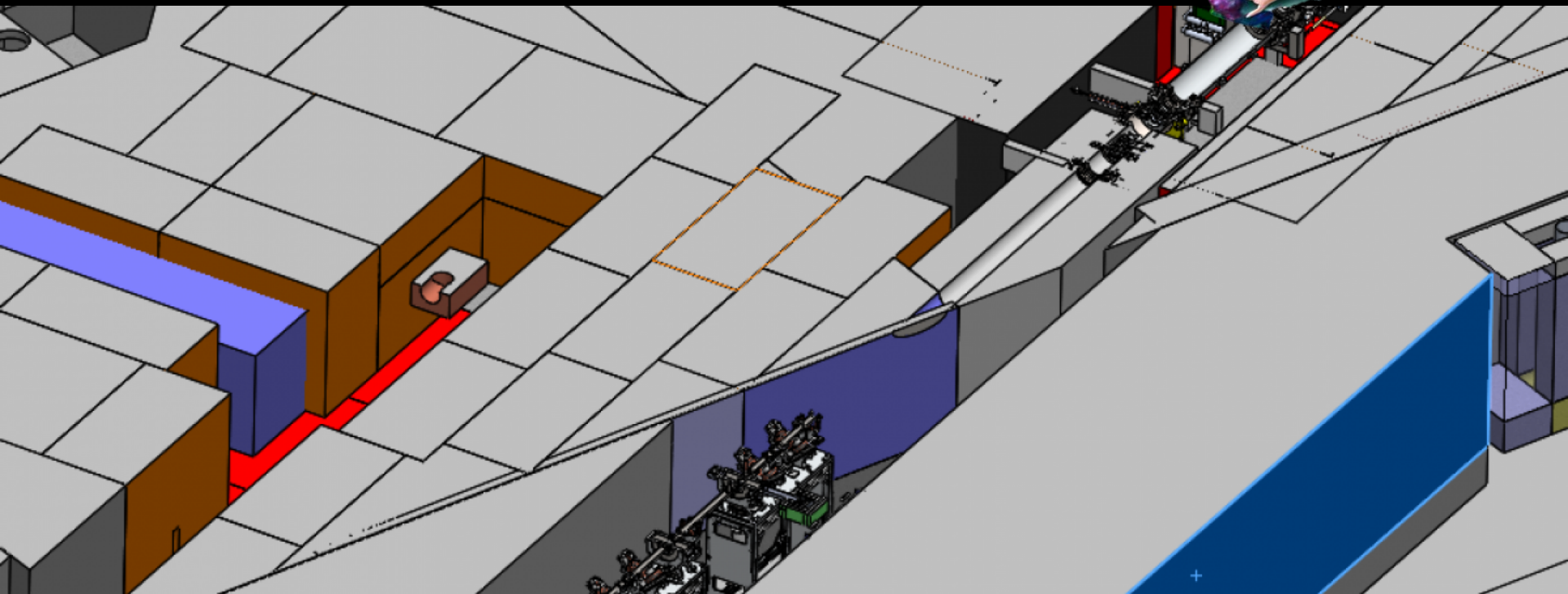


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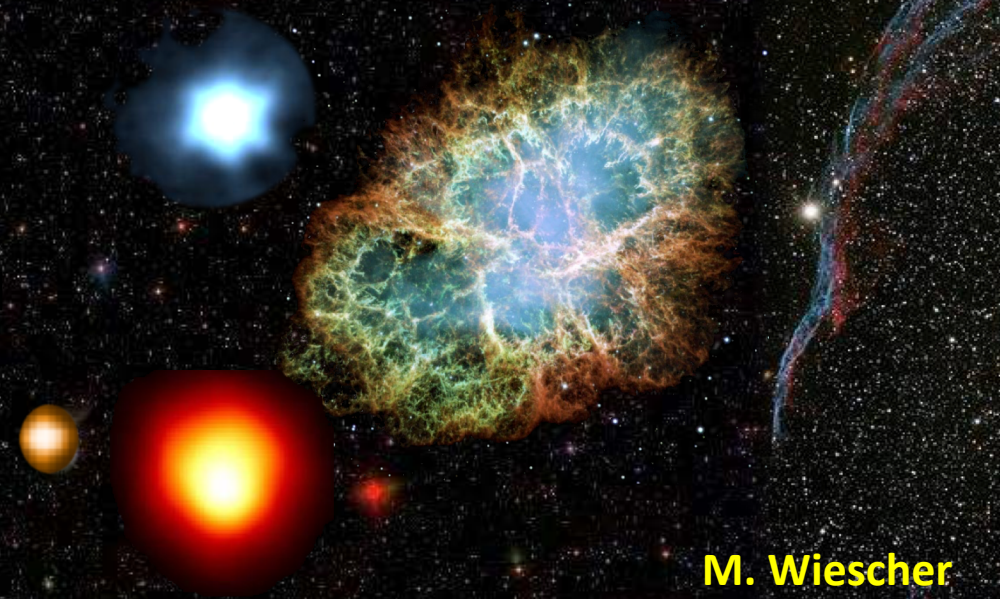
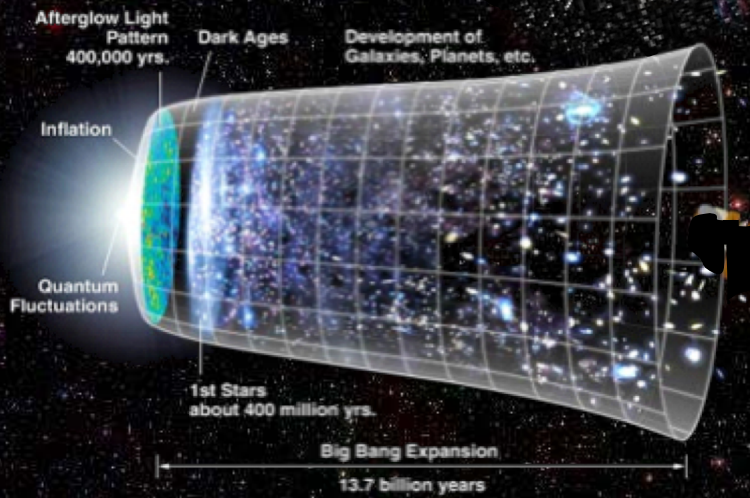




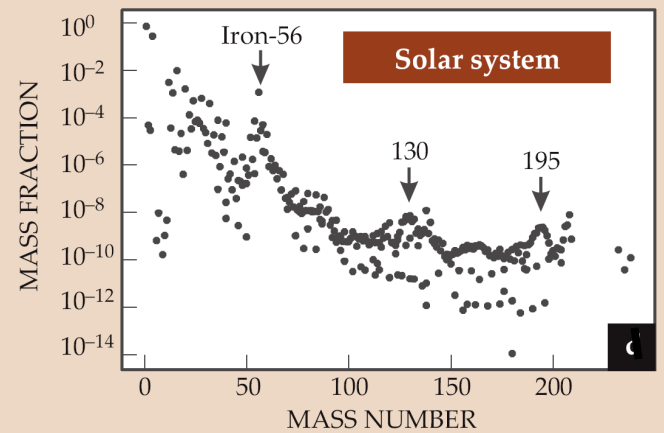
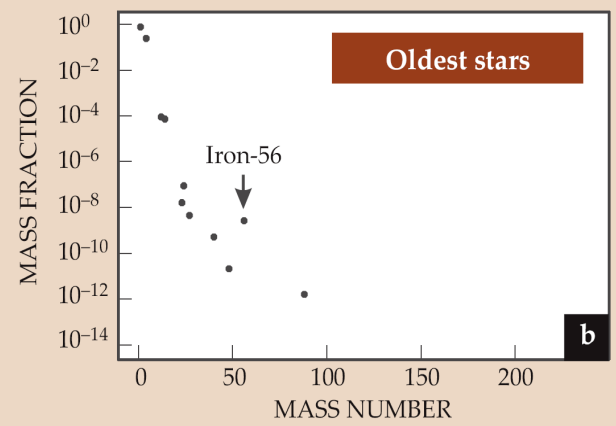
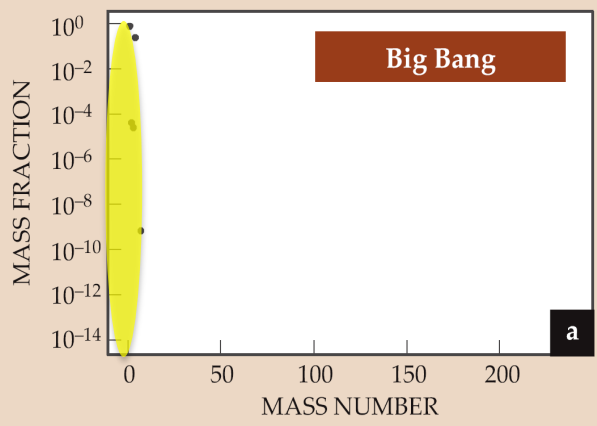
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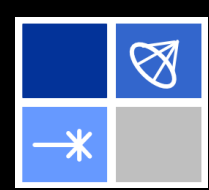
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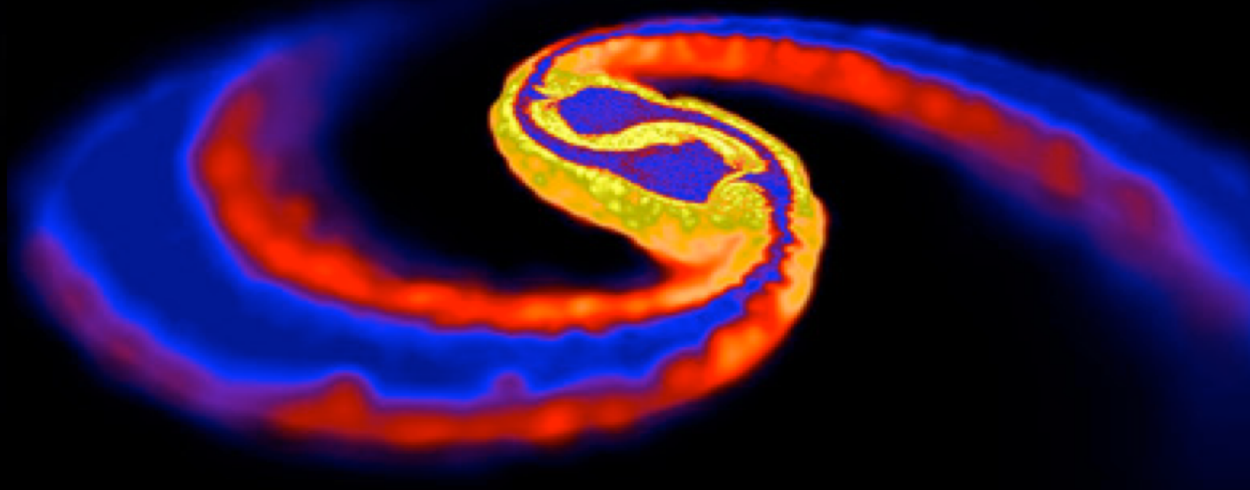
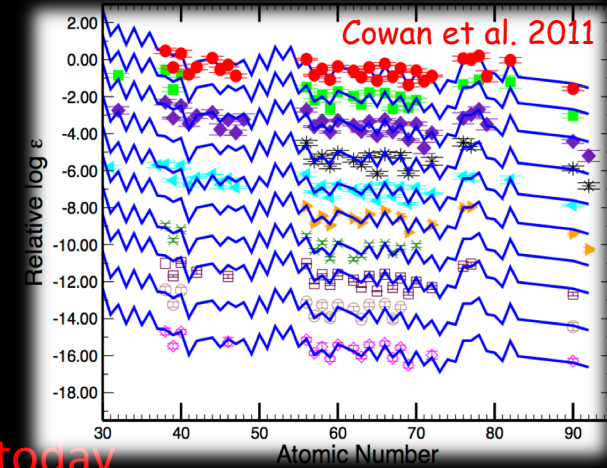




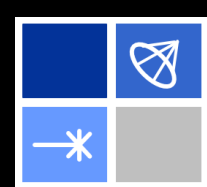
# Explosive r-process

Origin of more than 50% of all the elements beyond iron

Site of r-process is still one of open challenges in all of physics today



Temperature, density as a function of time, initial compositions, neutrons



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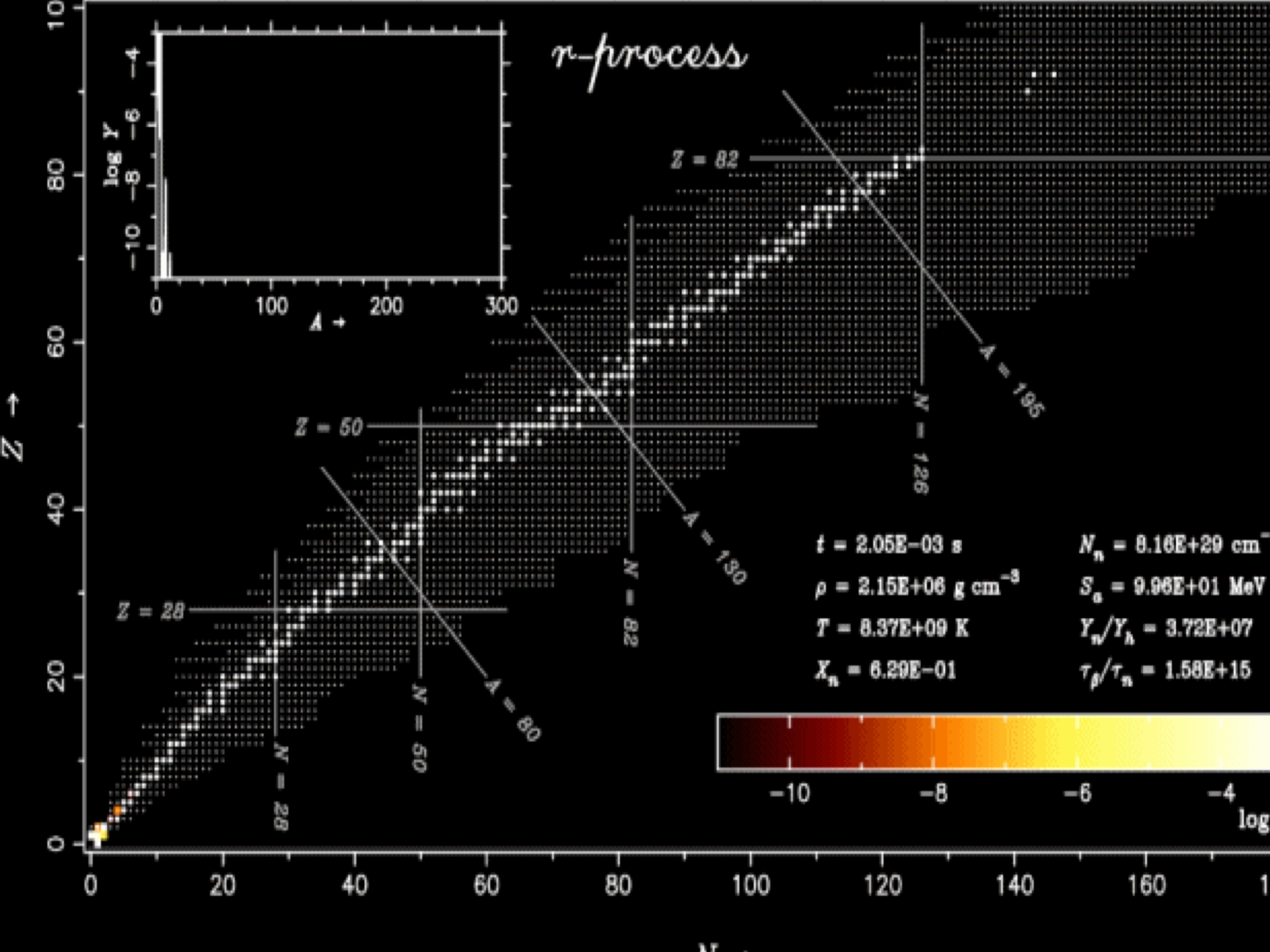
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# Colliding Neutron Stars

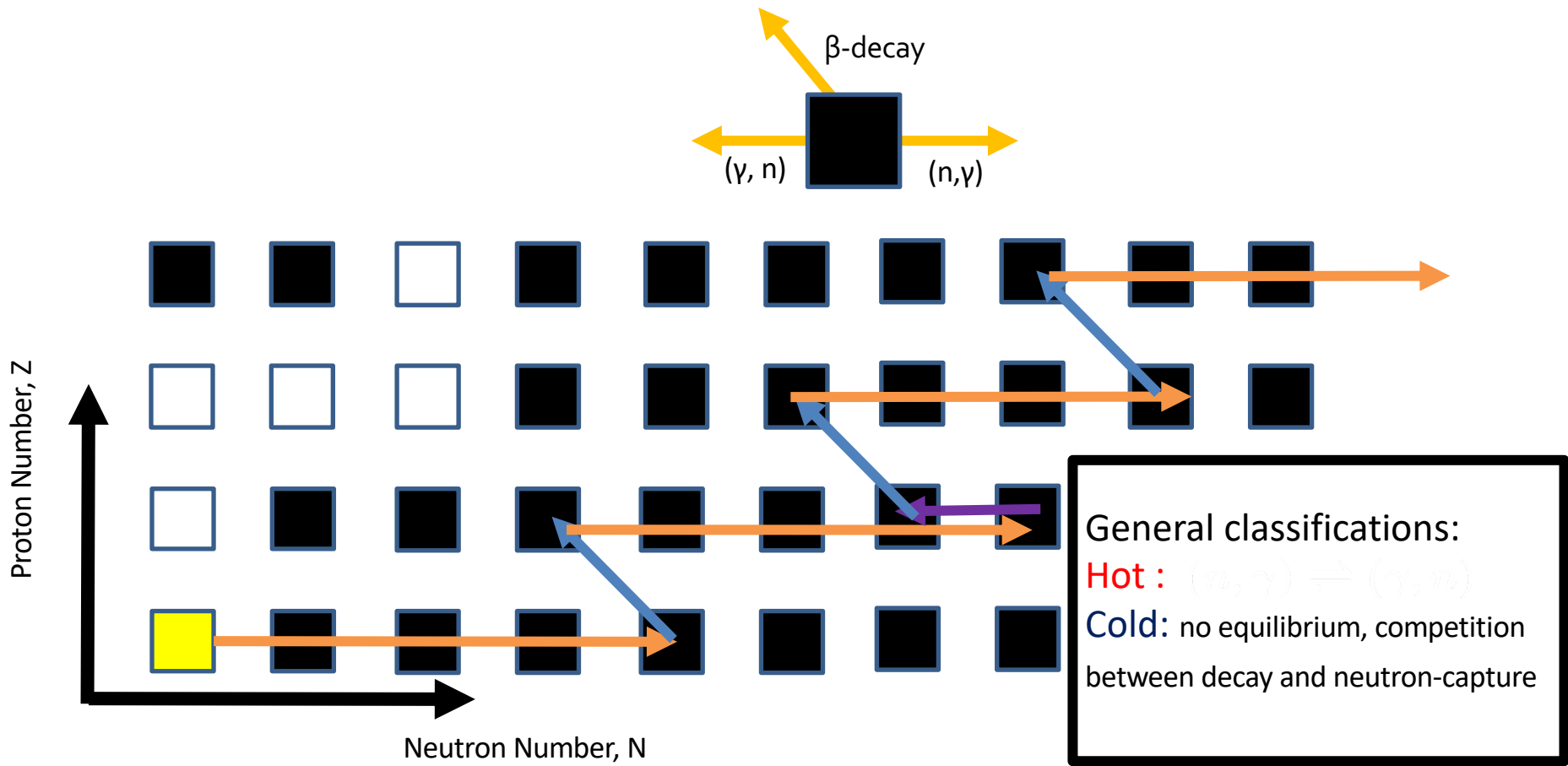
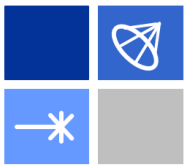
## Origin of Gold



# Nuclear Physics and r-process?



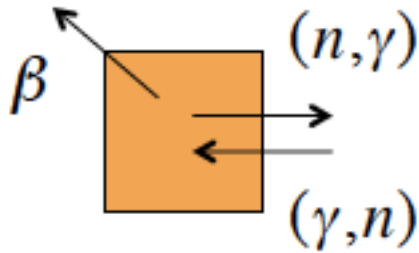




# What are the Nuclear Physics Challenges?

## Nuclear Structure

### Major Shells and evolution of shells...



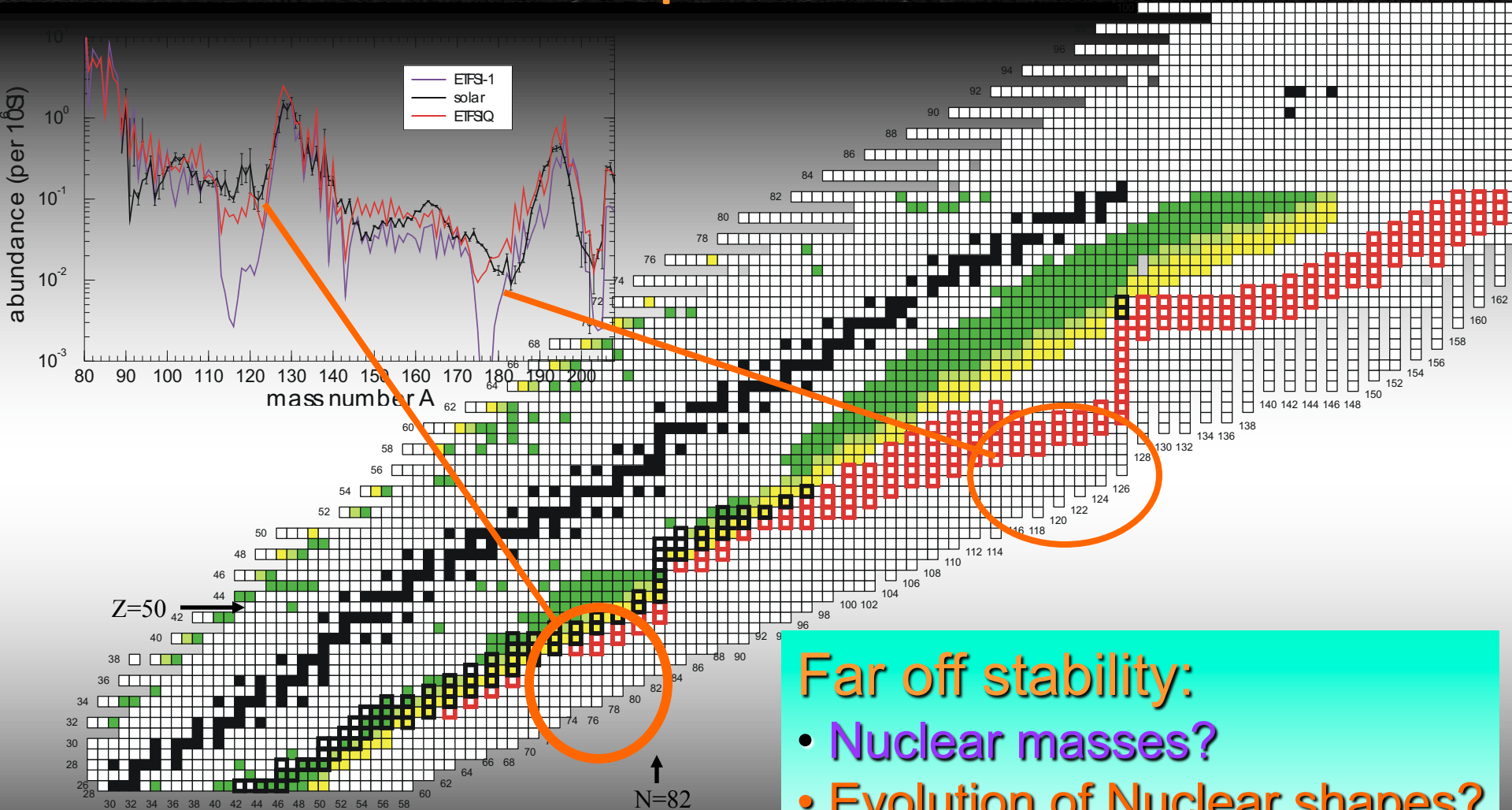
## R-process Sensitivity Studies

Mumpower, Surman, McLaughlin, Aprahamian, et al.

Nuclear masses  
 $\beta$ -decay rates  
 n- capture  
 $\beta$ -delayed n-emission

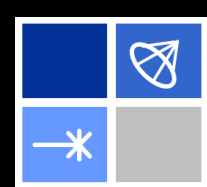
Onset of deformation

# r-process



Far off stability:

- Nuclear masses?
  - Evolution of Nuclear shapes?
- Onset of deformation

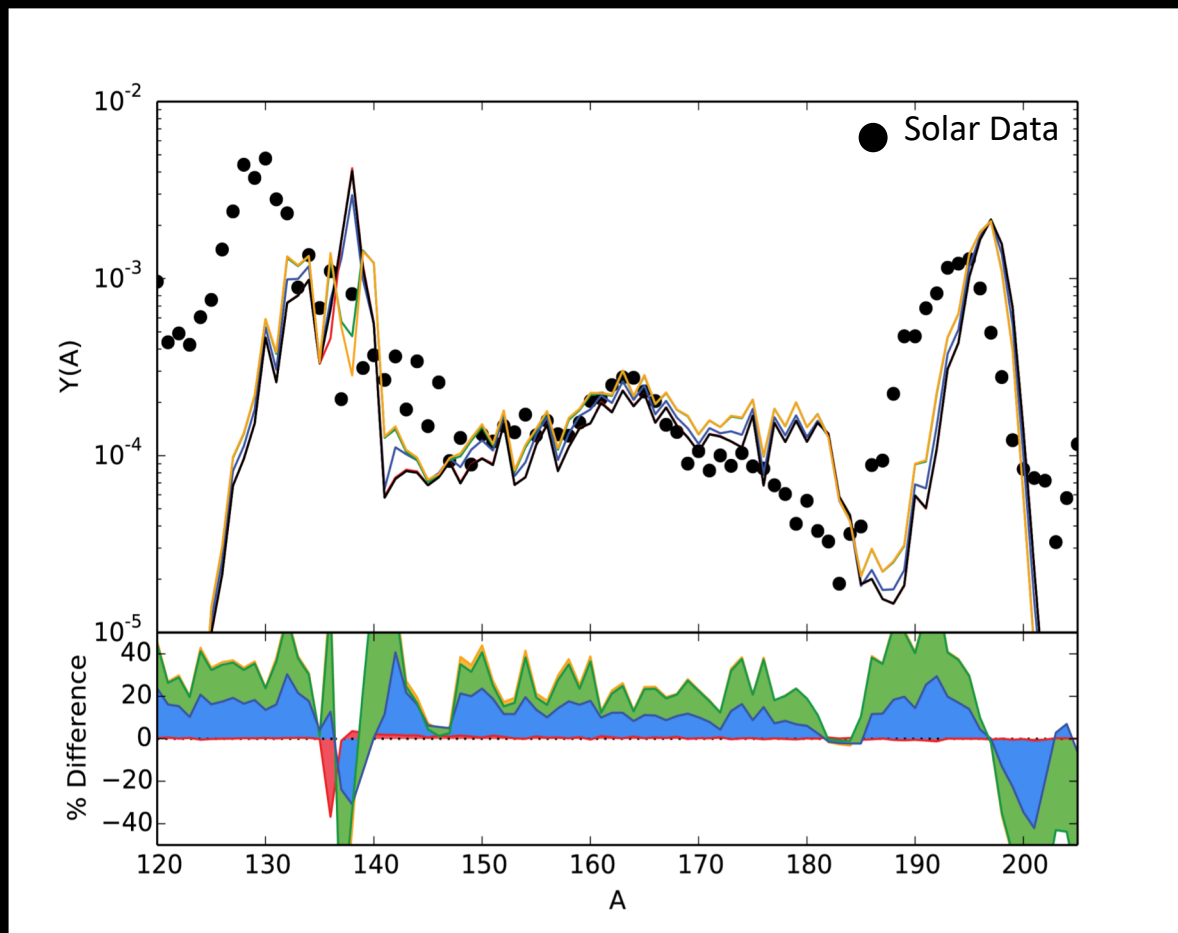
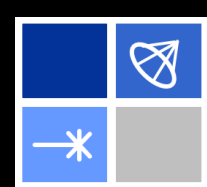


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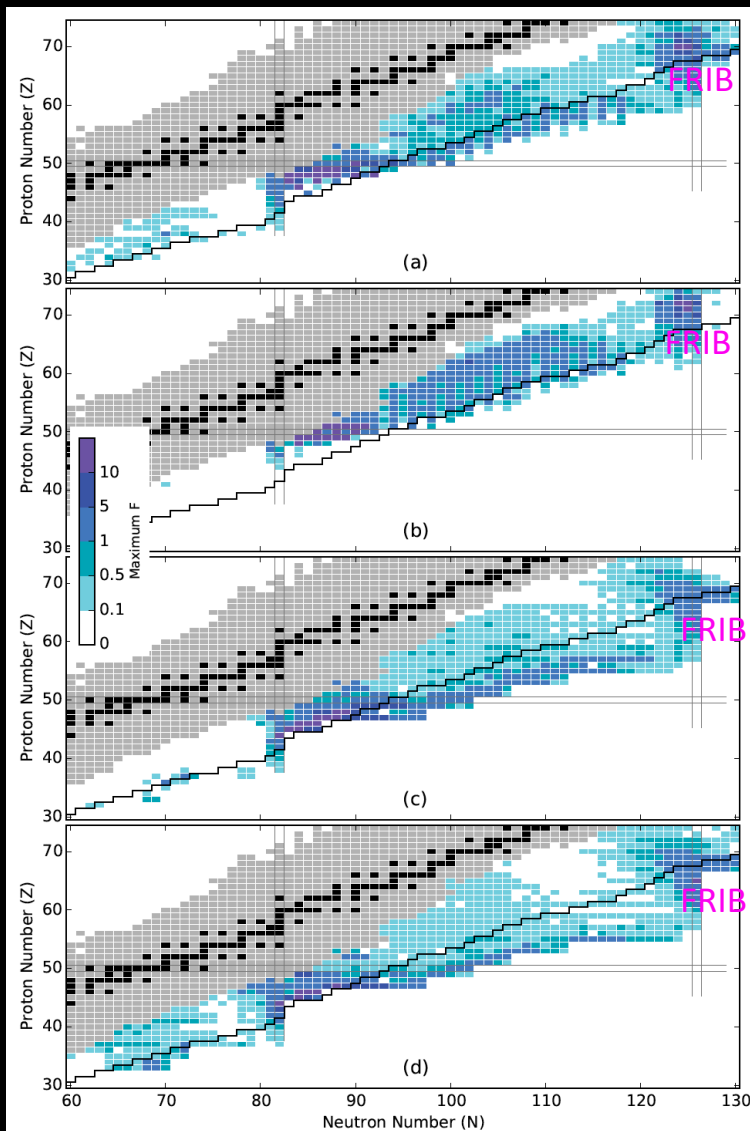
- How do you decide which nuclei to measure
- What is the required precision?

Courtesy of N. Vassh



*Over an order of magnitude difference in the  $Y(A)$  for 0.5MeV addition in mass of 140-Sn!*

Mumpower, Surman, Fang, Beard, Moller, Kawano, Aprahamian, Phys. Rev. C 92, 035807, 2015



Low entropy hot wind

High entropy hot wind

Cold wind

Neutron Star Merger



Each sensitivity study has prompted JINA-CEE collaborations

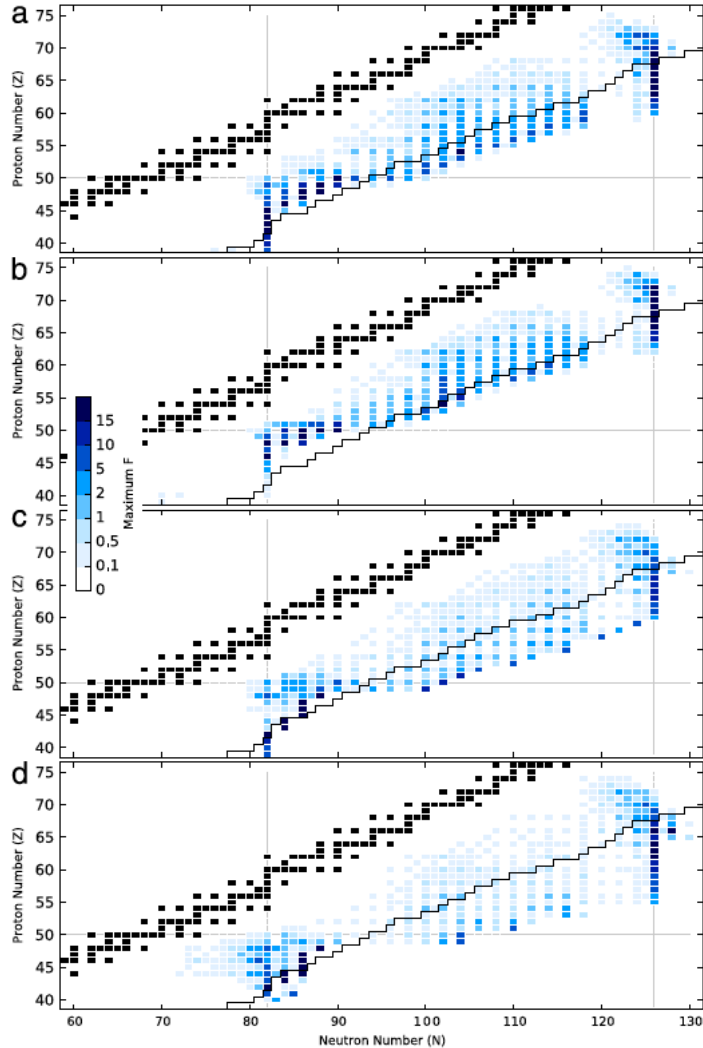
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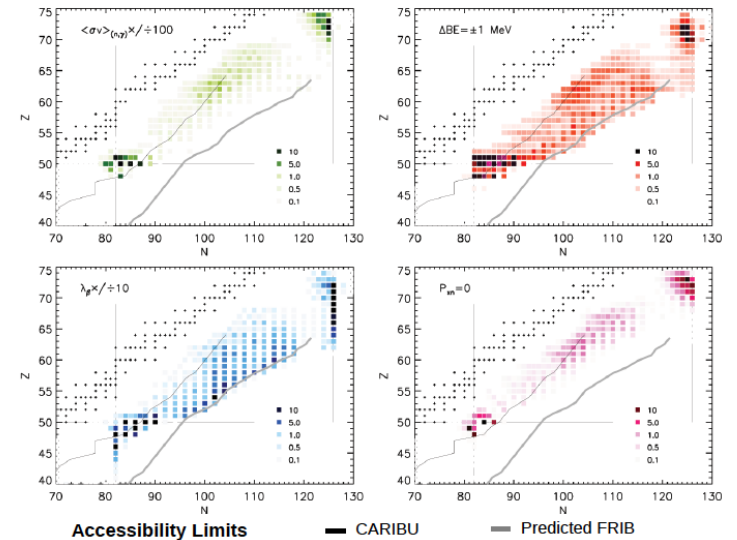
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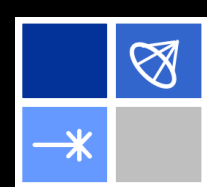
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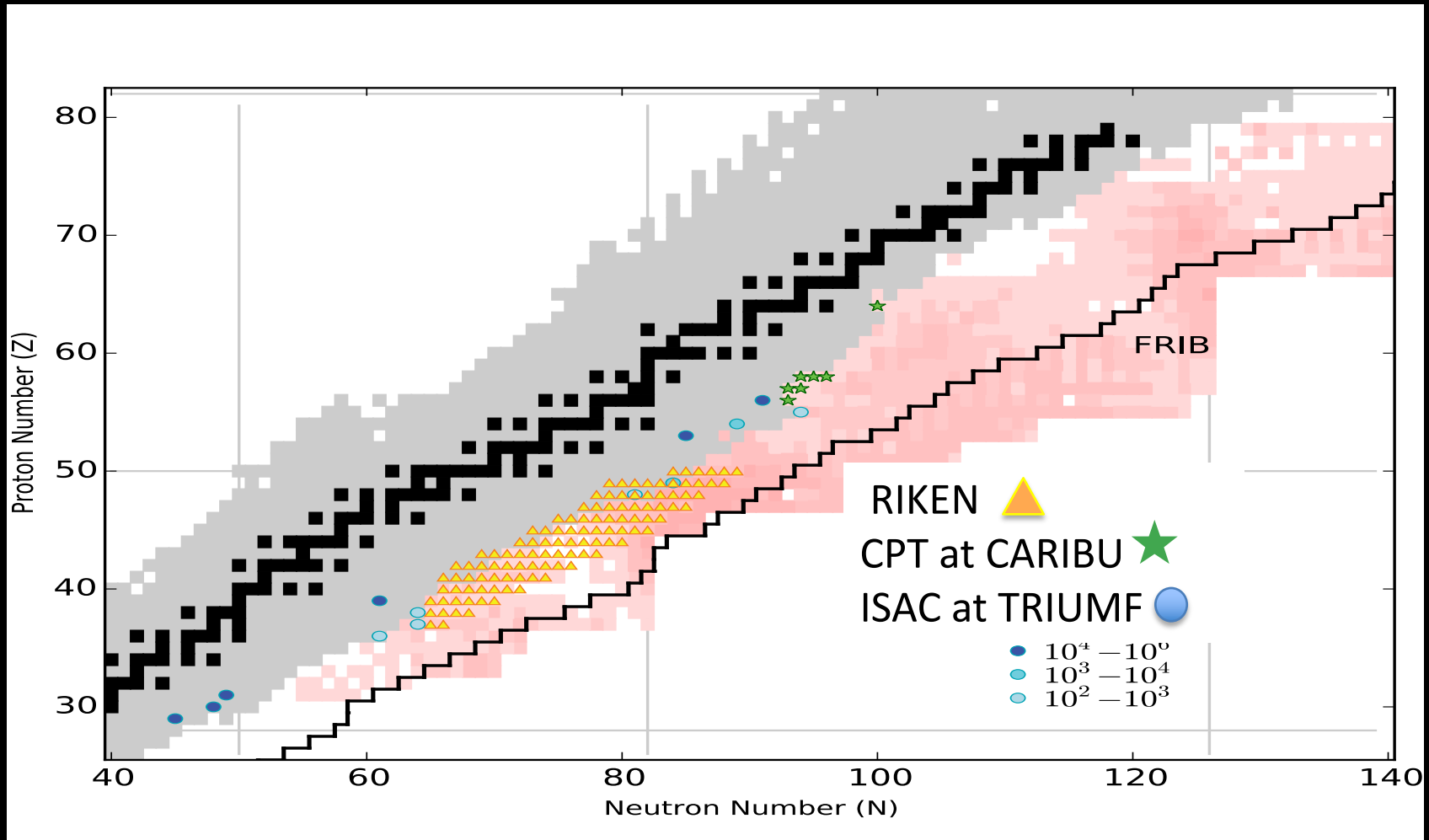


### Wind r-Process Sensitivity Study Results



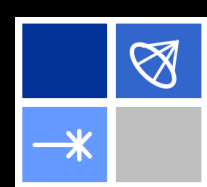


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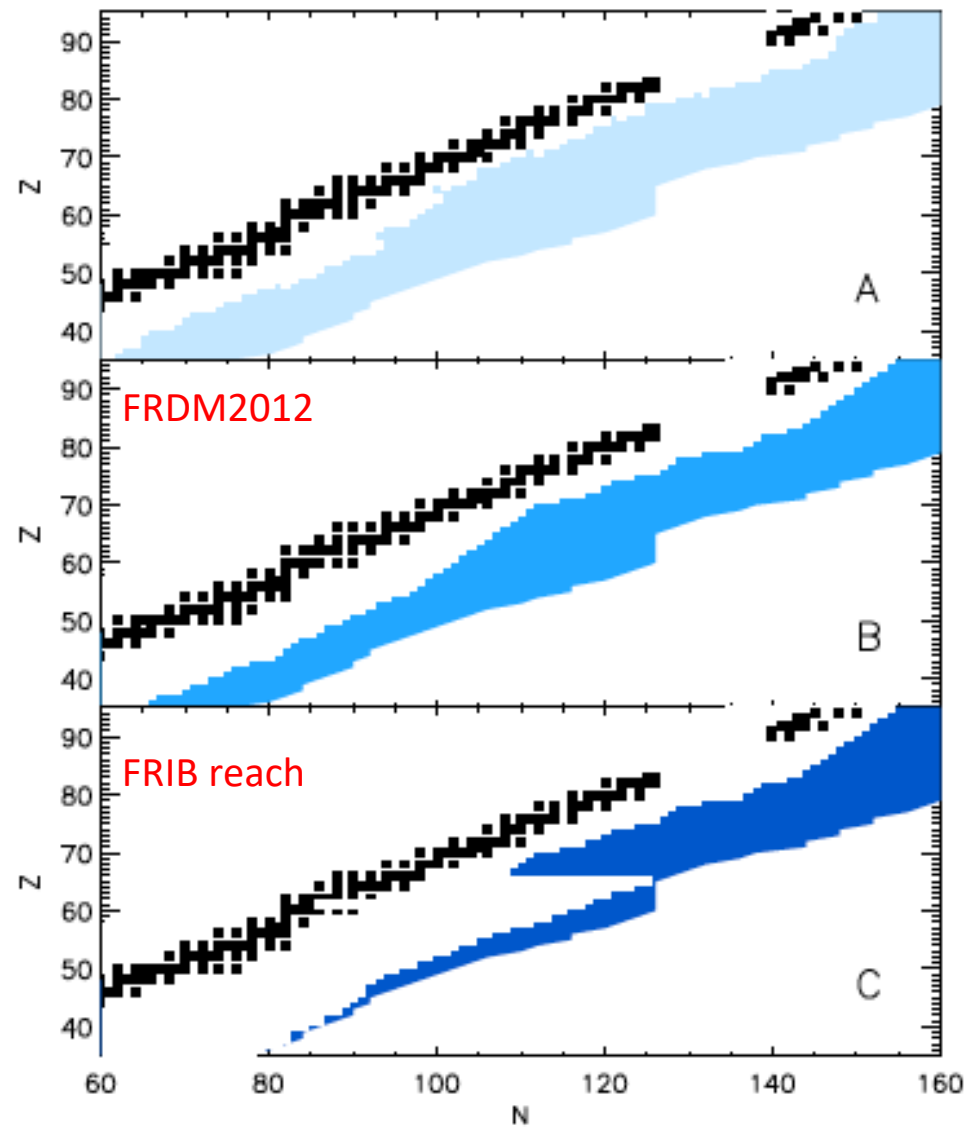
Experimental reach for the present and future...



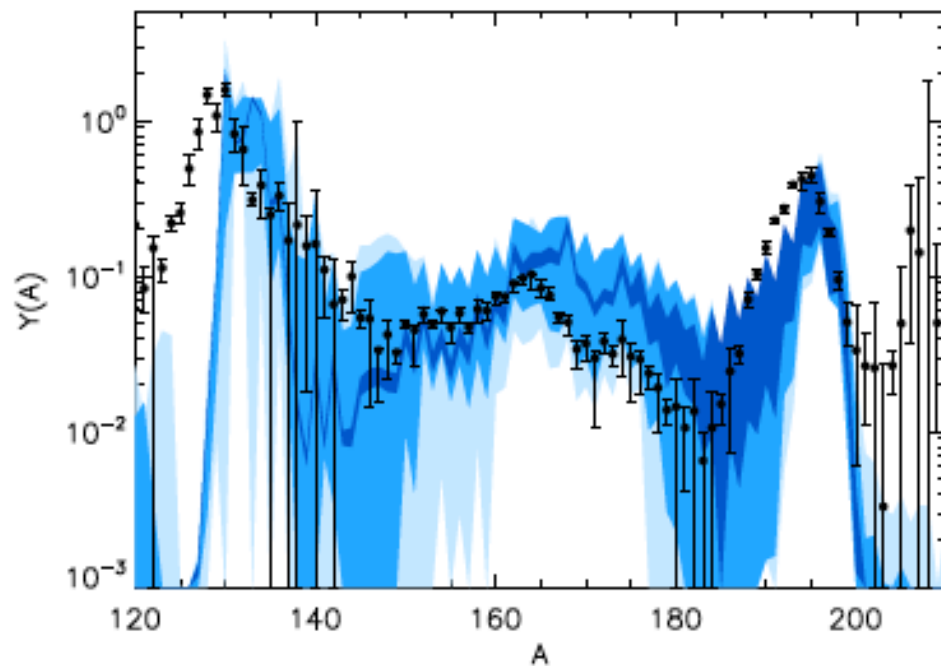


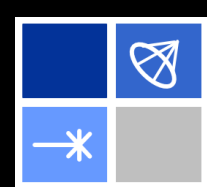
# Improvements that can be realized with new experiments ...

Extrapolated AME2012 + FRDM2012

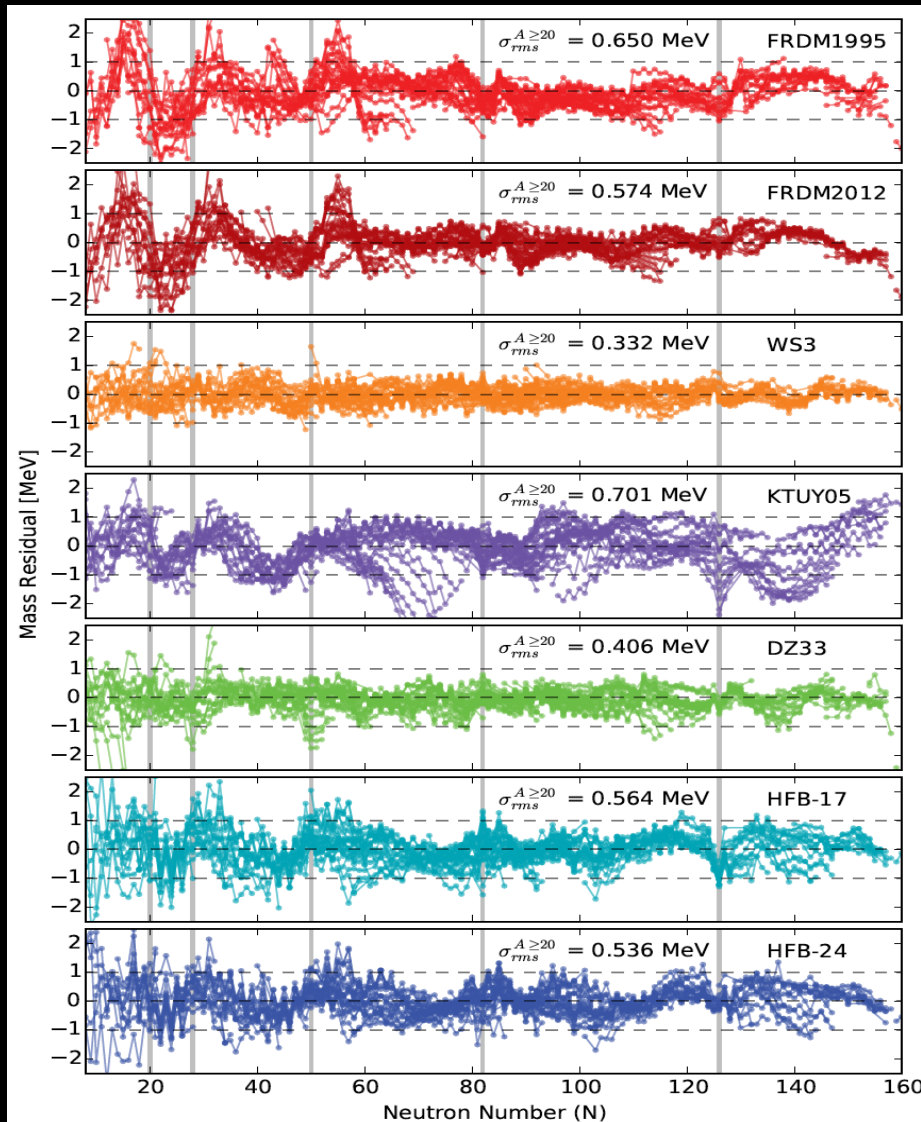


Surman, Mumpower, Aprahamian, Mazurian Lakes, 2015



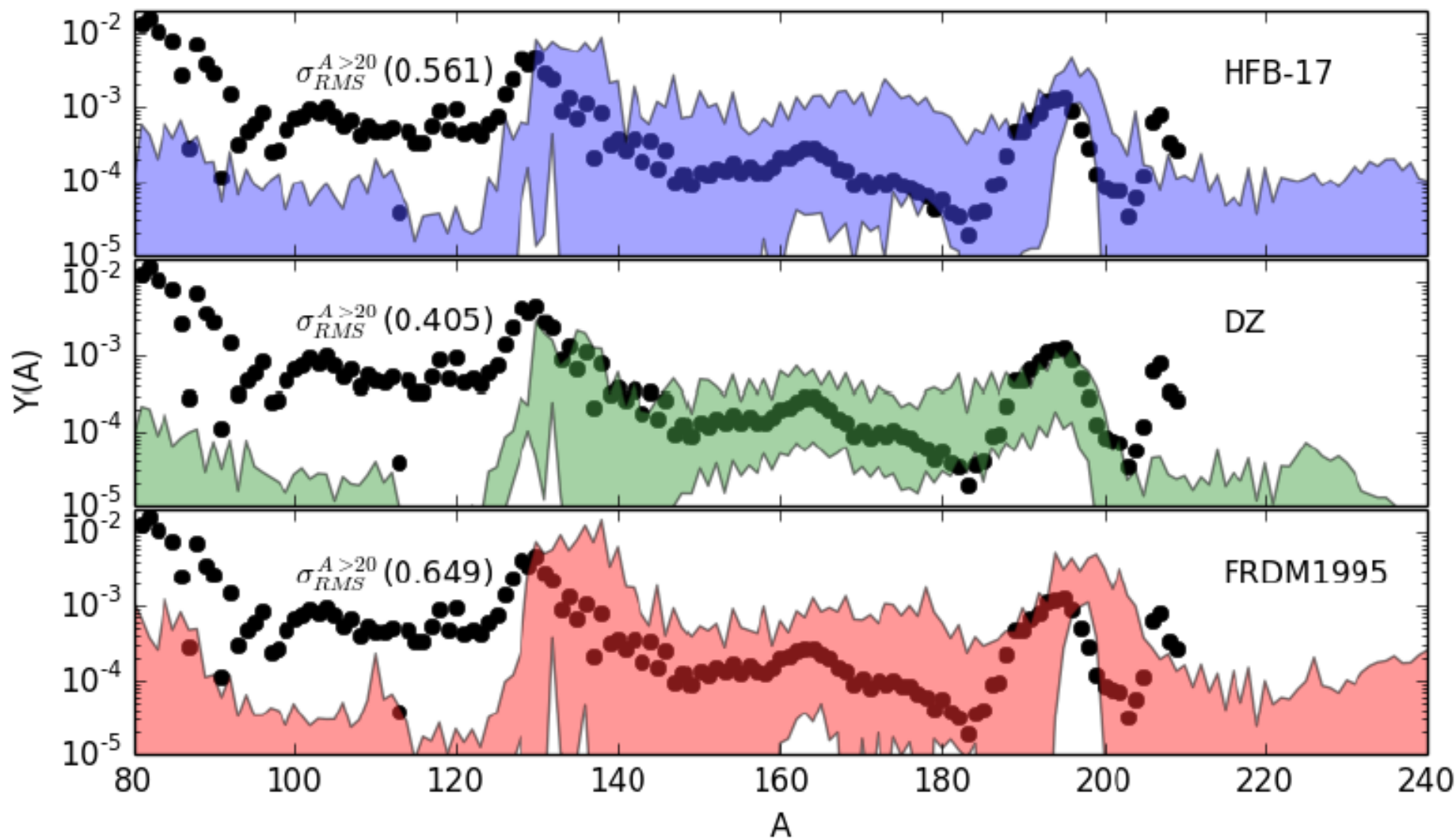


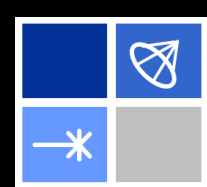
# What is the required precision?



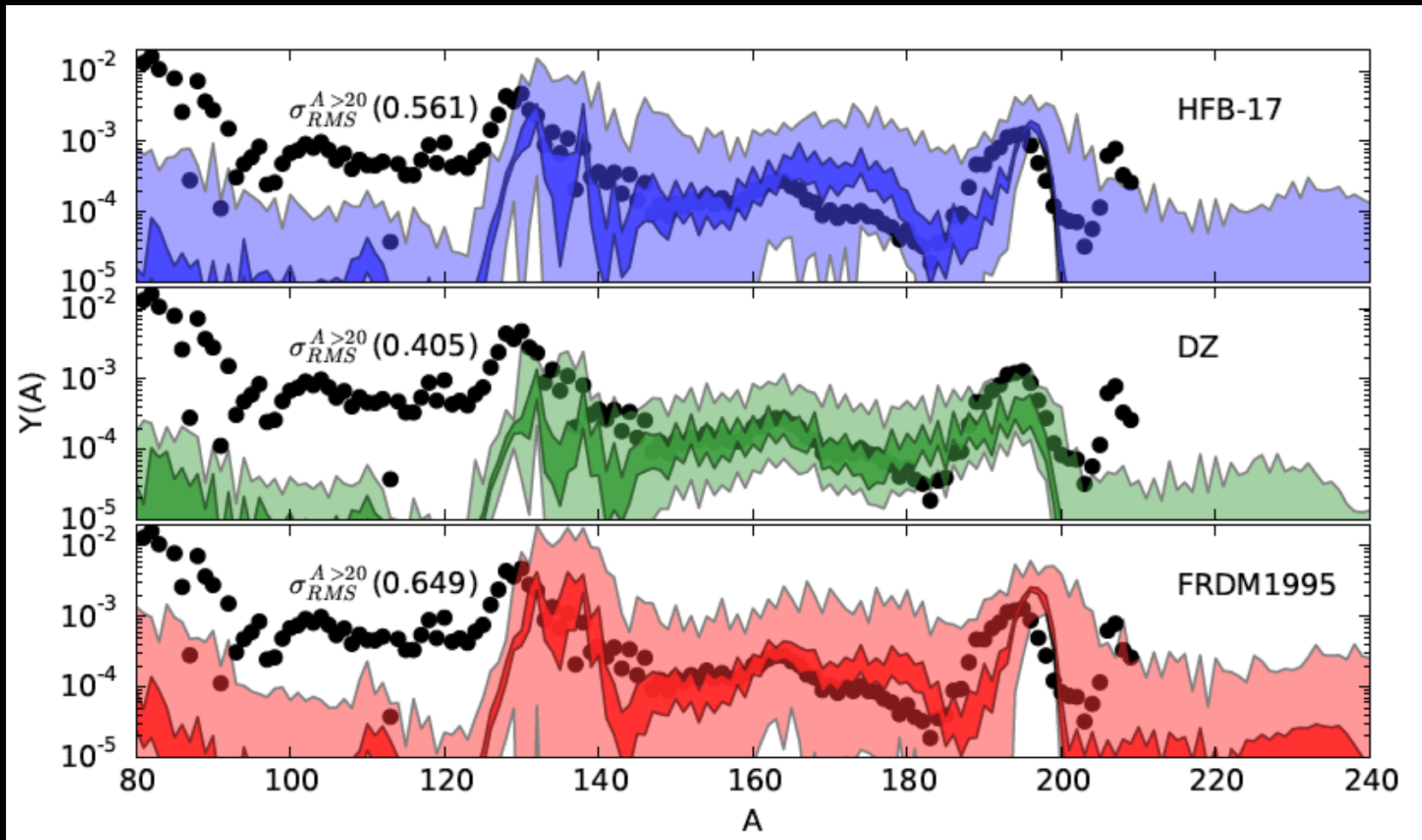
$\Delta BE = \pm 0.5 \text{ MeV}$

# Global Uncorrelated Mass Model Uncertainties

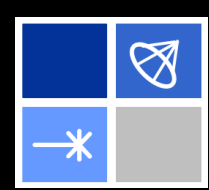




# Hot r-process trajectory rms error reduced to 100 keV







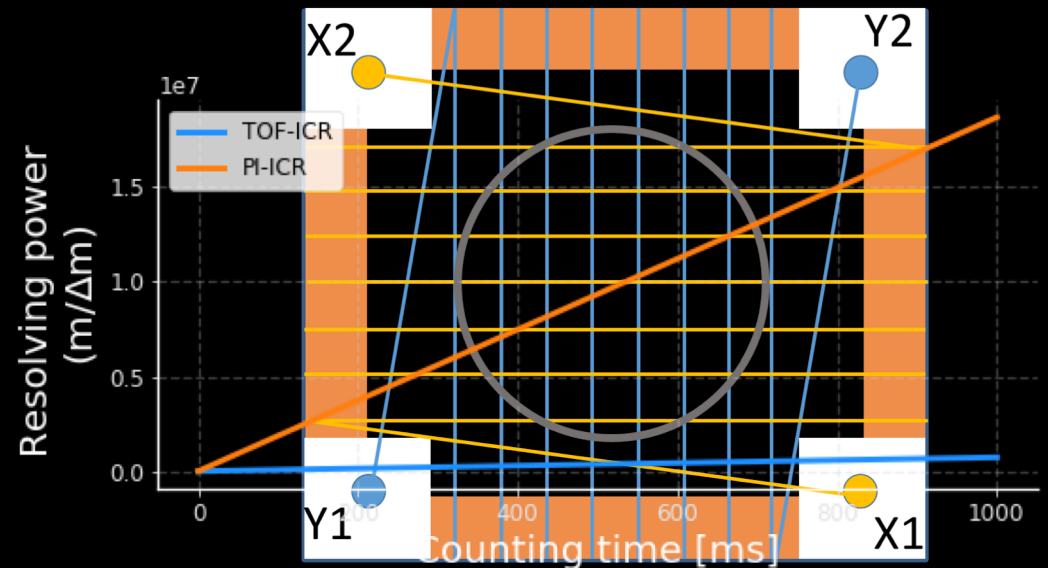
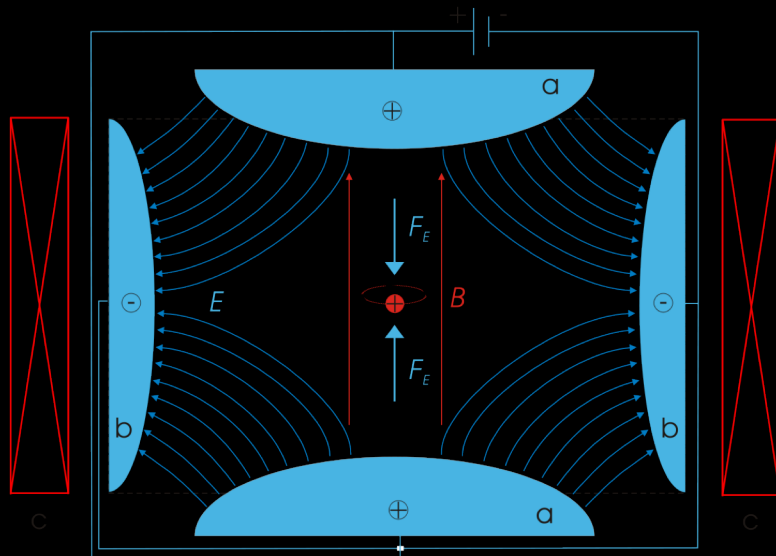
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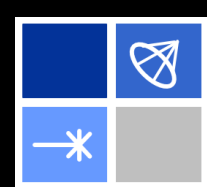


- Strong magnetic field provides **radial** confinement
- Addition of hyperbolic electric potentials produce **axial** confinement
- TOF-ICR Method was standard

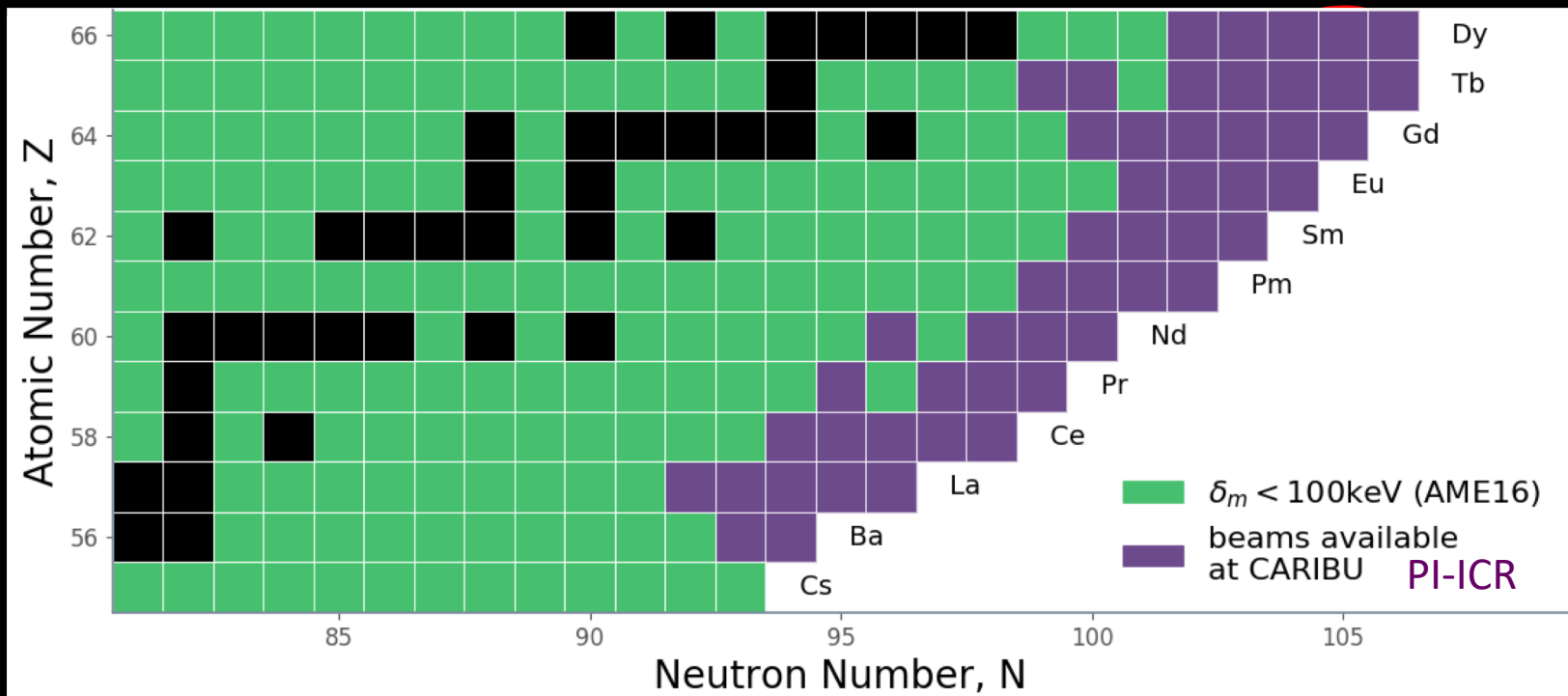
## Phase-imaging mass measurements

Use a position-sensitive MCP with delay-line anode to measure the position of ions when they hit the MCP.

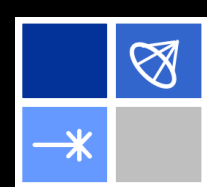




## Known masses in the rare-earth region



Fission from  $^{235}\text{U}$  --- Finland - TOF-ICR  
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# TOF-ICR: JyFLTRAP

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## Precision mass measurements on neutron-rich rare-earth isotopes at JYFLTRAP - reduced neutron pairing and implications for the $r$ -process calculations

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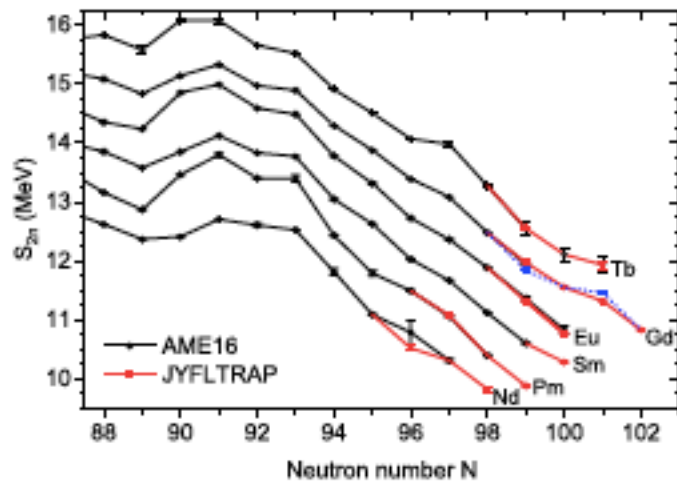


FIG. 2: (Color online) Two-neutron separation energies  $S_{2n}$  from this work (red) together with the experimental (solid black circles) values and an extrapolated value for  $^{165}\text{Tb}$  (open black circle) from AME16 [62]. The dashed blue lines indicate the values assuming the ground state of  $^{163}\text{Gd}$  was measured in this work.

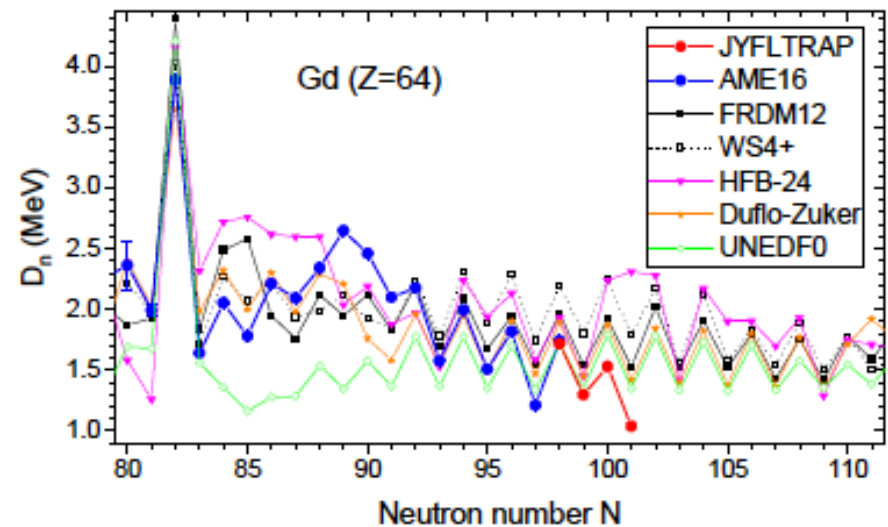
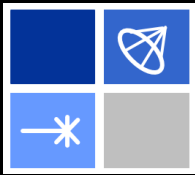


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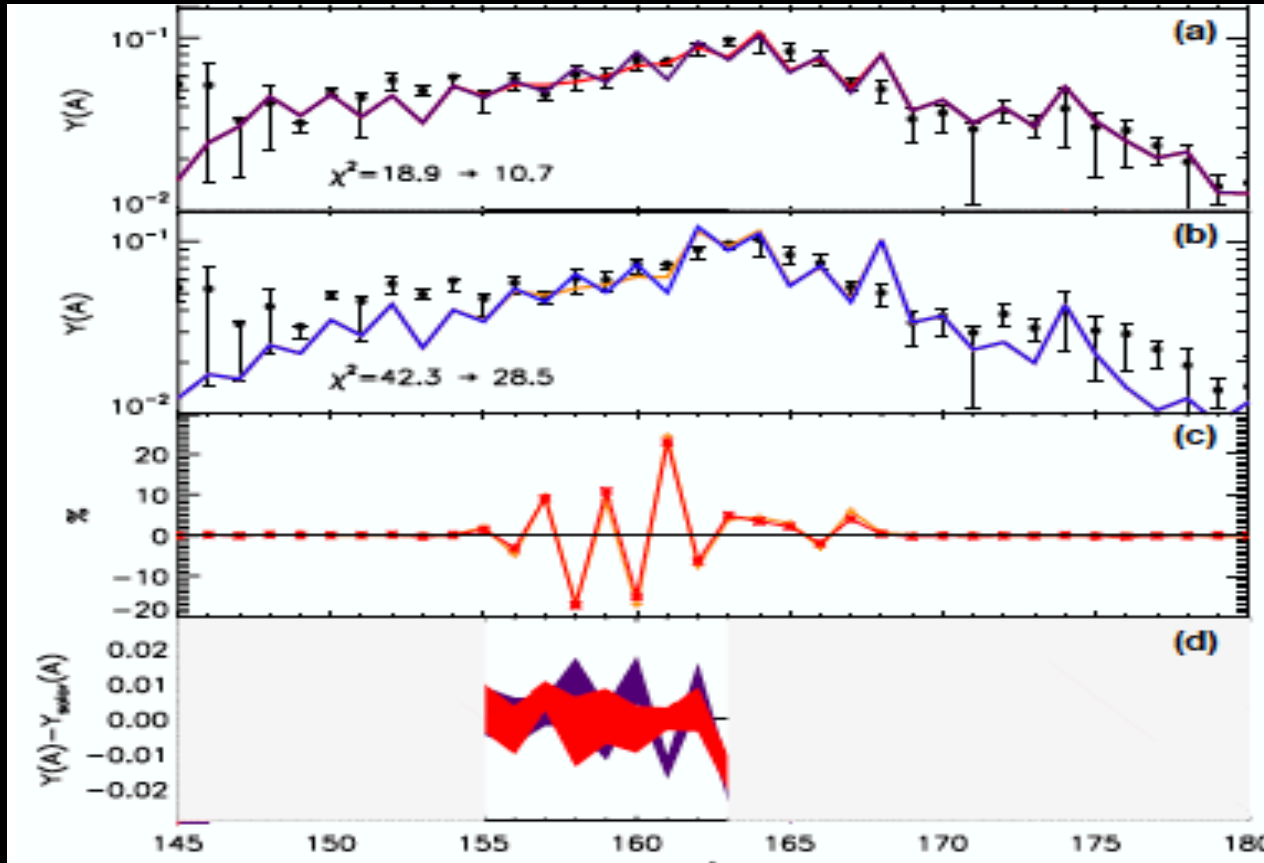
**No N=100 subshell closure**



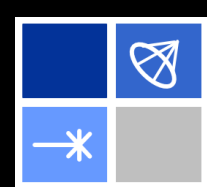


Fission recycling

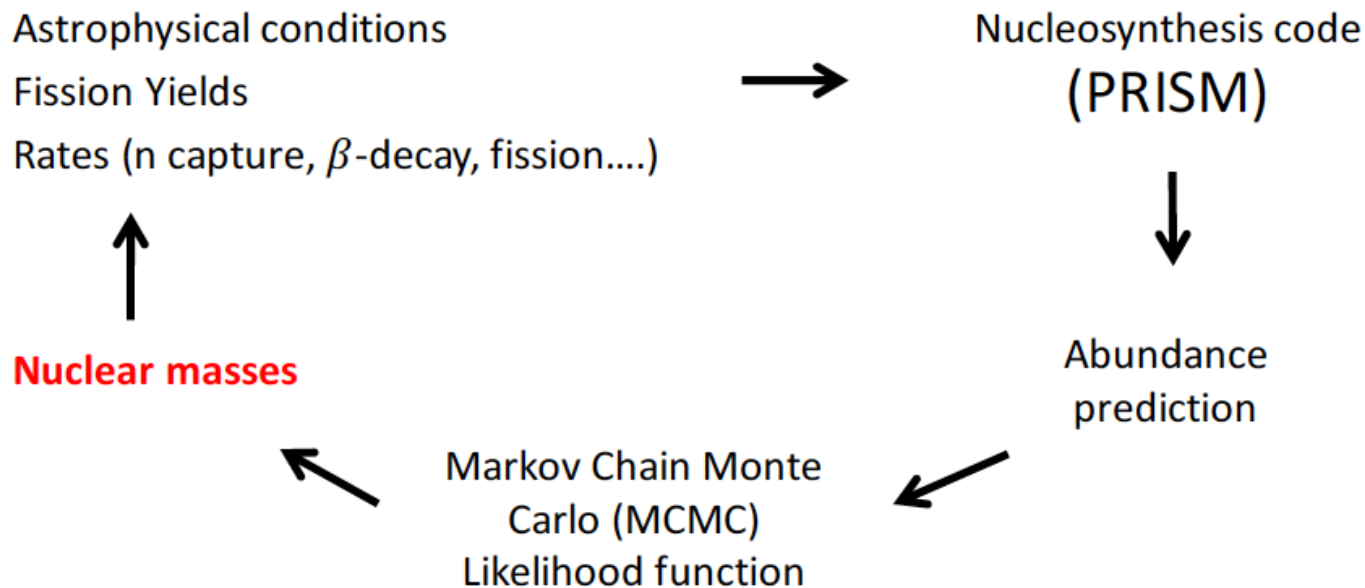
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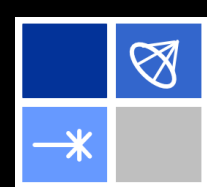
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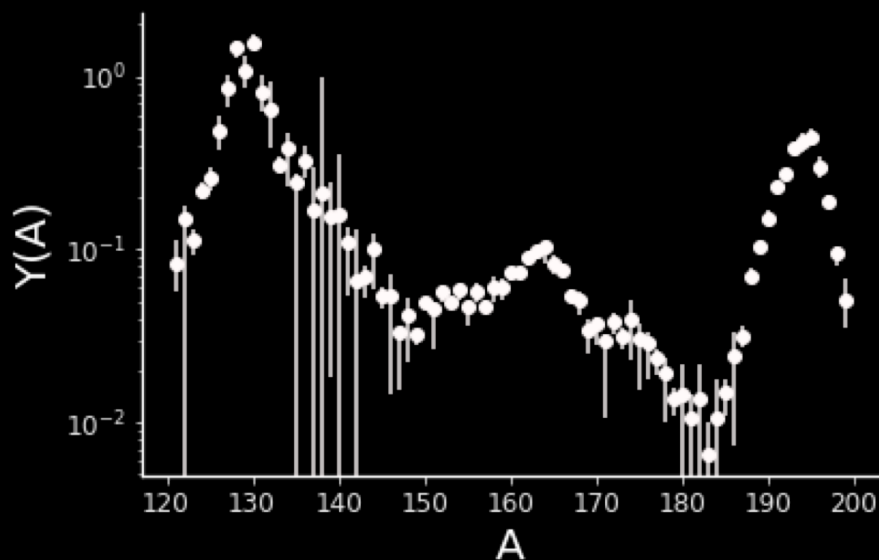
## Reverse Engineering r-process calculation



Mumpower, McLaughlin, Surman, and Steiner  
J. Phys. G: Nucl. Part. Phys. 44, 034003 (2017)

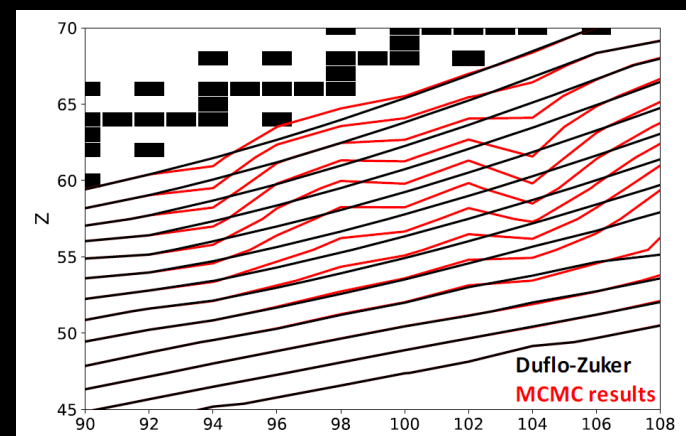


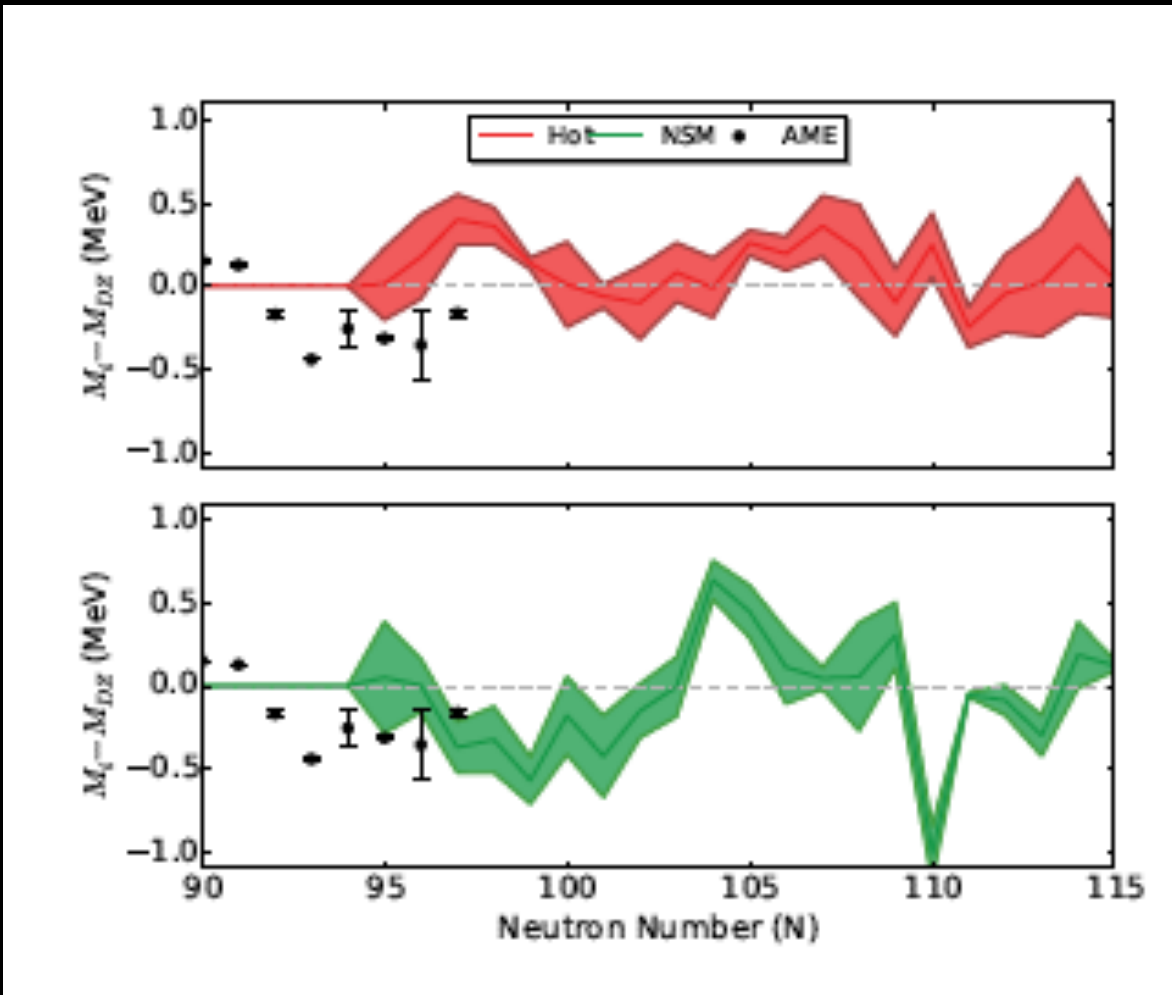
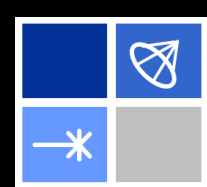
# The rare-earth peak



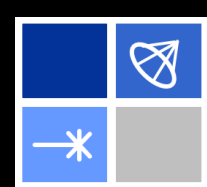
**N=82-126**

- Two proposed ways to form the rare-earth peak
  1. Dynamical formation during freeze-out
  2. Fission cycling
- Dynamical formalism needs some nuclear structure effect where material can “pile up” as they decay towards stability.





Mumpower, McLaughlin, Surman, and Steiner, *Astrophysical Journal*, 833:282, 2016



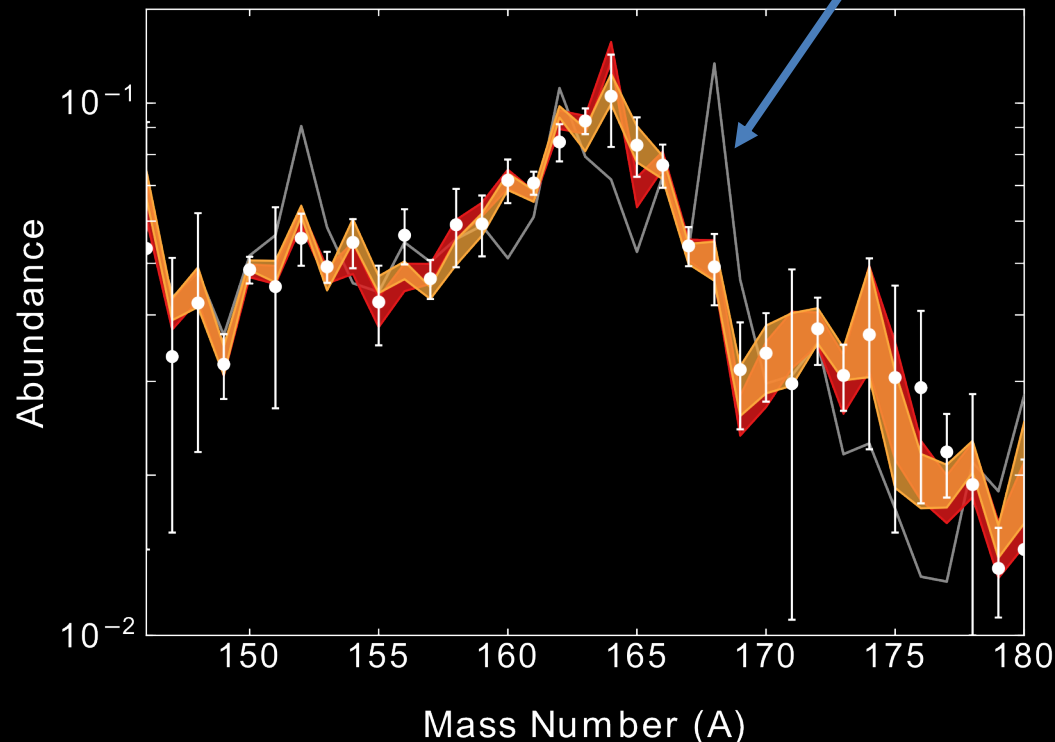
# Results

Duflo Zuker mass model prediction

- Considered a hot *r* process environment that you may find in the accretion disk of neutron star merger scenario

$$\chi^2 \sim 20$$

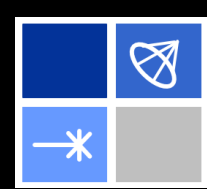
- Comparing predicted masses to measurements allows us to say something about the astrophysical environment.



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## Precision Mass Measurements of Neutron-Rich Neodymium and Samarium Isotopes and Their Role in Understanding Rare-Earth Peak Formation

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### Merger accretion disk wind scenario

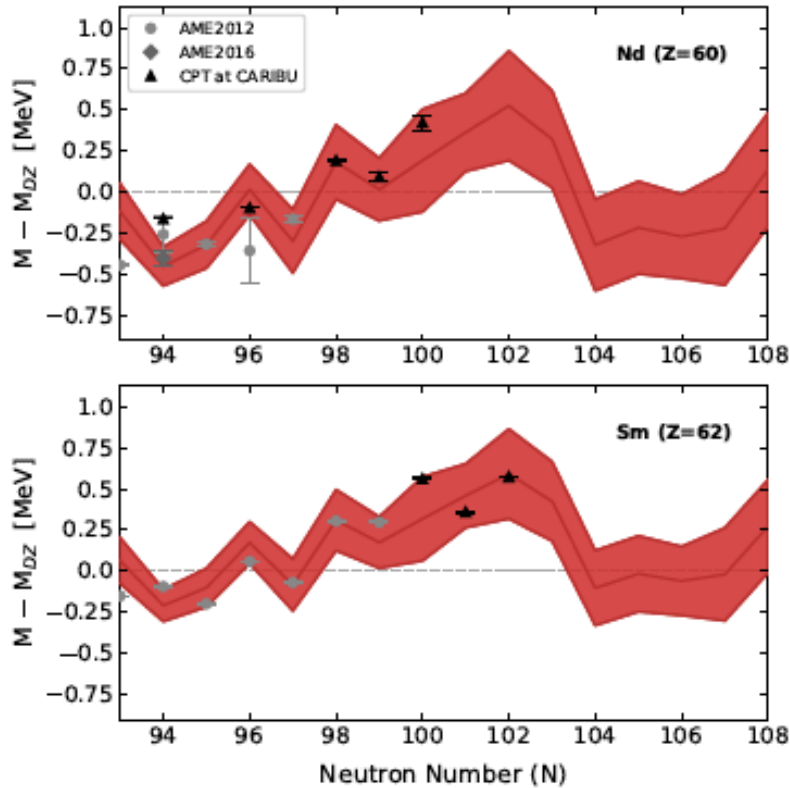


FIG. 2. (Color online) Comparison between experimental values and theoretical predictions (red band) of the nuclear masses relative to the Duflo-Zuker mass model for neodymium and samarium isotopes in a merger accretion disk wind scenario ( $s/k_B = 30$ ,  $\tau = 70$  ms, and  $Y_c = 0.2$ ).

### Varying thermodynamics has little effect

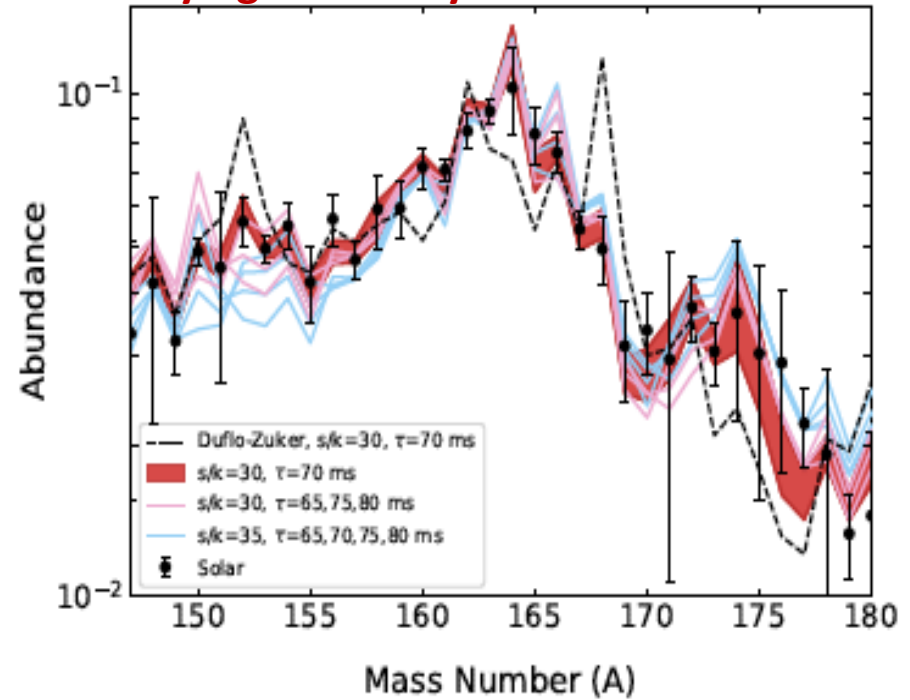
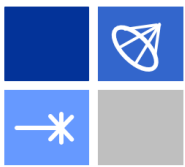


FIG. 3. (Color online) Rare-earth peak abundances using Duflo-Zuker masses (black dashed) as compared to the result for this same astrophysical trajectory after the algorithm finds the mass predictions of Fig. 2 (solid red band). Pink and blue curves serve to show the change in the abundance pattern obtained from using other disk wind parameters but with the same mass surface.



## Conclusions: Are neutron mergers the answer to the big question?

Comprehensive sensitivity studies of the *r*-process to individual nuclear properties

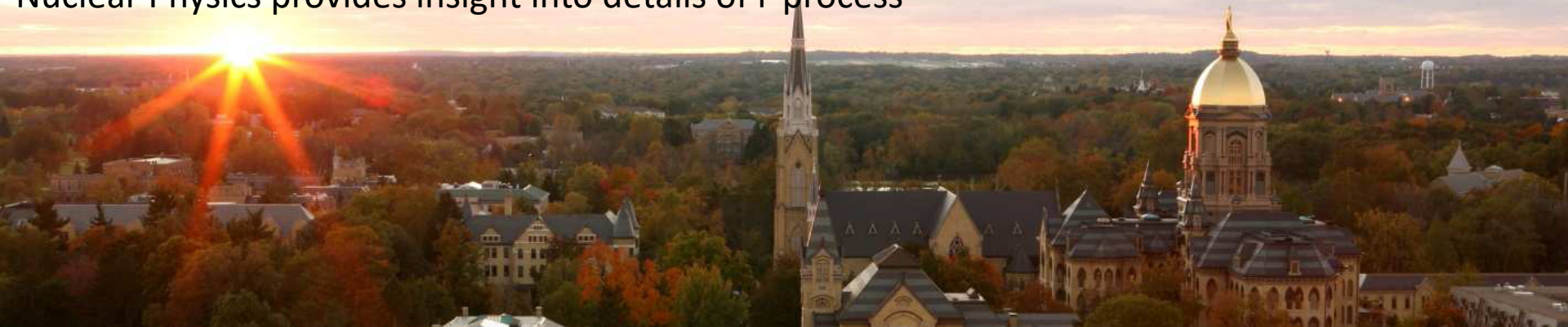
Propagation of mass changes to all dependent properties (self-consistence)

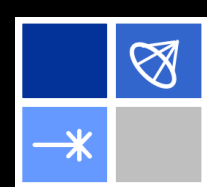
Identifying the site of the *r*-process path....

**Disentangling Nuclear Physics uncertainties**  
from the **Astrophysical uncertainties**...Progress.

Details of neutron merger scenario....nuclear physics

Nuclear Physics provides insight into details of *r*-process





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