

## Gamma-neutrino angular correlations in muon capture by <sup>28</sup>Si. II

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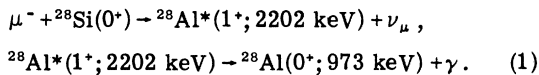
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We report here the results of the numerical calculations of the gamma-neutrino angular correlation coefficients in the capture of polarized muons by the <sup>28</sup>Si nucleus. Closed expressions for these coefficients are derived taking into account the relativistic terms in the muon capture Hamiltonian, in the impulse approximation. Relations among these coefficients, the average and the longitudinal polarization of the recoil nucleus in muon capture, are derived and are shown to be independent of nuclear models and muon-capture coupling constants. By comparing with experimental data, we obtain a value for the induced pseudoscalar coupling constant  $g_p$ , as  $(13.5 + 3.5, - 5.5)g_A$ , indicating a possible absence of quenching of  $g_p$  in the <sup>28</sup>Si nucleus. The effect of meson exchange currents on these correlation coefficients are discussed.

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### I. INTRODUCTION

In an earlier paper<sup>1</sup> (hereafter referred to as I) we considered a simple formalism based on the density matrix methods to study the  $\gamma$ -neutrino angular correlations in the capture of unpolarized muons by the <sup>28</sup>Si nucleus, namely,



It is the purpose of this paper to extend the same formalism as in I, to the capture of polarized muons, in the above process. Now the angular distribution of  $\gamma$  rays with respect to the neutrino direction, can be given in the following form so as to make an easy comparison with the measurement of the William and Mary group<sup>2</sup>:

$$I(\theta_{\gamma\nu}) = I(0)[1 + \alpha P_2(\cos\theta_{\gamma\nu}) + \beta_1(\vec{P} \cdot \hat{\gamma})(\hat{\gamma} \cdot \hat{\nu})P_2(\cos\theta_{\gamma\nu}) + \beta_2(\vec{P} \cdot \hat{\gamma})(\hat{\gamma} \cdot \hat{\nu})], \quad (2)$$

where  $\vec{P}$  is the polarization of the muon in the atomic  $K$  orbit at the instant of capture<sup>3</sup> ( $|\vec{P}| \sim 16\%$  in <sup>28</sup>Si),  $\hat{\gamma}$  and  $\hat{\nu}$  are the unit vectors along photon and neutrino momenta, respectively. It is clear from Eq. (2) that  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$  arise due to the muon polarization and they involve different angular dependence from that of  $\alpha$  in I. These are the coefficients of our present interest, for the following reasons: (i) The correlation coefficient  $\alpha$ , studied in I, provided a wide range for  $g_p$  when compared with the experiment,<sup>2</sup> due to the large experimental uncertainties. As  $\beta_2$  has been measured by the same group rather accurately, we hope to obtain a closer range for  $g_p$  which will be useful in discussing the possible existence of the second class axial currents within the impulse approximation. (ii) We wish to examine possible

relations among  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta_1$ ,  $\beta_2$ , and other observables in nuclear muon capture, similar to that of  $\alpha$  and  $P_L$  in I. (iii) The disagreement between the earlier calculations of Ciechanowicz<sup>4</sup> and the experiment<sup>2</sup> for  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$  necessitates further analysis. (iv) In view of the importance of meson exchange corrections to the impulse approximation in muon capture,<sup>5</sup> we wish to study the effect of these corrections on  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta_1$ , and  $\beta_2$ .

The theory of  $\gamma$ -neutrino angular correlation in polarized muon capture has been considered in a series of papers by Popov *et al.*<sup>6</sup> and Oziewicz and Pikulskii,<sup>7</sup> using the multipole expansion of the weak hadronic currents in close analogy with the orbital electron capture and by Devanathan and Subramanian<sup>8</sup> using the density matrix methods. We<sup>1</sup> have considered a simple approach to the  $\gamma$ -neutrino angular correlation in an allowed Gamow-Teller muon capture transition followed by  $M1$  gamma decay. The choice of a simple Hamiltonian for the  $M1$  gamma decay part,<sup>9</sup> greatly simplifies the treatment and is particularly useful for our present purpose. Recently Kobayashi, Ohtsuka, Ohtsubo, and Morita<sup>10</sup> applied the formalism based on the spherical representation of the effective muon capture Hamiltonian developed by Morita<sup>11</sup> and Ohtsubo, Kume, and Ohtsuka<sup>12</sup> to the calculation <sup>12</sup>B( $1^+; g \cdot s$ ) average recoil polarization, but so far they have not considered the  $\gamma$ -neutrino angular correlations. In this paper, we extend our formalism in I. It consists in using the effective muon capture Hamiltonian of Fujii and Primakoff<sup>13</sup> to construct the density matrix of the final nucleus in its spin space preserving the angular identity of the neutrino, using the operator for  $\gamma$  emission as  $\vec{j}_N \cdot \vec{A}_p$ , following Rose,<sup>9</sup> where  $\vec{j}_N$  is the nucleon current and  $\vec{A}_p$  is the vector potential of the  $\gamma$  ray of cir-

cular polarization  $p(= \pm 1)$ , to construct the density matrix of the final nucleus after gamma decay, using the impulse approximation and summing over  $p(= \pm 1)$ . The details of these steps are given in Sec. II and the relevant expressions in Appendix A. As discussed in I, we use the particle-hole wave functions of Donnelly and Walker<sup>14</sup> to describe  $^{28}\text{Al}^*(1^+; 2202 \text{ keV})$  as this can be considered to be the isobaric analog of  $^{28}\text{Si}(1^+; 13.67 \text{ MeV})$ . These particle-hole wave functions are obtained by diagonalizing the nuclear Hamiltonian in the  $2\hbar\omega$  shell model space and the residual interaction is described by the Serber-Yukawa force. These wave functions satisfactorily reproduce the inelastic electron scattering data.<sup>14</sup> The closed expressions for  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$  are given in the Appendix B. In Sec. III we give the relations among  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta_1$ ,  $\beta_2$ ,  $P_N$ , and  $P_L$  and obtain bounds on the numerical values of  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$ . Numerical results for  $\beta_1$ ,  $\beta_2$ , and  $\alpha$  (for comparison) for the process (1) are presented in Sec. IV along with the comparison with the experiment.<sup>2</sup> The effect of the meson exchange currents on  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta_1$ , and  $\beta_2$  are discussed in the same section.

We briefly summarize our main results as follows: (i)  $\beta_2$  is found to be nuclear model insensitive to a large extent while  $\beta_1$  is sensitive to the nuclear wave functions. (ii) Using the experimental<sup>2</sup> value of  $\beta_2$ , we obtain  $g_p = (13.5 + 3.5, -5.5)g_A$ , a value to a large extent free from nuclear wave function uncertainties. (iii) With a partially conserved axial-vector current (PCAC) estimate of  $g_p$ , our results indicate  $g_T = (6 + 3.5, -5.5)g_A$ . (iv) With canonical values of muon capture coupling constants,  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$  are found to be in satisfactory agreement with the measurement of the William and Mary group,<sup>2</sup> indicating the absence of quenching of  $g_p$  in the  $^{28}\text{Si}$  nucleus. (v) The effect of the meson exchange corrections on  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta_1$ , and  $\beta_2$  are found to be small.

Throughout this paper we use the  $\hbar = m_\mu = c = 1$  system of units and the notation of Rose<sup>15</sup> for angular momentum coefficients.

## II. $\gamma$ -NEUTRINO ANGULAR CORRELATION COEFFICIENTS IN POLARIZED MUON CAPTURE

Consider the nuclear transition

$$|J_i M_i\rangle \xrightarrow{\mu^-} |J_f M_f\rangle \xrightarrow{\gamma} |J_F M_F\rangle \quad (3)$$

with the initial nuclear state unpolarized and with the muon of polarization  $\vec{P}$ . Let us confine ourselves to the Gamow-Teller muon capture transition followed by  $M1$   $\gamma$  decay, relevant to our purpose of discussing the process (1). The construction of the density matrix  $\rho_f$  for the inter-

mediate nucleus  $|J_f M_f\rangle$  in its  $(2J_f + 1)$ -dimensional spin space, in polarized muon capture has been discussed in general by Devanathan, Parthasarathy, and Ramachandran<sup>16</sup> [their Eq. (15)] and in particular for a  $0^+ - 1^+$  transition by Devanathan, Parthasarathy, and Subramanian<sup>17</sup> [their Eq. (11)]. As we are now interested in the  $\gamma$ -neutrino angular distribution, the integration over neutrino directions should not be carried out, thus the expression for  $\rho_f$  will be different from that given in Ref. 17. The expression for the matrix element of  $\rho_f$  in the case of unpolarized muon capture has already been given by Eq. (2) of I and we give here only the additional terms due to the muon polarization, in the Appendix A. It is to be noted that these additional terms involve the spherical harmonics  $y_{J_f}^{\mu_f}(\hat{v})(\vec{P} \cdot \hat{v})$  and  $[y_{J_f}(\hat{v}) \times y_1(\hat{P})]_{J_f}^{\mu_f}$  which are different from the simple  $y_{J_f}^{\mu_f}(\hat{v})$  of Eq. (2) of I. Thus Eq. (A1) and Eq. (2) of I define the matrix element of  $\rho_f$  in the polarized muon capture, appropriate to our purpose of discussing the process (1).

Denoting this density matrix element by  $(\rho_f)_{M_f M_f'}$ , that of  $|J_F M_F\rangle$  in Eq. (3) after the  $\gamma$  decay can be obtained by using Eqs. (5) and (6) of I. The details of this part are contained in I. However, owing to the additional spherical harmonics in Eq. (A1), it seems to be convenient to use the following kinematics:  $\gamma$  direction is chosen to be the  $z$  axis and an integration over the unphysical azimuth angle  $\phi_\nu$  of the neutrino is carried out using Eqs. (A2) and (A3). The resulting angular distribution of  $\gamma$  rays with respect to neutrino direction is given in Eq. (A4), relevant for our present purpose. From Eq. (A4), it can be seen that when the summation over  $J$  is carried out, the terms with  $J=0$  and which do not contain  $\vec{P}$ , become independent of the angle  $\theta_{\nu\nu}$ . These terms with appropriate muon capture coupling constants define  $I(0)$  and are factored out. The terms with  $J=1$  do not contribute due to the property of the parity Clebsch-Gordan coefficients. The terms with  $J=2$  and without the muon polarization yield the  $P_2(\cos\theta_{\nu\nu})$  angular dependence discussed in I. The terms with  $J=2$  and with muon polarization yield  $(\vec{P} \cdot \hat{\gamma})(\hat{\gamma} \cdot \hat{v})P_2(\cos\theta_{\nu\nu})$  and  $(\vec{P} \cdot \hat{\gamma})(\hat{\gamma} \cdot \hat{v})$ , with the coefficients defining  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$ , respectively, in Eq. (2).<sup>18</sup> The explicit expressions for  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$  are given in Eqs. (B1) and (B2), respectively. These constitute one of our main results. It is to be noted that these are derived including the relativistic terms in the Fujii-Primakoff Hamiltonian and taking into account higher order partial waves of the neutrino.

In order to obtain an idea of the dependence of  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$  on the muon capture coupling constants without going through the details of the numerical

computation (which are carried out in Sec. IV), we shall examine them in the Fujii-Primakoff approximation by neglecting the relativistic terms and confining our study to  $S$ -wave neutrinos only. In this scheme the nuclear reduced matrix elements are cancelled and we obtain

$$\beta_1 = G_P^2 / (3G_A^2 + G_P^2 - 2G_P G_A), \quad (4)$$

$$\beta_2 = (3G_A^2 - G_P^2) / (3G_A^2 + G_P^2 - 2G_P G_A). \quad (5)$$

From these equations it is clear that  $\beta_1$  will be more sensitive to  $g_P$  than  $\beta_2$  and  $\beta_1 = 0$ ;  $\beta_2 = 1$  for a pure Gamow-Teller transition, neglecting the induced interactions.

### III. RELATIONS AMONG $\alpha$ , $\beta_1$ , $\beta_2$ , $P_N$ , AND $P_L$

In I, we derived a simple relation between  $\alpha$  and  $P_L$  and discussed its usefulness. In this section, we shall attempt similar relations for the additional correlation coefficients  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$ . We start first by examining the expression for  $\beta_1$ ,  $\beta_2$ ,  $P_N$ , and  $P_L$  under the Fujii-Primakoff approximation. Using Eqs. (10) and (11) of I for  $\alpha$  and  $P_L$ , respectively, Eqs. (4) and (5) of the previous section for  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$ , and Eq. (37) of Ref. 17 for  $P_N$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_1 &= 1 - \frac{3}{2} P_N / P, \\ \beta_2 &= -1 + \frac{3}{2} P_N / P - \frac{3}{2} P_L, \\ \beta_1 + \beta_2 &= 1 + \alpha. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

We have examined the validity of these relations taking into account the relativistic terms in the Fujii-Primakoff Hamiltonian and higher order partial waves of the neutrino. This procedure is straightforward and it consists in using Eqs. (B1) and (B2) for  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$ , Eq. (9) of I for  $\alpha$ , Ref. 17 for  $P_N$ , and Ref. 19 for  $P_L$ , with the standard angular momentum algebra. The relations in Eq. (6) are independent of nuclear models and muon capture couplings. It seems that these can be derived on more general grounds by using helicity formalism and the rotational invariance of the problem, as shown by Bernabeu.<sup>20</sup> We wish to point out that we have obtained these independently by starting from the explicit muon capture Hamiltonian, deriving the complete expressions for  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$ , and comparing them with those for  $\alpha$ ,  $P_N$ , and  $P_L$ .

A few remarks about the relations in Eq. (6) are now in order. The first relation in Eq. (6) provides an estimate of the average recoil nuclear polarization of the intermediate nucleus in the sequence (3). For the process (1), using the measured<sup>2</sup> value of  $\beta_1$ , the  $^{28}\text{Al}^*(1^+; 2202 \text{ keV})$  average recoil polarization turns out to be  $\sim 0.6533$ , which can be verified by an independent

measurement. The second relation in Eq. (6) and the first, yield

$$P_L = -\frac{2}{3}(\beta_1 + \beta_2), \quad (7)$$

which gives for a pure Gamow-Teller transition ( $\beta_1 = 0$ ;  $\beta_2 = 1$ ),  $P_L = -\frac{2}{3}$ . However, upon using the measured<sup>2</sup> values of  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$ , we find the longitudinal polarization of  $^{28}\text{Al}^*(1^+; 2202 \text{ keV})$  to be  $\sim -(0.7599 \pm 0.085)$ , which when compared to the ideal value  $-\frac{2}{3}$ , indicates that the strong interaction induced effects could enhance  $|P_L|$  by about 15%. The third relation in Eq. (6) shows that among the three correlation coefficients only two are linearly independent. This relation is found to be satisfied by the experimental values of  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta_1$ , and  $\beta_2$  by the William and Mary group<sup>2</sup> within the quoted experimental uncertainties. Further the relations in Eq. (6) provide bounds on  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$ . Using the bounds on  $P_L$  (0 and  $-1$ ) by Bernabeu<sup>21</sup> on the basis of time reversal invariance and the bounds on  $P_N$  ( $-\frac{1}{3}$  and  $\frac{2}{3}$ ) by Rao *et al.*,<sup>22</sup> we obtain

$$0 < \beta_1 < 1.5, \quad -1.5 < \beta_2 < 1.5. \quad (8)$$

Similar bounds have been obtained by Oziewicz.<sup>23</sup> The measured values<sup>2</sup> of  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$  for the process (1) satisfy these bounds. Now we proceed to give the numerical results of  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$ , and study their dependence on the induced pseudoscalar coupling constant.

### IV. NUMERICAL RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Equations (B1) and (B2) give the  $\gamma$ -neutrino angular correlation coefficients  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$ , respectively, taking into account the relativistic terms and higher order partial waves of the neutrino. They involve nuclear reduced matrix elements which are evaluated using the particle-hole model of Donnelly and Walker,<sup>14</sup> the details of which were discussed in I. We use the following numerical values for the muon capture coupling constants  $g_V(0) = 0.987G$ ;  $g_A(0) = -1.25g_V(0)$ ,  $g_M(0) = 3.7g_V(0)$ ,  $g_S(0) = 0$ , and  $G = 1.02 \times 10^{-5}/M^2$ , where  $M$  is the proton mass. Since  $g_P$  and  $g_T$  occur in the linear combination  $(g_P + g_T)$ , and since  $g_T$  could possibly exist in muon capture although recent experiments<sup>24</sup> show its absence in beta decay, we study the behavior of  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$  on  $(g_P + g_T)$ . The effects of meson exchange corrections are also studied and it is found that these corrections are negligible in  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta_1$ , and  $\beta_2$ . The results will be discussed at the end of this section.

The numerical results of  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$  are given in Table I along with those of  $\alpha$  (Ref. 25) for comparison. In this table, models I and II correspond to the results without and with the relativistic terms. It is clear from the results that these

TABLE I. Numerical values of  $\gamma$ -neutrino angular correlation coefficients  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta_1$ , and  $\beta_2$  defined in Eq. (3). It is to be noted that the relation  $1 + \alpha = \beta_1 + \beta_2$  is satisfied for the complete set of numerical values, almost exactly showing the correctness of the numerical computation of these coefficients. Models I and II are without and with nucleon-momentum dependent terms.

| $(g_P + g_T)/g_A$ | $\alpha$ |          | $\beta_1$ |          | $\beta_2$ |          |
|-------------------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|
|                   | Model I  | Model II | Model I   | Model II | Model I   | Model II |
| -10.0             | -0.07799 | 0.02441  | 0.00442   | 0.00581  | 0.91759   | 1.01850  |
| -7.5              | -0.02030 | 0.08465  | 0.00032   | 0.00962  | 0.97938   | 1.07500  |
| -5.0              | -0.03934 | 0.14566  | 0.00119   | 0.01969  | 1.03810   | 1.12590  |
| -2.5              | 0.10026  | 0.20645  | 0.00799   | 0.03694  | 1.09220   | 1.16950  |
| 0                 | 0.16160  | 0.26581  | 0.02170   | 0.06223  | 1.13980   | 1.20350  |
| 2.5               | 0.22221  | 0.32231  | 0.04325   | 0.09629  | 1.17890   | 1.22600  |
| 5.0               | 0.28076  | 0.37435  | 0.07349   | 0.13963  | 1.20720   | 1.23470  |
| 7.5               | 0.33569  | 0.42026  | 0.11309   | 0.19243  | 1.22460   | 1.22780  |
| 10.0              | 0.38531  | 0.45839  | 0.16243   | 0.25449  | 1.22280   | 1.20380  |
| 12.5              | 0.42789  | 0.48721  | 0.22150   | 0.32514  | 1.20630   | 1.16200  |
| 15.0              | 0.46178  | 0.50552  | 0.28986   | 0.40327  | 1.17190   | 1.10220  |
| 17.5              | 0.48553  | 0.51248  | 0.36656   | 0.48735  | 1.11890   | 1.02510  |
| 20.0              | 0.49810  | 0.50780  | 0.45018   | 0.57551  | 1.04790   | 0.93228  |
| 22.5              | 0.49890  | 0.49166  | 0.53893   | 0.66569  | 0.95997   | 0.82597  |
| 25.0              | 0.48789  | 0.46482  | 0.63069   | 0.75581  | 0.85719   | 0.70900  |
| 27.5              | 0.46558  | 0.42840  | 0.72329   | 0.84389  | 0.74229   | 0.58451  |
| 30.0              | 0.43298  | 0.38389  | 0.81456   | 0.92821  | 0.61842   | 0.45567  |

terms significantly contribute to  $\alpha$  and  $\beta_1$  but not so much to  $\beta_2$ . For example, with  $g_P = 7.5g_A$  (PCAC estimate) and  $g_T = 0$ , these correction terms enhance  $\alpha$  and  $\beta_1$  by 25% and 70%, respectively. One of the purposes of displaying the numerical values of  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta_1$ , and  $\beta_2$  in the form of a table is to exhibit the fact that these values satisfy almost exactly the relation  $1 + \alpha = \beta_1 + \beta_2$  for a wide range of values of  $(g_P + g_T)$  indicating the correctness of the numerical computations.

In Table II, we present the numerical values of  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta_1$ , and  $\beta_2$  for the PCAC estimate of  $g_P$  with  $g_T = 0$ , in the Fujii-Primakoff approximation (FPA)—models I and II along with the earlier theoretical results<sup>4</sup> and the measured values.<sup>2</sup> It is seen that our results are in reasonably good agreement with the experiment. The disagreement

between earlier calculation<sup>4</sup> and the experiment is to be noted. In order to analyze the dependence of correlation coefficients on nuclear models we proceed as follows. Firstly, in FPA one neglects relativistic terms and considers only the S-wave neutrino and the coefficients are independent of nuclear models. Model I is obtained by including higher order partial waves for the neutrino but neglecting relativistic terms, while model II includes both and hence is complete. From Table II, a comparison between the results of  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta_1$ , and  $\beta_2$  in FPA and model I shows that the higher order partial waves of the neutrino contribute significantly to  $\alpha$  and  $\beta_1$  but not so much to  $\beta_2$ . Secondly, a comparison between the results in models I and II reveals the fact that the relativistic terms contribute significantly to  $\alpha$  and  $\beta_1$  but not so much to

TABLE II. Comparison of  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta_1$ , and  $\beta_2$  in FPA, other theoretical estimates, in models I and II (see Table I for captions) along with experimental data for the PCAC estimate of  $g_P$  with  $g_T = 0$ .

| $\gamma$ -neutrino angular correlation coefficients | Ciechanawicz's values as given by Mukhopadhyay (Ref. 20) | FPA    |         |          | Experiment of Miller <i>et al.</i> (Ref. 2) |
|---|--|--------|---------|----------|---|
|   |  | FPA    | Model I | Model II |   |
| $\alpha$  | 0.4  | 0.2925 | 0.3357  | 0.4203   | $0.15 \pm 0.25$<br>$0.29 \pm 0.30$          |
| $\beta_1$   | 0.88   | 0.0809 | 0.11309 | 0.19243  | $0.02 \pm 0.03$                             |
| $\beta_2$   | 0.53   | 1.2115 | 1.2246  | 1.2278   | $1.12 \pm 0.10$                             |

$\beta_2$ . Thirdly, comparing the results in FPA and model II, we observe that  $\alpha$  and  $\beta_1$  are very sensitive to the nuclear wave functions while  $\beta_2$  is relatively insensitive. We have also calculated these coefficients in the independent particle model for the nucleus and found that  $\beta_2$  is nuclear model insensitive, while  $\alpha$  and  $\beta_1$  depend very much on them. This contradicts the conclusion of Popov *et al.*<sup>6</sup> who have claimed that all the coefficients are nearly nuclear model insensitive. Our analysis shows that  $\beta_2$ , being free from nuclear wave function uncertainties to a large extent, can be used to obtain a value for  $g_p$  as in the case of recoil nuclear polarization.<sup>17,29</sup> That is, there exists another observable in nuclear muon capture which can provide reliable information about  $g_p$ . We have also investigated the dependence of  $\beta_2$  on  $g_M$  and found that it is very insensitive to  $g_M$  over a wide range of values for  $g_M$ . It is rather fortunate that this important observable, namely  $\beta_2$ , involves fewer experimental uncertainties than  $\alpha$  and  $\beta_1$  in the measurement<sup>2</sup> for process (1). Before proceeding to obtain a value for  $(g_p + g_T)$  in the impulse approximation, we shall examine the meson exchange effects briefly. Kubodera, Delorme, and Rho<sup>26</sup> have shown for axial current that the time component of the meson exchange amplitude goes like  $O(1)$  while the space component like  $O(p/M)$ , to be compared with  $O(p/M)$  and  $O(1)$ , respectively, for the single particle operator (in impulse approximation) where  $p$  is nucleon momentum. Thus for muon capture transitions dominated by the space part of the axial current in impulse approximation [allowed Gamow-Teller transition such as the process (1)], the meson exchange current contribution will be  $O(p/M)$ , while for muon capture transitions dominated by the time part of the axial current in impulse approximation (forbidden transition such as  $0^+ \rightarrow 0^-$  in  $^{16}\text{O}$ ), the meson exchange current contribution will be  $O(1)$  and hence significant. The importance of such exchange corrections to the  $0^+ \rightarrow 0^-$  transition in  $^{16}\text{O}$  has been studied by Guichon *et al.*<sup>5</sup> However, detailed calculations including core deformation of  $^{16}\text{O}$  by Guichon and Samour<sup>27</sup> and Koshigiri, Ohtsubo, and Morita<sup>28</sup> indicate that the exchange currents are not found to be large. It is obvious from the above arguments that the exchange corrections to  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta_1$ , and  $\beta_2$  in process (1), an allowed Gamow-Teller transition, will be qualitatively small. In order to obtain quantitative results, we include the time part of the mesonic exchange amplitude as a correction to the impulse approximation. This will enhance the time part of single particle axial current operator by  $z\langle A_0 \rangle$ , where  $\langle A_0 \rangle$  is the matrix element of the time part of single particle axial

current after nonrelativistic reduction and  $z$  is defined in Ref. 27. The numerical value of  $z$  seems to be uniform and qualitatively independent of the nucleus.<sup>27,26</sup> In order to obtain a quantitative estimate, we have chosen  $z=1.2$  and  $1.5$ , namely 20% and 50% meson exchange corrections to  $\langle A_0 \rangle$ . For a representative value of  $g_p = 7.5g_A$  and  $g_T = 0$ ,  $\beta_2$  turns out to be 1.2319 and 1.2394 to be compared with the impulse approximation ( $z=1$ ) value 1.2278, showing that the exchange effects are very small. Similar numbers for  $\alpha$  are 0.4341 and 0.4562 to be compared with 0.4203, the impulse approximation value, and for  $\beta_1$  are 0.2022 and 0.2167 to be compared with the impulse approximation value 0.1924. These features are found for a wide range of values of  $(g_p + g_T)$ , indicating that the meson exchange corrections to impulse approximation values of  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta_1$ , and  $\beta_2$  are very small.

By comparing our calculations for  $\beta_2$ , which is measured<sup>2</sup> more accurately than  $\alpha$  and  $\beta_1$ , we obtain

$$(g_p + g_T) = (13.5 + 3.5, -5.5)g_A,$$

a closer range for  $(g_p + g_T)$  than in I as aimed for in the Introduction. This value is to a large extent free from nuclear wave function uncertainties and the meson exchange corrections do not change the value much. This is in agreement with our analysis of  $^{12}\text{B}(1^+; g \cdot s)$  recoil nuclear polarization<sup>29</sup> and with that of Kobayashi *et al.*<sup>10</sup> and in contradiction with that of Ciechanowicz<sup>4</sup> who finds  $-4.9 < (g_p + g_T)/g_A < 1.2$ . Our estimate, besides satisfying the PCAC value, indicates a remote possibility of the quenching of  $g_p$  in  $^{28}\text{Si}$ . Using  $g_p = 7.5g_A$  we find  $g_T = (6 + 3.5, -5.5)g_A$ , in agreement with Kubodera *et al.*<sup>30</sup> and Parthasarathy and Waghmare.<sup>31</sup>

We summarize our results below:

- (i) The correlation coefficient  $\beta_1$  is found to be nuclear model sensitive similar to  $\alpha$  in I, while  $\beta_2$  is to a large extent free from nuclear wave function uncertainties.
- (ii) The correlation coefficients are not affected much by the mesonic exchange corrections through the time part of the axial current.
- (iii) A comparison of  $\beta_2$  with experiment<sup>2</sup> yields  $(g_p + g_T) = (13.5 + 3.5, -5.5)g_A$ , in agreement with our earlier calculations.
- (iv) With  $g_p = 7.5g_A$ ,  $g_T = (6 + 3.5, -5.5)g_A$ , agreeing with Refs. 30 and 31.
- (v) The relations among  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta_1$ , and  $\beta_2$  in Sec. III are independent of nuclear models and muon capture coupling constants. These provide estimates of  $P_N$  and  $P_L$  of  $^{28}\text{Al}^*(1^+; 2202 \text{ keV})$  which can be verified by future measurements.

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## APPENDIX A

The additional terms in  $(\rho_f)_{M_f M'_f}$  due to the muon polarization are

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_f \left( Y_f^{M_f}(\hat{v})(\vec{p} \cdot \hat{v}) \right) \left\{ \sum_{l'l'} (i)^{l'-l} [l][l'] \mathfrak{g}(l1J_f; l'1J_f) [G_A^2 (-1)^{l'-J_f} C(l'l'J; 00) W(J_f 1Jl'; lJ_f) \right. \\ \left. - G_P^2 [J_f]^{-2} C(11J_f; 00) C(l'1J_f; 00) C(J_f J_f J; 00) \right] \\ - 2G_A \frac{G_V}{M} \sum_{l'l'\lambda} \sqrt{2} (i)^{-l+l'+3} [l][l'] [1][\lambda] C(l'1\lambda; 00) C(l\lambda J; 00) W(J_f 1\lambda 1; l'1) W(J_f \lambda J_f; 1J) \\ \times \mathfrak{g}(l1J_f; l'1J_f 0J_f) - 2G_P \frac{G_A}{M} \sum_{l\lambda} (i)^{-l+J_f+1} (-1)^{\lambda-J_f} [l][\lambda] [J_f]^{-2} C(J_f J_f J; 00) \\ \times C(l1J_f; 00) \mathfrak{g}(l1J_f; J_f 1\lambda 1J_f) \left. \right\} \\ + \sum_{\underline{L}} [Y_{\underline{L}}(\hat{v}) \times Y_1(\hat{P})]_{J_f J}^{M_f} [J_f]^{-1} \left( \frac{4}{3}\pi \right)^{1/2} \left[ 2(G_P - G_A) G_A \sum_{l'l'} (i)^{l'-l} [l][l'] C(l1J_f; 00) C(J_f l' \underline{L}; 00) \right. \\ \left. \times W(J_f l' J 1; \underline{L} J_f) \mathfrak{g}(l1J_f; l'1J_f) \right. \\ \left. + 2G_A \frac{G_A}{M} \sum_{l\lambda} (i)^{-l+J_f+1} [l][\lambda] C(lJ_f \underline{L}; 00) W(J_f 1J_f \underline{L}; lJ) \mathfrak{g}(l1J_f; J_f 1\lambda 1J_f) \right] \\ \times (-1)^{M_f} \frac{[J_f]^2}{(4\pi)^{1/2} [J]} C(J_f J_f J; -M_f M'_f M_f), \end{aligned} \quad (A1)$$

where  $(l1J_f; l'1J_f)$  and  $\mathfrak{g}(l1J_f; J_f 1\lambda 1J_f)$  are defined by Eqs. (3) and (4), respectively, in I.

Relations<sup>8</sup> used to combine spherical harmonics in Eq. (A1) and with that in Eq. (6) of I so as to reduce the form to Eq. (3) are

$$\int_0^{2\pi} (\vec{p} \cdot \hat{v}) P_J(\cos\theta_{\nu\nu}) d\phi_\nu = 2\pi \sum_L C(J1L; 00) (\vec{p} \cdot \hat{v}) P_L(\cos\theta_{\nu\nu}), \quad (A2)$$

$$\int_0^{2\pi} (4\pi/3)^{1/2} Y_L^0(\hat{v}) [Y_{\underline{L}}(\hat{v}) x Y_1(\hat{P})]_{\underline{L}} d\phi_\nu = \frac{[L][\underline{L}]}{2} C(\underline{L}1L; 00) (\vec{P} \cdot \hat{v}) P_{\underline{L}}(\cos\theta_{\nu\nu}). \quad (A3)$$

The complete expression for  $I(\theta_{\nu\nu})$  using Eqs. (A1)–(A3) and Eqs. (2) and (6) of I, for process (1) is

$$\begin{aligned} I(\theta_{\nu\nu}) = \frac{1}{6\pi} |a(M_1)|^2 |\langle 0^+ || M1 || 1^+ \rangle|^2 \\ \times \sum_f \left( \sum_{l'l'} (i)^{l'-l} [l][l'] \mathfrak{g}(l11; l'11) \right. \\ \times \left\{ P_J(\cos\theta_{\nu\nu}) (3G_A^2 (-1)^{l'-1} C(l'l'J; 00) W(11Jl'; l1) + (G_P^2 - 2G_P G_A) C(l11; 00) C(l'11; 00) \right. \\ \times C(11J; 00) + (\vec{P} \cdot \hat{v}) [C(J1J+1; 00)^2 P_{J+1}(\cos\theta_{\nu\nu}) + \eta_J C(J1J-1; 00)^2 P_{J-1}(\cos\theta_{\nu\nu})] \\ \times (3G_A^2 (-1)^{l'-1} C(l'l'J; 00) W(11Jl'; l1) - G_P^2 C(l11; 00) C(l'11; 00) C(11J; 00) \\ \left. - 2(G_A - G_P) G_A \sum_{\underline{L}} [1][\underline{L}] C(l11; 00) C(l'1\underline{L}; 00) W(\underline{L}111; l'J) C(\underline{L}1J; 00) P_{\underline{L}}(\cos\theta_{\nu\nu}) (\vec{P} \cdot \hat{v}) \right\} \\ \left. + \sum_{l\lambda} (i)^{l-2} (-1)^{\lambda-1} [l][\lambda] C(l11; 00) C(11J; 00) \mathfrak{g}(l11; 11\lambda 11) \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \times \left\{ 2(G_P - G_A) \frac{g_A}{M} P_J(\cos\theta_{\nu}) - 2G_P \frac{g_A}{M} [C(J1J+1;00)^2 P_{J+1}(\cos\theta_{\nu})] \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \eta_J C(J1J-1;00)^2 P_{J-1}(\cos\theta_{\nu}) \right\} (\vec{P} \cdot \hat{\gamma}) \\
& + 2G_A \frac{g_A}{M} \sum_{i1'\lambda} \sqrt{2} (i)^{i'-i+3} [l'] [1]^3 [l] [\lambda] C(l'1\lambda;00) C(l\lambda J;00) W(11\lambda 1; l'1) W(1\lambda 1 l; 1J) \\
& \quad \times \mathfrak{g}(l11; l'1101) \{ P_J(\cos\theta_{\nu}) + [C(J1J+1;00)^2 P_{J+1}(\cos\theta_{\nu}) + \eta_J C(J1J-1;00)^2 \\
& \quad \times P_{J-1}(\cos\theta_{\nu})] (\vec{P} \cdot \hat{\gamma}) \} \\
& + 2G_A \frac{g_A}{M} \sum_{i1'\lambda} (i)^{i'-2} (-1)^{\lambda-2} [\lambda] [l'] [1] [ ] C(l'1\lambda;00) W(1l'J1; 1\lambda) C(1\lambda J;00) \mathfrak{g}(l'11; 11\lambda 11) \\
& \quad \times P_\lambda(\cos\theta_{\nu}) (\vec{P} \cdot \hat{\gamma}) C(11J; 1-1), \tag{A4}
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\eta_J = 1$  for  $J > 0$  and 0 for  $J = 0$ .

#### APPENDIX B

The closed expression for  $\beta_1$  in Eq. (2) is

$$\begin{aligned}
\beta_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \left\{ \sum_{i1'} (i)^{i'-i} [l] [l'] \mathfrak{g}(l11; l'11) [3G_A^2 (-1)^{i'-1} C(l'1'2;00) W(112l'; l1) - G_P^2 (\frac{2}{3})^{1/2} C(l11;00) C(l'11;00) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + 10(G_A - G_P) G_A C(l11;00) C(l'13;00) W(3111; l'2)] \right. \\
& + \sum_{i\lambda} (i)^{i-2} [l] [\lambda] \mathfrak{g}(l11; 11\lambda 11) \left[ 2G_P \frac{g_A}{M} (-1)^{\lambda} (\frac{2}{3})^{1/2} C(l11;00) + 10G_A \frac{g_A}{M} (-1)^{\lambda} C(l13;00) W(1l21; 13) \right] \\
& \left. + 2G_A \frac{g_A}{M} \sum_{i1'\lambda} \sqrt{2} (i)^{i'-i+3} [l] [l'] [\lambda] [1]^3 C(l1\lambda;00) W(1\lambda 1 l'; 12) W(11\lambda 1; l1) \mathfrak{g}(l'11; l1101) \right\} / \mathfrak{D},
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathfrak{D} = & \sum_{i1'} (i)^{i'-i} \mathfrak{g}(l11; l'11) \left[ -G_A^2 \delta_{i1'} - (G_P^2 - 2G_P G_A) \frac{[l][l']}{3} C(l11;00) C(l'11;00) \right] \\
& - 2(G_P - G_A) \frac{g_A}{M} \sum_{i\lambda} (i)^{i-2} (-1)^{\lambda-1} \frac{[l][\lambda]}{3} C(l11;00) \mathfrak{g}(l11; 11\lambda 11) \\
& + 2G_A \frac{g_A}{M} \sum_{i1'} \sqrt{2} (i)^{i'-i+3} [l] \sqrt{3} C(l1l';00) W(11l'1; l1) \mathfrak{g}(l'11; l1101). \tag{B1}
\end{aligned}$$

The closed expression for  $\beta_2$  in Eq. (2) is

$$\begin{aligned}
\beta_2 = & \left[ \sum_{i1'} (i)^{i'-i} \mathfrak{g}(l11; l'11) \left( -G_A^2 \delta_{i1'} + \frac{[l][l']}{3} C(l11;00) C(l'11;00) \right. \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. \times \left\{ G_P^2 + 2(G_A - G_P) G_A \left[ 1 - \frac{9}{\sqrt{6}} \left( W(1111; l'2) (\frac{2}{3})^{1/2} + \frac{C(l'13;00)}{C(l'11;00)} W(3111; l'2) \frac{2}{3} \right) \right] \right\} \right) \right. \\
& + \sum_{i\lambda} (i)^{i-2} (-1)^{\lambda-1} \frac{[l][\lambda]}{3} C(l11;00) \mathfrak{g}(l11; 11\lambda 11) \\
& \quad \left. \times \left( 2G_P \frac{g_A}{M} - 2G_A \frac{g_A}{M} \left\{ 1 - \frac{9}{\sqrt{6}} \left[ W(1l21; 11) (\frac{2}{3})^{1/2} + \frac{C(1l3;00)}{C(l11;00)} W(1l21; 13) \frac{2}{3} \right] \right\} \right) \right. \\
& \left. + 6G_A \frac{g_A}{M} \sum_{i1'} \sqrt{2} (i)^{i'-i+3} [l] C(l1l';00) W(11l'1; l1) \mathfrak{g}(l'11; l1101) \right] / \mathfrak{D}. \tag{B2}
\end{aligned}$$

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