

rp-process and stellar weak interaction rates of waiting point nuclei

A. PETROVICI

Horia Hulubei National Institute for Physics and Nuclear Engineering, Bucharest, Romania

Outline

- *complex EXCITED VAMPIR beyond-mean-field model*
- *shape-coexistence effects on terrestrial and stellar weak interaction rates of*
 - *^{68}Se and ^{72}Kr - rp-process waiting points in type-I x-ray bursts*
- **impact of ^{68}Se and ^{72}Kr stellar weak interaction rates on rp-process nucleosynthesis and energetics**

A~70 waiting points play a critical role in rp-process nucleosynthesis

A~70 proton-rich nuclei manifest exotic structure and dynamics generated by

- *shape coexistence and shape mixing*
- *competing $T=0$ and $T=1$ pairing correlations*
- *isospin-symmetry-breaking interactions*

responsible for

drastic changes in structure with number of nucleons, spin, and excitation energy

Challenges for nuclear many-body theory

- *realistic effective Hamiltonians in adequate model spaces, beyond-mean-field methods*
- *comprehensive understanding of structure phenomena and β -decay properties*
- *robust predictions on stellar weak interaction rates*

based on

self-consistent description of experimentally accessible properties

complex VAMPIR model family

- the **model space** is defined by a finite dimensional set of **spherical single particle states**
 - the effective many-body **Hamiltonian** is represented as a sum of **one- and two-body terms**
 - the **basic building blocks** are **Hartree-Fock-Bogoliubov (HFB) vacua**
 - the **HFB transformations** are essentially *complex* and allow for **proton-neutron, parity and angular momentum mixing** being restricted by **time-reversal and axial symmetry**
(*$T=1$ and $T=0$ neutron-proton pairing correlations already included at the mean-field level*)
 - the **broken symmetries** (**$s=N, Z, I, p$**) are restored by **projection before variation**
- * The models allow to use rather large model spaces and realistic effective interactions*

Beyond-mean-field variational procedure: complex EXCITED VAMPIR model

Vampir

$$E^s[F_1^s] = \frac{\langle F_1^s | \hat{H} \hat{\Theta}_{00}^s | F_1^s \rangle}{\langle F_1^s | \hat{\Theta}_{00}^s | F_1^s \rangle}$$

$\hat{\Theta}_{00}^s$ - symmetry projector
 $|F_1^s\rangle$ - HFB vacuum

$$|\psi(F_1^s); sM\rangle = \frac{\hat{\Theta}_{M0}^s |F_1^s\rangle}{\sqrt{\langle F_1^s | \hat{\Theta}_{00}^s | F_1^s \rangle}}$$

Excited Vampir

$$|\psi(F_2^s); sM\rangle = \hat{\Theta}_{M0}^s \{ |F_1^s\rangle \alpha_1^2 + |F_2^s\rangle \alpha_2^2 \}$$

$$|\psi(F_i^s); sM\rangle = \sum_{j=1}^i |\phi(F_j^s)\rangle \alpha_j^i \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, n-1$$

$$|\phi(F_i^s); sM\rangle = \hat{\Theta}_{M0}^s |F_i^s\rangle$$

$$|\psi(F_n^s); sM\rangle = \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} |\phi(F_j^s)\rangle \alpha_j^n + |\phi(F_n^s)\rangle \alpha_n^n$$

$$(H - E^{(n)} N) f^{(n)} = 0$$

$$(f^{(n)})^+ N f^{(n)} = 1$$

$$|\Psi_\alpha^{(n)}; sM\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n |\psi_i; sM\rangle f_{i\alpha}^{(n)}, \quad \alpha = 1, \dots, n$$

A ~ 70 mass region

^{40}Ca - core

model space for protons and neutrons

$1p_{1/2} 1p_{3/2} 0f_{5/2} 0f_{7/2} 1d_{5/2} 0g_{9/2}$

(charge-symmetric basis + Coulomb contributions to the π -spe from the core)

$1p_{1/2} 1p_{3/2} 0f_{5/2} 0f_{7/2} 2s_{1/2} 1d_{3/2} 1d_{5/2} 0g_{7/2} 0g_{9/2} 0h_{11/2}$ (ext-model space)

renormalized G-matrix (OBEP- Bonn A/ CD)

- *pairing properties enhanced by short range Gaussians for:*

T = 1 : pp (-35 MeV), np (-20 MeV), nn (-35 MeV)

T = 0: np (-35 MeV)

- *onset of deformation influenced by monopole shifts:*

$\langle 0g_{9/2} 0f; T=0 | G | 0g_{9/2} 0f; T=0 \rangle$ ($0f_{5/2}, 0f_{7/2}$)

$\langle 1d_{5/2} 1p; T=0 | G | 1d_{5/2} 1p; T=0 \rangle$ ($1p_{1/2}, 1p_{3/2}$)

- *Coulomb interaction between valence protons added*

Self-consistent terrestrial and stellar weak interaction rates

Gamow-Teller transition probabilities

$$B_{if}(GT) = \frac{1}{2J_i + 1} \frac{g_A^2}{4\pi} |M_{GT}|^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} M_{GT} &\equiv (\xi_f J_f || \hat{\sigma} || \xi_i J_i) \\ &= \sum_{ab} M_{GT}(ab) (\xi_f J_f || [c_a^\dagger \tilde{c}_b]_1 || \xi_i J_i) \end{aligned}$$

$$M_{GT}(ab) = 1/\sqrt{3} (a || \hat{\sigma} || b)$$

Independent chains of variational calculations for all parent and daughter states

Weak interaction rates in X-ray burst astrophysical environment

A. Petrovici and O. Andrei, *Eur. Phys. J. A51*, 133 (2015)
Phys. Rev. C92, 064305 (2015)

In the X-ray burst stellar environment at densities ($\sim 10^6$ mol/cm³) and temperatures ($\sim 10^9$ K) typical for the rp-process the contribution of thermally populated low-lying 0^+ and 2^+ states may be relevant.

$$\lambda^\alpha = \frac{\ln 2}{K} \sum_i \frac{(2J_i + 1)e^{-E_i/(kT)}}{G(Z, A, T)} \sum_j B_{ij} \phi_{ij}^\alpha$$

$$G(Z, A, T) = \sum_i (2J_i + 1) \exp(-E_i/(kT))$$

$$B_{ij} = B_{ij}(F) + B_{ij}(GT)$$

$$\phi_{ij}^{ec} = \int_{w_1}^{\infty} wp(Q_{ij} + w)^2 F(Z, w) S_e(w) (1 - S_\nu(Q_{ij} + w)) dw$$

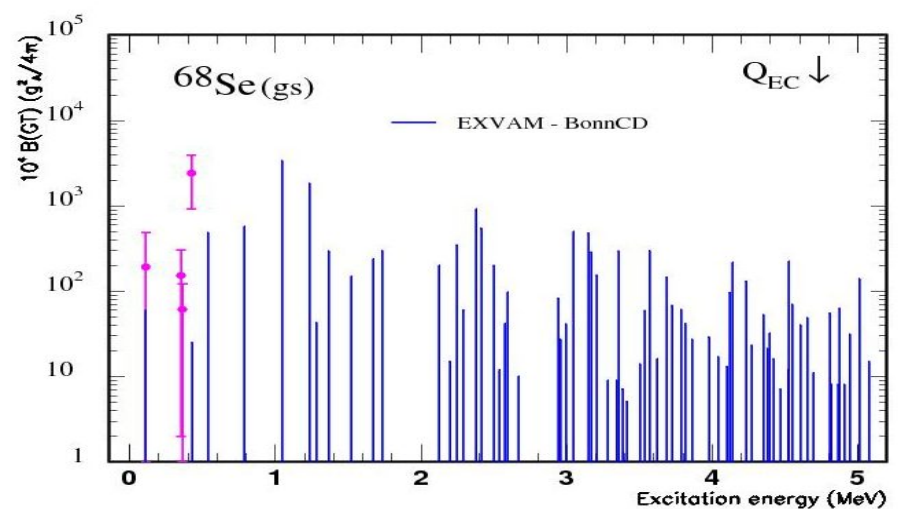
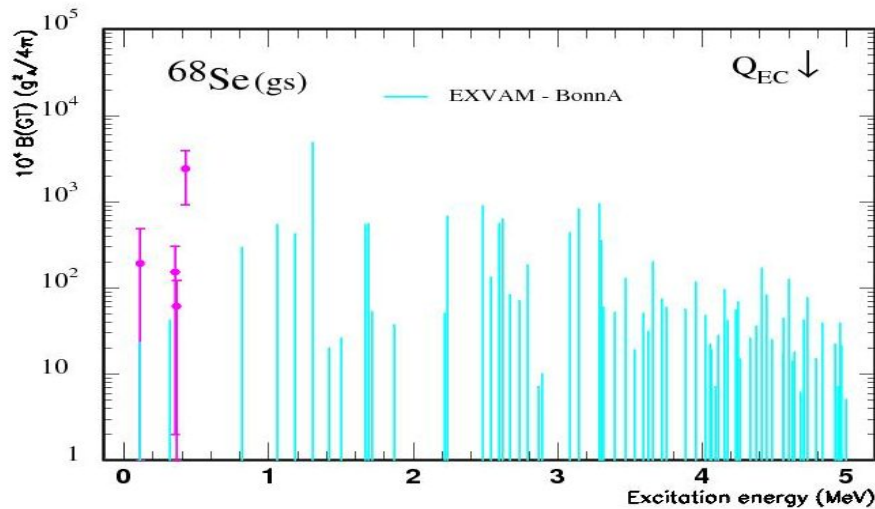
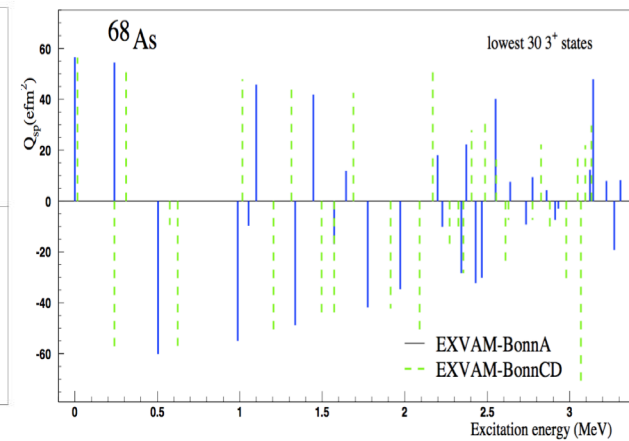
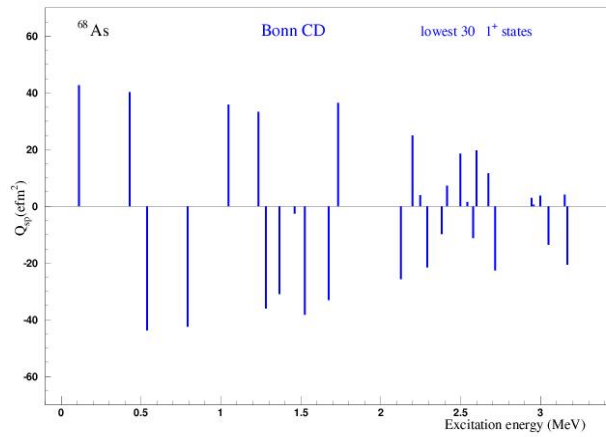
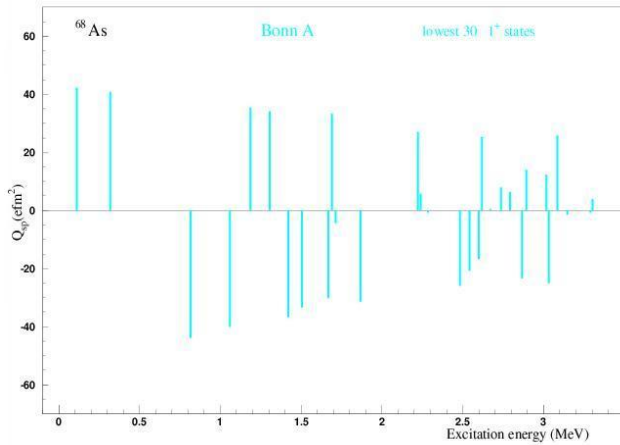
$$\phi_{ij}^{\beta^+} = \int_1^{Q_{ij}} wp(Q_{ij} - w)^2 F(-Z + 1, w) (1 - S_p(w)) (1 - S_\nu(Q_{ij} - w)) dw$$

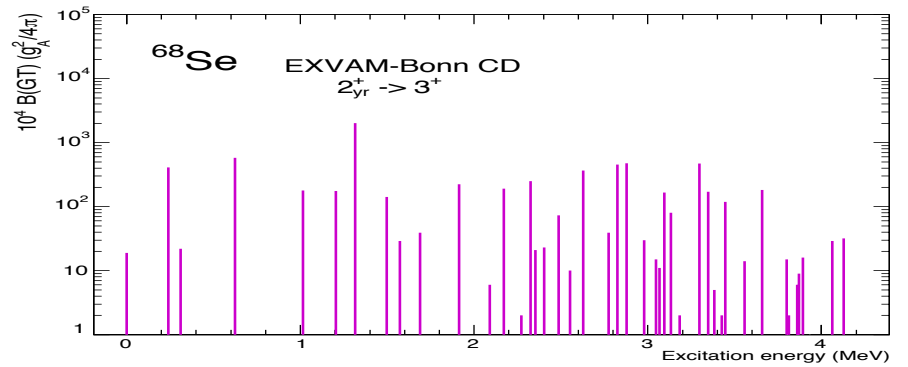
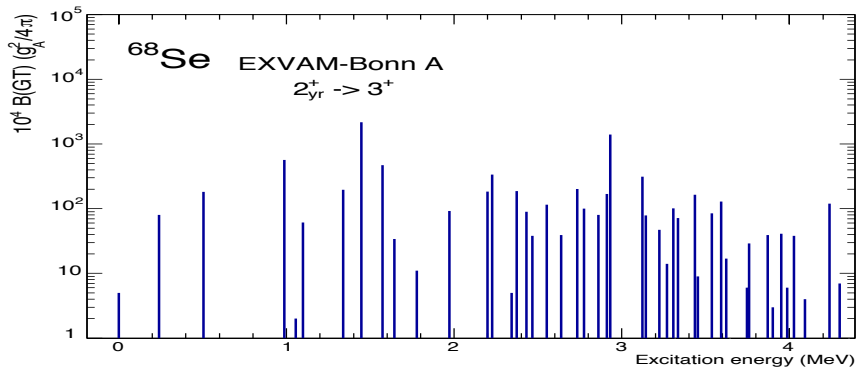
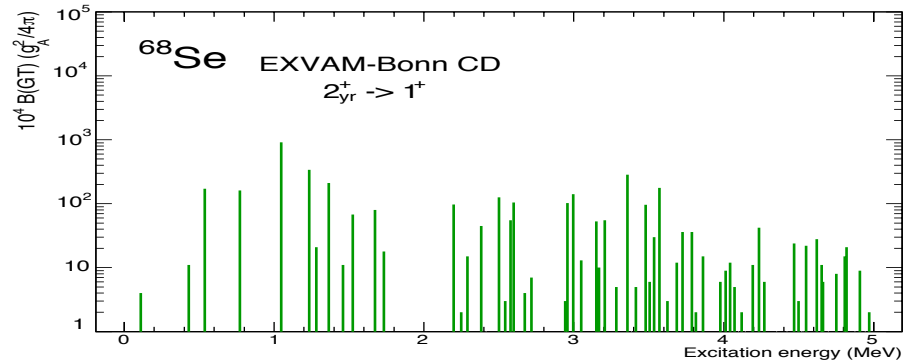
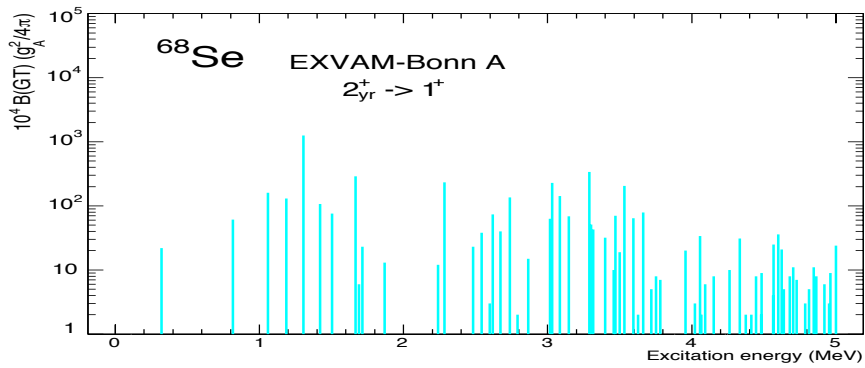
Shape coexistence and weak interaction rates for ^{68}Se rp -process waiting point

A. Petrovici and O. Andrei, *Eur. Phys. J. A51*, 133 (2015)

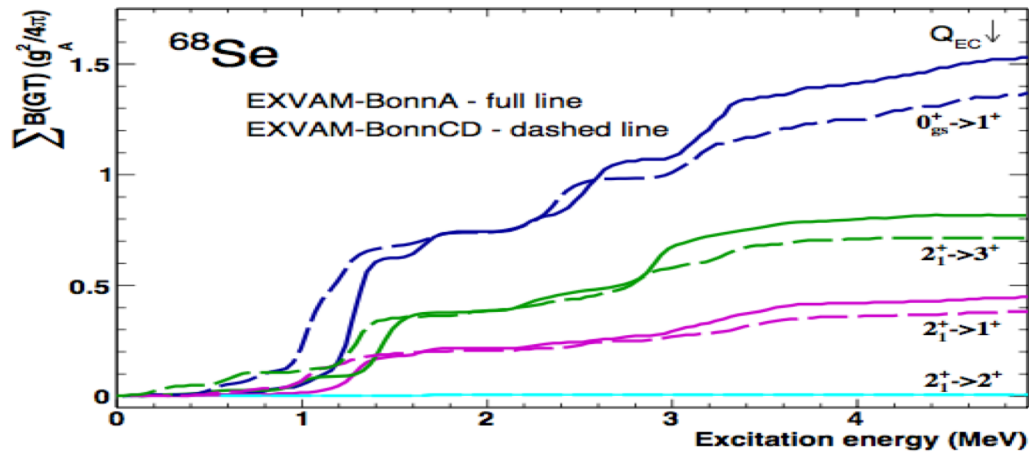
$E_{0^+_{\text{gs}}} = 0.0 \text{ MeV}$ [62/55(%) – oblate (BonnA/BonnCD)] $E_{2^+_{\text{yr}}} = 0.854 \text{ MeV}$ [60/41(%) – oblate (BonnA/BonnCD)]

$Q_{\text{sp}}^{2^+_{\text{yr}}} = 3.5 \text{ efm}^2(\text{A}) / -7.1 \text{ efm}^2(\text{CD})$ $B(E2; 2^+ \rightarrow 0^+) = 521/503 \text{ e}^2\text{fm}^4$ (BonnA/BonnCD) **Exp.: 430(60) e^2fm^4**





*Contributions: - $p^{v(\pi)}_{1/2} p^{\pi(v)}_{3/2}$, $p^v_{3/2} p^{\pi}_{3/2}$, $f^v_{5/2} f^{\pi}_{5/2}$, $f^{v(\pi)}_{5/2} f^{\pi(v)}_{7/2}$, $g^v_{9/2} g^{\pi}_{9/2}$ matrix elements (decay to 1^+ states)
- $p^v_{3/2} p^{\pi}_{1/2}$, $p^v_{3/2} p^{\pi}_{3/2}$, $f^v_{5/2} f^{\pi}_{7/2}$ matrix elements (decay to 3^+ states)*



$$T_{1/2}^{\text{exp}} = 35.5(7) \text{ s}$$

$$T_{1/2}^{\text{EXVAM}} = 48.9 / 34.9 \text{ s (BonnA/BonnCD)}$$

Shape coexistence and weak interaction rates for ^{72}Kr rp-process waiting point

A. Petrovici and O. Andrei, *Eur. Phys. J. A51*, 133 (2015)

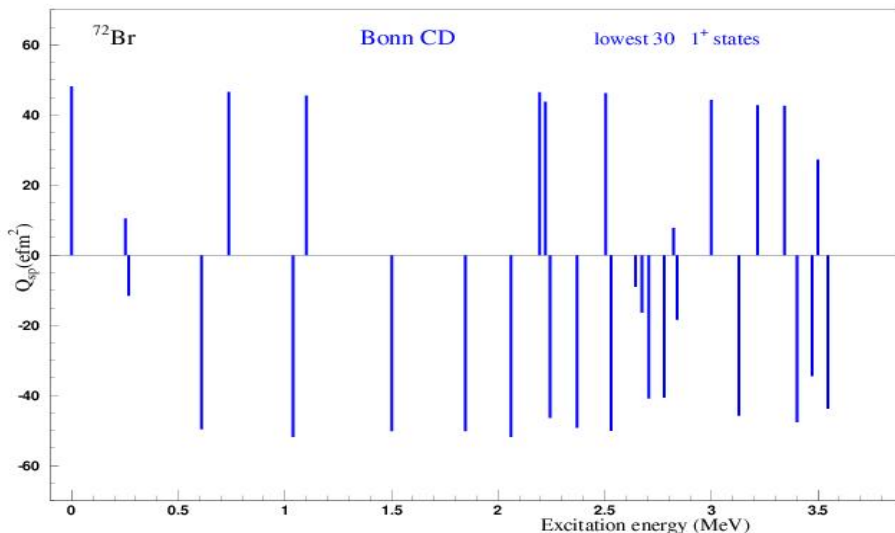
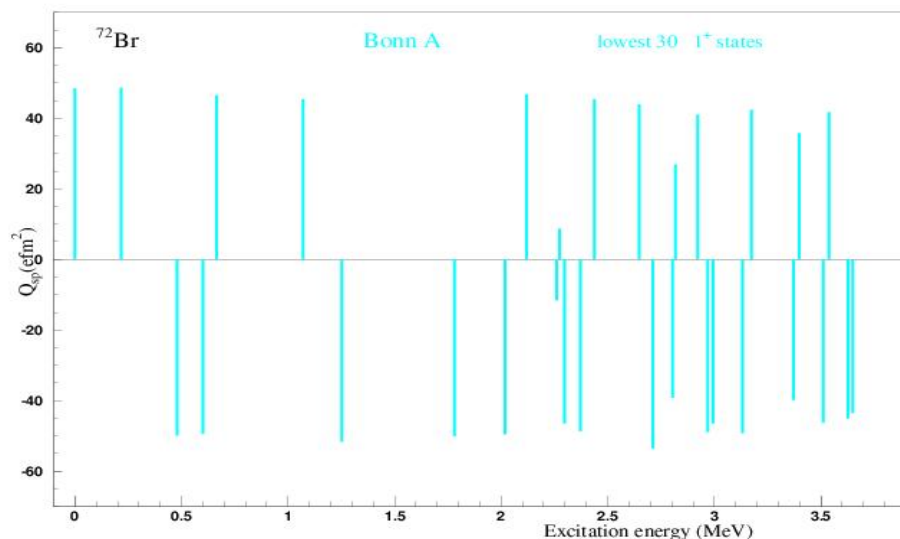
$1p_{1/2}$ $1p_{3/2}$ $0f_{5/2}$ $0f_{7/2}$ $1d_{5/2}$ $0g_{9/2}$ (standard-model space)

$1p_{1/2}$ $1p_{3/2}$ $0f_{5/2}$ $0f_{7/2}$ $2s_{1/2}$ $1d_{3/2}$ $1d_{5/2}$ $0g_{7/2}$ $0g_{9/2}$ $0h_{11/2}$ (ext-model space)

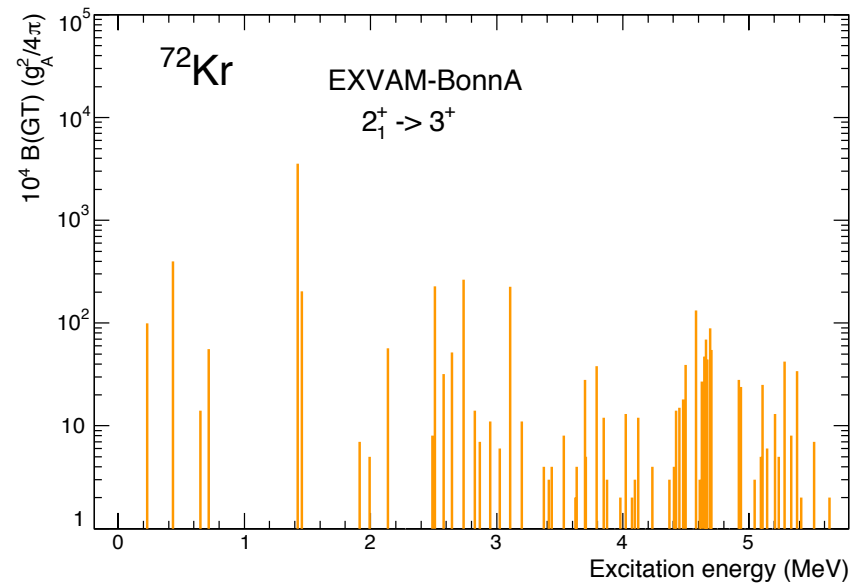
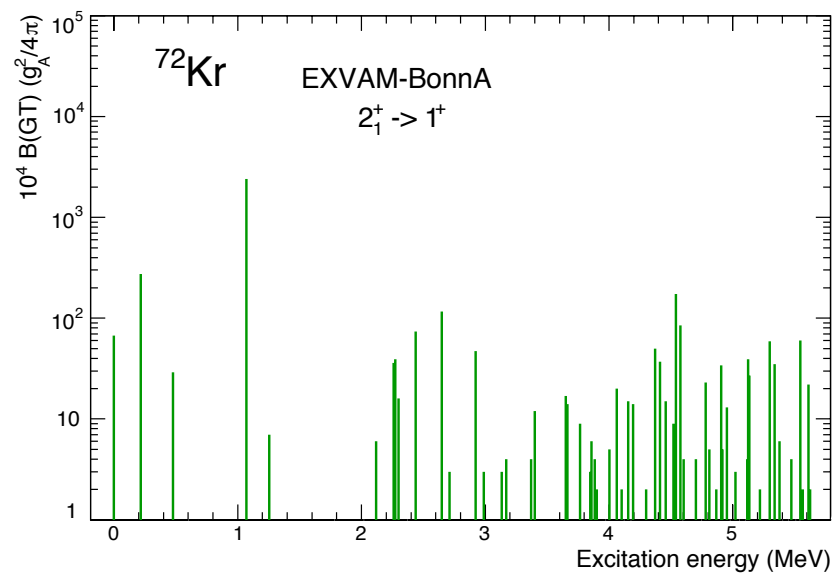
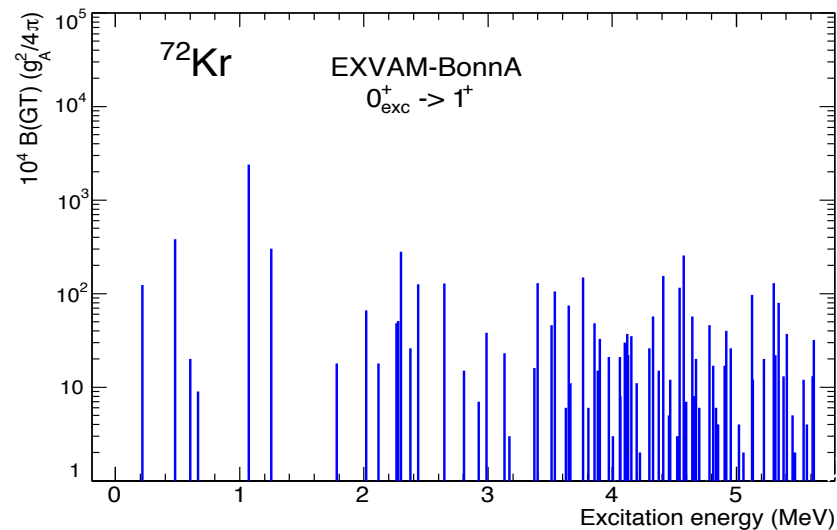
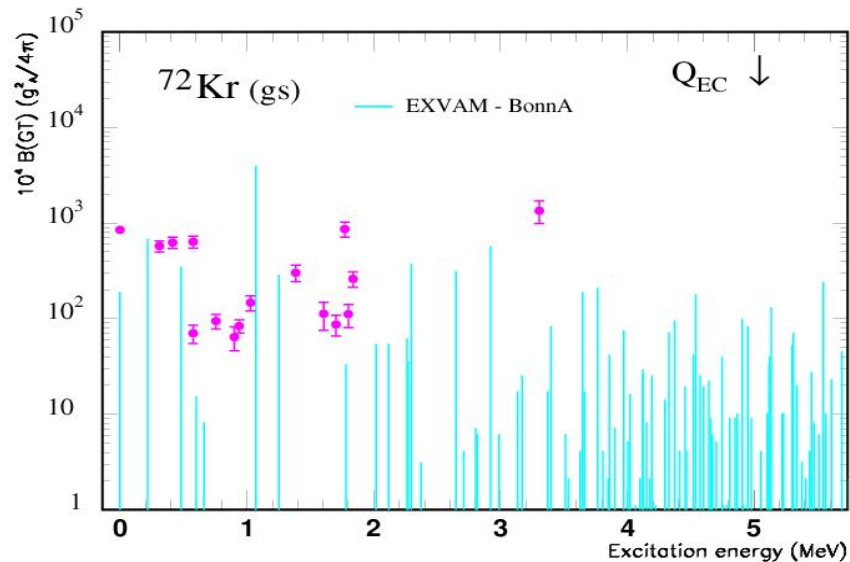
$E_{0^+_{\text{gs}}} = 0.0$ MeV	p/o mixing	60/40% (BonnA-ext-space)	34/66% (BonnA-standard space)
$E_{0^+_{\text{exc}}} = 0.671$ MeV	p/o mixing	38/62% (BonnA-ext-space)	63/37% (BonnA-standard space)
$E_{2^+_{\text{yrast}}} = 0.710$ MeV	p/o mixing	41/59% (BonnA-ext-space)	7/93% (BonnA-standard space)

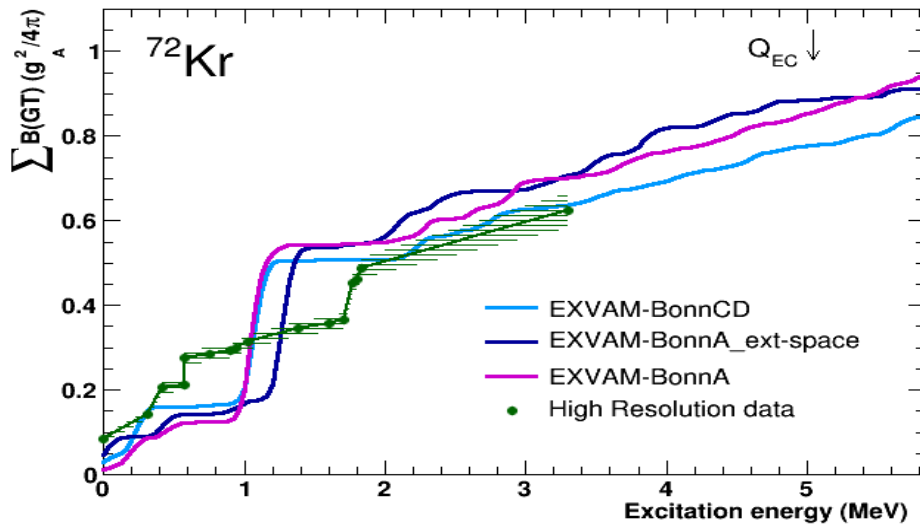
$B(E2; 2^+ \rightarrow 0^+) = 853/670$ e²fm⁴ (BonnA-extended space/BonnA-standard space) Exp.: **810 (150)** e²fm⁴

Shape coexistence and mixing in parent and daughter nucleus



Gamow-Teller strength distributions depend strongly on parent and daughter structure





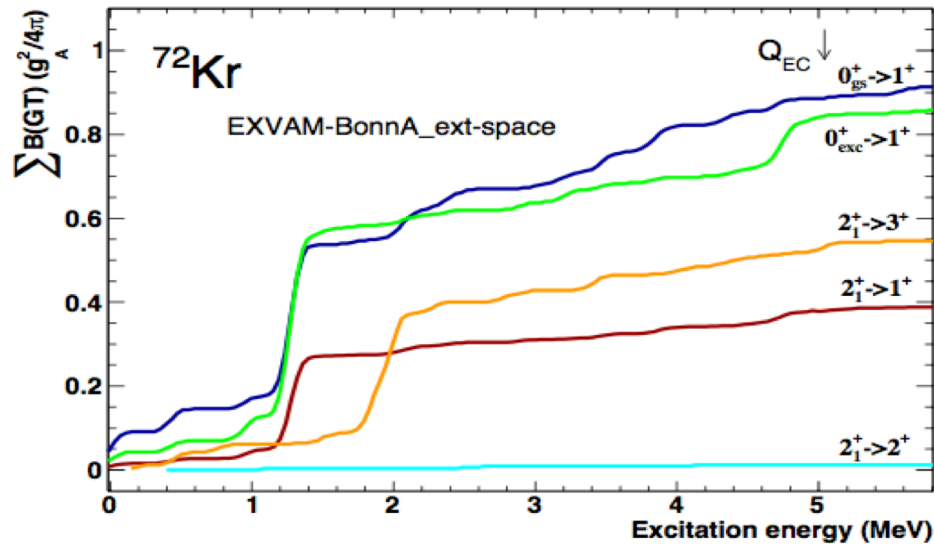
$$T_{1/2}^{\text{EXVAM}} = 18.9 \text{ s (BonnCD)}$$

$$T_{1/2}^{\text{EXVAM}} = 18.6 \text{ s (BonnA)}$$

$$T_{1/2}^{\text{EXVAM}} = 18.5 \text{ s (BonnA-ext-space)}$$

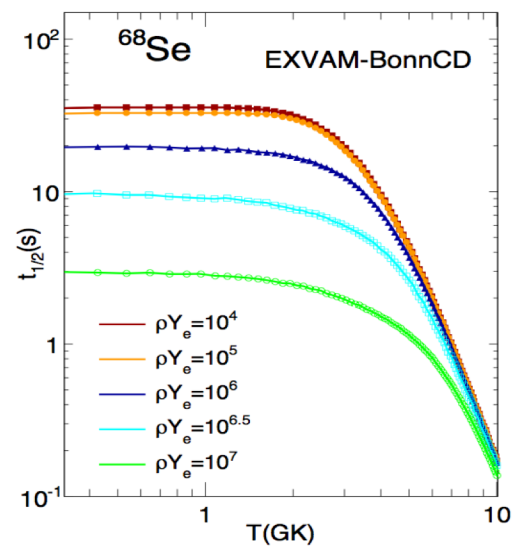
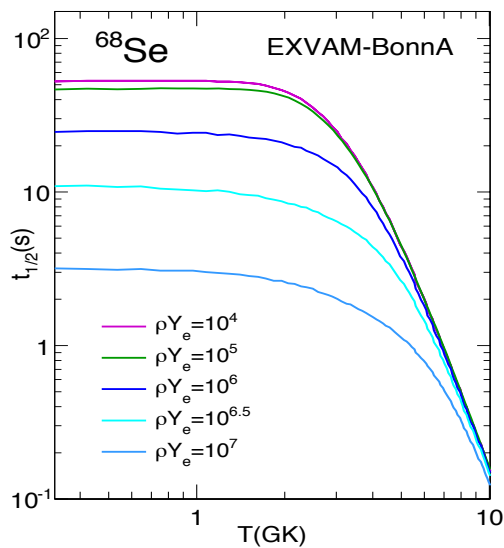
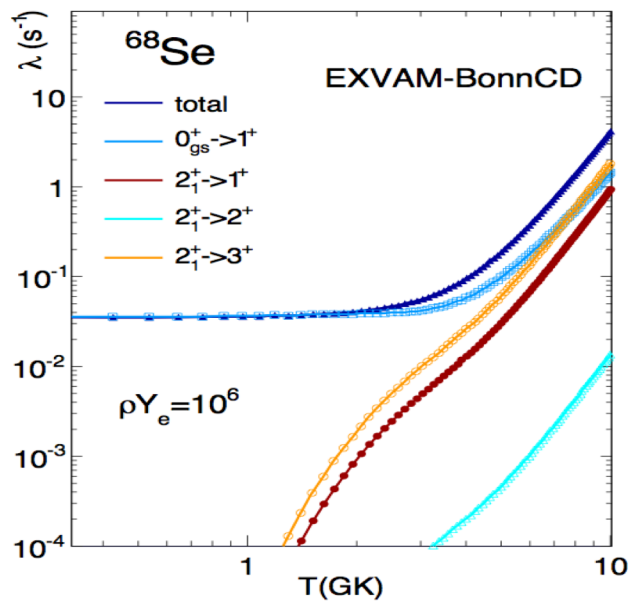
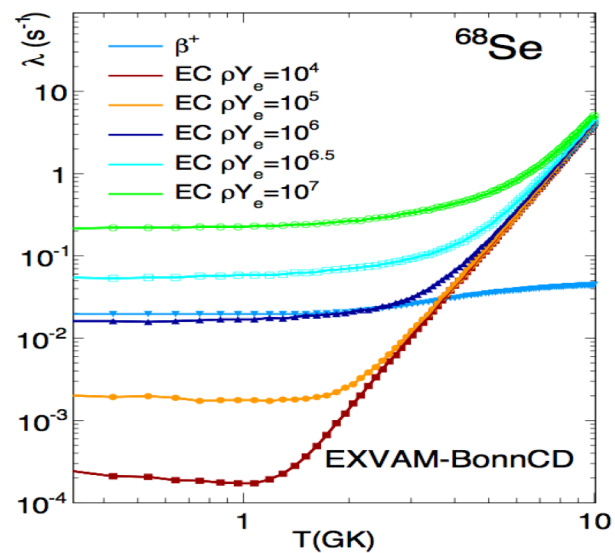
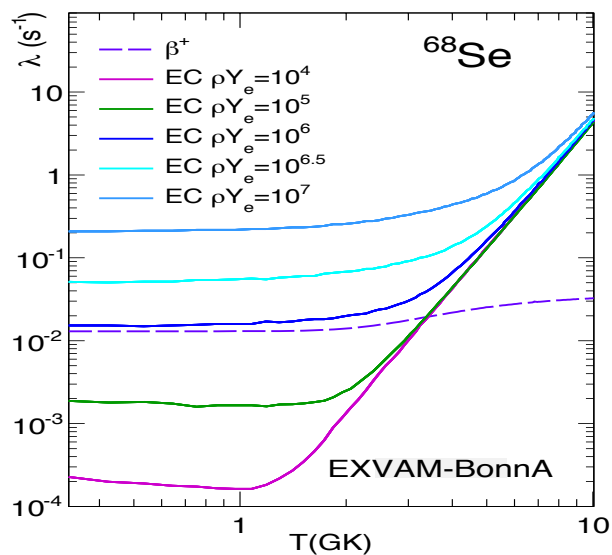
$$T_{1/2}^{\text{exp}} = 17.1(2) \text{ s}$$

*Contributions: - $p^{v(\pi)}_{1/2} p^{\pi(v)}_{3/2}$, $p^v_{3/2} p^{\pi}_{3/2}$, $f^v_{5/2} f^{\pi}_{5/2}$, $f^{v(\pi)}_{5/2} f^{\pi(v)}_{7/2}$, $g^v_{9/2} g^{\pi}_{9/2}$ matrix elements (decay to 1^+ states)
 - $p^v_{3/2} p^{\pi}_{1/2}$, $p^v_{3/2} p^{\pi}_{3/2}$, $f^v_{5/2} f^{\pi}_{7/2}$ matrix elements (decay to 3^+ states)*



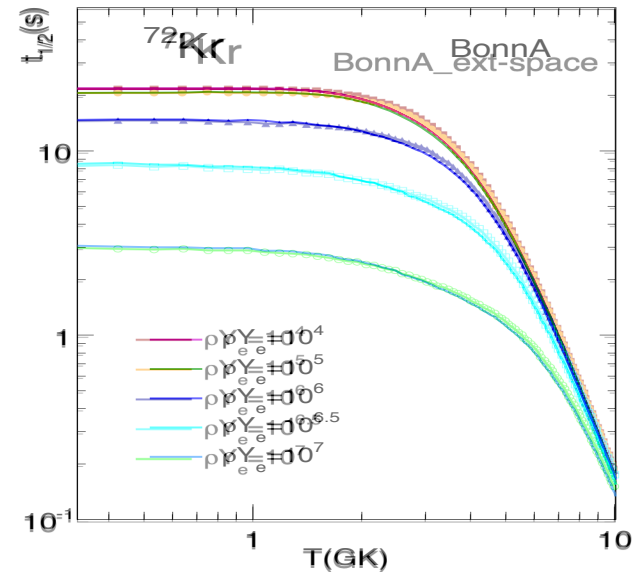
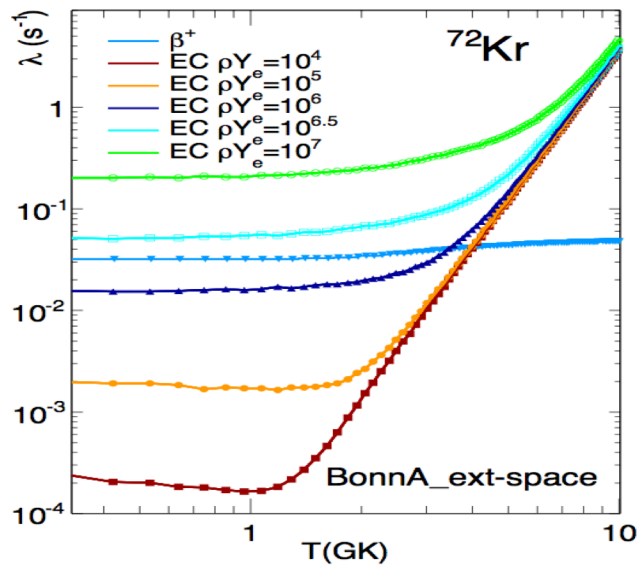
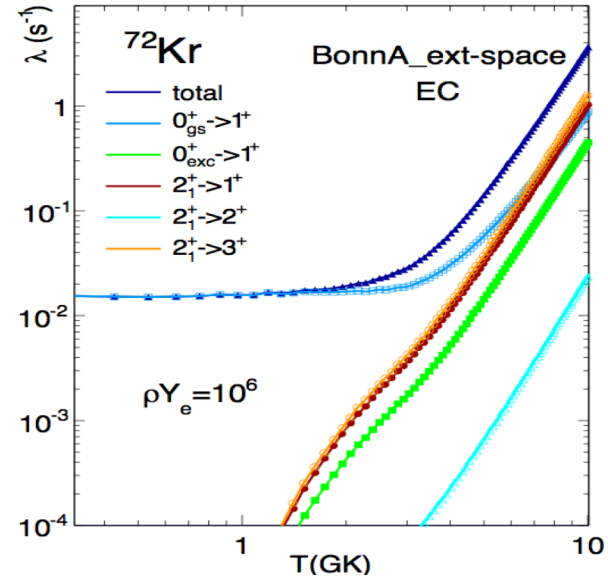
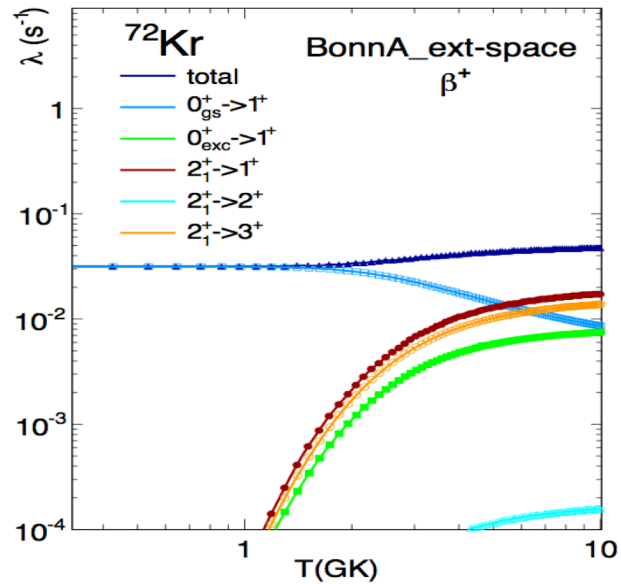
Stellar rates for ^{68}Se : β^+ and continuum electron capture

Significant continuum electron capture contribution



Stellar rates for ^{72}Kr : β^+ and continuum electron capture

Significant continuum electron capture contribution



*Impact of ^{68}Se and ^{72}Kr stellar weak interaction rates on
rp-process nucleosynthesis and energetics*

Post-processing approach based on a one-zone model - H. Schatz et al, PRL 86, 3471 (2001)

- *temperature and density profile with time*
- *nuclear reaction network includes proton-rich nuclei from H to Xe*
- *x-ray burst - ignition conditions: density $1.1 \times 10^6 \text{ g/cm}^3$; $T_{\text{peak}} = 1.9 \text{ GK}$*
 - *rise time $\sim 4 \text{ s}$; cooling phase $\sim 200 \text{ s}$*
- *initial H(X) / He(Y) mixing and metallicity :*

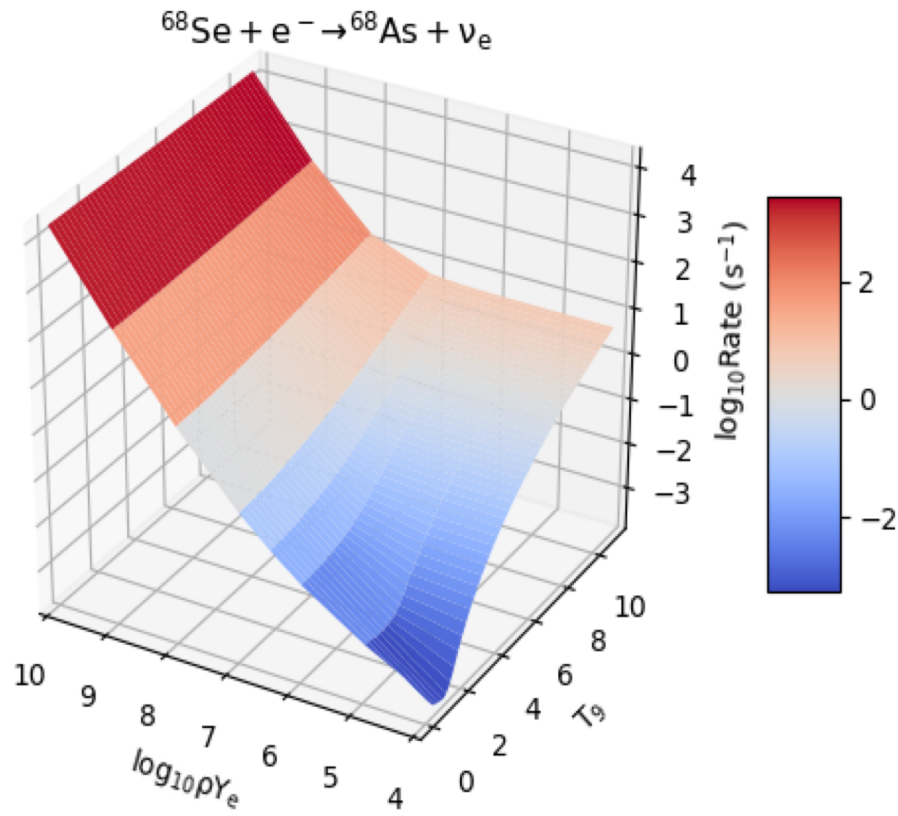
$X=0.66, Y=0.339, Z=0.001$ (hhez1 - Schatz)

$X=0.64, Y=0.359, Z=0.001$ (hhez2)

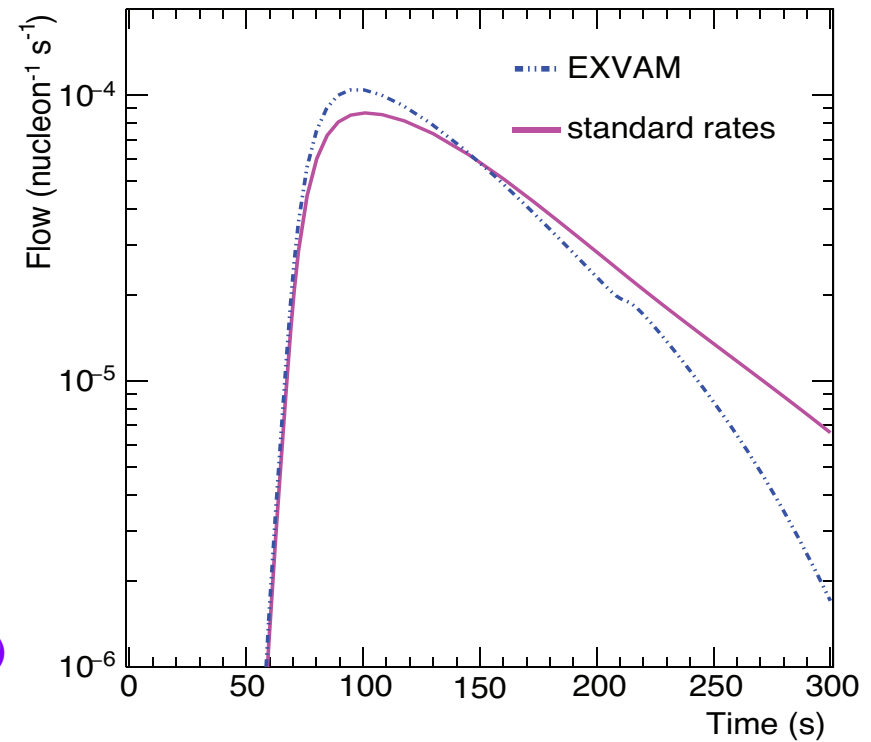
$X=0.7048, Y=0.2752, Z=0.02$ (^{14}N) (hhez3 - solar)

$X=0.759, Y=0.24, Z=0.001$ (hhez4)

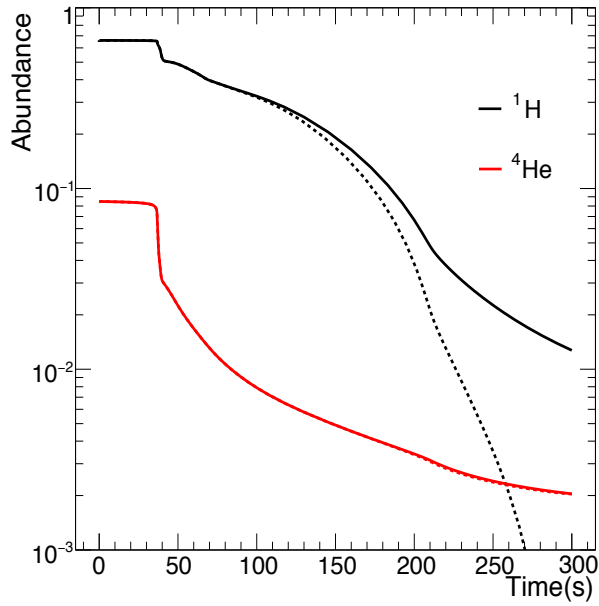
2D-evolution of ^{68}Se continuum electron capture rates



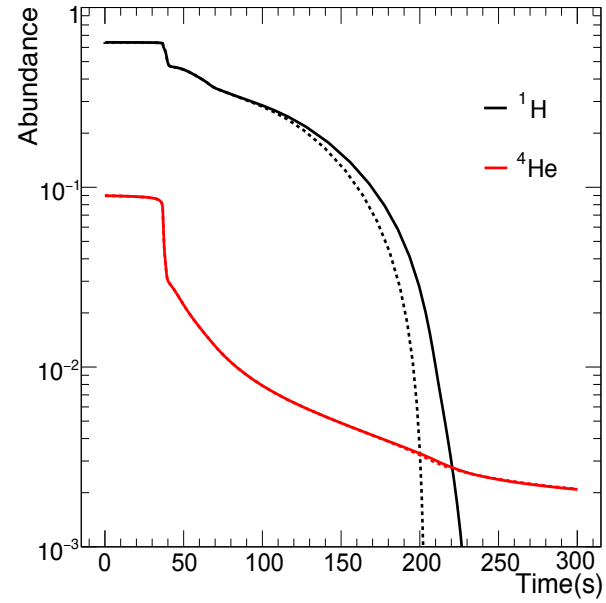
^{68}Se weak decay flow (hhez1)



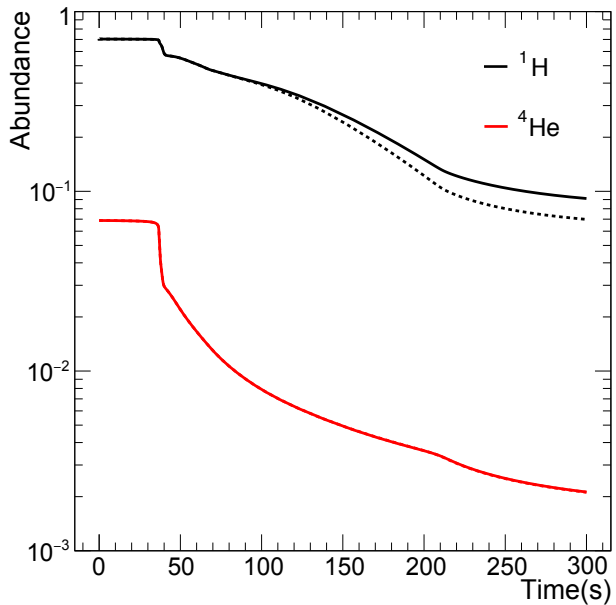
H/He abundances: EXVAM (dotted lines) / standard weak rates (full lines) for ^{68}Se and ^{72}Kr



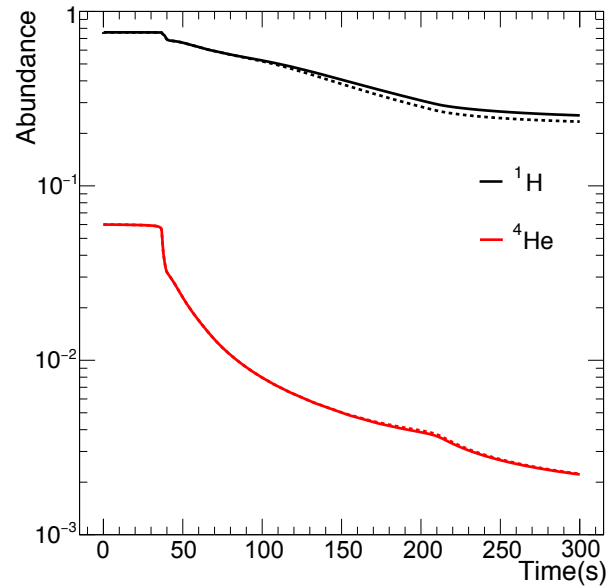
hhez1



hhez2



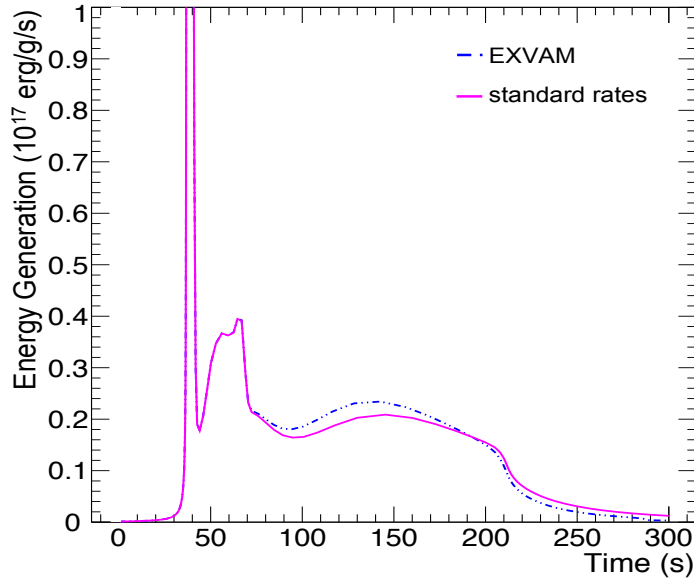
hhez3



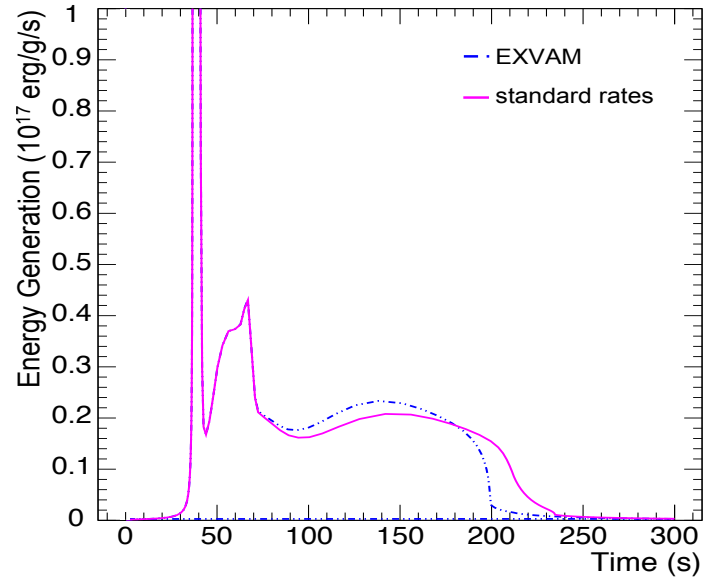
hhez4

Energy generation rate

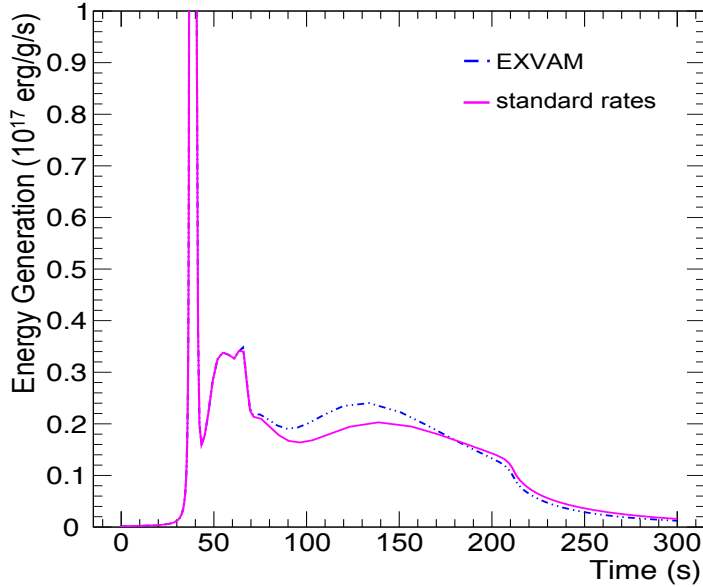
hhez1



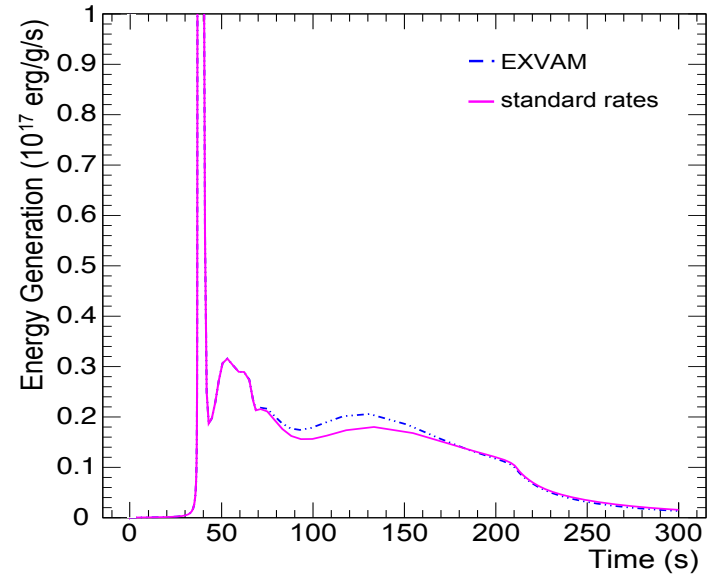
hhez2



hhez3



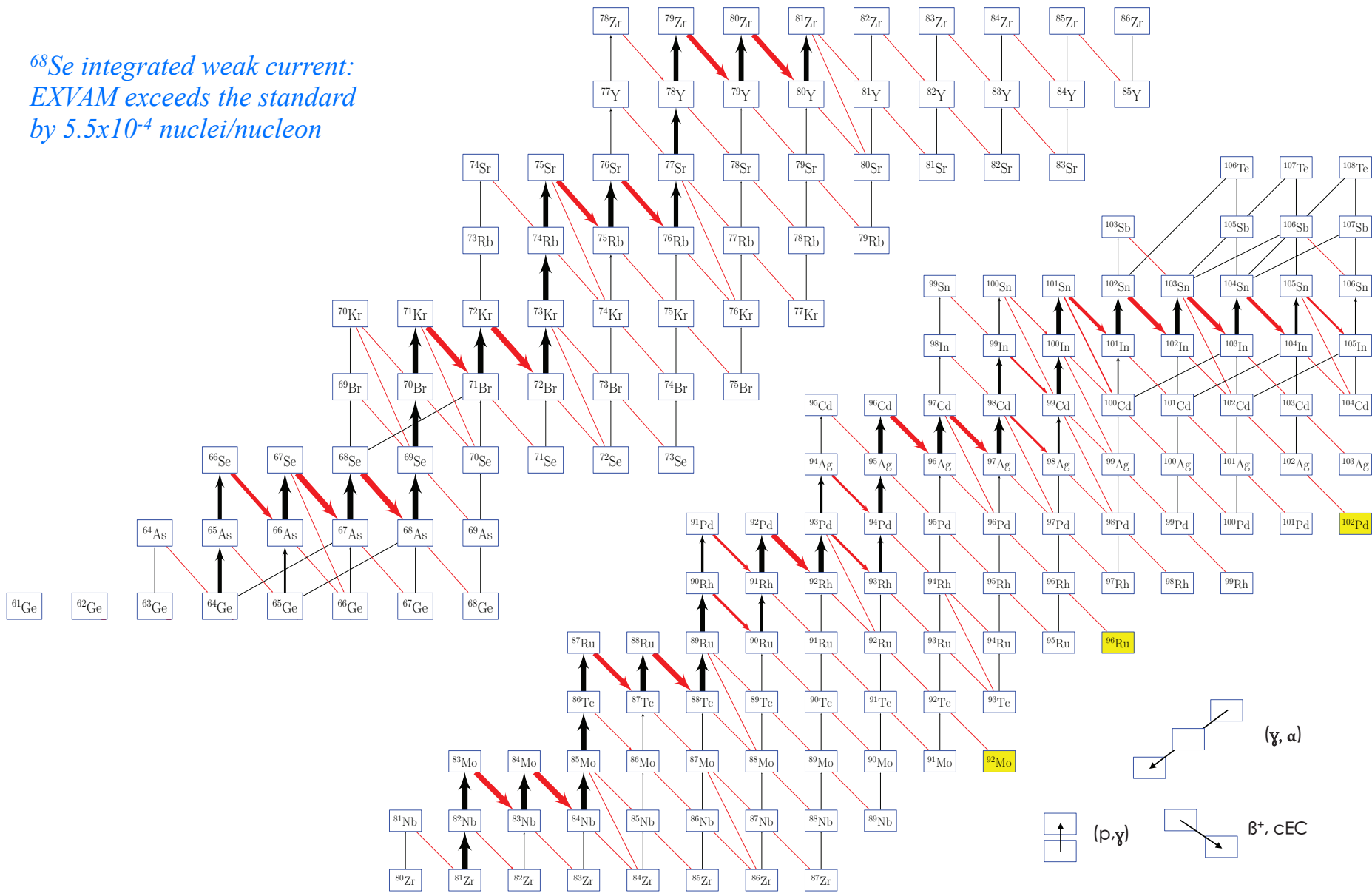
hhez4



Integrated reaction currents during an x-ray burst

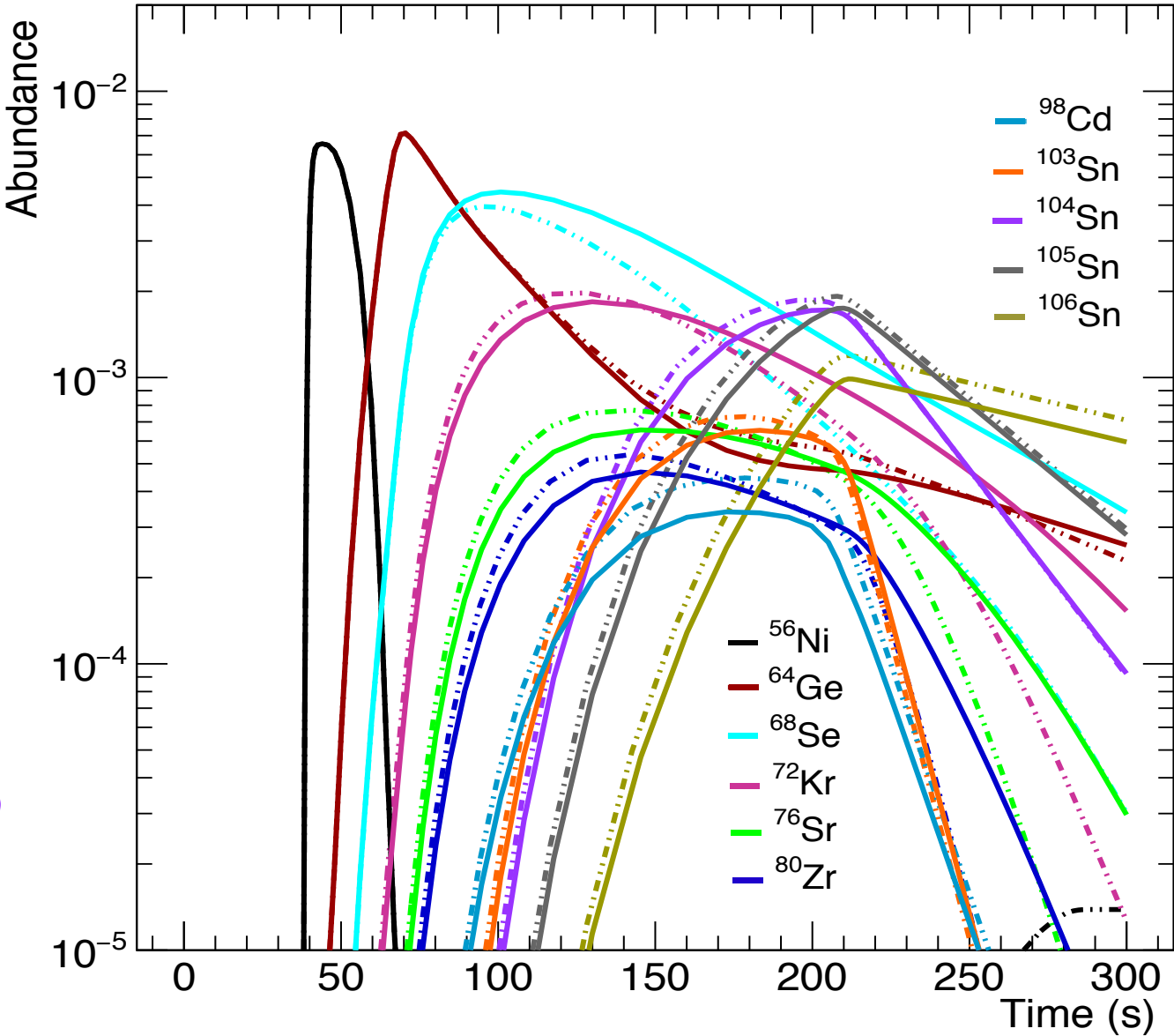
hhez1

*⁶⁸Se integrated weak current:
EXVAM exceeds the standard
by 5.5×10^{-4} nuclei/nucleon*



Abundances of waiting point nuclei & Sn isotopes

EXVAM (ddl) / standard (fl) - hhez1



*Final abundances:
(standard/EXVAM)*

^{68}Se	3.8
^{72}Kr	3.3

Summary

- *complex EXCITED VAMPIR beyond-mean-field model self-consistently describes shape-coexistence effects on terrestrial and stellar weak interaction rates for $A \sim 70$ proton-rich nuclei*
rp-process waiting points: ^{68}Se and ^{72}Kr
- *impact of ^{68}Se and ^{72}Kr EXVAM stellar weak interaction rates on rp-process nucleosynthesis and energetics: significantly affect the energy production, burst duration, and final abundances*

In collaboration with:

A. Mare

IFIN-HH

Bucharest University

O. Andrei

IFIN-HH

B. S. Mayer

Clemson University, South Carolina