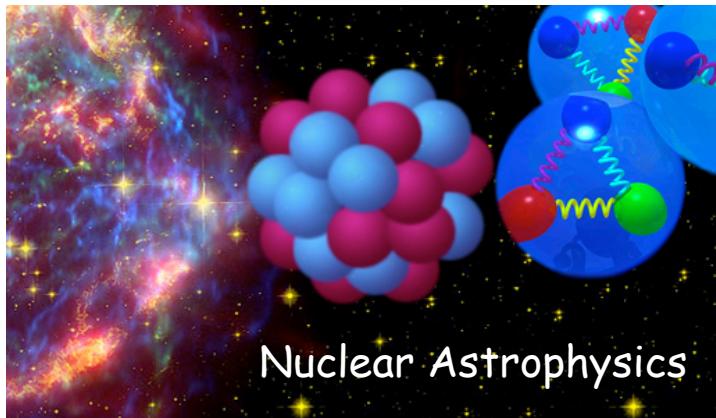


# A personal perspective on FRIB Science

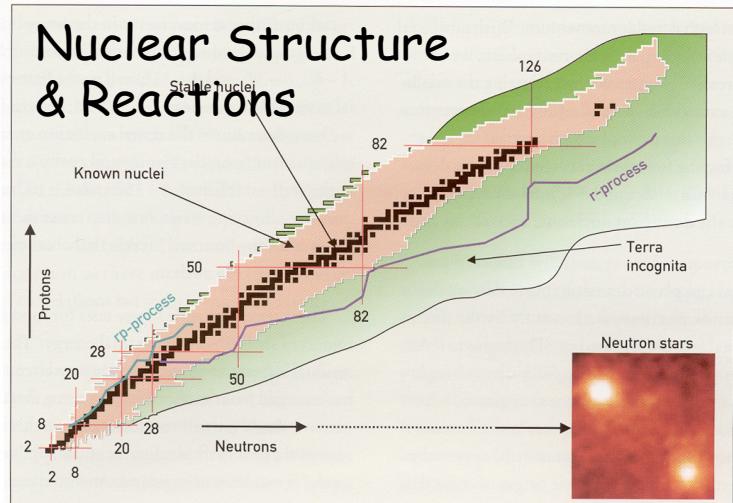
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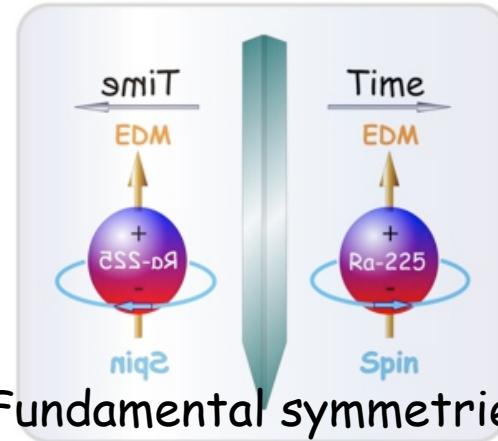
# Which science drives physics with rare isotopes?



Origin of new elements, rare isotopes  
powering stellar explosions, neutron star crust



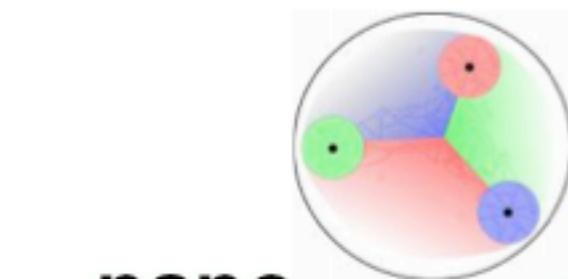
Limits of existence: what makes nuclei stable?  
New shapes, new collective behavior.



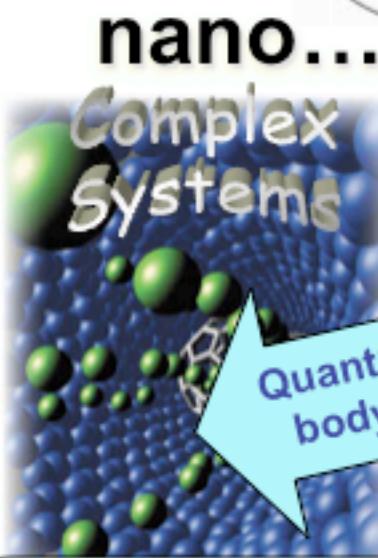
Use of rare isotopes as laboratories  
where symmetry violations are amplified.



Nuclear applications



# subfemto...



How do collective phenomena emerge from simple constituents?  
How can complex systems display astonishing simplicities?  
What are unique properties of open systems?

Quantum many-body physics

# femto...

## Physics of Nuclei

Fundamental interactions

What is the New Standard Model?

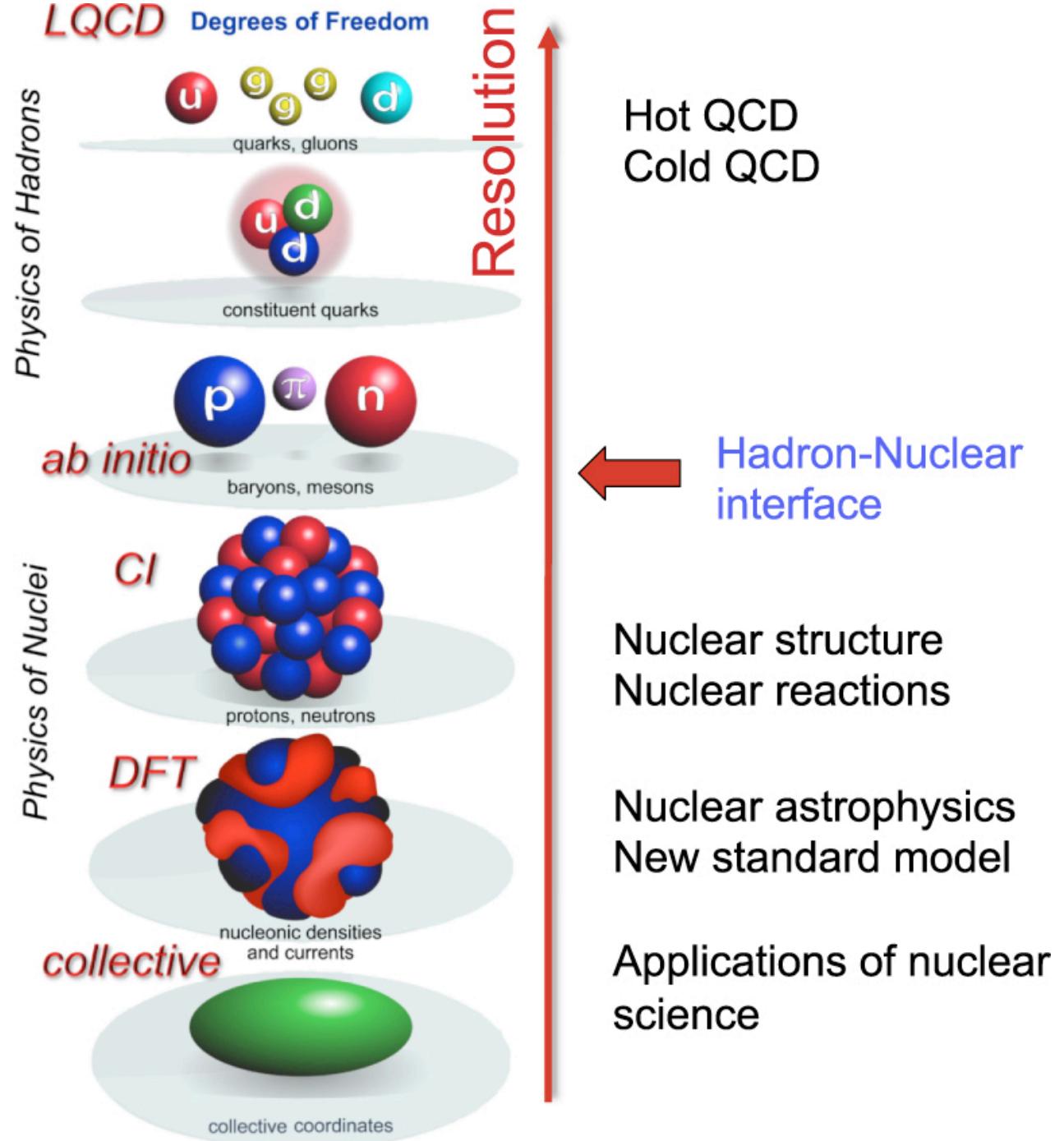
# Giga...



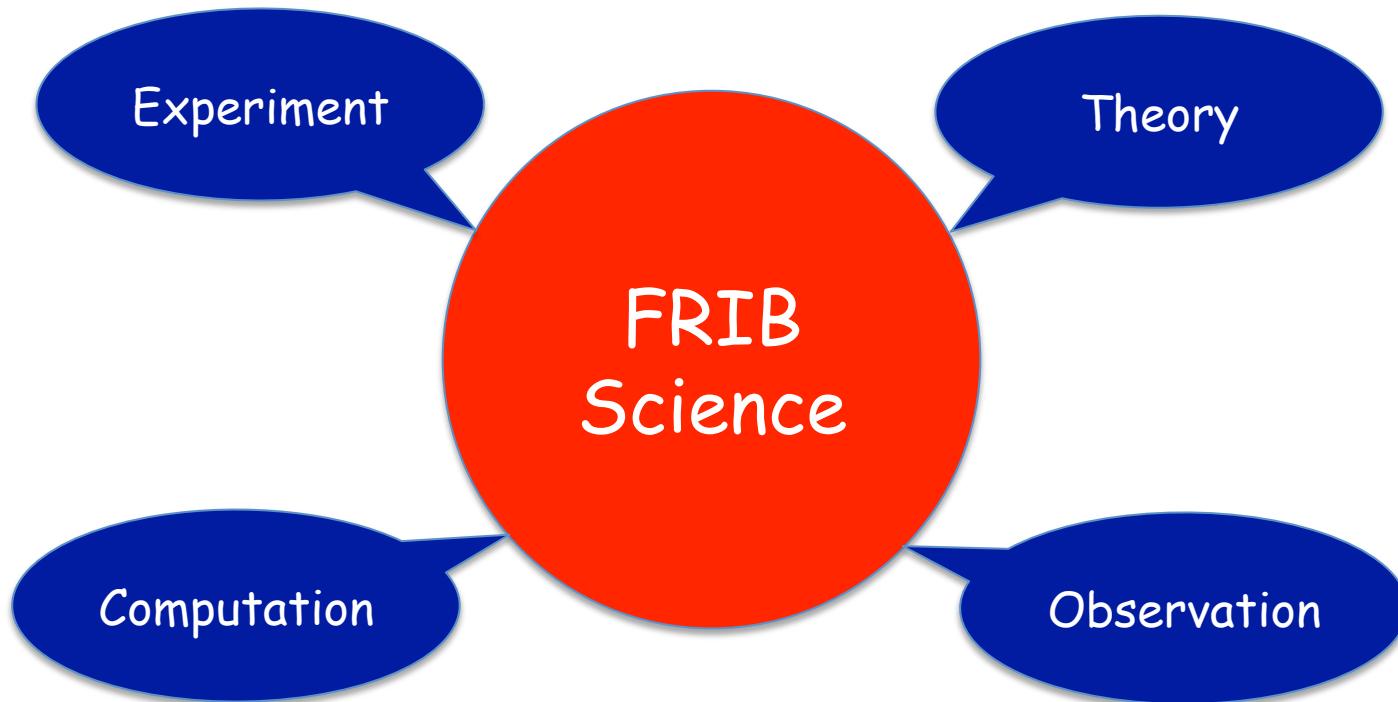
How do nuclei shape the physical universe?  
What is the origin of the elements?

Astrophysics  
Astronomy

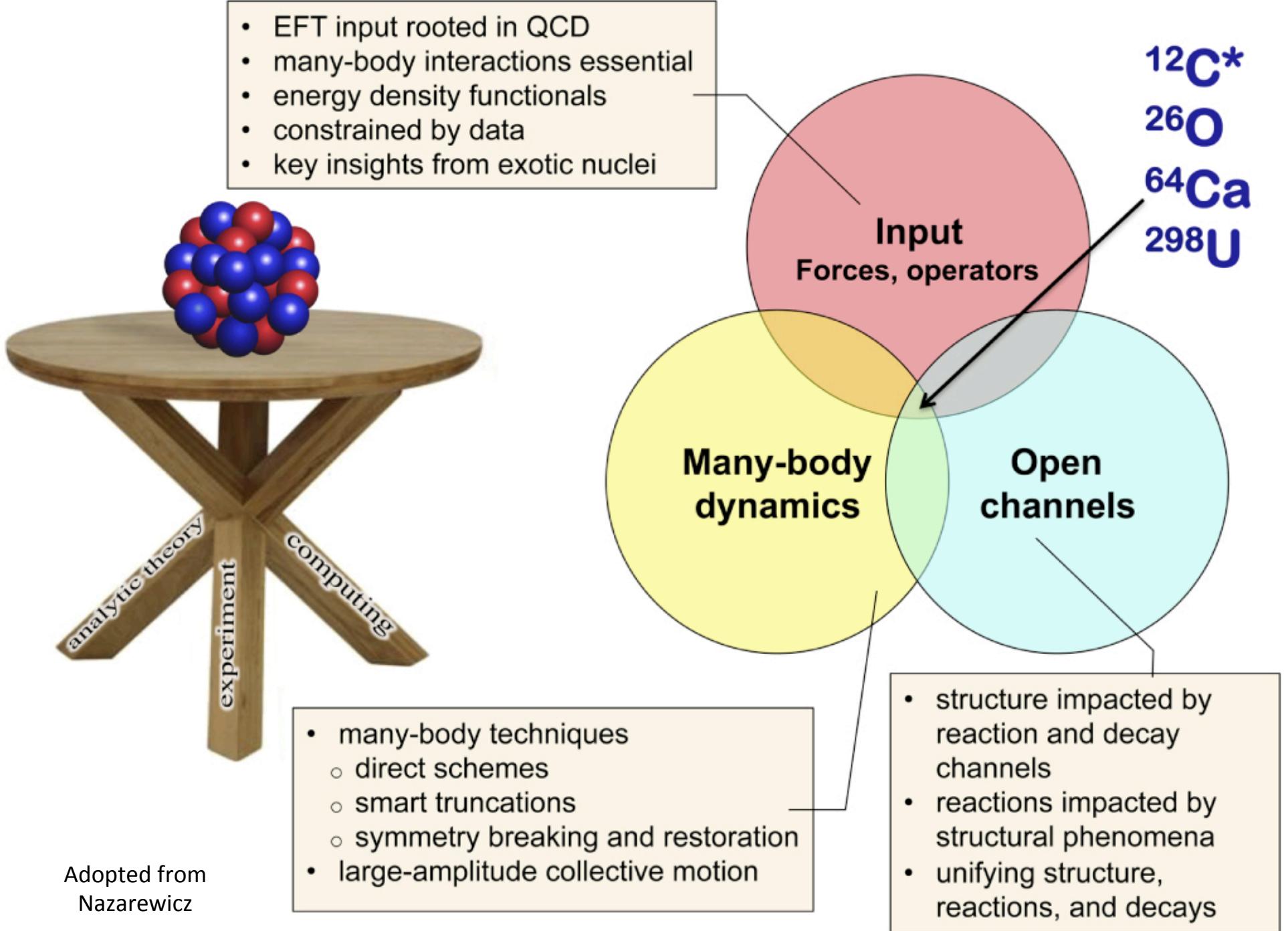
There is  
interesting  
physics at all  
scales!



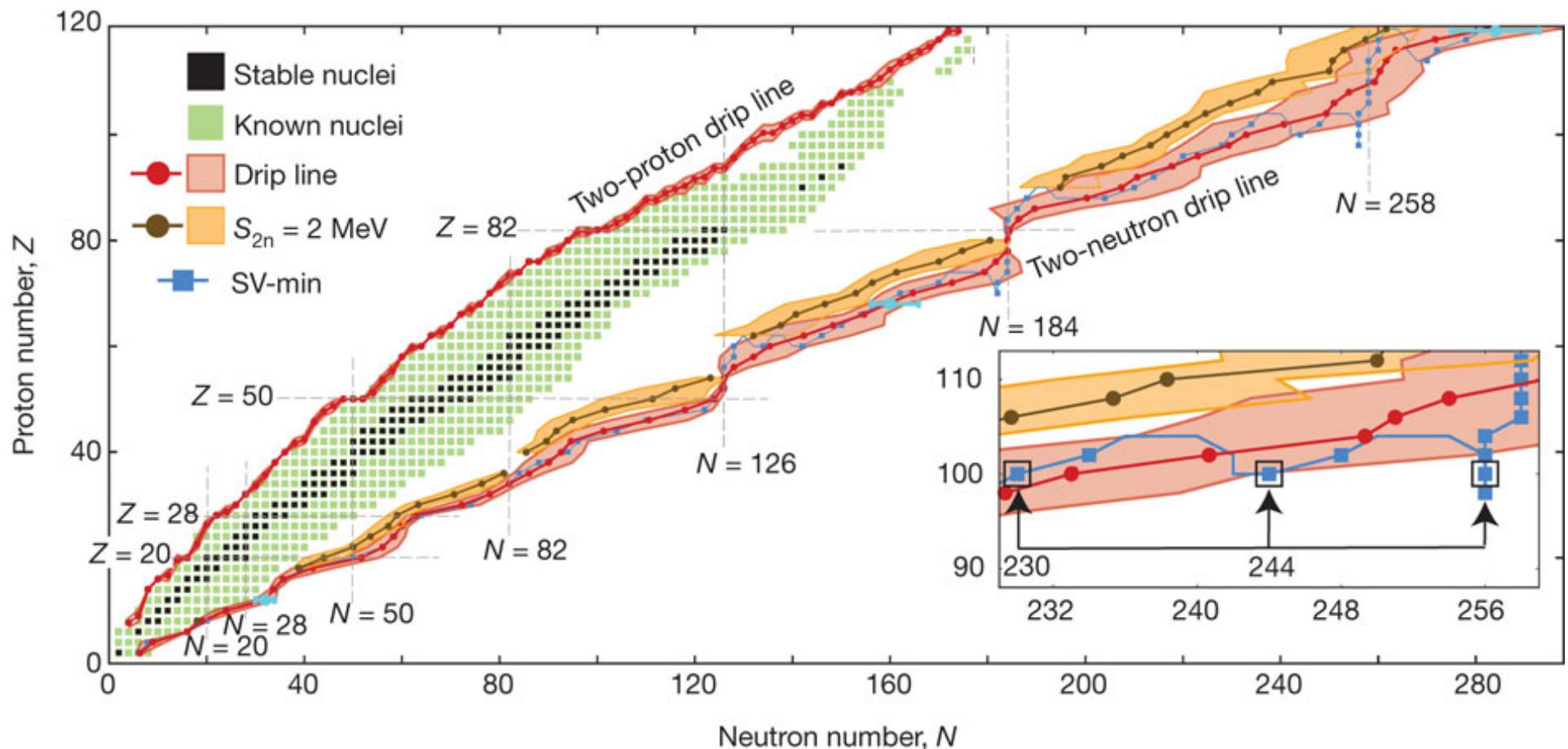
## Four modes of carrying out FRIB-related research



For scientific progress all four modes are essential and they complement each other!



In recent years major advances in computational capabilities have pushed the boundaries of what can be calculated by microscopic *ab initio* methods in nuclear theory



J. Erler *et al.* *Nature* **486**, 509-512 (2012)

## “Why does Carbon-14 live so long?”

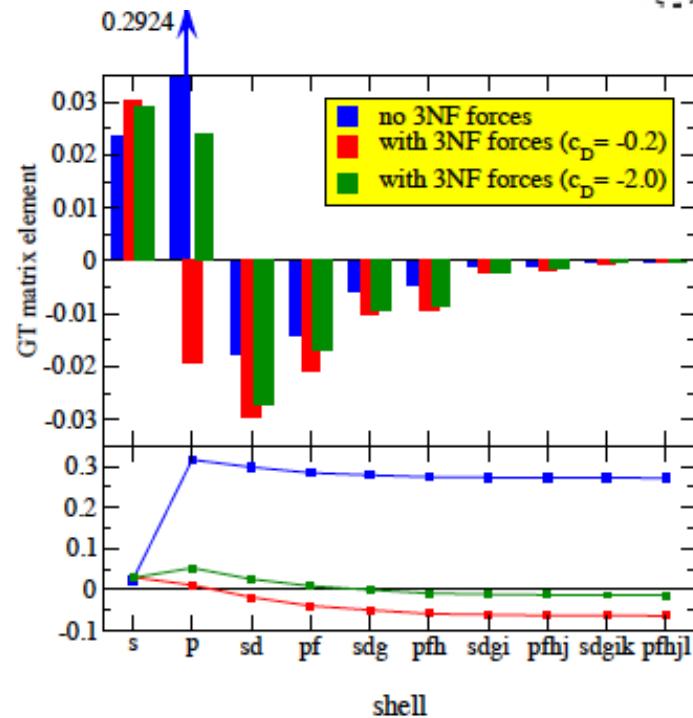
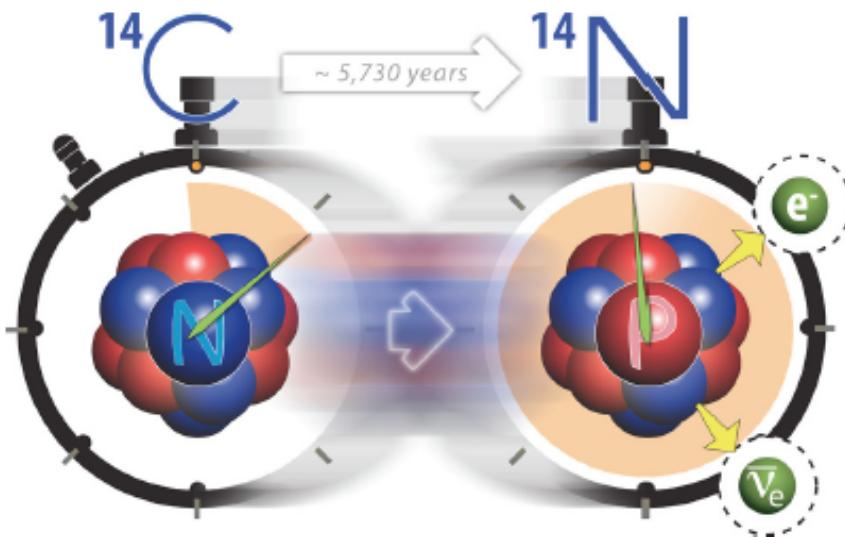
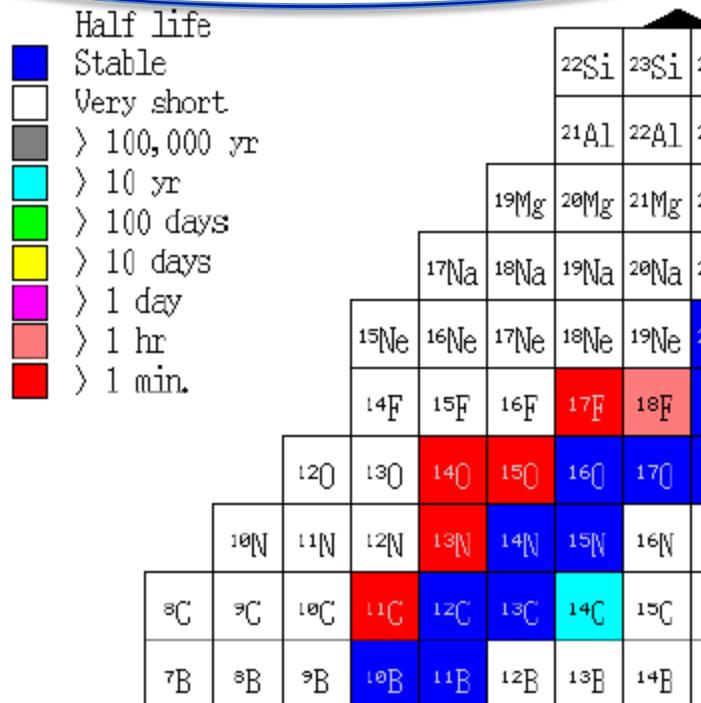
Carbon-14 dating relies on ~5,730 year half-life, but other light nuclei undergo similar beta decay with half-lives less than a day!

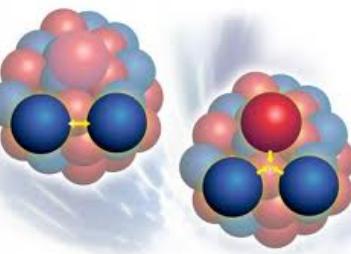
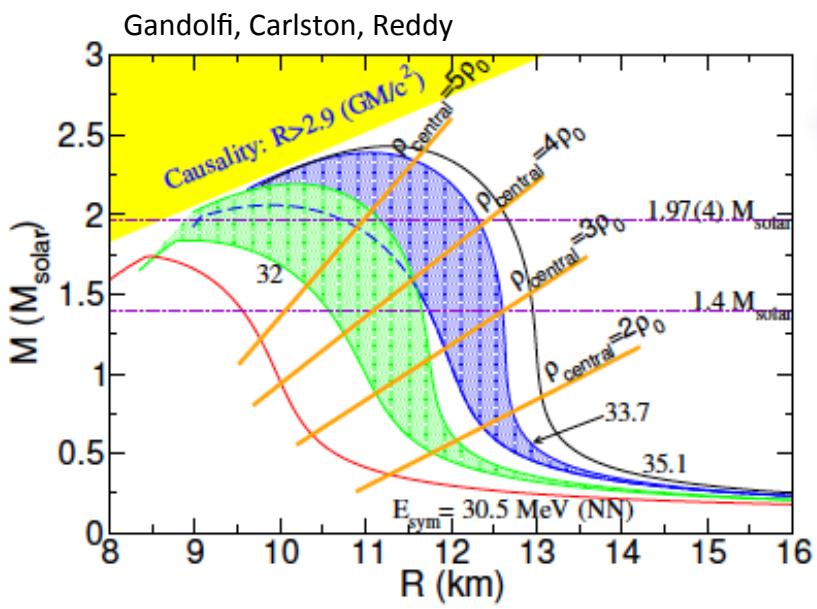
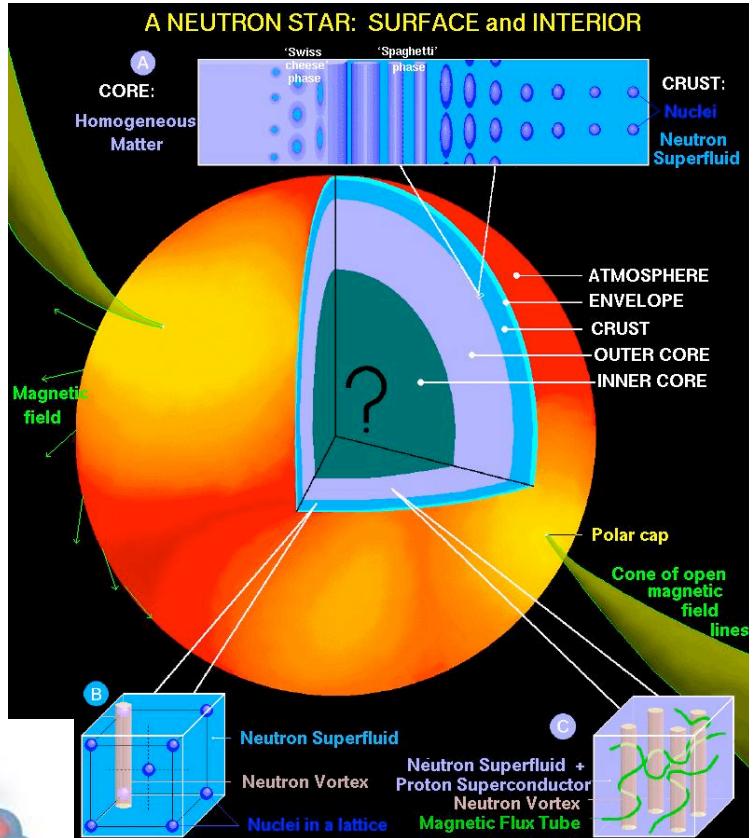
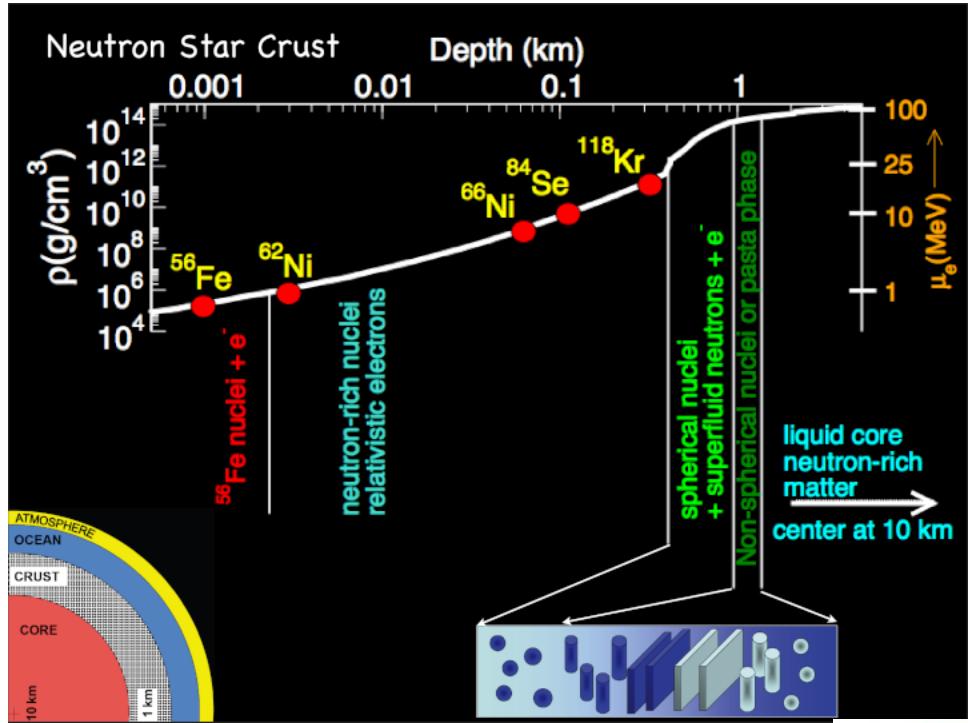


UNEDF SciDAC Collaboration  
Universal Nuclear Energy Density Functional

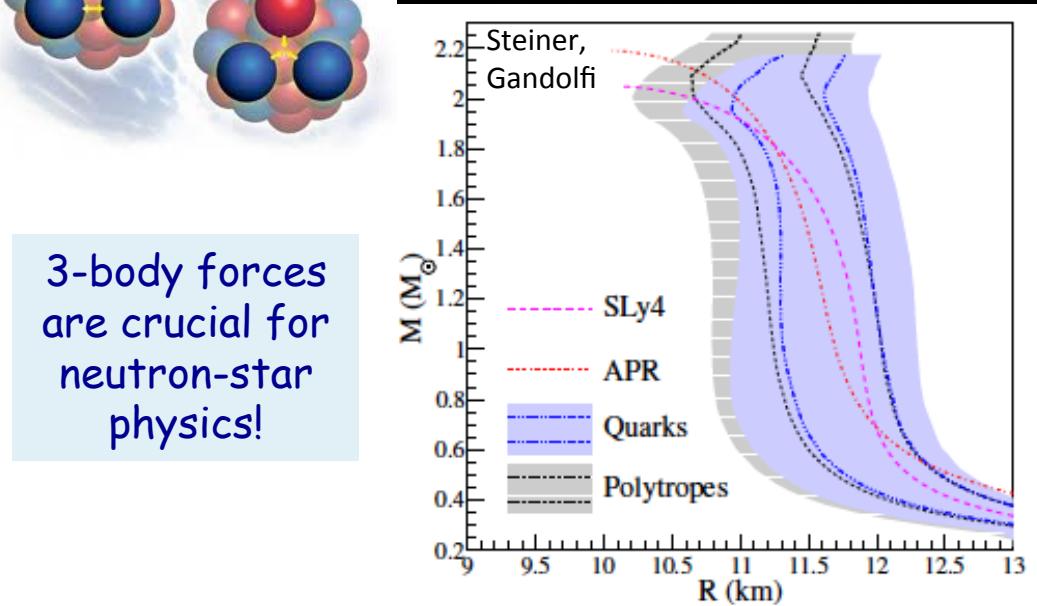
- Members of UNEDF collaboration made microscopic nuclear structure calculations to solve the puzzle
  - Used systematic chiral Hamiltonian from low-energy effective field theory of QCD

• Key feature: consistent 3-nucleon interactions

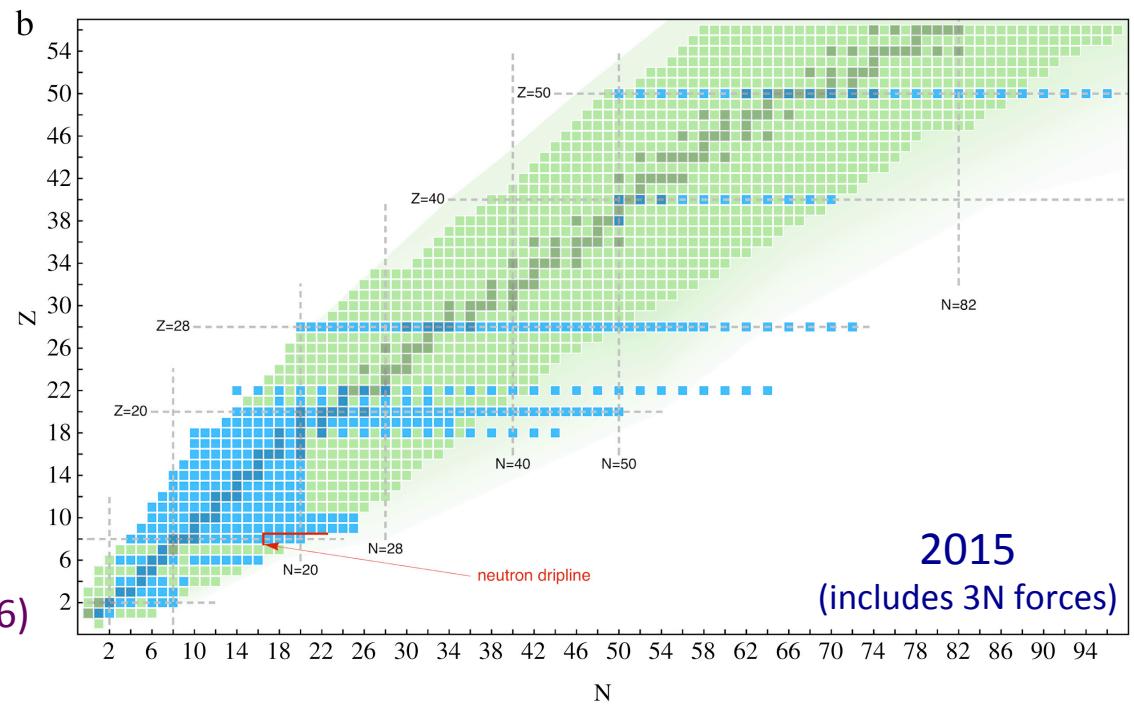
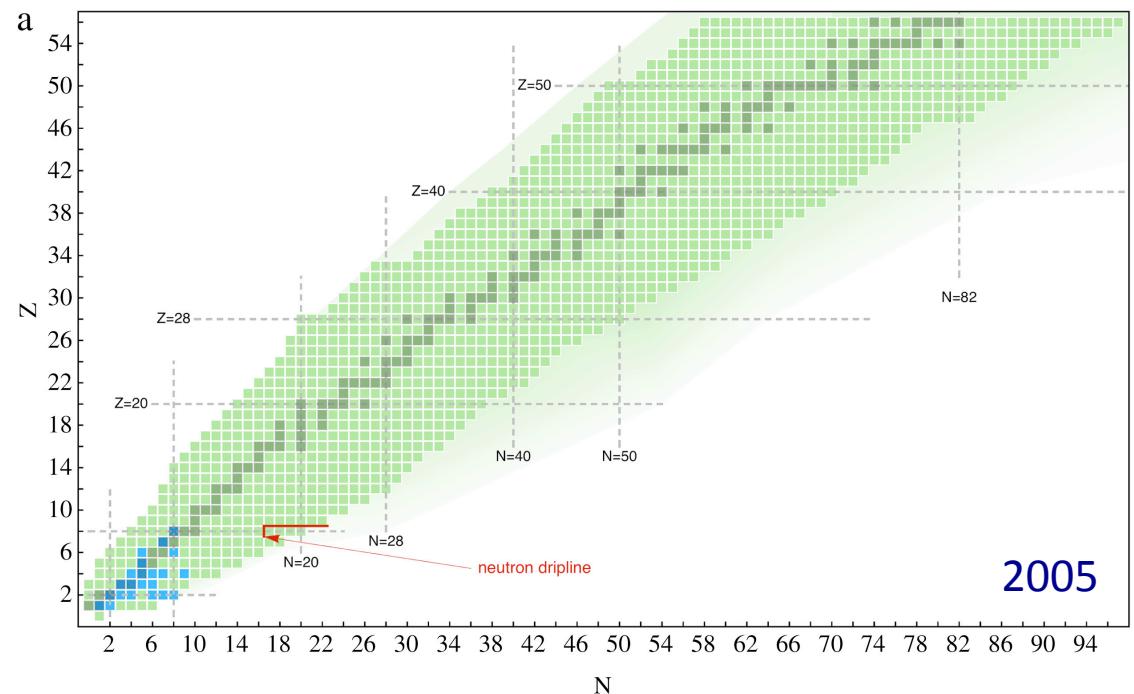




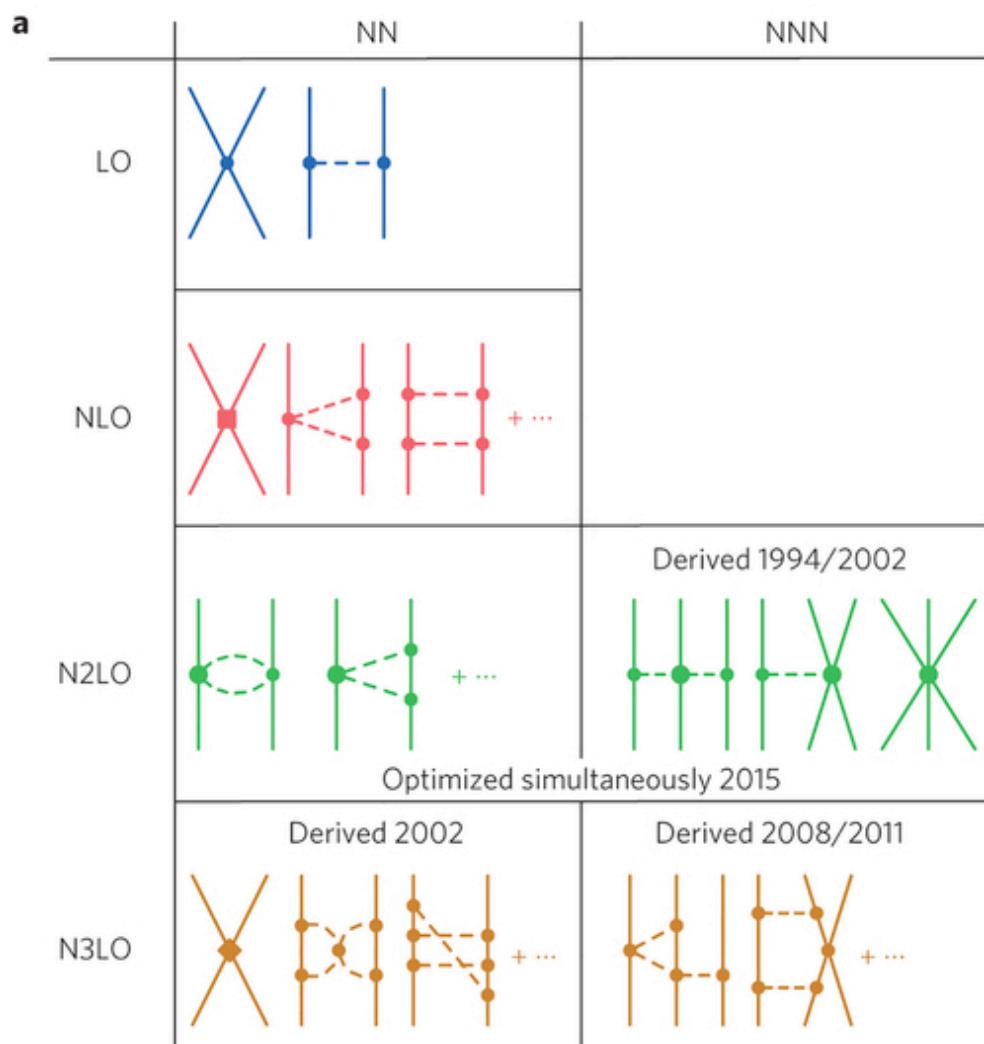
3-body forces  
are crucial for  
neutron-star  
physics!



*Ab initio*  
calculations are  
attempted for  
many nuclei!

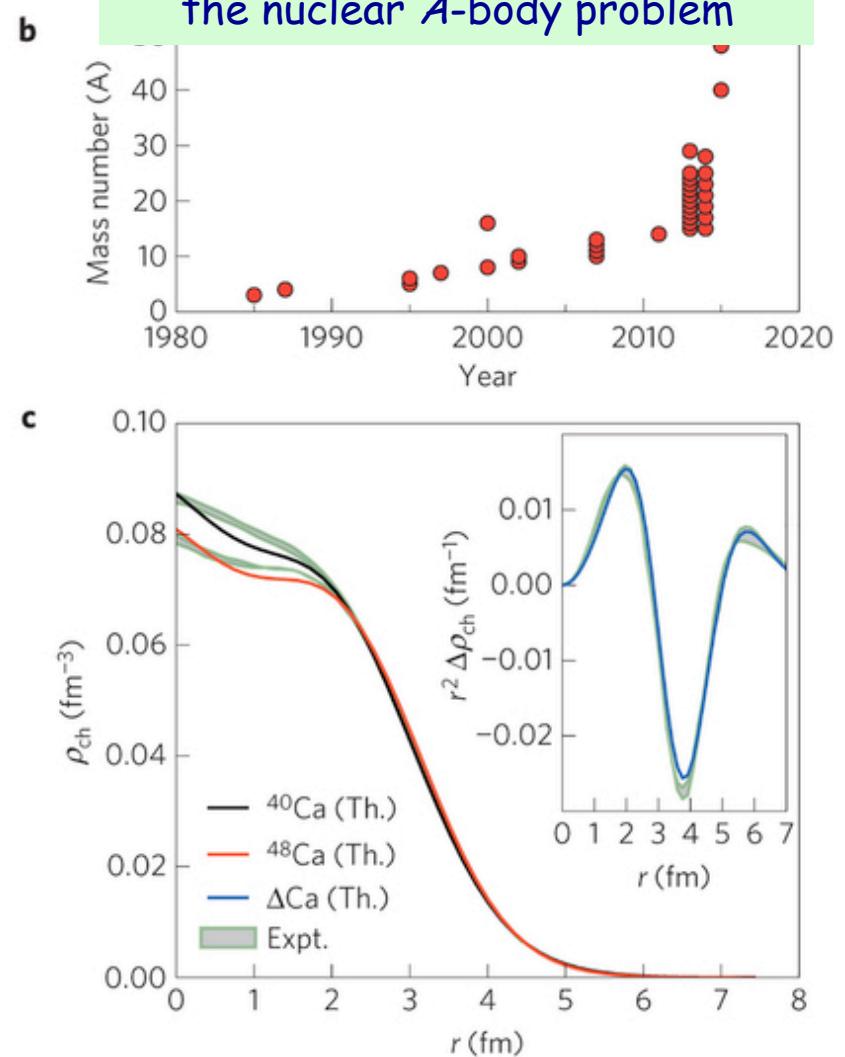


## Nuclear forces based on chiral effective field theory



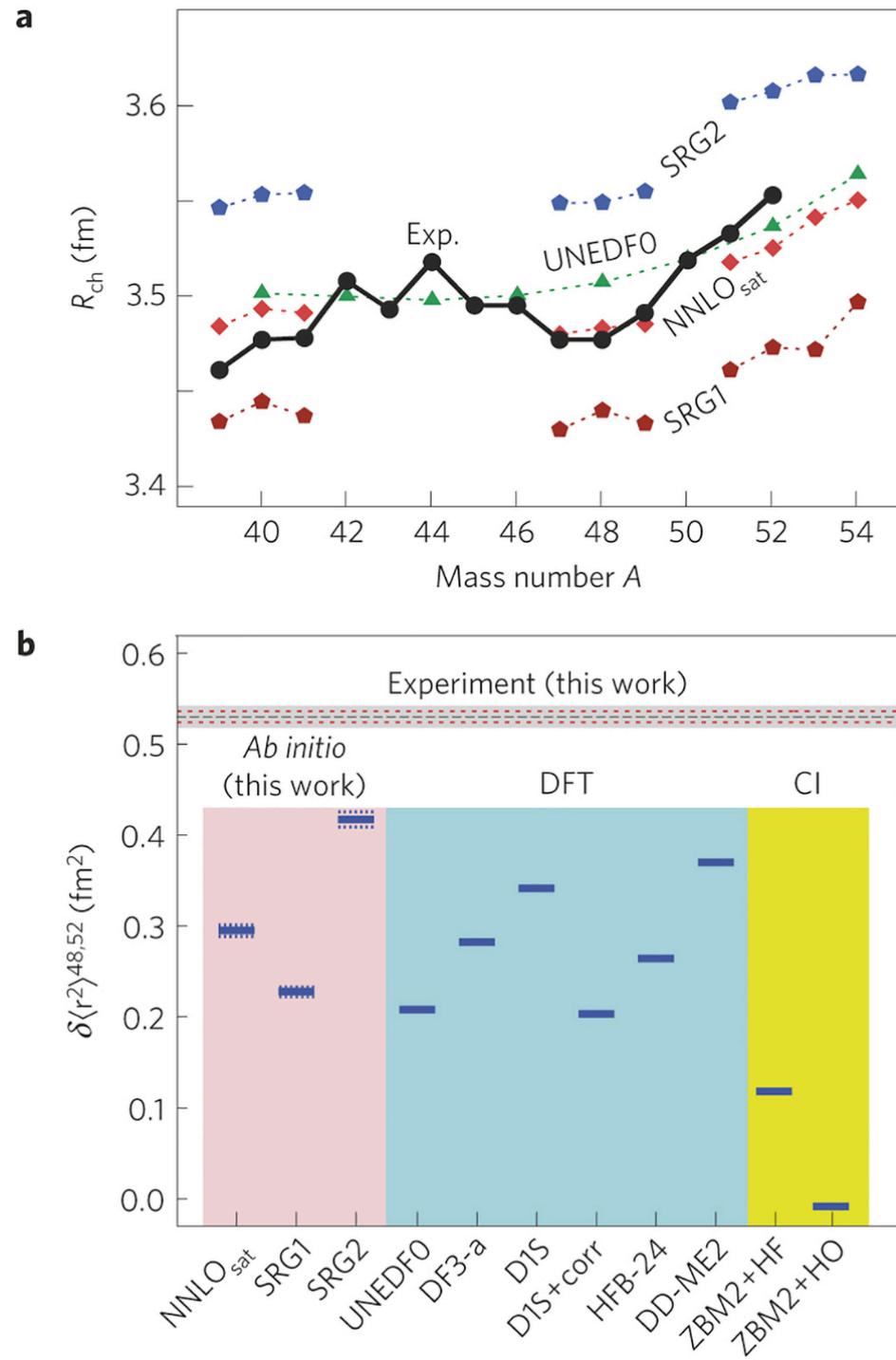
Hagen et al., Nature Phys. **12**, 186 (2016)

## Increasing computational power: realistic *ab initio* calculations for the nuclear $A$ -body problem



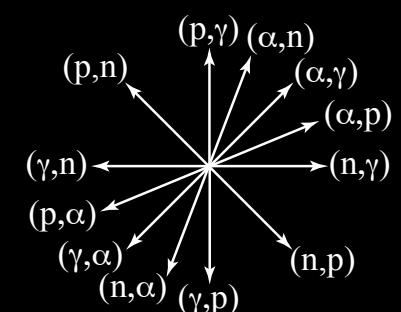
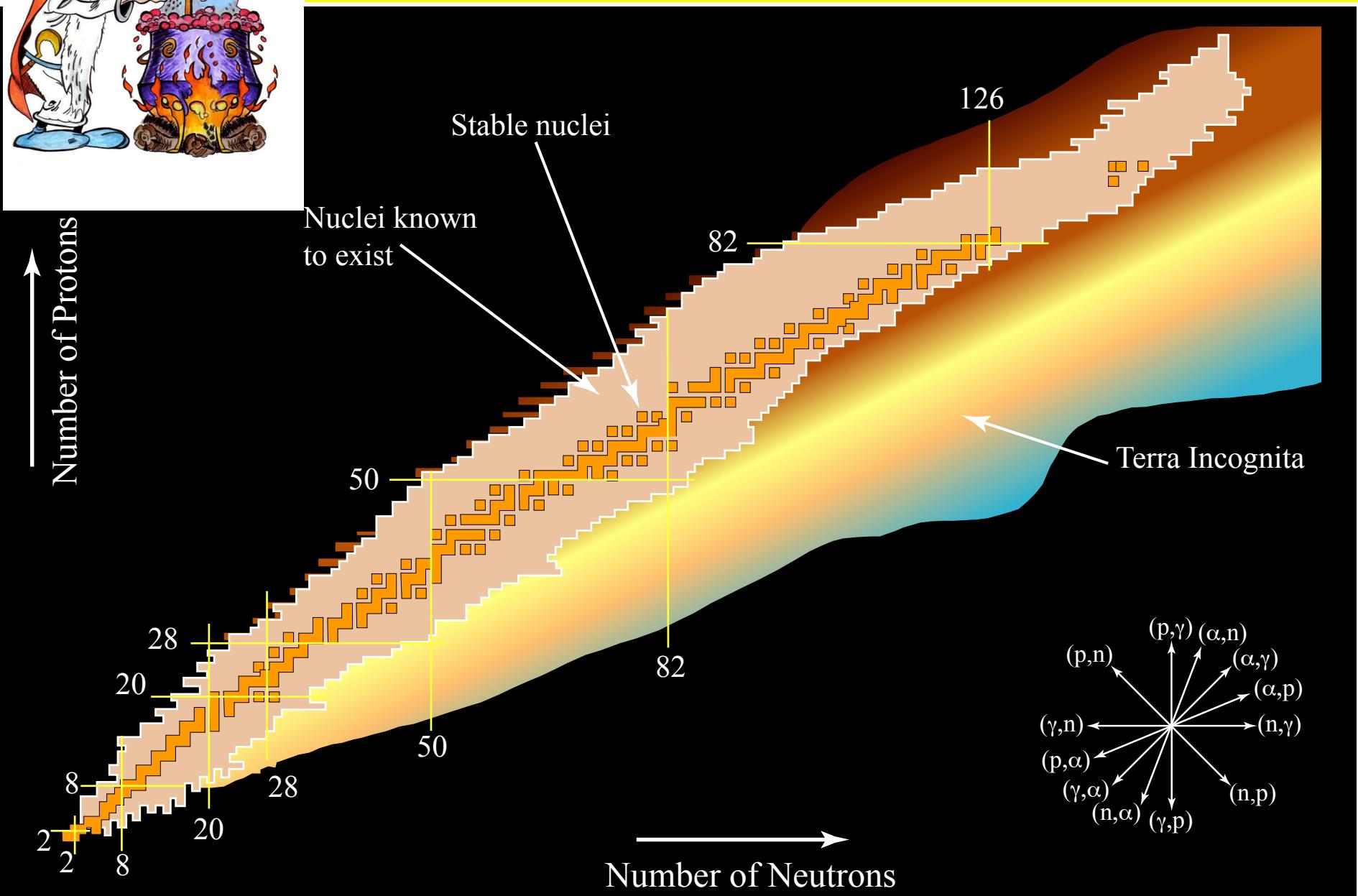
*Ab initio* predictions for charge densities in  $^{40}\text{Ca}$  and  $^{48}\text{Ca}$  compared to experiment

What is the evolution of nuclear sizes away from stability? Experimental charge radii for Ca isotopes as compared various to *ab initio*, density functional theory (DFT) and configuration interaction (CI) calculations.





## How do you cook elements around us?





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Pop III stars  
(very big and very metal poor)



How do you cook elements around us?

They go supernovae





## How do you cook elements around us?

Mg

O



N

Fe

Si



Ti

C

He

Sr

Ca



## How do you cook elements around us?



Pop II stars  
(metal poor)



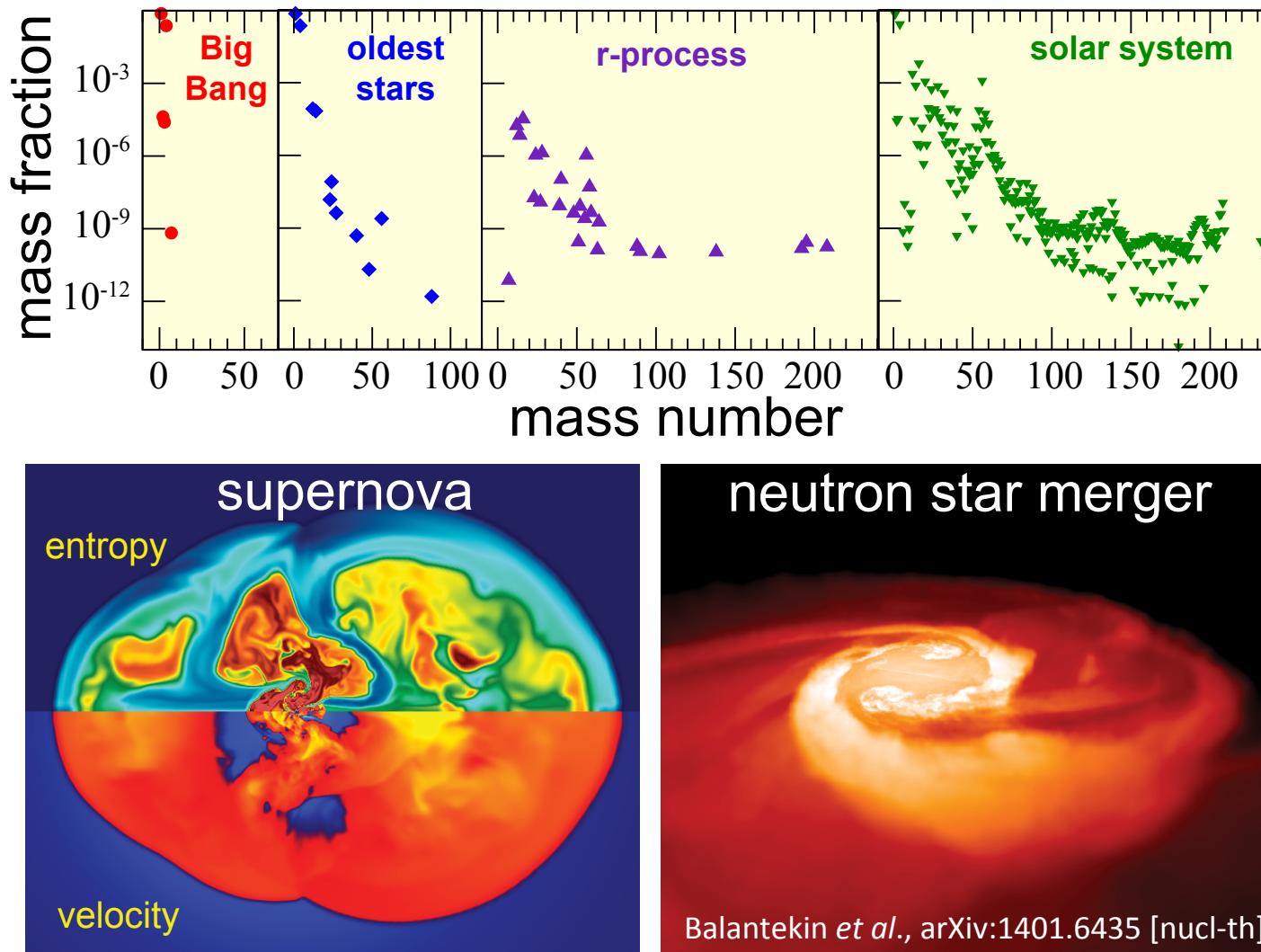
## How do you cook elements around us?

Pop II stars  
(metal poor)

Some go supernova,  
producing U, Eu, Th...  
via the r-process

AGB stars produce  
Ba, La, Y,.... via the  
s-process

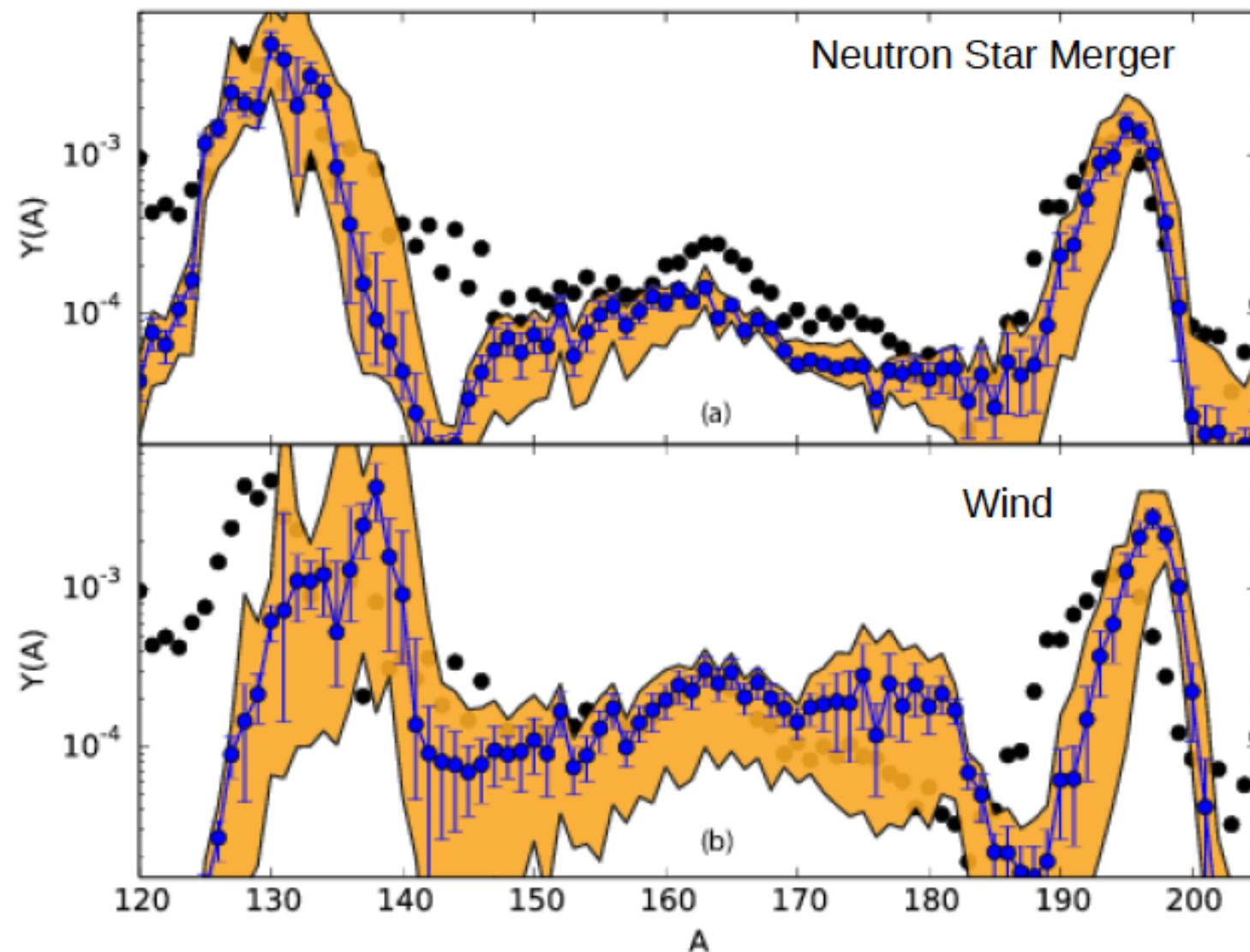
## The origin of elements



Neutrinos not only play a crucial role in the dynamics of these sites, but they also control the value of the electron fraction, the parameter determining the yields of the r-process.

Possible sites for the r-process

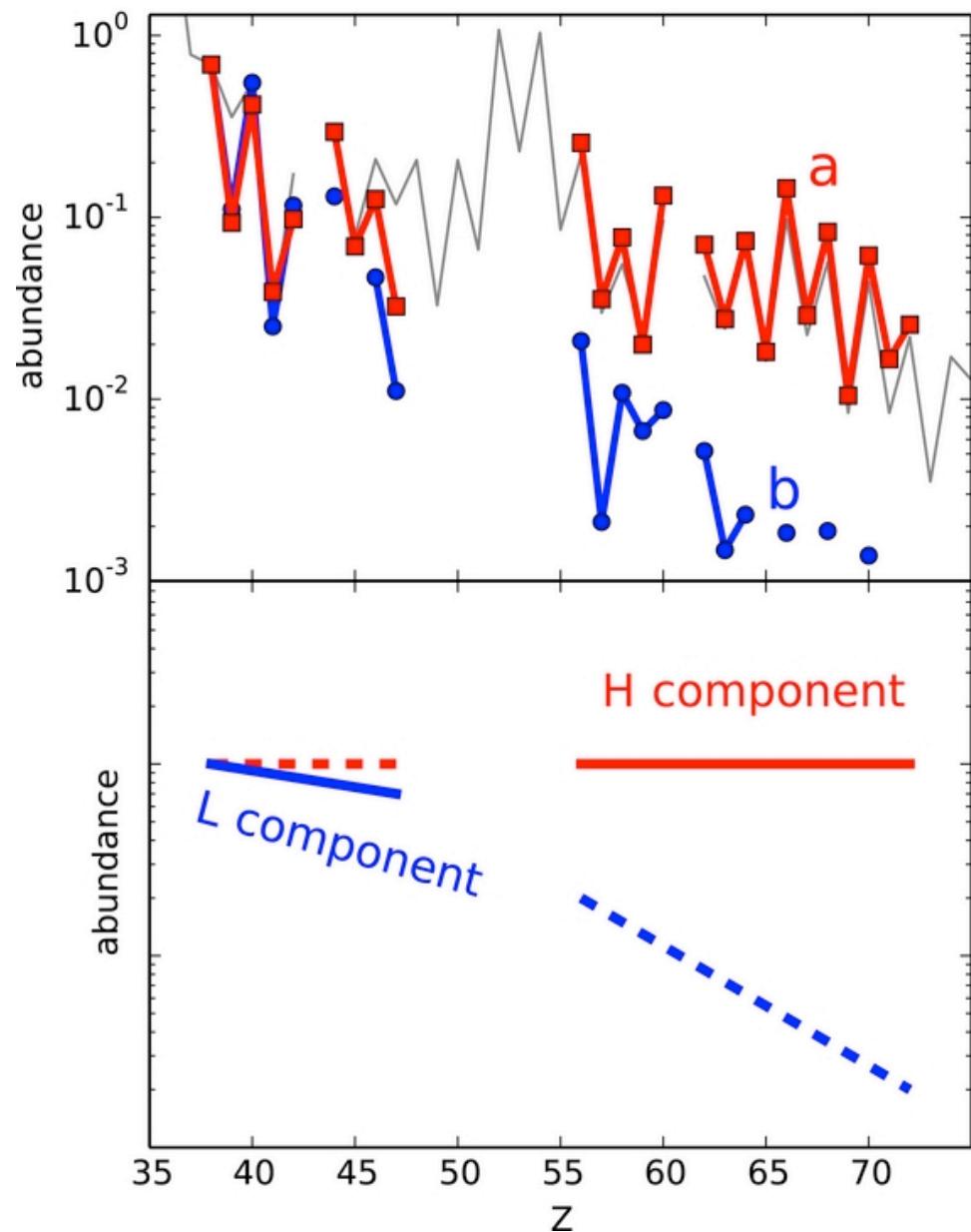
# Estimated Final Abundances With Uncertainties

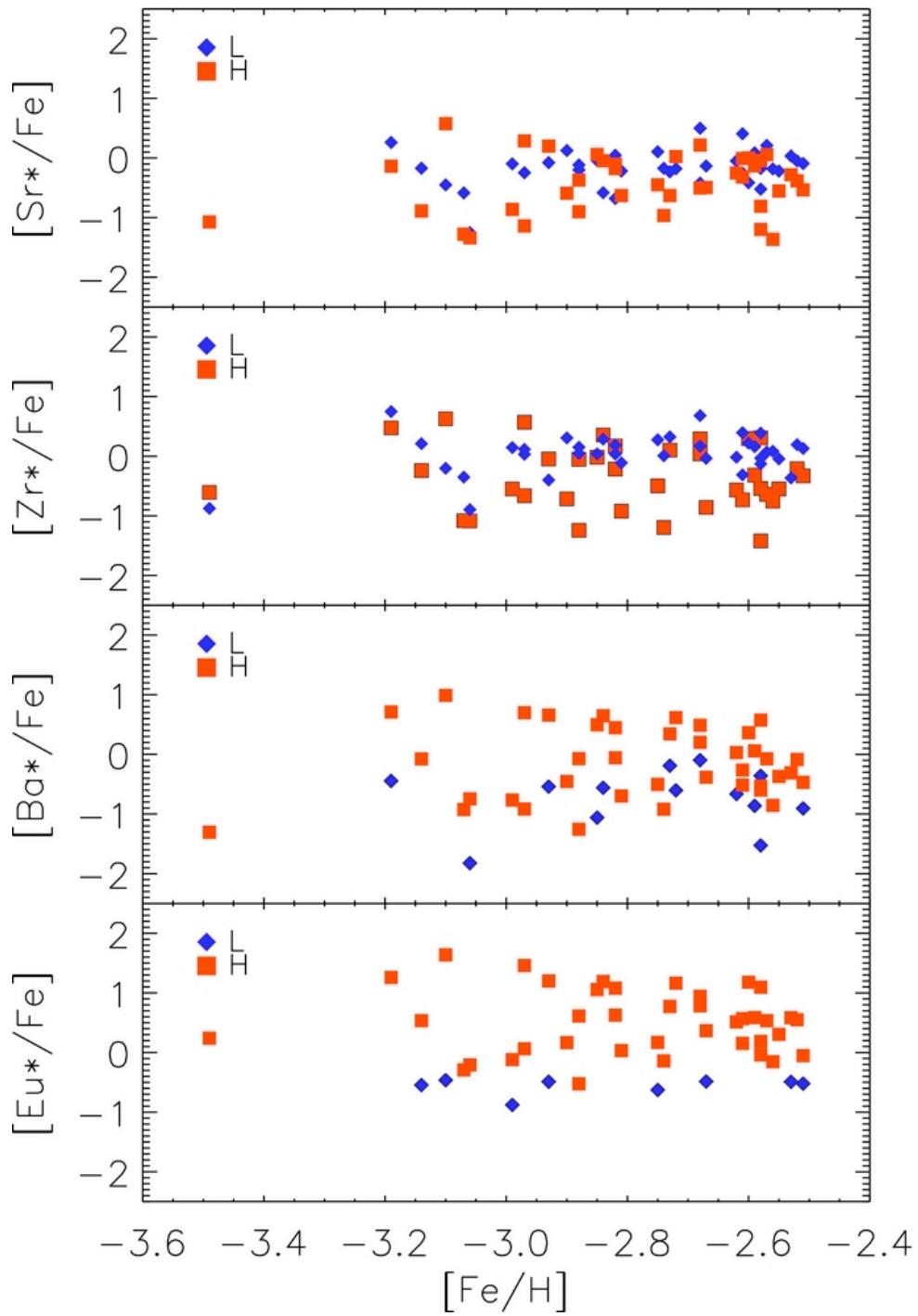


Variations in masses of N~82 and N~126 nuclei of +/- 1 MeV

Mumpower et al.

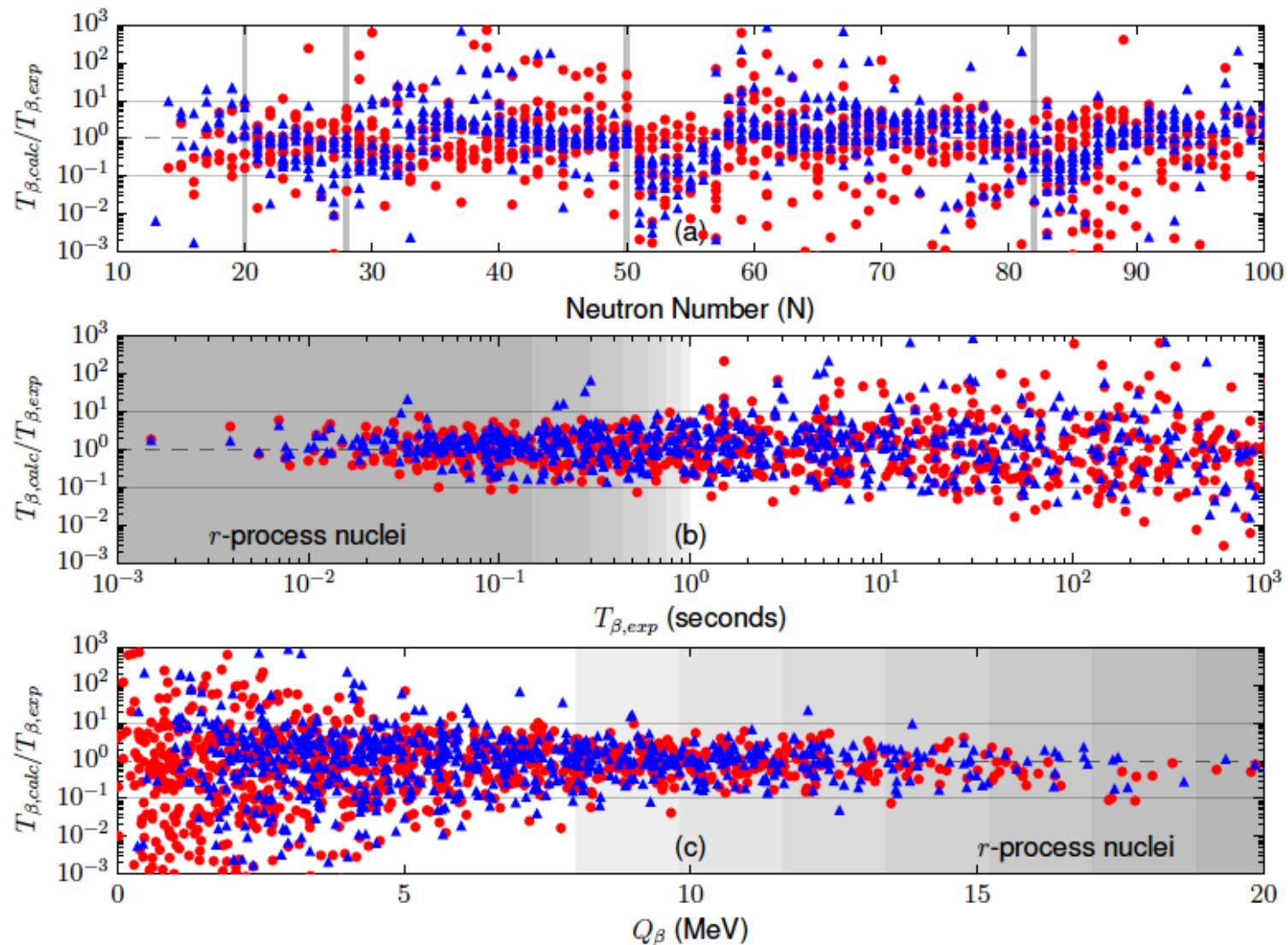
Ultra metal poor stars with  
high (H) and low (L)  
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process nuclei: At  
least two  
components or sites  
(Qian &  
Wasserburg)





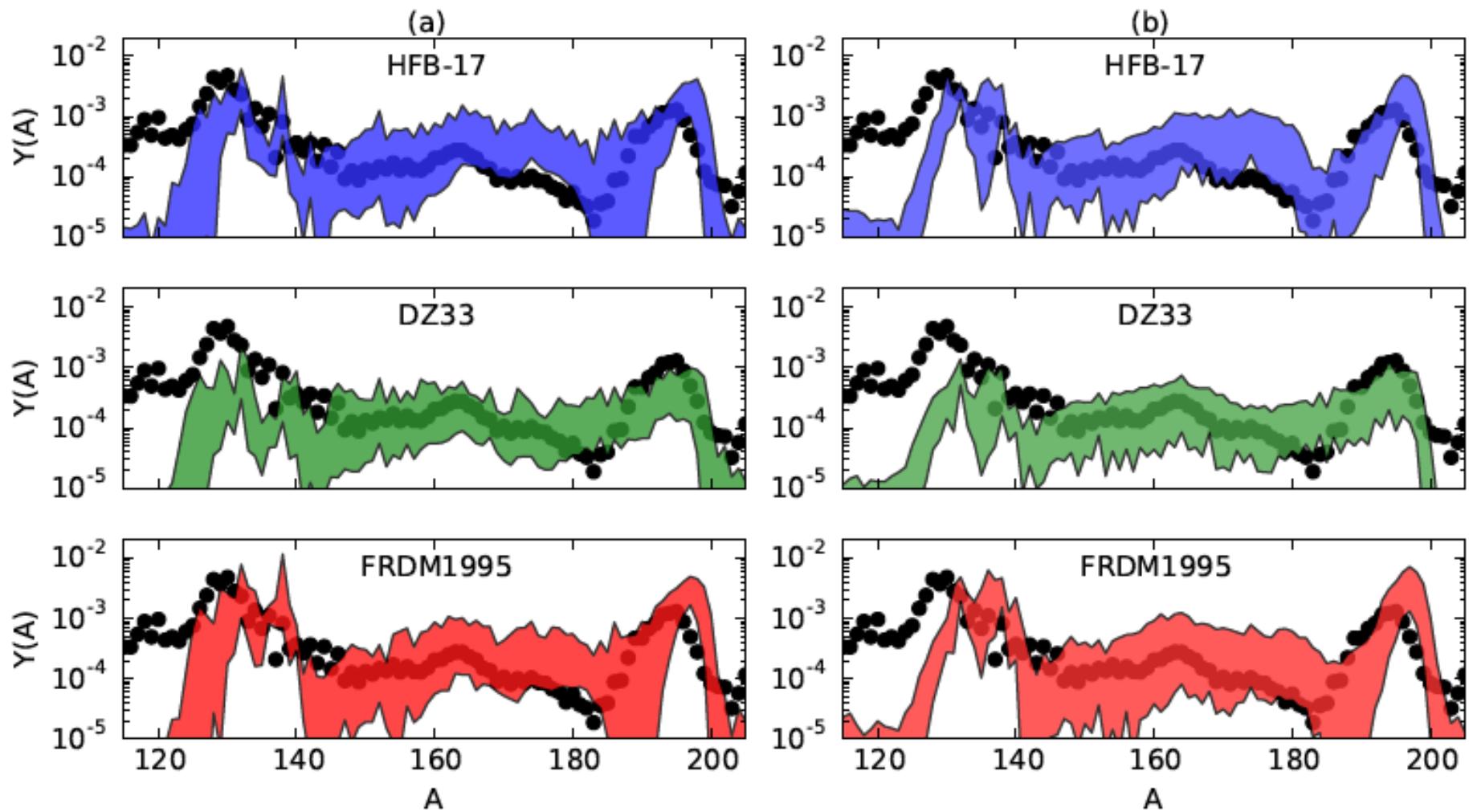
Hansen, Montes, and Arcones,  
Ap.J. 797, 2 (2014).

## Comparison of the theoretical beta decay half-lives to the measured values

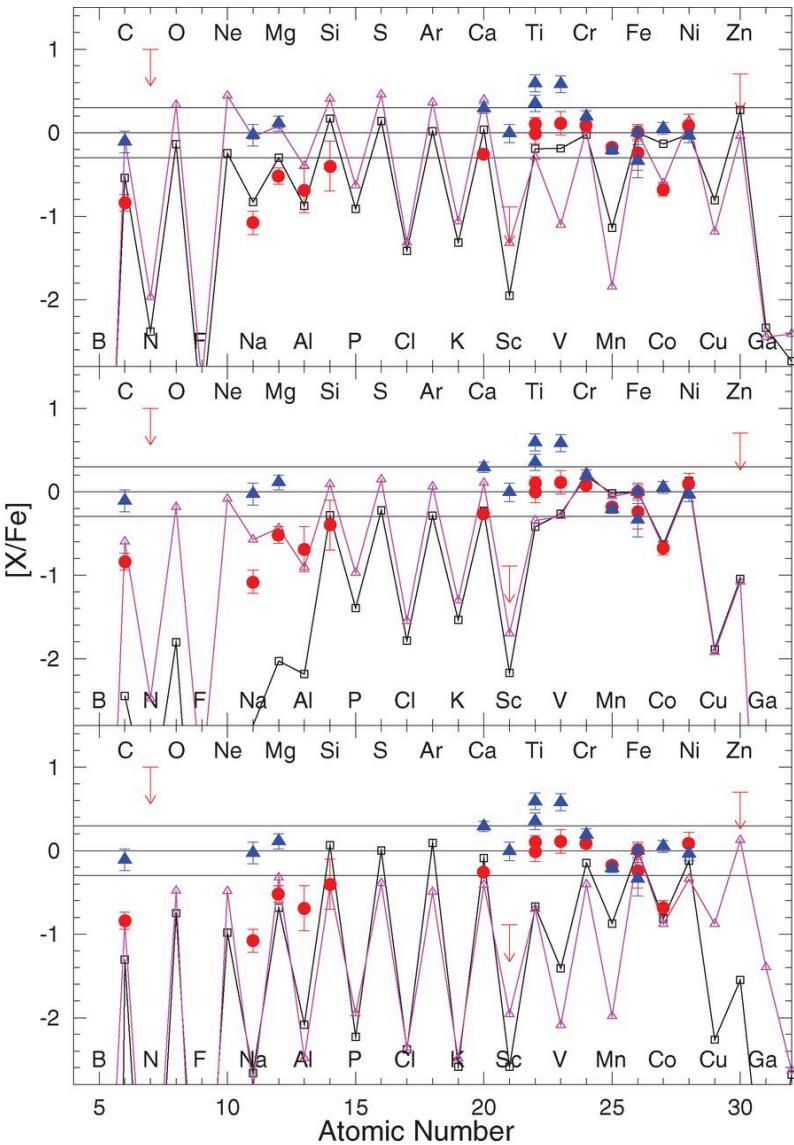
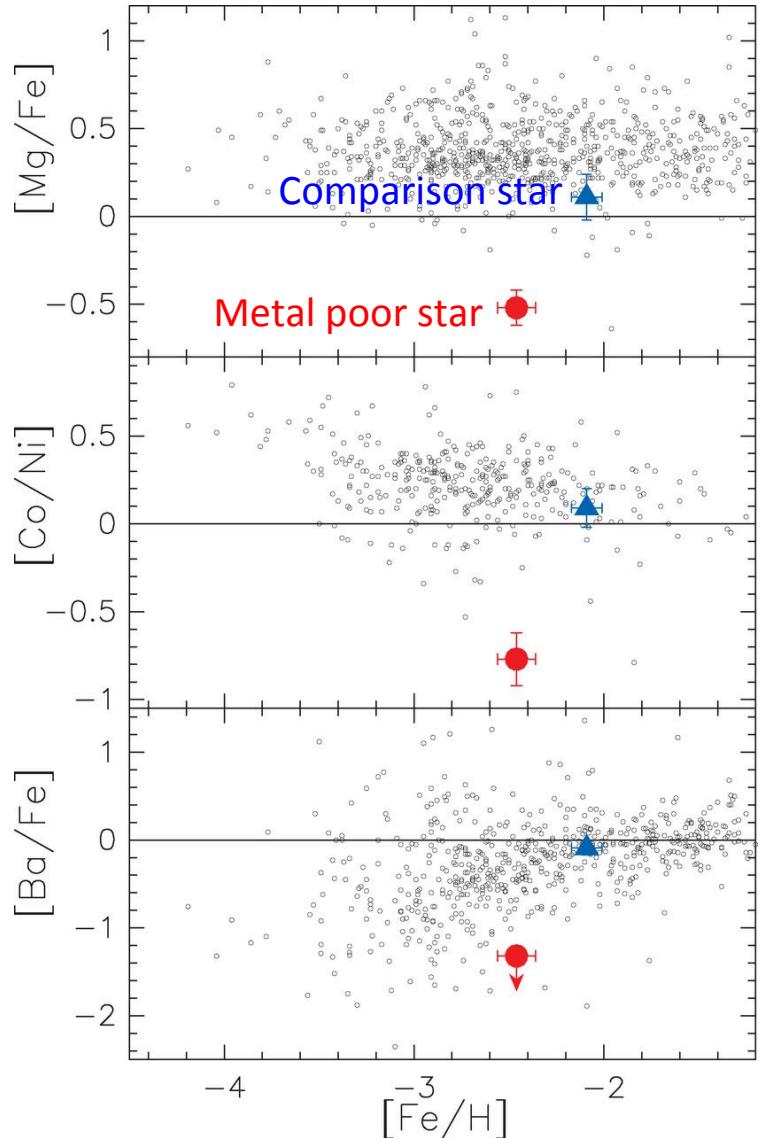


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Variances in isotopic abundance patterns for three different nuclear mass models a) uncertain beta-decay half lives, b) uncertain neutron capture rates

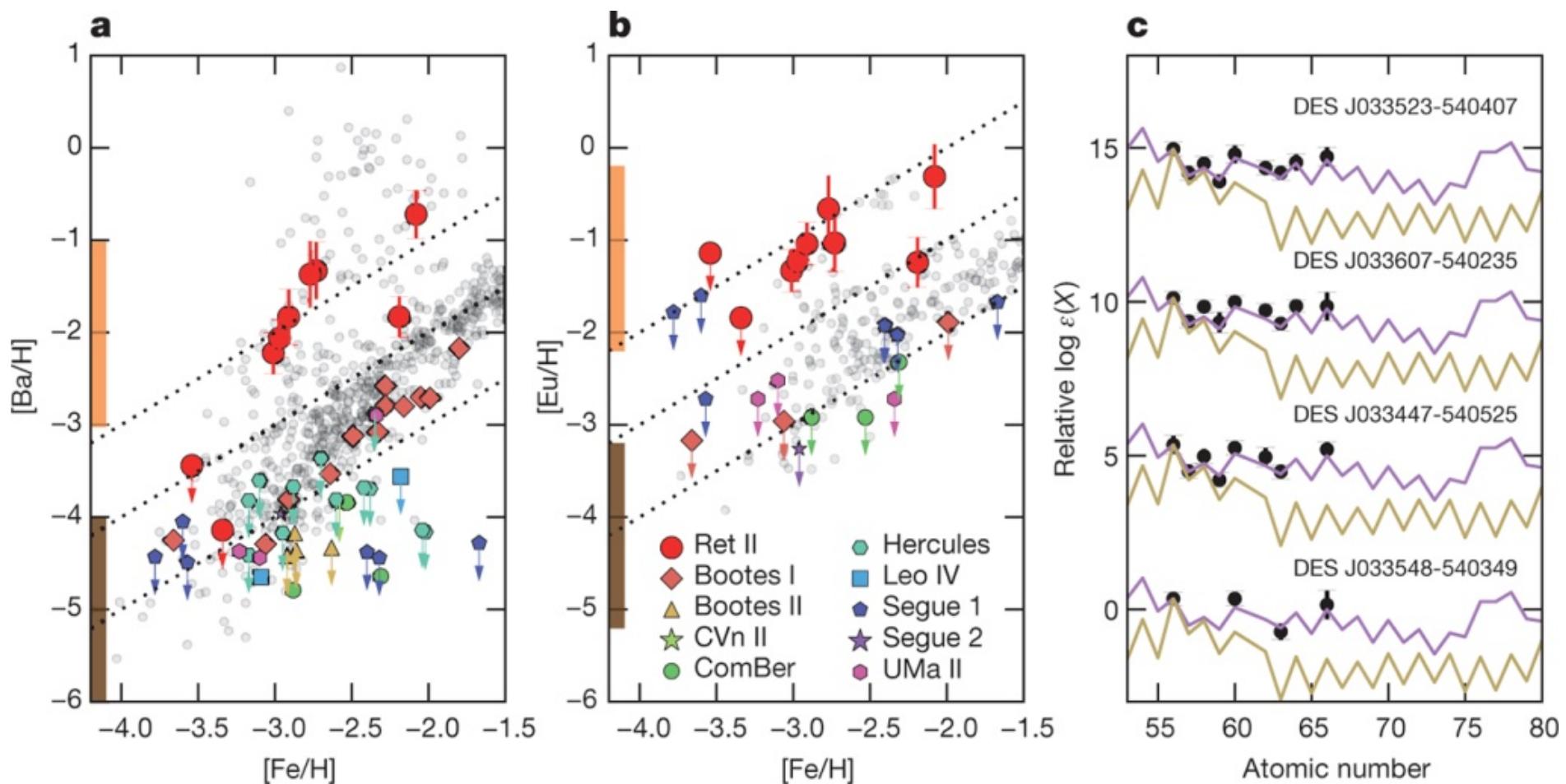


We are now able to observe very old (pop III) stars

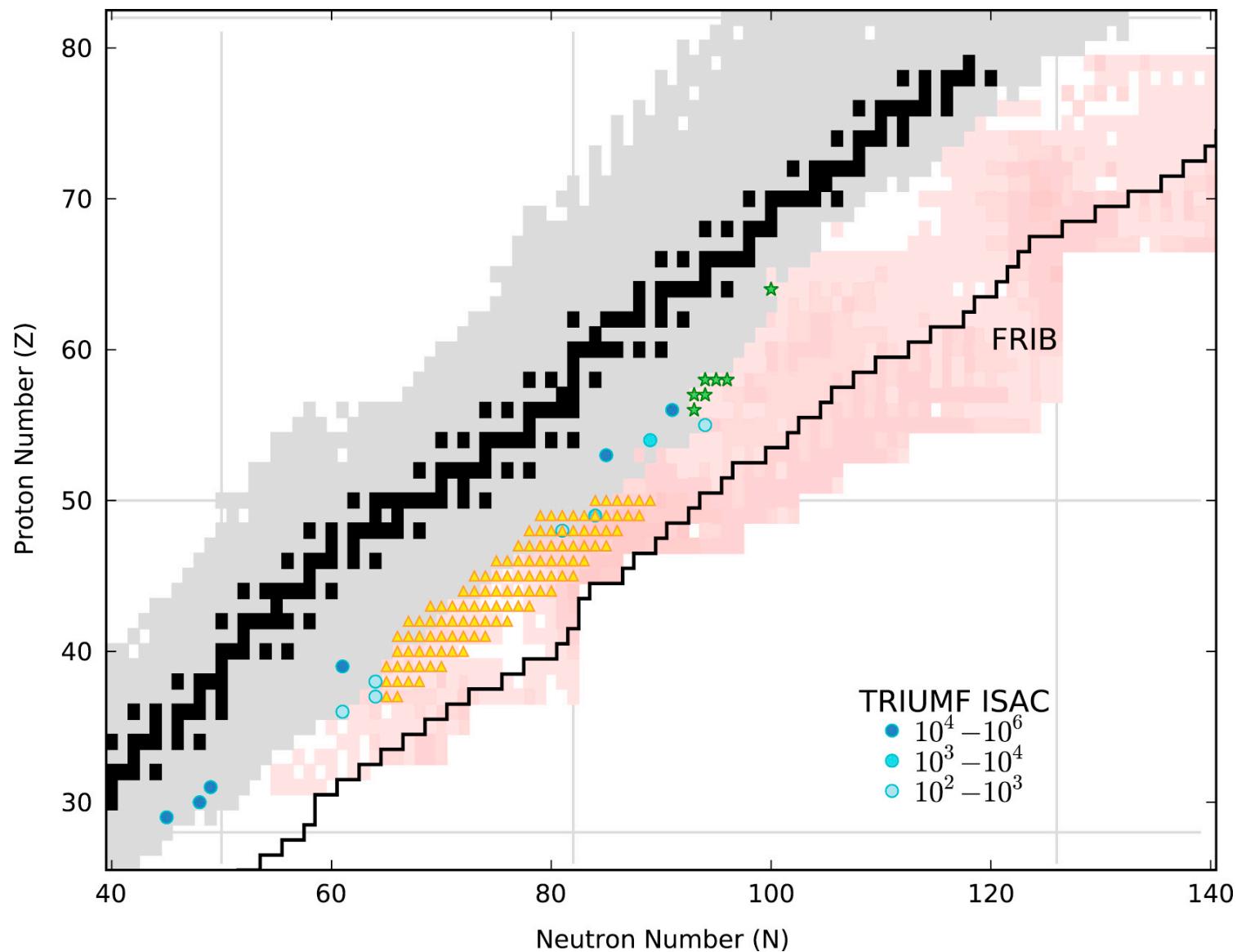


Aoki et. al., Science 345, 912 (2014)

Recent discovery of strong enhancement of r-process element abundances  
 Several orders of magnitude greater enhancement than that seen in other  
 ultra-faint dwarf galaxies, implying that a single rare event produced the  
 r-process material (Neutron-star mergers?)



Recent measurements on neutron-rich nuclei and estimated capabilities at the future FRIB (black line:  $10^{-4}$  particles per second)



In effective field theories at lower energies,  
beyond Standard Model physics is described by  
local operators

$$L = L_{SM} + \frac{C^{(5)}}{\Lambda} O^{(5)} + \sum_i \frac{C_i^{(6)}}{\Lambda^2} O_i^{(6)} + \sum_i \frac{C_i^{(7)}}{\Lambda^3} O_i^{(7)} + \dots$$

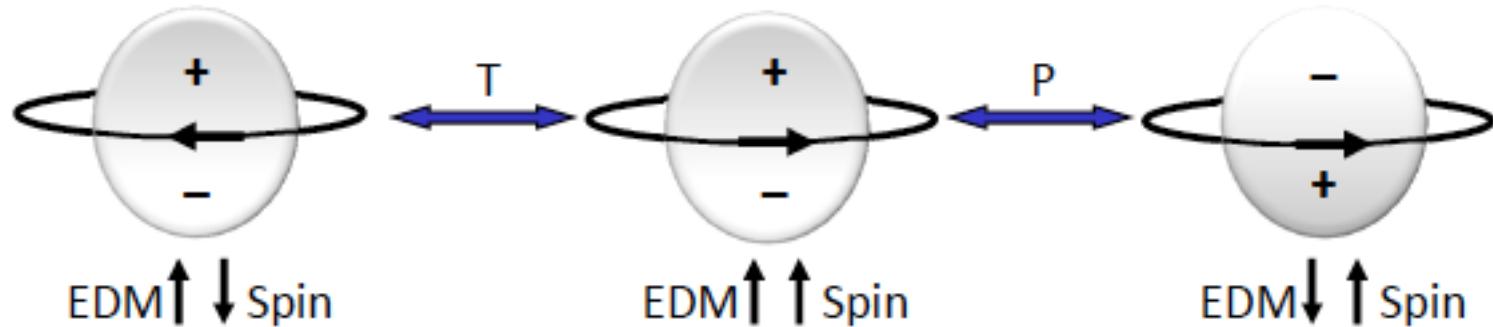
Majorana  
neutrino  
mass  
(unique)

$$+ \quad -\theta \frac{g_s^2}{32\pi^2} \text{Tr } F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$$

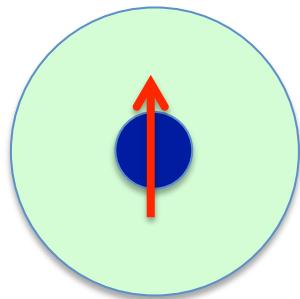
$$H \approx -d \mathbf{J} \cdot \mathbf{E}$$

Electric  
dipole  
moment

$$d_i \propto \frac{m_i}{\Lambda^2} \sin \phi_{CP}$$



## Nuclear EDM's and the Schiff moment



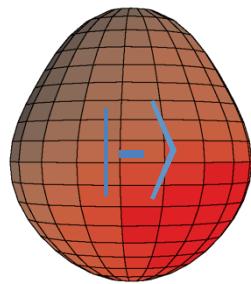
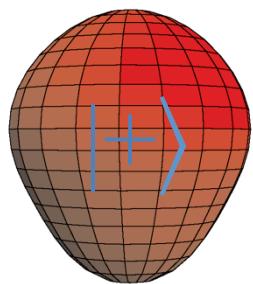
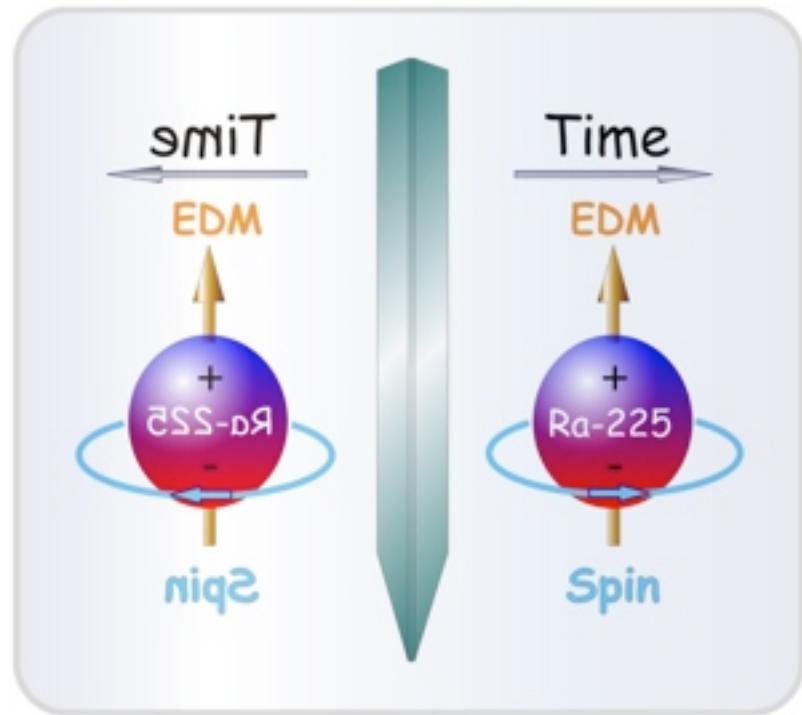
Schiff shielding:  $d_{\text{atom}} = d_{\text{electronic}} + d_{\text{nuclei}} \cong 0$

However, since the nuclear charge distribution is not isotropic, one obtains the **Schiff moment**:

$$\mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{10} \sum_i e_i \left( r_i^2 - \frac{5}{3} \langle r^2 \rangle_{\text{ch}} \right) \mathbf{r}_i \times \begin{cases} 1 & \text{isoscalar} \\ \tau_{zi} & \text{isovector} \end{cases}$$

Note that, since this is a difference of two large quantities, it involves many subtle nuclear physics issues, such as identifying contributions of single-particle states, low-lying dipole resonances...

Auerbach, Dobaczewski, Engel, Flambaum, Haxton, Kriplovich, Ramsey-Musolf, Shlomo, Zelevinsky.....



$$\Psi^- = \frac{(|+> - |->)}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\Psi^+ = \frac{(|+> + |->)}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$\Delta E$

## Enhancement of EDM from octupole deformation

No spin-correlation suggests

$$\langle \Psi^+ | \mathbf{d}_{internal} | \Psi^+ \rangle = 0$$

A interaction which is T- and P- odd would mix the states

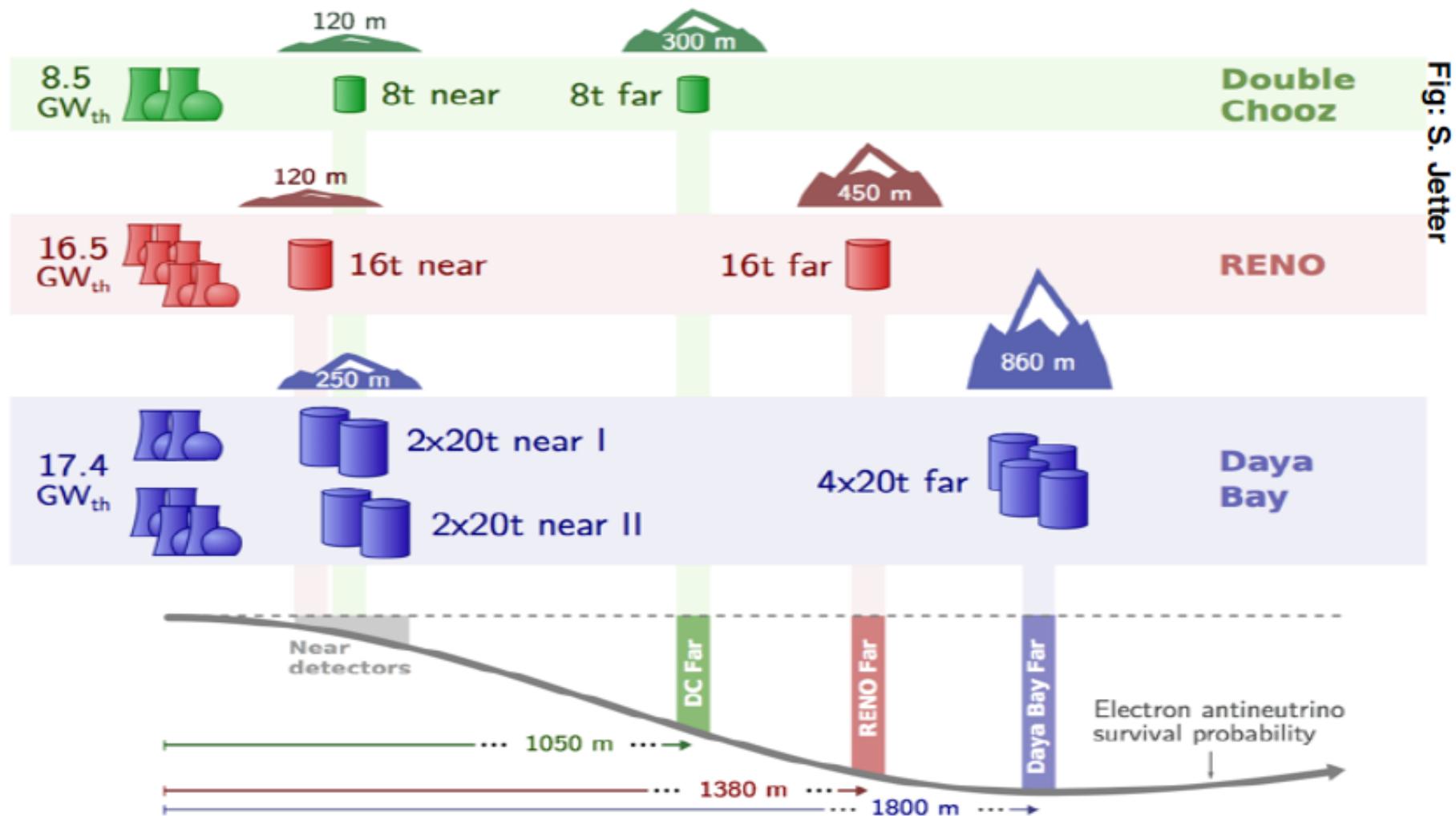
$$\Psi = \Psi^+ + \alpha \Psi^-$$

$$\alpha = \frac{\langle \Psi^+ | \mathbf{d}_{internal} | \Psi^- \rangle}{\Delta E}$$

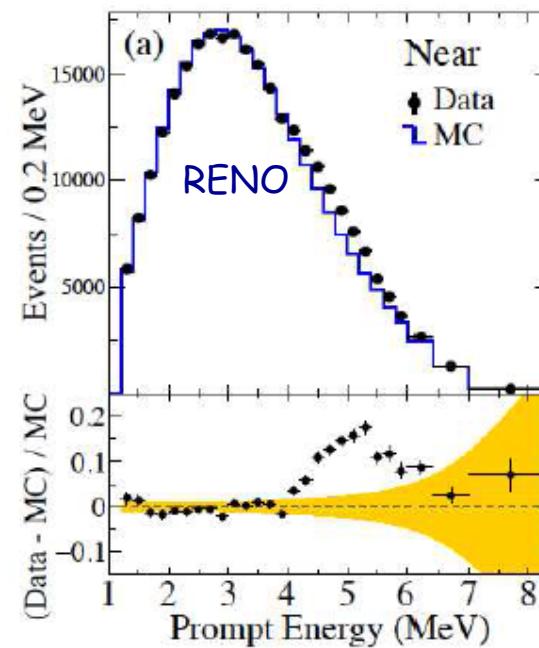
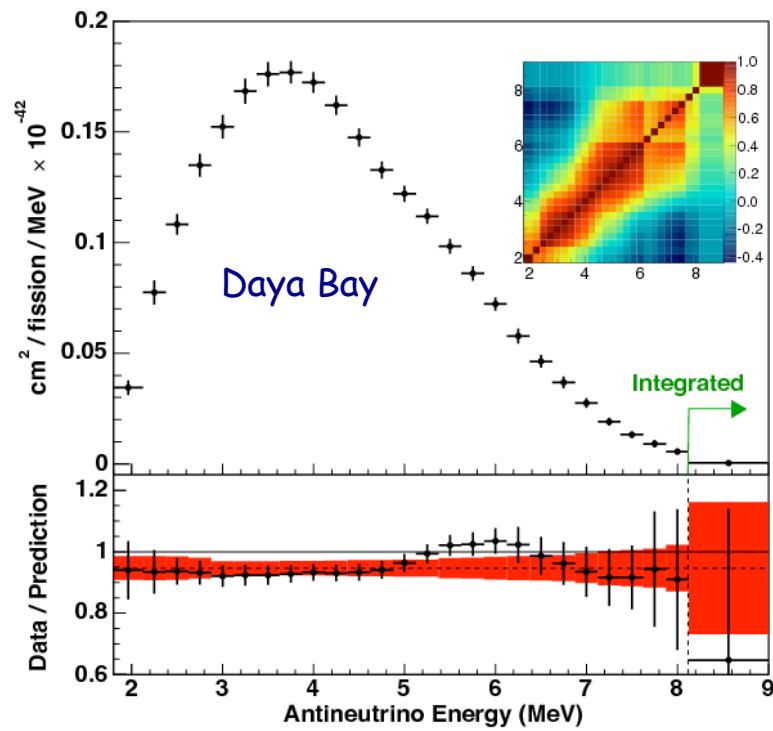
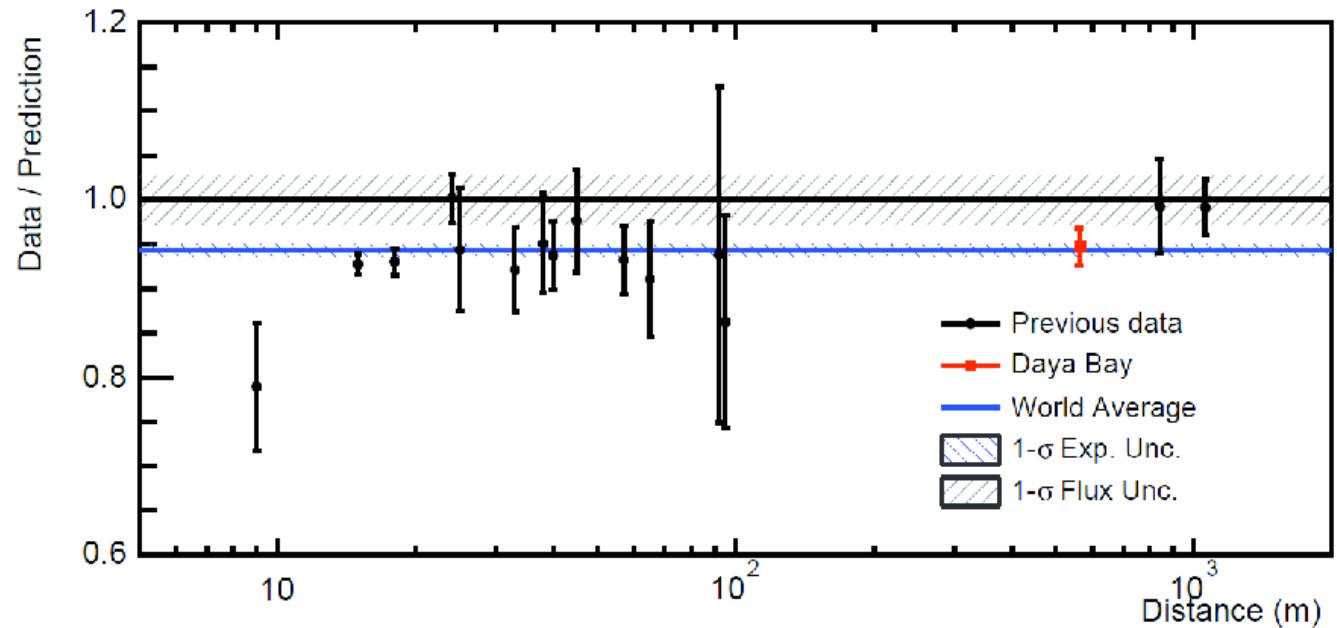
$$\langle d_z \rangle_{lab} = 2\alpha d_{internal} \frac{l}{l+1}$$

Haxton & Henley; Auerbach, Flambaum & Spevak;  
Dobaczewski & Engel

## Reactor neutrino experiments to measure the remaining mixing angle also measure the reactor neutrino flux



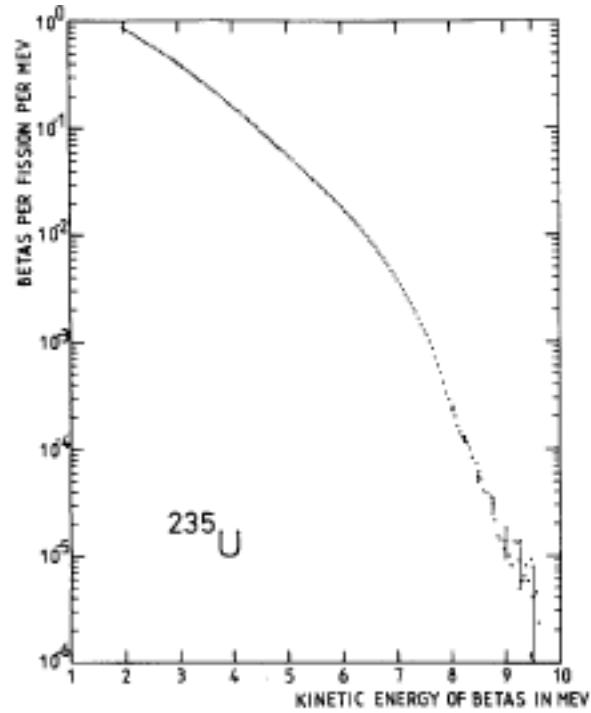
...but they also  
bring a surprise!



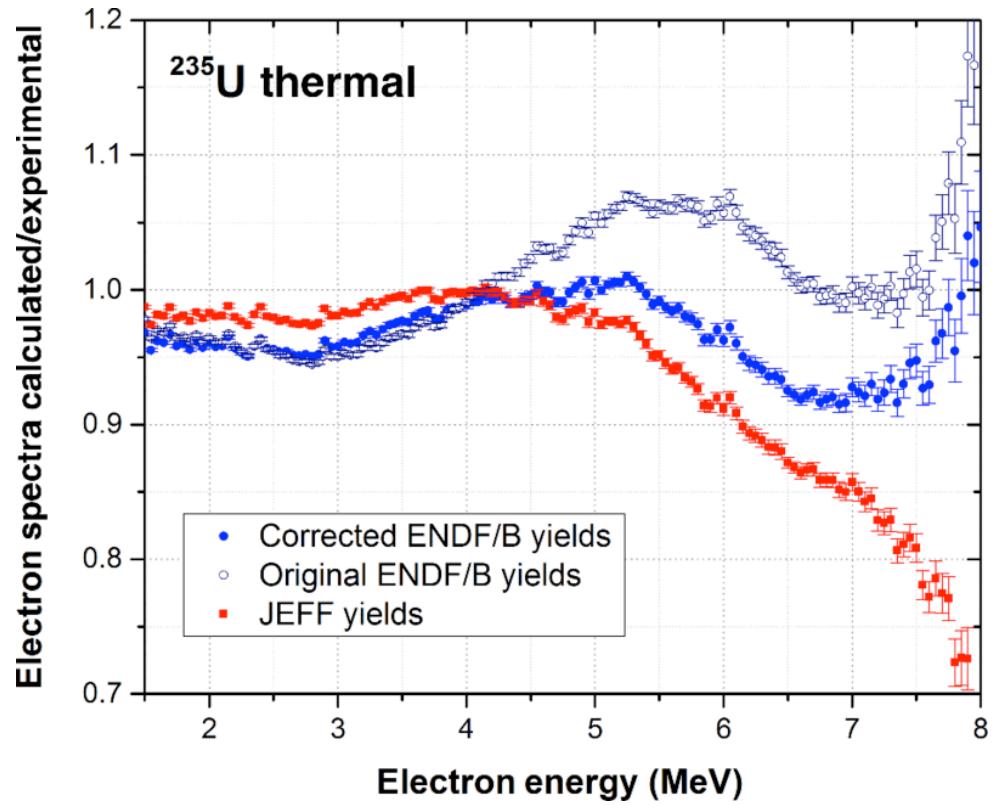
Can we know the reactor neutrino flux  
ever as well as we need?

## How to determine the neutrino spectrum?

Method 1: Start with the measured electron spectra



Method 2: Directly sum fission yields using nuclear data compilations

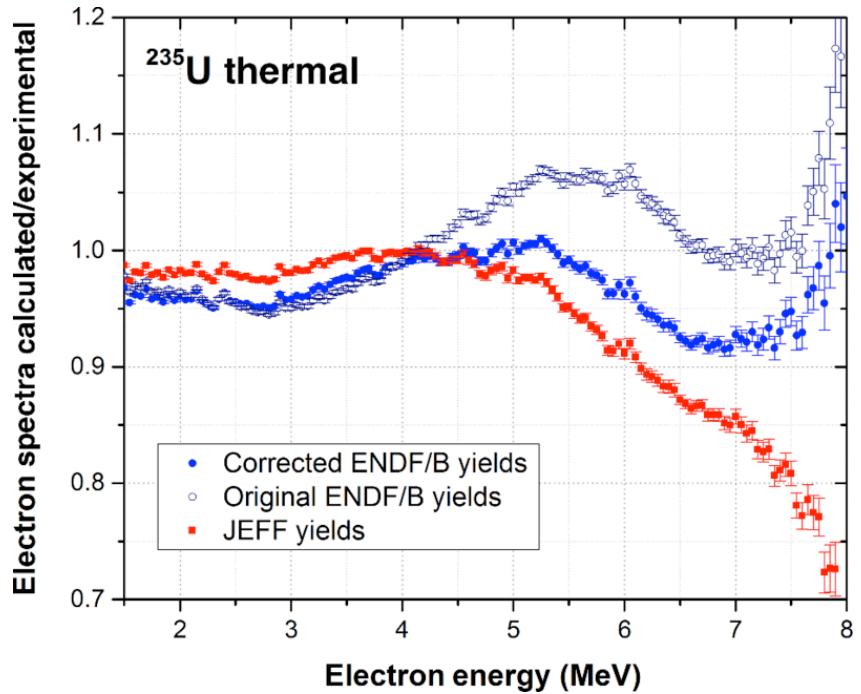


..and convert it into electron antineutrino spectra

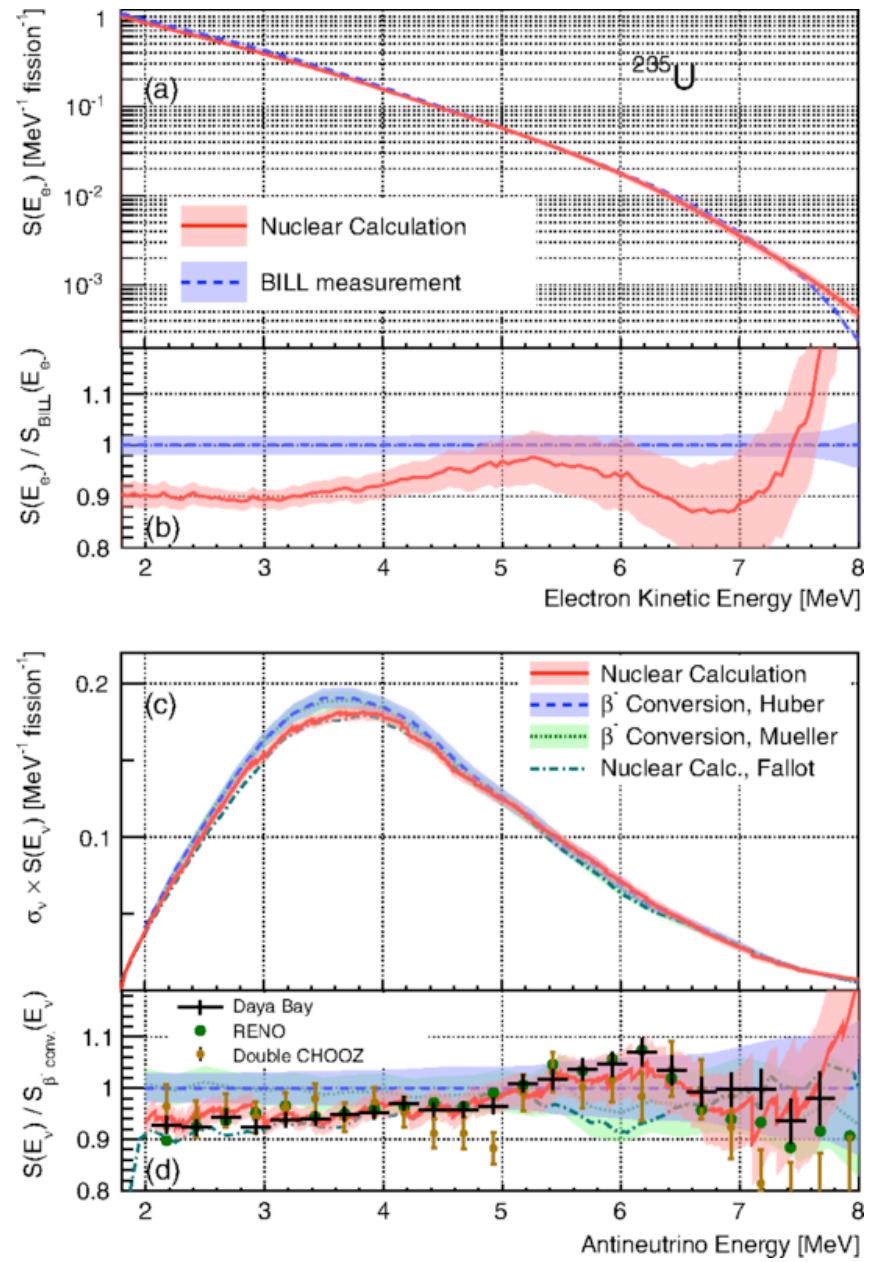
Sonzogni et. al, PRL 116, 132502 (2016)

They do not quite agree!

Note that two different direct sum calculations (with many assumptions) produce similar bumps!

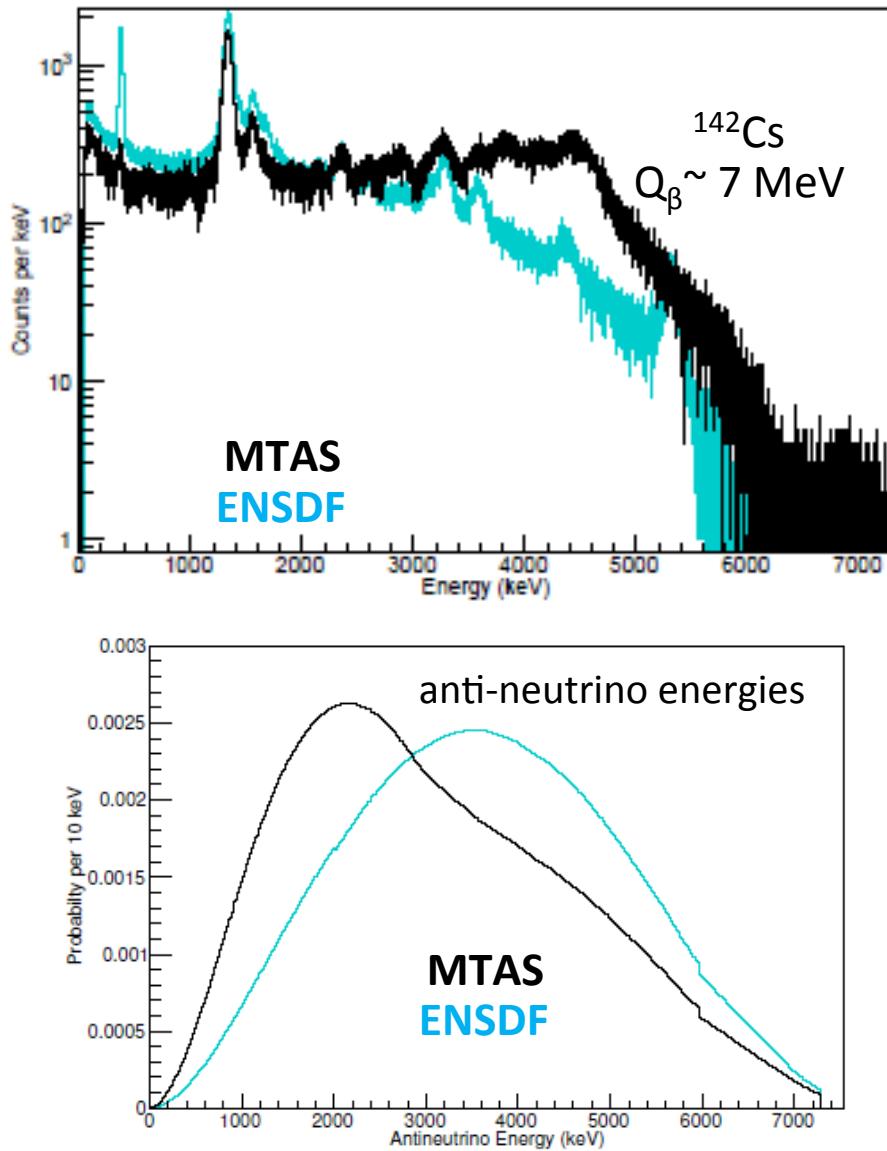


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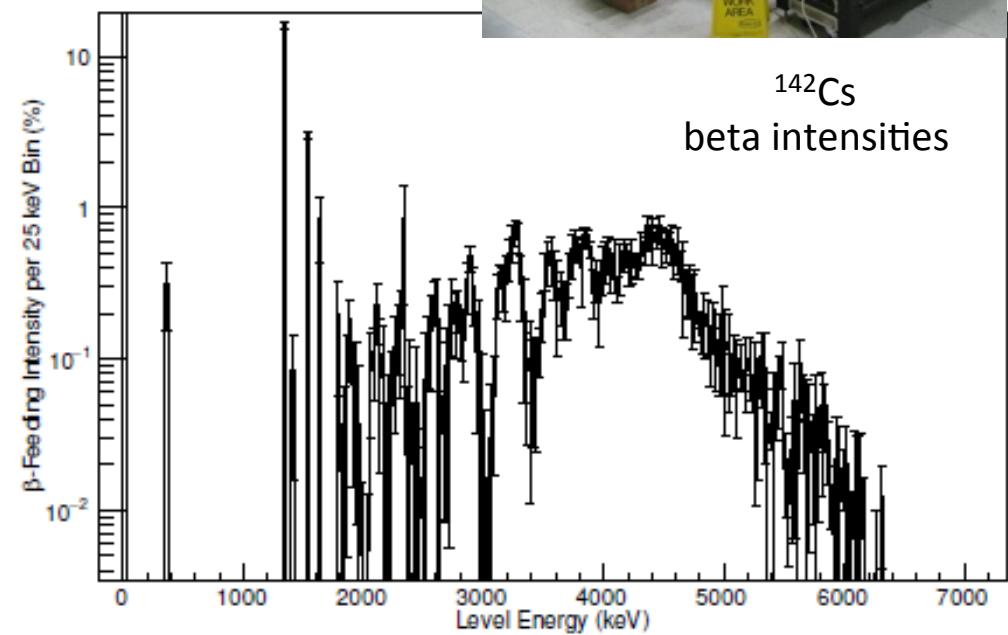
Dwyer and Langford, PRL 114, 012502

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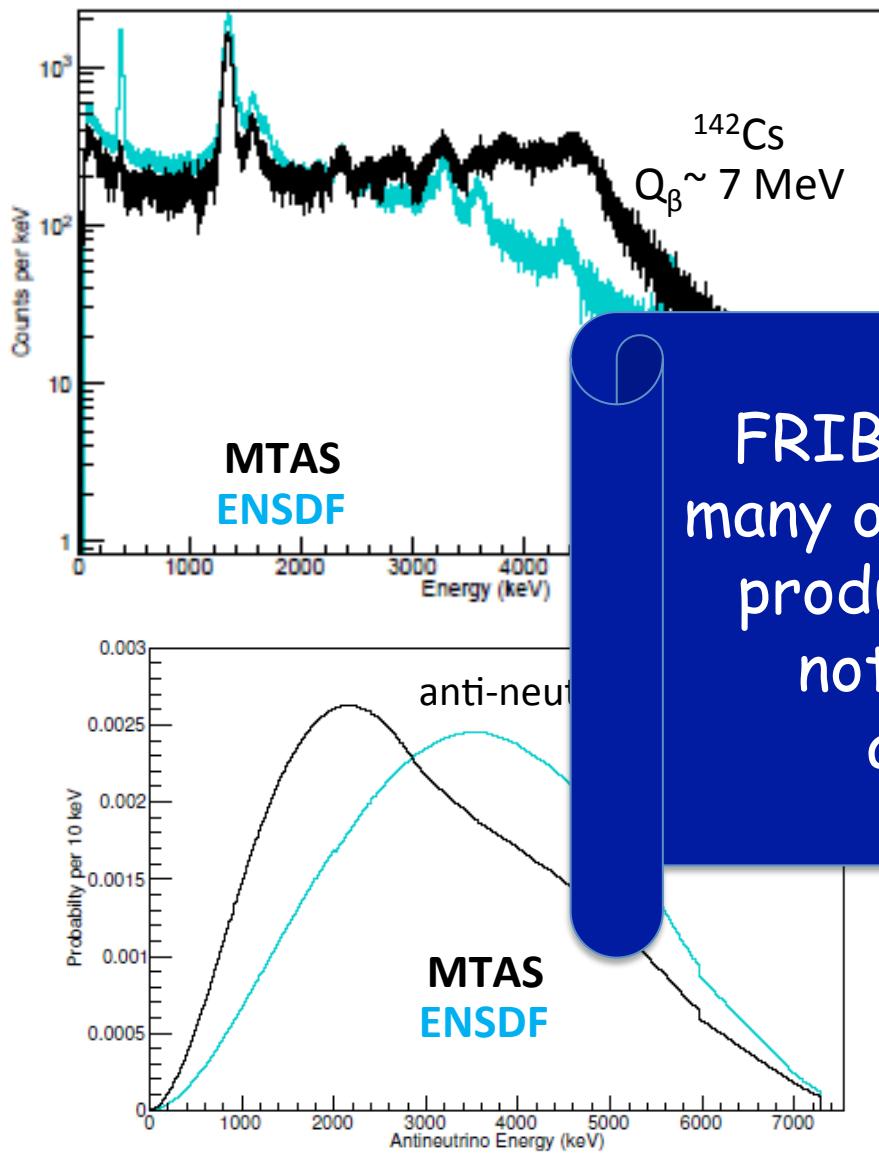
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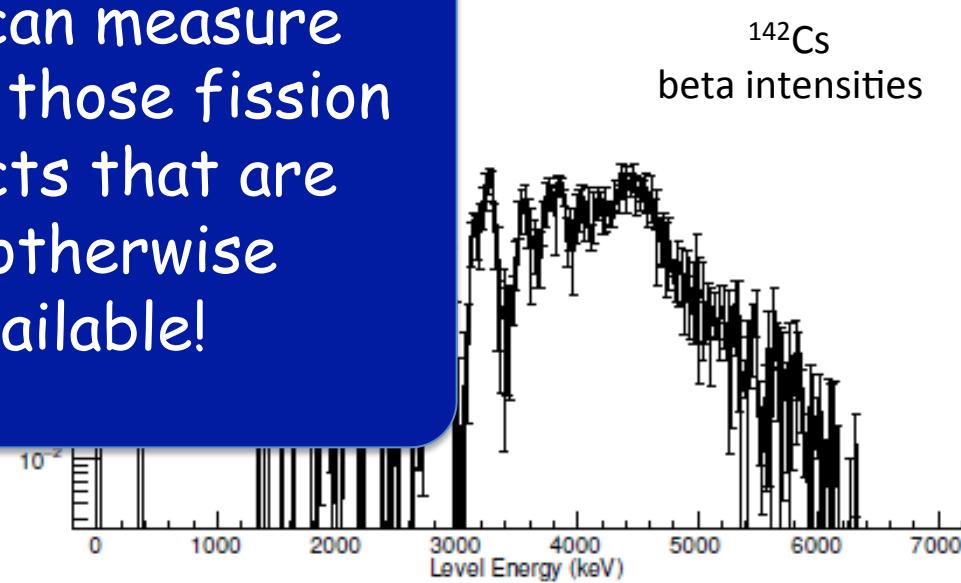
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FRIB can measure many of those fission products that are not otherwise available!



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