Nuclear Physics (11th lecture)

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1) The deuteron Nuclear interaction

The simplest nucleus, where the nuclear forces can be studied Bound system of a proton and a neutron

Unfortunately there are only a few experimental facts that can be studied, since it exists only in ground state (no excited states, no energy level scheme)

Experimental facts:

- Binding energy: 2,2 MeV
- Angular momentum: $J = 1\hbar$
- Magnetic dipole momentum: $\mu = 0.857411 \pm 0.000019 \ \mu_N$
- **Electric quadrupole momentum:** Q = +2.74 mb ٠

What can we learn about the nuclear interaction from these facts?

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The deuteron (contd.)

- First, since the two nucleons are bound together, the nuclear interaction must be attractive
- · From the success of the liquid drop model we know that the nuclear interaction must be short ranged
- Assume that it depends only on the absolute value of the distance (central): V(r).

1.) The binding energy of the deuteron

The simplest short range attractive potential is the square well:

$$V(r) \xrightarrow{t} V(r) \xrightarrow{t} V(r) = \begin{cases} -V_0 & \text{if } r \le d \\ 0 & \text{if } r > d \end{cases}$$

Since the potential is central, the wave function:
$$\psi_{n_r,l,m}(r, \vartheta, \varphi) = \frac{\mathcal{R}_{n_r}(r)}{r} Y_l^m(\vartheta, \varphi)$$









The deuteron (contd.) Maybe L \neq 0? If there is an L, then the operator of the magnetic momentum: $M = \mu_N \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\frac{1}{2} + g_{sn} + g_{sp} \right) (L+S) + \left(\frac{1}{2} - g_{sn} - g_{sp} \right) (L-S) + 2 (g_{sn} - g_{sp}) (S_n - S_p) \right]$ Where $S = S_n + S_p$, and $g_{sp} = 5,586$ and $g_{sn} = -3,826$. The projection of the magnetic momentum on the angular momentum: $\mu = \left\langle \Psi_{L,S,J,m_j=J} \middle| M_3 \middle| \Psi_{L,S,J,m_j=J} \right\rangle$ Evaluation is tedious but straightforward, and we get for $\mu = g_J J \mu_N$ $g_j = \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\frac{1}{2} + g_{sn} + g_{sp} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{2} - g_{sn} - g_{sp} \right) \frac{L(L+1) - S(S+1)}{J(J+1)} \right]$

The deuteron (<u>contd.)</u>	1 1 6			
we know that J	= 1, and	$J = \Gamma + S$			
Possibilities	L	Spin	π	$g_{\mathbf{j}}$	8j
	L = 0	S = 1	+	$g_{\rm sn} + g_{\rm sp}$	1,7592
	L = 1	S = 1	-	$1/4+(g_{sn}+g_{sp})/2$	1,1296
	L = 1	S = 0	-	1/2	0,5
	L = 2	S = 1	+	$3/4 - (g_{sn} + g_{sp})/2$	-0,1296
No single orbit	Measu can expl	red value lain the n	: <mark>8</mark> , neasu	; =1,71482 red value!	
Superposition	(mixture)? $\psi = a$	$\psi_a + l$	$\psi \psi_b$ where a	$ a ^{2} + b ^{2} = 1$
$g_{j} = \left a\right ^{2} g_{ja} + \left(1\right)$	$- a ^2)g_{jb}$	This m	eans	that $g_{ja} \leq g_j$	$\leq g_{jb}$
Obviously, the	L=0, S	= 1 case s	shoule	d be included!	
Since parity sh possible contri	ould be bution is	a good qu $L = 2, S$	antu = 1	m number, the	only
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The deuteron (contd.)

Substituting the appropriate values and solving the $g_j = |a|^2 g_{ja} + (1 - |a|^2) g_{jb}$ equation we get $|a|^2 = 0.9765$ and $|b|^2 = 0.0235$

Only ~2% of the L = 2 S = 1 wave-function should be mixed!

What does *L*-mixing mean for the properties of the nuclear interaction?

We know: for central potentials *L* is a good quantum number.

If *L*-mixing occurs, then *L* is not a good quantum number \rightarrow the potential cannot be central!



<u>The deuteron (contd.)</u> $V = V_T(r) \cdot \left[\frac{3(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_n \mathbf{r})(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_p \mathbf{r})}{r^2} - \boldsymbol{\sigma}_n \boldsymbol{\sigma}_p \right] = V_T(r) \cdot \mathbf{S}_{n,p}$						
If $V_{\tau}(r)$ is attractive, then this type of interaction gives explanation						
for						
 the sign of the quadrupole momentum (cigar shape) 						
 the anomaly of the magnetic mom 	entum (it is not central)					
• the spin-dependency of the two-nucleon interaction						
(for $S = 1$ it is attractive, for $S = 0$ repulsive)						
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The nucleon-nucleon interaction is						
• Strong,						
Attractive,						
Short range,						
Spin-dependent,						
Non-central,						
Tensor force,						
Charge independent (see later)	12					
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Yukawa nuclear interaction

Explains the short range by

- using the field-theory approach, in analogy with the quantum-electrodynamics (was then a new theory)
- assuming a massive force-carrier boson

We think now that the different types of interactions between particles are carried by (emitting and adsorbing) force-carrier bosons



Interaction	Carrier	Mass (GeV/c ²)	Spin
Strong (between quarks)	8 gluons	~0	1
Electromagnetic	photon	0	1
Weak	W⁺, W⁻, Z⁰	80, 80, 91	1
Gravity	graviton	0	2

These force-carriers are virtual particles (see later)

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Isospin and charge independency (contd.)						
The isospin (vector) operator is denoted by T.						
It has 3 components: T_1 , T_2 , T_3 (NOT T_x , T_y , T_z !!)						
The isospin algebra is the same as the spin-algebra, although the						
isospin acts in an abstract space.						
The commutation relations: $[\hat{T}_i, \hat{T}_j] = i \varepsilon_{ijk} \hat{T}_k [\hat{T}^2, \hat{T}_3] = 0$						
The eigenvalues: $\hat{T}^2 \rightarrow T(T+1)$ and $\hat{T}_3 \rightarrow m_T$, where $-T \le m_T \le +T$						
The ladder (step) operators: $ \begin{array}{cc} \hat{T}^+\pi=0, & \hat{T}^+\nu=\pi \\ \hat{T}^-\pi=\nu, & \hat{T}^-\nu=0 \end{array} \text{ where } \begin{array}{c} \hat{T}^+=\hat{T}_1+i\hat{T}_2 \\ \hat{T}^-=\hat{T}_1-i\hat{T}_2 \end{array} $						
For nucleons: $T = \frac{1}{2}$						
For protons $\pi = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and neutrons $\nu = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$: $\hat{T}_3 \pi = \frac{1}{2} \pi$ $\hat{T}_3 \nu = -\frac{1}{2} \nu$						
<u>Consequence</u> of the new quantum number:The Pauli-principle \rightarrow the whole wave function should be antisymmetric, including the new quantum number!19						

Nuclear interaction

Isospin and charge independency

There is another property of the nucleon-nucleon interaction which was not considered yet: charge independency!

Charge independency means: the nuclear interactions is the same for p-p, n-n and n-p systems.

Heisenberg/Wigner: the proton and the neutron are the same particle (nucleon), only an "internal" two-state quantum-number is different. (Like $e\uparrow$ and $e\downarrow$ are both electrons, only the spin *z* - projection quantum number is opposite).

 $\psi(\mathbf{r}) = \varphi(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \alpha$, where $\alpha = \pi = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ for protons and $\alpha = \nu = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ for neutrons.

This internal quantum number is called "isospin". (It has nothing to do with the "normal spin", and with the angular momentum, even it is not in the configuration space)

Isospin and charge independency (contd.)					
How to handle mathematically the exchange of particles?					
Suppose that originally the "1" particle is a proton, and the					
"2" is a neutron $\psi(\mathbf{r}, s_1, s_2, t_1, t_2) = \phi(\mathbf{r}, s_1, s_2) \cdot \pi_1 \cdot \nu_2$					
(for simplicity we will omit the φ (r, s_1 , s_2) part in the following)					
For the exchange we have to "turn" the first proton to neutron, and					
the second neutron into a proton : $T^{-}(1)T^{+}(2)\pi_{1}v_{2} = v_{1}\pi_{2}$					
However, this operator turns a $v_1 \pi_2$ system into 0, thus this operator					
should be expanded to enable the exchange for both systems:					
$\left(\hat{T}^{+}(1)\hat{T}^{-}(2) + \hat{T}^{-}(1)\hat{T}^{+}(2)\right)\pi_{1}\nu_{2} = \nu_{1}\pi_{2}$					
$\left(\hat{T}^{+}(1)\hat{T}^{-}(2) + \hat{T}^{-}(1)\hat{T}^{+}(2)\right)\nu_{1}\pi_{2} = \pi_{1}\nu_{2}$					
Note that $\hat{T}^+(1)\hat{T}^-(2) + \hat{T}^-(1)\hat{T}^+(2) \propto \hat{T}_1(1)\hat{T}_1(2) + \hat{T}_2(1)\hat{T}_2(2)$					
Note also that this operator gives 0 for p-p and n-n systems.					
To ensure the effect also on these symmetrical states,					
$\hat{T}_{3}(1)\hat{T}_{3}(2)$ should be included. Finally we get:					
$\hat{T}_{1}(1)\hat{T}_{1}(2) + \hat{T}_{2}(1)\hat{T}_{2}(2) + \hat{T}_{3}(1)\hat{T}_{3}(2) = \hat{\mathbf{T}}(1)\hat{\mathbf{T}}(2) $ (scalar product)					



Isospin and charge independency (contd.) Physical meaning of the isospin: $\hat{T}_{3}\psi = \sum_{i=1}^{A}\hat{T}_{3}(i)\psi = \frac{1}{2}(Z-N)\psi$ Since every proton gives +1/2, every neutron gives -1/2. The Hamiltonian of the nucleus: $H = H_0 + H_a$, where $[H_0, T_i] = 0$ $H_0 = H_{kin} + H_{Yukawa} + A\frac{M_n + M_p}{2}c^2$ since $M_n \neq M_p$ $H_a = H_{Coulomb} + N\frac{M_n - M_p}{2}c^2 + Z\frac{M_p - M_n}{2}c^2$ Clearly $[H_a, T_i] \neq 0$ If H_a was not there, the isobars would have exactly the same structure, since exchange of protons and neutrons would not influence anything!



