

# **Beta Decay and Electron Capture Reactions in Stars**

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1. Electron Capture Reactions in Ni Isotopes
  - GT strengths in Ni and Fe isotopes by GXPF1
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  - Implications on the 3<sup>rd</sup> peak of the r-process nucleosynthesis

# 1. Electron Capture Reactions on Ni Isotopes

## ● GT Strengths in Ni and Fe Isotopes

### New shell-model Hamiltonians in fp-shell: GXPF1, KB3G

GXPF1: Honma et al., PR C65, 061301 (2002); C69, 034335 (2004)

KB3: Caurier et al., Rev. Mod. Phys. 77, 427 (2005)

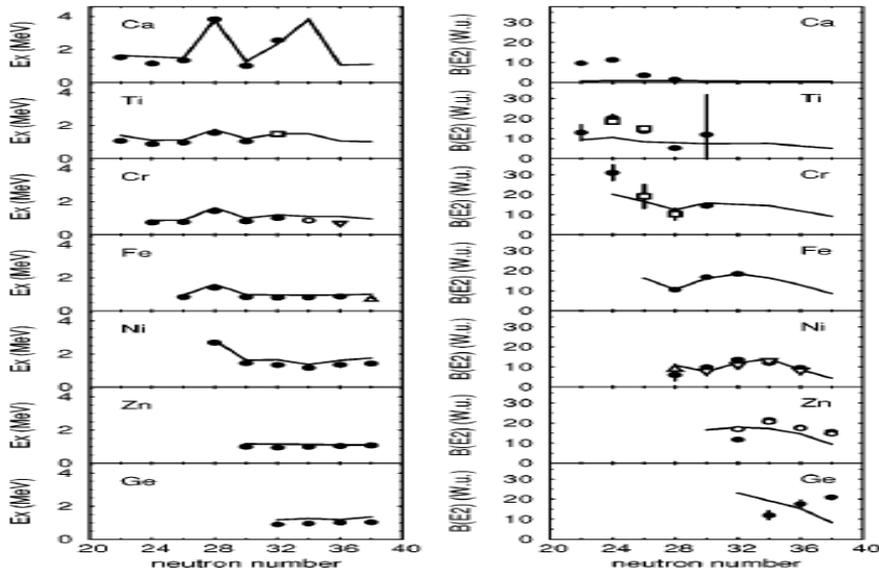
○ KB3G  $A = 47-52$  KB + monopole corrections

○ GXPF1  $A = 47-66$

- More attraction for  $T=0$  m.e. than G-matrix
- $E(1p3/2) - E(0f7/2) \sim 3$  MeV cf.  $\sim 2$  MeV for KB3, FPD6

$E(2+)$

$B(E2)$



Ca: New magic number  
at  $N=34$  ( $A=54$ )

$^{56}\text{Ni}$  = soft core

**Breaking of  $^{56}\text{Ni}$ -core**

$(f7/2)^{16}$ : 69% (GXPF1)

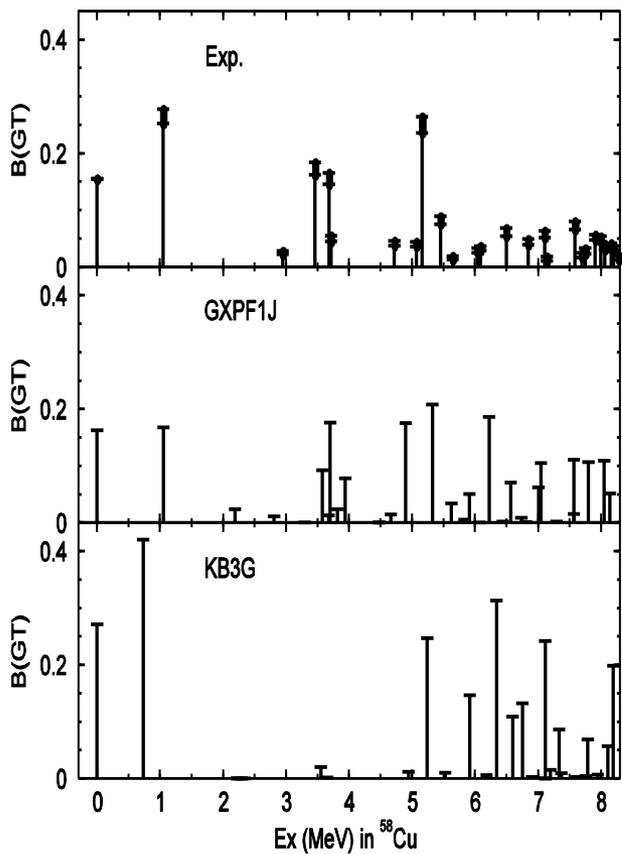
$B(\text{GT}^-)$ : 11.3 (GXPF1)

10.1 (KB3)

13.7 (closed core)

# fp-shell B(GT) for $^{58}\text{Ni}$

Exp: Fujita et al.

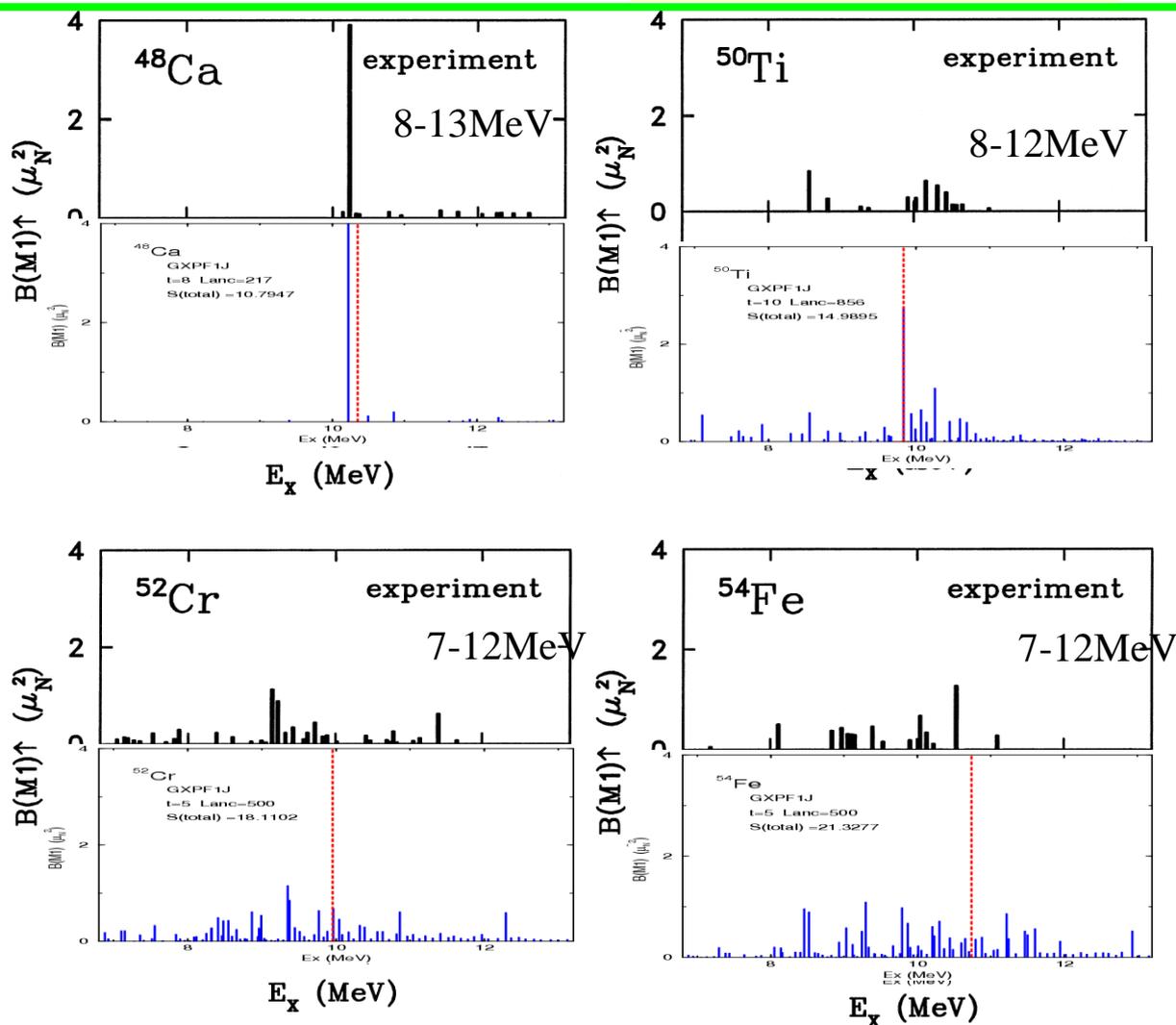


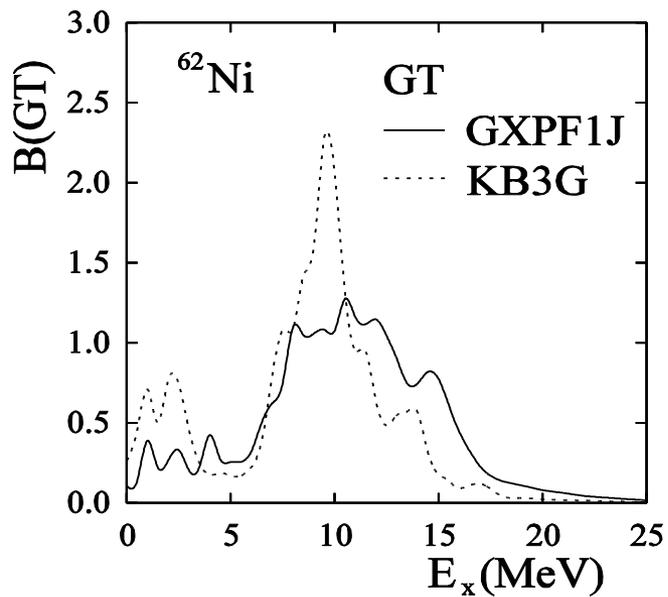
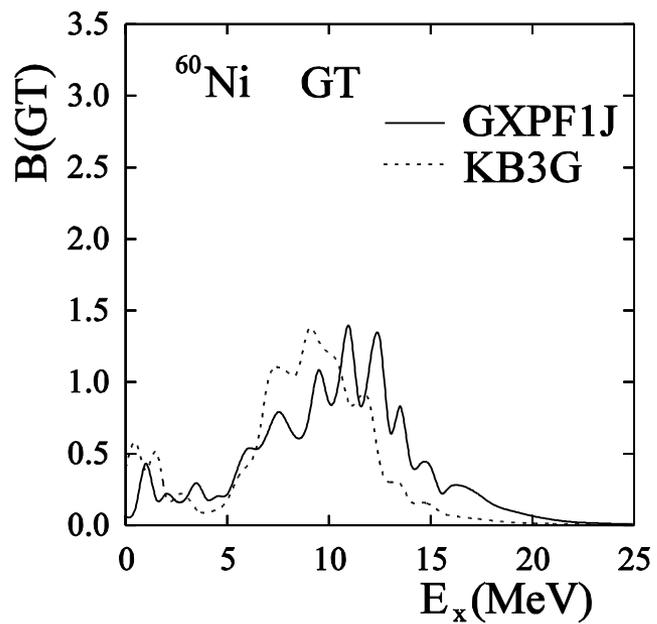
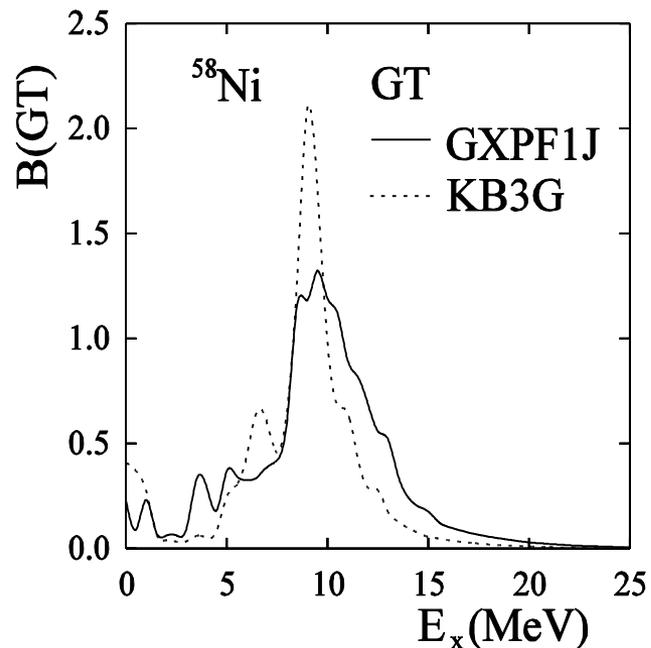
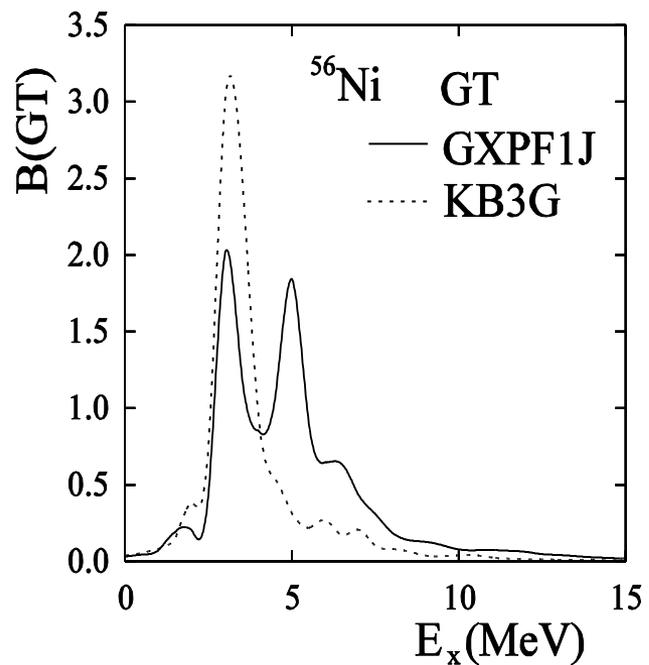
$$g_A^{\text{eff}}/g_A^{\text{free}}=0.74$$

# M1 strength (GXPF1J)

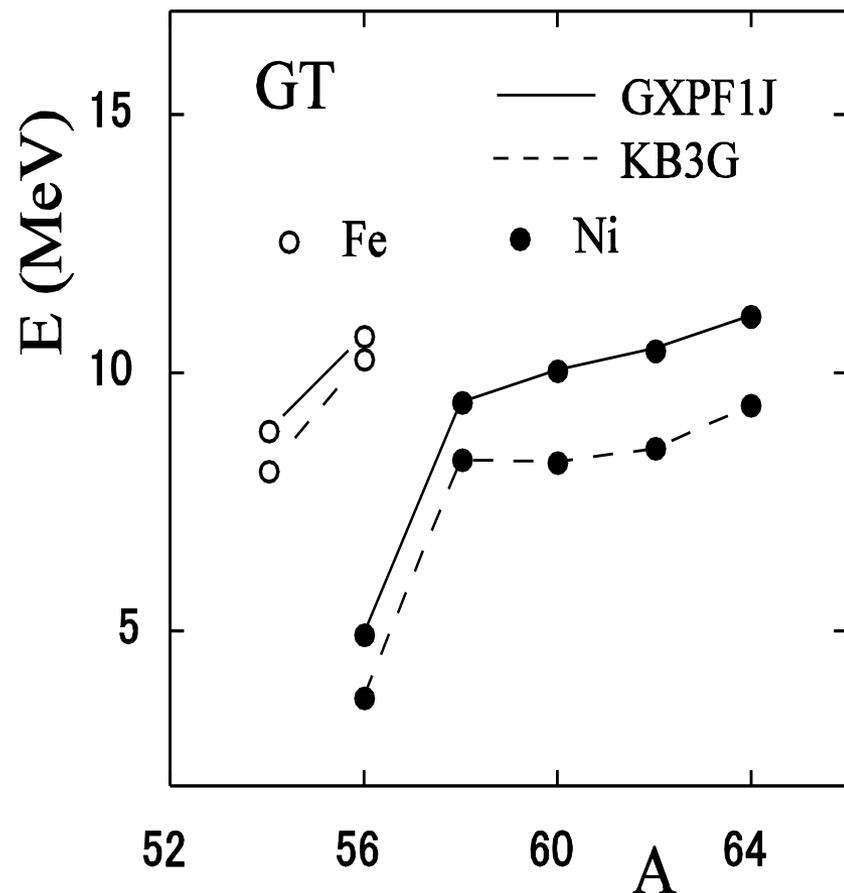
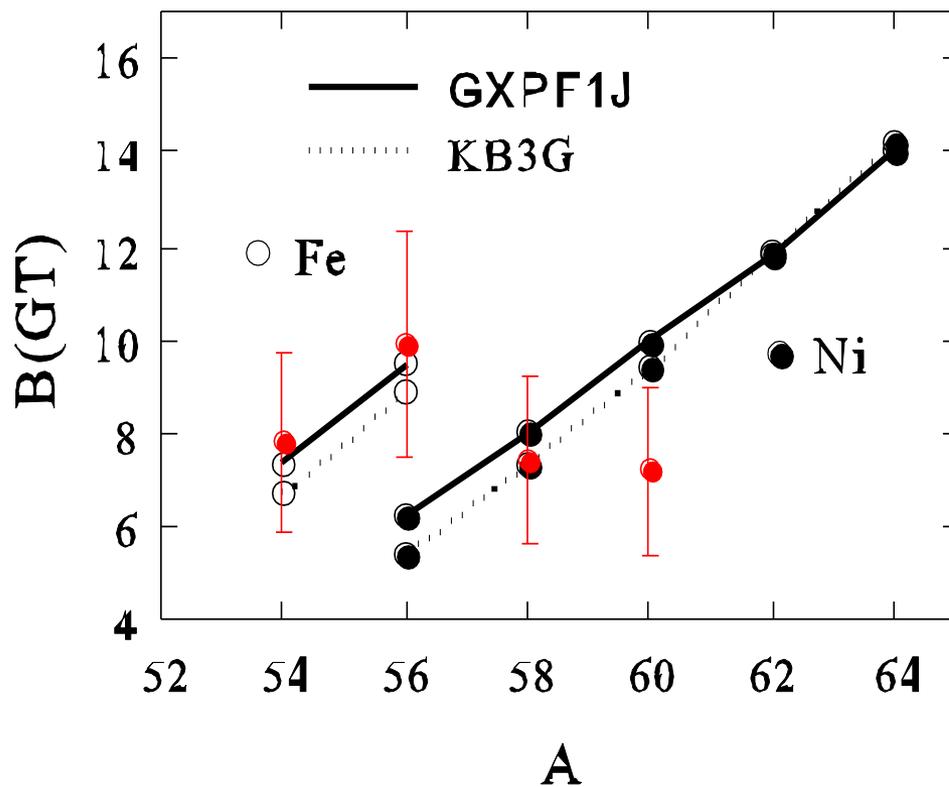
Honma

$$g_S^{\text{eff}}/g_S=0.75 \pm 0.2$$





# GT<sub>-</sub>



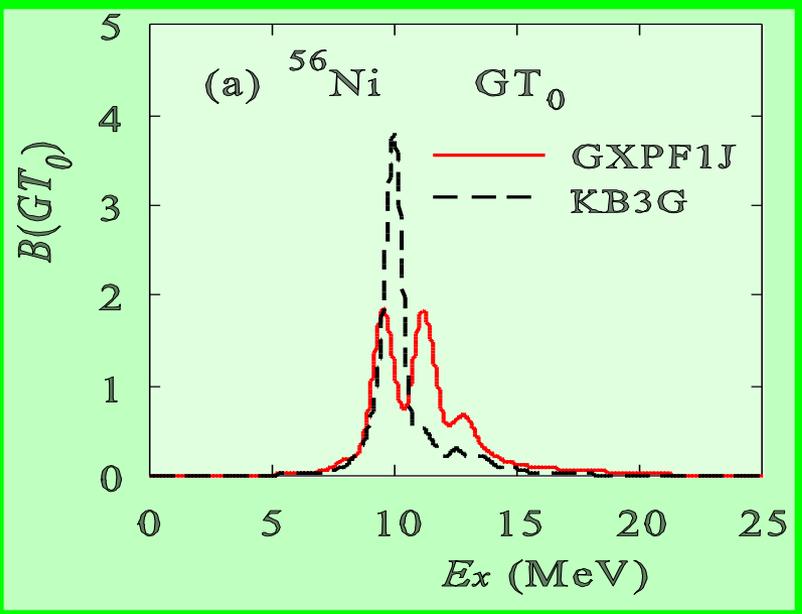
# B(GT<sub>+</sub>)

	<b>GXPF1J</b>	<b>EXP.</b>
<b>54Fe</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>3.3+/-0.5</b>
<b>56Fe</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.8+/-0.3</b>
<b>58Ni</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>3.8+/-0.4</b>
<b>60Ni</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>3.1+/-0.1</b>

EXP: GT<sub>-</sub>; Rapaport et al., NP A410, 371 (1983)  
 0 < E<sub>x</sub> < 13-15 MeV

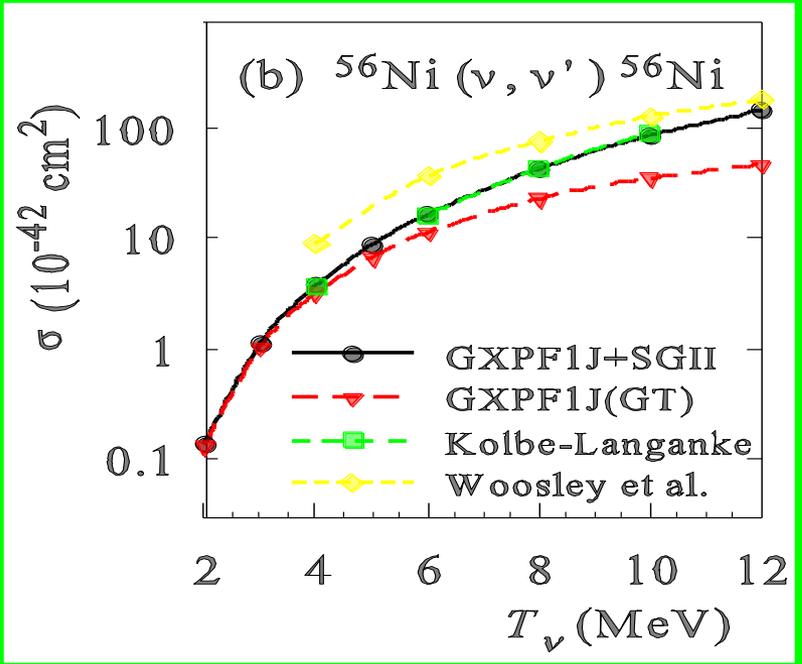
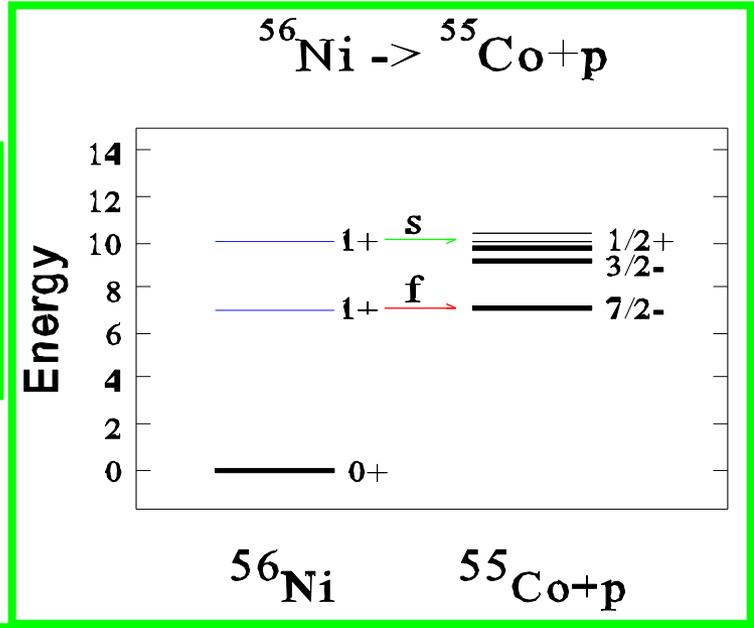
GT<sub>+</sub>; Caurier et al., NP A653, 439 (1999)  
 0 < E<sub>x</sub> < 8 MeV

# ● Neutral current reaction on $^{56}\text{Ni}$



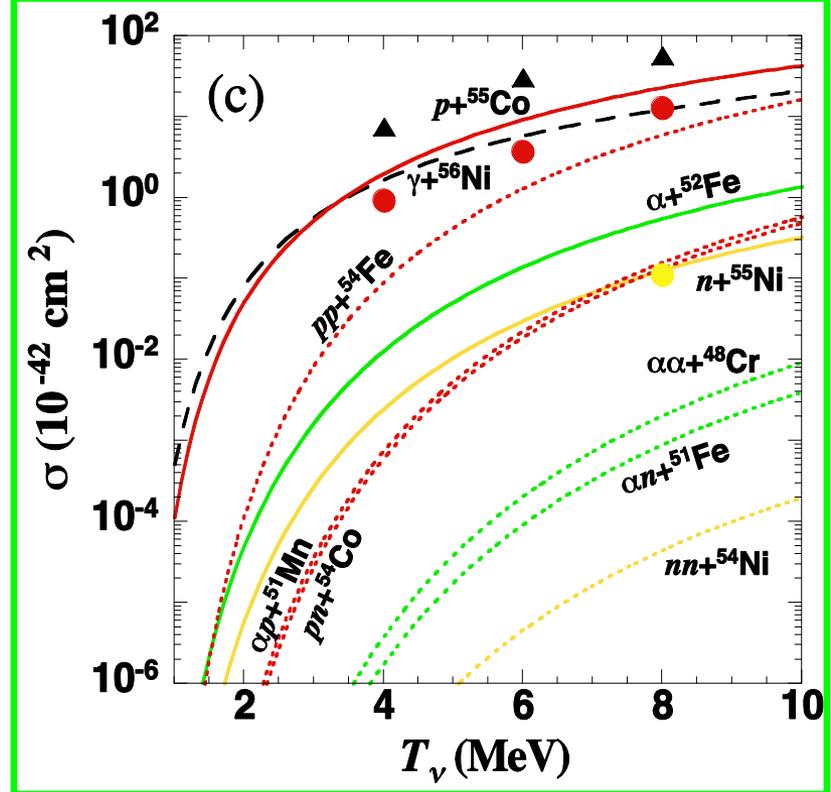
$B(\text{GT})=6.2$   
(GXPF1J)

$B(\text{GT})=5.4$   
(KB3G)

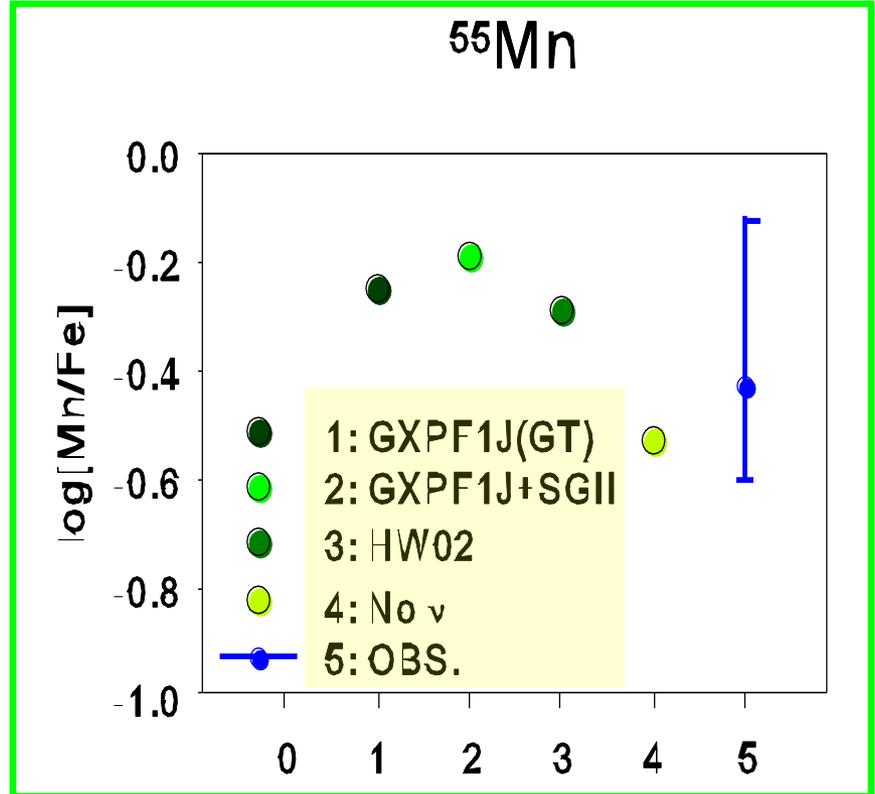
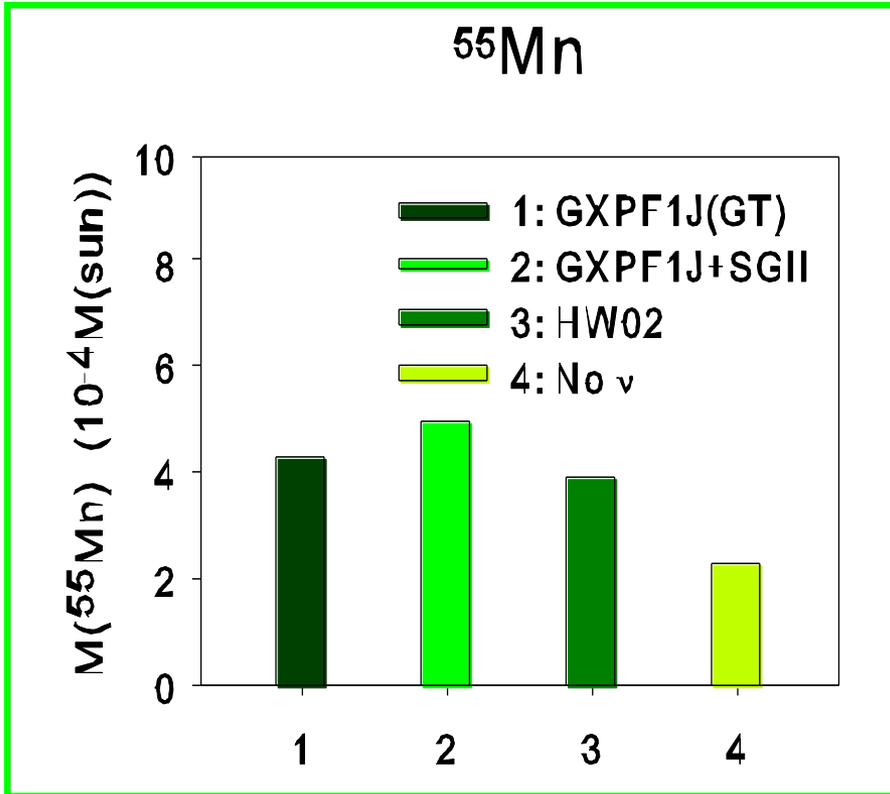


cf:  
HW02

▲ gamma  
● p  
● n



# Synthesis of Mn in Population III Star



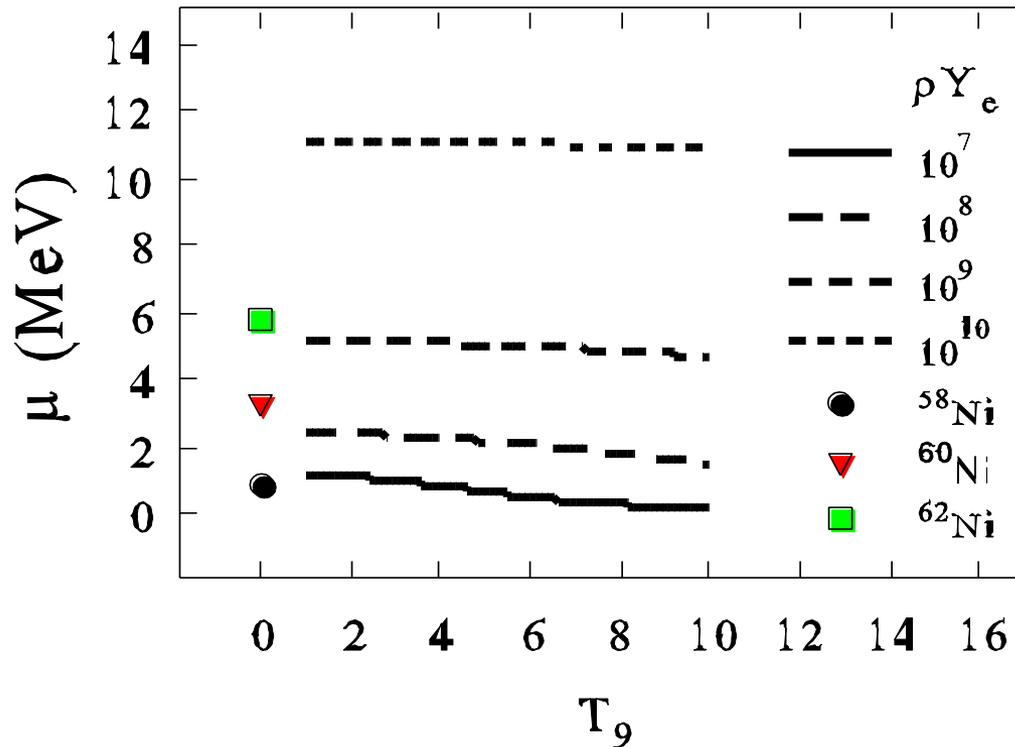
Yoshida, Umeda,  
Nomoto

Suzuki et al.,  
PR C79 (2009)

OBS: Cayrel et al.,  
Astron. Astrophys.  
416 (2004)



# ● Electron-capture rate in steller environment



$$T=0: \mu + M({}_Z\text{A}) \geq M({}_{Z-1}\text{A})$$

$$\mu \geq M({}_{Z-1}\text{A}) - M({}_Z\text{A})$$

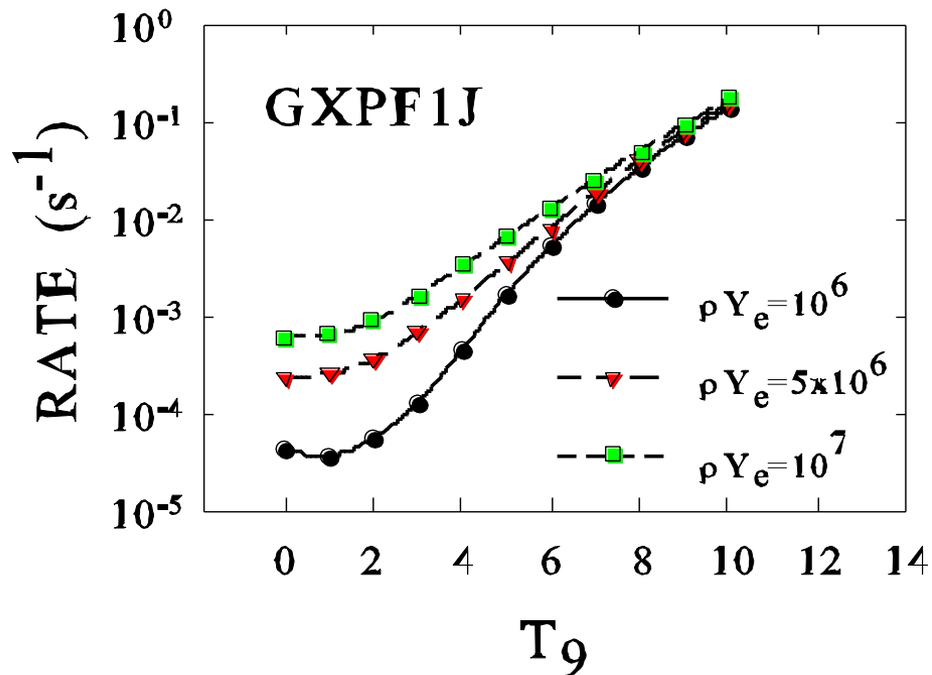
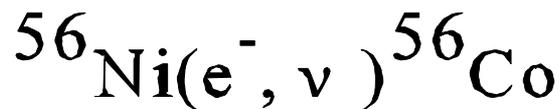
$$\lambda = \frac{\ln 2}{6146(s)} \sum_j B_j (GT)_j^2 \int_{\omega_e}^{\infty} \omega p(Q_j + \omega)^2 F(Z, \omega) S_e(\omega) d\omega$$

$$Q_j = (M_p c^2 - M_d c^2 - E_j) / m_e c^2$$

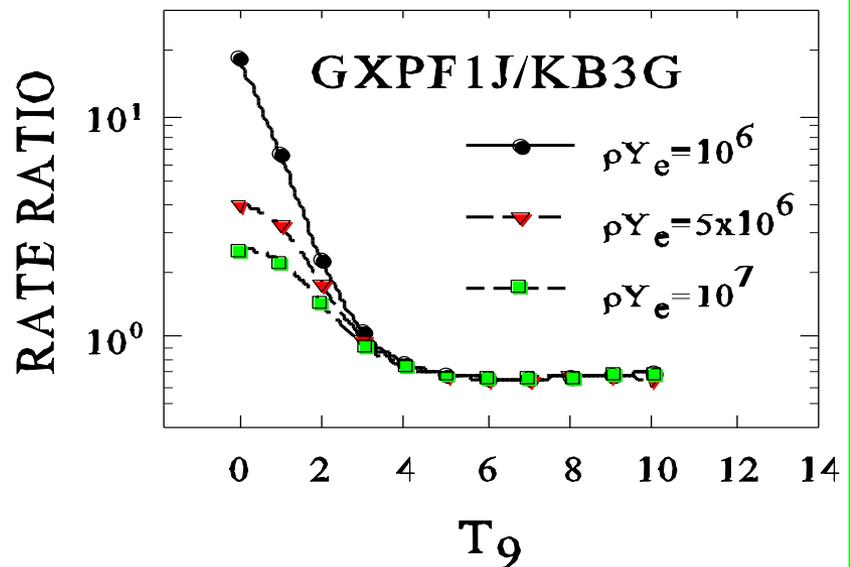
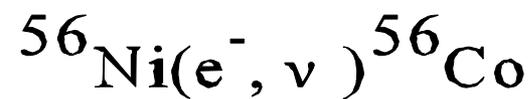
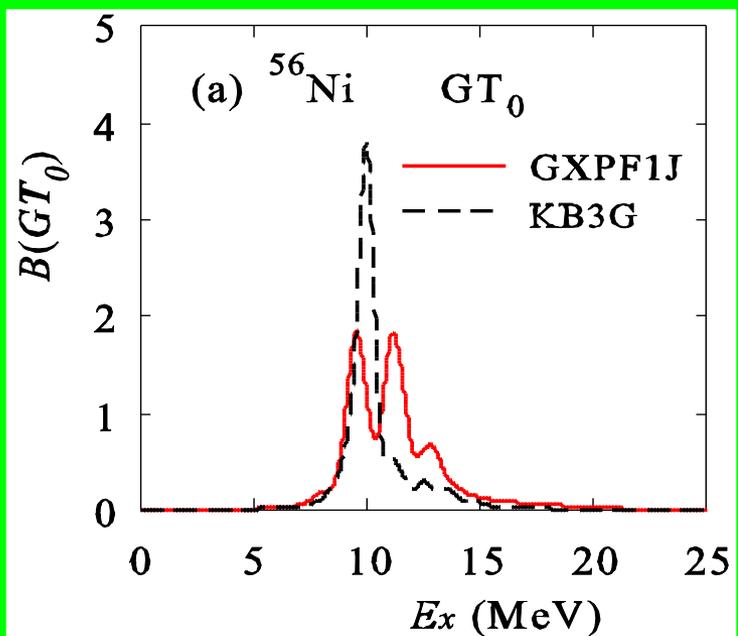
$$T = T_9 \times 10^9 \text{ K}, \quad S_e(E_e) = \frac{1}{\exp[(E_e - \mu_e) / kT] + 1}$$

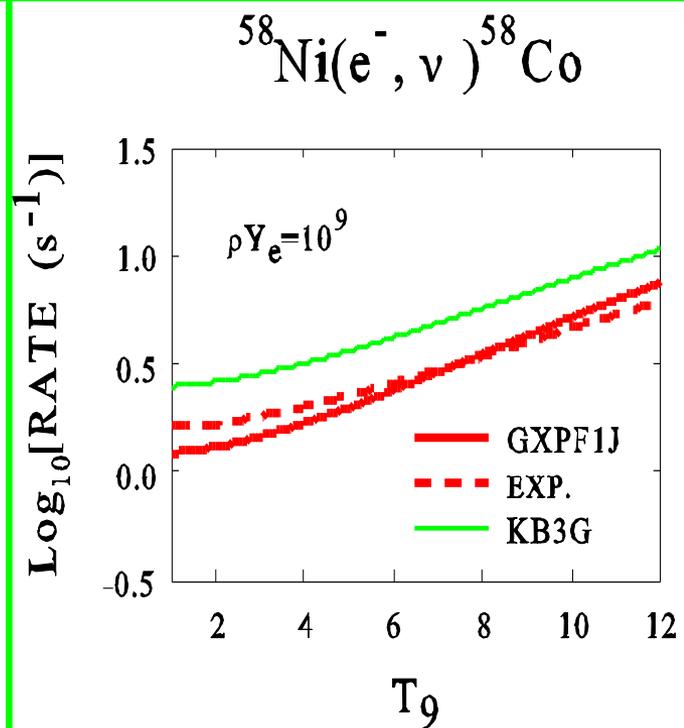
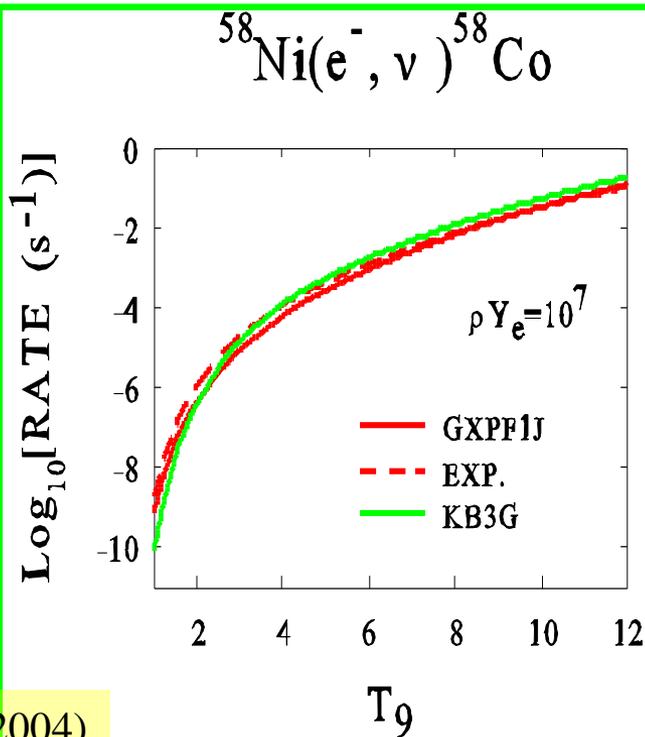
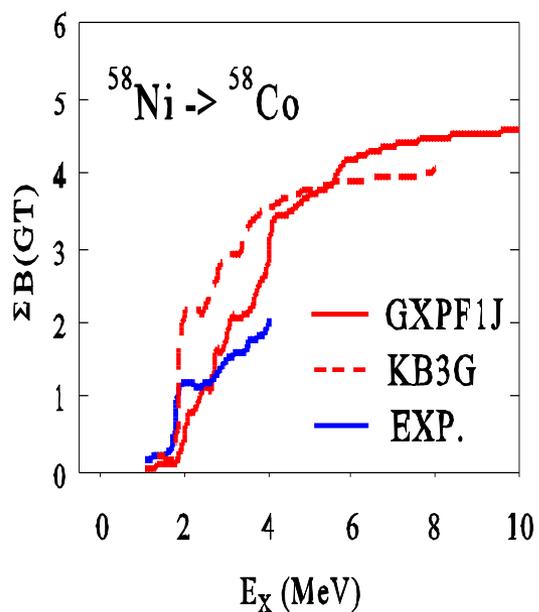
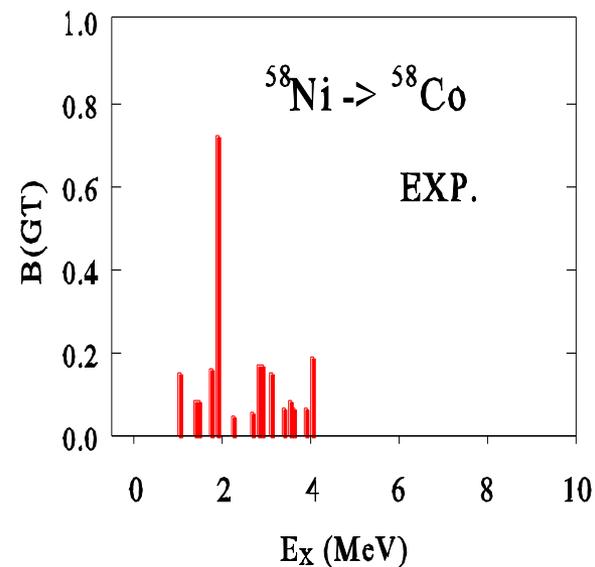
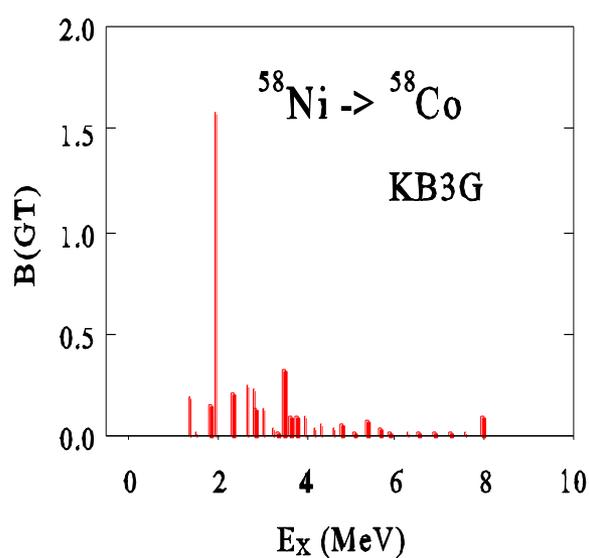
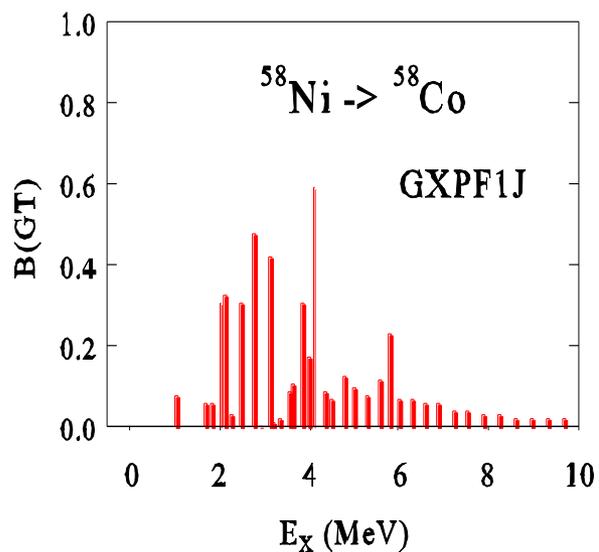
$$\rho Y_e = \frac{1}{\pi^2 N_A} \left( \frac{m_e c}{\hbar} \right)^3 \int_0^{\infty} (S_e - S_p) p^2 dp \quad \mu_p = -\mu_e$$

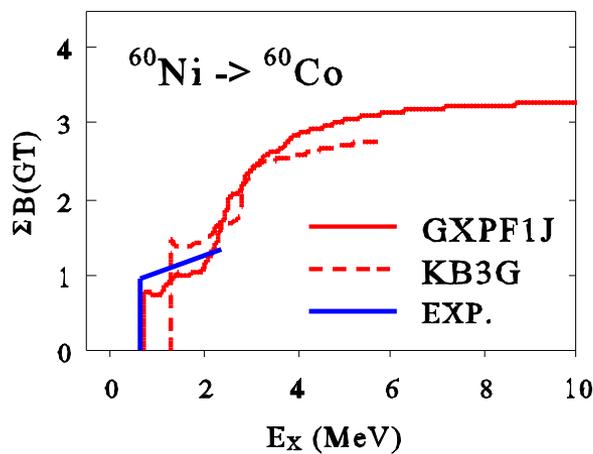
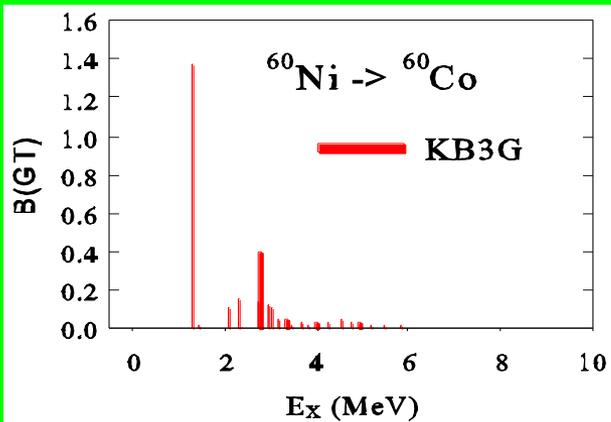
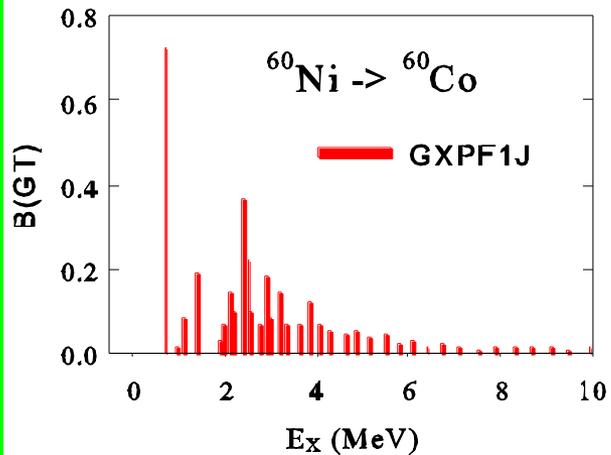
# Electron-capture rate on $^{56}\text{Ni}$



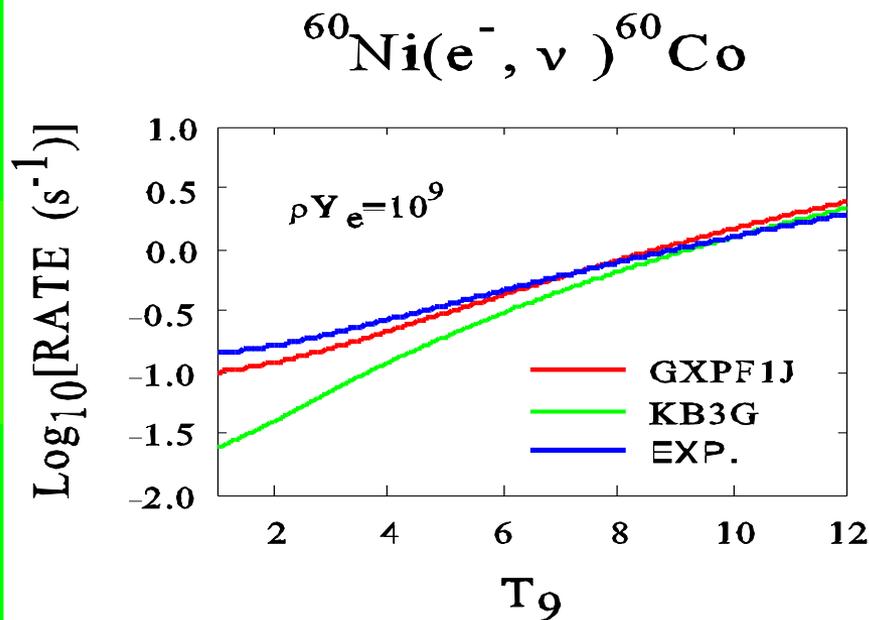
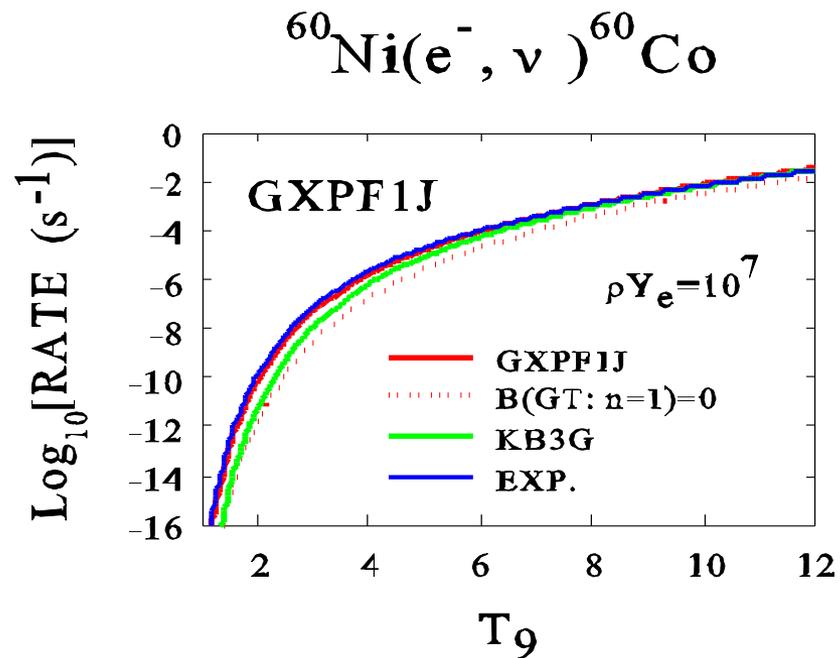
GXPF1: 30% reduction at  $T_9 > 4$   
Enhancement at  $T_9 < 2$   
compared to KB3G







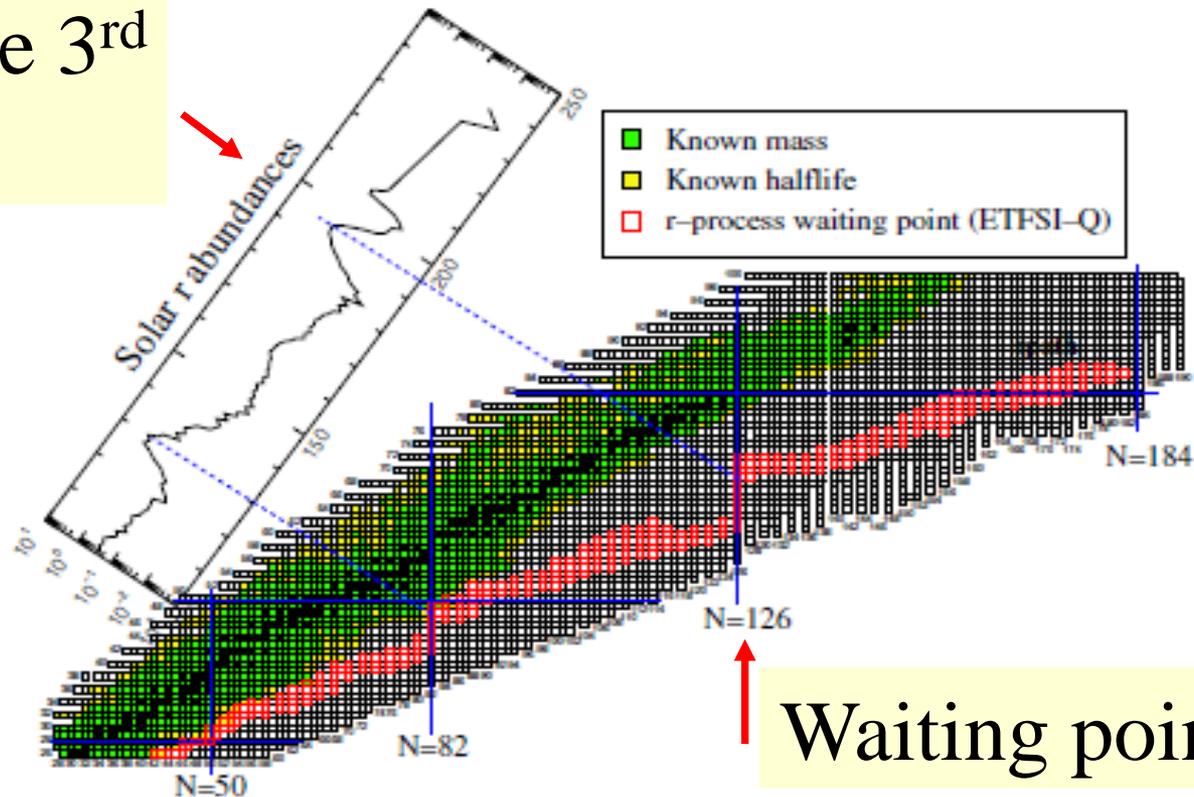
Exp:  
Anantaraman  
et al.,  
PR C78 (2008)



# 2. R-Process Nucleosynthesis and Beta Decays of N=126 Isotones

H Grawe *et al*

Focus on the 3<sup>rd</sup> peak region



**Figure 18.** The figure shows the range of r-process paths, defined by their waiting point nuclei. After decay to stability the abundance of the r-process progenitors produce the observed solar r-process abundance distribution. The r-process paths run generally through neutron-rich nuclei with experimentally unknown masses and half lives. In this calculation a mass formula based on the ETFSI model and special treatment of shell quenching [79] has been adopted (courtesy of Kratz and Schatz).

# Structure of N=126 Isotones

**Z=64-72 (A=190-198): proton-hole states of  $^{208}\text{Pb}$**

**• Shell-model calculations:  
Kuo-Herling G + mod.**

**Steer et al., PR C78, 061302 (2008)**

**Ryndstrom et al., NP A512, 217 (1990)**

**Energy levels of Z=77-81 nuclei well described**

PHYSICAL REVIEW C 78, 061302(R) (2008)

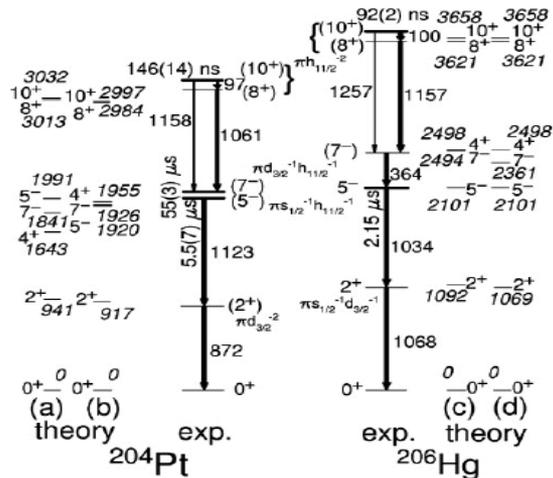


FIG. 3. Experimental and calculated partial level schemes of the  $N = 126$   $^{204}\text{Pt}$  and  $^{206}\text{Hg}$  [9] nuclei. Arrow widths denote relative intensities of parallel decay branches. The dominant state configurations are indicated. (a) and (d) are calculations using the Rydstrom matrix elements, while (b) and (c) are with the modified ones, as described in the text.

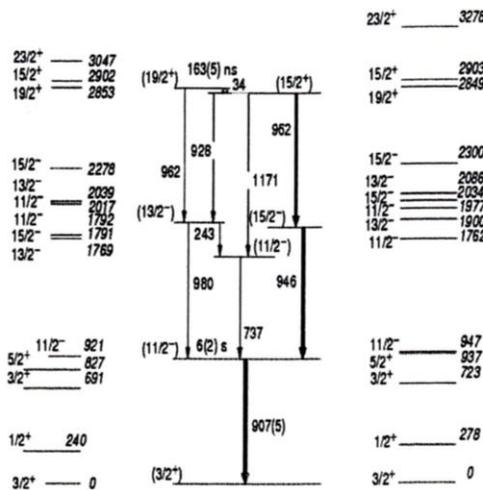


FIGURE 3. Experimental (middle) and calculated level schemes of  $^{205}\text{Au}$ . Calculations using Rydstrom matrix elements are shown on the left, while calculations with the modified TBMEs are on the right hand side.

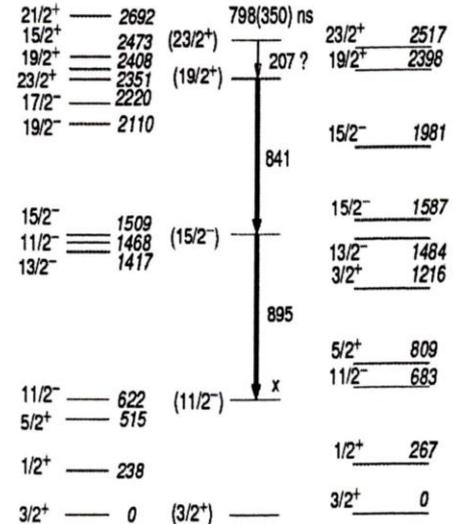


FIGURE 4. Same as figure 3, but for  $^{203}\text{Ir}$ . The experimental level scheme is preliminary.

# Beta Decays of N=126 Isotones

**Z=64-72 (A=190-198)**

• **Shell-model calculations:**

**Kuo-Herling G + mod. Steer et al., PR C78, 061302 (2008)**

**Ryndstrom et al., NP A512, 217 (1990)**

**Energy levels of Z=77-81 nuclei well described**

• **GT (1<sup>+</sup>) + FF (first-forbidden: 0<sup>-</sup>, 1<sup>-</sup>, 2<sup>-</sup>) transitions**

$$O(1^+) = g_A \sigma t_-$$

$$O(0^-) = g_A \left[ \frac{\sigma \cdot p}{m} + \frac{\alpha Z}{2R} i \sigma \cdot r \right] t_-$$

$$O(1^-) = \left[ g_V \frac{p}{m} - \frac{\alpha Z}{2R} (g_A \sigma \cdot r - i g_V r) \right] t_-$$

$$O(2^-) = i \frac{g_A}{\sqrt{3}} [\sigma \cdot r]_{\mu}^2 \sqrt{p_e^2 + q_v^2} t_-$$

$$\Lambda(s^{-1}) = \ln 2 / t = f / 8896(s)$$

$$f = \int_1^{w_0} C(w) F(Z, w) p w (w_0 - w)^2 dw$$

$$C(w) = K_0 + K_1 w + K_{-1} / w + K_2 w^2$$

$$K_N : \quad \vec{r}, \quad [\vec{r} \times \vec{\sigma}]^{\lambda} \quad (\lambda = 0, 1, 2)$$

$$\gamma_5, \quad \vec{\alpha}$$

Warburton et al., Ann.Phys.  
187 (1988)

Results thus far: SM (GT), QRPA, CQRPA etc.

Theoretical half-lives prediction: N=126 scattered

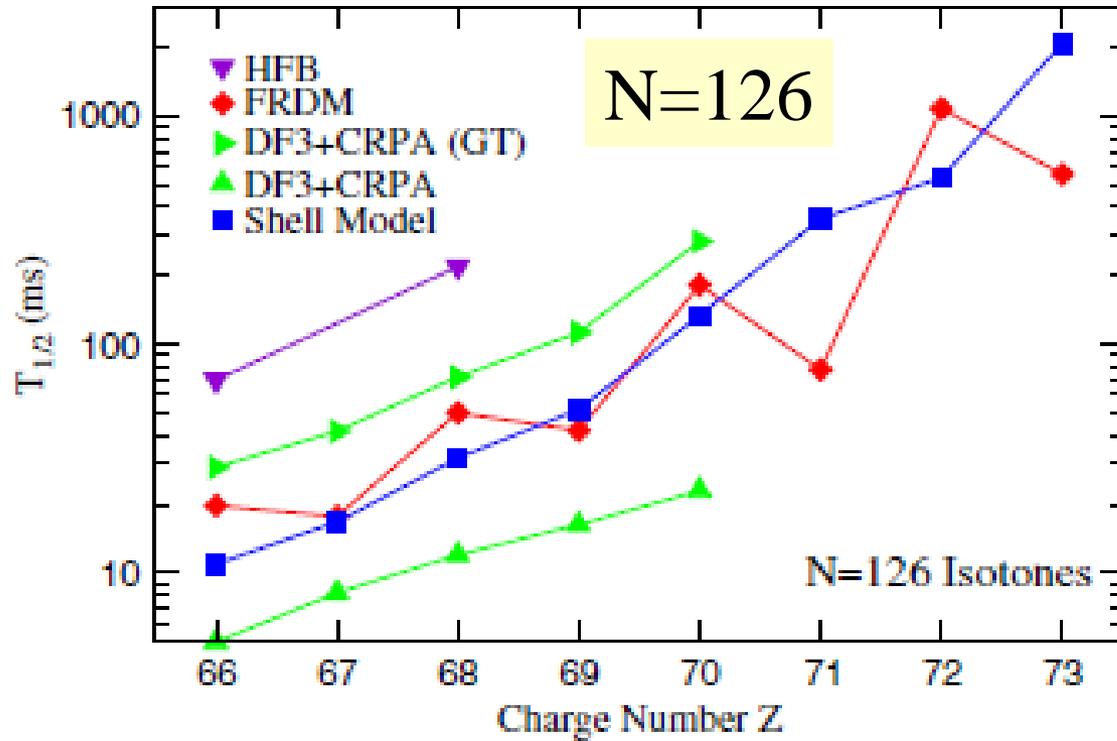


Figure 26. Theoretical half life predictions for  $N = 126$  isotones in the shell model [299], the HFB [76], FRDM [57] and the DF3+CQRPA [77] approaches.

SM (GT): Langanke, Martinez-Pinedo, RMP 75, 819 (2003)  
 QRPA: Moller, Pfeiffer and Kratz, PR C67, 055802 (2003)  
 CQRPA: Borzov, PR C67, 025802 (2003)

N=82

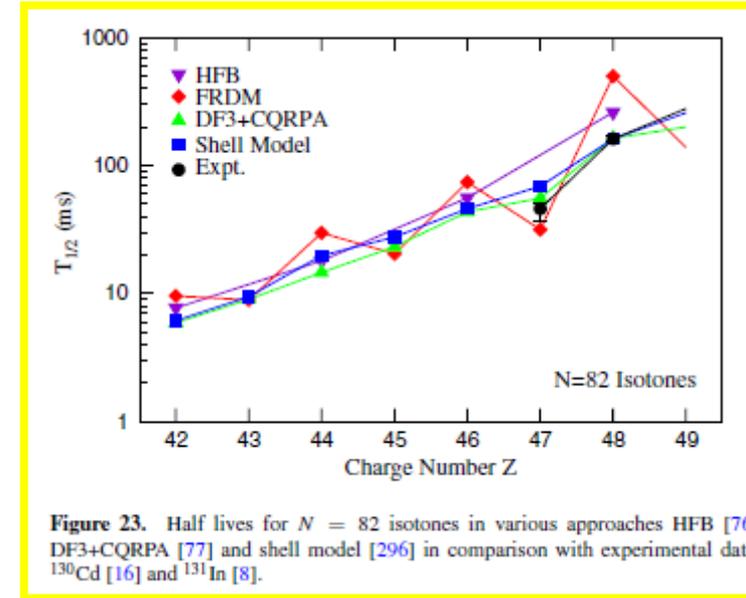
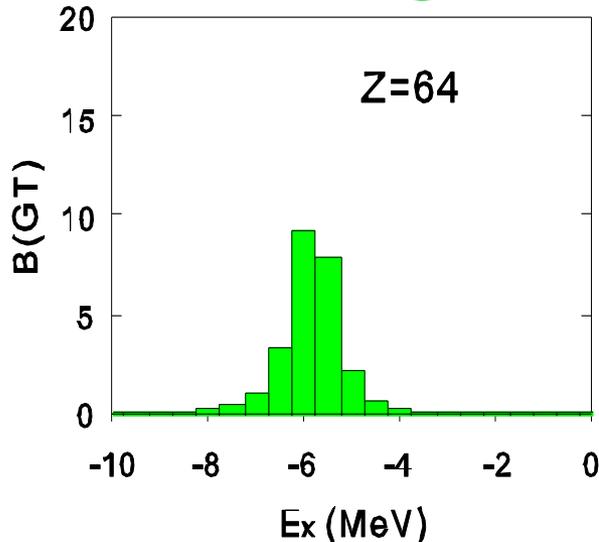


Figure 23. Half lives for  $N = 82$  isotones in various approaches HFB [76], DF3+CQRPA [77] and shell model [296] in comparison with experimental data  $^{130}\text{Cd}$  [16] and  $^{131}\text{In}$  [8].

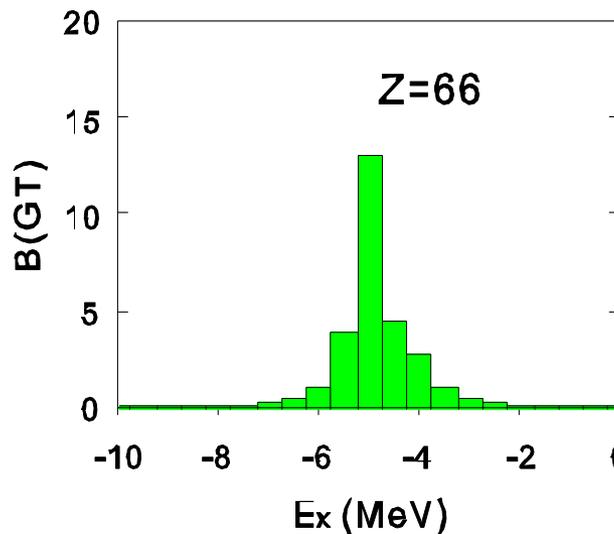
Grawe, Langanke,  
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 RPP 70, 1525 (2007)



# GT strengths



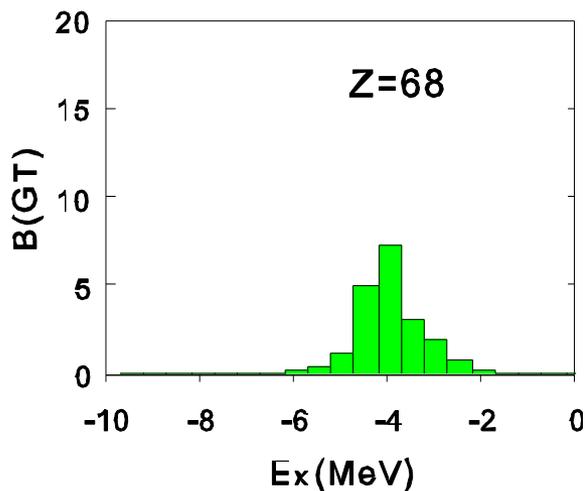
$$\sum B(\text{GT})=14.4$$



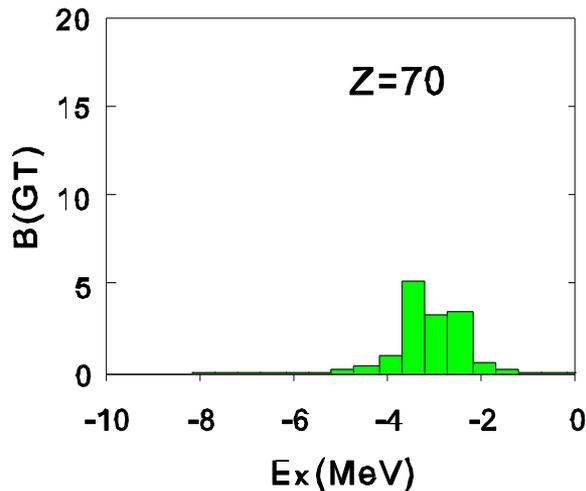
$$\sum B(\text{GT})=14.6$$

$Q=g_A^{\text{eff}}/g_A=0.7$   
 $Q^2$  to be  
multiplied

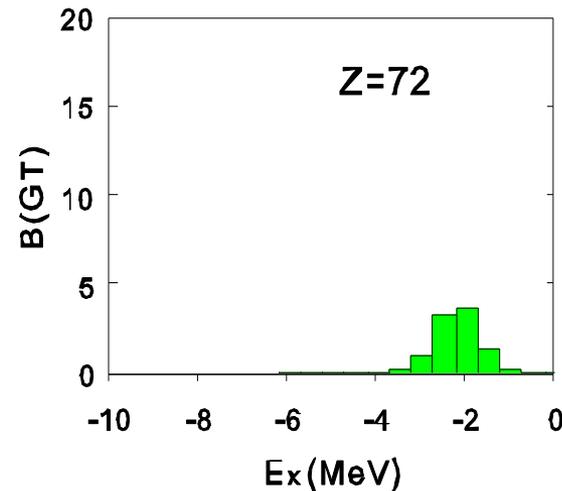
$E_x=0 \longleftrightarrow$  g.s. of  
the parent nuclei



$$\sum B(\text{GT})=11.7$$

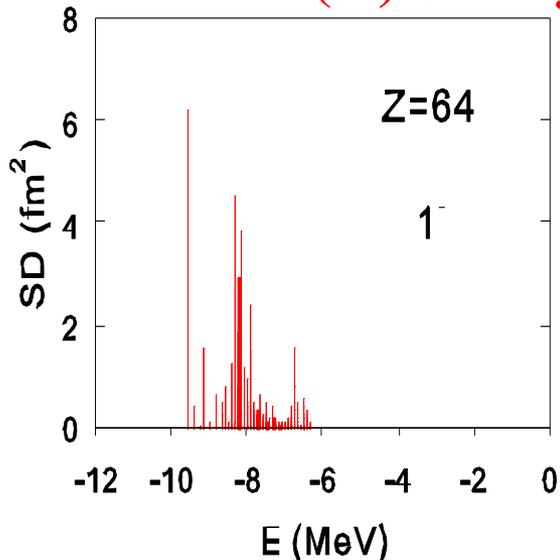


$$\sum B(\text{GT})=8.5$$

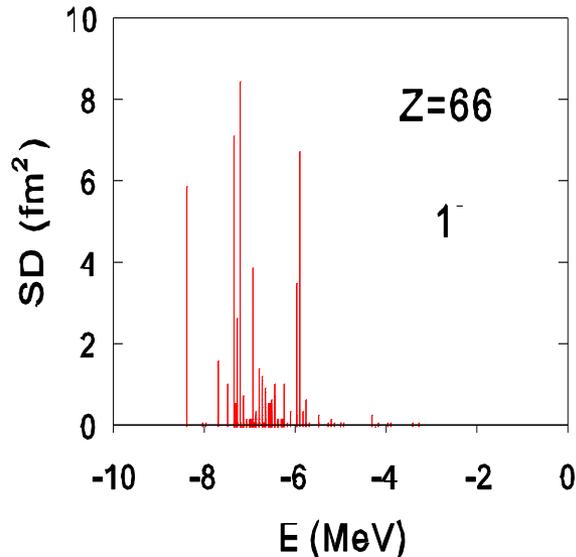


$$\sum B(\text{GT})=5.6$$

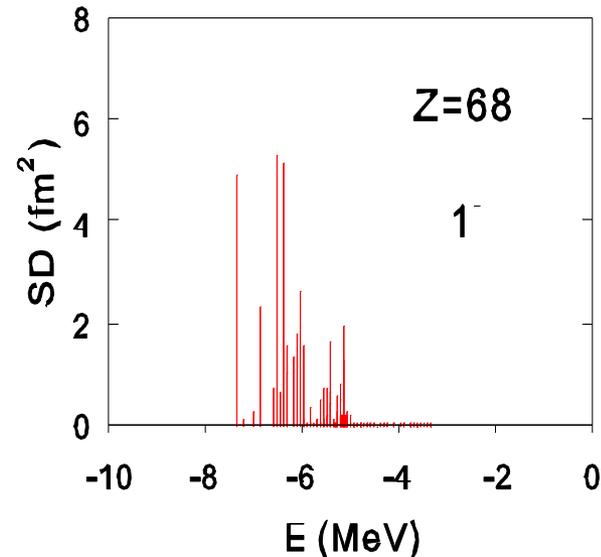
# SD (1<sup>-</sup>) strengths



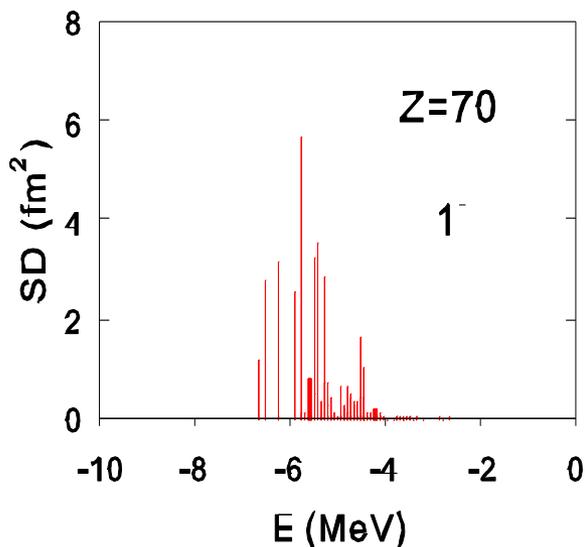
$\Sigma\text{SD1}=55.5 \text{ fm}^2$



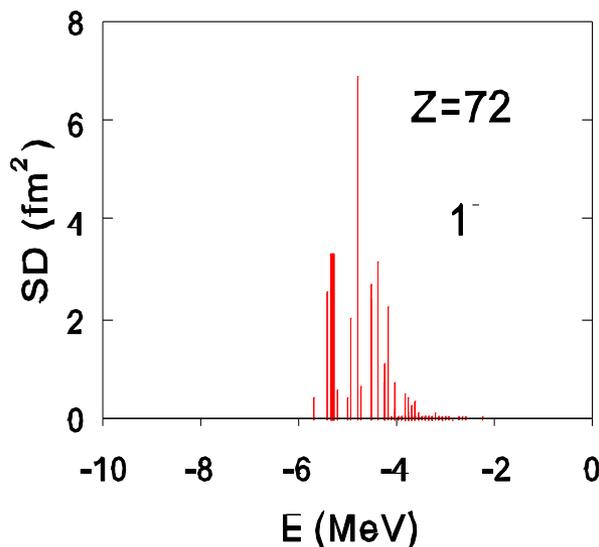
$\Sigma\text{SD1}=49.2 \text{ fm}^2$



$\Sigma\text{SD1}=43.9 \text{ fm}^2$



$\Sigma\text{SD1}=40.1 \text{ fm}^2$



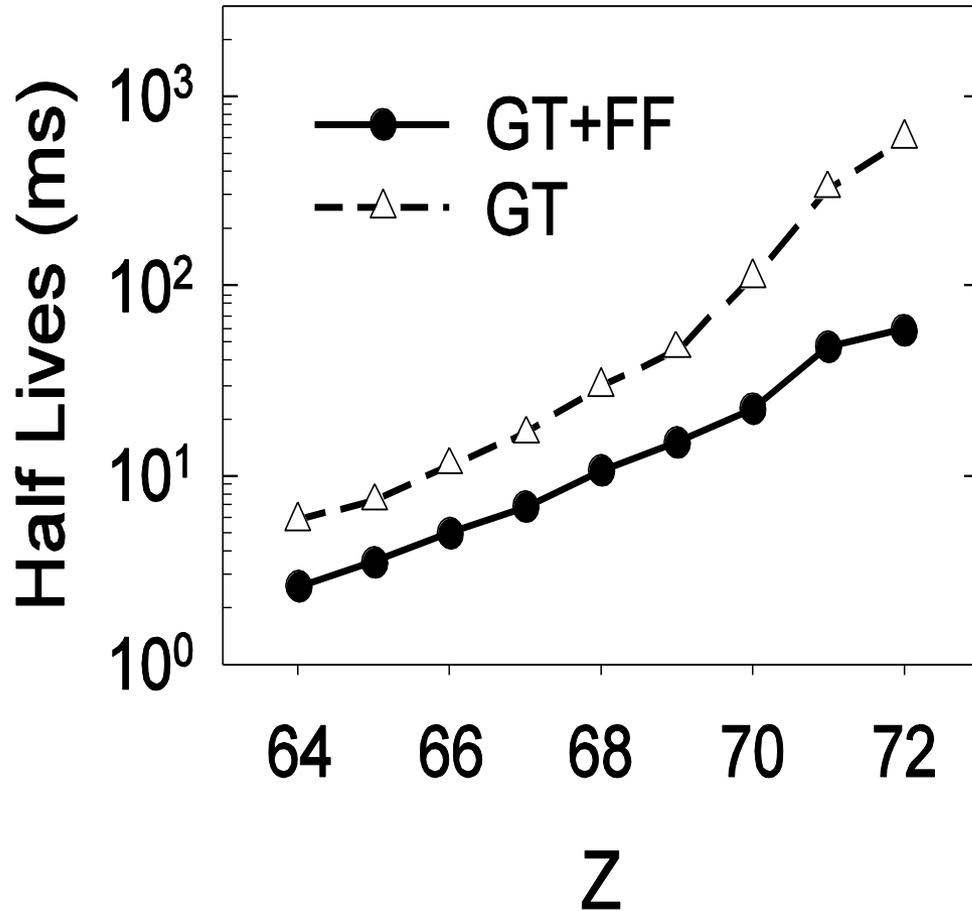
$\Sigma\text{SD1}=35.1 \text{ fm}^2$

**SD 1<sup>-</sup>**  
 $r[Y_1 x \sigma]^1$

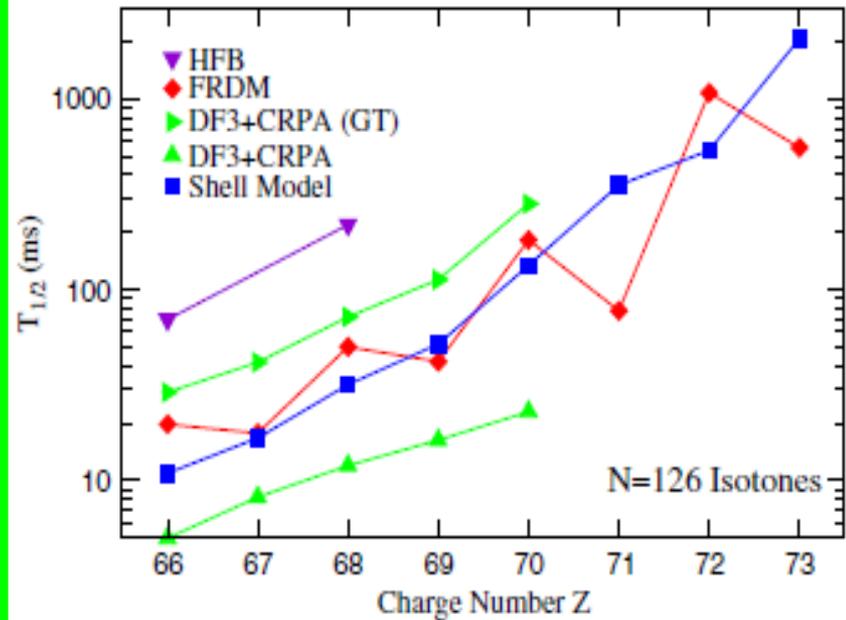
E=0: g.s. of  
the parent nuclei

# Shell Model calculations

N=126



cf.



Grawe, Langanke, Martinez-Pinedo, RPP 70, 1525 (2007)

$$Q = g_A^{\text{eff}} / g_A = 0.7$$

# r-process nucleosynthesis

## Constant Entropy Wind Model

$$M_{\text{NS}} = 2.0 M_{\text{sun}}$$

$$R_{\text{NS}} = 10 \text{ km}$$

$$S = 400 k_B (\gamma, e^-, e^+)$$

$$dm/dt = 1.1 \times 10^{-6} M_{\text{sun}}$$

$$T_9 = (T_{09} - T_{\alpha 9}) \exp(-t/\tau) + T_{\alpha 9}$$

$$T_{09} = 9, \quad T_{\alpha 9} = 1$$

$$Y_{e\_ini} = 0.40$$

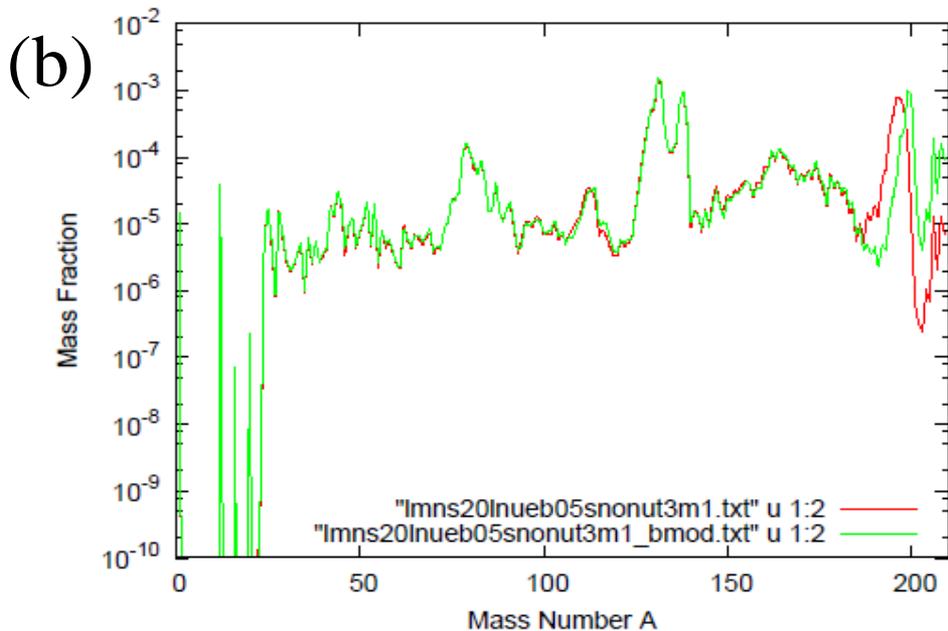
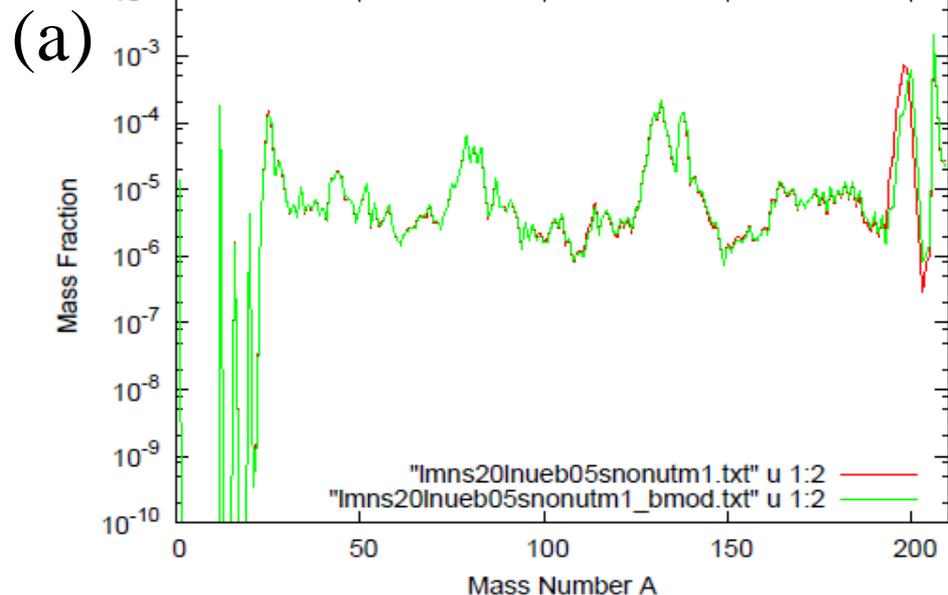
(a)  $\tau = 0.053 \text{ s}$

(b)  $\tau = 0.16 \text{ s}$

Half-lives:

— Standard (Moller et al.)

— Modified



Yoshida

# Summary

- **Successful description of GT strengths in fp-shell nuclei by new shell model Hamiltonians; GXPF1**
- **Fragmented GT strength in Ni isotopes**
  - **Decrease of e-capture rates in  $^{56}\text{Ni}$ ,  $^{58}\text{Ni}$  isotopes in steller environment at  $T_9 > 3$  compared to KB3G**

**Capture rates depend sensitively on the distribution of the GT strength at low excitation energies; e.g. Increase of rates in  $^{60}\text{Ni}$**

- **Shell model calculations for beta-decay half-lives including both GT and FF transitions**
  - **Very short half-lives for beta decays of N=126 isotones, waiting point nuclei for the r-process**
  - **The 3<sup>rd</sup> peak of the r-process element abundances is shifted toward larger mass number region.**

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