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Microscopic Description of Multi-clusters in Light Nuclei

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Alpha Cluster Condensation in ^{12}C and ^{16}O

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THSR wave function

A new α -cluster wave function is proposed which is of the α -particle condensate type. Applications to ^{12}C and ^{16}O show that states of low density close to the 3 and 4 α -particle thresholds in both nuclei are possibly of this kind. It is conjectured that all self-conjugate $4n$ nuclei may show similar features.

$$\Phi^{\text{THSR}}(\beta) = \int d^3 R_1 \dots d^3 R_n \text{Exp}\left[-\frac{R_1^2 + \dots + R_n^2}{\beta^2}\right] \Phi^{\text{Brink}}(\mathbf{R}_1, \dots, \mathbf{R}_n)$$

$$\propto \phi_G \mathcal{A}\left\{ \prod_{i=1}^n \left[\text{Exp}\left(-\frac{2(\mathbf{X}_i - \mathbf{X}_G)^2}{\mathbf{B}^2}\right) \phi(\alpha_i) \right] \right\}$$

$$\phi(\alpha) \propto \exp\left[-\sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq 4} (r_i - r_j)^2 / (8b^2)\right]$$

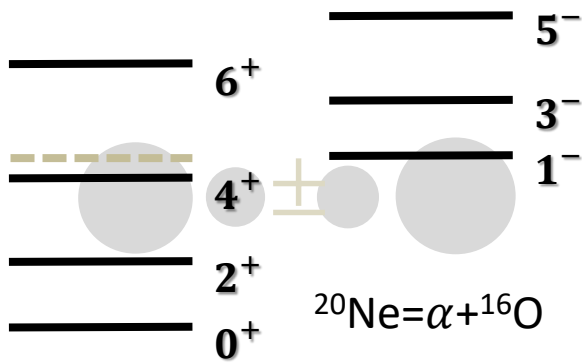
β can be considered as the size parameter of the nucleus

$$\mathbf{B}^2 = b^2 + 2\beta^2$$

**In the past almost
20 years,**

✓ The alpha condensation concept
[Tohsaki et al., Rev. Mod. Phys. 89, 011002 \(2017\).](#)

✓ Container picture for general cluster states



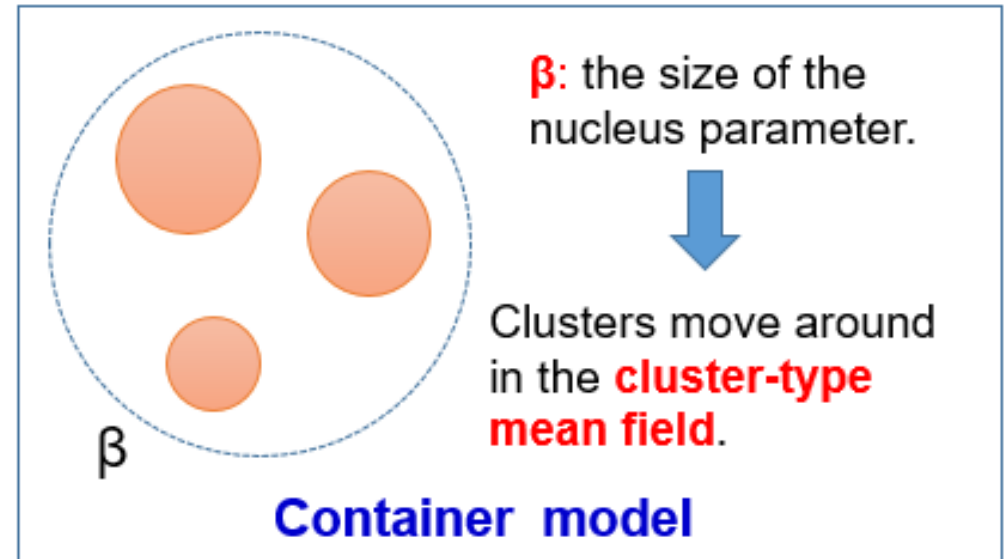
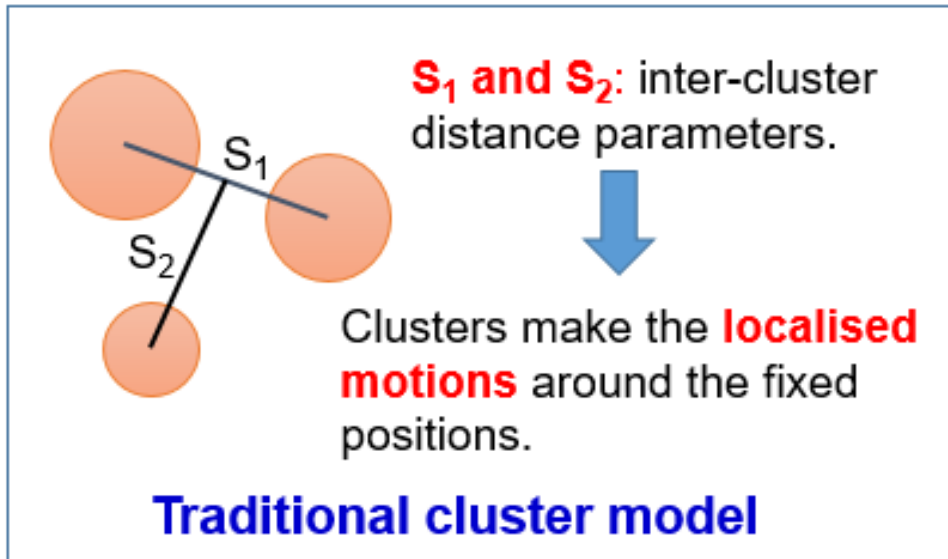
Container picture for the clusters motion

The clusters make the **localized** motion confined by the inter-cluster distance parameter S .

$$\mathcal{A}\{\exp[-\frac{8(X_{\text{rel}} - S)^2}{5b^2}]\phi(\alpha)\phi(^{16}\text{O})\}$$

Inversion doublet rotational bands in ^{20}Ne

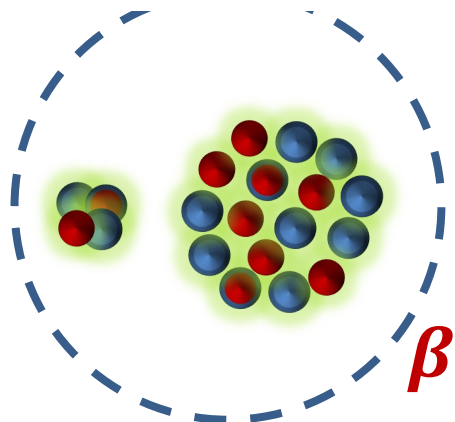
H Horiuchi and K Ikeda PTP **40** 277(1968)



Single THSR wave function $\approx$ Superposed Brink wave functions

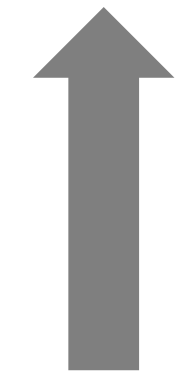
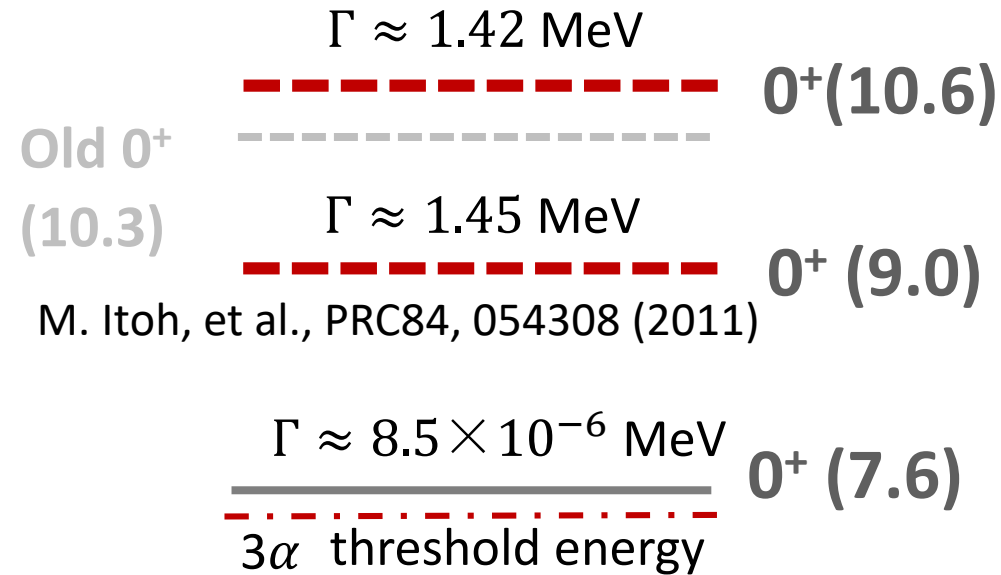
The clusters make the **nonlocalized** motion in a container whose size is described by parameter β

$$\mathcal{A}\{\exp[-\frac{8X_{\text{rel}}^2}{5(b^2 + 2\beta^2)}]\phi(\alpha)\phi(^{16}\text{O})\}$$



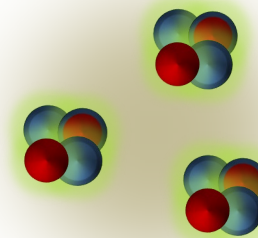
Container picture

Rich cluster structures of 0^+ states in ^{12}C

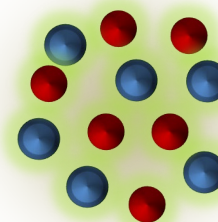


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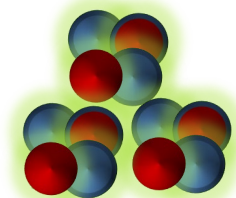
Resonance/Bent linear-chain state ?



Hoyle state



+

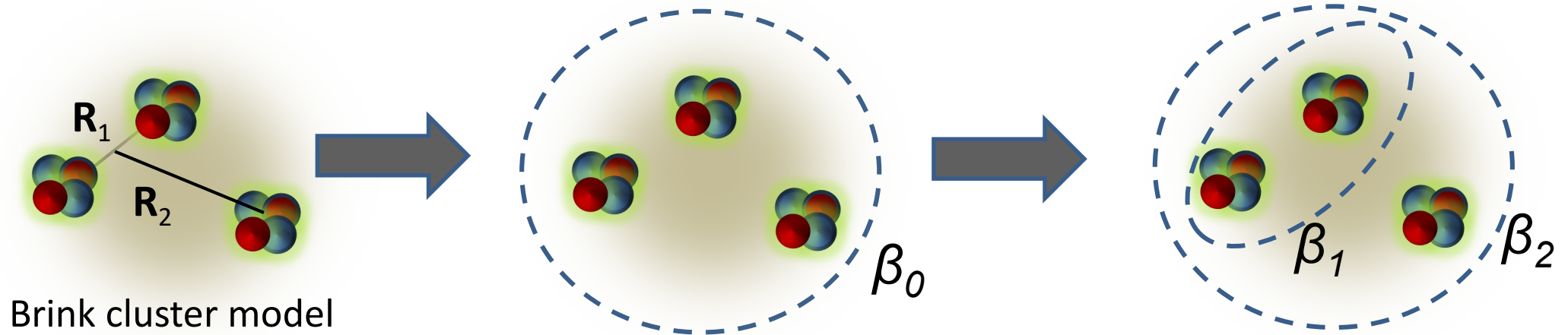


Shell-model state Compact cluster

OCM_K : [C. Kurokawa and K. Kato, PRC 71, 021301\(2005\); NPA 792, 87 \(2007\).](#)

OCM_o : [S. Ohtsubo, Y. Fukushima, M. Kamimura, and E. Hiyama, PTEP, 2013, 073D02.](#)

Extended 2 α + α THSR Wave Function



[B.Zhou, et al.,PTEP.2014,101D01.](#)

$$\Phi^B(\mathbf{R}_1, \mathbf{R}_2) \propto \phi_G \mathcal{A} \left\{ \exp \left(-\frac{(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{R}_1)^2}{b^2} - \frac{(\mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{R}_2)^2}{\frac{3}{4}b^2} \right) \phi(\alpha_1) \phi(\alpha_2) \phi(\alpha_3) \right\}$$

$$\Phi(\beta_1, \beta_2) = \int d^3 R_1 d^3 R_2 \exp \left[-\sum_{i=1}^2 \left(\frac{R_{ix}^2}{\beta_{ix}^2} + \frac{R_{iy}^2}{\beta_{iy}^2} + \frac{R_{iz}^2}{\beta_{iz}^2} \right) \right] \Phi^B(\mathbf{R}_1, \mathbf{R}_2)$$

$$\propto \phi_G \mathcal{A} \left\{ \exp \left[-\sum_{i=1}^2 \left(\frac{r_{ix}^2}{B_{ix}^2} + \frac{r_{iy}^2}{B_{iy}^2} + \frac{r_{iz}^2}{B_{iz}^2} \right) \right] \phi(\alpha_1) \phi(\alpha_2) \phi(\alpha_3) \right\}$$

$$B_{1k}^2 = b^2 + \beta_{1k}^2, \quad B_{2k}^2 = \frac{3}{4}b^2 + \beta_{2k}^2$$

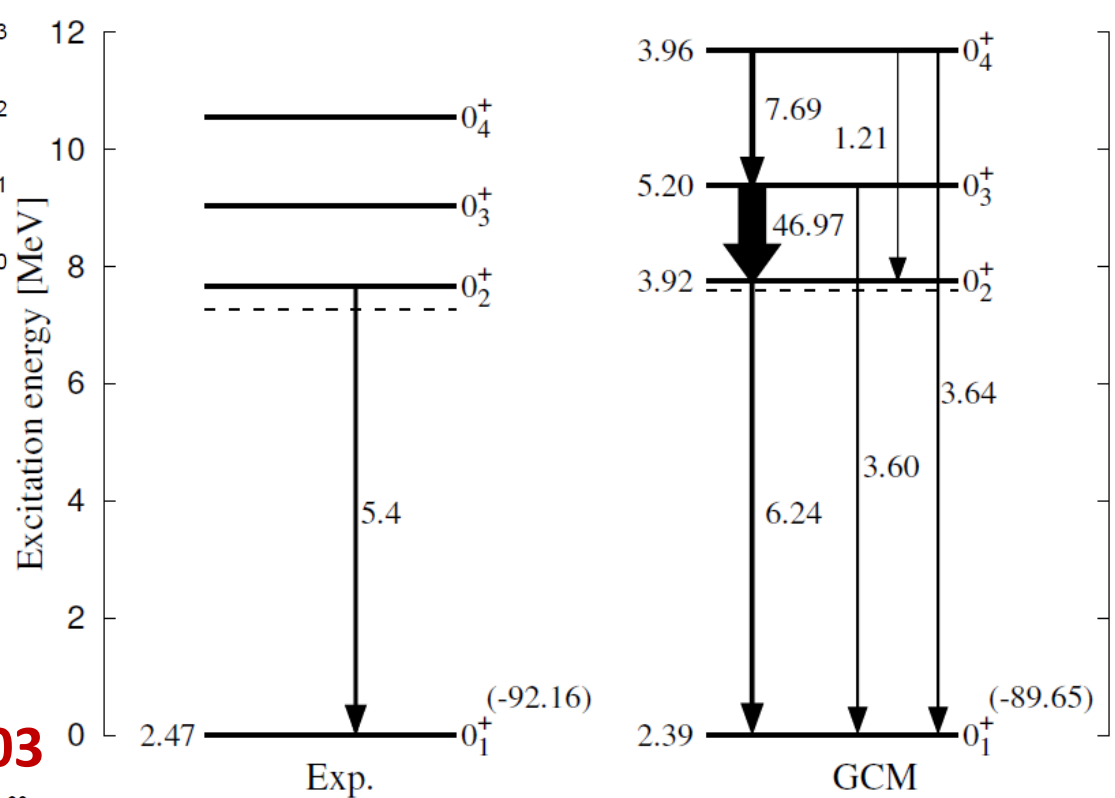
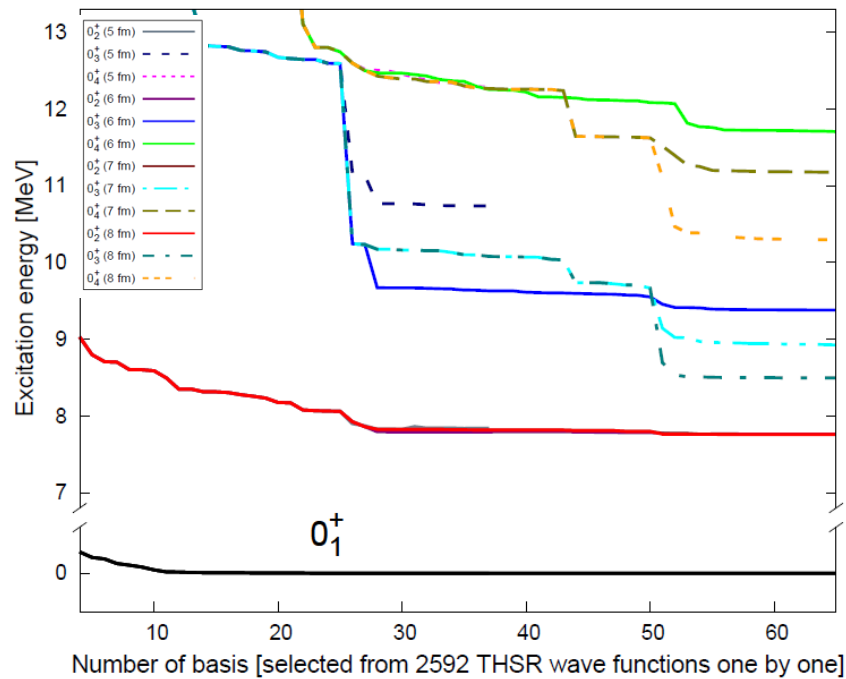
Effective nucleon-nucleon interaction:

$$V_N = \sum_{i>j} \{ (1 - M) - M P_\sigma P_\tau \}_{ij} \sum_{n=1}^2 v_n e^{-\frac{r_{ij}^2}{a_n^2}}.$$

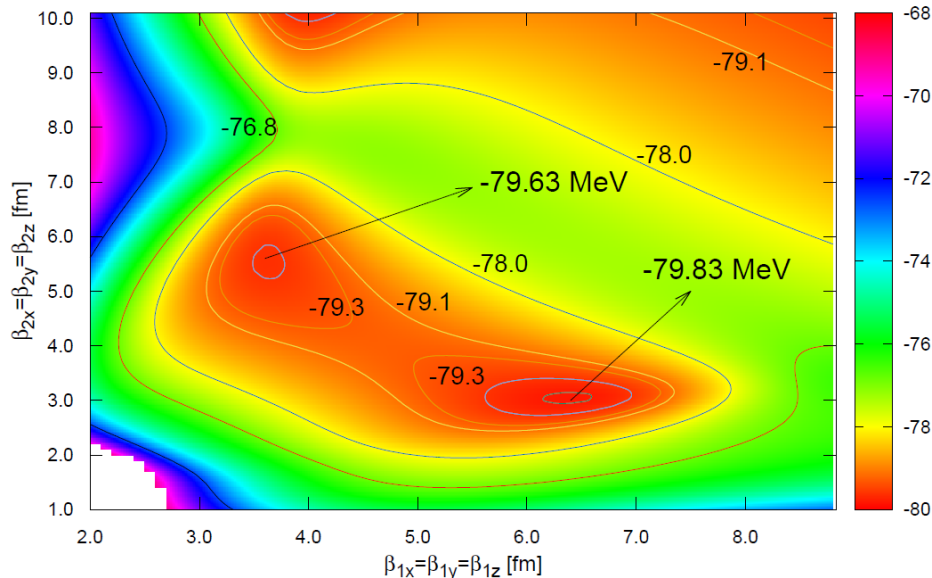
Radius-Constraint Method for removing the continuum states.

[Y. Funaki, et al., Prog.Theor.Phys.115,115\(2006\).](#)

The 0_3^+ and 0_4^+ states of ^{12}C



$$|\langle \hat{\Phi}_{\min 1}^{0_3^+}(\beta_1 = 6.4, \beta_2 = 3.0) | \hat{\Phi}_{\text{gcm}}^{0_3^+} \rangle|^2 = \mathbf{0.903}$$

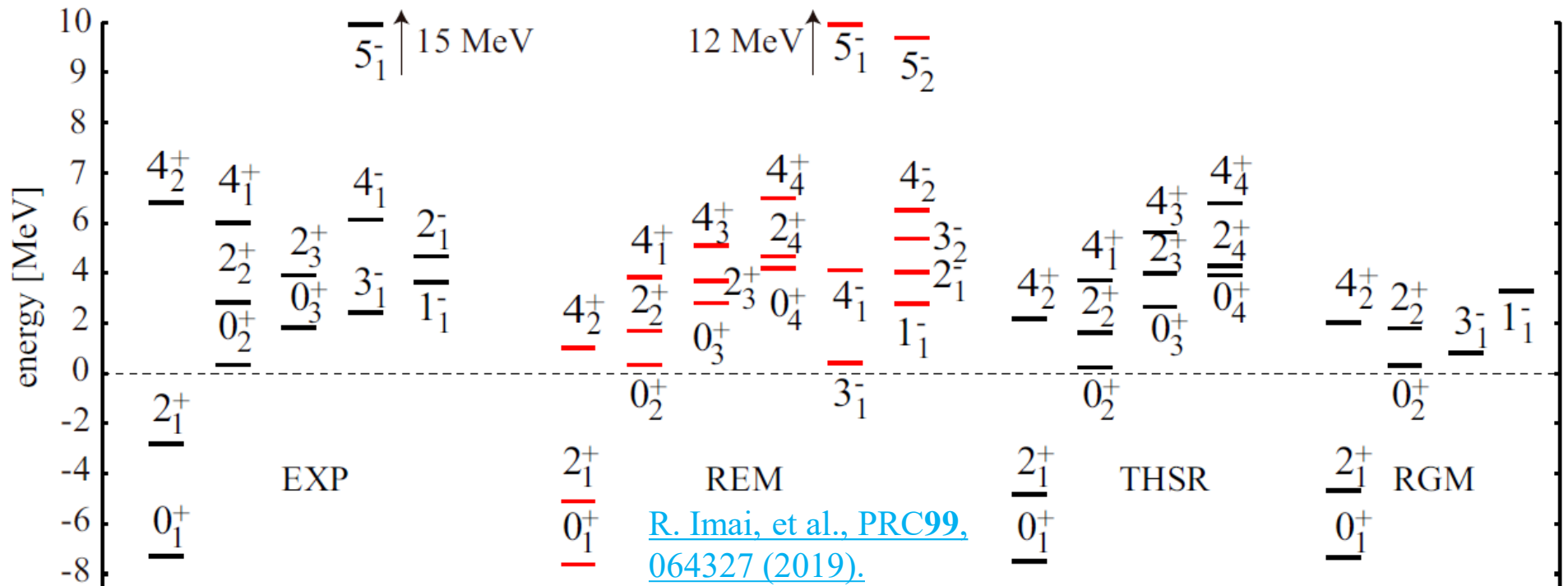


The existence of the 0_3^+ state was confirmed in two ways.

Very large radius, strong monopole transitions between the 0_3^+ state and the Hoyle state.

$$P_2^\perp = 1 - n_1 |\hat{\Phi}^{0_1^+} \rangle \langle \hat{\Phi}^{0_1^+}| - n_2 |\hat{\Phi}^{0_2^+} \rangle \langle \hat{\Phi}^{0_2^+}|,$$

Why do we study the negative-parity states in ^{12}C ?



© A geometrical arrangement picture of the three alpha particles was proposed.

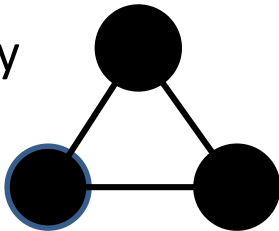
in terms of representations of unitary algebras

R. Bijker and F. Iachello, PRC61, 067305(2000)

R. Bijker and F. Iachello, PRL112, 152501 (4 α) (2014)

D. J. Marín-Lámbbari, et al., PRL113, 012502 (2014)

D_{3h} symmetry
assumption



The energy level was reproduced. [0^+ , 2^+ , 3^- , 4^+ , 5^-]

© Intrinsic density from shell model

$$P_{MK}^{J,\pi} \left| c_1 \begin{array}{c} \text{[Density Plot]} \\ \text{[Density Plot]} \end{array} + c_2 \begin{array}{c} \text{[Density Plot]} \\ \text{[Density Plot]} \end{array} + c_3 \begin{array}{c} \text{[Density Plot]} \\ \text{[Density Plot]} \end{array} + \dots + c_{90} \begin{array}{c} \text{[Density Plot]} \\ \text{[Density Plot]} \end{array} + c_{99} \begin{array}{c} \text{[Density Plot]} \\ \text{[Density Plot]} \end{array} + c_{100} \begin{array}{c} \text{[Density Plot]} \\ \text{[Density Plot]} \end{array} \right\rangle$$

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© Reconstructing transition density, 3 α clustering triangle shape appears (Kimura's talk)

Why do we study the negative-parity states in ^{12}C ?

Recent years, many cluster states have been described quite well by **single THSR wave functions**.

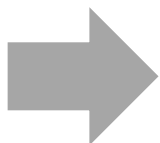
	^8Be	^{12}C	^{20}Ne
0^+	1.000(1.8, 7.8)	$0_1^+ : 0.93(1.5, 1.5)$ $(0_1^+ : 0.978)^a$ $0_2^+ : 0.993(5.3, 1.5)$	0.993(0.9, 2.5)
2^+			0.988(0.0, 2.2)
4^+			0.978(0.0, 1.8)
		Y. Funaki, et al., Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 82, 78 (2015).	1.000(3.7, 1.4)
3^-			0.999(3.7, 0.0)

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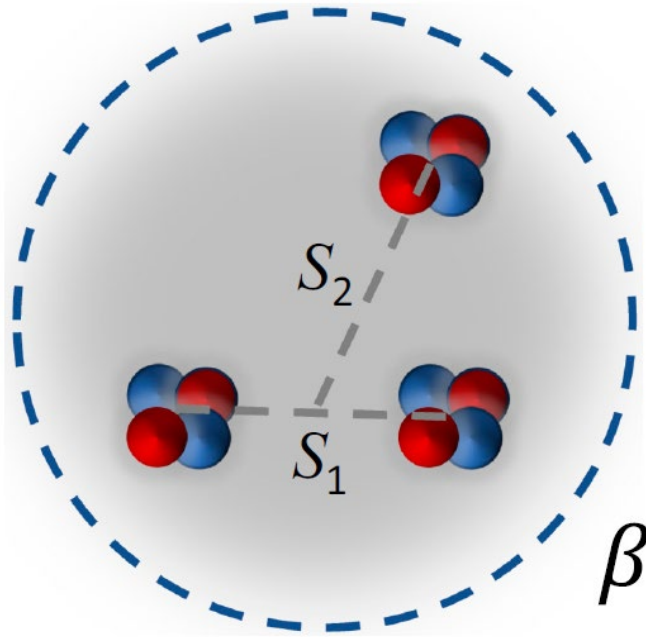
Nonlocalized motion in a two-dimensional container of α particles in 3^- and 4^- states of ^{12}C

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Akihiro Tohsaki,⁴ Chang Xu,⁹ and Taiichi Yamada¹⁰



We want to try to construct a single THSR-type wave function describing exactly the negative-parity states of ^{12}C .

Container picture for negative-parity states in ^{12}C



Effective nucleon-nucleon interaction:

$$V_N = \sum_{i>j} \{ (1 - M) - M P_\sigma P_\tau \}_{ij} \sum_{n=1}^2 v_n e^{-\frac{r_{ij}^2}{a_n^2}}.$$

Kamimura *et al.* RGM, {Volkov2, $M=0.59$, $b=1.35$ fm}

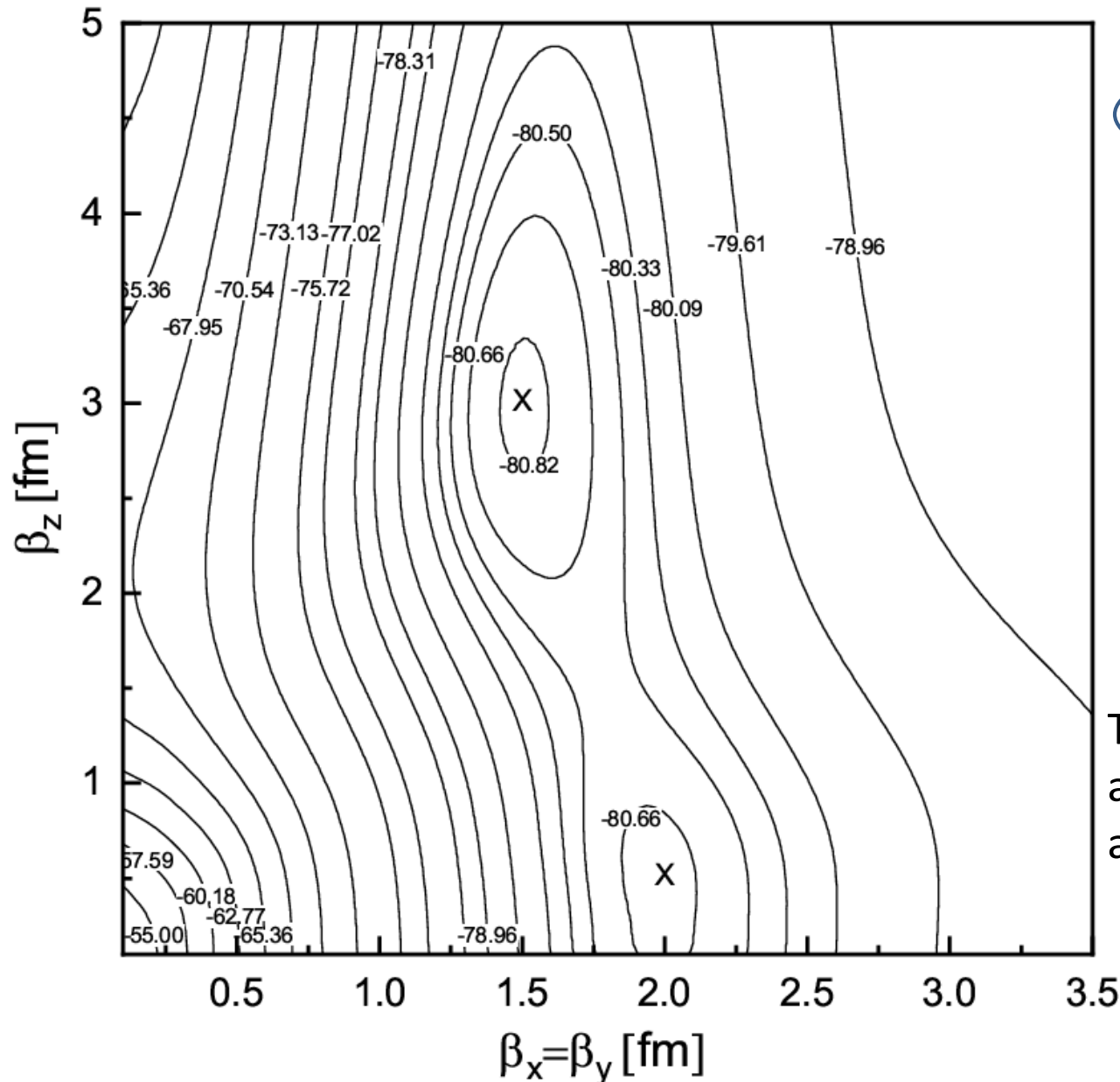
[Nucl. Phys. A351, 456, 1981.](#)

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(\beta, \mathbf{S}_1, \mathbf{S}_2) &= \int d^3 R_1 d^3 R_2 \exp \left[-\frac{(\mathbf{R}_1 - \mathbf{S}_1)^2}{2\beta^2} - \frac{2(\mathbf{R}_2 - \mathbf{S}_2)^2}{3\beta^2} \right] \Phi^B(\mathbf{R}_1, \mathbf{R}_2) \\ &\propto \phi_G \mathcal{A} \left\{ \exp \left[-\frac{(\boldsymbol{\xi}_1 - \mathbf{S}_1)^2}{b^2 + 2\beta^2} - \frac{(\boldsymbol{\xi}_2 - \mathbf{S}_2)^2}{3/4 (b^2 + 2\beta^2)} \right] \phi(\alpha_1) \phi(\alpha_2) \phi(\alpha_3) \right\}, \\ \Phi^B(\mathbf{R}_1, \mathbf{R}_2) &\propto \phi_G \mathcal{A} \left\{ \exp \left(-\frac{(\boldsymbol{\xi}_1 - \mathbf{R}_1)^2}{b^2} - \frac{(\boldsymbol{\xi}_2 - \mathbf{R}_2)^2}{3/4 b^2} \right) \phi(\alpha_1) \phi(\alpha_2) \phi(\alpha_3) \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\xi}_1 = \mathbf{X}_2 - \mathbf{X}_1 \quad \boldsymbol{\xi}_2 = \mathbf{X}_3 - (\mathbf{X}_1 + \mathbf{X}_2)/2$$

Variational calculations for the projected 3^- THSR wave function

$$\mathbf{S}_1 = (S, 0, 0), \mathbf{S}_2 = (0, \sqrt{3}/2S, 0) \quad S=0.5 \text{ fm.}$$



$$P^{3-} \Phi(\beta_x=\beta_y, \beta_z, S=0.5 \text{ fm})$$

Two local minimum points appear in a valley in the contour plot.

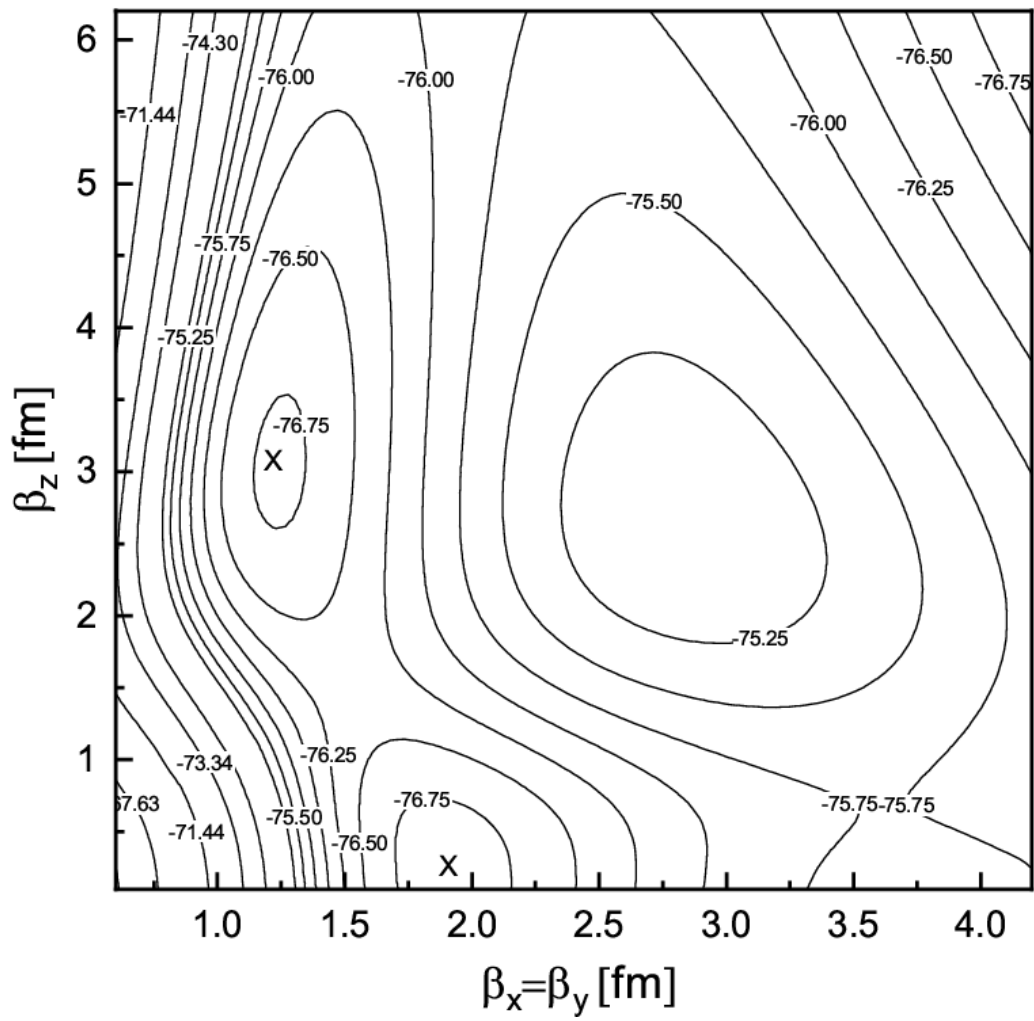
$$E_1(\beta_x=\beta_y=1.5, \beta_z=3.0)=-80.85 \text{ MeV}$$

$$E_2(\beta_x=\beta_y=2.0, \beta_z=0.5)=-80.78 \text{ MeV}$$

The two optimum wave functions are very close after the parity and angular momentum projections.

$$|\langle \Phi_1^{3-} | \Phi_2^{3-} \rangle|^2 = 0.98$$

Variational calculations for the projected 4- THSR wave function



$$P^{4-} \Phi(\beta_x=\beta_y, \beta_z, S=0.5 \text{ fm})$$

Two local minimum points appear in a valley in the contour plot.

$$E_1(\beta_x=\beta_y=1.9, \beta_z=0.2)=-76.87 \text{ MeV}$$

$$E_2(\beta_x=\beta_y=1.2, \beta_z=3.0)=-76.79 \text{ MeV}$$

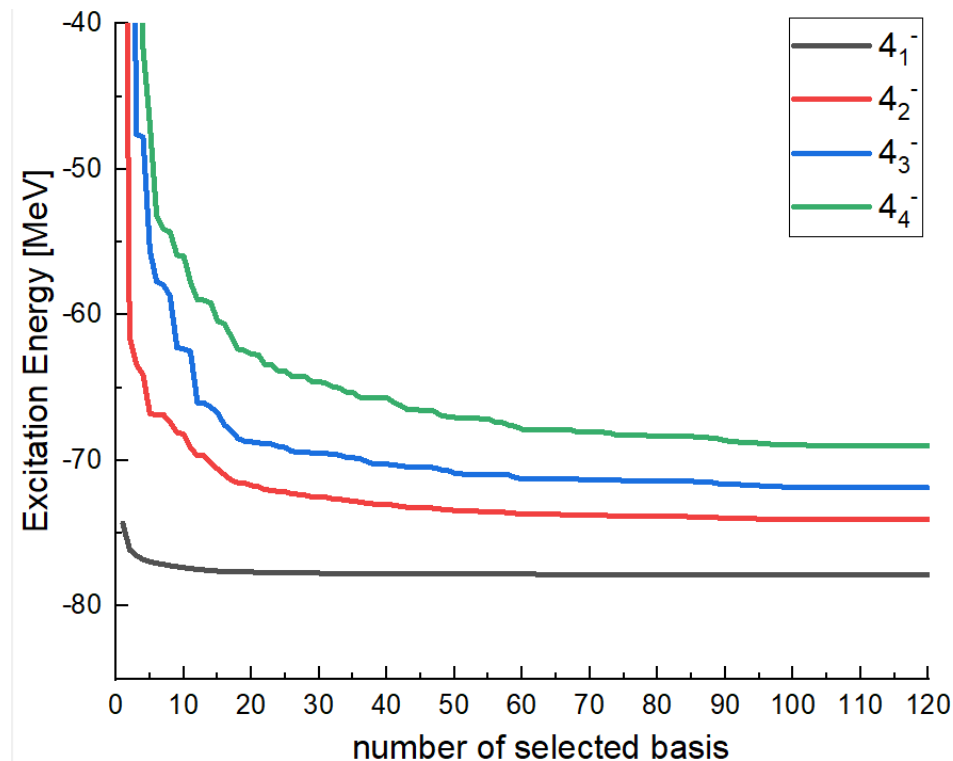
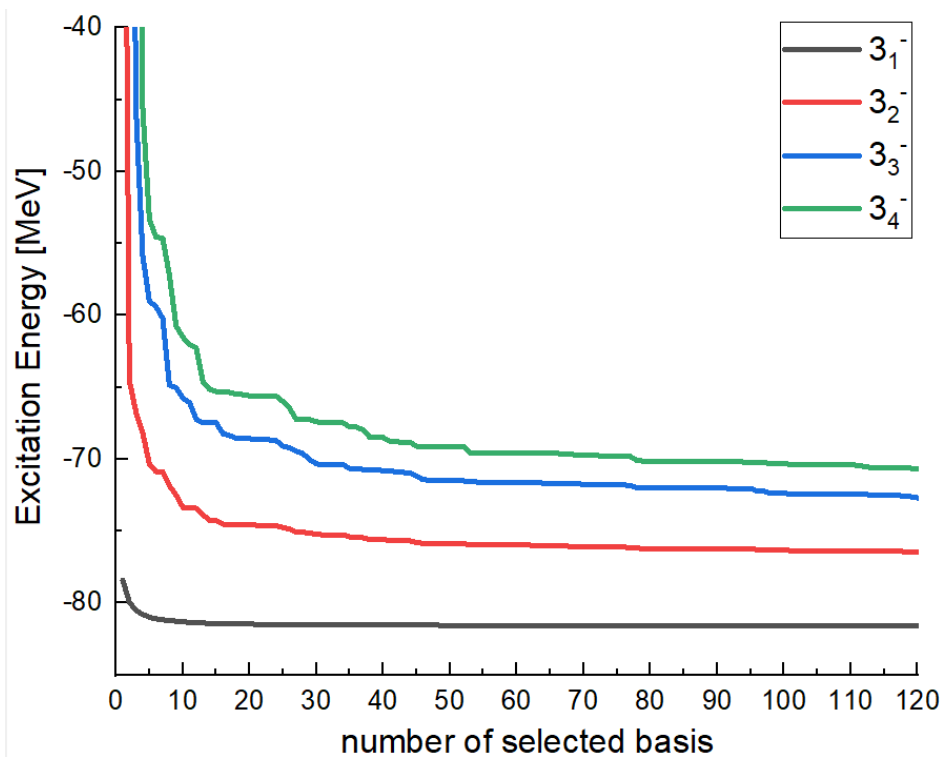
The two optimum wave functions are very close after the parity and angular momentum projections.

$$|\langle \Phi_1^{4-} | \Phi_2^{4-} \rangle|^2 = 0.98$$

Jpi	$\beta_x=\beta_y$	β_z	Min.Eng
3-	1.5	3	-80.85
3-	2	0.5	-80.70
4-	1.9	0.2	-76.87
4-	1.2	3	-76.79

The **similar intrinsic cluster structure** is suggested for the 3- and 4- states.

GCM Brink calculations for the 3⁻ and 4⁻ states

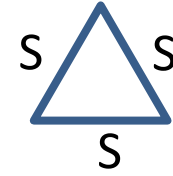


© We mainly focus on the first 3⁻ and 4⁻ states in the GCM calculations.

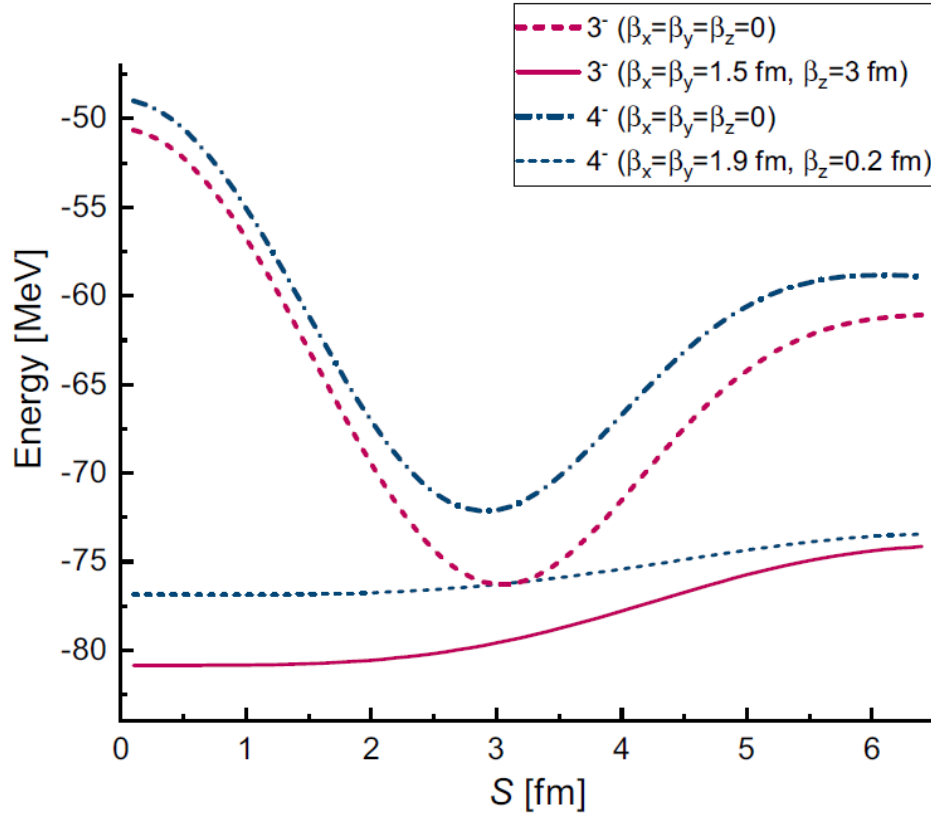
© The “intrinsic shape” is difficult to be extracted from the superposed wave functions.

Nonlocalized motion for 3α clusters in ^{12}C

$$\propto \mathcal{A}\left\{\exp\left[-\frac{(\xi_1 - S_1)^2}{b^2 + 2\beta^2} - \frac{(\xi_2 - S_2)^2}{3/4(b^2 + 2\beta^2)}\right]\phi(\alpha_1)\phi(\alpha_2)\phi(\alpha_3)\right\}$$



$$S_1 = (S, 0, 0), S_2 = (0, \sqrt{3}/2S, 0)$$



- There are two distinct pockets around 3 fm for the 3^- and 4^- states for Brink wave functions ($\beta=0$).
- If we introduce the width variable of the relative wave function β , we find more deeper energies and $S \rightarrow 0$.
- The obtained single THSR wave functions are almost equivalent to RGM solutions.

TABLE I. Calculated energies from the single optimal THSR wave functions in Eq. (1), the single optimal Brink wave functions in Eq. (2), and the Brink-GCM wave functions for the 3^- and 4^- states. The values of the squared overlap between the single optimal THSR/Brink wave functions and the Brink-GCM wave functions are also shown.

J^π	$E_{\min}^{\text{Brink}}(R_1, R_2)$	$E_{\min}^{\text{THSR}}(\beta)$	$E_{\text{GCM}}^{\text{Brink}}$	$ \langle \Phi_{\text{GCM}}^{\text{Brink}} \Phi_{\min}^{\text{Brink}}(R_1, R_2) \rangle ^2$	$ \langle \Phi_{\text{GCM}}^{\text{Brink}} \Phi_{\min}^{\text{THSR}}(\beta) \rangle ^2$
3^-	-78.4	-80.9	-81.6	0.78	0.96
4^-	-74.4	-76.9	-77.8	0.72	0.92

Nonlocalized motion for 3α clusters in ^{12}C

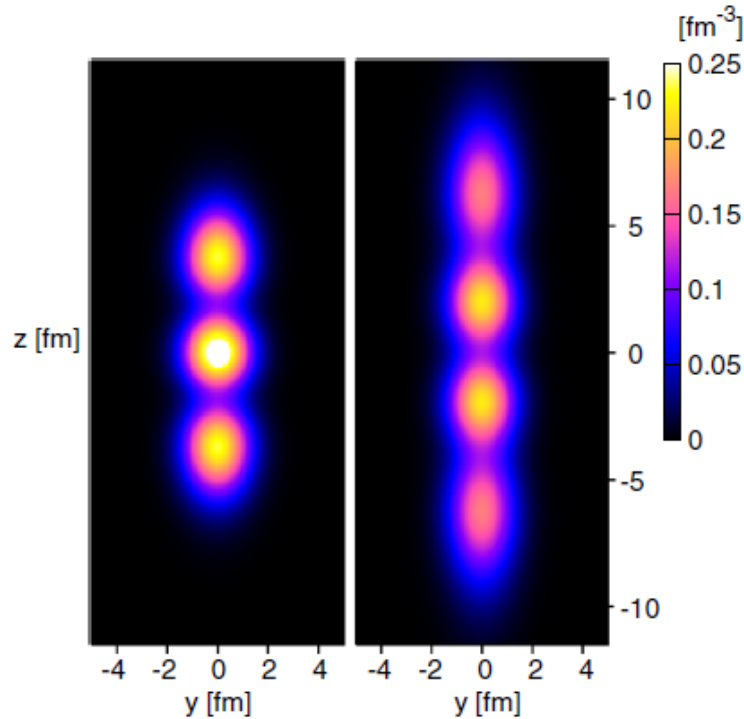
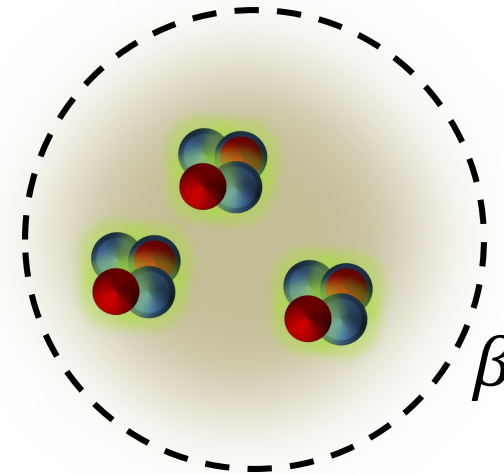


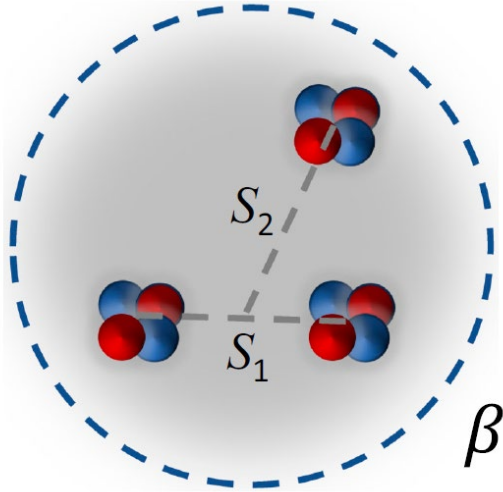
FIG. 3 (color online). Intrinsic density profiles of the 3α - (Left) and 4α - (Right) linear-chain states generated from the THSR wave functions before angular-momentum projection at $(\beta_x = \beta_y = 0.1 \text{ fm}, \beta_z = 5.1 \text{ fm})$ and $(\beta_x = \beta_y = 0.1 \text{ fm}, \beta_z = 8.2 \text{ fm})$, respectively.

[T.Suhara,et al.,PRL112,062501\(2014\).](#)



Due to the Pauli principle, an effective localized clustering in the container model was found in the two-cluster ^{20}Ne system and 3α and 4α one-dimensional linear-chain system.

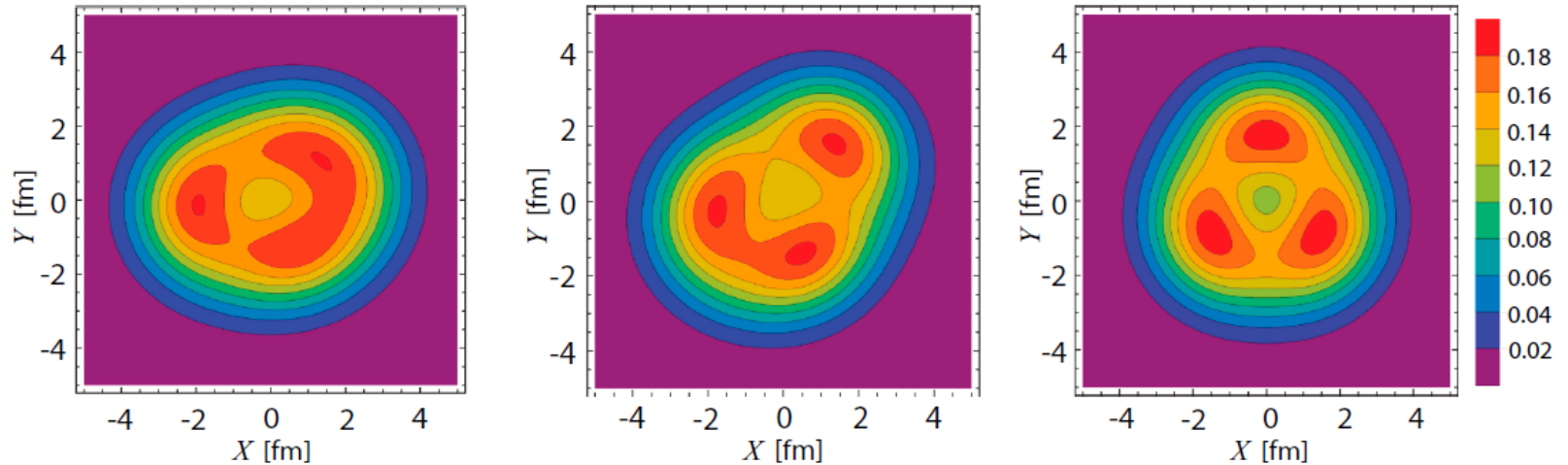
Intrinsic cluster structure for 3α clusters in ^{12}C



We really obtained the single high-accuracy THSR-type wave functions for 3^- and 4^- states,

$$\propto \mathcal{A}\left\{\exp\left[-\frac{(\xi_1 - S_1)^2}{b^2 + 2\beta^2} - \frac{(\xi_2 - S_2)^2}{3/4 (b^2 + 2\beta^2)}\right]\phi(\alpha_1)\phi(\alpha_2)\phi(\alpha_3)\right\}$$

we take $\beta_x = \beta_y = 2.0$ fm and $\beta_z = 0.5$ fm as the size parameters



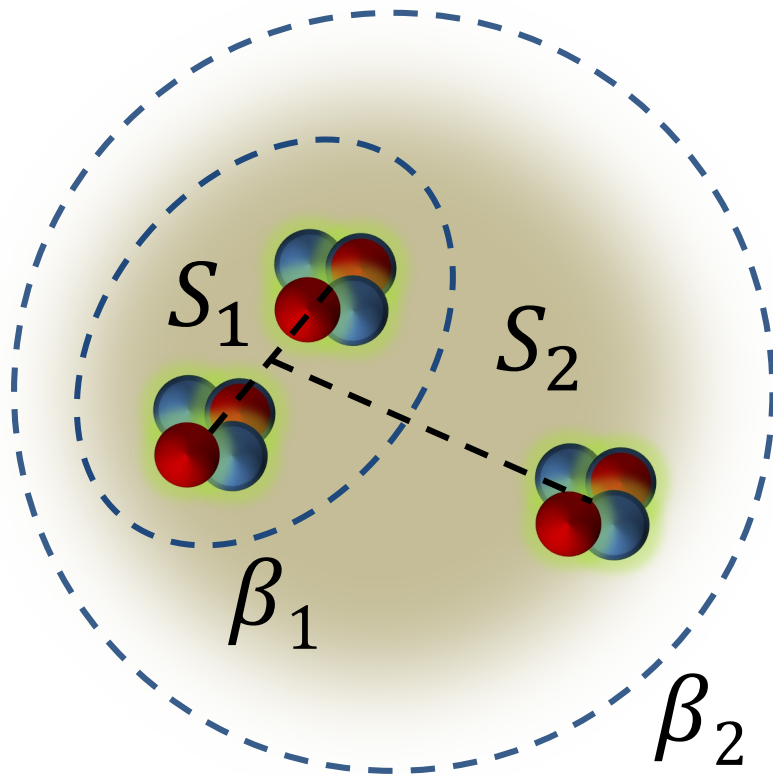
$$|\langle \Phi^{3-}(3/2, 3/2, 1/2) | \Phi_{\text{GCM}}^{3-} \rangle|^2 = 0.94 \quad |\langle \Phi^{3-}(1, 3/2, 3/2) | \Phi_{\text{GCM}}^{3-} \rangle|^2 = 0.93$$

$$|\langle \Phi^{4-}(3/2, 3/2, 1/2) | \Phi_{\text{GCM}}^{4-} \rangle|^2 = 0.92 \quad |\langle \Phi^{4-}(1, 3/2, 3/2) | \Phi_{\text{GCM}}^{4-} \rangle|^2 = 0.92$$

$$|\langle \Phi^{3-}(3/2, 0, 3/2) | \Phi_{\text{GCM}}^{3-} \rangle|^2 = 0.94$$

$$|\langle \Phi^{4-}(3/2, 0, 3/2) | \Phi_{\text{GCM}}^{4-} \rangle|^2 = 0.92$$

The extension of the THSR wave function



The complete THSR wave function is explicit but has vector parameters

$$\beta \rightarrow (\beta_1, \beta_2, S_1, S_2)$$

Original

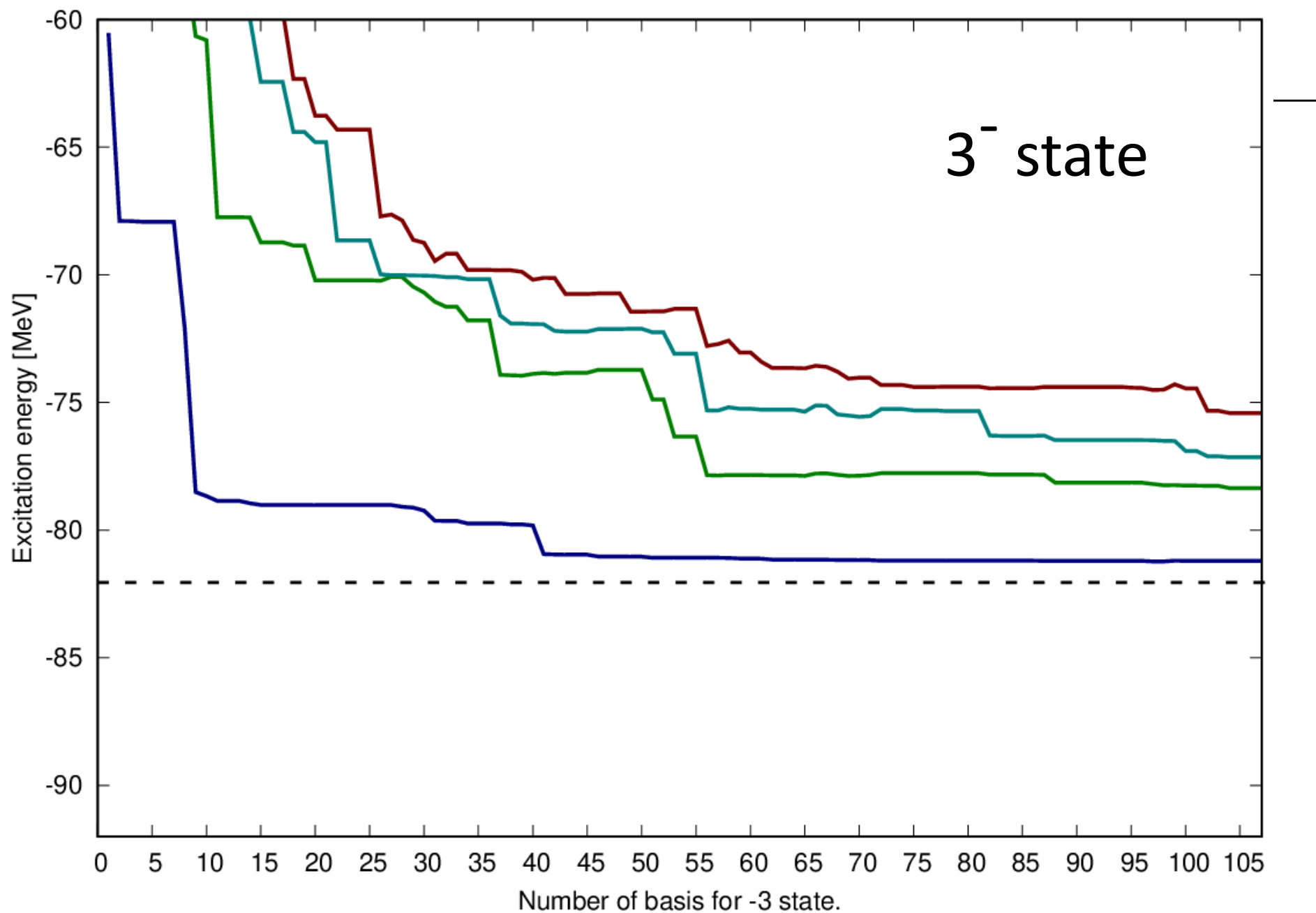
Complex

- Time-consuming computations
- Picture is not simple enough for explanation

$$\Phi(\beta_1, \beta_2, S_1, S_2) = \int d^3 R_1 d^3 R_2 \exp\left[-\frac{(\mathbf{R}_1 - \mathbf{S}_1)^2}{\beta_1^2} - \frac{(\mathbf{R}_2 - \mathbf{S}_2)^2}{\beta_2^2}\right] \Phi^B(\mathbf{R}_1, \mathbf{R}_2)$$

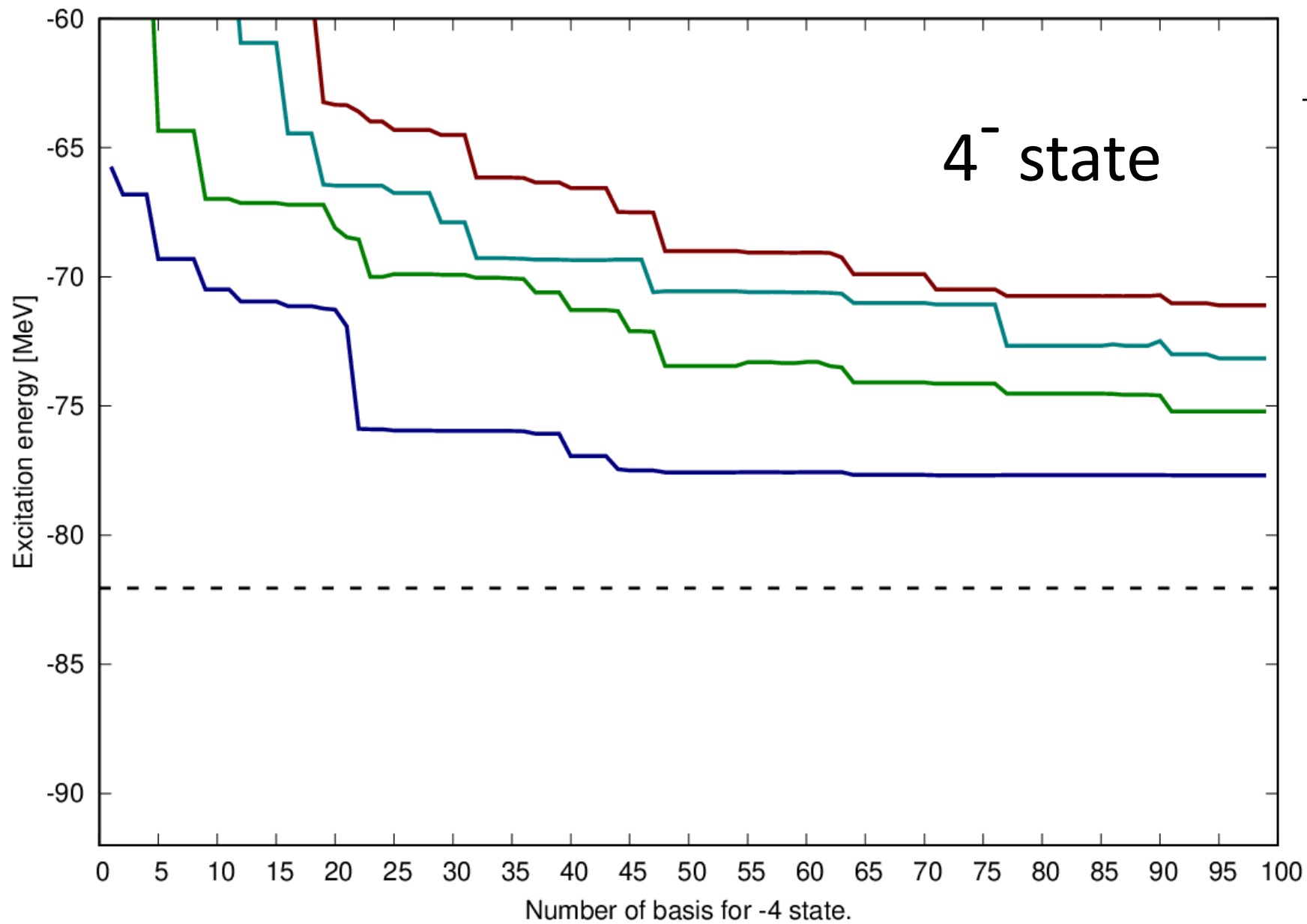
$$\propto \phi_G \mathcal{A}\left\{\exp\left[-\frac{(\boldsymbol{\xi}_1 - \mathbf{S}_1)^2}{B_1^2} - \frac{(\mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{S}_2)^2}{B_2^2}\right] \phi(\alpha_1) \phi(\alpha_2) \phi(\alpha_3)\right\},$$

$$B_1^2 = b^2 + \beta_1^2, \quad B_2^2 = \frac{3}{4}b^2 + \beta_2^2.$$



REM	-81.6464	-76.6464		
2D-THSR	-81.2035	-78.3471	-77.1384	-75.4085

(Preliminary)



REM	-77.9464	-75.646		
2D-THSR	-77.6791	-75.215	-73.1463	-71.1002

(Preliminary)

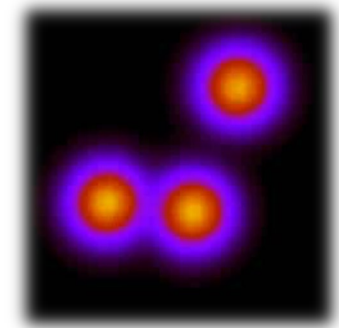
Recent Real-Time Evolution Method Calculations

from Hokkaido University group

(Kimura, Motoki, Shin, Bo)

$$\underline{\Psi} = \sum_{n=1}^{N_{max}} c_n \underline{\Phi}_n$$

Nuclear state Model wave function



(by Kimura)

Real-Time evolution method

Model wave function (time-dependent wave packets)

- Slater determinant of nucleon wave packets

$$\Phi(t) = \mathcal{A} \{ \phi(\mathbf{Z}_1(t)), \dots, \phi(\mathbf{Z}_A(t)) \}$$

$$\phi(\mathbf{Z}_i(t)) = \exp \{ -\nu(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{Z}_i(t))^2 \} (\alpha_i(t) |\uparrow\rangle + \beta_i(t) |\downarrow\rangle)$$

- Dynamical variables of the model (time-dependent parameters)

$\mathbf{Z}_i(t)$: Centroids of wave packets (position and momentum)

$\alpha_i(t) \beta_i(t)$: Spin directions

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^A t(i) - t_{cm} + \sum_{i < j}^A v(ij)$$

- Microscopic Hamiltonian with effective/barra NN interactions

Real-Time evolution method

◎ Time-dependent variational principle

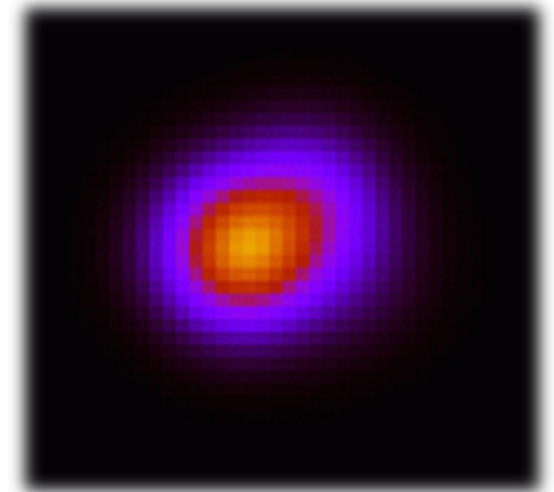
$$\delta \int dt \frac{\langle \Phi(t) | i\hbar d/dt - H | \Phi(t) \rangle}{\langle \Phi(t) | \Phi(t) \rangle} = 0$$

◎ Equation of Motion for nucleon wave packets

$$\Rightarrow i\hbar \frac{d\mathbf{Z}_i(t)}{dt} = \sum_j C_{ij}^{-1} \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial \mathbf{Z}_j^*(t)}$$

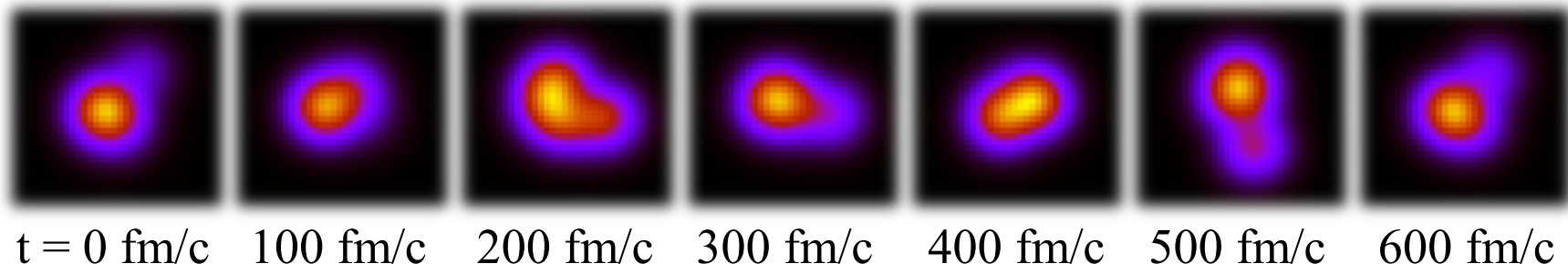
$$\mathcal{H} = \frac{\langle \Phi(t) | H | \Phi(t) \rangle}{\langle \Phi(t) | \Phi(t) \rangle}, \quad C_{ij} = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \mathbf{Z}_i^* \partial \mathbf{Z}_j} \log \langle \Phi(t) | \Phi(t) \rangle$$

${}^6\text{He}$ (6 nucleons)



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○ By solving EOM, we obtain ensemble of wave functions

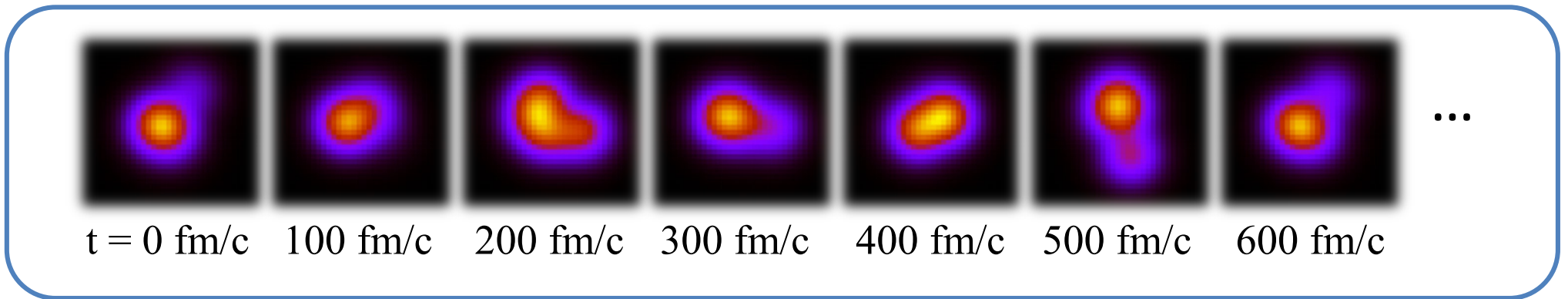


Real-Time evolution method

◎ This ensemble has nice properties

J. Schnack and H. Feldmeier, NPA601, 181 (1996).

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① The ensemble has ergodicity

All possible quantum states will appear after long-time propagation

② The ensemble follows *quantum statistics*

Important quantum states appear more frequently,
if the excitation energy is properly chosen

Real-Time evolution method

- ◎ We superpose time dependent wave function and diagonalize the Hamiltonian

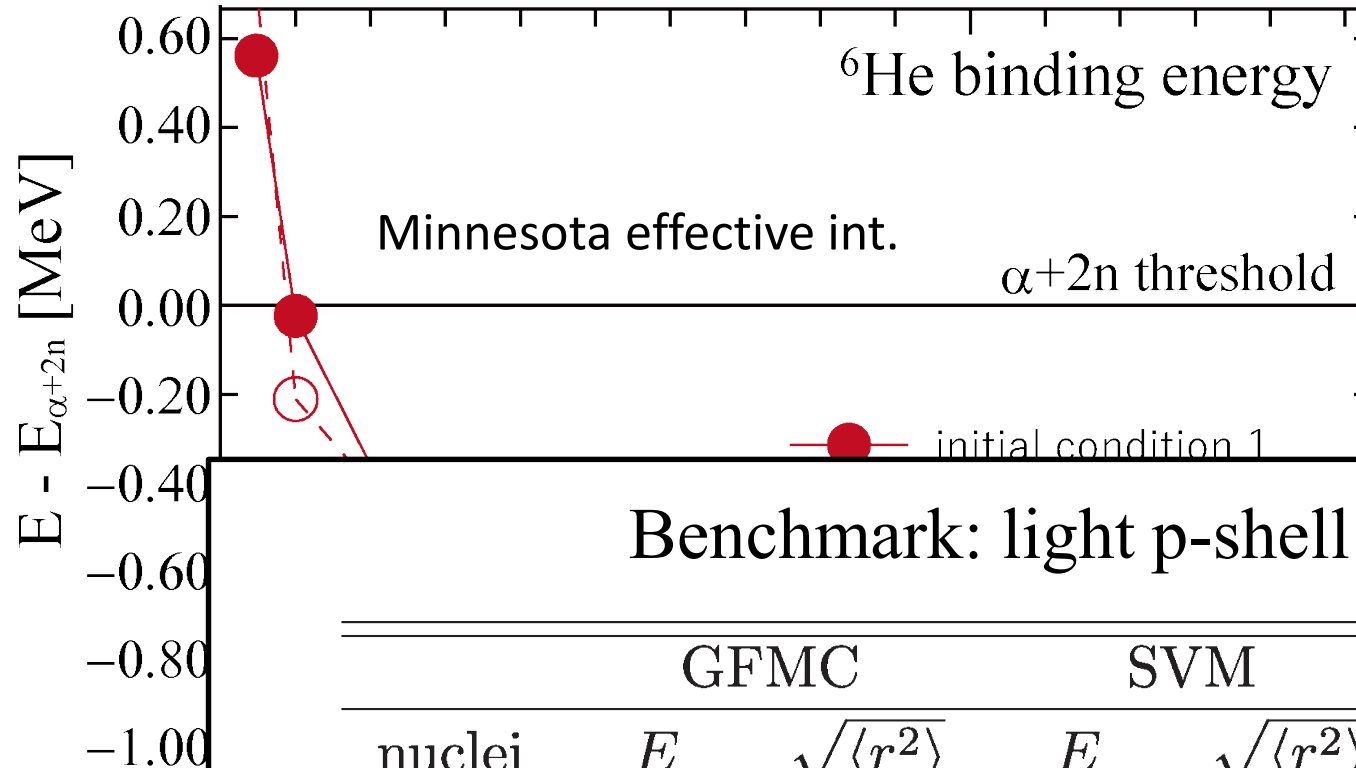
$$\begin{aligned}\Psi^{J\pi} &= f_1 \text{ (img)} + f_2 \text{ (img)} + f_3 \text{ (img)} + f_4 \text{ (img)} \dots \\ &= \int_0^{T_{max}} dt f(t) \hat{P}_{MK}^J \Phi(t)\end{aligned}$$

$f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4, \dots$ are determined by the diagonalization of Hamiltonian

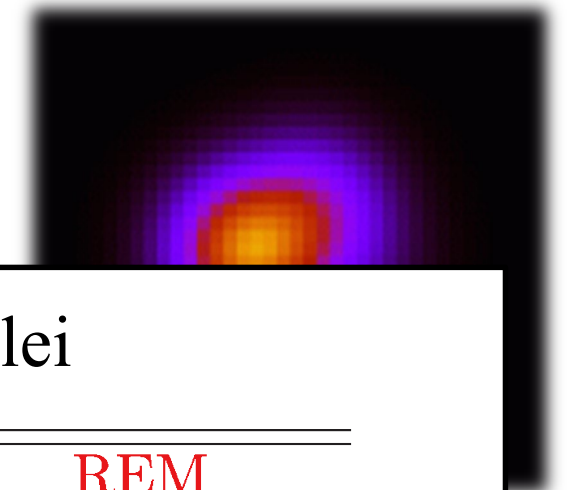
- The result (eigen energy & wave function) should be converged after the long-time propagation
- The result should not depend on the initial condition at $t=0$

Benchmark calculations for few-body systems

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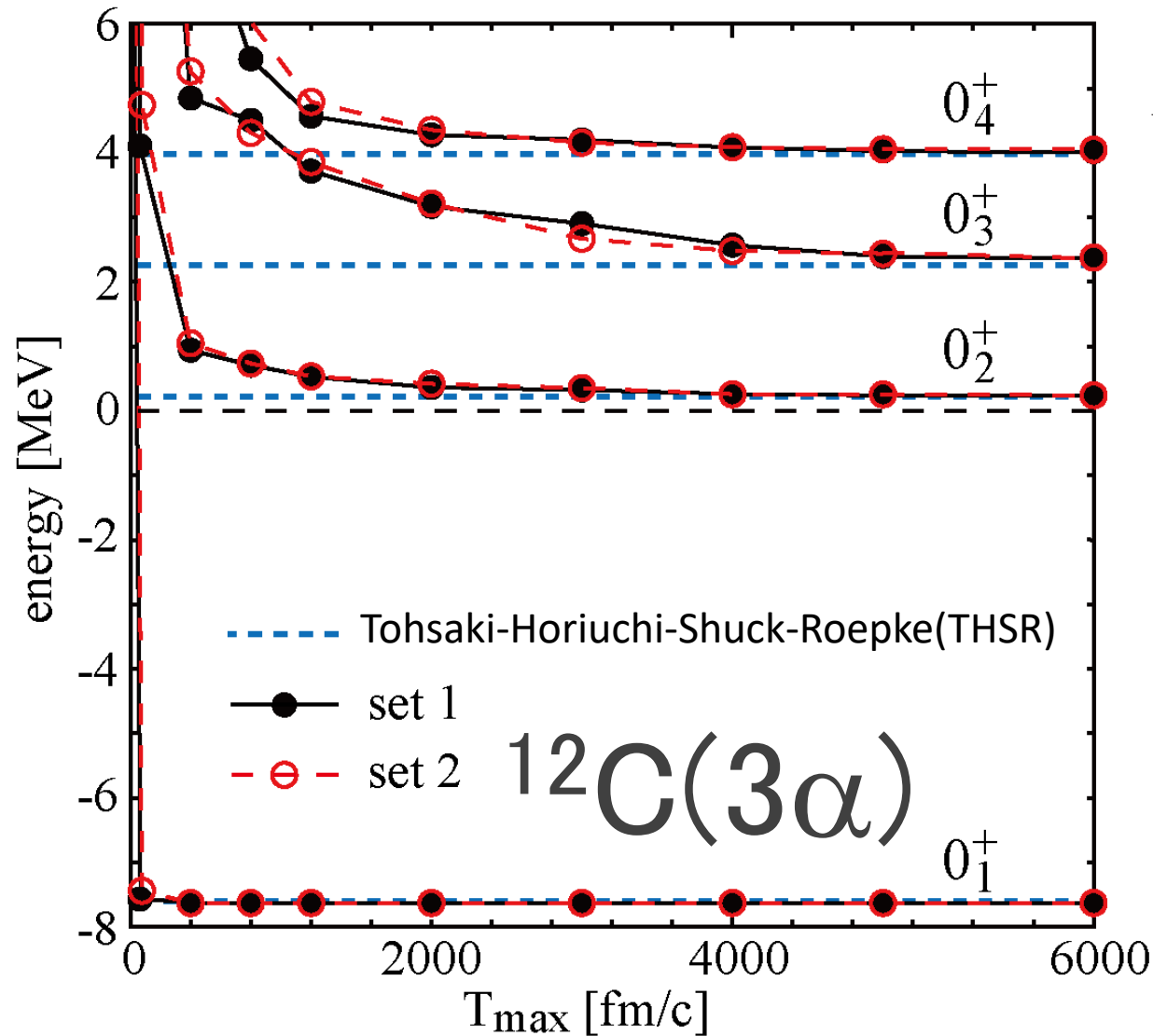
Benchmark: light p-shell nuclei

	GFMC		SVM		REM	
nuclei	E	$\sqrt{\langle r^2 \rangle}$	E	$\sqrt{\langle r^2 \rangle}$	E	$\sqrt{\langle r^2 \rangle}$
${}^3\text{H}$	-8.26	1.68	-8.25	1.68	-8.25	1.68
${}^4\text{He}$	-31.3	1.36	-31.4	1.41	-31.4	1.39
${}^6\text{He}$	-66.3	1.50	-66.3	1.52	-66.3	1.50
${}^7\text{Li}$	-	-	-83.4	1.68	-83.5	1.67

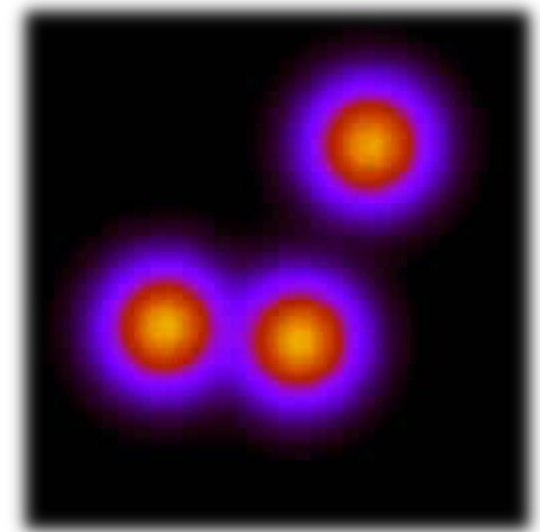
GFMC: Green function Monte Carlo [2] SVM: Stochastic variational method [8]

* An effective potential “Mufliet-Tjon potential V (MTV)” was used.

Benchmark calculations for ^{12}C (3α cluster system)



$$\Psi^{J\pi} = \int_0^{T_{\text{max}}} dt f(t) \hat{P}_{MK}^J \Phi(t)$$



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Summary and Prospect

❑ The two-dimensional container picture for the ^{12}C

The nonlocalized motion of 3^- and 4^- states.

GCM-THSR calculations for spectrum of ^{12}C

❑ The real time-evolution method for nuclear cluster structure

AMD as a nucleon wave function calculations in REM (^6He)

Pure $N\alpha$ cluster wave function calculation in REM (^{16}O)

Neutron-rich nuclei studies in REM (^9Be , ^{10}Be , ^{12}Be , ^{13}C)

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