States in ¹⁹³Pt using the (p,t) reaction

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Levels in ¹⁹³Pt were populated by the (p,t) reaction using 25 MeV protons and an isotopically enriched ¹⁹⁵Pt target. A number of low-lying negative parity states are observed. By far the most strongly populated is the $1/2^-$ ground state. Some of these states are qualitatively interpreted assuming Coriolis coupling and rotation-vibration coupling between the $1/2^-|530|$, $3/2^-|532|$, and $5/2^-|532|$ Nilsson states and an oblate core. L = 0 angular distributions for states in ¹⁹³Pt appear to be associated with the excited $J^{\pi} = 0^+$ states in the even-even Pt cores.

NUCLEAR REACTION ¹⁹⁵Pt(p, t)¹⁹³Pt, E(p) = 25 MeV, excitation energies, $\sigma(E_t, \theta) \ \theta = 5^{\circ} - 55^{\circ}$, ¹⁹³Pt l, J, π , deduced; enriched target; magnetic spectrograph; analyses, strong coupling model, oblate shape.

I. INTRODUCTION

The platinum nuclei reside in the interesting transitional region between the strongly prolate rare earth nuclei and the spherical nulcei in the vicinity of the doubly closed shell at ²⁰⁸Pb. As predicted originally by Kumar and Baranger,¹ a shape transition from prolate to oblate seems to occur as one goes from the neutron deficient lighter Pt isotopes to the stable heavier Pt isotopes. The general experience in transitional nuclei in which shape transitions are occurring is that the nuclear potentials are quite soft. In odd-A nuclei the nature of the nucleon can exert a considerable polarizing influence on the soft core. This can lead to quite different coexisting nuclear shapes.

Indeed, in ¹⁹³Pt, the $\frac{1}{2}$ ground state and other low spin low-lying negative parity states are believed to involve Coriolis coupled Nilsson bands arising from an oblate potential. On the other hand, the $\frac{13}{2}$ state and the decoupled band built on it has been convincingly characterized² as an $i_{13/2}$ neutron hole coupled to a triaxially deformed core.

The goal of the present (p, t) experiment is to relate states in the residual ¹⁹³Pt nucleus to the ground state configuration in the ¹⁹⁵Pt target. For superfluid nuclei, most of the two-neutron transfer strength populates states in the produce nucleus closely related to the ground state of the target. When the target and residual nuclei have approximately the same shape and there is very little Coriolis coupling, most of the two nucleon strength should appear in the ground state or the ground state band. Thus the (p,t) reaction is a sensitive method of searching for deviations from the strong-coupling model and is therefore of particular value in studying nuclei like ¹⁹³Pt. Previous research on ¹⁹³Pt includes high spin studies² utilizing the $(\alpha, 3n\gamma)$ reaction, neutron pickup studies involving the (p, d) reaction^{3,4} and decay scheme studies.⁵ These earlier studies complement the present (p, t) studies effectively.

In Sec. II we describe the experimental procedure, while the experimental results are presented in Sec. III. Section IV contains a discussion and interpretation of results, while Sec. V is a brief summary and conclusion.

II. EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURE

Targets of ¹⁹⁵Pt, 65 μ g/cm² thick, were prepared by slow (~24 h per target) evaporation of separated platinum metal onto 79 μ g/cm² carbon foil using focused electron bombardment. Target thicknesses were measured with a Sloan thickness gauge and are believed accurate to ±25%. The ¹⁹⁵Pt isotope, which was obtained from the Stable Isotopes Division of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, was enriched to 97.28%.

A 25 MeV proton beam from the Orsay MP tandem accelerator was used to study simultaneously the (p,d) and (p,t) reactions. Emitted particles were analyzed by a split pole magnetic spectrometer and detected in the focal plane with solid state position sensitive detectors. The experimental setup was the same as the one used for the previous study of the (p,d) reactions on even Pt targets.⁴ Only the results of the analysis of the (p,t) reaction will be presented here. Absolute cross sections were deduced using the target thickness indicated above.

III. RESULTS

Figure 1 presents a triton spectrum taken at $\theta_{1ab} = 5^{\circ}$ with respect to the beam, for ¹⁹³Pt. In

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FIG. 1. The triton spectrum from the reaction 195 Pt(p,t) 193 Pt. The levels are labeled with the excitation energy in keV.

Table I the excitation energies intensities and L values of levels in ¹⁹³Pt obtained in the (p,t) reaction are compared with data for ¹⁹³Pt obtained from gamma ray spectroscopy^{2,5} following decay or (α, xn) reactions and neutron pickup reaction spectroscopy.^{3,4} The intensities for the (p,t) reaction presented in Table I $(\sum \sigma)$ are obtained by summing the differential cross sections.

In the present experiment the angular distributions of the g.s. \rightarrow g.s., L = 0 transitions were taken simultaneously at 25 MeV for the various isotopes using a natural Pt target. The relative strengths, in agreement within error limits with those previously determined in the same way at 26 MeV (Ref. 6), are given in Table II. From this direct comparison the ¹⁹⁵Pt (p,t) ¹⁹³Pt strength is shown to be about 50% of that observed for the even isotopes. This unambiguously determined value is in disagreement with the 20% value which would be obtained by comparing the absolute cross sections from the present work (odd Pt) and from Ref. 6 (even Pt). The discrepancy may be partly due to the energy difference between the two studies (25 and 26 MeV) but could be partly due also to an error in the estimation of one of the target thicknesses. It should therefore be stressed that there are potential uncertainties of the order of a factor of 2 in the absolute normalization of the cross sections, either in the present study or in the preceding work⁶ at 26 MeV on the even Pt isotopes.

Angular distributions for some of the levels observed in the ¹⁹⁵Pt(p, t) ¹⁹³Pt reaction are presented in Figs. 2 and 3. The characteristic, forward peaked, oscillatory, angular distributions of Fig. 2, with a minimum at 15°, correspond to an L=0transfer and the final levels have therefore $J^{\tau} = \frac{1}{2}^{-}$. The ^{196,194}Pt(p, t) ^{194,192}Pt($0^{+}_{1,2,3}$) L=0 angular distributions measured⁶ at 26 MeV are also presented for comparison.

Levels populated in the 194 Pt $(p,d)^{193}$ Pt reaction

by an l=1 transfer have either $J''=\frac{1}{2}$ or $J''=\frac{3}{2}$. In the (p, t) reaction with a $J^{\pi} = \frac{1}{2}$ target, a level with $J^{*} = \frac{1}{2}$ is necessarily populated by a pure L=0 transition, a level with $J^{\pi}=\frac{3}{2}^{-}$ by a pure L=2 transition. In the upper part of Fig. 3, L=2angular distributions observed in the 195 Pt(p, t)¹⁹³ Pt reaction for known $J^{*} = \frac{3}{2}^{-}$ or $\frac{5}{2}^{-}$ final levels are shown. For comparison the 196,194 Pt $(p,t)^{194,192}$ Pt $(2_{1,2}^{+})$ angular distributions measured⁶ at 26 MeV are shown just below. The (p,t) angular distributions for the ¹⁹³Pt levels at 841, 922, and 1182 keV, populated in the (p,d) reaction by l=1 transfer are shown in the lower part of Fig. 3. The clear fact that these distributions are not L = 0(see Fig. 2 for comparison) and have a reasonable similarity with the known L = 2 distributions of Fig. 3, permit a unique assignment $J' = \frac{3}{2}$ for the three levels.

Very close to the $J^{\tau} = \frac{1}{2}^{-}$, ground state, two states with $J^{\tau} = \frac{3}{2}^{-}$ and $\frac{5}{2}^{-}$, respectively, were observed⁵ at 1.64 and 14.27 keV in 193 Pt. The 14 keV resolution (full width at half maximum) of the present experiment does not permit the resolution of the 1.64 keV state from the ground state. Even the 14.27 keV state can be resolved from the two other states only when the cross sections are of the same order of magnitude, which happens at the angle $\theta_{1ab} = 15^{\circ}$, corresponding to the deep minimum of the ground state L = 0 angular distribution. At this angle the ratio $\sigma(g.s.) + \sigma(1.64)$ $\sigma(14.27)$ is equal to 3. If the angular distribution for the 14.27 keV state is assumed to be identical to those observed for the other $J^{r} = \frac{5}{2}$ states, the summed cross section is estimated to be about 6% of that for the ground state.

Although the 1.64 keV state cannot be resolved from the ground state an evaluation of its summed cross section may be attempted from a comparison of the shapes of all the angular distributions corresponding to ground state transitions, measured simultaneously with a natural Pt target. These angular distributions are very similar for all the even Pt ground states. Only in the case of $^{195}Pt_{g.s.} \rightarrow ^{193}Pt_{(g.s.)}$ transition, where the ground state is not resolved from the first excited state, the relative cross section at $\theta_{1ab} = 15^{\circ}$ is appreciably larger (by a factor of 4 if the 14.27 keV state cross section is not subtracted, by a factor of 3 if it is) than in the case of the even isotopes. The summed cross section corresponding to the 1.64 keV is estimated from this evidence to be about two times larger than that of the 14.27 keV state, assuming similar angular distributions for the two levels.

IV. DISCUSSION

The (p, t) reaction selects those states in the

	Gamma spectroscopy ^{a,b}		194 Pt $(p, d)^{193}$ P Energies (keV)		Pt	195 Pt $(p,t)^{193}$ Pt (This research)			
•	E (keV)	J^{π}	Ref. c	Ref. d	l	$E (\text{keV})^{f}$	Σσ	L	J
	0	$\frac{1}{2}^{-}$	0	0		0	100	0	$\frac{1}{2}^{-}$
	1.64	$\frac{3}{2}$			T		[(12)]		
	14.27	5-2	14	20	3	(14)	[(6)]		
	114.15	$(\frac{3}{2})$	114						
	121.3		121	111	1	117	1.9		
	149.78	$\frac{13}{2}^{+}$	148	192	6	$(^{192}Pt_{g,s_*})$	weak		
	187.81	$(\frac{3}{2})$	189			188	2.7	2	$\frac{3}{2}$
	199.0	$\frac{11}{2}^{+}$							
	232.15	$(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{5}{2})$	233		(3)	232	4.9	2	<u>5</u> - 2
	269.84	$(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{5}{2})$	271	265	1	271	1.9	2	$\frac{3}{2}$
			308	303	(4,5)	(307)	(0.15)		
			340	330	(4,5)	340	2		
		÷		415	3				
			423	425	3	425	4.6		
	439.06	$(\frac{3}{2})$							
		-	459 ^e	450	1 + (3)	462	2		
	491.0	$\frac{17}{2}$ +							
	491.25	$(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{5}{2})$	491	486	3	492	0.7	2	$(\frac{5}{2})$
	519.6	<u>15</u> +							4
	522.54	$(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{5}{2})$							
		2 2	530	524	1	531	1.8		
			544	545	(3)				
			563		1				
			599	587	3	597	4.2		
	603.3	<u>15</u> +							
		4				622	0.9		
			630	616	3				
						642	1.2		
			675	665	6				
			701	692	(3),(6)	701	0.5		
			728	718°	3(+0)	728	1.5		
			755	743	3	753	3.3		
			830		(3)	8 2 8	2.1		
			846	832	1	841	4.3	2	3-
	907.4	$(\frac{17}{2}^{+})$							z
		2	923	910	1	922	3	2	3-
			969	960	X				4

TABLE I. Comparison of ¹⁹³Pt levels observed in the ¹⁹⁵Pt(p,t)¹⁹³Pt reaction with those observed in gamma spectroscopy and the neutron pickup reaction.

Gamma spectroscopy ^{a,b}		194 Pt $(p, d)^{193}$ Pt Energies (keV)			195 Pt $(p,t)^{193}$ Pt (This research)			
E (keV)	J [#]	Ref. c	Ref.d	l	$E (\text{keV})^{f}$	$\sum \sigma$	L	J^{π}
980.5	19+ 2			·				
	2				984	1.1		
1003.4	$\frac{21^{+}}{2}$	1014		(4,5)				
		1042	1025	6				
					1053	2.5		
		1069		(3)				
		1099	1086	(3)X	1091	1		
1103.5								
		1130		(3)				
1159.9	$\frac{19}{2}^{+}$							
		1168		(1)				
		1188	1169	1	1182	1	2	$\frac{3}{2}$
		(1225)			1217	1.9		
		1245	1222°	3,3 + 1	1243	0.8		
					1265	2.9		
1320.8	$\frac{21}{2}^{(-)}$							
					1333	2.8		
					1364	1.9		
					1425	2		
1454.7	$\frac{25}{2}^{(-)}$							
					1457	3	0	$\frac{1}{2}$
1510.3								
					1534	1.4	0	$\frac{1}{2}^{-}$
					1557	3.5	0	$\frac{1}{2}$
					1585	1.6		
					1610	0.9		
1631.8	$\frac{25}{2}^{+}$							

TABLE I. (Continued.)

^aReference 2.

^bReference 5.

^cReference 4.

^dReference 3.

^e Unresolved doublet.

^f The uncertainties in excitation energies are ± 4 keV up to 1 MeV and ± 8 keV above 1 MeV.

TABLE II. Relative g.s. \rightarrow g.s. transition strengths in the (p, t) reaction for all the Pt isotopes at 25 MeV, see Ref. 6.

190 - 192	192 - 194	193 - 195	194 - 196	196 + 198
111	100	50	96.8	98.5



FIG. 2. Angular distributions of the states with L=0 from the reaction $^{195}\text{Pt}(p,t)^{193}\text{Pt}$. The corresponding angular distributions for the reactions $^{196,194}\text{Pt}(0^+_{g,s,\cdot})(p,t)^{194,192}\text{Pt}(0^+_{1,2,3})$ at 26 MeV are pre-

sented for comparison.

residual nucleus which are closely related to the ground state of the target nucleus for preferential population. It is therefore of considerable value to discuss the nature of the $\frac{1}{2}$ target ground state in ¹⁹⁵Pt.

A. Nature of the $\frac{1}{2}^{-195}$ Pt ground state

Both the studies of the reorientation effect in Coulomb excitation⁷⁻⁹ on the neighboring even-even Pt isotopes and the observation² of decoupled bands built on the $i_{13/2}$ hole orbital in the lighter odd-A Pt isotopes strongly suggest that ¹⁹⁵Pt must be oblate, Indeed, the study of ¹⁹⁵Pt with (d, p) and (d, t) reactions¹⁰ has led to a qualitative interpretation of the ground state as the $\frac{1}{2}$ band head of the $\frac{1}{2}$ [530] Nilsson band with an oblate deformation $\beta \simeq -0.13$. A more qualitative interpretation¹⁰ of the observed spectroscopic factors requires that the nuclear potential be extremely soft in the



FIG. 3. In the upper part: Angular distributions of the states with known spins of $3/2^-$ or $5/2^-$. The corresponding angular distributions for the reactions 196,194 Pt($0^*_{g,s,\cdot}$) $(p,t)^{194,192}$ Pt($2^{+}_{1,2}$) at 26 MeV are presented for comparison. In the lower part: Angular distributions of states with l = 1 in the 194 Pt $(p,d)^{193}$ Pt reaction. Cross sections as a function of angle for seven angles of a number of states whose angular distributions were not presented in this paper though seen in reaction 195 Pt $(p,t)^{193}$ Pt and are available through the Physics Auxiliary Publication Service (Ref. 12).

gamma (γ) degree of freedom—actually approaching γ instability. Both the extremely low second 2^+ state in even-even Os, Pt, and Hg isotopes and the calculations of potential energy surfaces¹ in this transition region, which show only shallow minima in the β - γ plane, are consistent with this interpretation.

Thus although the $\frac{1}{2}$ 530 band head served as

a convenient label for the $^{195}\rm{Pt}$ ground state and undoubtedly represents a wave function component >50%, it must be recognized that, in view of strong Coriolis and important rotation-vibration coupling, this state has indeed a complex configuration.

B. The $\frac{1}{2}$ |530| band in ¹⁹³Pt

It has been pointed out in Sec. III that the strength for the ¹⁹⁵Pt_{g.s.} \rightarrow ¹⁹³Pt_{g.s.} transition, obtained directly with a natural Pt target, is about 50% of that observed for the even isotopes (Table II). This effect is well known for superfluid nuclei and has been explained¹¹ by the "blocking" of the "hot" $J=\frac{1}{2}$ orbital by a neutron in the odd target.

In spite of the complexity of the $\frac{1}{2}$ ground state of ¹⁹⁵Pt detailed in the previous section it is obvious that the ground state of ¹⁹³Pt is very similar. Not only does the (p,t) reaction populate it with an L=0 transition, but it is populated extremely strongly. No more than 12% of the g.s. strength goes to any other state. Thus the $\frac{1}{2}$ ground state of ¹⁹³Pt can be qualitatively identified as the band head of the $\frac{1}{2}$ -|530| Nilsson state arising from an oblate potential with, however, considerable rotation-particle and vibration-rotation coupling. Reasonable but very tentative higher rotational members of the $\frac{1}{2}$ -|530| band are the possible $\frac{3}{2}$ state at 188 keV and the $\frac{3}{2}$ or $\frac{5}{2}$ - state at 232 keV assumed here to be $\frac{5}{2}$ -.

C. The $\frac{3}{2}$ |532| and $\frac{5}{2}$ |532| bands

The two states with $J^{\pi} = \frac{3}{2}^{-}$ and $\frac{5}{2}^{-}$ at 1.64 and 14.27 keV appear as discussed before to be the most strongly populated states except for the ground state. The most reasonable interpretation of these states is as the lowest members of the $\frac{3}{2}$ |532| and $\frac{5}{2}$ |532| bands. Their energy of excitation is too low for interpretation as band members of the $\frac{1}{2}$ |530| band. However, through first and second order Coriolis coupling, these states should mix with the ground state band. Furthermore, their Nilsson configurations relative to the ground state, $|Nn_3\Lambda\pm2|$, stamps them as the states which will mix readily with the $K \pm 2$ gamma vibrations. These admixtures explain the relatively intense population of the observed states in the (p,t) reaction. In view of the uncertainty, no attempt has been made to assign higher band members.

D. The $vi_{13/2}$ decoupled band

Unfortunately, a small amount of ¹⁹⁴Pt contamination in our target gives rise to a triton group from the ¹⁹⁴Pt(p, t)¹⁹²Pt(g.s.) which obscures the 150 keV energy region of excitation in ¹⁹⁵Pt where the $i_{13/2}$ decoupled band head is observed.⁵ Even though the observed peak is very weak (Table I), we are unable either to confirm or deny the population of the $\nu i_{13/2}$ band head. We can, however, set a firm limit, 1.5% of the g.s. strength, as the maximum population of this state.

E. Other L = 0 states

In addition to the L = 0 angular distributions populating the ground state of ¹⁹³Pt, a number of other L=0 angular distributions populate states at 1457. 1534, and 1557 keV. Interestingly these are the only L = 0 angular distributions and lie in a narrow energy band quite close to known⁶ $J^{\tau} = 0^{+}$ states in ¹⁹²Pt and ¹⁹⁴Pt at 1617 and 1546 keV respectively. It should be noted that these are the second excited 0⁺ states in ^{192, 194}Pt, which are appreciably more populated than the first excited $0^{\scriptscriptstyle +}$ states in the (p, t) reaction on these even-even nuclei.⁶ It seems, therefore, that these states in ¹⁹³Pt correspond mainly to the $\frac{1}{2}$ 530 particle (hole) state coupled to the second excited 0^+ core in ¹⁹²Pt(¹⁹⁴Pt). The observed fragmentation into two or three states in ¹⁹³Pt is expected in going from an even-even nucleus to an odd-A nucleus.

F. L = 2 states in ¹⁹³Pt

In the simplest weak coupling description of the data we would expect to see $\frac{3}{2}^{-}$ and $\frac{5}{2}^{-}$ states built on the $\frac{1}{2}^{-}$ g.s. at 322 keV with L = 2 angular distributions and with ~13% of the g.s. strength divided between them. We might have expected this because the 2⁺ states in ¹⁹²Pt and ¹⁹⁴Pt lie at 316 and 328 keV with 11% and 14.5% of the g.s. strength respectively. However, in view of the high density of states near the ground state, here interpreted as $\frac{1}{2}|530|$, $\frac{3}{2}^{-}|532|$, and $\frac{5}{2}^{-}|532|$ configurations, each of which can give rise to $\frac{3}{2}^{-}$ and $\frac{5}{2}^{-}$ states when coupled to a one-phonon vibration, we might expect to see three sets of $\frac{3}{2}^{-}$ and $\frac{5}{2}^{-}$ states with ~13% of the g.s. strength divided between them.

Four states, two with $J^{\tau} = \frac{3}{2}^{-}$ and two with $J^{\tau} = \frac{5}{2}^{-}$ and L = 2 angular distributions, are observed at 188, 232, 271, and 492 keV, respectively (see Fig. 3). The combined strength of these states is 10.2% of the ground state. Thus, although none of the energies is close to 320 keV, their average is reasonably close. Furthermore, the summed cross section for all four states is quite reasonable. Thus if one is willing to assume severe fragmentation of the type described here, the weak coupling model seems to be crudely appropriate in explaining the band of $\frac{3}{2}^{-}$ and $\frac{5}{2}^{-}$ states of ¹⁹³Pt. Indeed there are other states at 425 and 462 keV which may even be the missing $\frac{5}{2}^-$ and $\frac{3}{2}^-$ states. The angular distributions of the (p,d) reaction (Table I) are suggestive of this, although the (p,t) angular distributions measured here are not consistent with any simple angular distribution for these states.

States in ¹⁹³Pt populated in the (p,t) reaction with L=2 angular distributions are also observed at 841, 922, and 1182 keV (see Sec. III). These states lie higher in energy than the weakly populated⁶ second 2⁺ (611 keV, 1.7% and 622 keV, 1.6%, respectively) of the possible even-even cores. There is no evidence for any simple relationship between these higher lying L=2 states and the 2⁺ states of the even-even Pt cores.

V. CONCLUSION

The (p,t) reaction has permitted the population of levels in ¹⁹³Pt, many of which were previously unknown. In particular, the reaction populates a number of low-lying negative parity states in ¹⁹³Pt which are related to the ¹⁹⁵Pt ground state. Some of these low-lying states have been associated with the $\frac{1}{2}|530|$, $\frac{3}{2}|532|$, and $\frac{5}{2}|532|$ Nilsson bands assuming an oblate deformation. In view of the fact that ¹⁹³Pt lies in the transition region and because of the related nature of the three

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Nilsson bands, considerable particle-rotation and rotation-vibration coupling must be operative. Thus the Nilsson assignments should be thought of as labels rather than assignments to relatively pure states.

The states with L=0 angular distributions observed in a narrow excitation energy band in ¹⁹³Pt seem quite clearly related to the excited 0⁺ states of the even neighboring Pt nuclei. A band of L=2states is crudely but appropriately described in terms of a one-phonon vibration built on the configurational triplet of states near the ground state. Higher lying L=2 states and other states evidence no simple model relationships (like weak coupling between the even cores and the odd particles). Instead, the strength is split among many levels and no special selectivity is apparent. This is clearly a consequence of the complicated nature of the $J^* = \frac{1}{2}^-$ target ground state and of the striking proximity of all the single particle levels in ¹⁹³Pt.

This study again demonstrates both the complexity and the richness of detail of the spectroscopy of the transitional nuclei.

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