

# Calculations of the $\alpha$ -decay properties of $Z = 120, 122, 124, 126$ isotopes\*

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**Abstract:** The  $\alpha$ -decay properties of even- $Z$  nuclei with  $Z = 120, 122, 124, 126$  are predicted. We employ the generalized liquid drop model (GLDM), Royer's formula, and universal decay law (UDL) to calculate the  $\alpha$ -decay half-lives. By comparing the theoretical calculations with the experimental data of known nuclei from Fl to Og, we confirm that all the employed methods can reproduce the  $\alpha$ -decay half-lives well. The preformation factor  $P_\alpha$  and  $\alpha$ -decay energy  $Q_\alpha$  show that <sup>298,304,314,316,324,326,338,348</sup>120, <sup>304,306,318,324,328,338</sup>122, and <sup>328,332,340,344</sup>124 might be stable. The  $\alpha$ -decay half-lives show a peak at  $Z = 120, N = 184$ , and the peak vanishes when  $Z = 122, 124, 126$ . Based on detailed analysis of the competition between  $\alpha$ -decay and spontaneous fission, we predict that nuclei nearby  $N = 184$  undergo  $\alpha$ -decay. The decay modes of <sup>287–339</sup>120, <sup>294–339</sup>122, <sup>300–339</sup>124, and <sup>306–339</sup>126 are also presented.

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## 1 Introduction

$\alpha$ -decay is one of the main decay modes of super-heavy nuclei (SHN). It was first observed by Rutherford and explained as a quantum tunneling process independently by Gamow [1] and Condon and Gurney [2]. The  $\alpha$ -decay properties reflect information on the nuclear structure and nuclear stability. In experiments,  $\alpha$ -decay chains are commonly used to identify the newly synthesized SHN. To detect the “island of stability” [3-14], many SHN have been synthesized using the hot fusion reaction [15] and cold fusion reaction [16]. As the existence and stability of SHN can be mainly attributed to shell effects, it is important to evaluate the magic numbers carefully and calculate the  $\alpha$ -decay properties accurately [17-21].

Many theoretical approaches have been proposed to describe the  $\alpha$ -decay process, such as the shell model, fission-like model, and cluster model [22-25]. Many semi-classical models have been employed to reproduce the  $\alpha$ -decay half-lives, such as the generalized liquid drop mod-

el (GLDM) [26-28], Coulomb and proximity potential model (CPPM) [29], unified fission model (UFM) [30], and density-dependent cluster model (DDCM) [31]. Based on the Geiger-Nuttall law [32], many empirical relationships, such as the Viola-Seaborg formula [33, 34], Brown formula [35], Royer's formula [36], and universal decay law (UDL) [37, 38] have also been proposed to calculate the  $\alpha$ -decay half-life. These methods provide a very good description of the tunnelling of the  $\alpha$ -particle across the Coulomb barrier for heavy and super heavy nuclei. While it is difficult to describe  $\alpha$ -decay in a fully microscopic way, many works have considered microscopic modifications in the  $\alpha$ -decay calculations [39-46].

In this work, we use the GLDM with shell correction, Royer's formula and UDL to calculate the  $\alpha$ -decay half-lives of even- $Z$  superheavy nuclei with  $Z = 120, 122, 124, 126$ . In the framework of the GLDM, two methods are adopted to calculate the  $\alpha$ -preformation factor. In the first method, the  $\alpha$ -preformation factor is considered as a constant, which is fitted from the experimental half-lives, for each type of nuclei (even-even, odd- $A$ , odd-odd). The

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second method involves the use of the cluster formation model (CFM) [47-50]. We adopt the updated Weizsäcker-Skyrme-4 (WS4) model to calculate  $Q_\alpha$  [51], as the accuracy of the WS4 model has been generally certified [52]. To predict the decay modes, two modified shell-induced Swiatecki's formula are used to calculate the theoretical SF half-lives. One empirical relation was formulated by Santhosh and Nithya (KPS) [53, 54], while the other was modified by Bao *et al.* [55].

This paper is structured as follows. Sec. 2 introduces the theoretical framework. The results and corresponding discussion are presented in Sec. 3. The conclusions are presented in the last section.

## 2 Theoretical framework

### 2.1 $\alpha$ -Decay

#### 2.1.1 GLDM

In the framework of the GLDM, the decay width is defined as  $\lambda = P_\alpha \nu_0 P$ . The Wenzel-Kramers-Brillouin (WKB) approximation is used to calculate the barrier penetrability  $P$ ,

$$P = \exp \left[ -\frac{2}{h} \int_{R_{in}}^{R_{out}} \sqrt{2B(r)(E(r) - E(\text{sphere}))} dr \right], \quad (1)$$

where  $E_{\text{sphere}}$  is the ground state energy of the parent nucleus.  $E(R_{in}) = E(R_{out}) = Q_\alpha^{\text{exp}}$ ,  $B(r) = \mu$ , where the parameter  $\mu$  is the reduced mass of the daughter nucleus and  $\alpha$ -particle.

$P_\alpha$  is the  $\alpha$ -preformation factor, and  $\nu_0$  is the assault frequency that is calculated by [56]

$$\nu_0 = \frac{1}{2R} \sqrt{\frac{2E_\alpha}{M_\alpha}}, \quad (2)$$

where  $M_\alpha$  is the mass,  $E_\alpha$  is the kinetic energy of the  $\alpha$  particle that has been corrected for recoil, and  $R$  is the radius of the parent nucleus.

The model considers shell correction, which is shape-dependent as defined below, [57]

$$E_{\text{shell}} = E_{\text{shell}}^{\text{sphere}} (1 - 2.6\alpha^2) e^{-\alpha^2}, \quad (3)$$

where  $\alpha^2 = (\delta R)^2 / a^2$  is the root mean square of the deviation, which includes all types of deformation, for the particle surface from the sphere. With increase in the distortion of the nucleus, the complete shell correction energy becomes zero owing to the attenuating factor  $e^{-\alpha^2}$ .

The term  $E_{\text{shell}}^{\text{sphere}}$  is defined as

$$E_{\text{shell}}^{\text{sphere}} = cE_{\text{sh}}, \quad (4)$$

which represents the shell correction for a spherical nucleus.  $E_{\text{sh}}$  is the shell correction energy, which can be calculated by the Strutinsky process [58]. The Strutinsky calculations use the smoothing parameter  $\gamma = 1.2\hbar\omega_0$  and

order  $p = 6$  of the Gauss-Hermite polynomials, where  $\hbar\omega_0 = 41A^{-1/3}$  is the mean distance between the gross shells. The parameter  $c$  is scaled to adapt the separation of the binding energy between the macroscopic part and microscopic correction [59].

#### 2.1.2 The $\alpha$ -preformation factor

The  $\alpha$ -preformation factor  $P_\alpha$  is adopted from two methods. The first involves considering the same preformation factor for certain type of nuclei [60, 61]. The experimental  $P_\alpha$  values are extracted from nuclei with  $N \geq 152$ ,  $Z \geq 82$ , a least squares fit to the experimental  $\alpha$ -decay half-lives is performed, and the  $P_\alpha$  values,  $P_\alpha = 0.33$  (even-even),  $P_\alpha = 0.05$  (odd- $A$ ), and  $P_\alpha = 0.01$  (odd-odd) are obtained. These results are consistent with those extracted from the GLDM in Ref. [62].

Another method to obtain the  $\alpha$ -preformation factor involves the use of the CFM [47-50],

$$P_\alpha = \frac{E_{f\alpha}}{E}, \quad (5)$$

where  $E_{f\alpha}$  is the formation energy of the  $\alpha$  particle, and  $E$  is the total energy combining the intrinsic energy for the  $\alpha$  particle and the interaction energy between the  $\alpha$  particle and daughter nucleus.

The energy  $E_{f\alpha}$  is calculated from the separation energies [48, 49],

$$E_{f\alpha} = \begin{cases} 2S_p + 2S_n - S_c \text{ (even-even)}, \\ 2S_p + S_{2n} - S_c \text{ (even-odd)}, \\ S_{2p} + 2S_n - S_c \text{ (odd-even)}, \\ S_{2p} + S_{2n} - S_c \text{ (odd-odd)}, \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

$$E = S_c(A, Z), \quad (7)$$

where  $S_{2n}$  is the two-neutron separation energy,  $S_{2p}$  is the two-proton separation energy, and  $S_c$  is the  $\alpha$ -particle separation energy,

$$S_{2n}(A, Z) = B(A, Z) - B(A - 2, Z), \quad (8)$$

$$S_{2p}(A, Z) = B(A, Z) - B(A - 2, Z - 2), \quad (9)$$

$$S_c(A, Z) = B(A, Z) - B(A - 4, Z - 2), \quad (10)$$

where  $B$  is the binding energy. The binding energy can be calculated from the nucleus excess mass  $\Delta M$ . Hence,  $S_{2p}$ ,  $S_{2n}$ , and  $S_c$  can be written as,

$$S_{2p}(A, Z) = \Delta M(A - 2, Z - 2) - \Delta M(A, Z) + 2\Delta M_p, \quad (11)$$

$$S_{2n}(A, Z) = \Delta M(A - 2, Z) - \Delta M(A, Z) + 2\Delta M_n, \quad (12)$$

$$S_c(A, Z) = \Delta M(A - 4, Z - 2) - \Delta M(A, Z) + 2\Delta M_p + 2\Delta M_n. \quad (13)$$

#### 2.1.3 Empirical formulas

Royer's formula fits different types of nuclei to calculate the  $\alpha$ -decay half-lives [36]. For even-even nuclei,

this formula fits 131 even-even nuclei, with a root mean square (RMS) deviation of 0.285,

$$\log_{10}[T_{1/2}(s)] = -25.31 - 1.1629A^{1/6}Z^{1/2} + 1.5864Z/\sqrt{Q_\alpha}. \quad (14)$$

For the subset of 106 even-odd nuclei, the following equation was obtained (RMS deviation = 0.39),

$$\log_{10}[T_{1/2}(s)] = -26.65 - 1.0859A^{1/6}Z^{1/2} + 1.5848Z/\sqrt{Q_\alpha}. \quad (15)$$

For odd-even nuclei, 86 nuclei were adopted with a RMS deviation of 0.36,

$$\log_{10}[T_{1/2}(s)] = -25.68 - 1.1423A^{1/6}Z^{1/2} + 1.592Z/\sqrt{Q_\alpha}. \quad (16)$$

For odd-odd nuclei, 50 nuclei were used (RMS deviation = 0.35),

$$\log_{10}[T_{1/2}(s)] = -29.48 - 1.113A^{1/6}Z^{1/2} + 1.6971Z/\sqrt{Q_\alpha}. \quad (17)$$

The UDL were also adopted to calculate the  $\alpha$ -decay half-lives [37, 38],

$$\log_{10}[T_{1/2}(s)] = aZ_\alpha Z_d \sqrt{\frac{A}{Q_\alpha}} + b \sqrt{AZ_\alpha Z_d (A_d^{1/3} + A_\alpha^{1/3})} + c, \quad (18)$$

where  $A = \frac{A_p A_n}{A_p + A_n}$ ,  $a=0.4314$ ,  $b=-0.4087$ , and  $c=-25.7725$ , which can be determined from the experimental data.

## 2.2 Spontaneous fission

The spontaneous fission half-lives are calculated using semi-empirical formulas based on the Swiatecki formula [63]. One formula was modified by Santhosh and Nithya [54] (KPS), while the other was reported by Bao *et al.* [55]. Both empirical relations considered the isospin effect ( $\frac{N-Z}{N+Z}$ ), fissionability parameter ( $\frac{Z^2}{A}$ ), and shell effect [53-55, 64].

The KPS formula is defined as follows [53, 54],

$$\log_{10}(T_{1/2}(\text{yr})) = a \frac{Z^2}{A} + b \left( \frac{Z^2}{A} \right)^2 + c \left( \frac{N-Z}{N+Z} \right) + d \left( \frac{N-Z}{N+Z} \right)^2 + e E_{\text{shell}} + f, \quad (19)$$

where  $a = -43.25203$ ,  $b = 0.49192$ ,  $c = 3674.3927$ ,  $d = -9360.6$ ,  $e = 0.8930$ , and  $f = 578.56058$ .  $E_{\text{shell}}$  is the shell correction energy from the FRDM [65].

The modified empirical formula reported by Bao *et al.* is determined as follows [55],

$$\log_{10}[T_{1/2}(\text{yr})] = c_1 + c_2 \left( \frac{Z^2}{(1-kI^2)A} \right) + c_3 \left( \frac{Z^2}{(1-kI^2)A} \right)^2 + c_4 E_{\text{sh}} + h_i, \quad (20)$$

where  $Z^2/(1-kI^2)A$  is the fissionability parameter considering the isospin effect. The constant  $k = 2.6$  [36]. The coefficients  $c_1 = 1174.353441$ ,  $c_2 = -47.666855$ ,  $c_3 = 0.471307$ , and  $c_4 = 3.378848$ , which were fitted from 45 even-even nuclei. The blocking effect is also considered by parameter  $h_i$ , where  $h_{eo} = 2.609374$  (even-odd),  $h_{oe} = 2.619768$  (odd-even),  $h_{oo} = h_{eo} + h_{oe}$  (odd-odd), and  $h_{ee} = 0$  (even-even). The shell correction energy  $E_{\text{sh}}$  is derived from Ref. [65].

## 3 Results and Discussion

Table 1 presents the  $\alpha$ -decay half-lives of known nuclei from Fl to Og calculated with the GLDM, UDL, and Royer's formula. These nuclei are regarded as the "upper super heavy region" [66] and are produced by hot-fusion reactions. The  $P_\alpha$  adopted in the GLDM is obtained via a least squares fit to the experimental half-lives for known SHN from  $N \geq 152$  and  $Z \geq 82$ . The experimental  $Q_\alpha$  values are derived from Ref. [67]. The standard deviation was used to compare the calculation results and experimental values,

$$\sigma = \left[ \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (\log_{10} T_{1/2}^{\text{theo}} - \log_{10} T_{1/2}^{\text{exp}})^2 \right]^{1/2}. \quad (21)$$

The  $\sigma$  values of Royer's formula, the UDL, the GLDM, and GLDM with shell correction are 0.38, 0.39, 0.35, and 0.35, respectively. The effect of shell correction is more obvious for nuclei near the predicted shell-closure [68]. For example, considering  $^{289}\text{Fl}$ ,  $T_\alpha^{1/2}$  increases from 0.32 s to 0.51 s.

The results obtained with the GLDM are systematically lower than the experimental data. After shell correction, the calculated  $\alpha$ -decay half-lives increase slightly. The  $\sigma$  values indicate that using the experimentally fitted constant  $P_\alpha$ , the models with and without shell correction can all accurately calculate the  $\alpha$ -decay half-lives.

### 3.1 $\alpha$ -preformation factor

The  $\alpha$ -preformation factors are calculated using the CFM [48, 49]. Both  $Q_\alpha$  and  $P_\alpha$  are extracted from the WS4 model [51]. The  $Q_\alpha$  and  $P_\alpha$  values of even-even nuclei from  $Z = 120$  to 126 are plotted in Fig. 1. The  $P_\alpha$  values of even-even nuclei are approximately 0.1–0.3, which satisfies the general experimental features [49, 69]. The figure shows that the  $Q_\alpha$  values decrease with larger neutron numbers, indicating an increase in the stability of the nucleus against  $\alpha$ -decay. Both  $Q_\alpha$  and  $P_\alpha$  exhibit very similar trends.

The discontinuity of  $Q_\alpha$  represents the position of the magic numbers. Moreover, in the region where the  $P_\alpha$  value is relatively small, the nuclei are regarded to be stable [70]. However the positions of the  $P_\alpha$  discontinu-

Table 1. Experimental and theoretical  $\alpha$ -decay half-lives of known SHN from Fl to Og. The theoretical results are calculated using Royer's formula, the UDL, and the GLDM with and without shell corrections by inputting the experimental  $Q_\alpha$  [67]. The  $P_\alpha$  adopted in the GLDM is a constant, which is fitted from the experimental data ( $P_\alpha = 0.33$  for even-even nuclei,  $P_\alpha = 0.05$  for odd- $A$  nuclei, and  $P_\alpha = 0.01$  for odd-odd nuclei). Here,  $\sigma$  represents the standard deviation between the experimental results and theoretical calculations obtained with Eq. (21).

Ele.	$A$	$Q_\alpha^{\text{exp.}}/\text{MeV}$	$T_{1/2}^{\text{exp.}}/\text{s}$	$T_{1/2}/\text{s}$	$T_{1/2}/\text{s}$	$T_{1/2}/\text{s}$	$T_{1/2}/\text{s}$
				Royer	UDL	GLDM	GLDM <sub>shell</sub>
Fl	285	$10.56 \pm 0.05$	$1.00 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.60 \times 10^{-1}$	$4.27 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.61 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.57 \times 10^{-2}$
	286	$10.35 \pm 0.04$	$1.20 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.08 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.62 \times 10^{-1}$	$3.16 \times 10^{-2}$	$3.37 \times 10^{-2}$
	287	$10.17 \pm 0.02$	$4.80 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.68 \times 10^0$	$5.25 \times 10^{-1}$	$5.67 \times 10^{-1}$	$6.67 \times 10^{-1}$
	288	$10.07 \pm 0.03$	$6.60 \times 10^{-1}$	$5.93 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.01 \times 10^0$	$1.47 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.99 \times 10^{-1}$
	289	$9.98 \pm 0.02$	$1.90 \times 10^0$	$5.34 \times 10^0$	$1.82 \times 10^0$	$1.60 \times 10^0$	$2.55 \times 10^0$
Mc	287	$10.76 \pm 0.05$	$3.70 \times 10^{-2}$	$4.70 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.60 \times 10^{-2}$	$4.06 \times 10^{-2}$	$3.85 \times 10^{-2}$
	288	$10.65 \pm 0.01$	$1.74 \times 10^{-1}$	$4.49 \times 10^{-1}$	$5.05 \times 10^{-2}$	$3.57 \times 10^{-1}$	$3.47 \times 10^{-1}$
	289	$10.49 \pm 0.05$	$3.30 \times 10^{-1}$	$2.23 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.37 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.67 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.82 \times 10^{-1}$
	290	$10.41 \pm 0.04$	$6.50 \times 10^{-1}$	$2.00 \times 10^0$	$2.25 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.26 \times 10^0$	$1.51 \times 10^0$
Lv	290	$11 \pm 0.07$	$8.30 \times 10^{-3}$	$8.94 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.21 \times 10^{-2}$	$3.00 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.88 \times 10^{-3}$
	291	$10.89 \pm 0.07$	$1.90 \times 10^{-2}$	$8.94 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.31 \times 10^{-2}$	$3.41 \times 10^{-2}$	$3.51 \times 10^{-2}$
	292	$10.78 \pm 0.02$	$1.30 \times 10^{-2}$	$3.01 \times 10^{-2}$	$4.46 \times 10^{-2}$	$8.84 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.04 \times 10^{-2}$
	293	$10.71 \pm 0.02$	$5.70 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.41 \times 10^{-1}$	$6.72 \times 10^{-2}$	$8.01 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.04 \times 10^{-1}$
Ts	293	$11.32 \pm 0.05$	$2.20 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.89 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.57 \times 10^{-3}$	$6.59 \times 10^{-3}$	$6.65 \times 10^{-3}$
	294	$11.18 \pm 0.04$	$5.10 \times 10^{-2}$	$7.25 \times 10^{-2}$	$7.98 \times 10^{-3}$	$6.45 \times 10^{-2}$	$7.23 \times 10^{-2}$
Og	294	$11.82 \pm 0.06$	$5.80 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.67 \times 10^{-4}$	$4.26 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.64 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.60 \times 10^{-4}$
				0.38	0.39	0.35	0.35

ity and  $Q_\alpha$  discontinuity are not particularly the same, as shown in the case of  $Z = 120$  even-even isotopes in Fig. 1(a). This is because the  $P_\alpha$  value of one nucleus is calculated based on five nuclei around it. The  $P_\alpha$  values may contain the complex structure information of several nearby nuclei.

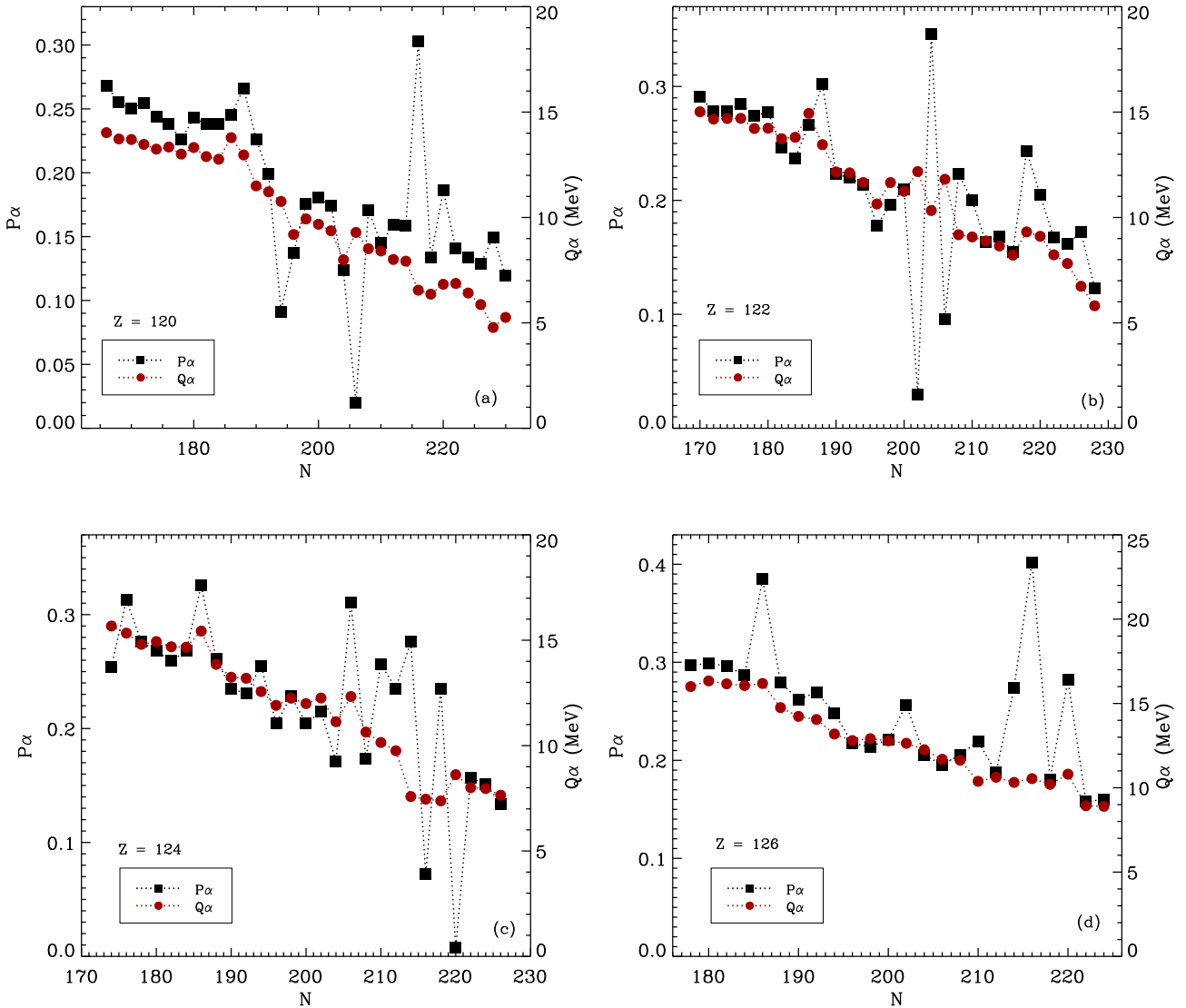
We use the  $Q_\alpha$  and  $P_\alpha$  values to predict the stable nuclei for  $Z = 122 - 126$  elements. Figure 1(a) shows that for  $Z = 120$ , the nuclei around  $N = 178, 184, 194, 196, 204, 206, 218, 228$  might be stable. For  $Z = 122$ , the nuclei with  $N = 182, 184, 196, 202, 206, 216$  show higher stability. For  $Z = 124$  nuclei, the nuclei with  $N = 204, 208, 216, 220$  might be stable against  $\alpha$ -decay. Figure 1(d) indicates that  $Z = 126$  even-even nuclei have no obvious shell structures. This is because the  $Q_\alpha$  of  $Z = 126$  isotopes are smoothly continuous, and the  $P_\alpha$  distribution has no dips. It can be observed that when the atomic number increases, the neutron numbers of stable nuclei also increase. It appears that with larger proton numbers, the nucleus requires more neutrons to remain stable.

### 3.2 $\alpha$ -decay properties of $Z = 120, 122, 124, 126$ isotopes

Figure 2 presents the  $\alpha$ -decay half-lives of  $Z = 120, 122, 124, 126$  even-even isotopes. This figure shows that

at  $N < 186$ , the  $\alpha$ -decay half-lives increase with increasing nuclear mass. This phenomenon indicates that this might correspond to a shell closure at  $N < 186$ . For  $Z = 120$  nuclei, there is one obvious peak at  $N = 184$ . However, this peak gradually disappears with increase in the  $Z$  values. The  $\alpha$ -decay half-lives indicate that the neutron magic number at  $N = 184$  is not observed at  $Z = 122, 124, 126$ . This phenomenon is consistent with the results shown by  $P_\alpha$  and  $Q_\alpha$  in Fig. 1. For  $Z = 122$ , nuclei with  $N = 182$  and  $184$  both have relatively longer half-lives, as shown in Fig. 2(b). The corresponding  $Q_\alpha$  and  $P_\alpha$  values in Fig. 1(b) are relatively small. Hence, for element  $Z = 120, 122, 124, 126$  isotopes,  $^{304}120$  would probably be stable and might be a shell closure.

The  $\alpha$ -decay half-lives and SF half-lives of  $^{287-339}120, ^{294-339}122, ^{300-339}124, \text{ and } ^{306-339}126$  are presented in Table 2. To identify the decay modes of unknown nuclei, the competition between  $\alpha$ -decay and spontaneous fission was studied [71-77]. The predicted decay modes of nuclei are presented in the last column of Table 2. Both SF equations consider the shell correction. However, the SF half-lives calculated with Eq. (20) would be more sensitive to the nuclear structures [78]. The results show that most nuclei at around  $N = 184$  would undergo  $\alpha$ -decay. With a larger  $Z$ , the competition


 Fig. 1. (color online) Preformation factors of  $Z = 120, 122, 124, 126$  even-even nuclei.

between  $\alpha$ -decay and SF would be more obvious. By comparing the  $\alpha$ -decay and SF half-lives, we predict that  $^{287-307}120$  would undergo  $\alpha$ -decay,  $^{308-309}120$  would undergo both  $\alpha$ -decay and SF, and  $^{310-339}120$  would experience SF. The  $^{294-309}122$  isotopes would undergo  $\alpha$ -decay,  $^{310-314}122$  would have two decay modes, and  $^{315-339}122$  would experience SF. For  $Z = 124$  nuclei,  $^{300-315}124$  would have  $\alpha$ -decay,  $^{316-320,326,327,331}124$  would have both  $\alpha$ -decay and SF, and  $^{321-325,328-330,332-339}124$  would undergo SF. As the competition between the two decay modes for the  $^{328-339}126$  isotopes is very obvious,  $^{328-335,337,339}126$  would experience both  $\alpha$ -decay and SF,  $^{336,338}126$  would undergo SF, and  $^{306-327}126$  would undergo  $\alpha$ -decay.

In addition, the FRDM  $Q_\alpha$  values are used to calculate the  $\alpha$ -decay half-lives, and the results are shown in Table 3. For  $Z = 120$  isotopes,  $^{296-307}120$  would undergo  $\alpha$ -decay,  $^{308}120$  may undergo both  $\alpha$ -decay and SF, and

$^{309-327}120$  would experience SF. For  $Z = 122$  nuclei,  $^{300-309,311}122$  would probably undergo  $\alpha$ -decay,  $^{310,312-315}122$  may exhibit both decay modes, and  $^{316-331}122$  experience SF. The  $^{304-315,317}124$  isotopes probably undergo  $\alpha$ -decay,  $^{316,318-320,327}124$  have both  $\alpha$ -decay and SF, and  $^{321-335}124$  would undergo SF. For  $Z = 126$ ,  $^{308-322,325}126$  may experience  $\alpha$ -decay,  $^{323,326-335,337,339}126$  would probably exhibit two decay modes, and  $^{324,336,338}126$  would exhibit the SF decay mode. As the adopted  $Q_\alpha$  values are different in Table 2 and Table 3, the theoretical  $\alpha$ -decay half-lives are slightly different. However, the predicted decay modes from the two sets of results are mostly similar. Both the FRDM and WS4 models are capable of providing accurate  $Q_\alpha$  values for the  $\alpha$ -decay calculations.

### 3.3 Comparison with other works

We compare our results with those calculated with



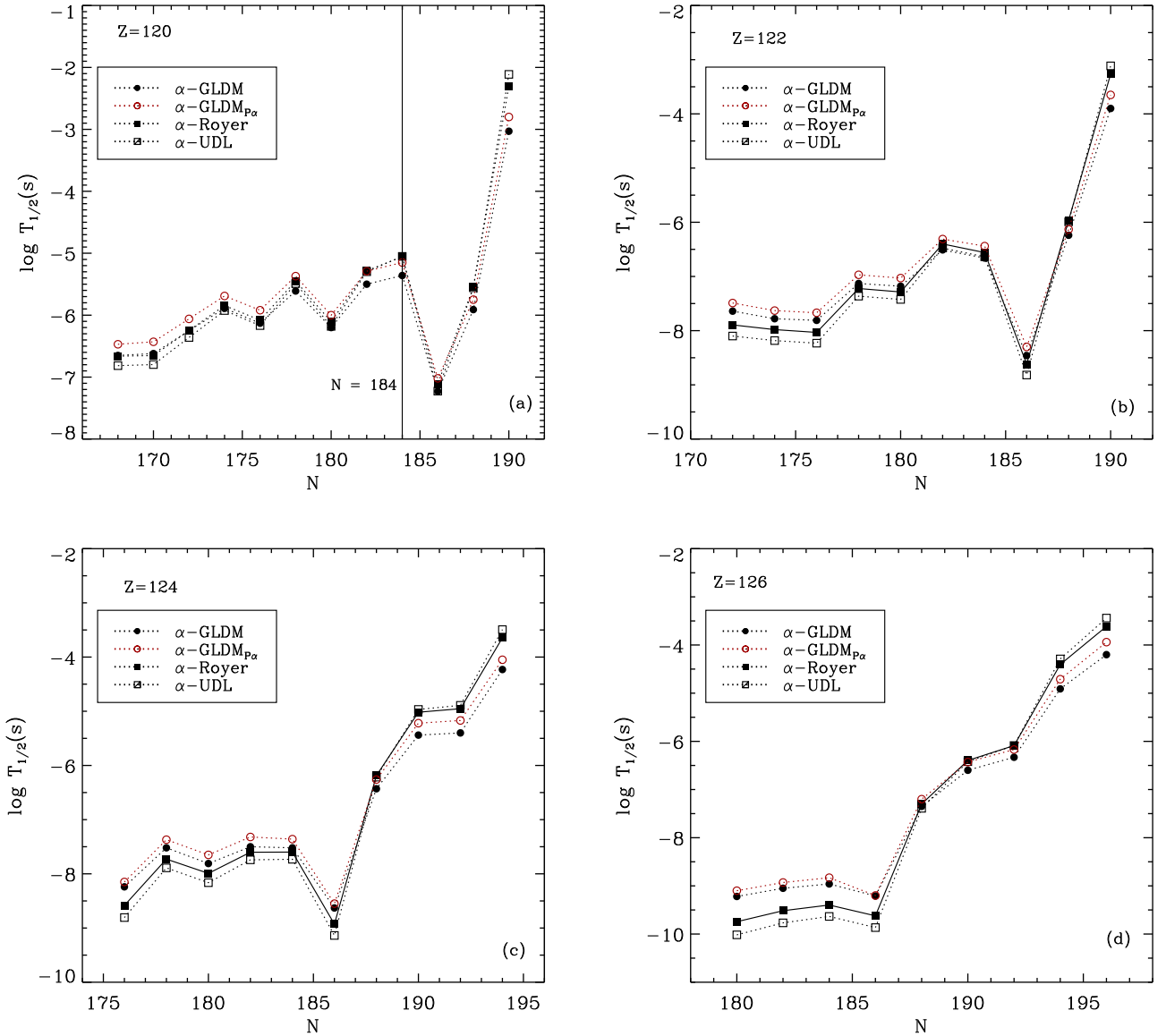


Fig. 2. (color online) The  $\alpha$ -decay half-lives of even-even isotopes of  $Z = 120, 122, 124, 126$ .

phenomenological models [78, 79]. For the  $\alpha$ -decay half-lives obtained using the FRDM  $Q_\alpha$  values, we compare our results with those reported in Ref. [78]. The  $\alpha$ -decay and SF half-lives are shown in Fig. 3. The results show that the SF half-lives calculated with the modified equation reported by Bao *et al.* [55, 78] have an even-odd effect. This is because in Eq. (20), the blocking effect of the unpaired nucleon has been considered. The SF half-lives show a trend where with increasing  $A$ , the  $\log_{10} T_{1/2}^{\text{SF}}$  values decrease. It appears that the SF equation modified by Refs. [55, 78] is more sensitive to the nuclear structure [78]. The  $\alpha$ -decay half-lives and SF half-lives reported in this work and Ref. [78] are slightly different. This is because we use FRDM2016 [65] to calculate the  $Q_\alpha$  and shell correction, whereas the results from Ref. [78] are based on FRDM1995 [80]. However, the predicted decay

modes for most nuclei are the same.

We compare the  $\alpha$ -decay half-lives calculated with the WS4  $Q_\alpha$  values with the results from Ref. [79]. The  $\alpha$ -decay half-lives from this work and Ref. [79] are presented in Fig. 4. The  $\log_{10} T_{1/2}^\alpha$  values obtained using the Coulomb and proximity potential model for deformed nuclei (CPPMDN) and Coulomb and proximity potential model (CPPM) are from Ref. [79]. The SF half-lives calculated with the KPS equation [54] are exactly the same, and decrease smoothly with increasing  $A$  for  $Z = 120, 122$  isotopes. For  $Z = 124, 126$  nuclei, the SF half-lives also show a similar trend, which is consistent with the results presented in Fig. 3. For the  $^{319-322}124$  and  $^{326-329}126$  isotopes, the competition between  $\alpha$ -decay and SF is obvious, indicating that these nuclei may have two decay modes. The results show that with similar  $Q_\alpha$

Table 2. Theoretical  $\alpha$ -decay half-lives and SF half-lives of the  $^{287-339}_{120}$ ,  $^{294-339}_{122}$ ,  $^{300-339}_{124}$ , and  $^{306-339}_{126}$  isotopes. The  $Q_{\alpha}^{\text{th}}$  values are extracted from the WS4 model [51]. Columns (4-7) present the  $\alpha$ -decay half-lives calculated using Royer's formula, the UDL, the GLDM with shell correction, and the GLDM with shell correction and CFM  $P_{\alpha}$ , respectively. Columns (8-9) present the SF half-lives calculated using Eq. (20) [55] and the KPS equation [54], respectively. The last column lists the predicted decay modes.

Z	A	$Q_{\alpha}^{\text{WS4}}/\text{MeV}$	$T_{1/2}^{\alpha}/\text{s}$	$T_{1/2}^{\alpha}/\text{s}$	$T_{1/2}^{\alpha}/\text{s}$	$T_{1/2}^{\alpha}/\text{s}$	$T_{1/2}^{\text{SF}}/\text{s}$	$T_{1/2}^{\text{SF}}/\text{s}$	Decay mode
			Royer	UDL	GLDM	GLDM $P_{\alpha}$	Eq. (20) [55]	KPS [54]	
120	287	13.85	7.90E-07	8.96E-08	1.12E-06	4.46E-07	3.39E+03	1.03E+10	$\alpha$
	288	13.73	2.18E-07	1.53E-07	2.62E-07	3.39E-07	1.68E+01	5.83E+10	$\alpha$
	289	13.71	1.31E-06	1.55E-07	1.79E-06	7.17E-07	1.70E+05	4.73E+11	$\alpha$
	290	13.70	2.23E-07	1.59E-07	2.82E-07	3.72E-07	3.45E+02	1.16E+12	$\alpha$
	291	13.51	2.96E-06	3.73E-07	3.75E-06	1.50E-06	5.63E+05	3.19E+12	$\alpha$
	292	13.47	5.65E-07	4.36E-07	6.66E-07	8.62E-07	1.76E+03	4.86E+12	$\alpha$
	293	13.40	4.41E-06	5.77E-07	5.28E-06	2.26E-06	1.65E+07	1.20E+13	$\alpha$
	294	13.24	1.43E-06	1.19E-06	1.52E-06	2.06E-06	4.25E+04	9.94E+12	$\alpha$
	295	13.27	7.26E-06	9.91E-07	7.85E-06	3.29E-06	1.50E+08	1.10E+13	$\alpha$
	296	13.34	8.30E-07	6.79E-07	8.70E-07	1.20E-06	2.84E+04	2.66E+12	$\alpha$
	297	13.14	1.21E-05	1.72E-06	1.15E-05	5.32E-06	2.37E+07	1.18E+12	$\alpha$
	298	13.01	3.56E-06	3.24E-06	2.90E-06	4.24E-06	6.02E+04	3.40E+11	$\alpha$
	299	13.26	6.56E-06	9.08E-07	6.53E-06	2.72E-06	2.58E+07	7.66E+10	$\alpha$
	300	13.32	7.82E-07	6.59E-07	7.40E-07	1.01E-06	3.80E+03	6.33E+09	$\alpha$
	301	13.06	1.48E-05	2.18E-06	1.23E-05	5.16E-06	1.67E+06	8.84E+08	$\alpha$
	302	12.89	5.21E-06	5.02E-06	3.73E-06	5.17E-06	1.17E+02	3.73E+07	$\alpha$
	303	12.81	4.53E-05	7.25E-06	3.15E-05	1.25E-05	3.32E+04	2.91E+06	$\alpha$
	304	12.76	8.79E-06	8.89E-06	5.13E-06	7.12E-06	5.87E-01	5.42E+04	$\alpha$
	305	13.28	4.74E-06	6.64E-07	3.56E-06	1.45E-06	3.40E-01	5.27E+02	$\alpha$
	306	13.79	7.76E-08	5.94E-08	7.03E-08	9.47E-08	2.24E-06	4.88E+00	$\alpha$
	307	13.52	1.48E-06	1.94E-07	1.15E-06	4.72E-07	6.53E-05	8.70E-02	$\alpha$
	308	12.97	2.84E-06	2.76E-06	1.44E-06	1.78E-06	3.20E-08	1.65E-03	$\alpha/\text{SF}$
	309	12.16	9.06E-04	1.81E-04	2.97E-04	1.09E-04	9.87E-06	3.64E-05	$\alpha/\text{SF}$
	310	11.50	4.88E-03	7.72E-03	1.10E-03	1.60E-03	1.32E-09	3.28E-07	SF
	311	11.20	1.68E-01	4.73E-02	3.47E-02	1.71E-02	2.43E-07	4.25E-09	SF
	312	11.22	2.27E-02	4.02E-02	4.20E-03	6.97E-03	1.79E-11	2.22E-11	SF
	313	11.02	4.26E-01	1.29E-01	7.60E-02	3.96E-02	5.39E-09	2.24E-13	SF
	314	10.76	3.29E-01	6.99E-01	4.84E-02	1.75E-01	5.15E-13	8.66E-16	SF
	315	9.43	1.73E+04	1.04E+04	7.27E+03	3.99E+03	1.86E-10	6.38E-18	SF
	316	9.19	1.71E+04	7.33E+04	8.70E+03	2.09E+04	3.41E-14	2.04E-20	SF
	317	9.93	4.26E+02	2.05E+02	1.28E+02	7.12E+01	7.92E-12	9.44E-23	SF
	318	9.93	6.57E+01	2.01E+02	1.88E+01	3.53E+01	1.74E-15	2.26E-25	SF
	319	9.84	7.35E+02	3.70E+02	2.20E+02	1.28E+02	4.86E-13	7.81E-28	SF
	320	9.68	3.68E+02	1.28E+03	1.18E+02	2.16E+02	1.75E-16	1.53E-30	SF
	321	9.53	6.77E+03	3.97E+03	2.34E+03	1.36E+03	3.02E-13	6.21E-33	SF
	322	9.37	3.44E+03	1.40E+04	1.28E+03	2.42E+03	1.12E-16	8.92E-36	SF
	323	9.12	1.48E+05	1.07E+05	6.75E+04	3.73E+04	6.68E-14	2.01E-38	SF

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$Z$	$A$	$Q_{\alpha}^{\text{WS4}}/\text{MeV}$	$T_{1/2}^{\alpha}/\text{s}$	$T_{1/2}^{\alpha}/\text{s}$	$T_{1/2}^{\alpha}/\text{s}$	$T_{1/2}^{\alpha}/\text{s}$	$T_{1/2}^{\text{SF}}/\text{s}$	$T_{1/2}^{\text{SF}}/\text{s}$	Decay-mode
			Royer	UDL	GLDM	GLDM $_{P_{\alpha}}$	Eq. (20) [55]	KPS [54]	
	324	7.99	4.35E+08	3.76E+09	3.89E+08	1.04E+09	1.01E-17	1.68E-41	SF
	325	7.72	4.17E+10	6.79E+10	4.48E+10	1.57E+10	4.00E-14	4.62E-44	SF
	326	9.29	5.35E+03	2.31E+04	7.86E+02	-1.30E+04	1.07E-17	3.36E-47	SF
	327	8.68	4.68E+06	4.31E+06	1.36E+06	2.59E+06	4.76E-14	7.15E-50	SF
	328	8.52	2.91E+06	1.90E+07	9.66E+05	1.86E+06	2.27E-17	4.57E-53	SF
	329	8.62	7.41E+06	7.11E+06	1.59E+06	1.14E+06	6.54E-14	6.59E-56	SF
	330	8.41	7.05E+06	4.94E+07	1.75E+06	3.98E+06	1.21E-16	4.60E-59	SF
	331	8.11	7.23E+08	9.40E+08	2.88E+08	1.85E+08	1.11E-06	2.66E-60	SF
	332	8.00	2.84E+08	2.55E+09	1.32E+08	2.74E+08	2.32E-09	1.48E-63	SF
	333	7.96	2.63E+09	3.76E+09	1.34E+09	7.80E+08	7.75E-06	1.32E-66	SF
	334	7.93	5.67E+08	5.42E+09	3.04E+08	6.32E+08	1.23E-08	5.31E-70	SF
	335	7.76	1.88E+10	3.09E+10	1.35E+10	7.58E+09	2.90E-05	3.38E-73	SF
	336	6.55	3.04E+15	7.87E+16	8.17E+15	8.90E+15	4.43E-08	1.06E-76	SF
	337	6.31	4.80E+17	2.38E+18	1.59E+18	4.50E+17	1.49E-04	5.86E-80	SF
	338	6.36	3.43E+16	1.05E+18	1.08E+17	2.67E+17	3.51E-07	1.63E-83	SF
	339	7.56	1.22E+11	2.30E+11	1.20E+11	-2.20E+11	1.23E-03	7.29E-87	SF
122	294	14.67	1.28E-08	7.96E-09	2.71E-08	3.21E-08	6.36E+04	4.02E+16	$\alpha$
	295	14.80	4.64E-08	4.43E-09	9.65E-08	3.70E-08	4.71E+07	8.07E+16	$\alpha$
	296	14.69	1.05E-08	6.55E-09	1.98E-08	2.35E-08	1.73E+03	3.44E+16	$\alpha$
	297	14.65	7.55E-08	7.51E-09	1.46E-07	5.40E-08	6.39E+06	6.05E+16	$\alpha$
	298	14.70	9.28E-09	5.87E-09	1.85E-08	2.14E-08	1.00E+03	2.19E+16	$\alpha$
	299	14.50	1.28E-07	1.33E-08	2.27E-07	8.03E-08	8.68E+07	5.19E+16	$\alpha$
	300	14.22	5.99E-08	4.33E-08	8.85E-08	1.07E-07	3.00E+03	7.47E+15	$\alpha$
	301	14.26	3.19E-07	3.56E-08	4.94E-07	1.65E-07	6.01E+06	3.92E+15	$\alpha$
	302	14.24	5.17E-08	3.77E-08	7.77E-08	9.24E-08	5.95E+02	4.50E+14	$\alpha$
	303	13.93	1.16E-06	1.42E-07	1.38E-06	5.13E-07	4.17E+05	1.09E+14	$\alpha$
	304	13.74	3.98E-07	3.35E-07	3.66E-07	4.90E-07	1.98E+01	6.39E+12	$\alpha$
	305	13.76	2.24E-06	2.89E-07	2.04E-06	8.65E-07	4.15E+03	7.03E+11	$\alpha$
	306	13.80	2.76E-07	2.30E-07	2.58E-07	3.59E-07	6.36E-02	1.92E+10	$\alpha$
	307	14.39	1.48E-07	1.62E-08	1.91E-07	7.60E-08	4.05E-02	2.90E+08	$\alpha$
	308	14.94	2.41E-09	1.52E-09	4.08E-09	5.06E-09	2.34E-07	3.91E+06	$\alpha$
	309	14.28	2.11E-07	2.38E-08	2.36E-07	6.56E-08	4.82E-03	5.94E+05	$\alpha$
	310	13.46	1.08E-06	1.02E-06	6.84E-07	7.48E-07	2.84E-06	1.78E+04	$\alpha$ /SF
	311	12.67	2.80E-04	5.08E-05	1.09E-04	4.01E-05	8.39E-04	5.78E+02	$\alpha$ /SF
	312	12.16	5.43E-04	7.68E-04	1.50E-04	2.22E-04	1.00E-07	7.52E+00	$\alpha$ /SF
	313	12.13	4.18E-03	9.10E-04	1.11E-03	4.88E-04	1.77E-05	1.43E-01	$\alpha$ /SF
	314	12.12	6.36E-04	9.25E-04	1.60E-04	2.40E-04	1.87E-09	1.21E-03	$\alpha$ /SF
	315	11.94	1.05E-02	2.47E-03	2.34E-03	1.05E-03	4.01E-07	1.65E-05	SF
	316	11.66	7.08E-03	1.22E-02	1.39E-03	2.15E-03	6.97E-11	1.10E-07	SF
	317	11.36	2.46E-01	7.11E-02	4.22E-02	2.26E-01	2.28E-08	1.15E-09	SF

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			Royer	UDL	GLDM	GLDM $_{P_{\alpha}}$	Eq. (20) [55]	KPS [54]	
	318	10.64	2.96E+00	7.56E+00	4.92E-01	9.12E-01	6.54E-12	6.04E-12	SF
	319	11.61	5.67E-02	1.51E-02	1.17E-02	4.96E-03	2.04E-09	4.39E-14	SF
	320	11.66	6.11E-03	1.08E-02	1.24E-03	2.09E-03	6.56E-13	1.68E-16	SF
	321	11.52	8.64E-02	2.39E-02	1.61E-02	8.29E-03	2.48E-10	9.08E-19	SF
	322	11.24	6.20E-02	1.28E-01	1.07E-02	1.68E-02	4.55E-13	3.93E-21	SF
	323	11.06	1.19E+00	3.94E-01	1.85E-01	9.13E-02	1.24E-09	2.58E-23	SF
	324	12.18	3.07E-04	4.61E-04	7.12E-05	7.91E-04	3.96E-13	5.09E-26	SF
	325	12.04	4.20E-03	9.74E-04	1.11E-03	7.56E-04	2.02E-05	3.29E-27	SF
	326	10.33	1.63E+01	4.94E+01	2.35E+00	2.24E+00	1.98E-13	3.05E-31	SF
	327	10.03	8.53E+02	4.39E+02	1.69E+02	4.85E+01	1.43E-10	7.58E-34	SF
	328	11.81	1.88E-03	3.27E-03	3.58E-04	1.24E-03	3.86E-14	7.79E-37	SF
	329	11.83	1.09E-02	2.76E-03	2.21E-03	3.26E-03	2.56E-10	2.59E-39	SF
	330	9.18	6.27E+04	3.32E+05	1.25E+04	1.85E+04	1.83E-13	2.59E-42	SF
	331	9.27	2.06E+05	1.55E+05	3.50E+04	1.48E+04	1.40E-08	1.24E-44	SF
	332	9.08	1.36E+05	7.67E+05	2.93E+04	4.84E+04	6.04E-07	1.72E-46	SF
	333	9.14	5.38E+05	4.33E+05	6.61E+04	6.31E+04	9.11E-04	2.24E-49	SF
	334	8.88	6.14E+05	3.88E+06	1.24E+05	2.51E+05	1.66E-06	1.66E-52	SF
	335	8.84	5.67E+06	5.38E+06	1.23E+06	7.16E+05	5.24E-03	2.02E-55	SF
	336	8.65	4.32E+06	3.14E+07	1.35E+06	2.64E+06	9.93E-06	1.18E-58	SF
	337	8.43	1.99E+08	2.40E+08	7.83E+07	4.74E+07	3.04E-02	1.10E-61	SF
	338	8.21	2.10E+08	1.99E+09	1.15E+08	2.44E+08	7.02E-05	5.28E-65	SF
	339	8.35	3.82E+08	4.85E+08	1.74E+08	1.11E+08	1.64E-01	3.63E-68	SF
124	300	15.34	2.61E-09	1.56E-09	6.76E-09	7.13E-09	4.65E+05	4.61E+21	$\alpha$
	301	15.05	5.04E-08	4.81E-09	1.10E-07	3.53E-08	1.70E+09	7.24E+21	$\alpha$
	302	14.81	1.87E-08	1.29E-08	3.56E-08	4.26E-08	2.17E+06	4.12E+21	$\alpha$
	303	14.85	1.02E-07	1.03E-08	1.87E-07	7.02E-08	1.11E+09	2.29E+21	$\alpha$
	304	14.94	1.02E-08	6.87E-09	1.81E-08	2.23E-08	1.94E+02	7.44E+19	$\alpha$
	305	14.80	1.17E-07	1.20E-08	1.80E-07	7.12E-08	9.64E+04	2.49E+19	$\alpha$
	306	14.69	2.50E-08	1.81E-08	3.73E-08	4.75E-08	3.53E+00	2.04E+18	$\alpha$
	307	14.68	1.73E-07	1.84E-08	2.40E-07	8.85E-08	5.32E+02	3.08E+17	$\alpha$
	308	14.67	2.52E-08	1.86E-08	3.53E-08	4.34E-08	6.88E-03	1.20E+16	$\alpha$
	309	15.19	2.11E-08	1.99E-09	4.01E-08	1.48E-08	2.64E+01	2.68E+15	$\alpha$
	310	15.43	1.18E-09	7.29E-10	2.76E-09	2.80E-09	2.62E-04	6.17E+13	$\alpha$
	311	14.70	1.37E-07	1.47E-08	1.69E-07	5.30E-08	2.22E-01	5.96E+12	$\alpha$
	312	13.85	6.51E-07	6.09E-07	4.39E-07	5.55E-07	1.22E-04	2.57E+11	$\alpha$
	313	13.47	2.43E-05	3.68E-06	1.21E-05	5.02E-06	4.20E+10	1.90E+13	$\alpha$
	314	13.24	9.60E-06	1.08E-05	4.30E-06	6.03E-06	7.50E+06	4.00E+11	$\alpha$
	315	13.21	7.51E-05	1.24E-05	3.02E-05	1.30E-05	8.48E+08	9.85E+09	$\alpha$
	316	13.20	1.11E-05	1.29E-05	4.70E-06	6.73E-06	8.57E-08	8.08E+04	$\alpha$ /SF
	317	13.00	1.87E-04	3.30E-05	6.90E-05	2.90E-05	2.20E-05	1.67E+03	$\alpha$ /SF

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			Royer	UDL	GLDM	GLDM $_{P_{\alpha}}$	Eq. (20) [55]	KPS [54]	
	318	12.56	2.26E-04	3.21E-04	6.94E-05	8.98E-05	3.38E-09	1.54E+01	$\alpha$ /SF
	319	12.18	1.10E-02	2.54E-03	2.58E-03	1.01E-03	1.83E-06	2.65E-01	$\alpha$ /SF
	320	11.91	6.68E-03	1.20E-02	1.42E-03	2.29E-03	5.44E-10	2.02E-03	$\alpha$ /SF
	321	11.82	7.36E-02	1.95E-02	1.38E-02	7.52E-03	5.82E+11	1.66E+00	$\alpha$
	322	12.25	9.68E-04	1.56E-03	2.30E-04	3.33E-04	3.56E-10	1.87E-07	SF
	323	12.19	9.03E-03	2.11E-03	1.89E-03	9.17E-04	2.15E-06	2.99E-09	SF
	324	11.99	3.58E-03	6.36E-03	7.25E-04	1.17E-03	3.56E-09	1.78E-11	SF
	325	11.82	6.44E-02	1.73E-02	1.11E-02	5.63E-03	1.91E-05	1.97E-13	SF
	326	12.26	7.94E-04	1.30E-03	1.70E-04	2.61E-04	2.83E-03	1.72E-14	$\alpha$ /SF
	327	12.33	3.81E-03	8.59E-04	8.15E-04	2.95E-04	1.42E+00	7.39E-17	$\alpha$ /SF
	328	11.14	4.29E-01	1.07E+00	5.87E-02	1.13E-01	2.12E-04	1.22E-19	SF
	329	10.89	1.31E+01	5.06E+00	1.41E+00	7.17E-01	3.72E-02	2.91E-22	SF
	330	12.33	4.71E-04	7.70E-04	9.96E-05	1.06E-04	3.62E-06	3.18E-25	SF
	331	12.50	1.33E-03	2.85E-04	2.89E-04	6.65E-05	1.06E-03	6.43E-28	$\alpha$ /SF
	332	10.64	8.17E+00	2.53E+01	1.57E+00	2.99E+00	3.20E-07	7.05E-31	SF
	333	10.38	3.27E+02	1.59E+02	5.35E+01	3.22E+02	5.00E-04	1.67E-33	SF
	334	10.15	2.13E+02	8.26E+02	2.07E+01	2.67E+01	2.51E-07	1.58E-36	SF
	335	9.94	6.35E+03	3.78E+03	5.77E+02	2.27E+02	1.28E+01	4.42E-38	SF
	336	9.76	3.34E+03	1.57E+04	3.88E+02	5.44E+02	1.71E-02	4.13E-41	SF
	337	9.82	1.41E+04	8.93E+03	1.12E+03	1.17E+03	2.31E-04	2.61E-45	SF
	338	7.58	8.79E+11	1.44E+13	1.04E+12	1.24E+12	7.59E-02	5.00E-47	SF
	339	7.50	1.45E+13	3.57E+13	1.73E+13	9.08E+12	1.85E+02	5.99E-50	SF
126	306	16.34	1.80E-10	9.62E-11	7.14E-10	7.89E-10	2.71E+09	2.85E+27	$\alpha$
	307	16.27	1.56E-09	1.19E-10	5.41E-09	1.88E-09	9.03E+10	6.90E+26	$\alpha$
	308	16.16	3.05E-10	1.71E-10	1.06E-09	1.18E-09	2.29E+06	7.54E+25	$\alpha$
	309	16.08	2.89E-09	2.31E-10	8.60E-09	2.93E-09	4.71E+07	9.85E+24	$\alpha$
	310	16.06	4.01E-10	2.32E-10	1.28E-09	1.48E-09	3.85E+16	2.48E+27	$\alpha$
	311	16.28	1.30E-09	9.94E-11	4.35E-09	1.05E-09	2.21E+19	4.90E+26	$\alpha$
	312	16.19	2.39E-10	1.36E-10	7.35E-10	6.31E-10	4.08E+15	3.55E+25	$\alpha$
	313	15.37	3.39E-08	3.24E-09	5.22E-08	1.48E-08	4.60E+18	5.35E+24	$\alpha$
	314	14.75	5.01E-08	4.07E-08	5.31E-08	6.27E-08	1.44E+15	2.87E+23	$\alpha$
	315	14.46	1.15E-06	1.40E-07	8.76E-07	3.23E-07	1.16E+18	2.57E+22	$\alpha$
	316	14.23	4.02E-07	3.79E-07	2.97E-07	3.75E-07	1.89E+14	7.59E+20	$\alpha$
	317	14.17	3.65E-06	4.83E-07	2.35E-06	8.84E-07	2.91E+16	2.89E+19	$\alpha$
	318	14.05	8.18E-07	8.20E-07	5.57E-07	6.82E-07	8.35E+11	3.60E+17	$\alpha$
	319	13.64	3.67E-05	5.69E-06	1.73E-05	6.03E-06	4.20E+13	6.84E+15	$\alpha$
	320	13.19	3.94E-05	5.14E-05	1.46E-05	1.94E-05	1.00E+09	5.48E+13	$\alpha$
	321	12.86	1.39E-03	2.75E-04	3.93E-04	1.76E-04	7.97E+18	1.04E+14	$\alpha$
	322	12.80	2.43E-04	3.62E-04	7.49E-05	1.14E-04	6.64E+15	1.47E+12	$\alpha$
	323	12.87	1.19E-03	2.36E-04	3.28E-04	1.59E-04	2.10E+19	3.93E+10	$\alpha$

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Z	A	$Q_{\alpha}^{WS4}/\text{MeV}$	$T_{1/2}^{\alpha}/\text{s}$	$T_{1/2}^{\alpha}/\text{s}$	$T_{1/2}^{\alpha}/\text{s}$	$T_{1/2}^{\alpha}/\text{s}$	$T_{1/2}^{\text{SF}}/\text{s}$	$T_{1/2}^{\text{SF}}/\text{s}$	Decay-mode
			Royer	UDL	GLDM	GLDM $P_{\alpha}$	Eq. (20) [55]	KPS [54]	
	324	12.91	1.29E-04	1.87E-04	3.98E-05	6.15E-05	2.93E+16	4.41E+08	$\alpha$
	325	12.89	1.04E-03	2.06E-04	2.65E-04	1.31E-04	5.65E+19	7.27E+06	$\alpha$
	326	12.78	2.28E-04	3.49E-04	6.14E-05	9.14E-05	1.04E-03	3.21E-01	$\alpha$
	327	12.76	1.83E-03	3.80E-04	4.27E-04	1.96E-04	5.33E+00	4.87E-03	$\alpha/\text{SF}$
	328	12.64	4.35E-04	7.05E-04	1.05E-04	1.35E-04	1.52E+03	6.99E-04	$\alpha/\text{SF}$
	329	12.68	2.47E-03	5.30E-04	5.14E-04	1.70E-04	9.30E+05	4.36E-06	$\alpha/\text{SF}$
	330	12.26	2.94E-03	5.47E-03	5.58E-04	8.96E-04	9.06E+01	8.86E-09	$\alpha/\text{SF}$
	331	11.97	1.03E-01	2.85E-02	1.45E-02	7.58E-03	1.05E+04	2.59E-11	$\alpha/\text{SF}$
	332	11.69	6.29E-02	1.45E-01	9.18E-03	1.55E-02	1.35E+00	4.16E-14	$\alpha/\text{SF}$
	333	11.73	3.64E-01	1.10E-01	4.59E-02	2.45E-02	4.86E+02	1.21E-16	$\alpha/\text{SF}$
	334	11.63	8.25E-02	1.96E-01	1.12E-02	1.79E-02	1.43E-01	1.80E-19	$\alpha/\text{SF}$
	335	11.41	2.16E+00	7.44E-01	3.90E-01	2.01E-01	2.37E+02	5.86E-22	$\alpha/\text{SF}$
	336	10.38	2.04E+02	8.12E+02	1.87E+01	2.81E+01	1.47E-01	7.95E-25	SF
	337	10.15	7.60E+03	4.49E+03	6.05E+02	3.36E+02	2.77E+02	2.02E-27	$\alpha/\text{SF}$
	338	10.62	3.70E+01	1.34E+02	3.47E+00	6.11E+00	1.55E-01	2.02E-30	SF
	339	10.49	6.55E+02	3.33E+02	5.34E+01	2.86E+01	6.96E+01	2.69E-33	$\alpha/\text{SF}$

Table 3. Theoretical  $\alpha$ -decay half-lives and SF half-lives of the  $^{296-327}_{120}$ ,  $^{300-331}_{122}$ ,  $^{304-335}_{124}$ , and  $^{308-339}_{126}$  isotopes. The  $Q_{\alpha}^{\text{th}}$  values are extracted from the FRDM [65]. Columns (4-5) present the  $\alpha$ -decay half-lives calculated with the GLDM with shell correction, and the GLDM with shell correction and CFM  $P_{\alpha}$ . Columns (6,7) present the SF half-lives calculated using Eq. (20) [55] and the KPS equation [54], respectively. The last column lists the predicted decay modes.

Z	A	$Q_{\alpha}^{\text{FRDM}}/\text{MeV}$	$T_{1/2}^{\alpha}/\text{s}$	$T_{1/2}^{\alpha}/\text{s}$	$T_{1/2}^{\text{SF}}/\text{s}$	$T_{1/2}^{\text{SF}}/\text{s}$	Decay mode
			GLDM	GLDM $P_{\alpha}$	Eq. (20) [55]	KPS [54]	
120	296	13.59	3.80E-07	7.40E-07	2.84E+04	2.66E+12	$\alpha$
	297	13.65	1.99E-06	1.30E-06	2.37E+07	1.18E+12	$\alpha$
	298	13.24	1.42E-06	2.43E-06	6.02E+04	3.40E+11	$\alpha$
	299	13.74	1.31E-06	5.87E-07	2.58E+07	7.66E+10	$\alpha$
	300	13.69	2.20E-07	3.75E-07	3.80E+03	6.33E+09	$\alpha$
	301	13.62	1.83E-06	1.01E-06	1.67E+06	8.84E+08	$\alpha$
	302	13.56	3.18E-07	5.64E-07	1.17E+02	3.73E+07	$\alpha$
	303	13.52	2.23E-06	1.24E-06	3.32E+04	2.91E+06	$\alpha$
	304	13.55	2.38E-07	4.41E-07	5.87E-01	5.42E+04	$\alpha$
	305	14.26	1.16E-07	5.92E-08	3.40E-01	5.27E+02	$\alpha$
	306	14.27	1.49E-08	2.06E-08	2.24E-06	4.88E+00	$\alpha$
	307	13.62	8.93E-07	2.30E-07	6.53E-05	8.70E-02	$\alpha$
	308	12.97	1.58E-06	1.58E-06	3.20E-08	1.65E-03	$\alpha/\text{SF}$
	309	11.76	2.43E-03	8.53E-04	9.87E-06	3.64E-05	SF
	310	11.28	4.18E-03	7.11E-03	1.32E-09	3.28E-07	SF
	311	10.76	5.08E-01	3.32E-01	2.43E-07	4.25E-09	SF
	312	10.71	9.12E-02	1.87E-01	1.79E-11	2.22E-11	SF
	313	10.50	2.09E+00	1.33E+00	5.39E-09	2.24E-13	SF

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$Z$	$A$	$Q_{\alpha}^{\text{FRDM}}/\text{MeV}$	$T_{1/2}^{\alpha}/s$	$T_{1/2}^{\alpha}/s$	$T_{1/2}^{\text{SF}}/s$	$T_{1/2}^{\text{SF}}/s$	Decay-mode
			GLDM	GLDM $P_{\alpha}$	Eq. (20) [55]	KPS [54]	
	314	10.34	7.68E-01	1.60E+00	5.15E-13	8.66E-16	SF
	315	10.16	1.63E+01	1.05E+01	1.86E-10	6.38E-18	SF
	316	9.93	1.15E+01	2.29E+01	3.41E-14	2.04E-20	SF
	317	9.83	1.53E+02	9.89E+01	7.92E-12	9.44E-23	SF
	318	9.66	8.01E+01	1.63E+02	1.74E-15	2.26E-25	SF
	319	13.16	2.47E-06	3.70E-07	4.86E-13	7.81E-28	SF
	320	13.16	3.44E-07	2.48E-07	1.75E-16	1.53E-30	SF
	321	13.08	2.95E-06	4.11E-07	3.02E-13	6.21E-33	SF
	322	10.47	2.04E-01	2.76E-01	1.12E-16	8.92E-36	SF
	323	10.53	8.83E-01	2.76E-01	6.68E-14	2.01E-38	SF
	324	10.78	2.74E-02	3.81E-02	1.01E-17	1.68E-41	SF
	325	10.41	1.70E+00	4.94E-01	4.00E-14	4.62E-44	SF
	326	10.28	5.48E-01	7.80E-01	1.07E-17	3.36E-47	SF
	327	8.48	1.18E+07	8.03E+06	4.76E-14	7.15E-50	SF
122	300	14.72	1.81E-08	3.49E-08	3.00E+03	7.47E+15	$\alpha$
	301	14.47	2.69E-07	1.75E-07	6.01E+06	3.92E+15	$\alpha$
	302	14.77	1.41E-08	2.25E-08	5.95E+02	4.50E+14	$\alpha$
	303	14.57	1.68E-07	8.54E-08	4.17E+05	1.09E+14	$\alpha$
	304	14.59	1.96E-08	3.23E-08	1.98E+01	6.39E+12	$\alpha$
	305	14.56	1.37E-07	7.01E-08	4.15E+03	7.03E+11	$\alpha$
	306	14.61	1.54E-08	2.61E-08	6.36E-02	1.92E+10	$\alpha$
	307	15.27	1.18E-08	5.54E-09	4.05E-02	2.90E+08	$\alpha$
	308	15.29	1.52E-09	1.95E-09	2.34E-07	3.91E+06	$\alpha$
	309	13.80	1.40E-06	4.50E-07	4.82E-03	5.94E+05	$\alpha$
	310	13.12	2.86E-06	4.14E-06	2.84E-06	1.78E+04	$\alpha$ /SF
	311	12.68	1.16E-04	6.35E-05	8.39E-04	5.78E+02	$\alpha$
	312	12.74	1.17E-05	2.09E-05	1.00E-07	7.52E+00	$\alpha$ /SF
	313	12.68	9.56E-05	5.41E-05	1.77E-05	1.43E-01	$\alpha$ /SF
	314	12.58	2.01E-05	3.54E-05	1.87E-09	1.21E-03	$\alpha$ /SF
	315	12.43	2.46E-04	1.48E-04	4.01E-07	1.65E-05	$\alpha$ /SF
	316	12.19	1.07E-04	1.92E-04	6.97E-11	1.10E-07	SF
	317	12.05	1.31E-03	7.68E-04	2.28E-08	1.15E-09	SF
	318	11.78	7.16E-04	1.31E-03	6.54E-12	6.04E-12	SF
	319	11.67	7.93E-03	4.64E-03	2.04E-09	4.39E-14	SF
	320	11.47	3.15E-03	5.81E-03	6.56E-13	1.68E-16	SF
	321	11.26	6.15E-02	3.67E-02	2.48E-10	9.08E-19	SF
	322	10.88	7.89E-02	1.27E-01	4.55E-13	3.93E-21	SF
	323	10.46	6.75E+00	2.72E+00	1.24E-09	2.58E-23	SF
	324	10.34	2.11E+00	3.92E+00	3.96E-13	5.09E-26	SF
	325	8.89	3.07E+06	6.21E+05	2.02E-05	3.29E-27	SF

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Z	A	$Q_{\alpha}^{\text{FRDM}}/\text{MeV}$	$T_{1/2}^{\alpha}/\text{s}$	$T_{1/2}^{\alpha}/\text{s}$	$T_{1/2}^{\text{SF}}/\text{s}$	$T_{1/2}^{\text{SF}}/\text{s}$	Decay-mode
			GLDM	GLDM $_{P_{\alpha}}$	Eq. (20) [55]	KPS [54]	
	326	10.13	7.72E+00	8.74E+01	1.98E-13	3.05E-31	SF
	327	9.97	1.55E+02	6.47E+02	1.43E-10	7.58E-34	SF
	328	9.76	1.01E+02	2.45E+02	3.86E-14	7.79E-37	SF
	329	9.57	4.14E+03	2.28E+03	2.56E-10	2.59E-39	SF
	330	9.33	4.30E+03	1.02E+04	1.83E-13	2.59E-42	SF
	331	8.82	3.52E+06	1.54E+06	1.40E-08	1.24E-44	SF
124	304	15.5556698	2.53E-09	1.04E-08	1.94E+02	7.44E+19	$\alpha$
	305	15.5957088	1.47E-08	1.53E-08	9.64E+04	2.49E+19	$\alpha$
	306	15.5957088	2.09E-09	3.27E-09	3.53E+00	2.04E+18	$\alpha$
	307	15.6657772	1.09E-08	5.05E-09	5.32E+02	3.08E+17	$\alpha$
	308	15.7155819	1.29E-09	1.98E-09	6.88E-03	1.20E+16	$\alpha$
	309	15.2055721	3.90E-08	7.00E-09	2.64E+01	2.68E+15	$\alpha$
	310	15.1455135	6.43E-09	5.98E-09	2.62E-04	6.17E+13	$\alpha$
	311	14.0856991	1.44E-06	7.93E-07	2.22E-01	5.96E+12	$\alpha$
	312	13.375494	2.91E-06	5.08E-06	1.22E-04	2.57E+11	$\alpha$
	313	10.2258358	7.82E+02	8.06E+01	4.20E+10	1.90E+13	$\alpha$
	314	10.2456112	8.83E+01	7.68E+01	7.50E+06	4.00E+11	$\alpha$
	315	10.2358456	6.00E+02	1.05E+02	8.48E+08	9.85E+09	$\alpha$
	316	13.6855526	6.58E-07	7.91E-07	8.57E-08	8.08E+04	$\alpha$ /SF
	317	13.505621	8.38E-06	3.07E-06	2.20E-05	1.67E+03	$\alpha$
	318	13.3356991	2.36E-06	3.91E-06	3.38E-09	1.54E+01	$\alpha$ /SF
	319	13.0957088	4.09E-05	2.22E-05	1.83E-06	2.65E-01	$\alpha$ /SF
	320	12.8955135	1.27E-05	2.12E-05	5.44E-10	2.02E-03	$\alpha$ /SF
	321	7.2856503	9.86E+14	8.35E+13	5.82E+11	1.66E+00	SF
	322	12.3955135	1.11E-04	7.96E-05	3.56E-10	1.87E-07	SF
	323	11.8757381	8.86E-03	2.42E-03	2.15E-06	2.99E-09	SF
	324	11.54566	7.18E-03	1.11E-02	3.56E-09	1.78E-11	SF
	325	11.0856991	5.95E-01	2.77E-01	1.91E-05	1.97E-13	SF
	326	9.4958553	1.34E+04	1.06E+04	2.83E-03	1.72E-14	SF
	327	9.5756893	4.51E+04	9.18E+03	1.42E+00	7.39E-17	$\alpha$ /SF
	328	9.5556698	7.08E+03	1.07E+04	2.12E-04	1.22E-19	SF
	329	11.04566	7.19E-01	1.59E-01	3.72E-02	2.91E-22	SF
	330	9.7258358	1.31E+03	2.24E+03	3.62E-06	3.18E-25	SF
	331	9.7255917	8.25E+03	4.91E+03	1.06E-03	6.43E-28	SF
	332	9.5856991	3.48E+03	9.29E+03	3.20E-07	7.05E-31	SF
	333	9.6357479	1.59E+04	1.24E+04	5.00E-04	1.67E-33	SF
	334	9.5556698	4.21E+03	8.29E+03	2.51E-07	1.58E-36	SF
	335	8.6057186	2.22E+08	1.45E+08	1.28E+01	4.42E-38	SF
126	308	14.77	8.00E-08	1.46E-07	2.29E+06	7.54E+25	$\alpha$
	309	15.06	1.97E-07	4.30E-08	4.71E+07	9.85E+24	$\alpha$

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$Z$	$A$	$Q_\alpha^{\text{FRDM}}/\text{MeV}$	$T_{1/2}^\alpha/s$	$T_{1/2}^\alpha/s$	$T_{1/2}^{\text{SF}}/s$	$T_{1/2}^{\text{SF}}/s$	Decay-mode
			GLDM	GLDM $_{P_\alpha}$	Eq. (20) [55]	KPS [54]	
	310	10.98	3.95E+00	1.33E+00	3.85E+16	2.48E+27	$\alpha$
	311	10.68	1.78E+02	7.49E+01	2.21E+19	4.90E+26	$\alpha$
	312	10.21	7.60E+02	9.65E+03	4.08E+15	3.55E+25	$\alpha$
	313	10.25	3.74E+03	2.01E+03	4.60E+18	5.35E+24	$\alpha$
	314	9.68	5.01E+04	5.69E+05	1.44E+15	2.87E+23	$\alpha$
	315	9.54	1.08E+06	5.00E+05	1.16E+18	2.57E+22	$\alpha$
	316	9.59	1.01E+05	1.05E+06	1.89E+14	7.59E+20	$\alpha$
	317	13.11	2.71E-04	1.43E-04	2.91E+16	2.89E+19	$\alpha$
	318	13.22	2.30E-05	4.12E-05	8.35E+11	3.60E+17	$\alpha$
	319	13.20	1.55E-04	8.52E-05	4.20E+13	6.84E+15	$\alpha$
	320	9.70	2.60E+04	2.29E+04	1.00E+09	5.48E+13	$\alpha$
	321	7.37	3.12E+15	3.26E+14	7.97E+18	1.04E+14	$\alpha$
	322	7.01	4.27E+16	1.72E+17	6.64E+15	1.47E+12	$\alpha$
	323	6.66	3.37E+19	1.09E+19	2.10E+19	3.93E+10	$\alpha/\text{SF}$
	324	6.34	5.42E+20	4.02E+20	2.93E+16	4.41E+08	SF
	325	11.47	7.46E-01	4.82E-02	5.65E+19	7.27E+06	$\alpha$
	326	11.79	7.67E-03	4.82E-03	1.04E-03	3.21E-01	$\alpha/\text{SF}$
	327	11.68	8.98E-02	1.79E-02	5.33E+00	4.87E-03	$\alpha/\text{SF}$
	328	10.01	1.11E+03	8.41E+02	1.52E+03	6.99E-04	$\alpha/\text{SF}$
	329	10.16	2.13E+03	1.12E+03	9.30E+05	4.36E-06	$\alpha/\text{SF}$
	330	11.87	4.74E-03	8.66E-03	9.06E+01	8.86E-09	$\alpha/\text{SF}$
	331	11.93	2.14E-02	1.18E-02	1.05E+04	2.59E-11	$\alpha/\text{SF}$
	332	11.82	5.27E-03	8.74E-03	1.35E+00	4.16E-14	$\alpha/\text{SF}$
	333	11.60	1.10E-01	5.25E-02	4.86E+02	1.21E-16	$\alpha/\text{SF}$
	334	11.34	6.72E-02	1.16E-01	1.43E-01	1.80E-19	$\alpha/\text{SF}$
	335	10.98	3.74E+00	1.90E+00	2.37E+02	5.86E-22	$\alpha/\text{SF}$
	336	10.77	1.94E+00	3.59E+00	1.47E-01	7.95E-25	SF
	337	10.62	3.49E+01	1.77E+01	2.77E+02	2.02E-27	$\alpha/\text{SF}$
	338	10.48	1.24E+01	2.39E+01	1.55E-01	2.02E-30	SF
	339	11.85	2.00E-02	1.49E-01	6.96E+01	2.69E-33	$\alpha/\text{SF}$

values, different phenomenological models show good consistency.

As we use a fully phenomenological approach, we compare our results with those from calculations considering microscopic modifications [45]. As generally known, the  $Q_\alpha$  values deduced would have an obvious influence on the calculated  $\alpha$ -decay half-lives. A 1 MeV change in the  $Q_\alpha$  value may lead to a change of around three orders of magnitude or more in the  $\log_{10} T_{1/2}^\alpha$  value. In Ref. [45], different mass tables are used to calculate  $Q_\alpha$ , including the WS4 mass table. Hence, we compare

our  $\log_{10} T_{1/2}^\alpha$  with the  $\log_{10} T_{1/2}^\alpha$  value calculated with the WS4 mass model in Ref. [45]. In Fig. 3 from Ref. [45], the  $\log_{10} T_{1/2}^\alpha$  values of  $Z = 120, 122, 124$  nuclei have dips at  $N_d = 184$ , where  $N_d$  represents the neutron number of the daughter nucleus. In this work, Fig. 2 shows the same trend for the  $\alpha$ -decay half-lives. The above discussion indicates that with similar  $Q_\alpha$  values, the results obtained with the phenomenological approach are highly consistent with the results from calculations considering microscopic modifications [81].



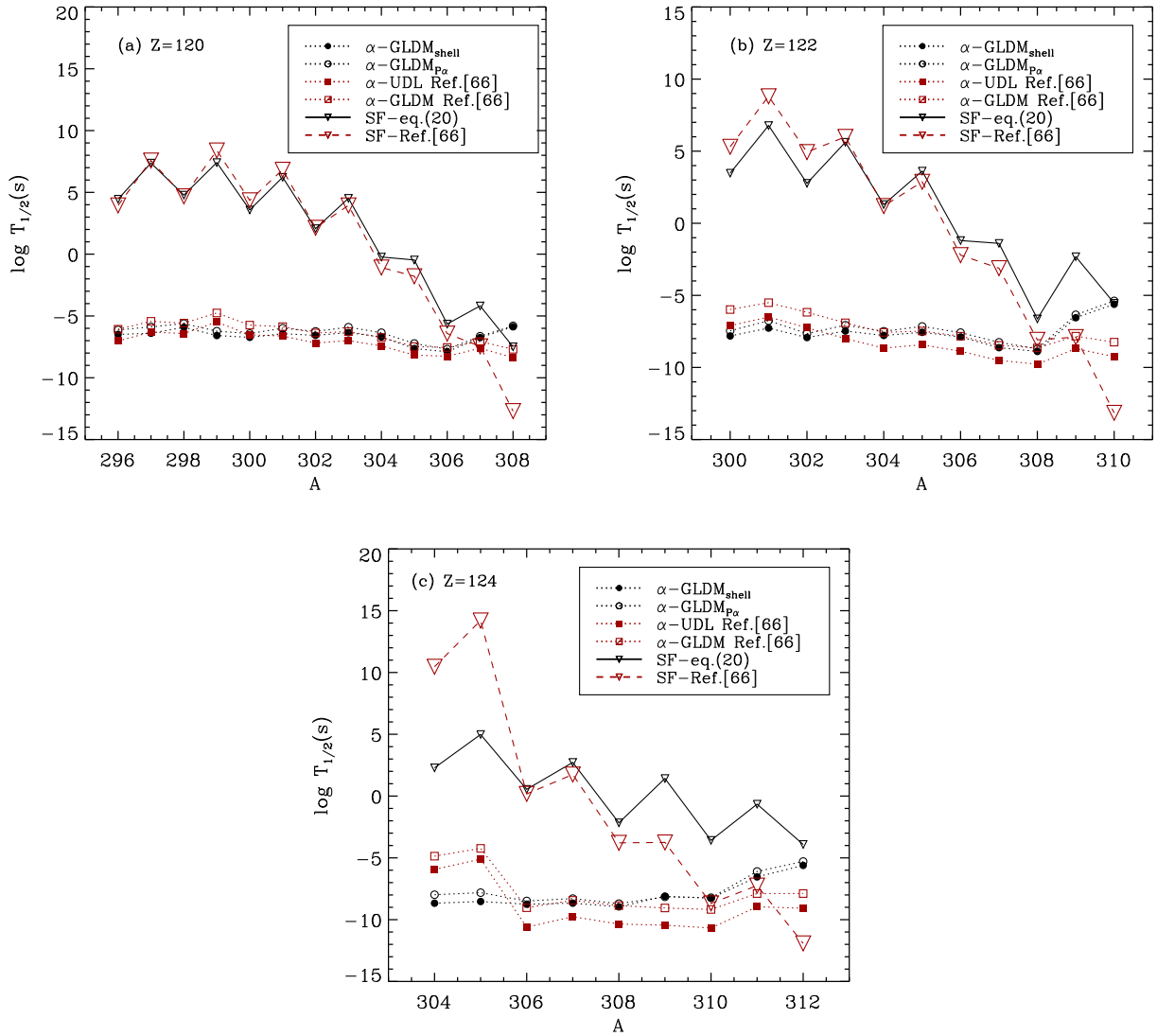


Fig. 3. (color online) The  $\alpha$ -decay half-lives and SF half-lives of  $^{296-308}_{120}$ ,  $^{300-310}_{122}$ , and  $^{304-312}_{124}$ . The  $\log_{10} T_{1/2}^\alpha$  values calculated using the UDL and GLDM are derived from Ref. [78].

## 4 Summary

We used shell correction induced GLDM to calculate the  $\alpha$ -decay half-lives of  $Z = 120, 122, 124, 126$  isotopes. The preformation factor  $P_\alpha$  used in the model is of two types, where one is a constant for each type of nuclei, which was adopted from a least-squares fit to the known experimental half-lives ( $N \geq 152, Z \geq 82$ ). The other type was calculated using the CFM. We compared our calculations with the experimental data for known nuclei from Fl to Og, and found that all the investigated methods could reproduce the  $\alpha$ -decay half-lives well. Subsequently, our method was used to predict the  $\alpha$ -decay properties of the even- $Z$  SHN from  $Z = 120$  to  $126$ .

The theoretical  $P_\alpha$  values calculated using the CFM are very sensitive to the nuclear structure. The  $P_\alpha$  and  $Q_\alpha$  values show similar trends. They both reflect the position

of shell structures. However,  $P_\alpha$  contains more complex shell structure information as it is adopted from several nearby nuclei. From the  $Q_\alpha$  and  $P_\alpha$  values, we present some nuclei that might be stable, i.e.,  $Z = 120, N = 178, 184, 194, 196, 206, 218, 228$ ;  $Z = 122, N = 182, 184, 196, 202, 206, 216$ ; and  $Z = 124, N = 204, 208, 216, 220$ . With larger proton numbers, more neutrons are needed for a nucleus to be stable.

With the information of the  $\alpha$ -decay half-lives, we find that at  $N = 184$ , there is no obvious shell structure for  $Z = 122, 124, 126$  isotopes. The  $^{304}_{120}$  nucleus is predicted to be stable compared with the nearby nuclei. The competition between  $\alpha$ -decay and SF is increasing evident from  $Z = 120$  to  $126$ . However, the nuclei at around  $N = 184$  would mostly undergo  $\alpha$ -decay. The predicted decay modes for  $^{287-339}_{120}$ ,  $^{294-339}_{122}$ ,  $^{300-339}_{124}$ , and  $^{306-339}_{126}$  are presented in Table 2.

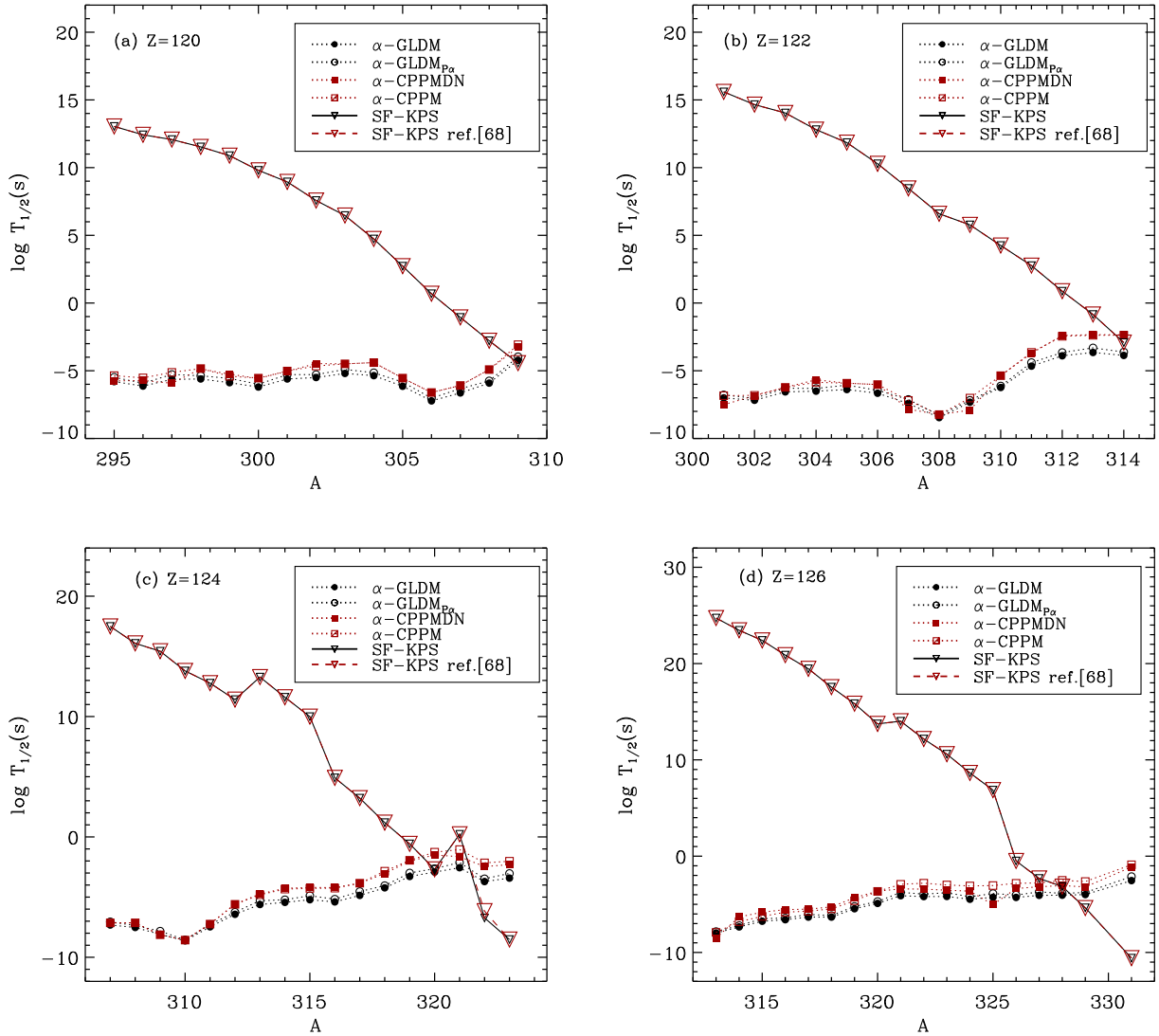


Fig. 4. (color online) The  $\alpha$ -decay half-lives and SF half-lives of  $^{295-309}_{120}$ ,  $^{301-314}_{122}$ ,  $^{307-323}_{124}$ , and  $^{313-331}_{126}$ . The  $\log_{10} T_{1/2}^{\alpha}$  values calculated with the Coulomb and proximity potential model (CPPM) and Coulomb and proximity potential model for deformed nuclei (CPPMDN) are from Ref. [79].

We compared our results with other works, including the results obtained with microscopic calculations. The comparisons showed that the phenomenological and microscopic methods can produce highly similar  $\alpha$ -decay half-lives, when similar  $Q_{\alpha}$  values are adopted. We suggest the selection of suitable  $Q_{\alpha}$  values, as the  $Q_{\alpha}$  values

tend to clearly influence the calculations.

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