



On α -particle induced reaction analysis, too much with TALYS

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Determination of $^{141}\text{Pr}(\alpha, n)^{144}\text{Pm}$ cross sections at energies of relevance for the astrophysical p process using the $\gamma\gamma$ coincidence method

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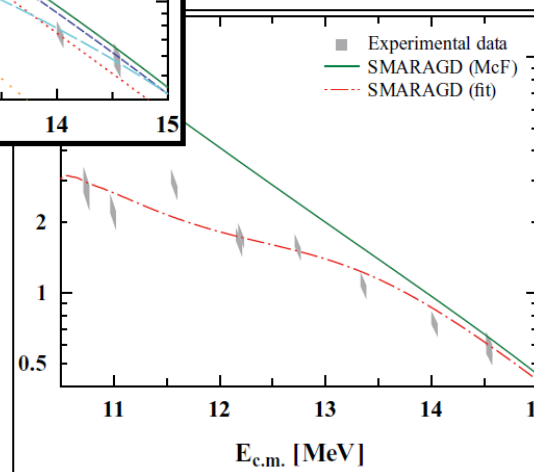
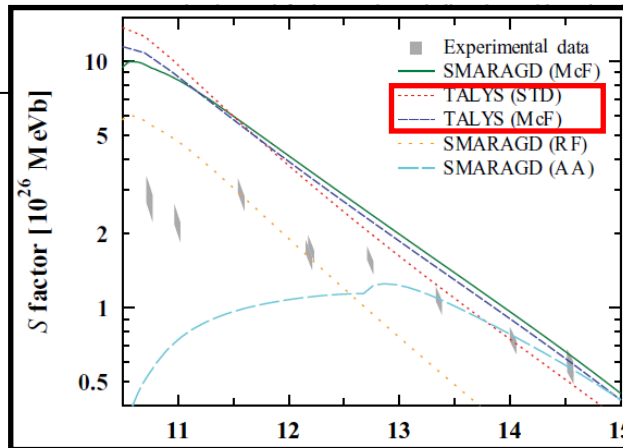
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The reaction $^{141}\text{Pr}(\alpha, n)^{144}\text{Pm}$ was investigated between $E_\alpha = 11$ MeV and 15 MeV with the activation method using the $\gamma\gamma$ coincidence method with a segmented clover-type high-purity Germanium (HPGe) detector. Measurements with four other HPGe detectors were additionally made. The comparison proves that the $\gamma\gamma$ coincidence method is an excellent tool to investigate cross sections down to the microbarn range. The (α, n) reaction at low energy is especially suited to test $\alpha + \text{nucleus}$ optical-model potentials for application in the astrophysical p process. The experimentally determined cross sections were compared to Hauser-Feshbach statistical model calculations using different optical potentials and generally an unsatisfactory reproduction of the data was found. A local potential was constructed to improve the description of the data. The consequences of applying the same potential to calculate astrophysical (γ, α) rates for ^{145}Pm and ^{148}Gd were explored. In

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Measurement of $^{120}\text{Te}(\alpha, n)$ cross sections relevant to the astrophysical p process

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The statistical Hauser-Feshbach (HF) model performs poorly in calculating the (γ, α) rates that are critical to the p process. Experimental work on elastic scattering of the tellurium isotopic chain [A. Palumbo *et al.* (unpublished)] provided a new parametrization of the α -optical potential and consequently new HF calculations of the (α, x) cross sections on $^{120-130}\text{Te}$. However, reliable experimental cross sections of these isotopes have not been measured at energies relevant to the p process. To test the reliability of the HF calculations, we measured the (α, n) cross sections on ^{120}Te , one of the p nuclei, using the activation technique. The results are compared with the HF model calculations.

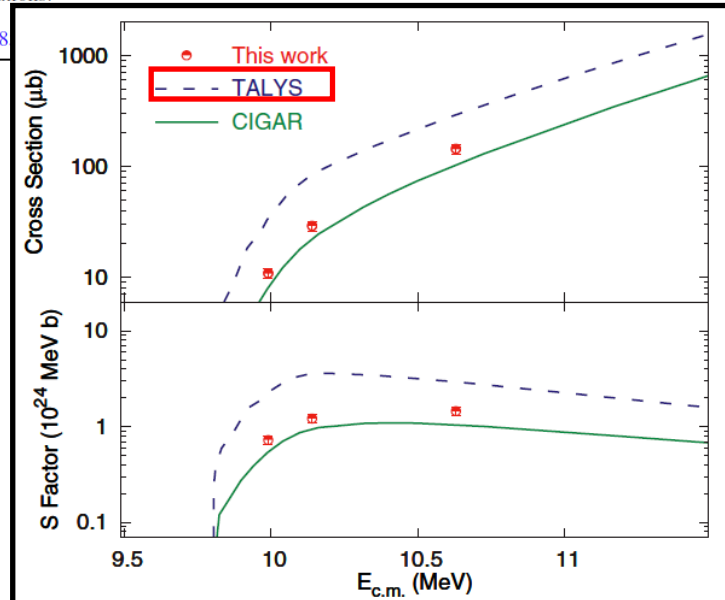


FIG. 1. (Color online) Cross sections and S factors of $^{120}\text{Te}(\alpha, n)$. Experimental data points are from this work. The solid line was calculated using the HF computer code CIGAR [18]. The dashed line was calculated using the code TALYS [21].

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Investigation of α -induced reactions on ^{130}Ba and ^{132}Ba and their importance for the synthesis of heavy p nuclei

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Captures of α particles on the proton-richer barium isotope, ^{130}Ba , have been studied in order to cross-section data for the modeling of the astrophysical γ process. The cross sections of the $^{130}\text{Ba}(\alpha, \gamma)$ and $^{130}\text{Ba}(\alpha, n)^{133}\text{Ce}$ reactions have been measured with the activation technique in the center-of mass

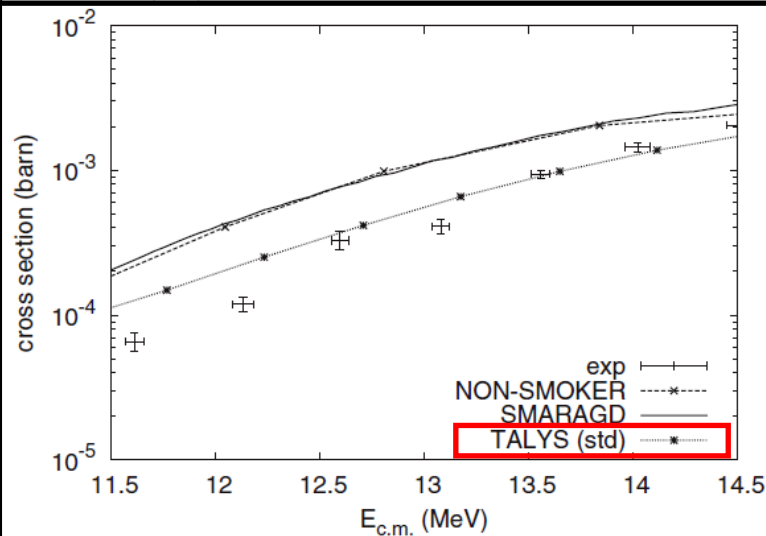


FIG. 5. Comparison of experimental cross sections for $^{130}\text{Ba}(\alpha, \gamma)^{134}\text{Ce}$ and theoretical predictions with the codes NON-SMOKER [26,27], SMARAGD [16,28], and TALYS [29] (using their default settings).

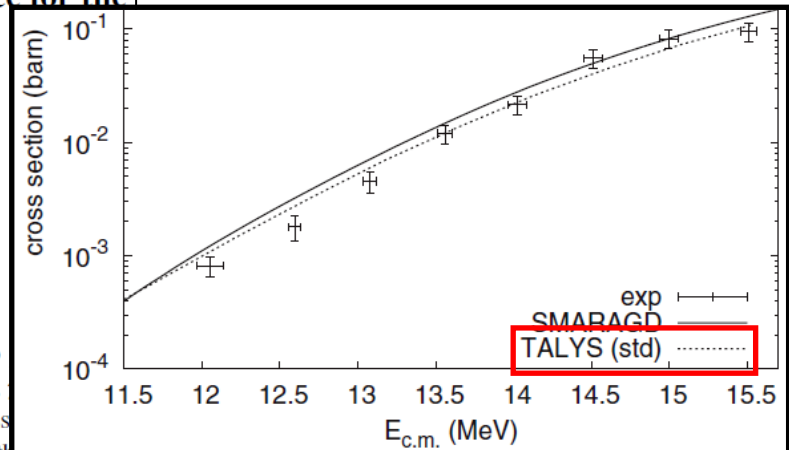


FIG. 9. Comparison of experimental cross sections for $^{132}\text{Ba}(\alpha, n)^{135}\text{Ce}$ and theoretical predictions with the codes SMARAGD [16,28] and TALYS [29] (using their default settings).

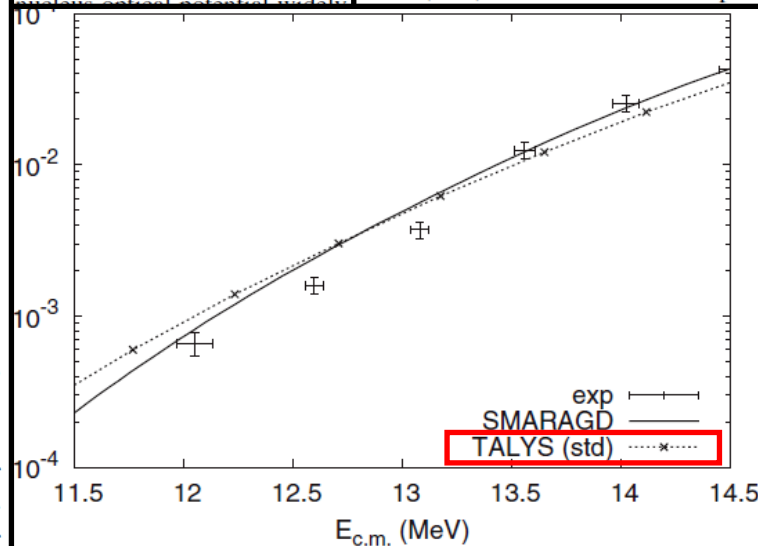


FIG. 7. Comparison of experimental cross sections for $^{130}\text{Ba}(\alpha, n)^{133}\text{Ce}$ and theoretical predictions with the codes SMARAGD [16,28] and TALYS [29] (using their default settings).

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Relation between total cross sections from elastic scattering and α -induced reactions: The example of ^{64}Zn

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The total reaction cross section is related to the elastic scattering cross section via the optical theorem. We present a new experimental reaction data

Direct study of the α -nucleus optical potential at astrophysical energies using the $^{64}\text{Zn}(p,\alpha)^{61}\text{Cu}$ reaction

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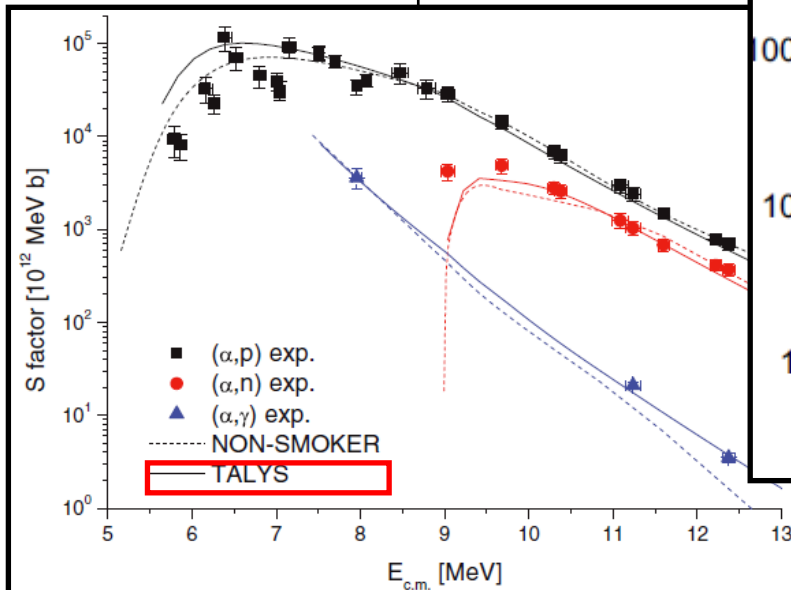
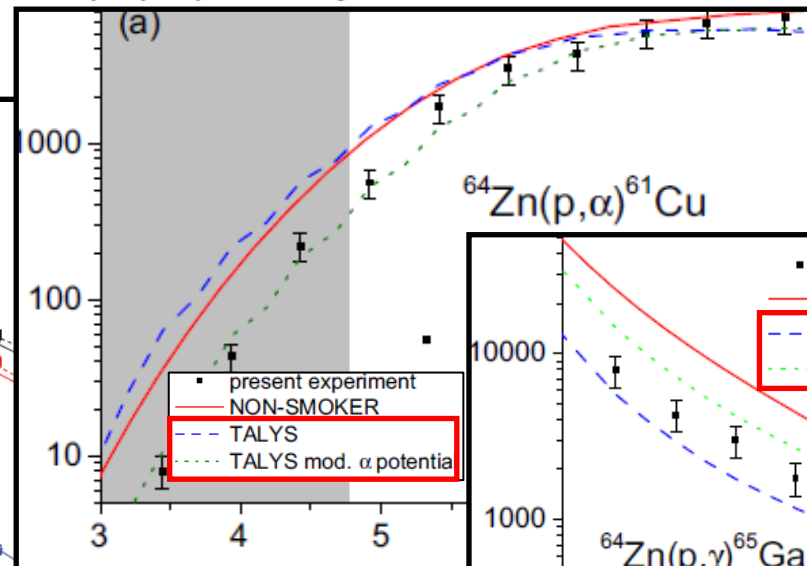
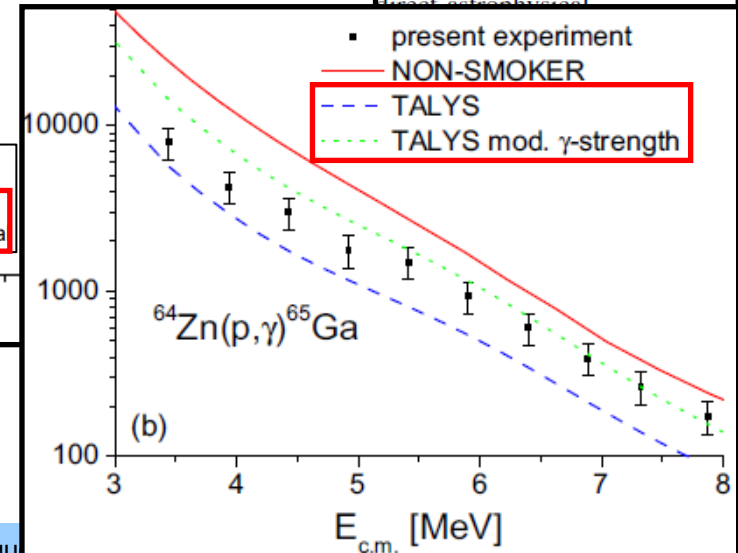


FIG. 2. (Color online) Astrophysical S factor of the measured reactions and the predictions of statistical model calculations.



rates are taken from the case of reactions with low-energy α -nucleus direct astrophysical



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Measurement of the $^{187}\text{Re}(\alpha, n)^{190}\text{Ir}$ reaction cross section at sub-Coulomb energies using the Cologne Clover Counting Setup

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Analysis of uncertainties in α -particle optical-potential assessment below the Coulomb barrier

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Background: Recent high-precision measurements of α -induced reaction data below the Coulomb barrier have pointed out questions about the α -particle optical-model potential (OMP) which are still unanswered within

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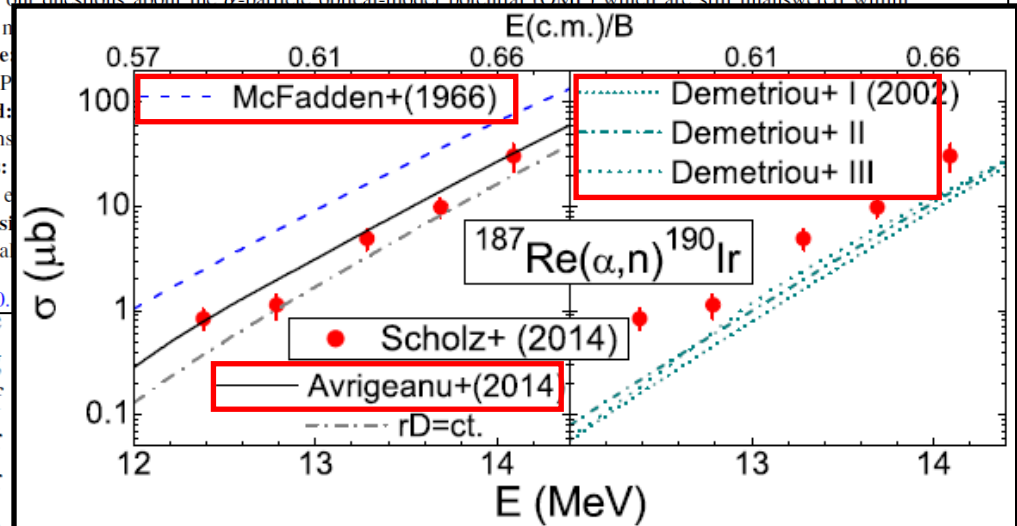
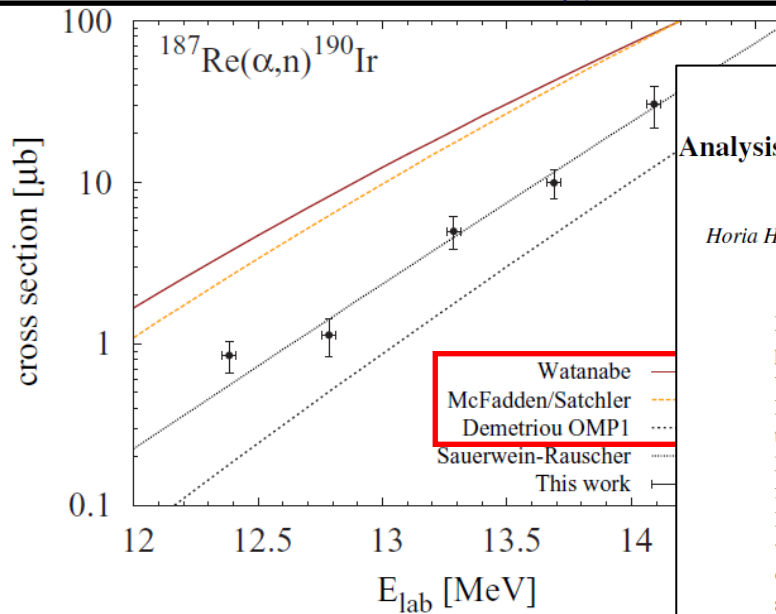


FIG. 8. (Color online) Total cross section as a function of the α -particle energy in comparison to statistical model calculations using the TALYS code [34]. The standard α OMP of TALYS is the one of Watanabe [35] which overestimates the measured values by a factor of four. Also the widely used α OMP of McFadden and Satchler [37] leads to a prediction of cross-section values which are too large. However, as pointed out in Ref. [38], this may be due to the neglect of the Coulomb excitation in the determination of the α optical potential. In contrast to this, the optical-model potentials of Ref. [36] lead to predictions of cross-section values which are too low (OMP1). The

FIG. 9. As Fig. 8 but for ^{187}Re [6] (left), and the OMPs I–III of Ref. [16] (short dotted, short dash-dotted, and short dashed curves, respectively) (right).

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Total and partial cross sections of the $^{112}\text{Sn}(\alpha, \gamma)^{116}\text{Te}$ reaction measured via in-beam γ -ray spectroscopy

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ynthesis of the neutron-deficient p nuclei remains an open question in nuclear physics. On the astrophysical side, the nuclear-physics input parameters entering the calculations for the nucleosynthesis of the p nuclei must be put on a firm basis. The use of experimental data is needed to address uncertainties of the nuclear-physics input parameters in Feshbach calculations. Especially α + nucleus optical model potentials at low energies. The in-beam technique with an array of high-purity germanium (HPGe) detectors allows the measurement of absolute cross sections of an (α, γ) reaction on a heavy nucleus

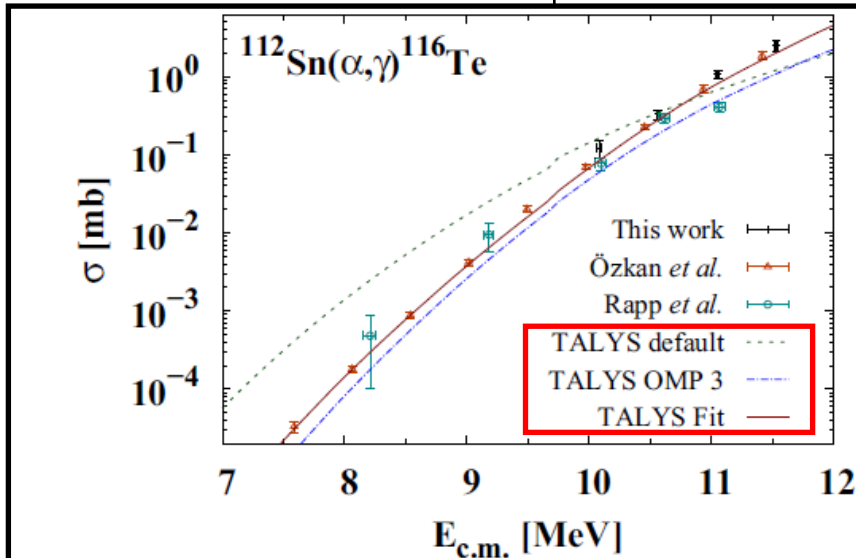


FIG. 5. (Color online) Experimental total cross section of the $^{112}\text{Sn}(\alpha, \gamma)^{116}\text{Te}$ reaction as a function of center-of-mass energy. Results were obtained from this work as well as from activation measurements of Ref. [32] (Özkan *et al.*, triangles) and Ref. [33] (Rapp *et al.*, circles). The total cross-section values are compared to statistical model calculations using the TALYS code. Using the default settings (“TALYS default”), neither the energy dependence nor the absolute values are predicted well. Using the semimicroscopic OMP 3 of Ref. [37], the agreement is significantly improved (“TALYS OMP 3”). An adjustment of the α -OMP as well as the proton- and γ widths leads to an excellent accordance (“TALYS Fit”). Details about the input parameters can be found in the text.

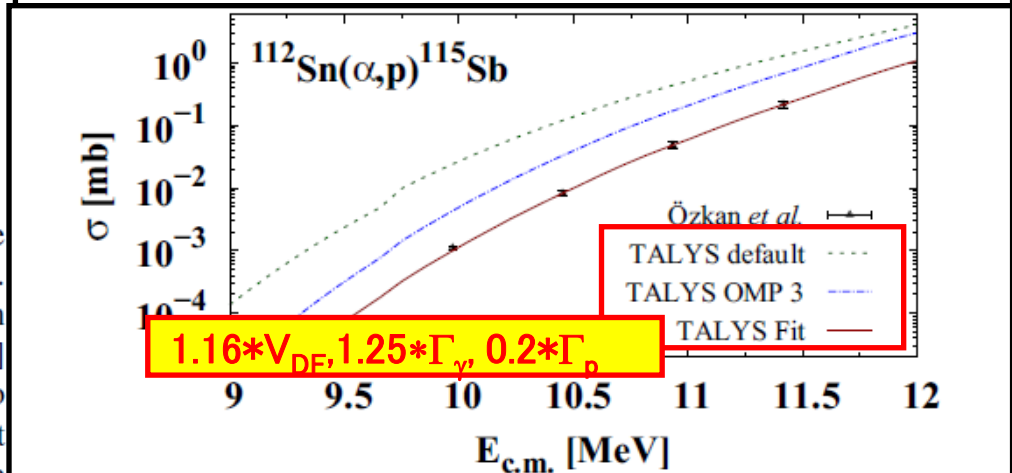


FIG. 6. (Color online) Experimental total cross section of the $^{112}\text{Sn}(\alpha, p)^{115}\text{Sb}$ reaction. The experimental data were taken from Ref. [32]. Regarding the theoretical calculations, a pattern similar to the $^{112}\text{Sn}(\alpha, \gamma)$ case arises; see text for details.

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Systematic study of (α, γ) reactions for stable nickel isotopes

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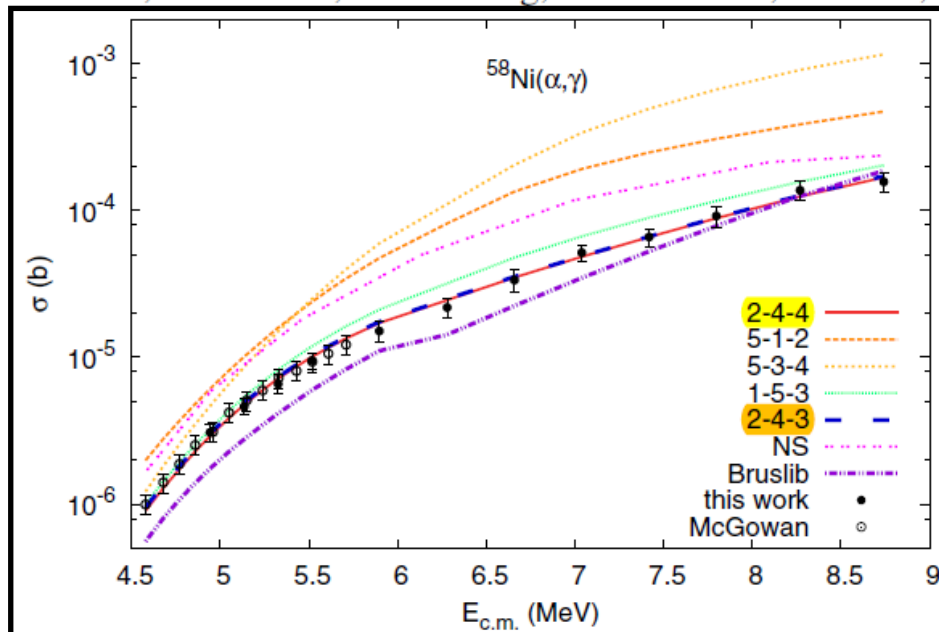


FIG. 2. (Color online) $^{58}\text{Ni}(\alpha, \gamma)^{62}\text{Zn}$ cross sections obtained in this work (solid circles) and data found in the literature [23] (open symbols). The **TALYS 1.6** calculation for the model parameter combination which gives the minimum χ^2 for the $^{58}\text{Ni}(\alpha, \gamma)^{62}\text{Zn}$ data set, 2-4-4, is shown as a solid line. The broken lines correspond to the model parameter combinations which resulted in a minimum χ^2 for other analyzed targets and the long-dashed line is the 2-4-3 model that gives the best description to all the targets simultaneously (see Sec. III for detailed explanation). The double-dotted and dot-dashed lines show the cross sections from the NON-SMOKER and BRUSLIB databases, respectively.

used databases NON-SMOKER and BRUSLIB. For each of the investigated isotopes a combination of input parameter for TALYS was identified that best reproduces the experimental data, and recommended reaction rate has been calculated. Additionally, a set of inputs for Hauser-Feshbach calculations was given that, simultaneously for all the isotopes under consideration, reproduces the experimental data within the experimental uncertainties.

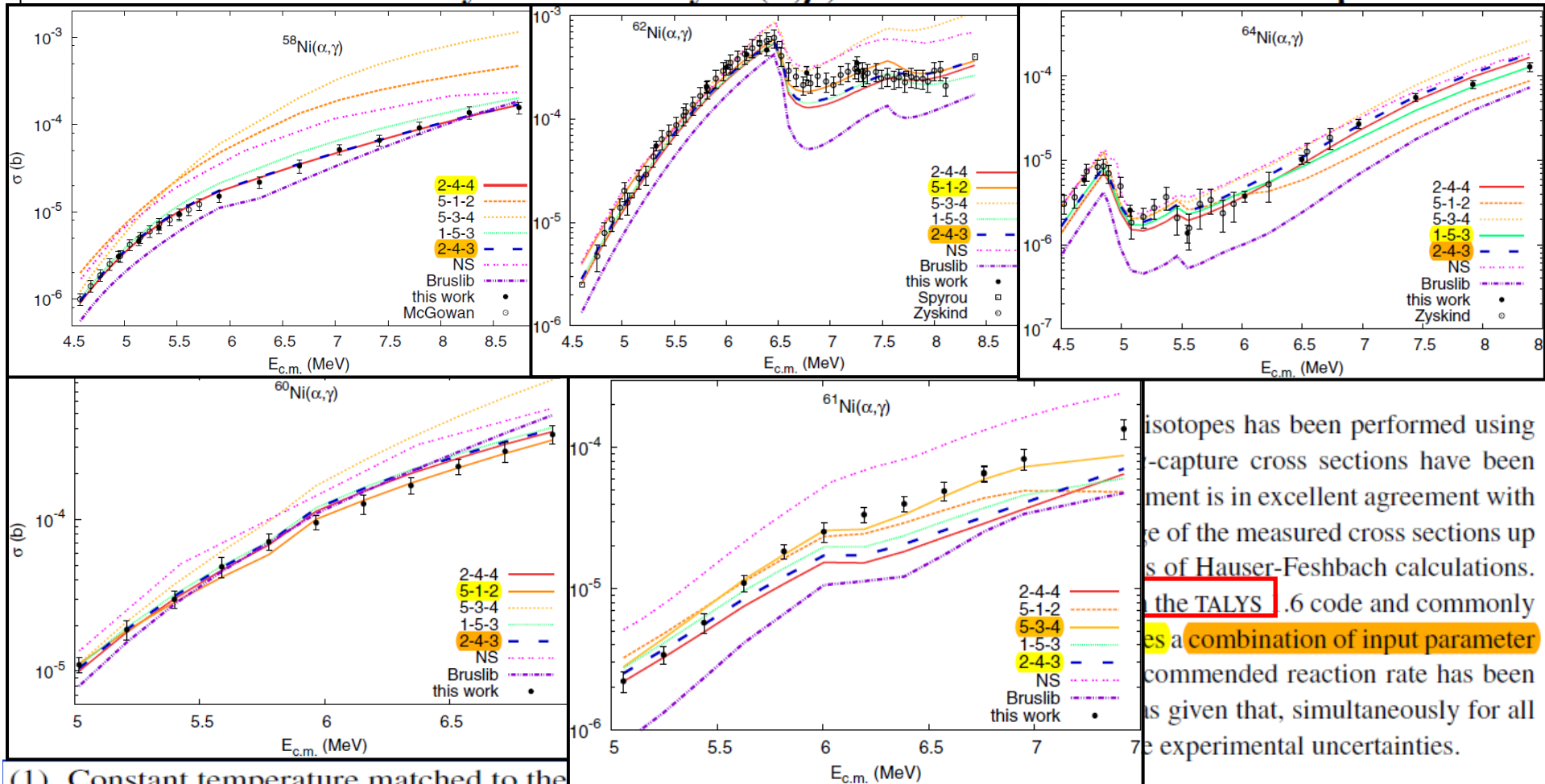
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Systematic study of (α, γ) reactions for stable nickel isotopes (II)



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- (2) Back-shifted Fermi gas model [31]
- (3) Generalized super fluid model [32]
- (4) Hartree Fock using Skyrme force [33]
- (5) Hartree-Fock-Bogoliubov (Sky) + pairing interaction method [32]
- (6) Microscopic model, Gogny force [33].

- (1) Kopecky-Uhl generalized Lorentzian (KU) [36]
- (2) Brink-Axel Lorentzian (BA) [37,38]
- (3) Hartree-Fock BCS (HF-BCS) [26]
- (4) Hartree-Fock-Bogolyubov (HFB) [26]
- (5) Modified Lorentzian (Gor-ML) [2]

- (1) Koning-Delaroche [39]
- (2) McFadden-Satchler [40]
- (3) Demetriou *et al.* given in Table 1 of Ref. [41]
- (4) Demetriou *et al.* given in Table 2 of Ref. [41]
- (5) Demetriou *et al.* [41], dispersive model.

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(α, γ) cross section measurements in the region of light p nuclei

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In total, 300 TALYS calculations were performed for each reaction in an attempt to determine which combination of parameters best describes the data. In addition to the TALYS

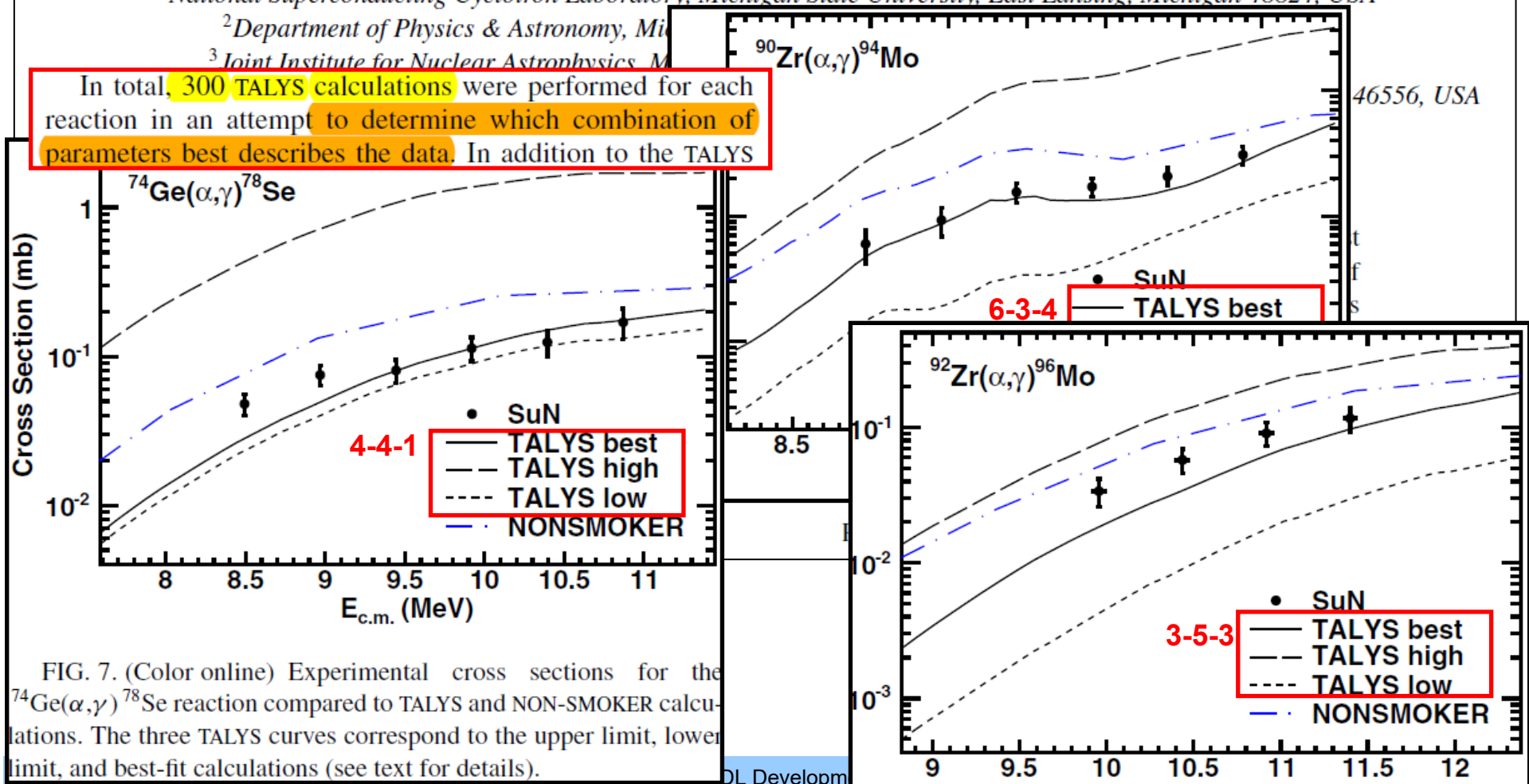


FIG. 7. (Color online) Experimental cross sections for the $^{74}\text{Ge}(\alpha, \gamma)^{78}\text{Se}$ reaction compared to TALYS and NON-SMOKER calculations. The three TALYS curves correspond to the upper limit, lower limit, and best-fit calculations (see text for details).

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Constraints on the $\alpha + \text{nucleus}$ optical-model potential via α -induced reaction studies on ^{108}Cd

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in TALYS is indicated by a gray shaded area. The best reproduction of the measured ratios was obtained by the combination of the Brink-Axel Lorentzian model for the γ -ray strength function and the Back-shifted Fermi gas model for the nuclear-level density. Please note that this does not imply directly that these models are the best in describing the nuclear level density or the γ -ray strength functions in the compound nucleus ^{112}Sn but have only been found in combination to reproduce the ratio of the γ - and

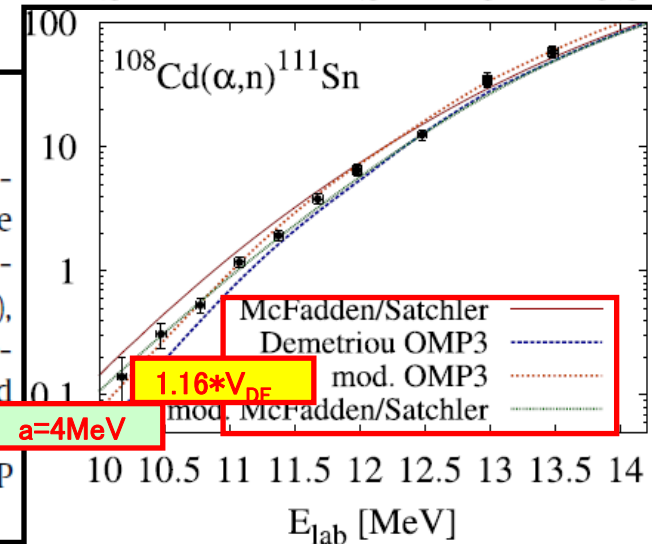
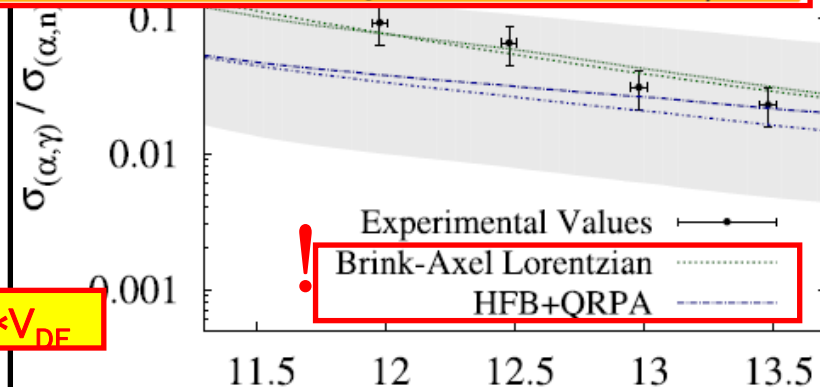
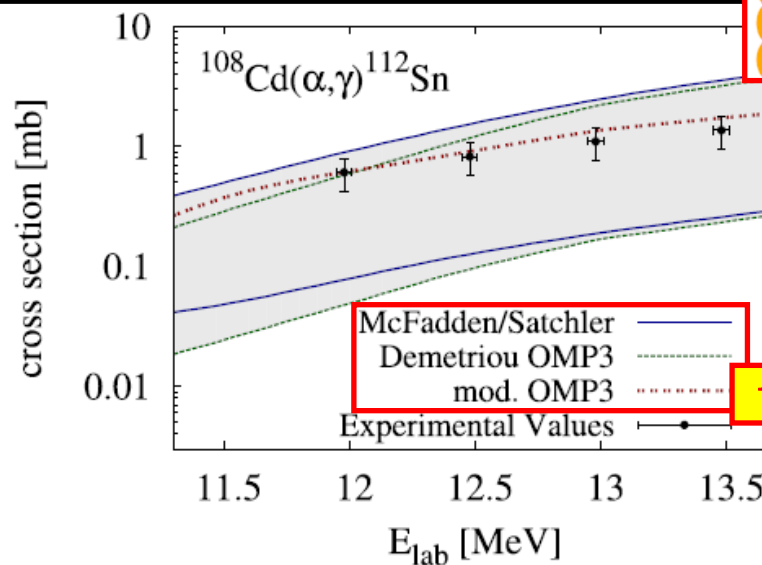


Fig. 3. (Color online.) Measured cross-section values of the $^{108}\text{Cd}(\alpha, \gamma)^{112}\text{Sn}$ reaction. Additionally, cross-section values calculated using the statistical model code TALYS (v1.6) are shown, in blue calculated based on the α -OMP of Ref. [21] (McFadden/Satchler) and in green based on the α -OMP of Ref. [26] (Demetriou OMP3), respectively. The gray shaded areas indicate the region of calculated values obtained by variation of the input-parameter models for the nuclear-level density and the γ -ray strength function. Upper and lower limits are shown as solid lines. The dashed red line corresponds to calculations based on the modification of the α -OMP of Demetriou et al. See text for details.

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α scattering and α -induced reaction cross sections of ^{64}Zn at low energies

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Background: α -nucleus potentials play an essential role for the calculation of α -induced reaction cross sections at low energies in the statistical model. Uncertainties of these calculations are reduced by the adjustment of the potential parameters to experimental elastic scattering angular distributions and the energy dependence of the effective α -nucleus potentials.

Purpose: The present work studies the total reaction cross section σ_{reac} of α -induced reactions which can be determined from the elastic scattering angular distribution or from the total cross section of all open nonelastic channels.

Method: Elastic and inelastic $^{64}\text{Zn}(\alpha, \alpha)^{64}\text{Zn}$ angular distributions were measured at energies above the Coulomb barrier, at 12.1 and 16.1 MeV. Reaction cross sections of the (α, γ) , (α, n) , and (α, p) reactions were measured at the same energies using the activation technique. The contributions of the different channels to the total cross section were estimated from statistical model calculations.

Results: The total reaction cross sections from elastic scattering and from the sum of all open nonelastic channels agree well within the uncertainties. This finding confirms the validity of the statistical model.

The cross section of the $^{64}\text{Zn}(\alpha, \gamma)^{68}\text{Ge}$ reaction is sensitive to the α -nucleus potential and to the γ -ray strength function. Here the best result is obtained using the Hartree-Fock BCS γ -ray strength from [77]. The TALYS default option using generalized Lorentzian γ -ray strength from [78] significantly underestimates the $^{64}\text{Zn}(\alpha, \gamma)^{68}\text{Ge}$ cross section (see Fig. 12, thin red long-dashed line).

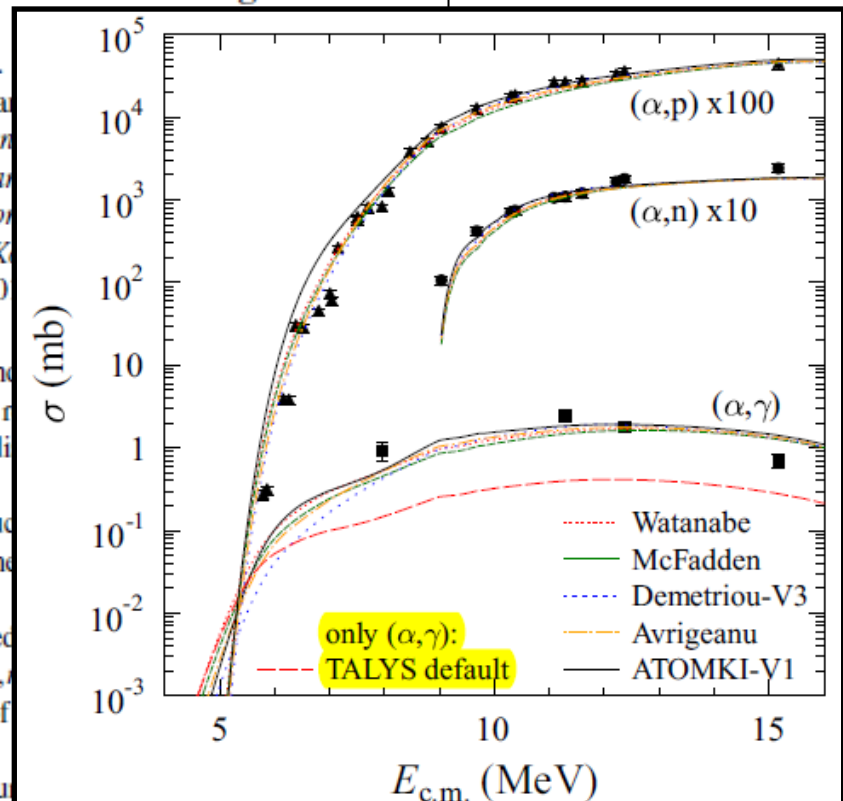


FIG. 12. Cross sections of the $^{64}\text{Zn}(\alpha, \gamma)^{68}\text{Ge}$, $^{64}\text{Zn}(\alpha, n)^{67}\text{Ge}$, and $^{64}\text{Zn}(\alpha, p)^{67}\text{Ga}$ reactions. The experimental data are taken from our previous work [37] except the new results at the highest energy $E_{\alpha} = 16.1$. The calculations are based on different global α -nucleus optical potentials [9,11,29,31,75]. For better readability, two versions of [31] have been omitted. The differences between the predictions from various α -nucleus potentials are relatively small. TALYS default parameters have been used in general except for the γ -ray strength function; the default γ -ray strength underestimates the (α, γ) cross section (thin red long-dashed line). For further discussion see text.

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Statistical model analysis of α -induced reactions

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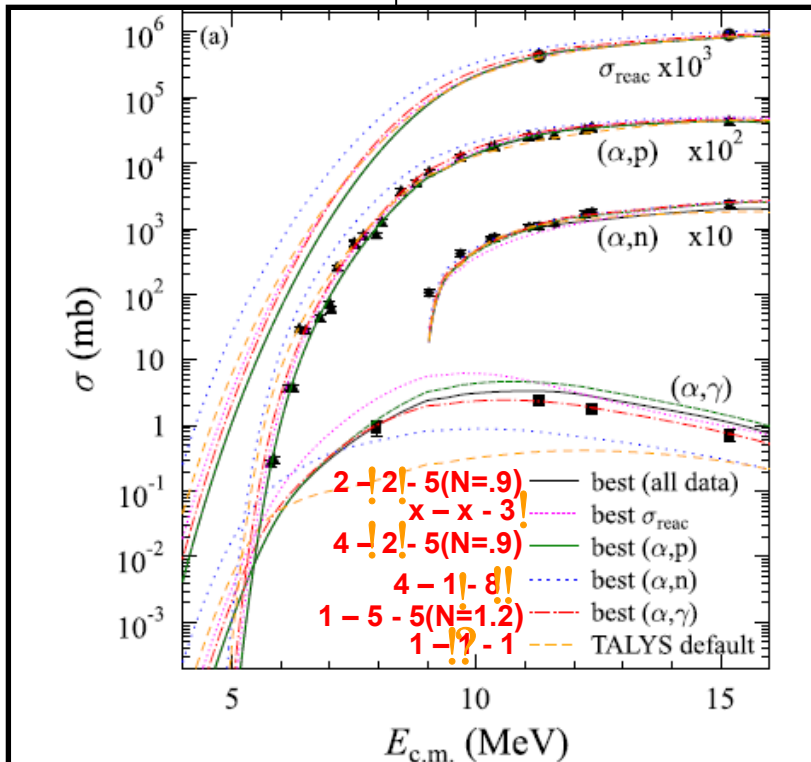


FIG. 2. Cross sections of α -induced reactions on ^{64}Zn ; for better readability, the total reaction cross sections σ_{reac} have been multiplied by a factor of 1000, the (α, p) data by a factor of 100, and the (α, n) data by a factor of 10. The best fit of all 6720 combinations of the TALYS parameters is shown by the solid black line. Best fits to the σ_{reac} data are represented by the narrow-dotted magenta line; to the individual (α, p) reaction, by the dashed green line; to the individual (α, n) reaction, by the dotted blue line; and to the individual (α, γ) reaction, by the dash-dotted red line. The TALYS default calculation is shown by the short-dashed orange line. (a) Calculated excitation functions in

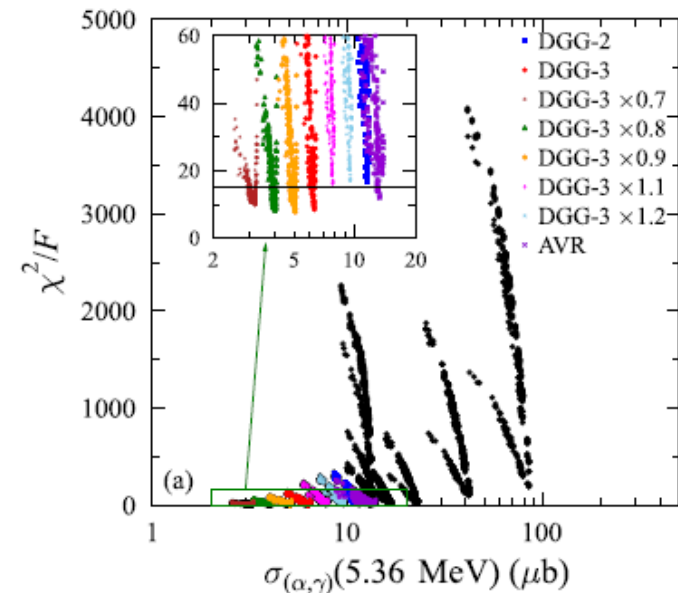
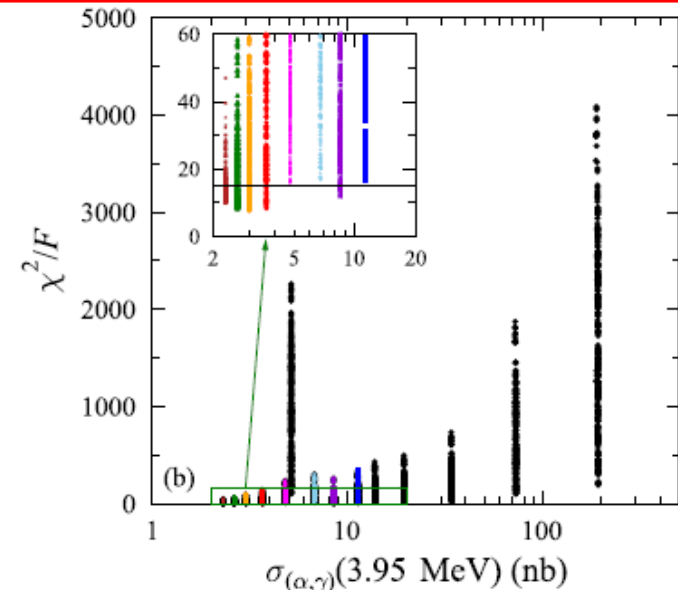


FIG. 3. χ^2/F as a function of the (α, γ) cross section (a) at 5.36 MeV (corresponding to the effective energy at $T_9 = 2.5$) and (b) at 3.95 MeV. Huge variations, between about 8 and 5000, are found for χ^2/F . Insets: All calculations with small $\chi^2/F < 60$. The chosen criterion $\chi^2/F \leq 15$ is indicated by the horizontal dashed

2. Consistent model calc. [Method, tools, IP] vs χ^2 -based predictions (1/11)

[E.D. Arthur – P.G. Young, LANL, '80]

[e.g., Nucl. Sci. Eng. 76, 137 (1980)]

[IAEA/NDS RCs (12), Bucharest, 1982-2011]

- YES**
- i. unitary use of *common* Input Parameters for different mechanisms
 - ii. use of *consistent sets* of Input Parameters - determined by *analyses of various independent* experimental data
 - iii. unitary account of *whole body* of related experimental data for isotope chains and neighboring elements
[activation & particle-emission spectra]
[enlarged incident-energy range]

NO re-normalization or free parameters, **widely-used within ND libraries, e.g.:**

EFFDOC-1288: The fit was performed by means of nuclear model parameters variation:
(NRG-Petten)

- Fitting to the most recent experimental data if possible
- Compromise between good C/E and reasonable shape of excitation

EFFDOC-1289: → The set of the best model parameters was found on the basis of the detailed comparison with available experimental data
(KIT-Karlsruhe) → Adjustment of the nuclear model parameters is necessary to get the best fit of the experimental data.

2. Consistent model calc. [Method, tools, IP] vs χ^2 -based predictions (2/11)

OPTICAL MODEL: prime tool for all cross section calculations

- ❖ **Phenomenological OMP** (global parameter sets): still extensively used
- ❖ **Microscopic OPs**: reduced uncertainties (e.g., OM ambiguities)

▪ Pure elastic scattering OP analysis

SCAT2 [O. Bersillon]

- phenomenological OP
- + semi-microscopic (DF) OP →
(local version)

Phys. Rev. C **62** (2000) 017001
Nucl. Phys. **A693** (2001) 616
Eur. Phys. J. **A12** (2001) 399
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Nucl. Phys. **A723** (2003) 104
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Nucl. Phys. **A** 764 (2006) 246

▪ Coupled Reaction Channel (CRC)

FRESCO-2003 [I.J. Thompson]

▪ Composite system equilibration

- **Geometry Dependent Hybrid** (GDH) preequilibrium-emission model
- **Hauser-Feshbach** (HF) statistical model

STAPRE-H95 [V. Avrigeanu, M. Avrigeanu]

(updated)

2. Consistent model calc. [Method, tools, IP] vs χ^2 -based predictions (3/11)

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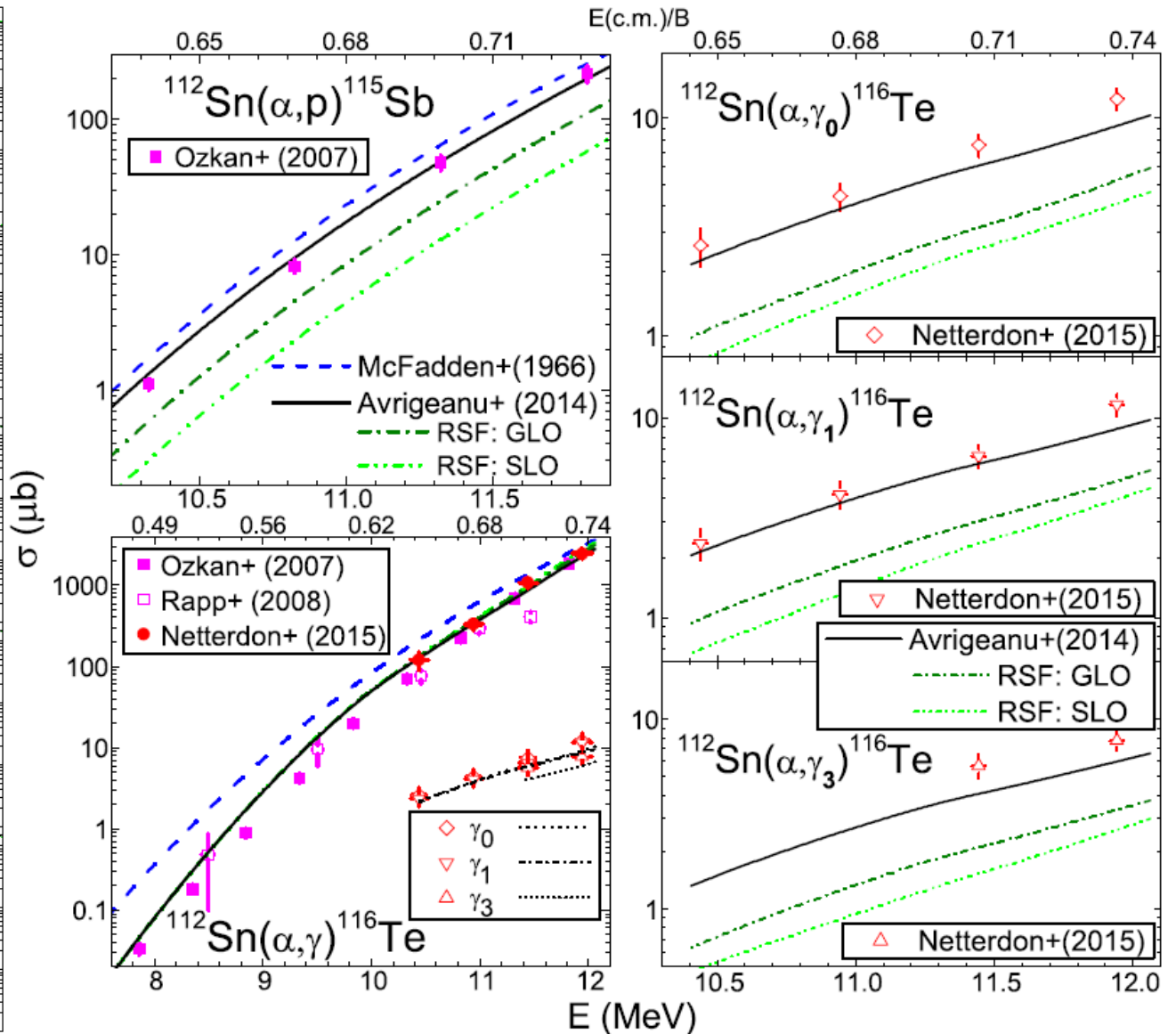
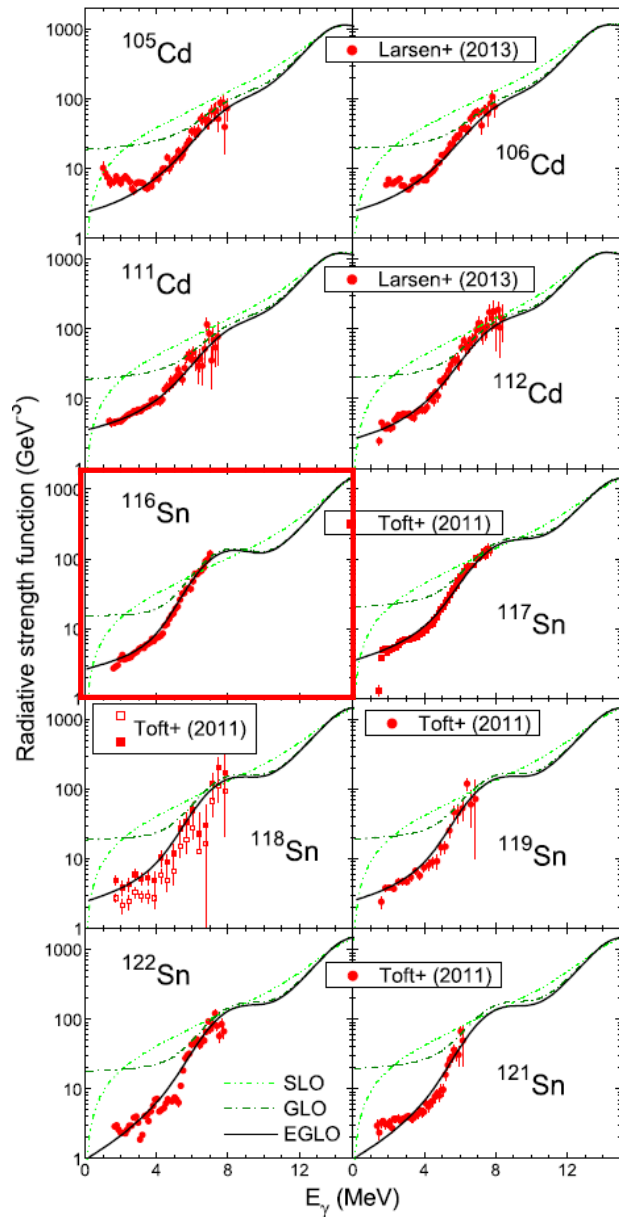
STAPRE-H95 (updated-2014) [OM/PE/SM: SCAT2, GDH, HF]

- neutron- spherical OMP [Koning-Delaroche, Nucl.Phys. **A713**, 231 (2003)]
- p-, α - spherical OMP: [Johnson+ (1968), V. Avrigeanu+, PRC **49**, 2125 (1994),
V. Avrigeanu+, PRC **90**, 044612 (2014)]
- γ -ray strength functions: E1[EGLO/OCL:PRC **93**,045810(2016), *ibid.* **94**,025804(2016)]
M1(SLO, 1990 [RIPL-1])
- PE: Geometry Dependent Hybrid model [M. Blann+, PRC **28**, 1493 (1984)]
 - + α -particle emission [Z.Phys. A **329**,177(1988)]
 - + J^π -conservation [Z.Phys. A **329**,177(1988)]
 - + $g_{FGM}(e)$, $A_K(p,h)$, $f_K(p,h,E,F_1(I,E_i))$ [Phys. Rev. C **58**, 295 (1998)]
- Nuclear-level density ($E > E_d$ [ENSDF]): BSFG:
 - + $E^* < B_n$: (a, Δ) from fit of [D_0 (RIPL-3), N_d (ENSDF, RIPL3)]
 - + $E^* > B_n$: $a(E^*)$ [A.R. Junghans+, NPA**629**, 635 (1998);
A.J. Koning, M.B. Chadwick, PRC **56**, 970 (1997)]
 - + I/I_r : $0.5(g.s.) - 0.75(B_n) - 1(15 \text{ MeV})$ [V.Avrigeanu+, JNST **S2**,746 (2002)]

2. Consistent model calculations vs χ^2 -based predictions (A ~ 110) (4/11)

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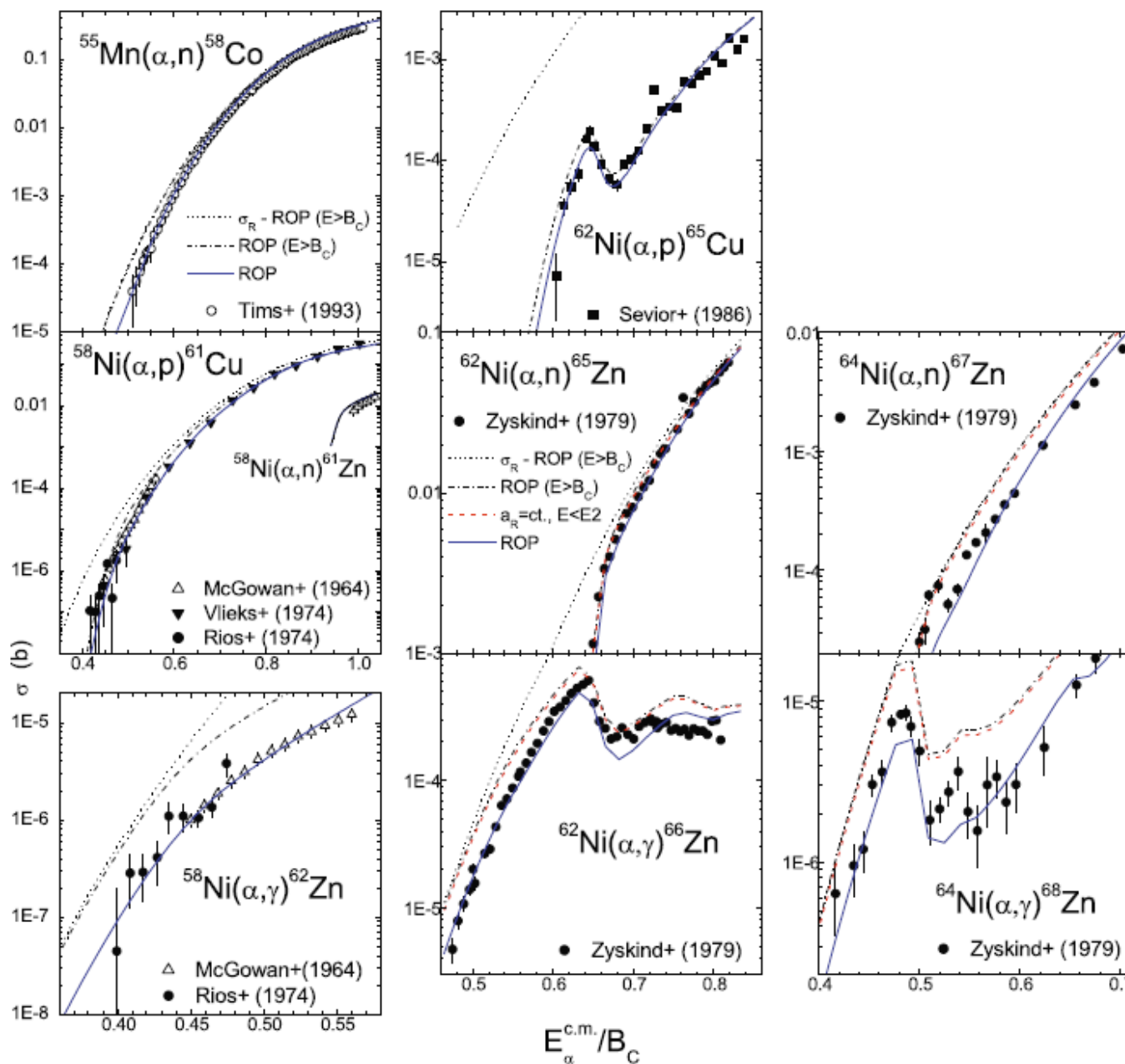
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2. Consistent model calculations vs χ^2 -based predictions (A ~ 60)

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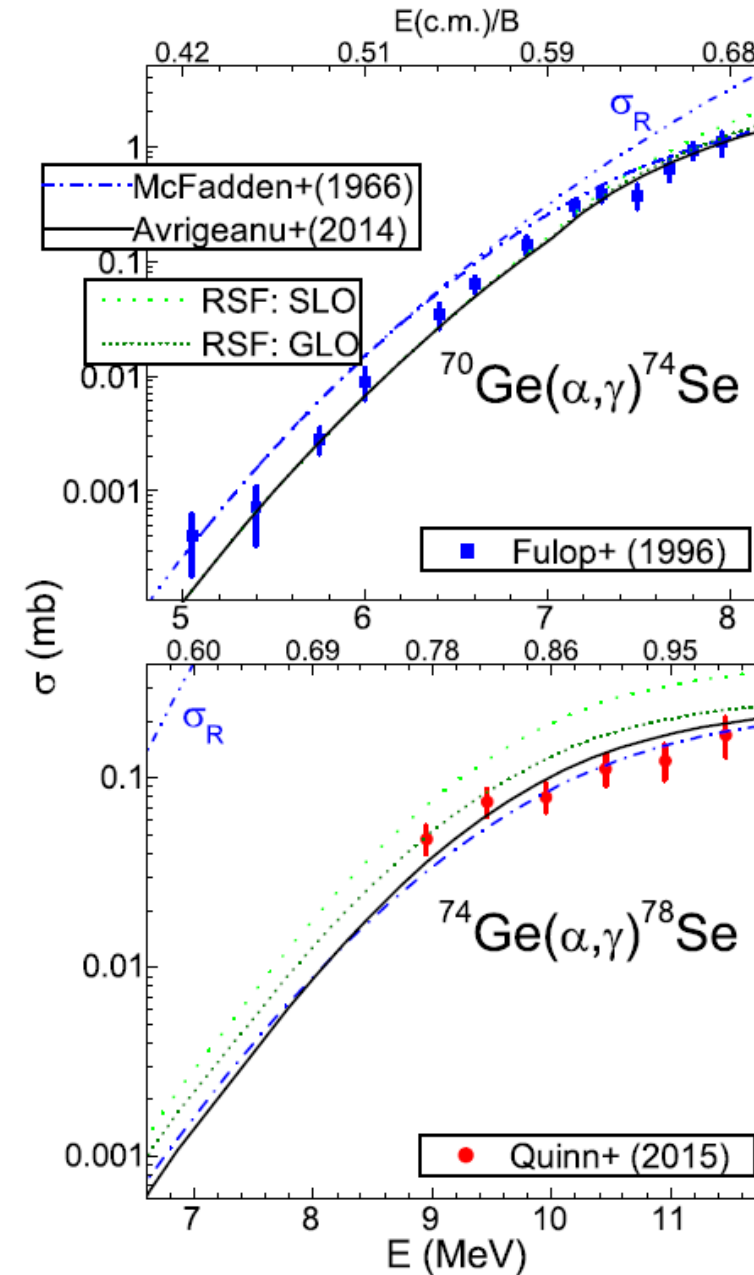
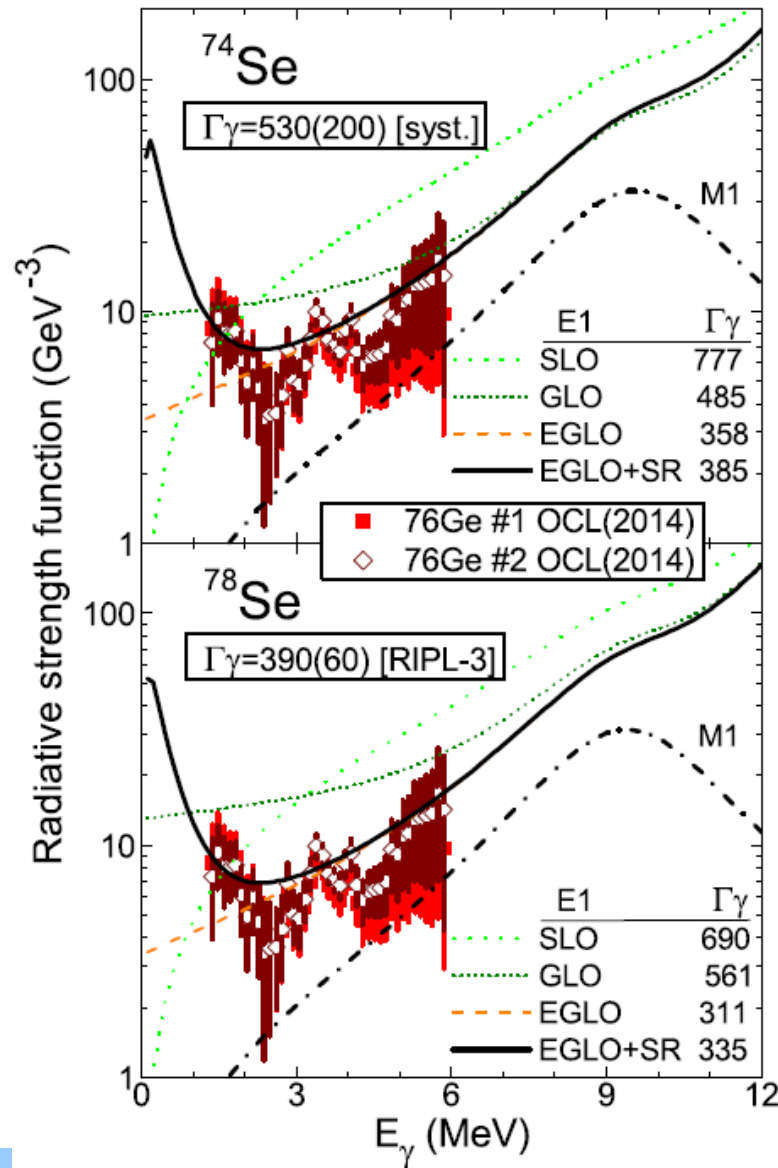


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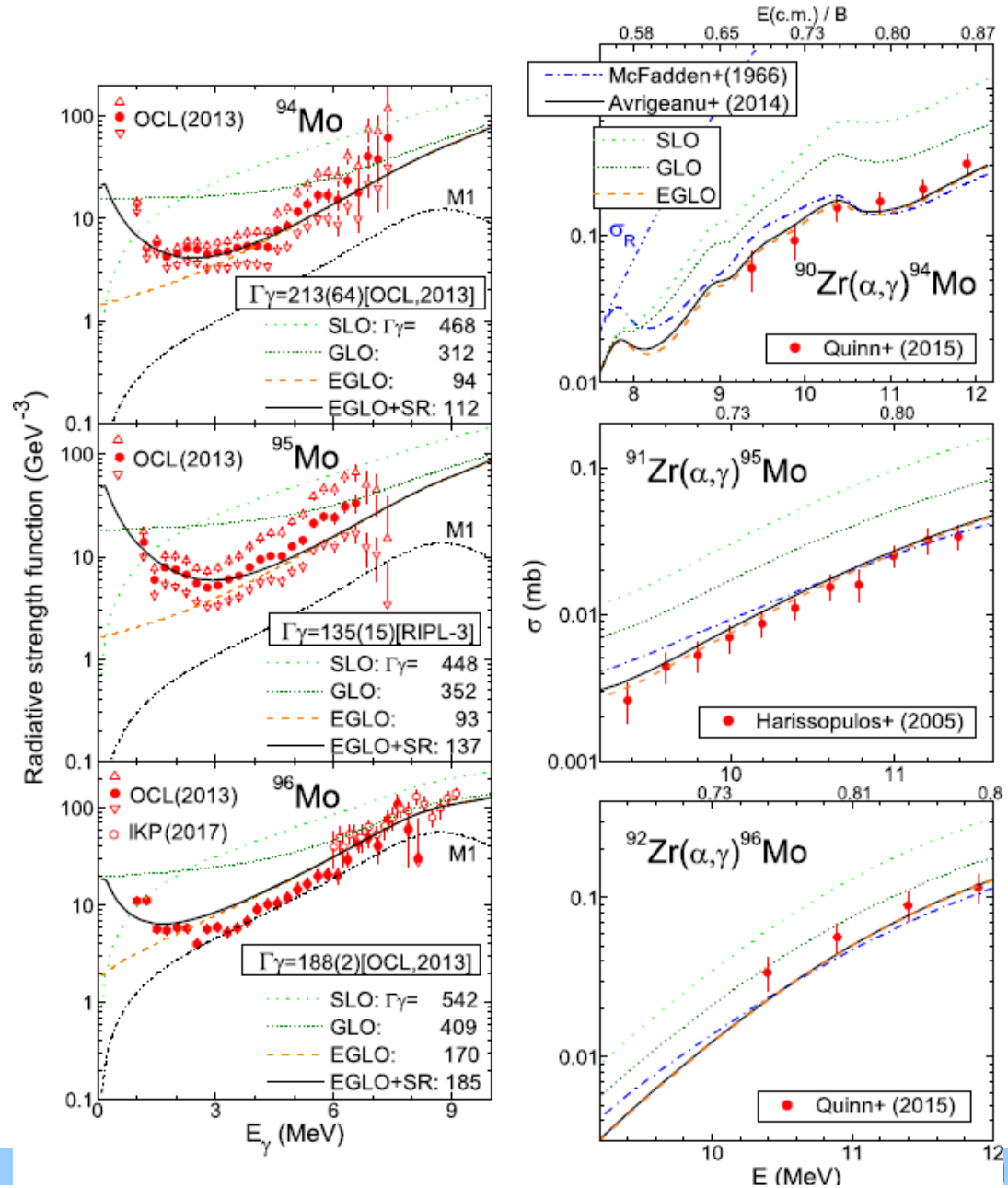


2. Consistent model calculations vs χ^2 -based predictions (A ~ 90)

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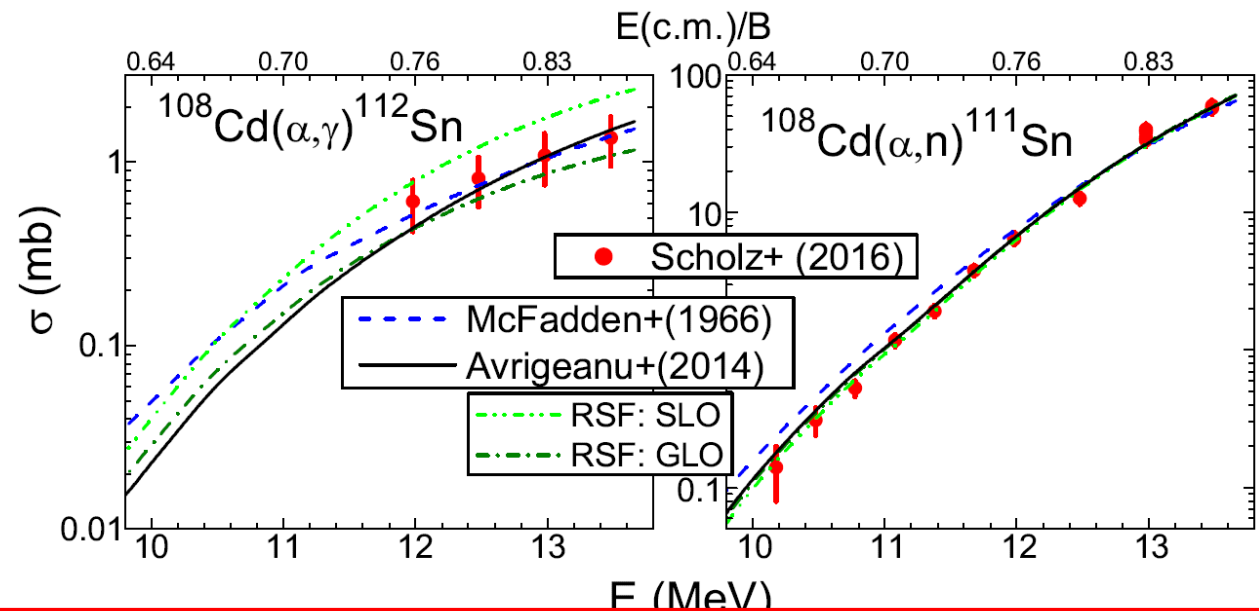
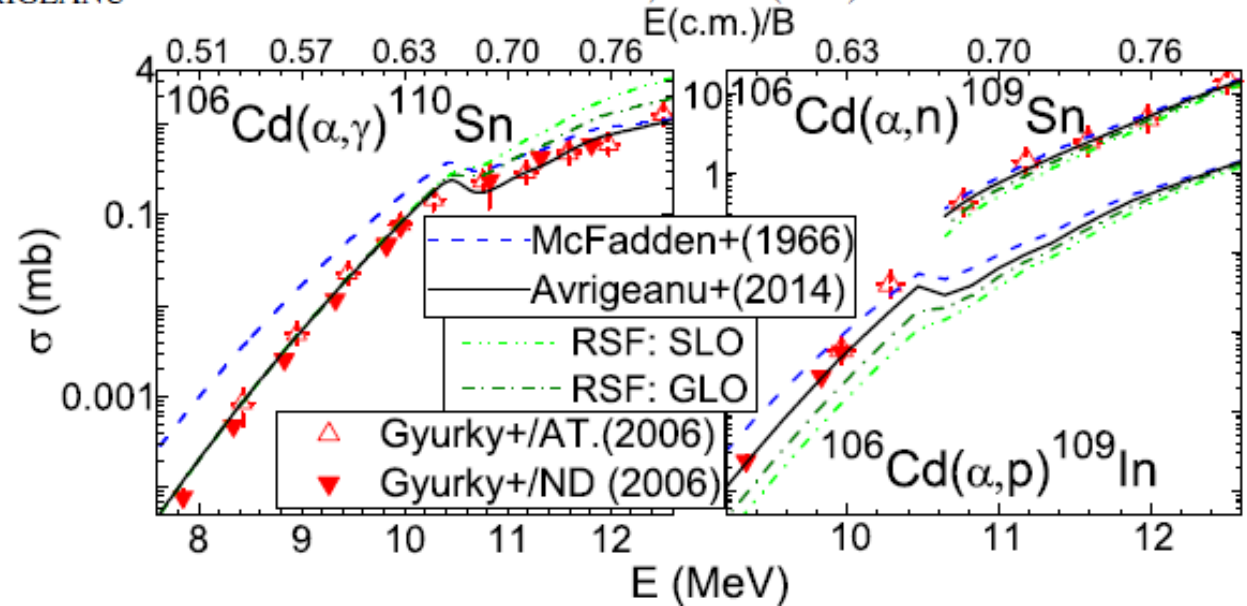
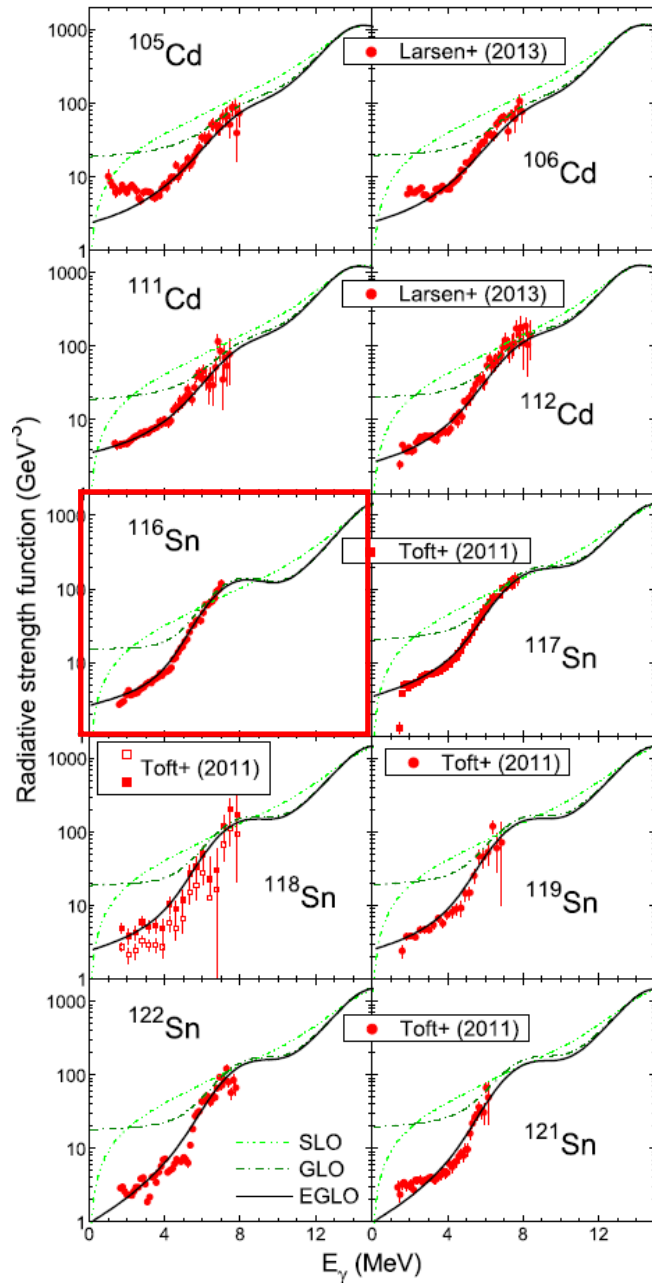
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2. Consistent model calculations vs χ^2 -based predictions (A ~ 110) (8/11)

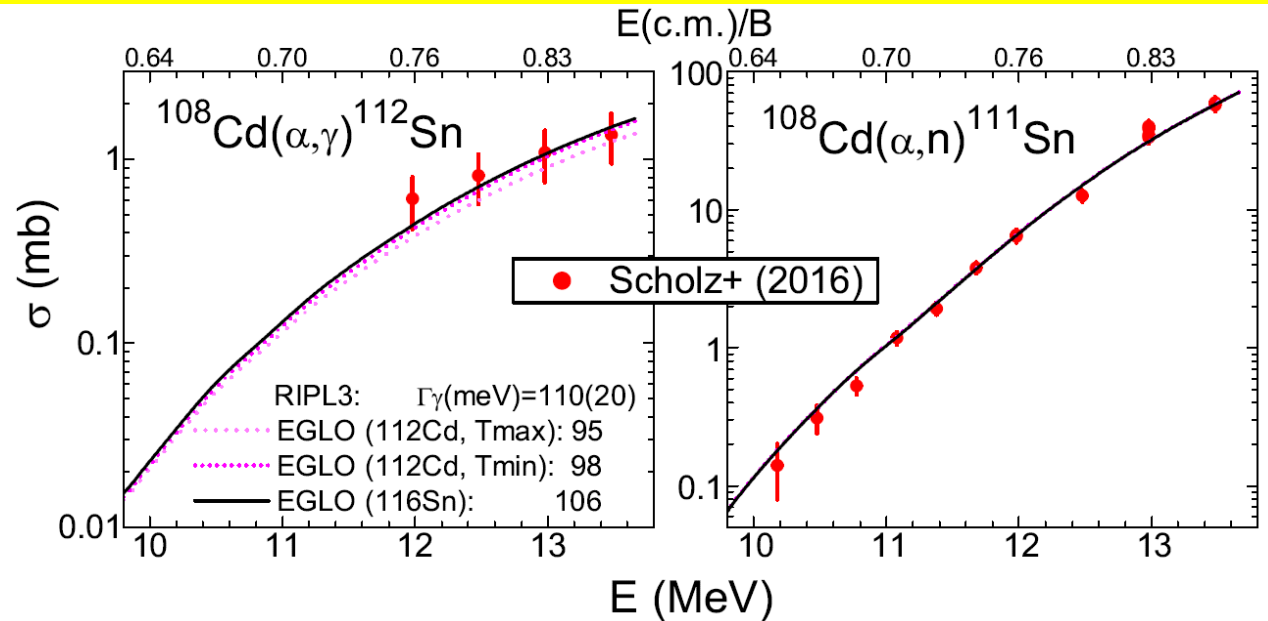
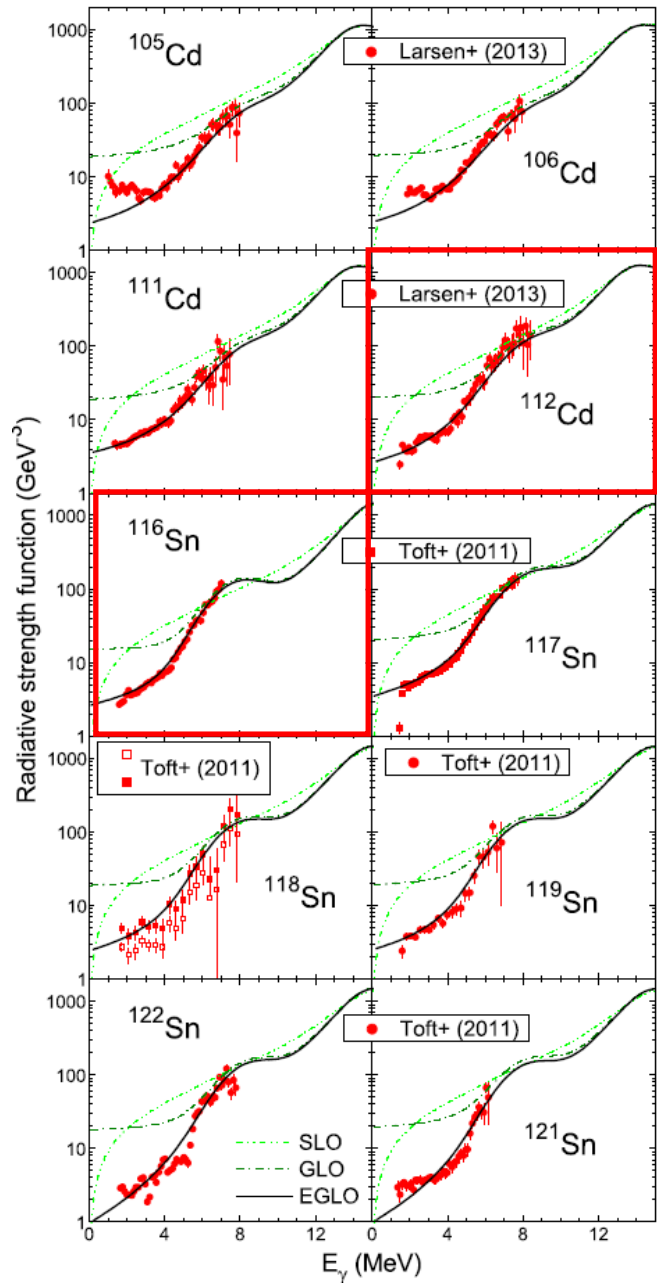
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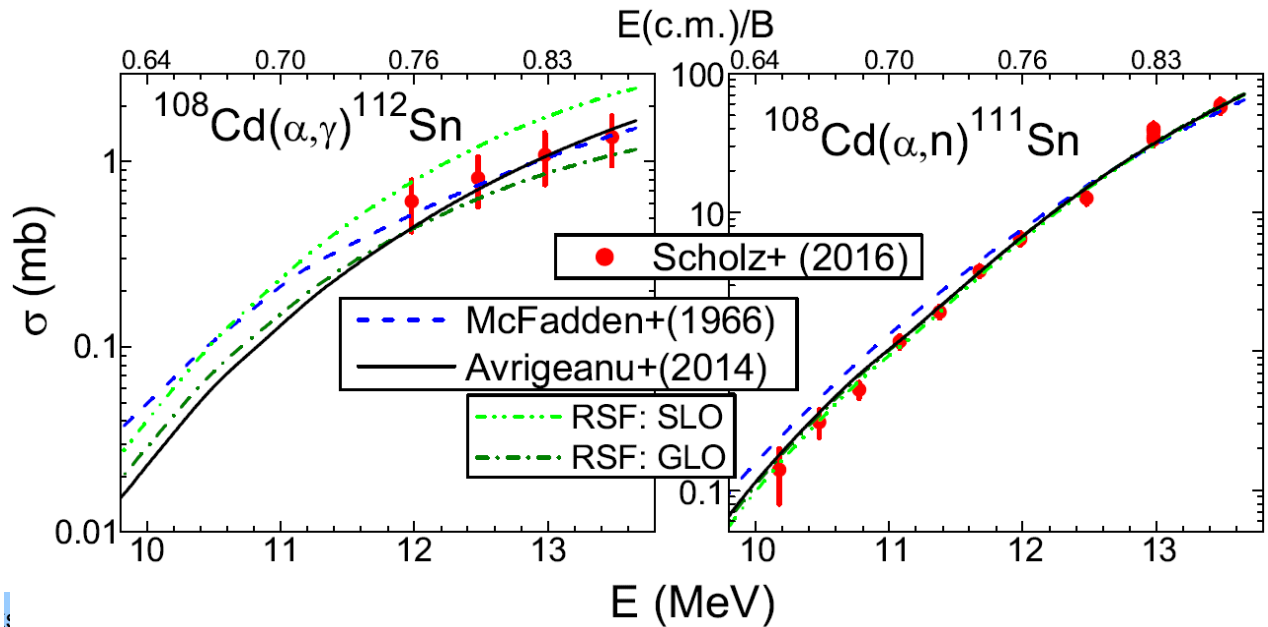


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2. Consistent model calculations vs χ^2 -based predictions (A ~ 110) (9/11)



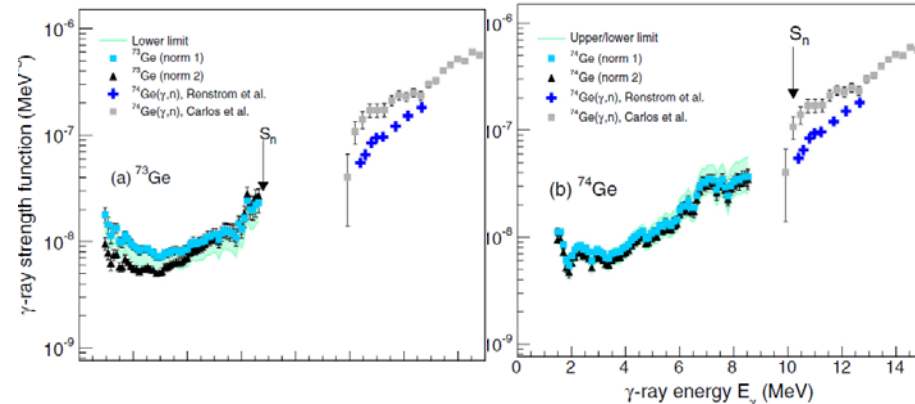
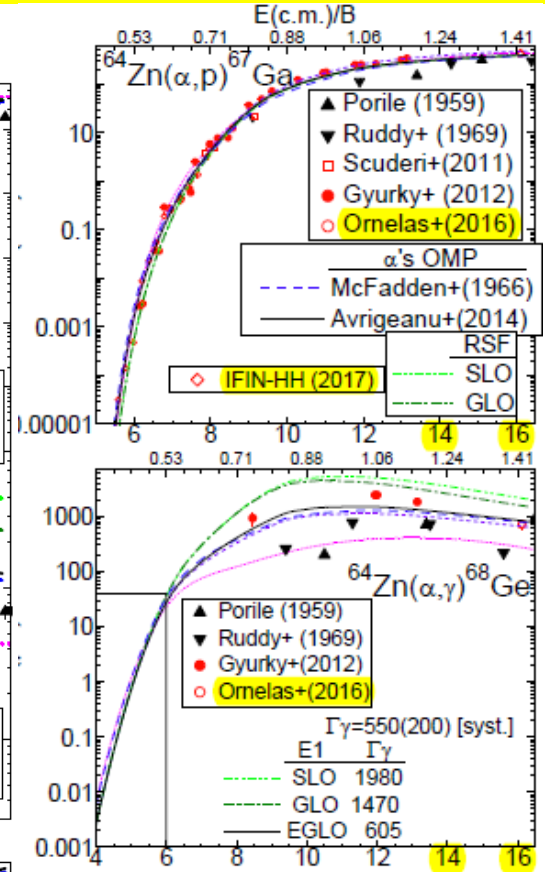
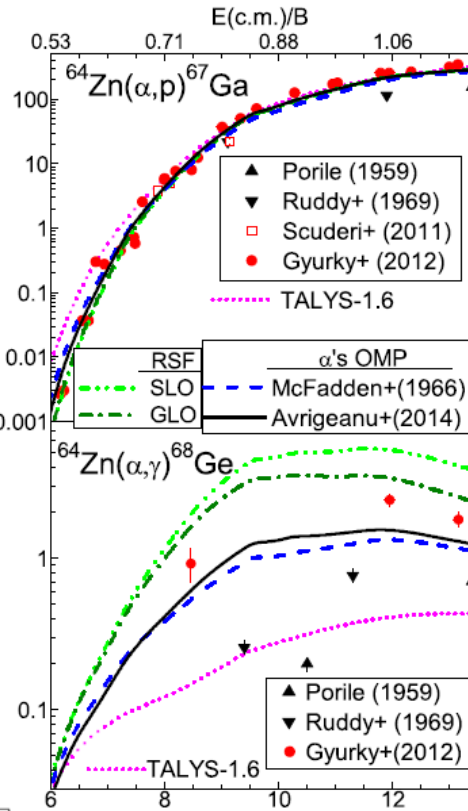
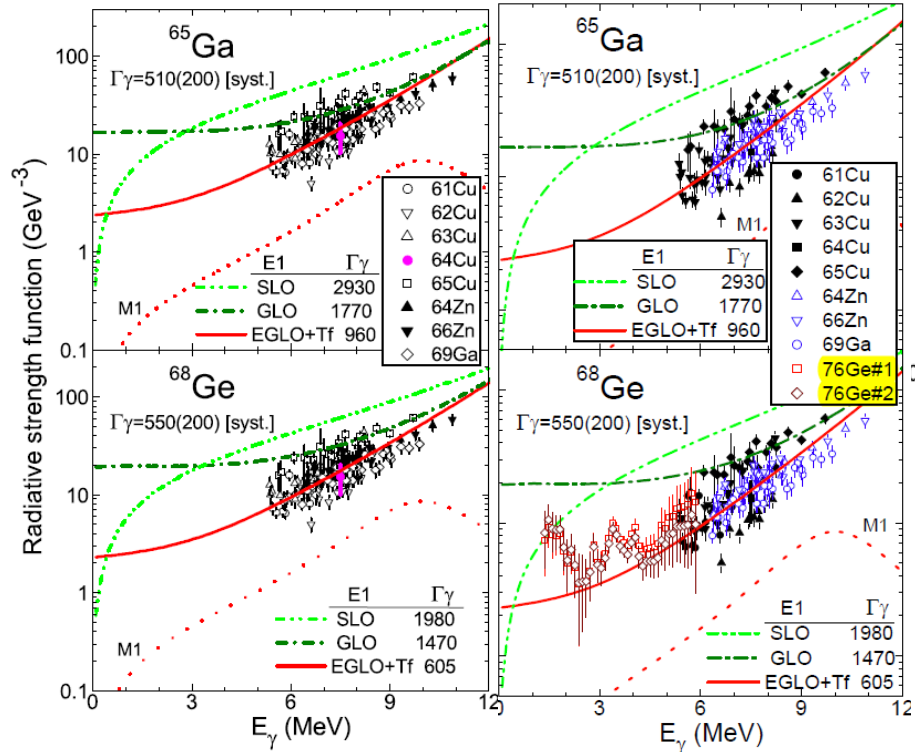
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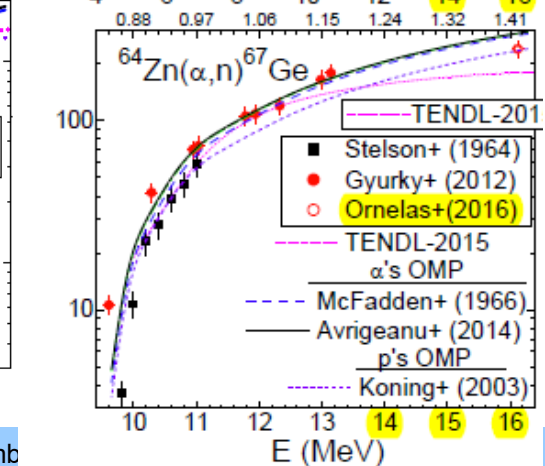
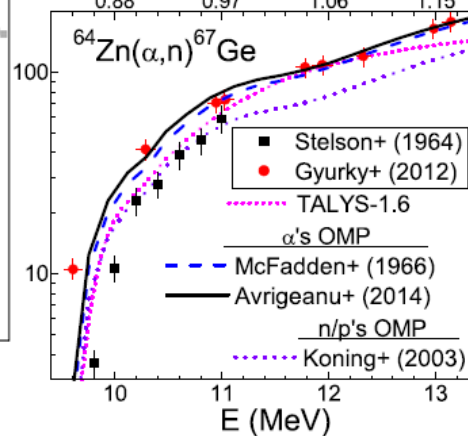
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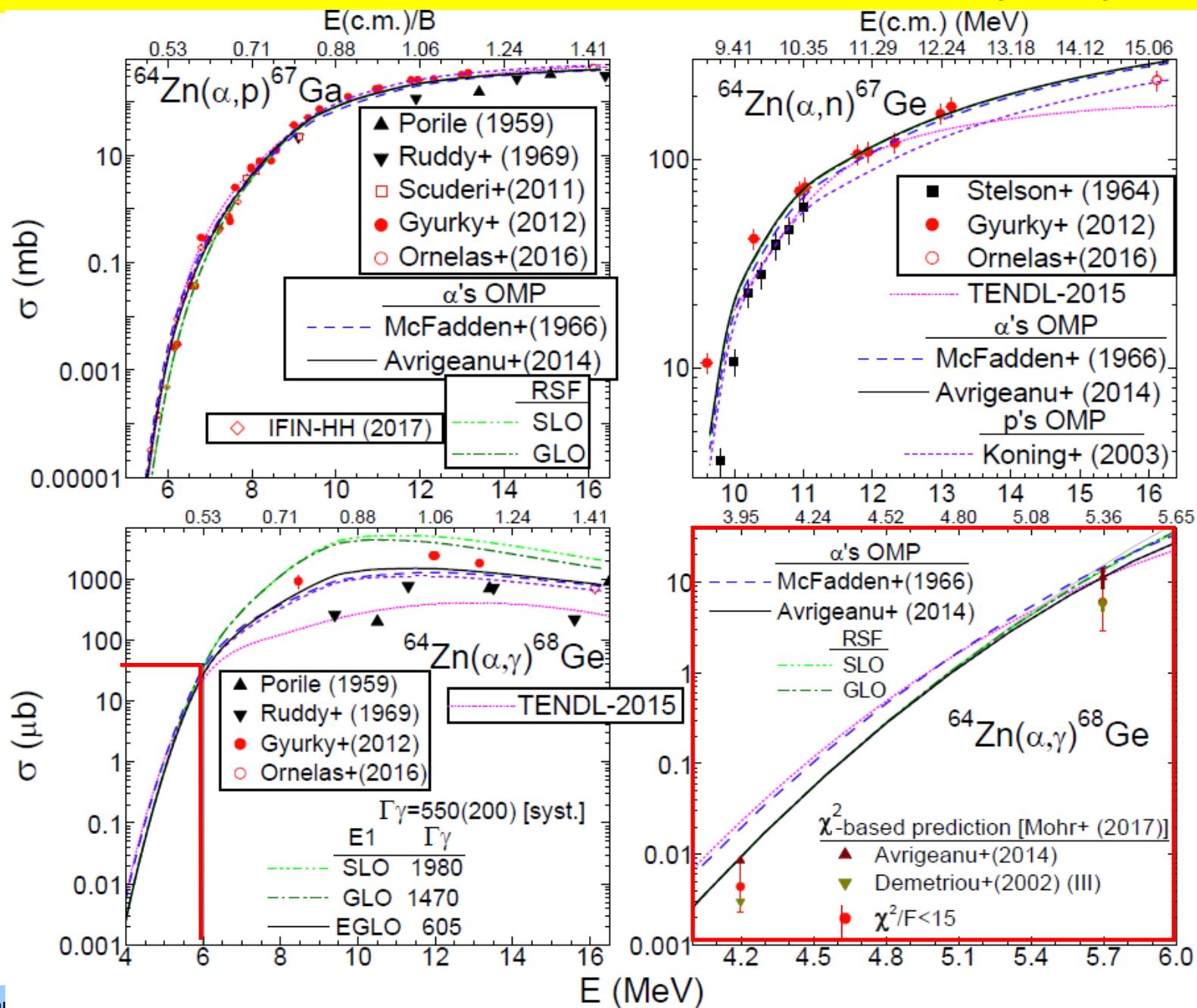


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2. Consistent model calculations vs χ^2 -based predictions (A=64) (11/11)

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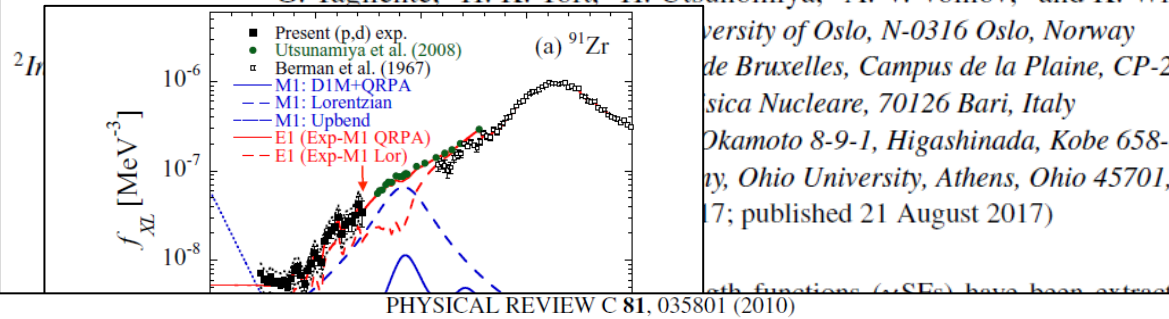
3. Recent (2017) $^{91,92}\text{Zr}$ RSF and $^{93,95}\text{Zr}$ (n, γ) data analysis

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Quasicontinuum γ decay of $^{91,92}\text{Zr}$: Benchmarking indirect (n, γ) cross section measurements for the s process

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Photoneutron cross sections for ^{96}Zr : A systematic experimental study of photoneutron and radiative neutron capture cross sections for zirconium isotopes

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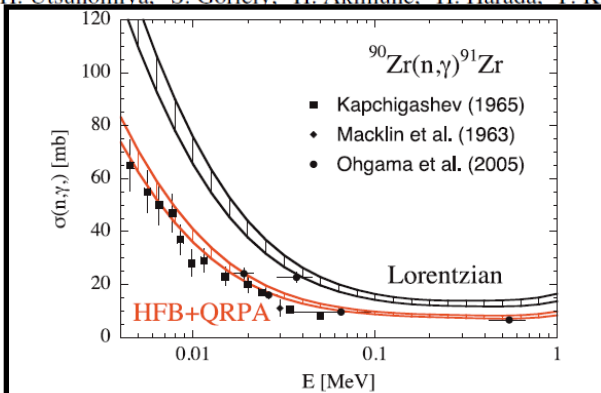


FIG. 3. (Color online) Comparison of experimental and theoretical $^{90}\text{Zr}(n,\gamma)^{91}\text{Zr}$ cross sections. The theoretical curves were obtained with the E1 HFB + QRPA strength [16] supplemented with a strong M1 resonance as well as with the standard Lorentzian for both the E1 and M1 strengths, as recommended in Ref. [17]. The error bars on the theoretical estimate are obtained using different nuclear level-density prescriptions. The experimental data are from Refs. [18–20].

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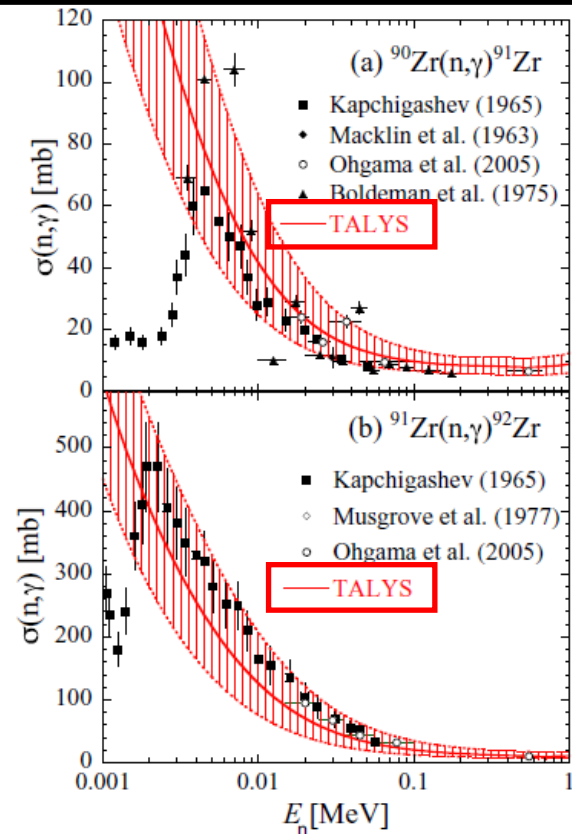


FIG. 9. (a) Comparison between the experimental $^{90}\text{Zr}(n,\gamma)^{91}\text{Zr}$ cross section [50–52] and the one obtained with the TALYS code on the basis of the NLD and γ SF derived experimentally in the present work. The hashed area depicts all the experimental and model-dependent uncertainties taken into account in the present analysis. (b) Same

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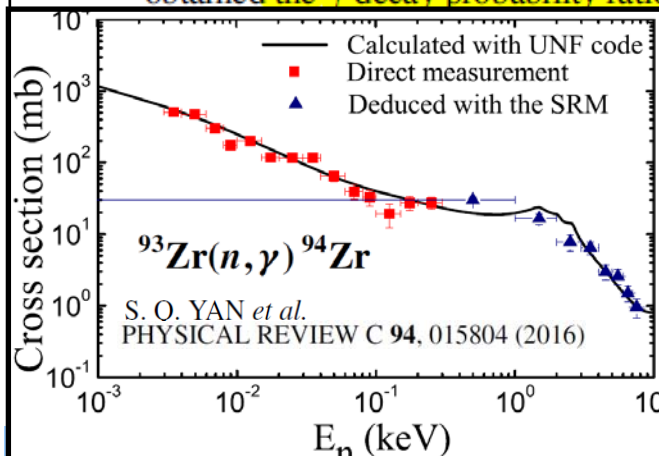
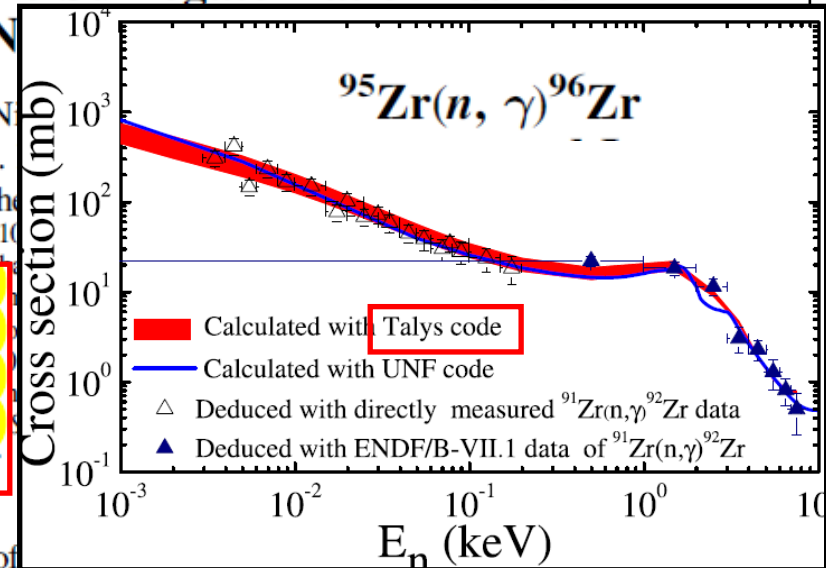
The $^{95}\text{Zr}(n, \gamma)^{96}\text{Zr}$ Cross Section from the Surrogate Ratio Method and Its Effect on s -process Nucleosynthesis

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calculations were later extended using the code TALYS for an estimate of the uncertainties. For this purpose the complete parameter space of TALYS was investigated and includes variations of the gamma-ray strength function, the level density, and the nucleon optical model potential.

Abstract

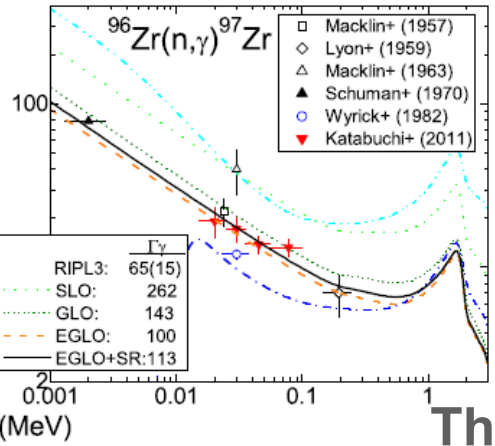
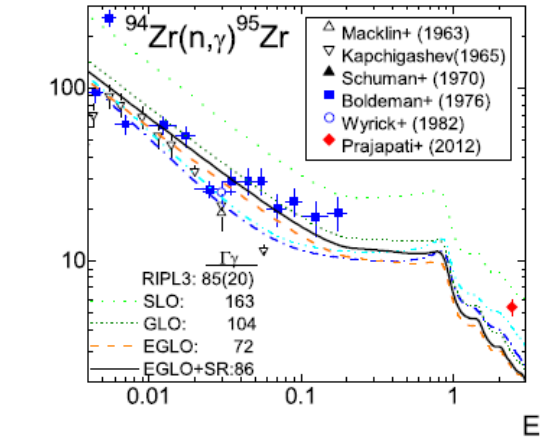
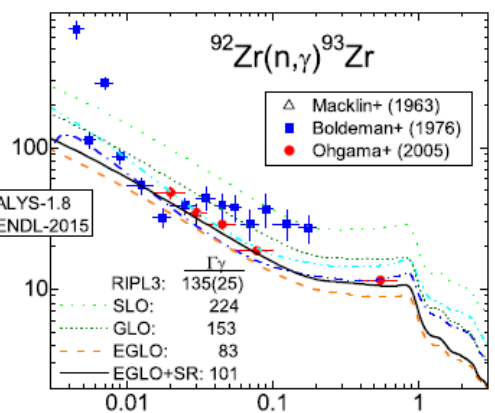
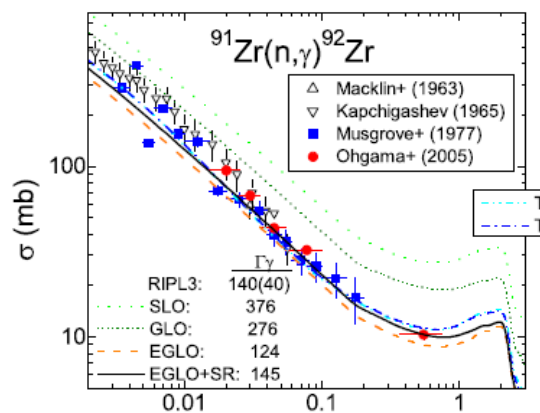
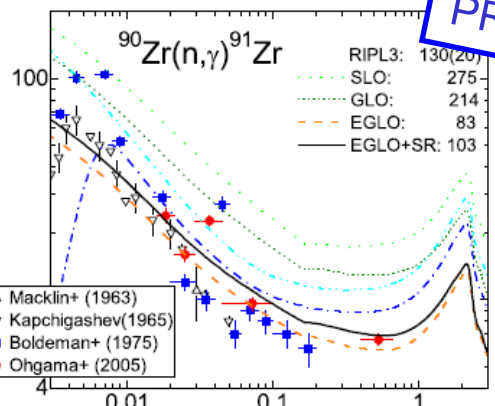
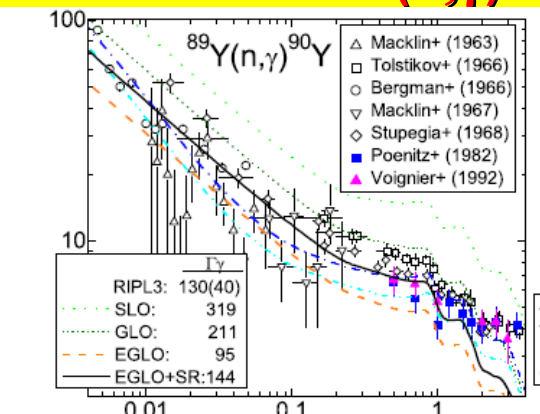
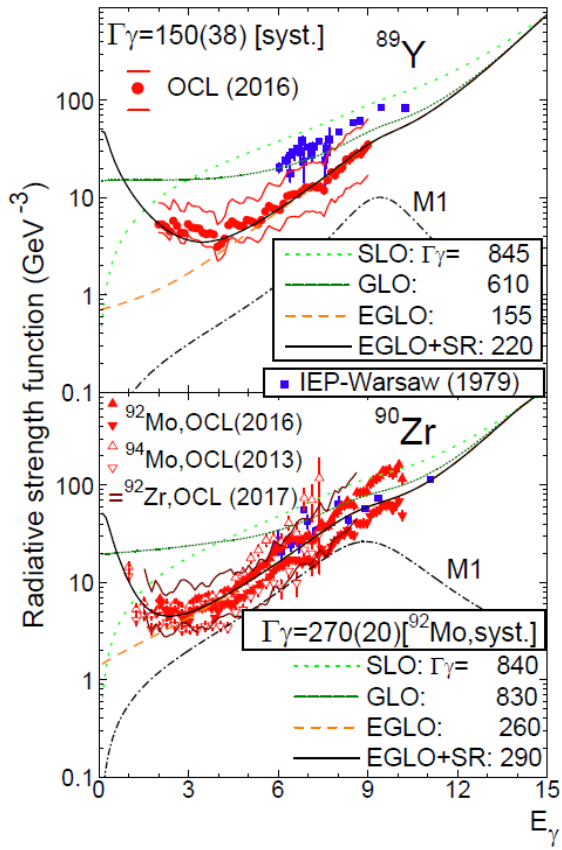
The $^{95}\text{Zr}(n, \gamma)^{96}\text{Zr}$ reaction cross section is crucial in the modeling of s -process branch stars because it controls the operation of the branching point at the unstable ^{95}Zr and the subsequent production of ^{96}Zr . We have carried out the measurement of the $^{94}\text{Zr}(^{18}\text{O}, ^{16}\text{O})$ and $^{90}\text{Zr}(^{18}\text{O}, ^{16}\text{O})$ reactions and obtained the γ -decay probability ratio of $^{96}\text{Zr}^*$ and $^{92}\text{Zr}^*$ to determine the $^{95}\text{Zr}(n, \gamma)^{96}\text{Zr}$ reaction cross sections with



the (n, γ) data $\chi^2/F \approx 1.3$ and a similar average deviation of about 1.3 is found; because of the larger uncertainty of the $\chi^2/F \leq (\chi^2/F)_{\min} + 1$; for a discussion of this choice, see Mohr et al. (2017). It is found that this choice essentially selects the gamma-ray strength function, whereas the sensitivity of the calculated cross sections to the chosen level density and the chosen nucleon optical model potential remain minor. All reasonable χ^2/F are obtained from the simple Brink-Axel Lorentzian gamma-ray strength function (Brink 1957; Axel 1962;

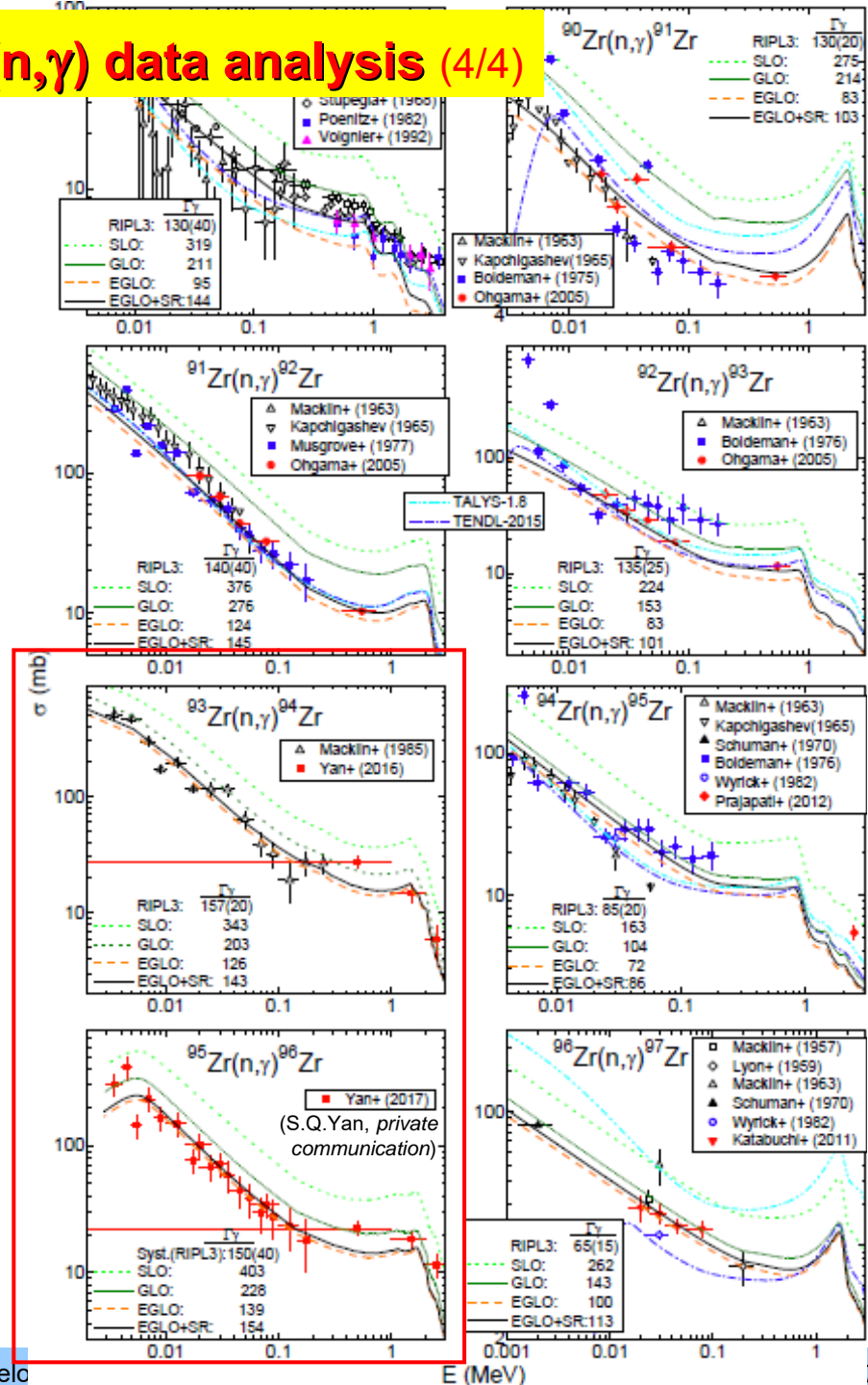
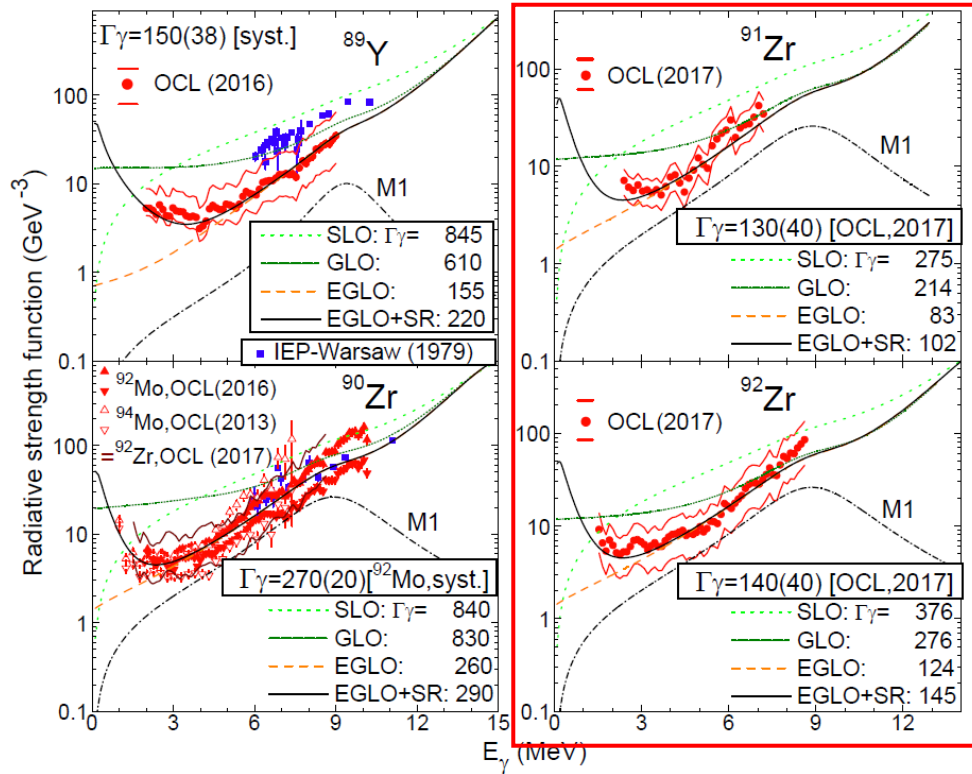
3. Recent (2017) $^{91,92}\text{Zr}$ RSF and $^{93,95}\text{Zr}$ (n, γ) data analysis (3/4)

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a posteriori validation
of the adopted RSF

4. Consequent minor-addition of a parameter (keyword) in TALYS

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Statistical γ -decay properties of ^{64}Ni and deduced (n, γ) cross section of the s -process branch-point nucleus ^{63}Ni

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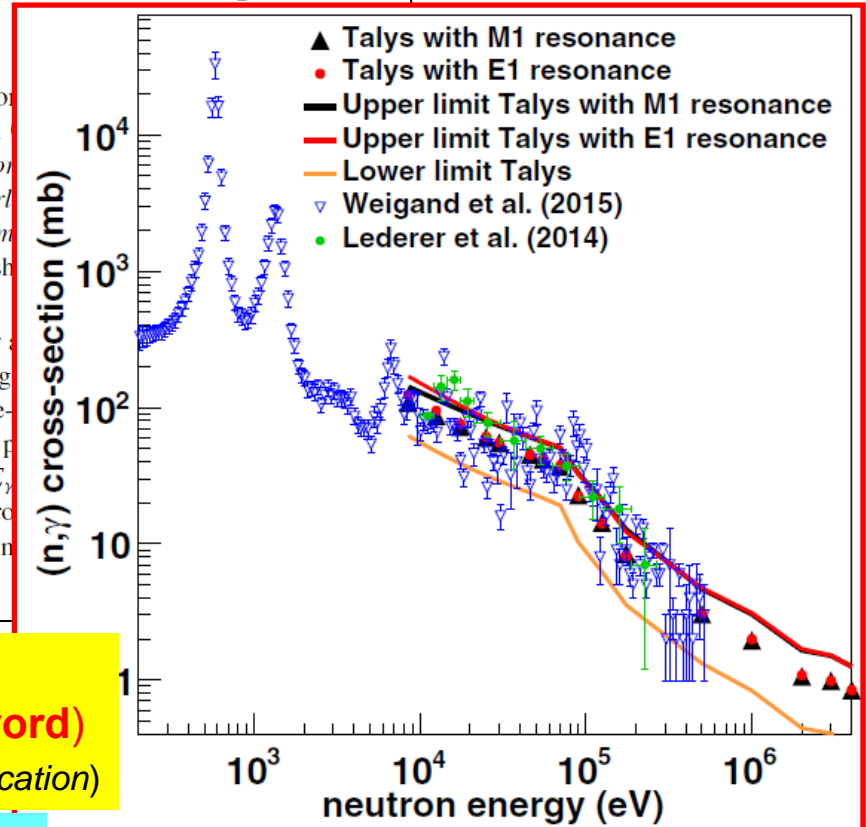
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Particle- γ coincidence data have been analyzed to obtain the nuclear level density of ^{64}Ni by means of the Oslo method. The level density found in this work is in very good agreement with data deduced from particle- γ coincidence data at excitation energies above $E_x \approx 5.5$ MeV. The experimental γ -strength function p_γ at γ energies below $E_\gamma \approx 3$ MeV and possibly a resonancelike structure centered at $E_\gamma \approx 1.5$ MeV. The nuclear level density and γ -strength function have been used to estimate the (n, γ) cross section of the s -process branch-point nucleus ^{63}Ni , of particular interest for astrophysical calculations of element abundances.

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Proposal in `fstrength.f` : `Tnuc`: either Eq. (4.71) or input ct. value (keyword) (L.C.Campo, private communication)

Proposal: Default: **strength 1** (for any incident particle)

FIG. 6. The $^{63}\text{Ni}(n, \gamma)^{64}\text{Ni}$ cross section from Refs. [29] and [28].

TABLE V. Parameters used for the input models in the TALYS calculations. The spin distribution is given by the BSFG model in all cases.

	$\rho(S_n)$ (MeV^{-1})	T (MeV)	E_0 (MeV)	$E_{E1,1}$ (MeV)	$\sigma_{E1,1}$ (mb)	$\Gamma_{E1,1}$ (MeV)	$E_{E1,2}$ (MeV)	$\sigma_{E1,2}$ (mb)	$\Gamma_{E1,2}$ (MeV)	T_f (MeV)	E_{SLO} (MeV)	σ_{SLO} (mb)	Γ_{SLO} (MeV)	C (MeV^{-3})	η (MeV^{-1})
Middle value	2620	1.13	0.63	16.6	62.4	4.8	19.0	31.2	6.6	1.20	9.2	4.8	2.7	1.0	2.8
Lower limit	1730	1.2	0.49	16.6	57.4	5.3	19.0	28.2	7.0	0.94	–	–	–	0.6	2.9
Upper limit	3510	1.1	1.50	16.6	66.4	4.2	19.0	34.0	6.4	1.62	9.2	7.8	2.7	1.3	2.5

the level density and upper limits of systematic errors in the ^{64}Ni γ strength function. In Table V, the calculations are assumed to be purely M1 character.

5. Consequent better presentation of TALYS Sample Case 26

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CHAPTER 7. VERIFICATION AND VALIDATION, SAMPLE CASES AND OUTPUT

7.3.26 Sample 26: Different alpha-particle optical model potentials: alpha + ^{165}Ho

To demonstrate the variety of (spherical) optical model potentials for alpha-particles available in TALYS, we include a sample case in which 4 OMPs for alpha-particles on ^{165}Ho are compared. The results are given in Fig. 7.28 for the (α,n) reaction cross sections within the incident-energy range of most recent measured data [24] below the Coulomb barrier.

Case 26a: Watanabe folding approach with Koning-Delaroche nucleon potentials

The input file is

```
#
# General
#
projectile a
element Ho
mass 165
energy energies
#
# Output
#
outomp y
```

where the file energies consists of energies between 7 and 15.5 MeV with 0.5 MeV energy steps, corresponding to the energy range of the measured data. This is the default calculation. Fig. 7.28 displays the resulting (α,n) reaction cross sections for the target nucleus ^{165}Ho , as obtained in the file rp069168.tot.

Case 26b: McFadden-Satchler [21] potential

The input file, using the alphaomp keyword value of 2, is

```
#
# General
#
projectile a
element Ho
mass 165
energy energies
#
# Model
#
alphaomp 2
#
# Output
#
outomp y
```

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Case 26c: Demetriou, Grama and Goriely [22] double folding dispersive potential

The input file, using the alphaomp keyword value of 5, is

```
#
# General
#
projectile a
element Ho
mass 165
energy energies
#
# Model
#
alphaomp 5
#
# Output
#
outomp y
```

Case 26d: Avrigeanu et al. [25] potential

The input file, using the alphaomp keyword additional value of 6, is

```
#
# General
#
projectile a
element Ho
mass 165
energy energies
#
# Model
#
alphaomp 6
#
# Output
#
outomp y
```

where the file energies consists in addition of energies up to 33 MeV corresponding to all energy ranges which are considered in Table II of Ref. [25].

5. Consequent better presentation of TALYS Sample Case 26 (2/2)

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CHAPTER 7. VERIFICATION AND VALIDATION, SAMPLE CASES AND OUTPUT

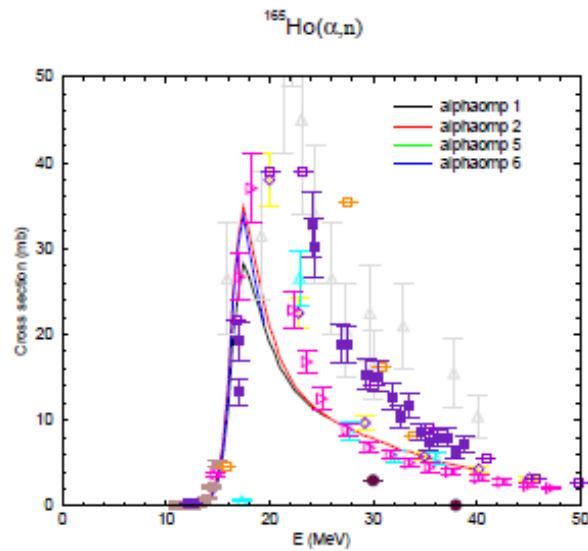


Figure 7.28: $^{165}\text{Ho}(\alpha,n)^{168}\text{Tm}$ reaction cross sections.

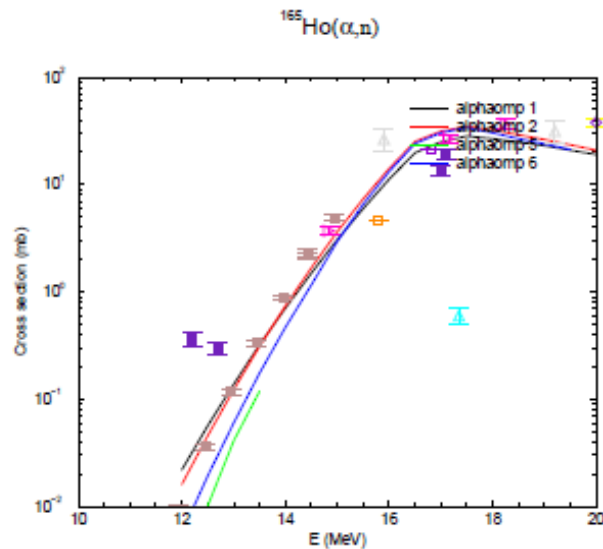
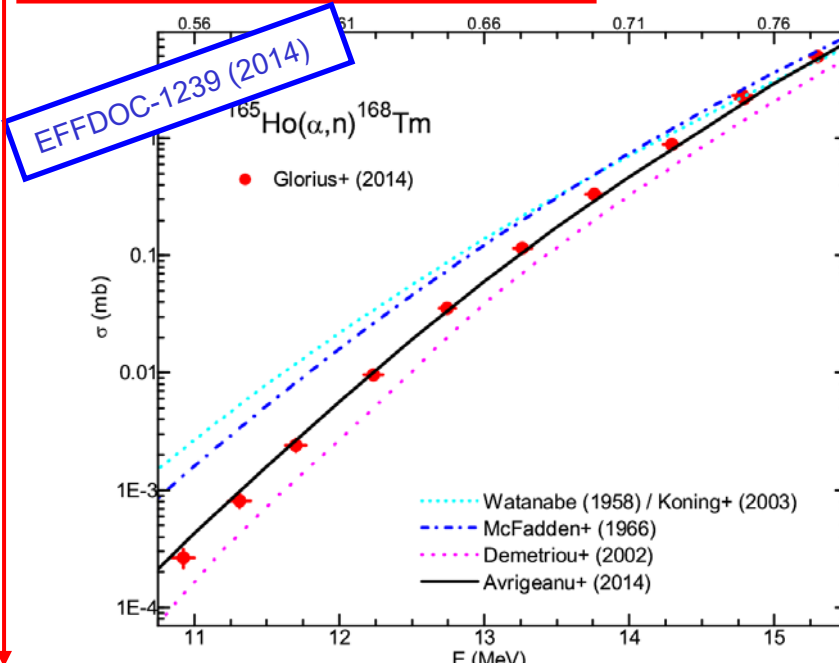
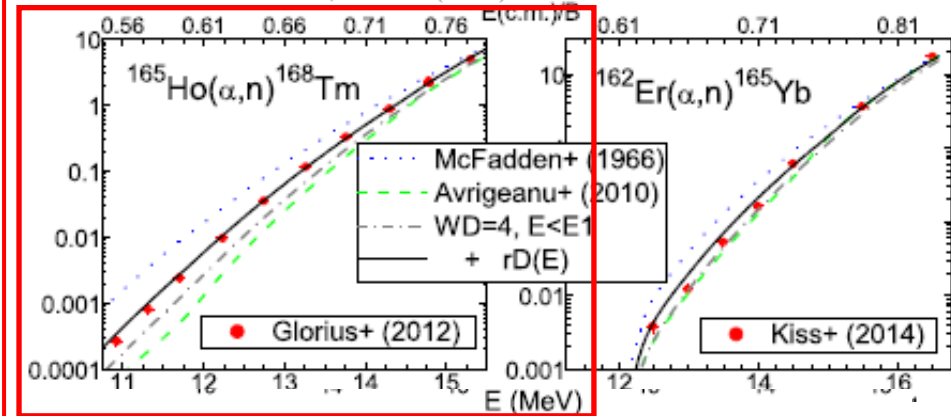


Figure 7.29: $^{165}\text{Ho}(\alpha,n)^{168}\text{Tm}$ reaction cross sections near threshold.

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- $E < B$ matter for α -particle OMP discussion
- 8 -> 11 data points [Glorius+ (2014)]
- ΔE matters as much as $\Delta\sigma$
- **strength 2** (*default*) turned out the case

6. TALYS within (α, xn) reaction analysis – proposal for $\sigma^2(E^*)$

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Proposal TALYS: inclusion of $\sigma^2(E^*)$ – C.Y.Fu, NSE 92,440(1986)

Excitation function and isomeric ratio of Tc-isotopes from the $^{93}\text{Nb}(\alpha, xn)$ reaction

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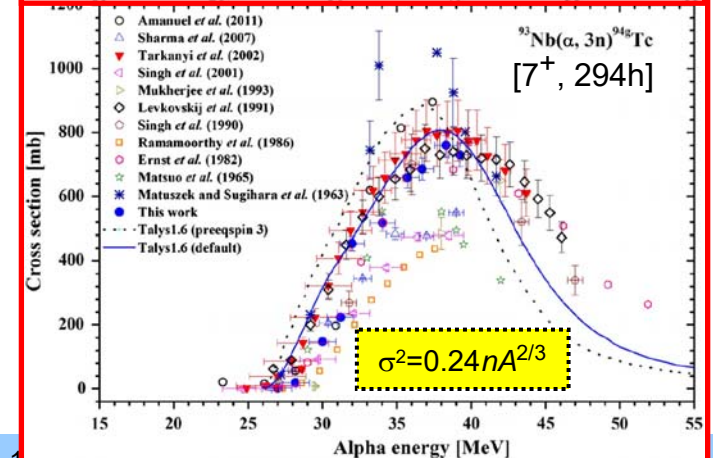
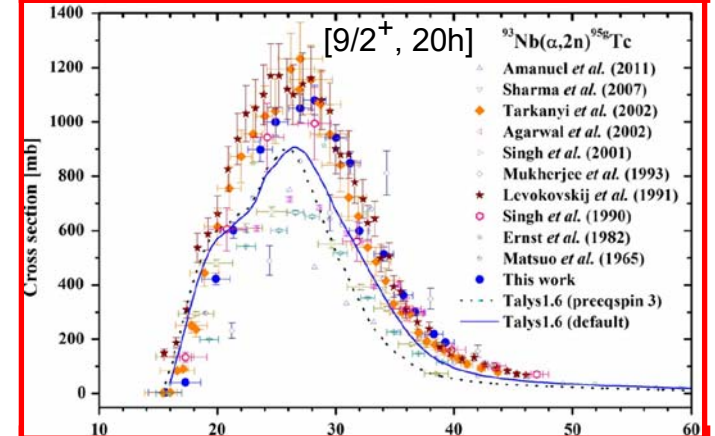
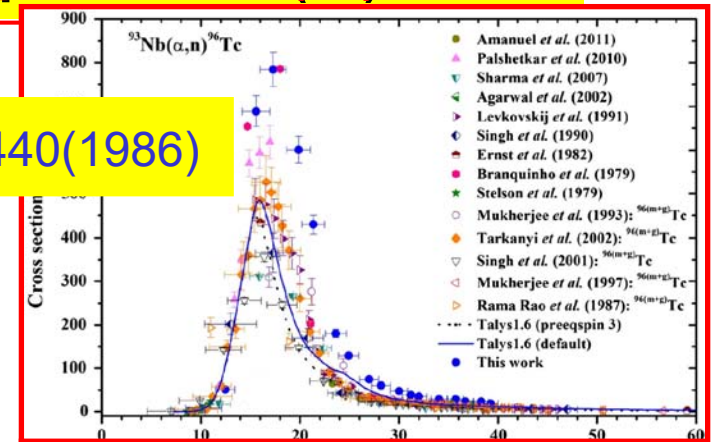
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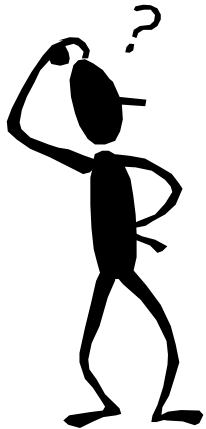
Abstract

The excitation functions of $^{94-96}\text{Tc}$ isotopes and independent isomeric ratios of $^{93m,g}\text{Tc}$, $^{94m,g}\text{Tc}$, and $^{95m,g}\text{Tc}$ from the $^{93}\text{Nb}(\alpha, xn)$ reaction within the energy range below 40 MeV have been determined by using a stacked-foil activation and an off-line γ -ray spectrometric technique at the Variable Energy Cyclotron Center, Kolkata, India. The excitation function of $^{94-96}\text{Tc}$ in the $^{93}\text{Nb}(\alpha, xn)$ reaction was also calculated by using the computer code TALYS 1.6. The present data are found to be in general agreement with the literature data but have similar trend with some deviation from calculated data of the TALYS 1.6 code. The isomeric ratios of $^{93m,g}\text{Tc}$, $^{94m,g}\text{Tc}$, and $^{95m,g}\text{Tc}$ in the $^{93}\text{Nb}(\alpha, xn)$ reactions from the present work and literature data were compared with similar data in the $^{93}\text{Nb}(\alpha, xn)$ and $^{93}\text{Nb}(\alpha, xn)$ reactions. In all the three reactions, the isomeric ratios increase with the increasing excitation energy. However, at all excitation energies, the isomeric ratios of $^{93m,g}\text{Tc}$, $^{94m,g}\text{Tc}$, and $^{95m,g}\text{Tc}$ in the $^{93}\text{Nb}(\alpha, xn)$ and $^{93}\text{Nb}(\alpha, xn)$ reactions are higher than those in the $^{96}\text{Mo}(p, xn)$ reactions, which indicate the role of input angular momentum besides excitation energy. Above the excitation energy of 35–55 MeV, the isomeric ratios of $^{93m,g}\text{Tc}$, $^{94m,g}\text{Tc}$, and $^{95m,g}\text{Tc}$ decrease in all the $^{93}\text{Nb}(\alpha, xn)$, $^{93}\text{Nb}(\alpha, xn)$ and $^{96}\text{Mo}(p, xn)$ reactions. This decreasing trend at higher excitation energy indicates the starting of pre-equilibrium reaction, which depends on the target, projectile, and type of reaction products.



7. Conclusions

- **TALYS** replaced **NON-SMOKER / MOST** in (n,γ) , (p,γ) , (α,γ) , (α,x) analysis
- Consistent results validate consistent analysis vs χ^2 -based predictions
[**NO fit / parameter change**]
- Proposed **further inclusions** in **TALYS**: **EGLO+Tf=ct. , $\sigma^2(E)$**



Thank you for your attention !