

Nuclear clustering within the beyond RMF framework

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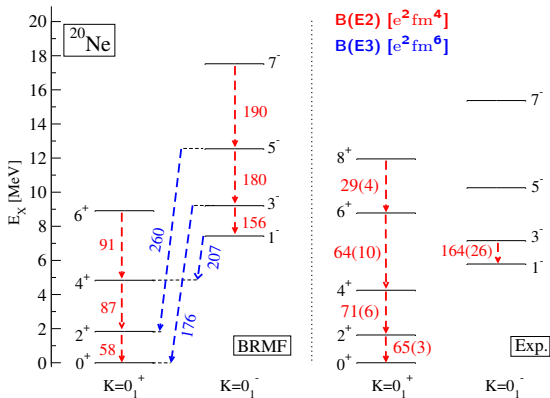
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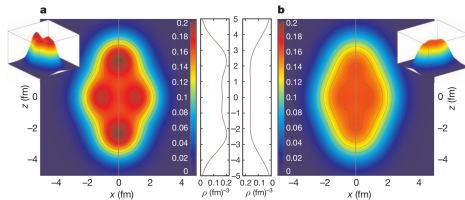
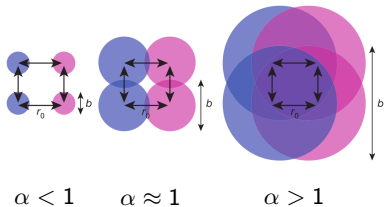
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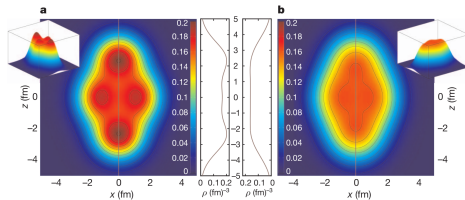
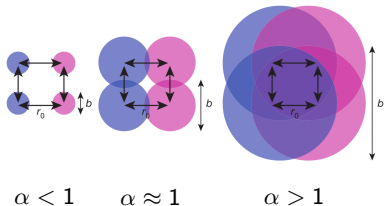


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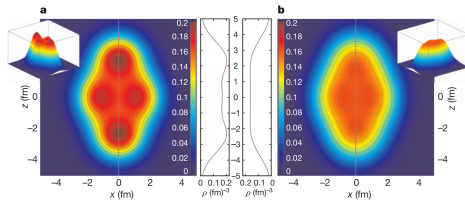
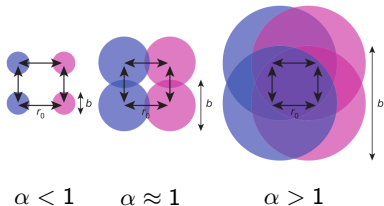
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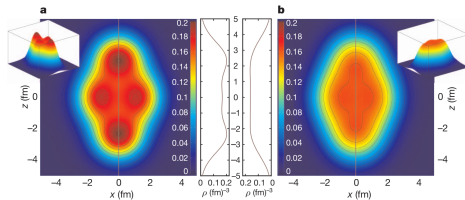
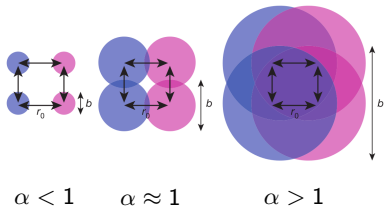


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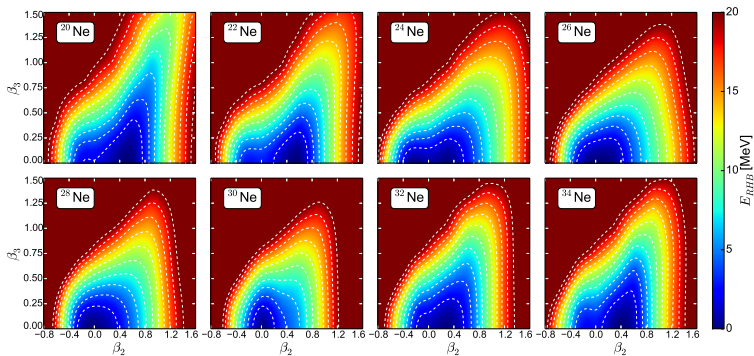
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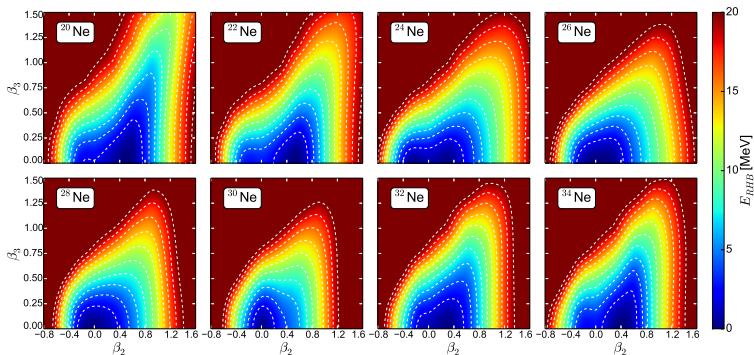
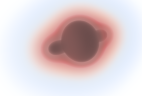
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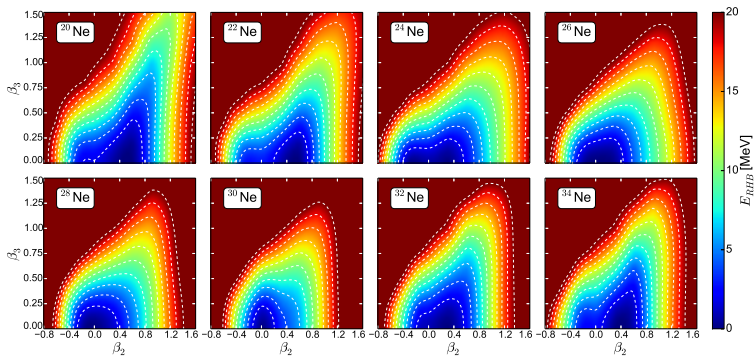
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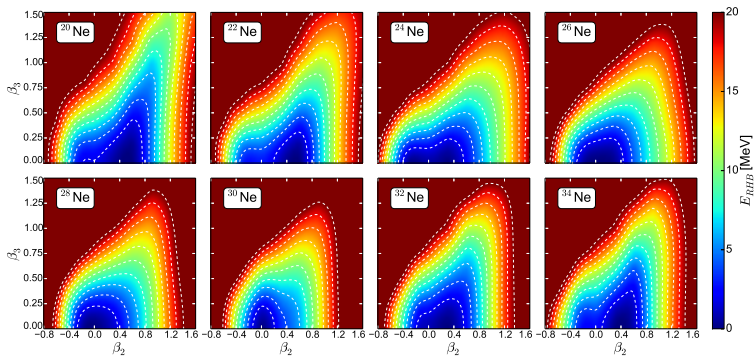
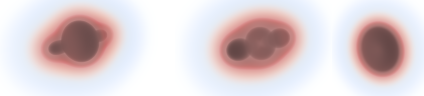
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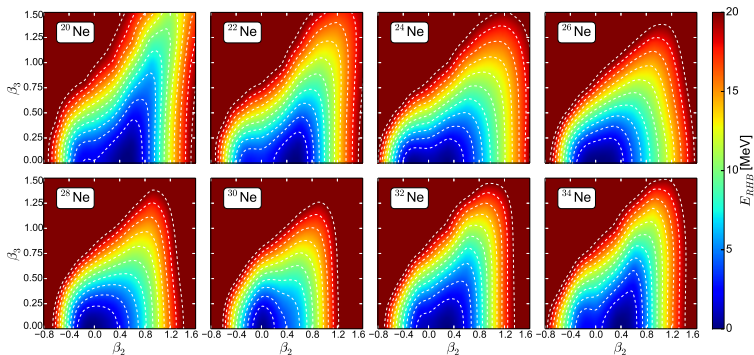
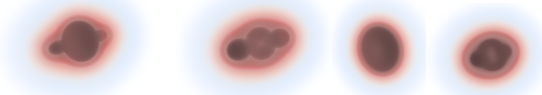
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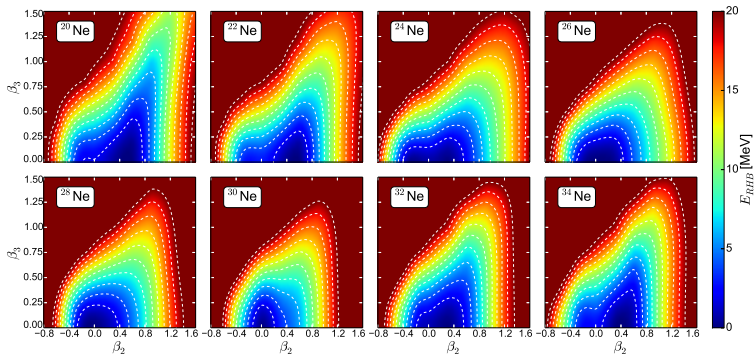
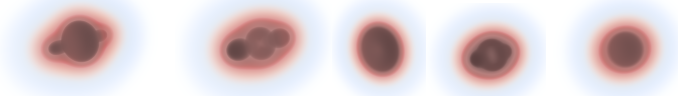
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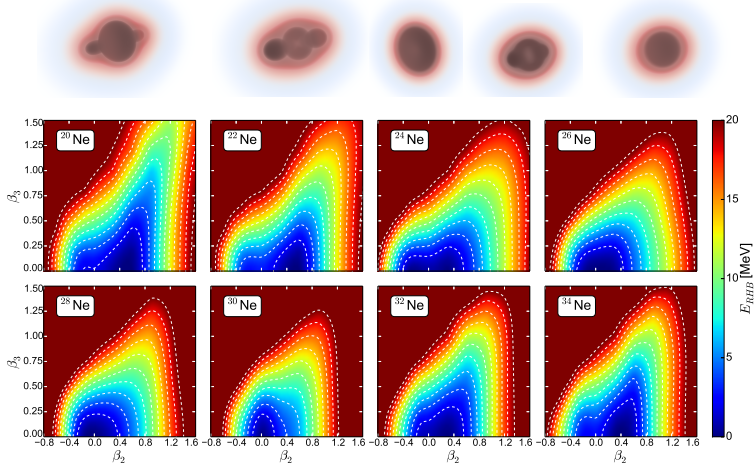
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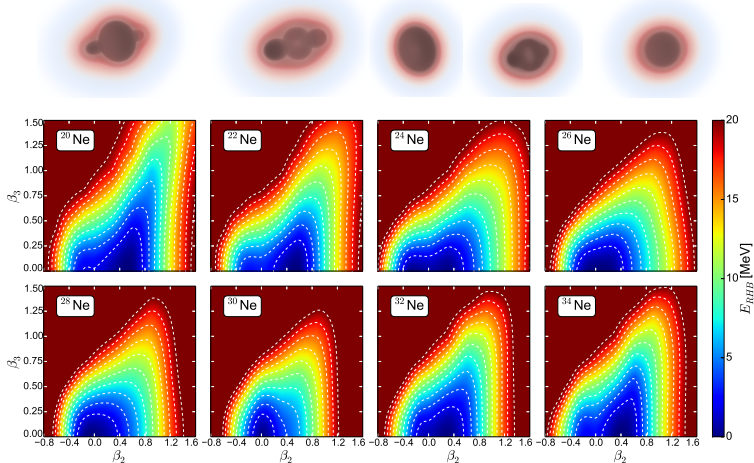
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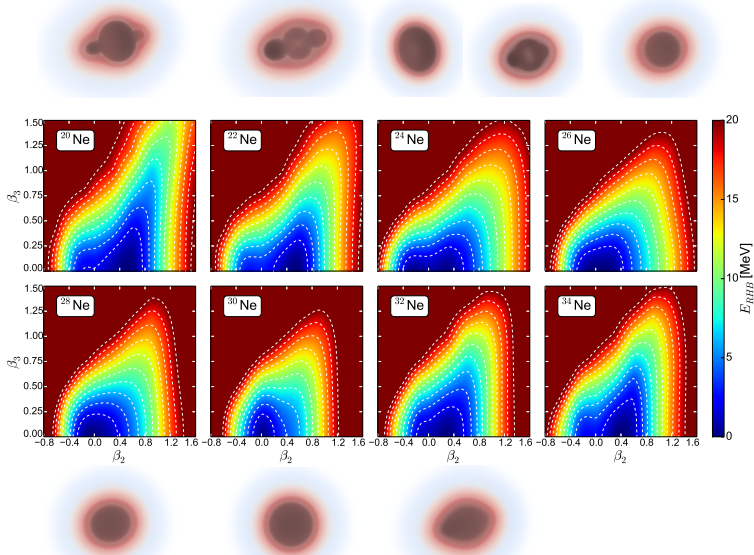
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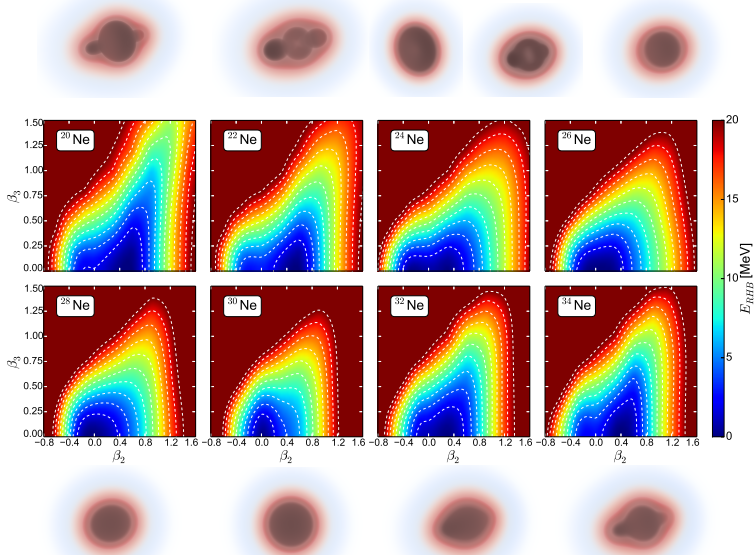
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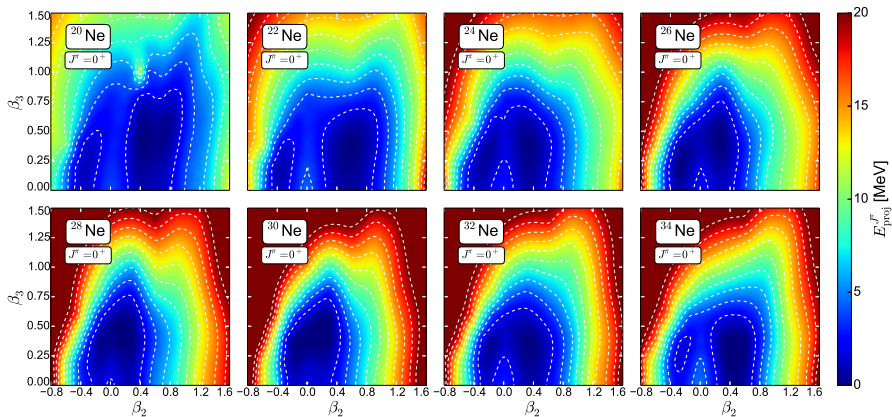
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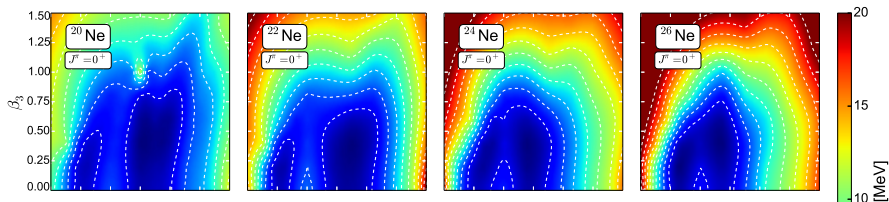
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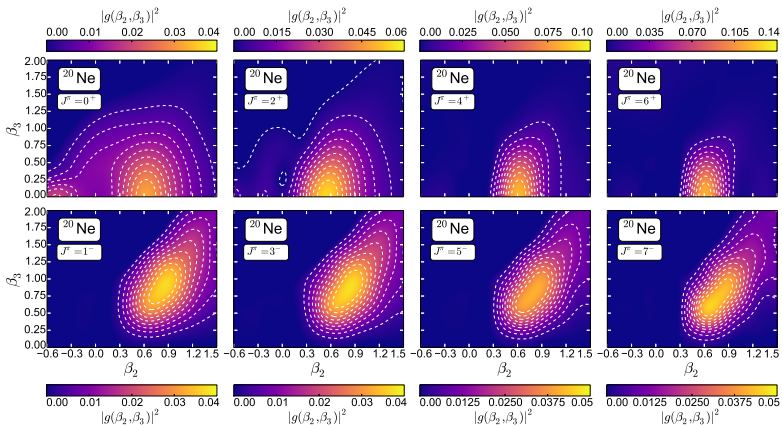
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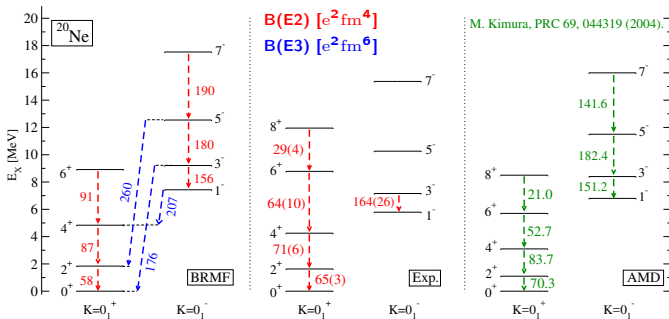
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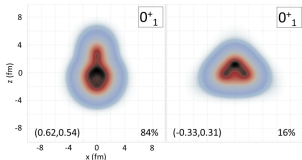
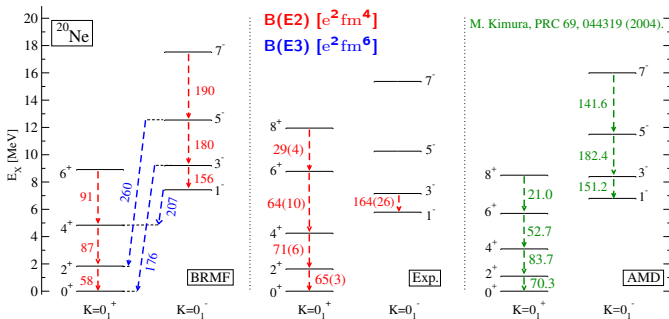
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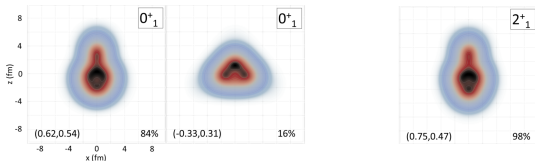
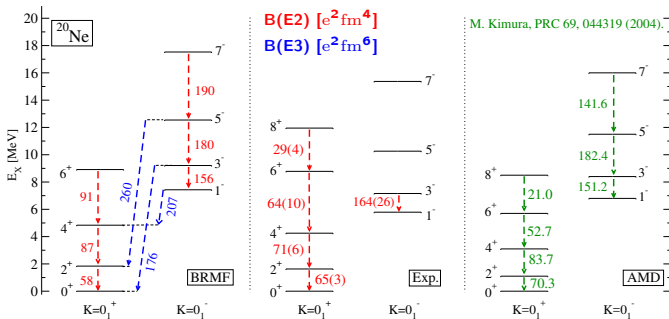
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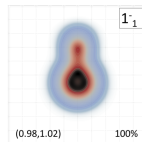
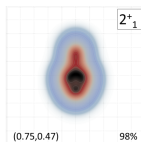
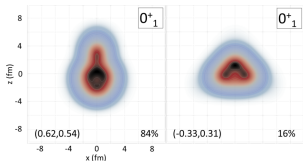
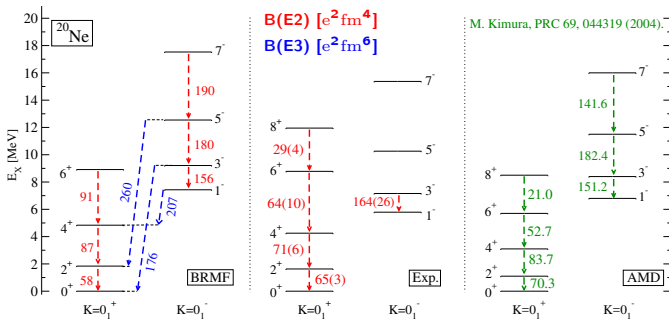
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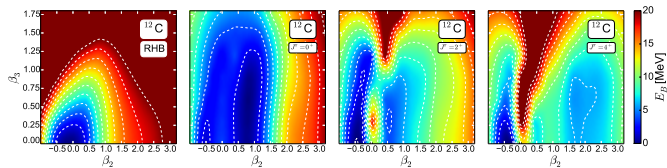


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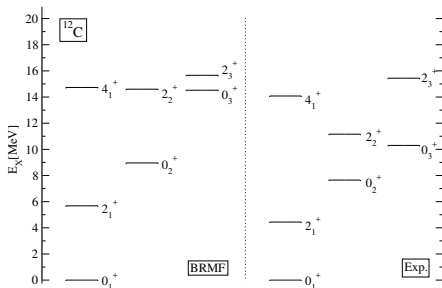
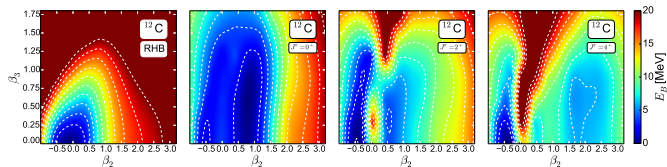
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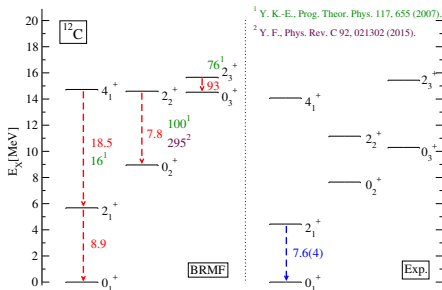
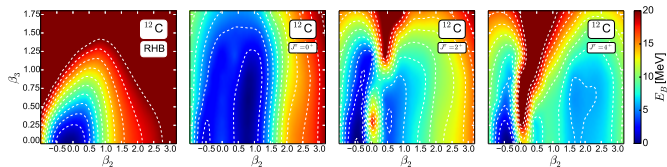
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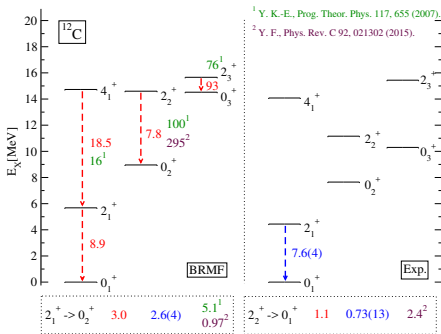
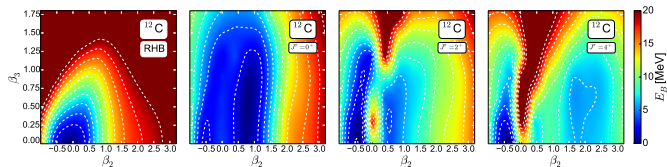
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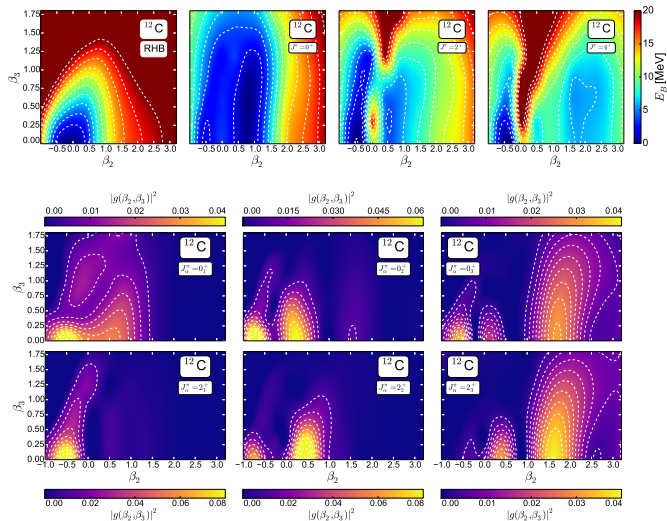
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 - systematics of Ne isotopic chain [P. M. *et al.*, *PRC* 97, 024334 (2018).]
 - collective properties and cluster structures in ^{20}Ne
 - promising preliminary results for ^{12}C
- towards unified description of quantum-liquid and cluster states
 - calculation of (in)elastic form factors and charge radii
 - structure of heavy nuclei
 - inclusion of the triaxial degree of freedom

Thank you for your attention!

Theoretical framework - Backup

- constrained RHB solutions as BMF input: $|\phi(q_j)\rangle$, $q \equiv (\beta_2, \beta_3)$
- angular momentum projection

$$\hat{P}_{MK}^J = \frac{2J+1}{8\pi^2} \int d\Omega D_{MK}^{J*}(\Omega) \hat{R}(\Omega)$$

$$\Omega = (\alpha, \beta, \gamma), \quad D_{MK}^J(\Omega) = e^{-iM\alpha} d_{MK}^J(\beta) e^{-iK\gamma}, \quad \hat{R} = e^{-i\alpha\hat{J}_z} e^{-i\beta\hat{J}_y} e^{-i\gamma\hat{J}_z}$$

- particle number projection with Fomenko expansion
- linear combination of symmetry-projected RHB states

$$\underbrace{|JNZM\pi; \alpha\rangle}_{\text{collective state}} = \sum_j \sum_K \underbrace{f_{\alpha}^{JK\pi}(q_j)}_{\text{weight function}} \underbrace{\hat{P}_{MK}^J \hat{P}^{\pi} \hat{P}^N \hat{P}^Z}_{\text{projectors}} \underbrace{|\phi(q_j)\rangle}_{\text{RHB state}}$$

Theoretical framework - Backup

- preserved symmetries
 - time-reversal symmetry (even-even nuclei)
 - axial symmetry ($\hat{J}_z |\phi(q_j)\rangle = 0$, $|JNZM\pi; \alpha\rangle \rightarrow |JNZ\pi; \alpha\rangle$)
 - simplex-x symmetry ($\hat{P}e^{-i\pi\hat{J}_x}$)
- variational equation determines weight functions $f_\alpha^{J\pi}$

$$\delta E^{J\pi} = \delta \frac{\langle JNZ\pi; \alpha | \hat{H} | JNZ\pi; \alpha \rangle}{\langle JNZ\pi; \alpha | JNZ\pi; \alpha \rangle} = 0$$

- generator coordinate method (GCM) framework [Hill, Wheeler, PR 89, 1102 (1953).; L. Lathouwers, AoP 102, 347 (1976).; Ring, Schuck, *Nuclear Many-Body Problem*]

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Theoretical framework - Backup

- discretized Hill-Wheeler-Griffin (HWG) equation

$$\sum_j \left[\underbrace{\mathcal{H}^{J\pi}(q_i, q_j)}_{\text{Hamiltonian kernel}} - E_\alpha^{J\pi} \underbrace{\mathcal{N}^{J\pi}(q_i, q_j)}_{\text{norm kernel}} \right] f_\alpha^{J\pi}(q_j) = 0$$

$$\mathcal{O}^{J\pi}(q_i, q_j) = \frac{2J+1}{2} \delta_{M0} \delta_{K0} \int_0^\pi d\beta \sin(\beta) d_{00}^{J*}(\beta) \langle \Phi(q_i) | \hat{O} e^{-i\beta \hat{J}_x} \hat{P}^\pi | \Phi(q_j) \rangle$$

- one rewrites the HWG equation as an ordinary eigenvalue problem

$$\sum_j \tilde{\mathcal{H}}^{J\pi}(q_i, q_j) g_\alpha^{J\pi}(q_j) = E_\alpha^{J\pi} g_\alpha^{J\pi}(q_i)$$

where modified Hamiltonian kernel reads

$$\tilde{\mathcal{H}}^{J\pi}(q_i, q_j) = \sum_{k,l} \left[(\mathcal{N}^{J\pi})^{-1/2}(q_i, q_k) \mathcal{H}^{J\pi}(q_k, q_l) (\mathcal{N}^{J\pi})^{-1/2}(q_l, q_j) \right]$$

and collective wave functions read

$$g_\alpha^{J\pi}(q_i) = \sum_j (\mathcal{N}^{J\pi})^{1/2}(q_i, q_j) f_\alpha^{J\pi}(q_j)$$

Theoretical framework - Backup

- HWG equation is solved by diagonalizing the norm kernel

$$\sum_j \mathcal{N}^{J\pi}(q_i, q_j) u_k^{J\pi}(q_j) = n_k^{J\pi} u_k^{J\pi}(q_i)$$

and eliminating from the basis states with $n_k^{J\pi} < \zeta$

- the collective Hamiltonian is built from the remaining states

$$\mathcal{H}_{kl}^{J\pi c} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n_k}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n_l}} \sum_{i,j} u_k^{J\pi}(q_i) \tilde{\mathcal{H}}^{J\pi}(q_i, q_j) u_l^{J\pi}(q_j)$$

- and it is subsequently diagonalized for each (J, π)

$$\sum_l \mathcal{H}_{kl}^{J\pi c} g_l^{J\pi\alpha} = E_\alpha^{J\pi} g_k^{J\pi\alpha}$$

- calculation of physical observables via collective w.f. and weight functions

$$g_\alpha^{J\pi}(q_i) = \sum_k g_k^{J\pi\alpha} u_k^{J\pi}(q_i), \quad f_\alpha^{J\pi}(q_i) = \sum_k \frac{g_k^{J\pi\alpha}}{\sqrt{n_k^{J\pi}}} u_k^{J\pi}(q_i)$$