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Constraining neutron-capture reactions for the r process

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In this talk I will discuss experimental constraints to neutron-capture reactions far from stability. These reactions are a critical part of the r process, and to date are almost completely unconstrained experimentally. Measuring direct neutron-capture reactions on short-lived nuclei is extremely challenging, and therefore one has to rely on indirect constraints. I will discuss the β -Oslo method, which was developed for this purpose by a Michigan State University and University of Oslo collaboration. I will present resent results on neutron-rich nuclei around mass 70, and also future plans for expanding to heavier r-process nuclei.

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