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## Spin structure of the "forward" nucleon charge-exchange reaction $n + p \rightarrow p + n$ and the deuteron charge-exchange breakup

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The structure of the nucleon charge-exchange process  $n + p \rightarrow p + n$  is investigated basing on the isotopic invariance of the nucleon-nucleon scattering. Using the operator of permutation of the spin projections of the neutron and proton, the connection between the spin matrices, describing the amplitude of the nucleon charge-exchange process at zero angle and the amplitude of neutron elastic scattering on the proton in the "backward" direction, has been considered. Due to the optical theorem, the spin-independent part of the differential cross-section of the process  $n + p \rightarrow p + n$  at zero angle for unpolarized particles is expressed through the difference of total cross-sections of unpolarized proton-proton and neutron-proton scattering. Meantime, the spin-dependent part of this cross-section is proportional to the differential cross-section of the deuteron charge-exchange breakup  $d + p \rightarrow (pp) + n$  at zero angle at the deuteron momentum  $\mathbf{k}_d = 2\mathbf{k}_n$  ( $\mathbf{k}_n$  is the initial neutron momentum). Analysis shows that, assuming the real part of the spin-independent term of the "forward" amplitude of the process  $n + p \rightarrow p + n$  to be smaller or of the same order as compared with the imaginary part, in the wide range of neutron laboratory momenta  $k_n > 700$  MeV/c the main contribution into the differential cross-section of the process  $n + p \rightarrow p + n$  at zero angle is provided namely by the spin-dependent term.

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