

Nuclear physics measurements for the r-process

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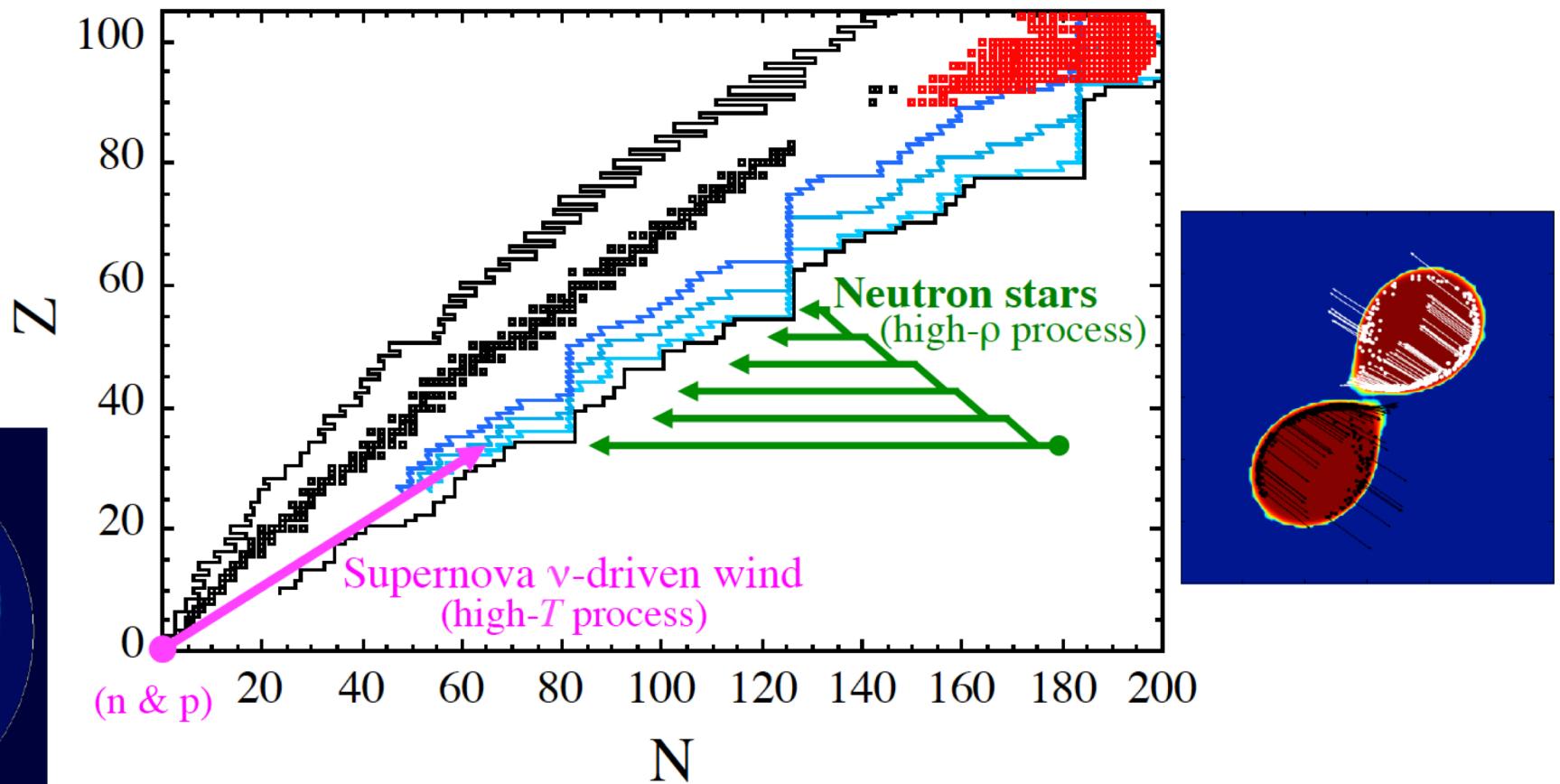
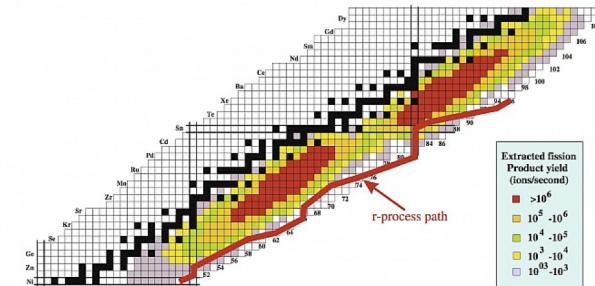
Production of half of the heavy elements (>Fe)

temperature $1-2 \times 10^9$ K ($\rightarrow E_n < 100$ keV)

timescale \sim seconds

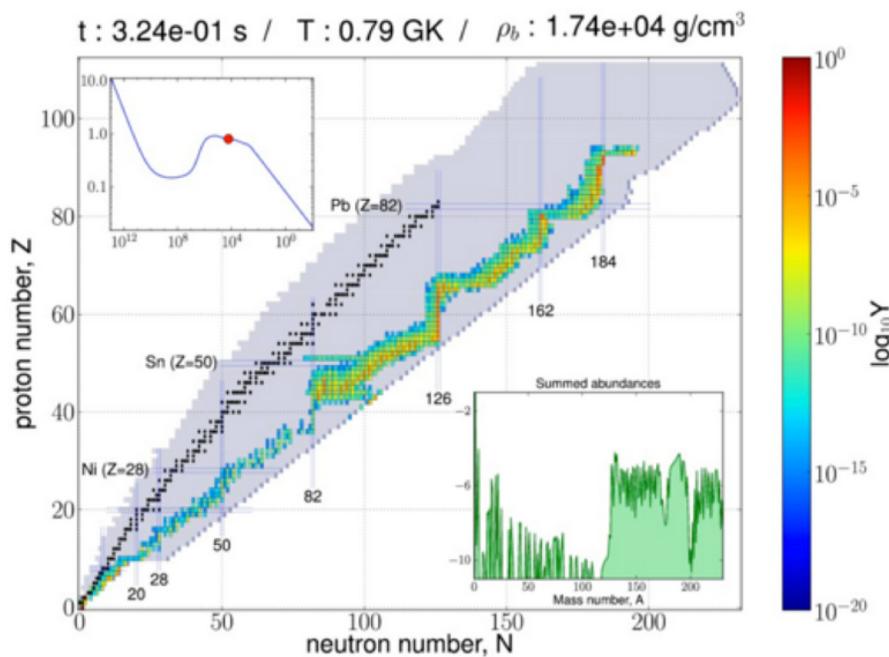
neutron density $10^{20}-10^{24}$ cm $^{-3}$

possible stellar sites type II supernovae / neutron star mergers ALTO / SPIRAL2-phase2

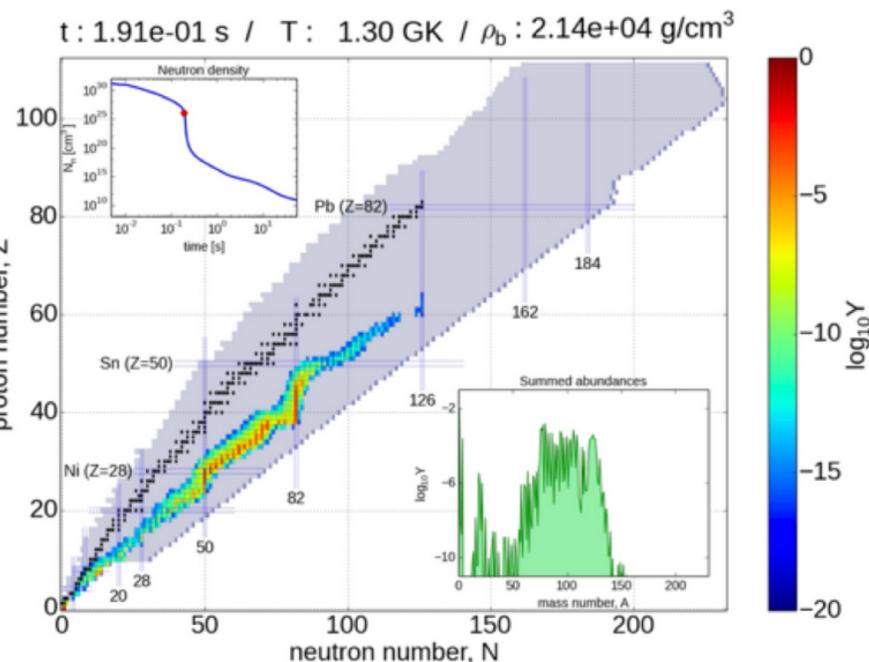


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Nucleosynthesis for neutrino-driven winds (snapshot; Martin et al. 2015)



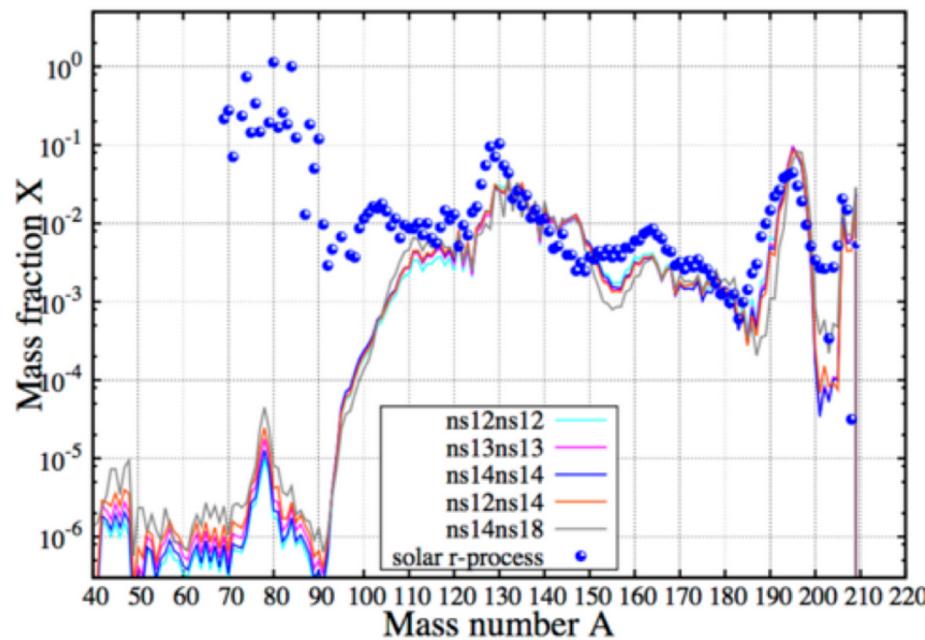
- extremely neutron-rich ($Y_e \approx 0.04$)
- close to neutron drip-line
- extending to very large neutron ($N \approx 200$) and proton numbers ($Z \approx 90$)
- forging the heaviest elements ($A > 130$) in the Universe (e.g. gold and platinum)

- neutron-rich, broad distribution ($0.2 < Y_e < 0.4$)
- further away from neutron drip-line
- extending to moderately large neutron and proton number
- forging heavy elements, but usually with nucleon numbers $A < 130$

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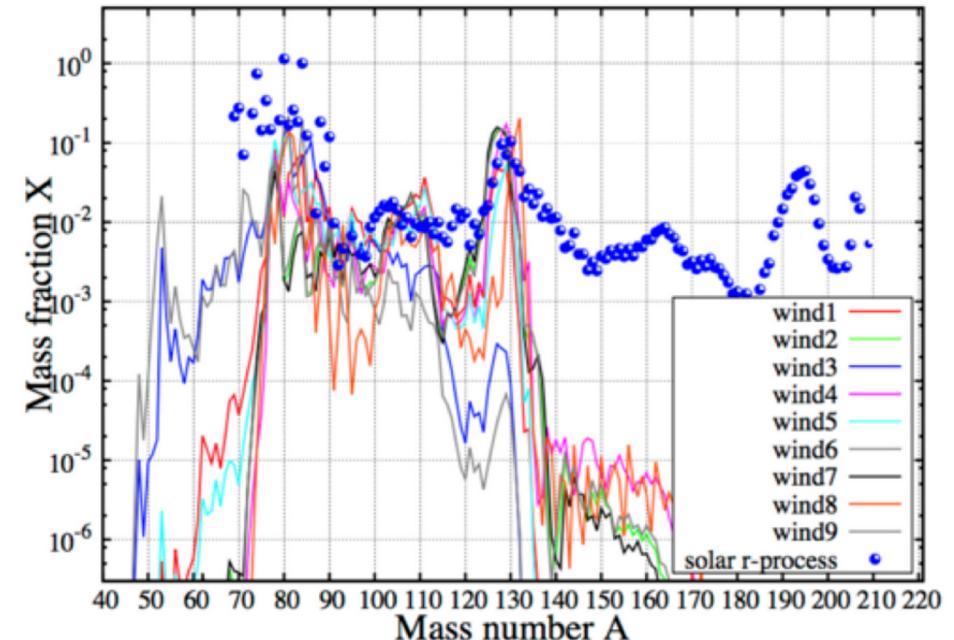
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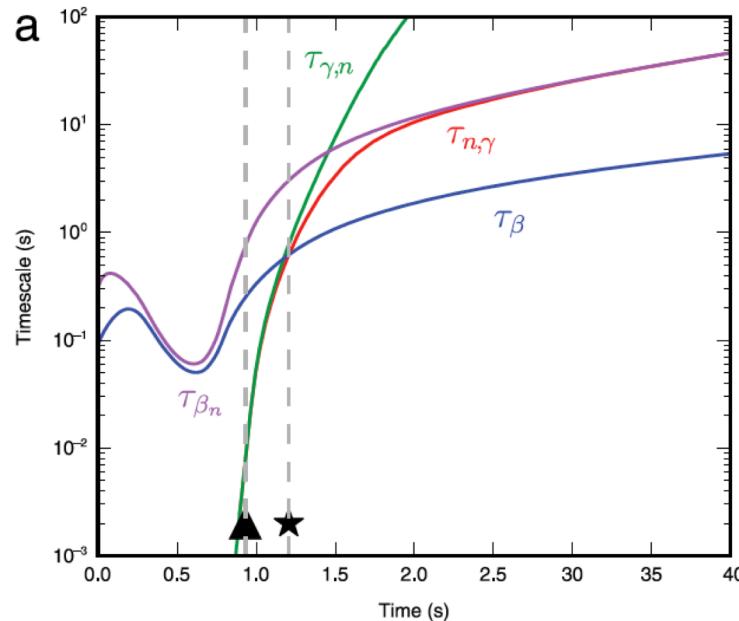


- the heaviest elements, $A > 130$
- robustly producing the “platinum peak” at $A = 195$
- very little variation between different mergers

- lighter r-process elements, $A < 130$
- large variation between different astrophysical events expected

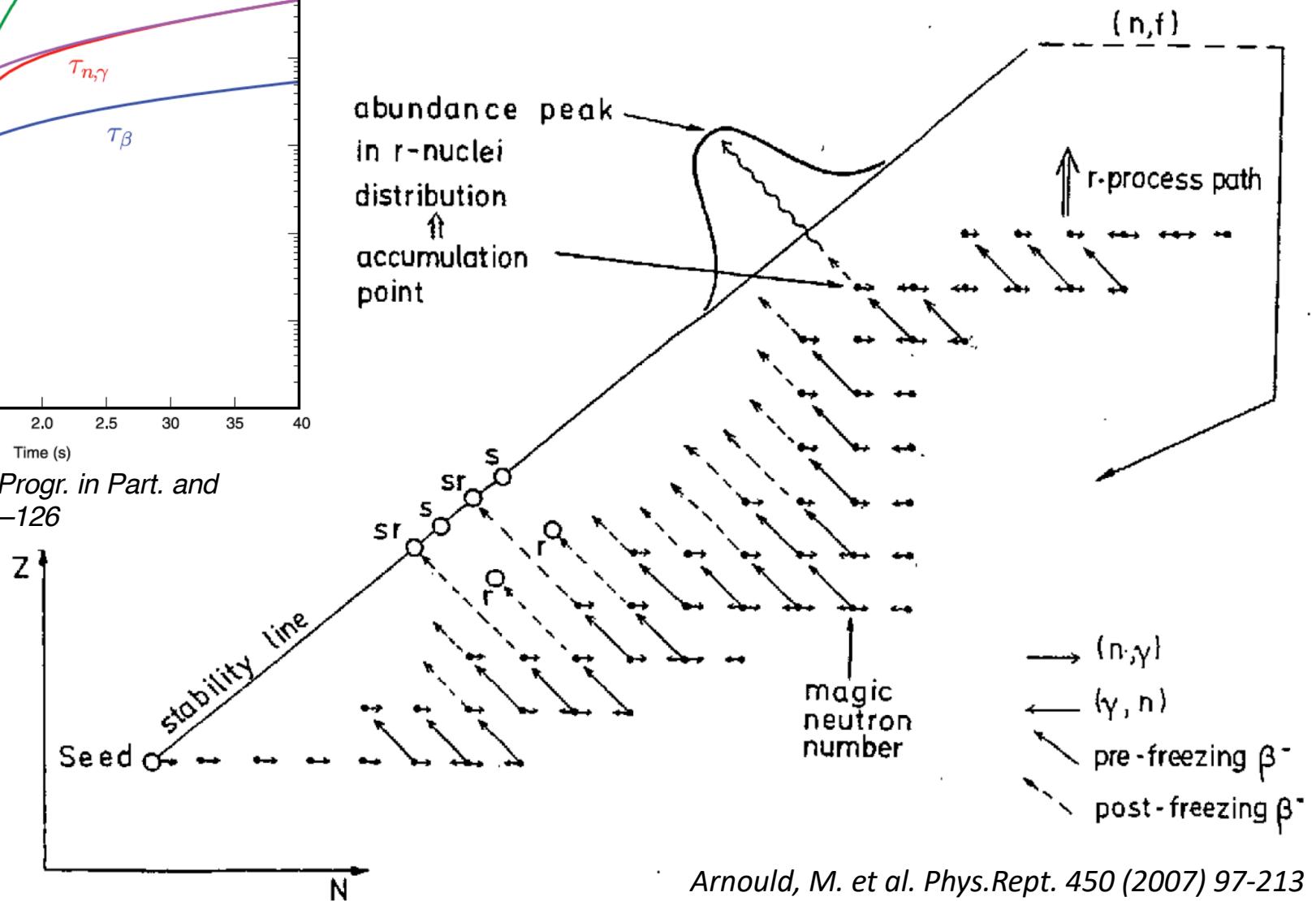
• Which nuclear processes are involved?

Abundance weighted timescales of important channels during the freeze-out phase for a hot r-process



M.R. Mumpower et al. Progr. in Part. and Nucl. Phys. 86 (2016) 86–126

Schematic scheme of the r process



Arnould, M. et al. Phys.Rept. 450 (2007) 97-213

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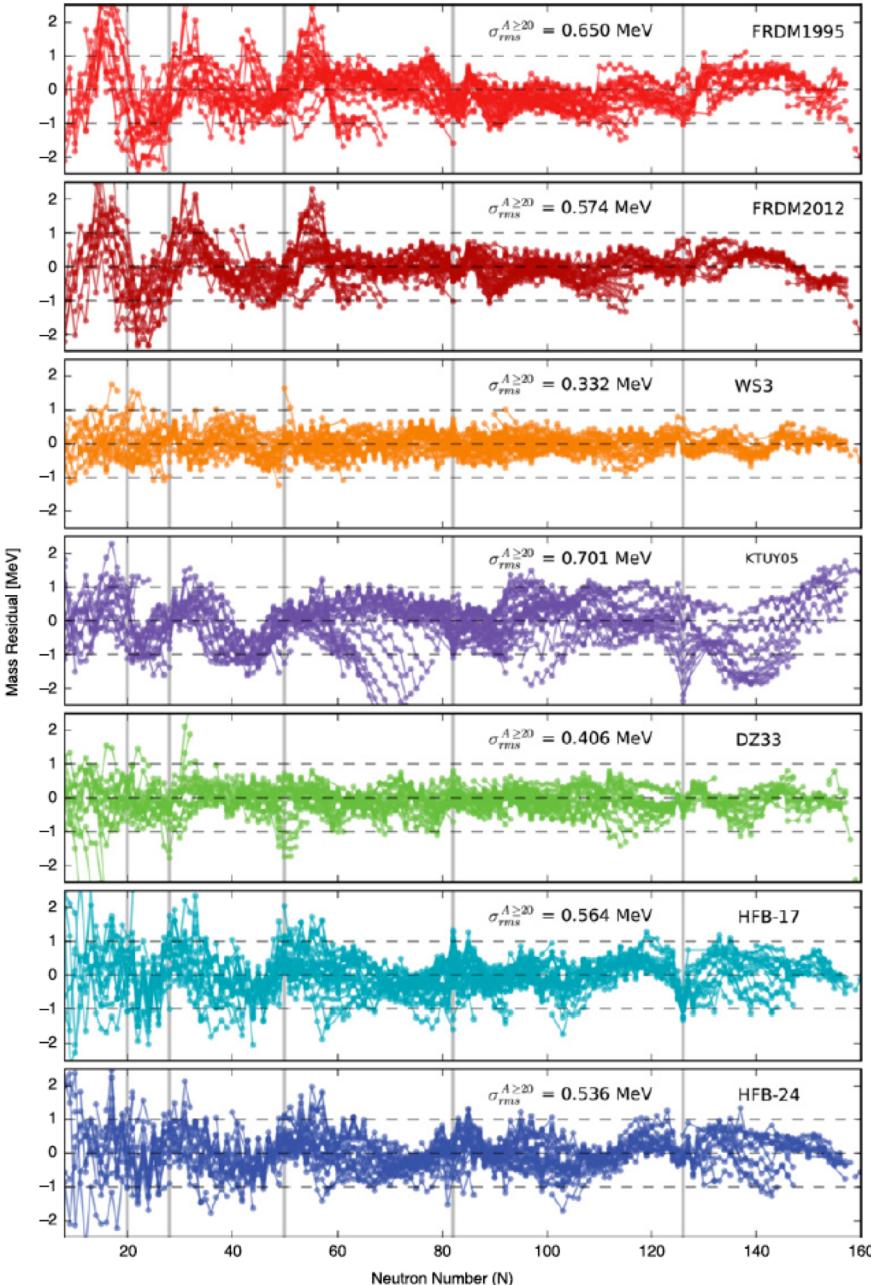
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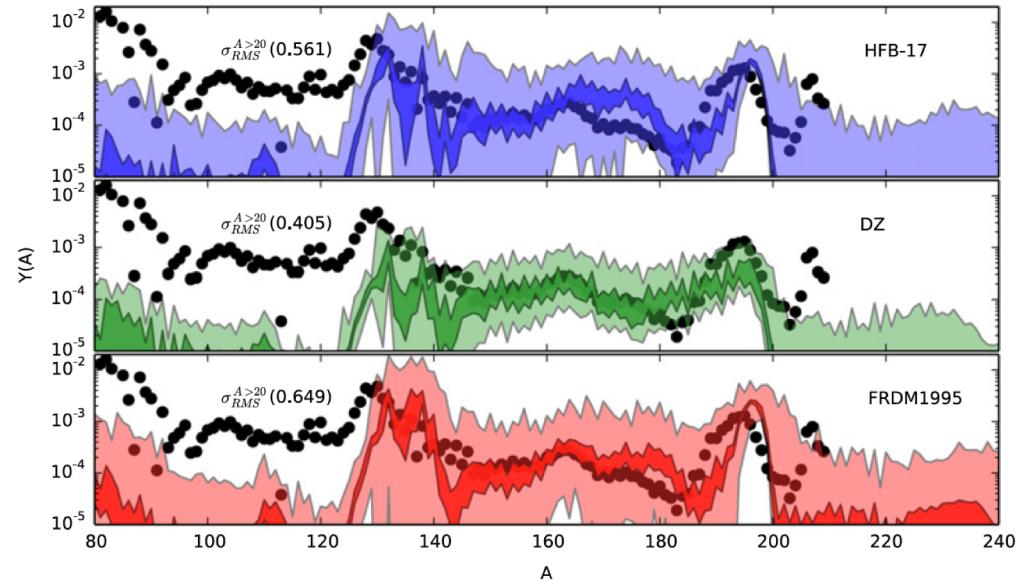
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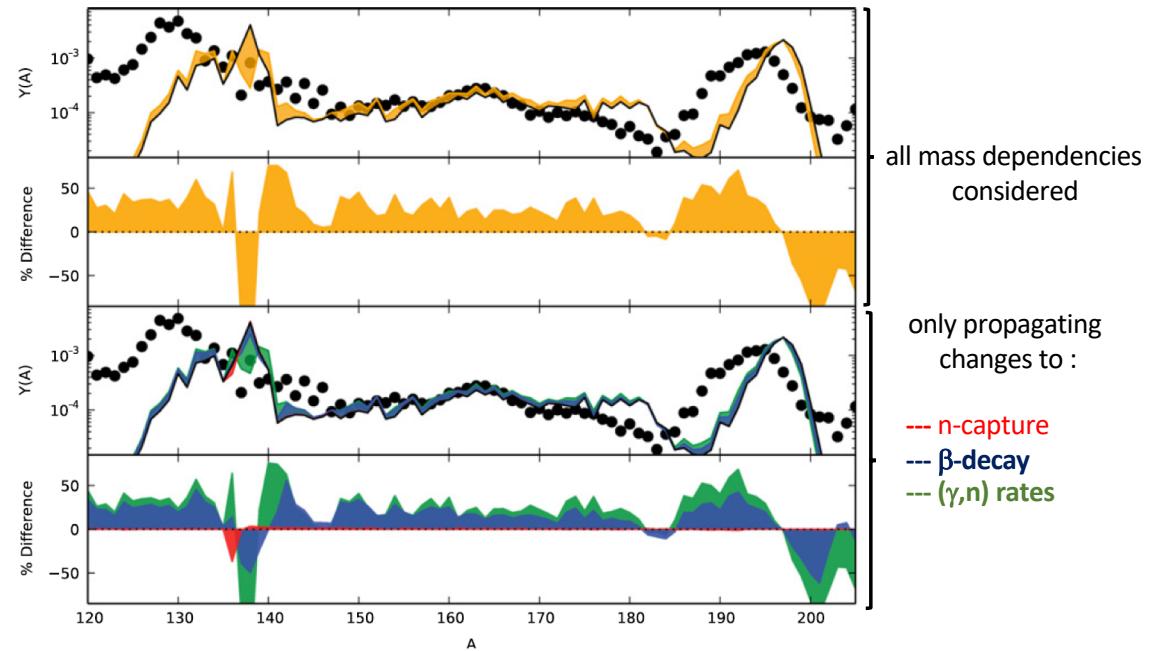
Predictions / AME 2012



Abundance variations = f (mass model)
(hot r-process trajectory)

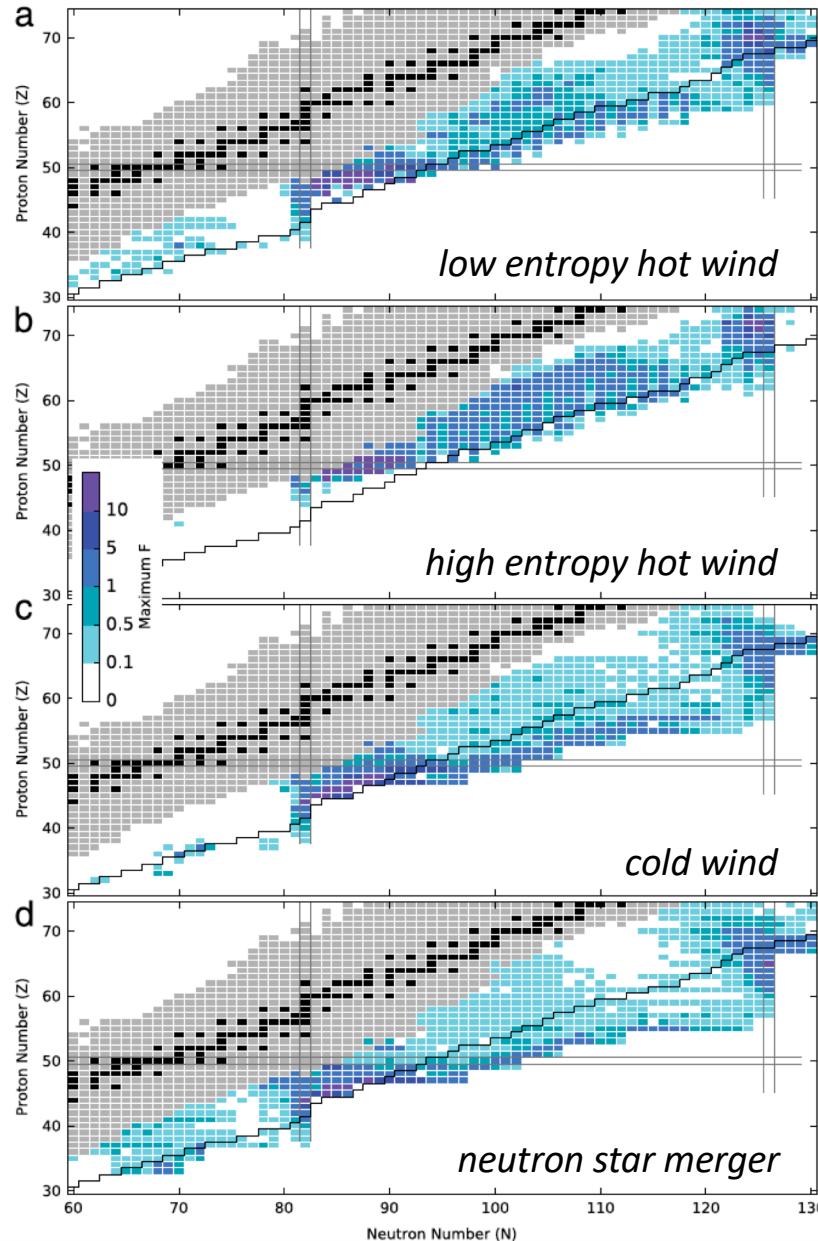


Change in final r-process abundances
when $m(^{140}\text{Sn})$ is increased by 500 keV (FRDM15)



• Masses

mass variations of +/- 500MeV (FRDM12) = f (astro conditions)

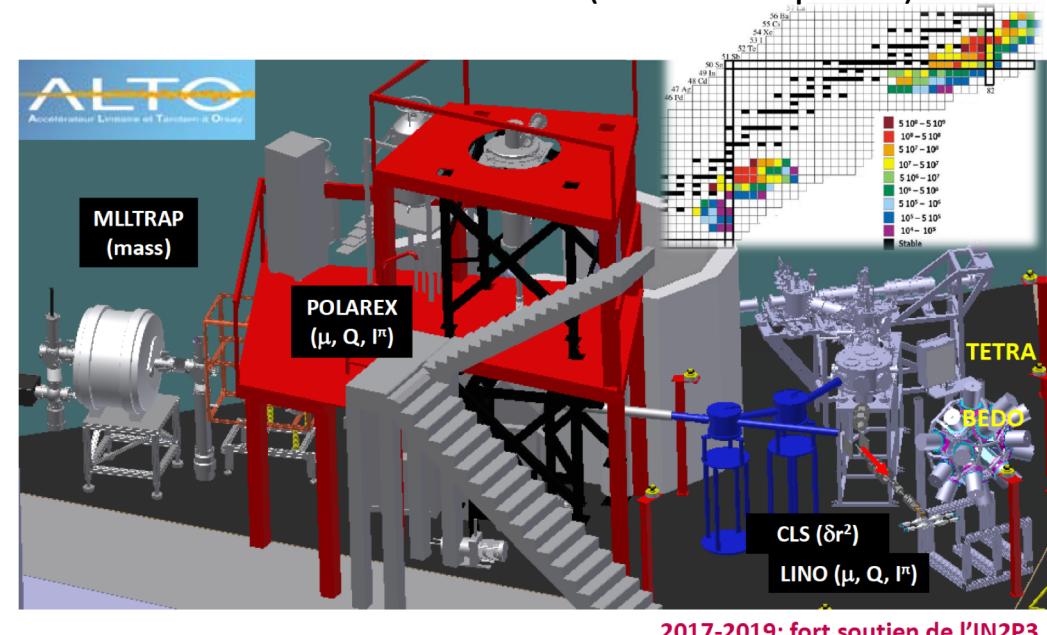


Modern precise mass measurement techniques

	Penning Trap	MR-TOF	TOF in RING
Quantity	cyclotron freq. abs. mass	TOF in Mirrors rel. mass	TOF in RING rel. mass
Accuracy determination	<10 ⁻⁷ (MRP $\propto T^{1/2}$)	<10 ⁻⁶ (MRP:>200,000)	<10 ⁻⁶ (MRP: ?)
meas. period	~10ms - 1s	~1ms	~100μs
practical lifetime, intensity limit	10~100ms <0.1 cps	1~10ms <0.01 cps	<1ms 1 c/day ?
status	established	development	future tech.
operation	not difficult	simple	unknown/difficult
competition	ISOLDE, MSU, ANL, JYFL, etc	None on-line	GSI-ESR
Calibration	Perfect (calib. ¹² C)	easy (isobar)	difficult (same A/Z)

In Europe : exp. mainly @ ISOLDE / JYFL / GSI

Soon also in France : Alto (+ SPIRAL2-phase)



E. Minaya et al., mass-program (Ag) + in-trap spec (2019)

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- **β -decay properties**

- **β -decay half-lives**

$$\frac{1}{T_{1/2}} = \sum_{0 \leq E_i \leq Q_\beta} S_\beta(E_i) \cdot f(Z, Q_\beta - E_i)$$

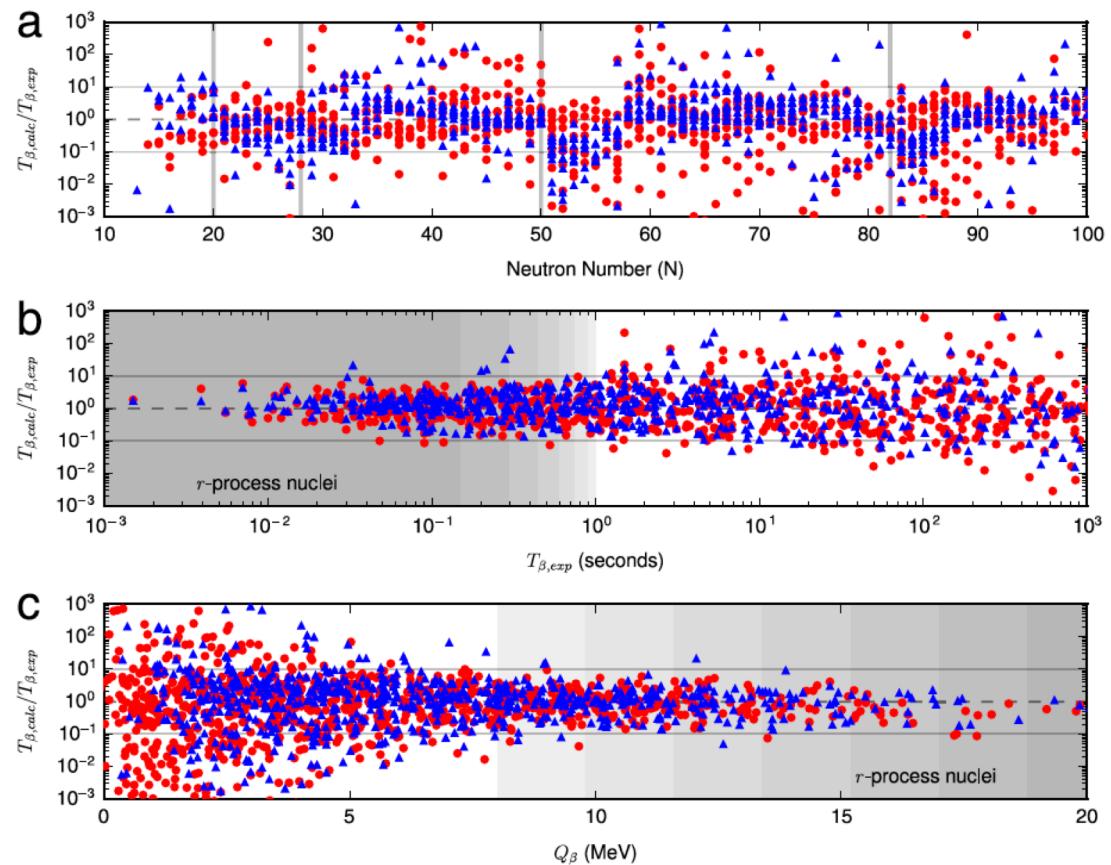
- $S_\beta(E_i)$: b-strength function
- $f(Z, Q_\beta - E_i)$: Fermi function
- $Q_\beta = M(Z, N) - M(Z+1, N-1)$

- **β -delayed neutron emission probability**

$$P_n = \frac{\sum_{S_n \leq E_i \leq Q_\beta} S_\beta(E_i) \cdot f(Z, Q_\beta - E_i)}{\sum_{0 \leq E_i \leq Q_\beta} S_\beta(E_i) \cdot f(Z, Q_\beta - E_i)}$$

Theory / Experiment

- QRPA + FRDM95 (Q-values) / NNDC
- Gross theory + KTUY05 (Q-values) / NNDC



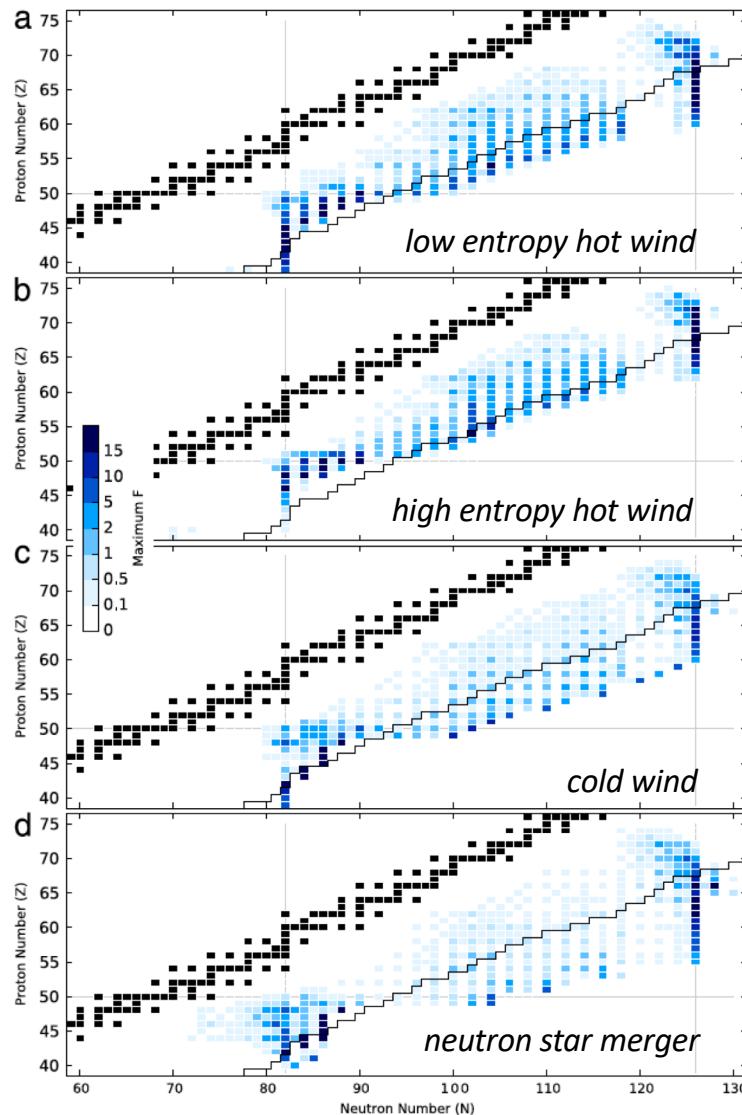
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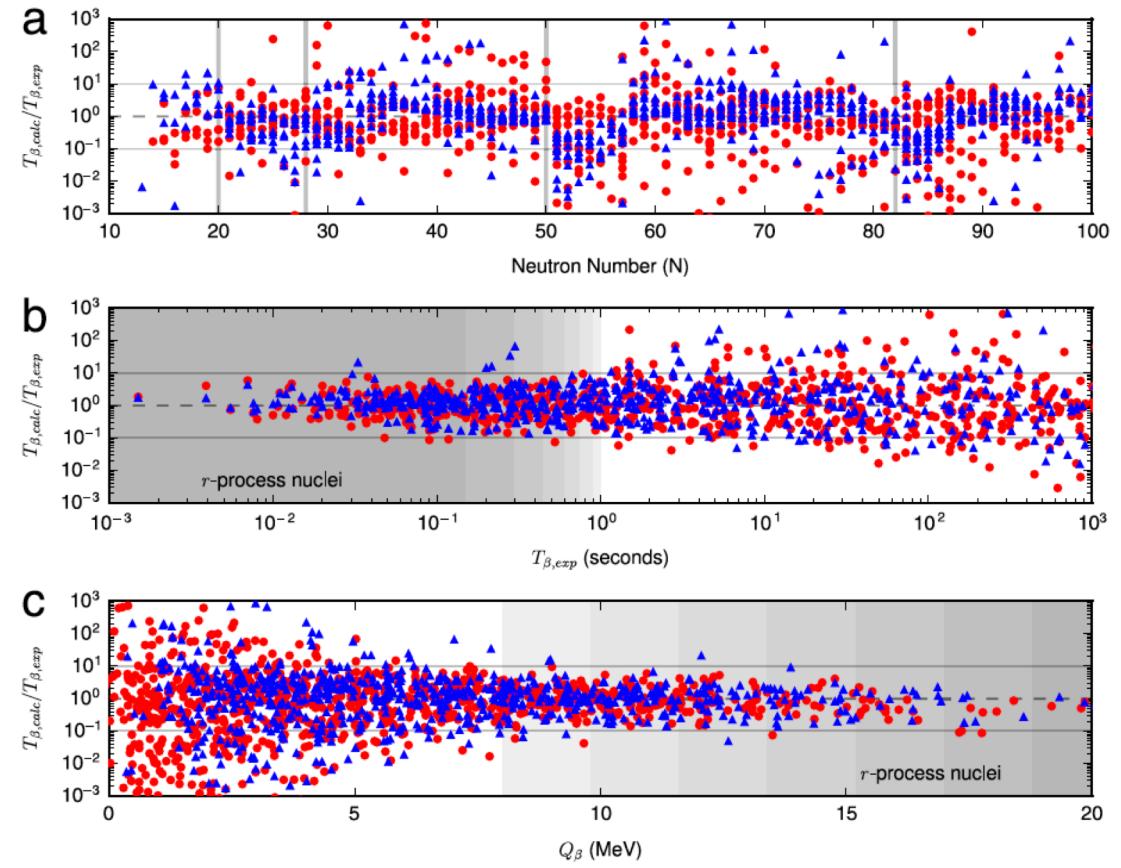
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$T_{1/2}$ variation of factor 10 (QRPA+AME95/FRDM) = f (astro conditions)



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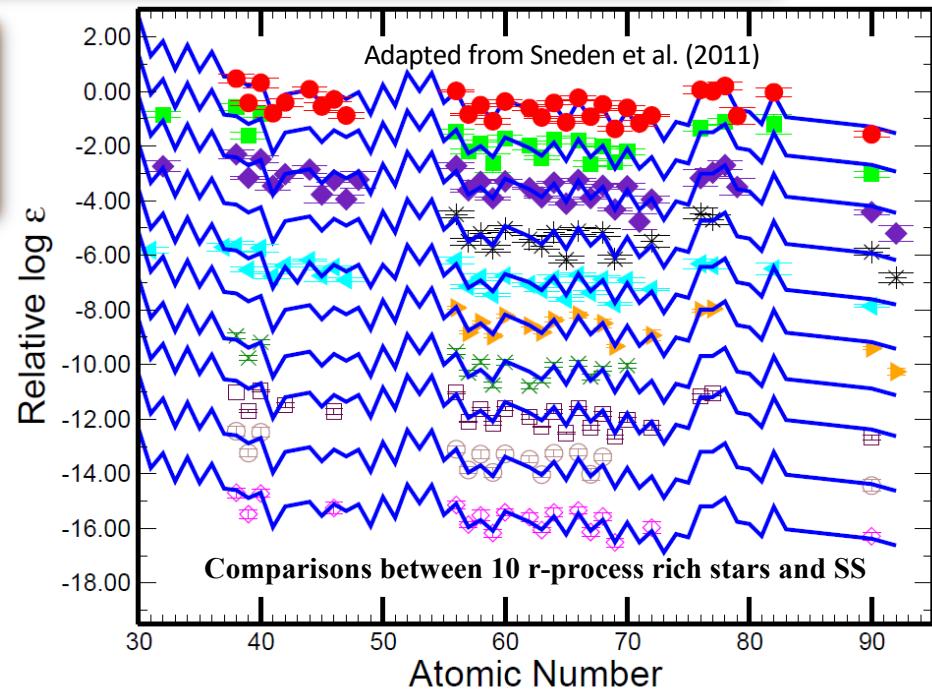
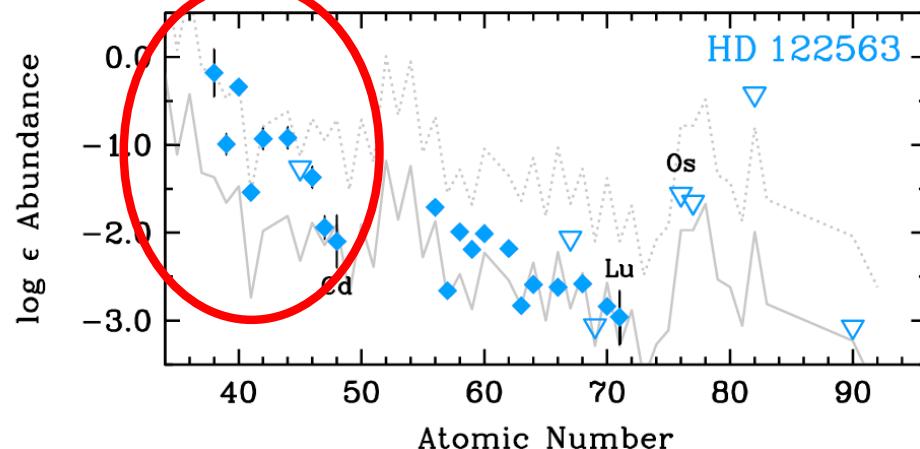
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Letter of Intent from T. Kurtukian Nieto (CENBG)

UMP giants stars provide crucial constraints to the stellar nucleosynthesis.

Its elemental abundances are consistent with the solar r-process elemental distribution.



Overproduction of stable Sr, Y, and Zr isotopes in some UMP, compared to the SS r-process pattern.

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Z	88Zr	89Zr	90Zr	91Zr	92Zr	93Zr	94Zr	95Zr	96Zr	97Zr	98Zr	99Zr	100Zr	101Zr	102Zr	103Zr	104Zr
	87Y	88Y	89Y	90Y	91Y	92Y	93Y	94Y	95Y	96Y	97Y	98Y	99Y	100Y	101Y	102Y	103Y
38	86Sr	87Sr	88Sr	89Sr	90Sr	91Sr	92Sr	93Sr	94Sr	95Sr	96Sr	97Sr	98Sr	99Sr	100Sr	101Sr	102Sr
	85Rb	86Rb	87Rb	88Rb	89Rb	90Rb	91Rb	92Rb	93Rb	94Rb	95Rb	96Rb	97Rb	98Rb	99Rb	100Rb	101Rb
36	84Kr	85Kr	86Kr	87Kr	88Kr	89Kr	90Kr	91Kr	92Kr	93Kr	94Kr	95Kr	96Kr	97Kr	98Kr	99Kr	100Kr
	83Br	84Br	85Br	86Br	87Br	88Br	89Br	90Br	91Br	92Br	93Br	94Br	95Br	96Br	97Br	98Br	
34	82Se	83Se	84Se	85Se	86Se	87Se	88Se	89Se	90Se	91Se	92Se	93Se	94Se	95Se			
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32	80Ge	81Ge	82Ge	83Ge	84Ge	85Ge	86Ge	87Ge	88Ge	89Ge	90Ge						
	48	50	52	54		56		58		60		62		N			

β decay properties (half-lives and P_{n}) of neutron-rich Ge, As and Se isotopes have a direct influence on the production of Sr, Y, and Zr.

Some of these nuclei are accessible at ALTO (LoI 90Se T. Kurtukian-Nieto)

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- **Neutron capture and photodisintegration rates**
Hauser-Feshbach statistical model

- The effective **stellar rate** of $I + j \rightarrow L + \iota$ reaction at T ($\text{cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ mole}^{-1}$):

$$N_A \langle \sigma v \rangle_{jl}^*(T) = \left(\frac{8}{\pi m} \right)^{1/2} \frac{N_A}{(kT)^{3/2} G_I(T)} \int_0^\infty \sum_\mu \frac{(2J_I^\mu + 1)}{(2J_I^0 + 1)} \sigma_{jl}^\mu(E) E \exp\left(-\frac{E + \varepsilon_I^\mu}{kT}\right) dE,$$

- N_A : Avogadro number
- J : spin
- m : reduced mass
- E : relative energy
- G_I : partition function
- ε : excitation energy of state μ ($\mu = 0$ for the ground state)

- **(n, γ) cross section:**

$$\sigma_{n,\gamma}^\mu(E) = \frac{\pi}{k^2 (2J_I^\mu + 1) (2J_n + 1)} \sum_{J^\pi} (2J + 1) \frac{T_n^\mu(J^\pi) T_\gamma(J^\pi)}{T_{tot}(J^\pi)},$$

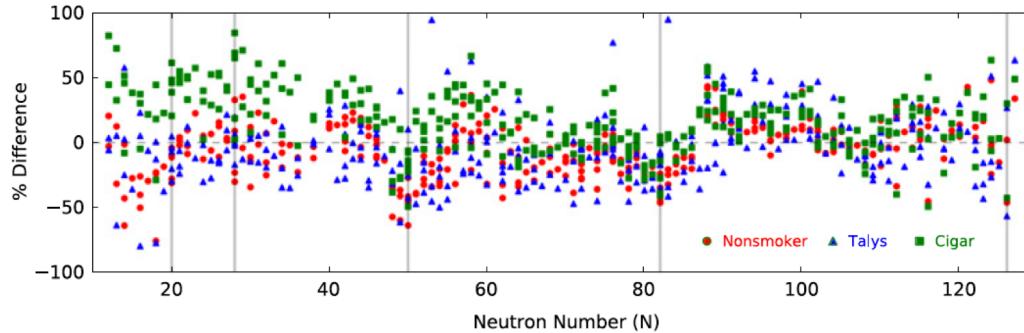
- k : neutron wave number
- T_n^μ and T_γ : transmission functions for the formation and decay channels
=> models of level densities & g-strength functions

- **Photo-dissociation rate:**

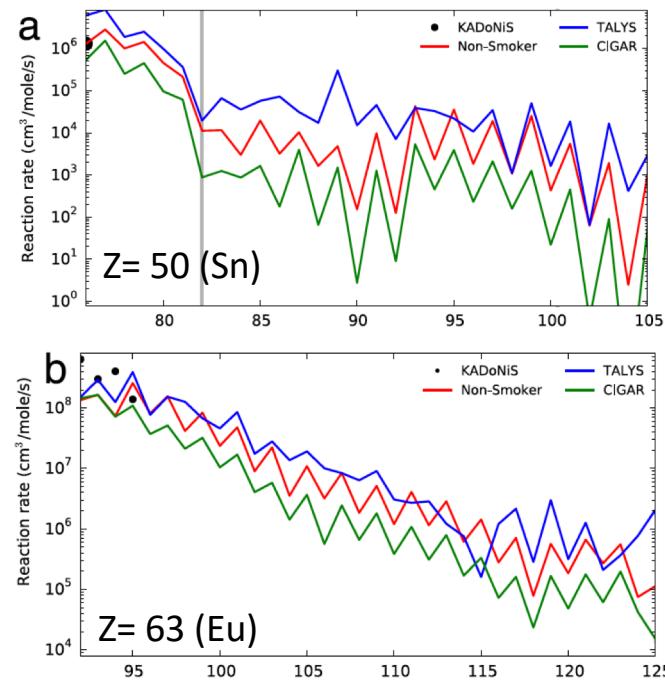
$$\lambda_{(\gamma,j)}^*(T) = \frac{(2J_I^0 + 1)(2J_j + 1)}{(2J_L^0 + 1)} \frac{G_I(T)}{G_L(T)} \left(\frac{mkT}{2\pi\hbar^2} \right)^{3/2} \langle \sigma v \rangle_{(j,\gamma)}^* e^{-Q_{j\gamma}/kT},$$

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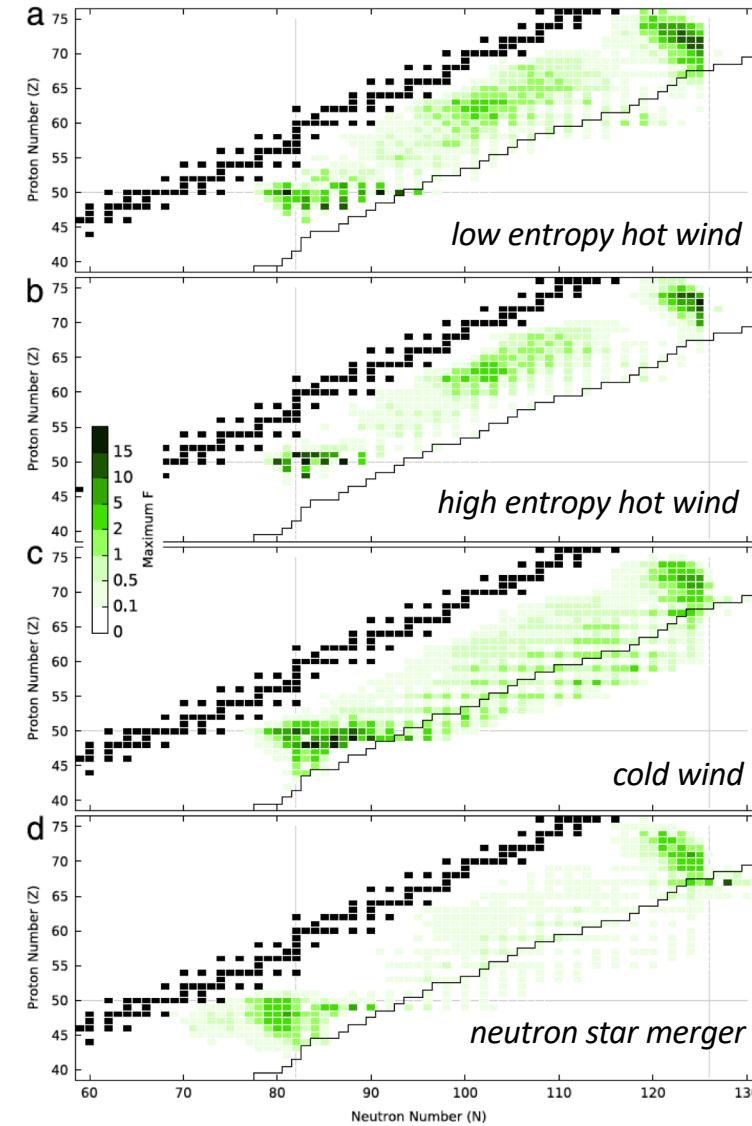
- Difference between $\sigma_{HF\ model}(n,\gamma)$ and $\sigma_{KADoNiS}(n,\gamma)$ (n,γ) rates variation of factor 100 = f (astro conditions)



- (n,γ) reaction rate at $T_9=1.0$



- Measurements via surrogate method (ex : (d,p))
 - β -Olso method => level density & γ -strength function
- Exp. Project : on enhanced E1 strengths (impact in the gSF => photo-desintegration rate)
- P. Adsley et al., Beta-delayed gamma emission (neutron-rich rare-earth nuclides)



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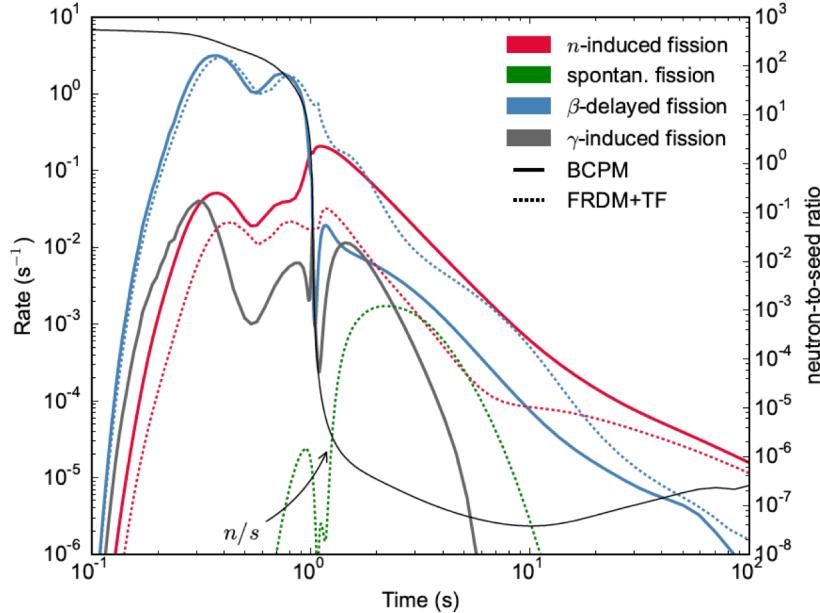
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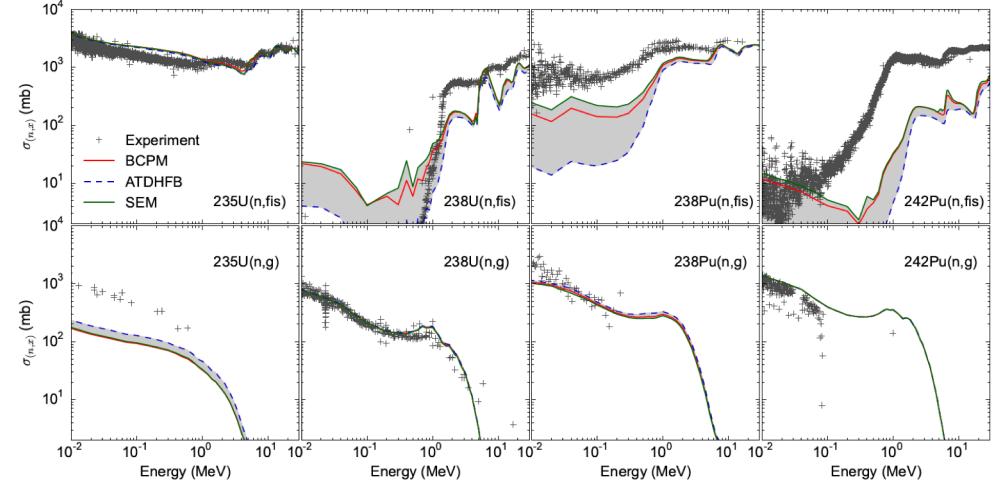
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• Fission rates / fission distributions

- Evolution of different fission channels predicted by BCPM and FRDM+TF (neutron star mergers)

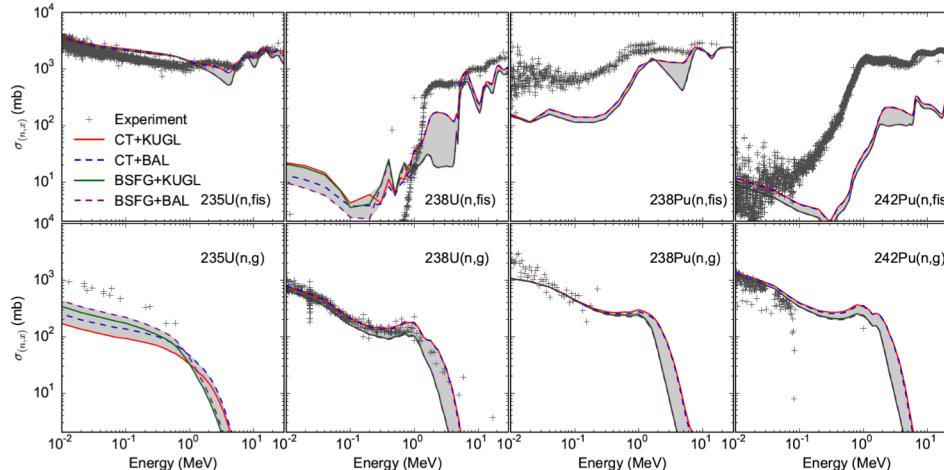


- Collective inertias schemes

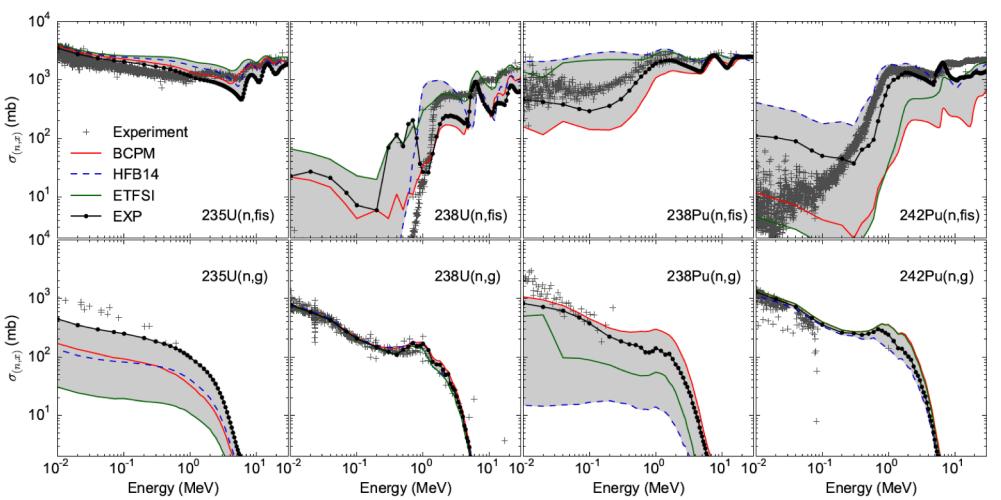


- Evolution of different n -induced fission and (n,γ) cross section for:

- Different combinations of level densities + gamma ray-strength



- Sets of fission barriers



• Fission rates / fission distributions

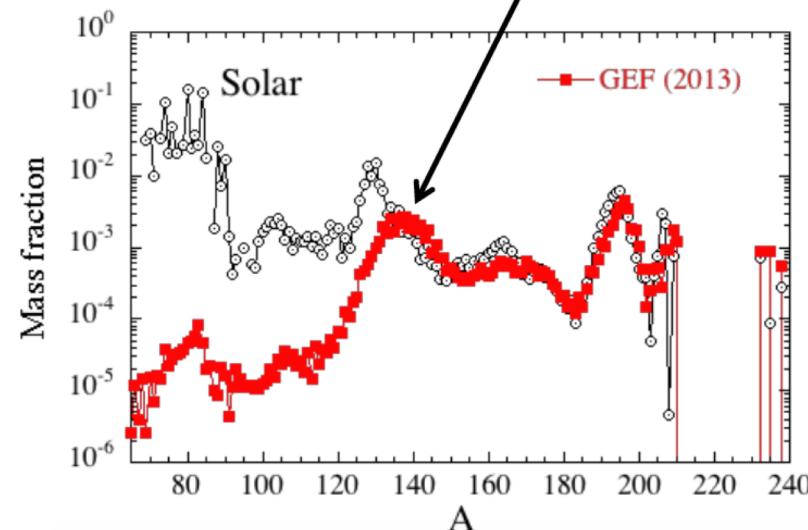
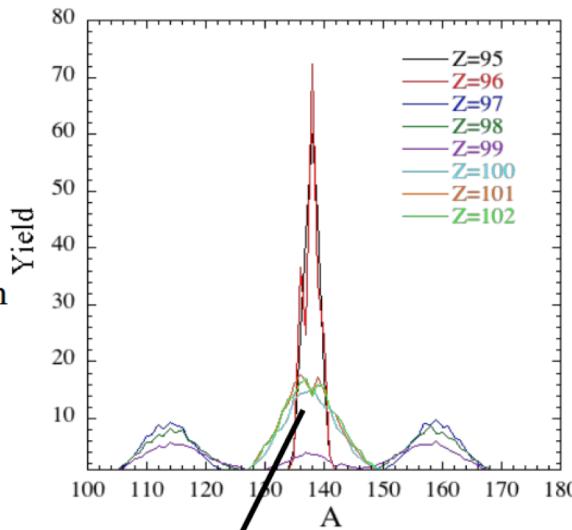
Sensitivity to the fission fragment distribution

along the A=278 isobar (from the N=184 closed shell)

S. Goriely, Ecole Joliot Curie 2016

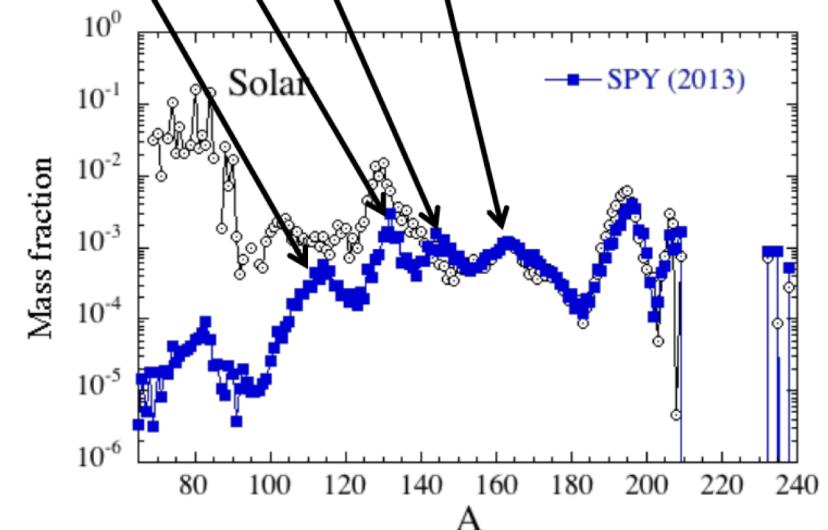
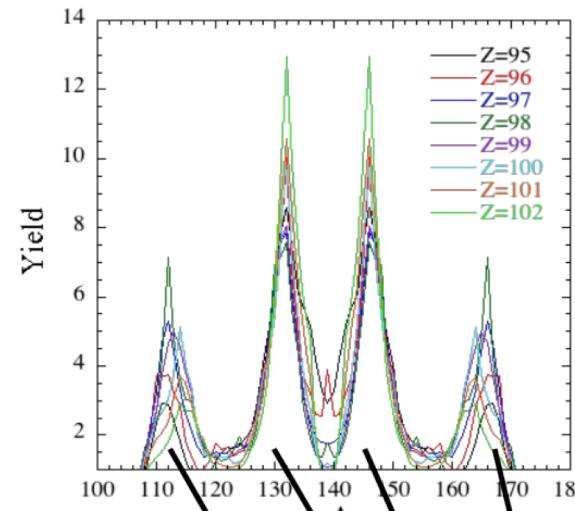
GEF v1.4
K. Schmidt et
al. (2013)

Semi-empirical
mic-mac Scission
Point model



SPY:
S. Panebianco et
al. (2013)

Parameter-free
Scission Point
model based on
D1S potential
energy surfaces



Facilities in France : Licorne (ALTO), ILL, GANIL

+ Strong theoretical involvement : CENBG (GEF), CEA-DAM

- Which properties to measure / to constraint?

Abundance variation of a given ${}^A_Z X$ nucleus

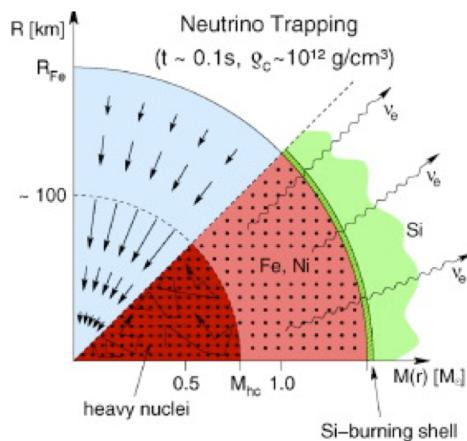
$$\frac{dN(Z,A)}{dt} = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{Production:} & \begin{array}{l} N_n \cdot N(Z, A - 1) \cdot \langle \sigma v \rangle_{Z, A-1} \\ + N(Z, A + 1) \cdot \lambda_{\gamma, n}^{Z, A+1} \\ + N(Z - 1, A) \cdot \lambda_{\beta}^{Z-1, A} \\ + \sum_{k=1}^3 N(Z - 1, A + k) \cdot \lambda_{\beta kn}^{Z, A+1} \\ + N(Z + 2, A + 4) \cdot \lambda_{\alpha}^{Z+2, A+4} \\ + \sum_f q_{Z_f, A_f}(Z, A) \cdot \lambda_f^{Z_f, A_f} \cdot N(Z_f, A_f) \\ + \sum_f q_{Z_f, A_f}(Z, A) \cdot \lambda_f^{Z_f-1, A_f} \cdot N(Z_f-1, A_f) \\ + \sum_f q_{Z_f, A_f}(Z, A) \cdot \lambda_f^{Z_f, A_f-1} \cdot N(Z_f, A_f-1) \end{array} \\ & \begin{array}{l} \rightarrow (n, \gamma) \text{ reaction} \\ \rightarrow (\gamma, n) \text{ reaction} \\ \rightarrow \beta \text{ decay} \\ \rightarrow \beta -\text{delayed } k \text{ neutron emission} \\ \rightarrow \alpha \text{ decay} \\ \rightarrow \text{spontaneous fission} \\ \rightarrow \beta-\text{delayed fission} \\ \rightarrow n\text{-induced fission} \end{array} \\ \text{Destruction:} & \begin{array}{l} - N(Z, A) \cdot \left[N_n \cdot \langle \sigma v \rangle_{Z, A} + \lambda_{\gamma, n}^{Z, A} + \lambda_{\beta}^{Z, A} + \sum_{k=1}^3 \lambda_{\beta kn}^{Z, A} \right] \\ - N(Z, A) \cdot \left[\lambda_{\alpha}^{Z, A} + \lambda_f^{Z, A} + \lambda_{\beta f}^{Z, A} + \lambda_{nf}^{Z, A} \right] \\ + \gamma \text{ induced fission} \end{array} \end{array} \right.$$

+ neutrino interactions with nuclei for some scenarios

=> Masses, β -decay properties, neutron capture rates, fission rates

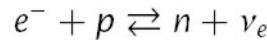
• Neutrino flux

core collapse

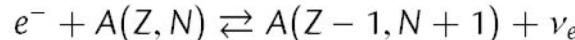


Weak interactions

- electron capture on protons:



- electron capture on nuclei:



+ neutrino transport
(trapping / thermalization)

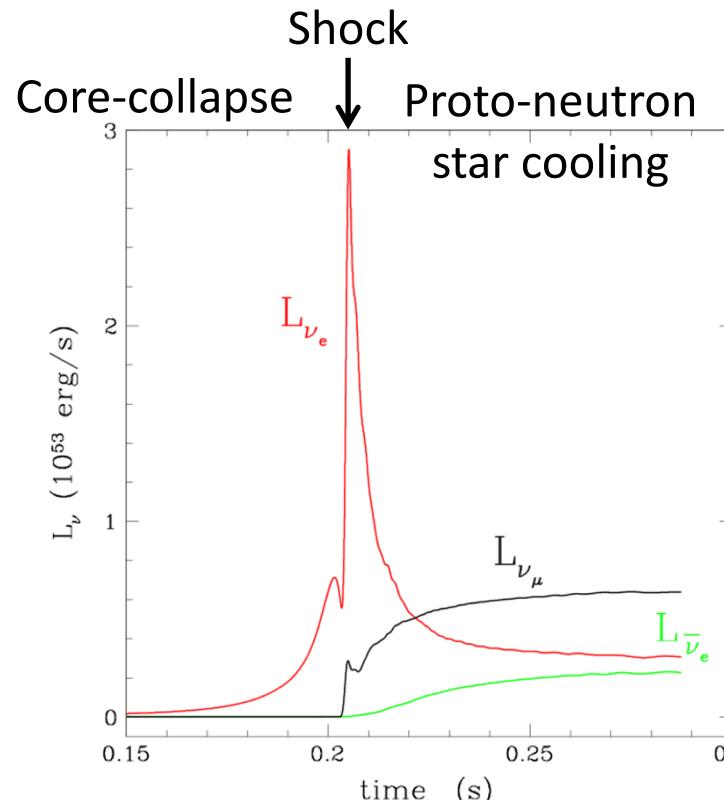
Equation of state

masses

General relativity

hydro

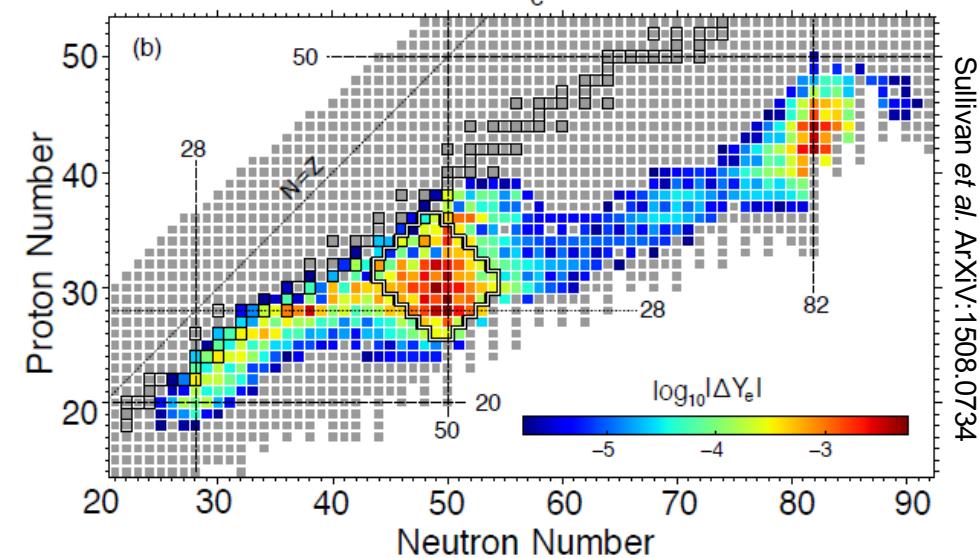
Time evolution of the ν luminosity



Nuclear physics inputs

Influence the composition and ν_e rate

- EC : crucial all along the life of a star
(particularly in massive stars \rightarrow CCSN!)
- but: model uncertainties (especially in **n-rich nuclei!**)



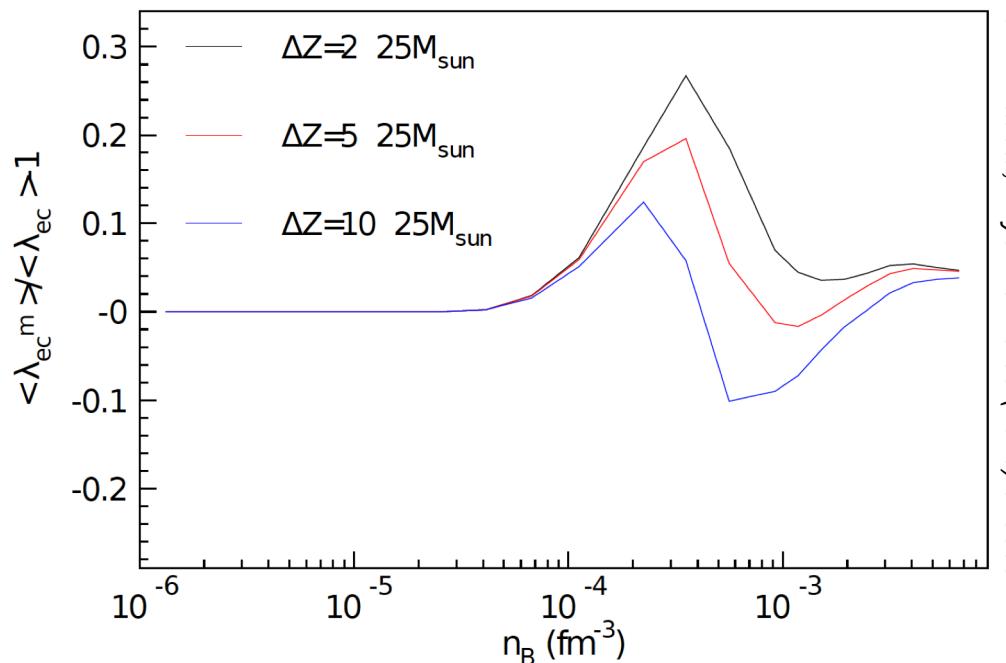
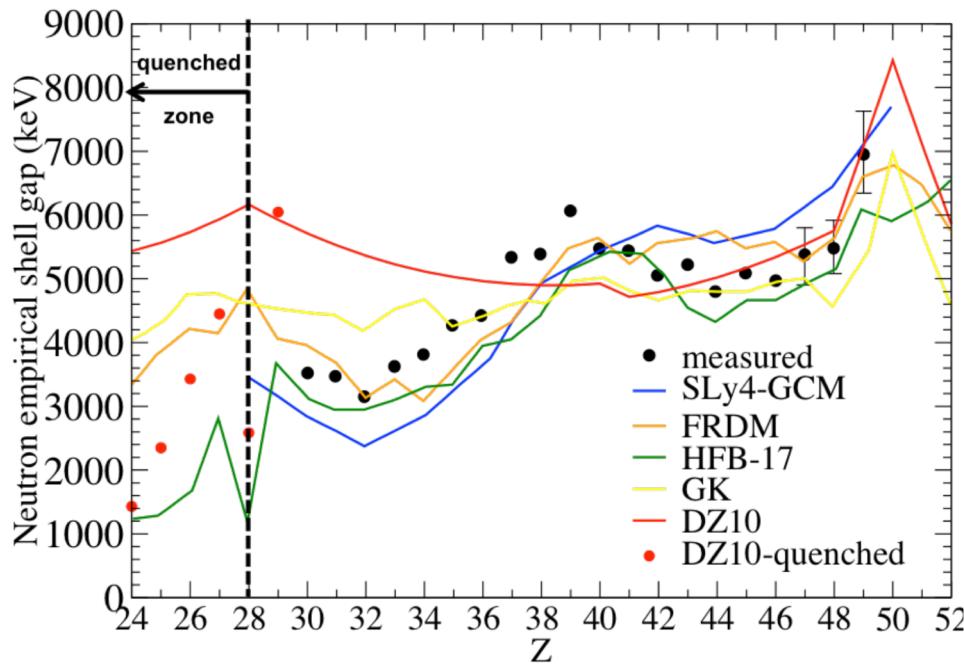
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Masses : impact on the EC rate

- Very precise mass values (within ~ 100 KeV) are necessary for the computation of Q in EC, but this is not all!
- Exotic nuclei around N=50 and N=82 dominate because they are predicted to be magic. **Magicity quenching would strongly affect EC.**



Ad. R. Raduta, Phys. Rev. C 93 (2016) 025803

Shell gap value will affect the electron capture rate very significantly!

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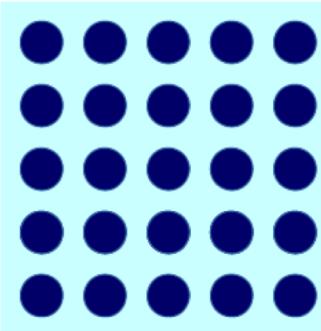
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Masses : impact on the nuclei distribution in SNII modelling (S. Giraud PhD)

$$\forall(T, Y_p, \rho) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \bullet 10^6 < \rho < 10^{15} \text{ g/cm}^3 \\ \bullet 0.01 < T < 50 \text{ MeV} \\ \bullet 0 < Y_p < 0.5 \end{array} \right.$$

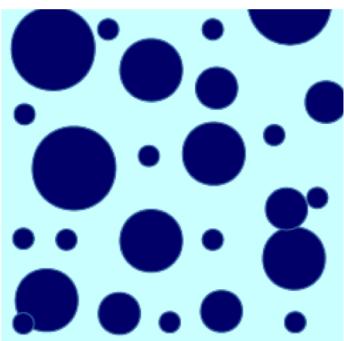
Single Nucleus Approximation (SNA)ⁿ



$$F_{nuc} = F_{nuc}(\bar{A}, \bar{Z})$$

But at finite temperature more microstates states are populated

Nuclear Statistical Equilibrium (NSE)

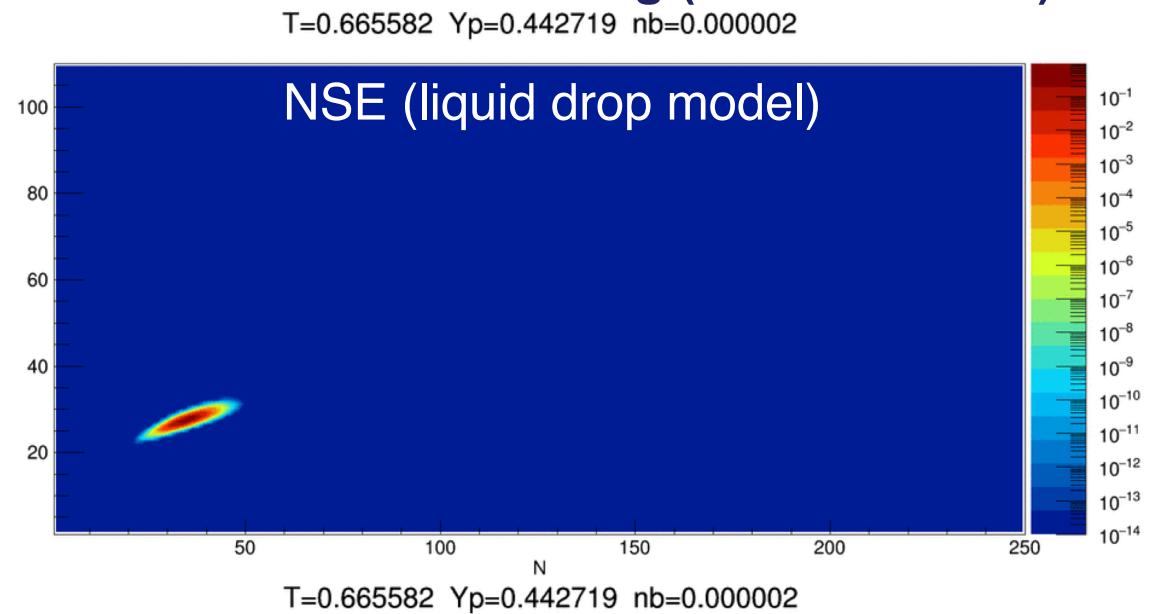


$$F_{nuc} = \underbrace{E(A, Z)}_{n} - TS(A, Z)$$

$$M(A, Z) - Nm_n - Zm_p$$

(LDM, HFB, exp...)

$$p(A, Z) \propto \exp(-\beta \cdot F)$$



Structure of nuclei around ⁷⁸Ni will affect the path => EC rate

G. Grams, S. Giraud et al. PRC 97, 035807 (2018)

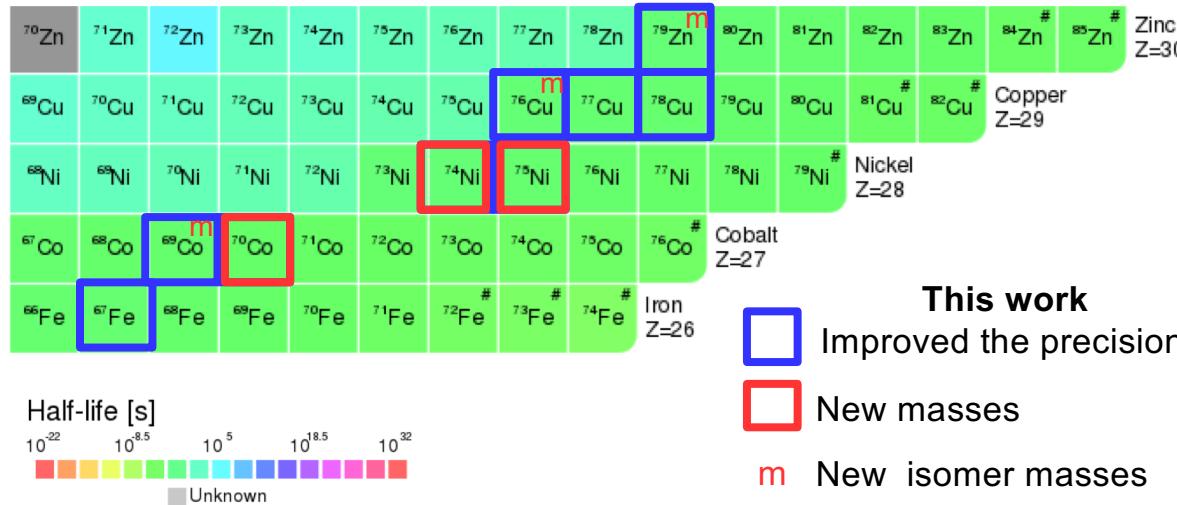
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New mass measurements around ^{78}Ni @ JYFL (Finland) :

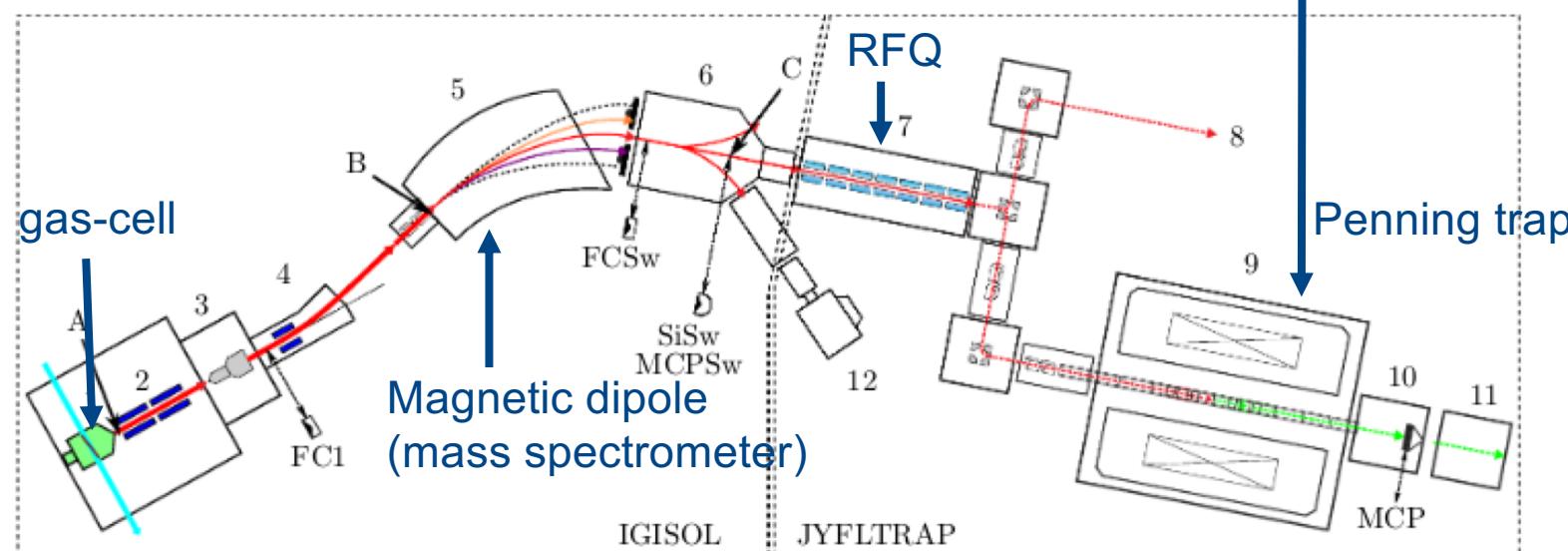
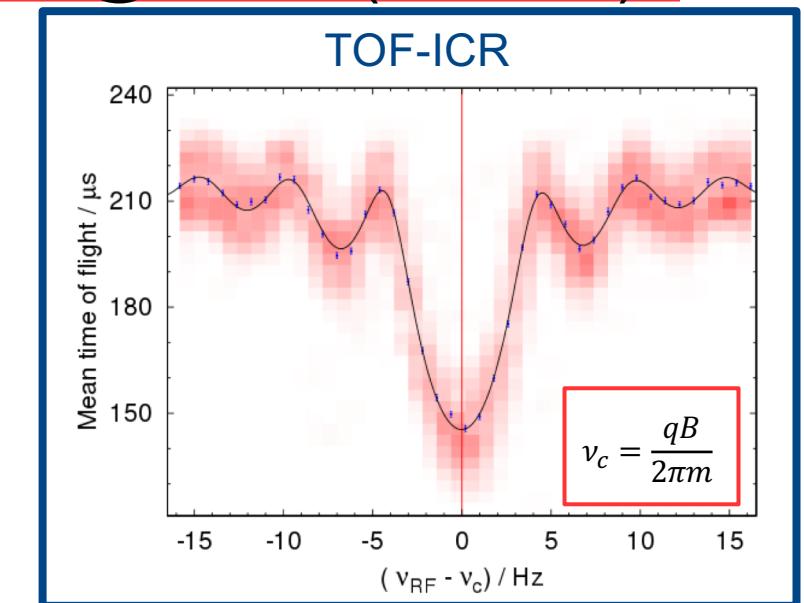


This work

Improved the precision

New masses

m New isomer masses



Summary

- Extensive mass measurements and decay studies are required**

 - r-process : along the path with some priorities (to be clarified)

 - Core-collapse : around ^{78}Ni and ^{126}Pd

- Study of specific contributions**

 - Fission rates and distribution (feedback)

 - Enhanced E1 strengths (impact in the gSF => photo-desintegration rate)

P. Adsley et al., Beta-delayed gamma emission (neutron-rich rare-earth nuclides)...

- Possible working strategy :**

 - Define list of key nuclei based on recent sensitivity studies.

“The impact of individual nuclear properties on r-process nucleosynthesis”

M.R. Mumpower et al. / Progress in Particle and Nuclear Physics 86 (2016) 86–126

Table 1

Important nuclei from sensitivity studies given criterion $F_{max} \geq 0.1$ for at least one astrophysical condition: (a) low entropy hot wind, (b) high entropy hot wind, (c) cold wind and (d) neutron star merger. Asterisk denotes F_{max} below threshold of 0.01. Dash denotes nucleus was not in the study.

Nucleus			β -decay (factor 10)				Neutron capture (factor 100)				Nuclear mass (+/- 500 keV FRDM2012)			
Z	N	A	F_{max}^a	F_{max}^b	F_{max}^c	F_{max}^d	F_{max}^a	F_{max}^b	F_{max}^c	F_{max}^d	F_{max}^a	F_{max}^b	F_{max}^c	F_{max}^d
30	49	79	*	0.03	0.08	*	*	0.08	0.20	*	—	—	—	—
30	52	82	*	0.03	0.03	*	*	*	0.22	*	*	*	*	*
30	53	83	*	*	*	*	*	0.06	0.11	*	*	*	*	*
30	54	84	0.46	0.40	0.05	*	*	*	0.80	*	*	*	*	*
30	55	85	*	*	0.02	*	*	0.29	0.03	*	*	*	*	*

- $T_{1/2}$: progenitor abundances, Process speed
- β -delayed neutron emission branching : final abundances

Influential in the cold and merger cases (when photodissociation becomes negligible.)

Location of the path

- Discussion / validation during a specific workshop (atelier théorie CEA...) and synergy experiment-theory.