

Chemie radioaktivních prvků

část 3 - transaktinoidy

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Periodic table of the elements

1 IUPAC names 18

1 H											13 B	14 C	15 N	16 O	17 F	18 He	
3 Li	4 Be	Since 2016										5 Al	6 Si	7 P	8 S	9 Cl	10 Ne
11 Na	12 Mg	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Al	14 Si	15 P	16 S	17 Cl	18 Ar
19 K	20 Ca	21 Sc	22 Ti	23 V	24 Cr	25 Mn	26 Fe	27 Co	28 Ni	29 Cu	30 Zn	31 Ga	32 Ge	33 As	34 Se	35 Br	36 Kr
37 Rb	38 Sr	39 Y	40 Zr	41 Nb	42 Mo	43 Tc	44 Ru	45 Rh	46 Pd	47 Ag	48 Cd	49 In	50 Sn	51 Sb	52 Te	53 I	54 Xe
55 Cs	56 Ba	57-71 La	72 Hf	73 Ta	74 W	75 Re	76 Os	77 Ir	78 Pt	79 Au	80 Hg	81 Tl	82 Pb	83 Bi	84 Po	85 At	86 Rn
87 Fr	88 Ra	89-103 Ac	104 Rf	105 Db	106 Sg	107 Bh	108 Hs										
								109 Mt	110 Ds	111 Rg	112 Cn	113 Nh	114 Fl	115 Mc	116 Lv	117 Ts	118 Og

Lanthanides

57 La	58 Ce	59 Pr	60 Nd	61 Pm	62 Sm	63 Eu	64 Gd	65 Tb	66 Dy	67 Ho	68 Er	69 Tm	70 Yb	71 Lu
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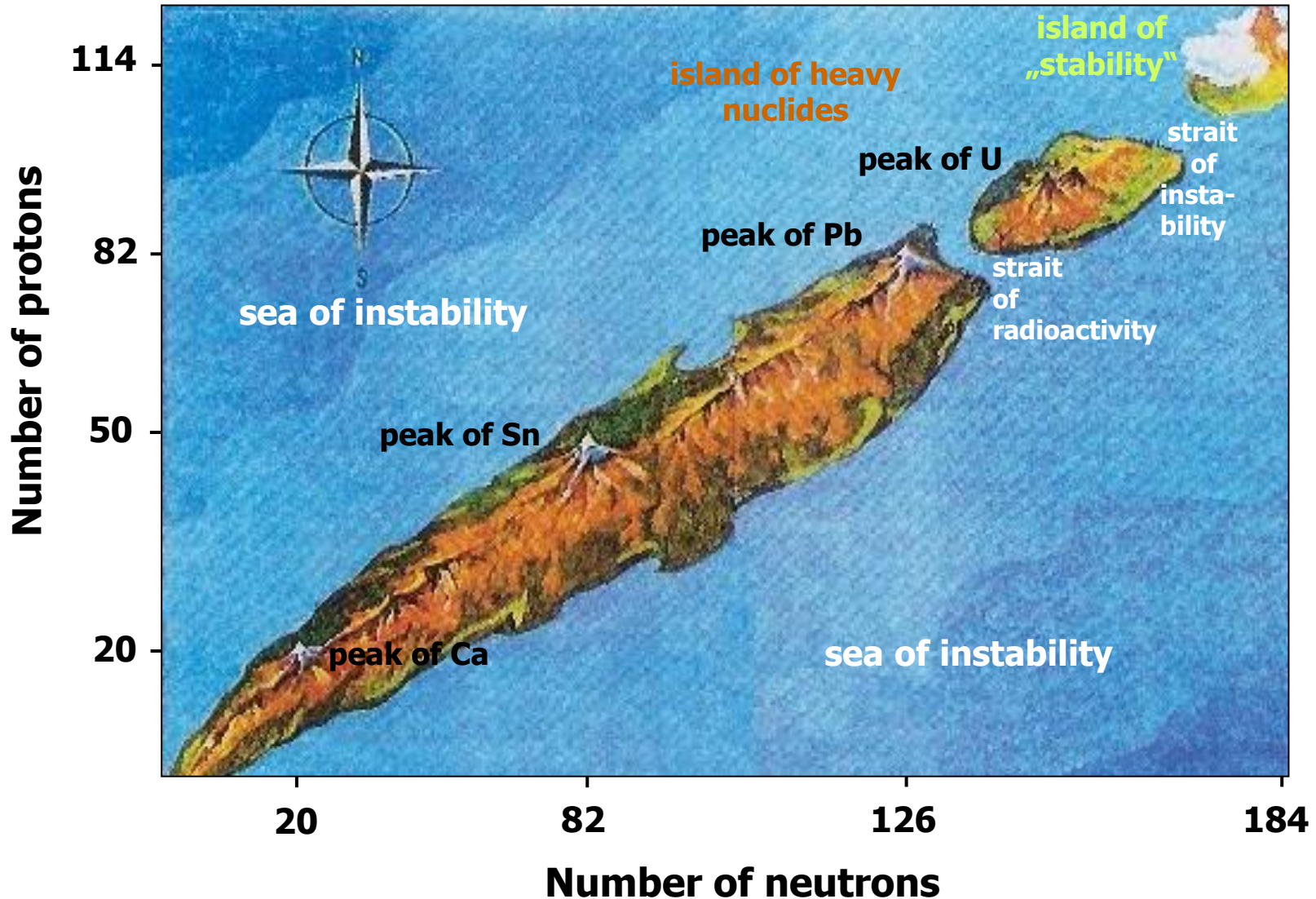
Actinides

89 Ac	90 Th	91 Pa	92 U	93 Np	94 Pu	95 Am	96 Cm	97 Bk	98 Cf	99 Es	100 Fm	101 Md	102 No	103 Lr
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Superheavy Elements - Why Study?

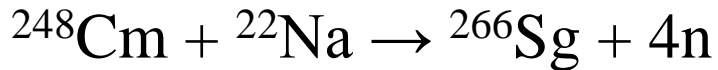
- **Test validity of the Extrapolations of the Periodic Table**
- **Determine the Influence of Relativistic Effects on Chemical Properties**
- **Help to Predict the Chemical Properties of the Heavier Elements**
- **Determine Nuclear Properties of the Heaviest Elements**

Superheavy Elements - Stability?



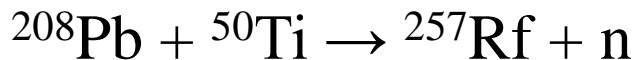
SHE - produktion

Hot fusion – light projectile on heavy target, e.g.



Compound nucleus, in this case ^{270}Sg , is highly excited and a certain number of neutrons "evaporates". Each of these neutrons takes with it some 10 MeV of energy.

Cold fusion – medium weight projectile on lighter target, e.g.



In this case is the compound nuclues not so highly excited and only 0-1 neutrons "evaporate".

Accelerators – Dubna, Darmstadt, Berkeley and RIKEN

Hot fusion with ^{48}Ca ions as projectile allowed to reach the "island of stability" around $Z = 114$ and $N = 182$. ($N/Z = 1.6$)

Synthesis of heavy elements: Hassium (Z=108)



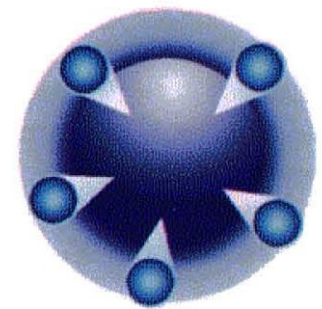
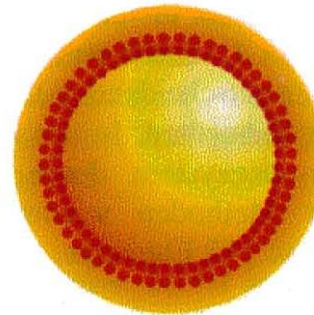
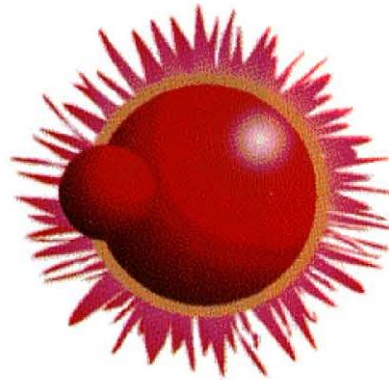
${}^{26}\text{Mg}$

${}^{248}\text{Cm}$

FUSION

${}^{274}\text{Hs}^*$

${}^{269}\text{Hs}$



1×10^{17}

2×10^{18}

5×10^8

1

projectiles on target

compound nuclei

atom

Superheavy Elements - Current Status

Atomic number	Name	Chemical symbol
104	rutherfordium	Rf
105	dubnium	Db
106	seaborgium	Sg
107	bohrium	Bh
108	hassium	Hs
109	meitnerium	Mt
110	darmstadtium	Ds
111	roentgenium	Rg
112	copernicium	Cn
113	nihonium	Nh
114	flerovium	Fl
115	moscovium	Mc
116	livermorium	Lv
117	tennessin	Ts
118	oganesson	Og

104 – Rutherfordium (Rf)

1964: Dubna (Russia), Flerov et al.



$\sigma \approx 0.2\text{ nb}$ 1 at/5 hr

Kurchatovium (Ku)

1969: Berkeley (USA), Ghiorso et al.



Rutherfordium (Rf)

Final determination of Z for $^{257}\text{104}$ – coincidence of K_X of No with α from $^{257}\text{104}$

Today: A = 253-262



Chemistry

Eka-hafnium.

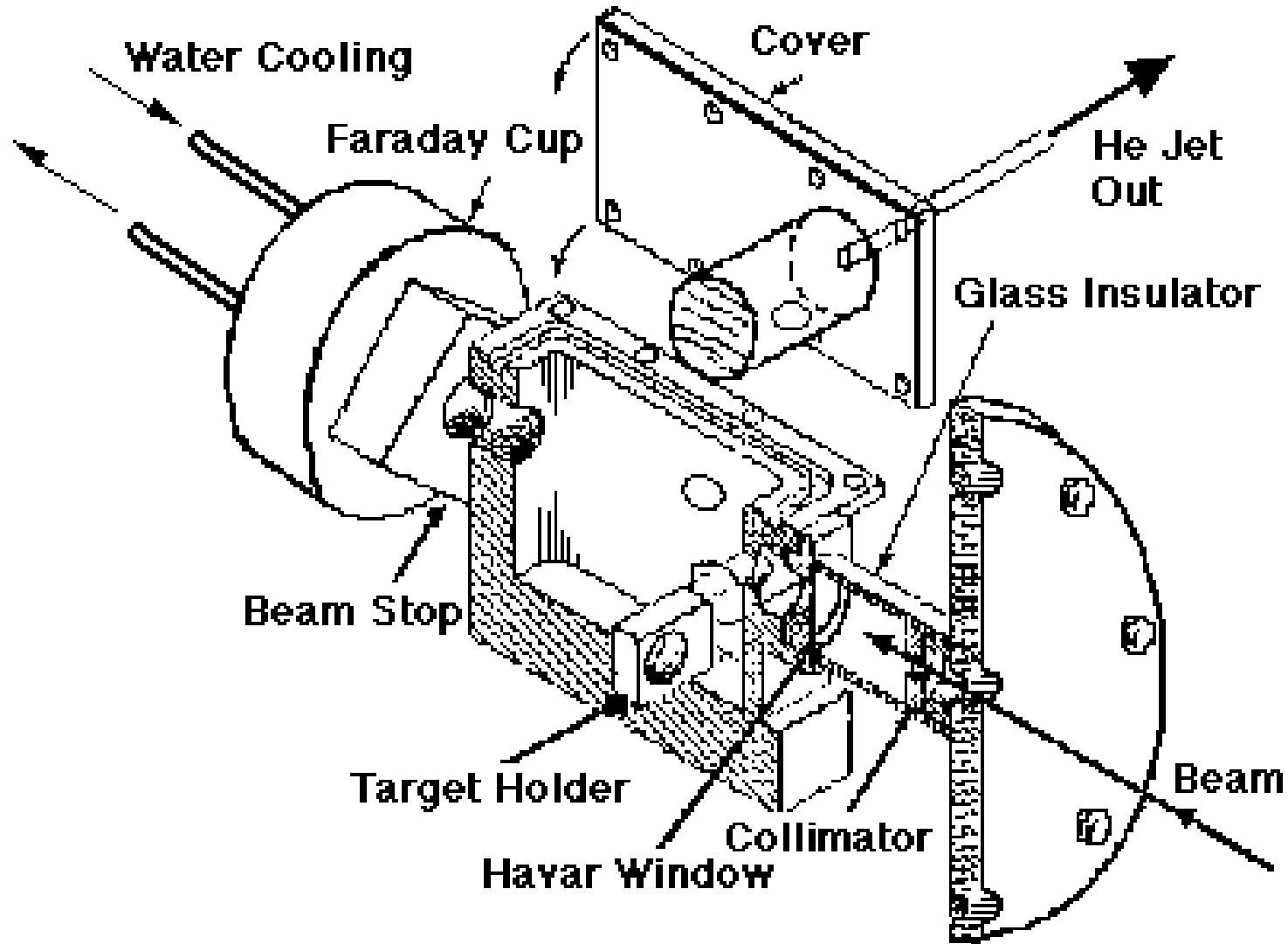
Dubna – volatile chloride (Zvára et al., 1966) (?)

Berkeley & Oak Ridge (Silva, 1970):

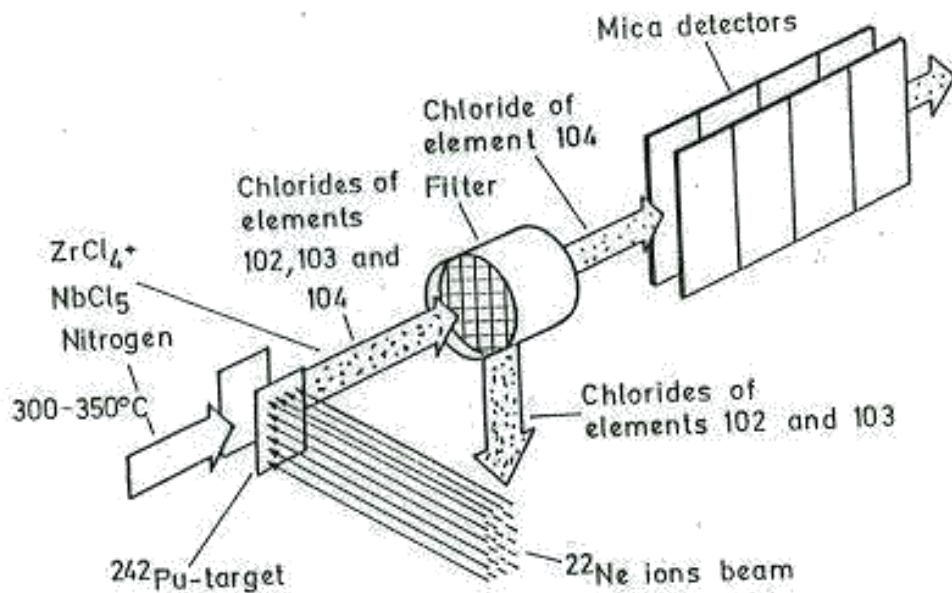
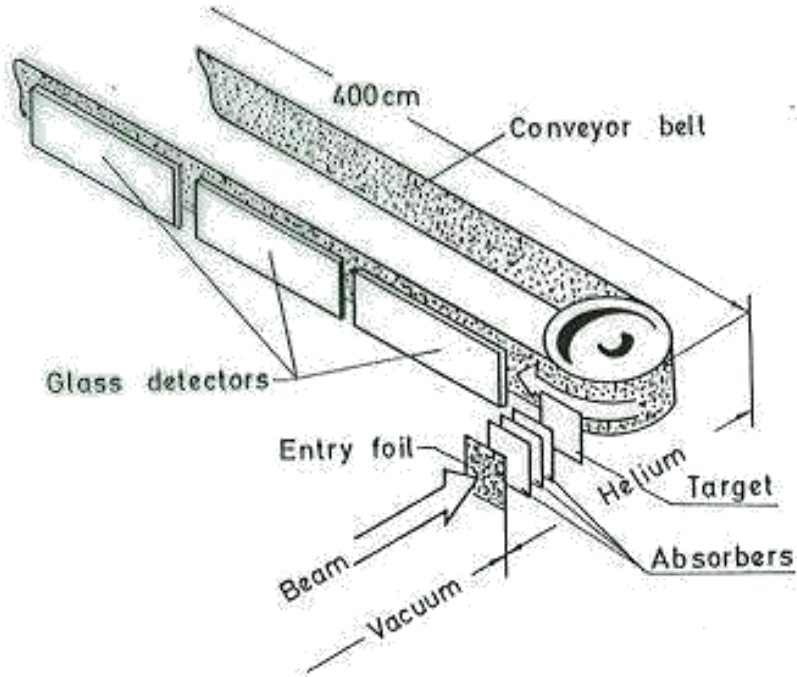
Dowex 50 + α -HiB – behaves like IV, **NOT** III

study performed with 100 atoms of ^{261}Rf

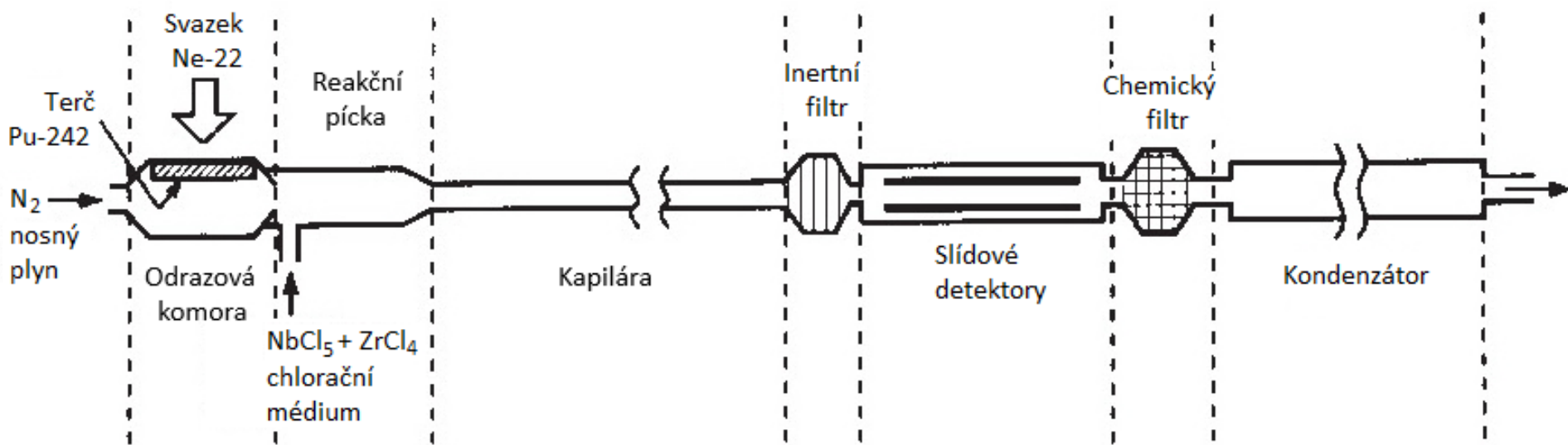
SHE – Rf: Target System



^{104}Rf



^{104}Rf



105 – Dubnium (Db)

1968: Dubna (Russia), Flerov et al.



\Rightarrow **Nielsbohrium (Ns)**

1970: Berkeley (USA), Ghiorso et al.



“Proof” – coincidence 105 - Lr

\Rightarrow **Hahnium (Ha)**

Final determination of Z (1977) – coincidence of L_{X} of Lr with α from $^{260}\text{105}$

Today: A = 255-262



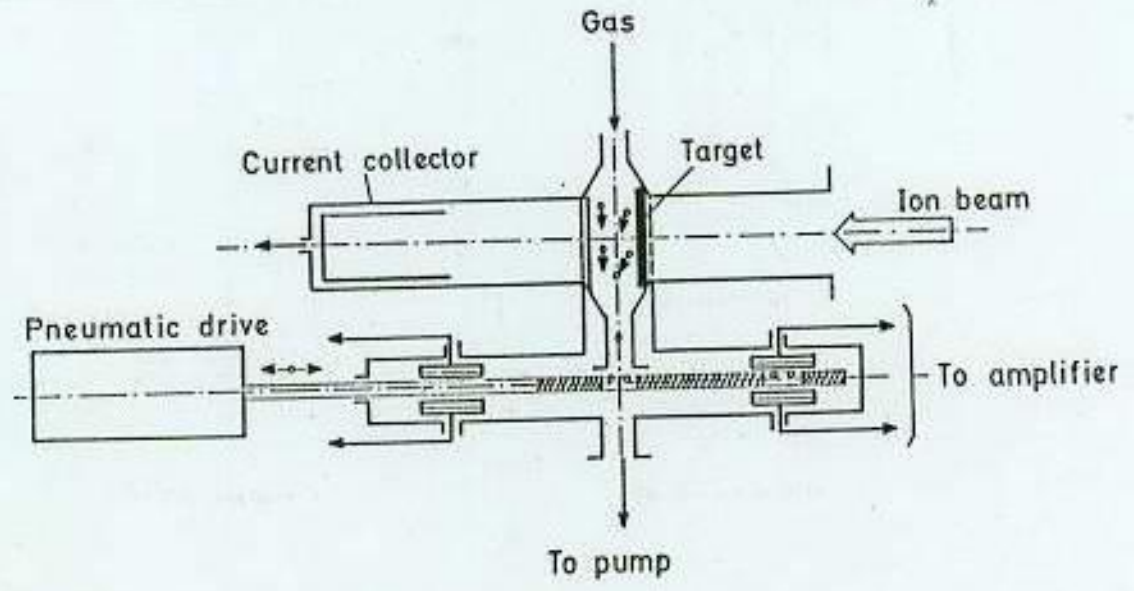
Chemistry

Dubna – gas chromatography $T \in <50; 350> \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

Volatility of chlorides: $\text{HfCl}_4 < \text{DbCl}_x < \text{NbCl}_5 \Rightarrow$

Eka-tantalum (Zvára et al., 1970-75)

Ilb
105



106 – Seaborgium (Sg)

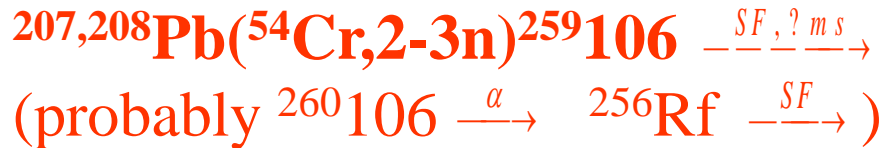
Forecast: Eka-tungsten

1974: Berkeley (USA), Ghiorso et al.



“Proof” – correlation of decays ${}^{263}\text{106} \rightarrow {}^{259}\text{Rf} \rightarrow {}^{255}\text{No}$

1974: Dubna (Russia), Oganessian et al.



Today: $A = 259\text{-}263$



Chemistry

Theoretical forecast: like W or Mo, more complexes

Experimental: **Atom – at – a - time chemistry**

\Rightarrow member of group 6 of the PTE

Jména prvků se $Z = 102\text{--}109$ navrhovaná v letech 1992 až 1997

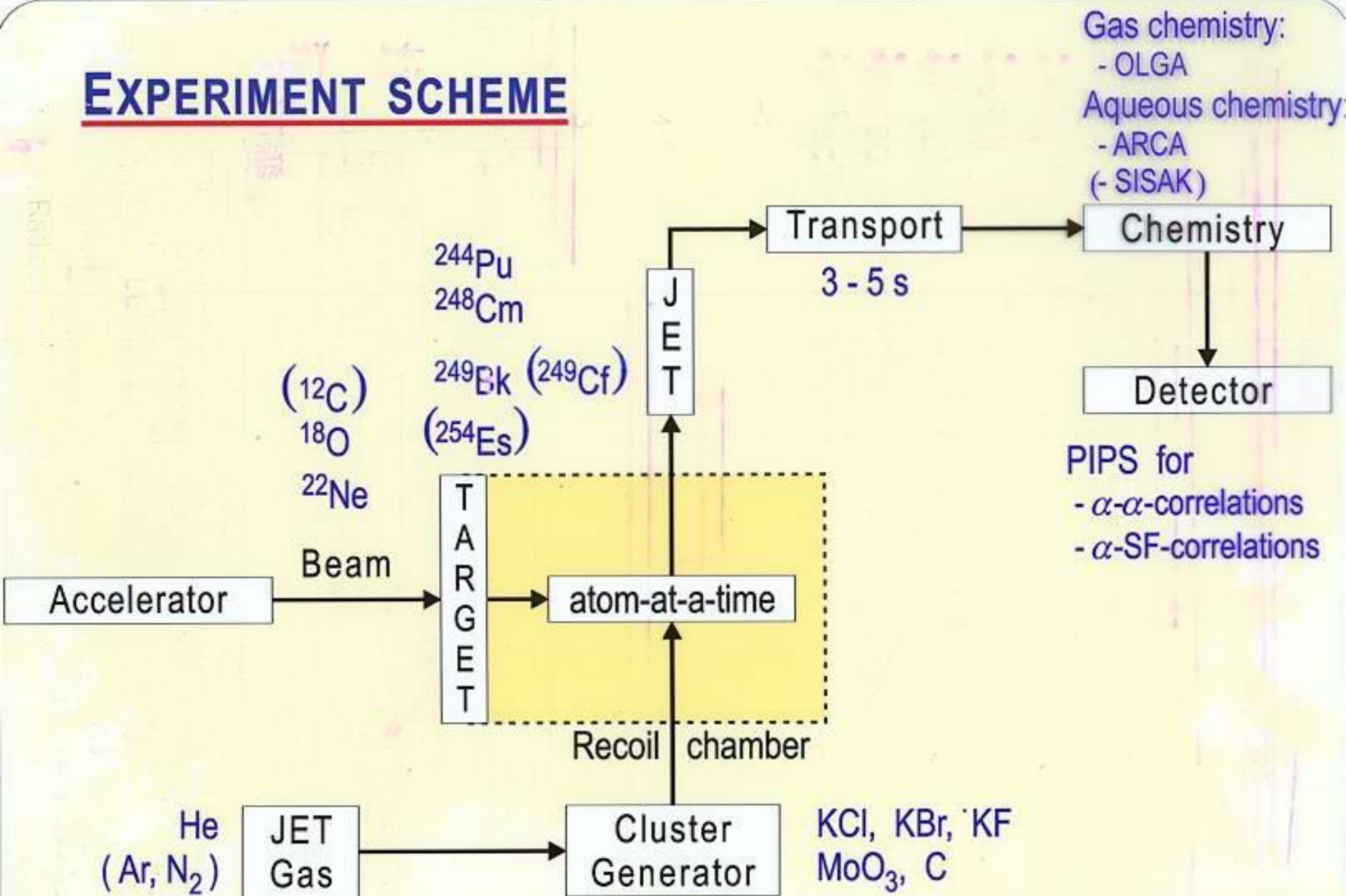
Z	GSI 1992	ACS 1994	IUPAC 1994	IUPAC 1995	IUPAC 1997
102	joliotium	nobelium	nobelium	flerovium	nobelium, No
103	lawrencium	lawrencium	lawrencium	lawrencium	lawrencium, Lr
104	meitnerium	rutherfordium	dubnium	dubnium	rutherfordium, Rf
105	kurchatovium	hahnium	joliotium	joliotium	dubnium, Db
106	rutherfordium	seaborgium	rutherfordium	seaborgium	seaborgium, Sg
107	nielsbohrium	nielsbohrium	bohrium	nielsbohrium	bohrium, Bh
108	hassium	hassium	hahnium	hahnium	hassium, Hs
109	hahnium	meitnerium	meitnerium	meitnerium	meitnerium, Mt

"ATOM - AT - A - TIME" CHEMISTRY

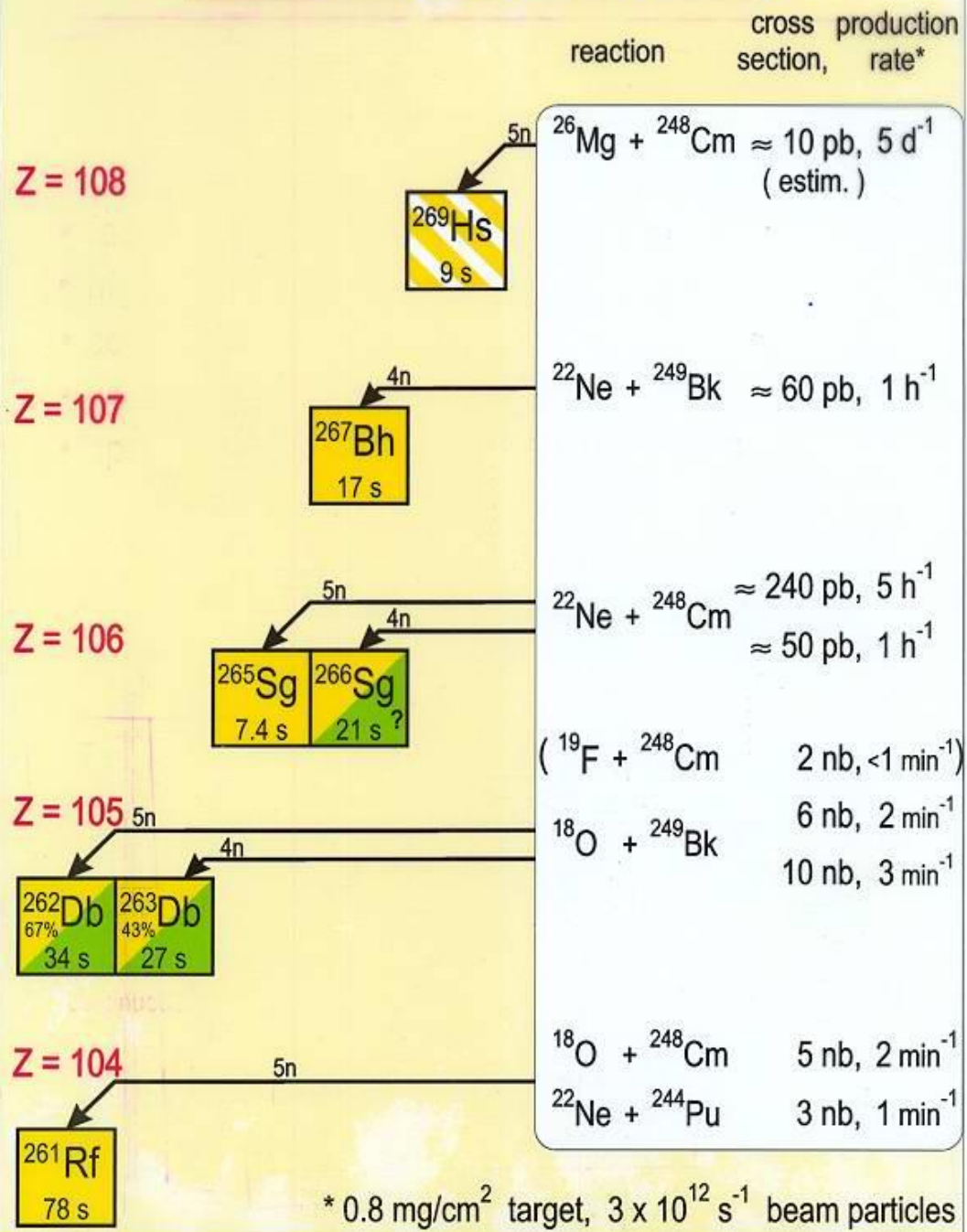
NECESSITIES

- high production rate
- fast transport
- high yield
- continuous or high repetition rate
- specific chemistry
- specific identification

EXPERIMENT SCHEME



NUCLEAR SYNTHESSES



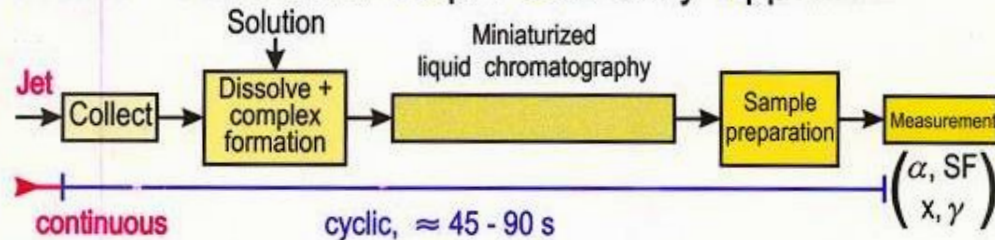
Aqueous chemistry with Transactinides

METHODS

AQUEOUS PHASE

BATCH - WISE

ARCA - Automated Rapid Chemistry Apparatus



ACCESS - AUTOMATED CHROMATOGRAPHIC CHEMICAL
ELEMENT SEPARATION SYSTEM

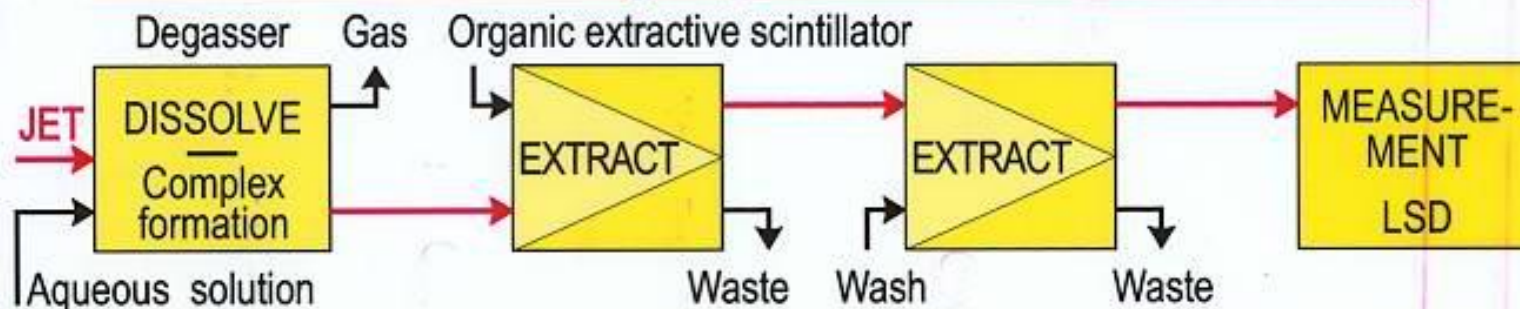
F.A.K.E.

Continuous Separation and Detection

SISAK III

$$3 \text{ s} \leq T_{1/2} \leq 30 \text{ s}$$

SISAK - fast centrifuge system for solvent extraction



continuous, $\approx 0.1 - 10 \text{ s}$

Oslo - Göteborg - Mainz - Collaboration

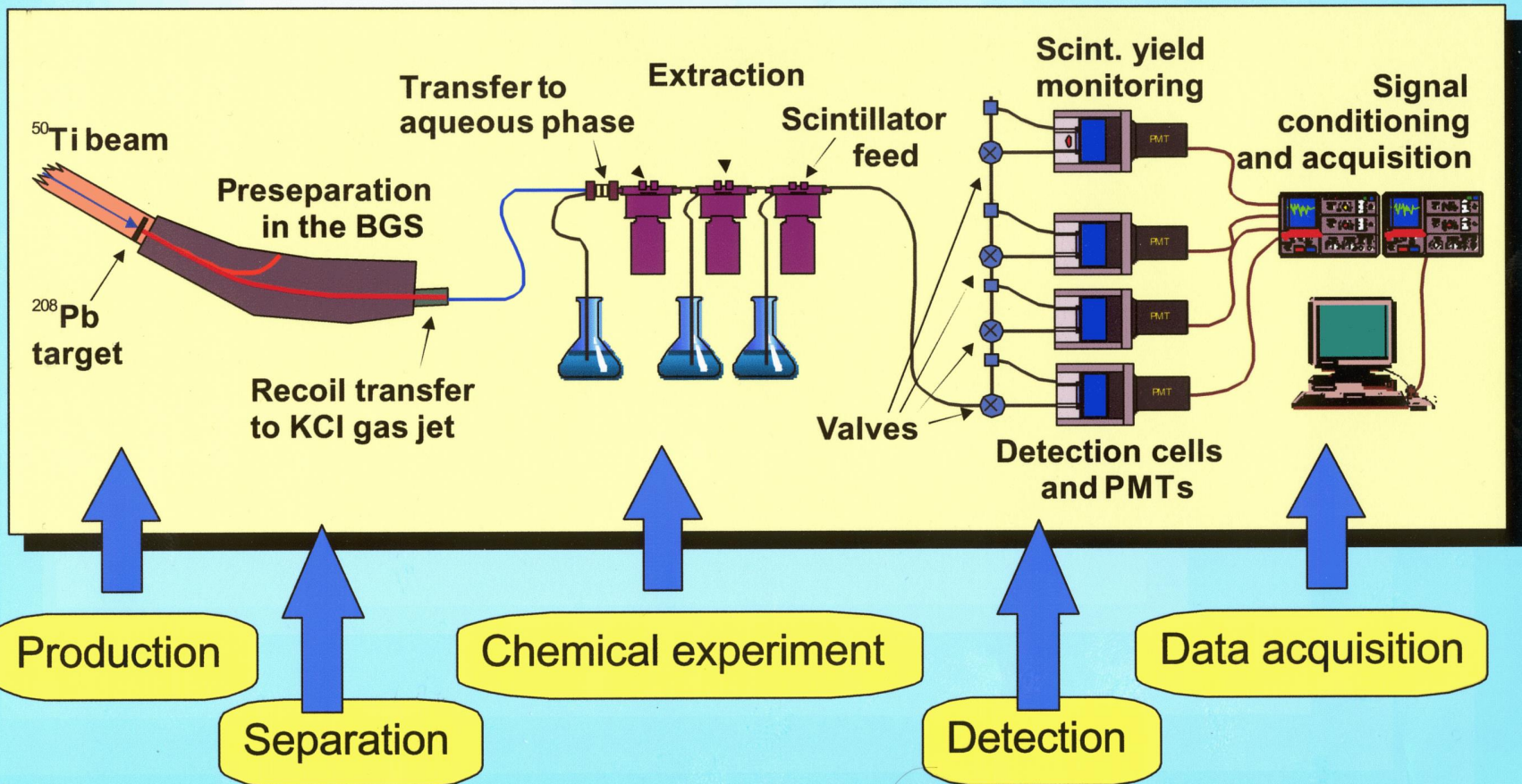
H. Persson et al., Radiochim. Acta 48 (1989) 177

J. Alstad et al., JRNC 189 (1995) 133

B. Wierczinski et al., NIM A 370 (1996) 532



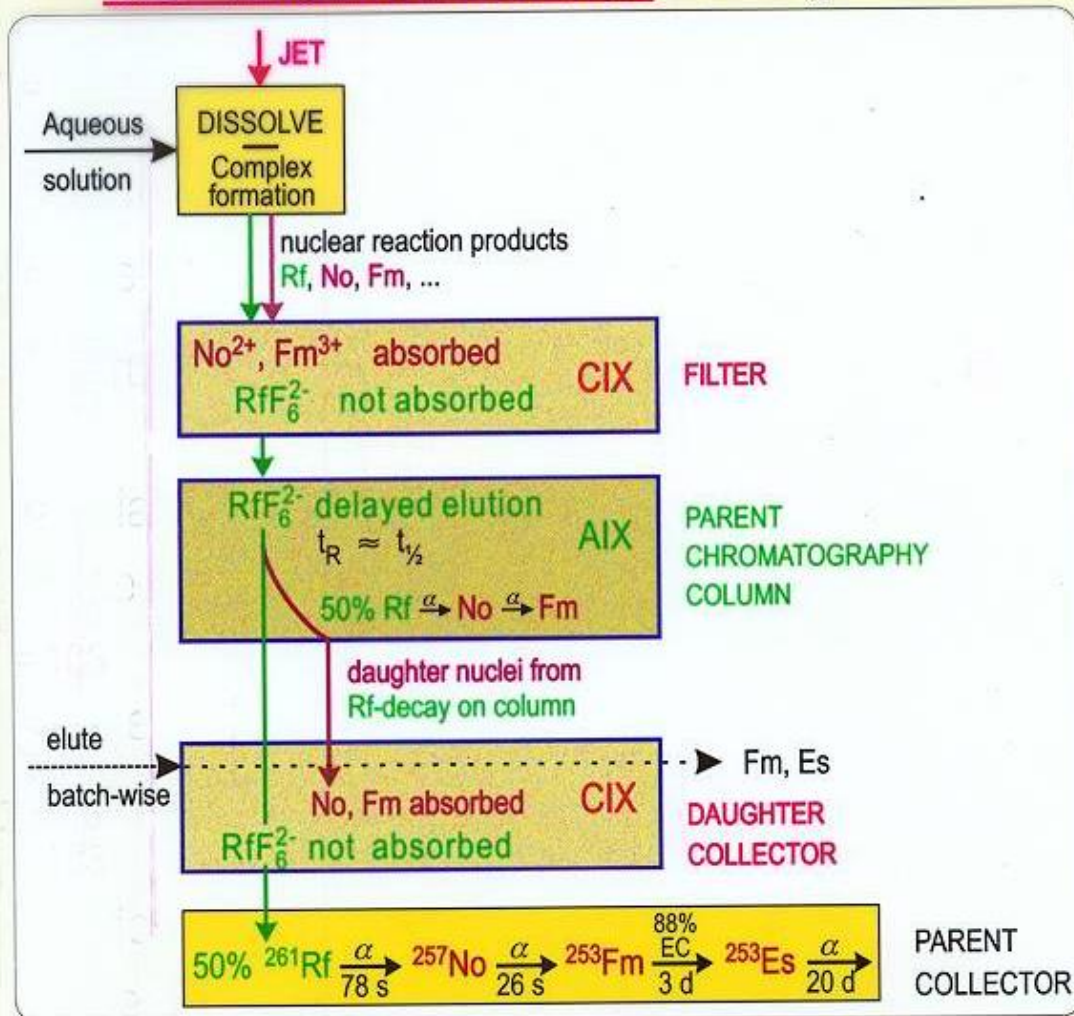
Overview



Rf

Continuous Separation and Batch-wise Detection of Daughter Nuclides

Three - or Multi - column technique $10 \text{ s} \leq T_{1/2} \leq 100 \text{ s}$



Z. Szeglowski et al., Radiochim. Acta 51 (1990) 71: **104**

G. Pfrepper et al., Radiochim. Acta 77 (1997) 201: **104**

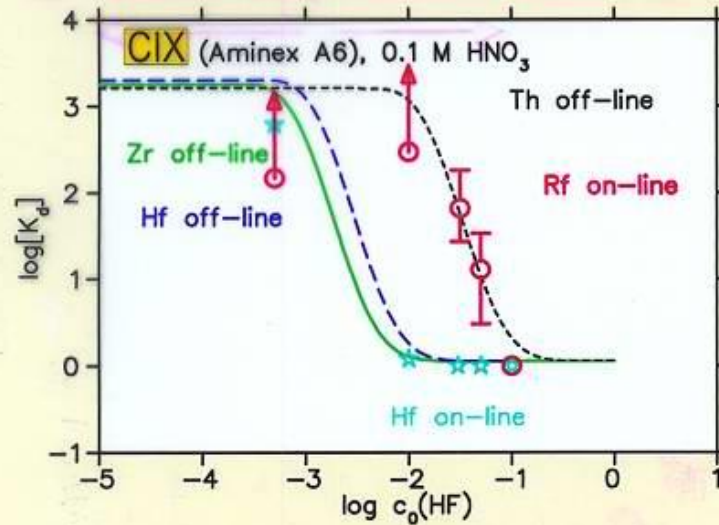
Radiochim. Acta 80 (1998) 7: **104**

C. LeNaour, D. Trubert et al., TAN99: **105** with RACHEL

A. Kronenberg et al., NRC5; G. Pfrepper et al., Radiochim. Acta 88 (2000) 273

Th - LIKE BEHAVIOUR OF ^{104}Rf

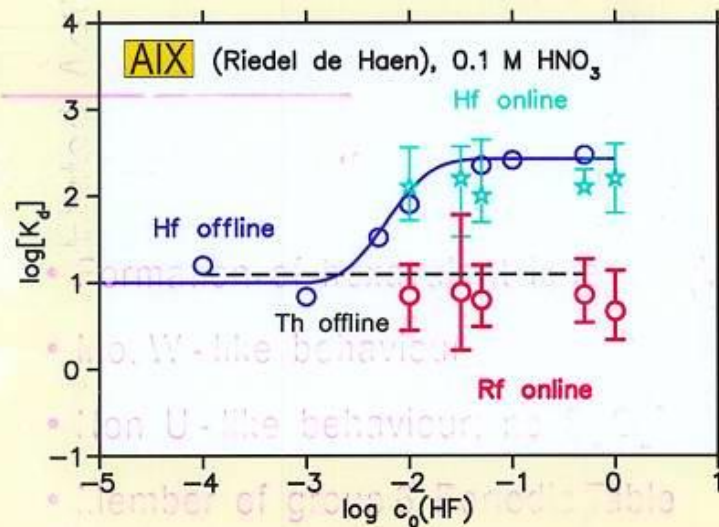
ARCA - 0.1 M HNO_3 , var. conc. HF



CATIONS



NEUTRAL SPECIES OR ANIONS



ANIONS



NEUTRAL SPECIES OR CATIONS

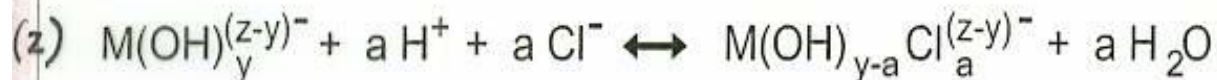
F⁻ - COMPLEX FORMATION



Db

THEORETICAL CALCULATIONS

V. Pershina: calculation of ΔE of the complex formation reaction:

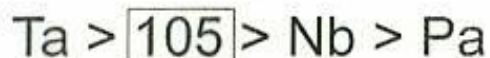


Competition between hydrolysis and complex formation:

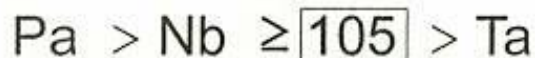
Complex formation:



Hydrolysis of compounds:



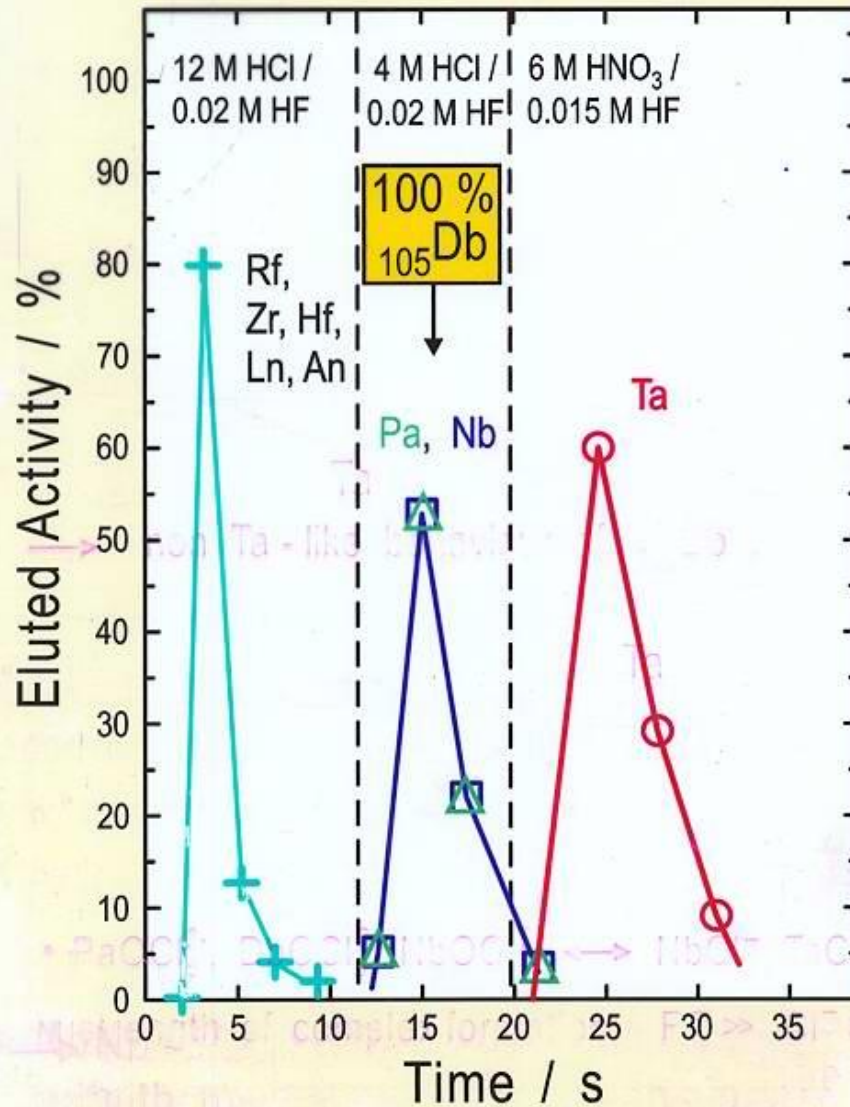
Predicted extraction sequence:



ELEMENT 105 - AQUEOUS PHASE

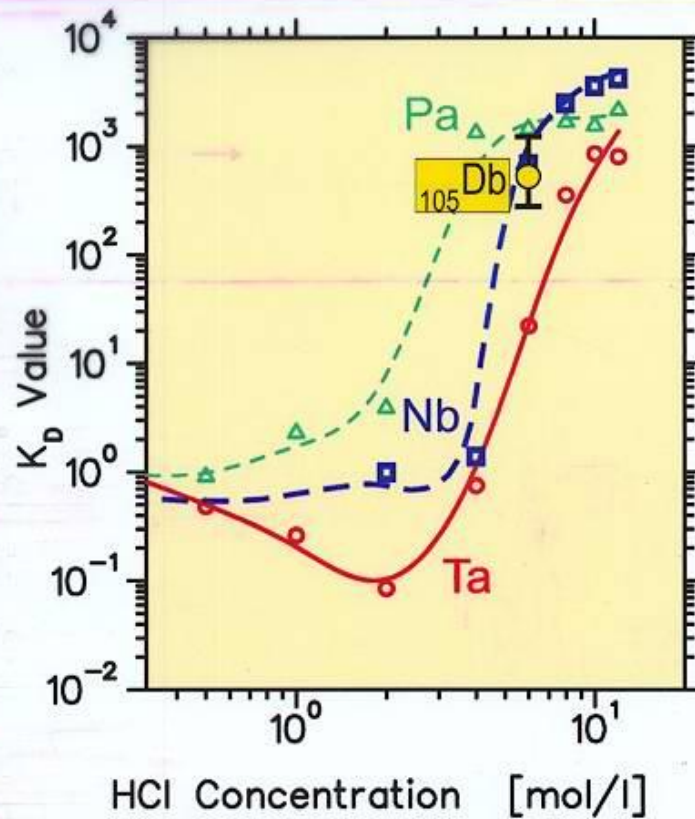
Kratz '89: Extraction chromatography; organic phase: TiOA

TiOA = tri-iso-octyl amine
Diluent: toluene



→ non Ta-like behaviour of Db

105 Db BEHAVIOUR IN THE SYSTEM ALIQUAT 336 / HCl (without HF!)



K_D - values (6 M HCl)

$$Pa > Nb \approx \text{}_{105}Db > Ta$$

$$1440 > 683 \approx (438^{+532}_{-166}) > 22$$

→ Nb-like behaviour of ¹⁰⁵Db in agreement with theoretical expectations under influence of relativistic effects

Sg

AQUEOUS CHEMISTRY WITH SEABORGIUM

one - atom - per - day liquid chromatography

- hexavalent ions; Sg (VI)
 - member of group 6
 - non U - like behaviour; no SgO_2^{2+}
-
- Mo, W - like behaviour in HNO_3 / HF - solution
formation of neutral and / or anionic complexes
 $\text{Sg O}_2 \text{F}_2$ and / or $\text{Sg O}_2 \text{F}_3^-$ likely; no SgO_4^{2-}
-
- non W - like behaviour in pure HNO_3
no formation of neutral or anionic complexes
no SgO_4^{2-}
formation of $\text{Sg}(\text{OH})_4(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2^{2+}$ and / or
 $\text{Sg}(\text{OH})_5(\text{H}_2\text{O})^+$ likely
 - decreasing hydrolysis: Mo > W > Sg

AQUEOUS CHEMISTRY OF TRANSACTINIDES

SUMMARY

- * atom - at - a - time chemistry
- * ^{104}Rf , ^{105}Db , ^{106}Sg investigated
- * members of group 4 to 6 of the PTE
- * structure of the PTE is (still?) intact
- * relativistic effects are strongly influencing the chemical properties
- * chemical properties are - in detail -
no more predictable with purely empirical methods
- * chemical properties are - in detail -
predictable combining empirical models with modern, relativistic molecular calculations

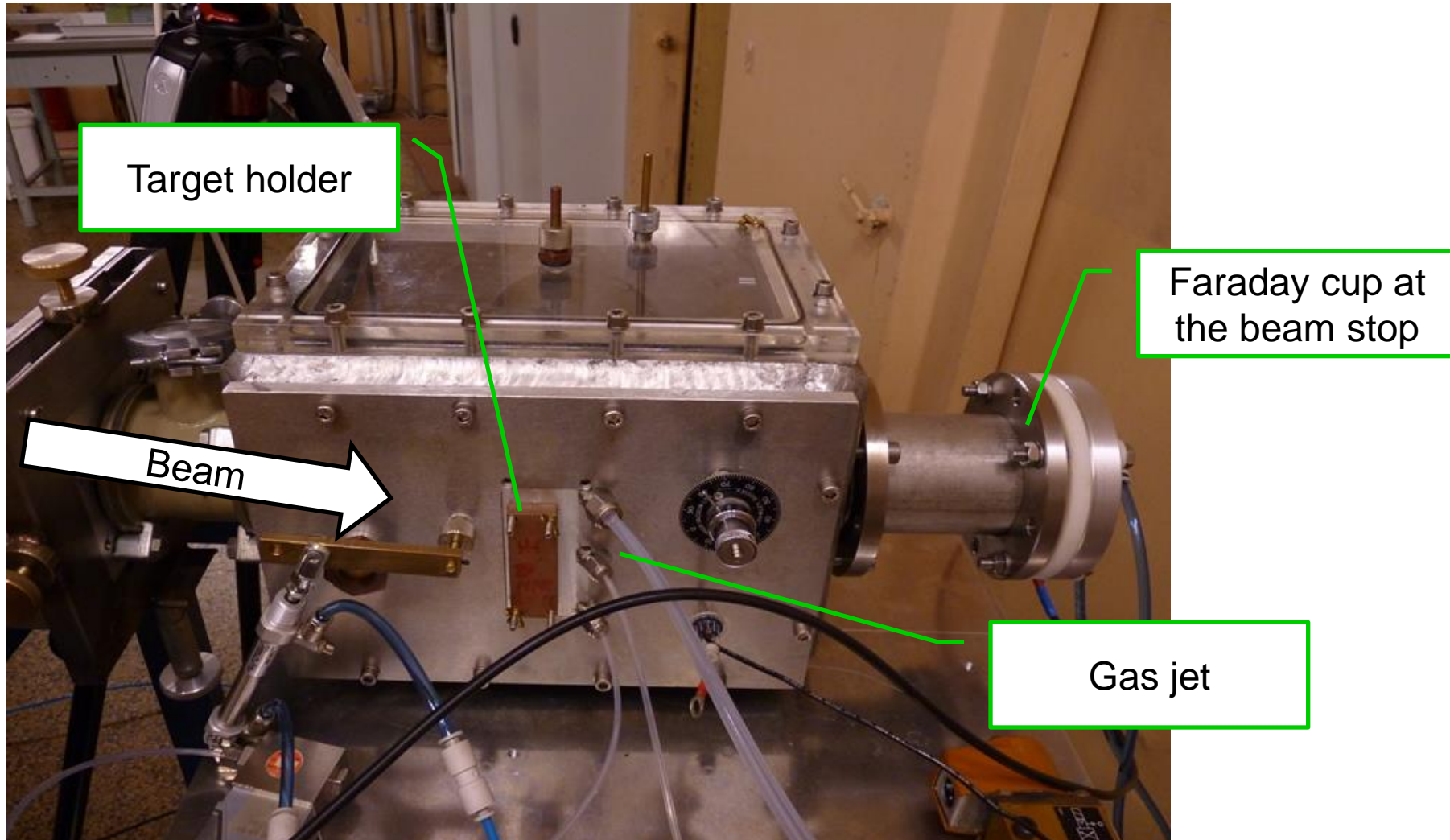
***SHE homologues synthesis and
gas-jet transport at U-120M
accelerator in Řež***



Experimental set-up – Řež

Target chamber at cyclotrone U-120

Cyclotron beam: 100-500 nA ${}^3\text{He}^{2+}$ @ 47 MeV

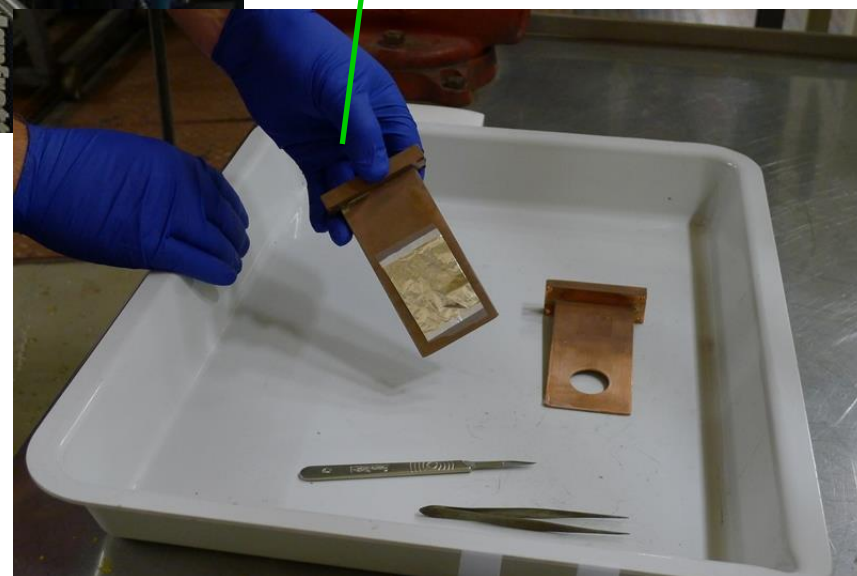


Experimental set-up – Řež



Target activity
check

Removing the
catcher foil



Experimental set-up – Řež

Aerosol: KCl cluster source – oven 620-680°C

Gas jet: He at 2 bar, 0.5 - 4 L/min

Oven with KCl

Pressure and gas
flow control

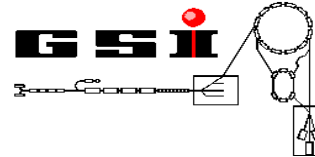
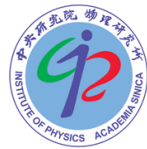
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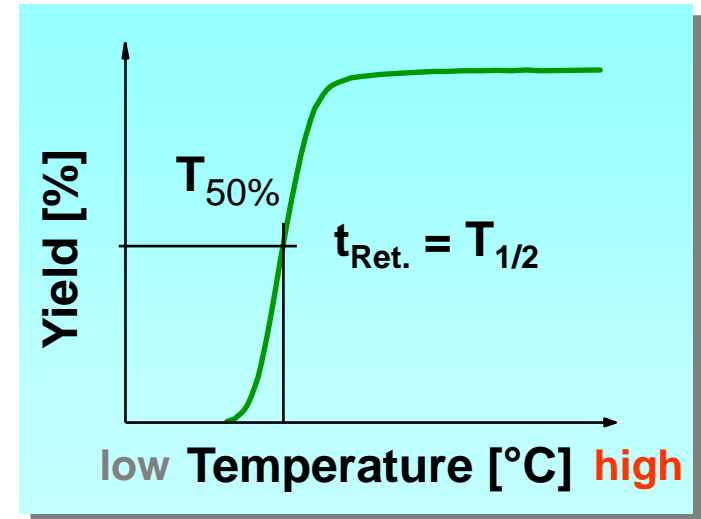
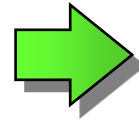
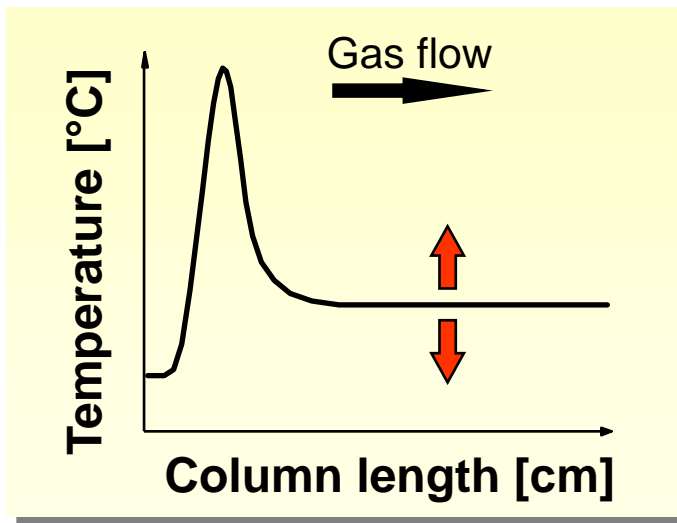
Temperature
control

Gas Phase Chemistry with Transactinides

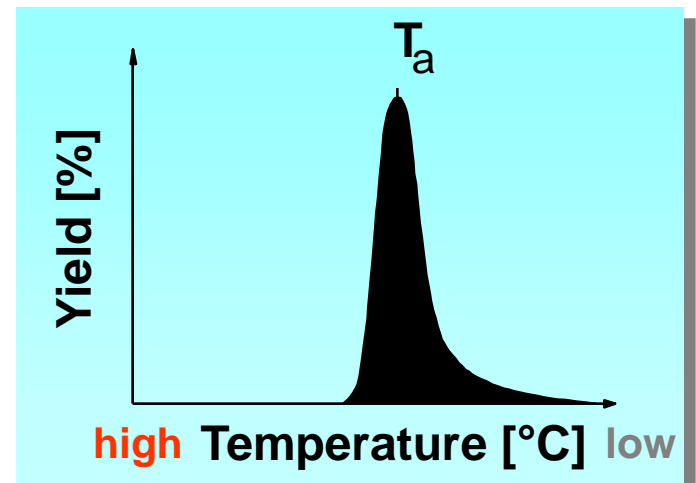
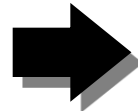
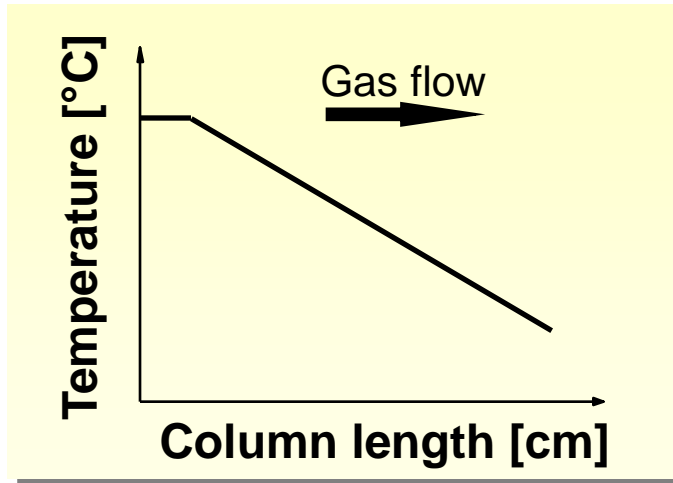
Gas Phase Chemistry Community:



Isothermal Chromatography:



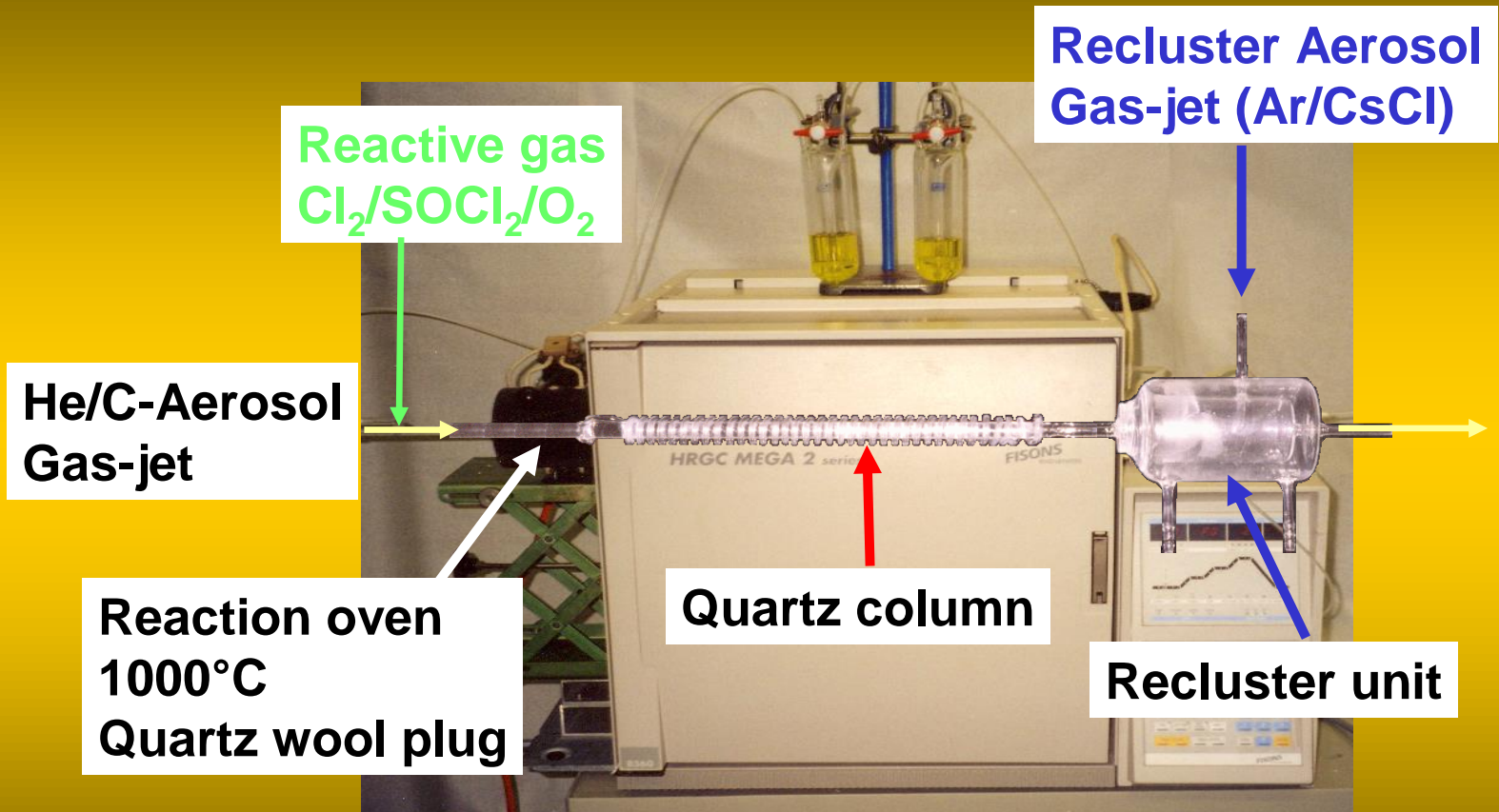
Thermochromatography:



OLGA

a device to measure retention temperatures of volatile species

Gas Chromatography: OLGA III



Working Hypothesis

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
H																	He
Li	Be											B	C	N	O	F	Ne
Na	Mg											Al	Si	P	S	Cl	Ar
K	Ca	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr
Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Te	I	Xe
Cs	Ba	La*	Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg	Tl	Pb	Bi	Po	At	Rn
Fr	Ra	Ac**	Rf	Db	Sg	Bh	Hs	Mt	Ds	Rg	Cn	Nh	Fl	Mc	Lv	Ts	Og

* Ce Pr Nd Pm Sm Eu Gd Tb Dy Ho Er Tm Yb Lu

** Th Pa U Np Pu Am Cm Bk Cf Es Fm Md No Lr

Working Hypothesis

Single atoms require simple stable molecules suitable for gas phase investigations

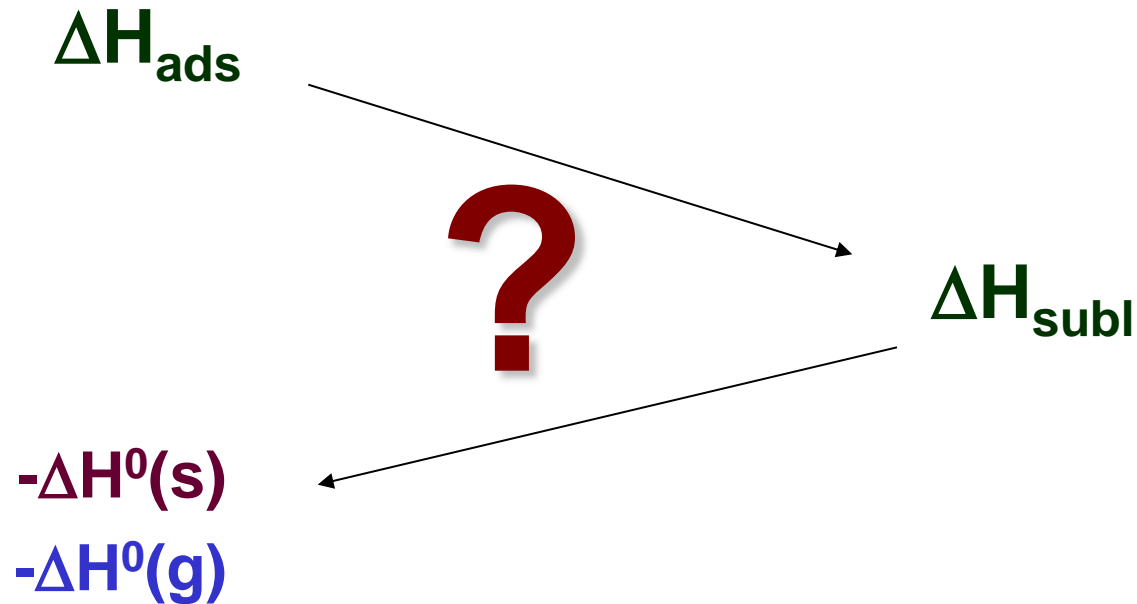
Element	Compound	Method/surface	Bond Character
Rf	RfOX ₂ , RfX ₄	TC,IC / quartz	Chemisorption
Db	DbOX ₃ , DbX ₅	TC,IC / quartz	Chemisorption
Sg	SgO ₂ X ₂	TC,IC / quartz	Chemisorption
Bh	BhO ₃ X, BhO ₃ OH	IC / quartz	Chemisorption
Hs	HsO ₄	TC / quartz	Chemisorption/Physisorption

X = halogen

Model experiments → single atoms of lighter homologues

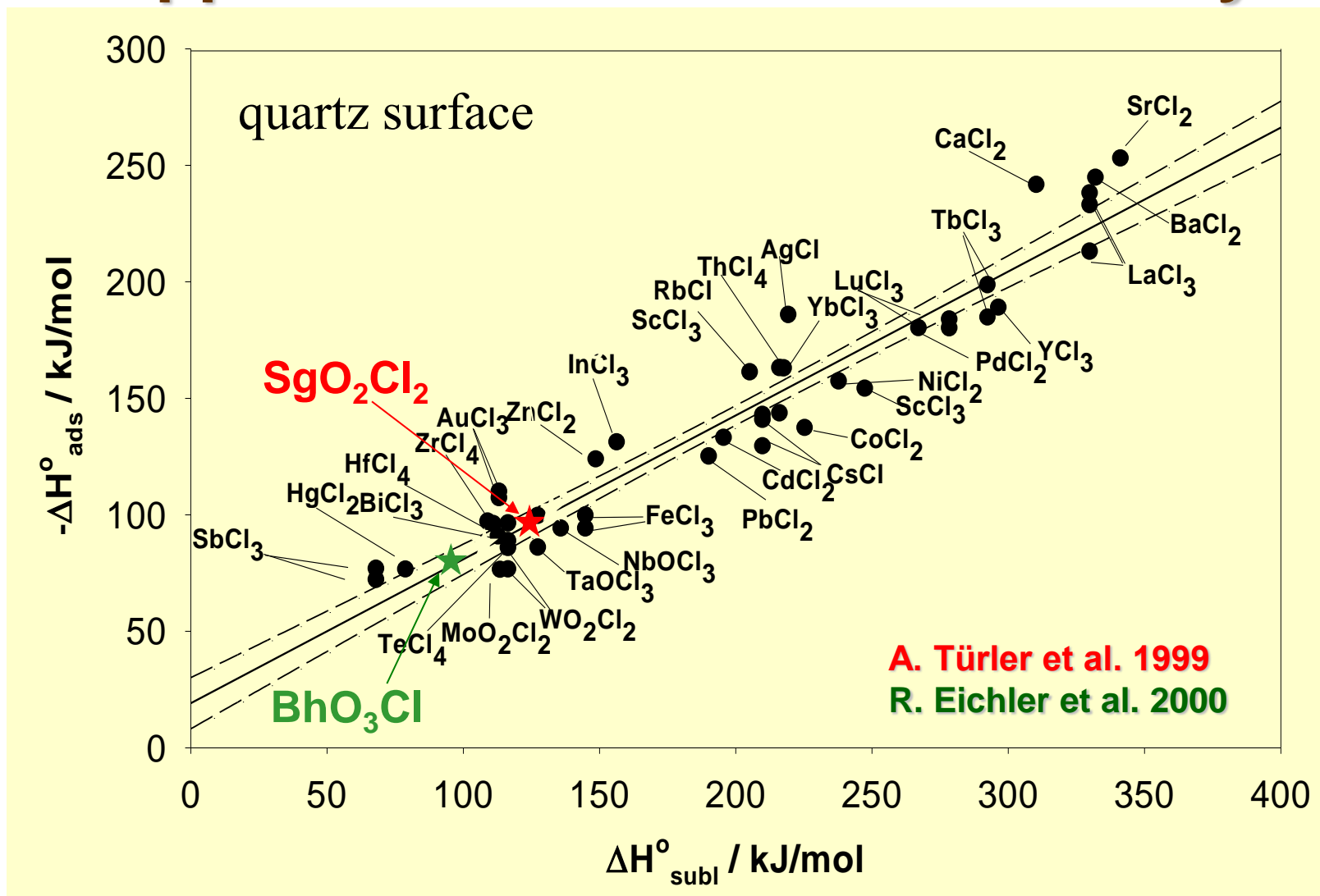
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Adsorption of single atoms / molecules



Stability of macroscopic phases

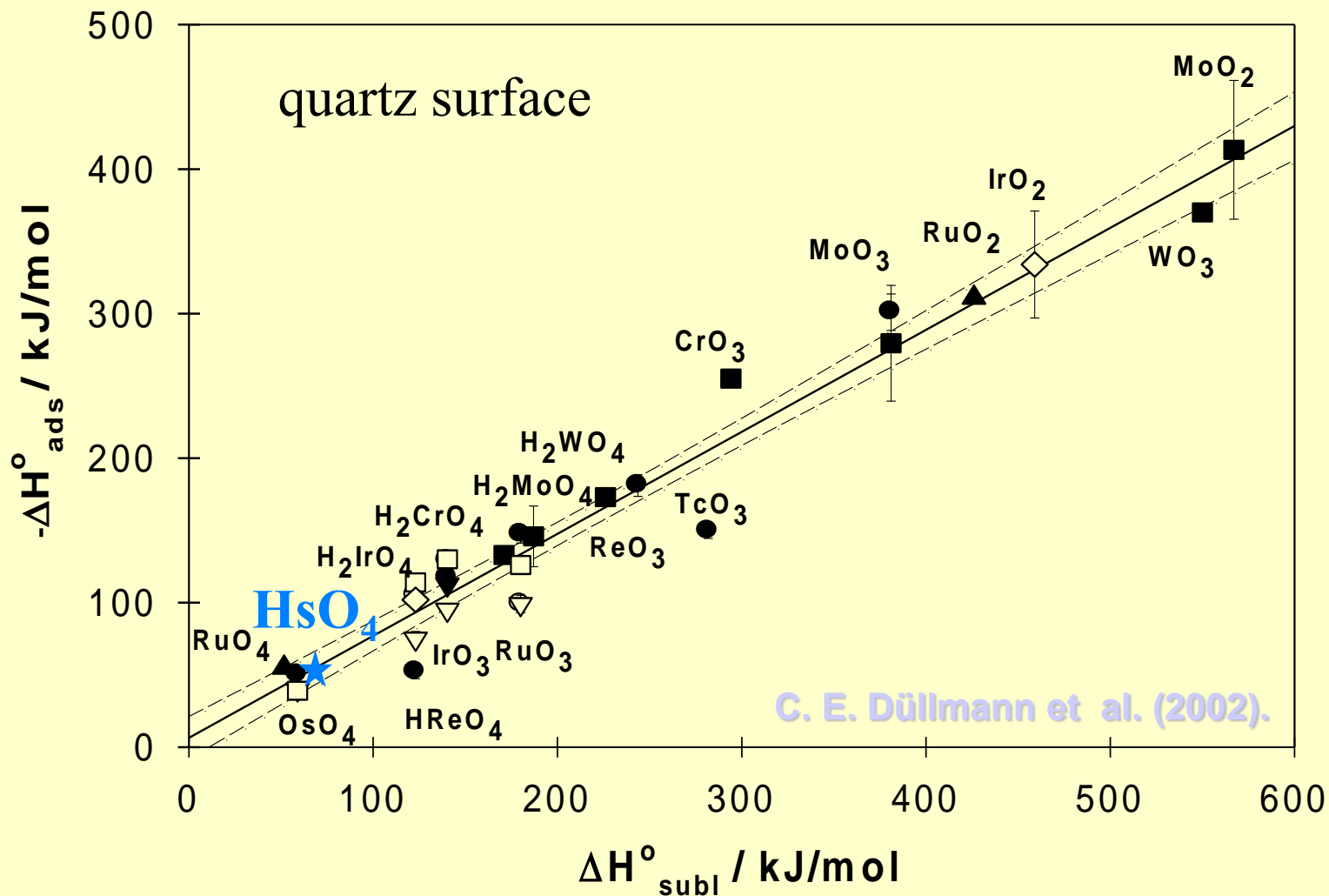
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Eichler, B. et al.: J. Phys. Chem. A 103(46), 9296 (1999).

Halogenidy: $-\Delta H^{\circ}_{\text{ads}} = (21.5 \pm 5.2) + (0.600 \pm 0.025) \cdot \Delta H^{\circ}_{\text{subl}}$

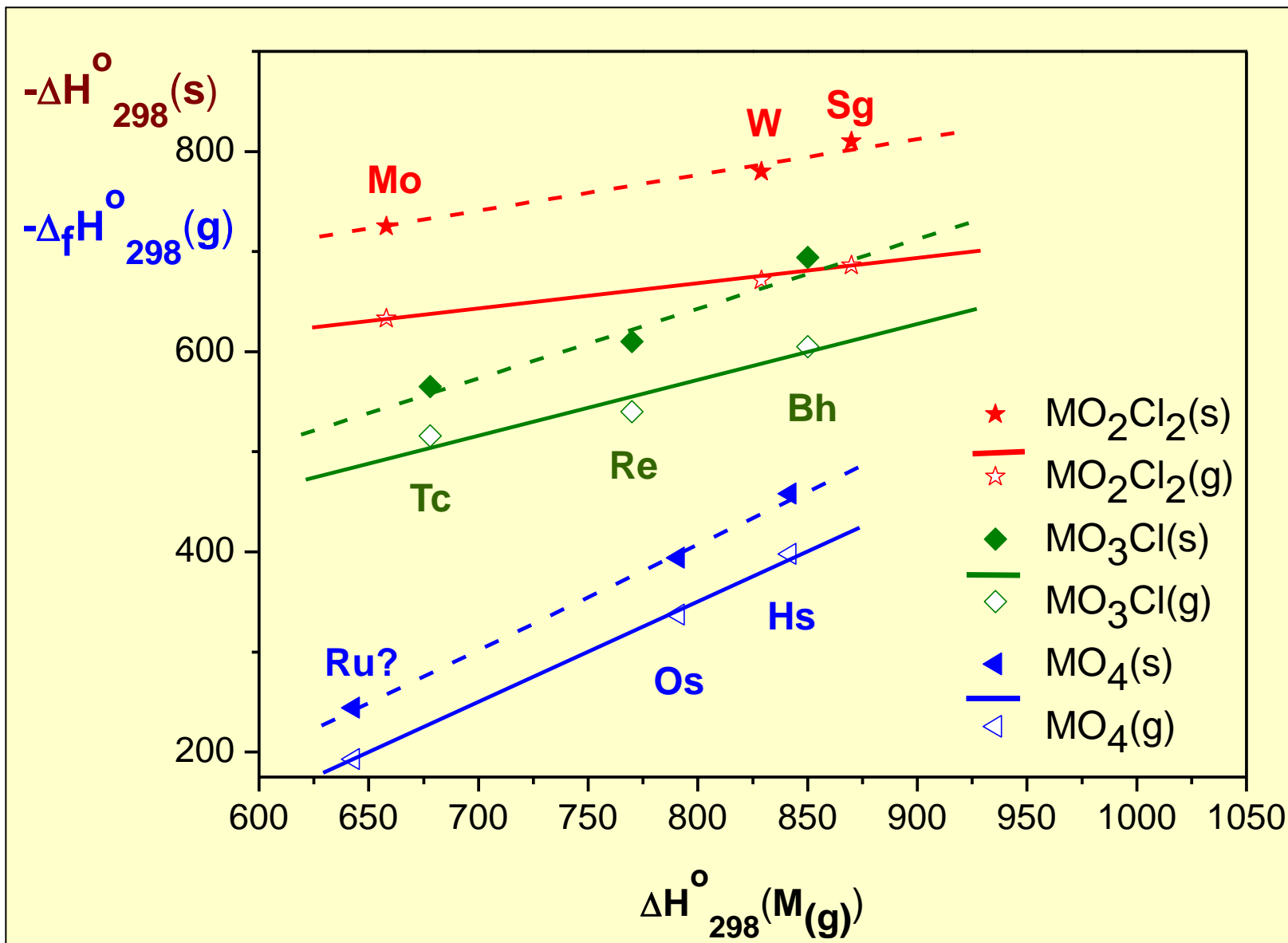
“Microscopic-Macroscopic” Approach of Gas Phase Chemistry



R. Eichler et al. Radiochim. Acta 87, 151 (1999).

Oxidy: $-\Delta H^{\circ}_{\text{ads}} = (6.27 \pm 7.78) + (0.680 \pm 0.028) \cdot \Delta H^{\circ}_{\text{subl}}$

Results



107 – Bohrium (Bh)

Forecast: Eka-rhenium

1976: Dubna (Russia), Oganessian et al.



1981: GSI Darmstadt (Germany), Münzenberg, Armbruster et al.



Position-sensitive SSB detectors – implantation

Proof: Whole decay chain in one pixel

6 atoms prepared

Today: $A = 260\text{-}274$ (some known only from the decay chains of higher TAn)



Chemistry

Theoretical forecast: similar to Re

Experimental: **PSI, 2000: chemistry with 6 atoms of ^{267}Bh , oxychlorides**

\Rightarrow behaves like a typical group 7 of the PTE element

decreasing oxychloride volatility in group 7: $\text{TcO}_3\text{Cl} > \text{ReO}_3\text{Cl} >$

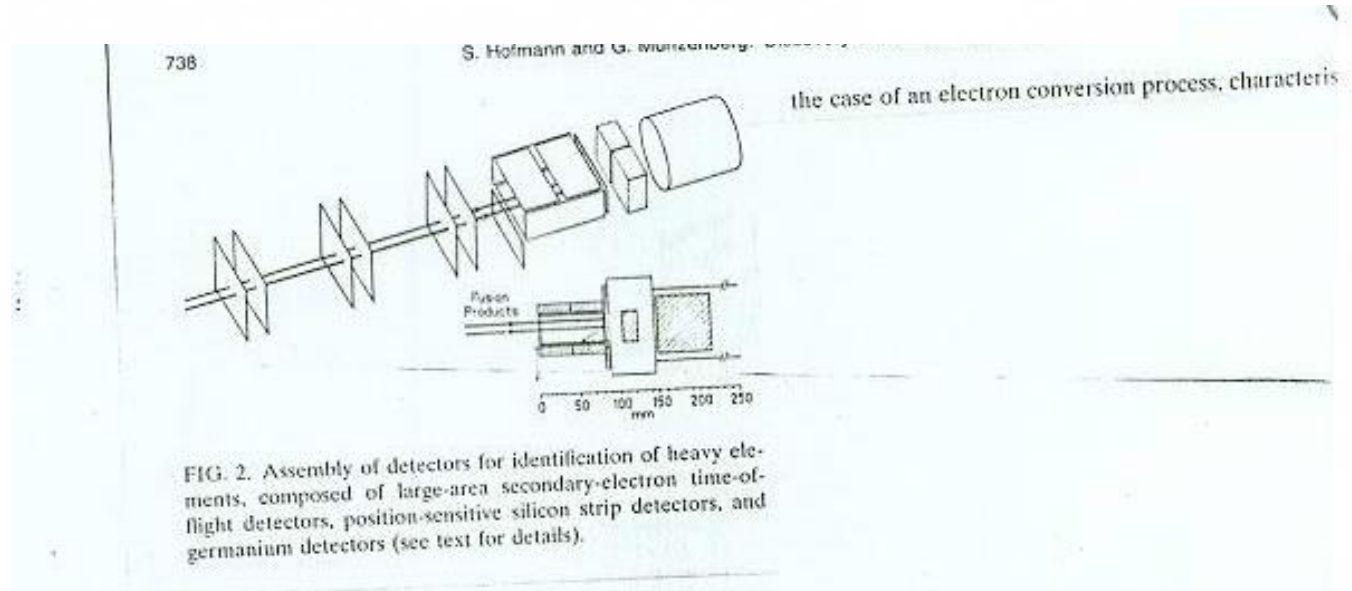
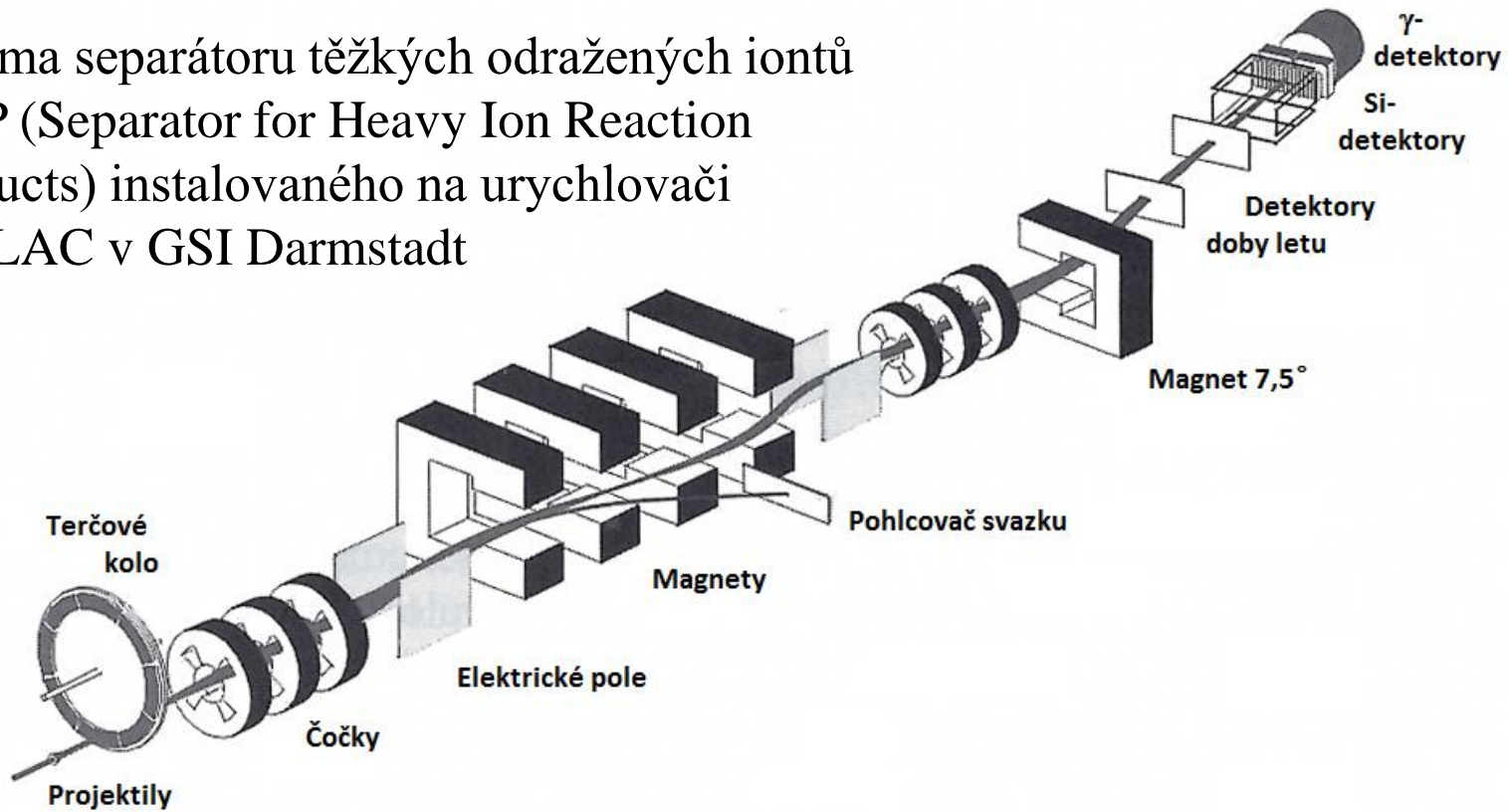
BhO_3Cl

107 – Bohrium (Bh)

Main isotopes of bohrium

Isotope	Half-life	Decay mode	Product
^{278}Bh	690 s?	SF	
^{274}Bh	40 s	α	^{270}Db
^{272}Bh	10 s	α	^{268}Db
^{271}Bh	1 s	α	^{267}Db
^{270}Bh	60 s	α	^{266}Db
^{267}Bh	17 s	α	^{263}Db

Schéma separátoru těžkých odražených iontů SHIP (Separator for Heavy Ion Reaction Products) instalovaného na urychlovači UNILAC v GSI Darmstadt



108 – Hassium (Hs)

Official discovery

First synthesized in 1984 by a German research team led by **Peter Armbruster** and **Gottfried Münzenberg** at the Gesellschaft für Schwerionenforschung in Darmstadt.



3 atoms detected in this experiment. IUPAC/IUPAP recognised the GSI as official discoverers in their 1992.

Naming

The name hassium derived from the Latin name for the German state of **Hessen** where the institute is located (Latin: *hassia* German: *Hessen*). Adopted internationally in 1997.

Chemistry

Expected to behave as *eka-osmium*. Forecasted to form very volatile HsO_4 gaseous at a single-molecule level at ambient pressure and temperature (like OsO_4).

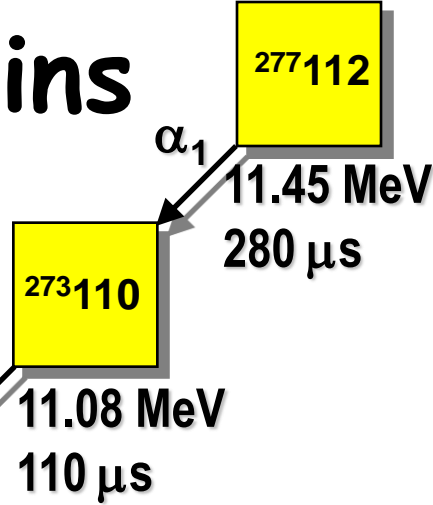
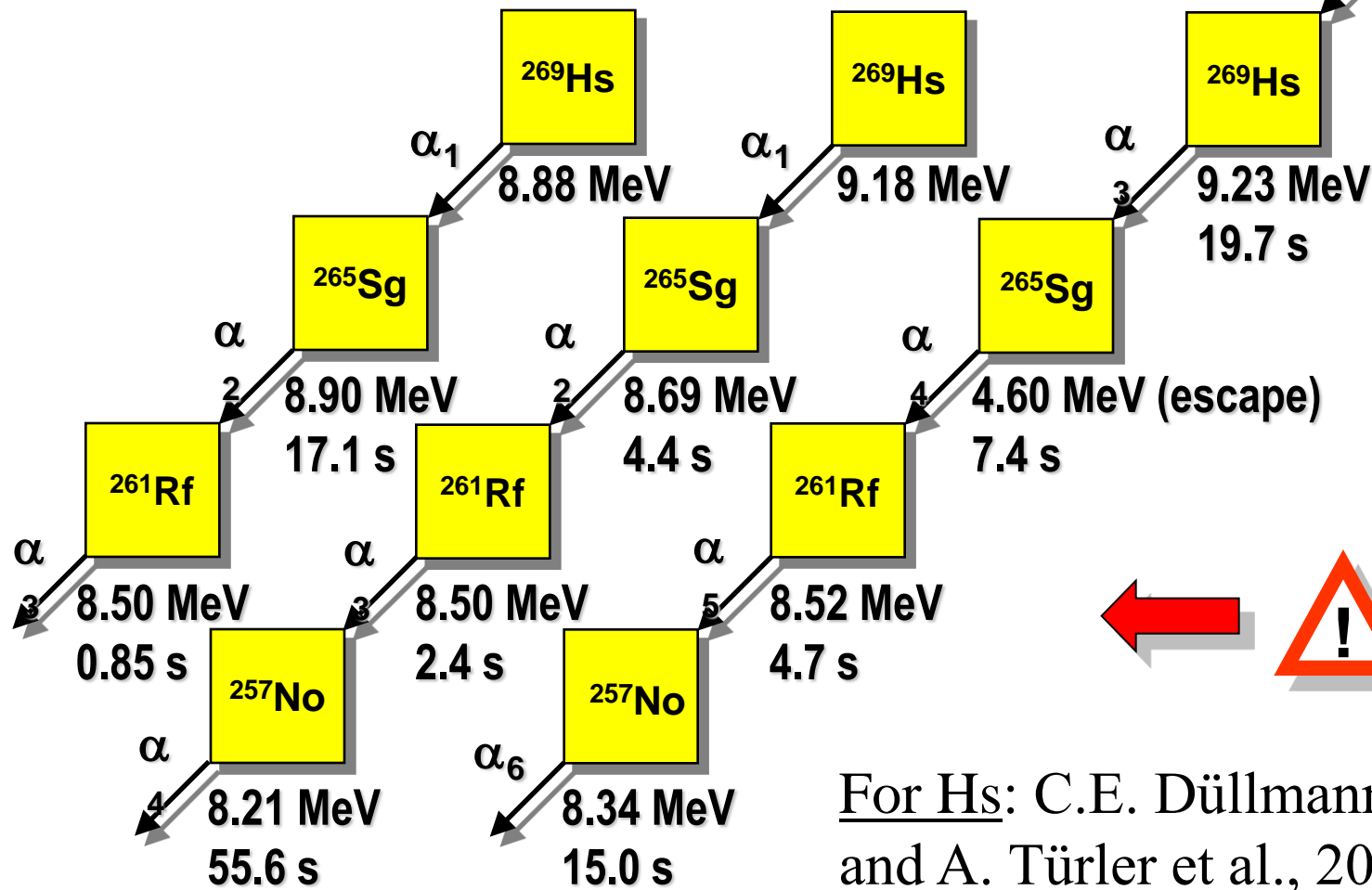
Verified in gas chromatography experiments.

Observed ^{269}Hs α -decay chains (in comparison with $^{277}\text{112}$)

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For Hs: C.E. Düllmann et al., 2002
and A. Türler et al., 2003

108 – Hassium (Hs)

Main isotopes of hassium

Isotope	Half-life	Decay mode	Product
^{277}Hs	30 s	SF	
^{271}Hs	4 s	α	^{267}Sg
^{270}Hs	10 s	α	^{266}Sg
^{269}Hs	9.7 s	α	^{265}Sg

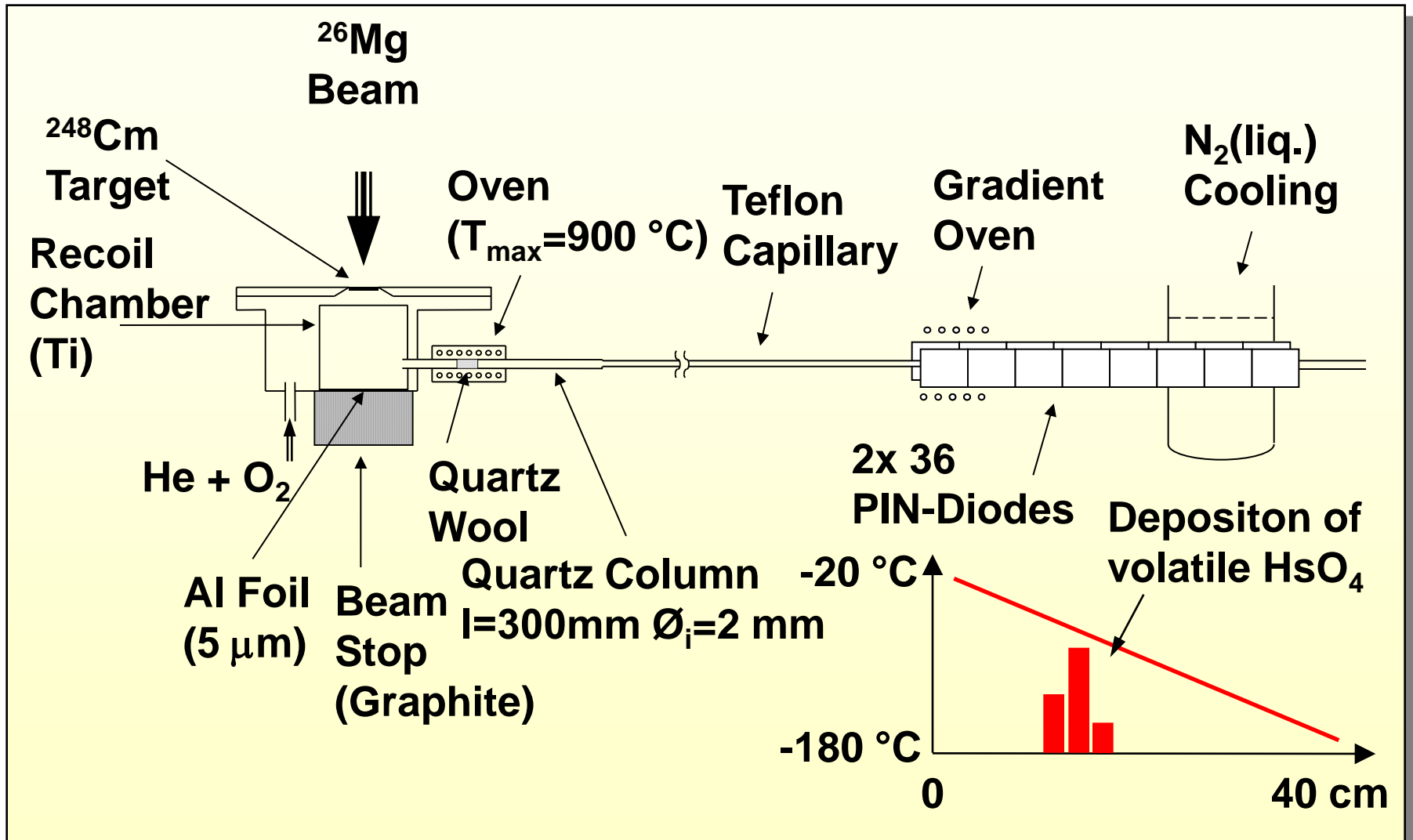
Experimental chemistry

HsO₄: $^{248}\text{Cm}(^{26}\text{Mg}, 5\text{n})^{269}\text{Hs}$, 5 atoms, oxidized: $^{269}\text{Hs} + 2 \text{O}_2 \rightarrow ^{269}\text{HsO}_4$,
thermochromatography $\Rightarrow \Delta H_{\text{ads}}(\text{HsO}_4) = (-46 \pm 2) \text{ kJ/mol} \Rightarrow \text{HsO}_4$
less volatile than OsO_4 ($\Delta H_{\text{ads}} = -39 \text{ kJ/mol}$)

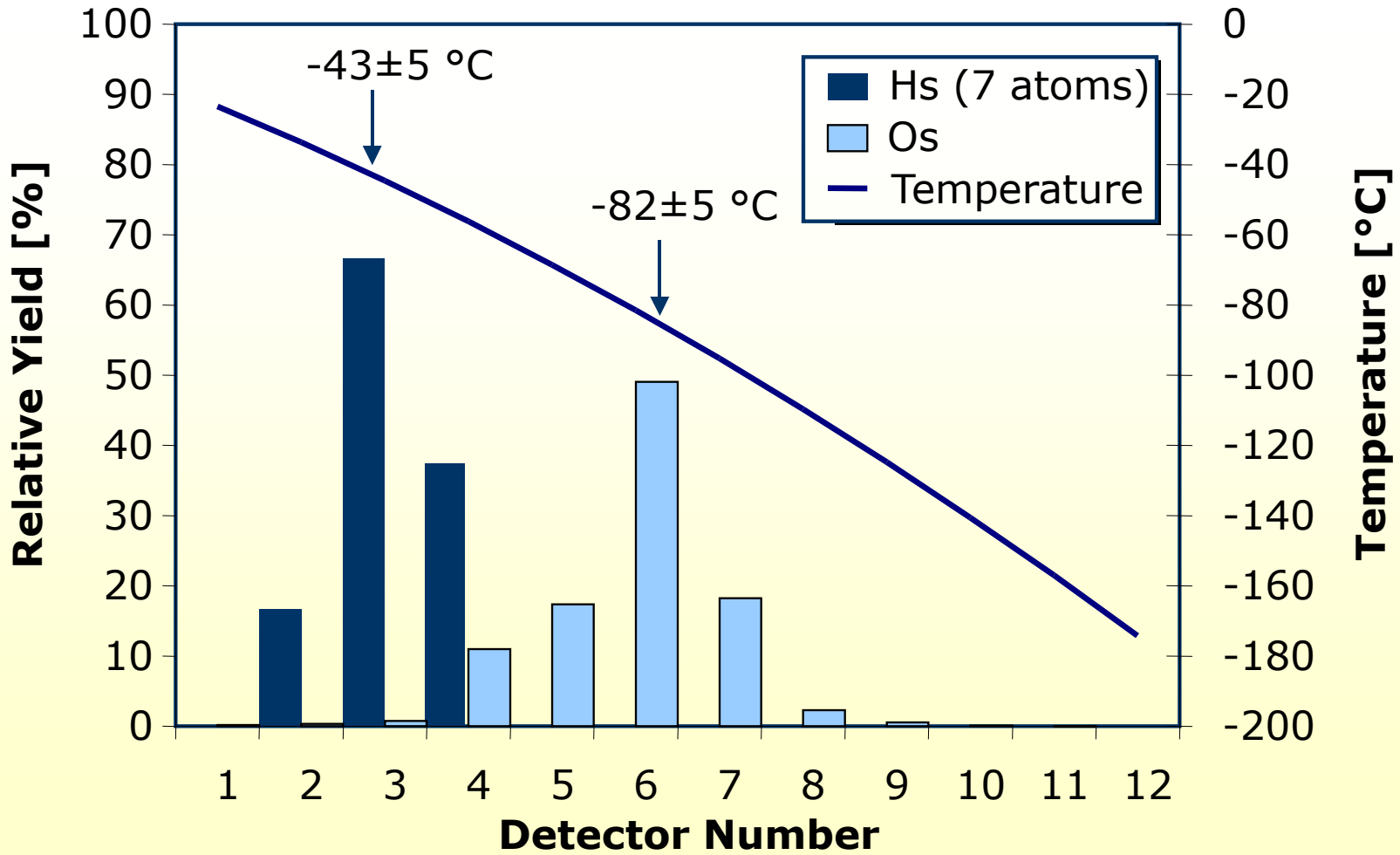
Hassate: Formed during deposition of HsO_4 on NaOH in the presence of water
 $\text{HsO}_4 + 2 \text{NaOH} \rightarrow \text{Na}_2[\text{HsO}_4(\text{OH})_2]$ – JGU Mainz, 2004

Future: prepare and study **hassocene**, $\text{Hs}(\text{C}_5\text{H}_5)_2$ – analogous to osmocene –
cyclopentadienyl rings in an eclipsed conformation, hassium in the low
formal oxidation state of +2

In-Situ Volatilization and On-line detection apparatus IVO



Thermochromatography of OsO₄ and HsO₄



SHE – Chemistry summary

Methods:

- Thermochromatography - OLGA at PSI
- HPLC – ARCA at GSI
- Liquid-liquid extraction – SISAK at Chalmers.

Results:

- Rf is a homologue of Zr and Hf (closer to Hf than Zr).
- Db behaves more like Nb than Ta. Similarity with pseudohomologue Pa.
- Sg resembles Mo, W and pseudohomologue U. Chemistry based on 2 atoms, difficult to draw final conclusions. The last element studied by aqueous chemistry.
- Bh studied only by thermochromatography –homologue of Tc and Re.
- Hs forms tetraoxide like Ru and Os. May also form hassate similar to rutenate or osmiate.
- Studies of Cn on the go.

109 – Meitnerium (Mt)

Official discovery

First synthesized on August 29, 1982 by a German team led by **Peter Armbruster** and **Gottfried Münzenberg** at the GSF Darmstadt.



1 atom detected (!) in this experiment. Now: The most stable is ^{278}Mt ($T_{1/2} = 7.6 \text{ s}$)

Naming

The name meitnerium (Mt) was suggested in honor of the Austrian physicist Lise Meitner. In 1997, the name adopted by IUPAC.

Chemistry

Expected to behave as *eka-iridium*. Sufficiently stable isotope is not known at this time which would allow to study chemical properties.

By analogy with the lighter members of group 9 meitnerium should:

- form a hexafluoride, MtF_6 , more stable than iridium(VI) fluoride
- show a dioxide, MtO_2 , if *eka-iridium* reactivity is shown
- form MtCl_3 , MtBr_3 and MtI_3 in an analogous manner to iridium.

109 – Meitnerium (Mt)

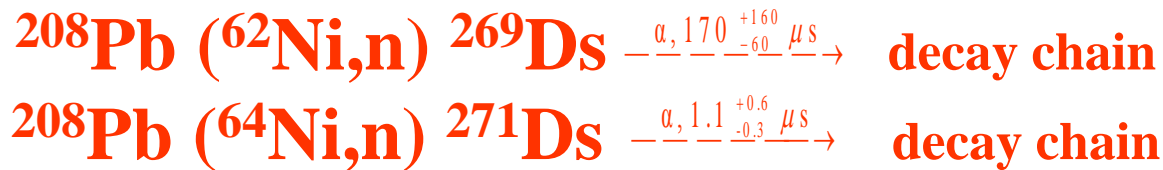
Most stable isotopes

iso	half-life	DM	DE (MeV)
^{278}Mt	7.6 s	α	9.6
^{276}Mt	0.72 s	α	9.71
^{275}Mt	9.7 ms	α	10.33
^{274}Mt	0.44 s	α	9.76
$^{270\text{m}}\text{Mt} ?$	1.1 s	α	
$^{270\text{g}}\text{Mt}$	5 ms	α	10.03
^{268}Mt	42 ms	α	10.26,10.10
^{266}Mt	1.7 ms	α	11.00

110 – Darmstadtium (Ds)

Official discovery

First synthesized on November 9, 1994 by a German team led by **P. Armbruster** and **G. Münzenberg** (+Šáro, Janík) at the GSF Darmstadt.



4 or 3 atoms of ${}^{269}\text{Ds}$ or ${}^{271}\text{Ds}$ detected, respectively in these experiments.
IUPAC/IUPAP recognised the GSI as official discoverers in 2001.

Naming

The team at GSI considered the names Darmstadtium (Ds) and Wixhausium (Wi). They decided on the former and named the element after the city near the place of its discovery, Darmstadt and not the suburb Wixhausen itself. The new name was officially recommended by IUPAC on August 16, 2003.

Earlier alternate proposals: Hahnium (US), Becquerelium (Russia).

110 – Darmstadtium (Ds)

Chemistry

Expected to behave as *eka-platinum*. Sufficiently stable isotope is not known at this time which would allow to study chemical properties. By analogy with the lighter members of group 10 Ds is:

- expected to form a stable hexafluoride, DsF_6 , in addition to DsF_5 and DsF_4
- halogenation should result in the formation of tetrahalides, DsCl_4 , DsBr_4 , and DsI_4 .

It can be expected to have notable hardness and catalytic properties

Main isotopes of darmstadtium

Isotope	Half-life	Decay mode	Product
^{281}Ds	14 s	94% SF	
		6% α	^{277}Hs
^{279}Ds	0.2 s	10% α	^{275}Hs
		90% SF	

111 – Roentgenium (Rg)

Official discovery

First synthesized on December 8, 1994 by a German team led by **Sigurd Hofmann** at the GSF Darmstadt.



3 atoms of ^{272}Rg detected in this experiment. IUPAC/IUPAP recognised the GSI as official discoverers in 2003 after preparation of 3 more atoms in 2002.

Naming

The name roentgenium (Rg) was proposed by the GSI team in honor of the German physicist Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen, and was accepted as a permanent name on November 1, 2004

111 – Roentgenium (Rg)

Chemistry

Expected to behave as *eka-gold*. The heavier members of this group are well known for their lack of reactivity or noble character – inert to oxygen but are attacked by the halogens. Roentgenium is expected to be

- even more noble than gold
- be expected to be inert to oxygen and halogens
- expected to form $\text{Rg}(\text{CN})_2^-$ complex
- the most-likely reaction is with fluorine to form a trifluoride, RgF_3 .

No experimental chemistry, yet – low yield of Rg isotopes production.

Main isotopes of roentgenium

Isotope	Half-life	Decay mode	Product
^{286}Rg	10.7 min?	α	^{282}Mt
^{283}Rg	5.1 min?	SF	
^{282}Rg	2 min	α	^{278}Mt
^{281}Rg	17 s	SF (90%)	
		α (10%)	^{277}Mt
^{280}Rg	4 s	α	^{276}Mt
^{279}Rg	0.1 s	α	^{275}Mt

112 – Copernicium (Cn)

Official discovery

First synthesized on February 9, 1996 by a German team led by **Sigurd Hofmann, Victor Ninov et al.** at the GSF Darmstadt.



1 atom of ^{277}Cn detected in this experiment, a second was reported but **data was fabricated by Ninov**, another atom synthesised only in in 2000. Confirmed in Japan (RIKEN) in 2004. IUPAC/IUPAP recognised the GSI as official discoverers in May 2009 after GSF confirmed data for ^{269}Hs and ^{261}Rf .

Naming

Copernicium proposed by the GSI team with the symbol Cp, after Nicolaus Copernicus. However, Cp previously associated with the cassiopeium, now known as lutetium (Lu). IUPAC prompted the GSI team to the symbol Cn.

Name and symbol officially accepted by IUPAC on 19 February 2010, the 537th anniversary of Copernicus' birth.

112 – Copernicium (Cn)

Chemistry - predictions

Last member of the 6d series of transition metals and the heaviest group 12 element, below zinc, cadmium and mercury (*eka-mercury*).

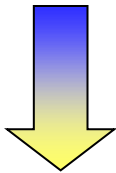
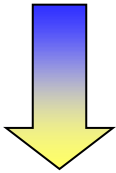
However, **predicted to differ significantly from lighter group 12 elements**. Due to the **largest relativistic effects** in the period 7, and among all 118 known elements

- in water solutions copernicium is likely to form +2 and +4 oxidation states, with the latter one being more stable
- may even behave as a rare gas – gaseous at standard temperature and pressure!

Main isotopes of copernicium

Isotope	Half-life	Decay mode	Product
^{286}Cn	8.45 s ?	SF	–
^{285}Cn	30 s	α	^{281}Ds
^{283}Cn	4 s	90% α	^{279}Ds
		10% SF	–

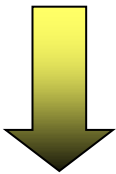
Predictions for element 112



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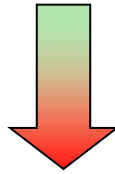


Noble gas like

Volatile metal

Extrapolations

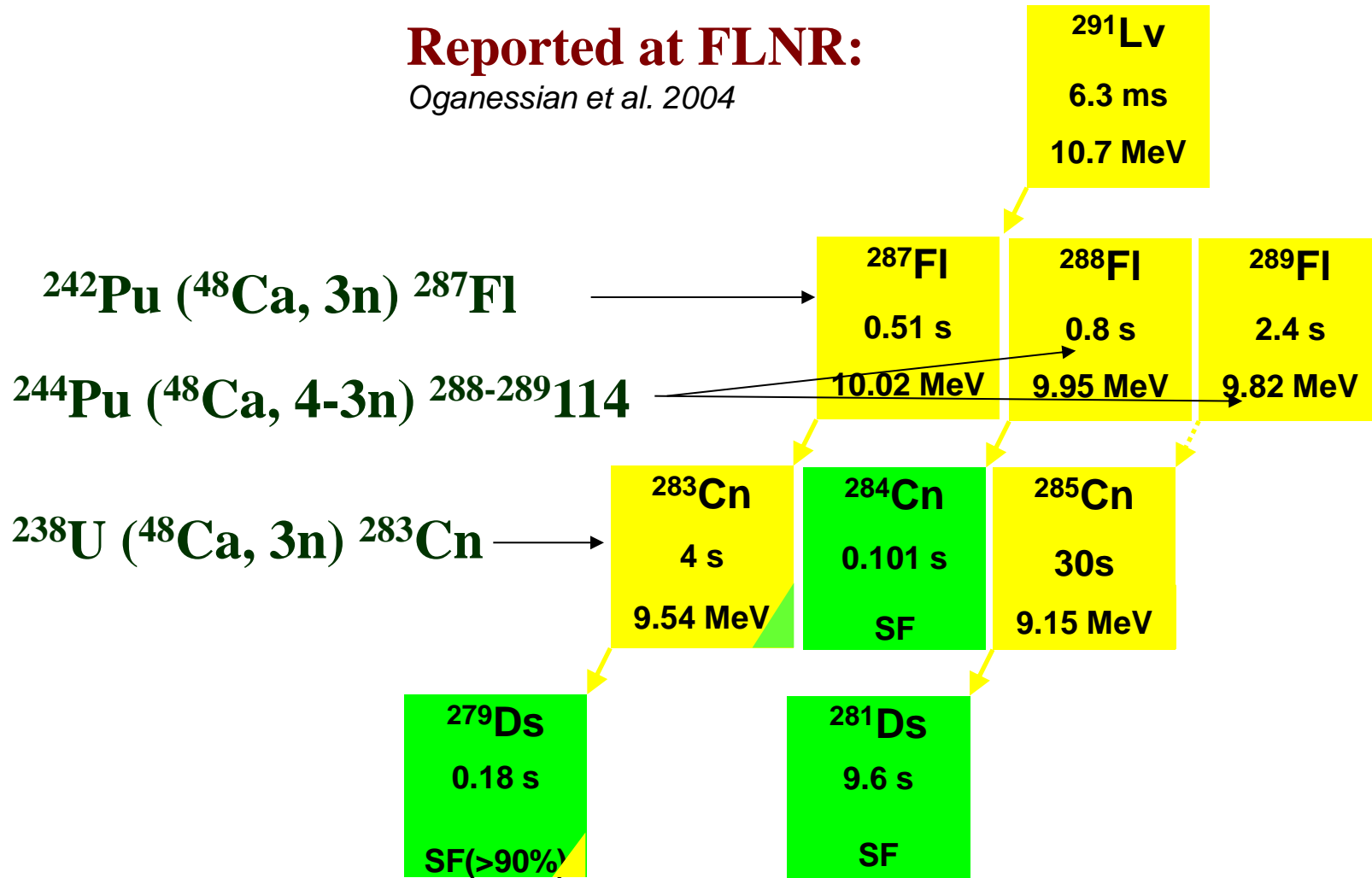
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Copernicium and Flerovium Production

Reported at FLNR:

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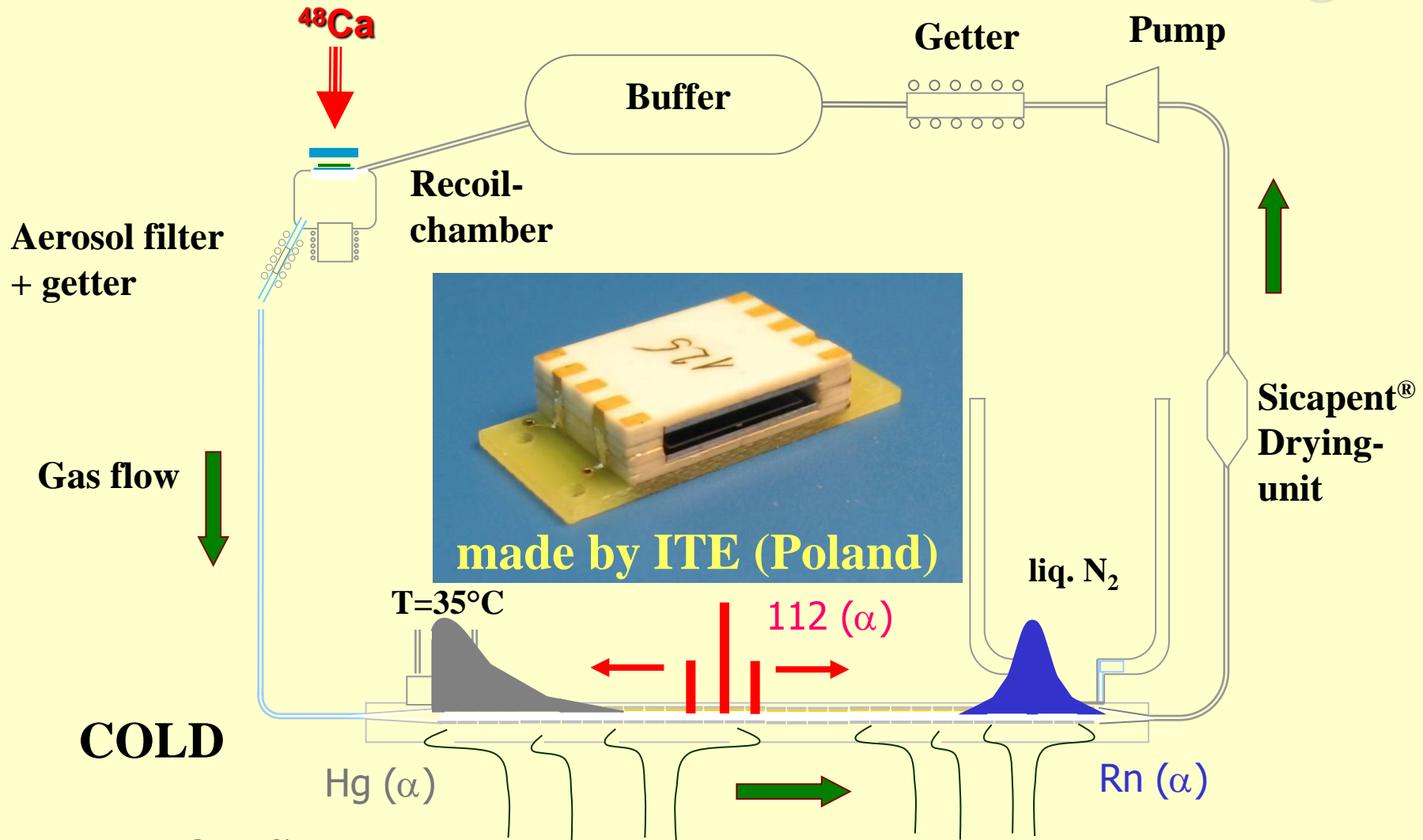


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Experimental Setup @ FLNR

workshop @ Uni Bern

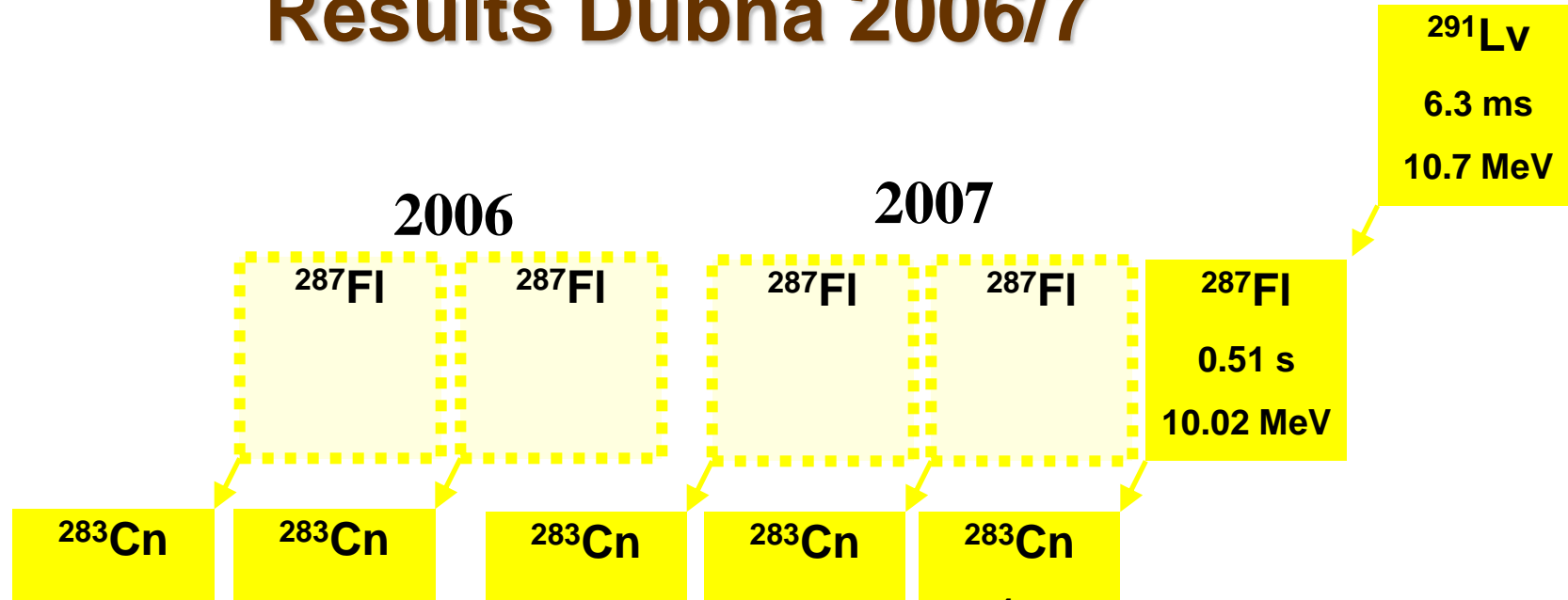
Electronics @ PSI



workshop @ PSI

LMN @ PSI

Results Dubna 2006/7



First independent confirmation of ^{283}Cn , ^{287}Fl , and ^{291}Lv !

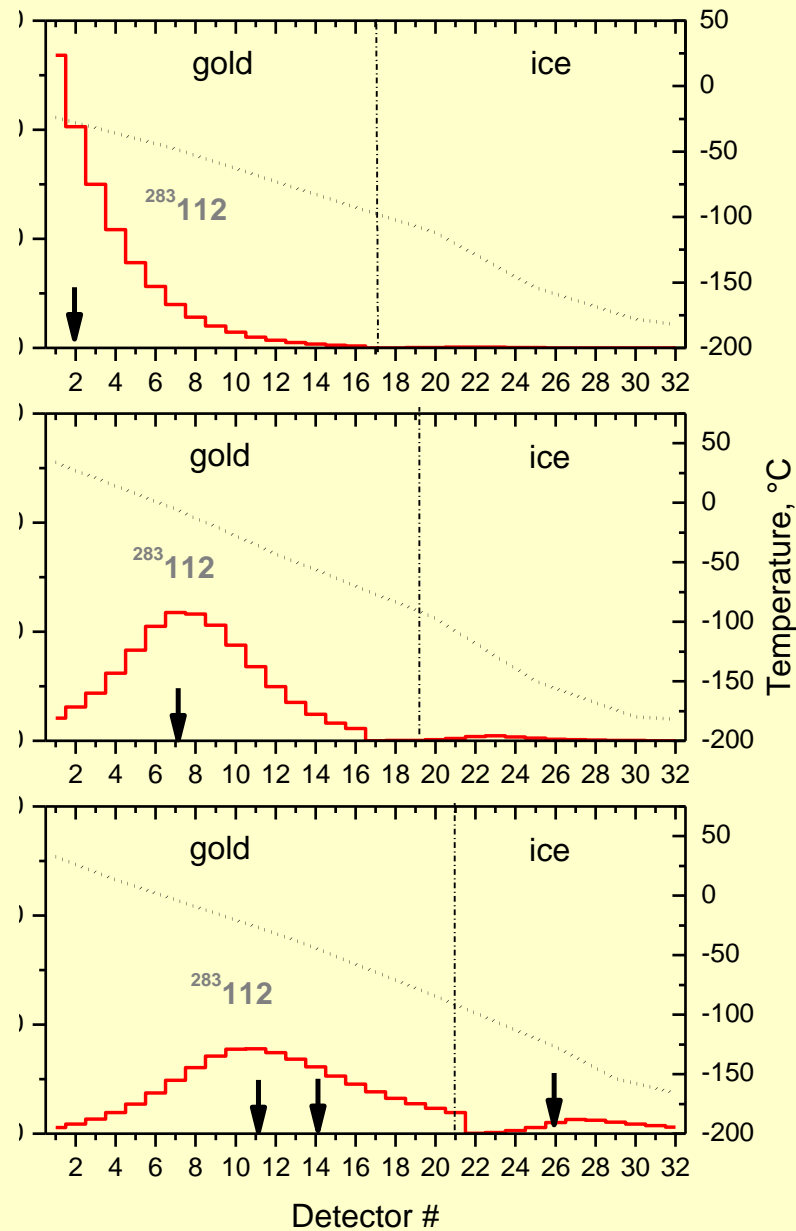
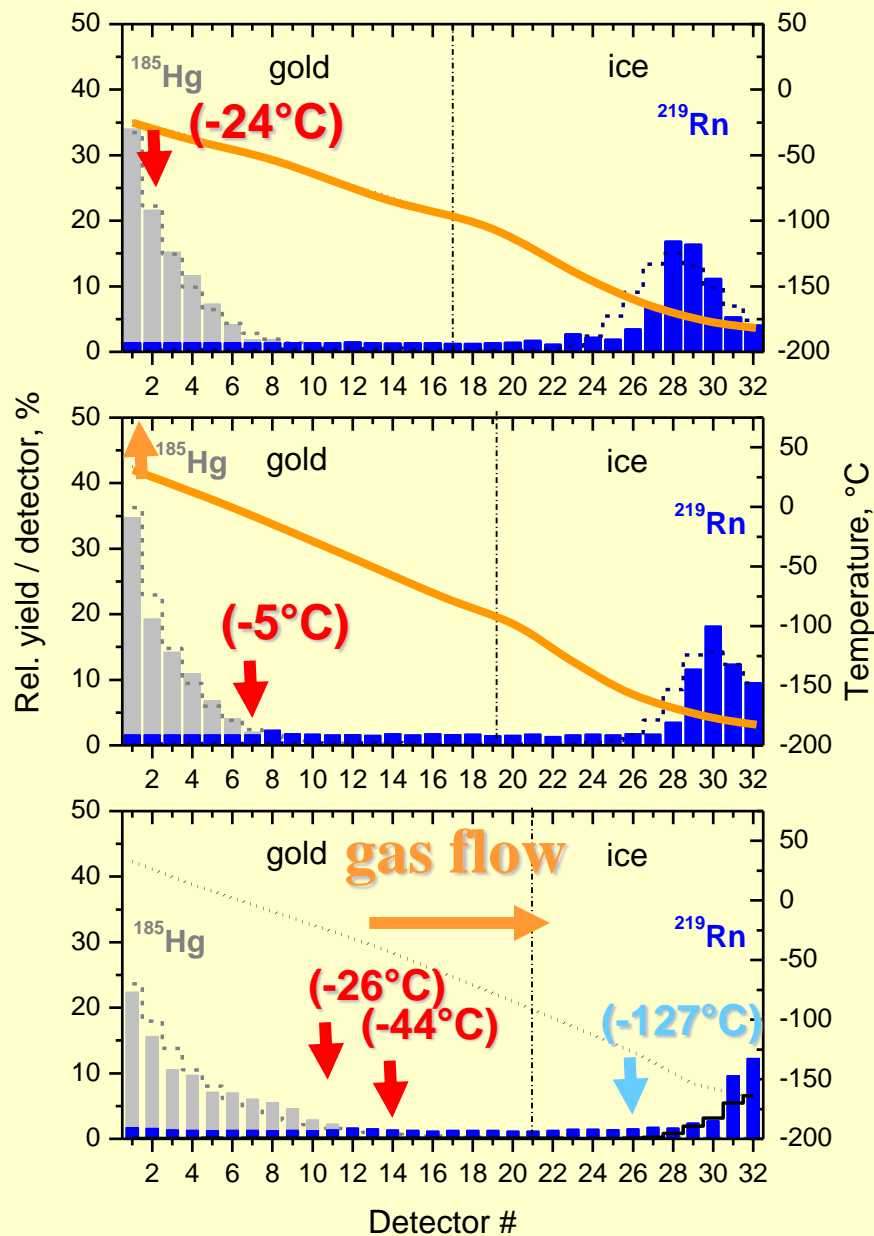


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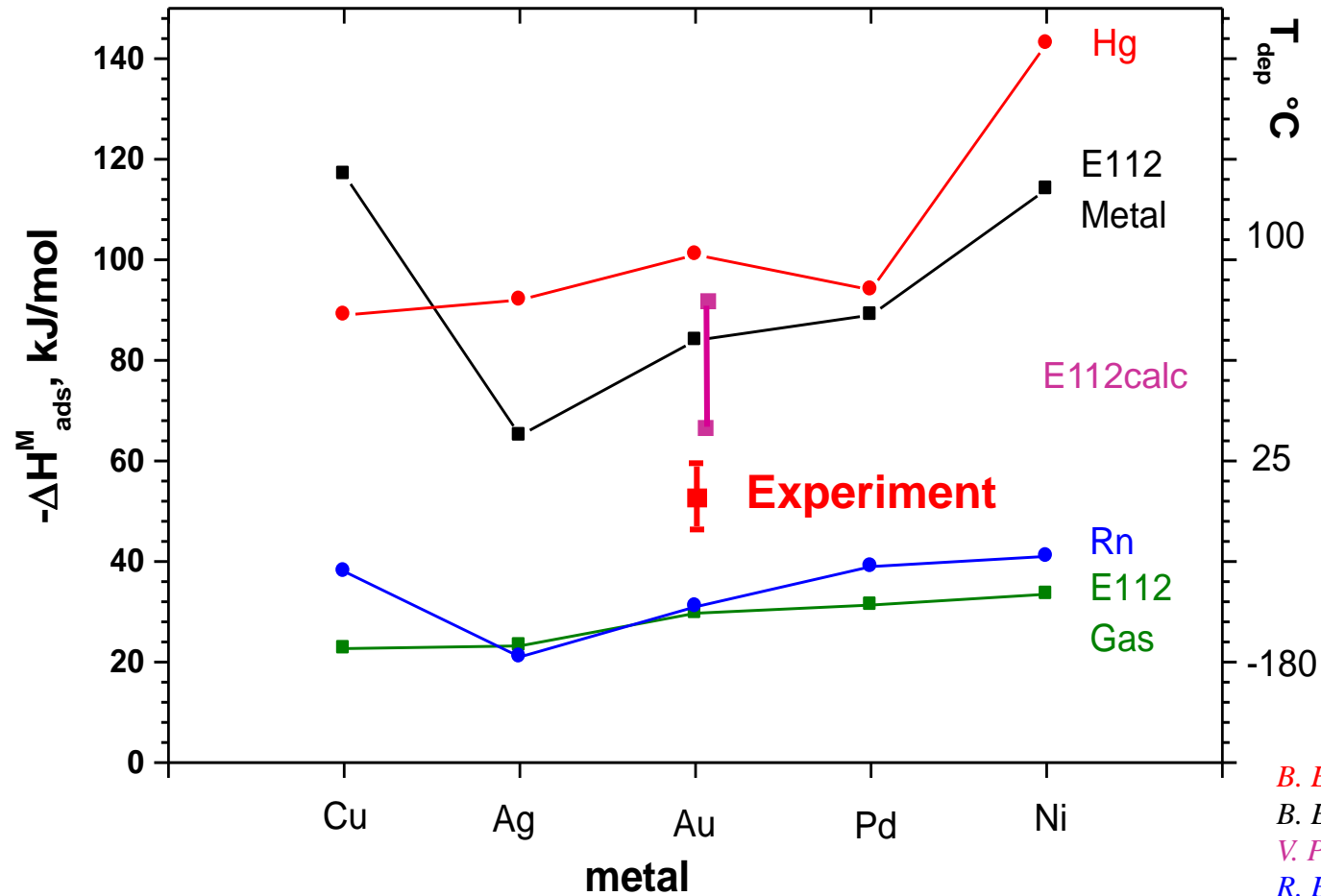
Experiment Results

Simulation



Results

Cn adsorption on Au



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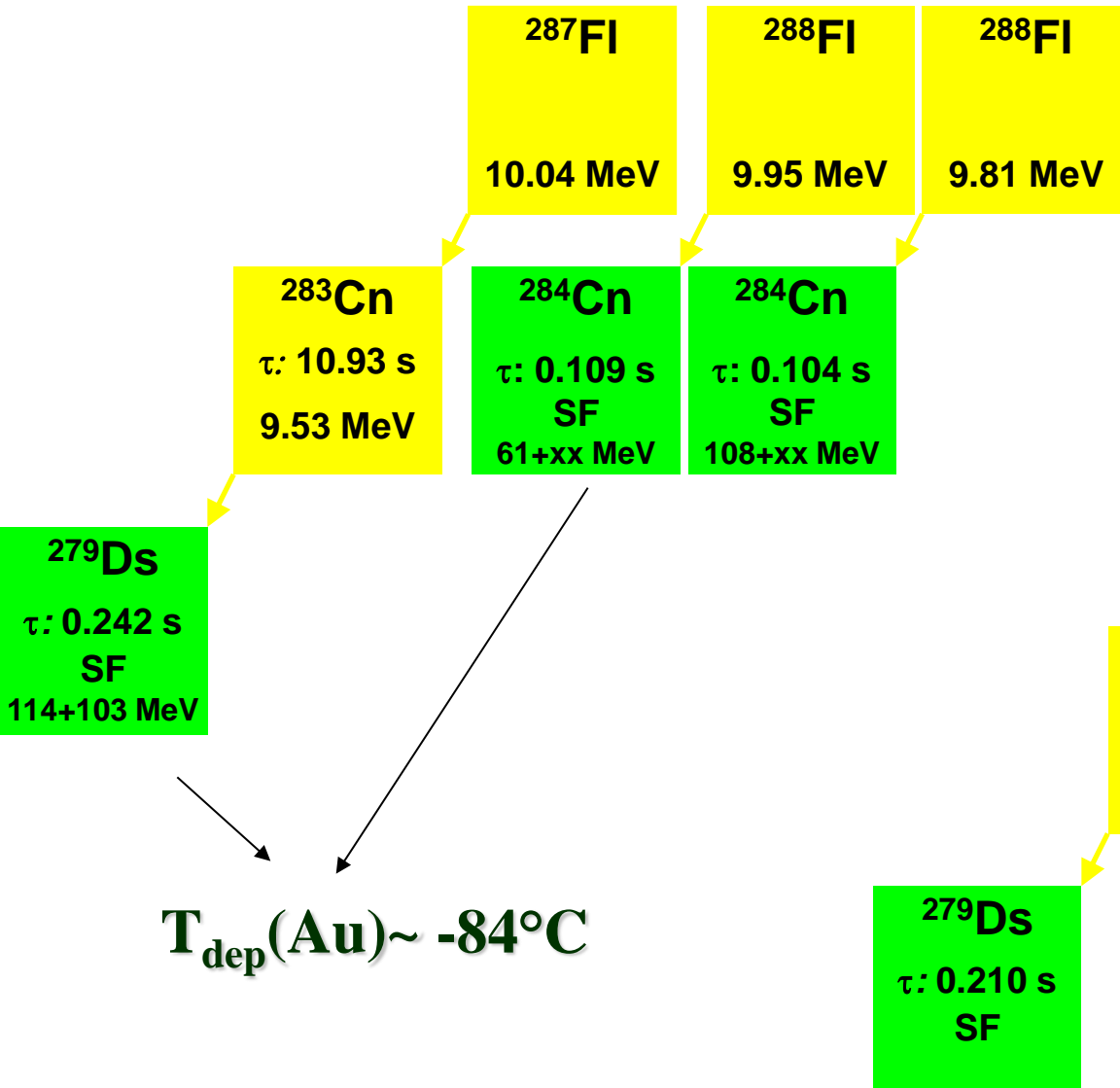
Results

Dubna 2007

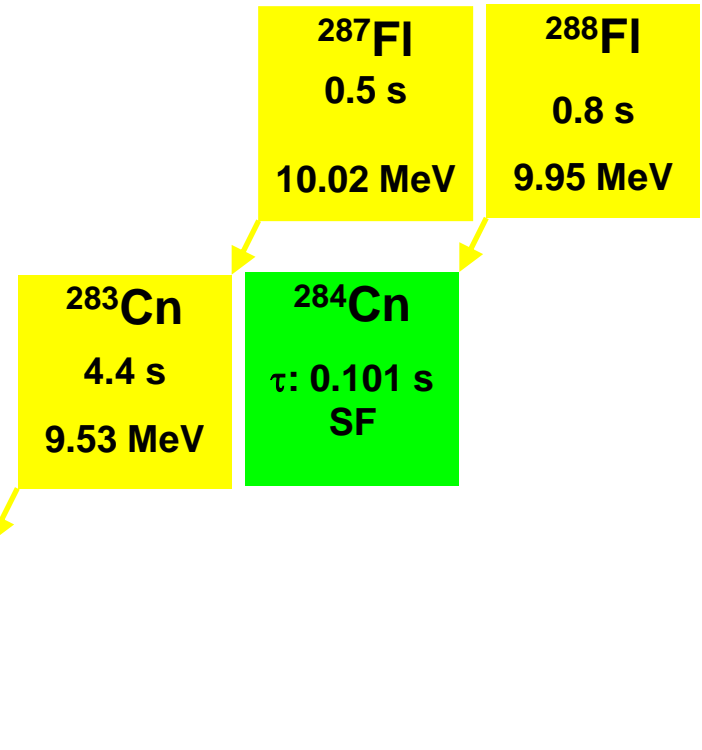
Target:

^{242}Pu

^{244}Pu



Reported at DGFRS:
Oganessian et al. 2004



113 – Nihonium (Nh)

Official discovery

First detected in August 2003 as a decay product of Moscovium (Mc) by joint Dubna and LLNL teams lead by **S. Dmitriev**.



First synthesized (1 atom) on July 23, 2004 by a Japanese team at RIKEN lead by **Morita**. Another atom synthesized in 2012 (450 days of irradiation) – identification by the decay chain.



Naming

The element with atomic number 113 is historically known as *eka-thallium*.

The name Nihonium (Nh) name comes from the common Japanese name for Japan (日本 nihon).

113 – Nihonium (Nh)

List of nihonium isotopes				
Isotope	Half-life	Decay mode	Discovery year	Reaction
^{278}Nh	1.4 ms	α	2004	$^{209}\text{Bi}(^{70}\text{Zn},n)$
^{282}Nh	70 ms	α	2006	$^{237}\text{Np}(^{48}\text{Ca},3n)$
^{283}Nh	0.1 s	α	2003	$^{287}\text{Mc}(\text{---},\alpha)$
^{284}Nh	1 s	α , EC	2003	$^{288}\text{Mc}(\text{---},\alpha)$
^{285}Nh	4 s	α	2009	$^{293}\text{Ts}(\text{---},2\alpha)$
^{286}Nh	8 s	α	2009	$^{294}\text{Ts}(\text{---},2\alpha)$
^{287}Nh	5.5 s?	α	1999	$^{287}\text{Fl}(e^-, \nu_e)?$

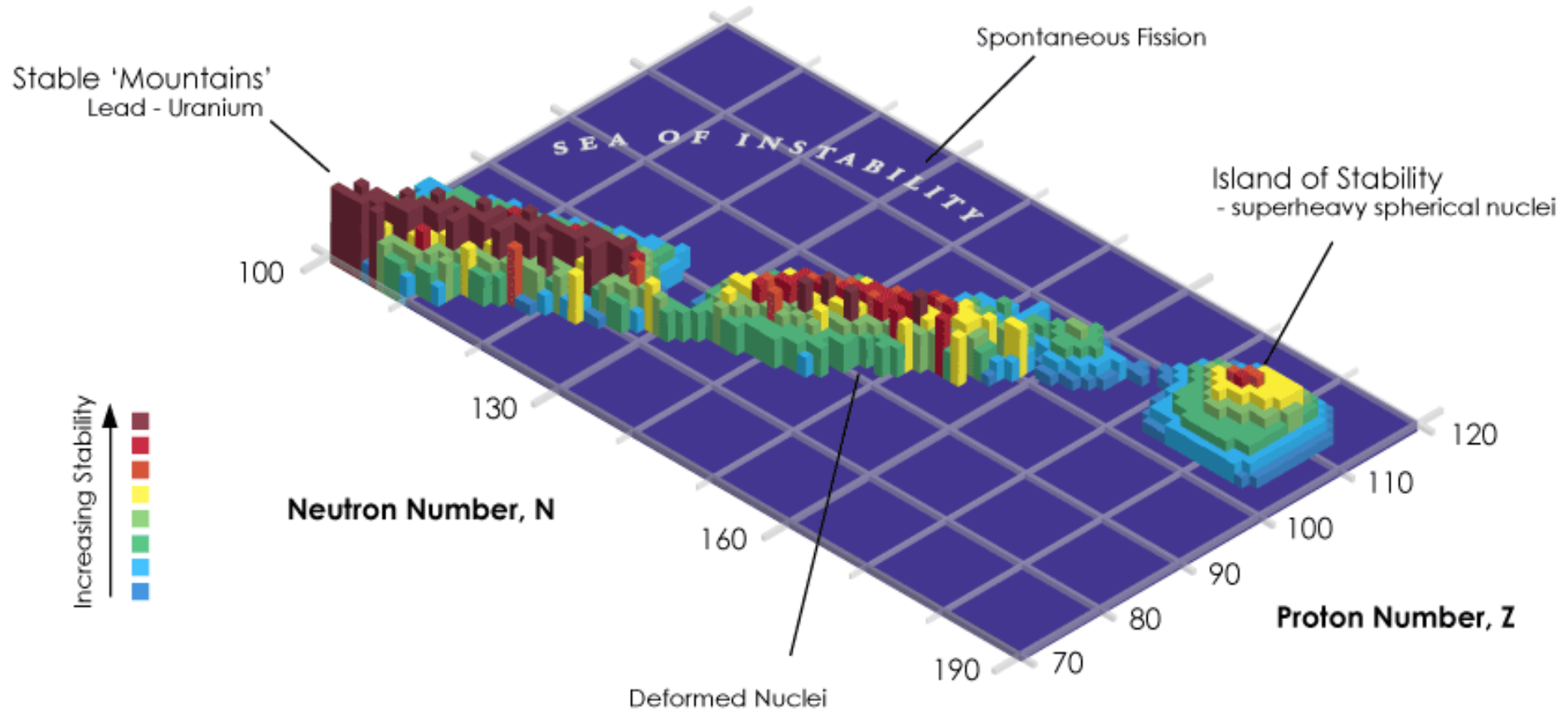
Chemistry - predictions

Projected to be the first member of the 7p series of elements, heaviest member of group 13 in the PT - *eka-thallium*.

In +I state should form monoxide, Nh_2O , and monohalides, NhF , NhCl , NhBr , NhI . The +III state should be less stable than +I state.

Should be the most electronegative in group 13: e.g. in NhTs , the negative charge is expected to be on Nh atom rather than the Ts,

113 – Nihonium (Nh)



3-dimensional rendering of the theoretical island of stability around $N=178$ and $Z=112$

113 – Nihonium (Nh)

Chemistry - experimental

^{284}Nh , ^{285}Nh , and ^{286}Nh stable enough for chemical investigation.

Predicted $\Delta H_{\text{subl}}(\text{Nh}) \sim 150 \text{ kJ/mol}$ and $\Delta H_{\text{ads,Au}}(\text{Nh}) \sim -159 \text{ kJ/mol}$

Preliminary chemical experiments:

Dubna: $^{243}\text{Am}(^{48}\text{Ca},3\text{n})^{288}\text{Mc} \rightarrow ^{284}\text{Nh} \Rightarrow$ large retention of both elemental Nh and NhOH on Teflon capillaries.

Conclusion: use bromine saturated with boron tribromide as a carrier gas to oxidise Nh to Nh(III) and brominate it, then study oxidation states of nihonium.

114 – Flerovium (Fl)

Official discovery

The now-confirmed discovery of 114 was made in June 1999 when the Dubna team lead by **S. Dmitriev** repeated the reaction in a joint Dubna and LLNL experiment.



Two atoms of element 114 were produced decaying by emission of 9.82 MeV alpha particles with a half life of 2.6 s. Additional isotopes detected as decay products of 116 and 118. Confirmed at LLNL Berkeley and GSI (both in 2009).

Island of stability?

According to theory, $Z=114$ is the next spherical magic number. In this region, $N=184$ (or 196) should be the next spherical neutron magic number and hence ${}^{298}\text{Fl}$ or ${}^{310}\text{Fl}$ are candidates for the next spherical doubly magic nucleus.

${}^{298}\text{Fl}$ – centre of a hypothetical ‘island of stability’. **Some $T_{1/2}$ predicted very long, e.g. ${}^{294}\text{Ds} - T_{1/2} \sim 10^{10}$ y (similar to Th)**
New theory – the next proton magic number not 114 but 122..

Naming

Named after Georgy Flerov - flerovium,



114 – Flerovium (Fl)

Chemistry - predictions

Fl should portray *eka-lead* chemical properties – form

- a monoxide, FlO, and dihalides, FlF₂, FlCl₂, FlBr₂, and FlI₂.
- if +IV state exists, it it should form oxide, FlO₂, and fluoride, FlF₄
- a mixed oxide, Fl₃O₄, analogous to Pb₃O₄ may also exist.

Some studies also suggest that the chemical behaviour of flerovium might in fact be closer to that of the noble gas radon, than to that of lead.

Main isotopes of flerovium

Isotope	Half-life	Decay mode	Product
²⁹⁰ Fl	19 s?	EC	²⁹⁰ Nh
		α	²⁸⁶ Cn
²⁸⁹Fl	1.9 s	α	²⁸⁵Cn
²⁸⁸ Fl	0.64 s	α	²⁸⁴ Cn
²⁸⁷ Fl	0.54 s	α	²⁸³ Cn
		EC?	²⁸⁷ Nh
²⁸⁶ Fl	0.17 s	40% α	²⁸² Cn
		60% SF	
²⁸⁵ Fl	0.15 s	α	²⁸¹ Cn
²⁸⁴ Fl	2 ms	SF	

114 – Flerovium (Fl)

Chemistry - experimental

The heaviest element studied till today.

Performed by FLNR – PSI collaboration together with the Cn study.

Isotope production: $^{242}\text{Pu}(^{48}\text{Ca},3\text{n})^{287}\text{Fl}$ and $^{244}\text{Pu}(^{48}\text{Ca},4\text{n})^{288}\text{Fl}$ (both decay to Cn that has been studied primarily). 4 Fl atoms detected.

Suggestion: noble-gas-like interaction of flerovium with gold.

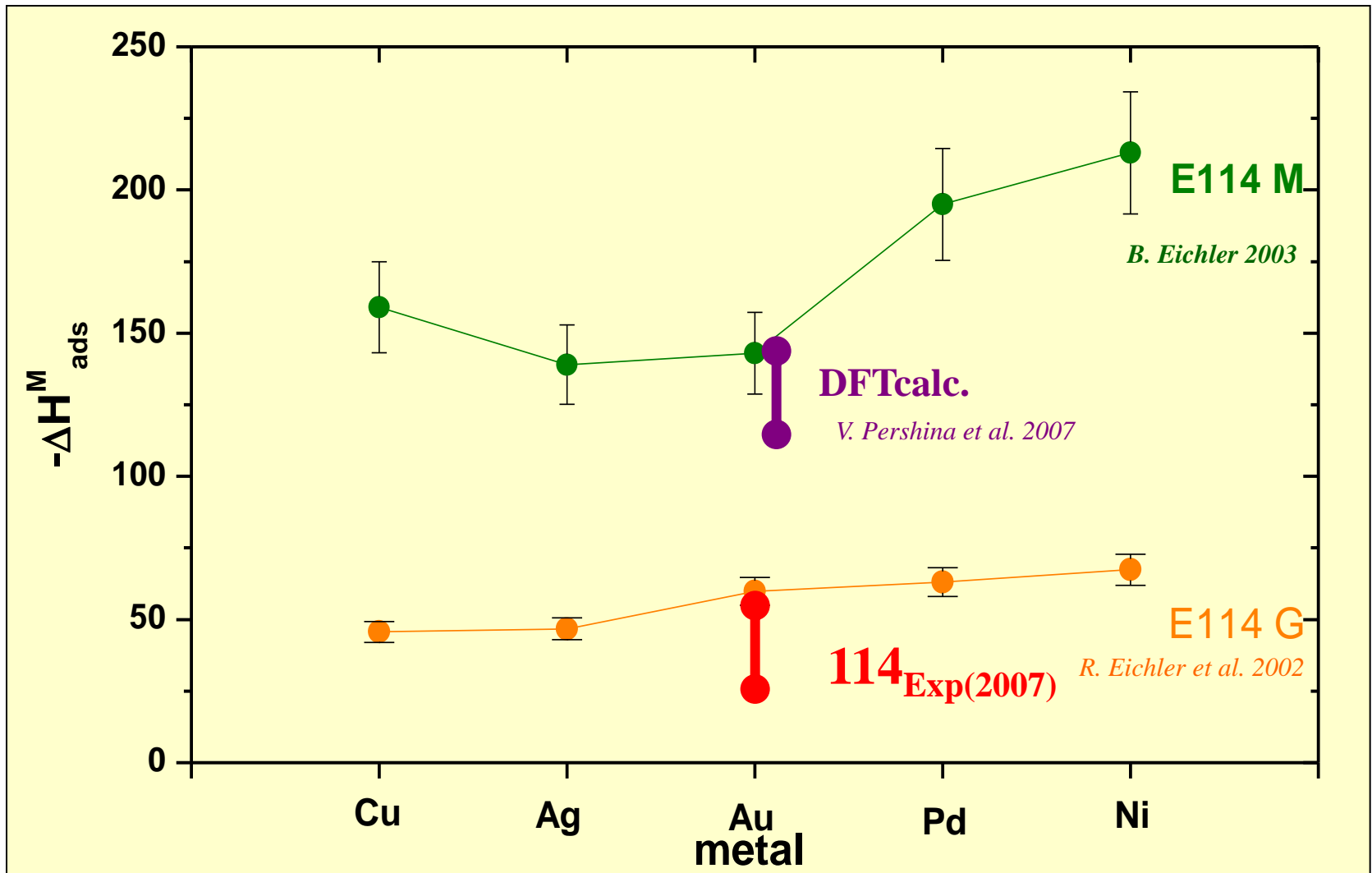
Further experiments - volatility of flerovium comparable to mercury, astatine, or copernicium.

Suggestion: new category of "**volatile metals**" – Kratz may be gaseous at standard temperature and pressure, fall between normal metals and noble gases in terms of adsorption properties

Conclusion: Flerovium is the least reactive element in the group, but still a metal. However, the question of whether flerovium is a metal or a noble gas is still open.

Results

Dubna 2007



115 – Moscovium (Mc)

Official discovery

First synthesised in 2003 by joint LLNL-JINR team headed by Yuri Oganessian at the Joint Institute for Nuclear Research (JINR) in Dubna, Russia.



Then-observed life-times about 100 milliseconds.

Naming

Eka-bismuth. Suggested names included *langevinium*, after Paul Langevin. Moscovium refers to the Moscow Oblast where Dubna is located.

Main isotopes of moscovium

Isotope	Half-life	Decay mode	Product
${}^{290}\text{Mc}$	0.8 s	α	${}^{286}\text{Nh}$
${}^{289}\text{Mc}$	0.3 s	α	${}^{285}\text{Nh}$
${}^{288}\text{Mc}$	0.2 s	α	${}^{284}\text{Nh}$
${}^{287}\text{Mc}$	40 ms	α	${}^{283}\text{Nh}$

115 – Moscovium (Mc)

Chemistry - predictions

Member of group 15, the pnictogens, below nitrogen, phosphorus, arsenic, antimony, and bismuth – *eka-bismuth*.

Relativistic stabilization of the 7s and 7p_{1/2} orbitals (inert pair effect) should result in some unique properties of moscovium(I) – behaving more like thallium(I) than bismuth(I).

If flerovium displays closed-shell or noble gas-like properties, moscovium will likely be typically monovalent perhaps giving moscovium some alkali metal character.

However, the Mc³⁺ cation would behave like its true lighter homolog Bi³⁺.

The +5 state should be impossible due to the stabilization of 7s electrons – moscovium may be considered to have only three valence electrons.

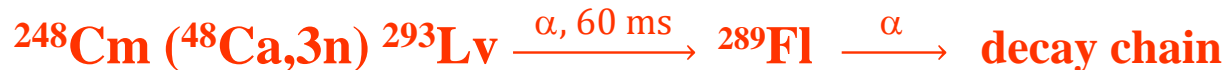
Moscovium would be quite a reactive metal,

Chemistry - experimental

Not performed, yet, however the half-lives of ²⁸⁸Mc, ²⁸⁹Mc, and ²⁹⁰Mc are long enough for chemical investigations with current methods.

116 – Livermorium (Lv)

The heaviest member of group 16 although its position as the heavier homologue to polonium has not been confirmed, yet, by chemical studies. First detected in 2000



since then about 30 atoms of Lv have been produced, either directly or as a decay product of Og.

Naming

Historically known as eka-polonium. The name livermorium and the symbol Lv adopted on May 31, 2012. The name recognises the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, within the city of Livermore, CA (USA), which collaborated with JINR on the discovery. The city in turn is named after the American rancher Robert Livermore, a naturalized Mexican citizen of English birth.



116 – Livermorium (Lv)

Known isotopes

Isotope	Half-life	Decay mode	Energy (MeV)	Daughter
^{293}Lv	60 ms	α	9.95	^{286}Nh
^{292}Lv	12 ms	α	10.31	^{285}Nh
^{291}Lv	18 ms	α	10.46	^{284}Nh
^{290}Lv	8 ms	α	10.59	^{283}Nh

Chemistry - predictions

Member of group 16 – chalcogens – valence configuration predicted as $7s^27p^4$.

Continue the trends – melting point higher but boiling point lower than Po.

Denser metal than Po – around 12.9 g/cm^3 .

The mass of the electron of Lv^+ expected to be 1.86 times that of a stationary electron, due to relativistic effects.

Most stable oxidation state +2, +4 unstable (only in e.g. LvF_4), +6 should not exist, –2 very unstable – chemistry cationic only.

Livermorane (LvH_2) – heaviest homologue of water. Hydride-like but still covalent.

Chemistry - experimental

No experiments, yet, no isotopes stable enough for current methods. For the results with lighter homologues see moscovium.

117 – Tennessine (Ts)

The heaviest member of halogen family – *eka-astatine* – although its position as the heavier homologue to polonium has not been confirmed, yet. May be located in the island of stability. Six atoms detected by a joint JINR–ORNL–Vanderbilt–LLNL collaboration at Dubna, Moscow Oblast, Russia, in 2009–10.



Half-lives of ${}^{293}\text{Ts}$ or ${}^{294}\text{Ts}$ equal to 20 ms or 50 ms, respectively.

Naming

Historically known as *eka-astatine*. The name *tennessine*, with a symbol of *Ts*, after "the region of Tennessee", accepted by the IUPAC in November 2016. *–ine* to mimic lighter halogens.

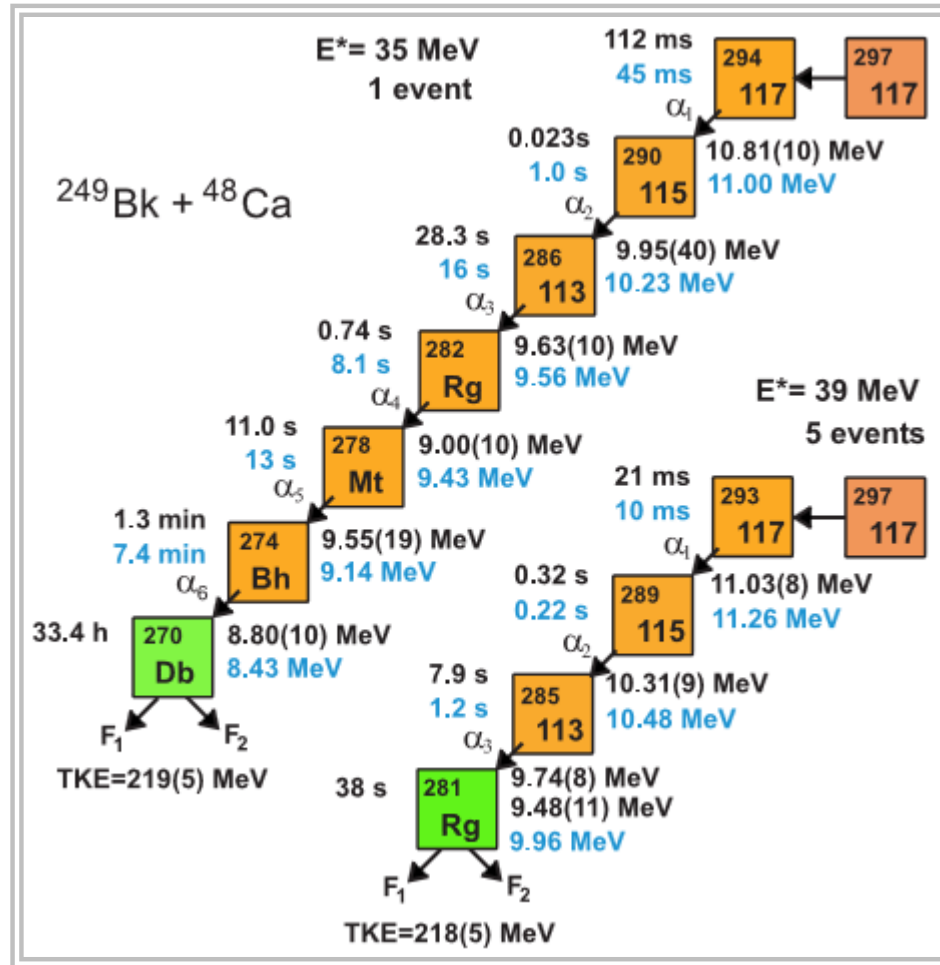
Chemistry

Expected to behave similarly to the halogens in many respects, however, going down group 17, the metallicity increases; hence, an extrapolation based on periodic trends would predict tennessine to be a rather volatile post-transition metal.

Aside from the unstable -1 state, three more oxidation states are predicted; $+5$, $+3$, and $+1$ (especially stable).

No experimental chemistry possible today.

117 – Tenessine (Ts)



Decay chain of the isotopes of tennessine produced in the original experiment. The figures near the arrows describe experimental (**black**) and theoretical (**blue**) values for the half-life and energy of each decay.

118 – Oganesson (Og)

Official discovery

Claimed (together with livermorium) for the first time by LBNL (Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory) in 1999 in reaction

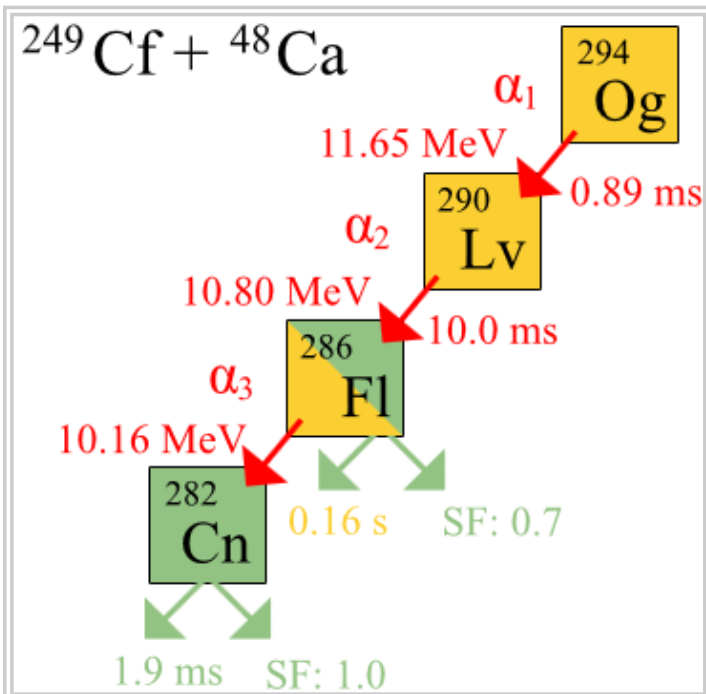


Retracted next year – data found fabricated....

Officially discovered by a collaboration of JINR Dubna and LLNL led by Yuri Oganessian. Experiments performed in 2002 – 2006, three atoms of ^{294}Og seen



Supporting experiments on synthesis and study of the before unknown ^{290}Lv daughter followed till the recognition in 2015 and naming in 2016.



Radioactive decay chain of ^{294}Og .
(The fraction of spontaneous fission in green.)

118 – Oganesson (Og)



Naming

Historically known as eka-radon.

Named Oganesson (Og) in 2016 after Yuri Oganessian.

Chemistry - predictions

Member of group 18 – noble gases – valence configuration predicted as $7s^27p^6$.

Expected to be (slightly) more reactive than radon.

Expected boiling point 320–380 K – not a gas under standard conditions...

+2 and +4 predicted to exist in OgF_2 and OgF_4 , +6 less stable.

Chemistry - experimental

No experiments, yet, no isotopes stable enough for the current methods.

Known isotopes

Isotope	Half-life	Decay mode	Energy (MeV)	Daughter
^{294}Og	0.7 ms	α	11.65	^{290}Lv

Z = 119 – 120

Synthesis

- ${}^n\text{Es} ({}^{48}\text{Ca}, xn) ({}^{n-x})119$** **Problem:** Availability and half-lives
 ${}^n\text{Fm} ({}^{48}\text{Ca}, xn) ({}^{n-x})120$ of target nuclides
- New heavier projectiles on actinide targets**
 - **${}_{22}\text{Ti}$: ${}^{249}\text{Bk} ({}^{50}\text{Ti}, xn) {}^{299-x}119$, ${}^{249}\text{Cf} ({}^{50}\text{Ti}, xn) {}^{299-x}120$ – JINR Dubna**
 - **${}_{23}\text{V}$: ${}^{248}\text{Cm} ({}^{50}\text{V}, xn) {}^{298-x}119$ – RIKEN**
- Cold fusion revisited** **Problem:** Extremely low cross sections

Chemistry – predictions

Members of groups 1 and 2:

- 119 – alkali metal....
- 120 – alkaline earth metal....

Periodic table of the elements

Outlook / Extended PTE

1	1 H	2											13	14	15	16	17	2 He
2	3 Li	4 Be											5 B	6 C	7 N	8 O	9 F	10 Ne
3	11 Na	12 Mg	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Al	14 Si	15 P	16 S	17 Cl	18 Ar
4	19 K	20 Ca	21 Sc	22 Ti	23 V	24 Cr	25 Mn	26 Fe	27 Co	28 Ni	29 Cu	30 Zn	31 Ga	32 Ge	33 As	34 Se	35 Br	36 Kr
5	37 Rb	38 Sr	39 Y	40 Zr	41 Nb	42 Mo	43 Tc	44 Ru	45 Rh	46 Pd	47 Ag	48 Cd	49 In	50 Sn	51 Sb	52 Te	53 I	54 Xe
6	55 Cs	56 Ba	57-71 La	72 Hf	73 Ta	74 W	75 Re	76 Os	77 Ir	78 Pt	79 Au	80 Hg	81 Tl	82 Pb	83 Bi	84 Po	85 At	86 Rn
7	87 Fr	88 Ra	89-103 Ac	104 Rf	105 Db	106 Sg	107 Bh	108 Hs	109 Mt	110 Ds	111 Rg	112 Cn	113	114 Fl	115	116 Lv	117	118
8	119	120	121	154	155	156	157	158	159	160	161	162	163	164	165	166	167	168

Lanthanides

57 La	58 Ce	59 Pr	60 Nd	61 Pm	62 Sm	63 Eu	64 Gd	65 Tb	66 Dy	67 Ho	68 Er	69 Tm	70 Yb	71 Lu
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Actinides

89 Ac	90 Th	91 Pa	92 U	93 Np	94 Pu	95 Am	96 Cm	97 Bk	98 Cf	99 Es	100 Fm	101 Md	102 No	103 Lr
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SuperActinides

122 121	- - - - -	153 153	(32 g/f-elements - 18x 5g + 14x 6f)
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TransActinides

104 Rf	-	121 121
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TransSuperActinides

154 154	-	168 168
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