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**Transition from heavy-ion reactions  
involving Ca to Ti , Cr, Kr and Gd ions**

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# Search for superheavies

Proton number

50 years ago... The existence of island of stability in the region of nuclei with  $Z = 114$  and  $N = 184$  was predicted theoretically [A. Sobiczewski, F. A. Gareev, B. N. Kalinkin, Phys. Lett. 22, 500 (1966)].

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Og

Ts

Lv

Mc

Fl

Nh

Cn

Rg

Ds

Mt

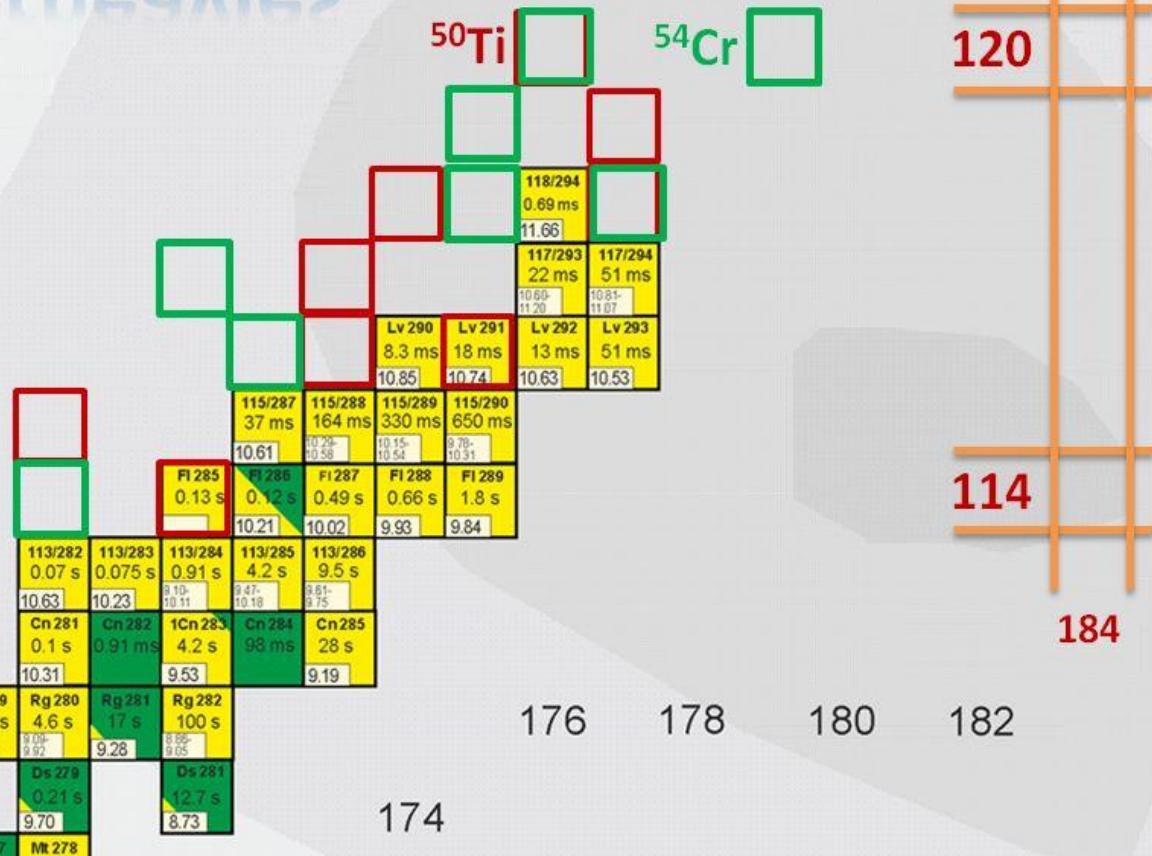
Hs

Bh

Sg

Db

Rf



What is the next step?

1. Ti, Cr, Fe, Ni + Th, U, Np, Pu, Am, Cm, Bk, Cf

170

The excitation energies of CN formed in the reactions with Ti, Cr, Ni ions are 30-40 MeV at the Coulomb barrier energy that allows to observe 3n and 4n ER channels (similar to  $^{48}\text{Ca}$ -induced reactions).

# Cold fusion reactions



$$E_{\text{c.m.}}/E_{\text{Bass}} = 1.03$$



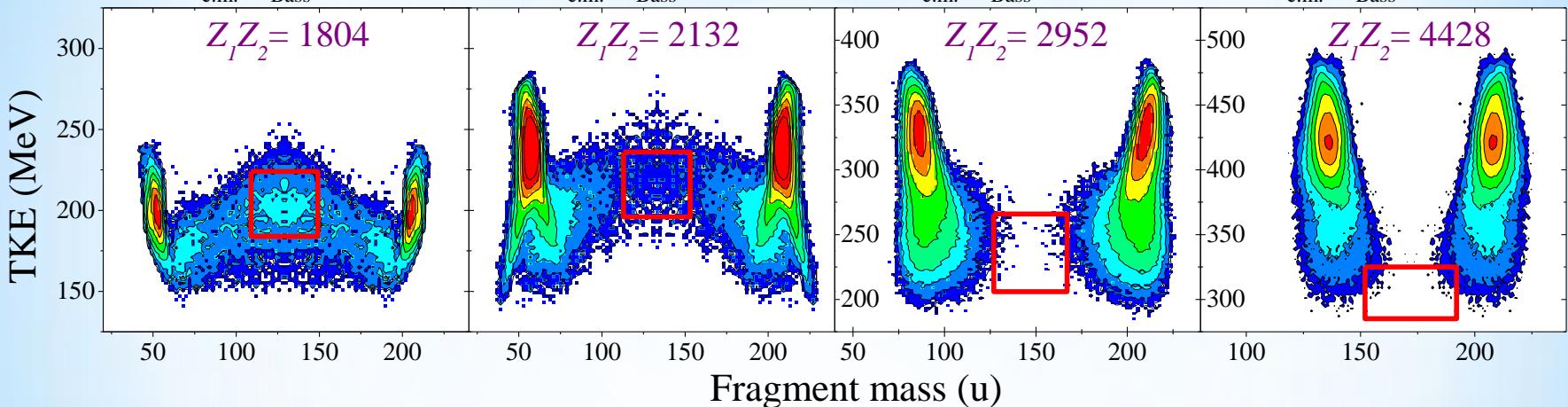
$$E_{\text{c.m.}}/E_{\text{Bass}} = 1.05$$



$$E_{\text{c.m.}}/E_{\text{Bass}} = 1.09$$



$$E_{\text{c.m.}}/E_{\text{Bass}} = 1.00$$



# Hot fusion reactions



$$E_{\text{c.m.}}/E_{\text{Bass}} = 1.06$$



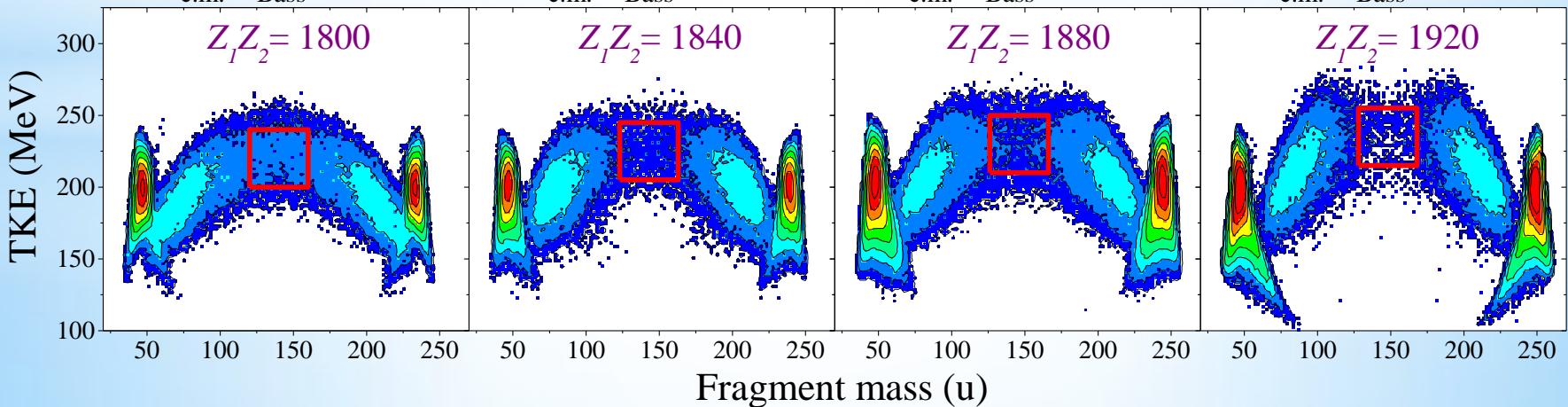
$$E_{\text{c.m.}}/E_{\text{Bass}} = 1.02$$



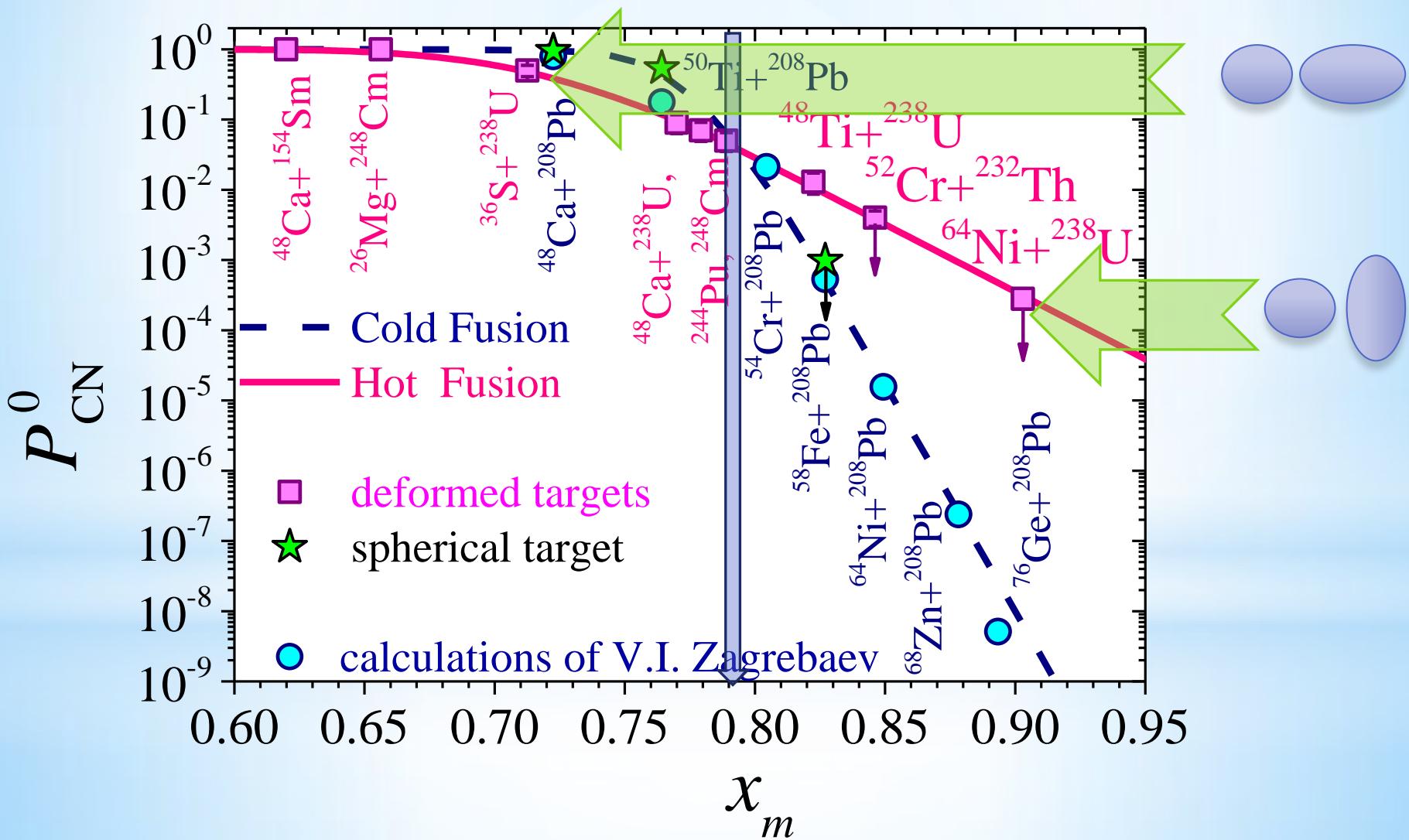
$$E_{\text{c.m.}}/E_{\text{Bass}} = 1.03$$



$$E_{\text{c.m.}}/E_{\text{Bass}} = 1.00$$



# \* Fusion Probability in Cold and Hot fusion reactions



# \*Mass and Energy distributions



$E^* = 46 \text{ MeV}$

$E_{\text{c.m.}}/E_B = 1.01$



$E^* = 35 \text{ MeV}$

1.00



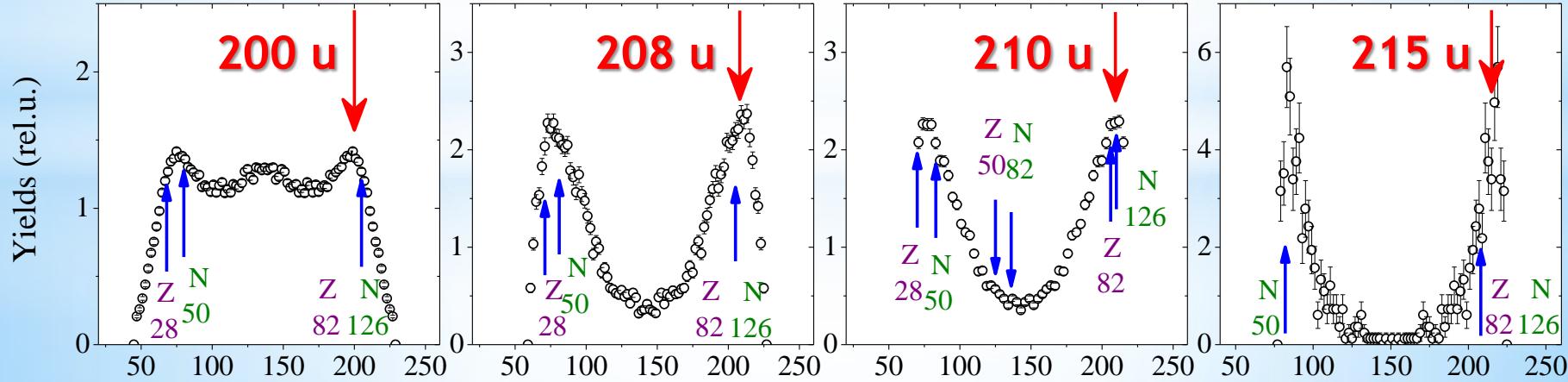
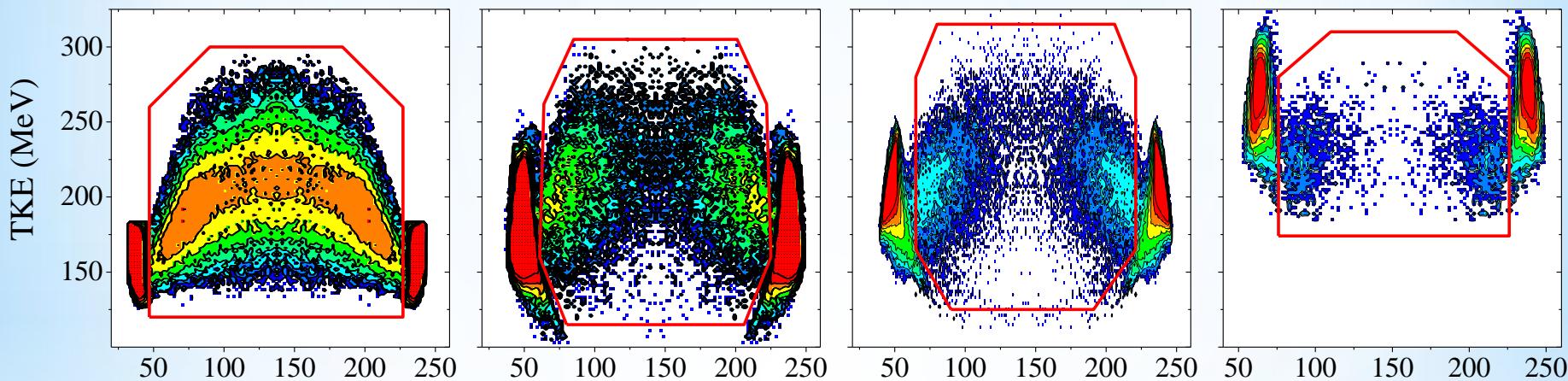
$E^* = 44 \text{ MeV}$

1.00

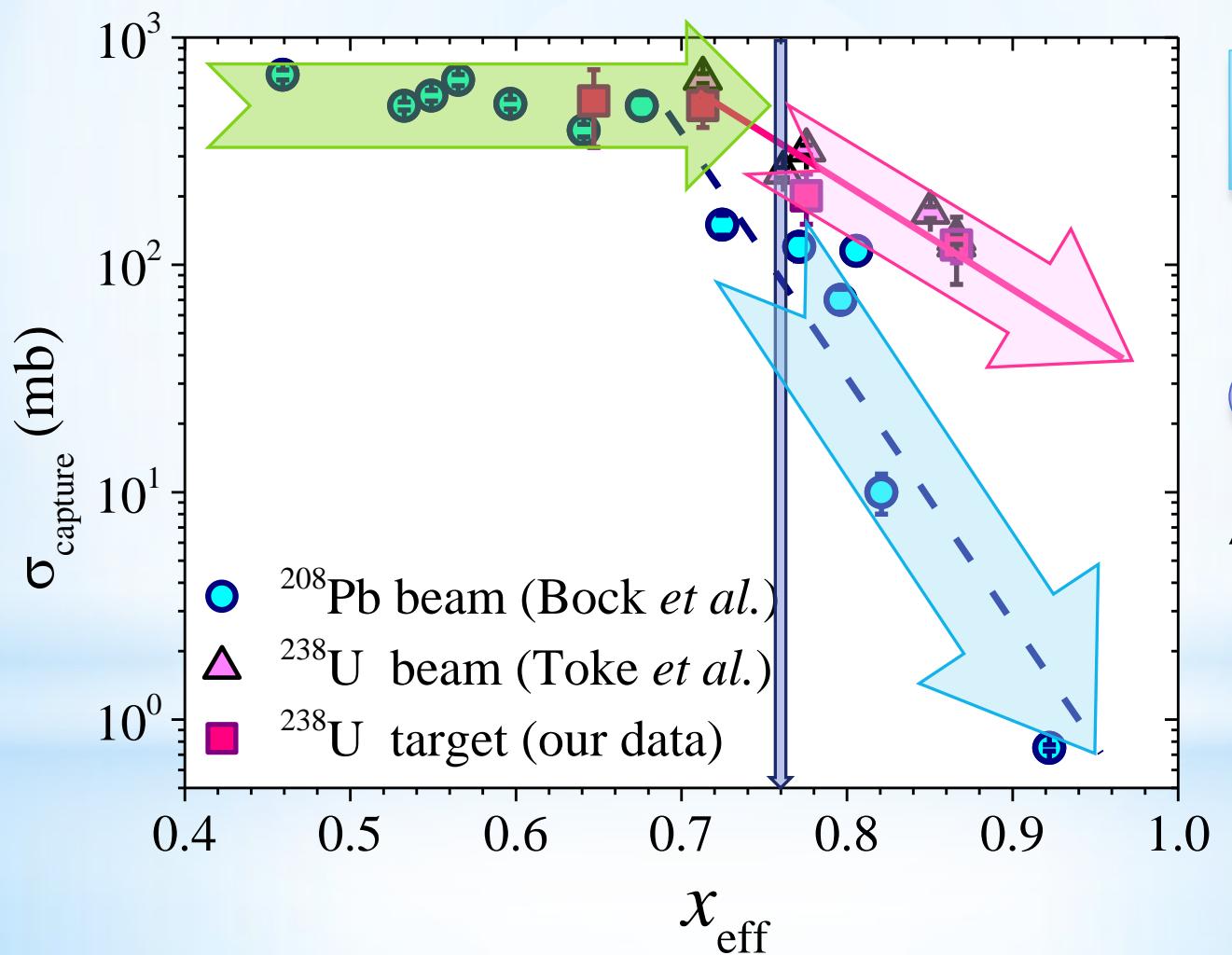


$E^* = 31 \text{ MeV}$

1.01

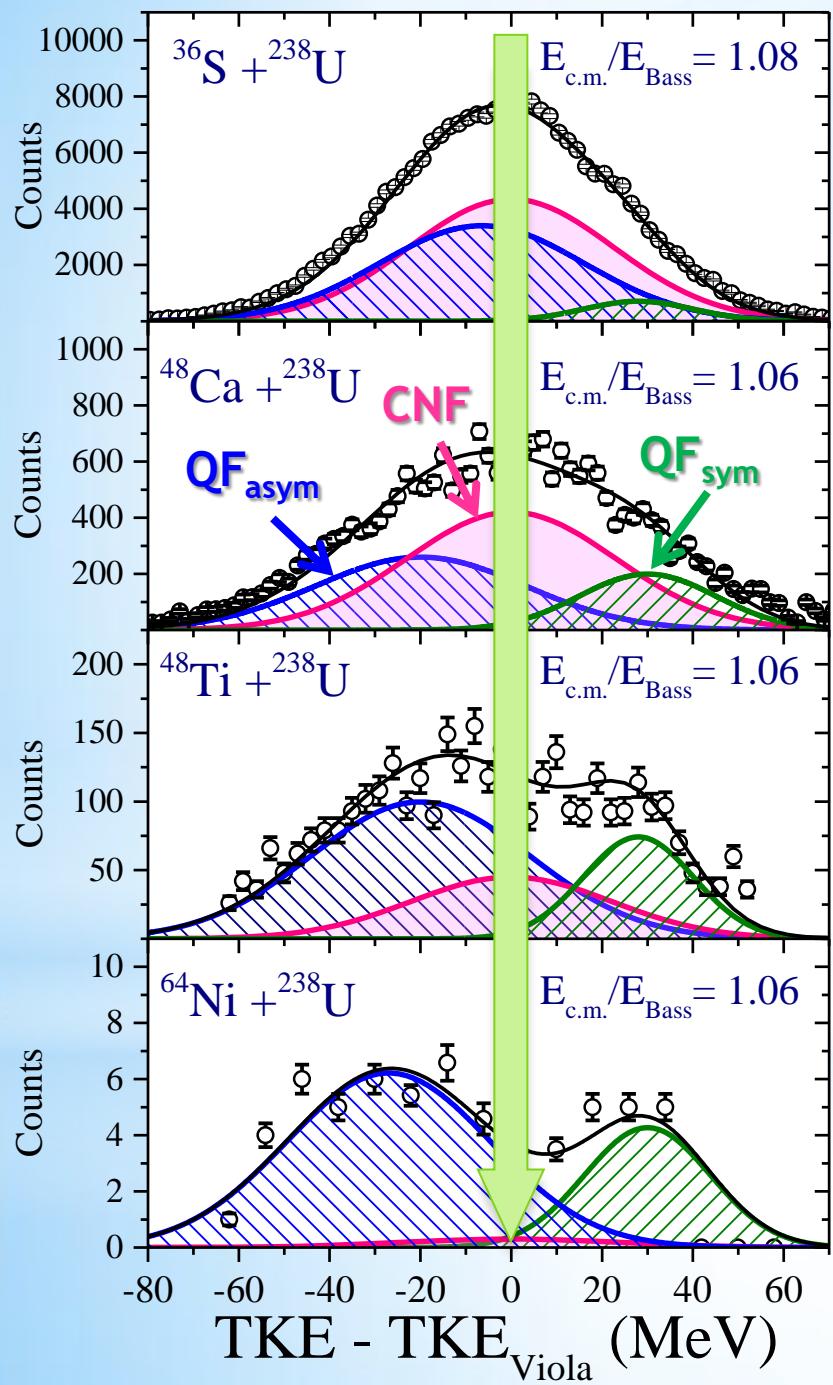


# \* Capture cross section

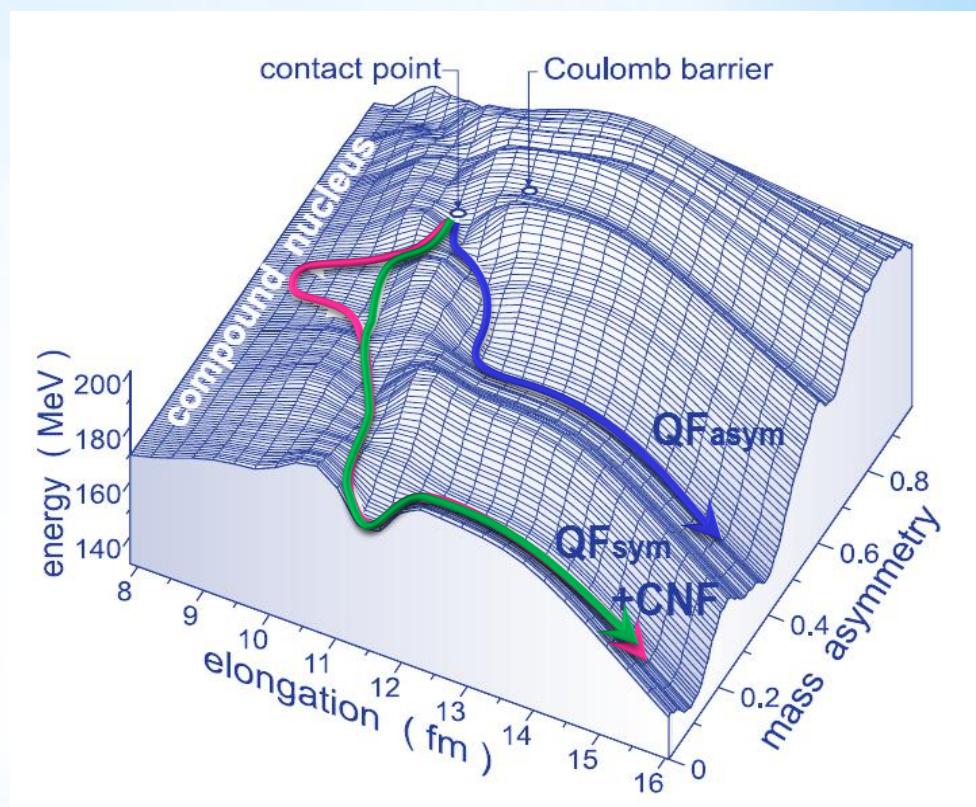


$E_{\text{c.m.}}/E_{\text{Bass}}$   
1.1÷1.2

${}^{238}\text{U}$   
 $\beta_2 = 0.286$

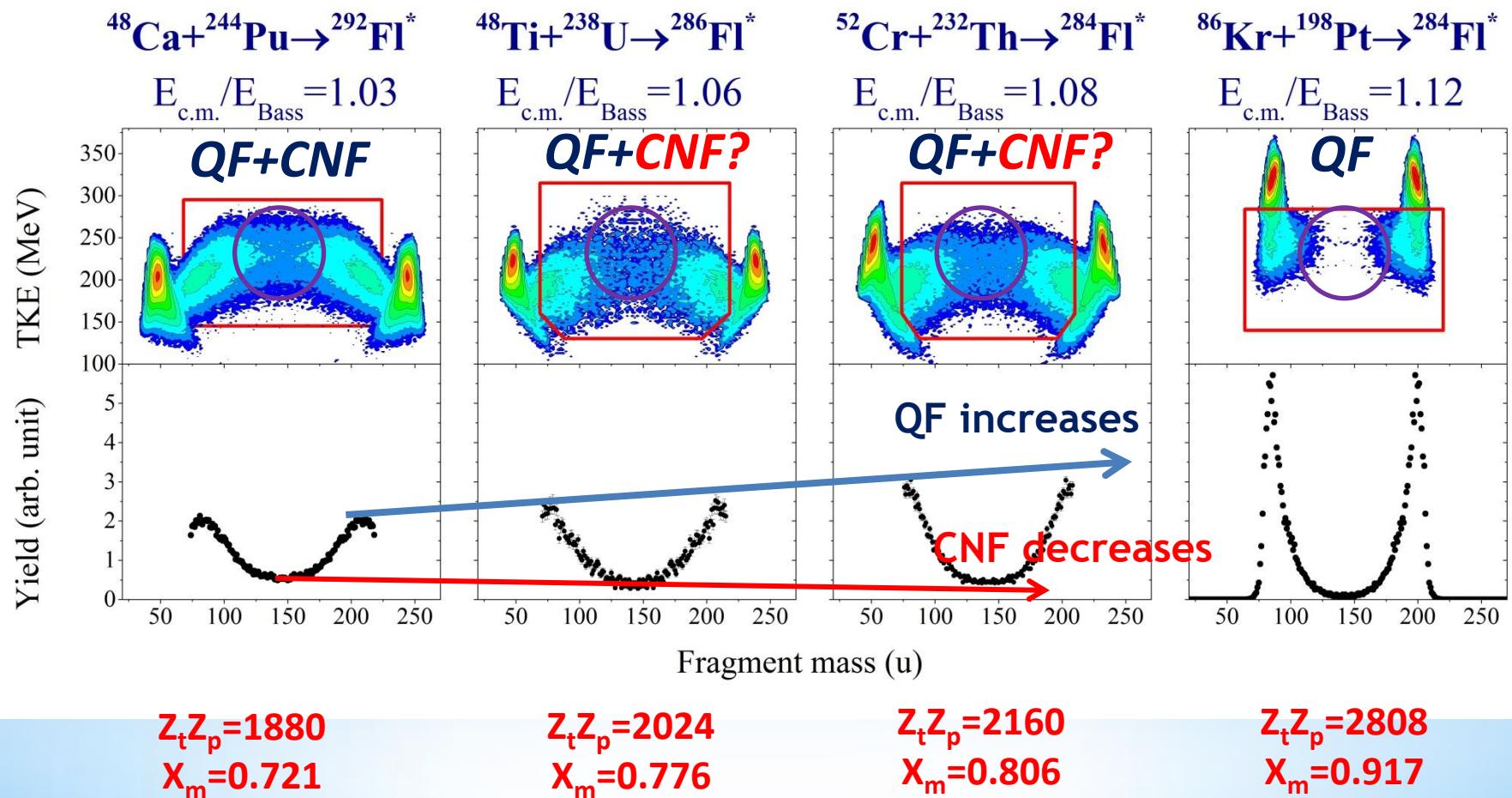


# \*TKE distributions

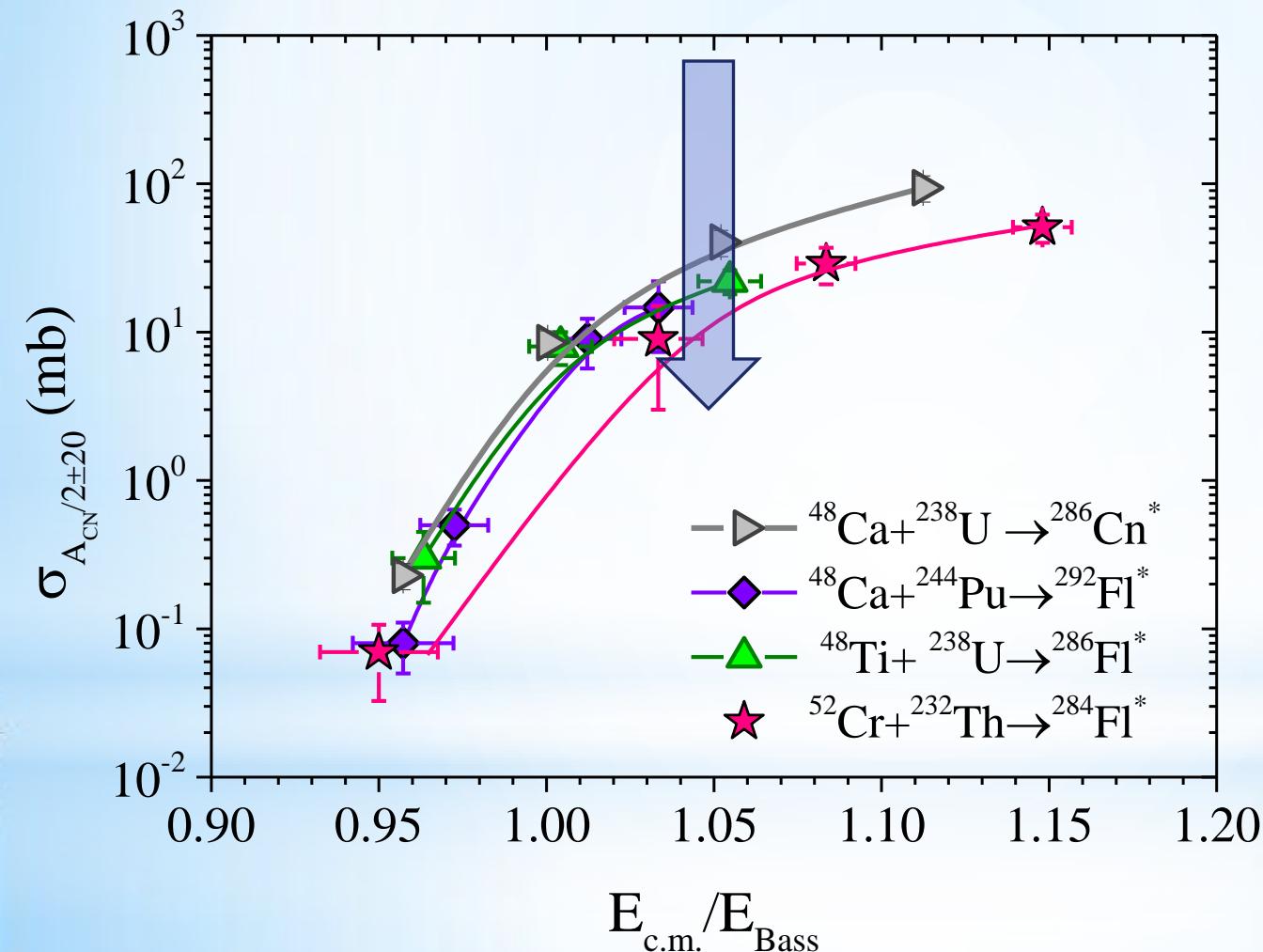


$A_{\text{CN}}/2 \pm 20 \text{ u}$

# \* Mass and Energy distributions in the reactions leading to the formation of Z=114



# \*CS of symmetric fragment formations

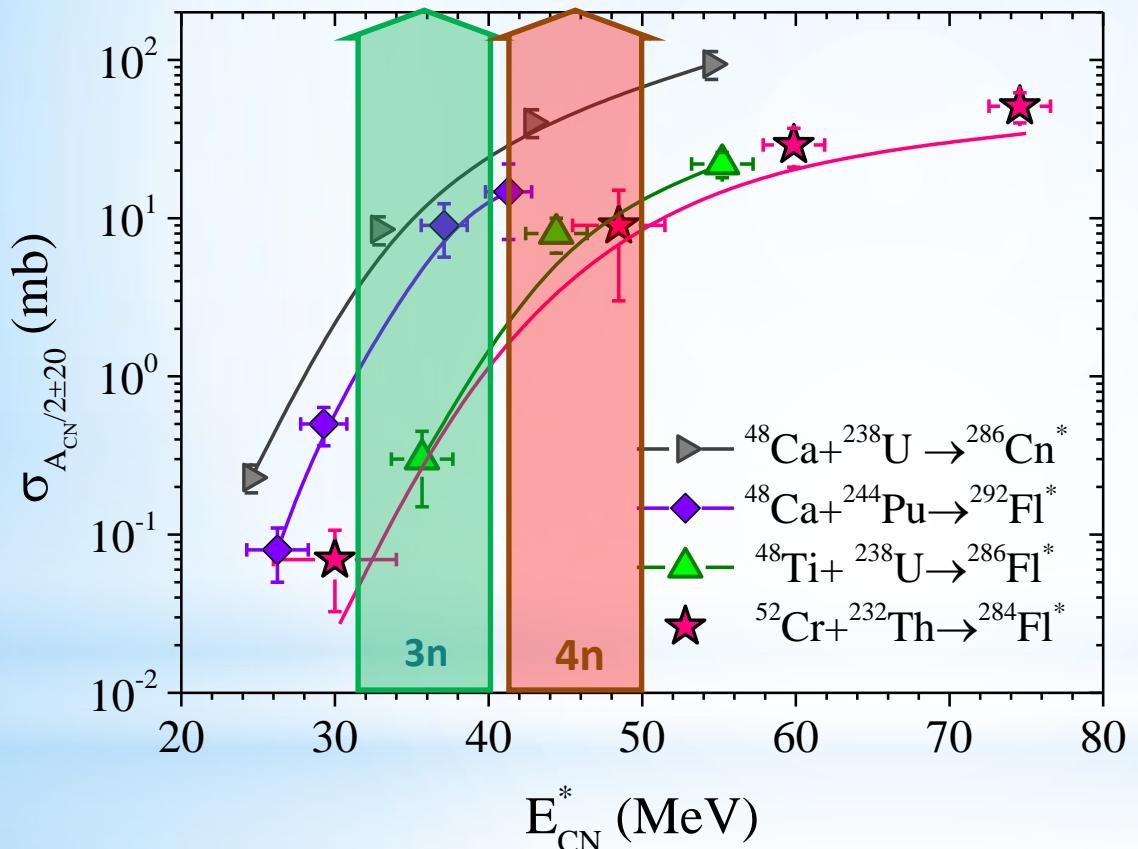


At energies above the barrier the CS for symmetric fragments formations decreases **2 times** for the reaction  $^{48}\text{Ti} + ^{238}\text{U}$  and **4 times** for the  $^{52}\text{Cr} + ^{232}\text{Th}$  compare with the  $^{48}\text{Ca} + ^{238}\text{U}$ .

Note that a significant part of symmetric fragments may be connected with QF process. It is only upper limit for fission cross section!

# \* Cross sections of symmetric fragment formations

For 4n channel ( $E^*=40\div 50\text{MeV}$ ):



$\sigma_{A_{CN}/2±20}$  drops  $\sim 2$  times



$\sigma_{A_{CN}/2±20}$  drops  $\sim 10$  times

For 3n channel ( $E^*=30\div 40\text{MeV}$ ):

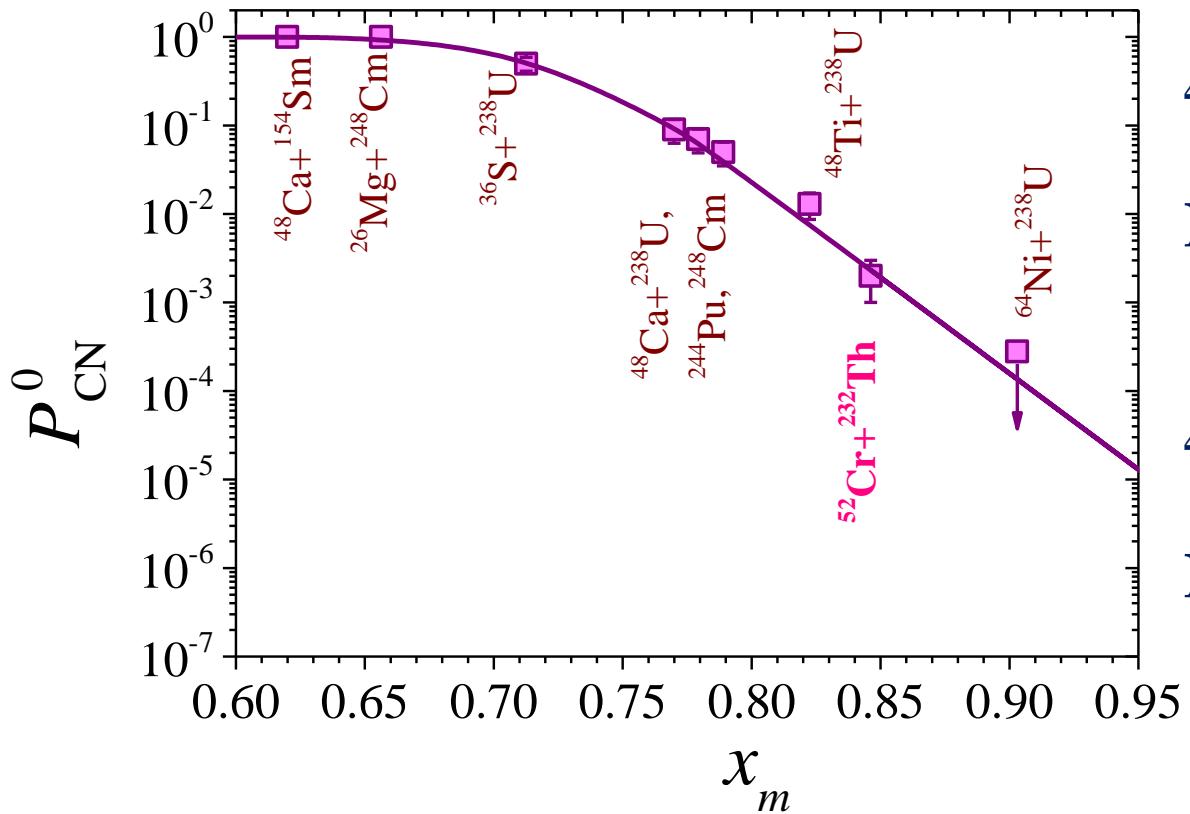


$\sigma_{A_{CN}/2±20}$  drops  $\sim 10$  times



$\sigma_{A_{CN}/2±20}$  drops  $\sim 100$  times

For the studied reactions the excitation energies at the barrier energy vary strongly (36MeV for the Ca+Pu, 44MeV for the Ti+U and 41MeV for the Cr+Th). It leads to decreasing the CS for the Ti+U and Cr+Th for 3n ER channel.



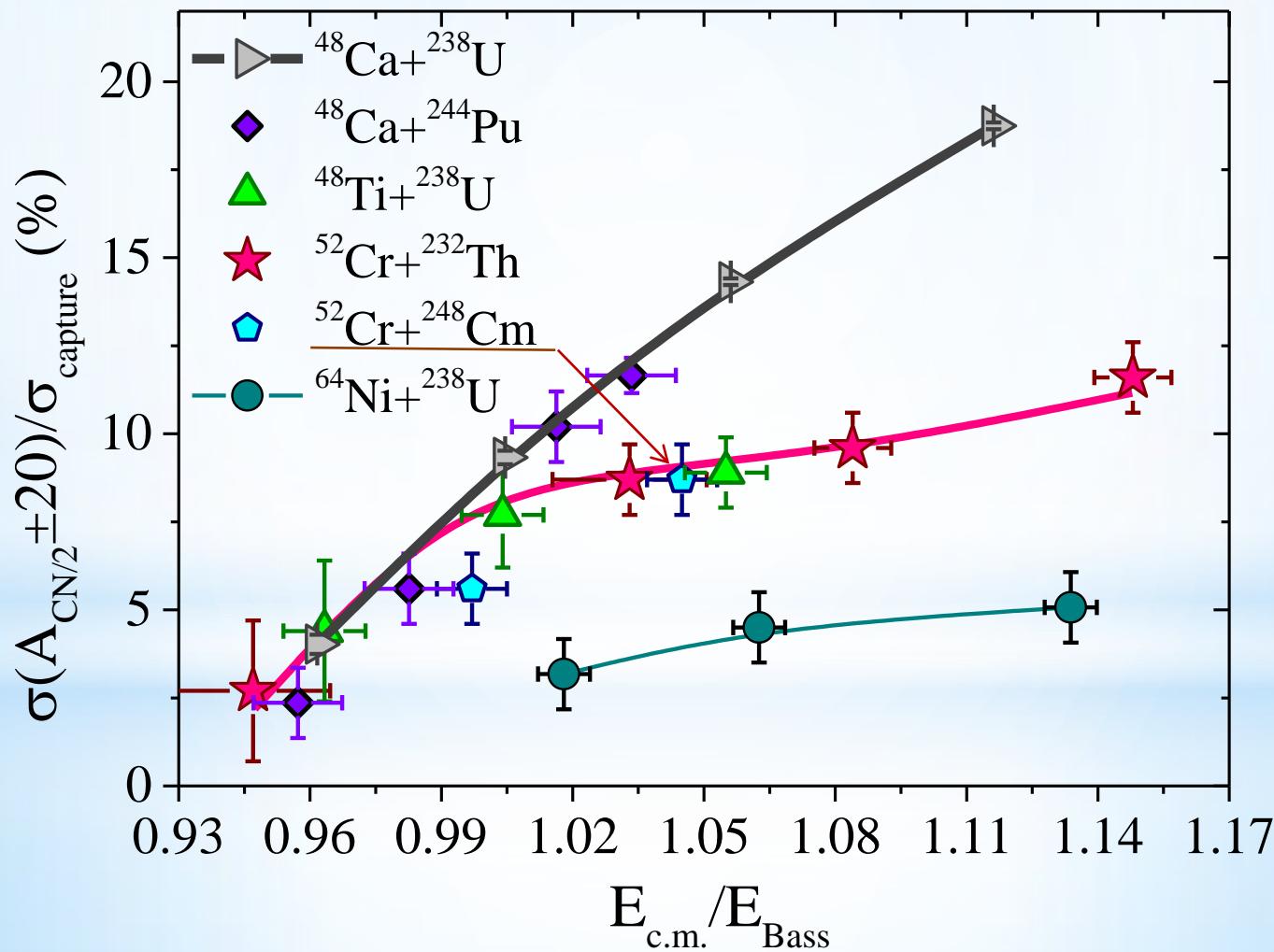
$P_{CN}$  drops  $\sim 4$  times



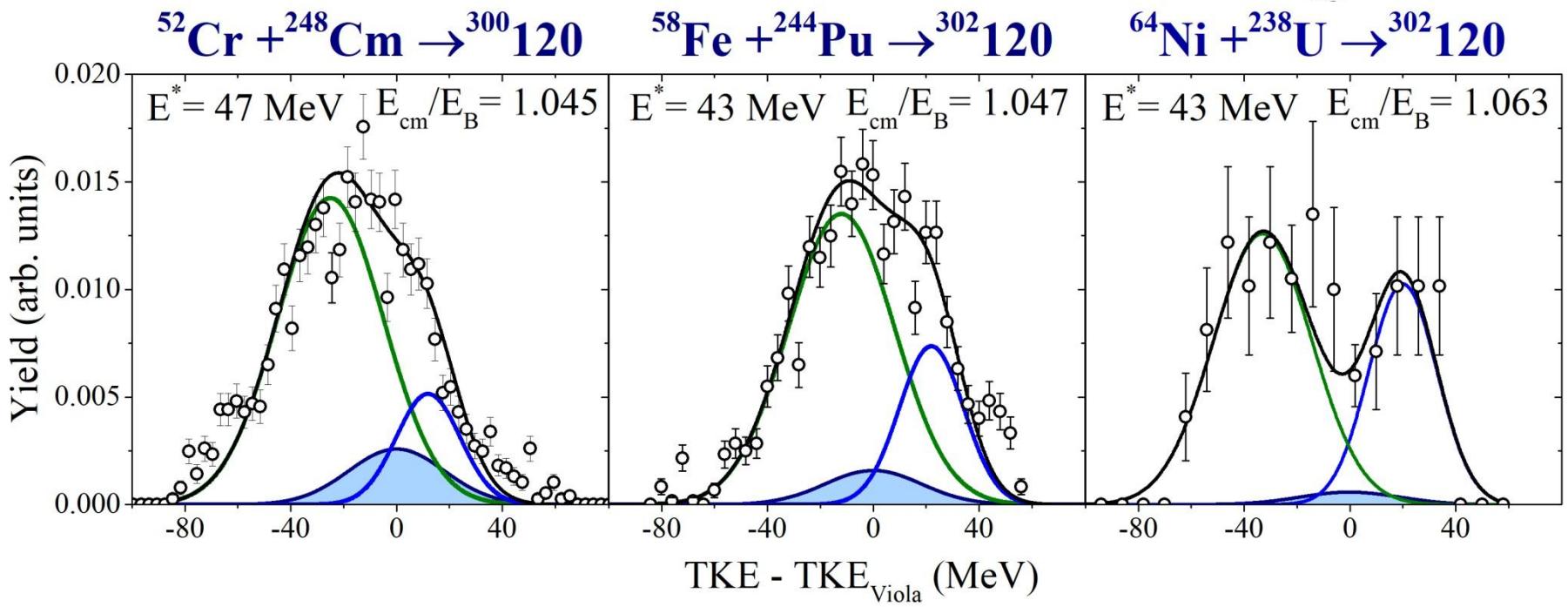
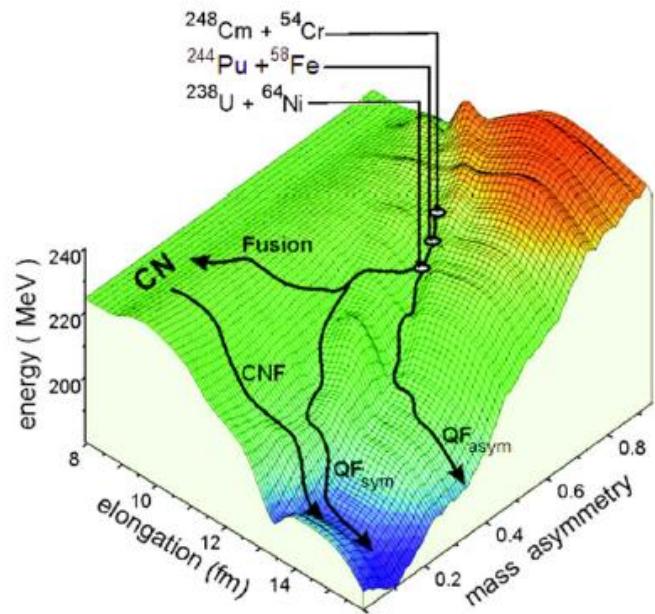
$P_{CN}$  drops  $\sim 25$  times

Fusion probability for the reaction  $^{52}\text{Cr} + ^{232}\text{Th}$  in comparison with fusion probabilities in hot fusion (strongly deformed target nuclei) reactions at energies above the Coulomb barrier in dependence on the mean fissility parameter of the reaction.

# \* Contribution of symmetric component into all fissionlike fragments



# TKE distribution of symmetric fragments

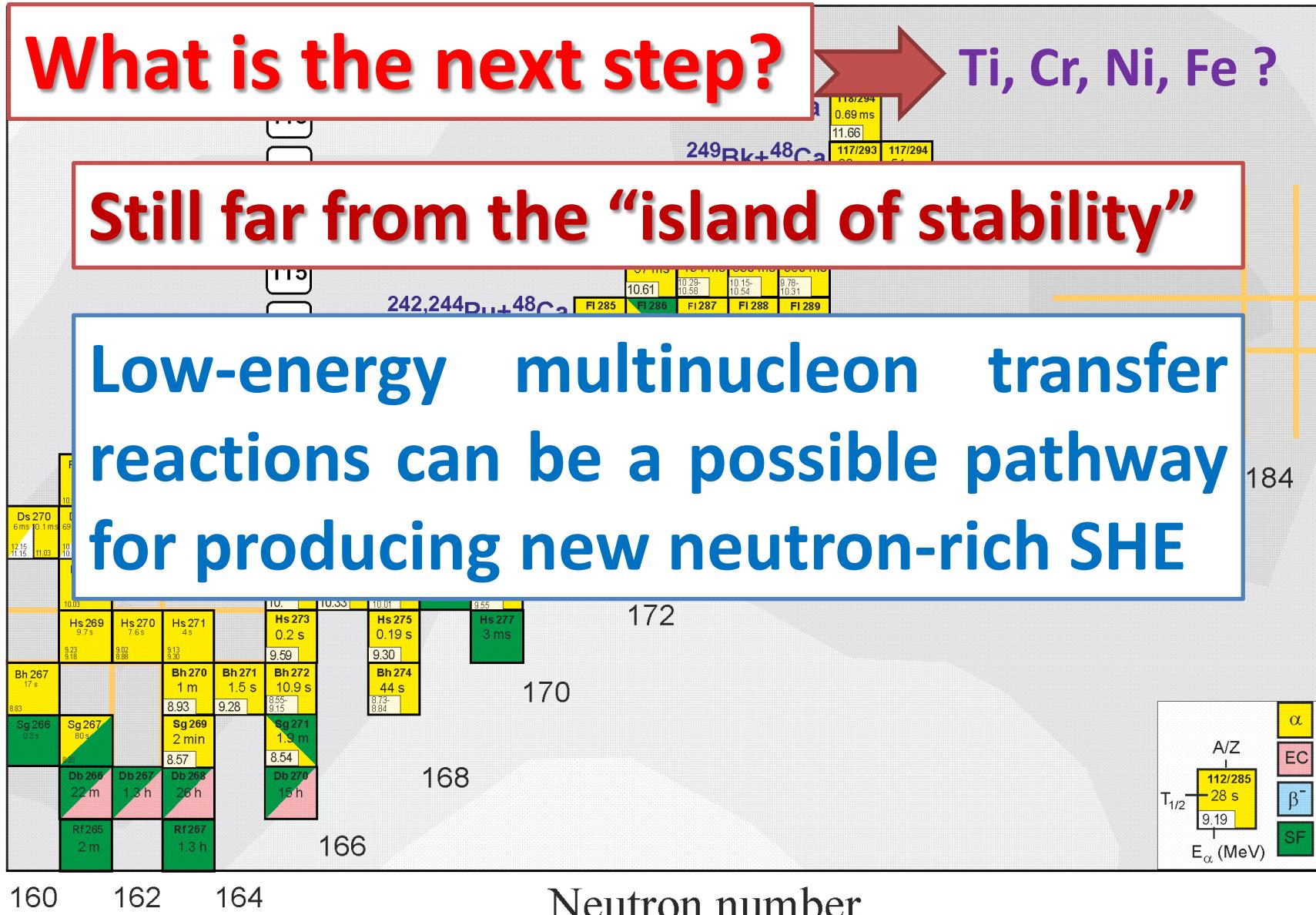


# SEARCH FOR SUPERHEAVY

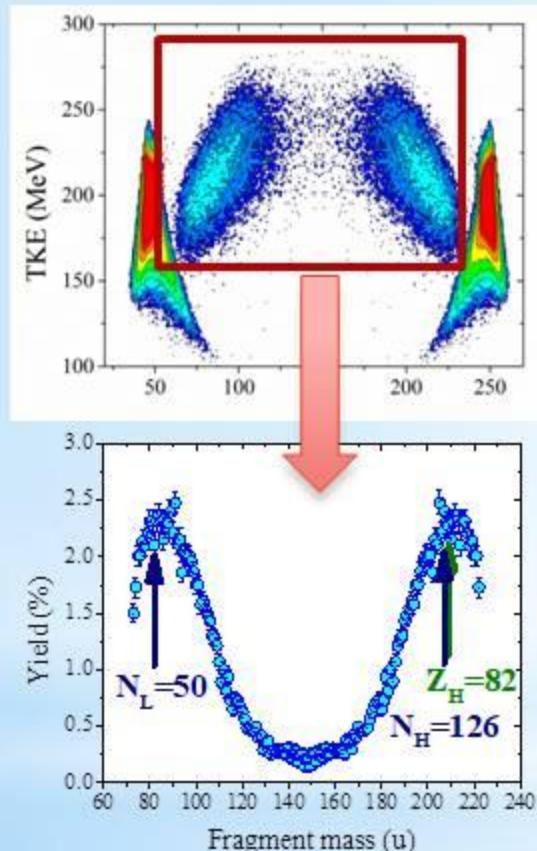
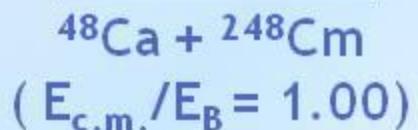
Proton number

**What is the next step?**

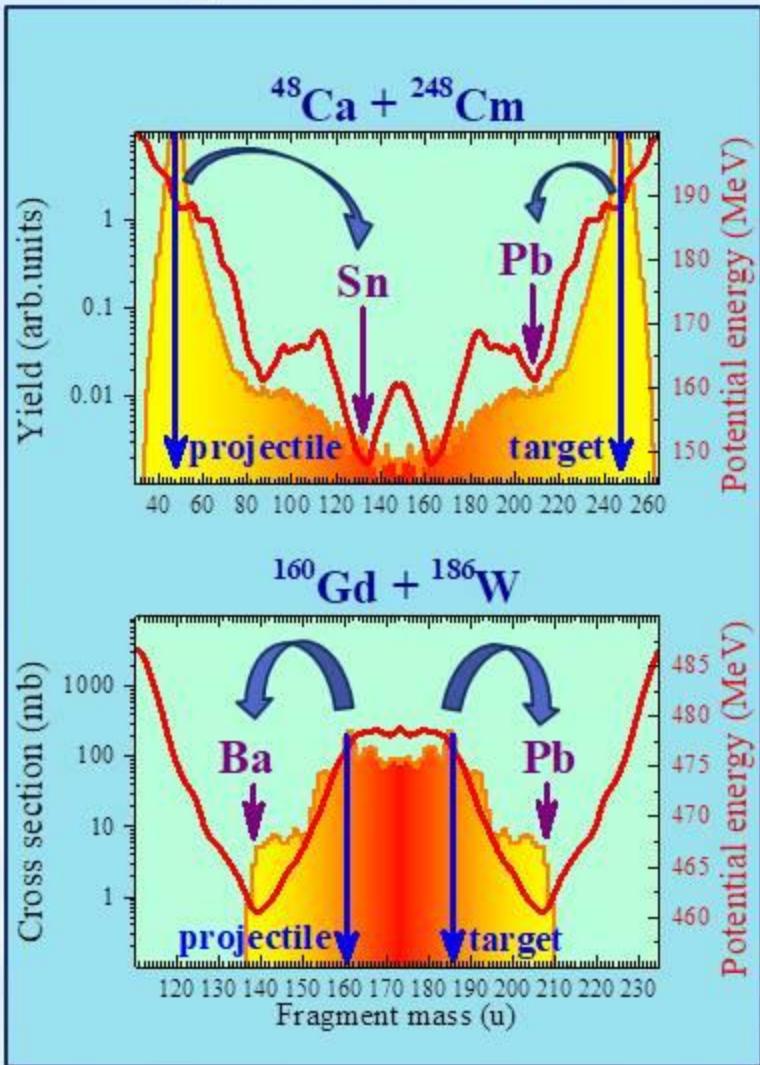
→ Ti, Cr, Ni, Fe ?



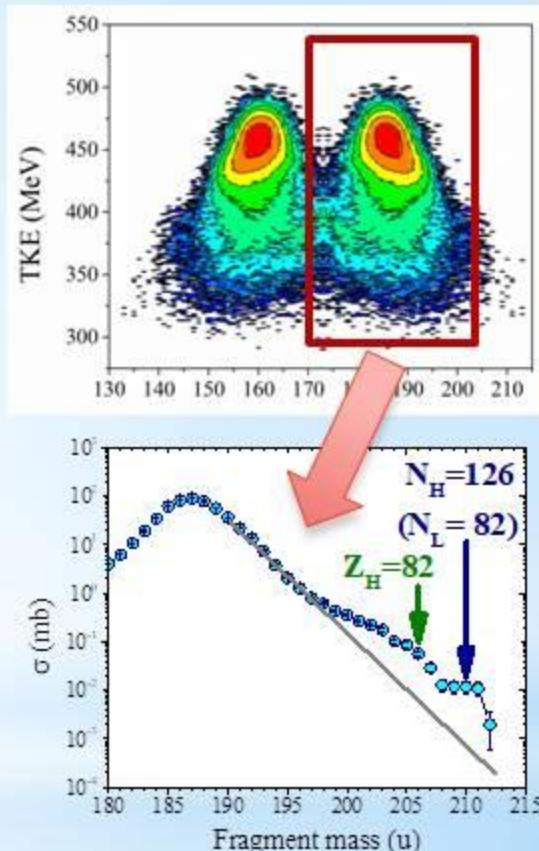
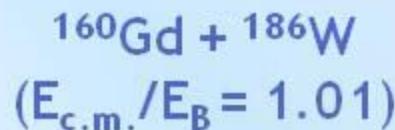
# Normal



# ← Quasifission →



# Inverse



The **inverse** quasifission process, proposed to produce SHE in collisions of transactinides, and the role of shell effects in inverse QF can be studied in the experiments with **less heavy nuclei**

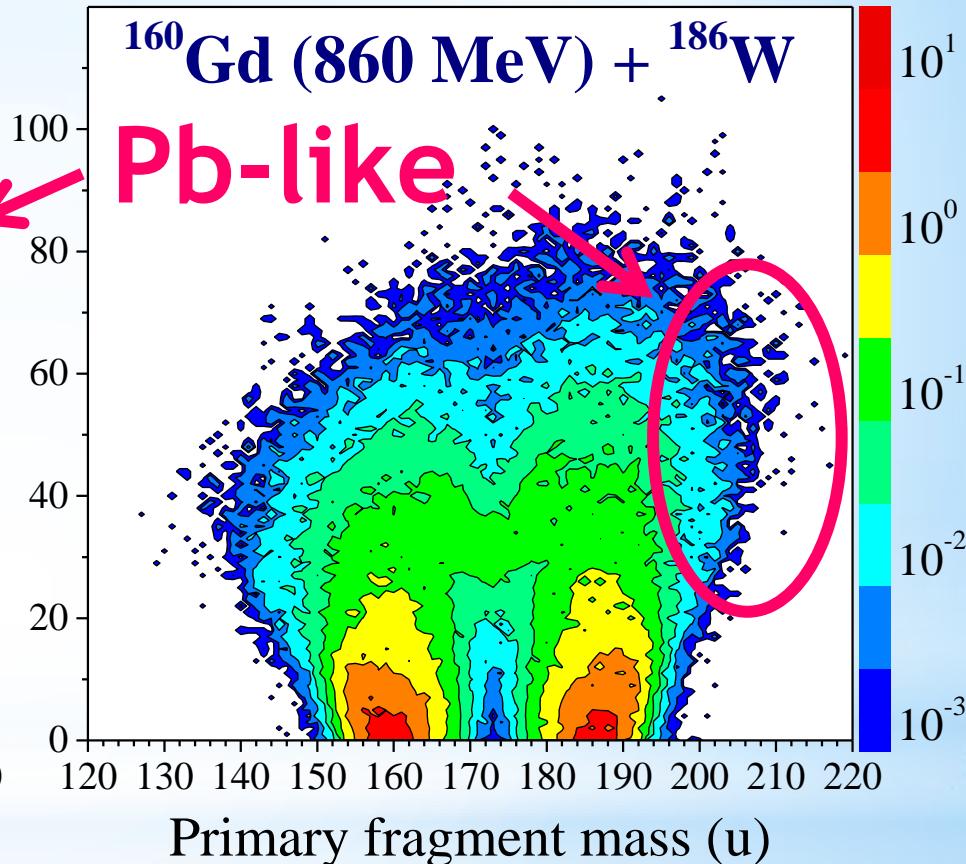
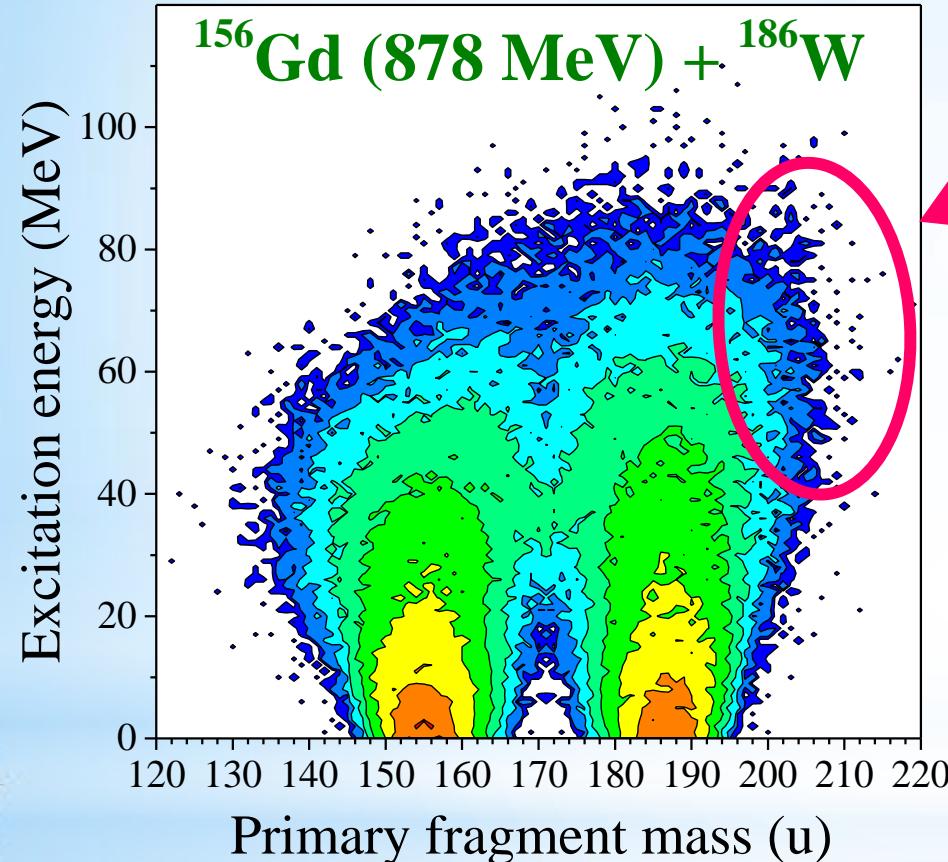


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# Excitation Energy of Fragments

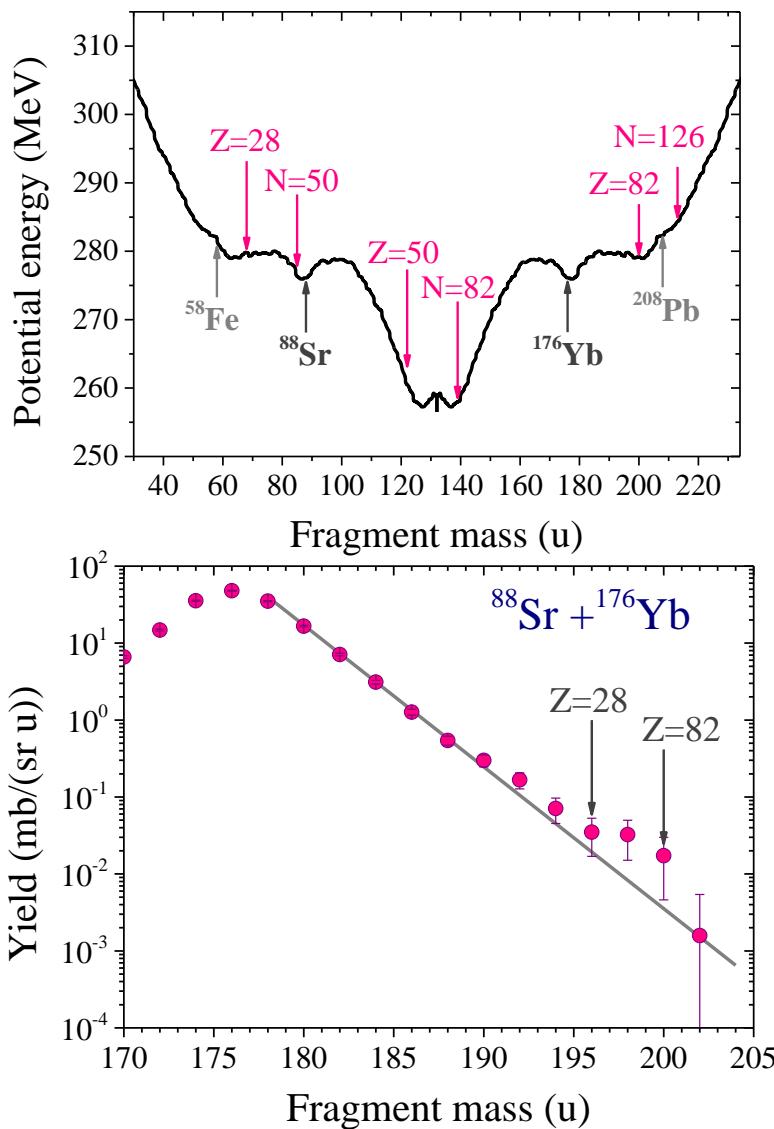
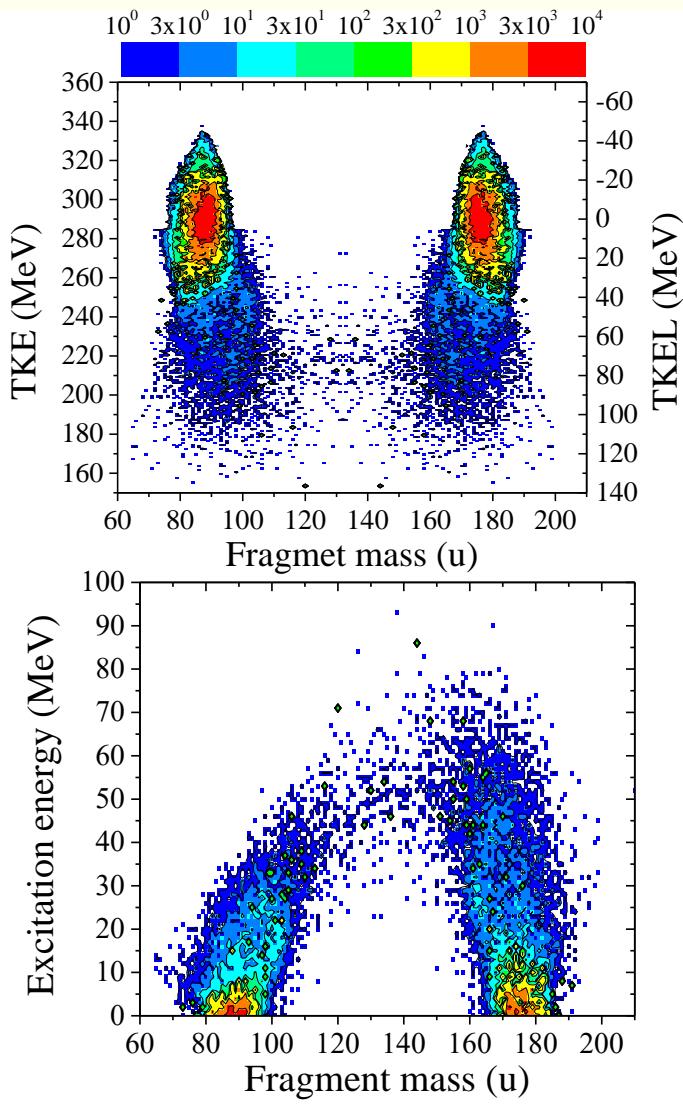
$$E_f^* = E_{\text{c.m.}} - \text{TKE} + Q_{gg}$$



Survival probability is higher!

More neutron-rich nuclei!

# $^{88}\text{Sr} + ^{176}\text{Yb}$ : shell effects in damped collisions



# Experiment IS550 P-344:

## Study of the di-nuclear system

$A\text{Rb} + ^{209}\text{Bi}$  ( $Z_1 + Z_2 = 120$ )

SPOKESPERSON:

Total shifts: 12

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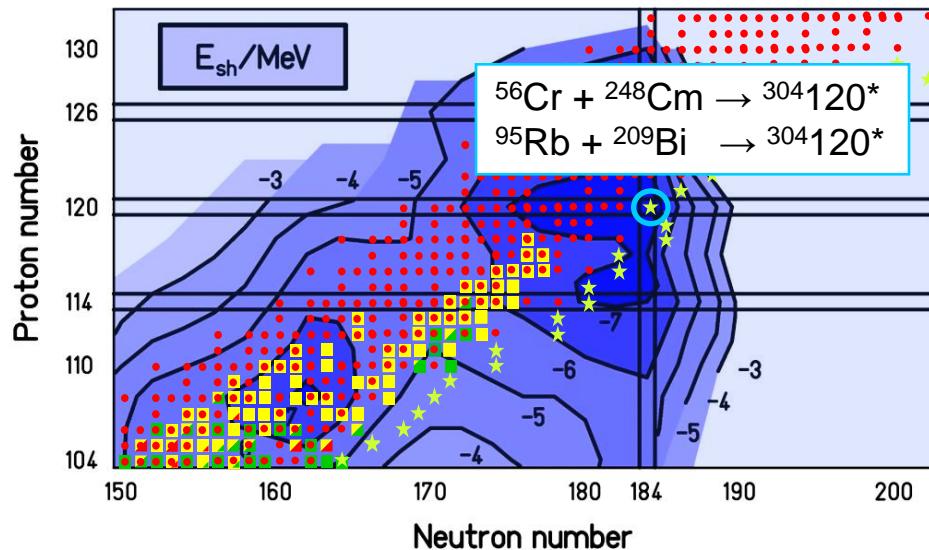
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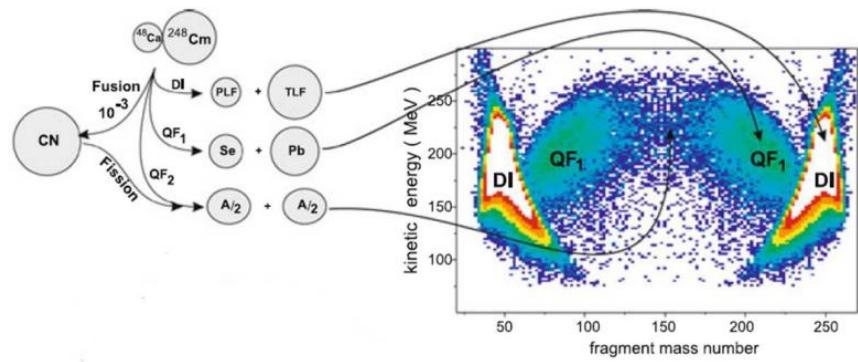
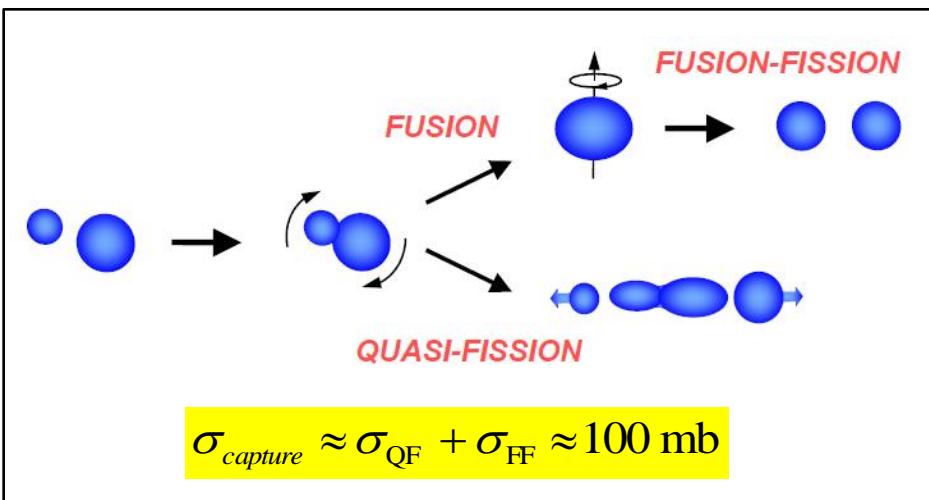
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# Where are the Next Magic Shells Above $^{208}\text{Pb}$ ?

Presented by S.Heinz



- Nuclear systems with  $N \approx 184$  can be reached in reactions with RIBs
- problem: fusion cross-sections are tiny ( $\sigma << 0.1 \text{ pb}$ )
- approach: study of quasi-fission (QF) and fusion-fission (FF) reveals the stability of superheavy systems



The study of QF and FF as a function of beam energy and neutron number allows a mapping of the potential energy surface

# \* Search for superheavies

What is the next step?



Ti, Cr, Ni, Fe ?

Og  
Ts

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

Og 294  
0.69 ms  
11.66

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

Ts 293  
22 ms  
Ts 294  
51 ms

$Z = 120$

Still far from the “island of stability” !!!

Mc - Am + Ca 37 ms 164 ms 330 ms 650 ms

What is the next double magic superheavy nucleus?

Proton number

176

178

$Z = 114$

184

Rg

Ds

Mt

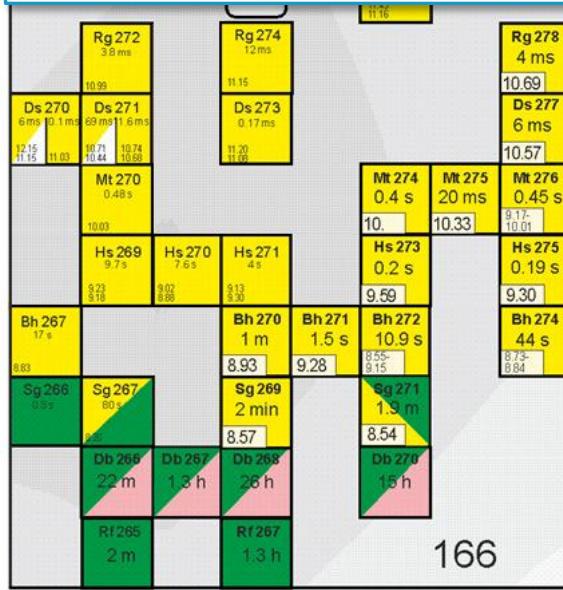
Hs

Bh

Sg

Db

Rf



166

166

“Inverse” quasifission can be used to produce new neutron-rich SHE

$E_\alpha$  (MeV)

$\alpha$   
EC  
 $\beta^-$   
SF

160 162 164

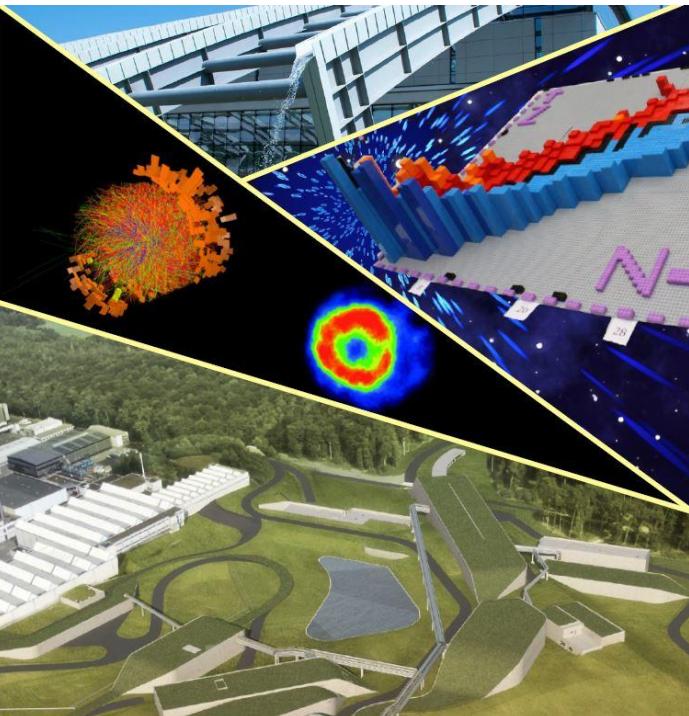
Neutron number

### 3. NUCLEAR STRUCTURE AND REACTION DYNAMICS

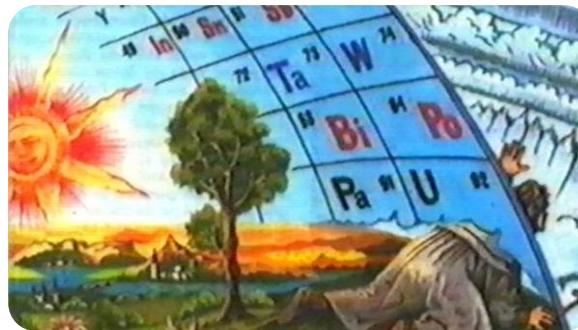


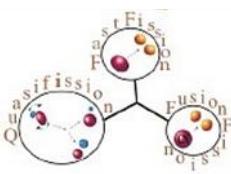
The access to new and complementary experiments combined with theoretical advances allows key questions to be addressed such as:

*Where are the limits of stability  
and what is the heaviest element  
that can be created?*



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# CONCLUSION

## Where is a pathway to the island of stability?

- Reactions with Ti, Cr, Ni, Fe ions:  
Fusion probability decreases exponentially with the growing mean fissility parameter  
Neutron-deficient isotopes - we are still far from the “island of stability”
- Multi-nucleon transfer reactions can be used for synthesis of neutron enriched long-living SH nuclei located along the beta-stability line.  
U-like beams give us more chances to produce neutron-rich                            SH                            nuclei                            in “inverse quasifission” reactions.

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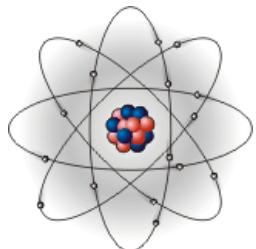
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The experiments have been performed using the double-arm time-of-flight  
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**CORSET + LCP + HENDES**

Thanks for your attention!