

**New results from DGFRS experiments  
performed using  $^{48}\text{Ca}$  beams  
on  $^{243}\text{Am}$ ,  $^{249}\text{Bk}$  and  $^{249}\text{Cf}$  targets**

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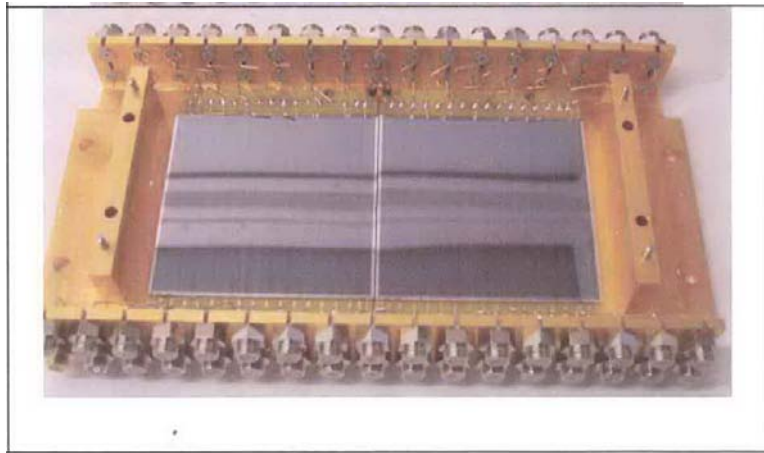
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*new implantation PSSSDs at the DGFRS  
two detectors, 6x6 cm, 16 strips each  
April 2012*

*h r i b f*



*Rose Boll and Shelley Van Cleve  
purifying  $^{249}\text{Bk}$  at REDC  
ORNL, February 2012*

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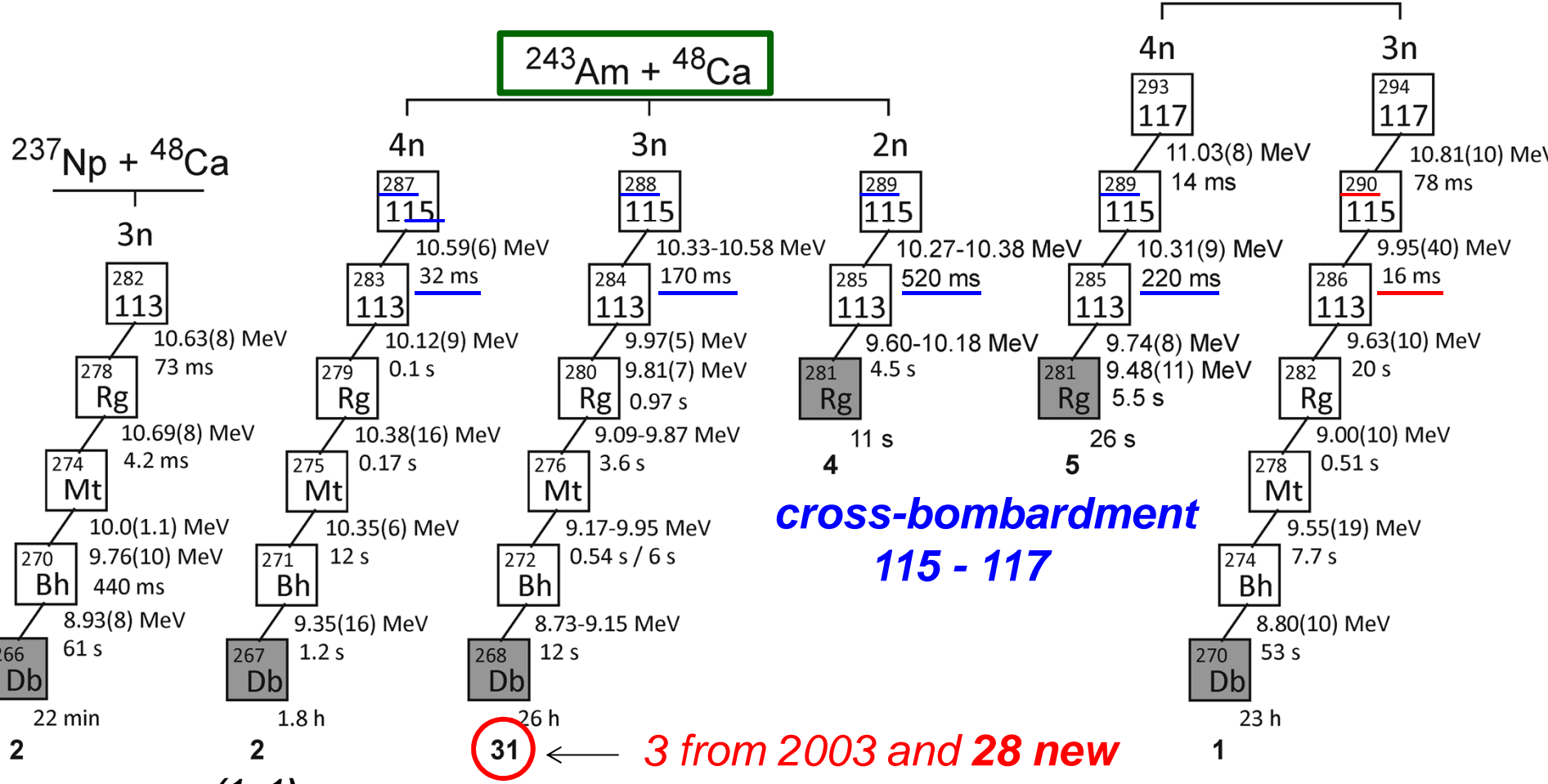
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# Outline

- **$^{243}\text{Am}+^{48}\text{Ca}$** , November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 - February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012
  - -decay properties (fine structure ?)
  - excitation function
  - $^{289}\text{115}$  from 2n reaction channel - “cross bombardment” for  $^{293}\text{117}$
  
- **$^{249}\text{Bk}+^{48}\text{Ca}$** , from April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 till ~ November 2012 (???)
  - -decay properties, in particular of  $^{294}\text{117}$  chain (only 1 event detected earlier)
  - excitation function
  - 5n reaction channel  $^{292}\text{117}$  - “cross bombardment” for  $^{288}\text{115}$
  - 2n reaction channel - heaviest nucleus  $^{295}\text{117}$
  
- **New digital detection system for Super Heavy Nuclei**
- **Summary**

# New studies of super heavy nuclei

Dubna, Nov. 2010- Feb. 2012, beam dose  $3.3 \times 10^{19}$



**“mass production” (of <sup>296</sup>119 granddaughter)**

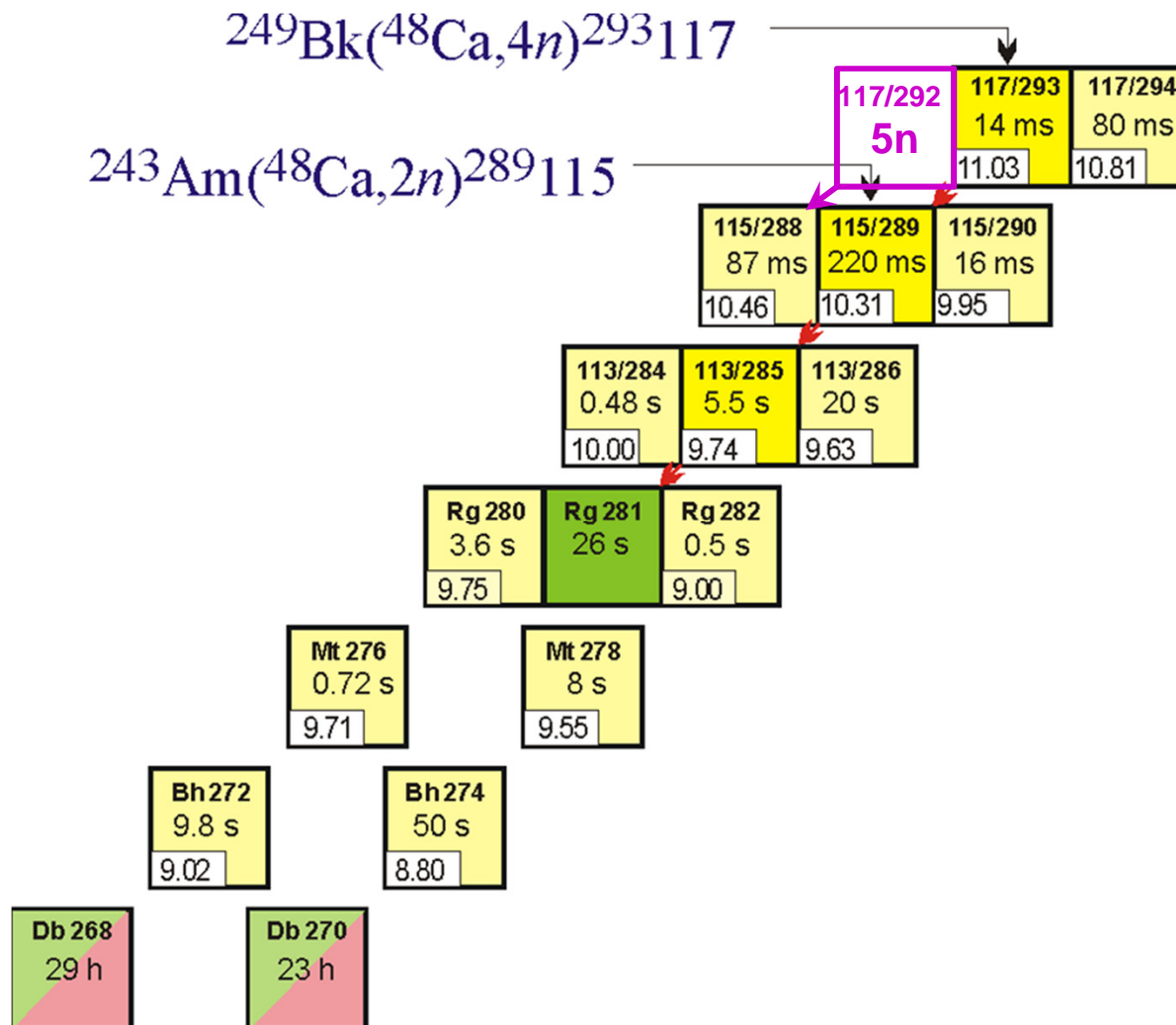
total number of observed decay chains (2003+new) is listed at the end of the chain

Oganessian et al., PRL 108, 022502, 2012 and submitted to PRC

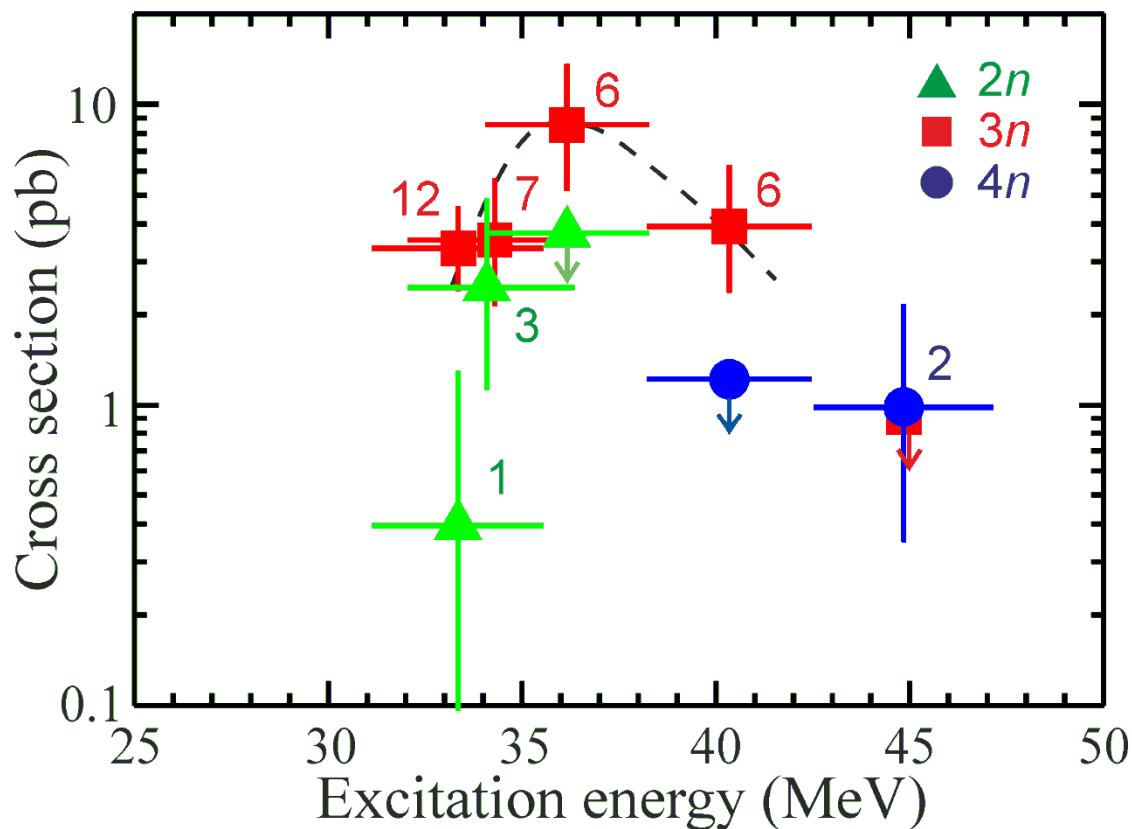


# "Cross bombardment"

## $^{243}\text{Am}+^{48}\text{Ca}$ and $^{249}\text{Bk}+^{48}\text{Ca}$ reactions



Excitation function for  $^{48}\text{Ca}+^{243}\text{Am}$  ( $2n$ ,  $3n$ ,  $4n$ )



$3n$  at  $E^* \sim 36(2)$  MeV = **8.5** (+6.4, -3.7) pb for  $^{288}(115)$

PRL 2010

5 events

lifetimes:

21 ms

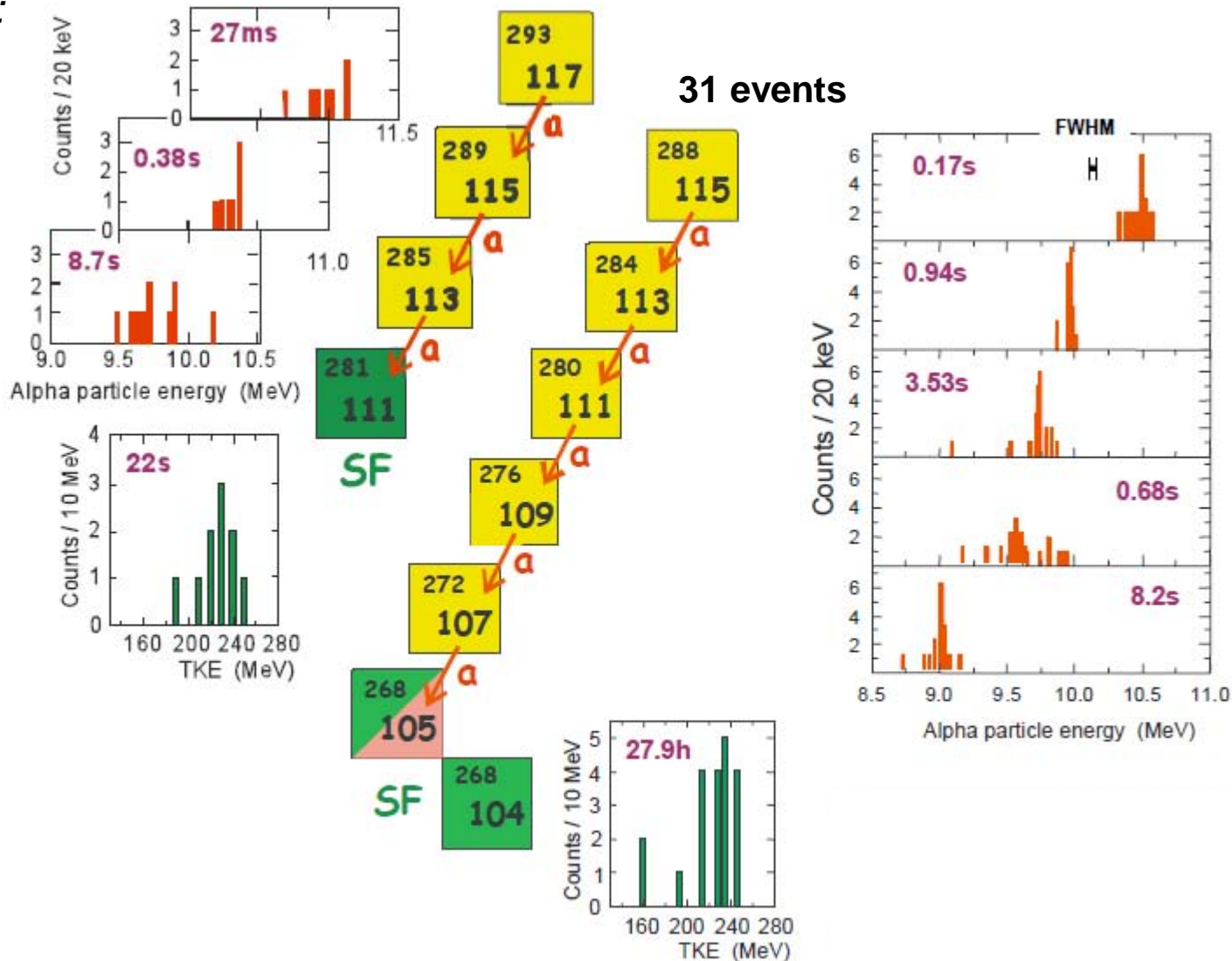
0.32 s

7.9 s

38 s

10 events (13)

31 events



- - CE - X ray measurements needed and welcome !



# New studies of super heavy nuclei with $Z=97$ $^{249}\text{Bk}$ and $Z=98$ $^{249}\text{Cf}$ target materials

Dubna 2012 (ongoing exp)

five (8) new events of  $^{293}(117)$

two (3) new events of  $^{294}(117)$

ER	# 9 9.91 MeV	# 23 13.23 MeV	# 12 11.76 MeV	# 25 11.00 MeV	# 7 9.36 MeV
293 117	10.90 <sub>10</sub> MeV <sup>a</sup> 7.525 ms	11.142 <sub>65</sub> MeV 3.305 ms	11.114 <sub>89</sub> MeV <sup>a</sup> 153.948 ms	10.914 <sub>68</sub> MeV 10.547 ms	10.598 <sub>49</sub> MeV 109.878 ms
289 115	10.37 <sub>28</sub> MeV <sup>b</sup> 0.2665 s	10.310 <sub>65</sub> MeV 0.1719 s	missing $\alpha$	10.198 <sub>68</sub> MeV 1.4348 s	10.217 <sub>49</sub> MeV 0.1510 s
285 113	9.857 <sub>40</sub> MeV 1.5155 s	missing $\alpha$	9.631 <sub>67</sub> MeV 19.0456 s	9.36 <sub>30</sub> MeV <sup>b</sup> 1.3153 s	9.683 <sub>49</sub> MeV 18.3997 s
281 Rg	204.0 MeV <sup>c</sup> 9.4192 s	222.0 MeV <sup>c</sup> 7.4538 s	212.8 MeV <sup>c</sup> 1.4809 s	162.9 MeV <sup>c</sup> 103.406 s	150.8 MeV 42.1349 s

ER	# 16 12.64 MeV	# 8 13.11 MeV
294 117	10.960 <sub>70</sub> MeV 100.72 ms	10.967 <sub>73</sub> MeV 3.986 ms
290 115	10.28 <sub>12</sub> MeV <sup>a</sup> <u>0.3010 s</u>	9.775 <sub>73</sub> MeV <u>0.6976 s</u>
286 113	9.61 <sub>11</sub> MeV <sup>a</sup> 5.7895 s	9.750 <sub>11</sub> MeV <sup>a</sup> 3.6525 s
282 Rg	9.18 <sub>30</sub> MeV <sup>b</sup> 145.34 s	9.04 <sub>11</sub> MeV <sup>a</sup> 29.202 s
278 Mt	9.396 <sub>70</sub> MeV 4.1713 s	9.382 <sub>73</sub> MeV 7.2154 s
274 Bh	8.791 <sub>70</sub> MeV 102.58 s	8.69 <sub>30</sub> MeV <sup>b</sup> 55.722 s
270 Db	142.4 MeV 37.49 h	195.9 MeV <sup>c</sup> 23.49 h

0.39 s

$Z=97$   $^{249}\text{Bk} \rightarrow Z=98$   $^{249}\text{Cf}$   
 $T_{1/2}=330$  days

$E^*(^{297}118) \sim 31$  MeV

$^{249}\text{Cf} + ^{48}\text{Ca}$

ER	# 23 11.63 MeV
294 118	11.65 <sub>6</sub> MeV 0.89 <sup>+1.07</sup> <sub>-0.31</sub> ms
290 Lv	10.84 <sub>8</sub> MeV 7.1 <sup>+3.2</sup> <sub>-1.7</sub> ms
286 Fl	10.19 <sub>6</sub> MeV 129 <sup>+39</sup> <sub>-24</sub> ms
282 Cn	0.82 <sup>+0.30</sup> <sub>-0.18</sub> ms

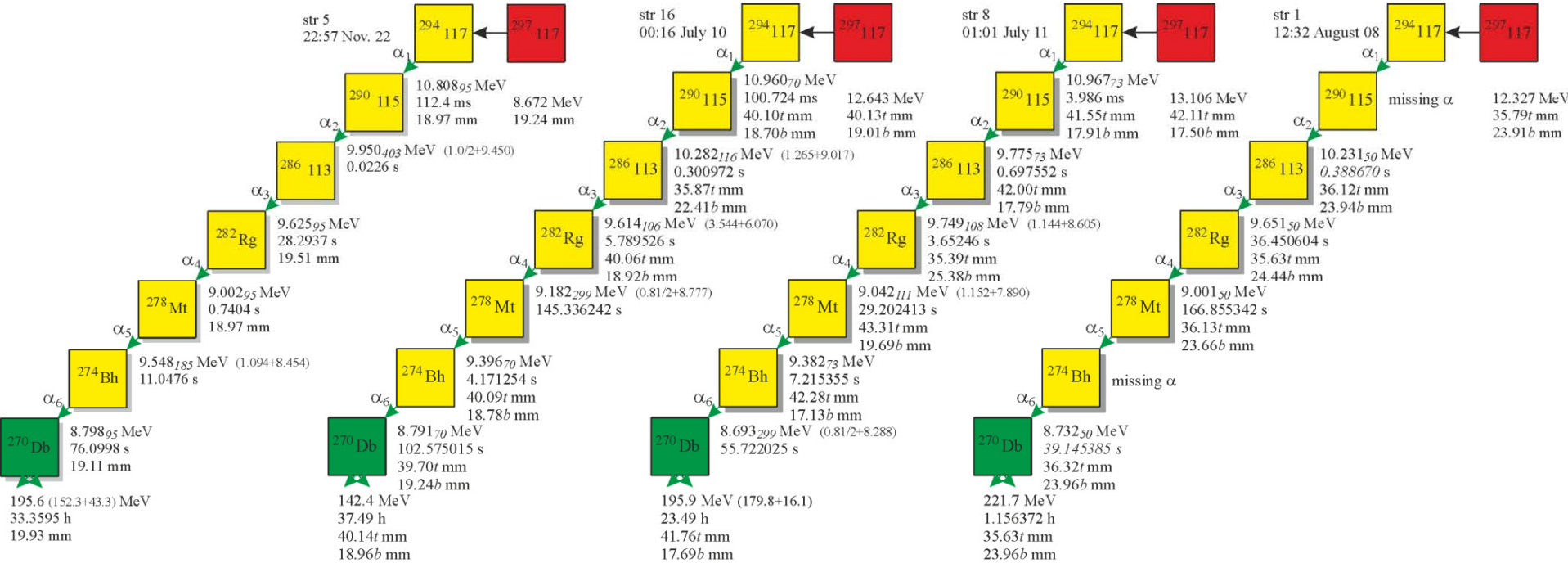
new event of  $^{294}(118)$

# Total of four $^{294}117$ decay chains observed so far

2009,  $E^* \sim 35$  MeV

2012:  $E^* \sim 35$  MeV

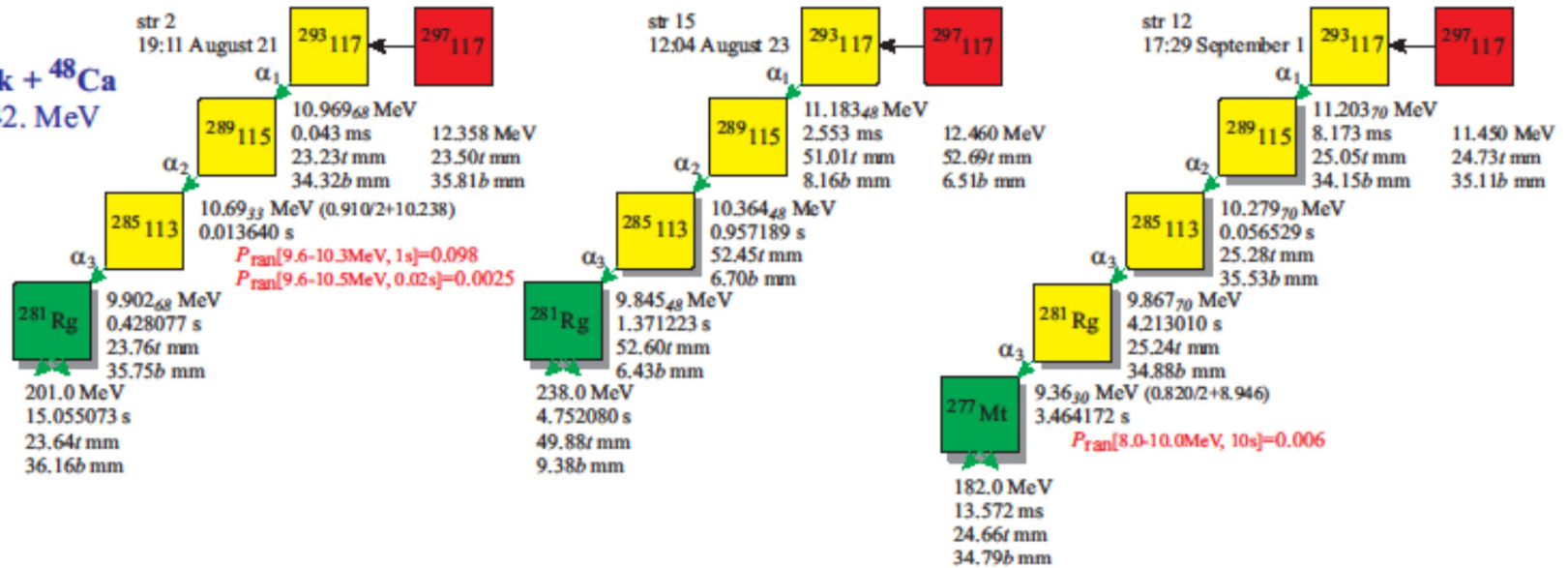
$E^* \sim 32.6$  MeV



$E^* \sim 35$  MeV denotes the calculated excitation energy  $E^*$  of  $^{294}117$  compound nucleus ranging from 32.8 MeV to 37.5 MeV



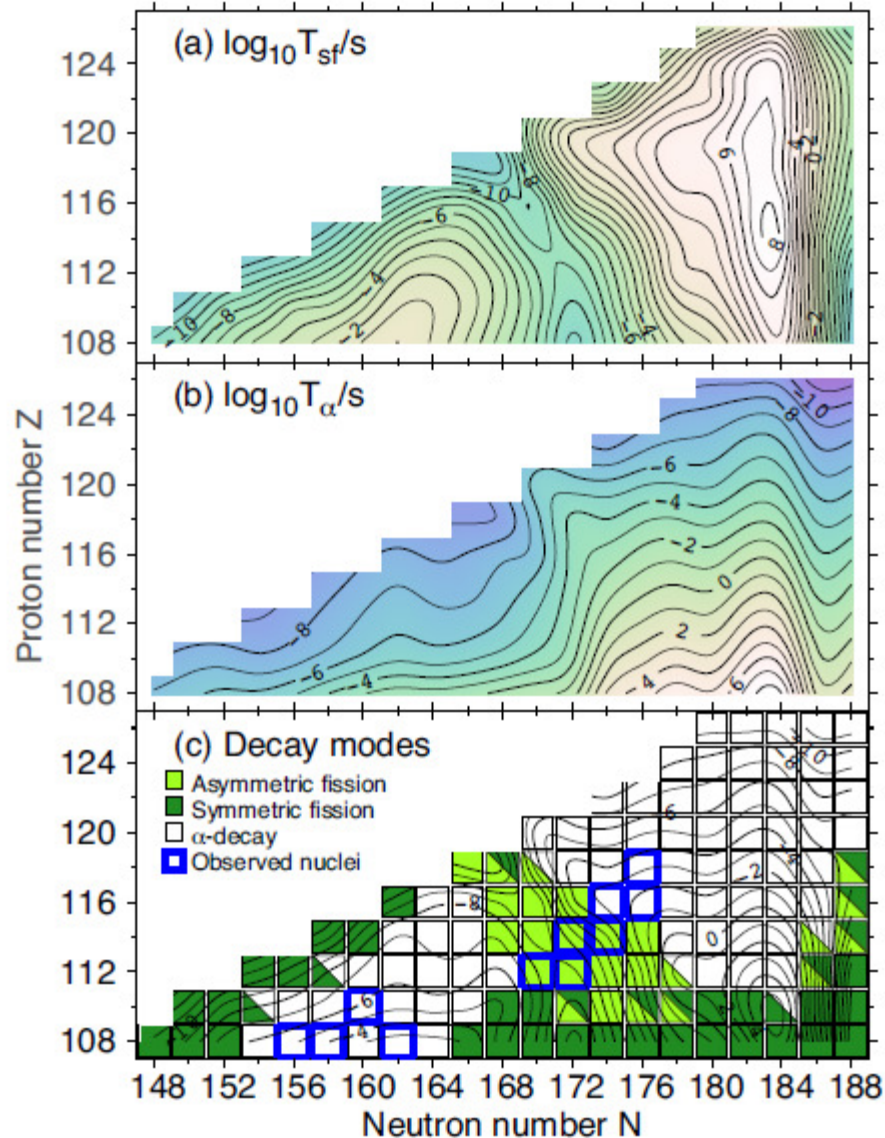
$^{249}\text{Bk} + ^{48}\text{Ca}$   
 $E^* = 42. \text{ MeV}$



first observations  
of  $\alpha$ -decay of  $^{281}\text{Rg}$   
and new isotope  $^{277}\text{Mt}$   
(14 ms SF after  $\alpha$ -decay)

Z=111  $^{281}\text{Rg}$  SF ~ 20 s

Z=109  $^{277}\text{Mt}$  SF ~ 14 ms "fission corridor"



A. Staszczak, A. Baran and W. Nazarewicz  
 “Spontaneous fission modes and lifetimes  
 of super heavy nuclei in the nuclear  
 density functional theory”  
 (see arXiv.org)

so far **ONLY EVEN-EVEN SHE nuclei**  
 advanced analysis of shapes  
 and  
 symmetric vs asymmetric fission modes  
 affecting SHE lifetimes

*I see pretty good agreement  
 for  $T_{1/2}$ 's of even-even alpha emitters,  
 but the SF mode  
 at the end of “Dubna Island” decay chains  
 appears to be much too fast in the calculations.*

**calc.  $T_{1/2}(^{298}120) \sim 10$  s**

FIG. 4. (Color online) Summary of our SkM\* results for decay modes of SH nuclei. (a) SF half-lives  $\log_{10} T_{sf}$  (in seconds). (b)  $\alpha$ -decay half-lives  $\log_{10} T_{\alpha}$  (in seconds). (c) Dominant decay modes. If two modes compete, this is marked by coexisting triangles.

# Cross section data $^{249}\text{Bk} + ^{48}\text{Ca}$

	4n - $^{293}(117)$ $E^* \sim 39(2) \text{ MeV}$	$E^* \sim 42(2) \text{ MeV}$	3n - $^{294}(117)$ $E^* \sim 35 \text{ and } 33 \text{ MeV}$
exp			
2009-2010	1.3(+1.5,-0.6) pb 5 events	-	0.5(+1.1, -0.4) pb 1 event
2012	2.0(+2.2, -1.0) pb 5 events	$\sim 2\text{-}3 \text{ pb}$ 3 events	3.6(+6.1, -2.5) pb 2+1 events

## average values:

1.5(+1.1,-0.5) pb for 4n,  $^{293}(117)$  at  $E^* \sim 39 \text{ MeV}$

1.1(+1.2,-0.6) pb for 3n,  $^{294}(117)$  at  $E^* \sim 35 \text{ MeV}$



# New detectors and digital data acquisition system

(similar DAQ now at SHIP serving PSSD+Si-box+MCPs)

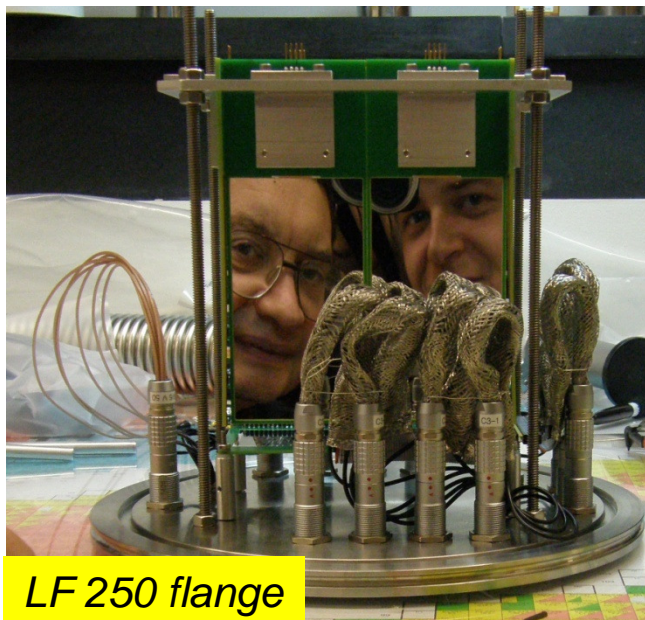


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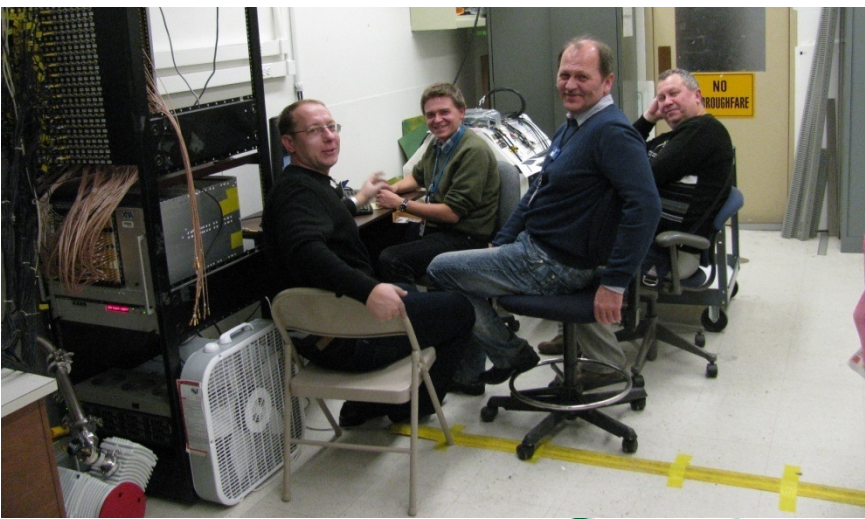
128 x 48 mm

1 mm wide strips DSSD

six 120 x 65 mm single Si forming Si-box  
all Si-wafers 300  $\mu$ m thick

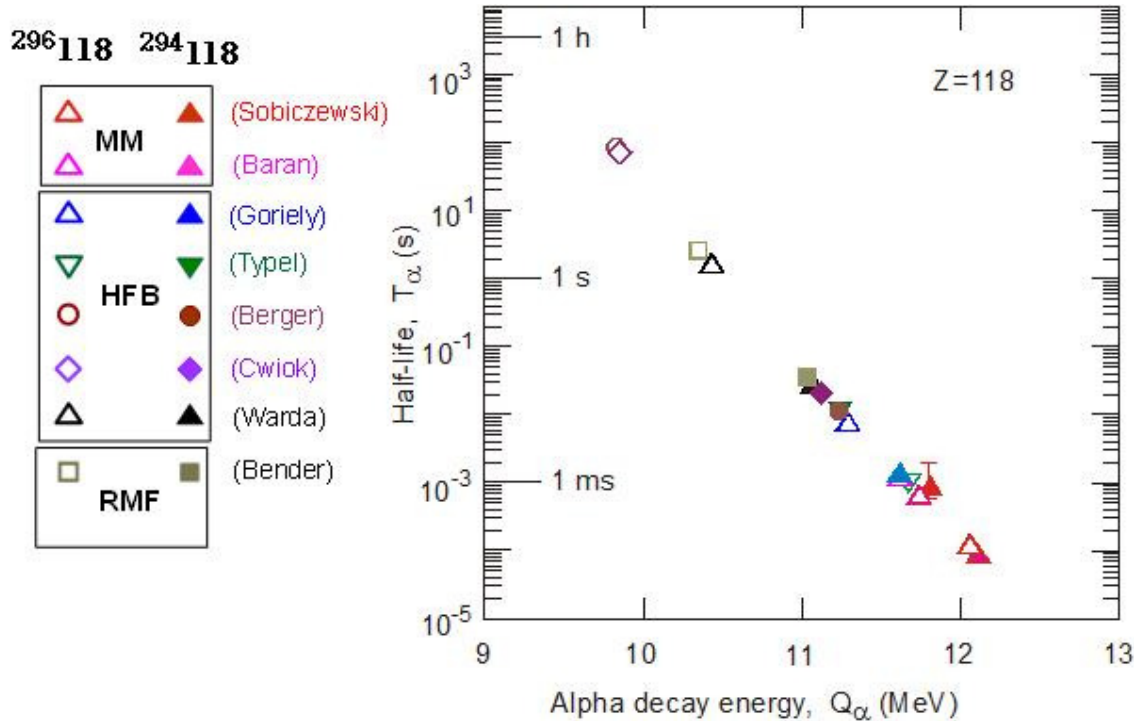


MESYTEC  
lin-log preamps  
ISEG NIM HV  
XIA Pixie16 rev D  
(208 channels)  
Dell Power Edge



# Plans for 2013 –search for Z=118 isotopes

Models do not agree about the decay properties of  $^{294}118$  and  $^{296}118$



exp data on  $^{294}118$  -decay:  
 $E = 11.7 \text{ MeV}$   
 $T_{1/2} \sim 0.7 \text{ ms}$

Long study with a mixed-Cf target and  $^{48}\text{Ca}$  beam has a potential to identify new isotopes  $^{295}118$  and  $^{296}118$

	$^{249}\text{Cf}$	$^{250}\text{Cf}$	$^{251}\text{Cf}$	$^{252}\text{Cf}$	Total Cf
Mass (mg)	7.35	2.03	5.05	0.0027	14.45
Wt%	50.9	14.1	35	0.02	

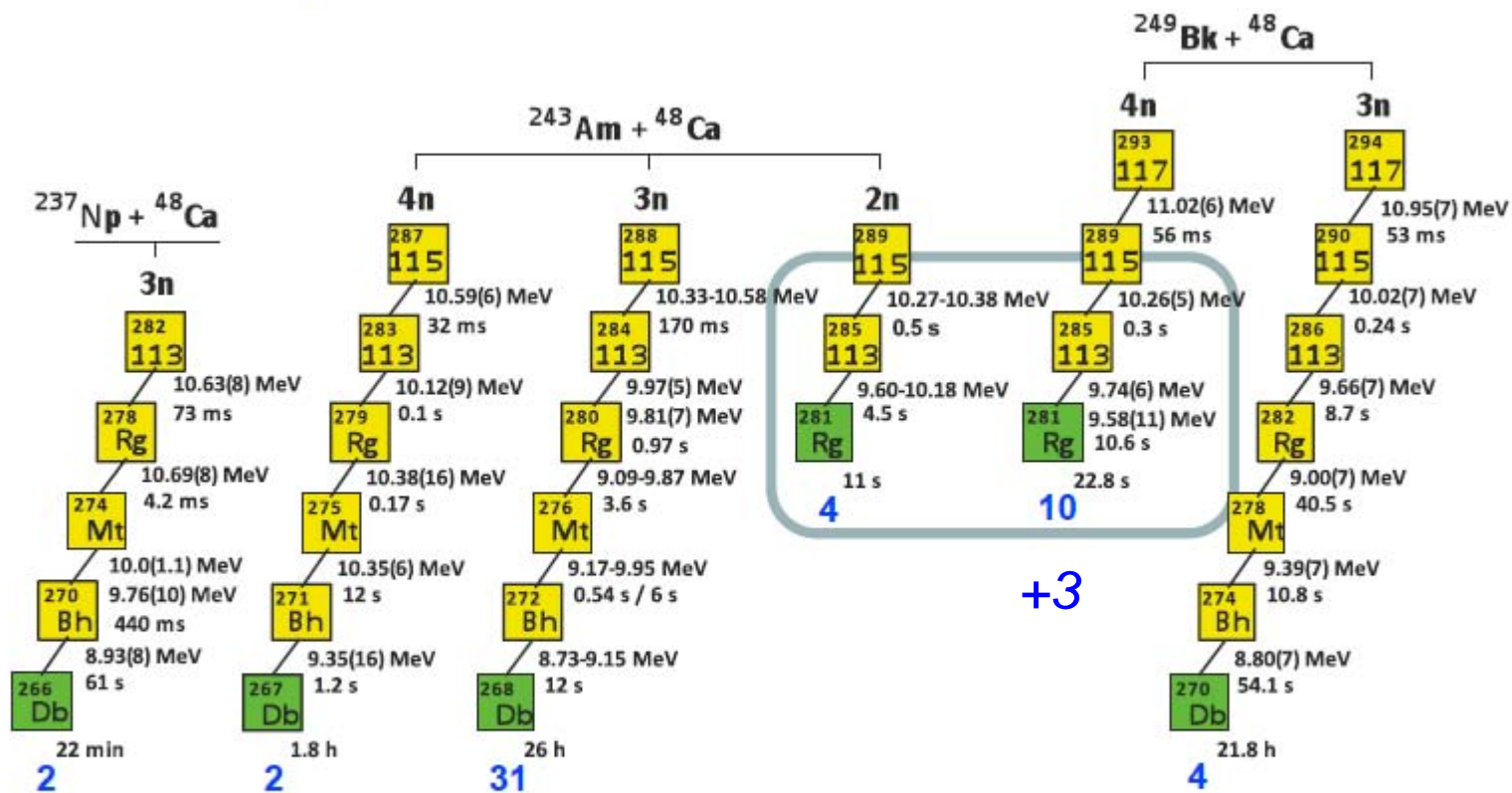
$2E7 \text{ n/s}$

$6E6 \text{ n/s}$

# Summary

odd Z nuclei produced in  $^{48}\text{Ca}$ -induced reactions

2003-2012



number of the detected chains

Yuri Oganessian. Nuclei from the Island of SHE. August 15, 2012, Int. Conf. "NS-2012", ANL, USA



# Summary

- new data consistent with earlier results on  $Z=117, 115, 113$  (and 118)
- “cross bombardment” achieved in  $^{48}\text{Ca}$ -induced reactions:  
 $4n$  ( $^{249}\text{Bk}$  target,  $^{293}117$ ) and  $2n$  ( $^{243}\text{Am}$ ,  $^{289}115$ ) reaction channels
- nearly “mass production” of  $Z=115$  isotopes,  $\sigma_{\text{MAX}} \sim 9 \text{ pb}$
- total of 31 events of  $^{288}115$  and better statistics for  $^{293}117$  (13 events) and  $^{294}117$  (4 events) help to determine the decay properties along these observed decay chains
- an evidence for a broadening of  $\alpha$ -spectra (fine structure ?)
- new isotope  $^{277}\text{Mt}$  ( $\sim 14 \text{ ms SF !}$ ) observed at the end of  $^{293}117$  decay chain
- $\sigma$  ( $^{293}117$ )  $\sim 1.5 \text{ pb}$ ,  $^{294}118$  observed with ingrown  $^{249}\text{Cf}$  target component
- new detectors and digital electronics should operate at DGFRS in CY 2013