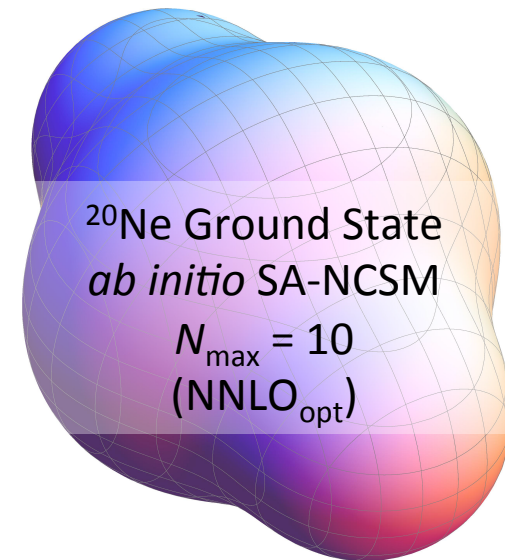
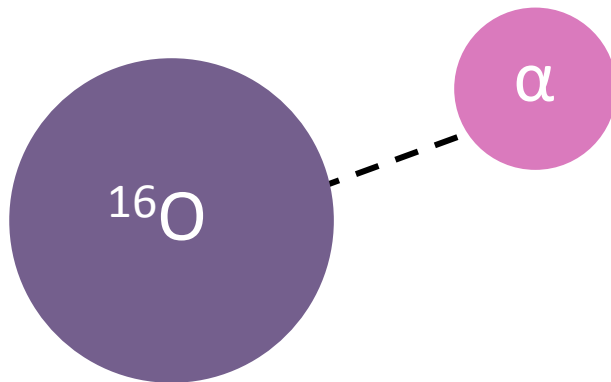


# Better Living Through Symmetry: Probing alpha-clustering in $^{20}\text{Ne}$

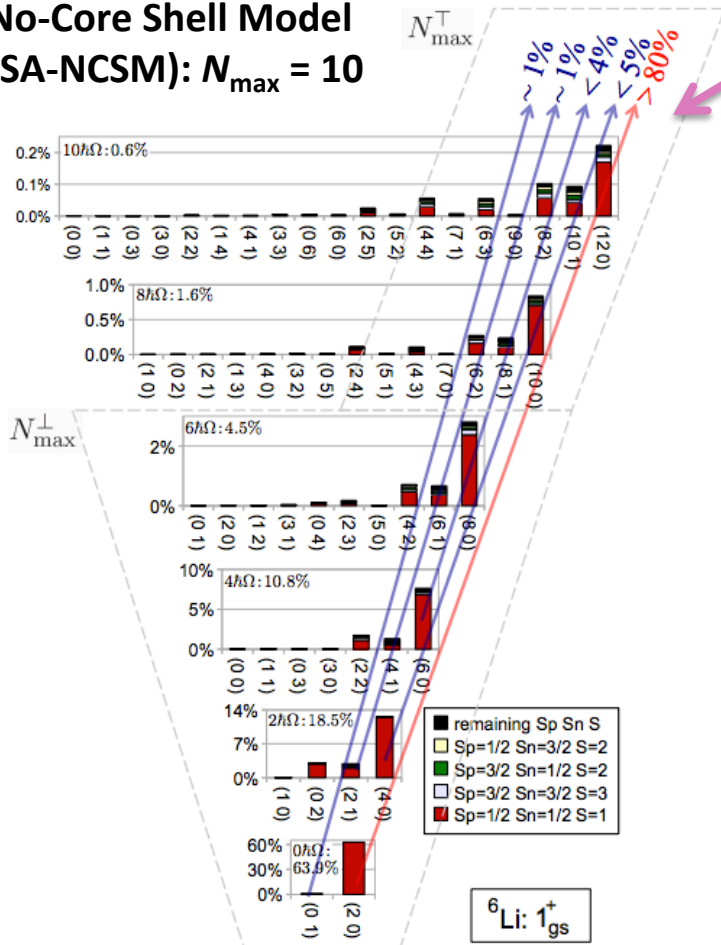
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# Why Symplectic?

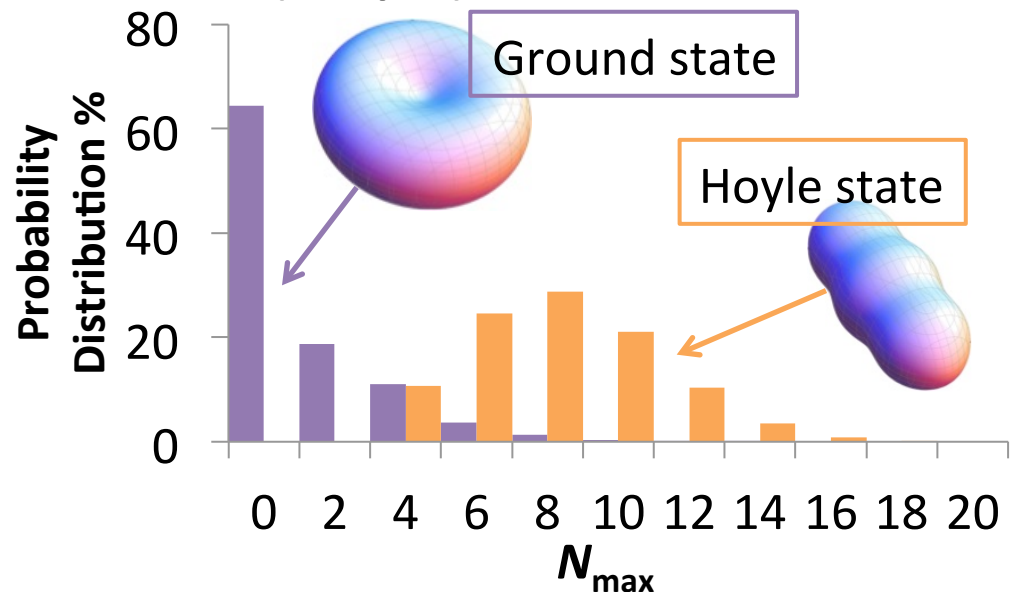
**Ab initio Symmetry-Adapted  
No-Core Shell Model  
(SA-NCSM):  $N_{\max} = 10$**



Symplectic symmetry emerges from *ab initio* studies

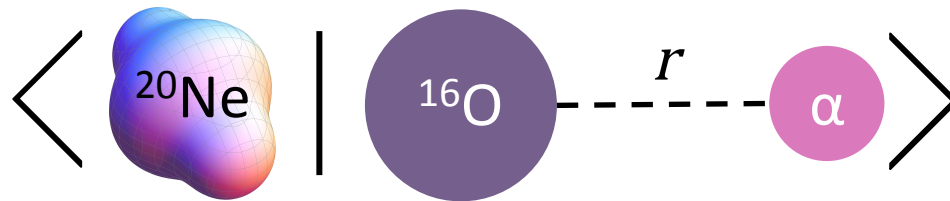
Symplectic symmetry exposes cluster formation – e.g., in the Hoyle state of  ${}^{12}\text{C}$

**No-Core Symplectic Shell Model  
(NCSpM):  ${}^{12}\text{C}$**



# Method

$$u_l(r) = \langle \psi_{20\text{Ne}} | \mathcal{A} \{A_c \times \alpha_c\} Y_{l0}(\hat{a}) \frac{\delta(r-a)}{ra} \rangle$$



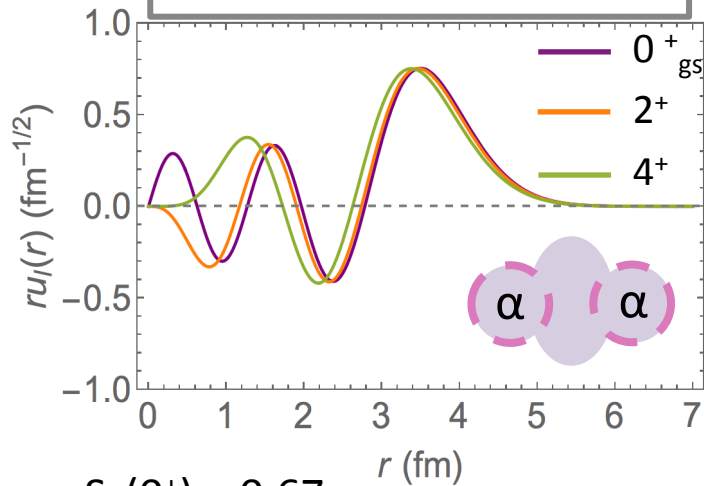
$^{20}\text{Ne}$  eigenstates in symplectic basis:  $|\psi_{20\text{Ne}}\rangle = \sum_Q c_Q |Q[\gamma(\lambda\mu)]\rangle$

Expand  $\delta$ -function in orthonormal harmonic oscillator basis

$$u_l(r) = \sum_Q \binom{A}{A-a}^{1/2} R_{Q,l}(r) c_Q \langle Q[\gamma(\lambda\mu)] | \{ \{ (\lambda_c \mu_c) \times (0 0) \}^{(\lambda_c \mu_c)} \times (Q 0) \}_l^{(\lambda\mu)} \rangle$$

# Spectroscopic Amplitudes and Factors

NCSpM: ground state rotational band

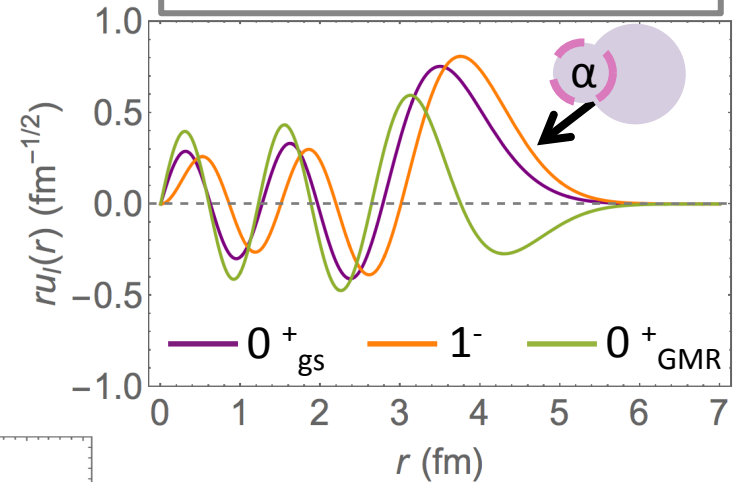


$$S_{\alpha}(0^+) = 0.67$$

$$S_{\alpha}(2^+) = 0.67$$

$$S_{\alpha}(4^+) = 0.68$$

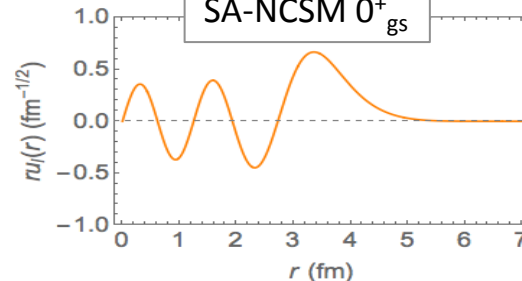
$1^-$ , giant monopole resonance (GMR)



$$S_{\alpha}(0^+_{\text{GMR}}) = 0.49$$

$$S_{\alpha}(1^-) = 0.74$$

*ab initio*  
SA-NCSM  $0^+_{\text{gs}}$



First steps toward combining *ab initio* SA-NCSM [SU(3) and Symplectic bases] with cluster RGM [Resonating Group Method] to describe both bound states and continuum

# Thank You

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# Computing $\alpha$ -decay Widths

Spectroscopic Amplitude

$$\Gamma_L = 2P_L \gamma_L^2 \propto P_L S_\alpha$$

Penetrability for  $\alpha$