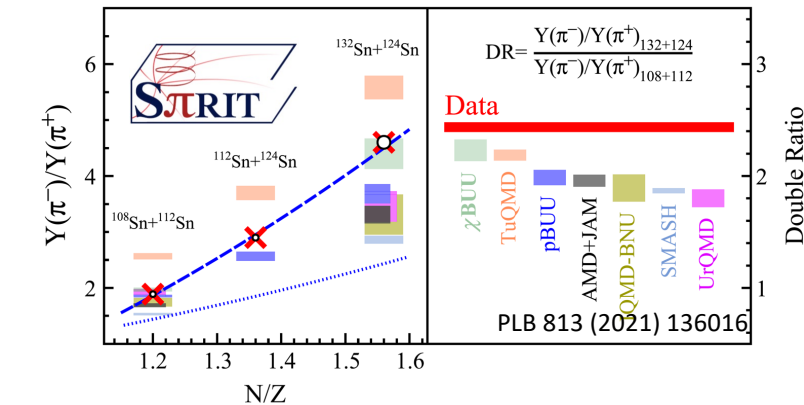
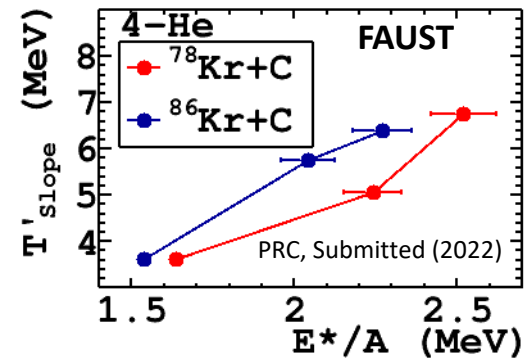
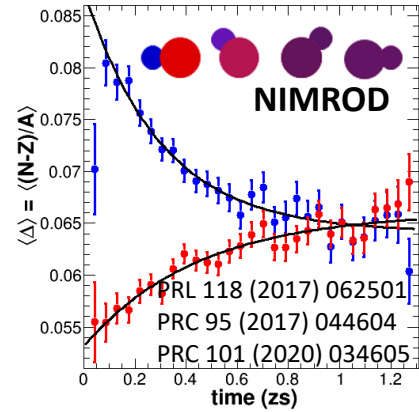
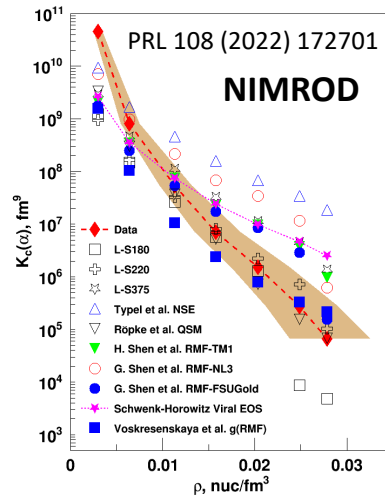


Equation Of State



Measure:

Neutron-Proton Equilibration Chronometry
Asymmetry Dependence of Caloric Curve
Equilibrium constants of alpha coalescence
Pion yield ratios



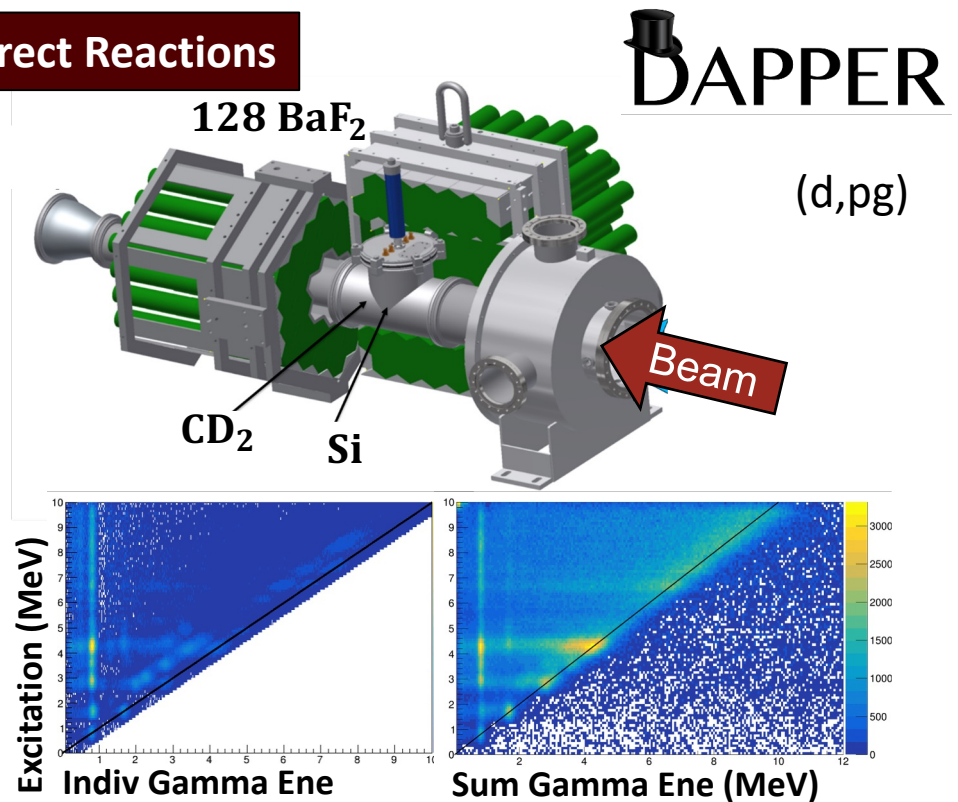
Impacts:

neutron star structure
n-star merger grav wave
r-process site physics

Future:

Low Density Correlations
Equilibration Chronometry
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FRIB EoS: nucleon flow
EoS TPC @ FRIB: pions

Direct Reactions

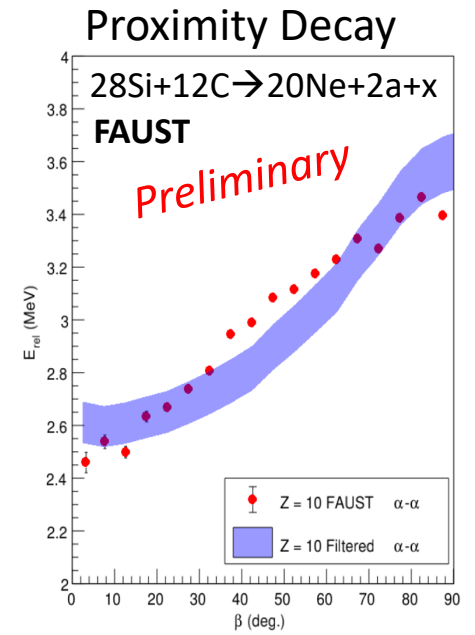
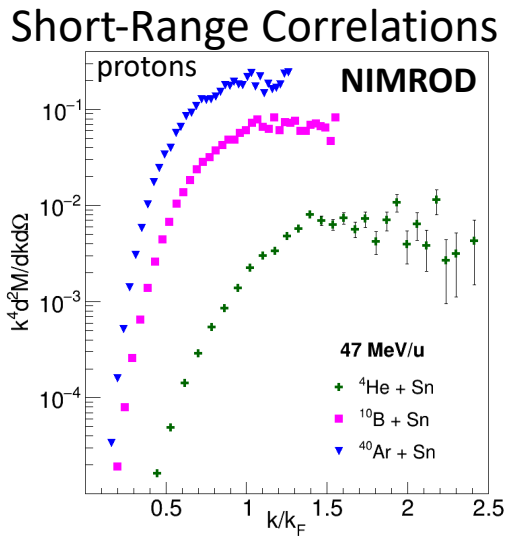
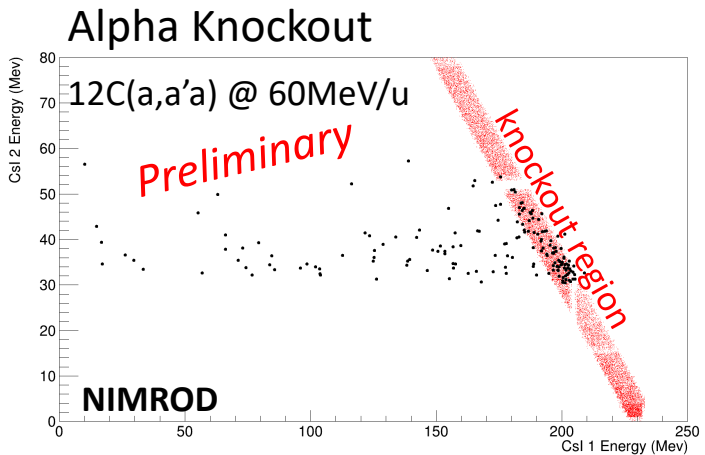


Current & Future:

Photon strength function
Neutron Capture
Compare **proxy rxns** & direct methods
DAPPER + DANCE + Hyperion
Key nucl & isotopic chains

Impacts: nucleosynth: capture & burning

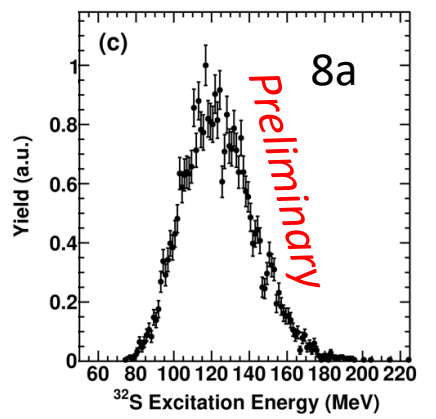
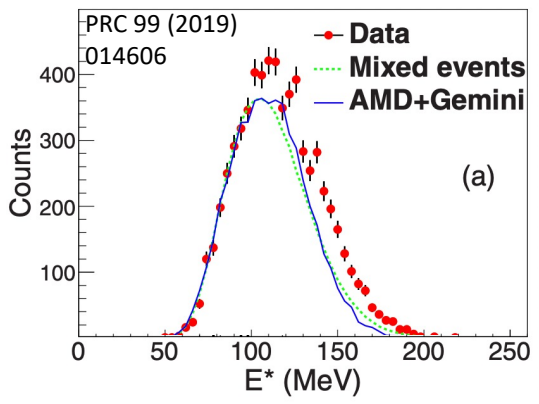
Clustering & Correlations



Critical Tools

to constrain:
Equation of State
Direct Reactions
Clustering & Correlations

Exotic 8a cluster decay, Toroidal nuclei

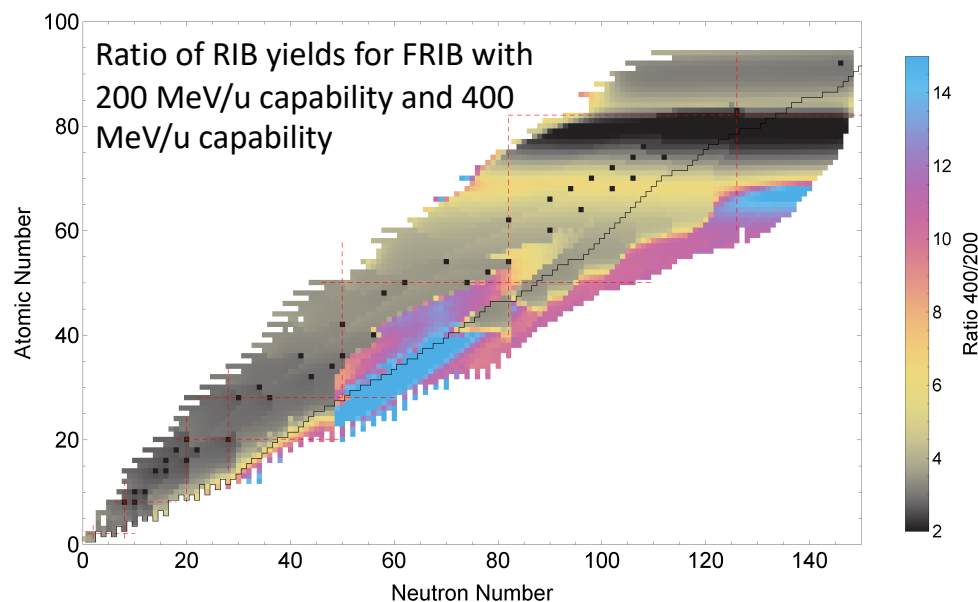


Impacts:
Cluster Structure
-> Low-mass nucl burning
Clustering -> Low Dens EoS
SRC -> High Dens EoS

- ARUNA labs
- Rare Isotope Beams
- FRIB 400, HRS
- TPC Community
- Targets
- Neutron Targ & RIB Ring
- Accurate Models
(transport, direct rxns)

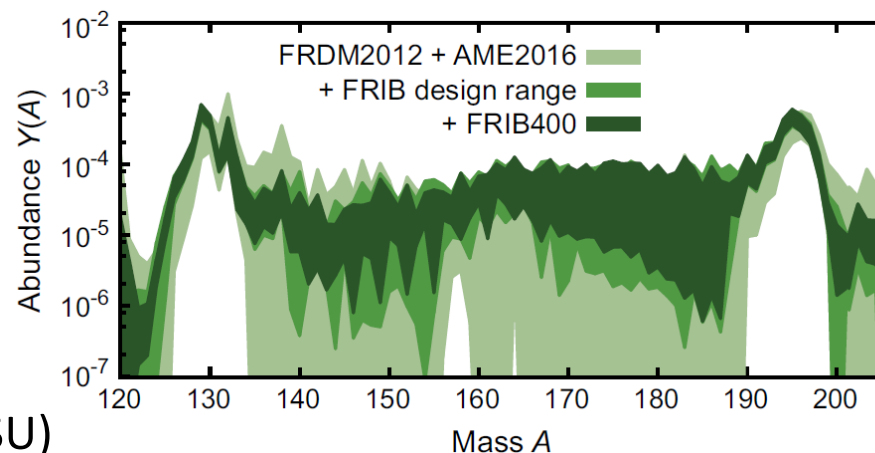
FRIB 400-MeV/u Energy Upgrade is Critical for Achieving Nuclear Astrophysics Goals

- FRIB400 will significantly extend the study of neutron-rich isotopes of importance for the r-process, substantially reducing nuclear-physics uncertainties in simulations
- FRIB400 will extend study of nuclei along the neutron dripline into a region important for modeling the crust of neutron stars
- FRIB400 will allow the study of very neutron-rich nuclear matter at twice normal nuclear density, strongly constraining the Equation of State
- All types of experiments benefit, but enhanced opportunities at higher energies, e.g. quasifree reactions, in-flight fission, Coulex, charge-exchange reactions



FRIB400 – Whitepaper – June 2019

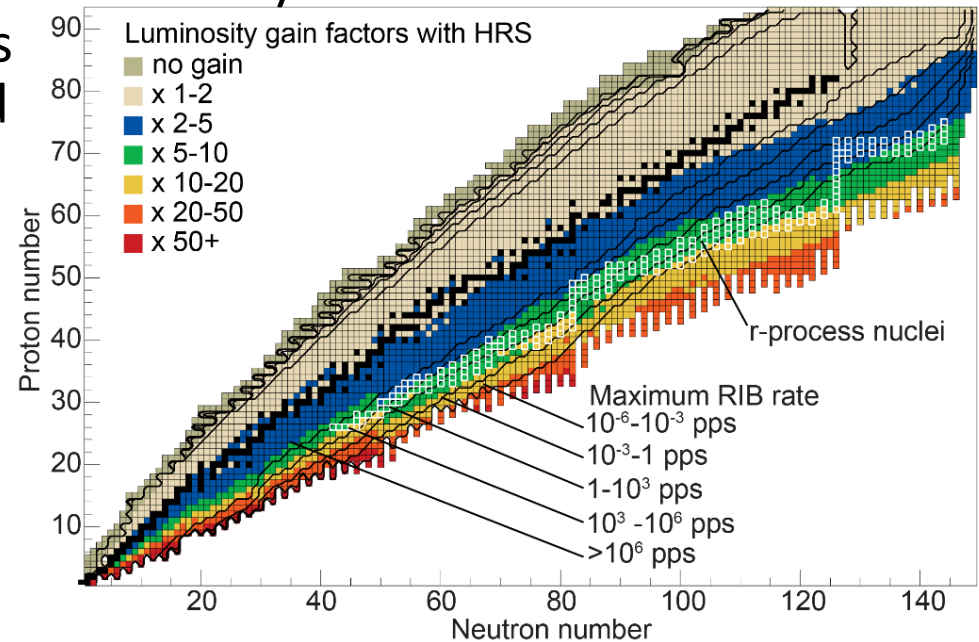
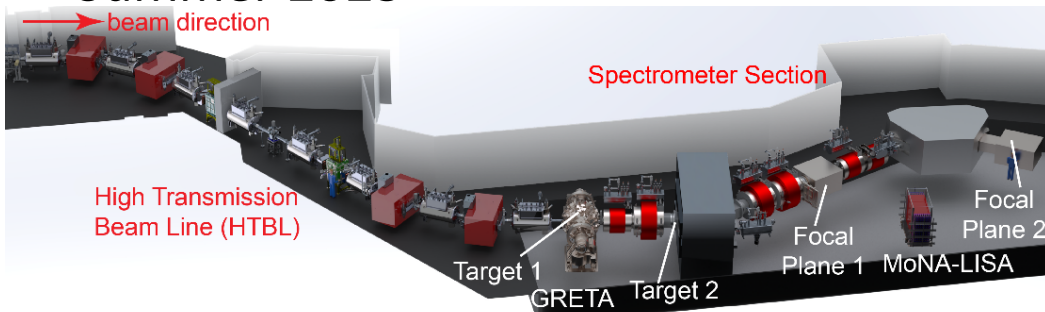
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R. Zegers (FRIB/MSU)

The High Rigidity Spectrometer Enhances the Luminosity for Fast-Beam Experiments with Factors of up to ~ 100 for the Most Neutron-Rich Systems

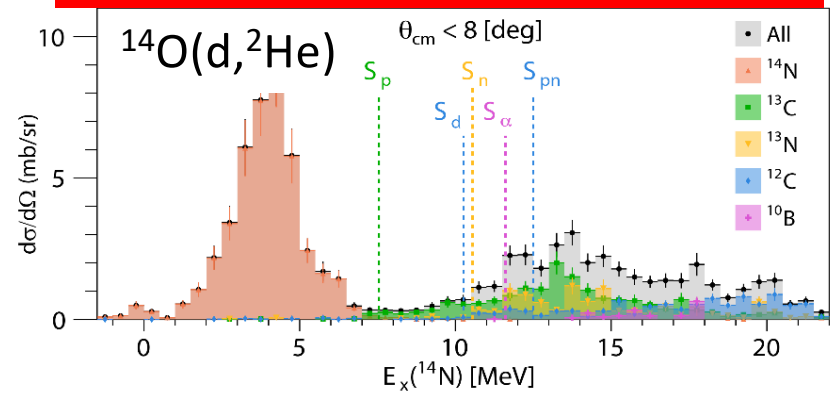
- Ability to perform experiments at rigidities for which isotope production is maximized (FRIB200 AND FRIB400)
- HRS Project underway – Goal: CD2/3A Summer 2023



- Nuclear Astrophysics Experiments are key drivers for HRS' capabilities – next 5 years provide ample opportunity for community to define new opportunities and contribute
- The extraction of weak transition rates on unstable nuclei through charge-exchange reactions is now feasible in both the β^+ /EC and β^- directions through $(d, ^2\text{He})$ and (p, n) reactions in inverse kinematics

HRS Working group: [https://hrs.lbl.gov/HRS Preliminary Design Report](https://hrs.lbl.gov/HRS_Preliminary_Design_Report)

New: $(d, ^2\text{He})$ in inverse kinematics

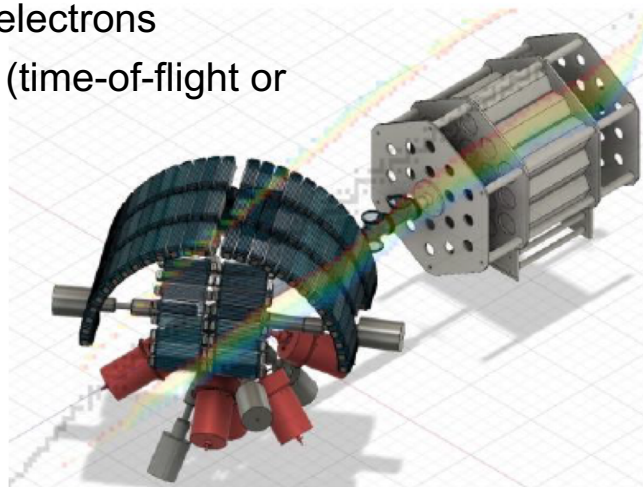


Science: Understanding the Origin of the Elements with the FDS

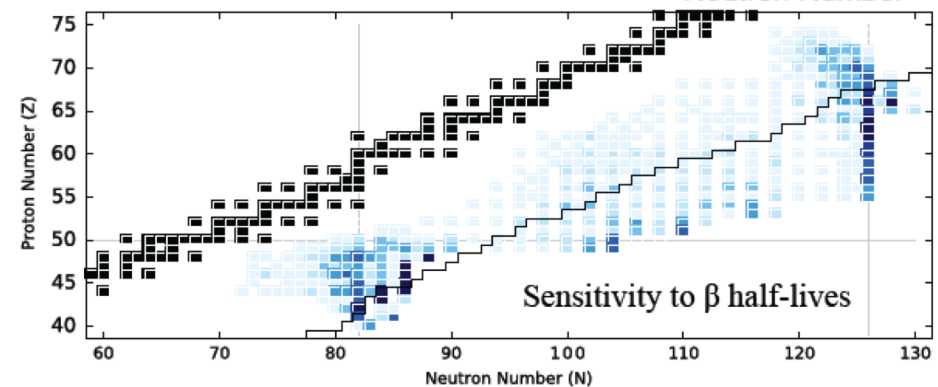
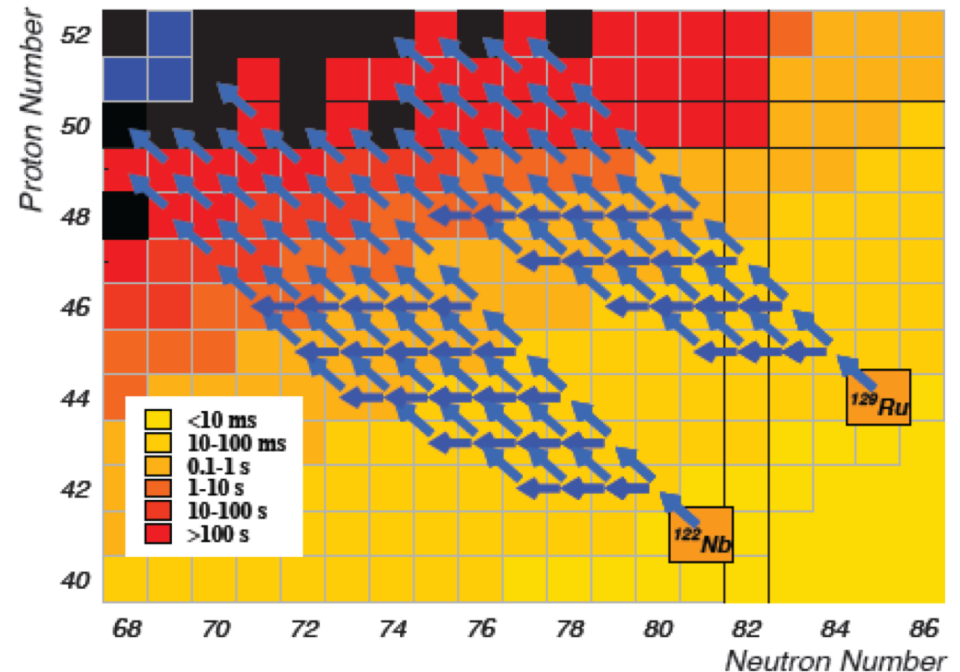
- Critical inputs for astrophysical modeling
 - Half-lives
 - Delayed neutron branches
 - Strength determination (above and below S_n)
 - n,γ reaction cross sections

- Required FDS detector configurations

- Charged particle detection for ions and electrons
- Neutrons (time-of-flight or thermal)
- Photons
- TAS



<https://fds.ornl.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/FDS-WP.pdf>



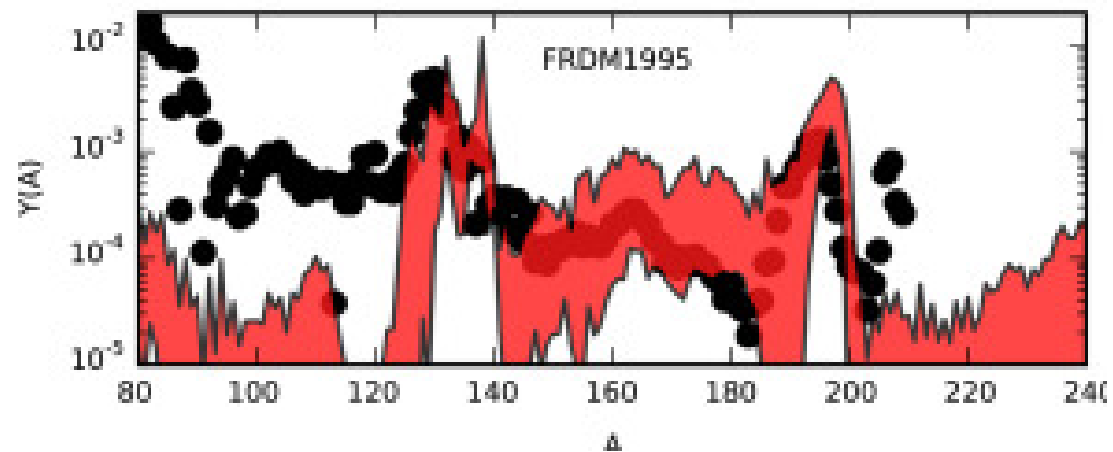
M. Mumpower *et al.*, *et al.*, Prog. Part. and Nucl. Phys. 86, 86 (2016)

Improving β -decay properties using total absorption spectroscopy

Total Absorption Spectroscopy: What and Why

High efficiency γ -ray calorimeters (MTAS, SuN, HECTOR, etc.)

- Sensitive to small-feeding branches
- More accurate determination of I_β
- Variations in set-ups based on expected $T_{1/2}$ (tape-stations, implantation detectors, etc.)

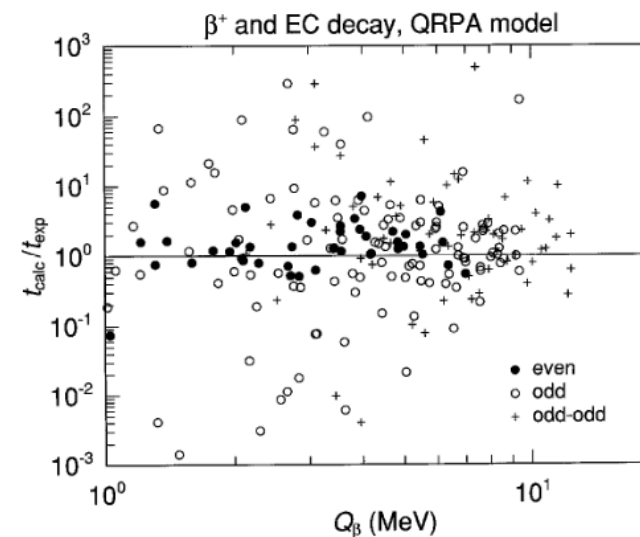


Nucleosynthesis sensitivity studies demonstrate orders of magnitude variation based on varying the β -decay rates and half-lives for short-lived nuclei.

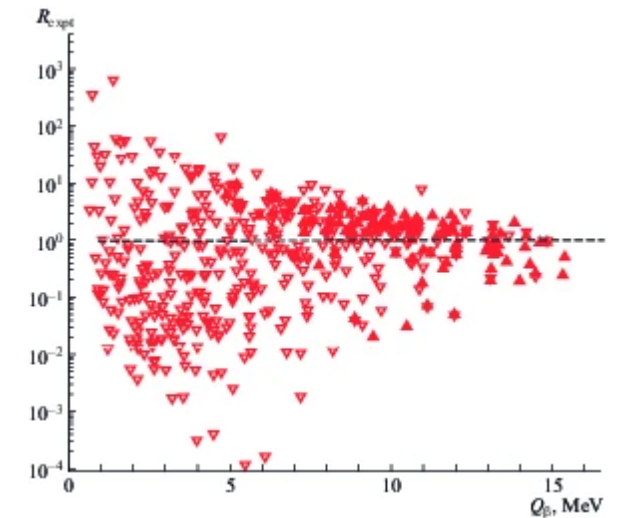
Measurement of I_β offers a more stringent test of global theoretical calculations.

$$\frac{1}{T_{1/2}} \propto \sum_{0 \leq E_x \leq Q_\beta} f(Z, Q_\beta - E_x) B(GT, E_x)$$

Measured vs. predicted β -decay half-lives



Moller and Randrup
Nuclear Physics A **514**, 1-48 (1990)

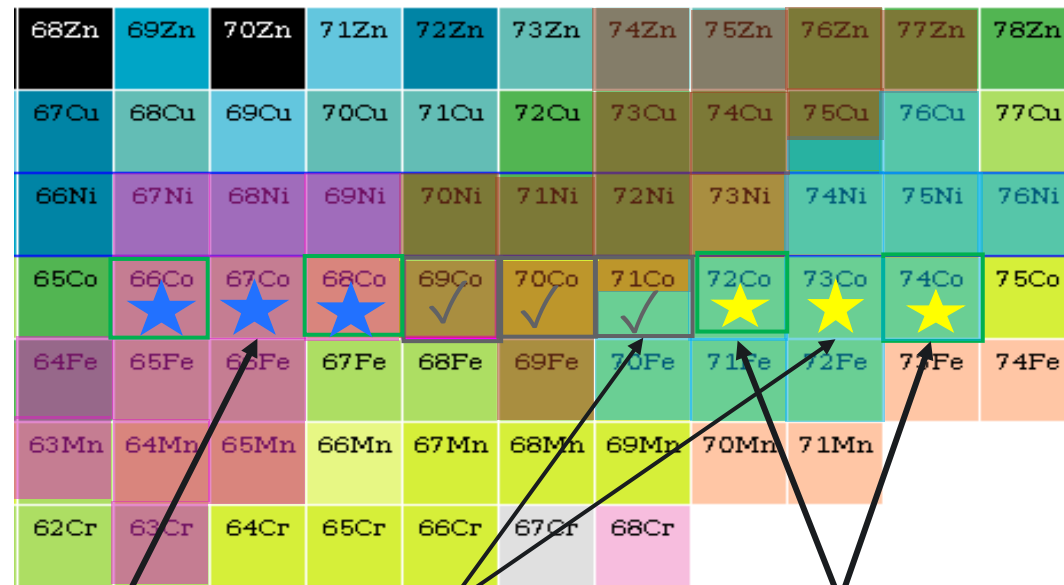


Panov & Lutostansky
Physics of Atomic Nuclei **83**, 613-620 (2020)

The fan-TAS-tic future

Current and future facilities will enable the refinement of theoretical calculations

- Use of cocktail beams enables multiple nuclei to be measured in a single experiment
- Direct r-process path nuclei will be able to be measured with TAS
- Measurement campaigns can provide systematics for regions of interest



Exp. 1
Exp. 2
Exp. 3



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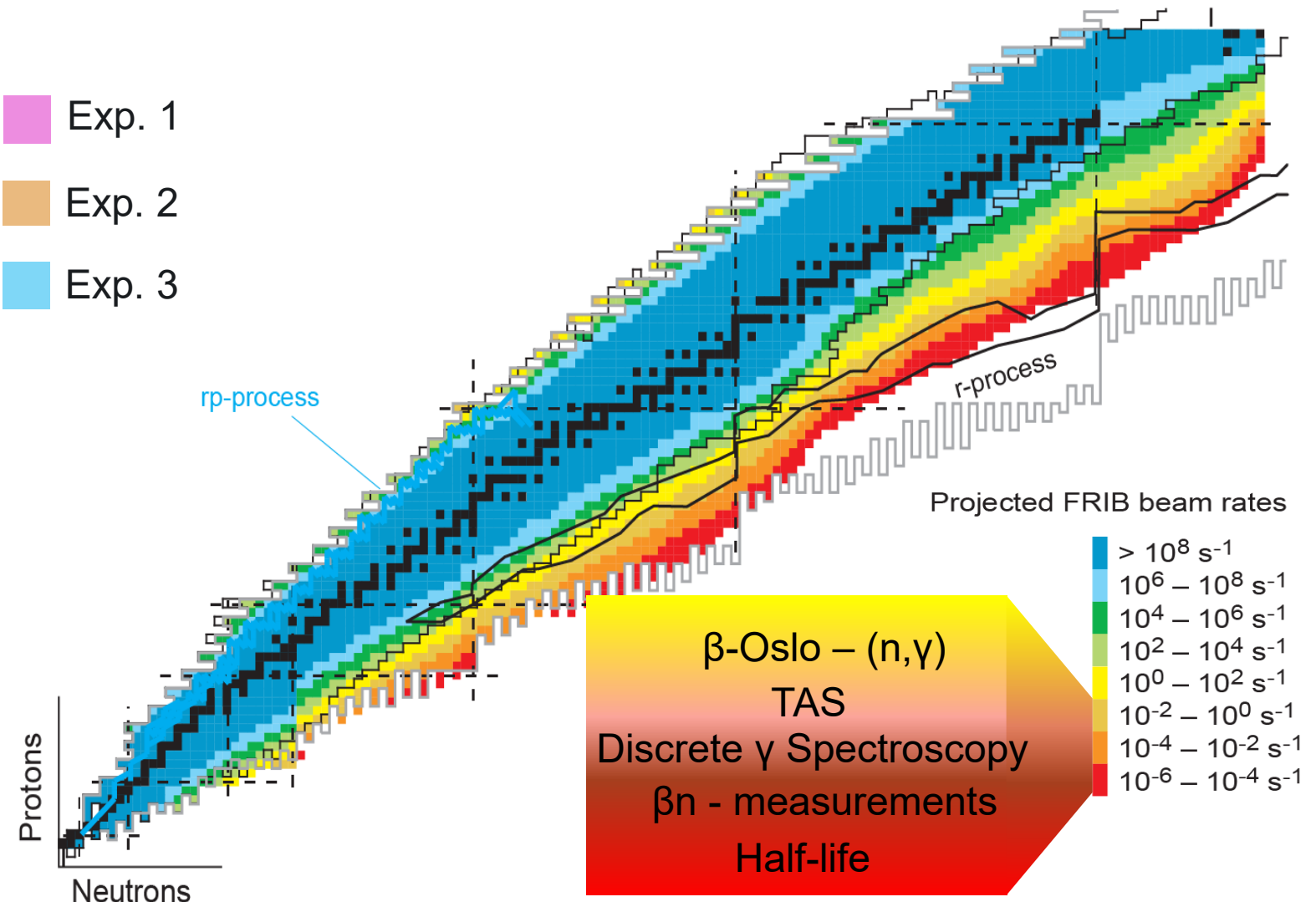


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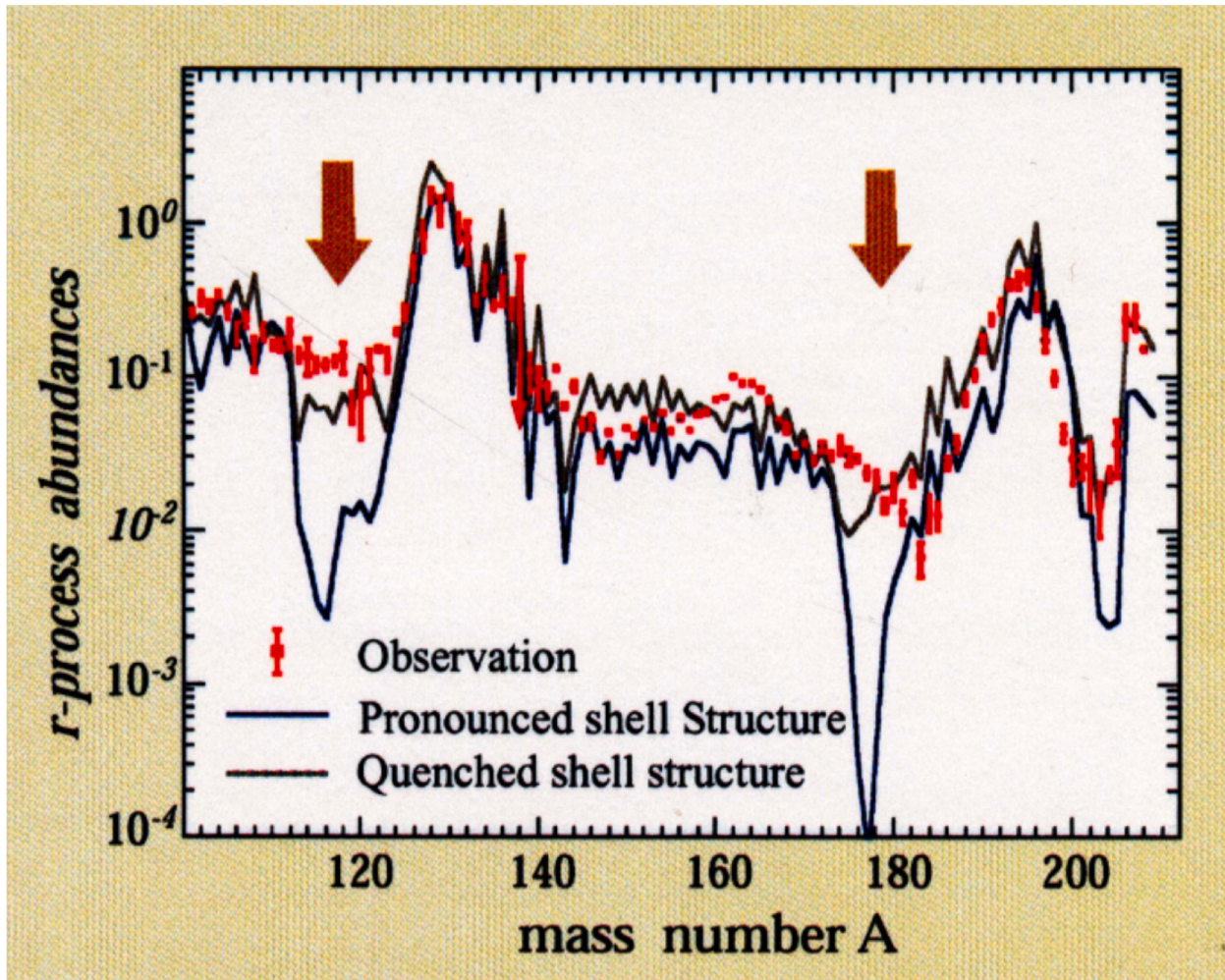


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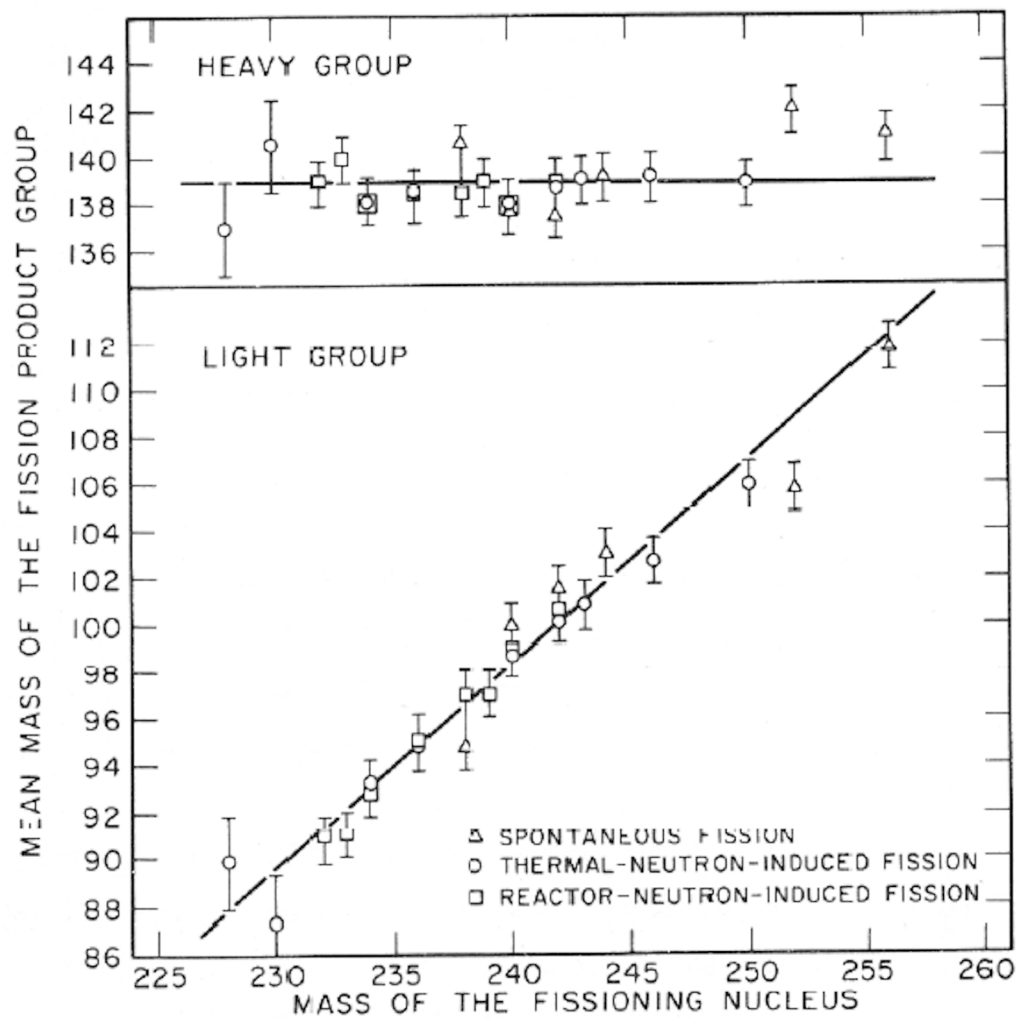


Fig. XI-8B. Average masses of the light and heavy fission product groups as functions of the masses of the fissioning nucleus. [After Flynn *et al.* (1972b).]

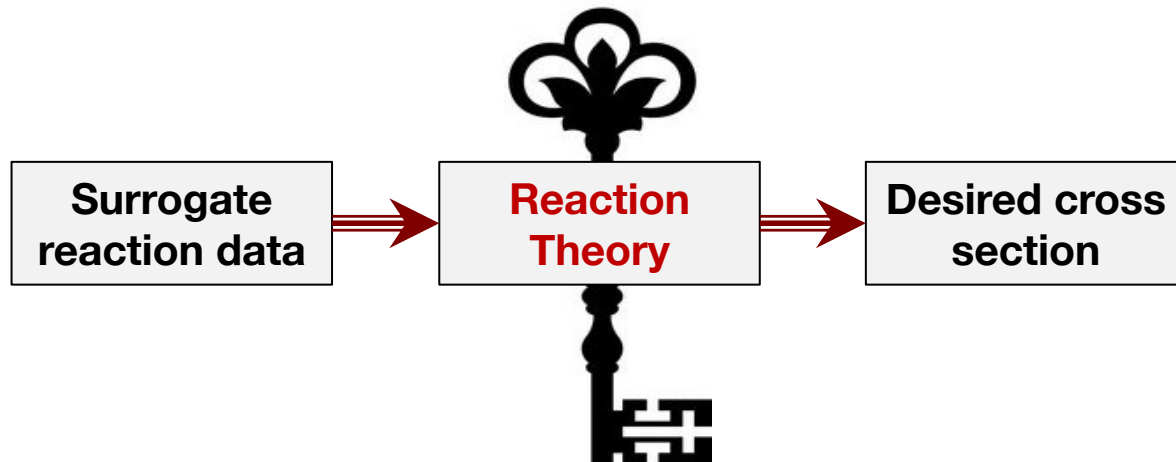
Theory for indirect reaction measurements

Determining capture rates for unstable nuclei directly is hard

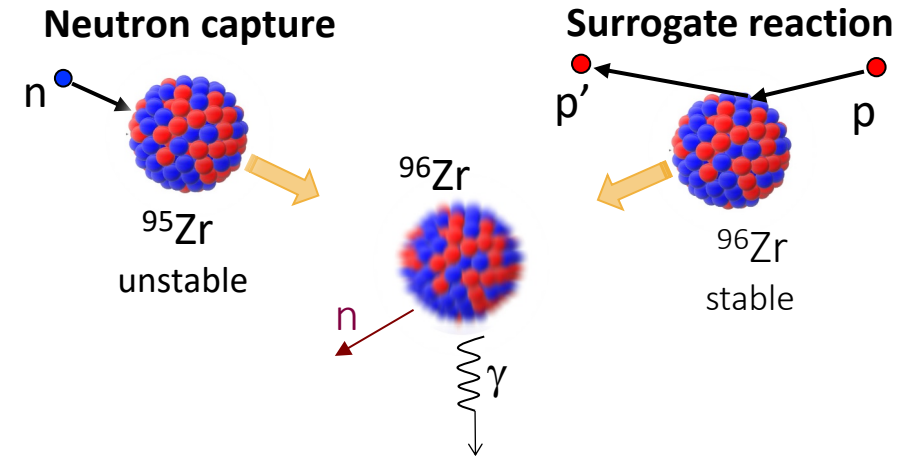
- Short-lived target make measurements difficult to impossible
- Statistical Hauser-Feshbach (HF) calculations lack predictive power away from stability

Surrogate reactions provide a solution

- A transfer or inelastic scattering experiment produces the compound nucleus and the decay is measured
- Advanced reaction theory turns this data into constraints for calculations of the desired neutron capture rate



Neutron capture on s-process branch point ^{95}Zr from inelastic scattering



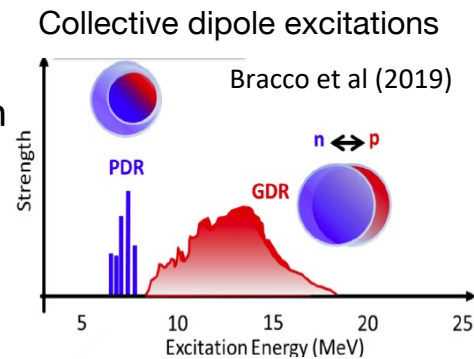
Status:

- Capture cross sections have been obtained from surrogate reactions using (p,d) and (d,p) transfers and inelastic scattering.
- Cross sections for capture involving isomers have been obtained.

Theory for indirect reaction measurements: Opportunities

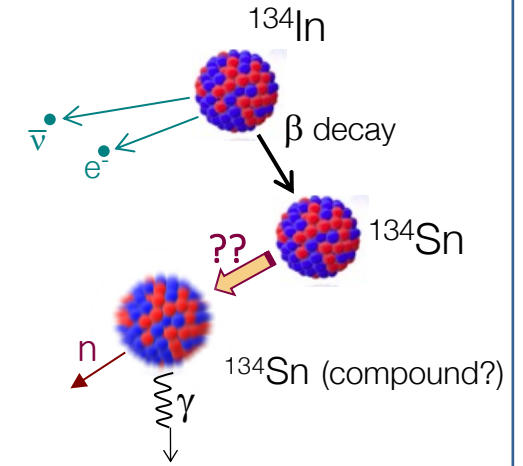
Opportunity: inverse-kinematics experiments - leverage surrogate reaction applications and structure studies

- Inelastic scattering can serve as surrogate mechanism and provide information on collective motion in exotic nuclei
- The (d,p) reaction can serve as surrogate mechanism and provide information on single-particle structure



Opportunity: β -delayed n/ γ emission

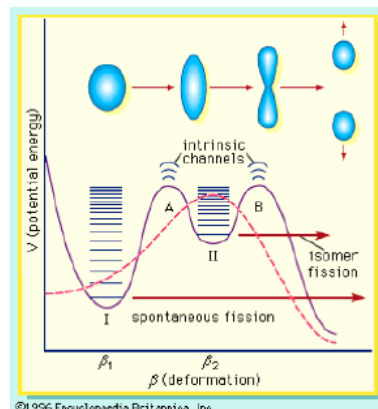
- β -decay to states above/below particle thresholds allows us to study subsequent decays
- Improved understanding of β -delayed processes will tell us when the process is statistical
- Statistical decay can provide constraints for HF calculations



Opportunity: Surrogate reactions for fission applications

- Observe fission properties in coincidence with surrogate ejectile
- Control over energy of fissioning nucleus, including sub-threshold
- Multiple surrogate reactions in one experiment

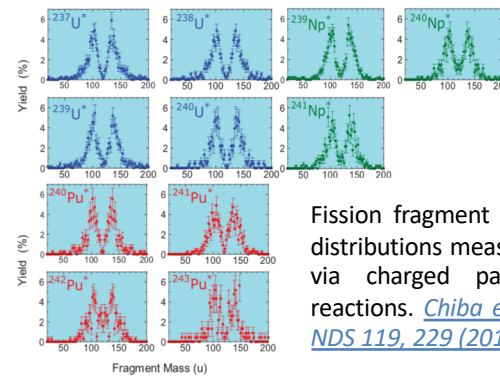
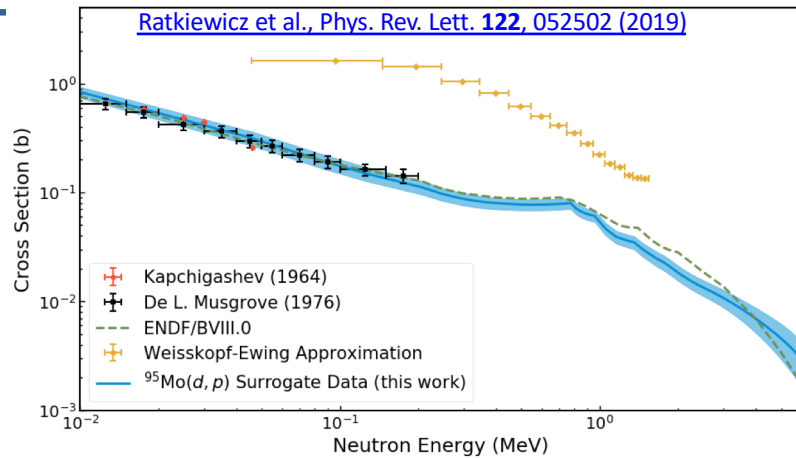
Schematic view of fission



Needs:

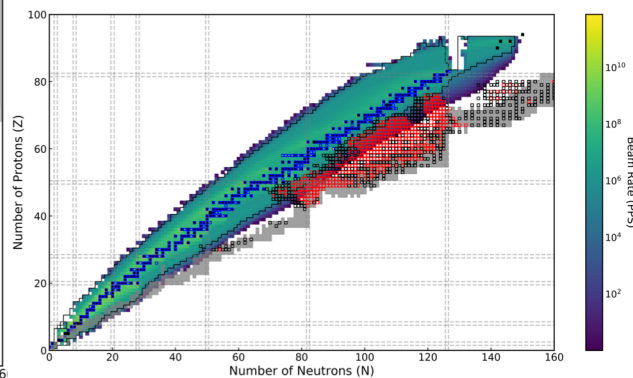
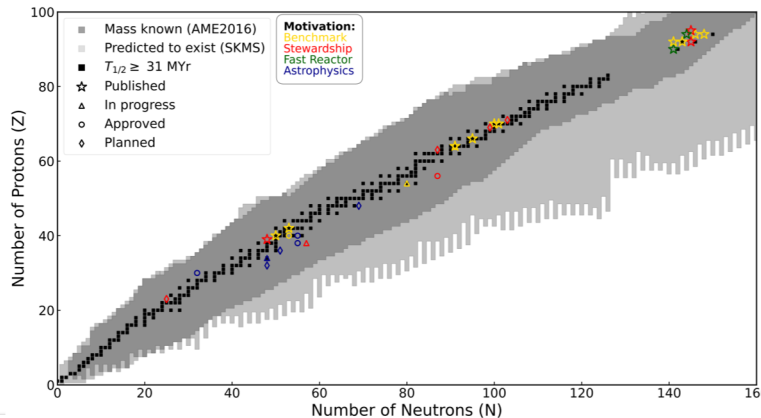
- Extend our theoretical tools to be applicable to broader range of nuclei (exotic, deformed) and reactions ((α,γ) , (n,p) ,...)
- Revisit past assumptions of simplified (Weisskopf-Ewing) treatment of surrogate applications to fission
- Study conditions for statistical n/ γ emission
- Close collaboration with experiment: plan, interpret, validate
- Contemplate new applications: can we modify the method to deal with reactions proceeding through isolated or weakly-overlapping resonances?

The Surrogate Reactions Method provides essential constraints on neutron-induced reactions we can't measure directly.



- SRM: a surrogate reaction is chosen that forms the “same” compound nucleus as the desired reaction. Measuring the decay of the CN as a function of excitation energy provides constraints on Hauser-Feshbach parameters which are used to calculate the desired reaction.

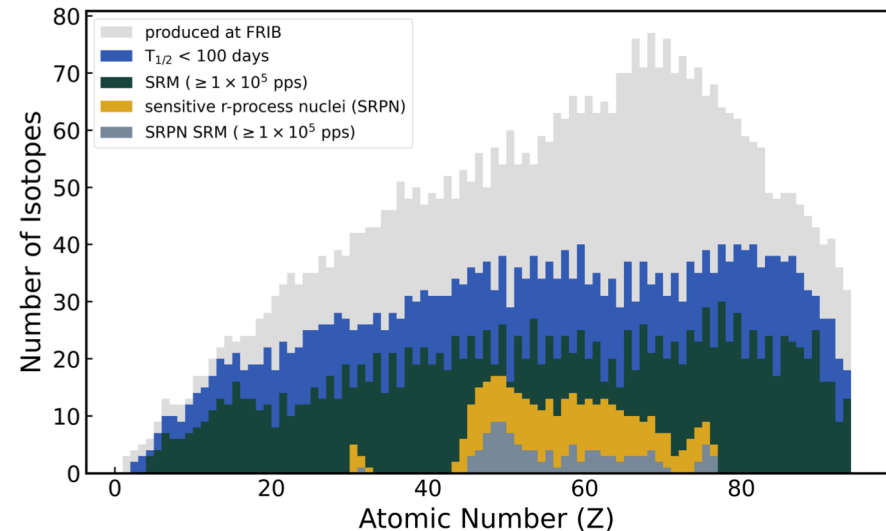
— This means that the SRM can provide constraints on quantities calculated by or input into Hauser-Feshbach codes (cross sections, gSF, NLD, etc).



- Indirect techniques like the SRM provide essential constraints on neutron-induced important for nuclear astrophysics.

Exploiting the opportunities offered by FRIB requires timely construction of a high-acceptance spectrograph on ReA12.

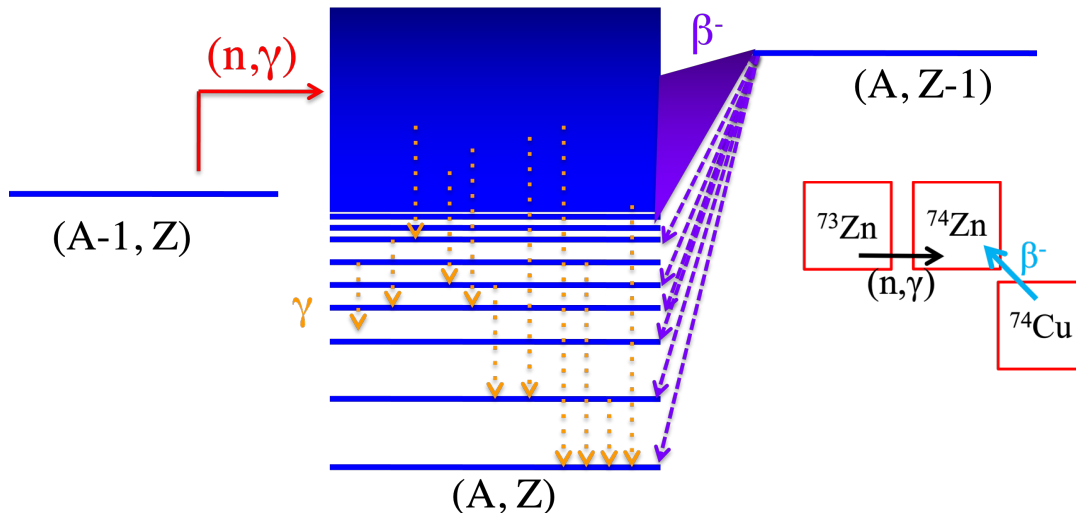
- FRIB will make a large number of radioactive beams available for study, at rates sufficient for SRM measurements.
- The SRM gives the best results with ~ 10 MeV/A beams and small beam spot (~ 1 mm) sizes.
 - We can run in front of the S800 with degraded beams (~ 40 MeV/A), but this would impose rate limitations and require beam tracking.
- ReA12 will provide the beams we need for SRM measurements. However, we need high-acceptance spectrograph on ReA12 to enable event-by-event recoil detection.
- ISLA is ideally suited for these measurements; we should build it.



Indirect (n,γ) constraints using the β-Oslo method

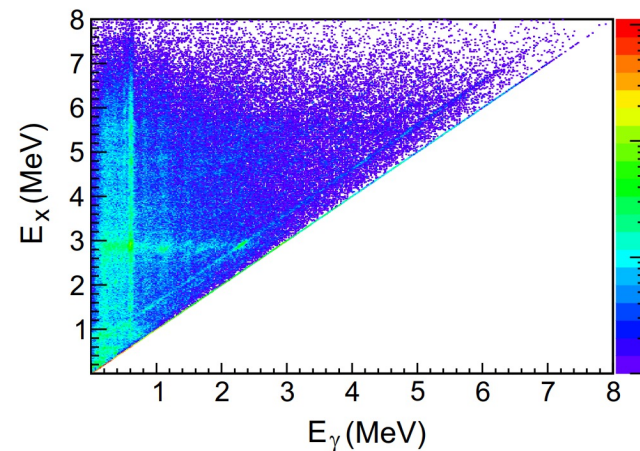
Overview of Method:

- Populate the compound nucleus via β -decay
 - Extract NLD, γ SF, (n,γ) rates
- Study nuclei far from stability
- Feasible with low beam intensities



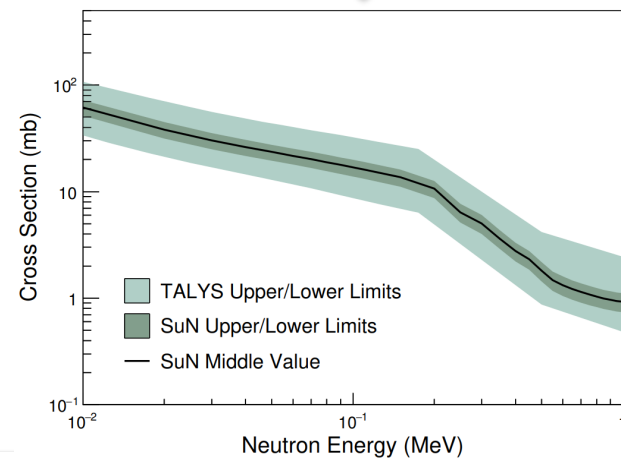
What do we need?

- ✓ Radioactive Beam
- ✓ Segmented γ -ray calorimeter (SuN, FDS, ...)
- ✓ Normalization techniques*

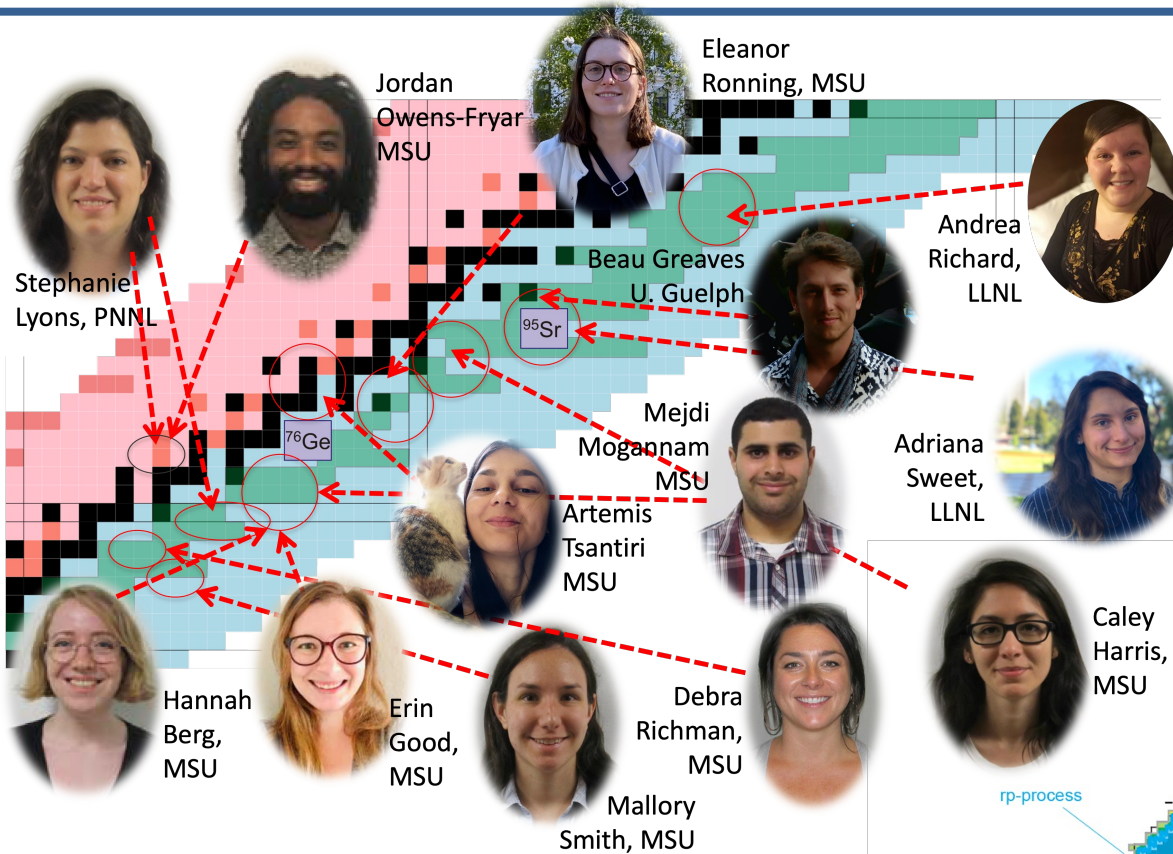


Extract Nuclear Level Density and γ -ray Strength Function

Apply Normalizations



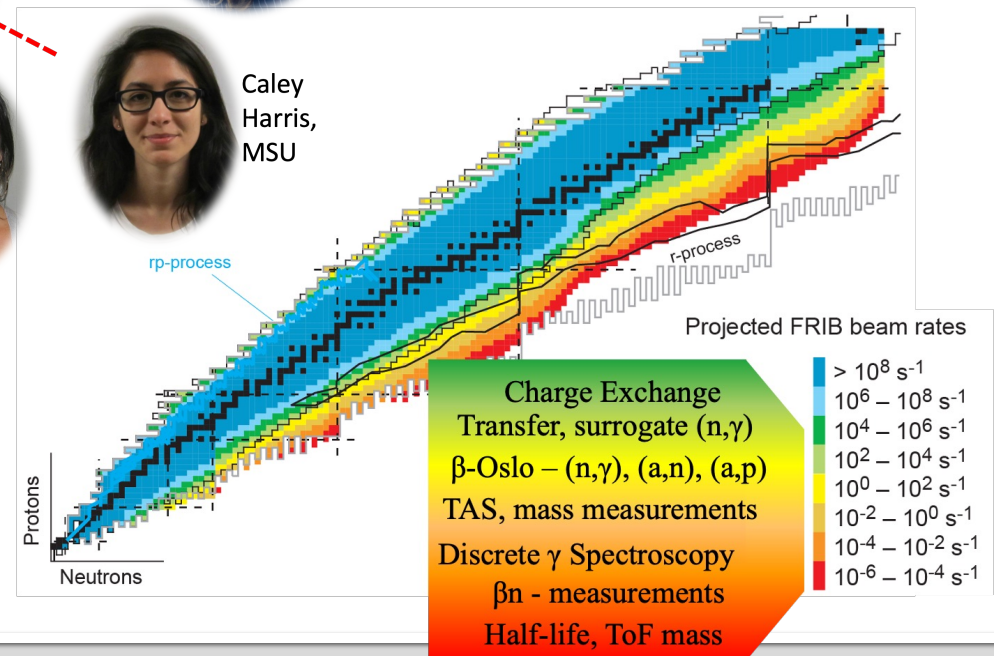
β -Oslo Measurements: Current and Future



Measurements for Nuclear Astrophysics

- *i*-process
- *n*-process
- *r*-process
 - Main, weak
- *p*-process

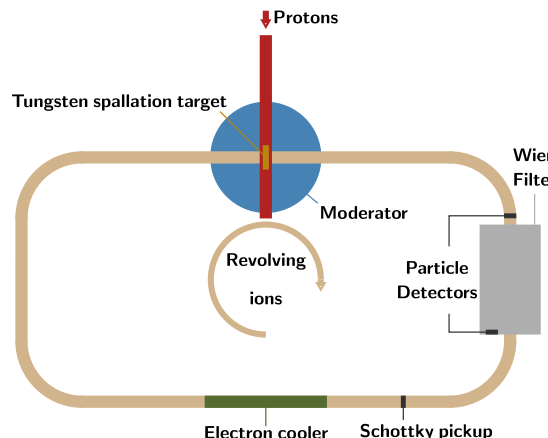
Exciting future for β -Oslo studies at FRIB, nuCARIBU, N= 126 Factory, and beyond!



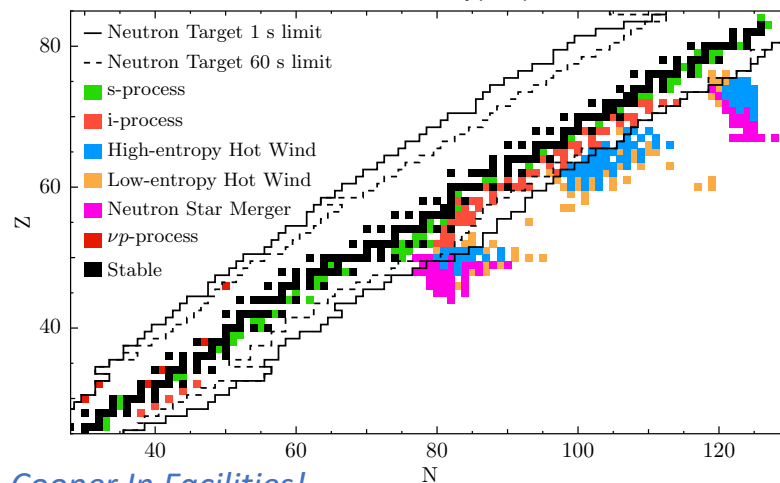
A neutron target facility would revolutionize our understanding of neutron reactions on short-lived nuclei

Shea Mosby, LANL

- Neutron-induced reaction rates are critical for nucleosynthesis as well as a range of other applications, yet remain stubbornly resistant to reliable prediction.
- We've developed a LANSCE-based concept to **directly measure** these reactions by interacting a radioactive ion beam with a standing neutron field or "neutron target".
- Such a facility would dramatically expand our reach for astrophysically-relevant cases.
- Direct reaction rates off stability provide stringent constraints testing theoretical models to enable predictive capability.
- We should begin the necessary technical maturation to make the concept a reality.
 - NNSA anticipated buy-in: \$38M
 - NP ISOL development: \$30M

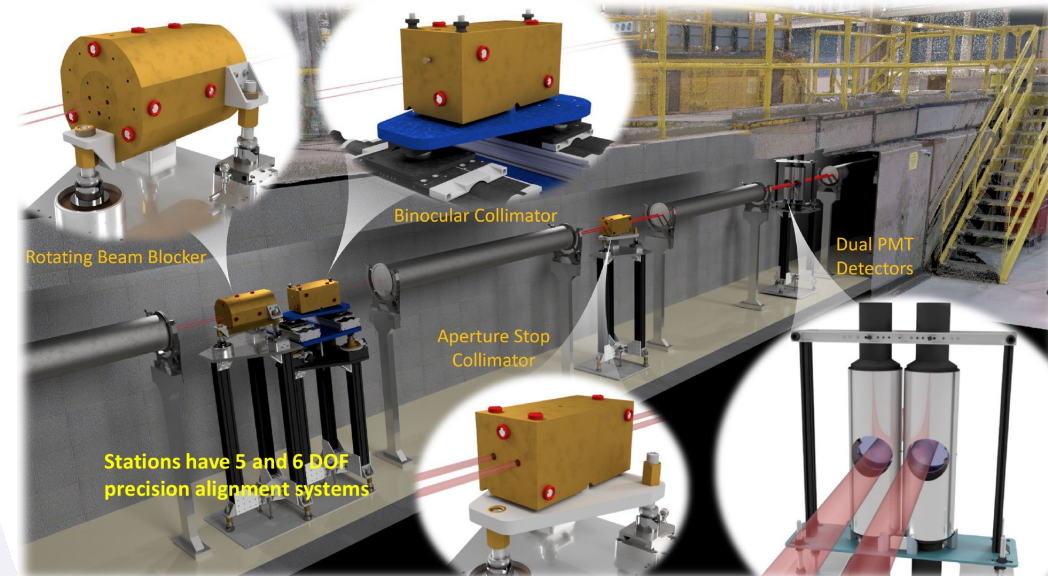


Neutron target conceptual rendering (left) and predicted reach based on S. Mosby et al. LA-UR-21-30261 (below)

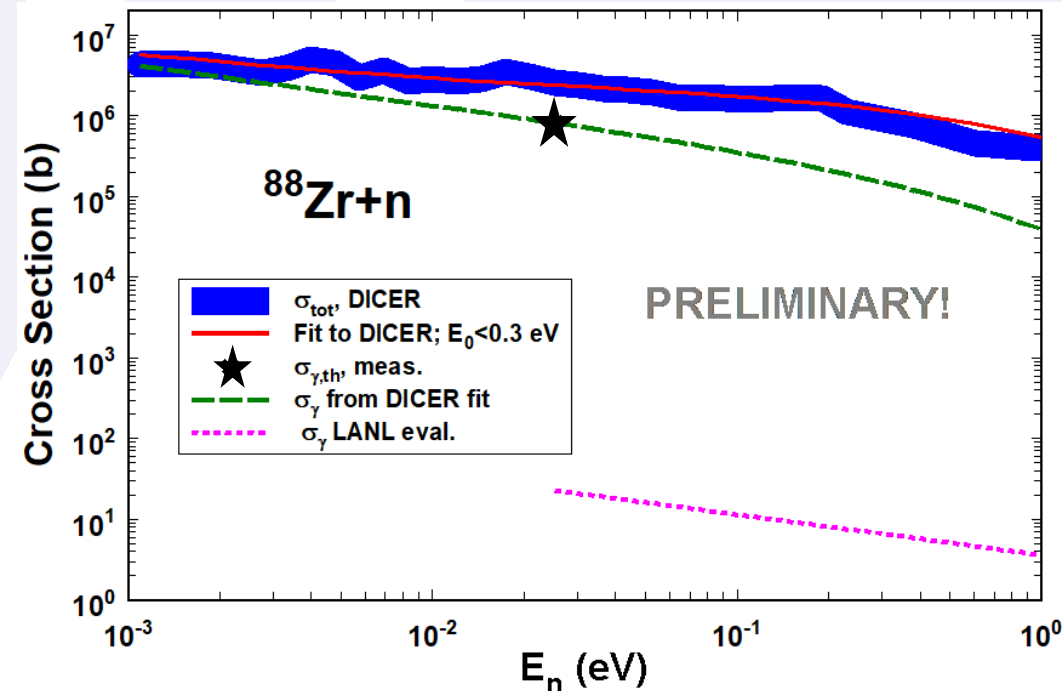


DICER: a new device to constrain (n,γ) rates on tiny radioactive samples through innovative transmission experiments

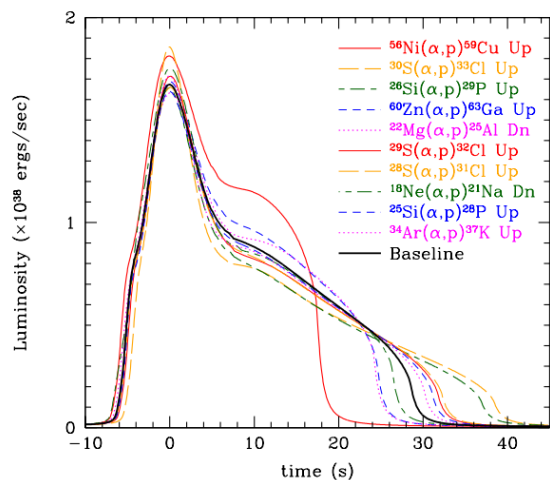
Thanos Stamatopoulos, LANL
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- (n,γ) rates on radionuclides are important for nucleosynthesis but very few have been measured.
- DICER performs transmission studies on tiny radioactive samples.
- Transmission data can be used to tightly constrain (n,γ) rates.
- DICER measurements on a 66 ng ^{88}Zr sample are revealing the reason for the extremely large thermal cross section.
- 50 radionuclides are within DICER's reach ($t_{1/2} \sim 10$'s days, $D_0 \sim 10$'s eV).



- The sensitivity study by R.H. Cyburt *et al.* showed there are important astrophysical reaction rates affecting a large variation of energy generation and final ash in X-ray burst model.
- Limited experimental measurements of (p, γ) , (α, γ) and (α, p) performed to reduce the uncertainties of reaction rates.



Rank	Reaction	Type ^a	Sensitivity ^b	Category
1	⁵⁶ Ni(α, p) ⁵⁹ Cu Up	U	12.5	1
2	⁵⁹ Cu(p, γ) ⁶⁰ Zn	D	12.1	1
3	¹⁵ O(α, γ) ¹⁹ Ne	D	7.9	1
4	³⁰ S(α, p) ³³ Cl	U	7.8	1
5	²⁶ Si(α, p) ²⁹ P Up	U	5.3	1
6	⁶¹ Ga(p, γ) ⁶² Ge	D	5.0	1
7	²³ Al(p, γ) ²⁴ Si	U	4.8	1
8	²⁷ P(p, γ) ²⁸ S	D	4.4	1
9	⁶³ Ga(p, γ) ⁶⁴ Ge	D	3.8	1
10	⁶⁰ Zn(α, p) ⁶³ Ga	U	3.6	1
11	²² Mg(α, p) ²⁵ Al	D	3.5	1
12	⁵⁶ Ni(p, γ) ⁵⁷ Cu	D	3.4	1
13	²⁹ S(α, p) ³² Cl	U	2.8	1
14	²⁸ S(α, p) ³¹ Cl	U	2.7	1
15	³¹ Cl(p, γ) ³² Ar	U	2.7	1
16	³⁵ K(p, γ) ³⁶ Ca	U	2.5	2
17	¹⁸ Ne(α, p) ²¹ Na	D	2.3	2
18	²⁵ Si(α, p) ²⁸ P	U	1.9	2
19	⁵⁷ Cu(p, γ) ⁵⁸ Zn	D	1.7	2
20	³⁴ Ar(α, p) ³⁷ K	U	1.6	3
21	²⁴ Si(α, p) ²⁷ P	U	1.4	3
22	²² Mg(p, γ) ²³ Al	D	1.1	3
23	⁶⁵ As(p, γ) ⁶⁶ Se	U	1.0	3
24	¹⁴ O(α, p) ¹⁷ F	U	1.0	3
25	⁴⁰ Sc(p, γ) ⁴¹ Ti	D	0.9	3
26	³⁴ Ar(p, γ) ³⁵ K	D	0.8	3
27	⁴⁷ Mn(p, γ) ⁴⁸ Fe	D	0.8	3
28	³⁹ Ca(p, γ) ⁴⁰ Sc	D	0.8	3

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3	⁵⁹ Cu(p, γ) ⁶⁰ Zn	D	5.1	1
4	⁶¹ Ga(p, γ) ⁶² Ge	D	3.7	1
5	²² Mg(α, p) ²⁵ Al	D	2.3	1
6	¹⁴ O(α, p) ¹⁷ F	D	5.8	1
7	²³ Al(p, γ) ²⁴ Si	D	4.6	1
8	¹⁸ Ne(α, p) ²¹ Na	U	1.8	1
9	⁶³ Ga(p, γ) ⁶⁴ Ge	D	1.4	2
10	¹⁹ F(p, α) ¹⁶ O	U	1.3	2
11	¹² C(α, γ) ¹⁶ O	U	2.1	2
12	²⁶ Si(α, p) ²⁹ P	U	1.8	2
13	¹⁷ F(p, α) ²⁰ Ne	U	3.5	2
14	²⁴ Mg(α, γ) ²⁸ Si	U	1.2	2
15	⁵⁷ Cu(p, γ) ⁵⁸ Zn	D	1.3	2
16	⁶⁰ Zn(α, p) ⁶³ Ga	U	1.1	2
17	¹⁷ F(p, γ) ¹⁸ Ne	U	1.7	2
18	⁴⁰ Sc(p, γ) ⁴¹ Ti	D	1.1	2
19	⁴⁸ Cr(p, γ) ⁴⁹ Mn	D	1.2	2

(Left) Calculated light curves of X-ray burst

(Middle) Reactions that impact the burst light curve in the single-zone X-ray burst model

(Right) Reactions that impact the burst light curve in the multi-zone X-ray burst model

• What we need to do is:

1. Updates of the sensitivity studies with measured reaction rates
2. Experimental efforts to reduce the uncertainties of key reaction rates.

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4	³⁸ S(α, p) ³⁹ Cl	U	7.8	1
5	²⁶ Si(α, p) ²⁹ P	U	5.3	1
6	⁶¹ Ga(p, γ) ⁶² Ge	D	5.0	1
7	²³ Al(p, γ) ²⁴ Si	U	4.8	1
8	²⁷ P(p, γ) ²⁸ S	D	4.4	1
9	⁶³ Ga(p, γ) ⁶⁴ Ge	D	3.8	1
10	⁶⁹ Zn(α, p) ⁶⁹ Ga	U	3.6	1
11	²² Mg(α, p) ²⁵ Al	D	3.5	1
12	⁵⁶ Ni(p, γ) ⁵⁷ Cu	D	3.4	1
13	²⁸ S(α, p) ³² Cl	U	2.8	1
14	²⁸ S(α, p) ³¹ Cl	U	2.7	1
15	³¹ Cl(p, γ) ³² Ar	U	2.7	1
16	³⁸ K(p, γ) ³⁸ Ca	U	2.5	2
17	¹⁸ Ne(α, p) ²¹ Na	D	2.3	2
18	²⁵ Si(α, p) ²⁹ P	U	1.9	2
19	⁵⁷ Cu(p, γ) ⁵⁸ Zn	D	1.7	2
20	³⁴ Ar(α, p) ³⁷ K	U	1.6	3
21	²⁴ Si(α, p) ²⁷ P	U	1.4	3
22	²² Mg(p, γ) ²³ Al	D	1.1	3
23	⁶⁵ As(p, γ) ⁶⁶ Se	U	1.0	3
24	¹⁴ O(α, p) ¹⁷ F	U	1.0	3
25	⁴⁸ Sc(p, γ) ⁴⁹ Ti	D	0.9	3
26	³⁴ Ar(p, γ) ³⁵ K	D	0.8	3
27	⁴⁷ Mn(p, γ) ⁴⁸ Fe	D	0.8	3
28	³⁹ Ca(p, γ) ⁴⁰ Sc	D	0.8	3

Rank	Reaction	Type ^a	Sensitivity ^b	Category
1	¹⁴ O(α, γ) ¹⁸ Ne	D	16	1
2	⁵⁶ Ni(α, p) ⁵⁹ Cu	U	6.4	1
3	⁵⁹ Cu(p, γ) ⁶⁰ Zn	D	5.1	1
4	⁶¹ Ga(p, γ) ⁶² Ge	D	3.7	1
5	²² Mg(α, p) ²⁵ Al	D	2.3	1
6	¹⁴ O(α, p) ¹⁷ F	D	5.8	1
7	²³ Al(p, γ) ²⁴ Si	D	4.6	1
8	¹⁸ Ne(α, p) ²¹ Na	U	1.8	1
9	⁶³ Ga(p, γ) ⁶⁴ Ge	D	1.4	2
10	¹⁹ F(α, γ) ²² Ne	U	1.3	2
11	¹² C(α, γ) ¹⁶ O	U	2.1	2
12	²⁶ Si(α, p) ²⁹ P	U	1.8	2
13	¹⁷ F(α, p) ²⁰ Ne	U	3.5	2
14	²⁴ Mg(α, γ) ²⁸ Si	U	1.2	2
15	⁵⁷ Cu(p, γ) ⁵⁸ Zn	D	1.3	2
16	⁶⁹ Zn(α, p) ⁶⁹ Ga	U	1.1	2
17	¹⁷ F(p, γ) ¹⁸ Ne	U	1.7	2
18	⁴⁰ Sc(p, γ) ⁴¹ Ti	D	1.1	2
19	⁴⁸ Cr(p, γ) ⁴⁹ Mn	D	1.2	2

RI Beams

FRIB/USA

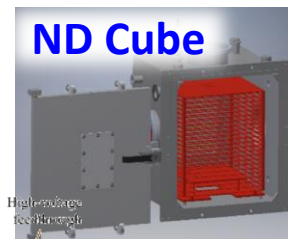
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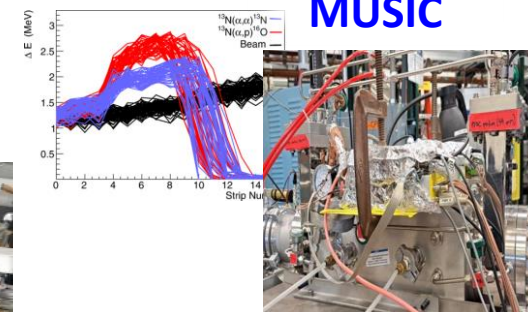
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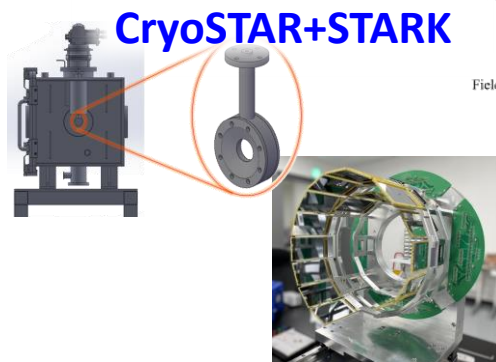
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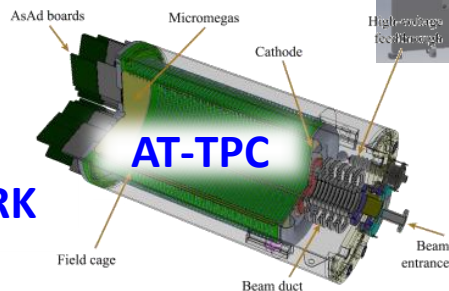
R. H. Cyburt *et al.* ApJ 830:55 (2016)



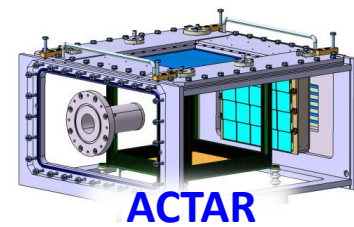
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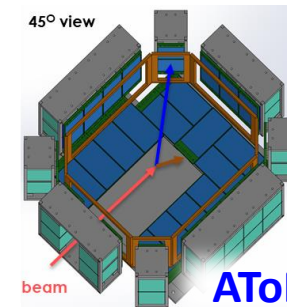
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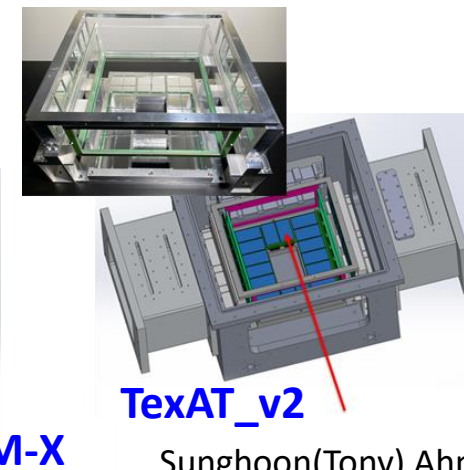
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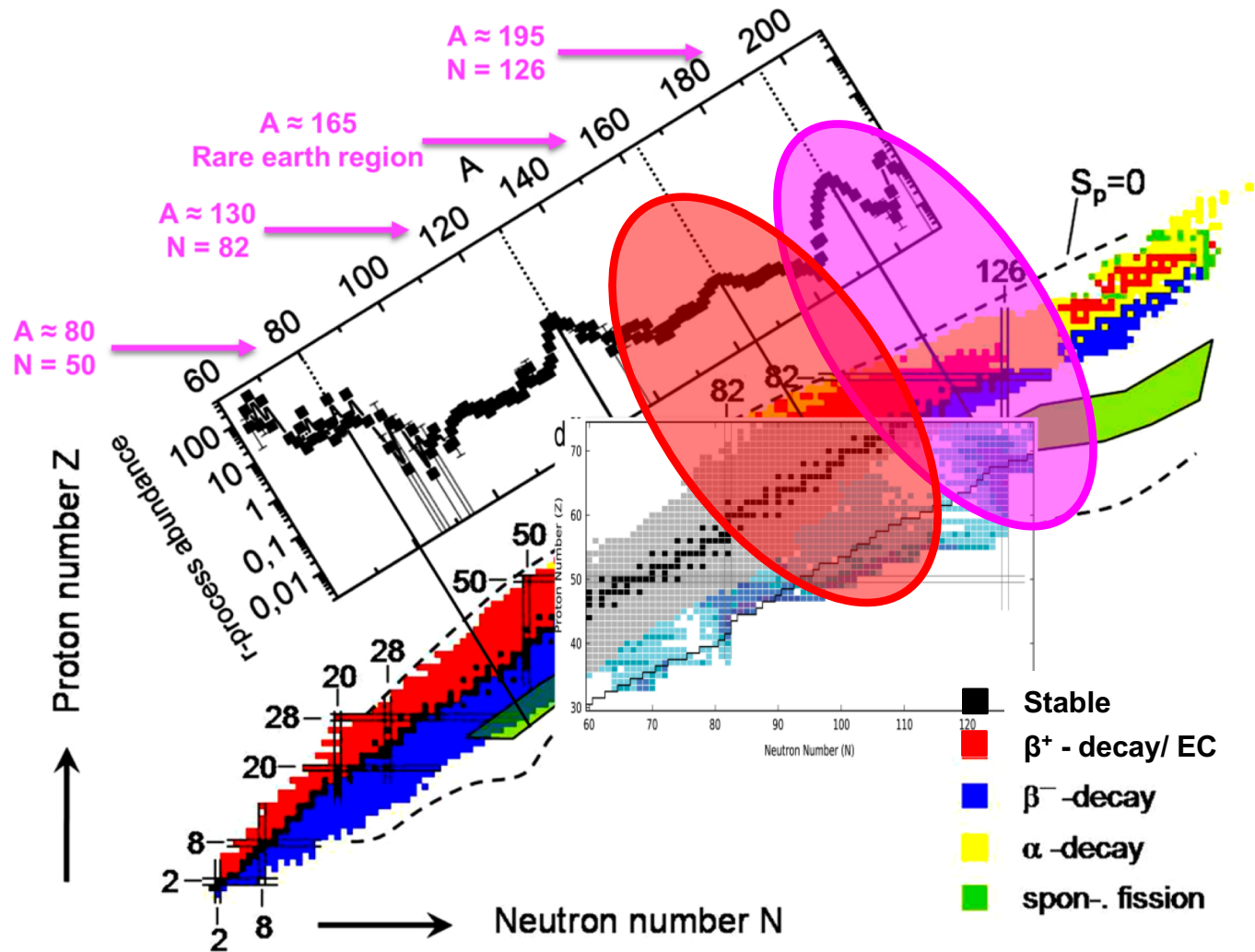


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R-PROCESS STUDIES WITH THE CPT AT ANL

- Need access to masses, etc. for neutron rich isotopes of interest to understand the r-process abundance pattern
- Multi-nucleon transfer reactions in the N=126 Factory will provide access to new masses for the **rare earth** peak and the heaviest, **N=126**, r-process peak that are difficult to reach with fragmentation.

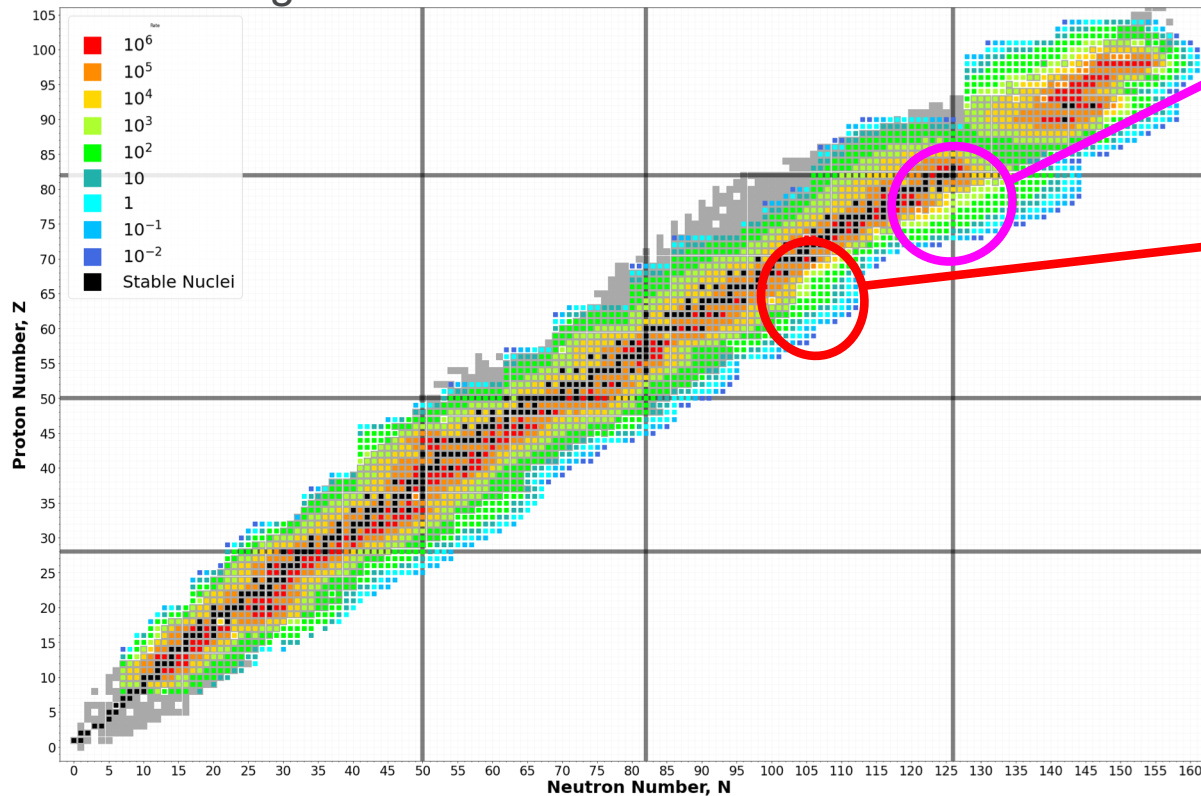


R. Kruecken, arXiv:1006.2520 (2010),

M.R. Mumpower et al., PNP, 86 (2016)

R-PROCESS STUDIES WITH THE CPT AT ANL

Many neutron- rich nuclei can be produced at the N=126 Factory through the use of different targets

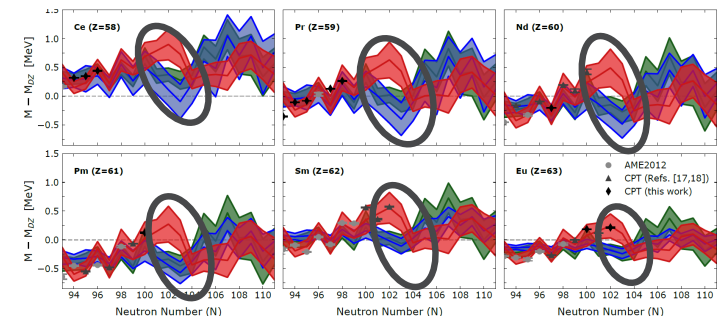


N=126 Region

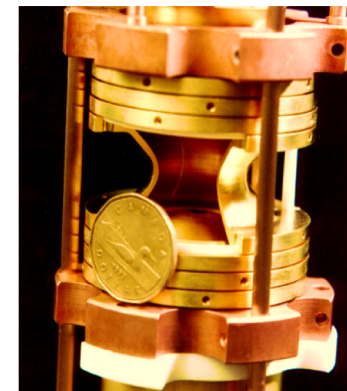
Many previously-unmeasured masses near N=126 shell closure

Rare Earth Region

Exploring feature around N~104



Orford, Vassh, *et al.*, PRC **105**, L052802 (2022)



Phase Imaging Ion Cyclotron Resonances at the Canadian Penning Trap provide precise and accurate mass measurements.

Probing the Equation of State of Neutron Stars with Heavy Ion Collisions at FRIB

EOS at FRIB:

More precision symmetry energy data at $1.5-2.5 \rho_0$

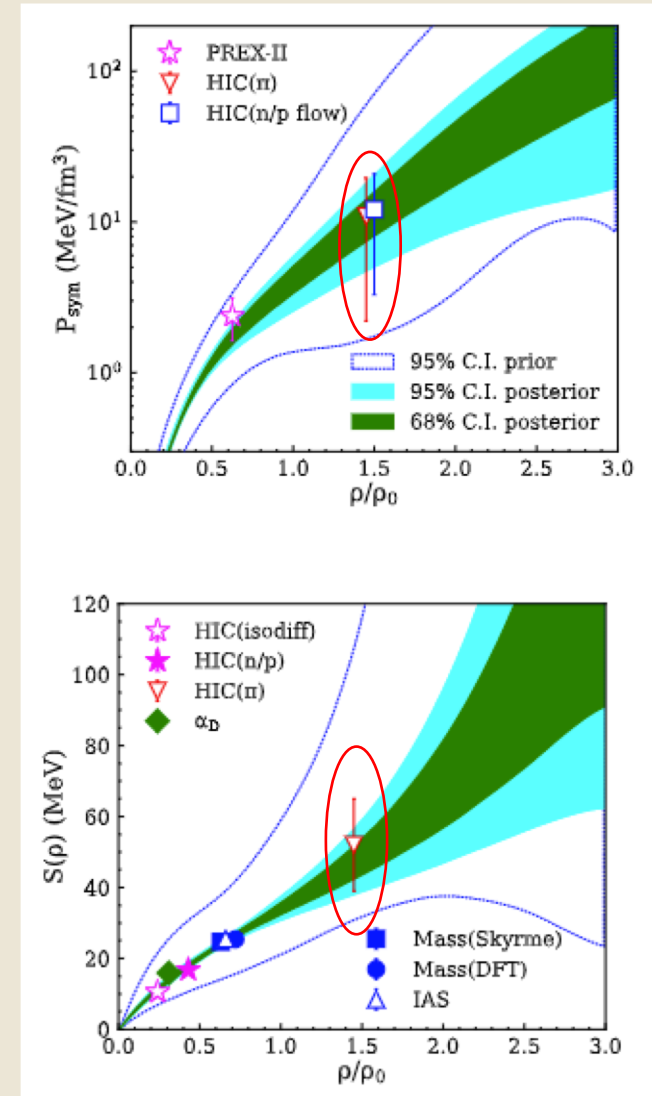
Primary observables:

- pion and n/p differential flow \rightarrow Symmetry energy
- proton flow \rightarrow symmetric matter constraints

What we need:

Investment in detector development to measure pions, charged particles and neutron with high granularity

Zbigniew Chajecki, WMU



Opportunities and challenges

Goals:

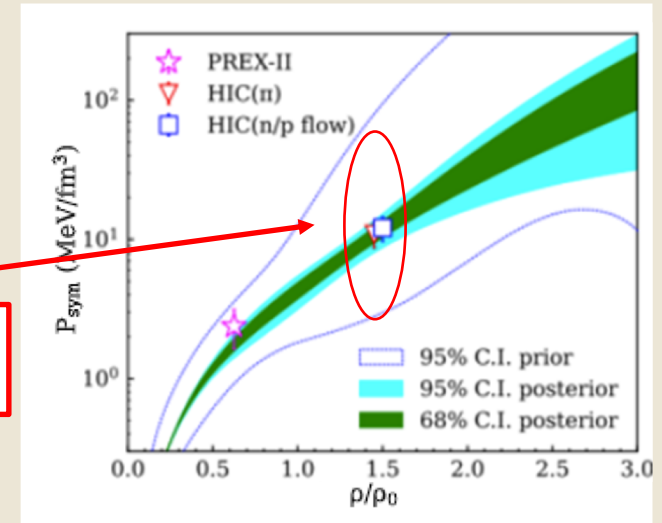
Comprehensive nuclear matter EOS from crust to outer core is in sight

Needs:

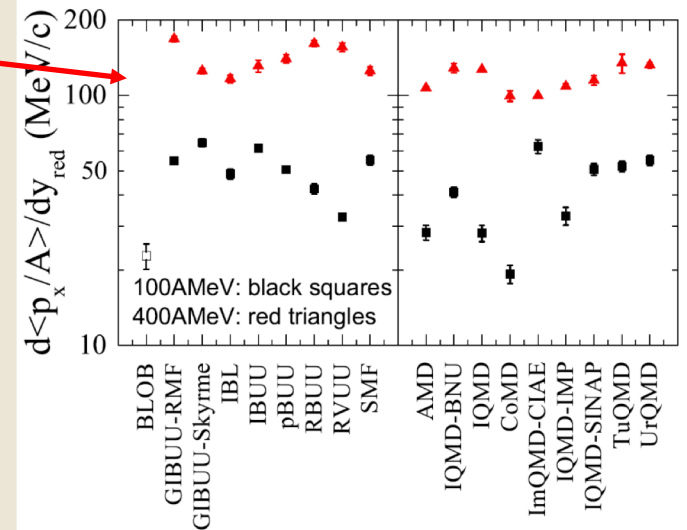
- Need more data from NS observations in NICER and GW observatories
- Flow Experiments at highest energy/density achievable where Transport models agree better.
- Continued improved in transport theory
- More data from HIC and structure
- **Detector development**

To reach high density: We need FRIB400!

Effect of reducing the error bars to 20%



Transport model evaluation project (TMEP)



Nuclear Astrophysics has a special need for exchange and communication across field boundaries

- Everything we do on the nuclear side depends on the astrophysics connection
- New results in astrophysics can change major activities and science priorities in nuclear physics
- New results in nuclear physics are essential for addressing some astrophysical science questions
- Nuclear astrophysics defines its own science questions at the intersection of the fields
- **There is now a special opportunity to take advantage of the unique combination of novel capabilities in the multi-messenger era in nuclear physics, gravitational wave physics, computational modeling, astronomy (JWST, COSI, NICER, astero-seismolog...), cosmo-chemistry**

Centers like JINA and JINA-CEE play an important role in facilitating these exchanges, building research bridges, and forming the necessary communities and collaborations to generate new ideas and directions

CeNAM addresses this need in the multi-messenger era

- Community building
 - Connect nuclear astrophysics **experiments** with theory, observations, and other fields
 - Connect university labs, national labs, small and large universities, MSI
 - Connects to new areas needed for new science
- Open interdisciplinary collaborations on (1) Novel dynamic nucleosynthesis in stars (2) Origin of the heavy elements in the multi-messenger era



- Build community through targeted workshops and annual Frontiers meeting all open to the community
- Dissemination of data, tools, codes, results to the community across field boundaries
- Foster an interdisciplinary community of students and postdocs and provide professional development opportunities
- Connect US community to international nuclear astrophysics communities and partner networks through International Research Network for Nuclear Astrophysics (IReNA) (NSF supported)
- Contribute to a diverse nuclear astrophysics community (10 MSI partners)

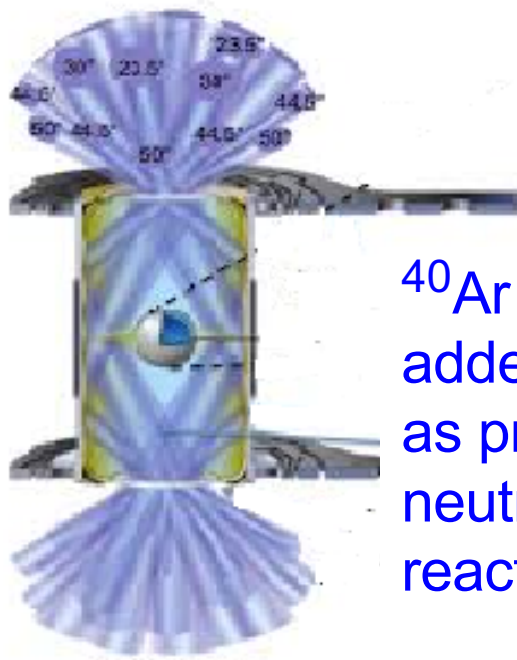
CeNAM status:

- This year DOE NP support for 3 community building CeNAM workshops/conferences
 - A CeNAM Frontiers meeting May 21-26 at MSU, including a workshop on new observational opportunities for nuclear astrophysics
 - A stellar nuclear astrophysics workshop (TBA)
- New (smaller) proposal for a CeNAM center submitted to DOE

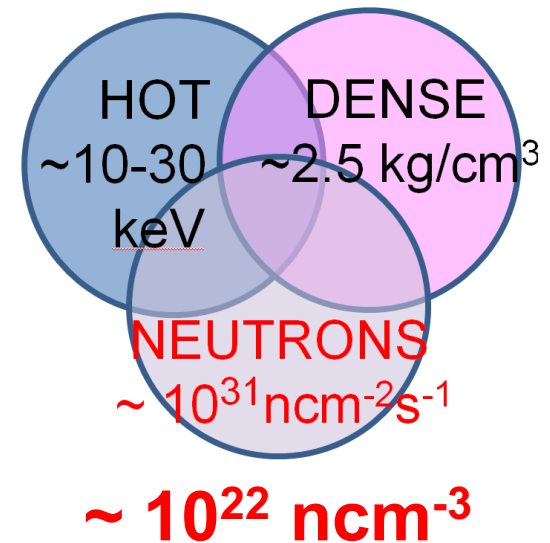
Neutron-induced reactions in the high-density plasma at the National Ignition Facility

M. Paul, A. Zylstra et al.

Laser energy/power:
1.8 MJ/400 TW



^{40}Ar
added to DT
as probe for
neutron-induced
reactions



**Closest laboratory analog
to explosive stellar conditions**

Zylstra et al., Nature (2022)

Abu-Shawareb et al., PRL (2022)



DT+Ar shot at NIF

$^{39,41}\text{Ar}$ collected and detected

- $^{40}\text{Ar}(n,2n)^{39}\text{Ar}$ ($t_{1/2} = 268$ y): fast-neutron monitor
- $^{40}\text{Ar}(n,\gamma)^{41}\text{Ar}$ ($t_{1/2} = 110$ min): sensitive to **neutron downscattered fluence**
- **Search for $^{40}\text{Ar}(2n,\gamma)^{42}\text{Ar}$ ($t_{1/2} = 33$ y):** *rapid two neutron-capture ("mini r-process")* sensitive to **neutron density**

Ca40	Ca41 1.03E+5 y 7/2-	Ca42	Ca43	Ca44
0+		0+	7/2-	0+
96.941	EC	0.647	0.135	2.086
K39	K40 1.277E+9 y 4-	K41	K42 12.360 h 2-	K43 22.3 h 3/2+
3/2+	EC, β^- 0.0117	3/2+	β^-	β^-
93.2581		6.7302		
Ar38	Ar39 269 y 7/2-	Ar40	Ar41 109.34 m 7/2-	Ar42 32.9 y 0+
0+	β^-	0+	β^-	β^-
0.063		99.600		

