

# Predictions for the nucleus $^{296}118$

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# 1. Introduction

**A big activity of experimentalists needs some support of theoreticians.  
Only the interaction of these two sides of science may lead to progress.**

**First, we test the model by existing exp. data  
(this was done in: **A. S., J. Phys. G 43, 095106 (2016)** using  
exp data obtained for the heaviest nucleus  **$^{294}118$**  observed up to now)**

**As the test was positive, we can use the model for predictions for the  
nucleus  **$^{296}118$**  not-yet-observed, which is only by 2 neutrons heavier than  
the nucleus used for the test (the results of this study were published in:  
**A. S., Phys.Rev. C 94, 051302(R) (2016)** ).**

## **Continuing a big activity in SHN reasearch:**

Dubna: 2 intern. groups (phys. and chem.)

GSI: 2 intern. groups (phys. and chem.)

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## **Heaviest element observed: 118 (Dubna)**

exp. on 119 - unsuccessful

after few unsuccessful exp. on 120, one (GSI) gave some result (1 chain)

– some problems with interpretation

**Dubna:** construction of a new lab. („**SHN factory**”) with high-intensity beam cyclotron (DC280)

Because of these problems, experimentalists often ask theoreticians for **realistic pedictions** for both: **decay properties** and **cross sections** of SHN

### 3. Theoretical model for $T_\alpha$

$$\log_{10} T_\alpha^{\text{th}}(Z, N) = aZ[Q_\alpha(Z, N)]^{-1/2} + bZ + c,$$

$$a = 1.5372, \quad b = -0.1607, \quad c = -36.573.$$

**This is probably the simplest formula for  $T_\alpha$  (only 3 parameters), and still realistic**

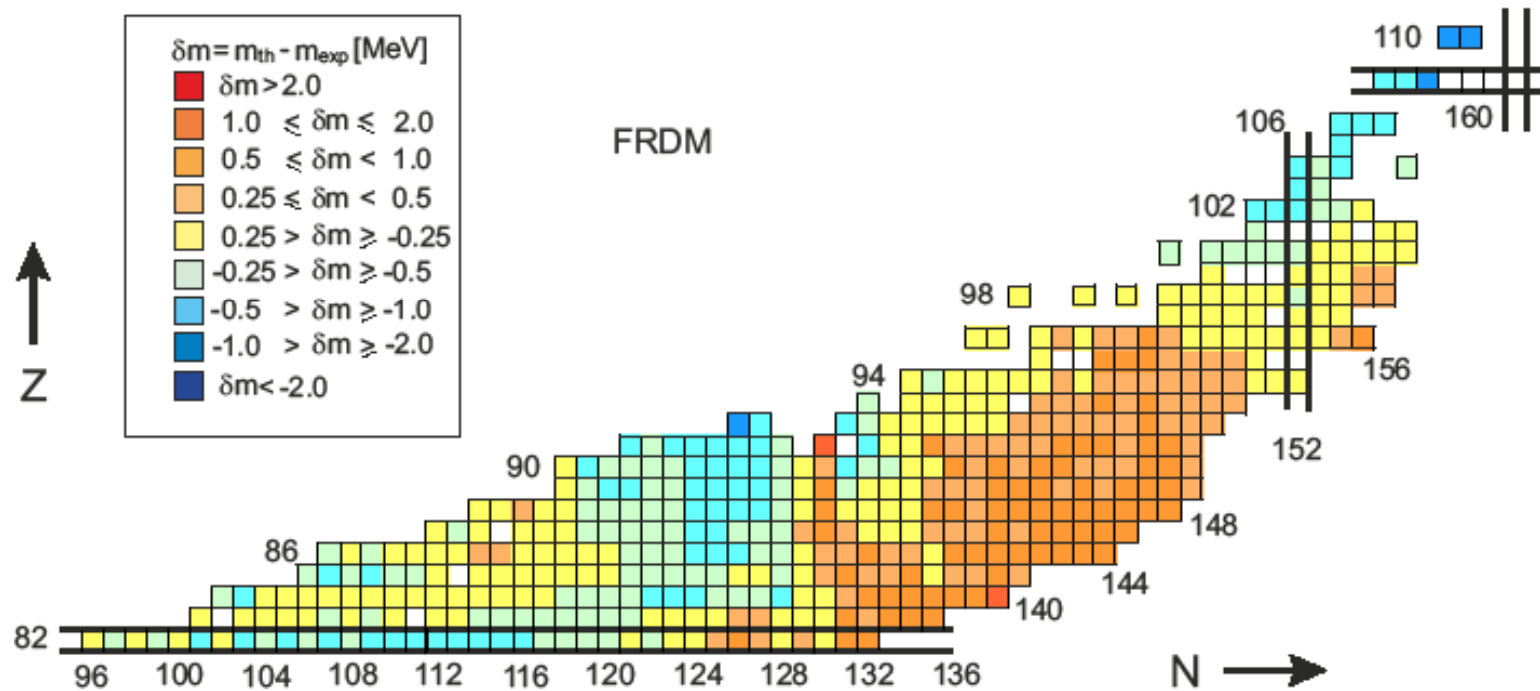
## Care for a proper $Q\alpha$

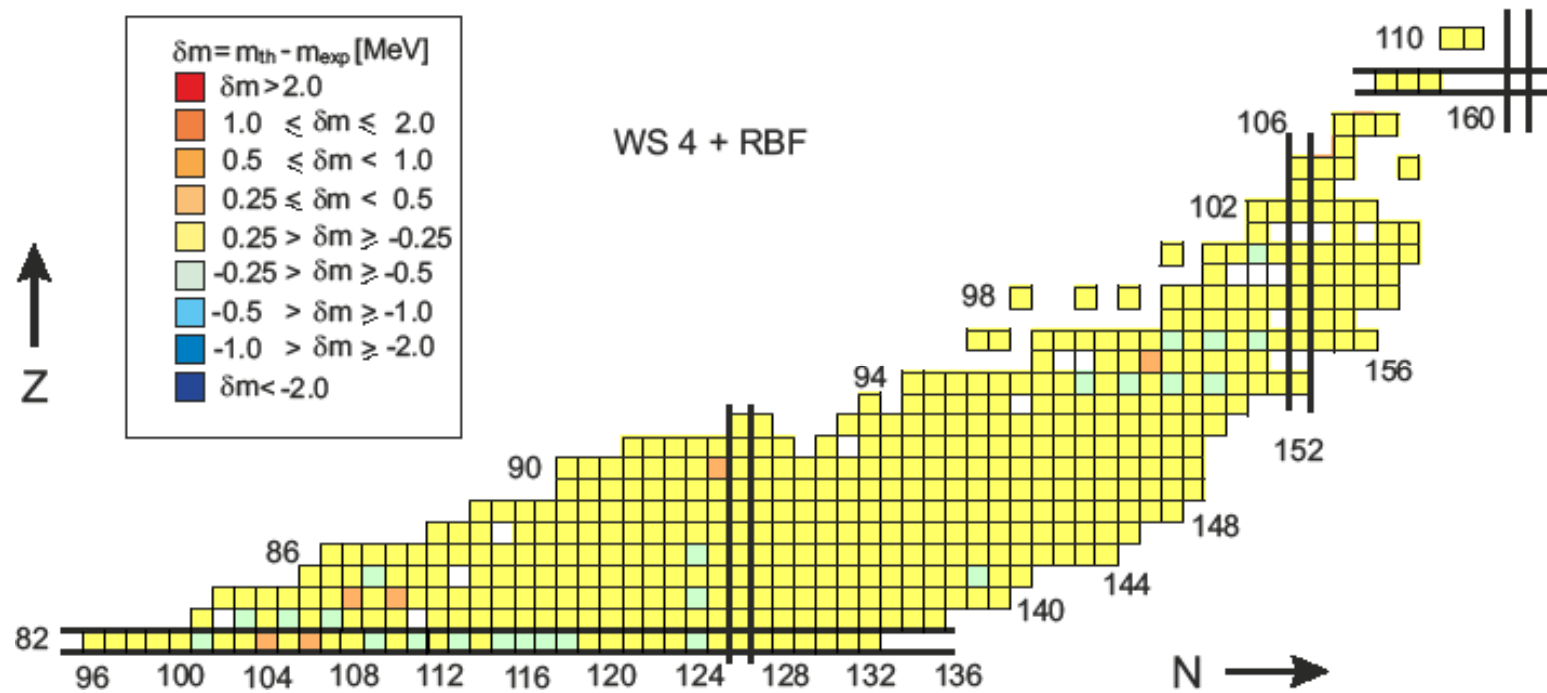
**Table 1.** The rms (in keV) of the discrepancies between measured and calculated masses. The latter are obtained with the use of the indicated models for the regions of global ( $Z, N \geq 8$ ), heavy ( $Z \geq 82, N \geq 126$ ) and very heavy ( $Z \geq 100$ ) nuclei. The year of publication of each model, as well as the number of nuclei with measured masses in each region,  $N_{\text{nucl}}$ , are also specified.

Model	frdm	frdm16	DZ	NS	WS3+	WS4+	HN	$N_{\text{nucl}}$
Year	1995	2016	1995	2012	2010	2014	2001	-
$Z, N \geq 8$	654	579	394	362	248	170	-	2353
$Z \geq 82, N \geq 126$	484	412	398	258	136	115	355	312
$Z \geq 100$	676	690	828	471	126	130	118	36

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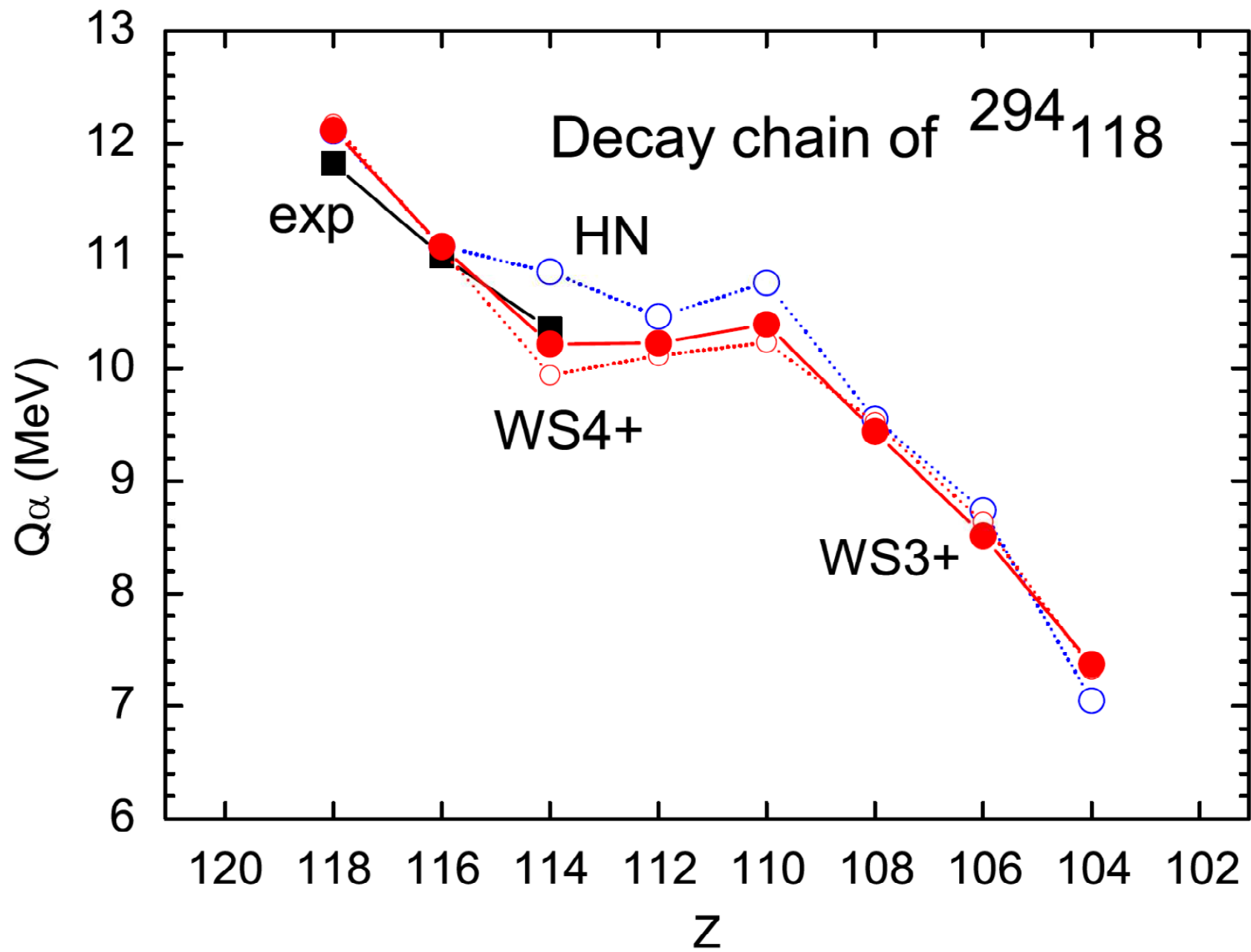


# Results

**Table 2.** Calculated and measured values of the  $\alpha$ -decay energies  $Q_\alpha$  (in MeV),  $\alpha$ -decay and spontaneous-fission half-lives,  $T_\alpha$  and  $T_{\text{sf}}$ , for the decay chain of the nucleus  $^{294}\text{118}$ . Some quantities derived from them are also given (see text).

Nucleus	$^{294}\text{118}$	$^{290}\text{Lv}$	$^{286}\text{Fl}$	$^{282}\text{Cn}$
$Q_\alpha(\text{WS3+})$	12.12	11.09	10.21	10.22
$Q_\alpha(\text{WS4+})$	12.17	11.06	9.94	10.11
$Q_\alpha(\text{HN})$	12.11	11.08	10.86	10.46
$Q_\alpha(\text{exp})$	11.82	11.00	10.35	
$\delta Q_\alpha(\text{WS3+})$	0.30	0.09	-0.14	
$\delta Q_\alpha(\text{WS4+})$	0.35	0.06	-0.41	
$\delta Q_\alpha(\text{HN})$	0.29	0.08	0.51	
$T_\alpha(\text{WS3+})$	0.38 ms	22 ms	0.87 s	0.19 s
$T_\alpha(\text{WS4+})$	0.29 ms	26 ms	4.9 s	0.37 s
$T_\alpha(\text{HN})$	0.39 ms	23 ms	19 ms	46 ms
$f(\text{WS3+})$	1.8	2.6	4.4	
$f(\text{WS4+})$	2.4	3.1	24	
$f(\text{HN})$	1.8	2.8	11	
$T_\alpha(\text{exp})$	0.69 ms	8.3 ms	0.20 s	
$T_{\text{sf}}^{\text{th}}$	$1.3 \cdot 10^3 \text{ s}$	$7.4 \cdot 10^2 \text{ s}$	1.5 s	71 ms
$T_{\text{sf}}^{\text{exp}}$			0.30 s	0.91 ms





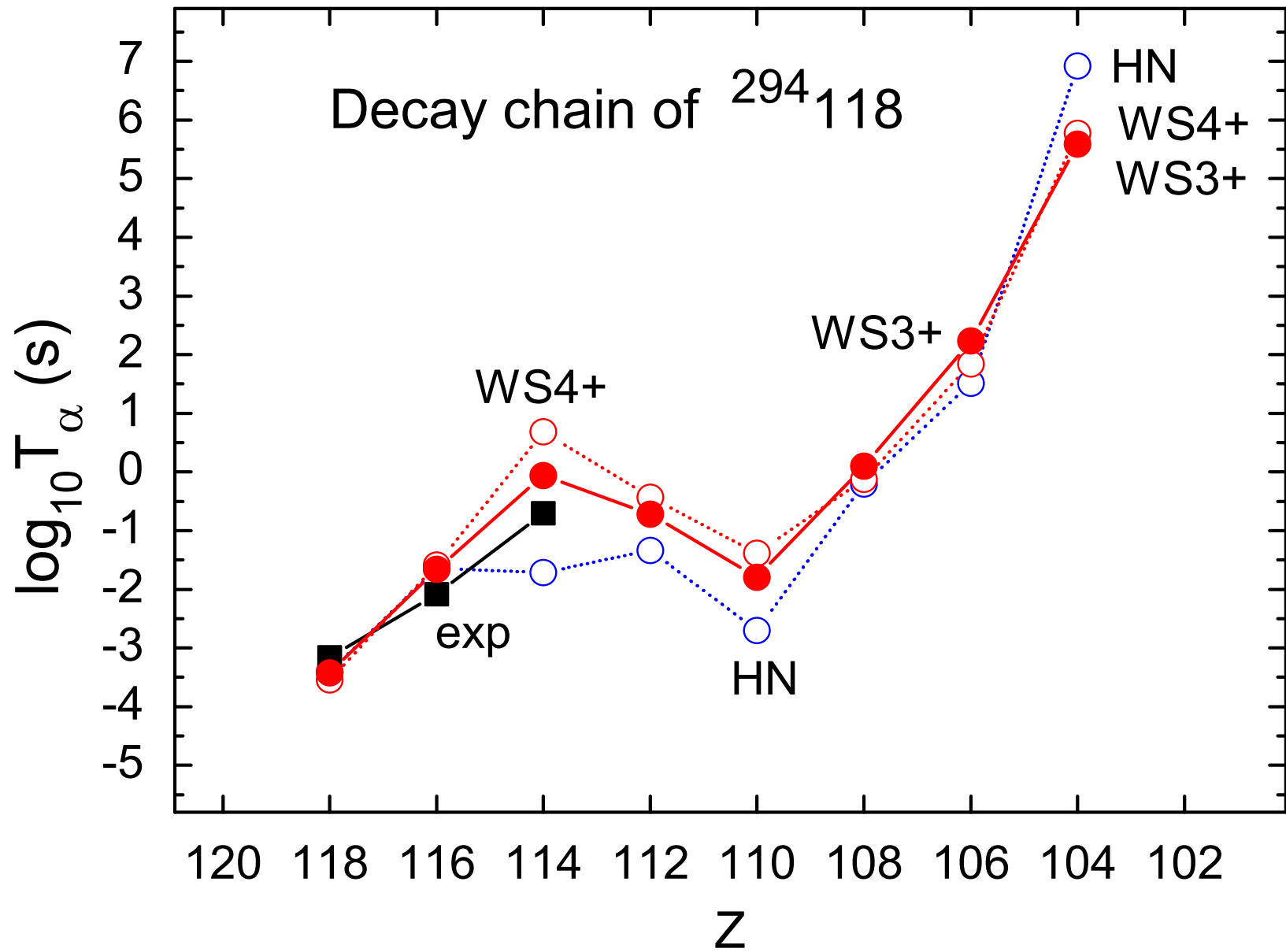
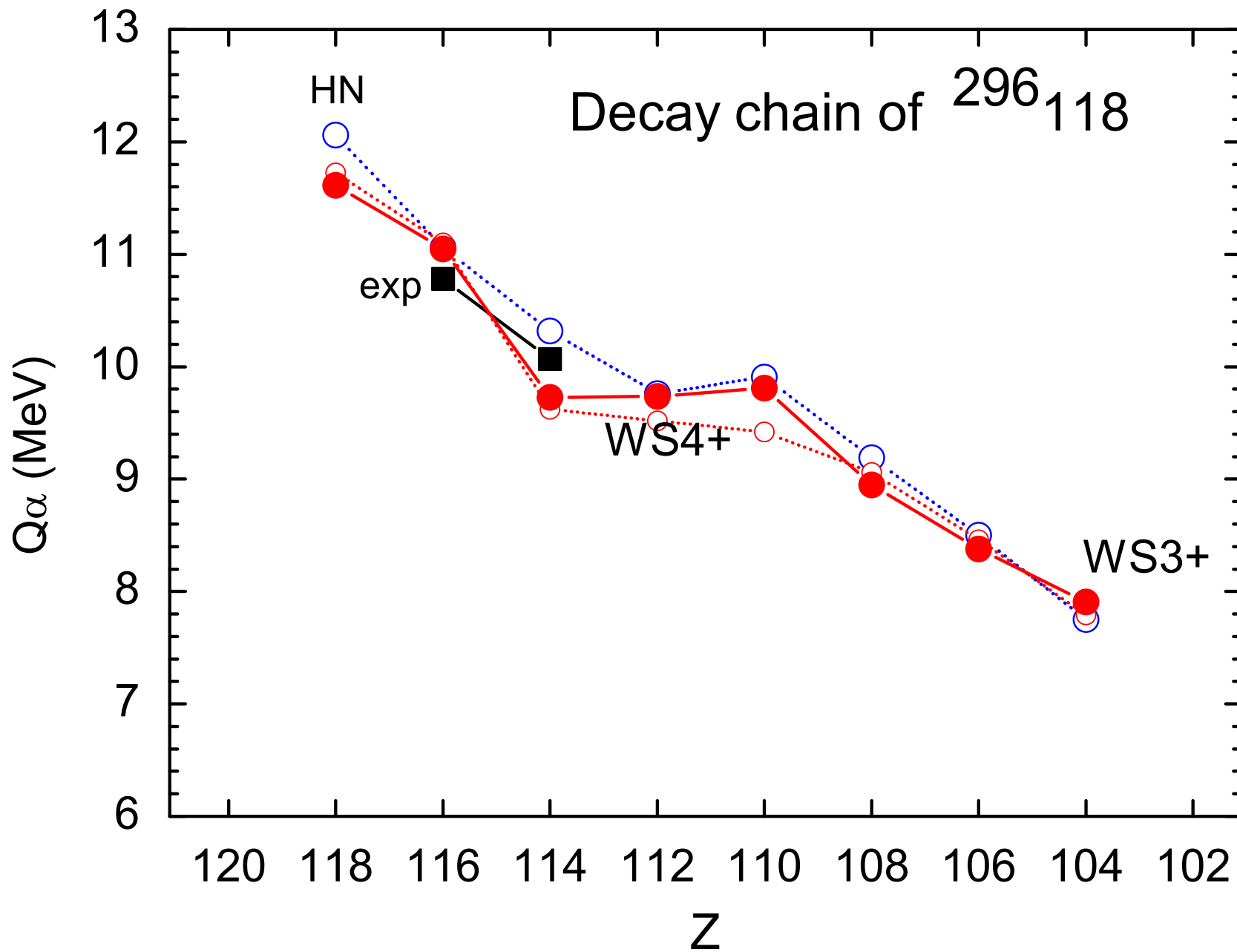
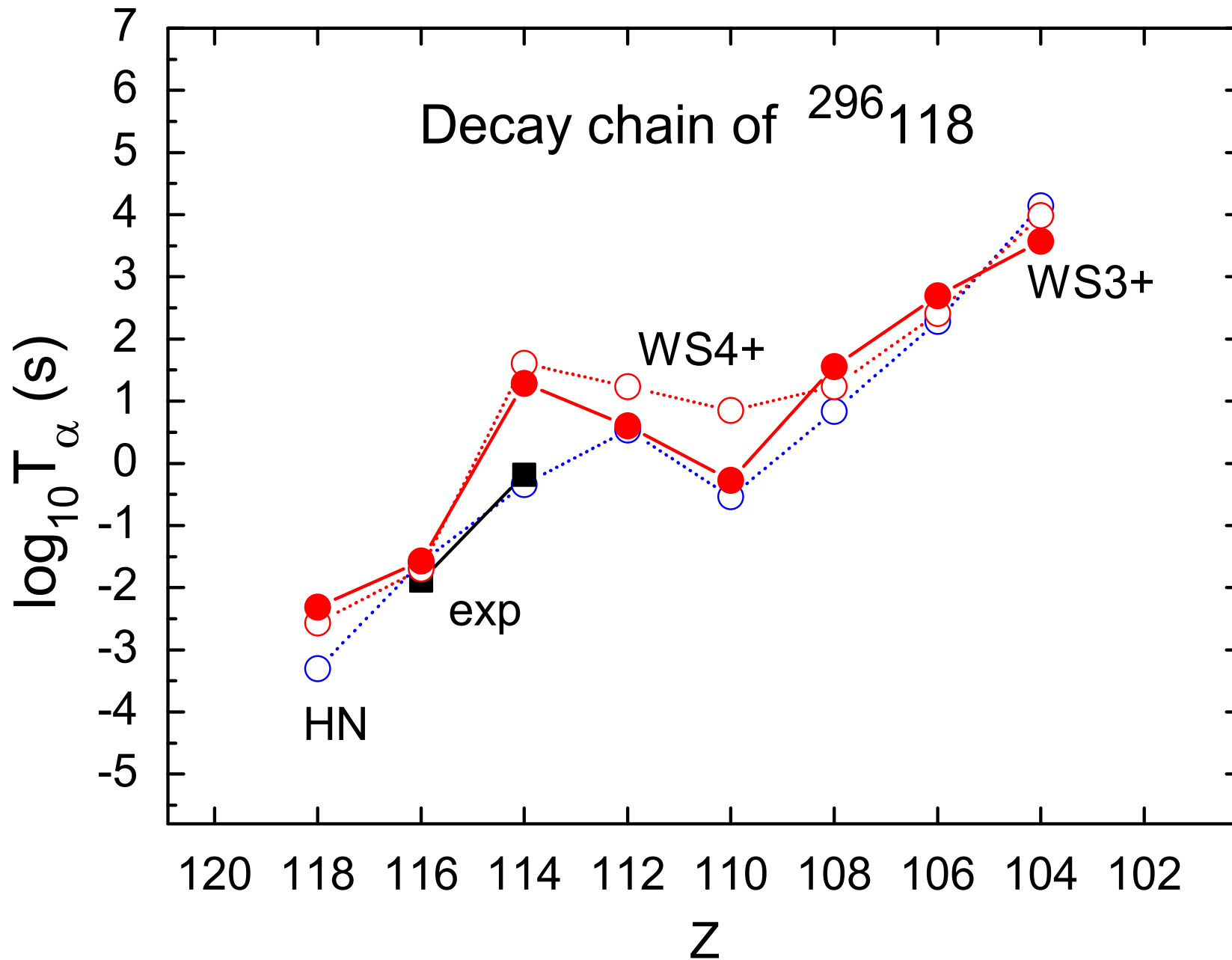


Table 3: Calculated and measured values of the  $\alpha$ -decay energies  $Q_\alpha$  (in MeV),  $\alpha$ -decay and spontaneous-fission half-lives,  $T_\alpha$  and  $T_{sf}$ , for the decay chain of the nucleus  $^{296}_{118}$ . Some quantities derived from them are also given (see text).

Nucleus	$^{296}_{118}$	$^{292}_{Lv}$	$^{288}_{Fl}$	$^{284}_{Cn}$
$Q_\alpha(\text{WS3+})$	11.62	11.05	9.73	9.74
$Q_\alpha(\text{WS4+})$	11.73	11.10	9.62	9.52
$Q_\alpha(\text{HN})$	12.06	11.06	10.32	9.76
$Q_\alpha(\text{exp})$	-	10.78	10.07	
$\delta Q_\alpha(\text{WS3+})$	-	0.27	-0.34	
$\delta Q_\alpha(\text{WS4+})$	-	0.32	-0.45	
$\delta Q_\alpha(\text{HN})$	-	0.28	0.25	
$T_\alpha(\text{WS3+})$	0.48 ms	27 ms	19 s	4.0 s
$T_\alpha(\text{WS4+})$	2.7 ms	20 ms	41 s	17 s
$T_\alpha(\text{HN})$	0.50 ms	25 ms	0.45 s	3.4 s
f(WS3+)	-	2.1	29	
f(WS4+)	-	1.5	62	
f(HN)	-	1.9	1.5	
$T_\alpha^{\text{exp}}$	-	13 ms	0.66 s	
$T_{sf}^{\text{th}}$	$1.3 \cdot 10^4 \text{ s}$	$1.4 \cdot 10^5 \text{ s}$	$2.1 \cdot 10^3 \text{ s}$	4.0 s
$T_{sf}^{\text{exp}}$			0.30 s	98 ms





# Conclusions

1. Intensive studies of SHN are continued.
2. In particular, 4 decay chains (with 3  $\alpha$  decays in each) were observed in Dubna for the nucleus 294-118.
3. Three consecutive  $Q\alpha$  measured for 294-118 are reproduced by the calculations with an average accuracy: 180, 270 and 290 keV by using WS3+, WS4+ and HN mass models, respectively, i.e. very reasonably.
4. The respective  $T\alpha$  are reproduced within average factors: 2.9, 9.8 and 5.2 within the variants: WS3+, WS4+ and HN, respectively, i.e. with equally good accuracy.
5. The length of the chain is reproduced correctly.
6. Predictions done with the same model for the unobserved-yet nucleus 296-118 indicate that it should be observed.