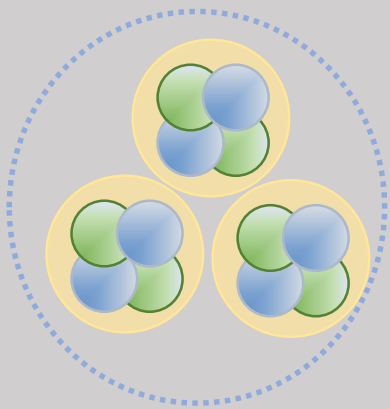




# Structure of resonance states in three-alpha systems

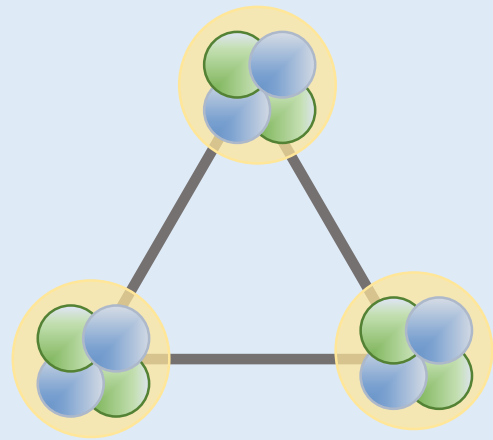


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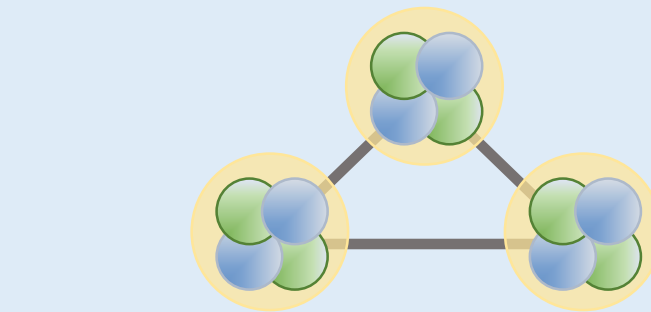
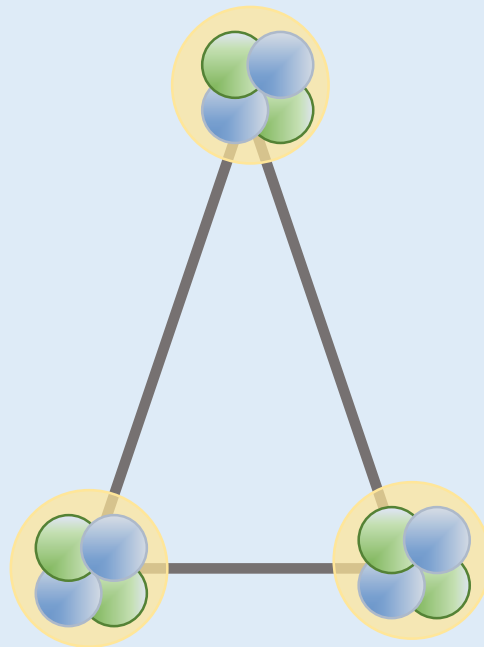
# 1. Introduction (1)

- Geometrical structure of low-energy excited states the  $^{12}\text{C}$  nucleus in terms of 3-alpha configuration is interesting subject to study properties (transition strength, etc.) of these states.



Equilateral triangle

## Acute isosceles triangle



Obtuse isosceles triangle  
(Bent arm)

# 1. Introduction (2)

Content of the talk:

2. Density functions
3.  $3\alpha$  model (Hamiltonian)
4. Transition Strength Function  $S_\lambda(E)$  for  $^{12}\text{C}(0_1^+) \rightarrow 3\alpha(\lambda)$
5.  $^{12}\text{C}(\alpha, \alpha')3\alpha$  reaction in  $3\alpha$ -model
6.  $3\alpha$  density
7. Summary

## 2. Density functions

- $3\alpha$  density function

$$\rho(x, y) = x^2 y^2 \int d\hat{x} d\hat{y} |\Psi(\vec{x}, \vec{y})|^2$$

- Bound states [ $^{12}\text{C}(0_1^+)$ ,  $^{12}\text{C}(2_1^+)$ ]  $H_{3\alpha} |\Psi_b\rangle = E |\Psi_b\rangle$  (as Faddeev eq.)

- Continuum state function for to  $^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow 3\alpha$  by multipole operators:

$$|\Psi_\lambda\rangle = \frac{1}{E+i\varepsilon-H_{3\alpha}} \hat{O}_\lambda |\Psi(^{12}\text{C})\rangle$$

$$\hat{O}_\lambda = [r^2, r^3 Y_1(\hat{r}), r^\lambda Y_\lambda(\hat{r})] \quad (\lambda = 0, \lambda = 1, \lambda \geq 2)$$

- Multipole strength functions:  $S_\lambda(E) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} \langle \Psi_b | \hat{O}_\lambda^\dagger | \Psi_\lambda \rangle$

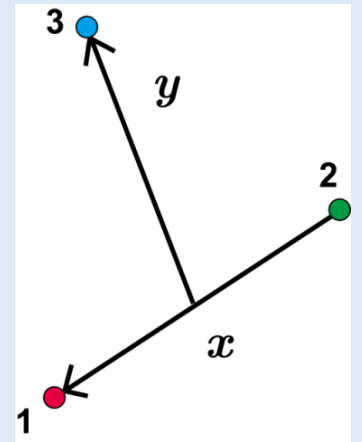
- For continuum state:  $\Psi(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) = \text{Im} [|\Psi_\lambda\rangle] \propto \int dc |\Psi_c\rangle \langle \Psi_c | \hat{O}_\lambda | \Psi_b \rangle$

$$\frac{1}{E+i\varepsilon-H_{3\alpha}} = \text{P} \frac{1}{E+i\varepsilon-H_{3\alpha}} - i\pi\delta(E-H_{3\alpha})$$

- Normalization:  $1 = \int_0^{x_{\max}} dx \int_0^{y_{\max}} dy \rho(x, y)$ ,  $x_{\max} = y_{\max} = 12 \text{ fm}$

- References: Faddeev calculations for  $3\alpha(0^+)$  systems:

S. I. : PRC **87** (2013) 055804, PRC **90** (2014) 061604, PRC **94** (2016) 061603



# 3. $3\alpha$ model - Hamiltonian

- $3\alpha$  Hamiltonian  $H_{3\alpha} = K + V_{12} + V_{23} + V_{31} + V_{3\alpha}$
- Phenomenological  $\alpha\alpha$  potential: Ali-Bodmer Model D (L=0,2,4)

Ref.: NP80 (1966) 99

$$V_{\alpha\alpha}(x) = \left( V_R^{(0)} \hat{P}_{L=0} + V_R^{(2)} \hat{P}_{L=20} \right) e^{-(x/a_R)^2} + V_A e^{-(x/a_A)^2}$$

$a_R$ (fm)	$V_R^{(0)}$ (MeV)	$V_R^{(2)}$ (MeV)	$a_A$ (fm)	$V_A$ (MeV)
1.40	500.0	320.0	2.11	-130.0

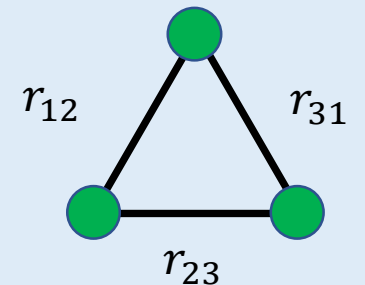
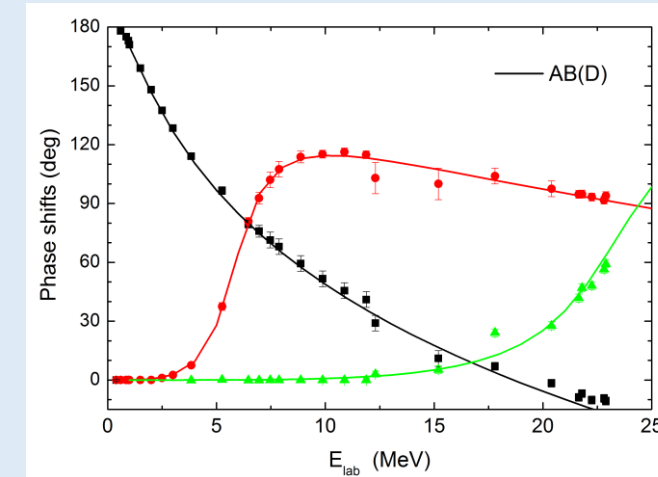
- Gaussian  $3\alpha$  potential  $V_{3\alpha} = W_3 \exp \left[ -\frac{r_{12}^2 + r_{23}^2 + r_{31}^2}{a^2} \right]$

Fitted to  $E[0_2^+] = 0.379$  MeV,  $E[1_1^-] = 3.569$  MeV

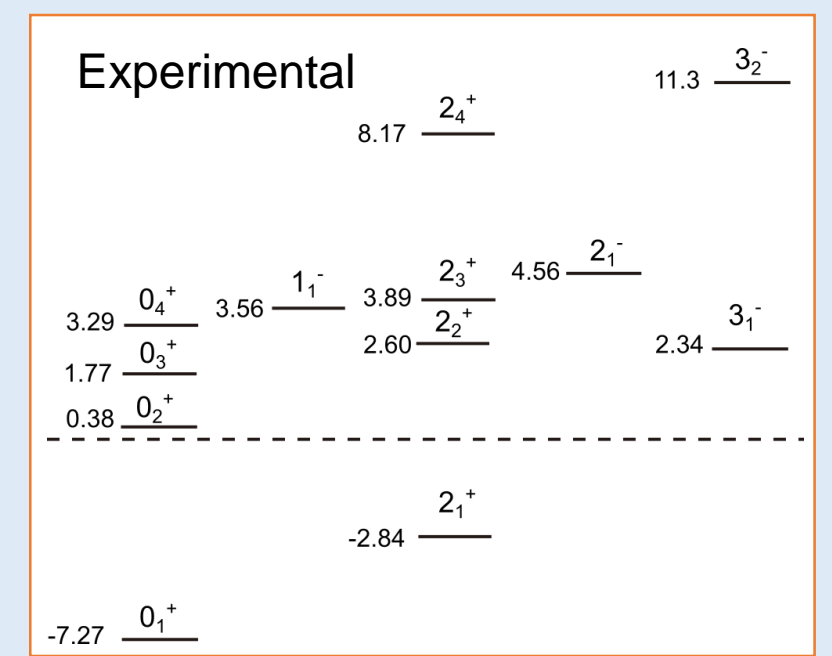
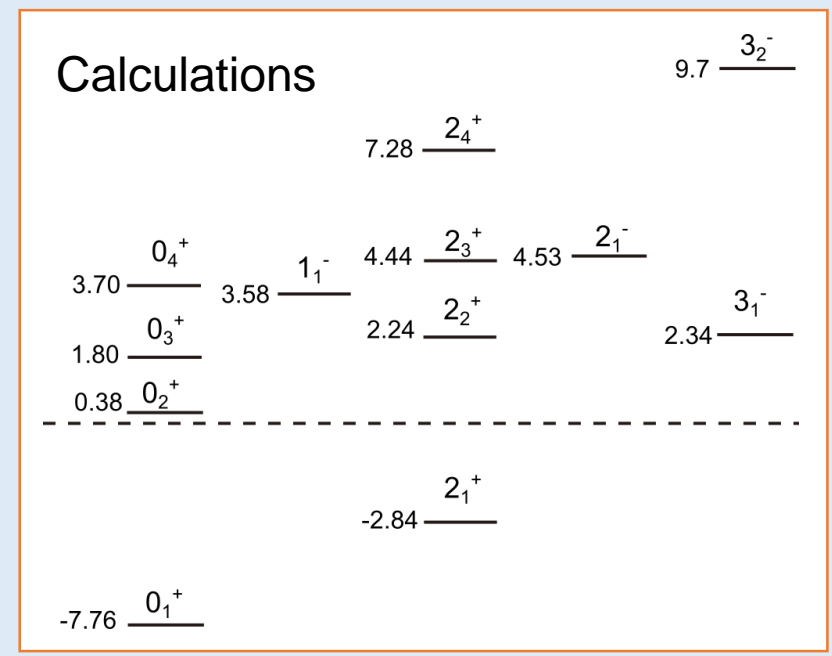
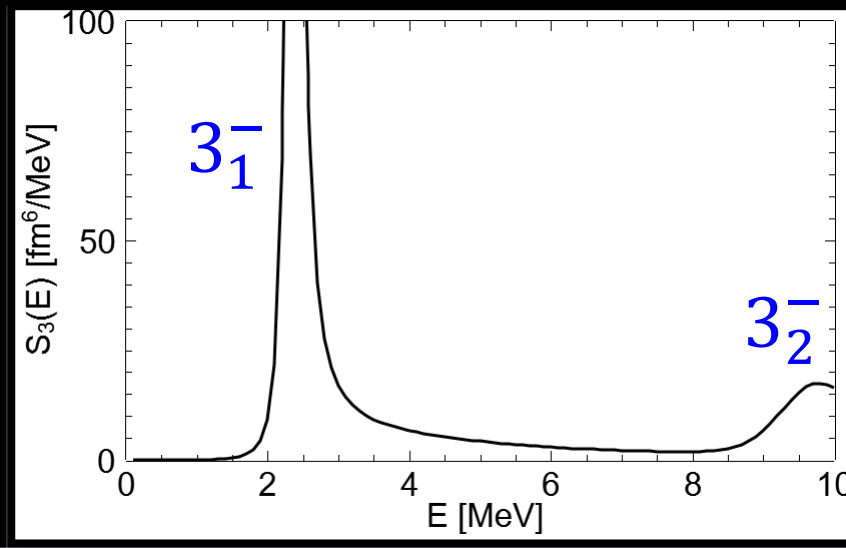
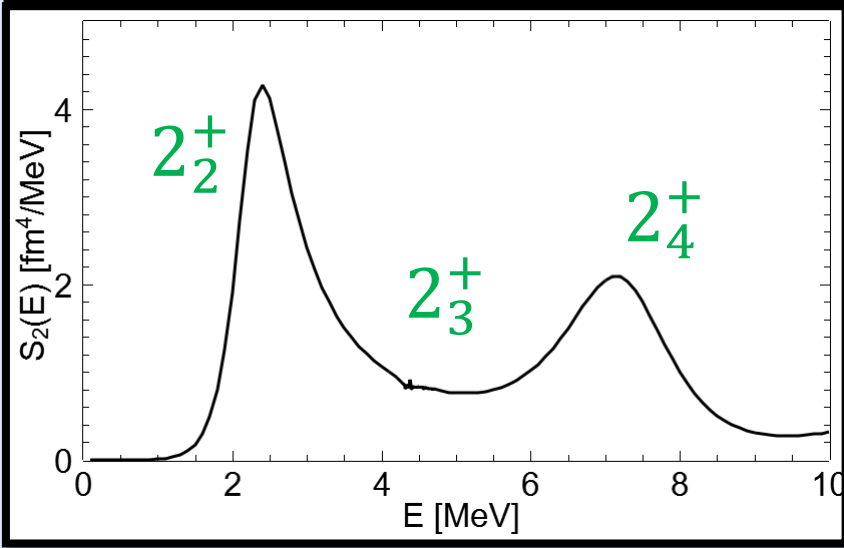
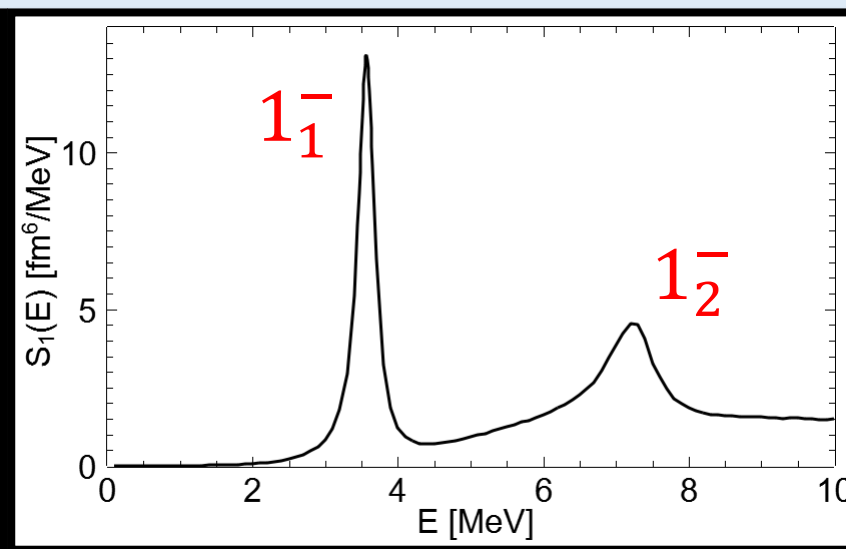
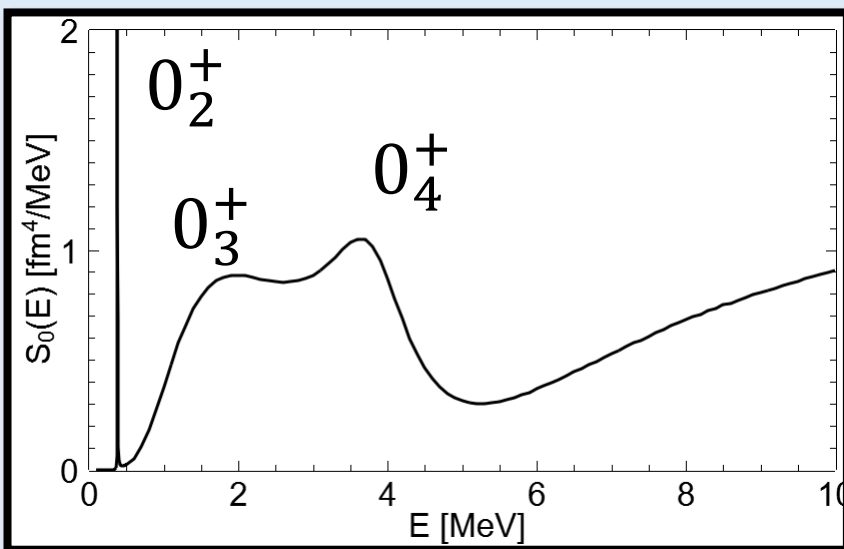
$E[2_1^+] = -2.836$  MeV,  $E[3_1^-] = 2.336$  MeV

$a$ [fm]	$W_3^{[0]}$ [MeV]	$W_3^{[1]}$ [MeV]	$W_3^{[2]}$ [MeV]	$W_3^{[3]}$ [MeV]
3.0	-156.9	-79	-78.3	25.0

$L_{\alpha\alpha}$	$E_r$ (MeV)	$\Gamma$ (MeV)
0	0.0918	6.8e-6
2	3.132	1.5
4	11.49	3.5



# 4. Transition Strength Function $S_\lambda(E)$ for $^{12}\text{C}(0_1^+) \rightarrow 3\alpha(\lambda)$



# 5. $^{12}\text{C}(\alpha, \alpha')3\alpha$ reaction in $3\alpha$ -model

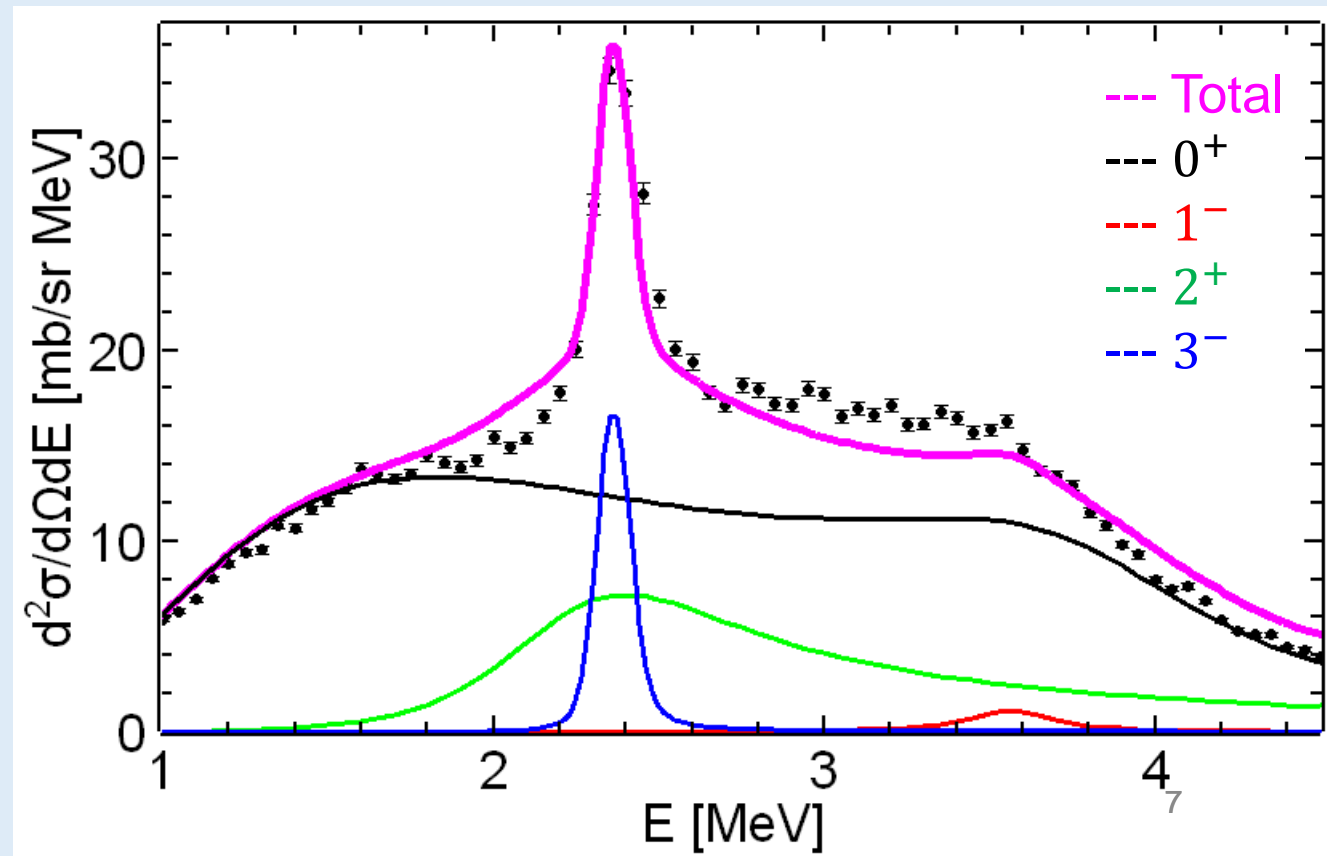
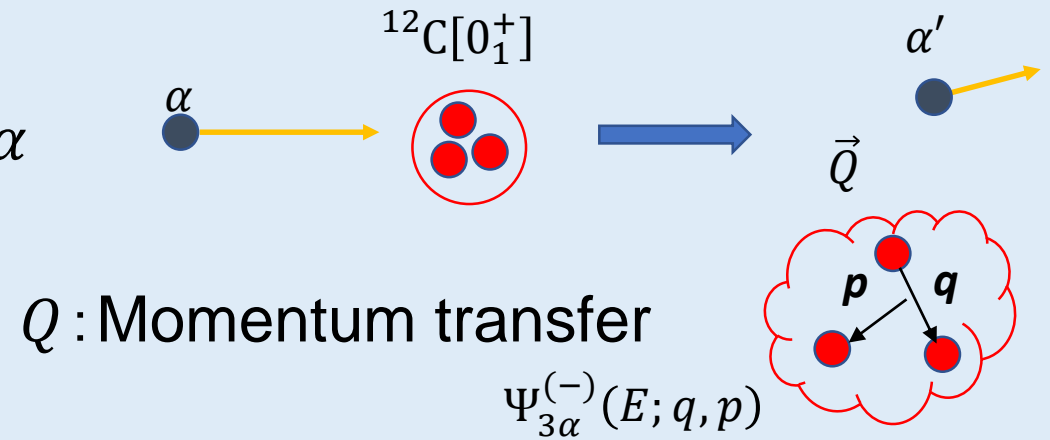
- Spectrum of inelastic scattering  $^{12}\text{C}(\alpha, \alpha')3\alpha$

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE} = \sum_{\lambda=0}^3 a_{\lambda} \frac{c_{\lambda}(Q)}{Q^4} S_{\lambda}(E)$$

- Gauss convolution FWHM=100keV
- Fitting parameters  $(a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3)$

$$E_{\alpha} = 386 \text{ MeV} \quad \theta_{\text{Lab}} = 0^{\circ}$$

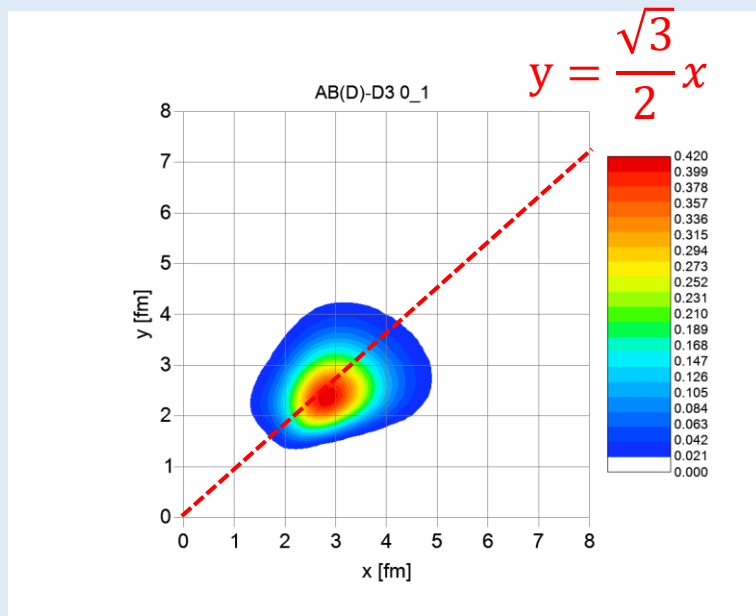
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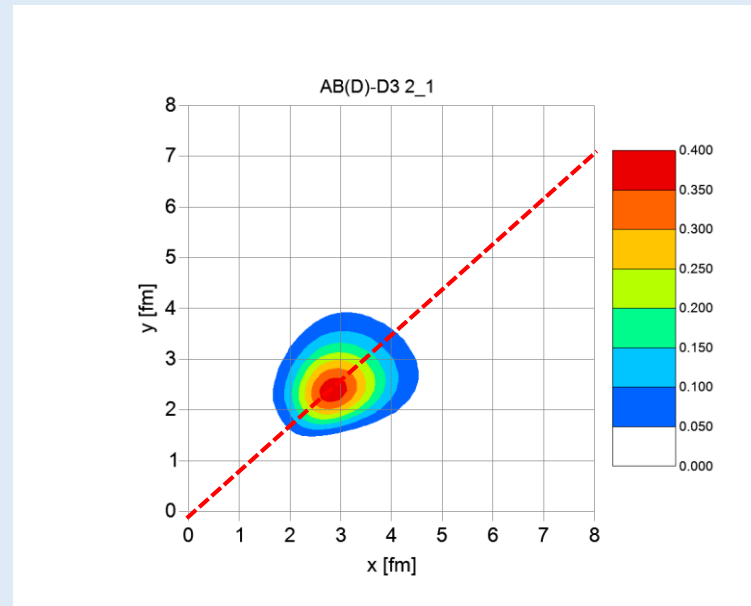
# 6. $3\alpha$ density (1)

## (1) Equilateral triangle configuration

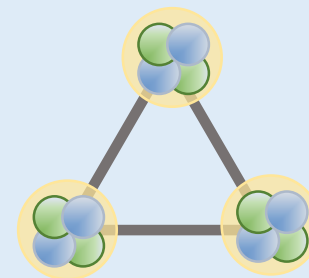
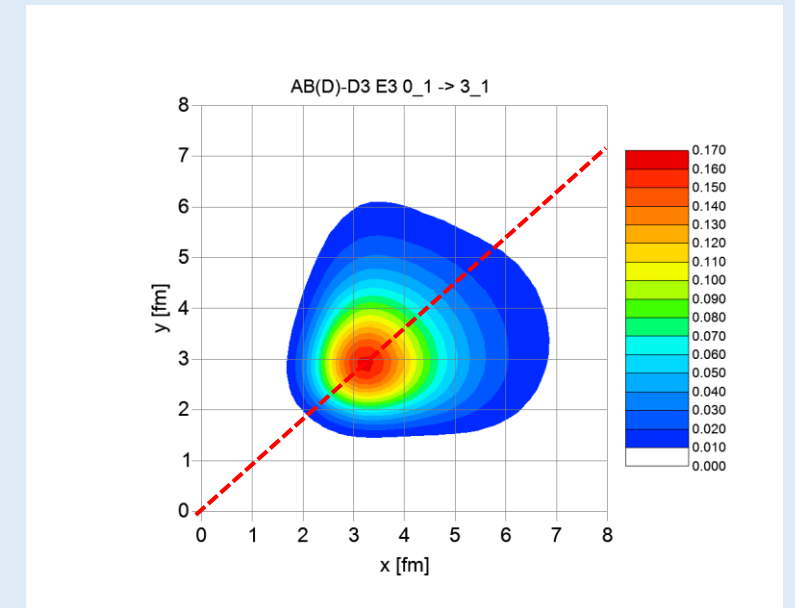
$^{12}\text{C}(0_1^+)$  ground state



$^{12}\text{C}(2_1^+)$  1st excited state

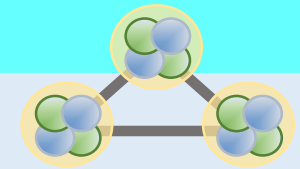


$^{12}\text{C}(3_1^-)$  resonance



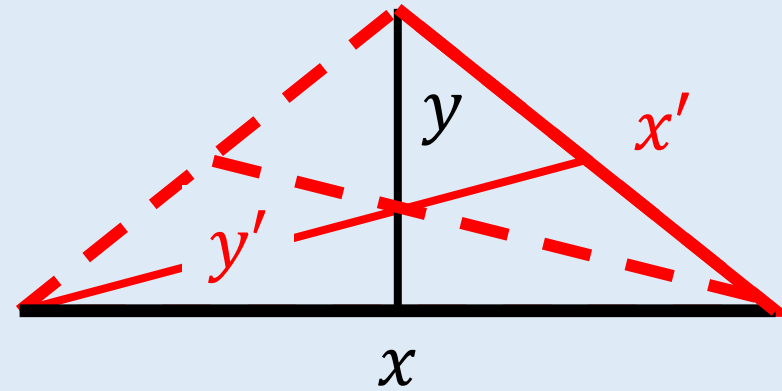
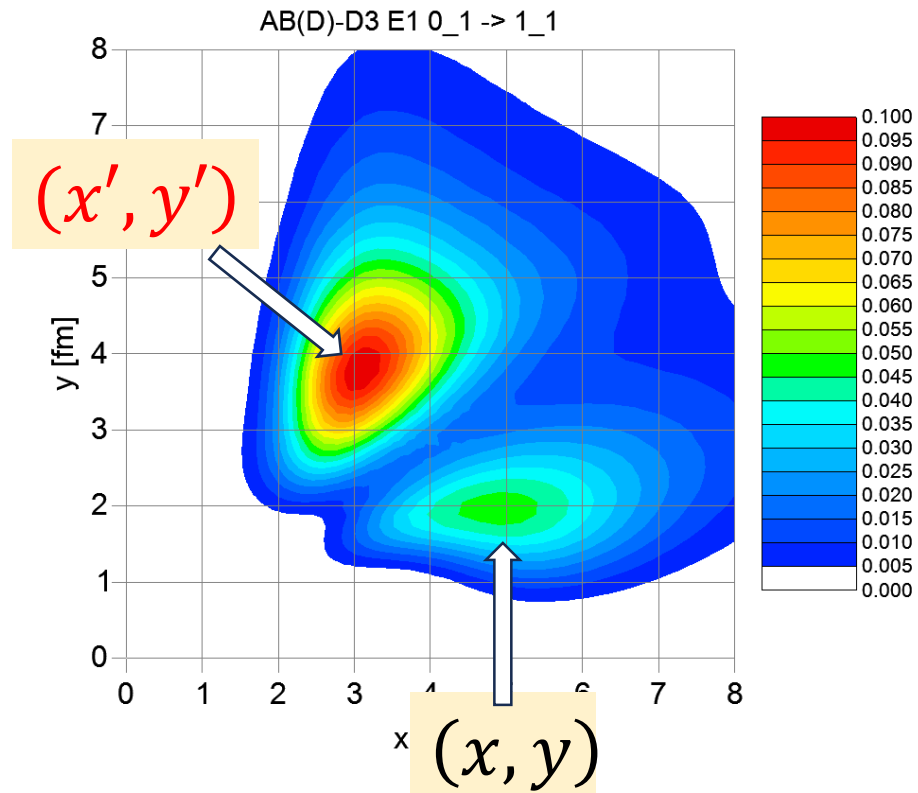


## 6. $3\alpha$ density (2)



### (2) Obtuse isosceles triangle configuration

$^{12}\text{C}(1_1^-)$



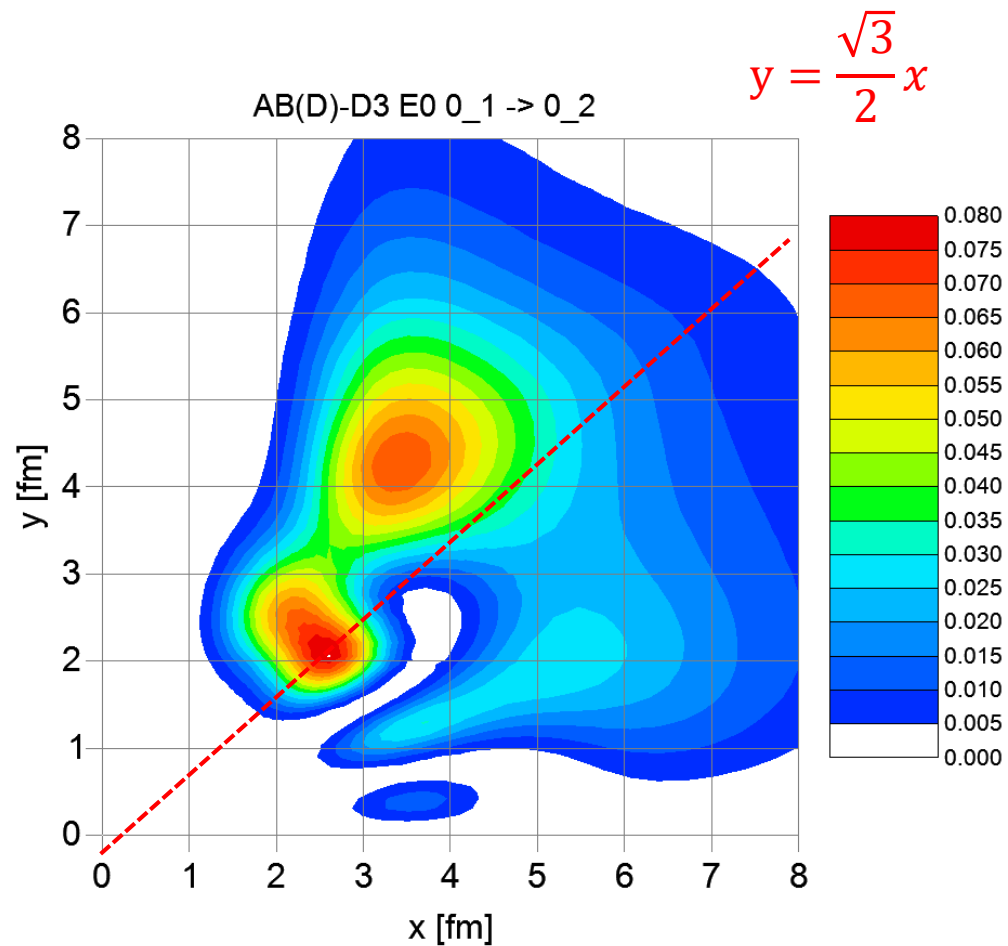
A peak  $(x, y)$  corresponding to an obtuse isosceles triangle

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Associated peak at  $(x', y')$  in double strength

## 6. $3\alpha$ density (3)

(3) Hoyle state  $0_2^+$



In addition to **the equilateral triangle** configuration, some peaks exist.

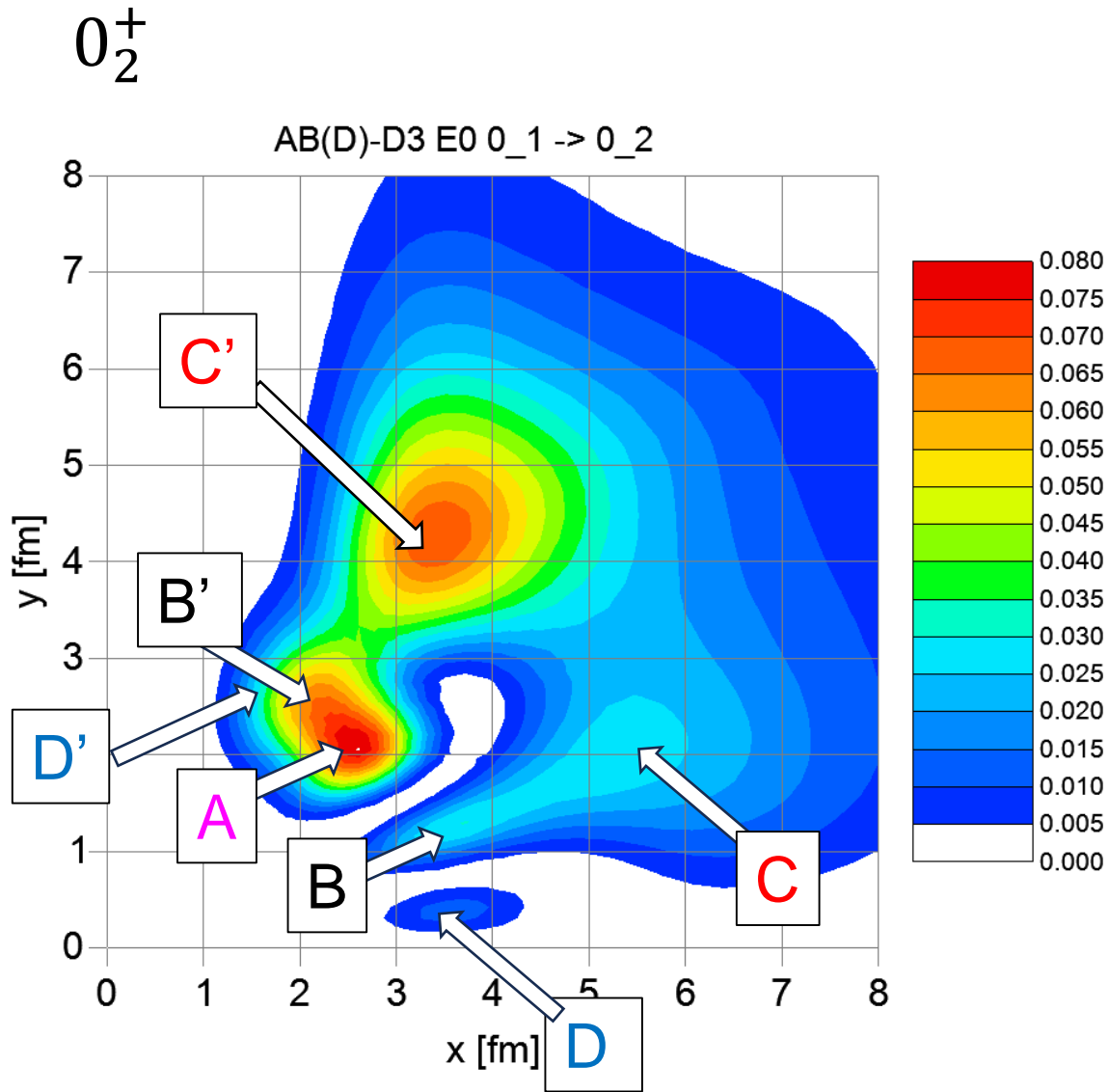
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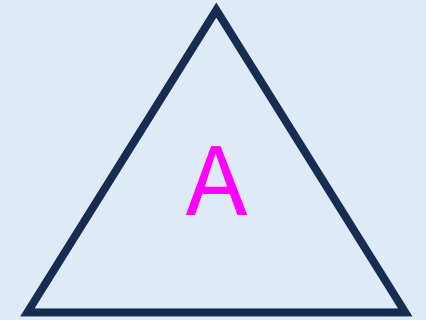
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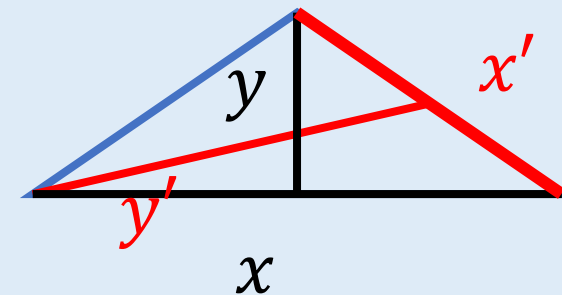
# Density of Hoyle state



A:  
Equilateral triangle



B and B', C and C', D and D'  
Obtuse isosceles triangles



## 7. Summary

- Geometric structure of bound- and low energy resonance states of  $^{12}\text{C}$  nucleus is studied in  $3\alpha$  model.
- Equilateral triangle:  $^{12}\text{C}(0_1^+)$ ,  $^{12}\text{C}(2_1^+)$ ,  $^{12}\text{C}(3_1^-)$
- Obtuse isosceles triangle:  $^{12}\text{C}(1_1^-)$
- Mixture of equilateral- and obtuse isosceles triangles:  $^{12}\text{C}(0_2^+)$