Abstract Submitted for the DNP13 Meeting of The American Physical Society

Measurement of the Gamow-Teller strength distributions via the $(t,^3\text{He}\gamma)$ reactions on ^{45}Sc and $^{46}\text{Ti}^1$ SHUMPEI NOJI, National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory, Michigan State University, NSCL E12007 COLLABORATION — Electron captures (EC) of pf-shell nuclei play an important role in pre-supernova stellar evolution and crustal heating of neutron stars. Astrophysical models show clear sensitivity to the details of the Gamow-Teller (GT) strength distributions, which have been extensively studied by means of charge-exchange reactions. In the present work, we measured the GT strength distributions in some of the lightest pf-shell nuclei, ^{45}Ca and ^{46}Sc , via the $(t, ^3\text{He}\gamma)$ reaction on stable ^{45}Sc and ^{46}Ti stationary targets at $E_t = 115\,\text{MeV/nucleon}$ using the GRETINA array and the S800 spectrometer at the NSCL. Coincidence measurement with deexcitation γ rays from the residual nuclei allowed us to study the detailed structure of low-lying GT strength, which is of particular importance for astrophysical applications. In this presentation, we will report preliminary results of the experiment and compare them to theoretical calculations.

 $^1\mathrm{Supported}$ by US-NSF (PHY-1102511 and PHY-0822648) and US-DOE (DE-AC02-05CH11231).

Shumpei Noji National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory, Michigan State University

Date submitted: 01 Jul 2013 Electronic form version 1.4