

- 4 A helium nucleus contains two protons.

In a model of the helium nucleus, each proton is considered to be a charged point mass. The separation of these point masses is assumed to be $2.0 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m}$.

- (a) For the two protons in this model, calculate

- (i) the electrostatic force,

$$\text{electrostatic force} = \dots \text{N} [2]$$

- (ii) the gravitational force.

$$\text{gravitational force} = \dots \text{N} [2]$$

- (b) Using your answers in (a), suggest why

- (i) there must be some other force between the protons in the nucleus,

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- (ii) this additional force must have a short range.

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