Alpha condensates and dynamics of cluster formation

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Container picture with THSR ansatz

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So-called ``THSR'' wave function (or condensate w.f.)

A. Tohsaki,et al., PRL 87, 192501(2001), Y. F. et al., PTP 108, 297 (2002).

$$\Phi_{\alpha}(\boldsymbol{\beta}, b) = \exp\left(-2\sum_{k}^{x, y, z} \frac{r_{k}^{2}}{b^{2} + 2\beta_{k}^{2}}\right) \phi_{\alpha}(b)$$

 $\Phi_{{}^{12}C}^{eTHSR}(\boldsymbol{\beta},b) = \Psi_{G}^{-1}\mathcal{A}\{\Phi_{\alpha}(\boldsymbol{\beta},b)\Phi_{\alpha}(\boldsymbol{\beta},b)\Phi_{\alpha}(\boldsymbol{\beta},b)\}$ 



$$B_k^2 = b^2 + 2\beta_k^2 \ (k = x, y, z)$$

 $\Psi_G$ : Total center-of-mass w.f. to be eliminated

Two limits B =b: Shell model w.f. B >>b: Gas of independent  $\alpha$ -particles Internal w.f. of  $\alpha$  particle

b=1.35 fm: fixed $\phi_{lpha}(b)\coloneqq$ 



### Why the Hoyle state is the $3\alpha$ condensate ?

The  $3\alpha RGM/GCM$  eq. of motion gives the solution, which is very  $3\alpha$  cond. w.f.

The  $3\alpha$  RGM/GCM: to give solutions of full  $3\alpha$  problem in a microscopic way



Comparison with exp. data for the Hoyle state  $(0_2^+ \text{ of } {}^{12}\text{C})$  (THSR w.f.)

Inelastic electron scattering  $(0_1^+ \rightarrow 0_2^+)$ 



Energy (MeV)  $E_{cal} - E_{3\alpha}^{th} = 0.38$  $E_{exp} - E_{3\alpha}^{th} = 0.23$ 

α-decay width (MeV)  $\Gamma_{cal} = 7.7 \times 10^{-6}$   $\Gamma_{exp} = 8.5(10) \times 10^{-6}$ Monopole M.E. (fm<sup>2</sup>)  $M(E0; 0_2^+ \rightarrow 0_1^+) = 6.4$  (Exp: 5.4(2)) B(E2) (e<sup>2</sup>fm<sup>4</sup>)

 $B(E2; 2_1^+ \to 0_2^+) = 2.4 \text{ (Exp: } 0.73(13)\text{)}$ 

Y. F. et al., PRC **67**, 051306(R)(2003). Y. F. et al., EPJA **24**, 321(2005).

## GFMC (data from Wringa) and Comparison with THSR

One-body density distribution



Y. F. et al., Progress in Particle and Nuclear Physics 82, 78-132 (2015).

THSR + GCM (for  $^{12}$ C)



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All excited states above the threshold are governed by cluster dynamics -8.0 r

## Container picture with THSR ansatz

#### First success of container picture for ordinary cluster state

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Characterized by rel. distance parameter R_z.
Localized clustering.
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$$\Psi_{^{20}\text{Ne}}^{\text{Brink}}(R_z, b) = \mathcal{A}\left\{\exp\left(\frac{8(r_z - R_z)^2}{5b^2}\right)\phi_{\alpha}(b)\phi_{^{16}\text{O}}(b)\right\}$$

Characterized by the size of container *B*.

Non-localized clustering.

$$\Phi_{20}^{\text{THSR}}(\beta, b) = \mathcal{A}\left\{\exp\left(\sum_{k}^{x, y, z} \frac{8r_k^2}{5(b^2 + 2\beta_k^2)}\right)\phi_\alpha(b)\phi_{16_0}(b)\right\}$$
$$B_k^2 = b^2 + 2\beta_k^2 \ (k = x, y, z)$$

B. Zhou, Y. F. et al., PRC86, 014301 (2012); PRL 110, 262501(2013); PRC 89, 3319 (2014).

First success of container picture for ordinary cluster state The energy levels of  $\alpha$ +<sup>16</sup>O inversion doublet bands in <sup>20</sup>Ne

Characterized by rel. distance parameter  $R_z$ . Localized clustering.



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Y. F. et al., PTEP (2014) 113D01.





Container picture with THSR ansatz

## $4\alpha$ extended THSR wave function

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#### Internal w.f. of $\alpha$ particle



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Hill-Wheeler eq. or GCM (generator coordinate method)

$$\sum_{\boldsymbol{\beta'}_1,\boldsymbol{\beta'}_2} \left\langle \hat{P}_{MK}^J \Phi_{^{16}O}^{\text{eTHSR}}(\boldsymbol{\beta}_1,\boldsymbol{\beta}_2,b) \middle| \hat{H} - E \middle| \hat{P}_{MK}^J \Phi_{^{16}O}^{\text{eTHSR}}(\boldsymbol{\beta'}_1,\boldsymbol{\beta'}_2,b) \right\rangle f(\boldsymbol{\beta'}_1,\boldsymbol{\beta'}_2) = 0$$

 $\hat{P}^{J}_{\!M\!K}$  : Angular momentum projection operator

Hamiltonian (NN force: F1 force)

A. Tohsaki, PRC **49**, 1814 (1994).  

$$\widehat{H} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \sum_{i}^{16} \nabla_i^2 - T_G + \sum_{i \le i}^{16} (V_{ij}^{(N)} + V_{ij}^{(C)}) + \sum_{i \le i \le k}^{16} V_{ijk}^{(N)}$$

 $\boldsymbol{\beta}_{i} = \left(\beta_{ix} = \beta_{iy}, \beta_{iz}\right)$ 

With (axially symmetric) deformation

Spurious continuum components are effectively eliminated by r<sup>2</sup> constraint method. See Y. F. et al., PTP **115**, 115 (2006).



















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