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Abstract

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# CONFIGURATION REPRESENTATION OF THE INTERACTION OF NUCLEONS IN THE SUPERFLUID MODEL OF THE NUCLEUS

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The Hamiltonian of the superfluid model of the nucleus consists, as is known <sup>(1)</sup>, of a one-particle term and of the interaction between nucleons of the last unfilled shell. This interaction contains a pairing and a multipole-multipole part. In primarily quantized form

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^A H_i + \sum_{i,j=1}^n V_{ij}(\mathbf{r}_i \rho_i, \mathbf{r}_j \rho_j), \quad (1)$$

where  $H_i = T_i + U_i(\mathbf{r}_i \rho_i)$ ;  $A$  is the number of nucleons in the nucleus;  $\rho_i$  is the spin variable;  $n$  is the number of nucleons in the last shell. We know explicitly only the multipole-multipole part, which consists of terms of the type

$$C_{\lambda} r_i^{\lambda} r_j^{\lambda} P_{\lambda\mu}(\cos v_i) P_{\lambda\mu}(\cos v_j).$$

The pairing interaction was introduced <sup>(2)</sup> by analogy with the model Hamiltonian for a superconductor, where initially all essential interactions between electrons and between electrons and ions were taken into account. The model Hamiltonian <sup>(3)</sup> was obtained as a result of neglecting, in momentum space, many matrix elements of the interaction on the basis of clear physical arguments. But for a superconductor as well, the question is meaningful as to what interaction in  $x$ -space corresponds to such an effective interaction truncated in  $p$ -space. This question is much more interesting for the nucleus, where we do not know the nature of the interaction between nucleons, and pairing with respect to the quantum numbers of the last shell expresses an assumption about the result of various interactions between nucleons that are unknown to us.

We start from the second-quantized Hamiltonian

$$H = \sum_{ij} T_{ij} a_i^+ a_j + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{ijkl} V_{ijkl} a_i^+ a_j^+ a_{ka} l, \quad (2)$$

where  $T_{ij}^* = T_{ij}$ ,  $V_{ijkl} = -V_{jikl} = -V_{ijlk} = V_{klij}^*$ .

Passing to the  $x$ -representation gives

$$H = \int T(x_1 x_2) \psi^+(x_1) \psi(x_2) dx_1 dx_2 + \int V(x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4) \psi^+(x_1) \psi^+(x_2) \psi(x_3) \psi(x_4) dx_1 dx_2 dx_3 dx_4, \quad (3)$$

where  $\psi(x) = \sum_i \varphi_i(x) a_i$ ,  $\varphi_i(x) = \langle x | i \rangle$ ,  $|i\rangle = a_i^+ |0\rangle$ ,  $|0\rangle$  is the vacuum,

$$T(x_1 x_2) = \sum_{ij} T_{ij} \varphi_i(x_1) \varphi_j^*(x_2),$$

$$V(x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4) = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{ijkl} V_{ijkl} \varphi_i(x_1) \varphi_j(x_2) \varphi_k^*(x_3) \varphi_l^*(x_4). \quad (4)$$

$\int \dots dx$  means integration over  $d\mathbf{r}$  and summation over  $\rho$  ( $\rho = +, -$ ). The state vector of the system  $| \rangle$  can be represented in the coordinate representation by means of its projections

$$\langle 0 | \rangle, \quad \langle x_i | \rangle, \quad \langle x_i x_j | \rangle, \quad \langle x_i x_j x_k | \rangle, \dots \quad (5)$$

The transition from secondary to primary quantization consists, in this representation, in the following:

$$\langle x_1 x_2 | H | \rangle = H \varphi(x_1, x_2), \quad (6)$$

where  $\tilde{H}$  is the operator of primary quantization in the  $x$ -representation.

For the interaction we obtain

$$\langle x_1 x_2 | V | \rangle = \int \tilde{V}(x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4) \varphi(x_3 x_4) dx_3 dx_4, \quad (7)$$

where

$$\tilde{V}(x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4) = V(x_2 x_1 x_3 x_4) - V(x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4). \quad (8)$$

The interaction is local by definition if

$$\int \tilde{V}(x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4) \varphi(x_3 x_4) dx_3 dx_4 = \hat{V}(x_1 x_2) \varphi(x_1 x_2), \quad (9)$$

where  $\hat{V}(x_1x_2)$  is an operator of multiplication by a function in  $x$ -space.

In the case of a pairing interaction in unrestricted  $p$ -space,

$$\frac{1}{4} \sum_{ijkl} V_{ijkl} a_i^+ a_j^+ a_k a_l \quad (10)$$

reduces to

$$-G \sum_{\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_3} a_{\mathbf{p}_1}^+ a_{-\mathbf{p}_1}^+ a_{-\mathbf{p}_3} a_{\mathbf{p}_3}, \quad (11)$$

if  $i \rightarrow \mathbf{p}_i \sigma_i$ , and

$$V_{ijkl} = -\frac{1}{4} G \delta_{-\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2} \delta_{-\mathbf{p}_3, \mathbf{p}_4} \Xi(\sigma_1 \sigma_2) \Xi(\sigma_3 \sigma_4), \quad (12)$$

where

$$\Xi(\sigma_i \sigma_j) = \left( \delta_{\sigma_i^+ \sigma_j^-} - \delta_{\sigma_i^- \sigma_j^+} \right). \quad (13)$$

Correspondingly,

$$\begin{aligned} V(x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4) &= \\ &= -\frac{G}{4} \sum_{\substack{\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_3 \\ \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3, \sigma_4}} \Xi(\sigma_1 \sigma_2) \Xi(\sigma_3 \sigma_4) \varphi_{\mathbf{p}_1 \sigma_1}(x_1) \varphi_{-\mathbf{p}_1 \sigma_2}(x_2) \varphi_{\mathbf{p}_3 \sigma_3}^*(x_3) \varphi_{\mathbf{p}_3 \sigma_4}^*(x_4). \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

Let us assume, for simplicity, that the one-particle wave functions are plane waves. Substituting into (14), we obtain

$$V(x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4) = -\frac{G}{4} \delta(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2) \delta(\mathbf{r}_3 - \mathbf{r}_4) \Xi(\rho_1 \rho_2) \Xi(\rho_3 \rho_4). \quad (15)$$

Equation (9) takes the form

$$\int \tilde{V}(x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4) \varphi(x_3 x_4) dx_3 dx_4 = -\frac{G}{2} \delta(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2) \Xi(\rho_1 \rho_2) \int \varphi(\mathbf{r}_3^-, \mathbf{r}_3^+) d\mathbf{r}_3. \quad (16)$$

It is clear that the locality condition is not fulfilled here. We are dealing with a nonlocal interaction. On the other hand, a local  $\delta$ -like interaction between

particles with opposite projections of momenta and spins is effected by the potential

$$V(x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4) = -\frac{G}{2} \delta(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2) \delta_{\rho_1 - \rho_2} (\delta(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_4) \delta(\mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_3) \delta_{\rho_1 \rho_4} \delta_{-\rho_1 \rho_3} - \delta(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_3) \delta(\mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_4) \delta_{\rho_1 \rho_3} \delta_{-\rho_1 \rho_4}). \quad (17)$$

The matrix element in  $p$ -space corresponding to this interaction takes the form

$$V_{p_1 \sigma_1 \mathbf{p}_2 \sigma_2 \mathbf{p}_3 \sigma_3 \mathbf{p}_4 \sigma_4} = -\frac{G}{2} \delta_{\sigma_1, -\sigma_2} \delta(\mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{p}_3 - \mathbf{p}_4) (\delta_{\sigma_1, \sigma_4} \delta_{\sigma_3, -\sigma_1} - \delta_{\sigma_1, \sigma_3} \delta_{\sigma_4, -\sigma_1}). \quad (18)$$

Substitution into the interaction Hamiltonian gives

$$-G \sum_{p_1, \mathbf{p}_3, \vec{\delta}, \sigma} a_{p_1 0}^+ a_{\vec{\delta} - \mathbf{p}_1, -\sigma}^+ a_{-\mathbf{p}_3, -\sigma} a_{\vec{\delta} + \mathbf{p}_3, \sigma}. \quad (19)$$

Thus, in order to obtain the pair interaction (11), we must take into account only one term  $\vec{\delta} = 0$  from the sum over  $\vec{\delta}$ .

Let us consider the shell model with a spherical oscillator potential. Let there be nucleons of one kind in the last shell, and let pairing forces act between them for particles with opposite projections  $m$  and  $\sigma$ . The one-particle wave functions have the form

$$\varphi_{nlm\sigma}(r\nu\varphi) = \frac{1}{r} R_{nl}(r) Y_{lm}(\nu\varphi) \delta_{\sigma\rho}, \quad (20)$$

where  $Y_{lm}(\nu, \varphi)$  are spherical functions,

$$R_{nl}(r) = \sqrt{\frac{2(2\nu)^{l+3/2}(n-1)!}{(\Gamma(n+l+1/2))^3}} r^{l+1} e^{-\nu r^2} L_{n+l-1/2}^{l+1/2}(2\nu r^2), \quad (21)$$

$\nu = M\omega/2\hbar$ ,  $M$  is the nucleon mass,  $\omega$  is the frequency of oscillations, and  $L_n^k$  is a Laguerre polynomial.

In this case, pairing in the corresponding shell of quantum numbers gives

$$-G \sum_{\substack{2n_1+l_1=N_0 \\ 2n_3+l_3=N_0 \\ |m_1|=0,1,\dots,l_1 \\ |m_3|=0,1,\dots,l_3}} a_{n_1 l_1 m_1}^+ a_{n_1 l_1 -m_1}^+ a_{n_3 l_3 -m_3} a_{n_3 l_3 m_3}. \quad (22)$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
 & V(x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4) = \\
 & = -\frac{G}{4} \sum_{\substack{2n_1+l_1=N_0, \\ 2n_3+l_3=N_0, \\ |m_1|=0,1,\dots,l_1 \\ |m_3|=0,1,\dots,l_3 \\ \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \sigma_3 \sigma_4}} \varphi_{n_1 l_1 m_1 \sigma_1}(1) \varphi_{n_1 l_1 - m_1 \sigma_2}(2) \varphi_{n_3 l_3 - m_3 \sigma_3}(3) \varphi_{n_3 l_3 m_3 \sigma_4}^*(4) \times \\
 & \quad \times \Xi(\sigma_1 \sigma_2) \Xi(\sigma_3 \sigma_4). \tag{23}
 \end{aligned}$$

Using the summation formula for spherical functions, we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned}
 \nu(x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4) & = -\frac{1}{4} G \sum_{2n_1+l_1=N_0} \frac{(-1)^{l_1} (2l_1 + 1)}{4\pi} \frac{1}{r_1} \frac{1}{r_2} R_{n_1 l_1}(r_1) R_{n_1 l_1}(r_2) P_{l_1}(\nu_{12}) \times \\
 & \quad \times \sum_{2n_3+l_3=N_0} \frac{(-1)^{l_3} (2l_3 + 1)}{4\pi} \frac{1}{r_3} \frac{1}{r_4} R_{n_3 l_3}(r_3) R_{n_3 l_3}(r_4) \Xi(\rho_1 \rho_2) \Xi(\rho_3 \rho_4). \tag{24}
 \end{aligned}$$

It is seen that the expression obtained for  $V(x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4)$  leads to a nonlocal equation for the two-particle wave function, and that the interaction between particles depends on the form of the shell-model potential. Moreover,  $V(x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4)$  cannot be summed and will not lead us to  $\delta(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2)$ , as was the case in the unrestricted  $p$ -space.

Thus, we have come to the conclusion that the pairing  $(nlm\sigma, nl - m - \sigma)$ , acting only in the last unfilled shell  $N_0$ , cannot be assigned a local two-particle short-range potential in  $x$ -space.

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