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Ab initio description of clustering phenomena in atomic nuclei by the Monte Carlo shell model



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The clustering is one of the fundamental problems in physics.

Foundation from a certain underlying basis

Its contemporary version

#### *Ab initio* calculations on clustering aspects

- Green's Function Monte Carlo (GFMC) 
   [Wiringa et al. 2000]
- No Core Full Configuration (NCFC) : [Cockrel et al. 2012]
- Lattice EFT : Hoyle state [Epelbaum et al. 2012]
- *ab initio* Monte Carlo Shell Model (MCSM)
   This work -> clustering in Be and C isotopes

Molecular structure is added







FIG. 12: (Color online) The y = 0 slice of the translationally-inv density for the same state is on the right. These densities were



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## Two types of shell-model calculations



## Advanced Monte Carlo Shell Model (currently used)



#### Example of MCSM calculation



Numerous MC trials and CG optimization for each basis vector



MCSM (Monte Carlo Shell Model - Advanced version-)

- Selection of important many-body basis vectors by quantum Monte-Carlo + diagonalization methods basis vectors : about 100 selected Slater determinants composed of "deformed" single-particle states
- 2. Variational refinement of basis vectors conjugate gradient method
- 3. Variance extrapolation method -> exact eigenvalues
- + innovations in algorithm and code (=> now moving to GPU)



K computer (in Kobe) 10 peta flops machine
 ⇒ Projection of basis vectors
 Rotation with three Euler angles
 with about 50,000 mesh points

Example: 8+ 68Ni 7680 core x 14 h

#### Dimension of the shell-model many-body Hilbert space



## We apply this method to the no-core shell model.

 $\rightarrow$  ab initio MCSM

# **M-scheme dimension in N<sub>shell</sub> truncation**

## No-core calculations



#### Extrapolation to infinite basis space in *ab initio* calculations

Energy eigenvalue at  $N_{\text{shell}} = N$  is expressed empirically as



c.f.) NCFC: -59.1(1) MeV Extrapolated results to infinite  $N_{max}$ 

MCSM: -59.3(1.0) MeV (N<sub>shell</sub> = 3 - 7, ħω = 20 - 35 MeV) N<sub>shell</sub>=5

N<sub>shell</sub>=4

#### Comparison of MCSM ground-state energies with experiment



MCSM results are obtained using K computer and extrapolated to infinite space with optimum choice of the harmonic oscillator parameter. Coulomb interaction is included perturbatively.

MCSM results show good agreements with experimental data up to <sup>12</sup>C, slightly overbound for <sup>16</sup>O, and clearly overbound for <sup>20</sup>Ne.

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These energy levels are obtained by MCSM process including the variance extrapolation to the exact values.





### Evolution of $\alpha$ -clustering along the isotope chain



AMD: Y. Kanada-En'yo, Phys. Rev C68, 014319 (2003) Cluster: M. Ito & K. Ikeda, Rep. Prog. Phys. 77, 096301 (2014)

## E2 & E0 Transition strength of <sup>12</sup>Be



Expt.:

S. Shimoura, et al., Phys. Lett. B 654 87 (2007) N. Imai, et al., Phys. Lett. B 673 179 (2009)

## Intrinsic density of MCSM eigenstate

$$|\Phi\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{N_{basis}} c_i |\Phi_i\rangle = c_1 \otimes + c_2 \otimes + c_3 \otimes + c_4 \otimes + c_4 \otimes + \cdots$$
  
Angular-momentum projection  

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{N_{basis}} c_i P^J P^{\pi} |\Phi_i\rangle$$
  
We need something  
like this.  
Thtrinsic" (body-fixed) frame

MCSM eigenstate:  $|\Psi(D)\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{N_B} c_i P^{J,\Pi} |\phi(D^{(n)})\rangle$ 

 Deformed Slater determinant with three axes of ellipsoid



For **"intrinsic state**" with physical significance, all basis states are rotated so that three axes of the ellipsoid are aligned (as a first modelling).



# Cluster and Molecular structure of Be isotopes



#### Difference between 0<sup>+</sup><sub>1</sub> and 0<sup>+</sup><sub>2</sub> states of <sup>12</sup>Be



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 $E_{gs} = -76.64 \text{ MeV} (MCSM, JISP16, N_{shell} = 6, hw = 15 \text{ MeV})$ 

Dendrogram of MCSM basis vectors for <sup>12</sup>C

AI (Artificial Intelligence) : extraction of relevant information from "big data"

Dendrogram is used in "Cluster analysis": cluster structure extracted from a mass of different objects

Basis vectors are divided into 16 groups (in this case)



Overlap probability with the eigenstates : <sup>12</sup>C

There is non-orthogonality among the MCSM basis vectors. Densities can be reduced due to cancellation among amplitudes.

0<sup>+</sup><sub>1</sub> : Concentrated in 14<sup>th</sup> (3 clusters) & 15<sup>th</sup> (compact shape) groups



0<sup>+</sup><sub>2</sub> : Scattered among many categories (essence of Hoyle state ?)

![](_page_27_Picture_5.jpeg)

0<sup>+</sup><sub>3</sub> : Concentration in 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> (linear shape) groups

![](_page_27_Picture_7.jpeg)

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![](_page_28_Picture_3.jpeg)

Overlap probability with the eigenstate : <sup>14</sup>C

•  $0^+_1$ : shell-model like

![](_page_29_Picture_2.jpeg)

![](_page_29_Picture_3.jpeg)

Relavance to the crystalization (equilateral-triangular shape)? N. Itagaki *et al.*, PRL92, 142501 (2004)

## Summary

- 1. Ab initio MCSM is applied to Be and C isotopes with JISP16 interaction.
- 2. The emerging and evolution of the  $\alpha$  clustering is seen without any assumption as a function of *N* as well as molecular structure.
- 3. Levels, E2, E0 and molecular properties of Be isotopes are described.
- 4. The intrinsic density profile is obtained by utilizing a unique feature (deformed Slater determinant) of MCSM.
- 5. The intrinsic shape of C is investigated in terms of the cluster analysis by the dendrogram. This is one of the AI techniques, and appears to be useful probably in many-body calculations with full of correlations. Various features of <sup>12</sup>C appear as a result of the calculation without any assumption, while mixings are always present.
- 6. Daejeon 16 interaction may improve the level scheme as JISP 16 may be at the edge of its applicability.

# END

# Thank you for your attention