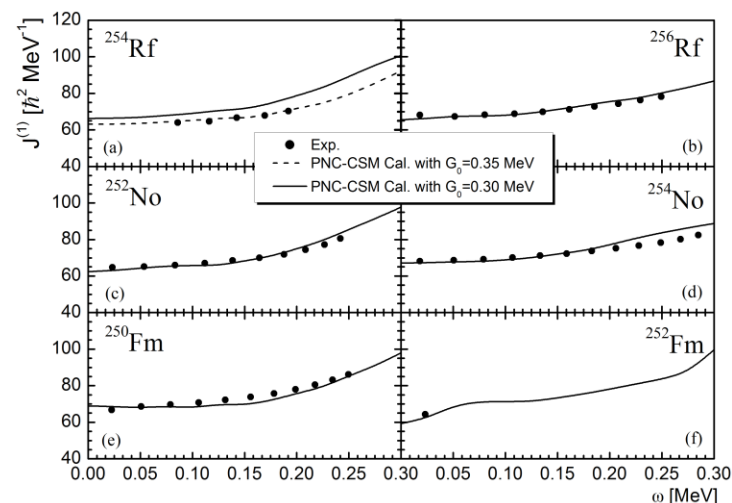
Moments of inertia in transfermium nuclei

Increasing pairing



early alignment in ^{250}No ?

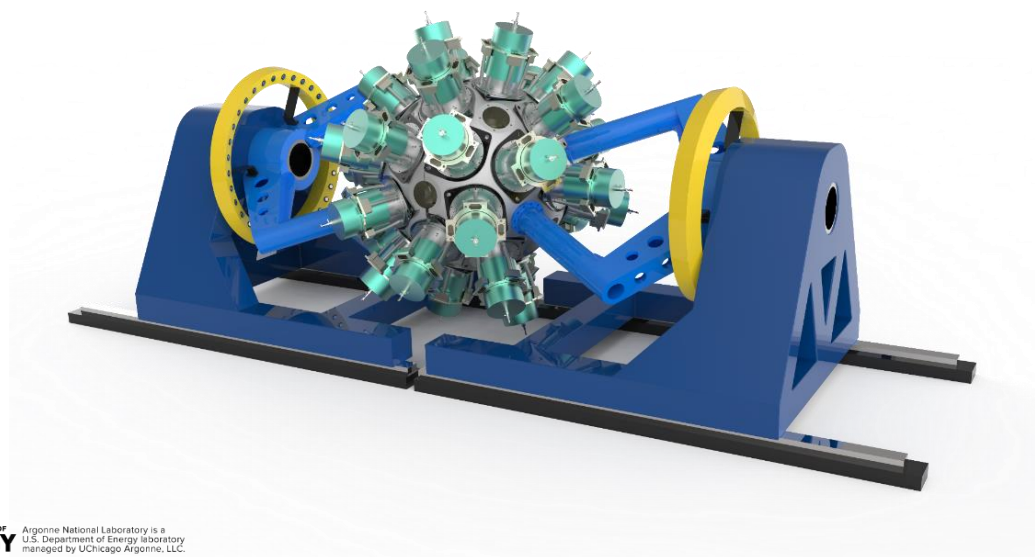
MOI at $\omega=0$ drops down away from $Z=100$, $N=152$



Particle-Number-Conserved Cranked Shell Model

Opportunities with GRETA at ATLAS

- ^{100}Sn region (GRETA/FMA)
 - ^{101}Sn core excited states
 - Excited states in ^{100}Sn
- Transfermium nuclei (GRETA/AGFA)
 - Super-heavy nuclei ^{260}Sg
- Hyperdeformation (GRETA stand-alone or with FMA)



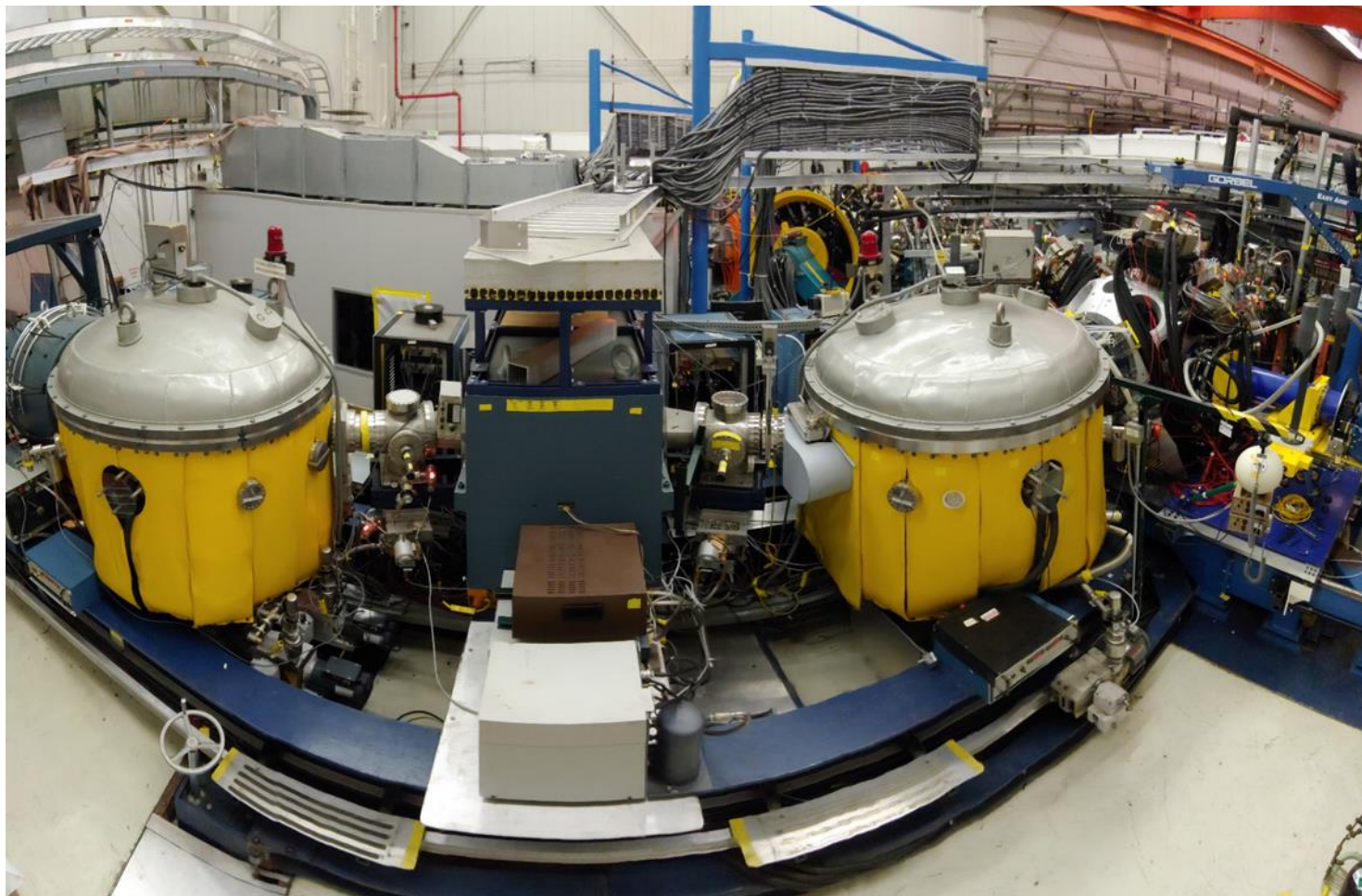
4TH OF JULY PARTIES AT CLAIR AND ROBERT'S



In-beam and decay spectroscopy of exotic nuclei at ATLAS

- Spontaneous proton emission
 - Decay studies
 - In-beam studies
- Nuclei near ^{100}Sn
 - Single-neutron states in ^{101}Sn
 - Super-allowed alpha decay
- Trans-fermium nuclei
 - pioneering experiments with Gammasphere/FMA
 - experimental program with AGFA
- Outlook
 - GRETA

Argonne Fragment Mass Analyzer



Argonne Gas-Filled Analyzer (AGFA)

D. Potterveld, ANL

Use Combined Function bending magnet

- Overlapping bending, focusing fields
- Fewer magnets, ultra-compact design

$Q_v D_m$ design

2.5 Tm max $B\rho$

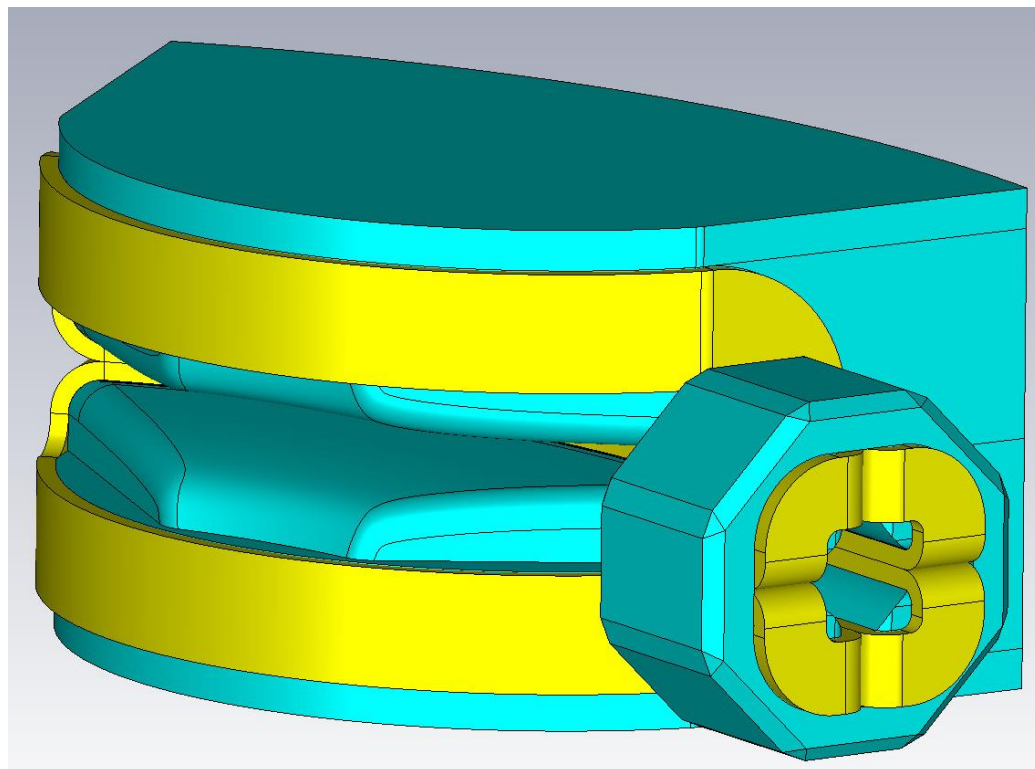
38° bend

22.5 msr @ 80 cm

(44 msr @ 40 cm)

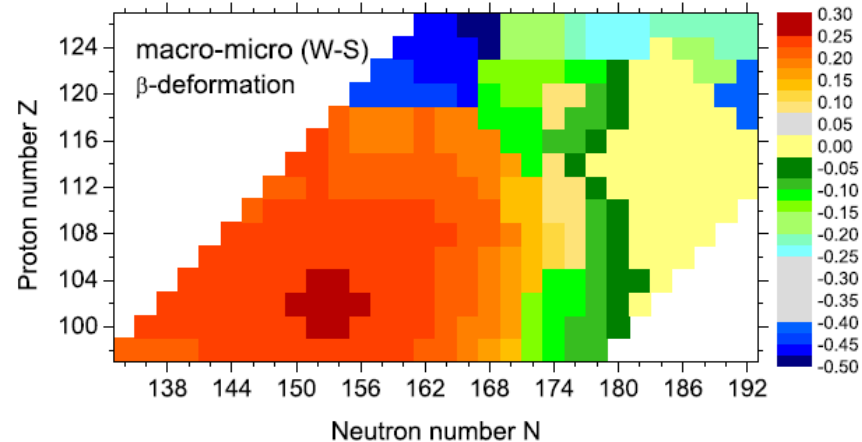
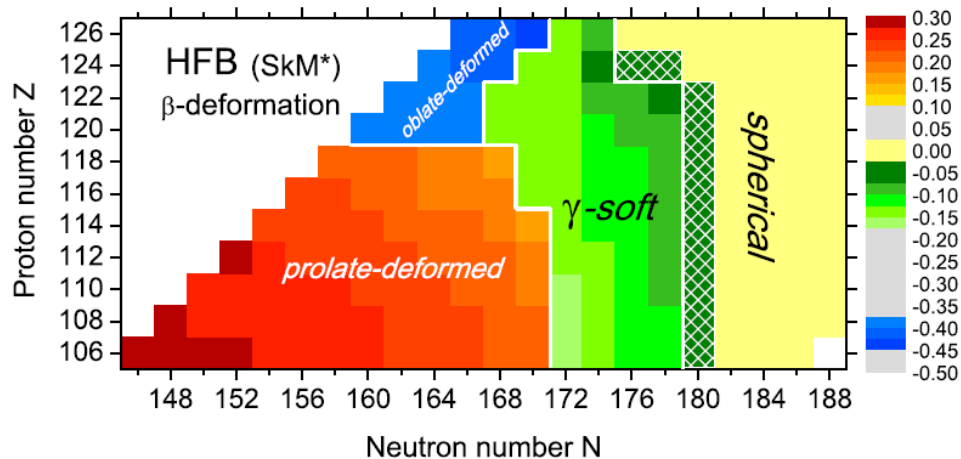
4.2 total length @ 80 cm

(3.9 m @ 40 cm)

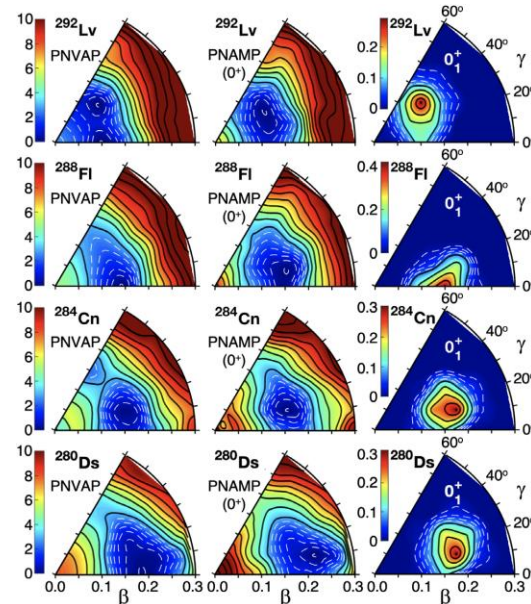
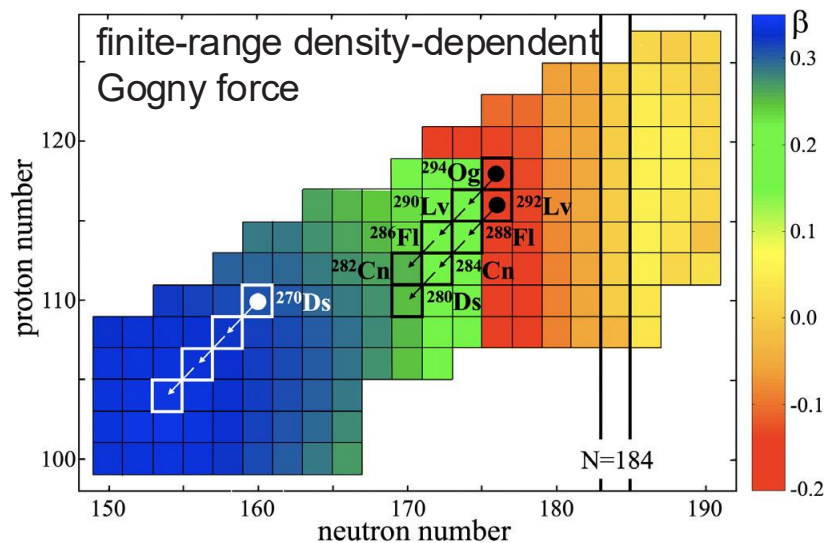


Optimized for spectroscopy, commissioned in late 2018

SHN deformation landscape



P.-H. Heenen et al., NP A944, 415 (2015)



γ -unstable
triaxial rotor

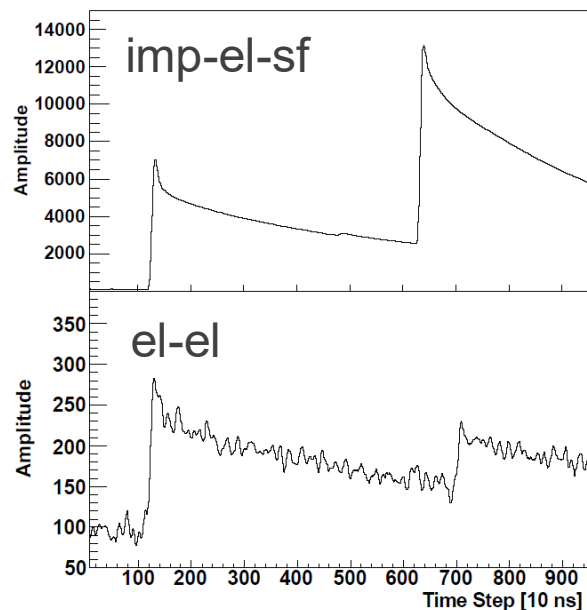
axial-symmetric
prolate rotor

rigid
triaxial rotor

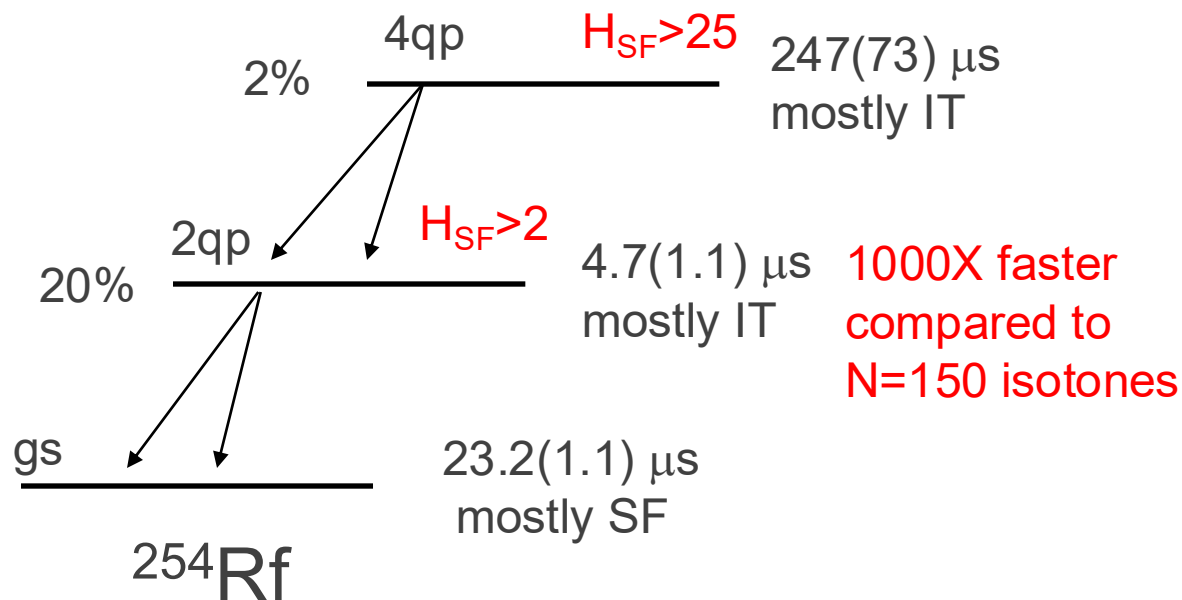
J. L. Egido, A. Jungclaus, PRL 126, 192501 (2021)

The fissile ^{254}Rf nucleus

FMA, BGS



Traces from the FMA digital DAQ



Fission hindrance in isomeric states.
This can be a mechanism to extend
the number of accessible super-heavy
elements

H.M. David, J. Chen, D. Seweryniak, F.G. Kondev et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **115**, 132502 (2015)

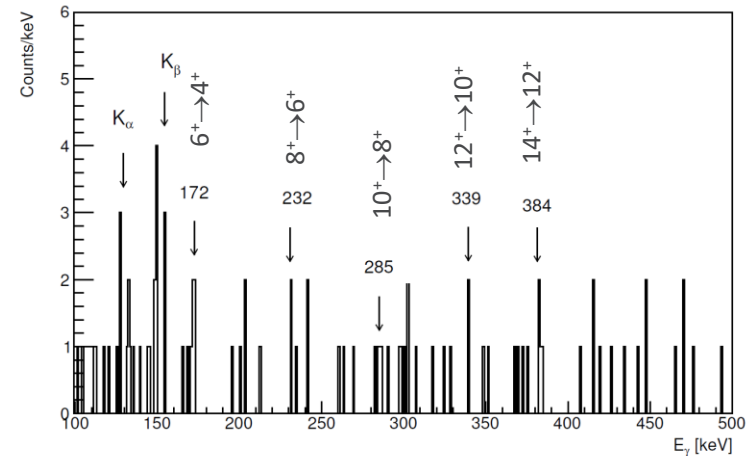
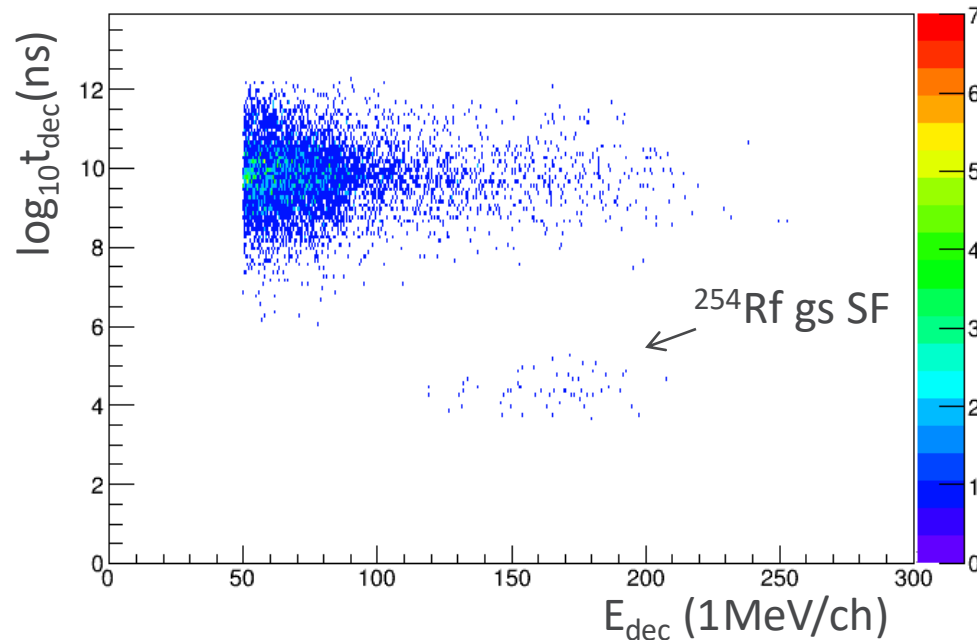
^{254}Rf ground-state rotational band

Gammasphere+AGFA

$^{50}\text{Ti}+^{206}\text{Pb}$, $\sim 20\text{-}25$ pA, 7 days

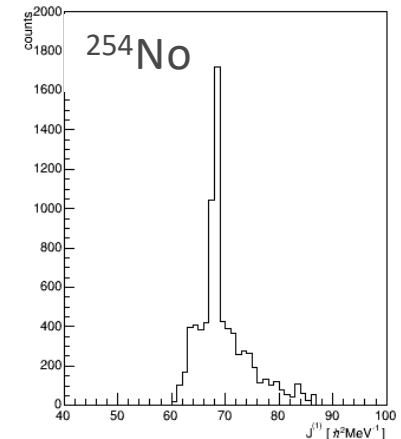
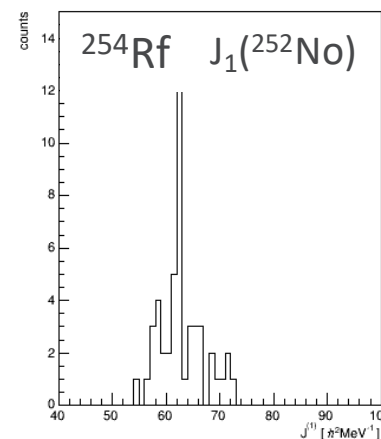
$\sigma \sim 2.6$ nb

Smallest xsection so far: ^{256}Rf , $\sigma \sim 17$ nb



$$J_0 \sim (2I-1)/E_\gamma - J_1(E_\gamma/2)^2$$

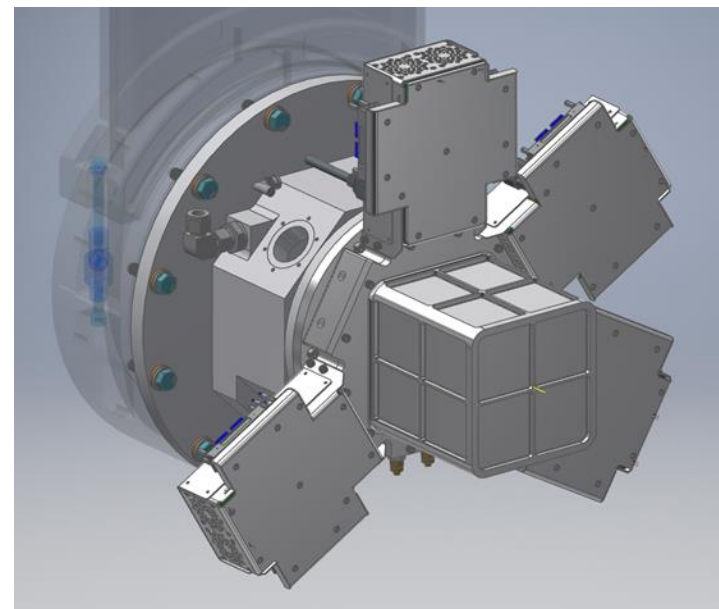
Moment of inertia “spectrum”



D. Seweryniak, T. Huang et al., Phys. Rev. C 107, L061302 (2023)

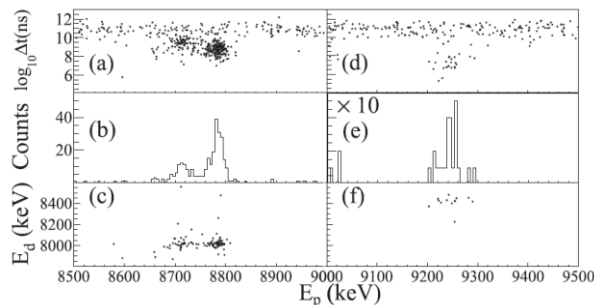
SHN outlook

- Scheduled experiments
 - ^{253}No HK distributions
 - $N > 152$ nucleus ^{256}No (with radioactive ^{210}Pb targets)
 - Detailed decay spectroscopy of ^{251}Md
 - Decay of ^{249}Fm
- Developments
 - AGFA implantation-decay station
 - ECR source upgrade
- Future
 - GRETA
 - New ECR source
 - Search for new elements

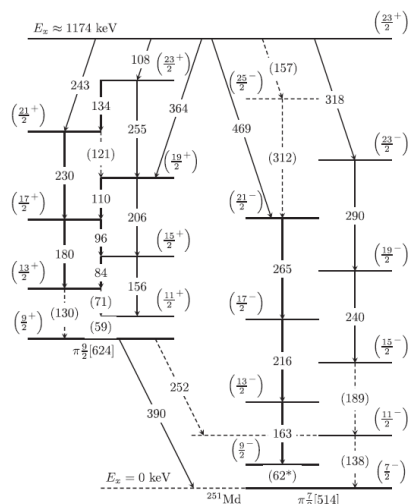


Selected AGFA highlights

PRL, 2 PRC letters, 5 PRCs

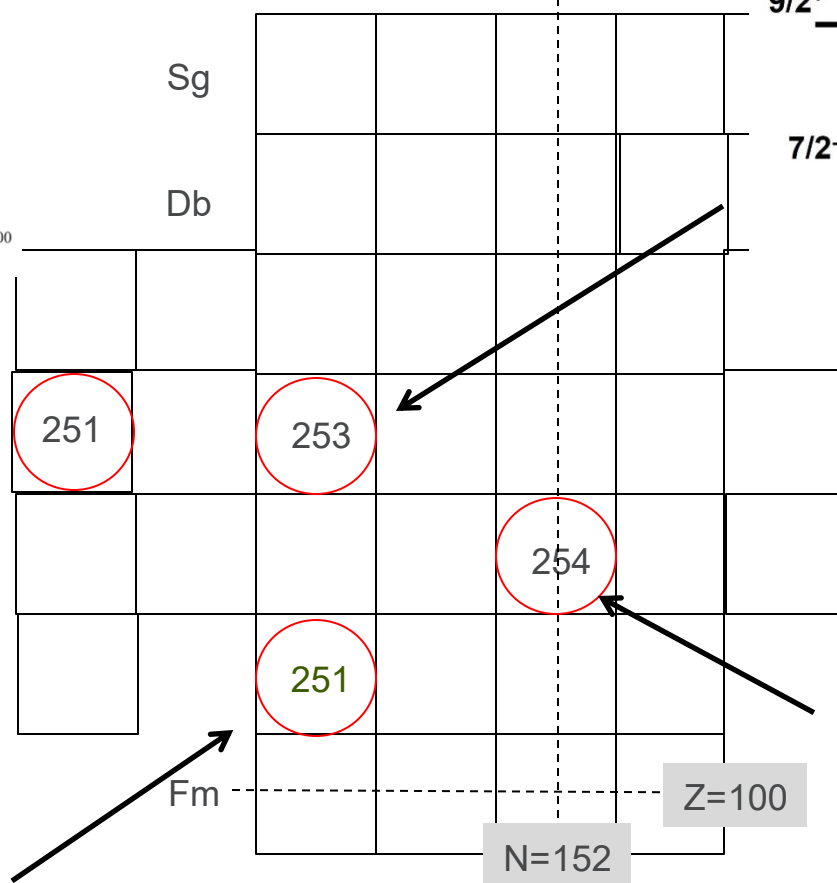
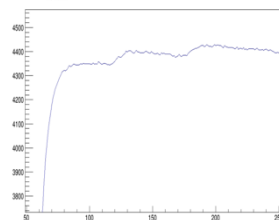
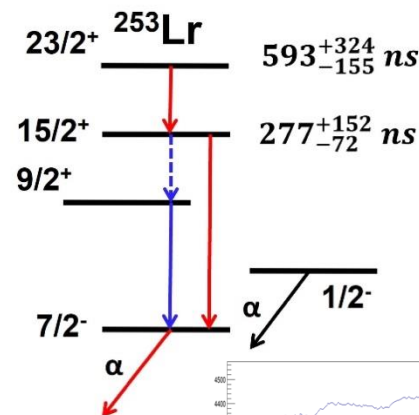


New isotope ^{251}Lr
Single-proton energies

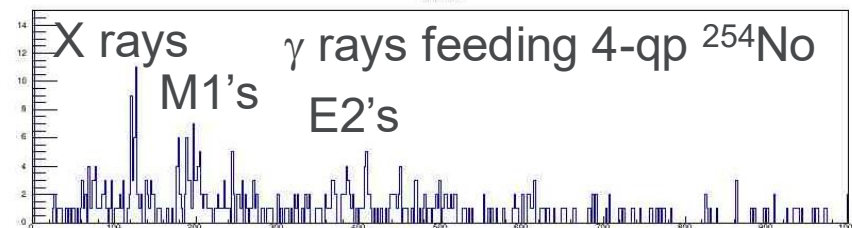


Detailed decay of
K-isomer in ^{251}Md

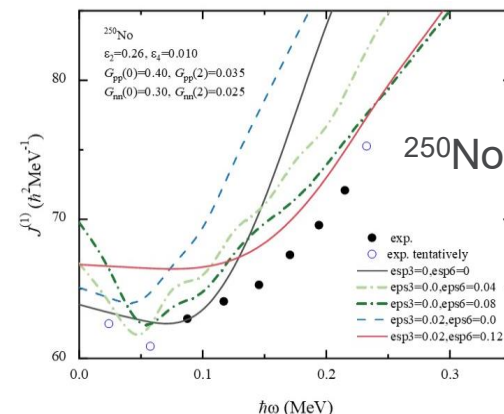
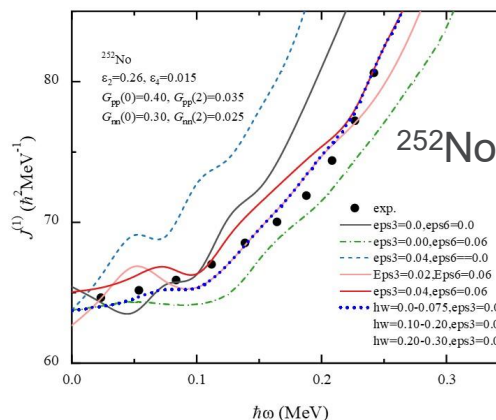
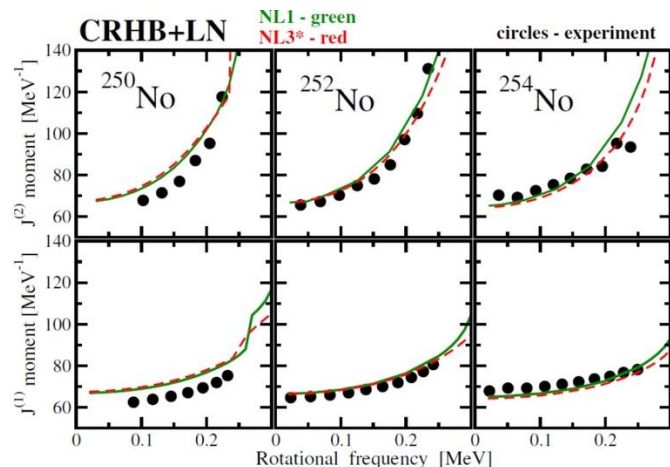
Two fast K-isomers in ^{253}Lr



Rotational band feeding
4qp isomer, new 5-ns K-
isomer in ^{254}No

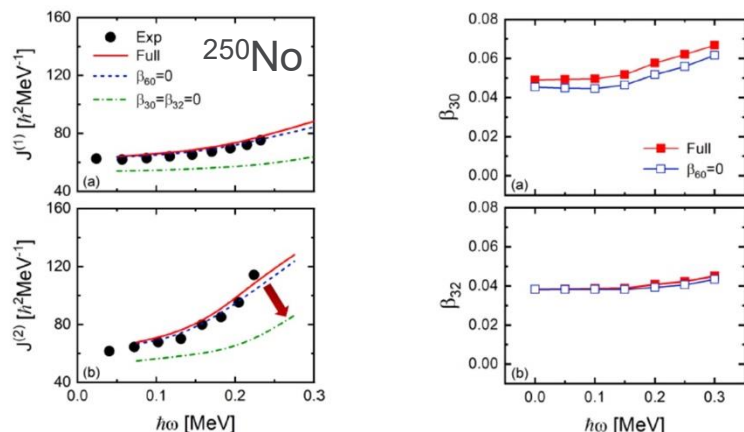


Moment of inertia calculations for No isotopes



Cranked Relativistic Hartree Bogoliubov theory
A.V. Afanasjev, Mississippi University

Particle-Number-Conserving Cranking Shell Model
Xiao-Tao He, Nanjing University



CRHB and PNC CSM can explain data
without octupole deformation
CDFT predicts octupole deformation
already in the ground state in ²⁵⁰No

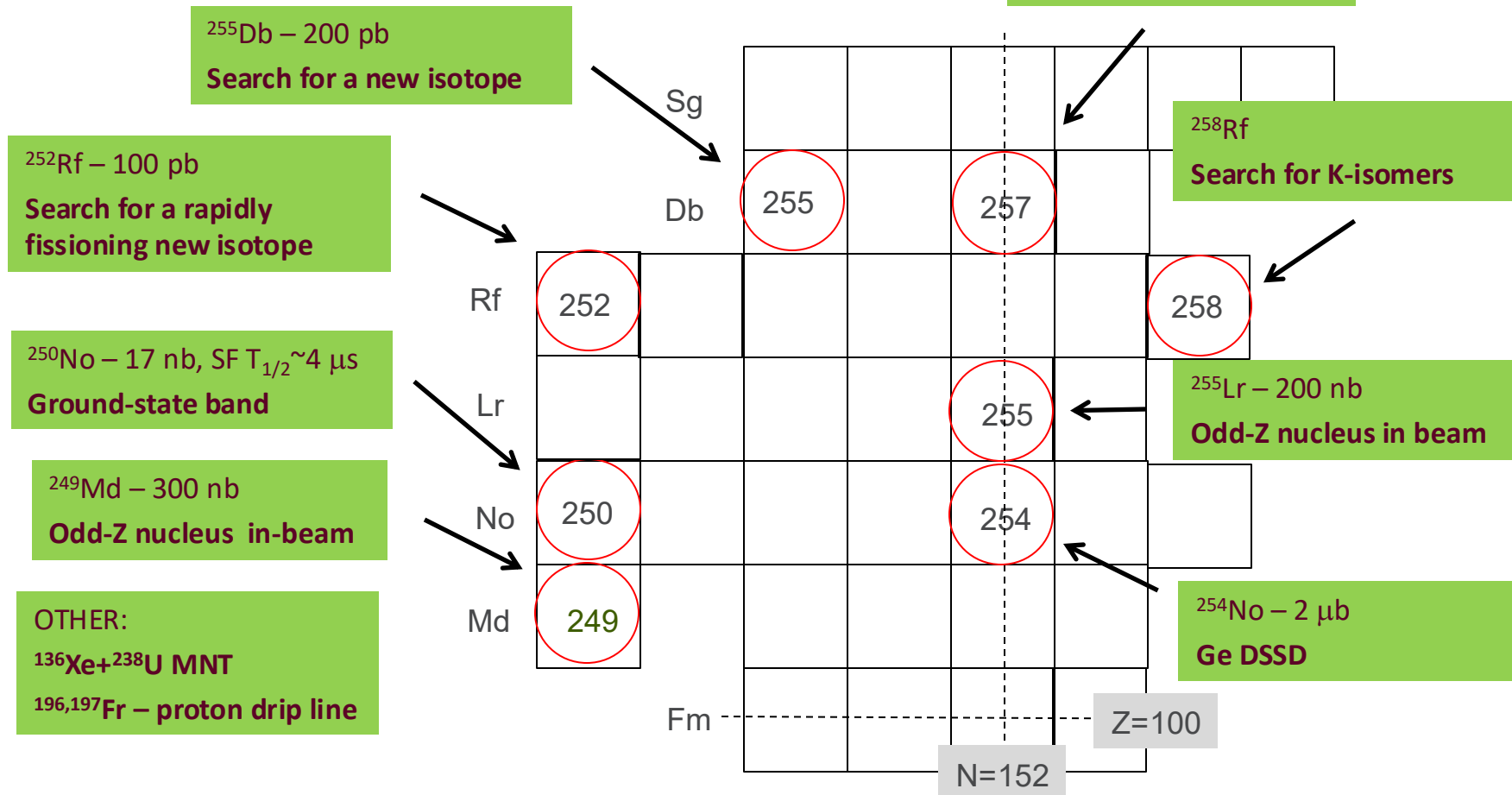
We will propose an experiment to extend the
ground state rotational band in ²⁵⁰No
to higher frequencies

Cranking Covariant Density Functional Theory
in 3D lattice space with a shell-model-like
approach (SLAP)
P.W. Zhao, Peking University

Recent Gammasphere/AGFA campaigns

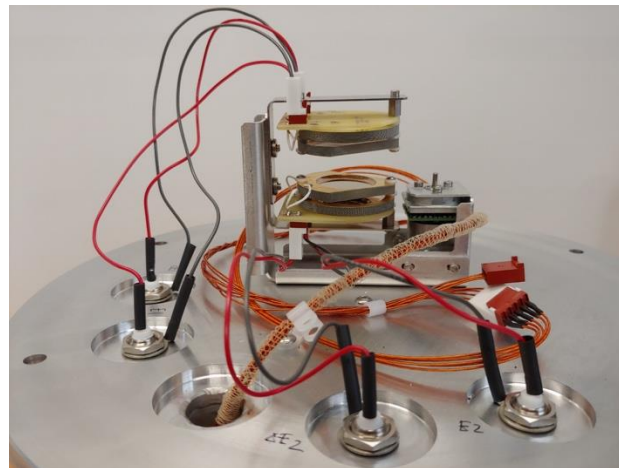
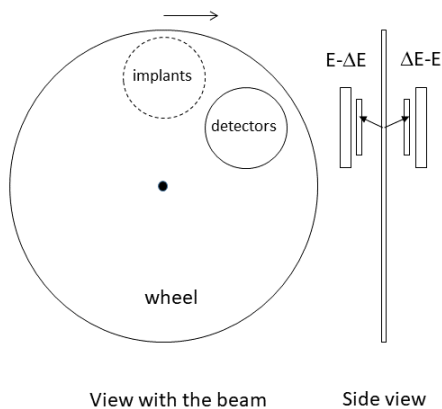
Fall 2022 – Spring 2024

~20 experiments in total



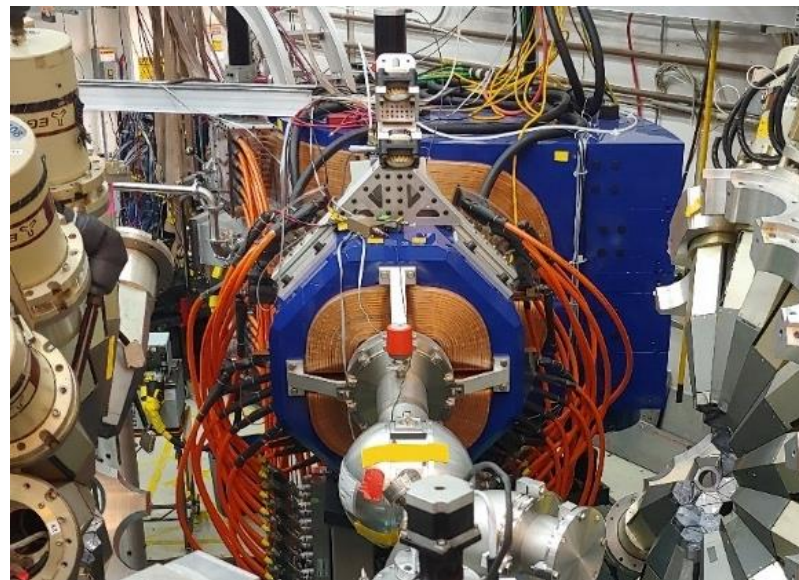
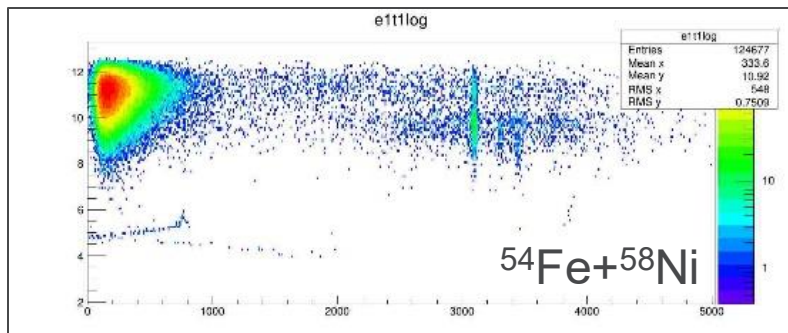
Searches for new isotopes, searches for new K-isomers, in-beam spectroscopy.
We are pushing towards fission limit, heavier elements and $N > 152$.

Rotating stopper at AGFA focal plane



Search for triple α chains:
 ^{112}Ba - ^{108}Xe - ^{104}Te

Higher efficiency
 Higher beam intensity
 $\Delta t \sim 1 \text{ ns}$

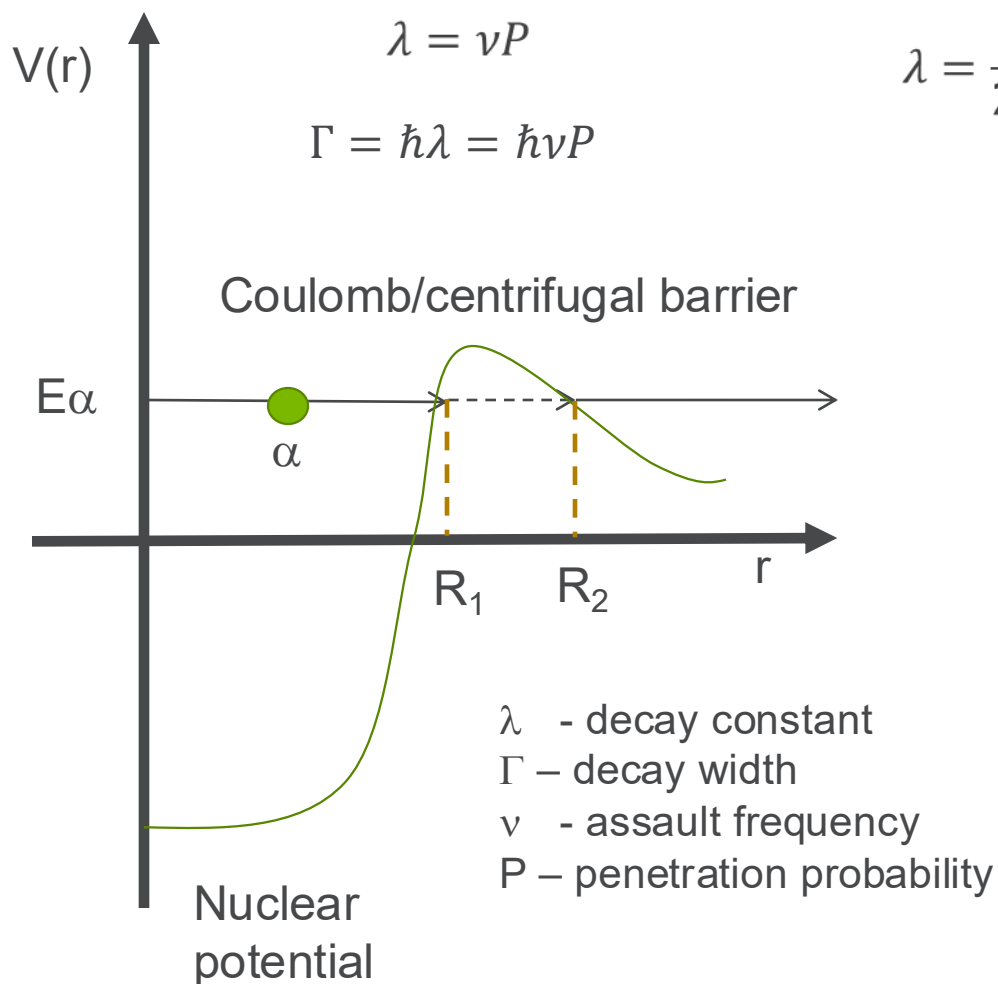


Argonne Gas-Filled Analyzer (AGFA)

Gamow alpha-decay model

G. Gamow, Z. Phys. 51, 204 (1928)

Probabilistic interpretation of quantum mechanics



$$\lambda = \frac{v}{2R_0} \exp \left[-2 \int_{R_1}^{R_2} \sqrt{\frac{2\mu}{\hbar} |Q_\alpha - V(r)|} dr \right]$$

Can be readily calculated
Very steep function of Q-value

$$\Gamma = \delta^2 P$$

$$\delta^2 = \frac{\Gamma_{exp}}{P_{calc}}$$

δ^2 - reduced α decay width,
often normalized to ^{212}Po
($\sim \alpha$ preformation factor)

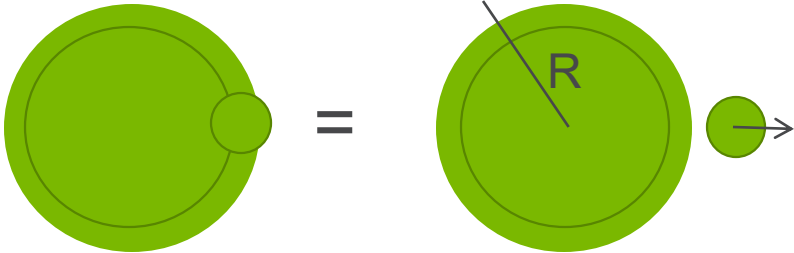
R-matrix expression of the α -decay width

Decay width:

$$\Gamma_L(R) = 2\gamma_L^2(R)P_L(R)$$

$P_L(R)$ - penetrability
 R - channel radius (outside of the nucleus)

Reduced width amplitude:

$$\gamma_L(R) = \left(\frac{\hbar^2 R}{2\mu} \right)^{1/2} F_L(R)$$


Formation amplitude:

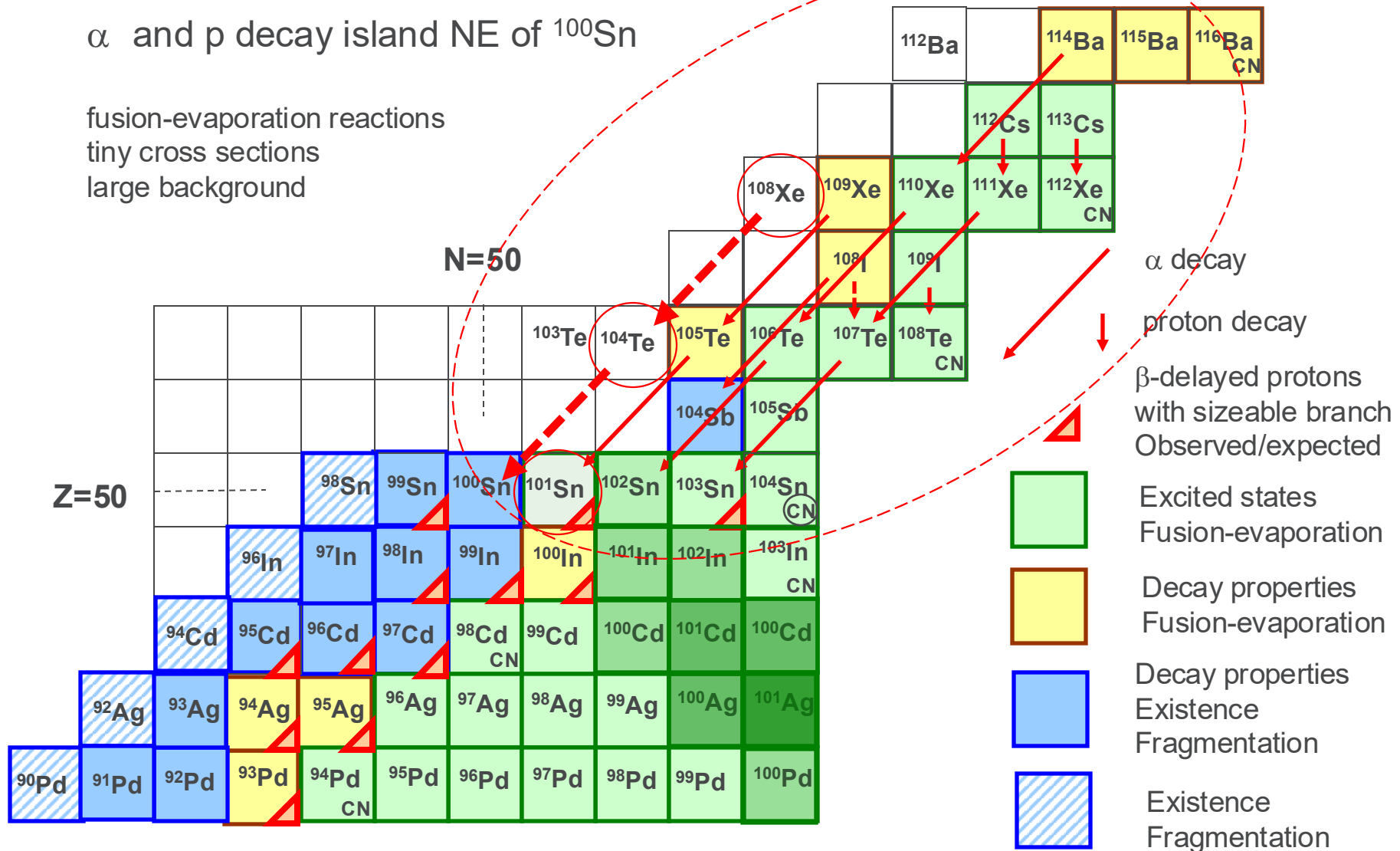
$$F_L(R) = \int d\xi_\alpha d\xi_D d\hat{R} [\phi_\alpha(\xi_\alpha) \psi_D(\xi_D) Y_L(\hat{R})]_{\alpha_4, \nu_4}^* \psi_P(\xi_\alpha \xi_D; R)$$

Overlap between **parent nucleus** and **daughter nucleus** + **alpha**
at a distance R outside of nuclear interactions

Experiments in the ^{100}Sn region

α and p decay island NE of ^{100}Sn

fusion-evaporation reactions
tiny cross sections
large background



Single-neutron states in ^{101}Sn

PRL 99, 022504 (2007)

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Single-Neutron States in ^{101}Sn

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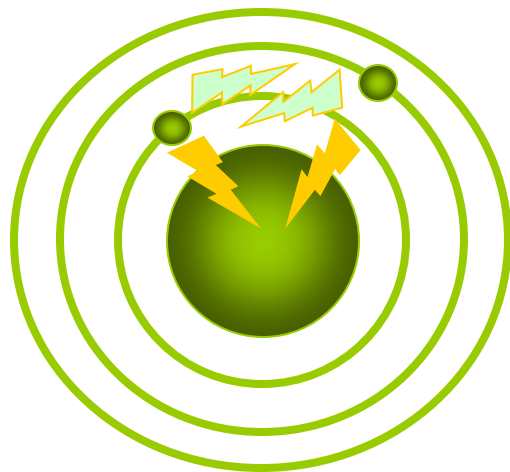
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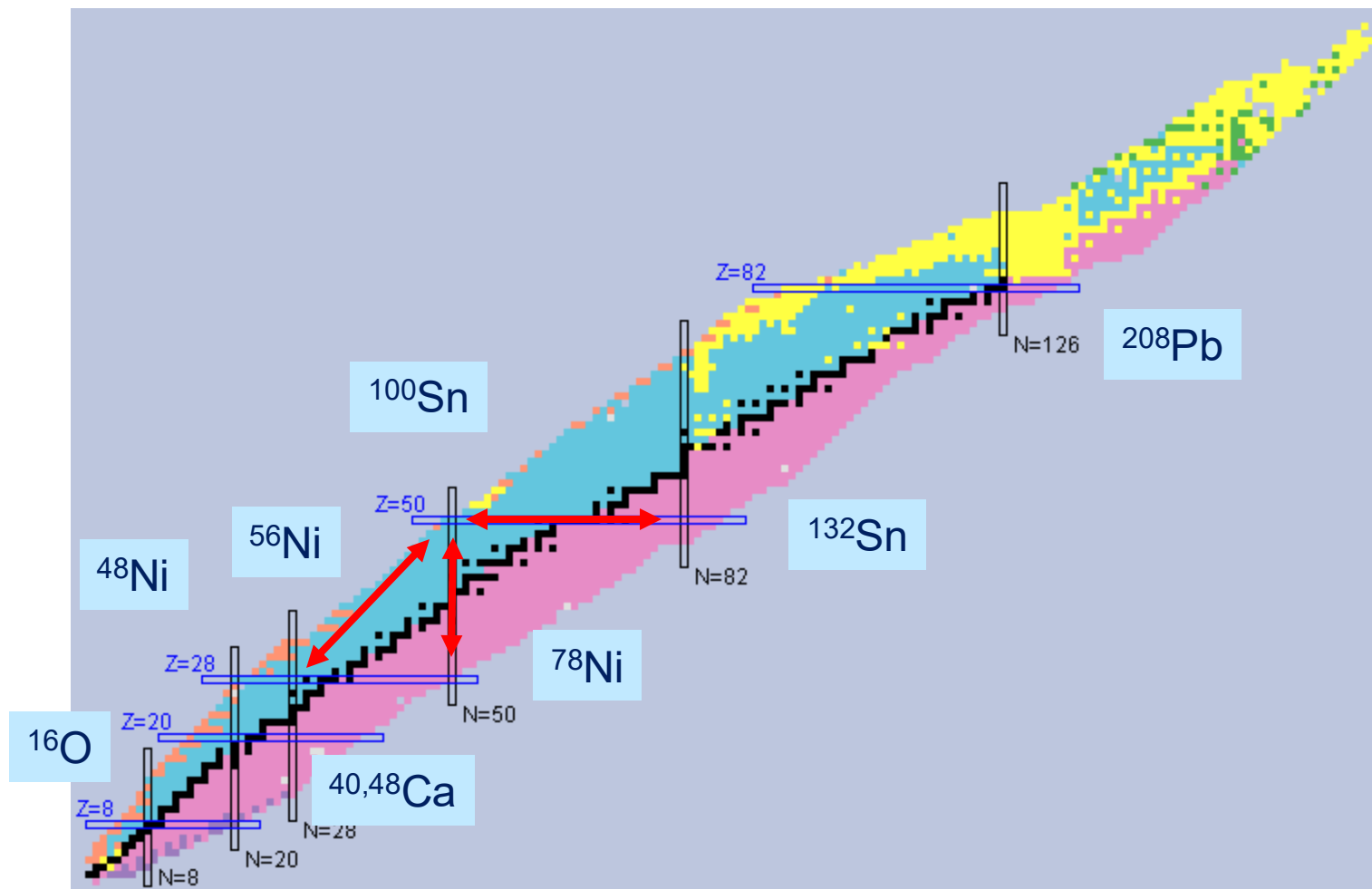
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			^{102}Te π^2	
	^{100}Sb $\pi\nu^{-1}$	^{101}Sb π	^{102}Sb $\pi\nu$	
^{98}Sn $(\nu^{-1})^2$	^{99}Sn ν^{-1}	^{100}Sn core	^{101}Sn ν	^{102}Sn ν^2
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		^{98}Cd $(\pi^{-1})^2$		

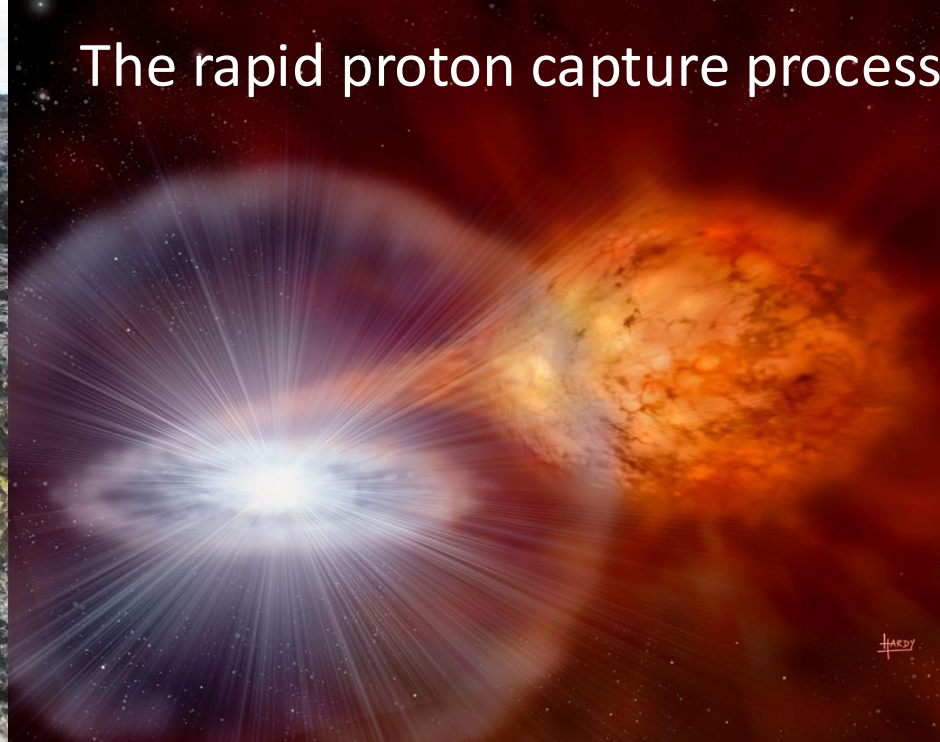
Doubly-magic nuclei far from stability



Proton drip-line



The rapid proton capture process



Doubly-magic ^{100}Sn



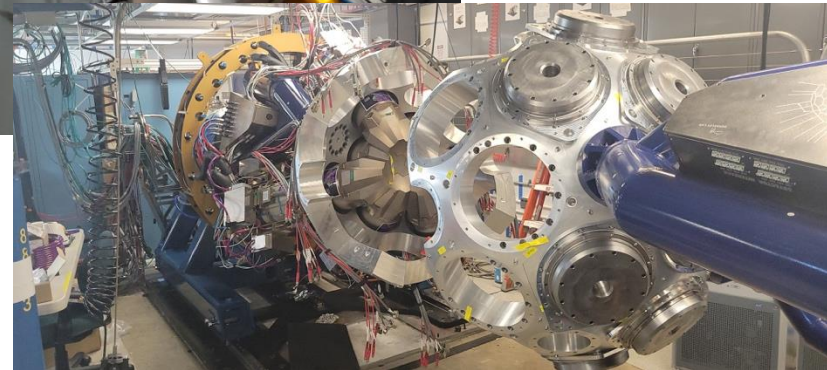
Island of super-heavy nuclei



Gamma-Ray Energy Tracking In-beam Nuclear Array GRETINA



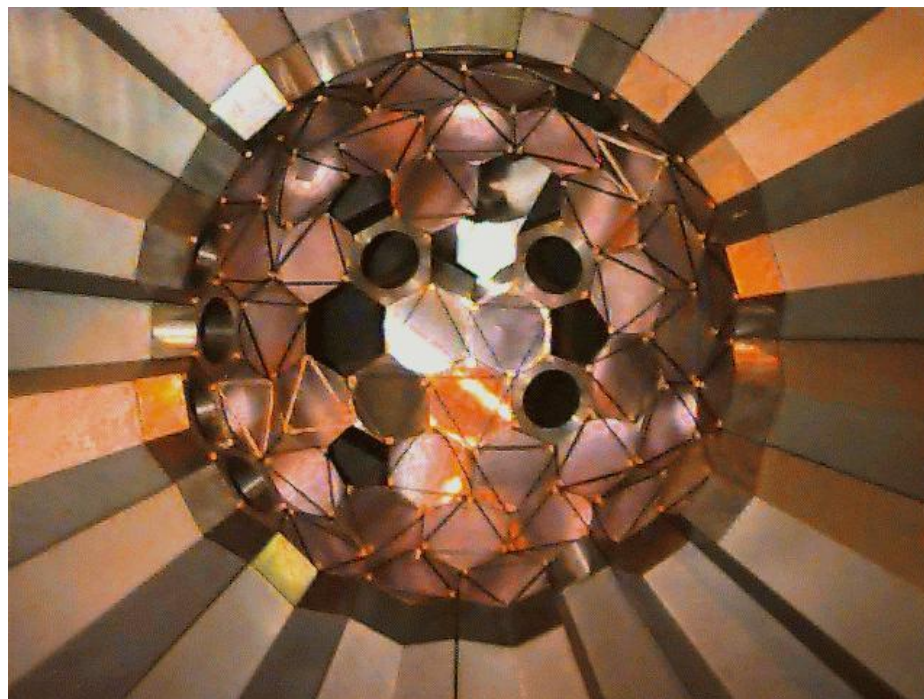
- 12 quad modules
- Each crystal divided into 36 segments
- Position resolution FWHM~5 mm
- Efficiency comparable to Gammasphere
- High-rate capability
- Transition into GRETA (30 modules, full 4π) starting this year



GRETA dedication – April 23, 2025

Gammasphere

4π array of Compton suppressed γ -ray detectors



Up to 110 HPGe detectors in BGO shields
 γ -ray detection efficiency at 1.3MeV $\sim 10\%$

Can be moved between FMA and AGFA

Argonne Gas-Filled Analyzer (AGFA)

D. Potterveld, ANL

Use Combined Function bending magnet

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$Q_v D_m$ design

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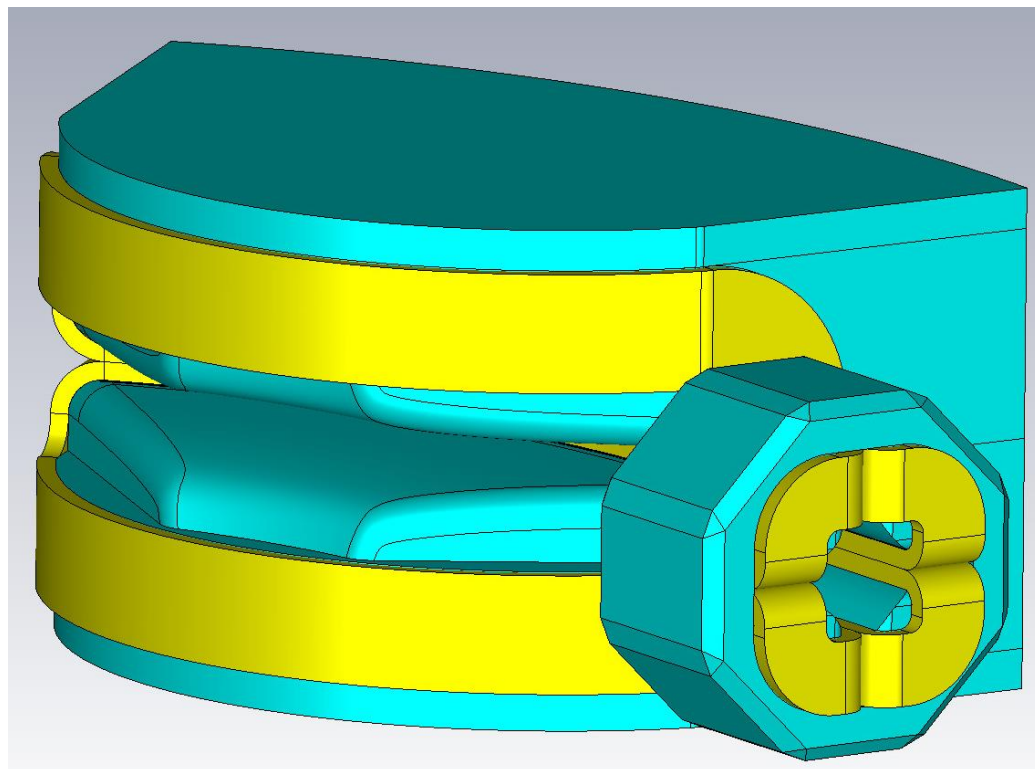
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(44 msr @ 40 cm)

4.2 total length @ 80 cm

(3.9 m @ 40 cm)



Optimized for spectroscopy, commissioned in late 2018

Argonne Fragment Mass Analyzer

Mass resolution: $\delta M/M \sim 1/350$

Angular acceptance: $\Delta\Omega = 8 \text{ msr} (2 \text{ msr})$

Energy acceptance: $\Delta\mathcal{E}/\mathcal{E} = \pm 20\%$

M/Q acceptance: $\Delta(M/Q)/(M/Q) = 10\%$

Flight path 8.2m

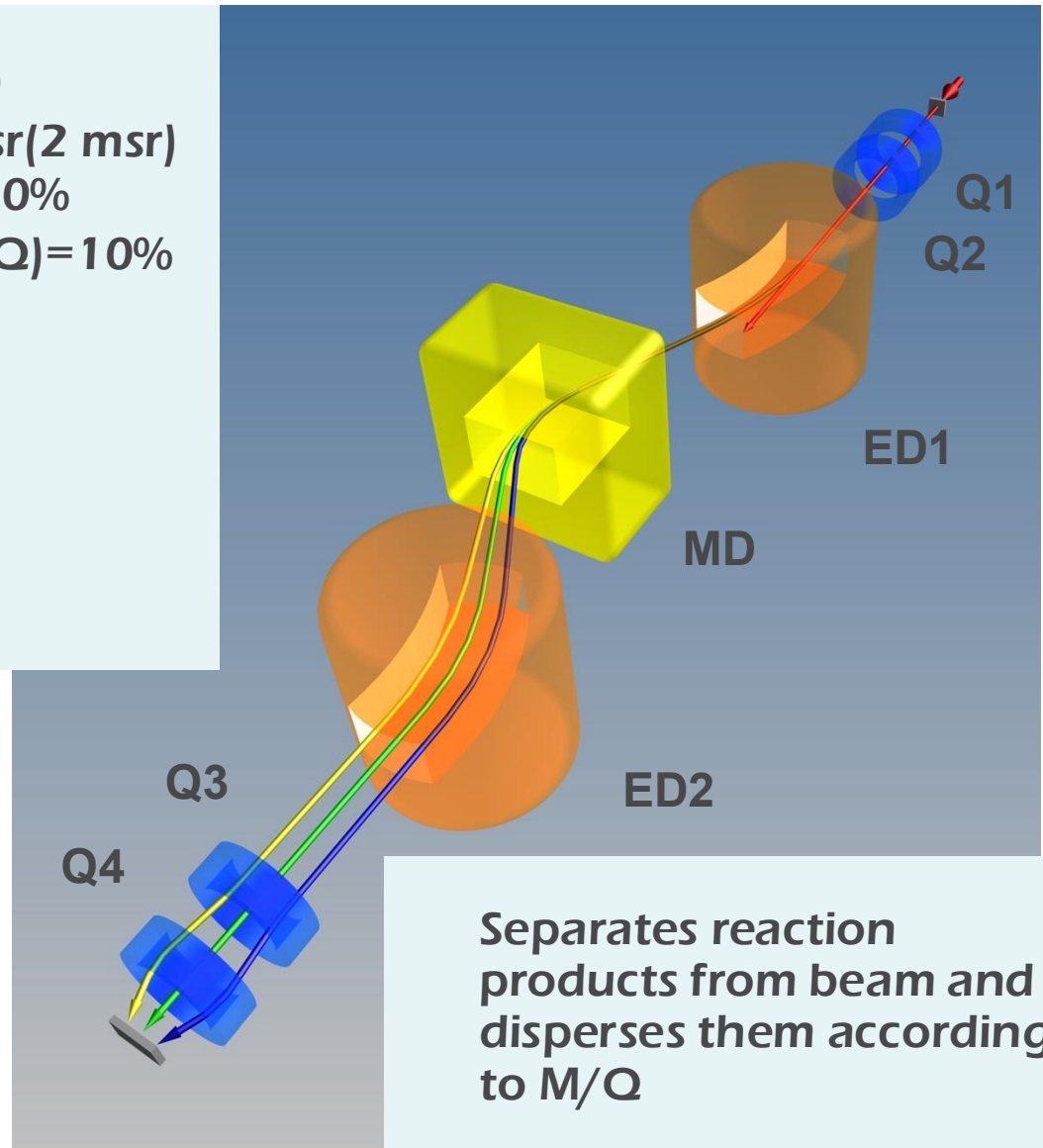
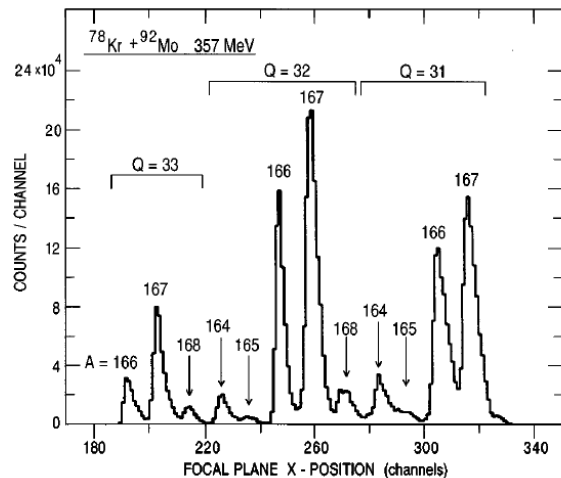
Max($B\rho$) = 1.1 Tm

Max($E\rho$) = 20 MV

Can be rotated off 0 degrees

Can be moved along the axis

Different focusing modes



Separates reaction products from beam and disperses them according to M/Q