Nuclear Structure and Reactions
paring in nuclei with Cooper pair transfer

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Chapter 1

Preface

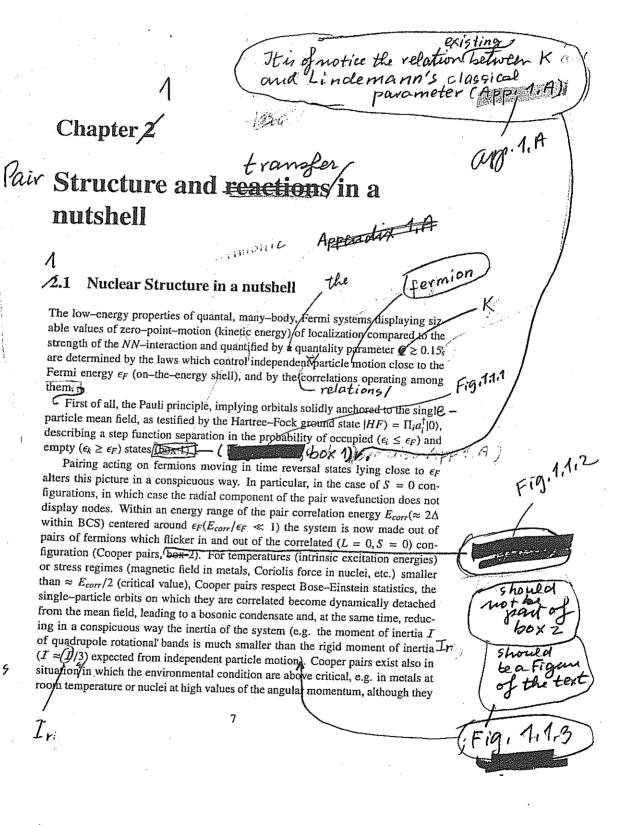
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The elementary modes of nuclear excitation are vibrations and rotations, single-particle (quasiparticle) motion, and pairing vibrations and rotations. The specific reactions probing these modes are inelastic, single- and two-particle transfer processes respectively. Within this context one can posit that nuclear structure (bound) and reactions (continuum) are but two aspects of the same physics. This is the reason why they can be treated on equal footing in terms of elementary modes of excitation, within the framework of nuclear field theory (NFT). This theory provides the rules to diagonalize in a compact and economic way the nuclear Hamiltonian for both bound and continuum states correcting for overcompletness of the basis (particle-vibration coupling (structure), non-orthogonality (reaction)), and for Pauli principle violation.

Pairing vibrations and rotations, closely connected with nuclear superfluidity are, arguably, paradigms of quantal nuclear phenomena. They thus play an important role within the field of nuclear structure. It is only natural that two-nucleon transfer plays a similar role concerning direct nuclear reactions. In fact, this is the central subject of the present monograph.

At the basis of fermionic pairing phenomena one finds Cooper pairs, weakly bound, extended, strongly overlapping (quasi-) bosonic entities, made out of pairs of nucleons dressed by collective vibrations and interacting through the exchange of these vibrations as well as through the bare NN-interaction, eventually corrected by 3N contributions. Cooper pairs not only change the statistics of the nuclear stuff around the Fermi surface and, condensing, the properties of nuclei close to their ground state. They also display a rather remarkable mechanism of tunnelling between target and projectile in direct two-nucleon transfer reaction. In fact, being weakly bound ($\ll \epsilon_F$, Fermi energy) they display correlations over distances (correlation length) much larger than nuclear dimensions ($\gg R$, nuclear radius). On the other hand, Cooper pairs are forced to be confined within such dimensions by the action of the average potential, which can be viewed as an external field as far as these pairs are concerned.

The correlation length paradigm comes into evidence, for example, when two



lying along the stability gelimidt. 8 CHAPTER 2. STRUCTURE AND REACTIONS IN A break as soon as they are generates (pairing vibrations). While mese pair addition and substraction fluctuations have little effect on condensed systems, they play an important role in mesoscopic systems, in particular in nuclei (box 3). Within the rfamework of the above picture, one can introduce at profit a collective coordinate α_0 (order parameter) which measures the number of Cooper pairs participating in the pairing condensate, and define a wavefunction for each pair $(U_{\nu} + V_{\nu} a_{\nu}^{\dagger} a_{\nu}^{\dagger})$ [0) (independent pair motion, BCS approximation), adjusting the occupation parameters V_{ν} and U_{ν} (probability amplitudes that the two-fold (Kramer's-)degenerate pair state $(\nu, \bar{\nu})$ is either occupied or empty), so as to minimize the energy of the system under the condition that the average number of nucleons is equal to N_0 (Coriolis force felt, in the inrinsic system, by the pairs, equal to $-\lambda N_0$). Thus, $|BCS\rangle=\Pi_{\nu>0}\left(U_{\nu}+V_{\nu}a_{\nu}^{\dagger}a_{\bar{\nu}}^{\dagger}\right)|0\rangle$ provides a valid description of the paired mean field ground state, and of the associated order parameter $\alpha_0 = \langle BCS|P^{\dagger}|BCS\rangle, P^{\dagger} = \sum_{\nu>0} a_{\nu}^{\dagger} a_{\bar{\nu}}^{\dagger}$ being the pair creation operator (box 2). C It is then natural to posit that two-nucleon transfer reactions are specific to probe pairing correlations in many-body fermionic systems. Examples are provided by the Josephson effect in e.g. metallic superconductors, and (t, p) and (p, t)reactions in atomic nuclei. (ast for hoven Because away from the Fermi energy pair independent motion becomes independent particle motion, in particular in the nuclear case $|BCS\rangle \rightarrow |Nilsson\rangle$, one-particle transfer reactions like e.g. (d, p) and (p, d) can be used together with (t,p) and (p,t) processes as a valid tool to cross check pair correlation predictions In particular, to shed light on the origin of pairing in nuclei: in a nutshell, the relative importance of the bare NN-interaction and the induced pairing interaction this context seealso Catter While the calculation of two-nucleon transfer spectroscopic amplitudes and appetit differential cross sections are, a priori, more involved to be worked out than those associated with one-nucleon transfer reactions, the former are, as a rule, more intrinsically accurate than the later ones. This is because in the first case, the actual value of the variety of quantities reflect coherence, and thus the averaging over many contributions $\sqrt{j_{ij}+1/2-1/2-1/2}$ thus the averaging which, in spite of the fact that each of them may be somewhat inaccurate, they overall sum leads to $\alpha_0(d\sigma(2n_{\rm transfer})/d\Omega \approx |u_0|^2)$. On the other hand, $(d\sigma(1n_{\rm transfer})/d\Omega \sim |U_v|^4)$ a(~ |V, |) handepending on the accuracy with which one is able to calculate the occupancy of a pure configuration (box 4). itself The above parlance or reflected in the calculation of the elements resulting from the encounter of structure and reaction, namely one- and two-nucleon modified transfer formfactors. While it is usually considered that these quantities carry all the structure information associated with the calculation of the corresponding cross sections, a consistent NFT calculation of structure and reaction will posit that equally much is contained in the distorted waves describing the relative motion of the colliding systems. This is because the optical potential (U+iW) which determines the scattering waves, emerges from the same modified formfactors eventually including also inelastic processes. In other words, setting detectors in the case of two-nucleon. This is because, transfer reactions, the quantity who expresses the collectivity of the members of a partition of the members of a notational band reflect the properties state (BCG) A extreor words, it results of over many contribution (VJV+1/2 U, V,), all laving the same physic. consequently, errors having the same phase. Consequently, errors are averaged on the summed value IdoI, conferring the two nucleor transfer of 2 10012 agrantative

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Furthermore, one needs to to take into account the 2.1. NUCLEAR STRUCTUR∯IN A NUTSHELL given e.g. a definite two-particle transfer channel like $A + t \rightarrow$ B(=A+2)+needs to know what the single-particle states and collective modes of the systems A F(= A + 1) prof/ and B are respectively, as well as their interweaving leading to dressed particle states (quasiparticles) fermions) are renormalized normal modes of and excitation (bosons) that But these are essentially all the elements needed to calcuvibrational late the processes leading to the depopulation of the flux of the incoming channel (A + t) in the case under discussion). In particular, and assuming to work with spherical nuclei, so as to avoid strong inelastic processes, one-particle transfer is, as a rule (in particular Q-value closed channels), the main depopulation process, in keeping with the long range tail of the associated formfactor as compared to that of other processes, e.g. melastic processes, In keeping with this fact, and because U and W are connected by the Kramers-Krönig generalized dispersion relation (fluctuation dissipation theorem), it is possible to calculate the nuclear dielectric function (optical potential) needed to describe the $A+a\to B+p$ process in question. associated with the elastic channels \mathcal{N} Concerning the modified formfactor associated with this process, we shall see in the next Chapter that it can be written as $F_{LSJ}^{I_{i}J_{f}}(R) = \sum_{\substack{n_{1}l_{1}j_{1} \\ n_{2}l_{2}j_{2}, \ \mathcal{N} \\ \langle SLJ|j_{1}j_{2}J\rangle \langle x\mathcal{D}, NL, L|n_{1}l_{1}, n_{2}l_{2}; L\rangle} B(n_{1}l_{1}j_{1}, n_{2}l_{2}j_{2}; JJ_{i}J_{f})$ $\Omega_n R_{NL}(R)$ where the overlaps $B(n_1l_1j_1, n_2l_2j_2; JJ_iJ_f)$ $= \langle \Psi^{J_f}(\xi_{A+2}) | \left[\phi^J(n_1 l_1 j_1, n_2 l_2 j_2), \Psi^{J_i}(\xi_A) \right]^{J_f} \rangle$ and $\Omega_n = \langle \phi_{nlm_l}({\bf r}) | \phi_{000}({\bf r}) \rangle$ encode for the physics of particle-particle (but also, to a large extent, particlehole) correlations in nuclei, $\langle SLT|j_1j_2J\rangle$ and $\langle no, NL, L|n_1l_1, n_2l_2; L\rangle$ being LS-jjand Moshinsky transformation brackets, keeping track of symmetry and number

of degrees conservation. In fact, the two-nucleon spectroscopic amplitude (Bcoefficient) and the overlap Ω_n reflect the parentage in which the nucleus B can be written in terms of the system A and a Cooper pair,

$$\Psi_{exit} = \Psi_{M_f}^{J_f}(\xi_{A+2})\chi_{M_{sf}}^{S_f}(\sigma_p),$$

where

$$\begin{split} \Psi^{J_f}_{M_f}(\xi_{A+2}) &= \sum_{\substack{n_1 l_1 j_1 \\ n_2 l_2 j_2 \\ J, J_i'}} B(n_1 l_1 j_1, n_2 l_2 j_2; J J_i J_f) \\ &= \left[\phi^J(n_1 l_1 j_1, n_2 l_2 j_2) \Psi^{J_i'}(\xi_A)\right]_{M_f}^{J_f} \end{split}$$

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and

 $\Psi_{entrance} = \Psi_{M_i}^{J_i}(\xi_A)\phi_i(\mathbf{r}_{n1},\mathbf{r}_{n2},r_p;\sigma_{n1},\sigma_{n2},\sigma_p)$

with

 $\phi_t = \left[\chi^{S}(\sigma_{n1}, \sigma_{n2}) \chi^{S'f}(\sigma_p) \right]_{M_{si}}^{S_t} \phi_t^{L=0} \left(\sum_{i > j} |\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j| \right)$

Assuming for simplicity a symmetric di-neutron radial wavefunction of the triton, i.e. neglecting the d-component of the corresponding wavefunction, for the relative and center of mass wavefunctions $P_{nlm}(\mathbf{r})$ and $\Phi_{N\Lambda M}(R)$ $(n=l=m=0,N=\Lambda=M=0)$, leads to Ω_n , a quantity that reflects both the non-orthogonality existing between the di-neutron wavefunctions in the final nucleus (Cooper pair) and in the triton. Another way to say the same thing is that dineutron correlations in these two systems are different, a fact which underscores the limitations of the light ion reactions to probe specifically pairing correlations in nuclei.

One can then conclude that, provided one makes use of a (sensible) complete single-particle basis (eventually including also the continuum), one can capture as Ω_n through $G_{LSJ}(R)$ most of the coherence of Cooper pair transfer, in keeping with the fact that major aspects of the associated di-neutron non-locality at taken care of by the n-summation weighted by the non-orthogonal overlaps Ω_n . This is in keeping with the fact that, making use of a more refined triton wavefunction than employed above, the n-p (deuteron-like) correlations of this particle can be described with reasonable accuracy and thus the emergence of successive transfer. On the other hand, being the deuteron a bound system, this effective treatment of the associated resonances is not particular economic. Furthermore, zero-range approximation $(V(p)\phi_{000}(p) = D_0\delta(\vec{p}))$ blocks such a possibility.

Nonetheless, the fact that one can still work out a detailed and consistent picture of two-nucleon transfer reactions in nuclei in terms of absolute cross sections with the help of a single parameter $(D_0^2 \approx (31.6 \pm 9.3)10^4 \text{MeV}^2 \text{fm}^2)$ testifies to the fact that the above picture of Cooper pair transfer is a powerful picture, as it contains a large fraction of the physics which is at the basis of Cooper pair transfer in nuclei (?; Ch. 2). This is the reason why treating explicitly the intermediate deuteron channel in terms of successive transfer, correcting both this and the simultaneous transfer channel for non-orthogonality contributions, makes the above picture the quantitative probe of Cooper pair correlations in nuclei (?; Ch. 4 and 5), as testified by Fig. ?? and Table ?? Within this context, we provide below two examples of B-coefficients. One for the case in which A and B(= A + 2) are members of a pairing rotational pand. A second one, we therefore the case in which A and B(= A + 2) are members of a pairing rotational pand. A second one, we then the case in which A and B(= A + 2) are members of a pairing rotational pand. A second one, we then the case in which A and B(= A + 2) are members of a pairing rotational pand. A second one, we then the case in which A and B(= A + 2) are members of a pairing rotational pand. That

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 $= \left\{ \begin{array}{cc} \sqrt{j+1/2} X_a(n_k l_k j_k) & (\epsilon_{j_k} > \epsilon_F) \\ \sqrt{j+1/2} Y_a(n_i l_i j_i) & (\epsilon_{j_k} \le \epsilon_F) \end{array} \right\}$

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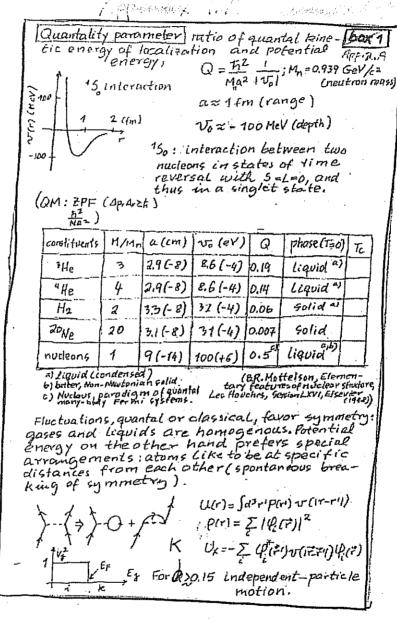
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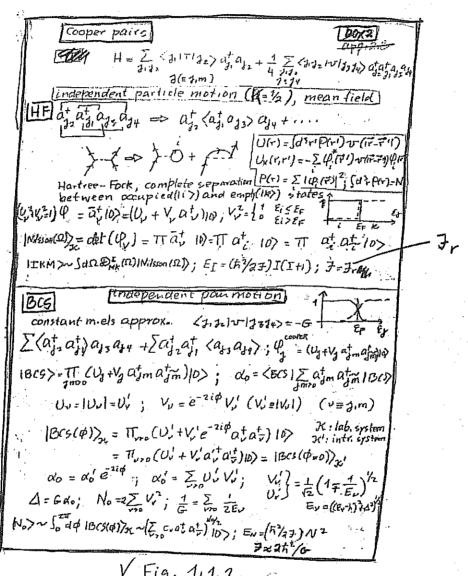
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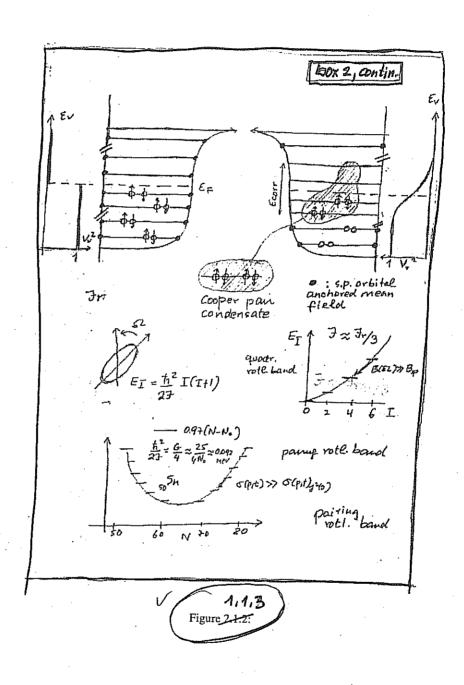
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with P^{\dagger} = \sum_{v > 0} a_{v}^{\dagger} a_{v}

and the Harmonic approximation (RPA) leads to pair addition a pair removal (r) two-partials, two-hole correlated mode, it associated creation and annihilation operators being

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 $X_{1}^{r}(i) = \frac{\frac{1}{2}\Omega[-\Lambda_{i}(-2)]}{2(|E_{i}| - |E_{f}|_{2}) + E_{corr}(2)} \quad i \quad Y_{1}^{r}(E) = \frac{\frac{1}{2}\Omega_{E}^{r}}{2(|E_{g}|_{2}) - |E_{E}|} \frac{1}{2} \frac{$ Ecor (-1) = 0.5 MW (of. Fig. 1) 12=14/2 2 (18px) - 18qx) = 6.82MH 20451-18x1)=Eorr = (6.82-0.5)+01 $X_{i}^{(1)} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \Omega_{i}^{y_{L}} \Lambda_{i}(-2)}{2(|\mathcal{E}_{i}| - |\mathcal{E}_{i}|) + 0.55 \text{ MeV}}$ $Y_{i}^{(k)} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \Omega_{i}^{y_{L}} \Lambda_{i}(-2)}{2(|\mathcal{E}_{i}|_{i}^{2} - |\mathcal{E}_{i}|) + 6.25 \text{ MeV}}$ = 6.32 MW Talle a.c. + 1.B.1 INDEA -1 MW

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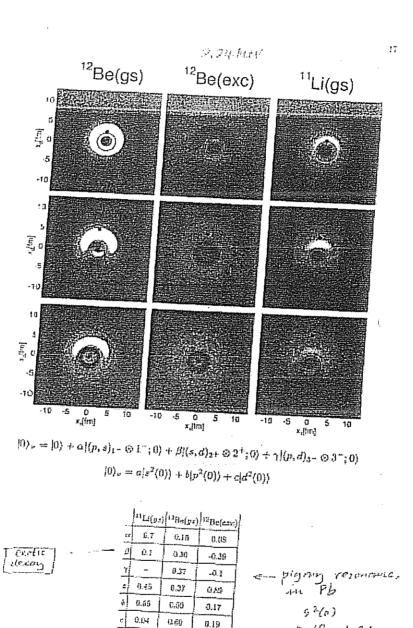


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