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^{87}Rb

^{176}Lu

^{26}Al

Prospettive in Astrofisica Nucleare

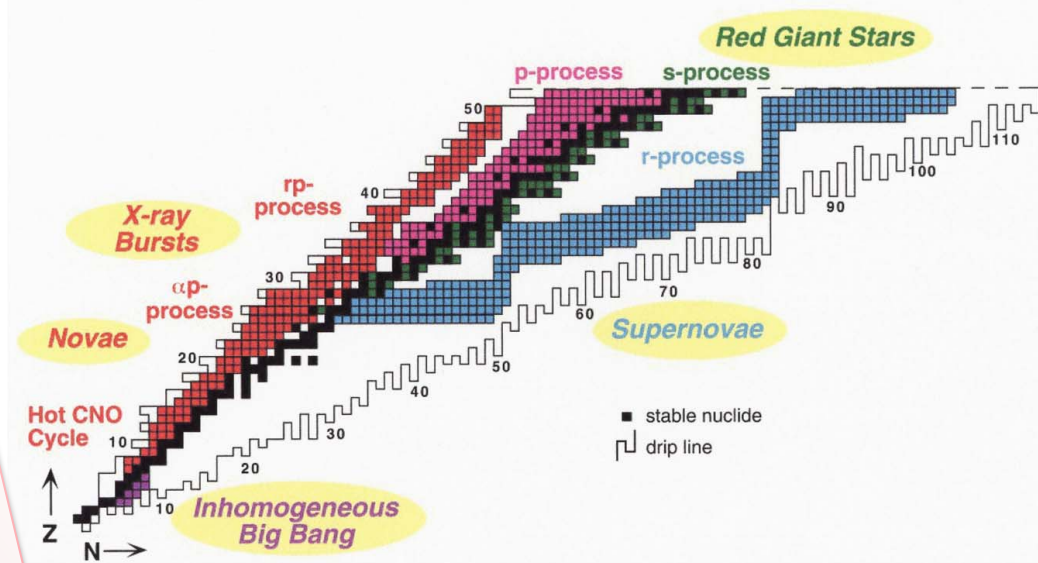
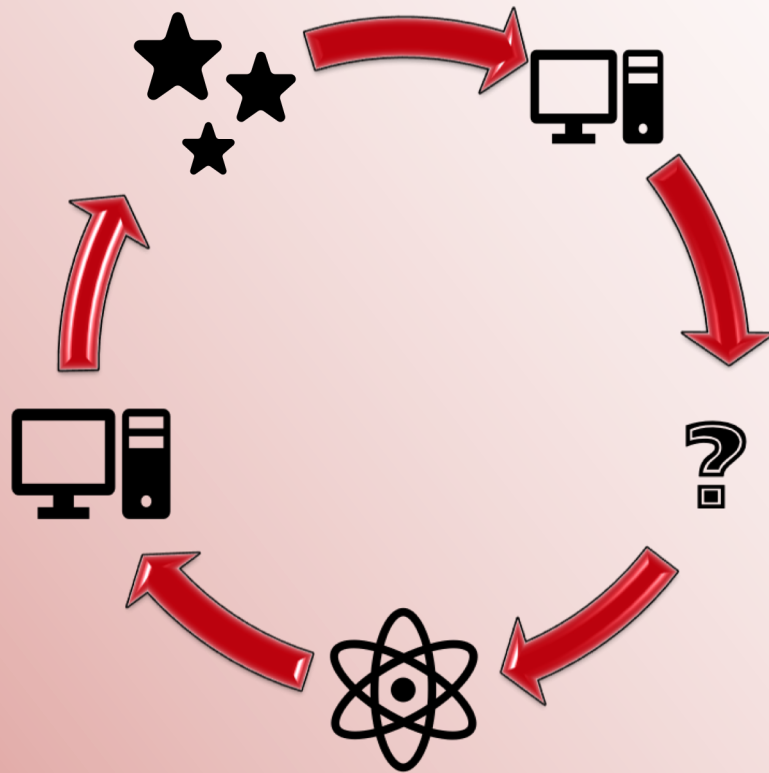
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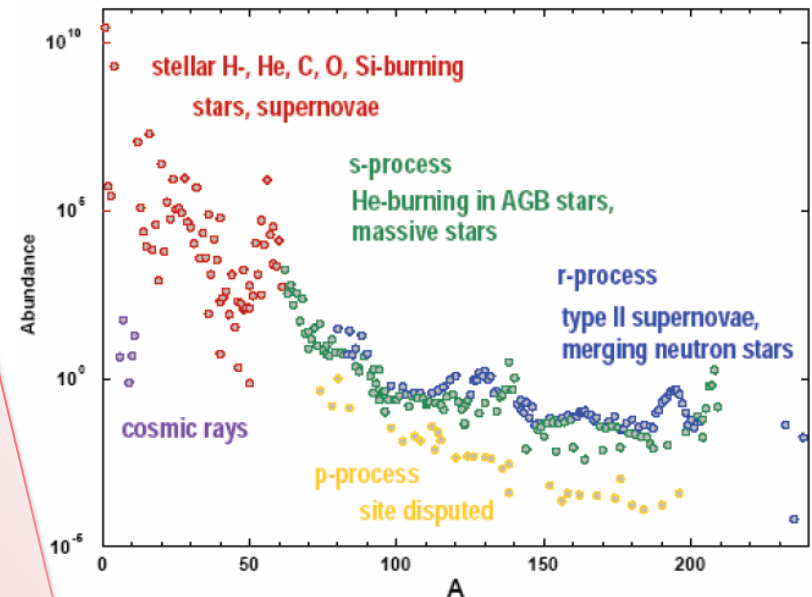
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Burbidge, Burbidge, Fowler & Hoyle (B²FH): Rev. Mod. Phys. 29 (1957) 547



from: M. Wiescher, JINA lectures on Nuclear Astrophysics

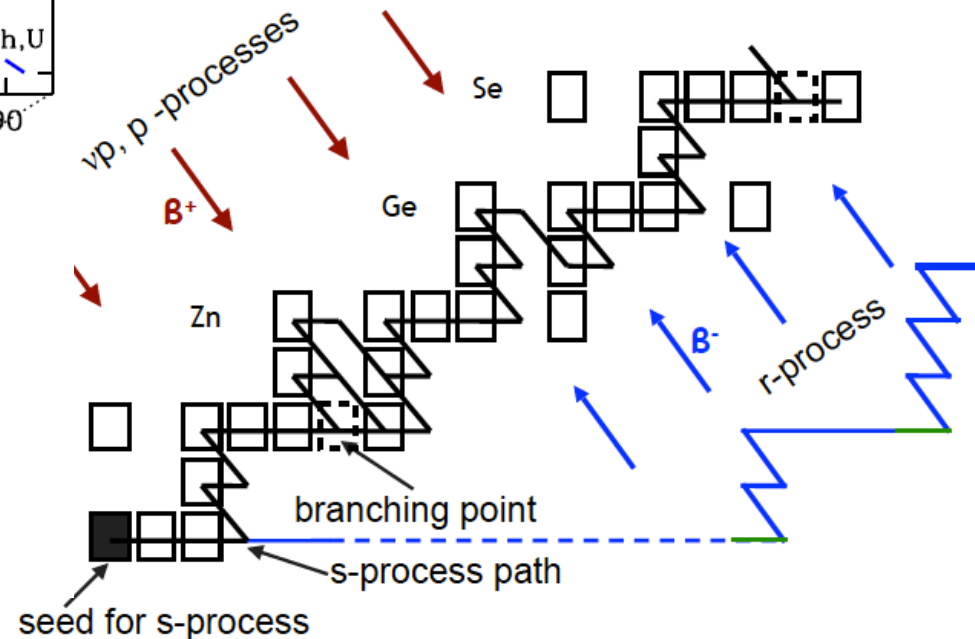
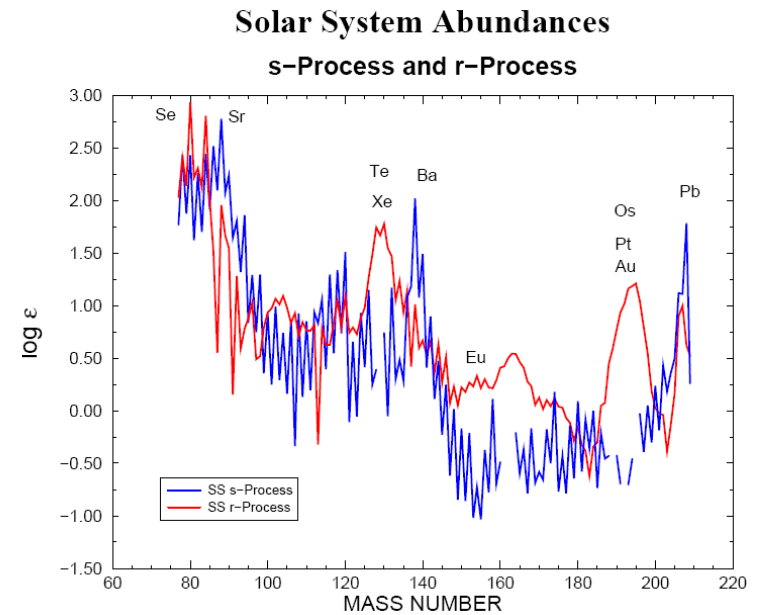
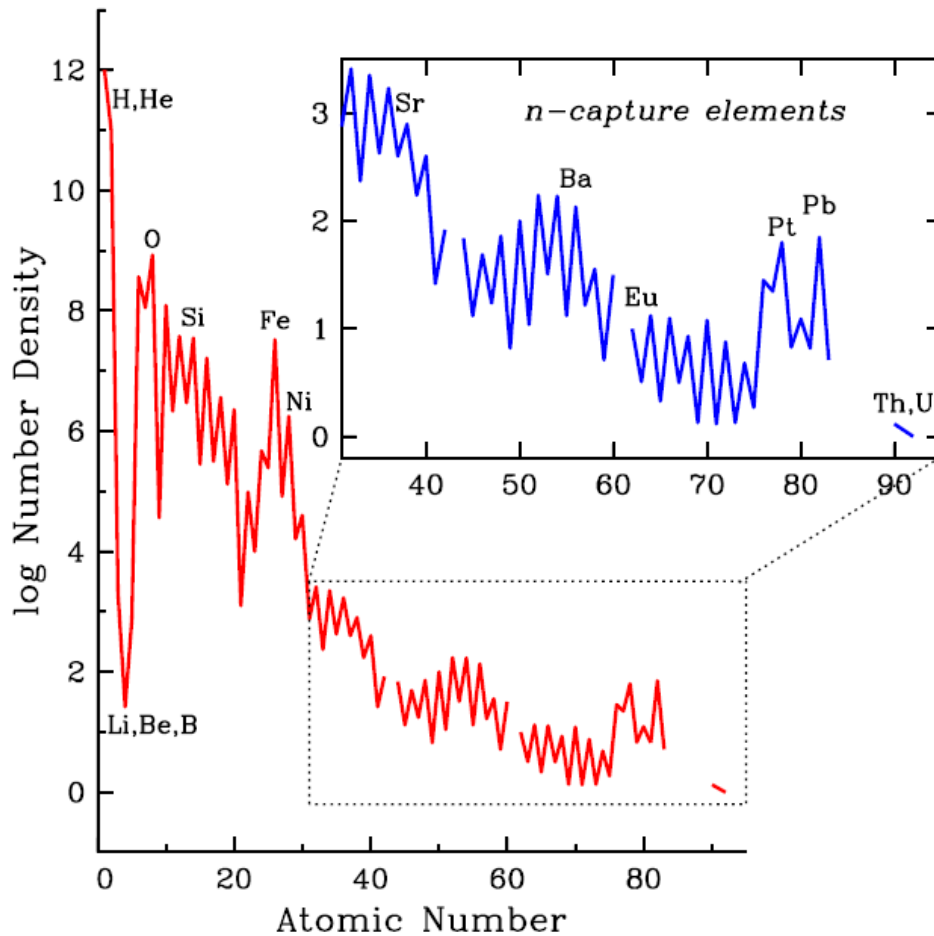
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- s-process branchings
- cosmocronometri
- opacità, r-process e NSM

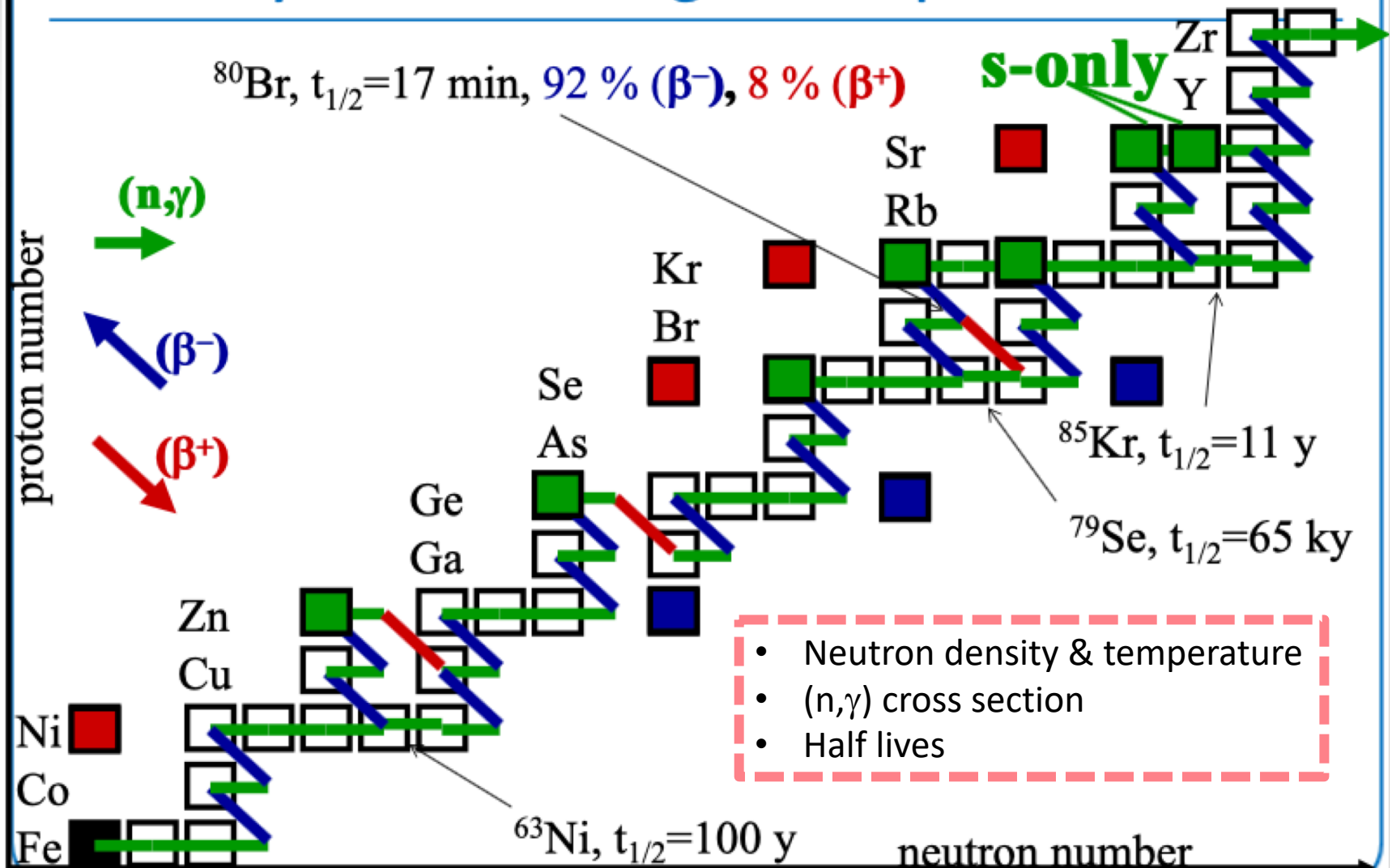


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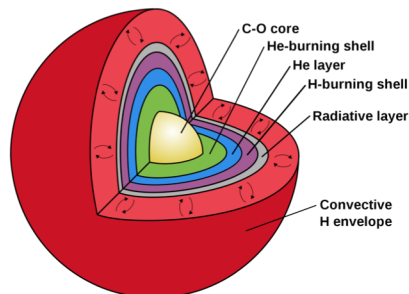
Production of heavy nuclei



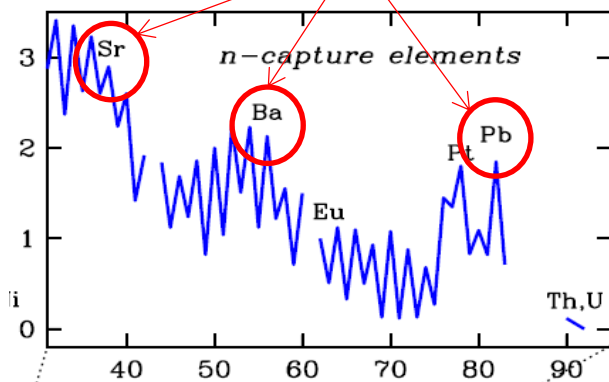
Nucleosynthesis through the s-process



The s-process: 2 sources 3 peaks

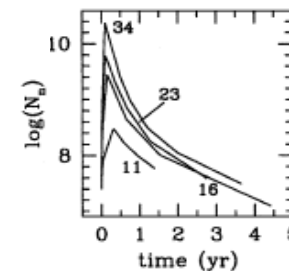
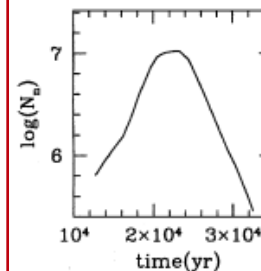


s-process peaks

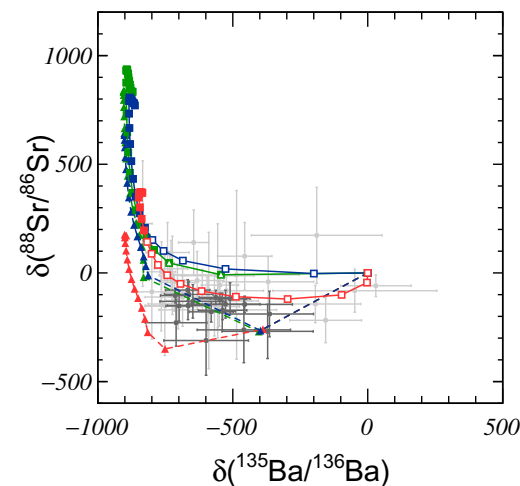
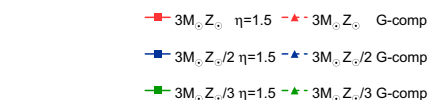
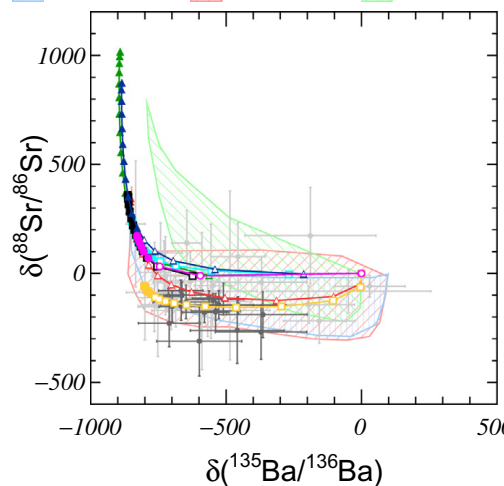
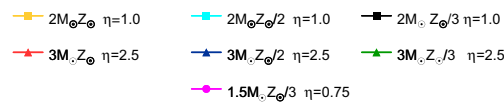


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2. Second peak heavy s-elements (hs) Ba, La, Ce, Nd, Sm (N=90)
3. Third peak Lead (^{208}Pb) N=126 and Z=82

Typical neutron density profile in time:



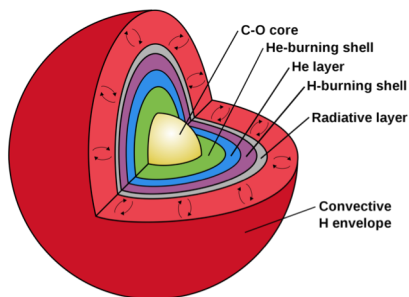
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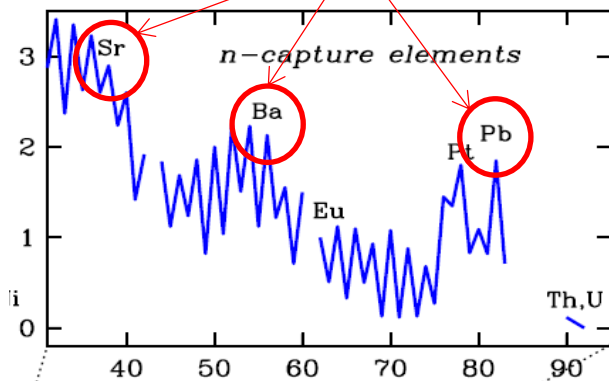
2 sources

3 peaks



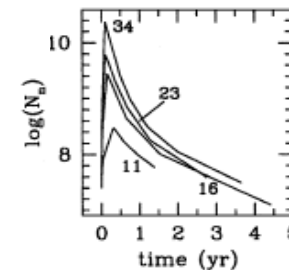
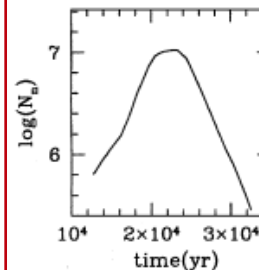
some open questions

s-process peaks

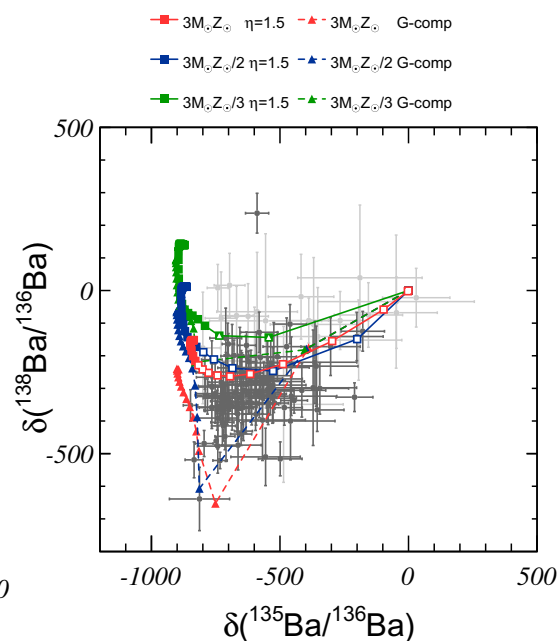
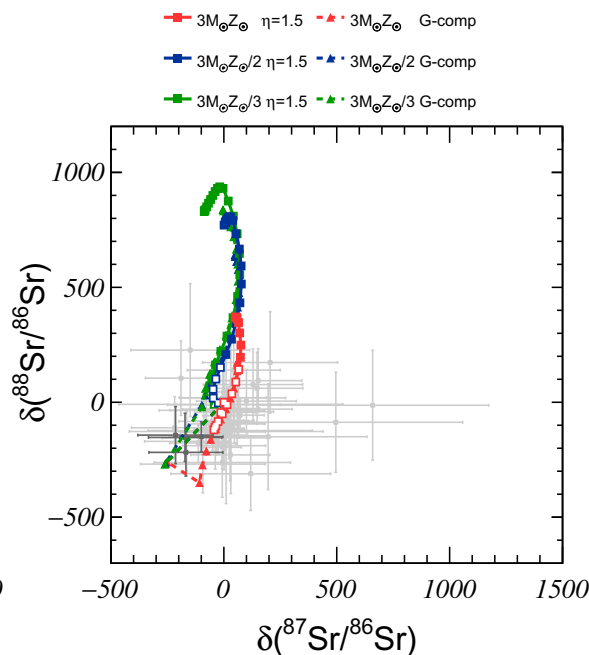


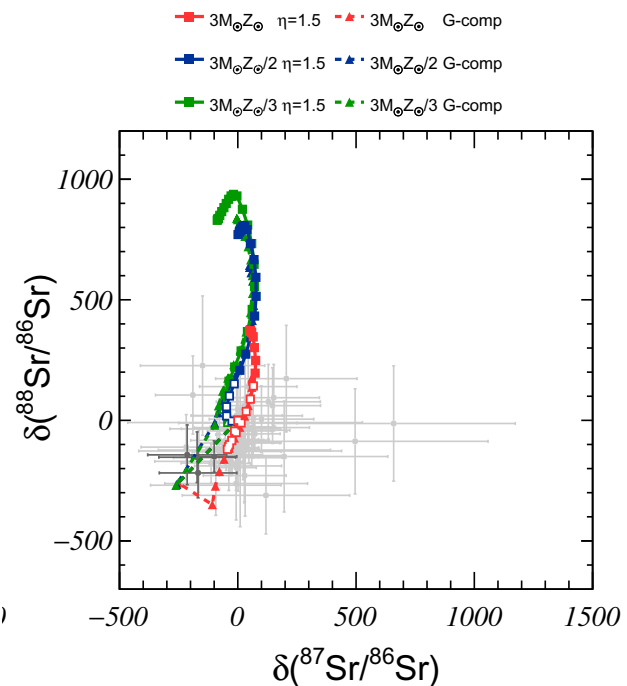
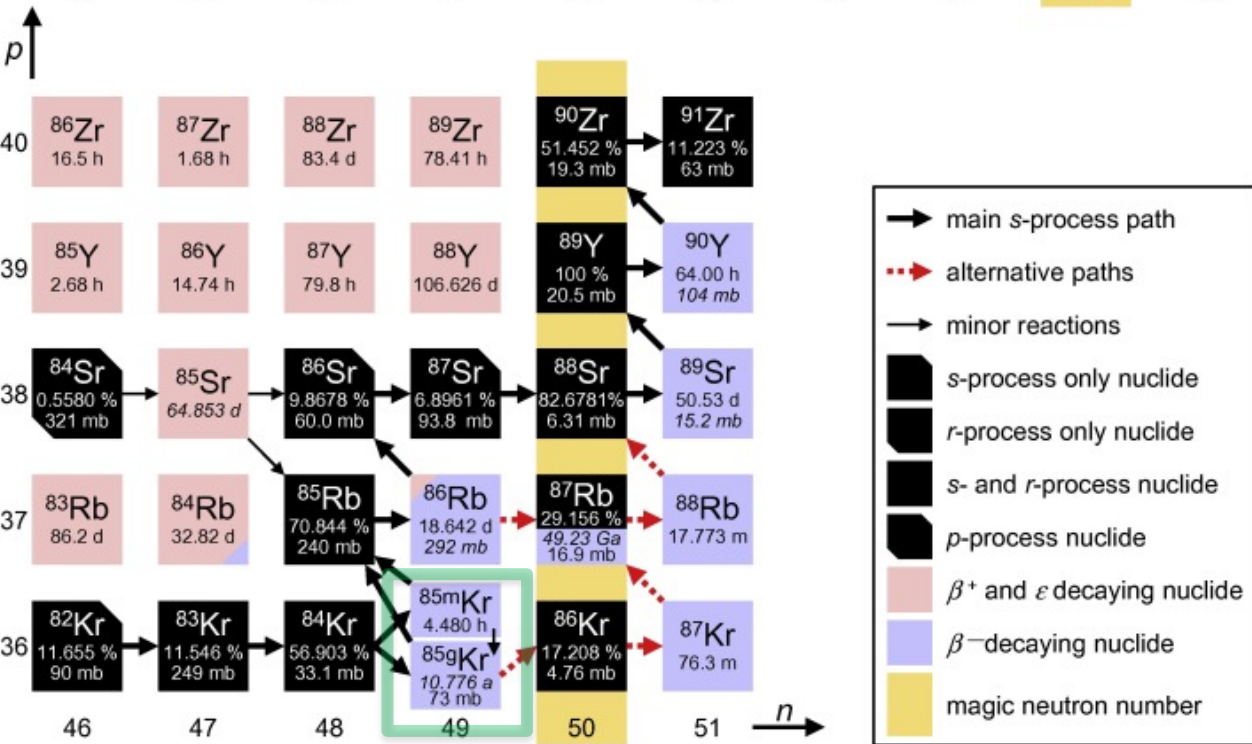
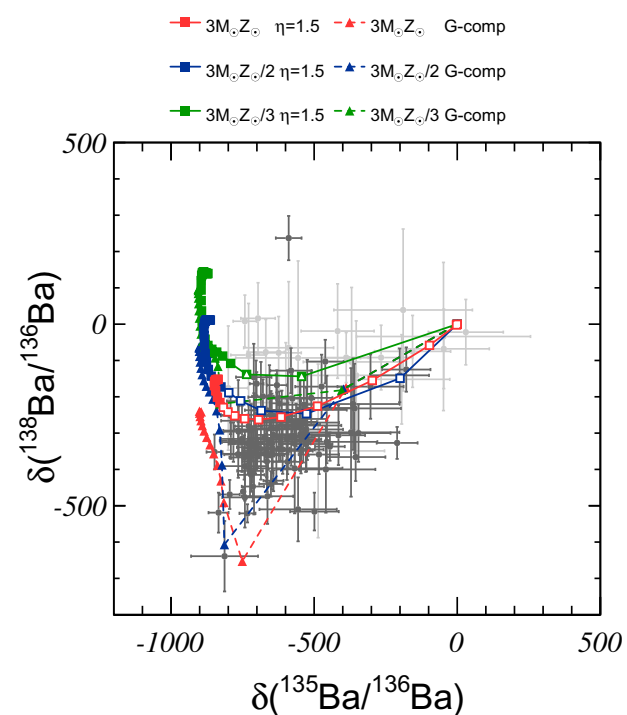
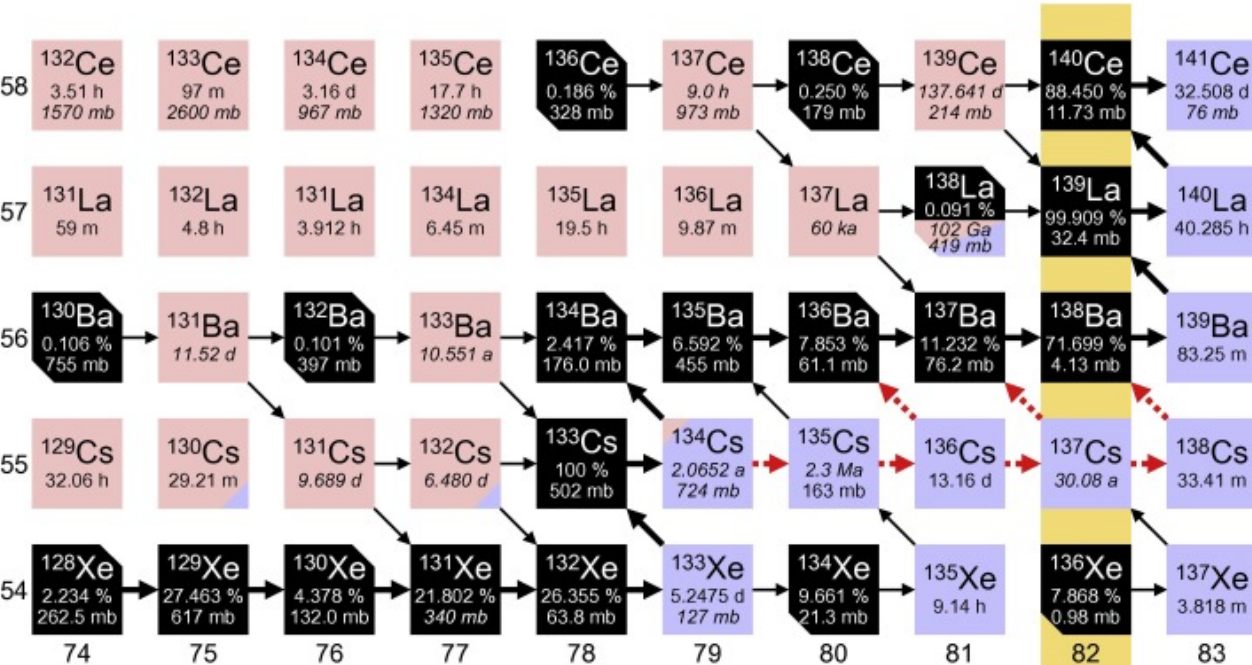
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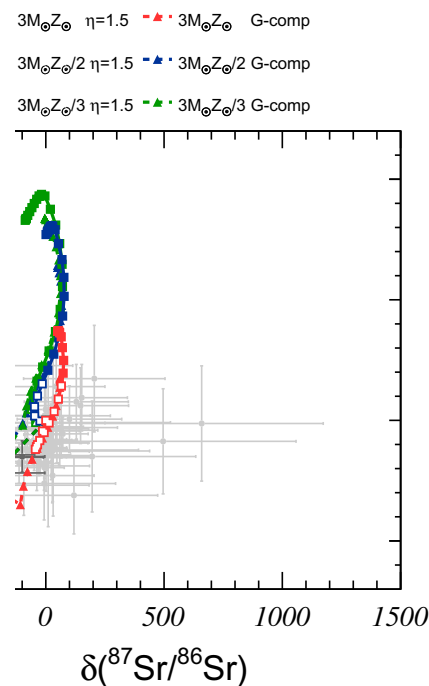
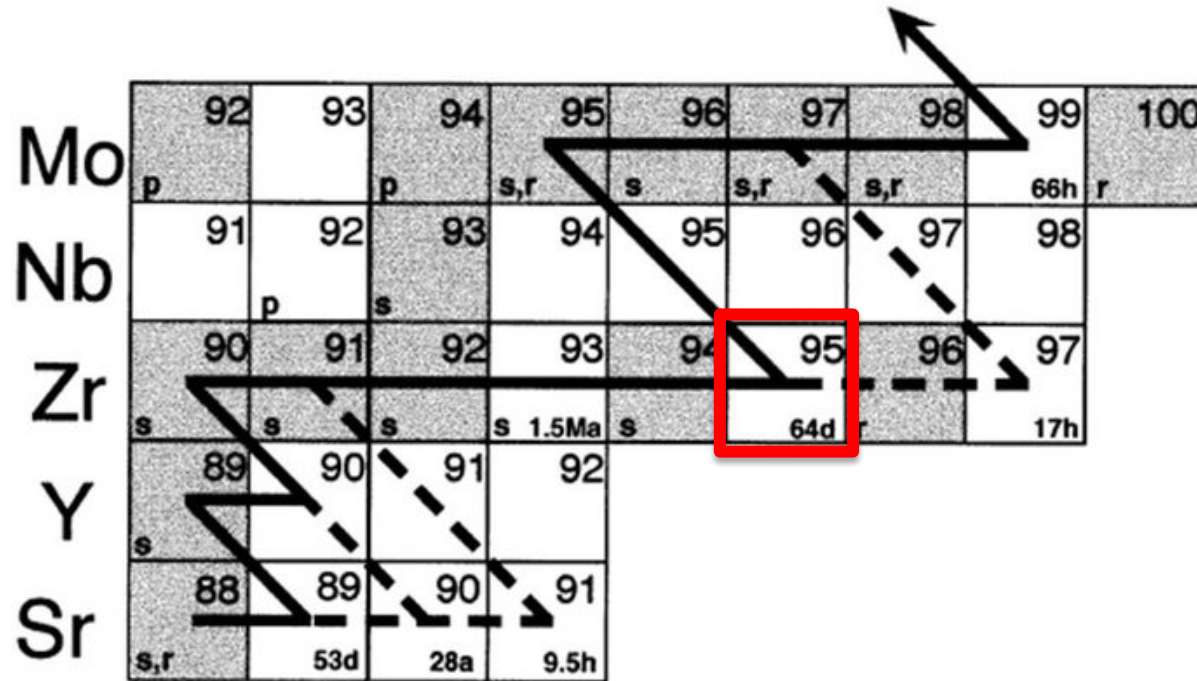
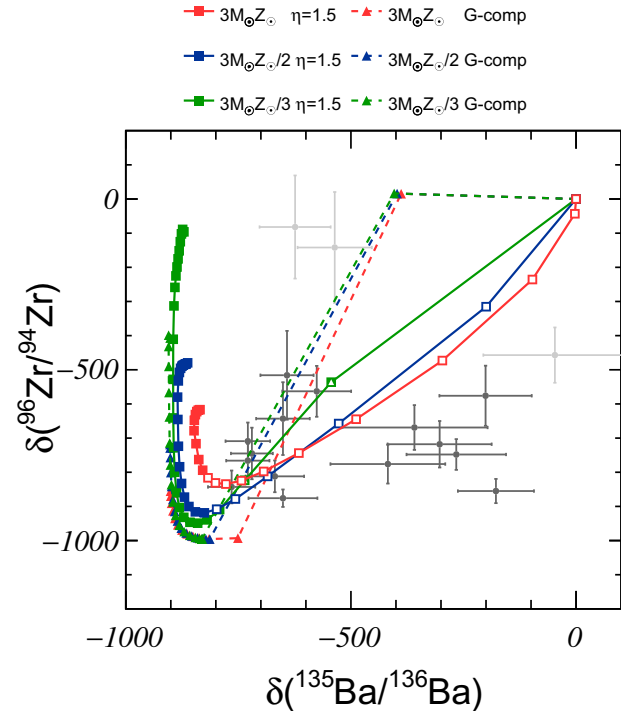
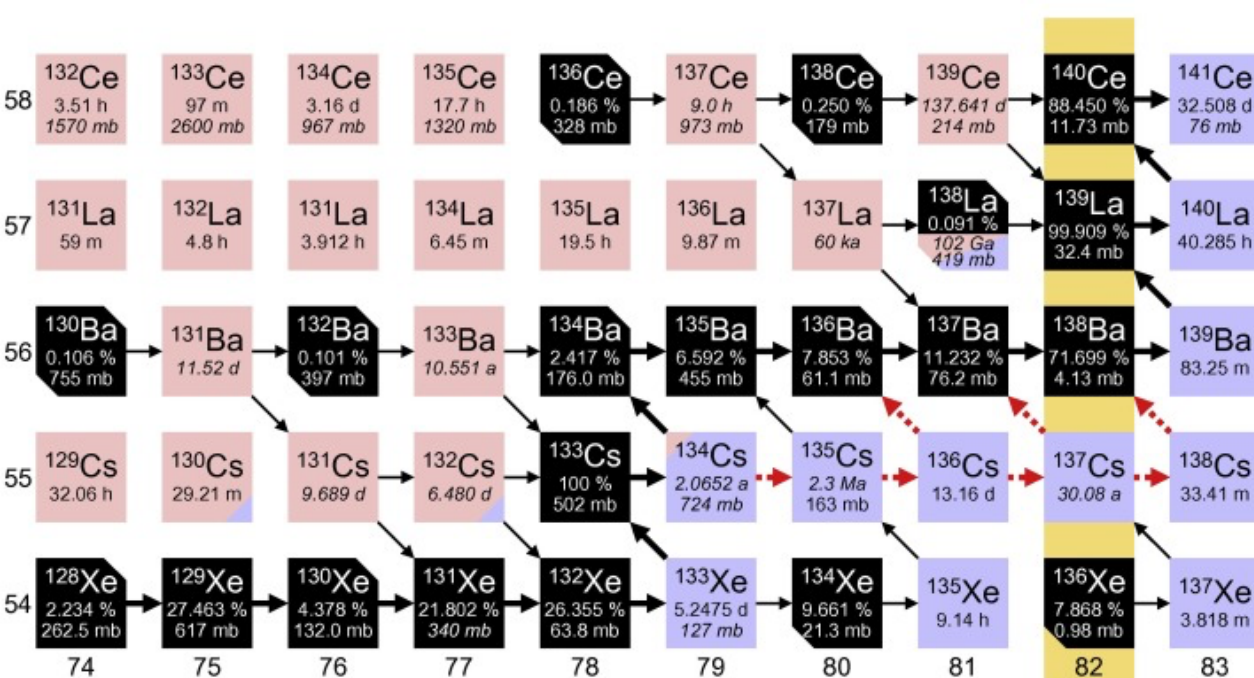
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The chart displays the following isotopes and their properties:

Isotope	Half-life	Decay Mode
Sr84	0.56	Stable
Sr85	64.84 d	EC
Sr86	9.86	Stable
Sr87	7.00	Stable
Sr88	82.53	Stable
Sr89	5.53 d	β ⁻
Sr90	28.78 y	β ⁻
Rb83	86.2 d	EC
Rb84	32.77 d	EC, β ⁻
Rb85	72.165	Stable
Rb86	18.631 d	EC, β ⁻
Rb87	4.75E10 y	β ⁻
Rb88	17.78 m	β ⁻
Rb89	15.15 m	β ⁻
Kr82	0	Stable
Kr83	11.5	Stable
Kr84	57.0	Stable
Kr85	10.756 y	β ⁻
Kr86	17.3	Stable
Kr87	76.3 m	β ⁻
Kr88	2.84 h	β ⁻
Br81	49.31	β ⁻
Br82	35.30 h	β ⁻
Br83	2.40 h	β ⁻
Br84	3.80 m	β ⁻
Br85	2.90 m	β ⁻
Br86	55.1 s	β ⁻
Br87	55.60 s	β ⁻



Cosmocronometri

$^{87}\text{Sr} - ^{87}\text{Rb}$ ($T_{1/2} = 48 \text{ Gy}$)

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2 isobar nuclei: a stable s-only and its long-lived father that is produced by both the r- and s-process and shields the first nuclides from r-process.

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	EC	EC,α	EC	α 0.01	EC	0.79	EC
Ir185 14.4 h 5/2-	Ir186 16.64 h 5+	Ir187 10.5 h 3/2+	Ir188 41.5 h 1-	Ir189 13.2 d 3/2+	Ir190 11.78 d (4)+	Ir191 37.3 3/2+	Ir192 73.831 d 4(+)
EC	EC *	EC *	EC *	EC *	EC,β *	37.3 *	EC,β *
Os184 5.6E13 y 0+	Os185 93.6 d 1/2-	Os186 2.0E+15 y 0+	Os187 1.6 1/2-	Os188 13.3 0+	Os189 16.1 3/2-	Os190 26.4 0+	Os191 15.4 d 9/2-
0.02	EC	α 1.58	1.6	13.3	16.1	26.4	β *
Re183 70.0 d 5/2+	Re184 38.0 d 3(+)	Re185 37.40 5/2+	Re186 90.64 h 1-	Re187 4.35E10 y 5/2+	Re188 16.5 h 1-	Re189 24.3 h 5/2+	Re190 1.1 m (2)-
EC *	EC *	37.40 *	EC,β *	β,α 62.60	16.5 *	24.3 *	β *
W182 0+	W183 1.1E+17 y 1/2-	W184 3E+17 y 0+	W185 75.1 d 3/2-	W186 28.6 0+	W187 23.72 h 3/2	W188 6.4 d 0+	W189 1.5 m (3/2)-
26.3	14.3 *	30.67	β *	28.6	β *	β *	β *

Opacity, r-process, NSM...and PANDORA

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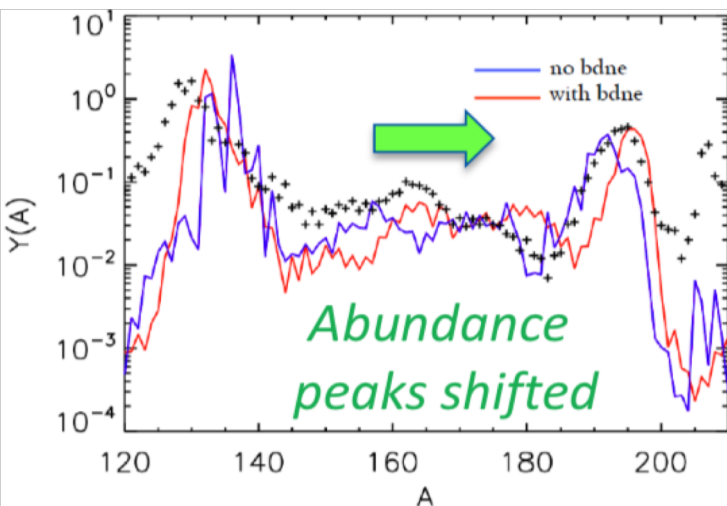
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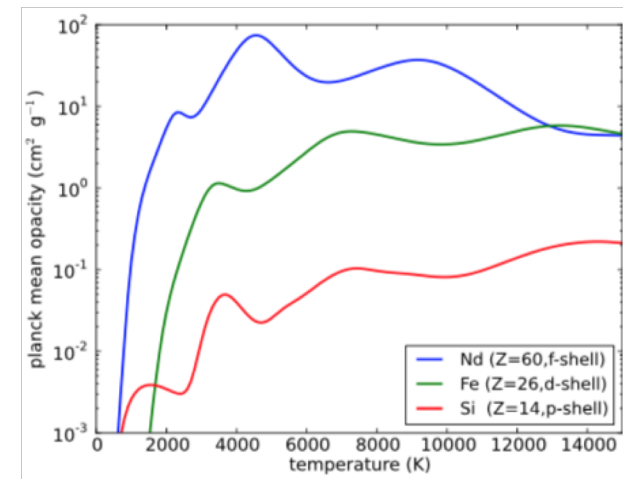
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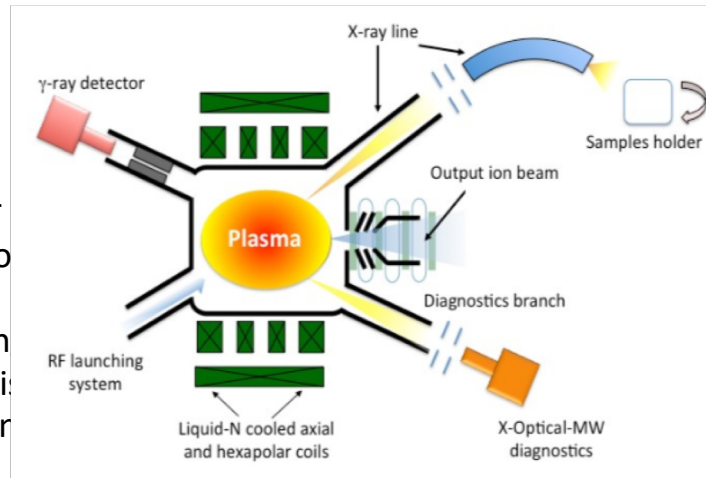
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- Accurate predictions of kilonovae light curves
- Constraining r-process yields and kilonovae energetics

...e molto altro ancora

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