

Clustering in light neutron-rich nuclei



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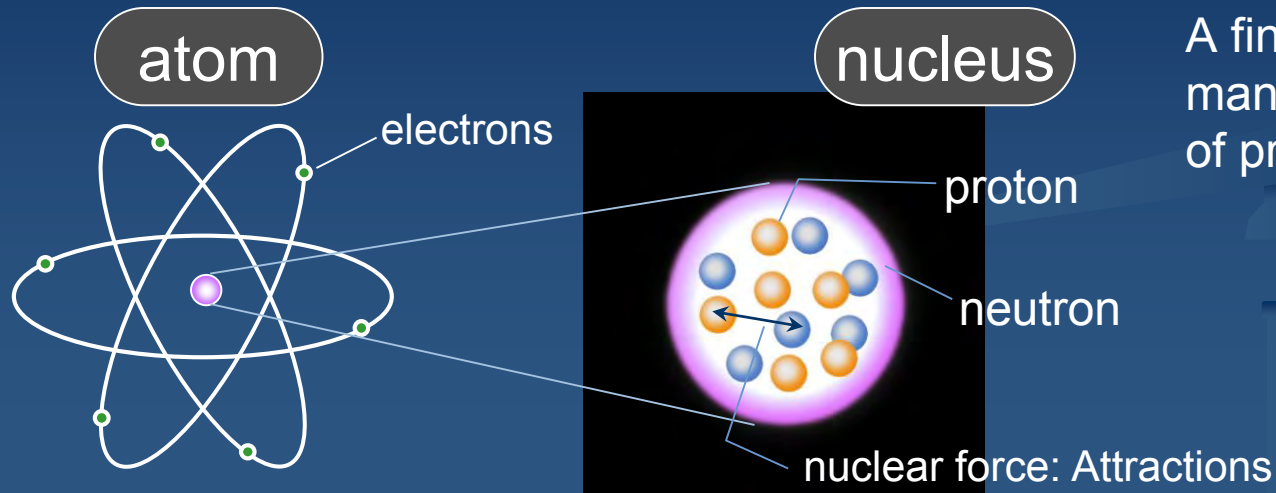
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1. Introduction



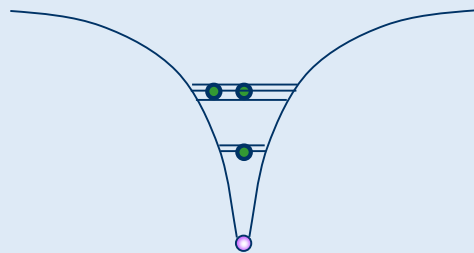
Nuclear system



Analogy & Differences

Electron motion

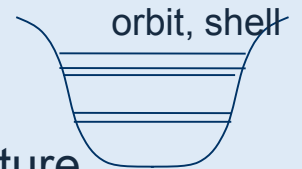
Confined by the external field



Nucleon motion

Self-bound

1. Independent-particle feature in self-consistent mean-field
2. Strong nucleon-nucleon correlations

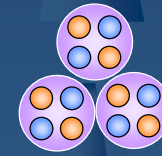


Cluster & Mean field

Mean field, shell structure
Independent single-particle



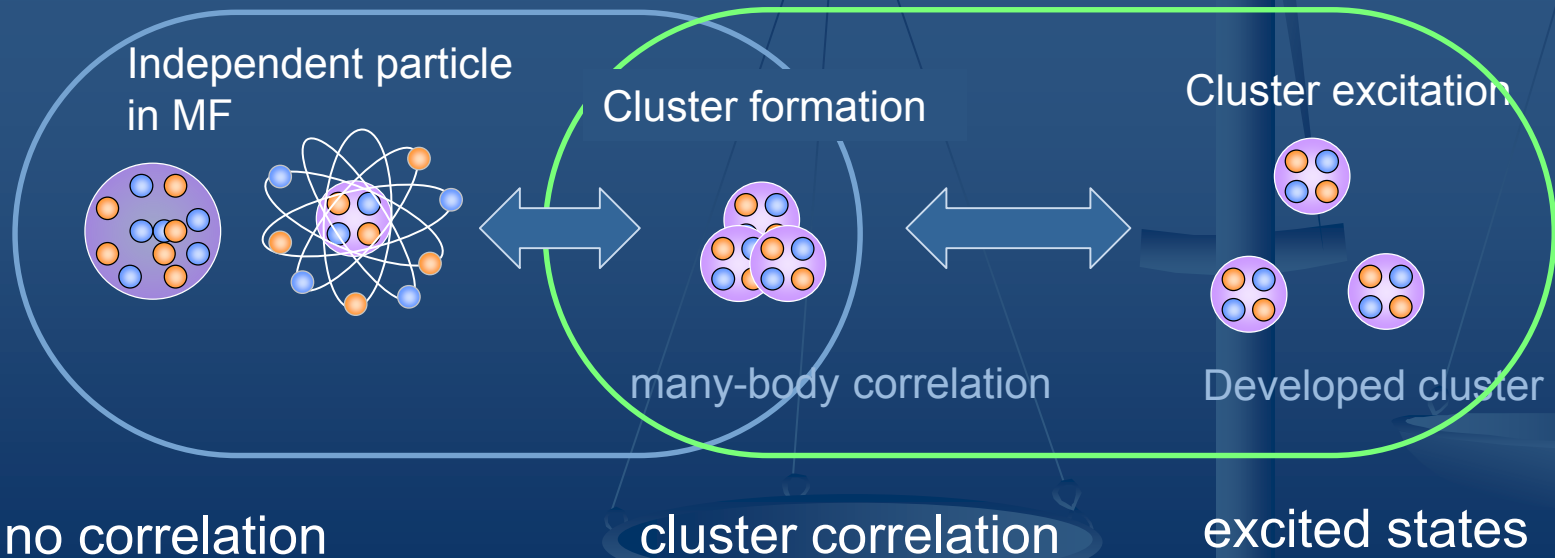
Cluster:
Many-body correlation



Shell structure - MF

v.s.

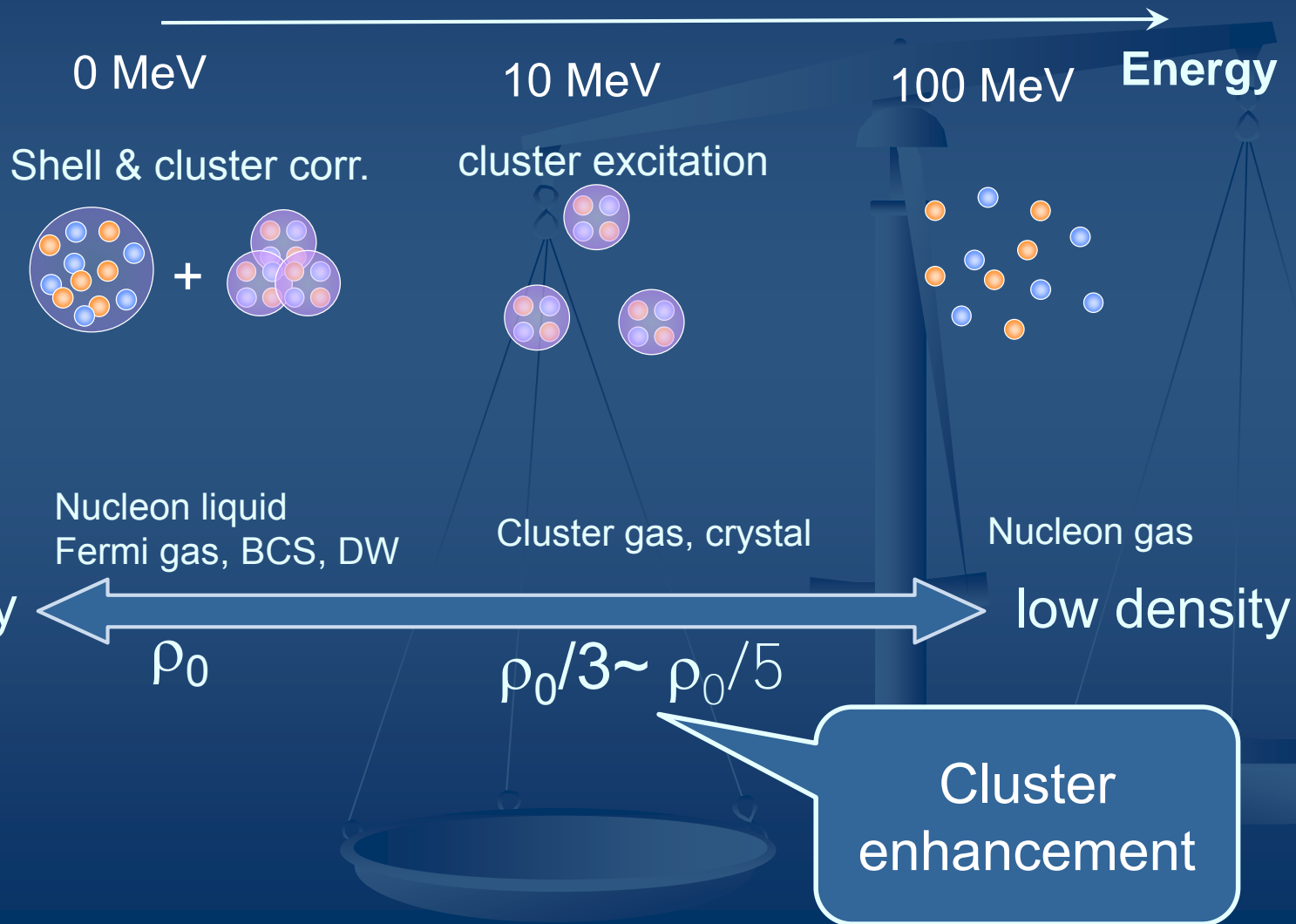
Cluster



Cluster structures

Nuclear structure

^{12}C



Cluster structures in stable and unstable nuclei

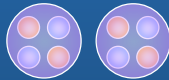
Typical cluster structures known in stable nuclei

${}^7\text{Li}$



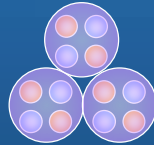
$\alpha + t$

${}^8\text{Be}$



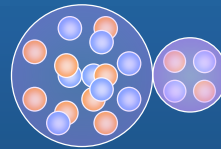
$\alpha + \alpha$

${}^{12}\text{C}$



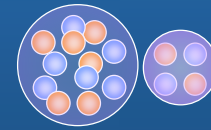
3α

${}^{20}\text{Ne}$



${}^{16}\text{O} + \alpha$

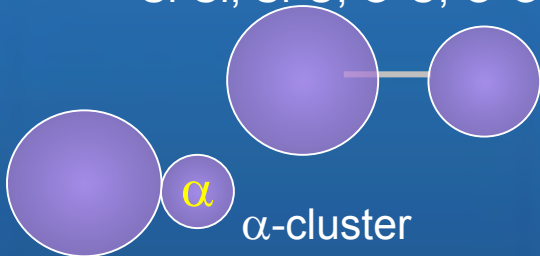
${}^{16}\text{O}^*$



${}^{12}\text{C} + \alpha$

Heavier nuclei

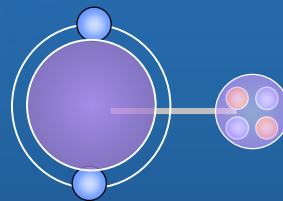
Si-Si, Si-C, O-C, O-O



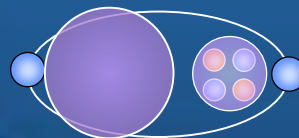
${}^{36}\text{Ar}-\alpha$, ${}^{24}\text{Mg}-\alpha$, ${}^{28}\text{Si}-\alpha$

${}^{40}\text{Ca}^*$, ${}^{28}\text{Si}^*$, ${}^{32}\text{S}^*$

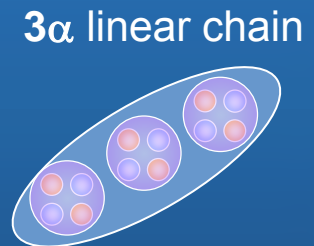
Unstable nuclei



α -cluster
excitation



Molecular
orbital

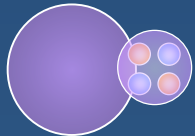


${}^{14}\text{C}^*$

Be, C, O, Ne, F

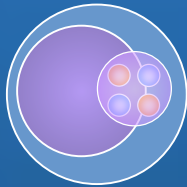
Cluster structures in n-rich nuclei

gs cluster
correlation



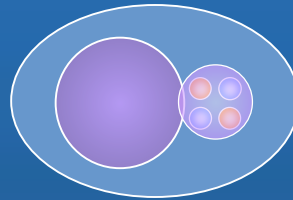
stable
nuclei

cluster
weakening/
melting



n-rich
nuclei

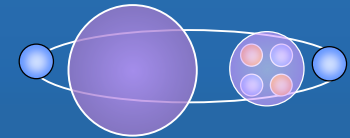
Clustering
in deformed
Neutron density



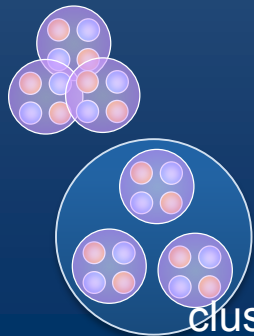
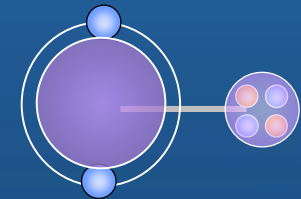
- ✓ n-skin suppression
- ✓ large deformation
- ✓ breaking of magic number $N=8$, $N=20$

n-rich Be, F, Ne

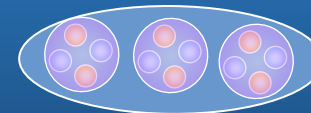
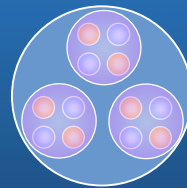
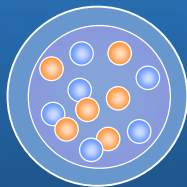
Molecular orbital



cluster
excitation



cluster gas



n-rich C

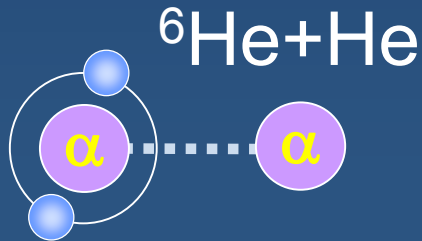
linear chain
in C^*

Two modes in n-rich nuclei with cluster structures

^{10}Be

Soic et al., Freer et al., Saito et al.,
Curtis et al., Milin et al., Bohlen et al.,
Seya, Von Oerzten, Descouvemont et al.,
Itagaki et al., Dote et al., K-E et al.,
Arai et al., M. Ito et al.

Scholz et al., Rogachev et al., Goldberg et al.,
Ashwood et al., Yildiz et al.,
Descouvemont, Kimura,



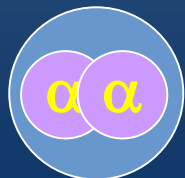
Atomic:
Cluster resonance



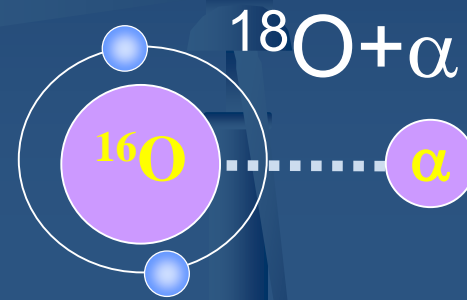
Molecular Orbital:
 σ -bond structure



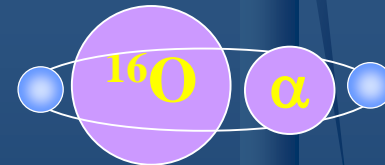
Normal states



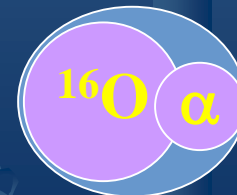
Be isotopes



Weak
coupling



Strong
coupling



shell
model-like

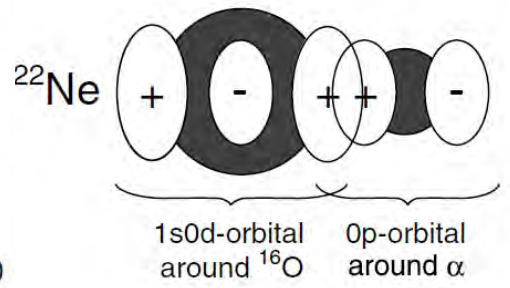
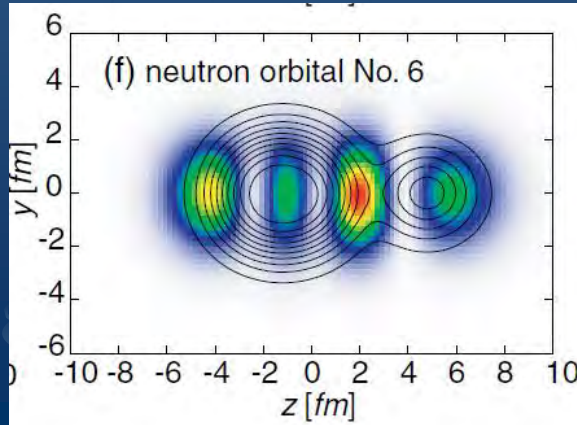
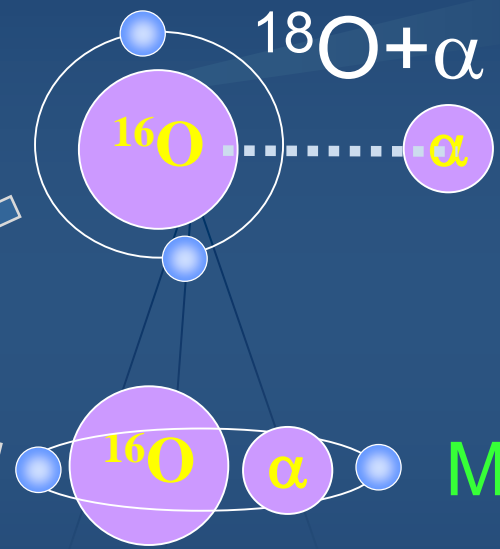
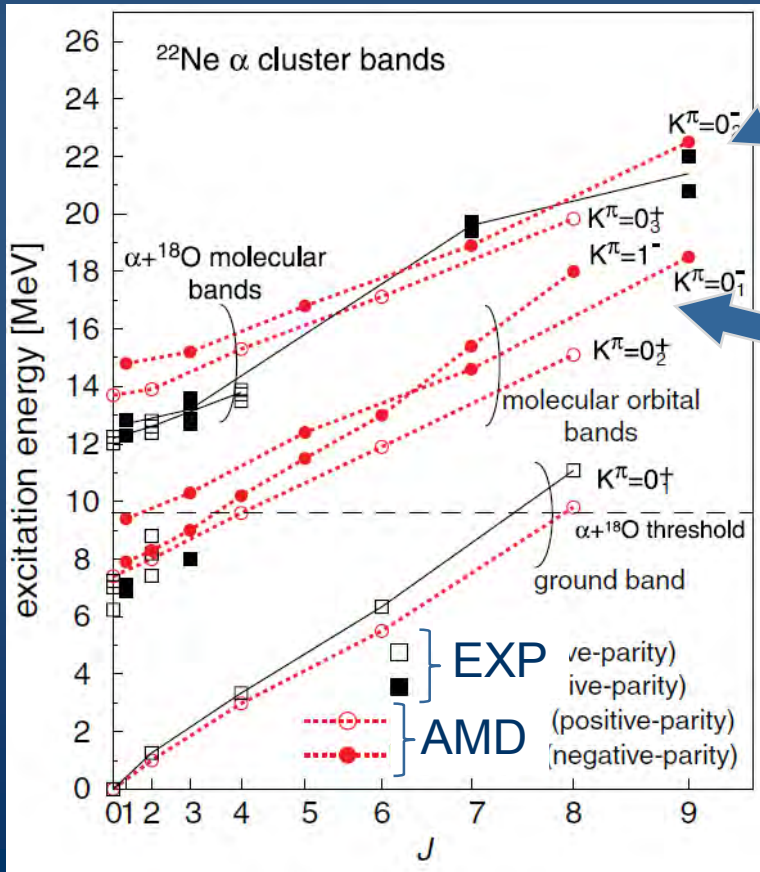
Ne, F, O isotopes

MO bond and Cluster res. in ^{22}Ne

Exp Scholz et al., Rogachev et al., Goldberg et al., Ashwood et al., Yildiz et al.,
Theor: Descouvemont, Kimura,

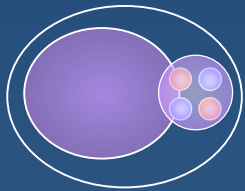
^{22}Ne

AMD study by Kimura, PRC75 (2007)

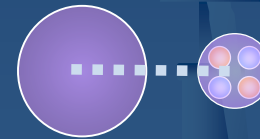


Two kinds of cluster structure

strong coupling cluster v.s. weak coupling cluster

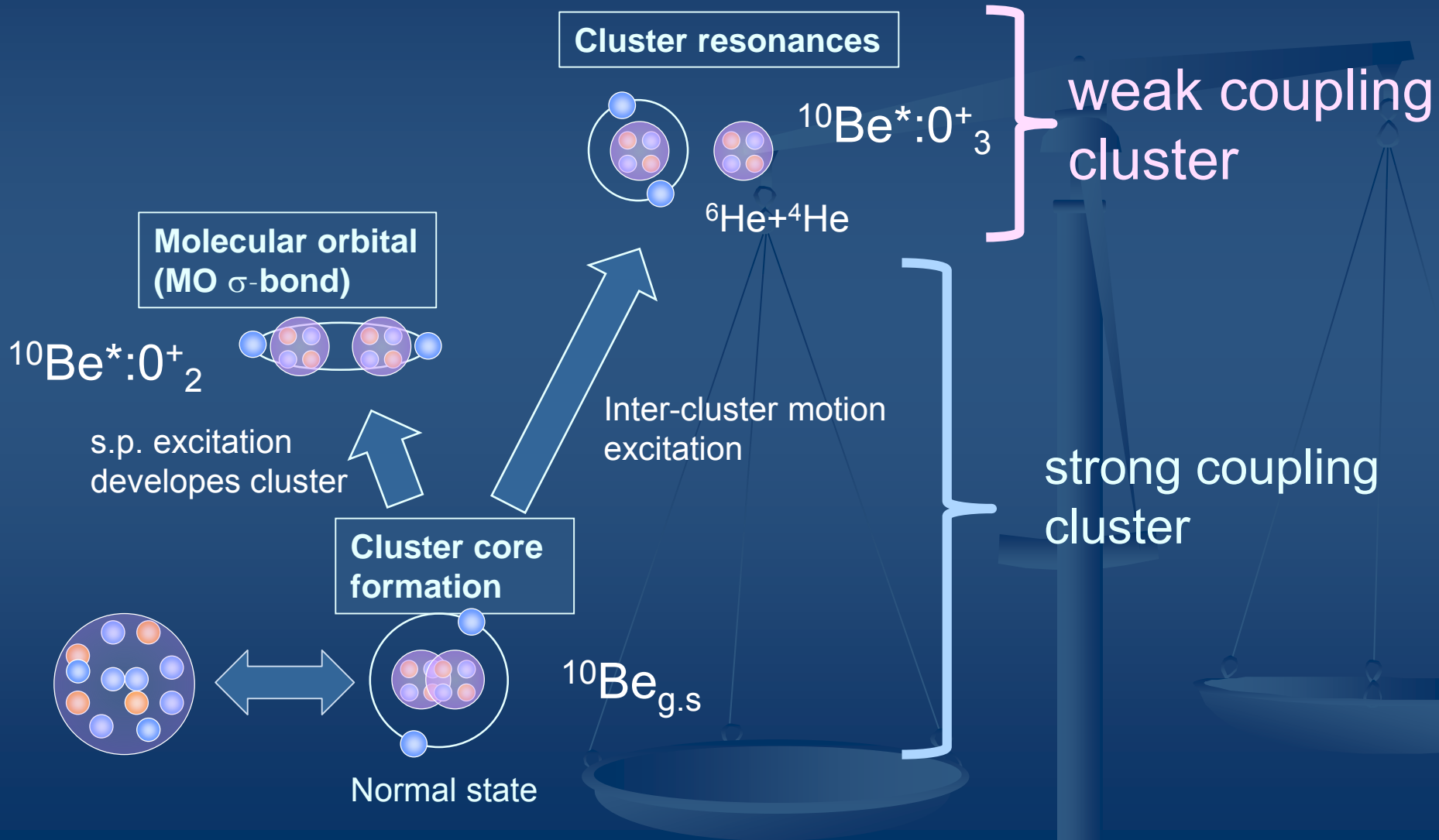


- Cluster core at surface
- Clusters are overlapping
- s.p excitation in MF
- below cluster threshold
- Indirect evidence:
deformation, transitions,
charge radii, s.p. config.



- Excitation of relative motion
- No overlap. far from each other
- Excited states near or
resonances above threshold
- more direct evidence
alpha-decay, alpha scattering

Cluster phenomena in n-rich Be



Rich cluster phenomena in nuclear systems

as functions of proton&neutron numbers and excitation energy

- ✓ Cluster formation/breaking in low-lying states
- ✓ MO σ -bond in neutron-rich nuclei
- ✓ Cluster excitation and resonances
- ✓ Many clusters : cluster gas, chain
- ✓ New types of clusters

${}^6,8\text{He}+\text{He}$ in Be, ${}^{10}\text{Be}+\alpha$ in ${}^{14}\text{C}$, ${}^{14}\text{C}+\alpha$ in ${}^{18}\text{O}$, ${}^{18}\text{O}+\alpha$ in ${}^{22}\text{Ne}$

A theoretical method:

AMD (antisymmetrized molecular dynamics)

2. A theoretical model: AMD

An approach for nuclear structure to study

- cluster and mean-field aspects
- Stable and unstable nuclei
- Ground and excited states

AMD method for structure study

AMD wave fn.

$$\Phi = c\Phi_{\text{AMD}} + c'\Phi'_{\text{AMD}} + c''\Phi''_{\text{AMD}} + \dots$$

$$\Phi_{\text{AMD}} = \det \{ \varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots, \varphi_A \} \quad \text{Slater det.}$$

$$\varphi_i = \phi_{\mathbf{Z}_i} \chi_i \begin{cases} \text{spatial} \\ \phi_{\mathbf{Z}_i}(\mathbf{r}_j) \propto \exp \left[-v(\mathbf{r} - \frac{\mathbf{Z}_i}{\sqrt{v}})^2 \right] \\ \chi_i = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} + \xi_i \\ \frac{1}{2} - \xi_i \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{matrix} p \text{ or } n \\ \text{isospin} \end{matrix} \\ \text{Intrinsic spins} \end{cases}$$

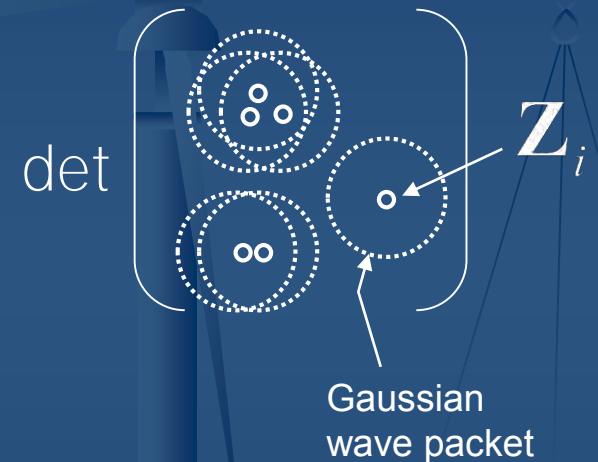
Gaussian

$$\Phi_{\text{AMD}}(\mathbf{Z})$$

$$\mathbf{Z} = \{ \mathbf{Z}_1, \mathbf{Z}_2, \dots, \mathbf{Z}_A, \xi_1, \dots, \xi_A \}$$

Variational parameters:

Gauss centers, spin orientations



Similar to FMD wave fn.

Energy Variation

$$\delta \frac{\langle \Phi | H | \Phi \rangle}{\langle \Phi | \Phi \rangle} = 0$$

Model wave fn. Φ

Effective nuclear force
(phenomenological)

$$H^{\text{eff}} = \sum_{i=1} t_i + \sum_{i<j} v_{ij}^{\text{eff}} + \sum_{i<j<k} v_{ijk}^{\text{eff}}$$

AMD model space

det

A variety of cluster st.

Cluster and MF formation/breaking



det

Shell structure

Energy variation

Energy surface

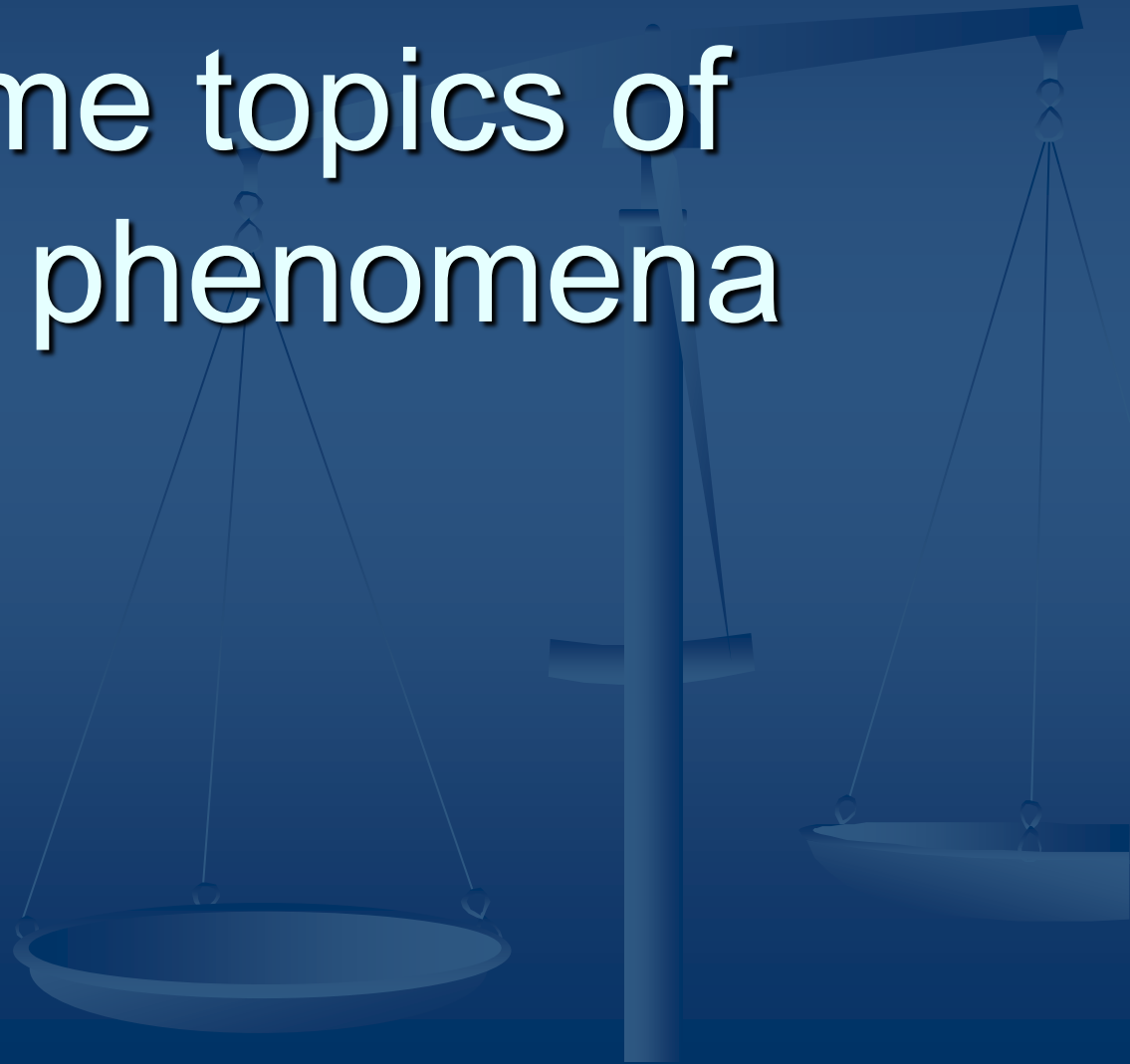
$$\frac{dZ}{dt} = (\lambda + i\mu) \frac{1}{i\hbar} \frac{\partial E}{\partial Z}$$

Model space (Z plane)

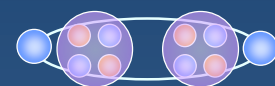
Randomly chosen Initial states

Energy minimum states

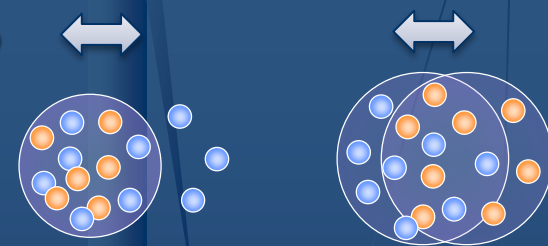
3. Some topics of cluster phenomena



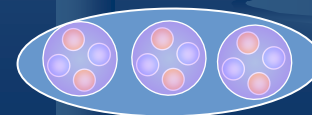
3-1. MO σ -bond in n-rich Be
& Cluster resonances



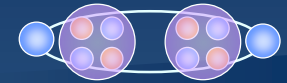
3-2. Dipole resonances



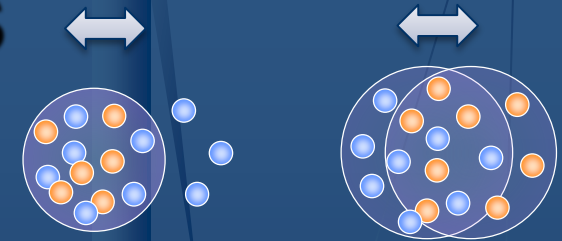
3-3. Linear chain in n-rich C



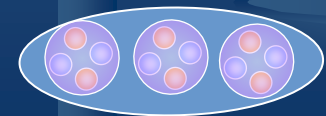
3-1. MO bond in n-rich Be & Cluster resonances



3-2. Dipole resonances

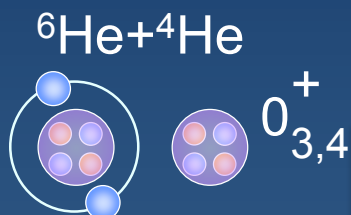


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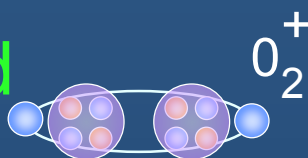
Cluster structures in neutron-rich Be

cluster
res.

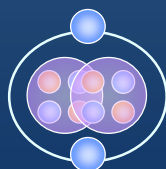


Ito et al.
Kobayashi et al.
Kuchera et al.

MO σ -bond



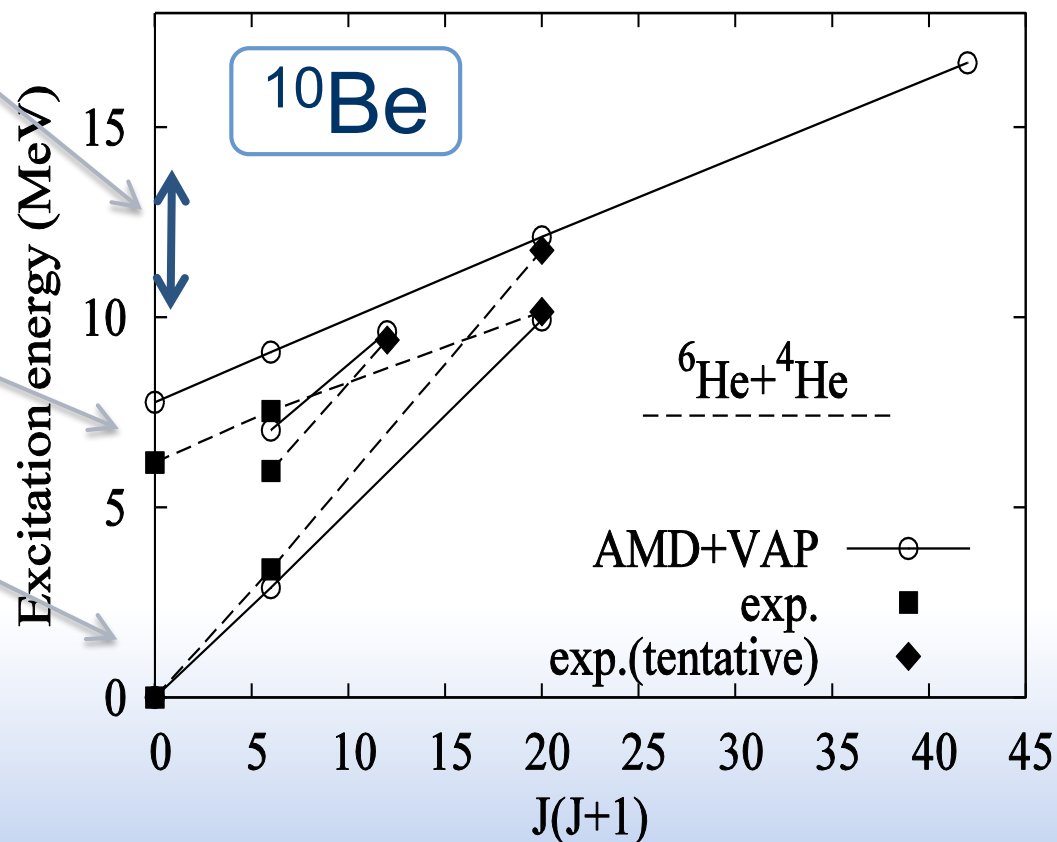
Normal



${}^{10}\text{Be}$: energy levels

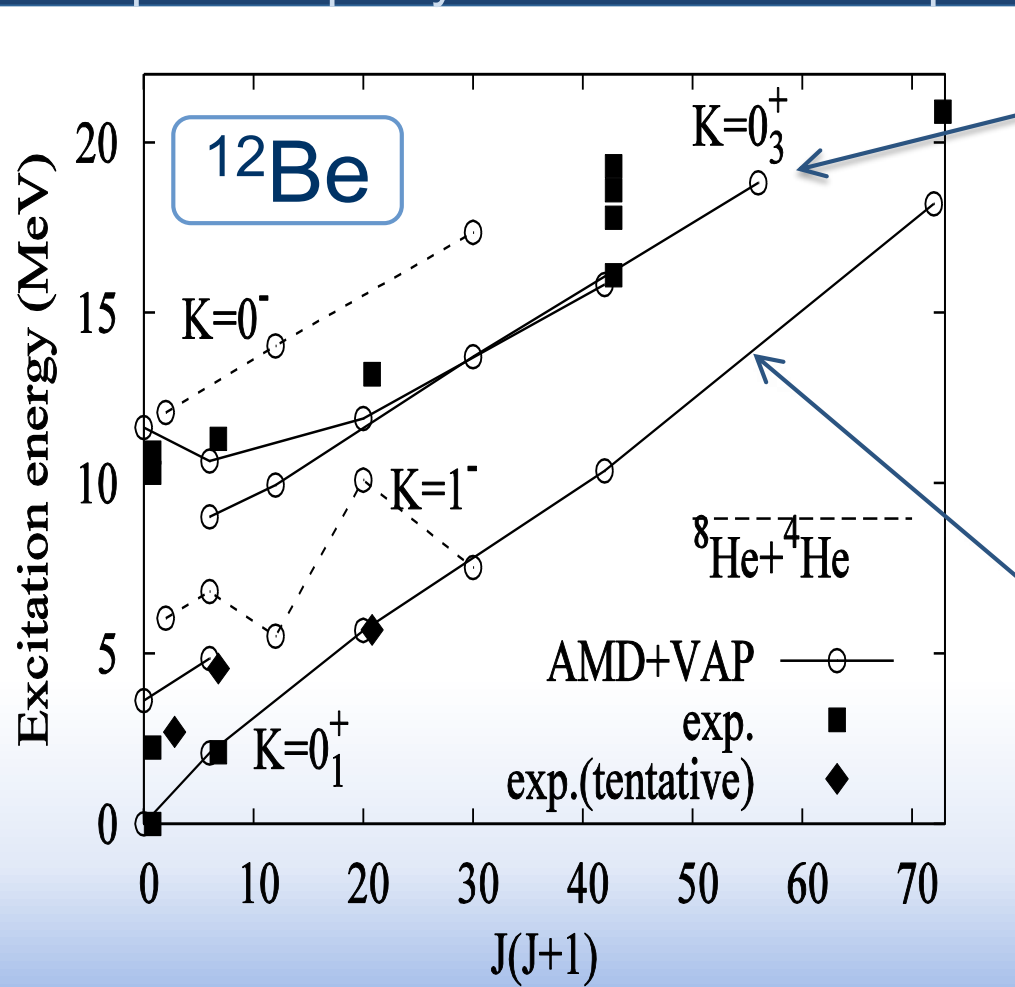
AMD calc. Y. K-E, et al. PRC (98)

Exp: Milin et al. '05, Freer et al. '06



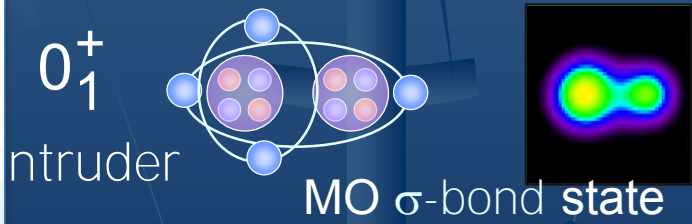
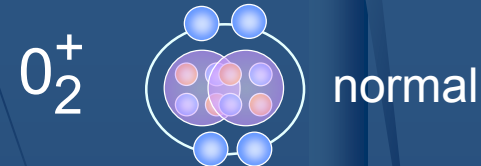
Energy levels of ^{12}Be

VAP calculation with AMD method
positive parity states with normal spins



^{12}Be

$^6\text{He}+^6\text{He}$, $^8\text{He}+^4\text{He}$?

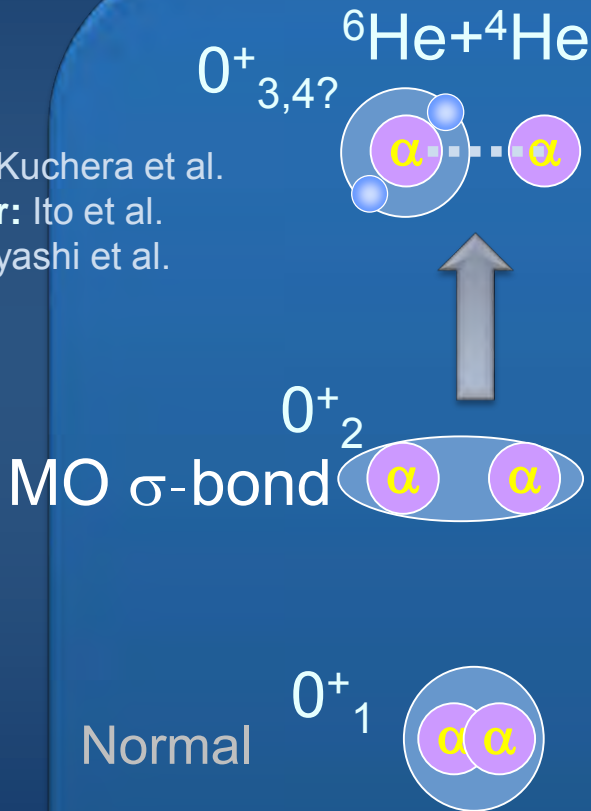


Breaking of N=8 magicity

Formation of 2a+ molecular orbitals

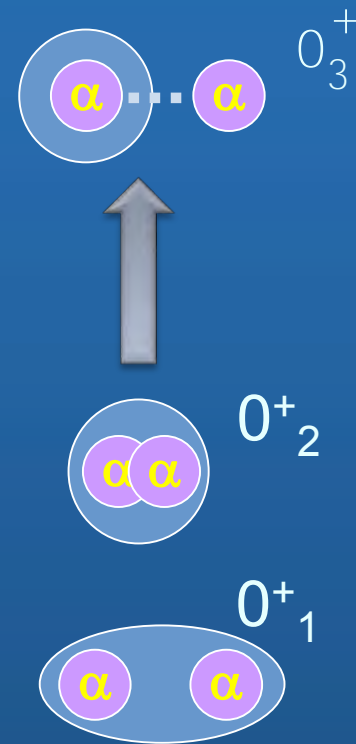
Cluster formation, MO, and Cluster resonance

Exp: Kuchera et al.
Theor: Ito et al.
 Kobayashi et al.



${}^{10}\text{Be}$

${}^{6,8}\text{He}+{}^{6,4}\text{He}$ cluster reso.

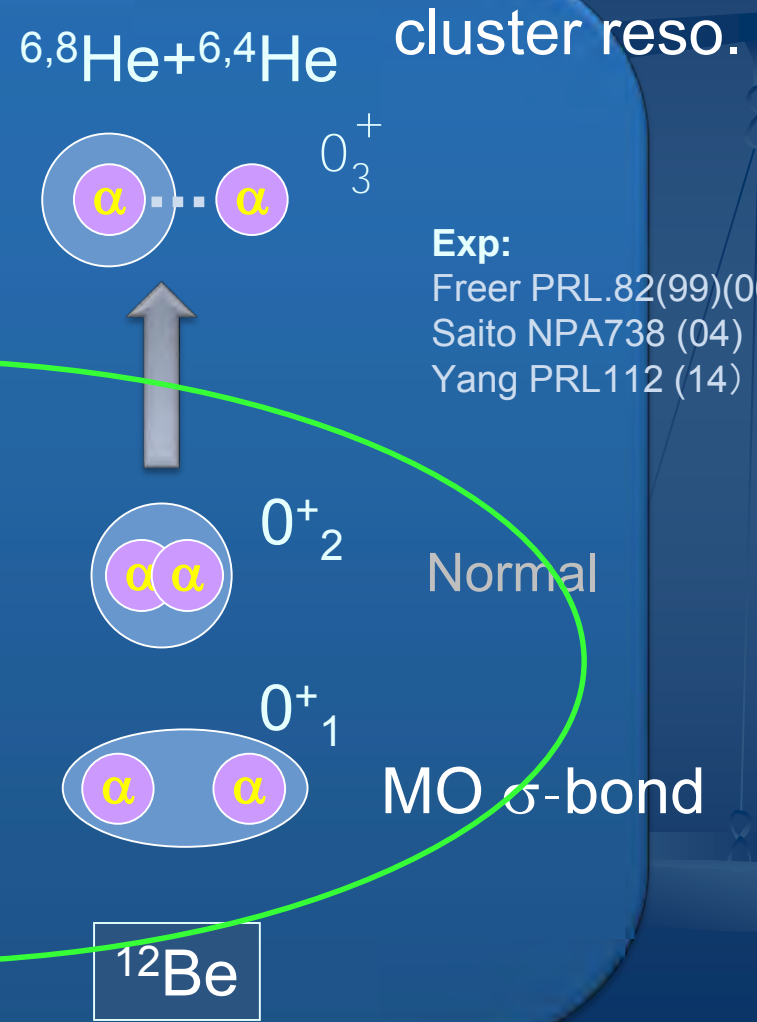


${}^{12}\text{Be}$

Exp:
 Freer PRL.82(99)(06)
 Saito NPA738 (04)
 Yang PRL112 (14)

Cluster formation, MO in low-energy region

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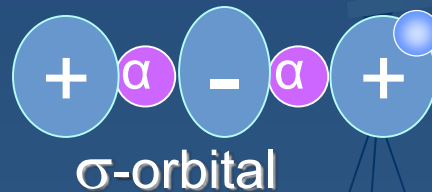
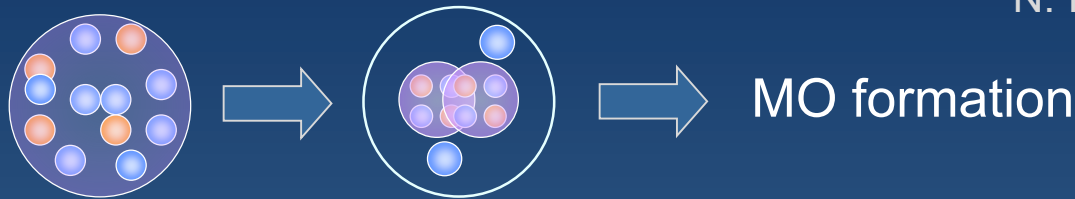


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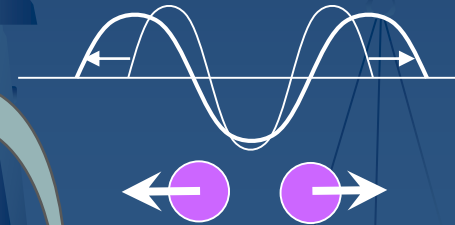
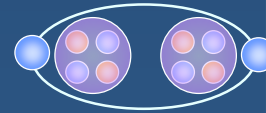
Molecular orbital(MO) structure in Be

Seya PTP65(81), von Oertzen ZPA354(96)
 N. Itagaki PRC61(00), Y. K-E.. Ito PLB588(04)

2 α -core formation

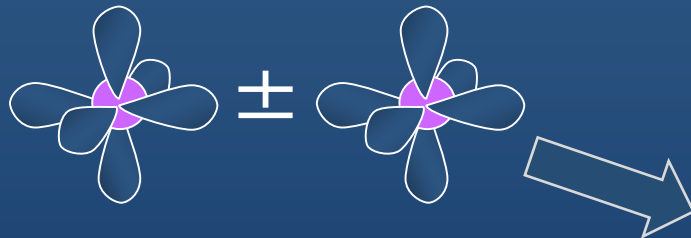


MO σ -bond state

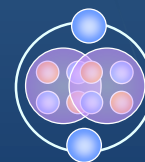


Gain kinetic energy
 in developed 2 α system

MO formation



Normal state

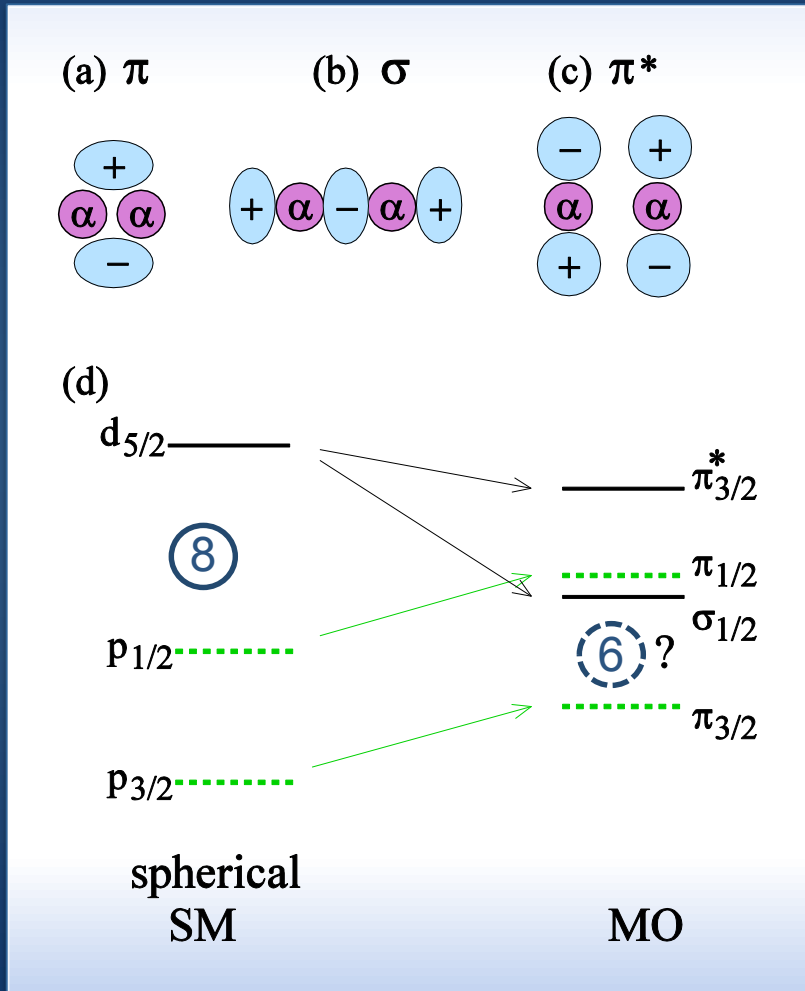


π -orbital

Level inversion
 in $^{11,12,13}\text{Be}$

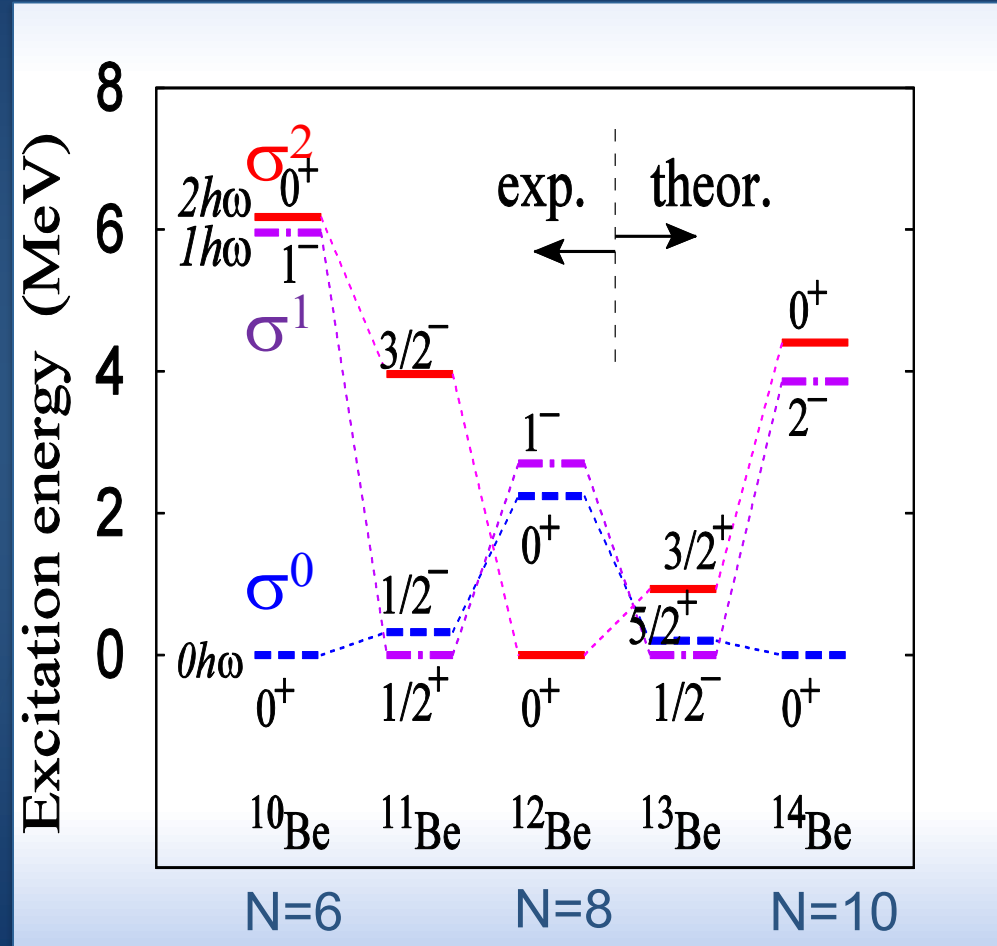
vanishing of magic number in ^{11}Be , ^{12}Be , ^{13}Be

N=8 magic number breaking



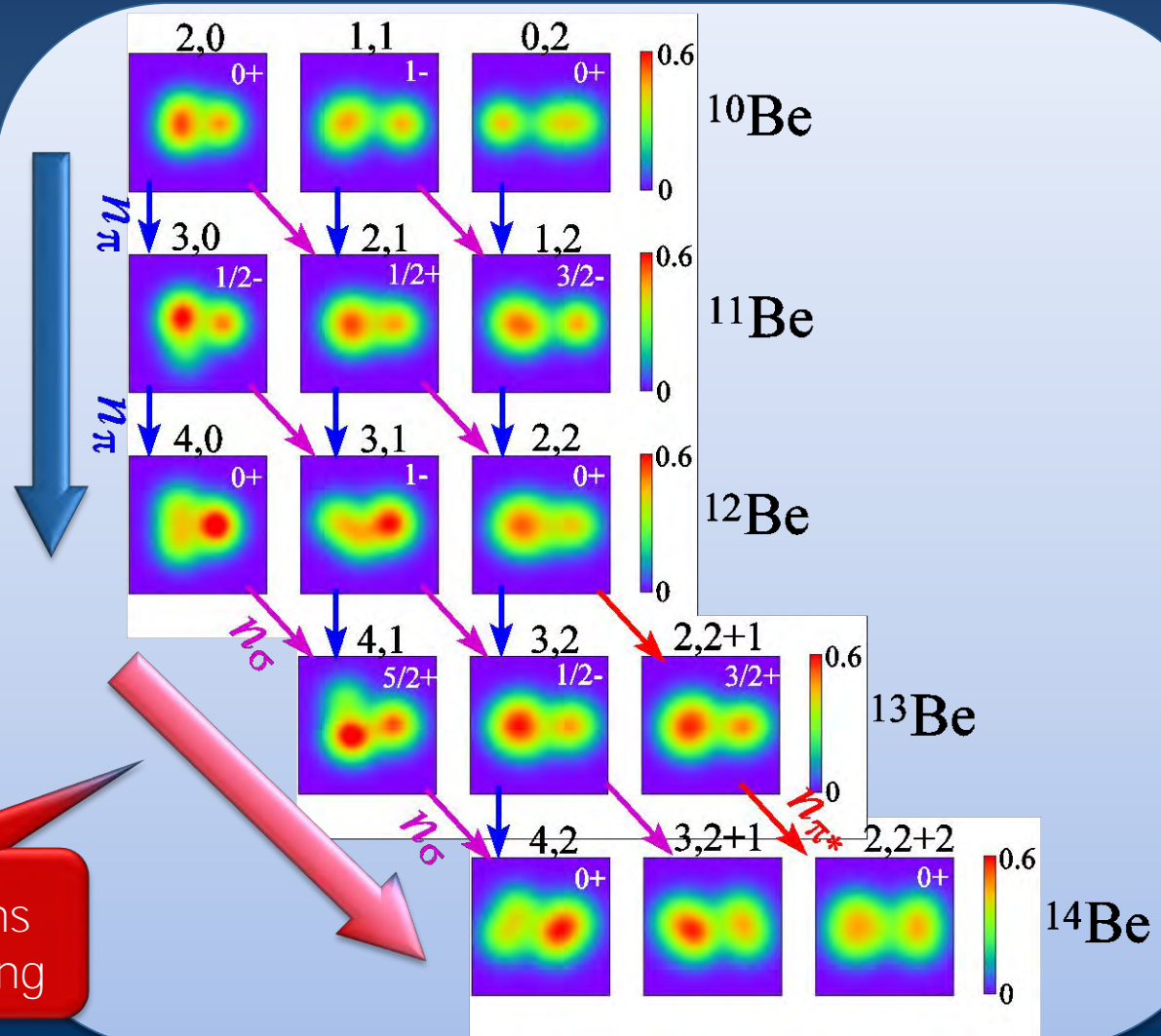
spherical

enhanced
cluster core



cluster enhancement by σ -orbital neutrons

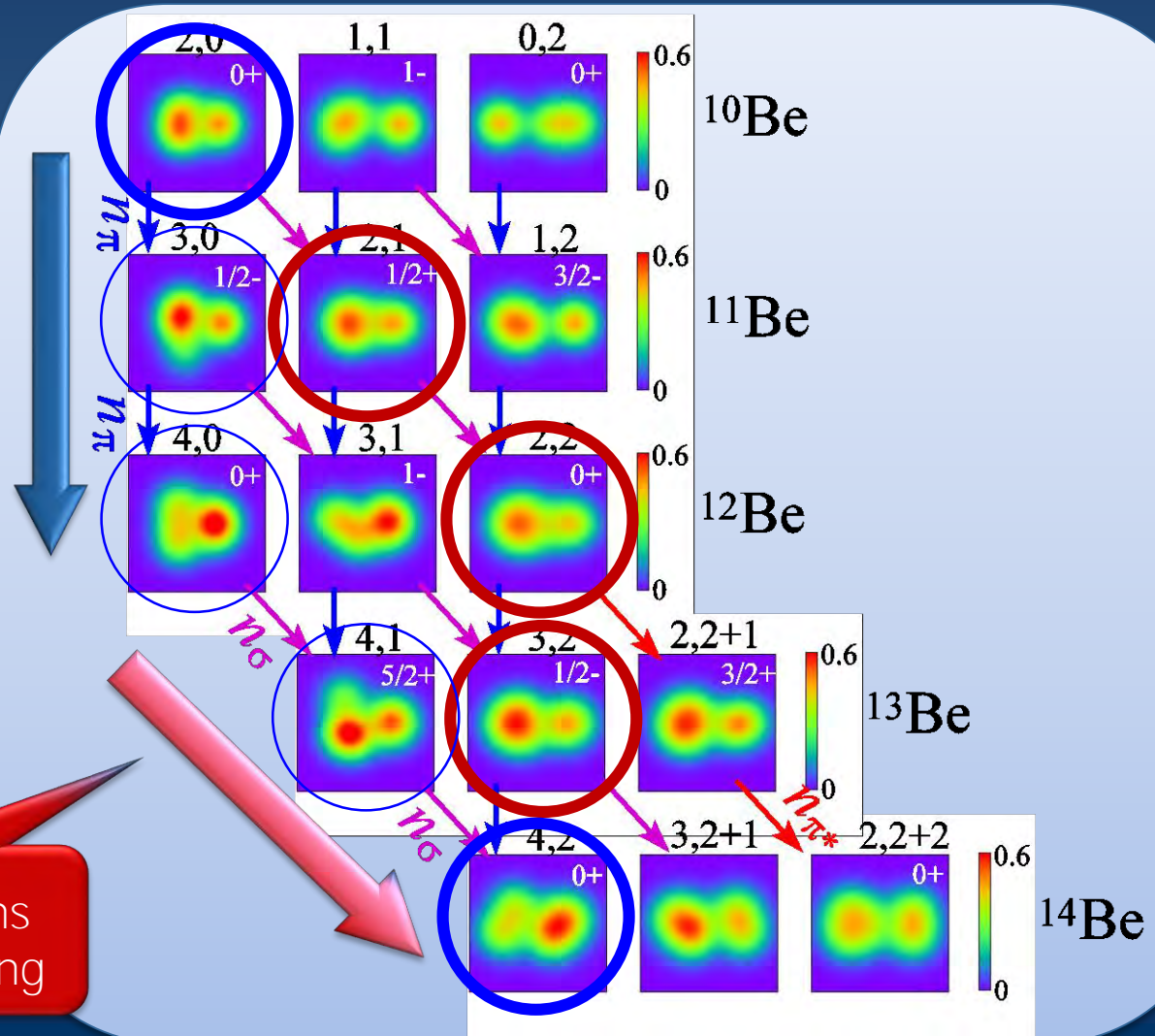
π -orbital neutrons
suppress clustering.



σ -orbital neutrons
enhance clustering

cluster enhancement by σ -orbital neutrons

π -orbital neutrons
suppress clustering.

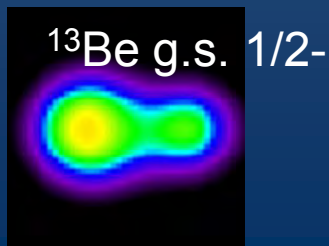
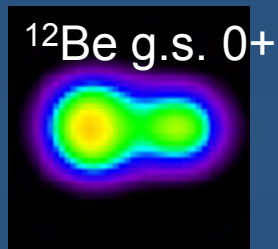


σ -orbital neutrons
enhance clustering

Experimental probes for magic number breaking in Be

Y.K-E.PRC (03),(12) , Ito PRL(08) Dufour NPA(10)

Fortune PRC(06), Blanchon PRC(10)



➤ deformation in $^{12}\text{Be}(\text{gs})$

▼ Inelastic scat. life time:

Iwasaki PLB481(00),

Imai PLB673(09)

➤ intruder config. in $^{12}\text{Be}(\text{gs})$

1n-knockout reac.:

Navin PRL85(00),

Pain PRL96(06)

➤ $^{12}\text{Be}(0_2^+)$ with p-shell config.

Shimoura PLB654 (07)

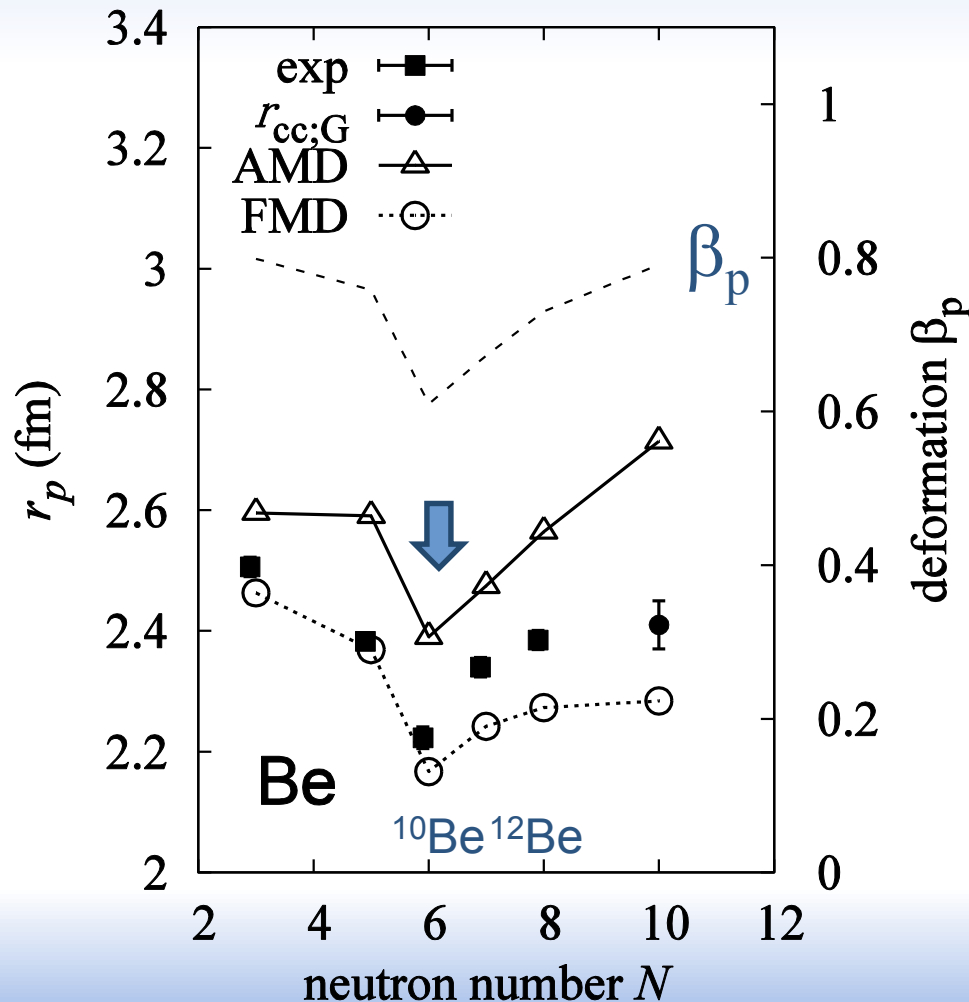
B(GT) with charge ex.:

Meharchand PRL108 (12)

➤ abnormal parity of $^{13}\text{Be}(\text{gs})$ now on discussion

Kondo et al. PLB690 (10)

proton radii along isotope chain

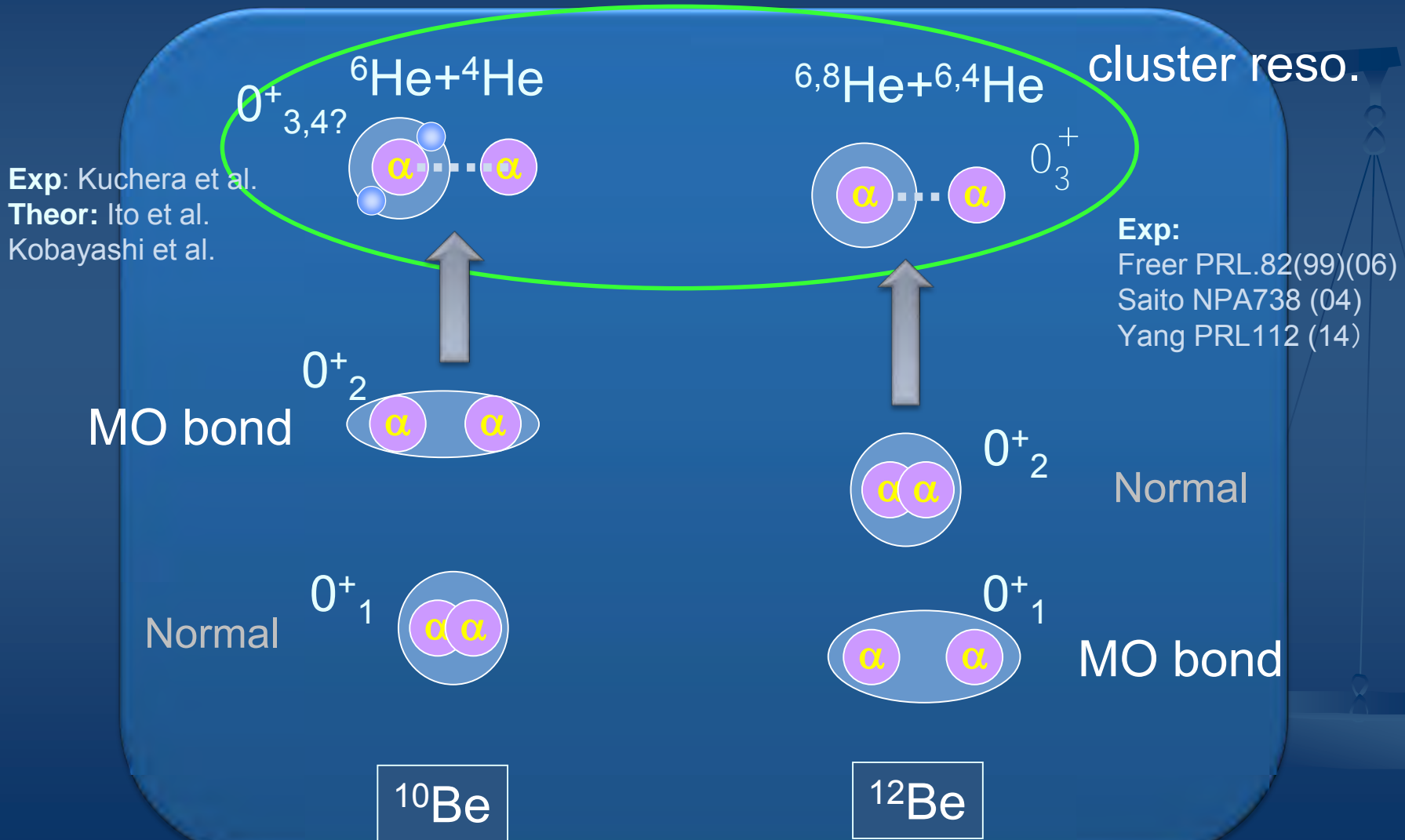


Change of clustering (deformation)
Is reflected in proton radii(charge radii)



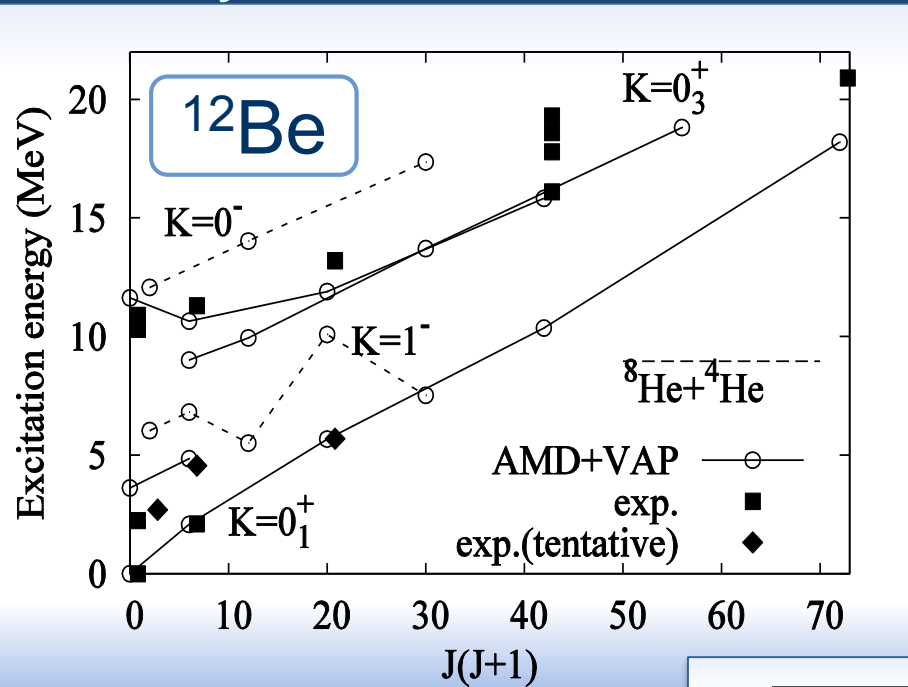
Point-proton radius is minimum
at $N=6$ (^{10}Be)

Cluster resonances



Theoretical predictions and observed states in ^{12}Be

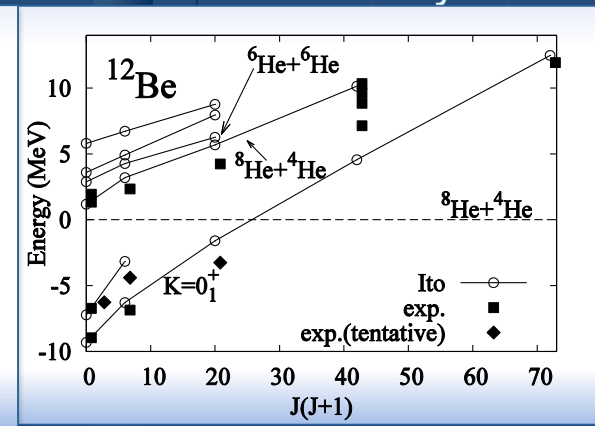
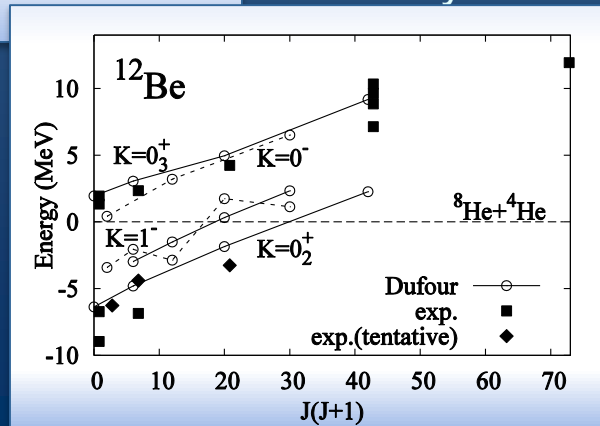
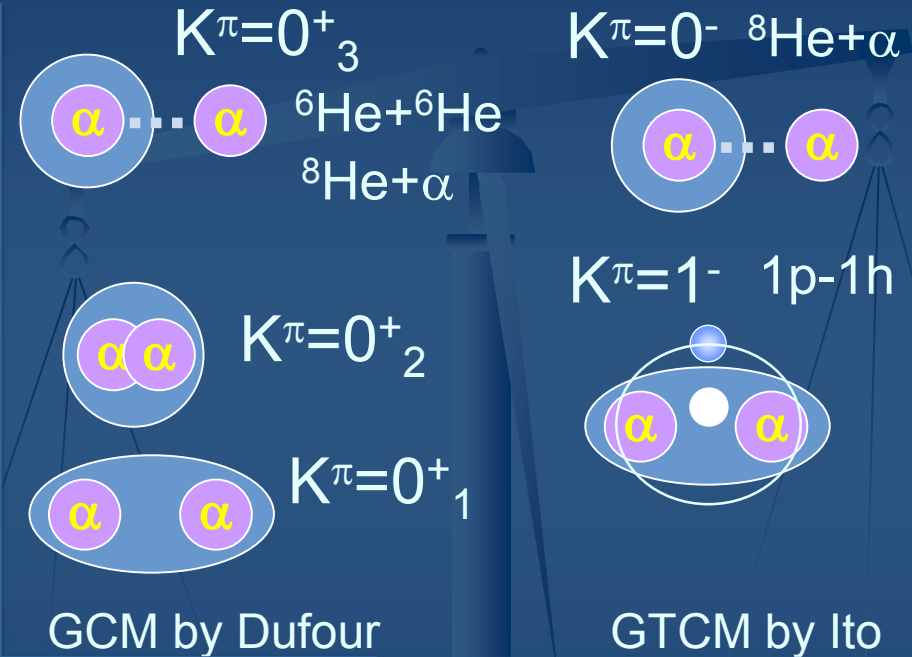
AMD by K-E.



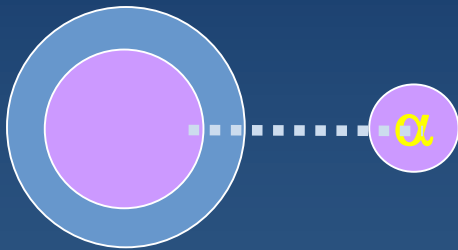
Exp. Freer PRL.82(99)(06)
Saito NPA738 (04)
Yang PRL112 (14)

Theor.

Y. K-E. et al. PRC68 (03)
Ito et al., PRC85 (12)
Dufour et al., NPA836 (10) 242



α -cluster states in n-rich nuclei



Cluster resonances

New states discovered and suggested at

Ex = several ~ 20 MeV

in α -decay, α -transfer, α -scattering

$6,8\text{He} + \alpha$ in Be^*

Exp: Soic et al., Freer et al., Saito et al., Curtis et al., Milin et al., Bohlen et al.,
Theor: Seya, von Oerzten, Descouvemont et al., Itagaki et al., K-E et al.
Arai et al., M. Ito et al.

$^{10}\text{Be} + \alpha$ in $^{14}\text{C}^*$

Exp Soic 04, von Oerzten '04, Price 07, Haigh 08, Fritsch '16, Yamaguchi
Theor: Suhara '10

$^{14}\text{C} + \alpha$ in $^{18}\text{O}^*$

Exp Scholz et al., Rogachev et al., Goldberg et al., Ashwood et al., Yildiz et al.,
Theor: Descouvemont, Kimura,

$^{18}\text{O} + \alpha$ in $^{22}\text{Ne}^*$

Exp Scholz '72, Rogachev '01, Goldberg '04, Ashwood '06, Yildiz et al.,
Theor: Descouvemont '88, Kimura '07

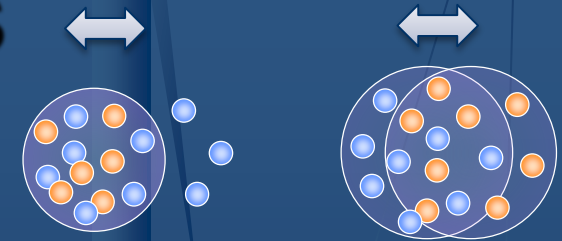
Universal phenomena?

Further experimental and theoretical studies are requested.

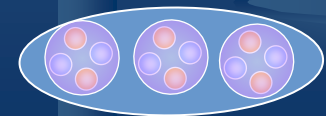
3-1. MO bond in n-rich Be
& Cluster resonances



3-2. Dipole resonances



3-3. Linear chain in n-rich C



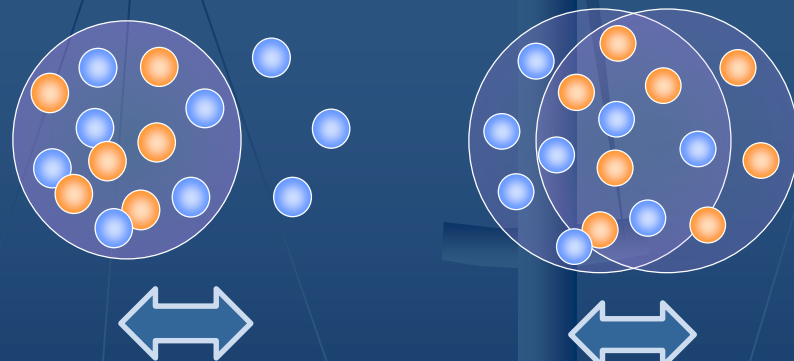
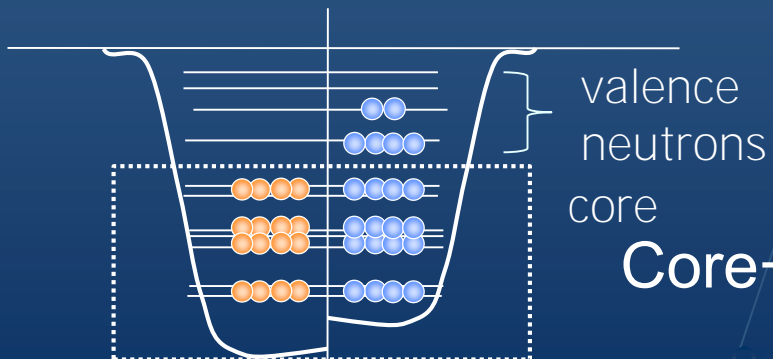
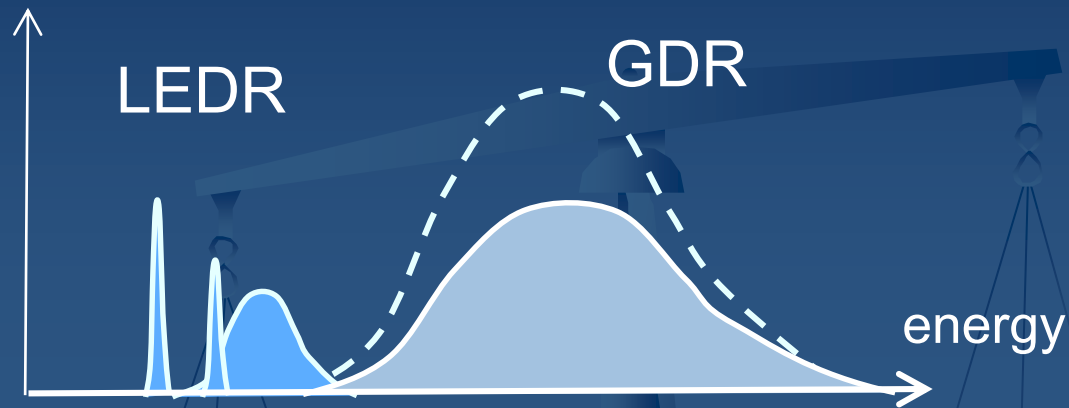
E1(Dipole) resonances

Separation of LEDR
From GDR



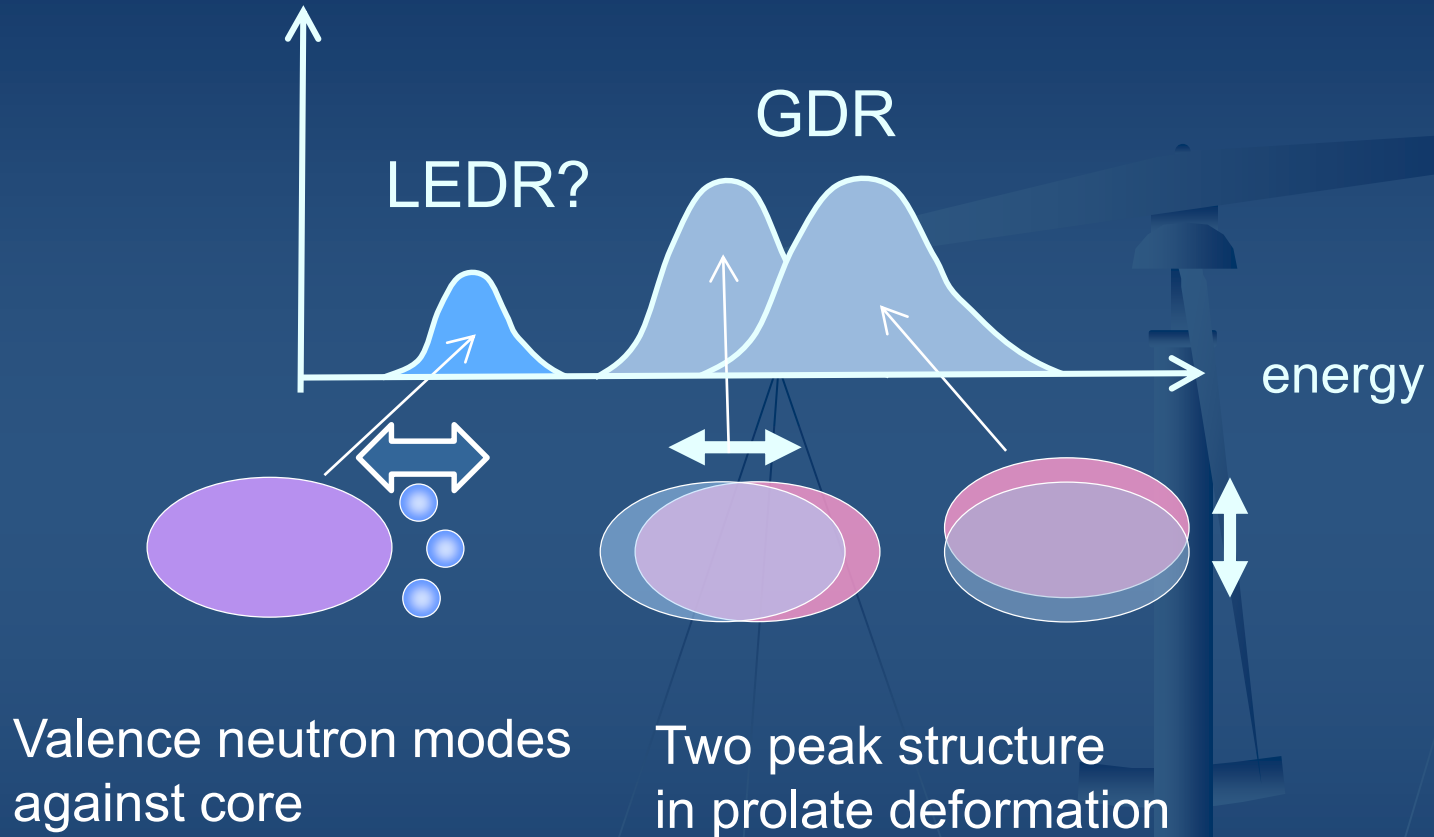
New excitation modes

transition strength

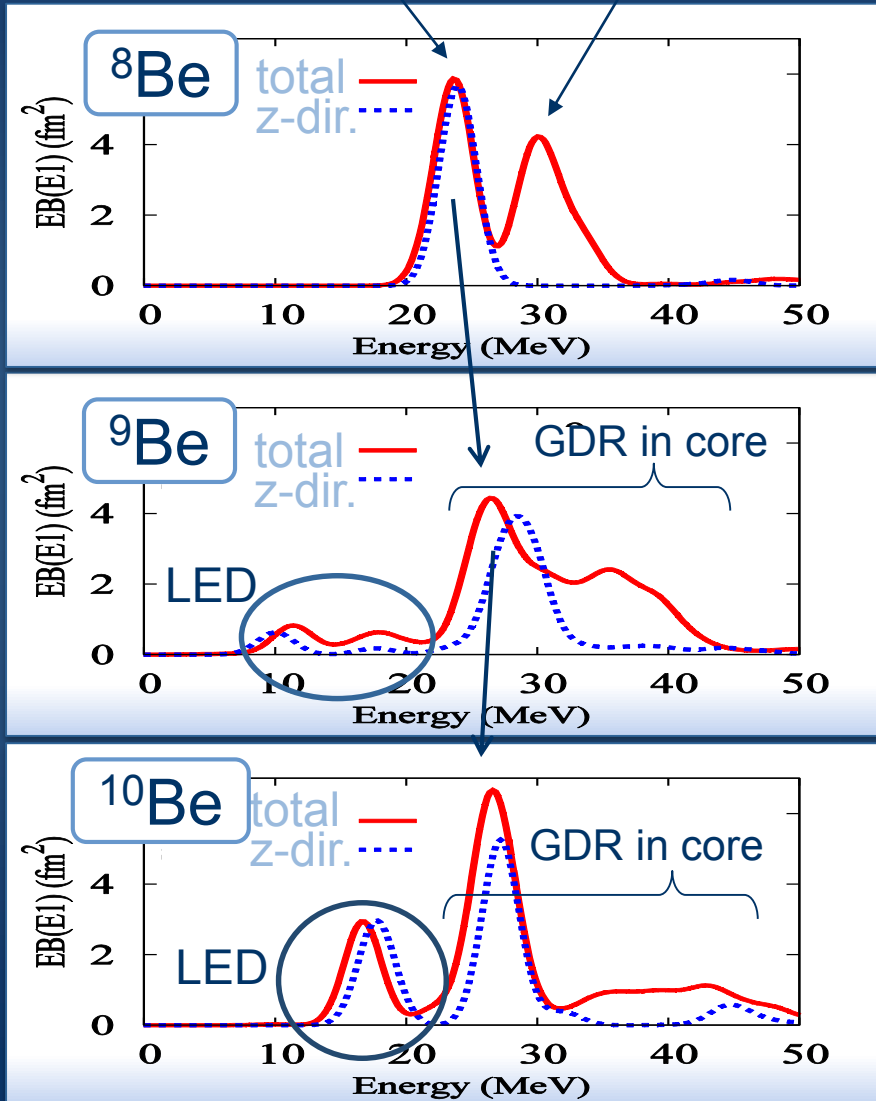


LEDR: low-energy dipole resonance
PDR: collective LEDR

deformed neutron-rich nuclei

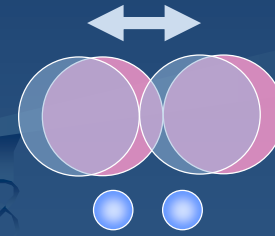


B(E1) of Be isotopes calculated by shifted AMD

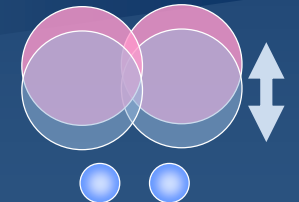


smearing factor 2MeV

- GDR in ^8Be core
two peaks in prolate state



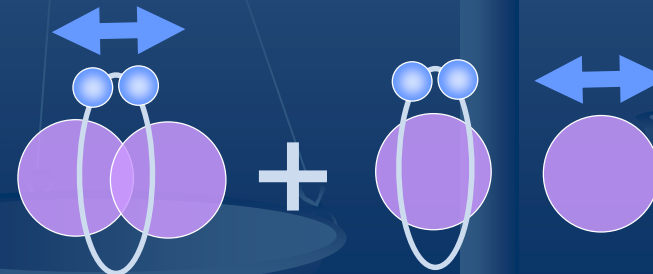
Lower peak
not affected



higher peak
broadened

- LEDR:
Coherent two-neutron motion
coupling with $6\text{He} + \alpha$

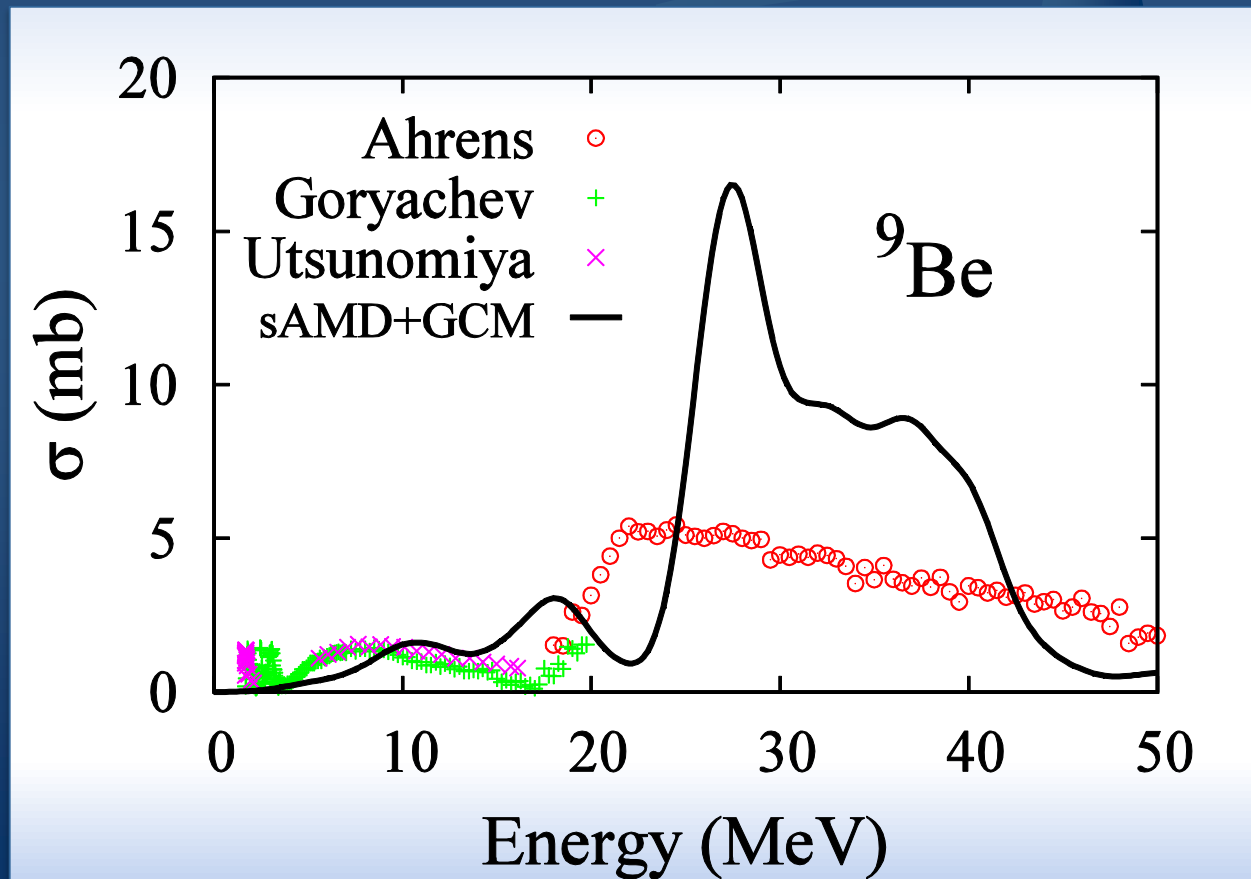
B(E1), B(ISD) \nearrow



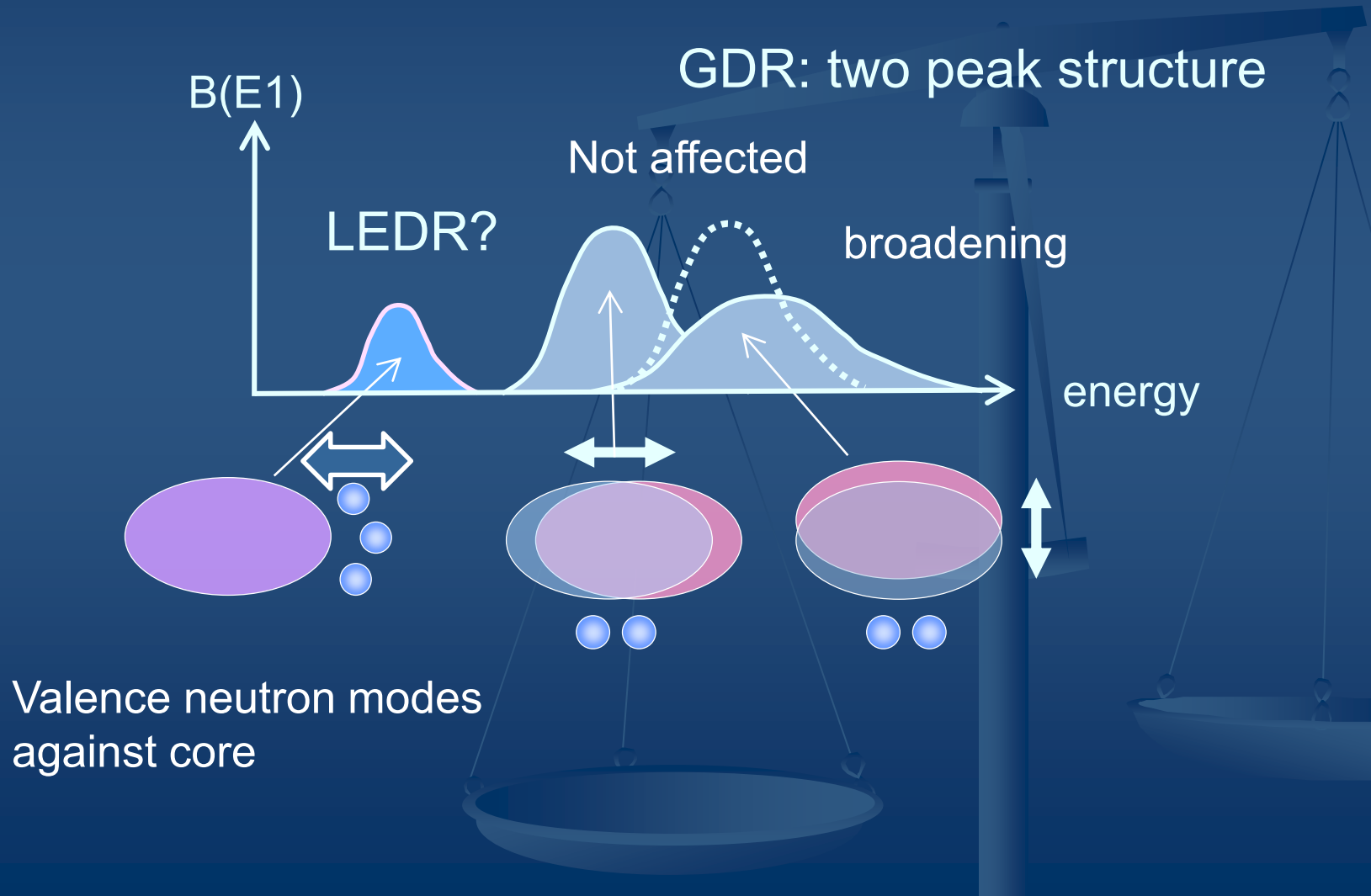
B(E1) in ${}^9\text{Be}$ compared with experimental data

Photonuclear cross section v.s.
sAMD+ α GCM calc.

Ahrens et al.(1975)
Goryachev et al. (1992)
Utsunomiya et al.,(2015)



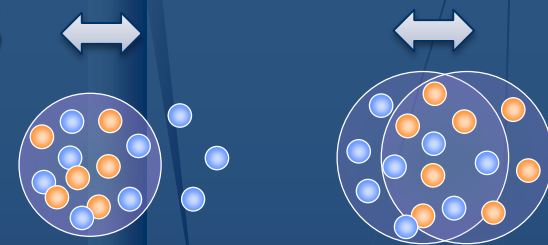
Roles of excess neutrons in deformed neutron-rich nuclei



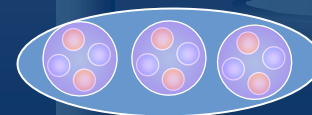
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Linear chain state in $^{14}\text{C}^*$

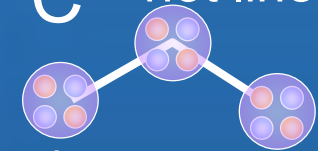
Neutron-rich

^{12}C

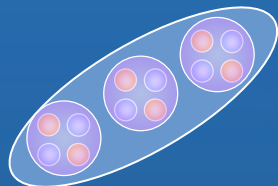
$^{14,16}\text{C}$

$^{12}\text{C}^*$ not linear

$^{14}\text{C}^*, ^{16}\text{C}^*$

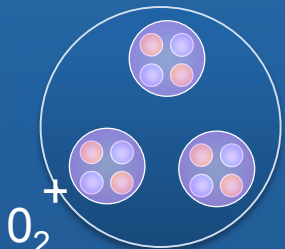


0_3^+ Y.K-E. et al.,
T. Neff et al.

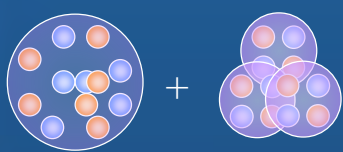


Linear chain?

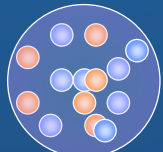
von Oertzen ZPA354(96)
EPJA21(04), PR 432(06)
Itagaki PRC64(01)
Suhara PRC82(10)
Maruhn NPA833(10)
Baba PRC90(14).



0_2^+ Tohsaki et al.,
Funaki et al.



^{12}C g.s.

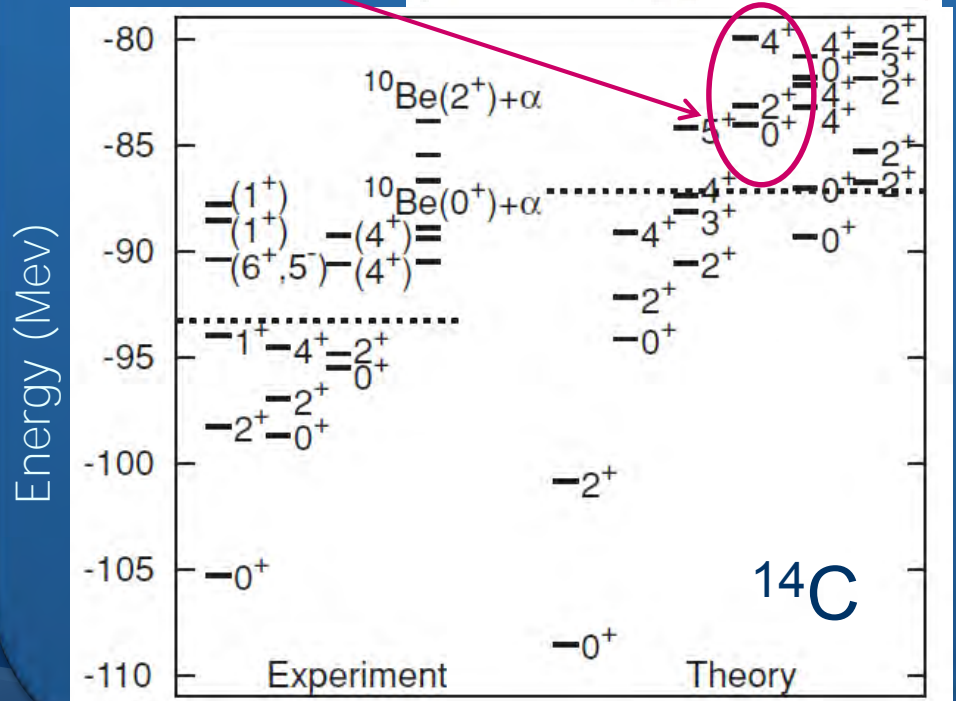
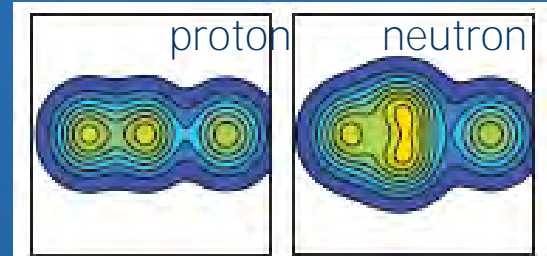


^{14}C g.s.

^{14}C

AMD by T.Suhara and Y.K-E,
Phys.Rev.C82:044301,2010.

3α linear chain



Experimental searching for linear chain states

- UK group: up reactions

Price et al. PRC75(2007), 014305. $^{10}\text{Be} + \alpha$ break up

Haigh et al. PRC78 (2008) 014319. $^{10}\text{Be} + \alpha$ break up

Freer et al. PRC90(2014) 054324. $^{10}\text{Be} + \alpha$ scattering

- US group:

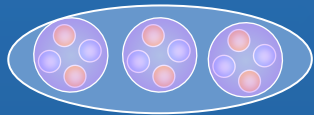
Fritsch et al., PRCC93 (2016) 014321. $^{10}\text{Be} + \alpha$ scattering.

- Jpn group:

Yamaguchi et al., New results are coming soon !

Linear chain in n-rich C

Meta stable
for bending motion

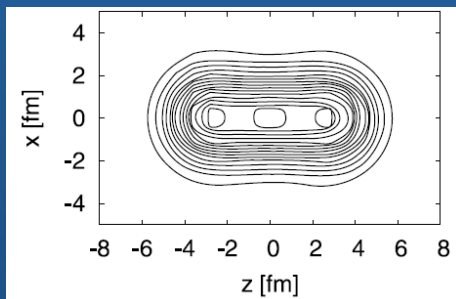


✓ MO model for $^{14,16}\text{C}$

Itagaki et al. PRC64(01)

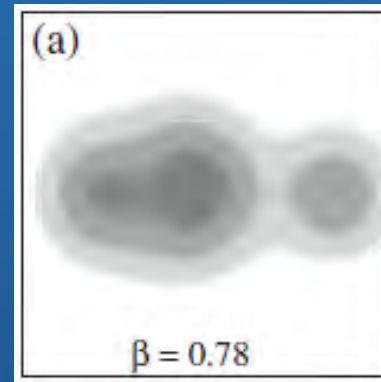
✓ HF calc. for $^{16,20}\text{C}$

by Maruhn et al. NPA833(10)



Stretching effect
in rotation

AMD by Y.K-E,
PR432(2006)

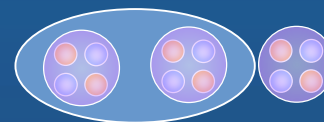


$^{15}\text{C}^*(19/2^-)$

$\beta = 0.78$

suggested
to be a
yrast state

$^{11}\text{Be} + \alpha$

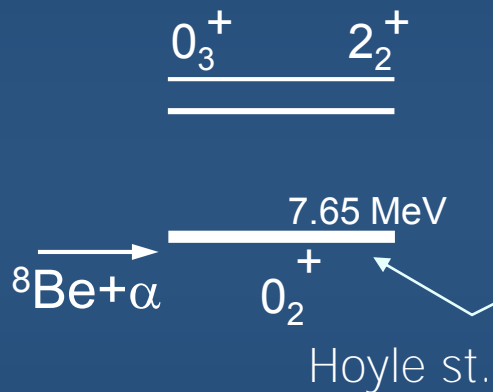


Largely deformed ^{11}Be
with MO-bond

Cluster gas states in excited states

^{12}C

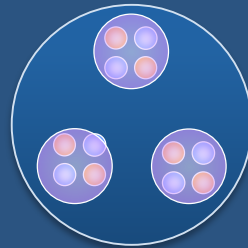
Tohsaki et al. (2001)



cluster gas

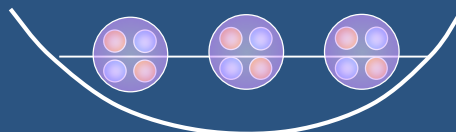
Uegaki et al. (1977)

3α

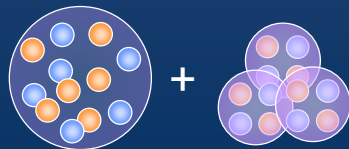


α condensation

Funaki et al. (2003)



0_1^+



4α condensation in ^{16}O

suggested by Funaki et al. (2008,2010)

Dilute cluster gas



Bosonic behavior:

α particles condensate in the same orbit.

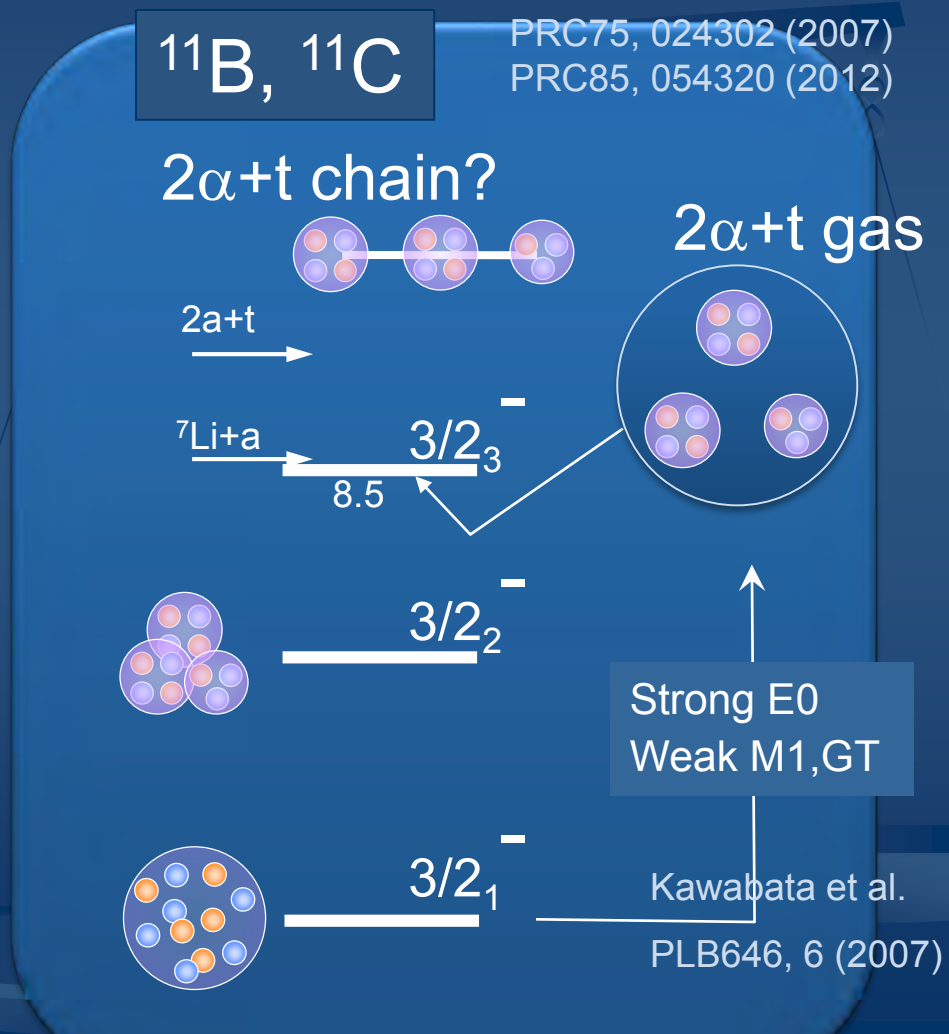
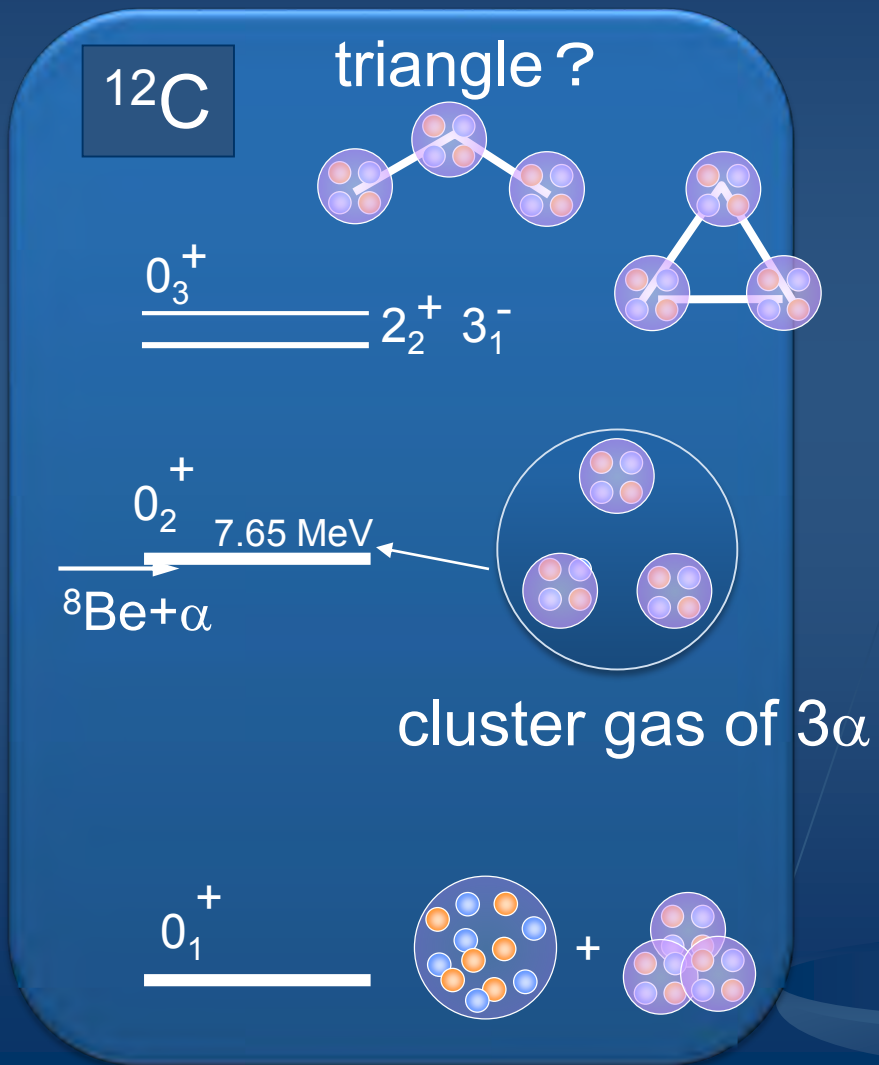


BEC in nuclear matter

Roepke et al., PRL (1998)

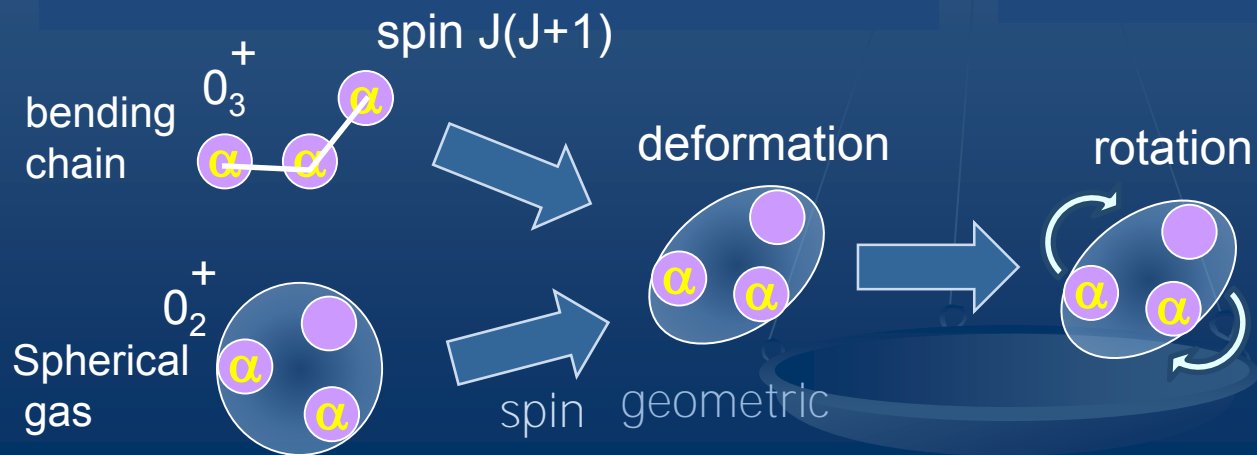
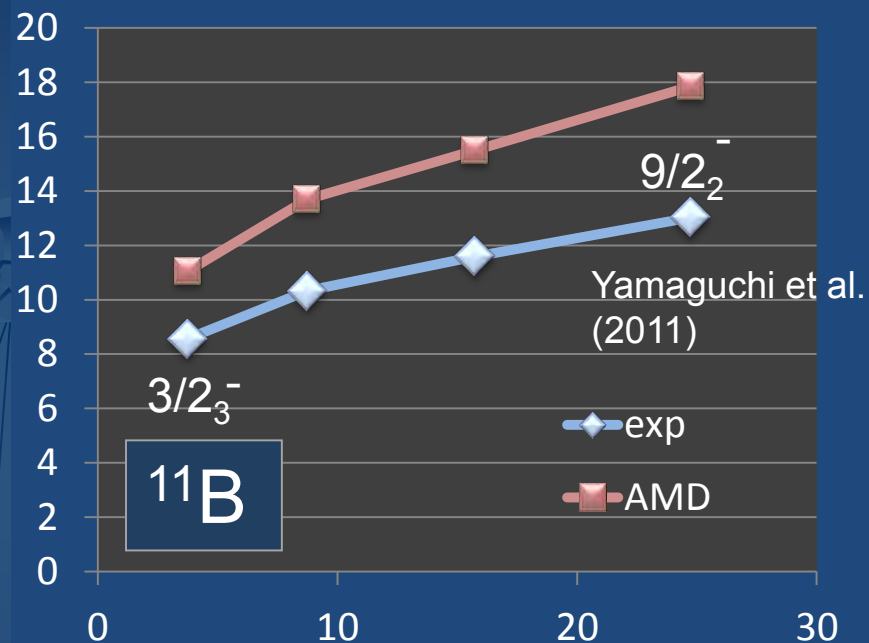
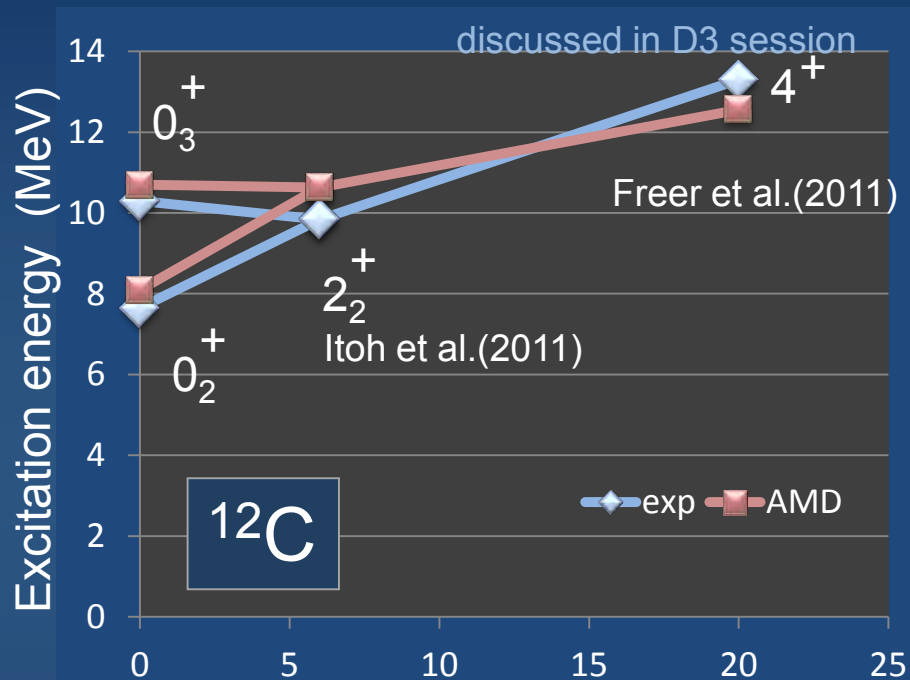
2 α +t cluster in $^{11}\text{B}(3/2^-_3)$

AMD by Y.K-E., Suhara



PRC75, 024302 (2007)
PRC85, 054320 (2012)

Rotational band from cluster gas



rotation of 3α , 4α gas
 Ohkubo et al., PLB684(2010)
 Funaki et al. PTPS196 (2012)

Summary

Rich cluster phenomena in n-rich nuclei
as function of proton and neutron numbers and
excitation energy

- ✓ Cluster formation/breaking in low-lying states
- ✓ valence neutrons: MO Bond, new types of clusters
- ✓ Cluster excitation and resonances
- ✓ Many clusters : cluster gas, chain

Independent particle motion v.s. many-body correlations
single particle excitation(mode) v.s. cluster excitation

Systematic study in a wide region

Excitation energy

Low density

proton number

multidimension

- * proton number
- * neutron number
- * excitation energy
- * density



Neutron number