

PRECISION MASSES OF $^{129-131}\text{Cd}$ FOR NUCLEAR ASTROPHYSICS

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Nuclear astrophysics

Definition: *Interdisciplinary branch in physics which aims to understand the origin of chemical elements and the energy generation in stars.*

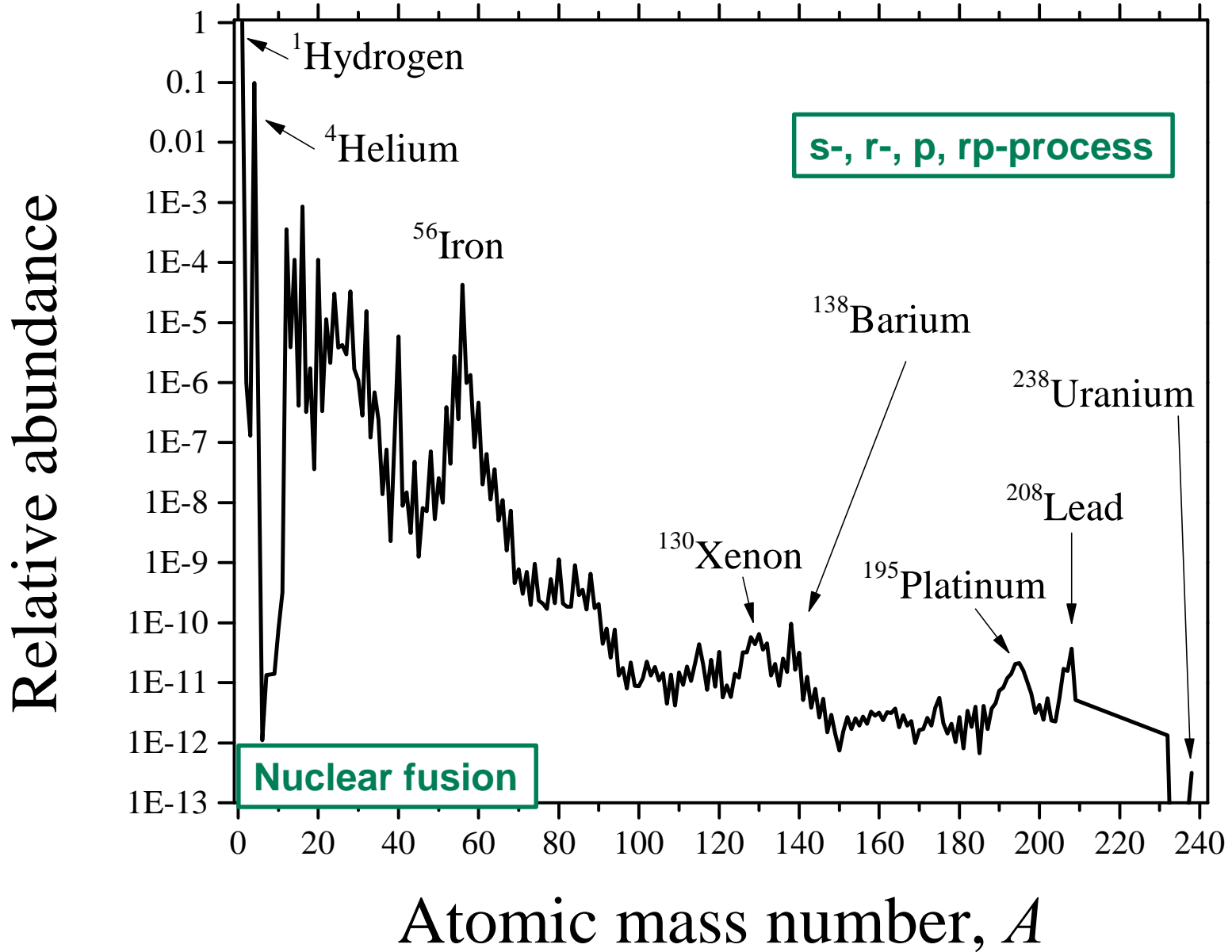
Nuclear physics

- Nuclear masses
- Half-lives
- Reaction cross sections

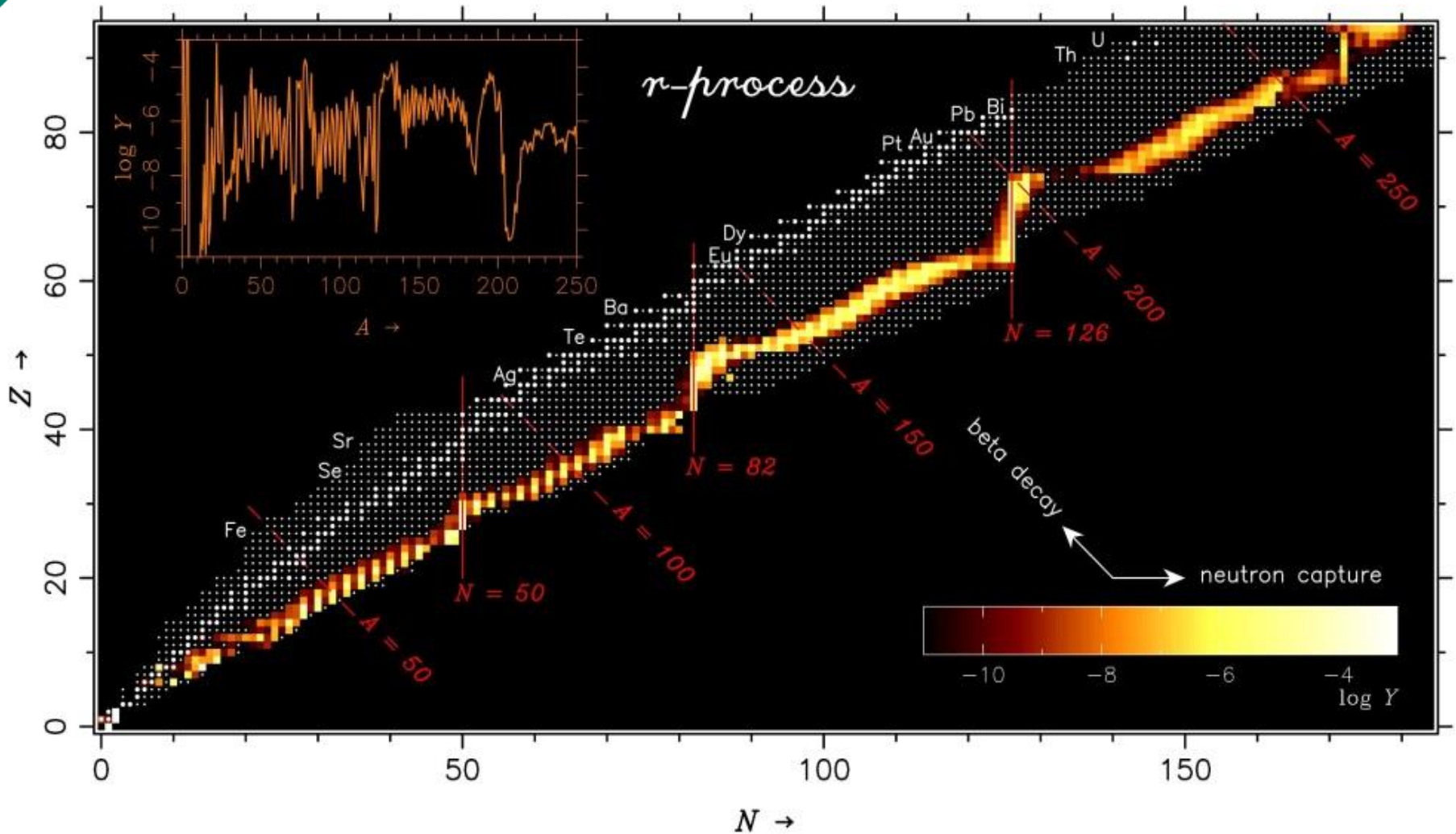
Astrophysics

- Stars, Star Clusters
- Galaxies
- Chemical composition

Natural abundance in the Solar system

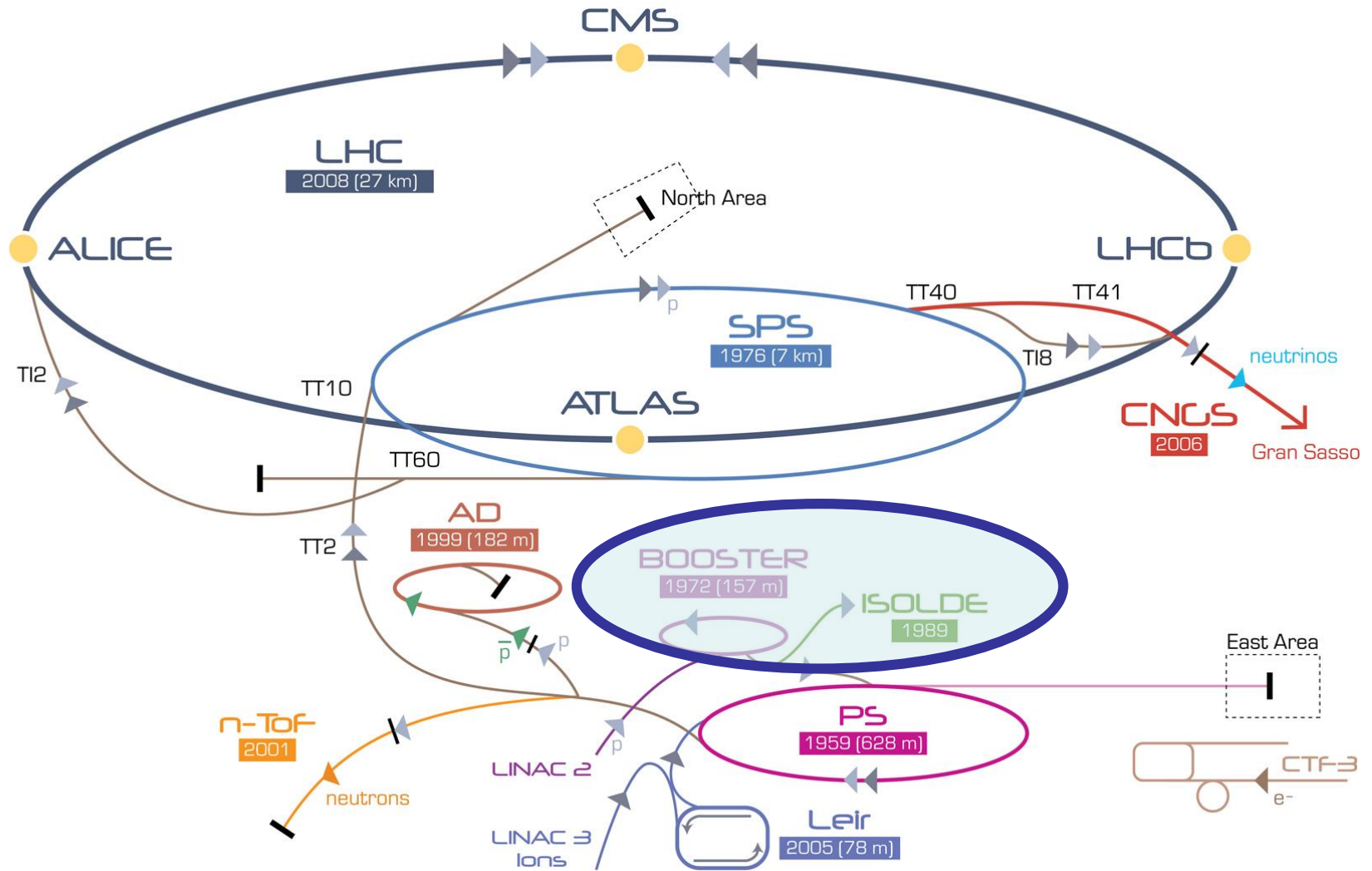


Rapid neutron capture process



Starting conditions: $\tau = 10\text{s}$; $n = 10^{27} \text{ cm}^{-3}$; $T = 9 \text{ GK}$

Experimental facility

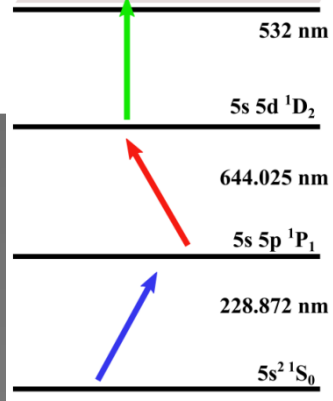


Online radioactive isotope production

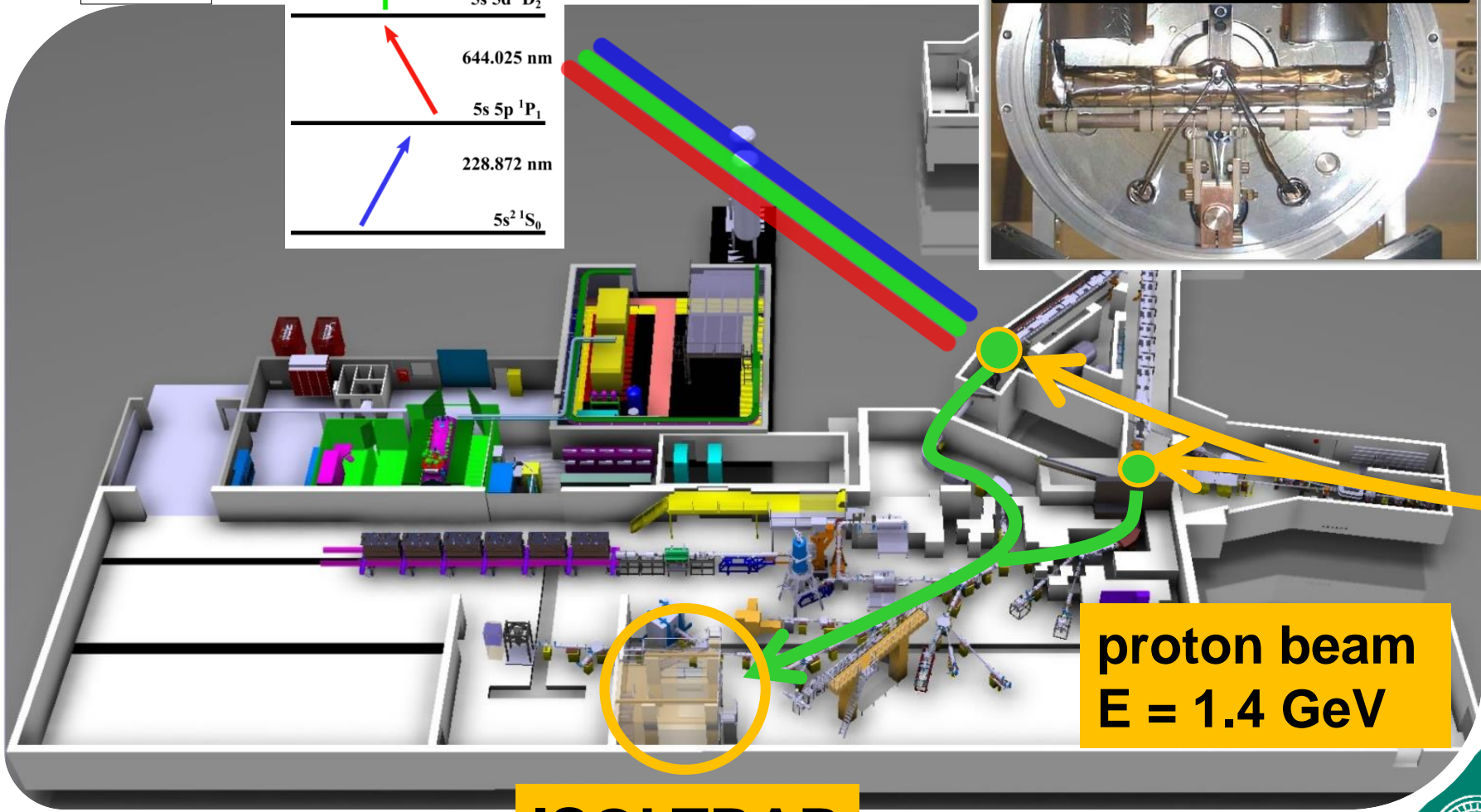
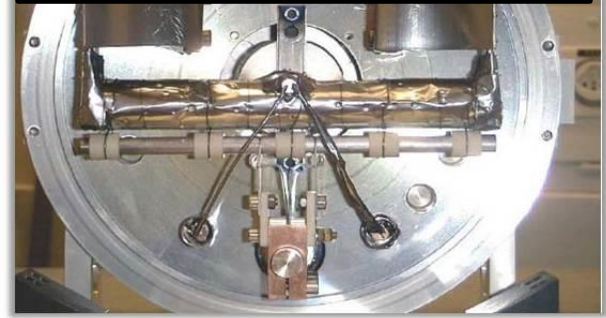
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Cd ionization



Target – UCx, neutron converter and quartz line

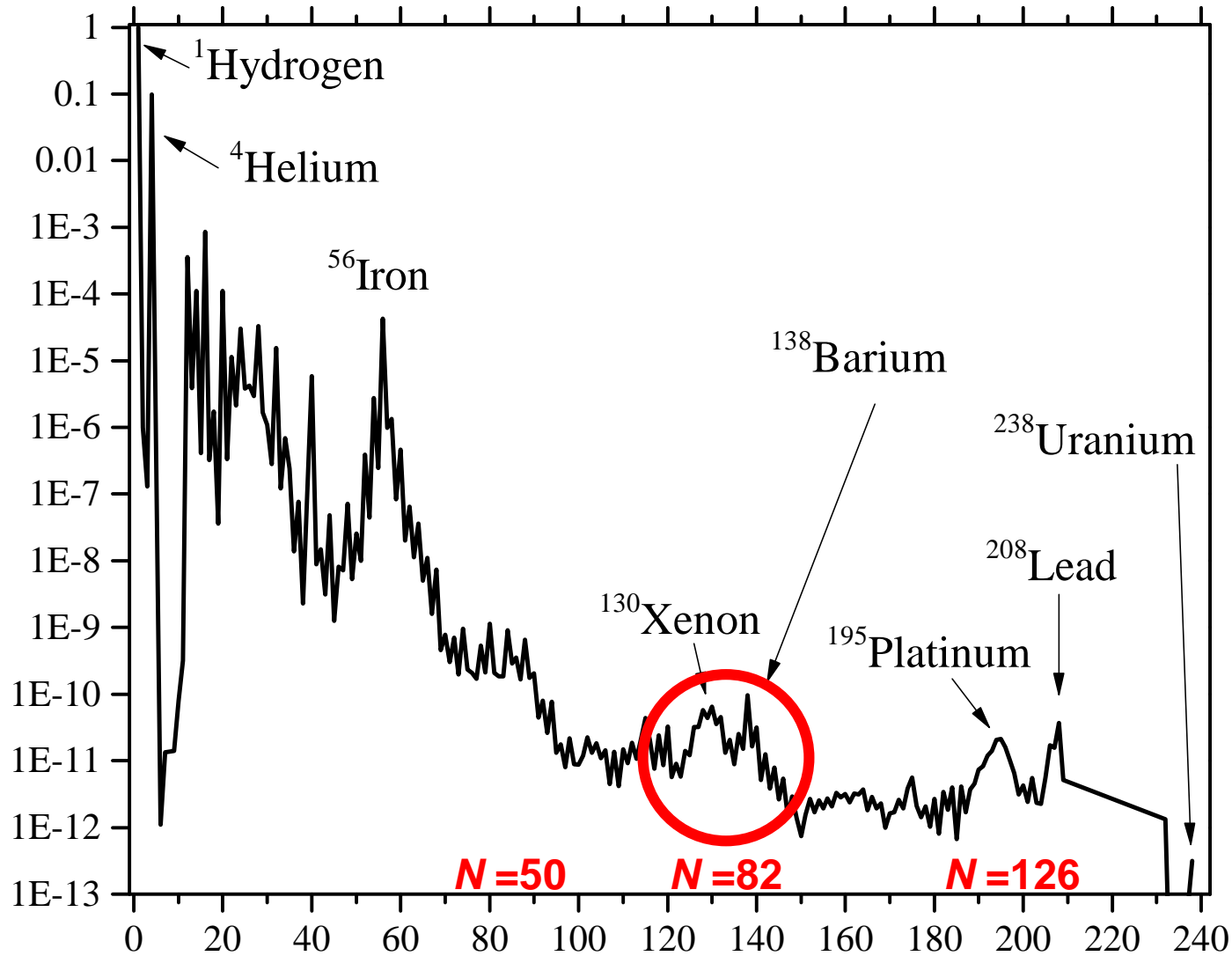


ISOLTRAP



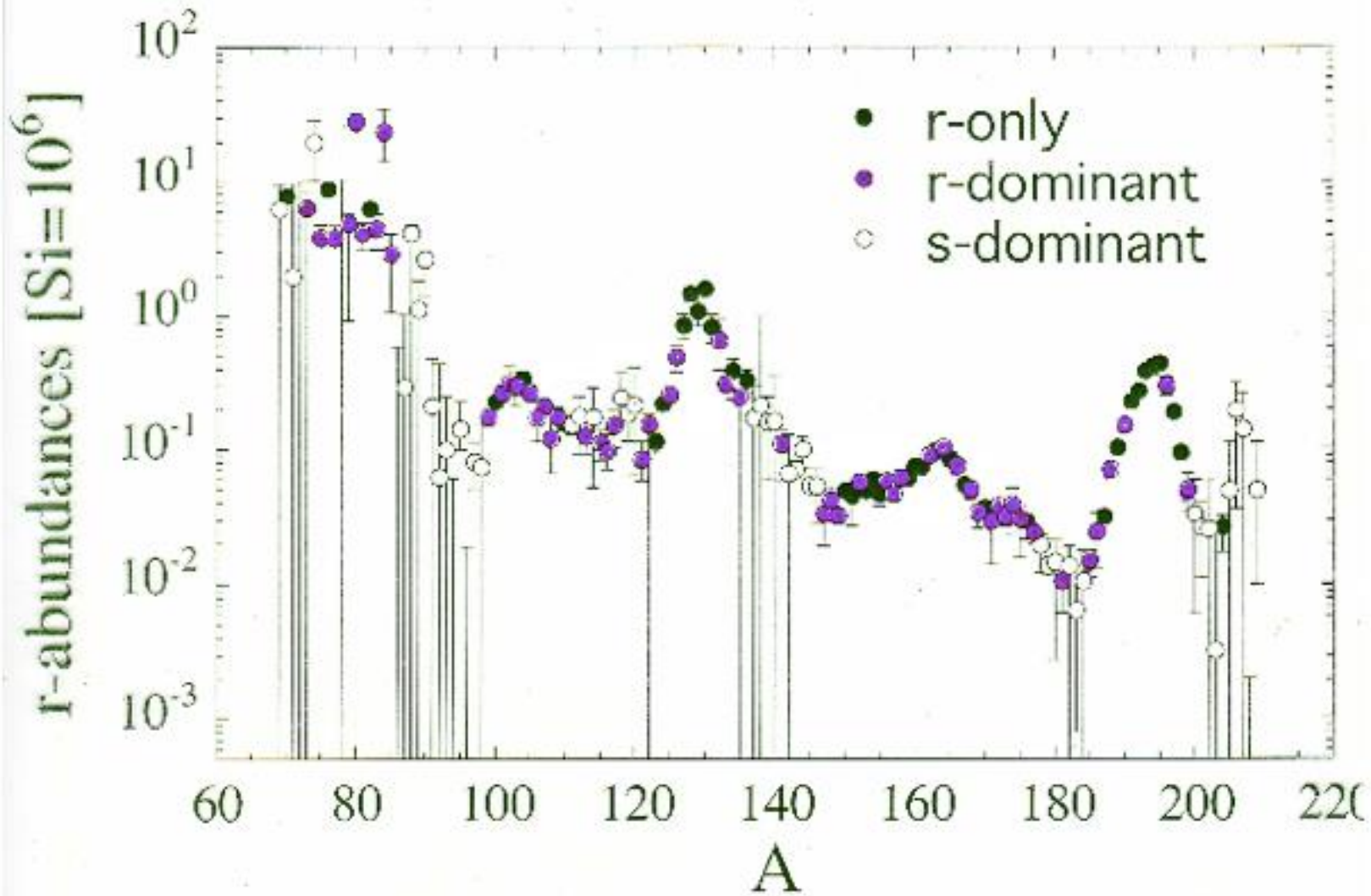
Natural abundance in the Solar system

Relative abundance



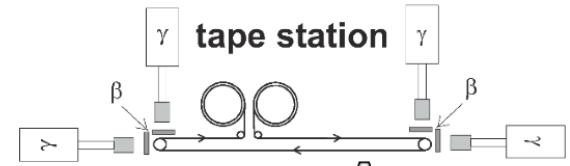
Atomic mass number, A

Natural abundance in the Solar system



LARGE UNCERTAINTIES, ESP. FOR S-DOMINANT NUCLIDES

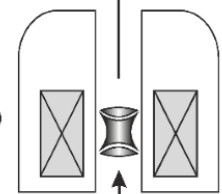
ISOLTRAP setup



UT detector



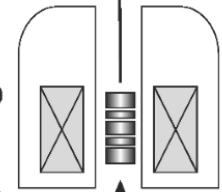
precision
trapping trap



LT detector



preparation
trapping trap

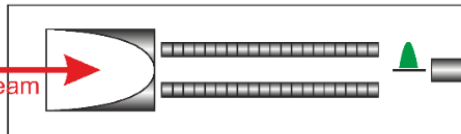


laser ablation
source

alkali
ion source

ISOLDE
30-50 keV ion beam

RFQ cooler and buncher



HV area

1st deceleration
cavity

MR-TOF MS

trapping
cavity

MR-TOF detector or
BN beam gate

<100 eV
2nd
deceleration
cavity

ND:YAG 532nm

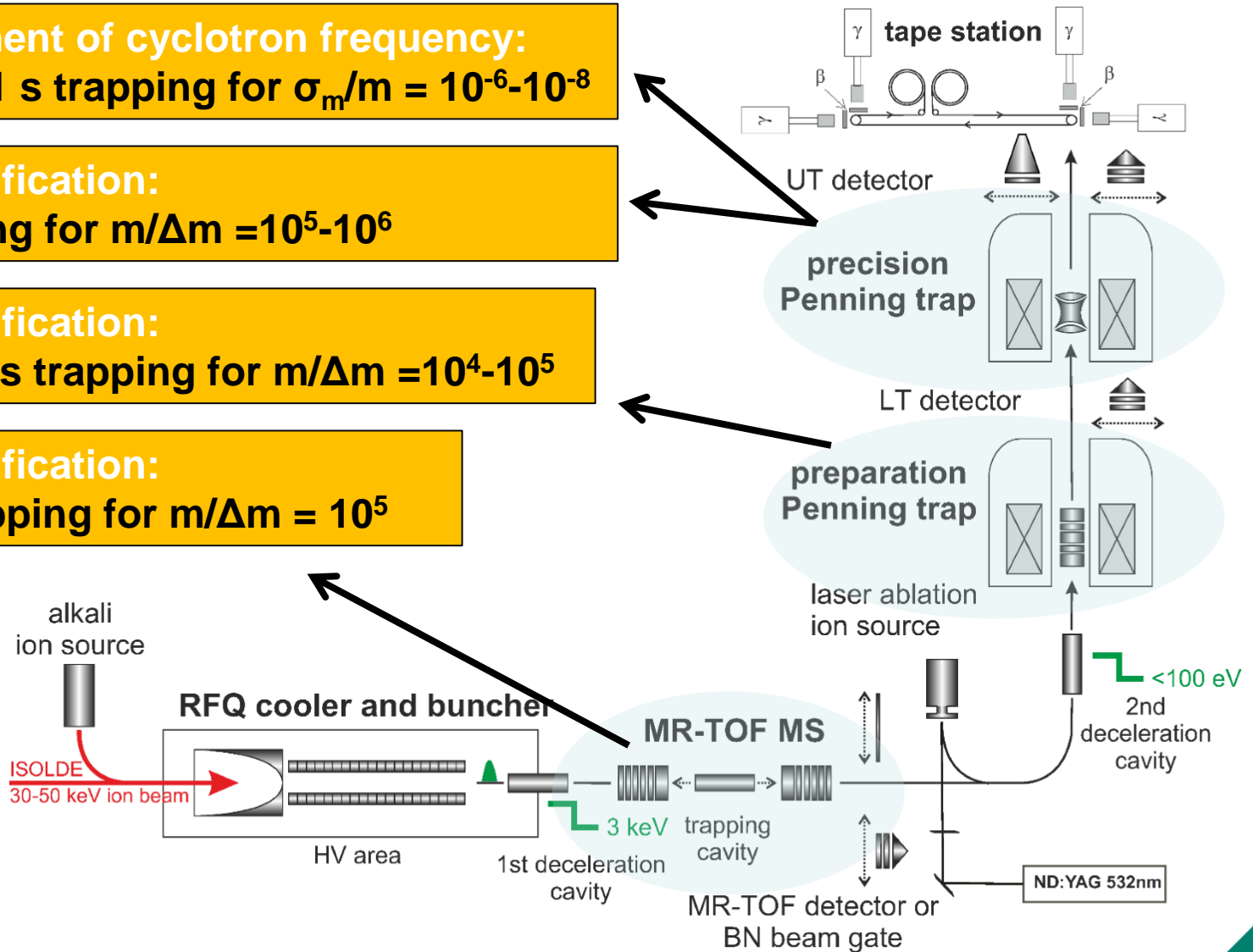
ISOLTRAP setup

Measurement of cyclotron frequency:
 100 ms – 1 s trapping for $\sigma_m/m = 10^{-6}-10^{-8}$

Beam purification:
 1 s trapping for $m/\Delta m = 10^5-10^6$

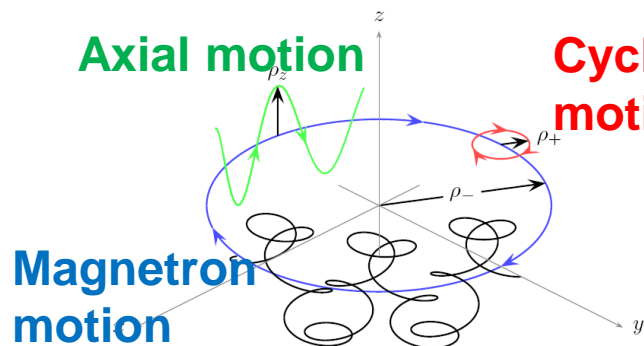
Beam purification:
 200-300 ms trapping for $m/\Delta m = 10^4-10^5$

Beam purification:
 30 ms trapping for $m/\Delta m = 10^5$



Mass measurements at ISOLTRAP

Penning trap measurements



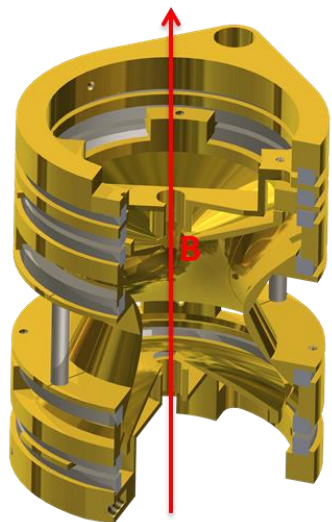
$$\nu_c = \frac{qB}{2\pi m}$$

rf excitation

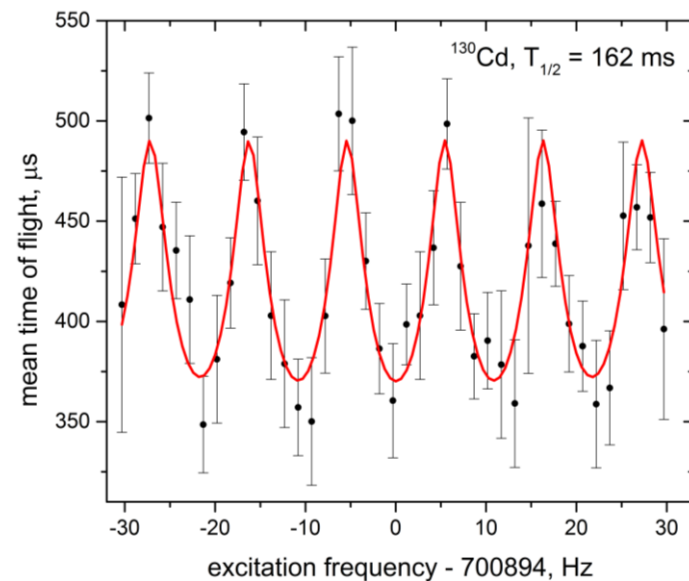
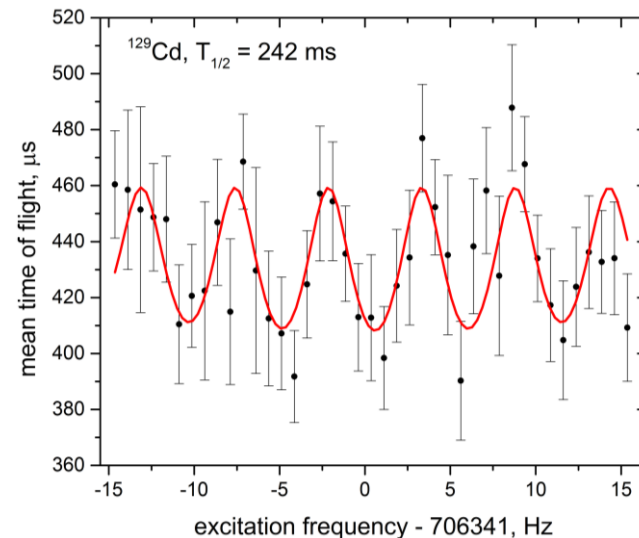
$$\nu_c = \nu_+ + \nu_-$$

$$t_{\text{ex}}(^{129}\text{Cd}) = 20\text{-}160\text{-}20 \text{ ms}$$

$$t_{\text{ex}}(^{130}\text{Cd}) = 10\text{-}80\text{-}10 \text{ ms}$$



PRELIMINARY

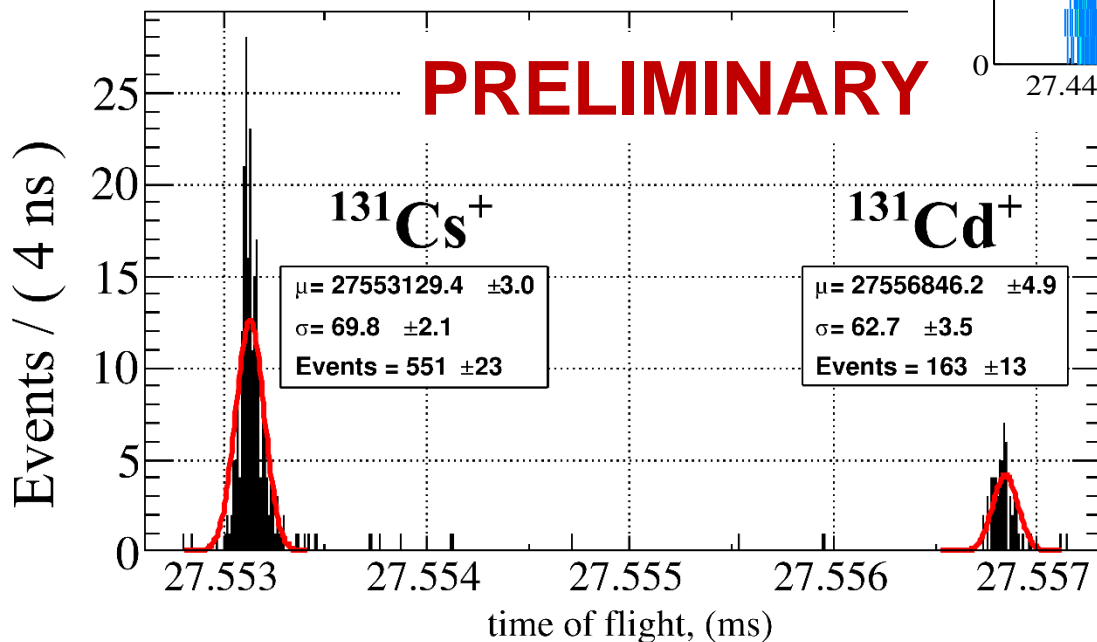
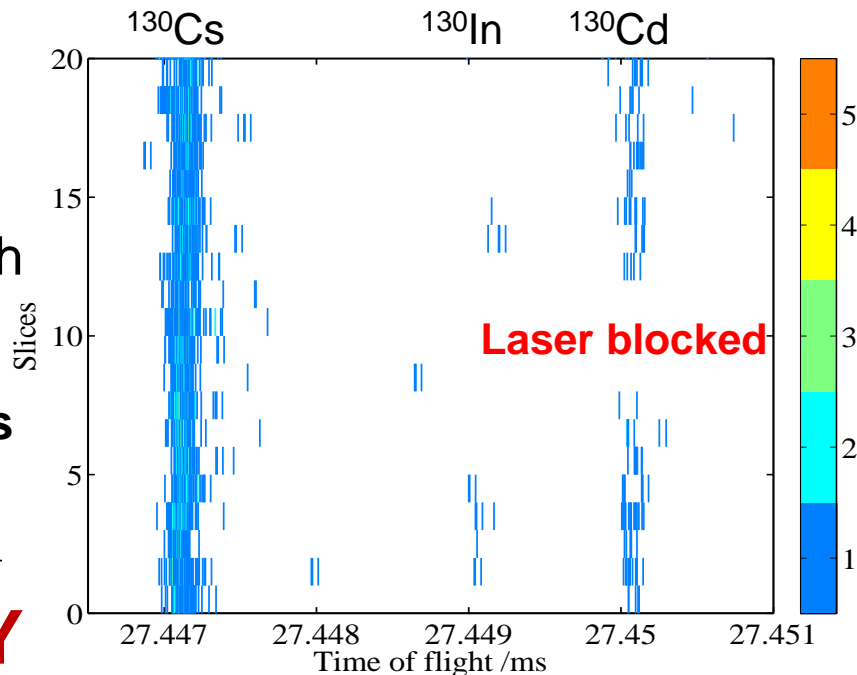


Mass measurements at ISOLTRAP

MR-TOF MS

- ≈ 88 ions/s from ISOLDE
- Total of 1366 ions collected for ≈ 6.6 h

ions of interest $^{131}\text{Cd} \approx 0.2$ ions / 160 ms
 contamination $^{131}\text{Cs} \approx 0.6$ ions / 160 ms

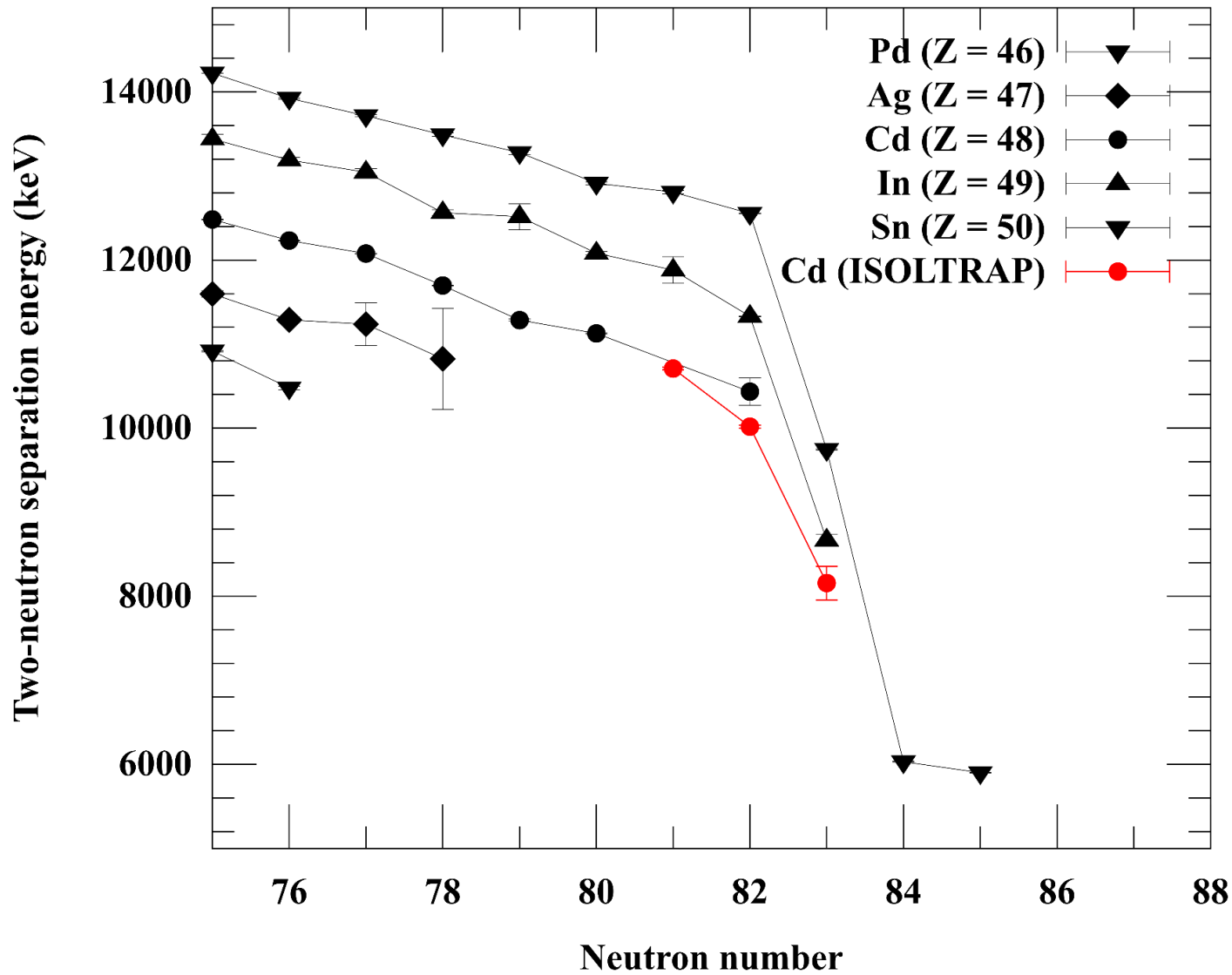


$$t = a \cdot \sqrt{m/q} + b$$

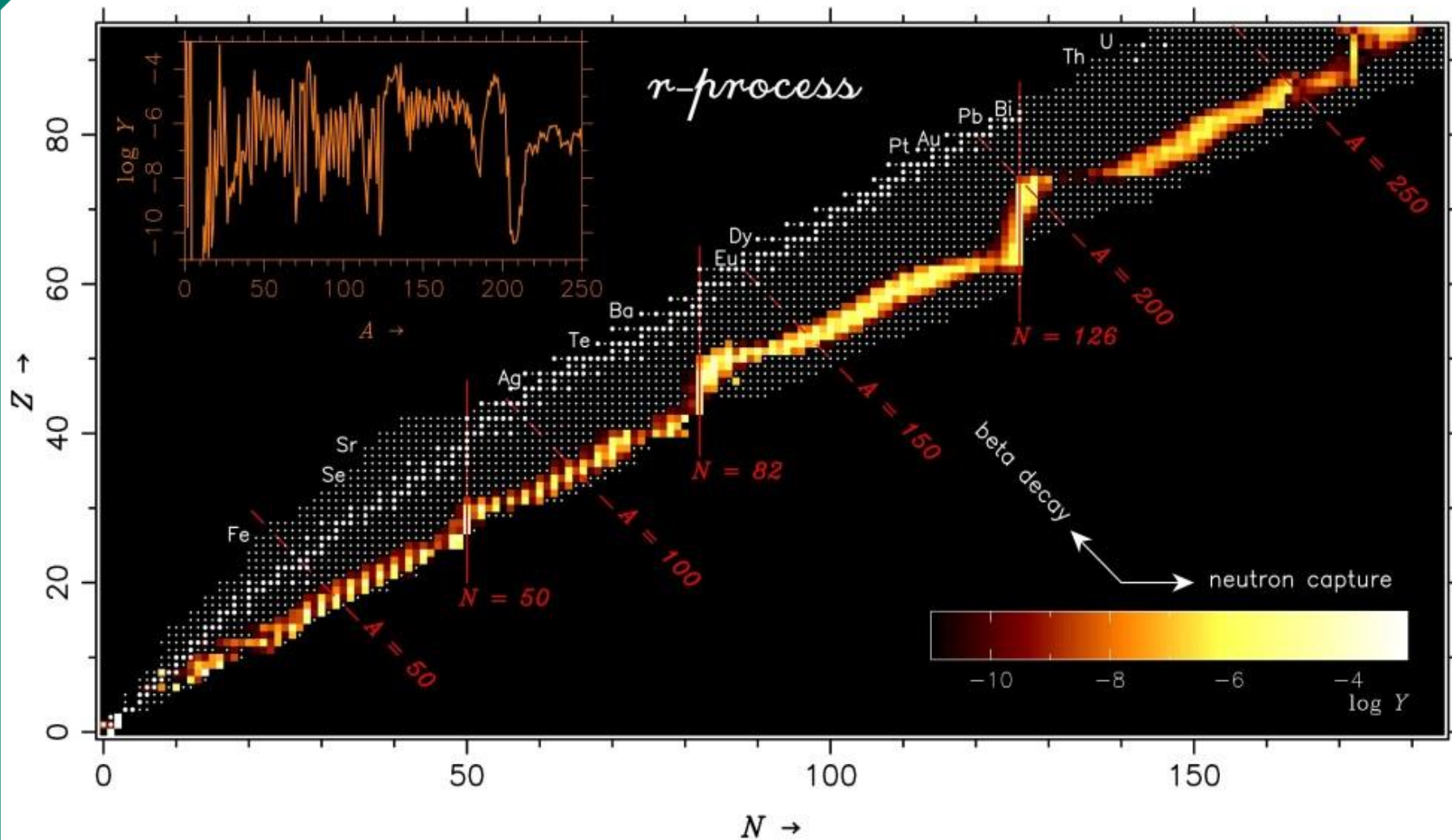


Results

$$S_{2n}(N, Z) = ME(N - 2, Z) - ME(N, Z) + 2 \cdot ME(n)$$



Rapid neutron capture



Canonical model

The nuclide abundance equation in explosive burning

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d N(A, Z)}{dt} \\ &= \lambda_n(A-1, Z)N(A-1, Z) - \lambda_n(A, Z)N(A, Z) \\ &+ \lambda_\beta(A, Z-1)N(A, Z-1) - \lambda_\beta(A, Z)N(A, Z) \\ &+ \lambda_\gamma(A+1, Z)N(A+1, Z) - \lambda_\gamma(A, Z)N(A, Z) \\ &+ \textit{termination terms due to fission (A = 260)} \end{aligned}$$

The number density for isotope with (A, Z)

$$N(A, Z) = \omega(A, Z) \left(\frac{A M_\mu k T}{2 \pi \hbar^2} \right)^{3/2} \frac{N_n^{(A-Z)} N_p^Z}{2^A} e^{-\frac{Q(A, Z)}{k T}}$$

Canonical model

Waiting-point approximation

$$\lambda_n \gg \lambda_\beta \text{ and having } (n, \gamma) \leftrightarrow (\gamma, n)$$

$$\frac{dN(A, Z)}{dt} = \lambda_\beta(A, Z-1)N(A, Z-1) - \lambda_\beta(A, Z)N(A, Z)$$

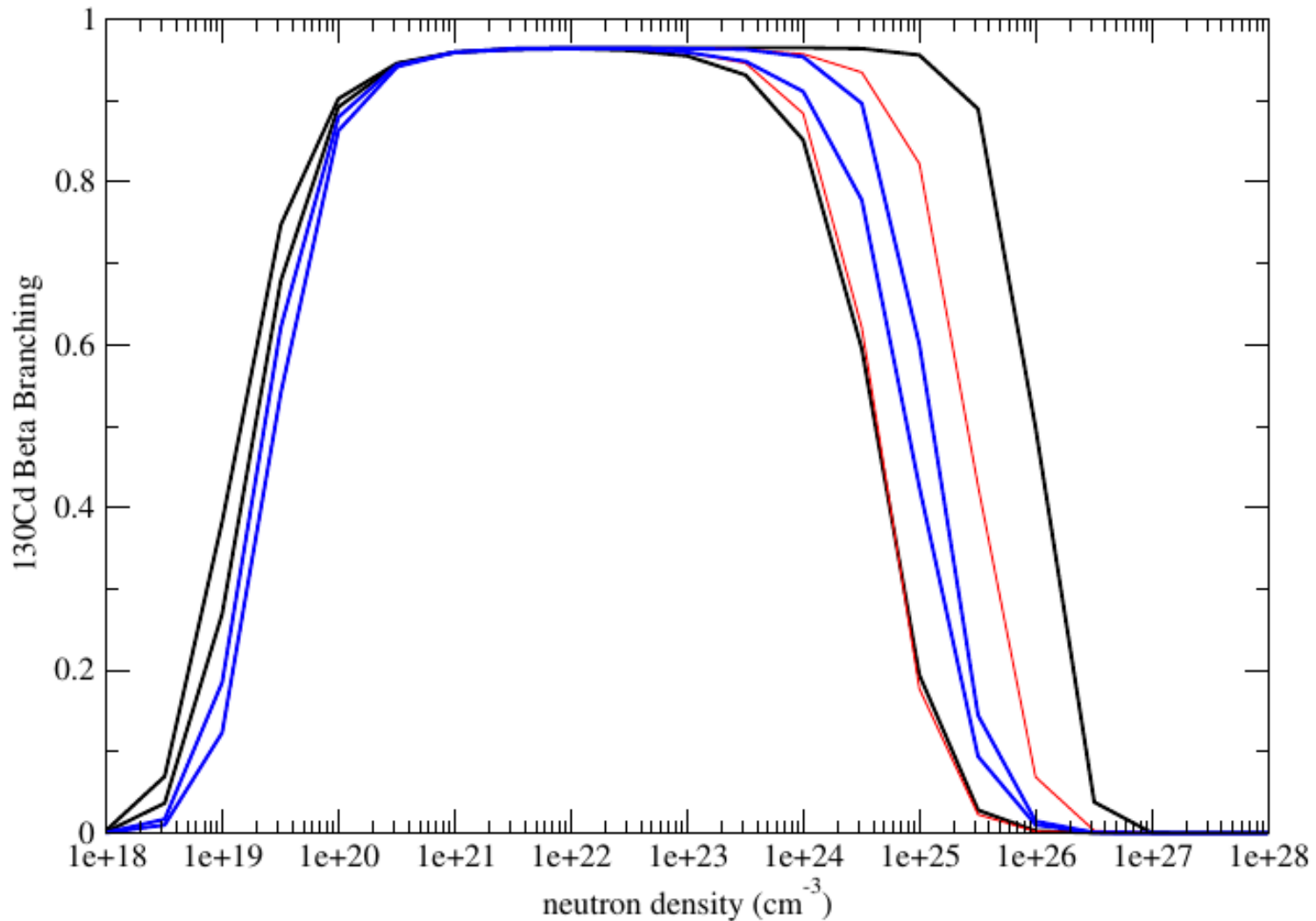
$$\log \frac{N(A+1, Z)}{N(A, Z)} = \log N_n - 34.07 - \frac{3}{2} \log T_9 + \frac{5.04 Q_n}{T_9}$$

N_n – neutron density; T_9 – temperature in GK; Q_n – neutron separation energy



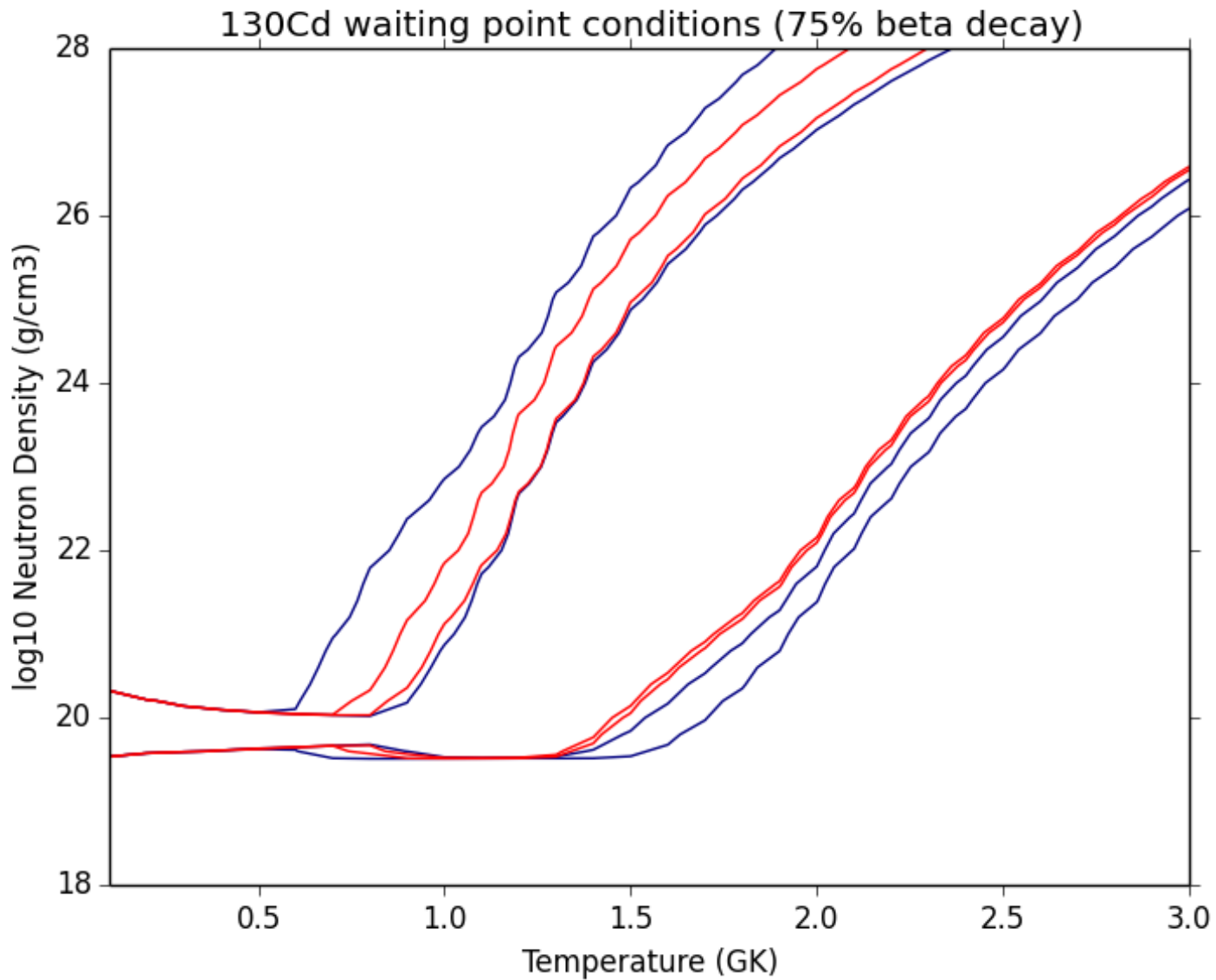
Canonical model

^{130}Cd Beta Branching for 1.4 GK





Canonical model



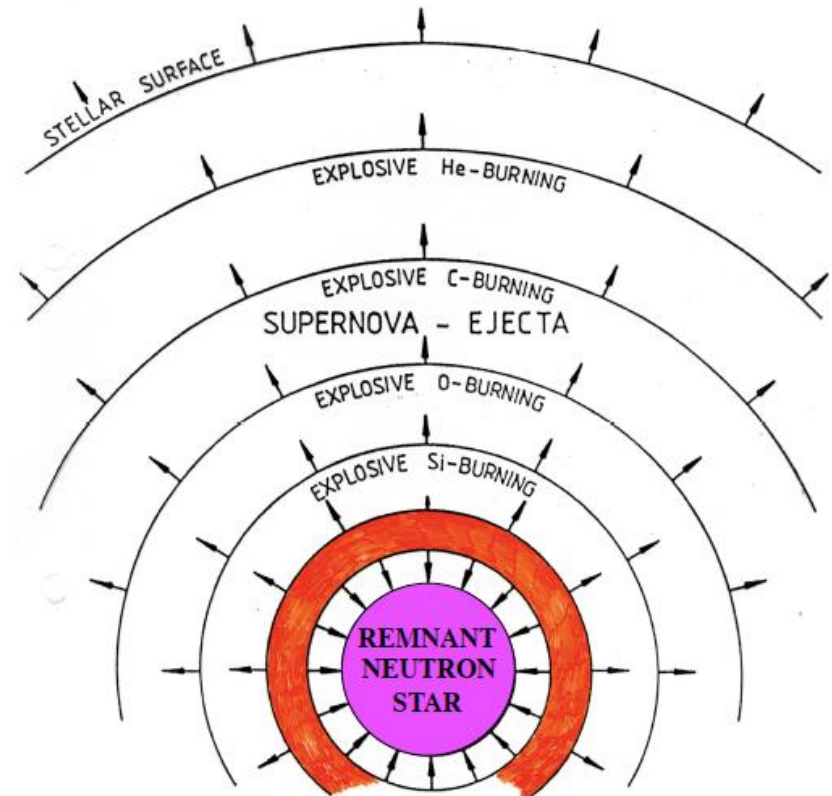


Collapse scenarios - Supernovae

Around supernova 1987A, before and just after the event
AAO Image reference AAT 50 and AAT 50a (with arrow). [« Previous](#) || [Next »](#)

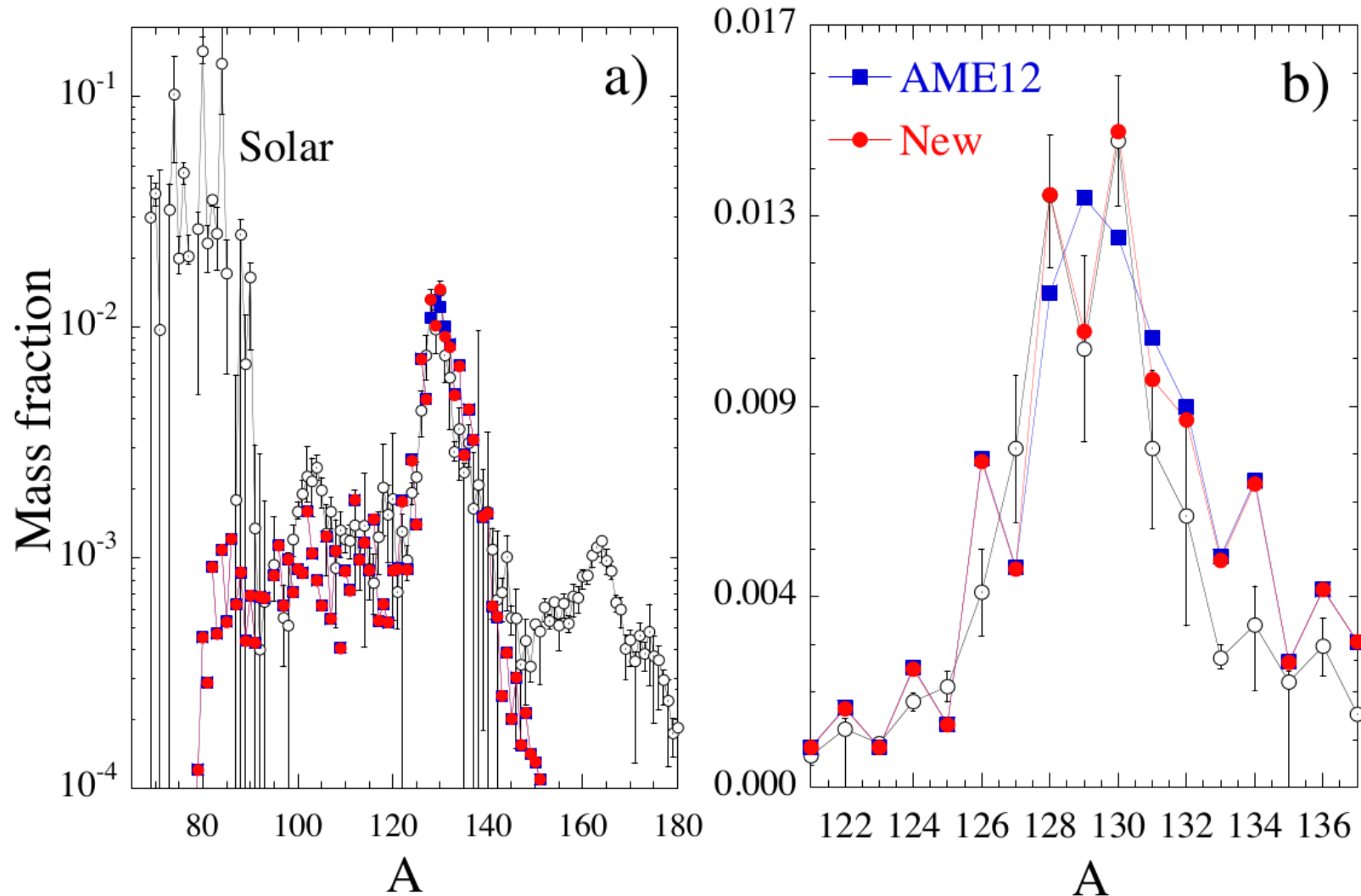


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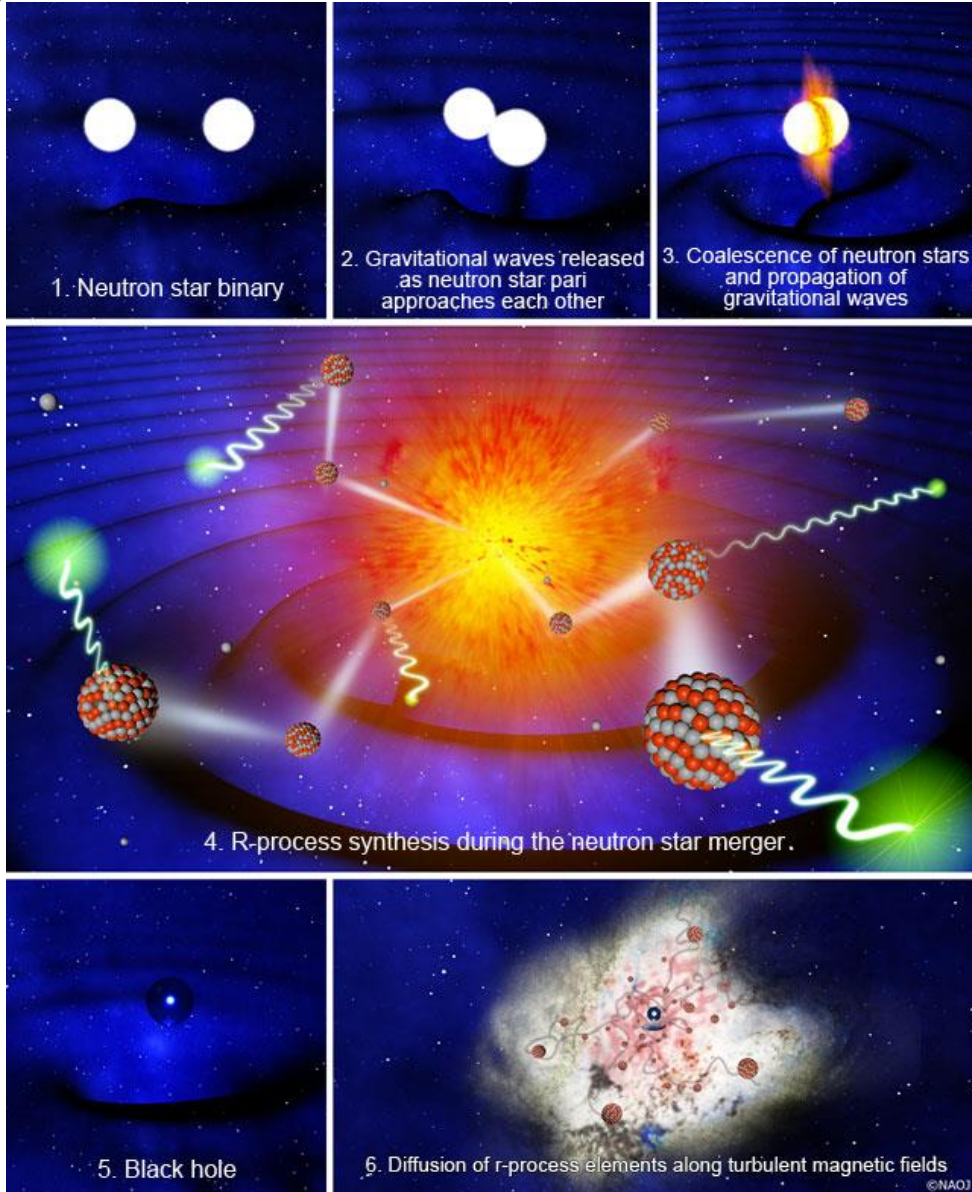


Core-collapse supernova

Collapse scenarios - Supernovae



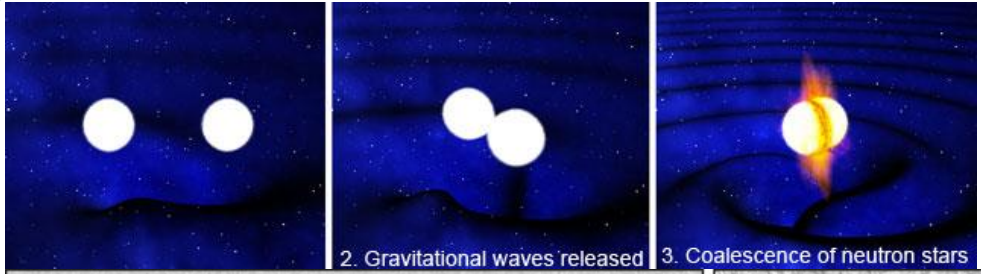
Collapse scenarios – Neutron Star Mergers





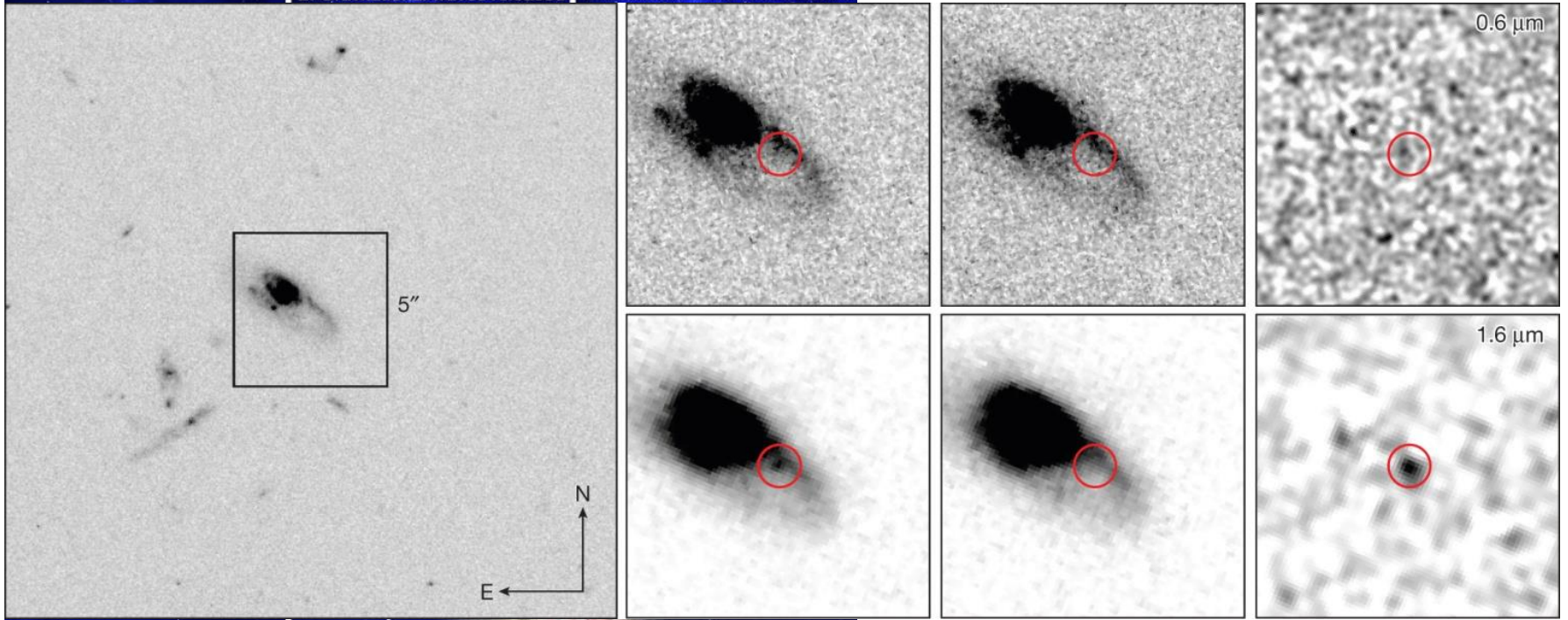
Collapse scenarios – Neutron Star Mergers

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2. Gravitational waves released 3. Coalescence of neutron stars

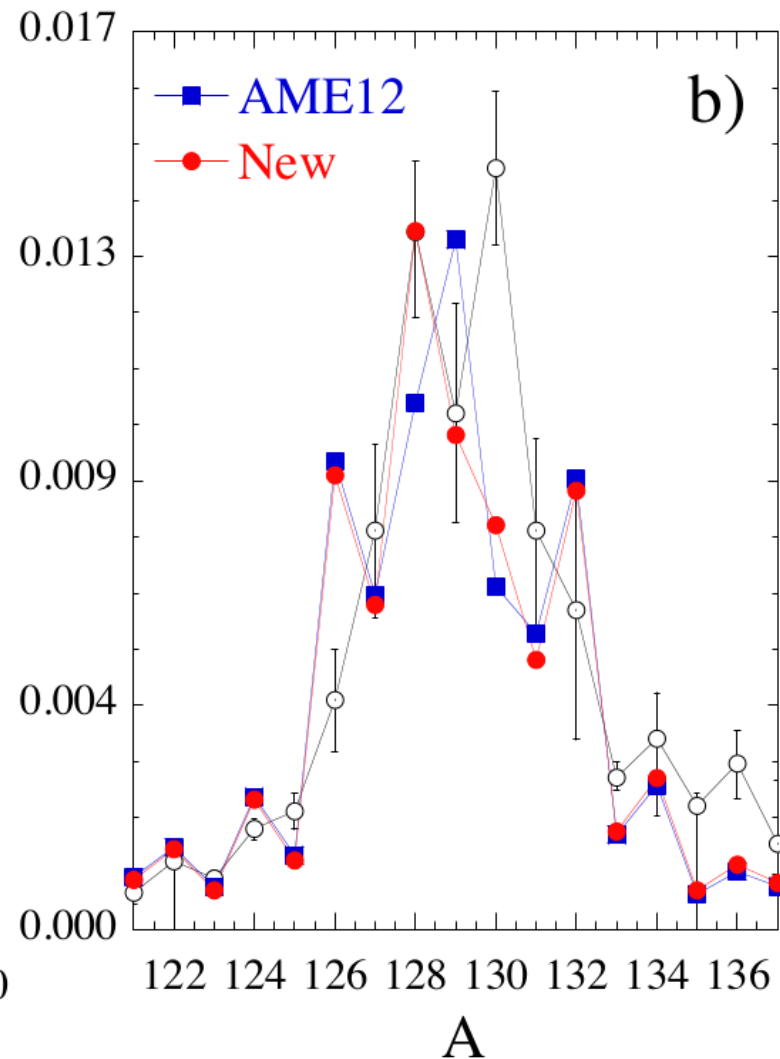
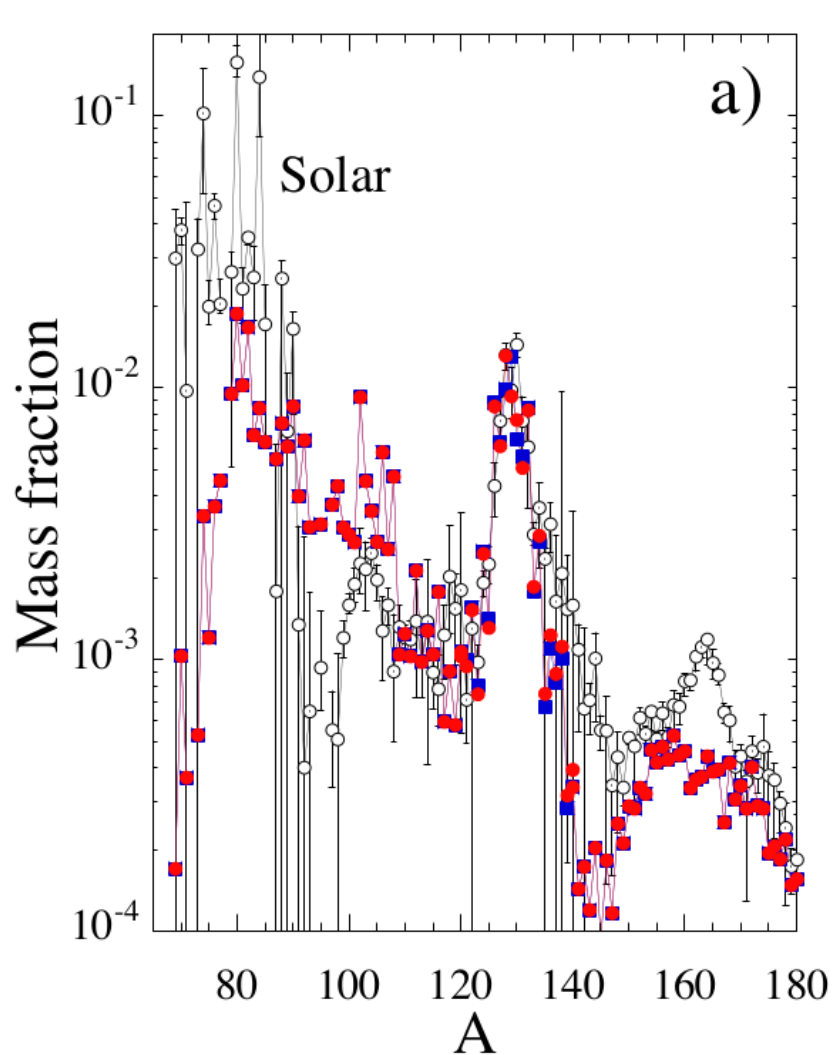
Short Gamma Ray Bursts



5. Black hole 6. Diffusion of r-process elements along turbulent magnetic fields ©NAOJ

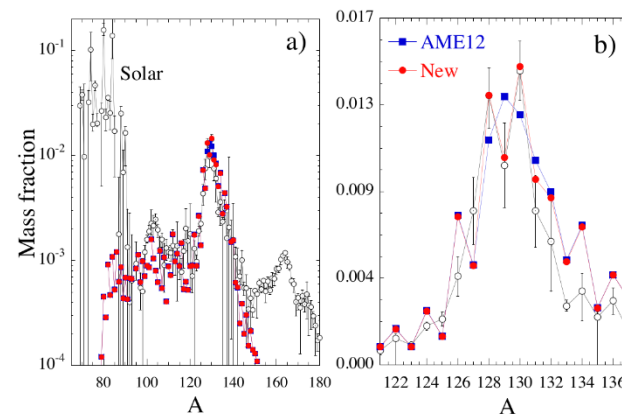
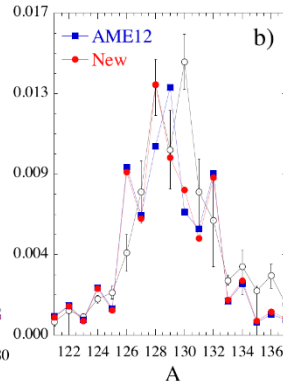
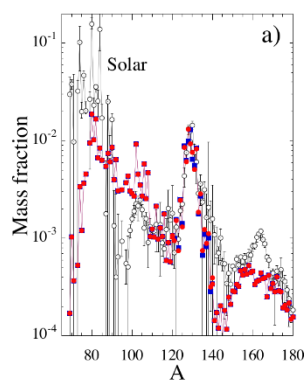
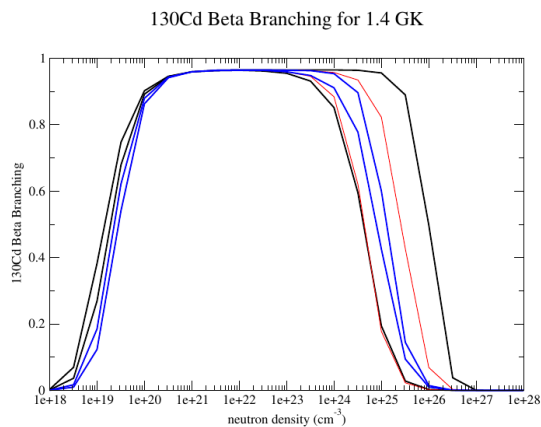
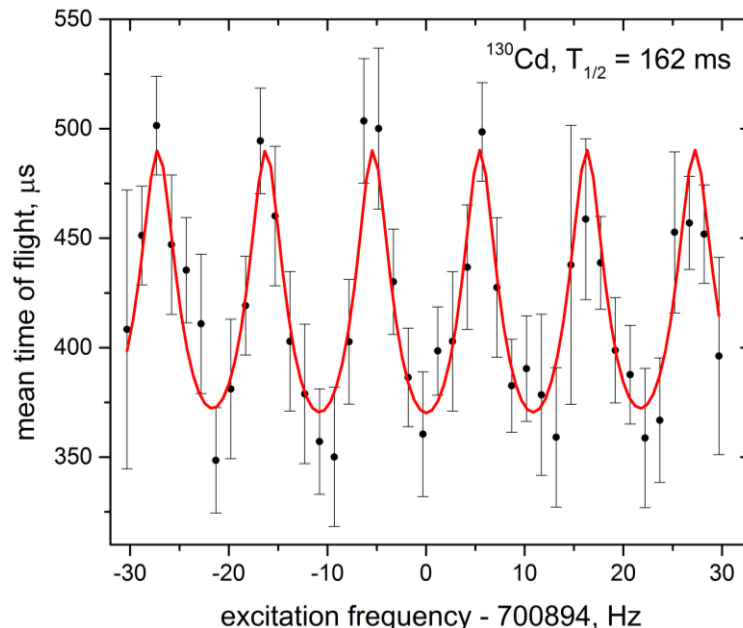
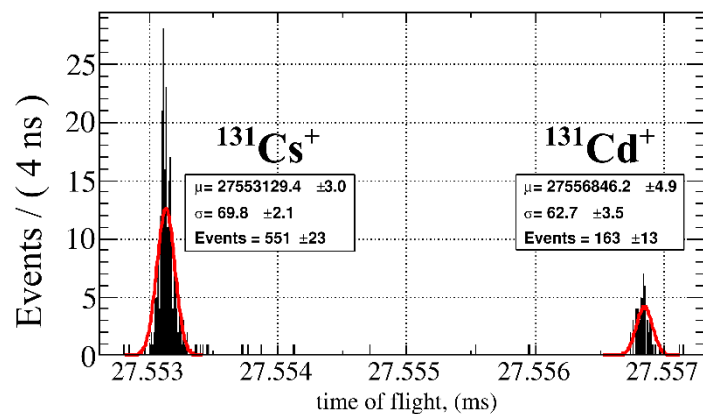


Collapse scenarios – Neutron Star Mergers



Summary

- Mass measurement of $^{129-131}\text{Cd}$
- Bring further reliability in r-process calculations





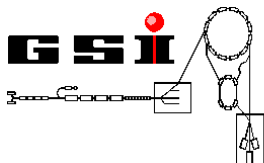
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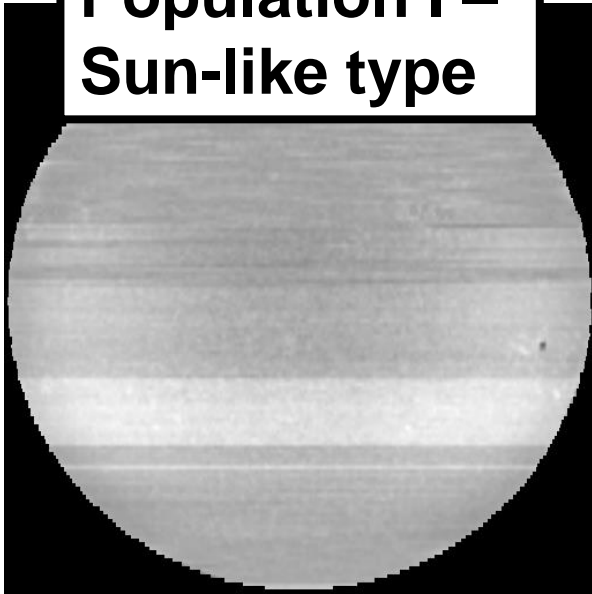
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Where to look for ?

**Population I –
Sun-like type**

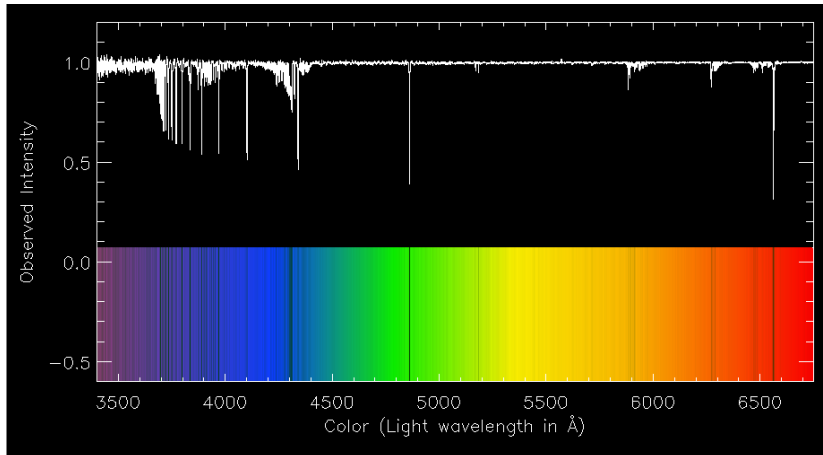


Credits: Mt. Wilson Observatory

Population II – Globular clusters



Credits: ESA/Hubble & NASA

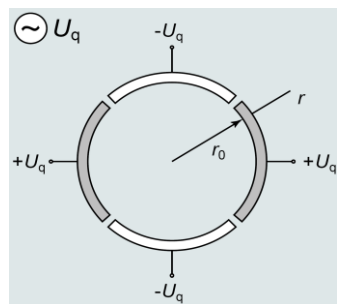
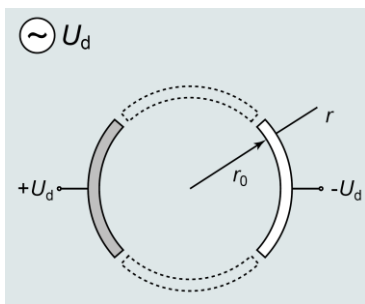
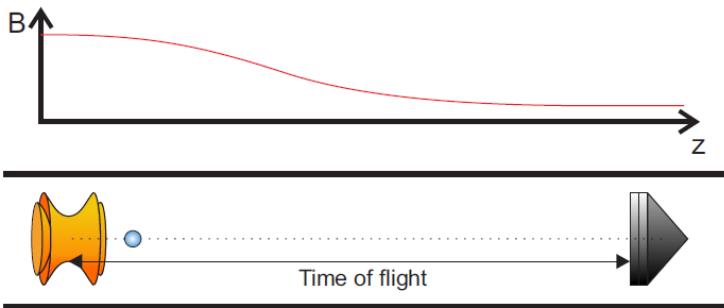


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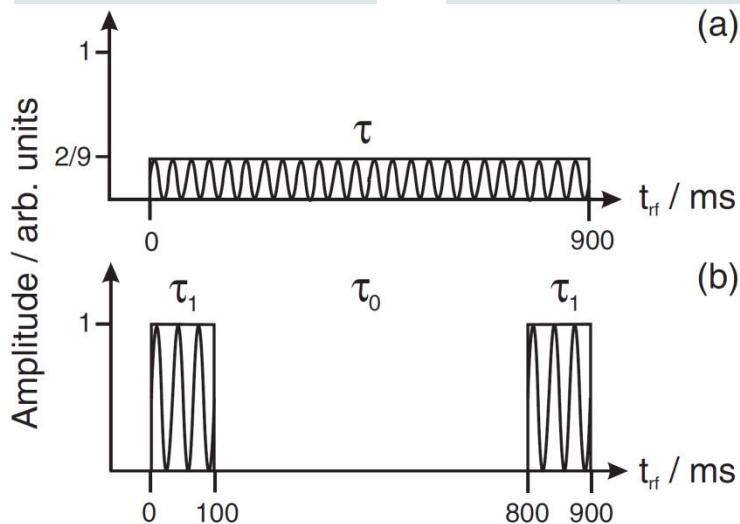
Metallicity

$$[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = \log_{10} \left(\frac{N_{\text{Fe}}}{N_{\text{H}}} \right)_{\text{star}} - \log_{10} \left(\frac{N_{\text{Fe}}}{N_{\text{H}}} \right)_{\odot}$$

ToF-ICR and Ramsey excitation



(a)



(b)

