# ELECTRONIC STRUCTURE OF EXOTIC ATOMS AND MOLECULES

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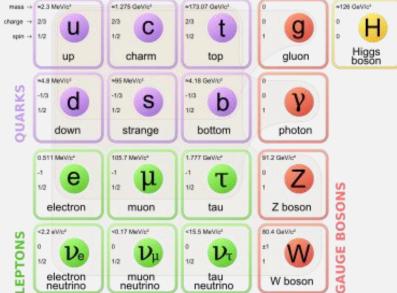
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# MOTIVATION

# Why look for physics beyond the Standard Model (SM)?

- The SM is currently the best fitting physical description of the world around us.
- So far successfully explained the majority of observed natural phenomena and has strong predictive power (Higgs boson, top quark, tau neutrino)
- But... it is incomplete



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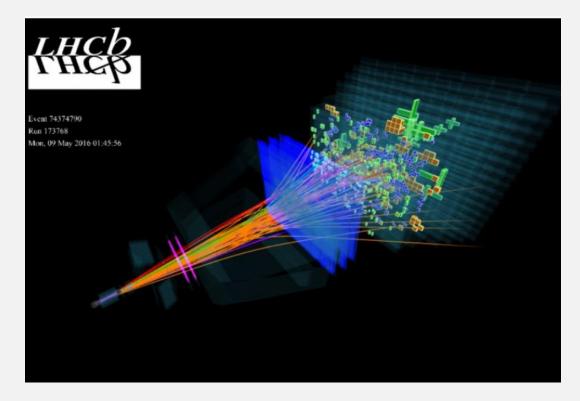
- Extensions to the SM attempt to fill these knowledge gaps.
  - Grand Unified Theories, String Theory, SUSY, ...
- These extensions predict new physical phenomena beyond the SM.
  - Variation of fundamental constants (VFC)
  - Violation of fundamental symmetries (CP, P, T)
- (non) discovery of these phenomena allows to discriminate between extensions or new theories.

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- Accelerator research (LHCb, T2K, etc.)
- Table-top experiments



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- Table-top experiments: promising alternative to high energy research
  - Versatile, sensitive to different phenomena
    - Parity violation
    - EDMs (electron, hadronic)
    - Variation of fundamental constants
    - Dark matter
    - ..
  - Various enhancement effects  $\rightarrow$  high sensitivity
  - Small scale
  - (Relatively) inexpensive

Search for new physics with atoms and molecules

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For use in experiments:

- Reliable predictions based on high accuracy calculations
- Preference for *ab initio* methods (predictive power)
- Possibility of assigning uncertainties

**Choice of computational method becomes important** 

# COMPUTATIONAL METHODS

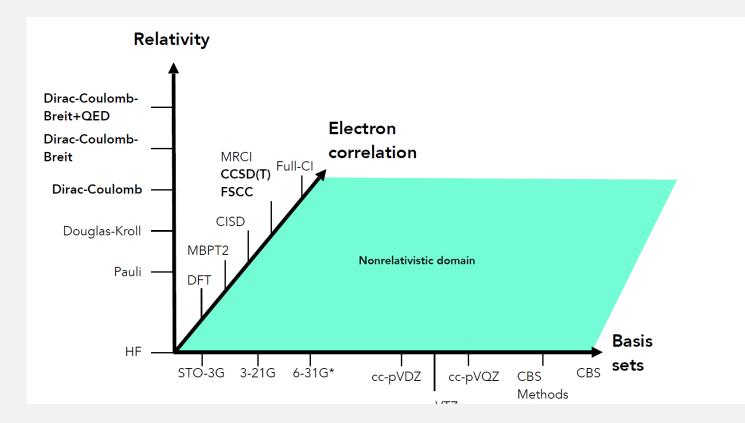
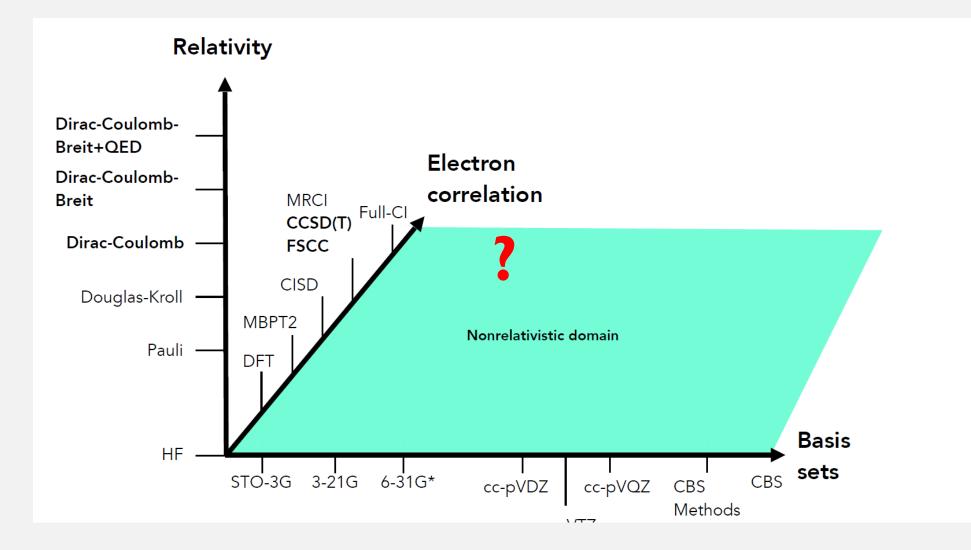


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#### What do we want to calculate?

- Coupling parameters describing the effect of P(T)-violating phenomena (or variation of constants) on electronic structure
  - Relativistic in nature, hence relativistic methods
- Atomic and molecular parameters needed in experiments
  - (usually) heavy (radioactive) systems, hence relativistic methods
- High accuracy
  - State-of-the-art treatment of correlation, large basis sets
- Uncertainty estimates
  - Robust, transparent methods

#### **Relativistic coupled cluster**

- Based on the 4c Dirac Hamiltonian
- Accurate, size-consistent
- **CCSD(T)** single reference coupled cluster

Closed shell systems/systems with one dominant configuration (good example: BaF, X  $^{2}\Sigma$ )

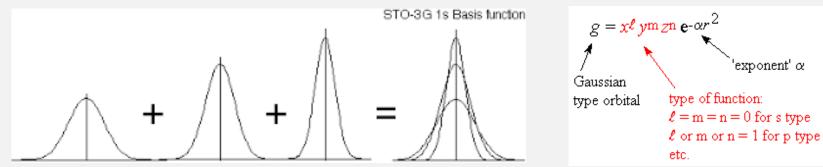
• **FSCC** – multireference Fock space coupled cluster

Open shell systems, excited states, bond dissociation (good example: ThO  ${}^{3}\Delta_{1}$  or any atomic spectrum)

Use the suitable method, or both in complementary manner.

#### **Basis sets**

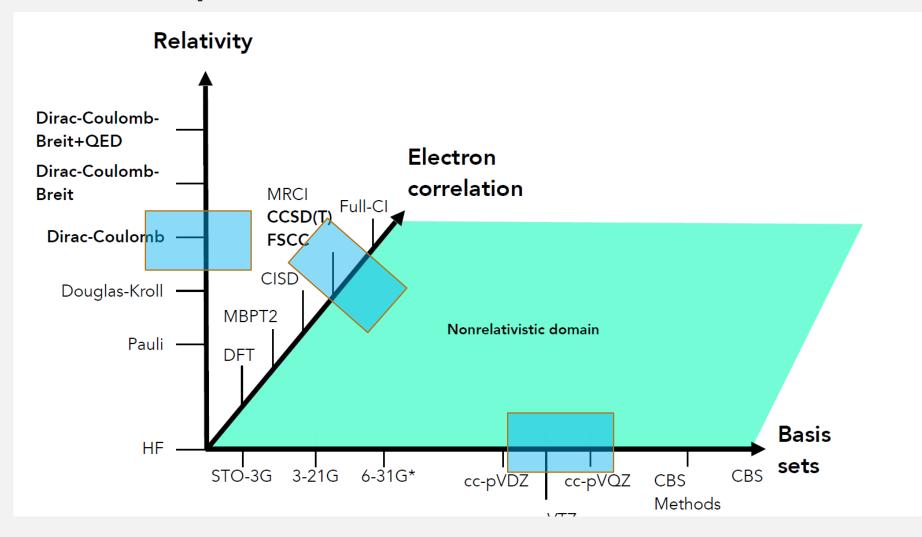
- Sets of (Gaussian) functions that are used to represent the electronic WF.
- Atom specific, different basis sets for different properties



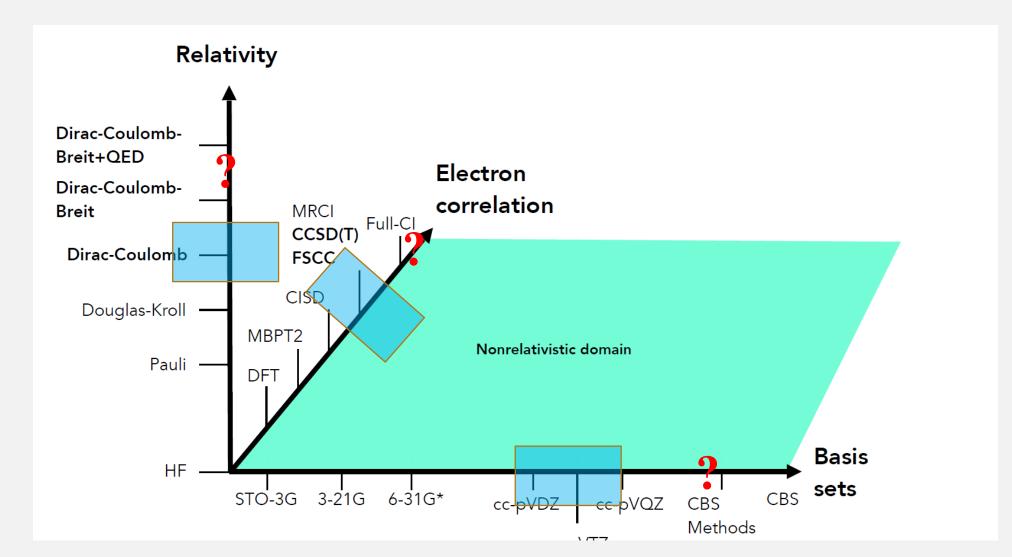
• Dyall's relativistic basis sets; augmented and extended to convergence

(K.G. Dyall, Theor. Chem Acc. 2002, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2012, etc.)

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### How do we assign uncertainties?



#### Software

• Tel Aviv atomic computational package (TRAFS-3C)

Tel-Aviv Relativistic Atomic Fock-Space coupled cluster code, written by E.Eliav and U.Kaldor, with contributions from Y. Ishikawa, A. Landau, A. Borschevsky and H.Yakobi.

• DIRACI8 computational package

DIRAC, a relativistic *ab initio* electronic structure program, release DIRAC18 (2018)

#### and:

- MRCC code of Kallay et al., <u>www.mrcc.hu</u> (higher excitations)
- CFOUR package, <a href="http://www.cfour.de">http://www.cfour.de</a> (geometry optimisation of polyatomic molecules)

### What can we calculate?

- Atomic properties: energies, IPs, EAs, spectra, hyperfine structure parameters, polarisabilities
- Molecular properties: geometries, spectroscopic constants, electronic structure, Franck-Condon Factors (FCFs), transition strengths
- Specific properties:
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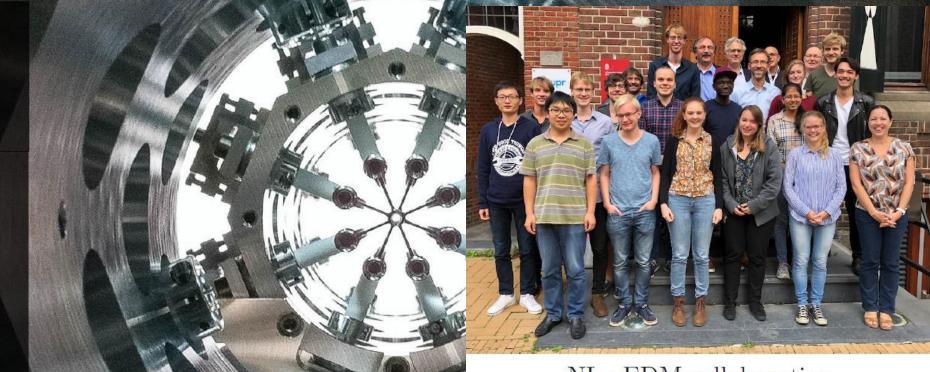
# APPLICATIONS

- Search for eEDM in BaF molecules:
  - Laser cooling scheme
  - Sensitivity to eEDM: new method + uncertainty evaluation
  - Sanity check: HFS constants in BaF
- Same methods, new stuff:
  - IP of RaF
  - Polyatomic molecules

# NL-eEDM Measuring the electron-EDM with BaF molecules

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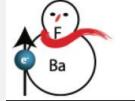


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# **Electron EDM**

- Standard Model prediction: ~10<sup>-38</sup> e\*cm
- SM extensions predict much larger values
- Measurement will provide signal of new physics
- Use a molecule!
- YbF,ThO, HfF<sup>+</sup>,...
- Upper limit 10<sup>-29</sup> e\*cm, with ThO\*

Improved limit on the electric dipole moment of the electron

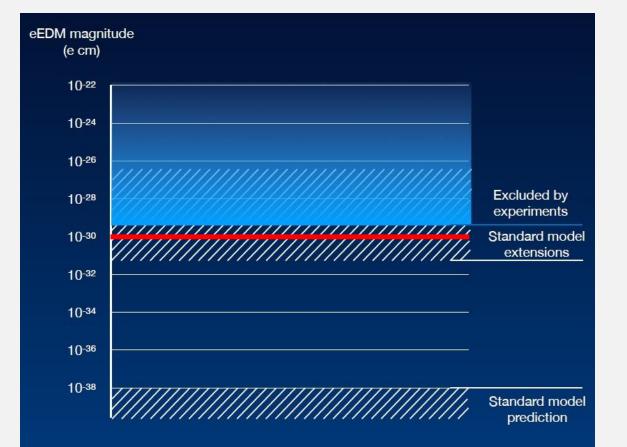
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- ... and **BaF** 
  - Experimental advantages (laser cooling, Stark deceleration)

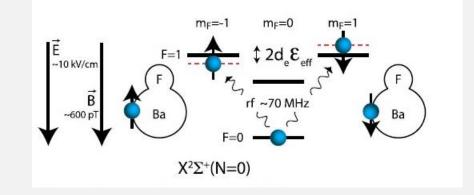
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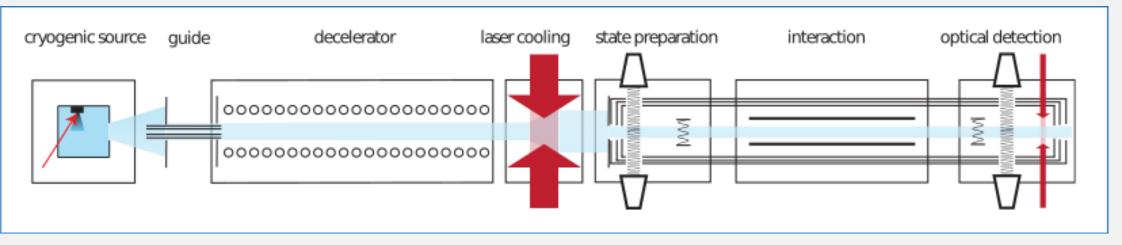


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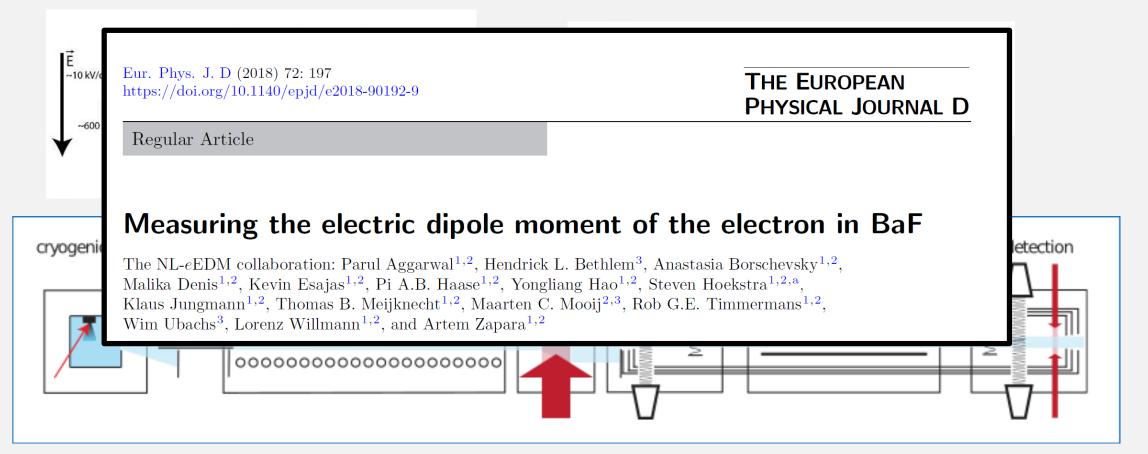


$$\sigma_d = \frac{1}{2|P|W_d \langle \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{n} \rangle \tau \sqrt{N}}$$



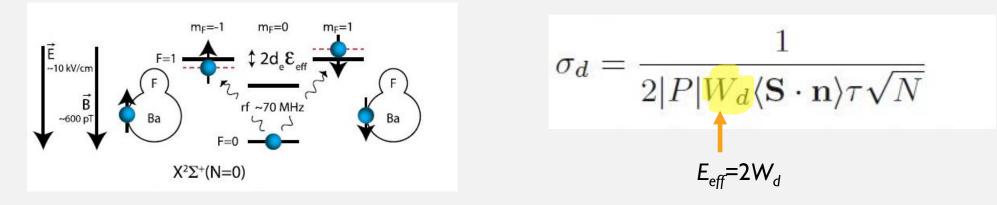
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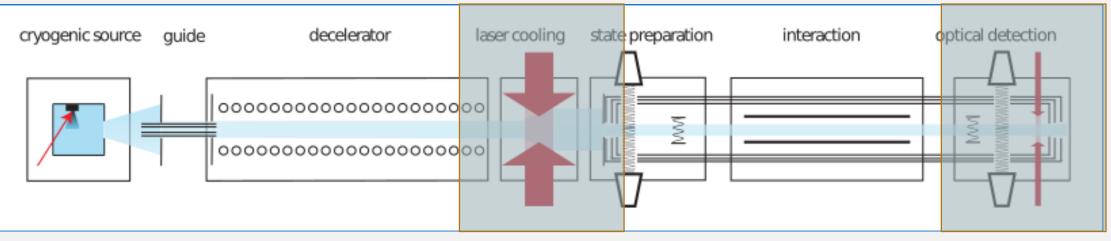
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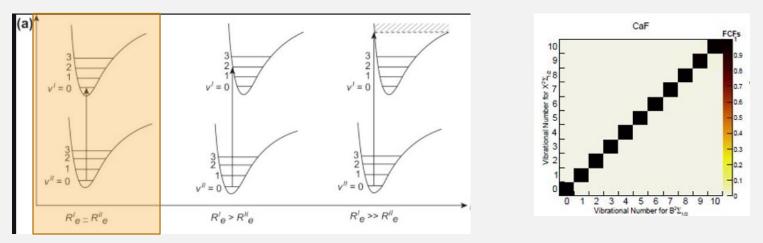
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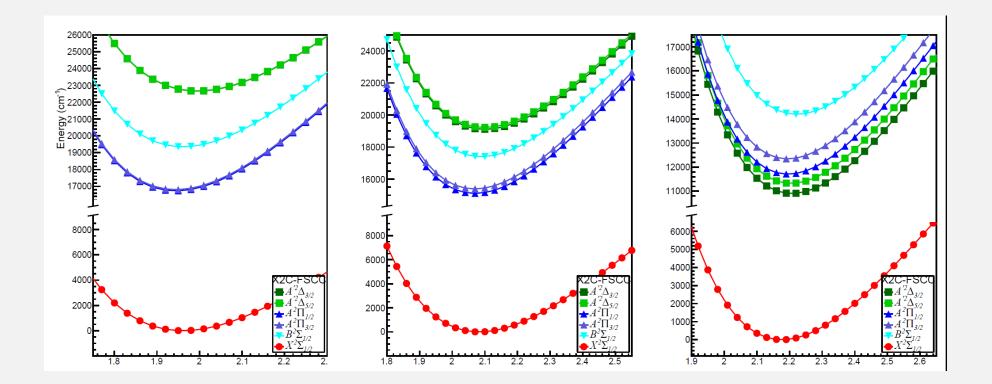


- Using light to slow transverse motion of the molecules
- We need to identify the optimal cooling scheme (transition):
  - Short lifetime (efficient cooling)
  - Diagonal Frank-Condon factors (FCFs), to avoid leaks

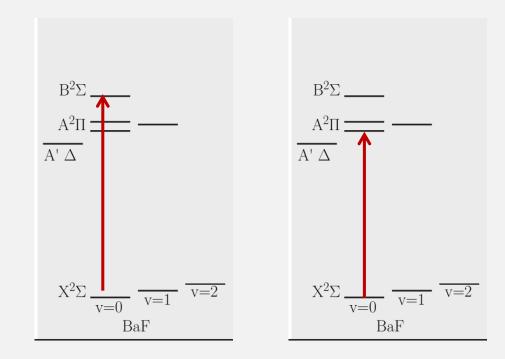


• Needed: potential energy curves, spectroscopic constants, FCFs, transition dipole moments, etc.

Relativistic FSCC calculations for the 6 lowest electronic states of CaF, SrF, and BaF

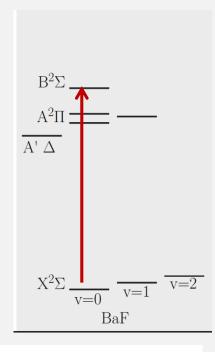


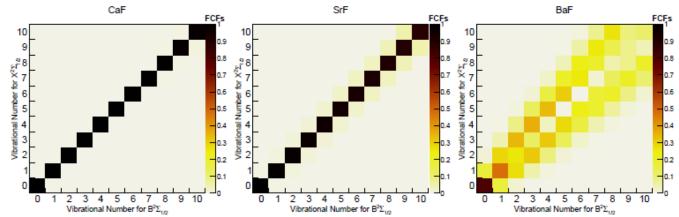
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- Use calculated FCFs (measure of overlap of vibrational wavefunctions) to determine the appropriate scheme
- Diagonal FCFs  $\rightarrow$  efficient cooling

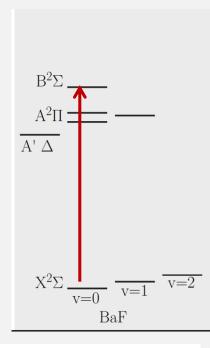
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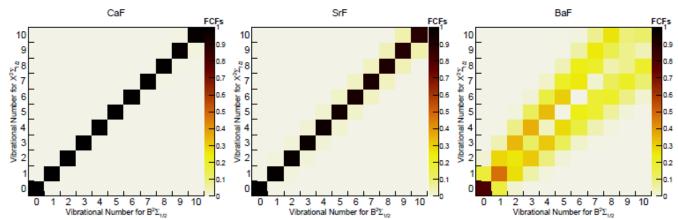




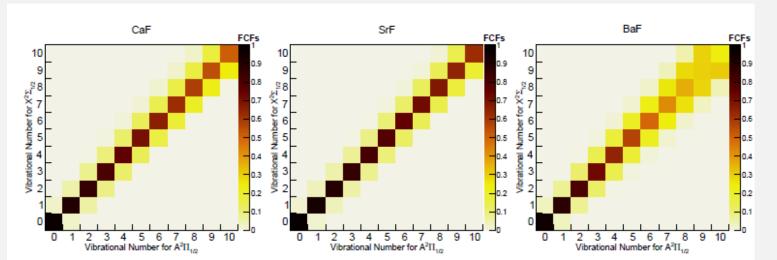
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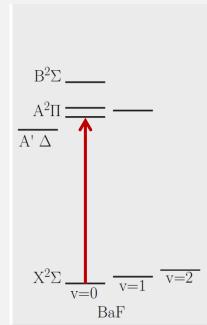
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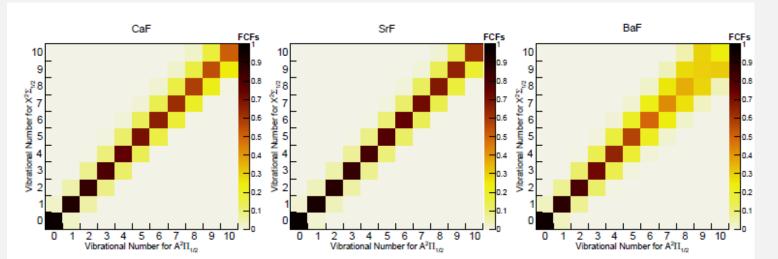
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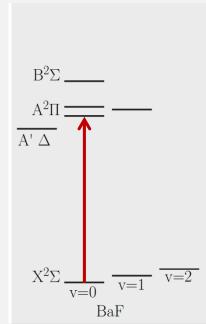




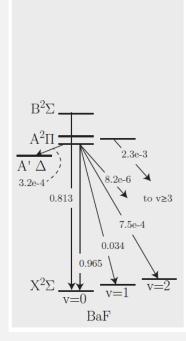
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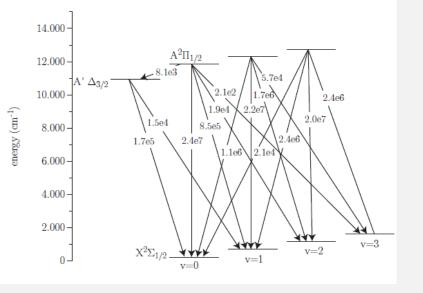
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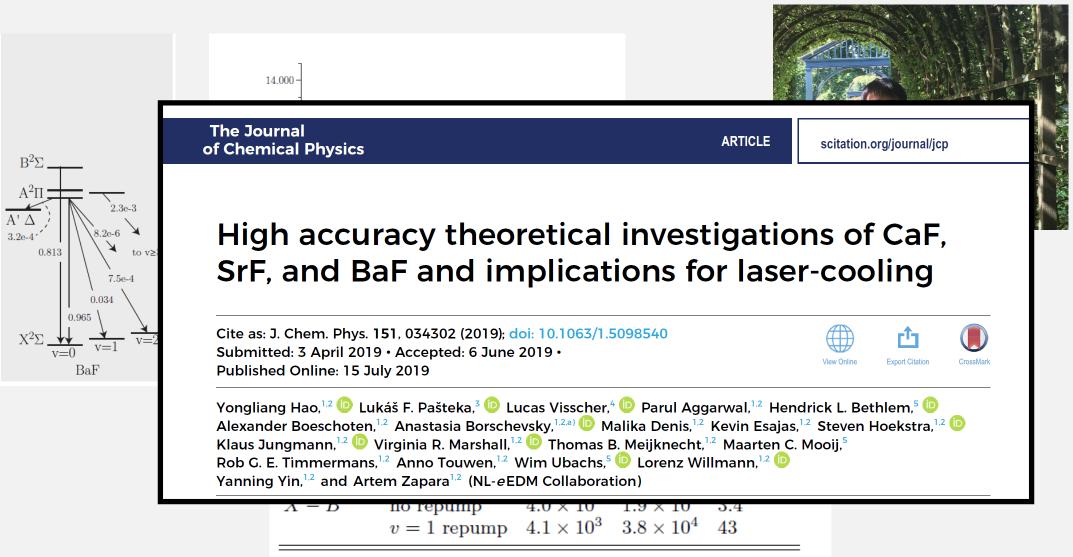




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Transition	Repump	CaF	$\mathbf{SrF}$	BaF
X - A	no repump	25	36	19
	v = 1 repump			
	v = 2 repump	$2.2 \times 10^4$	$6.2 \times 10^4$	
	$\Delta$ repump			$7.6 \times 10^4$
X - B	no repump	$4.0  imes 10^3$	$1.9  imes 10^2$	3.4
	v = 1 repump	$4.1  imes 10^3$	$3.8  imes 10^4$	43

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 $W_d$ ,  $W_s$ - molecule (and state) specific enhancement factors; depend on electronic structure and must come from theory.

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#### Electric dipole moments: A global analysis

Timothy Chupp and Michael Ramsey-Musolf Phys. Rev. C **91**, 035502 – Published 6 March 2015

Investigations of optimal combinations of molecules:

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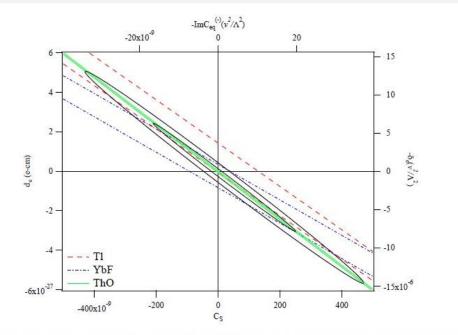


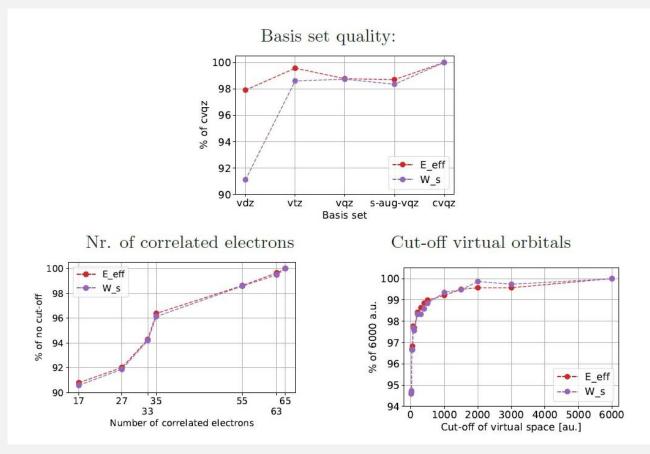
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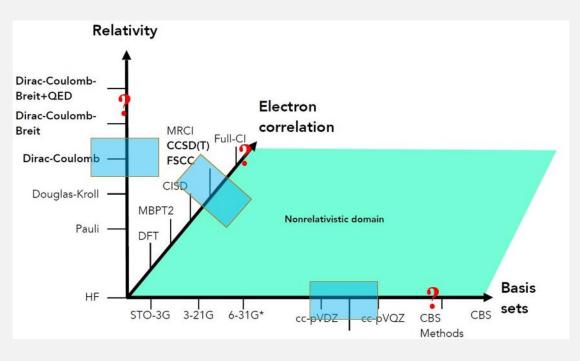
$$H_{S} = i \frac{G_{F}}{\sqrt{2}} Z \mathcal{K}_{S} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \gamma^{0} \gamma^{5} \rho_{A}(r_{i}) \qquad \qquad W_{S} = \frac{1}{\mathcal{K}_{S}} \langle \psi_{\Omega} | H_{S} | \psi_{\Omega} \rangle$$

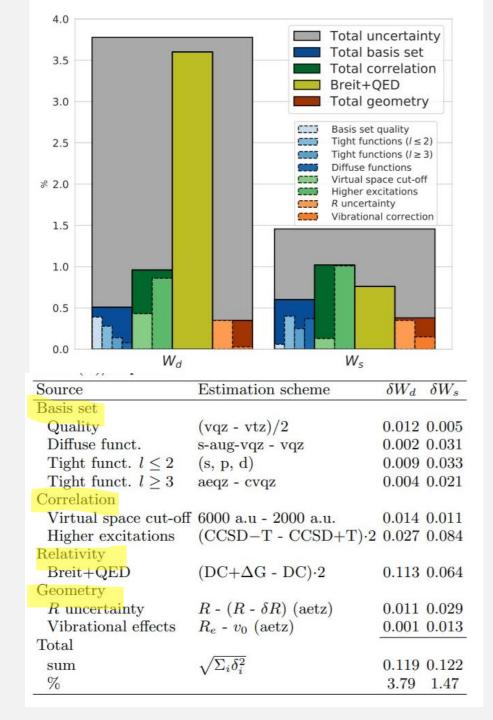
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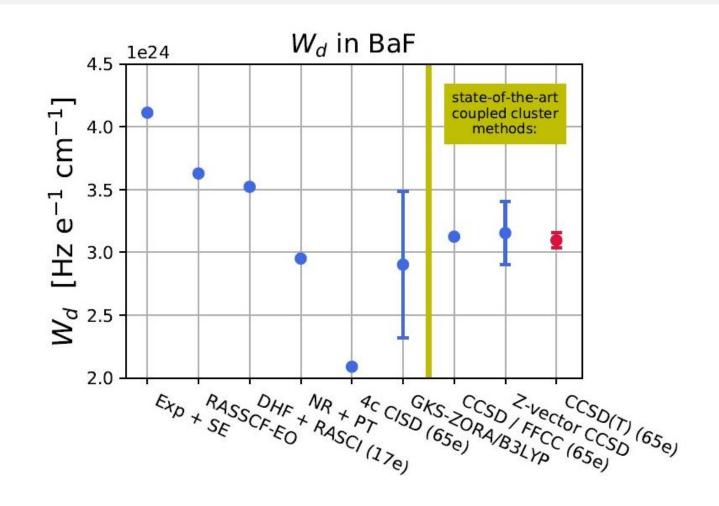


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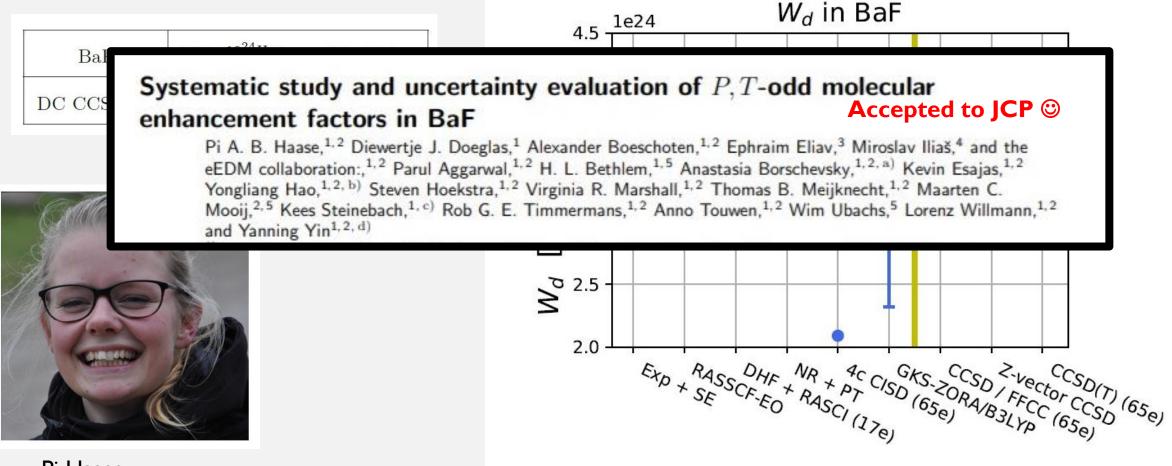
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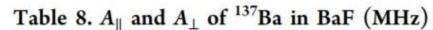


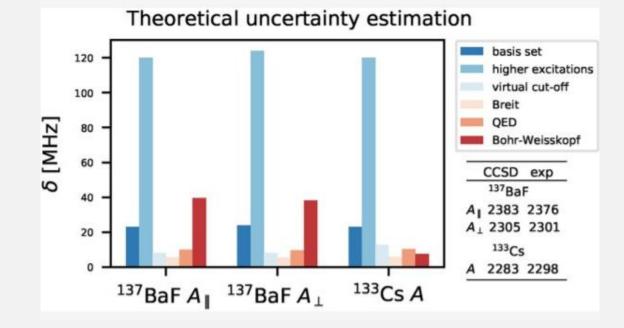
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- Is the uncertainty estimate realistic?
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- Magnetic hyperfine structure constants

	<sup>137</sup> BaF			
method	A <sub>  </sub>	%(exp)	$A_{\perp}$	%(exp)
GRECP SCF-EO <sup>90</sup>	2264	-4.71	2186	-5.00
GRECP RASSCF-EO <sup>90</sup>	2272	-4.38	2200	-4.39
DF RASCI <sup>91</sup>	2240	-5.72	2144	-6.82
DF MBPT <sup>91</sup>	2314	-2.61	2254	-2.04
DC CCSD (this work)	2383(129)	0.29	2305(132)	0.17
exp <sup>77</sup>	2376(12)		2301(9)	







# NEW STUFF

IP of RaF	Laser-cooled RaF as a promising candidate to measure molecular parity violation T. A. Isaev, S. Hoekstra, and R. Berger Phys. Rev. A <b>82</b> , 052521 – Published 24 November 2010				
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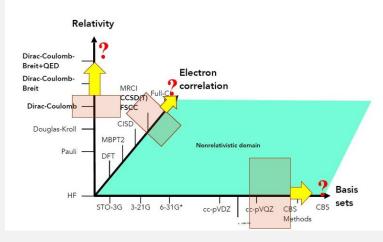
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• Aim for highest accuracy: 4c CCSD(T)+higher order corrections

Method/contribution	IP (eV)	Contribution (eV)
4c-CCSD (s-cv4z)	4.926	
4c-CCSD(T) (s-cv4z)	4.972	0.046
4c-CCSD(T) (CBS)	4.978	0.006
4c-CCSDT (CBS)	4.980	0.002
4c-CCSDT (CBS)+Breit*	4.982	0.002
4c-CCSDT (CBS)+Breit+QED*	4.970	-0.012
Correction for final active space	4.977	0.007
Final prediction	4.977	

\*Obtained for Ra<sup>+</sup>

• Accuracy: ~10s of meV Can we do better? Relativity Dirac-Coulomb-Breit+QED Electron Dirac-Coulombcorrelation Breit MRCI Full-CCSD(T) FSCC Dirac-Coulor Douglas-Kroll MBPT Nonrelativistic domain Pauli Basis HF sets STO-3G 3-21G 6-31G\* cc-pVDZ cc-pVQZ CBS CBS Methods

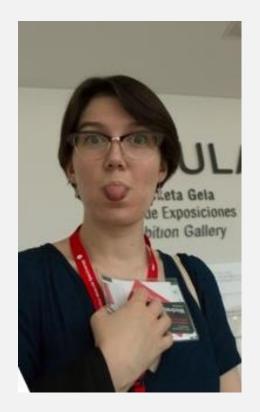


# • Uncertainty evaluation

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Туре	Source	IP (eV)	How?
Basis set	Extrapolation error	0.003	(CBS- s-cv4z)/2
	Diffuse functions	0.001	(d-v4z - sv4z)/2
	Basis type	0.003	v3z vs. ae3z
Relativity	Higher order QED	0.005	$\Delta$ lamb/2
Correlation	Correlation space	0.002	all e- vs. 35 e
	Higher excitations	0.001	(T-(T))/2
Total uncertainty		0.010	

- Final recommended value for <u>adiabatic IP</u>: **4.977+/- 0.010**
- Waiting for experimental confirmation (or disproof)



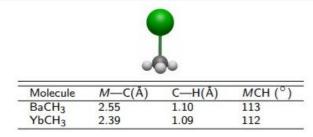
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- On Monday we learned: polyatomic molecules are <u>awesome</u>
- We agree
- Molecules to investigate:
  - BaCH<sub>3</sub>,YbCH<sub>3</sub>: symmetric top molecules
  - AcOH<sup>+</sup>: linear system
- Could be used in experiments to measure eEDM (but also NMQM, or anapole moments, etc.)
- Investigate sensitivity to eEDM

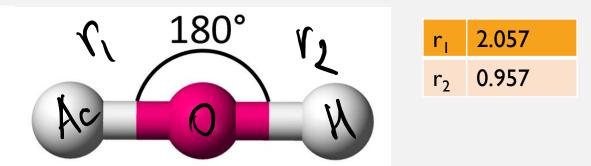


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SR-CCSD(T) level of theory with ANO-RCC-PVnZ basis set; n = 5 for BaCH<sub>3</sub> and n = 4 for YbCH<sub>3</sub>.



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Systematic study and uncertainty eva	aluation of P, T-odd molecular
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Enhancement factor for the electric dipole moment of the electron in the BaOH and YbOH molecules

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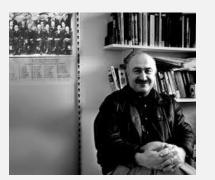


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# CONCLUSIONS

- State of the art high accuracy computational approach
- Versatile method: many possible applications
- Reliable predictions, uncertainty estimates possible
- Close collaborations with experimental groups
- These are very exciting times!





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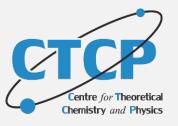
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# RELATIVISTIC COUPLED CLUSTER

- Based on the 4c Dirac Hamiltonian
- Exponential wave operator:

$$\Psi = \exp(S)\Psi_0 = \left(1 + S + \frac{S^2}{2!} + \cdots\right)\Psi_0$$

• S is the excitation operator:

$$S = S_1 + S_2 + \dots + S_N; \ S_1 = \sum_{ia} s_i^a a_a^{\dagger} a_i; \ S_2 = \sum_{ijab} s_{ij}^{ab} a_a^{\dagger} a_b^{\dagger} a_j a_i$$

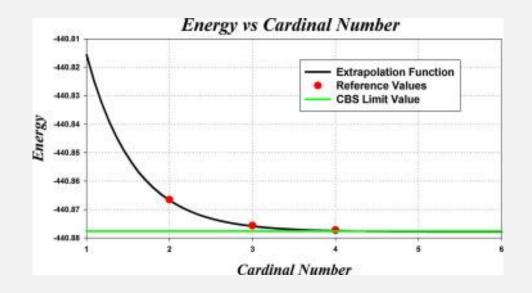
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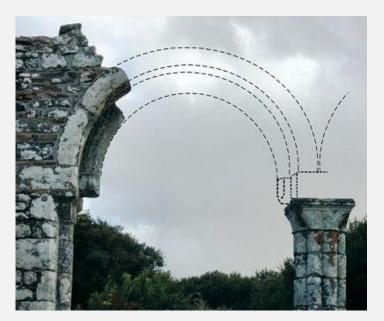
$$\langle \Phi_0 | (H - E_{\text{CCSD}}) \exp(S_1 + S_2) | \Phi_0 \rangle = 0$$

• Accurate, all-order in PT, size-extensive, and size-consistent

# **Reaching meV accuracy**

# Complete basis set limit extrapolation





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