On the Structure of ³²Mg

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Evolution of Shell Structure and Collectivity

"Classic" magic numbers are generally correct only for stable and near stable isotopes

Experimental studies of new exotic isotopes has provided insight on the important role play by the tensor and 3-body forces in the changes in shell structure and collectivity:

A delicate balance between the monopole field and correlations.

R.V.F Janssens, Nature, Vol. 435, 2005.



³²Mg, at the center of this region, has been a subject of intense work for many years, both experimental and theoretical.

→ A clear fingerprint : Rotational ground state band

Cf. Heather Crawford's talk

The ³⁰Mg(t,p)³²Mg reaction

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 $E(0_2^+) = 1058(2) \text{ keV}$

 $\sigma(g.s.) = 10.5(7) \text{ mb}$ $\sigma(0_2^+) = 6.5(5) \text{ mb}$

 $\sigma(0_2^+)/\sigma(g.s.) = 0.62(6)$



The ³⁰Mg(t,p)³²Mg "puzzle"

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The puzzle of ³²Mg

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An analysis of results of the ${}^{30}Mg(t,p)$ ${}^{32}Mg$ reaction demonstrates that the ground state is the normal state and the excited 0⁺ state is the intruder, contrary to popular belief. Additional experiments are suggested.

$$|0_{gs}^{+}\rangle = \alpha |sph\rangle + \beta |def\rangle$$

 $\alpha^2 \approx 0.8 \quad \beta^2 \approx 0.2$



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A paradigm shift: 2-Level to 3-Level Mixing ©

Guided by shell model we consider the need for 3 configurations to describe the low-energy structure in ³²Mg.



Caurier, Nowacki, Poves PRC 90, 0914302 (2014). -- SDPF-U-MIX interaction



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3-Level Mixing

Construct a mixing matrix of the form:

Take $e_0 (0p0h) = 1.4 \text{ MeV}$, $e_2 (2p2h) = 0.2 \text{ MeV}$, and $e_4 (4p4h) = 0.0 \text{ MeV}$.

Diagonalize to extract energies and 0⁺ wavefunctions of the form:

$$|0_{j}^{+}\rangle = \alpha_{j}|0p0h\rangle + \beta_{j}|2p2h\rangle + \gamma_{j}|4p4h\rangle$$



Diagonalization Solution



• Constrain V_{mixing} by matching to experimental $E(0_2^+) = 1058(2) \text{ keV}$



Diagonalization Solution





The ³⁰Mg(t,p)³²Mg "puzzle"





Cross-Section Analysis





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$$|0_{1}^{+}(^{30}\mathrm{Mg})\rangle = \epsilon |0p0h\rangle + \sqrt{1 - \epsilon^{2}}|2p2h\rangle$$

$$^{32}\mathrm{Mg:} |0_{j}^{+}\rangle = \alpha_{j}|0p0h\rangle + \beta_{j}|2p2h\rangle + \gamma_{j}|4p4h\rangle$$

$$\sigma_{0_i^+} \propto (\epsilon lpha_i T_{0,0} + \epsilon eta_i T_{0,2} + \sqrt{1 - \epsilon^2} eta_i T_{2,2} + \sqrt{1 - \epsilon^2} \gamma_i T_{2,4})^2$$

$$T_{0,2} \& T_{2,4} \qquad T_{fp} = R \times T_{sd} \qquad T_{0,0} \& T_{2,2}$$



Cross-Section Ratio and the ³⁰Mg Wavefunction

$$\frac{\sigma_{0_i^+}}{\sigma_{0_j^+}} = \left(\frac{\epsilon \left(\alpha_i + \beta_i R\right) + \sqrt{1 - \epsilon^2} \left(\beta_i + \gamma_i R\right)}{\epsilon \left(\alpha_j + \beta_j R\right) + \sqrt{1 - \epsilon^2} \left(\beta_j + \gamma_j R\right)}\right)^2$$

- Constrain the ³⁰Mg ground state wavefunction based on the cross-section ratio $\sigma(0_2^+)/\sigma(g.s.) = 0.62(6)$
- ³²Mg is dominated by 2p2h and 4p4h components (>95%) while ³⁰Mg is predominantly 0p0h, in agreement with experiment

(W. Schwerdtfeger et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 103, 012501 (2009).)







Sum Rule



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B(E2) Analysis

Construct a similar mixing matrix for the 2⁺ states:

$$\begin{pmatrix} e_0 & -V_2 & 0\\ -V_2 & e_2 & -V_2\\ 0 & -V_2 & e_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Diagonalize adjusting V_2 to reproduce the 2⁺ energy of ³²Mg.

B(E2) Analysis



 $B(E2)_{0p0h}$, $B(E2)_{2p2h} = B(E2)_{4p4h}$



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B(E2) Analysis





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³³Mg -1n KO



Structure of ³³Mg sheds new light on the N = 20 island of inversion

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³³Mg -1n KO



Longitudinal momentum distribution from the one-neutron removal reaction on a C target at 898 MeV/A. Experiment performed at the FRS, GSI.

An increased contribution from the $2p_{3/2}$ orbital is required to explain the observation showing its lowering compared to existing model predictions.



Assume ground state of ³³Mg is the 3/2[321] neutron Nilsson level



$$|K=3/2>=C_{3/2,3/2}|p_{3/2}> + C_{5/2,3/2}|f_{5/2}> + C_{7/2,3/2}|f_{7/2}>$$





B. Elbek and P. Tjom, Advances in Nuclear Physics Vol.3 pp 259-323 (1969)









 $|K=3/2>=0.32|p_{3/2}> + 0.22|f_{5/2}> + 0.92|f_{7/2}>$

Chi's Wavefunction



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Summary

Inclusion of the third state, namely 4p4h configuration resolves the "puzzle" of ³²Mg discussed by Fortune, and the ground state emerges naturally as dominated at the 95% level by intruder (2p2h and 4p4h) configurations.

Within a simple three-level model, self-consistent solutions exist that provide good agreement with the experimental excitation energy of the 0^+_2 state, the cross-section ratio, summed cross-sections and B(E2)'s.

These scenarios also indicate a ³⁰Mg ground-state dominated by the 0p0h component, in line with experimental evidence and shell-model expectations.

Analysis of the ³³Mg -1n KO data in the Nilsson (strong coupling) limit provides a consistent description of the measured cross-sections.



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$^{30}Mg(t, p)^{32}Mg$ "puzzle" reexamined

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