

# (p,n) reactions on light neutron-rich nuclei, $^{14}\text{Be}$ , $^{16}\text{C}$ , and $^{17}\text{N}$

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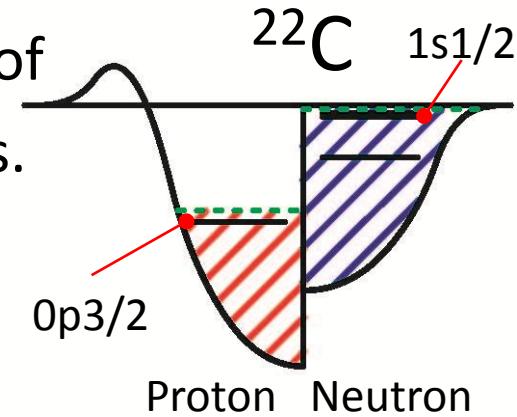
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# 1. Introduction

- The **Gamow-Teller transition** represents one of the fundamental modes of nuclear excitations.

$$T_{fi} = \left\langle \Psi_f \left| \sum_k \boldsymbol{\sigma}_k \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_k \right| \Psi_i \right\rangle$$

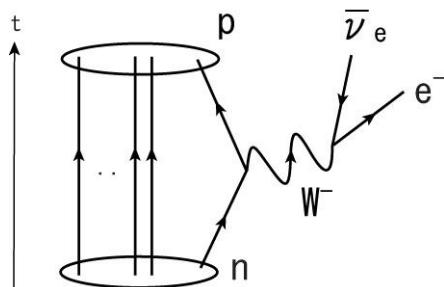


- The properties are important not only for understanding **spin-isospin correlations** in nuclei, but also for their implications for a variety of **astrophysical phenomena** where weak processes play a key role, e.g., late stages of stellar evolution and neutrino nucleosynthesis.

K.Langanke, G.Martinez-Pinedo, Rev. Mod. Phys. 75 (2003) 819.

## 2. ( $p,n$ ) reaction in inverse kinematics as a probe of weak transition strengths

### $\beta$ -decay



- $\beta$ -decay rates and reduced transition probabilities  $B(F)$  and  $B(GT)$ .

$$ft = 6147 / \left[ B(F) + \left( \frac{g_A}{g_V} \right)^2 B(GT) \right]$$

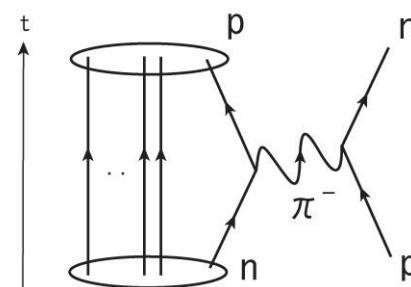
Fermi

$$B(F) = \frac{1}{2I_i + 1} \left| \left\langle f \left| \sum_k \tau^k \right| i \right\rangle \right|^2$$

Gamow-Teller

$$B(GT) = \frac{1}{2I_i + 1} \left| \left\langle f \left| \sum_k \sigma^k \tau^k \right| i \right\rangle \right|^2$$

### ( $p,n$ ) charge exchange (CE) reaction



- Proportionality relationship between ( $p,n$ ) cross sections and  $B(F)$  and  $B(GT)$ .

$$\left( \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right)_{L=0, q=0} = \left[ \frac{E_i E_f}{(\hbar^2 c^2 \pi)^2} \right] N_D |J_{\sigma\tau}|^2 B(GT)$$

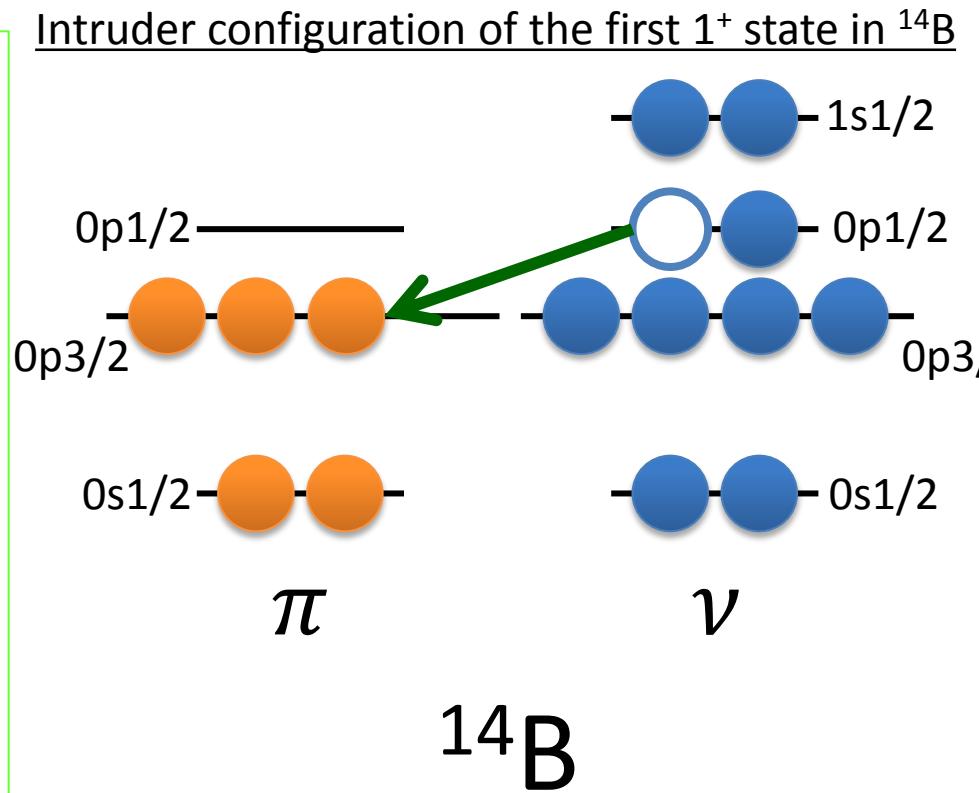
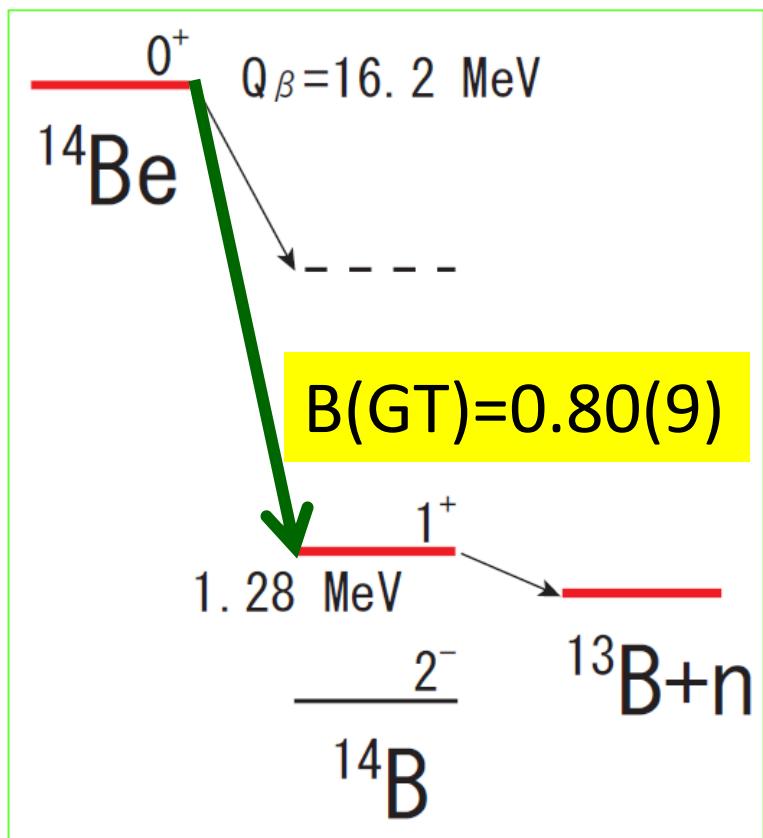
C.D.Goodman et al., PRL44(1980)1755.

T.N.Taddeucci et al., NPA469(1987)125.

- **Unconstrained by any  $Q_\beta$  limitations**
- **Rarely been explored in inverse kinematics**

### 3. A proof-of-principle study

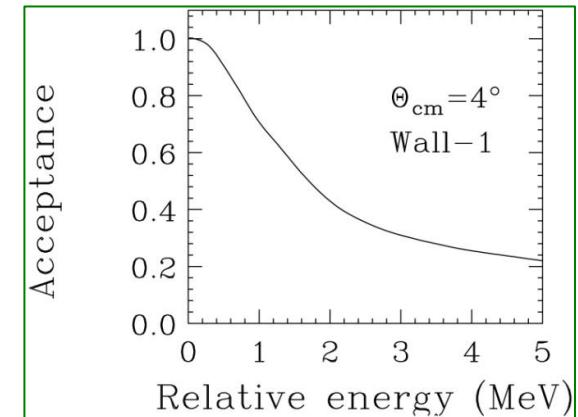
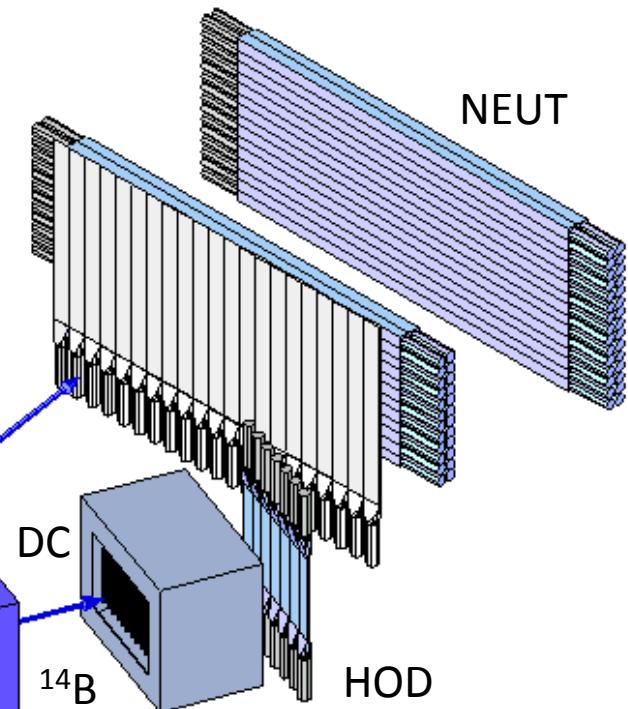
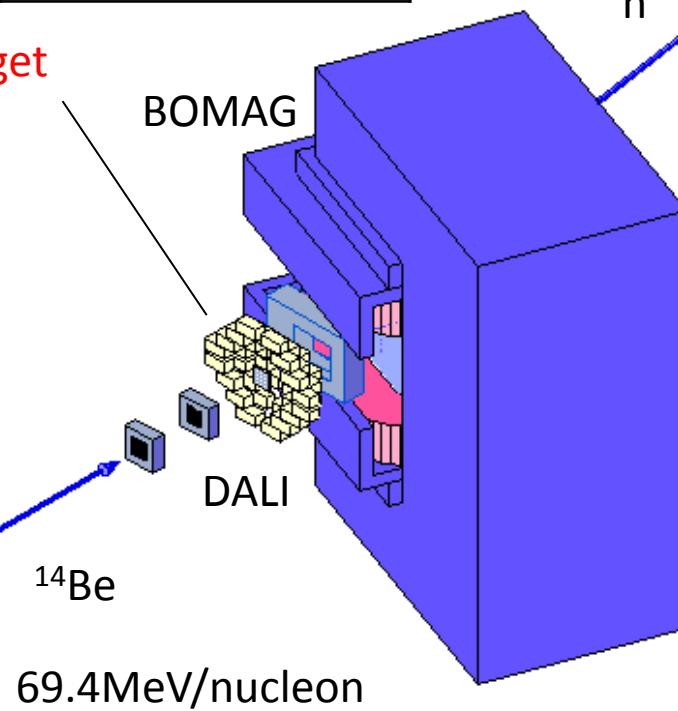
- $^{14}\text{Be}(\text{p},\text{n})^{14}\text{B}(1^+) @ 69 \text{ MeV}$ 
  - ✓ B(GT) known from  $\beta$ -delayed neutron spectroscopy  
N.Aoi, K.Yoneda et al., PRC66(2002)01430.



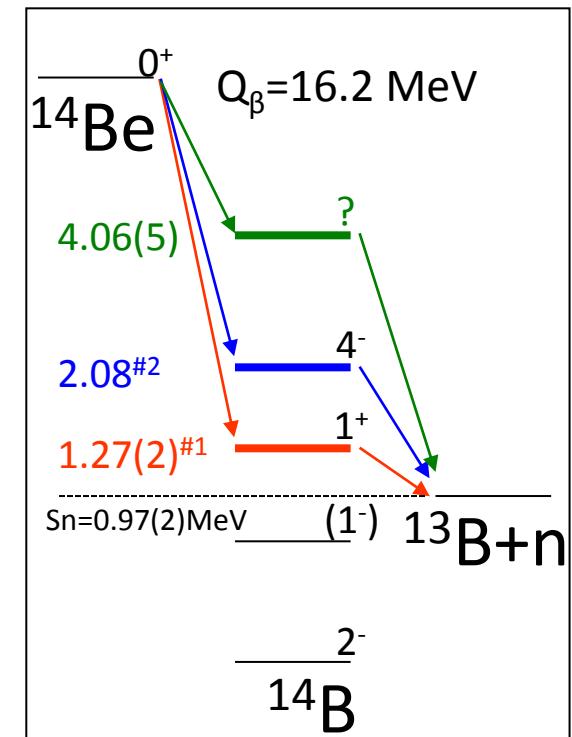
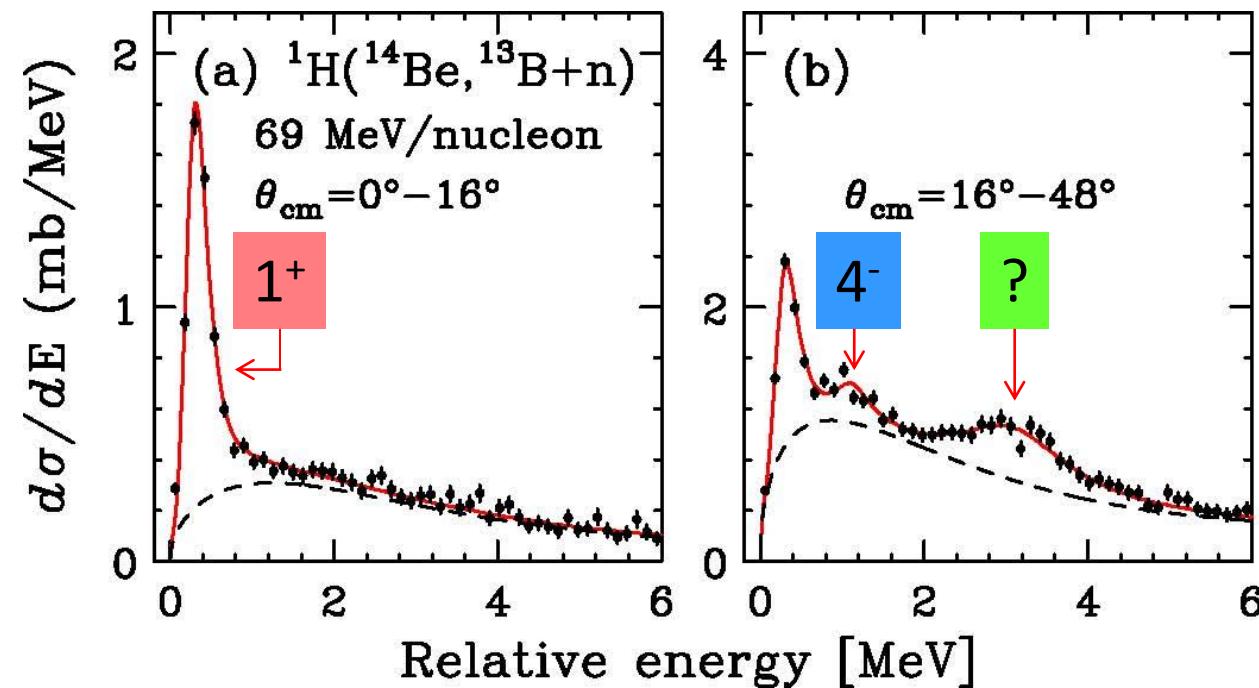
# Experimental setup

Primary beam	$^{18}\text{O}$ @100 AMeV
Secondary beam	$^{14}\text{Be}$ @69.4 AMeV
$\Delta P/P$	$\pm 2\%$
Intensity	7 kcps
Secondary Target	$\text{LH}_2 : 229 \text{ mg/cm}^2$

LH<sub>2</sub> Target



# Invariant mass spectra



Er (MeV)	Ex (MeV)	Γr (MeV)	$\ell (\hbar)$	$J^\pi$
0.304(4)	1.27(2)	0.16(2)	1	$1^+$
1.11	2.08	---	2	$4^-$
3.09(5)	4.06(5)	[1.0(3), 1.2(5)]	(1,2)	$(3^+, 3^-)$

#1: Reported to be 1.28(2) MeV in Refs.

M.Belbot et al., PRC56(1997)3038.

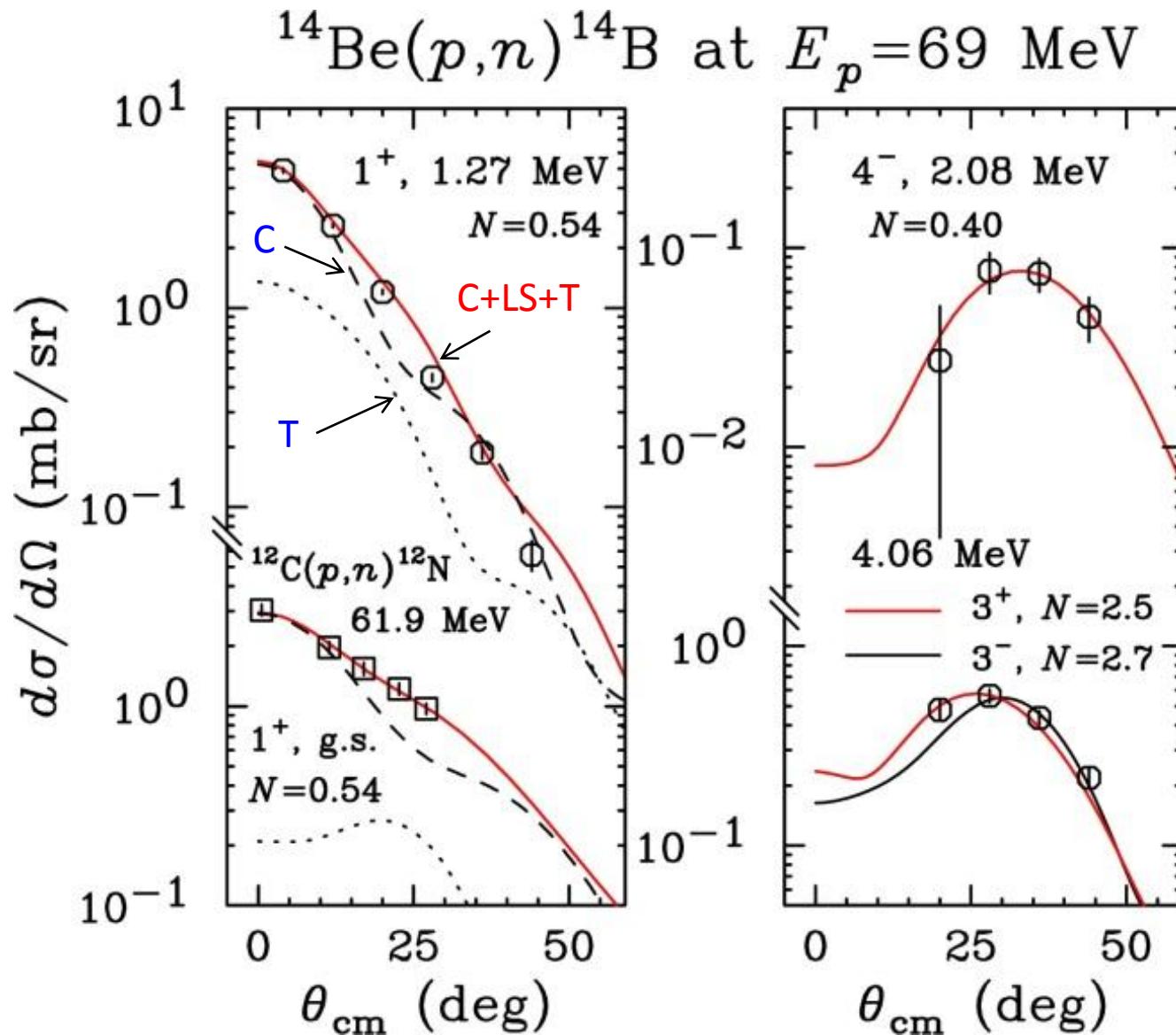
Aoi et al., PRC66(2002)014301.

#2: Taken from Refs.

R.Kalpakchieva et al., EPJA7(2000)451.

G.C.Ball et al, PRL31(1973)395.

# Differential cross sections

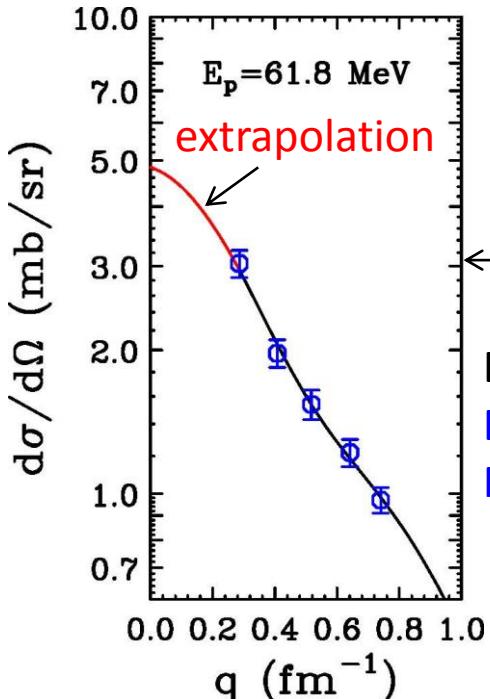


# Momentum extrapolation and $B(\text{GT})_{(p,n)}$

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{\substack{L=0 \\ q=0}} = \left[ \frac{E_i E_f}{(\hbar^2 c^2 \pi)^2} \right] N_D |J_{\sigma\tau}|^2 B(\text{GT})$$

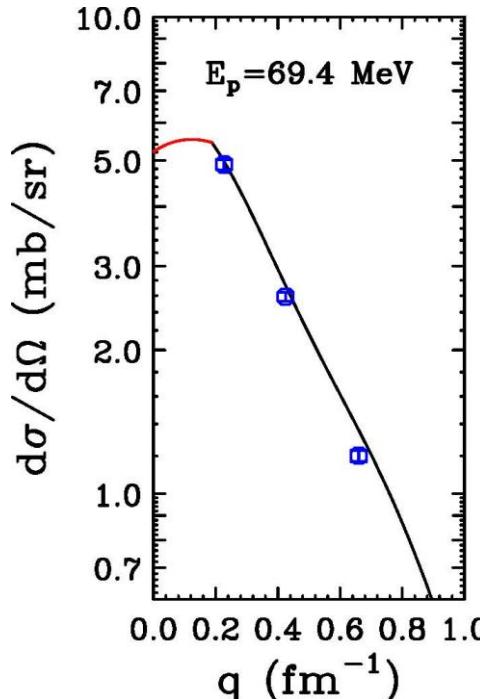
$^{12}\text{C}(p, n)^{12}\text{N}(1^+, \text{gnd.})$

$$|J_{\sigma\tau}| = 212.1 \pm 3.1(\text{stat}) \pm 9.3(\text{syst})$$



$^{14}\text{Be}(p, n)^{14}\text{B}(1^+ 1.27 \text{ MeV})$

$$B(\text{GT})_{(p,n)} = 0.79 \pm 0.03(\text{stat}) \pm 0.09(\text{syst})$$

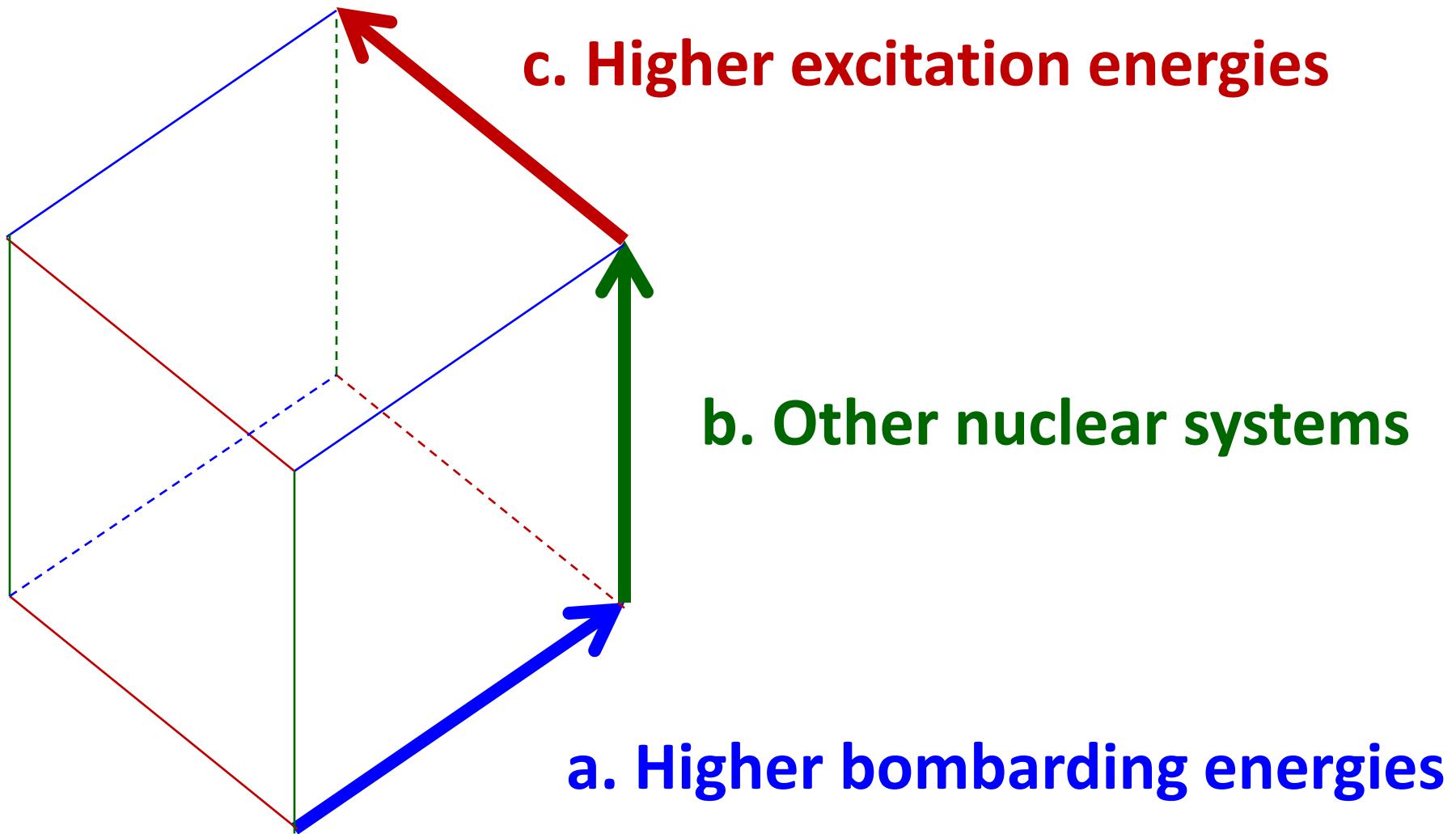


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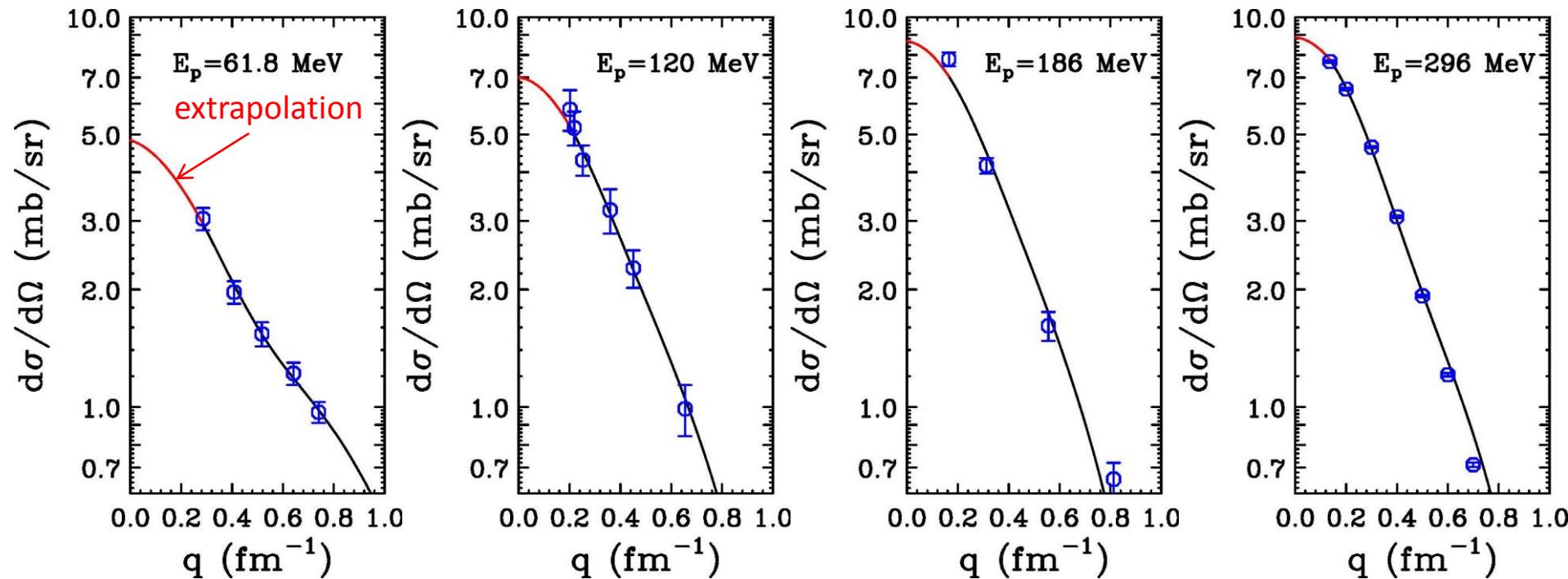
$$B(\text{GT})_{\beta-\text{decay}} = 0.80 \pm 0.09$$

Consistent B(GT)  
values for (p,n)  
and β-decay  
studies

## 4. Three expandible directions



# a. Higher bombarding energies

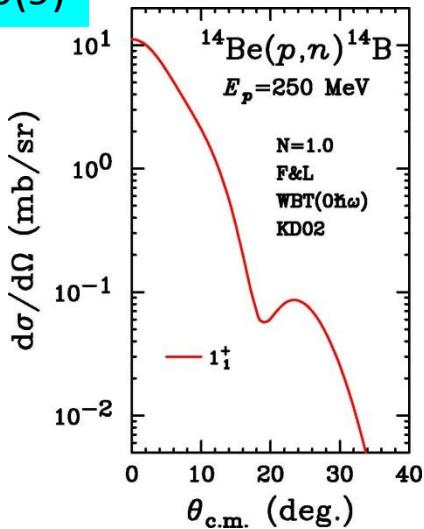
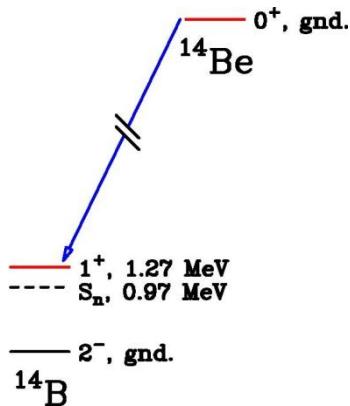


Higher the incident energy,  
(1) smaller the distortion effects and  
(2) the forward most point approaches nearer to  $q=0$ .

# b. Other nuclear systems

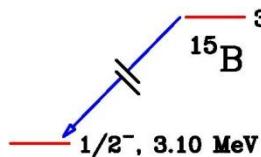
$^{14}\text{Be}$

B(GT)=0.80(9)



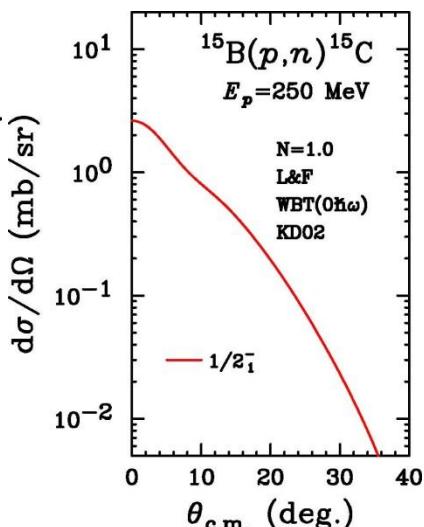
$^{15}\text{B}$

B(GT)=?



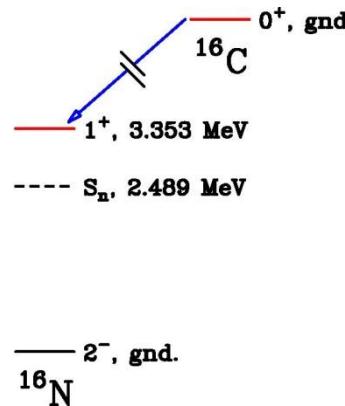
--- S<sub>n</sub>, 1.218 MeV

— 1/2<sup>+</sup>, gnd.  
 $^{15}\text{C}$



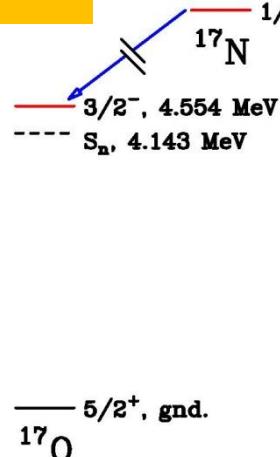
$^{16}\text{C}$

B(GT)=1.09(3)

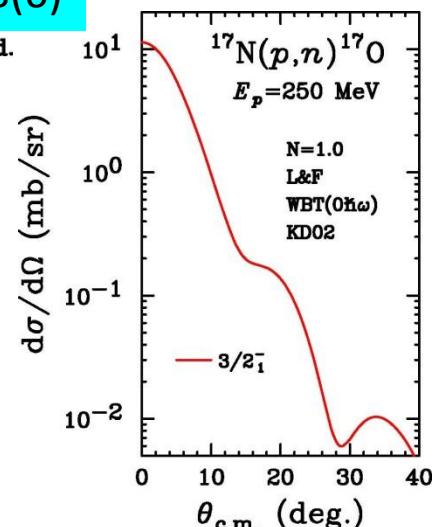
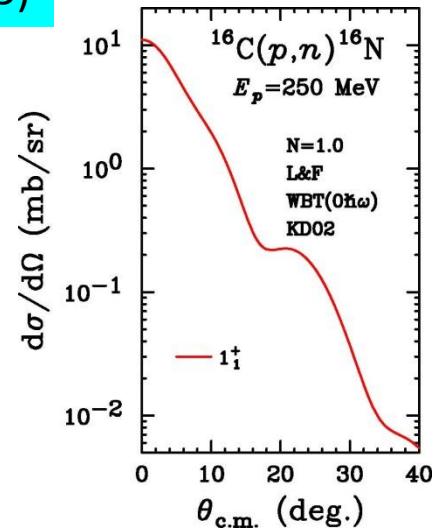


$^{17}\text{N}$

B(GT)=0.148(6)

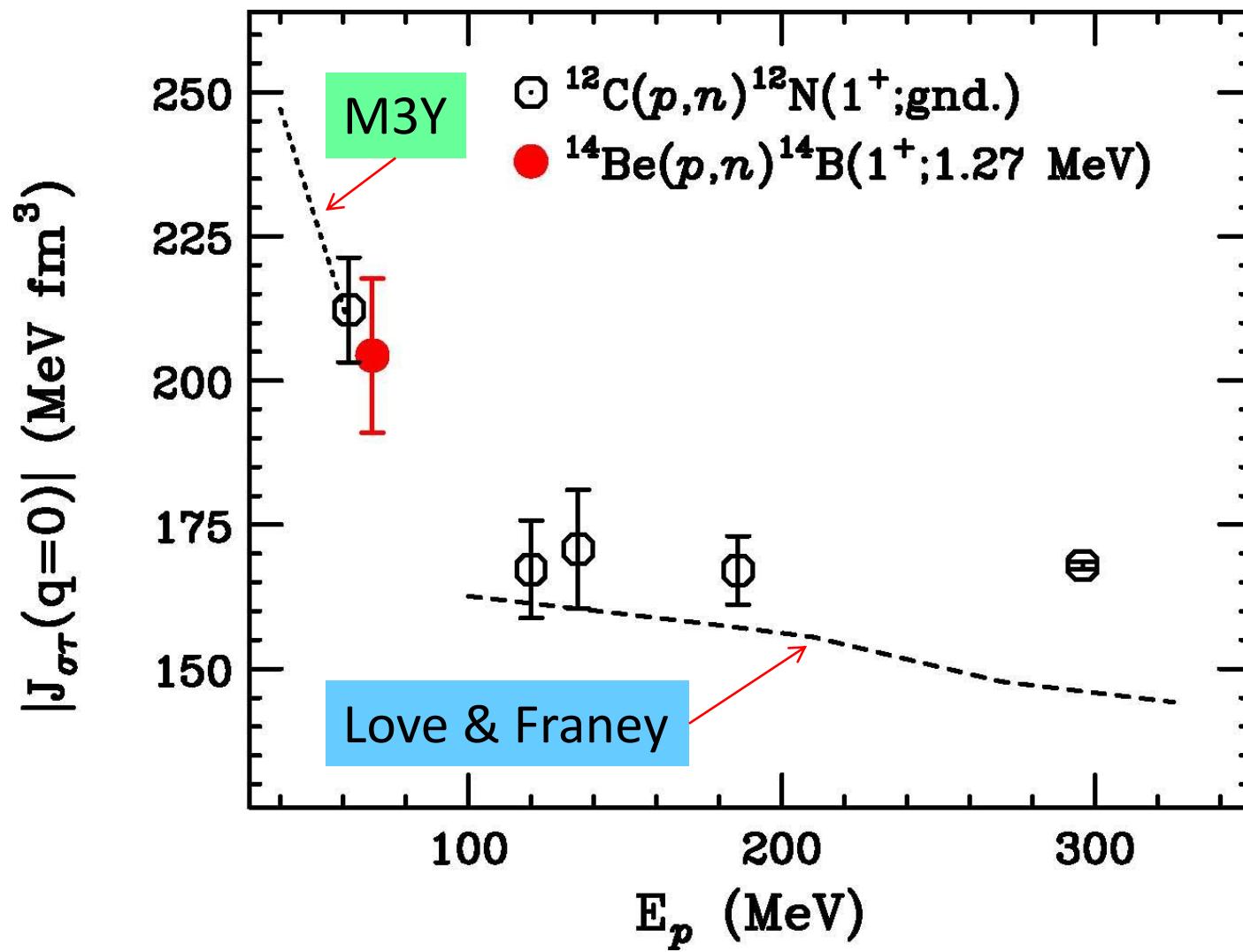


— 5/2<sup>+</sup>, gnd.  
 $^{17}\text{O}$



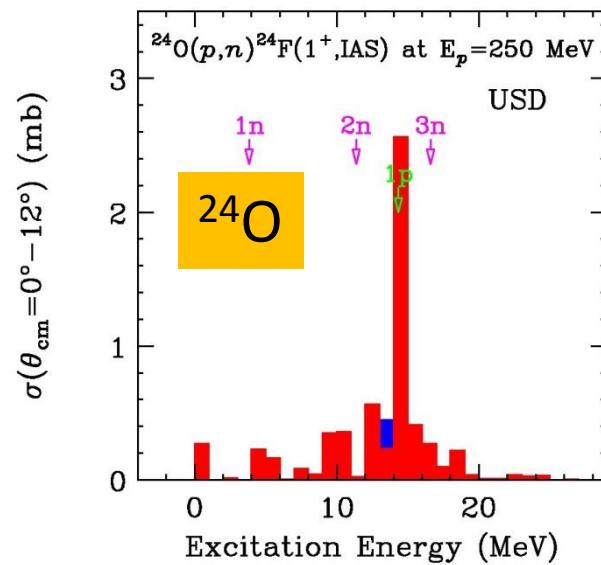
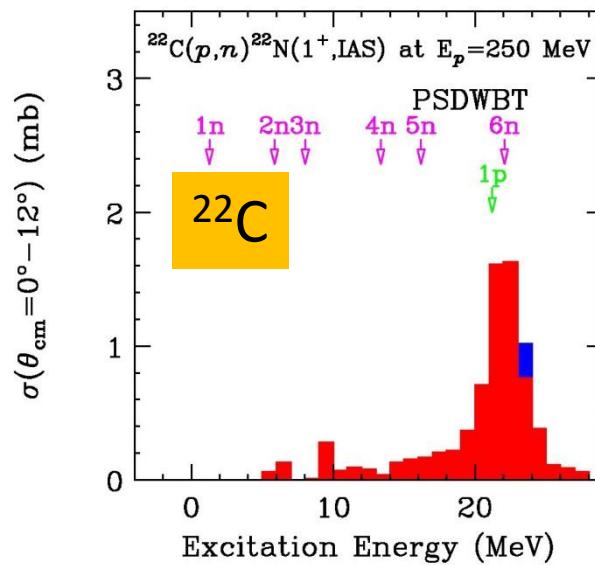
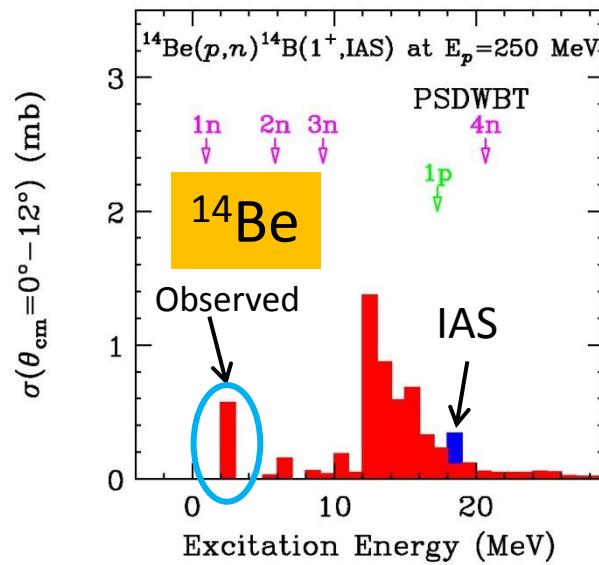
# Energy dependence of $|J_{\sigma\tau}(q = 0)|$

Could we have universal values for  $|J_{\sigma\tau}(q = 0)|$  ?



# c. Higher excitation energies

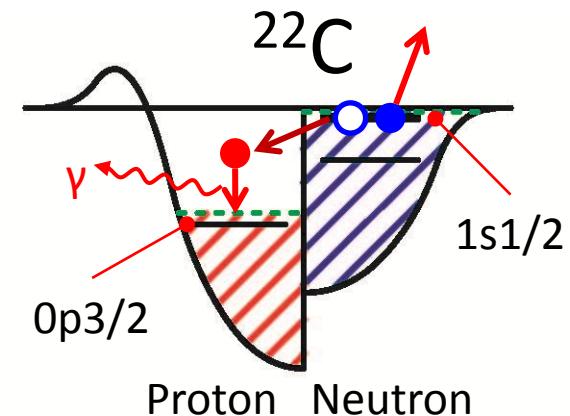
(p,n) Gamow-Teller responses calculated by shell-model



Giant resonance-like structures are predicted to exist.

1. Do they really exist ?
2. What properties they have ?

Location, strength, width



# Summary

- The (p,n) reaction on  $^{14}\text{Be}$  was measured at 69 MeV/nucleon in inverse kinematics.
- By extrapolating the cross section to  $q=0$ , the  $B(\text{GT})$  leading to the  $1^+$  state was deduced, which compared well with the  $\beta$ -decay value.
- Future possible extensions of the (p,n) reaction study in three directions are mentioned.

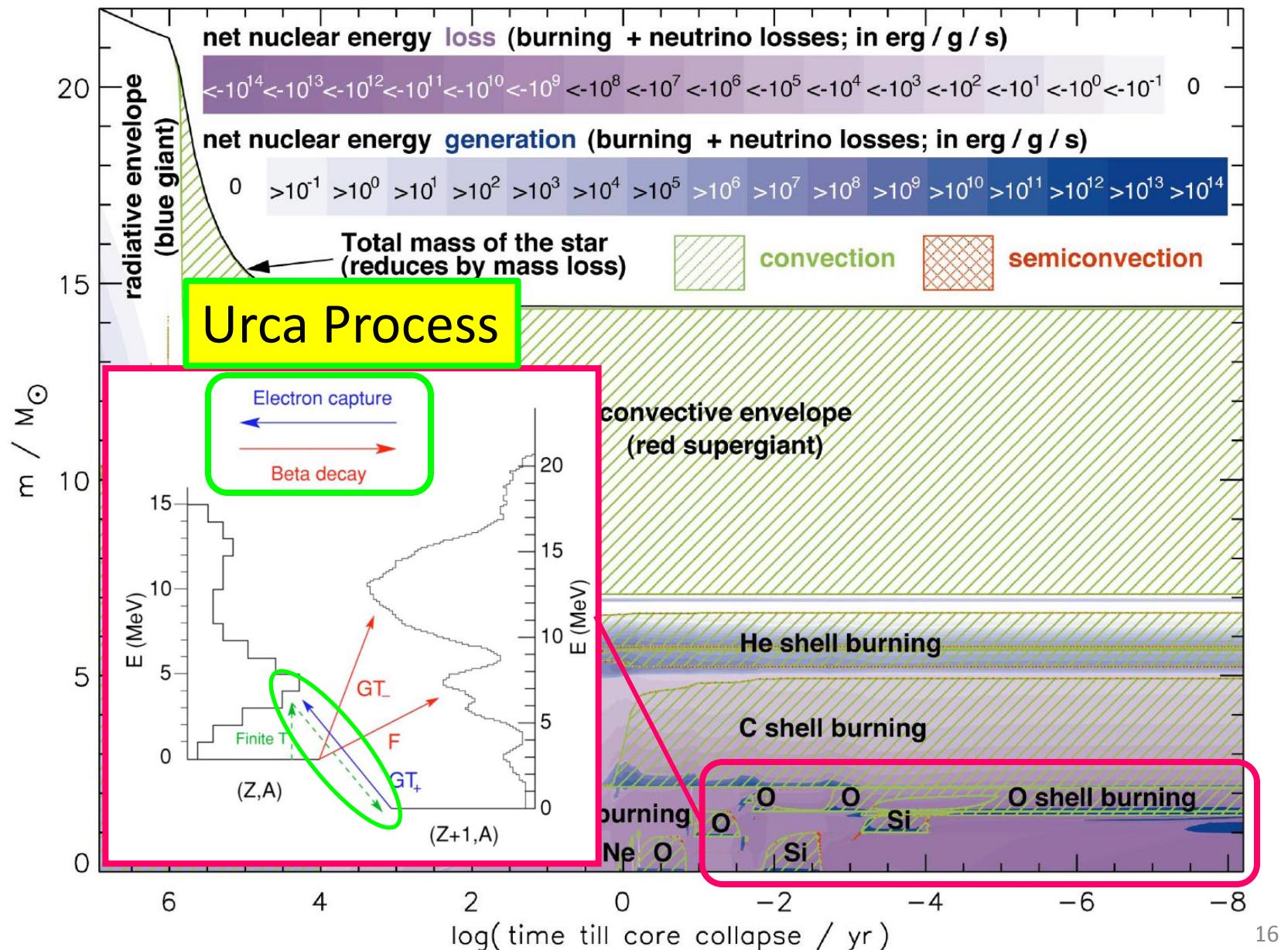
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# Energy history of a $22M_{\odot}$ star as a function of time until core collapse

K.Langanke and G. Martines-Pinedo, RMP 75 (2003) 819.



# Existing CE studies in inverse kinematics

## 1. Missing mass method

- ❖  ${}^6\text{He}(\text{p},\text{n}){}^6\text{Li}(\text{IAS \& } 1^+)$

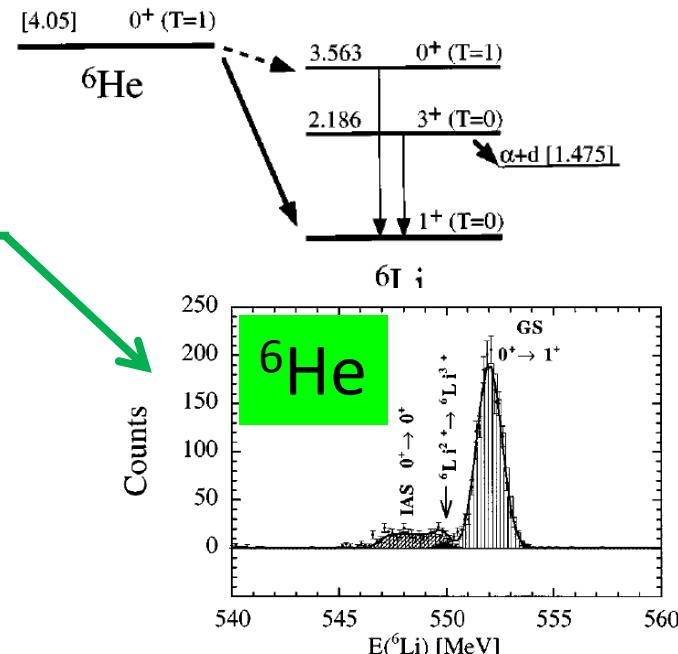
J.A.Brown et al., PRC54(1996)2105. @93 AMeV

M.D.Cortina-Gil et al., PLB371(1996)14. @41.6 AMeV

Zihong Li et al., PLB527(2002)50. @4.17 AMeV

- ❖  ${}^{34}\text{P}({}^7\text{Li}, {}^7\text{Be} + \gamma){}^{34}\text{Si}$

R.G.T.Zegers et al., PRL104(2010)212504. @100 AMeV



## 2. Invariant mass method

- ❖  ${}^{11}\text{Li}(\text{p},\text{n}){}^{11}\text{Be}(\text{IAS})$

T.Teranishi et al., PLB407(1997)110. @64 AMeV

- ❖  ${}^{14}\text{Be}(\text{p},\text{n}){}^{14}\text{B}(\text{IAS})$

S.Takeuchi et al., PLB515(2001)255. @74 AMeV

- ${}^{14}\text{Be}(\text{p},\text{n}){}^{14}\text{B}^*(1^+, 1.27 \text{ MeV})$

Present study @ 69 AMeV

