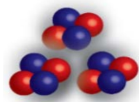
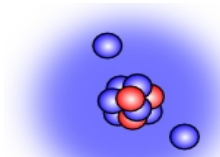


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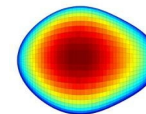
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^{11}Li



^{23}O

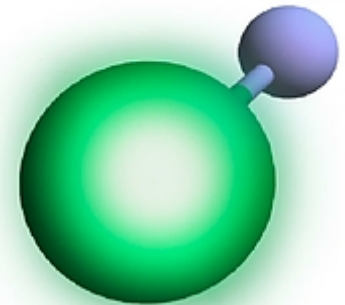
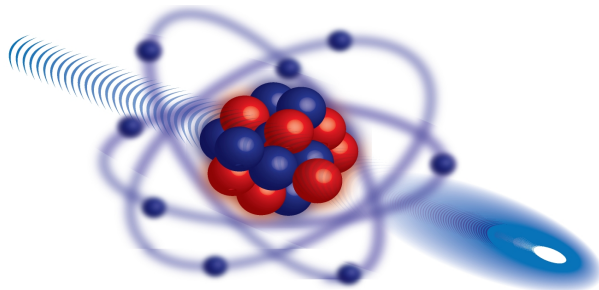


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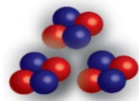
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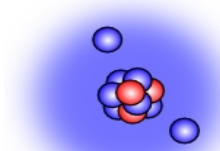
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→ Containing nuclei with extreme proton/neutron ratios



^{12}C

$Z=6, N=6$
stable



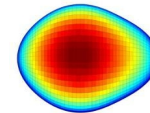
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 $T_{1/2}=9$ ms



^{23}O

$Z=8, N=15$
 $T_{1/2}=97$ ms

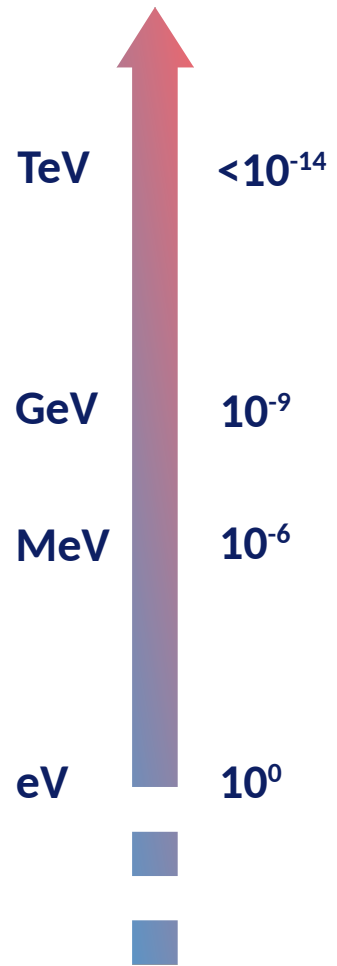
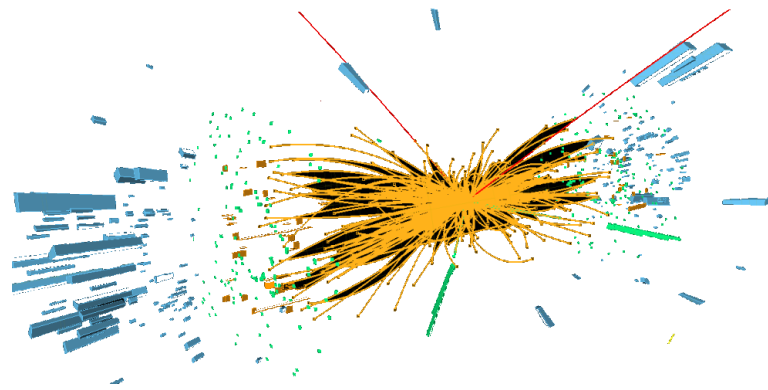


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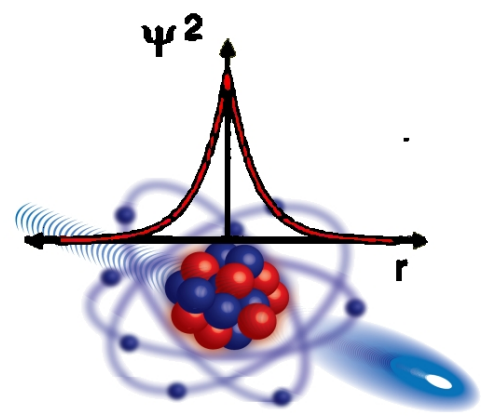
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Energy frontier

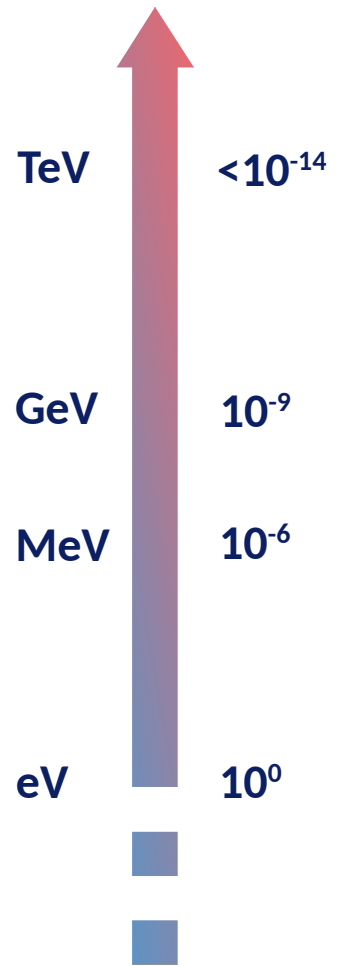
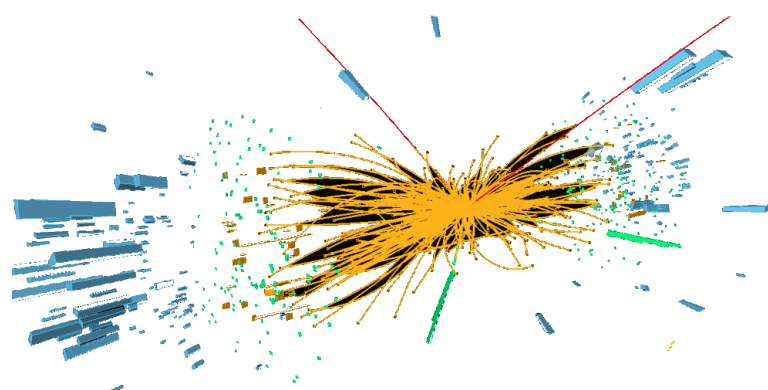


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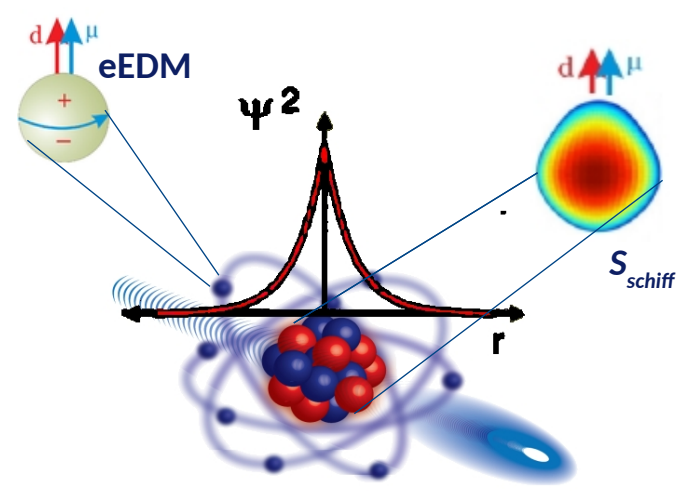




Energy frontier



Precision frontier



Exotic atoms & molecules offer a unique windows to study the nucleus, and the fundamental particles and interactions of nature!

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Nuclear & Atomic & Molecular

Experiment

Theory





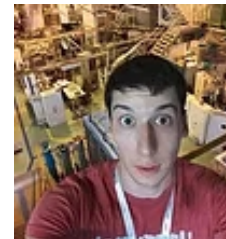
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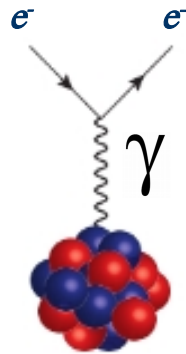


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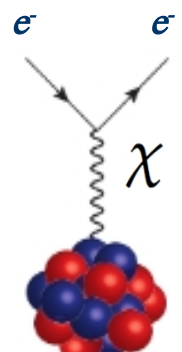
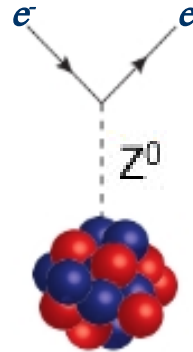
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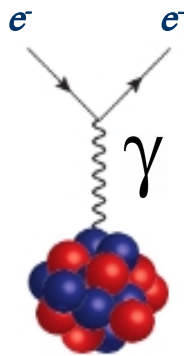
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Short range (< 0.1 fm)

Electroweak structure

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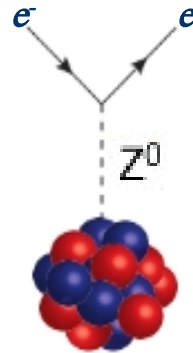


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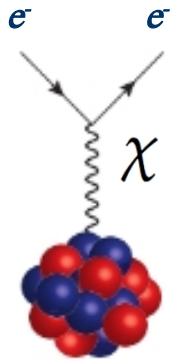
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Atoms

- Nuclear force → QCD
- Emergence of nuclear phenomena
- Understanding of nuclear matter



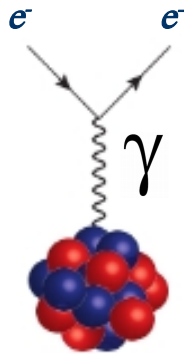
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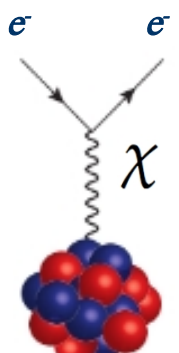
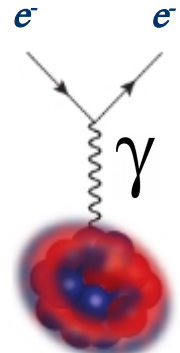
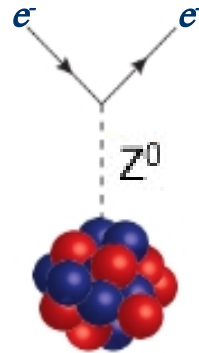


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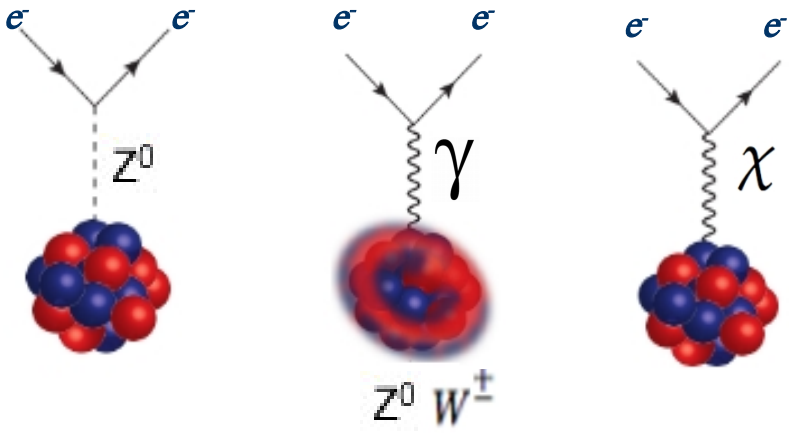
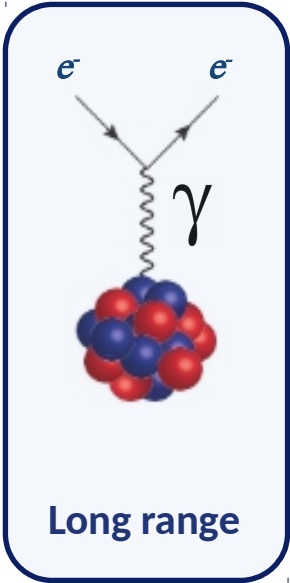
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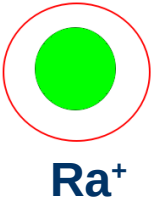
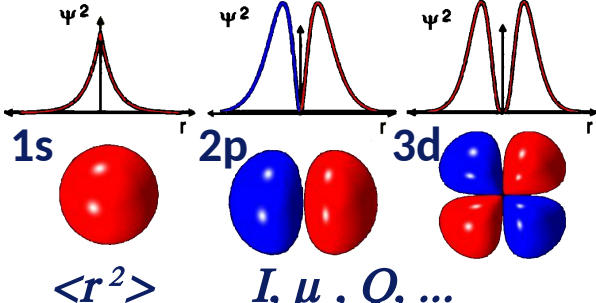
Molecules

- Fundamental symmetries, BSM physics
- Matter / Antimatter asymmetry
- Dark matter

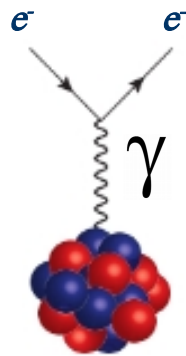
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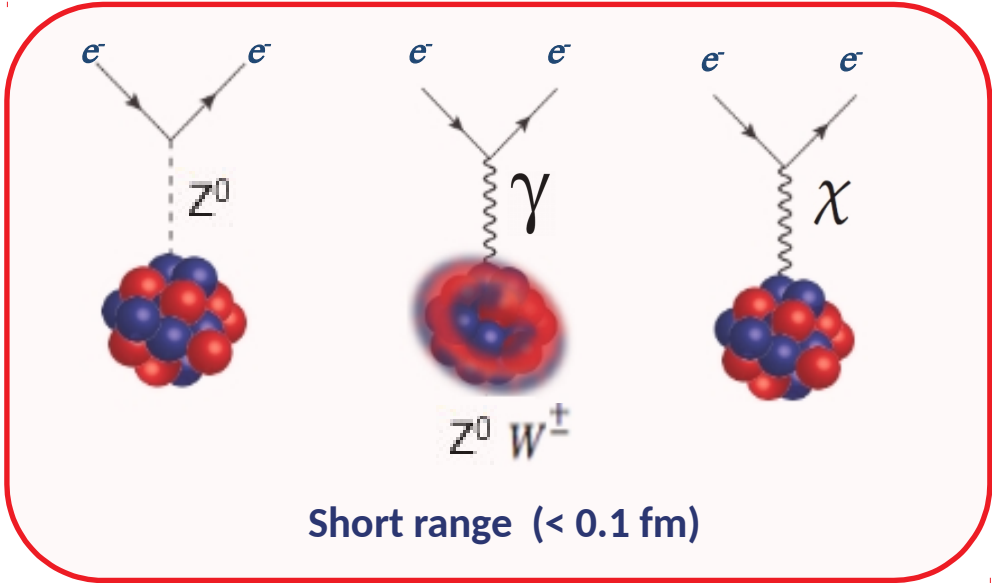
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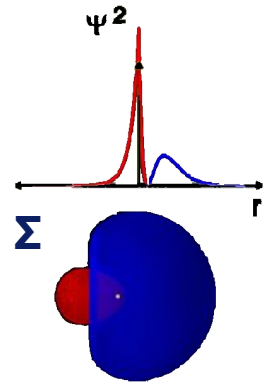
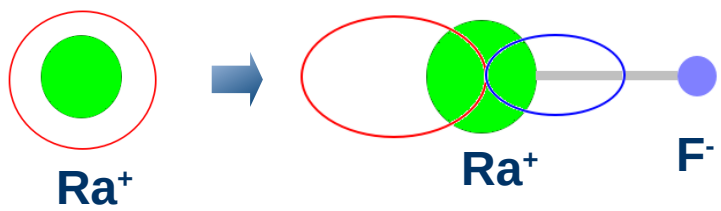
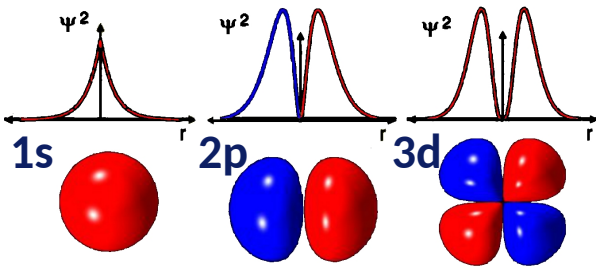
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Atoms

- Parity violation $> 10^{11}$
- Parity and Time reversal violation $> 10^3$

$\sim Z^n$

Molecules



A_{AM} , $eEDM$, S_{schiff} , MQM

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Precision laser spectroscopy



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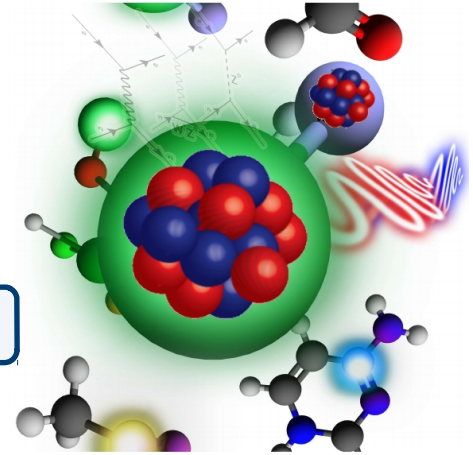
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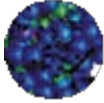


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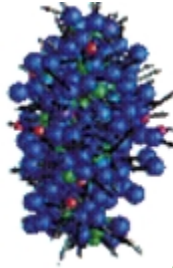
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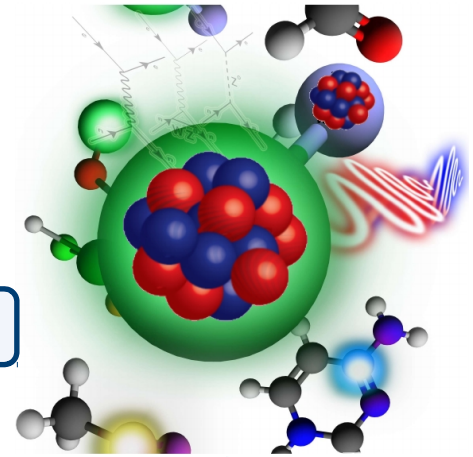


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Heavy Nuclei



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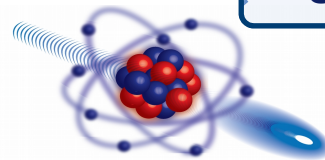


Selection



Lasers
+
Electromagnetic
fields

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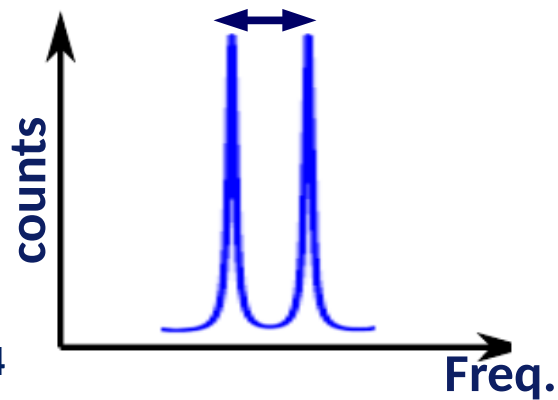
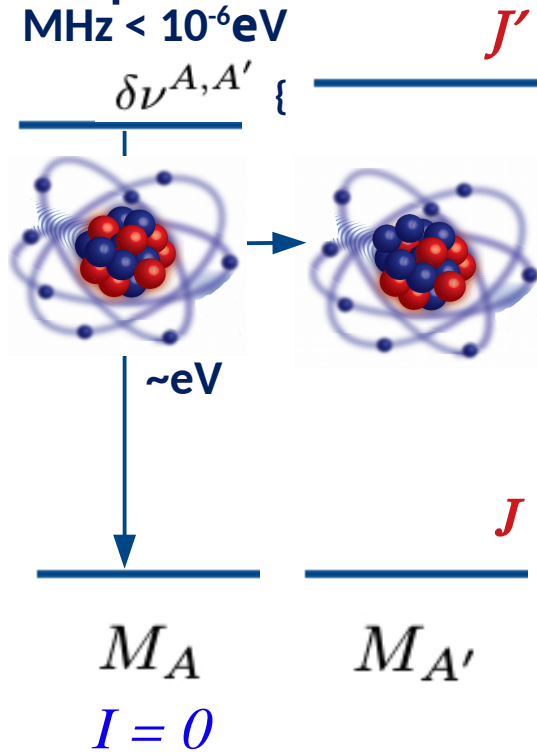


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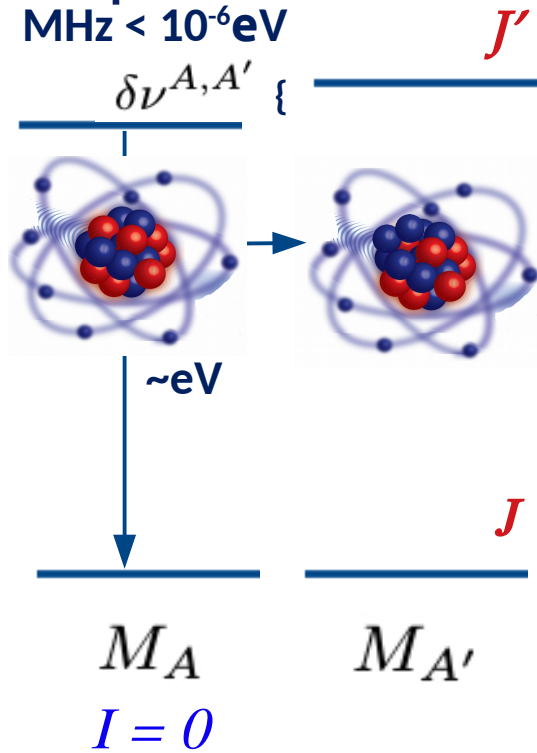
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Isotope shift
MHz $< 10^{-6}$ eV



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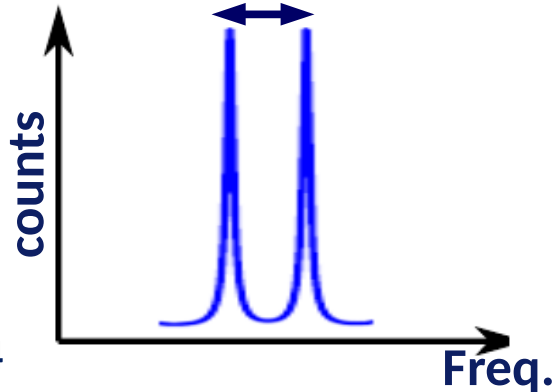


$$\sim F \delta \langle r^2 \rangle^{A,A'}$$

Atom/molecule
 Nuclear

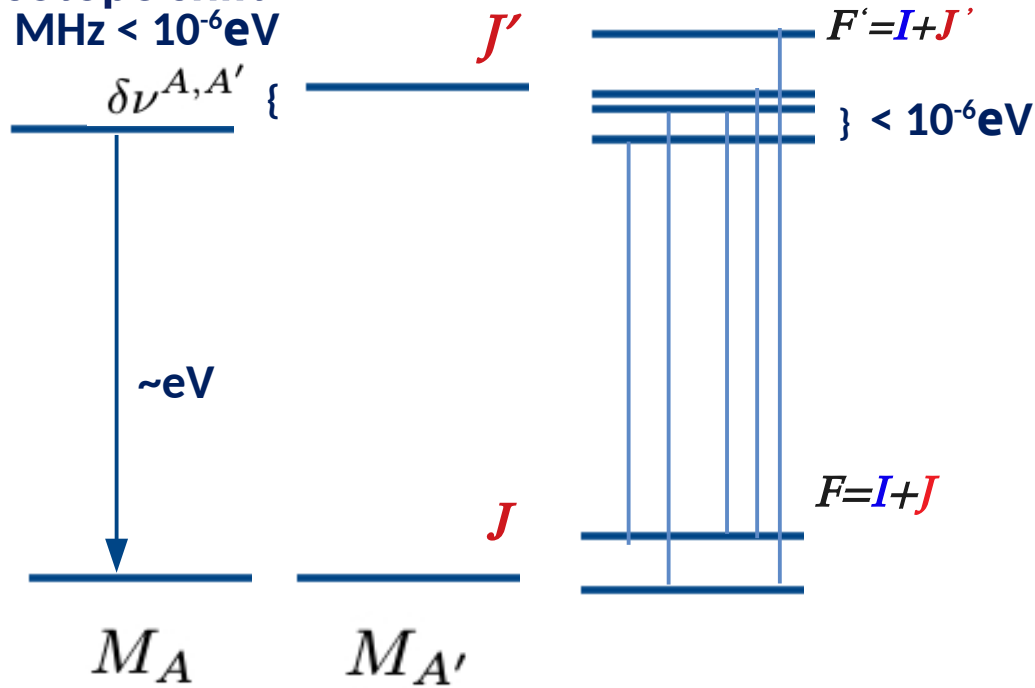
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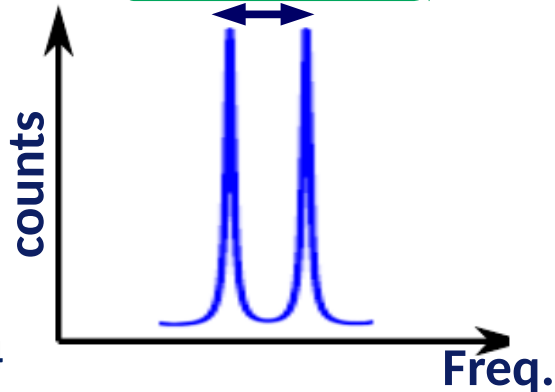


$I = 0$

$I > 0$

Atom/molecule
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$$\sim \mu B + Q \nabla E$$



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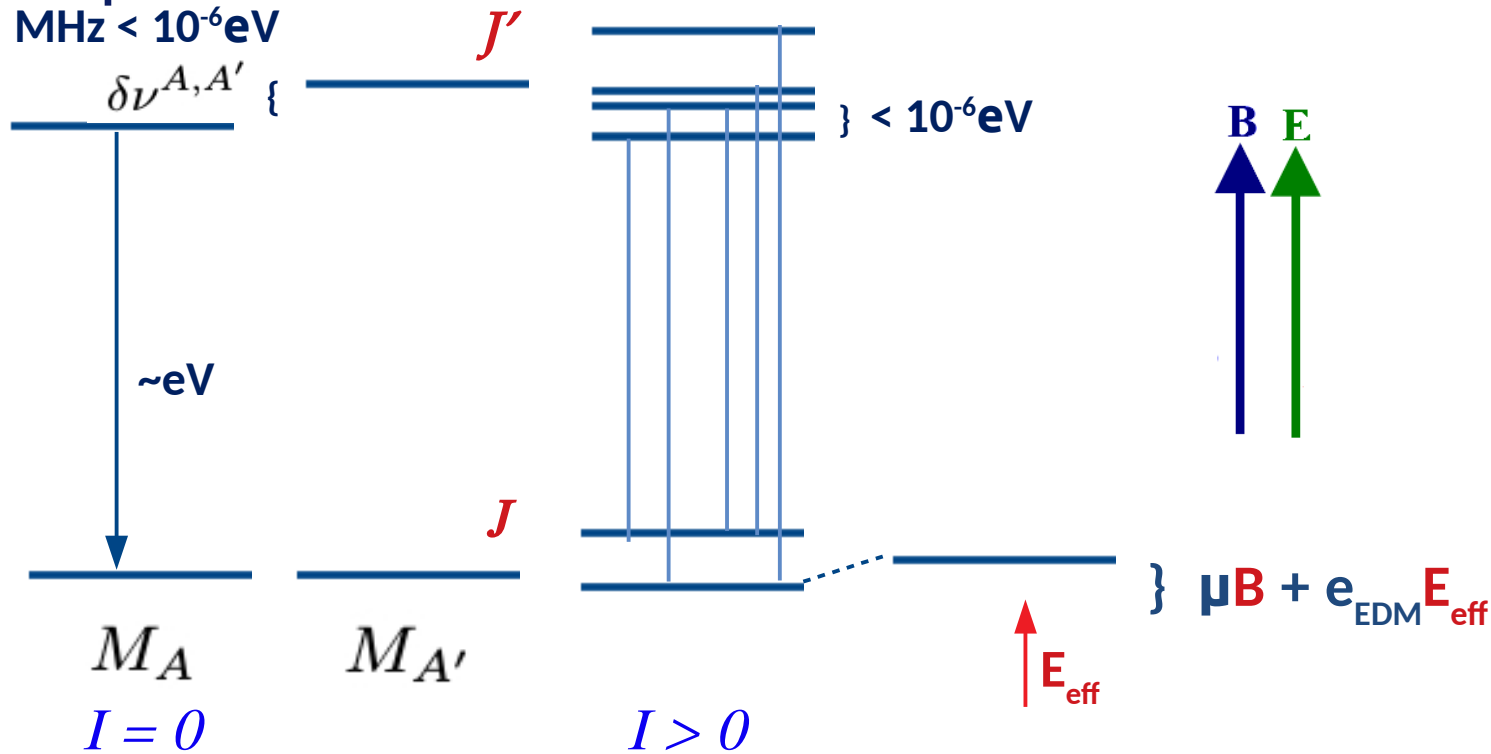
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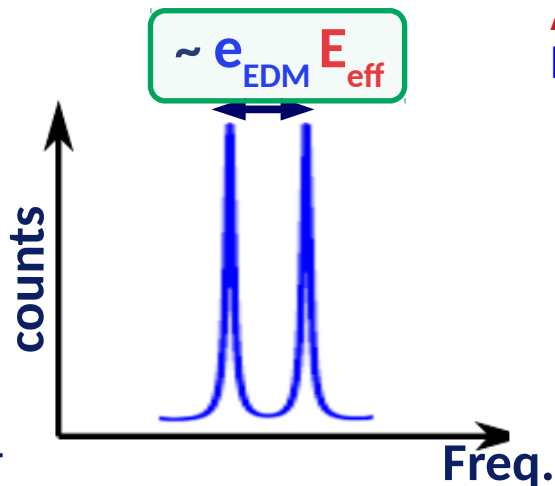
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Atom/molecule

$\sim O_{\text{Nucl}}$ $F_{\text{atom/mol.}}$

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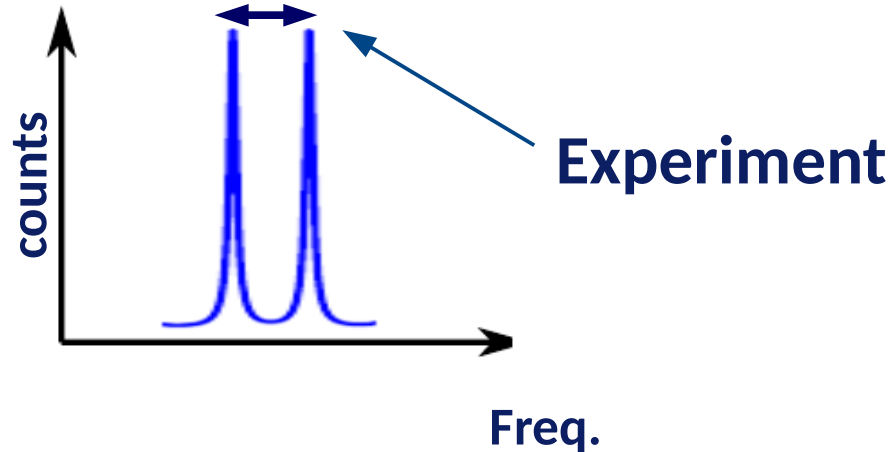
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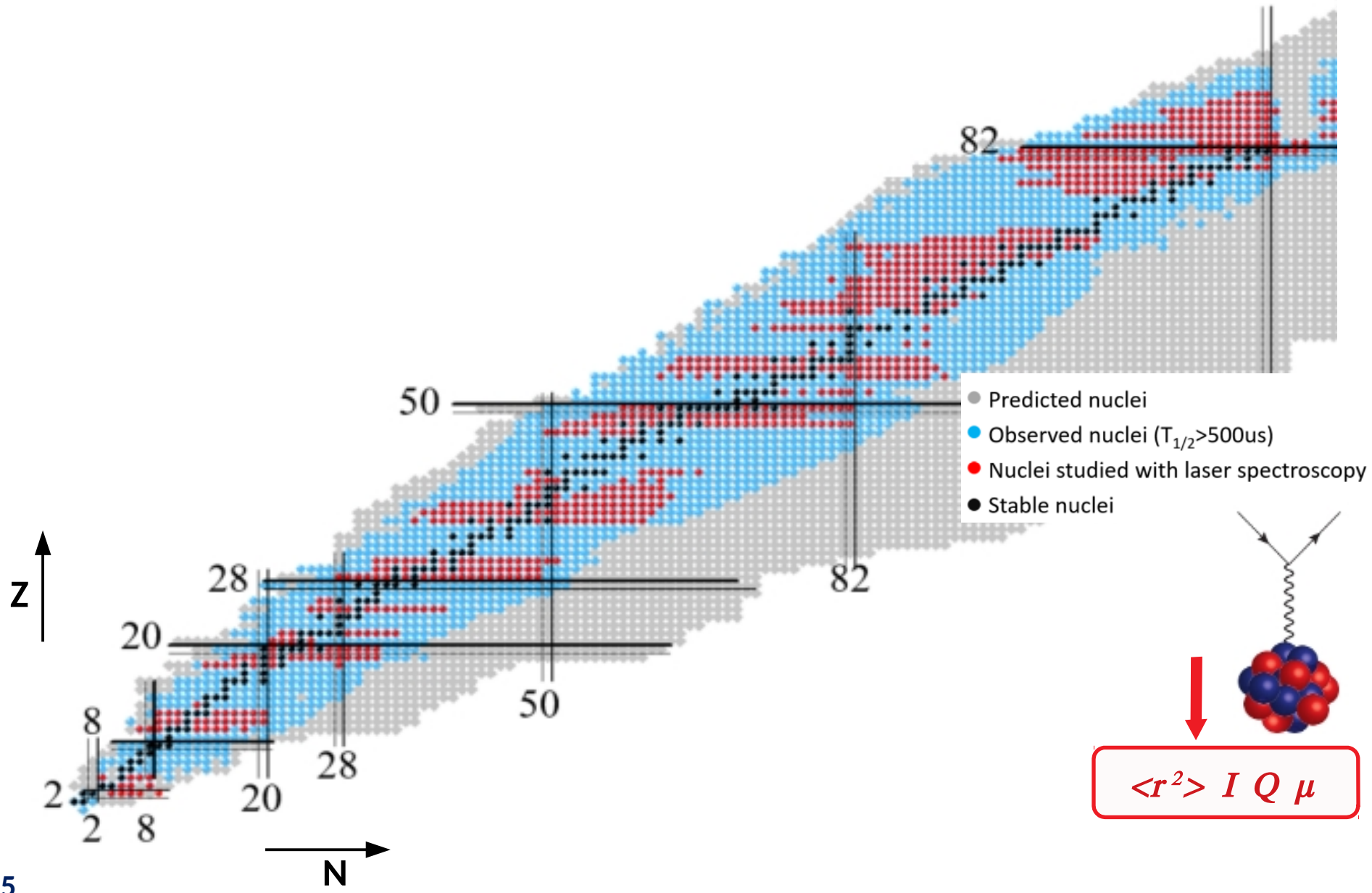
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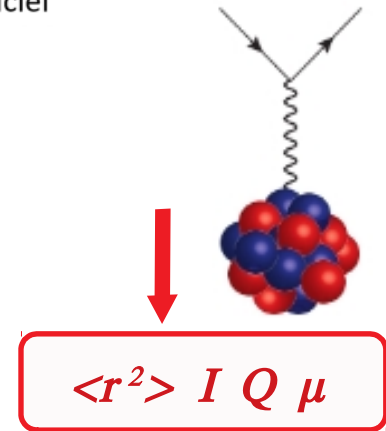
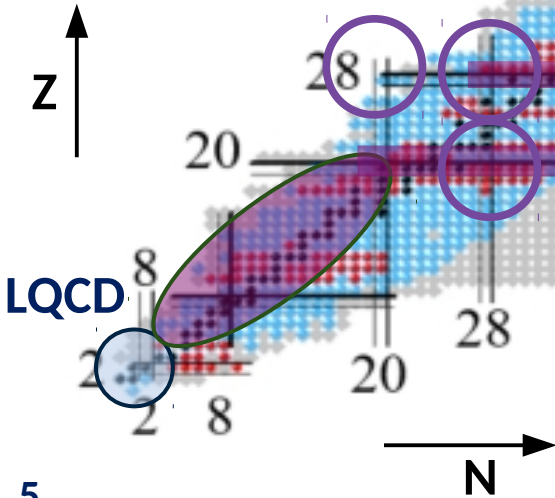
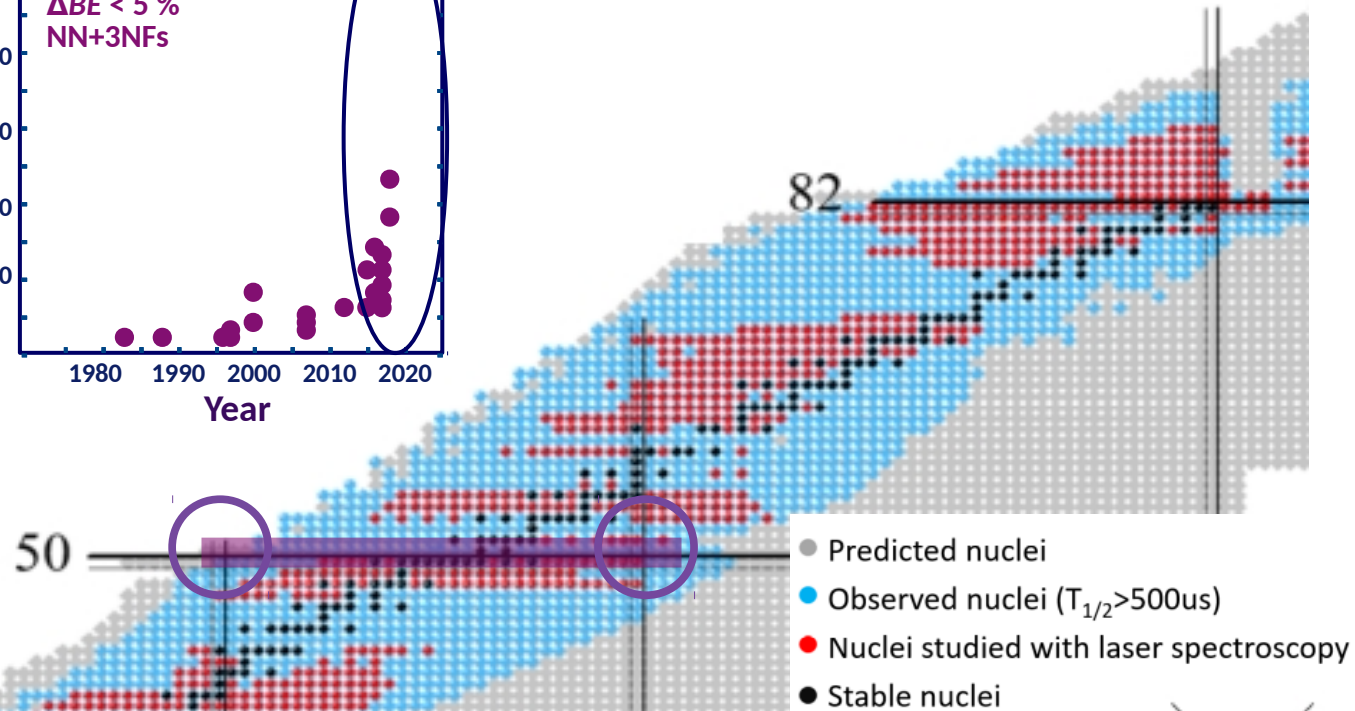
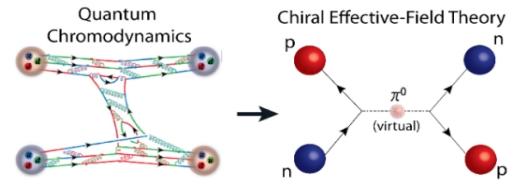
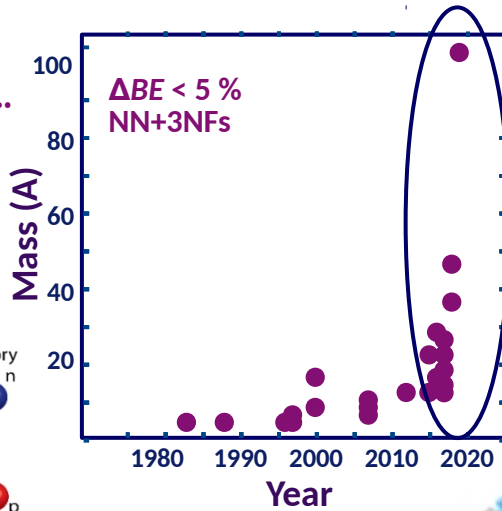
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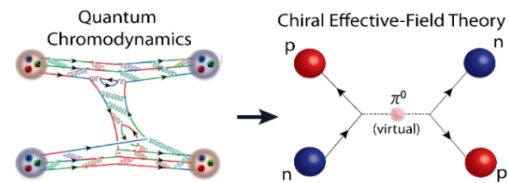
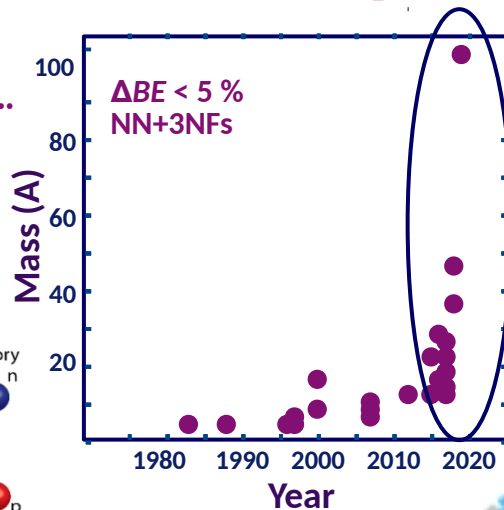
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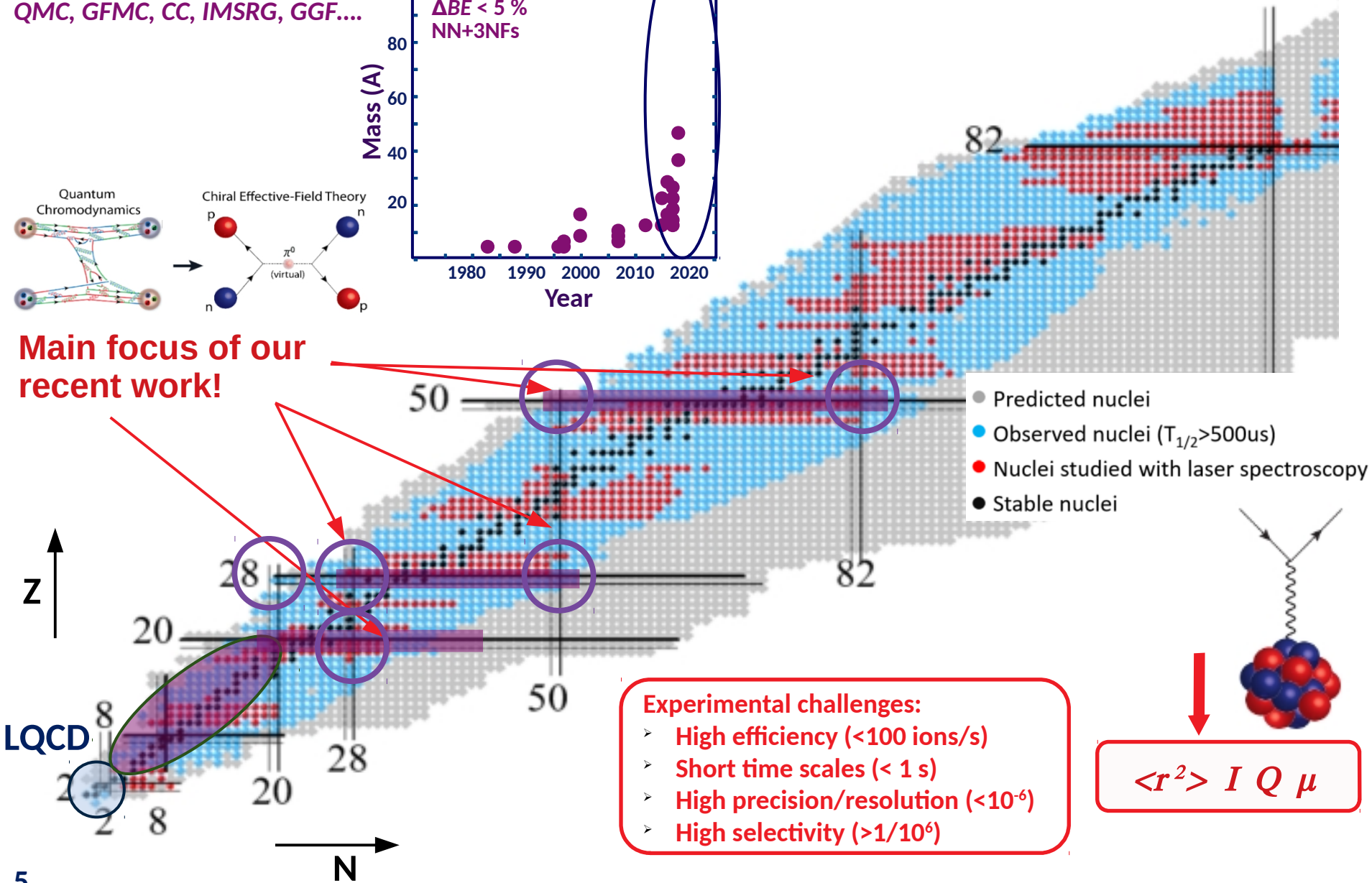


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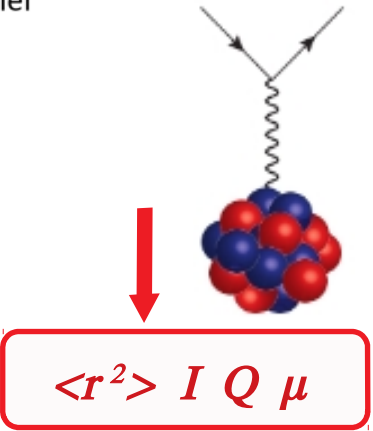
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Main focus of our recent work!

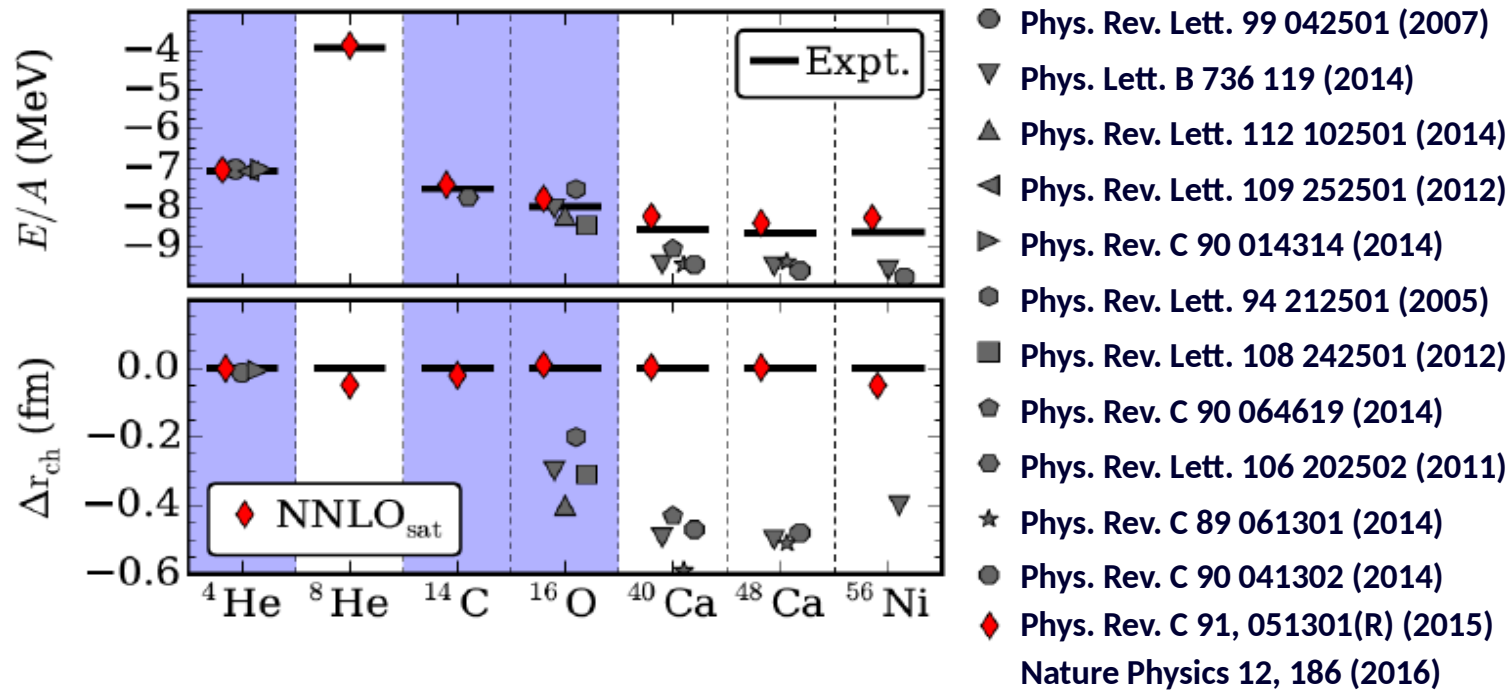


- Experimental challenges:**
- High efficiency (< 100 ions/s)
 - Short time scales (< 1 s)
 - High precision/resolution ($< 10^{-6}$)
 - High selectivity ($> 1/10^6$)



Nuclear Charge Radii

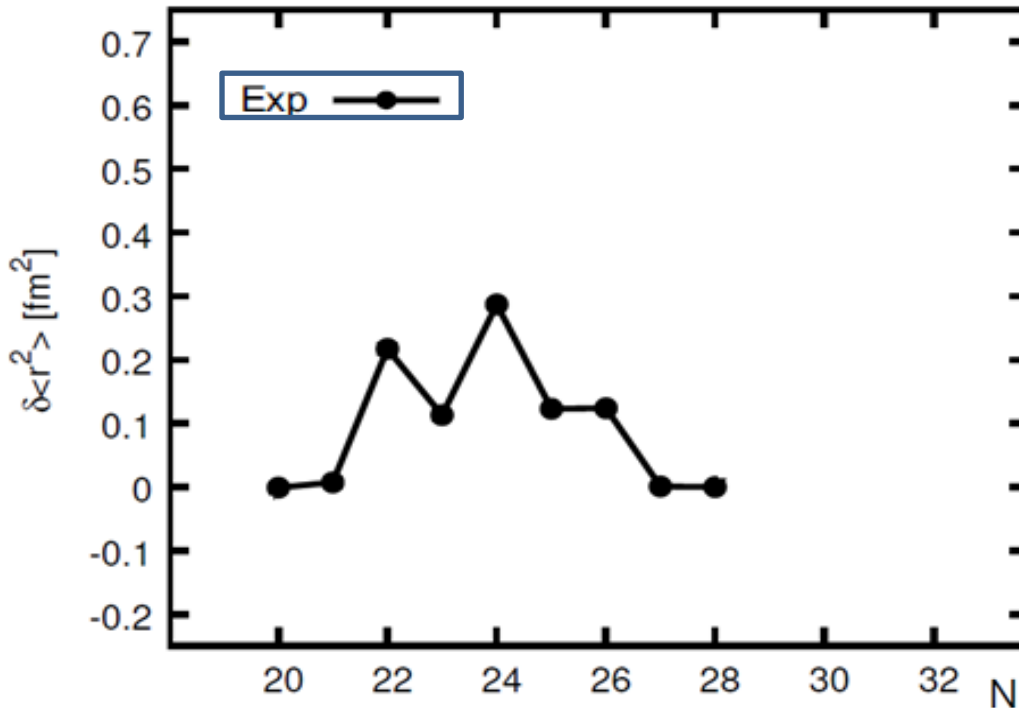
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Charge radii of calcium (Z=20) isotopes

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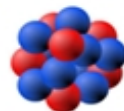
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⁴⁸Ca



⁵²Ca

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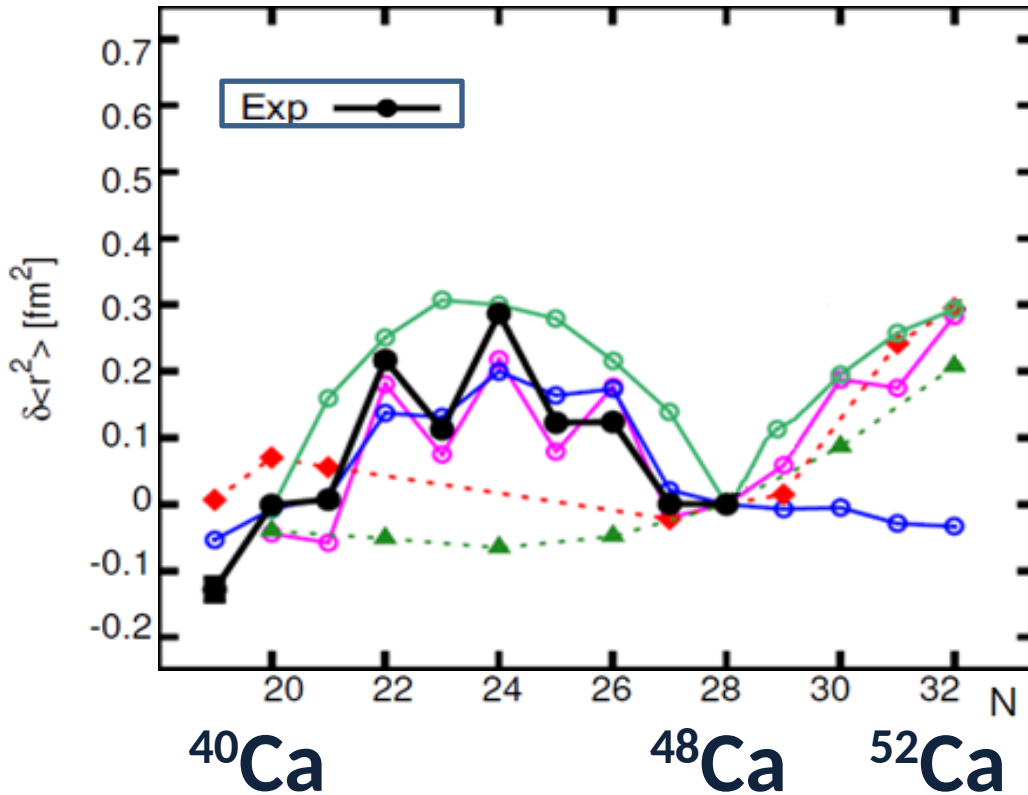
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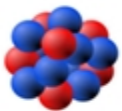
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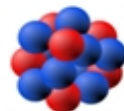
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^{40}Ca



^{48}Ca



^{52}Ca

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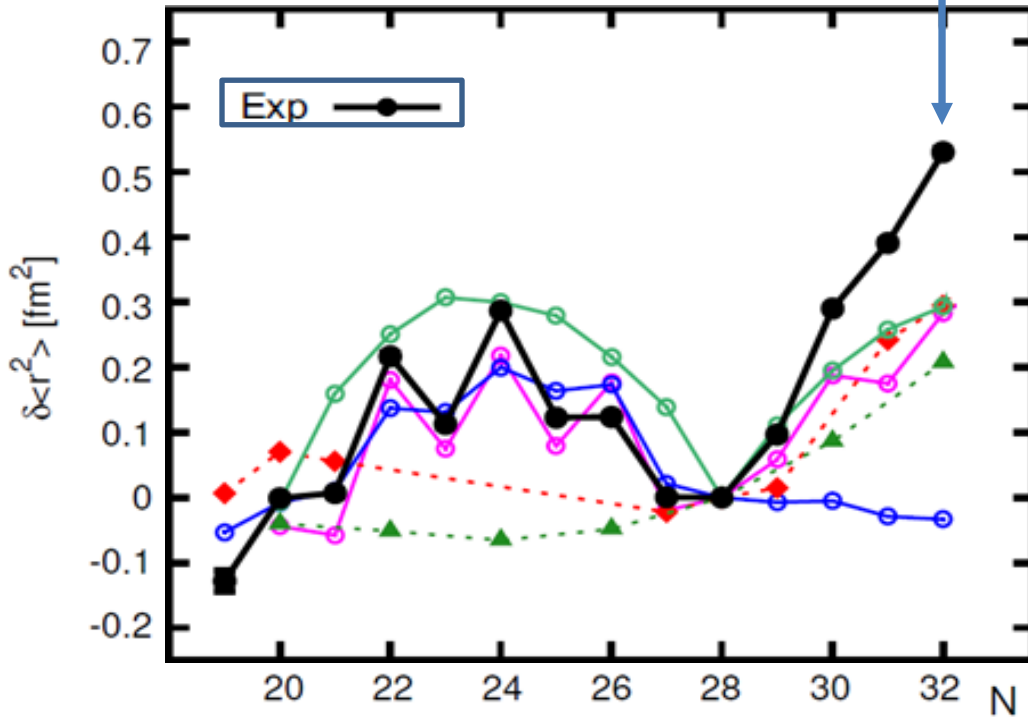
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Much larger than expected!



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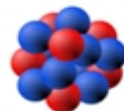
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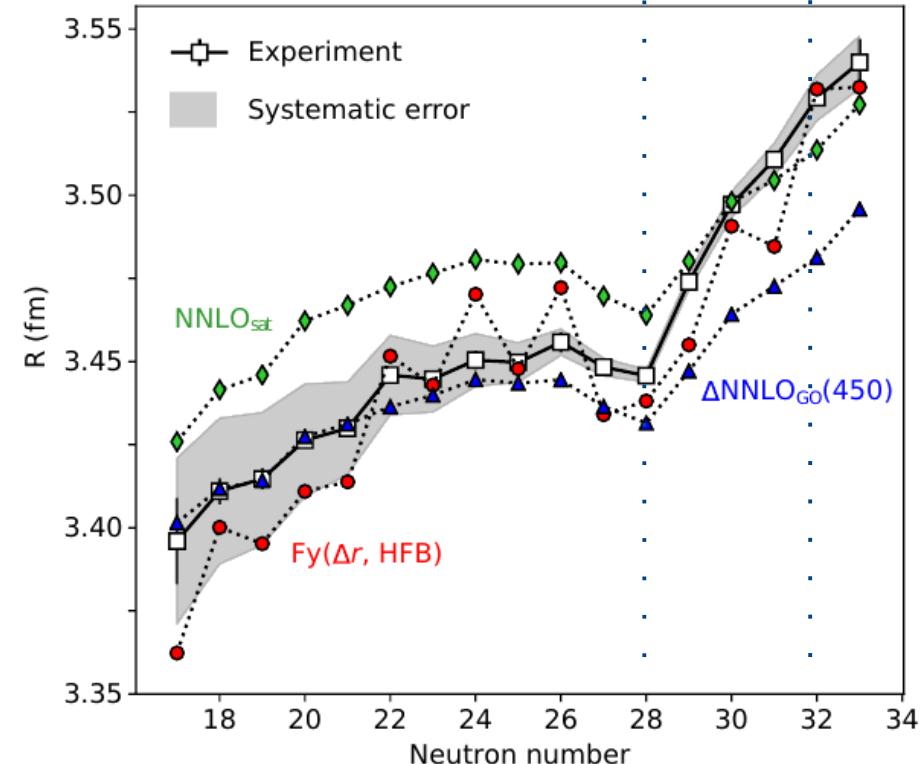
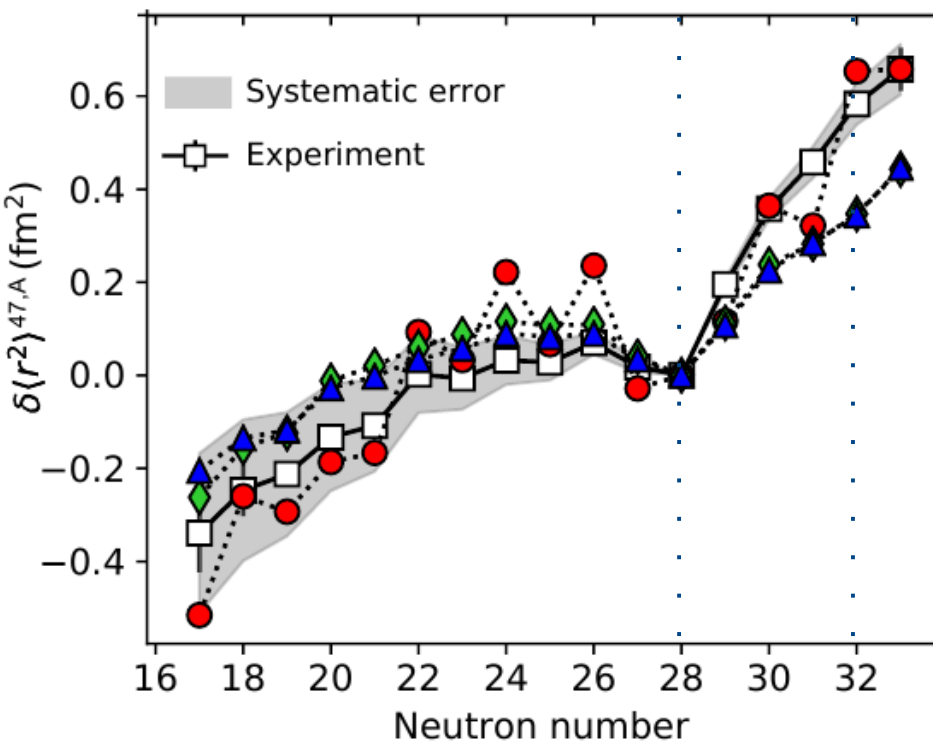
Charge radii of K (Z=19) isotopes

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45Sc	46Sc	47Sc	48Sc	49Sc	50Sc	51Sc	52Sc	53Sc	54Sc	55Sc	56Sc	57Sc	58Sc	59Sc	60Sc	61Sc
44Ca	45Ca	46Ca	47Ca	48Ca	49Ca	50Ca	51Ca	52Ca	53Ca	54Ca	55Ca	56Ca	57Ca	58Ca	59Ca	60Ca
43K	44K	45K	46K	47K	48K	49K	50K	51K	52K	53K	54K	55K	56K	57K	58K	59K
42Ar	43Ar	44Ar	45Ar	46Ar	47Ar	48Ar	49Ar	50Ar	51Ar	52Ar	53Ar	54Ar	55Ar	56Ar	57Ar	58Ar



A. Koszorus

$^{53}\text{K} \sim 100$ ions/s
 $\tau \sim 110$ ms



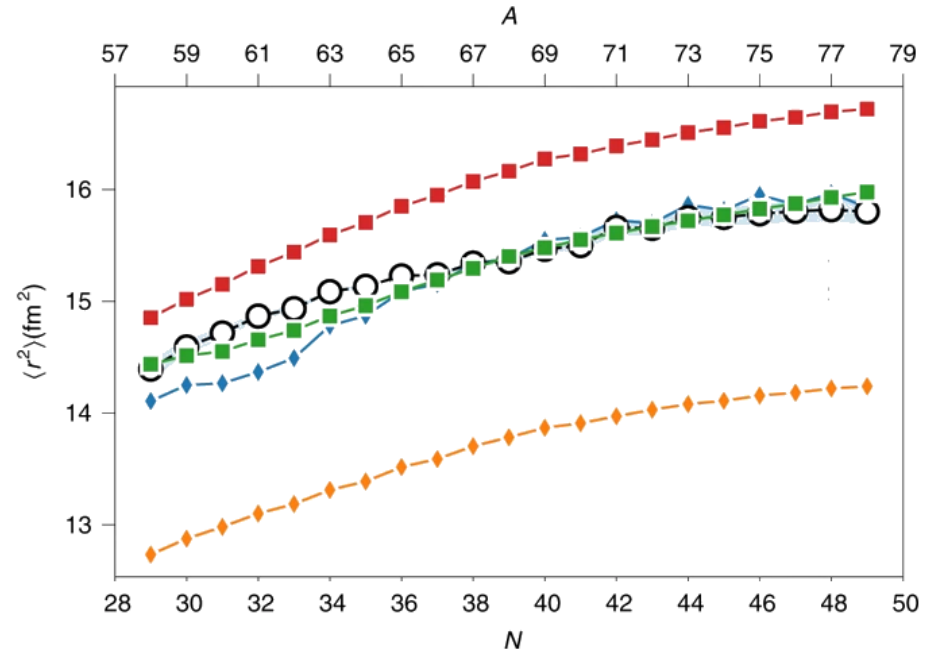
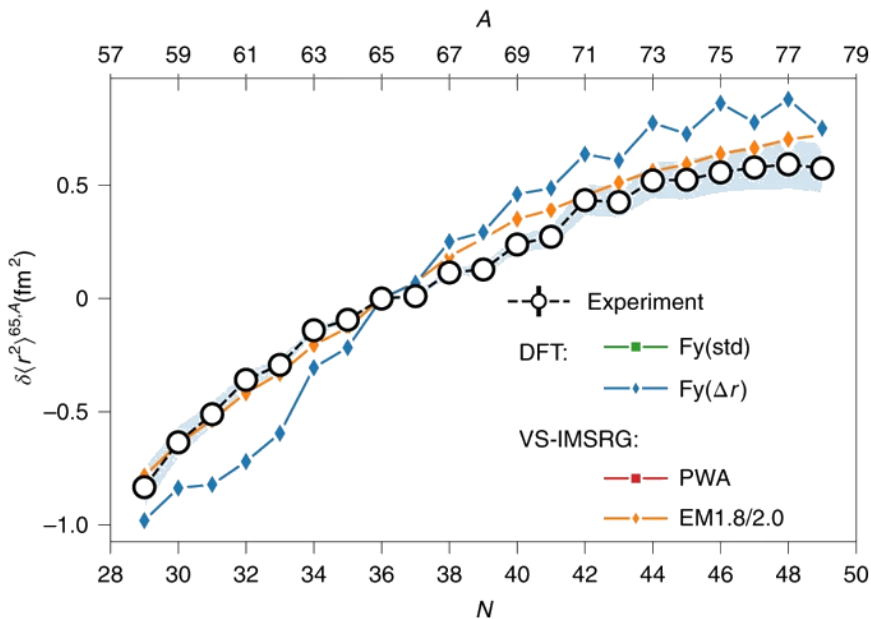
Charge radii of Cu (Z=29) isotopes

73Zn	74Zn	75Zn	76Zn	77Zn	78Zn	79Zn	80Zn	81Zn	82Zn	83Zn	84Zn	85Zn
72Cu	73Cu	74Cu	75Cu	76Cu	77Cu	78Cu	79Cu	80Cu	81Cu	82Cu		
71Ni	72Ni	73Ni	74Ni	75Ni	76Ni	77Ni	78Ni	79Ni	80Ni			
70Co	71Co	72Co	73Co	74Co	75Co	76Co	77Co					
69Fe	70Fe	71Fe	72Fe	73Fe	74Fe	75Fe						

$^{78}\text{Cu} \sim 20$ ions/s



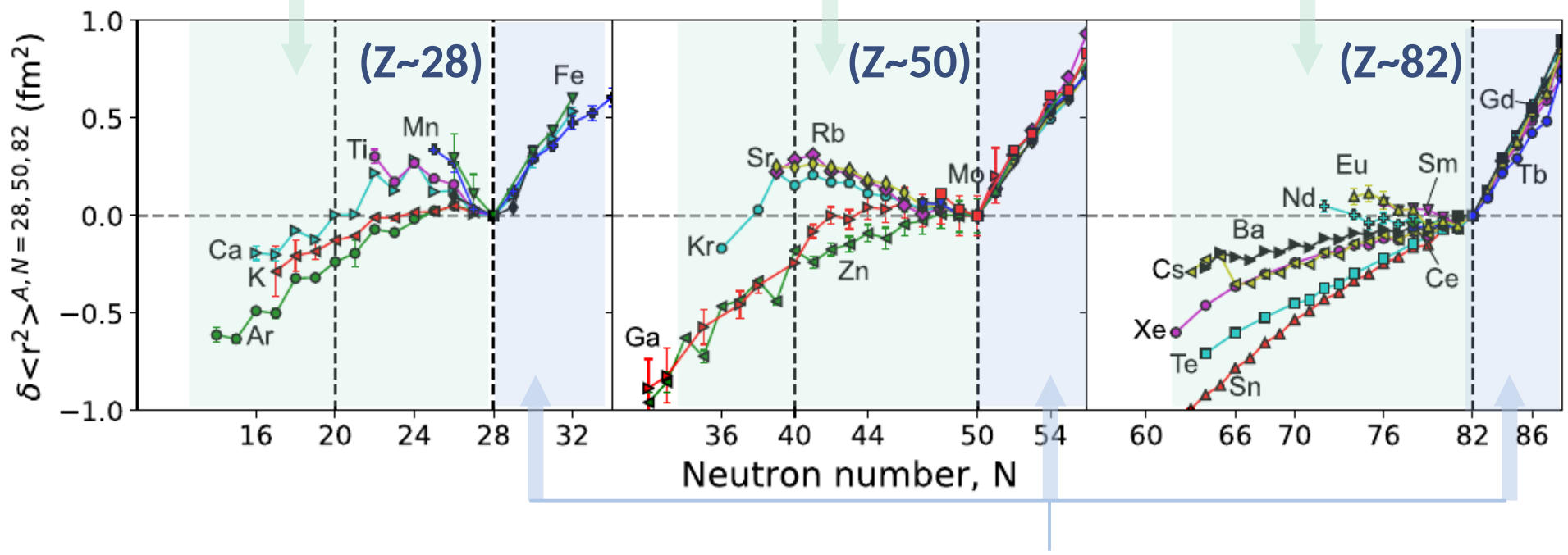
R. de Groot



[Groot et al. Nature Physics 16, 620 (2020)]

Nuclear charge radii across closed-shells

Strong Z dependence



Similar trends for neutron-rich

[Garcia Ruiz & Vernon EPJ A 56, 136 (2020)]

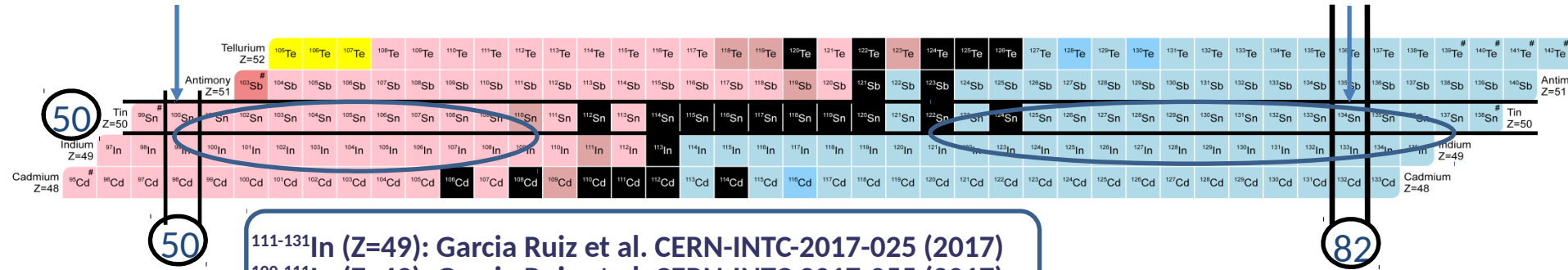
Nuclear structure around ^{100}Sn (Z=50) and ^{132}Sn

Doubly “magic” ^{100}Sn ?

[Hinke *et al.* Nature 486, 341 (2012)]

Doubly “magic” ^{132}Sn

[Jones *et al.* Nature 465, 454 (2010)]



$^{111-131}\text{In}$ (Z=49): Garcia Ruiz *et al.* CERN-INTC-2017-025 (2017)
 $^{100-111}\text{In}$ (Z=49): Garcia Ruiz *et al.* CERN-INTC-2017-055 (2017)
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C. Binnersley



C. Ricketts



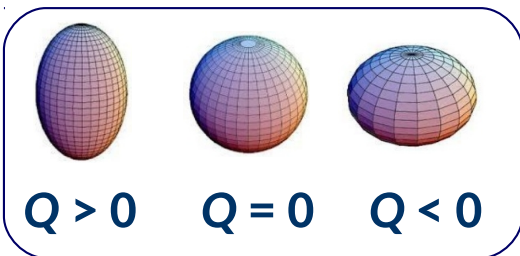
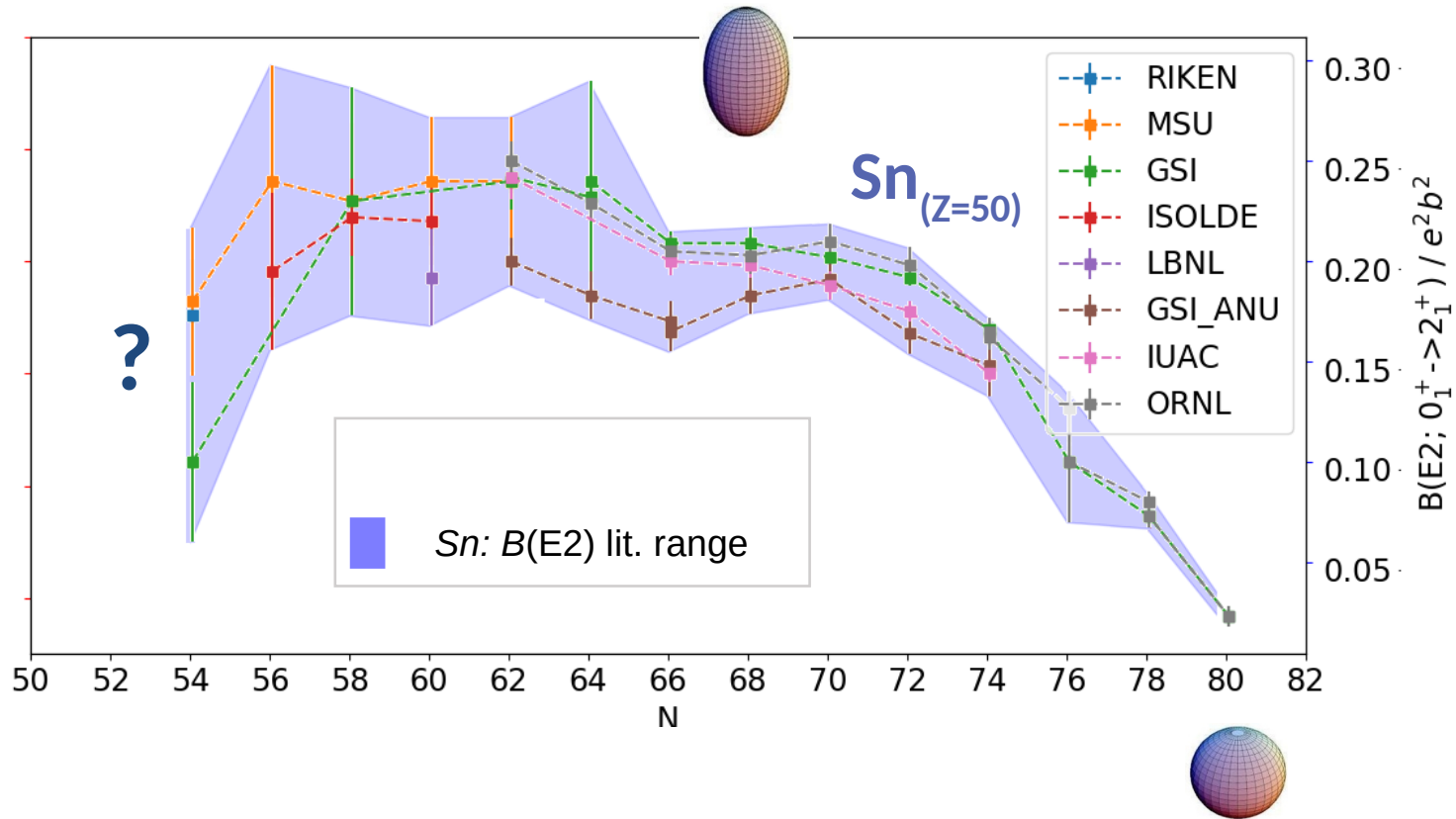
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Evolution of collectivity towards ^{100}Sn and ^{132}Sn ?

Sn (Z=50) region: Forefront of theoretical developments!

Theoretical progress around ^{100}Sn :
 [Gysbergs *et al.* Nature Phys. 15, 428 (2019)]
 [T. Morris *et al.* Phys. Rev. Lett. 120, 152503 (2018)]
 [Togashi *et al.* Phys. Rev. Lett. 121, 062501 (2018)]

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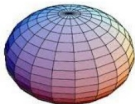
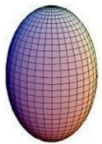
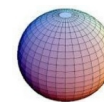
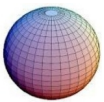
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$\text{Sn}_{(Z=50)}$

$\text{In}_{(Z=49)}$

ϕ In : Q_s This work $I=9/2^+$

\blacksquare Sn : $B(E2)$ lit. range



$Q > 0$

$Q = 0$

$Q < 0$

Charge radii of Sn (Z=50) isotopes

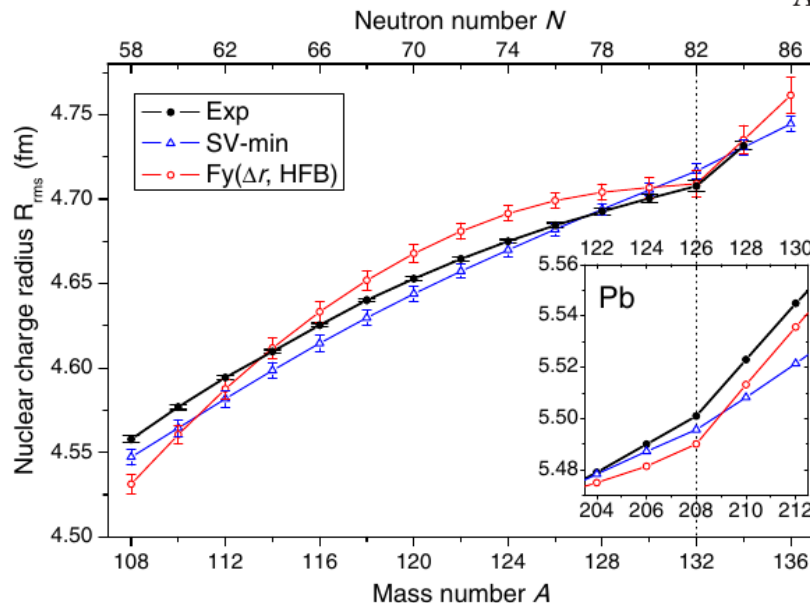
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124Sn	125Sn	126Sn	127Sn	128Sn	129Sn	130Sn	131Sn	132Sn	133Sn	134Sn	135Sn	136Sn	137Sn	138Sn	139Sn
123In	124In	125In	126In	127In	128In	129In	130In	131In	132In	133In	134In	135In	136In	137In	
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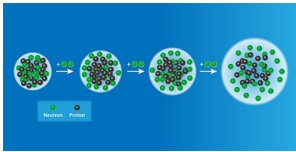


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Exotic atoms: Our recent highlights

Tin (Z=50) region

[Phys. Rev. Lett. 122, 192502 (2019)]
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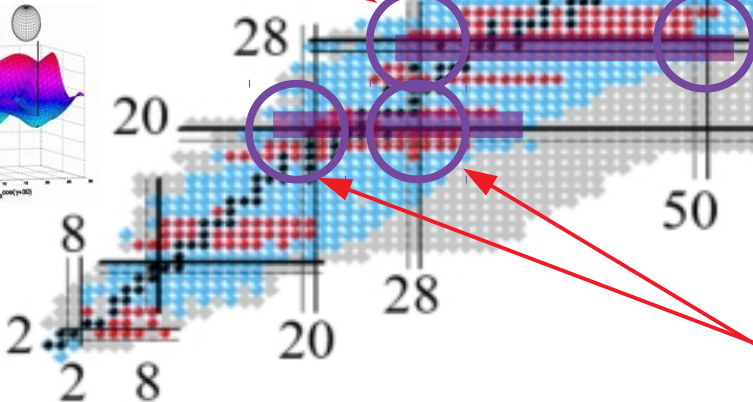
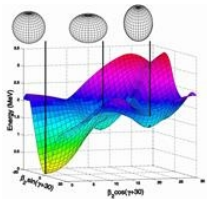
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Nickel (Z=28) region

[⁷⁸Cu: Nature Phys. 16, 620 (2020)]
 [Phys. Rev. Lett. 124, 132502 (2020)]
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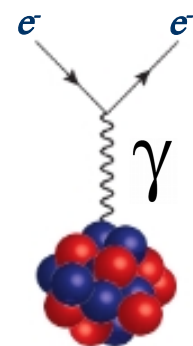


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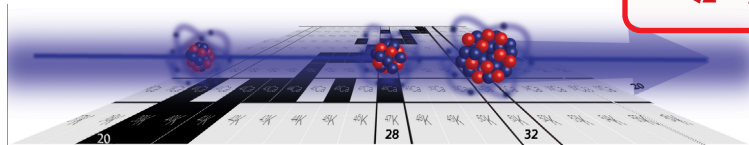
- Predicted nuclei
- Observed nuclei ($T_{1/2} > 500\mu\text{s}$)
- Nuclei studied with laser spectroscopy
- Stable nuclei

Calcium (Z=20) region

[Nature Physics 12, 594 (2016)]
 [Phys Rev Lett 113, 052502 (2014)]
 [Phys Rev Lett 110, 172503 (2013)]...



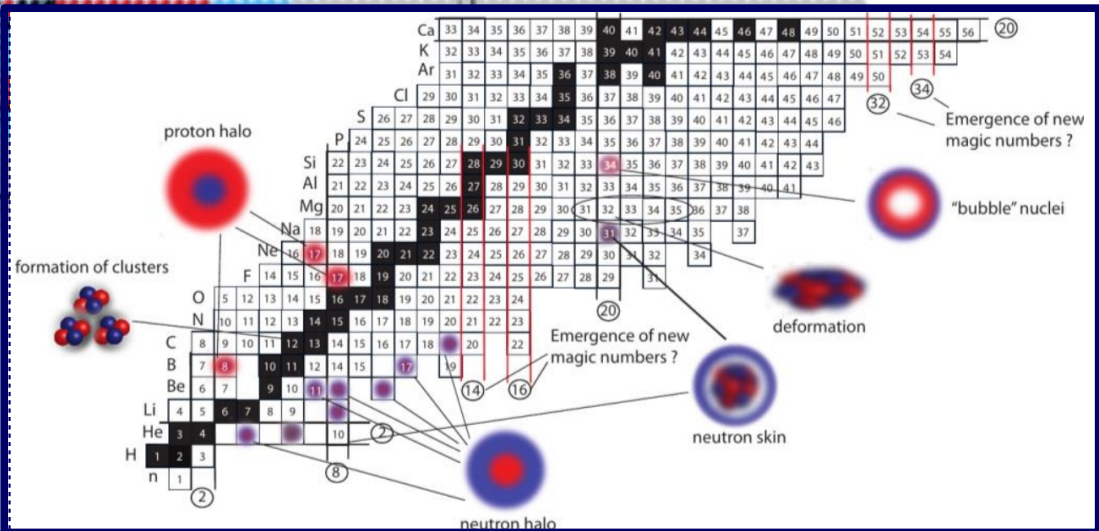
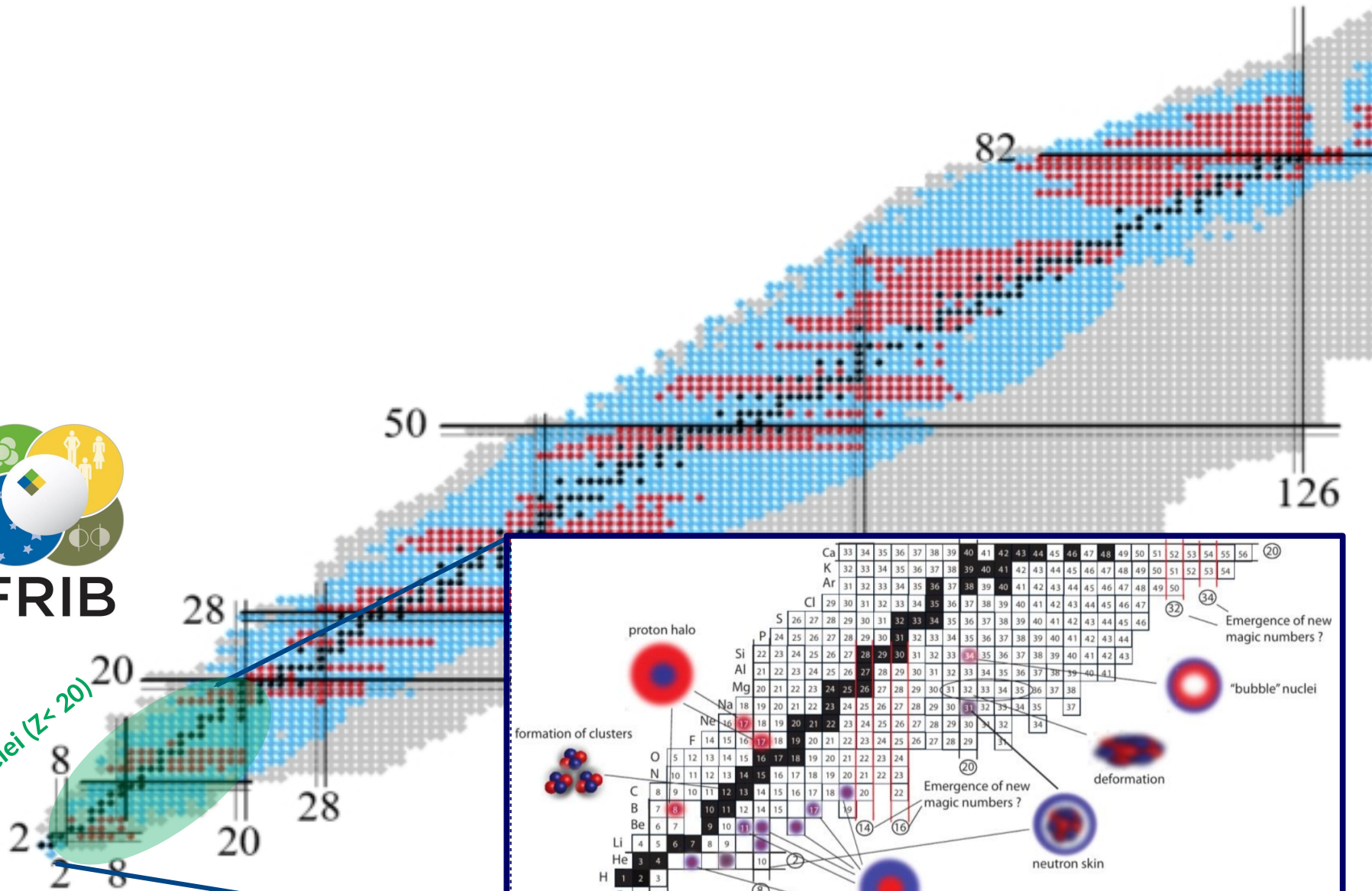
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A bright future ahead!

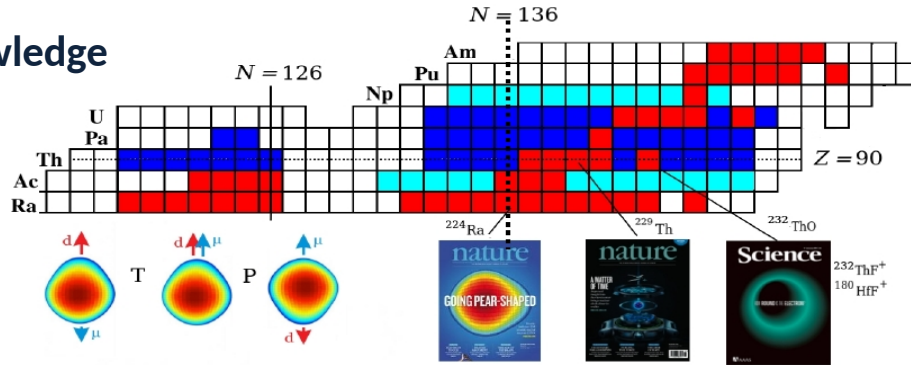


Light Nuclei ($Z < 20$)



A bright future ahead!

- Experimental knowledge
- FRIB year 1
- FRIB > year 2

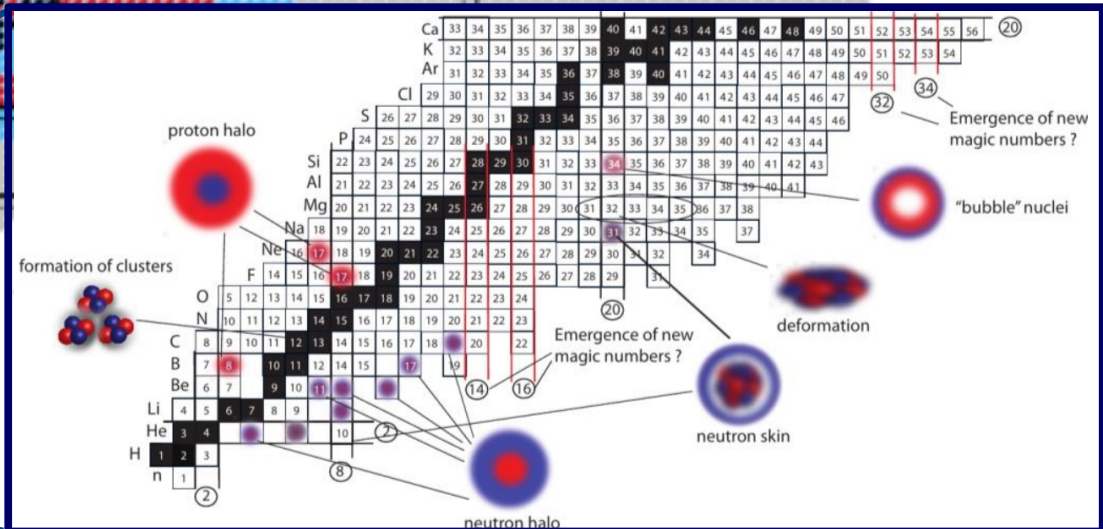


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Light Nuclei ($Z < 20$)



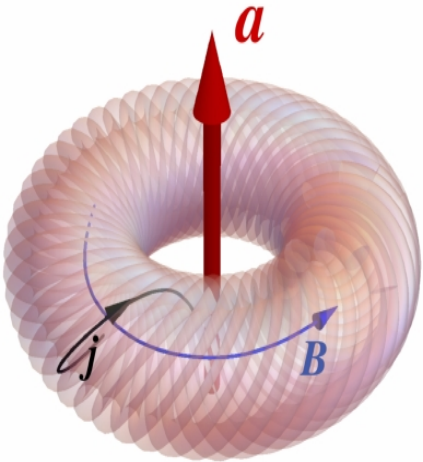
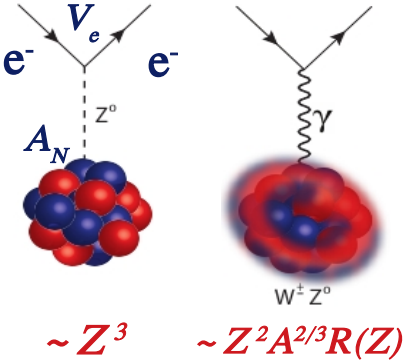
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Parity violation

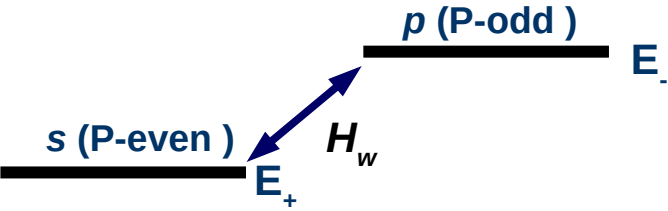
P- violation



$$E_{PNC} \sim \frac{\langle \text{P-odd} | H_w | \text{P-even} \rangle}{E_- - E_+}$$

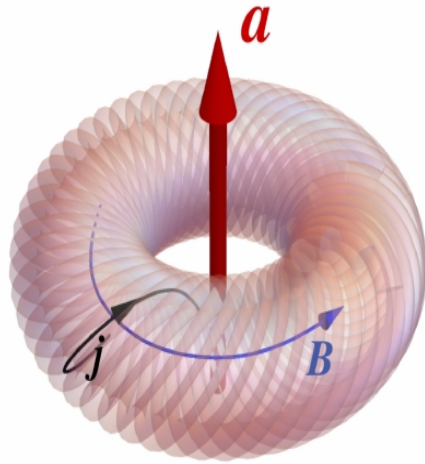
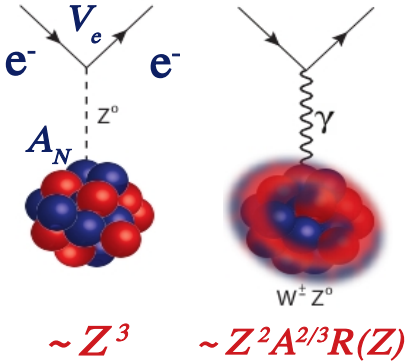
Atoms: $(E_- - E_+) \sim 1 \text{ eV}$

[Safronova et al. RMP 90, 025008 (2018)]
 [Wood et al. Science 275, 1759 (1997)]



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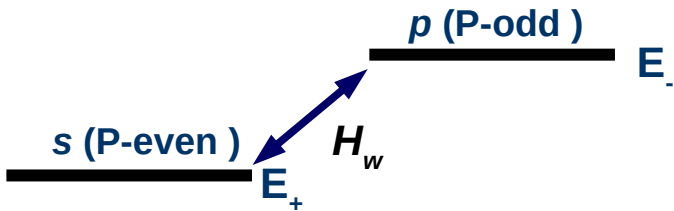
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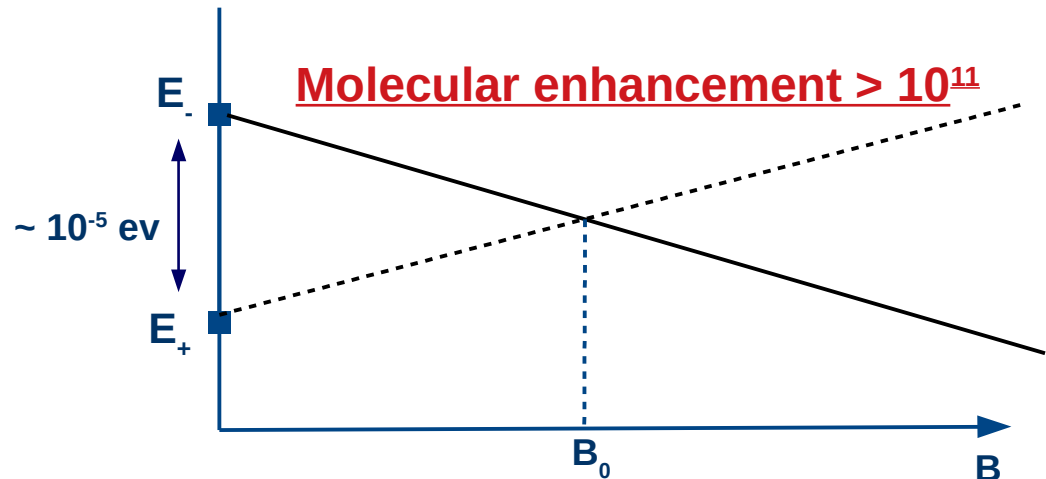
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Atoms: $(E_+ - E_-) \sim 1 \text{ eV}$

Molecules: $(E_+ - E_-) \sim 10^{-5} \text{ eV}$



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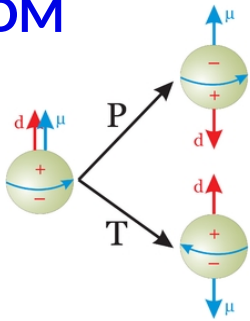


Demille's group@ Yale
[Phys Rev Lett 120, 142501 (2018)]
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Parity & Time reversal violation

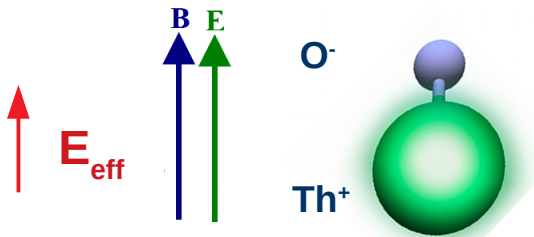
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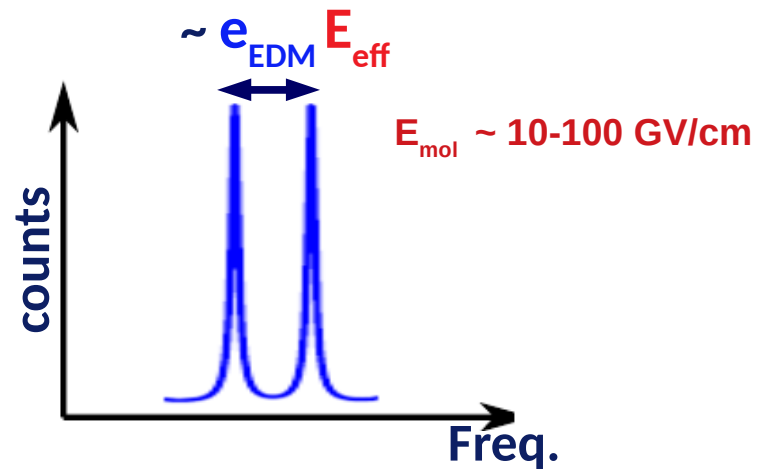
$$\sim Z^3 R(Z)$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right\} 2\mu B + e_{\text{EDM}} E_{\text{eff}}$$

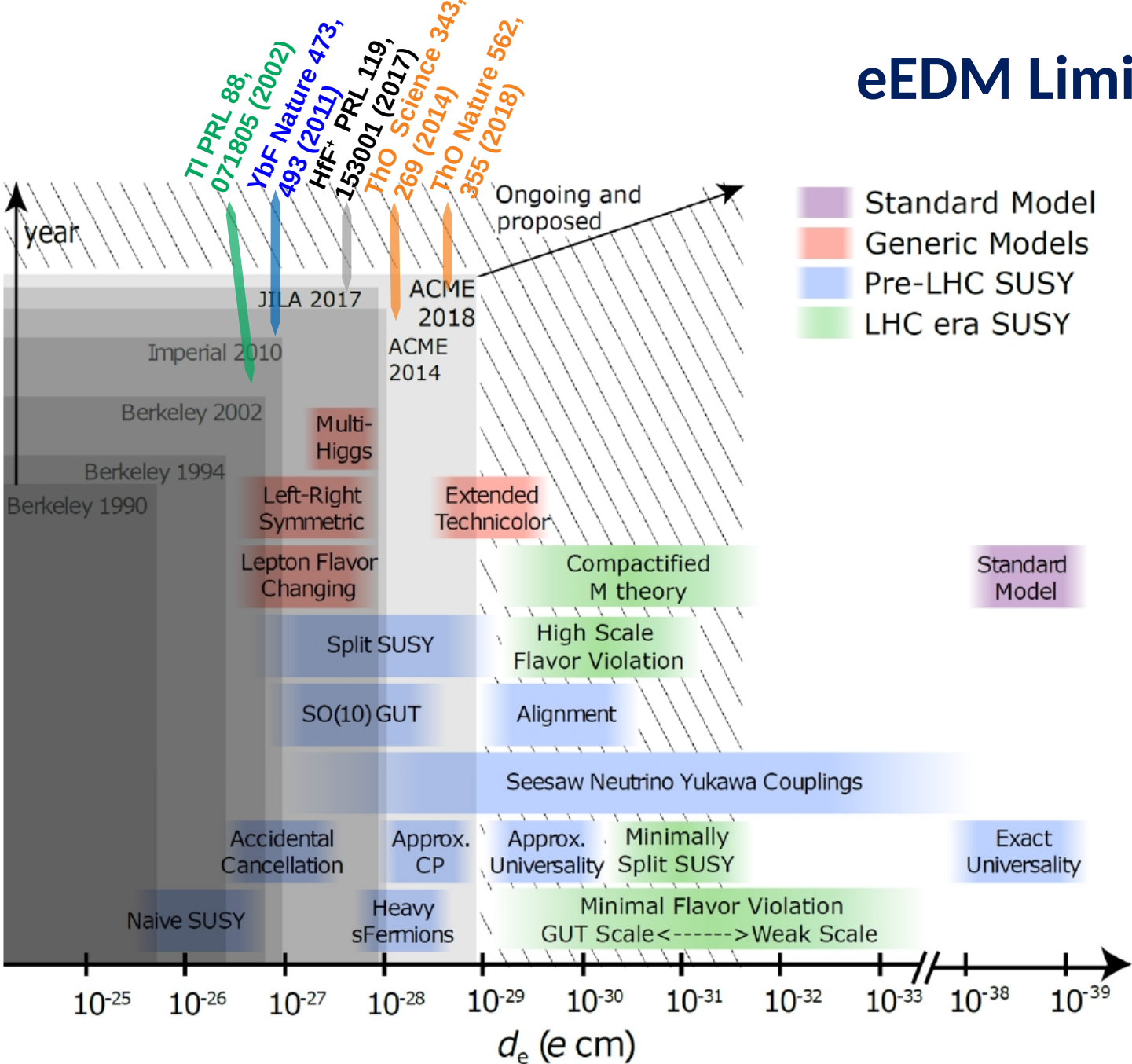


$$E_{\text{ext}} \sim 1 \text{ V/cm}$$

$$E_{\text{eff}} \sim 80 \text{ GV/cm}$$



eEDM Limits

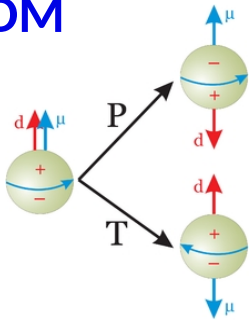


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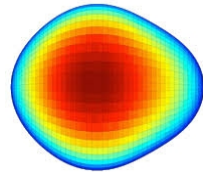
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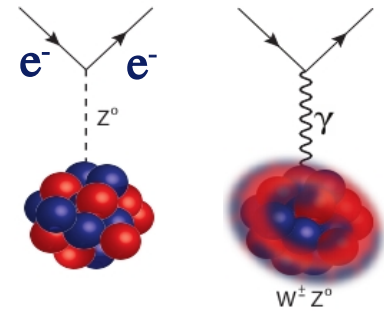
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$$\sim Z^3 \beta_2 \beta_3 A^{2/3} / (E_+ - E_-)$$

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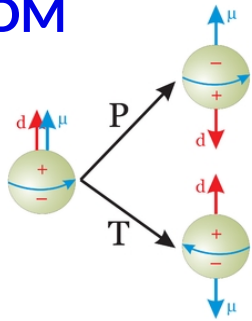


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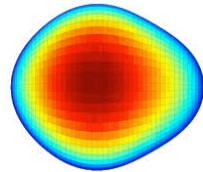
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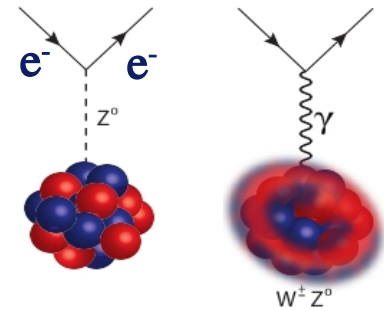
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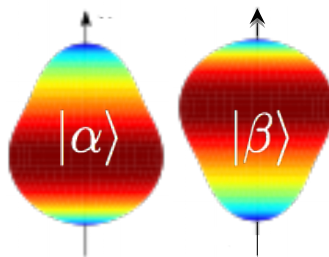
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[Gaffney et al. Nature 497, 199 (2013)]
 [Parker et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 114, 233002 (2015)]



^{225}Ra

$\Delta E = 55 \text{ keV}$

Exotic nuclei

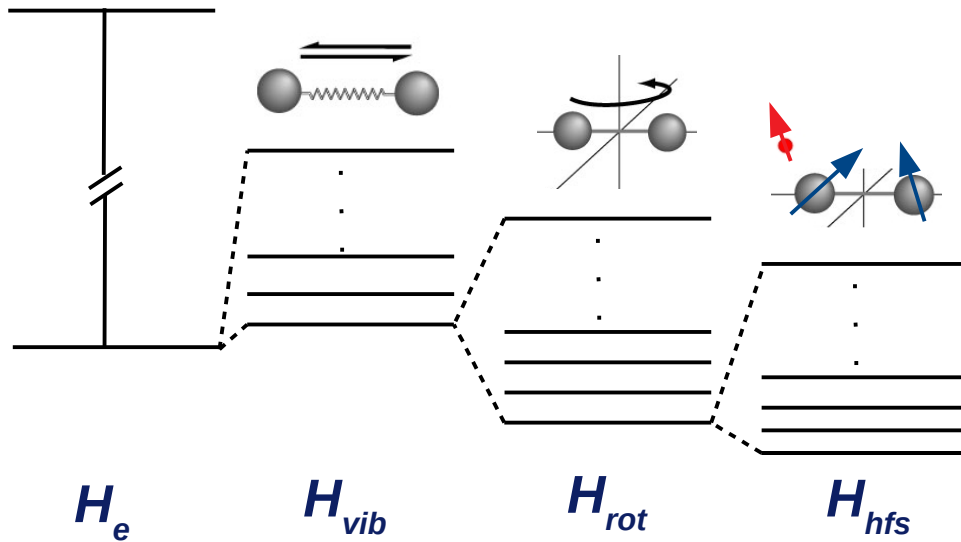
- Max. $Z, A, I > 0$
- Max. β_2, β_3
- Min. $(E_+^N - E_-^N)$

Exotic molecules: Best of all worlds

Recent Results (RaF)

Collinear resonance ionization spectroscopy of RaF molecules

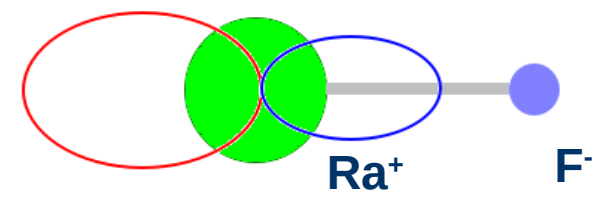
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$$H_{mol} = H_e + H_{vib} + H_{rot} + H_{sr} + H_{hfs} + H_{PV} + H_{PTV}$$

Energy scales (eV):

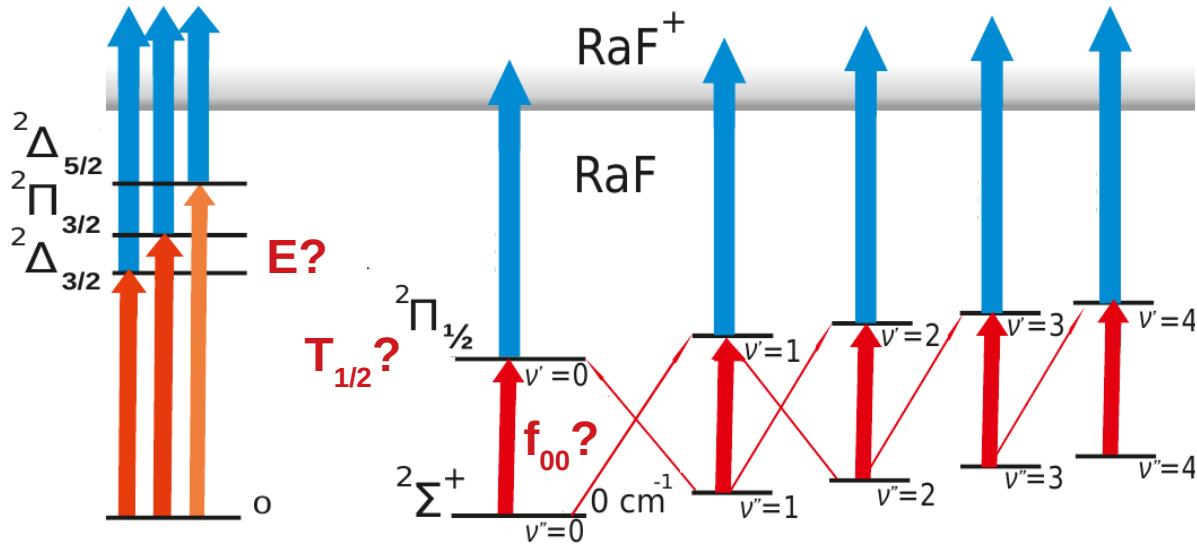
- H_e : ~ 2
- H_{vib} : 10^{-2}
- H_{rot} : 10^{-5}
- H_{sr} : 10^{-6}
- H_{hfs} : 10^{-8}
- H_{PV} : $< 10^{-12}$
- H_{PTV} : $< 10^{-15}$



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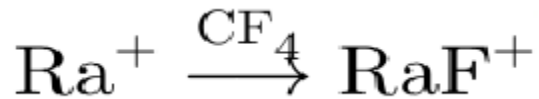
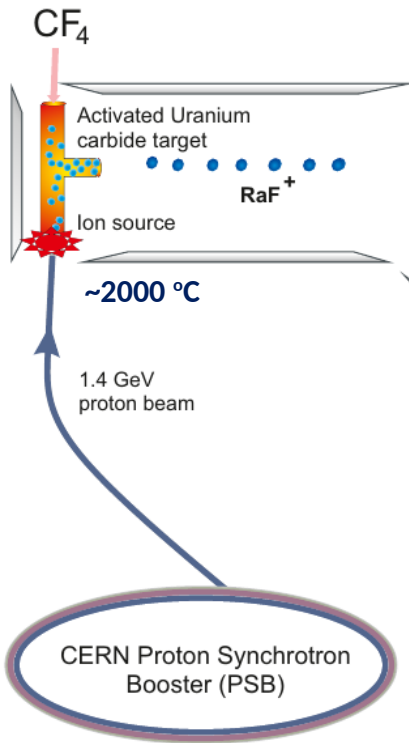
$$\sigma_d \sim \frac{1}{E_{\text{eff}} \tau \sqrt{N T}}$$

SrF: First evidence of laser cooling

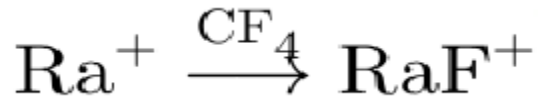
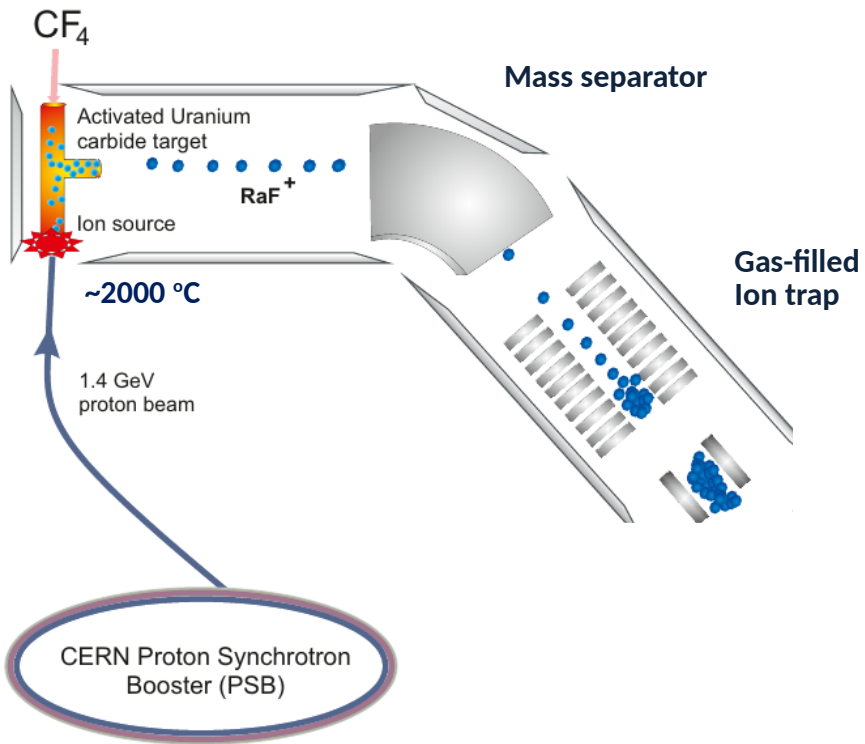
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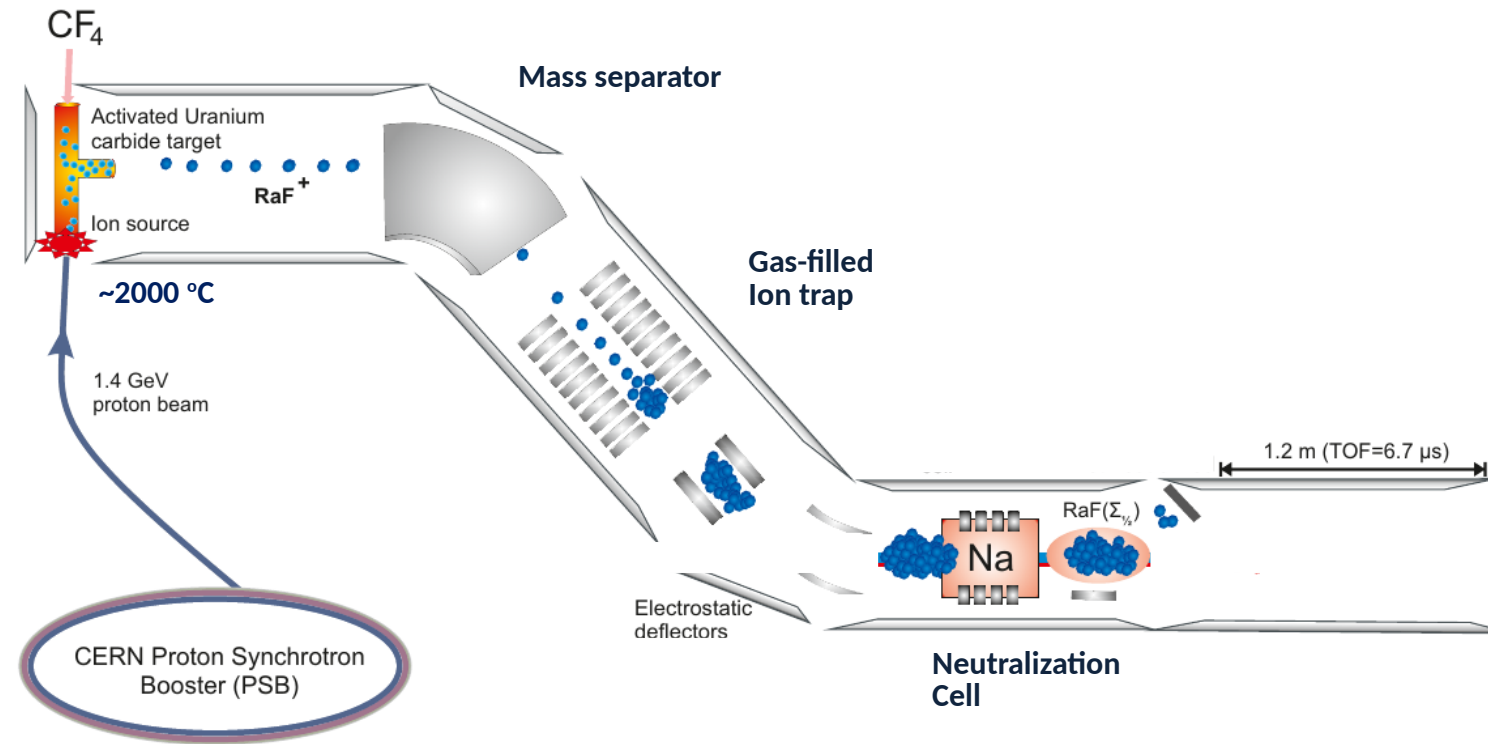
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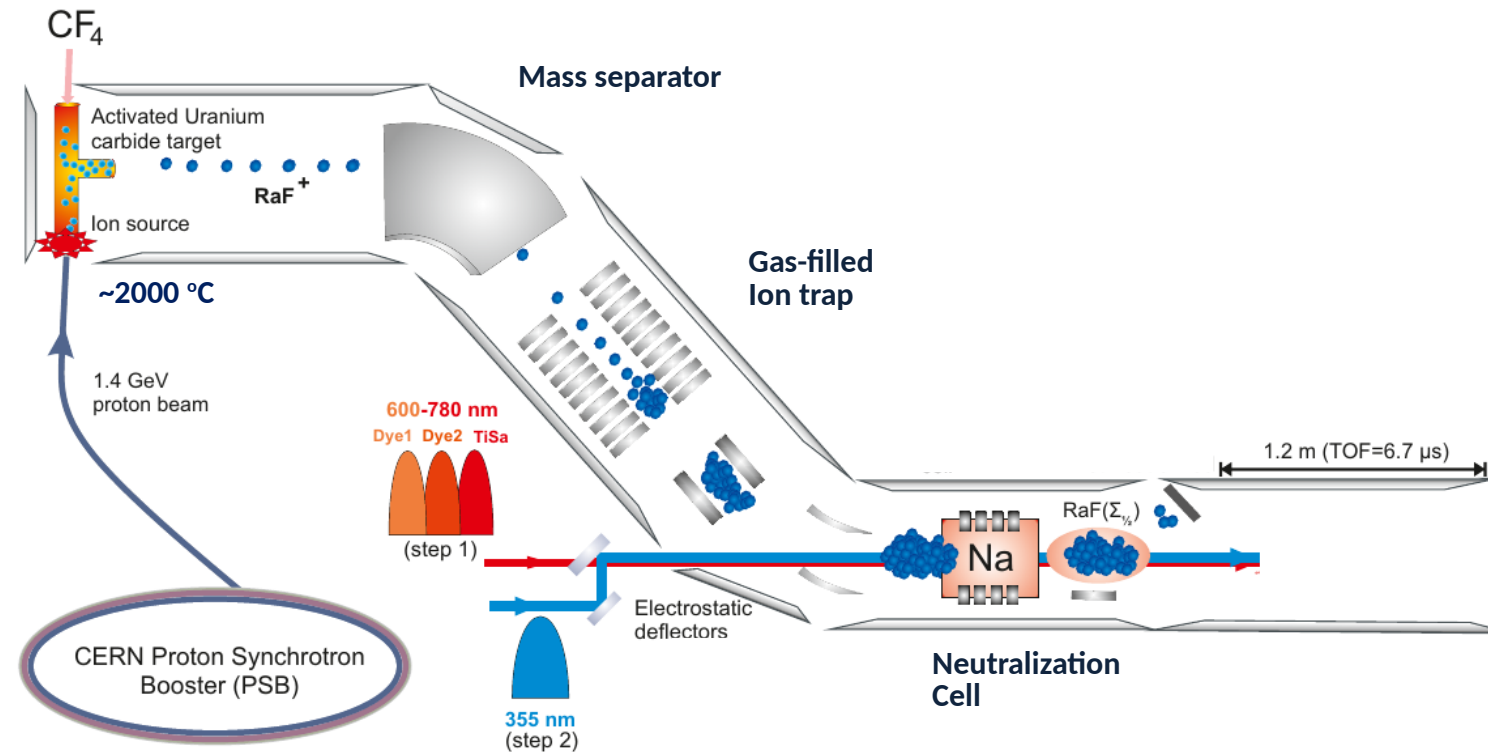
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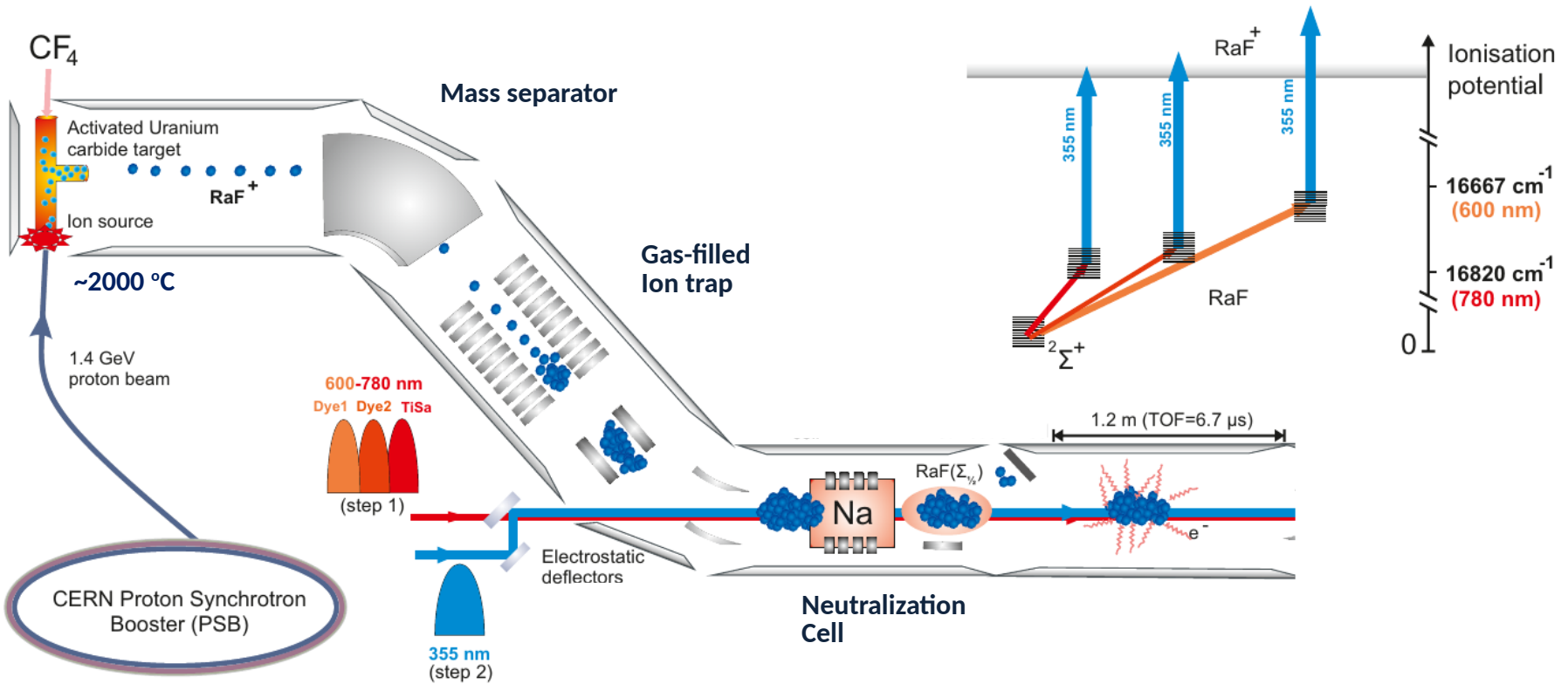
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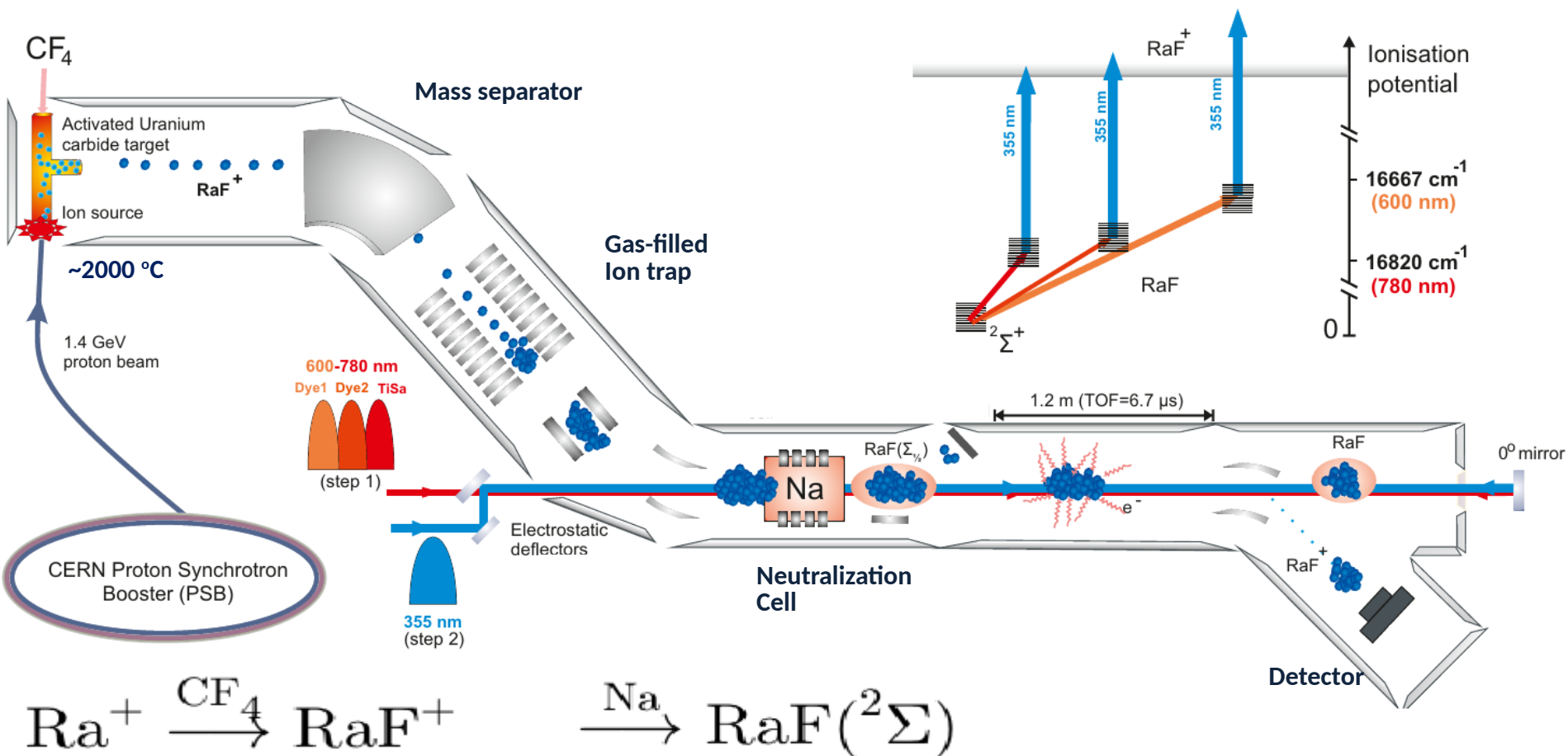


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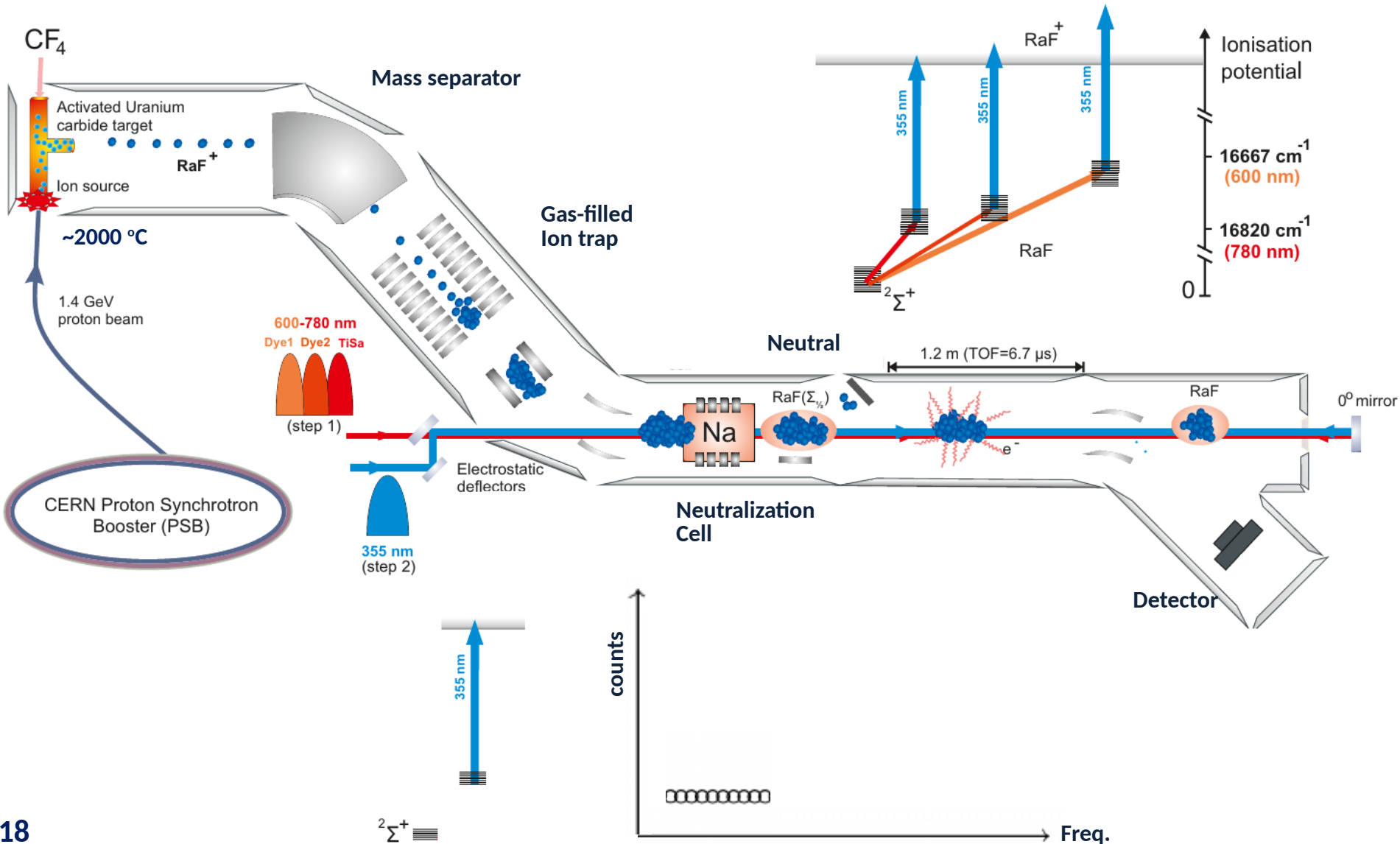
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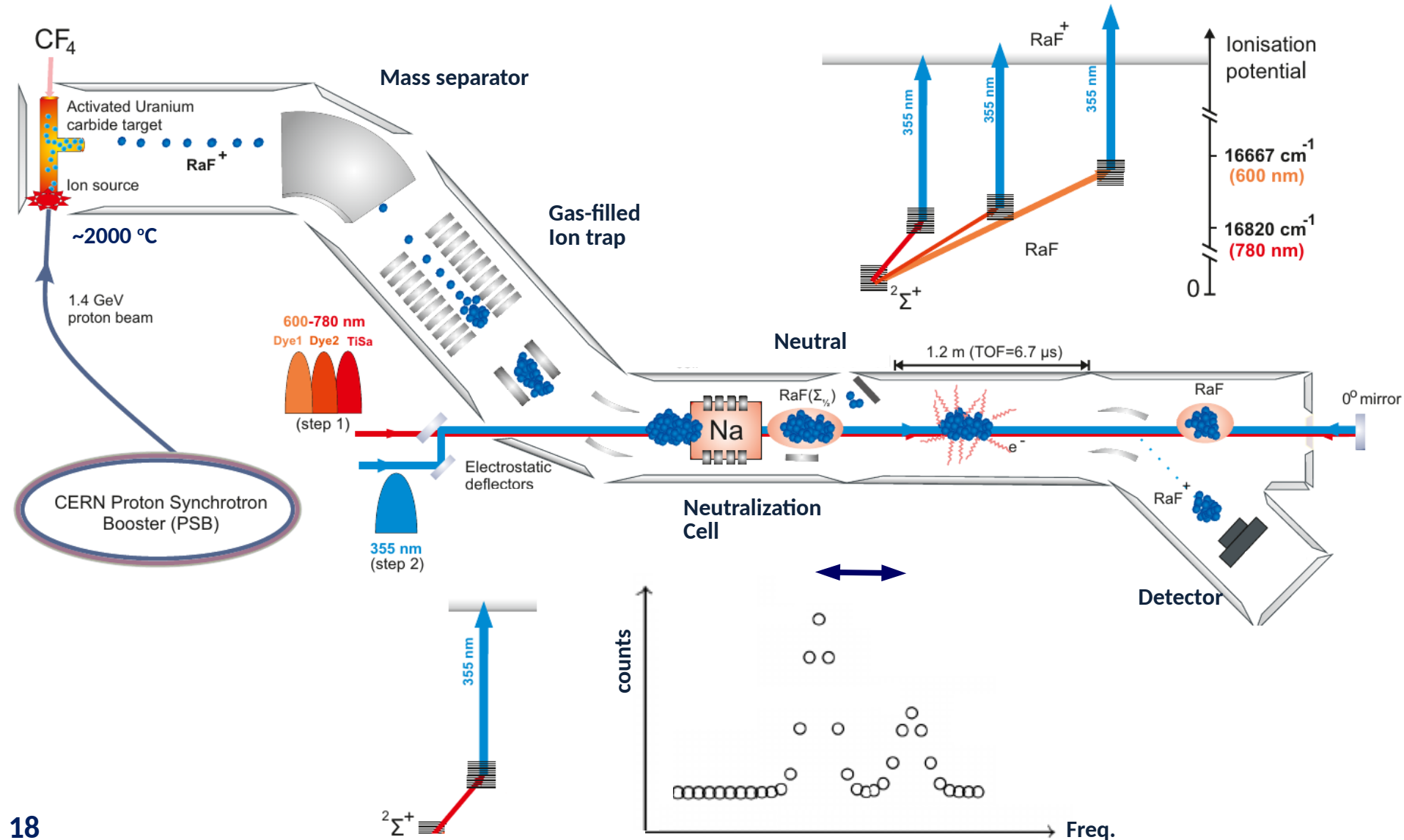
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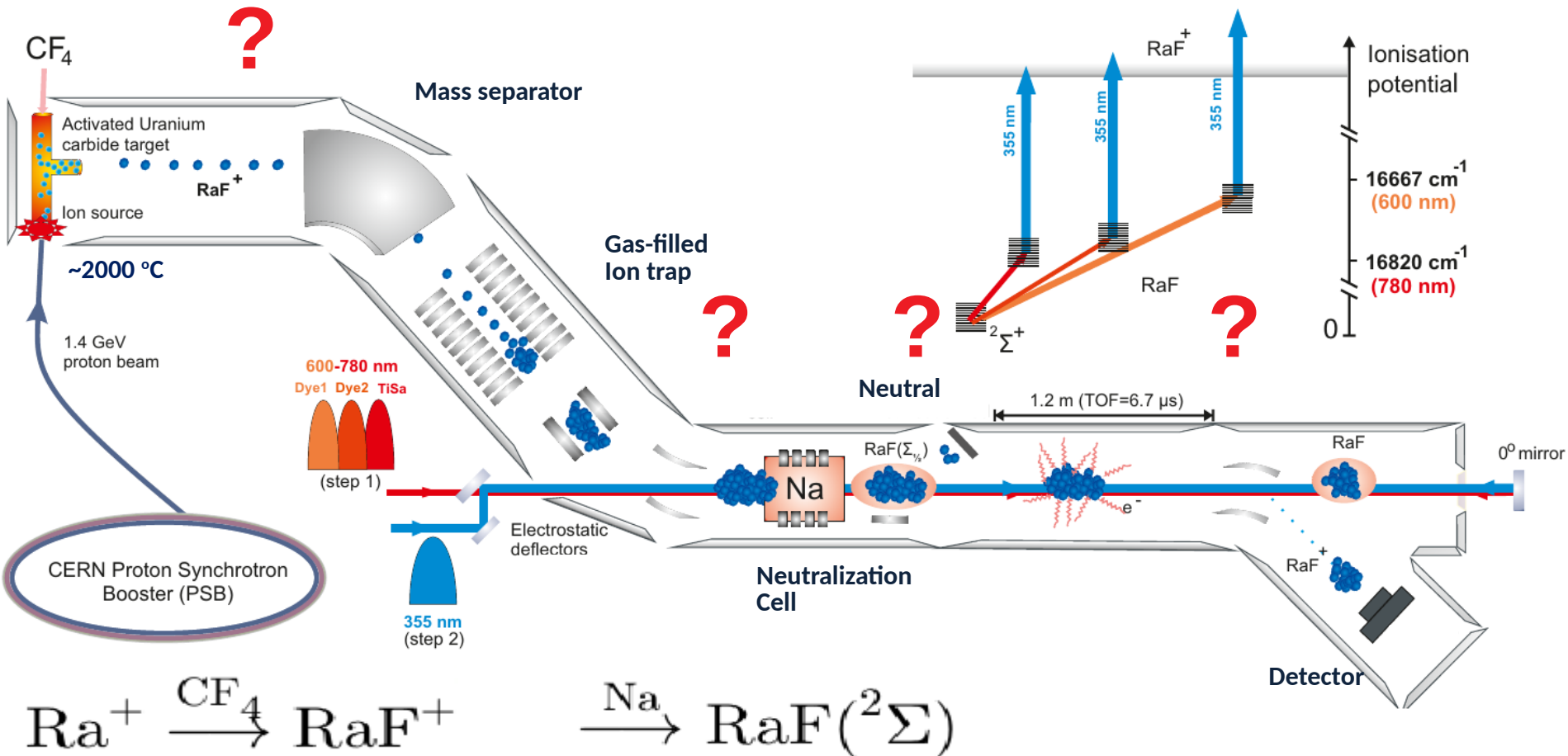
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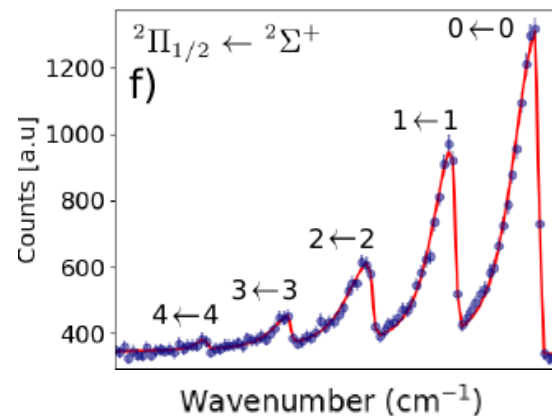
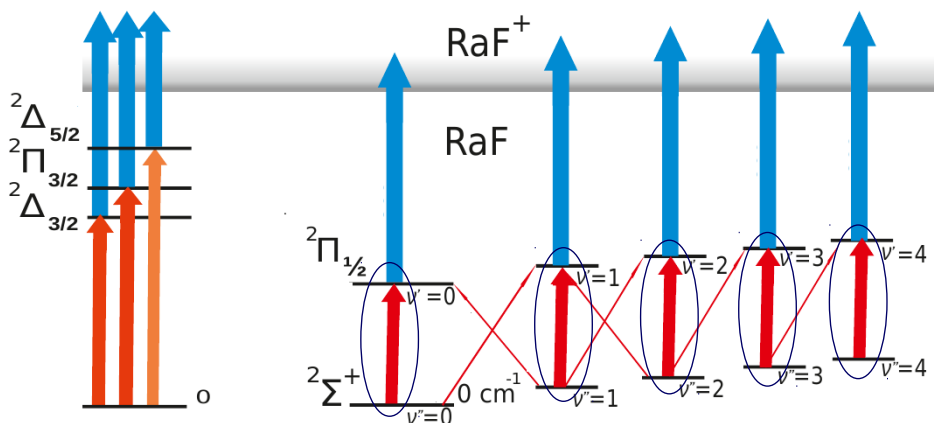
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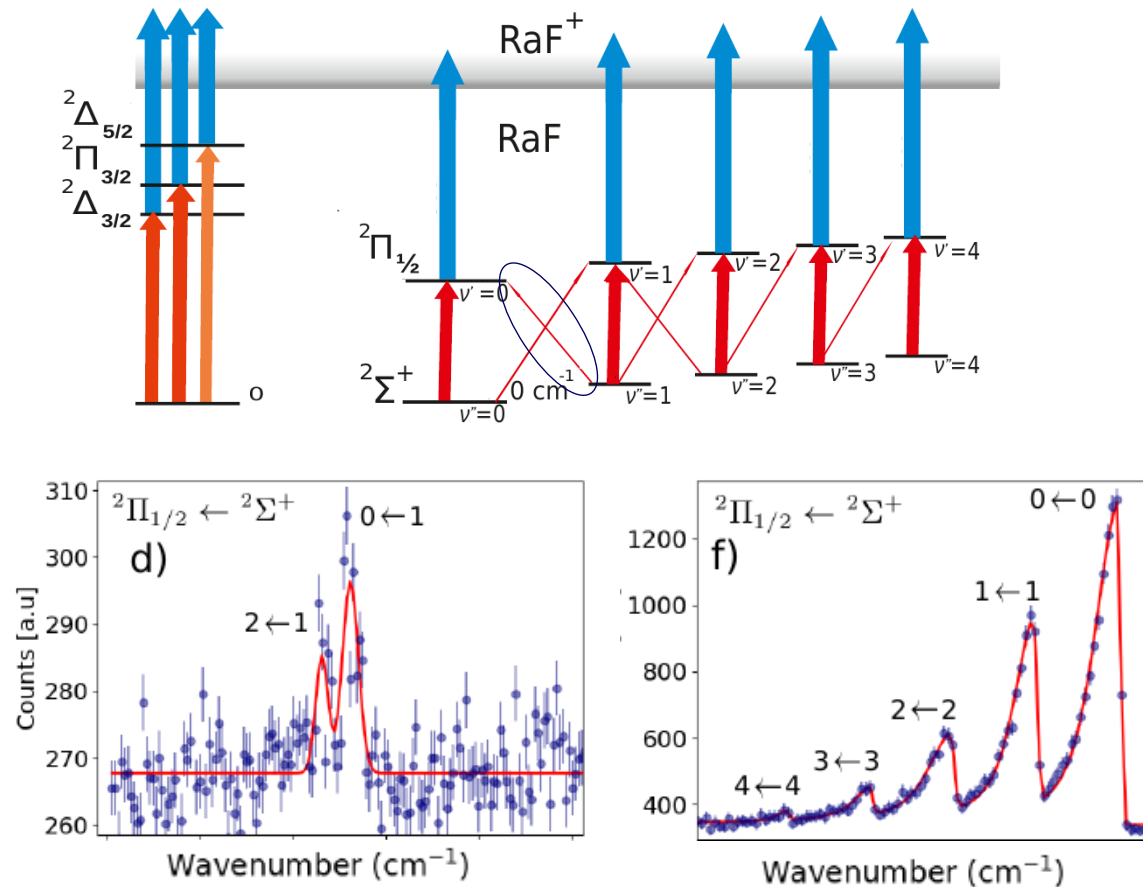
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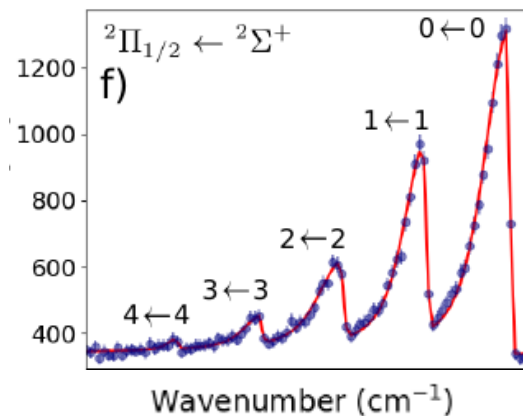
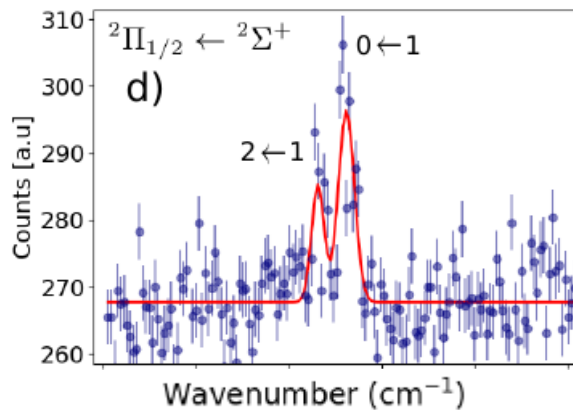
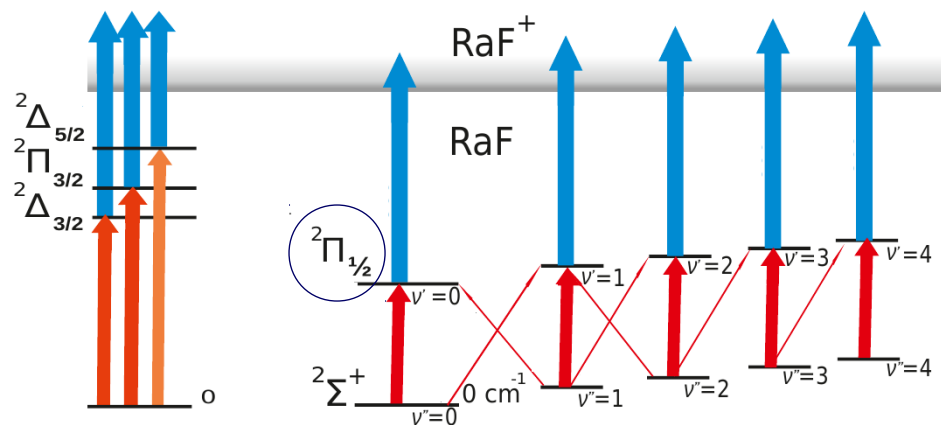
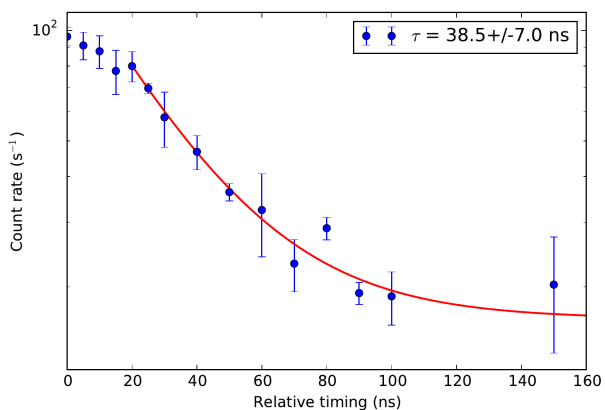
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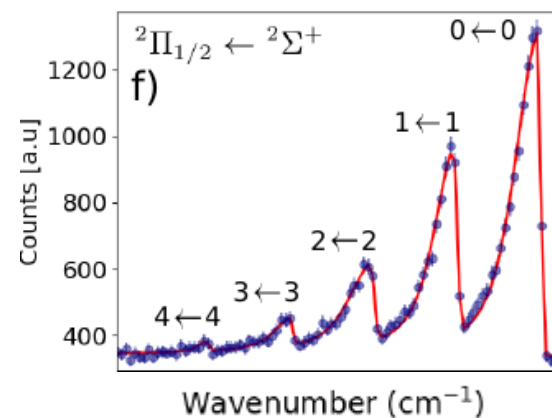
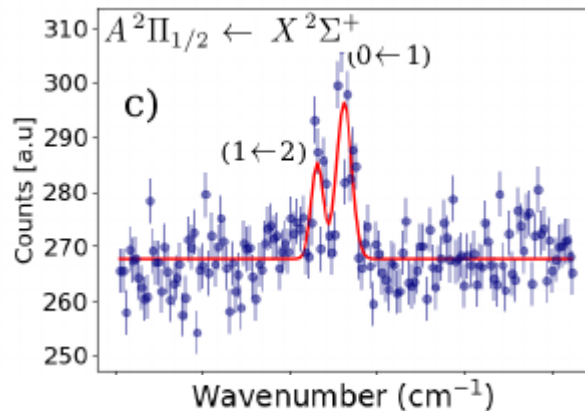
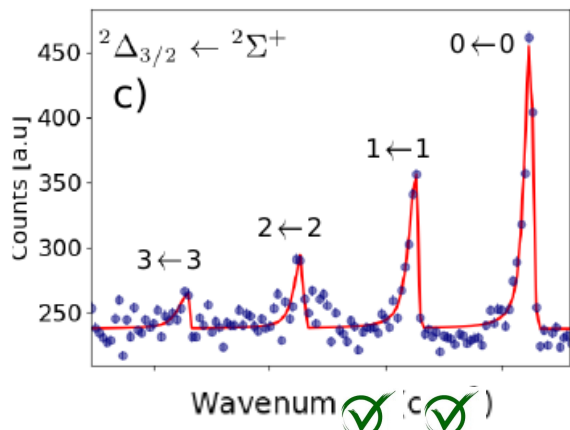
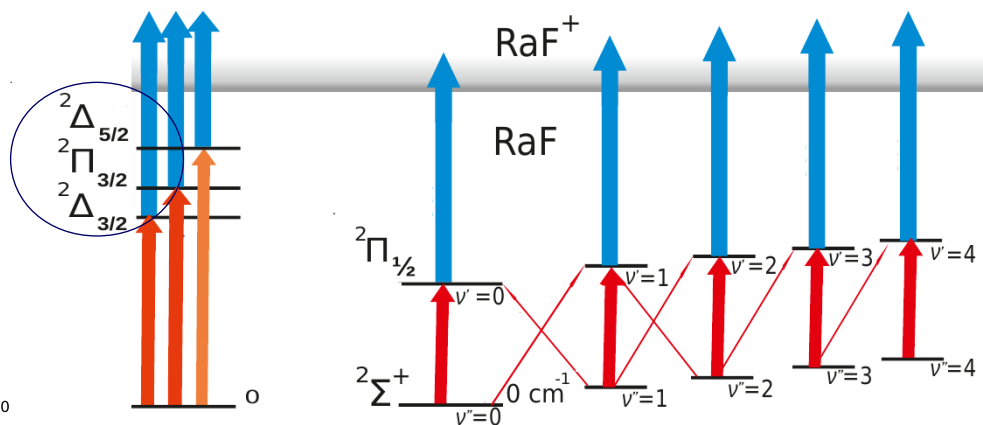
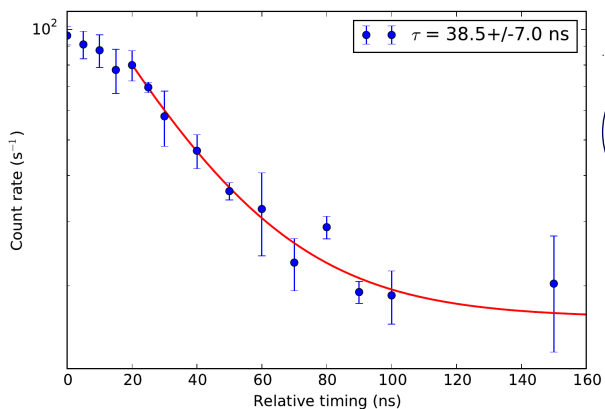
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Spectroscopy of molecules with unstable nuclei

Pinning down the energy transitions of radium monofluoride, and eventually other short-lived molecules, could reveal the ways they are influenced by the properties of heavy radioactive nuclei.

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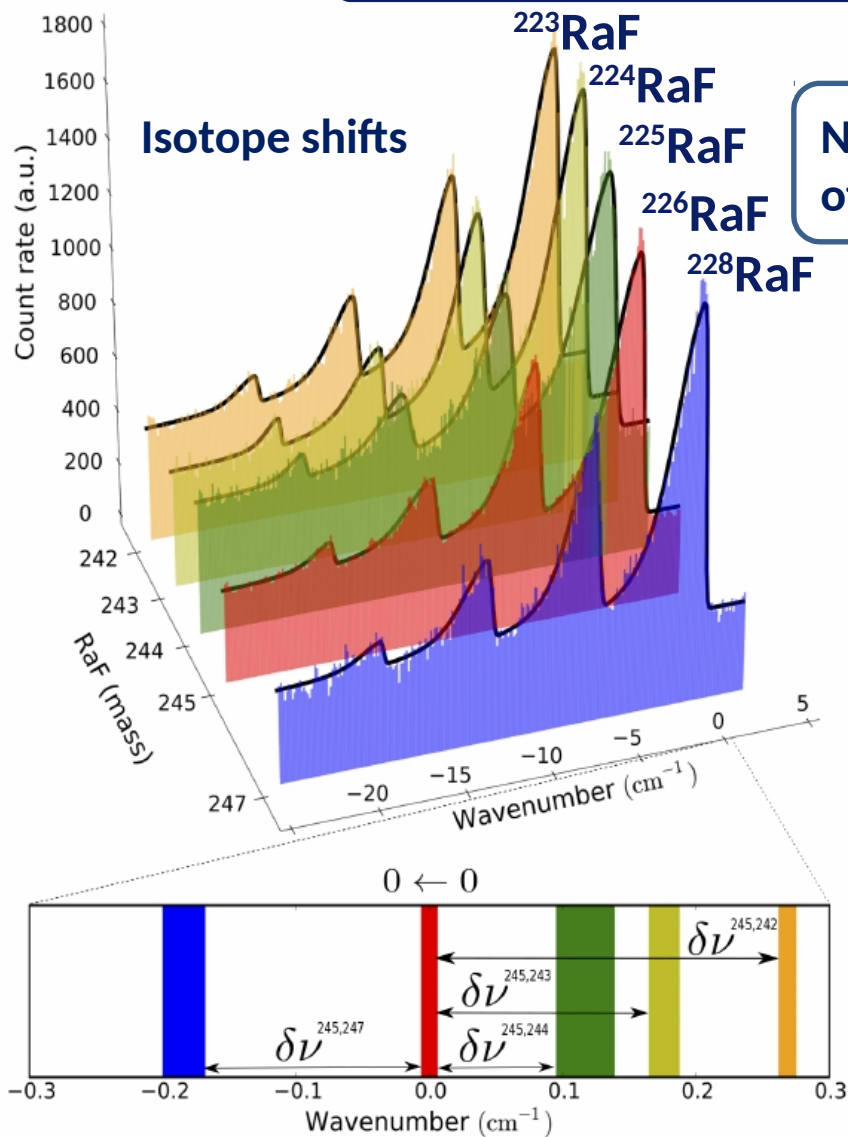
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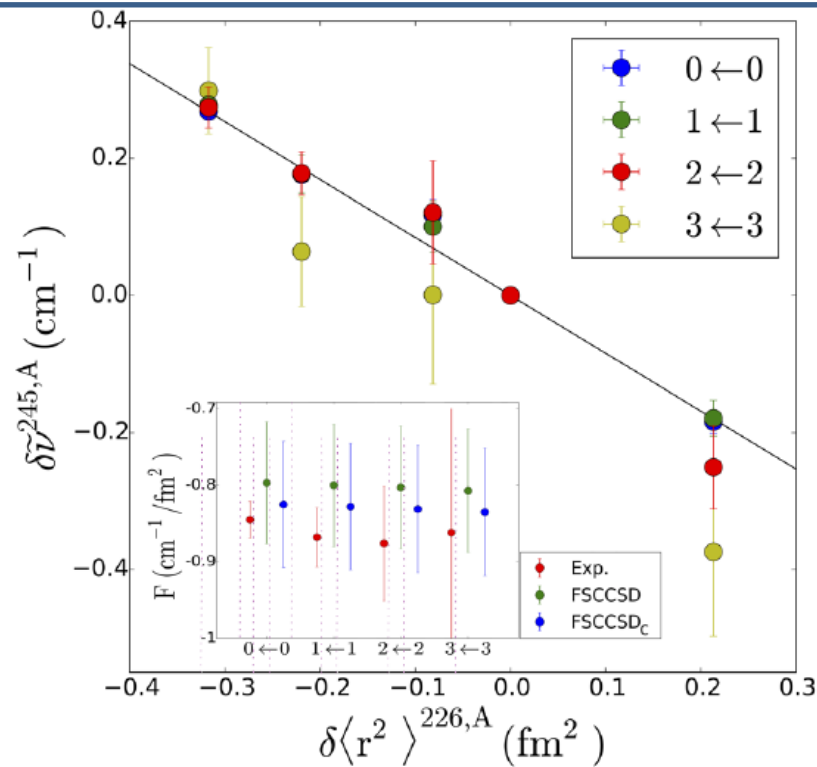
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New opportunities for nuclear structure studies of the heaviest elements (e.g. ThO, PaO,...)



[Udrescu et al.
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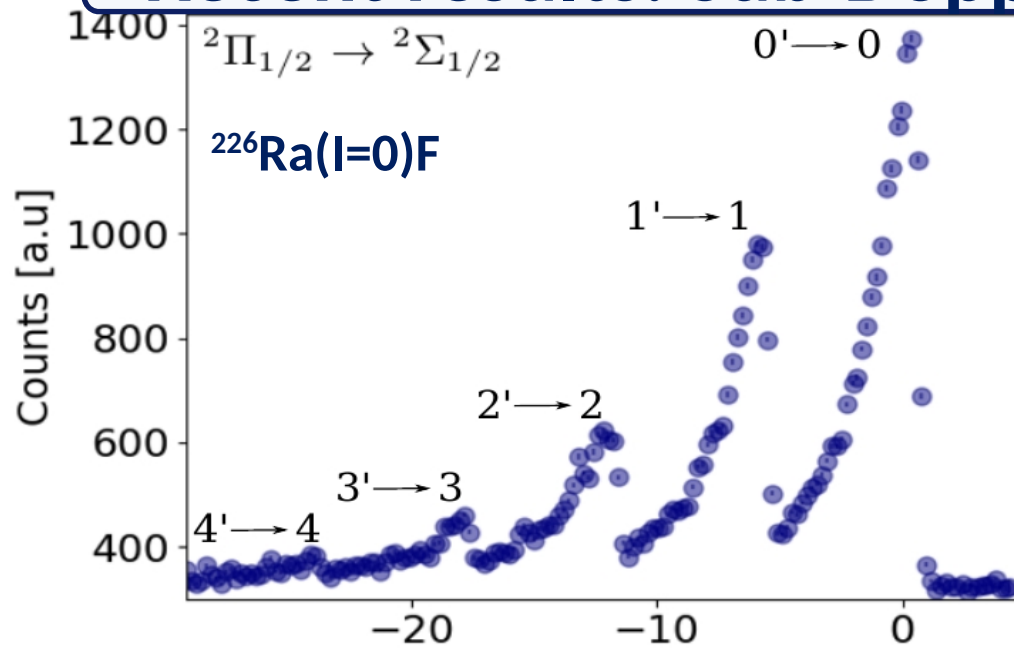


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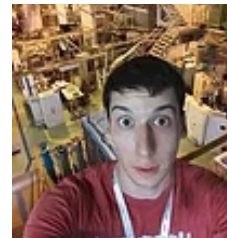


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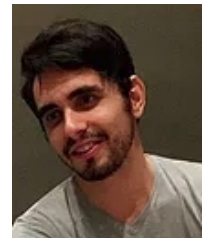
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$\text{eV} \quad \sim 2 \quad 10^{-2} \quad 10^{-5} \quad 10^{-6} \quad 10^{-8} \quad <10^{-12} \quad <10^{-15}$

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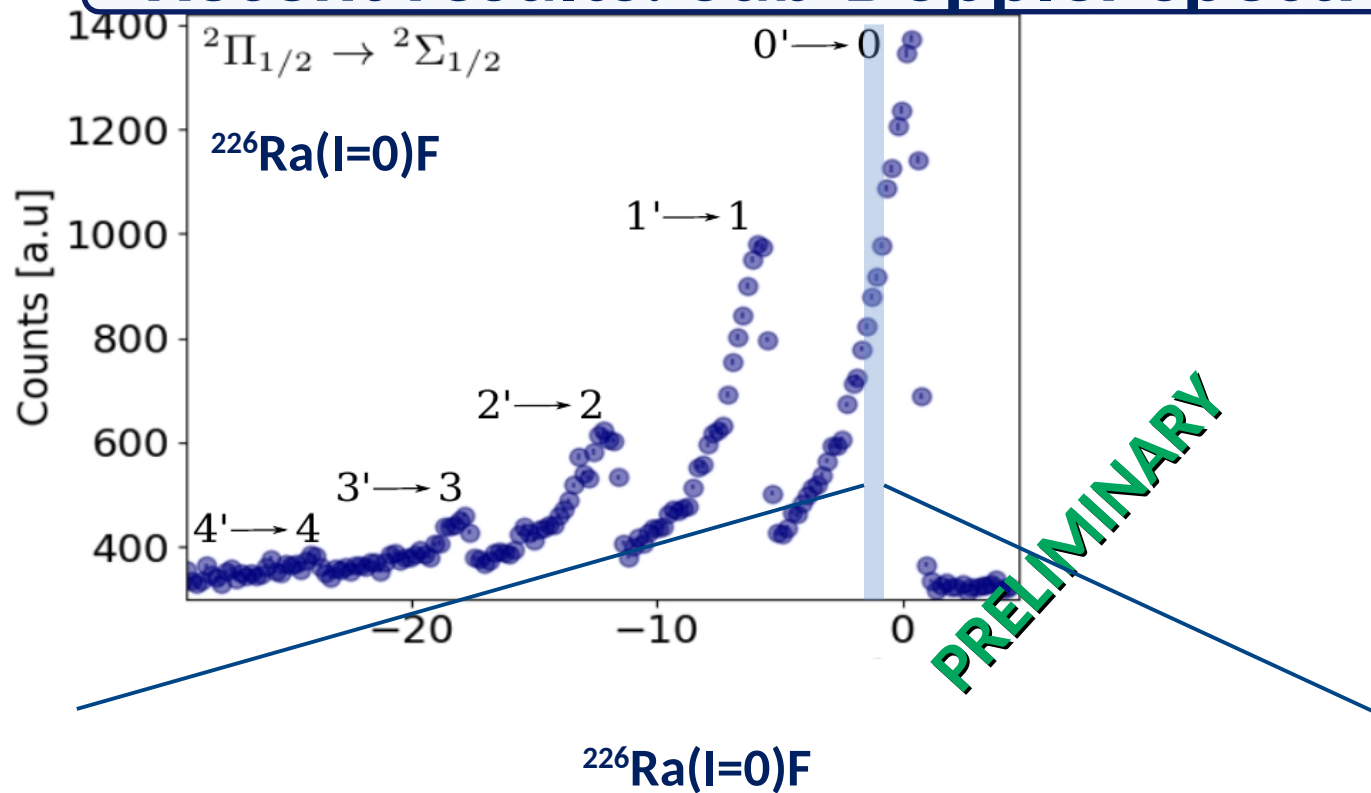


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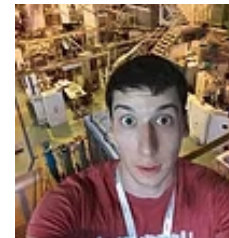
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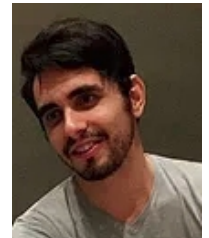
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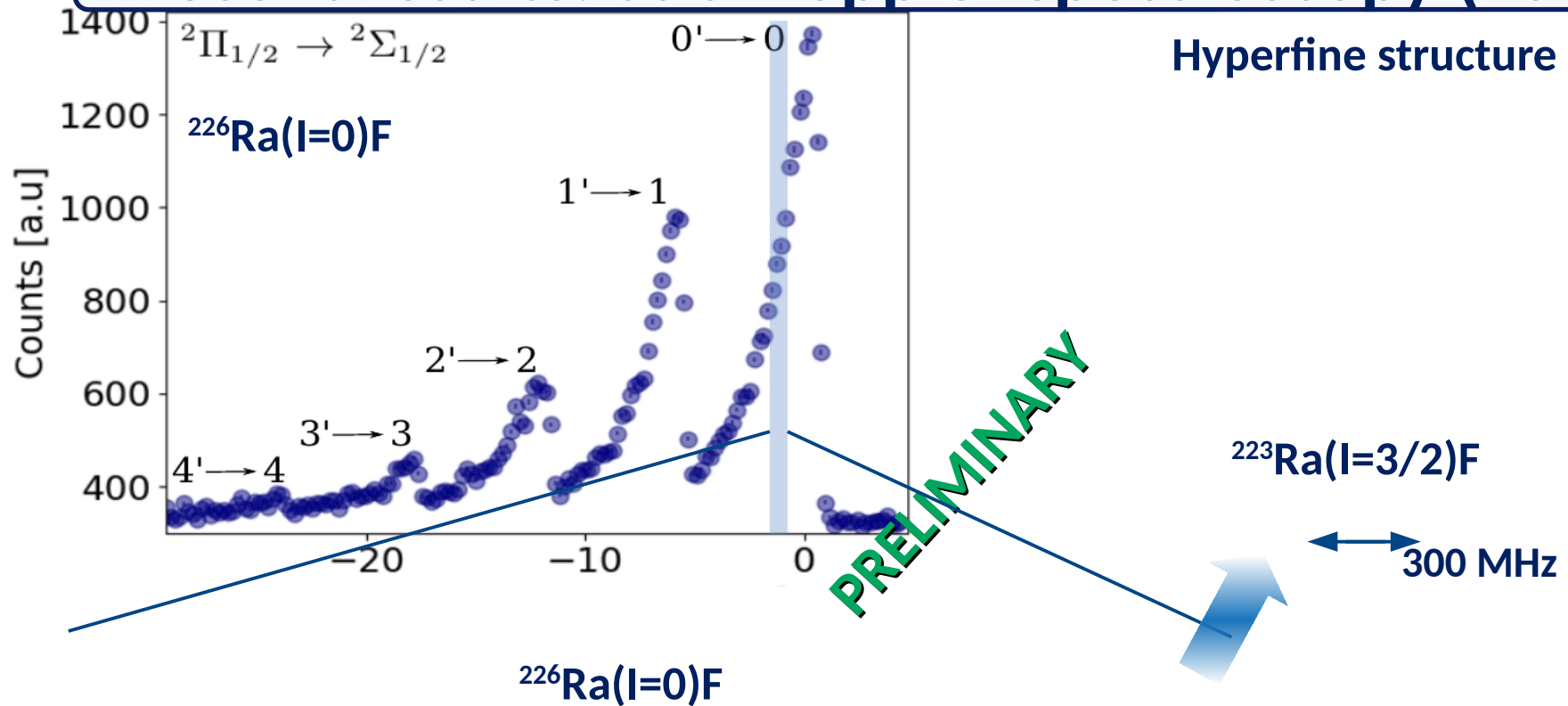


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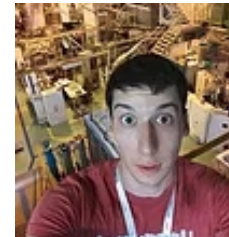
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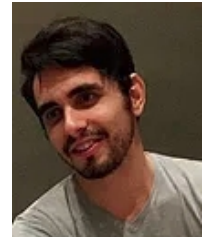
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(Green checkmarks are above H_e , H_{vib} , H_{rot} , and H_{hfs})

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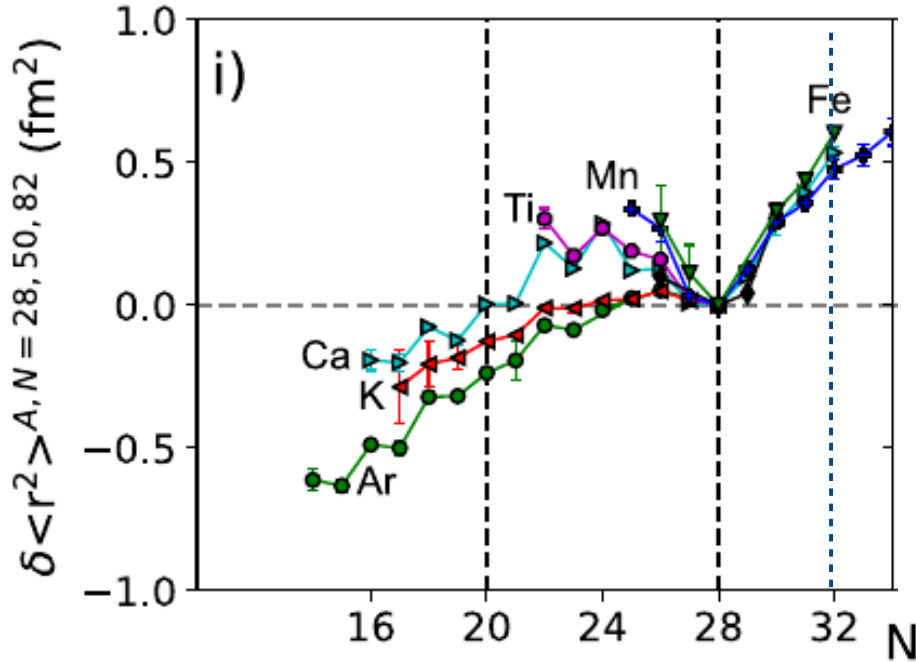
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→ New opportunities for nuclear structure



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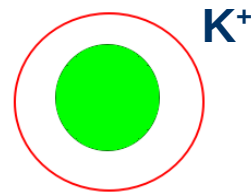
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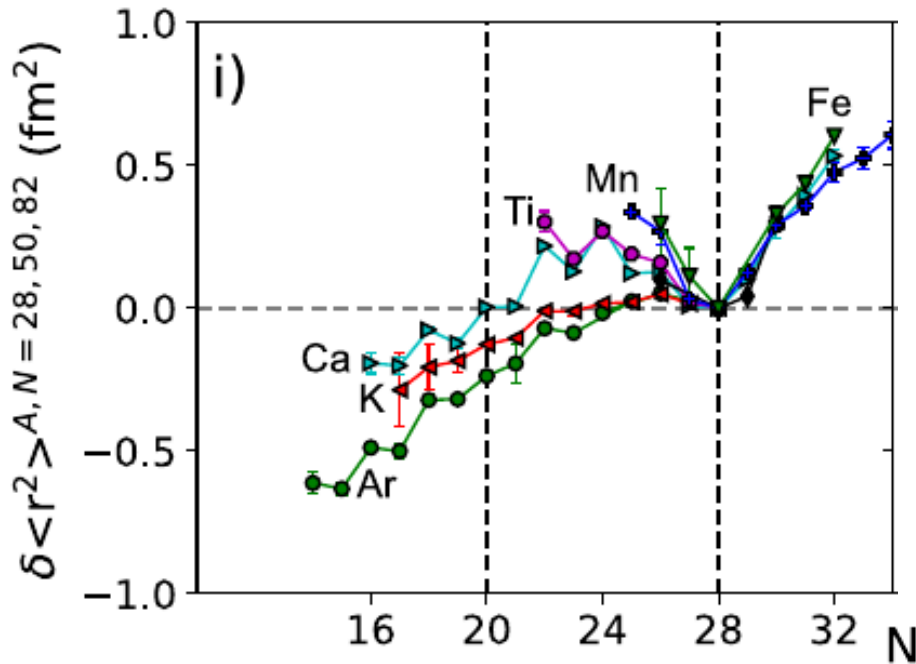
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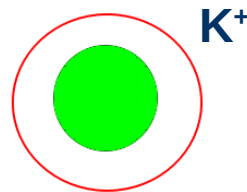
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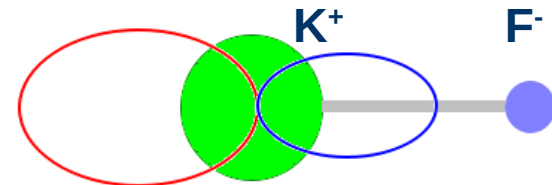
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→ Molecules could do the job!



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[Paquette et al. J. Mol. Struct. 190, 143 (1988)]

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Opportunities: Astrophysics

- Quantum chemistry, astrophysics,

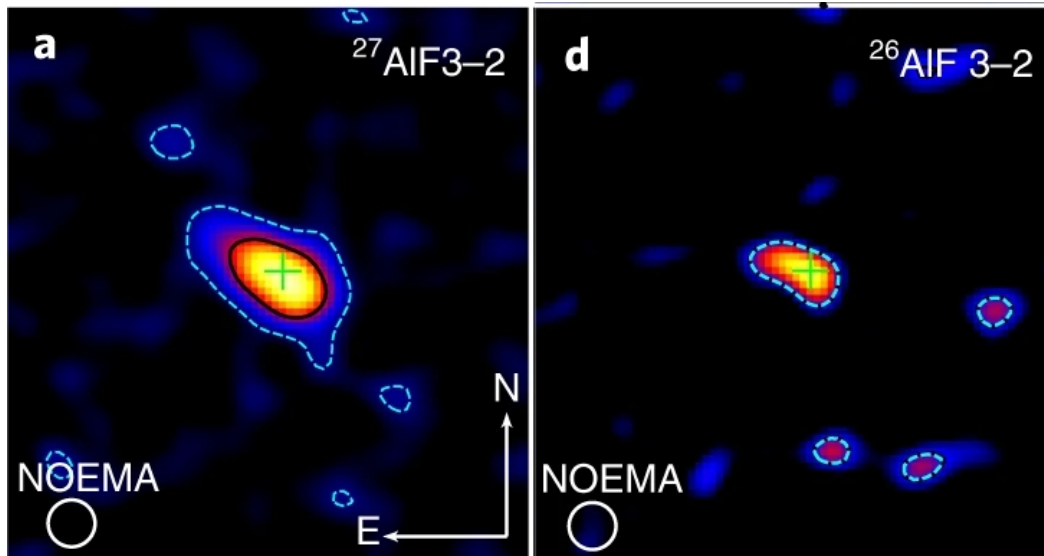


**Astronomical detection of radioactive molecule
²⁶AlF in the remnant of an ancient explosion**

[Kaminski et al. Nature Astronomy 2, 778 (2018)]

“Spectroscopic laboratory studies of rare radioactive materials such as ²⁶AlF would be very challenging”

$(T_{1/2} = 7.17 \cdot 10^5 \text{ years})$



	Exp	Cal.
	²⁷ Al ¹⁹ F	²⁶ Al ¹⁹ F
$B \times 10^{-4}$	1.64883599(17)	1.67485239(18)
$D \times 10^2$	3.1398(59)	3.2399(61)
$H \times 10^9$	-9.14(28)	-9.58(29)
$eQq_0(\text{Al})$	-37.53(9)	-67.8(83)
$c_I(\text{Al}) \times 10^3$	8(6)	3(2)

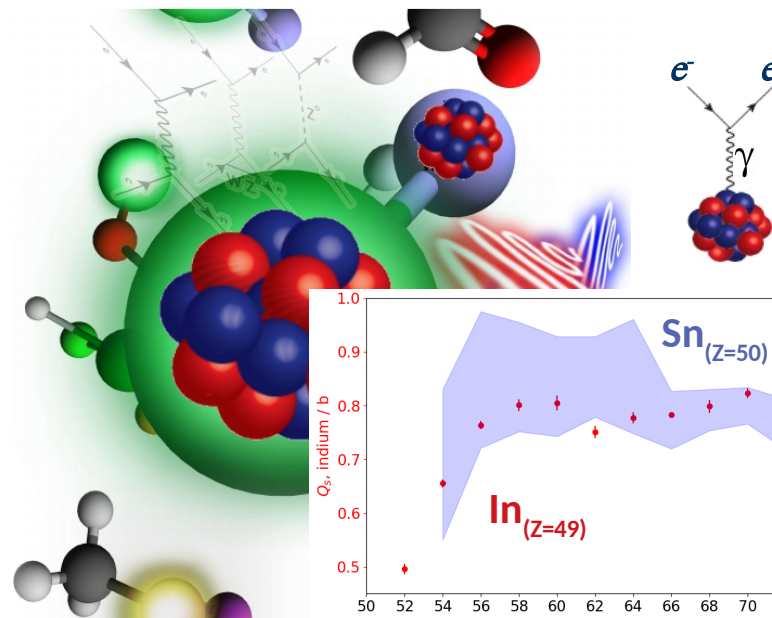
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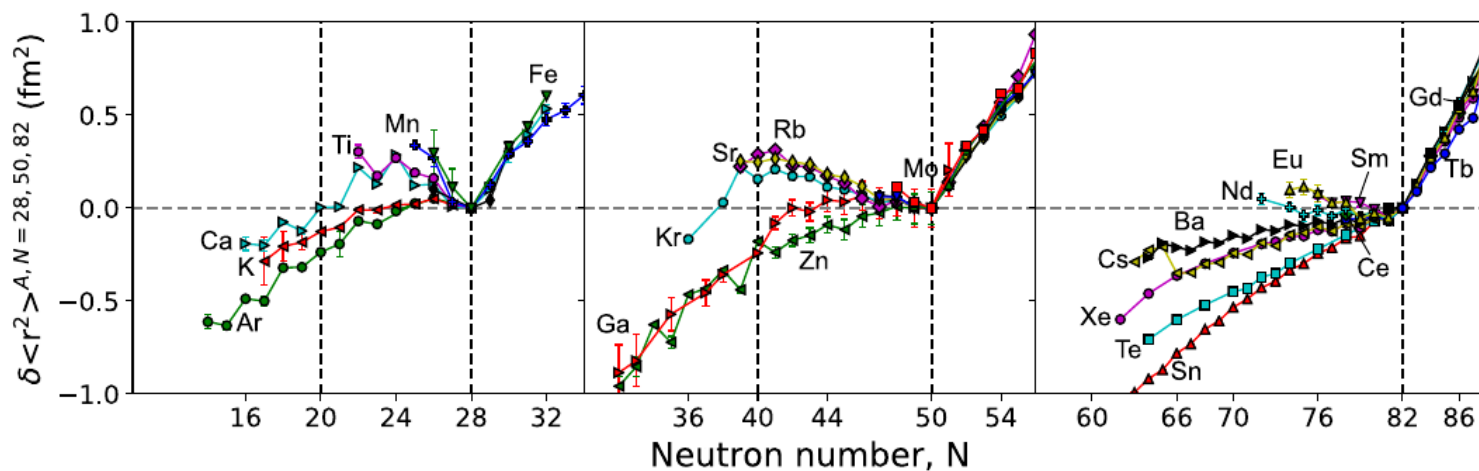
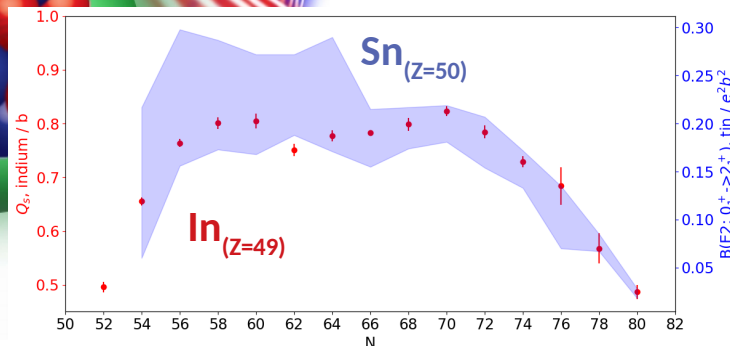
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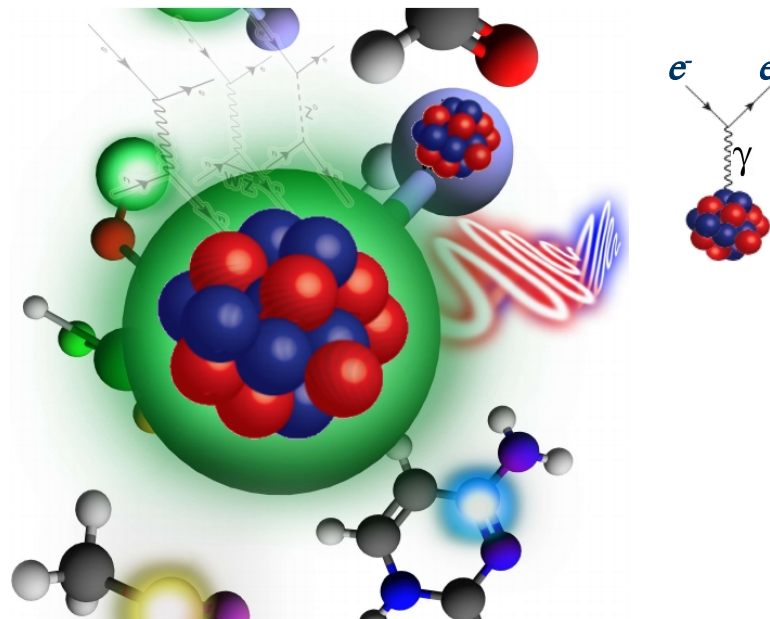
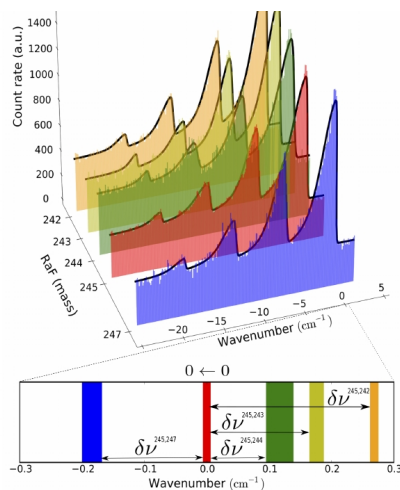
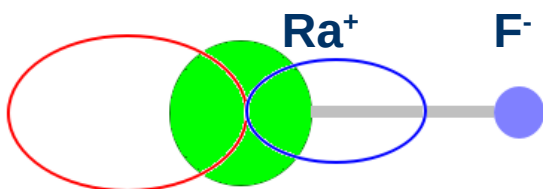
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Diagram showing the energy levels and their corresponding uncertainties for the RaF molecule. The energy levels are represented by vertical bars, and the uncertainties are indicated by arrows pointing to the bars. The uncertainties are:

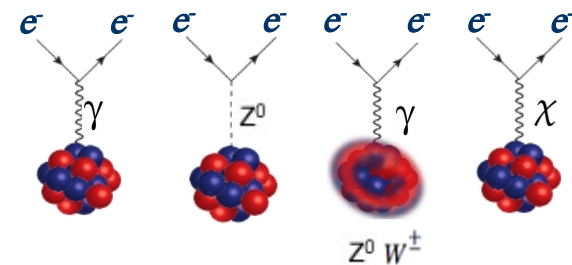
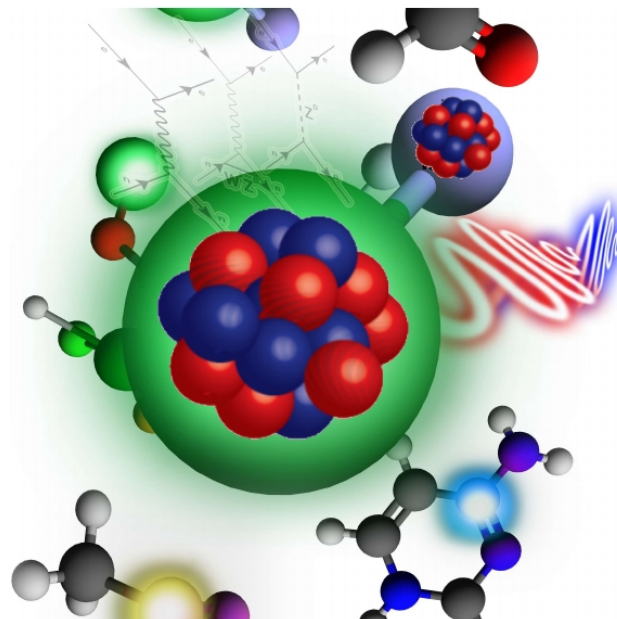
- 10^{-2} for H_e
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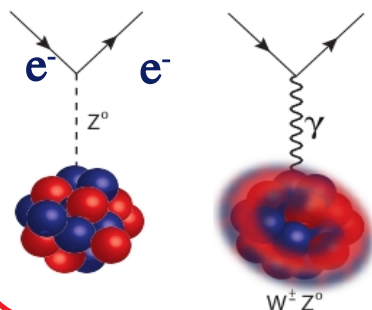
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$$\sim Z^a A^b \beta_2 \beta_3 / (E_+ - E_-)$$

P- violation



$$E_{PNC} \sim \frac{\langle \text{P-odd} | H_w | \text{P-even} \rangle}{E_- - E_+}$$

Molecular enhancement > 10¹¹

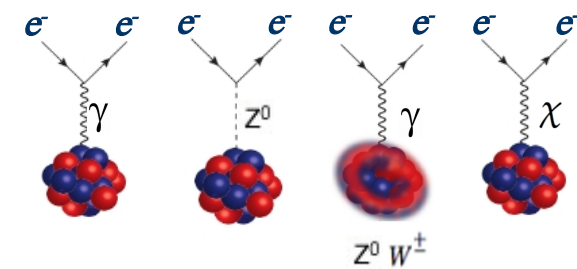
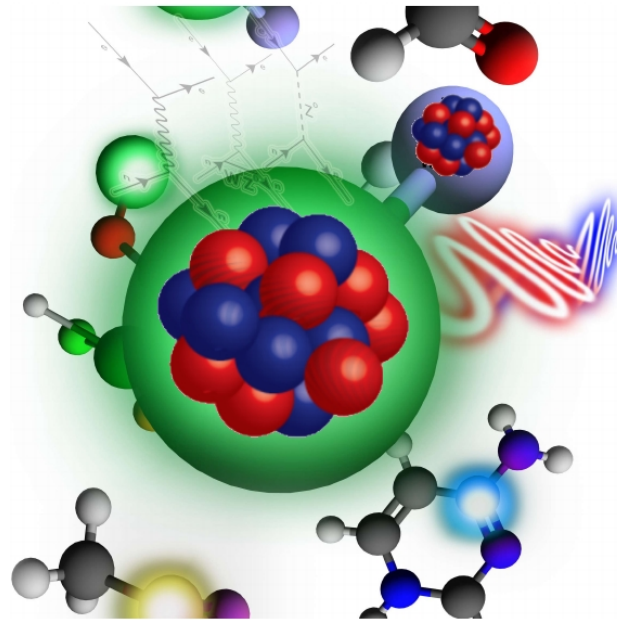
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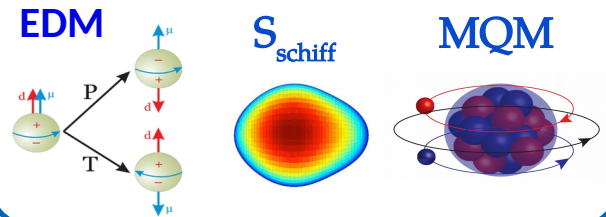
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- Max. Z, A
- Max. β_2, β_3
- Min. $(E_+ - E_-)$

P,T-violation



Molecular + Nuclear amplification
 → $E_{\text{eff}} > 50 \text{ GV/cm}$

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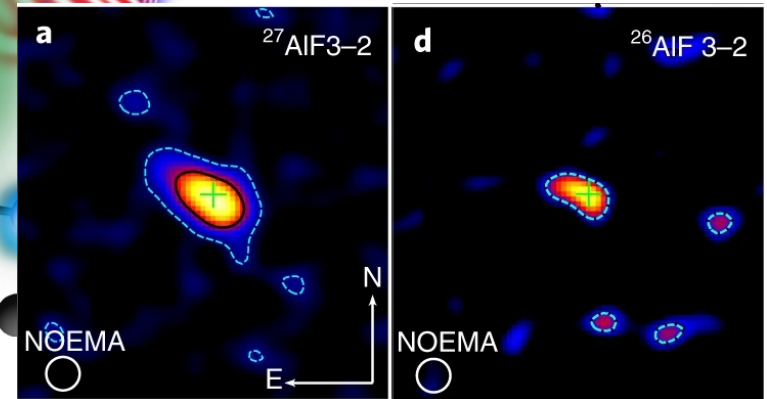
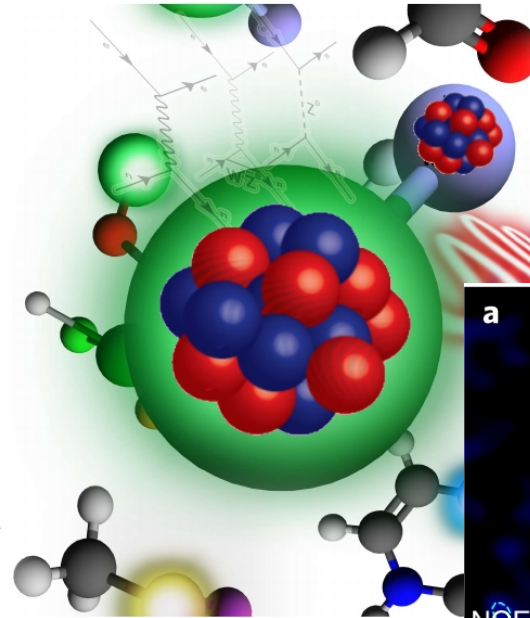
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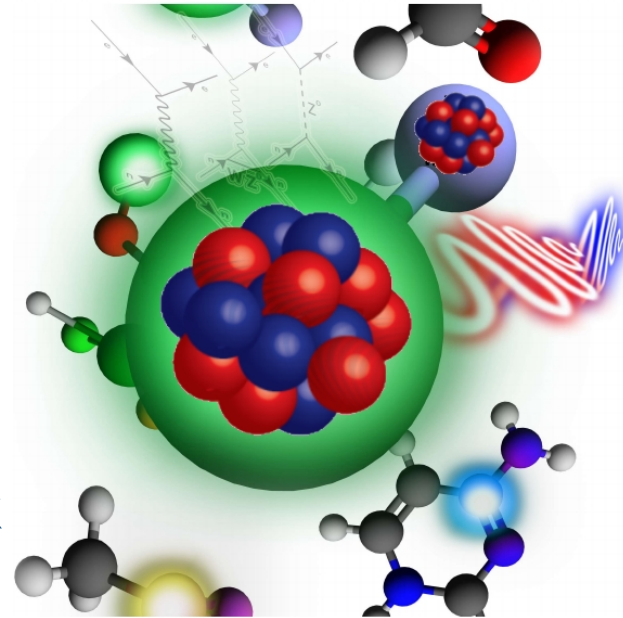
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... this is just the beginning!

