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The presence of neutron and proton shell closures in the nucleus ²⁸O, together with strong continuum coupling effects, make neutron-rich oxygen isotopes a unique laboratory for testing nuclear models. In this work, we investigate neutron-rich oxygen isotopes using the Gamow Shell Model and the Density Matrix Renormalization Group method with an effective finite-range two-body interaction optimized to the bound states and resonances of ^{23–26}O assuming a core of ²²O. Our results suggest the existence of narrow excited states in ²⁵O and ²⁷O decaying by neutron and gamma emission, and a near-threshold ground-state for ²⁸O.

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