



Stellar Weak-interaction Rates for rp -process by Angular-momentum Projection Theory

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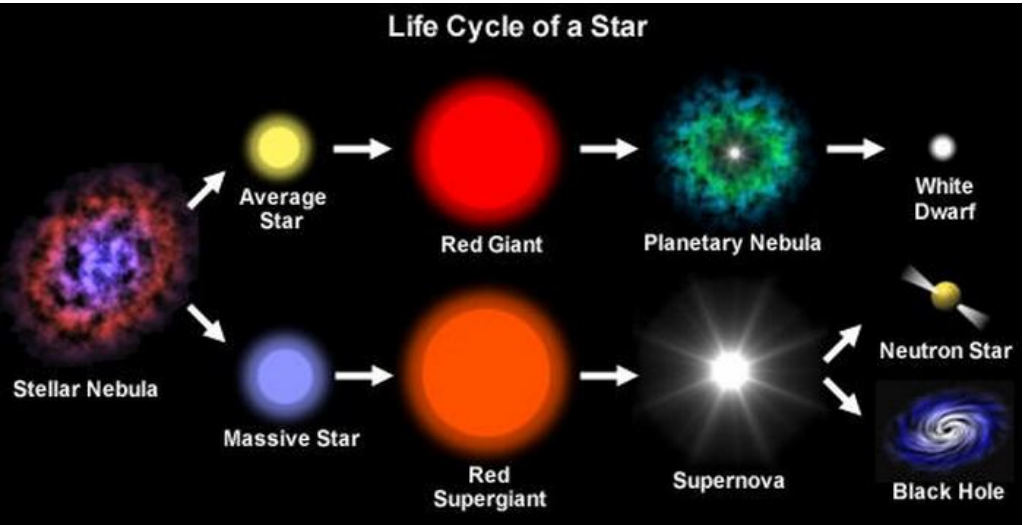
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Nuclear weak process for nucleosynthesis

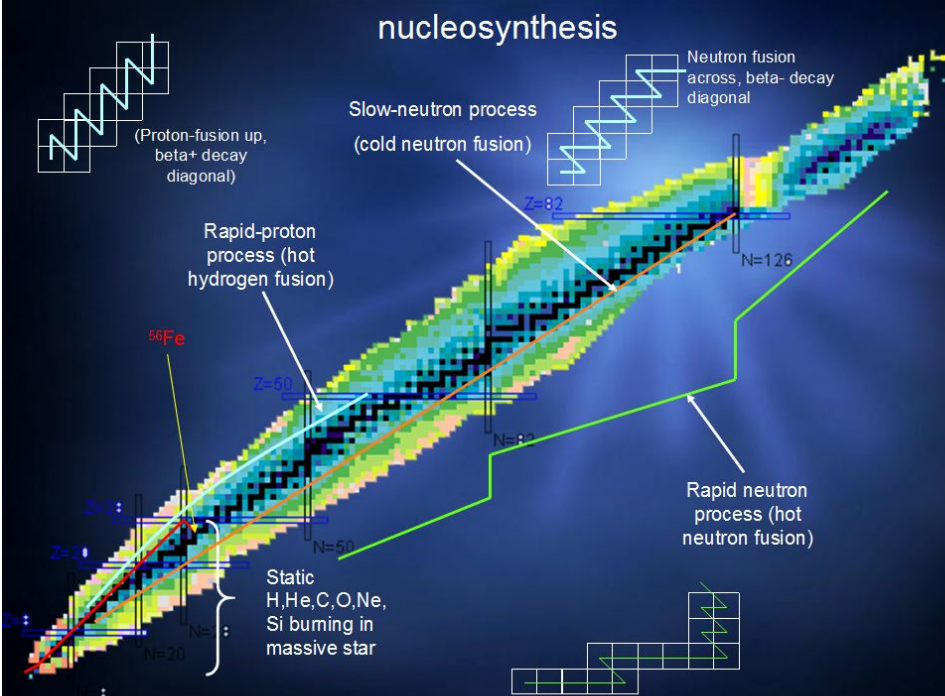


neutron/proton capture rates

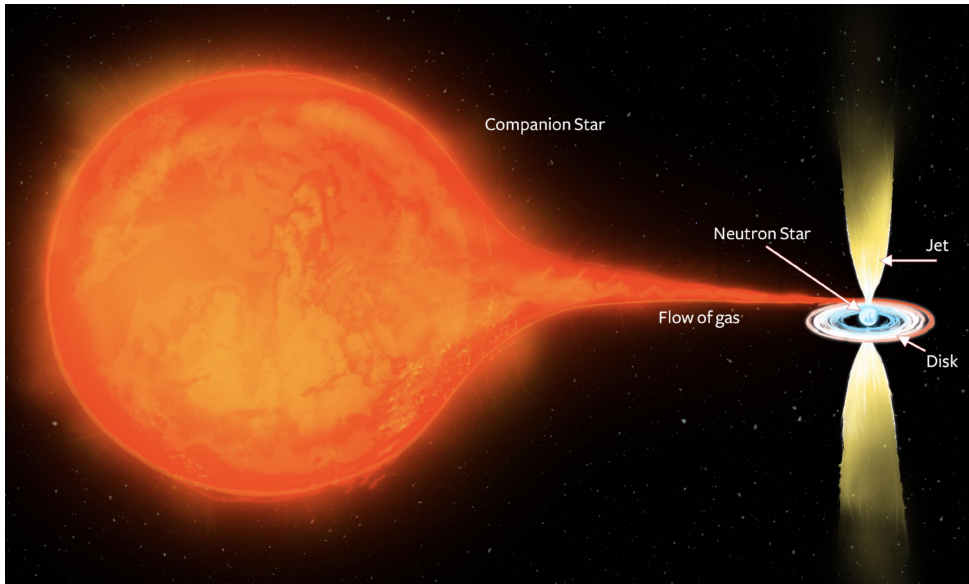
Electron capture in supernova

β -decay for nucleosynthesis

neutrino cooling (Urca)

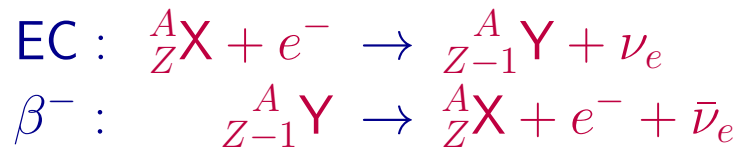


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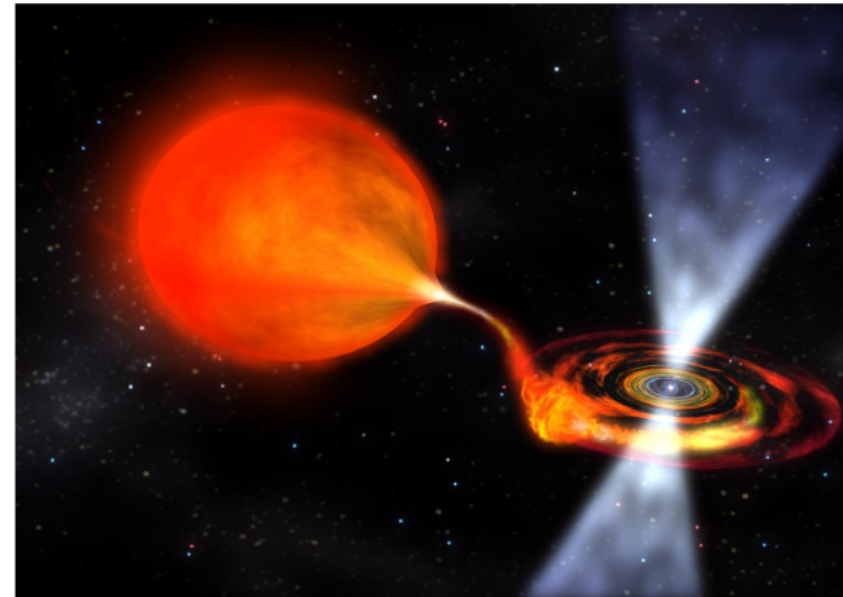
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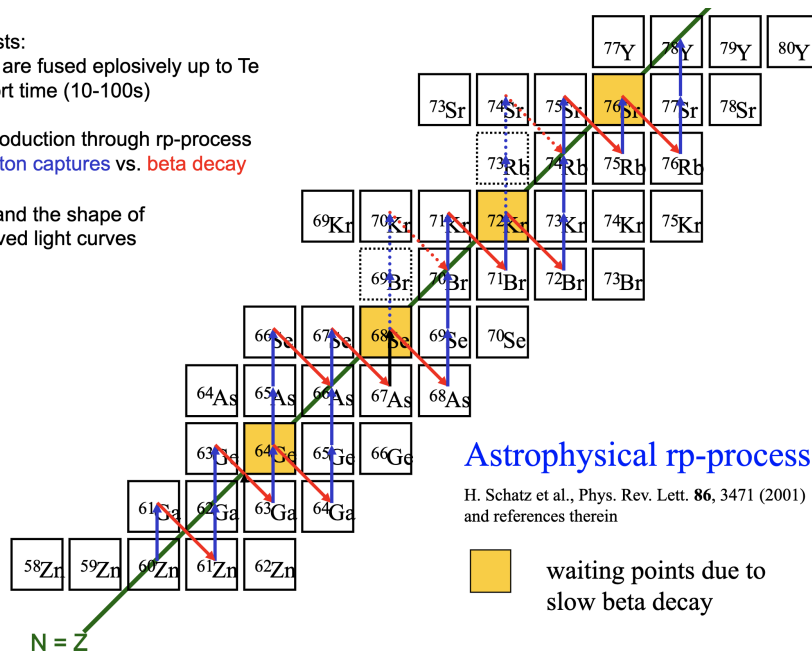


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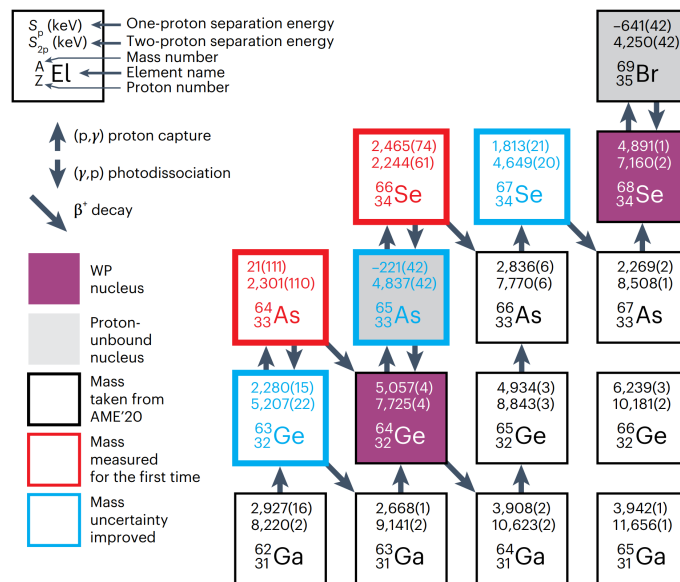
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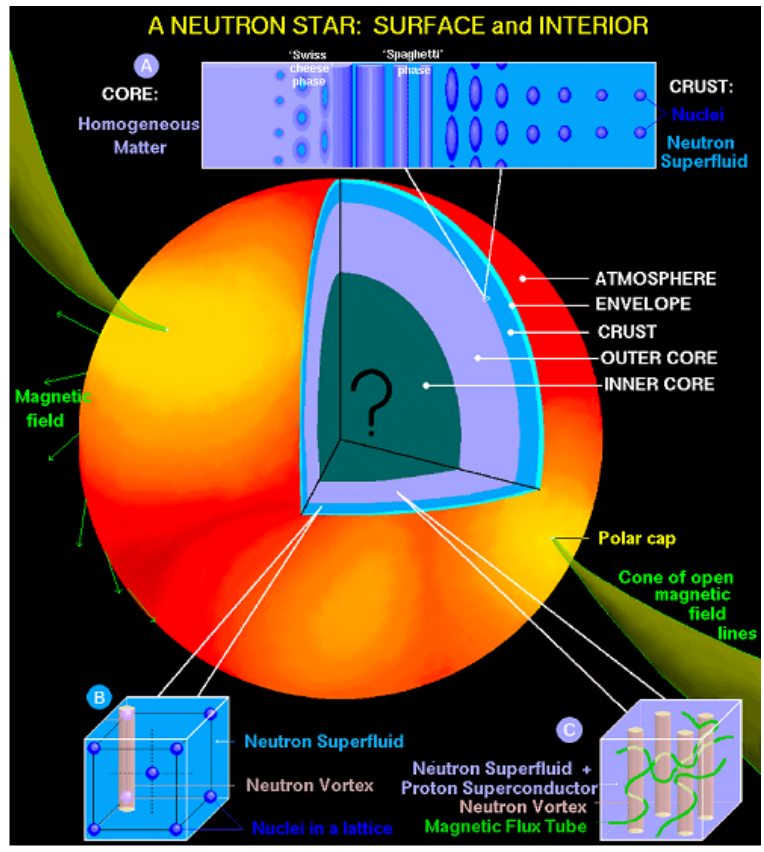
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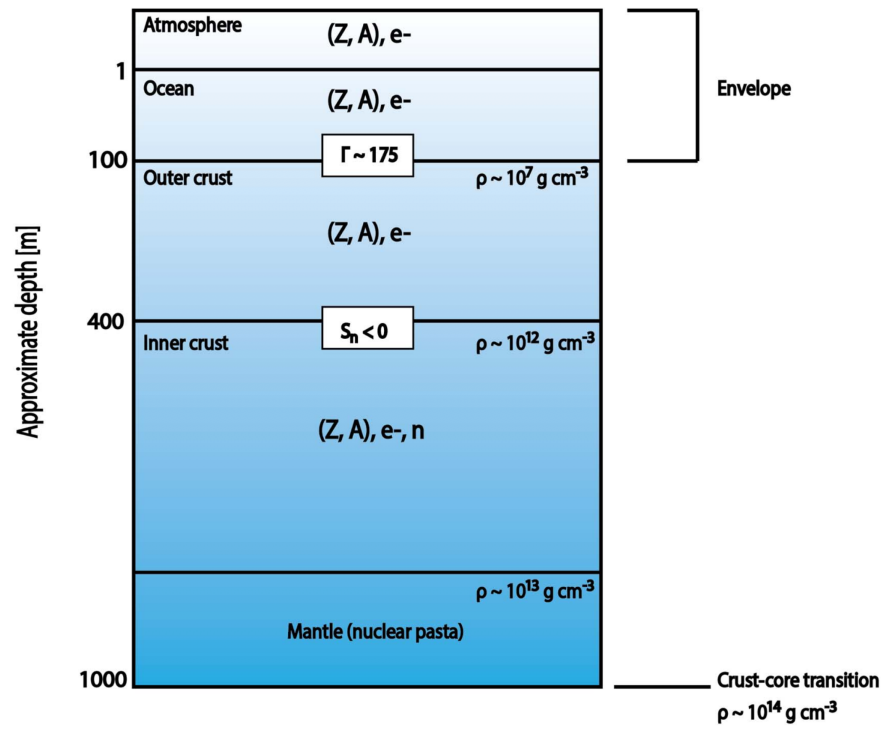


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Neutron-star structure

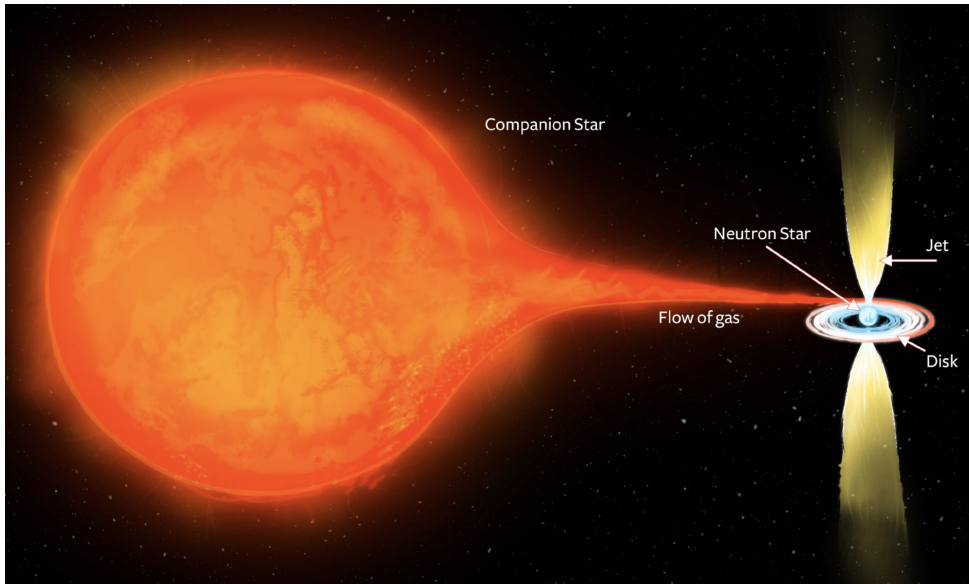


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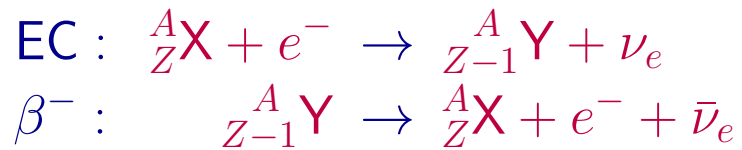
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Accreting neutron star



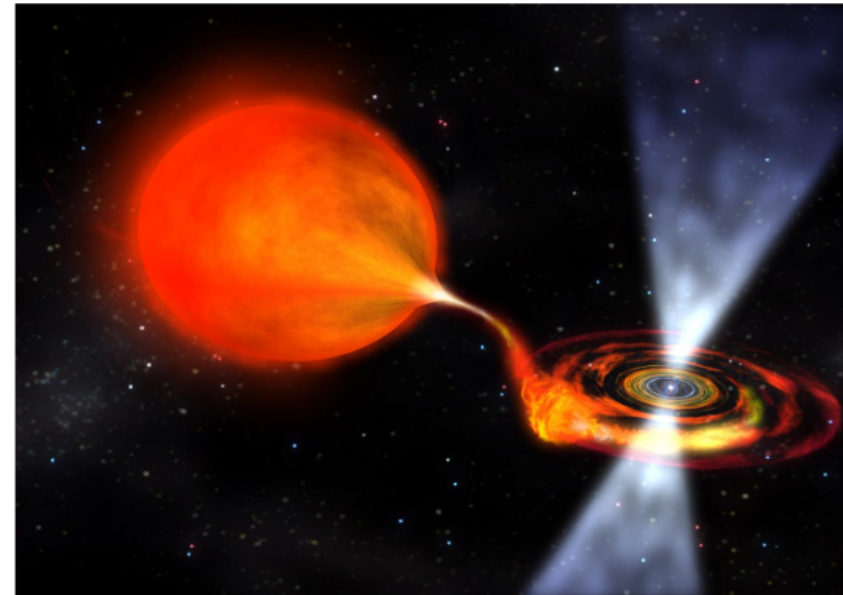
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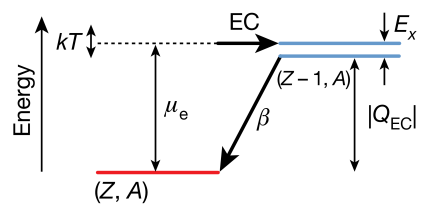
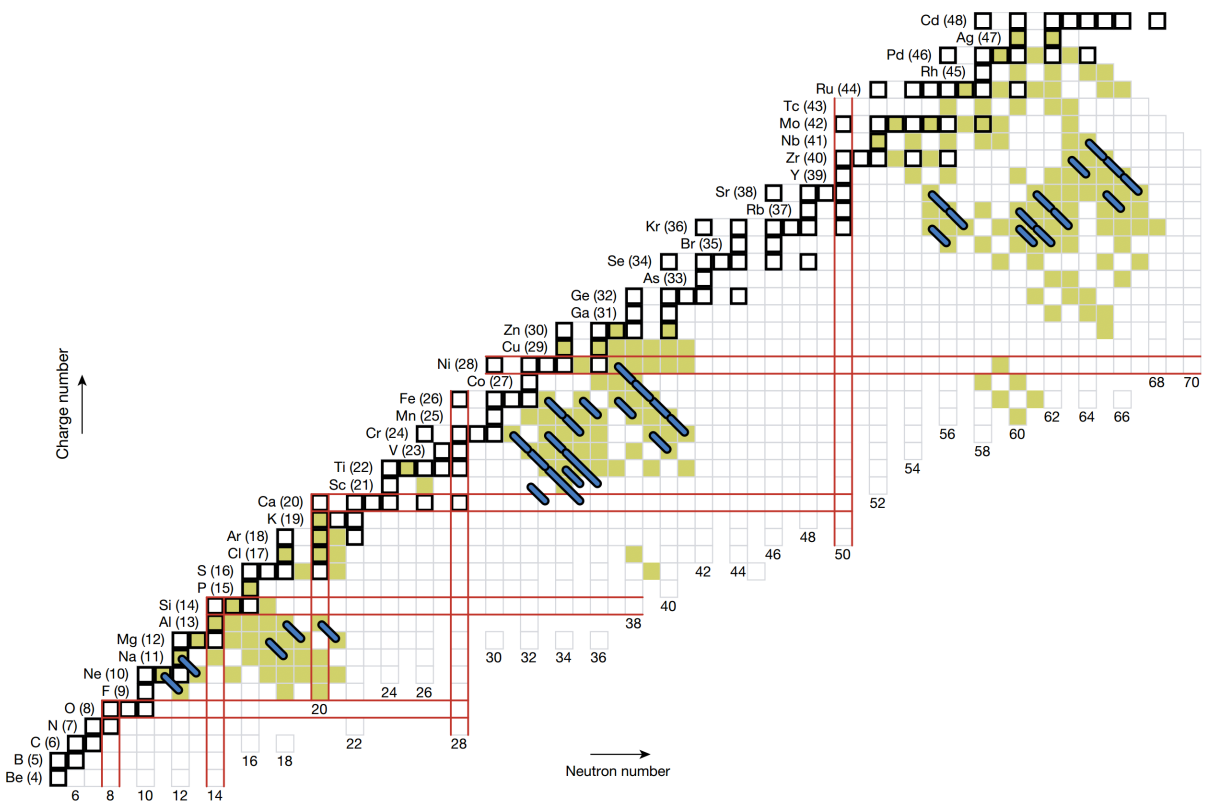


Neutrino luminosity: Previous expression

$$L_\nu(Z, A, T) \approx L_{34}(Z, A, T) \times 10^{34} \text{ erg s}^{-1} X(A) T_9^5 \left(\frac{g_{14}}{2}\right)^{-1} R_{10}^2,$$

$$L_{34}(Z, A) = 0.87 \left(\frac{10^6 \text{ s}}{ft}\right) \left(\frac{56}{A}\right) \left(\frac{|Q_{EC}|}{4 \text{ MeV}}\right)^5 \left(\frac{\langle F \rangle^*}{0.5}\right).$$

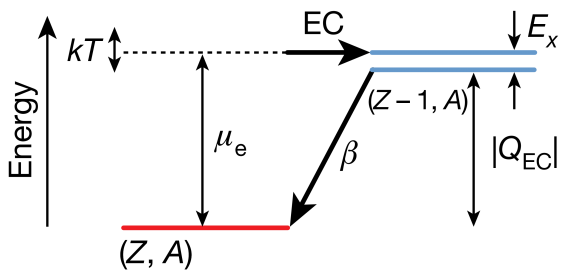
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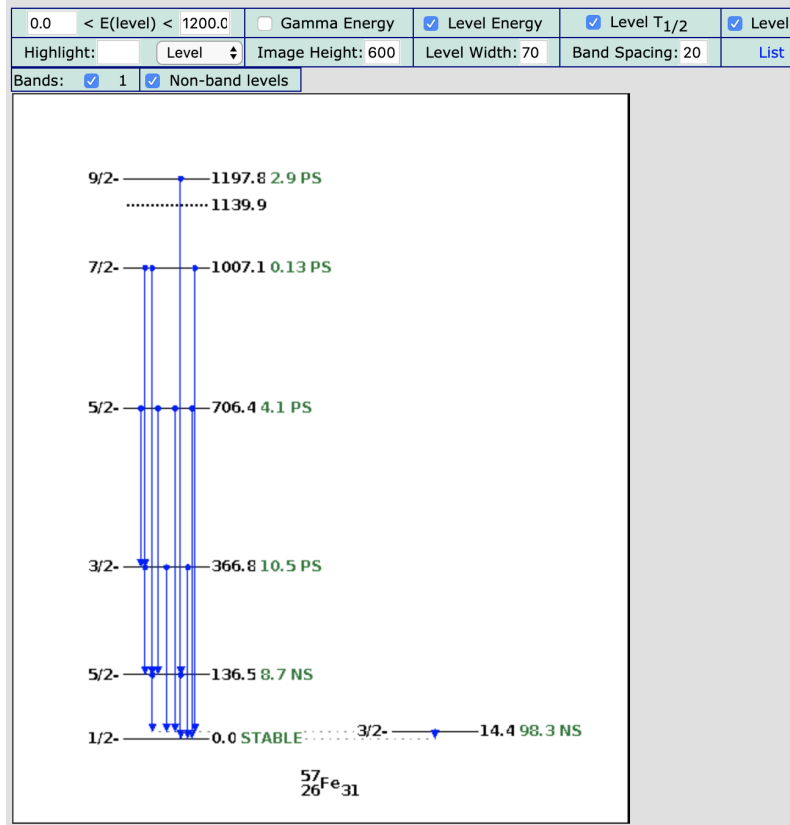
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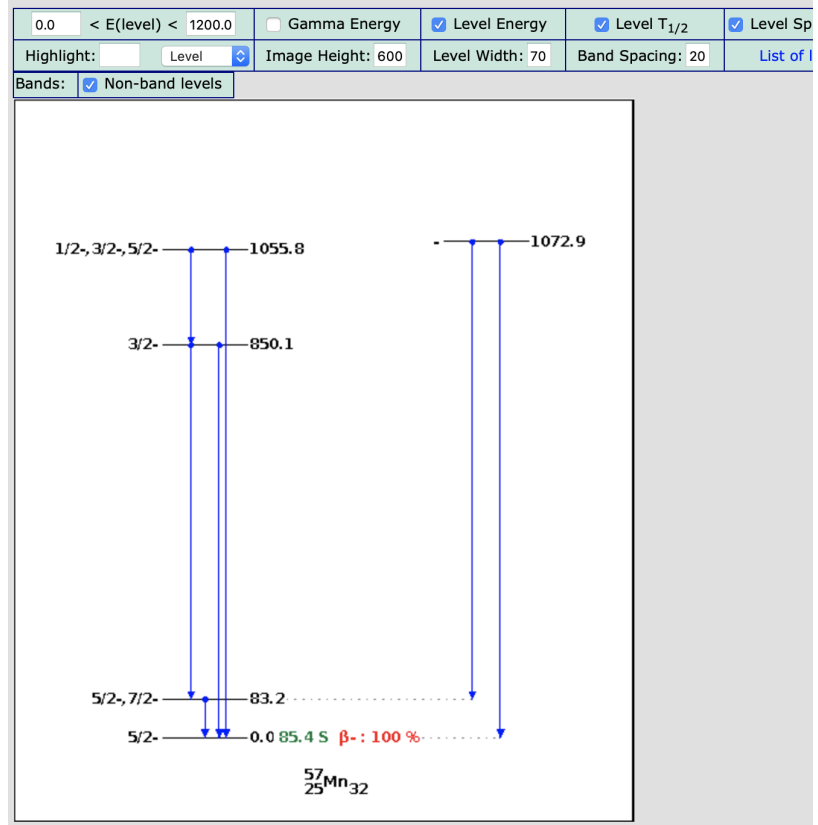
Nuclear excitations: odd-*A*



⁵⁷Fe Level Scheme



⁵⁷Mn Level Scheme



Neutrino luminosity: modified expression

$$L_\nu(Z, A, T) \approx L_{34}(Z, A, T) \times 10^{34} \text{erg s}^{-1} X(A) T_9^5 \left(\frac{g_{14}}{2}\right)^{-1} R_{10}^2 \quad (1)$$

Previous: $L_{34}(Z, A) = 0.87 \left(\frac{10^6 \text{ s}}{ft}\right) \left(\frac{56}{A}\right) \left(\frac{|Q_{\text{EC}}|}{4 \text{ MeV}}\right)^5 \left(\frac{\langle F \rangle^*}{0.5}\right)$ (2)

Ours: $L_{34}(Z, A, T) = \sum_{if} 0.87 \left(\frac{10^6 \text{ s}}{\langle ft \rangle_{if}}\right) \left(\frac{56}{A}\right) \left[\frac{|Q_{(if)}(Z, A)|}{4 \text{ MeV}}\right]^5 \left(\frac{\langle F \rangle^*}{0.5}\right)$ (3)

$$\langle ft \rangle_{if} \equiv \frac{\langle F \rangle^+ \tilde{f}t_{if}^- + \langle F \rangle^- \tilde{f}t_{if}^+}{\langle F \rangle^+ + \langle F \rangle^-}$$

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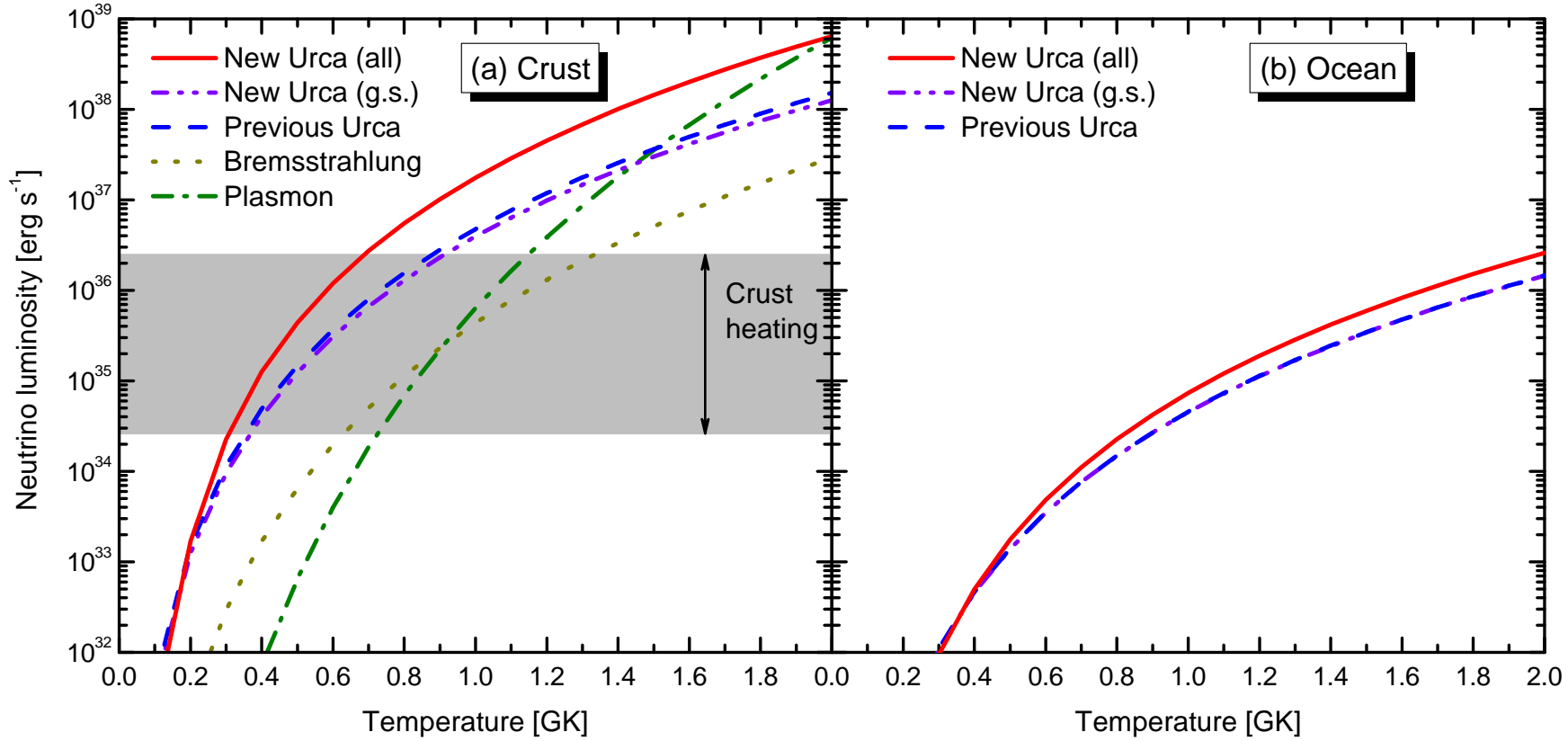
$$\langle F \rangle^\pm \approx \frac{2\pi\alpha Z}{|1 - e^{(\mp 2\pi\alpha Z)}|}$$

$$\tilde{f}t_{if}^+ \equiv \frac{G^+(Z, A, T)}{(2J_i + 1)e^{-E_i/(kT)}} ft_{if}^+$$

$$\tilde{f}t_{if}^- \equiv \frac{G^-(Z, A, T)}{(2J_f + 1)e^{-E_f/(kT)}} ft_{if}^-$$

$$Q_{(if)}(Z, A) = M_p c^2 - M_d c^2 + E_i - E_f$$

Effects of nuclear excitations



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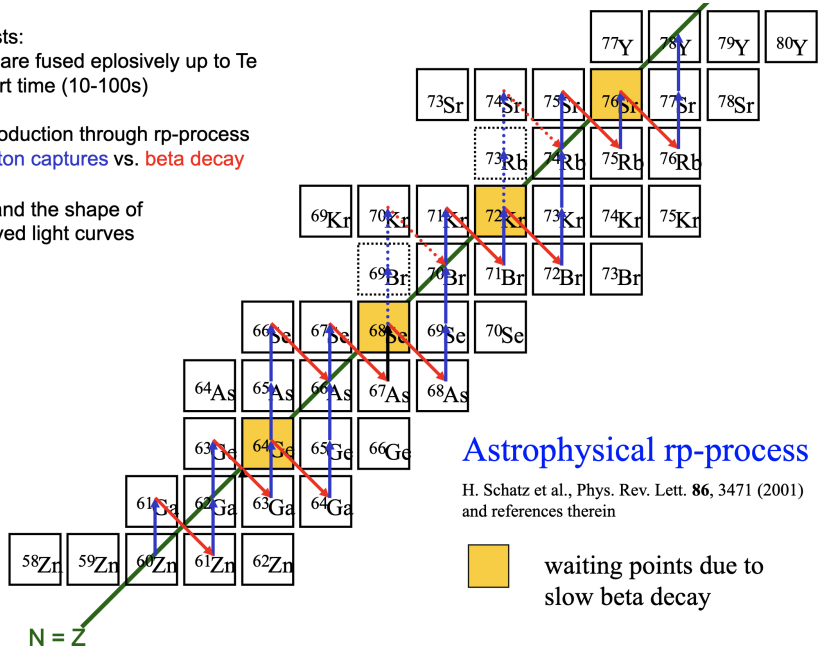
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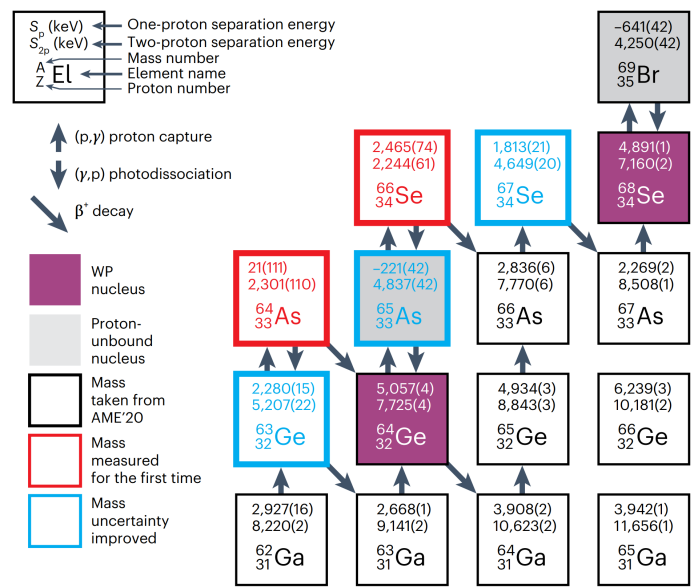
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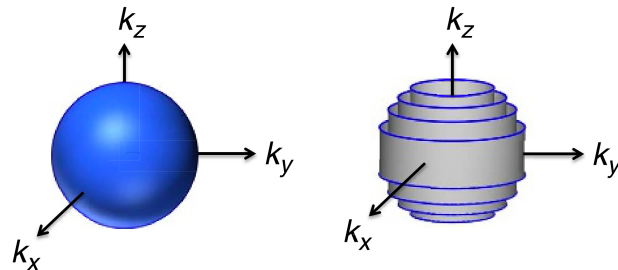


Stellar weak rates



Without magnetic field:

$$\lambda^\alpha = \sum_{if} \frac{(2J_i + 1)e^{-E_i/k_B T}}{G(Z, A, T)} \lambda_{if}^\alpha$$



$$\lambda_{if}^{\beta^-} = \frac{\ln 2}{K} \int_1^{Q_{if}} \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{W}) F_0(Z + 1, W) p W (Q_{if} - W)^2 [1 - S_e(W)] dW, \quad (4)$$

$$\lambda_{if}^{\text{EC}} = \frac{\ln 2}{K} \int_{\omega_l}^{\infty} \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{W}) F_0(Z, W) p W (Q_{if} + W)^2 S_e(W) dW, \quad (5)$$

$$\lambda_{if}^{\beta^+} = \frac{\ln 2}{K} \int_1^{Q_{if}} \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{W}) F_0(-Z + 1, W) p W (Q_{if} - W)^2 [1 - S_p(W)] dW, \quad (6)$$

$$\lambda_{if}^{\text{PC}} = \frac{\ln 2}{K} \int_{\omega_l}^{\infty} \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{W}) F_0(-Z, W) p W (Q_{if} + W)^2 S_p(W) dW, \quad (7)$$

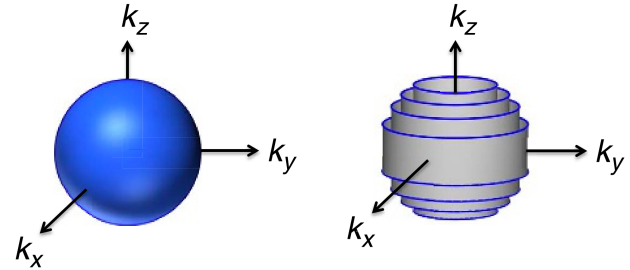
$$\rho Y_e = \frac{1}{\pi^2 N_A} \left(\frac{m_e c}{\hbar} \right)^3 \int_0^{\infty} (S_e - S_p) p^2 dp, \quad (8)$$

Stellar weak rates



With strong magnetic field:

$$\lambda^\alpha = \sum_{if} \frac{(2J_i + 1)e^{-E_i/k_B T}}{G(Z, A, T)} \lambda_{if}^\alpha$$



$$\lambda_{if}^{\beta^-} = \frac{\ln 2 B^*}{K} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{N_{\max}} (2 - \delta_{n0}) \int_0^{\sqrt{Q_{if}^2 - 1 - 2nB^*}} \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{W}) F_0(Z + 1, W) (Q_{if} - W)^2 [1 - S_e(W)] dp_z, \quad (9)$$

$$\lambda_{if}^{\text{EC}} = \frac{\ln 2 B^*}{K} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{N_{\max}} (2 - \delta_{n0}) \int_{p_{znl}}^{\infty} \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{W}) F_0(Z, W) (Q_{if} + W)^2 S_e(W) dp_z, \quad (10)$$

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$$\lambda_{if}^{\text{PC}} = \frac{\ln 2 B^*}{K} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{N_{\max}} (2 - \delta_{n0}) \int_{p_{znl}}^{\infty} \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{W}) F_0(-Z, W) (Q_{if} + W)^2 S_p(W) dp_z, \quad (12)$$

$$\rho Y_e = \frac{B^*}{2\pi^2 \lambda_e^3} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (2 - \delta_{n0}) \int_0^{\infty} (S_e - S_p) dp_z, \quad (13)$$

Allowed transition

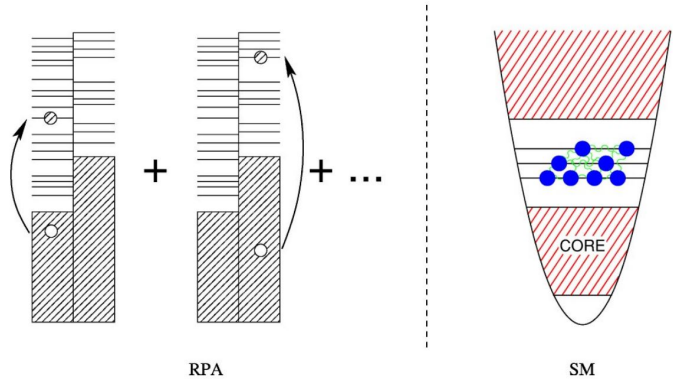
Reduced nuclear transition M.E.

$$C(W) = B_{if}(\text{GT}^+) = \left(\frac{g_A}{g_V}\right)_{\text{eff}}^2 \frac{\langle \Psi_{J_f}^{n_f} || \sum_k \hat{\sigma}^k \hat{\tau}_+^k || \Psi_{J_i}^{n_i} \rangle^2}{2J_i + 1} \quad (14)$$

Transition operator:

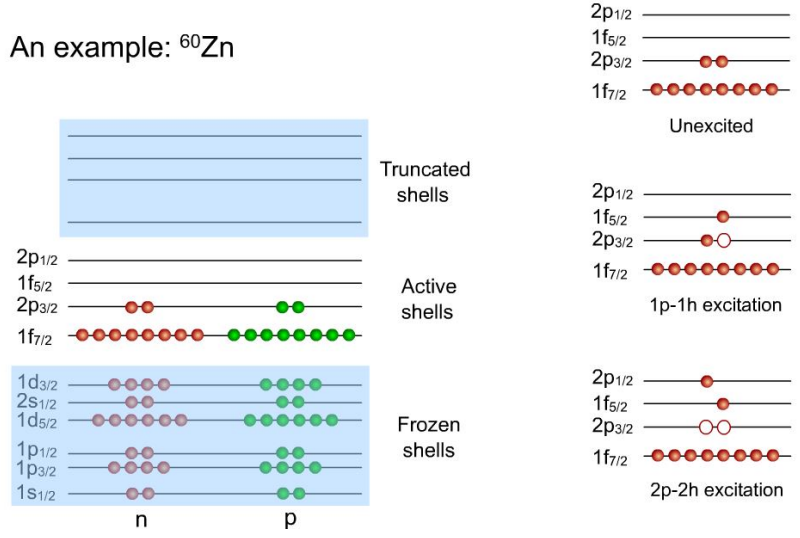
$$\left(\frac{g_A}{g_V}\right)_{\text{eff}} = f_{\text{quench}} \left(\frac{g_A}{g_V}\right)_{\text{bare}} \quad (15)$$

Nuclear wave functions:



Langanke & Martínez-Pinedo: RMP (2003)

An example: ⁶⁰Zn



<https://www.physics.sjtu.edu.cn/ysun/>



Description in intrinsic system

$$\left\{ \hat{a}_{\nu_i}^\dagger |\Phi\rangle(\varepsilon), \hat{a}_{\nu_i}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\nu_j}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\nu_k}^\dagger |\Phi(\varepsilon)\rangle, \hat{a}_{\nu_i}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\pi_j}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\pi_k}^\dagger |\Phi\rangle(\varepsilon), \right. \\ \left. \hat{a}_{\nu_i}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\nu_j}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\nu_k}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\pi_l}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\pi_m}^\dagger |\Phi(\varepsilon)\rangle, \hat{a}_{\nu_i}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\nu_j}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\nu_k}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\nu_l}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\nu_m}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\pi_n}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\pi_o}^\dagger |\Phi(\varepsilon)\rangle, \right. \\ \left. \hat{a}_{\nu_i}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\nu_j}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\nu_k}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\pi_l}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\pi_m}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\pi_n}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\pi_o}^\dagger |\Phi(\varepsilon)\rangle. \right\} \quad (16)$$

$$\left\{ \hat{a}_{\pi_i}^\dagger |\Phi\rangle(\varepsilon), \hat{a}_{\pi_i}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\pi_j}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\pi_k}^\dagger |\Phi(\varepsilon)\rangle, \hat{a}_{\pi_i}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\nu_j}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\nu_k}^\dagger |\Phi(\varepsilon)\rangle, \right. \\ \left. \hat{a}_{\pi_i}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\pi_j}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\pi_k}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\nu_l}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\nu_m}^\dagger |\Phi(\varepsilon)\rangle, \hat{a}_{\pi_i}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\pi_j}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\pi_k}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\pi_l}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\pi_m}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\nu_n}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\nu_o}^\dagger |\Phi(\varepsilon)\rangle, \right. \\ \left. \hat{a}_{\pi_i}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\pi_j}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\pi_k}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\nu_l}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\nu_m}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\nu_n}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\nu_o}^\dagger |\Phi(\varepsilon)\rangle. \right\} \quad (17)$$

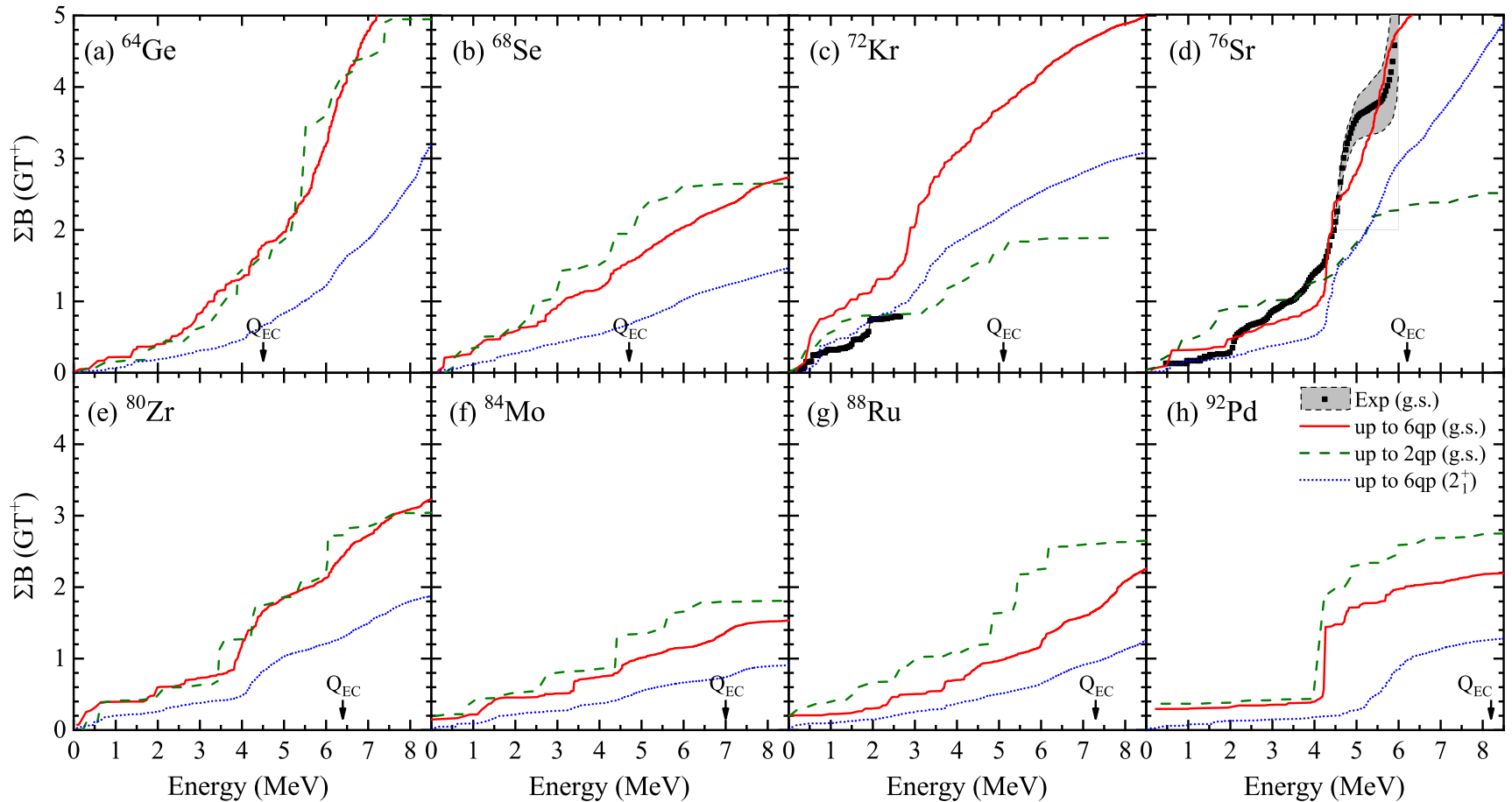


Transform to laboratory frame

$$|\Psi_{JM}^n\rangle = \sum_{K\kappa} F_{JK\kappa}^n \hat{P}_{MK}^J |\Phi_\kappa\rangle, \quad (18)$$

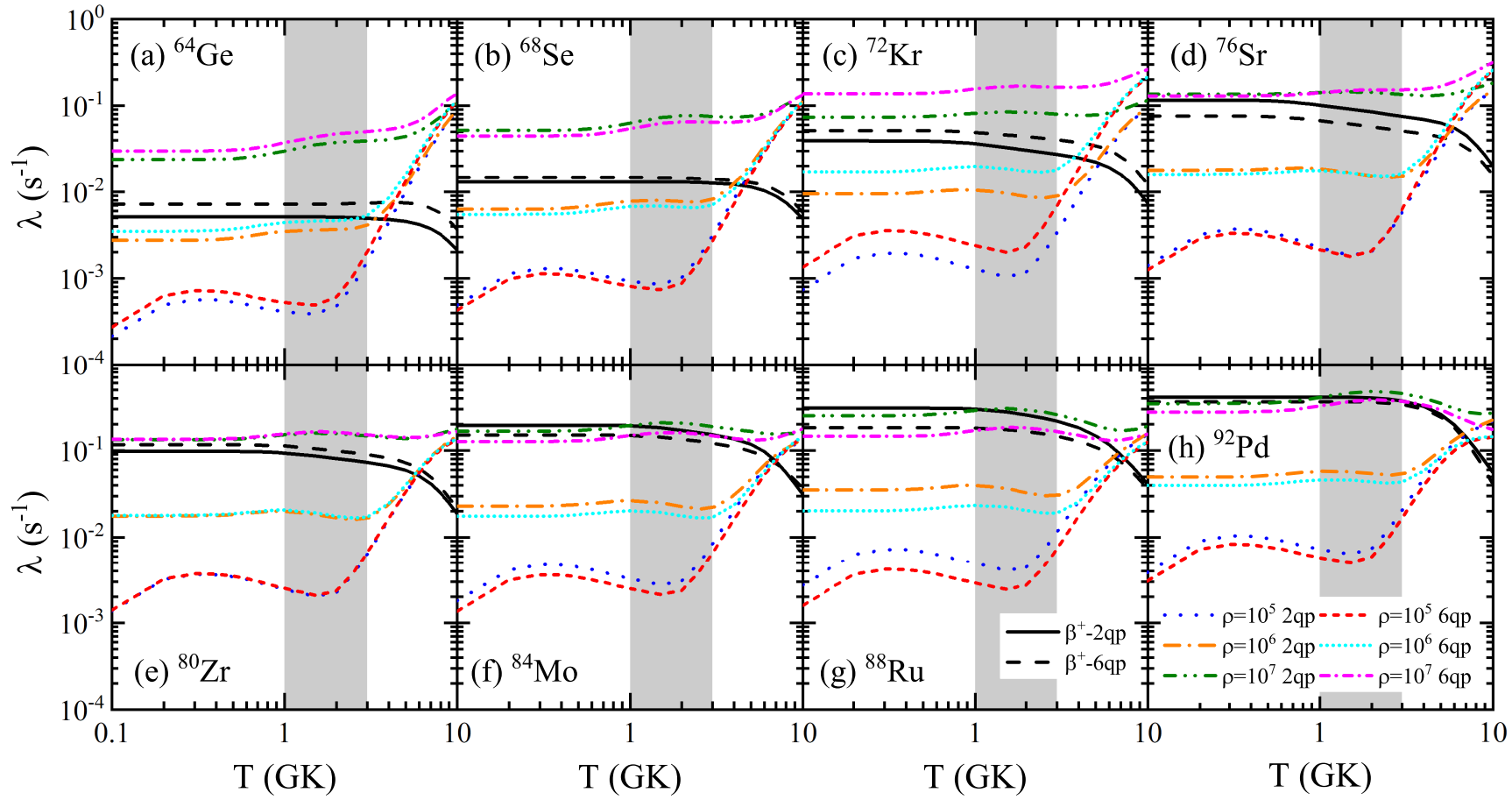
$$\hat{P}_{MK}^J = \frac{2J+1}{8\pi^2} \int d\Omega D_{MK}^J(\Omega) \hat{R}(\Omega), \quad (19)$$

Waiting points: BGT



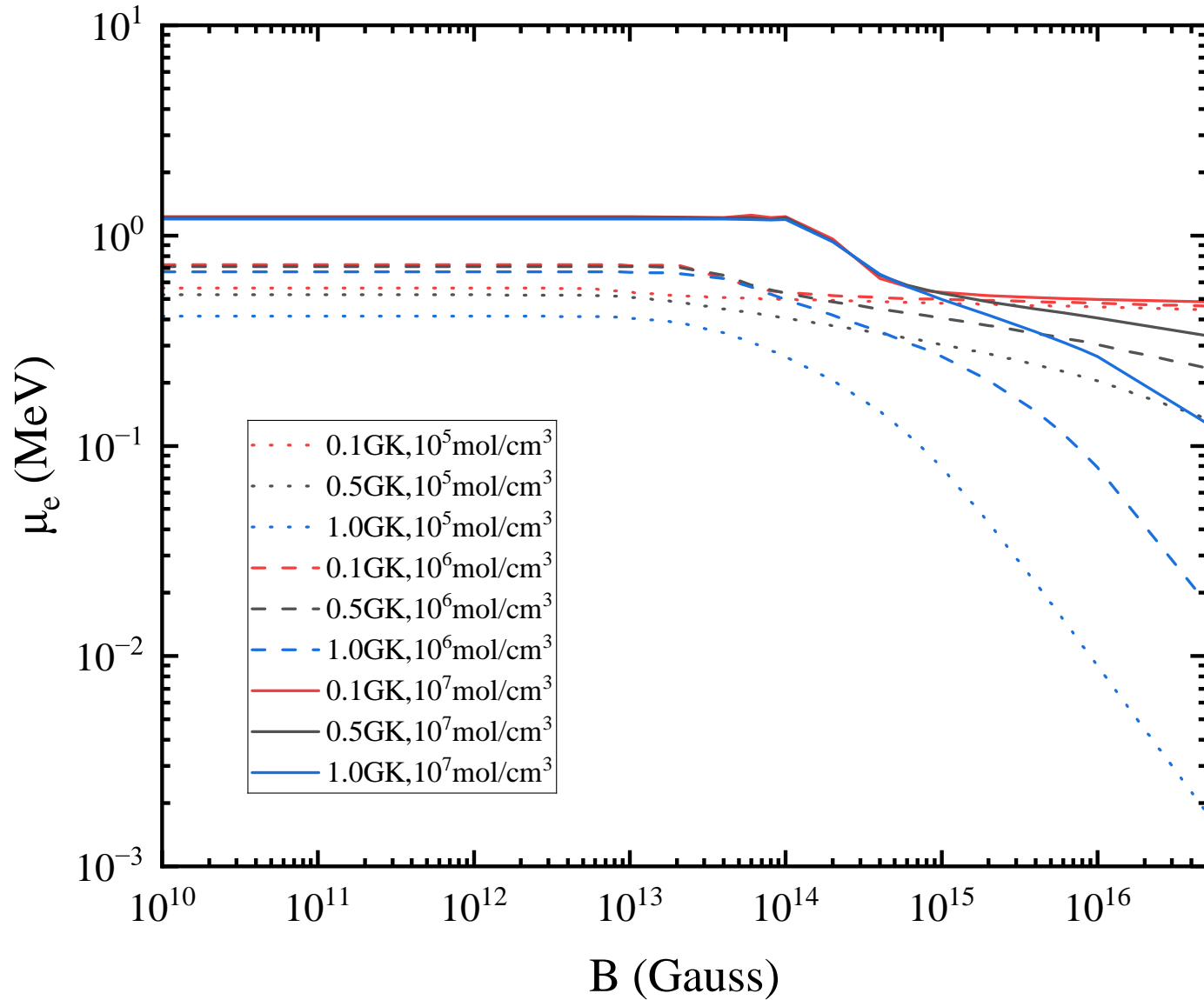
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Waiting points: stellar rates

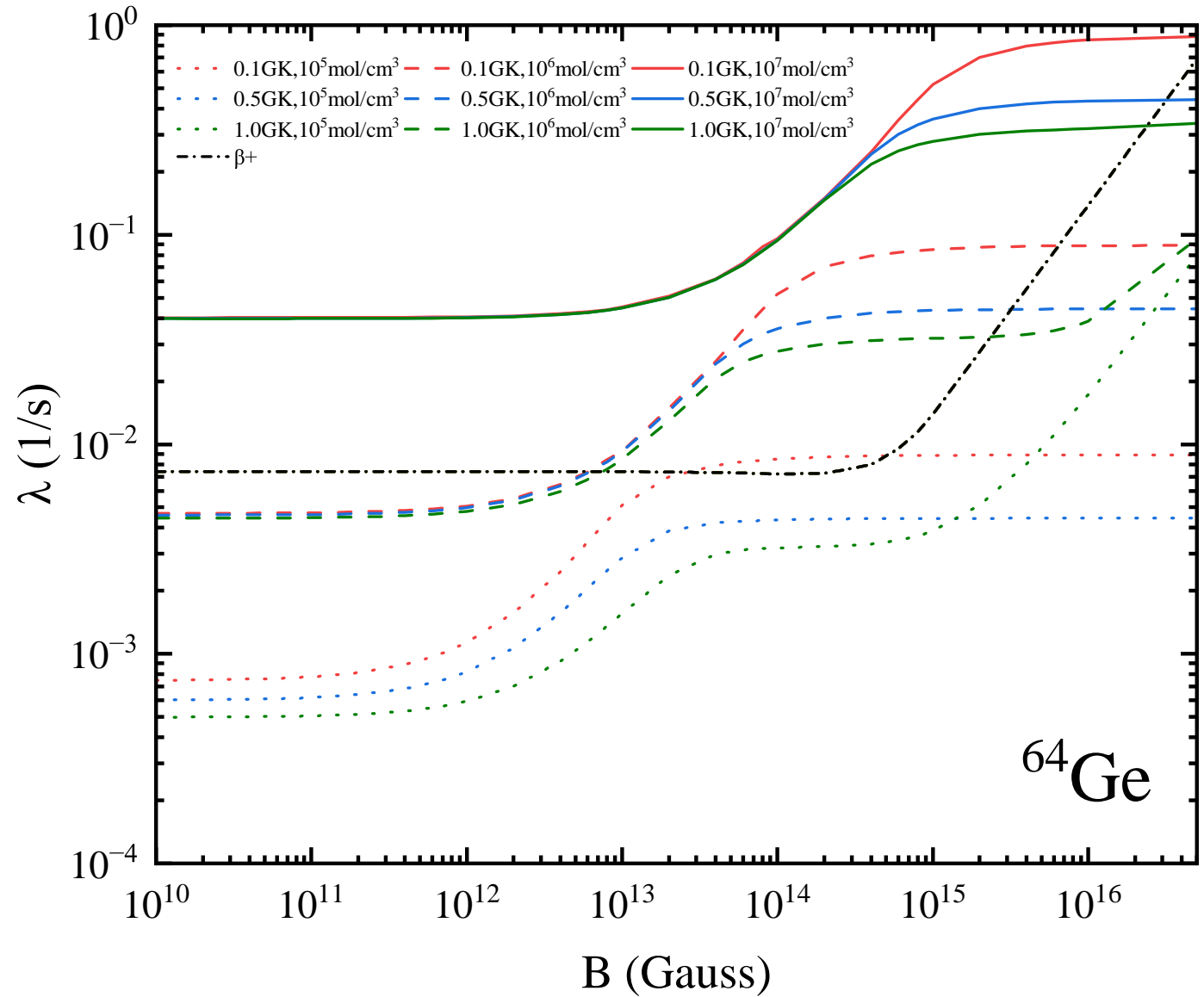


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Summary

- Effect of excited nuclear states for Urca neutrino cooling in accreting neutron star.
- Stellar weak-interaction rates for rp -process waiting-point nuclei by projected shell model.

Outlook

- Calculate β (neutrino) spectrum for experimentalists,
- First-forbidden transition of β decay for astrophysics,
- New updated data tables of stellar weak-process rates for s -, rp -, r -processes ...
- Two-body currents for β and $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay with qp excitation,
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