



Nucleosynthesis issues and massive stars

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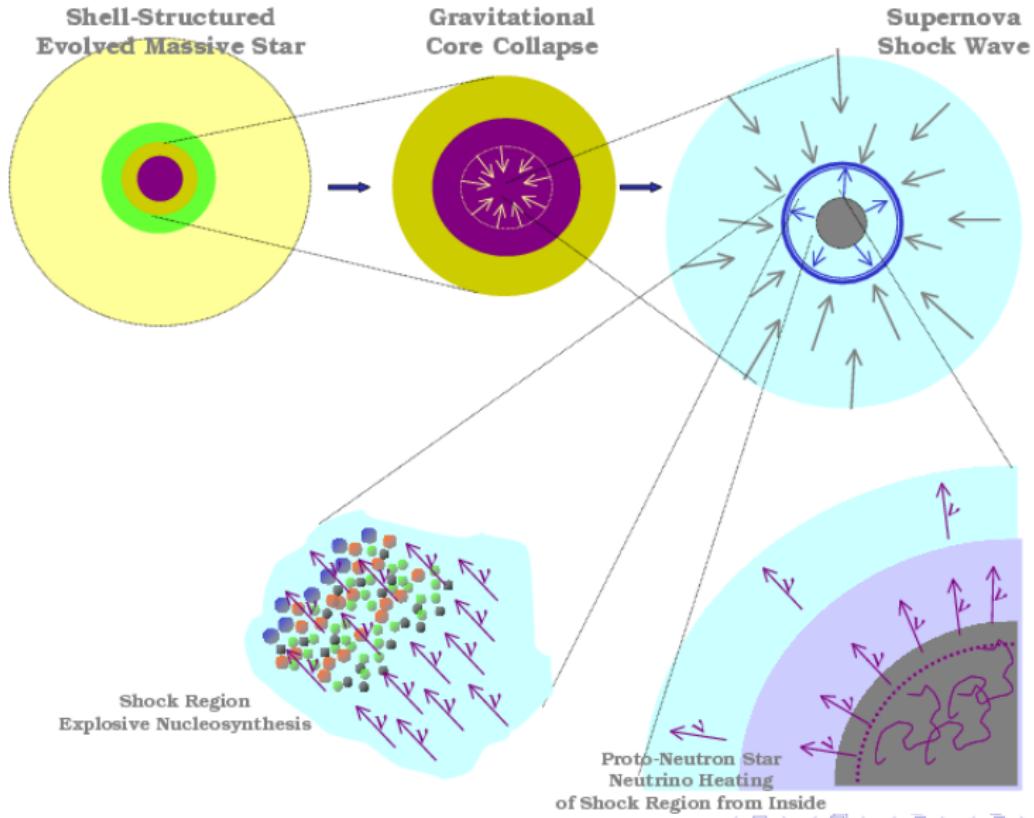
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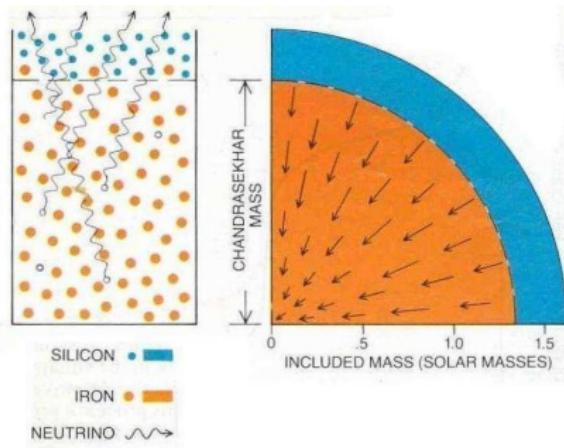
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Core-collapse supernova.



Presupernova evolution.

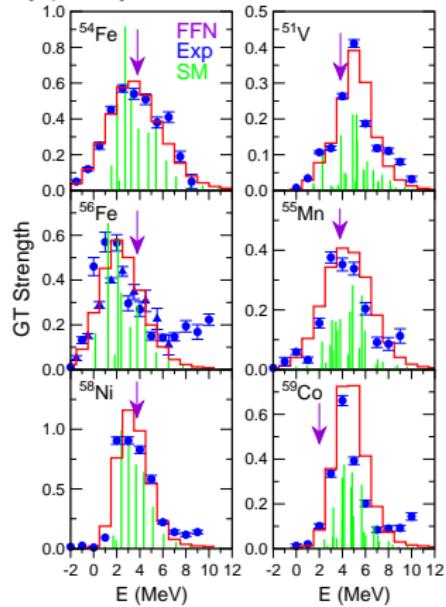


- $T = 0.1\text{--}1.0 \text{ MeV}$,
 $\rho = 10^7\text{--}10^{10} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$.
- Composition of iron group nuclei ($A=45\text{--}65$)
- The dynamical time scale set by electron captures:
 $e^- + (N, Z) \rightarrow (N + 1, Z - 1) + \nu_e$
- Evolution decreases number of electrons (Y_e) and Chandrasekhar mass ($M_{Ch} \approx 1.4(2Y_e)^2 M_\odot$)

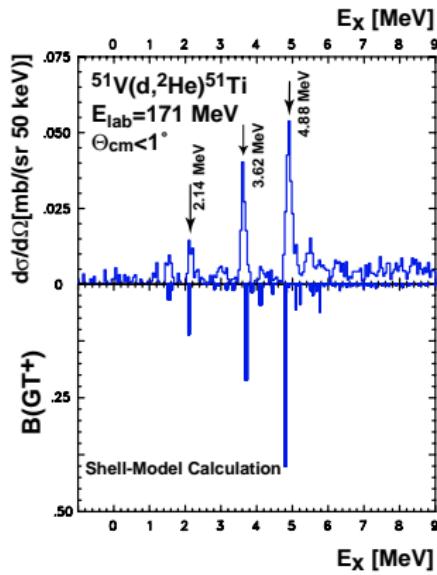
- Capture rates on individual nuclei computed by:
 - Shell Model ($A < 65$)
 - Shell Model Monte Carlo ($A > 65$)

Gamow-Teller strength distributions.

(n,p) experiments, TRIUMF

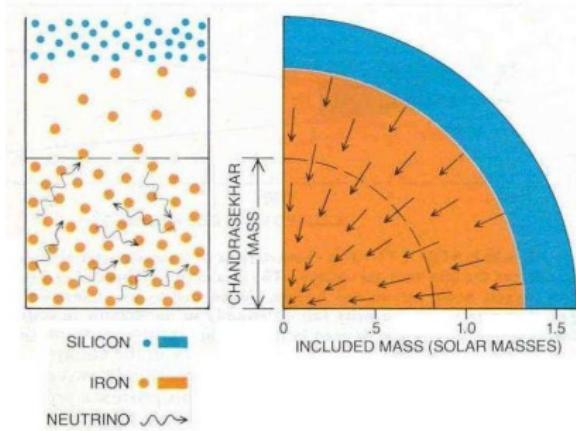


(d, ^2He) experiments, KVI Groningen



shell model results agree after overall quenching by $(0.77)^2$

Collapse phase.



Important processes:

- $T > 1.0 \text{ MeV}$, $\rho > 10^{10} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$.
 - electron capture on protons
 $e^- + p \rightarrow n + \nu_e$
 - Neutrino transport (exact solution Boltzmann equation):

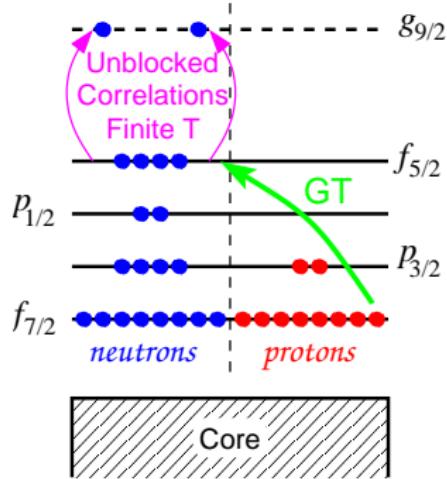
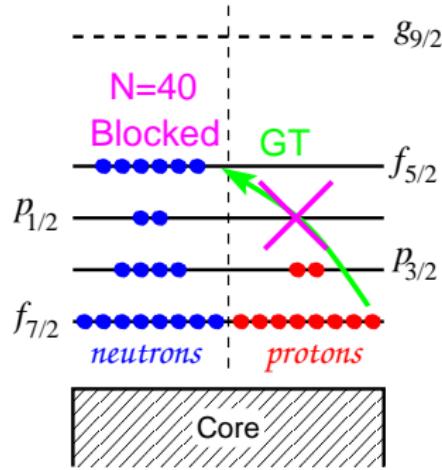
$$\nu + A \rightleftharpoons \nu + A \text{ (trapping)}$$

$$\nu + e^- \rightleftharpoons \nu + e^- \text{ (thermalization)}$$
 cross sections $\sim E_\nu^2$

What is the role of electron capture on nuclei?



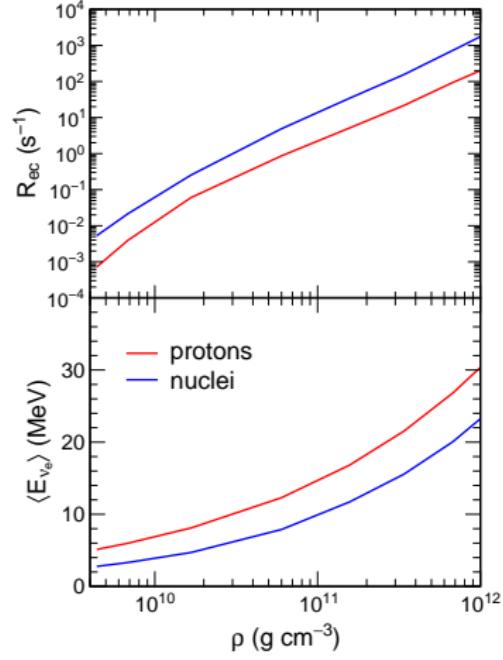
Pauli blocking of Gamow-Teller transition



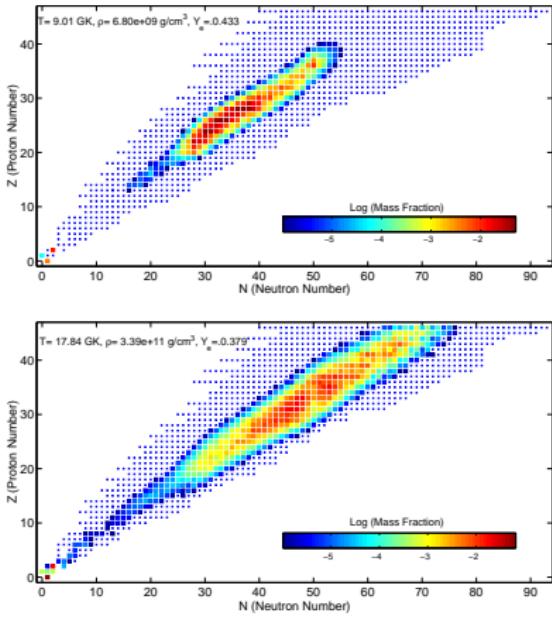
- Unblocking mechanism: correlations and finite temperature
- calculation of rate in SMMC + RPA model

Electron capture: nuclei vs protons

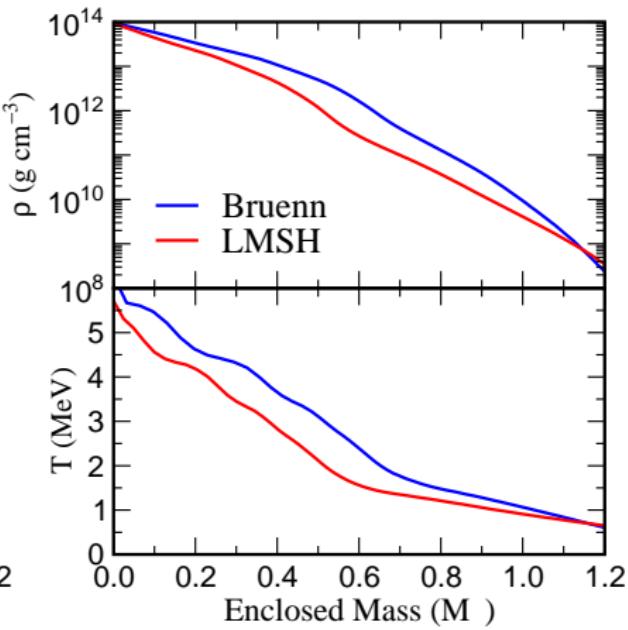
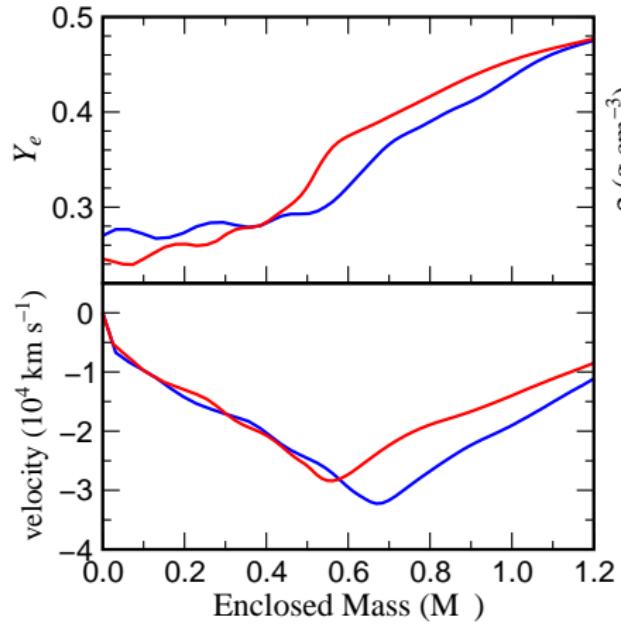
Capture rate and average energy



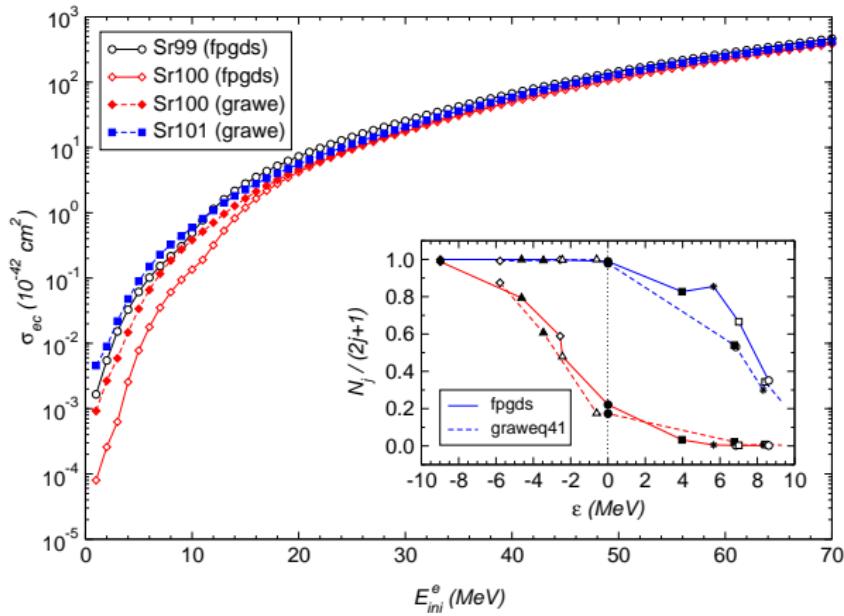
Mass abundances



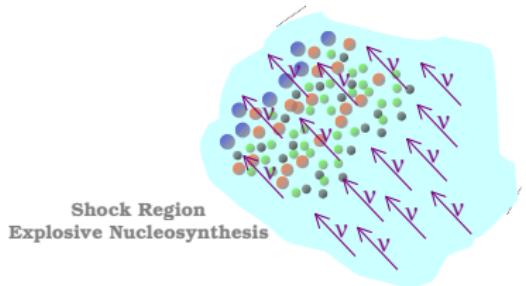
Consequences



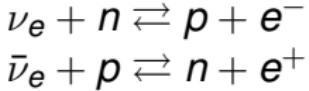
Capture rates and single-particle energies



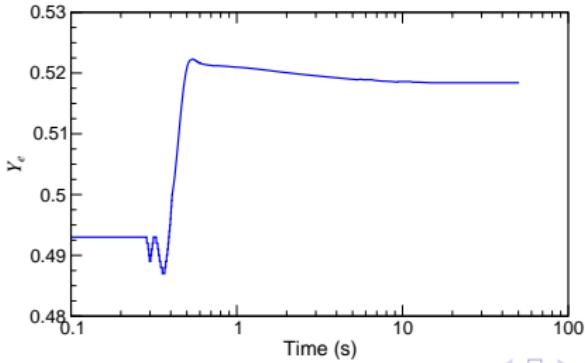
Explosive nucleosynthesis in supernova



- Consistent treatment of supernova dynamics coupled with a nuclear network.
- Essential neutrino reactions in the shock heated region

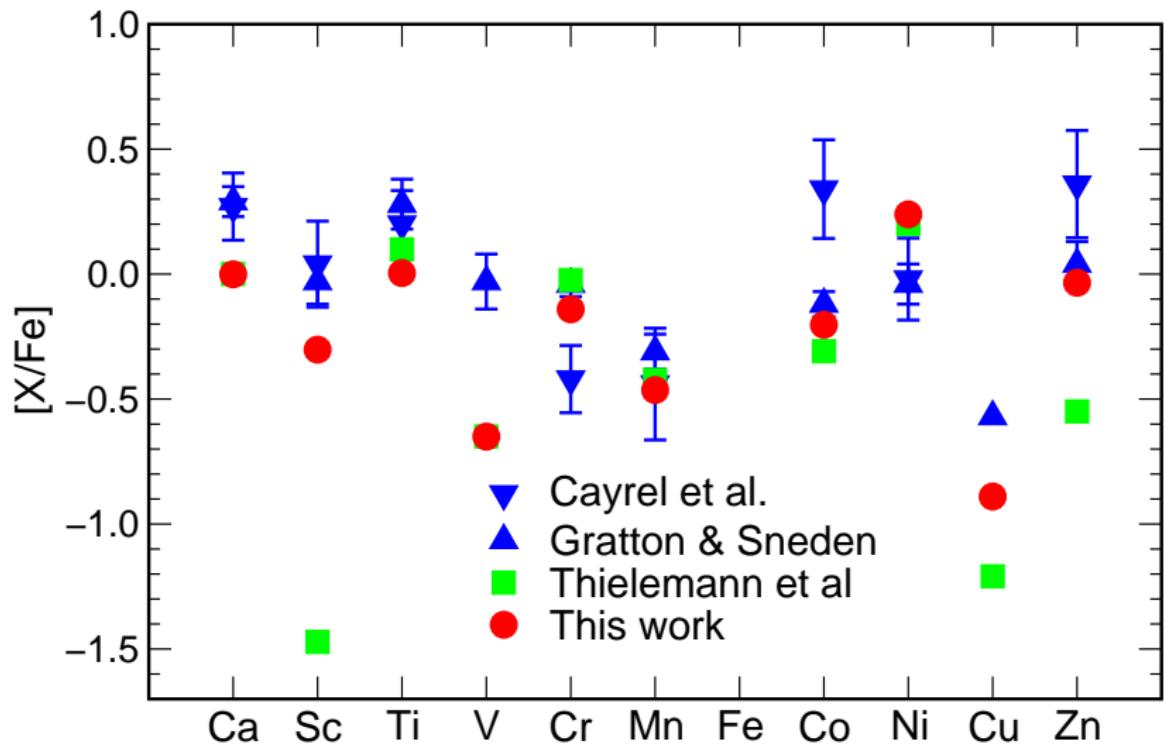


Y_e evolution of a mass element



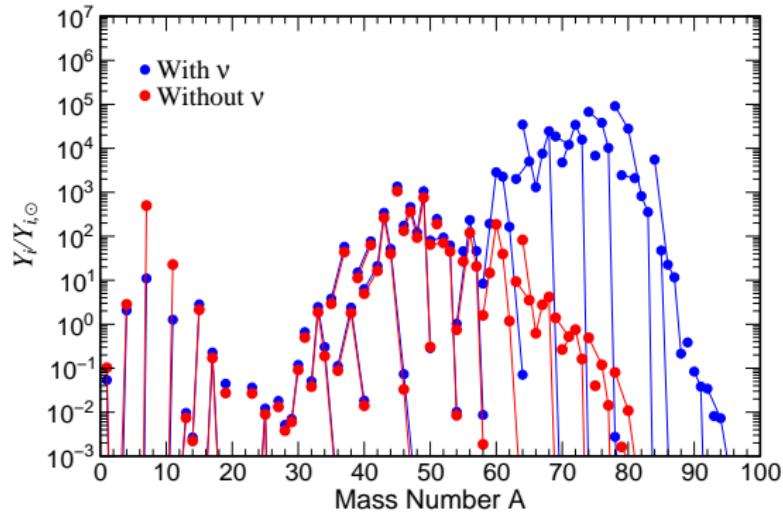
Comparison with observations.

Carla Fröhlich *et al.*, astro-ph/0410208

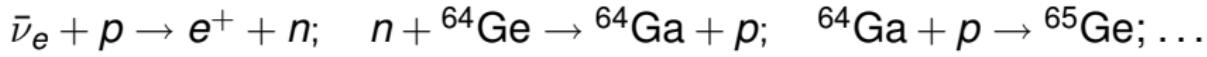


Effect of neutrinos on nucleosynthesis.

G. Martínez-Pinedo, C. Fröhlich, F.-K. Thielemann

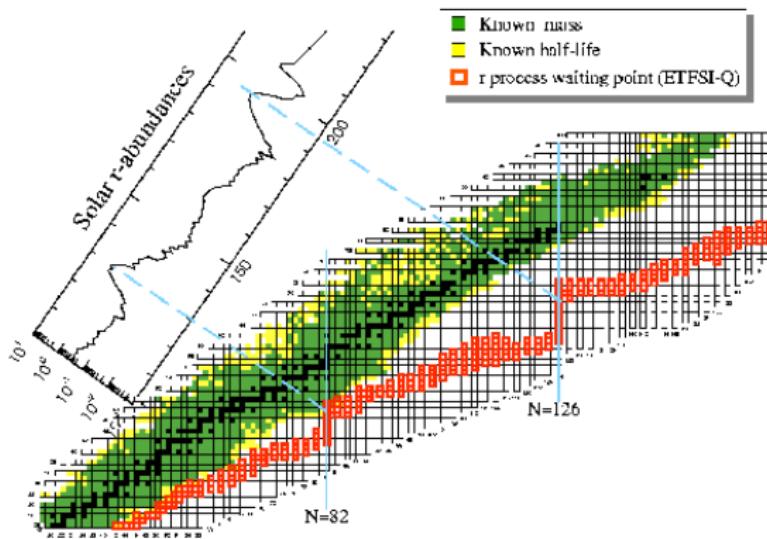


- Without neutrinos flow stops at ${}^{64}\text{Ge}$ ($t_{1/2} = 64$ s)
- With neutrinos:



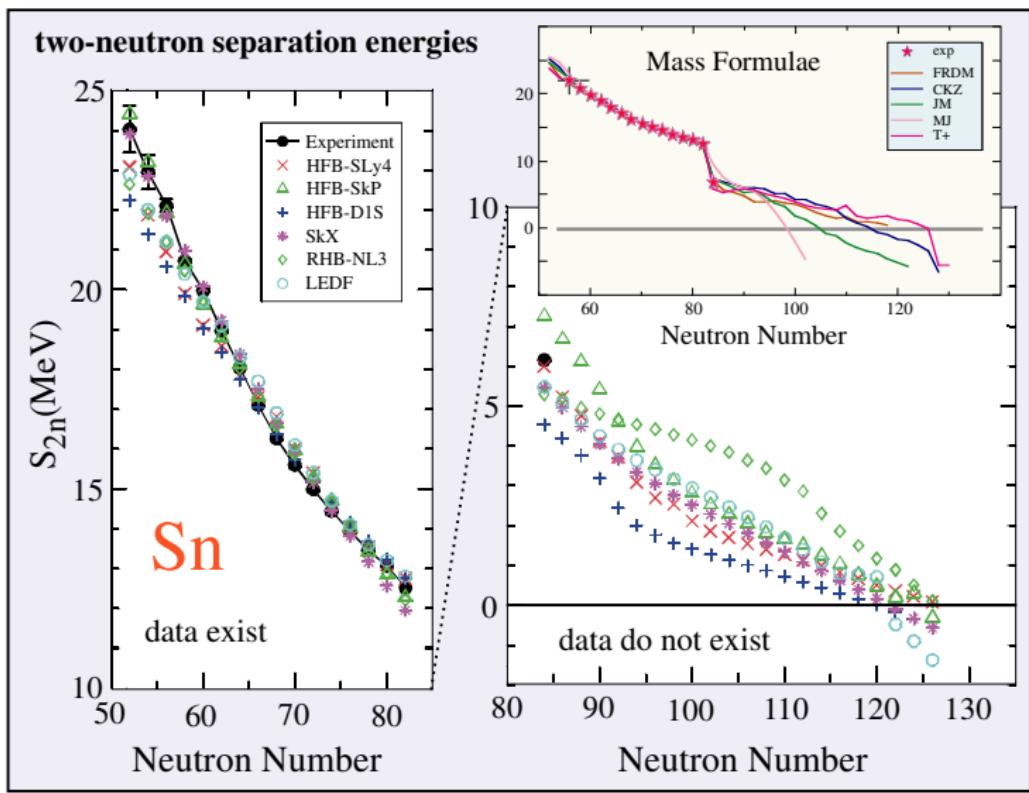
r-process

The r process “path”

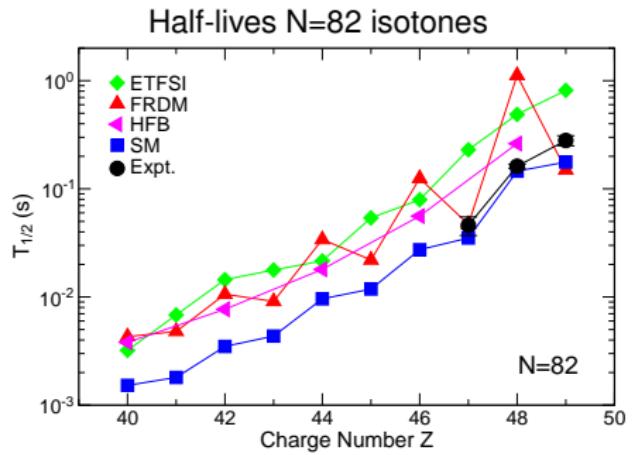


$T \approx 100 \text{ keV}$ $n \gtrsim 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ implies $\tau_n \ll \tau_\beta$
 $(n, \gamma) \rightleftharpoons (\gamma, n)$ implies $S_n \approx 2 \text{ MeV}$

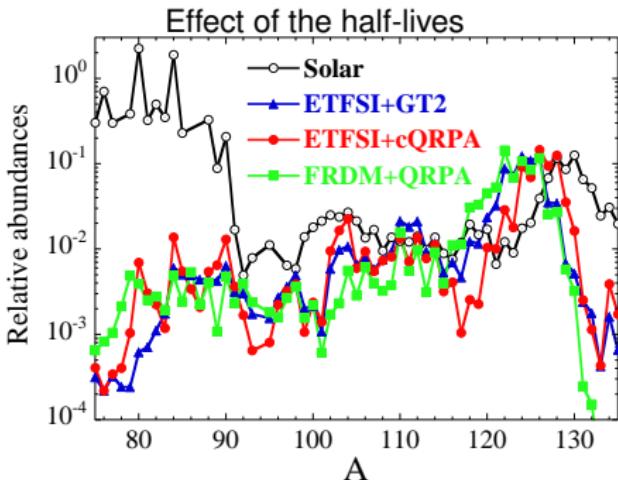
Masses for r-process nuclei



Half-lives for r-process nuclei

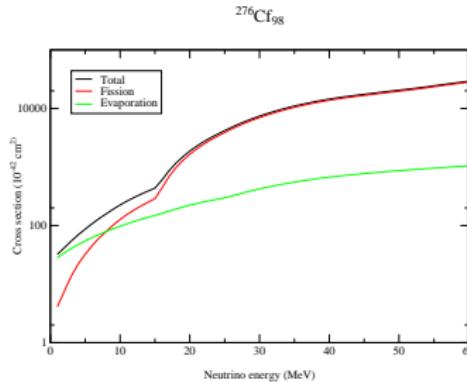
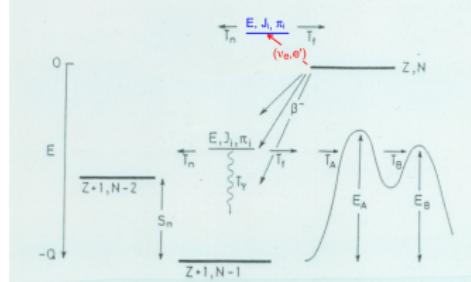


^{130}Cd decay (K.-L. Kratz *et al*)



Peak position depends on the half-lives used

Neutrino induced fission for r-process

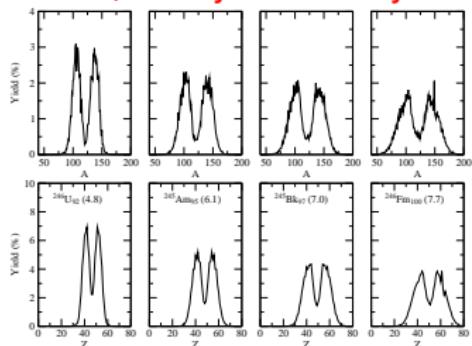


- Competition between neutron decay and fission.
- Fission relatively enhanced with increasing neutrino energy.

R-process fission fragment distributions.

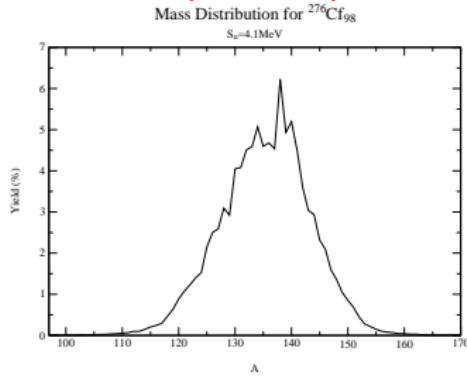
A. Kelić, K.-H. Schmidt, N. Zinner

245Am, decay to stability



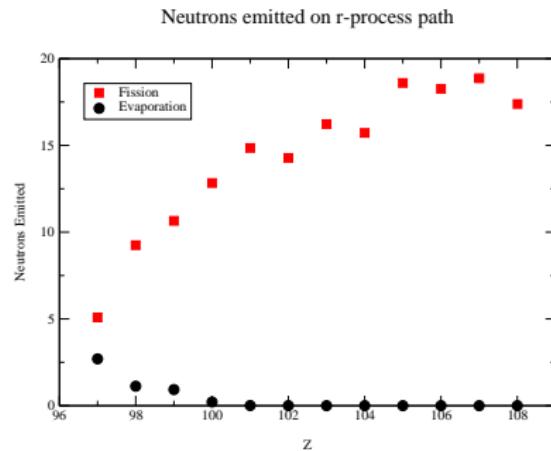
Fission fragment distribution

^{296}Cf , on r-process path



Fission fragment distribution

R-process: neutron emission.



Number of emitted neutrons

- Also relevant for beta-induced fission
- Postprocessing of abundance distribution after neutron freeze-out

r-process needs

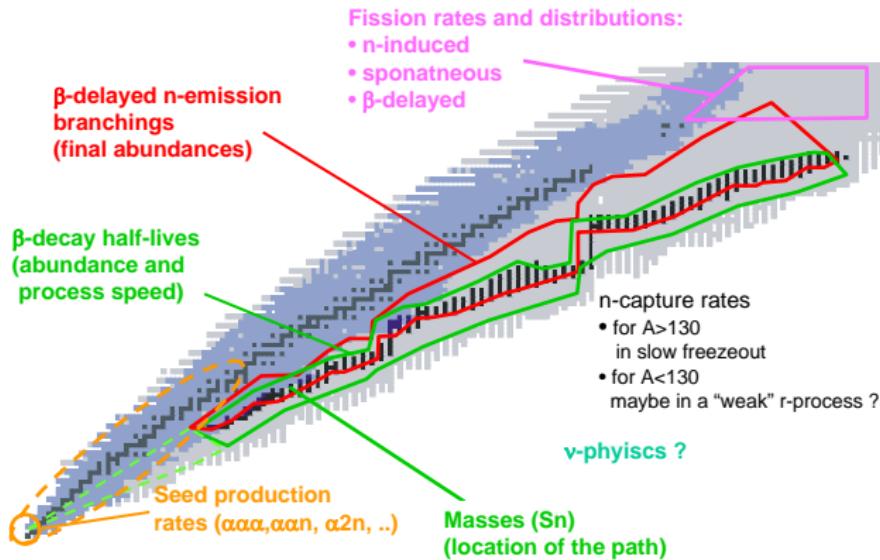


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Nuclear Physics in the r-process



Summary and outlook

Improved nuclear ingredients are required for supernova simulations

- Electron capture rates on nuclei
- Neutrino-nucleus cross sections
- Equation of state; matter composition

Improved nuclear ingredients are required for r-process

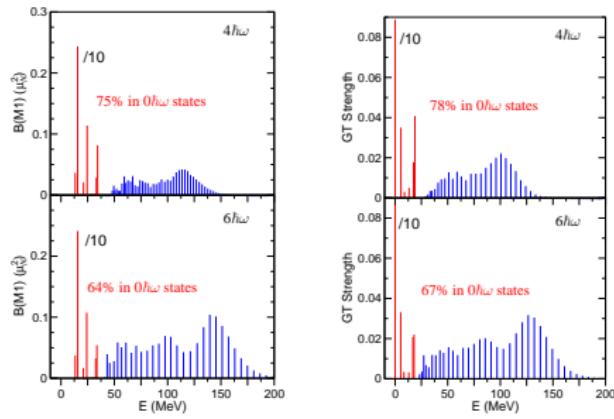
- Masses → r-process path
- Half-lives, β -delayed n-emission → abundances
- Neutron capture rates → after freeze-out, abundances
- Fission rates and mass fragment distributions
- Neutrino-induced rates?

Answer from radioactive ion-beam facilities

GT strength in multi-shell calculations

- No-core shell model calculation of ^{12}C
- Gamow-Teller strength shifted to higher excitation energies

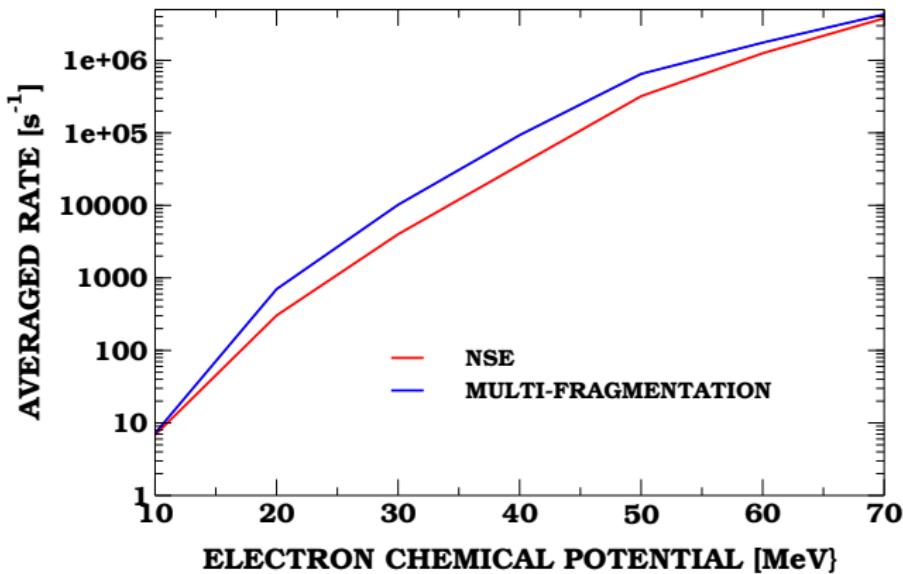
M1 and GT strengths in ^{12}C



E. Caurier, G. Martinez-Pinedo, F. Nowacki

Composition dependence of the electron capture

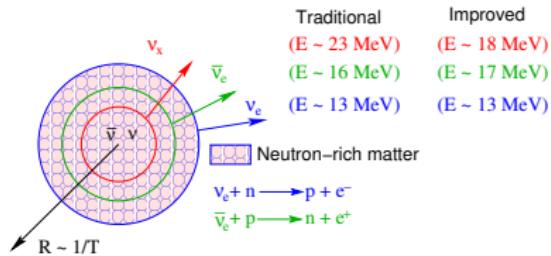
- NSE (Strong and electromagnetic reactions in equilibrium)
- Multifragmentation model: developed from heavy-ion collisions (A. Botvina, I. Mishustin & W. Trautmann).



Neutrino nucleosynthesis

Neutrinos interact with abundant nuclear species

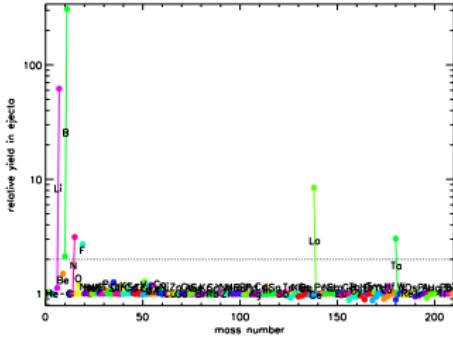
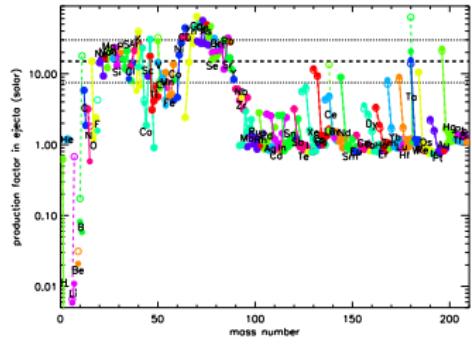
- Neutral current (ν, ν'): nucleus excited to particle unbound states which decay by particle emission
- Charged current (ν_e, e^-) and ($\bar{\nu}_e, e^+$).



Product	Parent	Reaction
^7Li	^4He	$(\nu, \nu' n)^3\text{He}(\alpha, \gamma)^7\text{Be}(n, p)$ $(\nu, \nu' p)^3\text{H}(\alpha, \gamma)$
^{11}B	^{12}C	$(\nu, \nu' n), (\nu, \nu' p)$
^{15}N	^{16}O	$(\nu, \nu' n), (\nu, \nu' p)$
^{19}F	^{20}Ne	$(\nu, \nu' n), (\nu, \nu' p)$
^{138}La	^{138}Ba	(ν, e^-)
	^{139}La	$(\nu, \nu' n)$
^{180}Ta	^{180}Hf	(ν, e^-)
	^{181}Ta	$(\nu, \nu' n)$

Results of neutrino nucleosynthesis

A. Heger *et al*, Phys. Lett. B606 (2005) 258



Production of ^{138}La

Produced by $^{139}\text{La}(\gamma, n), ^{138}\text{Ba}(\nu_e, e^-)$

