

Three-Nucleon Forces in Exotic Open-Shell Isotopes

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As ab-initio calculations of atomic nuclei enter the $A=40-100$ mass range, a great challenge is how to provide accurate predictions for the vast majority of open-shell (degenerate) isotopes. Here we discuss advances in ab-initio calculations based on self-consistent Green's function theory. The method allows first principle calculations of truly open shell, semi-magic, nuclei and has been applied successfully up to ^{74}Ni with soft low-moment interactions [1,2]. By adding realistic three-nucleon interactions to the state of the art Green's function theory we find that physics of neutron driplines is reproduced with very good quality, see e.g. Fig 1 for the oxygen chain [3].

The Gorkov approach presented here substantially extends the scope of ab-initio theory in the medium mass region from a few tens of closed shells cases to hundreds of open shell isotopes. The main output of the formalism is the single-particle spectral function which describes processes involving the addition or knockout of a nucleon [2] and provides a theoretical optical potential for elastic scattering [4]. The talk will give examples of applications and discuss first results regarding the implication of three-nucleon forces on the evolution of correlations with proton-neutron asymmetry, with particular emphasis on neutron rich pf-shell isotopes.

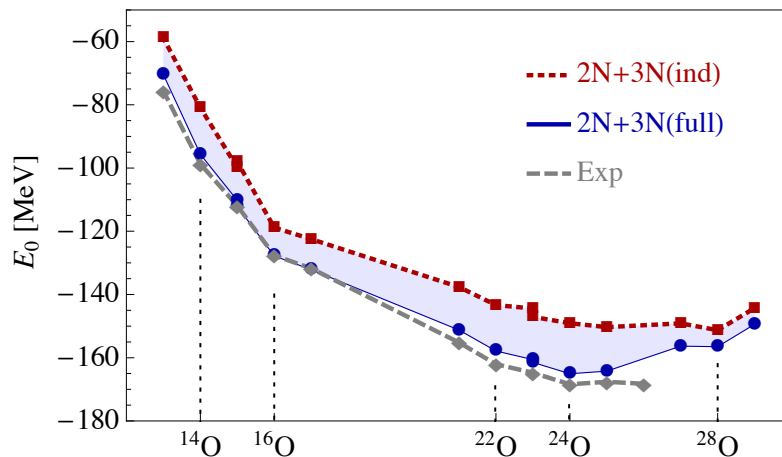


Figure 1: Binding energies of oxygen isotopes predicted by SRG interactions evolved from chiral NN and 3NF [4].

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