

# **Alpha-decay versus alpha-clustering**

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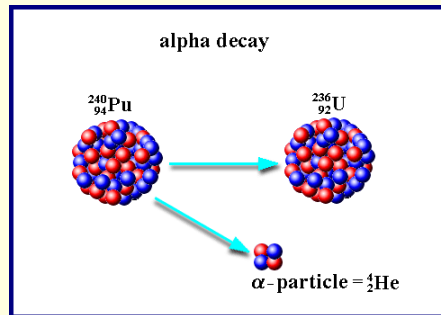
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# I. Basic laws of alpha-decay

## A. Geiger-Nuttall law for half lives



$$\log_{10} T = a \frac{Z_D}{\sqrt{E}} + b$$

- **H. Geiger and J.M. Nuttall** "The ranges of the  $\alpha$  particles from various radioactive substances and a relation between range and period of transformation," *Philosophical Magazine*, Series 6, vol. 22, no. 130, 613-621 (1911).
- **H. Geiger and J.M. Nuttall** "The ranges of  $\alpha$  particles from uranium," *Philosophical Magazine*, Series 6, vol. 23, no. 135, 439-445 (1912).

**George Gamow in 1909,  
two years before  
the discovery of the G-N law**

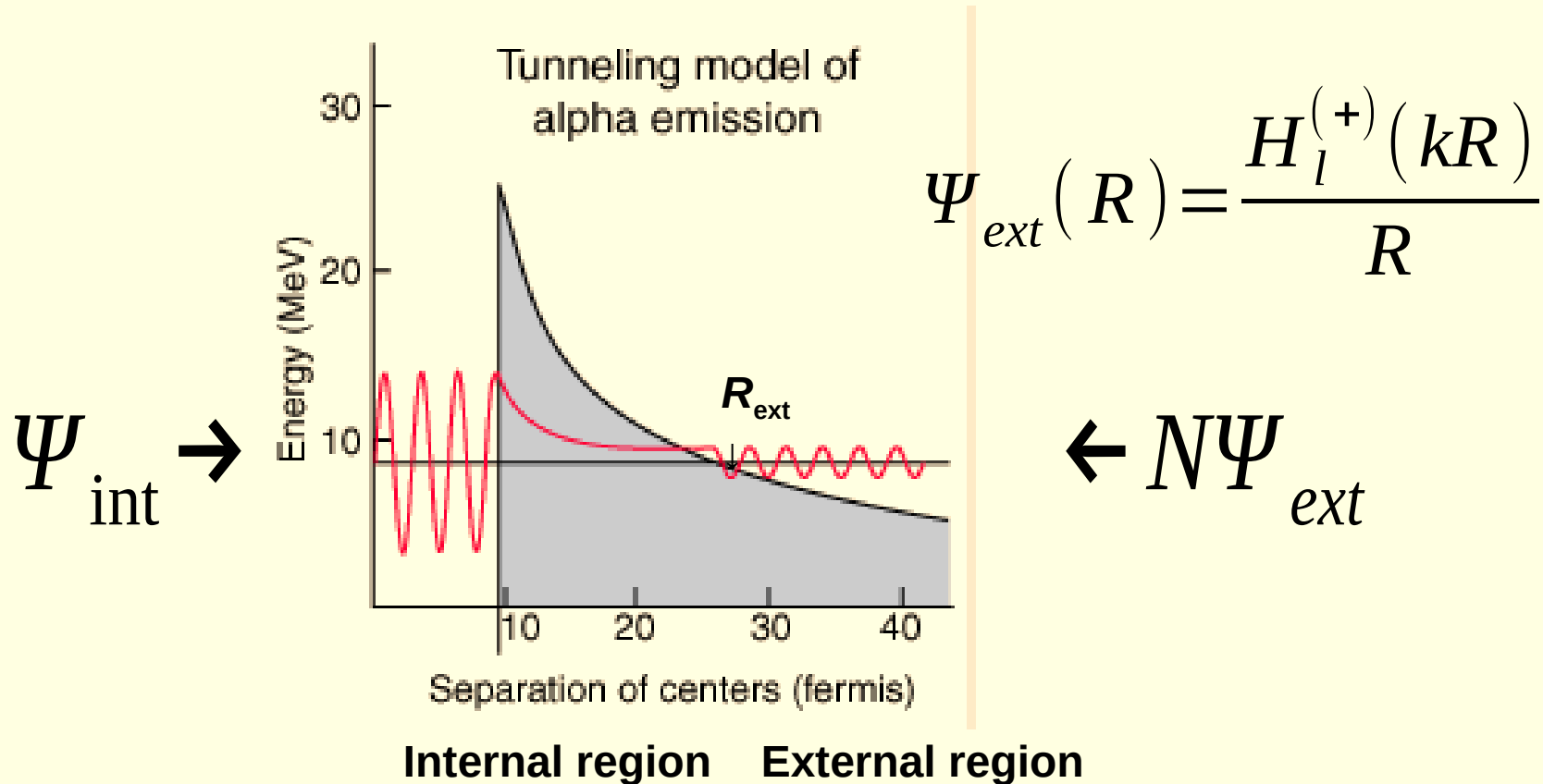
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**... and in 1930,  
two years after  
his explanation**



**G. Gamow** "Zur Quantentheorie des Atomkernes" (On the quantum theory of the atomic nucleus), *Zeitschrift für Physik*, vol. 51, 204-212 (1928).

**The first probabilistic interpretation of the wave function**



## Decay width can be written

as a product between

$$\Gamma = 2\gamma^2 P$$

the reduced width

$$\gamma^2 = \frac{\hbar^2}{2mR} |\Psi_{\text{int}}(R)|^2$$

and

penetrability

on the matching radius  $R$

$$P = \frac{\kappa R}{|H_0^{(+)}(\chi, \kappa R)|^2} = ce^{a\chi}$$

depending exponentially upon  
the Coulomb parameter

$$\chi = \frac{2Z_D Z_C}{\hbar v} = \frac{2Z_D Z_C}{\hbar \sqrt{2E/m}}$$

**Geiger-Nuttall law relates  
Log(decay width) to the Coulomb parameter**

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$$\log_{10} \Gamma = \log_{10} P + \log_{10} 2 \gamma^2$$

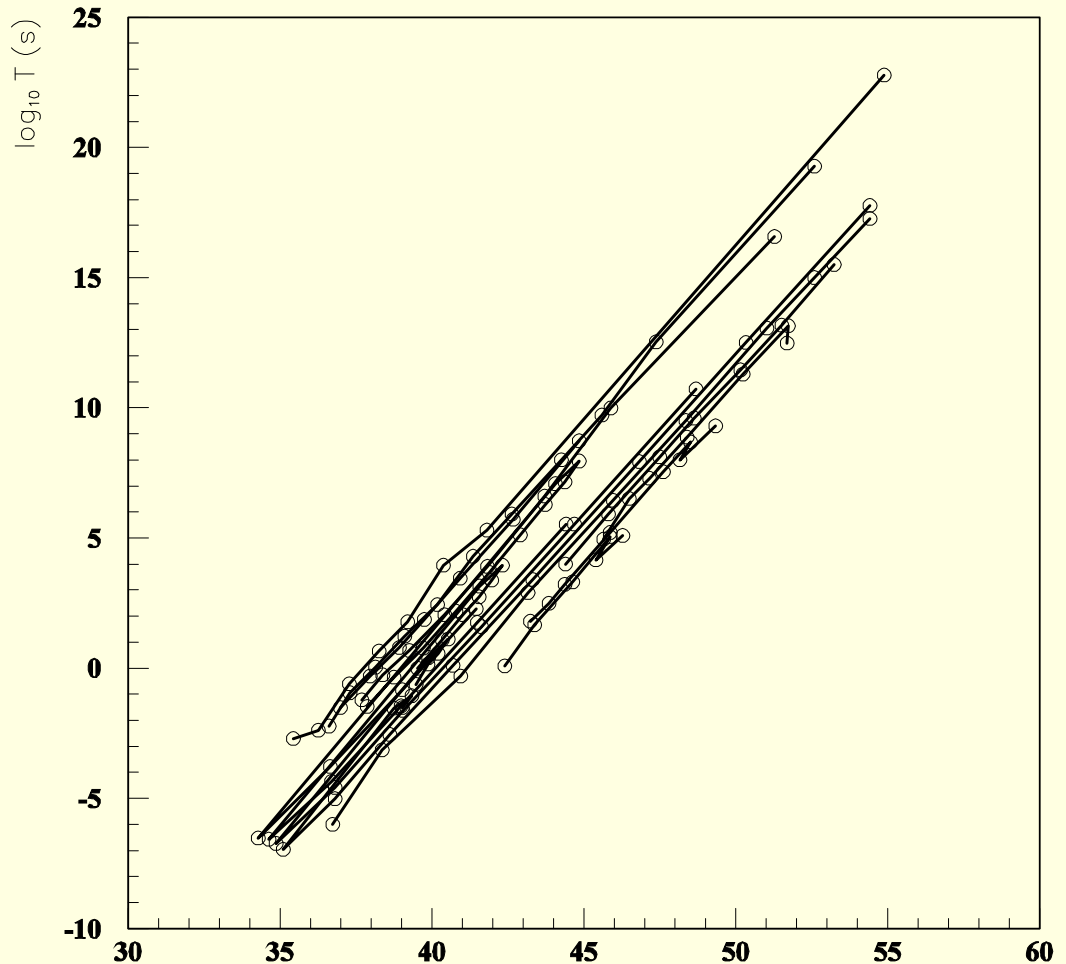
$$\log_{10} P = a\chi + b$$

$$\chi = c \frac{Z_D}{\sqrt{E}}$$

# One obtains several parallel lines corresponding to various isotope chains

Half life is given by:

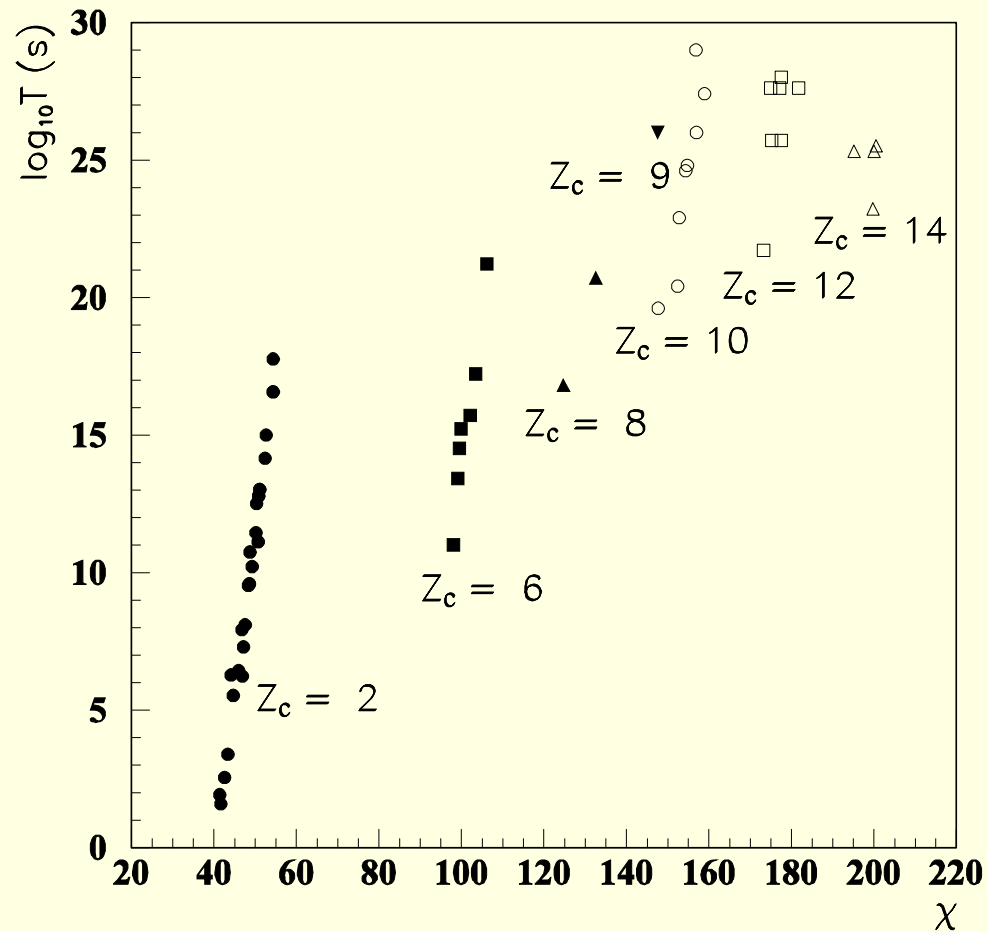
$$T = \frac{\hbar \ln 2}{\Gamma}$$





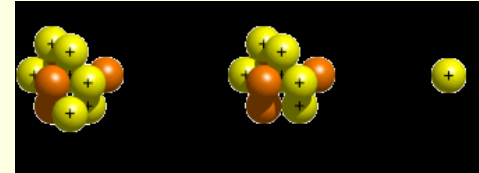
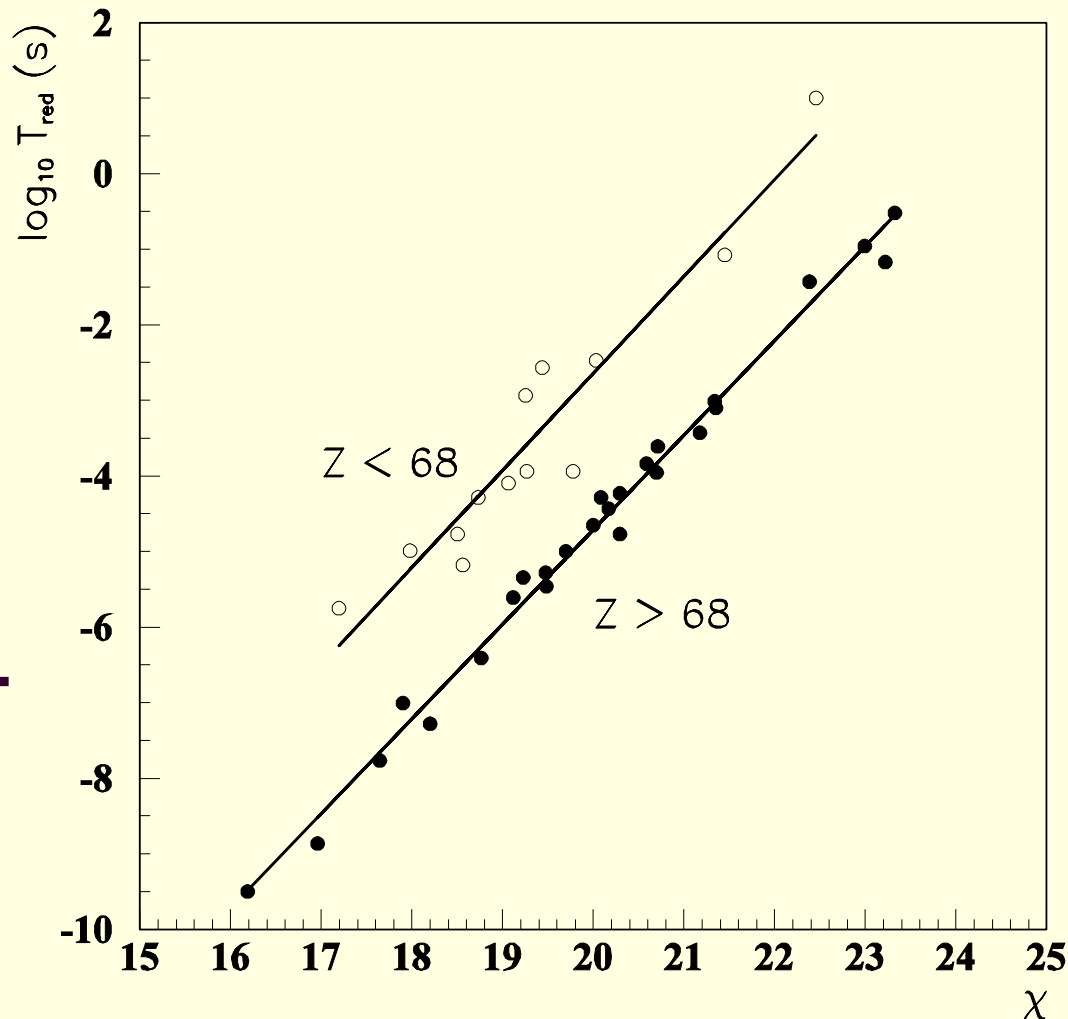
# Geiger-Nuttall law for cluster-decays

## Magic radioactivity: “Pb decay” $Z_D \sim 82$



# Geiger-Nuttall law for proton emission

D.S. Delion, R.J. Liotta, R. Wyss, Systematics of proton emission,  
Physical Review Letters 96, 072501 (2006)



Reduced half-life  
corrected by the  
centrifugal barrier

$$T_{red} = \frac{T}{C_l^2}$$

satisfies a G-N rule  
with two branches  
divided by  $Z=68$

$$\log_{10} T_{red} = a \frac{Z_D}{\sqrt{E}} + b(Z)$$

## B. Universal law for reduced widths

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**Universal decay rule for reduced widths**

Physical Review **C80** (2009) 024310

# **Evidence of the $\alpha$ -clustering on nuclear surface**

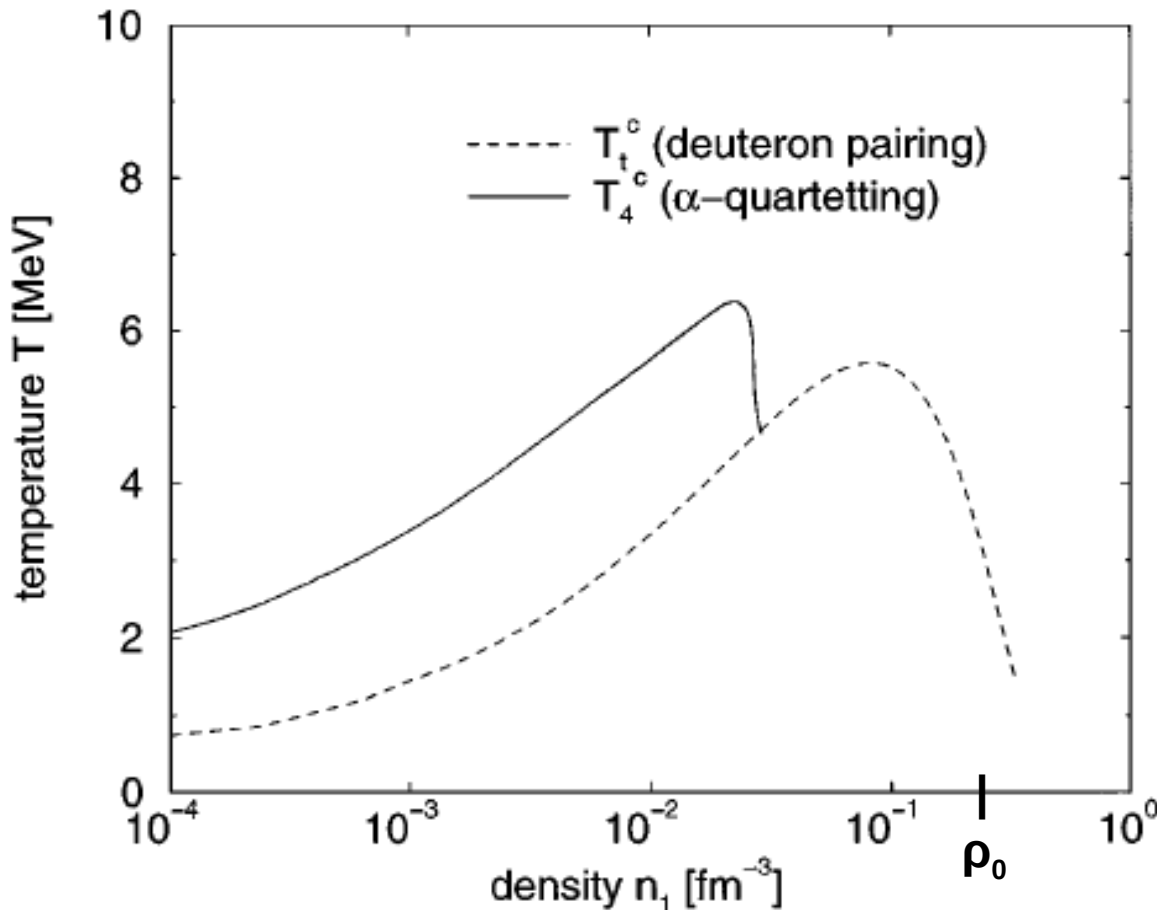
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**(a)  $\alpha$ -clustering phase diagram**

**(b) Pairing estimate of the alpha-formation amplitude**

**(c) Potential within the Two Center Shell Model**

## (a) Phase diagram for deuteron and $\alpha$ -particle

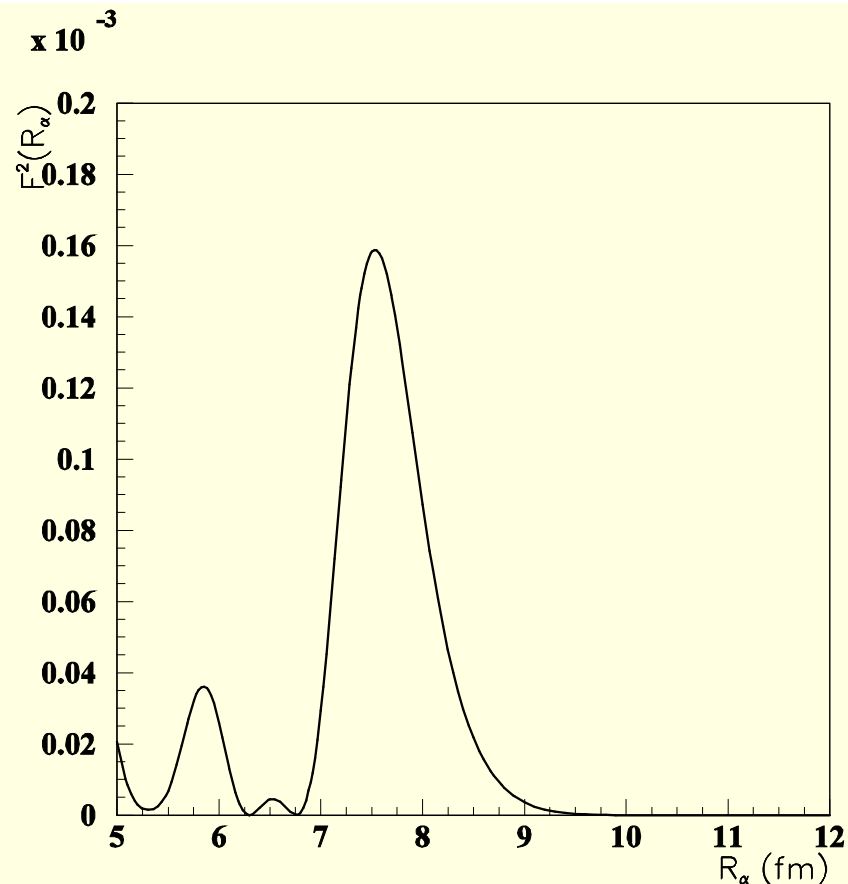


G. Ropke, A. Schnell,  
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**Four-particle condensate  
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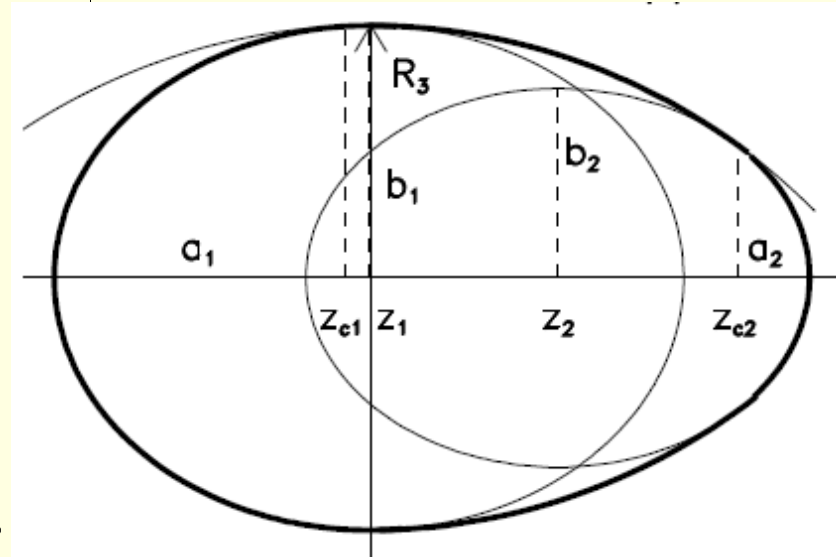
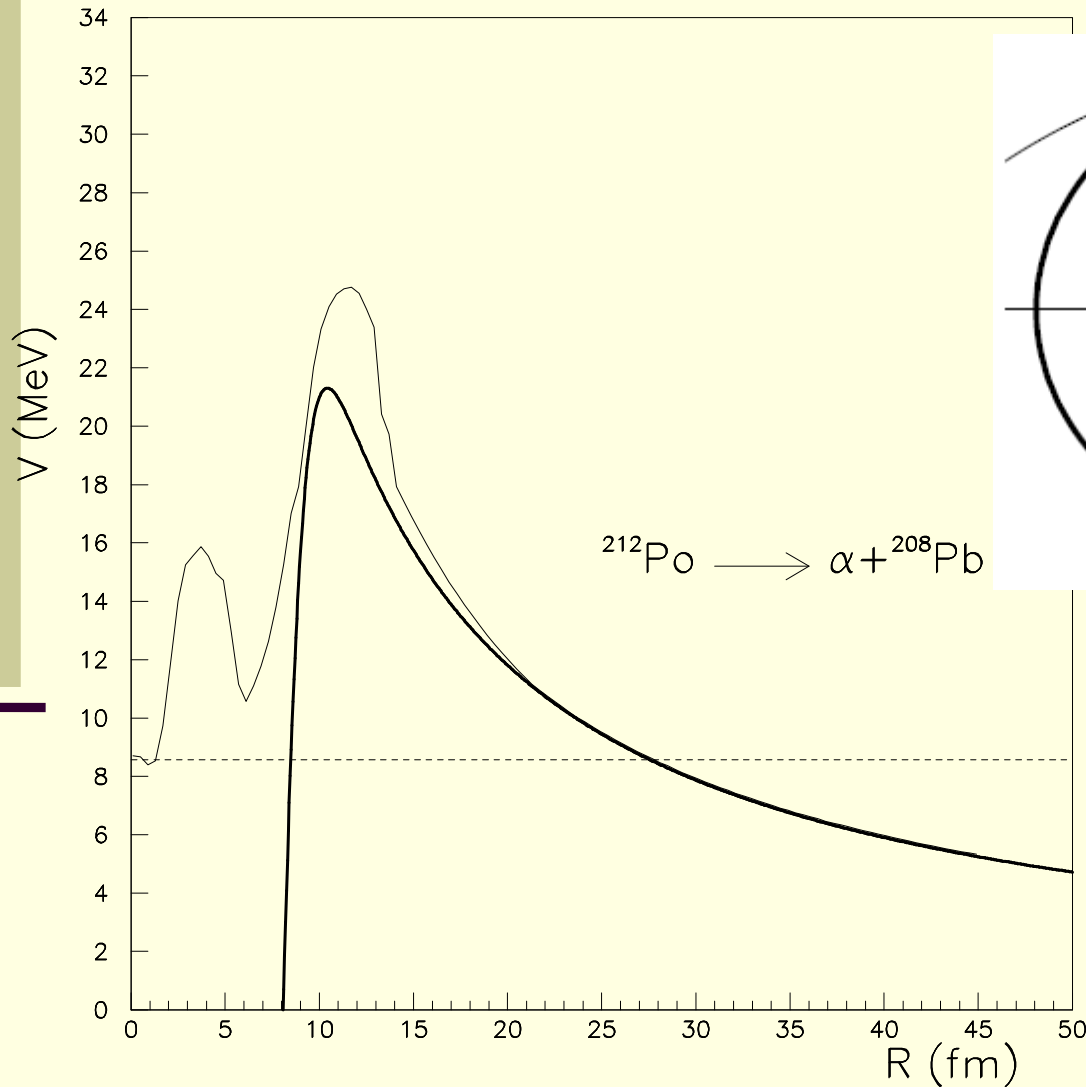
Pairing survives at the  
equilibrium density  $\rho_0$   
and  $\alpha$ -quartetting collapses  
at about 10%  $\rho_0$ , i.e.  
**an  $\alpha$ -particle can exist only  
on the nuclear surface**

**(b) Microscopic  $\alpha$ -particle formation probability  
within the mean field + pairing approach  
is peaked on the nuclear surface**

$$\mathcal{F}(\mathbf{R}_\alpha) = \langle \alpha D | P \rangle = \int d\mathbf{x}_\alpha d\mathbf{x}_D \left[ \psi_{\alpha}^{(\beta_\alpha)}(\mathbf{x}_\alpha) \Psi^{(D)}(\mathbf{x}_D) \right]^* \Psi^{(P)}(\mathbf{x}_P)$$

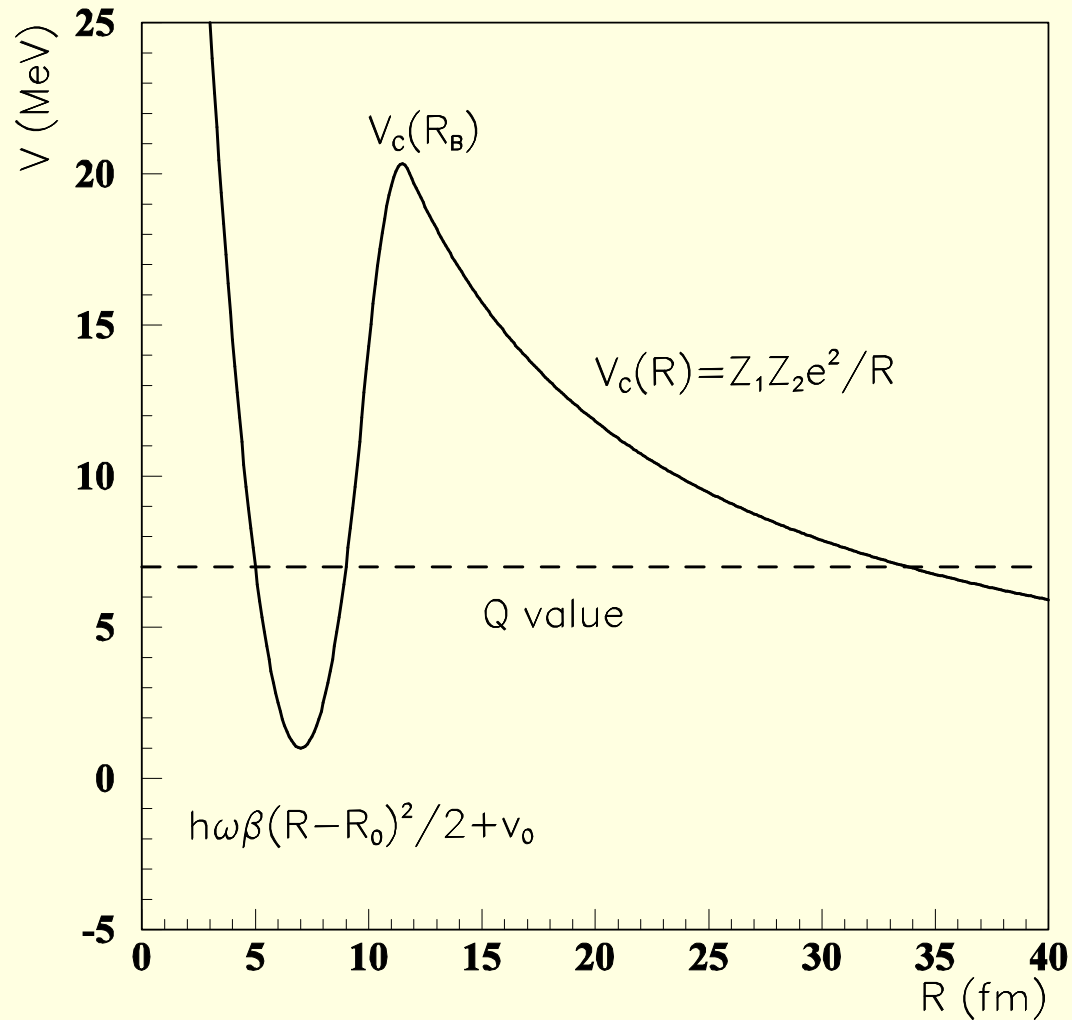


**(c) Two-center shell model predicts  
a double humped barrier (similar to fission)  
with a minimum on the nuclear surface**



**M. Mirea,  
Private communication**

**Conclusion: the cluster-daughter interaction should be a pocket-like potential on the nuclear surface. Thus,  $\alpha$ -cluster is hindered inside by the Pauli principle**





# Conditions for an $\alpha$ -particle moving in a shifted harmonic oscillator potential

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1) The first eigenstate energy is the Q-value

$$Q = E = \frac{1}{2} \hbar \omega$$

2) Its wave function is given by

$$\Psi(R) = A_0 e^{-\beta(R-R_0)^2/2}$$

where the oscillator parameter is

$$\beta = \frac{m\omega}{\hbar}$$

One obtains an analytical universal law for the reduced width in terms of the fragmentation potential  $V_{frag}$  and cluster amplitude  $A_0$

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$$\log_{10} \gamma^2 = -\frac{\log_{10} e^2}{\hbar \omega} V_{frag} + \log_{10} \frac{\hbar^2 A_0^2}{2emR_B}$$

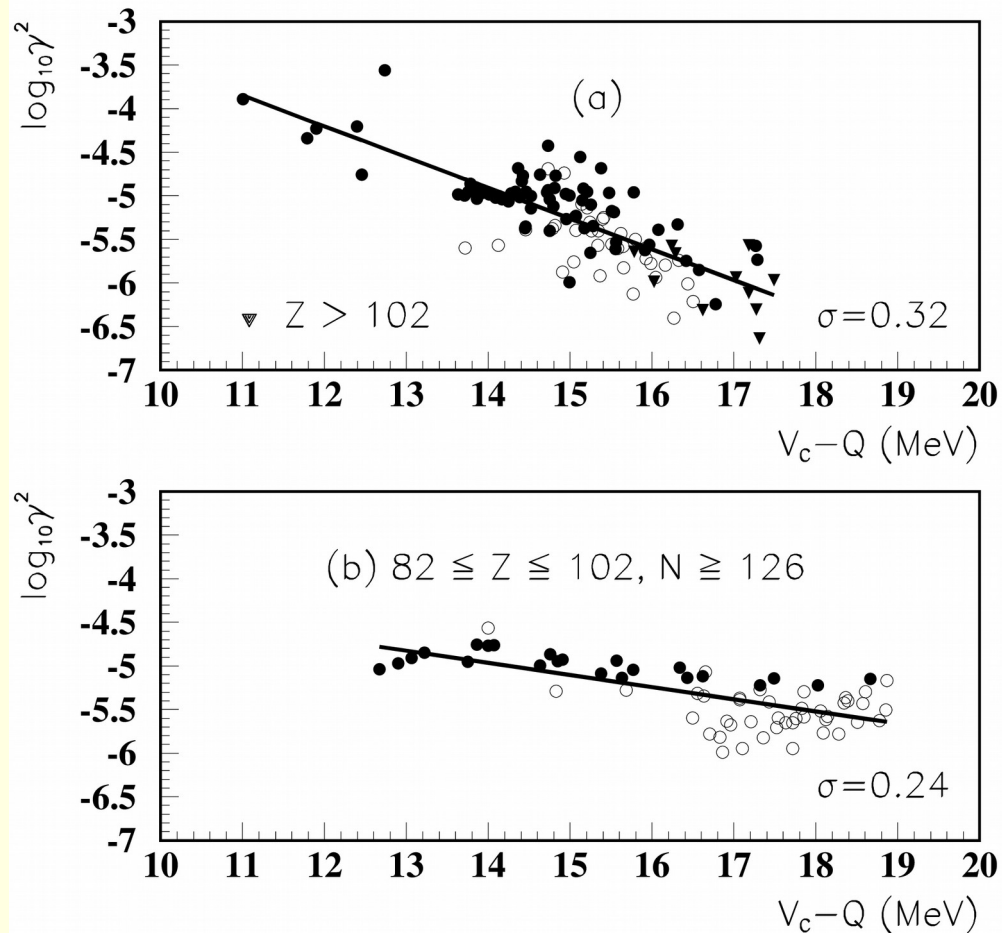
It does not depend on the pocket radius and remains valid for any pocket potential,

The **fragmentation potential** is given by the difference between the Coulomb barrier and Q-value:

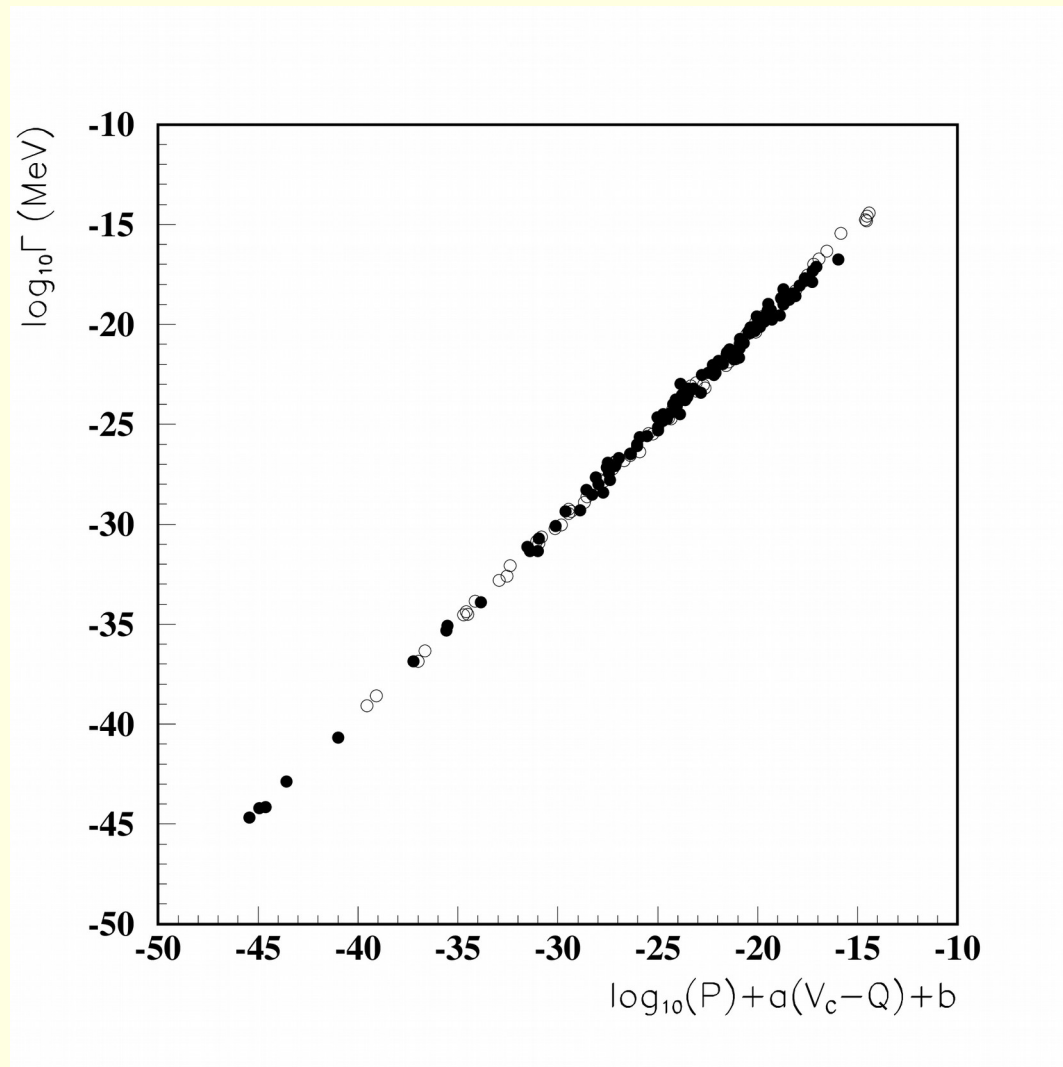
$$V_{frag} = \frac{Z_D Z_C}{R_B} - Q$$

**THE SLOPE SHOULD BE NEGATIVE!**

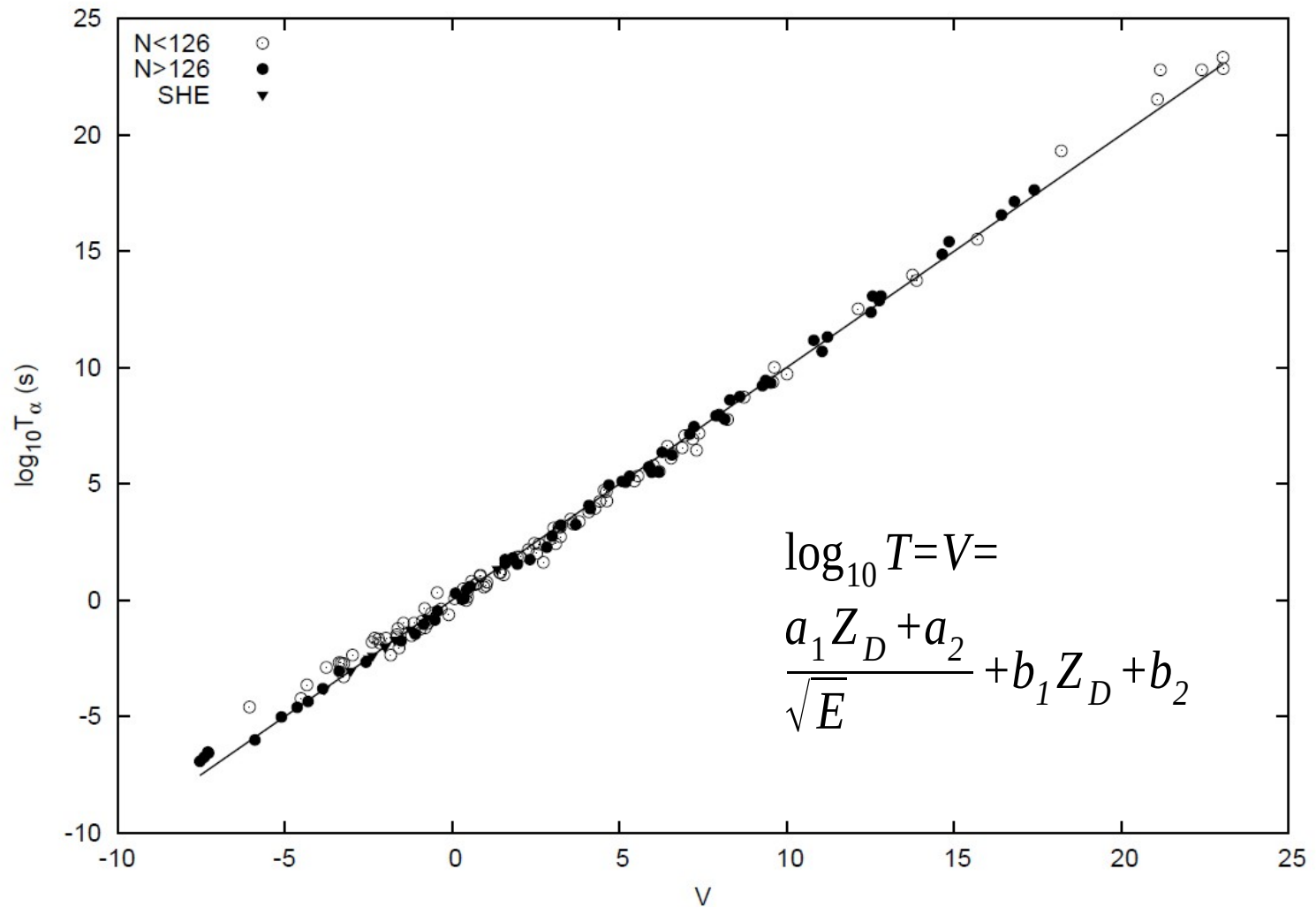
# Experimental universal law for alpha-decay from even-even nuclei has indeed a negative slope and two main regions for spectroscopic factor, divided by $^{208}\text{Pb}$



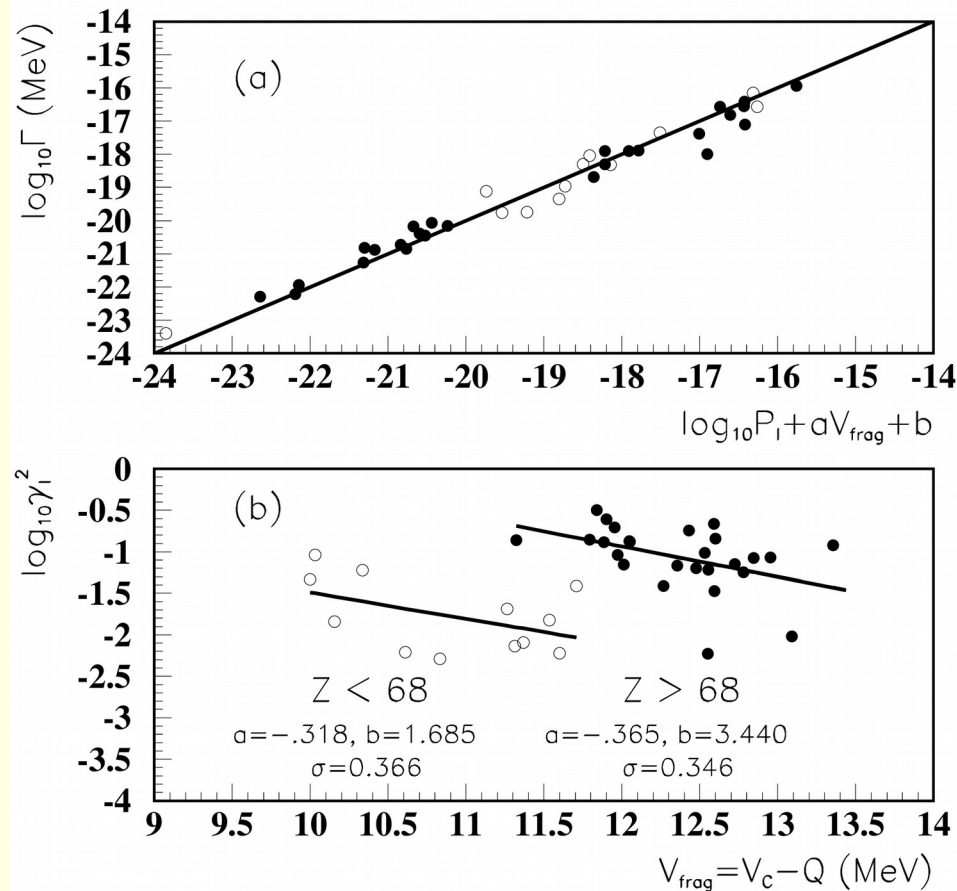
One obtains a  $\log(\text{width})$ - $\log(\text{penetrability})$  dependence by using the parameters of the previous plot



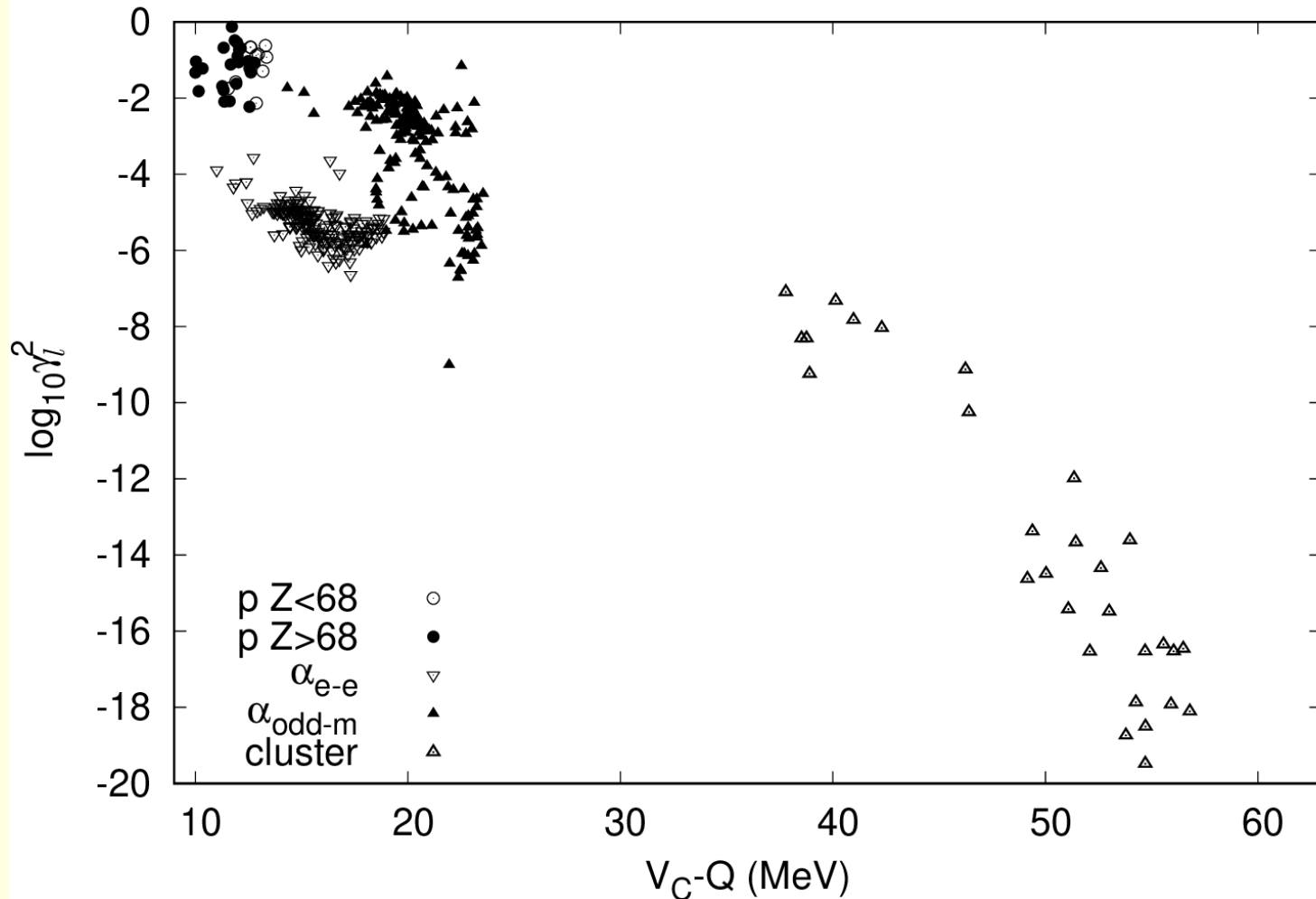
This rule is similar to the well known Viola-Seaborg law



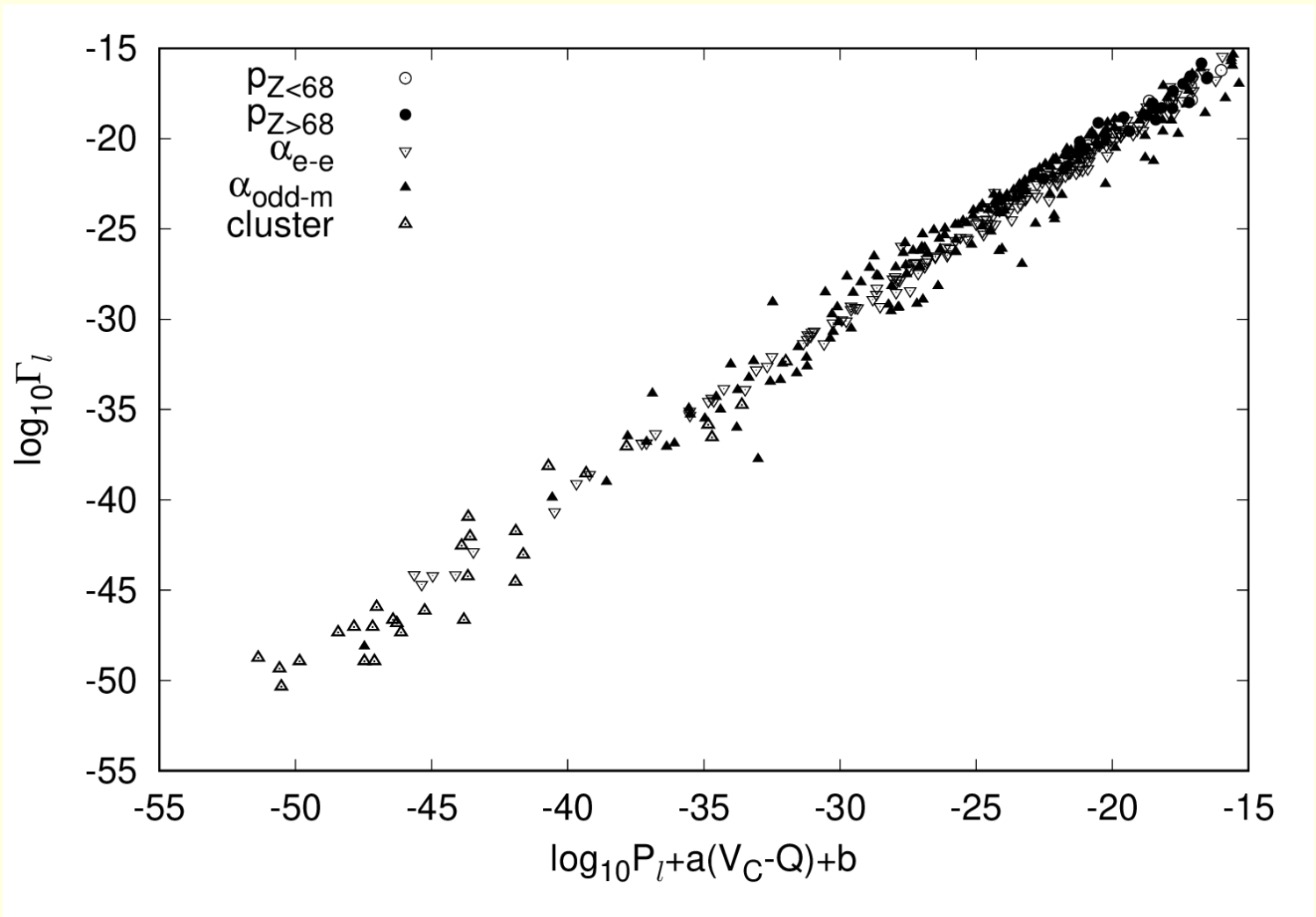
One obtains similar dependencies for proton emission.  
Universal law (b) explains the two lines in the systematics,  
corresponding to two regions of the fragmentation potential.



**Universal law for reduced widths  
is valid for all emission processes:  
proton, even-even, odd-mass alpha & cluster decays**

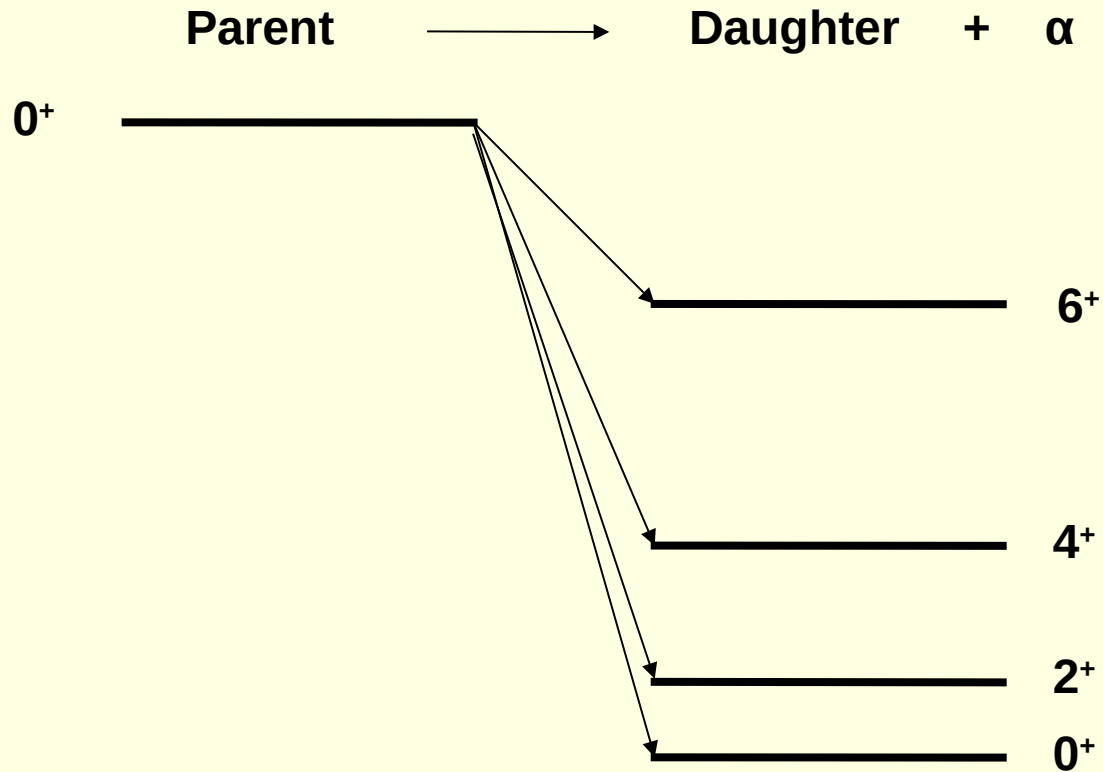


One obtains a general log(width)-log(penetrability)  
dependence for all emission processes  
by using the corresponding fit parameters





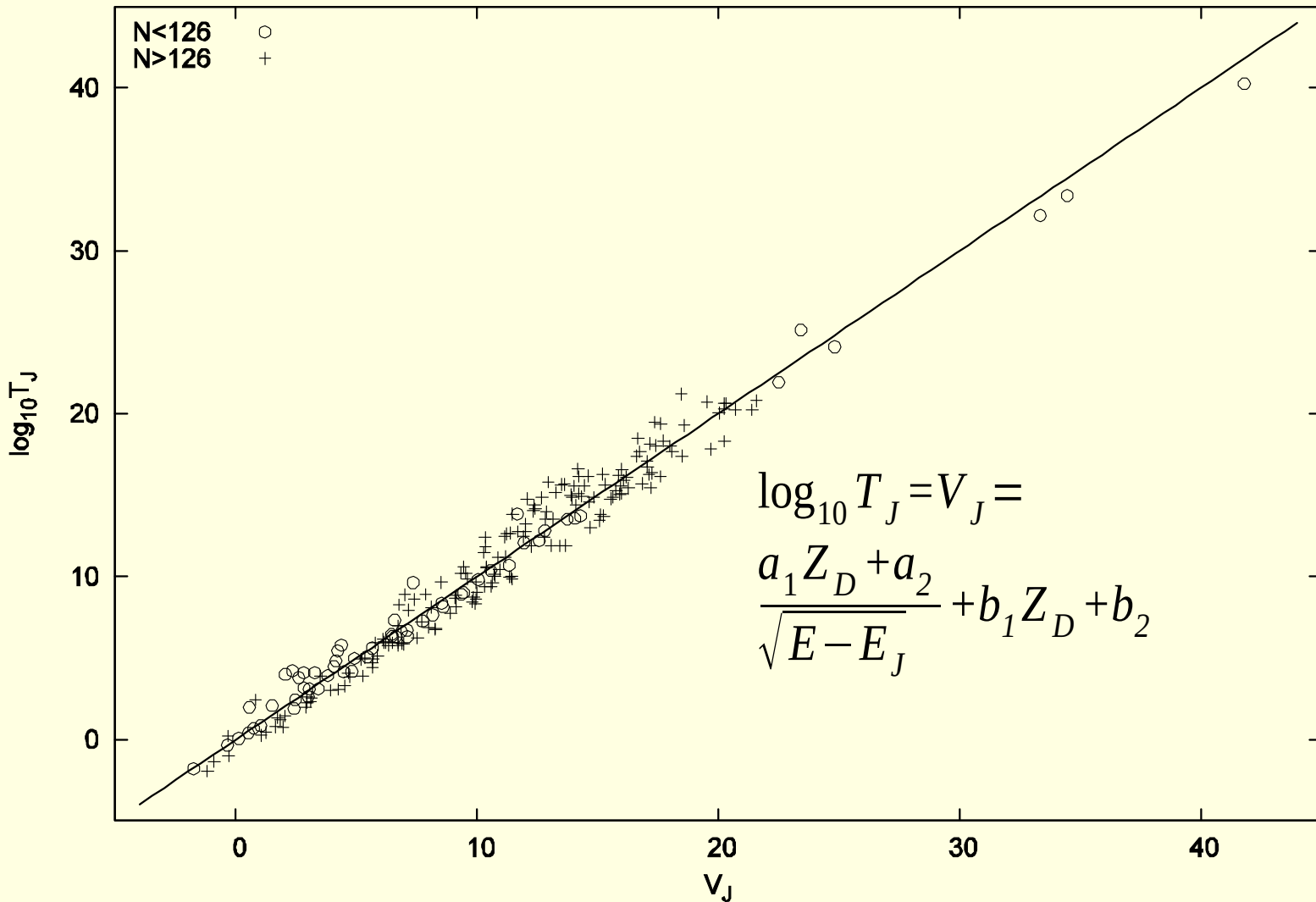
## II. $\alpha$ -spectroscopy (fine structure) and clustering



Transitions to the ground band  
in even-even nuclei

$$P \rightarrow D(J) + \alpha$$

# Viola-Seaborg graph for $\alpha$ -decays to excited states in even-even nuclei



# Observables describing the fine structure

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## Hindrance factor

$$HF_J = \frac{Y_0^2}{Y_J^2} = \frac{\Gamma_0}{\Gamma_J} \frac{P_J}{P_0}$$

## Intensity

$$I_J = \log_{10} \frac{\Gamma_0}{\Gamma_J} = \log_{10} HF_J + \log_{10} \frac{P_0}{P_J}$$

**Ratio of penetrabilities has an almost constant value for considered energies**

**By using the law for the reduced width one obtains  
a law for hindrance factors in terms  
of the excitation energy in the daughter nucleus**

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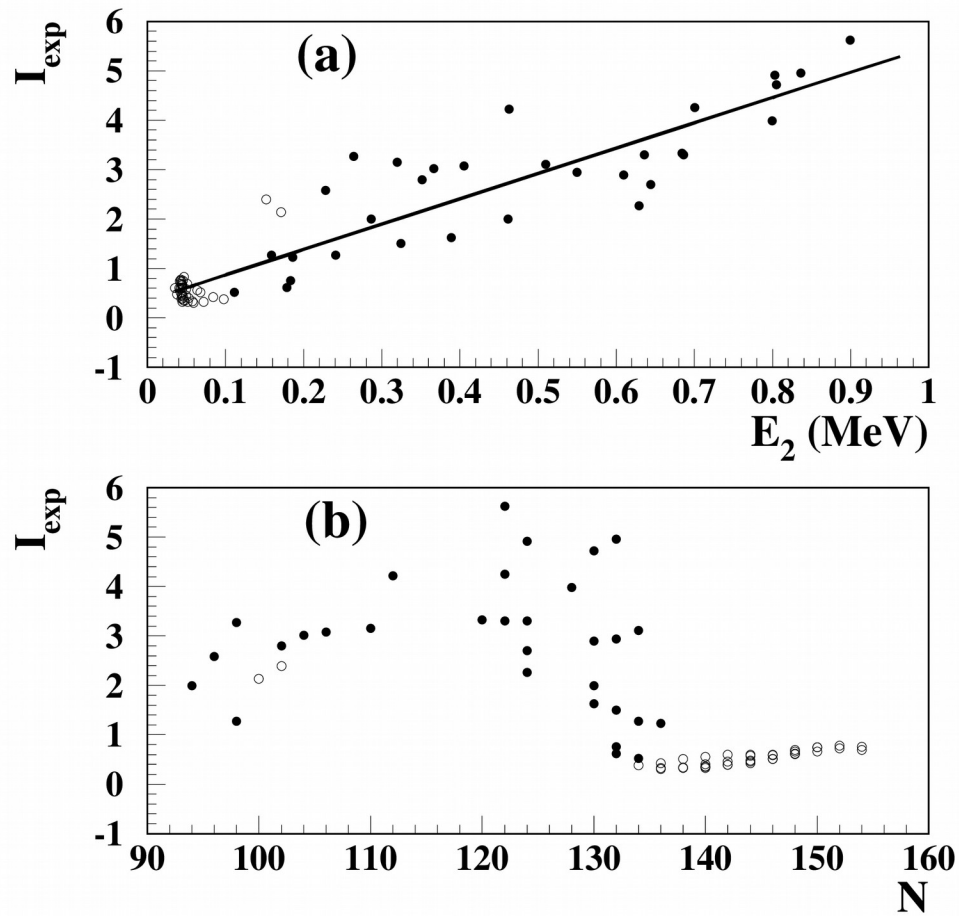
$$\log_{10} HF_J = \frac{\log_{10} e^2}{\hbar \omega} E_J + \log_{10} \frac{A_0^2}{A_J^2}$$

**and intensities**

$$I_J = \frac{\log_{10} e^2}{\hbar \omega} E_J + \log_{10} \frac{A_0^2}{A_J^2} + \log_{10} \frac{P_0}{P_J}$$

**THE SLOPE SHOULD BE POSITIVE !**

# Universal law for intensities to excited states in even-even nuclei (a) has a positive slope



# III. Coupled channels description of the fine structure and clustering

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Unified description of electromagnetic and  $\alpha$  transitions in even-even nuclei

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Systematics of the  $\alpha$ -decay fine structure in even–even nuclei

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# Gamow states

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The decay process is described by resonant solutions  
(Gamow states)  
of the stationary Schrodinger equation

$$H\Psi(b_2, \mathbf{R}) = E\Psi(b_2, \mathbf{R})$$

where  $E=Q$ -value

The Hamiltonian contains  
kinetic, daughter and  $\alpha$ -daughter terms:

$$H = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu}\nabla_R^2 + H_D(b_2) + V(b_2, \mathbf{R})$$

## $\alpha$ -daughter potential contains (a) spherical and (b) QQ interaction

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$$V(b_2, \mathbf{R}) = V_0(R) + V_2(b_2, \mathbf{R})$$

(a) Spherical term is given by the external double folding matched to an internal repulsion (simulating Pauli principle)

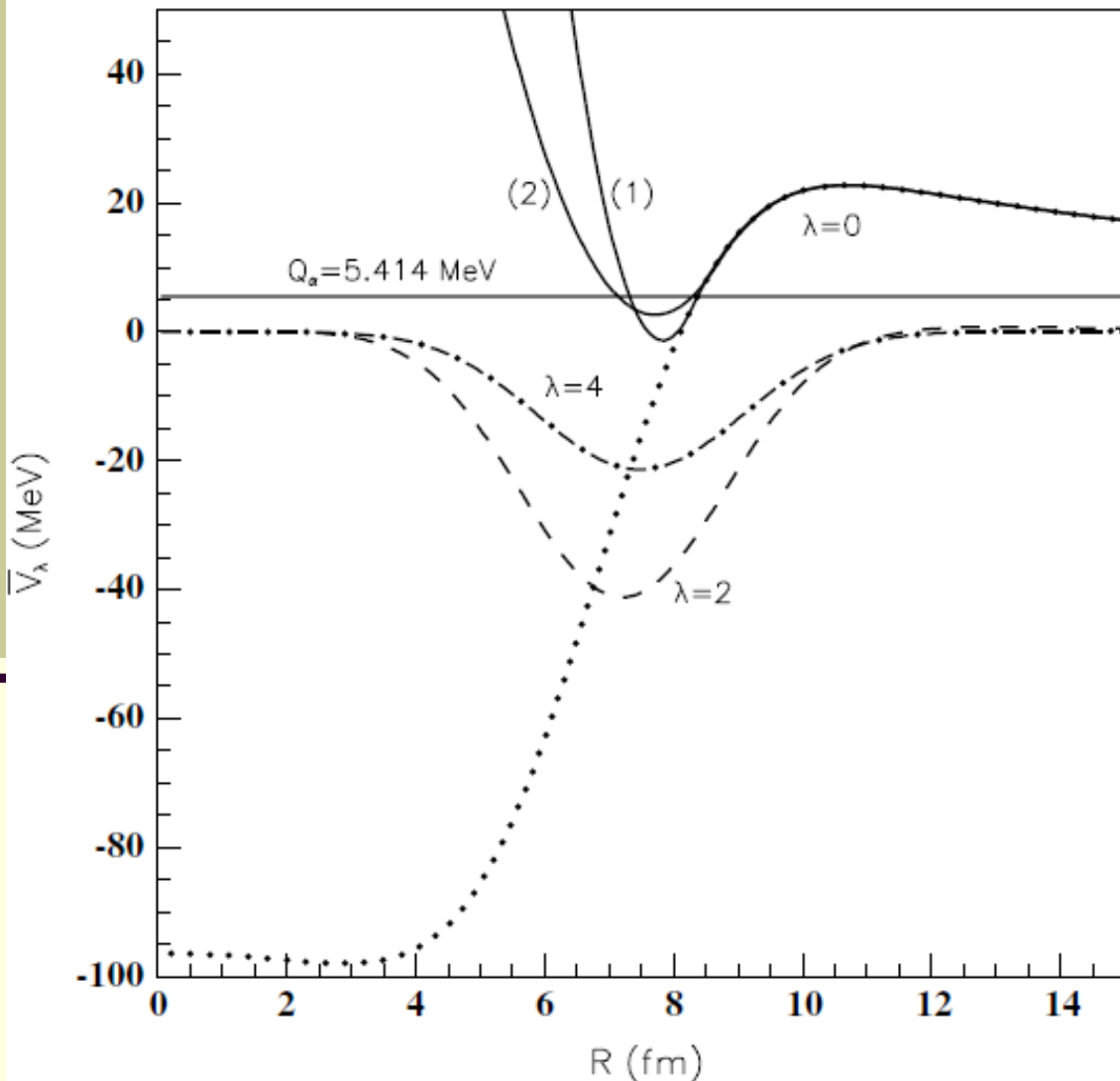
$$\begin{aligned} V_0(R) &= v_a \bar{V}_0(R), \quad R > R_m \\ &= c(R - R_{min})^2 - v_0, \quad R \leq R_m \end{aligned}$$

(b) QQ interaction between daughter nucleus and  $\alpha$ -particle is given by the standard expression

$$\begin{aligned} V_2(b_2, \mathbf{R}) &= -C_0(R - R_{min}) \frac{dV_0(R)}{dR} \\ &\quad \times \hat{2} [Q_2 \otimes Y_2(\Omega)]_0 . \end{aligned}$$



**Shape of the  $\alpha$ -daughter pocket-like potential (solid line)**  
**Dotted line plots the original double folding spherical potential.**  
**Dashed and dot-dashed lines represent the deformed components.**



**Repulsive strength is related to the depth of the potential by the matching procedure to the external part. Its value does not affect the fine structure**

**We fix the repulsive depth by adjusting the resonant energy to the exp. Q-value.**

**We use the Coherent State Model (CSM)  
in terms of quadrupole bosons  
in order to describe low-lying collective states**

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**Ground state band in even-even nuclei is obtained  
by projecting out the intrinsic coherent state**

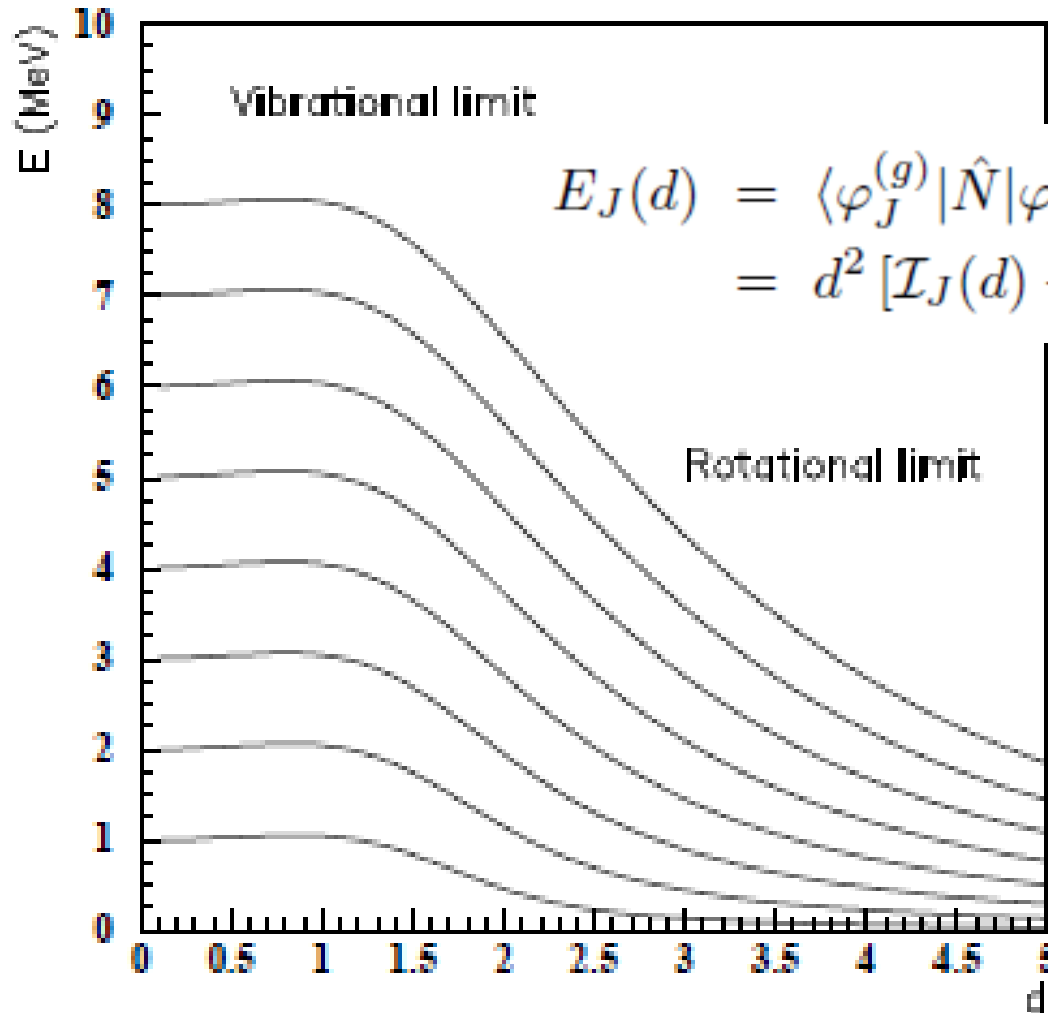
$$\varphi_J^{(g)} = \mathcal{N}_J^{(g)} P_{M0}^J \psi_g$$

$$|\psi_g\rangle = e^{d(b_{20}^\dagger - b_{20})} |0\rangle$$

**where the deformation parameter is proportional  
to the standard quadrupole deformation**

$$d = \kappa\beta_2$$

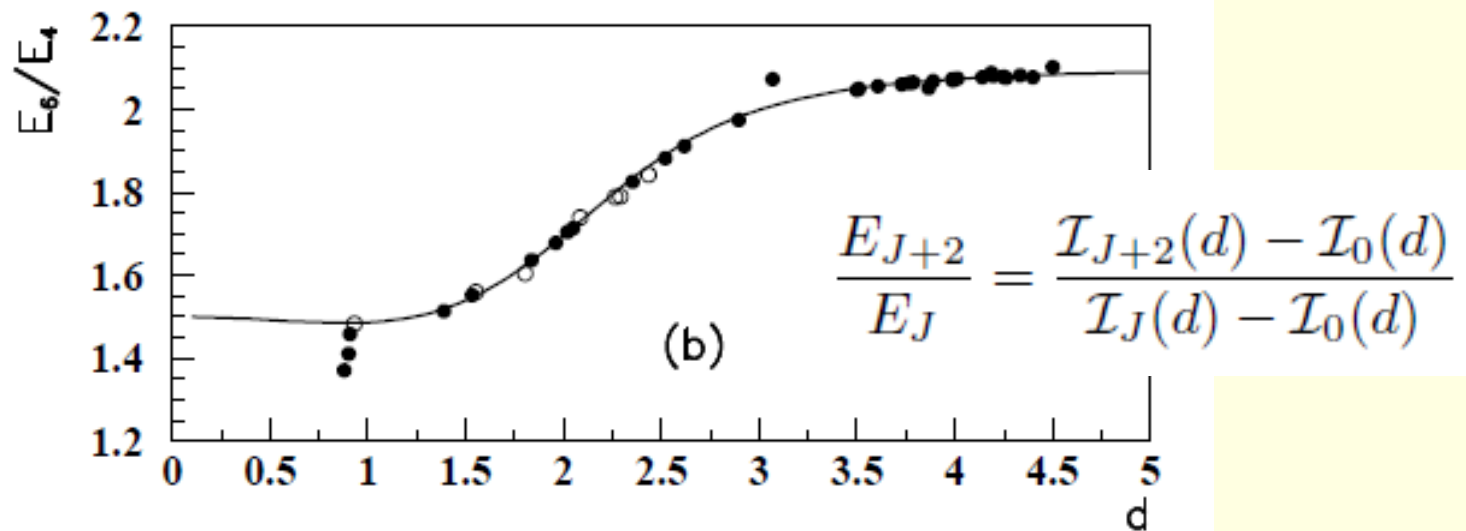
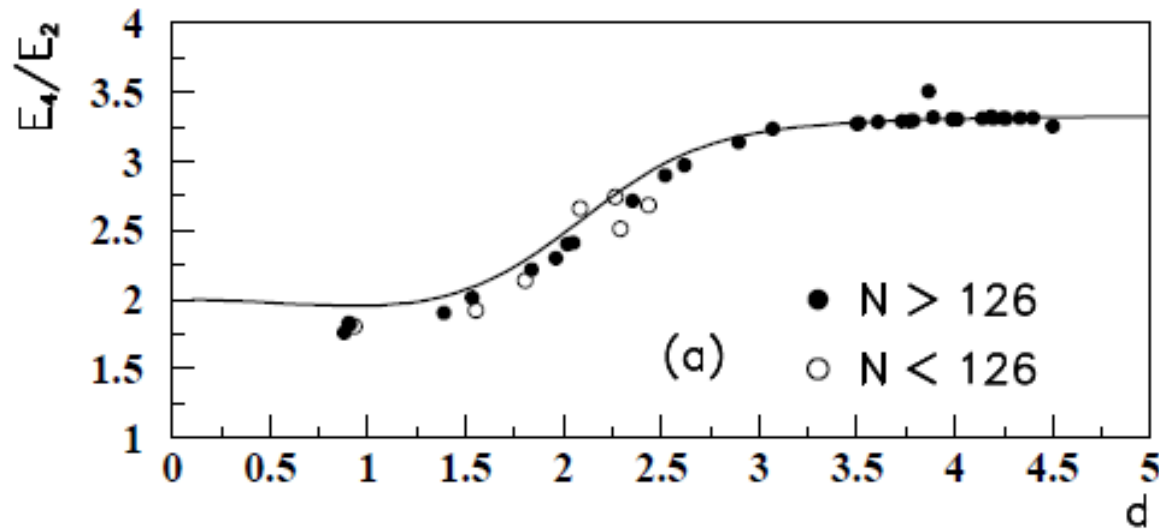
# Energy spectrum versus deformation parameter $d$ has a vibrational shape for small $d$ and rotational behavior for large $d$



$$E_J(d) = \langle \varphi_J^{(g)} | \hat{N} | \varphi_J^{(g)} \rangle - \langle \varphi_0^{(g)} | \hat{N} | \varphi_0^{(g)} \rangle \\ = d^2 [\mathcal{I}_J(d) - \mathcal{I}_0(d)] ,$$

Rotational limit

# Energy ratios versus the CSM deformation parameter are universal functions describing well the experimental values



# Channel intensities

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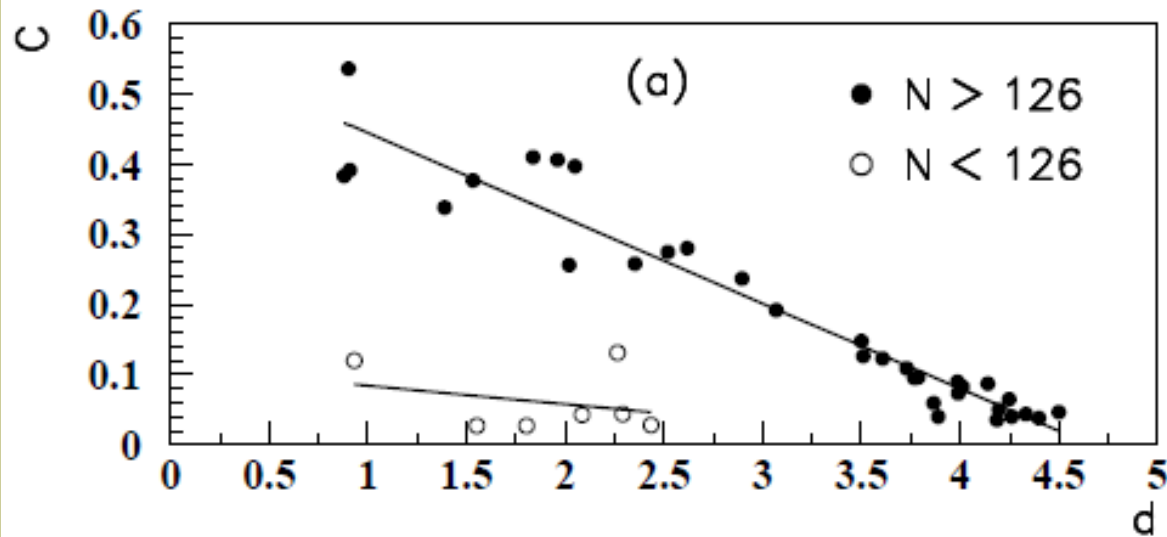
$$I_J \equiv \log_{10} \frac{\Gamma_0}{\Gamma_J}$$

define the strength of  $\alpha$ -transitions  
to some excited state with spin J

The CSM deformation parameter d  
is determined from energy spectra for  
vibrational, transitional and deformed nuclei.

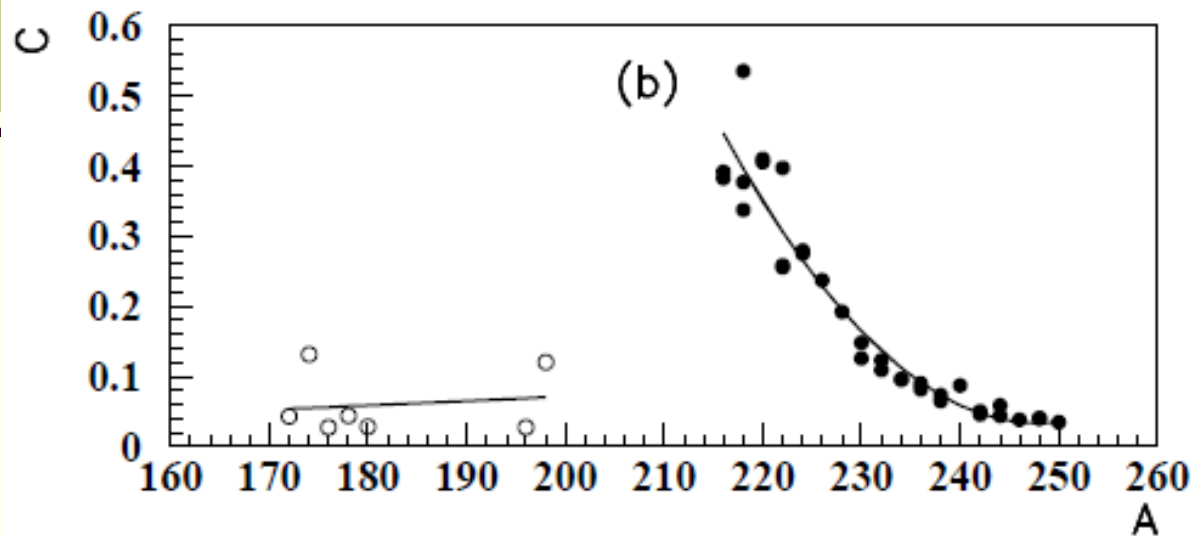
**The only free parameter is the  $\alpha$ -daughter coupling strength C  
which can be determined by the  $I_2$  value for each transition**

# $\alpha$ -daughter QQ coupling strength $C$ reproducing $I_2$ versus deformation parameter (a) and mass number (b)

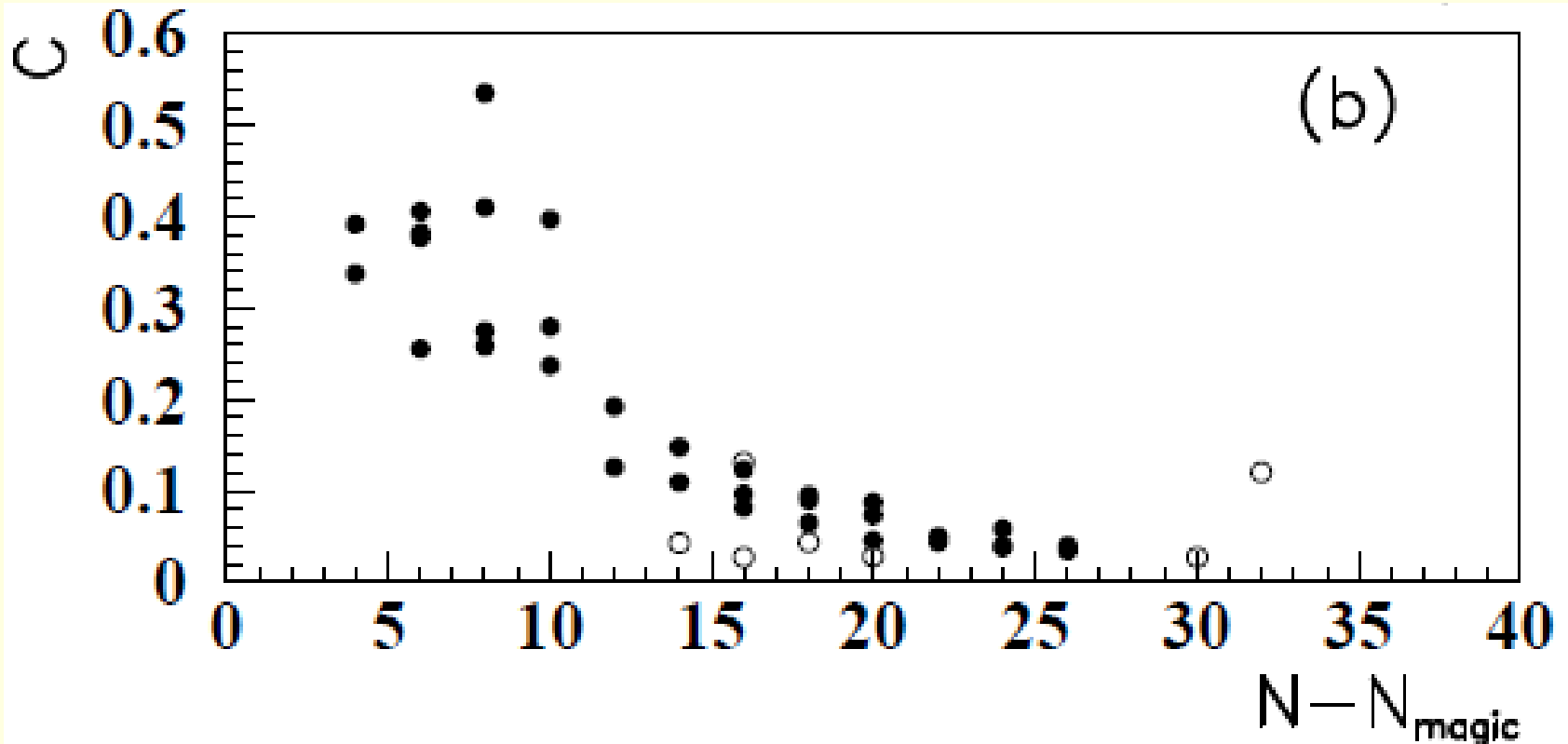


**CSM description predicts a linear dependence on the deformation parameter:**

$$C(d) = C_0 \left( 1 - \sqrt{\frac{2}{7}} a_\alpha d \right)$$



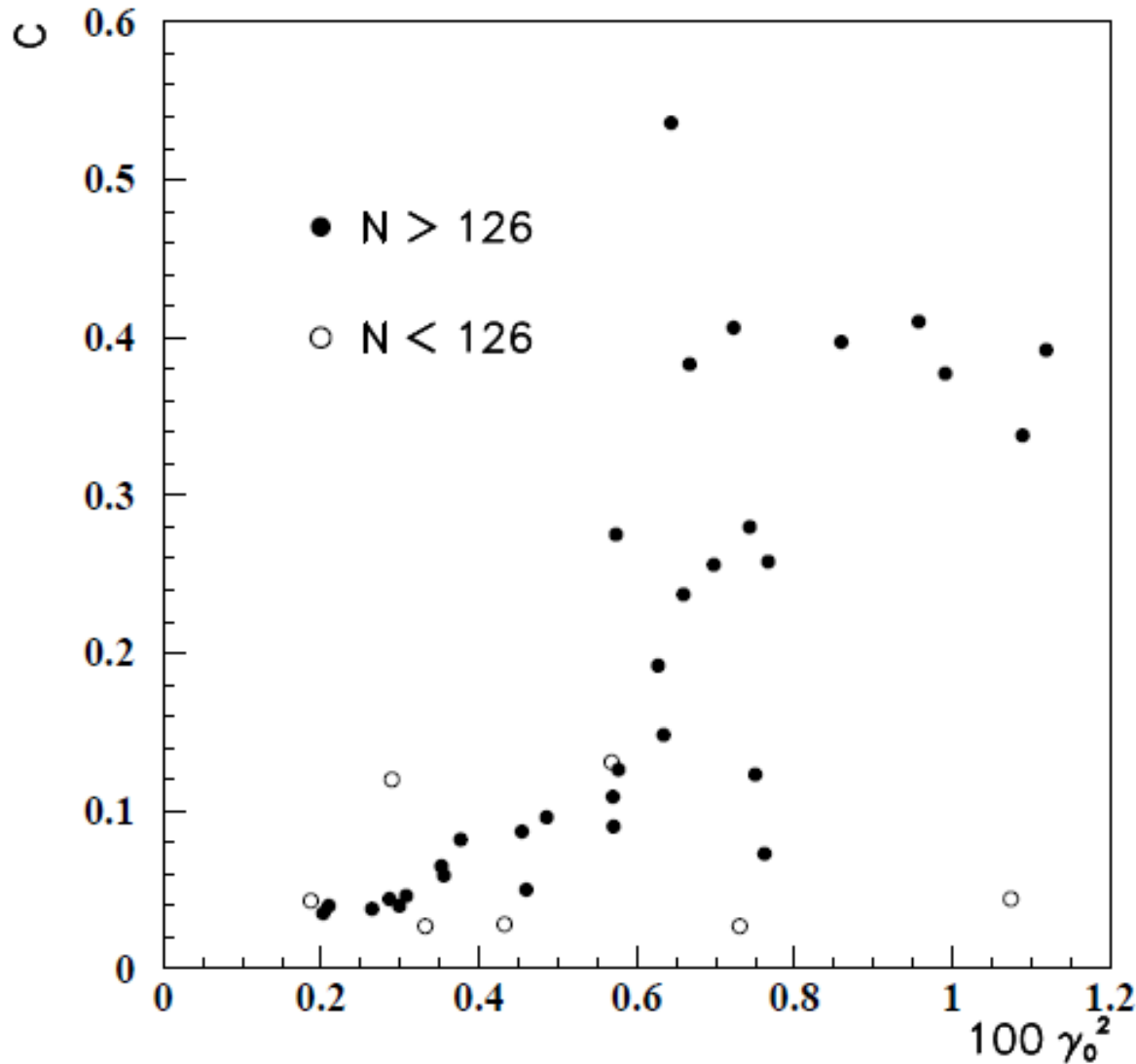
# $\alpha$ -daughter coupling strength $C$ reproducing $I_2$ versus the difference $N-N_{\text{magic}}$



The largest  $\alpha$ -clustering is  
above the magic numbers  
and decreases by increasing  $N-N_{\text{magic}}$

$N_{\text{magic}} = 126, N > 126$   
 $= 82, N < 126$

# $\alpha$ -daughter QQ coupling strength C is proportional to the clustering probability

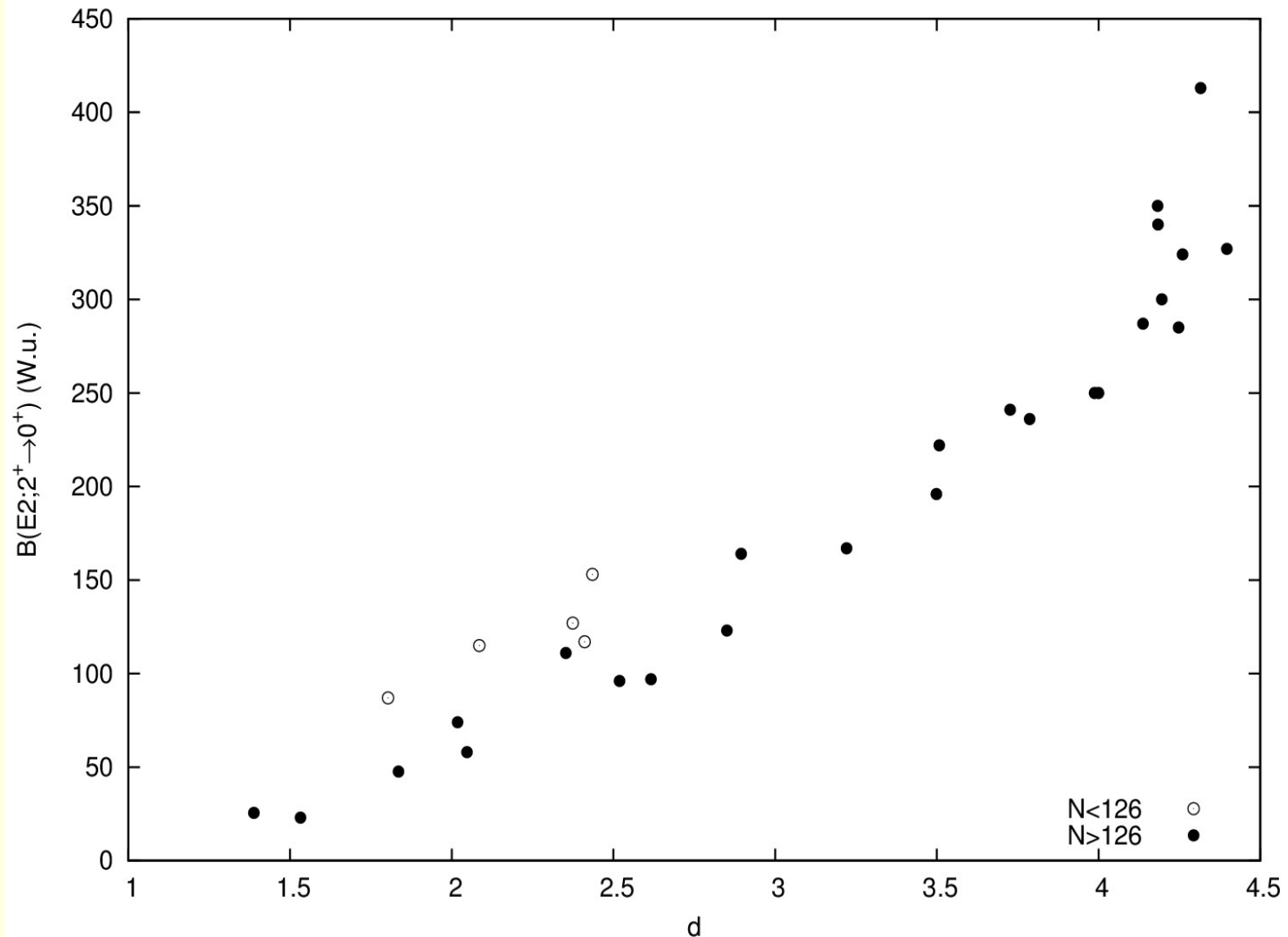


$$\gamma_0^2 = \frac{\Gamma_0}{2P_0}$$

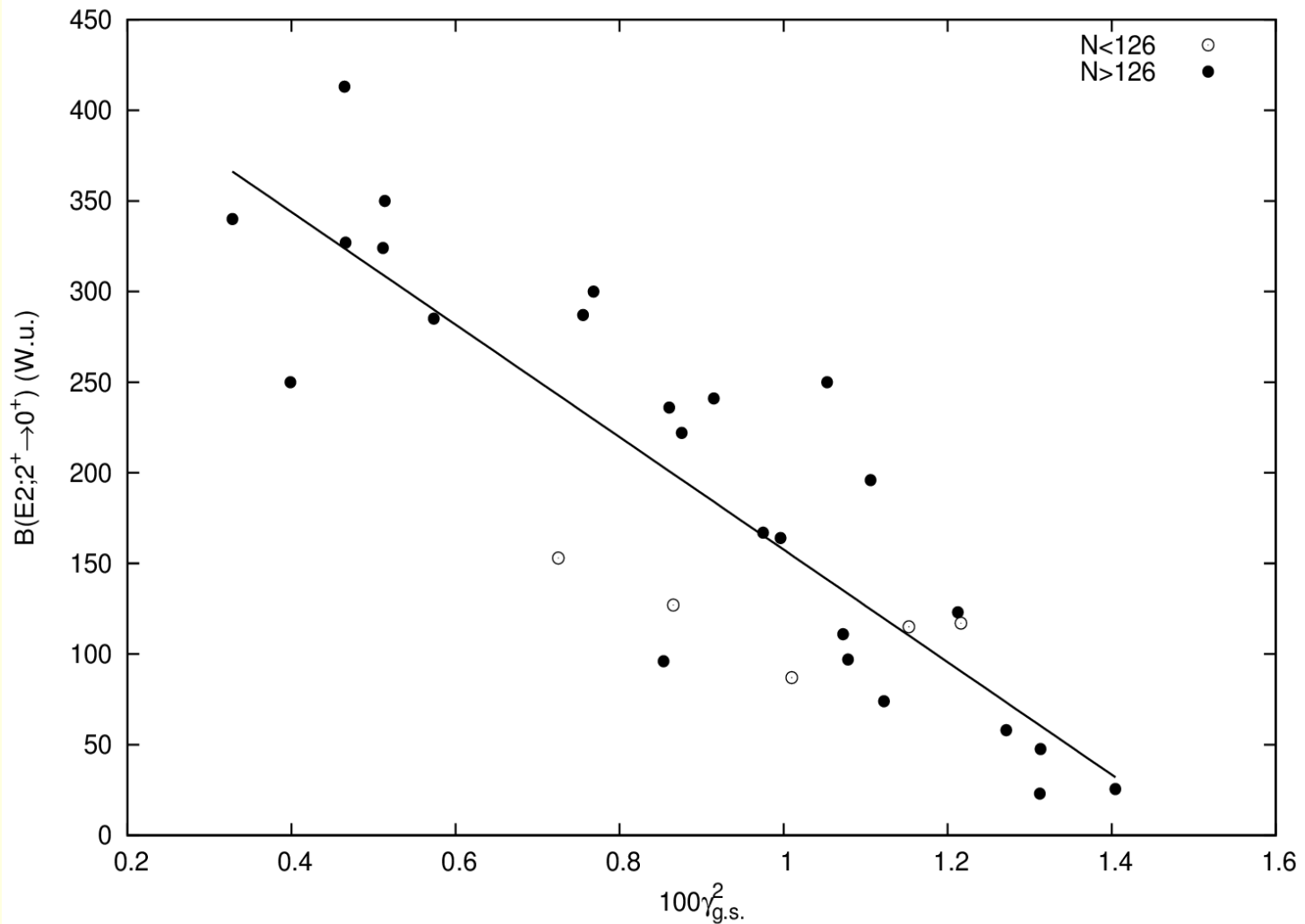


## IV. Gamma and beta decays versus clustering

Electromagnetic  $B(E:2^+ \rightarrow 0^+)$  value is proportional with respect to the CSM deformation parameter  $d$



**As a consequence, the collectivity (given by BE2 values) decreases when clustering (given by reduced width) increases**

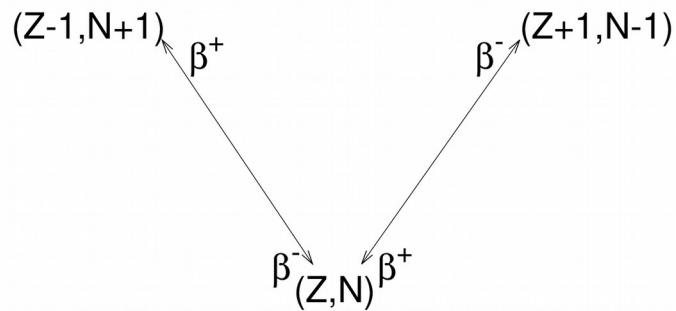


# Gamow-Teller beta versus alpha decays

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Effective axial-vector strength within proton-neutron deformed quasiparticle random-phase approximation

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Exp. beta matrix element in terms of the  $ft$ -value and axial-vector strength  $g_A$

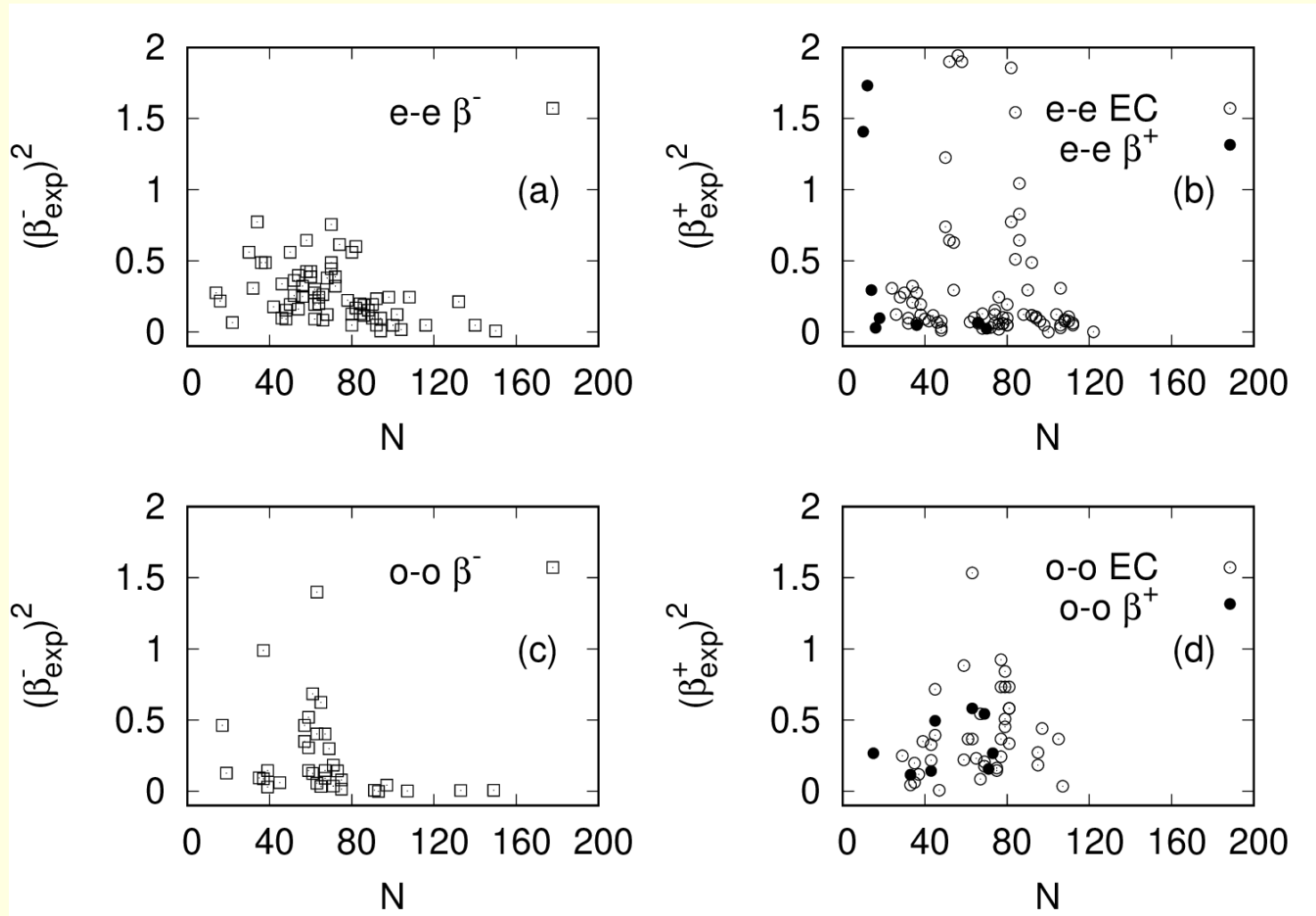
$$g_A \beta_{\text{exp}}^{\pm} = \sqrt{\frac{6147 (2J_i + 1)}{10^{\log ft}}},$$

Beta matrix element squared is the analog of the alpha decay reduced width (Coulomb effect is extracted from the decay width)

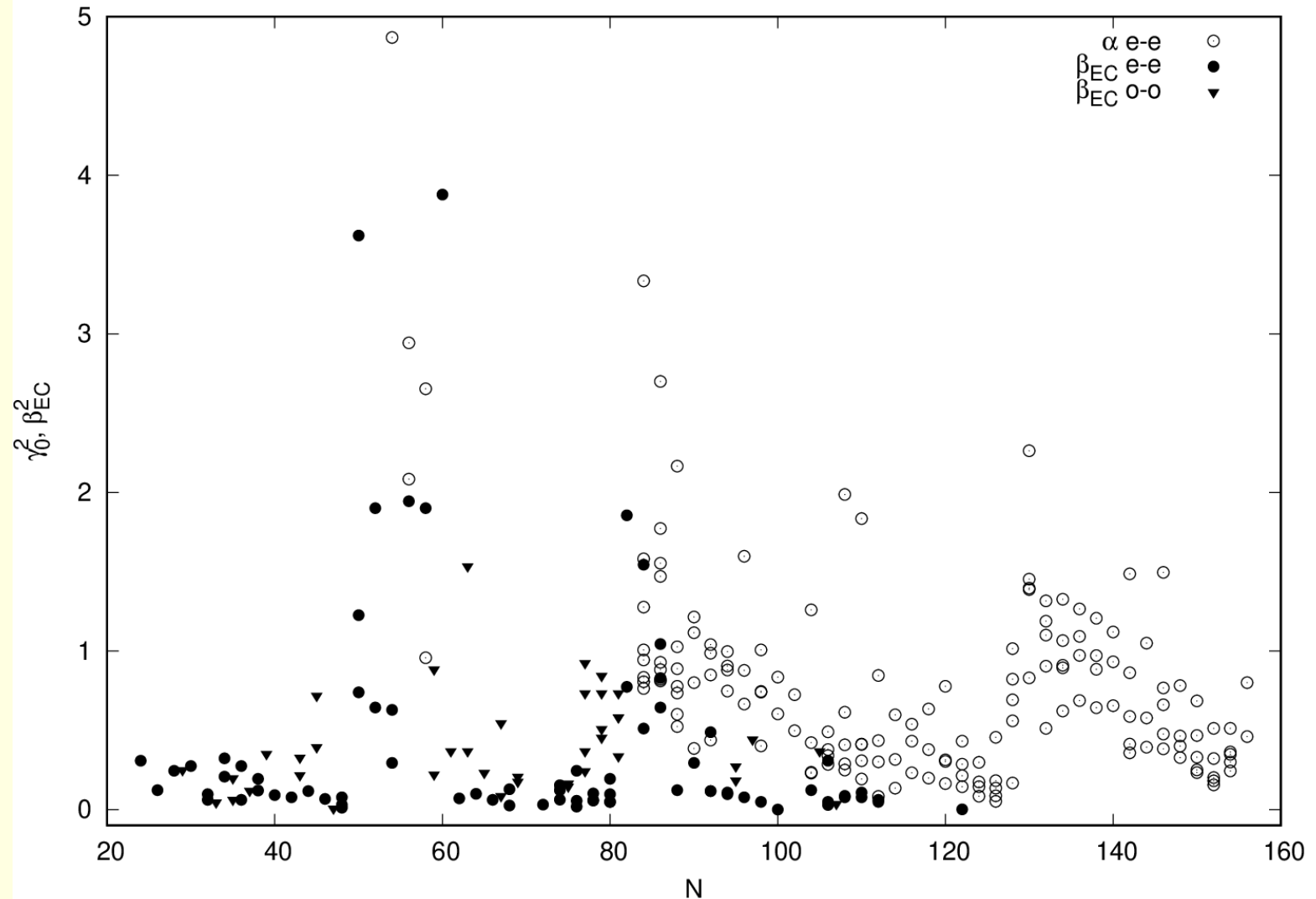
The GT operators are given by

$$D_{1\mu}^- = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \sum_{pn} (p \parallel \sigma \parallel n) [a_p^\dagger \otimes \bar{a}_n]_{1\mu}$$

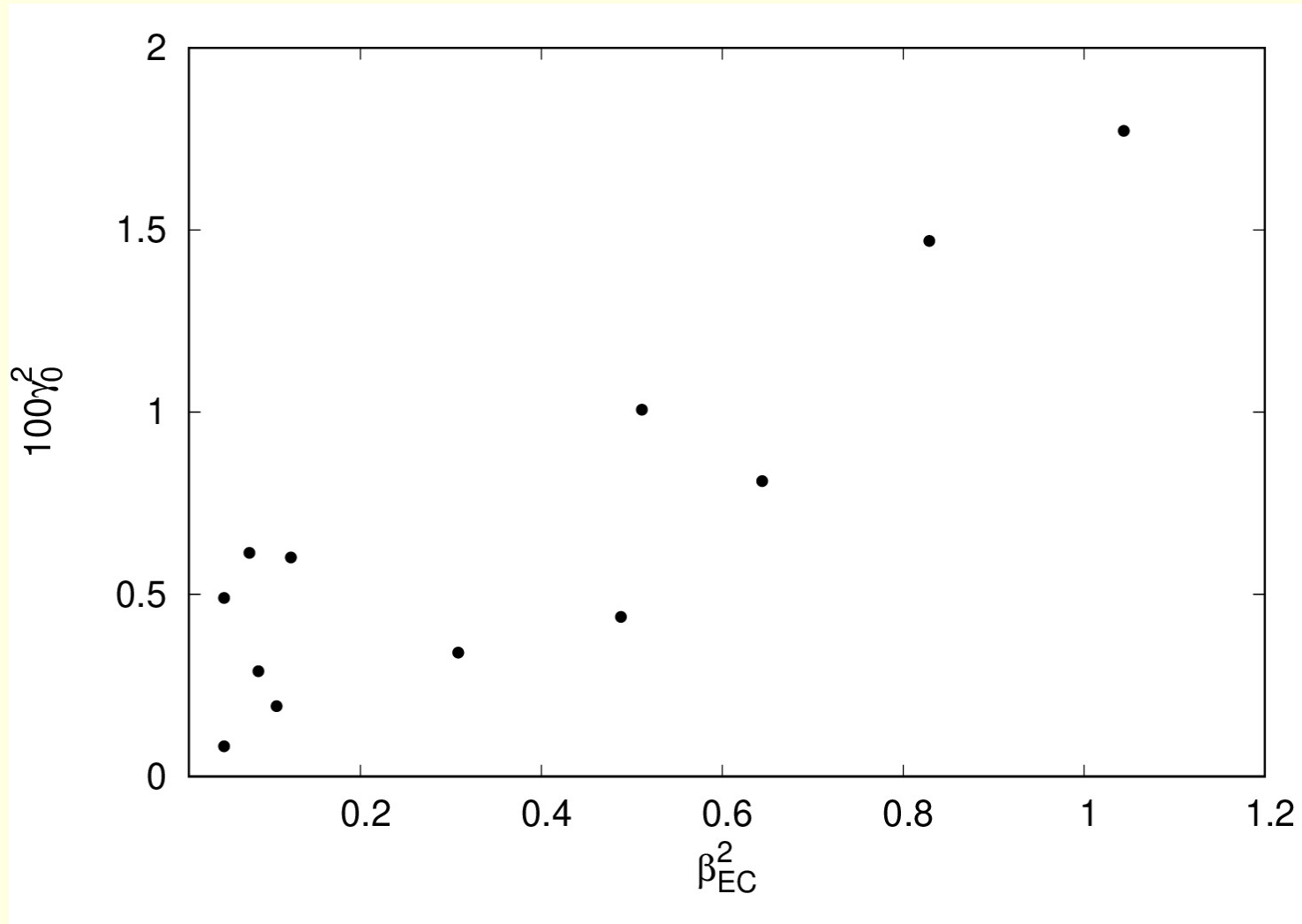
# Exp. beta matrix elements squared connecting $0^+$ (even-even nuclei) to $1^+$ (odd-odd nuclei) are larger above magic numbers $N=50, 82$



# Comparison to alpha reduced widths

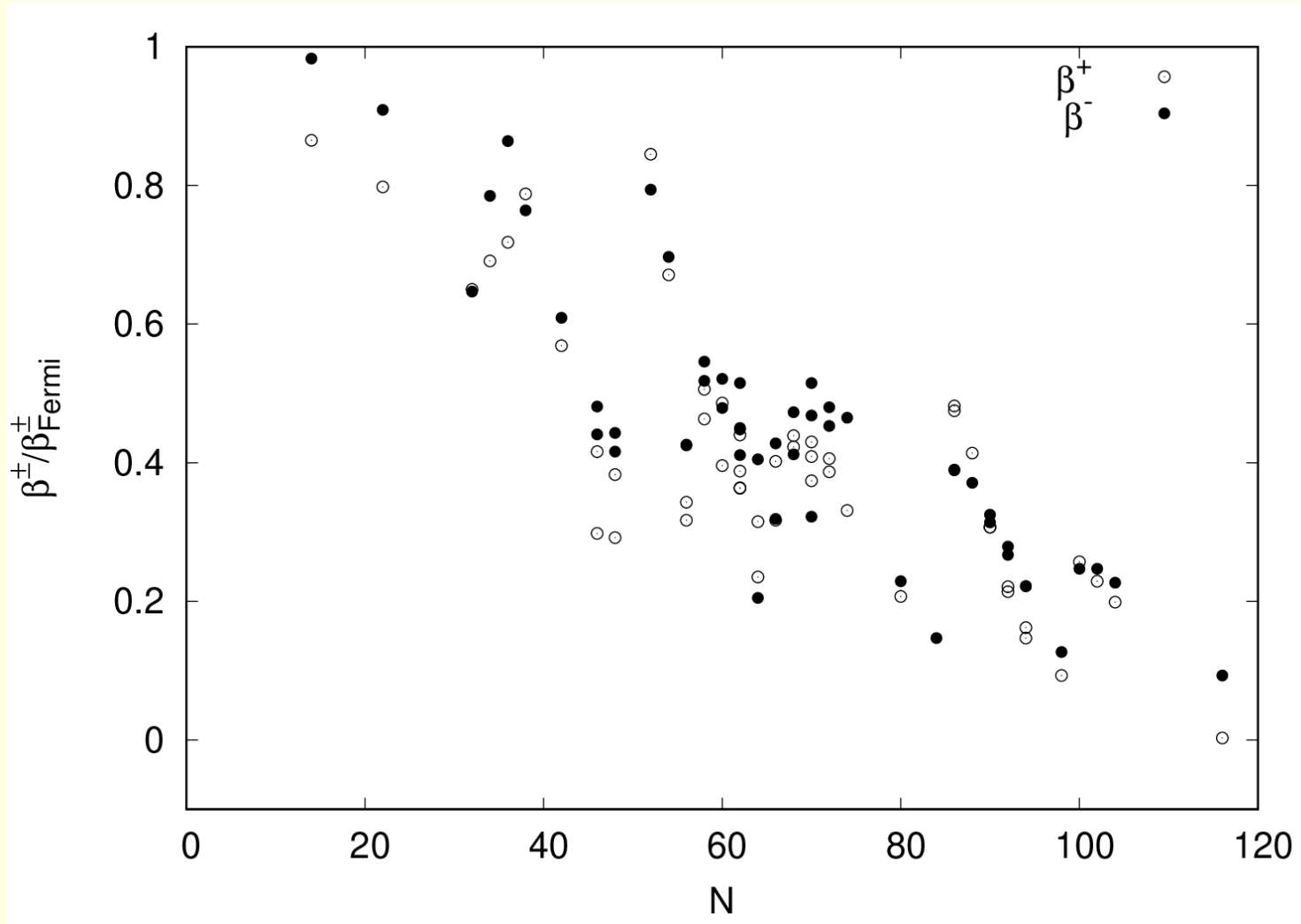


**Exp. beta matrix elements squared  
are proportional to the  
corresponding alpha reduced widths**

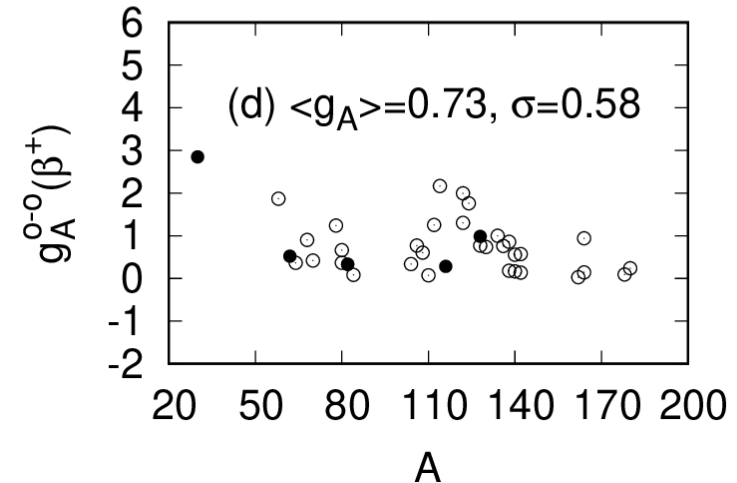
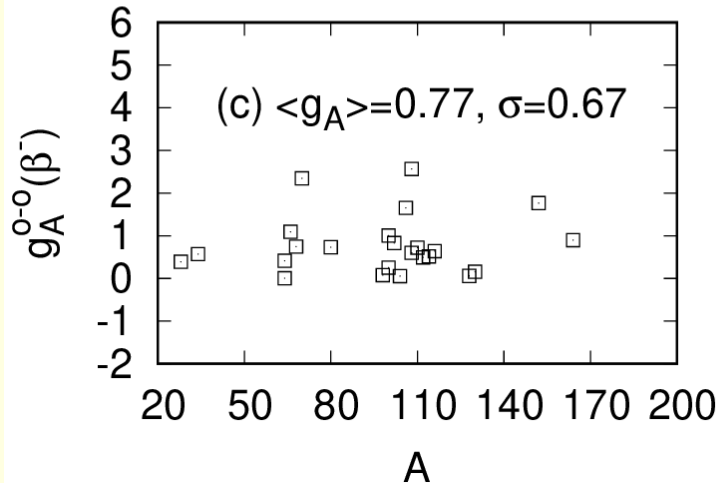
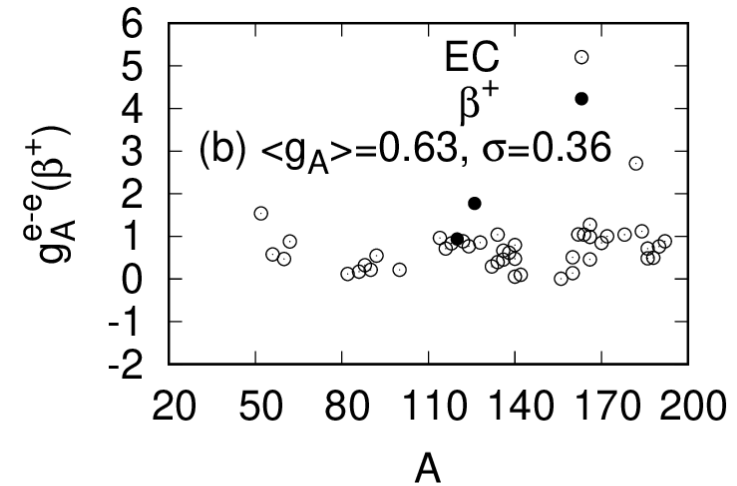
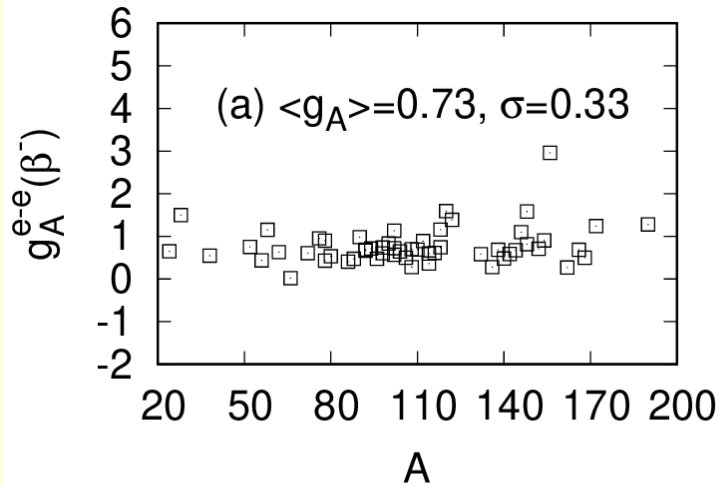


Above magic numbers beta transitions within pn-QRPA are mainly given by the closest to the Fermi level p-n pair  
Therefore the few valence nucleons above closed shells mainly contribute to both alpha clustering and beta transitions.  
Otherwise Pauli antisymmetrisation hinders clustering/beta transitions

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As a consequence, the effective axial-vector strength decreases  
from  $g_A \sim 1$  above magic numbers  
to  $g_A \sim 0.7$  between shells





## V. Microscopic approach for decay and clustering

How is the emitted cluster formed from protons and neutrons lying in different major shells ?

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# Microscopic estimate of the formation amplitude

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$$\Psi_P \rightarrow \Psi_D + \psi_\alpha$$

H. J. Mang, Phys. Rev. **119**, 1069 (1960).

A. Sandulescu, Nucl. Phys. A **37**, 332 (1962).

**Formation amplitude is the overlap between parent and daughter \* alpha wave functions**

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$$\mathcal{F}(\mathbf{R}_\alpha) = \langle \alpha D | P \rangle = \int d\mathbf{x}_\alpha d\mathbf{x}_D \left[ \psi_\alpha^{(\beta_\alpha)}(\mathbf{x}_\alpha) \Psi^{(D)}(\mathbf{x}_D) \right]^* \Psi^{(P)}(\mathbf{x}_P)$$

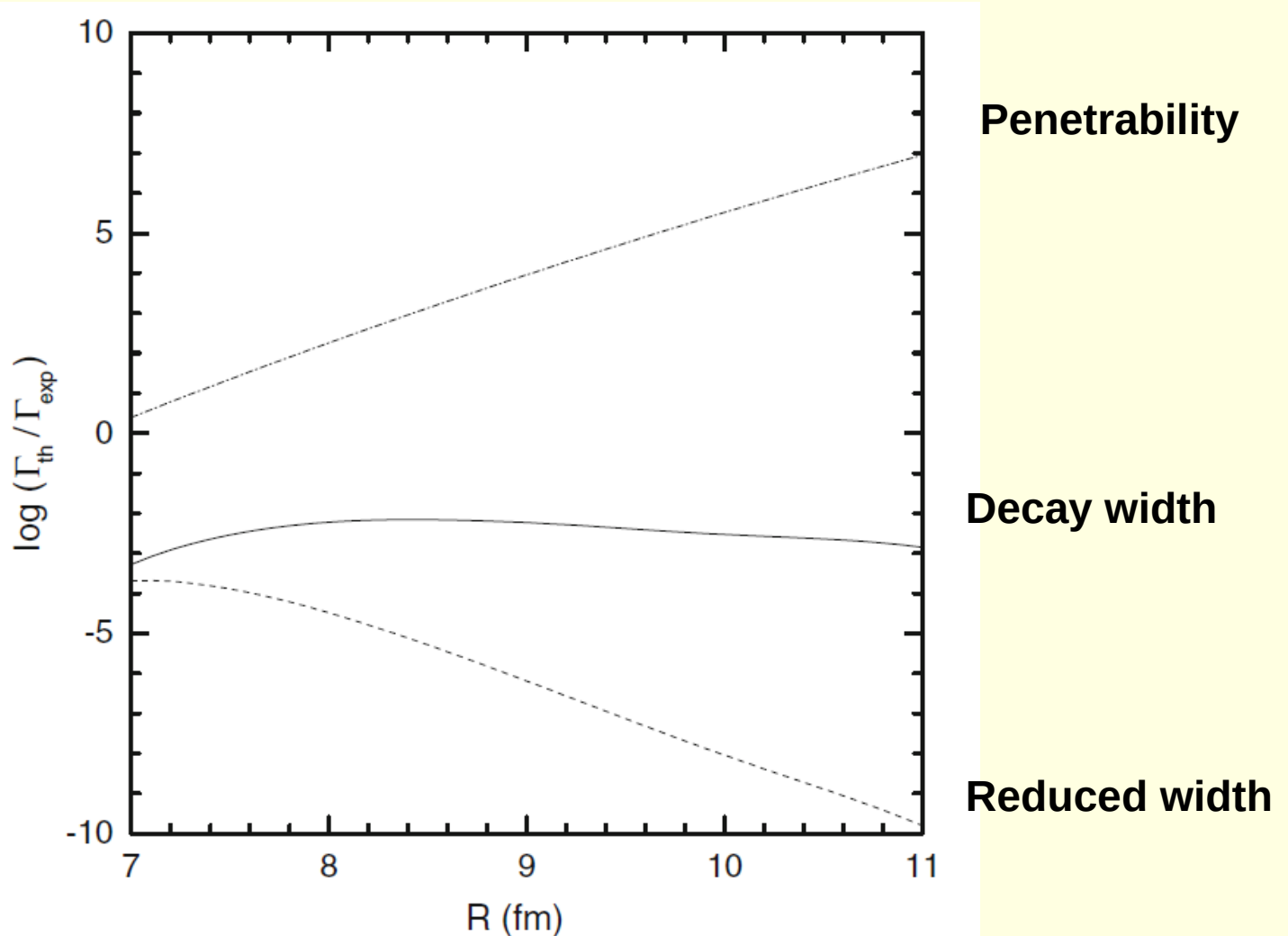
**By using the cm and relative coordinates  
it becomes a superposition of ho orbitals  
depending on alpha-core radius  
with four times sp ho parameter  $4\beta$**

$$\mathcal{F}_\alpha(\mathbf{R}) = \sum_{L_\alpha} \mathcal{F}_{L_\alpha}^{(\alpha)}(\mathbf{R}) = \sum_{L_\alpha} \sum_{N_\alpha} W(N_\alpha L_\alpha) \phi_{N_\alpha L_\alpha M_\alpha}^{(4\beta)}(\mathbf{R}).$$

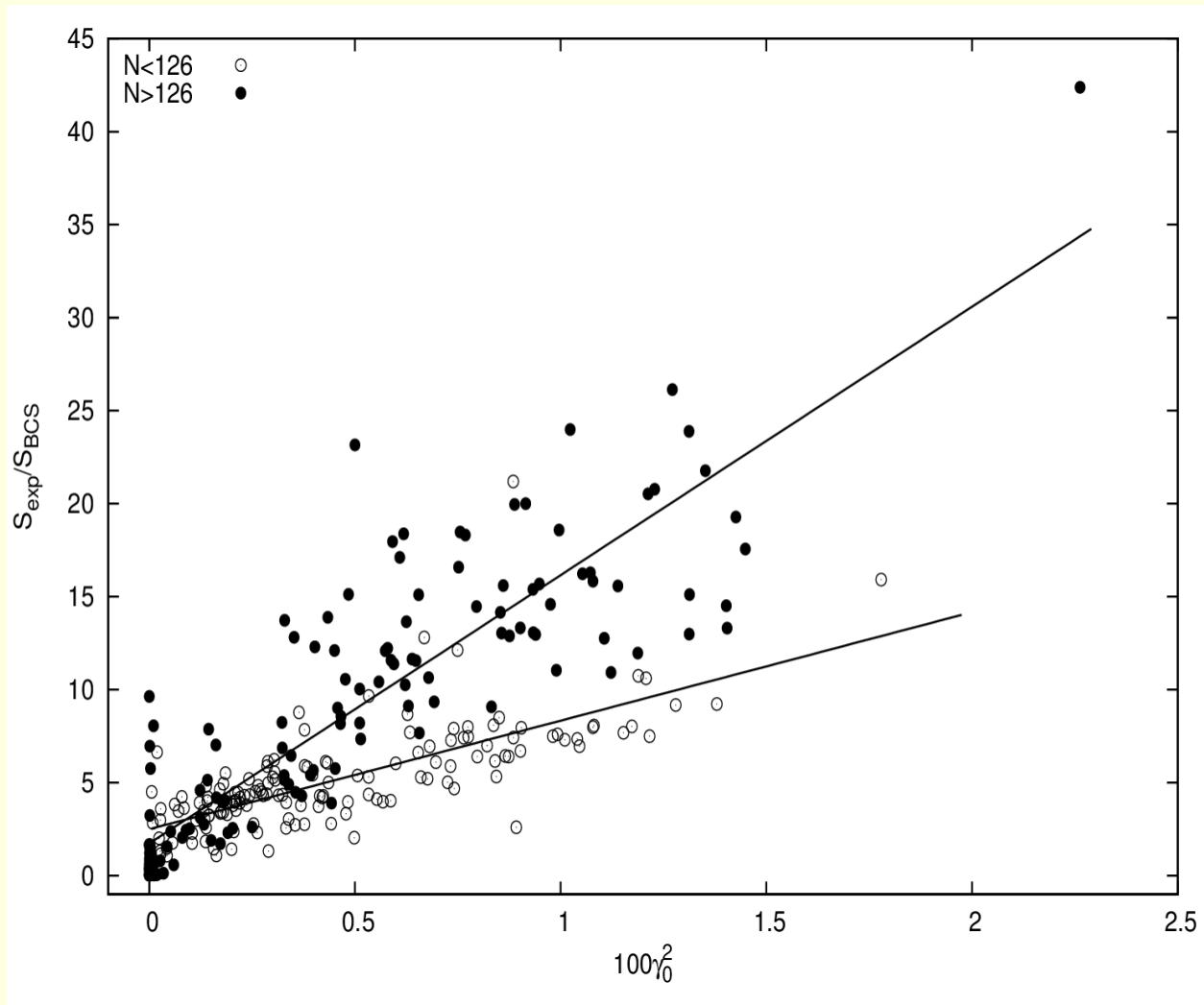
**where W-coefficients depend on  
Nilsson expansion coefficients  
and BCS amplitudes**

# Decay width versus cm radius

for N=12 major shells in the diagonalization basis  
underestimates the exp. value by two orders of magnitude



Ratio exp. / BCS spectroscopic factor  
(integrated formation probability)  $\gg 1$   
and it is correlated with the reduced width:  
**alpha-clustering is not described by two-body residual forces**



# How to correct in a pragmatic way the tail of the $\alpha$ -particle formation amplitude in order to describe the experimental decay width?

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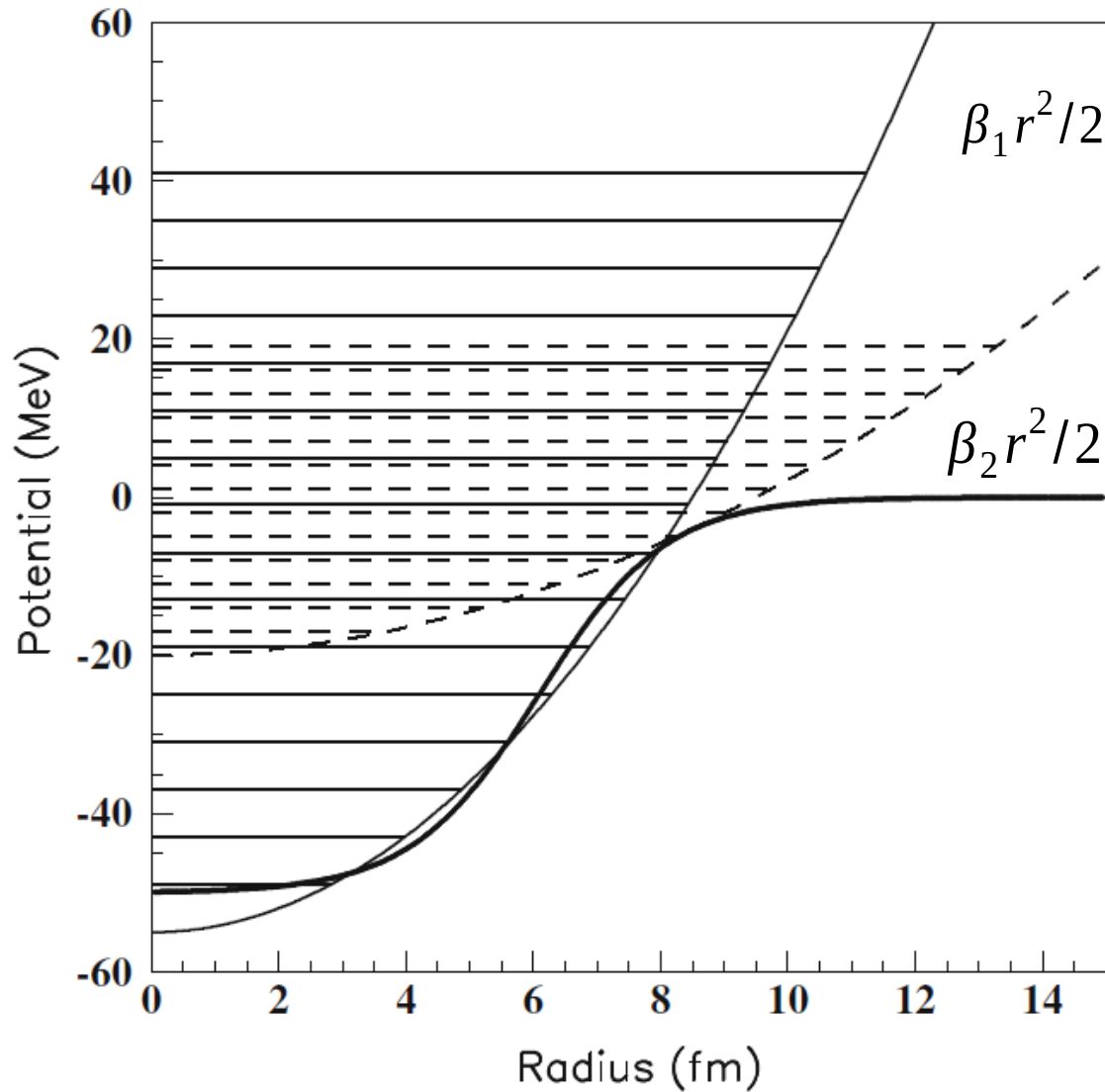
## A. By using a mixed diagonalization sp basis with two ho parameters

*D.S. Delion, A. Insolia, R.J. Liotta,*  
New single particle basis for microscopic description of decay processes,  
Physical Review **C54**, 292 (1996).

## B. By including surface alpha-like correlations in the sp mean field one obtains a larger tail

*D.S. Delion and R.J. Liotta,*  
Shell-model representation to describe alpha emission  
Physical Review **C87**, 041302(R) (2013).

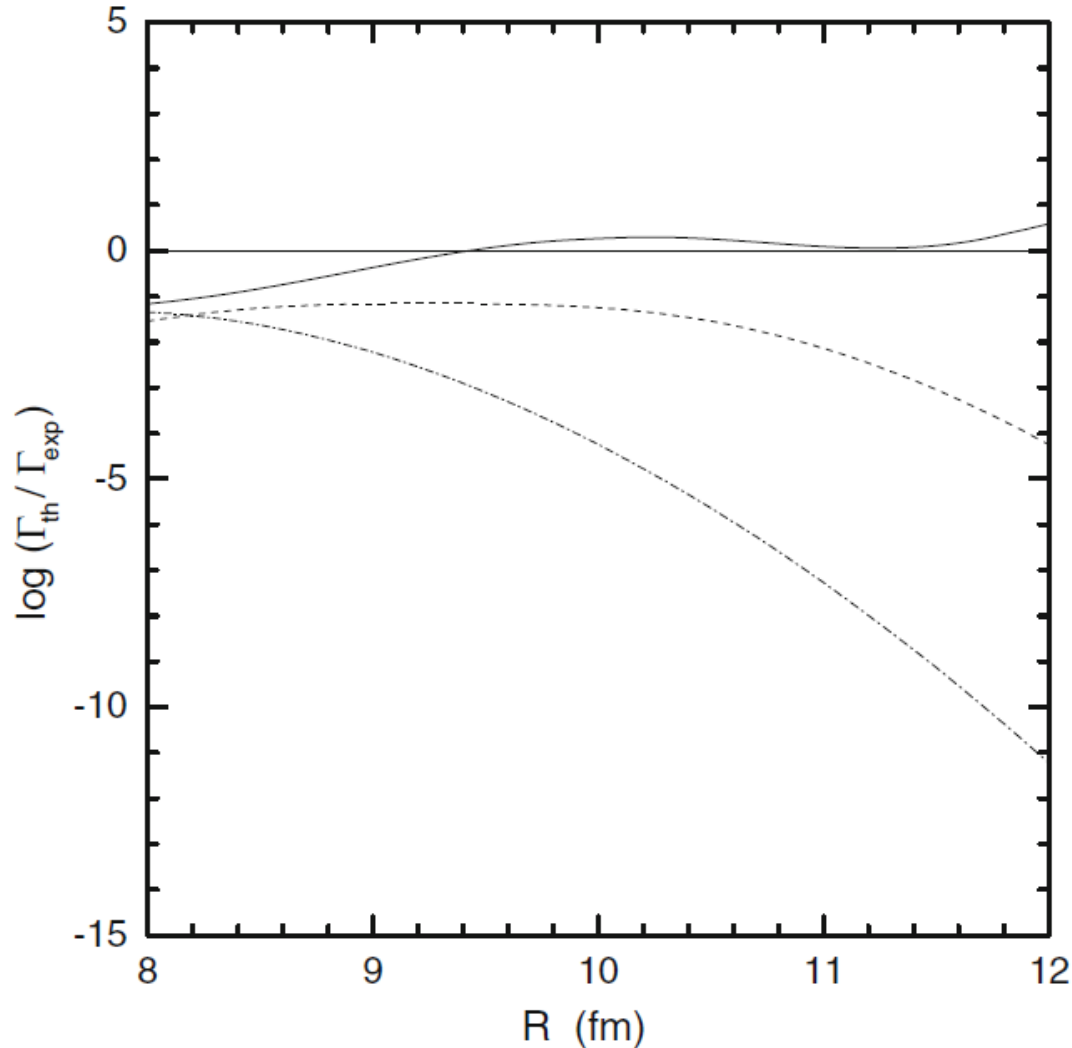
## A. Woods-Saxon mean field diagonalized within a two harmonic oscillator (ho) basis



$$f = \frac{\beta_2}{\beta_1}$$

The second part of the basis describes clustering properties

## The effect of the second (cluster) part of the sp basis



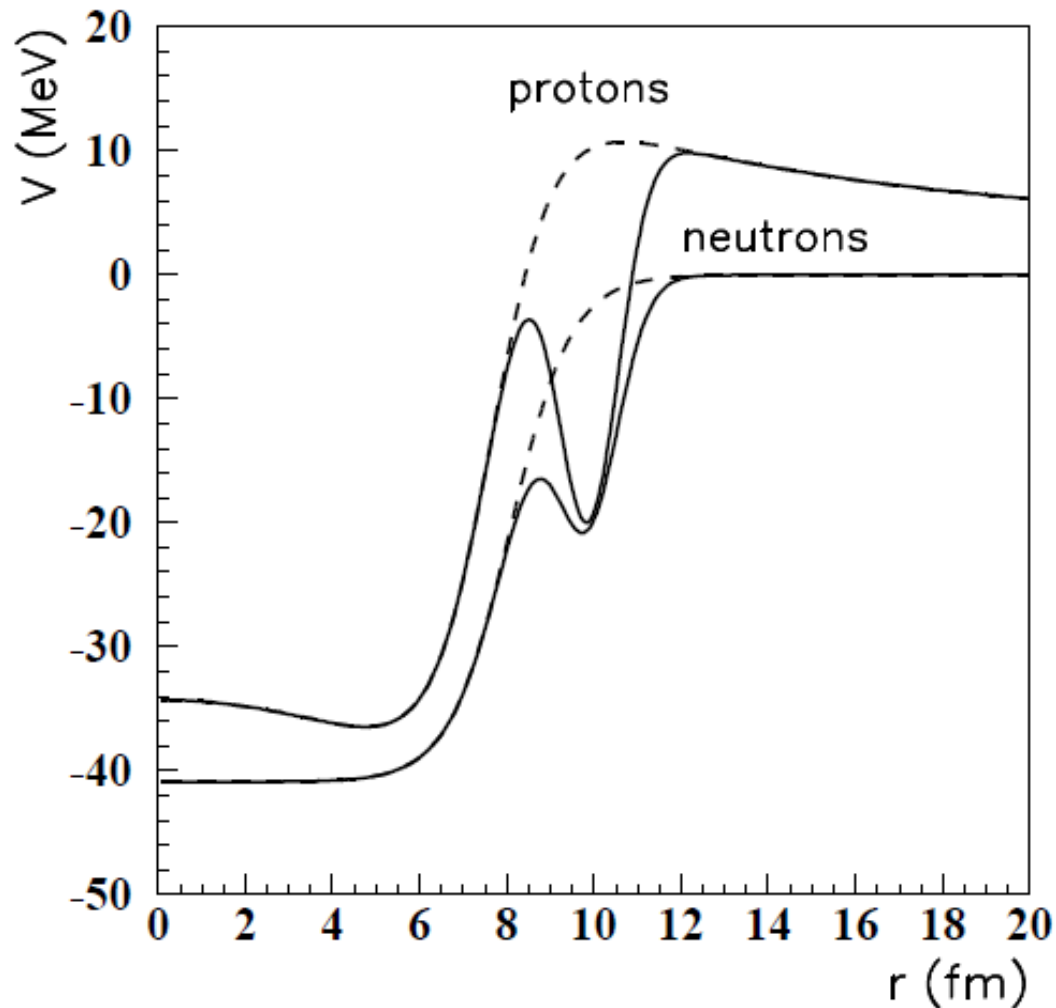
**N=6 major shells, f=1  
+3 major shells, f=0.2**

**N=9 major shells, f=1**

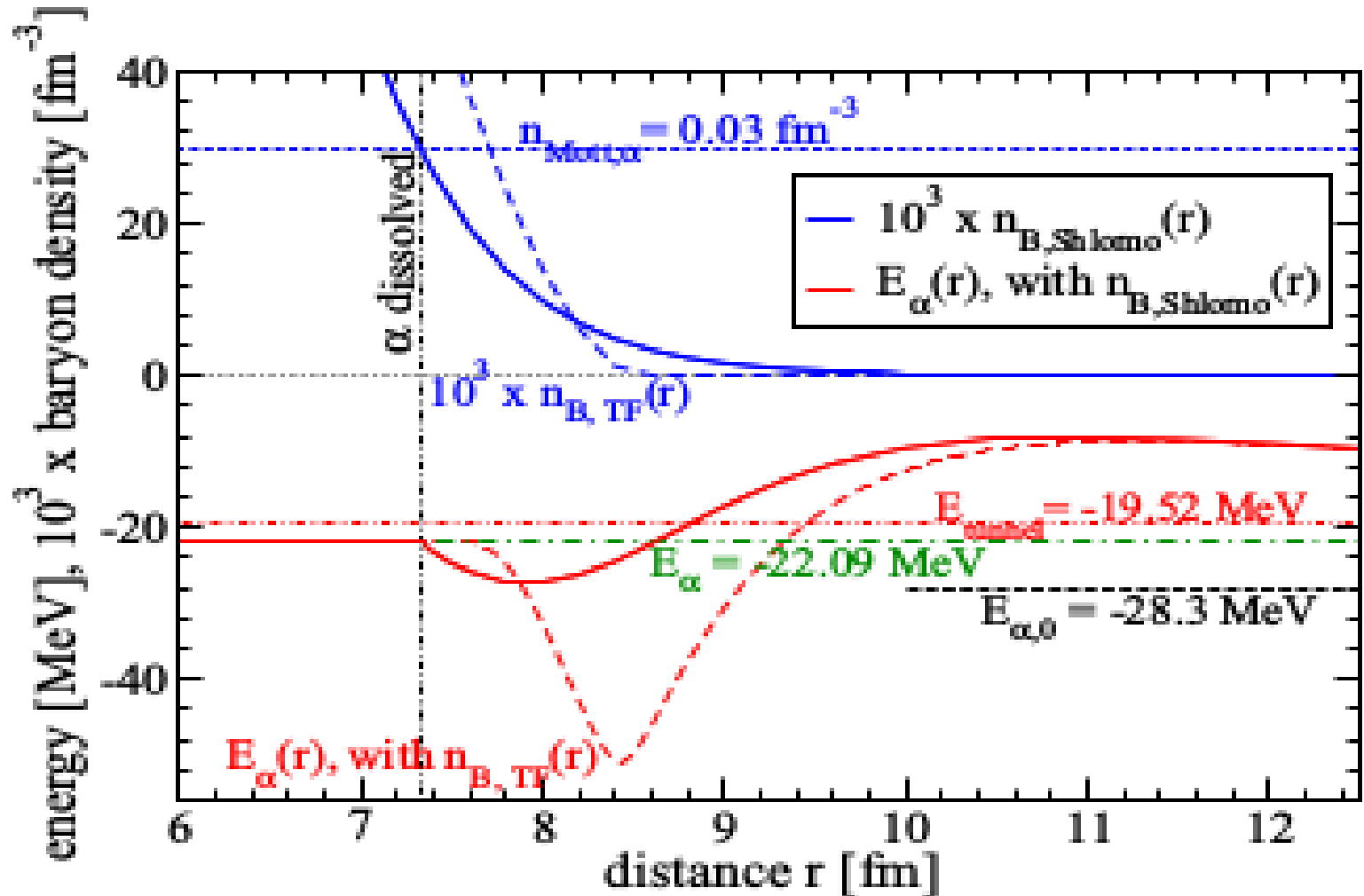
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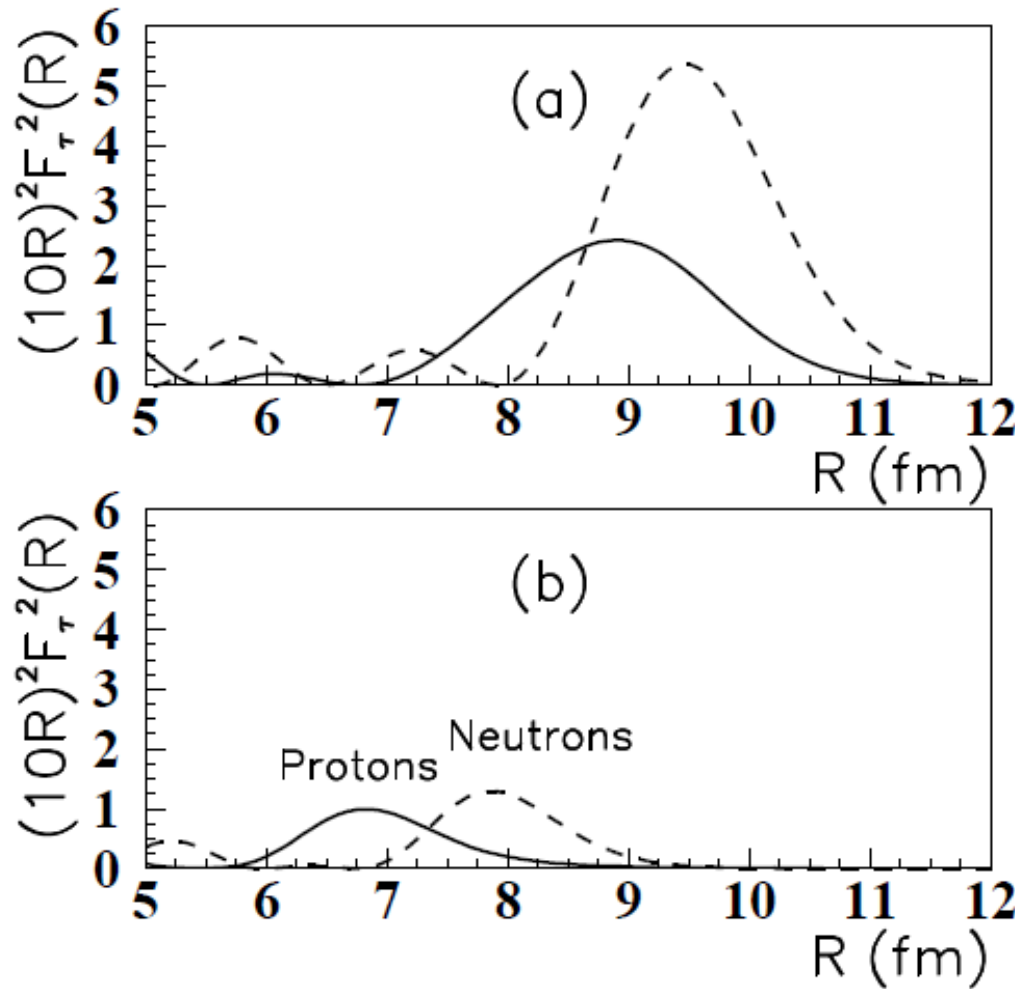
## B. Woods-Saxon mean field plus a Gaussian surface cluster component enhances the tail of sp orbitals



This picture is confirmed by microscopic calculations  
 G. Roepke, et.al., Phys. Rev. C 90, 034304 (2014)



# Proton and neutron formation probabilities with cluster component (a) and without cluster component (b)

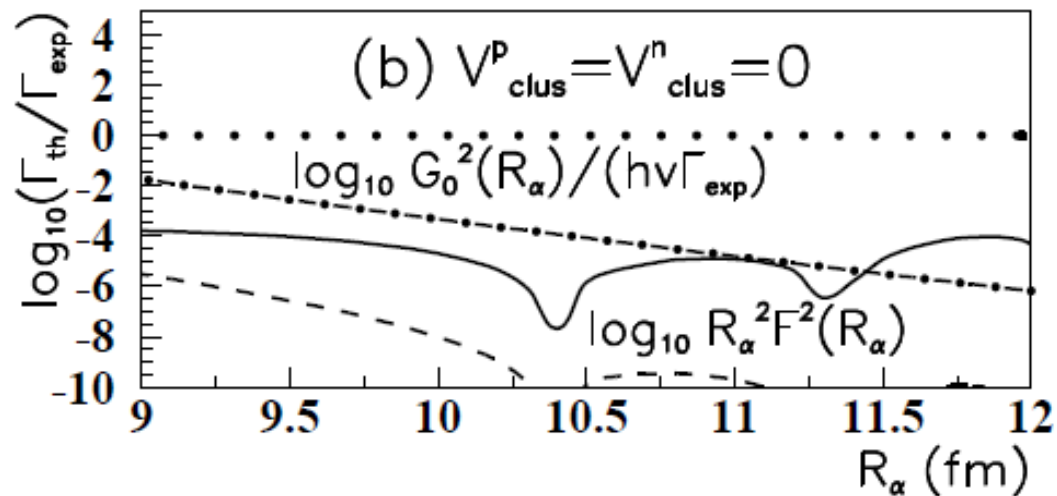
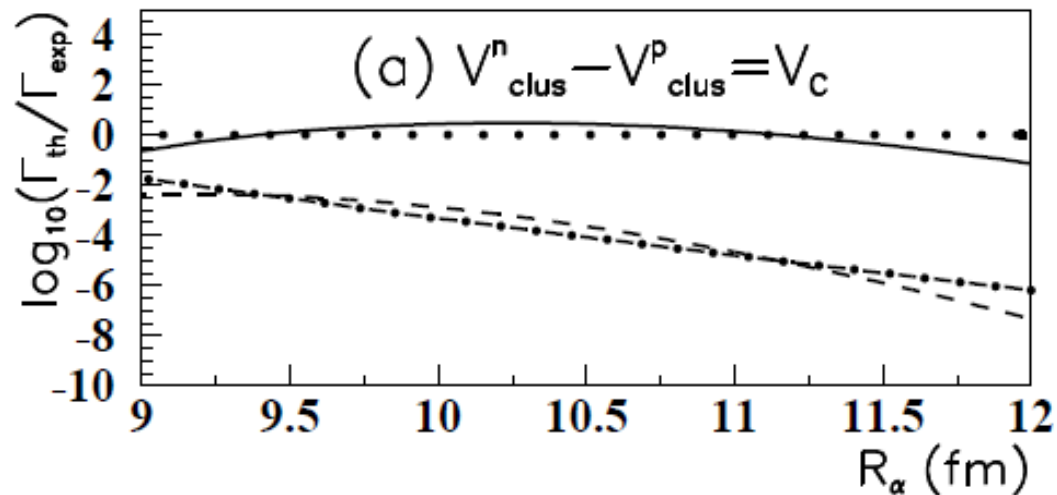


Cluster component increases the p-n overlap by creating p & n orbitals with the same principal quantum number.

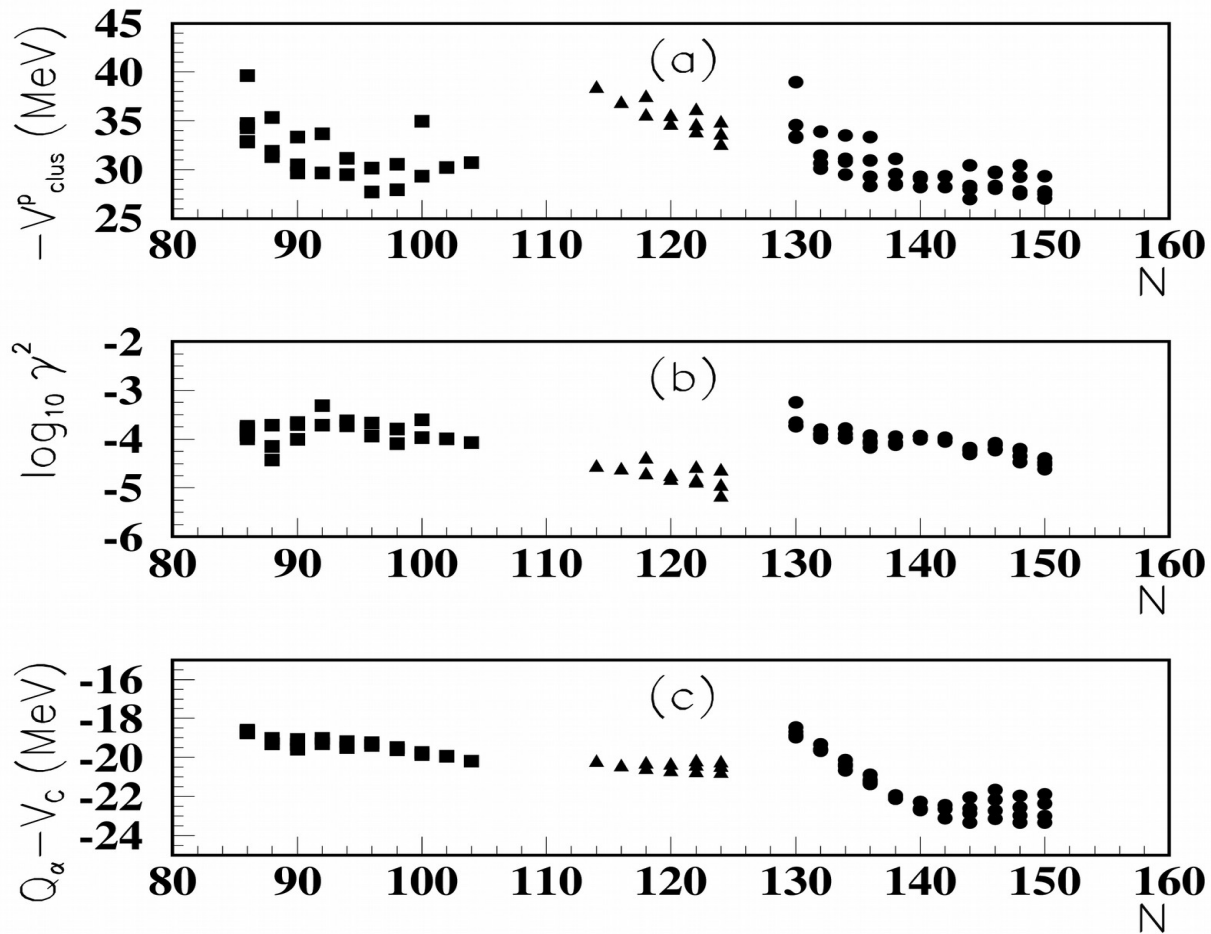
Thus, the effective p-n correlation increases.

Decay width with the cluster component reproduces the exp. value and weakly depends on the cm radius (a).

Decay width without the cluster component is much smaller than the exp. value (b).



**Cluster strength (a), Log(cluster probability) (b)  
and Fragmentation potential (c)  
versus neutron number are very similar**



# Spectroscopic factor versus reduced width

$$S = \frac{\Gamma_{\text{expt}}}{\Gamma_{\text{theor}}} = \frac{T_{\text{theor}}}{T_{\text{expt}}}$$

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## Systematics of $\alpha$ -decay transitions to excited states

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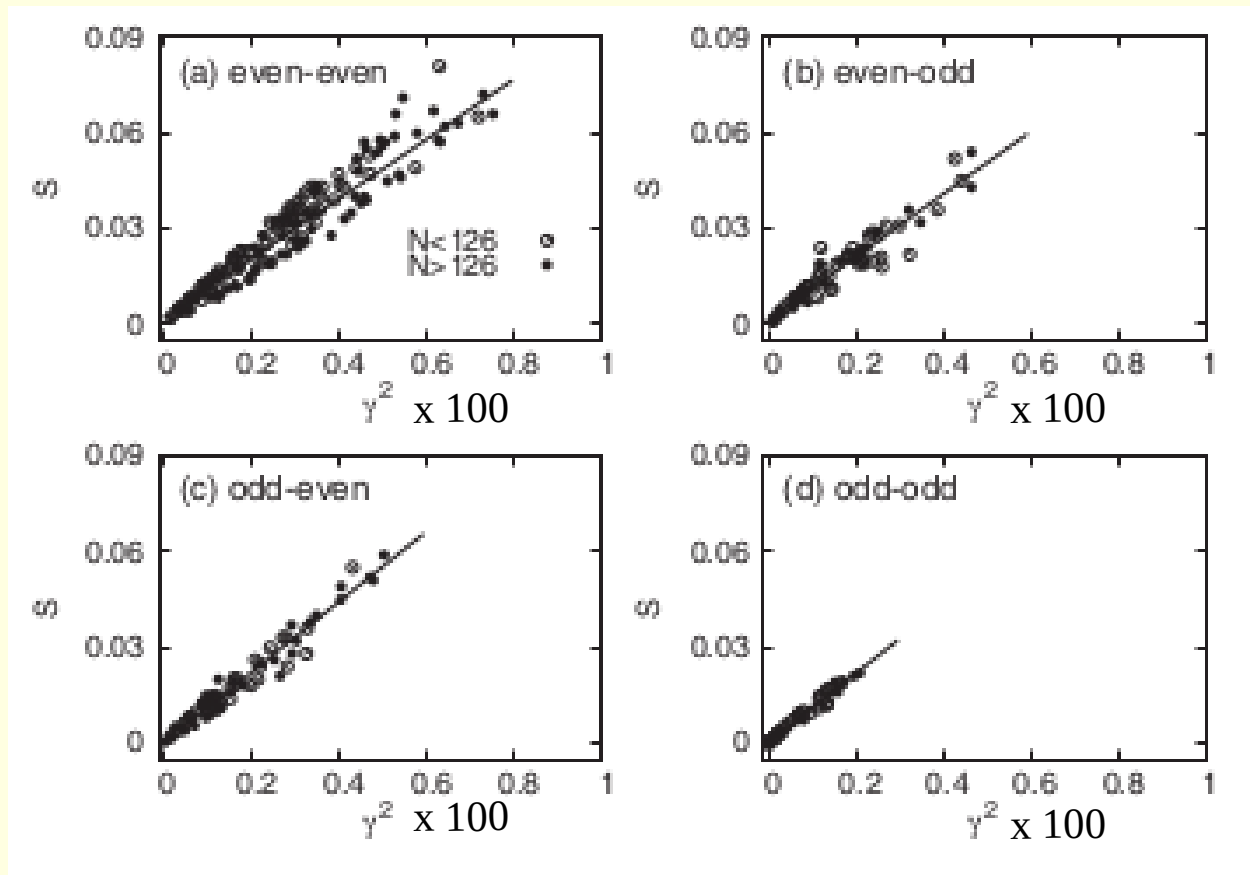


FIG. 1. Spectroscopic factor versus the  $\alpha$ -formation probability  $\times 100$  for even-even, even-odd, odd-even, and odd-odd emitters.

# Spectroscopic factor versus neutron number

## Theoretical investigation of $\alpha$ -like quasimolecules in heavy nuclei

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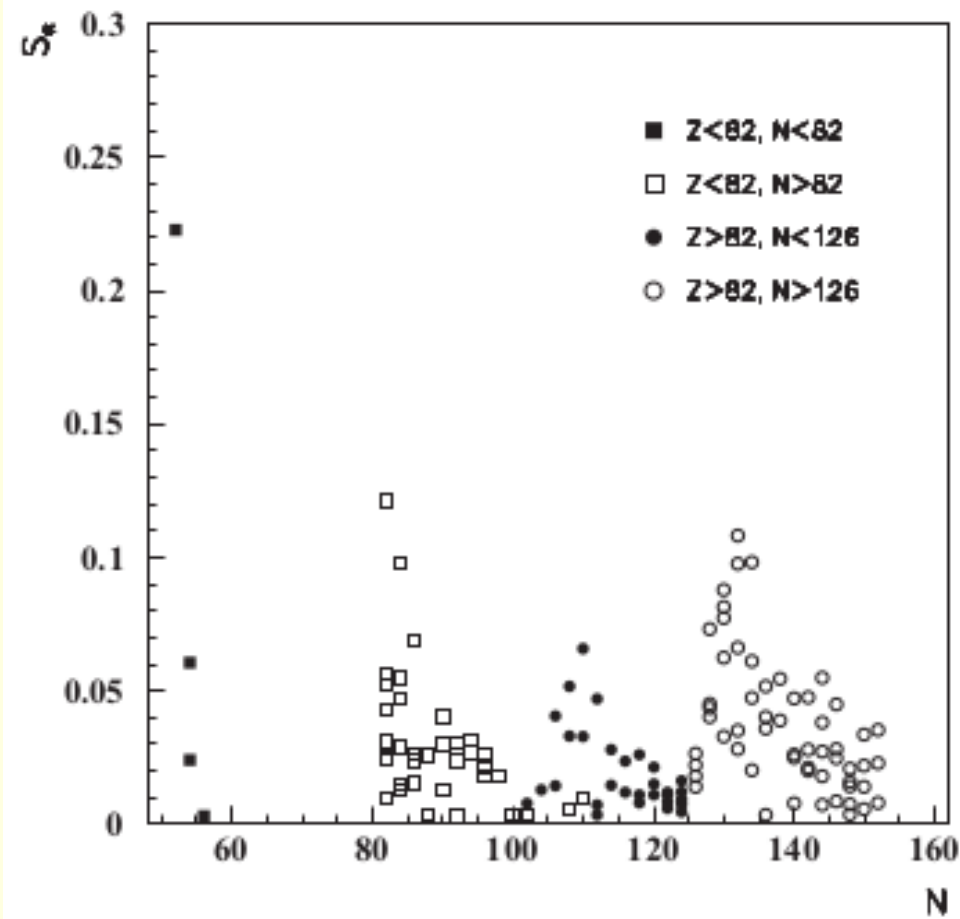


FIG. 3. Spectroscopic factor vs neutron number of the daughter nucleus for even-even emitters. The symbols denote different regions of the nuclear chart divided by magic numbers.

# VI. Electromagnetic and alpha transitions versus clustering in $^{212}\text{Po}$

D.S. Delion, R.J. Liotta, P. Schuck, A. Astier, and M.-G. Porquet  
Shell model plus cluster description of negative parity states in  $^{212}\text{Po}$   
Phys. Rev. C85, 064306 (2012)

Positive parity states  $2^+$ ,  $4^+$ ,  $6^+$ ,  $8^+$   
are given by neutron broken pairs

$$|^{212}\text{Po}(J^+)\rangle = |^{210}\text{Pb}(J^+) \otimes ^{210}\text{Po}(\text{g.s.})\rangle$$

Negative parity states  $4^-$ ,  $6^-$ ,  $8^-$   
are given by neutron broken pairs  
coupled to an octupole state

$$|^{212}\text{Po}(I^-)\rangle = |[^{210}\text{Pb}(J^+) \otimes ^{210}\text{Pb}(3^-)]_{I^-} \otimes ^{210}\text{Po}(\text{g.s.})\rangle$$

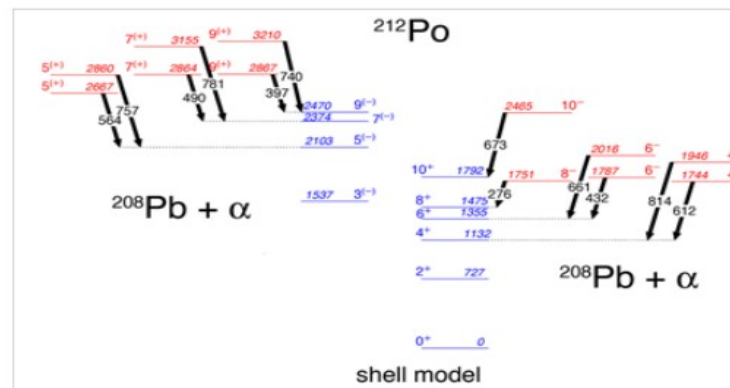


## Viewpoint: Do alpha particles cluster inside heavy nuclei?

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New excited states have been observed in  $^{212}\text{Po}$  that are associated with a configuration in which an alpha particle is combined with a doubly-magic  $^{208}\text{Pb}$  core.



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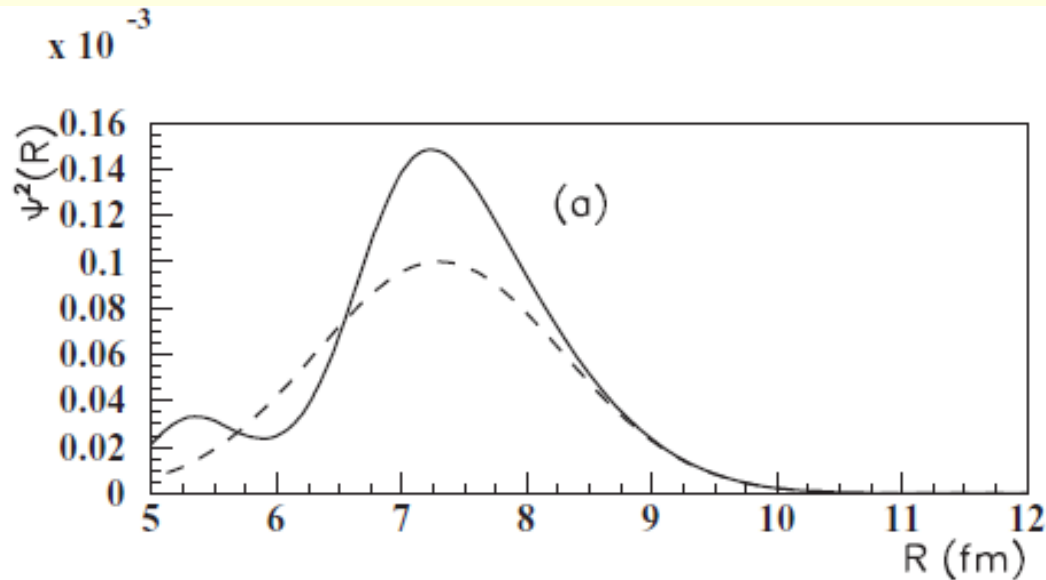
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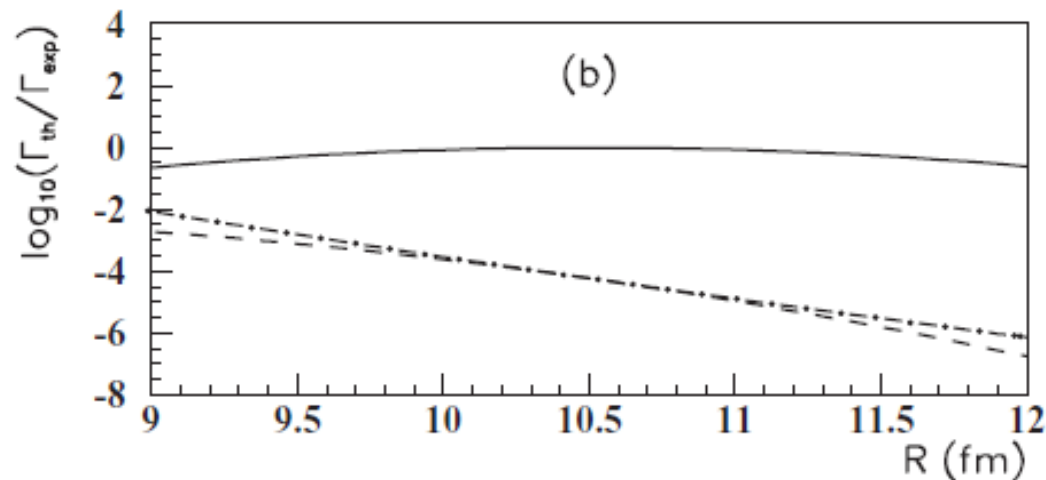
### Novel Manifestation of $\alpha$ -Clustering Structures: New " $\alpha + ^{208}\text{Pb}$ " States in $^{212}\text{Po}$ Revealed by Their Enhanced $E1$ Decays

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# Mean field with surface $\alpha$ -clustering in $^{212}\text{Po}$ explains decay width between ground states



Formation probability  
versus cm radius  
total: solid line  
cluster comp: dashes



Log (width / exp. )  
versus cm radius

The same cluster  
amplitude  $\approx 0.3$  explains  
 $B(E\lambda)$  values and  
absolute  $\alpha$ -decay width

# Surface $\alpha$ -clustering term with the amplitude $\approx 0.3$ explains large electromagnetic E1 transitions in $^{212}\text{Po}$

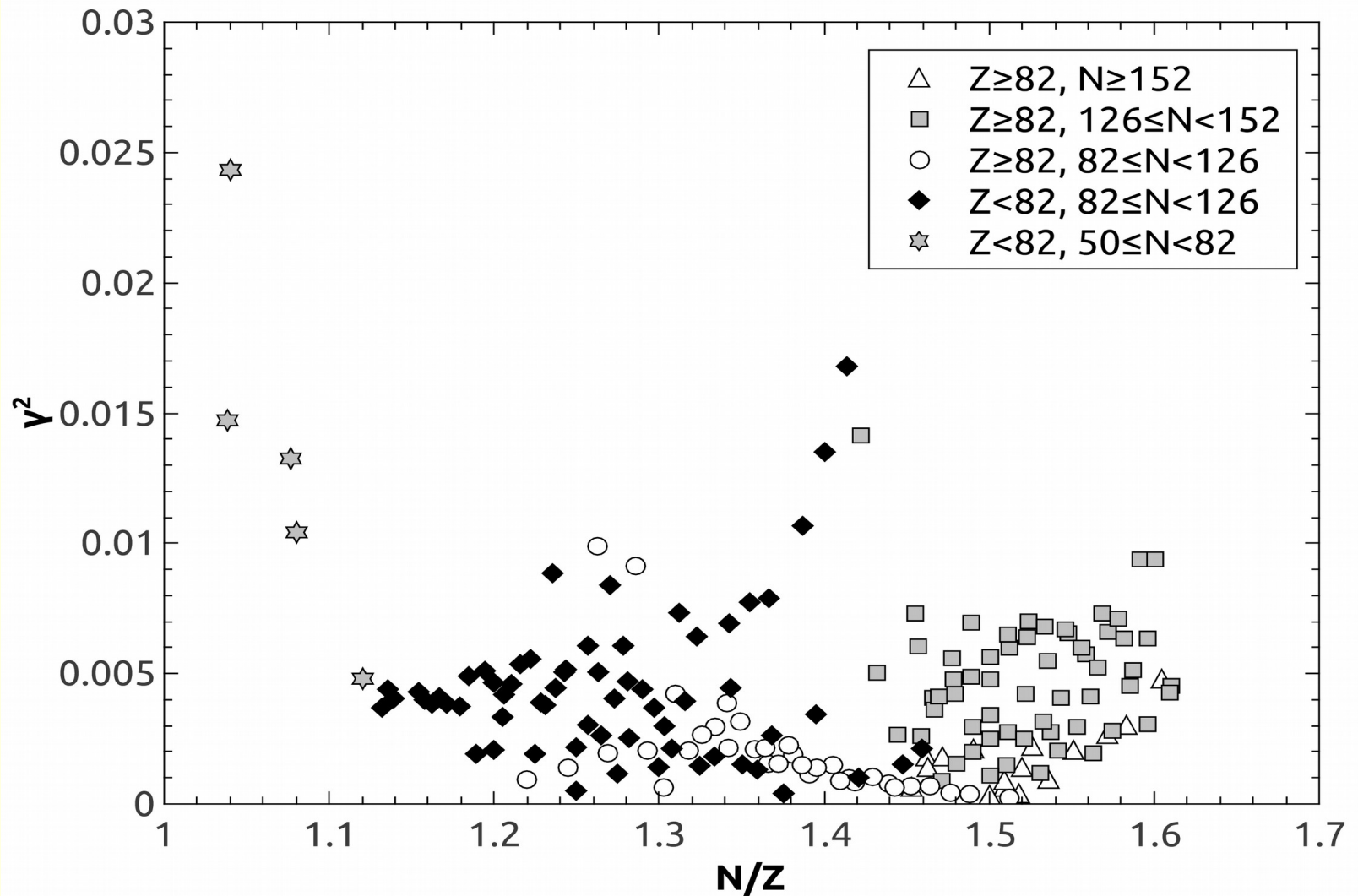
## B(E2:J+2→J)-values

$J' \rightarrow J$	$^{210}\text{Po}$ $B(E2)_{\text{exp}}$	$B(E2)_{\text{th}}$	$^{210}\text{Pb}$ $B(E2)_{\text{exp}}$	$B(E2)_{\text{th}}$	$^{212}\text{Po}$ $B(E2)_{\text{exp}}$	$B(E2)_{\text{th}}$
2 → 0	0.56(12)	6.7	1.4(4)	3.9		9.2
4 → 2	4.6(2)	12.9	3.2(7)	3.5		20.8
6 → 4	3.0(1)	8.9	2.2(3)	2.4	13.5(36)	14.4
8 → 6	1.18(3)	3.9	0.62(5)	1.0	4.60(9)	5.8

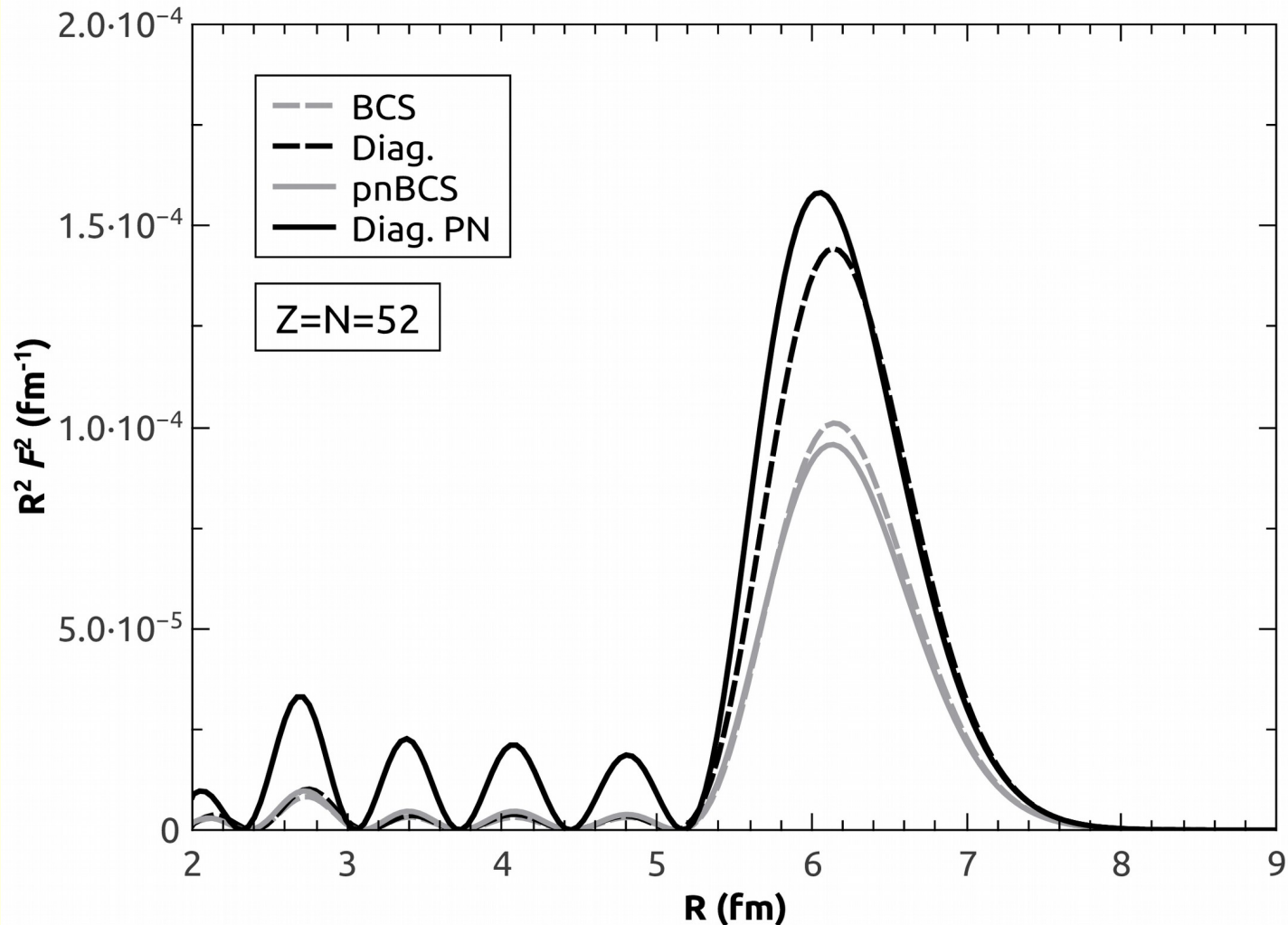
## B(E1:I→J<sup>+</sup>)-values

$I^-$	$J^+$	$E_{\text{MSM}}$ (MeV)	$E(^{212}\text{Po}(I^-))$ (MeV)	$E_{\text{exp}}(^{212}\text{Po}(I^-))$ (MeV)	$B(E1)_{\text{th}}^{(1)}$ ( $10^4$ W.u.)	$B(E1)_{\text{th}}^{(2)}$ ( $10^4$ W.u.)	$B(E1)_{\text{exp}}$ ( $10^4$ W.u.)
2 <sup>-</sup>	2 <sup>+</sup>	-0.407	1.236		5	1	
	4 <sup>+</sup>	-0.204	1.907		15	63	
4 <sup>-</sup>	4 <sup>+</sup>	-0.303	1.808	1.744	9	11	25
	6 <sup>+</sup>	-0.107	2.201	1.946	2	4	11
6 <sup>-</sup>	6 <sup>+</sup>	-0.213	1.886	1.787	37	122	66
	8 <sup>+</sup>	-0.490	2.197	2.016	3	8	19
8 <sup>-</sup>	6 <sup>+</sup>	-0.489	1.816	1.751	43	148	200
	8 <sup>+</sup>	-0.215	2.240	1.986	8	24	
10 <sup>-</sup>	8 <sup>+</sup>	-0.360	2.135	2.465	2	1	18

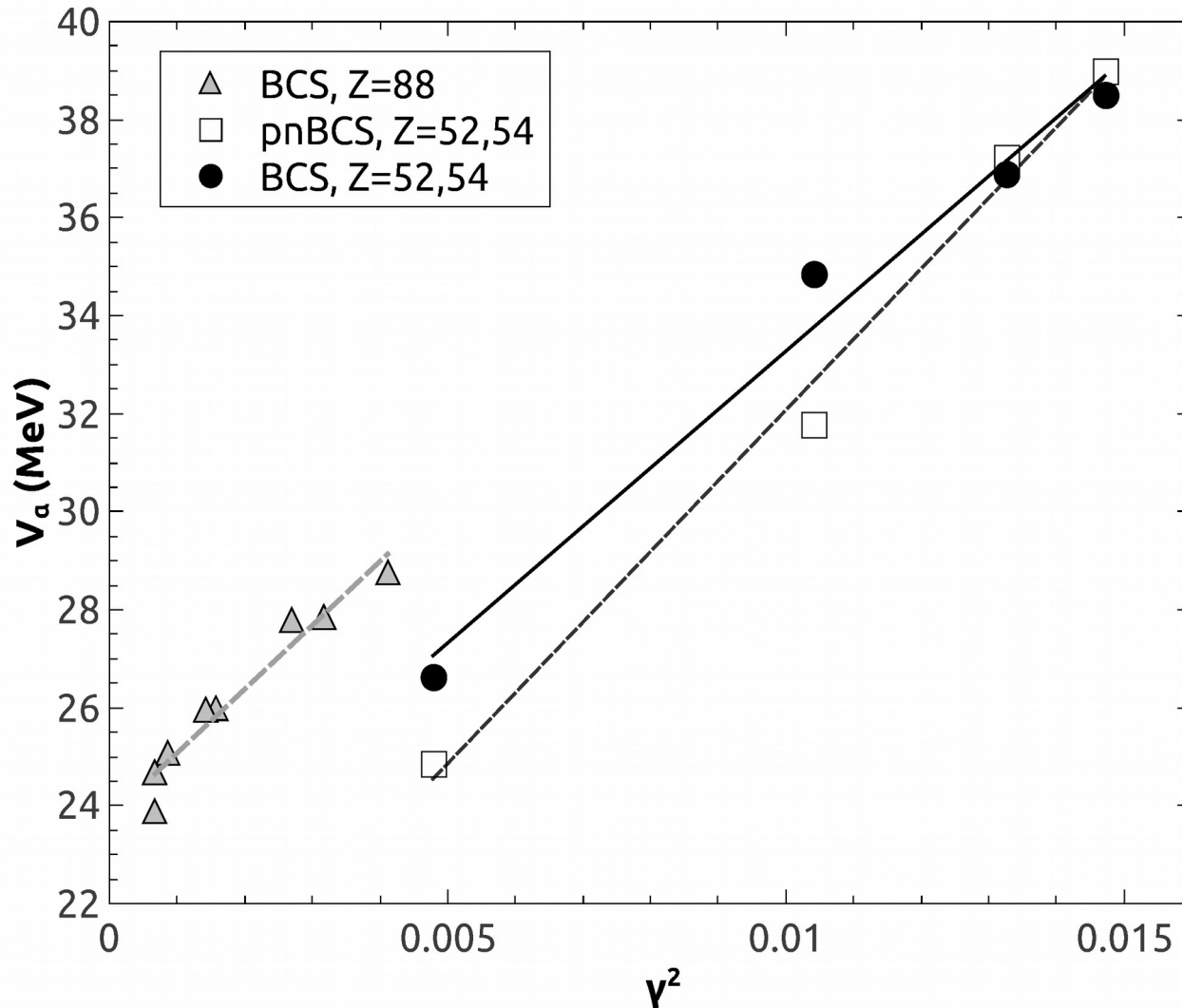
## VII. Proton-neutron correlations are larger in $N \sim Z$ nuclei



**Above  $N=Z=50$  formation amplitude is similar  
for various theoretical approaches  
Influence of the proton-neutron pairing on  
the alpha-formation probability is small**



# Universal behavior of the surface Gaussian potential strength, which is proportional to the reduced width, for $Z > 50$ and $Z > 82$ regions



# VIII. Conclusions

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- 1) Surface  $\alpha$ -daughter interaction leads to the **universal law for reduced width** versus the fragmentation potential and **for hindrance factors** versus the excitation energy
- 2)  **$\alpha$ -daughter QQ strength describing fine structure is proportional to the clustering probability** and has the maximal value above magic numbers
- 3) Nuclear collectivity linearly decreases when alpha-clustering increases
- 4) Reduced widths are proportional to beta matrix elements squared: **clustering and p-n transitions are given by few valence nucleons above magic numbers and are hindered by exchange effects between shells**
- 5) As a **clear evidence of the alpha-clustering** the ratio between exp. and BCS spectroscopic factors  $\gg 1$  and linearly depends on the clustering probability
- 6) Absolute decay widths can be described microscopically by using a mixed sp basis, containing **additional clustering components**
- 7) **Proton-neutron correlations have a small influence on the alpha-clustering.**
- 8) Alpha-clustering induced by the surface interaction **has an universal behavior for both  $Z > 50$  and  $Z > 82$  regions**

# THANK YOU !

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## Theory of Particle and Cluster Emission

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