Structure of neutron-rich carbon and oxygen isotopes in a restricted no-core shell-model space

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If we employ the bare NN force directly, extremely largescale calculations are needed. $(300\hbar\Omega$ space with h.o. basis states for the deuteron!)

To perform a realistic calculation in a smaller model space, we need to derive an effective interaction microscopically.

> Similarity / Unitary transformation

Derivation of effective interaction (Hamiltonian) by means of unitary transformation

Hamiltonian

 $H = H_0 + V$

Unitary transformation of *H*

$$\widetilde{H} = U^{-1}HU$$

 $U = e^{S}$, (S : anti-Hermitian, $S^{\dagger} = -S$)

Decoupling equation

 $Q(e^{-S}He^{S})P = 0$

Solution

 $S = \operatorname{arctanh}(\omega - \omega^{\dagger}), \ \omega = Q\omega P$ (with the restrictive condition PSP = QSQ = 0) K. Suzuki, Prog. Theor. Phys. **68** (1982), 246

Effective Hamiltonian	Effective interaction		
$H_{\rm eff} = P\widetilde{H}P$	$V_{\rm eff} = P\widetilde{H}P - PH_0P$		

Unitary transformation operator U in terms of ω

$$U = (1 + \omega - \omega^{\dagger})(1 + \omega^{\dagger}\omega + \omega\omega^{\dagger})^{-1/2}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} P(1 + \omega^{\dagger}\omega)^{-1/2}P & -P\omega^{\dagger}(1 + \omega\omega^{\dagger})^{-1/2}Q \\ Q\omega(1 + \omega^{\dagger}\omega)^{-1/2}P & Q(1 + \omega\omega^{\dagger})^{-1/2}Q \end{pmatrix}$$
S. Ōkubo, Prog. Theor. Phys. **12** (1954), 603

Our ongoing study

Unitary-model-operator approach (UMOA)
 Closed-shell nuclei, single-particle (-hole) states in nuclei up to the *pf*-shell region

• A hypernuclei

S. Fujii, R. Okamoto, and K. Suzuki, Phys. Rev. C 69, 034328 (2004)

No-core" shell model (in a restricted model space) Hybrid method combining a no-core type of shell model with single-particle information obtained by the UMOA

Neutron-rich carbon isotopes, oxygen isotopes

S. Fujii, T. Mizusaki, T. Otsuka, T. Sebe, and A. Arima, Phys. Lett. B650, 9 (2007)

Derivation of effective interaction



Ground-state energies of ¹⁶O



Comparison of Expt. and UMOA results from modern NN interactions





New approach to neutron-rich C isotopes

• Large-scale shell model

- Code: newly developed version of MSHELL
- Model space: the 0s 1p0f shells
- Nucleon excitation: up to 2 nucleons from the occupied shells for ¹⁴C

up to 2 nucleons to the 1p0f shells

Bare transition operator

• Microscopic effective interaction

Derived from a high-precision NN interaction (CD Bonn, …) and the Coulomb force in the neutron-proton formalism for the given model space through a unitary-transformation theory





In the present shell model without any adjustable parameters

→ wrong ordering for the 1/2⁺ and 5/2⁺ states in ¹⁵C due to the *small* modelspace size

To remedy the wrong ordering and reproduce the binding energies for the $1/2^+$ and $5/2^+$ states of the UMOA results

→ introduce a minimal refinement of the one-body energies for the $0d_{5/2}$ and $1s_{1/2}$ orbits of the neutron

The calculated results are denoted by "dressed"





H. J. Ong et al., Phys. Rev. C78, 014308 (2008)



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The $\hbar\Omega$ dependence of calculated ground-state energies of ¹⁸O



Energy levels in ¹⁸O



Excitation energies and probabilities of the 4p2h configuration for the lowest 4p2h dominant 0⁺ state in ¹⁸O

Configuration (<i>spsd</i>)	4p2h	6p4h	8p6h
Ex (MeV)	41.75	31.50	30.29
P_{4p2h}	0.996	0.855	0.816

Summary

- We have developed two methods for the microscopic description of nuclei beyond *p* shell with a realistic NN force in free space.
 - Unitary-model-operator approach (UMOA)
 - "No-core" shell model in a restricted model space
- In both methods, the microscopic effective interaction derived through a unitary transformation is the key ingredient.
- The "no-core" shell model has been applied to neutron-rich carbon isotopes and ¹⁸O.
- The structures of low-lying states are well described, except for the experimental 0⁺₂ and 2⁺₃ states in ¹⁸O.
- For those intruder states, we need a larger model space to reveal the real structure.

Collaborators

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