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Isospin mixing in nuclear states studied via beta-delayed proton emission

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We discuss a current status of the shell-model calculations with charge-dependent Hamiltonians. In an empirical approach, such a Hamiltonian includes a two-body Coulomb interaction and effective charge-dependent forces of nuclear origin, resulting in five or six additional parameters for an sd or pf shell, respectively. The accuracy of the method is demonstrated on the description of isobaric-mass multiplet splittings. We point out the main sources of uncertainties on theoretical values of the isospin mixing in nuclear states, resulting from the shell-model diagonalisation.

Then, we apply the shell model to study a beta-delayed proton emission process, including the isospin-forbidden particle emission from the IAS in a daughter nucleus. In particular, we show that experimental data on the proton to γ -ray branching ratio for the IAS, supplemented by a simple shell-model input, can be used to extract spectroscopic factors for that isospin-forbidden proton emission. In the case of a well-justified two-level mixing approximation, it is even possible to determine the amount of the isospin mixing in the IAS with robust precision. This conjecture is illustrated by the theoretical analysis of a number of pf shell emitters. The experimentally deduced values of the spectroscopic factors and isospin mixing are confronted to theoretical values.

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