Study of the alpha-nucleus optical potential through ( $\alpha$ ,n) reactions in the mass range relevant to the  $\gamma$ -process

Accelerator-based experiments for the p-process from Vravron to Budapest and beyond

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#### 8th p-process workshop 2024





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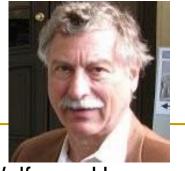
Some speakers:



**Claus Rolfs** 



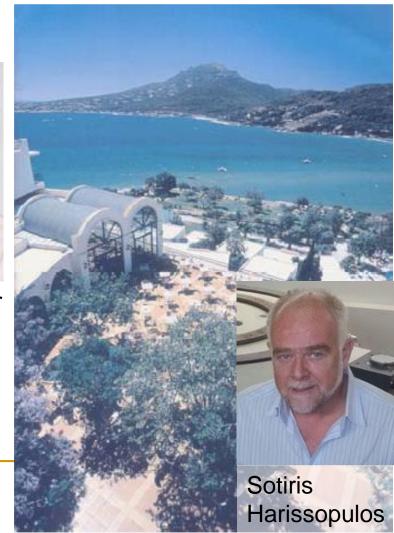
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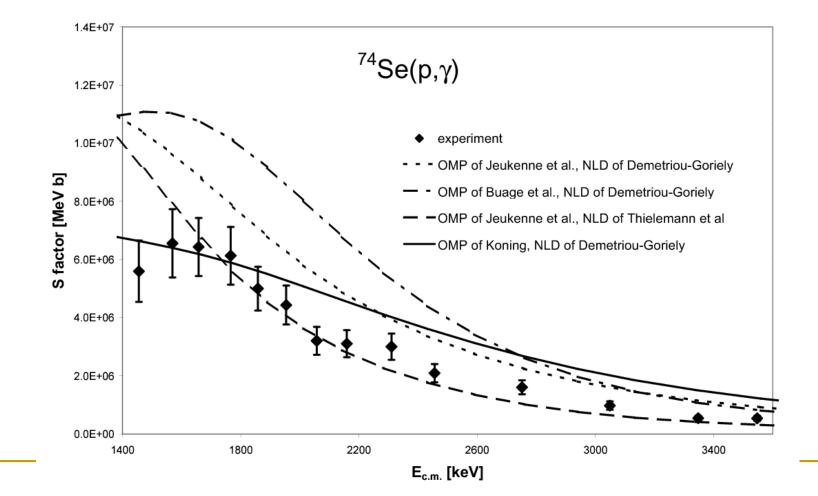
## Some experimental (and related) topics

- Gamma-induced reactions
- New α-OMP (P. Demetriou)
- Level densities, γ strength functions
- Capture reactions



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# From Atomki: p-induced reactions with activation



The p-process workshop

Garching, 10.-11.9.2009



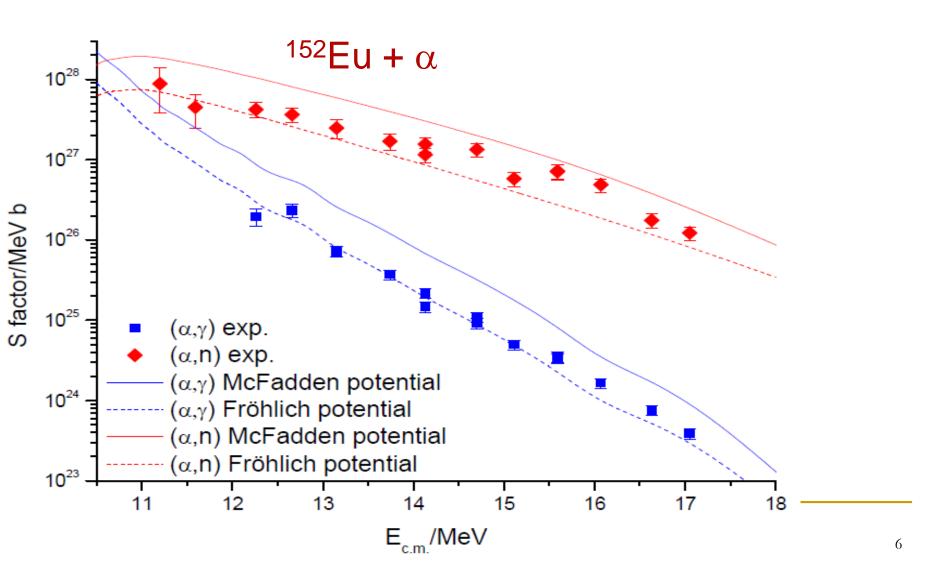
- (n,γ) cross sections
- AMS
- RIB (inverse kinematics)
- Dawn of storage ring

- rp-process
- vp-process



Iris Dillmann

#### From Atomki: α-induced reactions





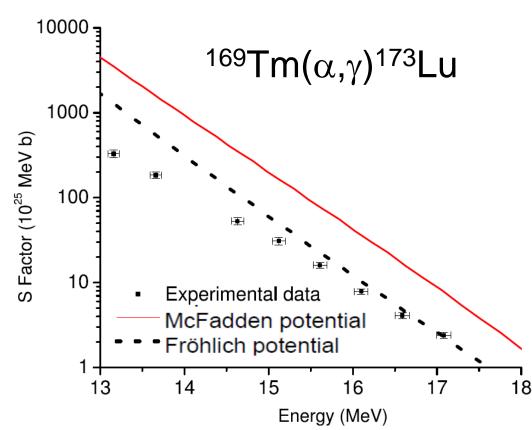
- p-process nucleosynthesis (γ-process, rp-process, vp-process, v-process)
- Nuclear structure aspects
- Experimental situation: increasing interest (DRAGON@TFIUMF, Cologne)
- Hauser-Feshbach and reaction rates
- p-process data evaluation (Kadonis)



Nalan Özkan

From Atomki: extension of activation, growing database

## characteristic X-ray detection



#### Summary of measured reactions

| proton induced<br>reactions              | alpha induced<br>reaction                                  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <sup>84</sup> Sr(p,γ) <sup>85</sup> Y    | <sup>70</sup> Ge(α,γ) <sup>74</sup> Se                     |  |
| <sup>86</sup> Sr(p,γ) <sup>87</sup> Y    | <sup>106</sup> Cd(α,γ) <sup>110</sup> Sn                   |  |
| <sup>87</sup> Sr(p,γ) <sup>88</sup> Y    | <sup>106</sup> Cd(α,n) <sup>109</sup> Sn                   |  |
| <sup>74</sup> Se(p,γ) <sup>75</sup> Br   | <sup>106</sup> Cd(α,p) <sup>109</sup> In                   |  |
| <sup>76</sup> Se(p,γ) <sup>76</sup> Br   | <sup>113</sup> In( $\alpha$ , $\gamma$ ) <sup>117</sup> Sb |  |
| <sup>82</sup> Se(p,n) <sup>82</sup> Br   | <sup>113</sup> In(α,n) <sup>116</sup> Sb                   |  |
| <sup>106</sup> Cd(p,γ) <sup>107</sup> In | <sup>144</sup> Sm(α,γ) <sup>148</sup> Gd                   |  |
| <sup>108</sup> Cd(p,γ) <sup>109</sup> In | <sup>151</sup> Eu(α,γ) <sup>155</sup> Tb                   |  |
| <sup>70</sup> Ge(p,γ) <sup>71</sup> As   | <sup>151</sup> Eu(α,n) <sup>154</sup> Tb                   |  |
| <sup>76</sup> Ge(p,n) <sup>76</sup> As   |  |  |
| <sup>85</sup> Rb(p,n) <sup>85</sup> Sr   |  |  |



Workshop on "Open problems and future directions in heavy element nucleosynthesis" ATOMKI Debrecen, Hungary 10-12 April, 2013.

- Astrophysical sites and processes for p-nuclide synthesis (e.g., γ-, rp-, v-, vp-, pn-processes and neutrinowinds)
- Experimental and theoretical nuclear physics for the p-nuclide production
- Open questions in nuclear physics and astrophysics for the s- and rprocesses
- Observational constraints on heavy element nucleosynthesis
- Galactic chemical evolution studies
  for heavy element production
- Experimental techniques relevant for heavy element nucleosynthesis



### From Atomki: KADoNIS-p, scattering ...

p-process



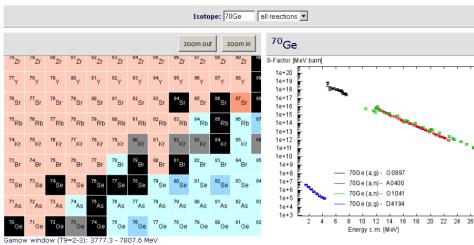
Karlsruhe Astrophysical Database of Nucleosynthesis in Stars

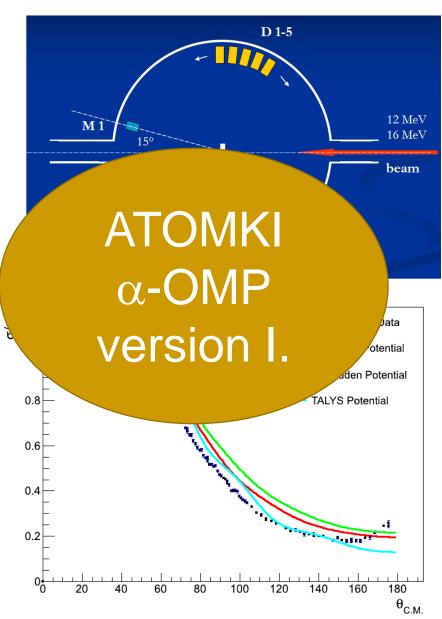
s-process

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#### p-process data viewer

Enter your isotope of interest or click it on the chart of nuclides below (drag the chart with your mouse)





#### p-process workshop 2015: status and outlook June 10 – 13, 2015 at Limassol, Cyprus

- *p*-process astrophysical calculations
- experimental efforts
- The vp process: production of p nuclei & related nuclear reaction sensitivities
- Calculations of reaction rates for the *p* process & their uncertainties
- Experimental investigations of reaction rates in regular and inverse kinematics
- <sup>92</sup>Mo region!!!

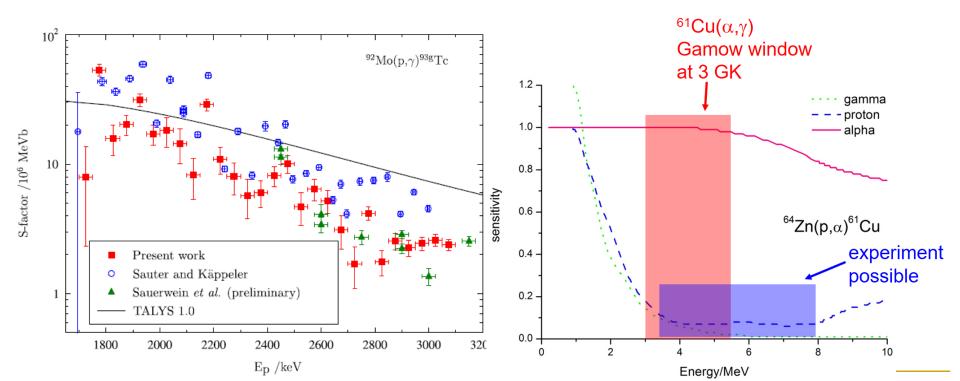


#### Artemis Spyrou

#### From Atomki: extension of activation

#### Thick target yield measurement <sup>92</sup>Mo(p,γ)<sup>93</sup>Tc

Study of  $\alpha$ -OMP in a (p, $\alpha$ ) reaction  ${}^{64}Zn(p,\alpha){}^{61}Cu$ 



#### P-PROCESS WORKSHOP 2017 JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup> - JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2017 UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME, NOTRE DAME, IN, USA

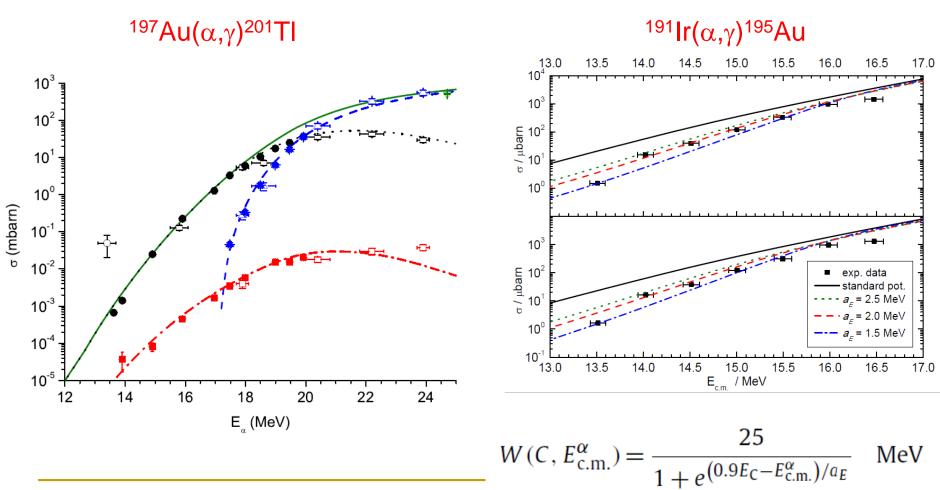
- nuclear physics contributions (nuclear structure, Hauser-Feshbach models, cross section measurements)
- γ-induced reactions (HIγS Facility)
- Storage ring results
- n-induced reactions (LANSCE)



Anna Simon

## From Atomki: $(\alpha, \gamma)$ in the heaviest

#### mass range



- Nuclear physics/experiments related to p-process nucleosynthesis
- Stellar models and nucleosynthesis
- Meteorites and radioactives
- Presolar grains
- Chemical evolution
- Nicely growing cross section database

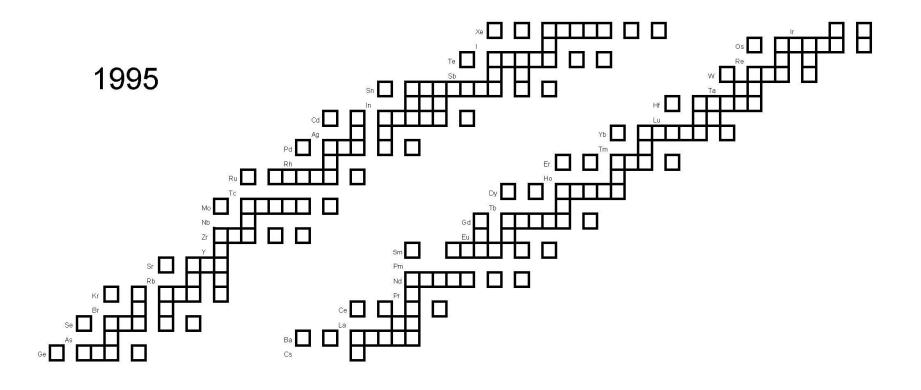


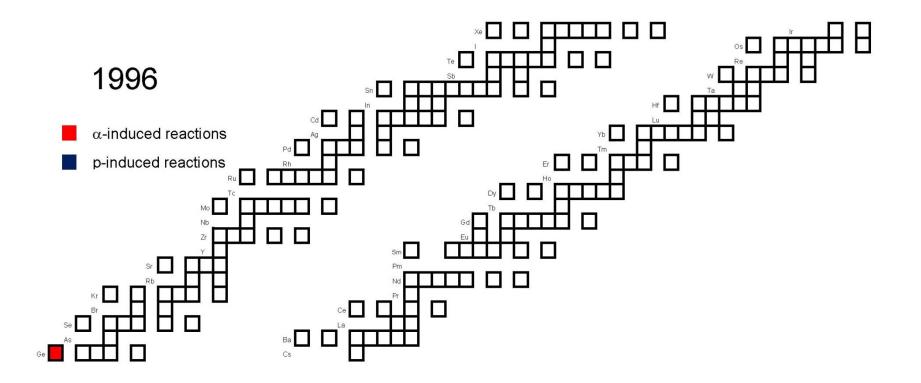
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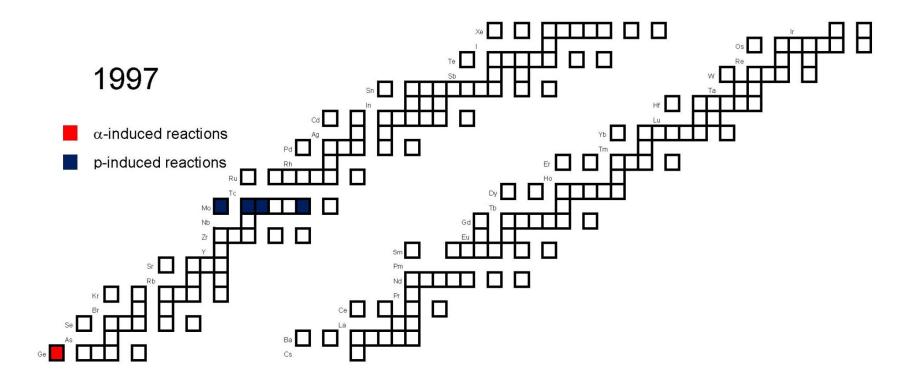
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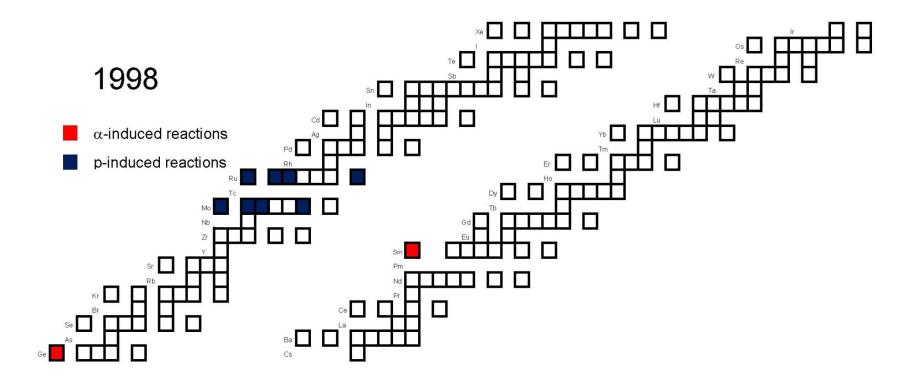
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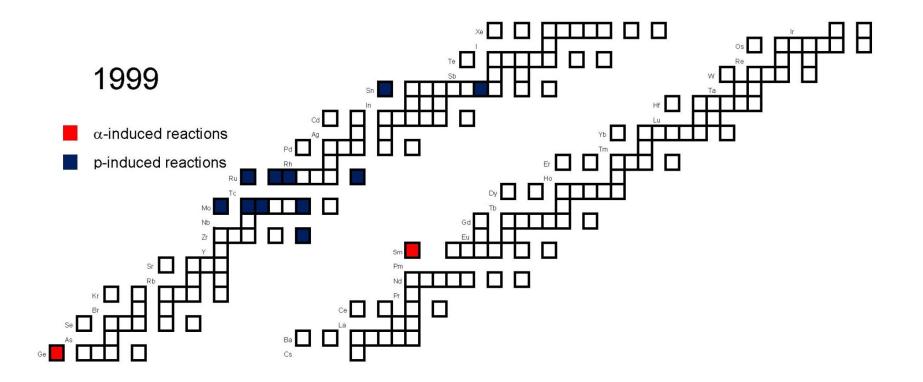


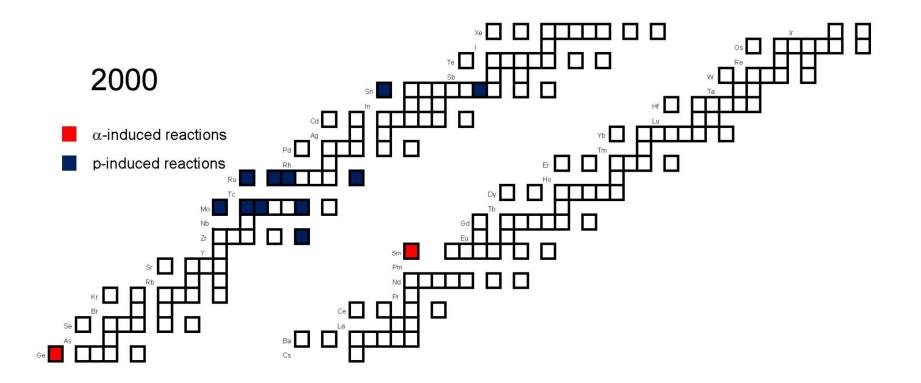


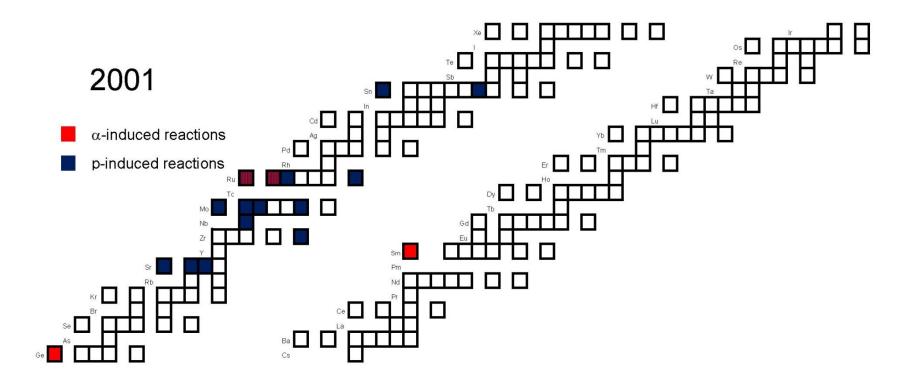


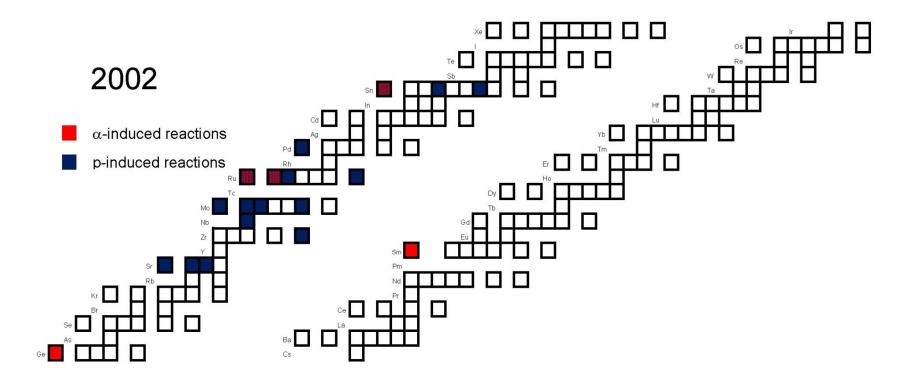


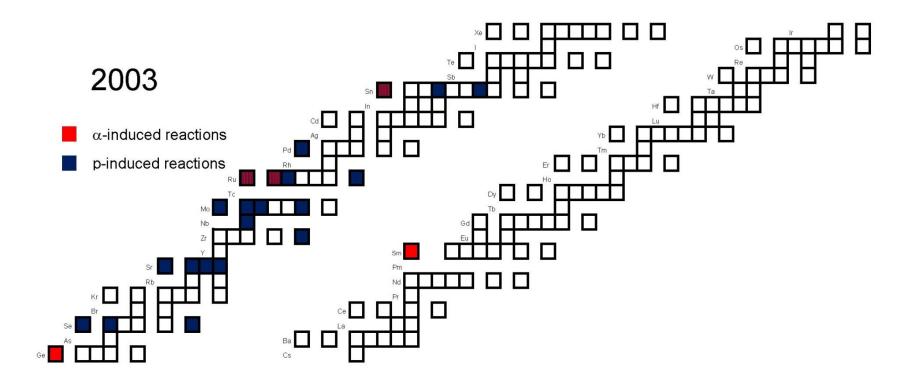


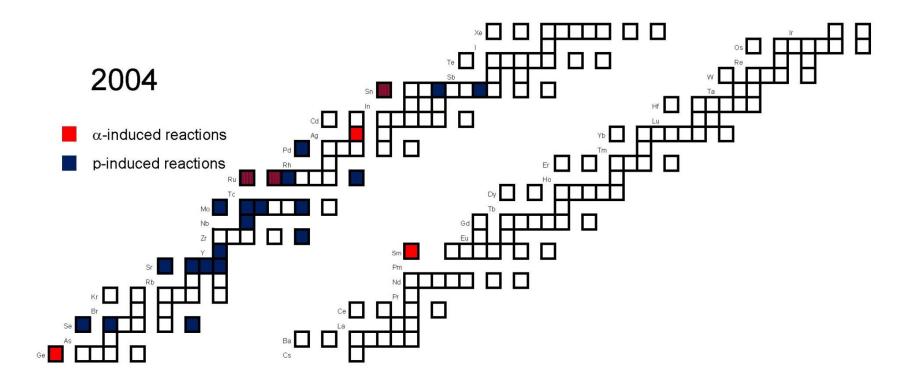


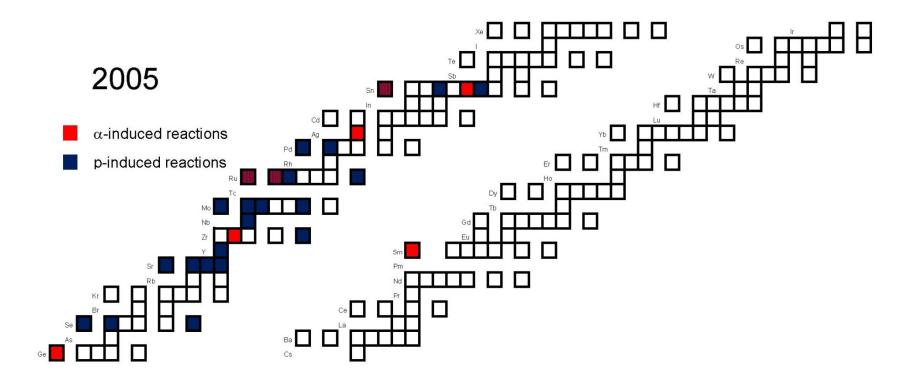


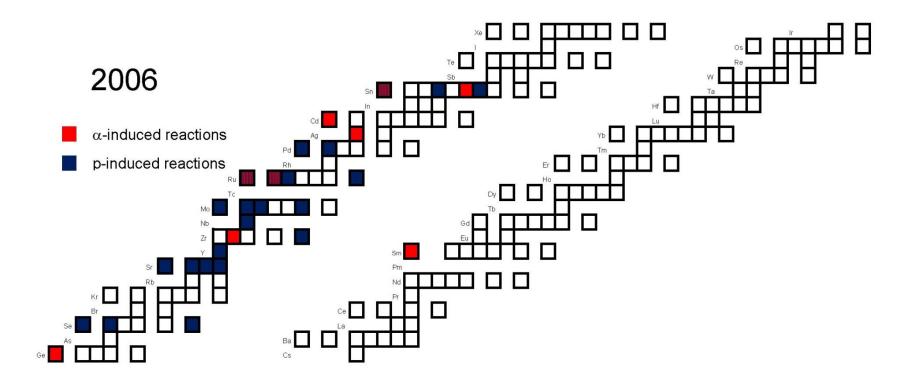


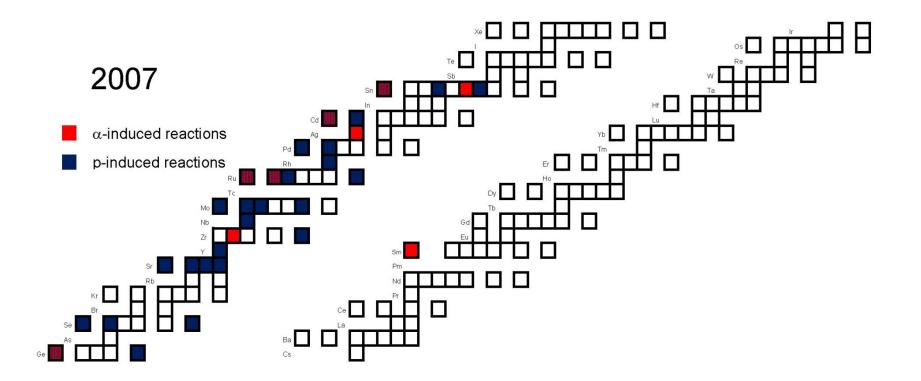


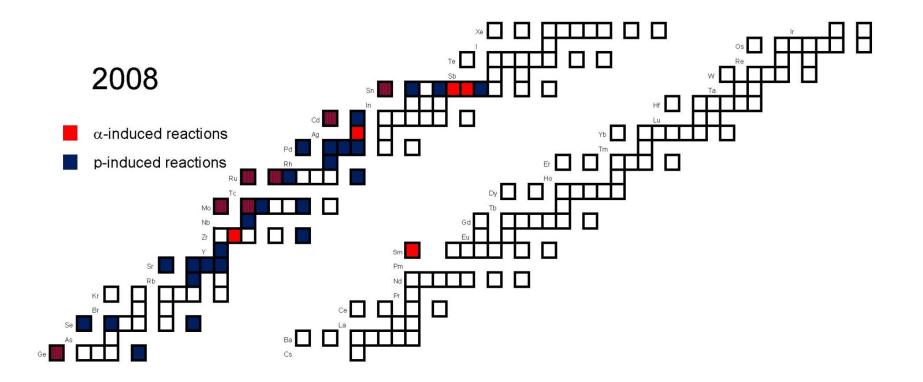


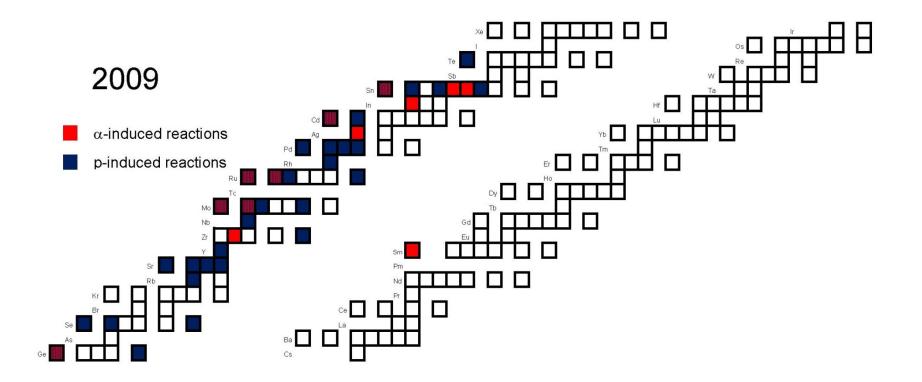


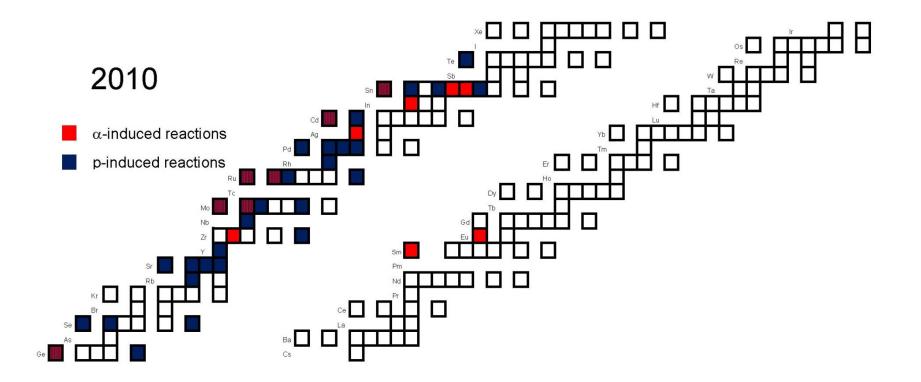


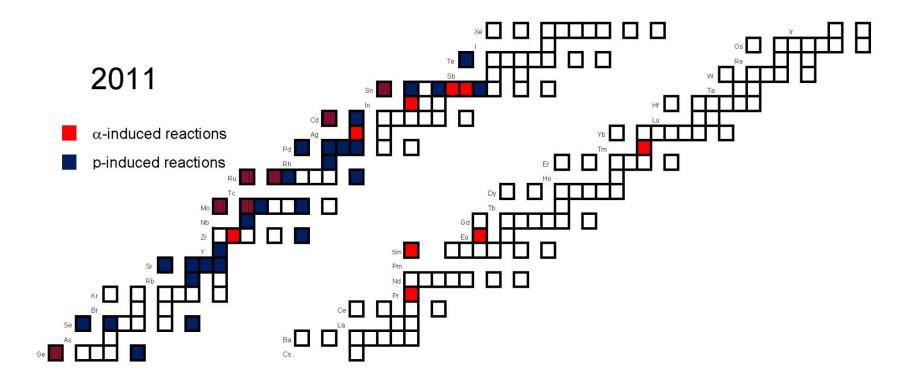


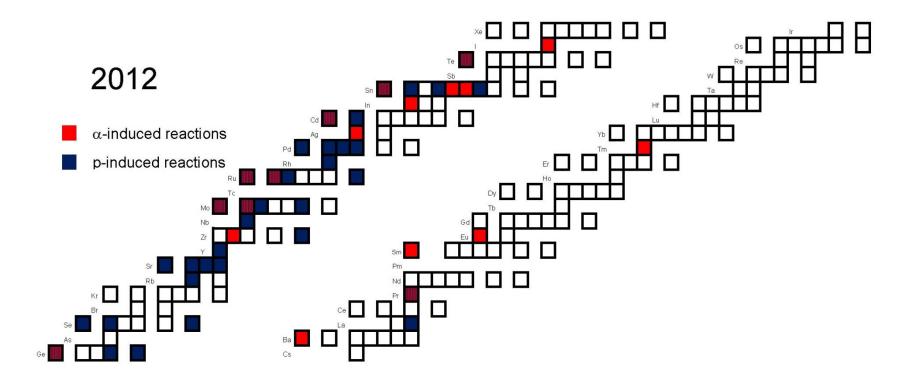


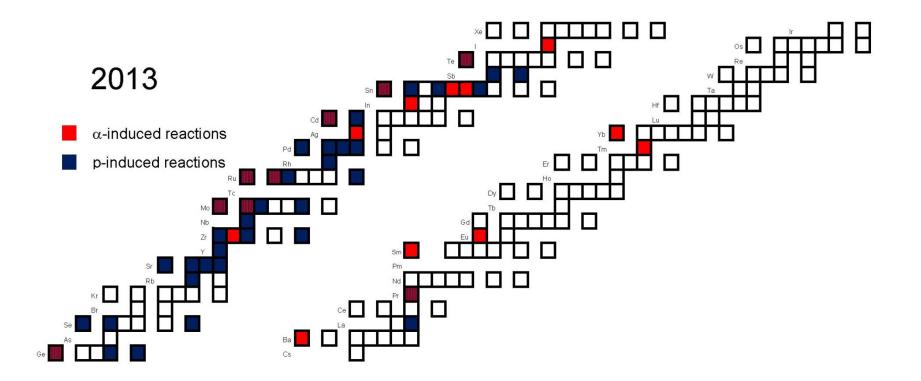


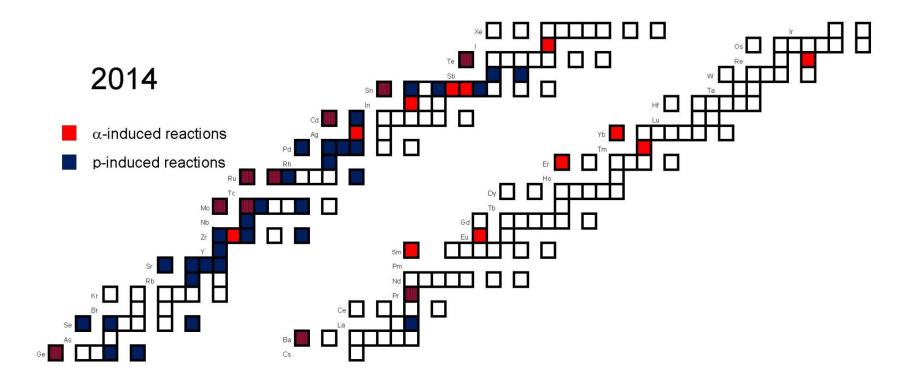


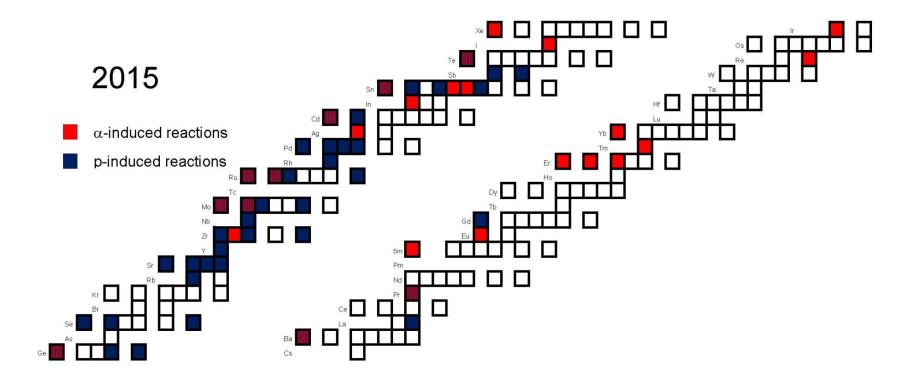


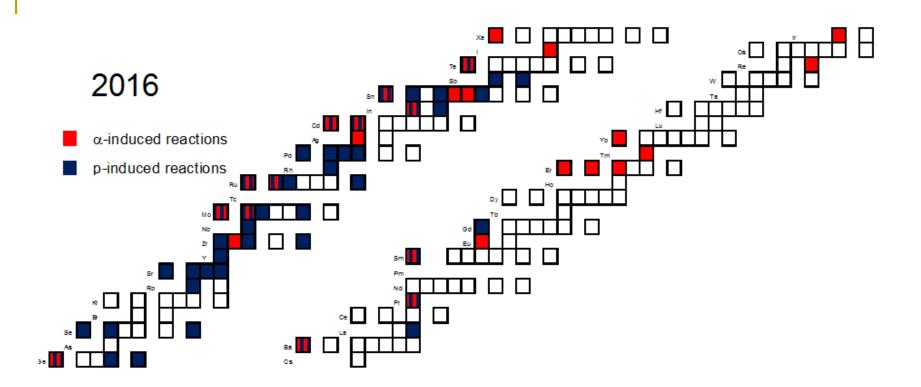


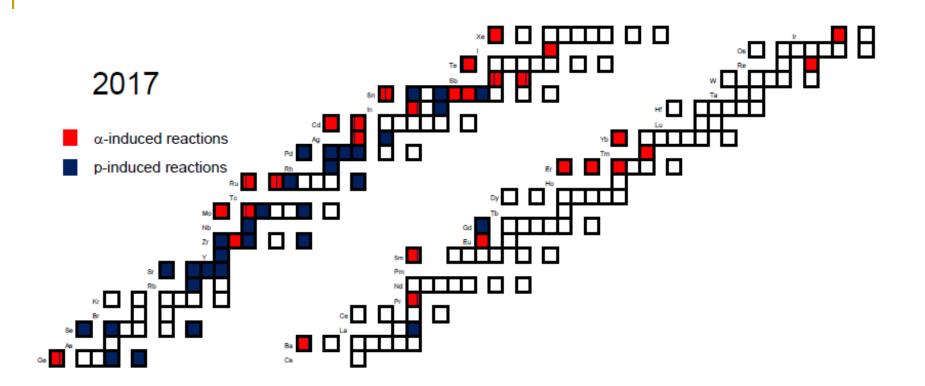


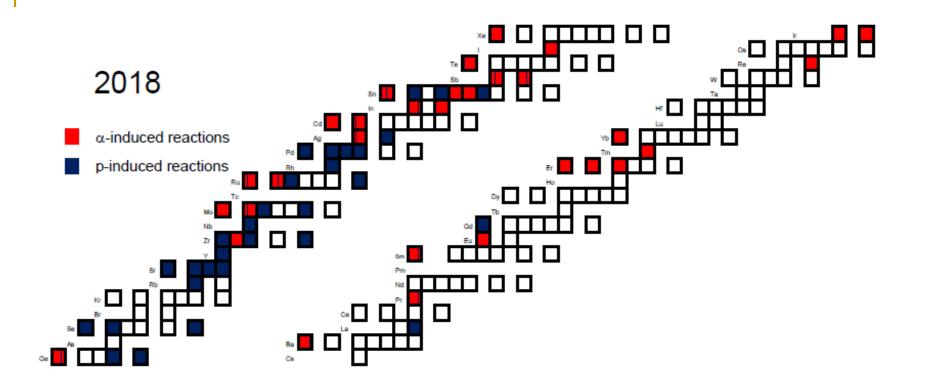












From Atomki: ATOMKI-V2 alphanucleus optical potential

- Based on reaction data
- Pure barrier transmission model
- Avoids problem with uncertain WS tail



Astrophysical reaction rates of  $\alpha$ -induced reactions for nuclei with  $26 \le Z \le 83$  from the new Atomki-V2  $\alpha$ -nucleus potential



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#### ABSTRACT

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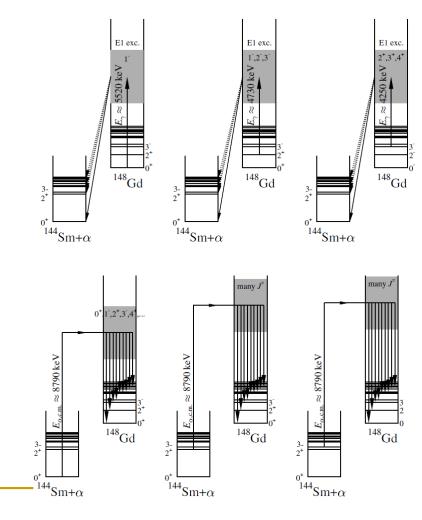
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Experiments around 8th p-process workshop 2024

- γ-induced reactions
- Particle capture
- Moving away from stability
- Elastic scattering
- Key nuclear quantities

#### γ-induced reactions

- This is how γ-process goes...
- Technically challenging
- Thermal excitation ⇒ only indirect astrophysical relevance
- Provides nuclear physics information



# γ-induced reactions, various approaches

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Photoneutron reaction cross section measurements on  $^{94}$ Mo and  $^{90}$ Zr relevant to the *p*-process nucleosynthesis

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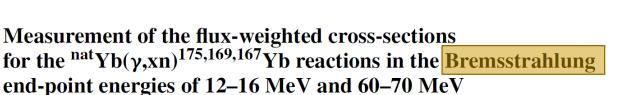
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#### HlγS facility See the talks of Adriana Basu and Dario Lattuada

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# Inverse (capture) reactions in direct kinematics

- Nicely growing experimental database
- Direct relevance (detailed balance), nuclear parameters
- Activation: powerful, but limited
- In-beam: detector arrays, summing crystals

## See the talks of Svenja Wilden and John McDonaugh

### Inverse (capture) reactions in inverse kinematics

- Way to go beyond stability
- Storage rings, recoil separators, in-beam gamma-detection

#### See the talks of Artemis Tsantiri

#### Elastic alpha-scattering

- "Classical" way of studying the optical potential
- which turned out to be a crucial parameter
- and not known at astrophysical energies
- Towards radioactive isotopes in inverse kinematics!

See the talks of Daniel Galaviz, Charles Soto and Peter Mohr

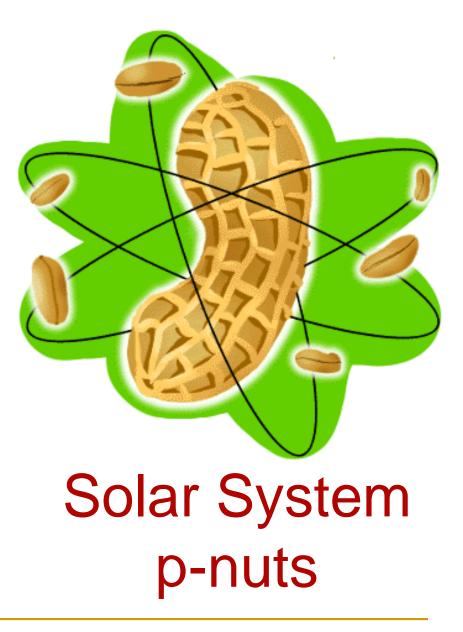
### Other reaction types, like $(\alpha,n)$

- No direct p-process relevance, but
- sensitive to som nuclear parameters, like the α-OMP
- and may be relevant to e.g the weak rprocess

See the talks of Martin Müller, Zsolt Mátyus and Peter Mohr

### Summary

- P-process
  workshops are cool
- Small community of nice people
- With new problems, exciting ideas, valuable results and steady progress



## Thank you for your attention!

