

# QPT in Cluster Nuclei

- Introduction
- ACM: Algebraic Cluster Model
- Applications:  $^8\text{Be}$ ,  $^{12}\text{C}$  y  $^{16}\text{O}$
- Energies and em transitions
- Quantum phase transitions
- Summary and conclusions



# Algebraic Cluster Model (ACM)

- IBM for few-body systems
- 2-body system:  $U(4)$  model
- 3-body system:  $U(7)$  model
- 4-body system:  $U(10)$  model
- Applications: hadrons, molecules, **alpha-cluster nuclei**

# ACM for 3-Body Systems

6 relative degrees of freedom: Jacobi vectors

$$\vec{\rho} = (\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2) / \sqrt{2}$$
$$\vec{\lambda} = (\vec{r}_1 + \vec{r}_2 - 2\vec{r}_3) / \sqrt{6}$$

Introduce 2 dipole bosons and a scalar boson

$$b_{\rho}^{\dagger}, b_{\lambda}^{\dagger}, s^{\dagger}$$

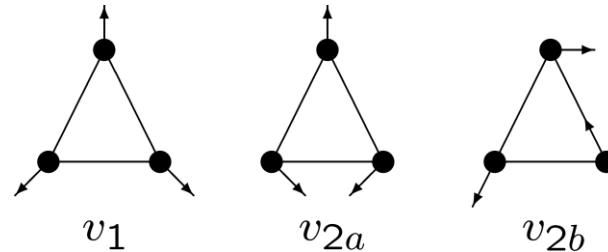
Identical particles:  $S_3$  invariant Hamiltonian

- U(6) limit (harmonic oscillator)
- SO(7) limit (deformed oscillator)
- **Oblate Top** (equilateral triangle)

# Oblate Top: Triangle

$$H_{\text{vib}} = \xi_1 (s^\dagger s^\dagger - b_\rho^\dagger \cdot b_\rho^\dagger - b_\lambda^\dagger \cdot b_\lambda^\dagger) (\text{h.c.}) \\ + \xi_2 [(b_\rho^\dagger \cdot b_\rho^\dagger - b_\lambda^\dagger \cdot b_\lambda^\dagger) (\text{h.c.}) + 4(b_\rho^\dagger \cdot b_\lambda^\dagger) (\text{h.c.})]$$

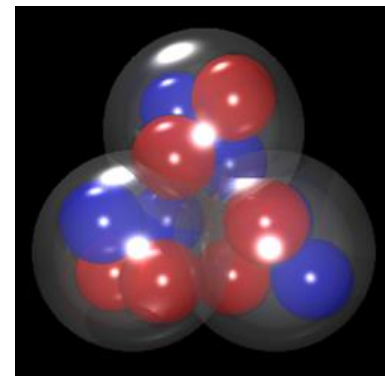
Equilibrium shape:  
equilateral triangle



$$E_{\text{vib}} \approx \omega_1 \left( v_1 + \frac{1}{2} \right) + \omega_2 (v_2 + 1)$$

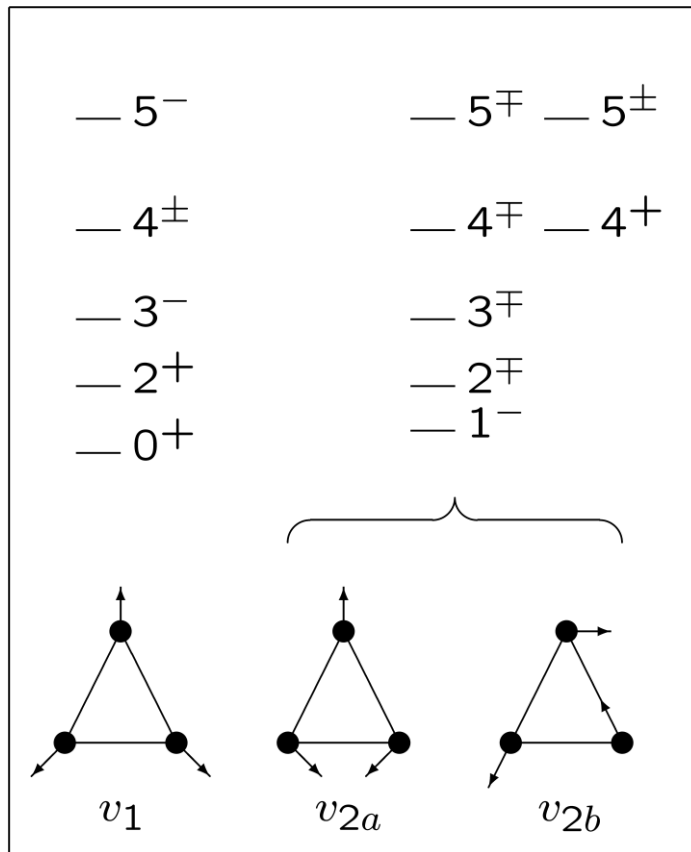
$$\omega_1 = 4N\xi_1$$

$$\omega_2 = 2N\xi_2$$



Bijker, Iachello & Leviatan, AP 236, 69 (1994)  
Bijker & Iachello, AP 298, 334 (2002)

# Energy Spectrum



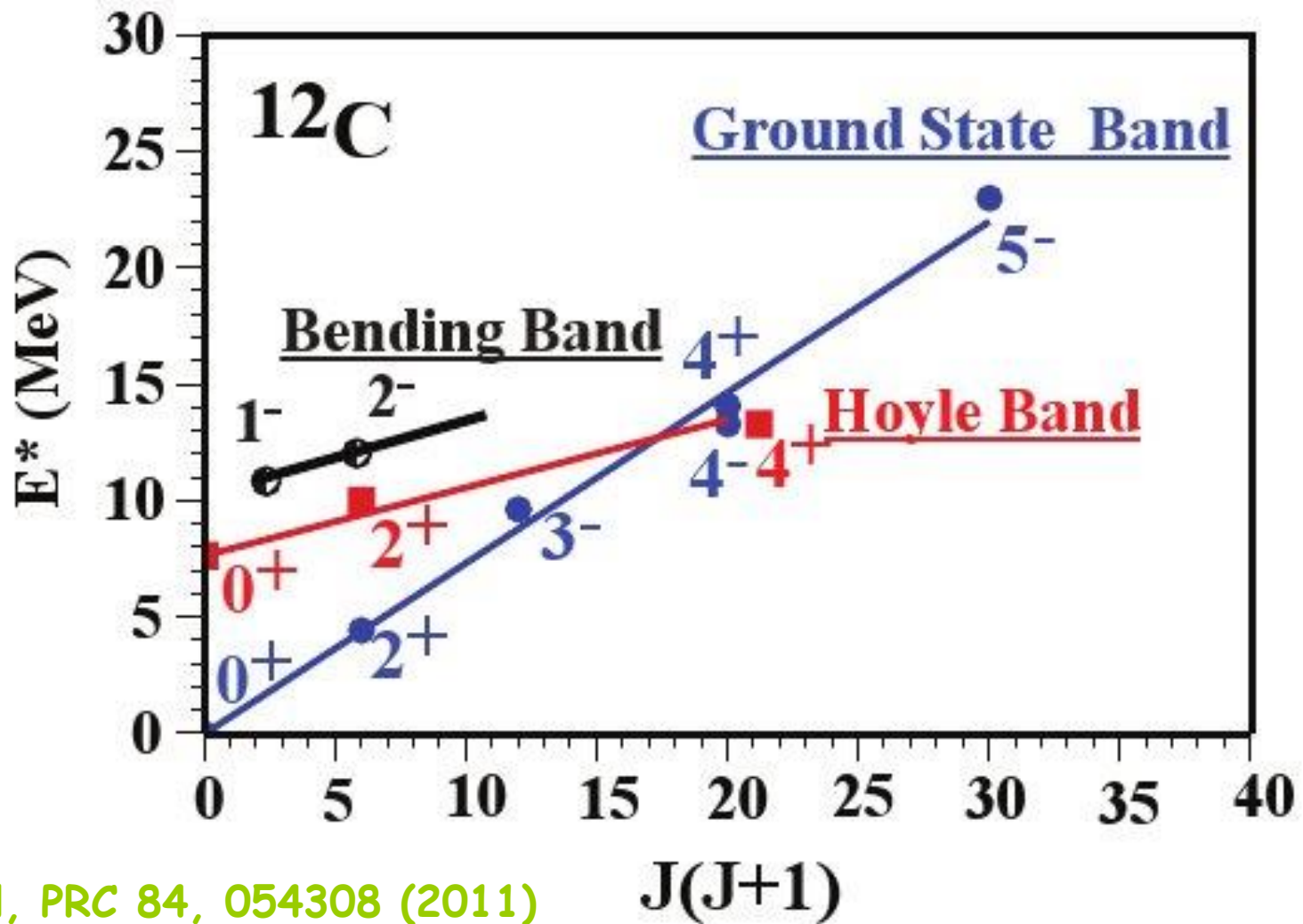
Ground state and Hoyle band  
(breathing vibration)

$$L^P = 0^+, 2^+, 3^-, 4^\pm, 5^-, \dots$$

Bending vibration

$$L^P = 1^-, 2^\mp, 3^\mp, \dots$$

Fingerprint of  
triangular shape  
with  $D_{3h}$  symmetry



Itoh et al, PRC 84, 054308 (2011)

Freer et al, PRC 86, 034320 (2012)

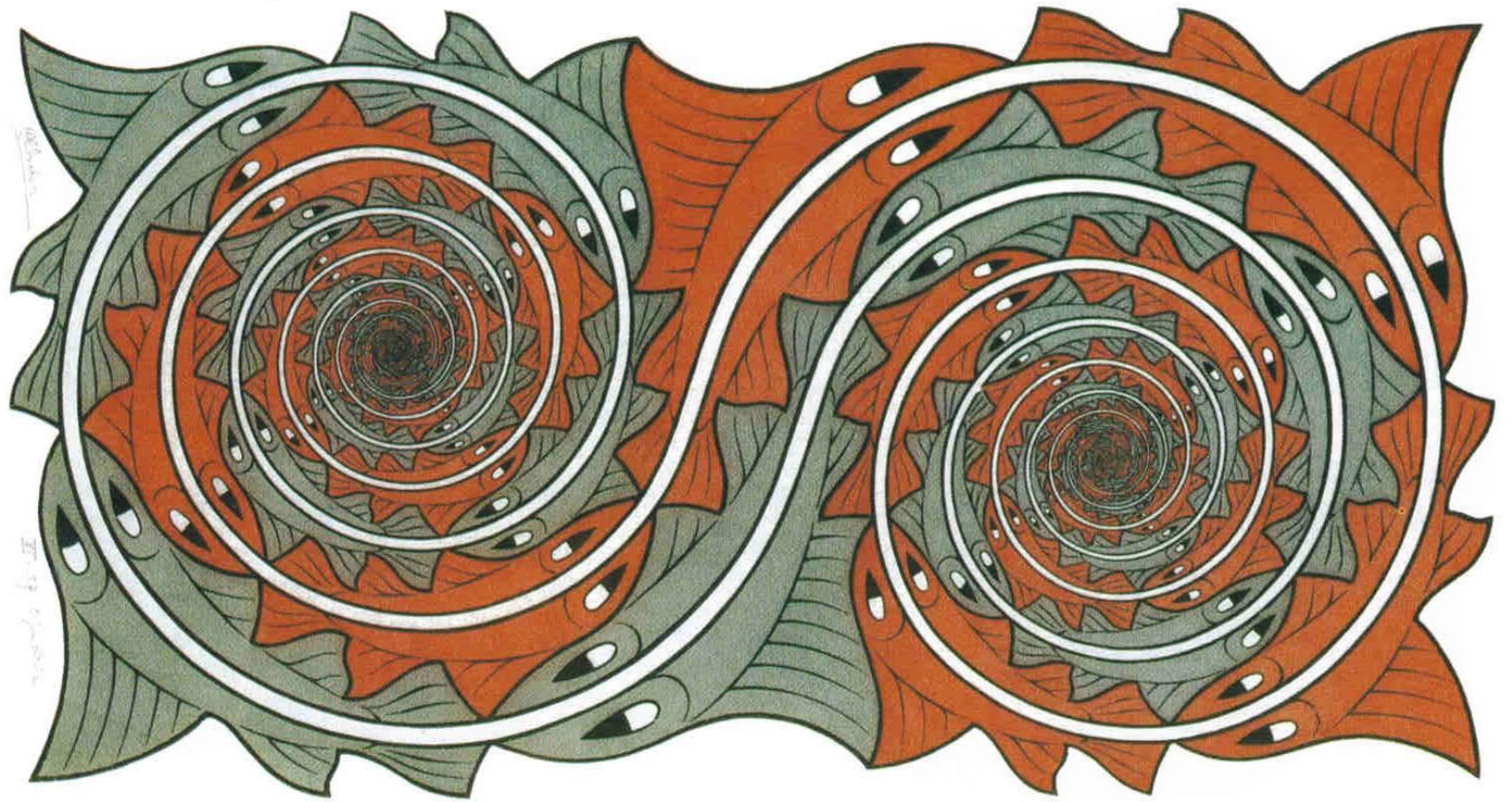
Zimmerman et al, PRL 110, 152502 (2013)

Marín-Lámbarri, Bijker et al,  
PRL 113, 012502 (2014)

# Experimental Studies

gs	$3^-$	Kokalova et al, PRC 87, 057307 (2013)
gs	$4^-$	Freer et al, PRC 76, 034320 (2007) Kirsebom et al, PRC 81, 064313 (2010)
gs	$5^-$	Marín-Lámbarri et al, PRL 113, 012502 (2014)
Hoyle	$2^+$	Itoh et al, PRC 84, 054308 (2011) Freer et al, PRC 86, 034320 (2012) Zimmerman et al, PRL 110, 152502 (2013)
Hoyle	$4^+$	Freer et al, PRC 83, 034314 (2011)
Hoyle	$3^-, 4^-$	Some evidence for negative parity strengths between 11 and 14 MeV Freer et al, PRC 76, 034320 (2007)







# Electric Transitions

$$\rho(\vec{r}) = \frac{Ze}{k} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^{3/2} \sum_{i=1}^k e^{-\alpha(\vec{r}-\vec{r}_i)^2}$$

$$\mathcal{F}_L(q) \rightarrow c_L j_L(q\beta) e^{-q^2/4\alpha}$$

$$\langle r^2 \rangle^{1/2} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2\alpha} + \beta^2}$$

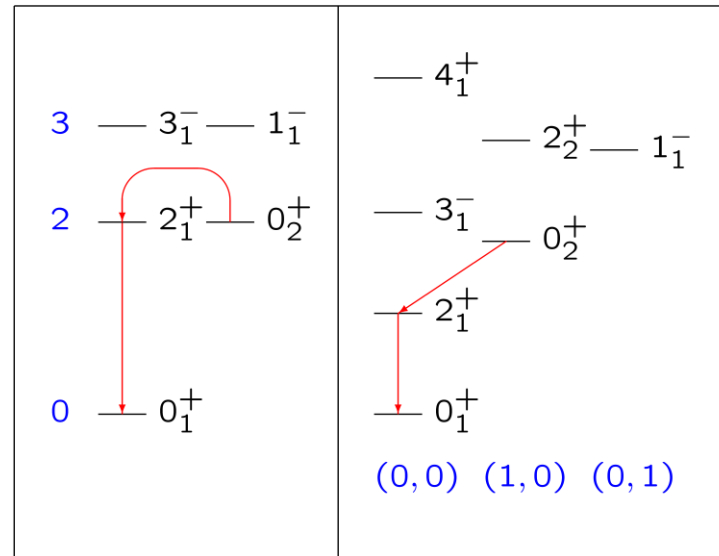
$$B(EL; 0^+ \rightarrow L^P) \rightarrow \frac{(Ze)^2 c_L^2 \beta^{2L}}{4\pi}$$

$$c_L^2 = \begin{cases} \frac{2L+1}{2} [1 + P_L(-1)] & 2\alpha\text{-cluster} \\ \frac{2L+1}{3} [1 + 2P_L(-\frac{1}{2})] & 3\alpha\text{-cluster} \\ \frac{2L+1}{4} [1 + 3P_L(-\frac{1}{3})] & 4\alpha\text{-cluster} \end{cases}$$

		Th.	Exp.	
$^{12}\text{C}$	$B(E2; 2_1^+ \rightarrow 0_1^+)$	8.4	$7.6 \pm 0.4$	$e^2\text{fm}^4$
	$B(E3; 3_1^- \rightarrow 0_1^+)$	44	$103 \pm 17$	$e^2\text{fm}^6$
	$B(E4; 4_1^+ \rightarrow 0_1^+)$	73		$e^2\text{fm}^8$
	$B(E2; 0_2^+ \rightarrow 2_1^+)$	1.3	$13.1 \pm 1.8$	$e^2\text{fm}^2$

# B(E2) values

Rotational and vibrational energies of the same order



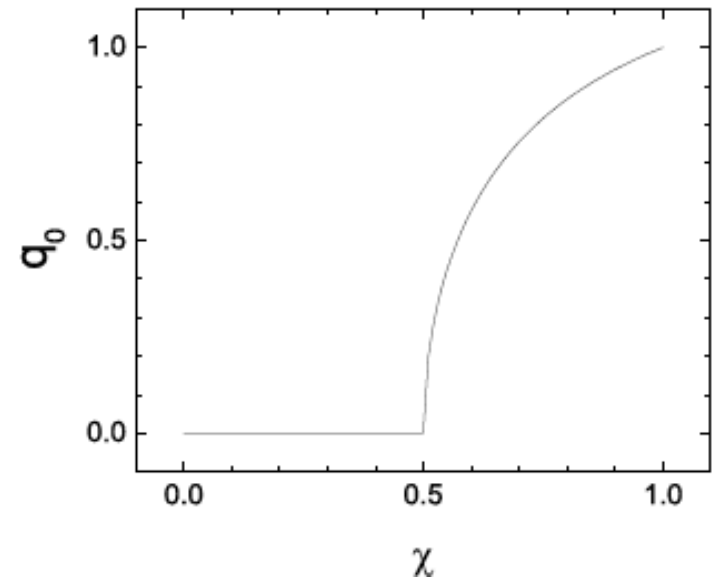
	Spherical	Deformed	$^{12}\text{C}$
$\frac{E_4}{E_2}$	2	$\frac{10}{3}$	3.17
$\frac{B(E2; 0_2^+ \rightarrow 2_1^+)}{B(E2; 2_1^+ \rightarrow 0_1^+)}$	$\frac{20}{3}$	0	$1.72 \pm 0.25$

# QPT in 2-Body ACM

$$H = (1 - \chi)H_{\text{sph}} + \chi H_{\text{def}}$$

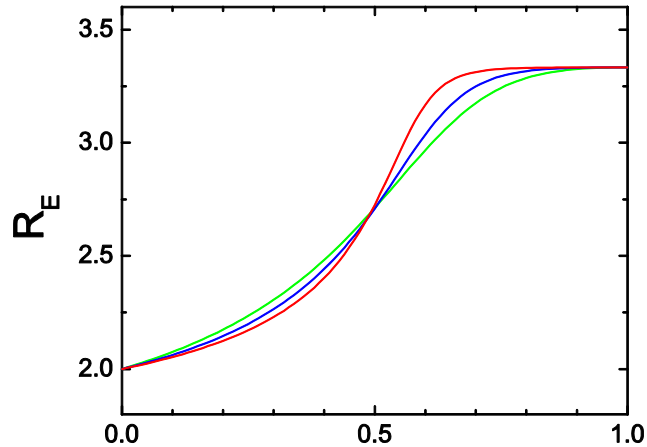
$$V_{\text{cl}}(q) = \frac{1 - \chi}{2} q^2 + \frac{\chi}{4} (1 - q^2)^2$$

	Spherical $\chi < \chi_c = \frac{1}{2}$	Deformed $\chi > \chi_c = \frac{1}{2}$
$q_0^2$	0	$\frac{2\chi - 1}{\chi}$
$E_0$	$\frac{\chi}{4}$	$\frac{(1 - \chi)(3\chi - 1)}{4\chi}$
$\frac{dE_0}{d\chi}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1 - 3\chi^2}{4\chi^2}$
$\frac{d^2E_0}{d\chi^2}$	0	$-\frac{1}{2\chi^3}$

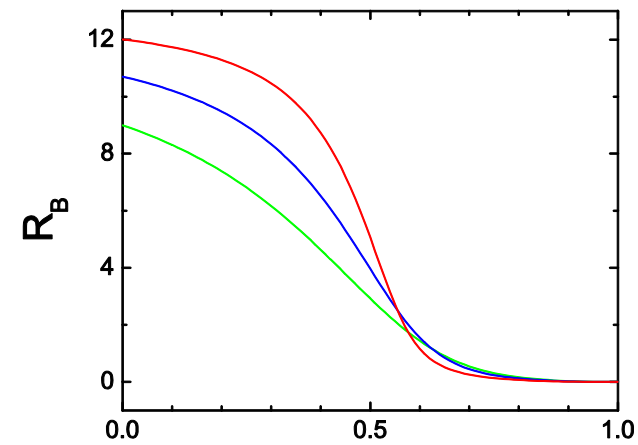


2nd order QPT  
U(3) - SO(4)

# Spherical - Deformed



	$\chi$	$R_E = \frac{E_4}{E_2}$	$R_B = \frac{B(E2;0_2^+ \rightarrow 2_1^+)}{B(E2;2_1^+ \rightarrow 0_1^+)}$	$N$
Sph	0	2	40/3	$\infty$
	0.59	3.00	1.74	10
Def	1	10/3	0	$\infty$
$^{12}\text{C}$		3.17	$1.72 \pm 0.25$	



$N=20$

$N=10$

$N=6$

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# QPT in 3-Body ACM

$$H = (1 - \chi)H_{\text{sph}} + \chi H_{\text{def}}$$

$$H_{\text{sph}} = \sum_m (b_{\rho,m}^\dagger b_{\rho,m} + b_{\lambda,m}^\dagger b_{\lambda,m})$$

$$H_{\text{def}} = \frac{1}{N-1} \left[ \frac{1-\zeta}{4} (s^\dagger s^\dagger - b_\rho^\dagger \cdot b_\rho^\dagger - b_\lambda^\dagger \cdot b_\lambda^\dagger) (\text{h.c.}) \right. \\ \left. + \zeta \left\{ (b_\rho^\dagger \cdot b_\rho^\dagger - b_\lambda^\dagger \cdot b_\lambda^\dagger) (\text{h.c.}) + 4(b_\rho^\dagger \cdot b_\lambda^\dagger) (\text{h.c.}) \right\} \right]$$

	$\zeta = 0$	$U(6) - SO(7)$ QPT
	$\zeta = 1$	Anharmonic oscillator
$\chi = 0$		Harmonic oscillator
$\chi = 1$	$\zeta = 0$	Deformed oscillator
$\chi = 1$	$0 < \zeta < 1$	Oblate top

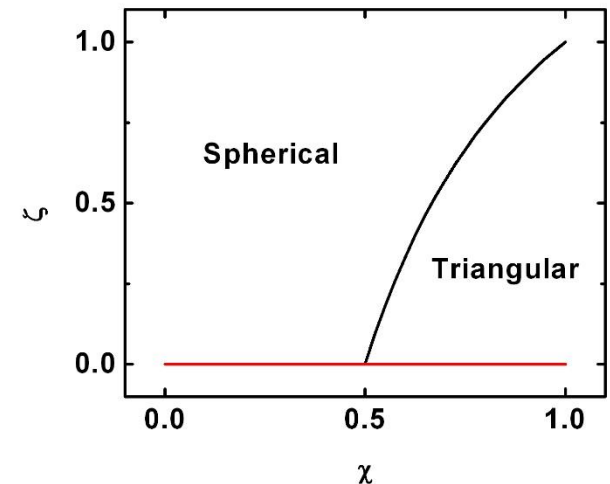
# Equilibrium Shapes

$$V_{cl}(q, \phi, \theta) = \frac{1-\chi}{2} q^2 + \frac{\chi}{4} \left[ (1-\zeta)(1-q^2)^2 + \zeta q^4 (\cos^2 2\phi + \sin^2 2\phi \cos^2 2\theta) \right]$$

Critical line

$$\chi_c = \frac{1}{2-\zeta}$$

	Spherical $\chi < \chi_c = \frac{1}{2-\zeta}$	Triangular $\chi > \chi_c = \frac{1}{2-\zeta}$
$q_0^2$	0	$\frac{\chi(2-\zeta)-1}{\chi(1-\zeta)}$
$\phi_0$	—	$\frac{\pi}{4}$
$\theta_0$	—	$\frac{\pi}{4}$
$E_0$	$\frac{\chi(1-\zeta)}{4}$	$\frac{(1-\chi)\{\chi[1+2(1-\zeta)]-1\}}{4\chi(1-\zeta)}$
$\frac{dE_0}{d\chi}$	$\frac{1-\zeta}{4}$	$\frac{1-\chi^2[1+2(1-\zeta)]}{4\chi^2(1-\zeta)}$
$\frac{d^2E_0}{d\chi^2}$	0	$-\frac{1}{2\chi^3(1-\zeta)}$

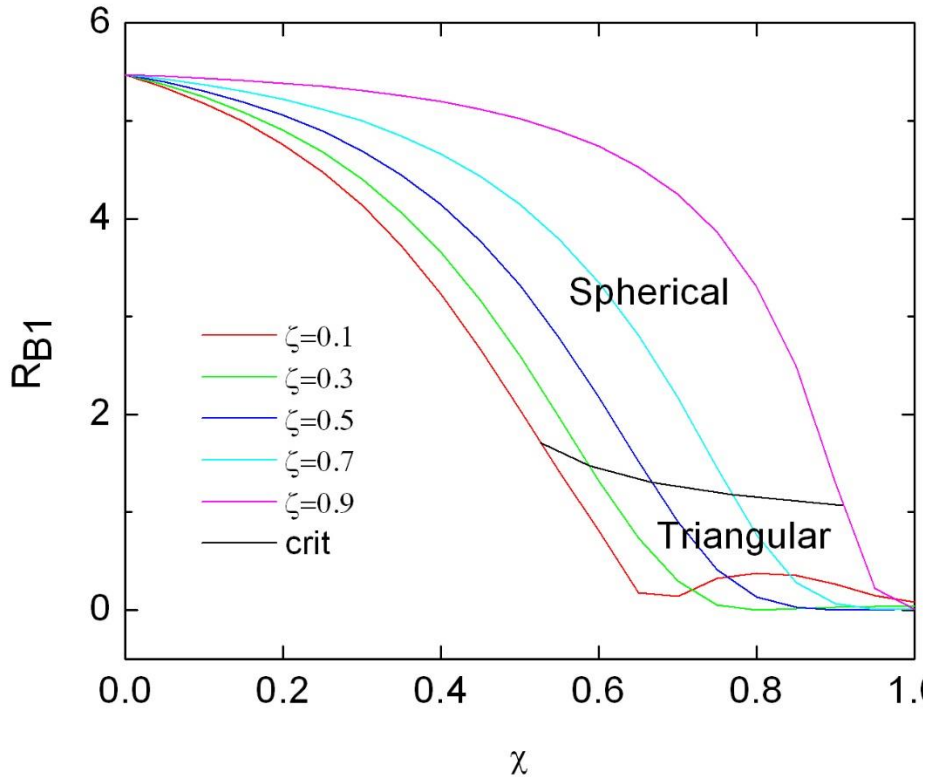


U(6) - SO(7)

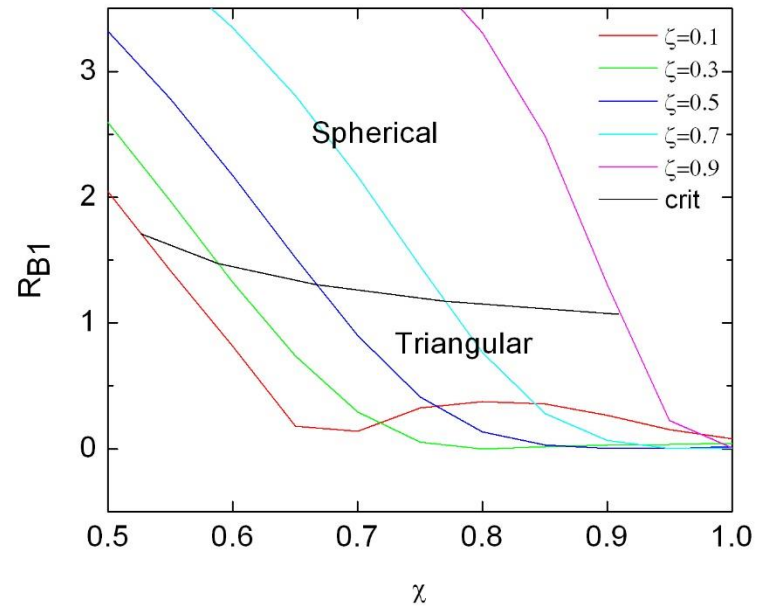
2nd order QPT



# Ratio of B(E2) Values



$^{12}\text{C} : \omega_1 \sim \omega_2 \Rightarrow \zeta \sim \frac{1}{3}$



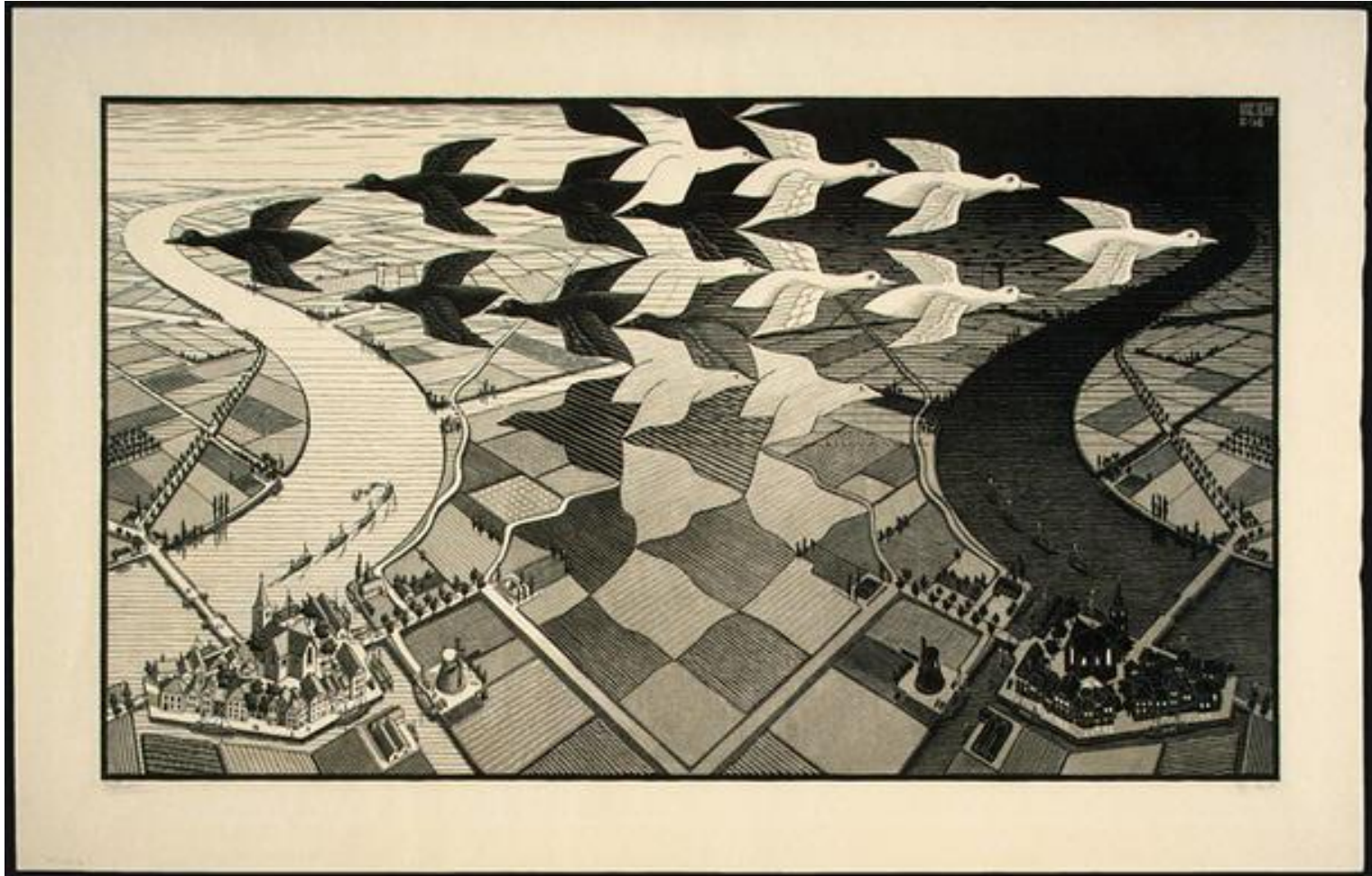


# Algebraic Cluster Model

	$2\alpha$	$3\alpha$	$4\alpha$
ACM	$U(4)$	$U(7)$	$U(10)$
Point group	$\mathcal{Z}_2$	$\mathcal{D}_{3h}$	$\mathcal{T}_d$
Geom. conf.	Linear	Triangle	Tetrahedron
Model	Rotor	Oblate top	Spherical top
Vibrations	1	3	6
Rotations	2	3	3
G.s. band	$0^+$ $2^+$ $4^+$ $6^+$	$0^+$ $2^+$ $3^-$ $4^\pm$ $5^-$ $6^{\pm+}$	$0^+$ $3^-$ $4^+$ $6^\pm$
Large $E\lambda$ electric transitions!			

# Summary and Conclusions

- Algebraic Cluster Model
- Discrete and continuous symmetries
- Special solutions: spherical and deformed oscillators, oblate top
- Rotational bands: fingerprints of geometric configurations of alpha particles
- QPT and decay of Hoyle state
- Higher order terms in quadrupole operator?

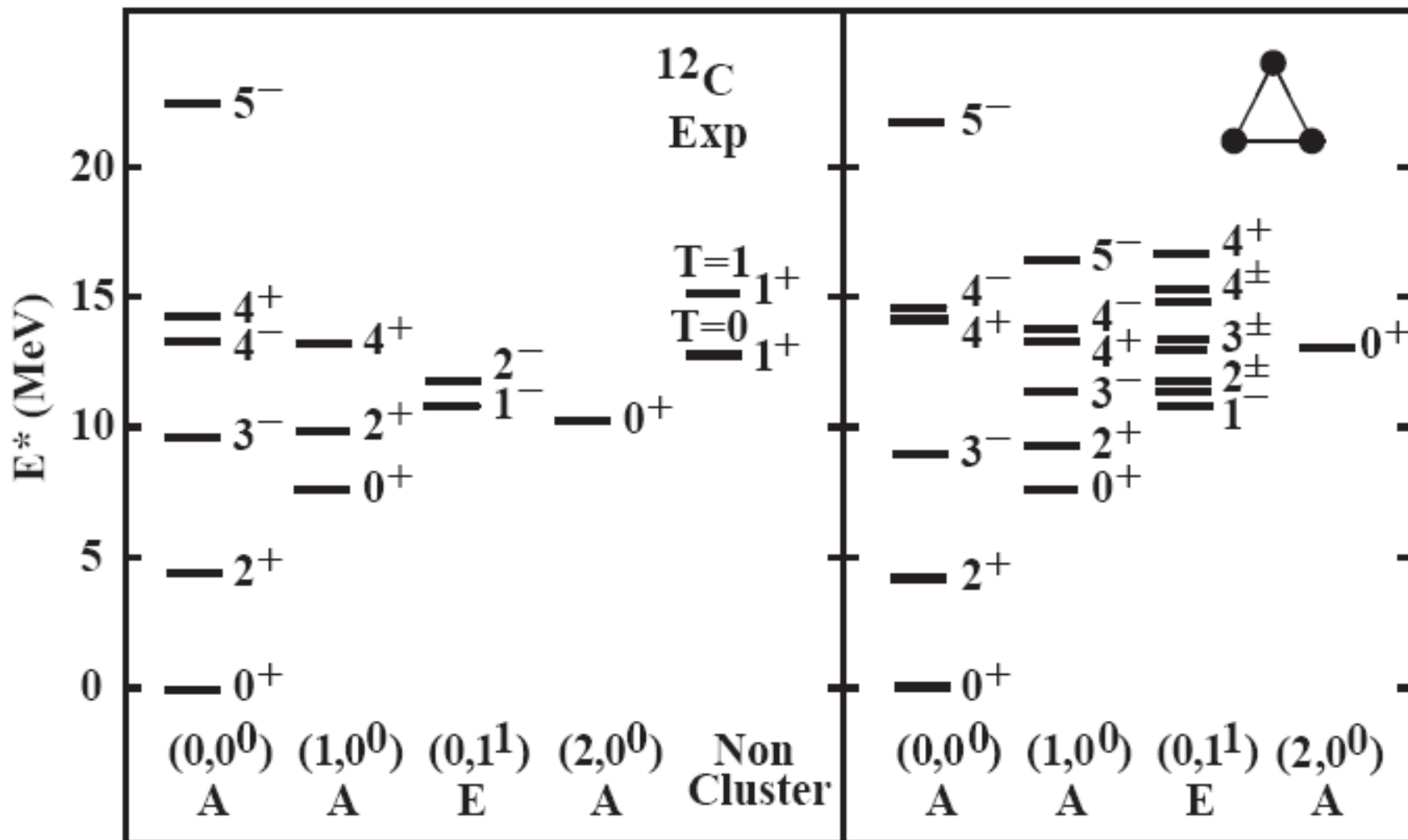




# Recent Theoretical Work

- Alpha-cluster model (Wheeler 1937, Brink 1966, Robson, 1978)
  - AMD (Kanada-Enyo, PTP, 2007)
  - FMD model (Chernykh et al, PRL, 2007)
  - BEC-like cluster model (Funaki et al, PRC, 2009)
  - Ab initio no-core shell model (Roth et al, PRL, 2011)
  - Lattice EFT (Epelbaum et al, PRL, 2011, 2012)
  - No-core symplectic model (Dreyfuss et al, PLB, 2013)
  - Algebraic Cluster Model (2000, 2002, 2014, 2017)
  - and many others
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- Recent reviews: Freer & Fynbo, PPNP 78, 1 (2014), Jenkins & Courtin, JPG 42, 034010 (2015)





# Parameters

	$\beta$ (fm)	$\alpha$ (fm <sup>-2</sup> )	$\langle r^2 \rangle^{1/2}$ (fm)
<sup>8</sup> Be	1.82 <sup>a</sup>	0.56 <sup>b</sup>	2.45
<sup>12</sup> C	1.74 <sup>c</sup>	0.52 <sup>d</sup>	2.468 ± 0.012
<sup>16</sup> O	2.07 <sup>c</sup>	0.60 <sup>d</sup>	2.710 ± 0.015

<i>a</i>	Moment of inertia
<i>b</i>	Form factor $\alpha$ particle
<i>c</i>	Elastic form factor
<i>d</i>	Charge radius

# Energy Ratio

