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Neutrino-induced reactions on nuclear targets, which are important for neutrino detection and neutrino properties, are studied.

The B(GT) and charged-current reactions on 40 Ar were studied based on the monopole-based universal interaction [1] within the $sd^{-2}pf^2$ shell-model space [2]. Here, a new effective interaction in the sd-pf shell obtained by the extended Kuo-Krenciglowa (EKK) method [3] is used in the study of both charged- and neutral-current reactions on 40 Ar. The B(GT), B(M1), and the reaction cross sections are evaluated by the shell model for the 1+ multipole in the $sd^{-2}pf^2 + sd^{-4}pf^4$ model space, while forbidden transitions are treated by RPA [4]. Calculated results are compared with the previous study [2], and the dependence of the cross sections on the quenching of the axial-vector coupling constant g_A , constrained by the experimental B(GT) and B(M1) data, is examined [4].

The effective interaction in the sd-pf shell obtained by the EKK method is used to study the GT β -de cay strength of sd-shell nuclei with contributions including up to 2p-2h excitations. The extension of the model space is found to enhance the quenching factor for g_A by \sim 0.05 compared to the conventional Hamiltonians in the sd-shell [5].\\

Neutrino-nucleus reaction cross sections on 18 O are evaluated by shell-model calculations and compared with those on 16 O [6]. The cross sections for 18 O (ν_e , e⁻) 18 F are larger than for 16 O at low neutrino energies below 20 MeV in natural water with the 0.205% admixture of 18 O due to the lower threshold energy for 18 O than that for 16 O and large contributions from the GT transitions in 18 O. Events from reactions on 16 O and 18 O, which take place at different electron energies separated by 10-15 MeV, are shown to be distinguished by the measurements of DAR ν_e [5]. Possible effects of the 18 O admixture in water Cherenkov detectors on the evaluations of the event rate of supernova neutrinos are examined for both the cases with and without the neutrino oscillations [7].

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