

THEORETICAL EXPLORATION OF THE STRUCTURE OF THE MIRROR NUCLEI ^{22}F AND ^{22}Al

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Abstract

Nuclei in the sd-shell provide an ideal testing ground for nuclear structure theory, as full shell-model calculations are feasible across this mass region. However, many odd-odd nuclei remain less well thoroughly explored. Among them, the odd-odd nucleus ^{22}F ($T_z=+2$) constitutes a particularly valuable case for studying shell evolution in light nuclei.

In this work, we present a theoretical shell-model analysis of ^{22}F and its proton-rich mirror partner ^{22}Al , performed using large-scale calculations using the $(0+1)\hbar\omega$ PSDPF effective interaction and the Nathan code. We calculated excitation energies, electromagnetic transition strengths, magnetic and quadrupole moments, and half-lives, and systematically compare them with the available experimental data.

Our results show excellent agreement with measurements, demonstrating the predictive power of the PSDPF interaction. Furthermore, the calculations provide spin-parity assignments for several states with previously uncertain or unknown configurations, offering valuable guidance for future experimental work.