# Cluster Dscay of the High-lying Excited States in <sup>14</sup>C

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### The threshold rule in cluster formation

464 Supplement of the Progress of Theoretical Physics, Extra Number, 1968

### The Systematic Structure-Change into the Molecule-like Structures in the Self-Conjugate 4n Nuclei

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### "Ikeda diagram"

### Clustering in unstable nuclei – a new area





W.Von Oerttzen et al., Phys. Report 432(06)43

### Y. Kanada-En'yo et al., Prog. Theor. Exp. Phys., 2012, 01A202

### **Possible chain states based on α-cores**



W.Von Oerttzen et al., Z. Phys. A357(97)355.

### **Example of studies for** <sup>x</sup>**Be**



### <sup>x</sup>C: triangle, and $\pi$ -bond or $\sigma$ -bond linear-chain states



FIG. 2. (color online) The density distribution of (a)-(d) the positive states and (e)-(h) negative parity states. The contour lines show the proton density distributions. The color plots show the single particle orbits occupied by the most weakly bound neutron. Open boxes show the centroids of the Gaussian wave packets describing protons.

### $\pi$ -bond or $\sigma$ -bond



### most exotic one: σ-bond linear-chain state

T. Baba and M. Kimura arXiv:1605/05567v1

# Latest AMD calculations for <sup>14</sup>C

T. Baba and M. Kimura arXiv:1605/05567v1

### Major improvements:

- Gogny D1S force to better describe E<sub>x</sub>;
- Projected single particle wave function for valence neutrons to distinguish the π-bond or σ-bond states;
- core excitation included and the reduced decay-width deduced accordingly.

$$E'^{\pi} = \frac{\langle \Phi^{\pi} | H | \Phi^{\pi} \rangle}{\langle \Phi^{\pi} | \Phi^{\pi} \rangle} + v_{\beta} (\langle \beta \rangle - \beta_0)^2 + v_{\gamma} (\langle \gamma \rangle - \gamma_0)^2$$

$$\begin{split} \widetilde{\phi}_s &= \sum_{\alpha=1}^A f_{\alpha s} \widetilde{\varphi}_{\alpha} \\ j(j+1) &= \langle \widetilde{\phi}_s | \hat{j}^2 | \widetilde{\phi}_s \rangle, \quad |j_z| = \sqrt{\langle \widetilde{\phi}_s | \hat{j}_z^2 | \widetilde{\phi}_s \rangle}, \\ l(l+1) &= \langle \widetilde{\phi}_s | \hat{l}^2 | \widetilde{\phi}_s \rangle, \quad |l_z| = \sqrt{\langle \widetilde{\phi}_s | \hat{l}_z^2 | \widetilde{\phi}_s \rangle}, \end{split}$$

$$\gamma^2_{lj^{\pi'}}(a) = \frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu a} [ay_{lj^{\pi'}}(a)]^2$$

$$A_{j^{\pi\prime}}(r) = \sqrt{\frac{A!}{4!(A-4)!}} \langle \phi_{\alpha}[\phi_{\mathrm{Be}}(j^{\pi\prime})Y_{l0}(\hat{r})]_{J^{\pi}M} |\Psi_{Mn}^{J^{\pi}}\rangle,$$



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### Decay width is related to the cluster-configuration





### Previous <sup>14</sup>C experiments with <sup>10</sup>Be\*(~6 MeV) selection



### Recently reported results: no selection on <sup>10</sup>Be\*(~6 MeV)



054324; α(<sup>10</sup>Be, α)<sup>10</sup>Be,

E<sub>x</sub>=13 to 24 MeV



A. Fritsch et al., PRC93(2016)014321; α(<sup>10</sup>Be, α)<sup>10</sup>Be, *E*<sub>x</sub>=15.0 to 20.7 MeV

Possible observation of the triangle-like and  $\pi$ -bond linear-chain states, but not σ-bond states.

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### **Basic considerations for experimentation**

- Projectile and target in favor of cluster formation
- Large Q-value reaction in order to excite high lying states in <sup>14</sup>C and to have a good selection of the states in <sup>10</sup>Be fragment;
- MM + IM measurements in order to extract the reduced cluster-decay width from branching ratio.

selected reaction (5 AMeV beam; 185 ug/cm<sup>2</sup> target) :  ${}^{9}Be + {}^{9}Be \rightarrow {}^{4}He + {}^{14}C$  Q=17.25 MeV a  ${}^{4}He + {}^{10}Be$  Q=5.239 MeV 4C

### main contamination in Q-value:



### **Experiment setup at CIAE**





Detector		Segmen- tation		Thickness (μm)		Covering angle (degree)	Purpose	
Telescope U0&D0		U0&D0 are symme- trical				13-33	10Beα fr Alpha 〔1	rom 14C 4C)
DSSD		16 x 16		64			ΔE	
DSSD		32x32		500			E	
SSD				1500			E(4He)	
Telescope U1&D1		U0&D0 are symme- trical				48-72	Alpha(1	4C)
DSSD		16*16		60			ΔE	
SSD				1500			E	
Telescope U2&D2		symmetrical				97-121	Alpha(14C)	
DSSD		16		20			ΔΕ	
SSE	SSD				1500		E	
	Bea	ım	۶Be	9	4	5MeV	~7enA	
Targ		9Be		e 0.9um				

### **Typical PID at forward angles**



<sup>9</sup>Be(<sup>9</sup>Be,<sup>14</sup>C[<sup>10</sup>Be+α])α

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### **Missing mass method (inelastic or transfer)**



### **Invariant mass method**



### **Comparison of** *Q***-values**



Soic et al.: <sup>7</sup>Li(<sup>9</sup>Be,  $\alpha$  <sup>10</sup>Be)d, E<sub>beam</sub>=70 MeV, PID for forward <sup>10</sup>Be + α, deduced recoil  $\alpha$ . Present work: <sup>9</sup>Be(<sup>9</sup>Be, α <sup>10</sup>Be)α, E<sub>beam</sub>=45 MeV, PID for forward <sup>10</sup>Be + α, deduced recoil  $\alpha$ .

## **Kinematics check**



### **Comparison of IM spectra for various** <sup>10</sup>**Be states**





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- A reaction with very large Q-value was carried out, allowing to excite <sup>14</sup>C to very high lying states and to clearly separate the various states in <sup>10</sup>Be fragment.
- Three highly excited states in <sup>14</sup>C are observed which decay primarily into <sup>10</sup>Be\*(~6 MeV), corresponding likely to the σ-bond linear-chain states according to the latest AMD model predictions.
- Further analysis of the cluster-decay branching ratio, related to the cluster reduced width, are underway in order to make quantitative comparison with theoretical calculations.

# Thank you for your attention!