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# Search for a New Element at RIKEN Nishina Center

The nSHE collaboration

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- 1 Periodic table (Chemical elements)
- 2 IUPAP vs. IUPAC and JWG
- 3 New SHE search, cold vs. hot
- 4 nSHE experiment at RIKEN Nishina Center

# Elements and periodic table (PT)

- **118** elements known
- IYPT
- **150 y** since PT proposed by Mendelejew

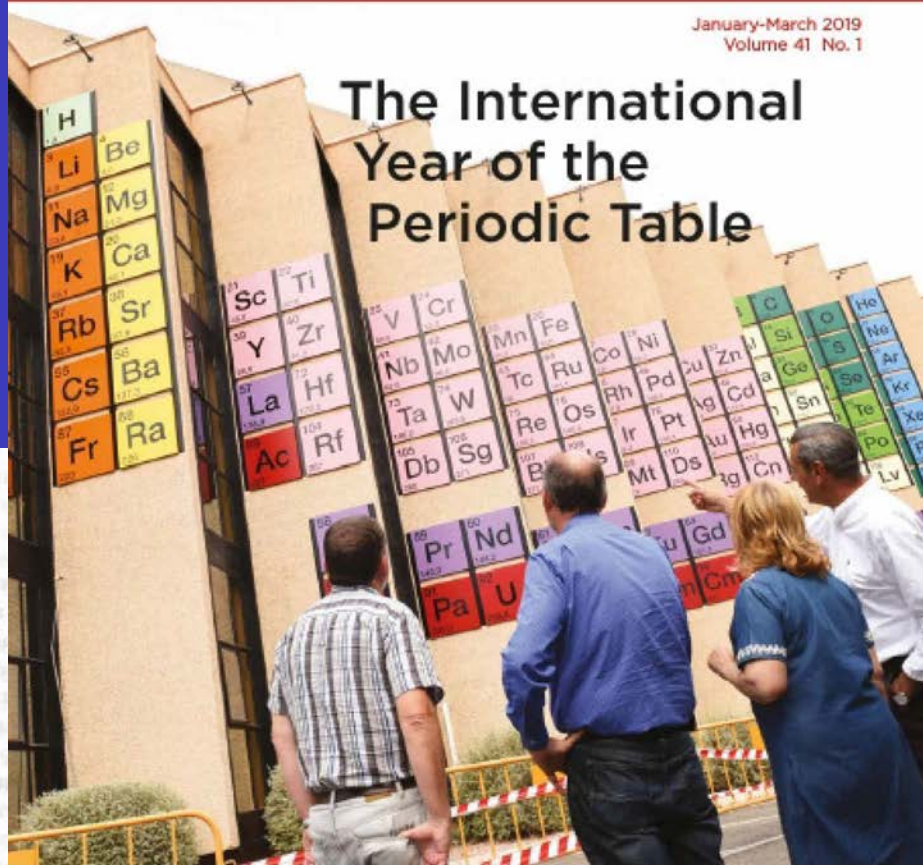
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Educational, Scientific and  
Cultural Organization

2019  
**IYPT**  
International Year  
of the Periodic Table  
of Chemical Elements

# CHEMISTRY

## International

The News Magazine of IUPAC



			Ti = 50	Zr = 90
			V = 51	Nb = 94
			Cr = 52	Mo = 96
			Mn = 55	Rh = 104,4
			Fe = 56	Ru = 104,4
			Ni = 58	Pd = 106,6
			Cu = 63,4	Ag = 108
			Zn = 65,2	Cd = 112
			? = 68	Ur = 116
			? = 70	Sn = 118
			As = 75	Sb = 122
			Se = 79,4	Te = 128?
			Br = 80	I = 127
			Rb = 85,4	Cs = 133
			Sr = 87,6	Ba = 137
			Ce = 92	
			? = 92	
			La = 94	
			Di = 95	
			Th = 118?	
H = 1	Be = 9,4	Mg = 24	Zn = 65,2	Cd = 112
	B = 11	Al = 27,4	? = 68	Ur = 116
	C = 12	Si = 28	? = 70	Sn = 118
	N = 14	P = 31	As = 75	Sb = 122
	O = 16	S = 32	Se = 79,4	Te = 128?
	F = 19	Cl = 35,5	Br = 80	I = 127
	Li = 7	Na = 23	K = 39	Rb = 85,4
			Ca = 40	Sr = 87,6
			? = 45	Ce = 92
			? Er = 56	La = 94
			? Yt = 60	Di = 95
			? In = 75,6	Th = 118?

D. I. Mendelejew,  
Zhurnal Russkogo  
khimicheskogo obshchestva  
1(2-3), 60-77 (1869).



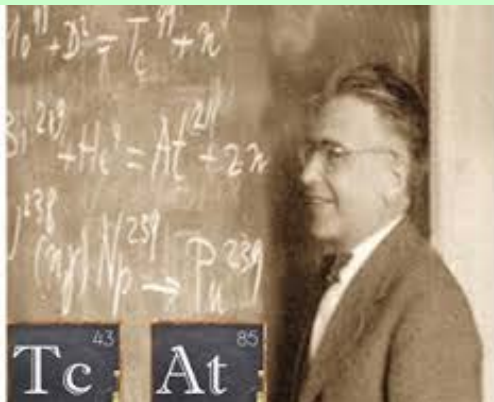
# Periodic table of today

**Element 43 Tc : Technetium**  
**Discovered in Italy(Palermo) in 1937**  
**in a sample of Mo bombarded by**  
**deuterons at Berkeley cyclotron by**  
**E.O. Lawrence.**

族 周期	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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6	55 セシウム Cs	56 バリウム Ba	ランタノイド	72 ハフニウム Hf	73 タンタル Ta	74 タングステン W	75 レニウム Re	76 オスミウム Os	77 イリジウム Ir	78 白金 Pt	79 金 Au	80 水銀 Hg	81 タリウム Tl	82 鉛 Pb	83 ビスマス Bi	84 ポロニウム Po	85 アスタチン At	86 ラドン Rn
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# Anecdote



**Emilio Segre**  
**1905 - 1989**  
**1959 Nobel prize**  
**Discovery of antiproton**

1947 named as  
"τεχνητός" (technitos)

Why not It (Itarium)  
instead of Tc ?

SEPTEMBER, 1937

JOURNAL OF CHEMICAL PHYSICS

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## Some Chemical Properties of Element 43

C. PERRIER AND E. SEGRÈ,  
*Royal University, Palermo, Italy*  
(Received June 30, 1937)

### 1. INTRODUCTION

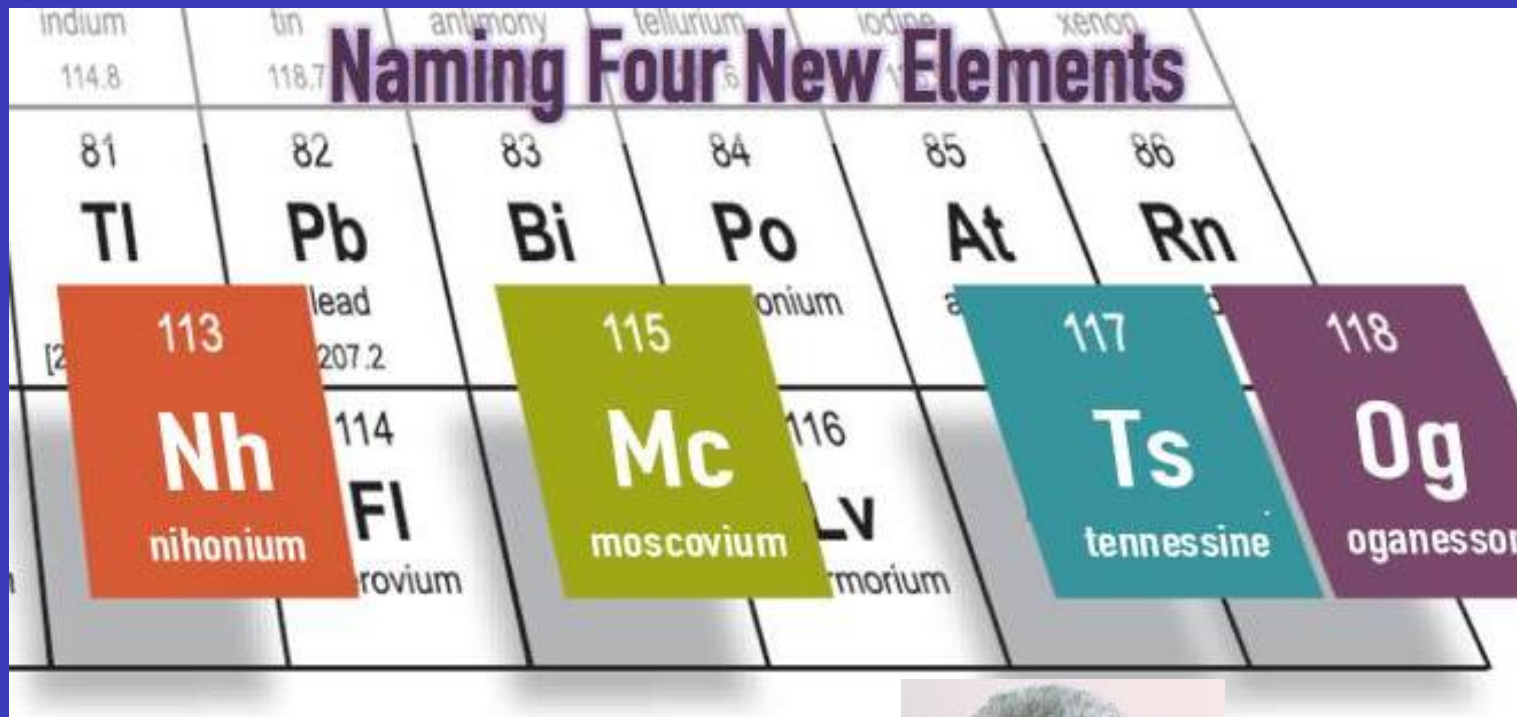
PROFESSOR E. O. LAWRENCE gave us a piece of molybdenum plate which had been bombarded for some months by a strong deuteron beam in the Berkeley cyclotron. The molybdenum has been also irradiated with secondary neutrons which are always generated by the cyclotron. The molybdenum plate shows a strong activity, chiefly due to very slow electrons. The

radioactivity is due to more than one substance of a half-value period of some months and to the radioactive phosphorus isotope  $P^{32}$ .<sup>1</sup> The substance was sent from Berkeley on December 17, 1936 and we started our chemical investigation on January 30, 1937; all short period substances have decayed in these 6 weeks and we could

<sup>1</sup> We will give more details on the radioactive side of this investigation in a later paper to appear in the *Physical Review*.

# Recent discovery of new elements

IUPAC announced discoveries of 4 new elements (Dec. 2015) and approved the names (Nov. 2016)

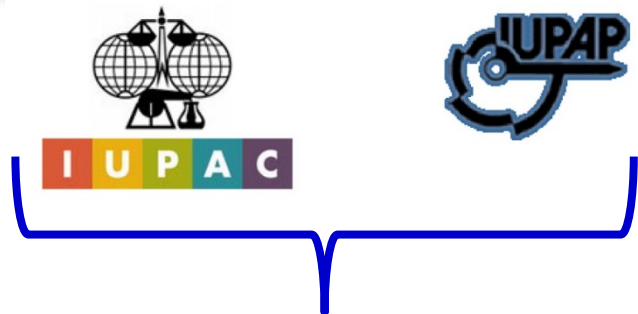


Dr. Kosuke Morita



Dr. Yuri Oganessian

# Who approves new element ?



IUPAC (International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry)  
IUPAP (International Union of Pure and Applied Physics)

**JWP**

(Joint Working Party)

- considers claims for discovery and announces the priority



Announce, naming etc. (IUPAC)

- Announce and naming of new chemical elements (IUPAC takes this as their privilege)

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There was a strong complaints from IUPAP to IUPAC for the way of handling.

President: Cecilia Jarlskog

EPJ Web Conf 131, 06004 (2016)

*All SHE were created and found by nuclear physicists working day and night. Nevertheless chemist takes all the credit and . . .*



# What are the next ?

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**7<sup>th</sup> period completed !**  
**Next target :119 or 120 on the 8<sup>th</sup> period!**

8<sup>th</sup> **119** **120**

※113番、115番、117番、118番元素については、2016年11月現在パブリックレビュー中

# Criteria to verify the discovery of new element



*Transfmium Working Group visit the Berkeley laboratory, 19-23 June 1989. The photo shows the nine members of TWG and Glenn Seaborg as the host of the group. Front row: Ivan Ulehla (Czechoslovakia, co-secretary), Denys Wilkinson (UK, chairman), Glenn Seaborg (USA, leader of LBNL), Yves Jeannin (France). Back row: Marc Lefort (France), Norman Greenwood (UK), Andrzej Hryniewicz, (Poland), Mitsuo Sakai (Japan), Robert Barber (Canada), Aaldert Wapstra (co-secretary, Netherlands). Jeannin and Greenwood were named by IUPAC, the others by IUPAP. The TWG has held the following meetings, of which the first and last were "private", with the remainder in the laboratories of chief concern: 3-5 February 1988, Nonant (France); 12-17 December 1988, Darmstadt (Germany); 19-23 June 1989, Berkeley (USA); 12-16 February 1990, Dubna (Russia); and 16-20 April 1990, Prague (Czechoslovakia).*

- TWG report  
Wapstra et al., PAC 63, 879(1991)
- Applied for elements 110 - 118

Since exp. technology improved much but criteria remained, it took long time to reach final conclusions for 113-118 in JWP.



*Foundation meeting of the JWG in Egelsbach near Darmstadt, Germany, 20-22 May 2017. Left to right: Sigurd Hofmann (Chair), Sergey Dmitriev, Jacklyn Gates, Natalia Tarasova (2017 President of IUPAC) proudly keeping the Chart of Nuclei in her hands, Bruce McKellar (2017 President of IUPAP), James Roberto, Hideyuki Sakai (Vice Chair), and Claes Fahlander, respectfully holding the Periodic Table of the Elements.*

- JWG was set up in 2017 to revise criteria  
Hoffmann et al.,  
PAC 90, 1773(2018)
- Will be Applied for >118



## Provisional Report

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# On the discovery of new elements (IUPAC/IUPAP Provisional Report)

Provisional Report of the 2017 Joint Working Group of IUPAC and IUPAP

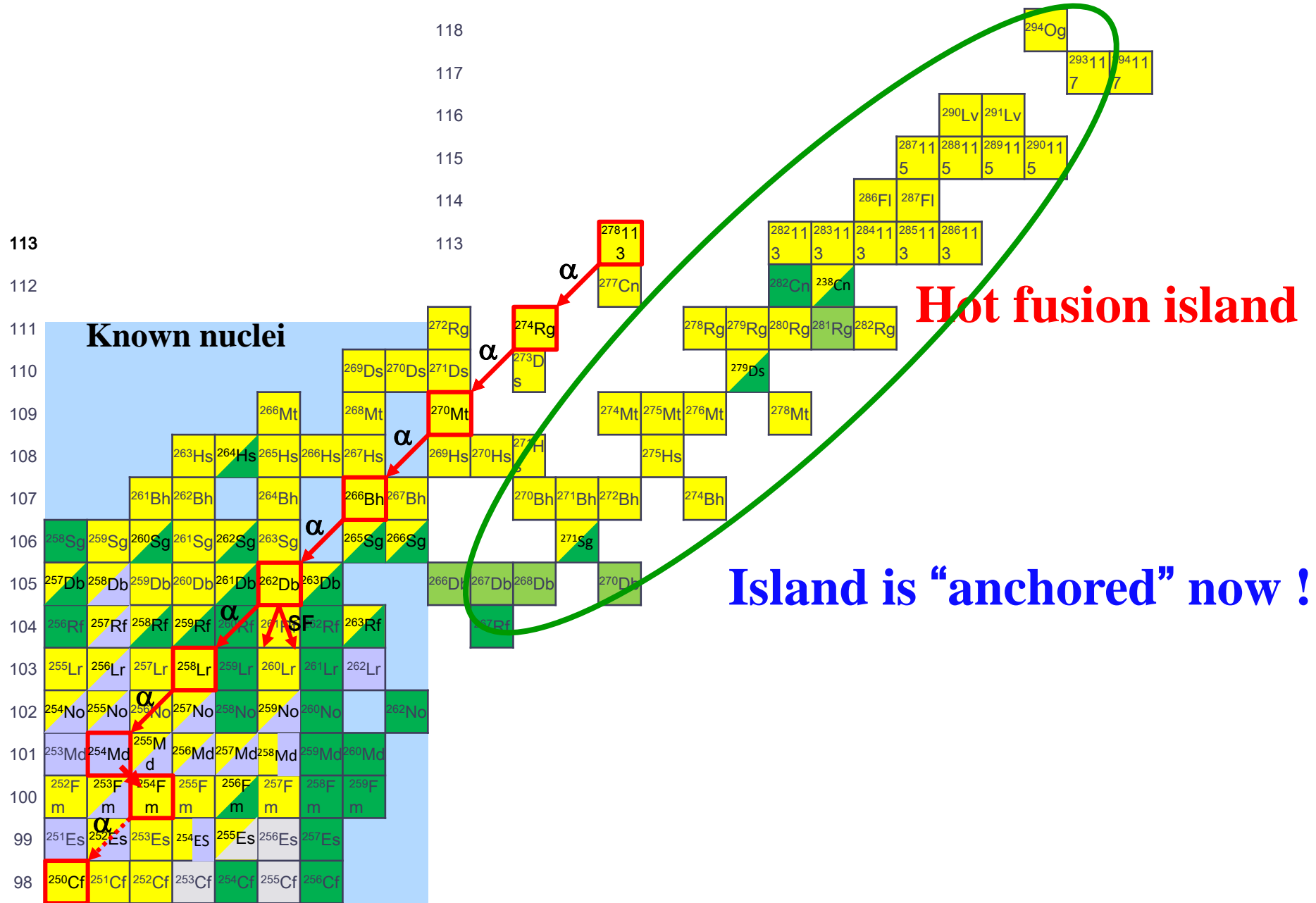
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**Abstract:** Almost thirty years ago the criteria that are currently used to verify claims for the discovery of a new element were set down by the comprehensive work of a Transfermium Working Group, TWG, jointly established by IUPAC and IUPAP. The recent completion of the naming of the 118 elements in the first seven periods of the Periodic Table of the Elements was considered as an opportunity for a review of these criteria in the light of the experimental and theoretical advances in the field. In late 2016 the Unions decided to establish a new Joint Working Group, JWG, consisting of six members determined by the Unions. A first meeting of the JWG was in May 2017. One year later this report was finished. In a first part the works and conclusions of the TWG and the Joint Working Parties, JWP, deciding on the discovery of the now named elements are summarized. Possible experimental developments for production and identification of new elements beyond the presently known ones are estimated. Criteria and guidelines for establishing priority of discovery of these potential new elements are presented. Special emphasis is given to a description for the application of the criteria and the limits for their applicability.



# Hot-fusion island isolated from main land



# Hot-fusion island anchored

PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS **121**, 222501 (2018)

Editors' Suggestion

Featured in Physics

## First Direct Measurements of Superheavy-Element Mass Numbers

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**(A determined but not Z)**

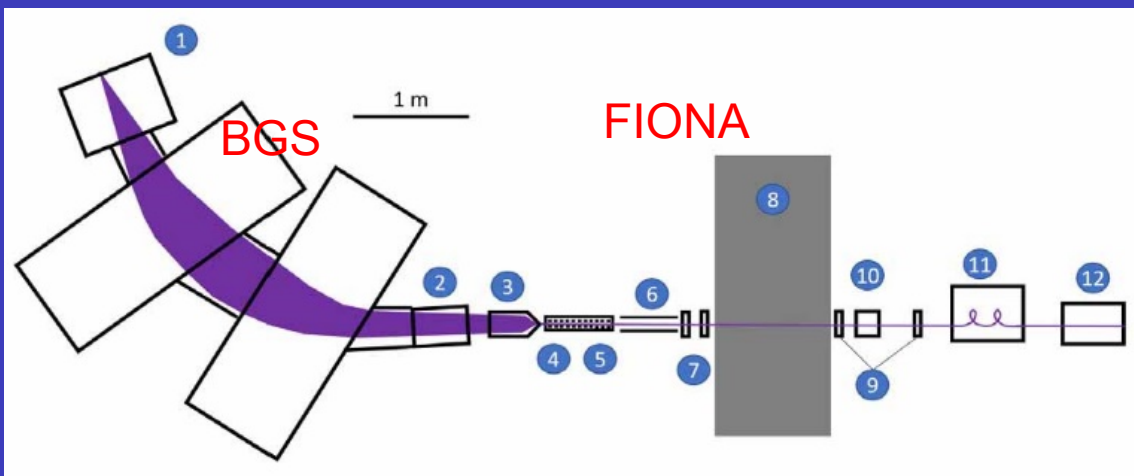
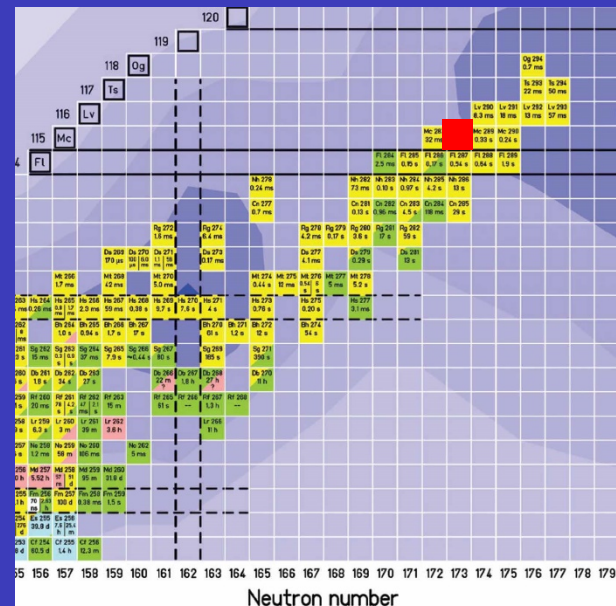
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An experiment was performed at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory's 88-in. Cyclotron to determine the mass number of a superheavy element. The measurement resulted in the observation of two  $\alpha$ -decay chains, produced via the  $^{243}\text{Am}(^{48}\text{Ca}, xn)^{291-x}\text{Mc}$  reaction, that were separated by mass-to-charge ratio ( $A/q$ ) and identified by the combined BGS + FIONA apparatus. One event occurred at  $A/q = 284$  and was assigned to  $^{284}\text{Nh}$  ( $Z = 113$ ), the  $\alpha$ -decay daughter of  $^{288}\text{Mc}$  ( $Z = 115$ ), while the second occurred at  $A/q = 288$  and was assigned to  $^{288}\text{Mc}$ . This experiment represents the first direct measurements of the mass numbers of superheavy elements, confirming previous (indirect) mass-number assignments.

Average Decay Properties from [5][11][26]		Event Chain 2	
10.2-10.6 MeV 159 ms	$^{288}\text{Mc}$	$^{288}\text{Mc}$	10.29(6) MeV
9.98 MeV 0.94 s	$^{284}\text{Nh}$	$^{284}\text{Nh}$	unobserved
9.78 MeV 4.14 s	$^{280}\text{Rg}$	$^{280}\text{Rg}$	9.70(6) MeV 9.998 s
9.10-10.0 MeV 0.63 s	$^{276}\text{Mt}$	$^{276}\text{Mt}$	9.30(6) MeV 4.384 s
9.08 MeV 11.0 s	$^{272}\text{Bh}$	$^{272}\text{Bh}$	9.02(6) MeV 2.324 s $x=51.9$ mm

## Mass number $A$ determined

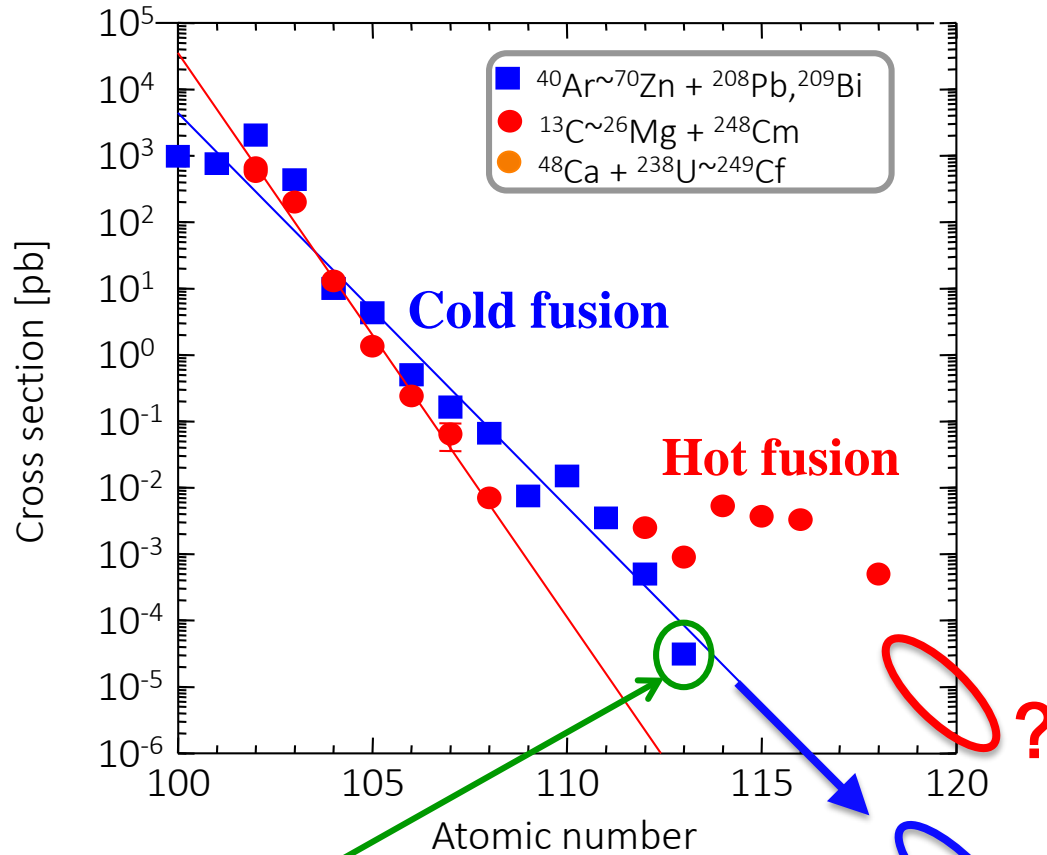


# Next challenge : discover $Z=119, 120$

- Cold or hot ?
- Beam and target combination ?



# Cold or hot ?



**Nh(113) (cold fusion)**  
**22 fb, 1 event / 200 day**

**<0.01 fb unrealistic**  
**Hopeless !**

**Cold fusion → Hot fusion**



# Our realistic decision

- **Hot fusion by  $^{248}\text{Cm}(Z=96)$** 
  - $^{249}\text{Bk}(Z=97)/^{\text{mix}}\text{Cf}(Z=98)$  : not easy to prepare
- **Z=119  $^{248}\text{Cm} + ^{51}\text{V} \rightarrow 119$**
- **Z=120  $^{248}\text{Cm} + ^{54}\text{Cr} \rightarrow 120$**

**Start with  $^{51}\text{V}$ -beam : Z=119**





# Key elements for Z=119, 120

- **Predicted cross sections are extremely small. ( < 10 fb ? )**
- **High efficiency** setup for **hot fusion reaction is needed!**
  - **Developed** new separators **GARIS-II** and **GARIS-III**
- Strong **beam intensity is needed!**
  - **Upgrading of RILAC and Ion source**
- **Actinide material** for target is needed!
  - **Collaboration with ORNL (DOE)**
- **Enormous amount of beam dose is needed!**
  - **Long BT** when **sRILAC+GARIS-III** becomes available
  - **Parallel run** (RRC+GARIS-II and new sRILAC+GARIS-III)

# Hot fusion with $^{50}\text{Ti}$ or $^{54}\text{Cr}$ beam

Zagrebaev and Greiner, Nucl. Phys. A944 (2015) 257.

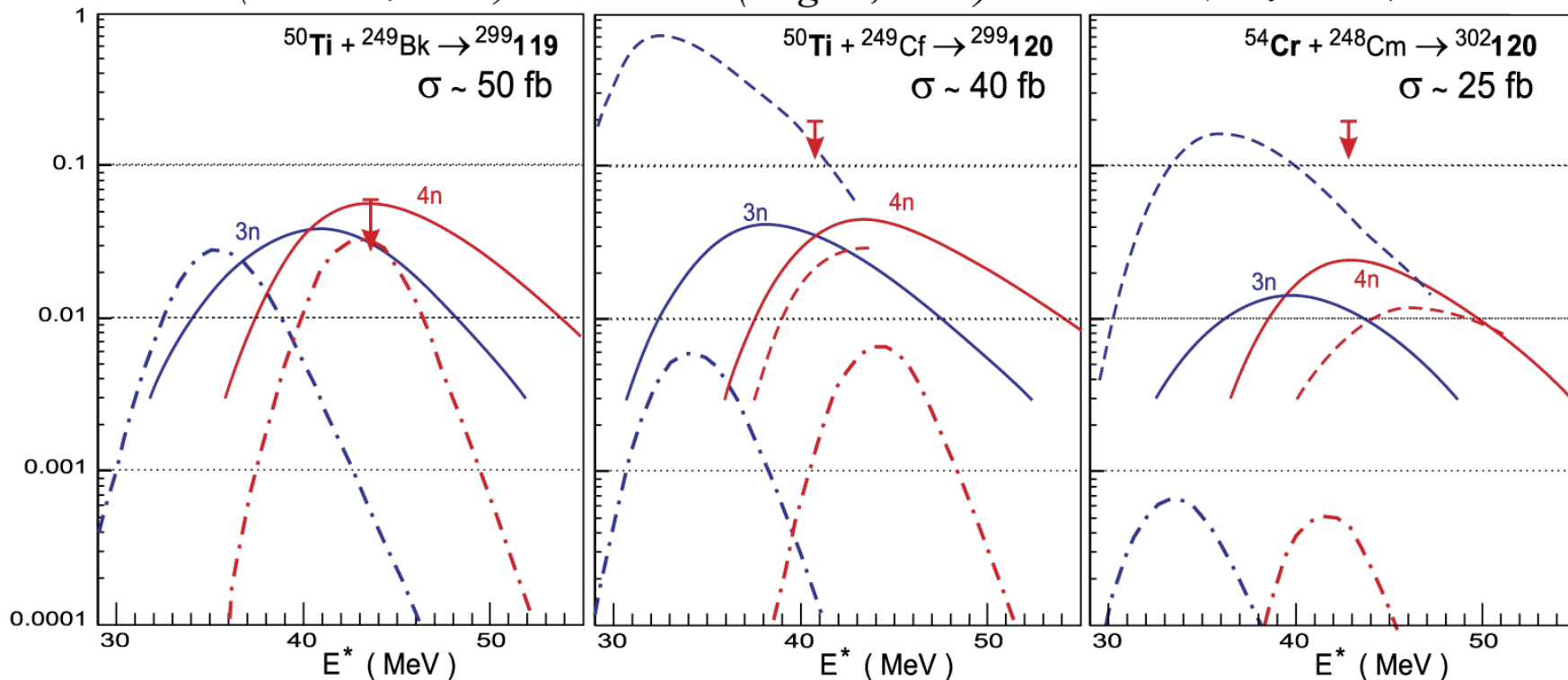
Ti beam:

TASCA (October, 2012)

TASCA (August, 2011)

Cr beam:

SHIP (May, 2011)



**No prediction on  $^{51}\text{V} + ^{248}\text{Cm}$**

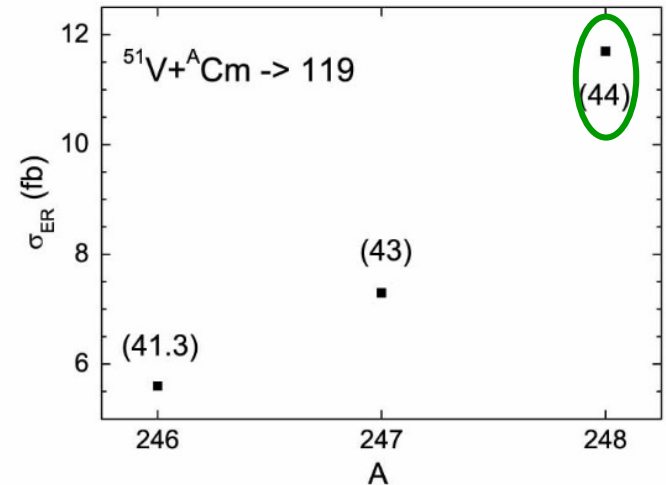
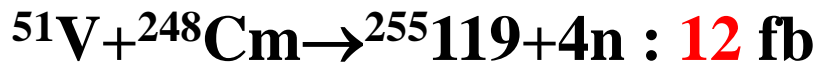
**$\sim 10$  fb (heuristic guess!)**

**$\rightarrow$  Need reliable predictions !**

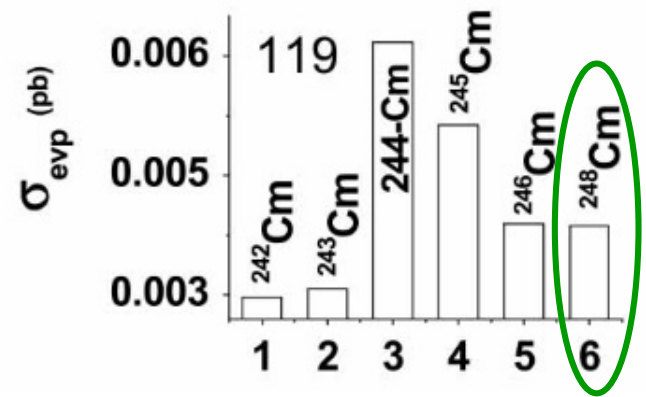
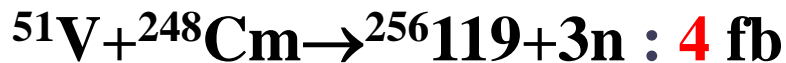


# Prediction with $^{51}\text{V}$ beam

Adamain, Antonenko and Lenske  
Nucl. Phys. A 970 (2018) 22



Manjunatha, Sridhar and  
Ramalingam  
Nucl. Phys. A 981 (2019) 17



Private comm. : K. Siwek-Wilczynska, 8 fb

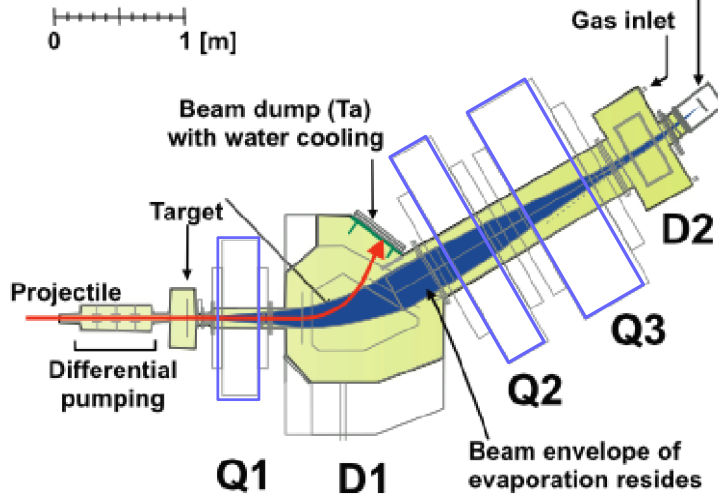
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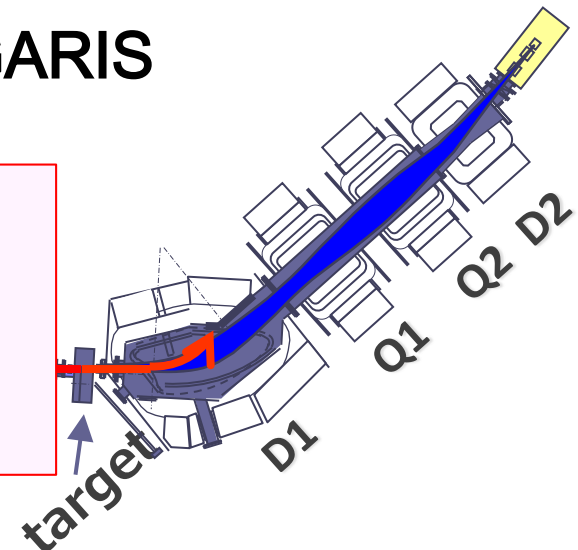
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# New Separator GARIS-II and GARIS-III

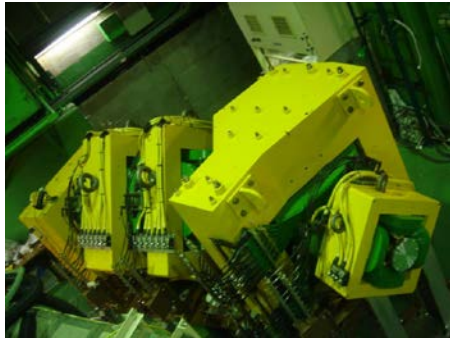
## GARIS-II and III



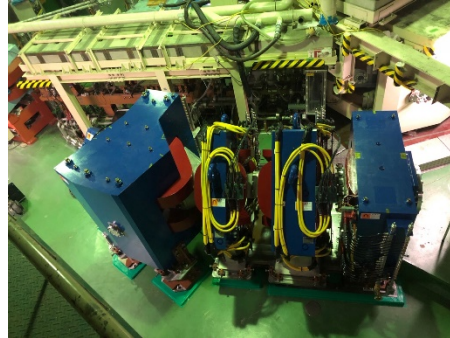
## GARIS



- Compared to GARIS
- Large solid angle
  - Shorter flight path
  - Transmission **x1.7** for hot fusion



GARIS-II  
@E6



GARIS-III  
@RILAC

	GARIS	GARIS-II
Configuration	DQ <sub>h</sub> Q <sub>v</sub> D	Q <sub>v</sub> DQ <sub>h</sub> Q <sub>v</sub> D
Total length [m]	5.8	5.1
Bend. Angle [deg]	45+10	30+7
Solid angle [msr]	12.2	18.5
Bp(max) [Tm]	2.16	2.48
Dispersion [mm/%]	9.7	19.3
Transmission [%]	40	70

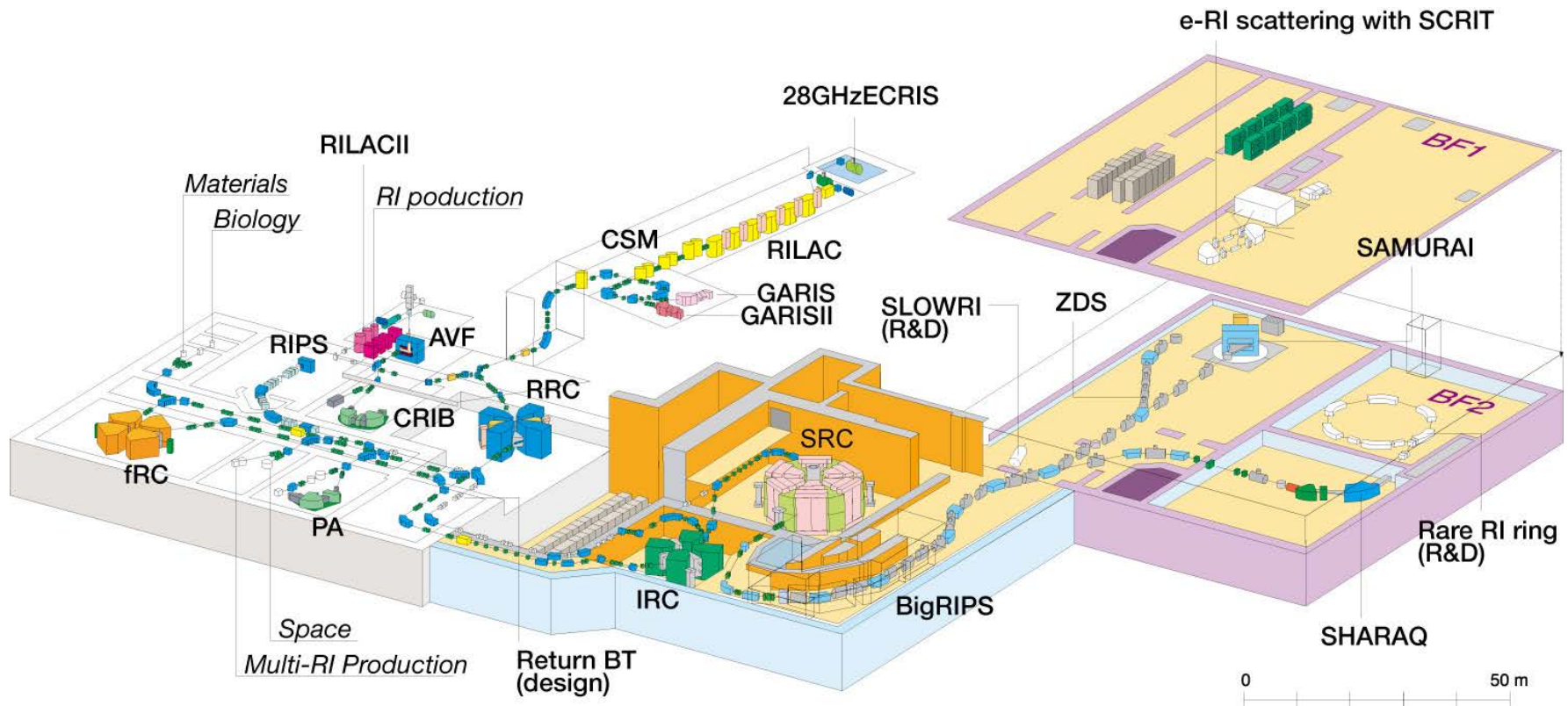


# Key elements for Z=119, 120

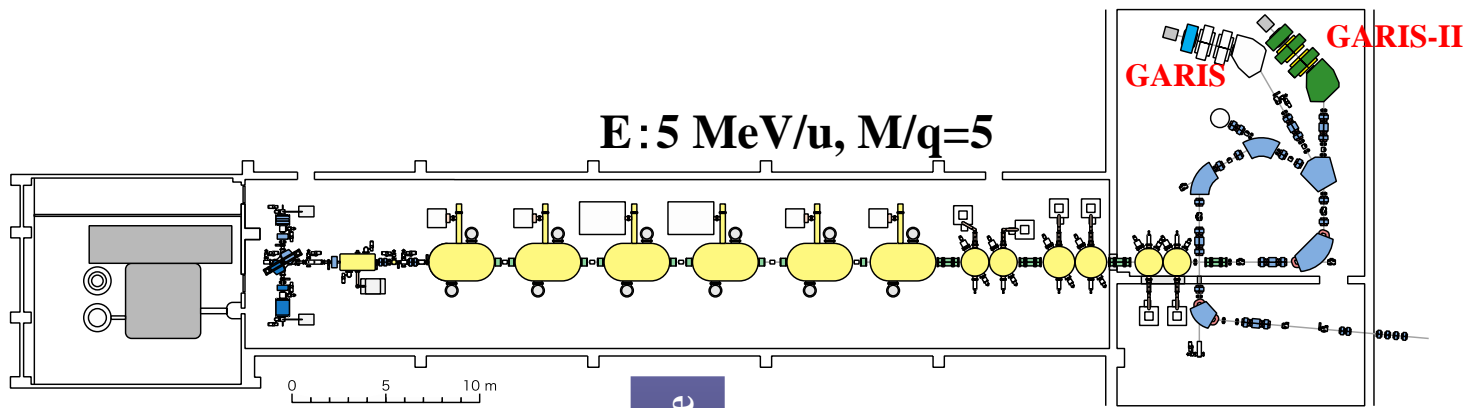
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# Strategy of new element search (Facility)

- RILAC facility upgrade
- GARIS-II in RILAC facility transferred to RRC facility
- GARIS-III will be installed in upgraded RILAC facility

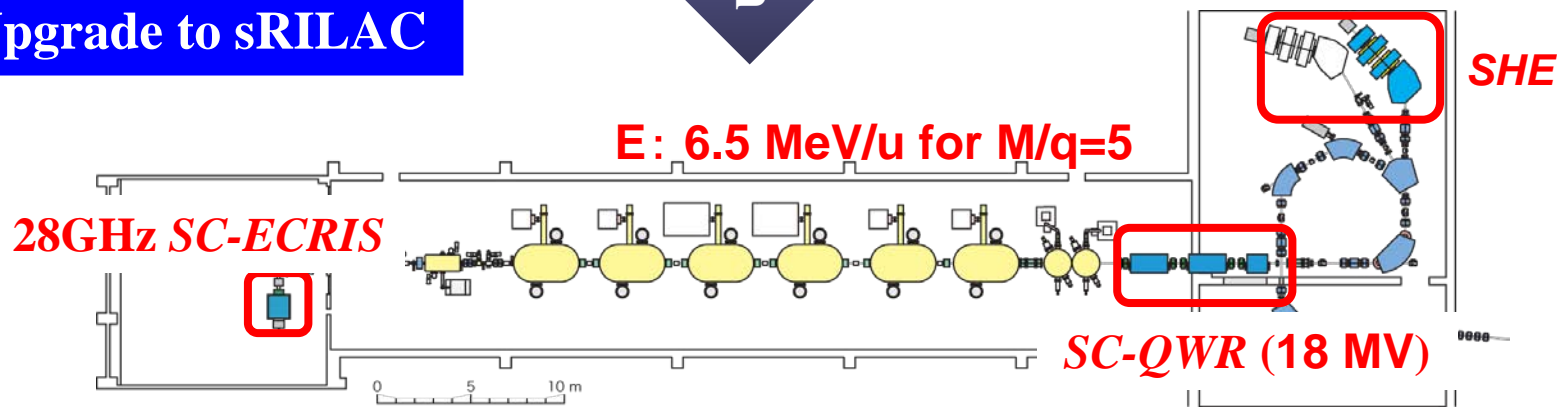


# RILAC upgrade (2017 - 2019)



Upgrade

Upgrade to sRILAC



- Stop operation: end of June, 2017
- Construction: 2017 – 2019
- Resume operation: 2020

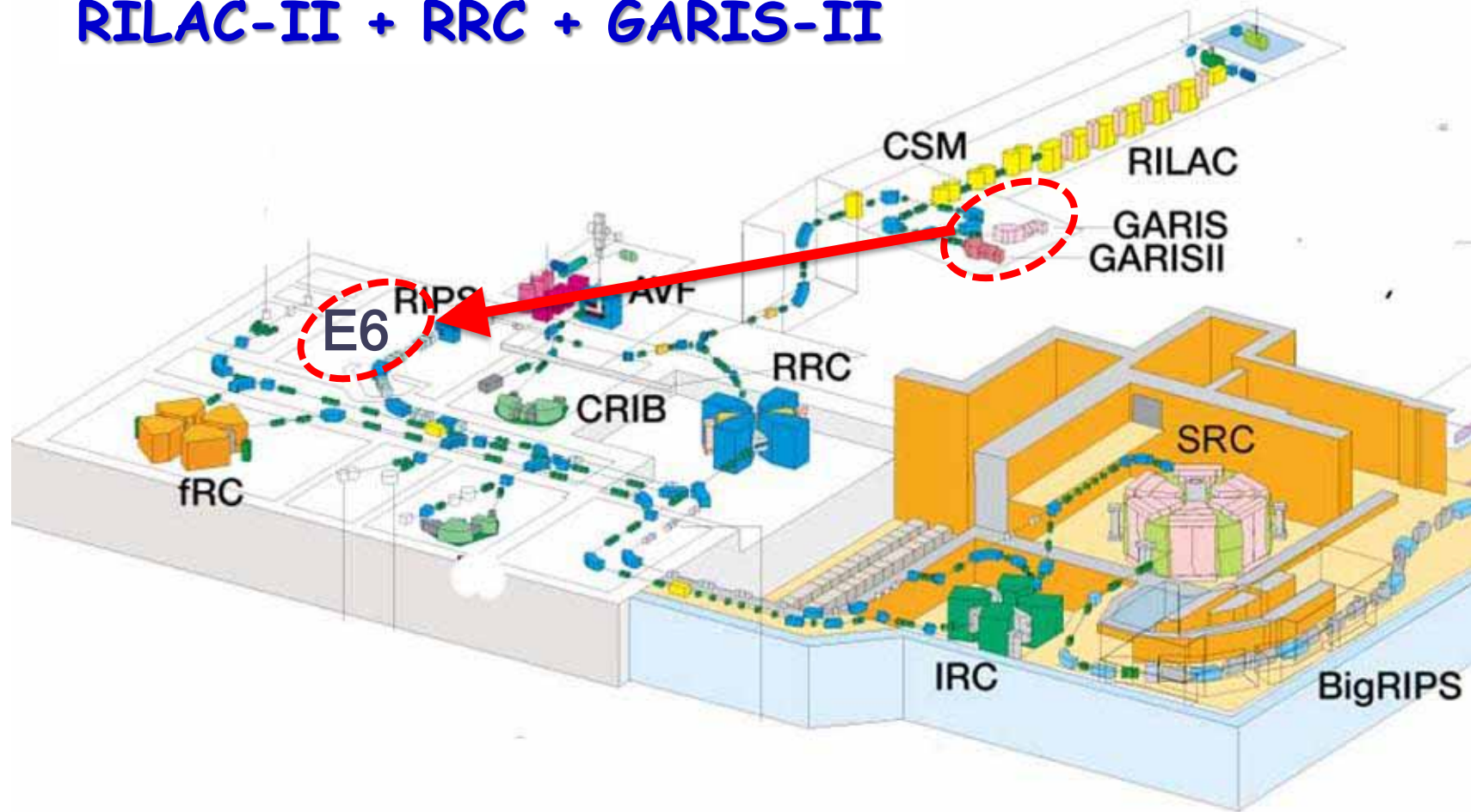
Avoid complete shut down during the construction

Beam intensity  $\rightarrow > 5$  times

# Transfer GARIS-II to E6 exp. room

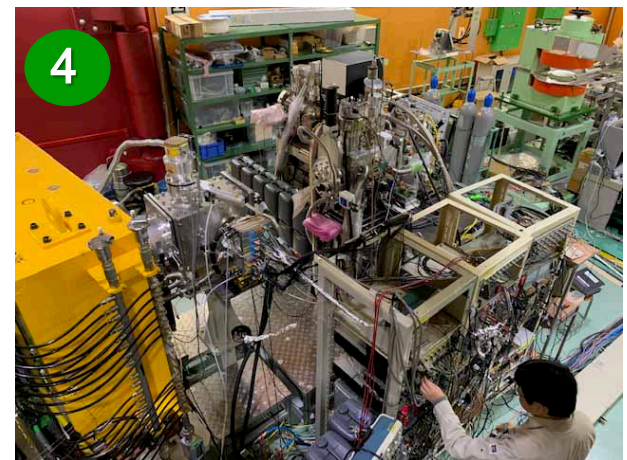
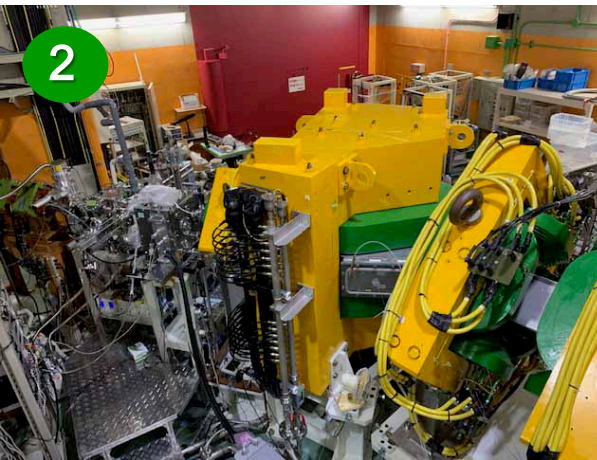
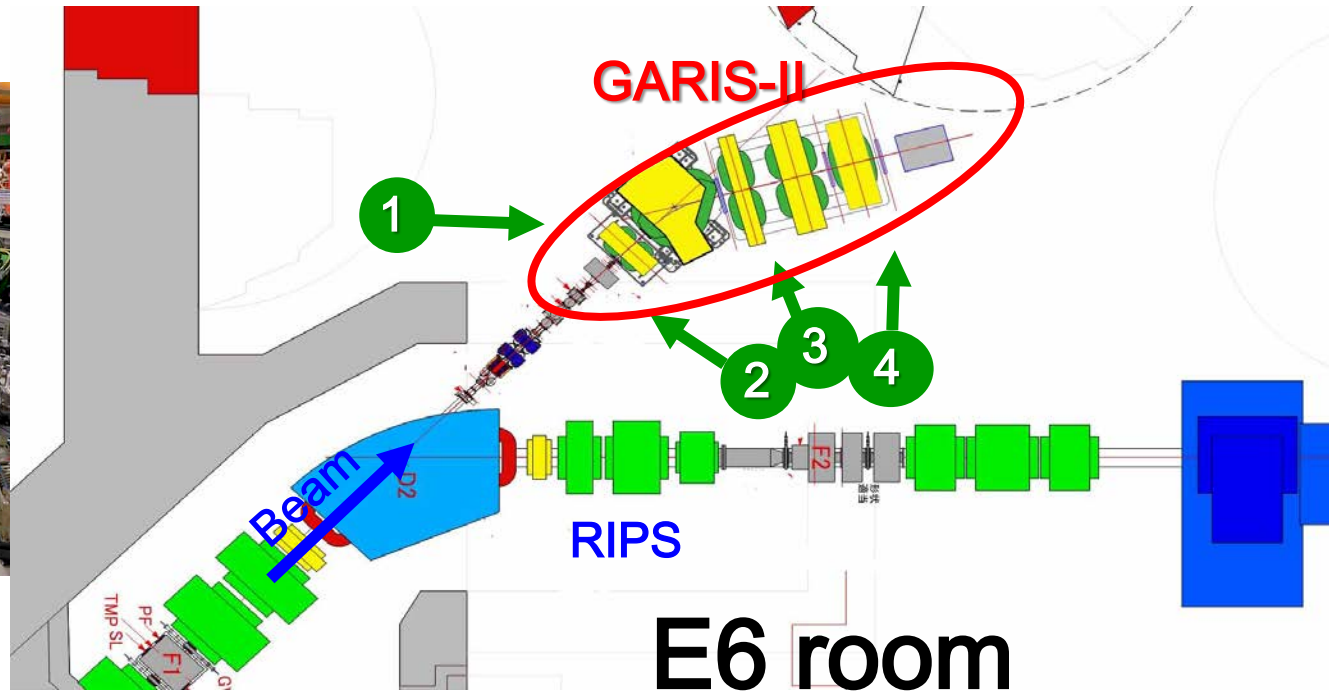
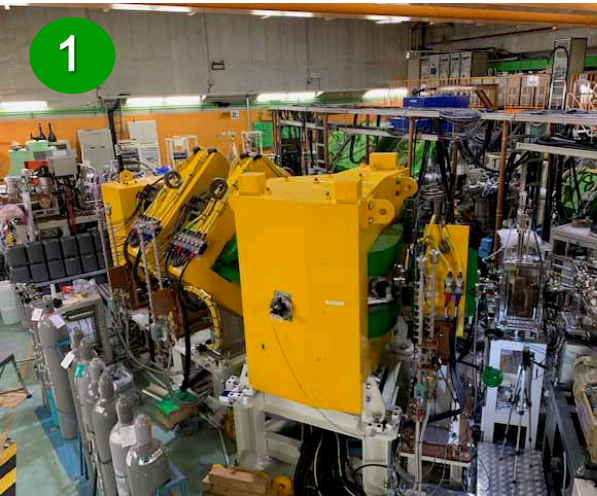
(continue the research during the upgrade shutdown)

## RILAC-II + RRC + GARIS-II



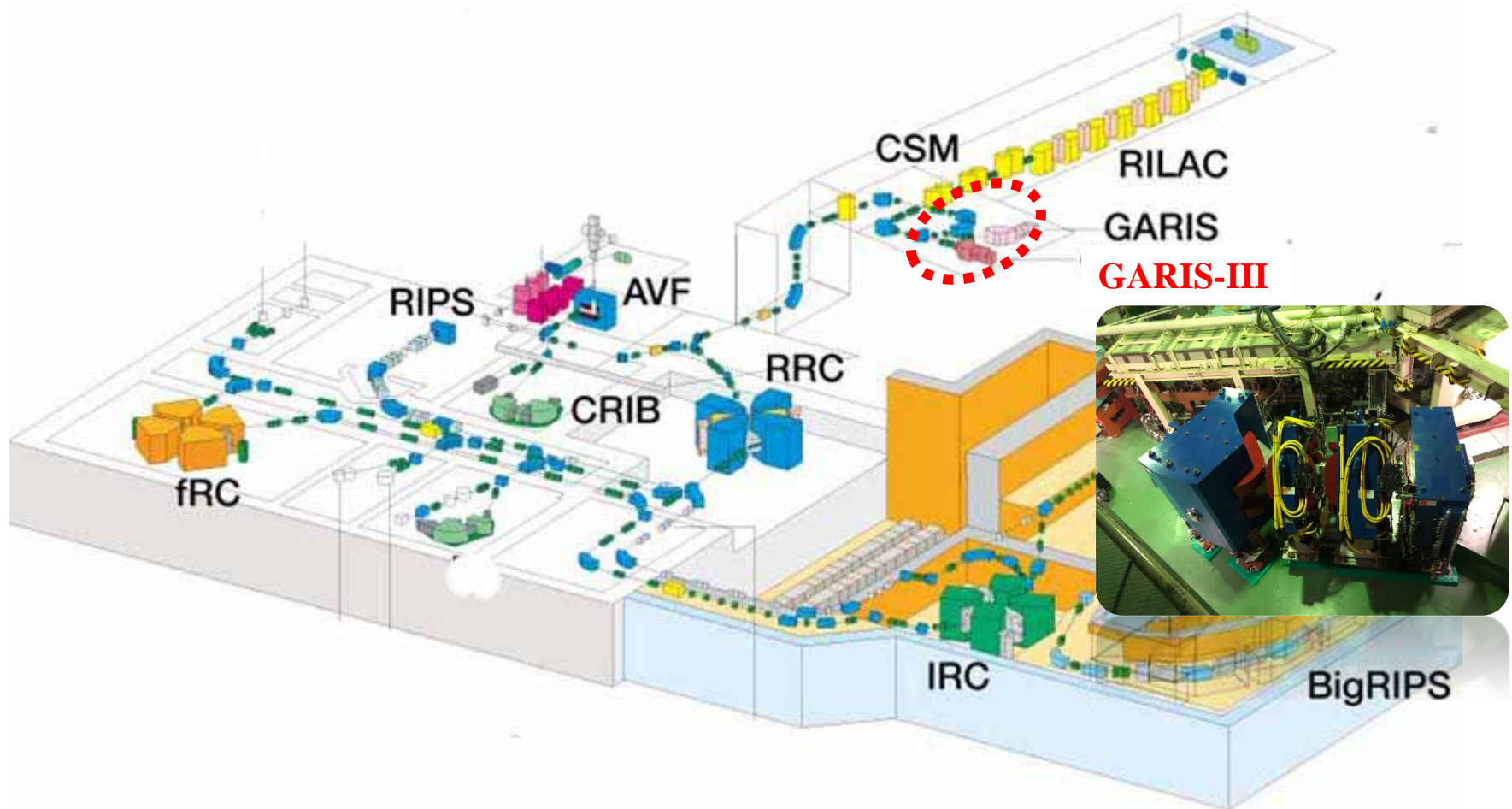


# GARIS-II in E6 exp. room



# New separator (GARIS-III)

**GARIS-III ( $\cong$  GARIS-II) already manufactured and was installed.  
Same place as of GARIS-II. It will be operational in 2020.**



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# Rotating $^{248}\text{Cm}$ target is "ready"

- Collaboration started with Oak Ridge National Laboratory
- $^{248}\text{Cm}$  material transferred

Prepared by Dr. Haba & Komori



Rotating system



Target sector



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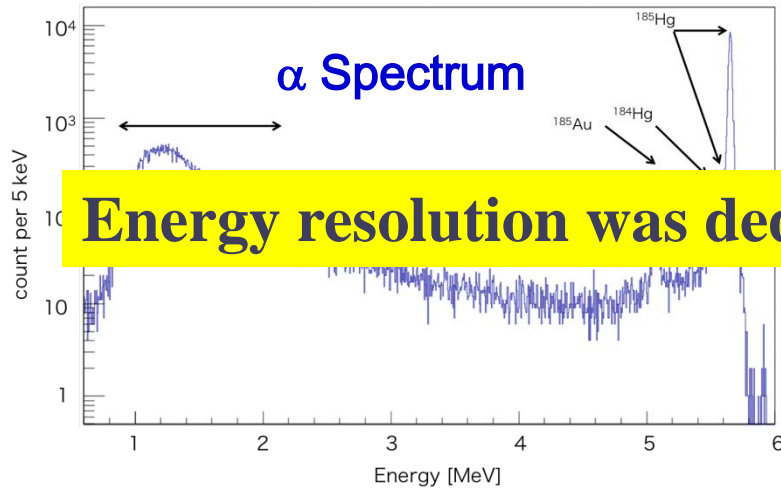
# Experimental status

# System check and detector calibration

## RRC+GARIS-II

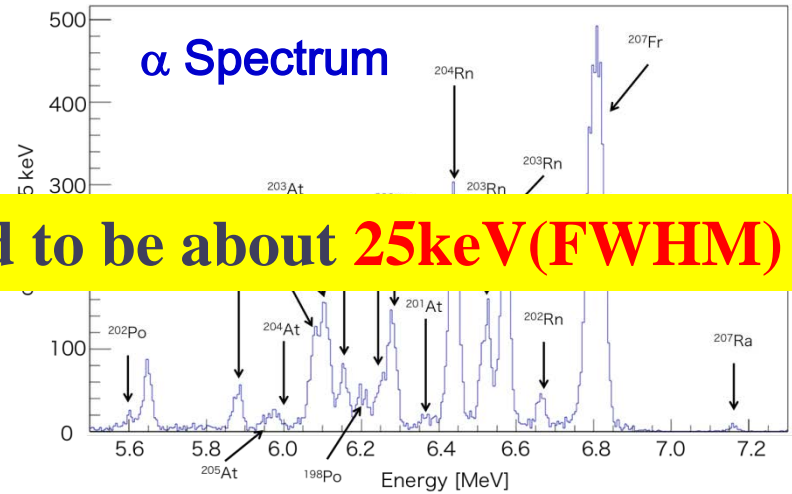
### $^{51}\text{V} + ^{139}\text{La}$ reaction

242.6 MeV (center of target)

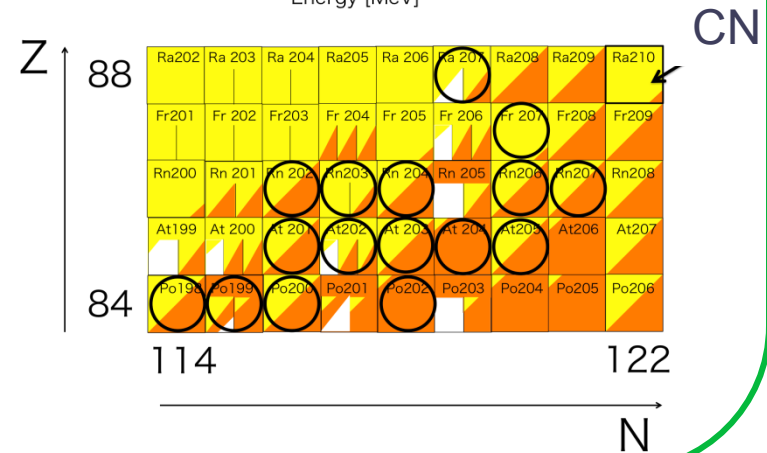
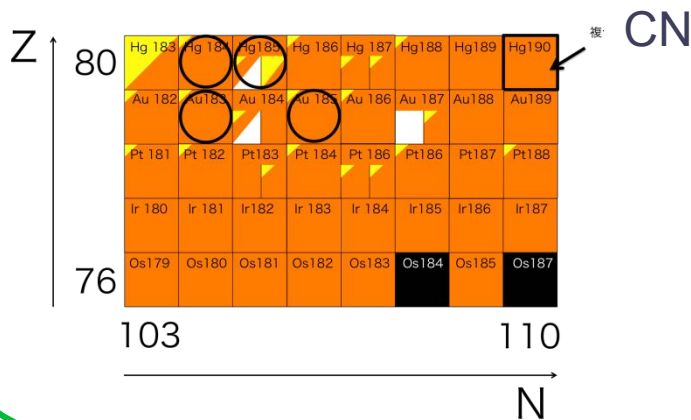


### $^{51}\text{V} + ^{159}\text{Tb}$ reaction

224.8 MeV (center of target)

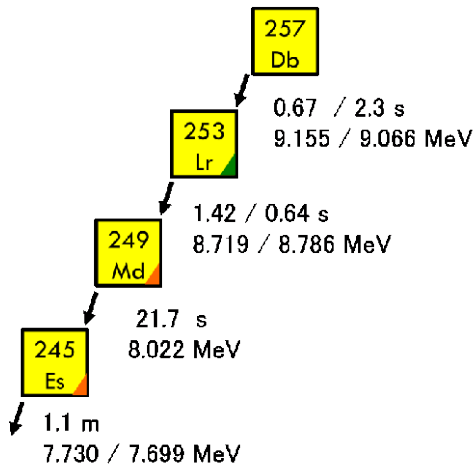


Energy resolution was deduced to be about **25keV(FWHM)**

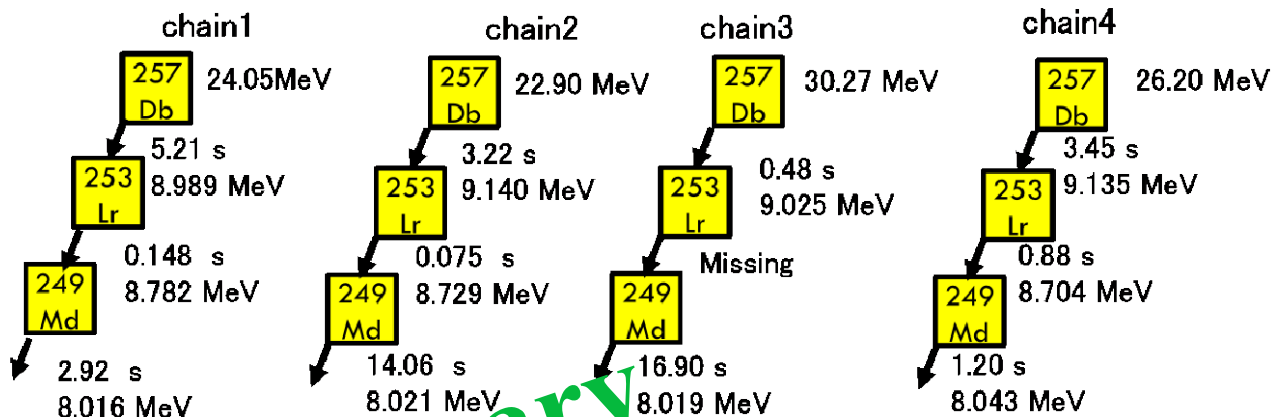


# $^{208}\text{Pb} (^{51}\text{V}, 2n)^{257}\text{Db}$ reaction

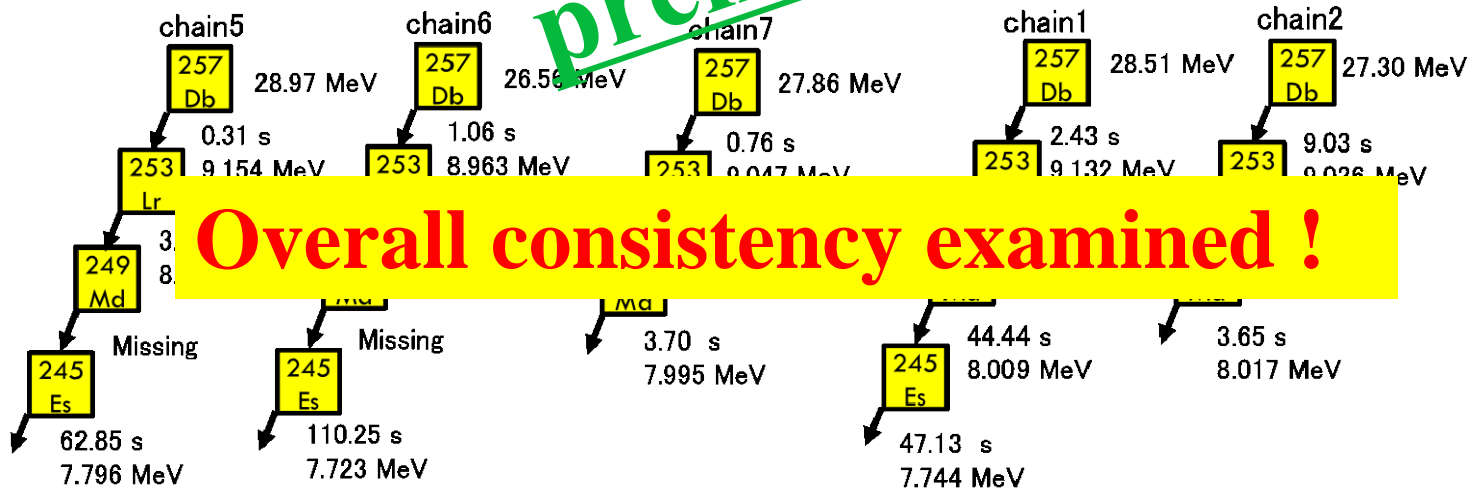
literature data



Beam energy: 242.6 MeV (center of target)



preliminary

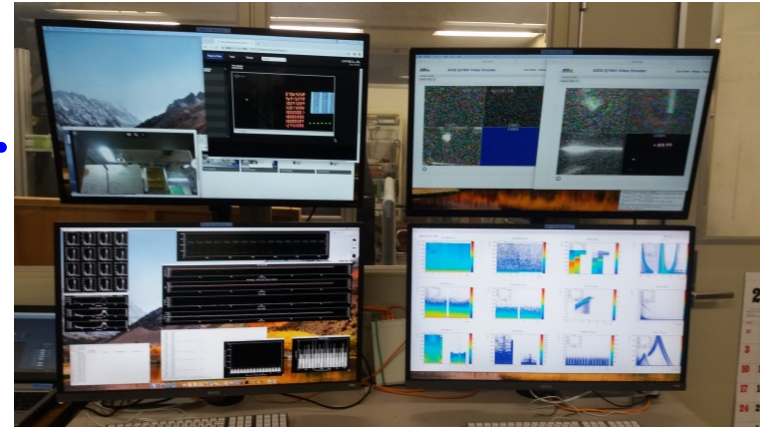


Overall consistency examined !



# $^{248}\text{Cm}(^{51}\text{V}, xn)^{299-xn}_{119}$ measurement

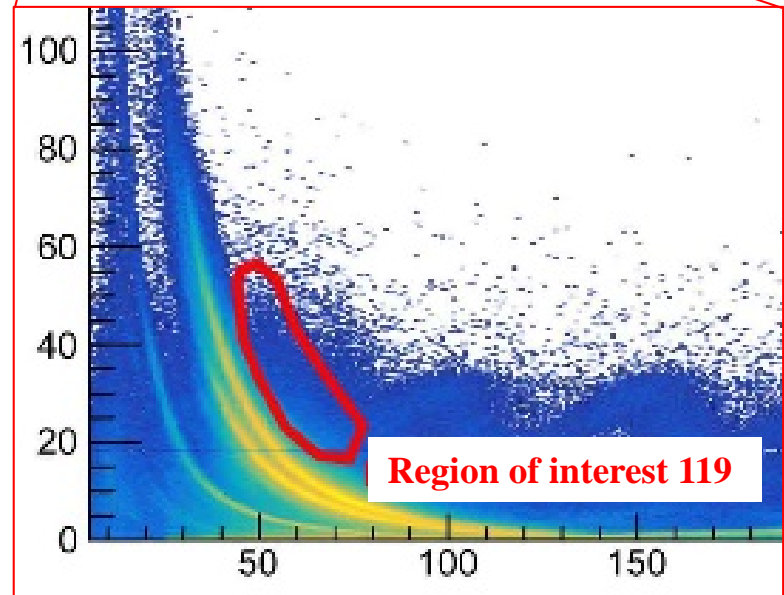
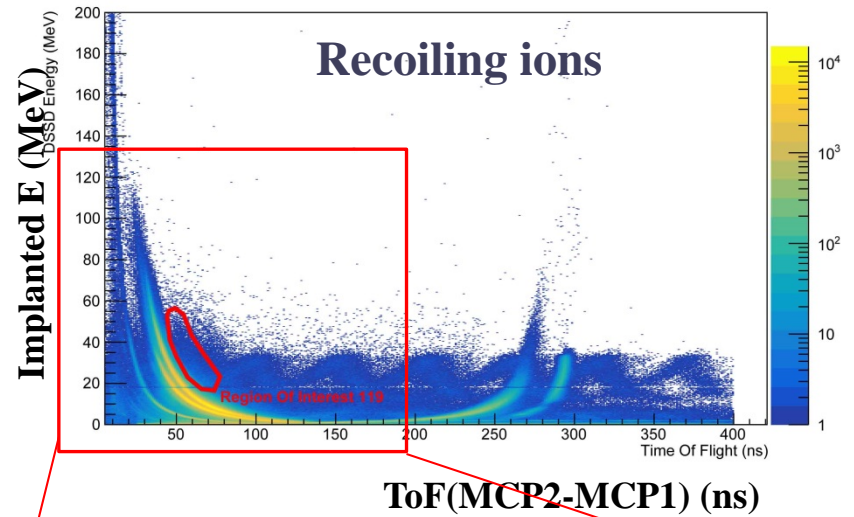
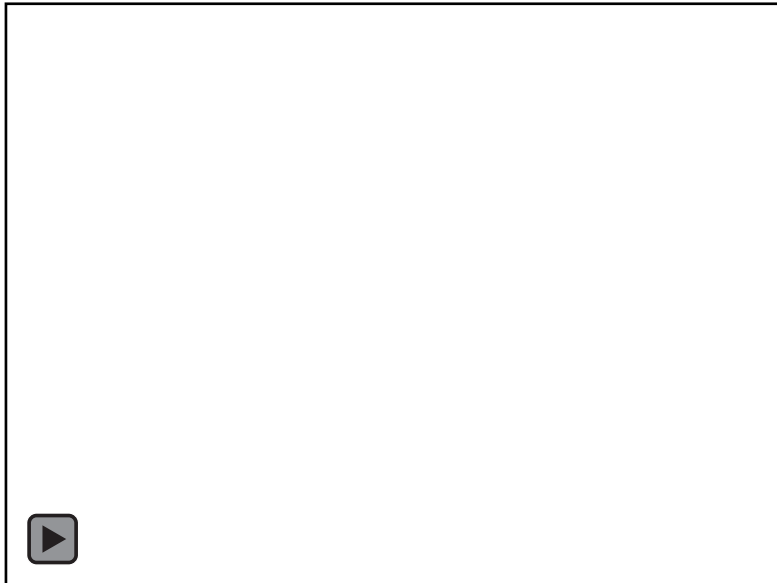
- Search was started since Jan. 2018.
- Experiment is running intermittently.
- Still a lot of development is needed.  
target, background suppression,  
'on-line' analysis, . . .



- Irradiation energy, intensity, accumulated dose and details of target are treated as **confidential** under nSHE corroboration group.  
Sorry for this inconvenience !

# On-line spectra

- **Video shot**  
 $^{51}\text{V}$ -beam with rotating target



- Element 119 search started but not yet in final form.
- A lot of study/work needed.
- Some headache: beam time, target material, budget, . . .

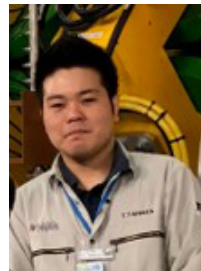
## Long term perspective

- RRC + GARIS-II is **intermittently running!**
  - Upgraded SRILAC + GARIS-III will be ready by **beginning? of 2020**
- Parallel operation becomes possible in principle, if other difficulties solved

This talk is partly helped in preparing materials by



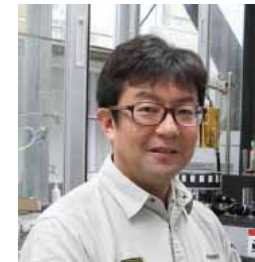
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