

THEORETICAL ANALYSIS OF PROTON EMISSION FOLLOWING BETA-DECAY OF ^{56}Zn .

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We present a shell-model analysis of the beta decay of ^{56}Zn , leading to proton emission from ^{56}Cu . The calculations are performed using isospin-nonconserving Hamiltonians constructed on the basis of the GXPF1A and KB3G interactions. First experimental spectroscopic data were provided by Dossat et al (NPA 2007) and a more comprehensive study has been reported recently by Orrigo (PRL 2014). The spectroscopic factor for proton emission from the IAS (Isobaric Analogue State) can be expressed as $S(\text{IAS}) = \alpha^2 S(\text{T}=1)$, where $S(\text{T}=1)$ is the allowed spectroscopic factor of the admixed state, and α is the amplitude of the $\text{T}=1$ state, assuming two-level mixing. It has been found experimentally (Orrigo, PRL 2014) that the IAS of the ^{56}Zn ground state in ^{56}Cu is strongly mixed with another 0^+ (mainly $\text{T}=1$) state lying about 85 keV below, resulting in $\alpha^2=33(10)$ % of isospin mixing in the IAS. In spite of this high isospin impurity of the IAS and a large probability for proton emission with an energy of $E_p=2948(10)$ keV, its proton decay does not represent the dominant decay, but is observed in competition with gamma-ray emission with similar intensities, $I_p=18.8(10)$ % and $I_\gamma=19.2(50)$ %. The main conclusion of our analysis is that the hindrance of the proton decay from the IAS is due to a very small overlap between the admixed 0^+ , $\text{T}=1$ state of ^{56}Cu and the ground state of ^{55}Ni plus an $f_{7/2}$ proton. Proton emission from the admixed 0^+ , $\text{T}=1$ state is allowed by the isospin quantum number selection rule, however, it is hindered by nuclear structure effects.