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## Where is the Neutron Drip-line for Oxygen?

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The presence of neutron and proton shell closures in the nucleus <sup>28</sup>O, 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 <sup>23–26</sup>O assuming a core of <sup>22</sup>O. Our results suggest the existence of narrow excited states in <sup>25</sup>O and <sup>27</sup>O decaying by neutron and gamma emission, and a near-threshold ground-state for <sup>28</sup>O.

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