

# Multinucleon transfer reactions : present status and perspectives

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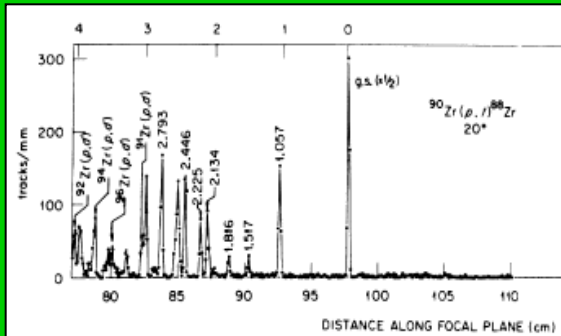
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# Performance of the large solid angle spectrometers

# Magnetic spectrometers for transfer reaction studies

70's

Light ions (Q3D)

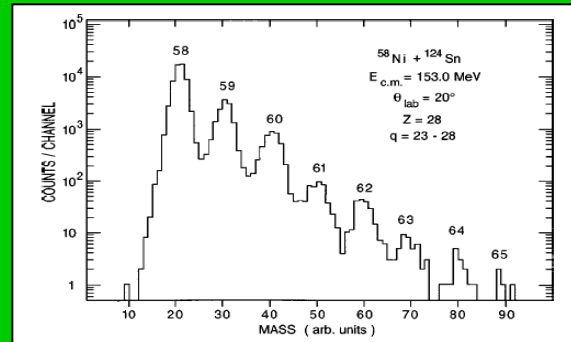


single particle levels (shell model)  
nucleon-nucleon correlations (pair transfer)

3-5 msr

80's - 90's

Heavy ions spectrometers

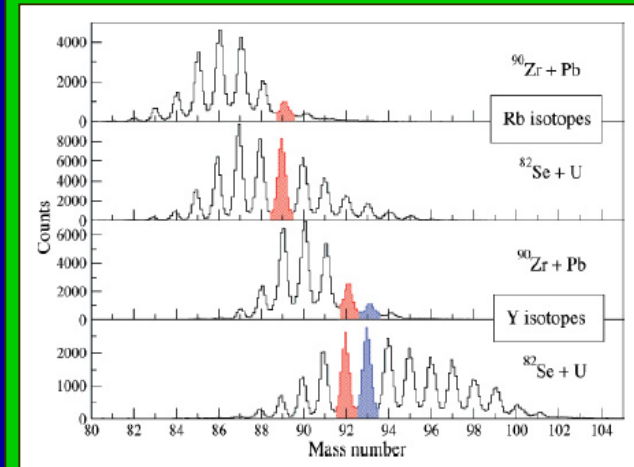


A,Z yields  
cross sections  
Q-value distributions

5-10 msr

recent years

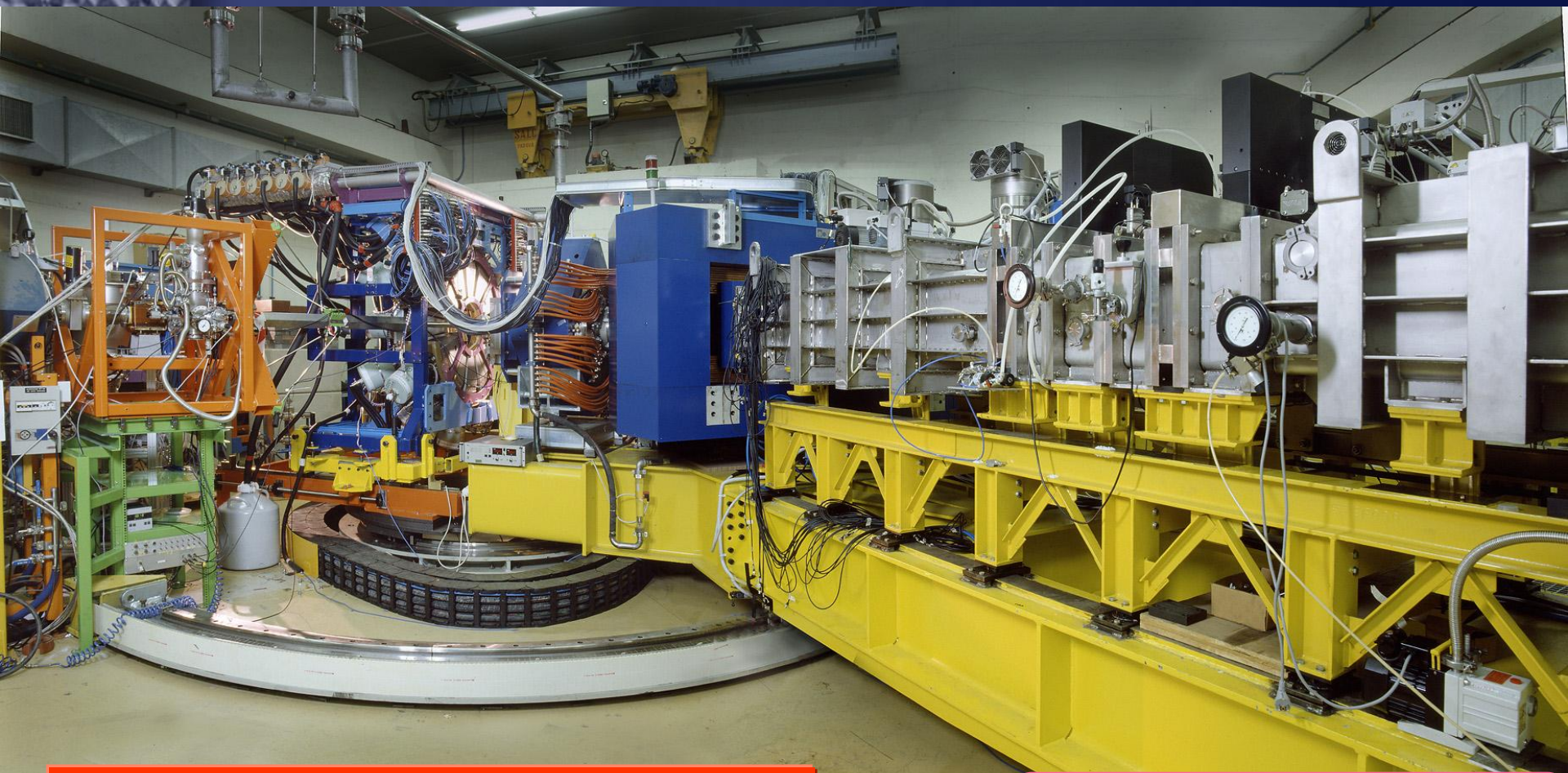
Tracking spectrometers



Reaction mechanism  
Gamma spectroscopy

80-100 msr

# THE PRISMA SPECTROMETER coupled to CLARA and AGATA DEMONSTRATOR GAMMA ARRAY



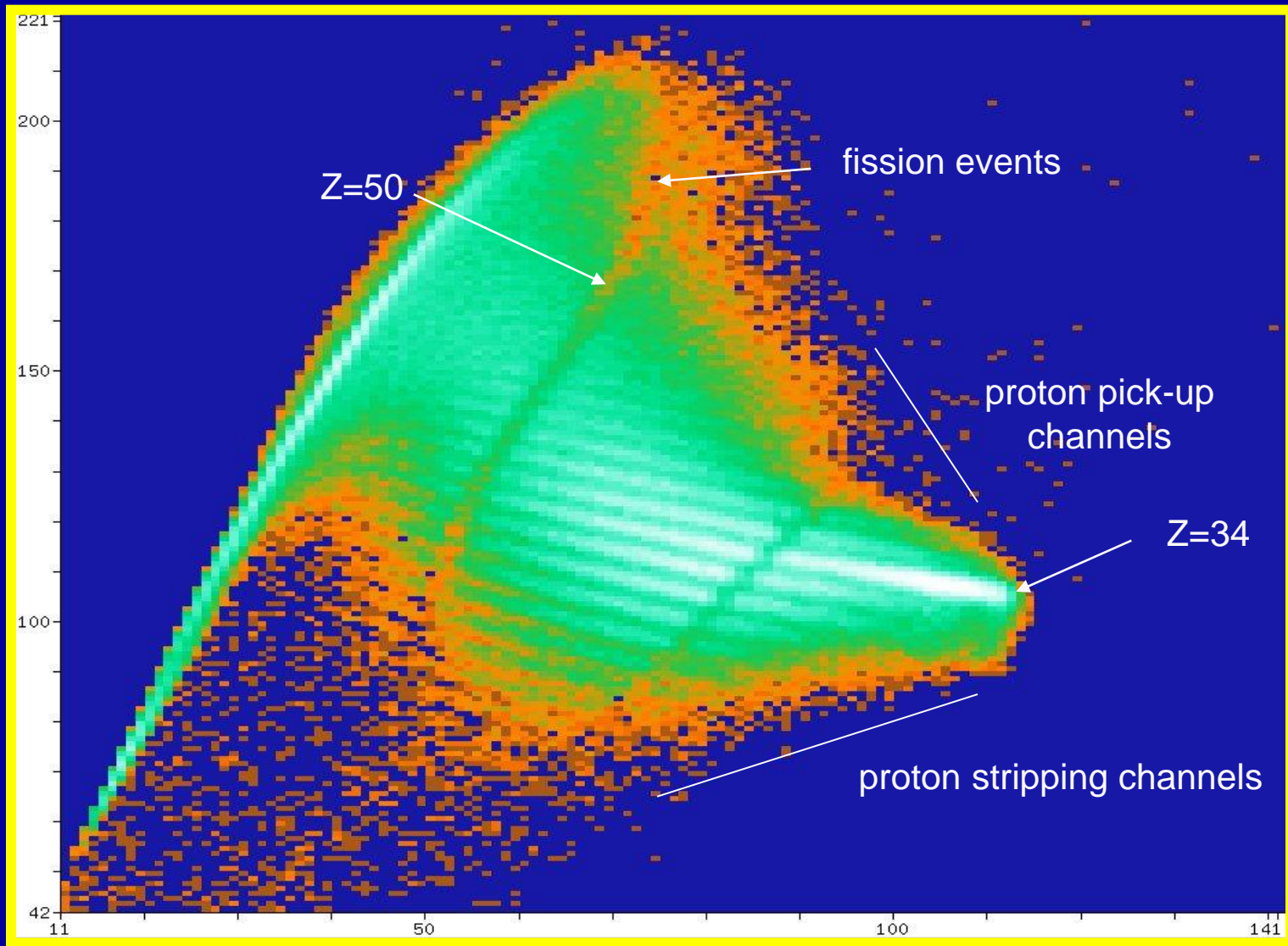
INFN exp. PRISMA (LNL,PD,TO,Na)  
INFN exp. GAMMA (LNL,PD,Fi,MI,Na,Pg)  
+ broad Int. Collaboration  
(UK,F,D,PI,Sp,Ro,Hr)

PRISMA: a large acceptance  
magnetic spectrometer  
 $\Omega \approx 80$  msr;  $B_{\rho_{\max}} = 1.2$  Tm  
 $\Delta A/A \sim 1/200$   
Energy acceptance  $\sim \pm 20\%$

$\Delta E - E$  matrix in  $^{82}\text{Se}+^{238}\text{U}$  at  $E_{\text{lab}}=505 \text{ MeV}$ ,  $\theta_{\text{lab}} = 64^\circ$



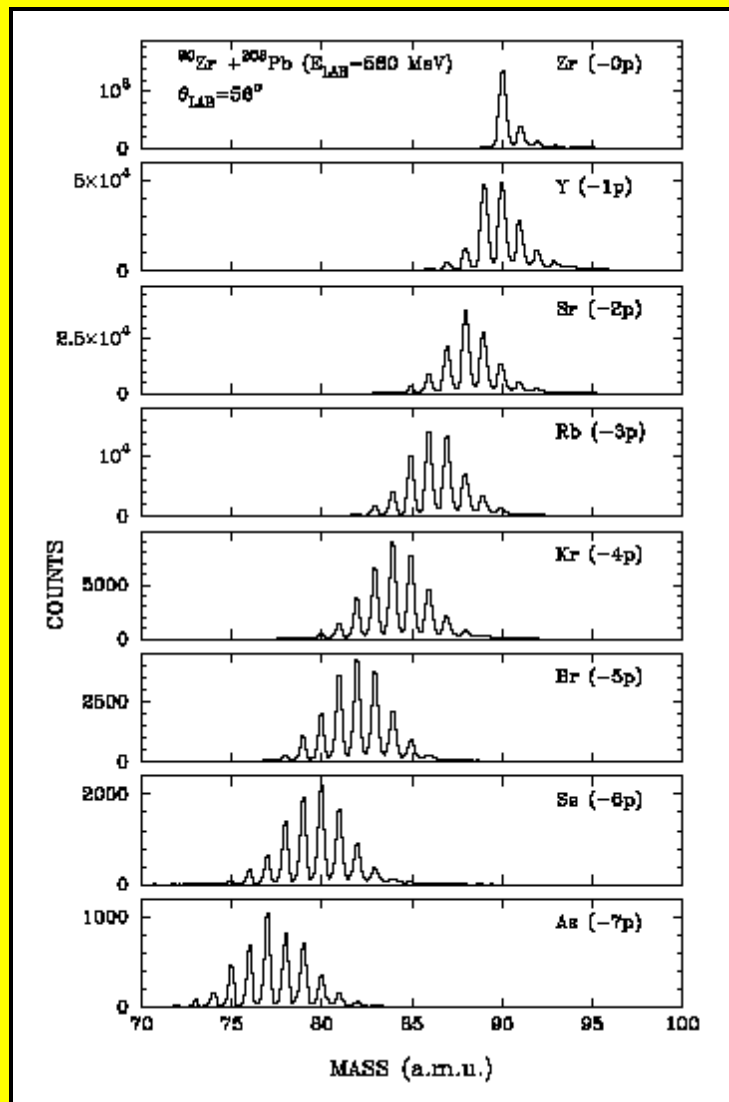
$\Delta E$  [arb. Units]



beam current 2 pA  
acquisition time 1 hour

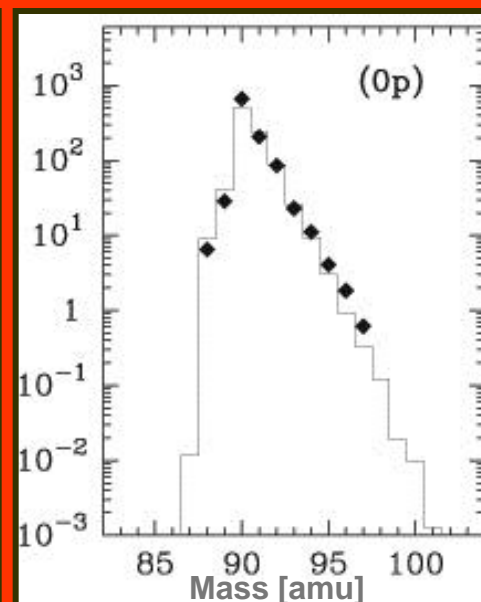
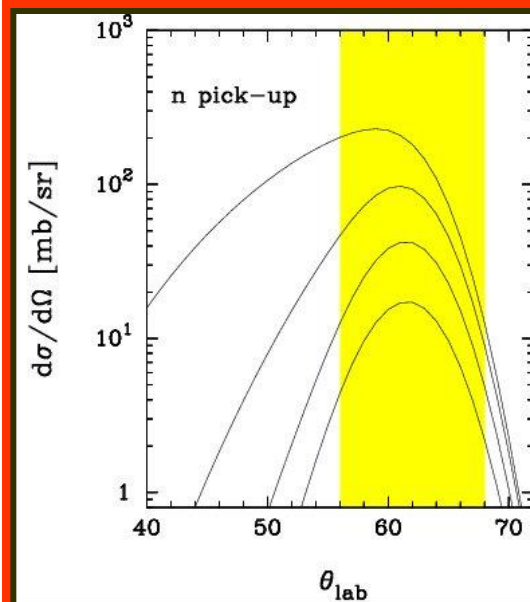
Energy [arb. units]

# Multineutron and multiproton transfer channels near closed-shell nuclei



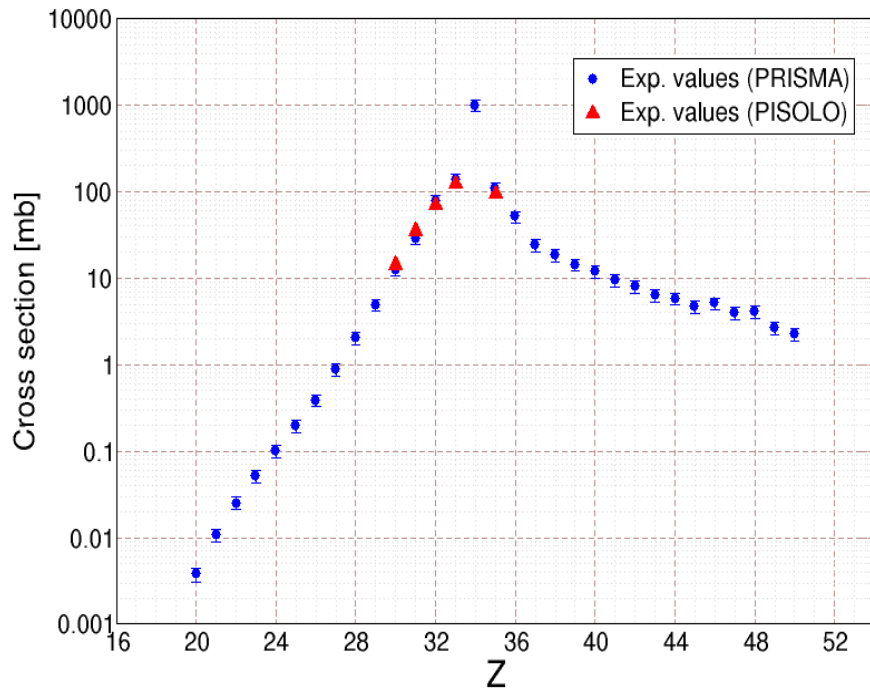
$^{90}\text{Zr} + ^{208}\text{Pb}$   $E_{\text{lab}} = 560$  MeV

pure neutron pick-up channels

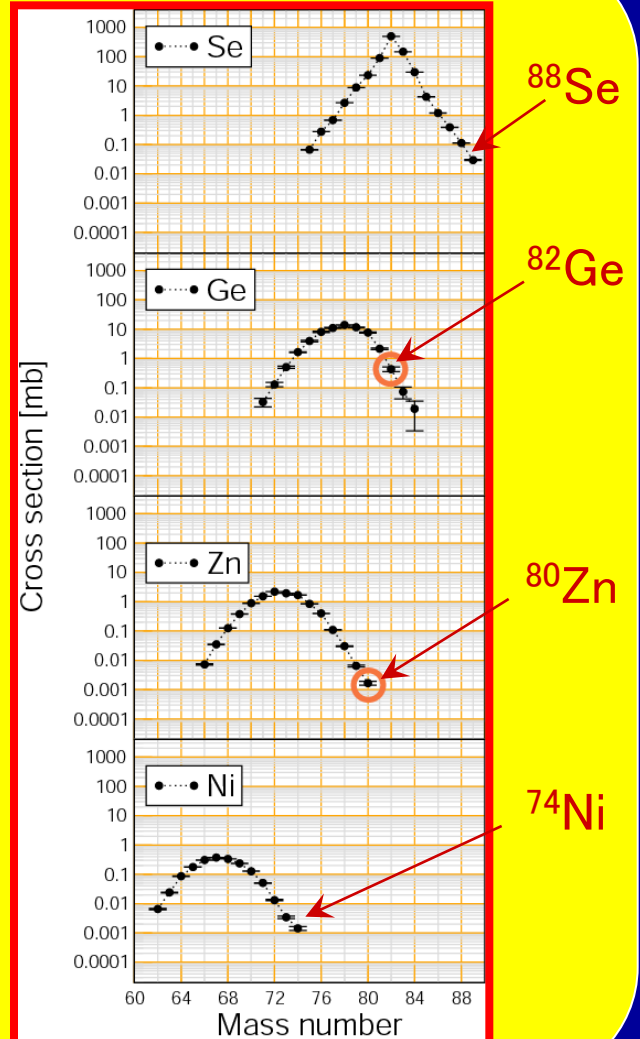


PRISMA spectrometer data  
 GRAZING code calculations

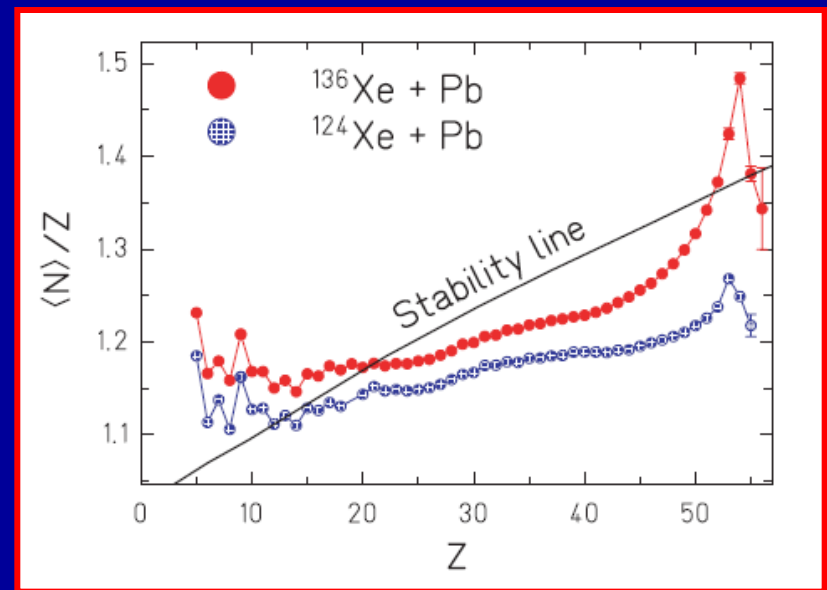
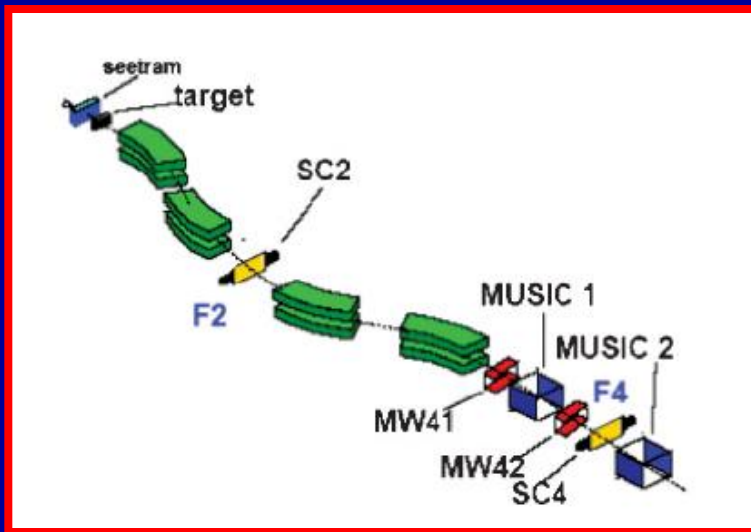
# Cross section measurements in $^{82}\text{Se}+^{238}\text{U}$ at $E_{\text{lab}}=505\text{ MeV}$



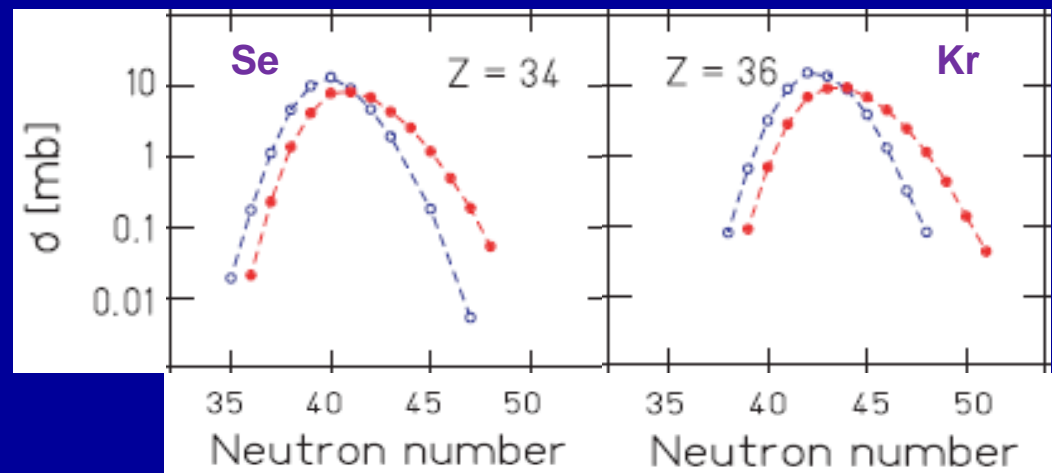
Cross sections for exotic nuclei like the  $N=50$   $^{82}\text{Ge}$  or  $^{80}\text{Zn}$  could be measured down to few  $\mu\text{b}$  level



# Fragmentation reactions of Xe isotopes at 1 A GeV on heavy targets



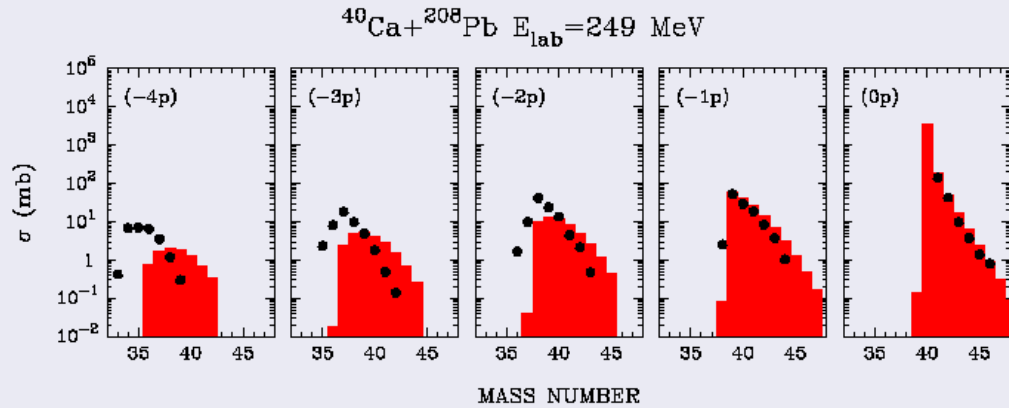
In fragmentation reactions on heavy targets one gets strongly decreasing yields of medium mass neutron rich isotopes, due to neutron evaporation and other complex secondary processes





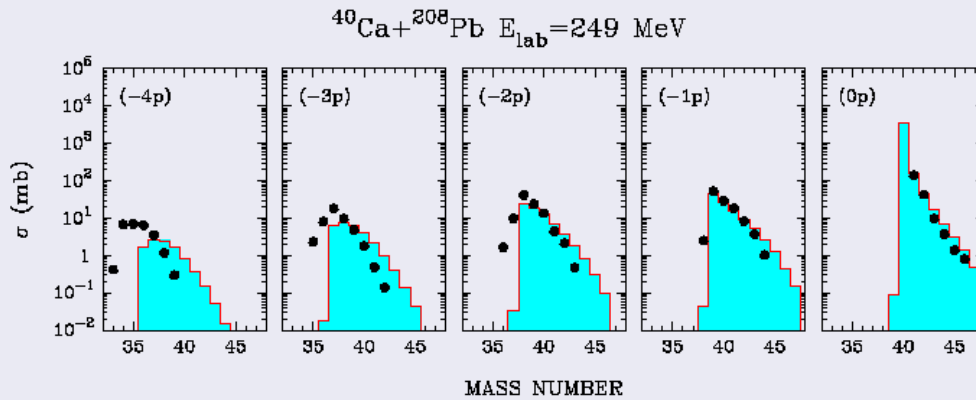
# Studies of light partner reaction products

# multinucleon transfer : experiment vs. theory



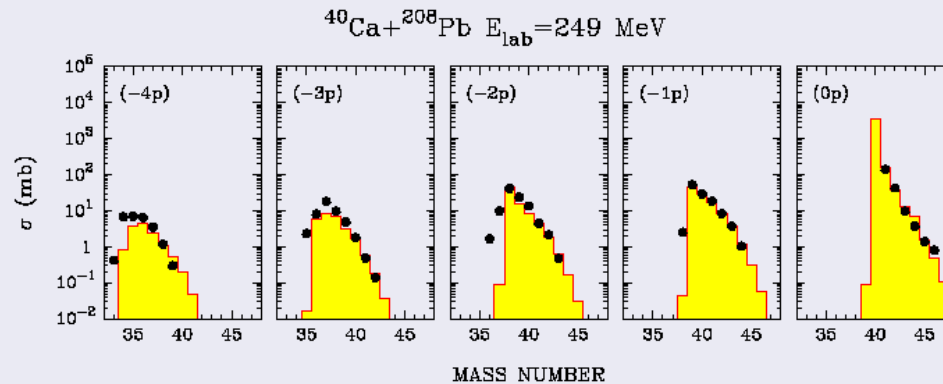
1pt

data : LNL  
theory :  
GRAZING code  
and CWKB



1pt+2pt

$$F_{fi}^{pair}(r) = \beta_p \frac{\partial V^{opt}(r)}{\partial A}$$



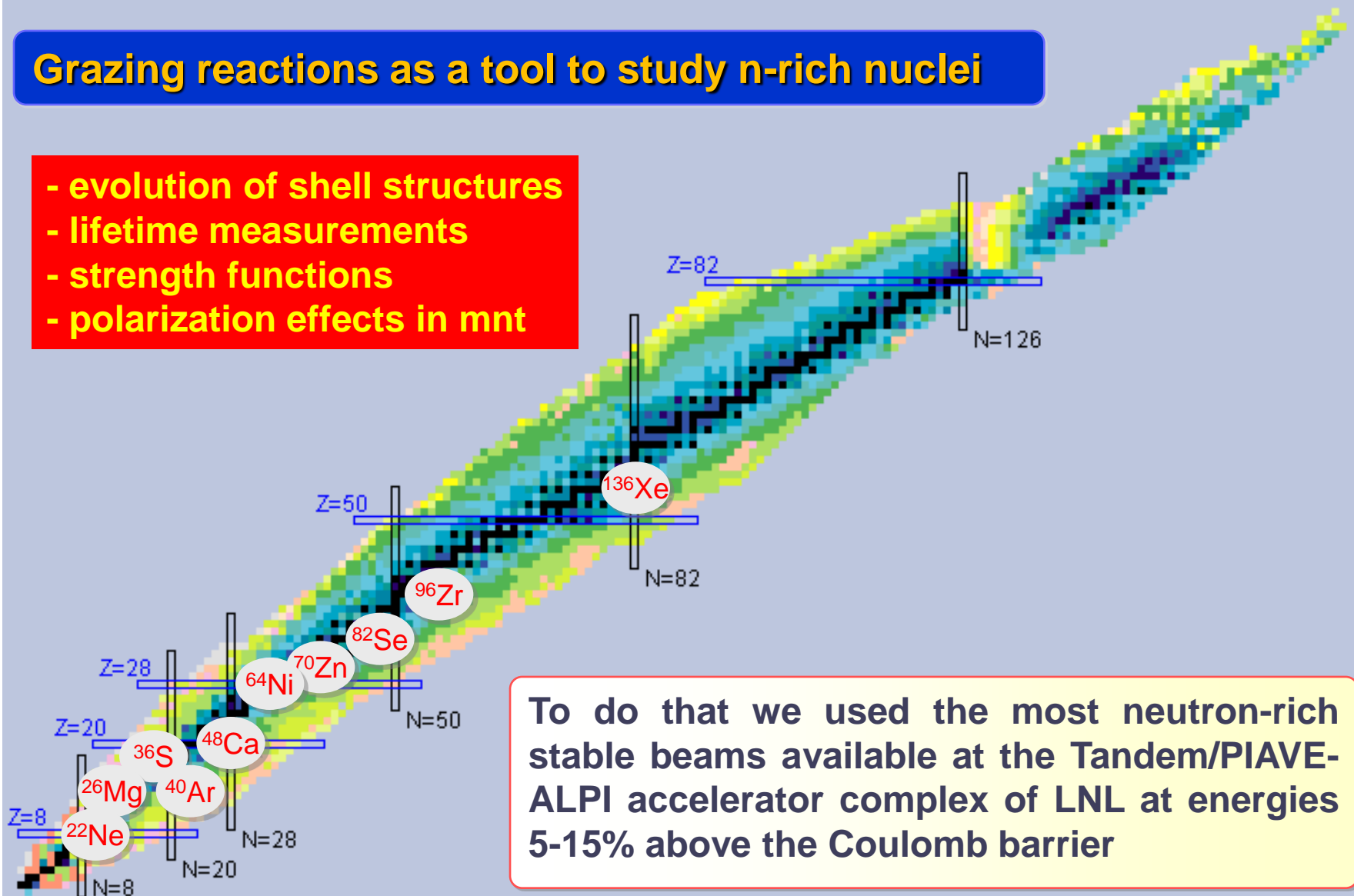
+Evap.

L.Corradi et al, J.Phys.  
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(Topical Review)

# THE PRISMA + CLARA/AGATA CAMPAIGN

## Grazing reactions as a tool to study n-rich nuclei

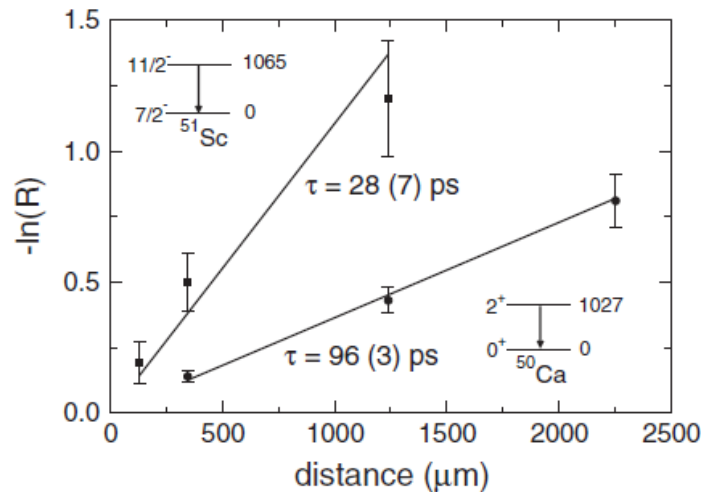
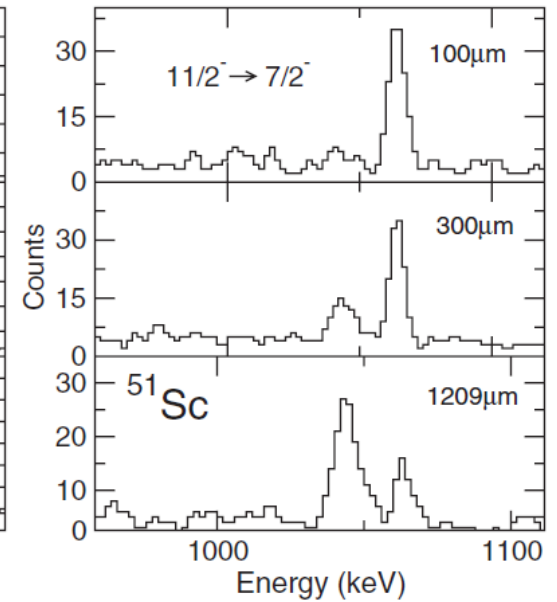
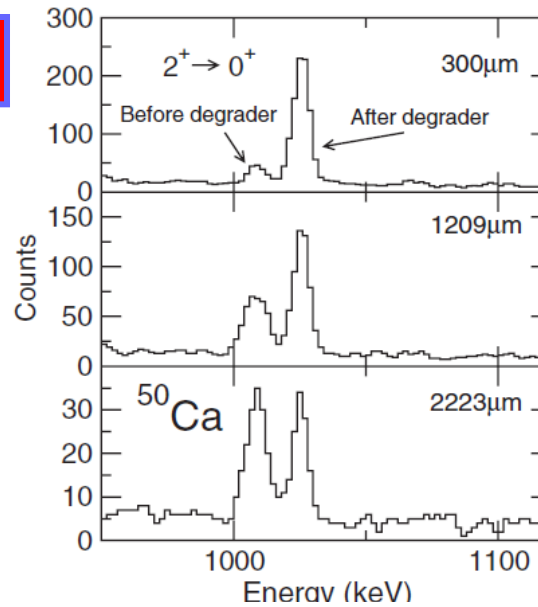
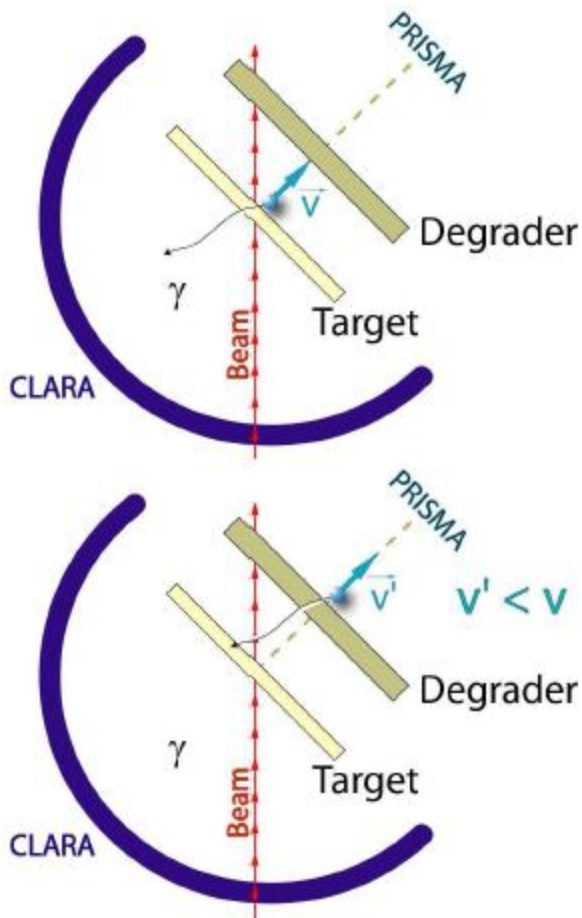
- evolution of shell structures
- lifetime measurements
- strength functions
- polarization effects in mnt



To do that we used the most neutron-rich stable beams available at the Tandem/PIAVE-ALPI accelerator complex of LNL at energies 5-15% above the Coulomb barrier

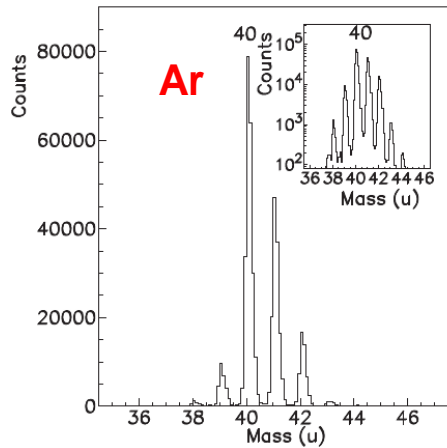
# Lifetimes measurements in $^{48}\text{Ca}+^{208}\text{Pb}$ at $E_{\text{lab}}=310\text{ MeV}$

## Differential Plunger Method

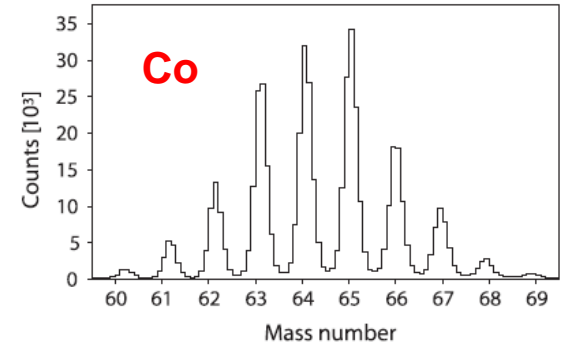


comparison of deduced  $B(E2)$  with large scale shell model calculations

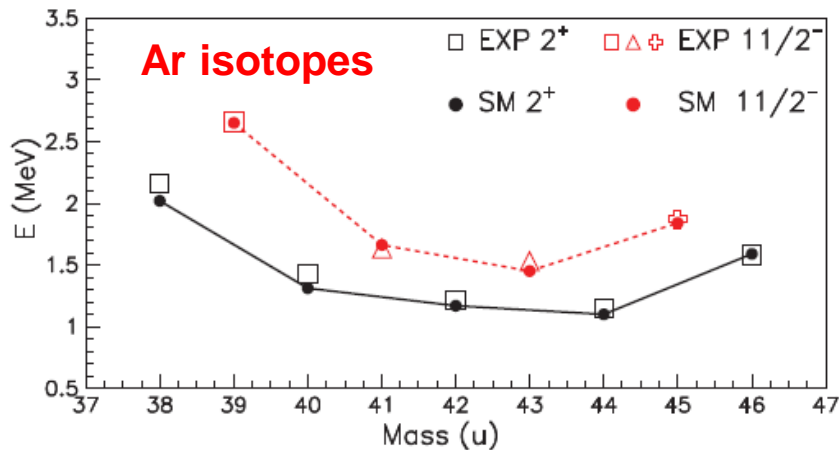
# Spectroscopy on neutron rich nuclei produced in $^{40}\text{Ar}+^{208}\text{Pb}$ and $^{70}\text{Zn}+^{238}\text{U}$ multinucleon transfer reactions



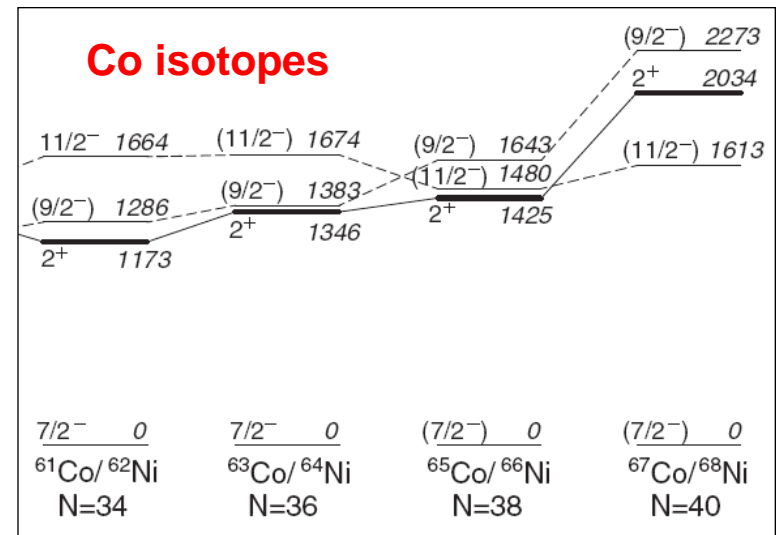
with the good mass identification and high detection efficiency, spectroscopy could be performed in large isotopic chains



interplay between single-particle and collective excitations in Ar isotopes



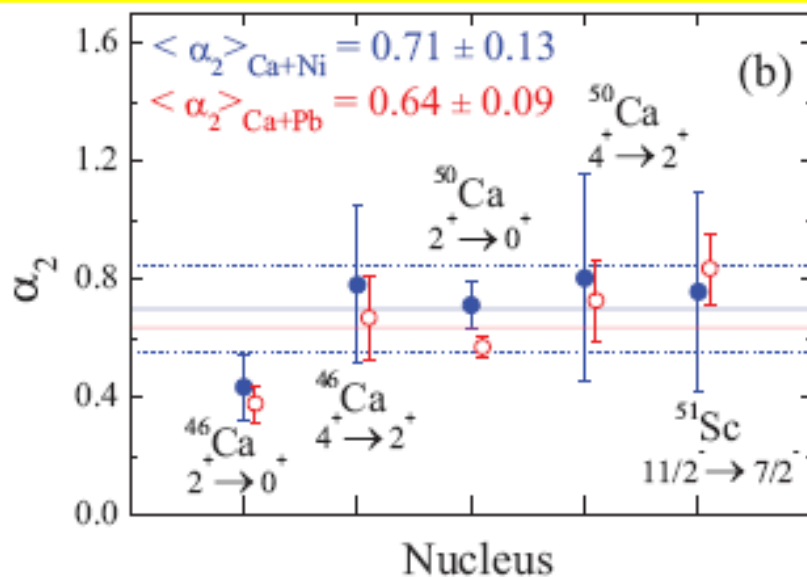
toward the  $N=40$  subshell closure, shell model description of spherical and deformed states



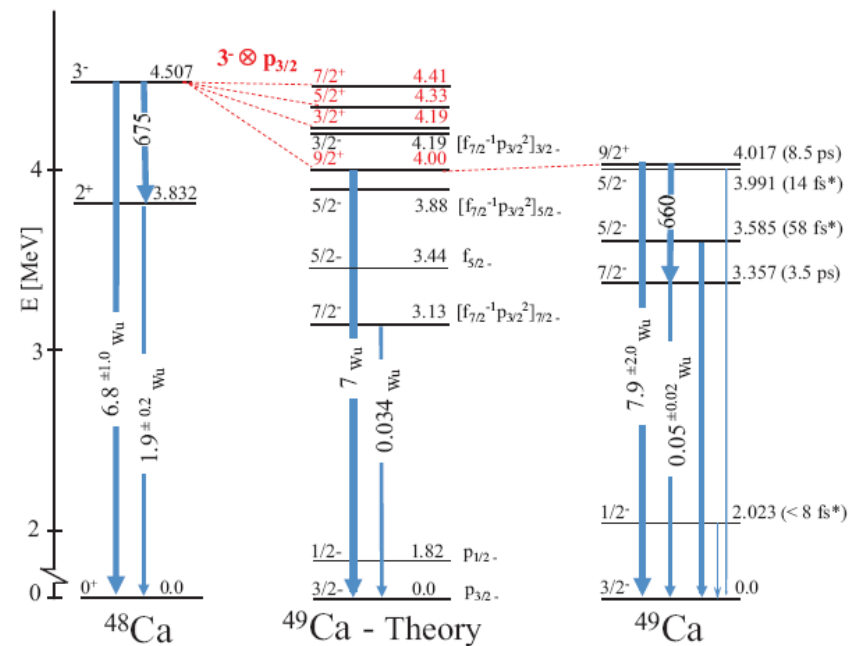
# Spin alignment in $^{48}\text{Ca}+^{64}\text{Ni}$ and $^{48}\text{Ca}+^{208}\text{Pb}$ mnt reactions

mnt reactions produce a large degree of spin alignment, which allows to study decay properties of populated states

fraction of full spin alignment

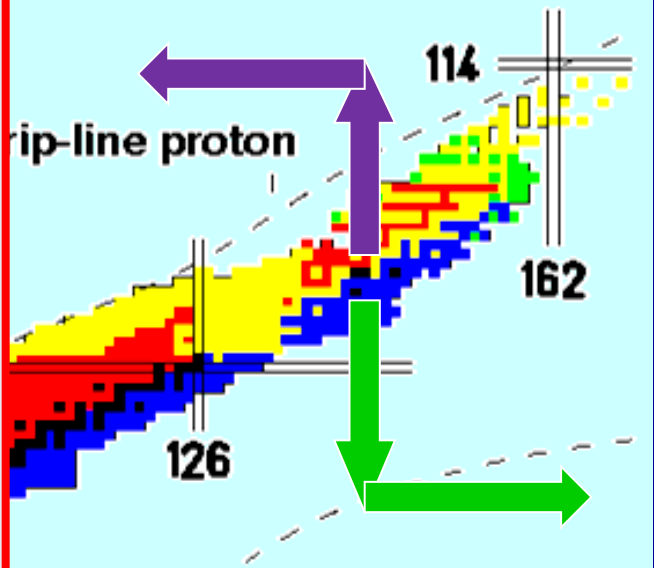
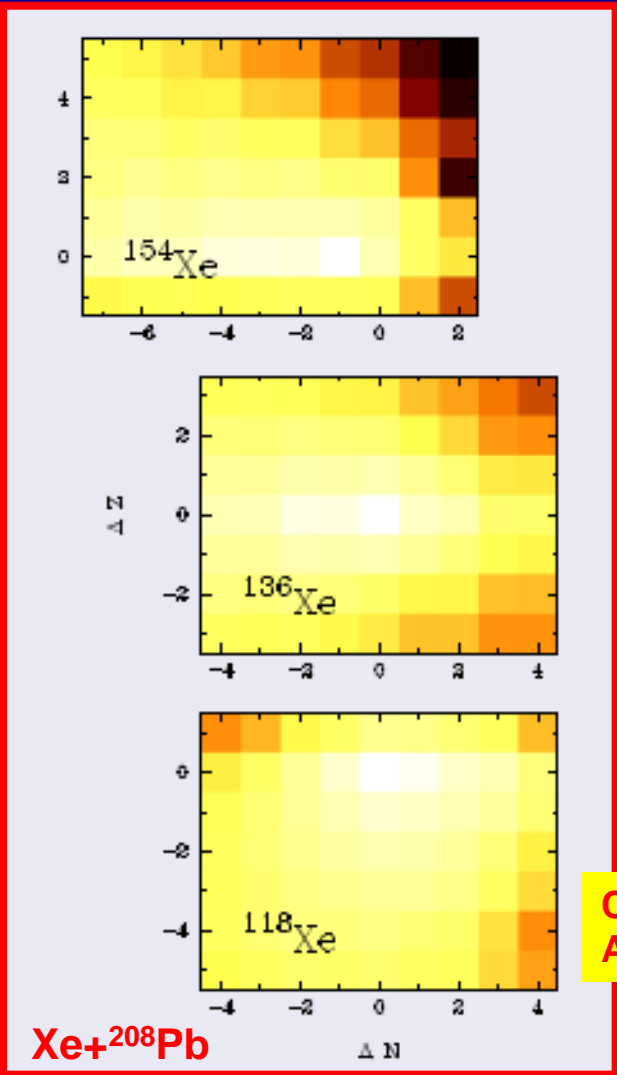


positive parity states obtained within the particle-vibration model employing the SkX Skyrme interaction



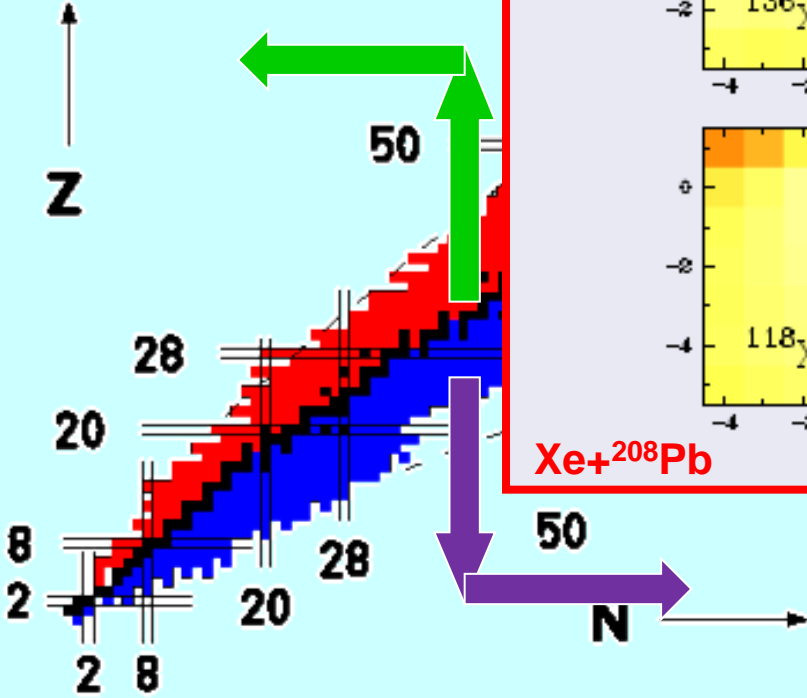
**What about the heavy partner  
products ?**

What about the heavy partner in mnt reactions ?



proton pick-up and neutron stripping channels lead to neutron rich heavy mass nuclei

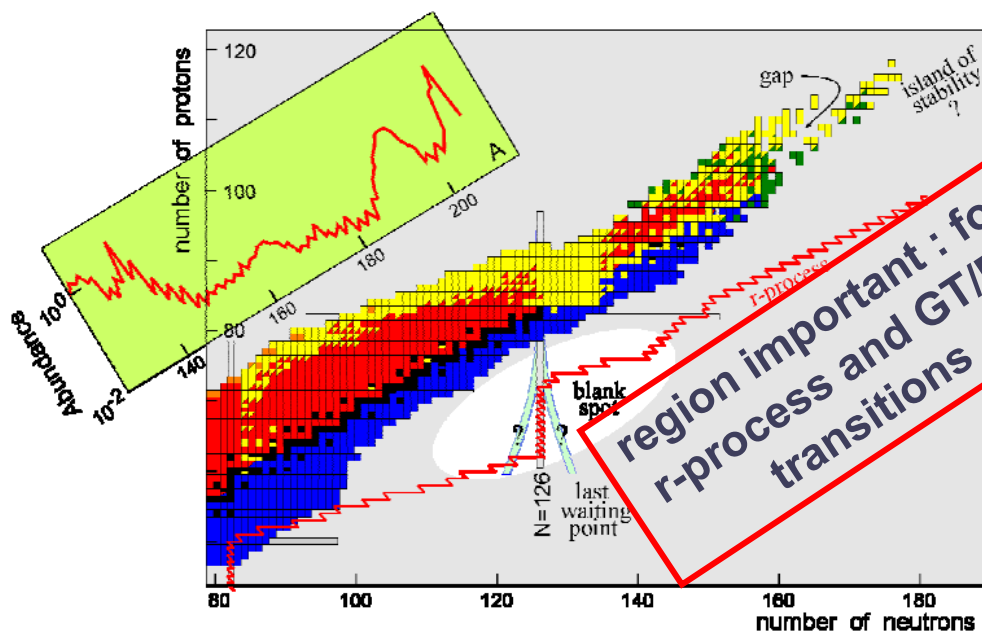
C.H.Dasso, G.Pollarolo, A.Winther, PRL73(1994)1907



proton stripping and neutron pick-up channels lead to neutron rich medium mass nuclei



# Exploring the north-east part of the nuclear chart via multinucleon transfer



high primary cross sections of mnt channels (mb- $\mu$ b range)

processes lowering final yield : evaporation and transfer induced fission

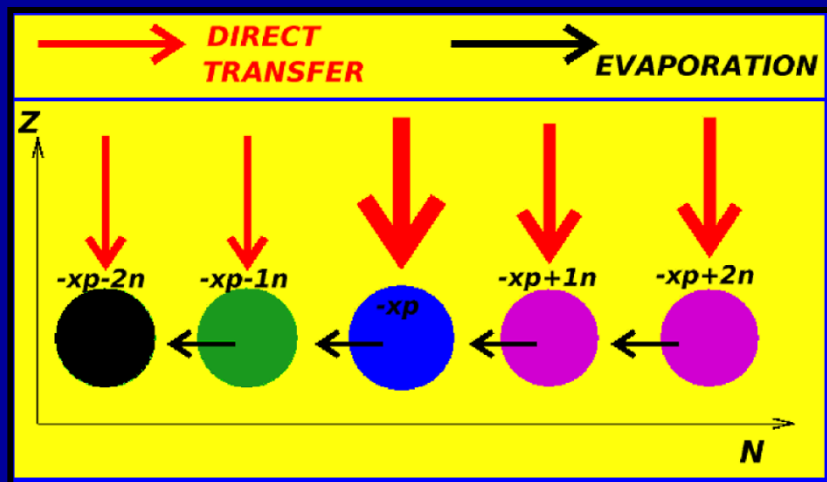
## ONGOING EXPERIMENTS

tagging of “light” partner with high resolution spectrometers and detection of coincident gamma rays of the heavy partner

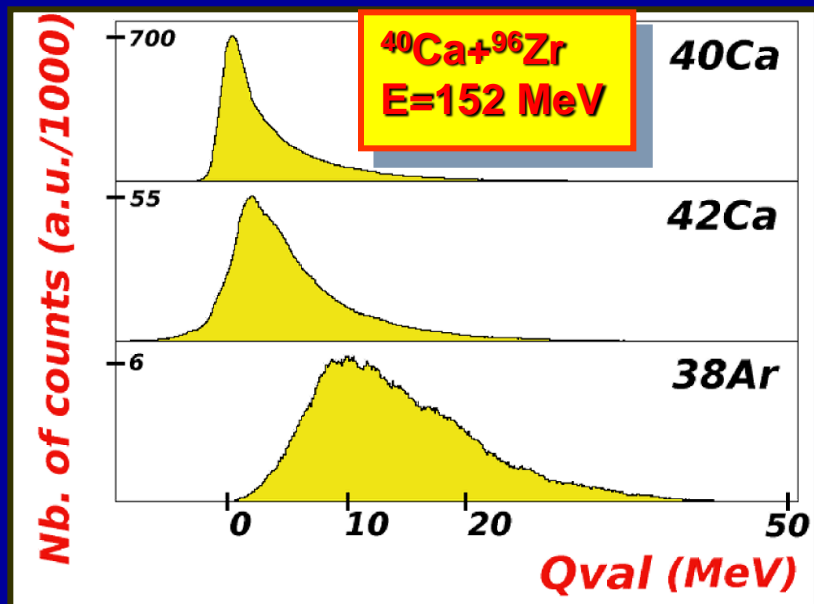
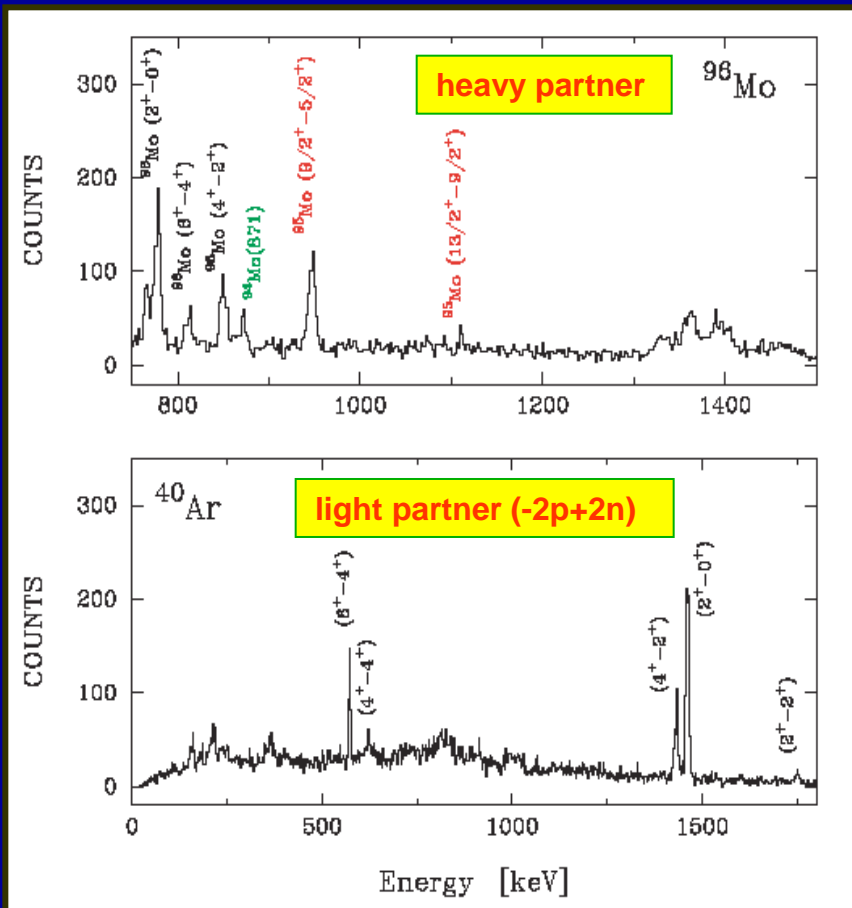
high resolution kinematic coincidences between binary partners, and detection of secondary events (both mechanism and spectroscopy)

“off beam” measurements of integrated yields

# Evaporation processes in multinucleon transfer reactions : an example of gamma-particle coincidences

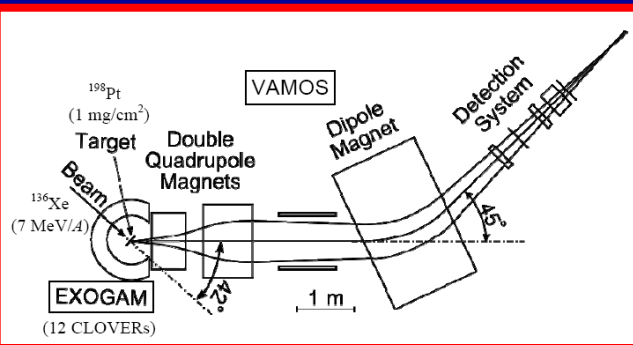
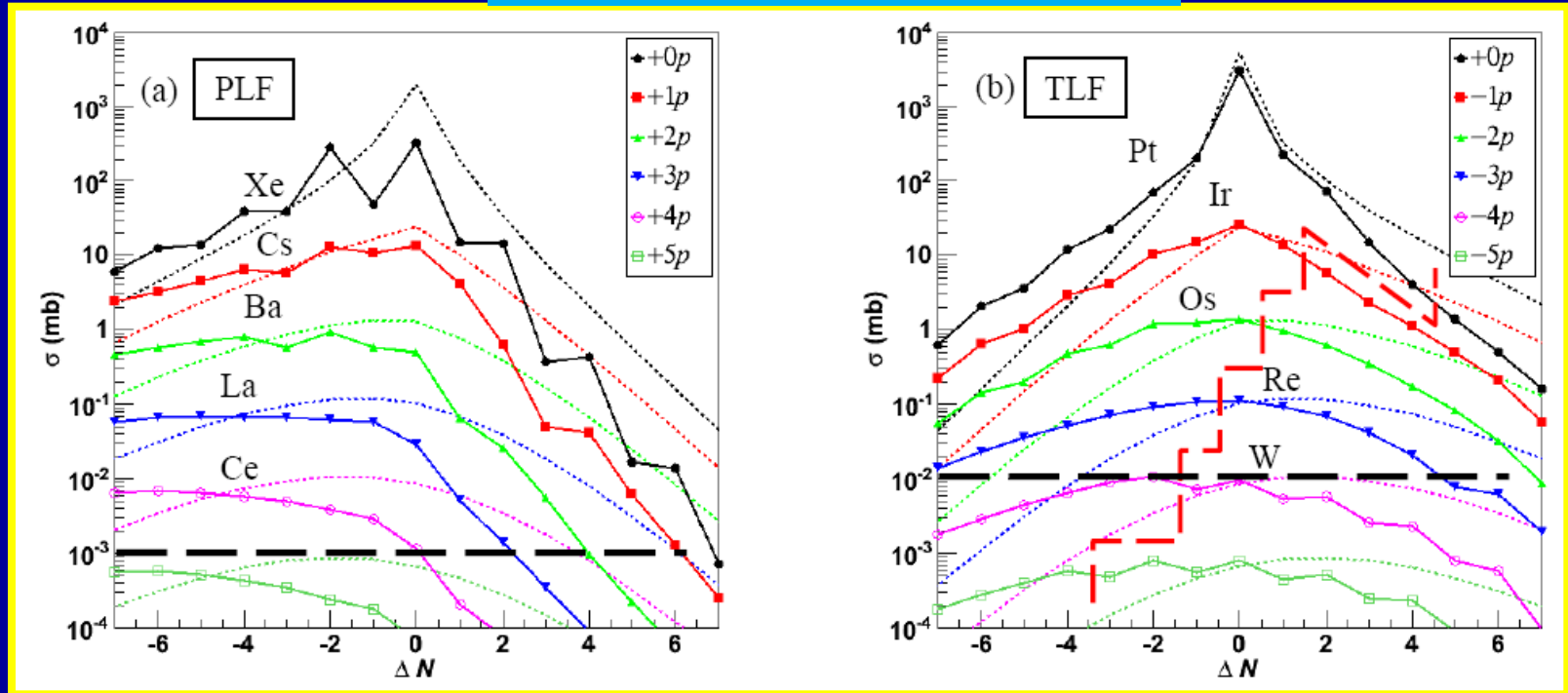


## Direct identification with PRISMA+CLARA



# Production of heavy neutron rich nuclei by multinucleon transfer reactions of $^{136}\text{Xe} + ^{198}\text{Pt}$ at 7 MeV/A

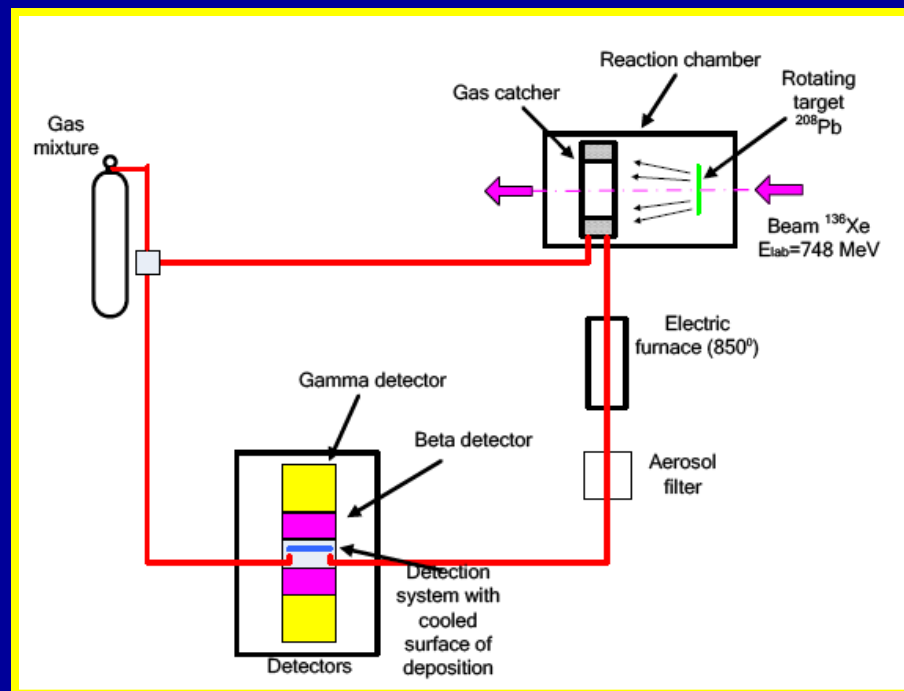
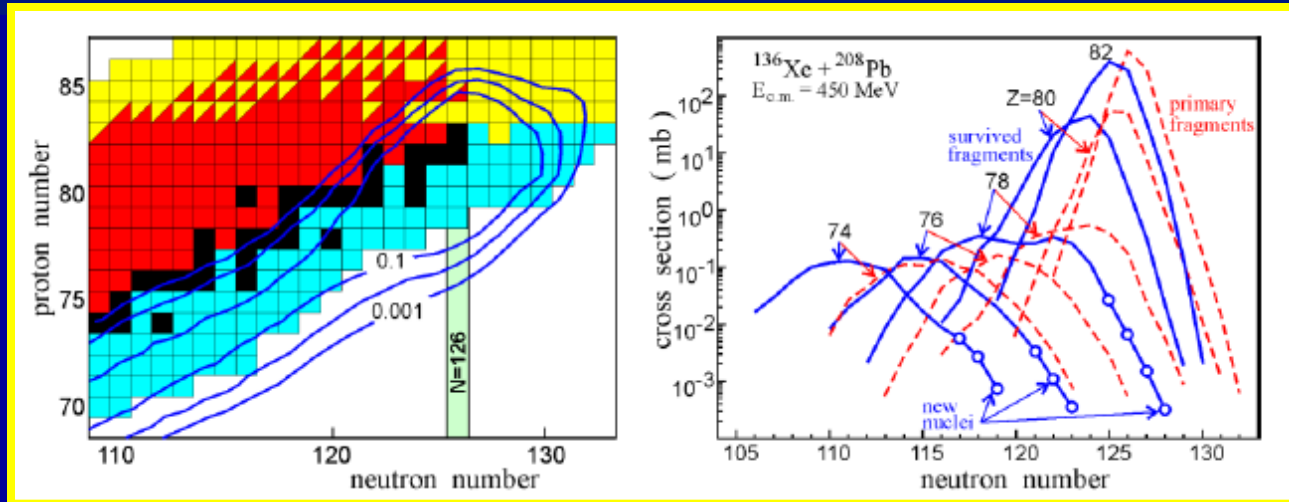
## GRAZING code calculations



PLF nuclei detected with VAMOS, coincident gamma-rays (both PLF and TLF) detected with EXOGAM

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# Heavy neutron rich nuclei in the region of neutron closed shell $N=126$ populated via $^{136}\text{Xe} + ^{208}\text{Pb}$ multinucleon transfer reaction



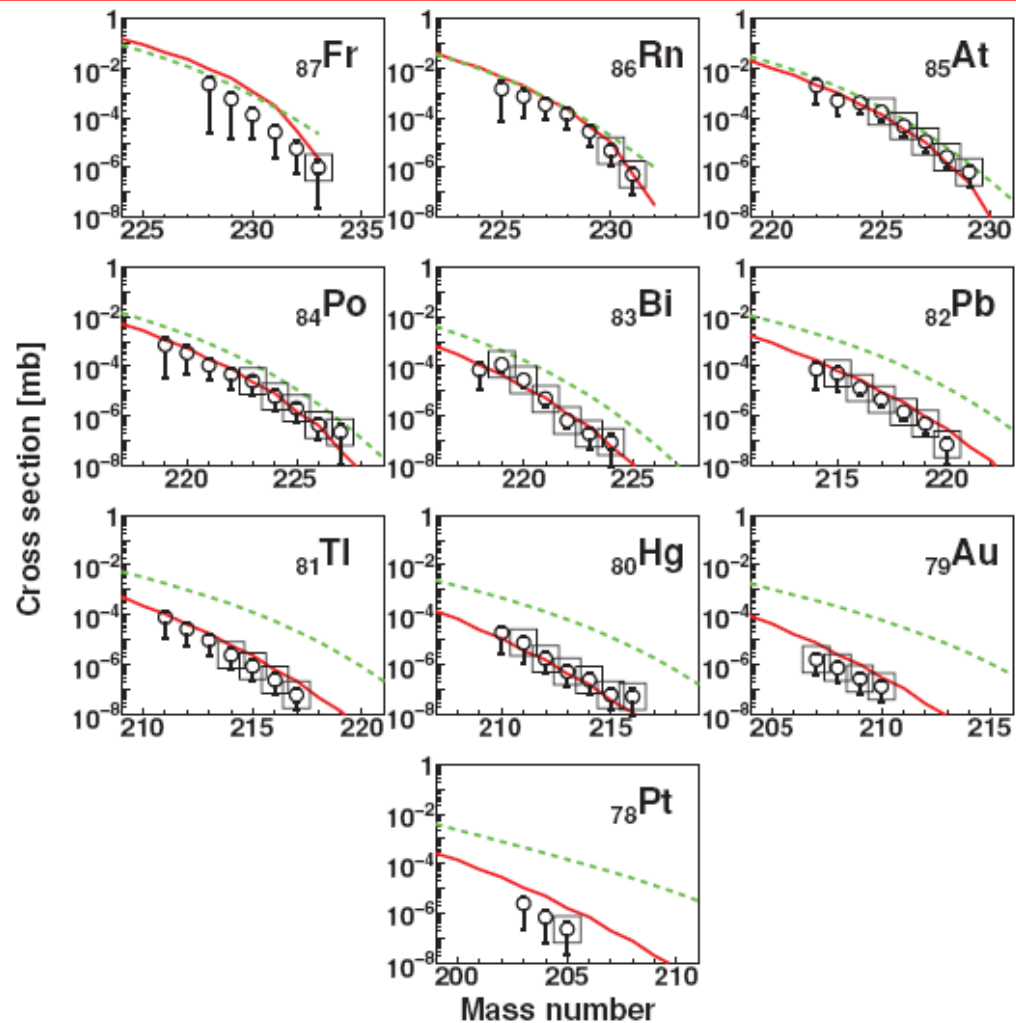
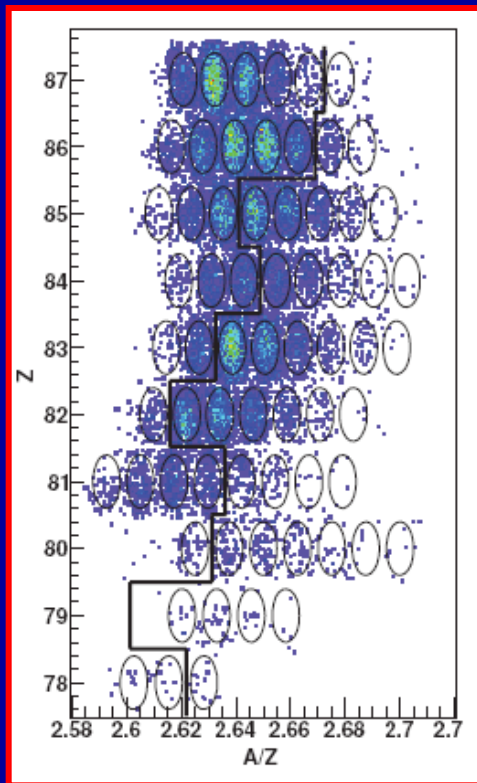
Integral measurement to detect heavy transfer reaction products below the Pb region

Possibility to study beta-gamma decays properties

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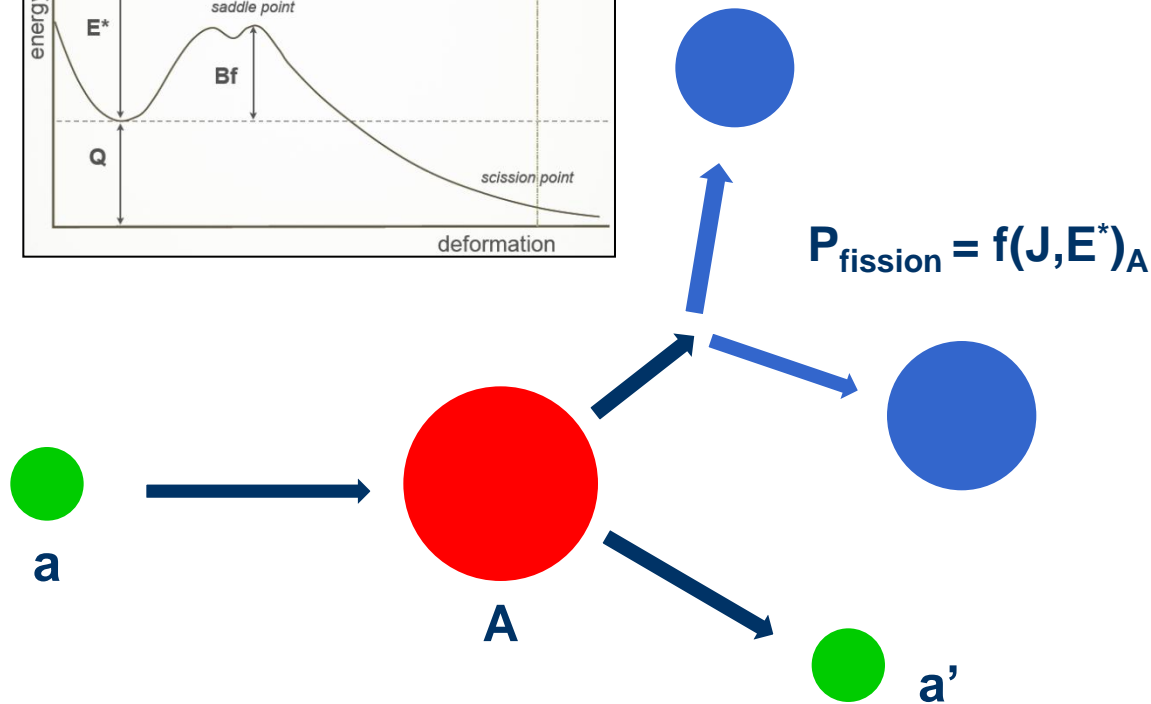
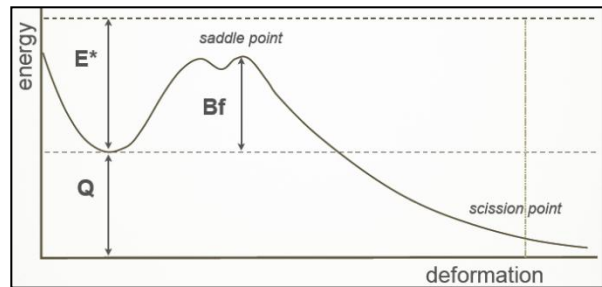
E.Kozulin, V.Zagrebaev et al

# Fragmentation reactions of $^{238}\text{U}$ at 1 A GeV on Be targets



In fragmentation reactions on light targets one could produce very neutron rich nuclei in the “northeast” region, with cross sections down to 100 pb

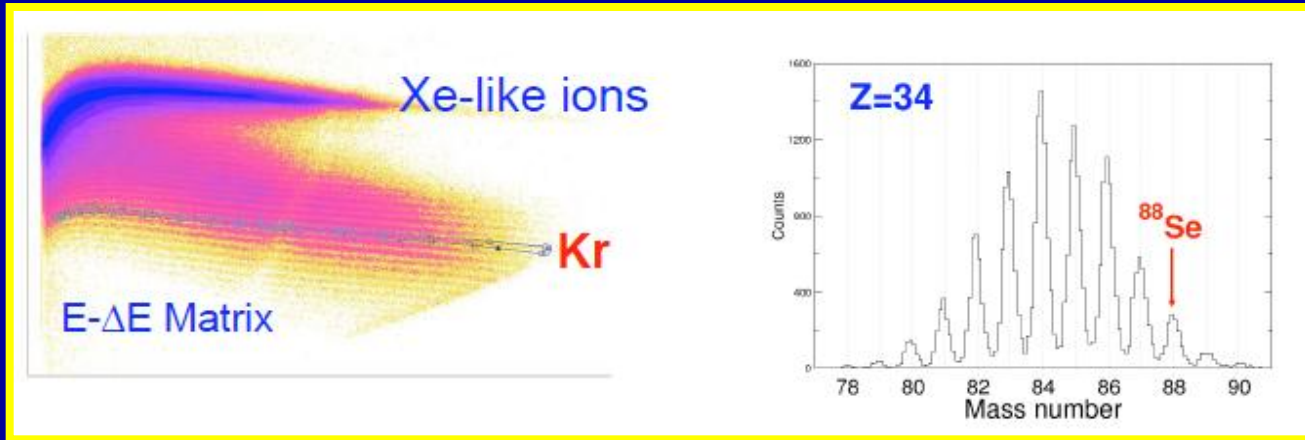
# Transfer induced fission : an interesting mechanism to study the population of very neutron rich heavy nuclei



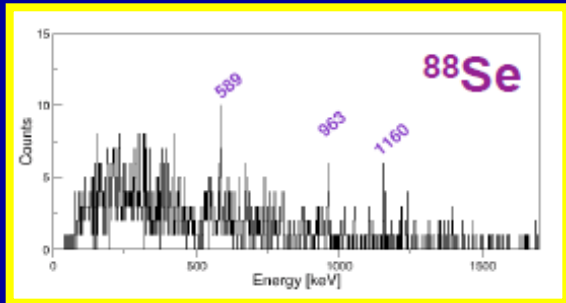
**When fission is wanted...**

# Neutron rich nuclei produced in the fission of $^{238}\text{U}$ in $^{136}\text{Xe}+^{238}\text{U}$ at $E_{\text{lab}}=990\text{ MeV}$

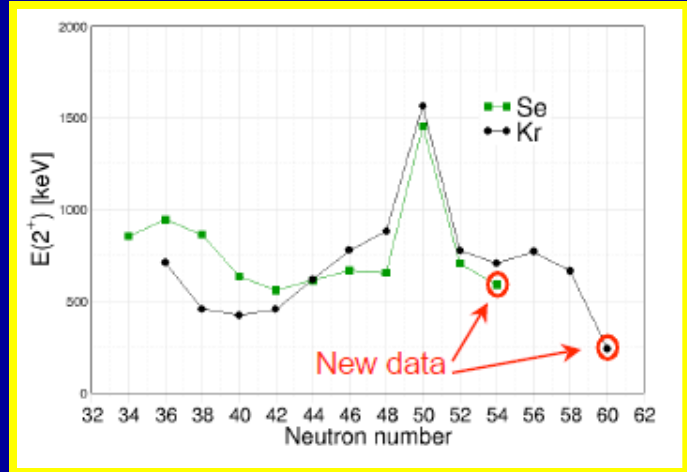
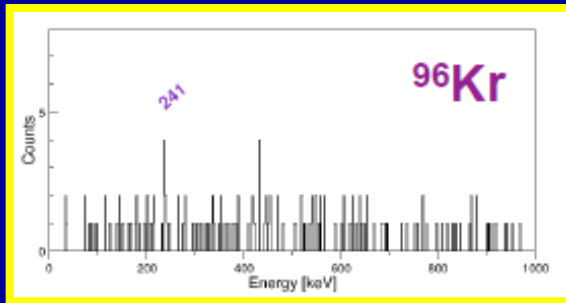
Part of the detected yield should correspond to transfer induced fission, a mechanism suitable to produce more neutron rich nuclei



**PRISMA** setted in order to detect (lighter) fission fragments

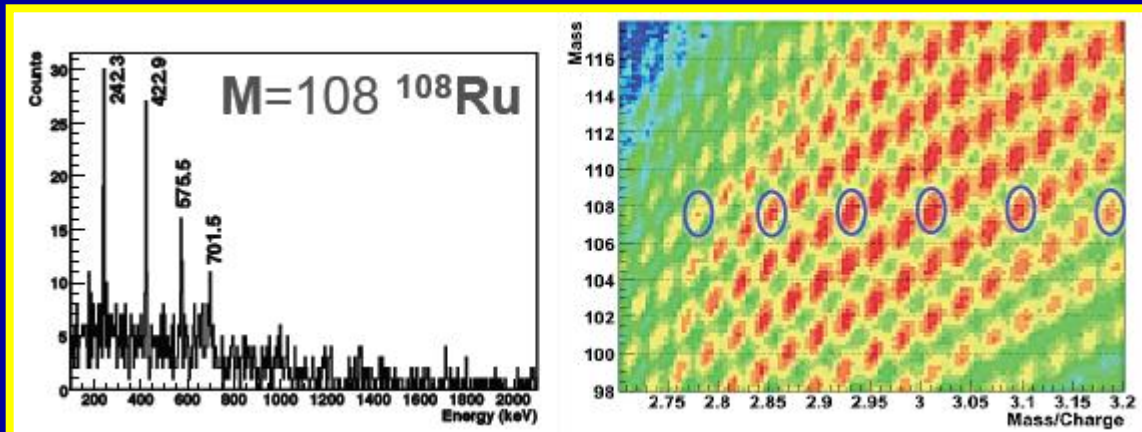
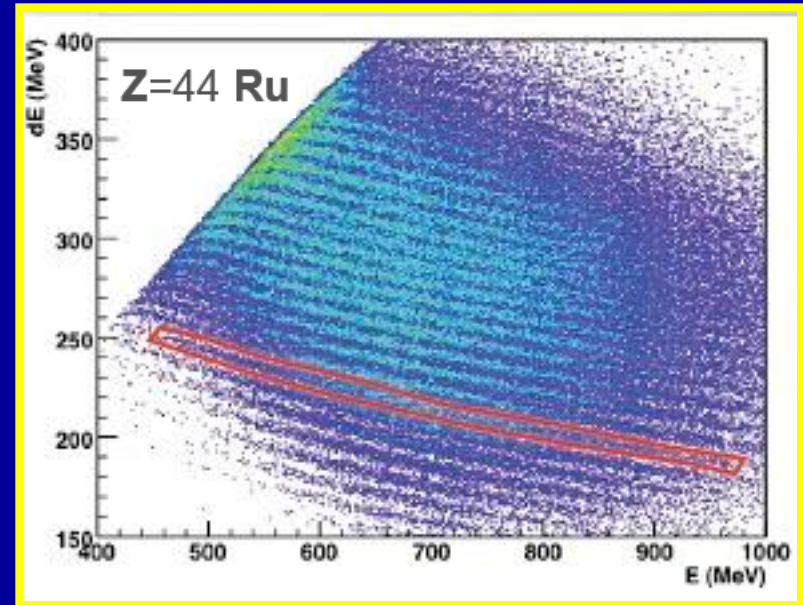
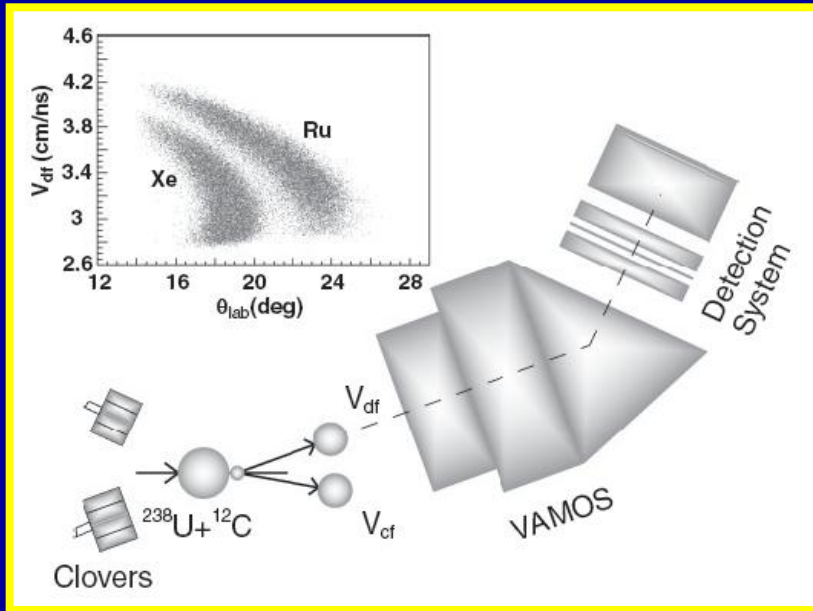


**Extended the studies of the evolution of collectivity in n-rich Kr isotopes**





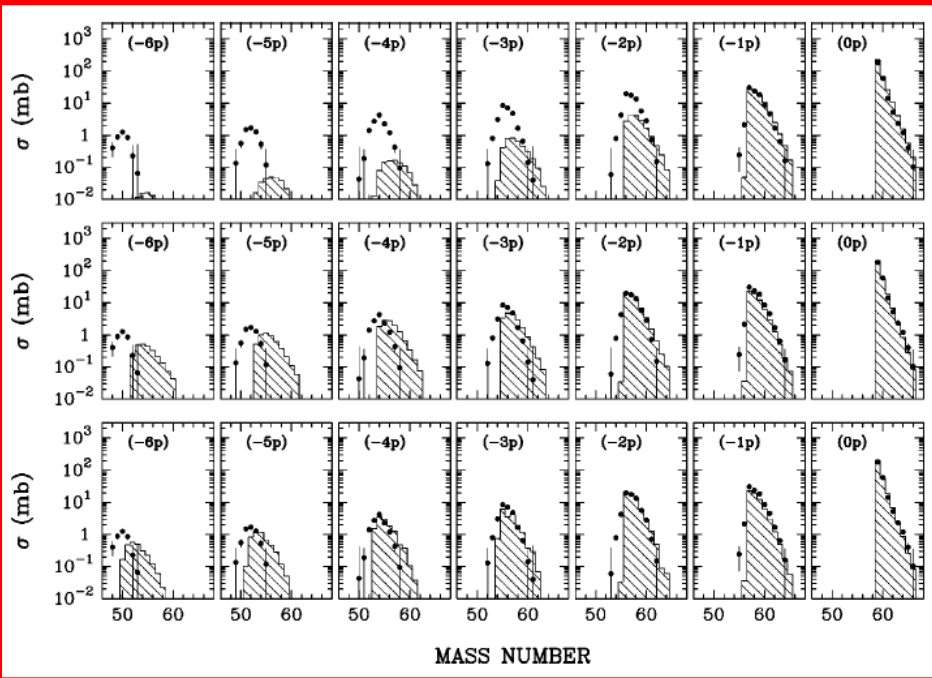
# Neutron rich nuclei produced in the fission of $^{238}\text{U}$ in $^{238}\text{U}+^{12}\text{C}$ at $E = 6 \text{ MeV/A}$



Fission fragment  
identification with  
VAMOS+EXOGAM  
(GANIL)

When fission is unwanted...

# An example of simultaneous detection light and heavy transfer products for transfer induced fission studies



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only

+ pair  
mode

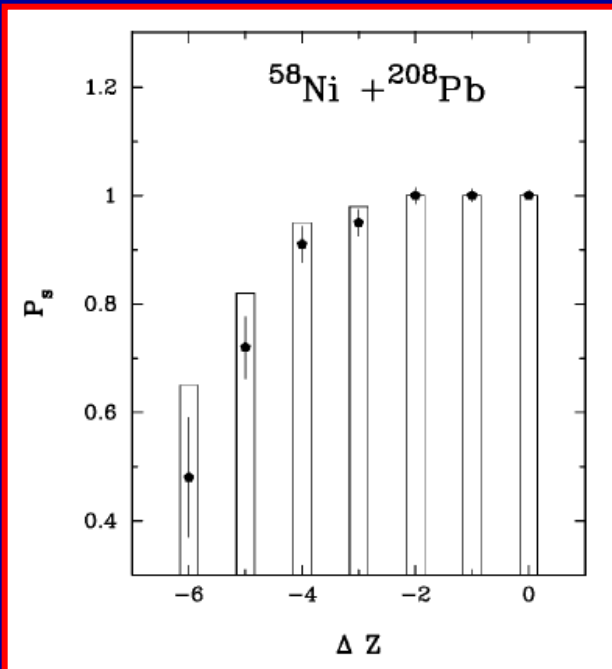
+ evap

light reaction products fully identified via a time of flight system in  $^{58}\text{Ni} + ^{208}\text{Pb}$

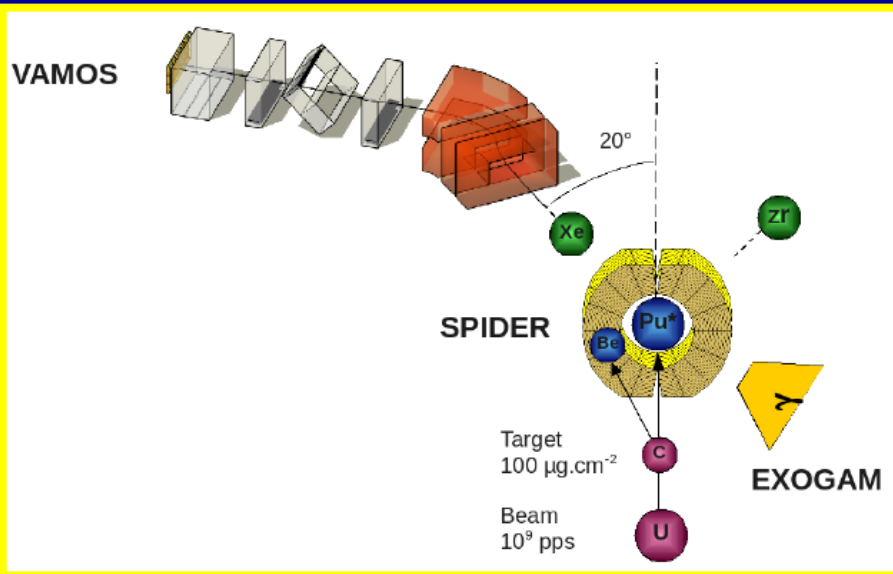
points : exp. data

histograms : GRAZING calculations

fission probability of associated heavy partners determined as function of Z,A (light partner) and Q-value of the reaction via a high resolution kinematic coincidence



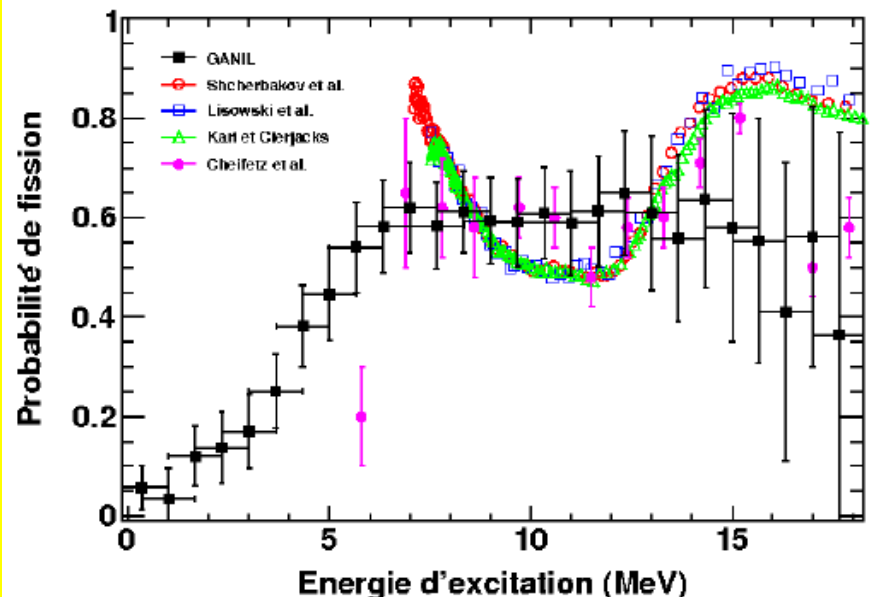
# Transfer induced fission in inverse kinematics : $^{238}\text{U}+^{12}\text{C}$ at $E = 6 \text{ MeV/A}$



## Set-up

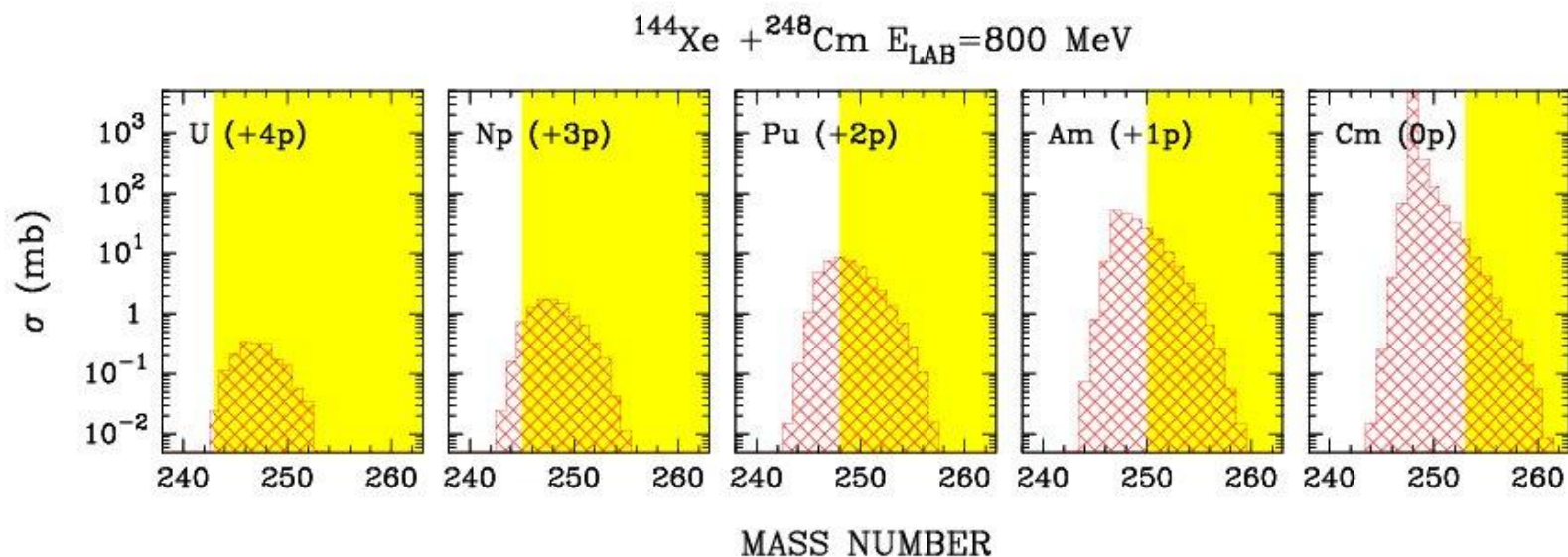
- Actinide identification  $\Rightarrow$  SPIDER
- Fission fragment identification  $\Rightarrow$  VAMOS
- Fission fragment spectroscopy  $\Rightarrow$  EXOGAM

Fission probability for  $^{240}\text{Pu}$   
Discrepancies with data from  
neutron-induced fission



# Exploiting the multinucleon transfer mechanism to get access to yet unknown transactinides

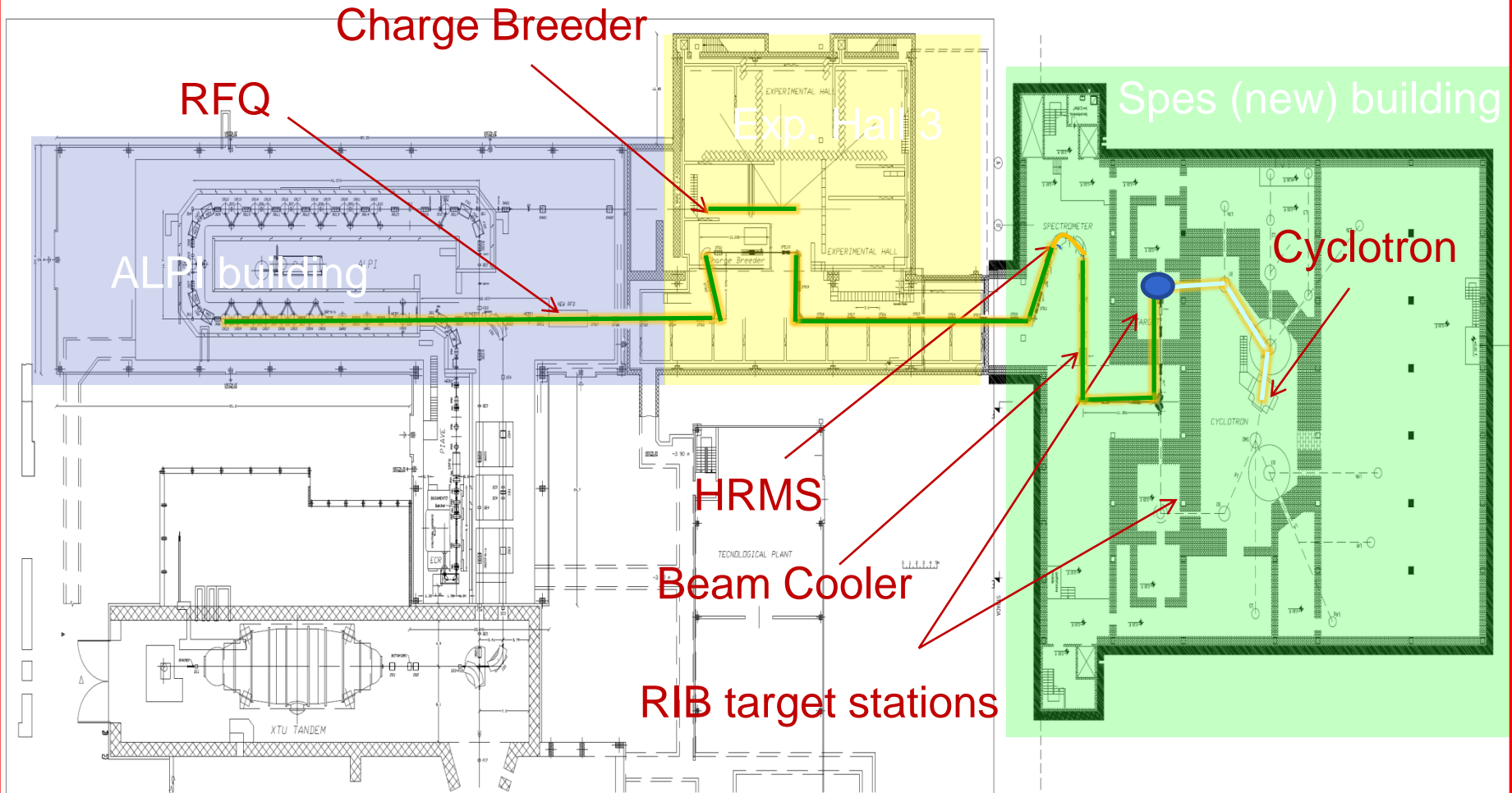
## GRAZING code calculations



using very neutron rich projectiles, via proton pick-up and neutron stripping channels, one predicts very high primary cross sections for yet unknown transactinides. Therefore, it is important to study the fission probability of the heavy partner

**More challenging experiments to be  
planned for RIB facilities**

# SPES ISOL facility at LNL : building design and beam transport to ALPI

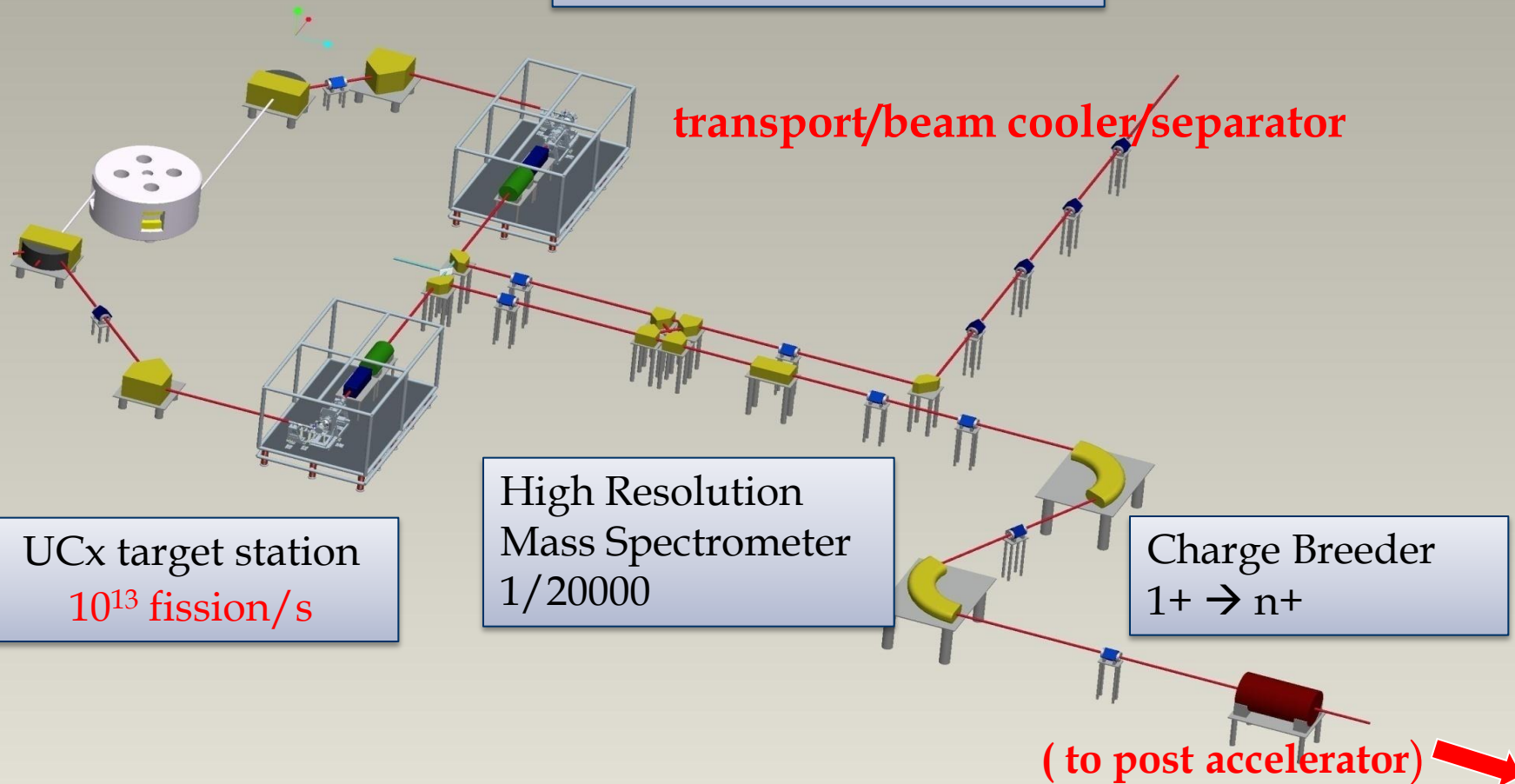


# SPES ISOL facility at LNL

Cyclotron 750  $\mu\text{A}$ , 70 MeV  
(max) for protons in two exit  
ports:

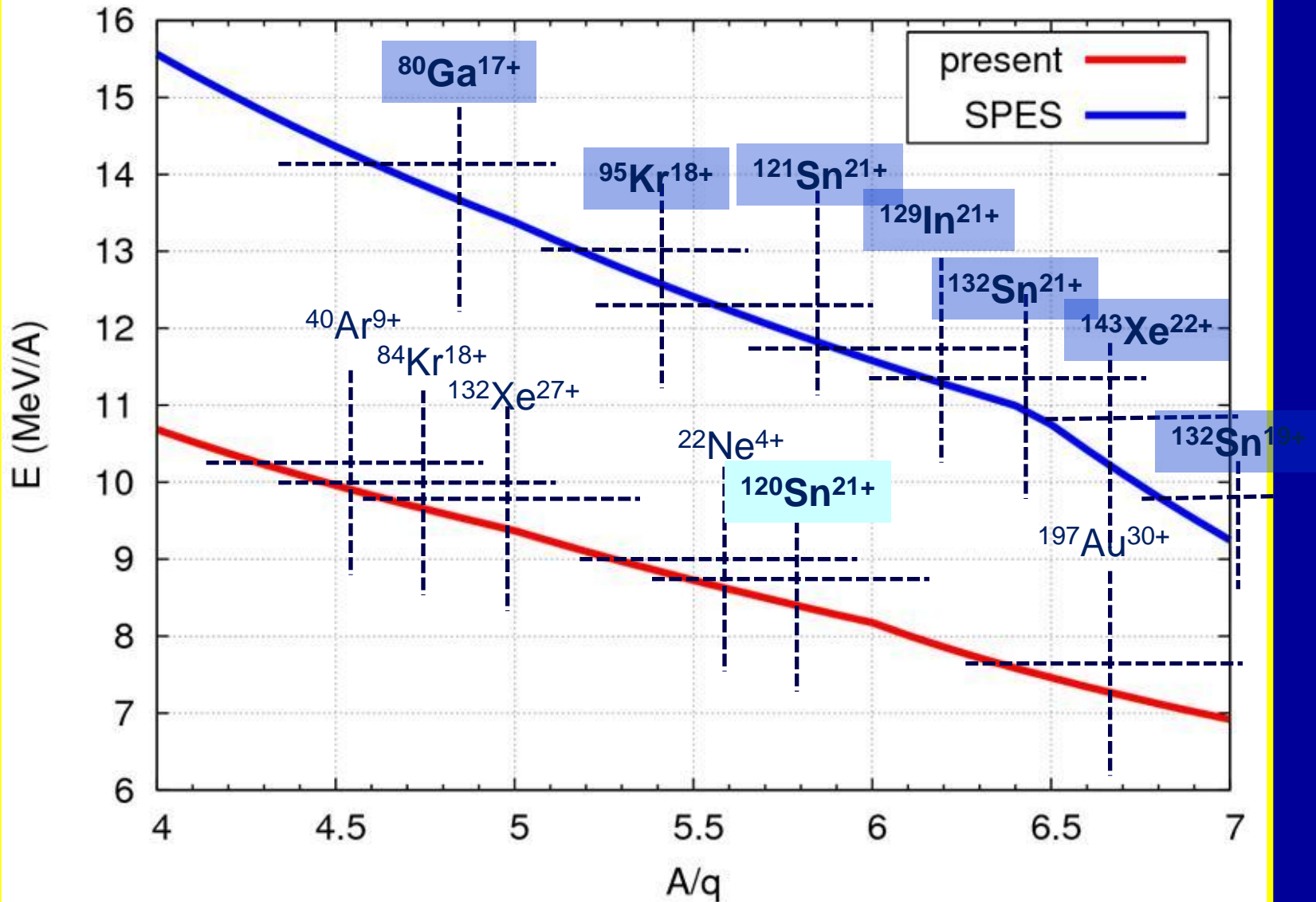
- RIB - up to 300  $\mu\text{A}$  p on UCx
- Application - up to 500  $\mu\text{A}$

Additional target station  
(special plants second priority)  
RIB or neutron production



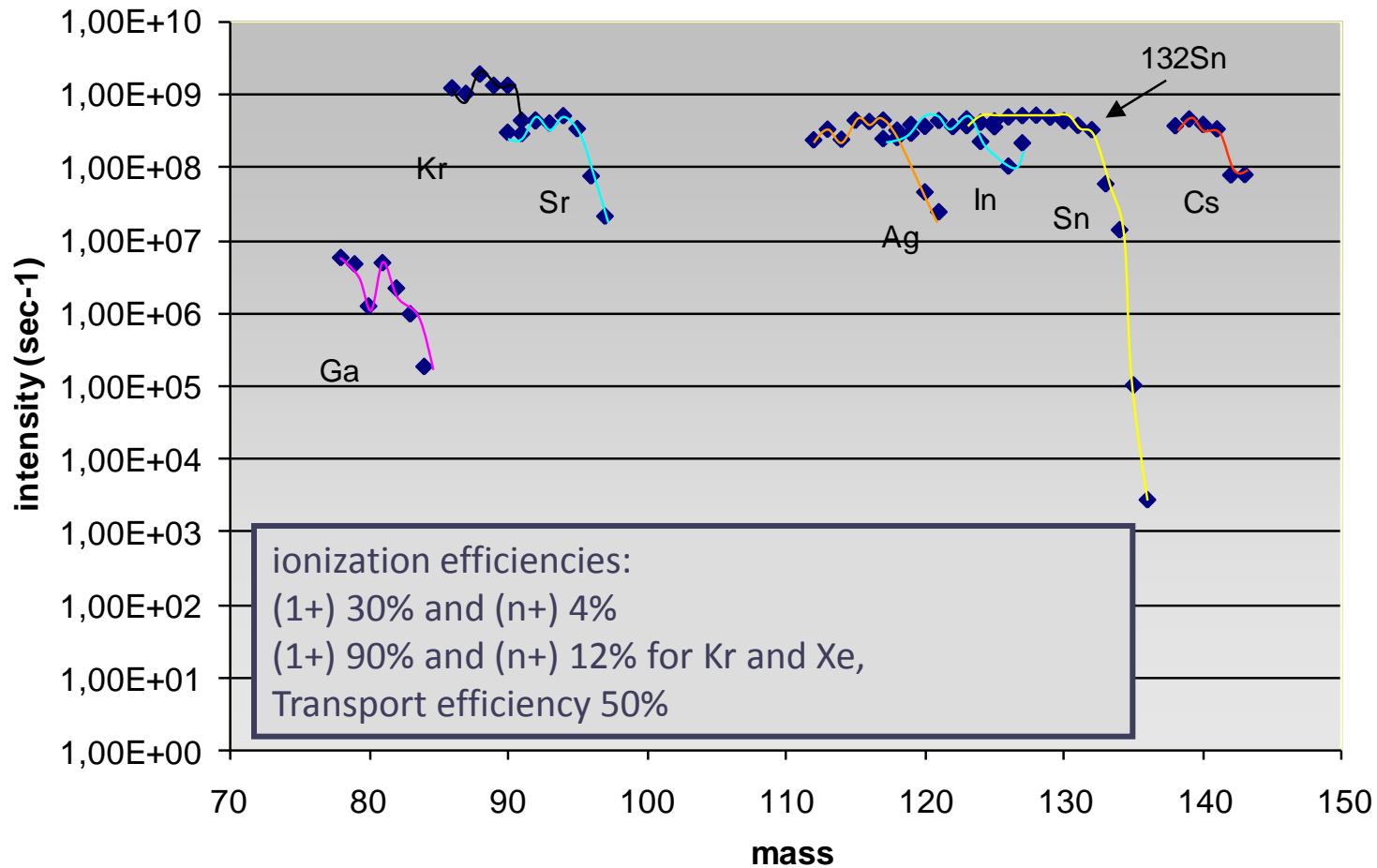


# SPES : beam energy



# Representative expected beams at SPES

## Accelerated RIB beams



## Second generation ISOL facilities in Europe (Ucx target)

	Primary beam	Power on target	UCx target	Fission s <sup>-1</sup>	Reaccelerator	Nominal energy AMeV A=130
HIE ISOLDE upgrade	p 1-1.4 GeV - 2 μA	2 kW	Direct (150g)	$4 \cdot 10^{12}$	SC Linac	5-10
SPIRAL2	d 40 MeV 5mA	200 kW	Converter (4000g)	$10^{13}$ $10^{14}$	CIME Cyclotron	5
SPES	p 40 MeV 200 μA	8 kW	Direct (30g)	$10^{13}$	ALPI SC Linac	10

## Summary

- **mnt reactions have proven to be a suitable tool for the study of nuclear structure and reaction mechanisms of nuclei moderately far from stability**
- **the field benefited from exploiting the coupling of large solid angle spectrometers with large gamma-arrays**
  - **so far, efforts concentrated mainly on the light reaction products. Ongoing experiments focus also on the heavy partner**
- **it is important to study secondary effects, like transfer induced fission , which will become more and more important using radioactive beams**

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