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R. Surman and colleagues have shown how r-process nucleosynthesis abundances are affected by uncertainties in neutron capture cross sections in relatively long-lived nuclei near the r-process path, such as ^{130}Sn . We have recently measured the (d,p) reactions with rare isotope beams of $^{126,128,130,132}\text{Sn}$ and ^{134}Te to study the single-neutron structure in these neutron-rich nuclei and inform the direct-semi-direct (DSD) components of neutron capture cross sections. Preliminary results from recent measurements, including DSD (n, γ) rates, will be presented, as well as future prospects for informing (n, γ) cross sections.

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