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#### ABSTRACT

The Unitary Pole Approximation (UPA) is used to construct a separable representation for a potential U which consists of a Coulomb repulsion plus an attractive potential of the Yamaguchi type. The exact bound-state wave function is employed. U is chosen as the potential which binds the proton in the 1d 5/2 single-particle orbit in <sup>17</sup>F. Using the separable representation derived for U, and assuming a separable Yamaguchi potential to describe the 1d neutron in <sup>17</sup>O, the energies and wave functions of the ground state (1\*) and the lowest 0\* state of <sup>18</sup>F are calculated in the core-plus-two-nucleons model solving the Faddeev equations.

## I. INTRODUCTION

In some three-body processes, the T-matrix associated to a pair of particles is dominated by the bound-state pole of the pair. In this case, the interaction U between these particles can be approximated by the separable potential

$$U_{\text{sep}} = U |\Psi^{BS}\rangle < \Psi^{BS}|U|\Psi^{BS}\rangle^{-1} < \Psi^{BS}|U|,$$
 (1)

 $|\Psi^{BS}\rangle$  being the bound-state wave function. This approximation is known as Unitary Pole Approximation (UPA).

Our purpose is to construct, based on the UPÅ, a separable approximation for a potential U which consists of a short range attractive part, V, and of a Coulomb repulsion  $V_C = (2Z'e^2)/r$ . As it is well known, the inclusion of the Coulomb interaction in the three-body problem presents many difficulties. Although it has been possible to extend the Faddeev formalism to include the Coulomb force<sup>1</sup>, the numerical applications have been restricted to low values ( $\lesssim 4$ ) of the product  $ZZ'^{2,3}$ . The usual replacement of the Coulomb T-matrix by  $V_C$  (Born Approximation) becomes questionable as ZZ' increases.

In a recent calculation of the p-d break-up reaction , the long range tail of the Coulomb interaction is replaced by a short range potential and the EST method is used to obtain a separable approximation for this cut-off Coulomb potential. The EST method is more general than the UPA. However, for the UPA it is not necessary to make any screening of the Coulomb tail.

## II. CONSTRUCTION OF THE UPA FORM FACTOR

Having in mind applications to three-body systems consisting of two nucleons outside an inert and massive core, we consider U as being the single-particle potential of the proton.

For simplicity, it will be assumed that the short range part V is already separable and acts in a specific ( $\ell j$ ) orbit of the shell model:

$$\langle \vec{p} | V | \vec{p}^{i} \rangle = -\frac{\lambda_{\ell J}}{2m} g_{\ell J}(p) g_{\ell J}(p^{i}) \sum_{\mu} \langle \hat{p} | y_{\ell J \mu} \rangle \langle y_{\ell J \mu} | \hat{p}^{i} \rangle, \qquad (2)$$

where p is the momentum of the proton (mass m) and

$$\langle \hat{\mathbf{p}} | \mathcal{Y}_{e,j\mu} \rangle = \sum_{\substack{\mathbf{m}_{e} \mathbf{m}_{g} \\ \mathbf{m}_{g}}} (\ell_{\mathbf{m}_{e}} \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{m}_{e} | \mathbf{j} \mu) Y_{e}^{\mathbf{m}_{e}} (\hat{\mathbf{p}}) | \frac{1}{2}, \mathbf{m}_{g} \rangle . \tag{3}$$

We assume also that the error made in considering the core as a point charge, which leads to an excess Coulomb repulsion in the region corresponding to the interior of the core, is compensated for by making the potential V more attractive.

It is convenient to choose a form factor of the Yamaguchi type:

$$g_{\ell,j}(p) = \frac{p^{\ell}}{(p^2 + \beta^2)^{\ell+1}}$$
 (4)

With this choice, the two-body problem corresponding to the potential  $V+V_C$  can be solved exactly<sup>6,7</sup>. The energy  $\epsilon_{ij}$  of the bound-state is determined by the equation

$$\lambda_{\ell,1}^{-1} = \frac{\pi}{2} 4^{-\ell} \left( \frac{2\ell+1}{\ell} \right) \frac{\ell+1}{\ell+1 - \frac{S}{\kappa}} \left( 2\beta \right)^{-2\ell-1} \left( \beta + \kappa \right)^{-2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{S}{\ell} \right)^{-2\ell-1} \left( \frac{S}{\ell} \right)^{-2$$

where  $s = -[2mZZ'e^2]/2$  and  $\kappa = (2m[\epsilon_{\ell j}])^{1/2}$ . The corresponding wave function is given by

$$\Psi_{\ell j \mu}^{BS}(\vec{p}) = N_{\ell j} \frac{1}{p^2 + \kappa^2} [g_{\ell j}(p) - v_{\ell j}^C(p)] \Psi_{\ell j \mu}(\hat{p}), \qquad (6)$$

where

$$v_{\ell,j}^{C}(p) = -\frac{1}{p} \left[ \frac{4p\kappa^2}{(p^2 + \kappa^2)(\beta^2 - \kappa^2)} \right]^{\ell+1}$$

$$\sum_{n=\ell+1}^{\infty} \frac{\frac{s}{\kappa}}{n-\frac{s}{\kappa}} \left[ \frac{\beta-\kappa}{\beta+\kappa} \right]^n C_{n-\ell-1}^{\ell+1} \left[ \frac{p^2-\kappa^2}{p^2+\kappa^2} \right]$$
 (7)

and  $N_{i,j}$  is a normalization factor. The  $C_n^m$  (z) are the Gegenbauer polynomials.

From expression (6), we see that the separable potential  $V_{\text{sep}}$  which generates the same bound state as the potential  $V_{\text{e}}V_{\text{C}}$  is given by

$$\langle \vec{p} | U_{\text{neb}} | \vec{p}' \rangle = -\frac{\mathbf{A}_{e,l}}{2m} g_{e,l}^{g} (p) g_{e,l}^{g} (p') \cdot \sum_{e,j\mu} \langle \hat{p}' \rangle \langle \hat{p}' \rangle \langle \hat{p}' \rangle$$
(8)

with:

$$g_{\ell_1}^C(p) = g_{\ell_1}(p) - v_{\ell_1}^C(p),$$
 (9)

and  $\Lambda_{\ell,j}$  is determined by requiring that the bound state has the energy eigenvalue  $\epsilon_{\ell,j}$ . Expression (8) is the UPA, Eq. (1), when the degeneracy introduced by the quantum number  $\mu$  is included.

As an example, we consider U as the interaction which describes the 1d single-particle bound state of the proton in  $^{17}\mathrm{F}$ . The energy of the bound state ( $\epsilon_{2.5/2} = -0.596$  MeV) is reproduced if we take  $\lambda_{2.5/2} = 945$  fm $^{-7}$  and  $\beta = 1.464$  fm $^{-1}$ . in equations (2) and (4). The value of  $\beta$  is the same as the one appropriate for the neutron 1d single-particle state in  $^{17}\mathrm{O}$  (see

Sec. III). In Fig. 1, we show the radial function

$$u(r) = Ar^{3} e^{-\kappa r} \int_{0}^{1} x^{2+1\gamma} \left[ 1 + \frac{\beta - \kappa}{2\kappa} x \right]^{2-1\gamma} e^{-(\beta - \kappa)rx} dx, \quad (10)$$

where A is a normalization constant and  $\gamma=is/\kappa$  (Ref. 7, page 432). The corresponding mean-square radius is 3.74 fm. This value is very close to the value 3.69 fm given in Ref. 8. In Fig. 2, we plot the functions  $g_{2.5/2}(p)$ ,  $v_{2.5/2}^{C}(p)$  and  $g_{2.5/2}^{C}(p)$  (Eqs. (4), (7) and (9)). It can be shown analytically that  $v_{2.5/2}^{C}(p)$  behaves as  $p^2$  when  $p \to 0$  and as  $p^{-4}$  for  $p \to \infty$ . Finally, we mention that the coupling constant  $\Lambda_{2.5/2}$  which appears in Eq. (8) results equal to 1103 fm<sup>-7</sup>.

## III. APPLICATION TO A THREE-BODY BOUND STATE CALCULATION

We consider the nucleus  $^{18}F$  as a three-body system composed of an  $^{18}O$  core plus a proton (particle 1) and a neutron (particle 2). We restrict ourselves to bound states dominated by the  $(1d_{5/2}, 1d_{5/2})$  configuration and, in fact, consider only the ground state  $(1^{+})$  and the lowest  $0^{+}$  state (excitation energy 1.042 MeV).

For the proton- $^{10}$ O interaction,  $\rm U_1 = \rm V_1 + \rm V_C$ , we use the UPA potential described in the previous section. For the neutron-core interaction,  $\rm V_2$ , a potential of same form as the short-range part  $\rm V_1$  of the proton interaction (Eqs. (2)-(4)) is used. The parameters are chosen in such a way to reproduce the energy (-4.146 MeV) and the radius (3.464 fm) of the  $\rm 1d_{\rm S/2}$  single-particle state in  $\rm ^{17}O$ . Thus, the values  $\rm \lambda_{2.5/2}^{(2)} = 924~fm^{-7}$  and  $\rm \beta_{2.5/2}^{(2)} = 1.464~fm^{-1}$  are obtained. We here make the remark that since  $\rm \lambda_{2.5/2}^{(1)} = 945~fm^{-7}$ ) is larger than  $\rm \lambda_{2.5/2}^{(2)}$ ,  $\rm V_1$  is more attractive than  $\rm V_2$ . This is expected since, as was pointed out in Sec. II,  $\rm V_1$  has an artificial attractive part to compensate for the

excess Coulomb repulsion.

For the neutron-proton interaction,  ${\rm V}_{12}$ , we use the separable s-wave Yamaguchi potential:

$$\langle \vec{q} | V_{12} | \vec{q}' \rangle = \sum_{S=0, 1} - \frac{\Lambda_S}{m} g_S(q) g_S(q') \sum_{M_S} |SM_S\rangle \langle SM_S|$$
, (11)

$$g_{S}(q) = \frac{1}{q^{2} + \beta_{S}^{2}}$$
 (12)

In Eq. (11),  $\vec{q}$  is the relative momentum  $\frac{1}{2}$  ( $\vec{P}_1 - \vec{P}_2$ ),  $\vec{P}_i$  being the momentum of particle i, and  $|SM_S\rangle$  is the spin wave function for the proton-neutron system. The values used for the parameters are  $\Lambda_o = 0.149 \text{ fm}^{-3}$ ,  $\beta_o = 1.165 \text{ fm}^{-1}$ ,  $\Lambda_i = 0.382 \text{ fm}^{-3}$  and  $\beta_i = 1.406 \text{ fm}^{-1}$ , which are determined from the values  $a_s = -23.71 \text{ fm}$ ,  $r_{os} = 2.70 \text{ fm}$ ,  $a_t = 5.42 \text{ fm}$  and  $r_{ot} = 1.76 \text{ fm}$  for the scattering length and the effective range of the neutron-proton scattering.

Performing the Faddeev decomposition of the total wave function,  $\Psi=\Psi^{(1)}+\Psi^{(2)}+\Psi^{(3)}$ , we obtain the following expressions for the components  $\Psi^{(1)}$ :

$$\Psi^{(1)}(\vec{P}_1, \vec{P}_2) = \frac{2m}{2mE-P_1^2-P_2^2} \sum_{\ell=1,1}^{\ell} g_{2,5/2}^{C}(P_1) = \frac{H_{2,5/2,\ell-1}^{(1)}, I_{2,5/2}^{(P_2)}}{P_2}.$$

$$y_{2.5/2, l', j'; JK_{j}}(\hat{P}_{1}, \hat{P}_{2}),$$
 (13)

$$\Psi^{(2)}(\vec{P}_1,\vec{P}_2) = \frac{2m}{2mE - P_1^2 - P_2^2} \sum_{\ell,j} g_{2,5/2}^{(2)}(P_2) \frac{H_{2,5/2,\ell,j,j}^{(2)}(P_1)}{P_1}.$$

$$y_{\ell',j',2} \text{ s/2}; JH_{j}(\hat{P}_{1},\hat{P}_{2}),$$
 (14)

$$\Psi^{(3)}(\vec{P}, \vec{p}) = \frac{2m}{2mE - \frac{1}{2} P^2 - 2p^2} \sum_{LS} \sqrt{4\pi} g_{S}(p) \frac{H_{LS;J}(P)}{P} \cdot g_{LO(L)S;JM_{J}}(\hat{P}, \hat{p}) \cdot$$
(15)

In Eqs. (13)-(15), E is the energy of the three-body bound state,  $(J,M_J)$  denotes the total angular momentum,  $\vec{P}$  is the center of mass momentum  $\vec{P}_1 + \vec{P}_2$  and the Y's are the usual total angular momentum eigenfunctions.

The spectator functions H satisfy the homogeneous integral equations given in Refs. 10 and 11. For the 1 state, we have  $(\ell',j')=(2,5/2),(2,3/2),(4,7/2),L=0.2$  and S=1 in expansions (13)-(15) and, for the 0 state,  $(\ell',j')=(2,5/2),L=0$  and S=0. The coupled integral equations are transformed into a system of algebraic equations by applying the N point Gauss quadrature method for the integrals. The vanishing of the associated determinant gives the energy eigenvalue. In this way, we get  $E_1=-10.31$  MeV and  $E_0=-7.93$  MeV. These numbers are close to the experimental values  $E_1^{exp}=-9.75$  MeV and  $E_0^{exp}=-8.71$  MeV, despite of the fact that only the  $E_0^{exp}=-9.71$  MeV, despite of the fact that only the  $E_0^{exp}=-9.71$  MeV, despite of the fact that only the  $E_0^{exp}=-9.71$  MeV, despite of the fact that only the  $E_0^{exp}=-9.71$  MeV, despite of the fact that only the  $E_0^{exp}=-9.71$  MeV, despite of the fact that only the  $E_0^{exp}=-9.71$  MeV, despite of the fact that only the  $E_0^{exp}=-9.71$  MeV.

In order to evaluate the contribution of the Coulomb force to the three-body bound state energy, we replace the valence proton by a neutron and calculate the energy of the  $0^+$  ground state of  $^{18}$ O obtaining  $E_0^+$  ( $^{18}$ O) = -11.38 MeV. Therefore, in our model, the switching-on of the proton-core Coulomb interaction raises the energy by an amount  $E_0^+$  ( $^{18}$ P) -  $E_0^+$  ( $^{18}$ O) = -7.93 MeV + 11.38 MeV = 3.45 MeV. Experimentally, one has  $E_0^{\exp}$  ( $^{18}$ F) -  $E_0^{\exp}$  ( $^{18}$ O) = -8.71 MeV + 12.19 MeV = 3.48 MeV. This shows that the UPA is able to yield a correct value of the Coulomb energy.

In Figs. 3 and 4, we plot the spectator functions versus momentum. From the closeness of  $H^{(1)}$  and  $H^{(2)}$ , we conclude that the asymmetry introduced in the total wave function (Eqs. (13)-(15)) by the Coulomb force lies mainly in the difference

 $v_{2.5/2}^{C}$  between the form factors  $g_{2.5/2}^{C}$  and  $g_{2.5/2}^{(2)}$  ( $g_{2.5/2}^{C}$  in Fig. 2) and is about twenty percent. We make here the remark that in the numerical calculations we found it convenient to multiply  $g_{2.5/2}^{C}$  and  $g_{2.5/2}^{(2)}$  by a factor 15.50 and, accordingly divide  $\Lambda_{2.5/2}$  and  $\lambda_{2.5/2}^{(2)}$  by (15.50)<sup>2</sup>. Therefore, the actual values of  $H^{(1)}$  and  $H^{(2)}$  are 15.50 times those shown in Figs. 3 and 4.

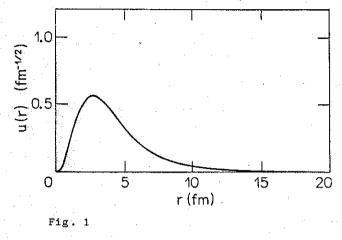
It is our purpose to extend the present calculation to other levels of  $^{18}$ F and further we expect to be able to apply the UPA to describe the (d,n) stripping reaction on  $^{16}$ O.

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### FIGURE CAPTIONS

- Figure 1 Exact radial wave function for the  $1d_{5/2}$  state in the Coulomb-plus-Yamaguchi potential.
- Figure 2 Form factors  $g_{2\ 5/2}^C$  of UPA,  $g_{2\ 5/2}$  of the Yamaguchi potential and the difference  $v_{2\ 5/2}^C$  between  $g_{2\ 5/2}$  and  $g_{2\ 5/2}^C$ .
- Figure 3 Spectator functions for the ground state of 18F.
- Figure 4 Spectator functions for the lowest 0 state of 18 F.



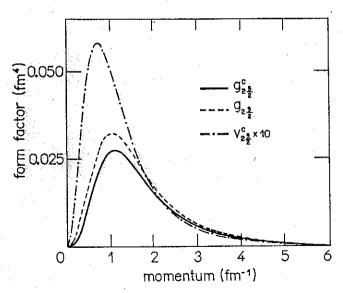


Fig. 2

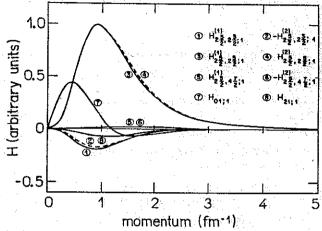


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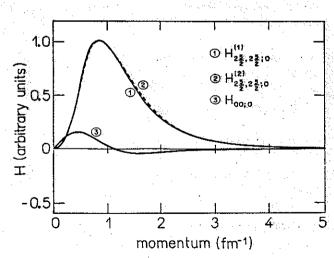


Fig. 4