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Two-proton decay from Isobaric Analog States of light nuclei

KYLE BROWN, Washington Univ — Recent experiments at the National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory at Michigan State University using the charged-particle array HiRA and the gamma-ray array CAESAR have shed light on a new class of two-proton emitters associated with Isobaric Analog States (IAS). The two-proton decay is to the Isobaric Analog state of the daughter, which then gamma decays. These isospin-allowed transitions occur when one-proton decays are forbidden by either energy or isospin conservation, and when two-proton decay to the ground state is isospin forbidden. Three possible examples of this decay path will be discussed (${}^8\text{B}_{IAS}$, ${}^{12}\text{N}_{IAS}$, and ${}^{16}\text{F}_{IAS}$). The known IAS of ${}^8\text{C}$ in ${}^8\text{B}$ was confirmed to decay by two-proton emission to the 3.56 MeV IAS in ${}^6\text{Li}$. While the IAS in ${}^8\text{B}$ was previously known, it was measured in this experiment with unbiased statistics and in coincidence with the 3.56 MeV gamma-ray. The IAS in ${}^{16}\text{F}$ was investigated for the first time in this experiment and is still under investigation. Previous work on the IAS of ${}^{12}\text{O}$ in ${}^{12}\text{N}$ at the Cyclotron Institute at Texas A&M will also be presented.

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