



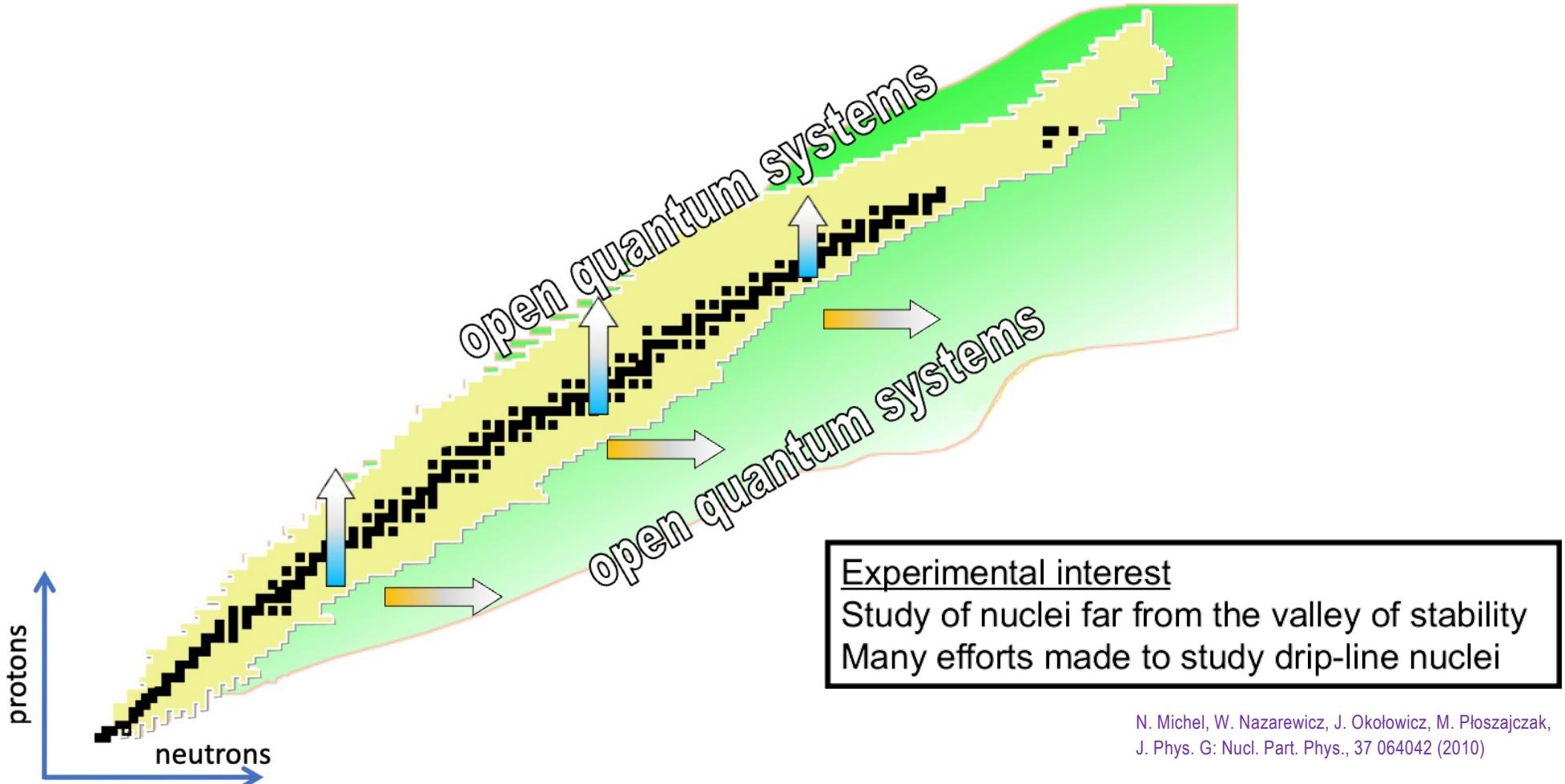
Threshold states and clustering as the emerging phenomenon in open quantum system

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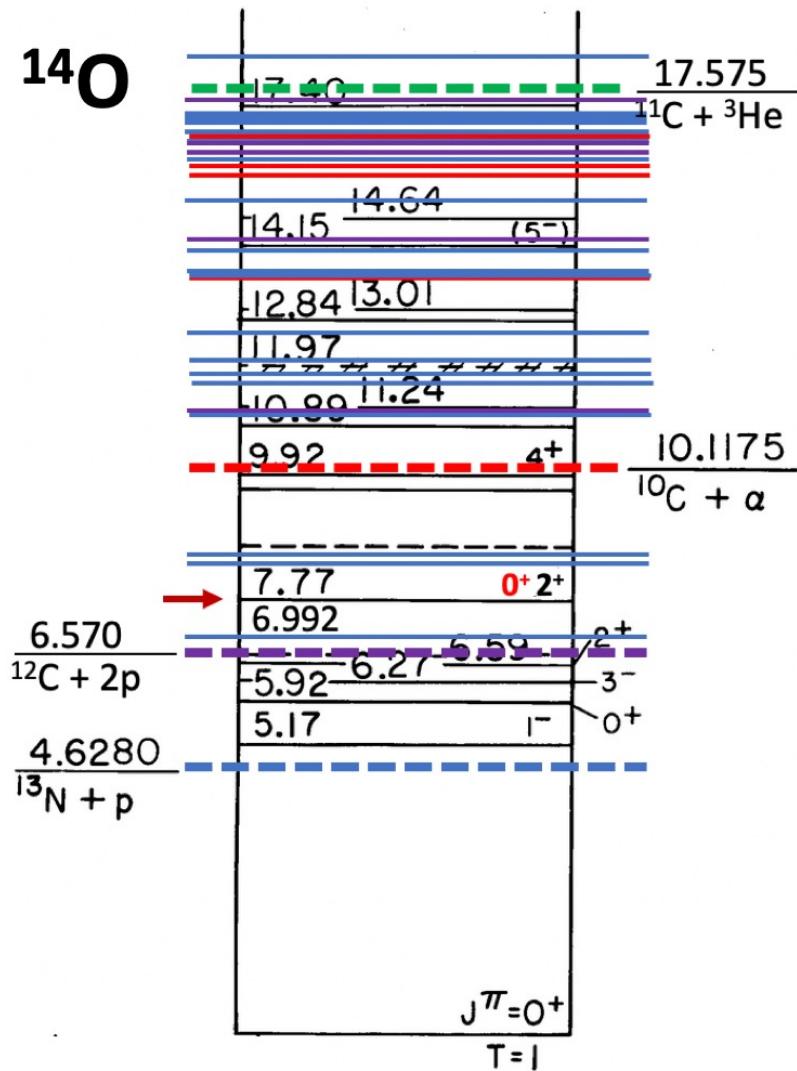
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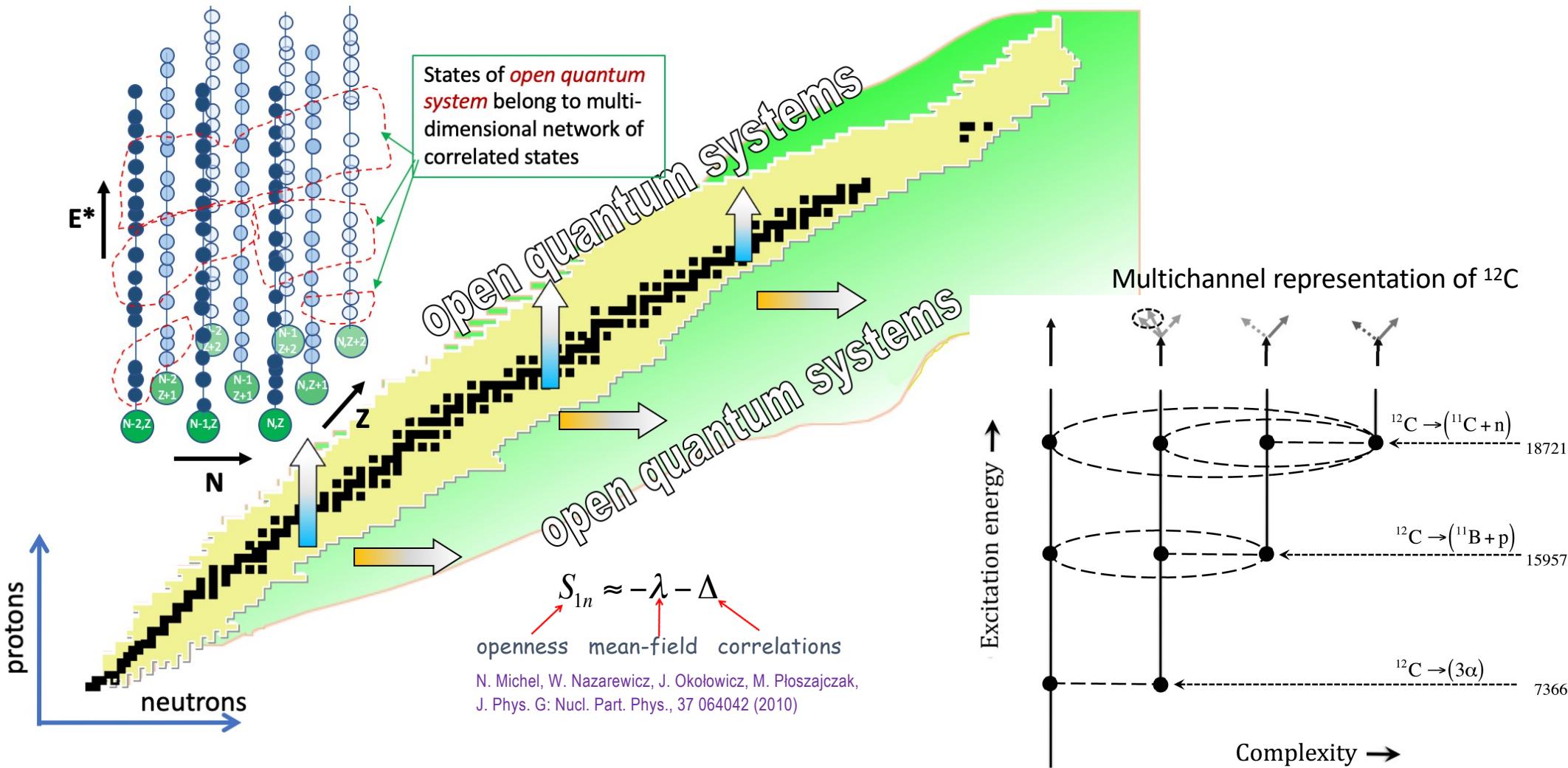


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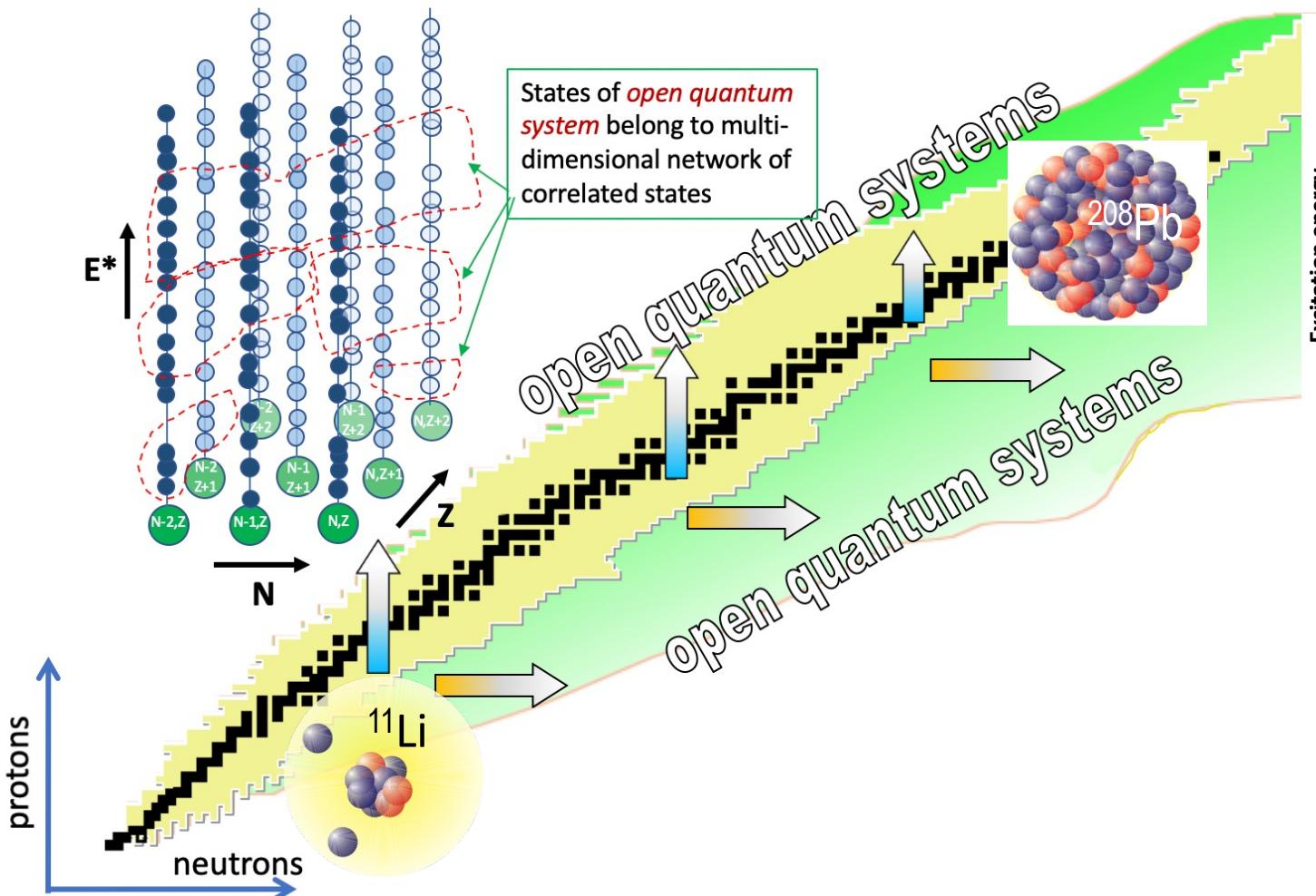


- Nuclear states are *embedded in the scattering continuum*
- Couplings to various particle emission channels are crucial for the properties of near-threshold states
- **Unitarity** is the fundamental property of QM yet ‘mainstream’ nuclear theory describes nucleus in *unitarity violating schemes*  
⇒ ‘*Unitarity crisis*’ in nuclear theory

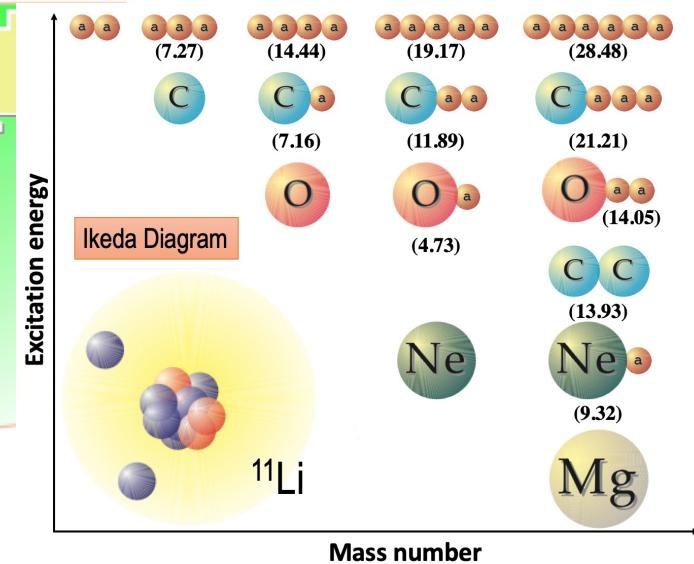
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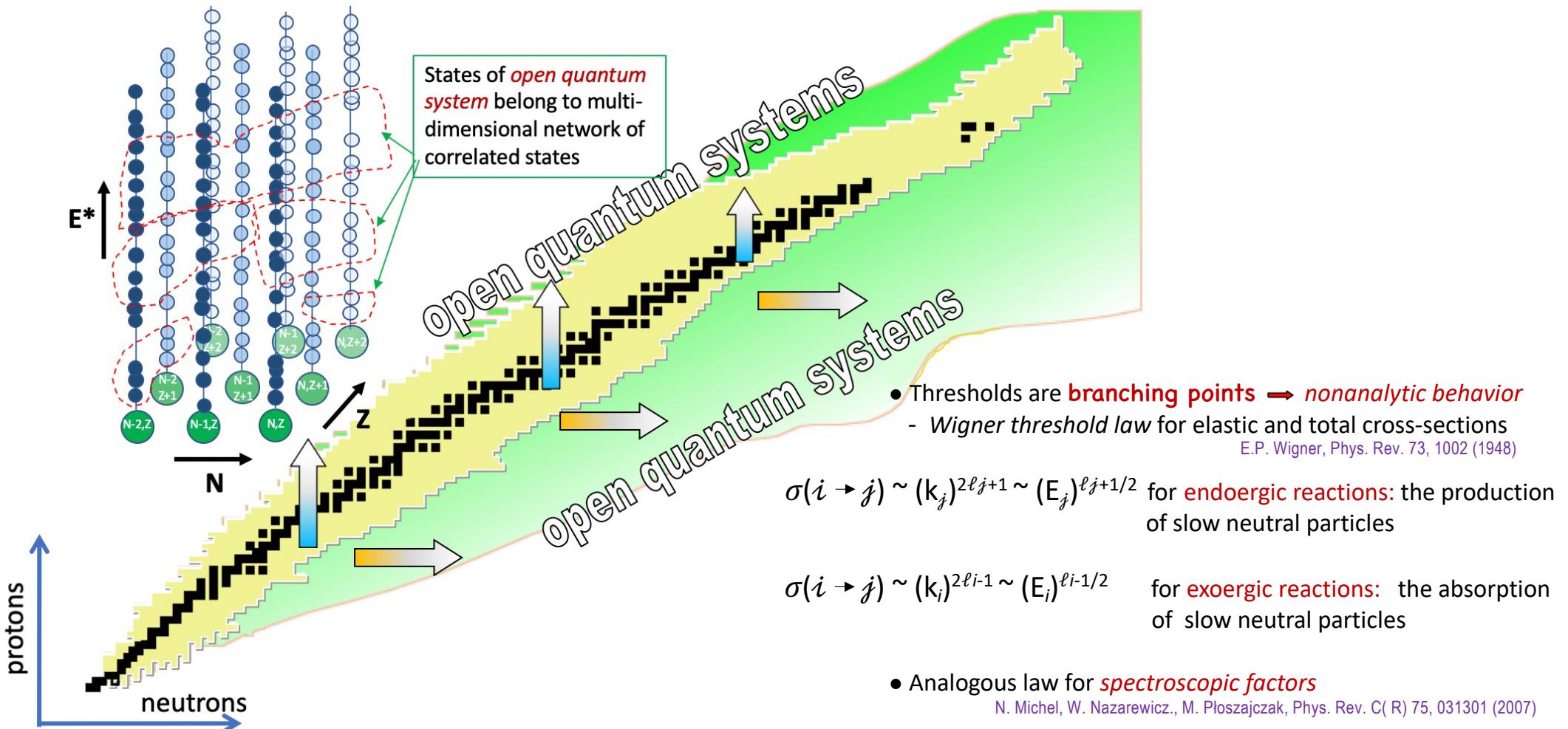
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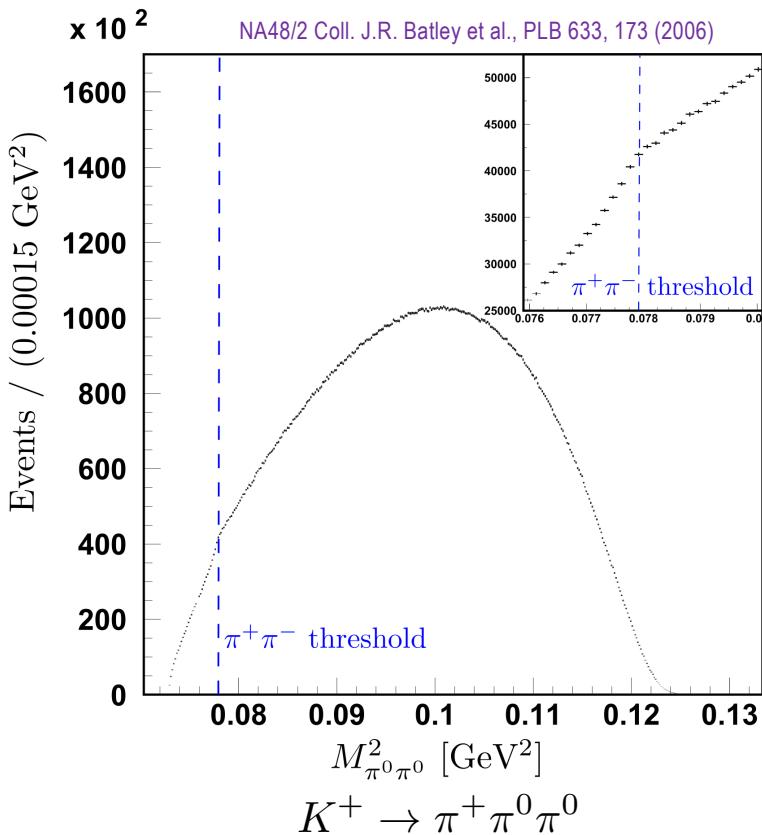
## Near-threshold clustering



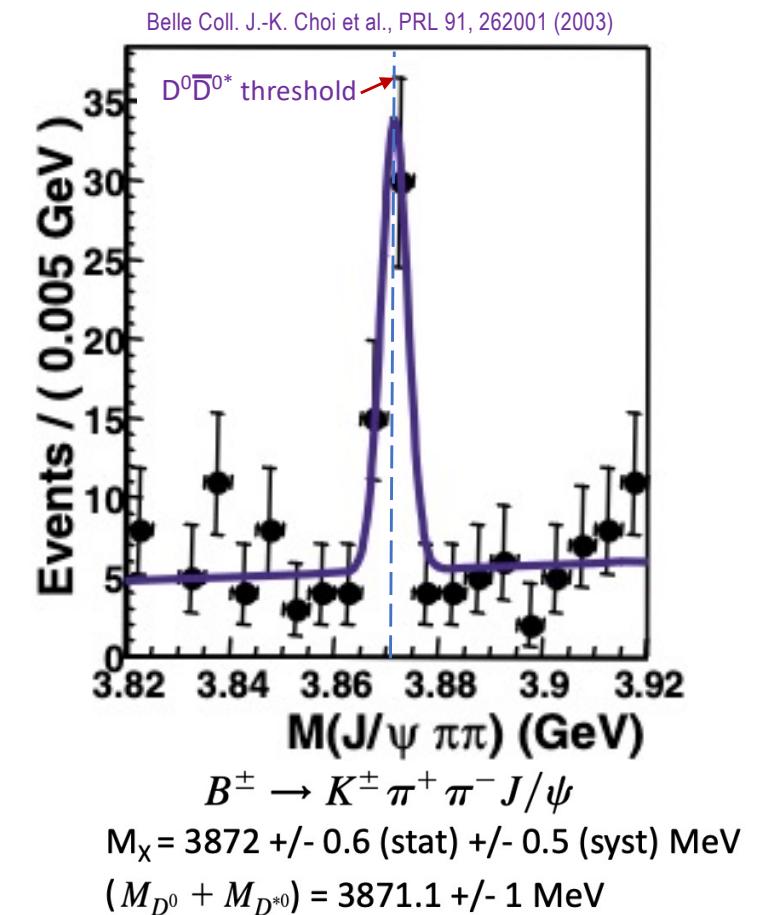
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# Threshold effects in hadrons, hadronic molecules, multiquark systems

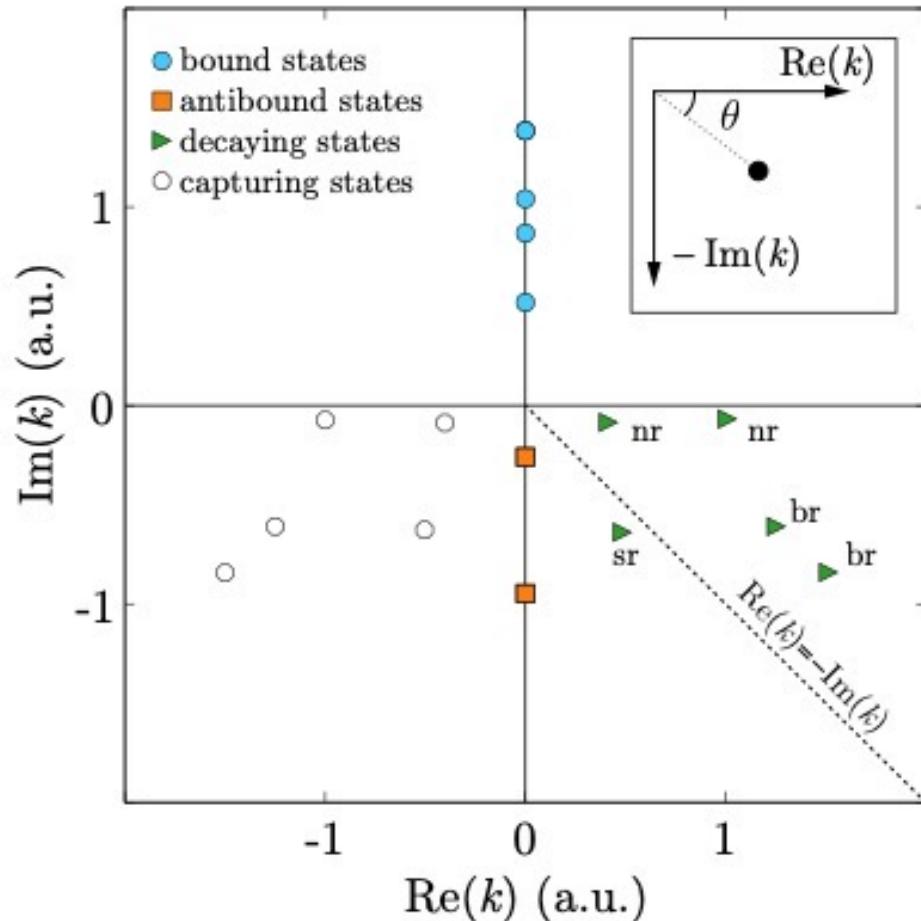


Threshold effects can also result in some resonance-like structures in the pertinent invariant mass spectrum that can be confounded with a genuine resonance states, like molecular states, multiquark states, or hybrid.



## Gamow shell model

## Resonant states in the complex-k plane



G. Gamow (1928)

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Phi(r,t) = \hat{H}\Phi(r,t) ; \quad \Phi(r,t) = \tau(t)\Psi(r)$$

$$\hat{H}\Psi = \left( e - i\frac{\Gamma}{2} \right) \Psi \quad \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} \quad \tau(t) = \exp\left(-i\left(e - i\frac{\Gamma}{2}\right)t\right)$$

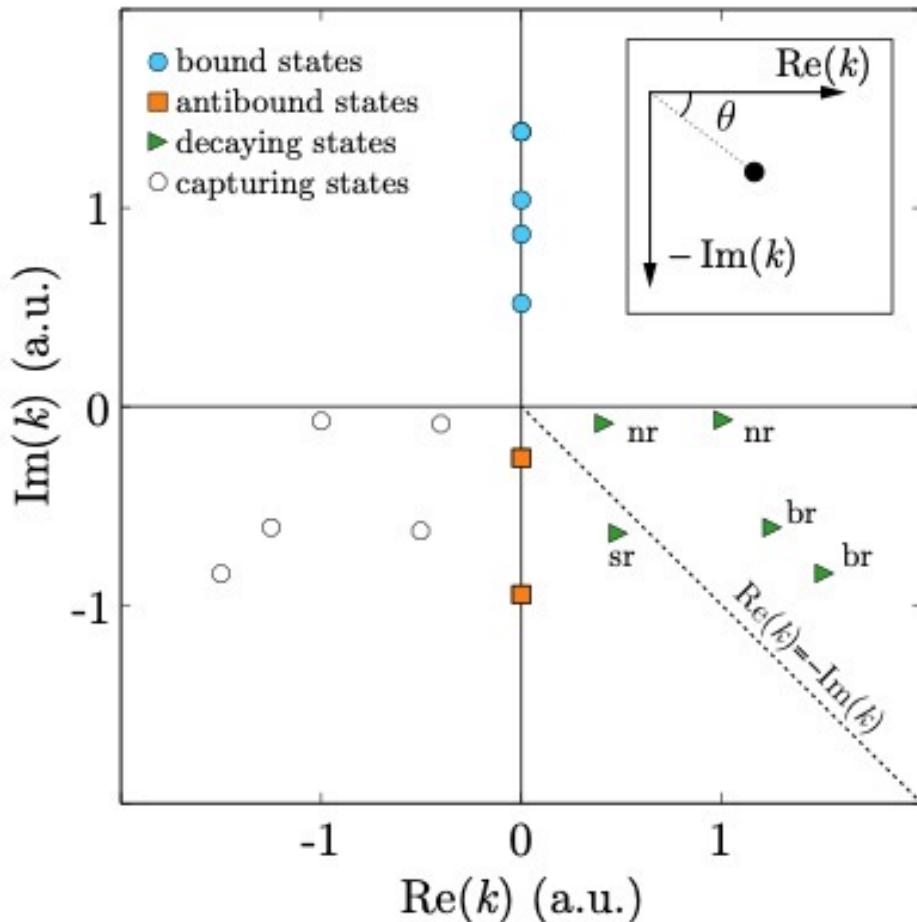
$$\Psi(0,k) = 0 , \quad \begin{cases} \Psi(\vec{r},k) \xrightarrow[r \rightarrow \infty]{} O_l(kr) \\ \Psi(\vec{r},k) \xrightarrow[r \rightarrow \infty]{} I_l(kr) + O_l(kr) \end{cases}$$

Only bound states are integrable!

$$E = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} \quad f(k) = f(-k^*)$$

(time reversal property)

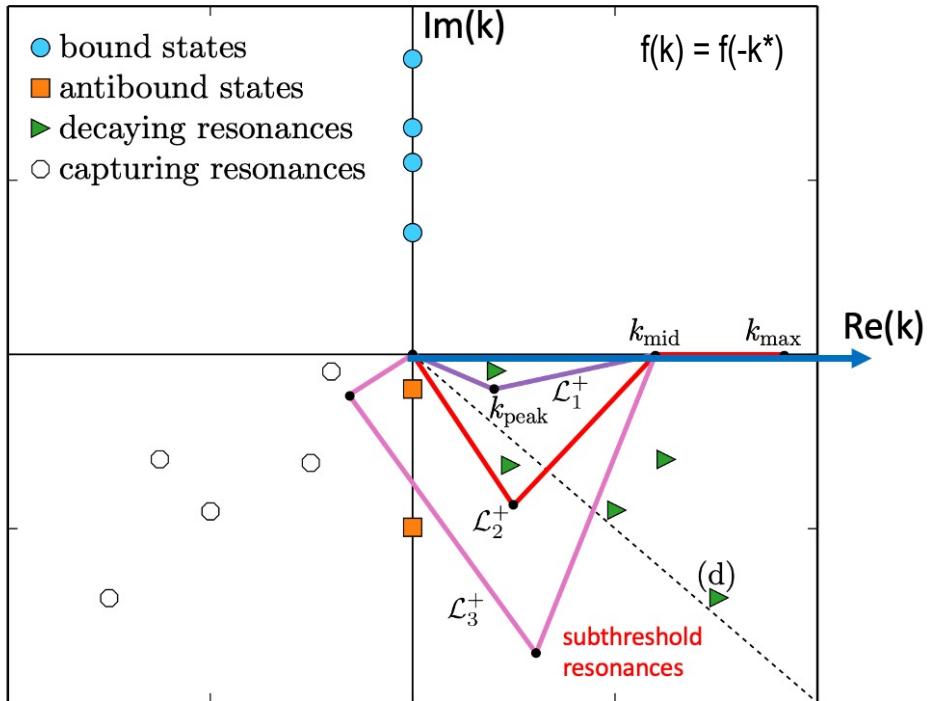
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- Resonant states with  $\text{Re}(E) > 0$  and small  $\Gamma$  can be associated with *narrow resonances* (nr)
- For *antibound (virtual) states*  $\text{Re}(E) < 0$  and  $\Gamma = 0$
- For *subthreshold resonant states*  $\text{Re}(E) < 0$  and  $\Gamma > 0$
- The antibound and subthreshold resonant states lie on the second Riemann energy sheet
- Low-momentum antibound and threshold resonant states result in the low-energy cross-section enhancement. These poles should be viewed as scattering features rather than physical states of the system.

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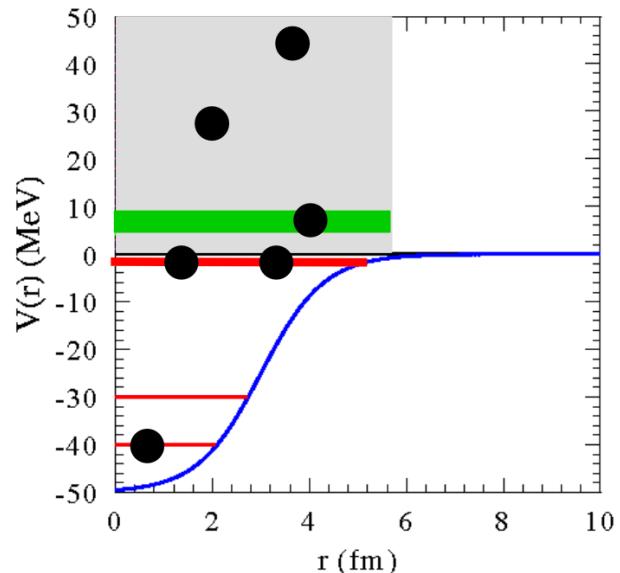
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## Open quantum system description

N. Michel et al, PRL 89 (2002) 042502

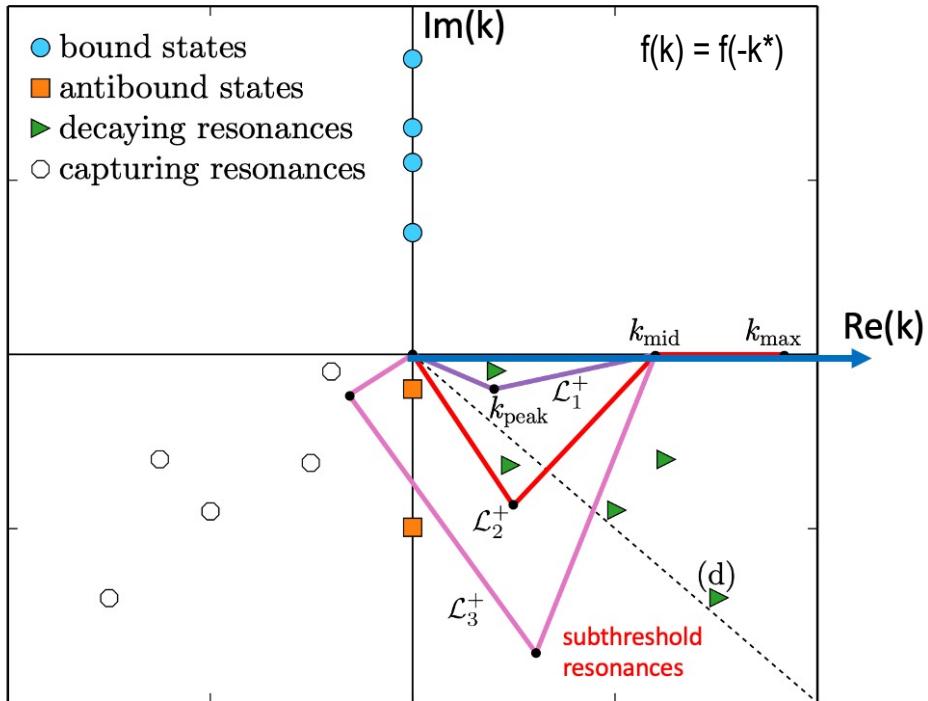
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- Localized states
- Halo states of complex structure
- Many-body resonances

Efficient discretization of the  $\mathcal{L}^+$  contour with Gauss-Legendre quadrature

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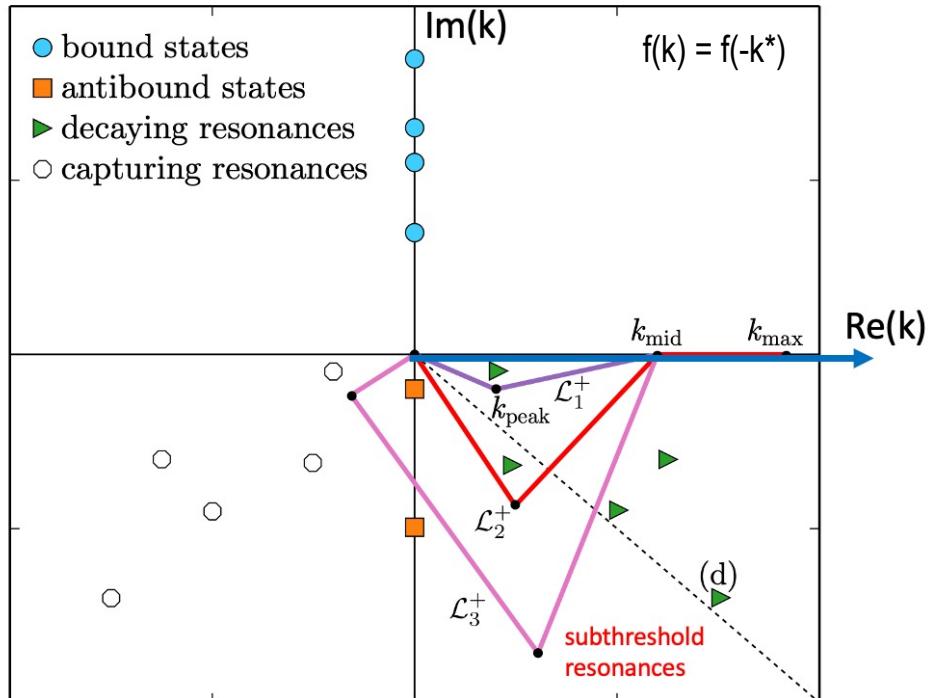
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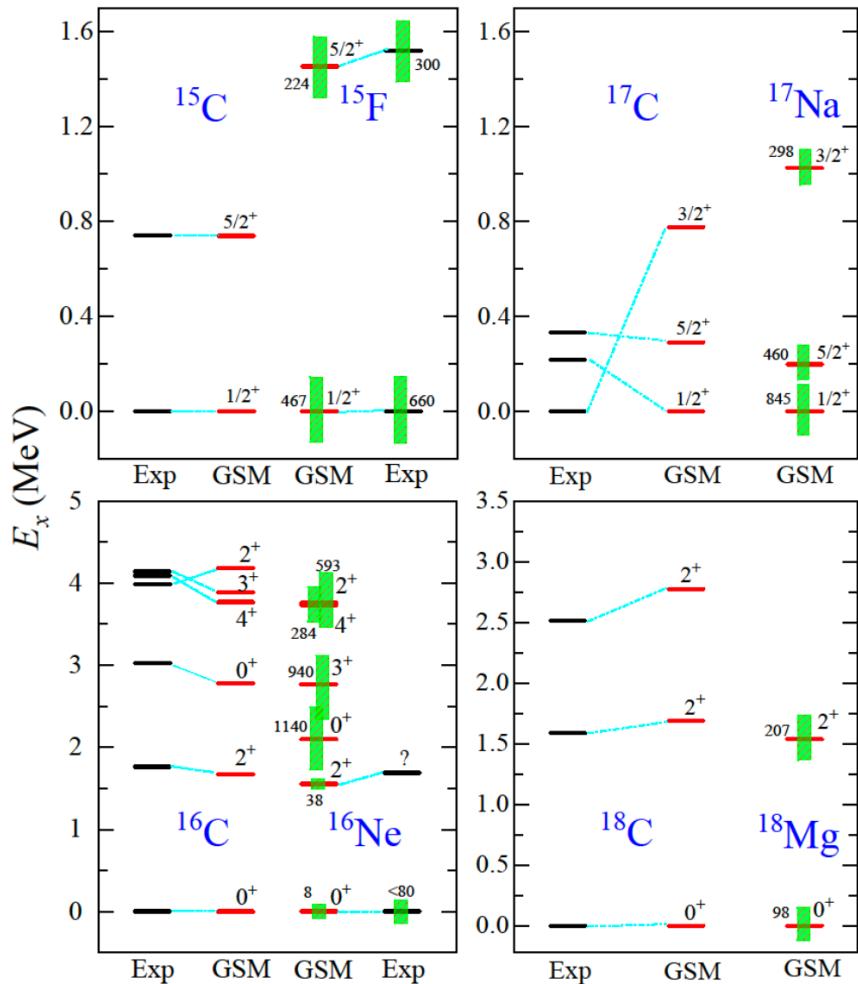
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## Resonant states of the NN system

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|------|--|------------|
| • np | bound state (deuteron): $k=+i0.2315 \text{ fm}^{-1}$           | <b>T=0</b> |
| • np | virtual state (deuteron): $k=-i0.044 \text{ fm}^{-1}$          | <b>T=1</b> |
| • nn | virtual state: $k=-i0.0559(33) \text{ fm}^{-1}$                | <b>T=1</b> |
| • pp | threshold resonant state: $k=(0.0647-i0.0870) \text{ fm}^{-1}$ | <b>T=1</b> |
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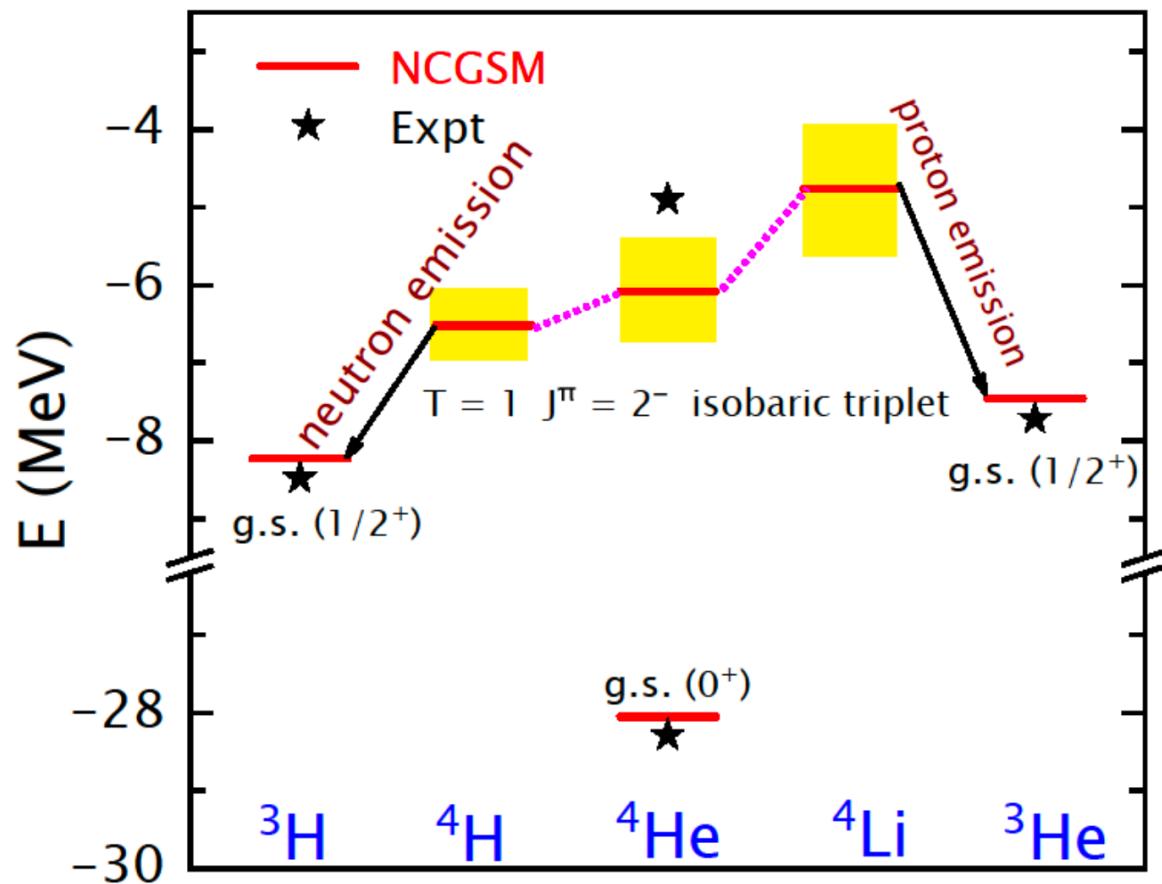
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- GSM with a core of  $^{14}\text{O}$
- EFT interaction in psd Berggren basis L. Huth et al., PRC 98, 044301 (2018)
- Carbon isotopes/isotones well bound/unbound

N. Michel et al., PRC 103, 044319 (2021)

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Example: Unbound hydrogen isotopes



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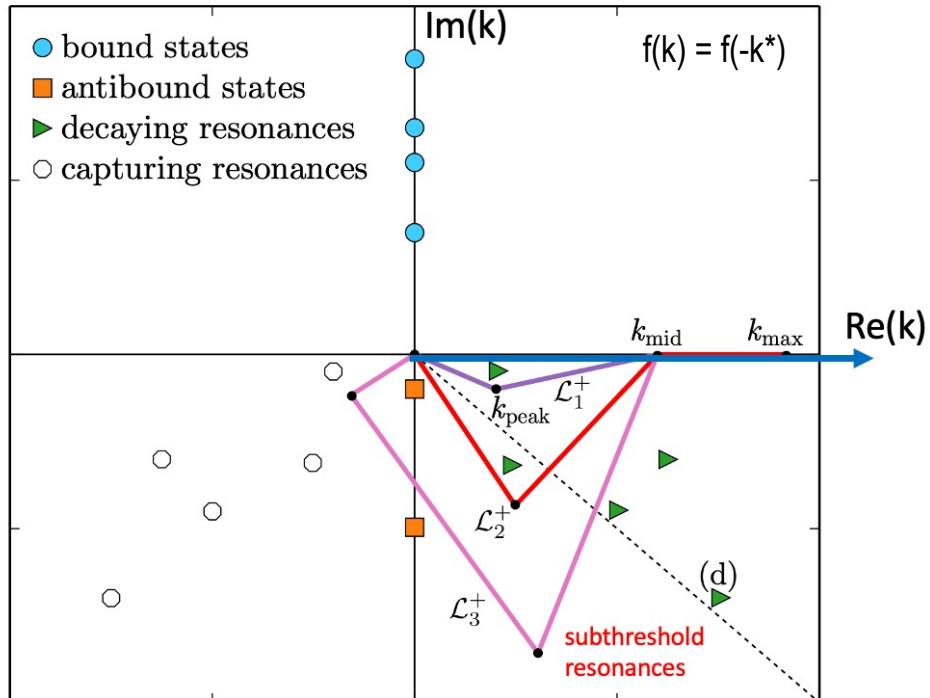
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- $T=1, J^\pi=2^-$  many-body states; Isospin multiplet in  $A=4$  nuclei
- Broad resonances in  $T=1$  multiplet
- $T=1$  in  $^4\text{H}$  and  $^4\text{Li}$
- $T \sim 0.71$  in  $^4\text{He}$

*Isospin symmetry strongly broken*

N. Michel et al., PRC 104, 024319 (2021)

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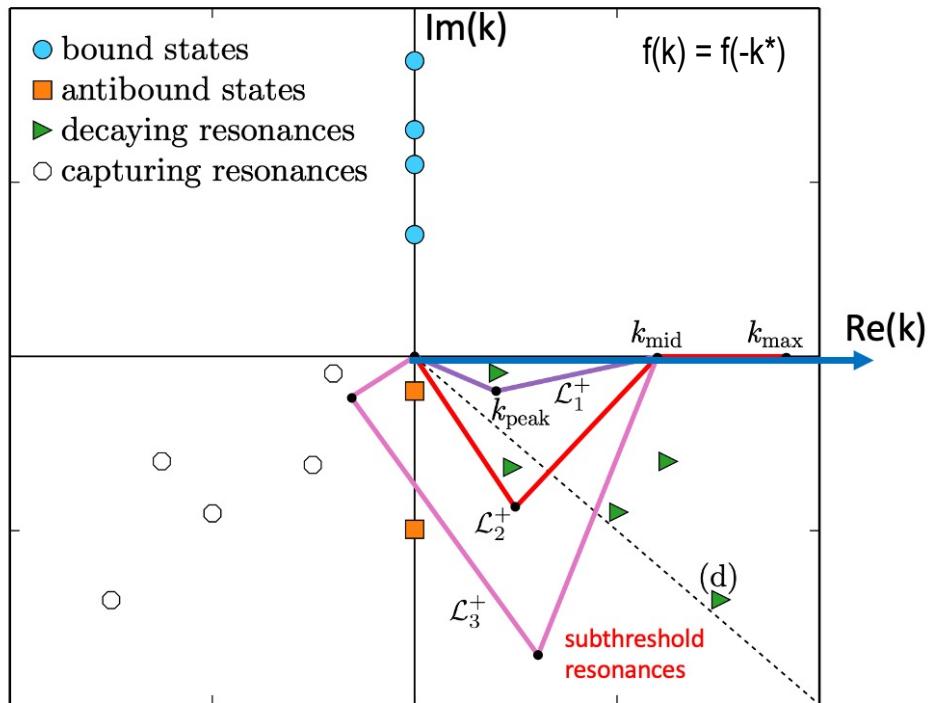
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**In the Slater determinant representation of GSM  
the reaction channels are not identified!**

## Gamow shell model – Coupled-channel representation



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$$|\Psi_M^J\rangle = \sum_c \int_0^{+\infty} |(c, r)_M^J\rangle \frac{u_c^{JM}(r)}{r} r^2 dr$$

$$|(c, r)\rangle = \hat{\mathcal{A}}[|\Psi_T^{J_T}; N_T, Z_T\rangle \otimes |r\ L_{CM}\ J_{int}\ J_P; n, z\rangle]_M^J$$

$$H |\Psi_M^J\rangle = E |\Psi_M^J\rangle \rightarrow \sum_c \int_0^{\infty} r^2 (H_{cc'}(r, r') - EN_{cc'}(r, r')) \frac{u_c(r)}{r} = 0$$

$$H_{cc'}(r, r') = \langle (c, r)|\hat{H}|(c', r')\rangle$$

$$N_{cc'}(r, r') = \langle (c, r)|(c', r')\rangle$$

- Entrance and exit reaction channels defined  
 $\rightarrow$  *Unification of nuclear structure and reactions*
- Reaction channels with different (binary) mass partitions
- Core is arbitrary

Y. Jaganathan et al, PRC 88, 044318 (2014)

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**Effective interaction in open quantum system**

## NN interaction in different regimes of binding

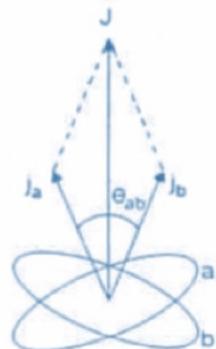
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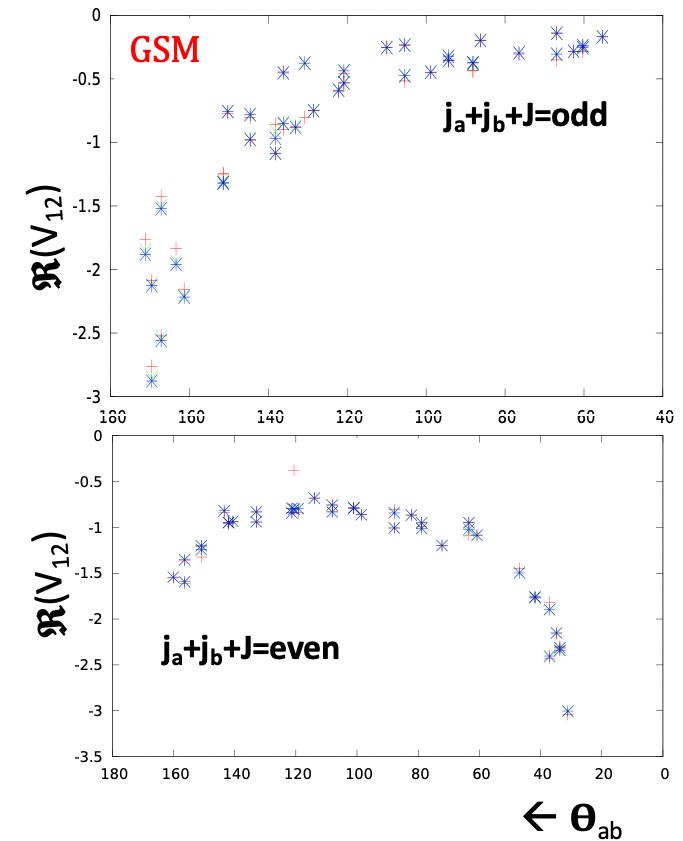
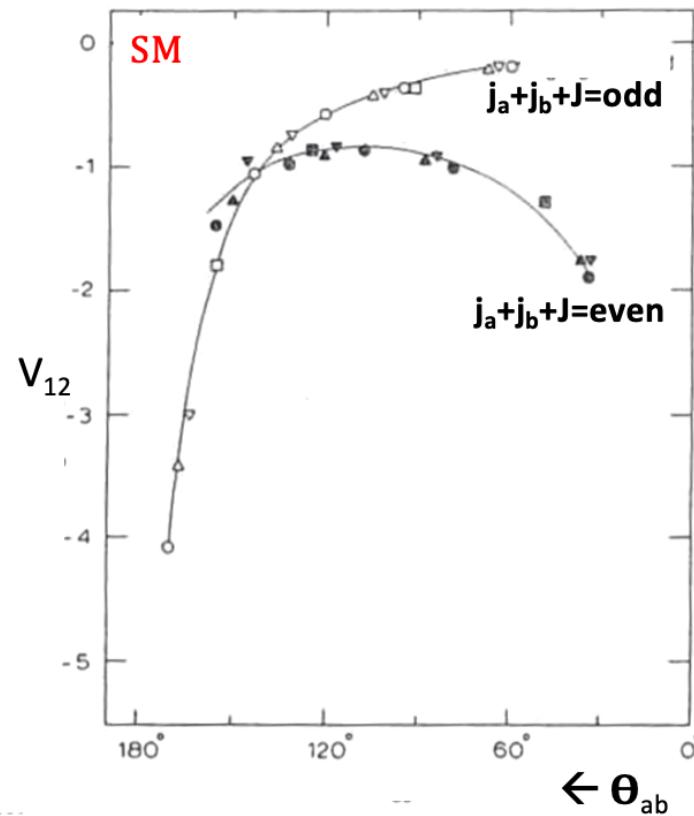
$$\langle E_n \rangle = |\sum_j (2J+1)(E - e_a - e_b) / \sum_j (2J+1)|$$

$$\Im(V_{12}) = \Gamma_n / \langle \Gamma_n \rangle; \quad \Gamma_n = \Gamma - \gamma_a - \gamma_b$$

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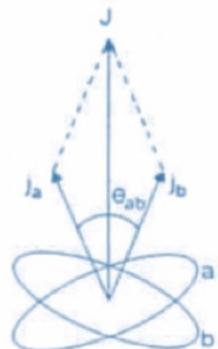
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- Similar qualitative dependence of the TBMEs on angle  $\Theta_{ab}$  in SM and GSM
- **TBMEs are complex** in weakly bound/unbound nuclei

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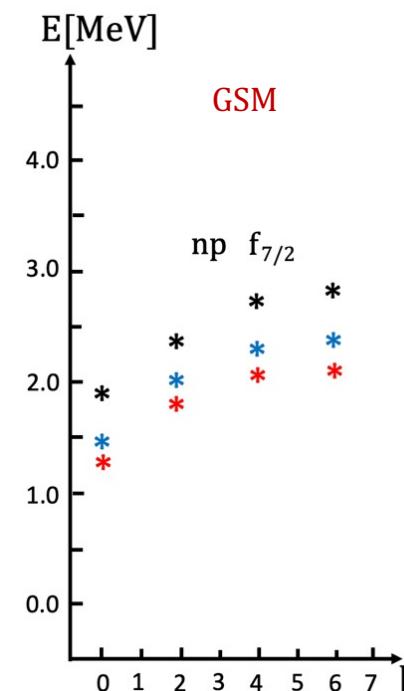
Γ(V\_{12}) = Γ\_n / \langle Γ\_n \rangle ; \quad Γ\_n = Γ - γ\_a - γ\_b  
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**Strong reduction of np interaction**  
in weakly bound/unbound nuclei:  
~50% reduction in p-shell

Dependence of  $V_{nn}/V_{pp}$  on  $S_n - S_p$  asymmetry

$\ell_j$	$J^\pi$	$S_p [\text{MeV}]$	$S_n [\text{MeV}]$	$V_{nn}/V_{pp}$
$P_{1/2}$	$2^+$	10	-1	0.39
		1	-1	0.58
$d_{5/2}$	$2^+$	10	-1	0.83
		1	-1	0.835
	$4^+$	10	-1	0.75
		1	-1	0.84

- Strong asymmetry of  $V_{nn}$  and  $V_{pp}$  for large  $|S_n - S_p|$  and low  $\ell_j$
- If  $S_n \ll S_p$ , then  $V_{pp} > V_{nn}$ , i.e. protons in the neutron-rich environment interact stronger than neutrons  
→ Proton SF is reduced with respect to neutron SF (and vice versa) if  $S_p \ll S_n$  ( $S_p \gg S_n$ )

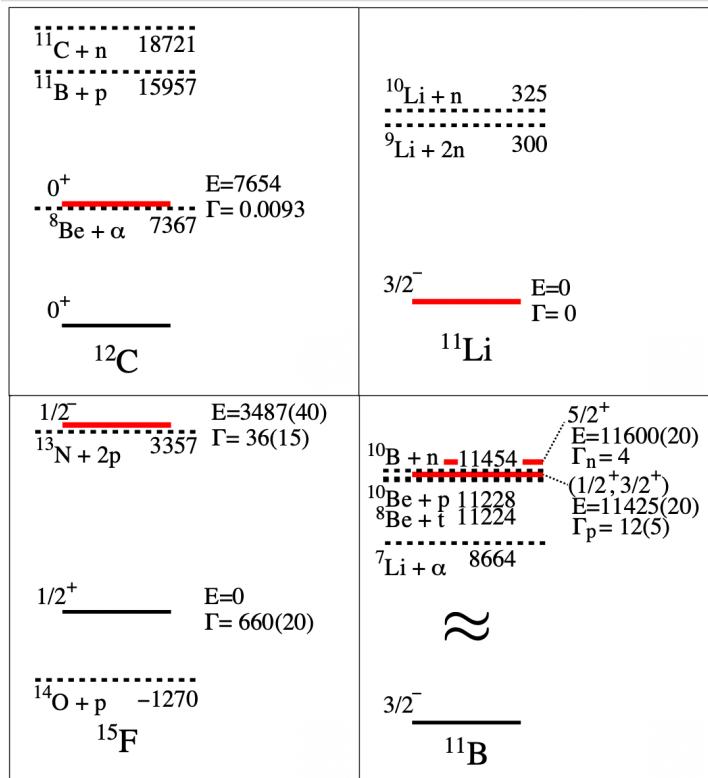
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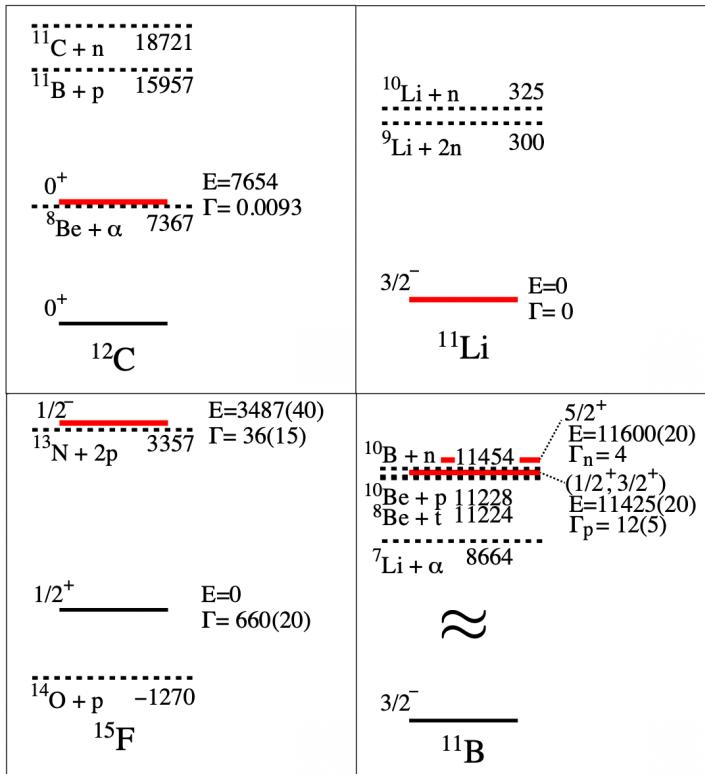
- Other cases:  $^6\text{He}$ ,  $^6\text{Li}$ ,  $^7\text{Be}$ ,  $^7\text{Li}$ ,  $^{11}\text{O}$ ,  $^{11}\text{C}$ ,  $^{17}\text{O}$ ,  $^{20}\text{Ne}$ ,  $^{26}\text{O}$ ,  $^{24}\text{Mg}$ ,...
- *Various clusterings*:  $^2\text{H}$ ,  $^3\text{He}$ ,  $^3\text{H}$ ,  $2\text{p}$ ,  $2\text{n}$
- *Astrophysical relevance* of near-threshold resonances for  $\alpha$ - and proton-capture reactions of nucleosynthesis

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- 'Fortuitous' appearance of correlated states close to open channels?
  - They cannot result from any particular feature of the NN interaction or any dynamical symmetry of the nuclear many-body problem

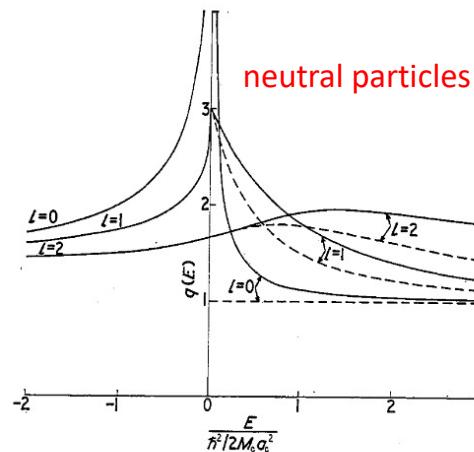


Figure 1. Enhancement factors for neutron channels with orbital angular momenta  $l = 0, 1$  and  $2$  and reduced widths  $\gamma_{\lambda_c}^2 = \hbar^2/M_c \alpha_c^2$  as functions of channel energy  $E$  (in units of  $\hbar^2/2M_c \alpha_c^2 \approx 1$  mev). Full curves give values of  $q(E)$ , broken curves values of  $q_1(E)$ .

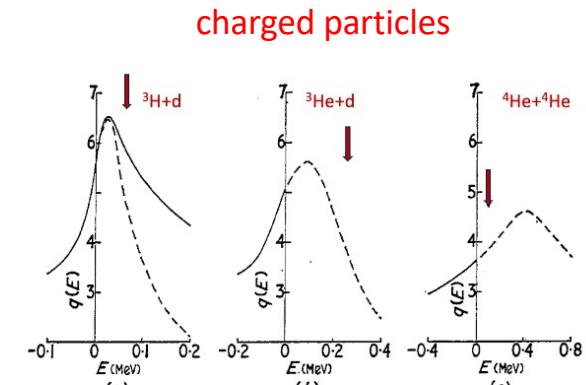


Figure 2. Enhancement factors for channels (a)  $^3\text{H} + \text{d}$ , (b)  $^3\text{He} + \text{d}$ , (c)  $^4\text{He} + ^4\text{He}$ , all with  $l = 0$  and with values of  $\alpha_c$  and  $\gamma_{\lambda_c}^2$  given in the text. Full curves give values of  $q(E)$ , broken curves values of  $q_1(E)$ . Arrows indicate energies of observed levels of  $^7\text{Li}$ ,  $^8\text{Be}$  and  $^{11}\text{Li}$ .

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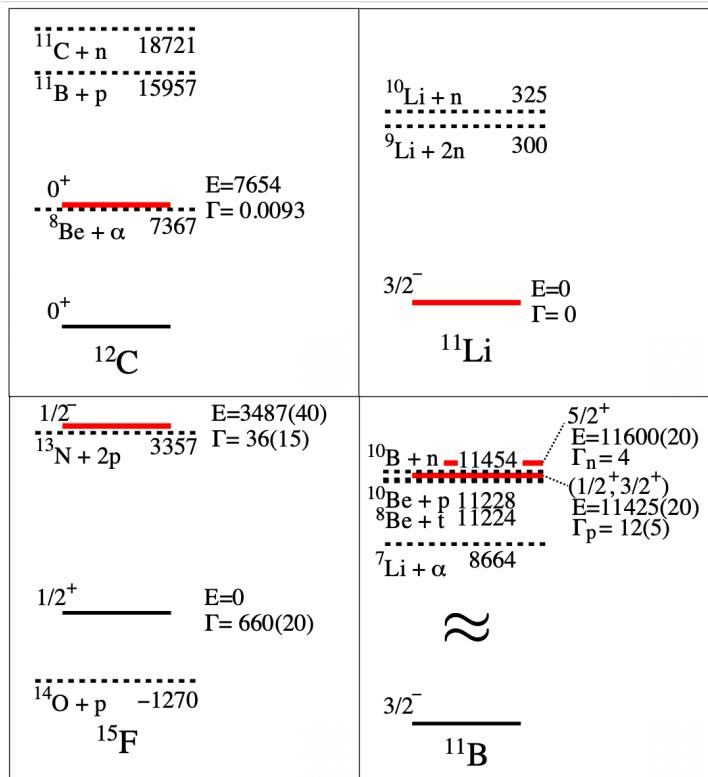
- The appearance of near-threshold resonances can be explained in terms of the increased level density:  $g_\ell(E) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{d\delta_\ell(E)}{dE}$
- The enhancement of the level density is largest for low-barrier potentials

# Near-threshold states and origin of clustering

**$\alpha$ -clustering** "... $\alpha$ -cluster states can be found in the proximity of  $\alpha$ -particle decay threshold..."

K. Ikeda, N. Takigawa, H. Horiuchi (1968)

But this is only the tip of the iceberg!



- 'Fortuitous' appearance of correlated states close to open channels?
  - They cannot result from any particular feature of the NN interaction or any dynamical symmetry of the nuclear many-body problem

## Continuum shell model perspective

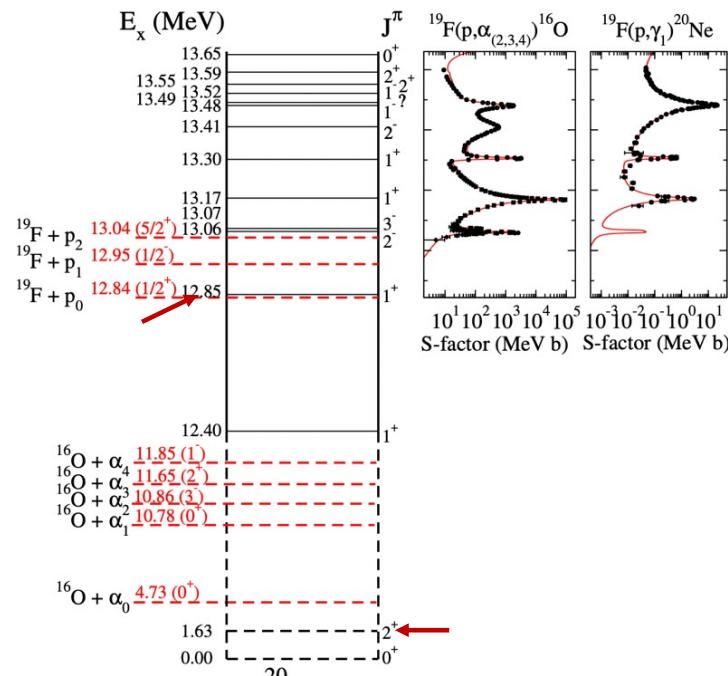
J. Okołowicz, M. Płoszajczak, W. Nazarewicz, Prog. Theor. Phys. Suppl. 196, 230 (2012);  
Fortschr. Phys. 61, 66 (2013)

- The appearance of correlated (cluster) states close to open channels is the generic *open quantum system phenomenon* related to the collective rearrangement of SM wave functions due to the coupling via the continuum
- Specific aspects:
  - Energetic order of particle emission thresholds depends on (nuclear) Hamiltonian
  - Absence of stable cluster entirely composed of like nucleons

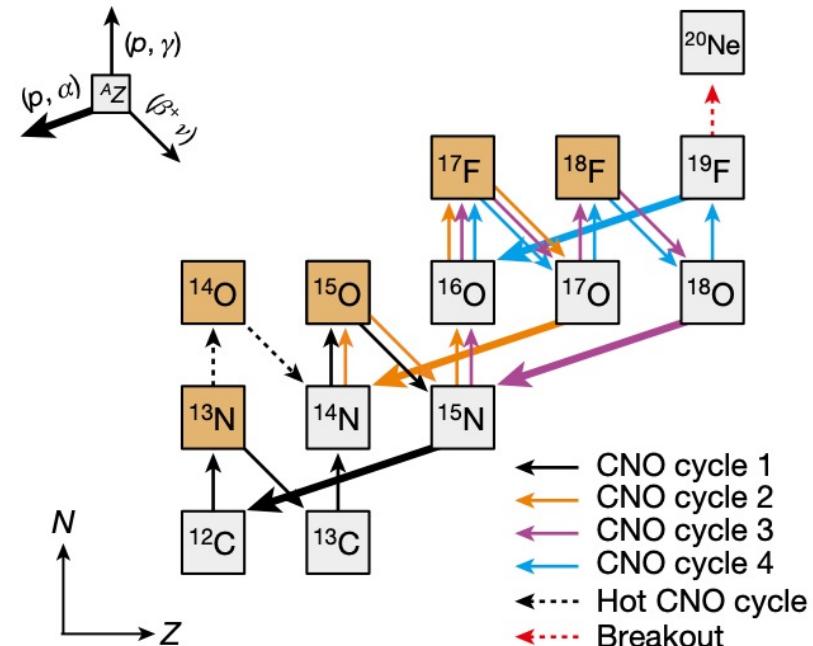
- Other cases:  $^6\text{He}$ ,  $^6\text{Li}$ ,  $^7\text{Be}$ ,  $^7\text{Li}$ ,  $^{11}\text{O}$ ,  $^{11}\text{C}$ ,  $^{17}\text{O}$ ,  $^{20}\text{Ne}$ ,  $^{26}\text{O}$ ,  $^{24}\text{Mg}$ ,...
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# Astrophysical relevance for $\alpha$ - and proton-capture reactions of nucleosynthesis

R.J. DeBoer et al, Nature 610, 656 (2022)



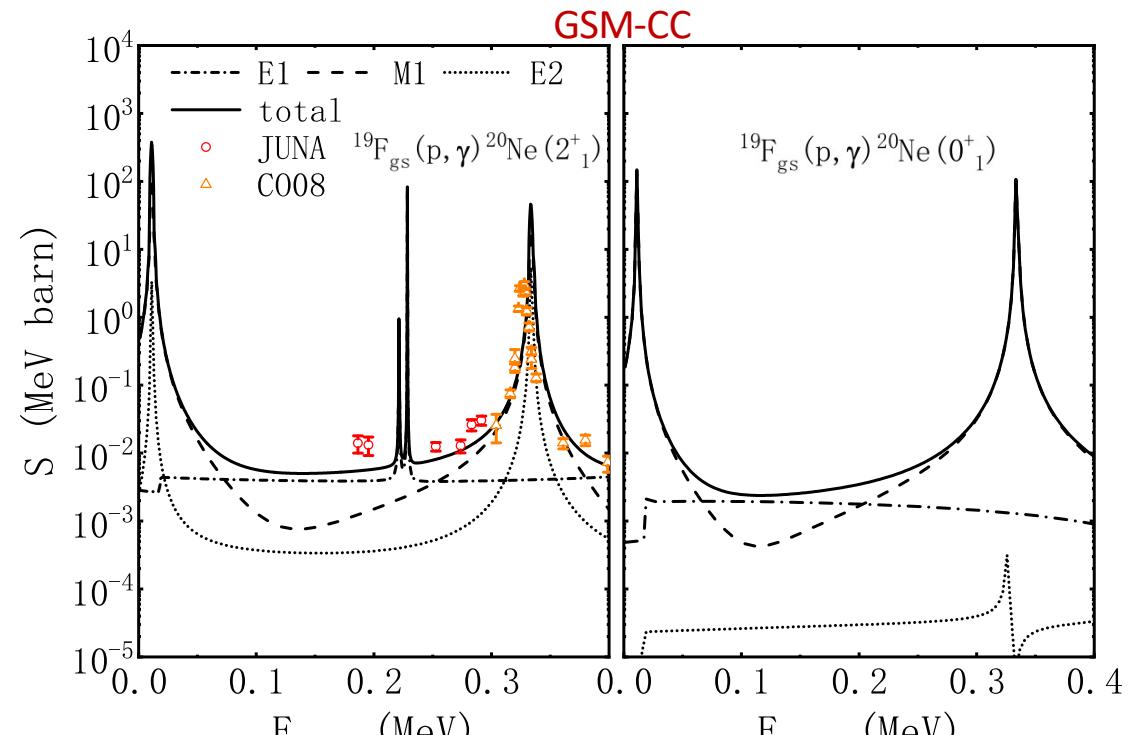
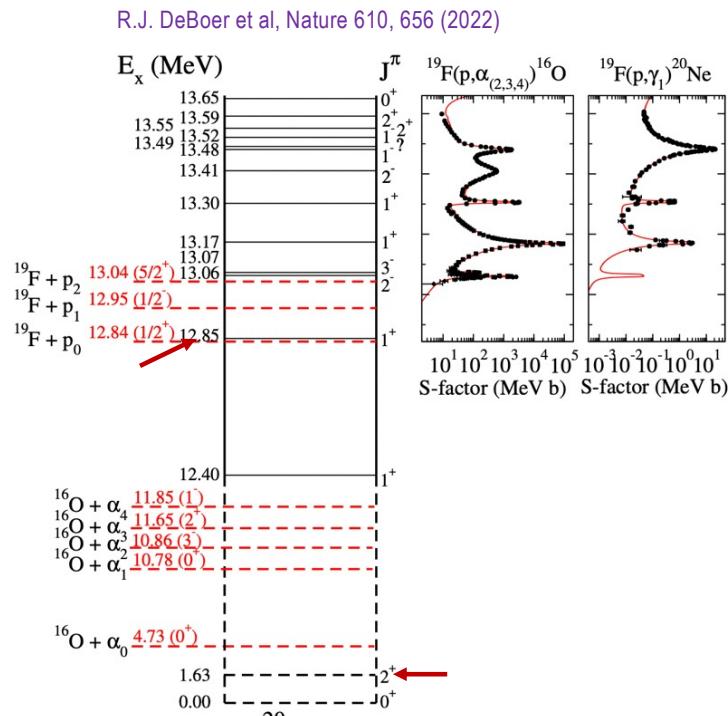
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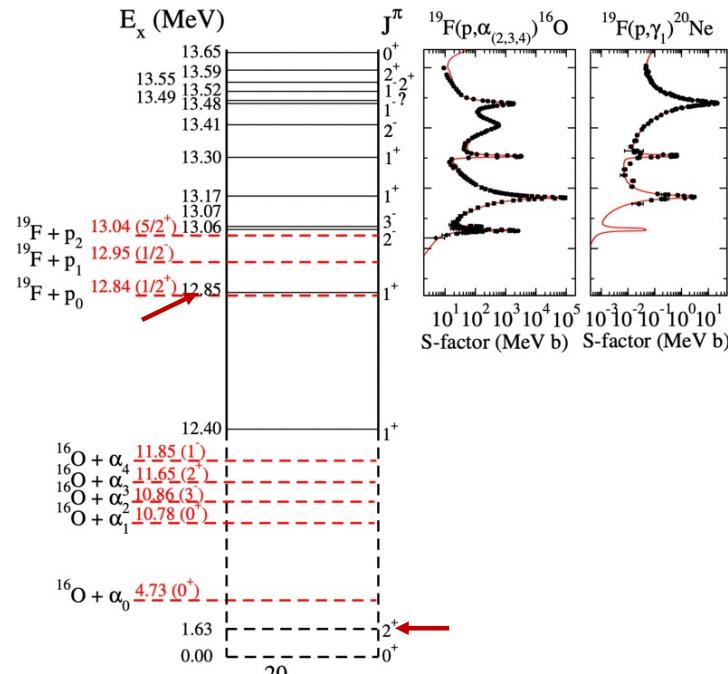
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- S(0) astrophysical factor increases by more than 2 orders of magnitude!
- The decay to the  $2^+$  first excited state in  $^{20}\text{Ne}$  dominates

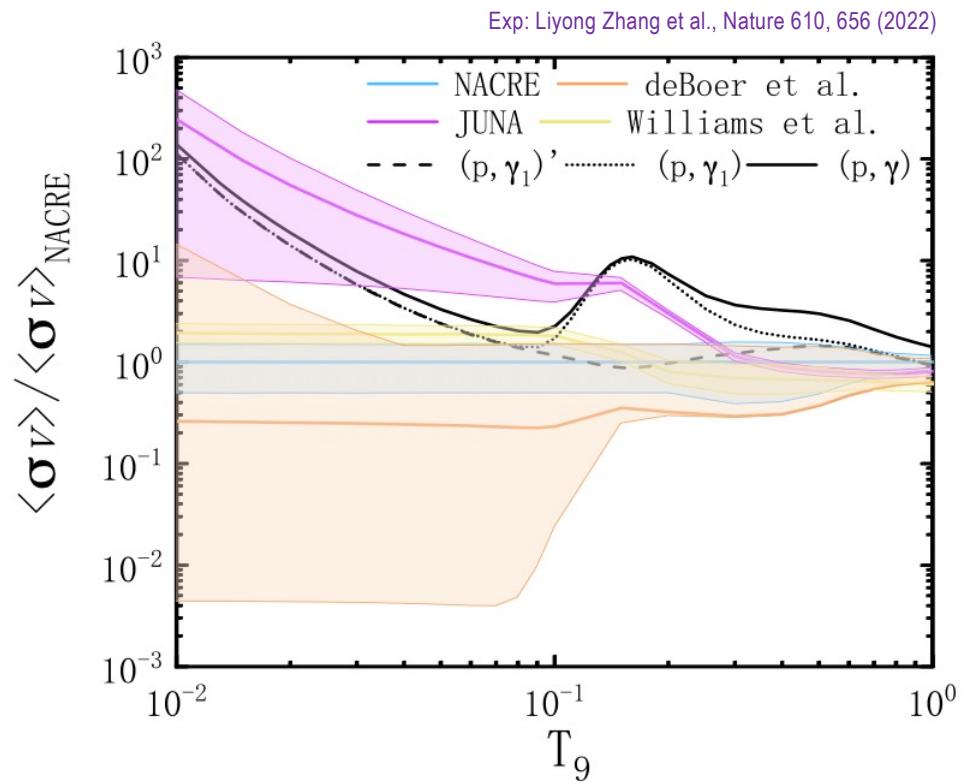
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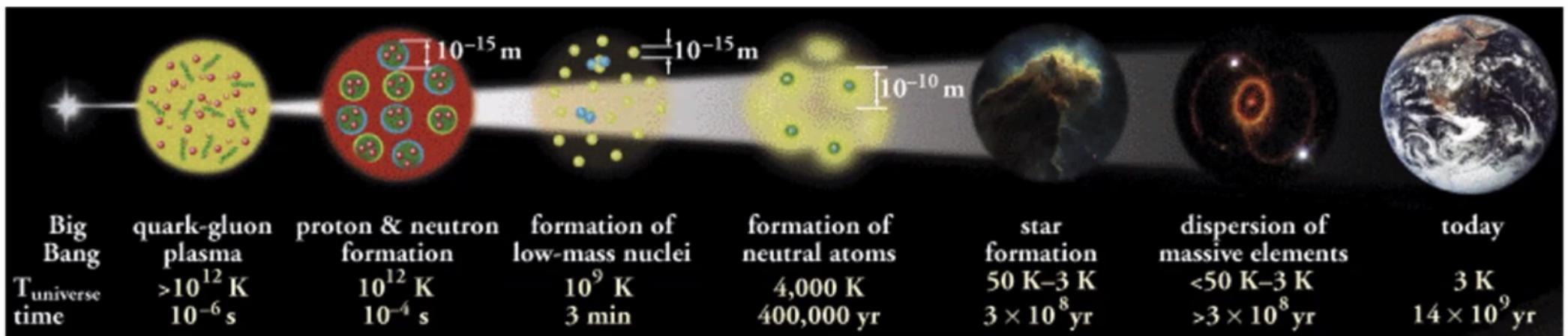
- GSM-CC reaction rates are significantly larger than in NACRE and comparable with JUNA data
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## Ubiquitous process of clustering

Clustering is one of the most *mysterious* processes in Physics. It happens at all scales in time, distances and energies: from the micro scales of hadrons and nuclei to the macro scales of living organisms and clusters of galaxies, from the high excitation energies to cold systems



*Generic mechanisms* of the clusterization, independent of individual features of the studied system:

- *statistical mechanism* rooted in the Central Limit Theorem

→ Random fragmentation or random aggregation?

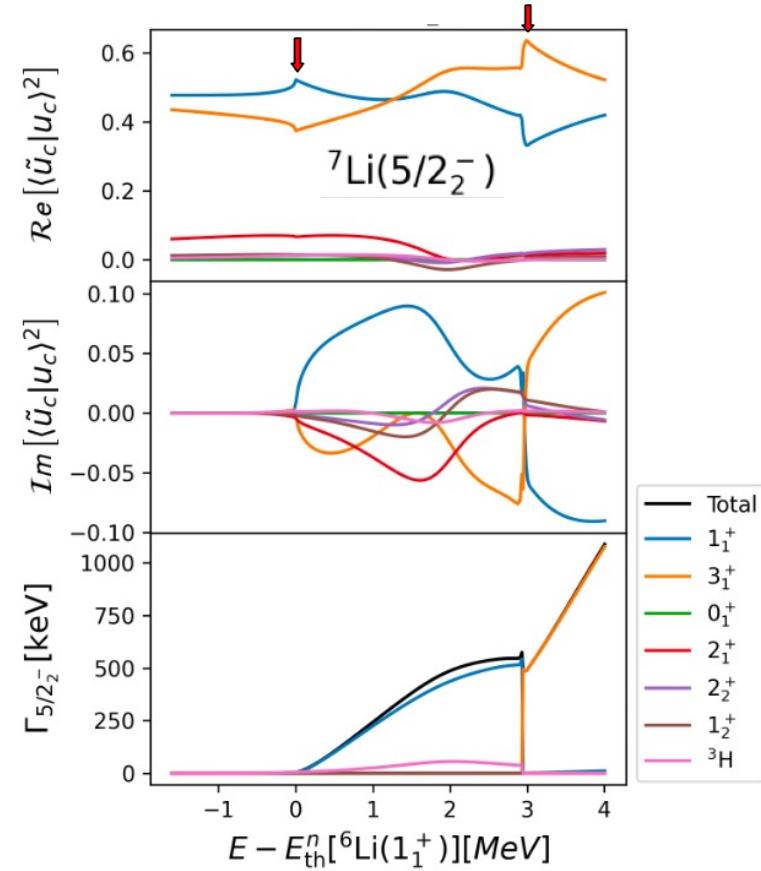
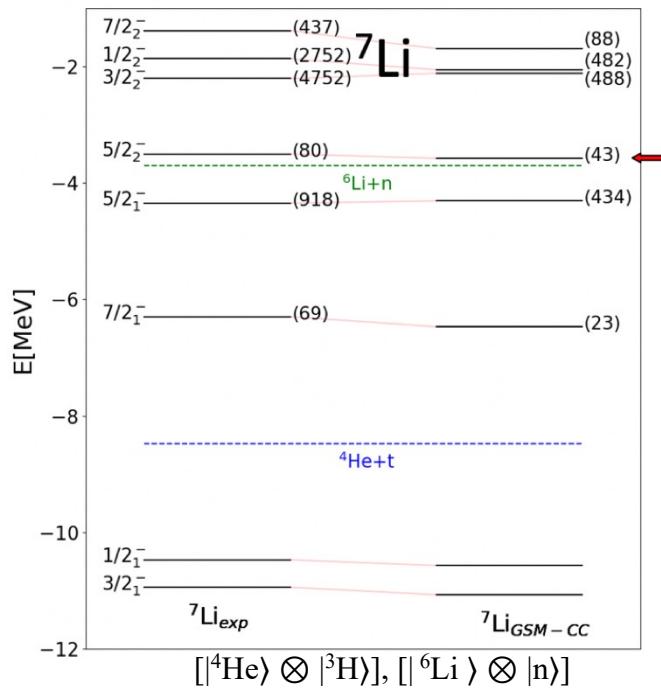
In central HI collisions energies, nuclear fragments are produced in the *aggregation process*

R. Botet, M. Ploszajczak and INDRA Coll., Phys. Rev. Lett. 86, 3514 (2001)

- *mimicry mechanism* due to the interaction with the environment

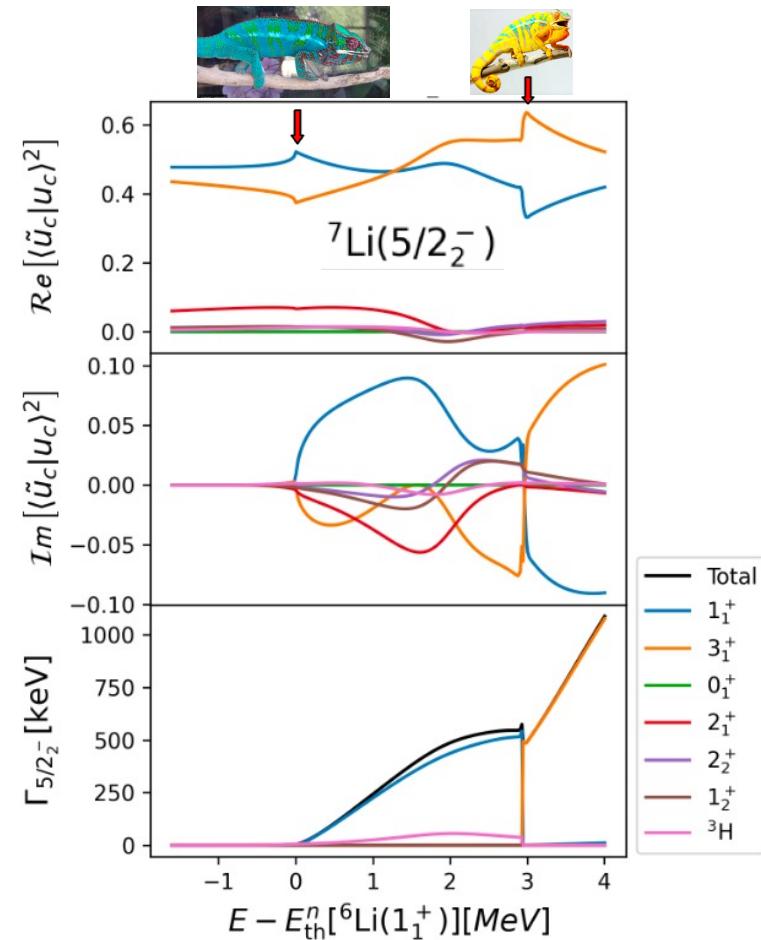
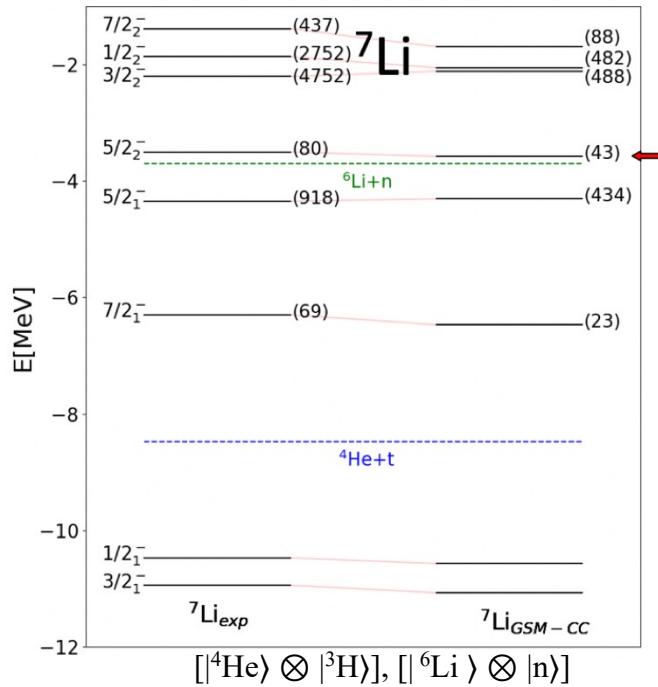
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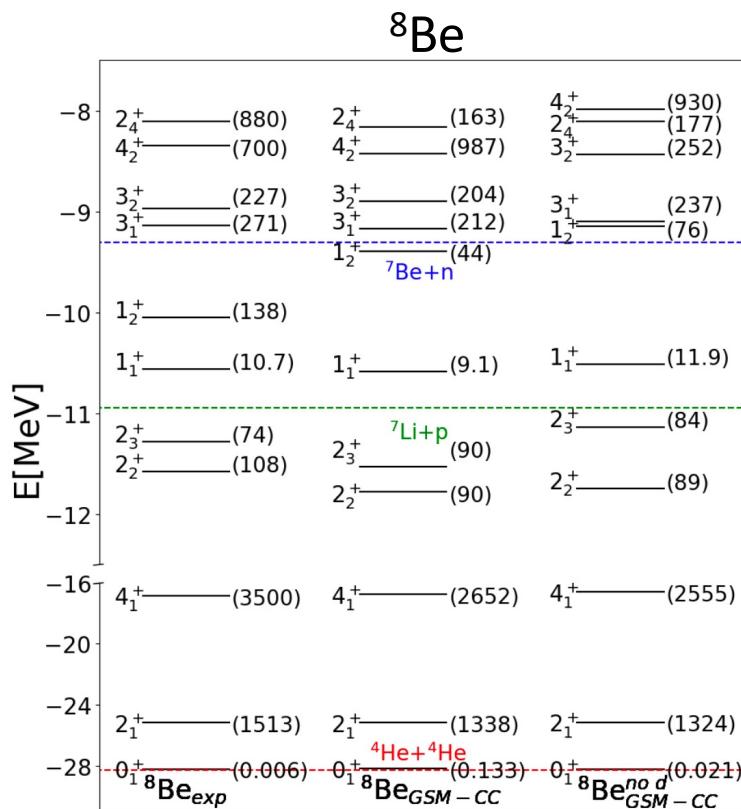
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- The resonance (*chameleon*) changes its structure (*skin color*) as a result of the alignment (*mimicry*) with the nearby new reaction channel (*changing environment*)

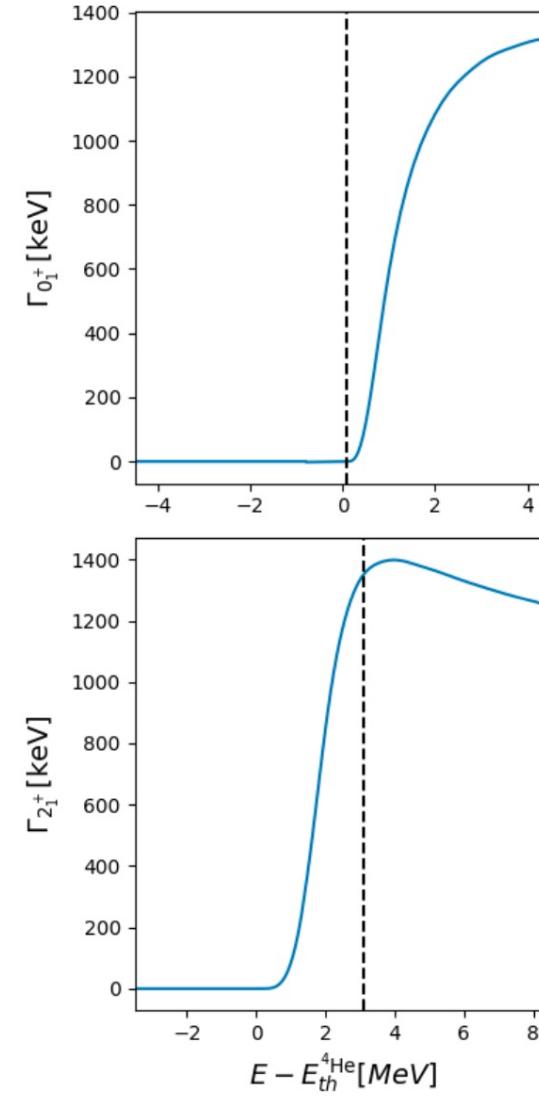
J.P. Linares Fernandez, et al, Phys. Rev. C 108, 044616 (2023)

# Near-threshold clustering in ${}^8\text{Be}$



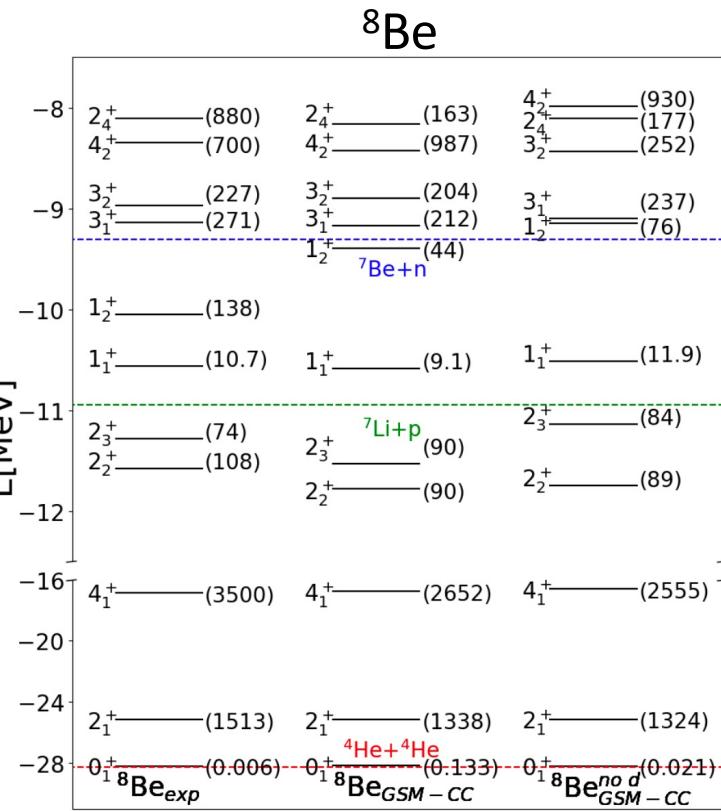
Mass partitions:

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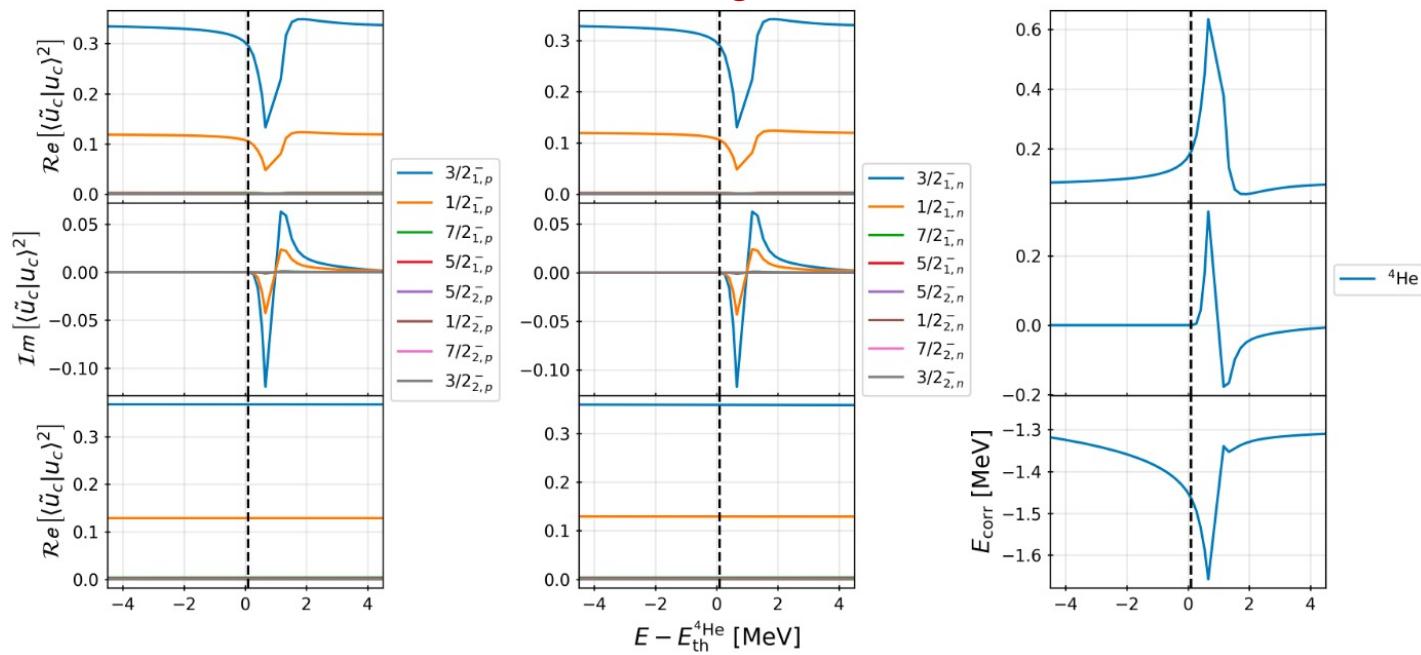
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Near-threshold *alignment* of  ${}^8\text{Be}(0_1^+)$



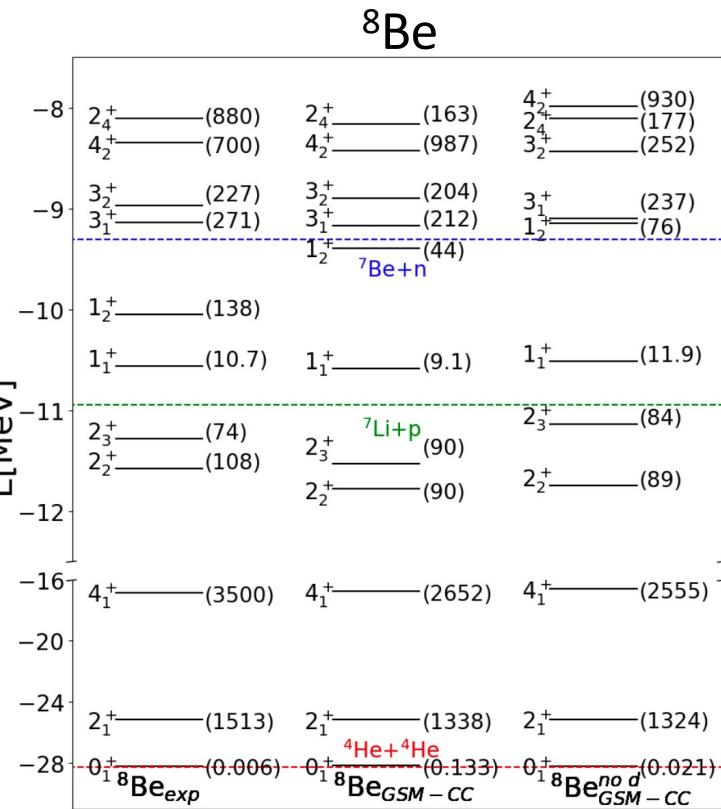
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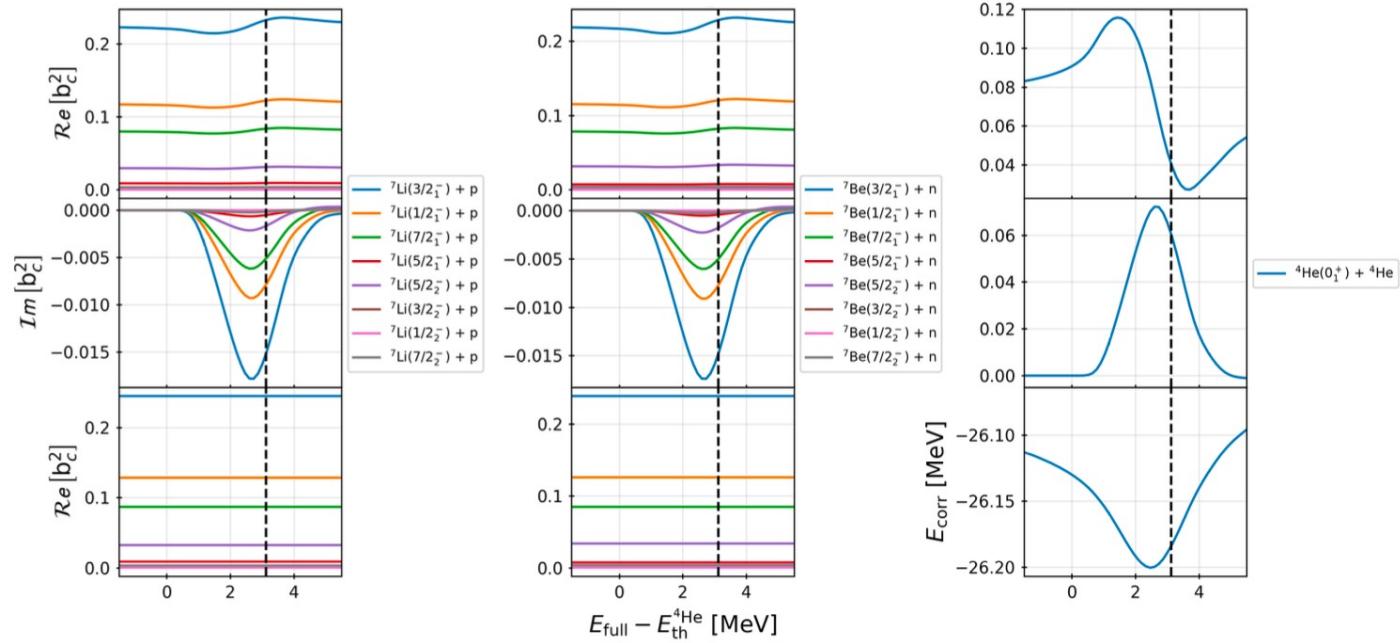
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Near-threshold clustering is the *emergent phenomenon*

J.P. Linares Fernandez, et al, Phys. Rev. C 108, 044616 (2023)

## Conclusions

- Quantum systems in the vicinity of a particle emission threshold belong to the category of *open quantum systems* having unique properties which distinguish them from well-bound *closed quantum systems*
- Proximity of the threshold (branching point) induces the collective mixing of eigenstates resulting in a single *aligned eigenstate* of the open quantum system Hamiltonian ( $\rightarrow$  *chameleon resonance*)
- Clustering is the *emergent phenomenon* associated with the branch point singularity at the particle emission threshold
- Near-threshold phenomena are *terra incognita* of the nuclear physics:
  - *Collectivization* of wave functions due to the coupling to decay channel(s)
  - Formation of clusters/correlations:  $^2\text{H}$ ,  $^3\text{H}$ ,  $^3\text{He}$ ,  $^3\text{n}$ ,  $^4\text{n}$ , ... which carry an imprint of nearby decay channel(s)
  - Modification of NN interaction/spectroscopic factors
  - Effects of *coalescing resonances* in nuclear spectroscopy and reactions
  - ... ...

Essential role of *unitarity*!

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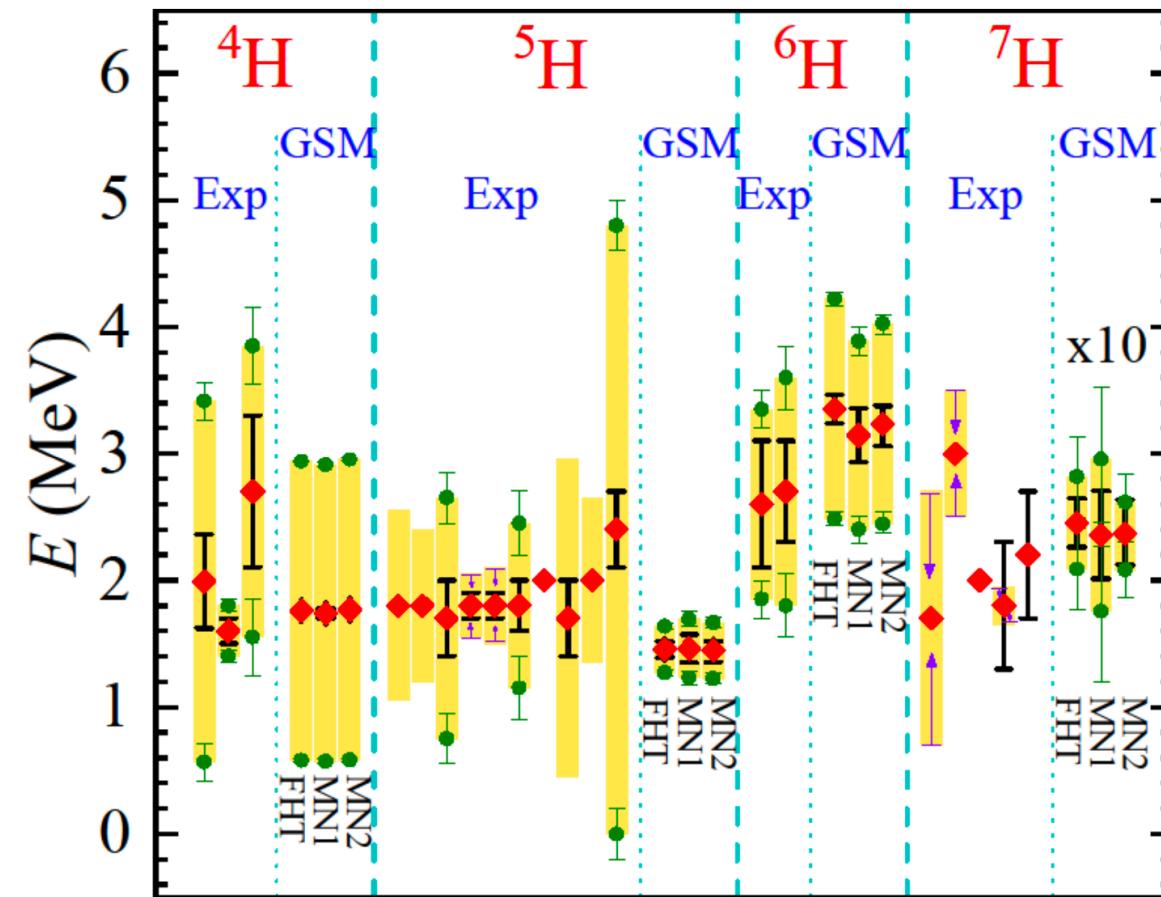
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Thank You



# Gamow shell model: Quasi-stationary extension of standard shell model in the complex k-plane

Example: Unbound hydrogen isotopes



## Gamow shell model (GSM)

$$|SD_i\rangle = |u_{i_1} \dots u_{i_A}\rangle \rightarrow \sum_k |SD_k\rangle \langle SD_k| \cong 1$$

N. Michel et al, PRL 89, 042502 (2002)  
N. Michel, et al, J. Phys. G37, 064042 (2010)

- Calculation in the relative coordinates of core cluster  
SM coordinates Y. Suzuki, K. Ikeda, PRC 38 (1988) 410
- Center-of-mass handled by recoil term:  
$$H \rightarrow H + \frac{1}{M_{\text{core}}} \sum_{(i < j) \in \text{val}} \mathbf{p}_i \cdot \mathbf{p}_j$$
  
in the Hamiltonian
- *Unitary formulation* of the nuclear Shell Model

- GSM with a core of <sup>3</sup>H
- FHT and Minnesota interactions in spdf/spd space with Berggren basis
- Two-body interaction from a fit to the He chain
- Large widths for <sup>4,6</sup>H, smaller widths for <sup>5</sup>H (~500 keV) and <sup>7</sup>H (10-250 keV) – to be checked in future experiments