

Weak interaction processes in Super-Novae:
 New probes using charge-exchange reactions
 at intermediate energies

1) - using the $(d, {}^2\text{He})$ tool as a Gamow-Teller (GT) probe

2) - astrophysics applications of $(d, {}^2\text{He})$
 → supernova-dynamics, EC-rates and Y_e

3) - study of halo nuclei → ${}^6\text{He}$ and ${}^7\text{He}$

4) - $2\nu\text{-}\beta\beta$ decay ${}^{48}\text{Ca}$ $\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array}$ ${}^{48}\text{Sc}$ ${}^{48}\text{Ti}$, ${}^{116}\text{Cd}$ $\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array}$ ${}^{116}\text{In}$ ${}^{116}\text{Sn}$
 (why is ${}^{48}\text{Ca}$ so stable?)

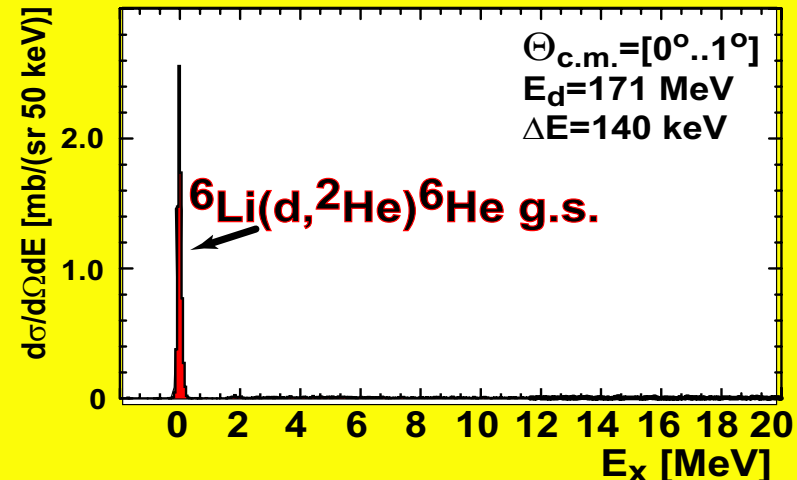
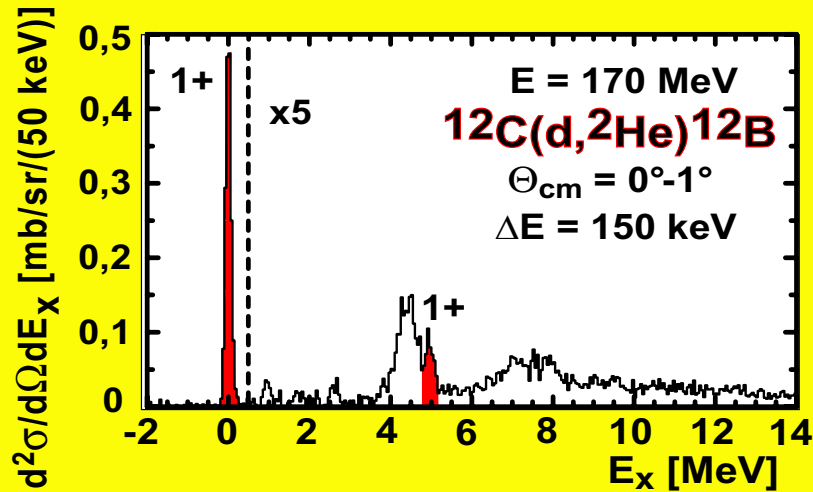
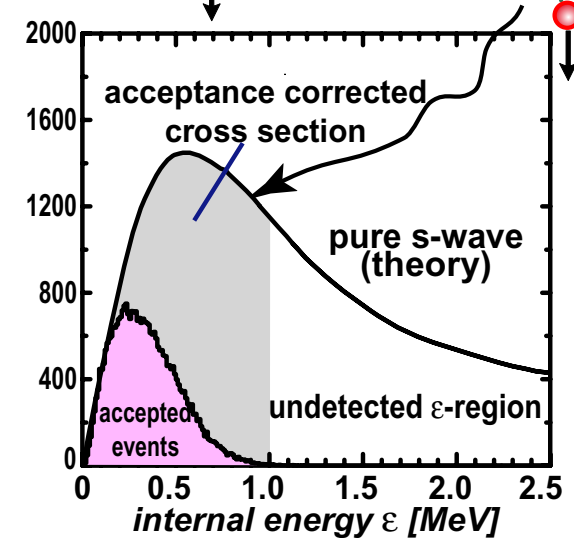
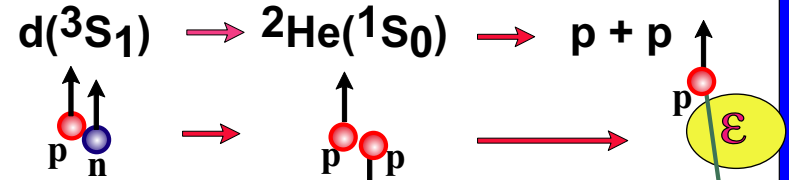
The (d, ²He) reaction

- 1)- reaction mechanism forces a spin-flip and an isospin-flip !
 $\Delta S=1, \Delta T=1$ perfect GT filter
- 2)- coincident detection of two protons from ²He decay
 → background-free spectra
 but need large acptnc spectrometer
- 3)- contributions from higher p-p partial waves? Dont'worry!!

Alternatives:

- (n,p) resolution?? Fermi transition
- (t,³He) triton beam?? Fermi transition
- (HI,HI) resolution?? reaction mechanism??

$$S=1, T=0 \rightarrow S=0, T=1$$



GT^+ transitions from nuclei of pf-shell: relevance for astrophysics

H.A. Bethe et al. (1979):

Electron-Capture (EC) from nuclei in pf-shell plays pivotal role in the deleptonization of a massive star prior to core-collapse.

Fuller, Fowler & Newman (FFN) (1982-1985),
M. Aufderheide (1994):

systematic estimates of EC-rates
in stellar environments

-> calculations of GT -centroids only

FFN

Langanke, Martinez-Pinedo, Caurier (1999):

$B(GT^+)$ -distributions from modern
shell-model calculations

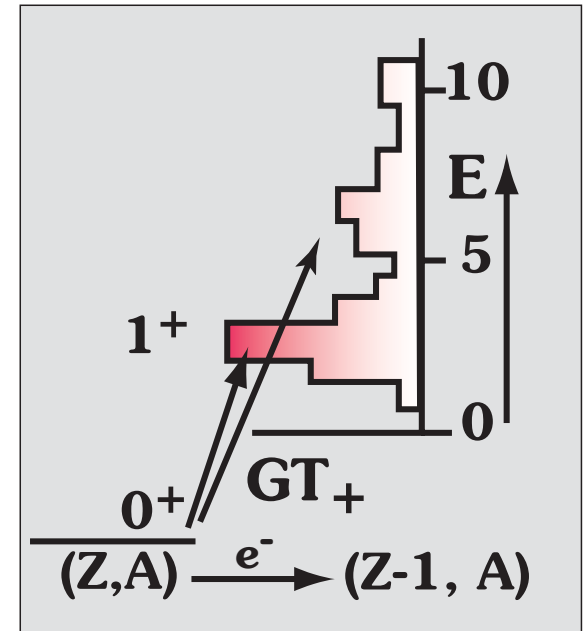
some marked deviations from FFN-rates

-> Y_e increases to about 0,445

(FFN: $\sim 0,430$)

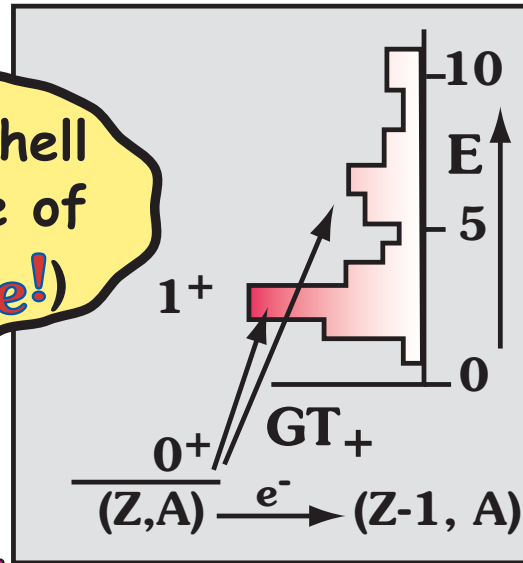


most dramatic cases are
odd-odd nuclei ^{60}Co , ^{58}Mn



Astrophysics applications, SN explosions, EC-rates and Y_e

GT-strength in (pf)-shell nuclei determines fate of SN-explosion (Y_e !)



EC-rates up
 deleptonization up
 n-cooling before collapse up
 Y_e down
 total energy down

$Y_e > 0.45$ explosion
 $Y_e < 0.43$ no explosion

$$B(GT^+) = \sum_{i,f} \frac{n_i^p n_f^h}{(2j_i+1)(2j_f+1)} |\langle f | \vec{\sigma} \tau_+ | i \rangle|^2$$

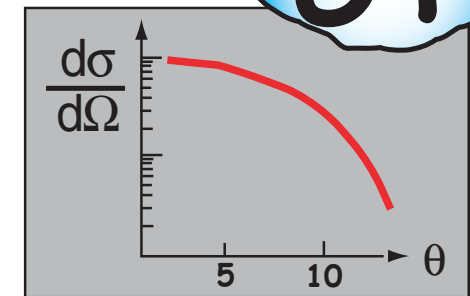
n_i^p → # of proton in orbital i of g.s. (j_i)

n_f^h → # of neutron holes in orbital (j_f)

hadronic probes: (p,p'), (n,p), (p,n), (d, ^2He)

$$\left[\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right] = \left[\frac{\mu}{\pi \hbar} \right]^2 \frac{k_f}{k_i} N_D |V_{\sigma\tau}|^2 |\langle f | \sum_k \sigma_k \tau_k | i \rangle|^2$$

GT



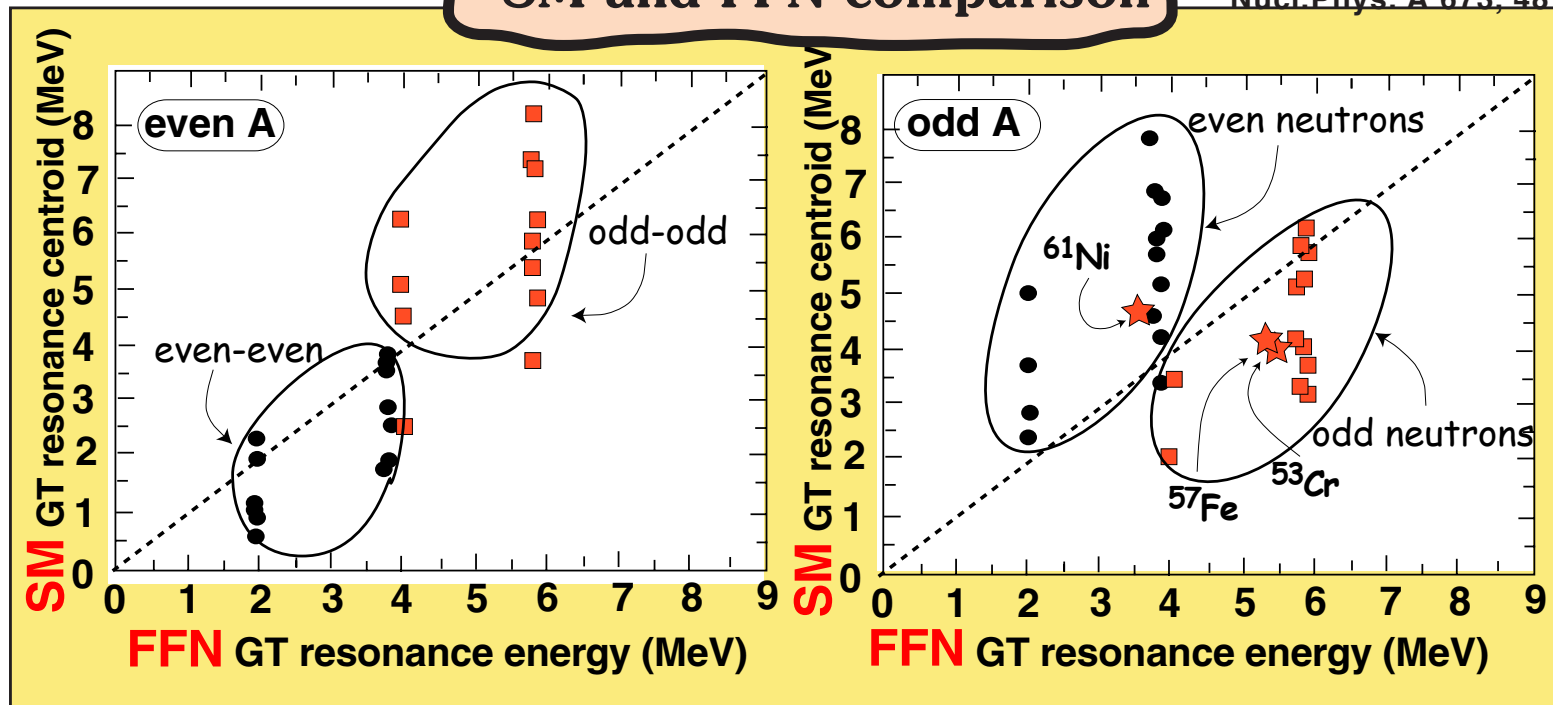
Stellar EC rates at a given temperature

important parameters

- location of GT resonance (most important)
- level of quenching
- fragmentation over excitation energy

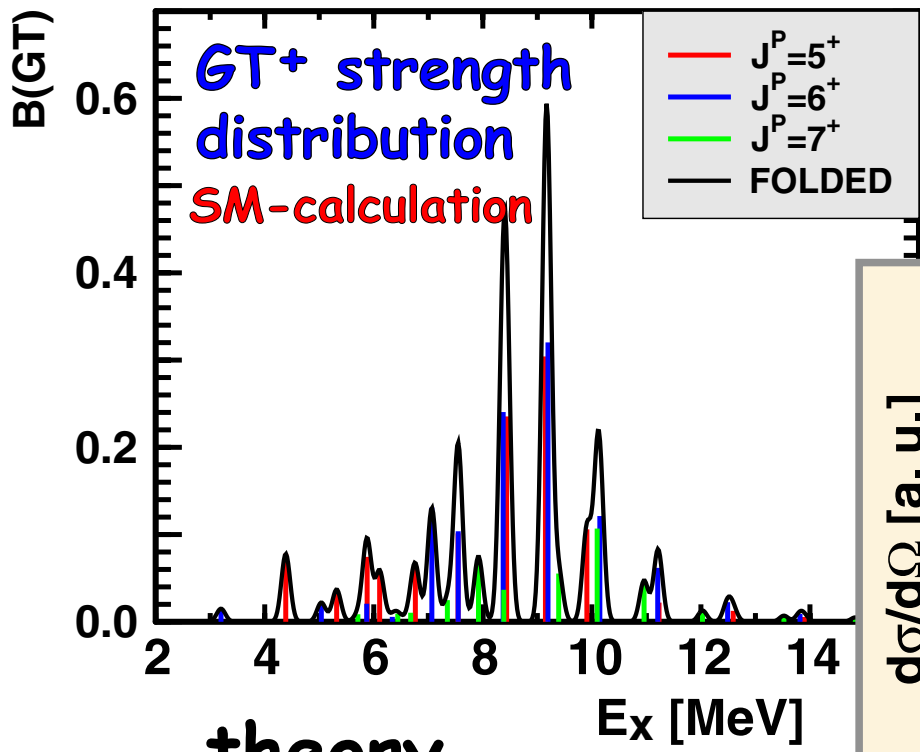
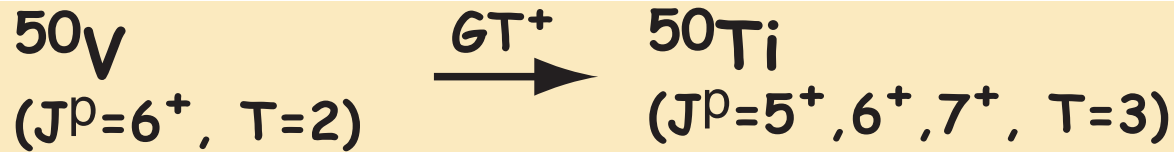
SM and FFN comparison

from:
Langanke, Martinez-Pinedo
Nucl.Phys. A 673, 481 (2000)



- no exp. data on odd-N nuclei (usually rare!!)
- no exp. data on odd-odd nuclei (^{50}V is the only stable one)

GT⁺ - transitions from odd-odd nuclei

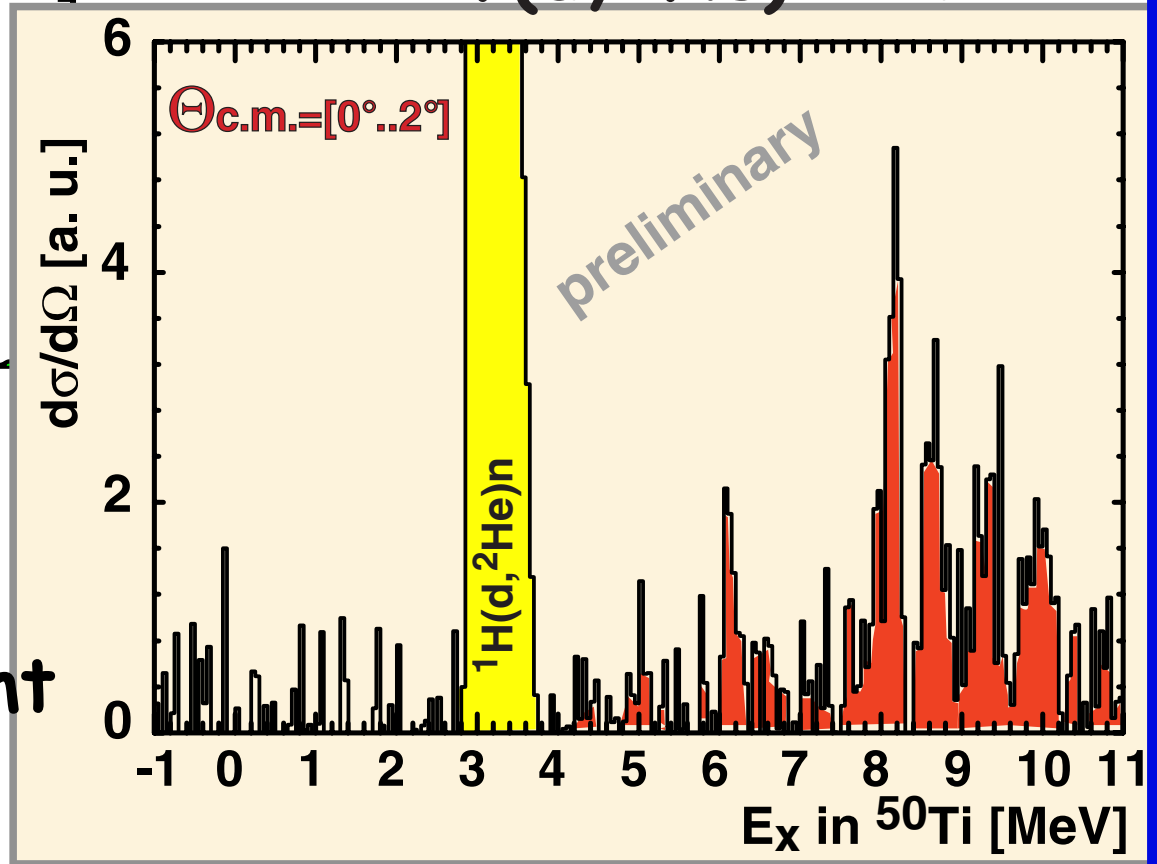


theory

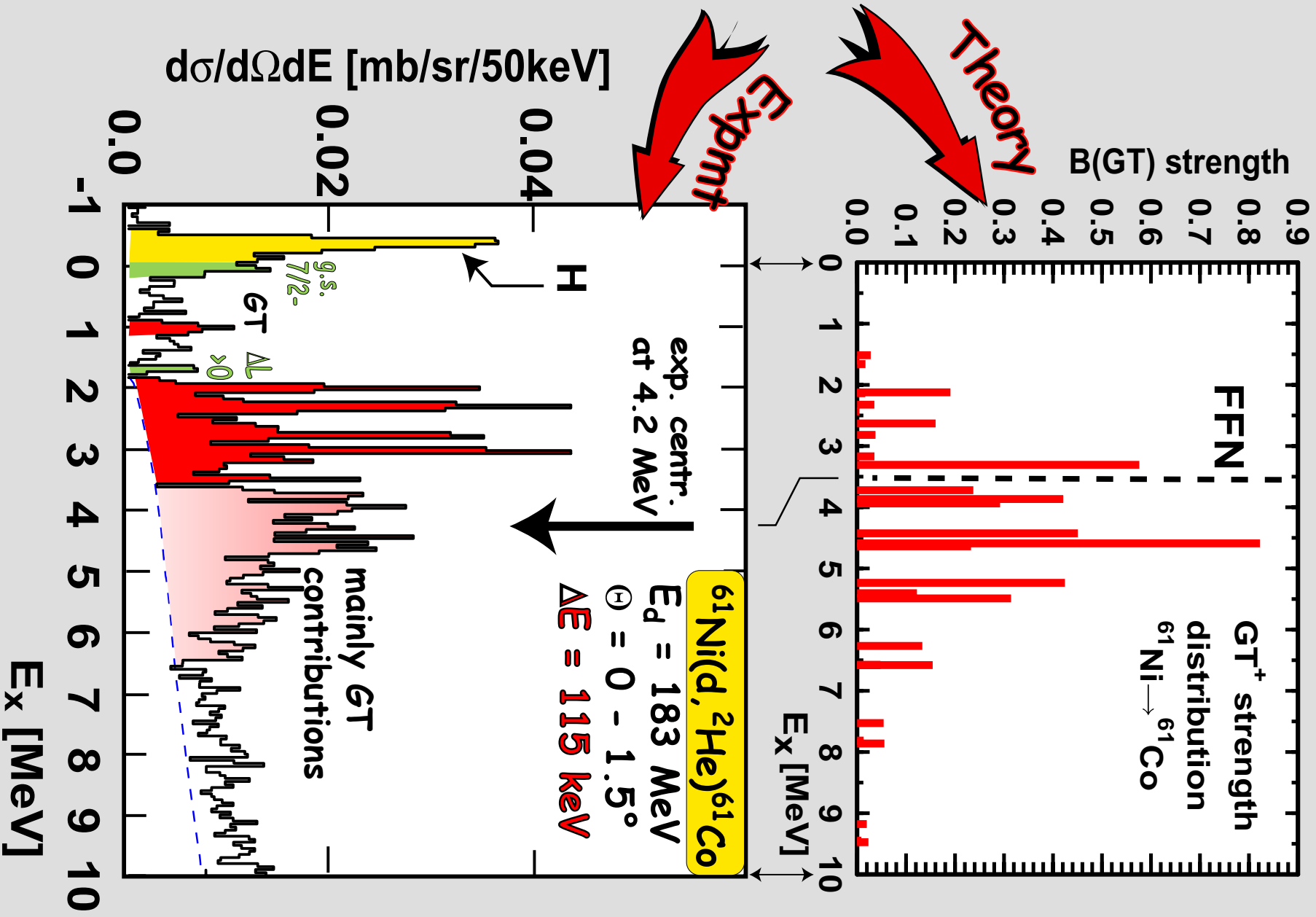


expmt

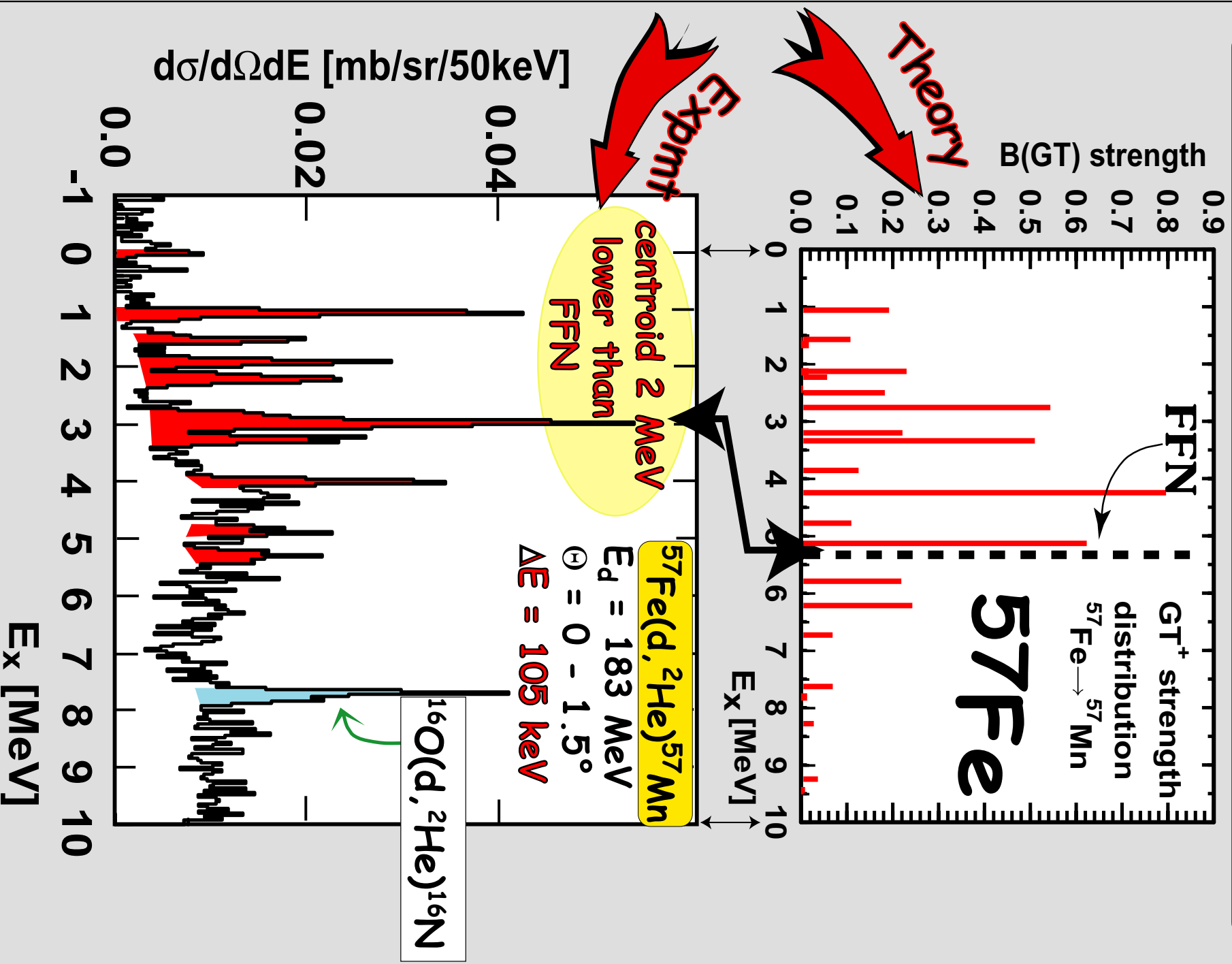
$^{50}\text{V}(d, ^2\text{He})^{50}\text{Ti}$



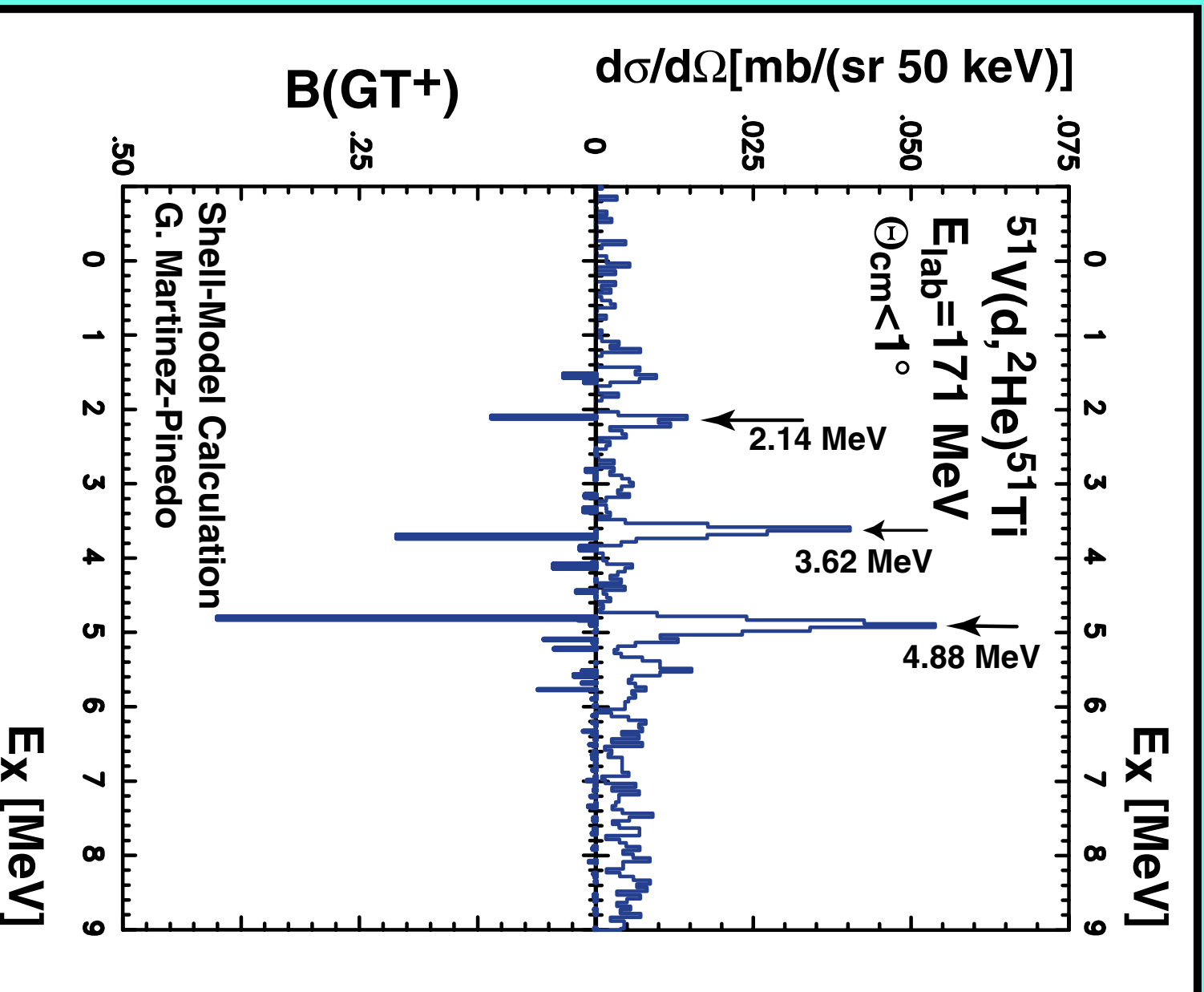
$^{61}\text{Ni}(d, 2\text{He})^{61}\text{Co}$: GT distribution



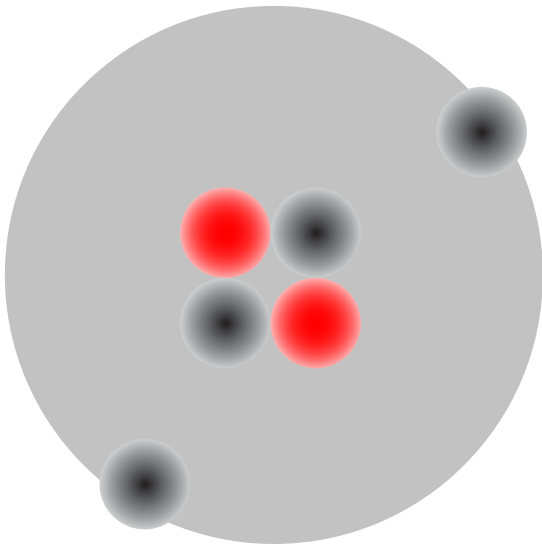
$^{57}\text{Fe}(d, ^2\text{He})^{57}\text{Mn}$: GT distribution



Detailed comparison of GT transitions in ^{51}V



${}^6\text{He}$ - prototype of a halo-nucleus



3-body $\alpha+n+n$ structure
("Borromean system")

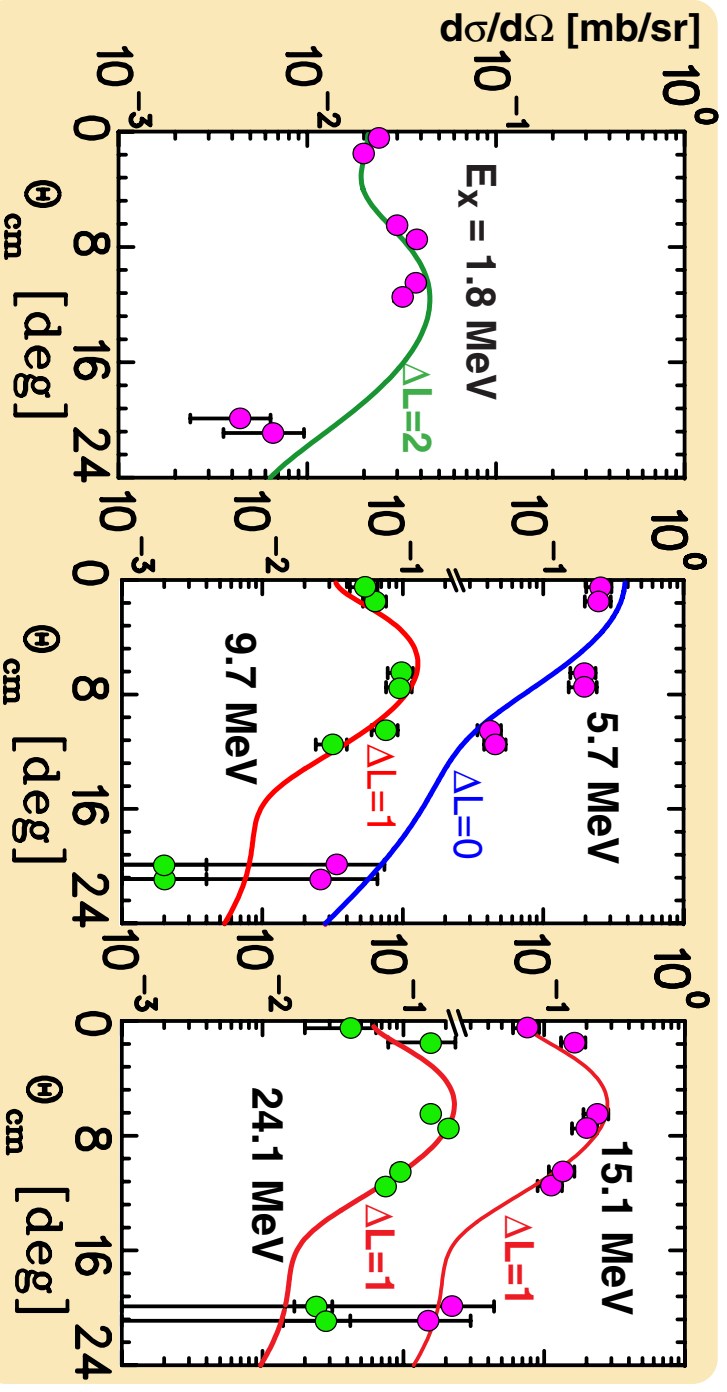
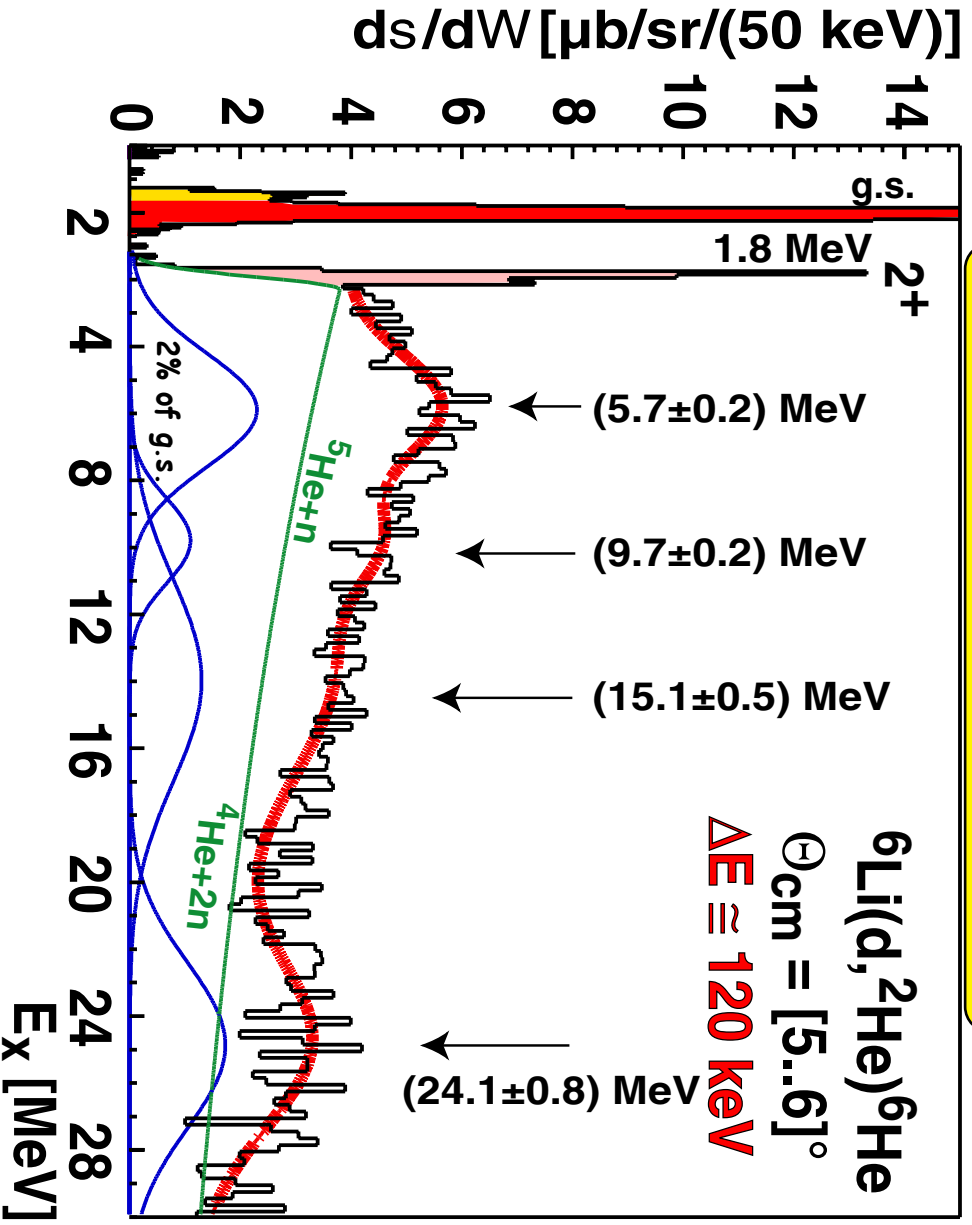
3-body calculations*:

- narrow 0^+ , 2^+ states (g.s., ~ 1.6 MeV)
- 2^+ "soft mode" state at 4.3 MeV; $\Gamma=1.2$ MeV
- 1^+ resonance at 4.5 MeV
- 0^+ resonance at 5 MeV
- no conclusions about "soft dipole" modes (at low energies).

*B.V. Danilin et al., PRC 55, 577 (1997)

easily reachable thru ${}^6\text{Li} (d, {}^2\text{He}) {}^6\text{He}$
resolution 120 keV
angular distributions

${}^6\text{Li}(d, {}^2\text{He}){}^6\text{He}$



The structure of ${}^7\text{He}$ and the strength of the spin-orbit force through ${}^7\text{Li}(d, {}^2\text{He}){}^7\text{He}$

- ▶ identify the $p_{1/2}$ spin orbit partner of the ground state and clarify the claim of a low lying $1/2^-$ state (at ~ 650 keV)
- ▶ exploit ${}^7\text{Li}(d, {}^2\text{He}){}^7\text{He}$ reaction and the properties of GT transition at 170 MeV
- ▶ get information about spin-orbit force in halo nucleus where nucleon is at far distance from the core
- ▶ angular distribution will give further information about level scheme

Spin-orbit splitting

| nucleus | configuration | s.o. splitting |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| ^5He | $3/2^- \longrightarrow 1/2^-$ | $\sim 4.0 \text{ MeV ?}$ |
| ^5Li | $3/2^- \longrightarrow 1/2^-$ | $\sim 7.5 \text{ MeV ?}$ |
| ^9Li | $3/2^- \longrightarrow 1/2^-$ | 2.69 MeV |
| ^{15}O | $1/2^- \longrightarrow 3/2^-$ | 6.18 MeV |
| ^{17}O | $5/2^+ \longrightarrow 3/2^+$ | 5.09 MeV |

Theoretical predictions for ^7He s.o. splitting:

large scale shell models } $2 - 3 \text{ MeV}$
 Resonating Group Methods }

Quantum Monte Carlo $\sim 1 \text{ MeV}$

Experimental situation for ^7He states above g.s.

| Reaction | E^* | Γ | Method |
|---|-------|----------|------------|
| $^{12}\text{C}(^8\text{He},n)^7\text{He}$ | 0.6 | 0.75 | inv. mass |
| $^1\text{H}(^8\text{He},d)^7\text{He}$ | 2.9 | 2.2 | miss. mass |
| $^9\text{Be}(^{15}\text{N},^{17}\text{F})^7\text{He}$ | 2.95 | 1.9 | miss. mass |
| $^{10}\text{B}(\pi^-,pd)^7\text{He}$ | 2.8 | 2.0 | miss. mass |

Meister et al., Korshennikov et al, Bohlen et al, Gornov et al

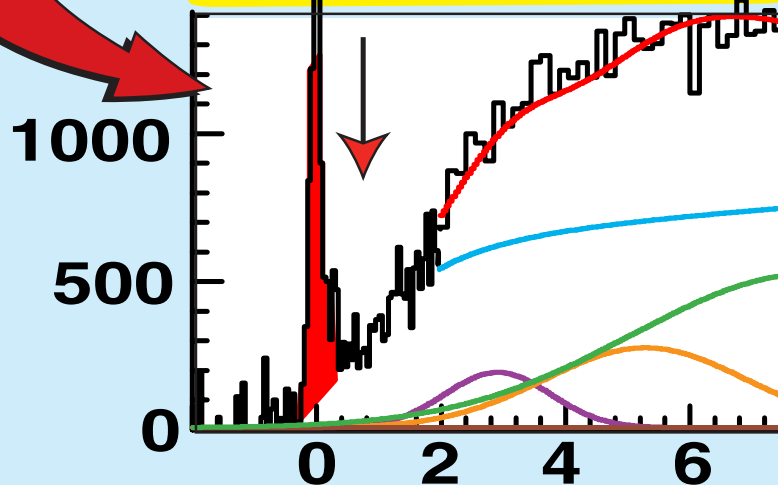
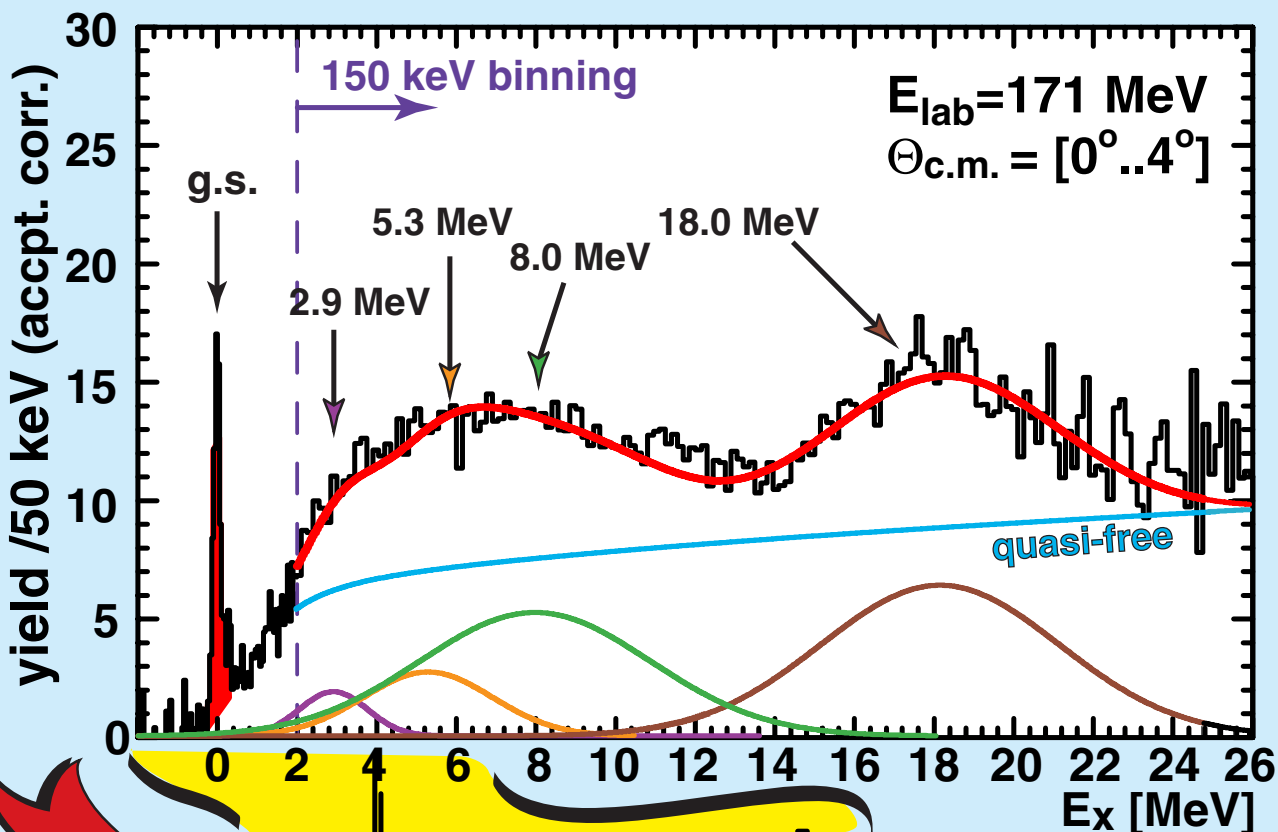
${}^7\text{Li}(d, {}^2\text{He}){}^7\text{He}$

unexpectedly weak GT-transition strength (${}^7\text{Li} = a + t$)

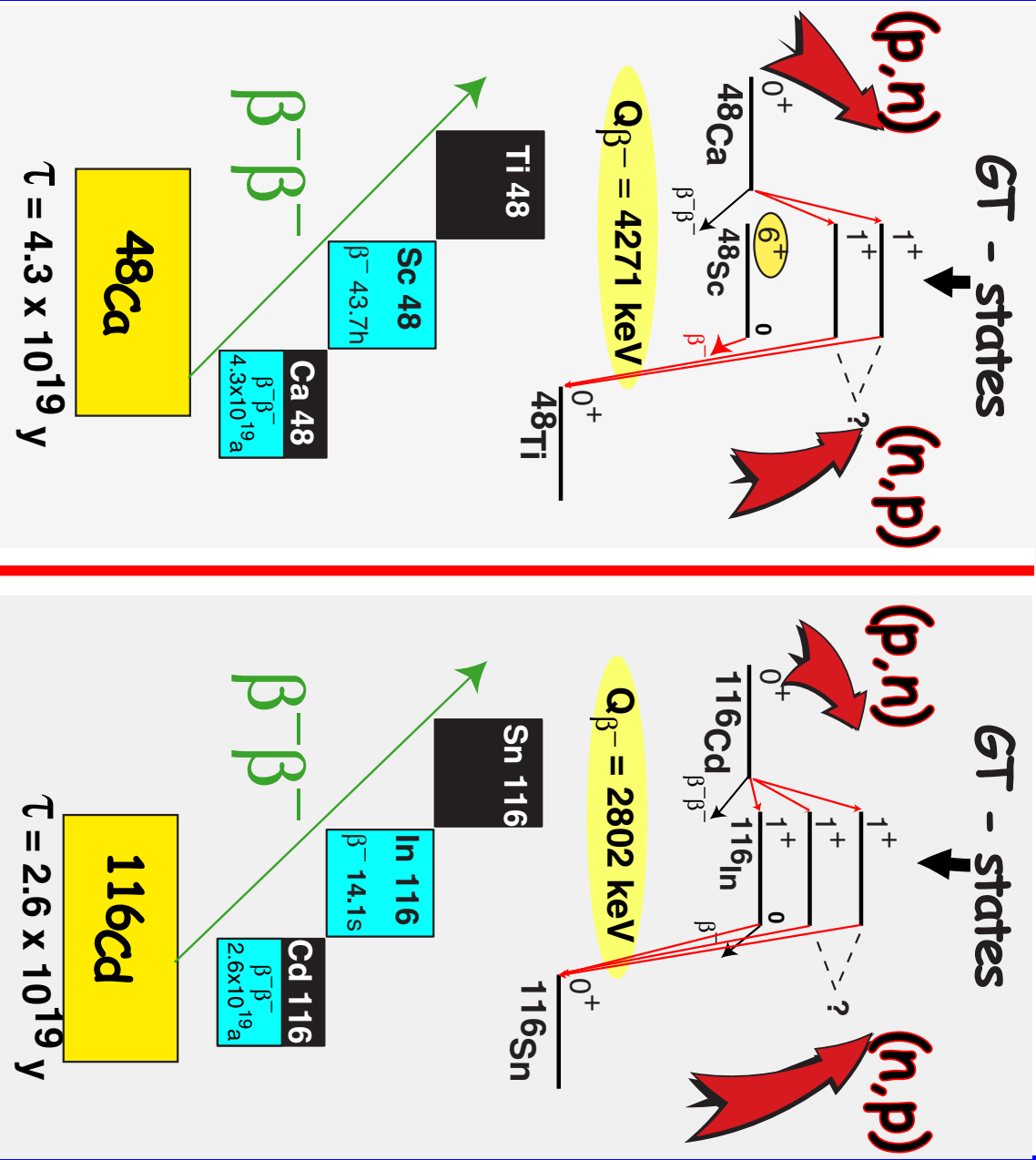
strong reduction of spin-orbit force not observed

although favoured by GT-operator, no low-lying spin-orbit partner visible

several broad states observed at:
2.9 MeV (seen before)
5.3 MeV
8.0 MeV
18.0 MeV (strong!!)



Nuclear double beta decay



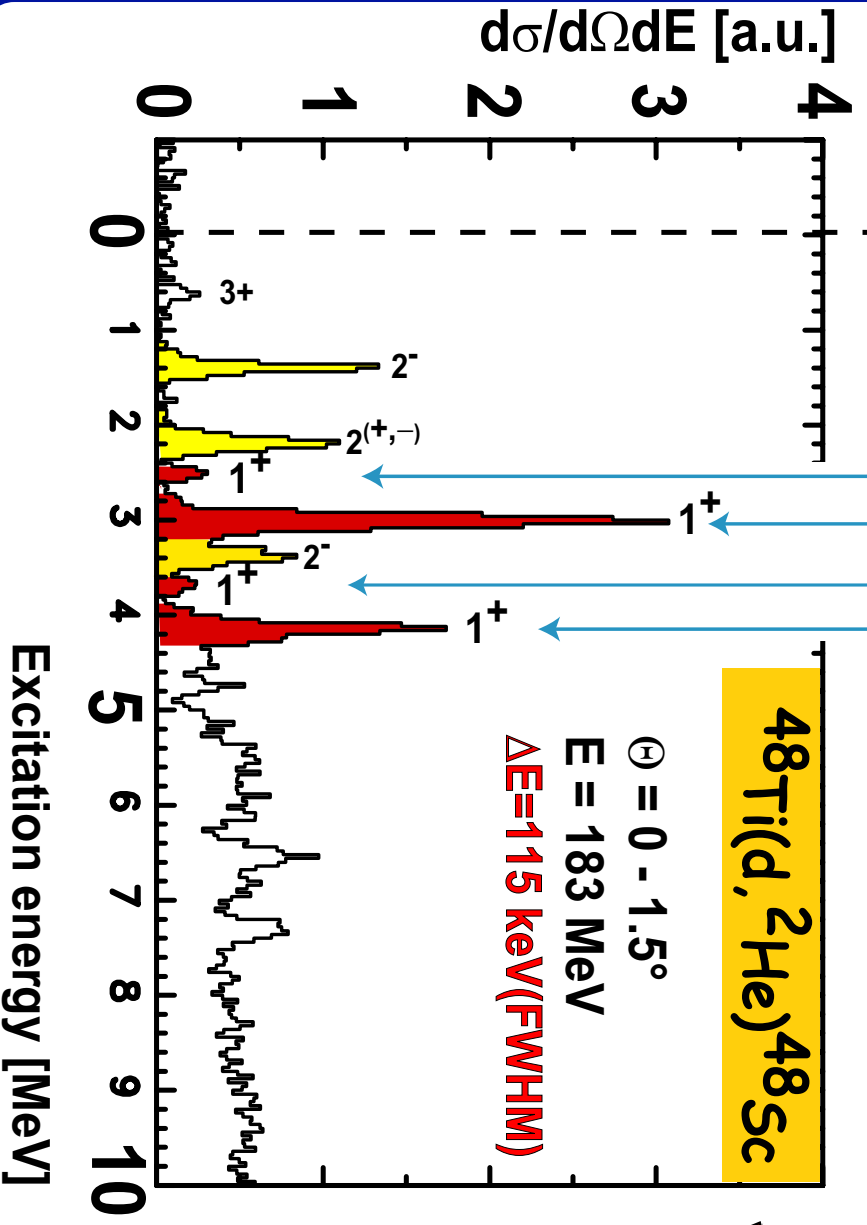
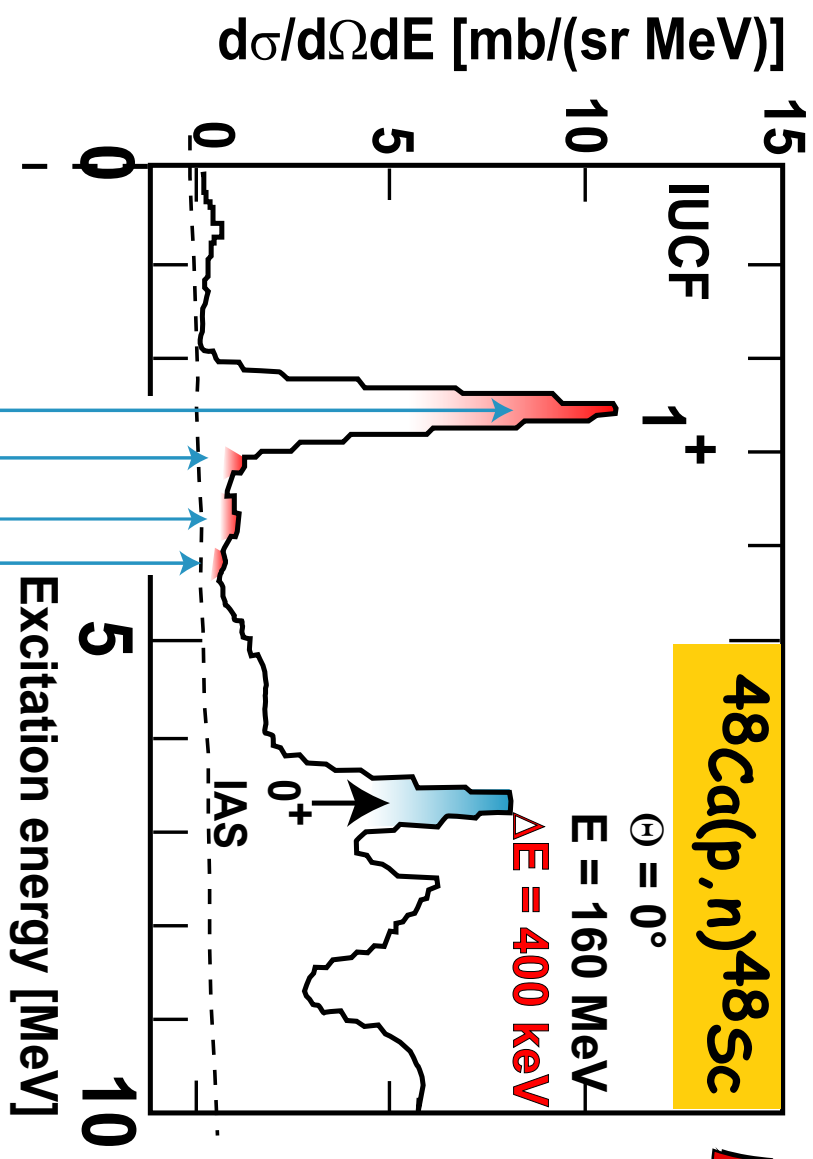
Half life:

$$[t_{1/2}]^{-1} = G^{(2\nu)} |M_{\text{DGT}}|^2$$

$$M_{\text{DGT}} = \sum_m \frac{\langle 0_{\text{g.s.}}^{(f)} || \sigma \tau^- || 1_m^+ \rangle \langle 1_m^+ || \sigma \tau^- || 0_{\text{g.s.}}^{(i)} \rangle}{[1/2 Q_{\beta\beta}(0_{\text{g.s.}}^{(f)}) + E(1_m^+) - M_i]/m_e + 1}$$

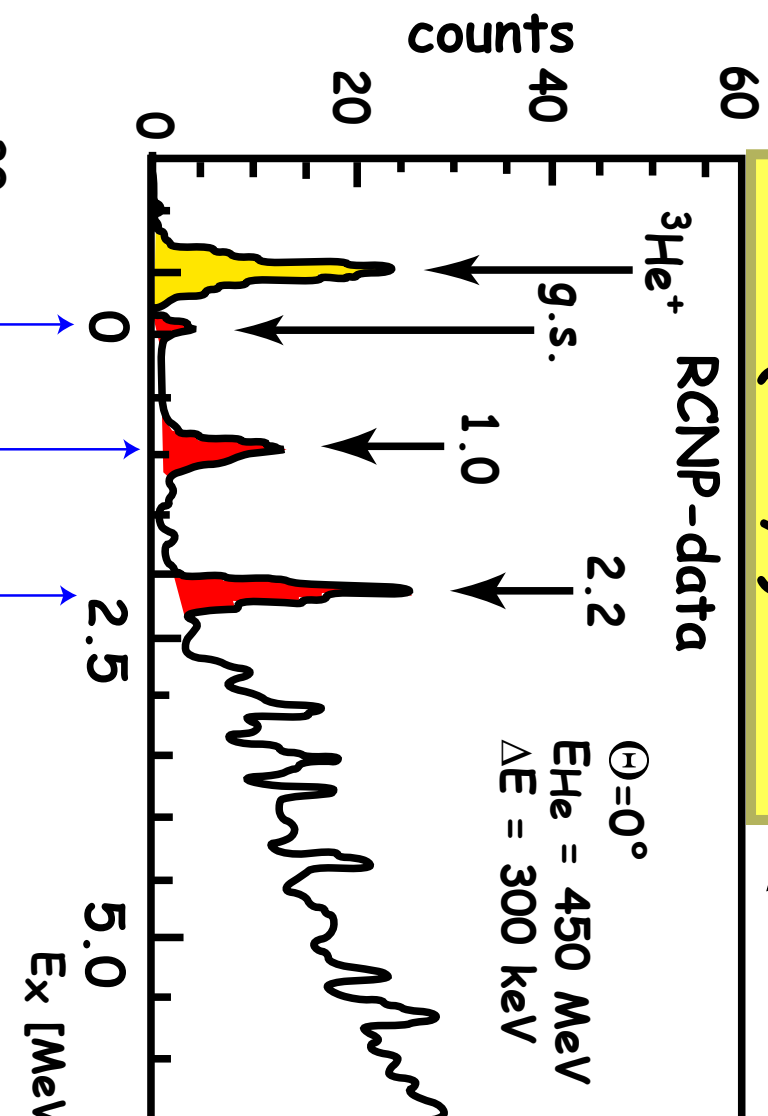
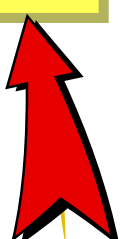
matrix elements experimentally available thru
(p,n) and (n,p) type reactions

Why is ^{48}Ca so stable?

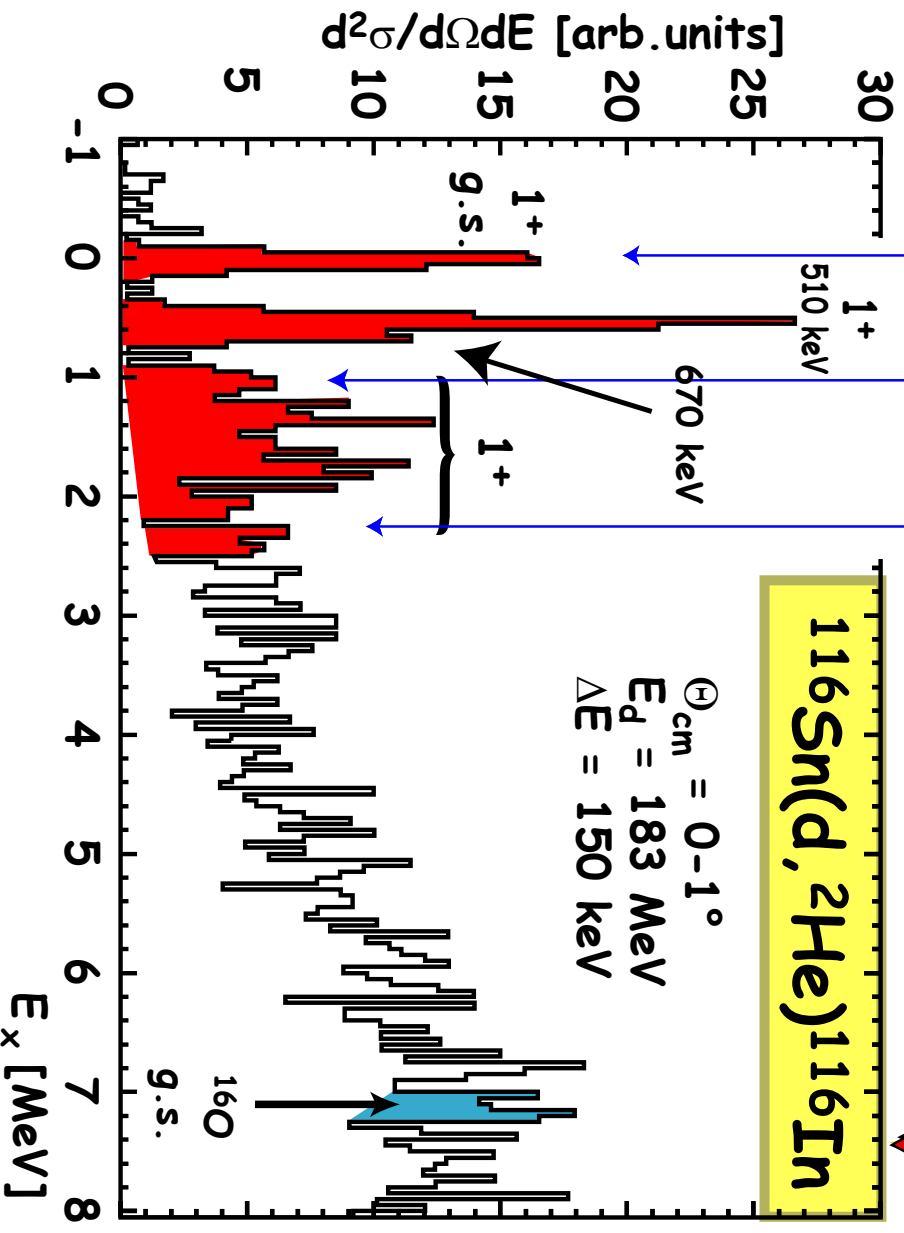
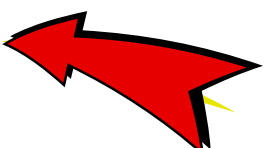


^{116}Cd double beta decay

$^{116}\text{Cd}(^3\text{He}, t)^{116}\text{In}$



$^{116}\text{Sn}(d, 2\text{He})^{116}\text{In}$



Conclude:

astrophysics:

The $(d, {}^2\text{He})$ probably the best tool so far to locate GT transitions

GT transition strength need also be known for non-stable nuclei

experiment: radioactive beams, inverse kinematics

theory: needs to be credible, if to venture into the unstable region;
credibility will be gained by extended experiments

halo nuclei spectroscopy:

the $(d, {}^2\text{He})$ reaction was only a side-effect, the tool may be limited!

$2\nu-\beta\beta$ decay:

the potential still not fully exploited

need more test cases

need information of phase cancellation of GT states

$2\nu-\beta^+\beta^+$ (EC-EC) could be a further potential

further applications:

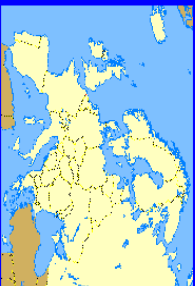
neutron-neutron scattering length

spin correlation of the $2p$ -system from ${}^2\text{He}$ decay (EPR)

stretched state spectroscopy

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