# **Application of the Nonunitary Model Operator Approach to the 160 Nucleus**

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The nonunitary model operator approach, which has been previously described, is applied to the  $16$ O nucleus. Approximate expressions are given for the ground-state energy of this nucleus, by using both variational methods with the separation condition, developed in our previous work. Simple hard- and softcore potentials are employed in the computations and the results obtained with the two methods are discussed.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

A nonunitary model operator approach to-two-body correlations in finite nuclei has been described in Massen and Grypeos (1975, 1980). Two approximate expressions for the ground-state energy of closed-shell nuclei have been derived in a general form, and detailed investigations have been performed for the simplest case, namely, that of the 4He nucleus. The approximate expression for  $\langle E \rangle$  in the two methods for this nucleus were given in terms of the matrix elements of the effective interaction  $M_{\text{m/s}}$  and the normalization integrals  $N_{\text{m/s}}$ .

The object of the present paper is to give the corresponding approximate expressions for the energy of the 160 nucleus and to report the results of the computations based on them. The calculations in the case of  $^{16}O$  are more complicated than in the case of <sup>4</sup>He, because there are now additional states in the expression for the energy besides the states  $(nIS)$  = (00S) and the Euler-Lagrange equations of the states  $(n/S)=(00S)$  and (10S) are coupled. These calculations are exhibited in Sections 2 and 3. In Section 4, the numerical values of the energy of this nucleus are given for various values of the oscillator parameter  $b_1 = (\hbar / M\omega)^{1/2}$ , using both approximate expressions. In performing our computations the potentials of

Kallio and Kolltveit (1964) (KK), Moszkowski and Scott (1960) (MS), Ohmura, Morita and Yamada (1956) (OMY), S1 (Afnan and Tang, 1968), and Harada, Tamagaki, and Tanaka (1966) (HTT) have been used. Finally, some details on the calculations of the two-body part of the energy expectation value:  $(\Delta E)_2$  for <sup>16</sup>O are given in the appendix.

# **2. THE EXPRESSION** FOR THE GROUND-STATE ENERGY OF <sup>16</sup>O IN THE FIRST METHOD

The general approximate expression for the ground-state energy  $\langle E \rangle$ of the closed shells nuclei which was found with the nonunitary model operator approach and with the first method has been given in Massen and Grypeos (1975). This is the following:

$$
\langle E \rangle = \langle T_0 \rangle + (\Delta E)_2 + \cdots \tag{2.1}
$$

where  $\langle T_0 \rangle$  is the expectation value of the kinetic energy operator of the ground state in the independent-particle model, which is chosen to be the oscillator shell model, and  $(\Delta E)_2$  is given by

$$
(\Delta E)_2
$$
\n
$$
= \sum_{i < j}^{A} \left[ \frac{\sum_{nIS} \left[ C_{nIS}^{ij} M_{nIS} + C_{(n,n+1)1S}^{ij} \langle \psi_{nIS} | \psi_{n+1,IS} \rangle + C_{(n,n-1)1S}^{ij} \langle \psi_{nIS} | \psi_{n-1,IS} \rangle \right]}{\sum_{nIS} C_{nIS}^{ij} \langle \psi_{nIS} | \psi_{nIS} \rangle} \right]
$$
\n(2.2)

The expressions of the coefficients  $C_{nls}^{ij}$ ,  $C_{(n,n+1)lS}^{ij}$  and the matrix element  $M_{nls}$  have been given in Massen and Grypeos (1975) [formulas (14), (25)]. The variation of  $\langle E \rangle$  with respect to the correlated relative trial wave function  $\psi_{nlS}$  by using also the separation condition has led to the Euler equation

$$
-\frac{\hbar^2}{M}\frac{d^2\psi_{nlS}}{dr^2} + \left[\frac{\hbar^2}{M}\frac{l(l+1)}{r^2} + \nu_{lS}(r) - \frac{E_{nl}}{2} - \varepsilon_{nlS}\right]\psi_{nlS}
$$
  
=  $-\frac{B_{n+1,lS}}{2}\psi_{n+1,lS} - \frac{B_{n-1,lS}}{2}\psi_{n-1,lS}$   $(c < r < d)$  (2.3)

where the general expressions of the quantities  $B_{n+1,1S}$  and  $\varepsilon_{nIS}$  have been given in Massen and Grypeos (1975) [formulas (18), (19)].

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It is clear that the Euler equations for the correlated relative wave functions are generally coupled. This coupling, which does not exist in the case of the nucleus  ${}^{4}$ He, where the quantum number *n* is only zero, exists in the case of the nucleus  $^{16}$ O, where *n* takes the values 0 and 1.

In order to find the expression of  $\langle E \rangle$ , in the case of the <sup>16</sup>O nucleus the expression of  $(\Delta E)$ <sub>2</sub> must be found. The expression of  $\langle T_0 \rangle$  is well known:

$$
\langle T_0 \rangle = \sum_{n_i l_i} \left( 2n_i + l_i + \frac{3}{2} \right) \frac{\hbar \omega}{2} = 18 \hbar \omega \tag{2.4}
$$

For convenience we separate the sum  $\sum_{i \le j}$ [ ] in expression (2.2), into three sums

$$
(\Delta E)_2 = \sum_{i < j} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{\alpha} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + \sum_{\beta} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + \sum_{\gamma} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \tag{2.5}
$$

where we sum over pairs of nucleons with the following quantum numbers:

( $\alpha$ ) $n_i = 0$ , $l_i = 0$ , $n_j = 0$ , $l_j = 0$
( $\beta$ ) $n_i = 0$ , $l_i = 0$ , $n_j = 0$ , $l_j = 1$
( $\gamma$ ) $n_i = 0$ , $l_i = 1$ , $n_j = 0$ , $l_j = 1$

After a long calculation, some details of which are given in the Appendix, we arrive at the following expression for the term  $(\Delta E)_{2}$ :

$$
(\Delta E)_2 = A_{000}M_{000} + A_{001}M_{001} + A_{010}M_{010} + A_{011}M_{011} + A_{020}M_{020}
$$
  
+  $A_{021}M_{021} + A_{100}M_{100} + A_{101}M_{101} - (\frac{3}{2})^{1/2}\hbar\omega(A_{100}\langle\psi_{000}|\psi_{100}\rangle$   
+  $A_{101}\langle\psi_{001}|\psi_{101}\rangle)$  (2.6)

The quantities  $A_{nlS}$ , which depend on the normalization integrals  $\langle \psi_{nlS} | \psi_{nlS} \rangle$  of the various relative states, are given in the Appendix.

Using the expressions of  $\langle T_0 \rangle$  and  $(\Delta E)_2$ , the approximate energy expression of  $^{16}O$ , if we include the center-of-mass correction and the Coulomb energy (Dabrowski, 1958), takes the following form:

$$
\langle E \rangle = 18 \hbar \omega - \frac{3}{4} \hbar \omega + \frac{83}{2(2\pi)^{1/2}} \frac{e^2}{b_1} + \sum_{S} \left[ A_{00S} M_{00S} + A_{01S} M_{01S} + A_{02S} M_{02S} + A_{10S} \left( M_{10S} - \left( \frac{3}{2} \right)^{1/2} \hbar \omega \langle \psi_{00S} | \psi_{10S} \rangle \right) \right] \qquad (S = 0 \text{ and } 1) \qquad (2.7)
$$

We may note that if the model operator is unitary (Brink and Grypeos, 1967) (and therefore the correlated wave functions  $\psi_{nlS}$  are orthonormal, the expression of  $\langle E \rangle$  will become

$$
\langle E \rangle = 17.25 \hbar \omega + \frac{83}{2(2\pi)^{1/2}} \frac{e^2}{b_1} + 21(M_{000} + M_{001}) + 6M_{010} + 54M_{011} + 7.5(M_{020} + M_{021}) + 1.5(M_{100} + M_{101})
$$
\n(2.8)

This is indeed the expression for  $\langle E \rangle$  in the case of the unitary model operator approach (Grypeos, 1969).

In order to obtain the value of  $\langle E \rangle$  the matrix elements  $M_{\text{m/s}}$ ,  $\langle \psi_{00S} | \psi_{10S} \rangle$ , and the quantities  $A_{nlS}$  have to be computed. The  $M_{nlS}$  are computed from equation (25) of Massen and Grypeos (1975) and the quantities  $A_{nIS}$  from equations (A.9)–(A.13) of the Appendix, after solving the Euler equations for the various states. It must be noted that in the case of <sup>16</sup>O the Euler equations for the states  $(n/S) = (00S)$  and  $(n/S) = (10S)$ are coupled while the states  $(n/S) = (01S)$  and  $(n/S) = (02S)$  they are not coupled. The expressions for the quantities  $\varepsilon_{nlS}$ ,  $B_{n+1,IS}$  for the various states could be found from the general formulas (19) and (18) of Massen and Grypeos (1975), following a procedure similar to that for the expression for  $(\Delta E)$ <sub>2</sub>. Such a procedure is, however, laborious and the expressions for these quantities were therefore obtained by applying the variational principle directly to the expression  $(2.7)$  for the energy of <sup>16</sup>O. In this way we arrived at the following expressions:

$$
\varepsilon_{00S} = \frac{Q_{00S}}{A_{00S}}, \quad B_{0+1,0S} = -\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{1/2} \hbar \omega \frac{A_{10S}}{A_{00S}}, \quad B_{0-1,0S} = 0 \tag{2.9}
$$
\n
$$
\varepsilon_{10S} = \frac{Q_{10S}}{A_{10S}}, \quad B_{1+1,0S} = 0, \quad B_{1-1,0S} = -\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{1/2} \hbar \omega
$$

 $(2.10)$ 

$$
\varepsilon_{01S} = \frac{Q_{01S}}{A_{01S}}, \quad B_{0+1,1S} = B_{0-1,1S} = 0 \tag{2.11}
$$

$$
\varepsilon_{02S} = \frac{Q_{02S}}{A_{02S}}, \qquad B_{0+1,2S} = B_{0-1,2S} = 0 \tag{2.12}
$$

The expressions of the numerators  $Q_{nlS}$  are given in the Appendix.

# 3. THE EXPRESSION OF THE GROUND-STATE ENERGY OF <sup>16</sup>O IN THE SECOND METHOD

The energy expression that was found with the second method of the nonunitary model operator approach of Massen and Grypeos (1975) is as follows:

$$
\langle E \rangle = E_0 + (\Delta \tilde{E})_2 + \cdots \tag{3.1}
$$

where

$$
E_0 = 2 \langle T_0 \rangle \tag{3.2}
$$

and

 $(\Delta \tilde{E})_2$ 

$$
= \sum_{i
$$
- \sum_{i(3.3)
$$
$$

The expressions of the coefficients  $\tilde{C}^{ij}_{(n,n+1)/S}$  are similar to those of the first method (Massen and Grypeos, 1975). They differ only in that instead of the matrix element  $\langle NL|\hat{I}_R|N\mp 1, L\rangle$  which appears in the coefficients  $C_{(n,n\pm1)/S}^{ij}$  there now appears the matrix element

$$
\langle NL \Big| \frac{-\nu_R}{A-1} \Big| N \mp 1, L \rangle = \frac{1}{A-1} \langle NL | \hat{t}_R | N \mp 1, L \rangle
$$

The coefficients  $G_{nlS}^{ij}$  are similar to  $C_{nlS}^{ij}$ . They contain also the factor  $E_{NL}/2(A-1)$ . The matrix elements  $\tilde{M}_{N}$  have been given in Massen and Grypeos (1975).

The Euler equation for the  $\psi_{nlS}$  in this method is

$$
-\frac{\hbar^2}{M}\frac{d^2\psi_{nIS}}{dr^2} + \left[\frac{\hbar^2}{M}\frac{l(l+1)}{r^2} + \frac{A-2}{A-1}\frac{\hbar^2}{M}\frac{r^2}{b^4} + \nu_{IS}(r) - E_{nl} - \tilde{\epsilon}_{nIS}\right]\psi_{nIS}
$$
  
= 
$$
-\frac{\tilde{B}_{n+1,IS}}{2}\psi_{n+1,IS} - \frac{\tilde{B}_{n-1,IS}}{2}\psi_{n-1,IS} \qquad (c < r < d)
$$
(3.4)

where  $b = (2\hbar / M\omega)^{1/2}$  is the harmonic-oscillator parameter for the relative motion.

The expression for  $(\Delta \tilde{E})_2$  in the case of <sup>16</sup>O nucleus is found as follows.

The first sum of expression (3.3), which we call  $(\Delta \tilde{E})_{2a}$ , is similar to  $(\Delta E)_2$  of the first method. The expression for  $(\Delta \tilde{E})_{2a}$  can be found from the known expression for  $(\Delta E)_{2}$  [expression (2.6)], if instead of  $M_{nlS}$  and  $(\frac{3}{2})^{1/2}\hbar\omega$  we put  $M_{nlS}$  and  $\frac{1}{15}(\frac{3}{2})^{1/2}\hbar\omega$ . The expression that is found is the following:

$$
(\Delta \tilde{E})_{2a} = A_{000} \tilde{M}_{000} + A_{001} \tilde{M}_{001} + A_{010} \tilde{M}_{010} + A_{011} \tilde{M}_{011} + A_{020} \tilde{M}_{020}
$$
  
+  $A_{021} \tilde{M}_{021} + A_{100} \tilde{M}_{100} + A_{101} \tilde{M}_{101} - \frac{1}{15} (\frac{3}{2})^{1/2} \hbar \omega (A_{100} \langle \psi_{000} | \psi_{100} \rangle )$   
+  $A_{101} \langle \psi_{001} | \psi_{101} \rangle )$  (3.5)

The second sum of (3.3), which we call  $(\Delta \tilde{E})_{2b}$  is found by following the same procedure as in the case of  $(\Delta E)_2$  of the first method. This is

$$
(\Delta \tilde{E})_{2b} = \frac{1}{30} \Big[ \left( A_{000} N_{000} + A_{001} N_{001} \right) \frac{7}{2} \hbar \omega + \left( A_{010} N_{010} + A_{011} N_{011} \right) \frac{5}{2} \hbar \omega + \left( A_{020} N_{020} + A_{021} N_{021} \right) \frac{3}{2} \hbar \omega + \left( A_{100} N_{100} + A_{101} N_{101} \right) \frac{3}{2} \hbar \omega \Big] - 2 \hbar \omega \tag{3.6}
$$

where  $N_{nlS} = \langle \psi_{nlS} | \psi_{nlS} \rangle$ .

Finally, by using equations (3.2), (3.5), (3.6) as well as the expression for the correction of the center-of-mass motion and that of the Coulomb energy, the energy expression for  ${}^{16}O$  in the second method becomes

$$
\langle E \rangle = 35,25 \hbar \omega + \frac{83}{2(2\pi)^{1/2}} \frac{e^2}{b_1} + 2\hbar \omega + \sum_{S} \left[ A_{00S} \left( \tilde{M}_{00S} - \frac{7}{60} \hbar \omega N_{00S} \right) \right]
$$

$$
+ A_{01S} \left( \tilde{M}_{01S} - \frac{5}{60} \hbar \omega N_{01S} \right) + A_{02S} \left( \tilde{M}_{02S} - \frac{3}{60} \hbar \omega N_{02S} \right)
$$

$$
+ A_{10S} \left( \tilde{M}_{10S} - \frac{3}{60} \hbar \omega N_{10S} \right) - \frac{1}{15} \left( \frac{3}{2} \right)^{1/2} \hbar \omega A_{10S} \langle \psi_{00S} | \psi_{10S} \rangle \right]
$$

$$
(S = 0 \text{ and } 1) \tag{3.7}
$$

The expressions for the quantities  $\tilde{\epsilon}_{n/5}$ ,  $\tilde{B}_{n+1/5}$  for the various states are

$$
\tilde{\epsilon}_{00S} = \frac{\tilde{Q}_{00S}}{A_{00S}}, \qquad \tilde{B}_{0+1,0S} = -\frac{1}{15} \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{1/2} \hbar \omega \frac{A_{10S}}{A_{00S}}, \qquad \tilde{B}_{0-1,0S} = 0 \quad (3.8)
$$

$$
\tilde{\epsilon}_{01S} = \frac{Q_{01S}}{A_{01S}}, \qquad \tilde{B}_{0+1,1S} = \tilde{B}_{0-1,1S} = 0 \tag{3.9}
$$

$$
\tilde{\epsilon}_{02S} = \frac{Q_{02S}}{A_{02S}}, \qquad \tilde{B}_{0+1,2S} = \tilde{B}_{0-1,2S} = 0 \tag{3.10}
$$

$$
\tilde{\varepsilon}_{10S} = \frac{\tilde{Q}_{10S}}{A_{10S}}, \qquad \tilde{B}_{1+1,0S} = 0, \qquad \tilde{B}_{1-1,0S} = -\frac{1}{15} \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{1/2} \hbar \omega \tag{3.11}
$$

The expressions of the numerators  $Q_{nlS}$  are of similar form to those in the previous case. They now contain the quantities  $(M_{00S})$  $\frac{1}{60}$ hw $N_{00S}$ ), ( $M_{01S}$  -  $\frac{3}{60}$ hw $N_{01S}$ ), ( $M_{02S}$  -  $\frac{3}{60}$ hw $N_{02S}$ ), ( $M_{10S}$  -  $\frac{3}{60}$ hw $N_{10S}$ ) instead of the matrix elements  $M_{.00S}$ ,  $M_{.01S}$ ,  $M_{.02S}$ ,  $M_{.10S}$  and the term  $\frac{1}{15}(\frac{3}{2})^{1/2}\hbar\omega$  instead of  $(\frac{3}{2})^{1/2}\hbar\omega$ .

### 4. RESULTS OF NUMERICAL CALCULATIONS

The procedure in computing the ground-state energy of the  $^{16}O$ nucleus is the following.

For a given potential and harmonic-oscillator parameter  $b_1 = b/2^{1/2}$ , the Euler equations for the various states are solved numerically with arbitrary values of  $\varepsilon_{nlS}$  and  $B_{0+1.0S}$ , and the corresponding values of  $M_{nlS}$ and  $N_{nlS}$  are computed for various values of the separation distance, d.

The appropriate value of  $d$  in each case is the "variational Moszkowski and Scott separation distance,"  $d_{MS}$  at which the wave function has also continuous derivative. In the case when more than one  $d_{MS}$  appear one may choose the smallest one. This choice might be physically interesting, since the short range of the correlations makes probable that the magnitude of the neglected higher terms in  $\langle E \rangle$  is sufficiently small. The usual criterion for the fulfilment of this requirement is the smallness of the value of the corresponding healing integral

$$
\eta_{nlS} = \int_0^\infty |\psi_{nlS} - \varphi_{nl}|^2 dr \qquad (4.1)
$$

The wave functions, which have been obtained in the manner, previously described, are used to calculate new values for  $\varepsilon_{nlS}$  and  $B_{0+1,0S}$  from

the expressions  $(2.9)$ - $(2.12)$  and the corresponding ones of the second method. This procedure is repeated until the values of each of the  $\varepsilon$  and  $\overline{B}$ remain unchanged. These quantities are therefore determined in the present approach self-consistently.

As is noted in Section 2, the Euler equations for the correlated relative wave functions are generally coupled. These coupled equations were solved as follows.

The corresponding homogeneous differential equations were solved and their solutions were taken as the corresponding nonhomogeneous parts of the equations. Once the nonhomogeneous parts of the equations were known, these were solved and their solutions were taken as the new nonhomogeneous parts, and so on. Self-consistency was achieved after three repetitions.

In the computations we used for the nucleon-nucleon interaction the Serber-type potentials which were mentioned in the Introduction. The potentials KK, OMY, and MS are hard core, while the S1 and HTT are soft core potentials. The above potentials can be written in the form

$$
\nu(r) = \frac{1}{2}(1+\hat{P})\nu_t(r) + \frac{1}{2}(1-\hat{P})\nu_s(r)
$$
\n(4.2)

where  $\hat{P}$  is the spin exchange operator and  $v_r(r)$  and  $v_s(r)$  the nucleonnucleon interaction in the triplet and singlet state, respectively.

The form of  $\nu_r(r)$  and  $\nu_s(r)$  for the potentials KK, OMY, and MS is the following:

$$
v_{t,s}(r) = \begin{cases} \infty & \text{for } 0 \le r \le c \\ -V_{t,s} \exp\left[-\lambda_{t,s}(r-c)\right] & \text{for } c < r < \infty \end{cases}
$$
(4.3)

The parameters  $V_t$ ,  $V_s$ ,  $\lambda_t$ ,  $\lambda_s$ , and c are given in Table I.

The  $v_t(r)$  and  $v_s(r)$  for the potential S1 have the form

$$
v_{t,s}(r) = \sum_{i=1}^{3} V_{it,s} \exp(-\alpha_{it,s}r^2)
$$
 (4.4)

TABLE I. Parameters of the Potentials KK, OMY, MS

Potential	$c$ (fm)	$V.$ (MeV)	$V.$ (MeV)	$\lambda$ (fm <sup>-1</sup> )	$\lambda_{\rm r}$ (fm <sup>-1</sup> )
KК	0.4	475.0	330.8	2.5214	2.4021
OMY	0.4	475.044	235.414	2.5214	2.0344
МS	0.4	260.0	260.0	2.083	2.083

while for the potential HTT they are

$$
v_{t,s}(r) = \sum_{i=1}^{3} V_{it,s} \exp\left[-(r/\alpha_{it,s})^2\right]
$$
 (4.5)

The parameters of the potentials S1 and HTT are given in Table II.

The computed values of  $\langle E \rangle$  for the <sup>16</sup>O nucleus, using the above potentials for some values of the harmonic-oscillator parameter  $b_1$  and the first method, are given in Table III (see also Figure 1). The various contributions to the ground-state energy are also given in this table, in which  $T_{CM}$  is the correction due to the center of mass motion and  $E_C$  the Coulomb energy, estimated from the oscillator wave functions.

The results of our computations for various values of  $b_1$  show that for small values of this parameter no acceptable  $d_{\text{MS}}$  appear for the state (100). These values of  $b_1$  are noted by an asterisk above the value of  $\langle E \rangle$  in Table III and by a dotted curve in Figure 1. It is seen from Table III and Figure 1 that there is no minimum in the saturation curves for all the potentials. In order to estimate the value of  $\langle E \rangle$  we may use the value  $b_1 = 1.764$  fm (or  $\hbar \omega = 13.33$  MeV), which is determined from the analysis of the experiments of the elastic scattering of electrons by  $^{16}O$  (Elton, 1961). For this value of  $b_1$  and for the potentials KK, OMY, and S1 the values of  $\langle E \rangle$  that are computed are close enough to the experimental value (-127.52) MeV. The computed values of  $\langle E \rangle$  for the potentials MS and HTT and for the same value of  $b_1$  are more positive than the experimental value.

The results of our computations for some values of  $b_1$  using the second method and the potentials KK, OMY, and S1 are shown in Table IV and in Figure 2. The saturation curves for these potentials have minima corresponding to a negative energy. It should be noted that for the other two potentials the energy is positive for all the computed values of  $b<sub>1</sub>$ .

The minimum values of  $\langle E \rangle$  for the potentials KK and S1 correspond to  $b_1 \approx 1.6$  fm ( $\hbar \omega \approx 16.194$  MeV) while for the potential OMY they correspond to  $b_1 \approx 1.5$  fm ( $\hbar \omega \approx 18.435$  MeV). The corresponding values of

Potential	state		$V_1$ (MeV) $V_2$ (MeV) $V_3$ (MeV)		$\alpha_{1}$	$a_{2}$	α,
S1	triplet	1000	$-143.4$	$-43.0$		5.4 fm <sup>-2</sup> 0.82 fm <sup>-2</sup> 0.60 fm <sup>-2</sup>	
S1	singlet	880	$-67.1$	$-21.0$		$5.2 \text{ fm}^{-2}$ 0.62 fm <sup>-2</sup> 0.38 fm <sup>-2</sup>	
HTT	triplet	4000	$-279.0$	$-7.2$	$0.385$ fm $0.942$ fm		$1.876$ fm
<b>HTT</b>	singlet	4000	$-279.0$	$-7.2$	$0.385$ fm	$0.942$ fm	1.876 fm

TABLE II. Parameters of the Potentials S1, HTT



Fig. 1. The saturation curves for <sup>16</sup>O nucleus obtained with the potentials KK, OMY, MS, S1, and HTr and the first method.

 $\langle E \rangle$ , however, are too far from the experimental values of the groundstate energy.

We may finally point out that the observed discrepancies should be mostly attributed to the omission of the higher terms in the cluster expansion and to the simplicity of the potentials. The fact that the omission of the higher terms should be responsible, in the first method, for the very negative values of  $\langle E \rangle$  at small  $b_1$  and for the lack of the minimum at the saturation curve is also indicated by the bigger values of



 $-209.510 - 18.642$ <br> $-122.487$  1.520

 $-72.656$ <br> $-31.104$ 

 $-263.524$ <br>-155.111

 $-236.980 -46.112$ <br>-140.442 -16.435

 $-69.733$ <br> $-28.157$ 

 $-260.601$ <br> $-152.163$ 

 $-72.052$ <br> $-30.017$ 

 $-262.921$  $-154.024$ 

 $\begin{array}{c} 11.988 \\ 9.588 \end{array}$ .

178.881<br>114.419

10.370<br>6.633

 $\begin{array}{c} 2.0 \\ 2.5 \end{array}$ 





Fig. 2. The saturation curves for <sup>16</sup>O nucleus obtained with the potentials KK, OMY, and S1 and the second method.

the healing integrals in this range of  $b_1$ , compared to those for larger  $b_1$ . This behavior of the healing integrals is shown in Table V. In this table, we tabulate the values of  $\eta_{000}, \eta_{001}, \eta_{100}, \eta_{101}$  which were found for the potential KK for some values of  $b_1$  and using the first method. The behavior of the

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				KK.		<b>OMY</b>		S1	
b <sub>1</sub>	ħω	$E_0-T_{CM}$	$E_{\rm C}$	$(\Delta E)_2$	$\langle E \rangle$	$(\Delta E)_{2}$	$\langle E \rangle$	$(\Delta E)_{2}$	$\langle E \rangle$
1.4	21.155	745.696	17.122	$-770.988$	$-8.170$	$-802.410$	$-39.593$	$-768.092$	$-5.275$
1.5	18.435	649.844	15.984	$-679.495$	$-13.665$	$-705.721$	$-39.891$	$-678.093$	$-12.263$
1.6	16.194	570.839	14.981	$-599.643$	$-13.811$	$-622.483$	$-36.651$	$-599.461$	$-13.630$
1.7	14.350	505.852	14.102	$-531.260$	$-11.306$	$-551.443$	$-31.489$	$-531.872$	$-11.918$
1.764	13.333	470.001	13.593	$-492.566$	$-8.971$	$-511.386$	$-27.791$	$-493.547$	$-9.952$
1.8	12.794	450.999	13.316	$-471.796$	$-7.482$	$-490.556$	$-26.242$	$-472.951$	$-8.637$
1.9	11.487	404.906	12.617	$-420.760$	$-3.235$	$-437.255$	$-19.730$	$-422.259$	$-4.734$
2.0	10.370	365.539	11.988	$-376.527$	1.000	$-391.620$	$-14.094$	$-378.229$	$-0.702$
2.5	6.633	233.813	9.588	$-226.547$	16.853	$-237.176$	6.224	$-228.258$	15.142

TABLE IV. The Values of the Terms Contributing to  $\langle E \rangle$  for Various Values of  $b_1$  for the Potentials KK, OMY, S1, and the Second Method (Lengths in fm. Energies in MeV)

healing integrals for the other potentials are similar. As it is expected, this behavior is similar in the second method too, but the values of  $\eta_{\text{m/s}}$  are more suppressed at the smaller values of  $b_1$ .

We may further remark, pertaining to the second method, that although the use of the single-particle harmonic oscillator potential in the expression of the Hamiltonian has the desirable effect of the appearance of the minimum in the suturation curve, its effect on the energy value is, unlike the situation in the case of  $4$ He (Massen, 1976), to lower this value very considerably. The corresponding calculation for <sup>4</sup>He (in which noncoupled equations appear) with certain potentials like the  $KK$  and  $S1$ , give reasonable estimates for  $\langle E \rangle$  (about -33 MeV and -30.4 MeV, respectively) (Massen, 1976). The difference in the case of  $^{16}O$  should perhaps be traced to the dependence of the terms contributing to the energy on the mass number A. As long as A is small (like  ${}^{4}$ He), it appears that the use of

ь,	$\eta_{000}$	$\eta_{001}$	$\eta_{100}$	$\eta_{101}$
1.4	0.0127	0.0113	0.0222	0.0173
1.5	0.0103	0.0092	0.0167	0.0139
1.6	0.0084	0.0075	0.0133	0.0114
1.7	0.0070	0.0063	0.0109	0.0095
1.764	0.0062	0.0056	0.0096	0.0085
1.8	0.0058	0.0053	0.0090	0.0079
1.9	0.0050	0.0045	0.0076	0.0067
2.0	0.0042	0.0038	0.0065	0.0058
2.5	0.0021	0.0020	0.0032	0.0029

TABLE V. The Values of the Healing Integral in the s States for Various Values of  $b_1$  for the Potential KK and the First Method

the auxiliary harmonic oscillator potential in the Hamiltonian  $H$  increases the energy, particularly for the small values of the oscillator parameter, with the effect that the saturation curve has a minimum while the energy at the equilibrium value of  $b_1$ , does not suffered very strong increase. In the case of 160, the use of the auxiliary potential which led to the existence of the minimum in the saturation curve has also resulted in a very big increase of the energy at the equilibrium value of  $b_1$ .

# APPENDIX: DETAILS ON THE CALCULATION OF THE **TERM**  $(\Delta E)_2$

In Section 2 the term  $(\Delta E)$ <sub>2</sub> was separated into three sums [expression (2.5)].

In the first sum  $\Sigma_a$ [ ], we sum over the same pairs with the sum  $\Sigma_{i < i}^4$  ] of the <sup>4</sup>He nucleus. Therefore the  $\Sigma_{\alpha}$ [ ] is equal to the term  $(\Delta E)$ <sub>2</sub> for <sup>4</sup>He which has been given in Massen and Grypeos (1975). This is

$$
\sum_{\alpha} \left[ \quad \right] = \left[ \frac{2}{N_{000}} + \frac{2}{N_{000} + N_{001}} \right] M_{000} + \left[ \frac{2}{N_{001}} + \frac{2}{N_{000} + N_{001}} \right] M_{001}
$$
\n(A.1)

In the second sum  $\Sigma_{\beta}$  ], we sum over the set of pairs, which are characterized by the quantum numbers  $n_i = l_i = m_i = 0$  and  $n_j = 0, l_j = 1, m_j = 1$  $0 \pm 1$ . The possible states of the relative motion and the motion of the center of mass can be found from the known relations

$$
2n_i + l_i + 2n_j + l_j = 2n + l + 2N + L \tag{A.2a}
$$

$$
|l_i - l_j| \le \lambda \le l_i + l_j, \qquad |l - L| \le \lambda \le l + L \tag{A.2b}
$$

$$
(-1)^{l_i + l_j} = (-1)^{l + L} \tag{A.2c}
$$

$$
m_i + m_j = m + M = \mu \tag{A.2d}
$$

Using these relations we see that the states of the relative motion and the motion of the center of mass are

(i)  $n=0, l=0, m=0; N=0, L=1, M=0, \pm 1; (\lambda=1, \mu=0, \pm 1)$ (ii)  $n = 0, l = 1, m = 0, \pm 1; N = 0, L = 0, M = 0; (\lambda = 1, \mu = 0, \pm 1)$ 

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Since the quantum numbers  $n$  and  $N$  are equal to zero, the coefficients  $C_{(n,n\pm1)/S}^{ij}$ , of the nondiagonal term of the sum  $\Sigma_{\beta}$  ], are zero. Therefore this sum is written as follows:

$$
\sum_{(\beta)} [ ] = \sum_{i < j} \left[ \frac{\sum_{0IS} \left[ C_{0IS}^{ij} M_{0IS} \right]}{\sum_{0IS} \left[ C_{0IS}^{ij} N_{0IS} \right]} \right] \tag{A.3}
$$

The numerator in this expression, taking into account the known expression of the coefficients  $C_{nls}^{ij}$  (Massen and Grypeos, 1975, 1980), can be written as follows:

$$
\sum_{0iS} C_{0iS}^{ij} M_{0iS} = \sum_{S} \left[ C_{00S}^{ij} M_{00S} + C_{01S}^{ij} M_{01S} \right]
$$
  
\n
$$
= \sum_{S} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \delta_{M_{S}0} \delta_{S0} + (\delta_{M_{S}1} + \frac{1}{2} \delta_{M_{S}0} + \delta_{M_{S}-1}) \delta_{S1} \right]
$$
  
\n
$$
\times \left\{ \langle 00, 01 : 1 | 01, 00 : 1 \rangle^{2} \langle 001 m_{j} | 1 \mu \rangle^{2} \left[ 1 + (-1)^{2 + S} \delta_{\tau_{i} \tau_{j}} \right] M_{00S} + \langle 00, 01 : 1 | 00, 01 : 1 \rangle^{2} \langle 001 m_{j} | 1 \mu \rangle^{2} \left[ 1 + (-1)^{1 + S} \delta_{\tau_{i} \tau_{j}} \right] M_{01S} \right\}
$$
  
\n(A.4)

Using the known values of the Clebsch-Gordon coefficient and taking the values of the Brody-Moshinsky brackets from the Tables of the Transformation Brackets (Brody and Moshinsky, 1960), the expression (A.4) becomes

$$
\sum_{0IS} C_{0IS}^{ij} M_{0IS} = \frac{1}{4} \delta_{M_S 0} \Big[ \left( 1 + \delta_{\tau_1 \tau_j} \right) M_{000} + \left( 1 - \delta_{\tau_1 \tau_j} \right) M_{010} \Big] + \frac{1}{2} \Big( \delta_{M_S 1} + \frac{1}{2} \delta_{M_S 0} + \delta_{M_S - 1} \Big) \Big[ \left( 1 - \delta_{\tau_1 \tau_j} \right) M_{001} + \left( 1 + \delta_{\tau_1 \tau_j} \right) M_{011} \Big] (A.5)
$$

The expression of the denominator of the equation (A.3) is similar to (A.5). It differs only in that instead of the  $M_{nlS}$  there appears now the  $N_{nlS}$ . Substituting the expressions of the numerator and the denominator into (A.3) we get the following expression for  $\Sigma_{\beta}$ [ ]:

$$
\sum_{\beta} [1]
$$
\n
$$
= 12 \left[ \frac{M_{011}}{N_{011}} + \frac{M_{000} + M_{011}}{N_{000} + N_{011}} + \frac{M_{001} + M_{011}}{N_{001} + N_{011}} + \frac{M_{000} + M_{010} + M_{001} + M_{011}}{N_{000} + N_{010} + N_{001} + N_{011}} \right]
$$
\n(A.6)

In the third sum  $\Sigma_{\nu}$ [ ], we sum over the set of pairs which are characterized by the quantum numbers  $n_i = 0, l_i = 1, m_i = 0, \pm 1, n_i = 0, l_i = 0$  $1,m_i=0, \pm 1$ . From the relations (A.2) we can get the possible states of the relative motion and the motion of the center of mass. These states are the following:

- (i)  $n=0, l=0, m=0; N=1, L=0, M=0; (\lambda=0, \mu=0)$
- (ii)  $n=1, l=0, m=0; N=0, L=0, M=0; (\lambda=0, \mu=0)$
- (iii)  $n=0, l=1, m=0, \pm 1; N=0, L=1, M=0, \pm 1; (\lambda=0, \mu=0)$
- (iv)  $n=0, l=1, m=0, \pm 1; N=0, L=1, M=0, \pm 1; (\lambda=1, \mu=0, \pm 1)$
- (v)  $n=0, l=0, m=0;$   $N=0, L=2, M=0, \pm 1, \pm 2;$   $(\lambda = 2, \mu = 0, \pm 1)$  $\pm 1, \pm 2)$
- (vi)  $n=0, l=2, m=0, \pm 1, \pm 2;$   $N=0, L=0, M=0;$   $(\lambda = 2, \mu = 0,$  $\pm 1. \pm 2$
- (vii)  $n=0, l=2, m=0, \pm 1;$   $N=0, L=1, M=0, \pm 1;$   $(\lambda = 2, \mu = 0,$  $\pm 1, \pm 2)$

It is seen that the quantum numbers  $n$  and  $N$  are not always zero. The coefficients of the nondiagonal terms are not generally zero in this case and the sum  $\Sigma$ . [ ] will contain now also nondiagonal matrix elements. Following a procedure similar to that for the second sum the following expression is obtained:

$$
\sum_{\gamma} \left[ \int_{-\gamma}^{\gamma} \left[ 1 - \sum_{S} \left[ 4 \frac{M_{00S} + M_{02S}}{N_{00S} + N_{02S}} + 8 \frac{M_{00S} + M_{02S} + 2M_{011}}{N_{00S} + N_{02S} + 2N_{011}} \right. \right. \\ \left. + 4 \frac{3M_{00S} + M_{02S} + 2M_{10S} + 6M_{011} - 2(\frac{3}{2})^{1/2} \hbar \omega \langle \psi_{00S} | \psi_{10S} \rangle}{3N_{00S} + N_{02S} + 2N_{10S} + 6N_{001}} \right. \\ \left. + 2 \frac{3M_{00S} + 2M_{02S} + M_{10S} - (\frac{3}{2})^{1/2} \hbar \omega \langle \psi_{00S} | \psi_{10S} \rangle}{3N_{00S} + 2N_{02S} + N_{10S}} \right] + 12 \frac{M_{011}}{N_{011}} \\ \left. + 4 \frac{\sum_{S} (M_{00S} + M_{02S})}{\sum_{S} (N_{00S} + N_{02S})} + 8 \frac{\sum_{S} (M_{00S} + M_{02S} + 2M_{01S})}{\sum_{S} (N_{00S} + N_{02S} + 2N_{01S})} \right. \\ \left. + 4 \frac{\sum_{S} (3M_{00S} + M_{02S} + 2M_{10S} + 6M_{01S} - 2(\frac{3}{2})^{1/2} \hbar \omega \langle \psi_{00S} | \psi_{10S} \rangle)}{\sum_{S} (3N_{00S} + N_{02S} + 2N_{10S} + 6N_{01S})} \right. \\ \left. + 2 \frac{\sum_{S} (3M_{00S} + 2M_{02S} + M_{10S} - (\frac{3}{2})^{1/2} \hbar \omega \langle \psi_{00S} | \psi_{10S} \rangle)}{\sum_{S} (3N_{00S} + 2N_{02S} + N_{10S})} \right. \\ \left. (S = 0 \text{ and } 1) \right. \ (A.7)
$$

If we substitute (A.1), (A.6), and (A.7) into (2.5) the term  $(\Delta E)$ <sub>2</sub> becomes

$$
(\Delta E)_2
$$
  
=  $\sum_{S} \left[ A_{00S} M_{00S} + A_{01S} M_{01S} + A_{02S} M_{02S} + A_{10S} \left( M_{10S} - \left( \frac{3}{2} \right)^{1/2} \hbar \omega \langle \psi_{00S} | \psi_{10S} \rangle \right) \right]$   
(S = 0 and 1) (A.8)

where the quantities  $A_{nlS}$ , which depend on the normalization integrals  $N_{nlS}$ , are given by the following expressions:

$$
A_{00S} = \frac{2}{N_{00S}} + \frac{2}{\Sigma_k N_{00k}} + \frac{12}{N_{00S} + N_{011}} + \frac{12}{\Sigma_k (N_{00k} + N_{01k})}
$$
  
+ 
$$
\frac{4}{N_{00S} + N_{02S}} + \frac{4}{\Sigma_k (N_{00k} + N_{02k})} + \frac{8}{N_{00S} + N_{02S} + 2N_{011}}
$$
  
+ 
$$
\frac{8}{\Sigma_k (N_{00k} + N_{02k} + 2N_{01k})} + \frac{12}{3N_{00S} + N_{02S} + 2N_{10S} + 6N_{011}}
$$
  
+ 
$$
\frac{12}{\Sigma_k (3N_{00k} + N_{02k} + 2N_{10k} + 6N_{01k})} + \frac{6}{3N_{00S} + 2N_{02S} + N_{10S}}
$$
  
+ 
$$
\frac{6}{\Sigma_k (3N_{00k} + N_{02k} + 2N_{10k} + 6N_{01k})}
$$
(A.9)

$$
+\frac{1}{\sum_{k}(3N_{00k}+2N_{02k}+N_{10k})}
$$
(A.9)

$$
A_{010} = \frac{12}{\sum_{k} (N_{00k} + N_{01k})} + \frac{16}{\sum_{k} (N_{00k} + N_{02k} + 2N_{01k})} + \frac{24}{\sum_{k} (3N_{00k} + N_{02k} + 2N_{10k} + 6N_{01k})}
$$
(A.10)

$$
A_{011} = A_{010} + \frac{24}{N_{011}} + \sum_{k} \left[ \frac{12}{N_{00k} + N_{011}} + \frac{16}{N_{00k} + N_{02k} + 2N_{011}} + \frac{24}{3N_{00k} + N_{02k} + 2N_{10k} + 6N_{011}} \right]
$$
(A.11)

$$
A_{10S} = \frac{8}{3N_{00S} + N_{02S} + 2N_{10S} + 6N_{011}} + \frac{8}{\sum_{k}(3N_{00k} + N_{02k} + 2N_{10k} + 6N_{01k})}
$$

$$
+ \frac{2}{3N_{00S} + 2N_{02S} + N_{10S}} + \frac{2}{\sum_{k}(3N_{00k} + 2N_{02k} + N_{10k})}
$$
(A.12)

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$$
A_{02S} = \frac{A_{10S}}{2} + \frac{4}{N_{00S} + N_{02S}} + \frac{4}{\Sigma_k (N_{00k} + N_{02k})} + \frac{8}{N_{00S} + N_{02S} + 2N_{011}}
$$
  
+ 
$$
\frac{8}{\Sigma_k (N_{00k} + N_{02k} + 2N_{01k})} + \frac{3}{3N_{00S} + 2N_{02S} + N_{10S}}
$$
  
+ 
$$
\frac{3}{\Sigma_k (3N_{00k} + 2N_{02k} + N_{10k})}
$$
(A.13)

In the above expressions the index  $k$  in the sums takes the values 0 and 1.

Finally the quantities  $Q_{nlS}$  which are the numerators of  $\varepsilon_{nlS}$  are given by the following expressions:

$$
Q_{00S} = 2\left[\frac{M_{00S}}{(N_{00S})^{2}} + \frac{\sum_{k}M_{00k}}{(\sum_{k}N_{00k})^{2}} + 6\frac{M_{00S} + M_{011}}{(N_{00S} + N_{011})^{2}} + 6\frac{\sum_{k}(M_{00k} + M_{01k})}{[\sum_{k}(N_{00k} + N_{01k})]^{2}}\right]
$$
  
+  $2\frac{M_{00S} + M_{02S}}{(N_{00S} + N_{02S})^{2}} + 2\frac{\sum_{k}(M_{00k} + M_{02k})}{[\sum_{k}(N_{00k} + N_{02k} + 2M_{01k})]} + 4\frac{M_{00S} + M_{02S} + 2M_{011}}{(N_{00S} + N_{02S} + 2N_{011})^{2}} + 4\frac{\sum_{k}(M_{00k} + M_{02k} + 2M_{01k})}{[\sum_{k}(N_{00k} + N_{02k} + 2N_{01k})]^{2}} + 6\frac{3M_{00S} + M_{02S} + 2M_{10S} + 6M_{011} - 2(\frac{3}{2})^{1/2}\hbar\omega\langle\psi_{00S}|\psi_{10S}\rangle}{(3N_{00S} + N_{02S} + 2N_{10S} + 6N_{011})^{2}} + 6\frac{\sum_{k}(3M_{00k} + M_{02k} + 2M_{10k} + 6M_{01k} - 2(\frac{3}{2})^{1/2}\hbar\omega\langle\psi_{00k}|\psi_{10k}\rangle)}{[\sum_{k}(3N_{00k} + N_{02k} + 2N_{10k} + 6N_{01k})]^{2}} + 3\frac{3M_{00S} + 2M_{02S} + M_{10S} - (\frac{3}{2})^{1/2}\hbar\omega\langle\psi_{00S}|\psi_{10S}\rangle}{(3N_{00S} + 2N_{02S} + N_{10S})^{2}} + 3\frac{\sum_{k}(3M_{00k} + 2M_{02k} + M_{10k} - (\frac{3}{2})^{1/2}\hbar\omega\langle\psi_{00k}|\psi_{10k}\rangle)}{[\sum_{k}(3N_{00k}$ 

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$$
Q_{010} = 12 \frac{\Sigma_{k}(M_{00k} + M_{01k})}{\left[\Sigma_{k}(N_{00k} + N_{01k})\right]^{2}} + 16 \frac{\Sigma_{k}(M_{00k} + M_{02k} + 2M_{01k})}{\left[\Sigma_{k}(N_{00k} + N_{02k} + 2N_{01k})\right]^{2}} + 24 \frac{\Sigma_{k}\left(3M_{00k} + M_{02k} + 2M_{10k} + 6M_{01k} - 2\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{1/2}\hbar\omega\langle\psi_{00k}|\psi_{10k}\rangle\right)}{\left[\Sigma_{k}(3N_{00k} + N_{02k} + 2N_{10k} + 6N_{01k})\right]^{2}}
$$
(A.15)

$$
Q_{011} = Q_{010} + 24 \frac{M_{011}}{(N_{011})^2} + \sum_{k} \left[ 12 \frac{M_{00k} + M_{011}}{(N_{00k} + N_{011})^2} + 16 \frac{M_{00k} + M_{02k} + 2M_{011}}{(N_{00k} + N_{02k} + 2N_{011})^2} + 24 \frac{3M_{00k} + M_{02k} + 2M_{10k} + 6M_{011} - 2(\frac{3}{2})^{1/2} \hbar \omega \langle \psi_{00k} | \psi_{10k} \rangle}{(3N_{00k} + N_{02k} + 2N_{10s} + 6N_{011})^2} \right] (A.16)
$$
  
\n
$$
Q_{10S} = 8 \frac{3M_{00S} + M_{02S} + 2M_{10S} + 6M_{011} - 2(\frac{3}{2})^{1/2} \hbar \omega \langle \psi_{00S} | \psi_{10S} \rangle}{(3N_{00S} + N_{02S} + 2N_{10S} + 6N_{011})^2} + 8 \frac{\sum_{k} (3M_{00k} + M_{02k} + 2M_{10k} + 6M_{01k} - 2(\frac{3}{2}) \hbar \omega \langle \psi_{00k} | \psi_{10k} \rangle)}{[\sum_{k} (3N_{00k} + N_{02k} + 2N_{10k} + 6N_{01k})]^2} + 2 \frac{3M_{00S} + 2M_{02S} + M_{10S} - (\frac{3}{2})^{1/2} \hbar \omega \langle \psi_{00S} | \psi_{10S} \rangle}{(3N_{00S} + 2N_{02S} + N_{10S})^2} + 2 \frac{\sum_{k} (3M_{00k} + 2M_{02k} + M_{10k} - (\frac{3}{2}) \hbar \omega \langle \psi_{00k} | \psi_{10k} \rangle)}{[\sum_{k} (3N_{00k} + 2N_{02k} + N_{10k})]^2} + 8 \frac{\sum_{k} (3M_{00k} + 2N_{02k} + N_{10k})^2}{(N_{00S} + N_{02S})^2}
$$

As in the previous expressions, the index  $k$  in the sums takes the values 0 and 1.

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