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GAMOW-TELLER RESONANCES OBSERVED IN $^{90,92,94}\text{Zr}(p,n)$ at 120 and 160 MeV

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Because the β -decay and nucleon charge exchange operators are identical in the spin isospin space of the target (decaying) nucleus, strong Gamow-Teller transitions should be seen strongly in charge exchange reactions. Searches with the (p,n) reaction at $E_p = 45$ MeV indicate that Gamow-Teller strength is concentrated just above the isobaric analog state (IAS).¹ But the enhancement in the continuum is relatively weak, making quantitative conclusions uncertain. The situation at $E_p = 120$ MeV is much less ambiguous because of the dominance of the spin-flip part of the effective two-nucleon interaction above 100 MeV.²

The $^{90,92,94}\text{Zr}(p,n)$ spectra shown in Fig. 1 were obtained with the beam swinger time of flight system at Indiana University. The IAS (0^+ , T=5) and the states labelled 1^+ all have strongly forward peaked angular distributions characteristic of L=0. Since

the transition to the IAS exhausts the non-spin-flip L=0 strength, the 1^+ identification follows. The stronger 1^+ state is assigned T=4 and the weaker T=5 based on intensity ratios expected from the isospin geometry. Finally, the state labelled 1^- has been so assigned because of its L=1 angular distribution.

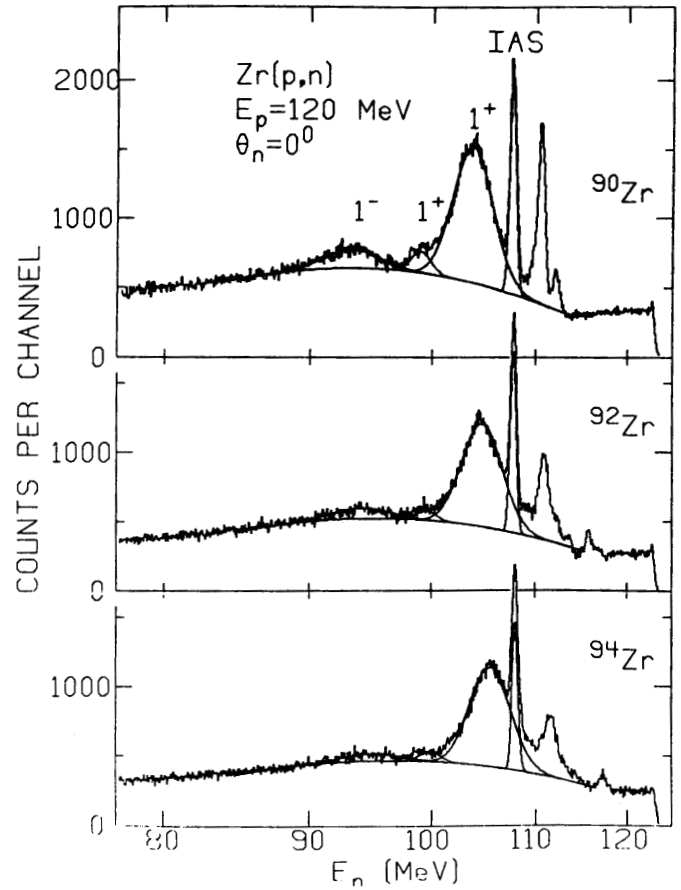
Two qualitative conclusions follow immediately from this data. First, a substantial fraction of the Gamow-Teller strength has been seen. The relative areas of the 1^+ and IAS states, combined with a knowledge of the ratio of spin-flip to non-spin-flip strengths for the effective interaction leads to the conclusion that the Gamow-Teller matrix element for the 1^+ transition is comparable to the Fermi matrix element for the IAS transition. And second, the Gamow-Teller strength moves toward the IAS as N increases. The width of the 1^+ strength remains about constant at ~ 4.5 MeV

FWHM.

Preliminary data at $E_p = 160$ MeV appears to indicate that the ratio of spin-flip to non-spin-flip strength is larger than at 120 MeV, but the resolution is sufficiently worse that the interpretation is less clear cut.

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Figure 1. Neutron spectra including fits to peak shapes for the $^{90,92,94}\text{Zr}(p,n)$ reactions at 120 MeV proton bombarding energy.



NEUTRON MATTER DISTRIBUTIONS FROM QUASI-ELASTIC (p,n) REACTIONS

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Runs made early in the year on Zr, Sn and Pb to look at (p,n) neutron spectra at angles much larger than 15° indicated that the general background, mainly cosmic ray neutron and muon events, was so large that it was not possible to take angular distributions on large A targets at angles beyond 20° . The two features cur-

rently of interest are ground state IAS transition strengths and the giant resonance strengths. For both problems improved signal-to-background was needed.

In the past year very substantial improvements in the chopped beam current at the TOF targets has occurred. The other improvement made was the installation of large