

Single particle structures of ^{19}C and ^{23}O

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Nuclear structure in the vicinity of neutron drip line offers a unique opportunity to study underlining residual nuclear interactions by isolating specific, rarely investigated parts of them, such as the three-nucleon forces and the neutron pairing interaction for shallow binding orbits. In this work single particle structures of near drip-line ^{19}C and ^{23}O nuclei, as probed via one-neutron knockout on ^{20}C [1] and ^{24}O [2], respectively, are discussed. Experiments were performed at the RIKEN RIBF laboratory by using the setups for invariant mass spectroscopy (SAMURAI for ^{19}C and RIPS for ^{23}O) involving detection of neutrons, decay in flight. Very sharp neutron resonances were observed at $E_x = -0.6$ and $2.78(11)$ MeV for ^{19}C and ^{23}O , respectively, which exhibit a clear d-wave character in their longitudinal momentum distributions of the cross section. These states were formerly reported in studies of multi-nucleon knockout reactions [3,4]. Since the ground state J^π of these nuclei is $1/2^+$, the energies characterize the respective $v1s_{1/2}$ - $v0d_{5/2}$ shell gaps. The presentation will focus on the following observations: (i) the decreasing trend of the gap from Oxygen to Carbon at $N=13$ approximately follows that of $N=11$ and 9 , (ii) the ordering of the $1/2^+$ and $5/2^+$ states in ^{19}C is not correctly predicted by the presently available ab initio shell-model calculation, which takes into account the three-body forces from the chiral effective-field theory [5], (iii) there is a strong correlation between the shell-gap and the one-neutron separation energy in these nuclei.

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