

# Decay spectroscopy of exotic nuclei at RIBF

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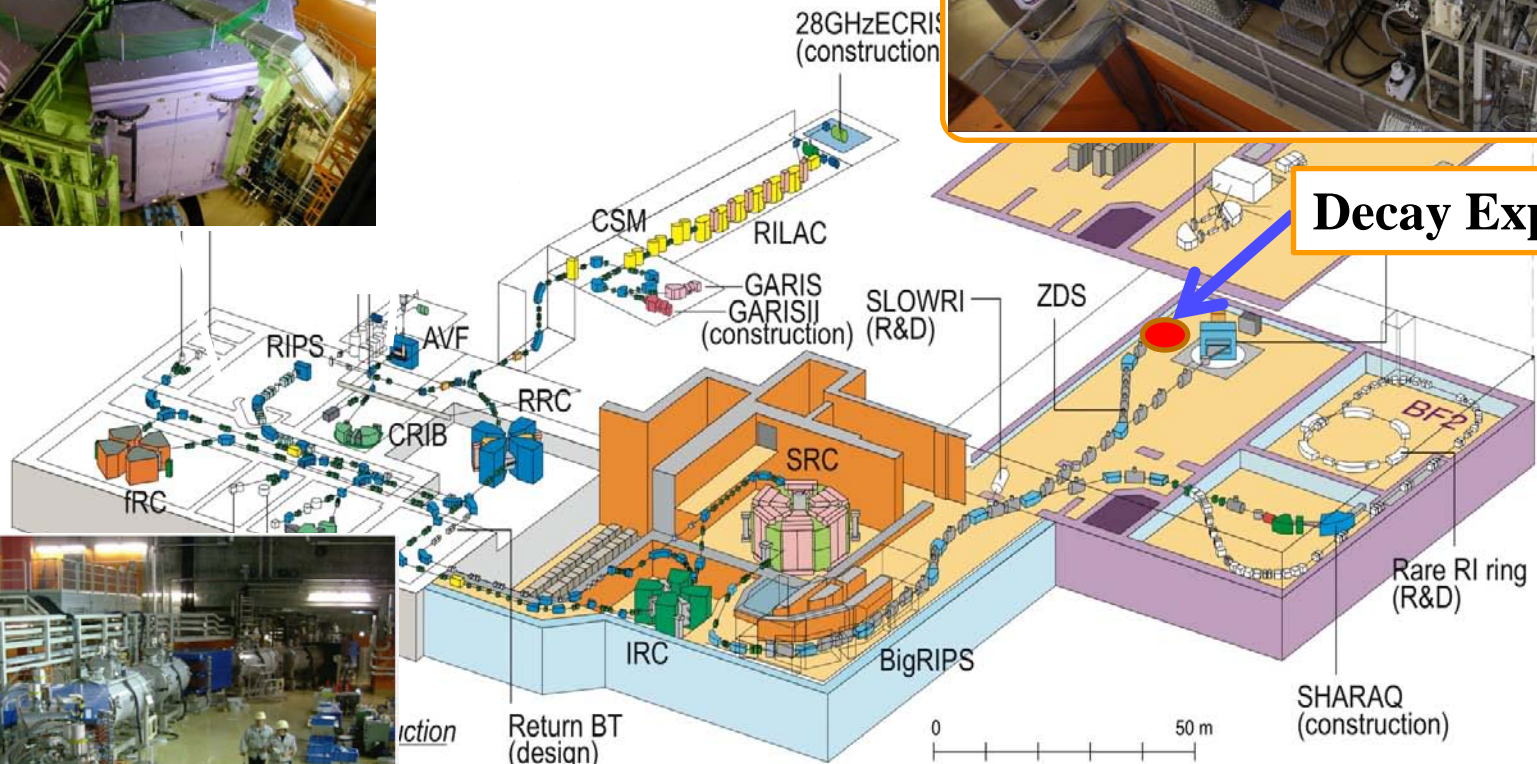
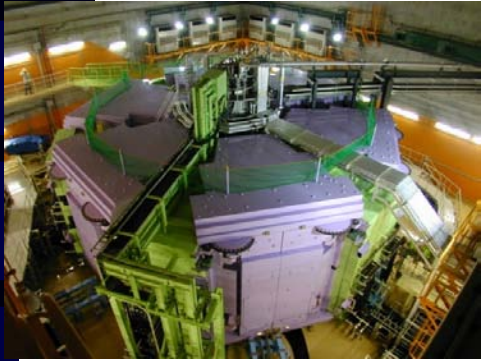
- $^{78}\text{Ni}$  ( $Z=28, N=50$ )  
... Double magic nuclei !?
- $^{132}\text{Sn}$  ( $Z=50, N=82$ ) region  
 $^{128}\text{Pd}$  ( $N=82$ )  
 $^{136-138}\text{Sn}$

Consistent with shell model prediction!?

# Location of Decay Station



**Decay Exp.**



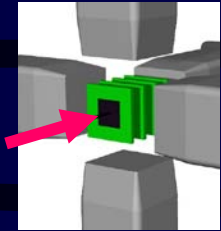
$^{238}\text{U}$  ... 345 MeV/u,  
 ... Intensity = 5 – 12 pA !

# Decay Programs at RIBF

2009  
2010  
2011  
2012  
2013  
2014



$\beta$ - $\gamma$



$^{110}\text{Zr}$  region  
(3-days)

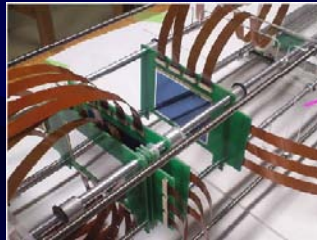
- \*PLB 696, 186 (2011)
- \*PRL. 106, 052502 (2011)
- \*PRL. 106, 202501 (2011)
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EURICA Project



WAS3ABi (Si)



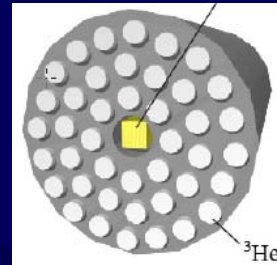
$\beta$ -n

[ high efficiency ]

$^3\text{He}$  counters (x 27)

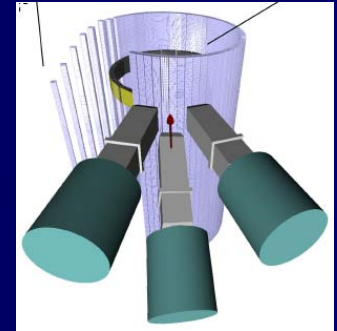


Neutron detectors

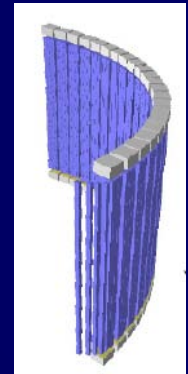


$\beta$ - $\gamma$ -n

[fast timing]



Neutron detectors  
(TOF)  
LaBr3 detectors





# Motivation (Decay Spectroscopy)

## Measurements by decay exp.

- Decay curve :  $T_{1/2}$
- Excited states :  $E(2^+)$ , ..
- Isomeric states
- $Q_\beta$
- Neutron emission ( $P_n$ )

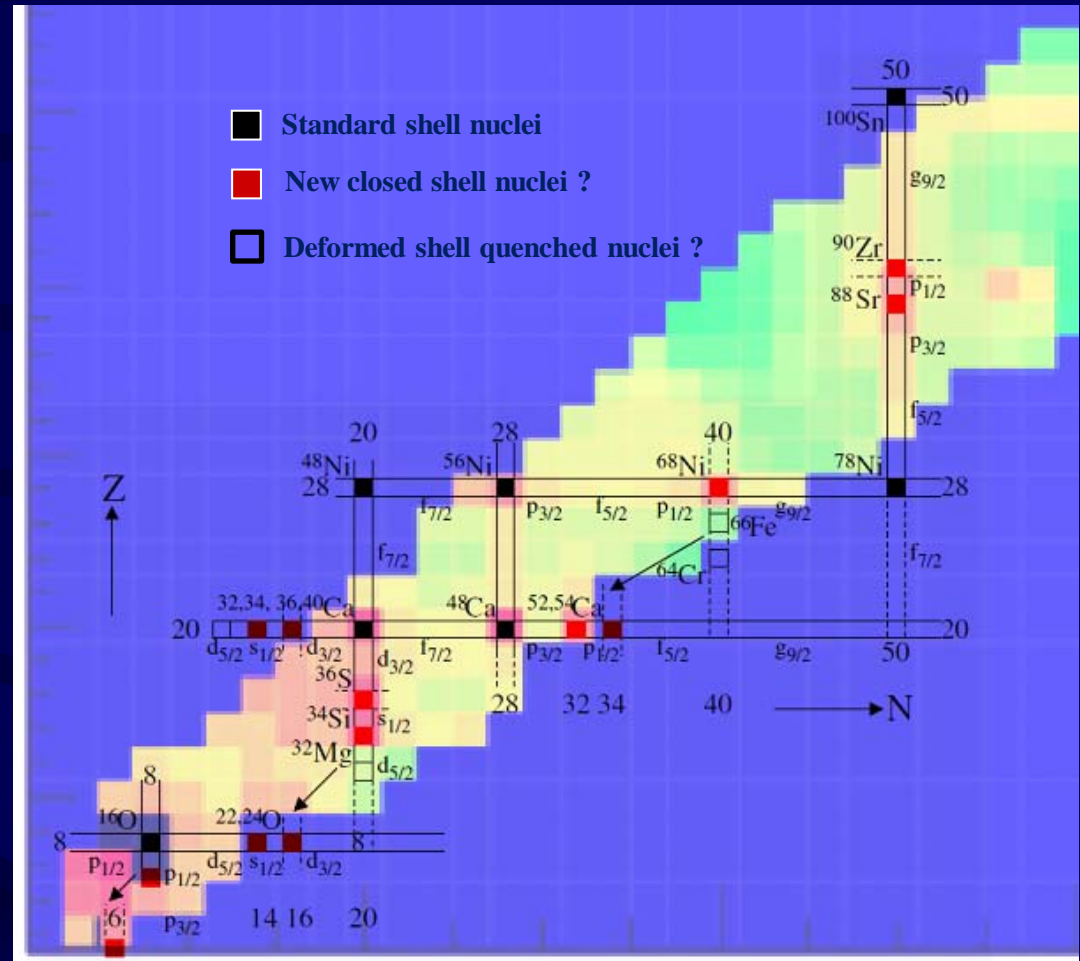
## Systematic Study



- Nuclear Structure
  - New magic number ?
  - Disappearance?
  - Shell quenching?
  - Deformation?

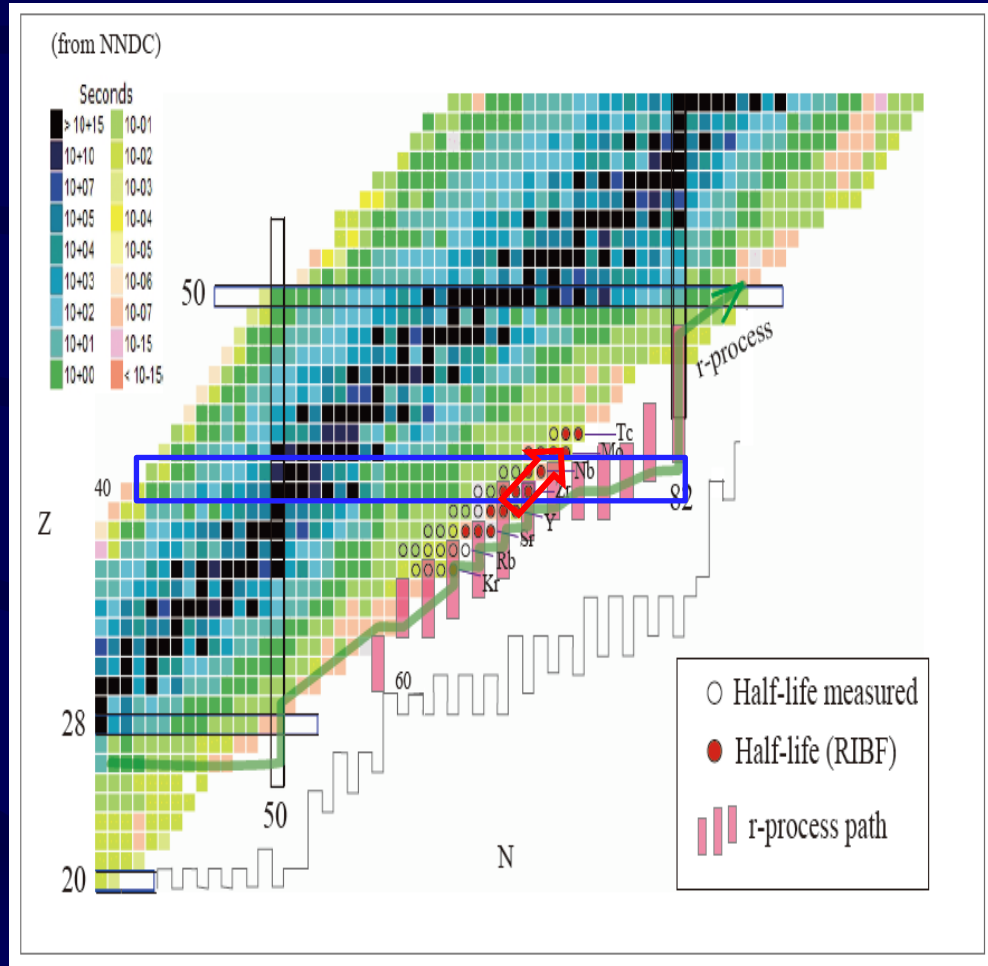
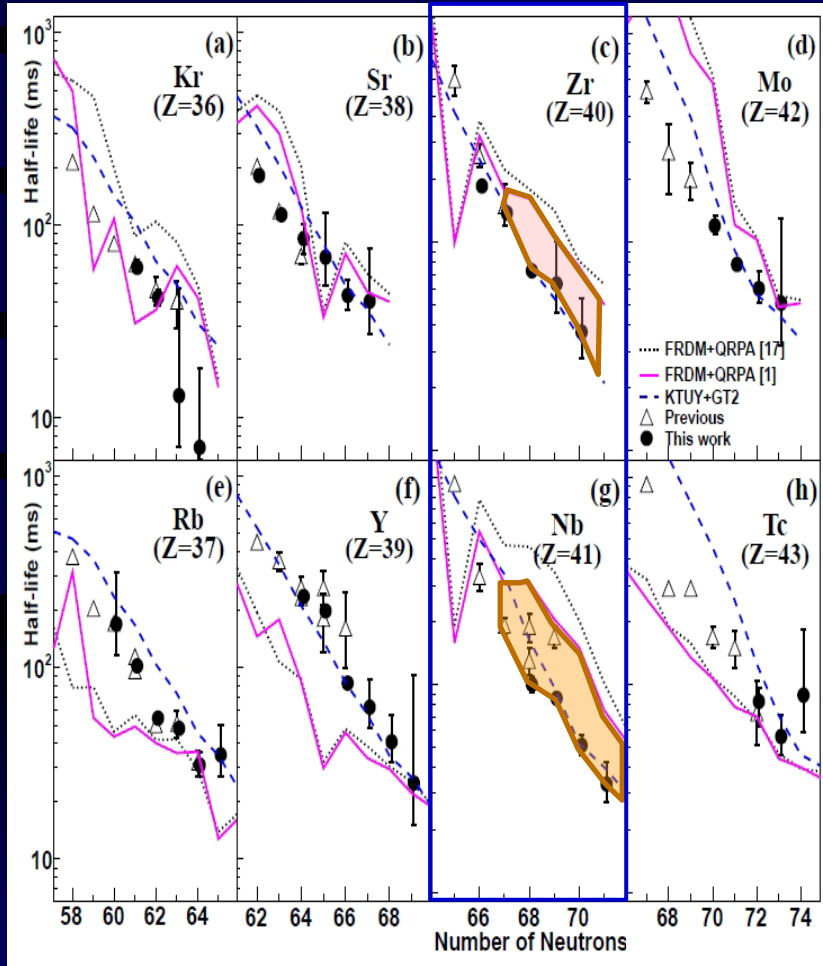


Inputs



- Feedback to Nuclear Theory
- Study of Nuclear Astrophysics

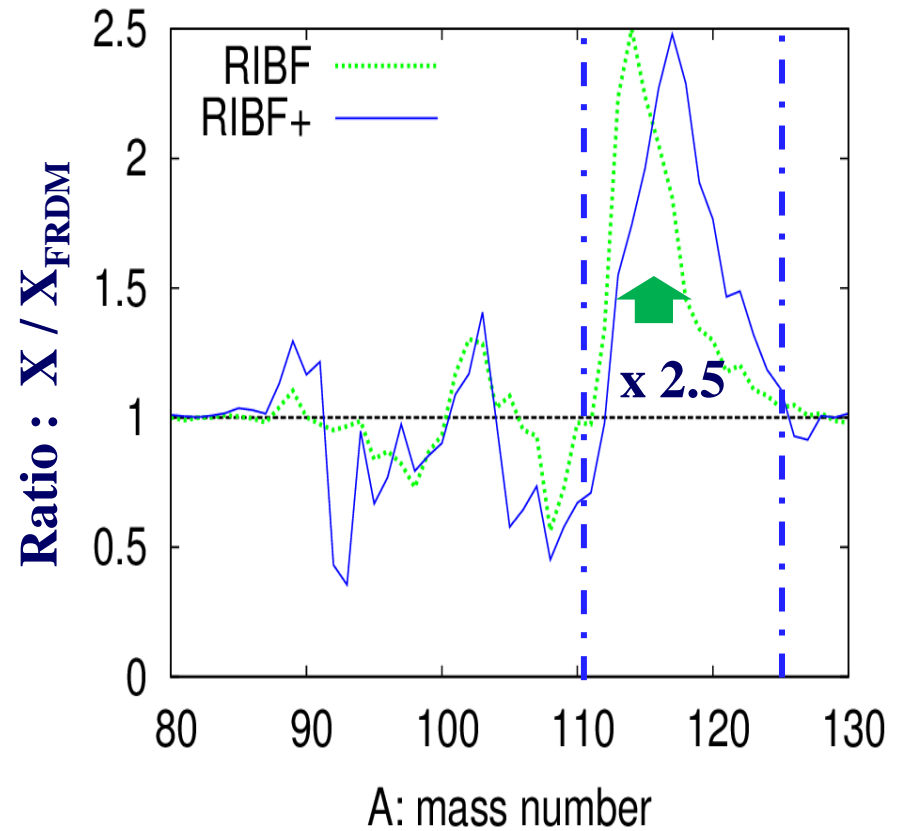
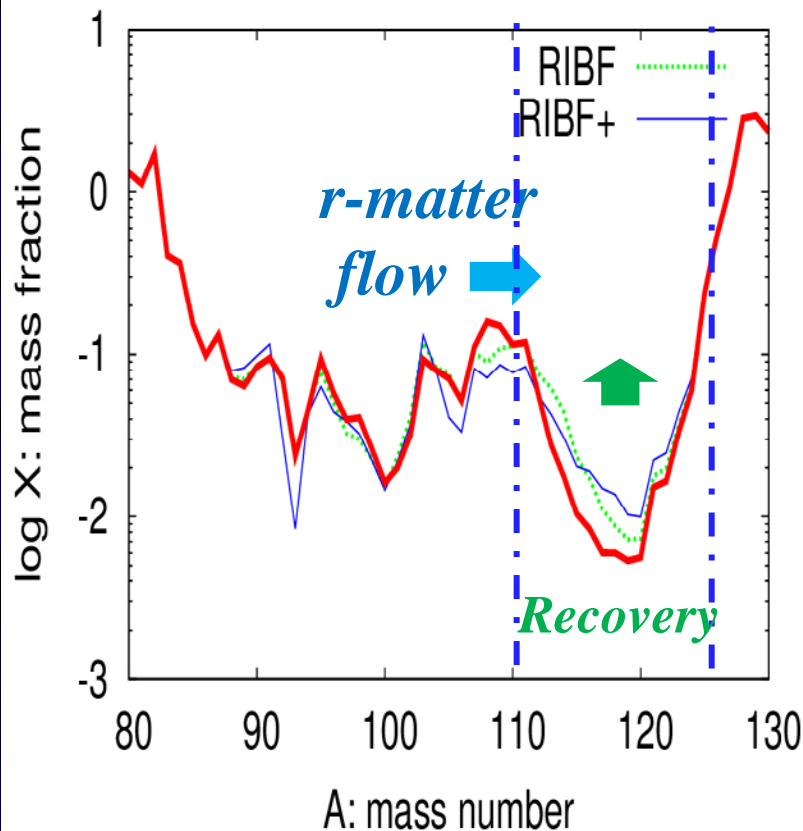
# Decay Experiment in 2009



Zr and Nb decay faster than expected by FRDM+QRPA ( $T_{1/2} : 1/2 \sim 1/3$ )

# RIBF data $\rightarrow$ Impact to r-process abundance

Nobuya Nishimura, T.Kajino, G.Mathew, SN, T.Suzuki, PRC 85 (2012)



**The calculated r-process abundance is improved by factor of  $\times 2.5$ .  
But, there is still issue remaining in mass  $A=110 - 125$ !**

# Upgrade : 2009 → 2012

U-beam intensity

- 0.2 pA → ~ 10 pA ... x 50 times

Gamma-ray detector

- 4 Clover detectors

→ 12 Cluster detectors (Det. Eff. ~15 % at 0.662 MeV)

... x 10 times

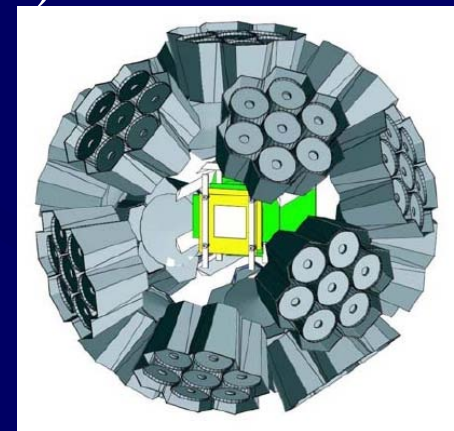
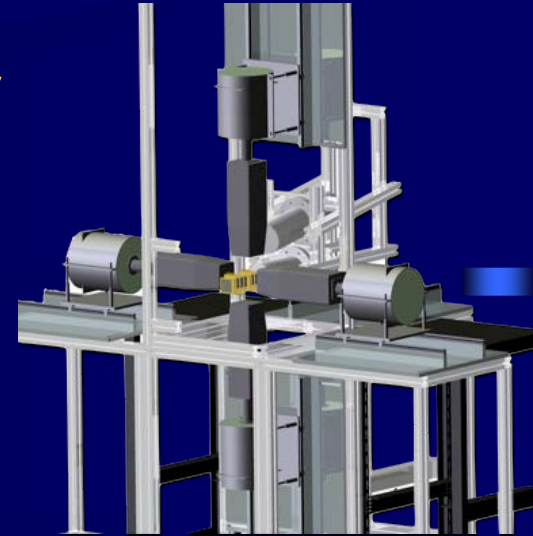
( → gamma-gamma coincidence ... x 100 times )

Beta counting system

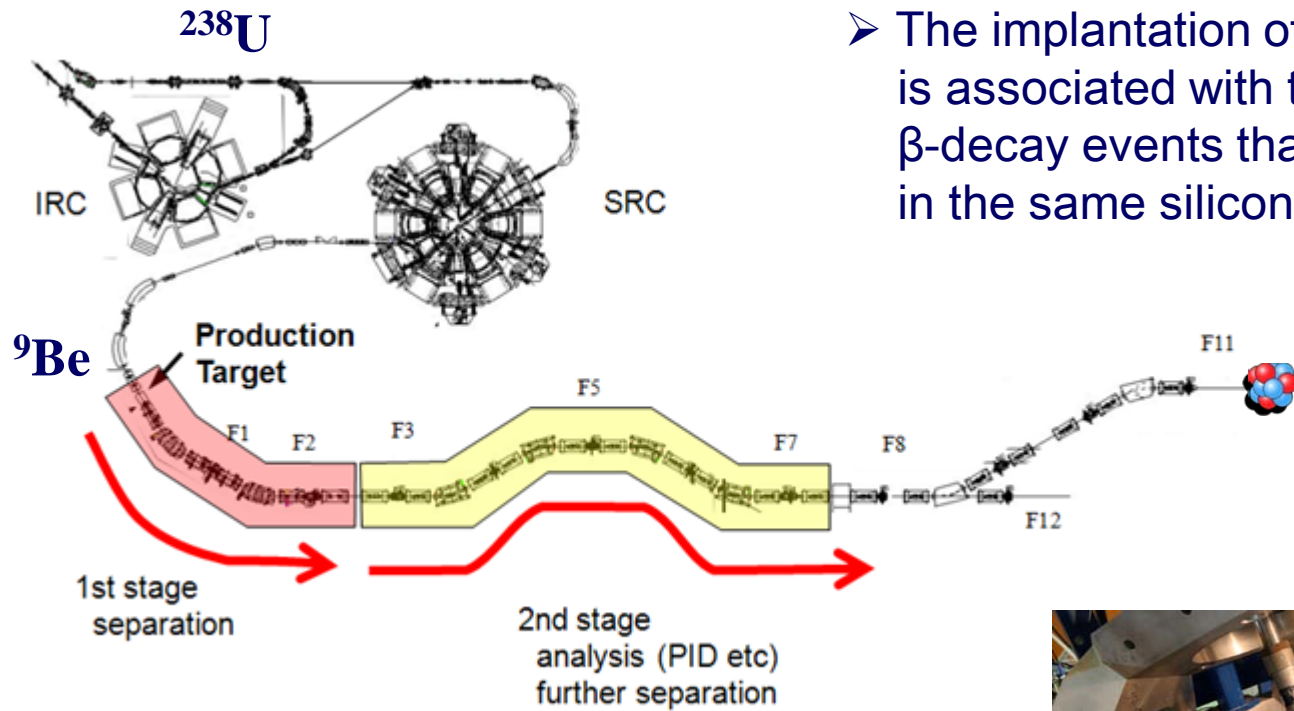
- 16 x 16 pixels x 7 layers = 1792 pixels

→ 40x60 pixels x 8 layers = 19200 pixels

... x 10 times

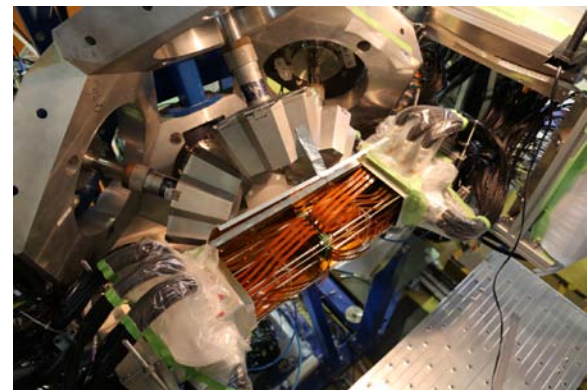


# Beam Production at RIBF



- The implantation of an identified RI is associated with the following  $\beta$ -decay events that are detected in the same silicon pixel (DSSSD).

- $\Delta E$ -TOF-Bp method using the focal plane detectors.

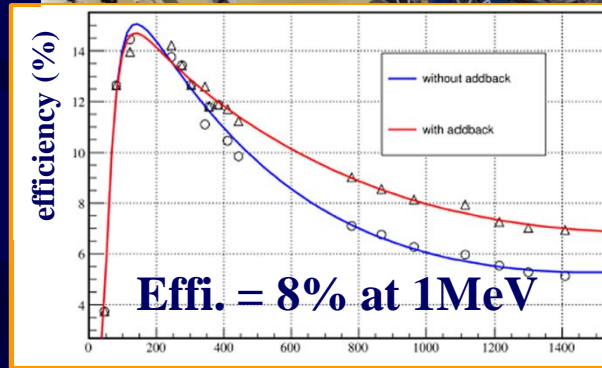
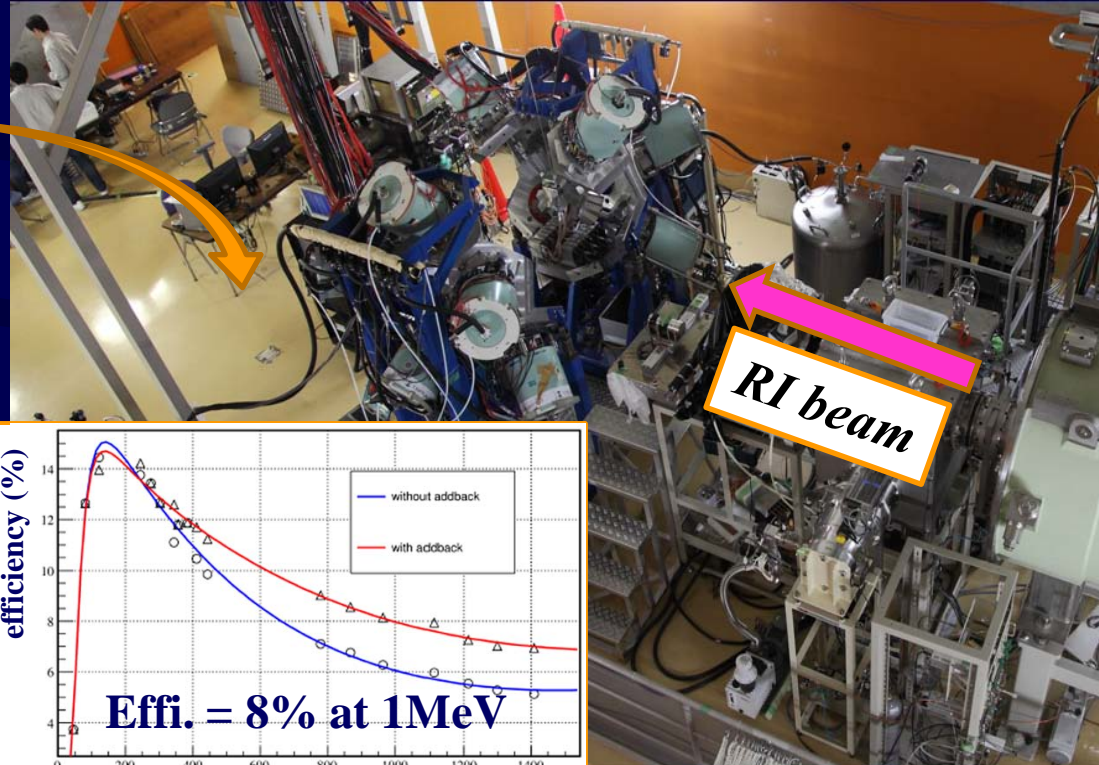
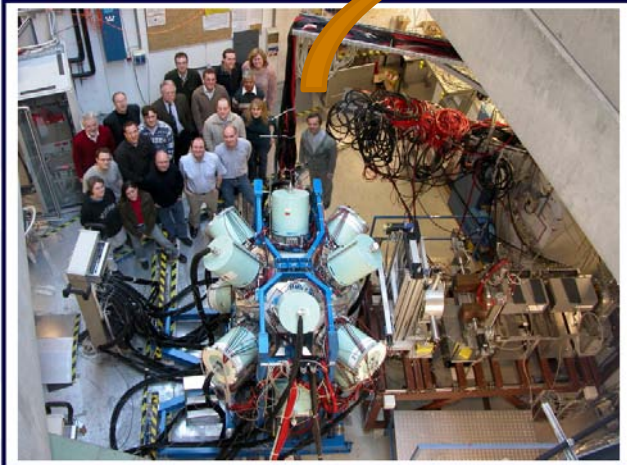




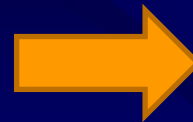


# EURICA Project at RIBF

## (EUROBALL RIKEN Cluster Array)



Euroball Cluster detectors  
 Support structure  
 Readout electronics  
 used for GSI-RISING



RIKEN RIBF  
 (Japan)



Installation completed in 2012 Feb.

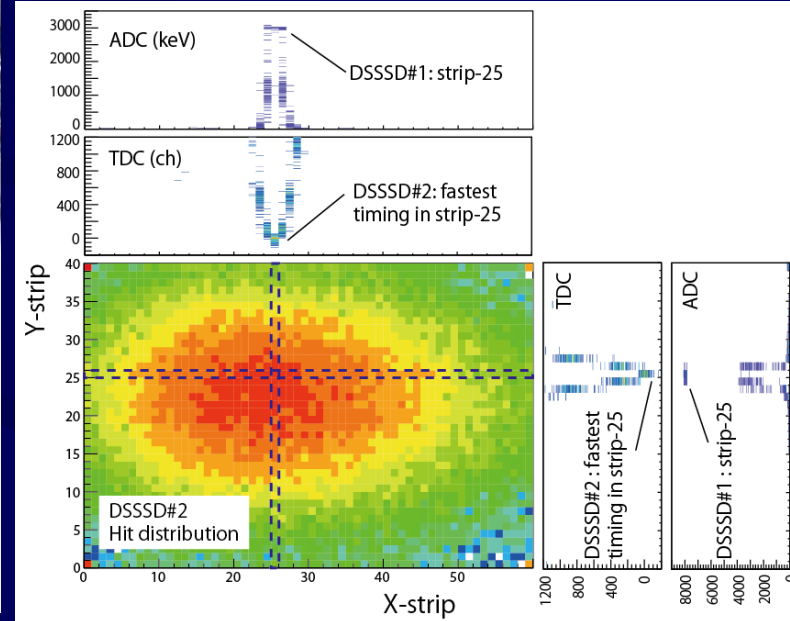
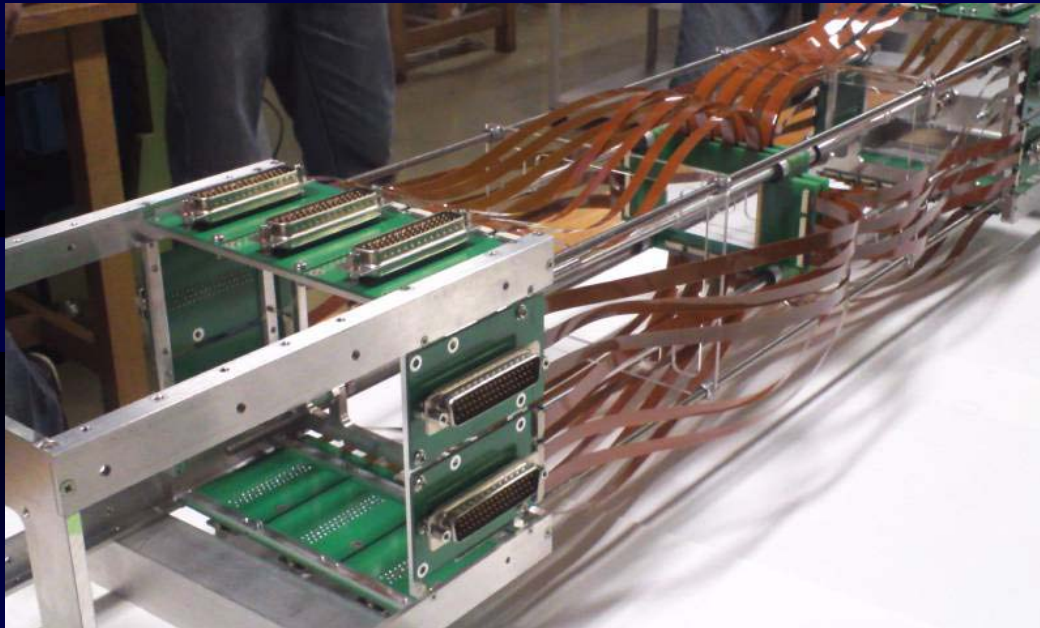
# New Beta Counting System : WAS3ABi

(Wide-range Active Silicon-Strip Stopper Array  
for Beta and ion detection)

8 layers of DSSSDs  
(40-strips x 60 strips)  
RIKEN/IBS/TU München

In total, 14,400 pixels  
(19,200 pixels)

Timing information is also used for  
reconstruction of hit position.

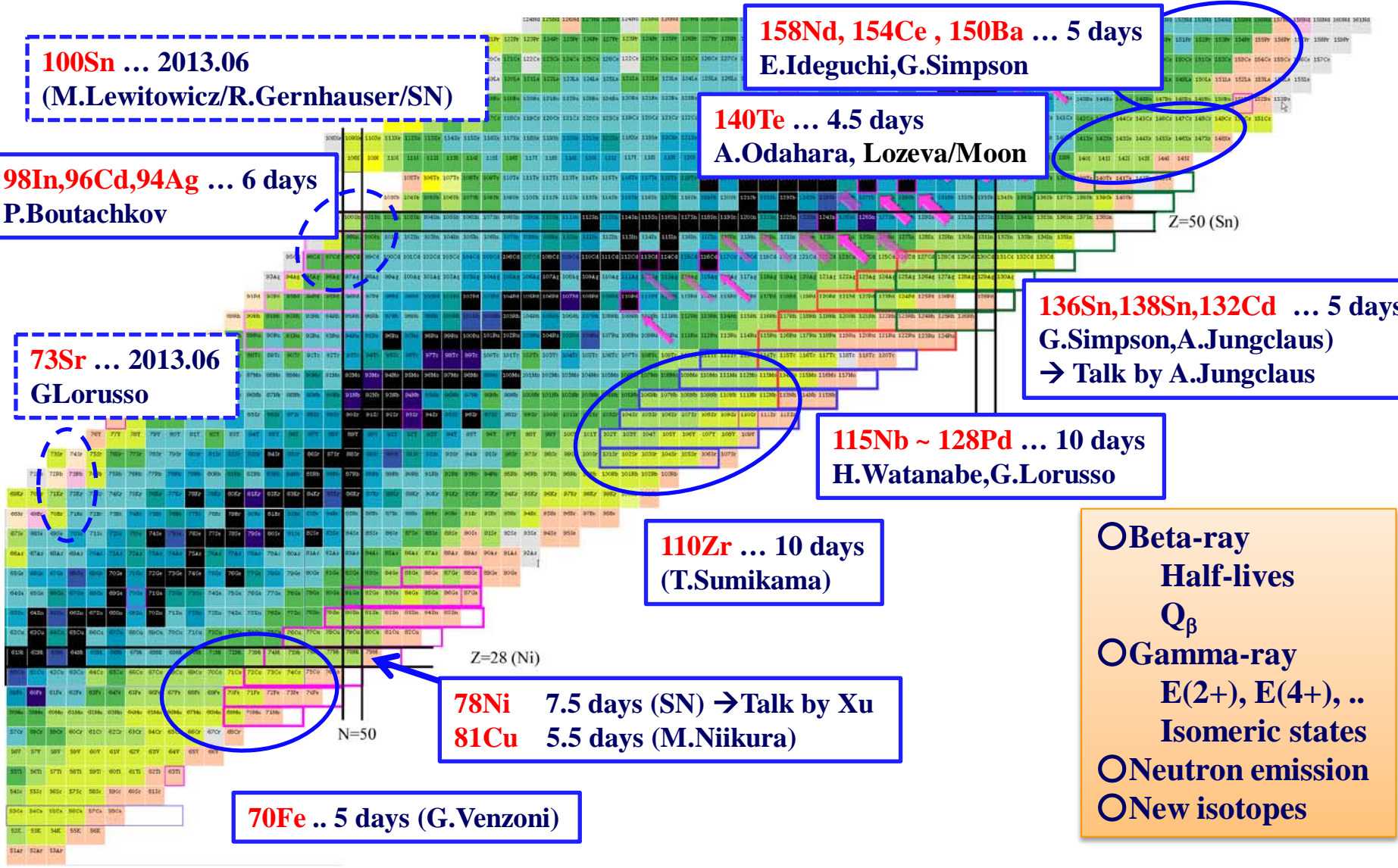


Options:

- Qbeta calorimeter in 2012.
- Fast timing plastic scintillation detectors in 2013



# Survey of Decay Properties with EURICA



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(M.Lewitowicz/R.Gernhauser/SN)

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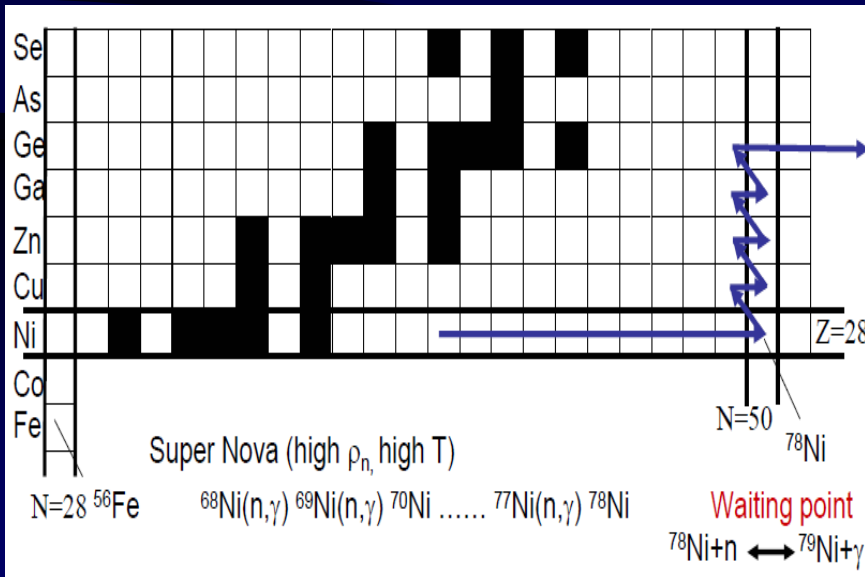
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- Beta-ray
- Half-lives
- $Q_{\beta}$
- Gamma-ray
- $E(2+), E(4+), ..$
- Isomeric states
- Neutron emission
- New isotopes

# Decay Spectroscopy in the vicinity of double magic $^{78}\text{Ni}$ ( $Z=28, N=50$ )





# Beam production around $^{78}\text{Ni}$ region

Spokesperson: S.Nishimura

Atomic number

Half-lives unknown

$^{78}\text{Ni}$

Implantation rate  
= 20 ~ 50 pps

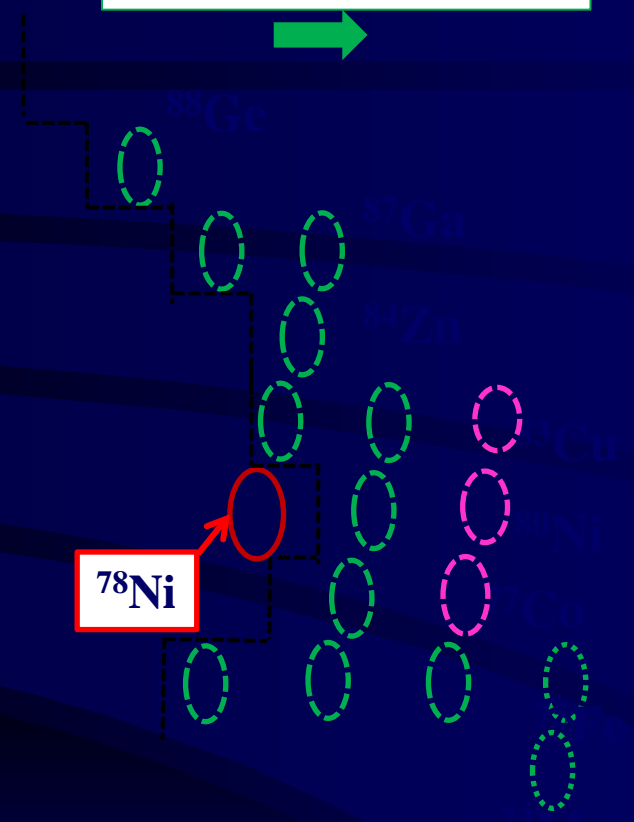
New isotopes  
(Candidates)

$^{79}\text{Ni}$  production is ..

A/Q

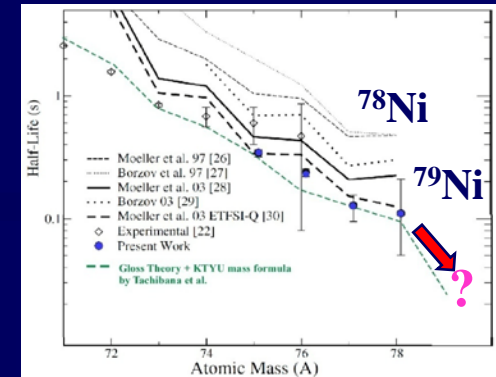
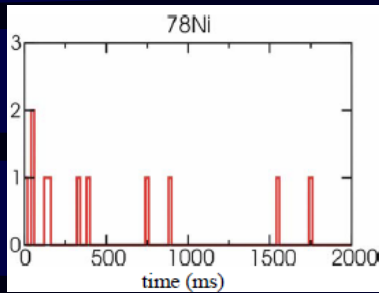
Additional experiment around  $^{81}\text{Cu}$  data (Niikura exp.)

→ ~ 10 k of  $^{78}\text{Ni}$  produced in total.



# $^{78}\text{Ni}$ beta-decay half-life

Hosmer (MSU)  
PRL (2006)



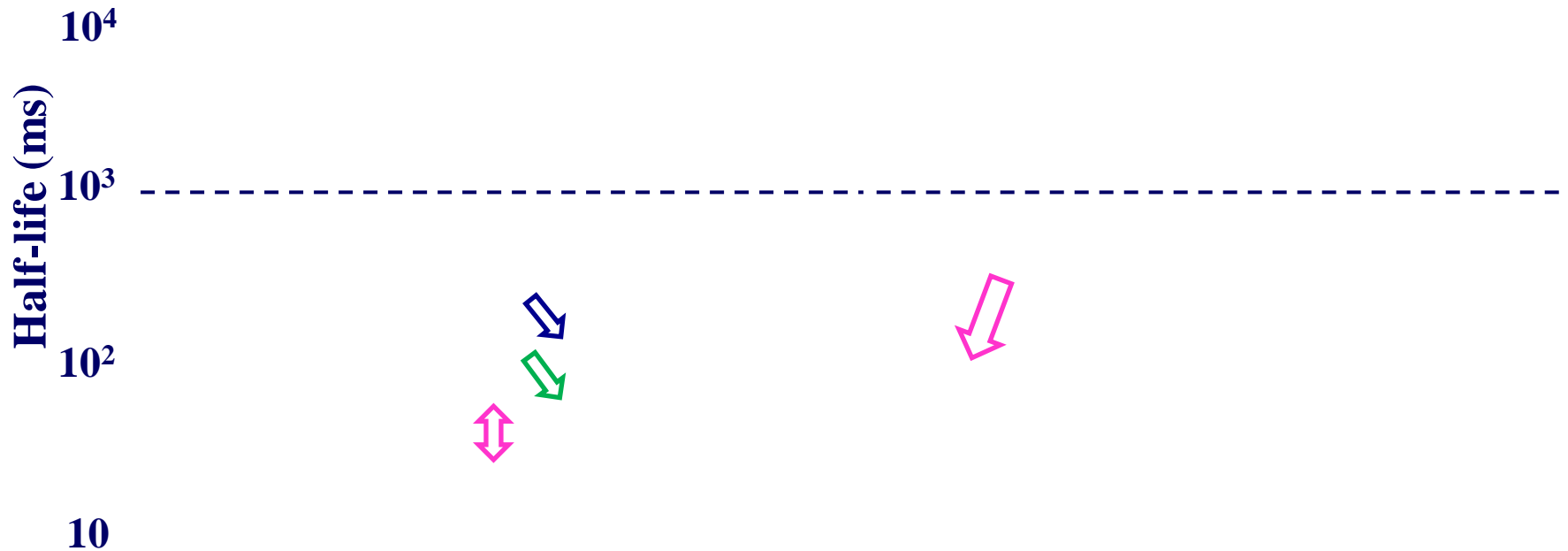
Decay spectra obtained in WAS3ABi and with EURICA.  
What about  $N=51$  ( $^{79}\text{Ni}$ )?  $Z=27$  ( $^{77}\text{Co}$ )?

# Systematic study of $T_{1/2}$ around $^{78}\text{Ni}$ ( $Z=28, N=50$ )

**FRDM overestimates the half-lives of r-process isotopes (Zn, Ga, and Ge).**

# Compilation of Half-lives around $^{78}\text{Ni}$

Z.Xu PhD

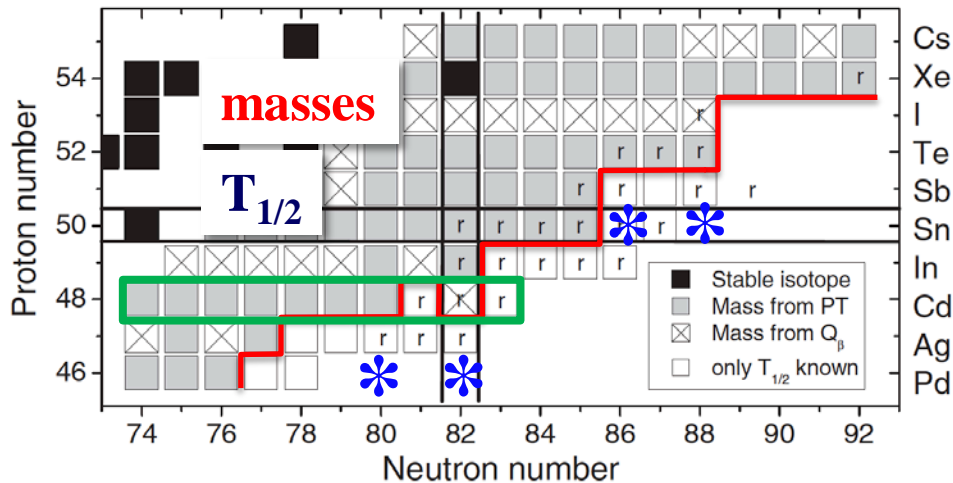


**Our results indicate  $^{78}\text{Ni}$  is double magic nuclei !?**

**→ More results from gamma-ray spectroscopy (EURICA)**



# Decay properties around double magic $^{132}\text{Sn}$ ( $Z=50, N=82$ )



New isomers around  $^{132}\text{Sn}$  region

Half-lives of Cd isotopes

# 136-138Sn Region

Spokespersons:  
G.Simpson /A.Jungclaus/Gadea

→ Unknown  $T_{1/2}$

875.000 ions

$^{136}\text{Sn}$

Very short  
 $T_{1/2}$ !

$^{138}\text{Sn}$

5.000 ions

- $^{136}\text{Sn}$ ,  $^{138}\text{Sn}$  isomers
- A milisecond  $\gamma$ -decaying high-spin trap in  $^{129}\text{Cd}$

*G. Simpson, G.Gey, A.J .,.  
submitted to Phys. Rev. Lett.*

# Decay Spectroscopy around $^{128}\text{Pd}$ and $^{115}\text{Nb}$

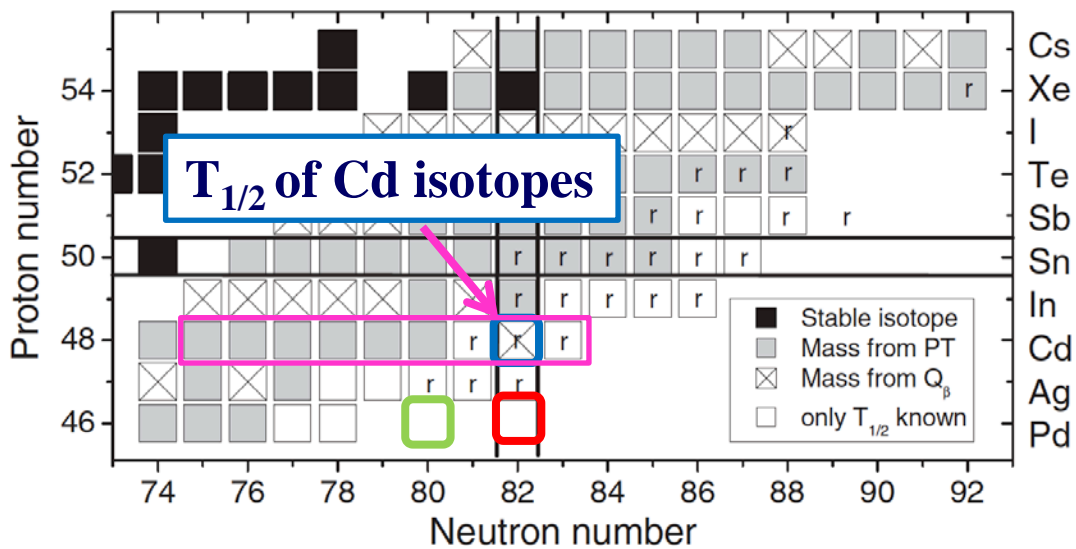
*New Isotopes*

Spokespersons: H.Watanabe/G.Lorusso

New isomers  
in  $^{126}\text{Pd}$ ,  $^{128}\text{Pd}$ !

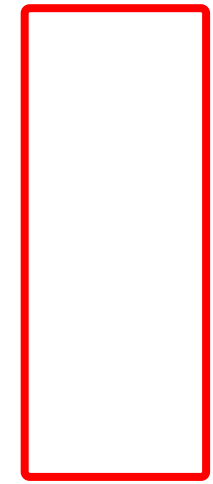
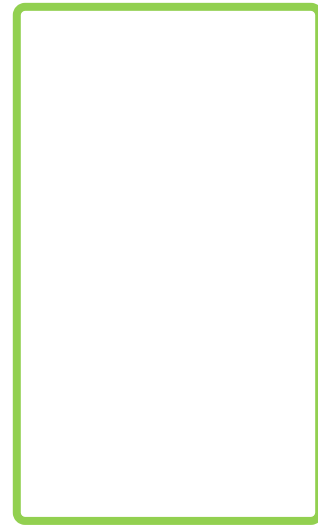
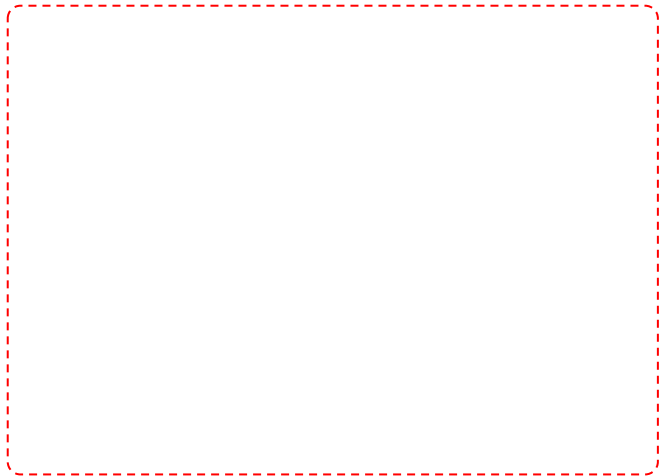
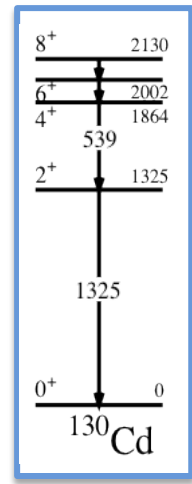


# Most Neutron-Rich N=82 Isomer with EURICA (r-Process waiting point)



A.Jungclaus,  
PRL99, (2007)

No evidence  
for shell quenching



→ No evidence of shell-quenching ....



# Systematic of beta-decay half-lives for Cd isotopes

G.Lorusso

Pinedo & Langanke PRL 83 4502 (1999)

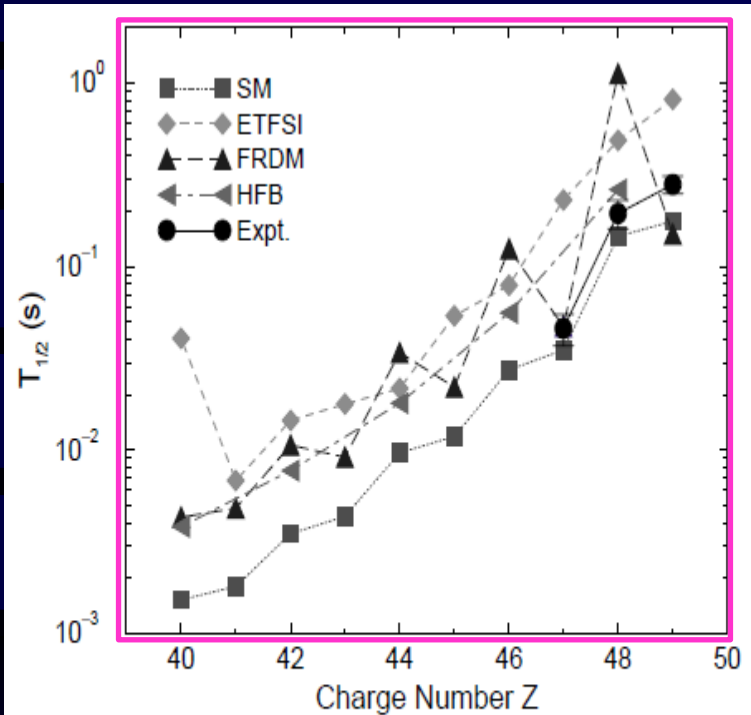
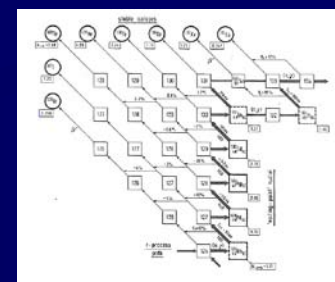


FIG. 1. Comparison of half-lives of the  $N = 82$  isotones as calculated in the FRDM, HFB, ETFSI, and the present shell-model approaches with data.

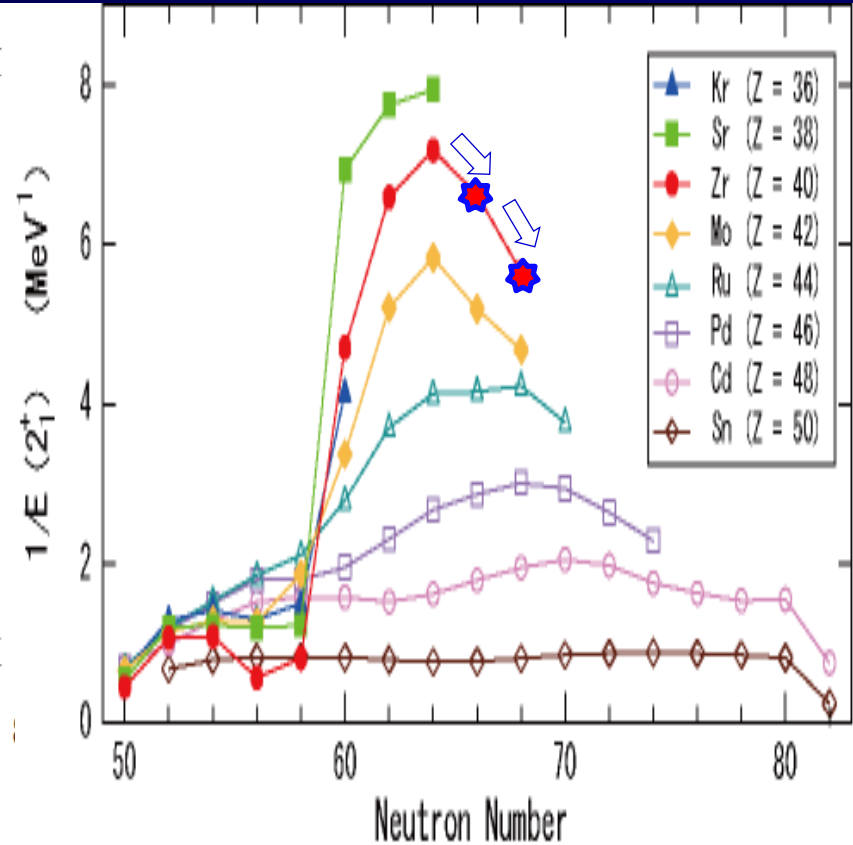
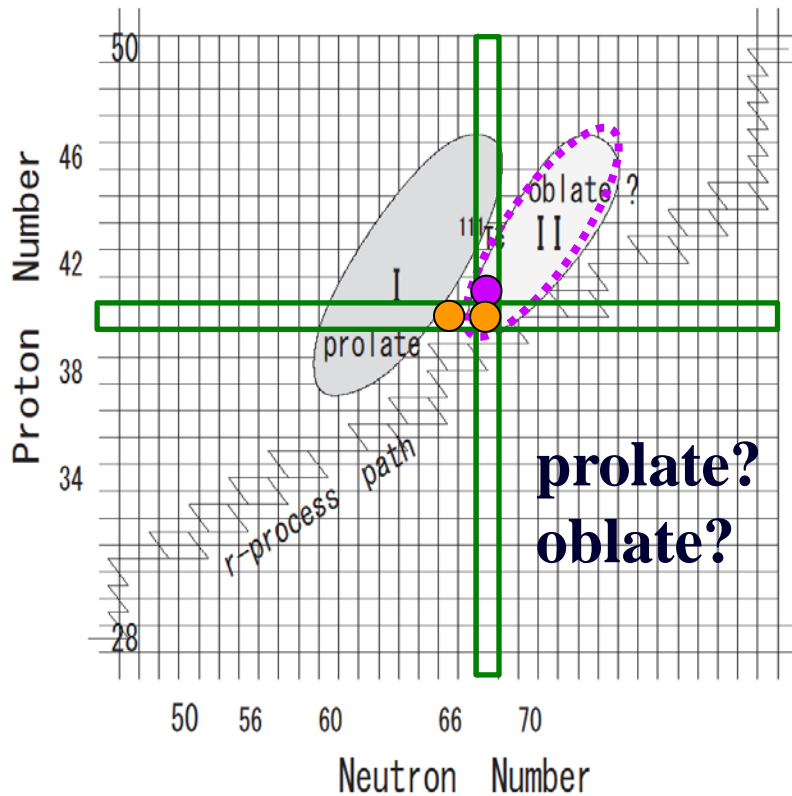
Mid-shell region

(2013 May)

# Deformation

● Phys. Lett. B 696 (2011) H.Watanabe  
Oblate shape isomer for  $^{109}\text{Nb}$ ?

● Phys. Rev. Lett. 106, 202501 (2011) T.Sumikama  
Structural Evolution :  $^{106}\text{Zr}$  and  $^{108}\text{Zr}$



W.Urban, et al., EPJA 20 (2004), EPJA24 (2005)

- Beta-delayed gamma :  $^{106}\text{Y} \rightarrow ^{106}\text{Zr}$
- Isomeric states :  $^{108}\text{Zr}$

Deformed sub-shell closure at N=64 ?

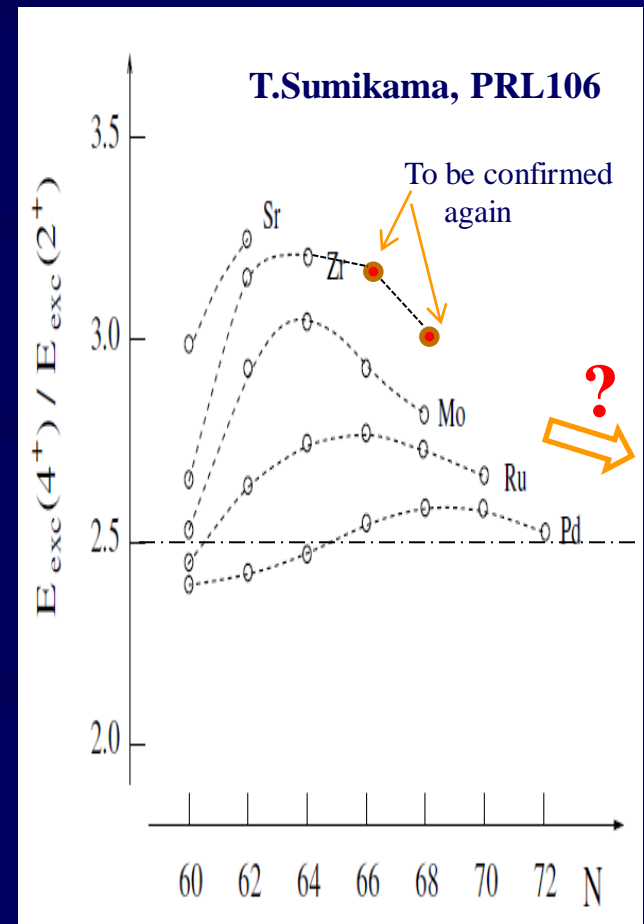
# Shape evolution in $^{116, 118}\text{Ru}$

Spokesperson: G.Lorusso, H. Watanabe

$^{116}\text{Tc}$  Beta-decay  
 $\rightarrow ^{116}\text{Ru}$

$^{118}\text{Tc}$  Beta-decay  
 $\rightarrow ^{118}\text{Ru}$

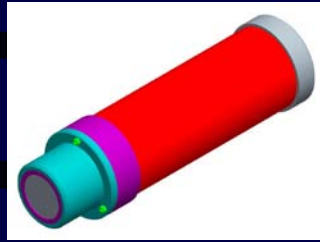
P.-A. Söderström, et al.  
Submitted to Phys. Rev. C



Analysis is in progress in other isotopes around  $^{110}\text{Zr}$  region



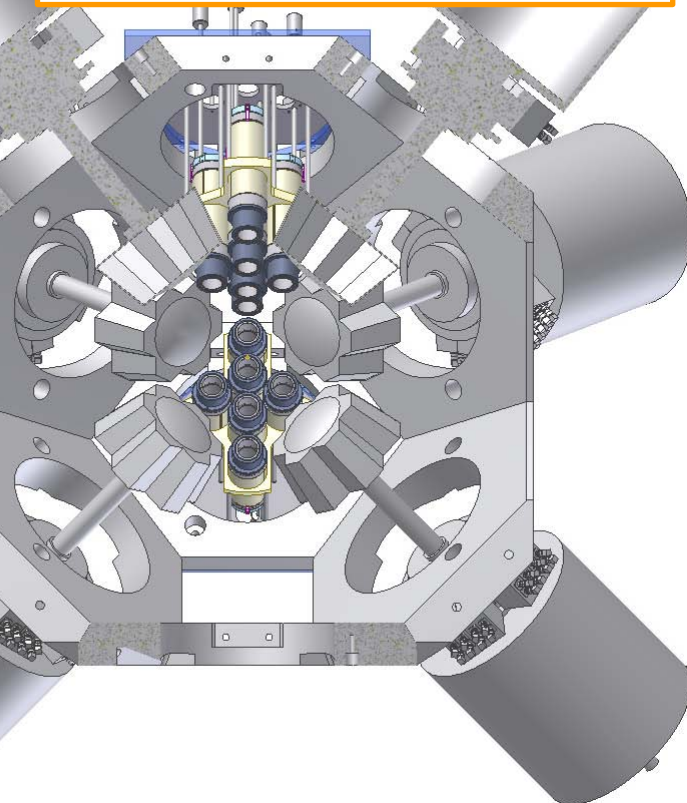
18 detectors  
 $\phi 1.5'' \times 2''$



# Complementary LaBr<sub>3</sub> array for fast timing with EURICA

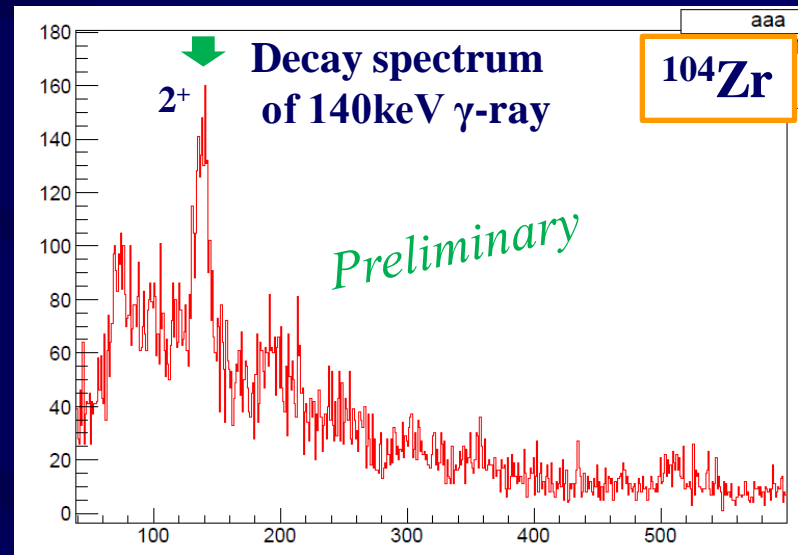
- For short life-times a LaBr<sub>3</sub> array for fast timing has been installed to complement the HPGe detectors

*The LaBr<sub>3</sub> detectors are a part of the FATIMA project at FAIR (Surrey and Brighton)*



14 <sup>+</sup>	4223.9
	1014.2
12 <sup>+</sup>	3209.7
	894.4
10 <sup>+</sup>	2315.3
	765.1
8 <sup>+</sup>	1550.2
	624.4
6 <sup>+</sup>	925.8
	473.7
4 <sup>+</sup>	452.1
	312.2
2 <sup>+</sup>	139.9
0 <sup>+</sup>	0.0

<sup>104</sup>Y beta-decay is used as start.  
Beta-decay of <sup>104</sup>Y → <sup>104</sup>Zr

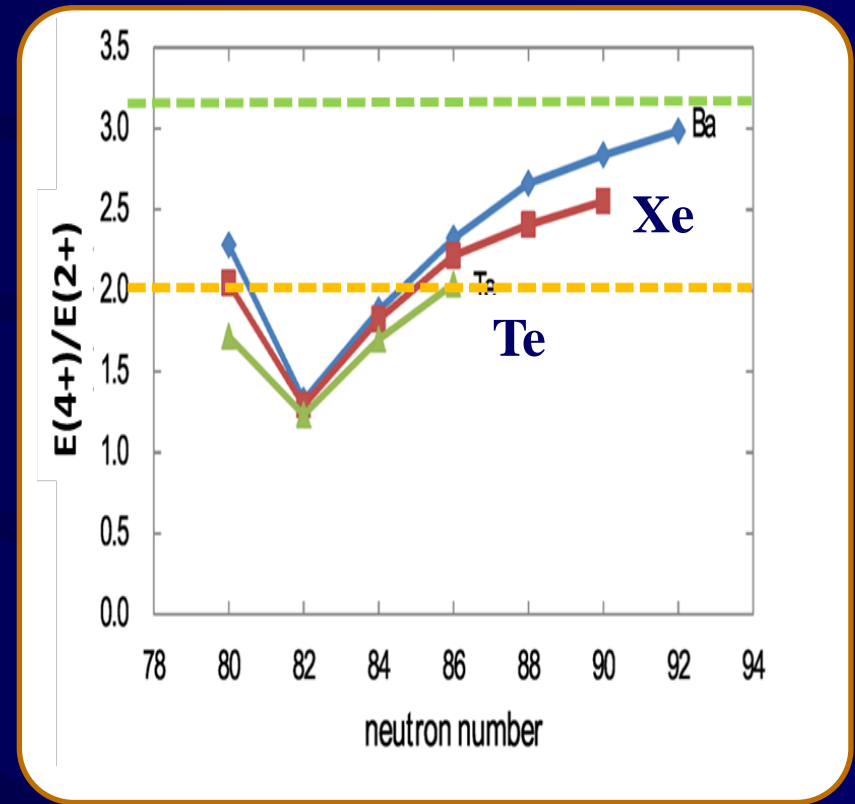
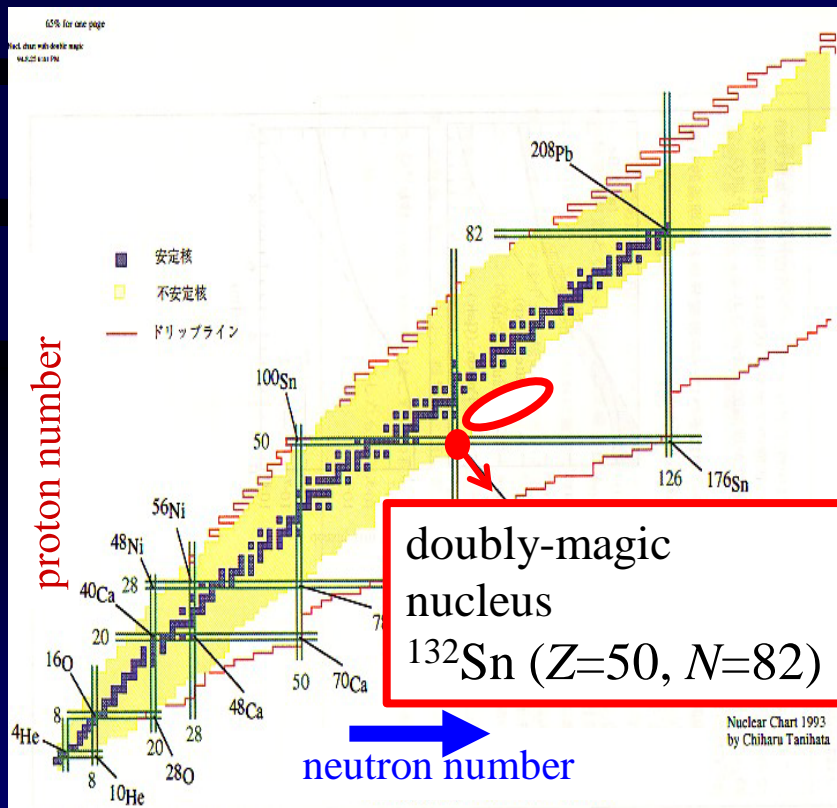


<sup>106,108</sup>Zr

→ T.Sumikama, F.Browne, A.Bruce

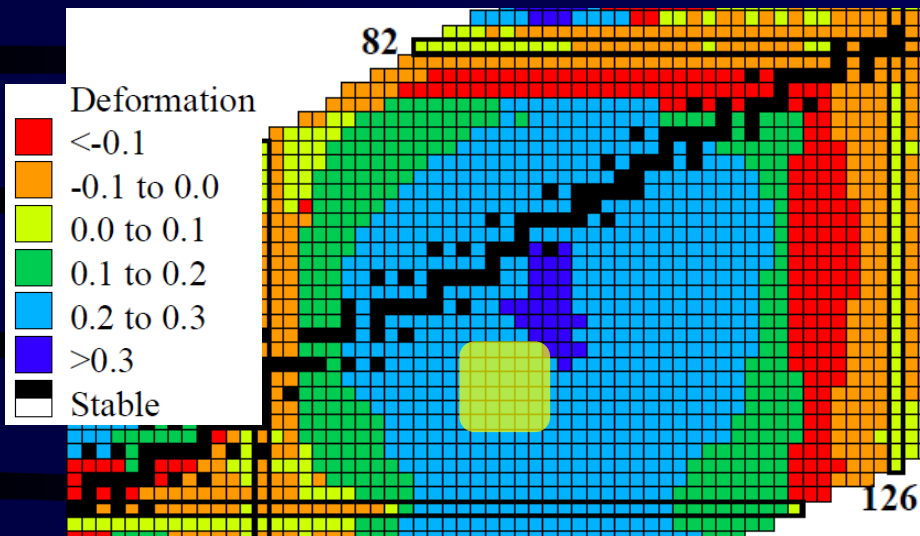
# Shape evolution in neutron-rich $A \sim 140$ nuclei beyond doubly-magic $^{132}\text{Sn}$

A. Odahara (Osaka),  
R. Lozeva (Strasbourg),  
C.B. Moon (Hoseo)

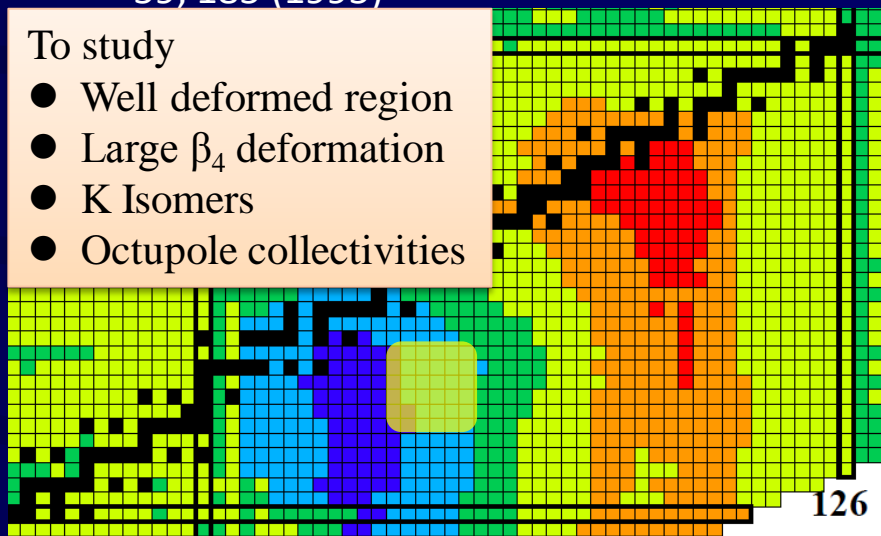


# Search for K-isomers ( $Z \sim 60$ )

$\beta_2$  E.Ideguchi/G.Simpson



$\beta_4$  P. Möller et al., At. Data Nuc. Data Tab. 59, 185 (1995)



Isomer and  $\beta$ - $\gamma$  spectroscopy

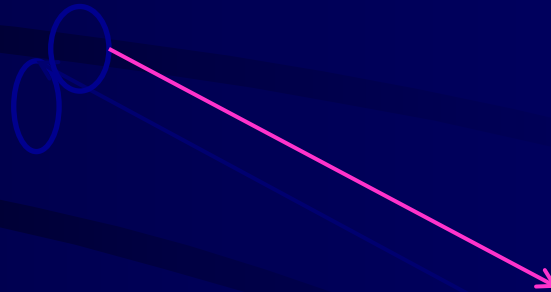
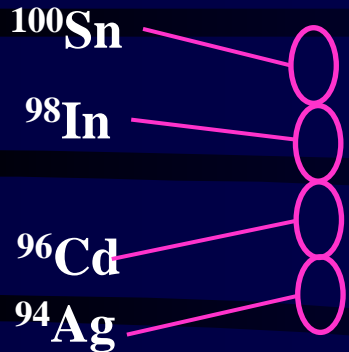


# Proton-rich Nuclei

$^{98}\text{In}$ ,  $^{96}\text{Cd}$ ,  $^{94}\text{Ag}$ , ..

*RIBF-083 (P.Boutachkov)*

*Preliminary*



$^{96}\text{Pd}$  isomer



$^{96}\text{Ag}$  isomer decay:

P. Boutachkov et al.: Phys. Rev. C 84, 044311  
(2011)

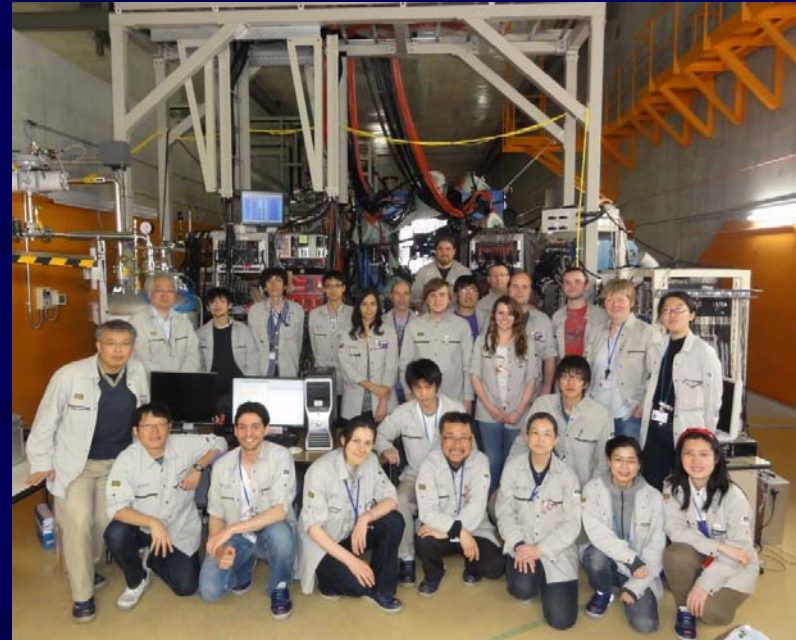


# EURICA U-beam Campaigns

2012 Nov.-Dec.



2013 May



## Collaboration:

Tohoku, Univ. Tokyo, Brighton Univ. Debrecen, Joseph Fourier, Osaka Univ. Peking, LPSC, IBS, Oslo, Consejo Sup. De Inv. Cientificas, IPN Orsay, Padova, Leuven, SKKU, INFN, ANU, Koeln, TU Muenchen, Fisica, Legnaro, ATOMKI, INFN-Milano, INFN-Firenze, INFN-LNL, Univ. di Padova, Surrey, GSI, ANL, Yale, Milano, Univ. Madrid, Tech. Univ. Darmstadt, Univ. Istanbul, CNS, CEA, RCNP, Univ. Notre Dame, Inst. voor Kern-en Stralings Fysica, Hoseo Univ., Univ. Tsukuba, Inst. Plurid. Hubert Curien, and RIKEN



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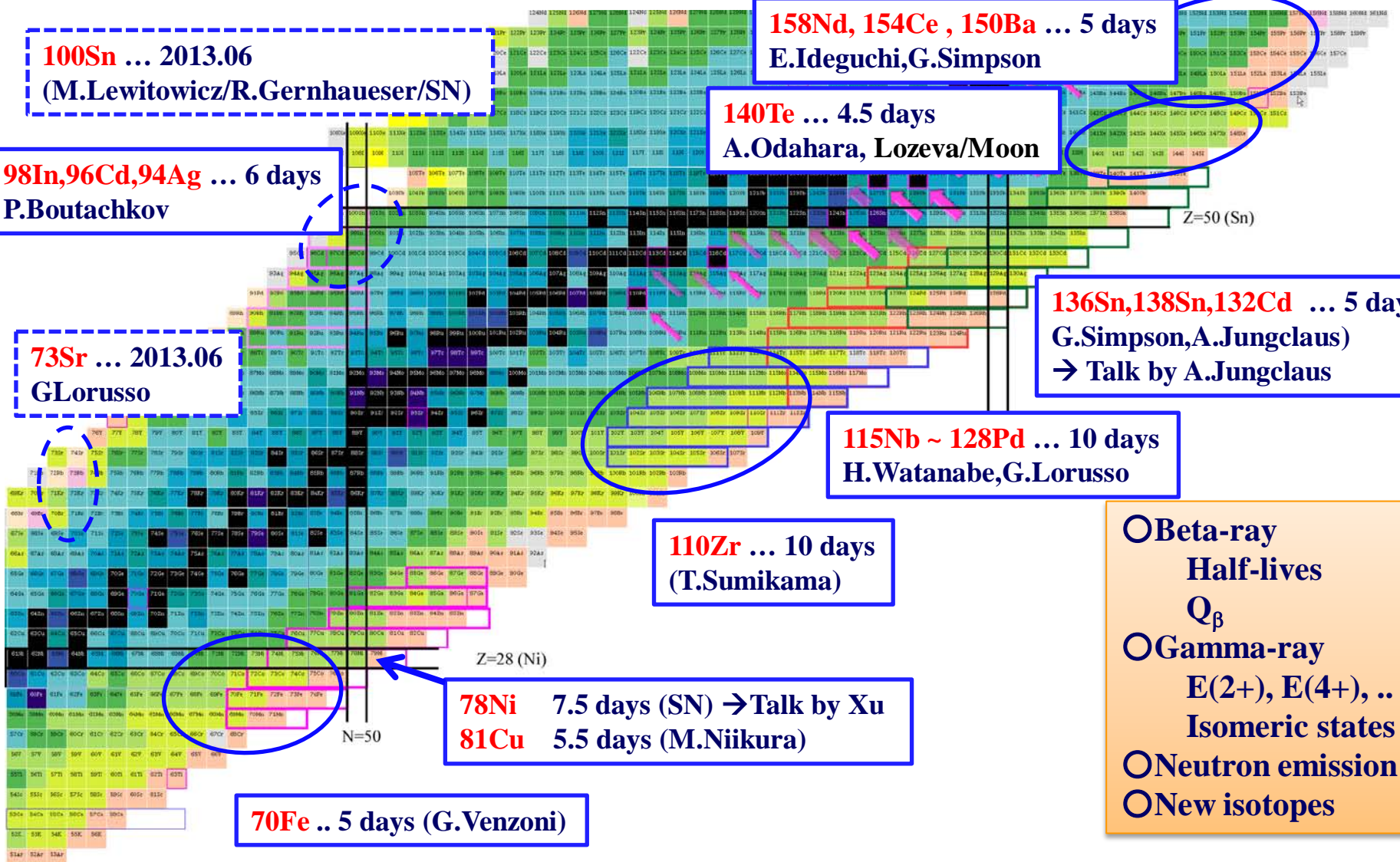
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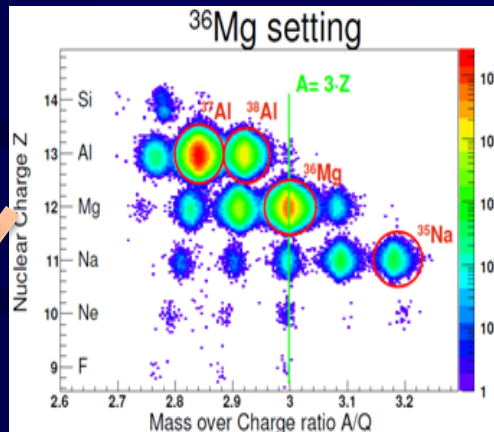
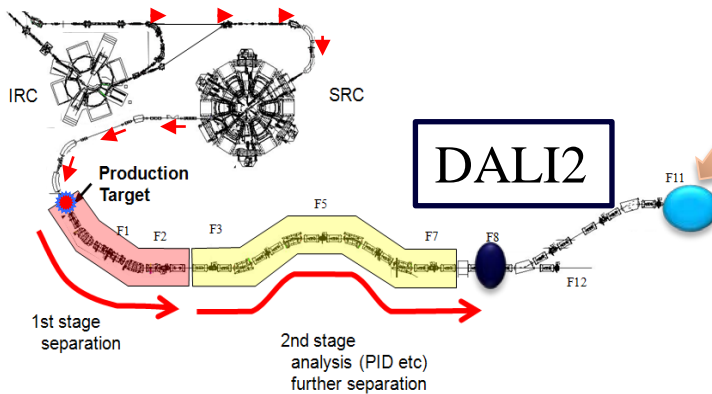


***A lots of interesting results are coming from EUIRCA at RIBF!***

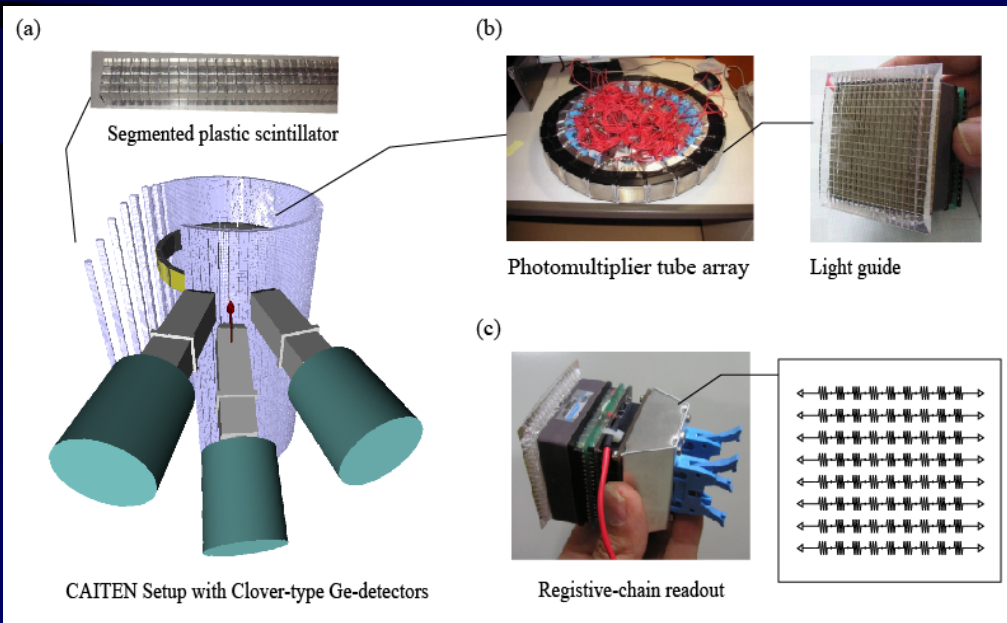
# Fast-timing beta-counting system: CAITEN



$^{48}\text{Ca}$  @ 345 MeV/u



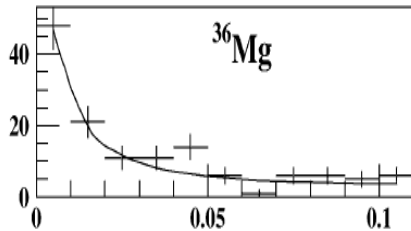
Beta-delayed gamma of  $^{37}\text{Al}$



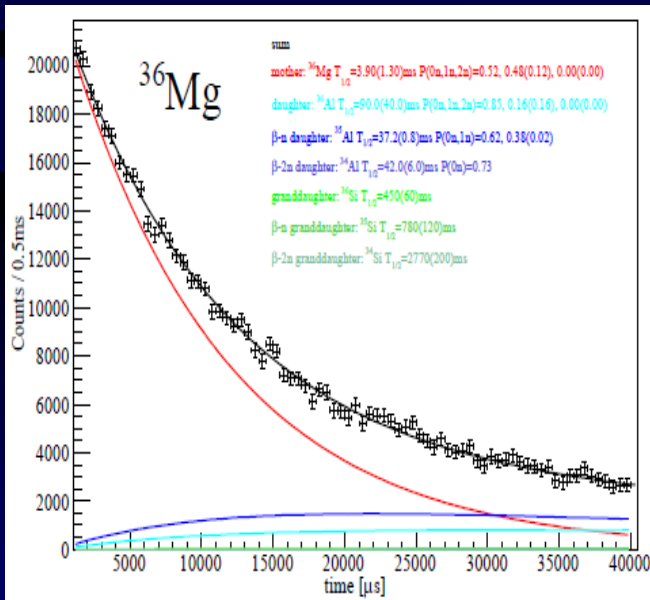
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# CAITEN : $T_{1/2}$ measurement

S.Grevy, et al. (2004)

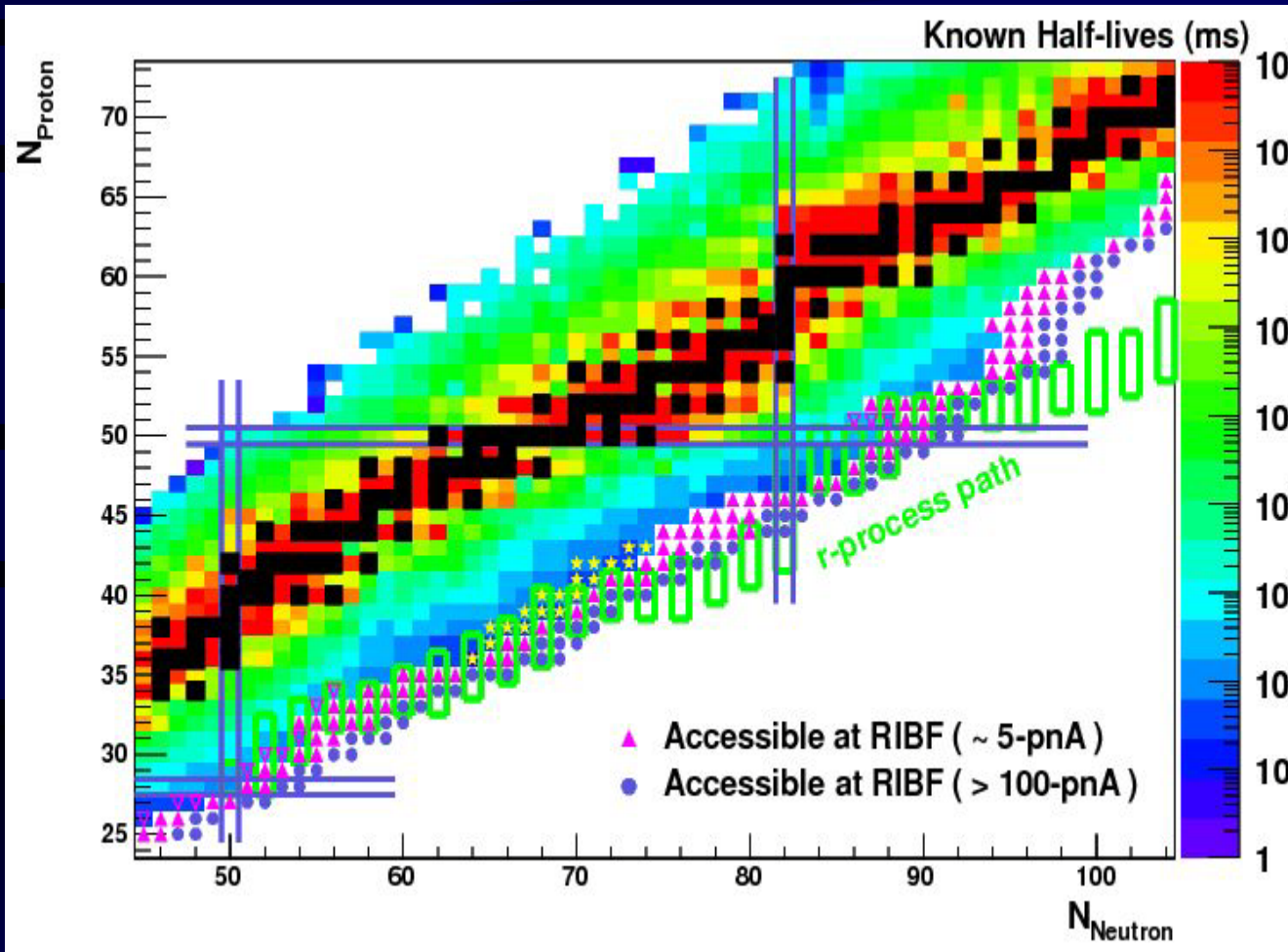


High statistic



High precision  $T_{1/2}$  measurement  
( implantation rate  $\sim 1$  kcps )

In five years... (U-beam int.  $\geq 100$  pnA!?)



Several hundreds of new beta-decay half-lives in five years.

→ Significant contribution in nuclear structure and r-process nucleosynthesis.



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