(3He,t) Charge-Exchange Reactions at E(3He)=450 MeV, θ =0°

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Abstract

Spin-isospin excitations in nuclei have been studied by means of the (³He,t) reactions at 450 MeV on the targets ⁹Be, ^{nat}C, ²⁸Si, ⁵⁸Ni, ⁶²Ni, ⁹⁰Zr, ¹¹⁸Sn, ¹²⁰Sn, ¹²⁴Sn, and ¹⁵⁴Sm. The new spectrometer "Grand Raiden" was employed for the (³He,t) study for the first time. Observed (³He,t) spectra at 0° show remarkable similarity with those from the (p,n) results at intermediate energies, suggesting a simple direct reaction mechanism for the (³He,t) reaction at 450 MeV. The Gamow-Teller (GT) resonances and the spin-flip Δ L=1 resonances are excited very strongly. A fine structure of the GT resonances in medium-heavy nuclei is observed with an energy resolution of 210 keV. It is demonstrated that the (³He,t) reaction at 450 MeV is a powerful tool to study the spin-isospin excitations in nuclei.

1 Introduction

The spin-isospin excitations in nuclei have been one of the interesting subjects of experimental and theoretical investigations for a long time. Gross bumps of Gamow-Teller strengths, which were predicted long ago from the quenched β decay strength [1], were experimentally identified in almost all nuclei by the (p,n) reaction at intermediate energies $E \ge 100$ MeV [2]. In the past decade, it has been shown that the charge-exchange

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reactions at small momentum transfer at intermediate energies are dominated by the strong central spin-isospin force [3].

The Gamow-Teller resonances were studied also by the alternative charge-exchange reactions like (3 He,t) and (6 Li, 6 He) by taking advantage of high resolution and high detection efficiency. In particular, the (3 He,t) reaction has been used to observe the GT strengths at various bombarding energies $E \le 100$ MeV [4,5,6,7,27,9,10]. It is now clear that an extraction of the GT strength from the (3 He,t) cross sections at low-bombarding energies is more difficult than for the (p,n) reactions at $E \ge 100$ MeV due to the dominance of the two-step reaction mechanisms and of the non-central interaction. It has been shown experimentally that the (3 He,t) reaction becomes a very suitable alternative to investigate the spin-isospin excitations when the bombarding energies exceed 100 MeV/u [11]. The detection of high-energy tritons from the (3 He,t) reaction requires a spectrometer with a large magnetic rigidity. One attempt was made by the Saclay group [11] to measure the (3 He,t) reaction at $E \ge 200$ MeV/u. However, the energy resolution was not sufficient enough to use this reaction as a spectroscopic tool for the investigation of the details of the spin-isospin excitations in heavy nuclei.

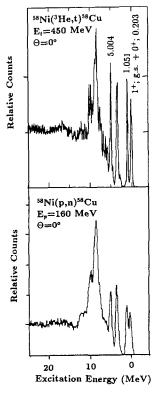
Construction of the new high resolution spectrometer Grand Raiden [13] at the Research Center for Nuclear Physics (RCNP) has very much improved this experimental situation for the spectroscopic study. The spectrometer has two special features; One is its high momentum resolving power of $p/\Delta p=37,000$ and another is a large magnetic rigidity (K=1400) to bend charged particles. These features make the study of the spinisospin excitations by means of the (3 He,t) reaction very attractive. New attempts of studying the spin-isospin excitations by the (3 He,t) reaction are now in progress taking advantage of selective excitation of the Gamow-Teller resonance at zero degree and at the high bombarding energy E=450 MeV with high resolution. In the present paper, we report on the new experimental data for the (3 He,t) reaction on 9 Be, nat C, 28 Si, 58,62 Ni, 90 Zr, 118,120,124 Sn, and 154 Sm at E=450 MeV.

2 Experiment

The present data were taken with a 450 MeV ³He beam from the new K=400 MeV ring cyclotron [12], and with a new spectrometer Grand Raiden at RCNP [13]. The 450 MeV ³He⁺⁺ beam was achromatically transported from the cyclotron to the scattering chamber without any energy-defining slits in order to reduce a beam halo. The beam current on targets was about 3 nA. The targets used were metallic foils with the thicknesses of $4\sim7$ mg/cm². The spectrometer was set at 0°. The vertical and horizontal defining angles were, respectively, set at ±20 mr.

The $^3\mathrm{He^{++}}$ beam passing through the target was introduced in the spectrometer, and was stopped in a special Faraday cup prepared at an inside wall of the vacuum chamber of the first dipole (D1) magnet. The outgoing tritons were momentum analyzed with the spectrometer and detected by the focal-plane counter system, which consisted of two 2-dimensional position-sensitive multi-wire drift chambers (MWDC) and two ΔE -

scintillation counters for particle identification [14]. The resolution was 210 keV in FWHM. In addition to triton peaks due to the (³He,t) reaction, a strong peak due to ³He⁺ events was observed at the high-momentum side of the focal plane. The ³He⁺ particles were measured simultaneously with the tritons and were used to calibrate both the energy and the scattering angles of the detected tritons. The horizontal and vertical scattering angles at the target could be determined by the ray-tracing techniques. using the information of the incidence angle of tritons at the focal plane. The obtained data at 0° with the solid angle of 1.6 msr were further divided into the data with individual narrow cones at small scattered angles in order to estimate the angular distributions at very forward angles.



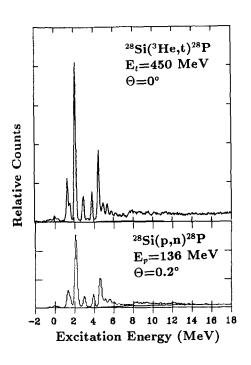


Figure 1: Comparison of the ⁵⁸Ni(³He,t) spectrum taken at 450 MeV with the (p,n) spectrum at 160 MeV.

Figure 2: Comparison of the ²⁸Si(³He,t) spectrum taken at 450 MeV with the (p,n) spectrum at 136 MeV.

Figure 1 and 2 show examples of the 58 Ni, 28 Si(3 He,t) spectra taken at 0°. For comparison, the neutron spectra from the (p,n) reactions taken at a bombarding energy of 160 and 136 MeV [15,16] are shown. In a similar way to the (p,n) case, our measurement at 150 MeV/u shows a clear enhancement of excitations of the GT states. This similarity is reasonable since the ratio of spin-flip to non-spin-flip contribution $(J_{\sigma\tau}/J_{\tau})^{2}$

in the $({}^{3}\text{He,t})$ reaction is believed to be close to that in the (p,n) reaction at the same bombarding energy per nucleon [11].

3 Discussion

3.1 Gamow-Teller and Fermi Transitions in the ^{12,13}C(³He,t)^{12,13}N reaction

The relative cross sections for the ^{12,13}C(³He,t) reaction at 0° have been examined by the measurement with a natural carbon target containing 1.11% ¹³C. Taddeucci et al. [17] and Bergqvist et al. [11] have shown that the ratio of the 0° cross sections in the charge exchange reaction for transitions to the ground state of ¹²N and to the 3.51 MeV 3/2⁻ state in ¹³N is a good measure to check the simplicity of the reaction mechanism. The cross section ratio $\frac{\sigma^{(12}C \to ^{12}N(g.s.))}{\sigma^{(13}C \to ^{13}N(3.51))}$ obtained from the present experiment at 450 MeV is shown in fig. 3 together with the ratio of $\frac{\sigma(^{13}C \rightarrow ^{13}N(g.s.))}{\sigma(^{13}C \rightarrow ^{13}N(3.51))}$. The present data at 450 MeV is compared with the results obtained at 200 MeV [18] and at E≥200 MeV/u [11]. As shown in fig. 3, the ratio $\frac{\sigma(^{12}C \rightarrow ^{12}N(g.s.))}{\sigma(^{13}C \rightarrow ^{13}N(3.51))}$ is about 0.72 at 450 MeV, in agreement with the (3He,t) values at higher energies within uncertainties. This fact indicates that the (³He,t) reaction mechanism at 450 MeV is simple similarly to the high energy case, where the single step process is predominant. It is therefore reasonable to assume that the 0° cross sections are proportional to the GT β -decay strengths. At lower energies, on the other hand, this ratio decreases rapidly, suggesting that the reaction mechanism is getting more complex with decreasing the bombarding energy. The cross section ratio $\frac{\sigma(^{13}C \to ^{13}N(g.s.))}{\sigma(^{13}C \to ^{13}N(3.51))}$ makes it possible to estimate the close similarity between (³He,t) and (p,n), at least up to energies of 300 MeV/u.

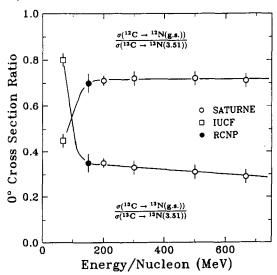


Figure 3: Ratios of $\frac{\sigma(^{12}C \to ^{12}N(g.s.))}{\sigma(^{13}C \to ^{13}N(3.51))}$ and $\frac{\sigma(^{13}C \to ^{13}N(g.s.))}{\sigma(^{13}C \to ^{13}N(3.51))}$. The lines are drawn to guide the eye.

3.2 Excitation of the GT and spin-flip $\Delta L=1$ resonances

Figure 4 shows the (3 He,t) spectra taken at 0° for targets of 62 Ni, 90 Zr, 118 Sn, 120 Sn, 124 Sn, and 154 Sm. Our measurement at 150 MeV/u shows a clear enhancement of the GT resonance compatible with the (p,n) reactions at intermediate energies. The broad bumps superposed on the continuum around $E_x=20$ MeV is due to the excitation of the spin-flip dipole Δ L=1 resonances (SDR) which have been suggested from the retarded first-forbidden β transitions mediated by the operator r[Y₁× σ] τ [19]. By making a "true" 0° spectrum gated on the narrow cone around 0° by ray-tracing techniques, we have confirmed that the SDR bump is less pronounced and is really not forward peaked.

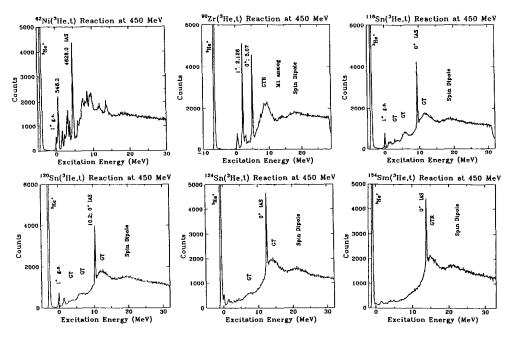


Figure 4: Singles (3 He,t) spectra obtained for 62 Ni, 90 Zr, 118,120,124 Sn and 154 Sm at E=450 MeV at 0° with the spectrometer Grand Raiden. Spectra were obtained with an opening angle of ± 20 mrad both vertically and horizontally.

From the cross section ratio and the known B(GT)/B(F) ratio for the 2.126 MeV 1⁺ state and the 5.07 MeV IAS in ⁹⁰Zr, one can estimate the ratio

$$\epsilon = \left(\frac{J_{\sigma\tau}}{J_{\tau}}\right)^{2} \frac{N_{\sigma\tau}}{N_{\tau}} \approx \left(\frac{\sigma_{GT}(0^{\circ})}{\sigma_{F}(0^{\circ})}\right) \frac{B(F)}{B(GT)} \sim 6.4, \tag{1}$$

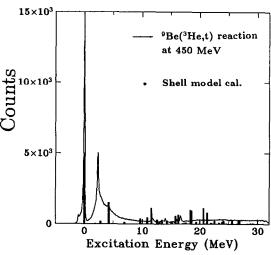
where $N_{\sigma\tau}$ and N_{τ} are the distortion factors, and the Q dependence of the transferred momentum is neglected. A similar value of ϵ =6.6 is obtained for the ⁵⁸Ni(³He,t) reac-

tion at 450 MeV. If one assumes $N_{\sigma\tau}/N_{\tau}\sim 1$, the ratio $J_{\sigma\tau}/J_{\tau}$ agrees with the results calculated by Franey and Love [20] at 150 MeV.

It is very surprising that when the GT resonance in 90 Nb is observed under the condition of the experimental resolution of 210 keV, the resonance seems to be an ensemble of many discrete 1⁺ levels. It would be very interesting to examine the reason why this kind of fine structure still appears for the GT resonance at the highly excited energy region in the medium heavy nuclei like 90 Nb where the extremely high level density of 1⁺ states is expected. In addition, it should be noted that we clearly see the bump of the M1 analog resonance of 90 Zr with T=5 at E_x=13~15 MeV [21,22].

Jänecke et al. [23] report that the giant GT resonances in ^{118,120,124}Sb isotopes are fragmented into three (or more) components corresponding to the direct-, corepolarization and back-spin-flip GT strengths. Our observation at 450 MeV is consistent to their results obtained in the (³He,t) measurements at 200 MeV.

Figure 5: Comparison of the ⁹Be(³He,t) spectrum at E=450 MeV at 0° with the result of a shell model calculation using the Cohen-Kurath interaction. The calculated results are represented in the arbitrary unit.



The giant electric dipole resonance in deformed nuclei is known to split into two components, representing the existence of two types of oscillations in the direction of the symmetry axis and in the perpendicular direction. An analogous splitting is expected for the spin-flip $\Delta L=1$ resonance in ¹⁵⁴Sm. As a consequence, the width of the SDR in ¹⁵⁴Sm should be observed to be broader than those in the Sn isotopes. It is, however, difficult to judge from the present experiment whether the broad bump at $E_x=9\sim25$ MeV separates into two components or is broader. Further experimental efforts may be necessary to separate the SDR from the continuum. It is a very interesting theoretical subject to predict the shape of the SDR in deformed nuclei.

The $^9\text{Be}(^3\text{He,t})^9\text{B}$ spectrum shows a characteristic feature. The transitions to the $3/2^-$ 0.0 MeV-, $5/2^-$ 2.36 MeV-, 2.79 MeV-, 4.8 MeV-, 11.78 MeV-, and 14.01 MeV-states are observed. Almost all $\Delta L{=}0$ transitions are concentrated in the region below $E_x{=}10$ MeV as is shown in Figure 5, where the experimental data are compared with the

results of a shell model calculation for the $\Delta L=0$ transitions mediated by the operators $\sigma\tau$ and τ [24]. The shell model calculation predicts the major strength of spin-isospin $\Delta L=0$ transitions at energies above 10 MeV but it cannot reproduce the strong concentration of the $\Delta L=0$ transitions below 10 MeV. This general trend in shell-model calculations does not depend on the choice of the effective interactions [25] for the p-shell nuclei. Ohtsubo [24] pointed out that this concentration could be qualitatively understood by taking into accounts the cluster-model wave function with the α -N- α structure both for ${}^9{\rm Be}$ and ${}^9{\rm Be}$.

3.3 Fine structure of the GT strength in ⁵⁸Cu

Because of the good resolution of the present 58 Ni(3 He,t) experiment (210 keV in FWHM), we observed many discrete peaks up to $E_x=15$ MeV. In particular, the bump at $E_x=6\sim12$ MeV is resolved into many distinct peaks, which were unresolved in the (p,n) experiment at intermediate energies.

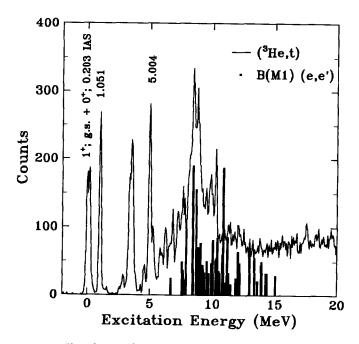


Figure 6: 58 Ni(3 He,t) 58 Cu spectrum obtained with a narrow software gate on the scattering angles of ± 5 mr, both in horizontal and vertical directions. The M1 strength distribution obtained from (e,e') data is displayed with the energy off-set of 0.203 MeV.

The GT strength distribution measured with the charge-exchange reactions are re-

lated to the M1 strength distributions. Electromagnetic (e.m.) M1 excitations are induced both by the spin and orbital magnetization interactions. The spin and orbital parts in the e.m. M1 excitation interfere either constructively or destructively with each other. Furthermore, the contribution of the backward transitions is always destructive in the case of the M1 transitions. Although there is no precise correlation between the M1 strength and GT strength for each individual state, we can, however, still expect a one-to-one correspondence between the M1 and GT states, which should be clarified on the basis of their isospin.

In Fig. 6, the (${}^{3}\text{He,t}$) cross sections are compared to the M1 strength distribution from (e,e') [26]. One can remark that we have observed analogous transitions in the two spectra, especially in the region of $E_x \sim 8$ MeV, where the T=1, 1^+ states are expected. The B(M1) strength distributions has a shape similar to the observed 0° (${}^{3}\text{He,t}$) cross sections. This indicates that the main part of the bump at 8 MeV consists of many 1^+ states with T=1. The detailed difference between the M1 and GT strength distributions would come from the effect of the orbital excitation contribution in M1 excitations.

The T=2 isobaric analog states of the T=2, M1 states in 58 Ni are hindered in charge-exchange reactions by a factor of $\frac{1}{2T_0+1}$ =1/3. Thus they are not expected to be excited strongly in the (3 He,t) spectrum at 0°. In fact, the isobaric analog state of the strong 1+ state at 10.67 MeV in 58 Ni is only weakly excited in the present experiment, which actually suggests that this state has isospin T=2.

3.4 Proton decay from the spin-flip dipole resonance in ¹²N

Microscopic structure of the giant resonances in nuclei can be well studied by measuring the decay particles. Especially, proton decay measurement from the GTR and SDR is important since we can infer the wave function of the resonance through the decay pattern and its decay strength to the final discrete levels. One of the good examples is the measurement of the proton decay from the spin-flip dipole resonance with $J^{\pi}=0^-$, 1^- and 2^- in 1^2 N, which are excited via the $(^3$ He,t) or (p,n) reactions. The existence of the 1^- and 2^- states is well established experimentally. However, there is no clear experimental evidence for the 0^- state whose strength is predicted at the location slightly higher than the 1^- state [27,28].

Coincidence measurements of the ¹²C(³He,tp)¹¹C reaction (see also [29]) has been made with the new spectrometer Grand Raiden by utilizing the advantages; 1) tritons can be detected at 0°, 2) the incoming ³He beam is stopped at the inside wall of the D1 magnet where it is far from the target, 3) the ³He beam without a halo can be transported in an achromatic mode to the target from the RCNP ring cyclotron, 4) the (³He,t) reaction at 450 MeV preferentially excites spin-flip states. Preliminary data for the coincidence measurement to search for the 0⁻ state in ¹²C are shown in Fig. 7. One can clearly see the loci corresponding to the decay proton events to the final state in ¹¹C, indicating the successful trial of the difficult coincidence measurement at intermediate energies. Detailed analyses of the obtained data is now in progress. We expect that our new data will furnish an evidence for the 0⁻ state and new information

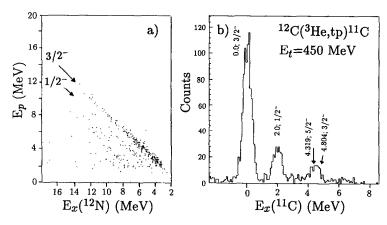


Figure 7: (a) Two-dimensional scatter plot of coincidence events for decay-proton and tritons. The loci indicate proton decay to low-lying final states in ¹¹C. (b) Corresponding total kinetic energy spectrum.

on the microscopic structure of the spin flip dipole resonance in ¹²C.

4 Conclusions

The (³He,t) reaction has been measured at 450 MeV at 0° on several target nuclei. Strong selectivity for spin-isospin excitations has been shown. It is found that the reaction mechanism of the (³He,t) reaction at 450 MeV is simple, compatible with the (p,n) reaction at intermediate energies E≥100 MeV. This shows that the high-resolution (³He,t) measurements at 450 MeV can be a very useful tool in mapping the detailed GT transition strengths in nuclei. In addition to the singles high-resolution (³He,t) measurements, coincidence measurements with decay particles following the excitation of the GTR and SDR by the (³He,t) reaction are one of the best suitable experiments for the spectrometer Grand Raiden, which have not been possible to be performed with the (p,n) reaction.

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