Gamma decay from near-threshold states in 14C: a probe of clusterization phenomena in open quantum systems

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Observation: cluster states in nuclei seem to exist around almost any cluster-decay threshold (K. Ikeda et al., Prog. Theor. Phys. E68, 464–475 (1968)

#### <u>Near-particle-threshold states in nuclei – examples:</u>



Cluster/particle near-threshold states may be used for studying the emergence of clusterization in microscopic approaches (SHELL MODEL, ab-initio ...)? SHELL MODEL Embedded in the Continuum (SMEC) J. Okolowicz, M. Ploszajczak, W. Nazarewicz, Fortschr. Phys. 61, 66 (2013) NEAR EACH particle (cluster)-decay threshold a "narrow" and collective state of the same particle (cluster) character is expected !

**!!! CLUSTERING** is a generic near-threshold phenomenon **!!!** 

A way to check this hypothesis could be to measure **ELECTROMAGNETIC DECAY** of near-threshold states.



Important information to test ab-initio approaches ...

### **Objective of our investigations: 14C**



**14C** was extensively studied in the past, for example W. von Oertzen et al., Eur. Phys. J. A 21, 193 (2004).



# Other example of the 14C structure studies: neutron decay from unbound states



P.J. Haigh et al., PRC 78, 014319 (2008).

#### **14C** as a TEST CASE of the properties of near-threshold states



enhances the  $\gamma$ -decay probability



#### **Proposed reaction and cross section evaluation**

# 13C + d → 14C\* + p

Cross section for the 2+ 8317 keV state population (FRESCO)





120

11N

10C

9B

8Be

7Li

10N

9C

8B

7Be

бLi

8C

7B

бВе

5Li

бB

5Be

4Li

3Li

130

12N

HC.

10B

9Be

8Li

140

13N

11B

10Be

9Li

150

14N 15N

11Be

10Li

130 **14** 

160 170

12Be

HLi

16N

14B

13Be

12Li 13Li

180

17N

16C

15B

14Be

190

18N

17C

16B

15Be

200

19N

18C

17B

16Be

210

20N

19C

18B

**Reaction Kinematics** 

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# COUNT RATES ESTIMATES

 $\gamma$ -decay of unbound narrow states in 14C

CD2 target: 1.5 mg/cm2 13C Beam Energy : 221 MeV, 17 MeV/A 13C Beam Current: 3 pnA

	22+→0+
	Γγ = 3.4 keV
Eγ [MeV]	8.32
σ [mb]	0.1
γ-Branching	10-3
E(AGATA@13 cm) CLOSE	3 %
E(PARIS -2 Clusters)	2.5 %
p counts/s	210
(p <b>–γ)</b> counts/s AGATA	0.006
(p <b>–γ)</b> counts/s PARIS	0.005
(p–γ) counts AGATA 10 DAYS	5500
(p–γ) counts PARIS 10 DAYS	4550

Sufficient statistic to estimate

- ⁄γ-decay
- γ-branchin<mark>g</mark>
- E/M charac<mark>ter</mark>

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	22+→0+	32-→22+
	Γγ = 3.4 keV	Γγ < 30 keV
Eγ [MeV]	8.32	5
σ [mb]	0.1	0.1
γ-Branching	10-3	5 10-4
E(AGATA@13 cm) CLOSE	3 %	4.2 %
E(PARIS -2 Clusters)	2.5 %	3.2 %
p counts/s	210	210
(p <b>–γ)</b> counts/s AGATA	0.006	0.004
(p <b>–γ)</b> counts/s PARIS	0.005	0.0034
(p—γ) counts AGATA 10 DAYS	5500	3800
(p—γ) counts <b>PARIS</b> 10 DAYS	4550	2900

Sufficient statistic to estimate

γ-decay γ-branching E/M character

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