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**Beta decay strengths from the decay of  $^{116m1,m2,gs}\text{Ag}$**  J.C. BATCHELDER, H.K. CARTER, E.H. SPEJEWSKI, UNIRIB/ORAU, J.-C. BILHEUX, K.P. RYKACZEWSKI, D.W. STRACENER, C.R. BINGHAM, R. GRZYWACZ, M.N. TANTAWY, Y. LAROCHELLE, U. Tennessee, J.H. HAMILTON, W. KROLAS, D. FONG, A.V. RAMAYYA, J.K. HWANG, Vanderbilt University, P.E. GARRETT, U. Guelph, D.J. HARTLEY, U.S. Naval Academy, D. KULP, J.L. WOOD, Ga. Tech, A. PIECHACZEK, E.F. ZGANJAR, Louisiana State U, J.A. WINGER, Mississippi State U — An inconsistency with the published data on the decay of a  $5+$   $^{116m}\text{Ag}$  has been the non-zero beta feeding strength for the decay of  $^{116}\text{Ag}$  to low-lying levels with spins of 2 and 3 [1]. Recently [2], we have shown that  $^{116}\text{Ag}$  has a third isomer. Through the use of conversion electron and gamma spectroscopy, we were able to show that the ground state must be  $0-$  rather than the previously assigned  $2-$  [3]. This results in the three beta-decaying levels in  $^{116}\text{Ag}$  having  $J^{\pi}$  of  $0-$ ,  $3+$ , and  $6-$ . Our results indicate that the feeding of the levels in  $^{116}\text{Cd}$  with spins of 2 and 3 arise from the  $3+$  isomer in  $^{116}\text{Ag}$ , which is perfectly consistent with allowed beta transitions from the  $3+$   $^{116m1}\text{Ag}$  isomer. In this talk, a discussion of the beta strengths of the three isomers as well as the levels in Cd will be presented. [1] Y. Wang, et al., Phys. Rev. C 64, 054315 (2001). [2] J. C. Batchelder, et. al., Rev. C. 72, 044306 (2005). [3] T. Bjørnstad and J. Alstad, J. Inorg. Nucl. Chem., 36, 2159 (1974).

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