
THE \(^{52,54}\text{Cr}(p,n)^{52,54}\text{Mn}\) AND \(^{57,58}\text{Fe}(p,n)^{57,58}\text{Co}\) REACTIONS AT \(E_p = 120\) MeV

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Differential cross sections for the \((p,n)\) reaction on \(^{52,54}\text{Cr}\) and \(^{57,58}\text{Fe}\) have been measured for angles up to \(\theta_{\text{lab}} = 10.5^\circ\) and \(14.6^\circ\), respectively, using 120 MeV protons. The observed angular distributions has been used to evaluate the location and strength of Gamow-Teller resonances. A shell-model calculation of this strength distribution has
been studied and compared with the experimental results. The $M1$ strength for $^{52}Cr$ has been calculated and compared with available results for $(e,e')$ and $(p,p')$ experiments. A comparison has been made with other $1f_{7/2}$ nuclei. This work is reported in Ref. 1.

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GAMOW-TELLER MATRIX ELEMENTS AND THE $(p,n)$ REACTION

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Nucleon charge exchange reactions, especially $(p,n)$, have provided much information to enhance our understanding of nuclear structure and nuclear reactions. However, in spite of improved understanding, several features of existing data remain poorly understood. Two problems stand out in this respect – the missing Gamow-Teller strength, and fluctuation in the specific Gamow-Teller (GT) and Fermi (F) cross sections, that is, the cross sections per unit GT or F strength.

These problems, in a sense, represent only fine details, generally at the 20% discrepancy level and perhaps as bad as the 50% level in a few special cases. In fact, the $(p,n)$ reaction has provided us with a very good overview of GT strength functions, clearly establishing the giant GT resonance as a general feature of nuclear structure. Furthermore, the $(p,n)$ reaction is the only method presently known to provide quantitative, empirical information on transition matrix elements needed to estimate neutrino absorption cross sections for solar neutrino detectors.

The problem of specific cross sections is displayed in a recent published summary of our work\textsuperscript{1}. Our present effort is aimed at attempting to understand the $(p,n)$ cross sections with greater precision and to determine the limits to which the apparent proportionality