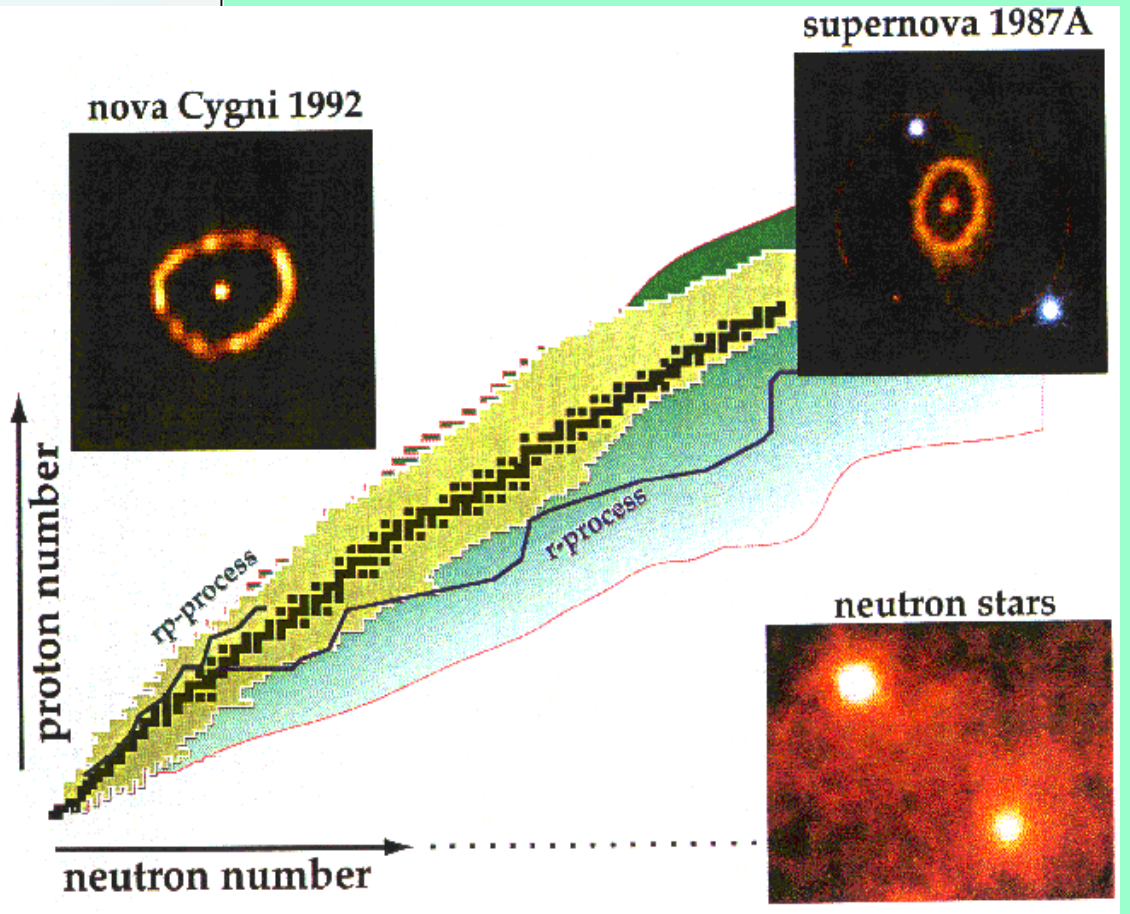
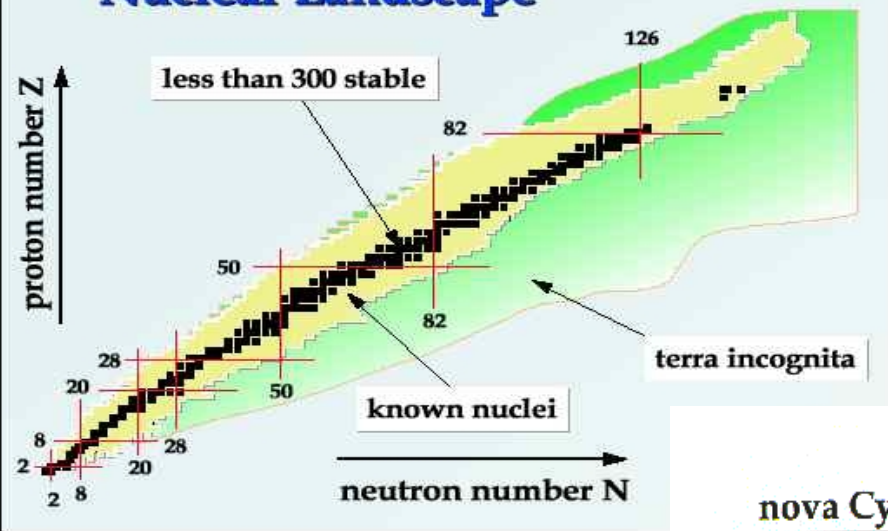


STATISTICAL SPECTROSCOPY METHOD FOR LEVEL DENSITIES AND GT- STRENGTHS IN NUCLEAR ASTROPHYSICAL APPLICATIONS

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Nuclear Landscape



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- Nuclear level densities and Gamow-Teller (GT) transition strengths for $A > 60$ nuclei are two crucial nuclear structure inputs needed, for quantitative understanding of heavy nuclei nucleosynthesis via r- and rp-process and for explosive processes such as supernovae and X-ray bursts.
- Saha equation shows that the abundances of nuclear species depend, besides on Y_e , binding energy etc., also on the partition function $G(Z,A,T)$ which is the Laplace transform of the level density.
- Weak-interaction processes, electron capture and beta decay, involving nuclei (with $40 < A < 90$), influence strongly the late evolution stages of massive stars as they determine the core entropy and the electron to baryon ratio Y_e of the presupernovae star.

- Important for rp-process nuclear reaction network calculations above $Z \geq 32$ are the nuclear masses of the relevant neutron deficient isotopes, the proton-capture reaction rates as well as their inverse photo-disintegration rates, and finally the β -decay and electron-capture rates (for proton rich nuclei at least up to mass 110). First attempts to study nucleosynthesis in X-ray bursts was due to Wallace and Woosley in 1984.
- The r-process runs through very neutron rich, unstable nuclei, which are far from stability (most important are nuclei with $N \sim 82$) and whose physical properties are often experimentally unknown. As relevant nuclear input, r-process simulations require neutron separation energies (i.e. masses), half-lives (determined by allowed GT transitions) and neutron-capture cross sections of the very neutron-rich nuclei on the various dynamical r-process paths.

In this talk we consider level densities and β -decay rates for $A \gtrsim 60$ nuclei.

Methods for calculating level densities:

1. Fermi gas formulas with various modifications [Dilg et al, Nucl Phys. **A217**, 269 (1973); Iljinov et al, Nucl Phys. **A543**, 517 (1992); H.Nakamura and T. Fukahori, Phys. Rev. C **72**, 064329 (2005); D. Bucrescu and T. von Egidy, Phys. Rev. C **72**, 044311, 067304 (2005)].
2. Shell Model Monte Carlo (SMMC) method of Koonin et al [Y. Alhassid, G.F.Bertsch, L. Fang and S. Liu, Phys. Rev. C **72**, 064326].
3. Statistical Nuclear Spectroscopy method (SNSM) [French, Kota, Zelevinsky-----]

Methods for calculating β -decay rates:

1. FFN method -- data plus single particle model [G.M. Fuller, W.A.Flower, M.J. Newman, APJS **42**, 447 (1980); APJS **48**, 179 (1982); APJ **252**, 715 (1982); APJ **293**, 1 (1985); J. Pruet and G.M.Fuller, APJS **149**, 189 (2003)].
2. Shell Model [K. Langanke and G. Martinez-Pinedo, Rev. Mod. Phys. **75**, 819 (2003); Atomic Data and Nuclear Data Tables **79**, 1 (2001); J.L. Fisker et al, Atomic Data and Nuclear Data Tables **79**, 241(2001)].
3. Statistical Nuclear Spectroscopy method (SNSM): This is well suited as GT matrix elements involving excited states of the parent and daughter nucleus are needed for the temperatures involved in astrophysical processes[K. Kar, S. Sarkar, and A. Ray, Phys. Lett. **B261**, 217 (1991);Ap. J. **434**, 662 (1994)].

Plan of the talk

- **LEVEL DENSITIES AND BETA DECAY RATES: DEFINITIONS**
- **FOUNDATIONS OF SNS: TWO-BODY RANDOM ENSEMBLES AND MANY-BODY CHAOS**
- **SNSM FOR LEVEL DENSITIES: EXAMPLES**
- **SNSM FOR BETA DECAY RATES: EXAMPLES**
- **FUTURE OUTLOOK**

I. LEVEL DENSITIES AND β -DECAY RATES: DEFINITIONS

State density:
$$I^m(E) = \langle\langle\delta(H - E)\rangle\rangle^m = \sum_{\mathbf{m}} \langle\langle\delta(H - E)\rangle\rangle^{\mathbf{m}} = \sum_{\mathbf{m}} I^{\mathbf{m}}(E)$$

Spin-cutoff factor:
$$\sigma_J^2(E) = \langle J_Z^2 \rangle^E$$

Level density:
$$\begin{aligned} I_\ell(E, J) &= \frac{2J + 1}{\sqrt{8\pi\sigma_J^3(E)}} \exp\left\{-\frac{(J + 1/2)^2}{2\sigma_J^2(E)}\right\} I(E) \\ &= \langle\langle\delta(H - E)\delta(J^2 - J(J + 1))\rangle\rangle^m / (2J + 1) = \\ &= \langle\langle\delta(H - E)\rangle\rangle^{m,J} / (2J + 1) \\ \sum_{\mathbf{m}} \langle\langle\delta(H - E)\rangle\rangle^{\mathbf{m},J} / (2J + 1) &= \sum_{\mathbf{m}} I^{\mathbf{m},J}(E) \end{aligned}$$

The decomposition into $I^m(E)$, the partial densities, is exact. The \mathbf{m} are eigenstates of the mean-field one-body part of the nuclear hamiltonian. Also $I^{\mathbf{m},J}(E)$ are fixed-J partial densities and similarly one can define $I^{\mathbf{m},J,T}(E)$

The β -decay rate is the number of β -decays per second from a given initial state $|E_i\rangle$ of the parent nucleus to the final nuclear state $|E_f\rangle$ and the rate $\lambda(T)$ at finite temperature is the thermal average of the rates from all parent nucleus states. With Q the Q -value for β -decay from GS, $Q_i = Q + E_i$.

$$\text{GS half lives: } t_{1/2}(GS) = \{6250 \text{ (s)}\} \times \left\{ \int_0^Q \left[\left(\frac{g_A}{g_V} \right)^2 3\mathcal{L} \right] \left[\frac{\mathbf{I}_{O(GT)}^H(E_{GS}, E_f)}{I^H(E_{GS})} \right] f(Z, Q - E_f) dE_f \right\}^{-1}$$

$\mathcal{L} \sim 0.5-0.6$ is the so called quenching factor which is required because the calculated (shell model) GT sum rule strength is always found to be larger than the observed strength.

$$\text{Bivariate GT strength density: } \mathbf{I}_{O_{GT}}^{m,m'}(E, E') \\ = I^{m'}(E) |\langle E' m' | \mathcal{O}_{GT} | E, m \rangle|^2 I^m(E) = \left\langle \left\langle \mathcal{O}_{GT}^\dagger \delta(H - E') \mathcal{O}_{GT} \delta(H - E) \right\rangle \right\rangle^m$$

$$\lambda(T) = \frac{\ln 2 (s^{-1})}{6250} \left[\int e^{-E_i/k_B T} I^H(E_i) dE_i \right]^{-1} \times \left[\int dE_i e^{-E_i/k_B T} \left[\int_0^{Q_i} dE_f \left\{ \left(\frac{g_A}{g_V} \right)^2 3\mathcal{L} \right\} \mathbf{I}_{O(GT)}^H(E_i, E_f) f(Z, T, Q_i - E_f) \right] \right]$$

For both β -decay and electron capture the phase space factor f and the coulomb factor F that f contains are known. An expressions for the chemical potential that enter into f is,

$$\mu_e = 1.11(\rho_7 Y_e)^{1/3} \left[1 + \left(\frac{\pi}{1.11} \right)^2 \frac{\bar{T}^2}{(\rho_7 Y_e)^{2/3}} \right]^{-1/3}$$

II. Foundations of SNS: Two-body random ensembles (TBRE) and Many-body chaos

- Embedded Gaussian orthogonal ensemble of two-body interactions: **EGOE(2)**
- Embedded Gaussian orthogonal ensemble of one plus two-body interactions: **EGOE(1+2)**

EGOE(2) for spinless fermion systems

N single particle states, m fermions

Number of basis states $d(N, m) = \binom{N}{m}$

$d(12, 6) = 924$, $d(16, 8) = 12870$

$$\hat{H}(2) = \sum_{i>j, k>l} H_{ijkl} a_k^\dagger a_l^\dagger a_j a_i$$

$$H_{ijkl} = \langle kl | H | ij \rangle$$

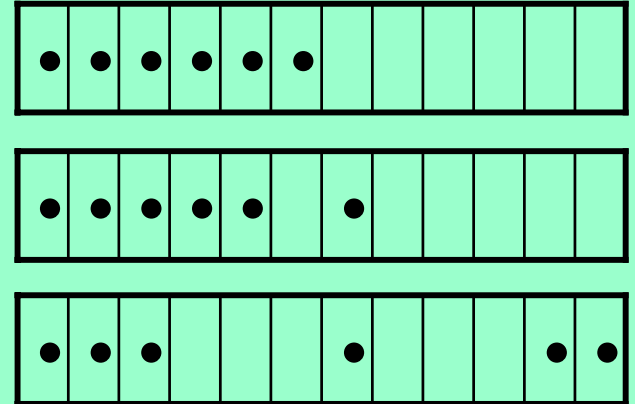
- H matrix in two-particle spaces is GOE
- Geometry gives H matrix in m-particle spaces
- Many m-particle matrix elements are zero
- There are correlations between m-particle matrix elements

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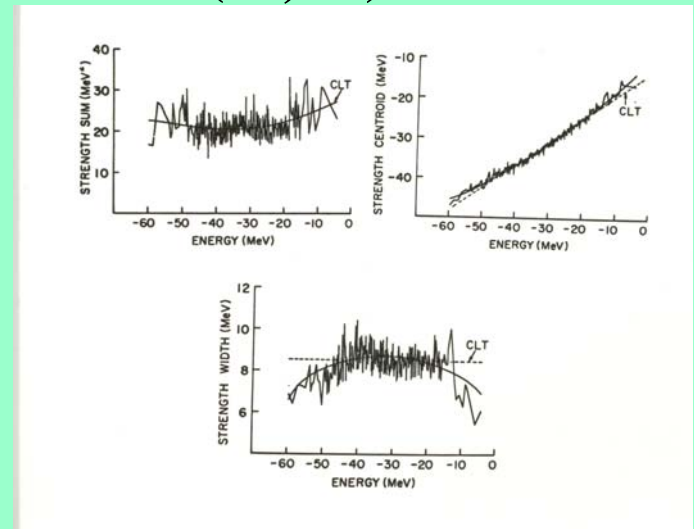
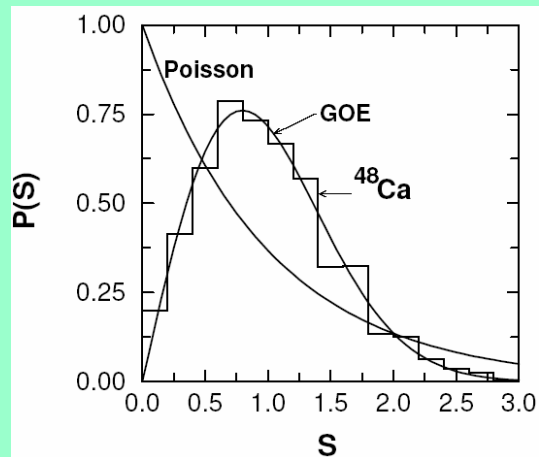
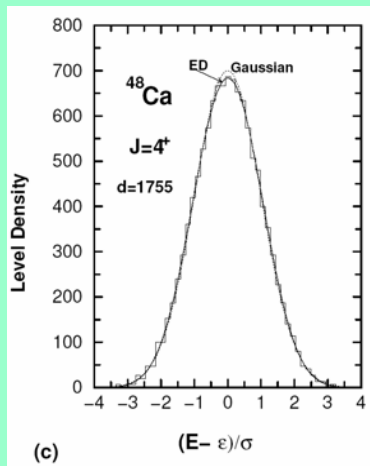
N=12, m=6



Results for EGOE(2)

- i. Binary correlation approximation, applied in the dilute limit proves that density of states takes Gaussian form [K.K. Mon and J.B. French, *Ann. Phys. (N.Y.)* **95**, 90 (1975)].
- ii. Bivariate transition strength densities take in general bivariate Gaussian form [J.B. French, V.K.B. Kota, A. Pandey, S. Tomsovic, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **58** (1987) 2400; *Ann. Phys. (N.Y.)* **181** (1988) 235].
- iii. The transition from Semicircle to Gaussian takes at $m=2k$ [L. Benet, T. Rupp, and H.A. Weidenmueller, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **87**, 010601 (2001); *Ann. Phys. (N.Y.)* **292**, 67 (2001)].

$(2s,1d)^6, J=2, T=0$

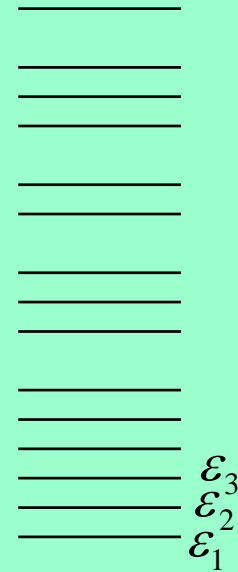


EGOE(1+2)

$$\hat{H} = \hat{h}(1) + \lambda \left\{ \hat{V}(2) \right\}$$

$$\hat{h}(1) = \sum_i \varepsilon_i \hat{n}_i, \quad \left\{ \hat{V}(2) \right\} \text{ is EGOE}(2)$$

$$\hat{h}(1) \Leftrightarrow \varepsilon_i \begin{cases} \text{fixed (TBRIM)} \\ \text{random (TBRIM)} \\ \text{drawn from GOE (RIMM)} \end{cases}$$



Single particle spectrum
 Δ is average spacing

$$\text{EGOE}(1+2) \Leftrightarrow (m, N, \lambda/\Delta)$$

$$|k\rangle = \sum_E C_k^E |E\rangle, \quad F_k(E) = |C_k^E|^2 \rho(E) \Leftrightarrow \text{strength functions}$$

$$\text{NPC}(E) = \left\{ \sum_k |C_k^E|^4 \right\}^{-1}, \quad S^{\text{info}}(E) = - \sum_k |C_k^E|^2 \ln |C_k^E|^2$$

- NPC, S^{info} depend on density of states, strength functions and strength fluctuations
- NPC, S^{info} can be defined for transition strengths

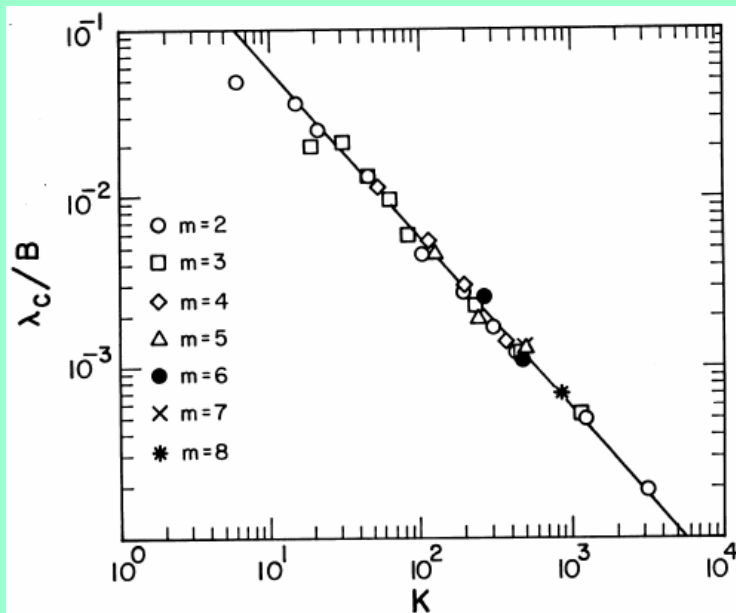
λ_c marker

$\lambda_c \propto$ spacing between directly coupled states $\Rightarrow \lambda_c \sim 1/(m^2N)$

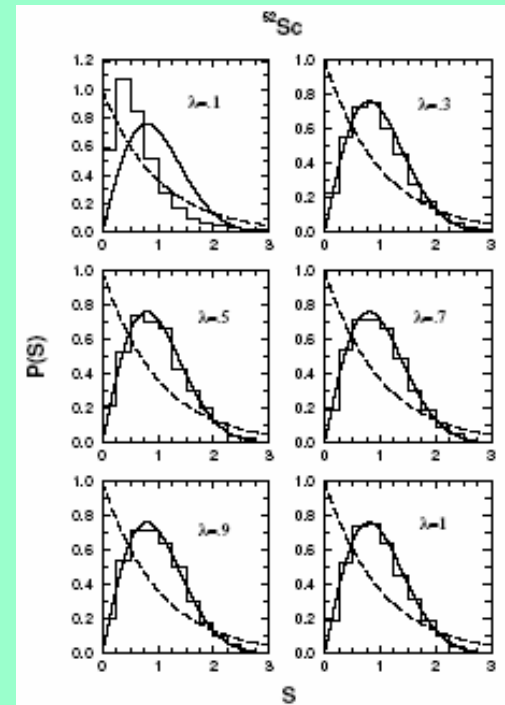
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K = Number of directly connected states
 B = 2-particle spectrum span



$J = 0^+$, $T = 5$, $d = 6107$

λ_F marker

$\lambda_c < \lambda < \lambda_F$ region is called BW domain, $\lambda > \lambda_F$ region is called Gaussian domain

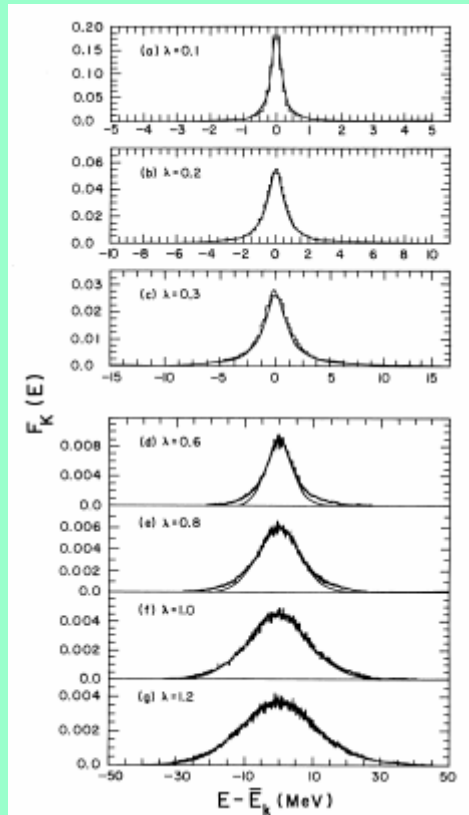
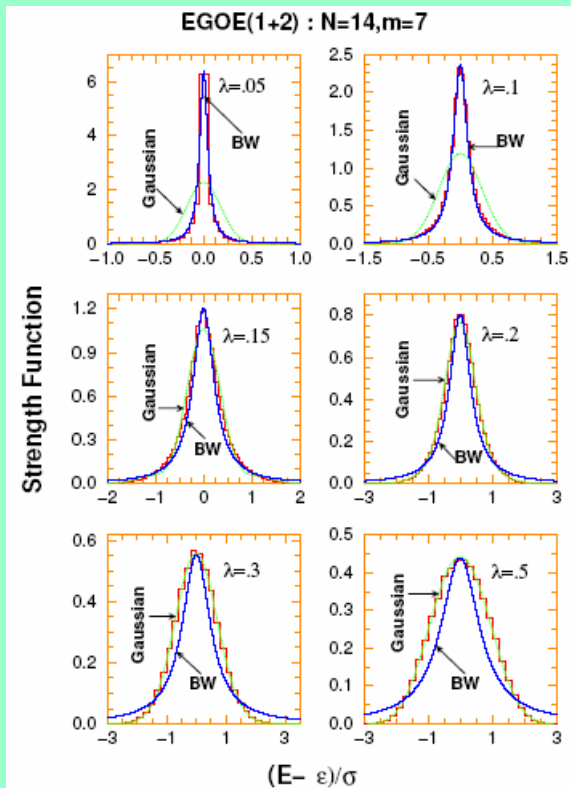
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J = 0, T = 0

d = 839

^{28}Si

$$F_{BW}(E) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{\Gamma}{(E - E_c)^2 + \Gamma^2/4}$$

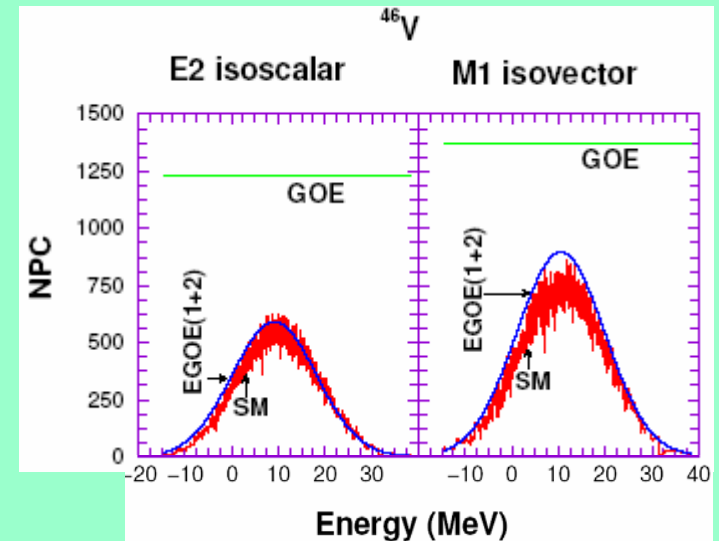
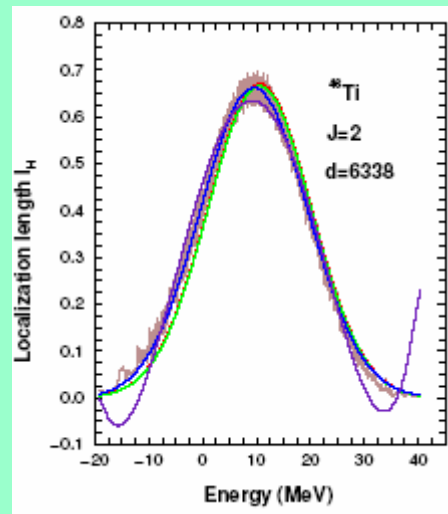
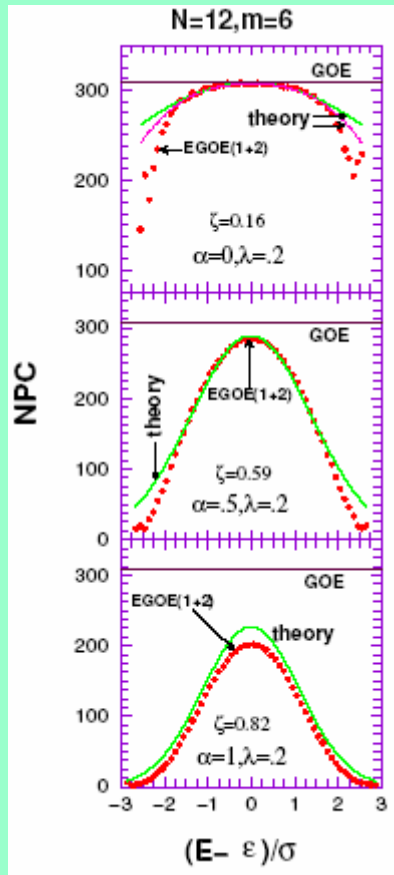
$$F_G(E) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(E - E_c)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

Number of principle components (NPC) and Information entropy (S^{info})

$$NPC(E) = (d/3) \sqrt{1 - \zeta^4} \exp\left(-\frac{\zeta^2 \hat{E}^2}{1 + \zeta^2}\right)$$

$$\exp(S^{\text{info}}(E)) = (0.48d) \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2} \exp\left(\frac{\zeta^2}{2}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{\zeta^2 \hat{E}^2}{2}\right)$$

$$\zeta = \sqrt{1 - \frac{\sigma_{\text{off-diagonal}}^2}{\sigma_{\text{total}}^2}}$$



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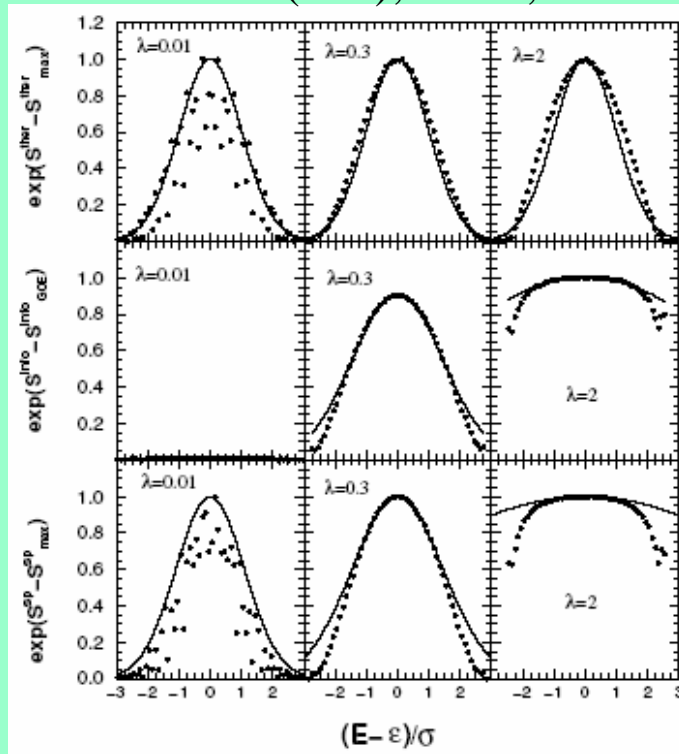
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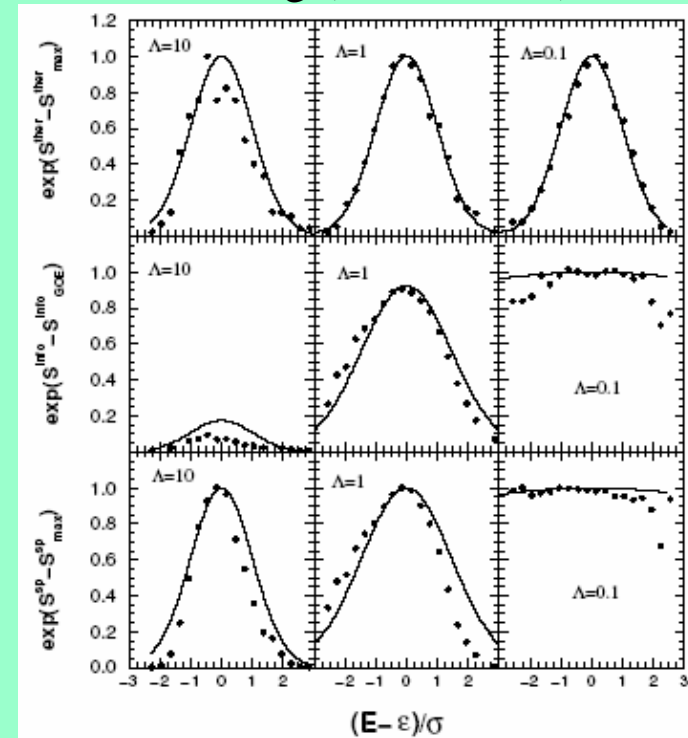
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Around λ_t different definitions of entropy [for example $S^{\text{info}}(E)$, thermodynamic entropy defined via $\rho^H(E)$, single particle entropy defined via occupation numbers], temperature etc. will coincide and also strength functions in $h(1)$ and $V(2)$ basis will coincide. Thus $\lambda \sim \lambda_t$ region is called the thermodynamic region.

EGOE(1+2); N=12,m=6



^{24}Mg ($J = 0, T = 0$)

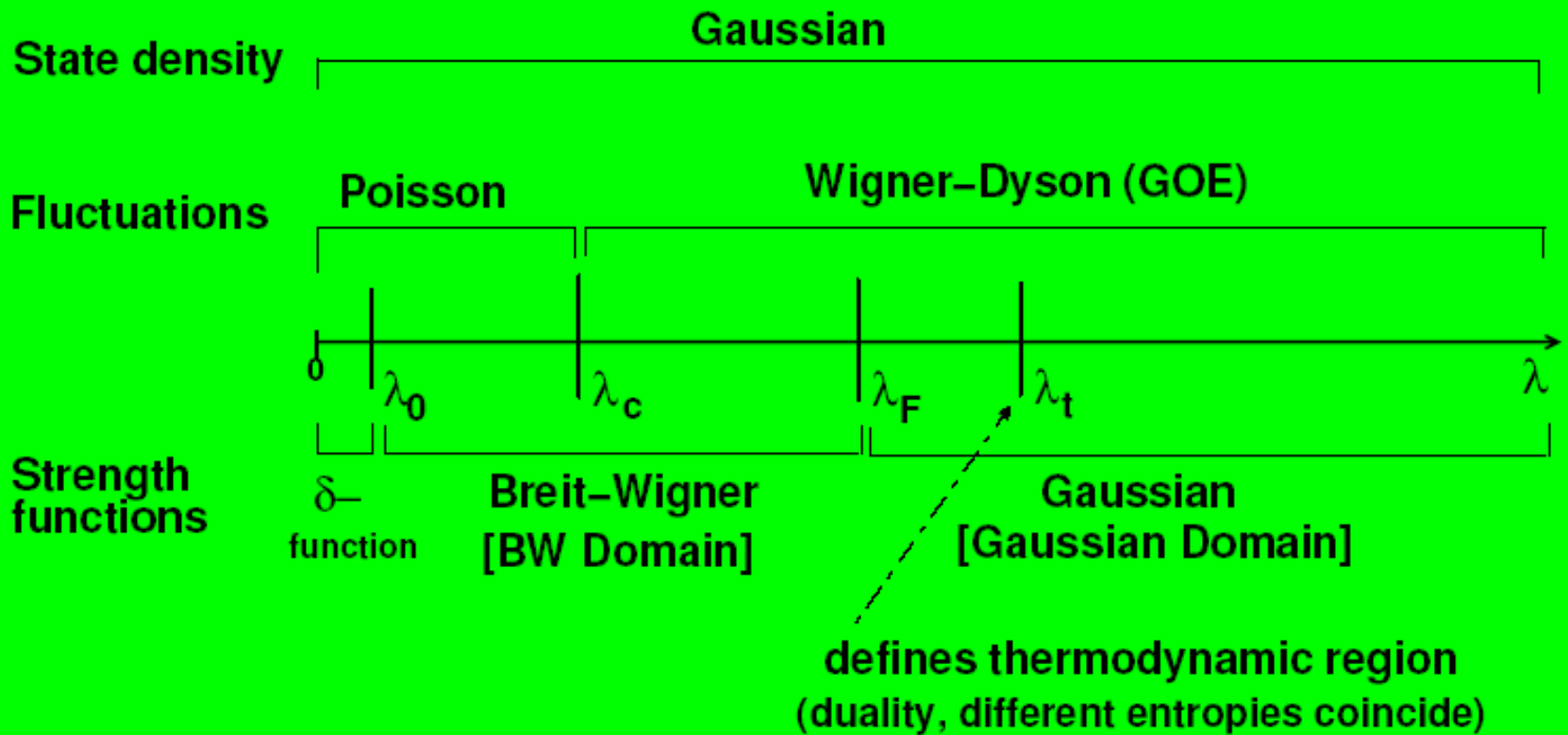


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CHAOS MARKERS FOR EGOE(1+2)

$$H = \Delta h(1) + \lambda \{V(2)\}$$
$$(m, N, \Delta, \lambda)$$



III. SNSM FOR LEVEL DENSITIES: EXAMPLES

In order to extend the applicability of the TBRE Gaussian forms to large shell model spaces, it is essential to deal with partitioning of the m -particle spaces to subspaces [See Fig. 1]. Then,

$$m \rightarrow \sum S^\pi ; S^\pi \rightarrow \sum [\mathbf{m}]; [\mathbf{m}] \rightarrow \sum \mathbf{m} ; S = \sum m_\alpha s_\alpha$$

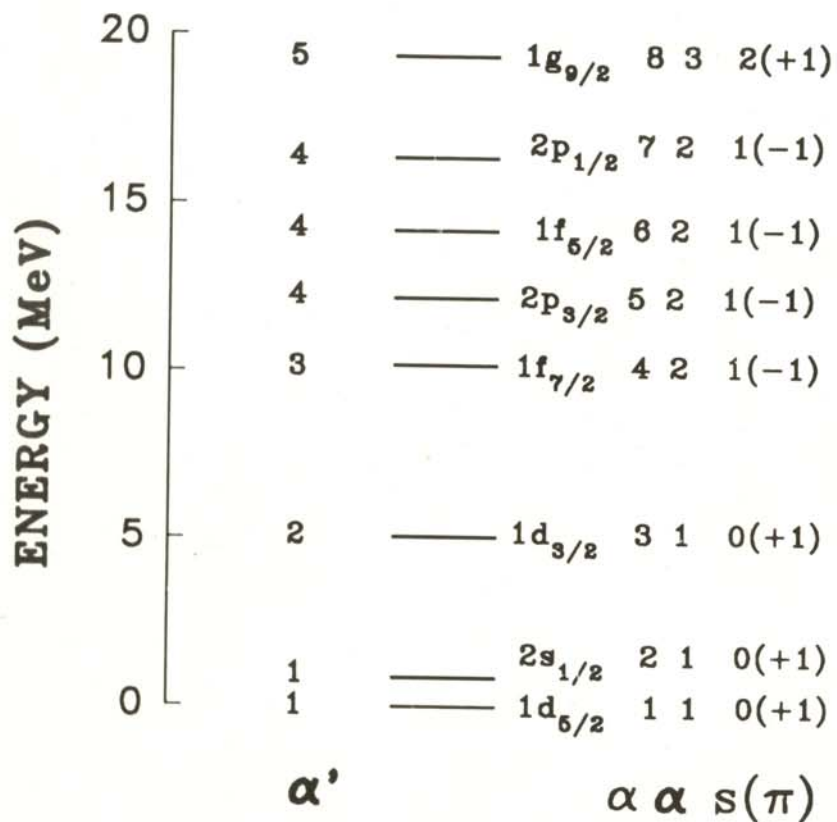
With spherical configurations \mathbf{m} we have [J.B. French and V.K.B. Kota, Phys. Rev. Lett. **51**, 2183 (1983); Fig. 2],

$$\begin{aligned} \rho^{\mathbf{h}+\mathbf{V},m}(E) &= \langle \delta(\mathbf{h} + \mathbf{V} - E) \rangle^m \\ &= d(m)^{-1} \sum d(\mathbf{m}) \langle \delta(\mathbf{h} + \mathbf{V} - E) \rangle^{\mathbf{m}} \\ &\rightarrow d(m)^{-1} \sum_{\mathbf{m}} d(\mathbf{m}) \langle \delta(\epsilon(\mathbf{m}) + \mathbf{V} - E) \rangle^{\mathbf{m}} \\ &= d(m)^{-1} \sum_{\mathbf{m}} d(\mathbf{m}) \int dz \langle \delta(\mathbf{h} - z) \rangle^{\mathbf{m}} \langle \delta(\mathbf{V} - E + z) \rangle^{\mathbf{m}} \\ &\rightarrow d(m)^{-1} \sum_{\mathbf{m}} d(\mathbf{m}) \rho^{\mathbf{h},\mathbf{m}} \otimes \rho^{\mathbf{V},m}[E] \\ &= \rho^{\mathbf{h},m} \otimes \rho^{\mathbf{V},m}[E] \end{aligned}$$

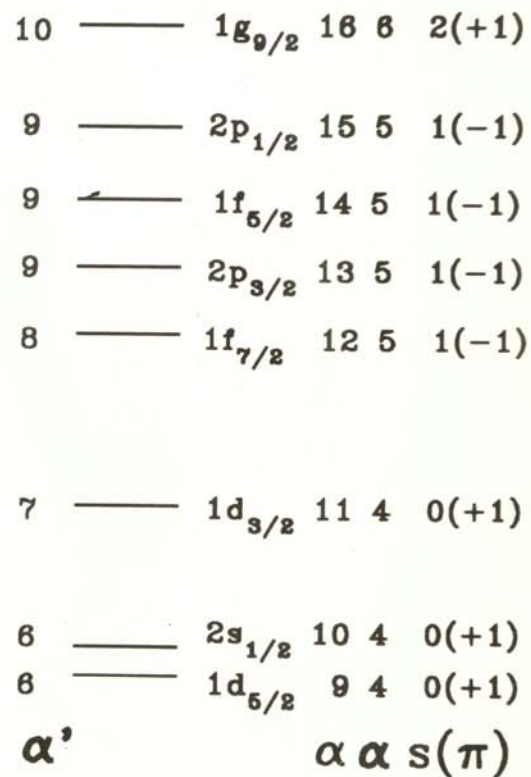
Here \mathbf{h} is a algebraic mean-field hamiltonian. Using unitary orbits and the unitary decomposition [See Fig. 2; V.K.B. Kota and D. Majumdar, Nucl. Phys. **A604**, 129 (1996)] gives,

$$\begin{aligned} I^H(E) &= \sum_S I^{\mathbf{h},S} \otimes \rho_G^{\mathbf{V},S}[E] \\ &= \sum_S \left\{ \sum_{[\mathbf{m}] \in S} I^{\mathbf{h},[\mathbf{m}]} \otimes \rho_G^{\mathbf{V},[\mathbf{m}]}[E] \right\} \\ \rho_G^{\mathbf{V},[\mathbf{m}]} \Leftrightarrow \sigma_{\mathbf{V}}([\mathbf{m}]) &= \left\{ \langle \mathbf{V}^2 \rangle^{[\mathbf{m}]} \right\}^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

The $I^{\mathbf{h},[\mathbf{m}]}$ can be constructed as Edgeworth corrected Gaussians. Similarly $\sigma_{\mathbf{V}}([\mathbf{m}])$ can be calculated using trace propagation equations.

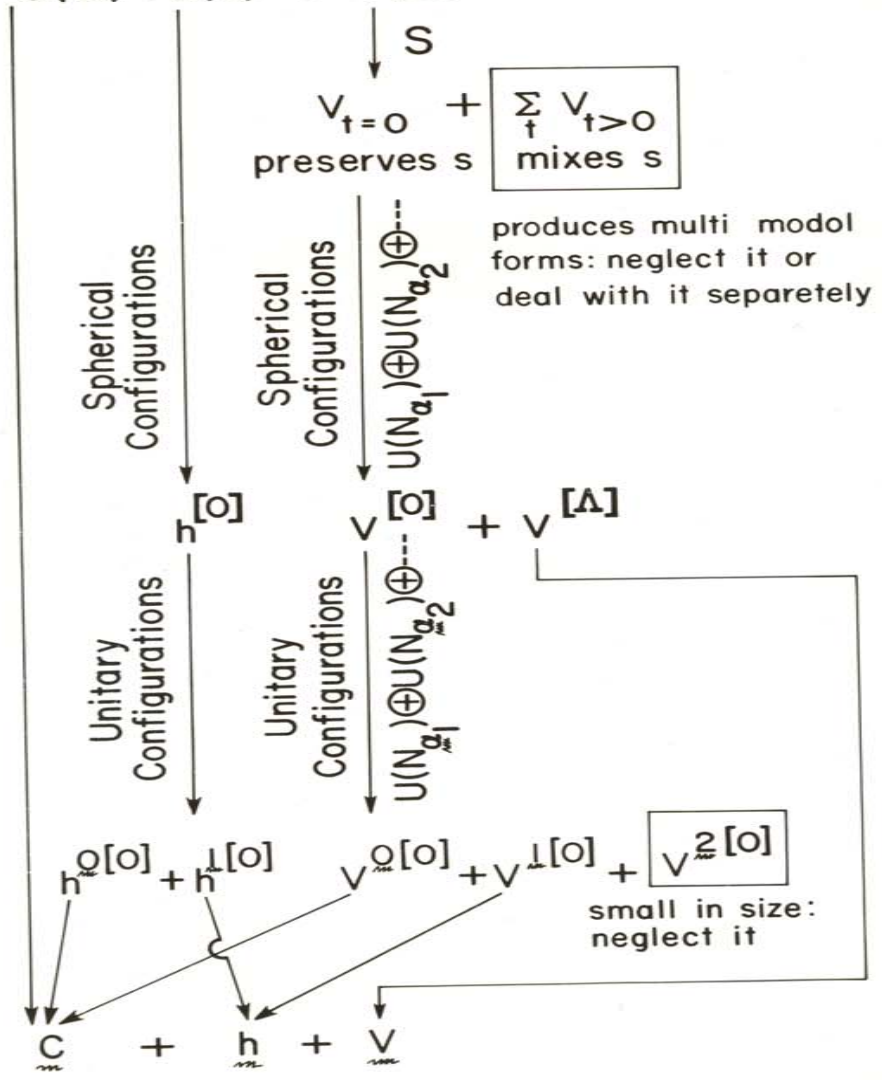


Protons



Neutrons

$$H = C(O) + h(I) + V(2)$$



Spin-cutoff factors are calculated via spin-cutoff densities,

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_{J_Z^2}^H(E) &= \langle J_Z^2 \rangle^E I(E) = \langle \langle J_Z^2 \delta(H - E) \rangle \rangle^m \\
 &= \sum_S I_{J_Z^2}^{\mathbf{h},S} \otimes \rho_{J_Z^2:G}^{\mathbf{V},S}[E] \\
 &= \sum_S \left\{ \sum_{[\mathbf{m}] \in S} I_{J_Z^2}^{\mathbf{h},[\mathbf{m}]} \otimes \rho_{J_Z^2:G}^{\mathbf{V},[\mathbf{m}]}[E] \right\}, \\
 \rho_{J_Z^2}^{\mathbf{V},[\mathbf{m}]}(y) &= \langle J_Z^2 \delta(\mathbf{V} - y) \rangle^{[\mathbf{m}]} / \langle J_Z^2 \rangle^{[\mathbf{m}]};
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\rho_{J_Z^2:G}^{\mathbf{V},[\mathbf{m}]} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \epsilon_{\mathbf{V}:J_Z^2}([\mathbf{m}]) = \langle J_Z^2 \mathbf{V} \rangle^{[\mathbf{m}]} / \langle J_Z^2 \rangle^{[\mathbf{m}]} \\ \sigma_{\mathbf{V}:J_Z^2}([\mathbf{m}]) = \left[\langle J_Z^2 \mathbf{V}^2 \rangle^{[\mathbf{m}]} / \langle J_Z^2 \rangle^{[\mathbf{m}]} - \{ \epsilon_{\mathbf{V}:J_Z^2}([\mathbf{m}]) \}^2 \right]^{1/2} \end{cases}$$

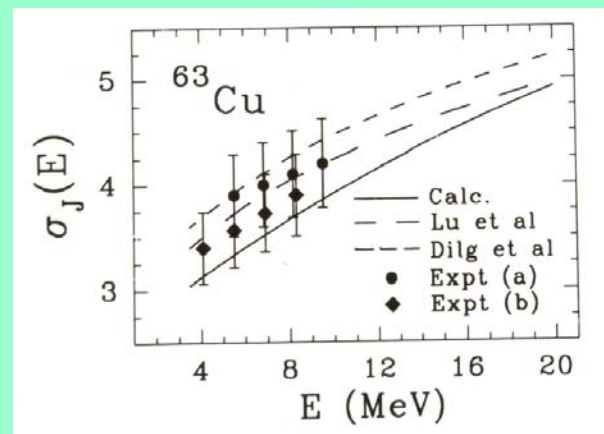
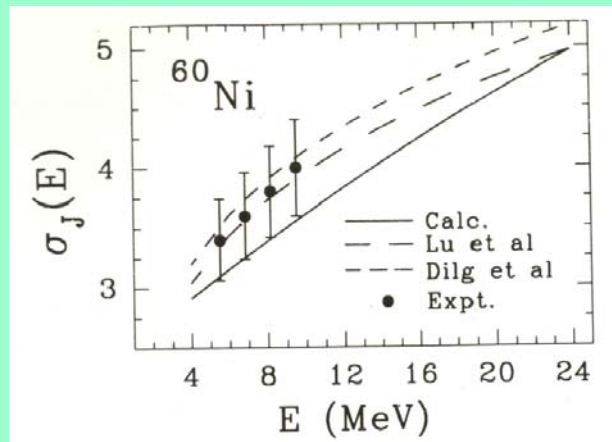
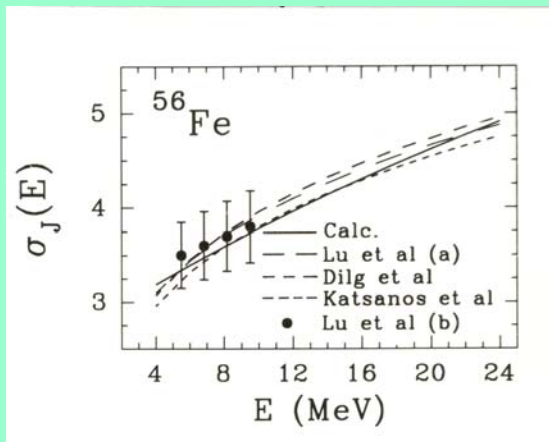
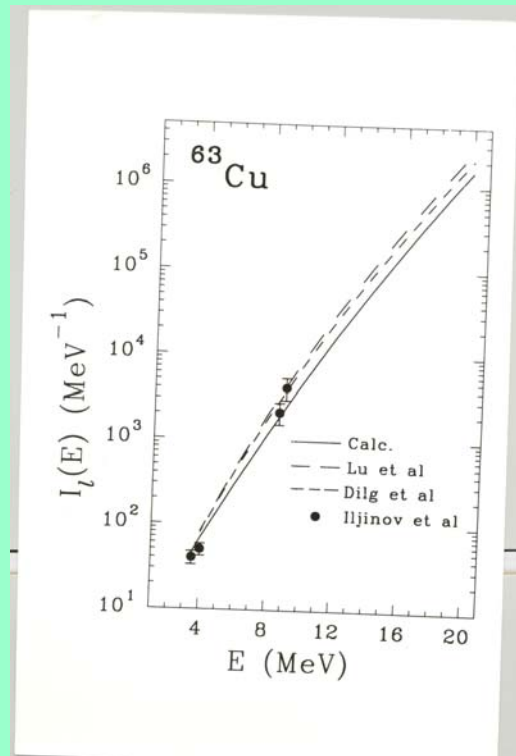
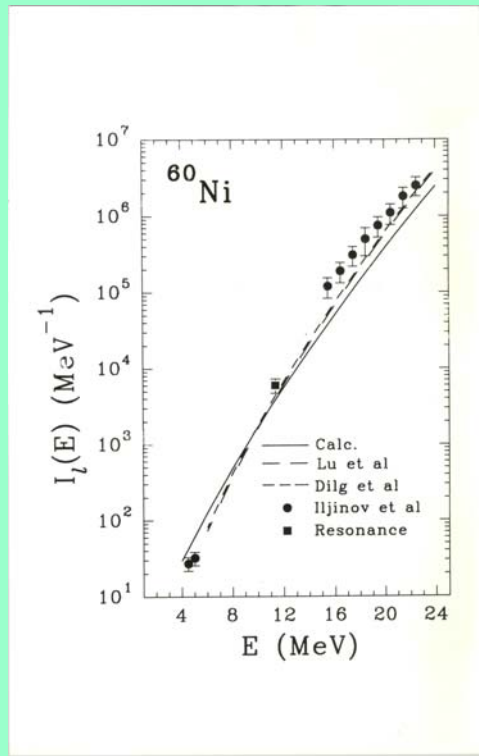
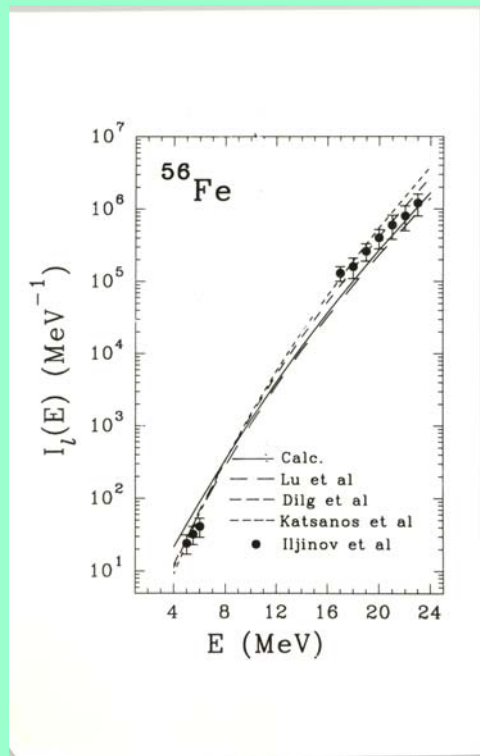
The $I_{J_Z^2}^{\mathbf{h},[\mathbf{m}]}$ follow from $I^{\mathbf{h},[\mathbf{m}]}$ easily by parametric differentiation.

One final problem is the determination of the ground state. The reference energy method [K.F. Ratcliff, Phys. Rev. C **3**, 117 (1971)] gives,

$$[N_{ref}^{expt} - \frac{1}{2}(2J_{ref}^{expt} + 1)] = \sum_{[\mathbf{m}]} d([\mathbf{m}]) \int_{-\infty}^{\bar{E}_{ref}} \rho^{[\mathbf{m}]}(E) dE$$

$$E_{GS} = \bar{E}_{ref} - E_{ref}^{expt}$$

E_{ref}^{expt} is chosen to be as high in the spectrum as possible so that the non-chaotic low-lying levels are eliminated. This requires complete experimental spectrum up to E_{ref}^{expt} .



New advances in applying **SNSM** are due to Zelevinsky et al [M. Horoi, J. Kaiser, and V. Zelevinsky, Phys. Rev. C **67**, 054309 (2003); M. Horoi, M. Ghita, and V. Zelevinsky, Phys. Rev. C **69**, 041307(R) (2004), Nucl. Phys. **A758**, 142c (2005)].

They use:

1. a new exponential convergence method for fixing the ground state;
2. include a method for eliminating center of mass excitations (in multi-shell examples);
3. initially advocated that exact centroids and variances for fixed-mJT Gaussians can be calculated and used;
4. more recently accepted that J projection by spin-cutoff factors is the only practical method.

Q: How to deal with mixing between distant configurations (labeled by **S)? We need results for partitioned EGOE – they will give multi-modal densities [V.K.B. Kota, D. Majumdar, R.U. Haq and R.J. Leclair, Can. J. Phys. **77**, 893 (1999)].**

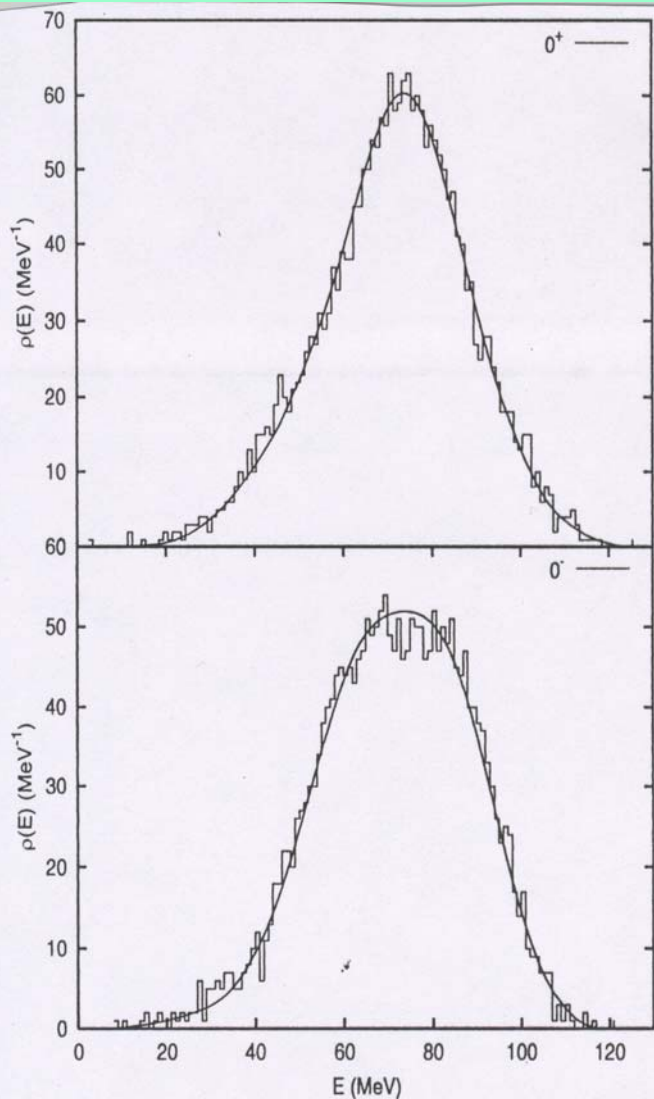


FIG. 6. $J=0$ shell model level density for 6 particles in psd model space (histograms) compared with the fixed- J sum of finite range Gaussians, Eq. (11); upper panel shows the density of positive parity states, while lower panel shows the negative parity states.

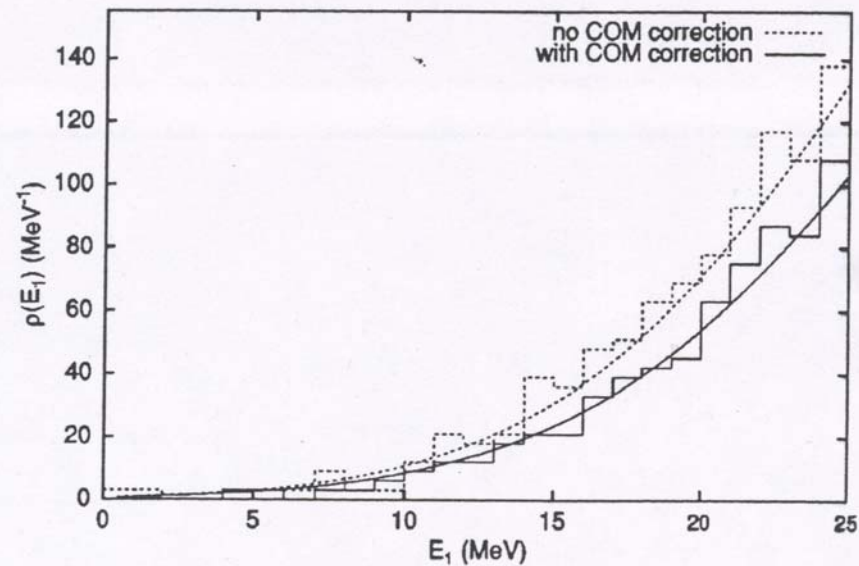


FIG. 1. Low-lying portion of the $J^\pi=1^-$ level density for 16 particles in the $p-sd$ shell. Only $1\hbar\omega$ configurations are included. COM indicates if the center-of-mass correction was taken into account (see text for details).

IV. SNSM FOR β -DECAY RATES: EXAMPLES

For applying SNSM for β -decay rates, we need GT strength densities and they can be constructed using [J.B. French, V.K.B. Kota, A. Pandey, and S. Tomsovic, Ann. Phys. (N.Y.) **181**, 235 (1988); S. Tomsovic, Ph. D. Thesis, University of Rochester (1986) (unpublished); V.K.B. Kota and D. Majumdar, Z. Phys. A **351**, 377 (1995)],

$$\mathbf{I}_{\mathcal{O}}^{H=\mathbf{h}+\mathbf{V}}(E_i, E_f) = \mathbf{I}_{\mathcal{O}}^{\mathbf{h}} \otimes \rho_{\mathcal{O};BIV-\mathcal{G}}^{\mathbf{V}}[E_i, E_f]$$

\Rightarrow

$$\mathbf{I}_{\mathcal{O}(GT)}^{H=\mathbf{h}+\mathbf{V}}(E_i, E_f) = \sum_S \sum_{[\mathbf{m}_p^i, \mathbf{m}_n^i], [\mathbf{m}_p^f, \mathbf{m}_n^f] \in S}$$

$$\mathbf{I}_{\mathcal{O}(GT)}^{\mathbf{h}; [\mathbf{m}_p^i, \mathbf{m}_n^i], [\mathbf{m}_p^f, \mathbf{m}_n^f]} \otimes \rho_{\mathcal{O}(GT)}^{\mathbf{V}; [\mathbf{m}_p^i, \mathbf{m}_n^i], [\mathbf{m}_p^f, \mathbf{m}_n^f]}[E_i, E_f];$$

$$\rho_{\mathcal{O}(GT)}^{\mathbf{V}; [\mathbf{m}_p^i, \mathbf{m}_n^i], [\mathbf{m}_p^f, \mathbf{m}_n^f]}(x, y) =$$

$$\rho_{\mathcal{O}(GT);BIV-\mathcal{G}}^{\mathbf{V}}(x, y; 0, 0, \sigma_{\mathbf{V}}([\mathbf{m}_p^i, \mathbf{m}_n^i]), \sigma_{\mathbf{V}}([\mathbf{m}_p^f, \mathbf{m}_n^f]), \bar{\zeta})$$

$\mathbf{I}^{\mathbf{h}}$ is constructed as a bivariate Gaussian with Edgeworth corrections. The variances that define $\rho^{\mathbf{V}}$ involve approximations. Similarly the bivariate correlation coefficient is,

$$\bar{\zeta} \sim \langle \mathcal{O}^\dagger(GT) \mathbf{V} \mathcal{O}(GT) \mathbf{V} \rangle / \langle \mathcal{O}^\dagger(GT) \mathcal{O}(GT) \rangle \langle \mathbf{V} \mathbf{V} \rangle$$

β -DECAY RATES RELEVANT FOR PRESUPERNOVAE STARS

- [I] $A \sim 60-65$, $^{61,62}\text{Fe}$ and $^{62-64}\text{Co}$: V.K.B. Kota and D. Majumdar, Z. Phys. **A351**, 377 (1995).
- i. $1f_{7/2}$, $2p_{3/2}$, $1f_{5/2}$, $2p_{1/2}$ and $1g_{9/2}$ orbits with $s = 0,0,0,0$ and 1 respectively. SPE are -2.664 MeV, -0.644 MeV, 3.526 MeV and 1.366 MeV respectively for the fp orbits and $\Delta_{(fp)-g_{9/2}} = 6\text{MeV}$; for ^{64}Co it is taken to be 7 MeV.
 - ii. Calculations are performed in $S = 0 \oplus 1 \oplus 2$ spaces using pn unitary configurations with (fp) and $g_{9/2}$ orbits as unitary orbits.
 - iii. I^h is constructed using the above SPE.
 - iv. ρ^V is constructed by calculating the spreading variances using SDI with strength $G = 20/A$ MeV; $\sigma_V \sim 4.5$ MeV for $S=0$ and ~ 6 MeV for $S=2$.
 - v. GS is fixed by demanding that the total level density at 8 MeV excitation is same as the Fermi gas value with (a, Δ) given by Dilg et al formula - for the nuclei under consideration, completeness of the low-energy spectrum is not known.
 - vi. The $S = 2$ intensities in the GS domain are $\leq 30\%$ of the $S = 0$ intensities - thus the $g_{9/2}$ orbit is seen to be important.
 - vii. the GT (β^-) NEWSR as predicted by the present calculations are compared with shell model results: for ^{54}Fe , ^{56}Fe , ^{60}Fe , ^{58}Ni and ^{60}Ni they are $(17.8, 22.6, 31.6, 20.2, 24.2)$ and $(15.1, 22.1, 33.5, 16.6, 24.6)$ from **Calc** and **SM** respectively.
 - viii. Assuming the EGOE form of $\bar{\zeta}$, $\zeta(m) = \zeta_0 + \zeta_1/m$ where m is the number of valence nucleons/holes and minimizing the RMS of $\log(\tau_{1/2}^i)$ between calc and expt for all the nuclei, $\bar{\zeta}$ for each nucleus is determined; $\bar{\zeta} : 0.67$
 - ix. As $\bar{\zeta}$ decreases the calculated half life increases. Similarly the β^- decay rates go down with decreasing $\bar{\zeta}$.

Nucleus	Q (MeV)	$\bar{\zeta}$	half life (s)	
			Calc	Expt
^{64}Co	7.307	0.668	1.9	0.3
^{63}Co	3.662	0.671	52.7	27.5
^{62}Co	5.315	0.675	16.5	90
^{62}Fe	2.327	0.675	267.2	68
^{61}Fe	3.890	0.680	23.0	360

Nucleus	ρ (gms/cc)	Y_e	Temperature ($^{\circ}\text{K}$)			
			3×10^9	4×10^9	5×10^9	
			β^- -decay rate (s^{-1})			
^{64}Co	10^9	0.50	0.85×10^{-1}	1.04×10^{-1}	1.30×10^{-1}	
		0.47	0.91×10^{-1}	1.11×10^{-1}	1.38×10^{-1}	
		0.43	1.00×10^{-1}	1.21×10^{-1}	1.49×10^{-1}	
	10^8	0.50	3.10×10^{-1}	3.43×10^{-1}	3.84×10^{-1}	
		0.47	3.14×10^{-1}	3.47×10^{-1}	3.87×10^{-1}	
		0.43	3.19×10^{-1}	3.52×10^{-1}	3.93×10^{-1}	
	10^7	0.50	3.83×10^{-1}	4.14×10^{-1}	4.54×10^{-1}	
		0.47	3.83×10^{-1}	4.14×10^{-1}	4.54×10^{-1}	
		0.43	3.84×10^{-1}	4.15×10^{-1}	4.55×10^{-1}	
	^{63}Co	10^9	0.50	0.12×10^{-3}	0.65×10^{-3}	2.26×10^{-3}
			0.47	0.15×10^{-3}	0.76×10^{-3}	2.54×10^{-3}
			0.43	0.21×10^{-3}	0.94×10^{-3}	2.98×10^{-3}
10^8		0.50	0.85×10^{-2}	1.31×10^{-2}	2.09×10^{-2}	
		0.47	0.88×10^{-2}	1.35×10^{-2}	2.14×10^{-2}	
		0.43	0.93×10^{-2}	1.41×10^{-2}	2.21×10^{-2}	
10^7		0.50	1.63×10^{-2}	2.17×10^{-2}	3.06×10^{-2}	
		0.47	1.64×10^{-2}	2.18×10^{-2}	3.07×10^{-2}	
		0.43	1.65×10^{-2}	2.19×10^{-2}	3.08×10^{-2}	
^{62}Fe		10^9	0.50	0.04×10^{-4}	1.16×10^{-4}	9.99×10^{-4}
			0.47	0.06×10^{-4}	1.42×10^{-4}	11.50×10^{-4}
			0.43	0.09×10^{-4}	1.88×10^{-4}	14.00×10^{-4}
	10^8	0.50	2.40×10^{-3}	6.56×10^{-3}	1.62×10^{-2}	
		0.47	2.57×10^{-3}	6.86×10^{-3}	1.67×10^{-2}	
		0.43	2.83×10^{-3}	7.29×10^{-3}	1.73×10^{-2}	
	10^7	0.50	8.11×10^{-3}	1.43×10^{-2}	2.71×10^{-2}	
		0.47	8.19×10^{-3}	1.44×10^{-2}	2.72×10^{-2}	
		0.43	8.30×10^{-3}	1.46×10^{-2}	2.74×10^{-2}	

[III] A ~ 65-75: D. Majumdar and K. Kar, preprint astro-ph/0205218 (2002); private communication.

- (i) Most of the nuclei studied here appear among the top 70 nuclei for β^- decay as given in M.B. Aufderheide et al, Ap. J. Supp **91**, 389 (1994). Some examples are: $^{67-69,71}\text{Ni}$, $^{66,68,69}\text{Co}$, $^{68,72,74}\text{Cu}$.
- (ii) $1f_{7/2}$, $2p_{3/2}$, $1f_{5/2}$, $2p_{1/2}$, $1g_{9/2}$, $2d_{5/2}$, $1g_{7/2}$, $3s_{1/2}$, $2d_{3/2}$ with SPE (in MeV) taken as 24.5, 26.58, 26.19, 29.09, 33.91, 38.52, 42.47, 42.30, 43.15 respectively (Seeger energies).
- (iii) Calculations are performed in $S = 0 \oplus 1 \oplus 2$ spaces using pn unitary configurations with (fp) , $1g_{9/2}$ and $(2d_{5/2}, 1g_{7/2}, 3s_{1/2}, 2d_{3/2})$ orbits as unitary orbits with $s=0,1$ and 2.
- (iv) Pairing plus Q.Q interaction with strength $\chi=242/A^{5/3}$ is used; $\langle V^2 \rangle \sim 15.5 \text{ MeV}^2$.
- (v) Level densities are calculated using Dilg et al formula.
- (vi) GS is fixed just as in the case of A ~ 60-65 nuclei.
- (vii) $\bar{\zeta}$ for each nucleus is determined just as before; $\bar{\zeta} \sim 0.66$.
- (viii) For neutron rich nuclei ($T > 2$), calculations with fixed (m_p, m_n) spaces without T projection is a reasonable procedure - this is checked.
- (ix) In the calculation of half lives and rates, low-lying $\log ft$'s wherever known are incorporated with the total strength suitably adjusted. Thus the known expt'l information is used to make the rates more realistic.
- (x) These calculations are extended to EC rates for $65 < A < 110$ nuclei.

Nucleus	$\rho(\text{gms/cc})$	Y_e	Temperature in $^{\circ}\text{K}$			
			3×10^9	4×10^9	5×10^9	
			Rates (s^{-1})			
^{65}Ge	10^9	0.50	2.77×10^{-3}	2.89×10^{-3}	3.07×10^{-3}	
		0.47	2.56×10^{-3}	2.68×10^{-3}	2.86×10^{-3}	
		0.43	2.28×10^{-3}	2.41×10^{-3}	2.58×10^{-3}	
	10^8	0.50	2.05×10^{-4}	2.47×10^{-4}	3.13×10^{-4}	
		0.47	1.92×10^{-4}	2.34×10^{-4}	2.98×10^{-4}	
		0.43	1.76×10^{-4}	2.16×10^{-4}	2.79×10^{-4}	
	10^7	0.50	2.96×10^{-5}	5.67×10^{-5}	1.10×10^{-4}	
		0.47	2.86×10^{-5}	5.56×10^{-5}	1.10×10^{-4}	
		0.43	2.71×10^{-5}	5.43×10^{-5}	1.09×10^{-4}	
	^{69}Se	10^9	0.50	2.81×10^{-3}	2.92×10^{-3}	3.10×10^{-3}
			0.47	2.60×10^{-3}	2.72×10^{-3}	2.89×10^{-3}
			0.43	2.32×10^{-3}	2.45×10^{-3}	2.62×10^{-3}
10^8		0.50	2.20×10^{-4}	2.64×10^{-4}	3.31×10^{-4}	
		0.47	2.07×10^{-4}	2.50×10^{-4}	3.16×10^{-4}	
		0.43	1.89×10^{-4}	2.31×10^{-4}	2.96×10^{-4}	
10^7		0.50	3.26×10^{-5}	6.16×10^{-5}	1.19×10^{-4}	
		0.47	3.14×10^{-5}	6.05×10^{-5}	1.18×10^{-4}	
		0.43	2.99×10^{-5}	5.90×10^{-5}	1.17×10^{-4}	
^{73}Kr		10^9	0.50	2.18×10^{-3}	2.27×10^{-3}	2.40×10^{-3}
			0.47	2.01×10^{-3}	2.11×10^{-3}	2.24×10^{-3}
			0.43	1.80×10^{-3}	1.90×10^{-3}	2.03×10^{-3}
	10^8	0.50	1.72×10^{-4}	2.05×10^{-4}	2.58×10^{-4}	
		0.47	1.61×10^{-4}	1.95×10^{-4}	2.46×10^{-4}	
		0.43	1.48×10^{-4}	1.80×10^{-4}	2.30×10^{-4}	
	10^7	0.50	2.55×10^{-5}	4.82×10^{-5}	9.24×10^{-5}	
		0.47	2.46×10^{-5}	4.73×10^{-5}	9.19×10^{-5}	
		0.43	2.34×10^{-5}	4.61×10^{-5}	9.13×10^{-5}	

Electron capture rates

Nucleus	$\rho(\text{gms/cc})$	Y_e	Temperature in $^{\circ}\text{K}$			
			3×10^9	4×10^9	5×10^9	
			Rates (s^{-1})			
^{77}Sr	10^9	0.50	1.86×10^{-3}	1.90×10^{-3}	1.98×10^{-3}	
		0.47	1.72×10^{-3}	1.77×10^{-3}	1.86×10^{-3}	
		0.43	1.54×10^{-3}	1.60×10^{-3}	1.68×10^{-3}	
		10^8	0.50	1.56×10^{-4}	1.84×10^{-4}	2.26×10^{-4}
			0.47	1.47×10^{-4}	1.74×10^{-4}	2.16×10^{-4}
			0.43	1.35×10^{-4}	1.62×10^{-4}	2.03×10^{-4}
	10^7	0.50	2.39×10^{-5}	4.41×10^{-5}	8.27×10^{-5}	
		0.47	2.30×10^{-5}	4.33×10^{-5}	8.23×10^{-5}	
		0.43	2.19×10^{-5}	4.22×10^{-5}	8.18×10^{-5}	
	^{81}Zr	10^9	0.50	1.45×10^{-3}	1.48×10^{-3}	1.55×10^{-3}
			0.47	1.34×10^{-3}	1.38×10^{-3}	1.44×10^{-3}
			0.43	1.20×10^{-3}	1.24×10^{-3}	1.31×10^{-3}
10^8			0.50	1.15×10^{-4}	1.36×10^{-4}	1.68×10^{-4}
			0.47	1.09×10^{-4}	1.29×10^{-4}	1.60×10^{-4}
			0.43	9.96×10^{-5}	1.19×10^{-4}	1.50×10^{-4}
10^7		0.50	1.72×10^{-5}	3.20×10^{-5}	6.04×10^{-5}	
		0.47	1.66×10^{-5}	3.14×10^{-5}	6.01×10^{-5}	
		0.43	1.58×10^{-5}	3.06×10^{-5}	5.97×10^{-5}	

Sr No.	Nucl.	Z	Q_{val} (MeV)	$T_{1/2}^{\text{expt.}}$ sec.	$T_{1/2}^{\text{calc}}$ sec.	ζ
1	^{66}Co	27	10.0	0.23	0.32	0.6627
2	^{67}Ni	28	3.385	21.0	26.91	0.6603
3	^{68}Co	27	9.30	0.18	0.20	0.6581
4	^{68}Ni	28	2.06	19.0	18.50	0.6581
5	^{68}Cu	29	4.46	31.1	31.23	0.6581
6	^{69}Co	27	9.30	0.27	0.36	0.6561
7	^{69}Ni	28	5.36	11.4	12.04	0.6561
8	^{71}Ni	28	6.90	1.86	1.62	0.6524
9	^{72}Cu	29	8.22	6.60	6.13	0.6507
10	^{74}Cu	29	9.99	1.59	0.40	0.6507

Table 1: β^- decay half lives and comparison with experiment values

Nucleus	$\rho(\text{gms/cc})$	Y_e	Temperature in $^{\circ}\text{K}$			
			2×10^9	3×10^9	4×10^9	5×10^9
			Rates (s^{-1})			
^{69}Co	10^9	0.47	7.25×10^{-3}	1.18×10^{-1}	2.96×10^{-1}	3.63×10^{-1}
		0.47	1.64×10^{-2}	2.62×10^{-1}	6.37×10^{-1}	7.53×10^{-1}
		0.47	1.94×10^{-2}	3.05×10^{-1}	7.32×10^{-1}	8.55×10^{-1}
	10^8	0.45	7.47×10^{-3}	1.22×10^{-1}	3.05×10^{-1}	3.73×10^{-1}
		0.45	1.66×10^{-2}	2.64×10^{-1}	6.41×10^{-1}	7.57×10^{-1}
		0.45	1.94×10^{-2}	3.06×10^{-1}	7.33×10^{-1}	8.56×10^{-1}
^{68}Ni	10^9	0.47	3.38×10^{-6}	7.81×10^{-4}	6.00×10^{-3}	1.59×10^{-2}
		0.47	2.18×10^{-3}	4.38×10^{-2}	1.34×10^{-1}	1.93×10^{-1}
		0.47	4.55×10^{-3}	8.08×10^{-2}	2.20×10^{-1}	2.90×10^{-1}
	10^8	0.45	1.08×10^{-5}	9.18×10^{-4}	6.76×10^{-3}	1.75×10^{-2}
		0.45	2.25×10^{-3}	4.50×10^{-2}	1.36×10^{-1}	1.97×10^{-1}
		0.45	4.57×10^{-3}	8.11×10^{-2}	2.20×10^{-1}	2.91×10^{-1}

Table 2: β^- decay rates for densities and temperatures relevant for supernova core

β -DECAY RATES FOR r-PROCESS NUCLEOSYNTHESIS

Instead of using the SNSM from first principles, it is possible to combine this method with experimental data and phenomenological formulas wherever known - the resulting hybrid approach is closer to FFN method. One example for this is given here: **K. Kar, S. Chakravarti and V.R. Manfredi, to be published.**

- (i) Rates are calculated for nuclei near the N=82 magic shell with $115 < A < 140$.
- (ii) Used low-lying states for which the $\log ft$'s are known experimentally.
- (iii) Fermi strength goes to IAS and the spreading of this strength is due to Coulomb interaction. The width is $\sigma_c \sim 0.157 Z A^{-1/3}$ MeV. As the width is small, it can not be reached by the Q-value. Therefore Fermi transitions make little contribution.
- (iv) With $\rho(E_i, E_f) = \rho_{21}(E_f/E_i) \rho_1(E_i)$, it is easy to see that $\rho_1(E_i)$ is GT strength sum. Formula or theory for strength sums is used. Then it is assumed (follows from a single bivariate Gaussian form for GT transition strength densities), that $\rho_{21}(E_f/E_i)$ is a Gaussian.
- (v) Formula, with $E_i = E_{GS}$ [see for example Pruet and G.M. Fuller, APJS **149**, 189 (2003)], for the centroid $\epsilon(E_{GS})$ of $\rho_{21}(E_f/E_i = E_{GS})$ is used. Brink's hypothesis gives $\epsilon(E_i) = \epsilon(E_{GS}) + (E_i - E_{GS})$. The structure here is similar to the conditional centroid of a bivariate Gaussian.
- (vi) The width of $\rho_{21}(E_f/E_i)$ (independent of E_i) is treated as a free parameter and determined via best fit for half lives; $\sigma \sim 5$ MeV.
- (vii) In the first calculations only GS of the mother nucleus are considered.

	Mother nucleus	Daughter nucleus	Q-value (MeV)	No of lowlying log ft's taken	$\tau_{1/2}$ Exp (sec)	$\tau_{1/2}$ Calc (sec)
1.	$^{138}_{53}\text{I}_{85}$	^{138}Xe	7.820	3	6.49	12.99
2.	$^{137}_{53}\text{I}_{84}$	^{137}Xe	5.880	2	24.5	33.1
3.	$^{136}_{53}\text{I}_{83}$	^{136}Xe	6.930	3	83.4	69.5
4.	$^{134}_{51}\text{Sb}_{83}$	^{134}Te	8.420	2	10.43	7.72
5.	$^{133}_{50}\text{Sn}_{83}$	^{133}Sb	7.830	4	1.44	1.19
6.	$^{132}_{51}\text{Sb}_{81}$	^{132}Te	5.290	2	167.4	141.3
7.	$^{131}_{49}\text{In}_{82}$	^{131}Sn	6.746	2	0.282	0.280
8.	$^{130}_{49}\text{In}_{81}$	^{130}Sn	10.250	3	0.32	0.25
9.	$^{128}_{49}\text{In}_{79}$	^{128}Sn	8.980	3	0.84	2.30
10.	$^{125}_{48}\text{Cd}_{77}$	^{125}In	7.160	3	0.65	2.12
11.	$^{120}_{47}\text{Ag}_{73}$	^{120}Cd	8.200	4	1.23	0.987
12.	$^{118}_{47}\text{Ag}_{71}$	^{118}Cd	7.060	3	3.76	7.23
13.	$^{116}_{45}\text{Rh}_{71}$	^{116}Pd	8.900	3	0.68	0.49

NUCLEUS	DENSITY (g/cm ³)	TEMPERATURE			
		T ₉ (in 10 ⁹ K)			
		0.5	1.0	2.0	3.0
^{133}Sn	10 ⁸	0.543	0.542	0.493	0.450
	10 ⁷	0.581	0.558	0.498	0.452
	10 ⁶	0.584	0.559	0.498	0.452
	10 ⁵	0.584	0.560	0.498	0.452
	10 ⁴	0.584	0.560	0.498	0.452
	10 ³	0.584	0.560	0.498	0.452
^{132}In	10 ⁸	1.70	1.75	1.59	1.46
	10 ⁷	1.93	1.83	1.61	1.47
	10 ⁶	1.95	1.83	1.61	1.47
	10 ⁵	1.95	1.84	1.61	1.47
	10 ⁴	1.95	1.84	1.61	1.47
	10 ³	1.95	1.84	1.61	1.47

Half lives of nuclei for which log *ft* values are available.

β -decay rates in s⁻¹

A SIMPLER APPROACH FOR GT MATRIX ELEMENTS

A new approach is to use a formula in terms of occupation numbers, state densities and a t-distribution [V.K.B. Kota and R. Sahu, Phys. Rev E **62**, 3568 (2000); V.K.B. Kota, N.D. Chavda and R. Sahu, preprint [nlin.CD/0508023](#)]. Then,

$$\rho_{biv-t}(E_i, E_f; \epsilon_i, \epsilon_f, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \zeta; \nu) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_1\sigma_2\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}} \times$$

$$\left[1 + \frac{1}{\nu(1-\zeta^2)} \left\{ \left(\frac{E_i - \epsilon_i}{\sigma_1} \right)^2 - 2\zeta \left(\frac{E_i - \epsilon_i}{\sigma_1} \right) \left(\frac{E_f - \epsilon_f}{\sigma_2} \right) + \left(\frac{E_f - \epsilon_f}{\sigma_2} \right)^2 \right\} \right]^{-\frac{\nu+2}{2}}, \quad \nu \geq 1.$$

$$|\langle E_f | \mathcal{O} | E_i \rangle|^2 = \sum_{\alpha, \beta} |\epsilon_{\alpha\beta}|^2 \langle n_\beta(1 - n_\alpha) \rangle^{E_i} \overline{D(E_f)} \mathcal{F};$$

$$\mathcal{F} = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \rho_{biv-t; \mathcal{O}}(E_i, E_f; \mathcal{E}_i, \mathcal{E}_f = \mathcal{E}_i - \epsilon_\beta + \epsilon_\alpha, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \zeta; \nu) d\mathcal{E}_i$$

$$= \frac{\Gamma(\frac{\nu+1}{2})}{\sqrt{\pi}\Gamma(\frac{\nu}{2})} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\nu(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 - 2\zeta\sigma_1\sigma_2)}} \left[1 + \frac{\Delta^2}{\nu(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 - 2\zeta\sigma_1\sigma_2)} \right]^{-\frac{\nu+1}{2}}; \quad \Delta = E_f - E_i + \epsilon_\beta - \epsilon_\alpha$$

One can use the approximation $\langle n_\beta(1 - n_\alpha) \rangle^{E_i} \approx \langle n_\beta \rangle^{E_i} \langle (1 - n_\alpha) \rangle^{E_i}$ where $\langle n_\alpha \rangle^{E_i}$ are occupancies; here α are single particle states.

This formalism is closely related to the approach of FFN that is used recently in [Pruet and G.M. Fuller, APJS **149**, 189 (2003)].

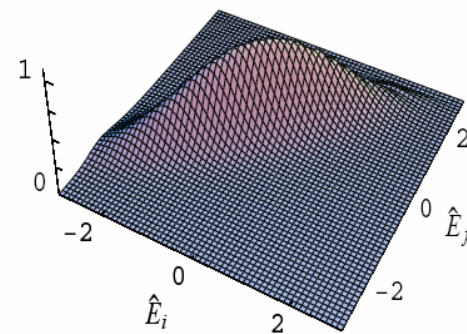
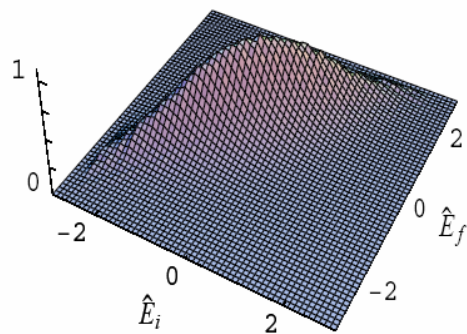
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Transition Strength

EGOE(1+2)

$\lambda = 0.25$

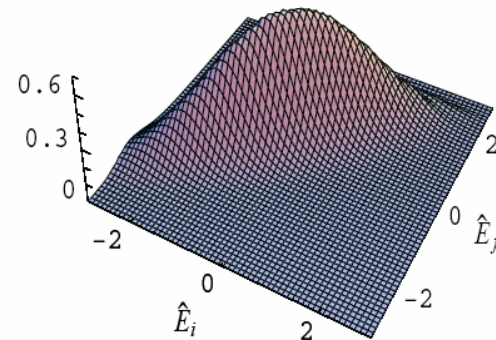
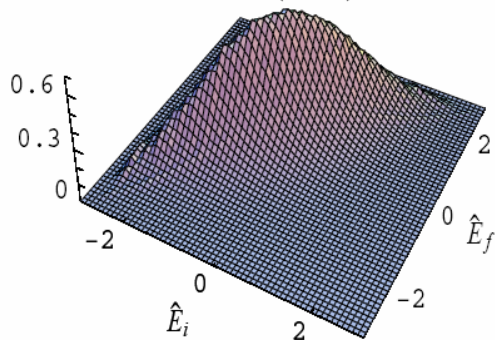
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EGOE(1+2)

$\lambda = 0.28$

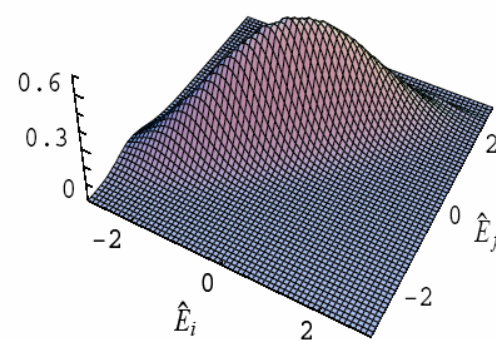
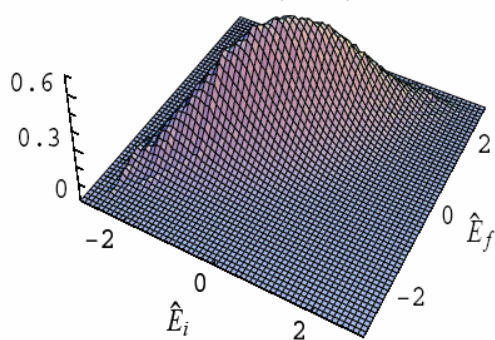
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EGOE(1+2)

$\lambda = 0.3$

$\nu = 14, \zeta = 0.62$



Thank you all