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# Search for element 119

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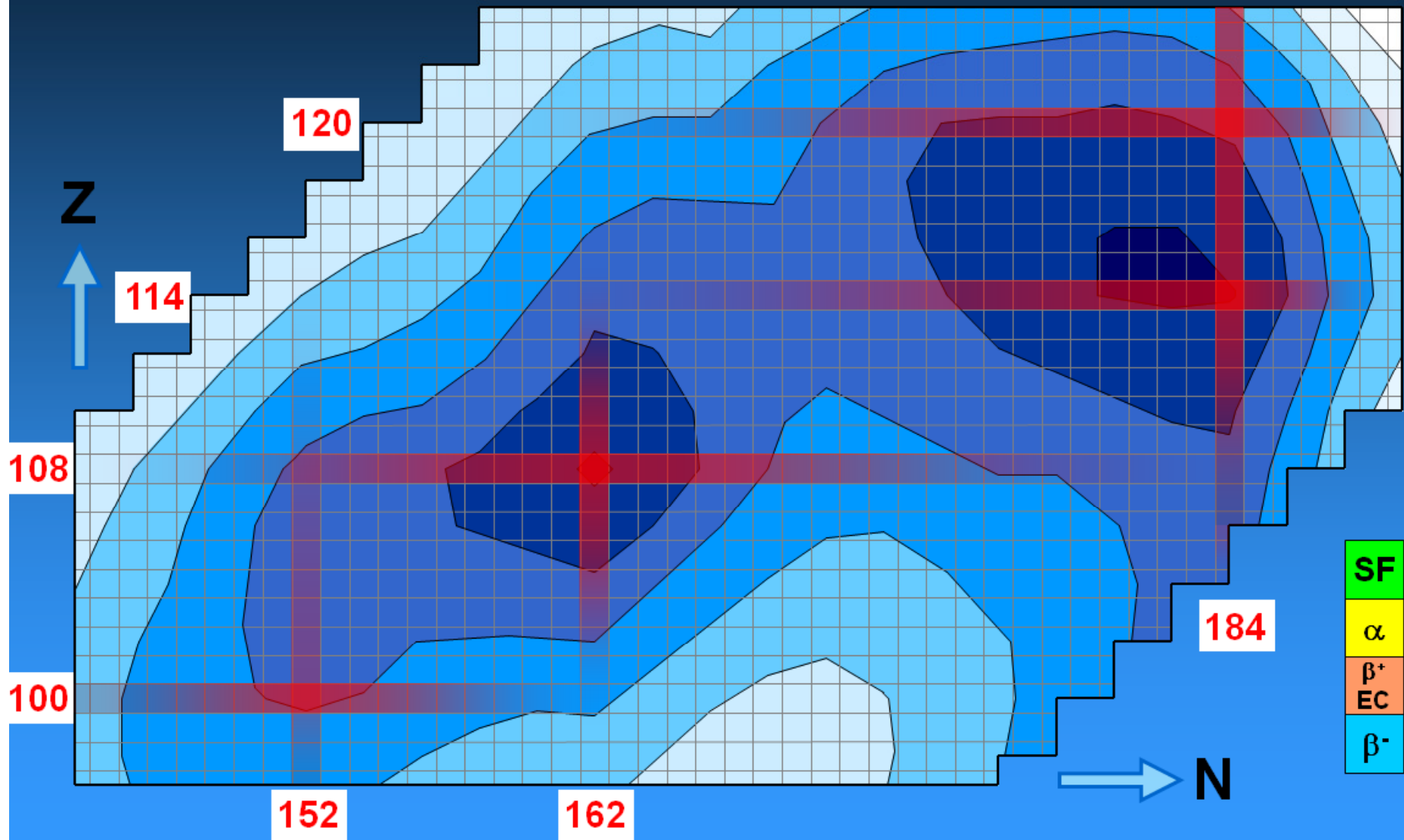
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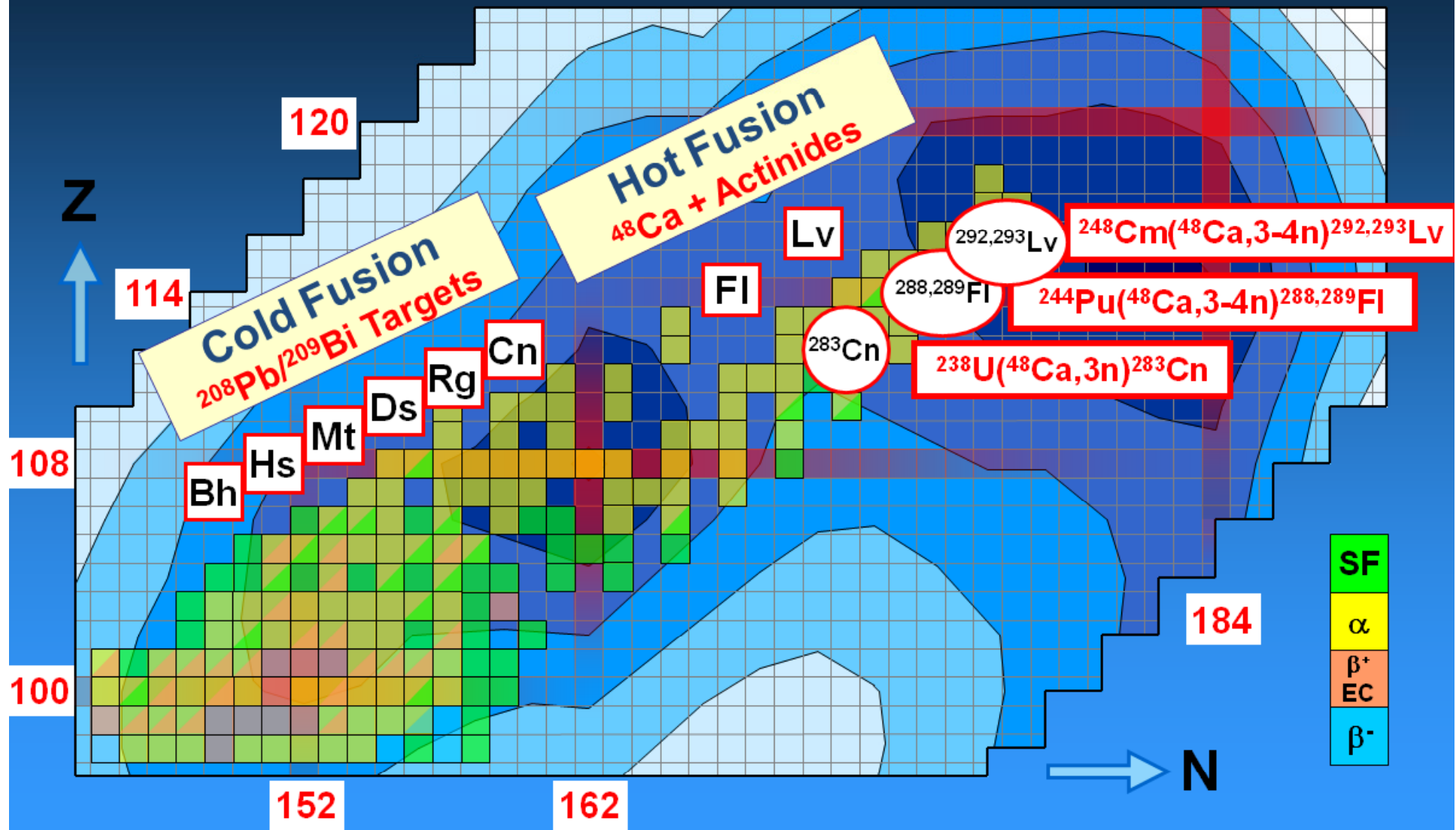
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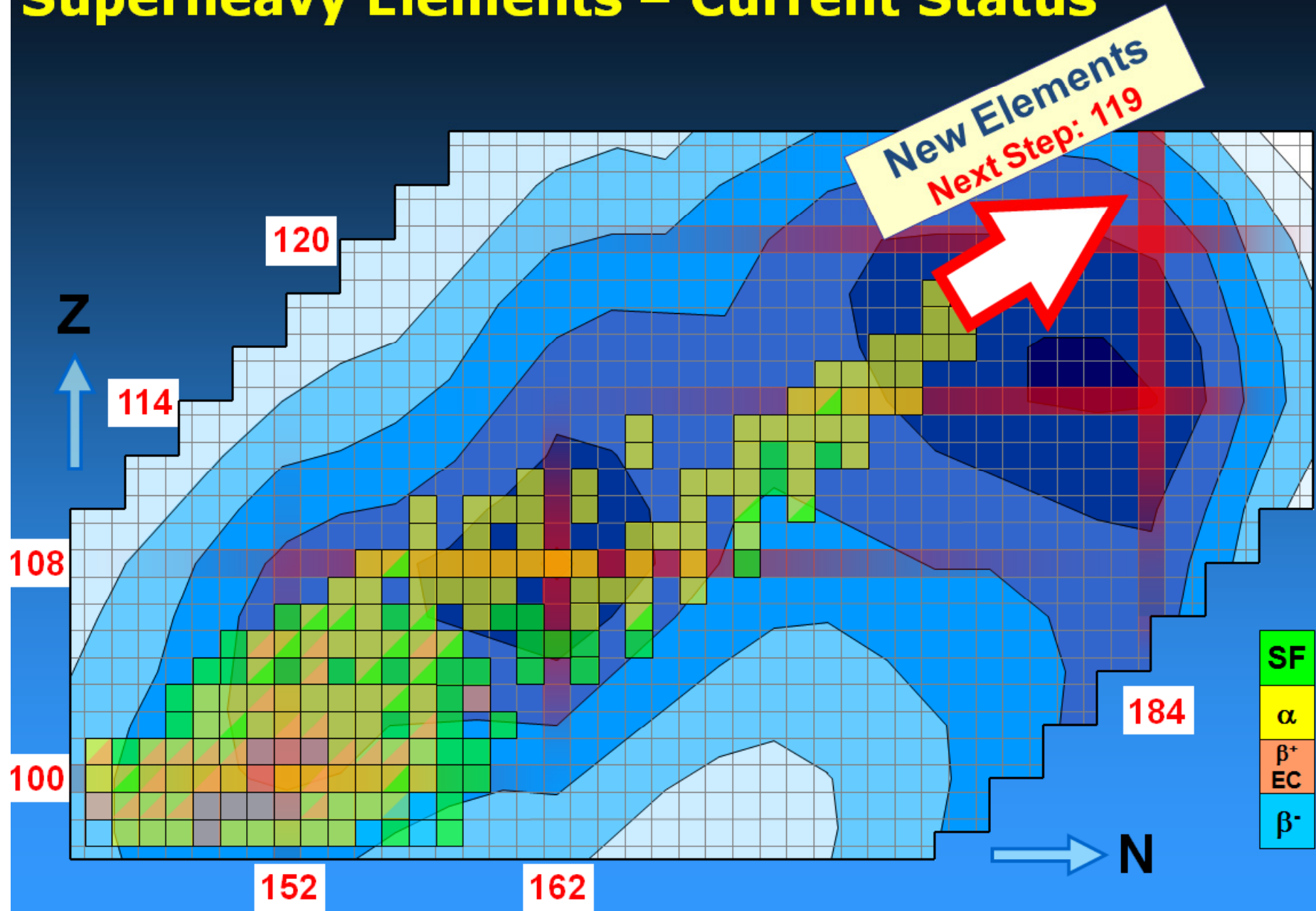
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# Making elements 119 and 120

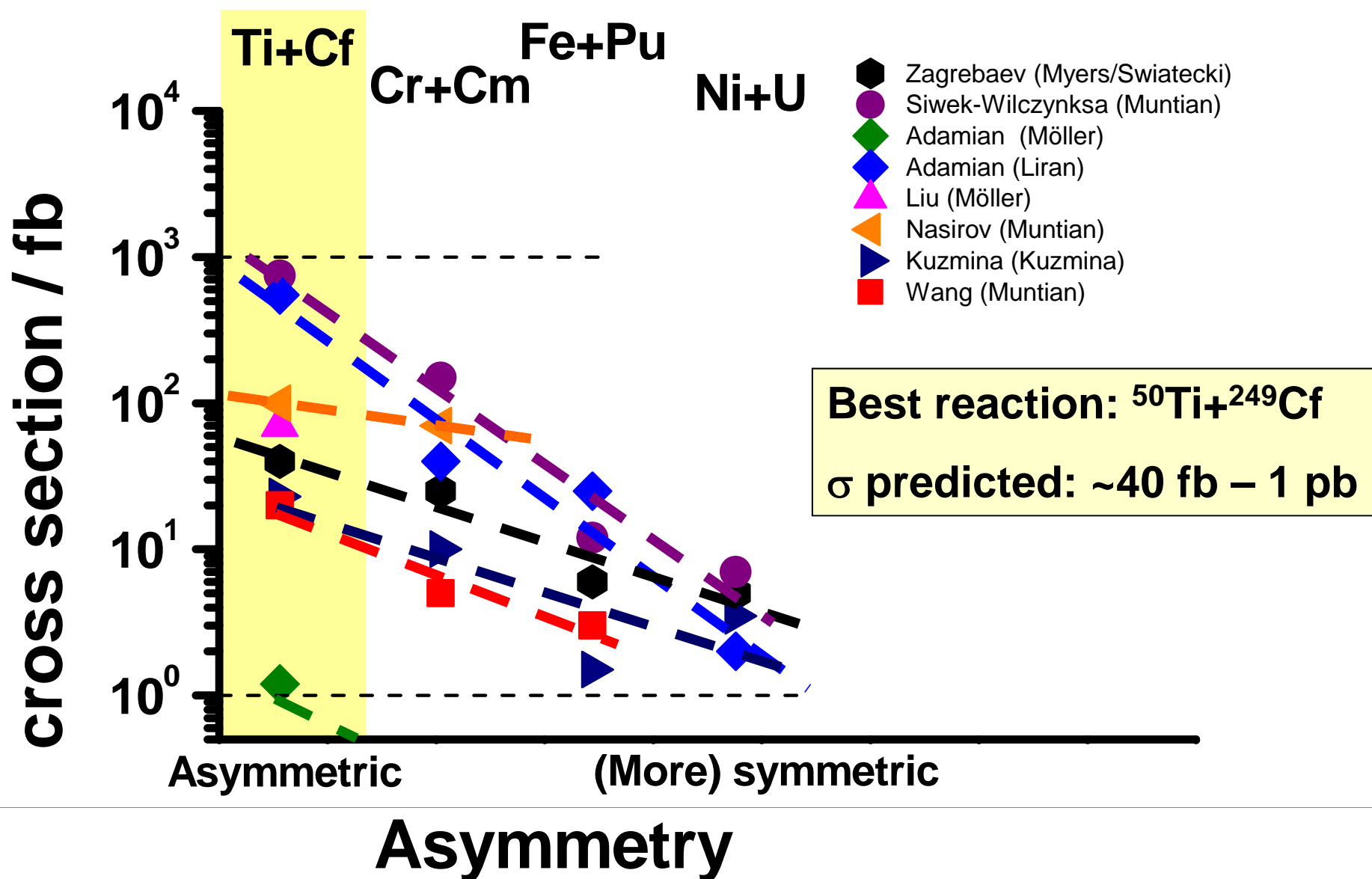
## E119

Z <sub>Beam</sub>	Beam	Target	Asymmetry	E* @B <sub>Bass</sub>
21	<sup>45</sup> Sc	<sup>249</sup> Cf		41.7
22	<sup>50</sup> Ti	<sup>249</sup> Bk		32.4
23	<sup>51</sup> V	<sup>248</sup> Cm		36.8
24	<sup>54</sup> Cr	<sup>243</sup> Am		31.5
25	<sup>55</sup> Mn	<sup>244</sup> Pu		37.7
26	<sup>58</sup> Fe	<sup>237</sup> Np		29.9
27	<sup>59</sup> Co	<sup>238</sup> U		36.7

## E120

Z <sub>Beam</sub>	Beam	Target	Asymmetry	E* @B <sub>Bass</sub>
22	<sup>50</sup> Ti	<sup>249</sup> Cf		31.7
23	<sup>51</sup> V	<sup>249</sup> Bk		35.9
24	<sup>54</sup> Cr	<sup>248</sup> Cm		33.0
25	<sup>55</sup> Mn	<sup>243</sup> Am		34.5
26	<sup>58</sup> Fe	<sup>244</sup> Pu		33.9
27	<sup>59</sup> Co	<sup>237</sup> Np		32.9
28	<sup>64</sup> Ni	<sup>238</sup> U		27.3

# Cross sections: current predictions from theory

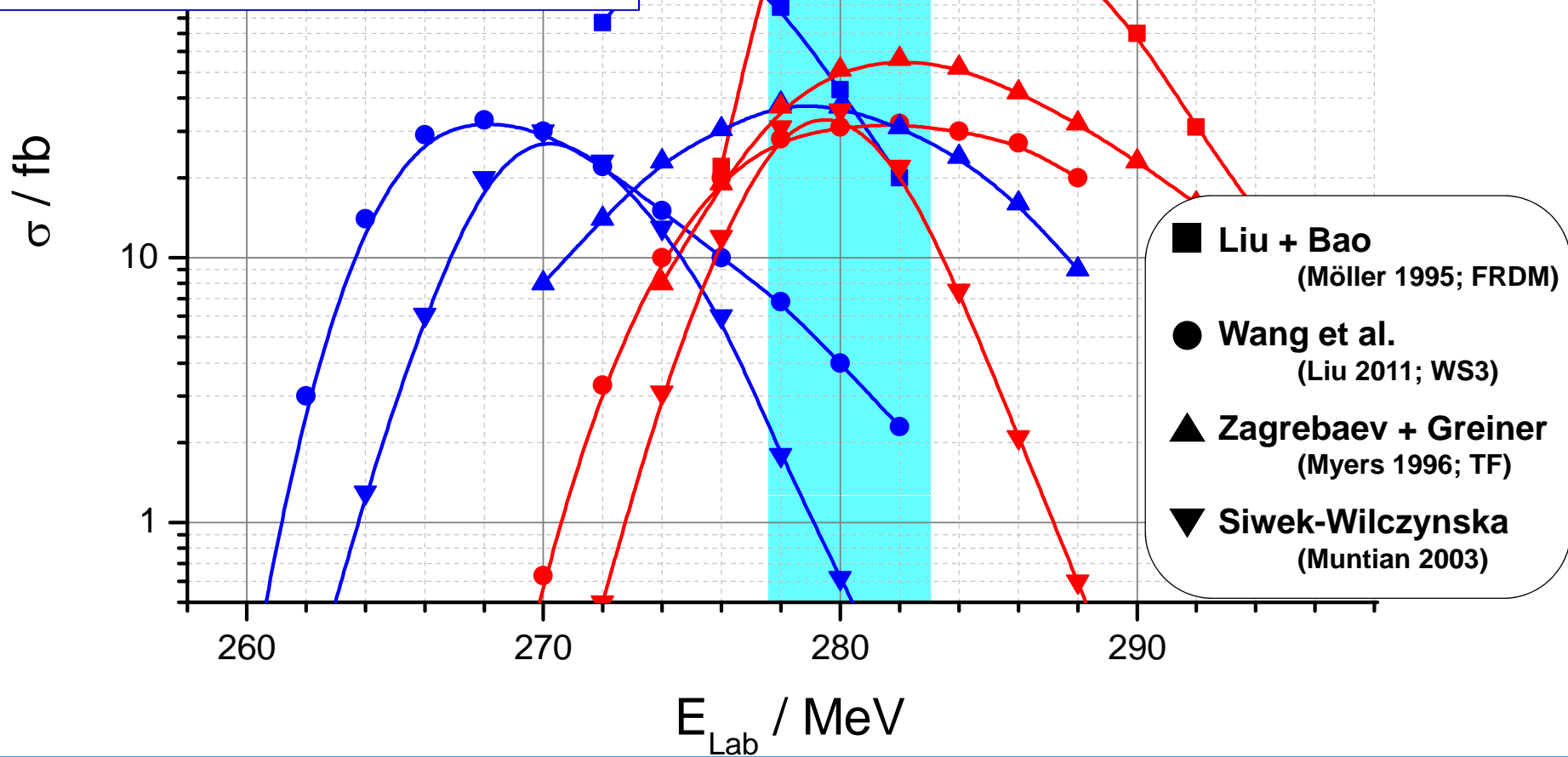


# $^{50}\text{Ti} + ^{249}\text{Bk}$ Excitation Function

**Agreement 1:**  
4n is larger than 3n

**Agreement 2:**  
Position (in E) of maximum

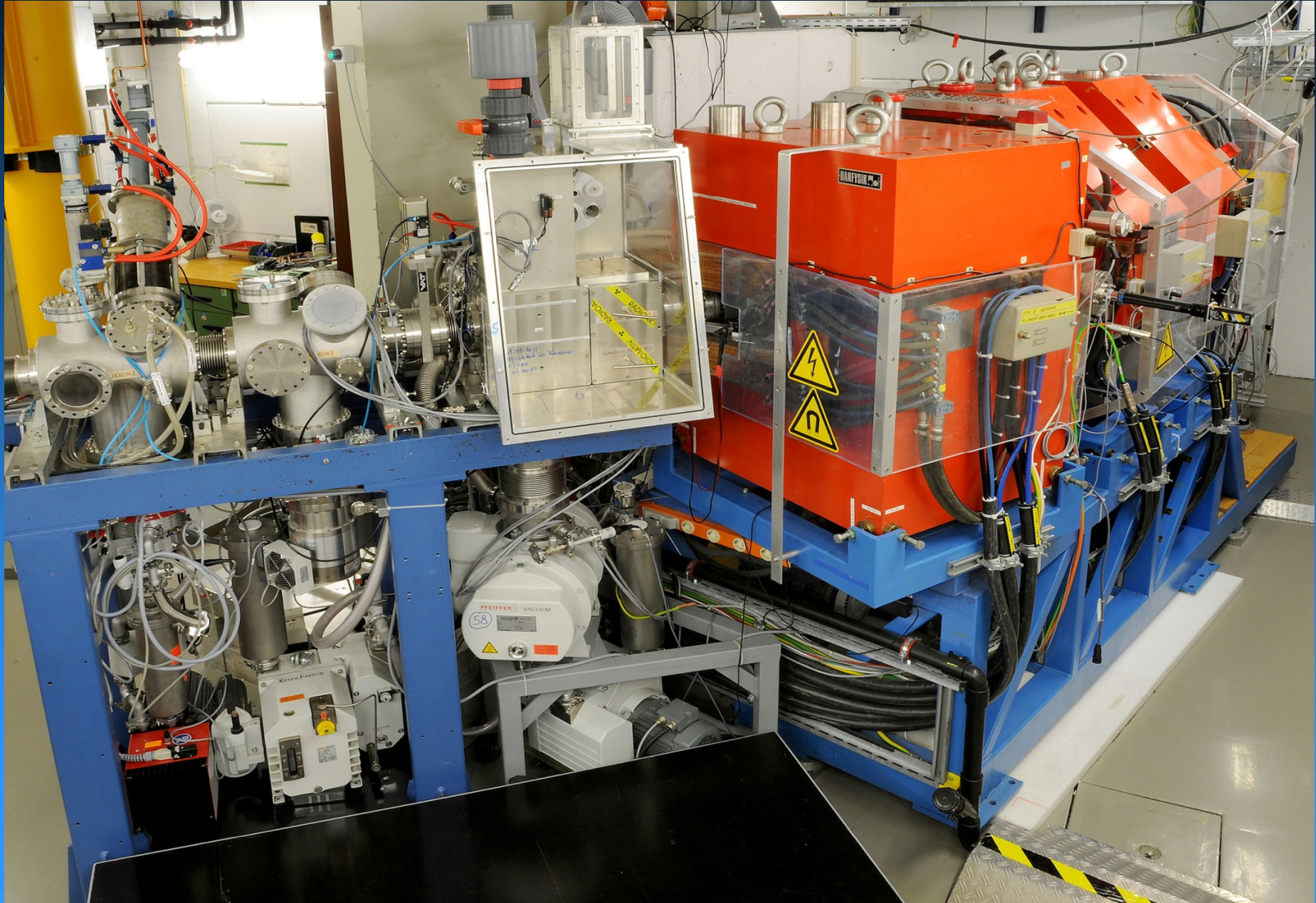
3n exit channel  
4n exit channel







# TransActinide Separator and Chemistry Apparatus (*TASCA*)





## TASCA High Power Target Wheel used for E119 at **GSI**

Ø Target Wheel: 100 mm

Ø Beam Spot: 8 mm



Target wheel with Gd tested up to  
2500 particle·nA

Wheel system: E. Jäger, T. Torres, J. Krier

**March 6:**

$^{249}\text{Bk}$  arrives in Mainz

**March 23:**

Targets arrive at GSI

**April 12:**

Targets mounted in TASCA

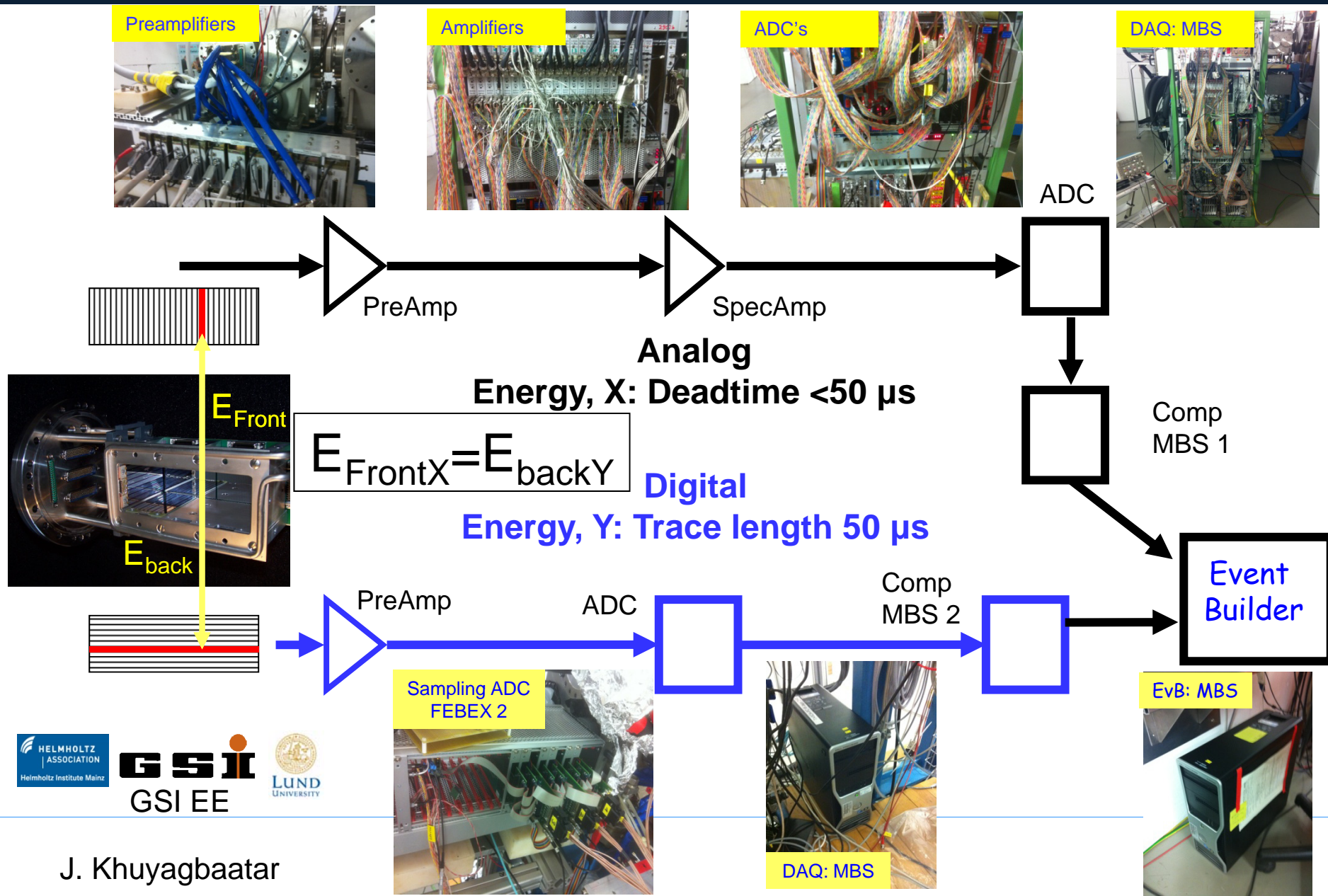
**April 14:**

Begin Element 119 search

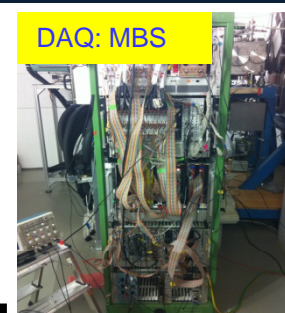
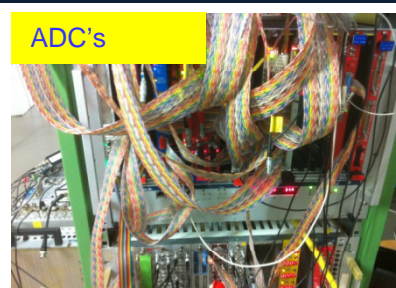
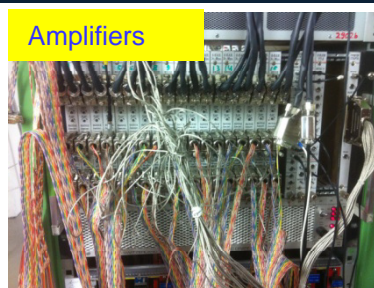
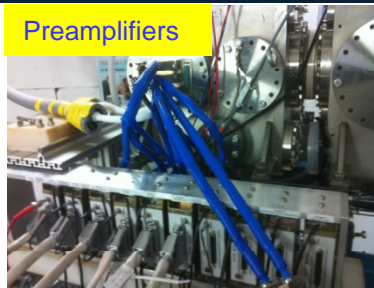
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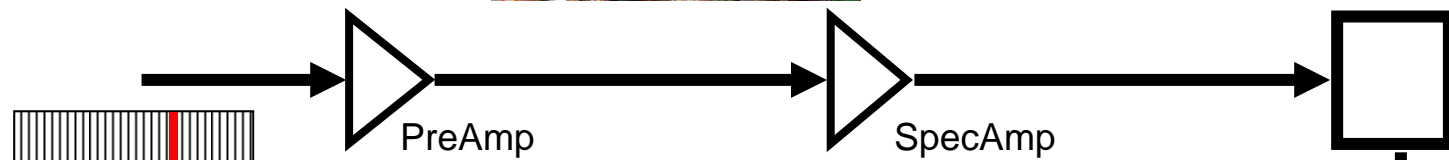


ADC

Comp  
MBS 1

Event  
Builder

EvB: MBS



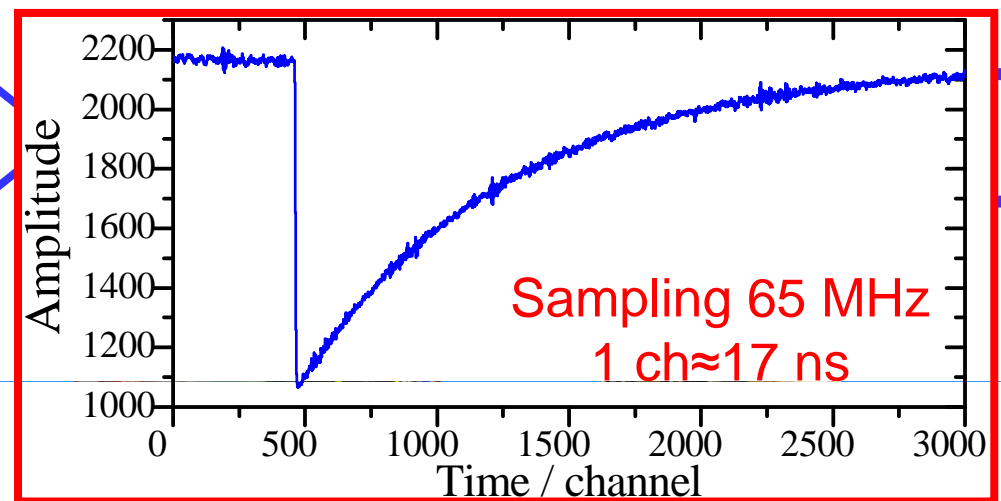
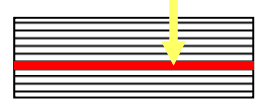
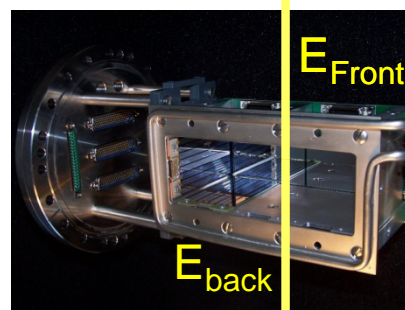
Analog

Energy, X: Deadtime <math>< 50 \mu\text{s}</math>

Digital

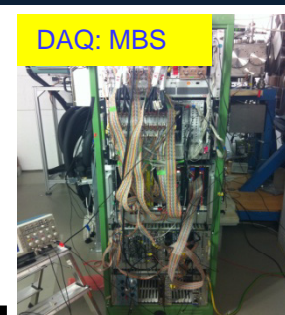
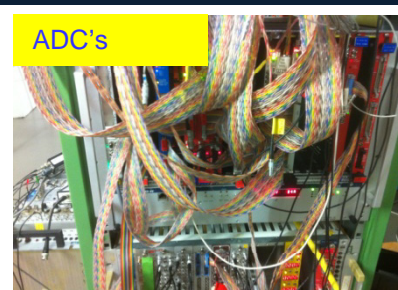
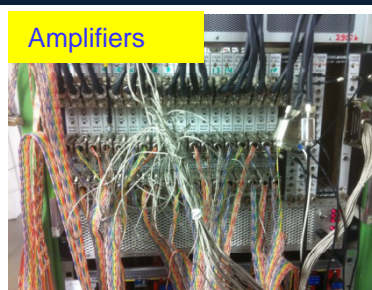
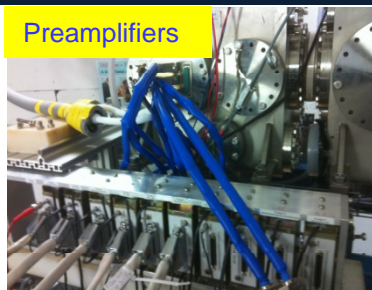
Energy, Y: Trace length 50  $\mu\text{s}$

$$E_{\text{Front}X} = E_{\text{back}Y}$$



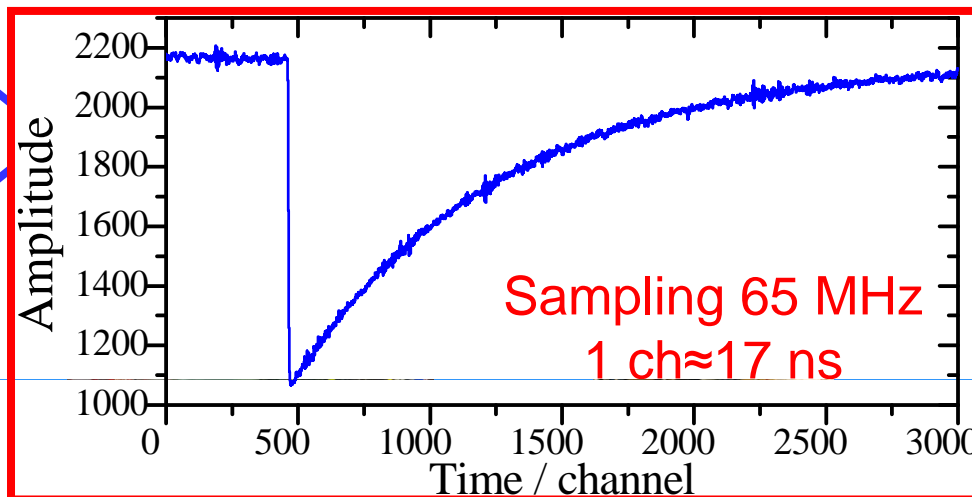
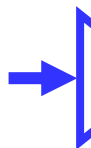
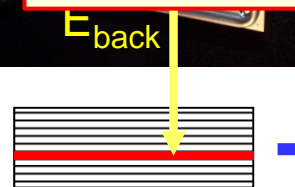
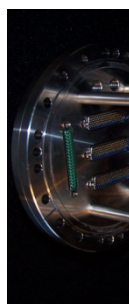
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# A new ANalog/Digital (ANDI) DAQ system for $\mu$ s-isotopes



ADC

**Dead-time free!**  
**Lifetimes down to about 100 ns**  
**can be measured**



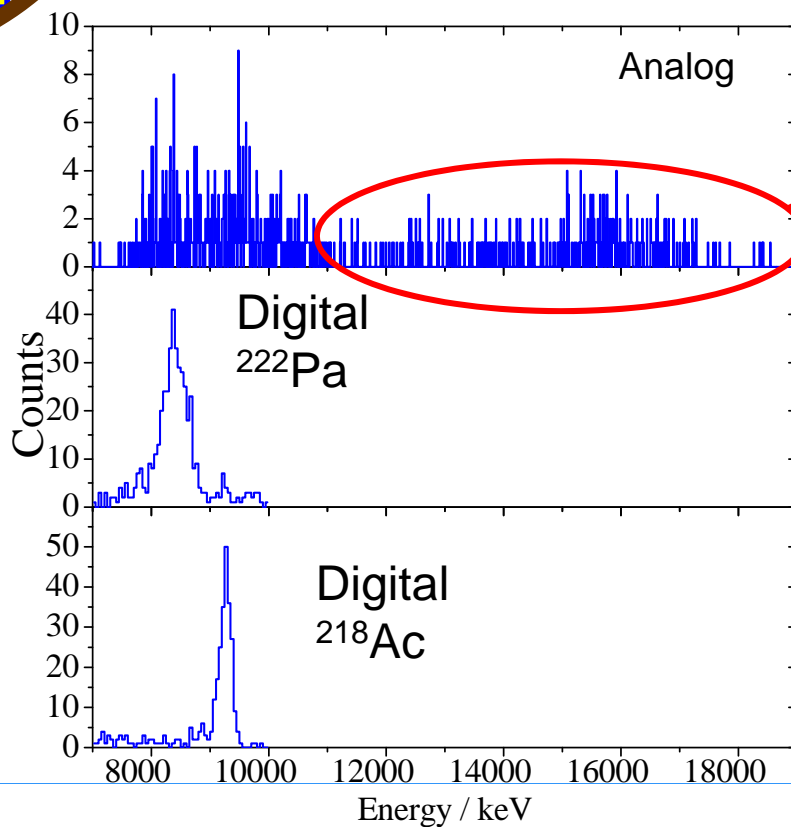
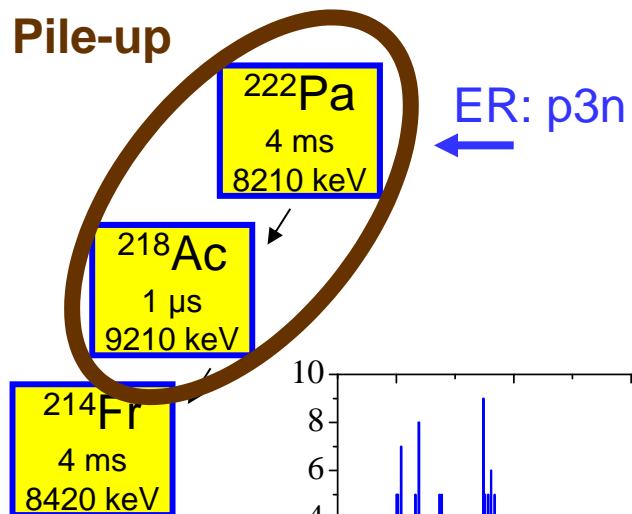
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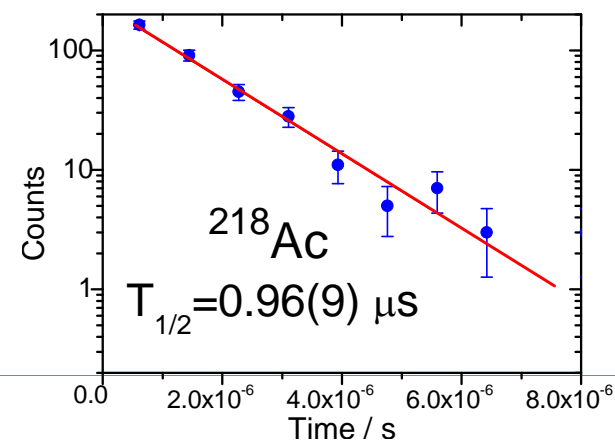
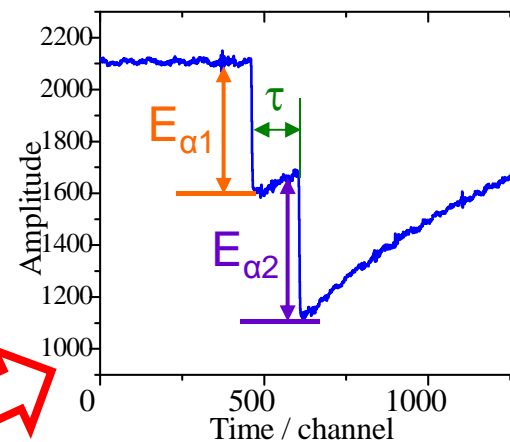


# With digital part of the data: access to $\mu$ s-isotopes

Pile-up



Digital part of pile-up events



J. Khuyagbaatar, 2012

# Conclusion

Search for element 119 with  $^{50}\text{Ti} + ^{249}\text{Bk}$  ongoing  
at **TASCA**

Experiment running smoothly, good beams, good  
target

⇒ **Good sensitivity**

**Will continue into November 2012**