

What happens for large Energy? I.e. why the  $\sigma$  decreases?

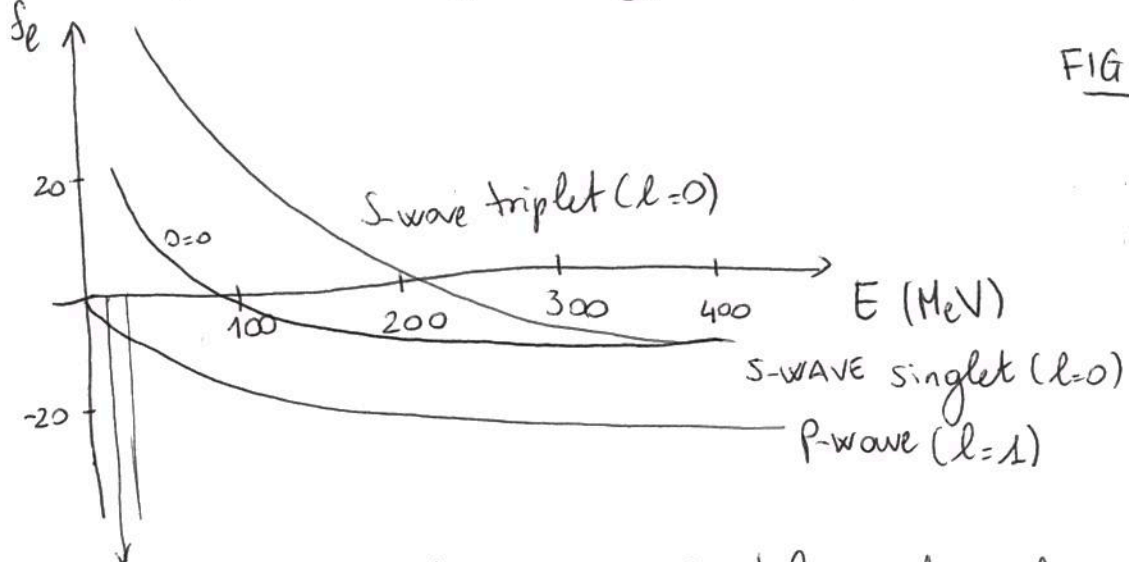
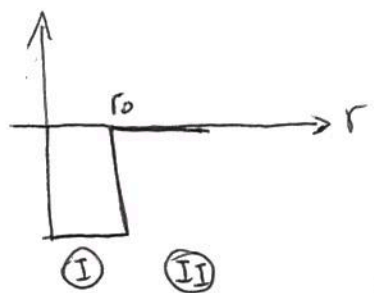


FIG 4.12. KRANE

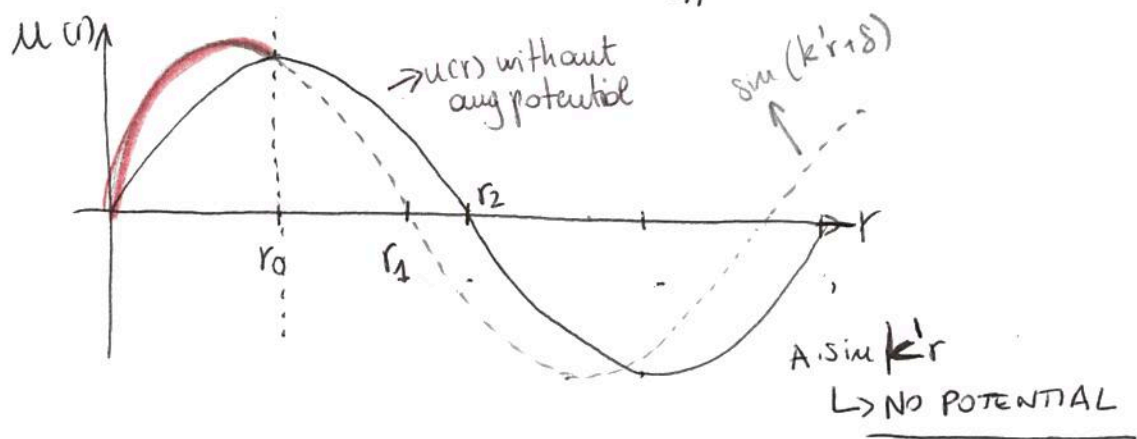
To separate  $\neq$  components one have to measure  $\frac{dN}{d\Omega}$  in  $\neq \theta$  ranges.  $l=0$  is isotropic while  $\neq l$  have preferred directions

$E \ll 1 \text{ MeV}$  p contribute is negligible and only s-wave matters.  
 Up to  $\approx 300 \text{ MeV}$  S is positive then it changes sign. The effect of S-wave gets negative!  $\Rightarrow$  The nuclear charge become repulsive at short distance.  
 What is the meaning of the fact that  $\delta$  in  $\delta$  changes sign?  $\rightarrow$  I.e. why it becomes repulsive at short range.  
 Let's consider deuteron again. The square well potential gives us:



$$u_{\text{I}} = A \sin k r \quad k = \sqrt{\frac{2m(V_0 + E)}{\hbar^2}} \leftarrow \text{SPRINGING}$$

$$u_{\text{II}} = C' \sin(k' r + \delta) \quad k' = \sqrt{\frac{2mE}{\hbar^2}} \leftarrow \text{SHIFTING}$$



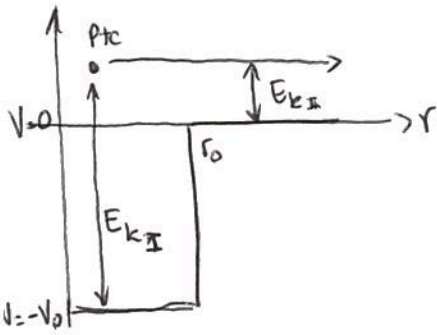
$k > k' \Rightarrow$  periodicity become smaller and changes of  $\frac{2\pi}{k} \rightarrow k$  borge  $\Rightarrow$  smaller period  
 outside the periodicity ~~cannot~~ have to be the same, BUT the w.f. has to move! To maintain continuity.

When the function is 0?  $k' r_2 = \pi$  (sin k'r) } We subtract and we get  
 $k' r_1 = \pi$  (sin(k'r + delta))

$$k'r_1 + \delta - k'r_2 = 0 \quad \delta = k'(r_2 - r_1) > 0 \quad \delta \text{ is positive.}$$

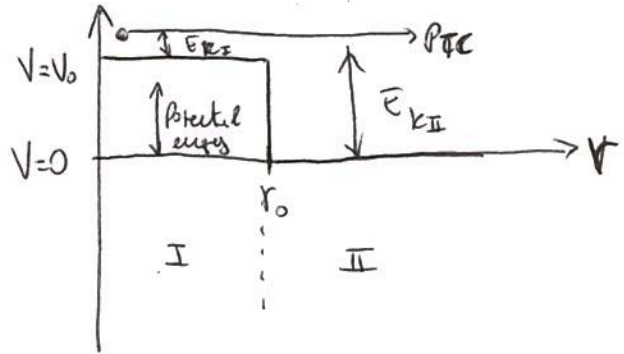
Let's suppose that the potential is repulsive instead of attractive.

ATTRACTIVE POTENTIAL



$E_k$  (kinetic energy) decreases  $\Rightarrow$  the potential is attractive

REPULSIVE POTENTIAL



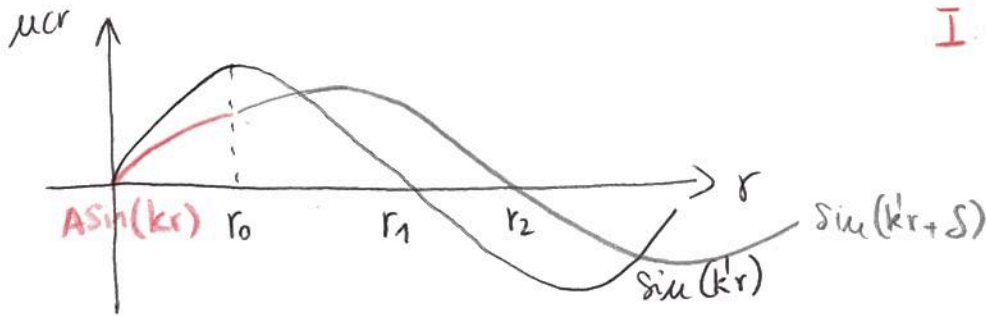
The separation is increasing  $\Rightarrow$  the potential is repulsive.

$$\mu_I = A \sin kr \quad k = \sqrt{\frac{2m(E - V_0)}{\hbar^2}}$$

$$\mu_{II} = C' \sin(k'r + \delta) \quad k' = \sqrt{\frac{2mE}{\hbar^2}}$$

In case of REPULSIVE potential  $k < k' \Rightarrow$  period I  $>$  period II

I the period expands



$$\left. \begin{array}{l} k'r_1 = \pi \\ k'r_2 + \delta = \pi \end{array} \right\} \text{SUBTRACTION}$$

$$k'(r_1 - r_2) - \delta = \pi$$

$$\delta = k'(r_1 - r_2) < 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  The sign of  $\delta$  tells us if the attraction was attractive or repulsive.

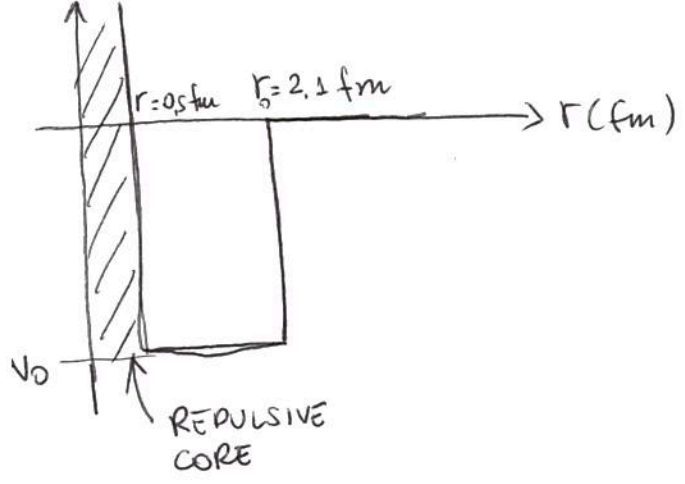
$l=1$  phase shift the  $\delta$  sign is negative.

Higher energy  $\Rightarrow$  closer p.t.c.  $\Rightarrow$  The separation is smaller for higher energy

$\Rightarrow$  The change of sign means that the force become REPULSIVE "very close".

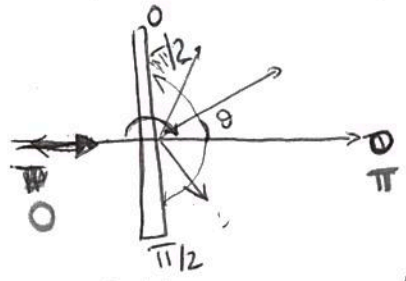
Meaning that the separation among nucleus is  $\approx 0,5 \text{ fm}$ .  $\Rightarrow$  It is not possible to push to nucleus closer than  $0,5 \text{ fm}$ . This observation also lead to what we already observed: There is a saturation density!

Nuclei are  $\Rightarrow$  not very dense object  $\Rightarrow$  The square well potential should be modified a bit.



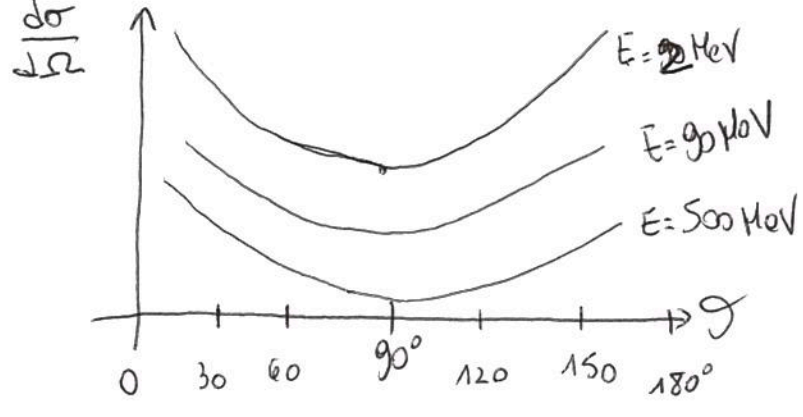
**EXCHANGE FORCE MODEL**

Let's look at the n-p differential cross-section.



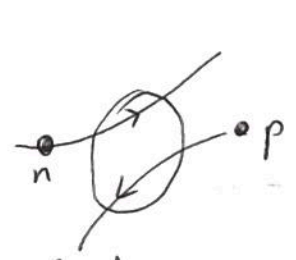
In general one should think that the  $\frac{dN}{d\theta}$  would decrease starting from  $\theta = 90^\circ$  ( $\theta = 90^\circ$  Max  $\rightarrow$  decrease  $+ 0 \times \theta = 180^\circ$ )

But if the measurement is done what can be observed is



Why there is a peak at  $\theta = 0^\circ$ ?

This can be interpreted using the exchange force model:



In the interaction, when p and n are close enough p and n can "exchange" charge explaining the peak at  $\theta = 0^\circ$ ! The "exchange" is done at the level of "nuclear field"

In fact, in parallel to what happens in e.m. force the same processes happen at the level of nuclear forces.



In E.M interaction, we start from 2 charges

$q_1$     $q_2$     $\rightarrow$  classically,  $q_1$  apply a force on  $q_2$     $F = \frac{q_1 q_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$

When we move to "fields"  $\rightarrow q_1$  creates a field which apply a force on  $q_2$

Moving to Q.E.D., the field is not continuous, but is quantified.

The quantization is given by the photon  $\gamma \Rightarrow$  the  $q_1 \cdot q_2$  interaction can be seen in terms of  $\gamma$  exchange: the  $\gamma$  are the mediator of E.M. force and are VIRTUAL  $\rightarrow$  we cannot observe them.

Moving to nuclear force, if we have two nucleons

$N_1$     $N_2$    The interaction is mediated from an exchange of particle  $N_1 \rightarrow ptc \rightarrow N_2$

Which particle mediates the interaction? Particle can have mass and charge and can ~~have an energy~~ exist only as long as the ~~can be as large as the~~  $\therefore$  indetermination principle allows.

$\Delta E = m_{\pi} c^2$     $\Delta E \Delta t \approx \hbar \Rightarrow \Delta t = \frac{\hbar}{\Delta E} = \frac{\hbar}{m_{\pi} c^2}$

The range of the interaction have to be  $\leq \Delta t \cdot c = \frac{\hbar c}{m_{\pi} c^2}$

The range of the interaction is  $\approx 2 \text{ fm} \Rightarrow m_{\pi} c^2 = \frac{\hbar c}{2 \text{ fm}} = \frac{200 \text{ MeV fm}}{2 \text{ fm}} \approx 100 \text{ MeV}$

The mass of the exchange particle is  $\approx 100 \text{ MeV}/c^2 \Rightarrow$  the exchange mass ptc is nonive (range of E.M. is  $\infty \Rightarrow$  massless mediator) and virtual, but not IMAGINARY!

The force mediator are PIONS:  $\pi^+, \pi^-, \pi^0$   
 $m = 139.6 \text{ MeV}$     $m = 135 \text{ MeV}$

Force between nucleons is mediated by  $\pi$  (strong force is the residual of color charge in quark).

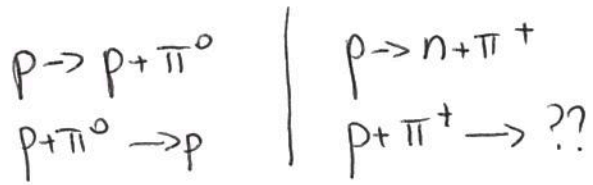
n-p interaction can be mediated by  $\pi^+, \pi^-$  &  $\pi^0$

$n \rightarrow n + \pi^0$     $p \rightarrow p + \pi^0$  }  $\Delta t = \frac{r}{c} = \frac{2 \text{ fm}}{3 \cdot 10^8 \text{ m/s}} \approx 10^{-23} \text{ s}$   
 $p \rightarrow p + \pi^0$     $n \rightarrow n + \pi^0$  } The reaction can be not energetically balanced for  $t < \Delta t$

$n \rightarrow p + \pi^-$     $p \rightarrow n + \pi^+$  }  
 $p + \pi^- \rightarrow n$     $n + \pi^+ \rightarrow p$  } The same is valid

p-p interaction can be mediated only by  $\pi^0$

(39)



This can be related to  $m_{\pi^+} \neq m_{\pi^0}$  (Mass difference)

Square well potential must be changed into a phenomenological potential  
e.g. one  $\pi$  exchange potential (also known as Yukawa potential)

$$V(r)_{\text{OPEM}} \propto \frac{e^{-\mu r}}{r} \left[ \text{spin dependence, non central} \right]$$

$\pi$  exchange is responsible for the nuclear attraction.

For shorter range interaction, the exchange of  $\omega$  may ~~explain~~ contribute to the repulsive core, while the  $\phi$  exchange can provide the spin-orbit part of the interaction.



# NUCLEAR MODELS

If at this point we would like to extend the ideas developed up to now (i.e. understand the nuclear force) to heavier nuclei.

This is not an easy task, since going from 2 to "many" add a lot of technical difficulties.

The equations cannot be solved analytically but only numerically.

Moreover, the nuclear force do not acts only between 2-nucleus, but also the 3-body, 4-body, etc force have to be taken into account.

As for such problem there is no classical analog.

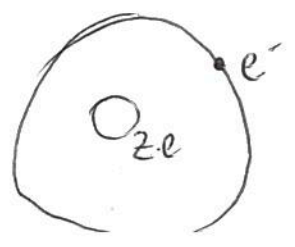
In principle it is possible to do additional scattering experiments ~~but~~ the 3-body force, but however the limit where microscopical approach observe rather than illuminates the "essential physics" is soon reached.

In order to study the nuclei, we decide to use an oversimplified theory, but mathematically tractable and full of physics insight. If the theory is fairly successful we can improve it by adding additional terms, creating a "NUCLEAR MODEL". A nuclear model is a simplified view of nuclear structure, but with all the essential nuclear physics inside. To be consider a "model", a theory must describe reasonably describe previous measurements and must be able to predict additional properties which can be measured by new experiments.

## SHELL MODEL

In atomic physics, the theory based on shell for electrons has provided a remarkable success in describing the complicated details of atomic structure.

H-like atom



$$H = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 - \frac{ze^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$$

→ MULTI-e<sup>-</sup>

$$H = \sum_i \left[ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla_i^2 + \left[ -\frac{ze^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_i} + \sum_{i,j} \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 |r_i - r_j|} \right] \right]$$

i = electrons  
j = electrons - i - electron Interaction term

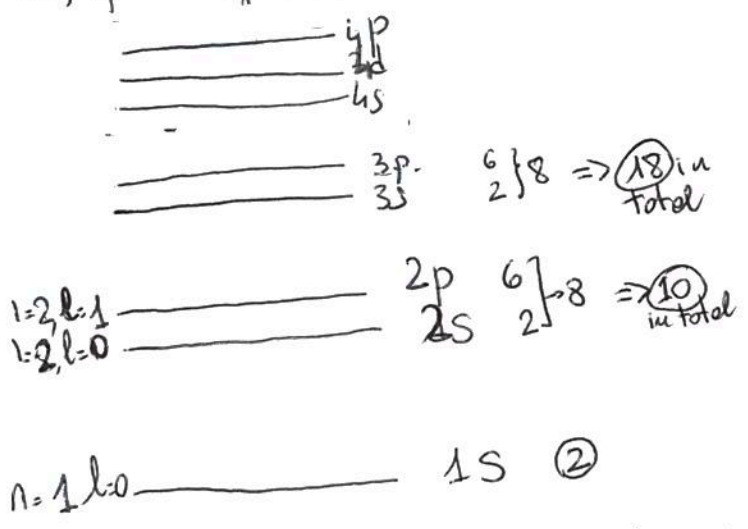
To take into account the interaction, an effective potential  $V(r)$  is employed and this potential is a "non-Coulomb" potential

$$\Rightarrow H = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + V(r)$$

It ends up with a "shell model" where the different electrons are disposed. In the model spin and angular momentum degeneracy are taken into account and different "energy levels" ( $\Rightarrow$  i.e. shell) are "created".

The Energy of each level is characterized by quantum numbers  $(n, l)$  and the gaps between the different energy levels are different.

So, for example, we have.

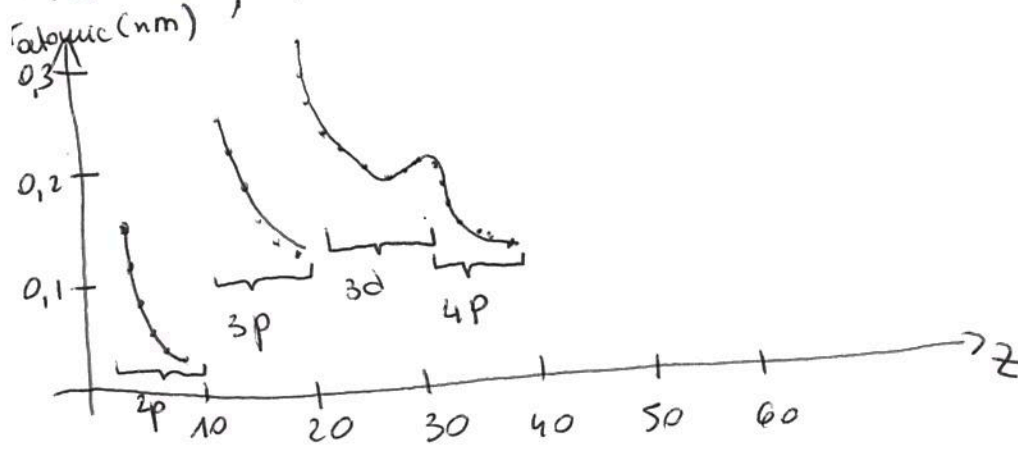


In s shell 2 electrons can be present, p-shell 6 and in d-shell 10.

The levels close "cumulatively" so  $n=1$  closes with 2  $e^-$ ,  $n=2$  with 10,  $n=3$  with 18 and so forth.

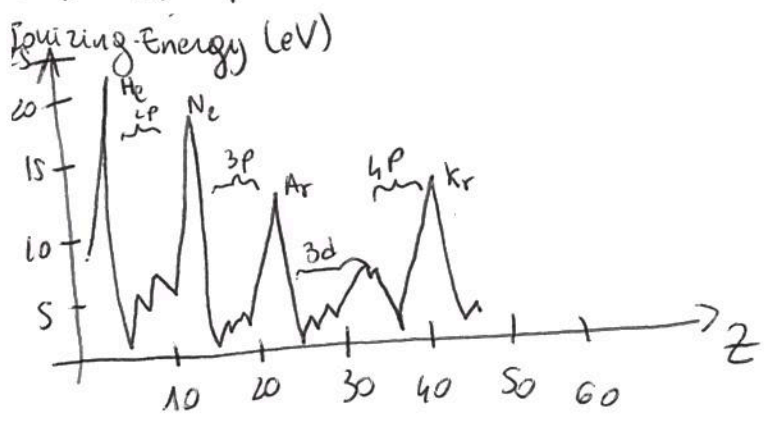
The model is successful in describing "periodicity" of atomic characteristics which are seen in the periodic table.

For example, if one looks at the atomic radius and to the ionization energy

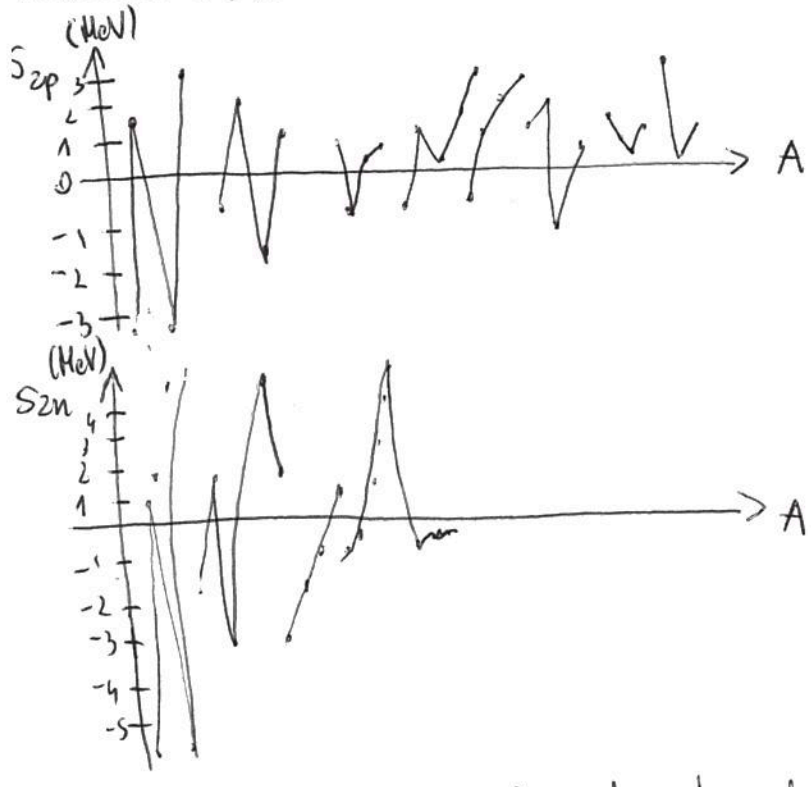


A regular and smooth variation within the a sub-shell can be observed, but a rather dramatic change when 2 sub-shell are crossed can be seen. Moreover it appears that the shells are "space-separated".





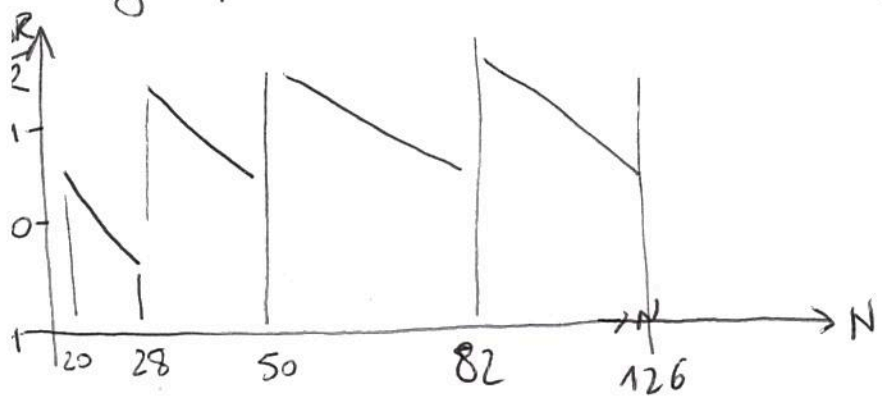
Let's now move to a "nuclear physics" measurement. If ~~you~~ one plot the "proton separation energy"  $S_p$  (i.e. the energy needed to extract one  $p(n)$  from a nucleus) the obtained results is:



The separation energy increases gradually with  $N$  or  $Z$ , except for sharp drops that occur at the same pair of numbers (i.e.  $A-Z = 8, 20, 28, 50, 82, 126$ )

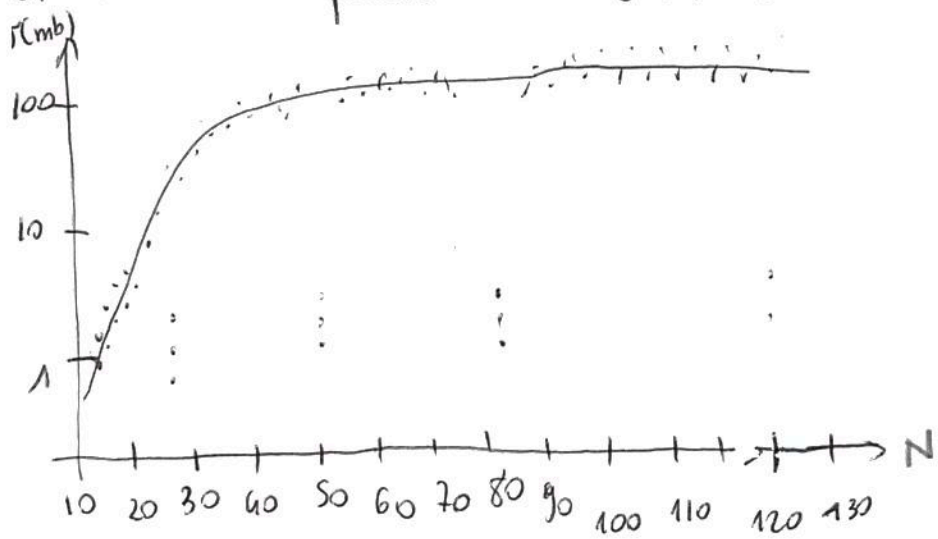
Additional evidence of such structure exists also for other quantities such as:

Change of the nuclear radius





or neutron capture cross-section



The decrease of the  $\sigma_{n.c.}$  decrease at  $N = 2, 8, 20, 28, 50, 82, 126$

All these measurements show a pattern and also that there are some Neutron numbers where sudden changes of behavior occurs. These numbers are called "MAGIC NUMBERS" ( $N = Z = 2, 8, 20, 28, 50, 82, 126$ ) and represents the effects of "filled shells". Any successful theory must be able to account for the existence of such shell closures.

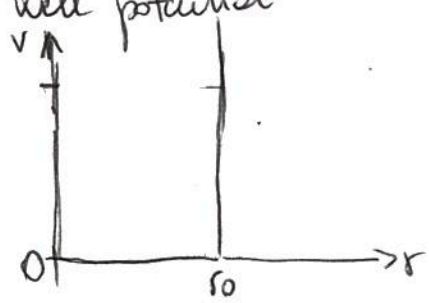
The question of the existence of a nuclear potential is dealt with by the fundamental assumption of the shell model: the motion of a single nucleon is governed by the potential caused by all the other nucleons.

What will matters here is a "Mean potential" which ~~we~~ must be used taking into account that in nuclear physics we have to deal with 2 fermions (paired  $n$ ) at a time (while in atomic physics only the  $e^-$  have to be taken into account). Which potential should we use? For sure not the 2-body potential since we will introduce too many variables in the calculations.

SHELL MODEL POTENTIAL

Let's start from the easiest potential we can think to use here: the "infinite square well potential"

$V(r) = 0 \quad r < r_0$   
 $V(r) = \infty \quad r \geq r_0$



This is a central potential, so there is no dependence on  $\theta$  and  $\phi$  in the potential. And the wave-function can be written as:

$$\phi(r, \theta, \varphi) = \frac{u(r)}{r} \underbrace{Y_l^m(\theta, \varphi)}_{\text{spherical harmonics}}$$

The potential does not depend on  $\theta$  and  $\varphi$ , but the wave-function does.

The Schrödinger equation can be written as:  $H\psi = E\psi \rightarrow H u = E u$

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2 u}{dr^2} + \left[ V(r) + \frac{l(l+1)\hbar^2}{2m r^2} \right] u = E u$$

↑  
degeneracy of each level

For  $r < r_0$

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2 u}{dr^2} + \frac{l(l+1)\hbar^2}{2m r^2} u = E u$$

Applying the boundary conditions that at  $r=0$  and  $r=r_0$  the w.f. must be 0, the solution of

Such equation is a Bessel function

$$u(r) = r \cdot J_l(kr)$$

Where  $J_l$  = Bessel function which depends on  $l$

$$k = \sqrt{\frac{2m_p E}{\hbar^2}} \quad m_l = m_p \text{ because each } n \text{ ep has the same Energy}$$

$$\text{and } J_l(k r_0) = 0, \quad r_0 \approx 2 \text{ fm}$$

$$J_l = z^l \left( -\frac{1}{z} \frac{d}{dz} \right)^l \left( \frac{\sin z}{z} \right)$$

⇒ So starting from  $l=0$  a minimum (i.e. a solution) of Bessel function can be obtained → changing  $l$  one gets a "shell model"



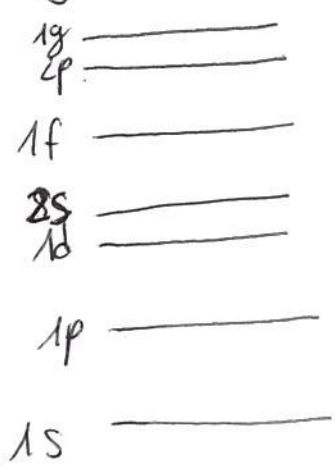
Similar to what is seen in atomic physics for each  $n$  a different  $l$  can be associated

$$l=0 \quad n=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$l=1 \quad n=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Here  $l$  and  $n$  do not represent the same thing as in atomic physics, but like there we can say that,

$l=0 \rightarrow s$        $\rightarrow$  The energy levels are disposed like this:  
 $l=1 \rightarrow p$        $n$  counts the # of levels with  $l$  value  
 $l=2 \rightarrow d$   
 $l=3 \rightarrow f$



Note that 1p does not exist in ATOMIC PHYSICS!

If we count how many  $p(n)$  can be "accommodated" in such way

1g	18	58
2p	6	40
1f	14	<del>34</del>
2s	2	<del>20</del>
<del>1d</del>	10	
1p	6	8
1s	2	2

$\rightarrow$  NOT A MAGIC NUMBER!

$\Rightarrow$  The square-well potential is not ok

Let's try another one

The 3-d Harmonic potential  $\rightarrow$  again this is a central potential and we can solve it for  $u$

$$V(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 r^2 \quad \phi(r) = \frac{u(r)}{r} Y_e^m(\theta, \varphi)$$

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2 u}{dr^2} + \left( \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 r^2 + \frac{l(l+1)\hbar^2}{2mr^2} \right) u = E u$$

$$E = \left(2n + l + \frac{3}{2}\right) \hbar \omega$$

$$= \left(N + \frac{3}{2}\right) \hbar \omega$$

$$n = 0, 1, 2$$

$$l = 0, 1, 2, 3$$

$$\Downarrow$$
  
$$N = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

With this potential, all the energy level are equally separated

$$\text{If } N=0 \Rightarrow E = \frac{3}{2} \hbar \omega$$

$$N=0 \Rightarrow n=0, l=0 \rightarrow 1s$$
  
$$N = 2n + l$$

$$\frac{22+14+6}{\text{---}} \quad 1h, 2f, 3p \quad \rightarrow \text{this can be "extrapolated"}$$

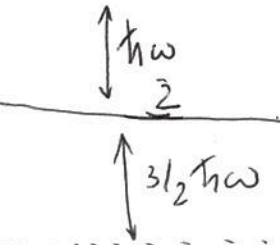
$$\frac{18+10+2}{\text{---}} \quad 1g, 2d, 3s$$

$$\frac{14+6}{\text{---}} \quad 1f, 2p \quad (40)$$

----- BREAK! -----

$$\frac{2+10}{\text{---}} \quad 2s, 1d \quad (20)$$
  
SAME ENERGY

$$\frac{6}{\text{---}} \quad 1p \quad (8)$$



$$N=1 \quad n=0, l=1 \rightarrow 1p$$

$$N=2 \quad n=1, l=0 \rightarrow 2s$$
  
$$n=0, l=2 \rightarrow 1d$$

$$N=3 \quad n=0, l=3 \rightarrow 1f$$
  
$$n=1, l=1 \rightarrow 2p$$

$$N=4 \quad n=0, l=4 \rightarrow 1g$$
  
$$n=1, l=2 \rightarrow 2d$$
  
$$n=2, l=0 \rightarrow 3s$$

s	p	d	g	h
2	6	10	18	22

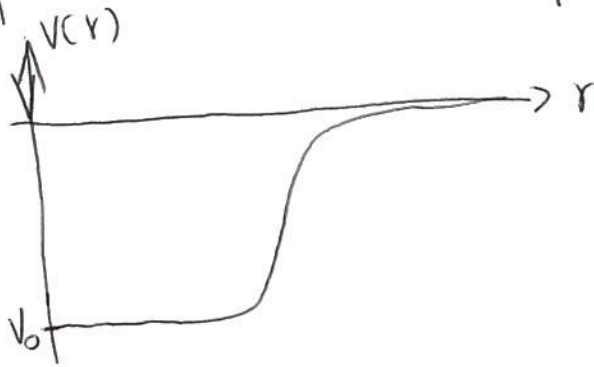
Also in this case the magic numbers stops at 20... Also this potential is not ok. This should not be a "big surprise", in fact both the potentials we have considered are  $\infty$ , which is unrealistic in a nucleus  $\Rightarrow$  A finite potential must be used.

The "easy" options are a) A finite square well potential or b) a finite square well potential with exponential tails (to round the tails of the potential).

The calculations were done in the 40s, and it turns out that the levels remain the same as for the  $\infty$  potentials.



The "most realistic" potential that can be used is a "Wood-Saxon" potential. This  $V(r)$  is flat until  $R_0$  and then goes to 0



$$V(r) = - \frac{V_0}{1 + e^{\frac{r-R}{a}}}$$

The sign  $\ominus$  tells us that the potential is ATTRACTIVE.

$$R = R_0 A^{1/3} \quad a = 52 \text{ fm} \quad V_0 \approx 50 \text{ MeV}$$

Such potential was tried, but the change of potential shape do not change the shell closures, which are insensitive to the actual shape of the potential.

How could we modify the potential to obtain the proper magic numbers? For sure we don't have to modify the potential too much, hence we have to add a term to improve the situation.

In '49 it was demonstrated that the term which can cure the problem is the "spin-orbit" potential.

The idea is the same as in atomic physics, but the differences introduced by such a contribution in atomic physics are of the order of % of eV. Such interaction won't play any role in nuclear physics, but the idea can be applied to the spin-orbit contribution of the STRONG force.

The contribution has to be added to ANY potential in the Hamiltonian

$$H = H_0 + f(r) \vec{l} \cdot \vec{s}$$

The "central"  $H_0$  commutes with  $L^2, L_z, S^2, S_z$  ~~no~~  $\Rightarrow$  You can have

$$H_0 = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + V(r)$$

a definite angular momentum and spin in the <sup>energy</sup> eigenfunction  $\Rightarrow$  For each energy a definite set of  $L^2, L_z, S^2$  and  $S_z$ .

The spin-orbit terms make the Hamiltonian as a "non-commutative" in the sense that  $H$  commutes with  $L^2$  and  $S^2$  but not with  $L_z, S_z$