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Influence of pure isoscalar neutron-proton pairing on nuclear statistical quantities.

Abstract

Pairing correlations are an essential feature in the understanding of nuclear structure. Recently, renewed interest in the study of these correlations occurred [1-2] due to the development of the radioactive beam facilities that made the experimental study of medium mass nuclei such as $N \approx Z$ possible.

In the isospin formalism, the pairing effect can exist in the isovector case ($T=1$) which corresponds both the pairing between like-particles and the neutron-proton pairing, and the isoscalar case ($T=0$) which corresponds to only neutron-proton pairing. T being the isospin quantum number.

It's shown from both theoretical and experimental studies that, besides the isovector pairing, isoscalar one may also be of importance in $N \approx Z$ nuclei [3-4]

On the other hand, the study of the temperature effect on pairing correlations at finite temperature have been the subject of many efforts since the sixties and is still a relevant subject [5- 7].

In the present work, expressions of the various statistical quantities, i. e. , the energy, the entropy and the heat capacity are deduced using a path integral approach in the pure isoscalar pairing ($T=0$). A numerical study is then performed using the schematic one level model.

It's shown that the behavior of the various statistical quantities as a function of the temperature is similar to that obtained using the conventional FTBCS theory in the pairing between like-particles case. An increase in the energy value is noted compared with other types of pairing.

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