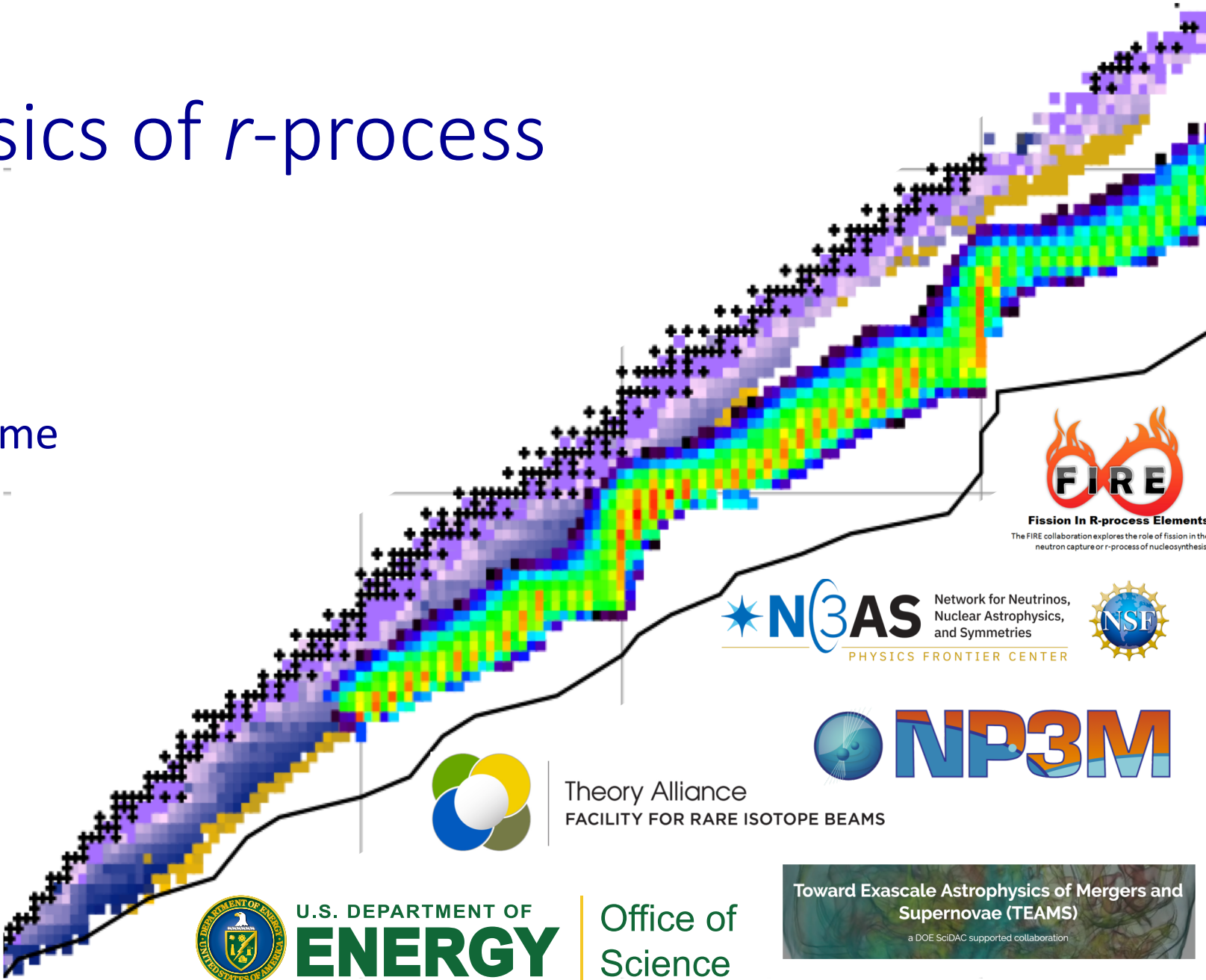


# Nuclear physics of $r$ -process observables

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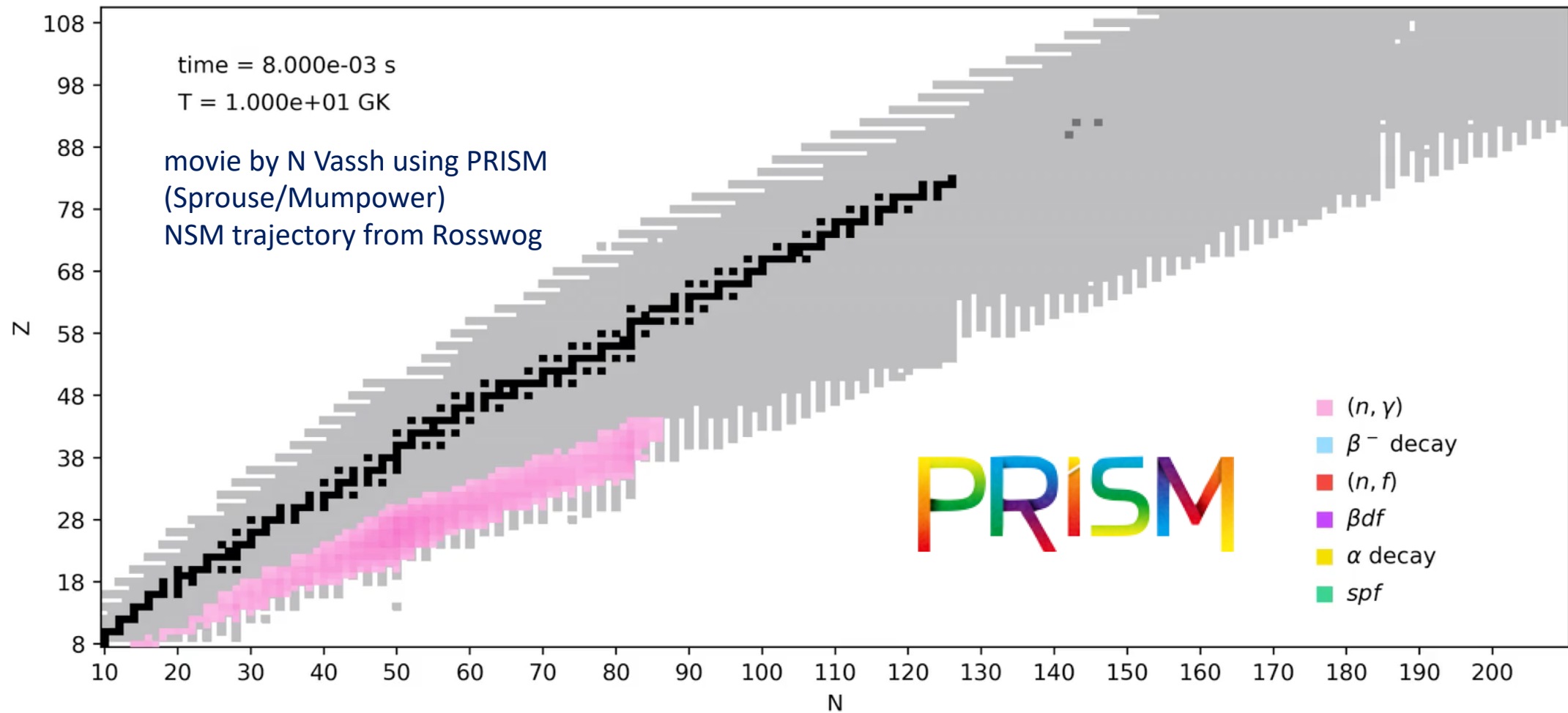
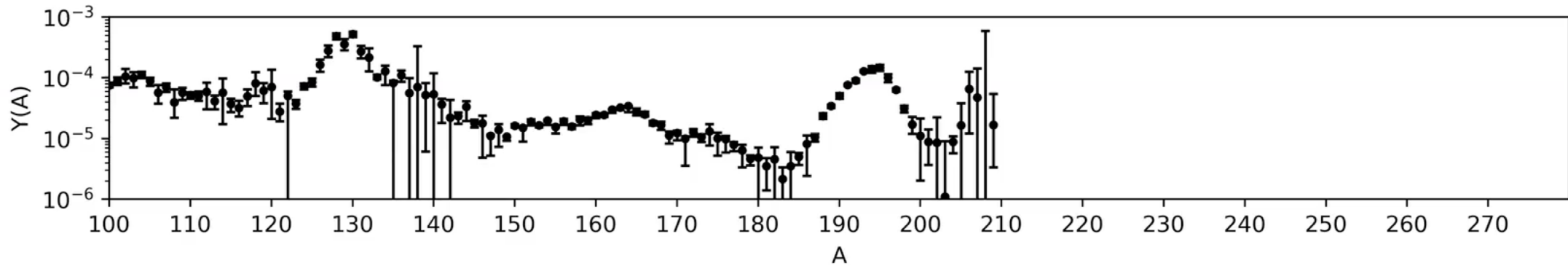
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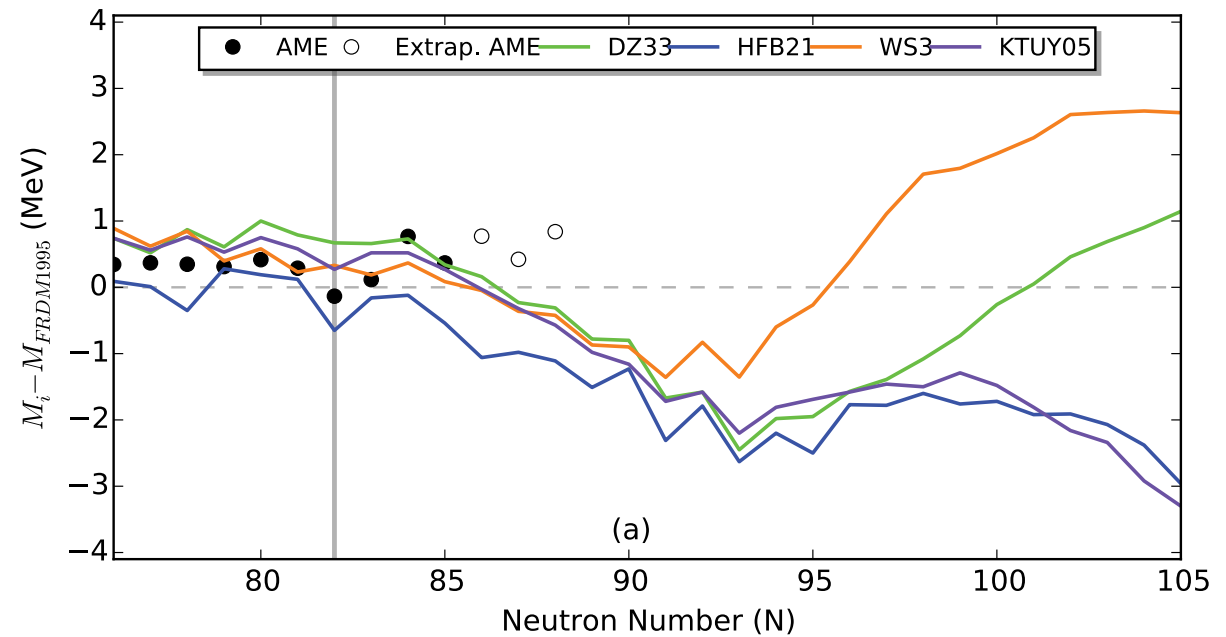




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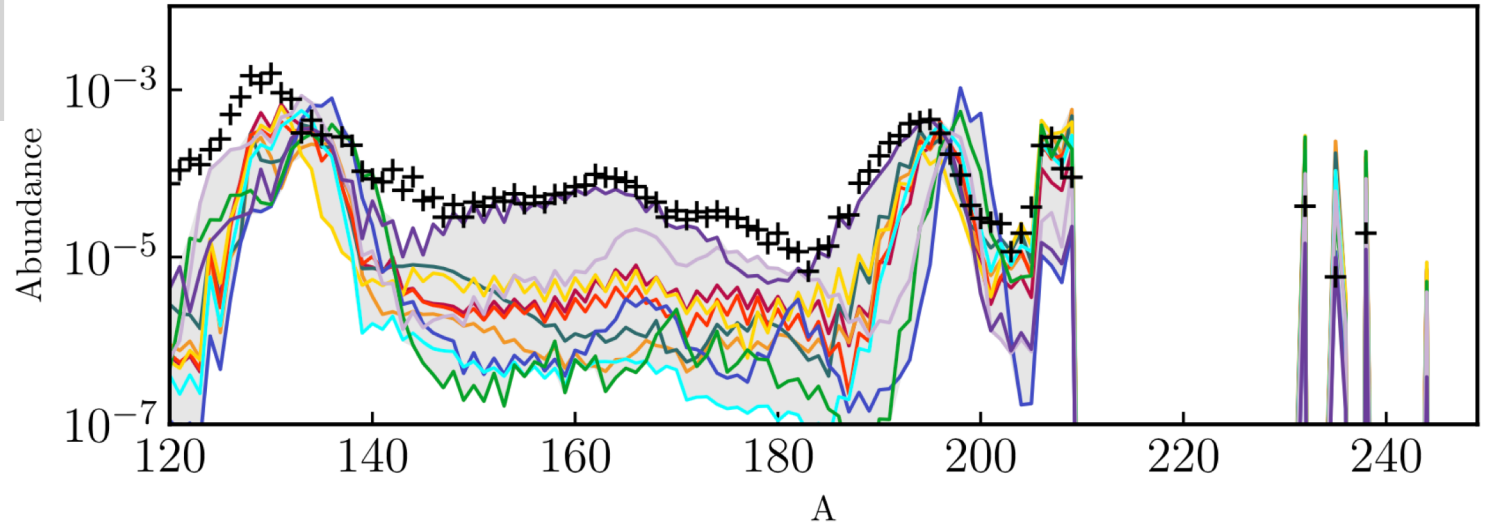
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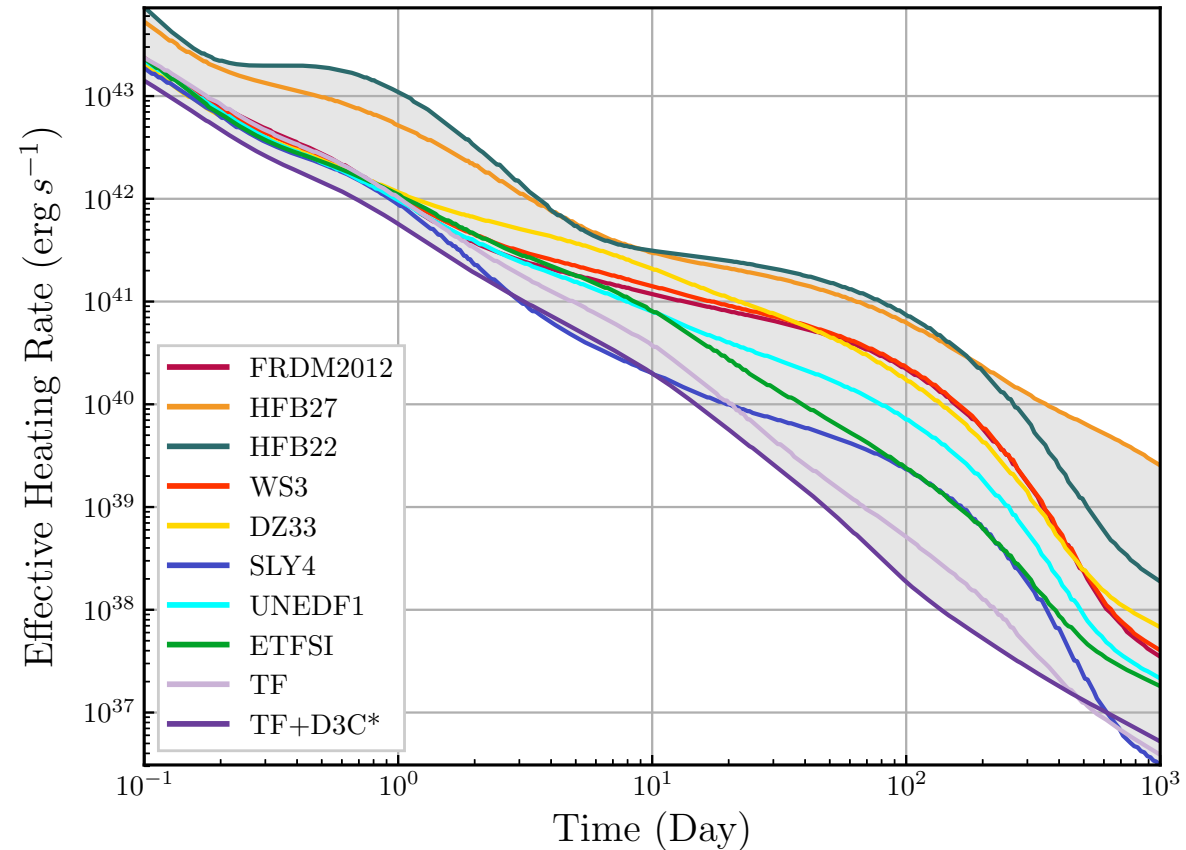
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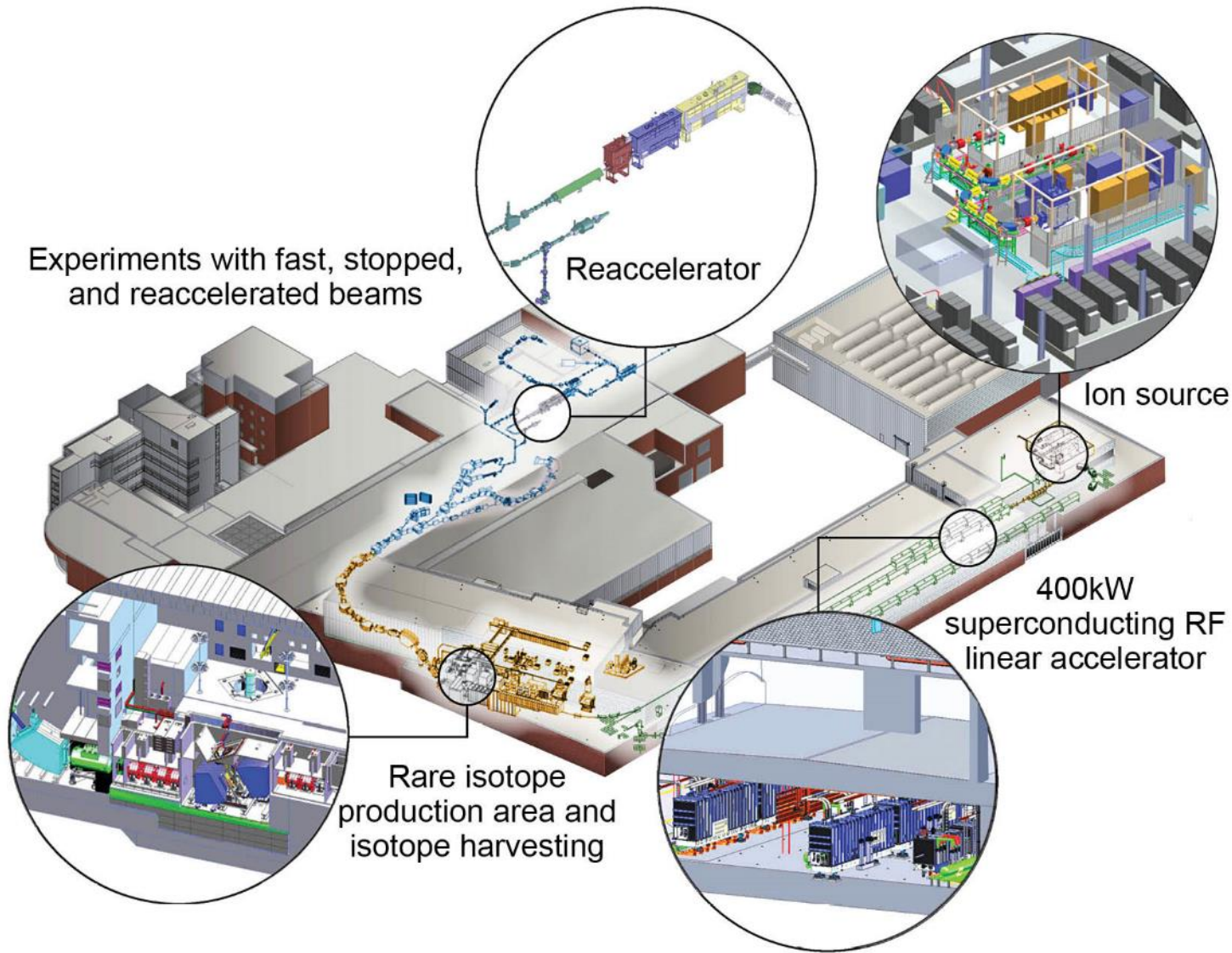
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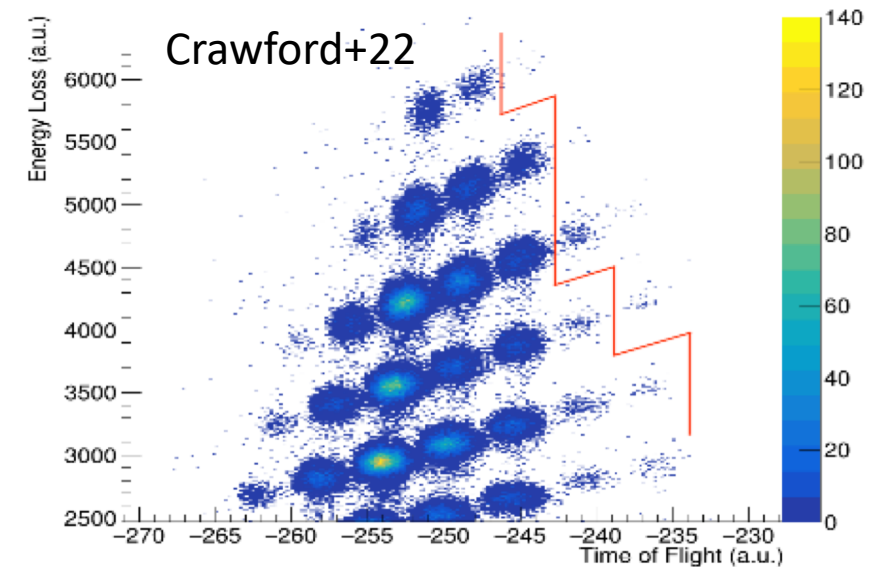
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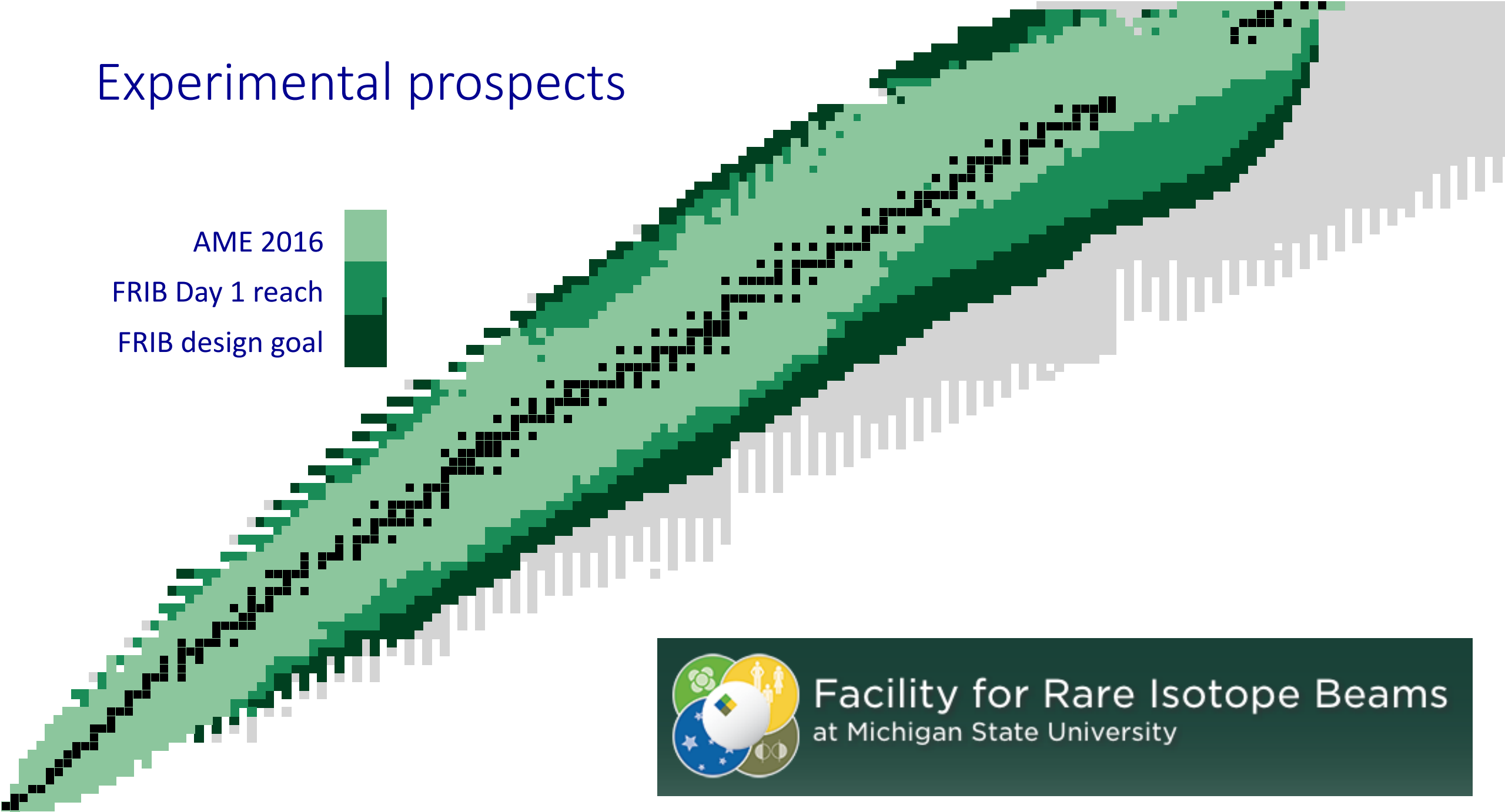


First experiment started 9 May 2022



# Experimental prospects

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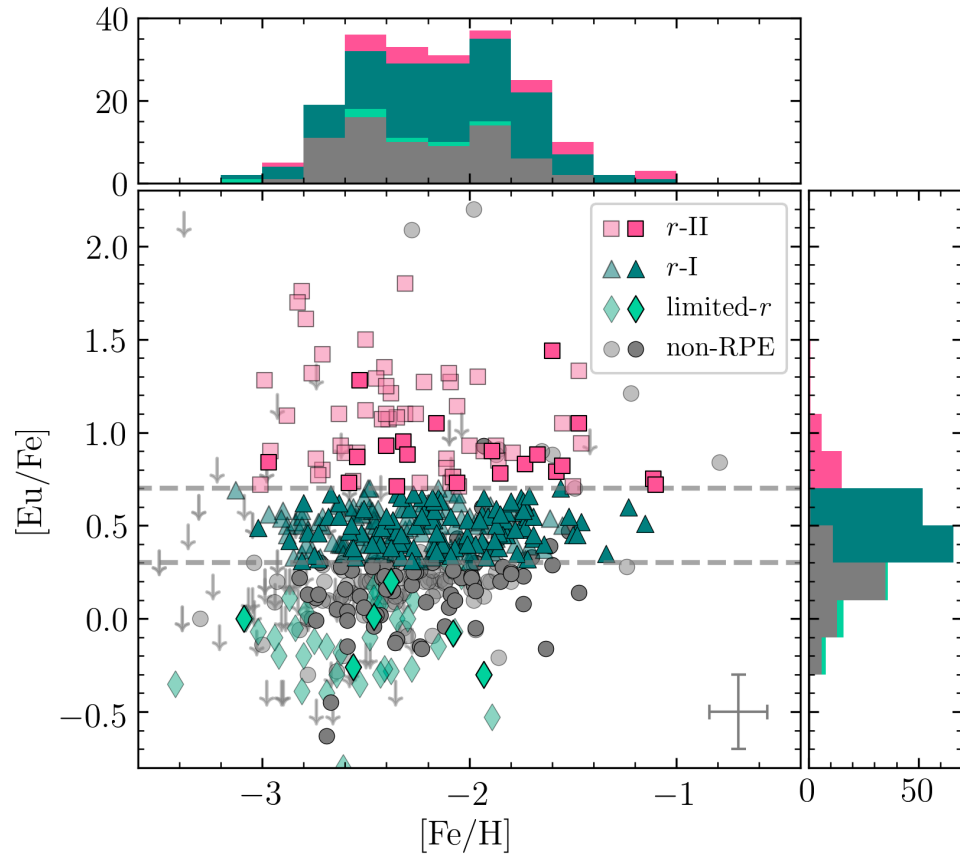
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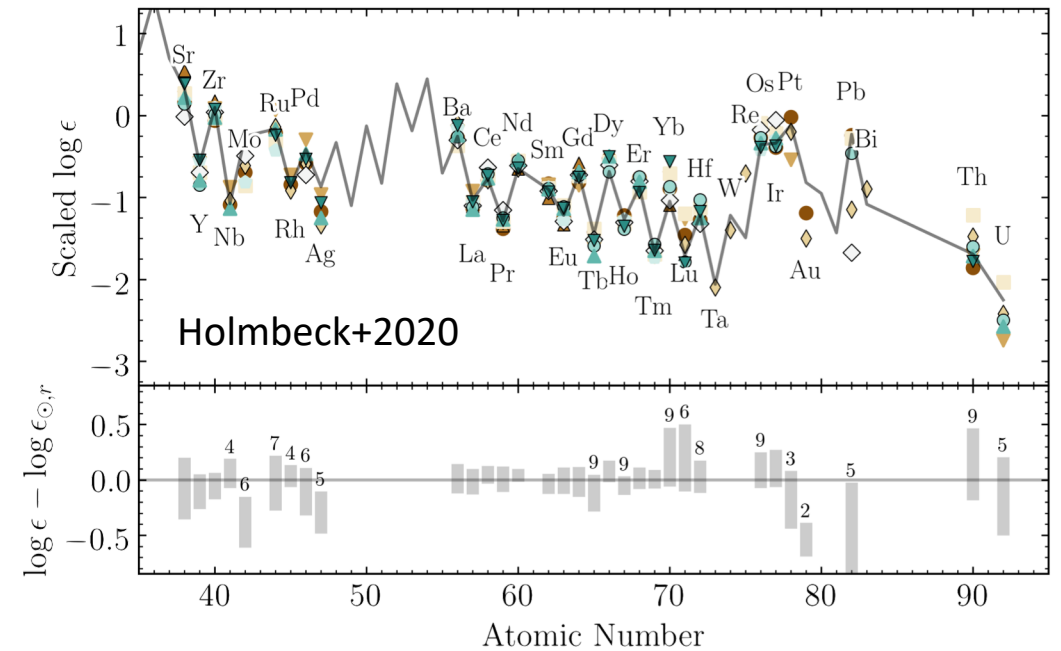
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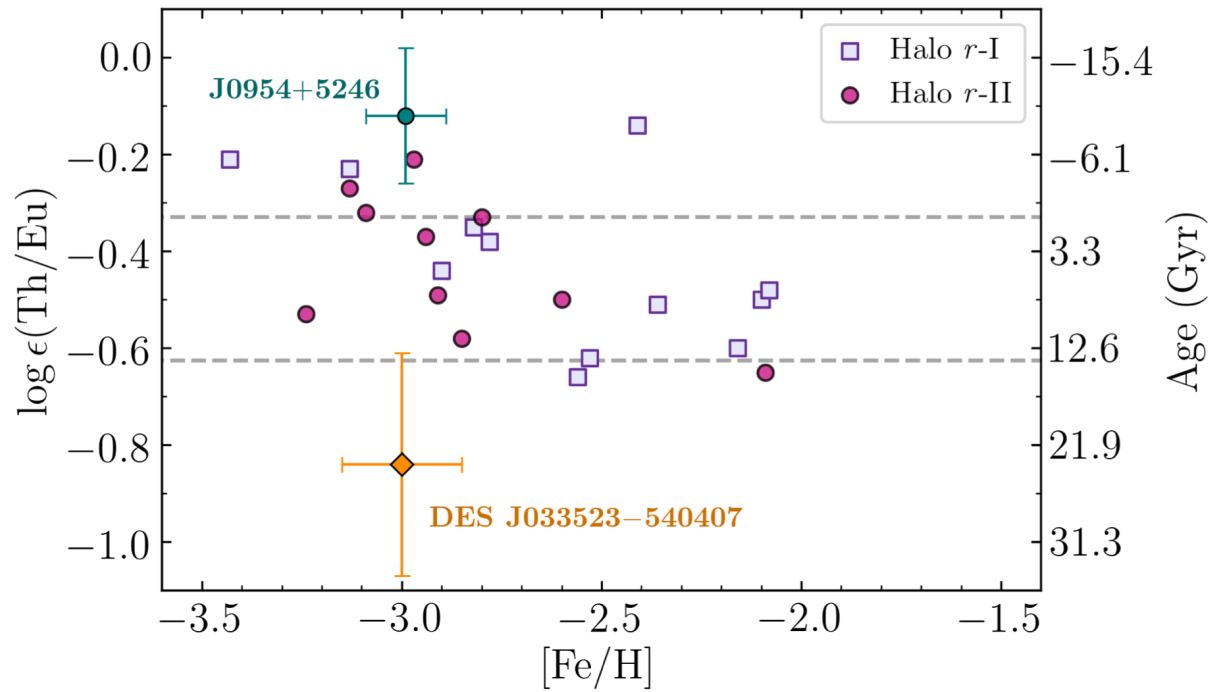
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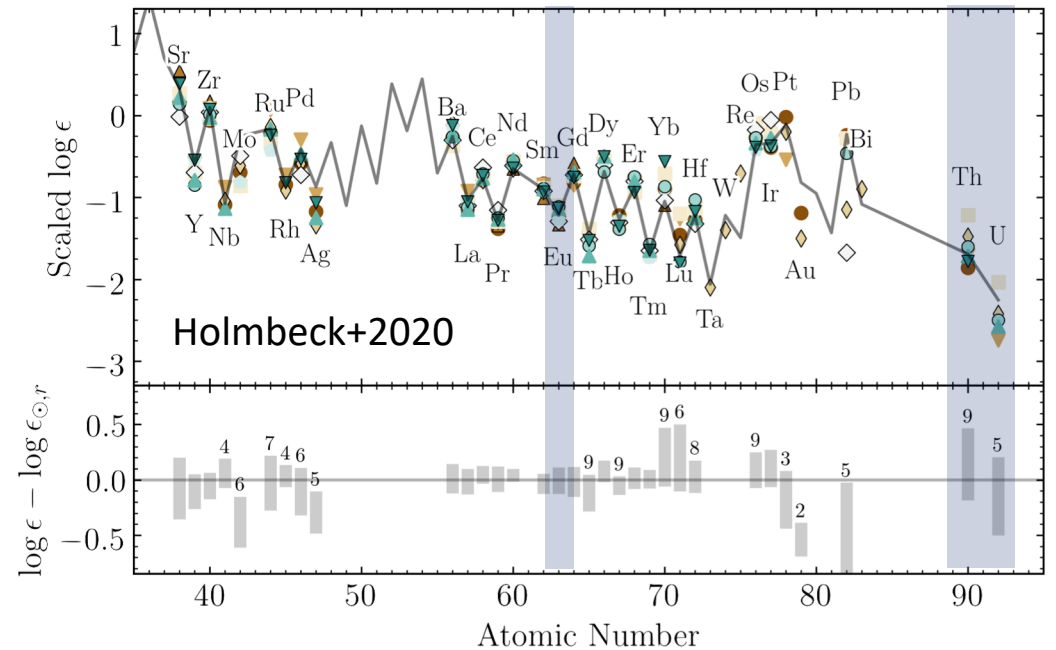
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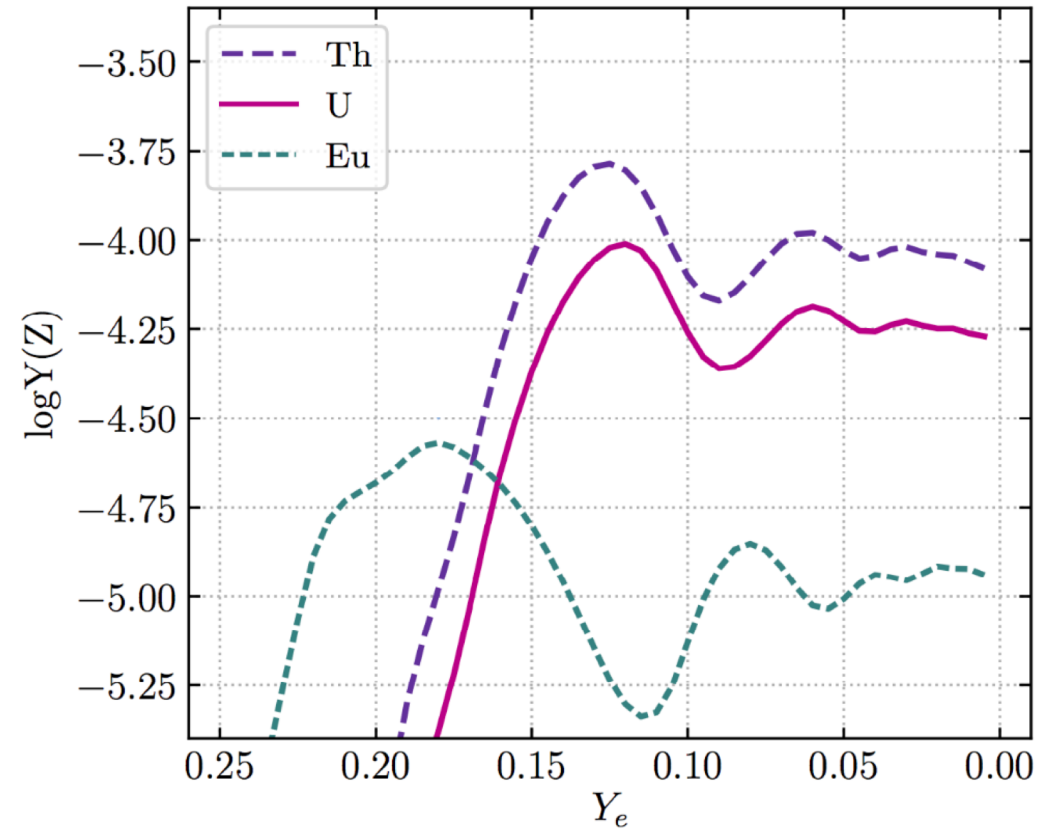
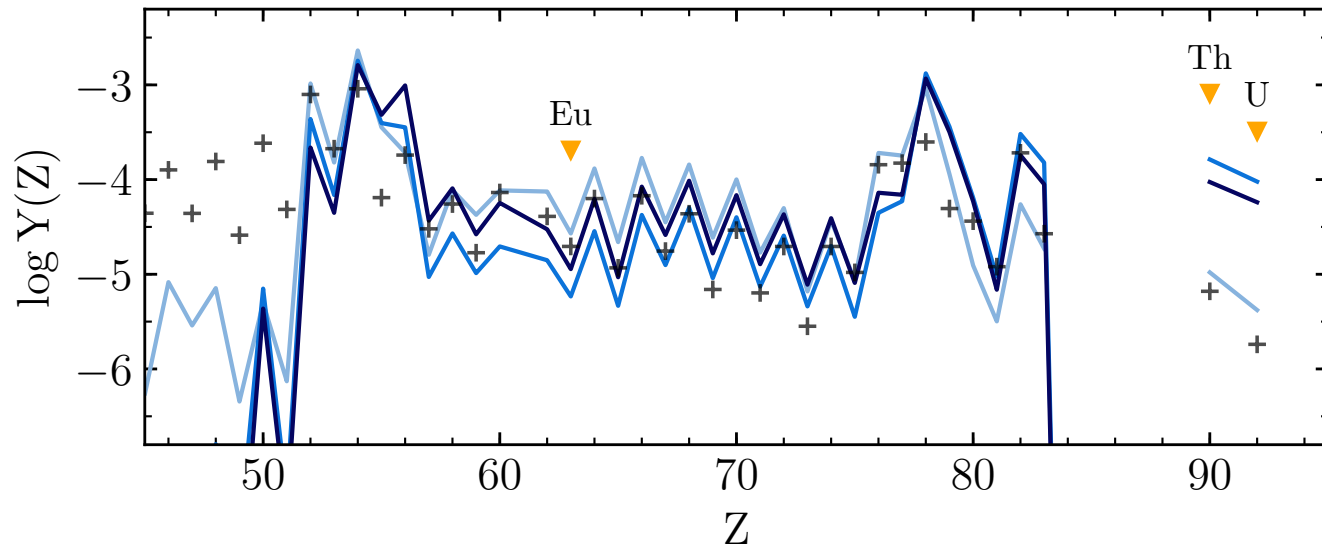
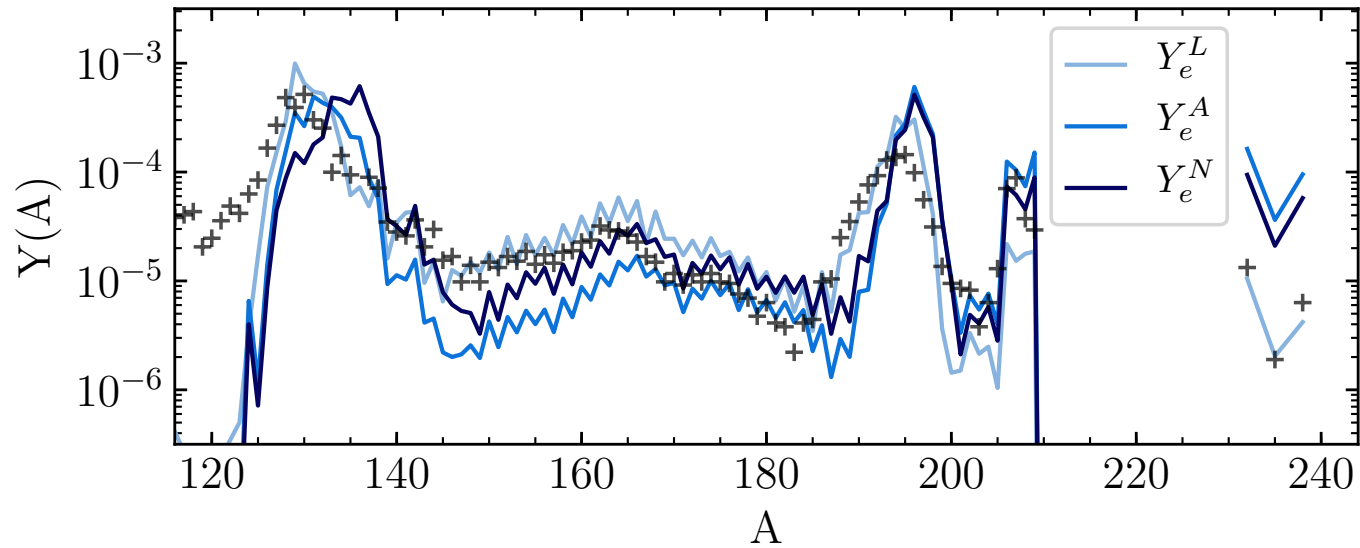
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Holmbeck+2019

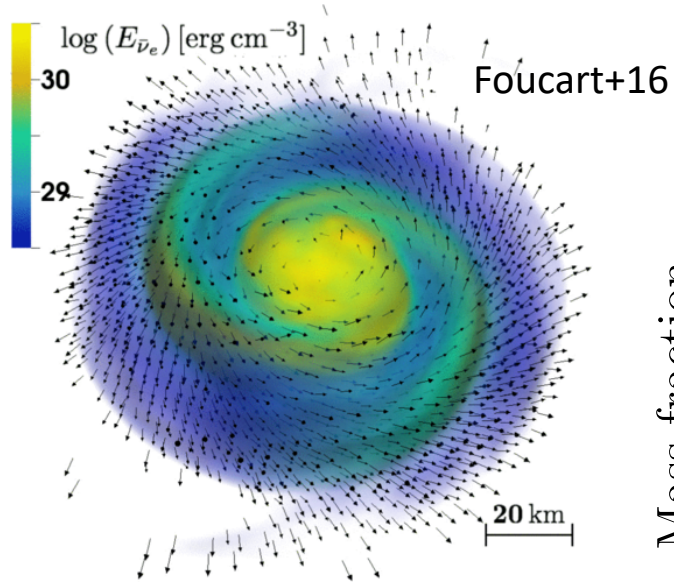


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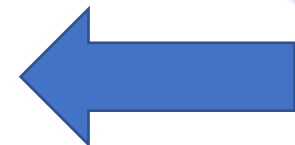
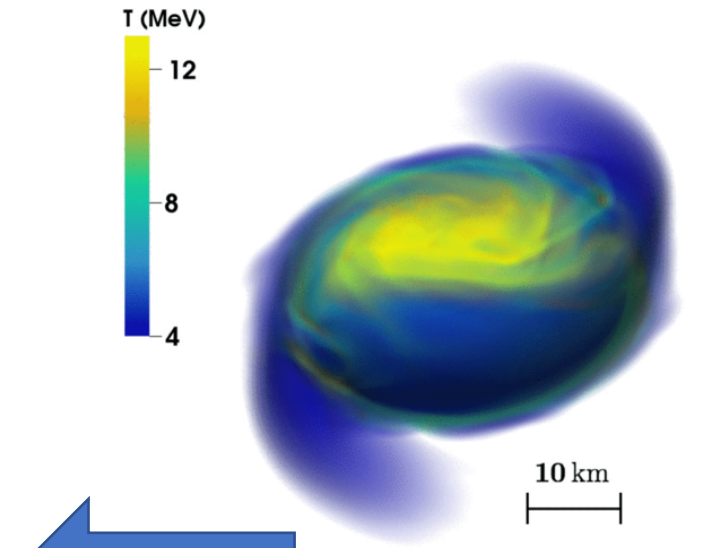
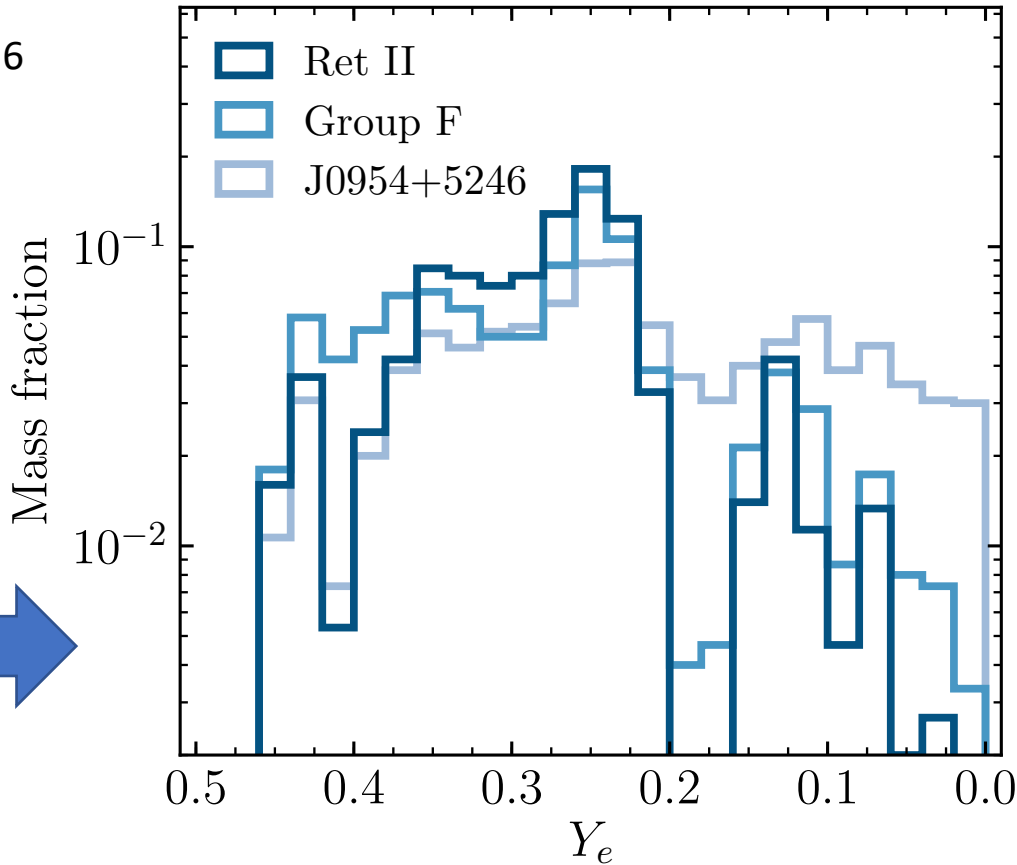


Holmbeck, Sprouse, Mumpower, Vassh,  
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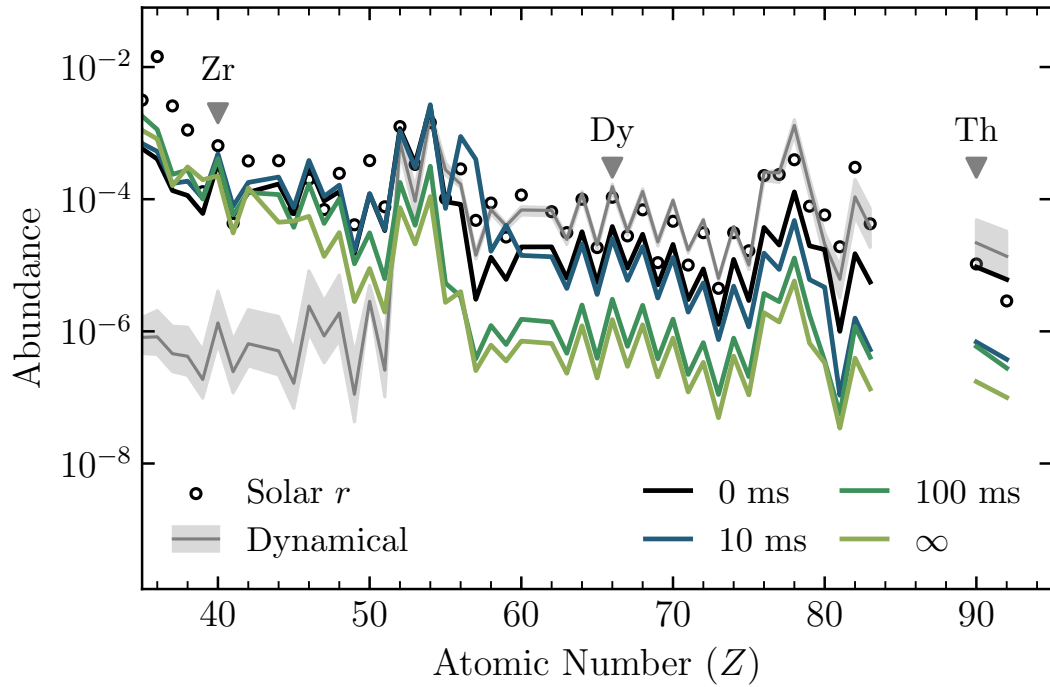


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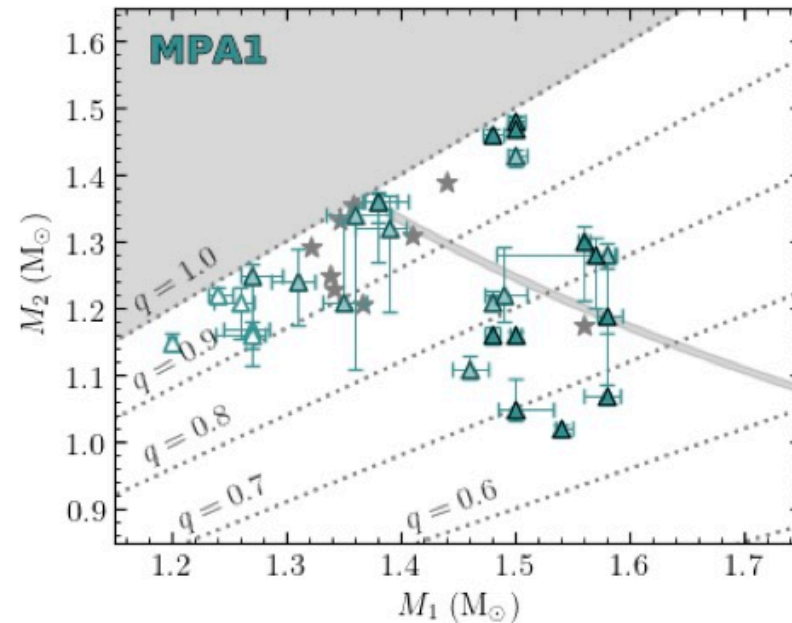
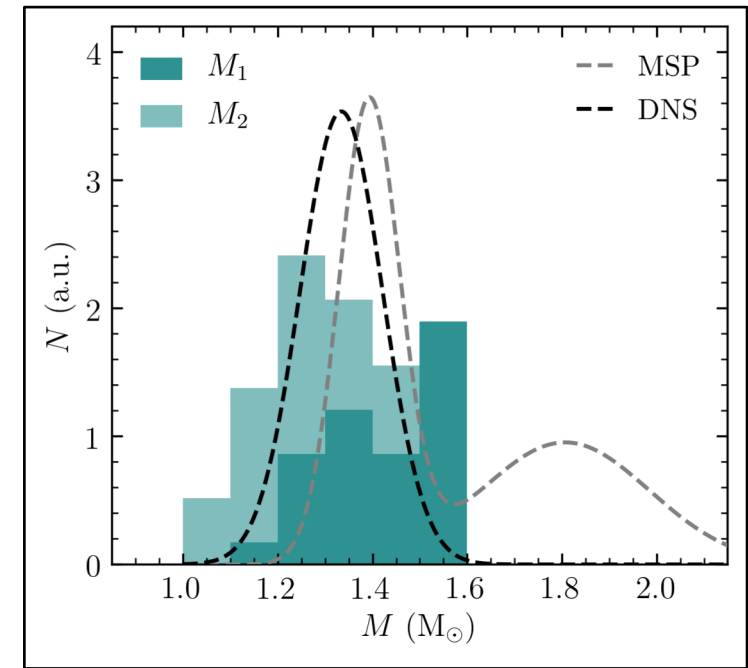
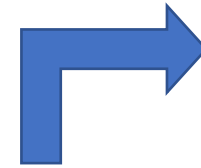
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$$Y_e = \frac{1}{1 + (n/p)}$$

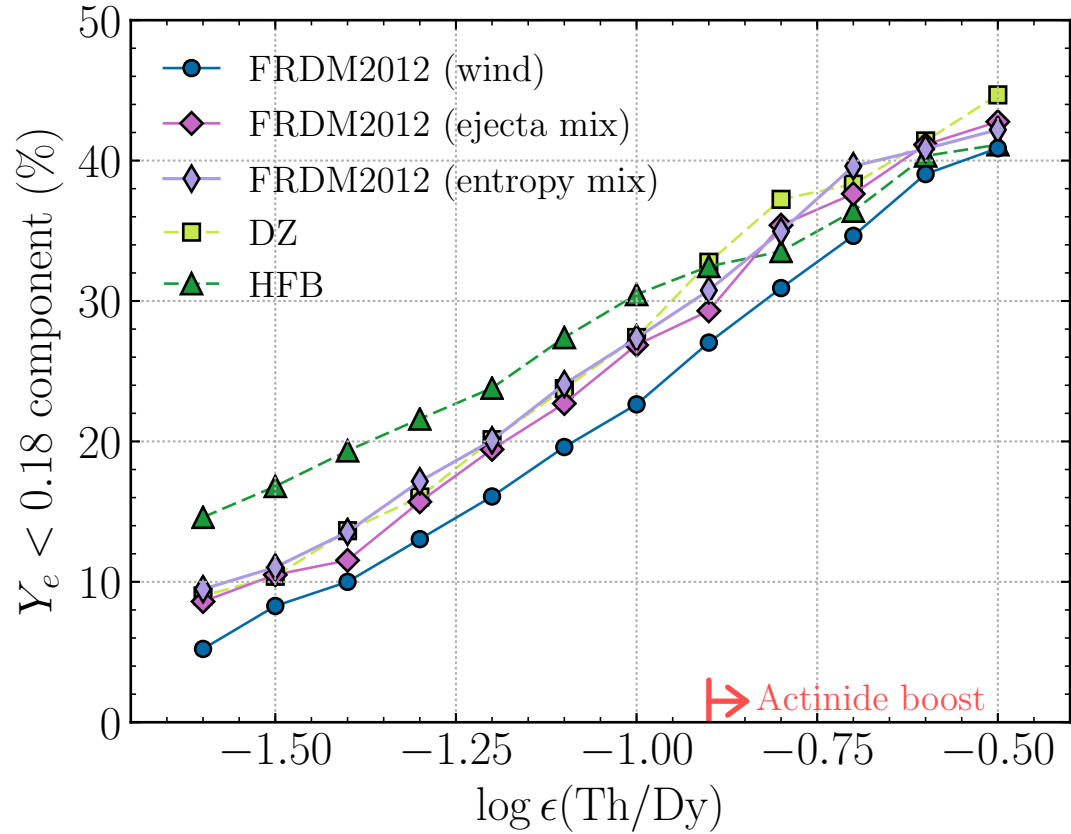
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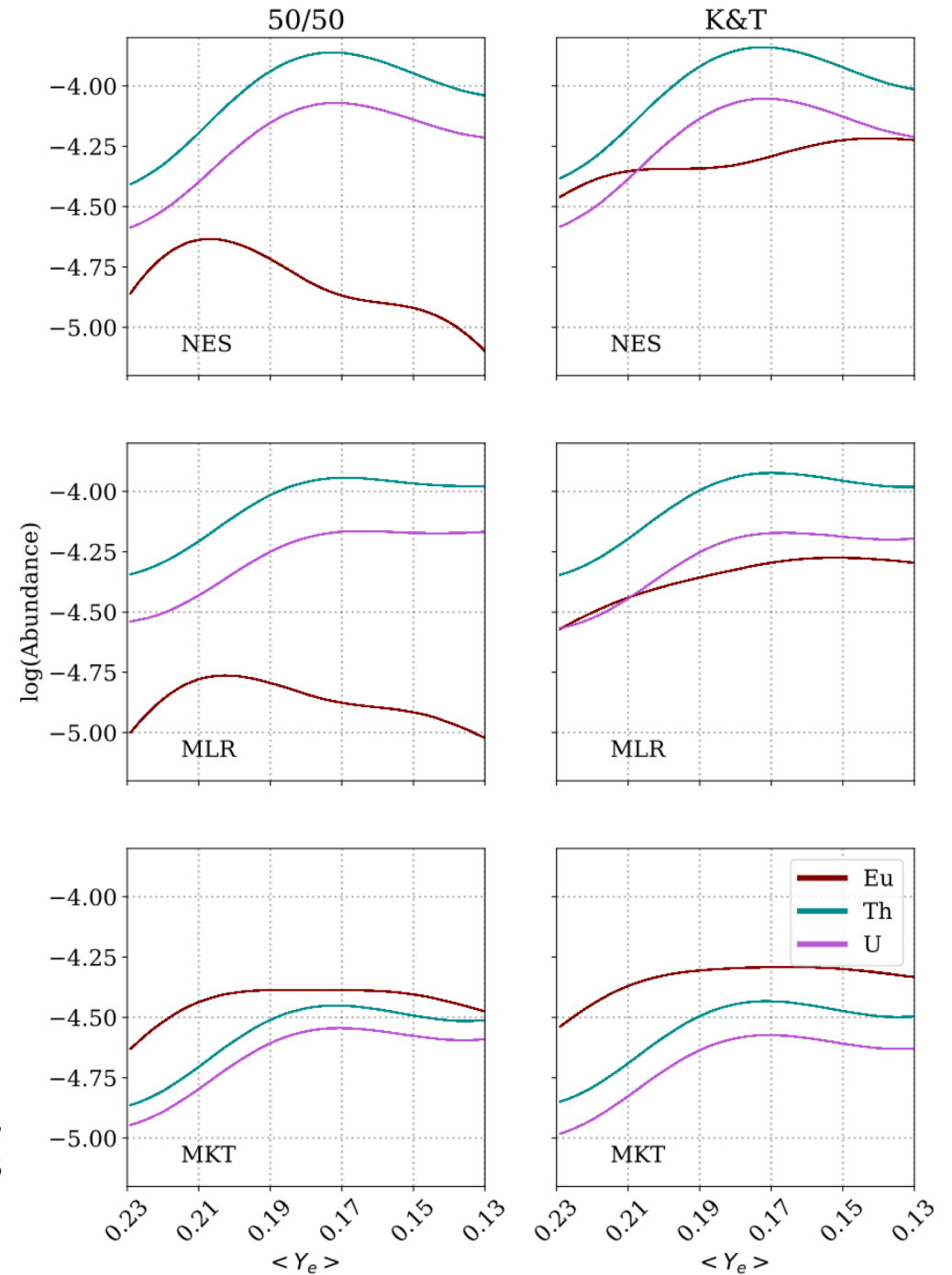


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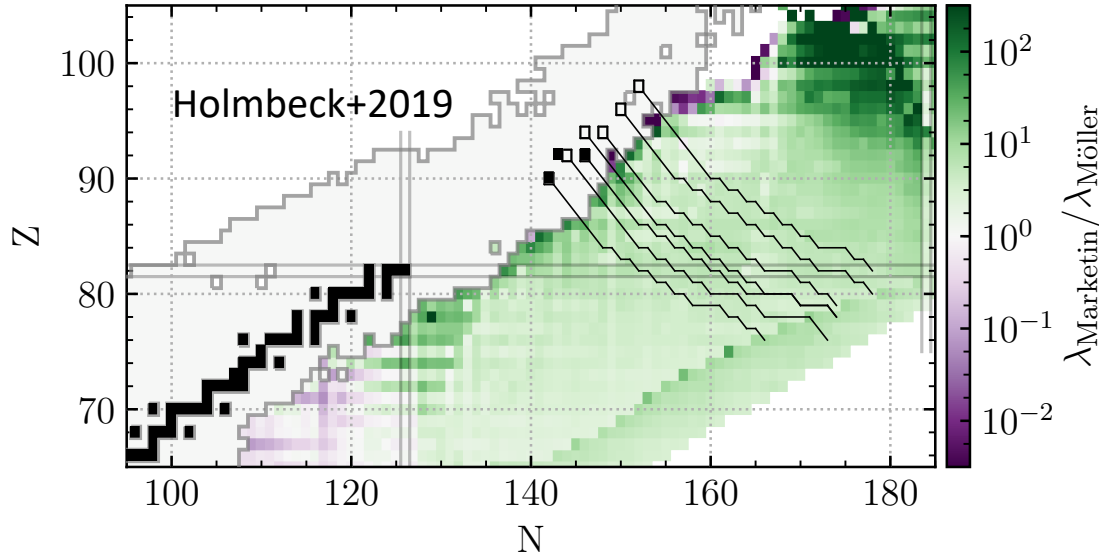


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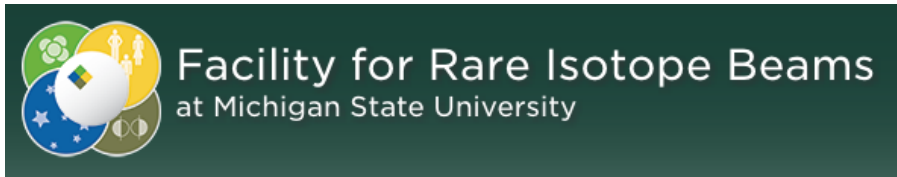
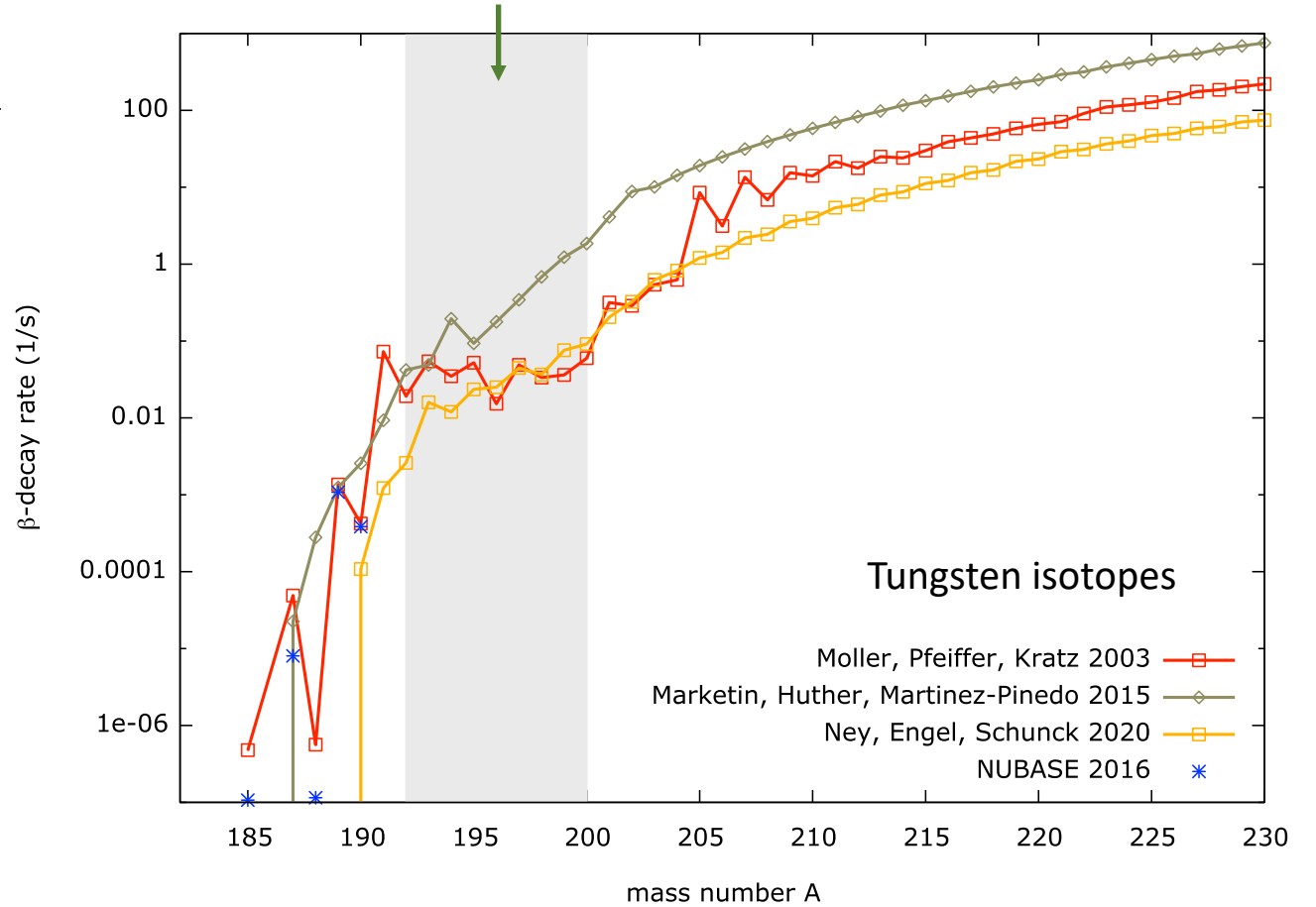
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# $\beta$ decay and actinide production



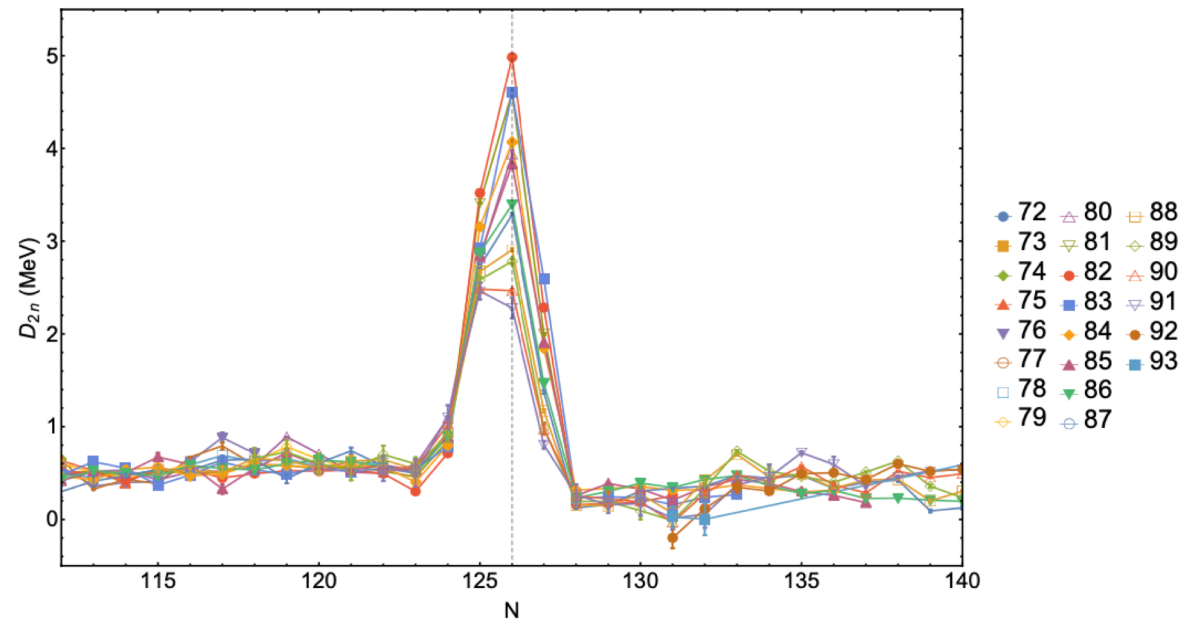
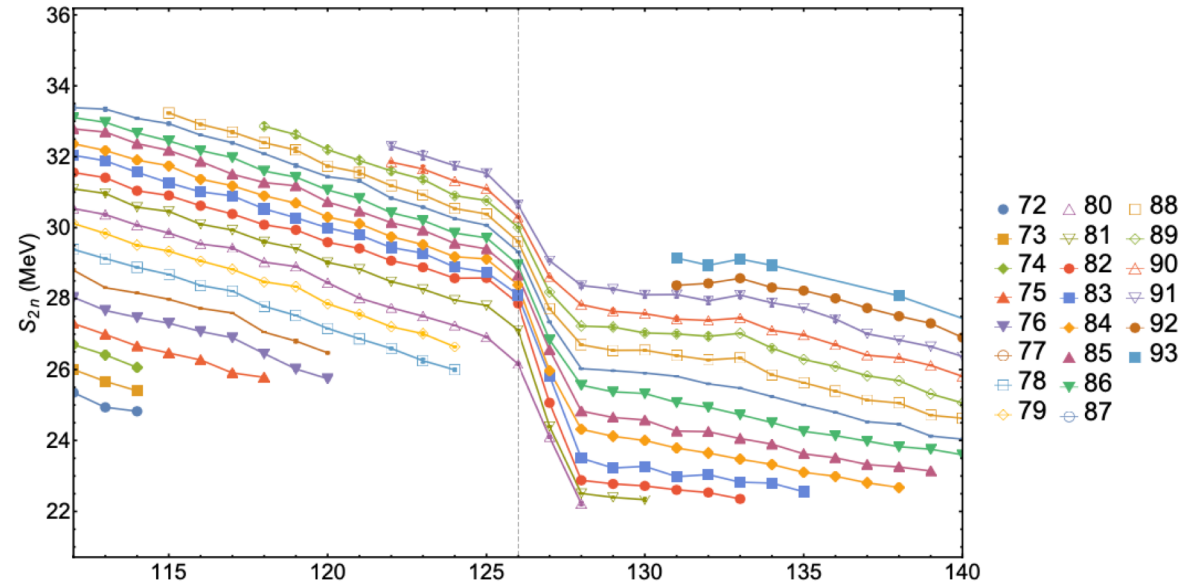
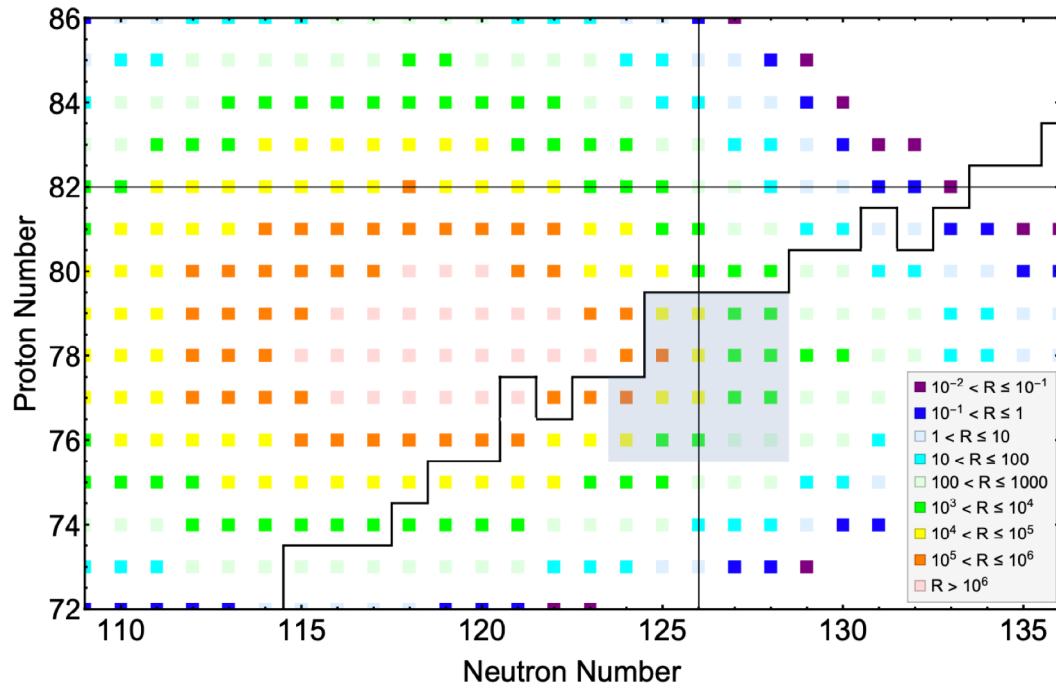
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FRIB FDSi Day 1 proposal  
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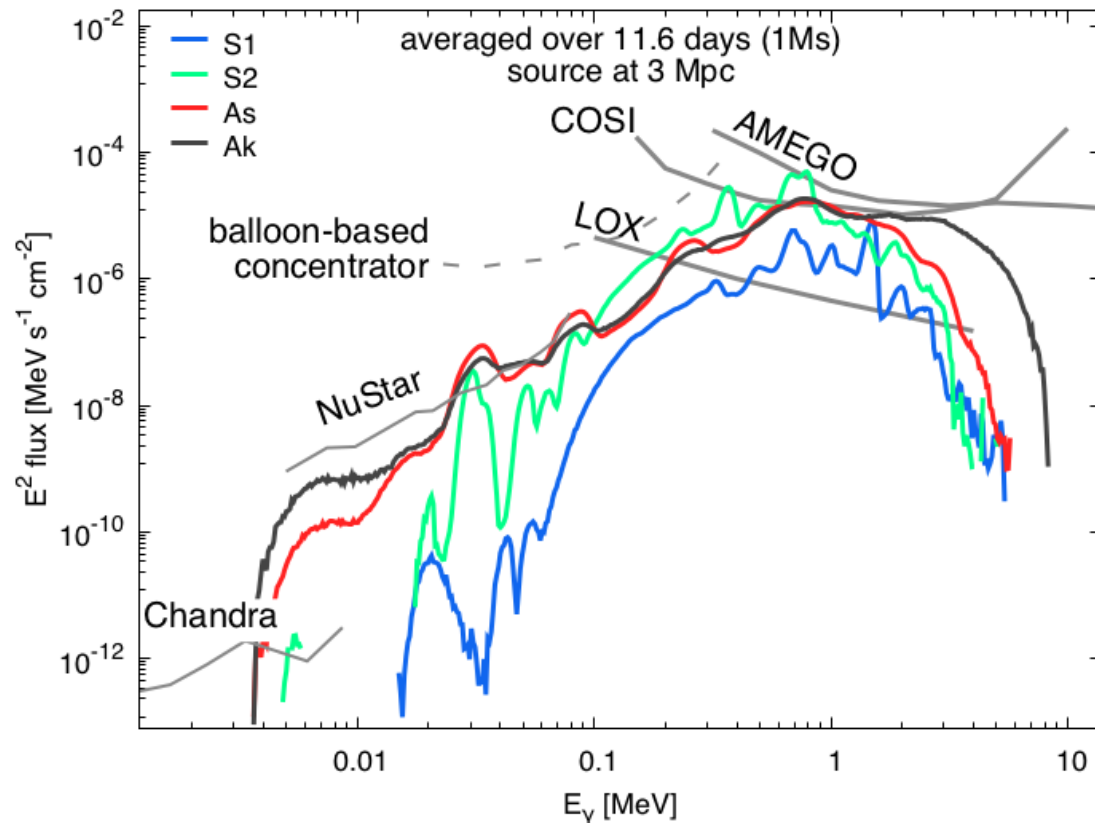


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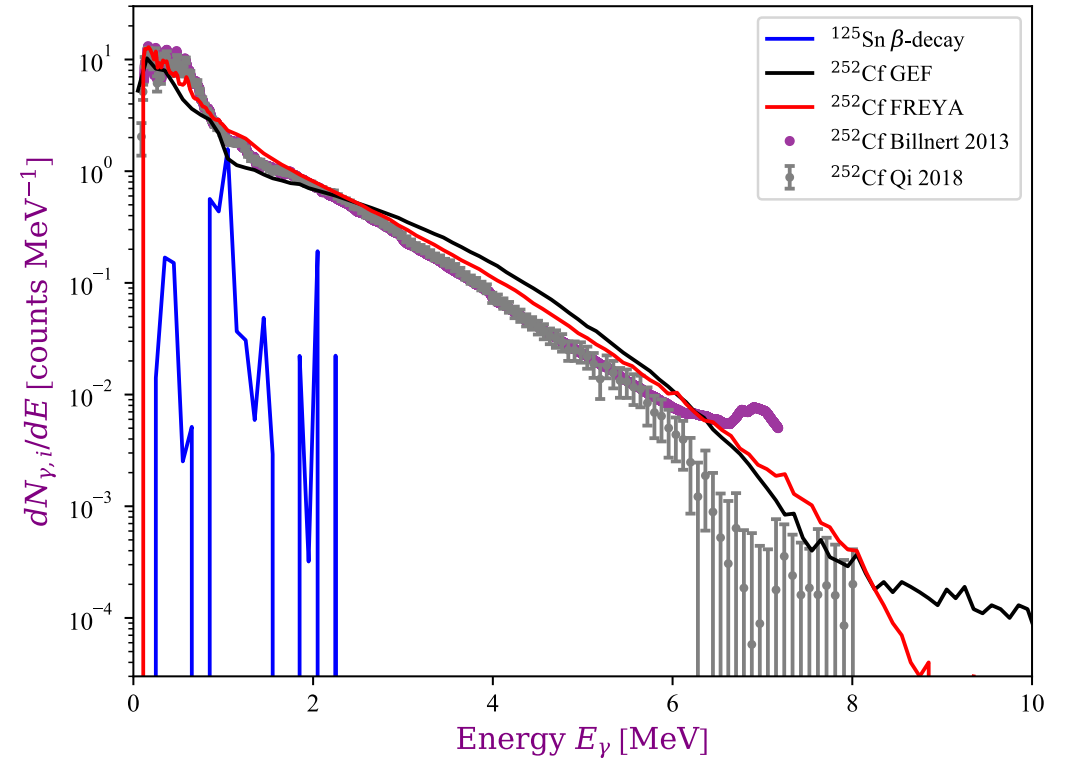
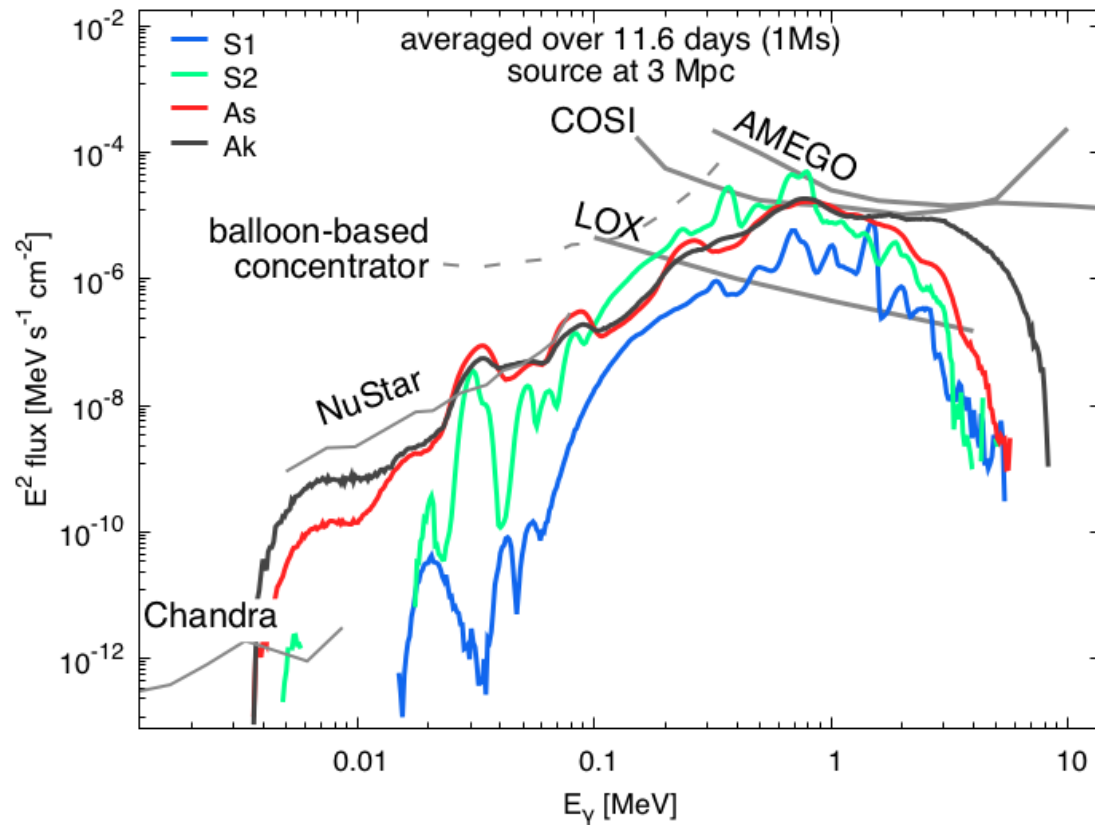
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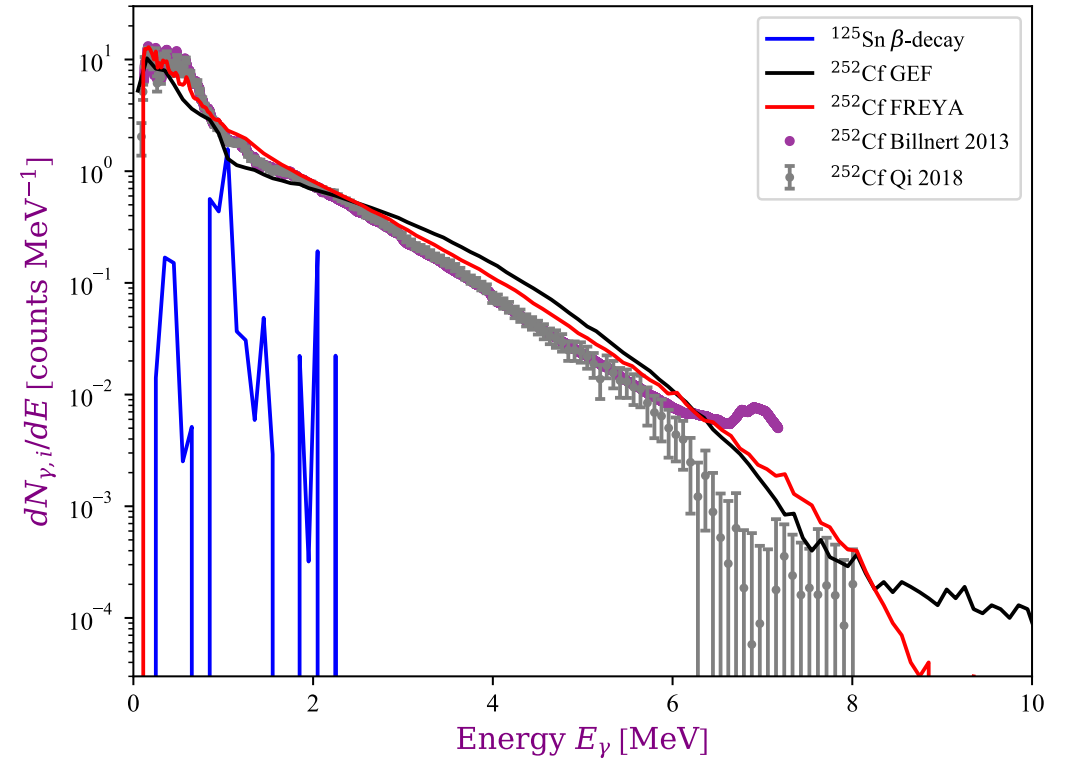
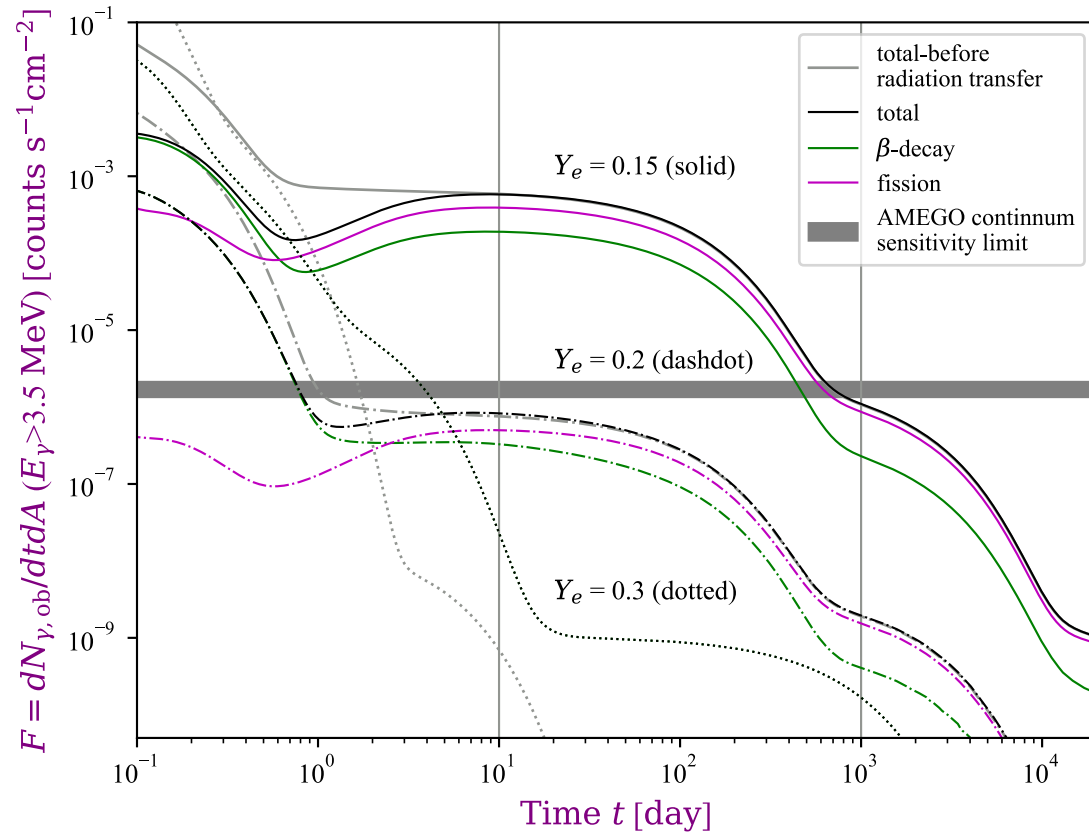


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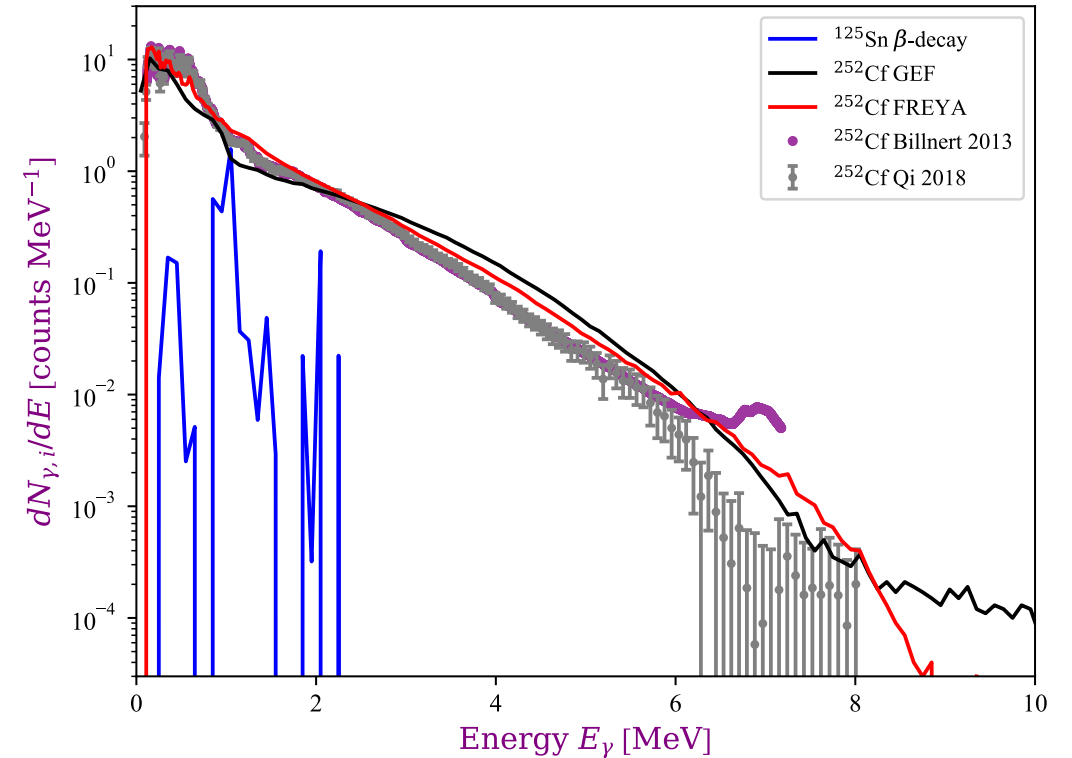
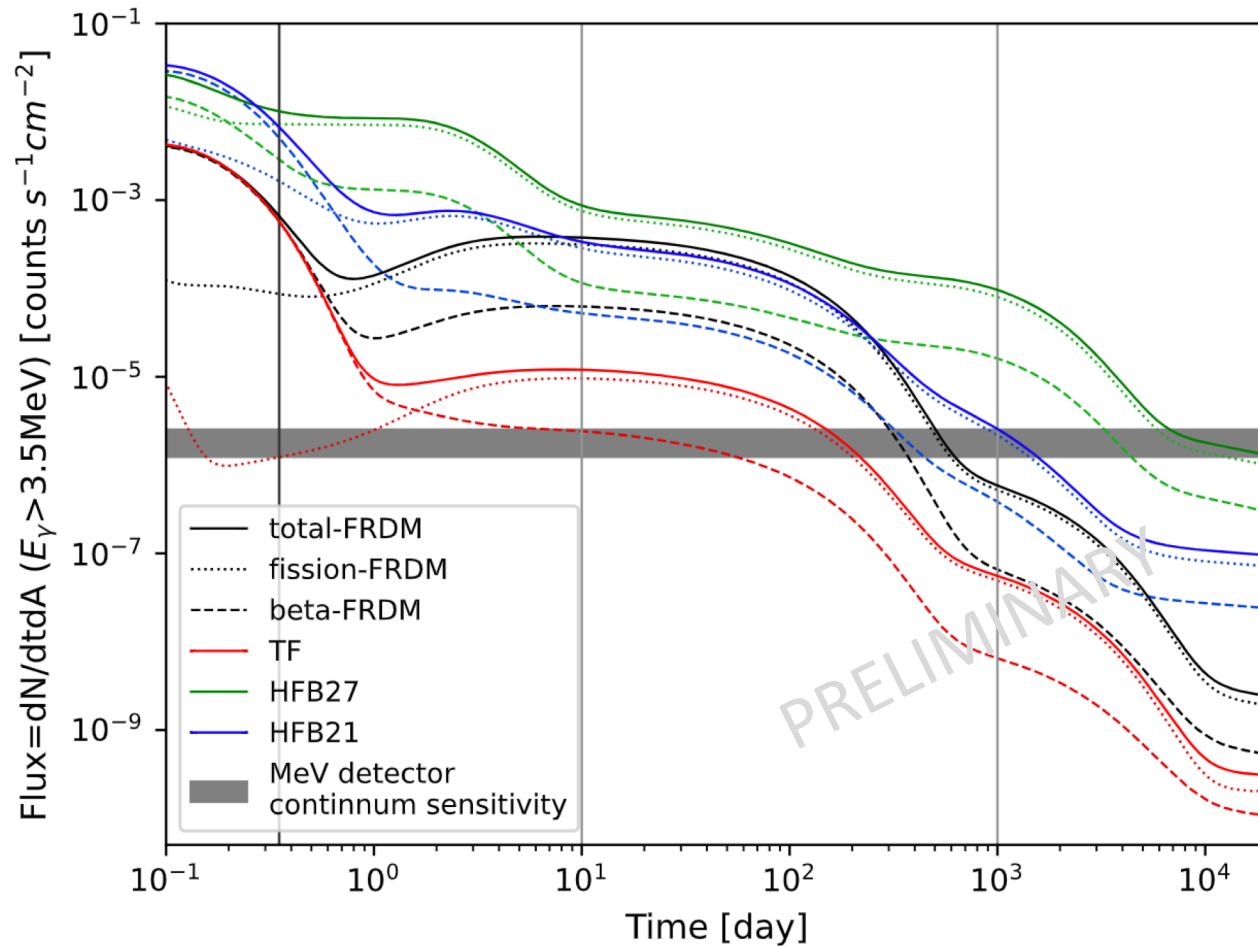
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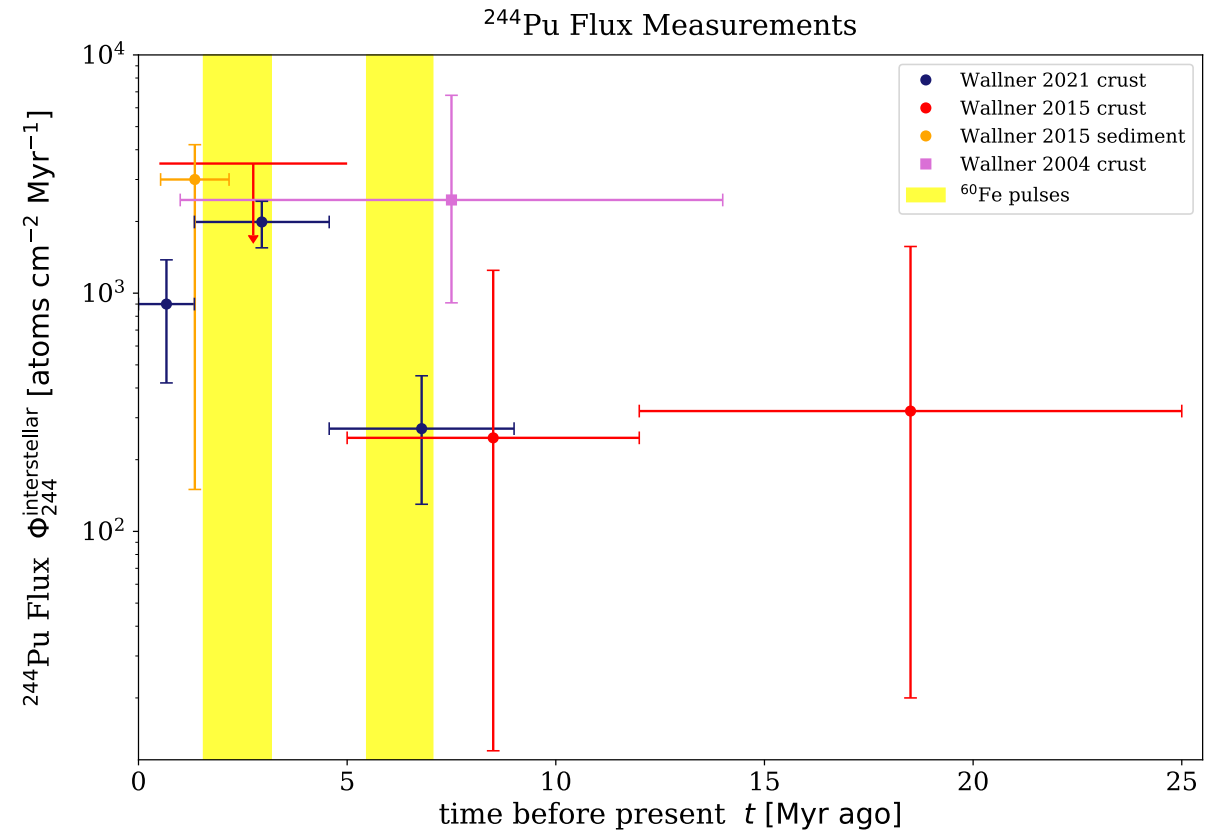
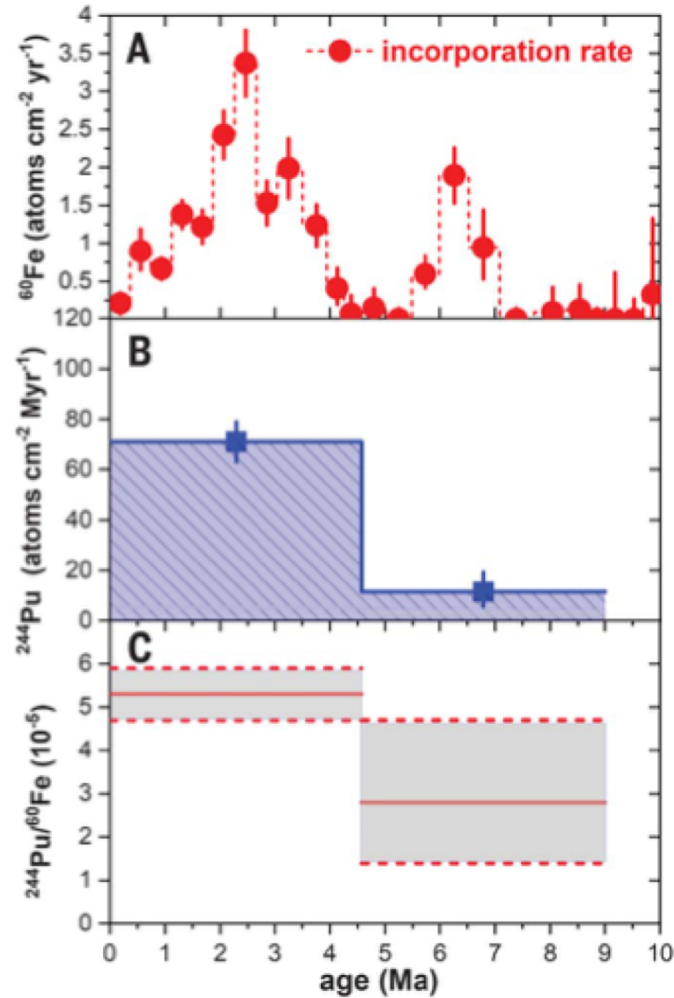


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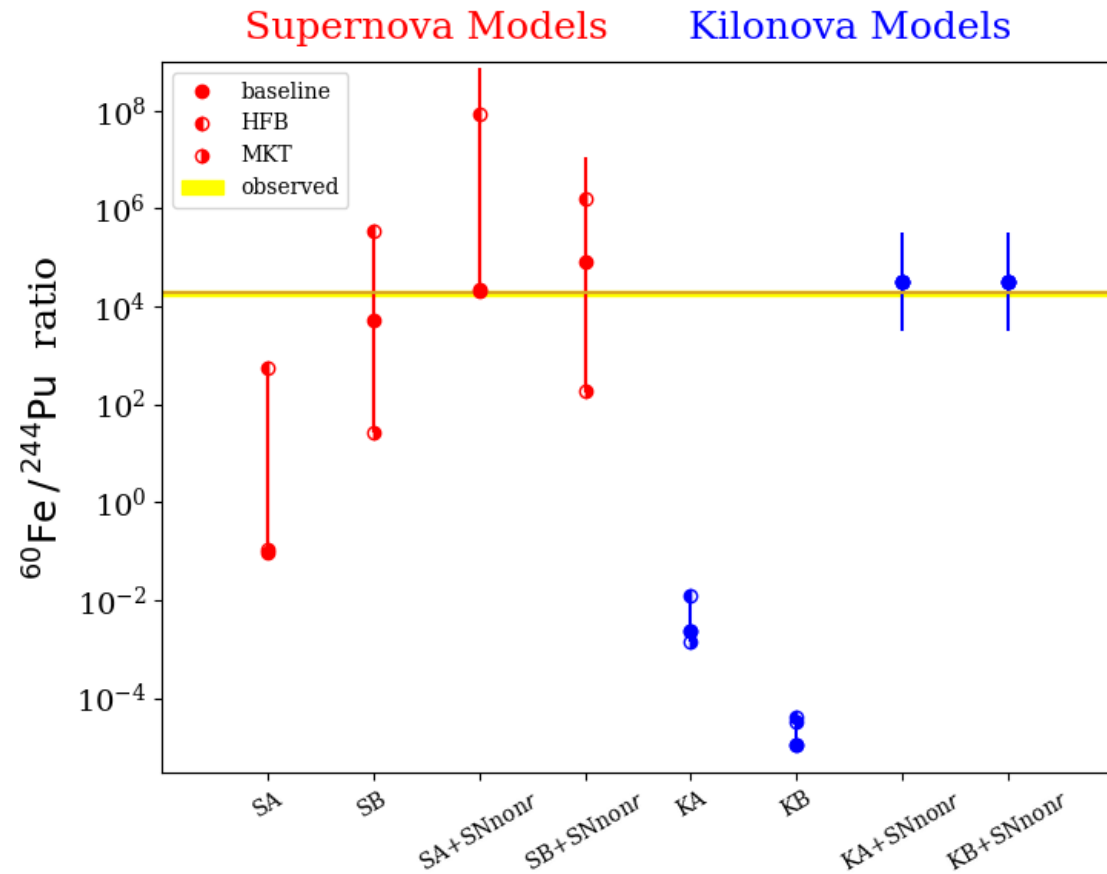
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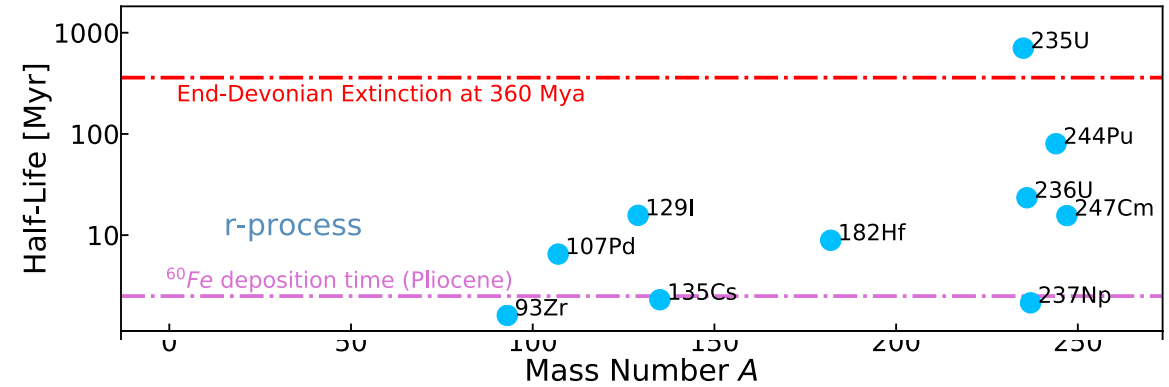
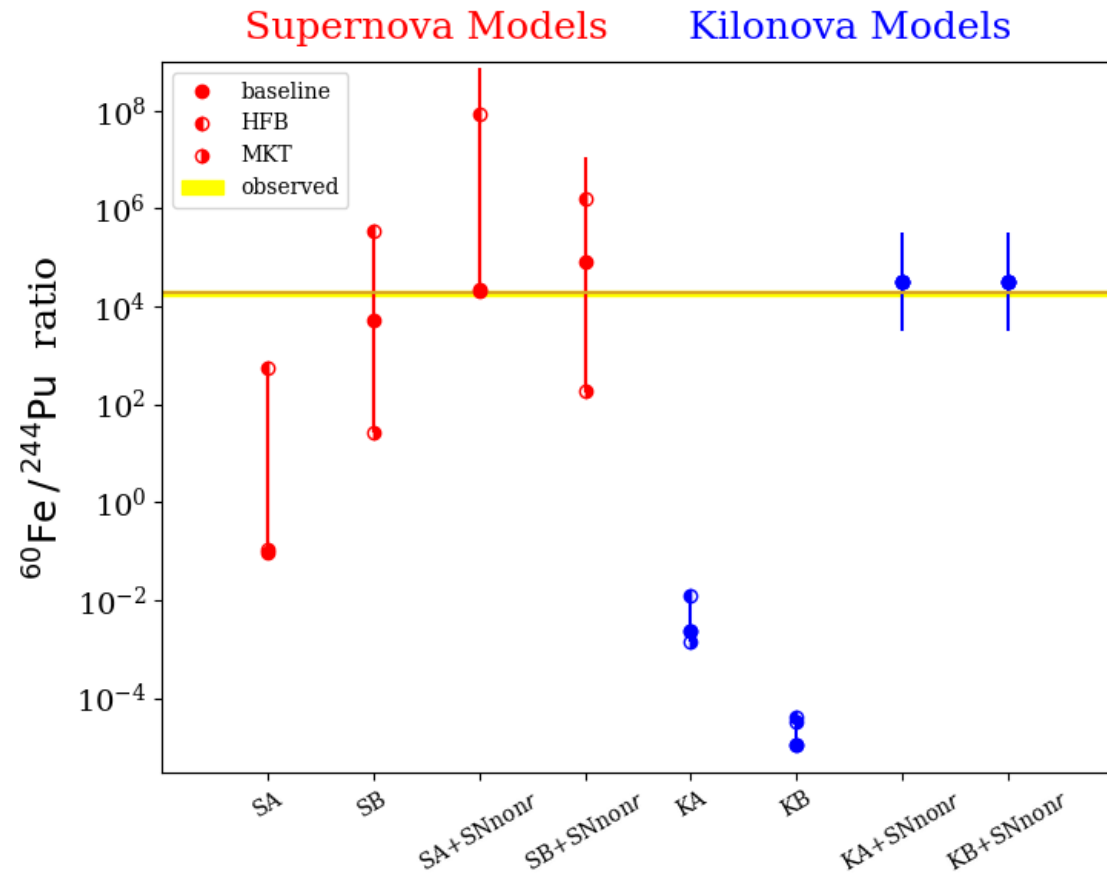
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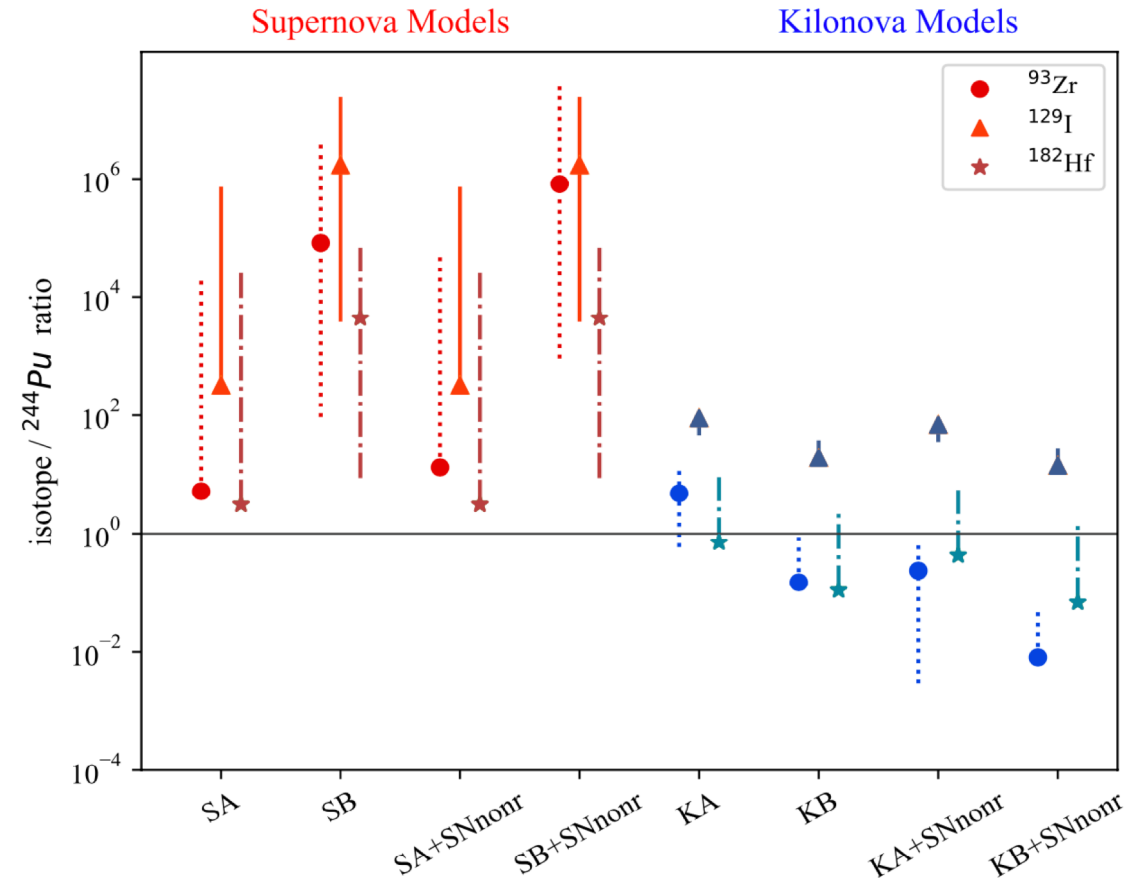
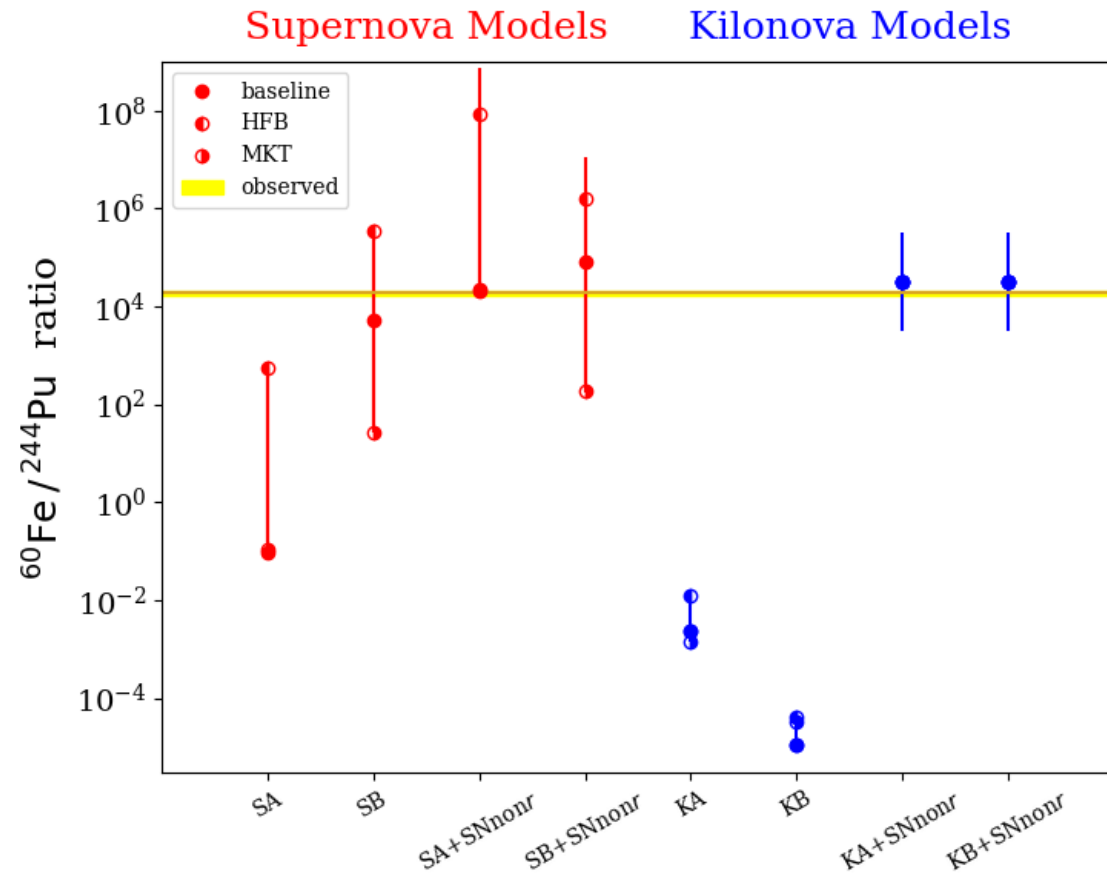


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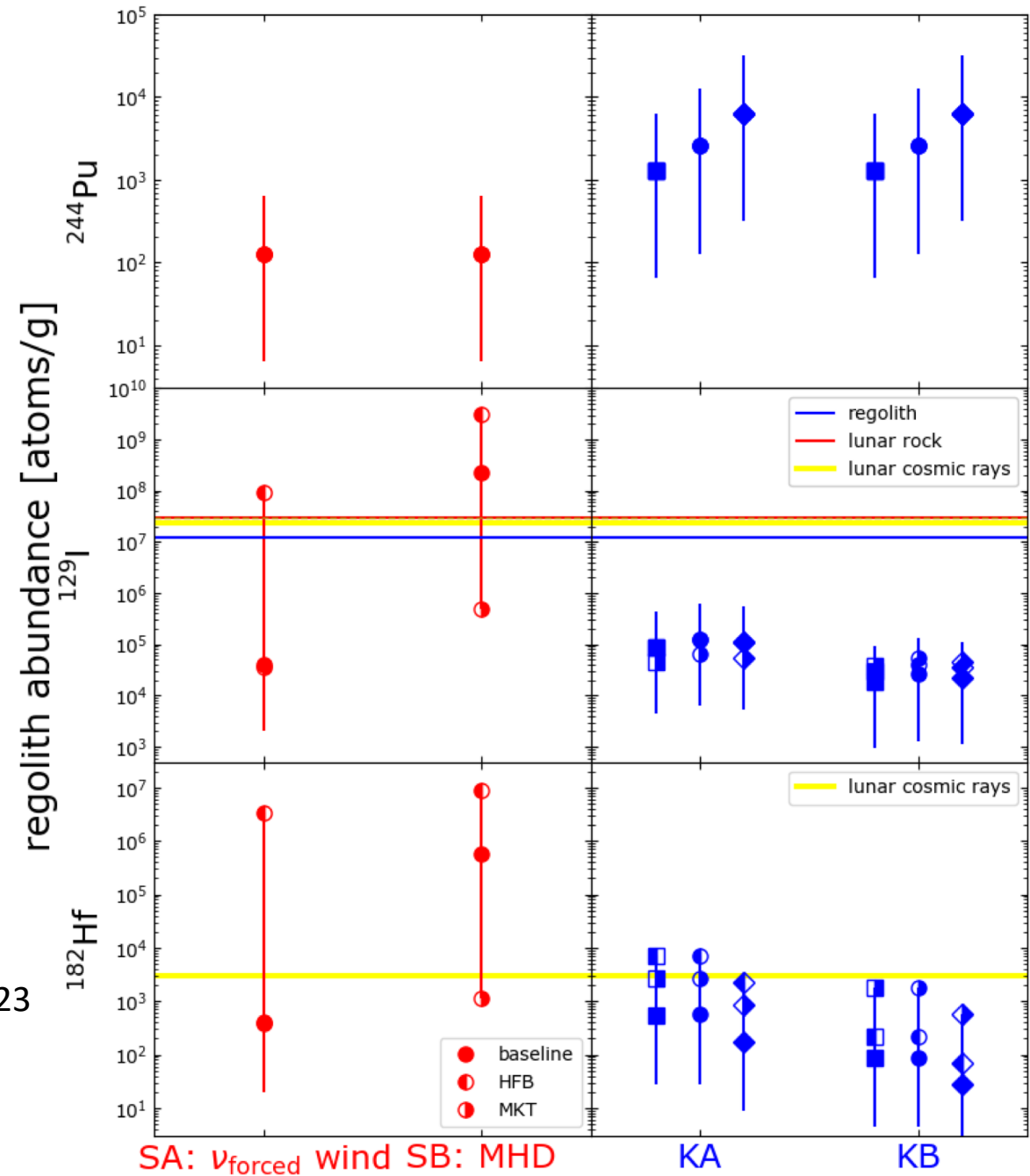
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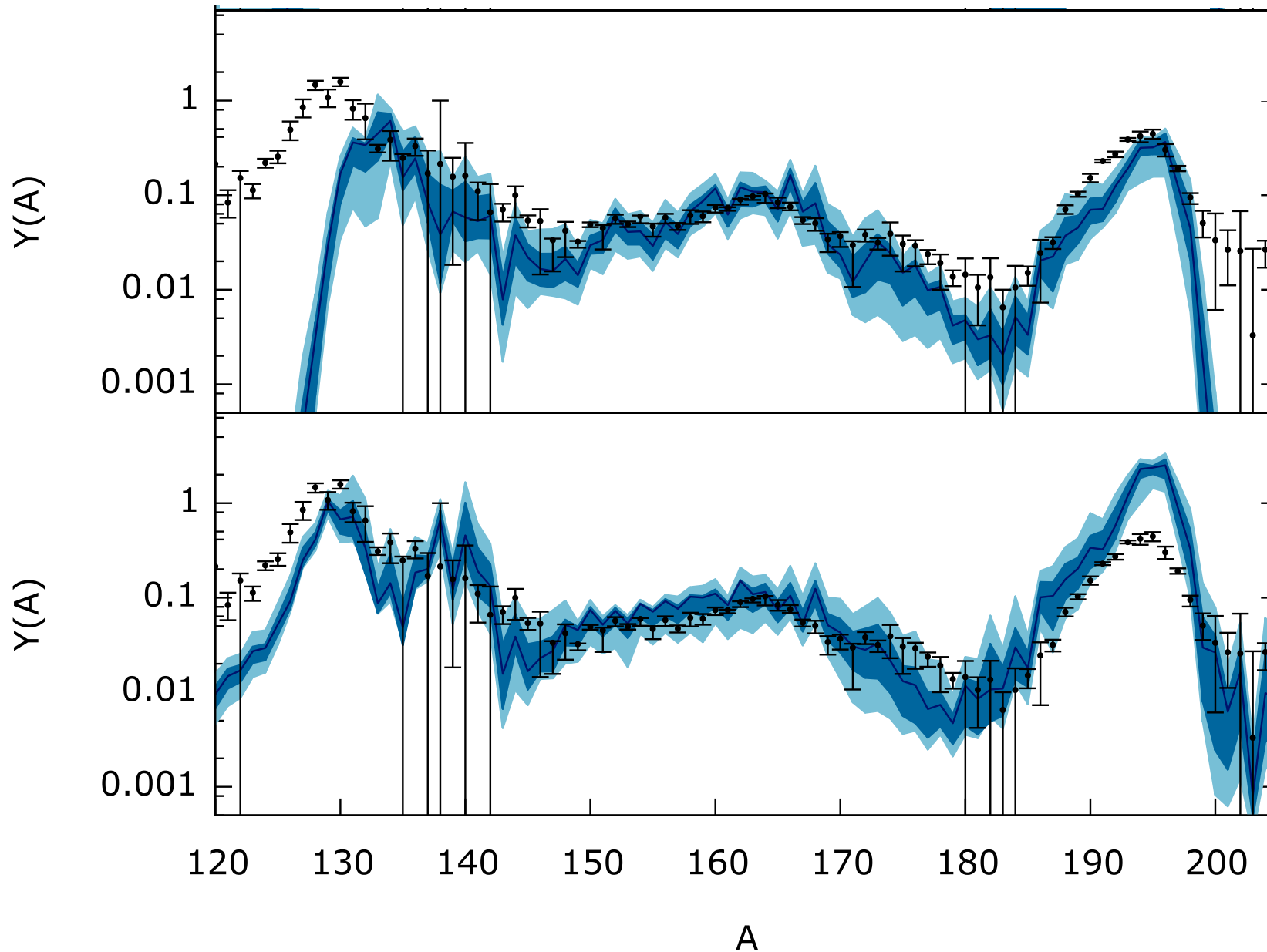
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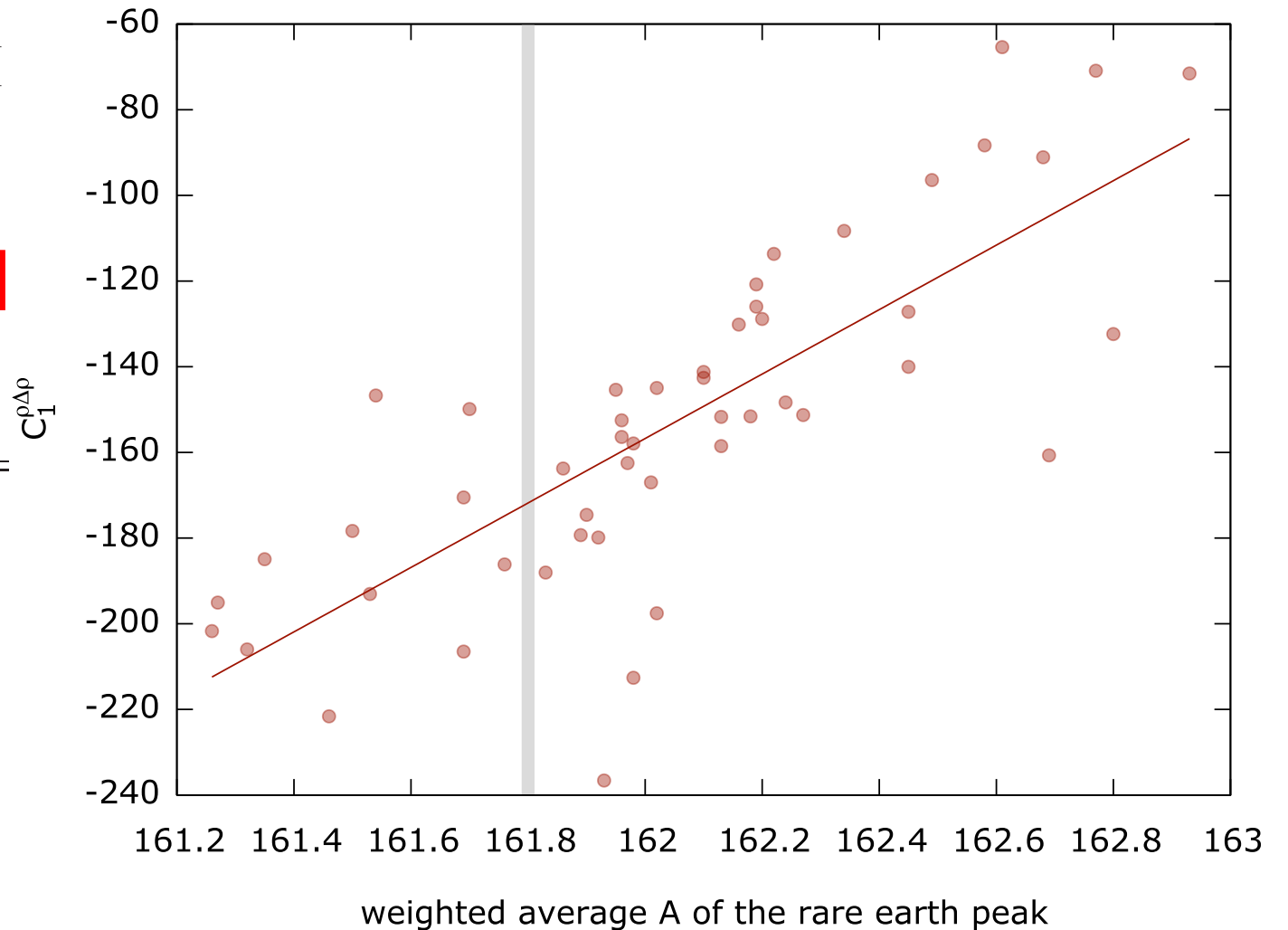
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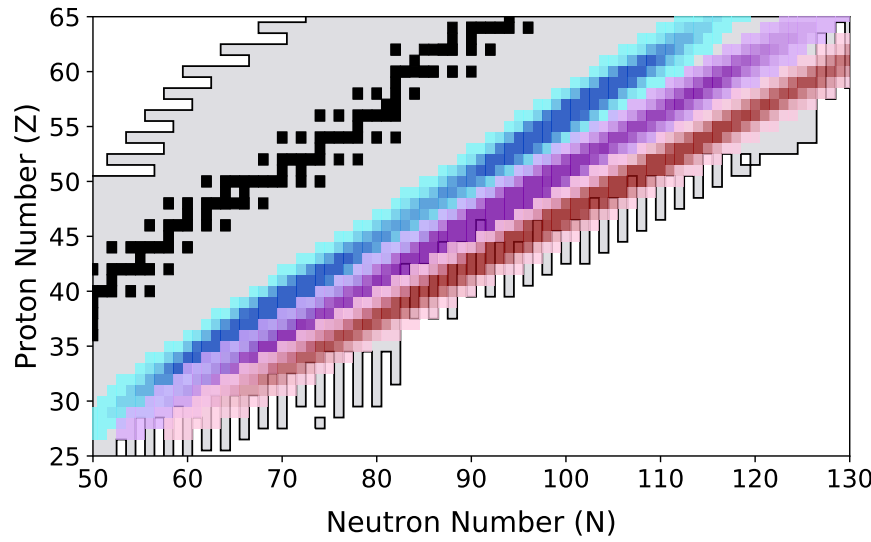
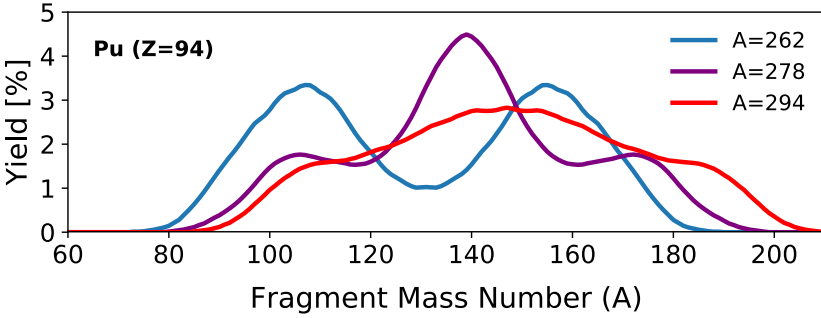
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$E^{\text{NM}}/A$	[-16.2,-15.8]	-15.800	–	–
$K^{\text{NM}}$	[220, 260]	220.000	–	–
$a_{\text{sym}}^{\text{NM}}$	[28, 36]	28.987	0.604	[ 28.152, 29.822]
$L_{\text{sym}}^{\text{NM}}$	[40, 100]	40.005	13.136	[ 21.841, 58.168]
$1/M_s^*$	[0.9, 1.5]	0.992	0.123	[ 0.823, 1.162]
$C_0^{\rho\Delta\rho}$	$[-\infty, +\infty]$	-45.135	5.361	[ -52.548, -37.722]
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$V_0^*$	$[-\infty, +\infty]$	-186.065	18.516	[ -211.666, -160.464]
$V_0^p$	$[-\infty, +\infty]$	-206.580	13.049	[ -224.622, -188.538]
$C_0^{\rho\nabla J}$	$[-\infty, +\infty]$	-74.026	5.048	[ -81.006, -67.046]
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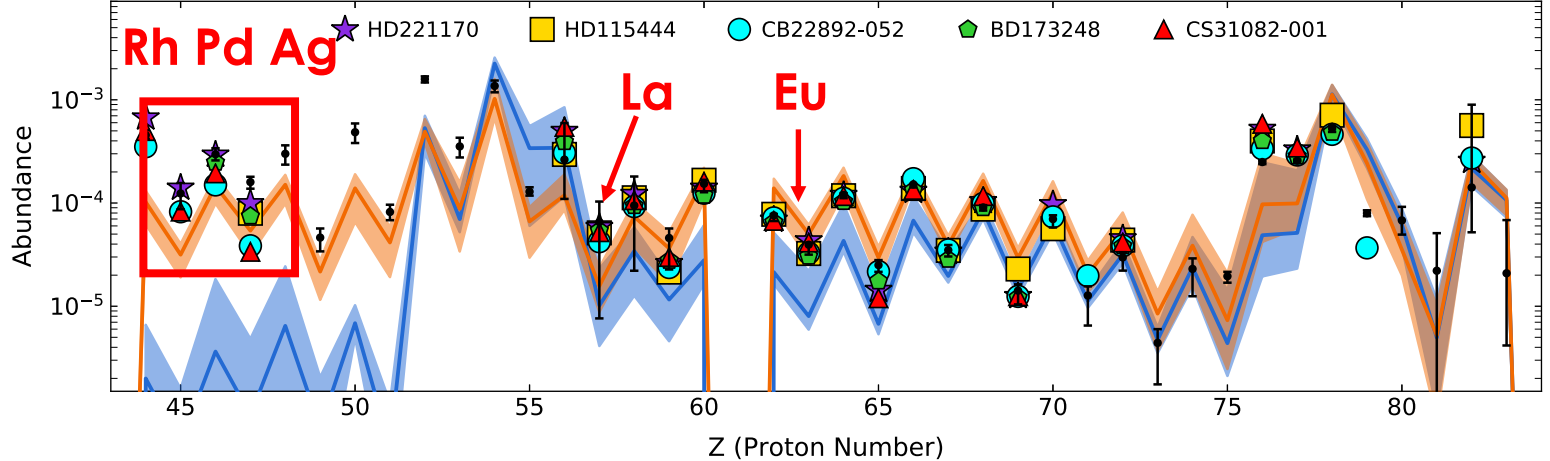
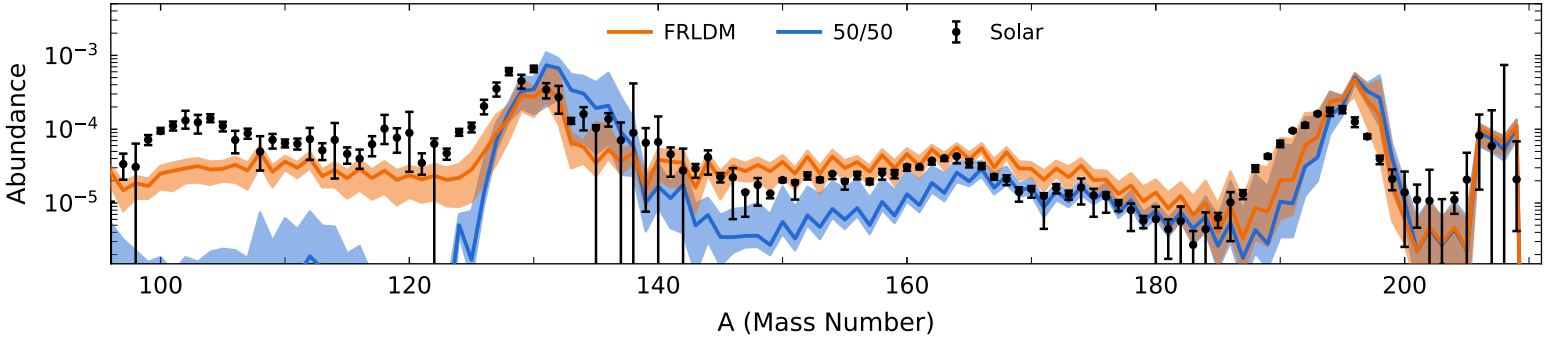
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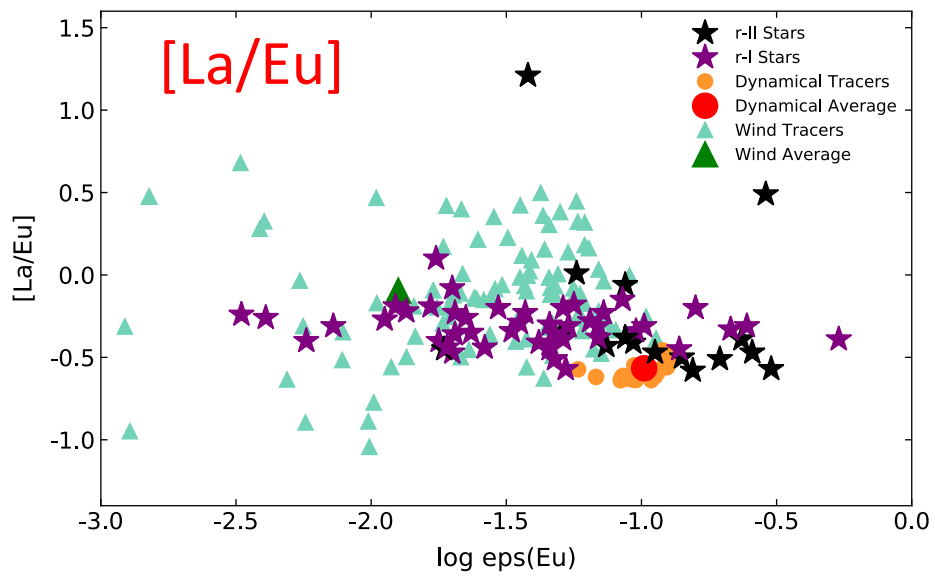
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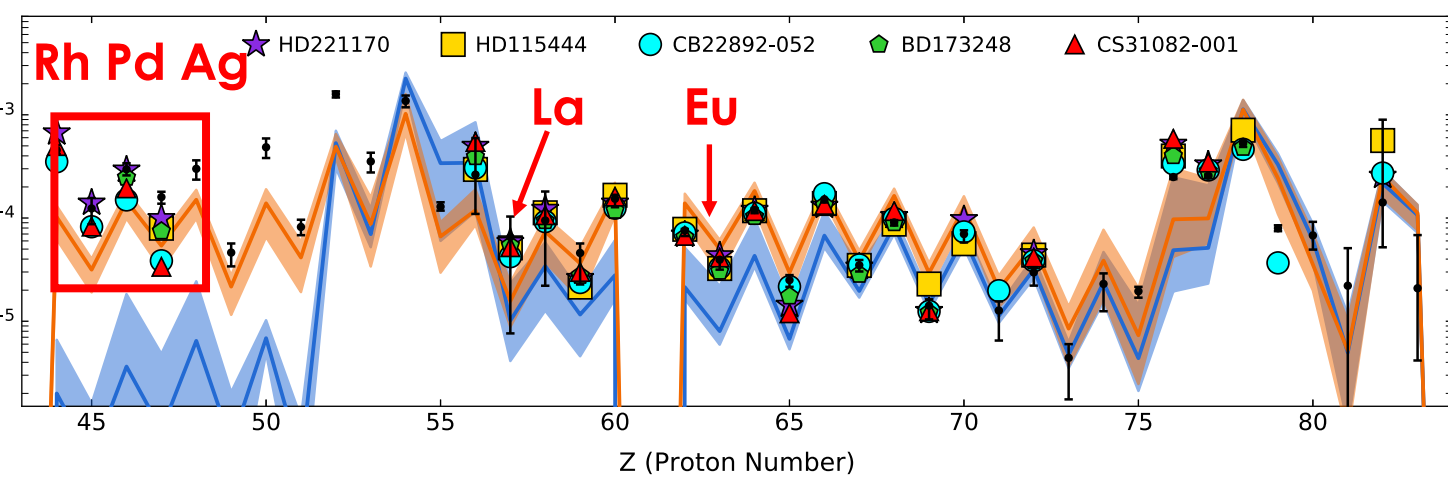
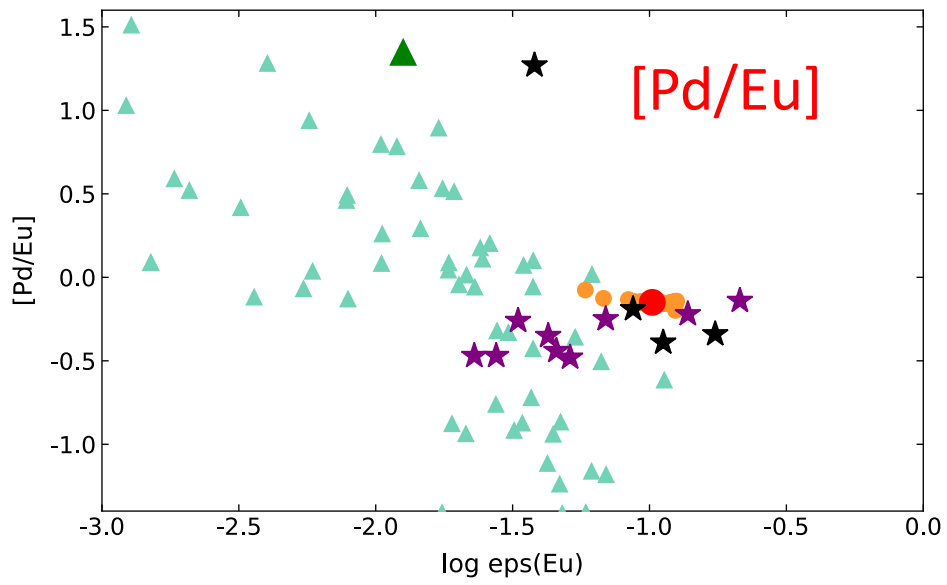
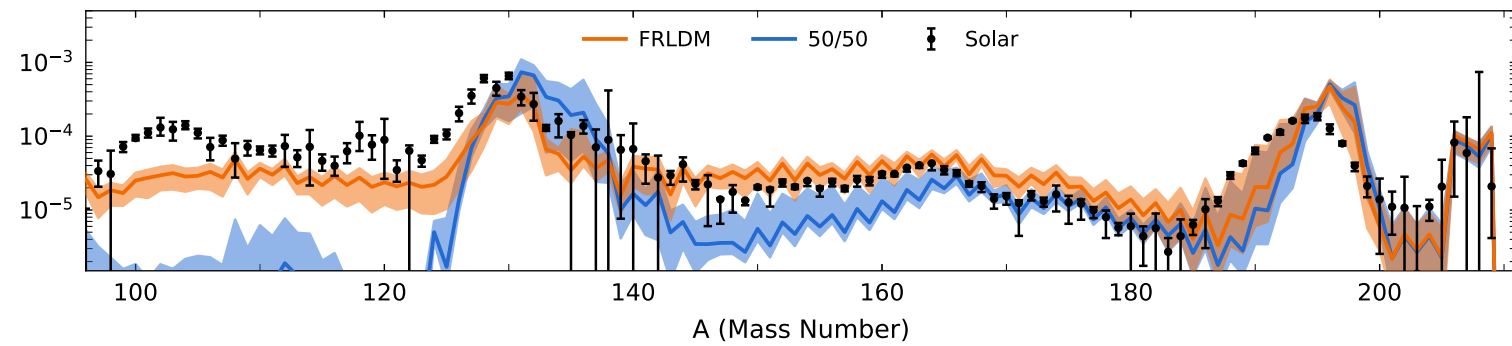
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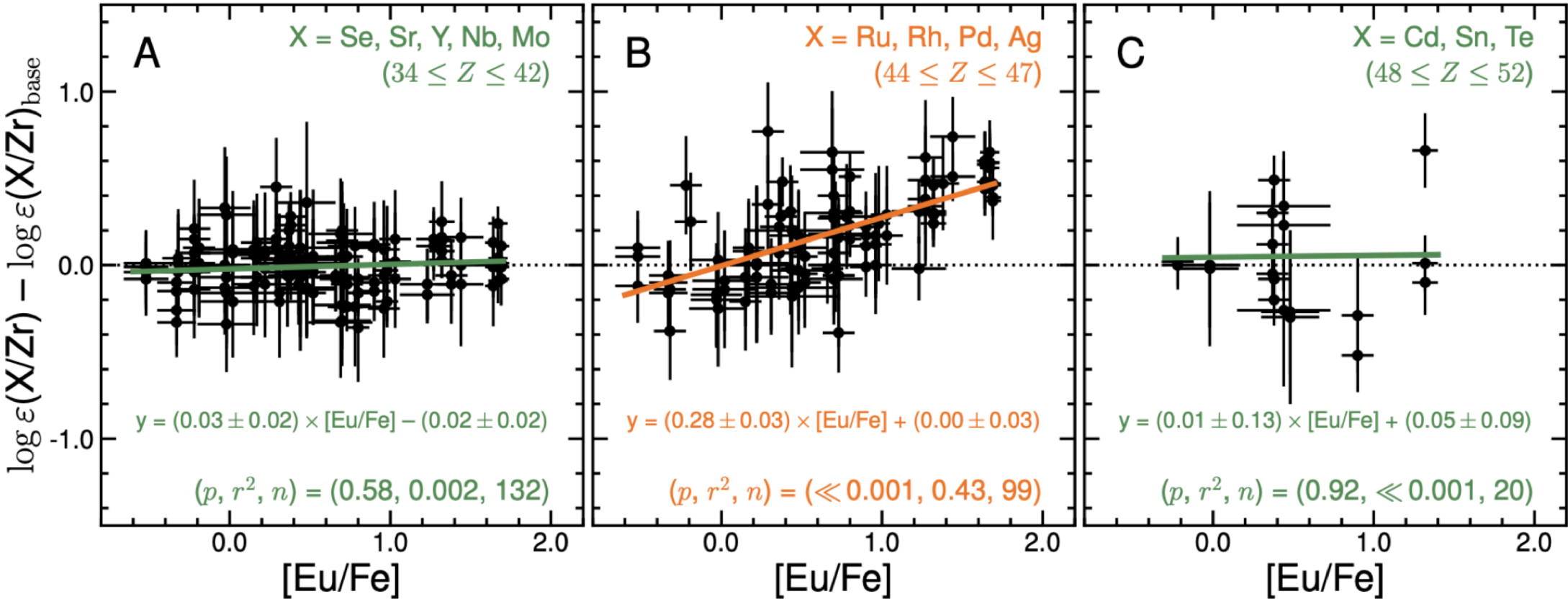


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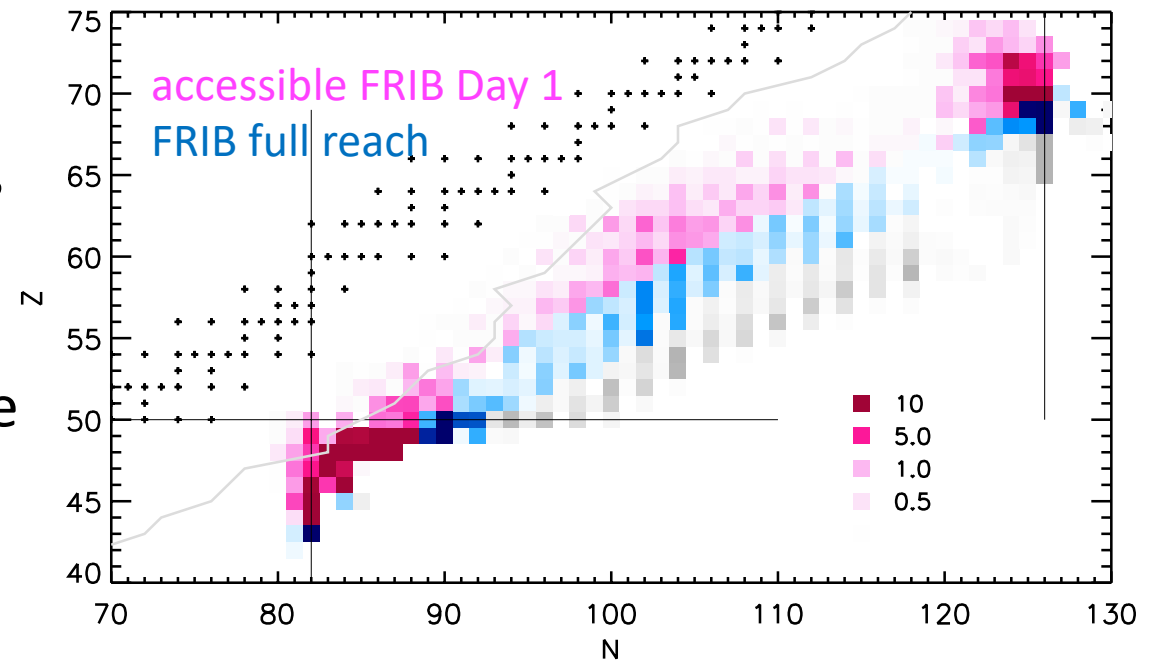
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# summary

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Despite considerable progress in the past several years, including the first direct detection of an  $r$ -process event, the  $r$ -process site(s) has not been definitively determined.

The neutrino and nuclear physics of candidate events remains poorly understood. FRIB has the potential to reduce key nuclear uncertainties, facilitating accurate interpretations of  $r$ -process observables such as abundance patterns and light curves.



Mumpower, Surman, McLaughlin,  
Arahamian, JPPNP 2016