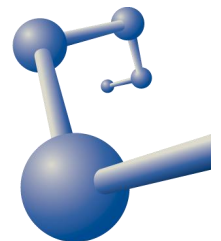


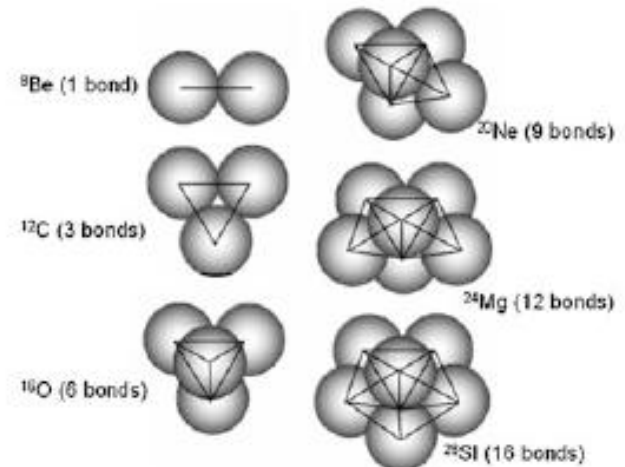
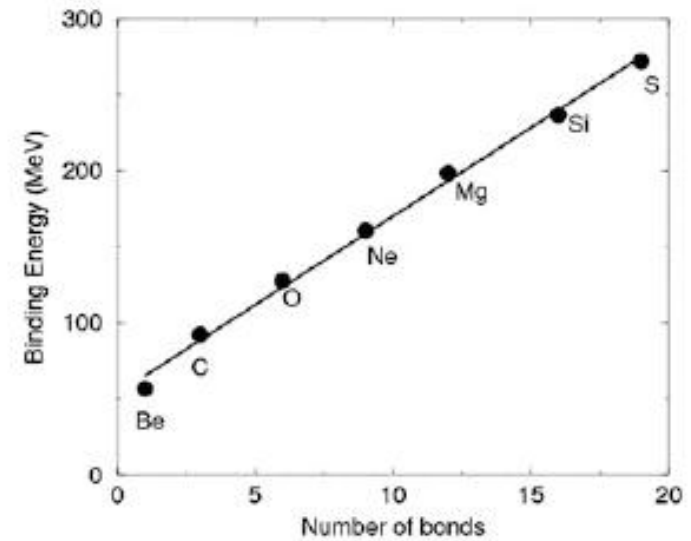
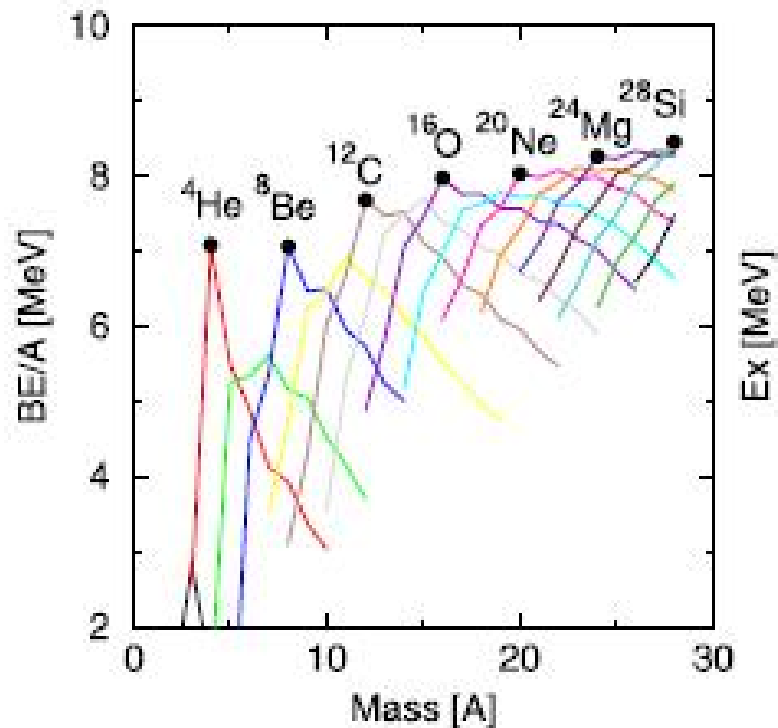
# Discrete Symmetries in the Cluster Shell Model

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# Alpha-Cluster Nuclei



1 (Left panel) Binding energy per nucleon of the

# Recent Theoretical Work

- Alpha-cluster model (Wheeler 1937, Brink 1966, Robson 1978)
- AMD (Kanada-Enyo, PTP, 2007)
- FMD model (Chernykh et al, PRL, 2007)
- BEC-like cluster model (Funaki et al, PRC, 2009)
- Ab initio no-core shell model (Roth et al, PRL, 2011)
- Lattice EFT (Epelbaum et al, PRL, 2011, 2012)
- No-core symplectic model (Dreyfuss et al, PLB, 2013)
- **Algebraic Cluster Model (2000, 2002, 2014, 2017)**
- and many others
  
- Recent reviews: Freer & Fynbo, PPNP 78, 1 (2014), Freer, Horiuchi, Kanada-En'yo, Lee & Meissner, RMP 90, 035004 (2018)

# Few-Body Systems

- Integro-differential methods
- Algebraic Cluster Model (ACM)
- For  $k$  dof introduce a SGA of  $U(k+1)$
- Two-body systems:  $U(4)$  vibron model (diatomic molecules, mesons)
- Three-body systems:  $U(7)$  model (baryons, nuclear clusters, molecules)
- Four-body systems:  $U(10)$  model
- $n$ -body systems:  $U(3n-2)$  model

# ACM for n-Body Systems

$3n-3$  relative degrees of freedom: Jacobi coordinates

$$\vec{\rho}_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{k(k+1)}} \left( \sum_{i=1}^k \vec{r}_i - k\vec{r}_{k+1} \right), \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$$

Introduce  $n-1$  dipole bosons and a scalar boson

$$b_{k,m}^\dagger, s^\dagger, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$$

Number conserving one- and two-body Hamiltonian

$$\begin{aligned} H = & \epsilon_0 s^\dagger \tilde{s} - \epsilon_1 \sum_k b_k^\dagger \cdot \tilde{b}_k + u_0 s^\dagger s^\dagger \tilde{s} \tilde{s} \\ & - u_1 \sum_k s^\dagger b_k^\dagger \cdot \tilde{b}_k \tilde{s} + v_0 \sum_k [b_k^\dagger \cdot b_k^\dagger \tilde{s} \tilde{s} + \text{h.c.}] \\ & + \sum_L \sum_{ijkl} v_{ijkl}^{(L)} [b_i^\dagger \times b_j^\dagger]^{(L)} \cdot [\tilde{b}_k \times \tilde{b}_l]^{(L)}, \end{aligned}$$

Mixing between  
oscillator shells

# Identical Clusters

Explicit construction of harmonic oscillator states  
with good permutation symmetry

Kramer & Moshinsky, NP 82, 241 (1966)

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 U(3n-2) & \supset & U(3n-3) & \supset & U(3) & \otimes & U(n-1) \\
 & & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 & & & & \text{3-dim ho} & & \text{index space}
 \end{array}$$

$$\text{ho space} : U(3) \supset SO(3)$$

$$\text{index space} : U(n-1) \supset O(n-1) \supset S_n$$

Doable for a small number of quanta

However, ACM includes large number of quanta  
and mixing between different oscillator shells

# Permutation Symmetry

**Solution:** generate wave functions of good permutation symmetry numerically by diagonalizing a  $S_n$  invariant  $H$

Permutation symmetry determined by the interchange  $P(12)$  and the cyclic permutation  $P(12\dots n)$

$$\langle \psi | P(12) | \psi \rangle = \langle \psi | e^{i\pi b_1^\dagger b_1} | \psi \rangle$$

$$\langle \psi | P(123) | \psi \rangle = \langle \psi | e^{i\pi(b_1^\dagger b_1 + b_2^\dagger b_2)} e^{\theta_1(b_1^\dagger b_2 - b_2^\dagger b_1)} | \psi \rangle$$

for  $n=3$  with  $\theta_1 = \arctan \sqrt{3}$

Cyclic permutation related to a change of oscillator coordinates: Talmi-Brody-Moshinsky brackets

# Wave Functions

- Labeled by  $[N], \alpha, L_t^P \rangle$
- Total number of bosons:  $N$
- Angular momentum:  $L$
- Parity:  $P$
- Permutation symmetry:  $\dagger$





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# Three-Body Clusters

Permutation symmetry

$$H = \xi_1 (R^2 s^\dagger s^\dagger - b_1^\dagger \cdot b_1^\dagger - b_2^\dagger \cdot b_2^\dagger) (\text{h.c.}) \\ + \xi_2 [(b_1^\dagger \cdot b_1^\dagger - b_2^\dagger \cdot b_2^\dagger) (\text{h.c.}) + 4(b_1^\dagger \cdot b_2^\dagger) (\text{h.c.})] \\ + \kappa \vec{L} \cdot \vec{L}$$

Classical limit: potential energy surface

$$E_N(r, \chi, \theta) = \langle N; r, \chi, \theta | : H : | N; r, \chi, \theta \rangle$$

$$|N; r, \chi, \theta \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N!}} (b_c^\dagger)^N |0 \rangle$$

$$b_c^\dagger = \frac{s^\dagger + r \cos \chi b_{2,y}^\dagger + r \sin \chi (\cos \theta b_{1,y}^\dagger + \sin \theta b_{1,x}^\dagger)}{\sqrt{1 + r^2}}$$

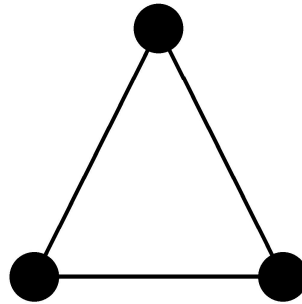
# Equilibrium Shape

Energy surface

$$E_N(r, \chi, \theta) = \frac{N(N-1)}{(1+r^2)^2} \left[ \xi_1 (R^2 - r^2)^2 + \xi_2 r^4 \left\{ 4(\cos \chi \sin \chi \cos \theta)^2 + (\sin^2 \chi - \cos^2 \chi)^2 \right\} \right]$$

Equilibrium shape: two Jacobi coordinates have equal length ( $r_0=R$  and  $\chi_0=\pi/4$ ) and are perpendicular ( $\theta=\pi/2$ )

Equilateral triangle:  
Oblate top



# Rotation-Vibration Spectrum

$$E = E_{\text{vib}} + E_{\text{rot}}$$

$$E_{\text{vib}} \approx \omega_1 \left( \nu_1 + \frac{1}{2} \right) + \omega_2 (\nu_2 + 1)$$

$$\omega_1 = 4NR^2\xi_1$$

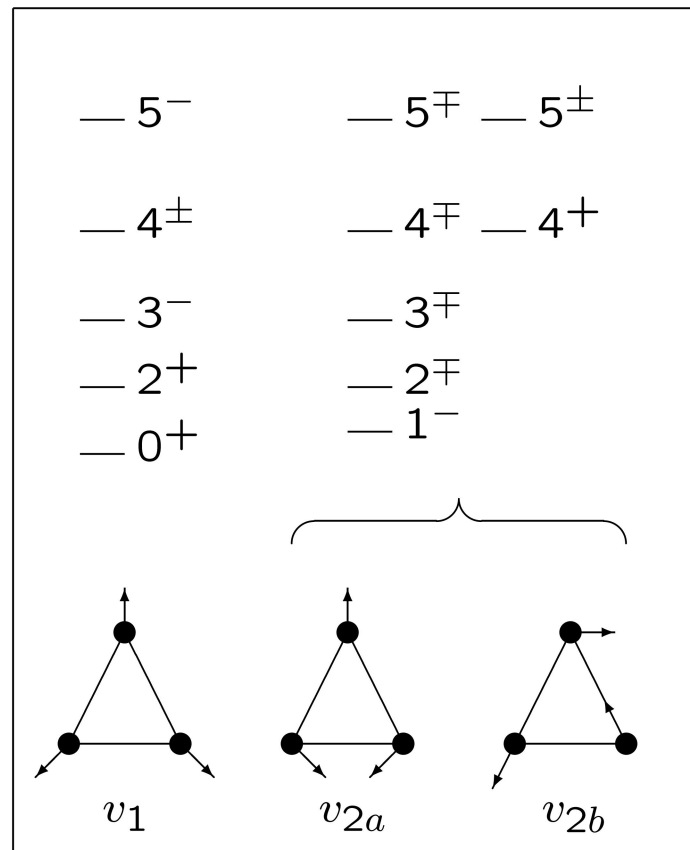
$$\omega_2 = \frac{4NR^2}{1 + R^2}\xi_2$$

$$E_{\text{rot}} = \kappa L(L + 1)$$

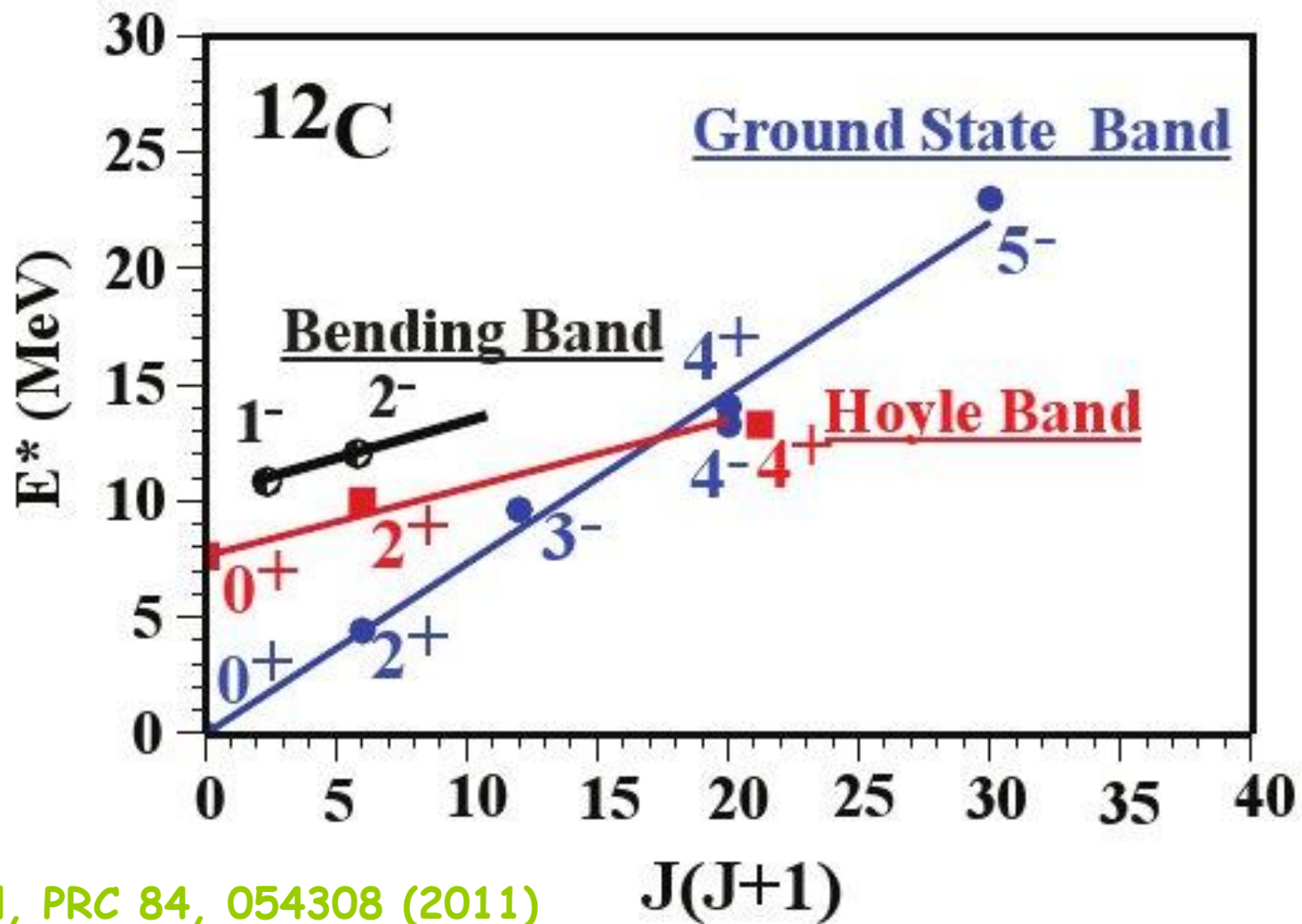
Rotational sequence

$$L^P = 0^+, 2^+, 3^-, 4^\pm, 5^-, \dots$$

Fingerprint of triangular symmetry ( $D_{3h}$ )



Bijker & Iachello,  
AP 298, 334 (2002)

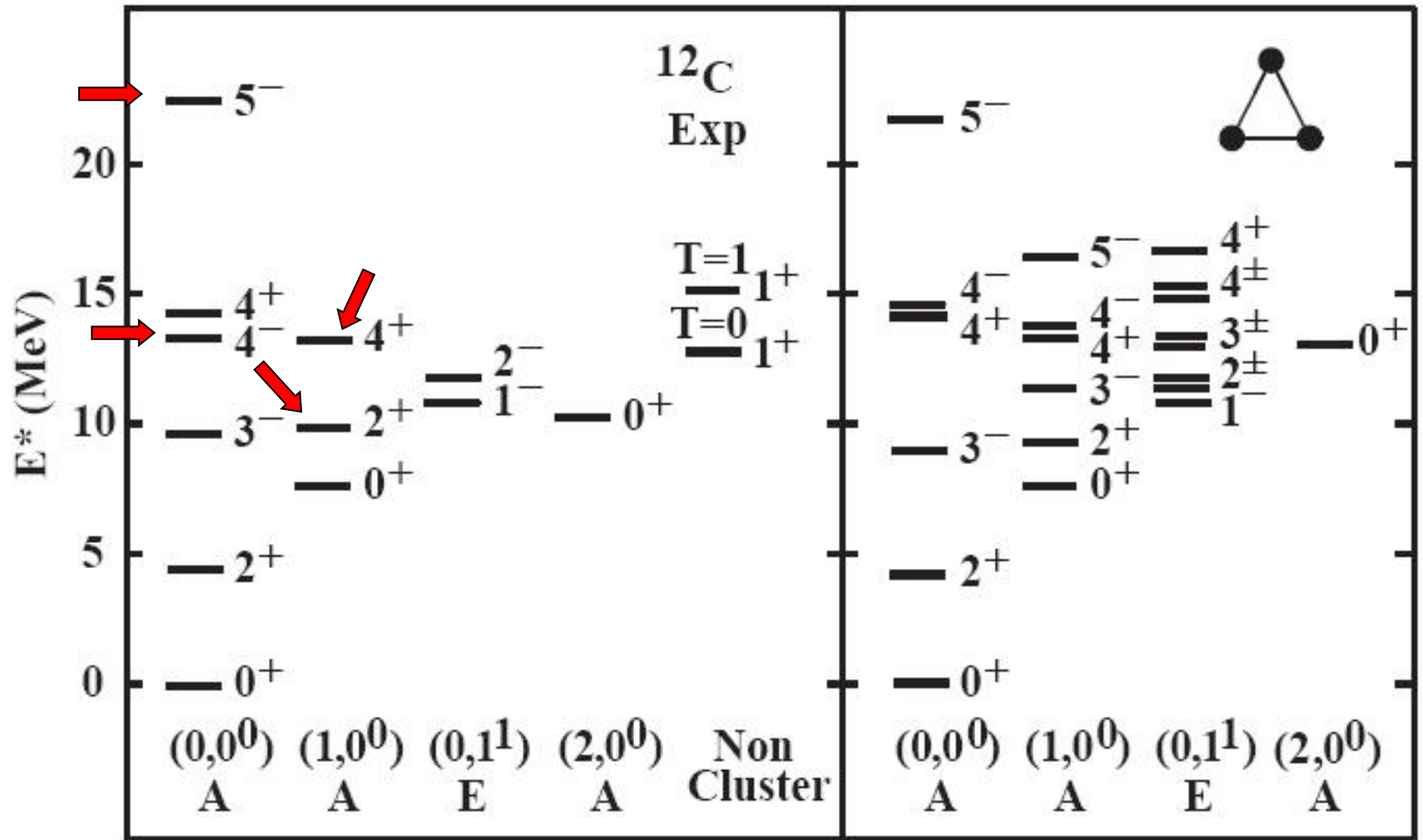


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PRL 113, 012502 (2014)



Marín-Lámbarri, Bijker et al, PRL 113, 012502 (2014)

# Electric Transitions

$$\rho(\vec{r}) = \frac{Ze}{k} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^{3/2} \sum_{i=1}^k e^{-\alpha(\vec{r}-\vec{r}_i)^2}$$

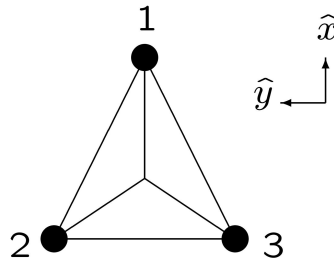
$$\vec{r}_1 = \left(\beta, \frac{\pi}{2}, 0\right)$$

$$\vec{r}_2 = \left(\beta, \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{2\pi}{3}\right)$$

$$\vec{r}_3 = \left(\beta, \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{4\pi}{3}\right)$$

$$\alpha = 0.56 \text{ 1/fm}^2$$

$$\beta = 1.82 \text{ fm}$$



$$\mathcal{F}_L(q) = c_L j_L(q\beta) e^{-q^2/4\alpha}$$

$$\langle r^2 \rangle^{1/2} = \sqrt{\beta^2 + 3/2\alpha}$$

$$B(EL; 0^+ \rightarrow L^P) = \frac{(Ze)^2 c_L^2 \beta^{2L}}{4\pi}$$

$$c_L^2 = \frac{2L+1}{3} \left[1 + 2P_L\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\right]$$

$$Q_{2^+} = +\frac{2}{7} Ze\beta^2$$

	ACM	Exp.	
$^{12}\text{C}$ $B(E2; 2_1^+ \rightarrow 0_1^+)$	7.8	$7.63 \pm 0.19$	$e^2\text{fm}^4$
$B(E3; 3_1^- \rightarrow 0_1^+)$	65	$104 \pm 14$	$e^2\text{fm}^6$
$B(E4; 4_1^+ \rightarrow 0_1^+)$	48		$e^2\text{fm}^8$
$Q_{2_1^+}$	5.7	$5.3 \pm 4.4$	$\text{efm}^2$
$\langle r^2 \rangle^{1/2}$	2.448	$2.468 \pm 0.012$	fm

Bijker & Iachello,  
AP 298, 334 (2002)

# ACM for $^{16}\text{O}$

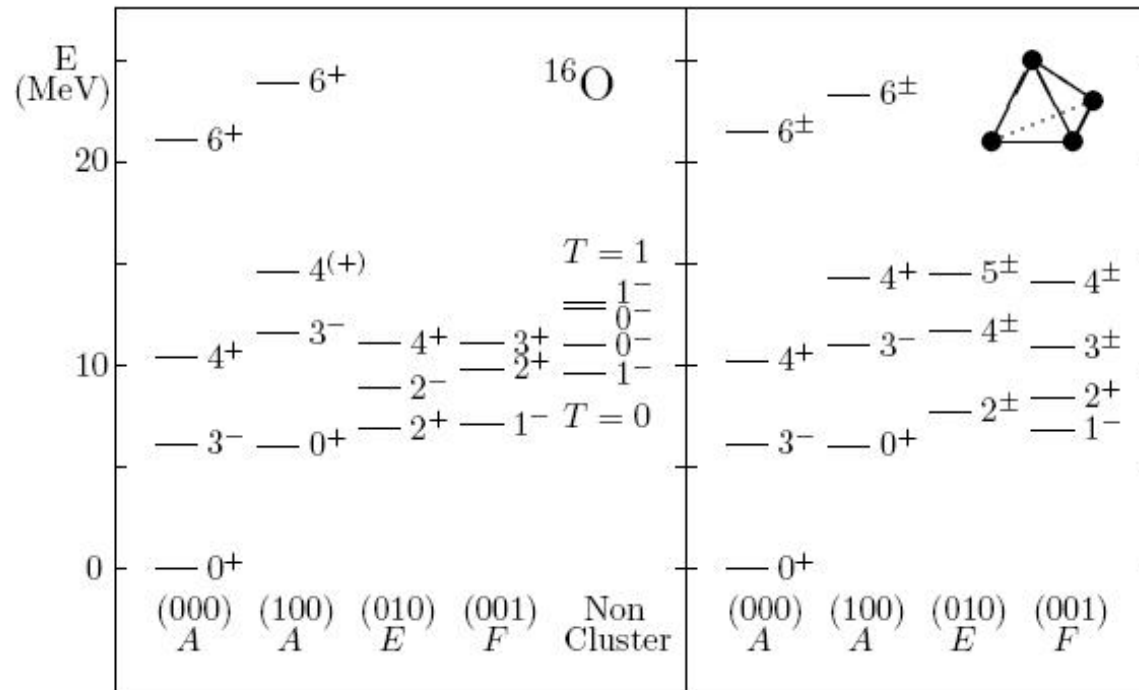


Figure 5: Comparison between the observed spectrum of  $^{16}\text{O}$  (left) and the theoretical spectrum (right). The levels are organized in columns corresponding to the ground state band and the three vibrational bands with A, E and F symmetry of a spherical top with tetrahedral symmetry. The last column shows the lowest non-cluster levels.



# Electric Transitions: ${}^8\text{Be}$ , ${}^{12}\text{C}$ , ${}^{16}\text{O}$

$$\rho(\vec{r}) = \frac{Ze}{k} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^{3/2} \sum_{i=1}^k e^{-\alpha(\vec{r}-\vec{r}_i)^2}$$

$$\mathcal{F}_L(q) = c_L j_L(q\beta) e^{-q^2/4\alpha}$$

$$\langle r^2 \rangle^{1/2} = \sqrt{\beta^2 + 3/2\alpha}$$

$$B(EL; 0^+ \rightarrow L^P) = \frac{(Ze)^2 c_L^2 \beta^{2L}}{4\pi}$$

$$c_L^2 = \begin{cases} \frac{2L+1}{2} [1 + P_L(-1)] & 2\alpha\text{-cluster} \\ \frac{2L+1}{3} [1 + 2P_L(-\frac{1}{2})] & 3\alpha\text{-cluster} \\ \frac{2L+1}{4} [1 + 3P_L(-\frac{1}{3})] & 4\alpha\text{-cluster} \end{cases}$$

$$Q_{2+} = \begin{cases} -\frac{4}{7}Ze\beta^2 & 2\alpha\text{-cluster} \\ +\frac{2}{7}Ze\beta^2 & 3\alpha\text{-cluster} \end{cases}$$

	$\beta$ (fm)	$\alpha$ (1/fm <sup>2</sup> )
${}^4\text{He}$	0.00	0.56
${}^8\text{Be}$	1.82	0.56
${}^{12}\text{C}$	1.74	0.56
${}^{16}\text{O}$	2.07	0.56

	$\langle r^2 \rangle^{1/2}$	ACM (fm)	Exp. (fm)
${}^4\text{He}$		1.674	$1.674 \pm 0.012$
${}^8\text{Be}$		2.448	
${}^{12}\text{C}$		2.389	$2.468 \pm 0.012$
${}^{16}\text{O}$		2.639	$2.710 \pm 0.015$

# Electric Transitions

		ACM	Exp.	GFMC	
${}^8\text{Be}$	$B(E2; 2_1^+ \rightarrow 0_1^+)$	14		$20.0 \pm 0.8$	$e^2\text{fm}^4$
	$B(E2; 4_1^+ \rightarrow 2_1^+)$	20	$21 \pm 2.3^*$	$27.2 \pm 1.5$	$e^2\text{fm}^4$
	$B(E4; 4_1^+ \rightarrow 0_1^+)$	153			$e^2\text{fm}^8$
${}^{12}\text{C}$	$B(E2; 2_1^+ \rightarrow 0_1^+)$	7.8	$7.63 \pm 0.19$		$e^2\text{fm}^4$
	$B(E3; 3_1^- \rightarrow 0_1^+)$	65	$104 \pm 14$		$e^2\text{fm}^6$
	$B(E4; 4_1^+ \rightarrow 0_1^+)$	48			$e^2\text{fm}^8$
${}^{16}\text{O}$	$B(E3; 3_1^- \rightarrow 0_1^+)$	215	$205 \pm 10$		$e^2\text{fm}^6$
	$B(E4; 4_1^+ \rightarrow 0_1^+)$	425	$378 \pm 133$		$e^2\text{fm}^8$
	$B(E6; 6_1^+ \rightarrow 0_1^+)$	9626			$e^2\text{fm}^{12}$

Parameter Free:

Consequence of Symmetry

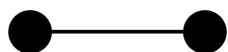
$Q_{2_1^+}$	ACM ( $\text{efm}^2$ )	Exp. ( $\text{efm}^2$ )	GFMC ( $\text{efm}^2$ )
${}^8\text{Be}$	-7.6		$-9.1 \pm 0.2$
${}^{12}\text{C}$	+5.7	$+5.3 \pm 4.4$	

\* Estimated value  
GFMC

Datar et al, PRL 111,  
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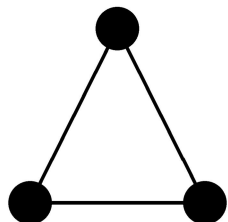
# Algebraic Cluster Model

	$2\alpha$	$3\alpha$	$4\alpha$
ACM	$U(4)$	$U(7)$	$U(10)$
Point group	$\mathcal{Z}_2$	$\mathcal{D}_{3h}$	$\mathcal{T}_d$
Geom. conf.	Linear	Triangle	Tetrahedron
Model	Rotor	Oblate top	Spherical top
Vibrations	1	3	6
Rotations	2	3	3
G.s. band	$0^+$ $2^+$ $4^+$ $6^+$	$0^+$ $2^+$ $3^-$ $4^\pm$ $5^-$ $6^{\pm+}$	$0^+$ $3^-$ $4^+$ $6^\pm$
Large $E\lambda$ electric transitions!			



$Z_2$  Dumbbell  $^8\text{Be}$

NPA 973, 1 (2018)

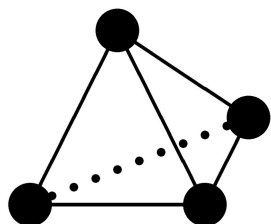


$D_{3h}$  Triangle  $^{12}\text{C}$

PRC 61, 067305 (2000)

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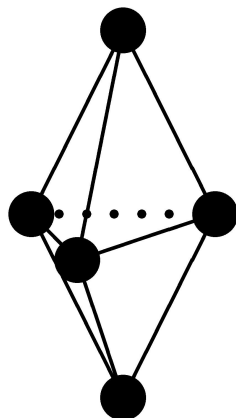
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$T_d$  Tetrahedron  $^{16}\text{O}$

PRL 112, 152501 (2014)

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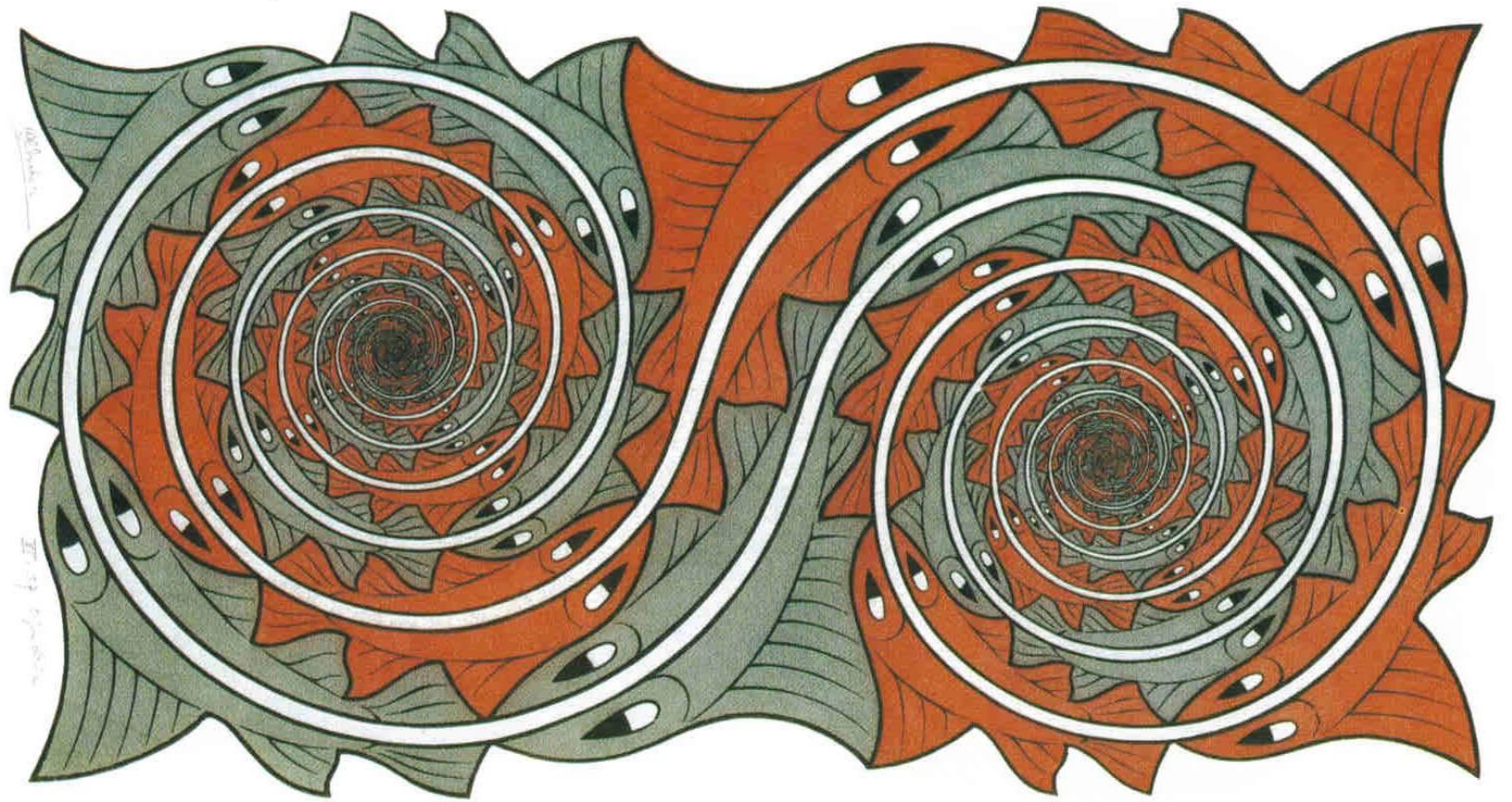


$D_{3h}$  Bi-pyramid  $^{20}\text{Ne}$

NPA 1006, 122077 (2021)

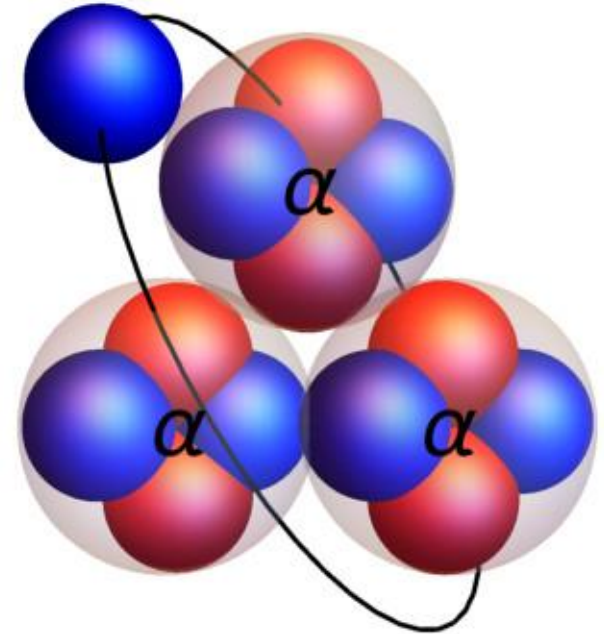
# Summary and Conclusions

- Algebraic Cluster Model
- SGA of  $U(3n-2)$  for  $n$ -body systems
- Discrete and continuous symmetries
- Rotational bands fingerprints of point group symmetries
- Hoyle band: linear, bent or triangular?
- Applications in molecular, nuclear, hadronic physics



# Odd Cluster Nuclei

- What are the signatures of  $\alpha$ -clustering in odd-mass nuclei?
- **Cluster Shell Model (CSM)**
- Splitting of  $sp$  levels in cluster potentials (analogous to Nilsson model)
- Double point groups



# Cluster Shell Model

## Cluster density

$$\begin{aligned}\rho(\vec{r}) &= \frac{Ze}{k} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^{3/2} \sum_{i=1}^k \exp[-\alpha(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_i)^2] \\ &= \frac{Ze}{k} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^{3/2} e^{-\alpha(r^2 + \beta^2)} 4\pi \sum_{\lambda\mu} i_{\lambda}(2\alpha\beta r) Y_{\lambda\mu}(\theta, \phi) \sum_{i=1}^k Y_{\lambda\mu}^*(\theta_i, \phi_i)\end{aligned}$$

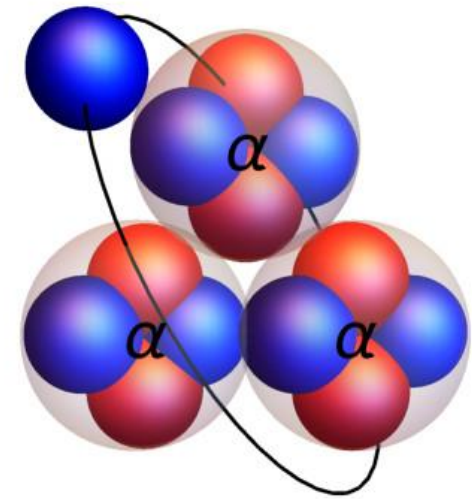
$$\vec{r}_i = (\beta, \theta_i, \phi_i)$$

## Cluster potential

$$H = \sum_i \frac{\vec{p}_i^2}{2m} + V(\vec{r}) + V_{\text{so}}(\vec{r}) + V_{\text{C}}(\vec{r})$$

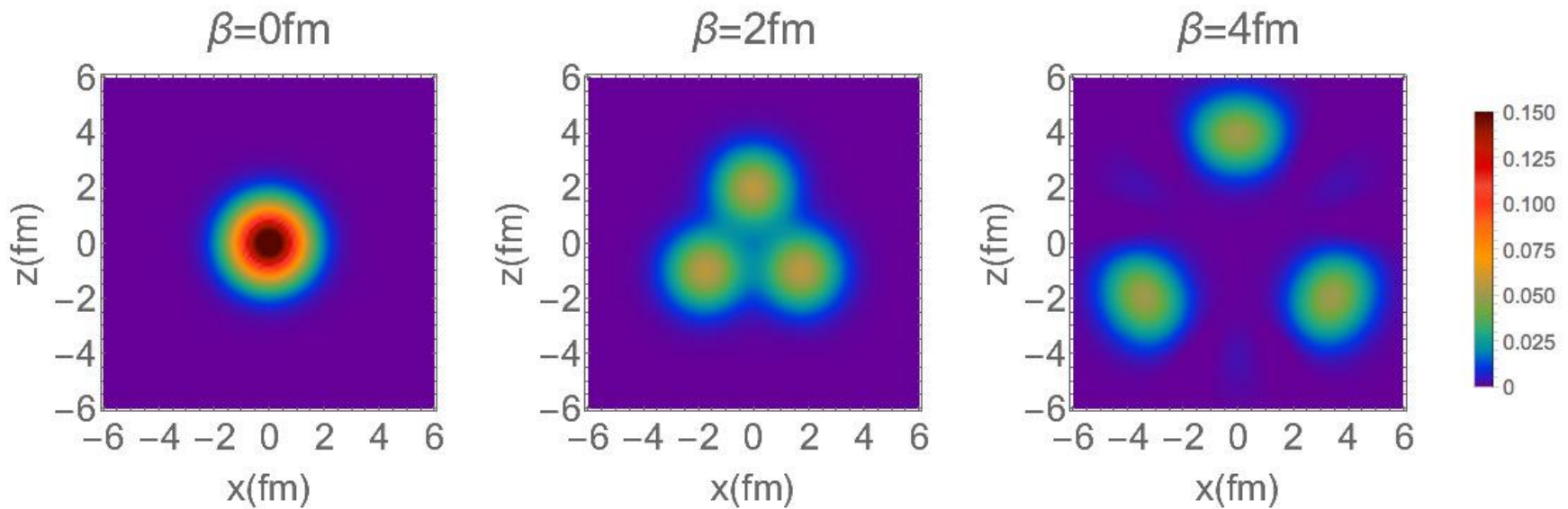
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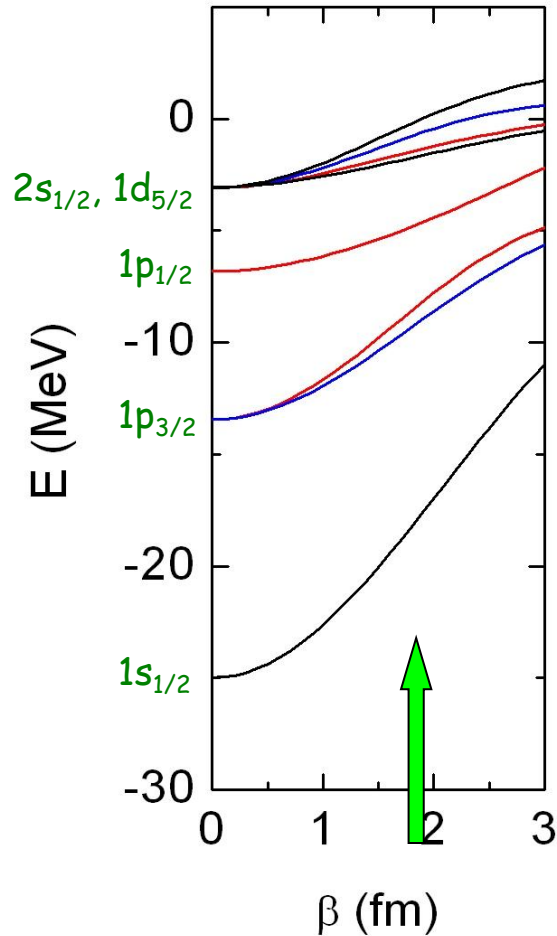


# Densities of 3- $\alpha$ cluster



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# Triangular Symmetry



Symmetry:  $D'_{3h}$

$\Omega$	$E_{1/2}$	$E_{5/2}$	$E_{3/2}$
Deg	2	2	2
$s_{1/2}$	1		
$p_{1/2}$		1	
$p_{3/2}$		1	1
$d_{3/2}$	1		1
$d_{5/2}$	1	1	1

Bijker & Iachello,  
PRL 122, 162501 (2019)

# Vibrations

$^{12}\text{C}$	$^{12}\text{C} \otimes \text{E}_{5/2}$	$^{12}\text{C} \otimes \text{E}_{1/2}$	$^{12}\text{C} \otimes \text{E}_{3/2}$
Bend $\sqrt{\text{E}'}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \text{E}_{3/2} \\ \text{---} \text{E}_{1/2} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \text{E}_{3/2} \\ \text{---} \text{E}_{5/2} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \text{E}_{5/2} \\ \text{---} \text{E}_{1/2} \end{array}$
Hoyle $\sqrt{\text{A}'_1}$	$\sqrt{\text{E}_{5/2}}$	$\text{---} \text{E}_{1/2}$	$\text{---} \text{E}_{3/2}$
Gsb $\sqrt{\text{A}'_1}$	$\sqrt{\text{E}_{5/2}}$	$\sqrt{\text{E}_{1/2}}$	$\text{---} \text{E}_{3/2}$

# Rotations

gsb

gsb  $\otimes E_{5/2}$

gsb  $\otimes E_{1/2}$

gsb  $\otimes E_{3/2}$

$D_{3h} : A'_1$	$D'_{3h} : E_{5/2}$	$D'_{3h} : E_{1/2}$	$D'_{3h} : E_{3/2}$
	— 9/2 <sup>-</sup> — 9/2 <sup>+</sup> — 9/2 <sup>+</sup>	— 9/2 <sup>+</sup> — 9/2 <sup>-</sup> — 9/2 <sup>-</sup>	— 9/2 <sup>±</sup> — 9/2 <sup>±</sup>
— 4 <sup>+</sup> — 4 <sup>-</sup>			
	— 7/2 <sup>-</sup> — 7/2 <sup>+</sup> — 7/2 <sup>+</sup>	— 7/2 <sup>+</sup> — 7/2 <sup>-</sup> — 7/2 <sup>-</sup>	— 7/2 <sup>±</sup>
— 3 <sup>-</sup>			
	— 5/2 <sup>-</sup> — 5/2 <sup>+</sup>	— 5/2 <sup>+</sup> — 5/2 <sup>-</sup>	— 5/2 <sup>±</sup>
— 2 <sup>+</sup>			
	— 3/2 <sup>-</sup>	— 3/2 <sup>+</sup>	— 3/2 <sup>±</sup>
— 0 <sup>+</sup>	— 1/2 <sup>-</sup>	— 1/2 <sup>+</sup>	
$K^P = 0^+ \quad 3^-$	$K^P = 1/2^- \quad 5/2^+ \quad 7/2^+$	$K^P = 1/2^+ \quad 5/2^- \quad 7/2^-$	$K^P = 3/2^\pm \quad 9/2^\pm$

12<sub>C</sub>

13<sub>C</sub>

# Rotational Energy

$$H_{\text{rot}} = \frac{L_1^2 + L_2^2}{2\mathcal{I}} + \frac{L_3^2}{2\mathcal{I}_3} = \sum_{i=1}^2 \frac{(J_i - j_i)^2}{2\mathcal{I}} + \frac{(J_3 - j_3)^2}{2\mathcal{I}_3}$$

Wave function

$$|\Omega, \mu; J^P KM\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( 1 + \hat{P} e^{i\pi J_2} \hat{p} e^{-i\pi j_2} \right) |J^P KM\rangle |\Omega, \mu\rangle$$

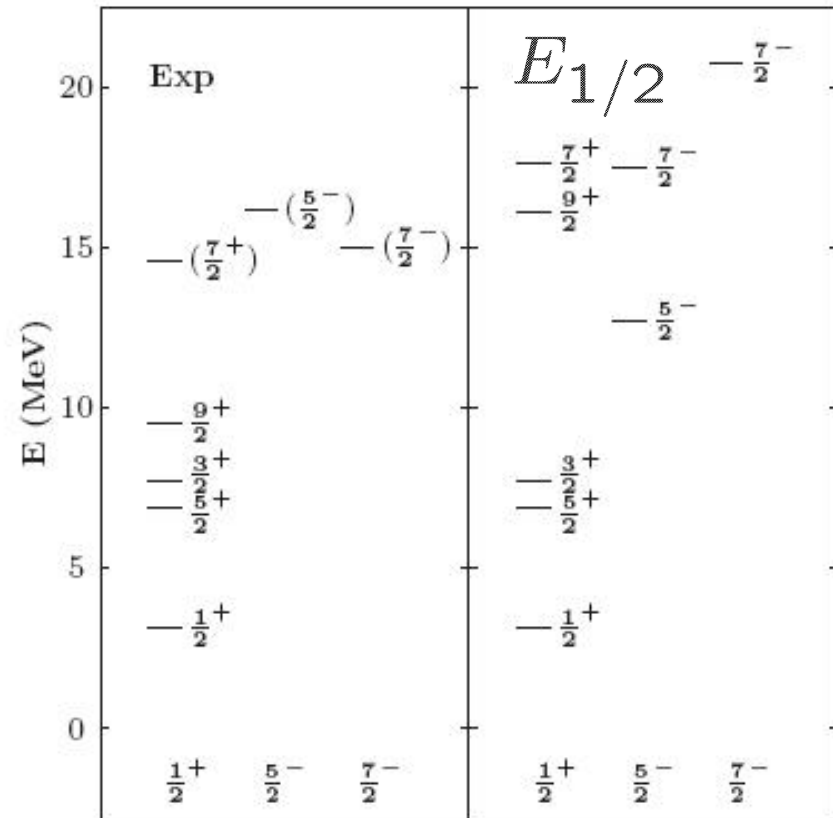
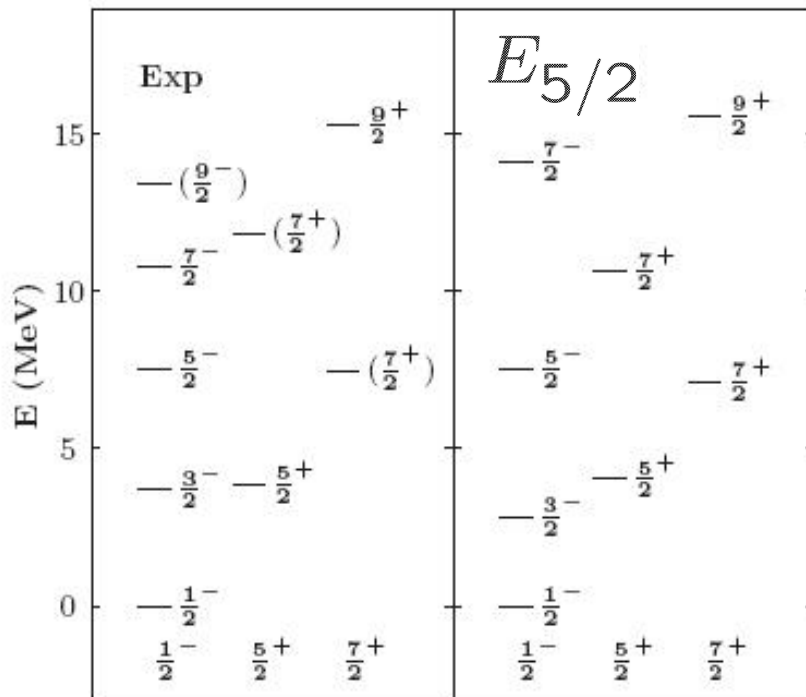
Energies

$$E_{\Omega}(J) \approx \frac{1}{2\mathcal{I}} \left[ J(J+1) - 2K^2 + \delta_{K,1/2} a_{\Omega} (-1)^{J+1/2} \left( J + \frac{1}{2} \right) \right]$$

$a_{\Omega}$  Decoupling parameter

Generalized formula for triangular symmetry

# Bandas Rotacionales en $^{13}\text{C}$

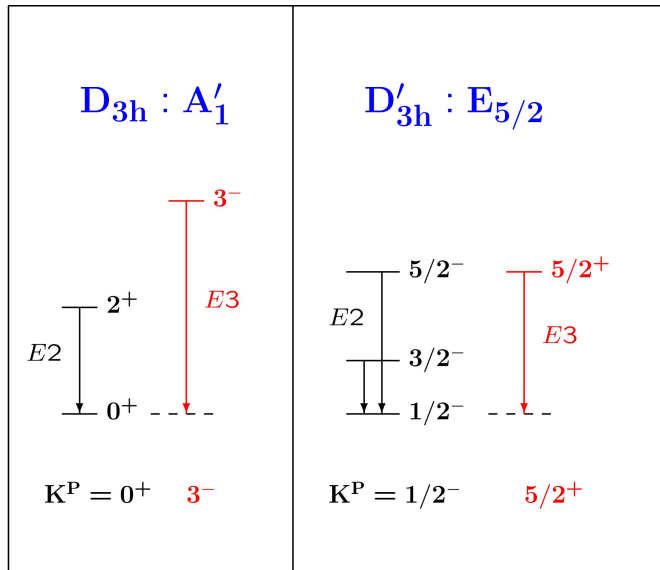


# Electric Transitions

$$\frac{B(E3; 3_1^- \rightarrow 0_1^+)}{B(E2; 2_1^+ \rightarrow 0_1^+)} = \frac{5}{2}\beta^2$$

Dominated by collective part

$$\begin{aligned} B(E2; 3/2_1^- \rightarrow 1/2_1^-) &= B(E2; 5/2_1^- \rightarrow 1/2_1^-) \\ &= B(E2; 2_1^+ \rightarrow 0_1^+) \\ B(E3; 5/2_1^+ \rightarrow 1/2_1^-) &= B(E3; 3_1^- \rightarrow 0_1^+) \\ Q_{5/2_1^-} &= \frac{10}{7} Q_{3/2_1^-} = Q_{2_1^+} \end{aligned}$$



	$B(EL)$	Th	Exp	
$^{12}\text{C}$	$B(E2; 2_1^+ \rightarrow 0_1^+)$	7.8	$7.63 \pm 0.19$	$e^2\text{fm}^4$
	$B(E3; 3_1^- \rightarrow 0_1^+)$	65.0	$104 \pm 14$	$e^2\text{fm}^6$
	$Q_{2_1^+}$	5.7	$5.3 \pm 4.4$	$\text{efm}^2$
$^{13}\text{C}$	$B(E2; 3/2_1^- \rightarrow 1/2_1^-)$	7.8	$6.4 \pm 1.5$	$e^2\text{fm}^4$
	$B(E2; 5/2_1^- \rightarrow 1/2_1^-)$	7.8	$5.6 \pm 0.4$	$e^2\text{fm}^4$
	$B(E3; 5/2_1^+ \rightarrow 1/2_1^-)$	65.0	$100 \pm 40$	$e^2\text{fm}^6$
	$Q_{5/2_1^-}$	5.7		$\text{efm}^2$
	$Q_{3/2_1^-}$	4.0		$\text{efm}^2$

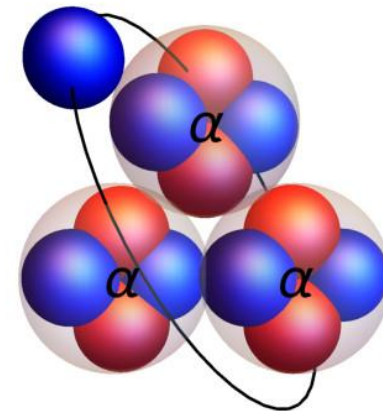
# Form Factors

Charge distribution

$$\rho_{\text{ch}}(\vec{r}) = \rho_{\text{ch}}^{\text{c}}(\vec{r}) + \rho_{\text{ch}}^{\text{sp}}(\vec{r})$$

$$\rho_{\text{ch}}^{\text{c}}(\vec{r}) = \frac{(Ze)_c}{3} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^{3/2} \sum_{i=1}^3 e^{-\alpha(\vec{r}-\vec{r}_i)^2}$$

$$\rho_{\text{ch}}^{\text{sp}}(\vec{r}) = \tilde{e} \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_{\text{sp}})$$

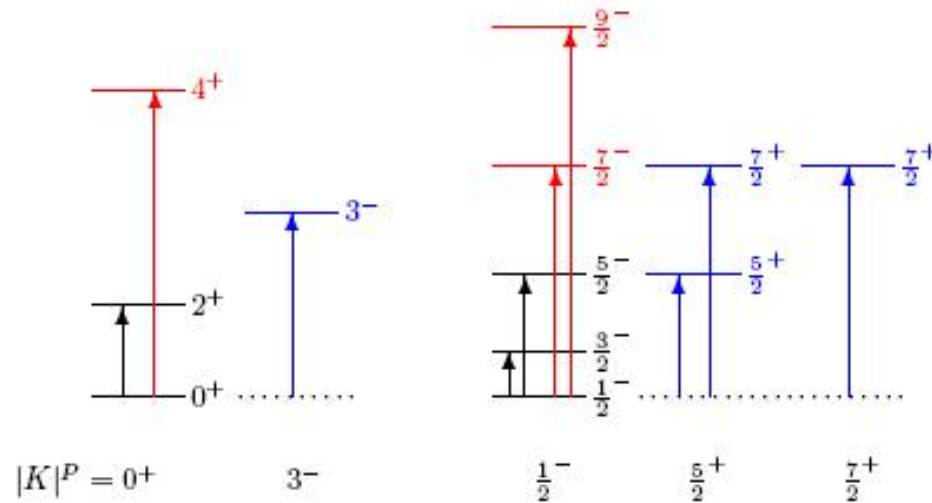


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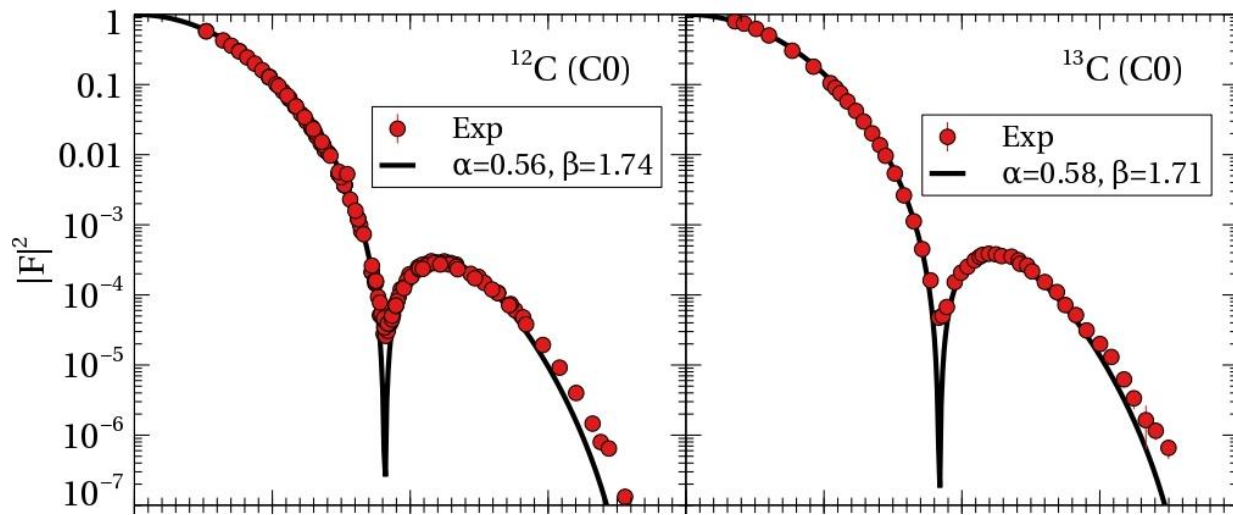
$$\langle \psi_f | \int \rho_{\text{ch}}(\vec{r}) e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{r}} d^3r | \psi_i \rangle$$



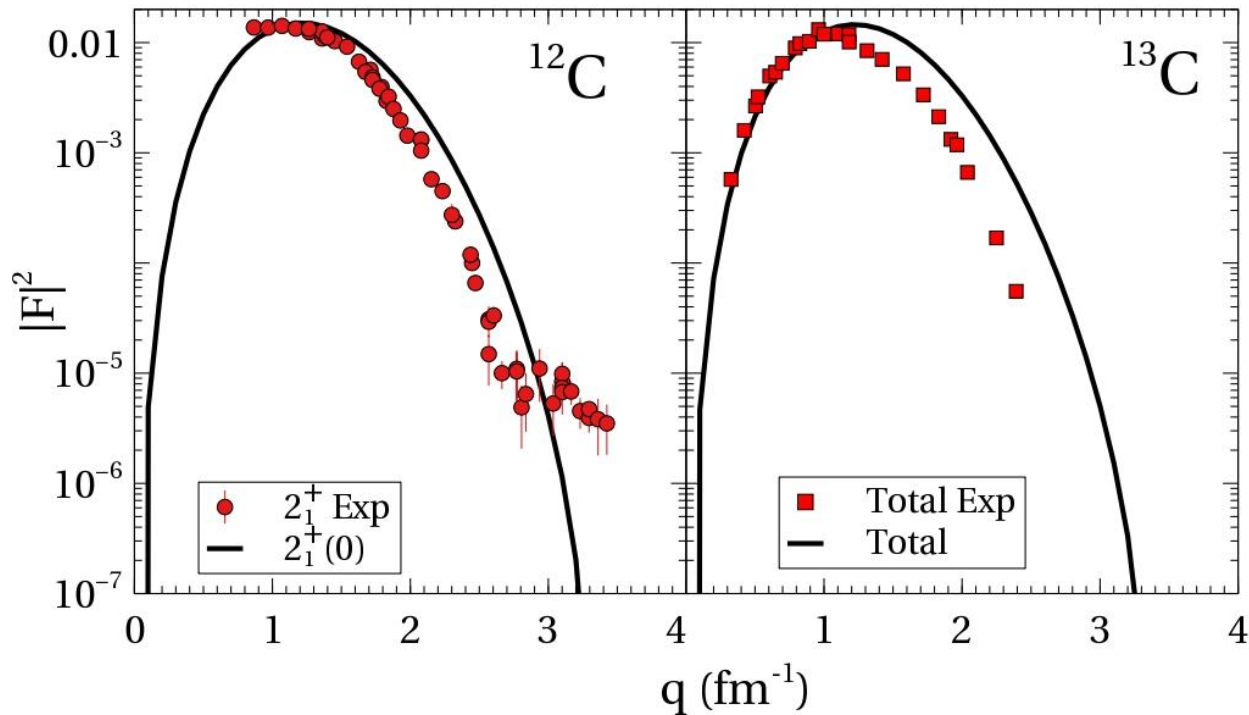
# Correspondence $^{12}\text{C}$ y $^{13}\text{C}$



$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left| F_{C\lambda}(^{12}\text{C}, q; 0^+, 0 \rightarrow L^P, K) \right|^2 \\
 &= \sum_{I, K'} \left| F_{C\lambda}(^{13}\text{C}, q; \frac{1}{2}^-, \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow I^{P'}, K') \right|^2
 \end{aligned}$$

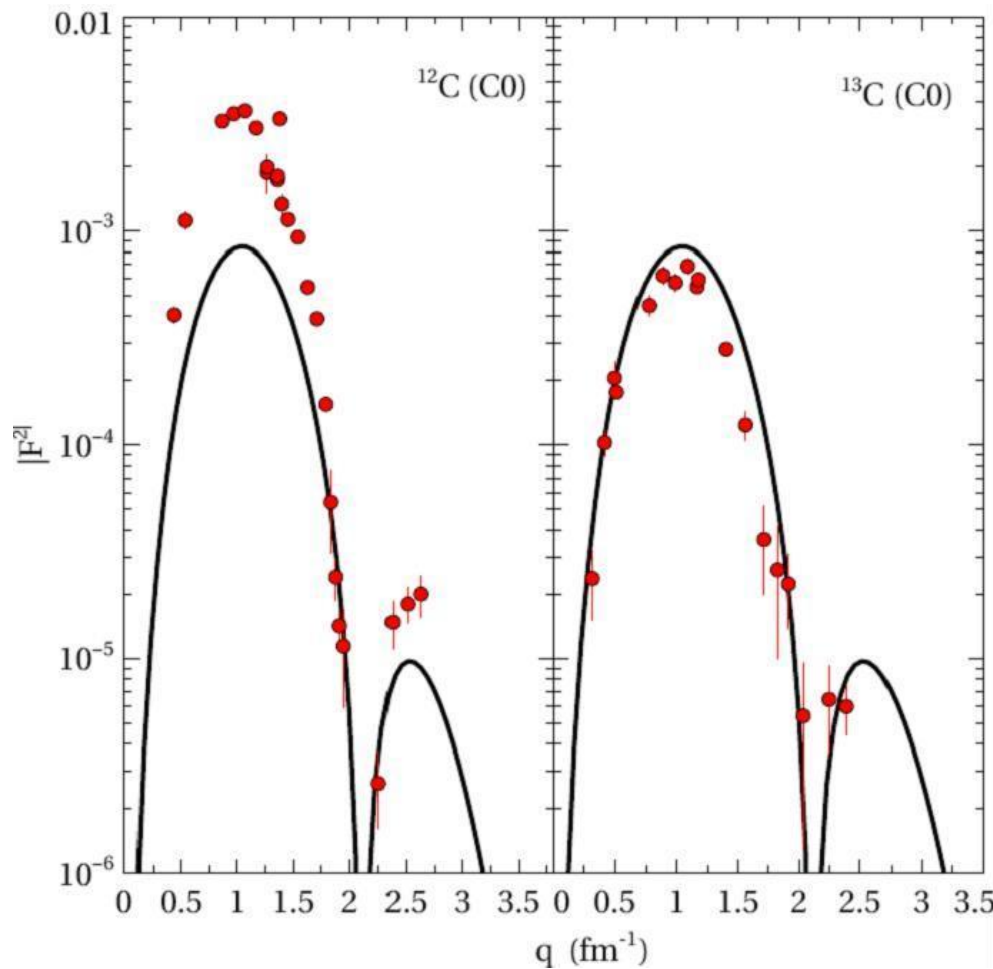


Factor de forma elástico C0



Factor de forma inelástico C2

# Analogue of Hoyle state in $^{13}\text{C}$



$$^{12}\text{C} : F(0_1^+ \rightarrow 0_2^+)$$

$$0_2^+ \text{ @ } 7.65 \text{ MeV}$$

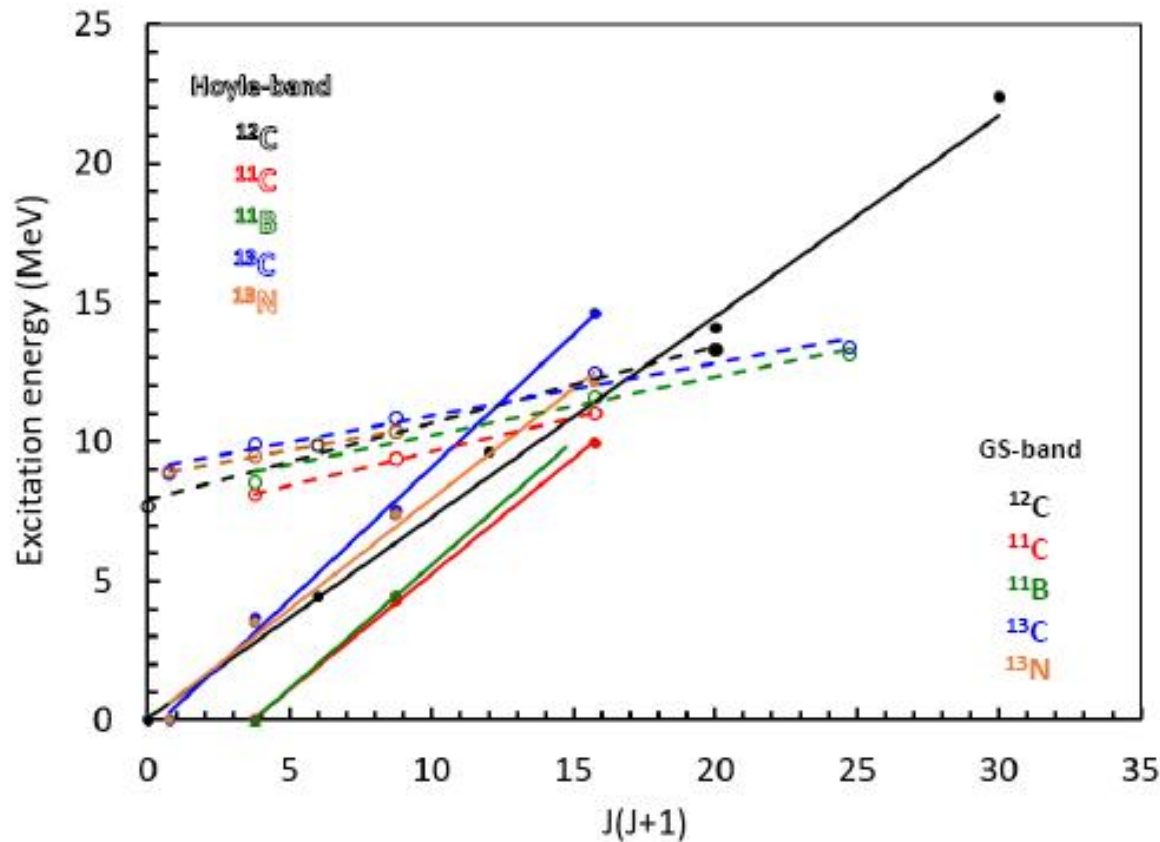
$$^{13}\text{C} : F(1/2_1^- \rightarrow 1/2_2^-)$$

$$1/2_2^- \text{ @ } 8.86 \text{ MeV}$$

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# Energy Systematics

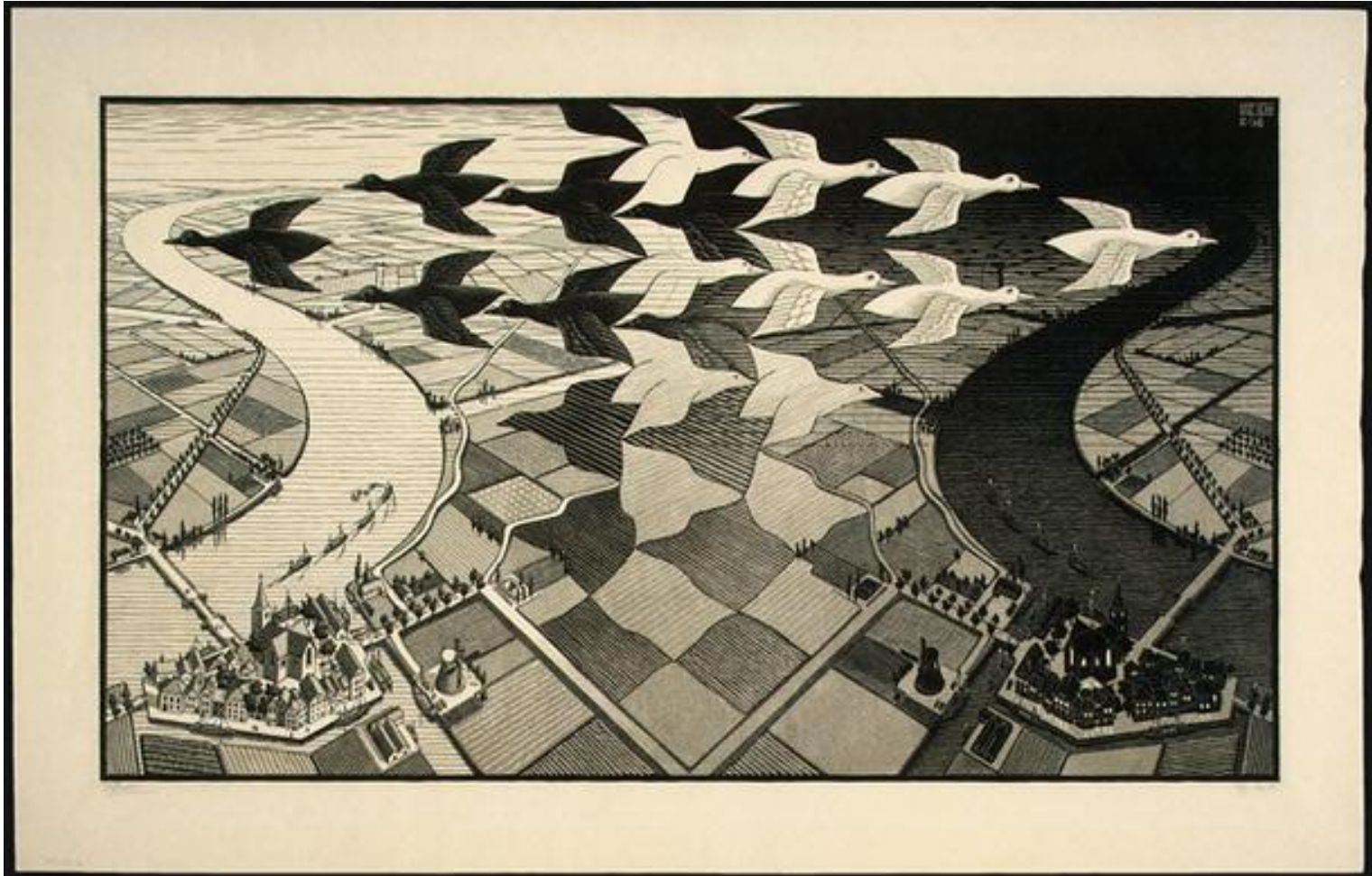
GS bands versus Hoyle-bands for  $3\alpha$ -like nuclei



Courtesy  
Ivano Lombardo, 2019

Coincides in the  
identification of the  
analogue of the Hoyle  
state in  $^{13}\text{C}$

$4n + 1$	Nuclei	References
$n = 2$	${}^9\text{Be}, {}^9\text{B}$	NPA 973, 1 (2018)
$n = 3$	${}^{13}\text{C}$	PRL 122, 162501 (2019) EPJ-ST 229, 2353 (2020) PLB 843, 138026 (2023)
	${}^{13}\text{N}$	B.Sc. Thesis, Villavicencio (2025)
$n = 5$	${}^{21}\text{Ne}, {}^{21}\text{Na}$	NPA 1010, 122193 (2021)
$4n + 2$	Nuclei	References
$n = 2$	${}^{10}\text{Be}$ ${}^{10}\text{B}, {}^{10}\text{C}$	JPCS 2619, 012006 (2023) in progress, Omar Díaz



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# Summary and Conclusions

- Cluster Shell Model:  $^{13}\text{C}$
- Symmetries
- Rotational bands: fingerprints of a triangular configuration of three alpha particles plus a neutron
- Large electric transitions
- Form factor to identify the analogue of Hoyle state in  $^{13}\text{C}$
- Benchmark for microscopic studies of nuclear clustering

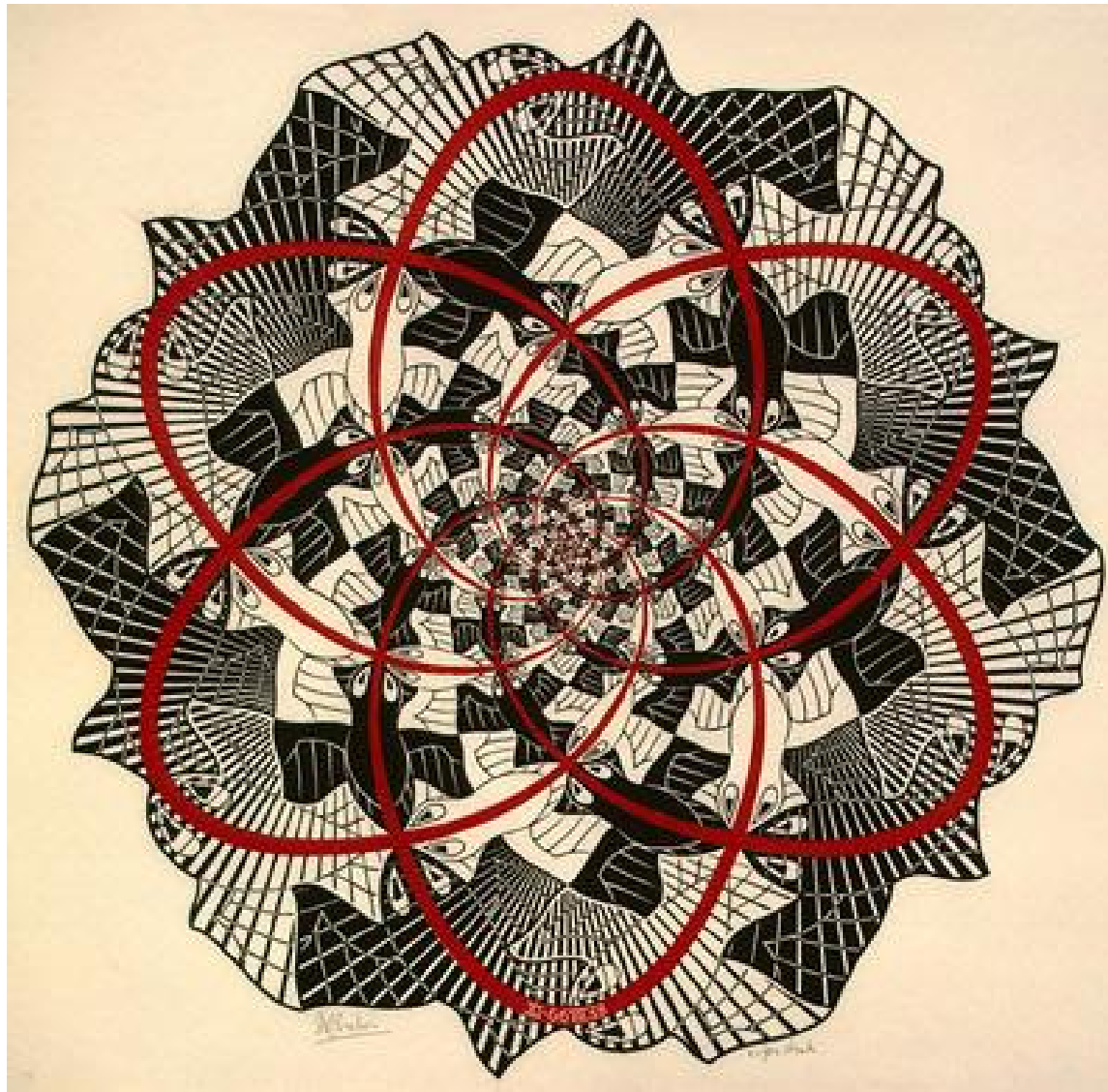


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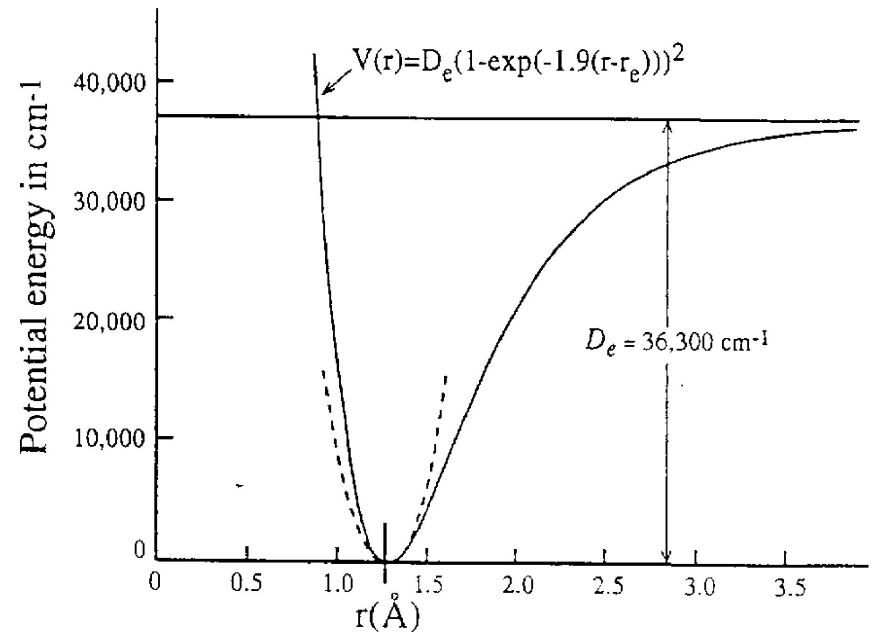




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# Pauli Principle

- ACM: effective  $\alpha$ - $\alpha$  interaction of the Morse type
- CSM similar to Nilsson model
- Nucleon moves in the deformed field generated by the cluster of  $\alpha$  particles

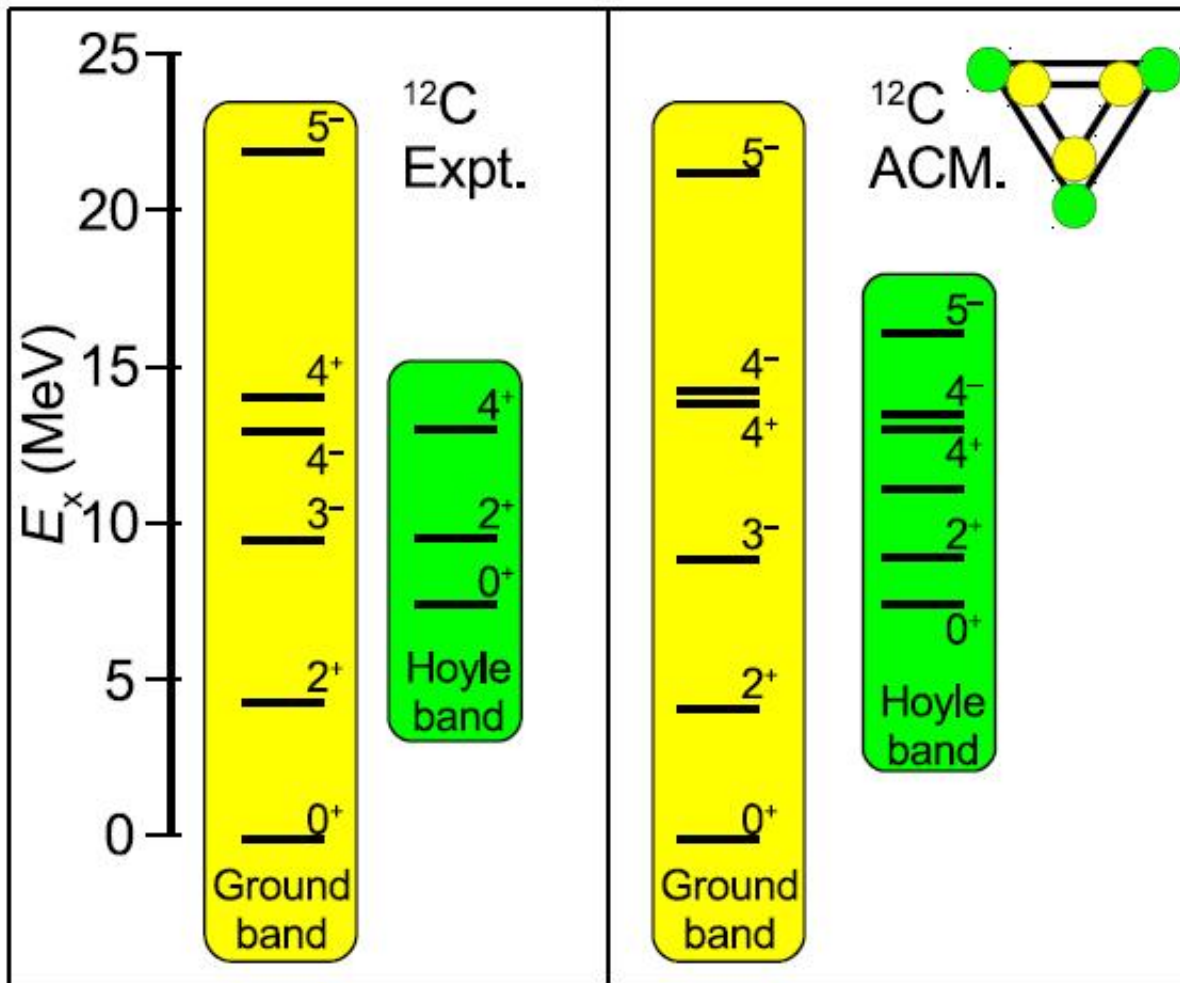






# Experimental Studies $^{12}\text{C}$

gs	$3^-$	Kokalova et al, PRC 87, 057307 (2013)
gs	$4^-$	Freer et al, PRC 76, 034320 (2007) Kirsebom et al, PRC 81, 064313 (2010)
gs	$5^-$	Marín-Lámbarri et al, PRL 113, 012502 (2014)
Hoyle	$2^+$	Itoh et al, PRC 84, 054308 (2011) Freer et al, PRC 86, 034320 (2012) Zimmerman et al, PRL 110, 152502 (2013)
Hoyle	$4^+$	Freer et al, PRC 83, 034314 (2011)
Hoyle	$3^-, 4^-$	Some evidence for negative parity strengths between 11 and 14 MeV Freer et al, PRC 76, 034320 (2007)



$$\langle r^2 \rangle_{\text{gs}}^{1/2} = 2.47 \text{ fm}$$

$$\langle r^2 \rangle_{\text{H}}^{1/2} = 3.45 \text{ fm}$$

Some evidence for negative parity strength between 11-14 MeV !

Freer et al, PRC 76, 034320 (2007)

†: experimentally observed states currently assigned to the group

Tzany Kokalova, JPCS 569, 012010 (2014)

# Estimate of Hoyle Radius

- Moments of inertia and radii of ground state ( $i=gs$ ) and Hoyle band ( $i=H$ )

$$\frac{1}{2\mathcal{I}_i} = \frac{1}{Am\beta_i^2(1 + 2/\alpha\beta_i^2)}$$
$$\langle r^2 \rangle_i^{1/2} = \sqrt{\beta_i^2 + 3/2\alpha}$$

- Radii  $\langle r^2 \rangle_{gs}^{1/2} = 2.47 \text{ fm}$   
 $\langle r^2 \rangle_H^{1/2} = 3.45 \text{ fm}$

# 4. Four-body Clusters: Spherical Top

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_{4,\text{vib}} = & \xi_1 (R^2 s^\dagger s^\dagger - b_1^\dagger \cdot b_1^\dagger - b_2^\dagger \cdot b_2^\dagger - b_3^\dagger \cdot b_3^\dagger) (\text{h.c.}) \\
 & + \xi_2 [(-2\sqrt{2} b_1^\dagger \cdot b_3^\dagger + 2b_1^\dagger \cdot b_2^\dagger) (\text{h.c.}) \\
 & \quad + (-2\sqrt{2} b_2^\dagger \cdot b_3^\dagger + (b_1^\dagger \cdot b_1^\dagger - b_2^\dagger \cdot b_2^\dagger)) (\text{h.c.})] \\
 & + \xi_3 [(2b_1^\dagger \cdot b_3^\dagger + 2\sqrt{2} b_1^\dagger \cdot b_2^\dagger) (\text{h.c.}) \\
 & \quad + (2b_2^\dagger \cdot b_3^\dagger + \sqrt{2} (b_1^\dagger \cdot b_1^\dagger - b_2^\dagger \cdot b_2^\dagger)) (\text{h.c.}) \\
 & \quad + (b_1^\dagger \cdot b_1^\dagger + b_2^\dagger \cdot b_2^\dagger - 2b_3^\dagger \cdot b_3^\dagger) (\text{h.c.})]
 \end{aligned}$$

- $R^2 = 0$  : anharmonic oscillator
- $R^2 = 1, \xi_1 > 0, \xi_2 = \xi_3 = 0$  : deformed oscillator
- $R^2 \neq 0, \xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3 > 0$  : spherical top



# Equilibrium Shape

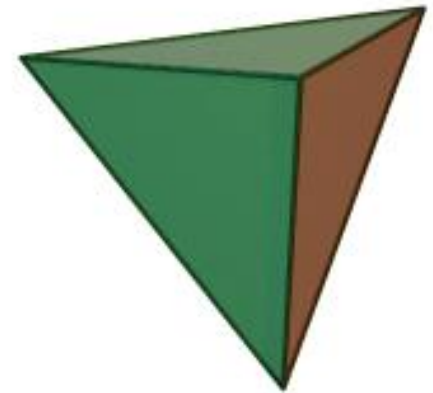
- Three coordinates have equal length

$$q_{1,0} = q_{2,0} = q_{3,0} = \sqrt{2R^2/(1+R^2)}$$

- and are perpendicular

$$\theta_{12,0} = \theta_{23,0} = \theta_{31,0} = \pi/2$$

- Regular tetrahedron
- Platonic solids



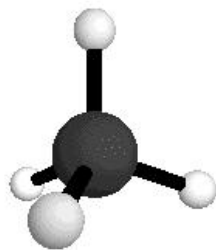
# Vibrations

- Vibrational excitations of a spherical top with tetrahedral symmetry

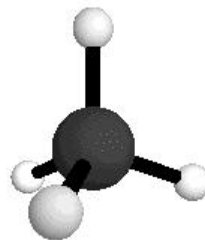
$$E_{4,\text{vib}} = \omega_1\left(\nu_1 + \frac{1}{2}\right) + \omega_2(\nu_2 + 1) + \omega_3\left(\nu_3 + \frac{3}{2}\right)$$

- Frequencies

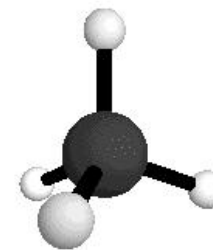
$$\omega_1 = 4NR^2\xi_1, \quad \omega_2 = \frac{8NR^2}{1+R^2}\xi_2, \quad \omega_3 = \frac{8NR^2}{1+R^2}\xi_3$$



$\nu_1(A_1)$



$\nu_2(E)$



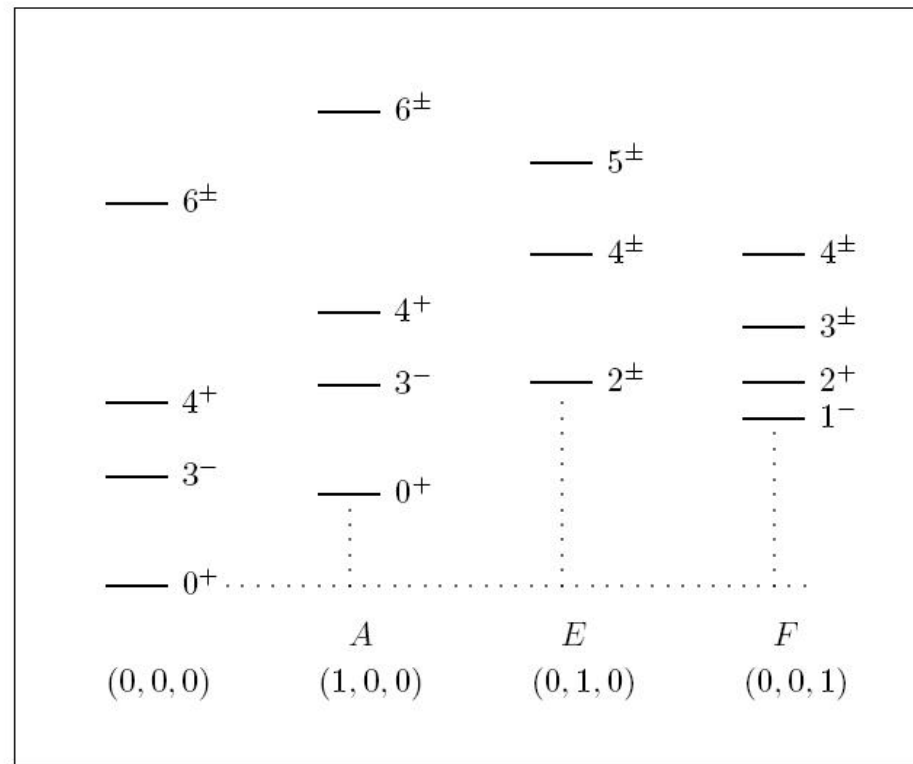
$\nu_3(F_2)$

# Rotations

- Hamiltonian  $H_4 = H_{4,\text{vib}} + H_{4,\text{rot}}$
- Angular momentum:  $L$  is exact symmetry of  $H_{4,\text{rot}} = \kappa_1 \vec{L} \cdot \vec{L} + \kappa_2 (\vec{L} \cdot \vec{L} - \vec{I} \cdot \vec{I})^2$
- Angular momentum in index space:  $I$  is good quantum number if  $\xi_2 = \xi_3$
- Rotational excitations of ground state vibrational band have  $L=I$
- Rotational energies  $E_{3,\text{rot}} = \kappa_1 L(L+1)$

# Energy Spectrum

$$E_4 = \omega_1\left(\nu_1 + \frac{1}{2}\right) + \omega_2(\nu_2 + 1) + \omega_3\left(\nu_3 + \frac{3}{2}\right) + \kappa_1 L(L + 1)$$

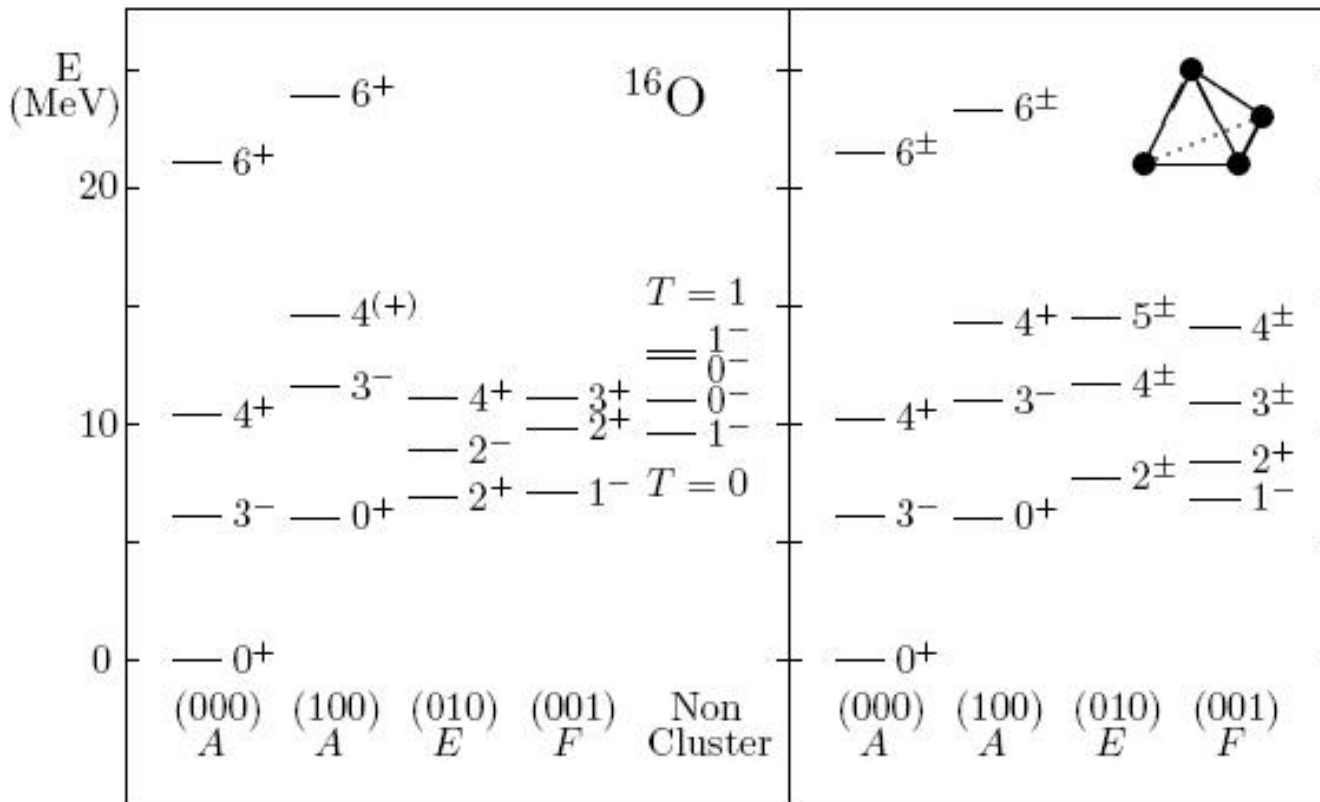


# ACM for $^{16}\text{O}$

- Lowlying  $L_i^P = 0_2^+$  state interpreted as a

$(1, 0, 0)$

$3^-, 4^+, \dots$



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Figure 5: Comparison between the observed spectrum of  $^{16}\text{O}$  (left) and the theoretical spectrum (right). The levels are organized in columns corresponding to the ground state band and the three vibrational bands with A, E and F symmetry of a spherical top with tetrahedral

# Electric Transitions

$$B(EL; 0 \rightarrow L) = \left(\frac{Ze}{4}\right)^2 \beta^{2L} \frac{2L+1}{4\pi} \left[4 + 12P_L\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)\right]$$

$$B(E1; 0 \rightarrow 1) = 0$$

$$B(E2; 0 \rightarrow 2) = 0$$

$$B(E3; 0 \rightarrow 3) = (Ze)^2 \frac{7}{4\pi} \frac{5}{9} \beta^6$$

$$B(E4; 0 \rightarrow 4) = (Ze)^2 \frac{9}{4\pi} \frac{7}{27} \beta^8$$

$$B(E5; 0 \rightarrow 5) = 0$$

$$B(E6; 0 \rightarrow 6) = (Ze)^2 \frac{13}{4\pi} \frac{32}{81} \beta^{12}$$

# ACM for four-body systems

9 relative degrees of freedom: Jacobi vectors

$$\vec{\rho}_1 = (\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2) / \sqrt{2}$$

$$\vec{\rho}_2 = (\vec{r}_1 + \vec{r}_2 - 2\vec{r}_3) / \sqrt{6}$$

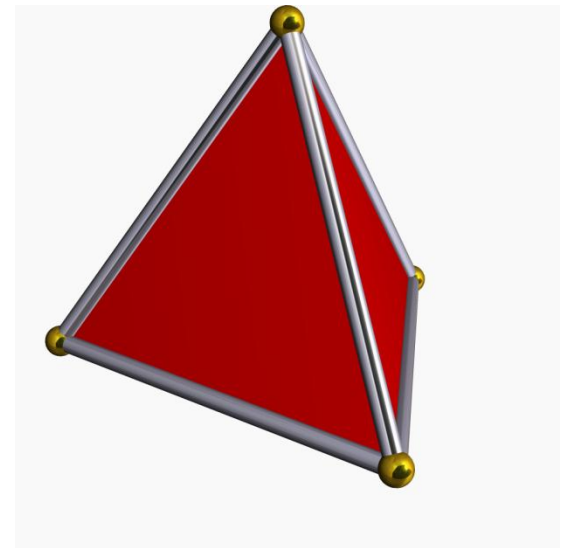
$$\vec{\rho}_3 = (\vec{r}_1 + \vec{r}_2 + \vec{r}_3 - 3\vec{r}_4) / \sqrt{12}$$

Introduce three dipole bosons  
and an auxiliary scalar boson

$$b_{1,m}^\dagger, b_{2,m}^\dagger, b_{3,m}^\dagger, s^\dagger$$

such that the total number of bosons is conserved

$$N = n_1 + n_2 + n_3 + n_s$$



# Permutation symmetry

$$P(12) |\psi_t\rangle = \begin{cases} + |\psi_t\rangle & t = A_1, E_\lambda, F_{2\lambda}, F_{2\eta}, F_{1\rho} & n_\rho \text{ even} \\ - |\psi_t\rangle & t = A_2, E_\rho, F_{1\lambda}, F_{1\eta}, F_{2\rho} & n_\rho \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

Separate basis states with  $n_\rho$  even and odd

$$\langle \psi_t | P(1234) | \psi_t \rangle = \langle \psi_t | e^{i\pi(b_\rho^\dagger b_\rho + b_\lambda^\dagger b_\lambda + b_\eta^\dagger b_\eta)} e^{\theta_1(b_\rho^\dagger b_\lambda - b_\lambda^\dagger b_\rho)} e^{\theta_2(b_\lambda^\dagger b_\eta - b_\eta^\dagger b_\lambda)} | \psi_t \rangle$$

$$\theta_1 = \arctan \sqrt{3} \quad \theta_2 = \arctan \sqrt{8}$$

Change of oscillator coordinates: Talmi-Moshinsky brackets

	$A_1$	$E_\lambda$	$F_{2\lambda}$	$F_{2\eta}$	$F_{1\rho}$	$A_2$	$E_\rho$	$F_{1\lambda}$	$F_{1\eta}$	$F_{2\rho}$
$\langle \psi_t   P(12)   \psi_t \rangle$	1	1	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
$\langle \psi_t   P(1234)   \psi_t \rangle$	1	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{6}$	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$