



# Spectroscopy of RaF Molecules for Fundamental Physics

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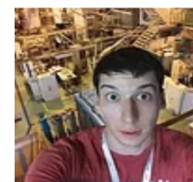


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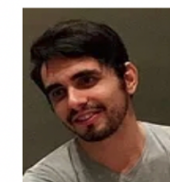
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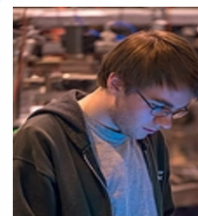
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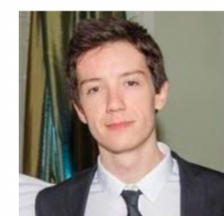
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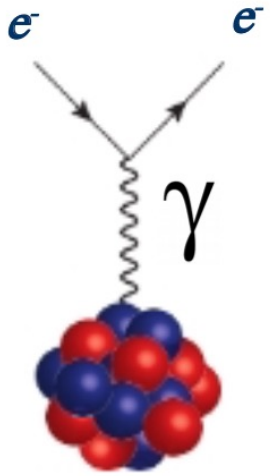


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- Motivation
- Isotope shift in Radium Monofluoride
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  - Implications for nuclear physics and searches for new forces
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- High resolution spectroscopy of  $^{226}\text{RaF}$ 
  - Preliminary results
  - How can we achieve a higher ground state population and reduced background?
  - How can we decelerate and trap RaF molecules?
- Conclusions and Outlook

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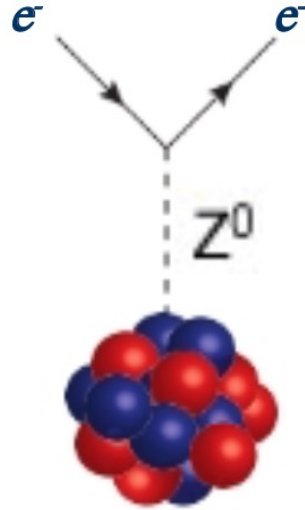
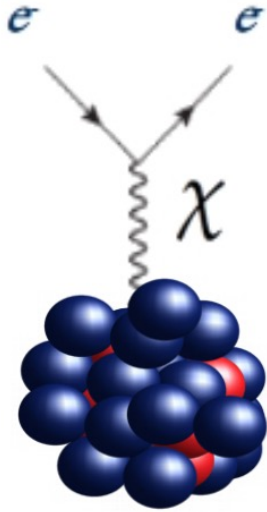
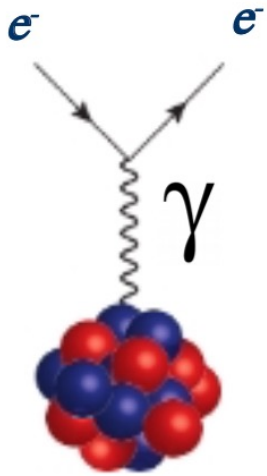


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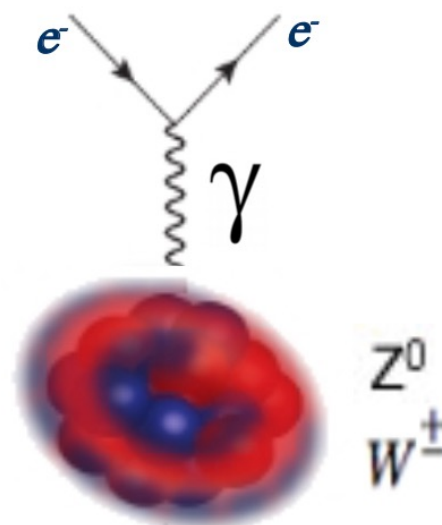
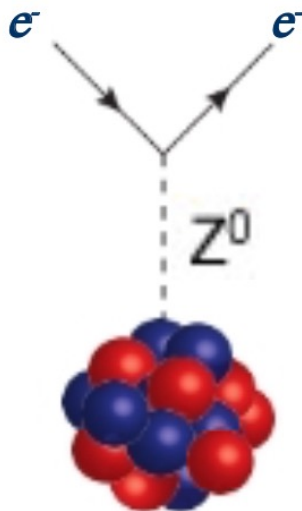
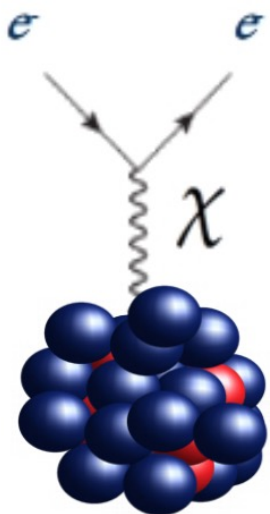
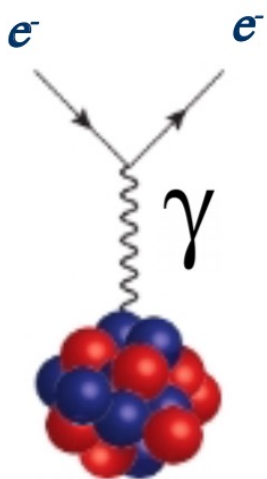
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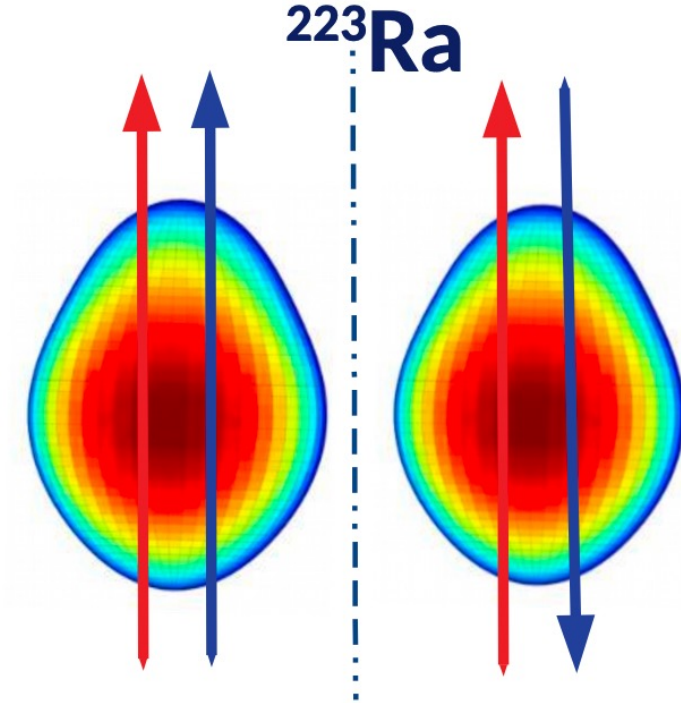
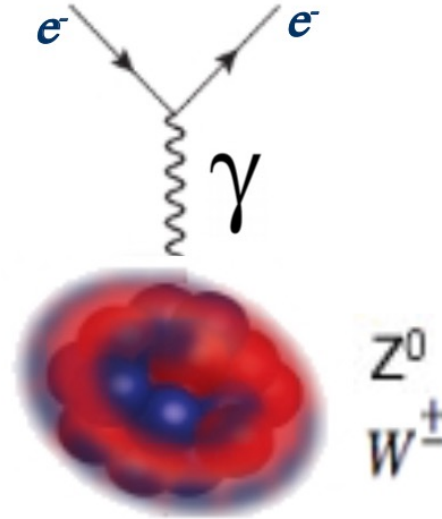
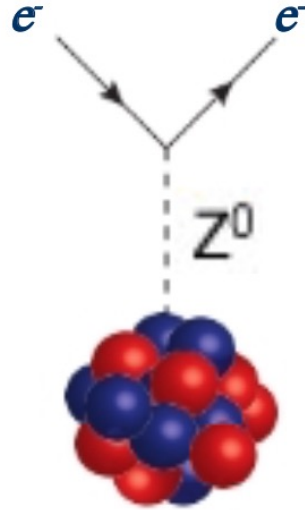
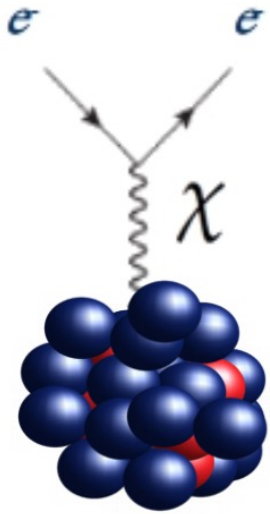
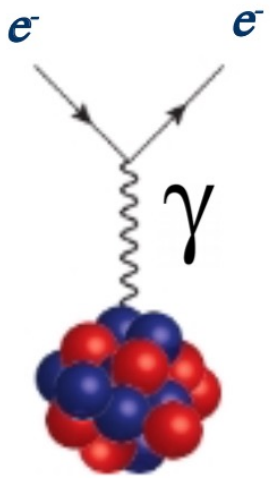
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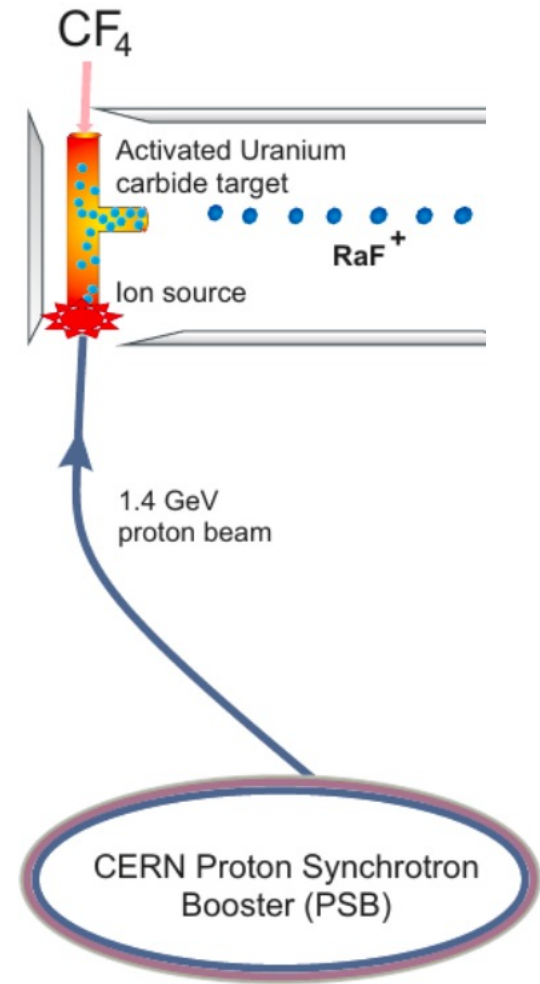
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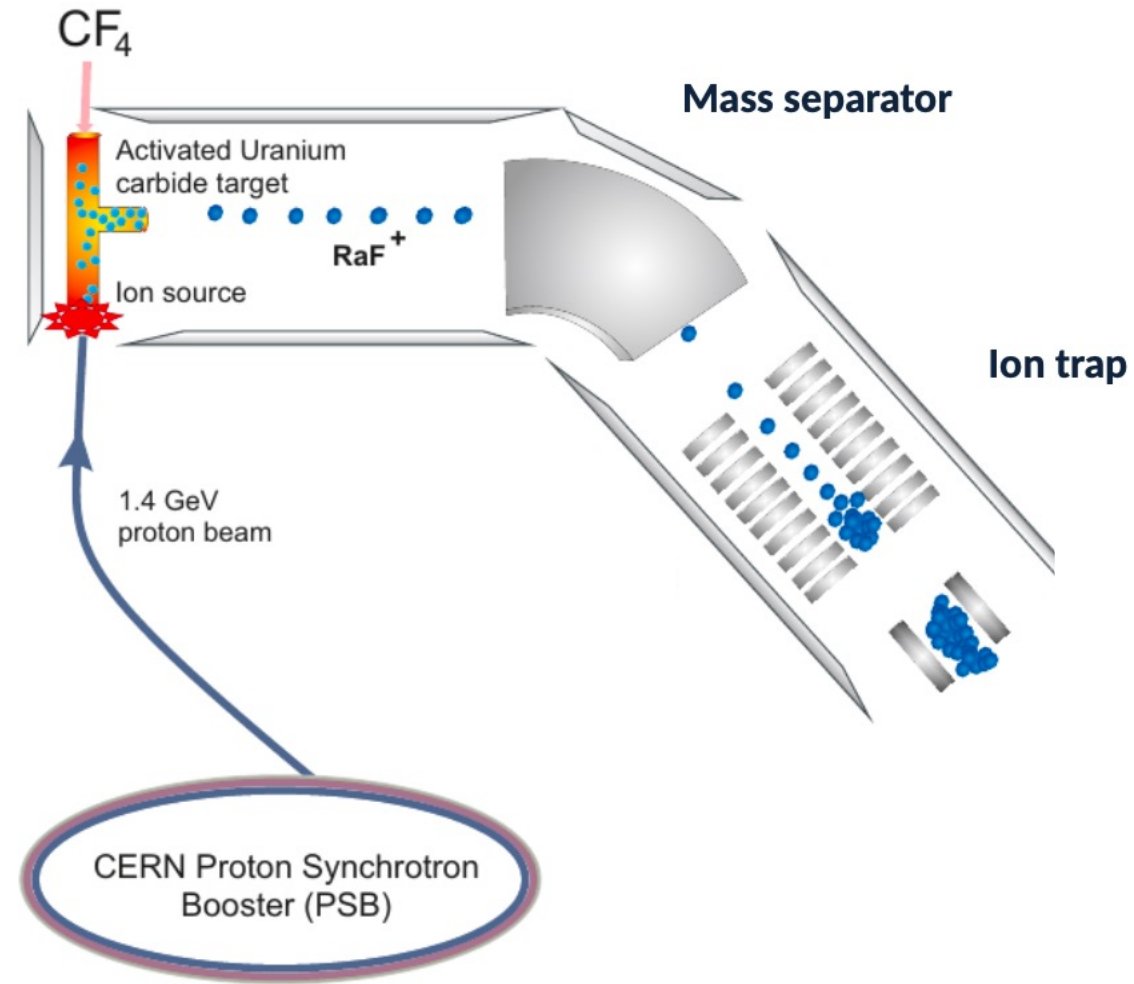
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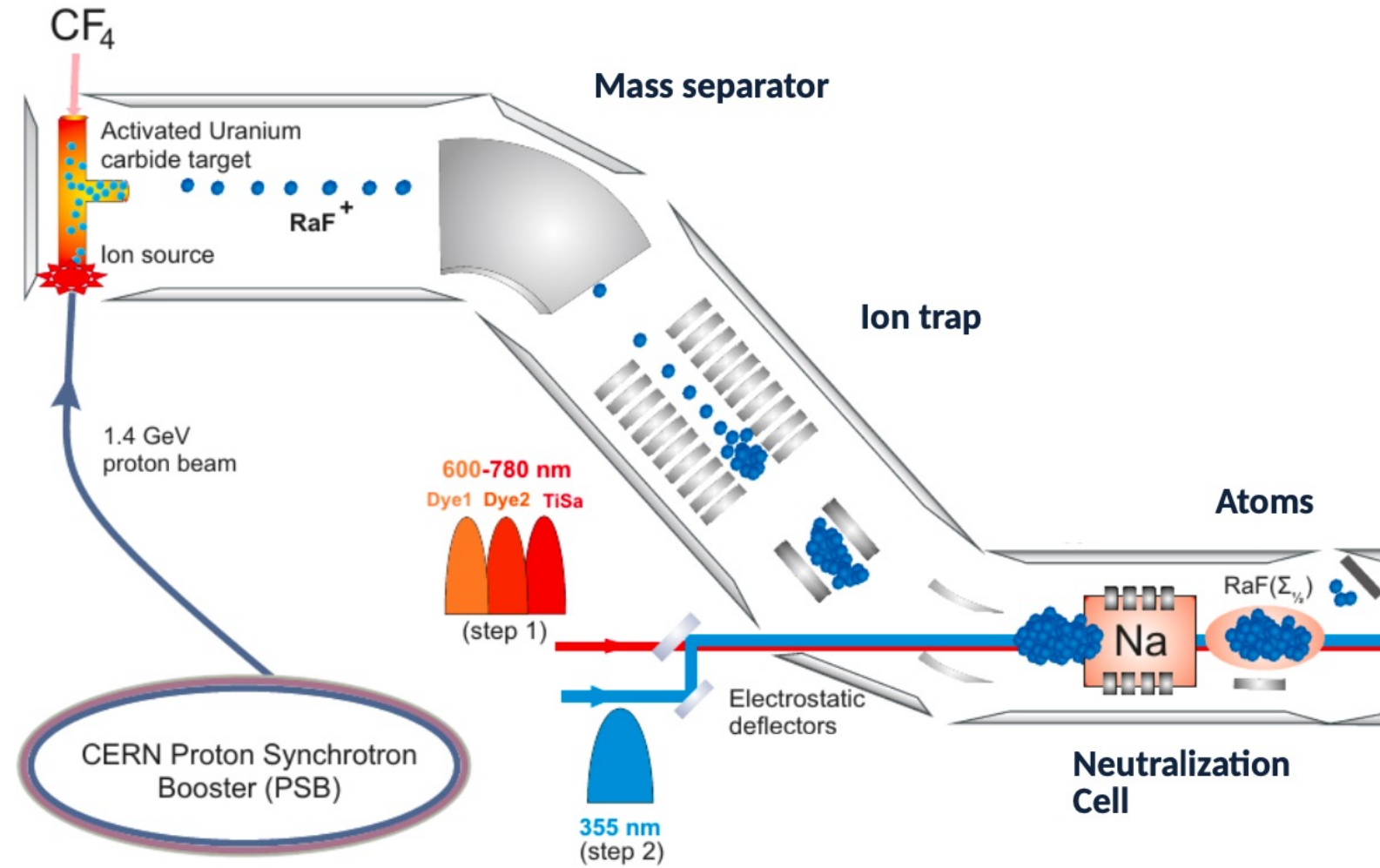
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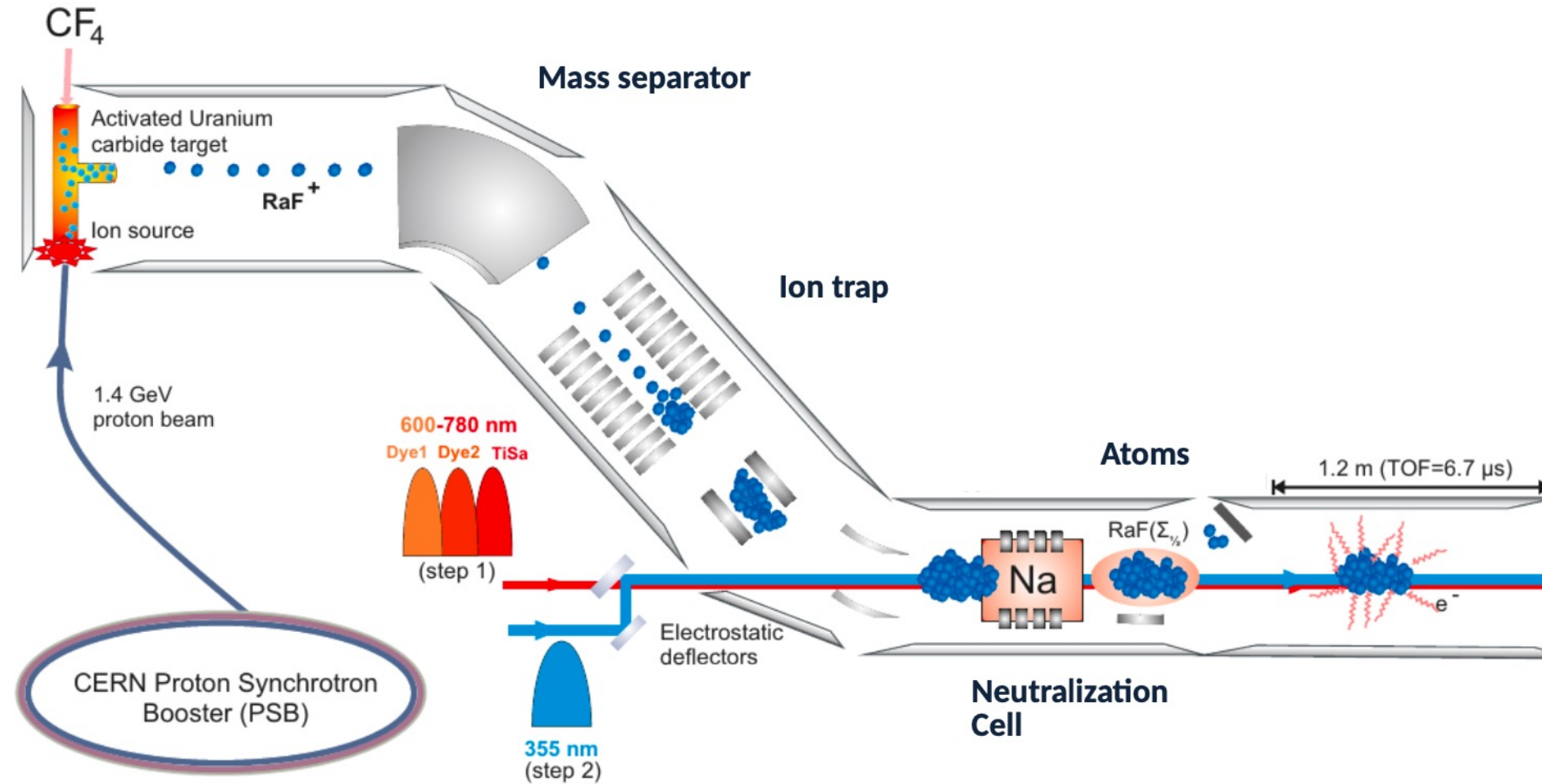


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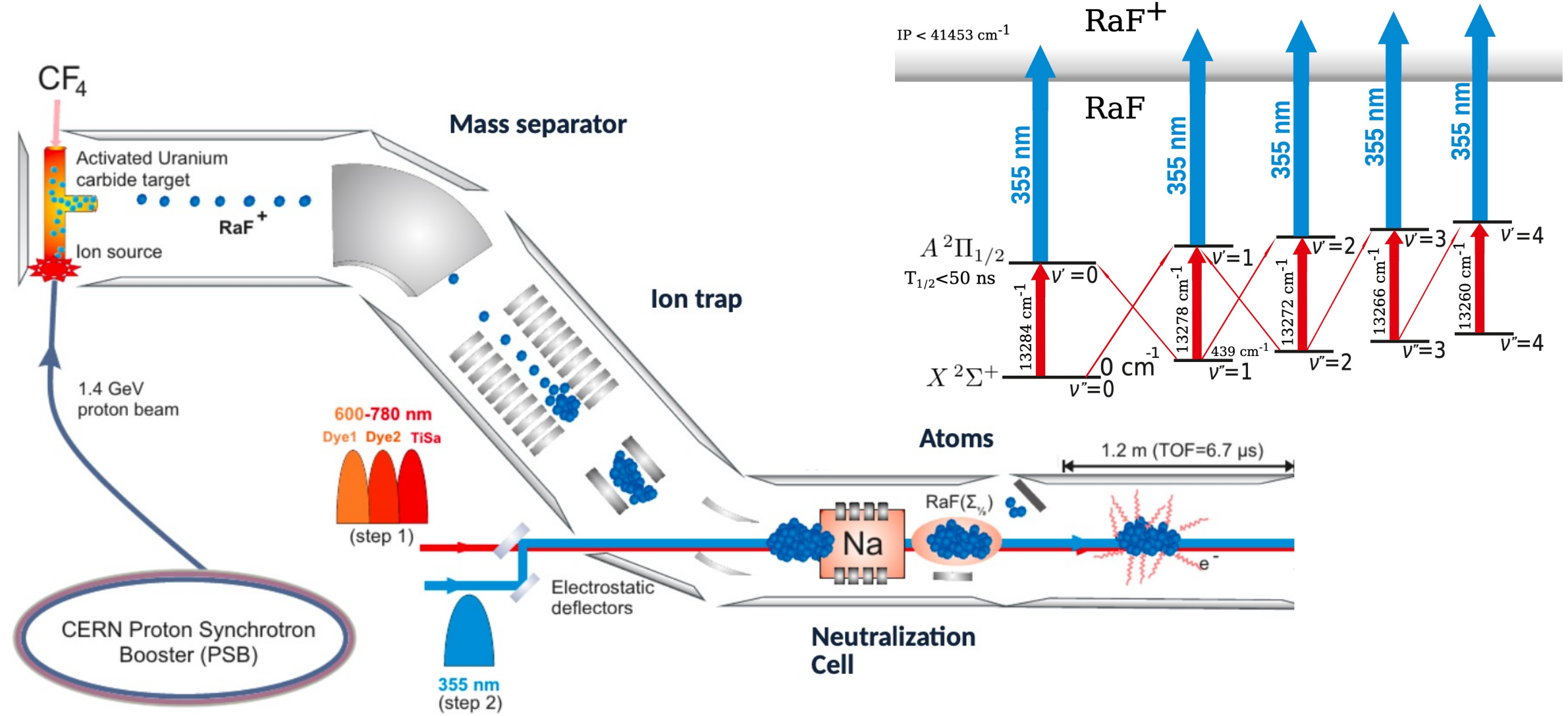




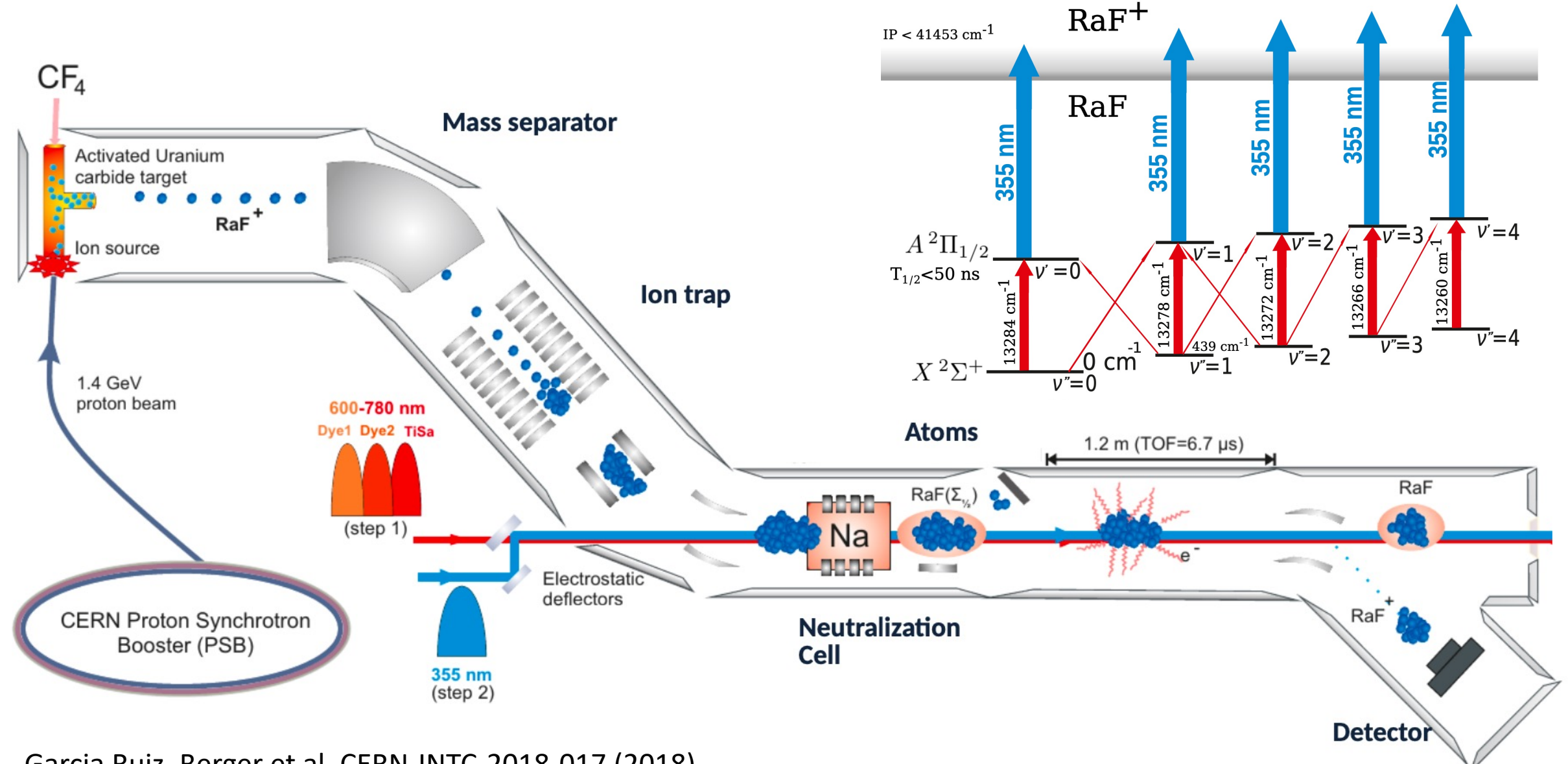
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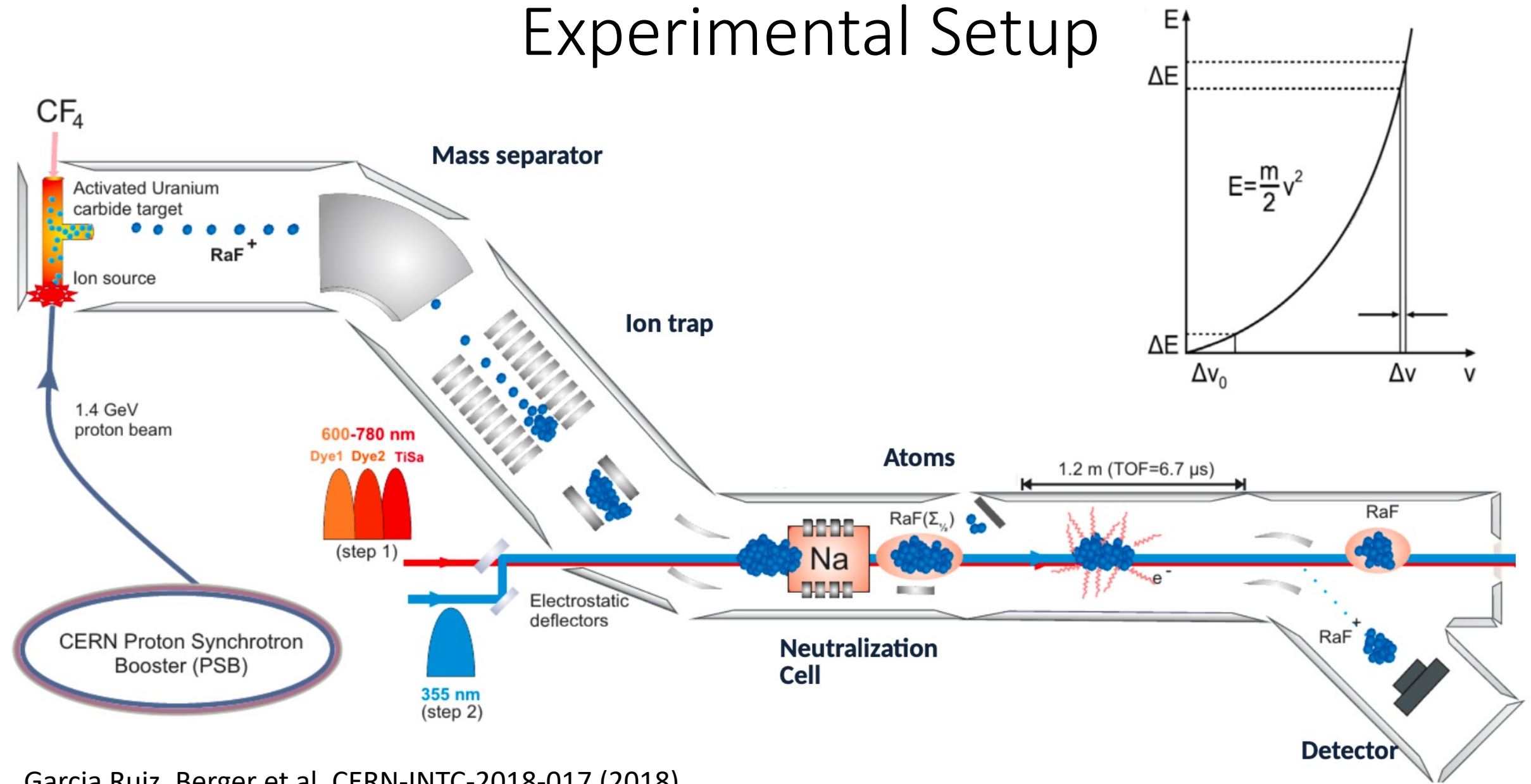
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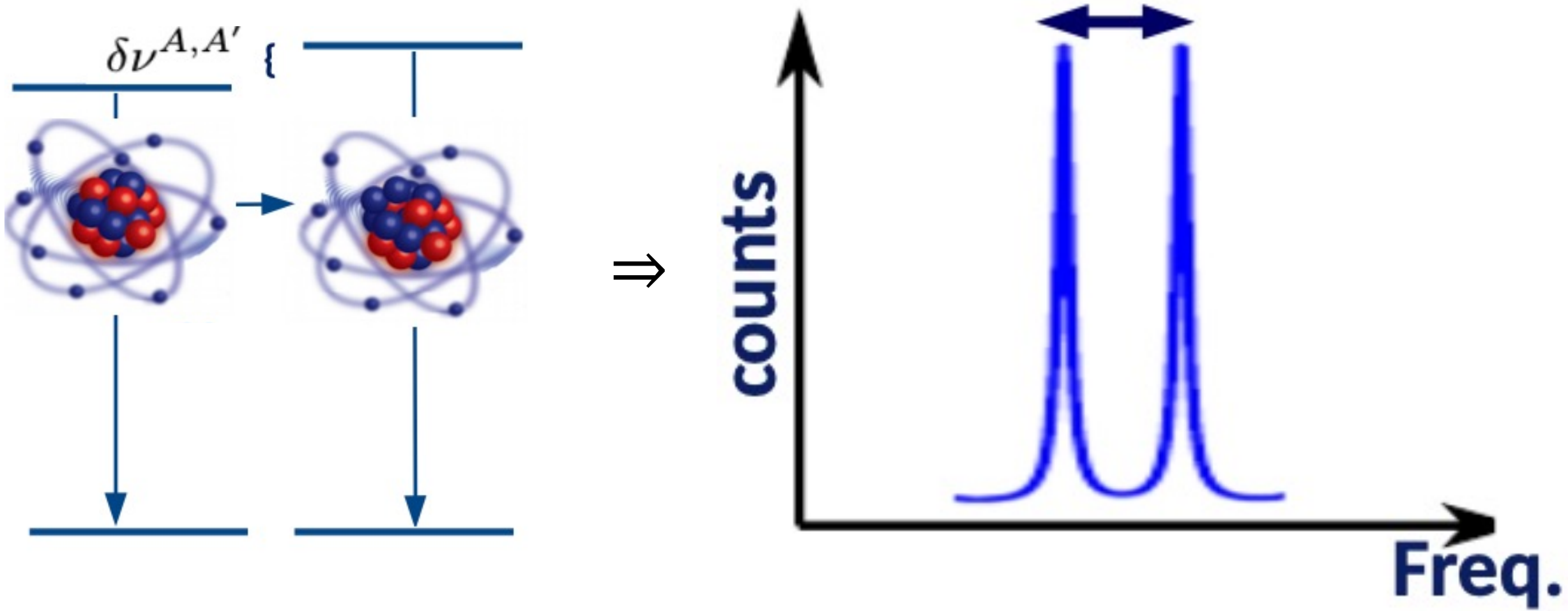


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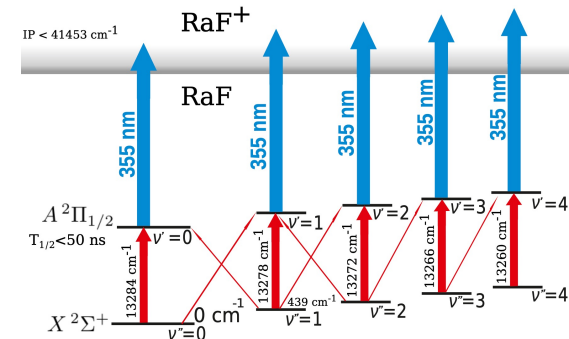
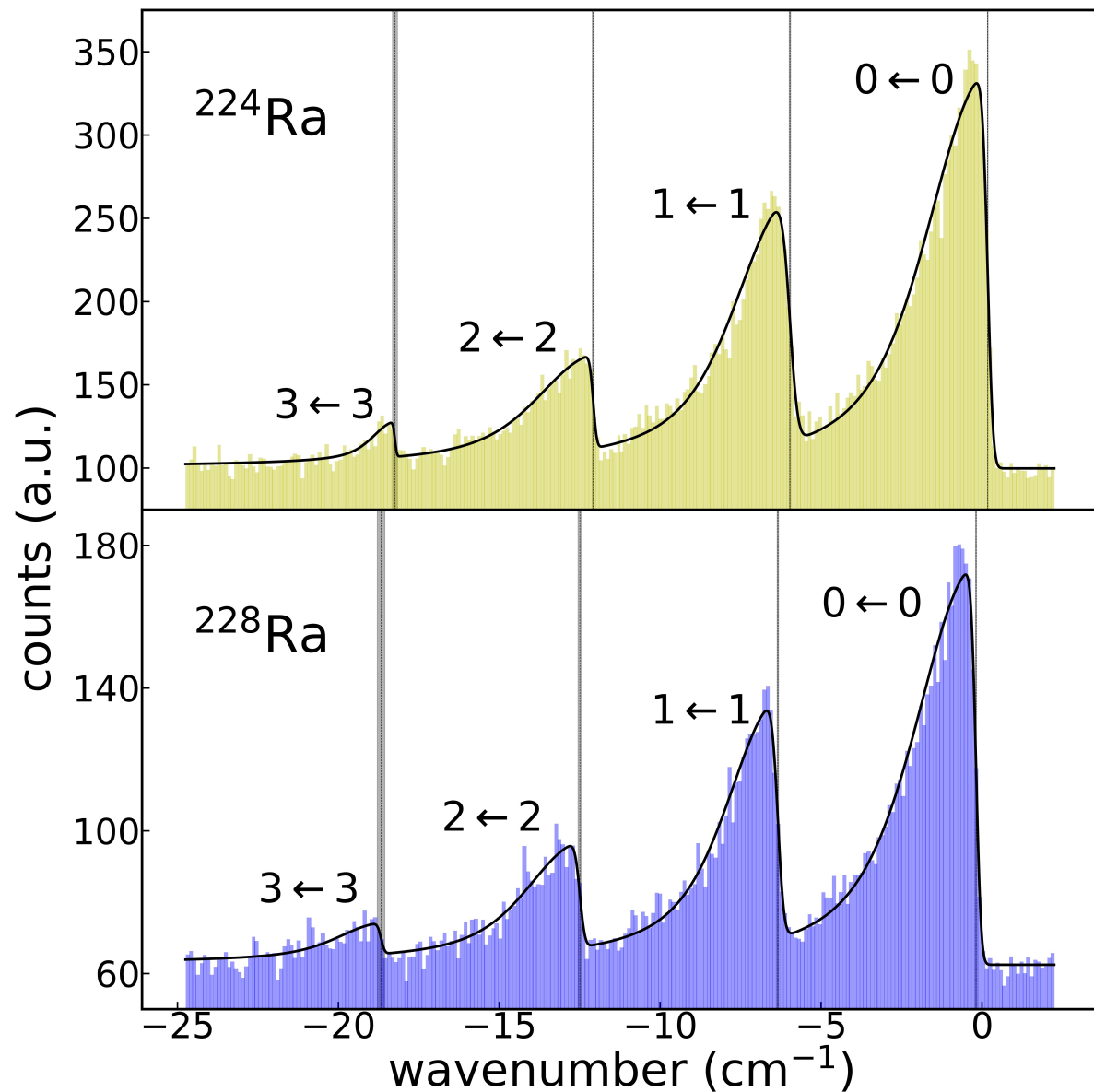
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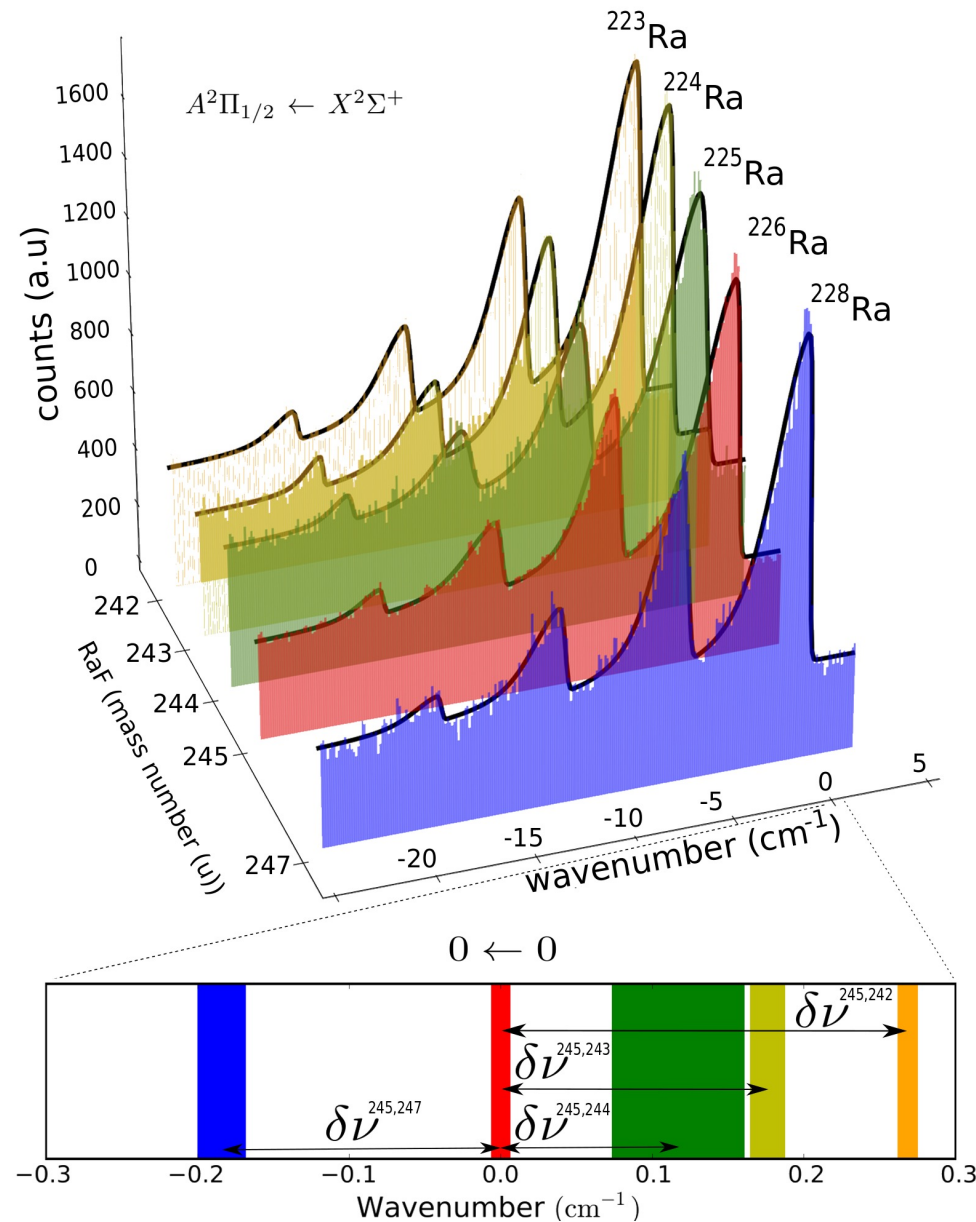
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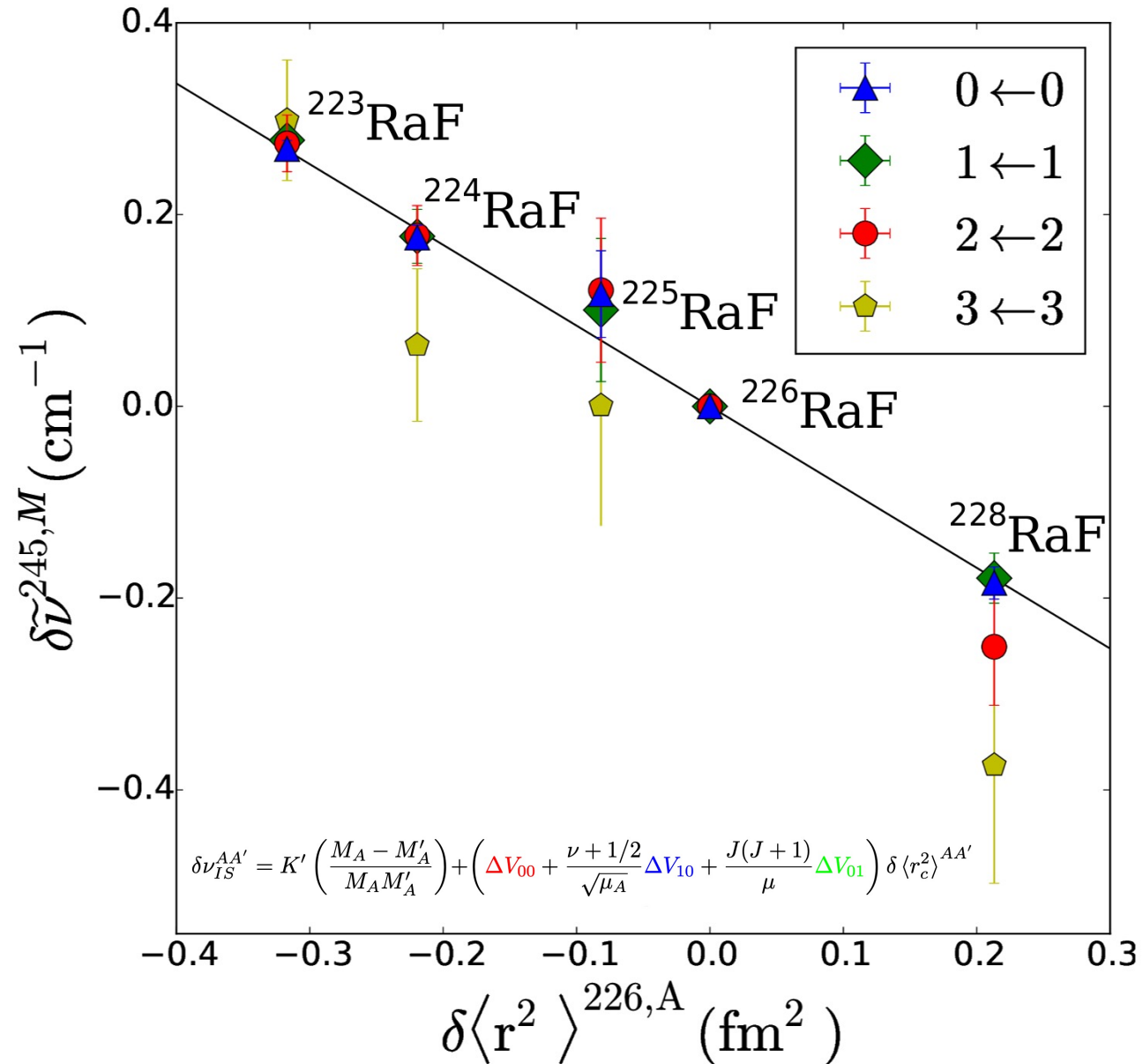


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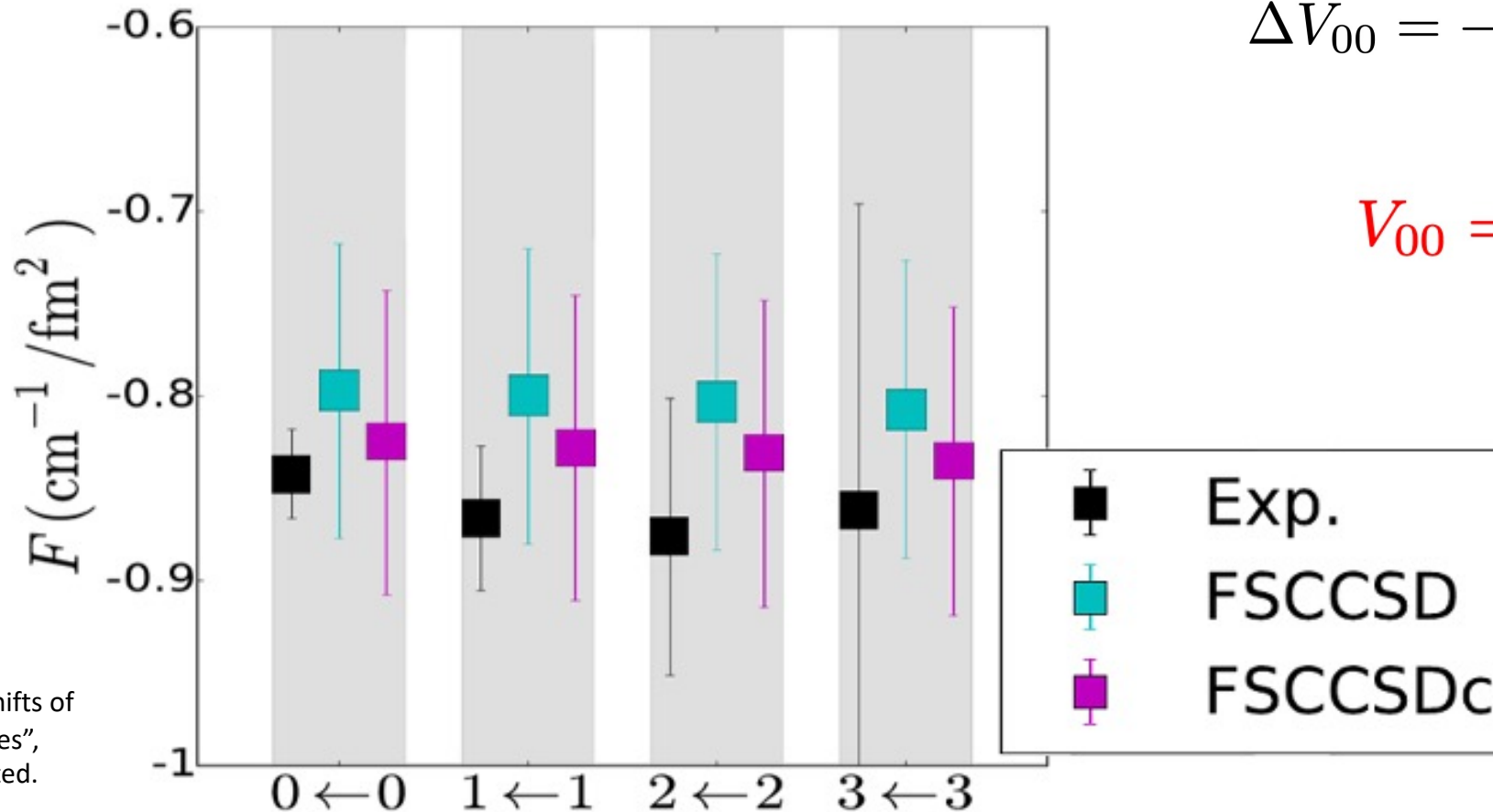
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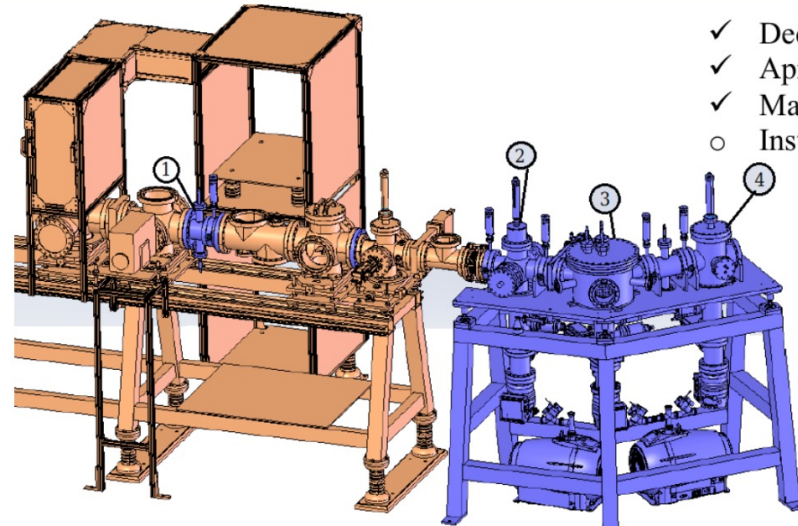
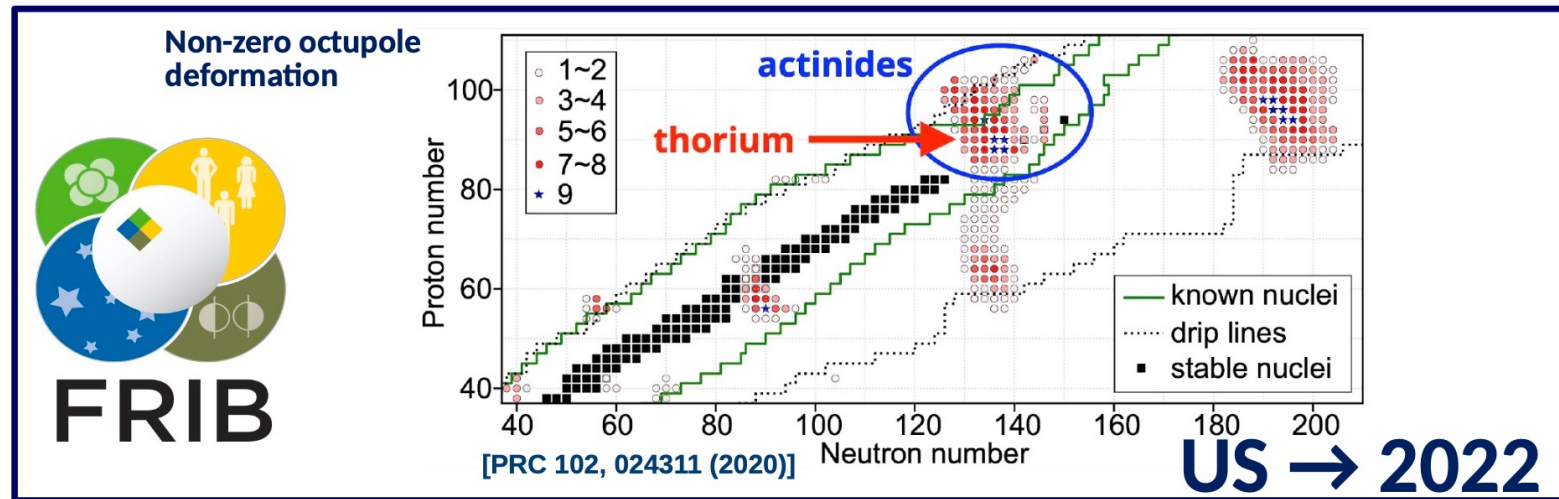
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- ✓ May 2021: Experimental parts are being purchased.
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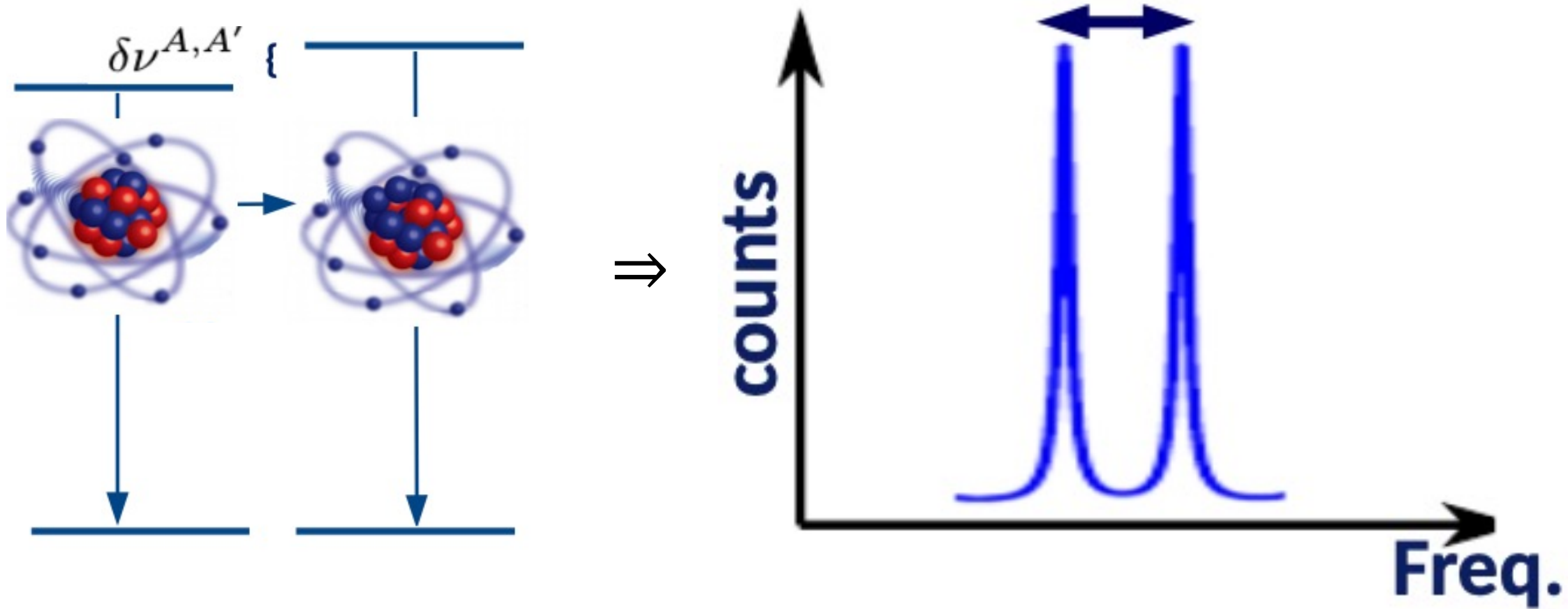
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- Can we use isotope shift in molecules to search for new forces and particles (e.g. King plot non-linearities)? What are the advantages compared to atoms?
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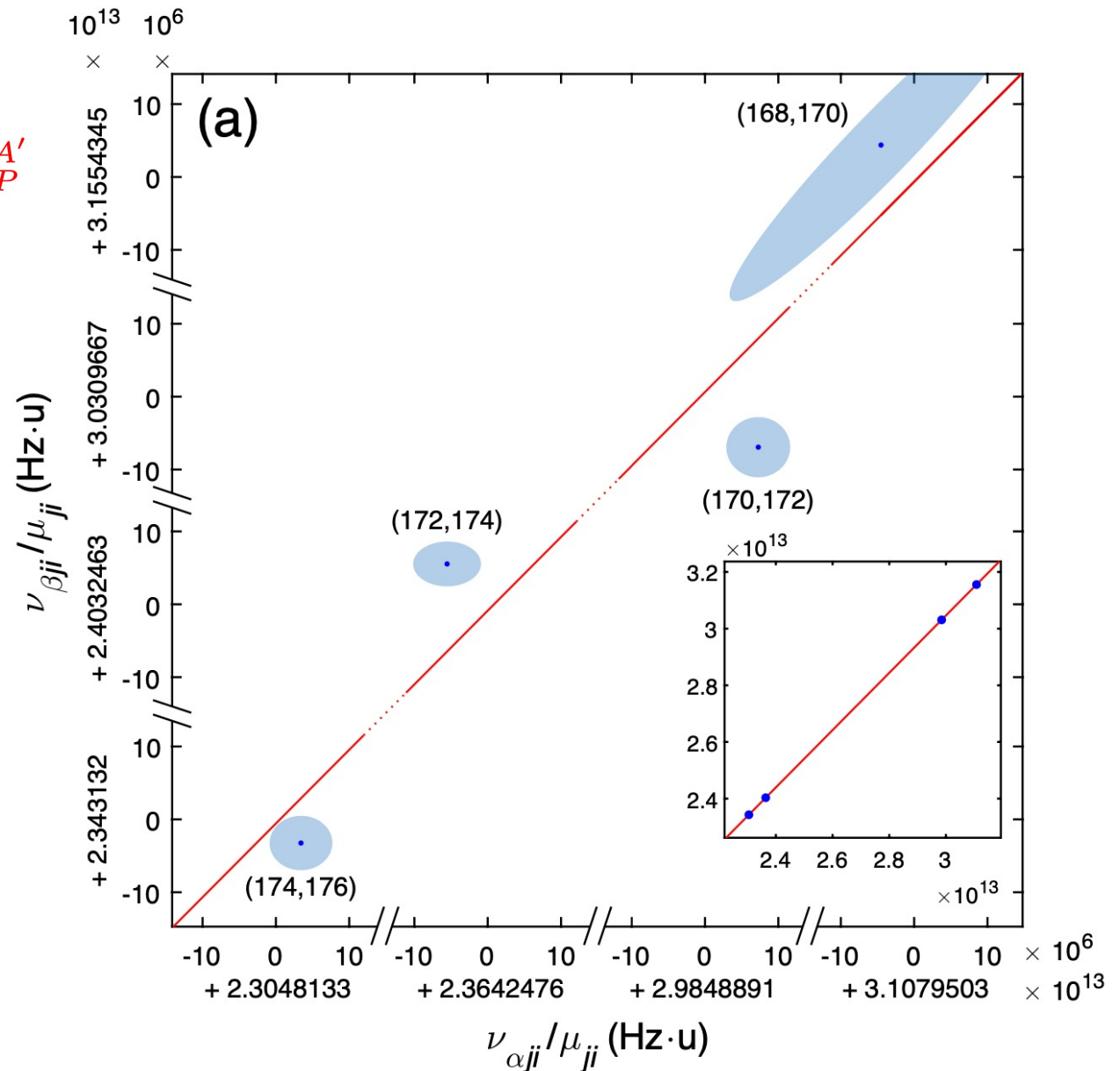
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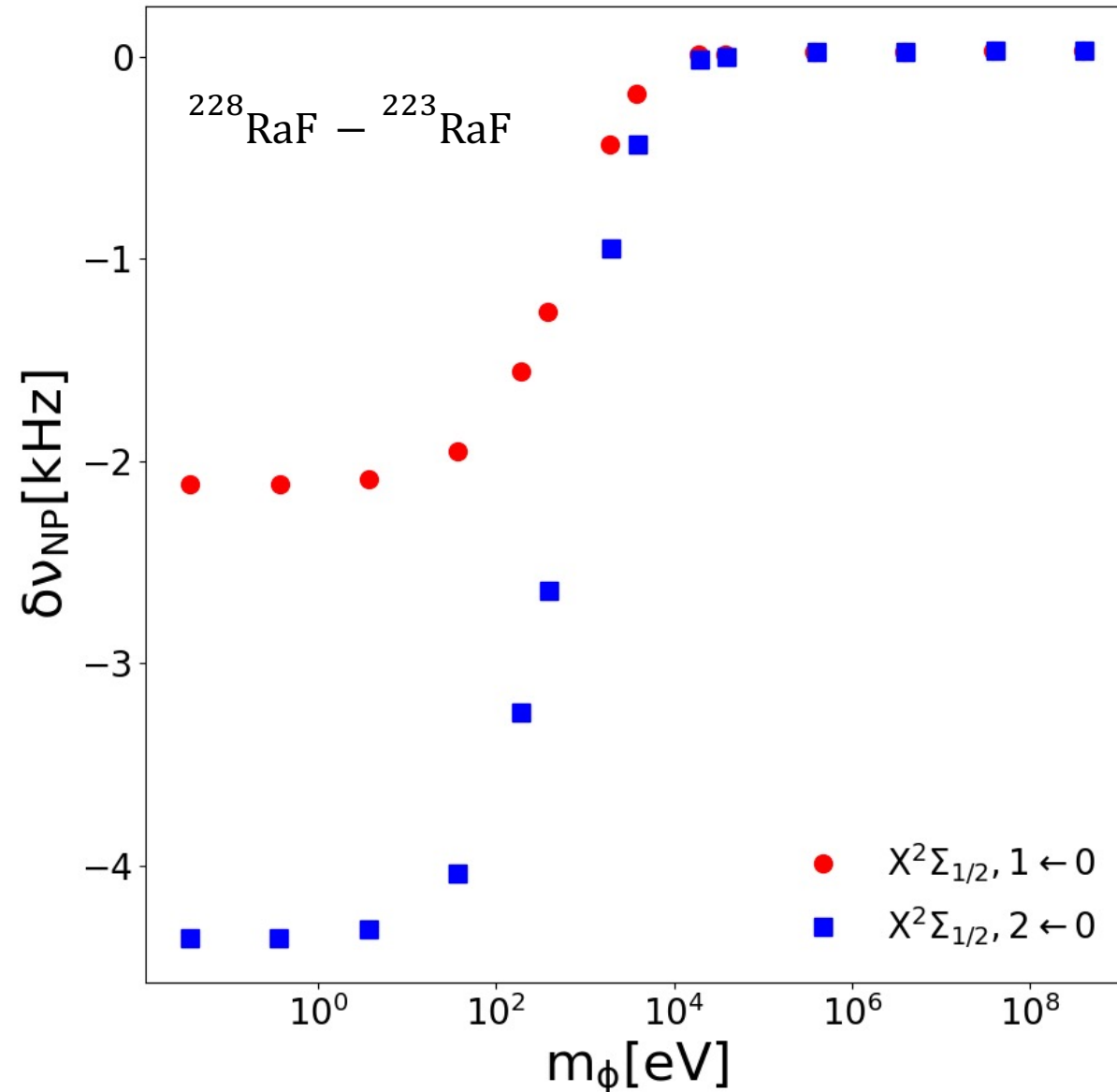
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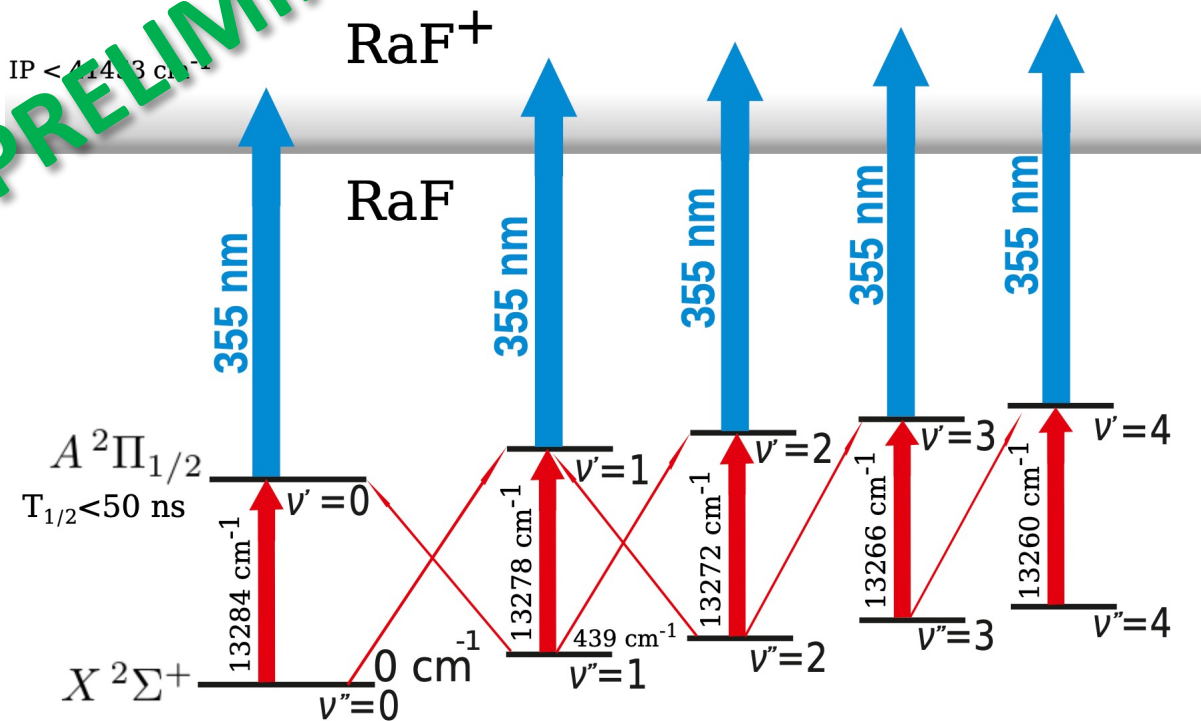
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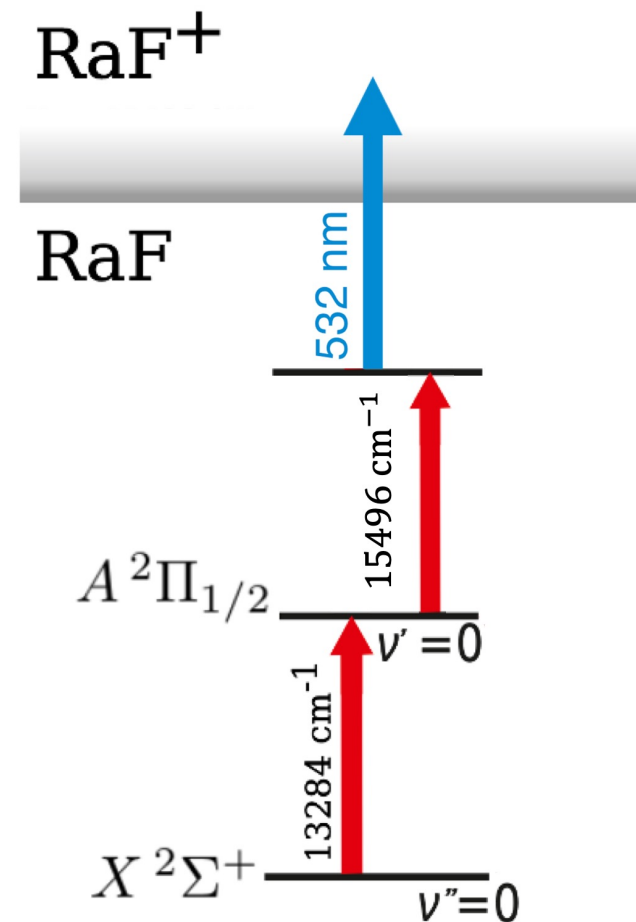


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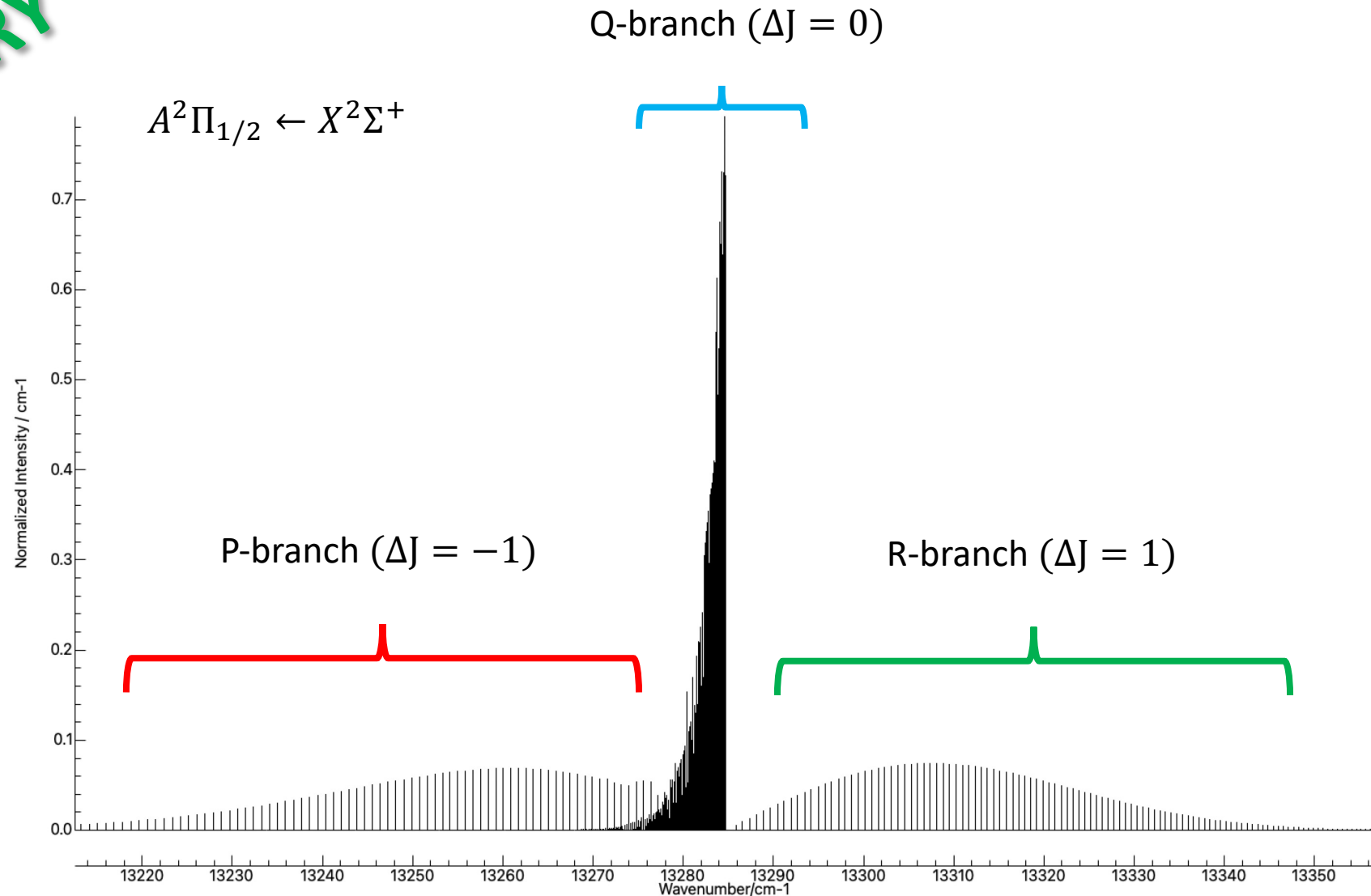
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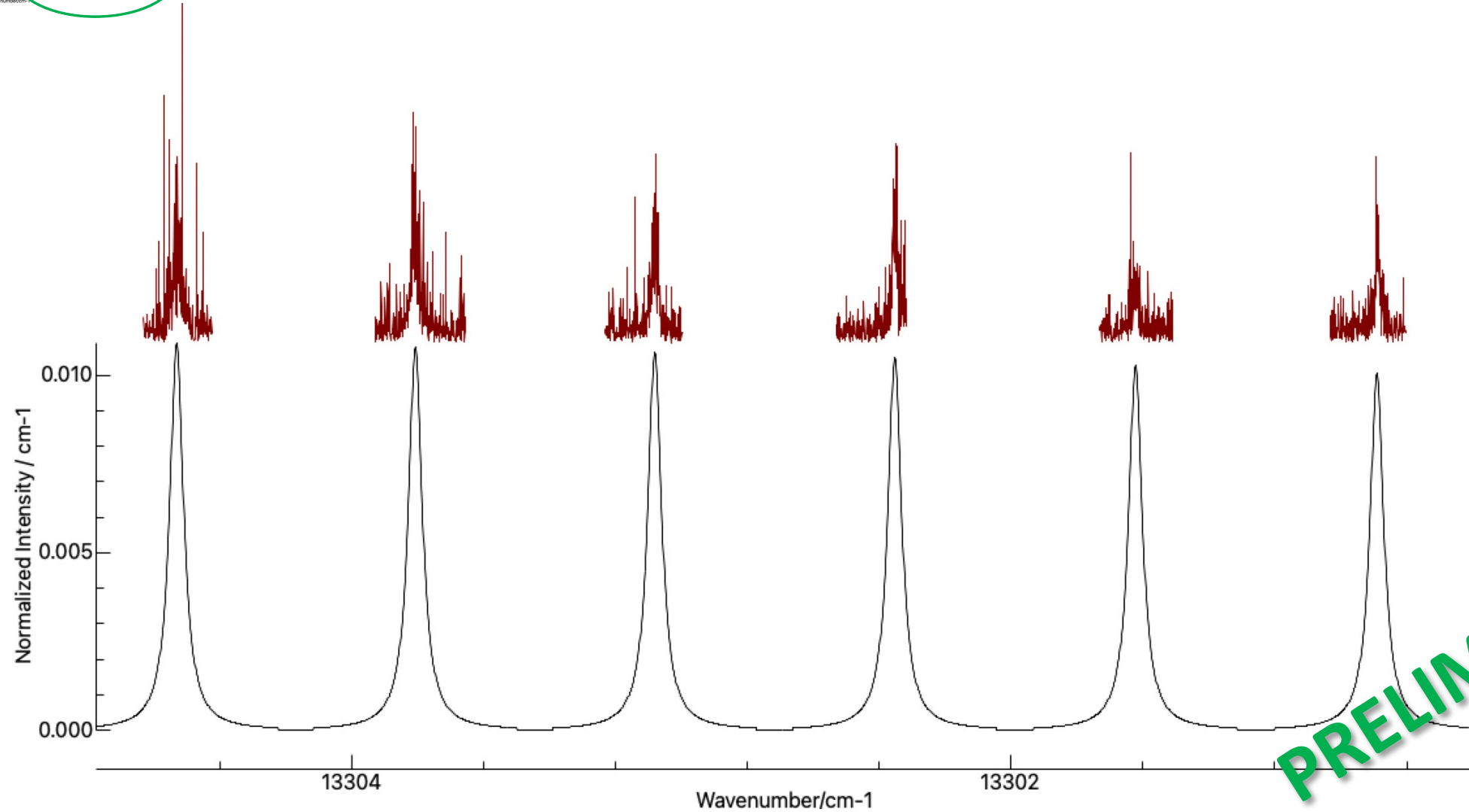
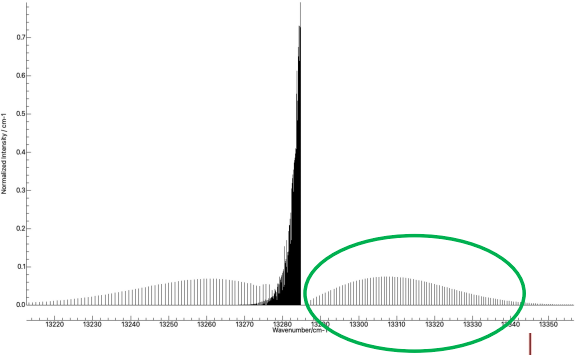
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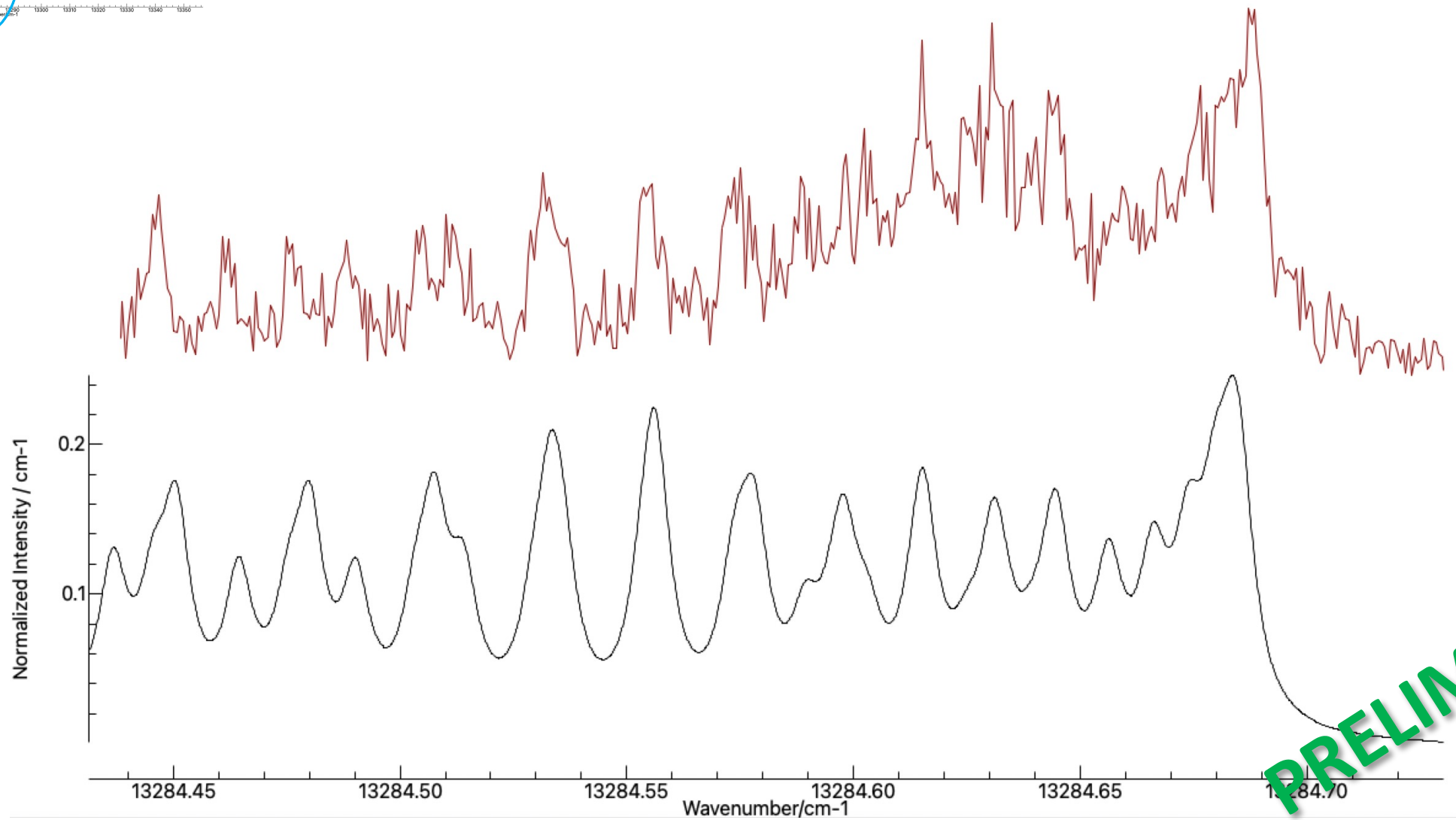
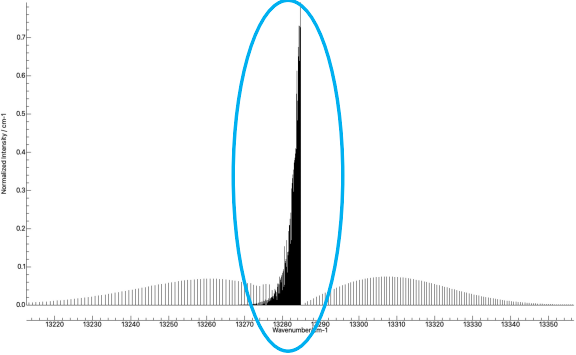


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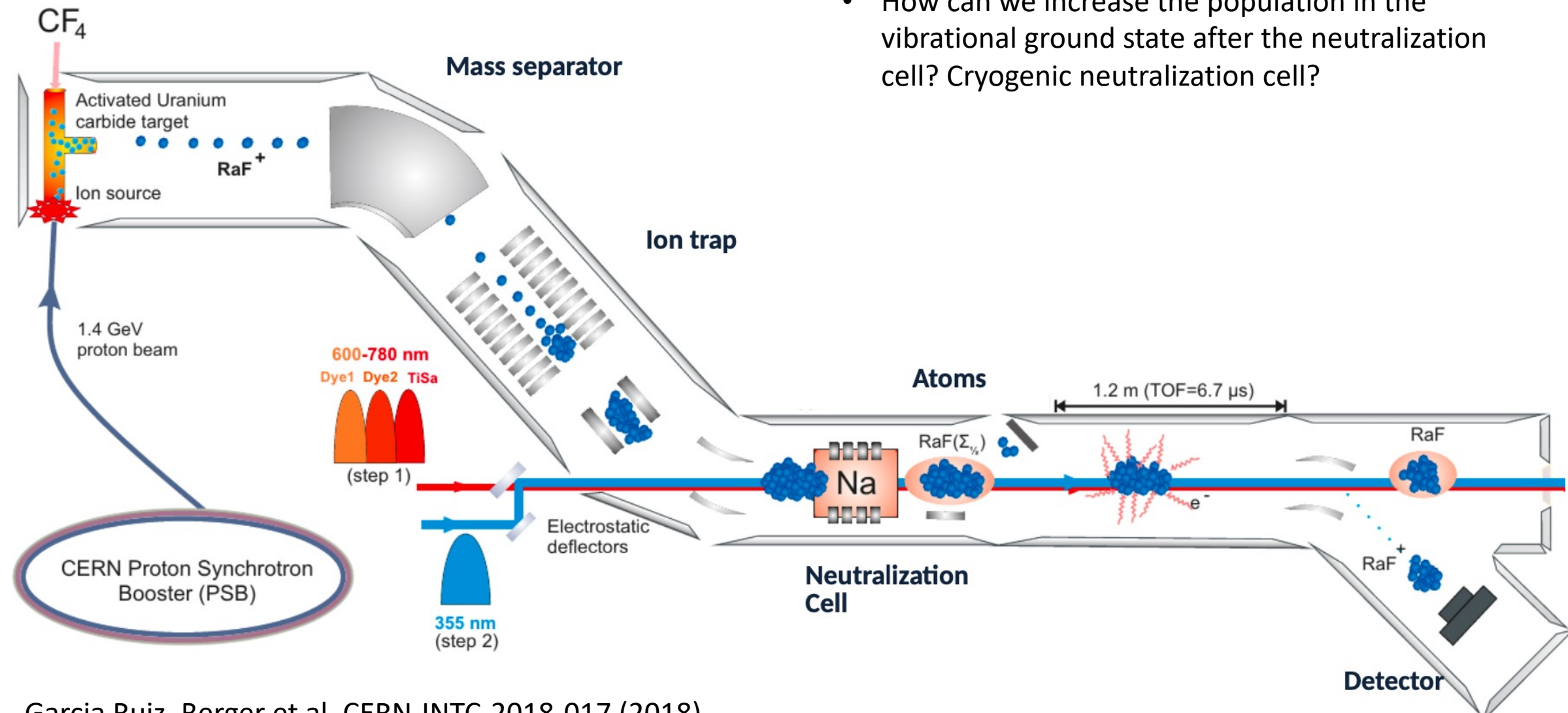
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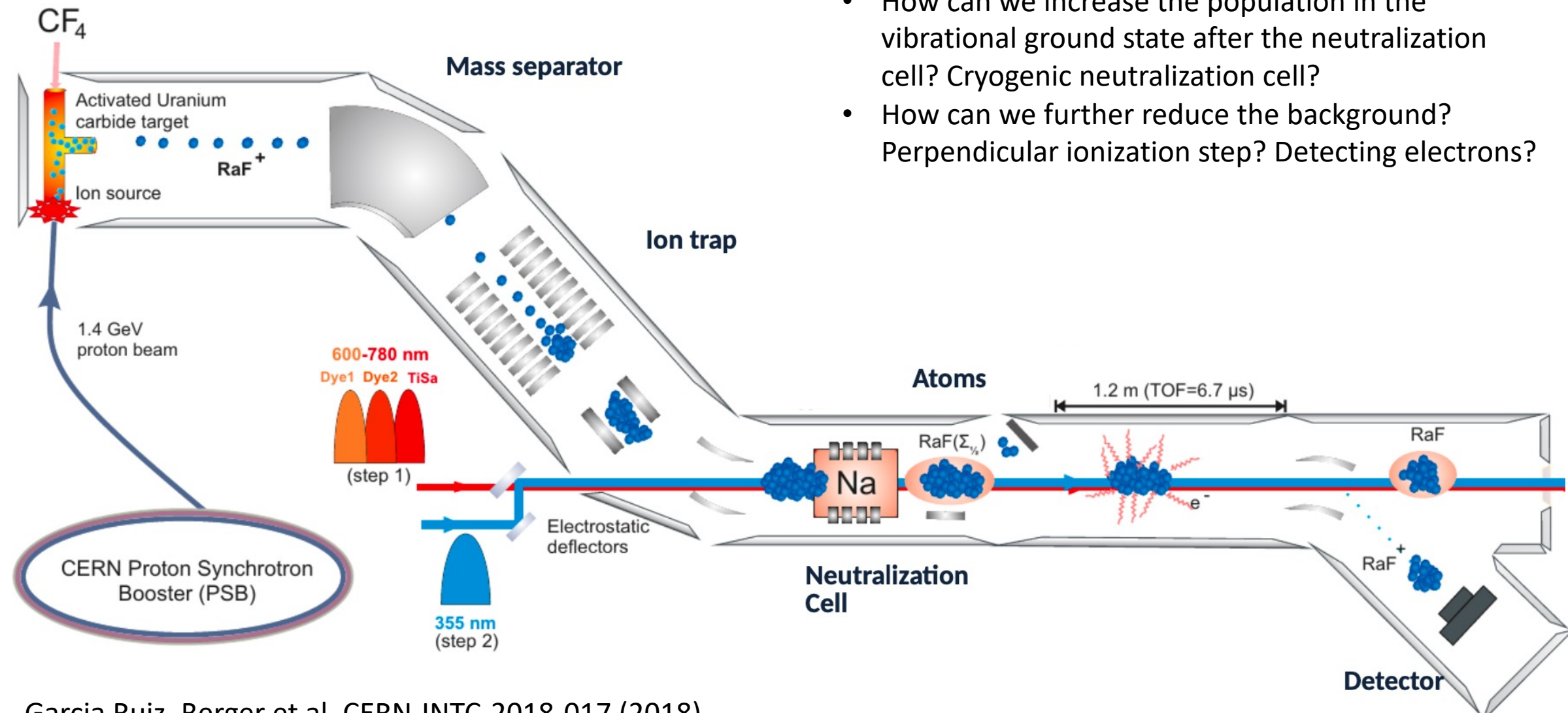
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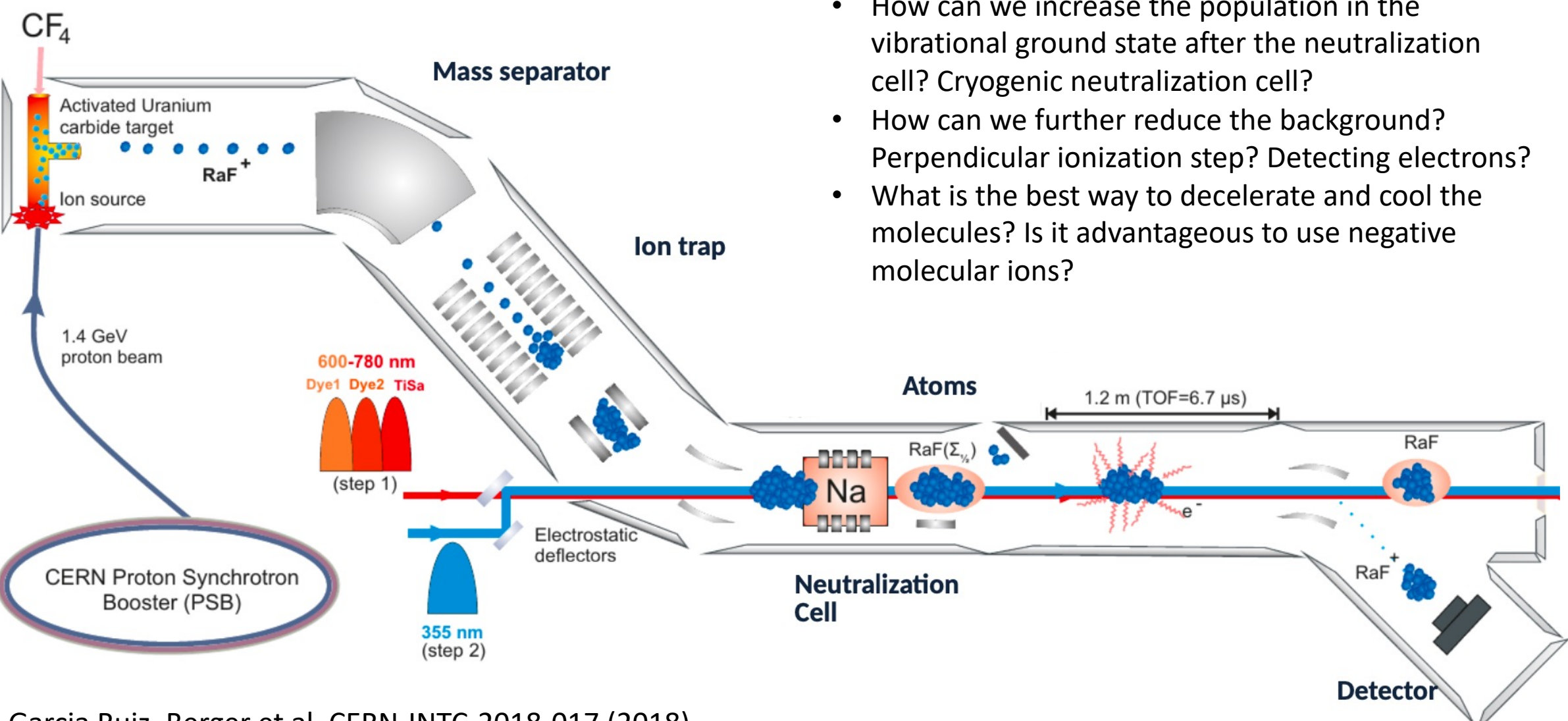
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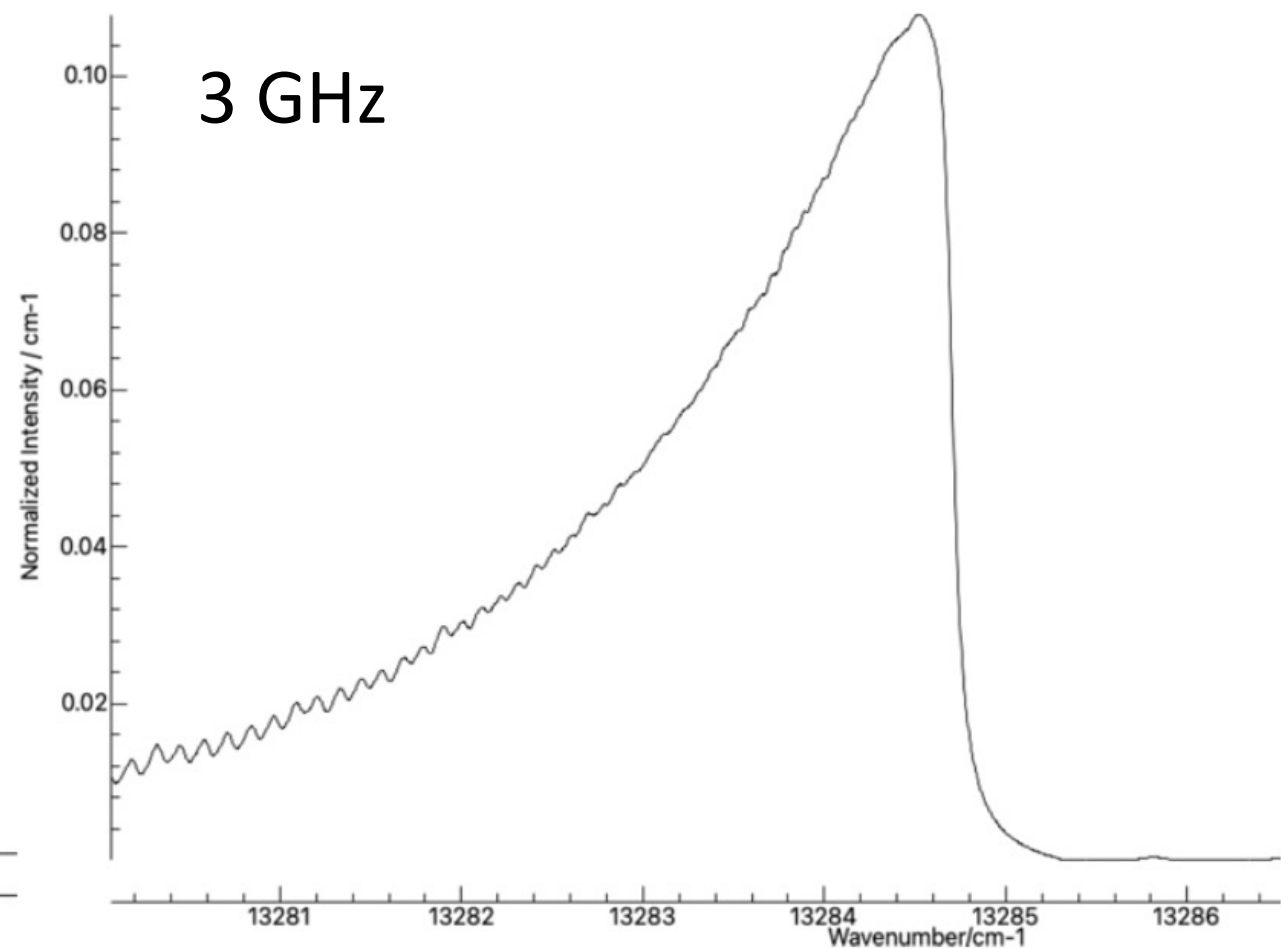
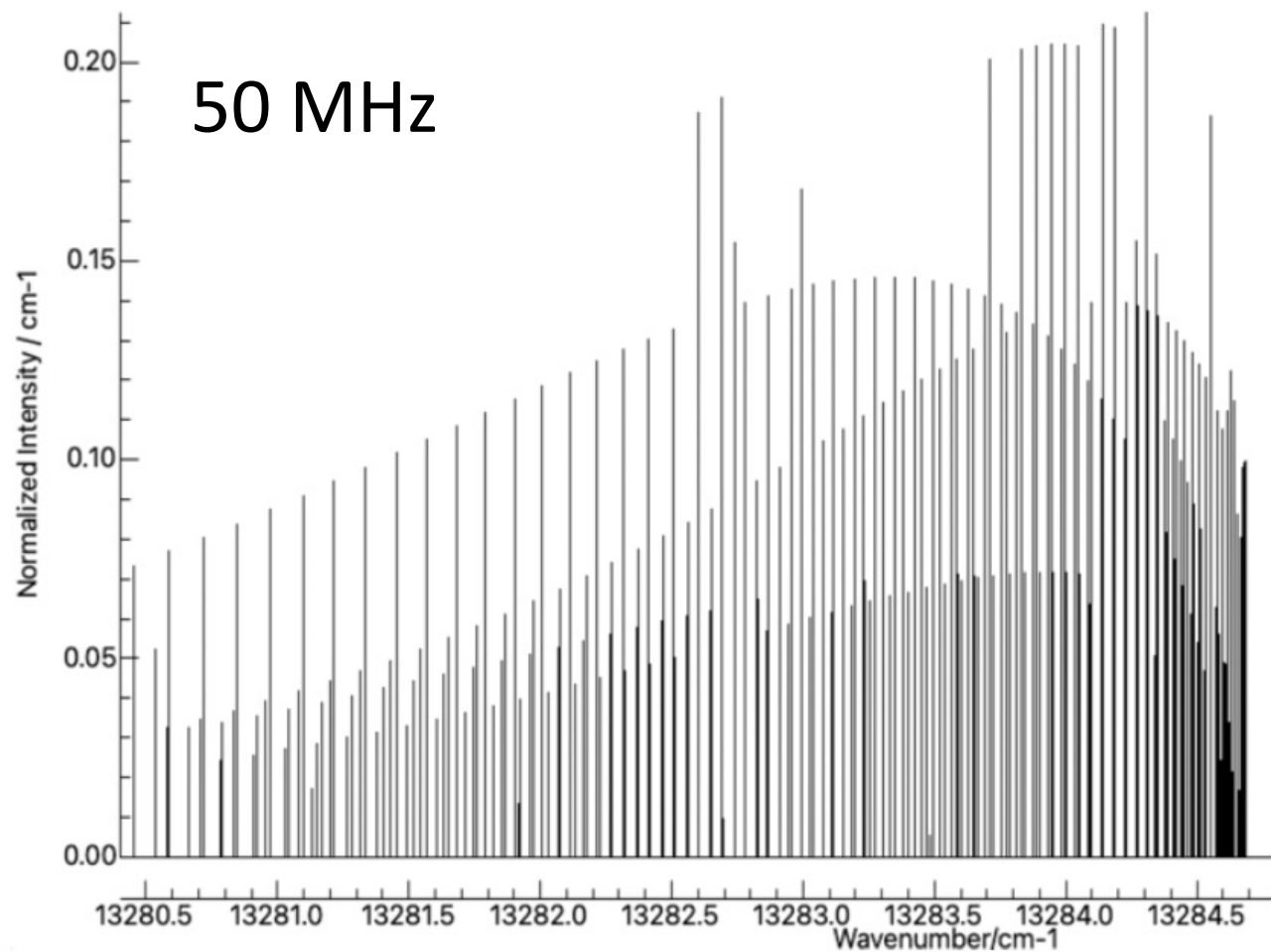
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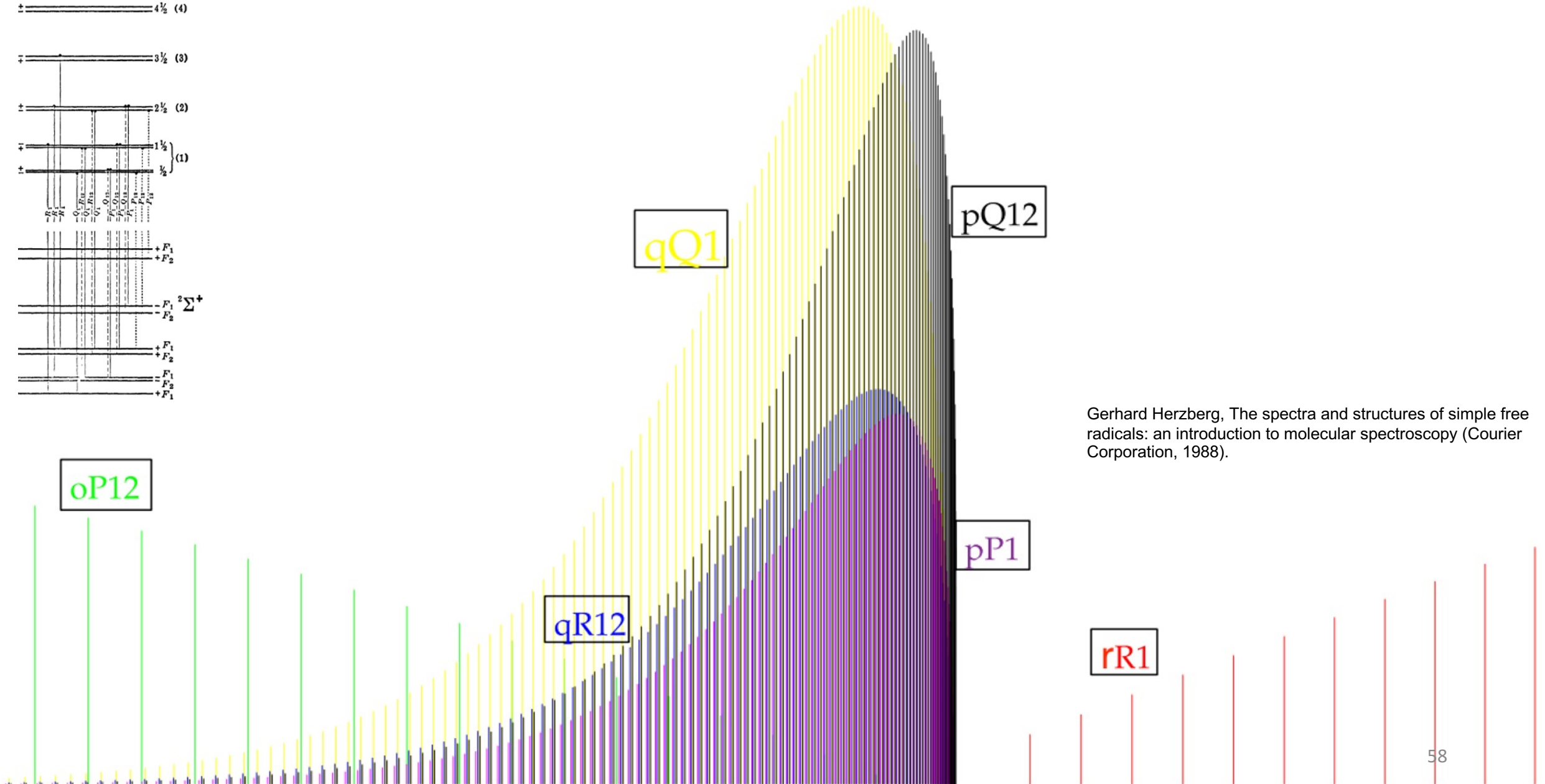
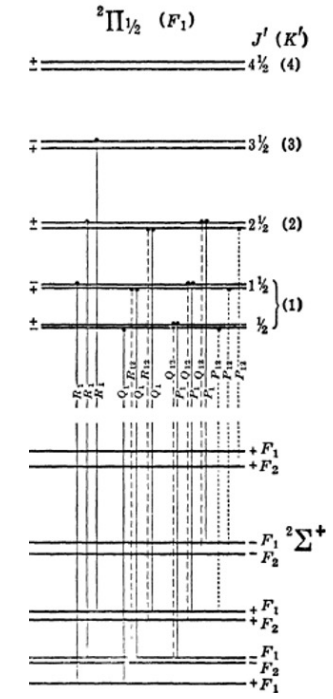
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Backup slides



# Predicted rotational spectrum

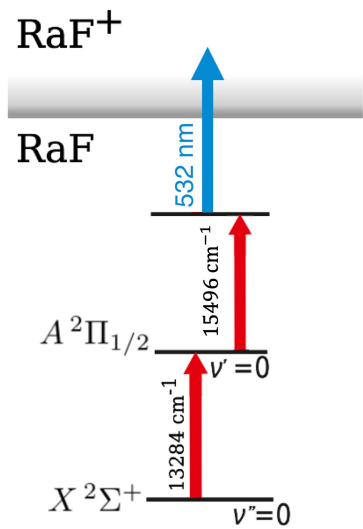


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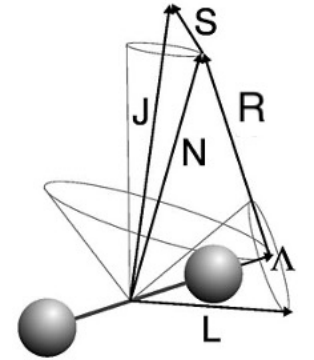
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242	0.269(9)	0.278(14)	0.274(30)	0.298(63)
243	0.176(13)	0.177(28)	0.178(31)	0.064(80)
244	0.117(46)	0.100(74)	0.121(75)	0.001(131)
245	0	0	0	0
247	-0.184(17)	-0.179(26)	-0.251(60)	-0.374(123)



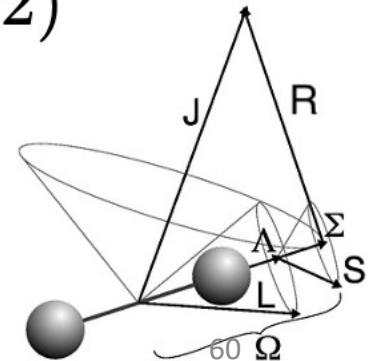
# RaF Hamiltonian

$$H = H_{rot} + H_{SO} + H_{SR} + H_{\Lambda\text{-doubling}}$$

$$X^2\Sigma \text{ (Hund case b)} \quad E_{X^2\Sigma}(J) \begin{cases} B_g(J + 1/2)(J - 1/2) + \frac{\gamma}{2}(J - 1/2) \\ B_g(J + 1/2)(J + 3/2) - \frac{\gamma}{2}(J + 3/2) \end{cases}$$



$$A^2\Pi \text{ (Hund case a)} \quad E_{A^2\Pi_{1/2}}(J) = T - \frac{A}{2} + B_e J(J + 1) \pm \frac{p}{2}(J + 1/2)$$



Centrifugal corrections:  $DJ^2(J + 1)^2$

# Fitting procedure

Parameters needed:

- Ground electronic state:
  - $B_g$  – free parameter [1]
  - $D_g$  – low resolution data
  - $\gamma$  – theory
- Excited electronics state:
  - $B_e$  – high resolution data
  - $D_e$  – low resolution data
  - $p$  – theory
  - $T$  – low resolution data

Constraints:

$$\gamma = -2B_g\Delta g_{\perp} \text{ [1]}$$

$$p = -2B_e$$

$$D = \frac{4B^3}{\omega^2}$$

[1] TA Isaev and R Berger, “Lasercooled radium monofluoride: A molecular all-in-one probe for new physics,” arXiv preprint arXiv:1302.5682 (2013).

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Constraints:

$$\nu_{R(J+2)} - 2\nu_{R(J+1)} + \nu_{R(J)} = 2(B_e - B_g)$$

# $^{223}\text{RaF}$

- Fine structure similar to  $^{226}\text{RaF}$  → small isotope shift corrections

2 shifts for Q-branch 1 – 2  $\text{cm}^{-1}$

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{hfs}} = \sum_{\alpha} \left\{ a_{\eta\nu}^{\alpha} T_{q=0}^1(I_{\alpha}) T_{q=0}^1(L) + b_{F\eta\nu}^{\alpha} T^1(I_{\alpha}) \cdot T^1(S) + (\sqrt{6}/3) c_{\eta\nu}^{\alpha} T_{q=0}^2(I_{\alpha}, S) \right. \\ \left. + \sum'_{q=\pm 1} \exp(-2iq\phi) d_{\eta\nu}^{\alpha} T_{2q}^2(I_{\alpha}, S) \right\} \quad (7.191)$$

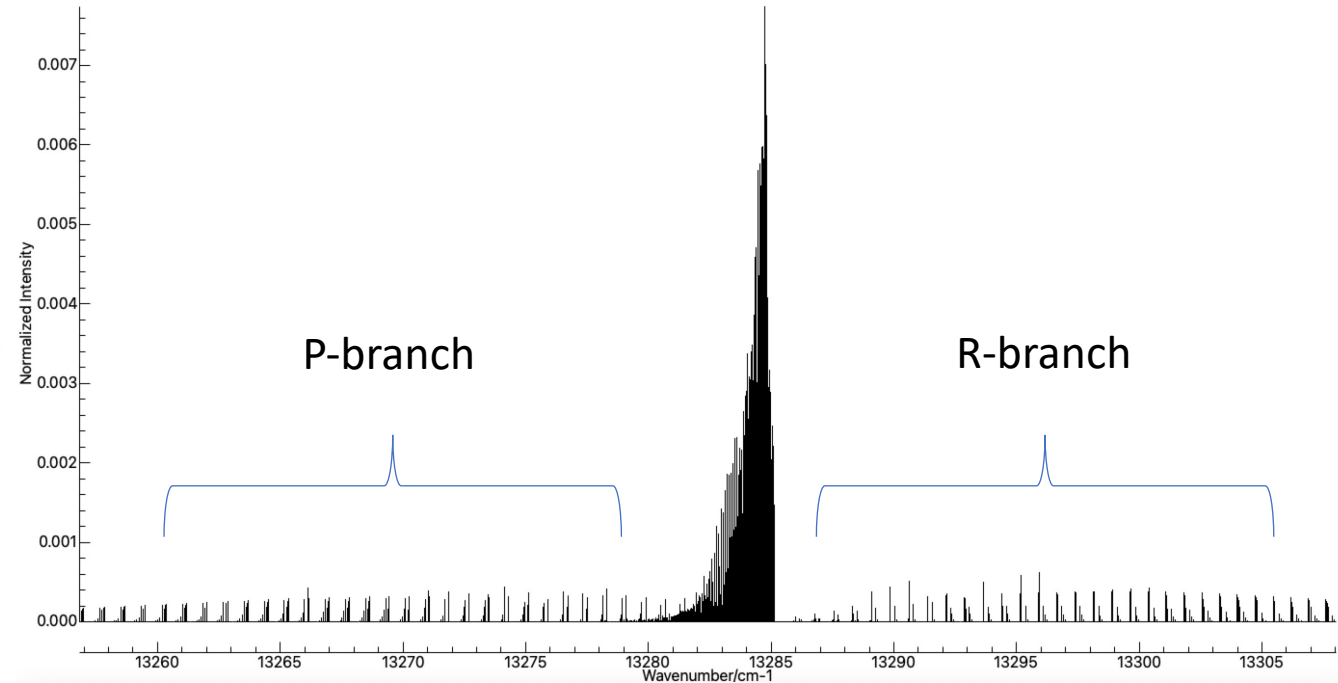
Can be ignored

Non-zero only in  $\Pi_{1/2}$  state

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{Q}} = \sum_{\alpha} \frac{eQ_{\alpha}}{4I_{\alpha}(2I_{\alpha}-1)} \left\{ \sqrt{6} q_0^{\alpha} T_{q=0}^2(I_{\alpha}, I_{\alpha}) + \sum'_{q=\pm 1} \exp(-2iq\phi) q_2^{\alpha} T_{2q}^2(I_{\alpha}, I_{\alpha}) \right\}$$

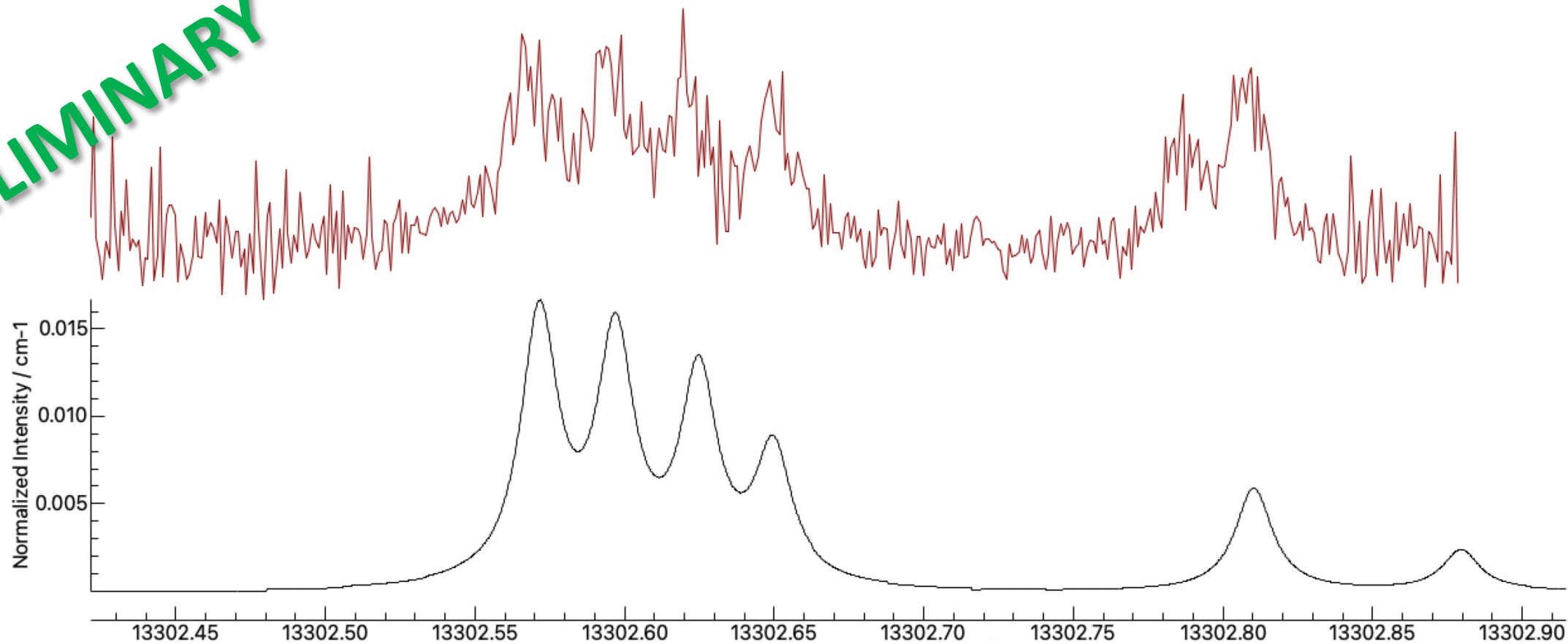
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⇒ 8 parameters



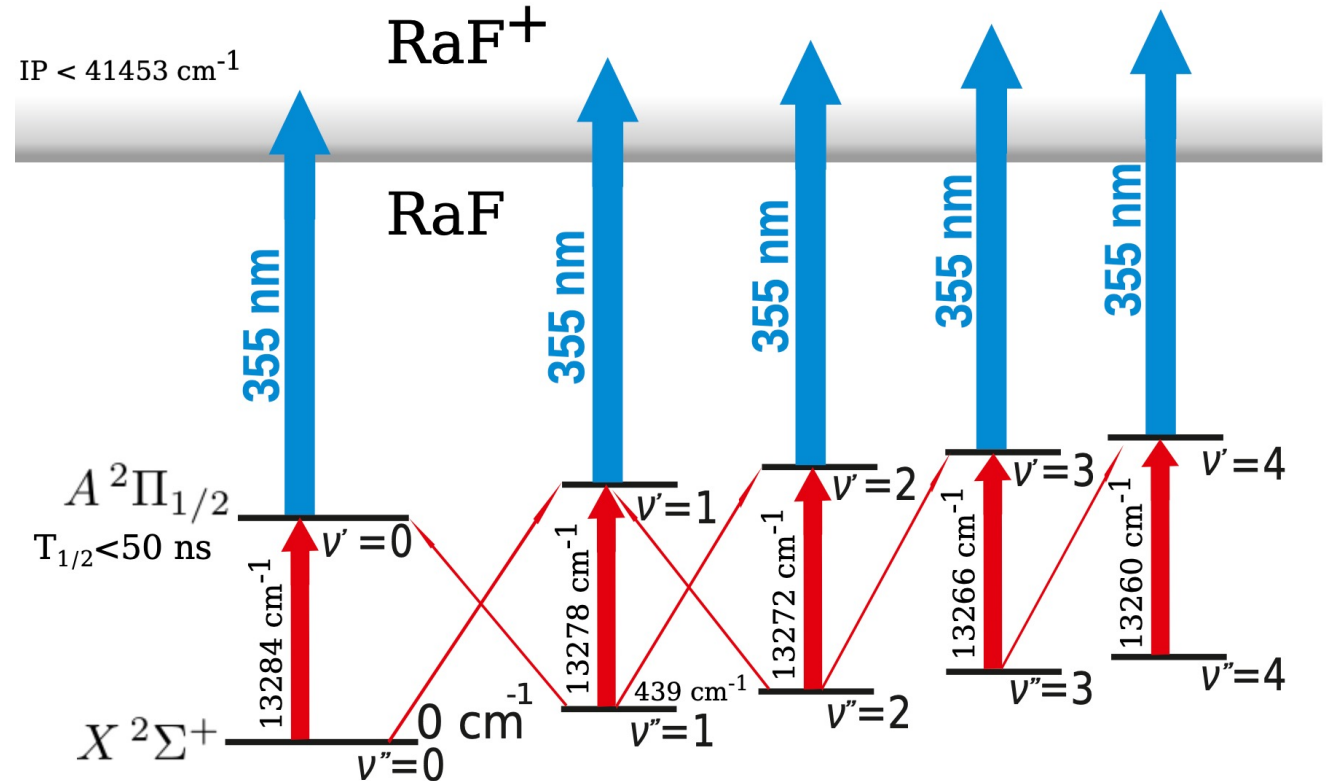
# $^{223}\text{RaF}$

**PRELIMINARY**



# Resonant ionization scheme

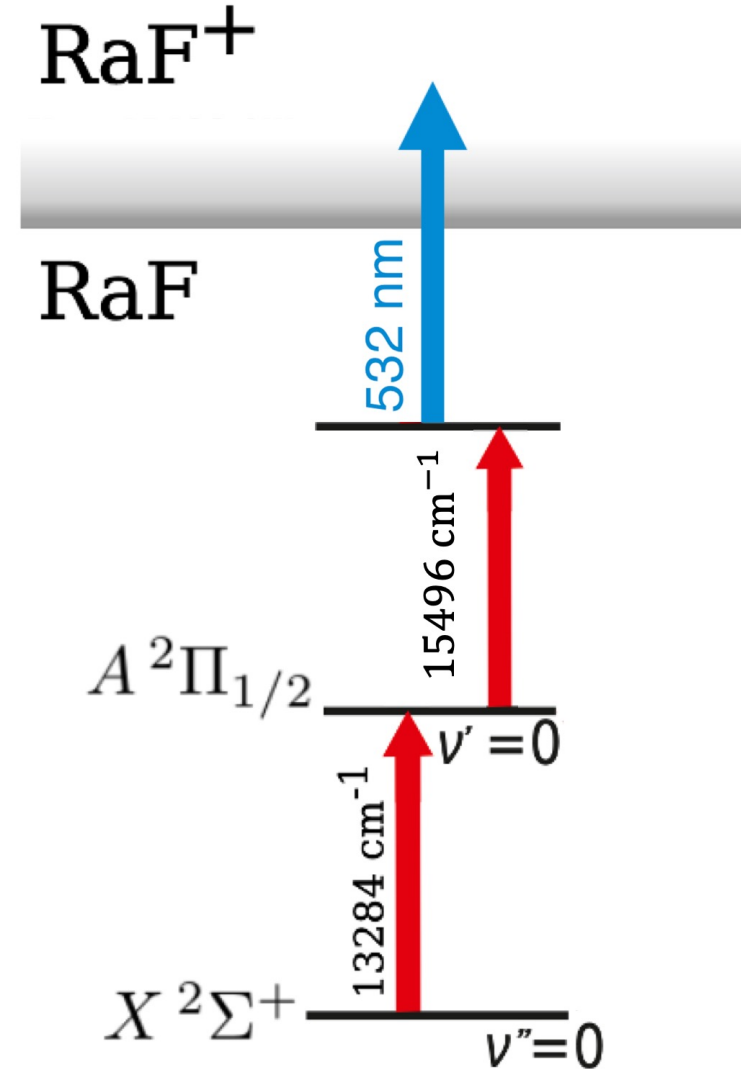
- Resonant laser:
  - Dye laser (pulsed)
  - 10 GHz ( $0.3 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) linewidth
  - 100  $\mu\text{J}$
- Ionization laser:
  - Nd:YAG laser (3<sup>rd</sup> harmonic)
  - $\lambda = 355 \text{ nm}$
  - 100 Hz repetition rate
  - 30 mJ



RF Garcia Ruiz, et al., "Spectroscopy of short-lived radioactive molecules," Nature 581, 396–400 (2020).

# Resonant ionization scheme

- Resonant laser 1
  - Injection seeded
  - 50 MHz linewidth
  - 200  $\mu\text{J}$
- Resonant laser 2
  - PDL
  - 30 GHz linewidth
  - 1 mJ
  - $\lambda = 15496 \text{ cm}^{-1}$
- Ionization laser
  - Nd:YAG laser
  - $\lambda = 532 \text{ nm}$
  - 30 mJ

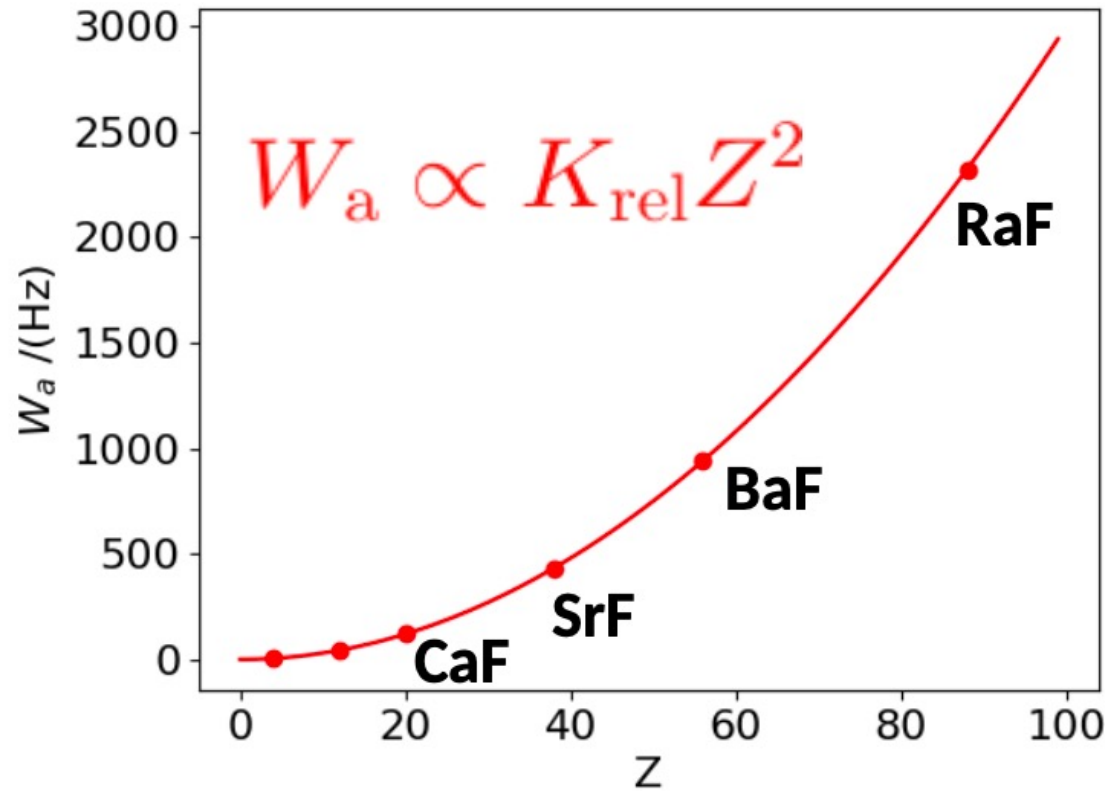




# Why Radium Monofluoride (RaF)?

- Increased sensitivity to P-odd, T-even effects

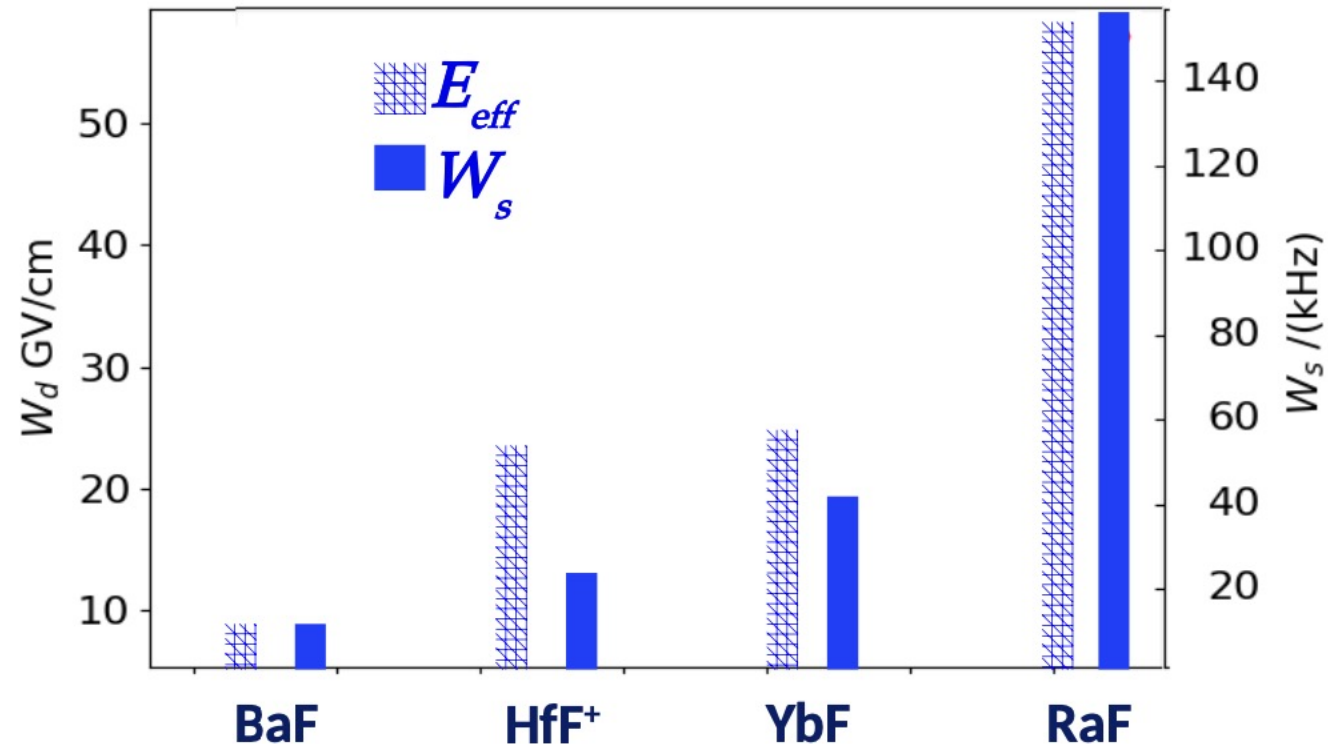
$$\hat{H}_{\text{sr}} = B\vec{N}^2 + \gamma \vec{S}^{\text{eff}} \cdot \vec{N} + \vec{S}^{\text{eff}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{I}} + \vec{N} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{C}} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{I}} + \dots$$
$$+ W_a (K_A/2) [\vec{\lambda} \times \vec{S}^{\text{eff}}] \cdot \vec{\mathbf{I}}$$



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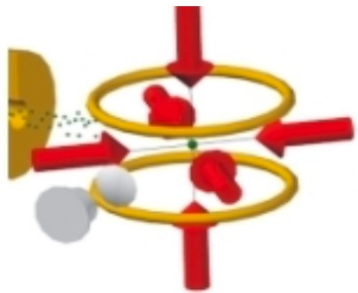
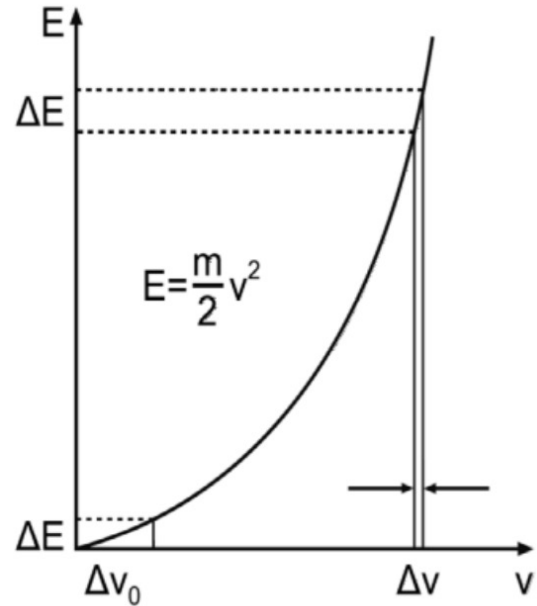
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$$+ W_a(K_A/2)[\vec{\lambda} \times \vec{S}^{\text{eff}}] \cdot \vec{\mathbf{I}} + (W_s k_s + E_{\text{eff}} d_e) \vec{\lambda} \cdot \vec{S}^{\text{eff}}$$



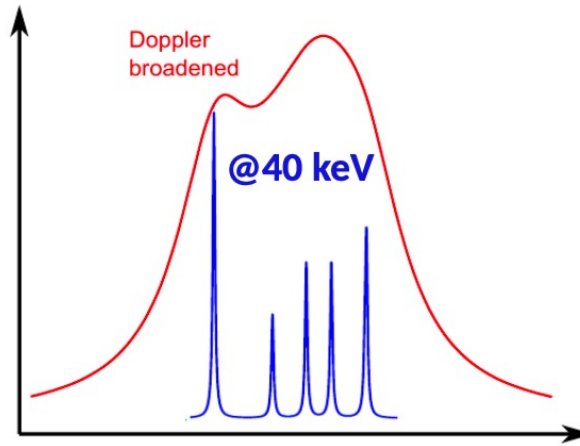
# Experimental Setup

Hot molecules  $\Rightarrow$  Doppler broadening

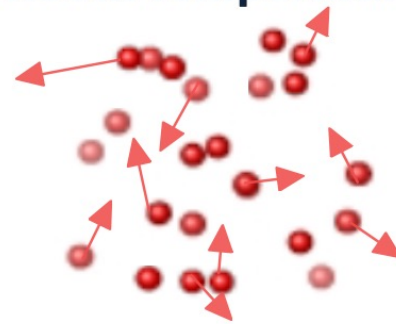


$T < \mu\text{K}$

$\Gamma_D < \text{MHz}$



Room temperature



$300 \text{ K} \rightarrow 25 \text{ meV}$

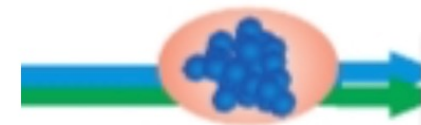
$\Gamma_D > \text{GHz}$

Energy spread

$$\Gamma_D = \nu_0 \frac{\delta E}{\sqrt{2eUm c^2}}$$

Ion beam energy

Fast beam



$\vec{v}$

@ 40 keV

$\Gamma_D \sim \text{MHz}$

# Isotope Shift of RaF - Results

$$\delta\nu_{IS}^{AA'} = K' \left( \frac{M_A - M'_A}{M_A M'_A} \right) + \left( \Delta V_{00} + \frac{\nu + 1/2}{\sqrt{\mu_A}} \Delta V_{10} + \frac{J(J+1)}{\mu} \Delta V_{01} \right) \delta \langle r_c^2 \rangle^{AA'}$$

Method	$\Delta V_{00}^{A,\Pi-\Sigma}$	$\Delta V_{10}^{A,\Pi-\Sigma}$	$\Delta(\bar{\rho}_e^A)^{\Pi-\Sigma}$
exp.	-0.839(33)	-0.065(120)	392(15)
FSCCSD	-0.795(82)	-0.014(150)	371(38)
FSCCSD <sub>c</sub>	-0.823(85)	-0.014(155)	385(40)

# Isotope Shift – King plot nonlinearity

