

# Violating Parity in the In Medium Similarity Renormalization Group

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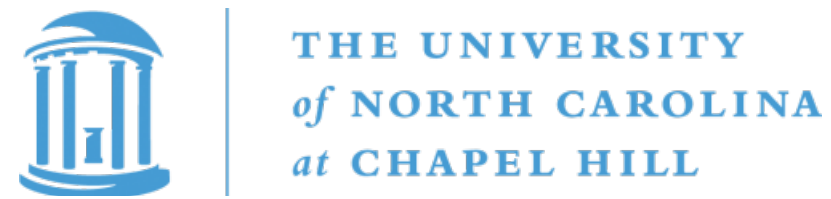
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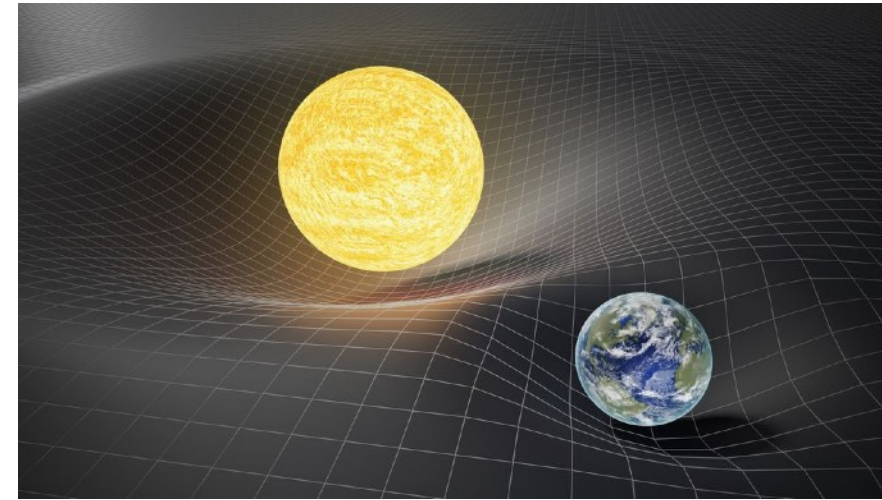
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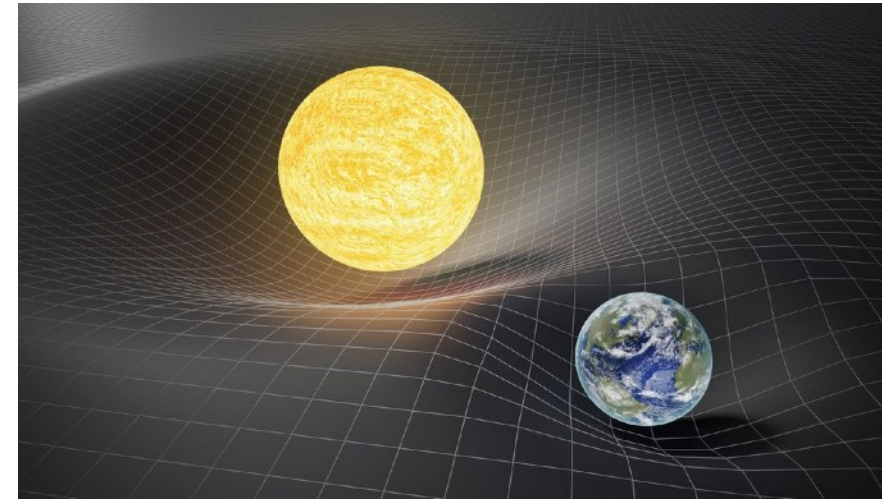
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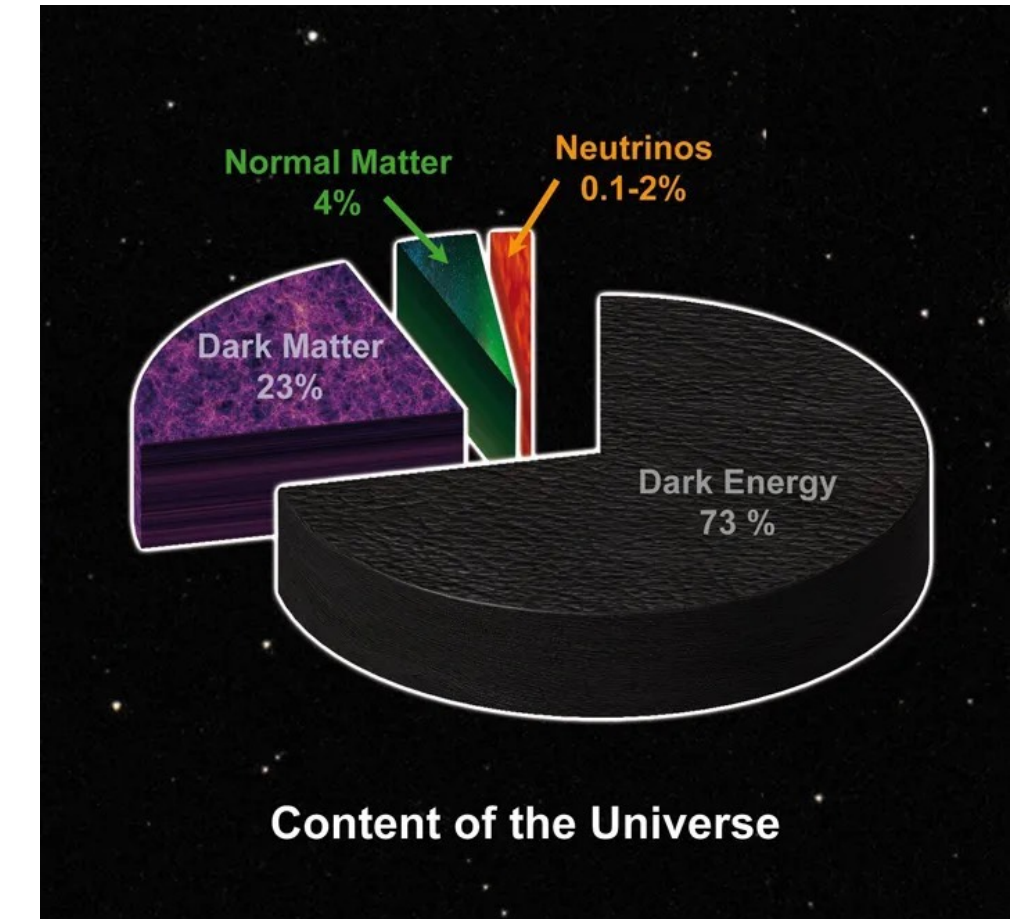


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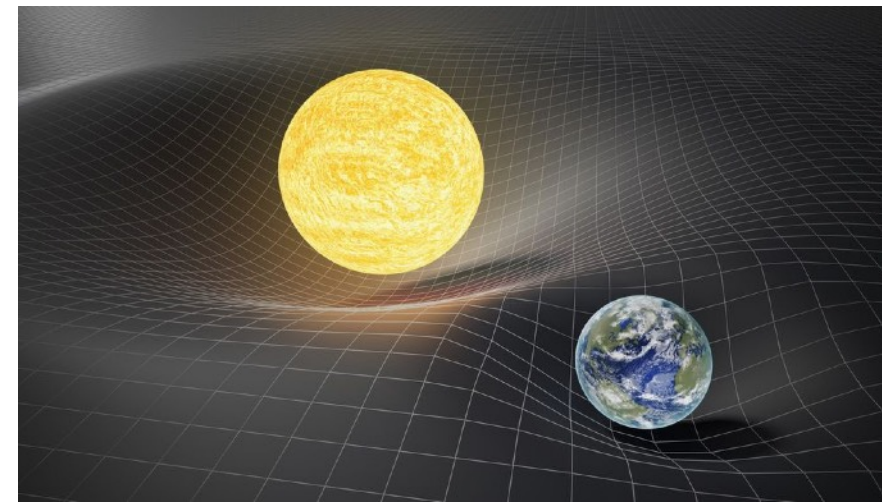
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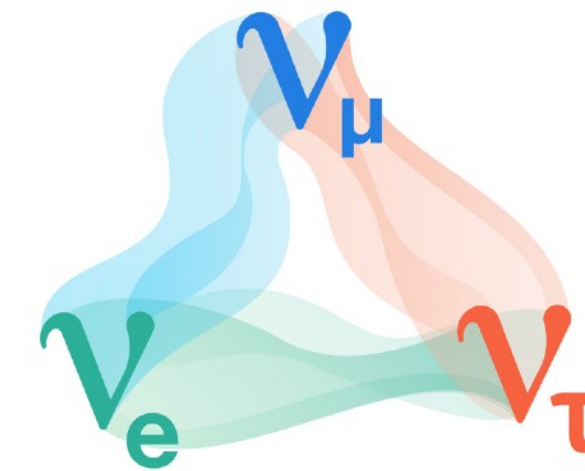
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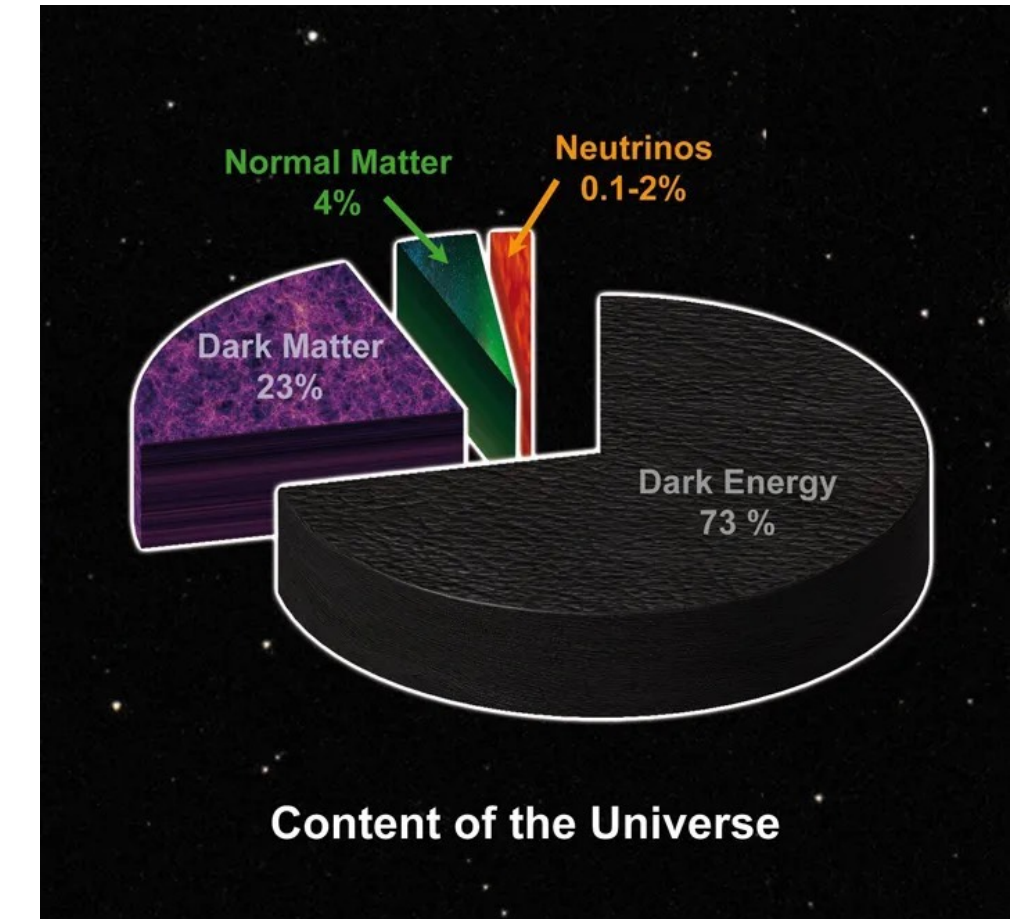
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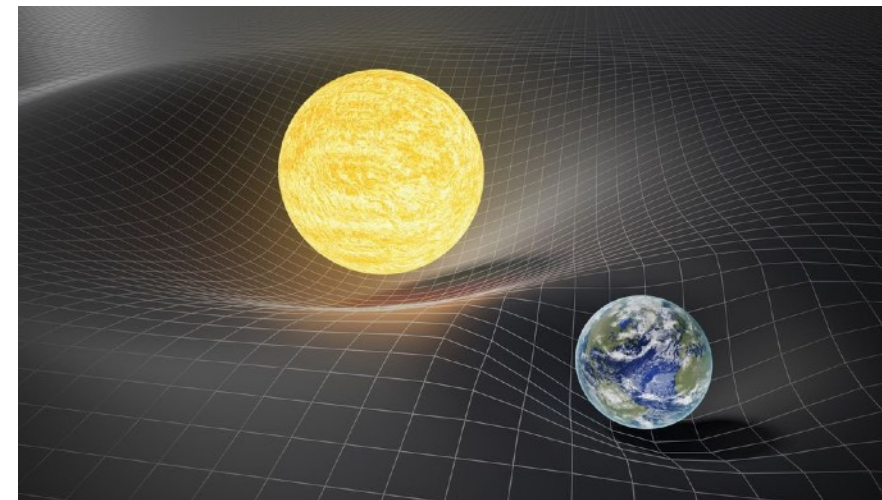


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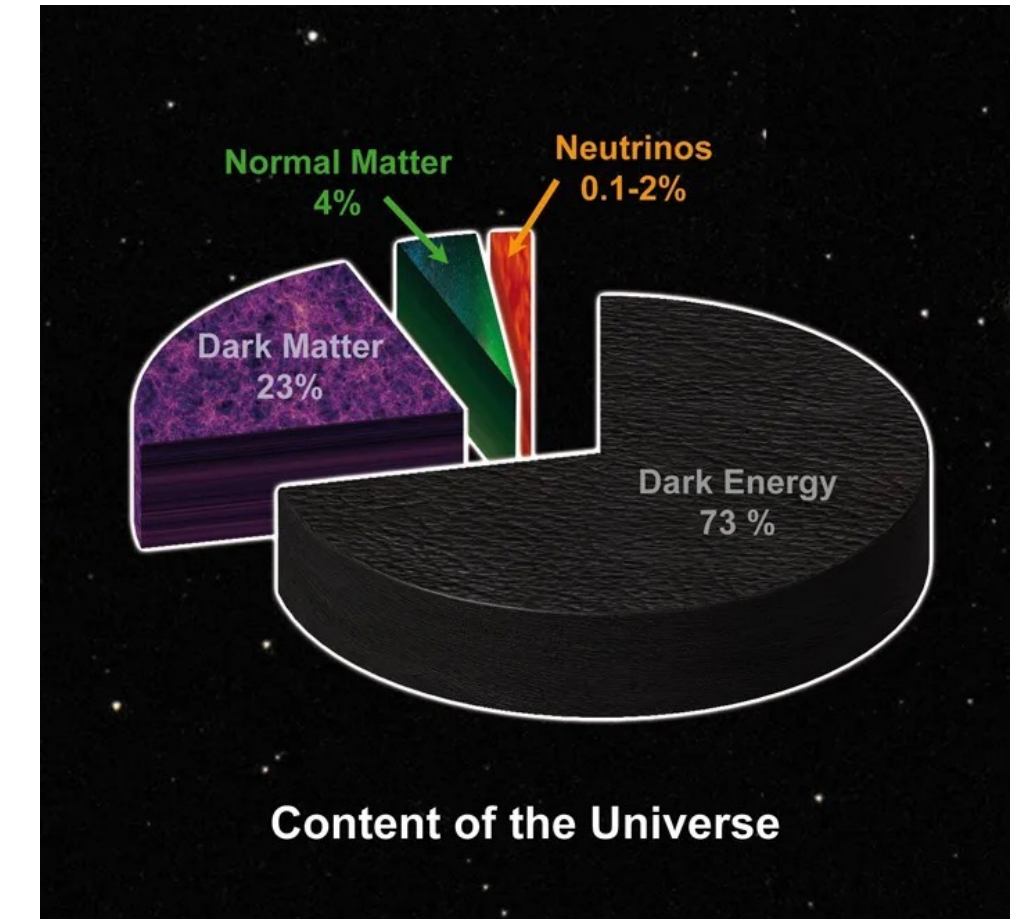


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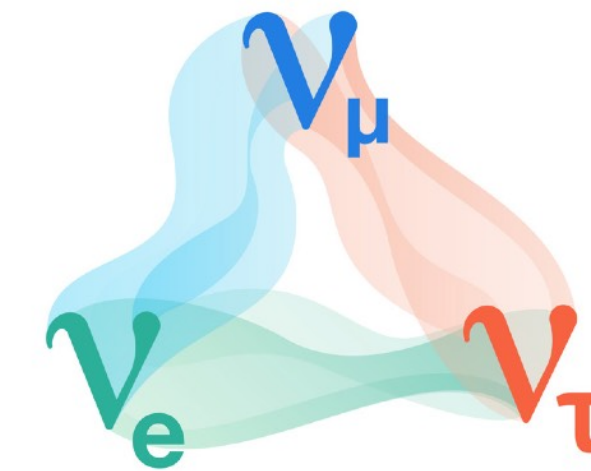


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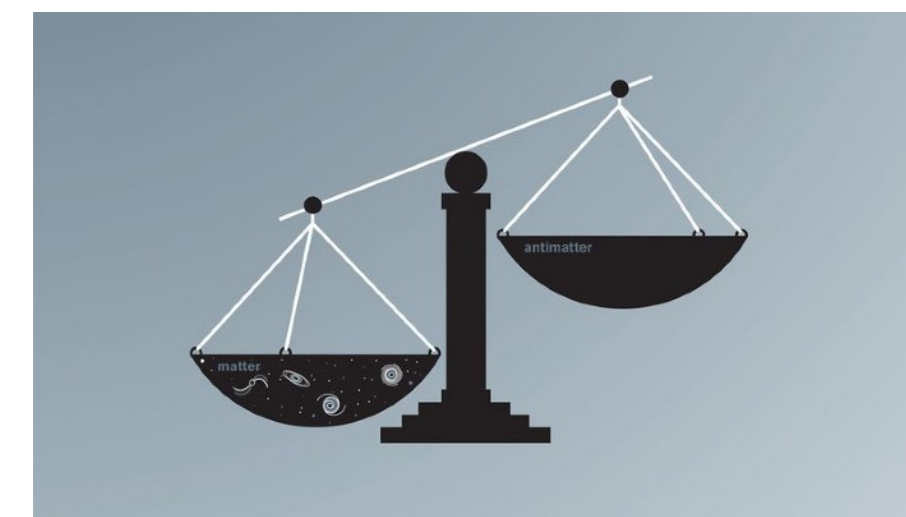
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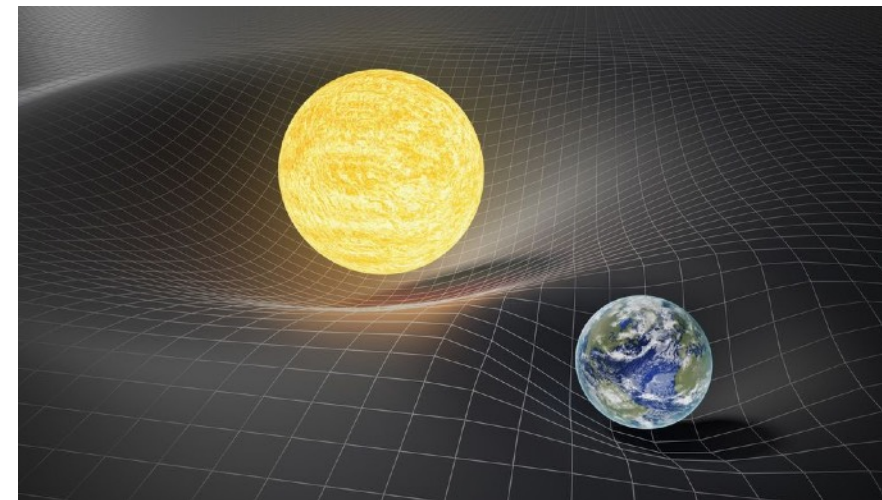


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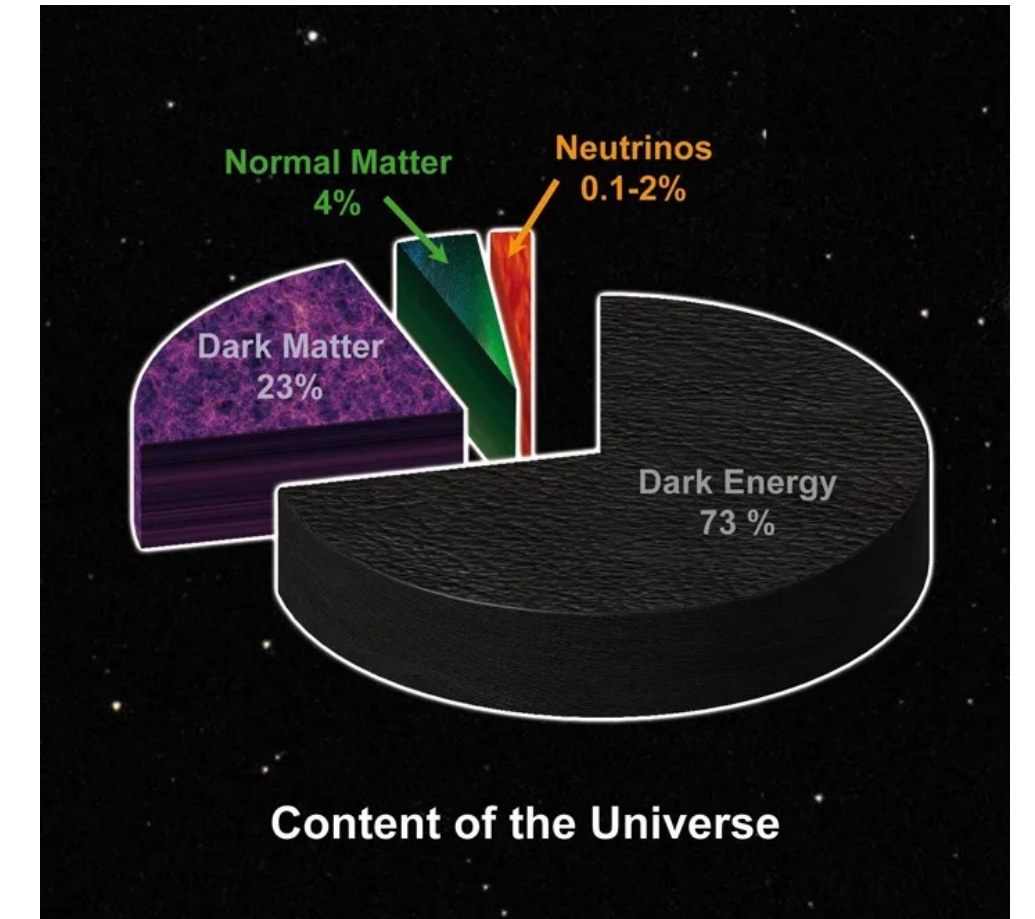


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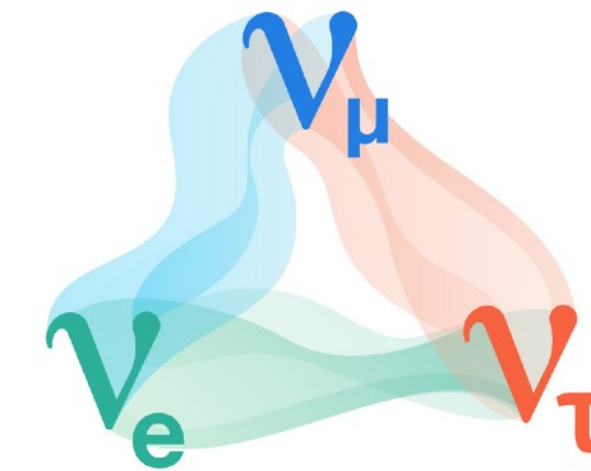


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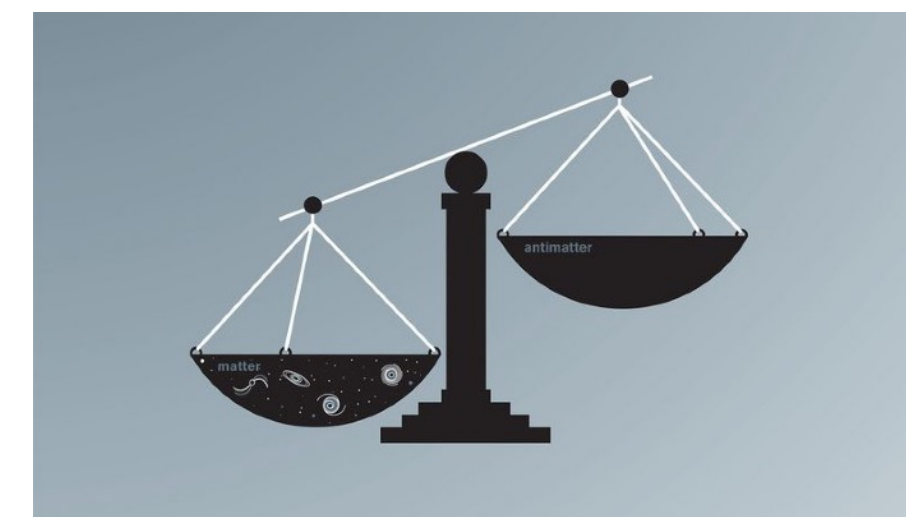
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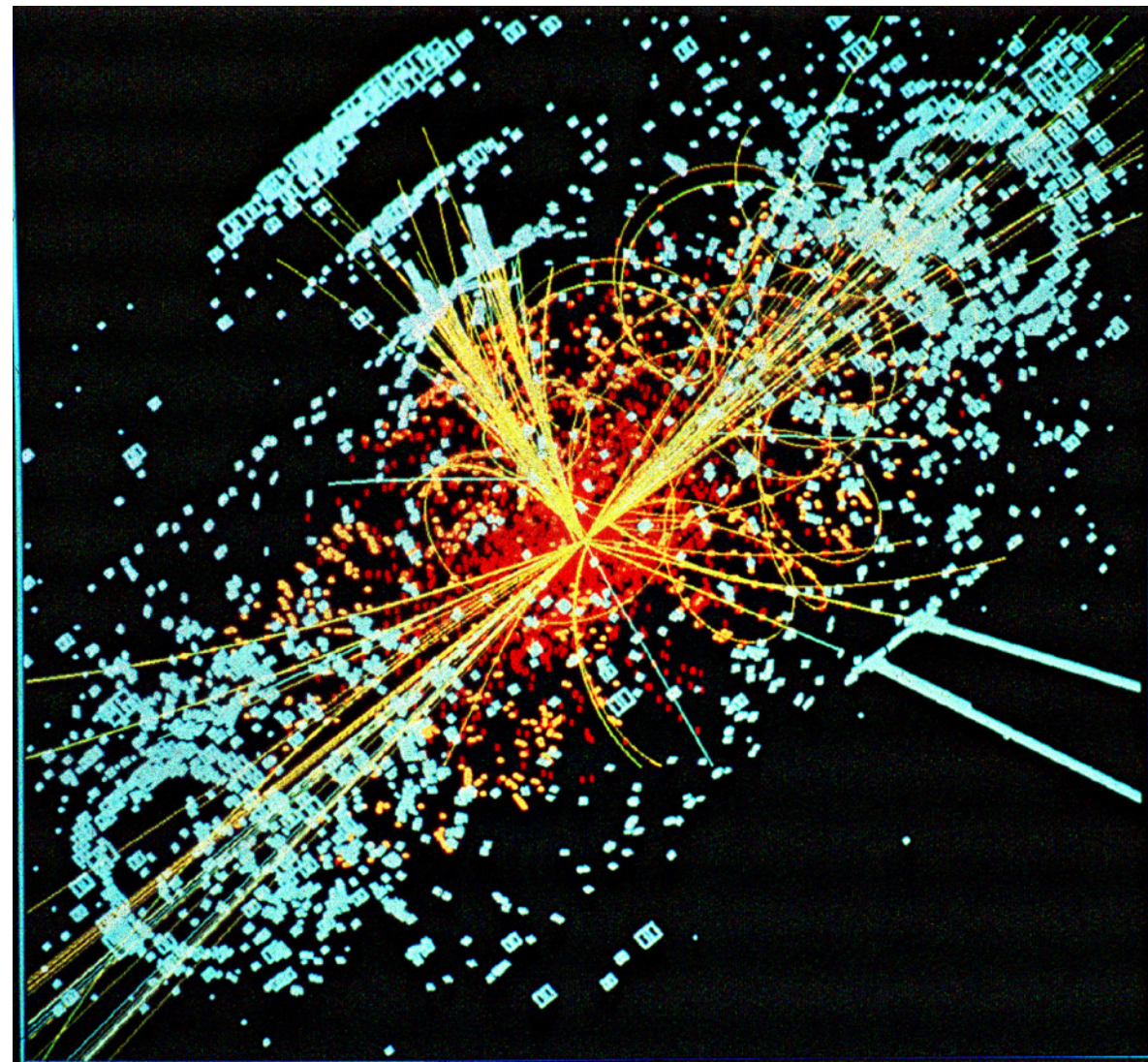
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# Going Beyond

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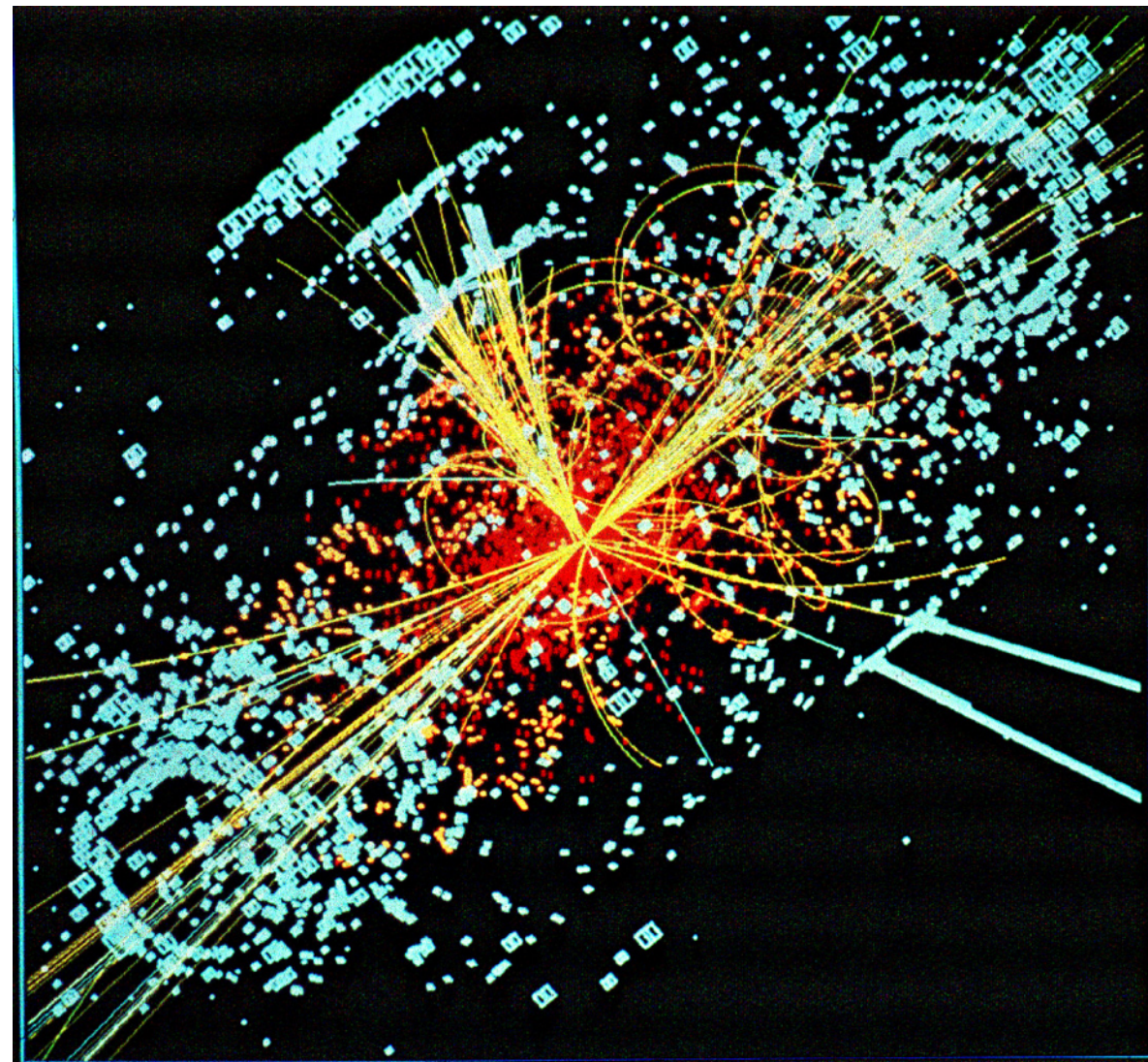
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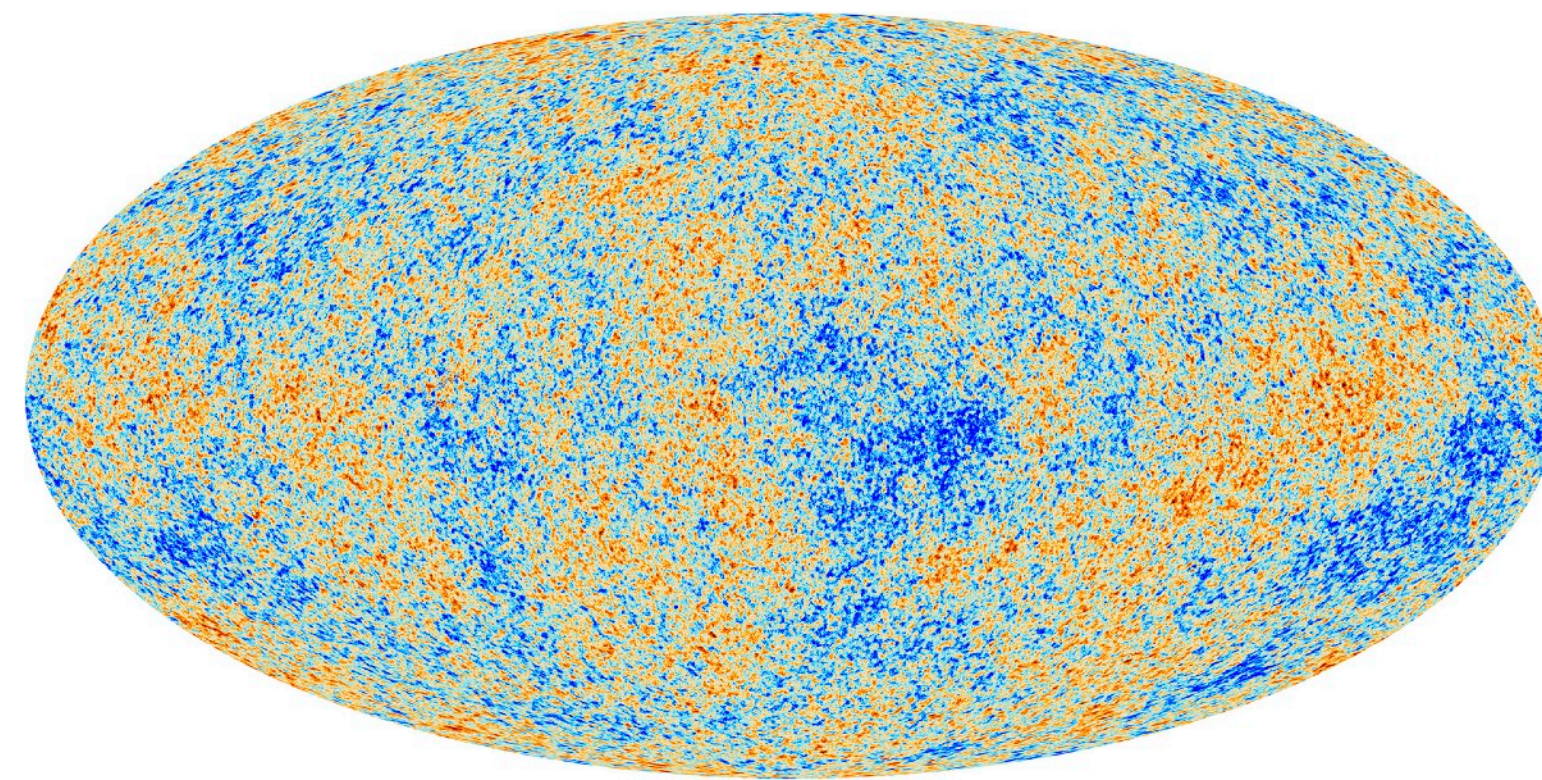
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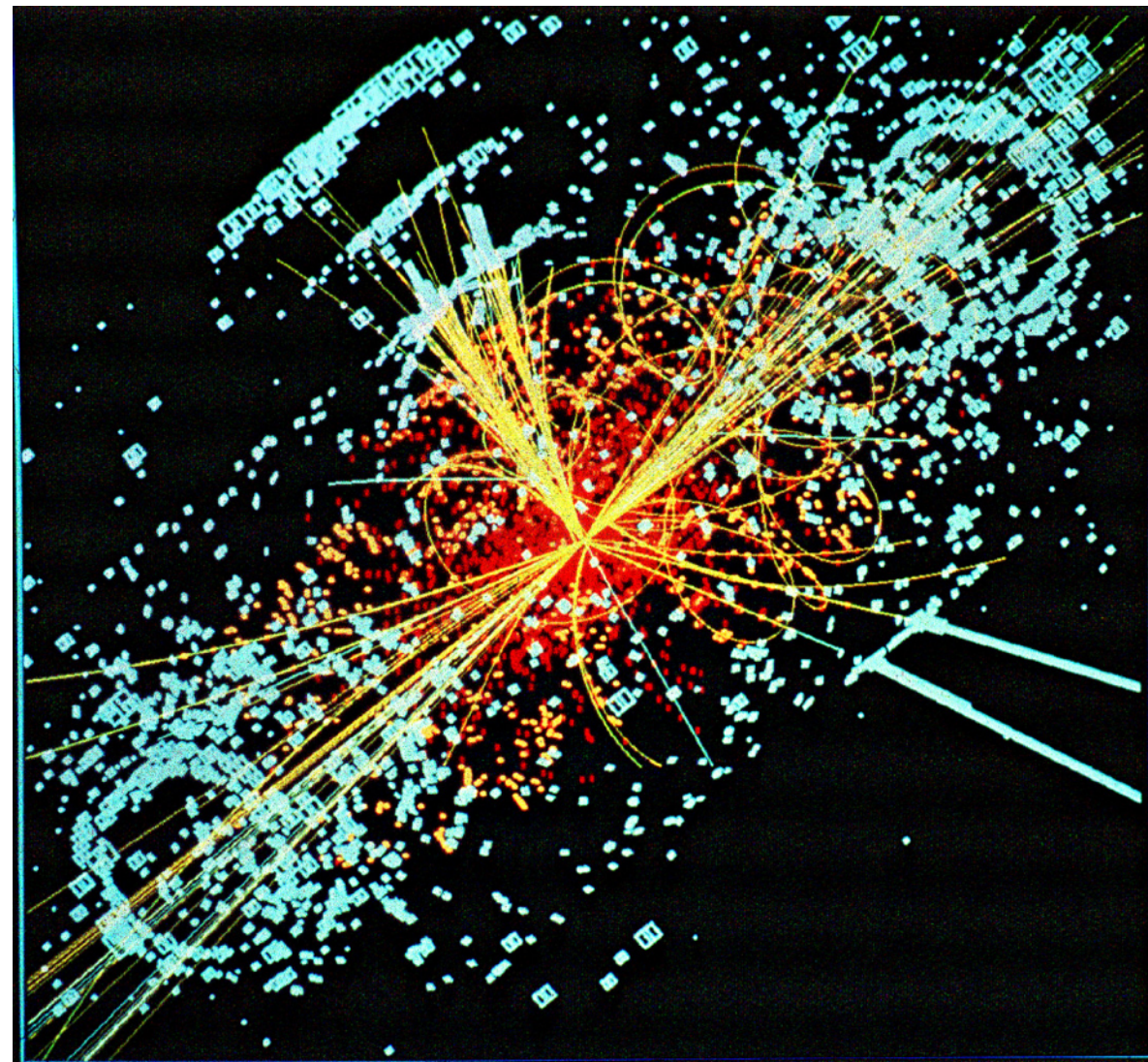
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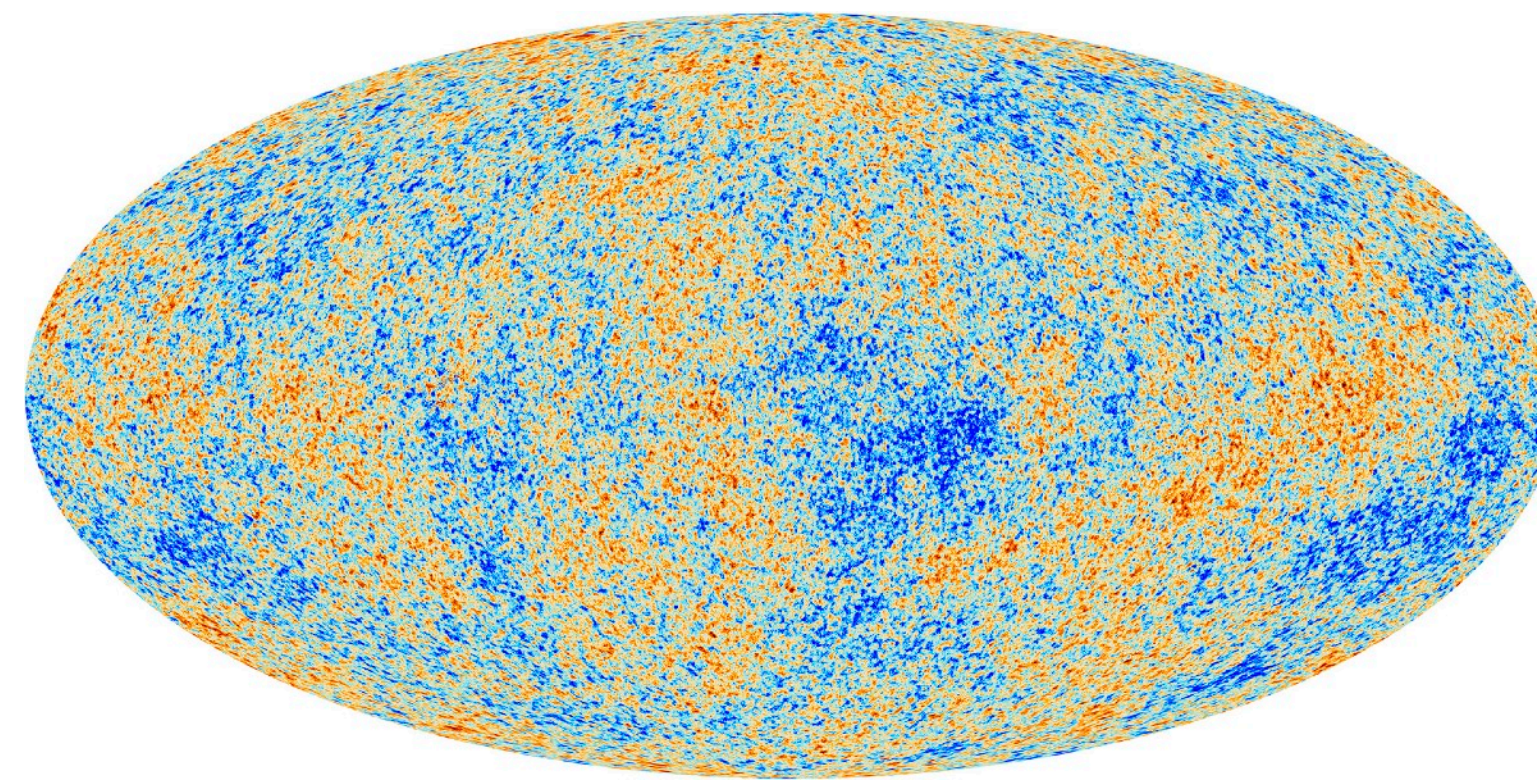
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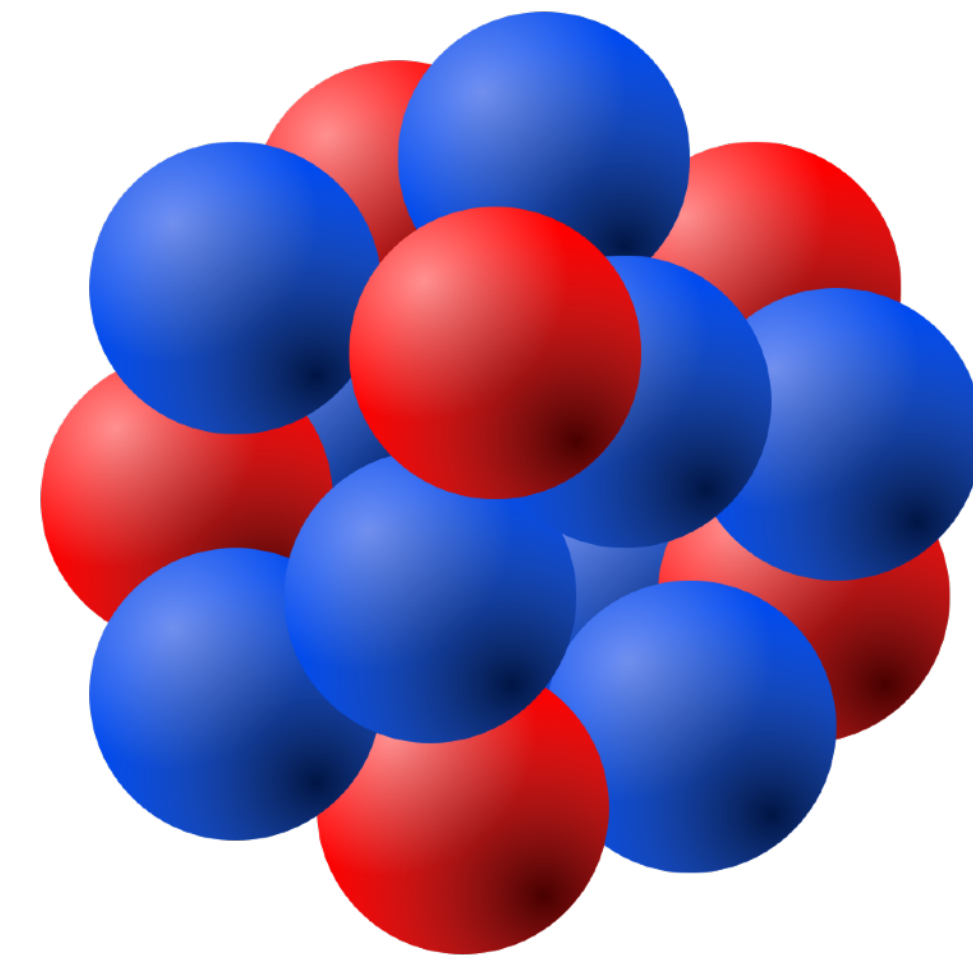
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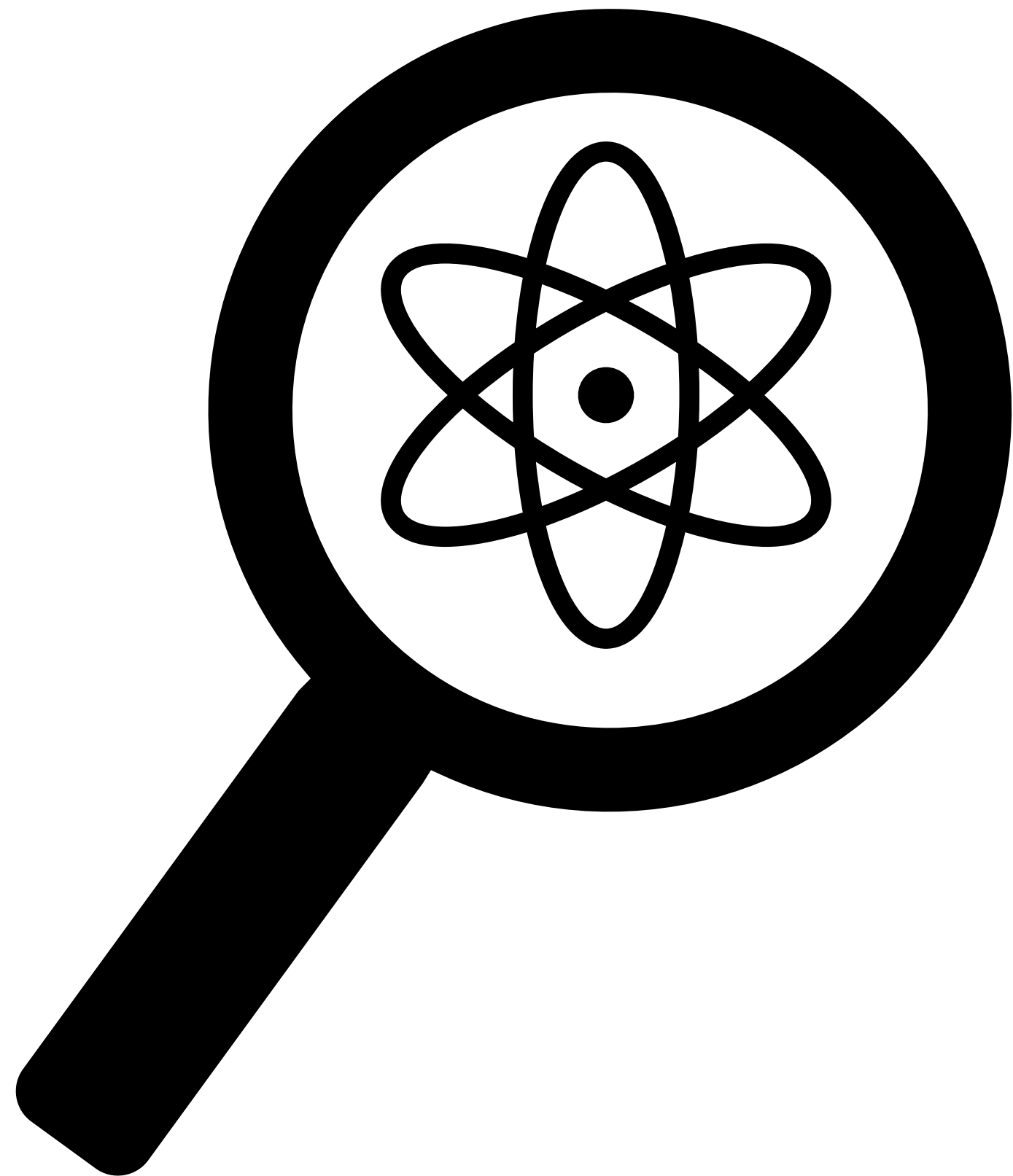


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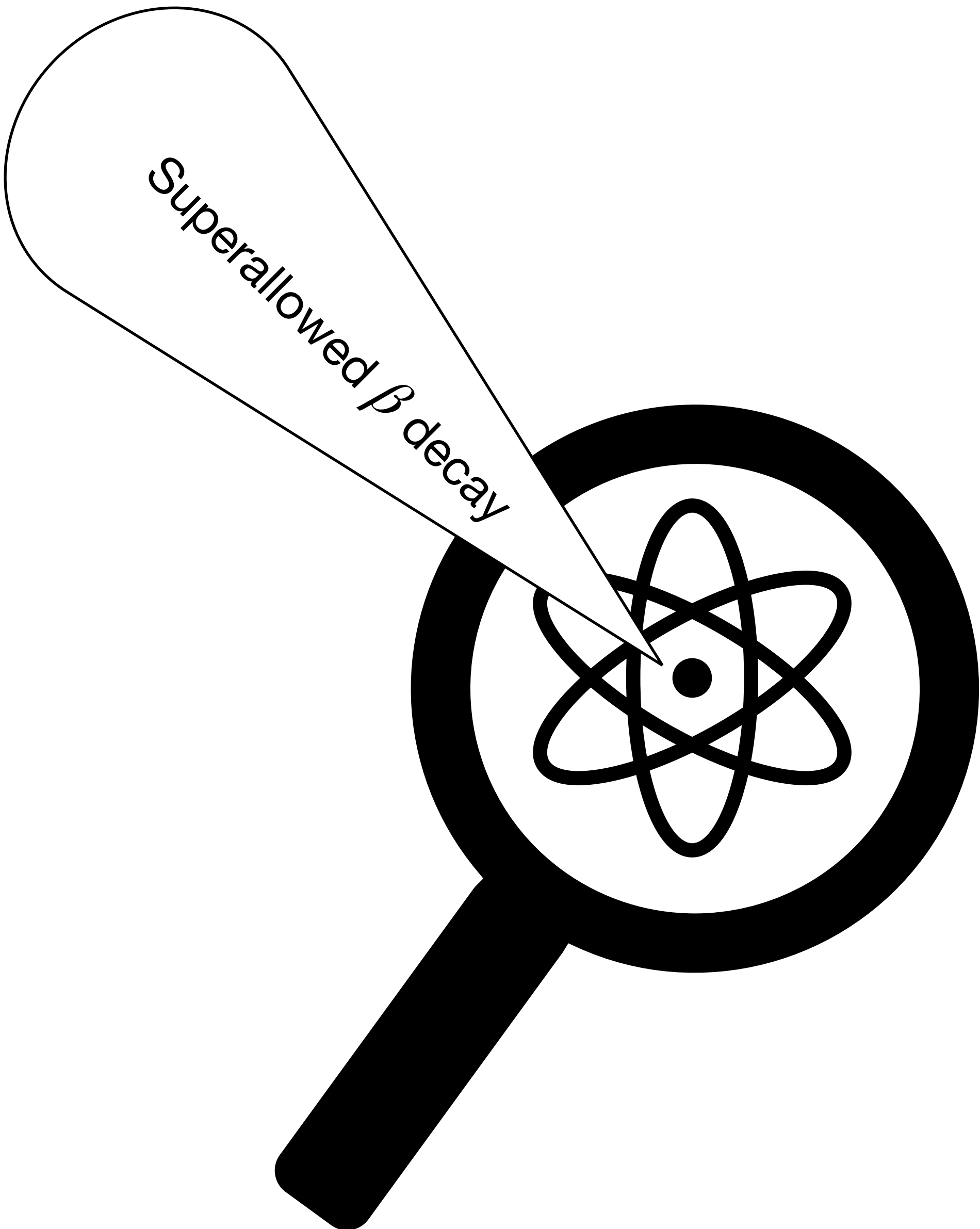


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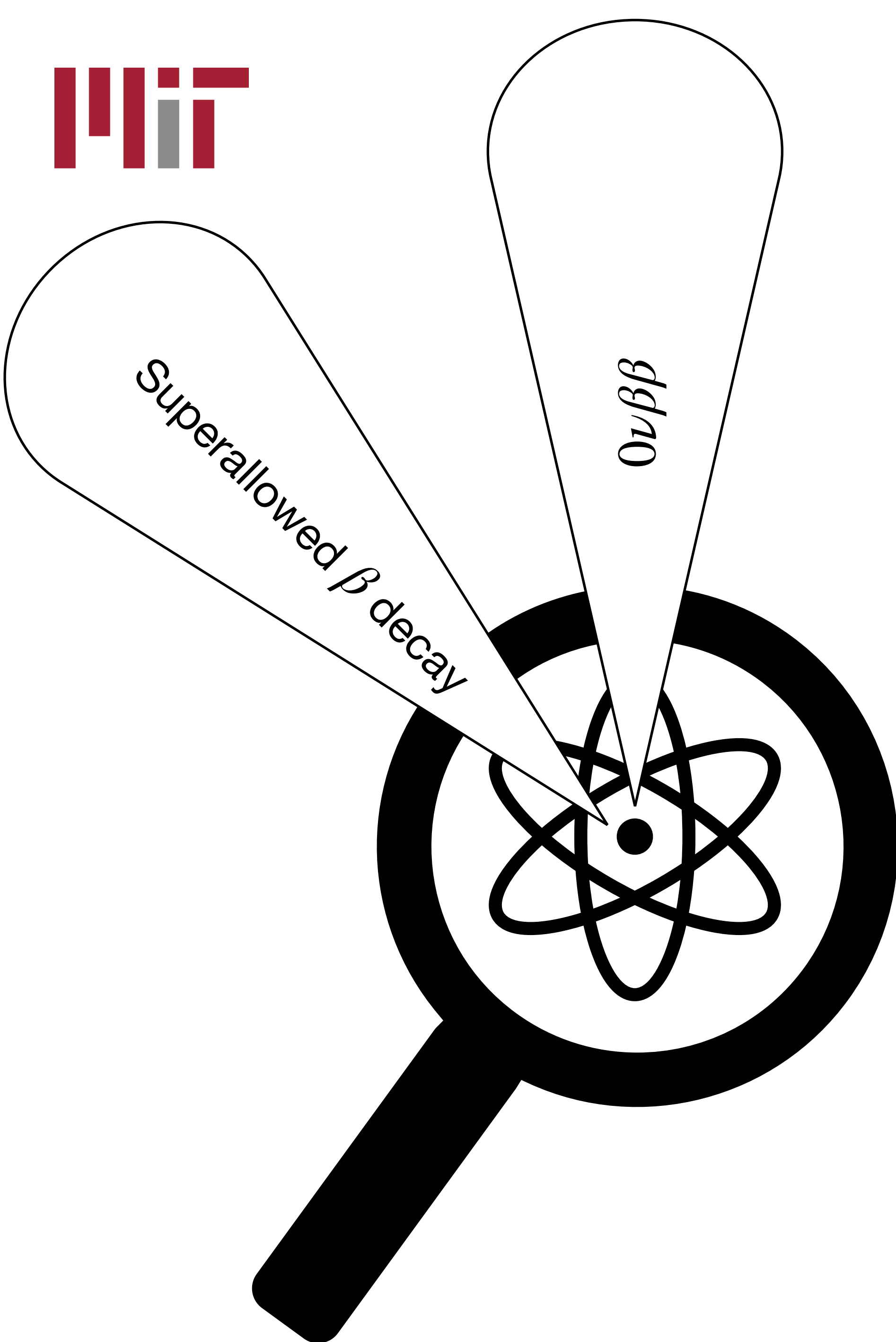


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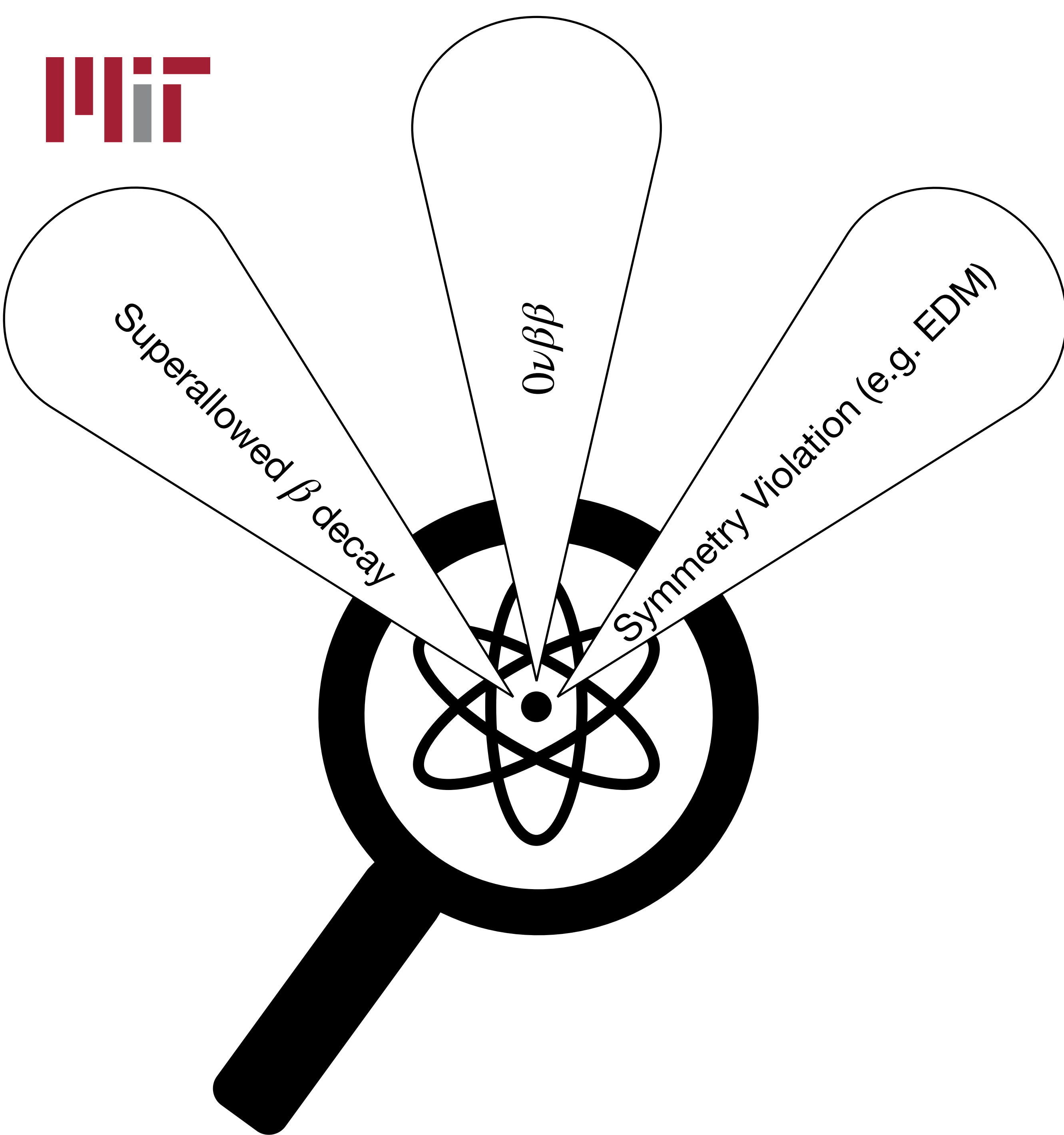


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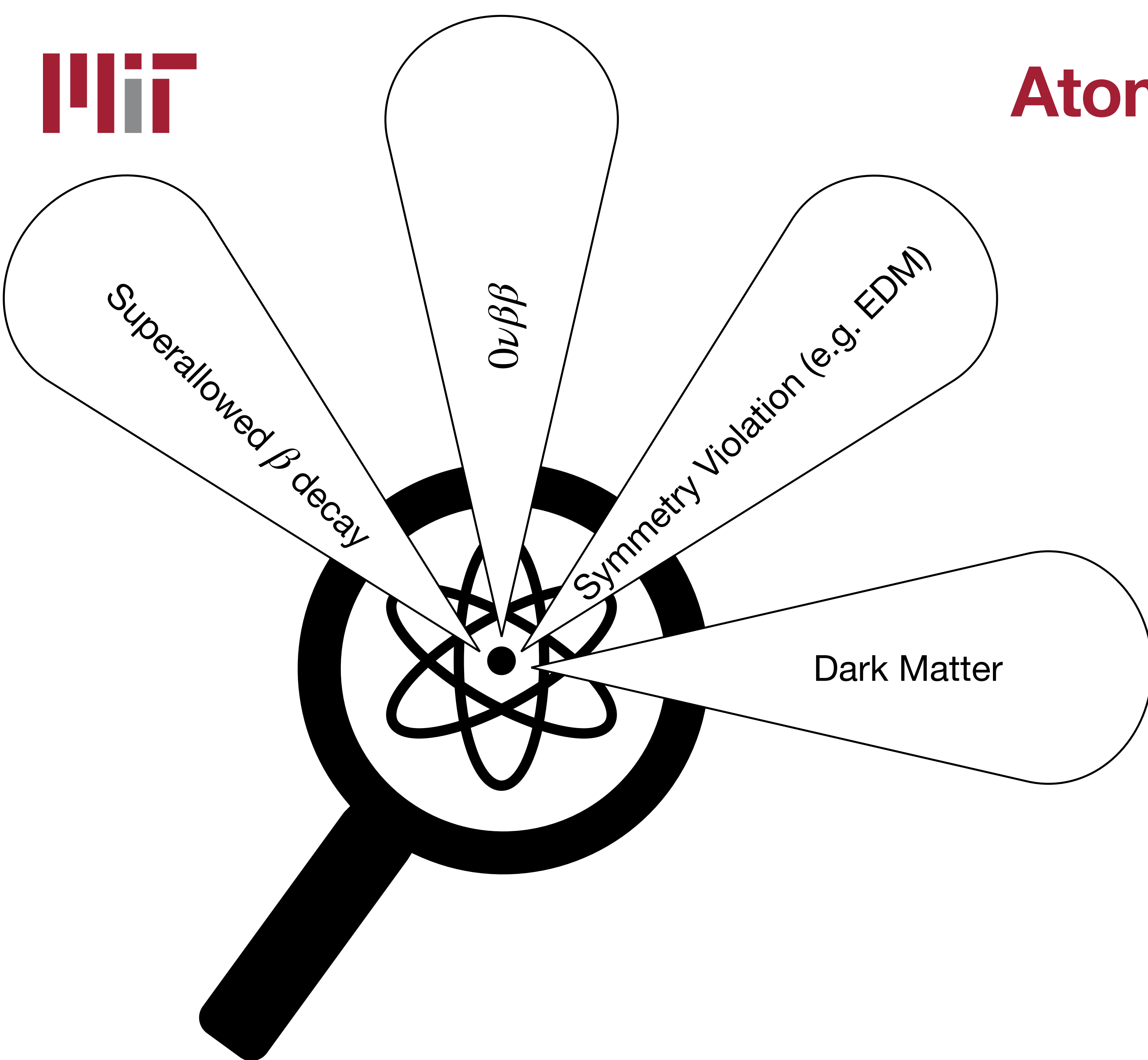


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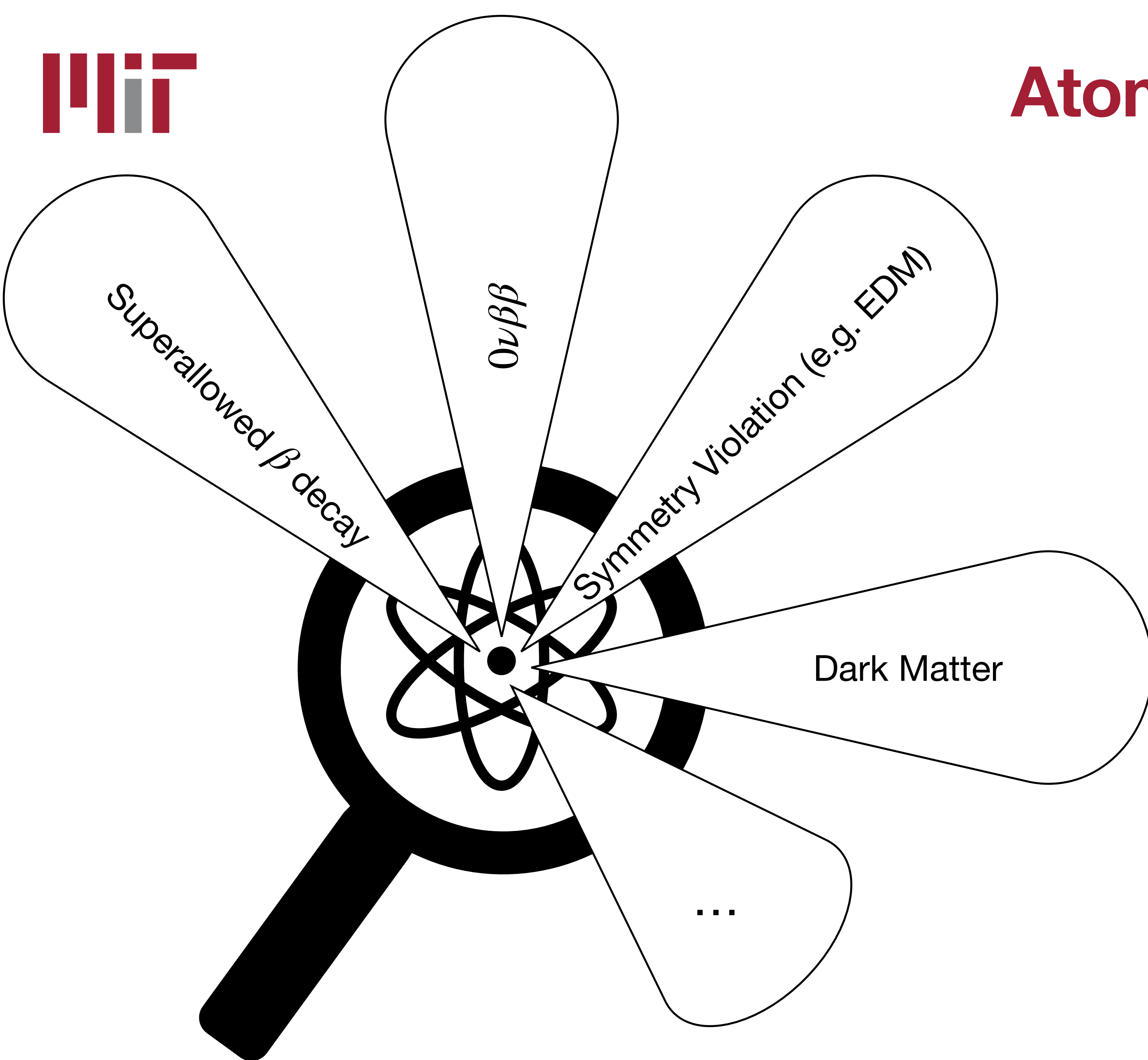


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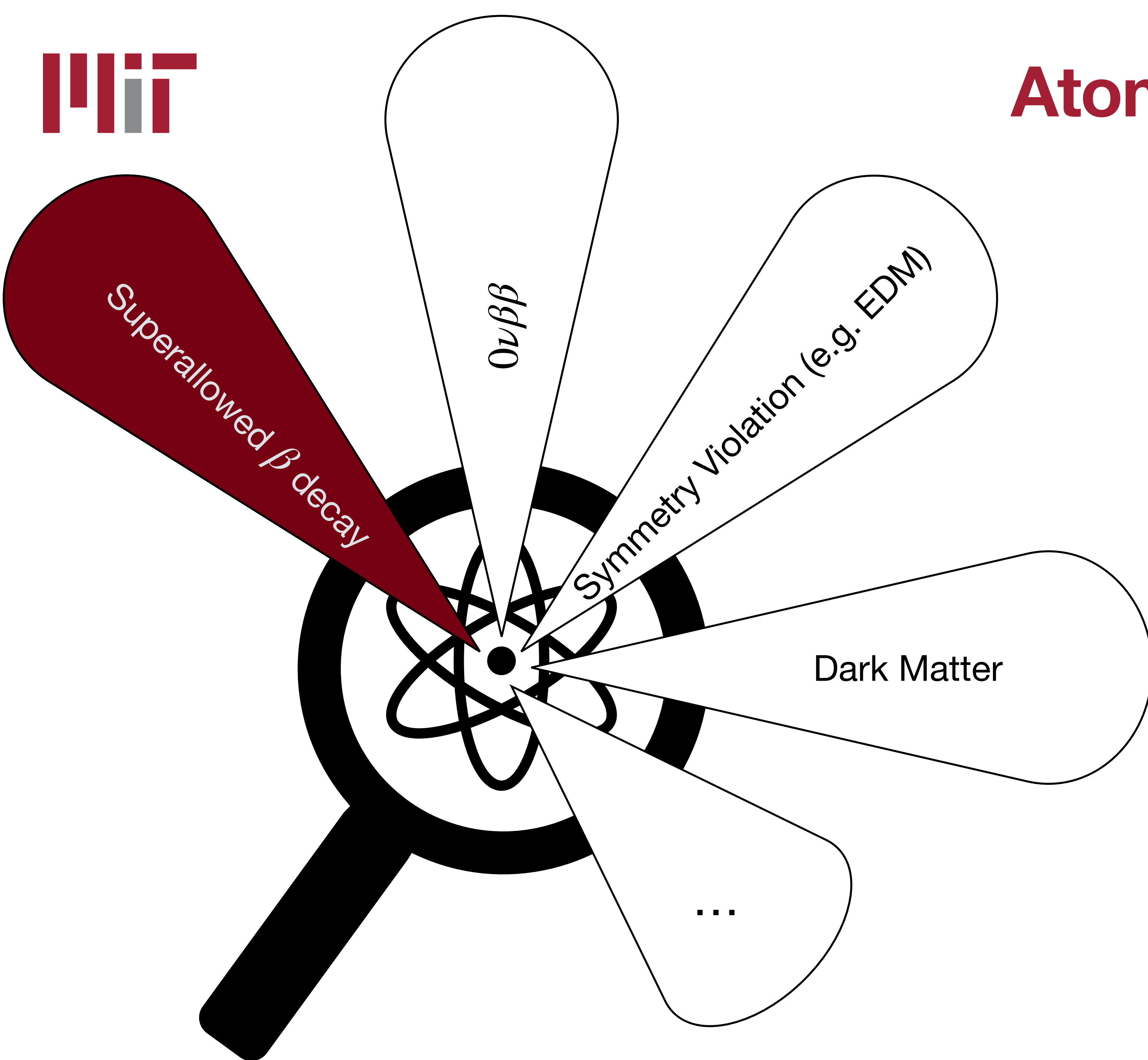




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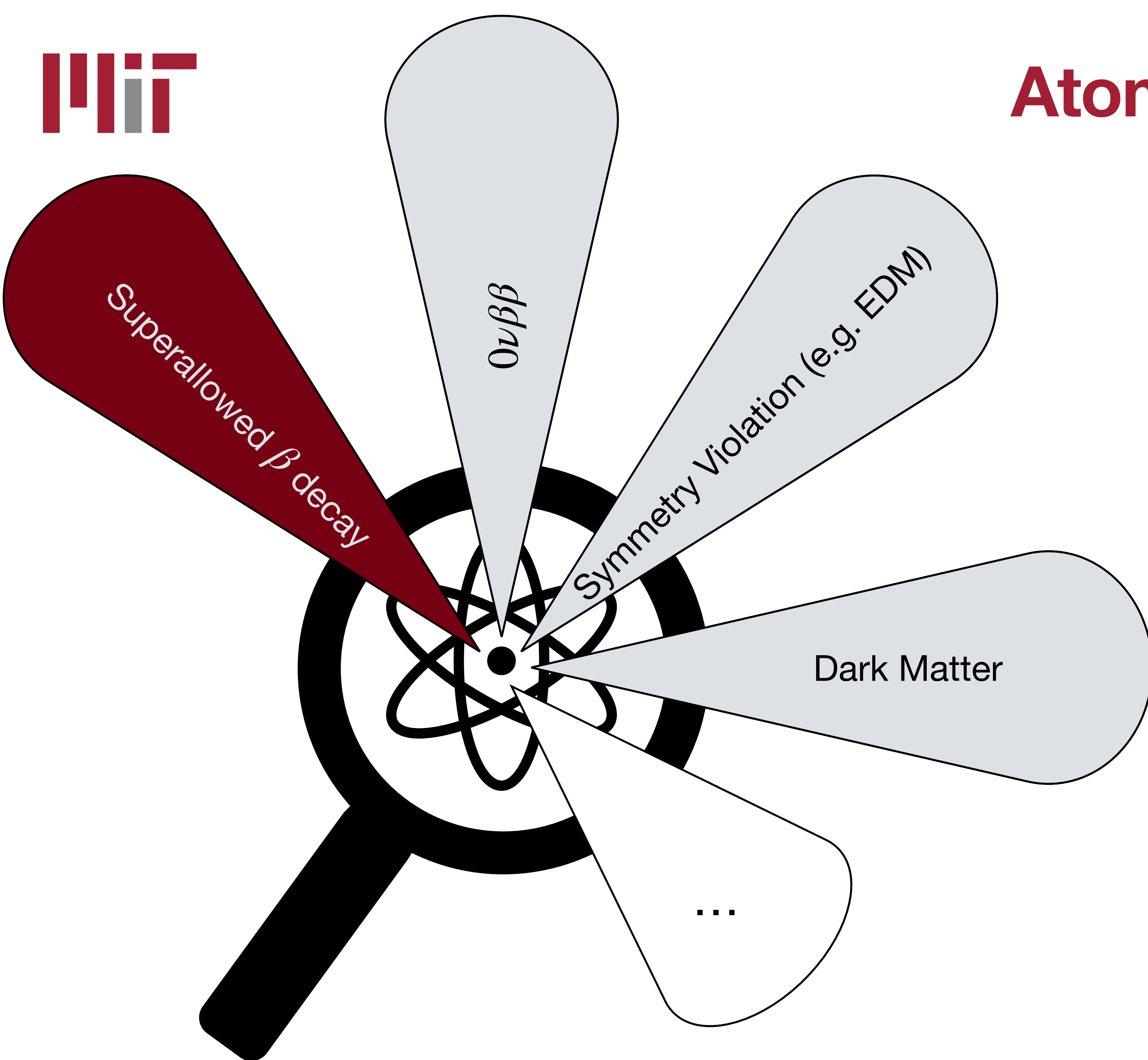


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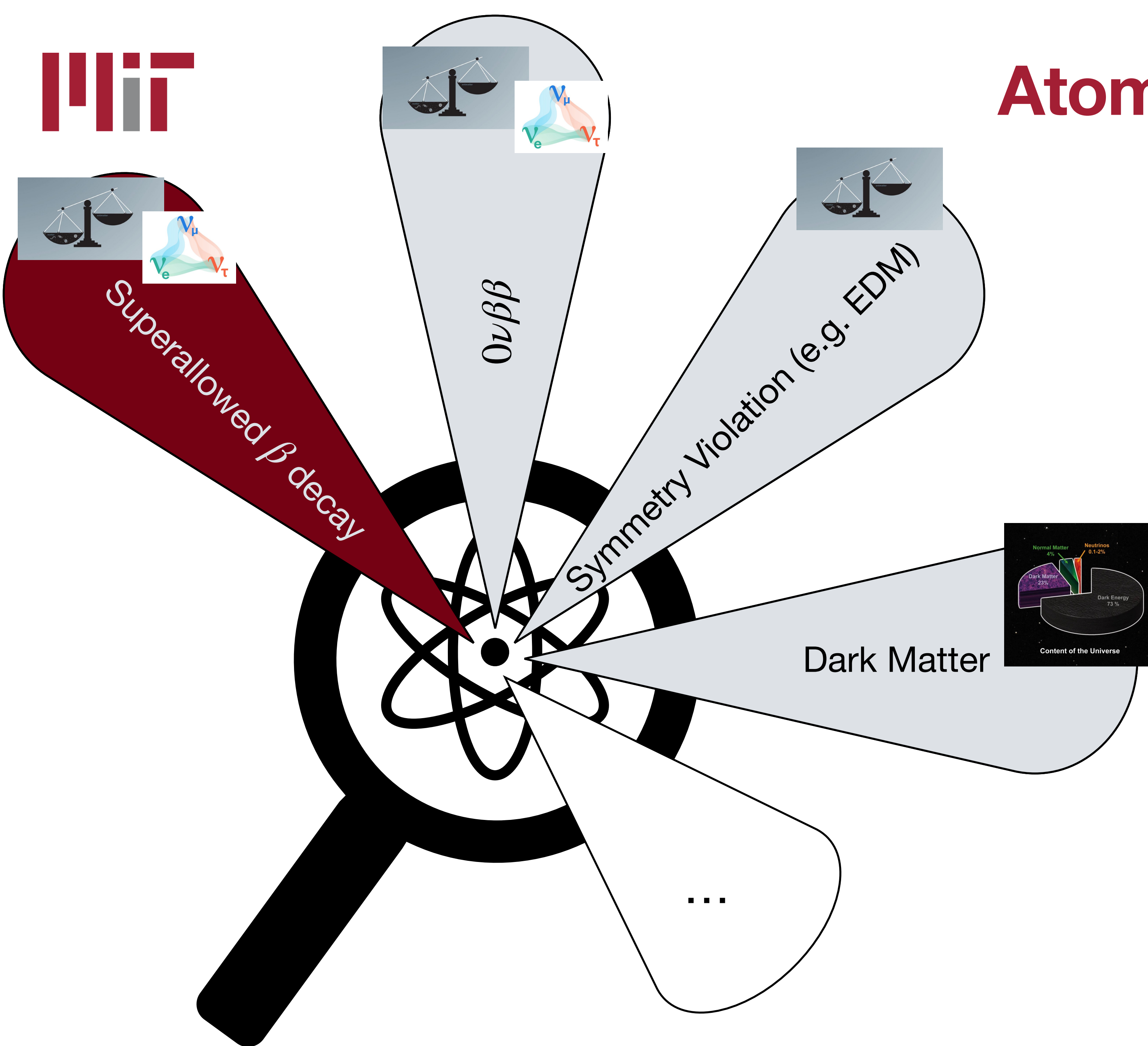
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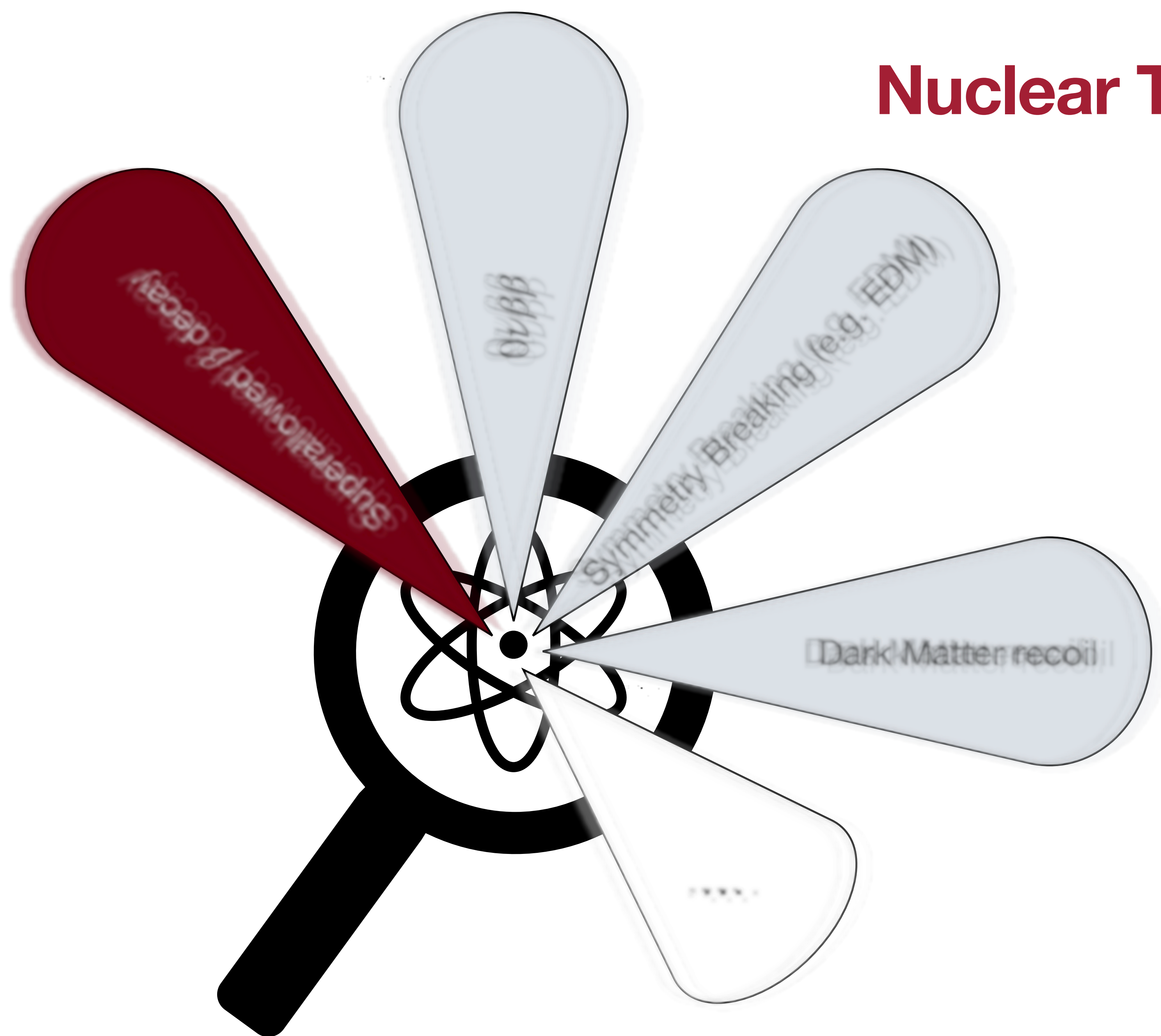
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# The Need for Nuclear Theory

In all cases, nuclear theory inputs are required in order to interpret experimental results:

- **Superaligned  $\beta$  decay:** Corrections from Standard Model  $\delta_{NS}$  and  $\delta_C$ .
- **$0\nu\beta\beta$ :** Nuclear matrix elements  $M^{0\nu}$ .
- **Electric Dipole Moment:** The nuclear Schiff Moment.
- **Dark Matter Scattering:** WIMP Scattering structure factor  $S_A$ .
- ...





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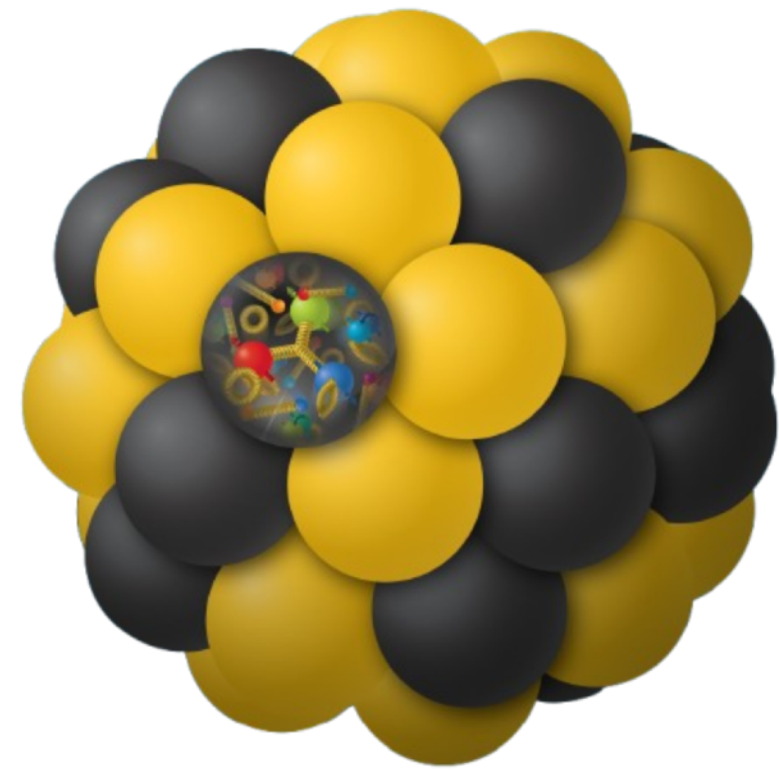
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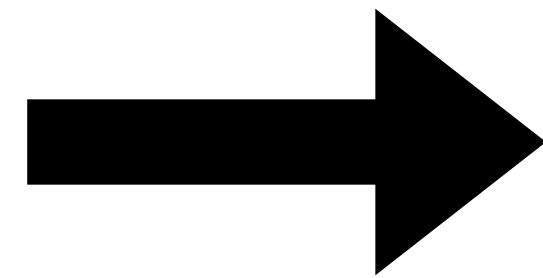
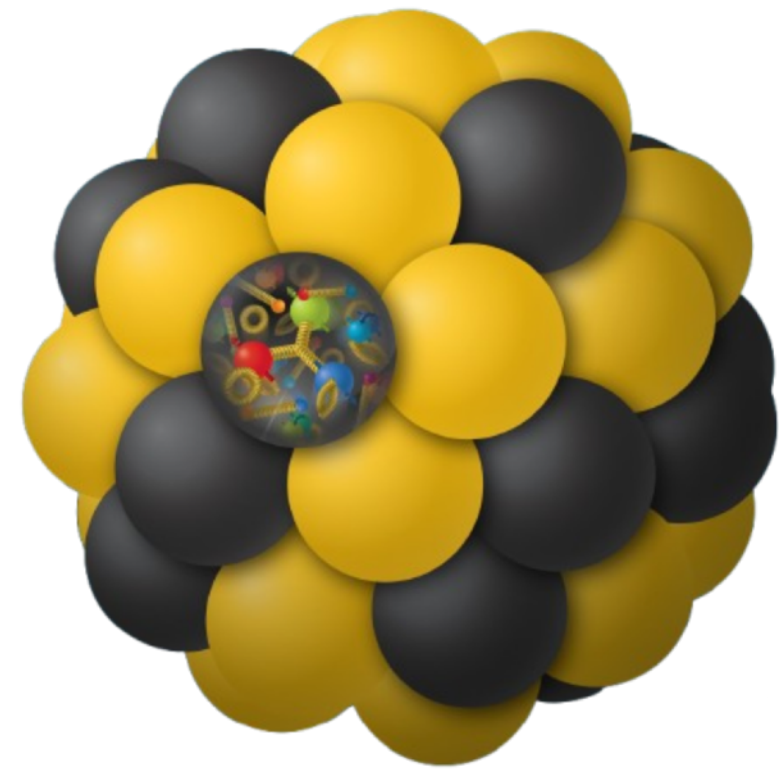


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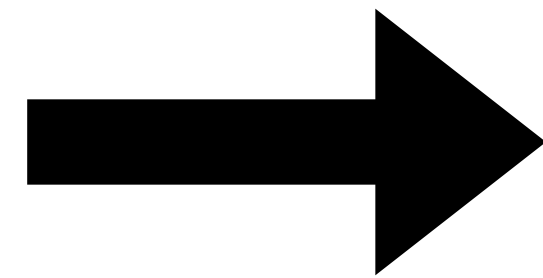
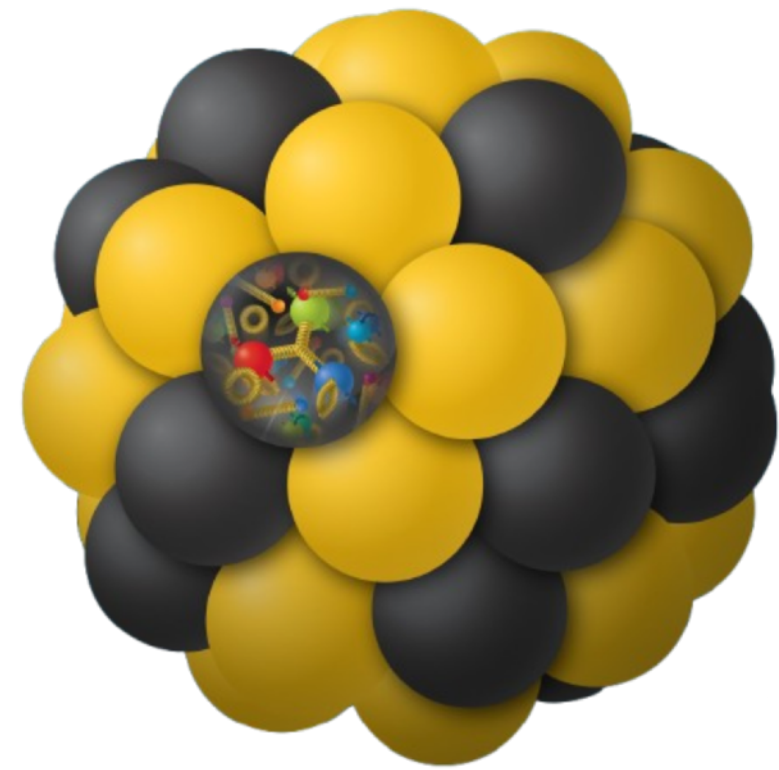
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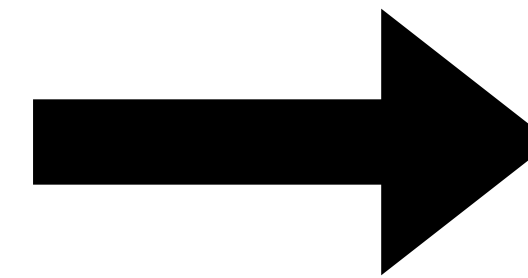
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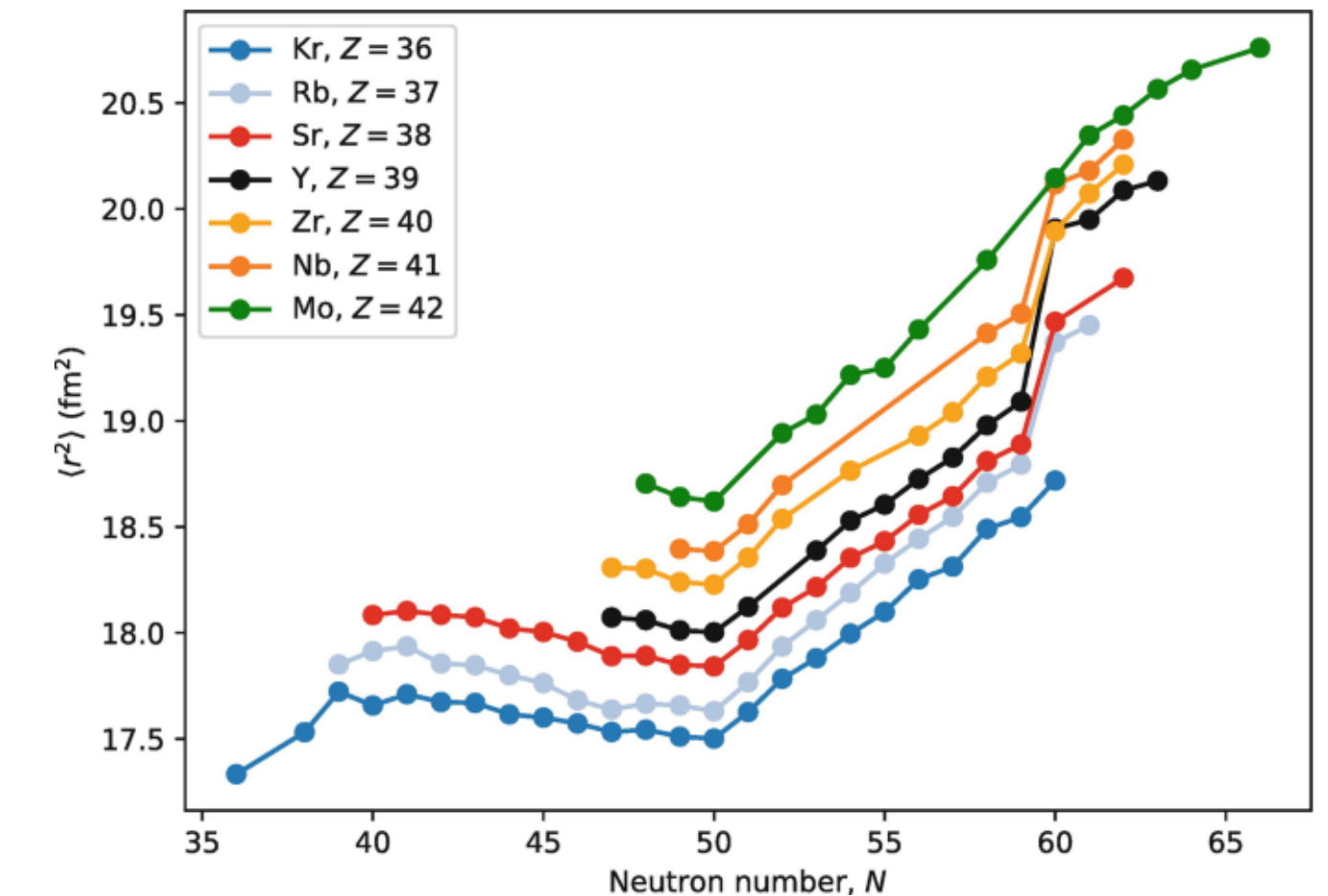


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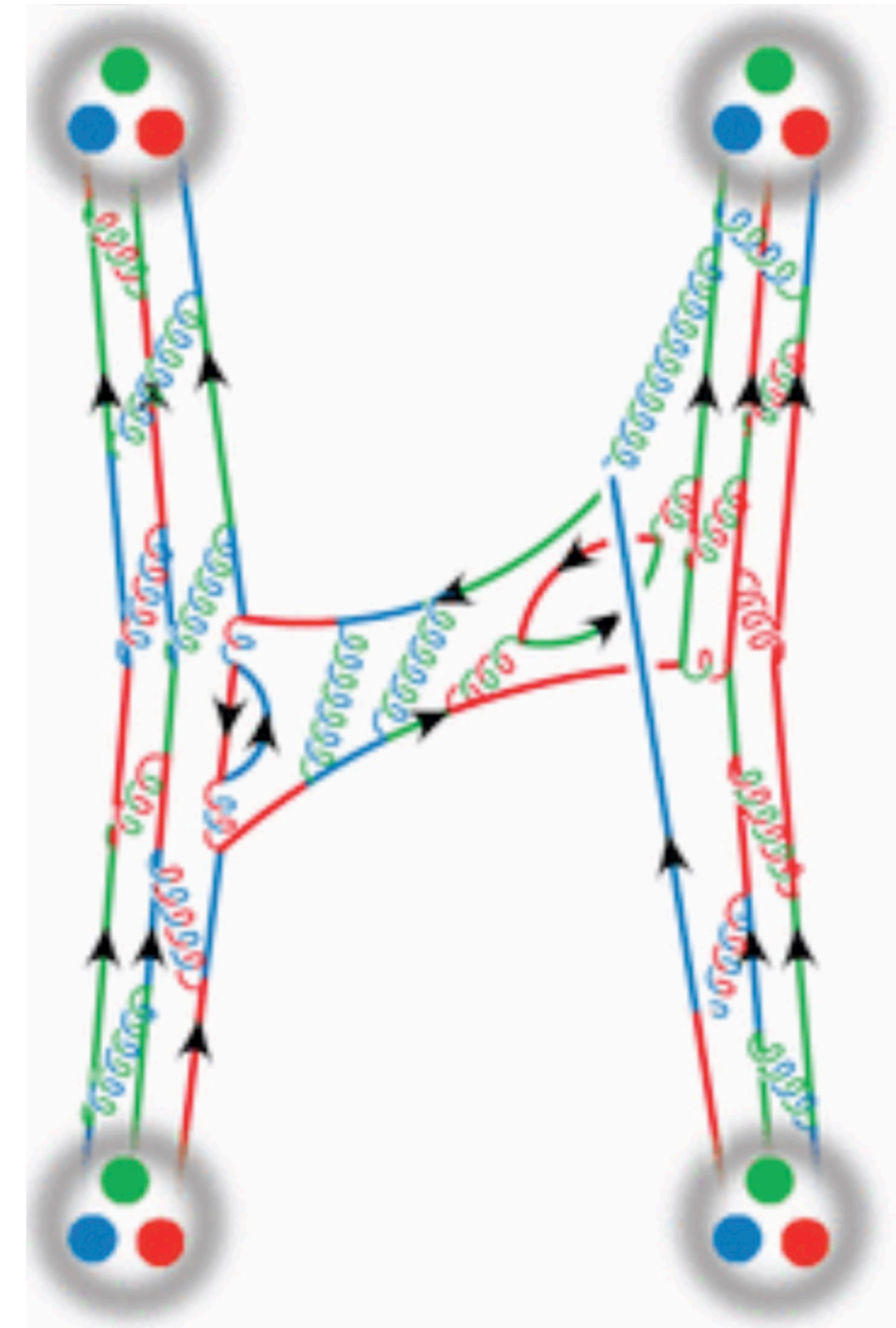
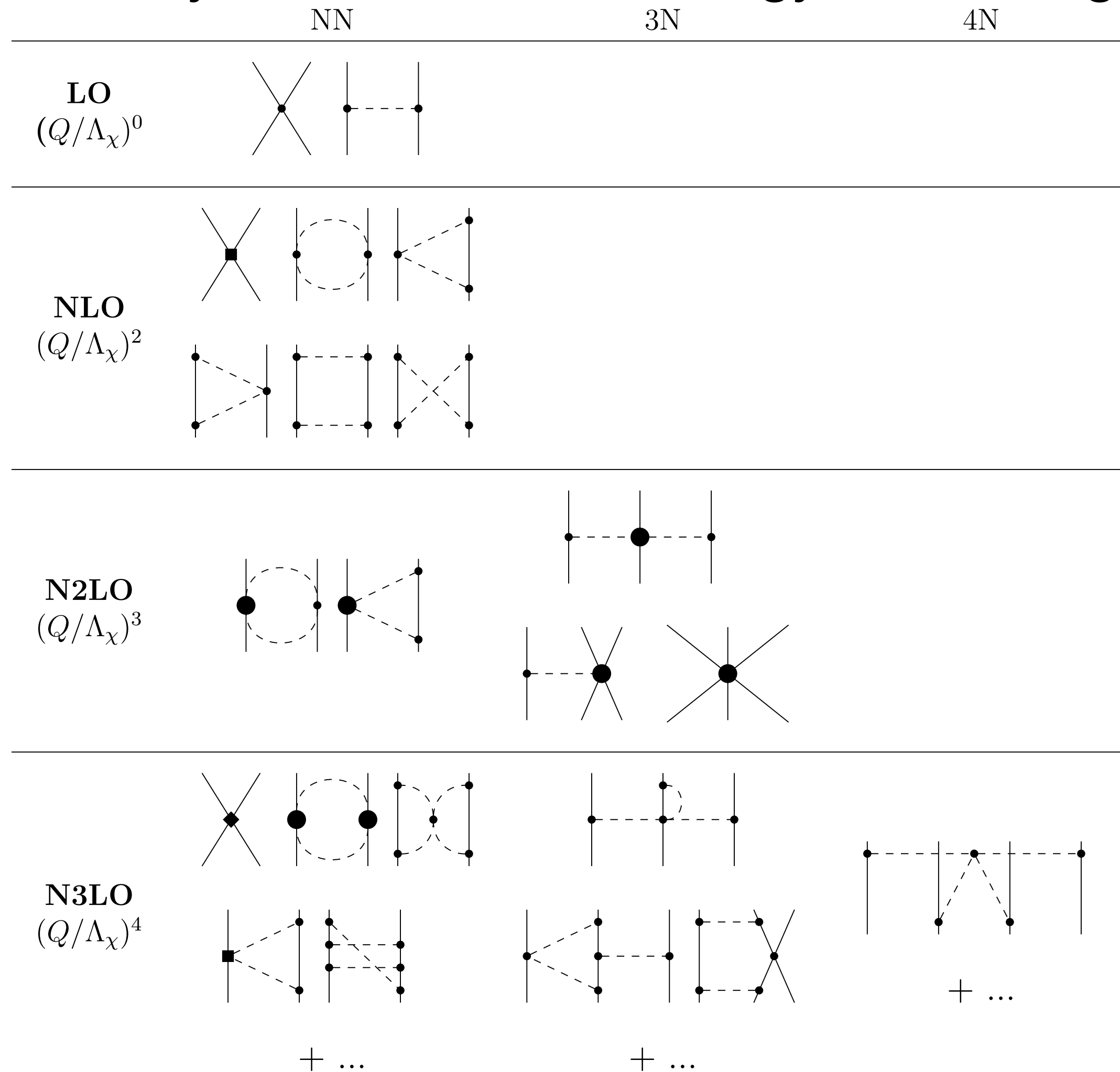
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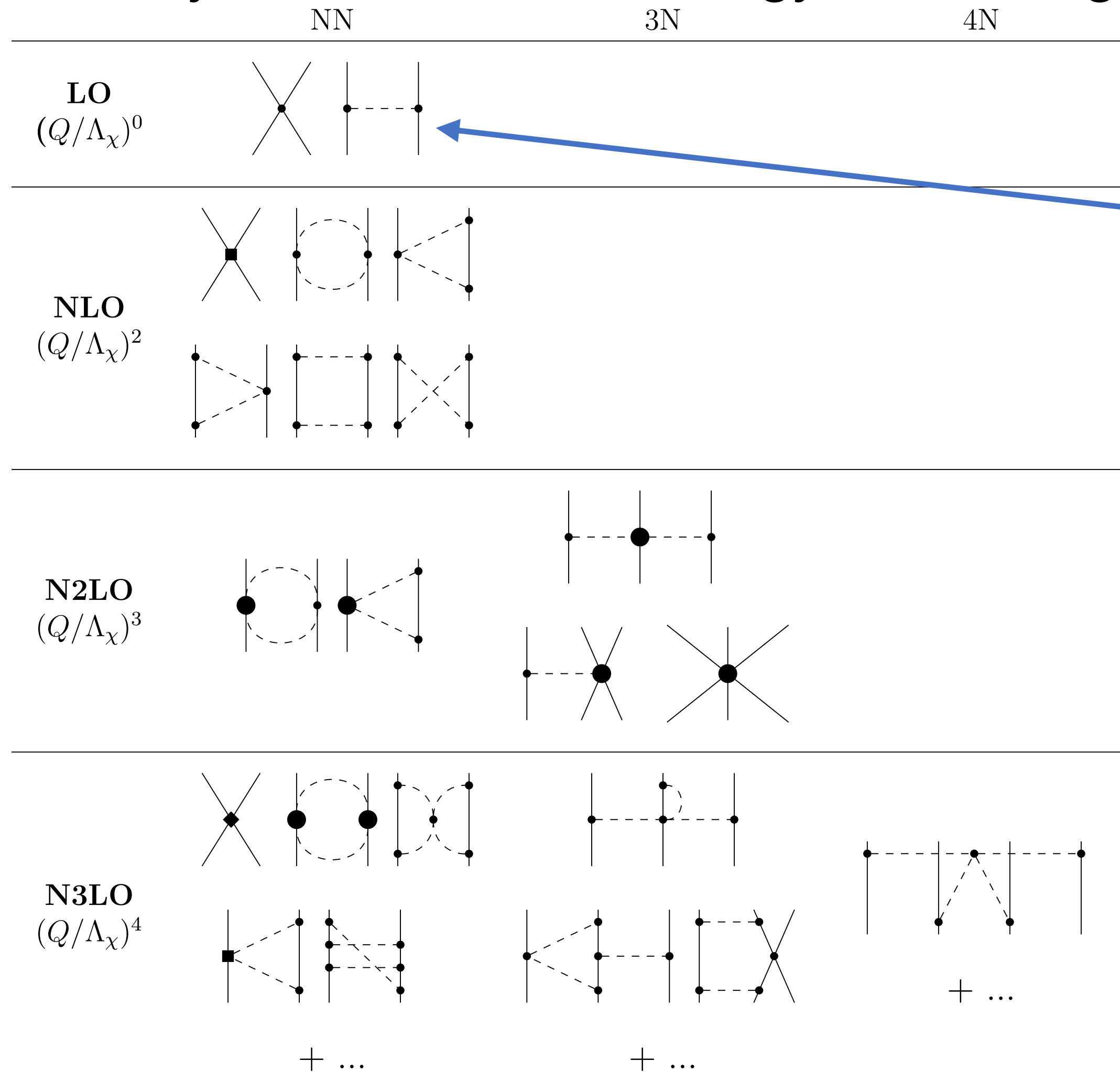
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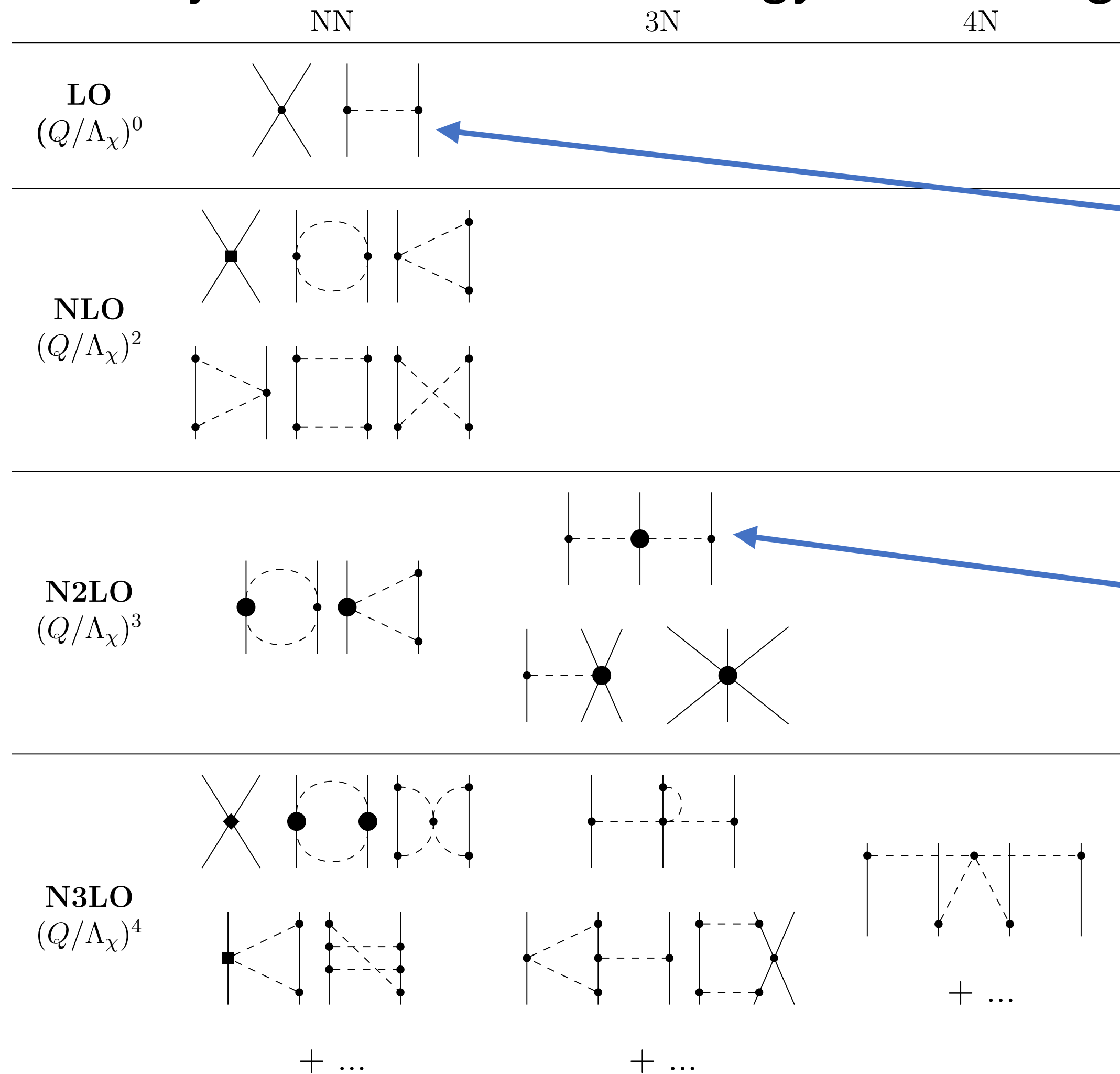
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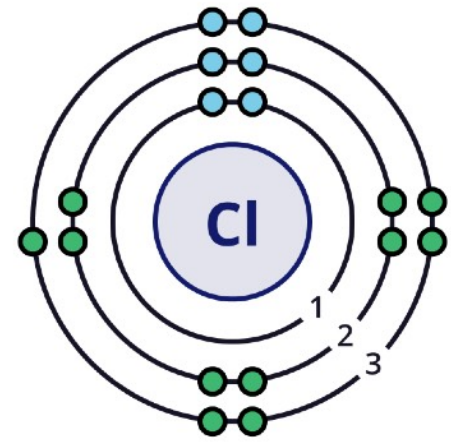


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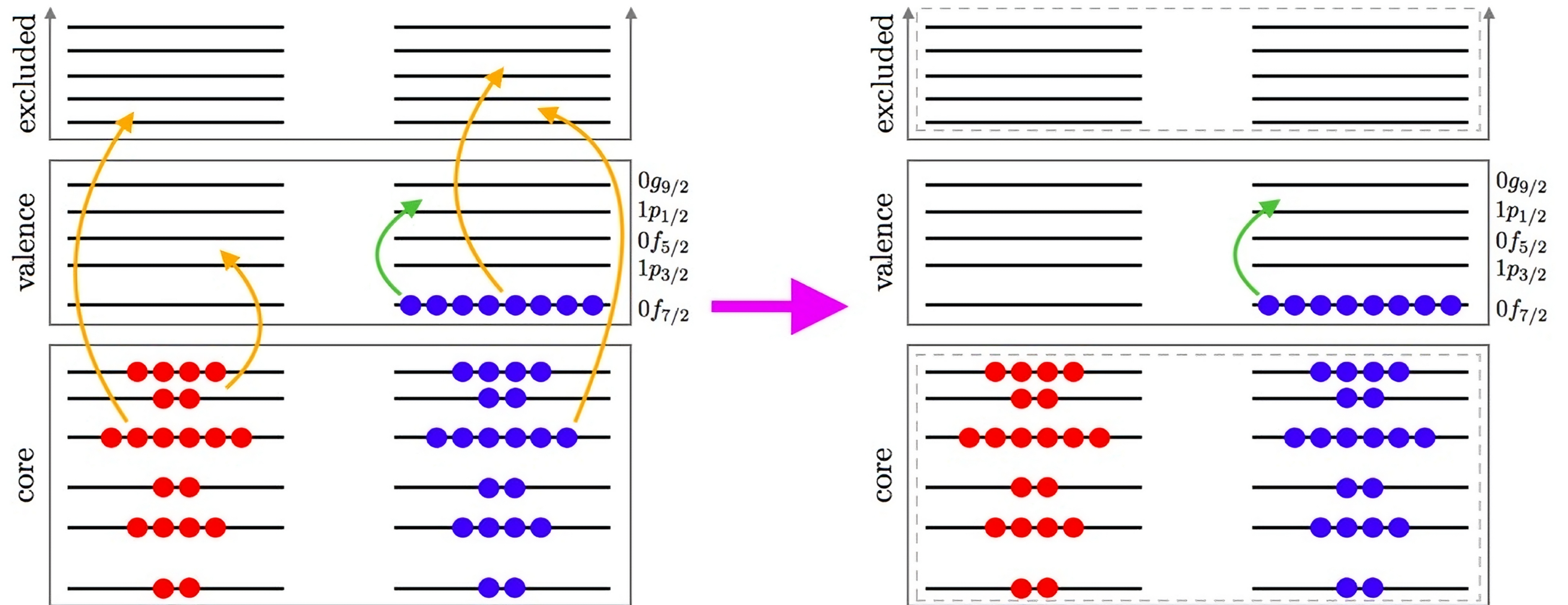


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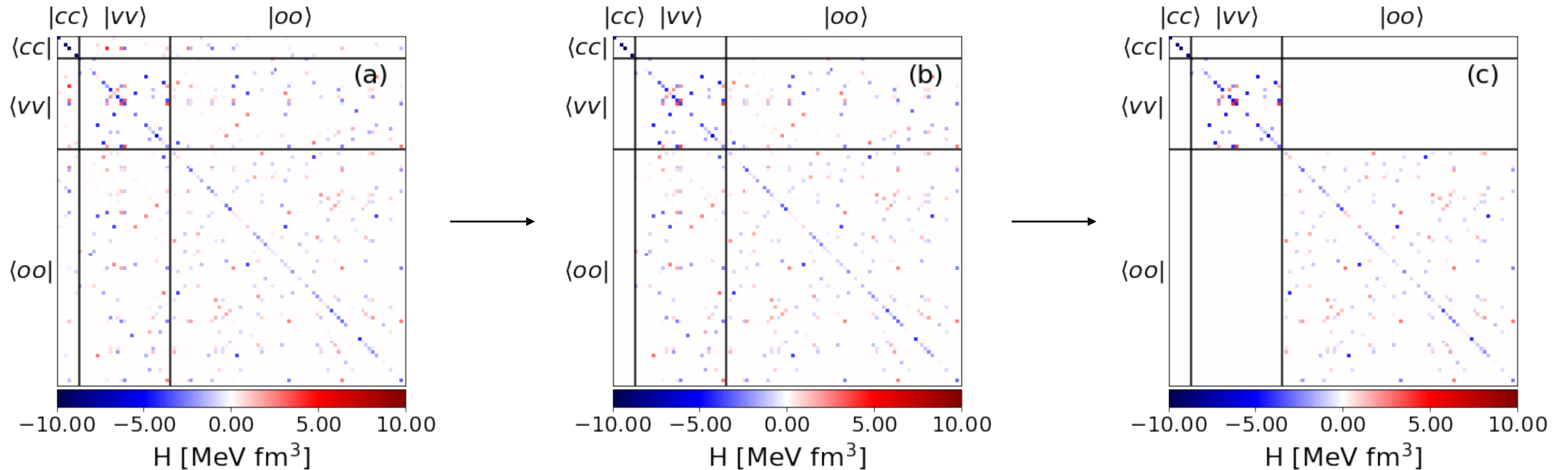
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Charlie Payne, Master's Thesis, UBC (2018)

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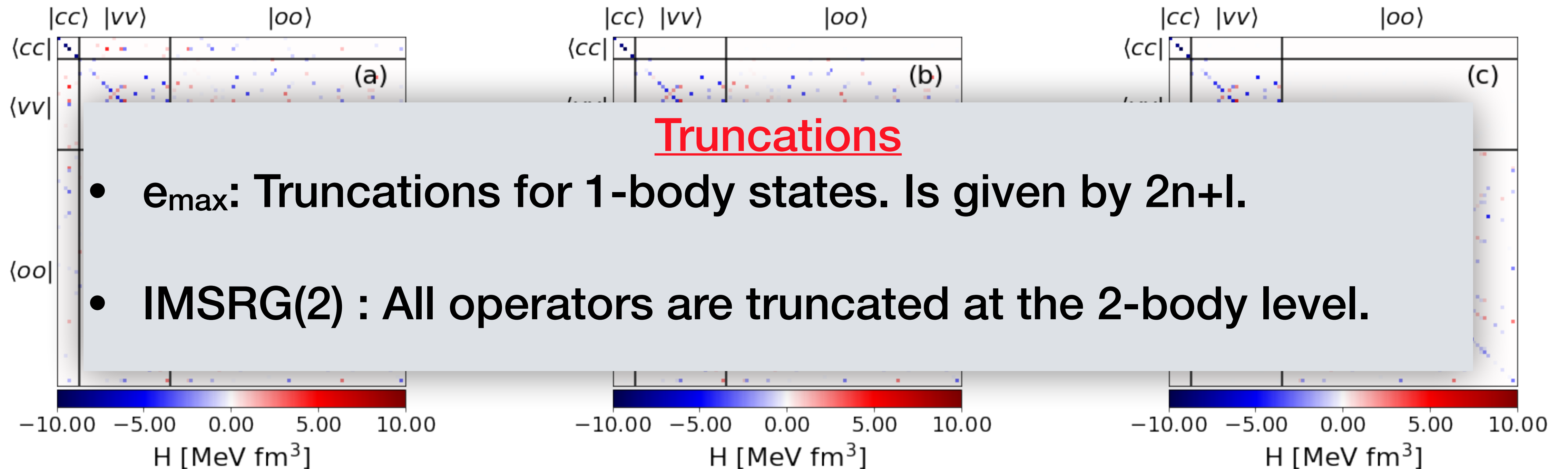
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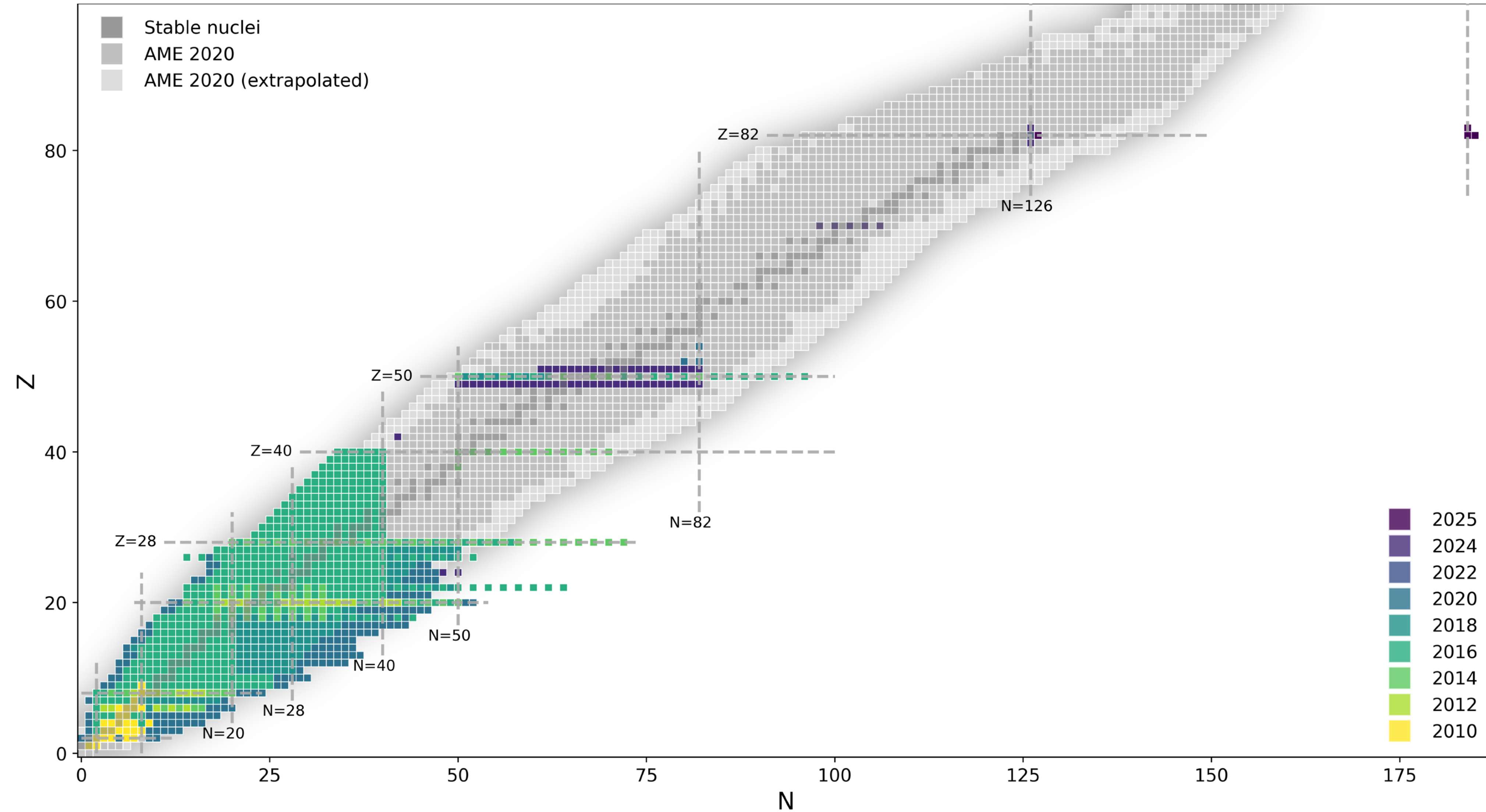
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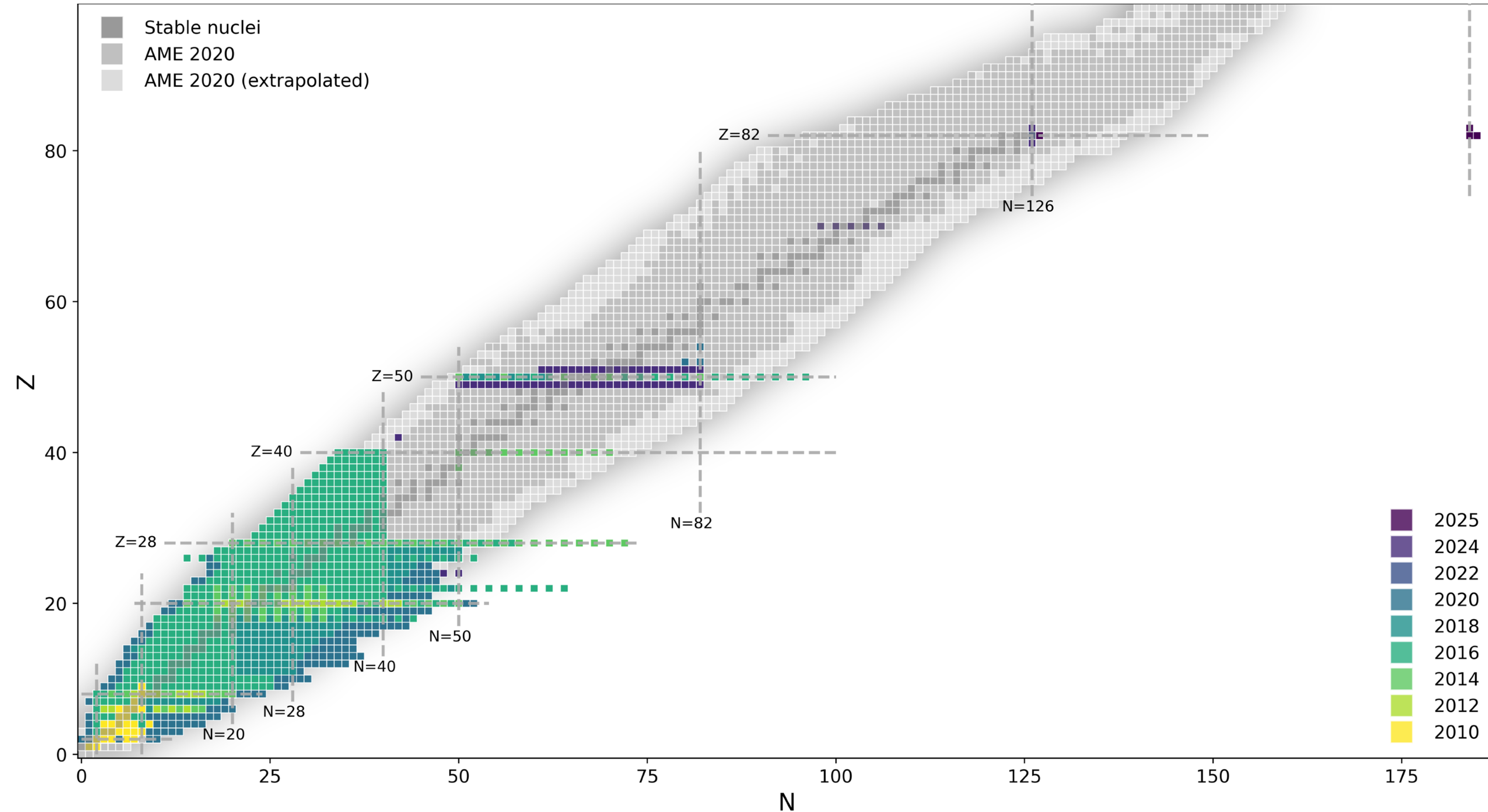


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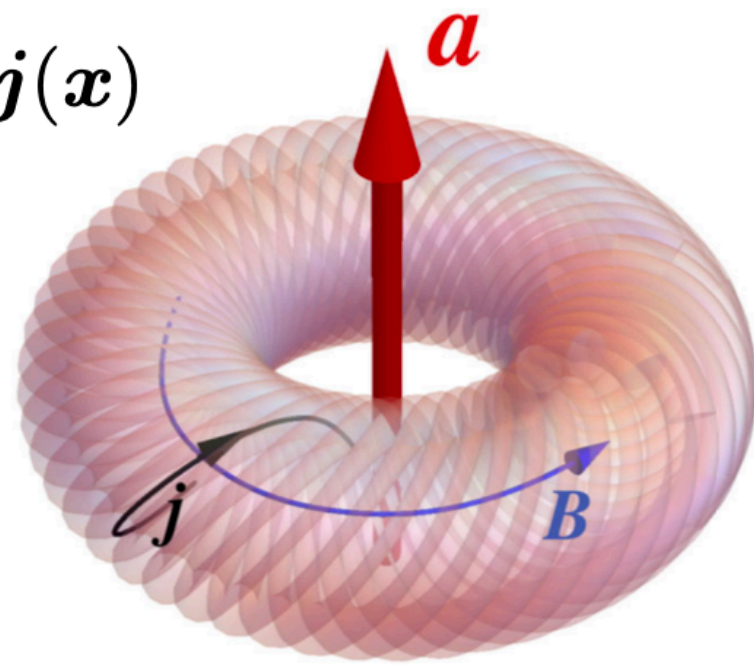


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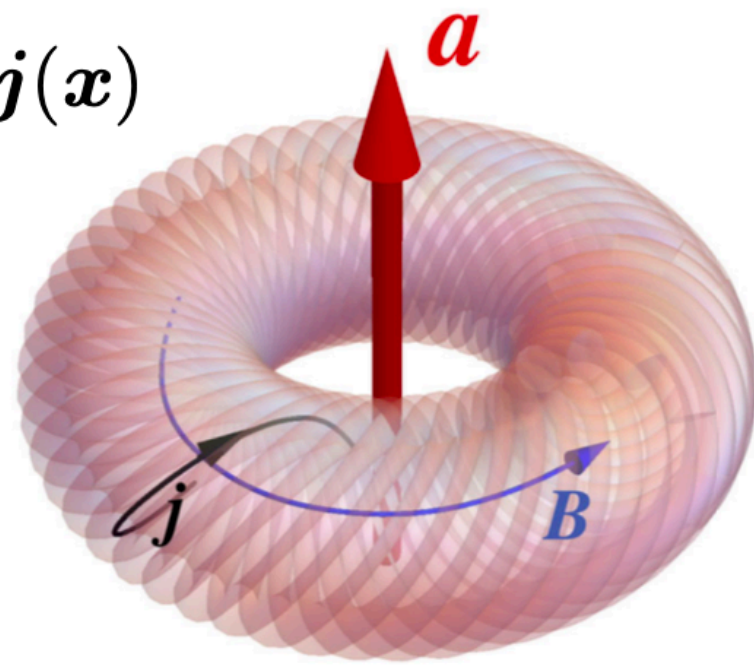
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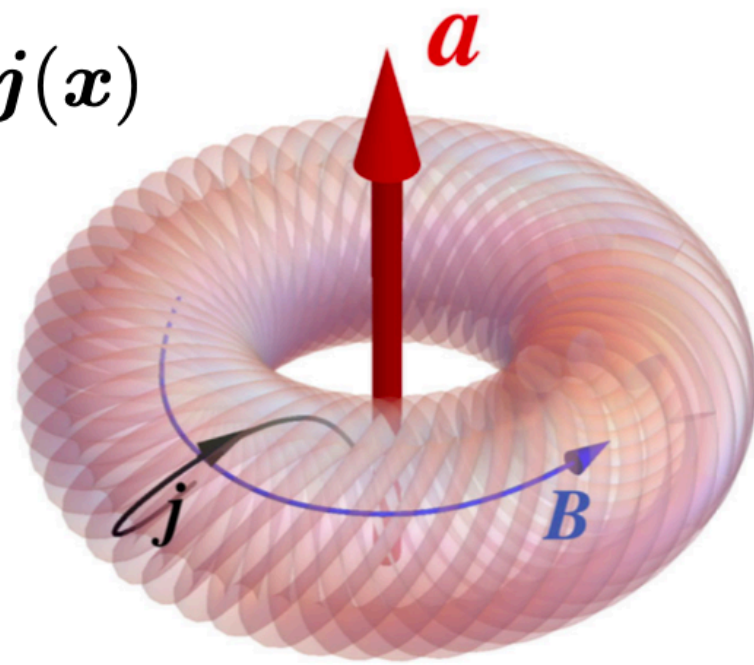
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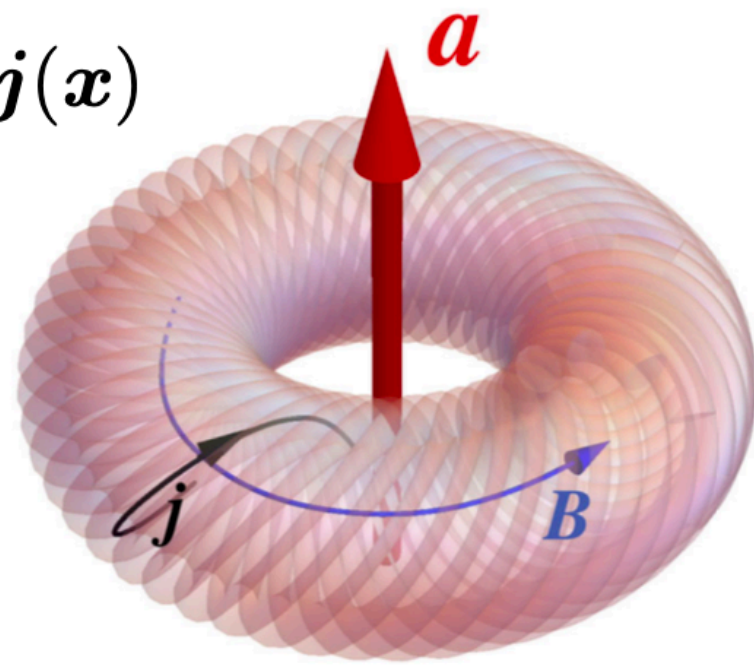
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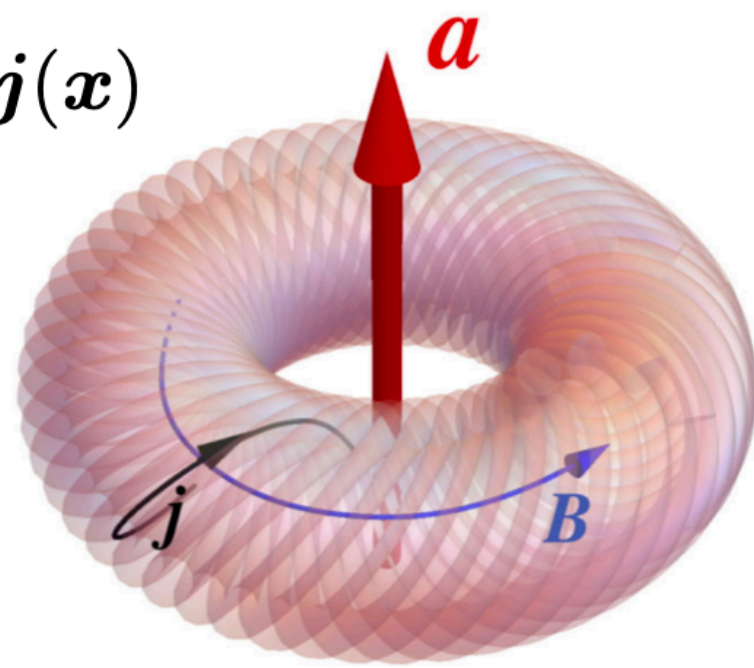
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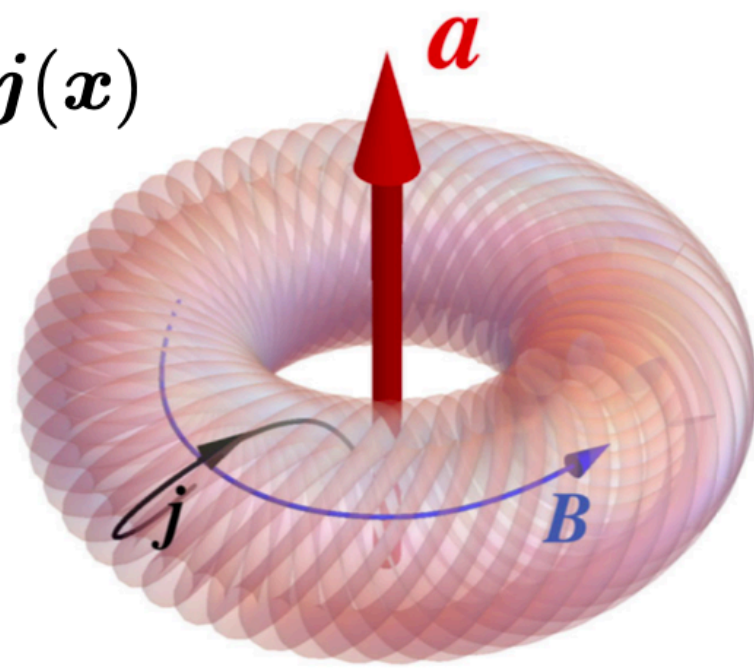
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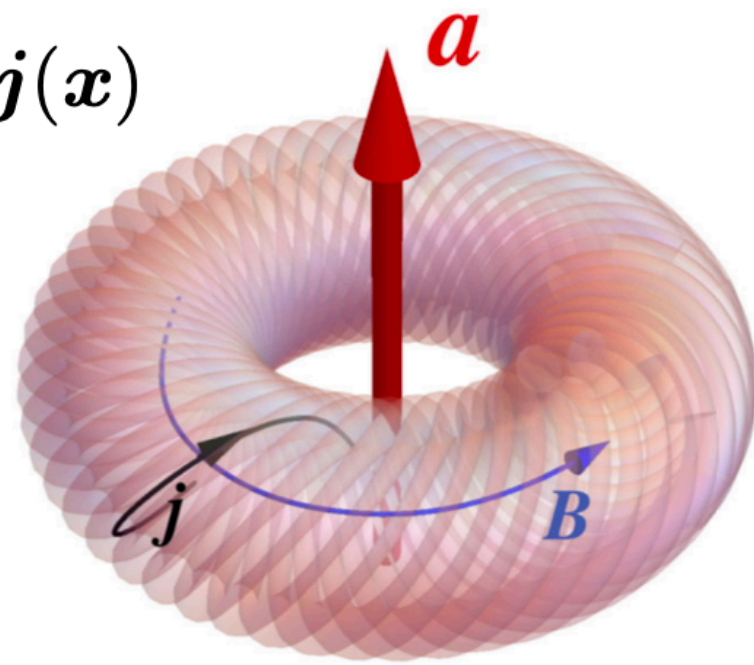
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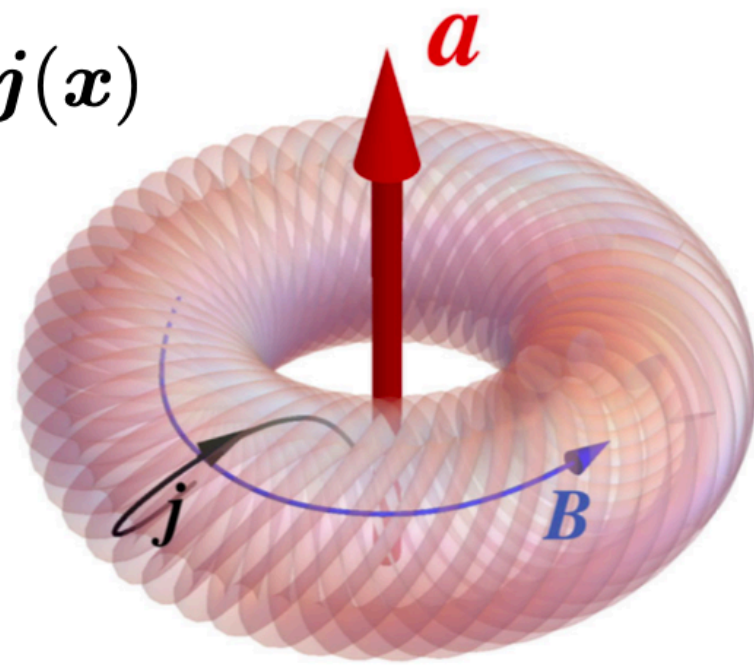


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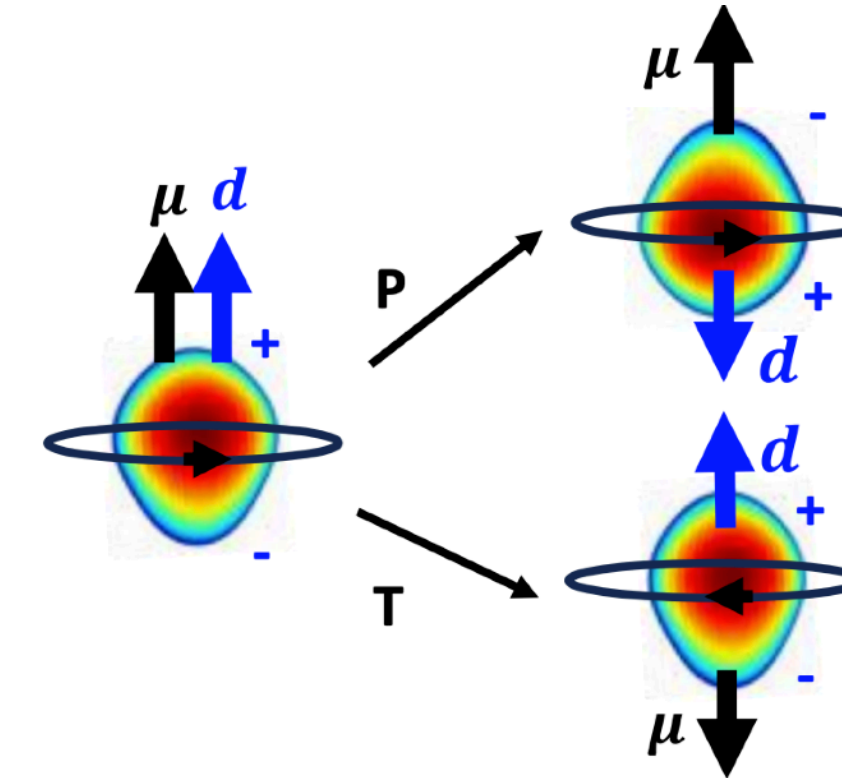
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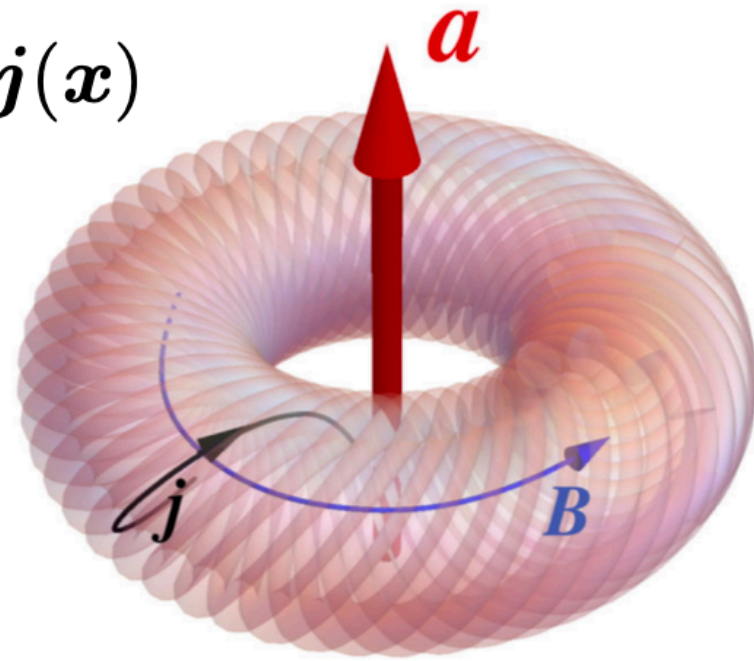
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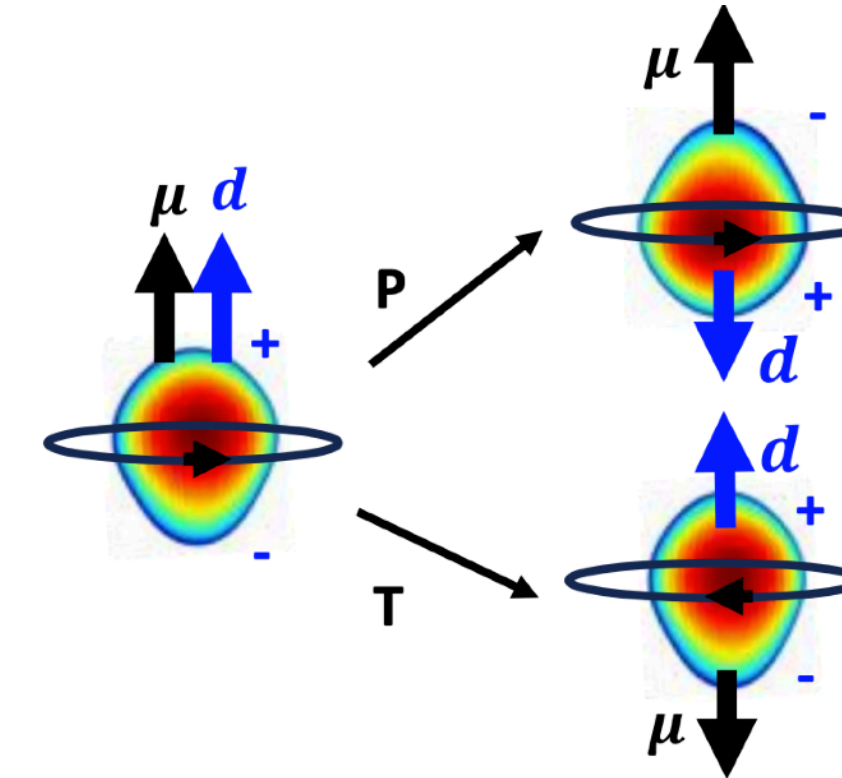
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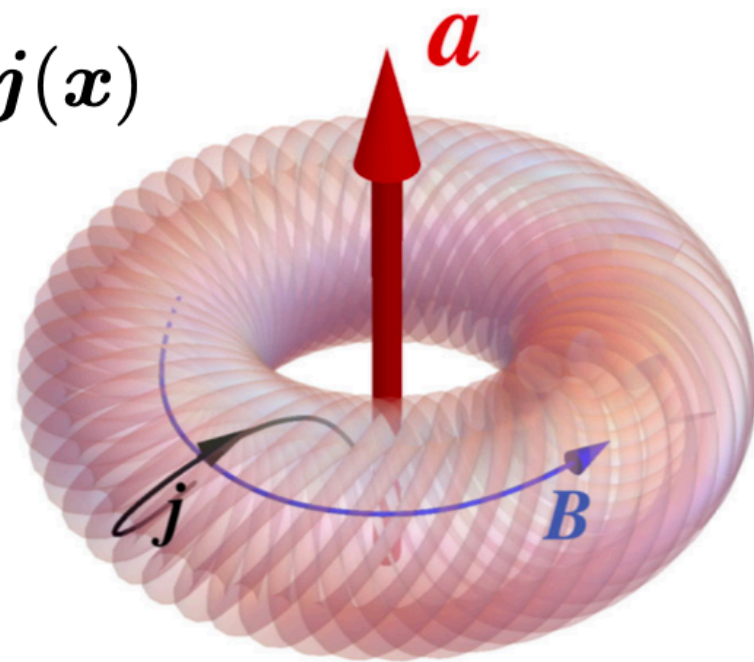
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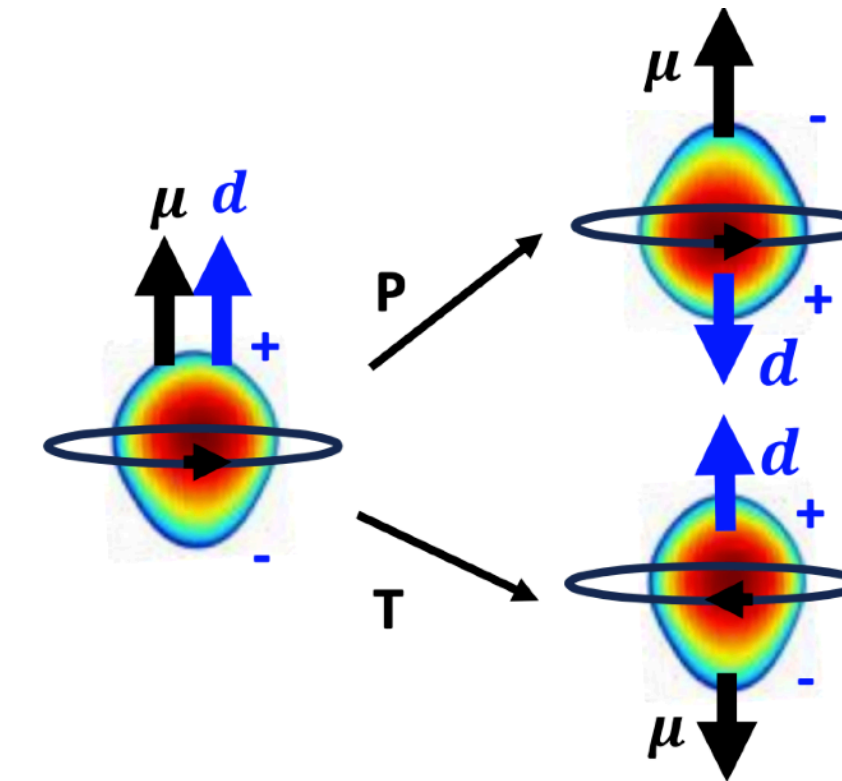
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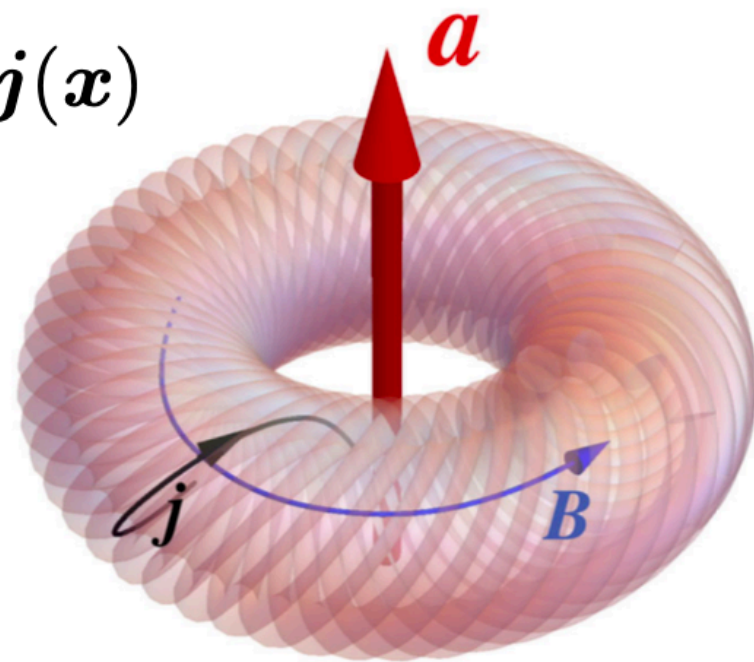
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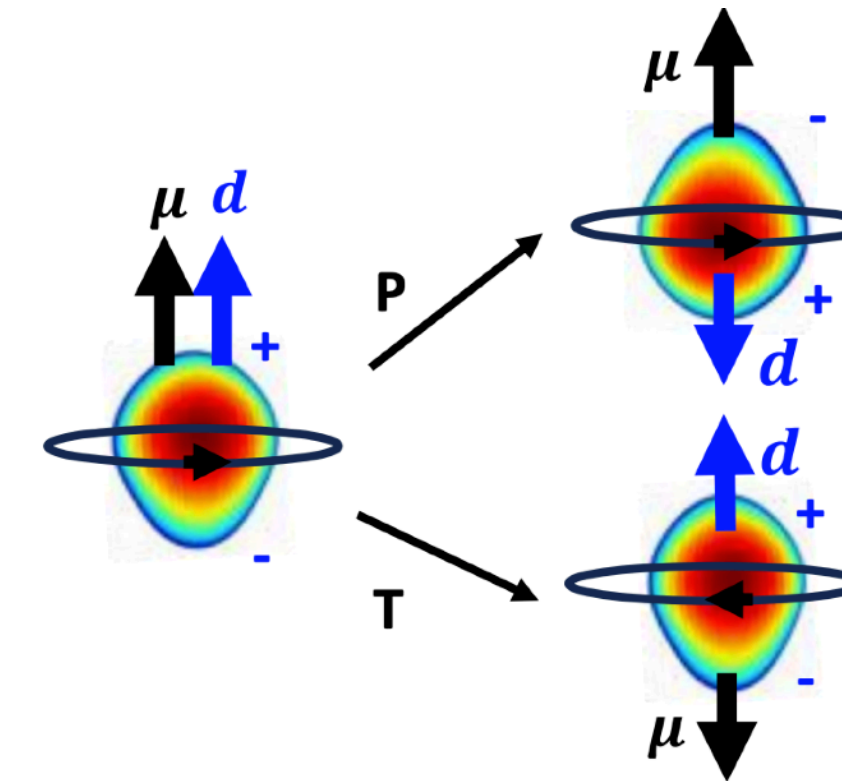
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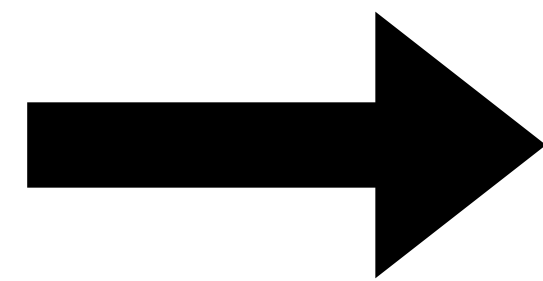
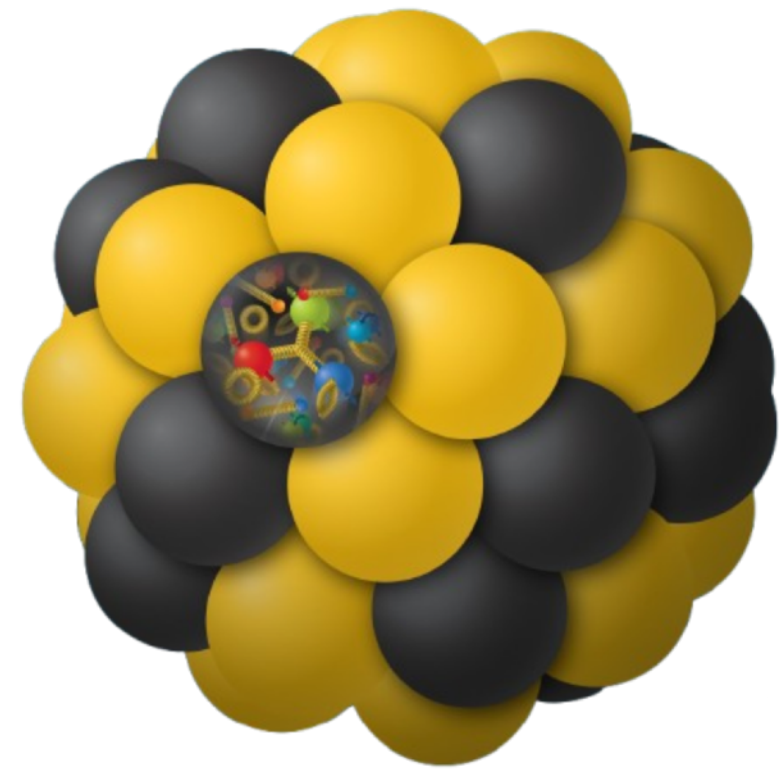
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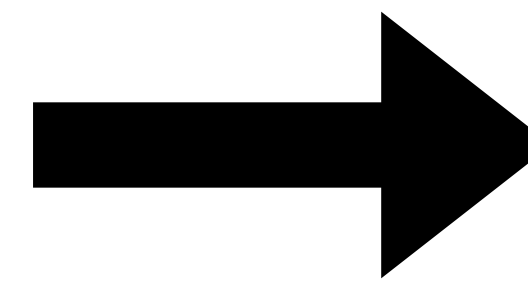
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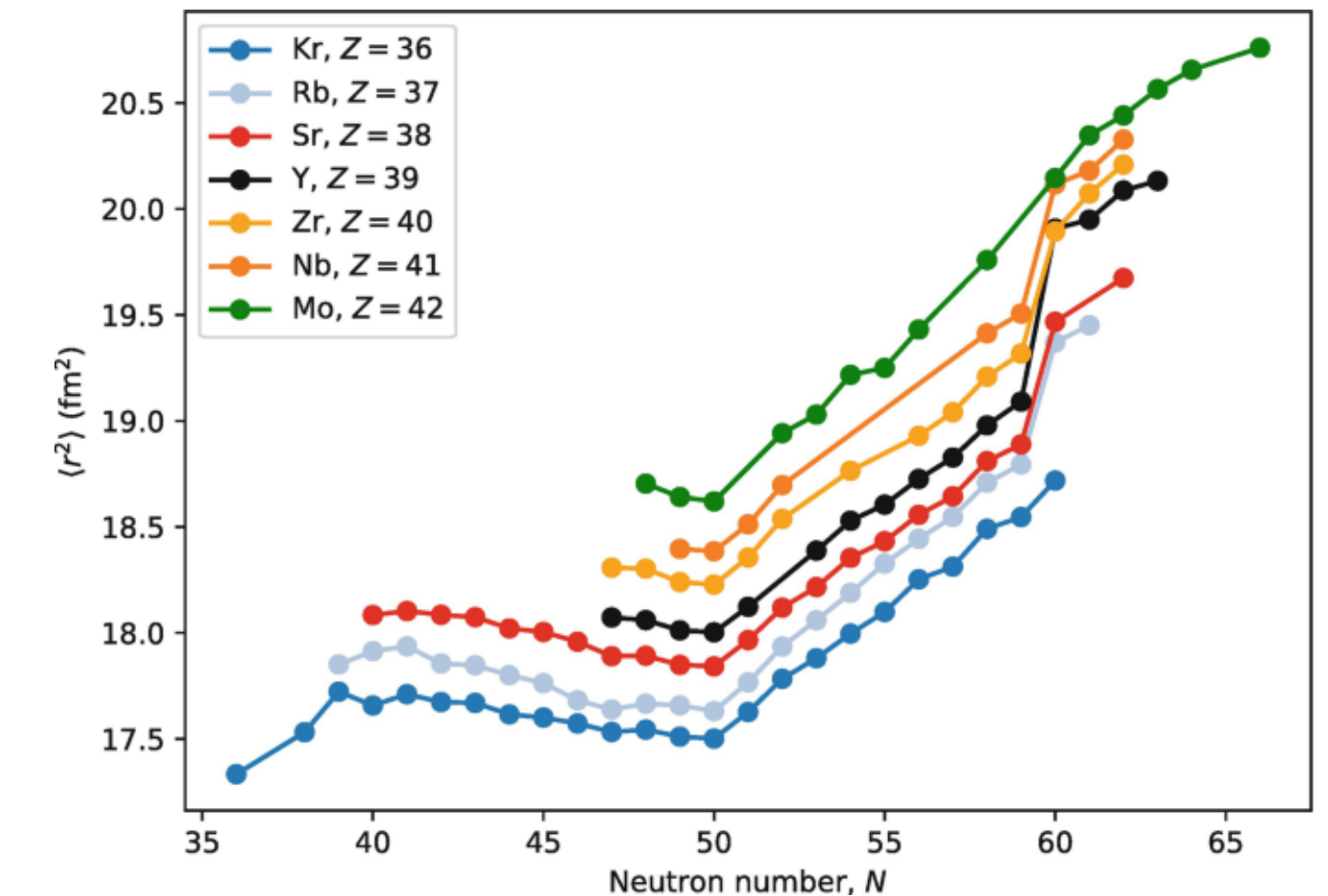


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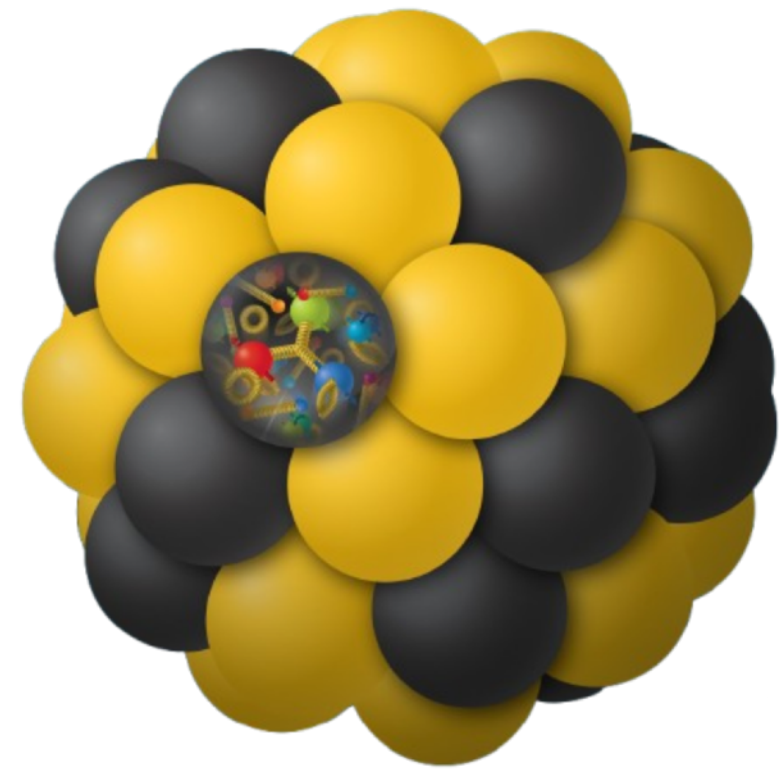




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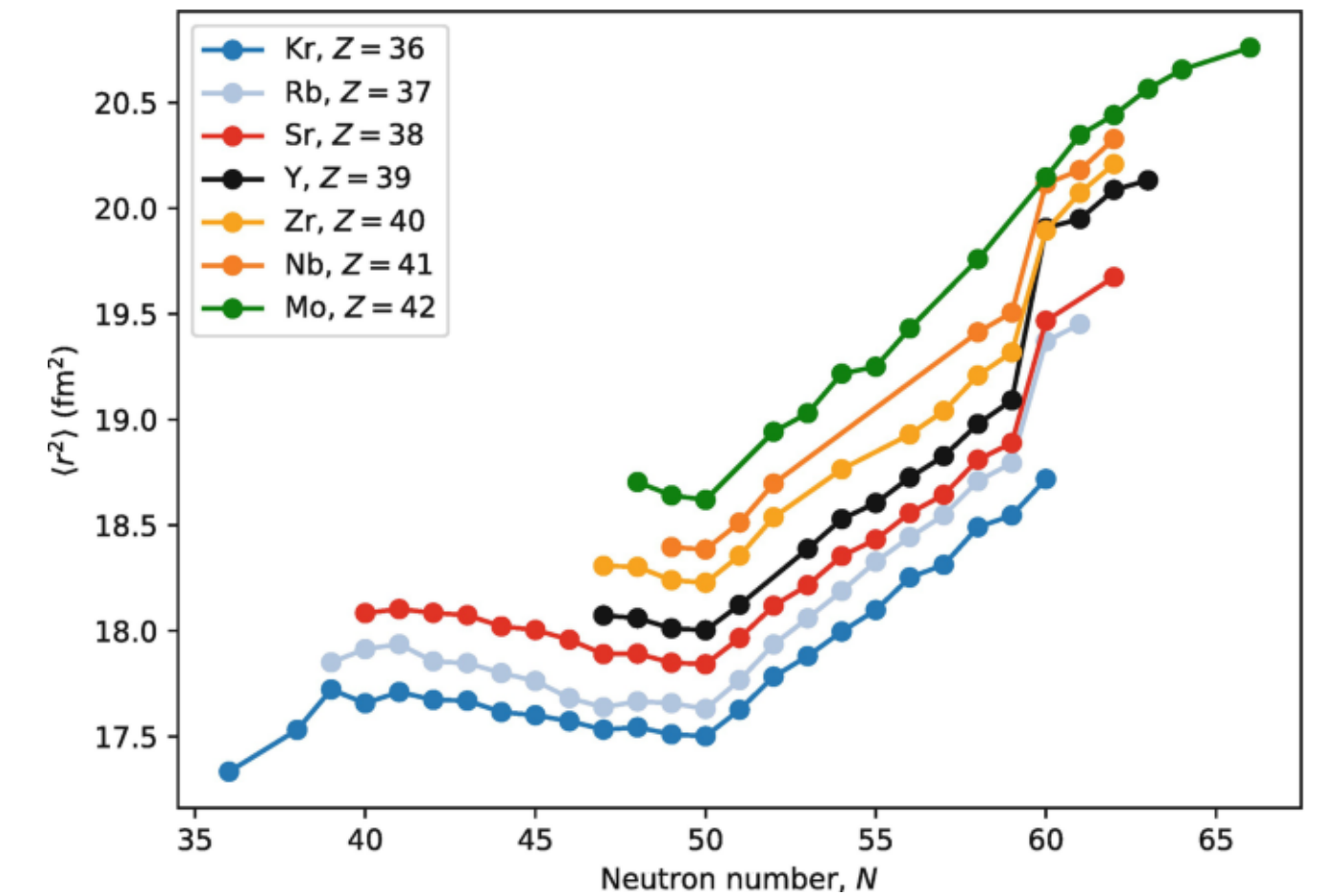
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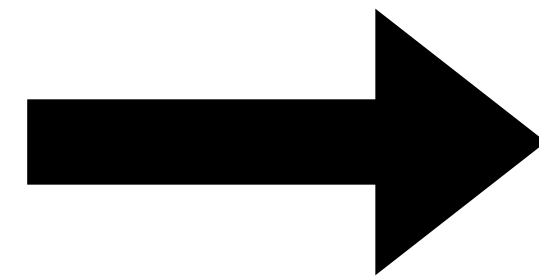
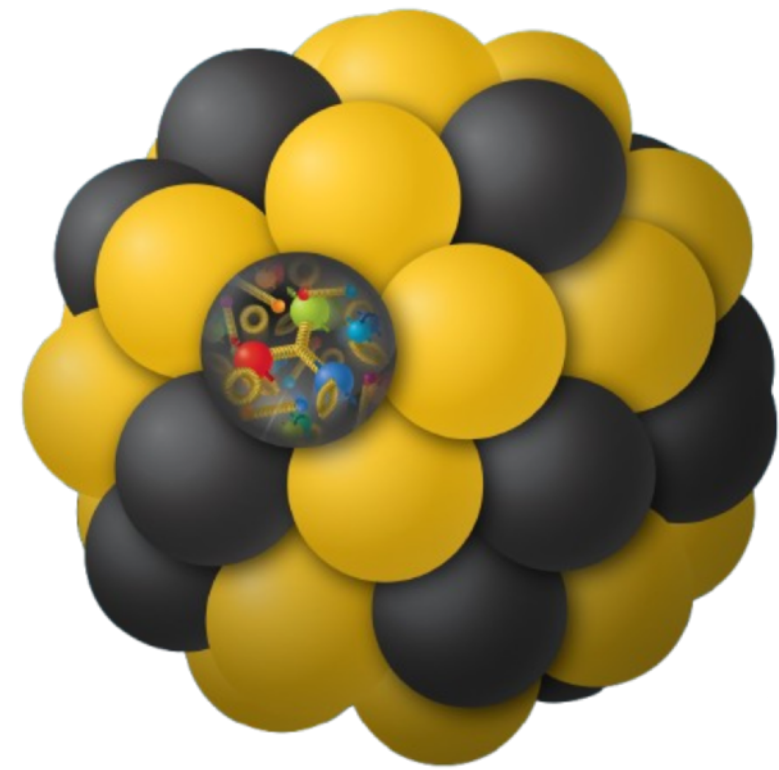
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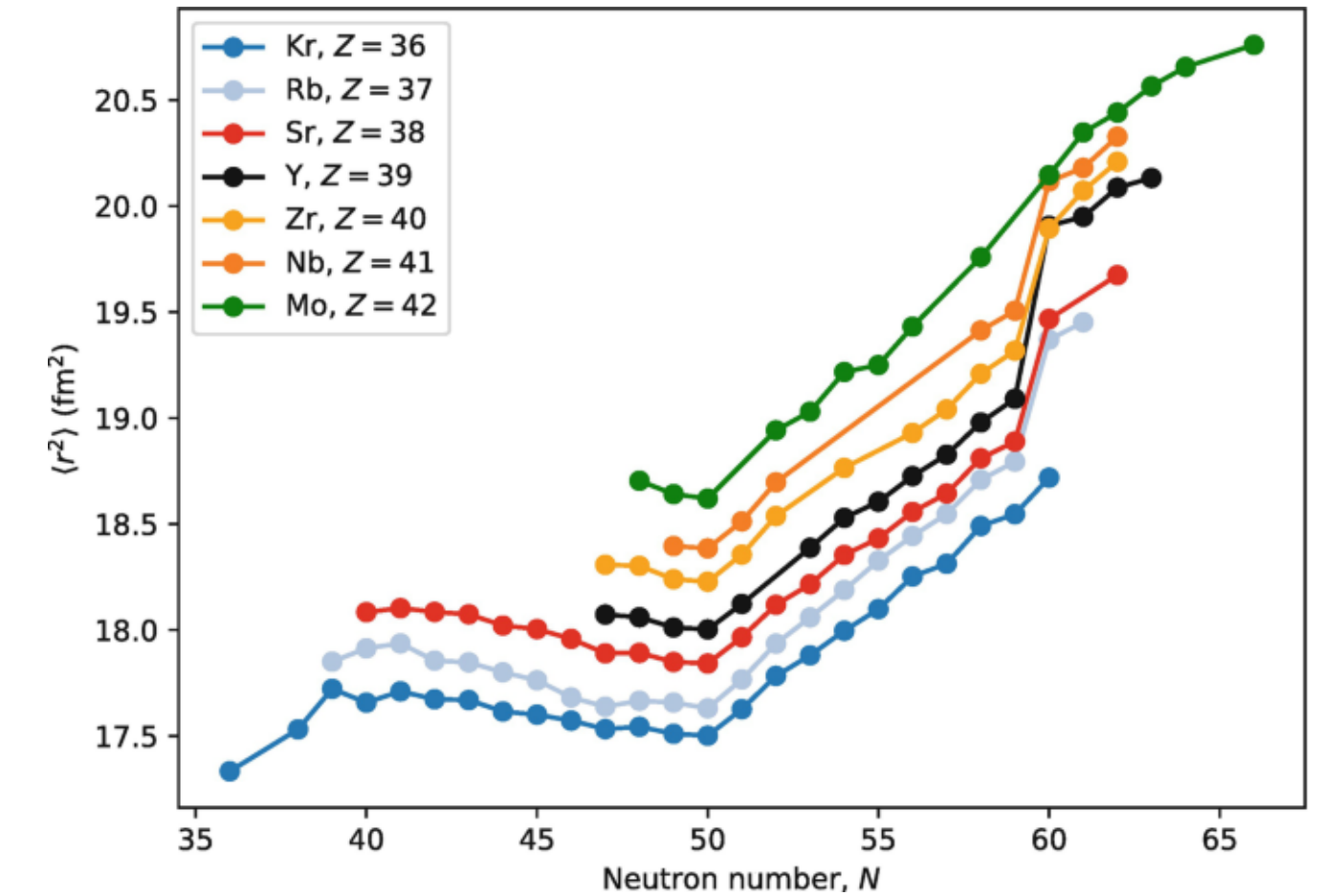
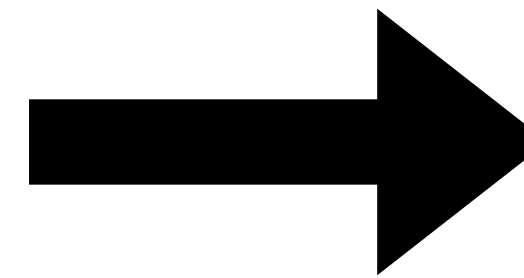
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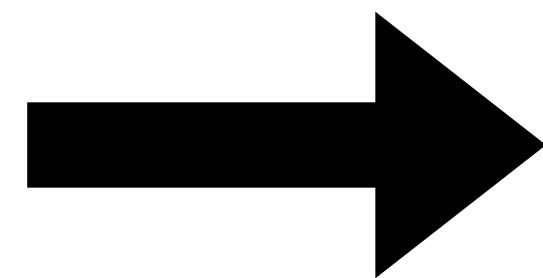
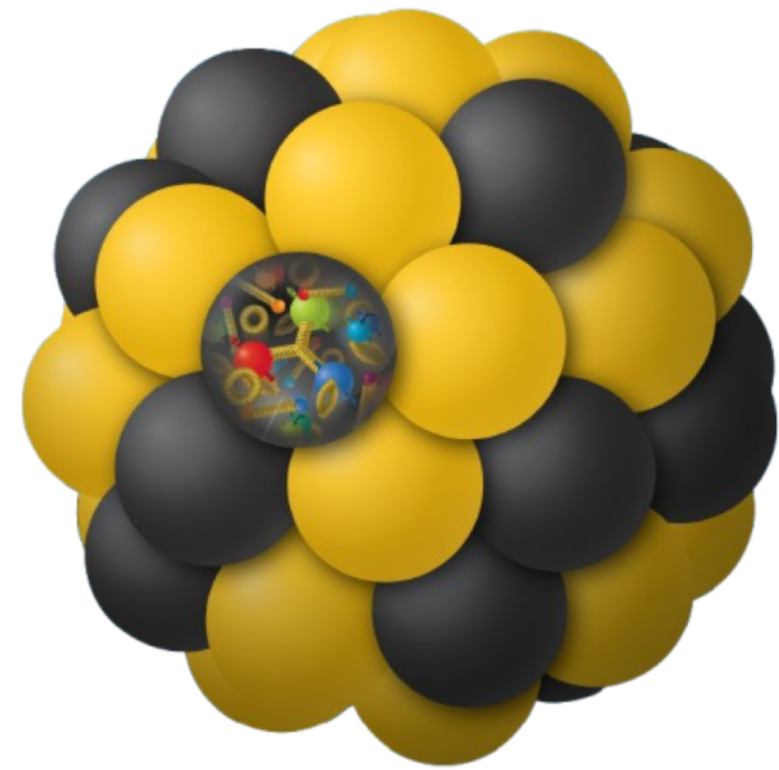
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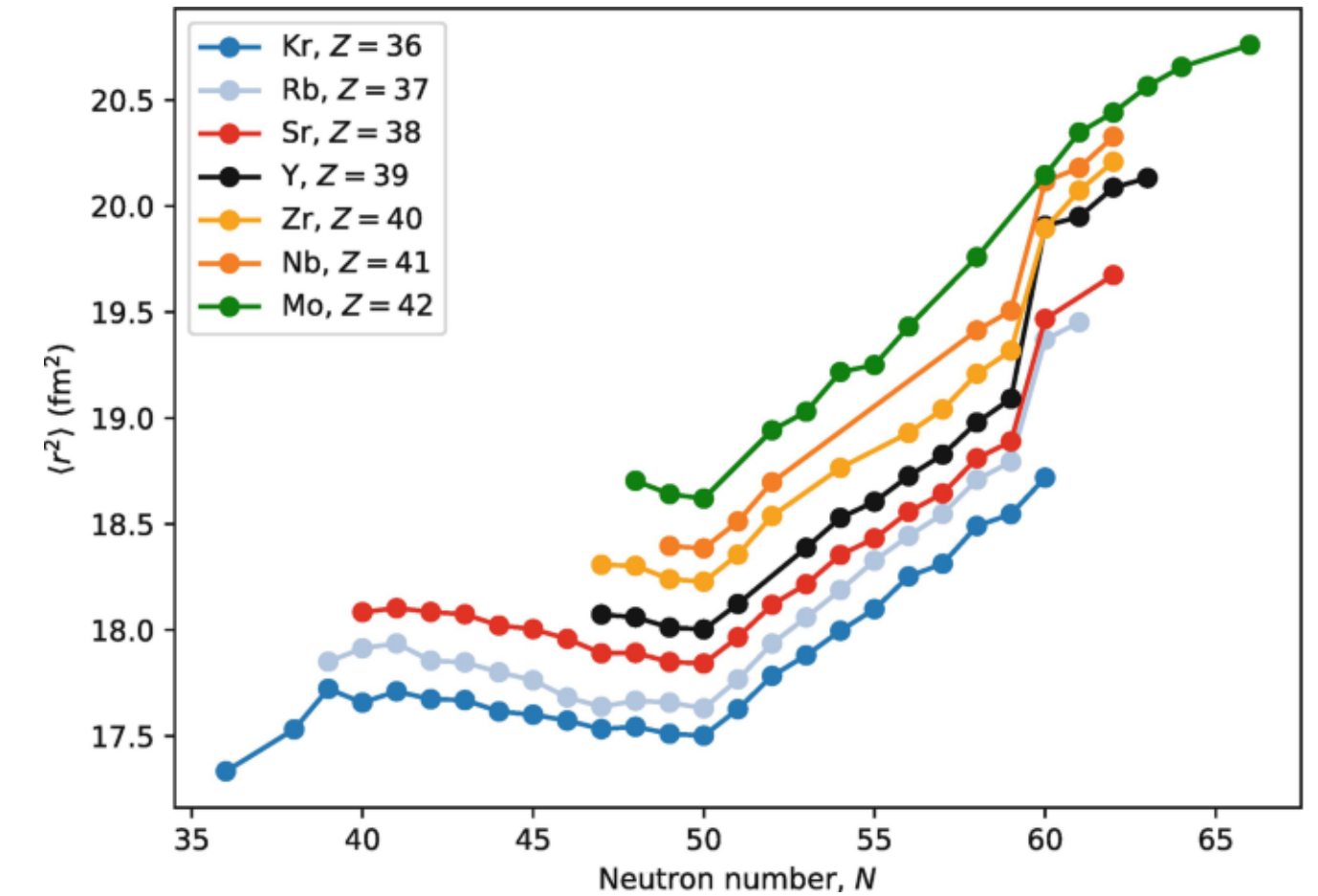
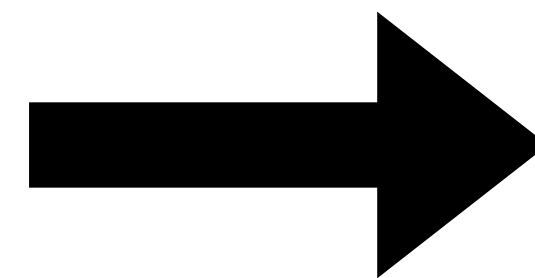
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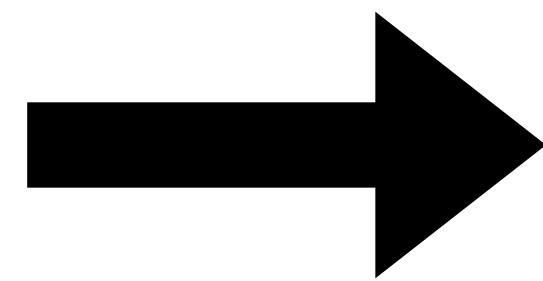
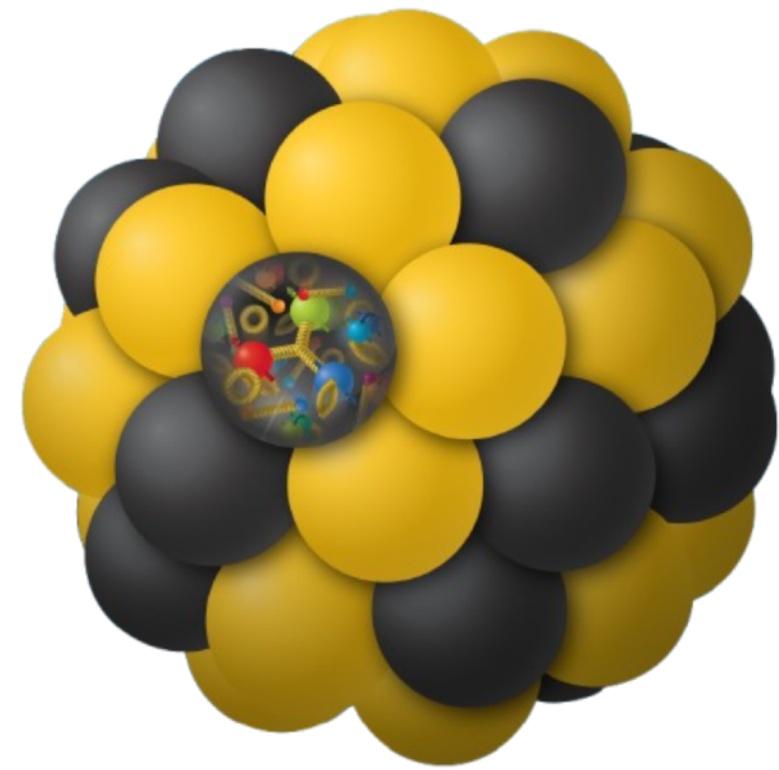
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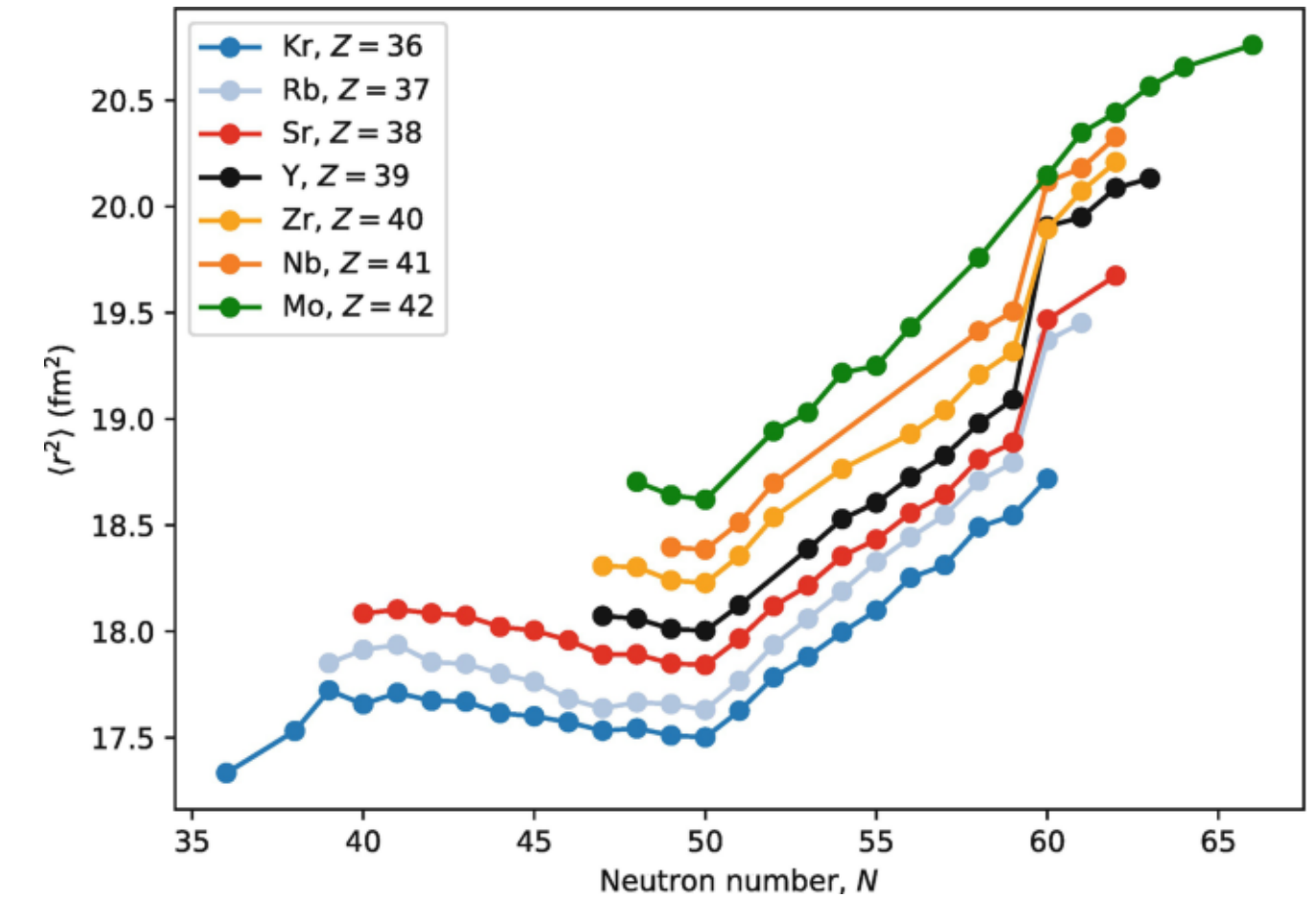
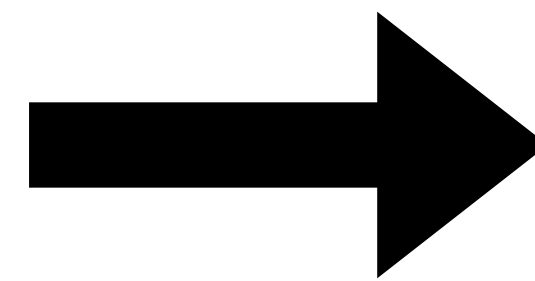
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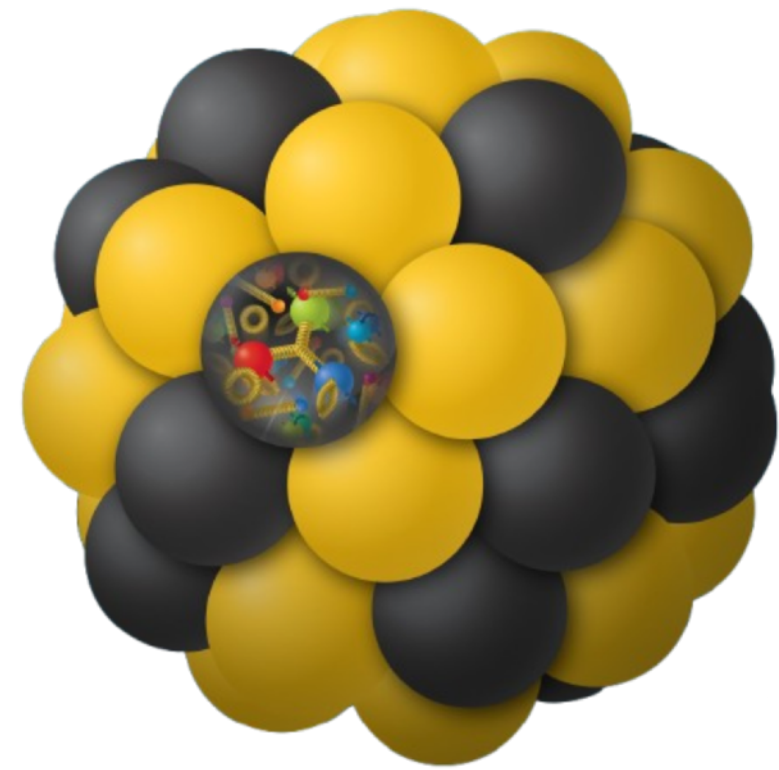
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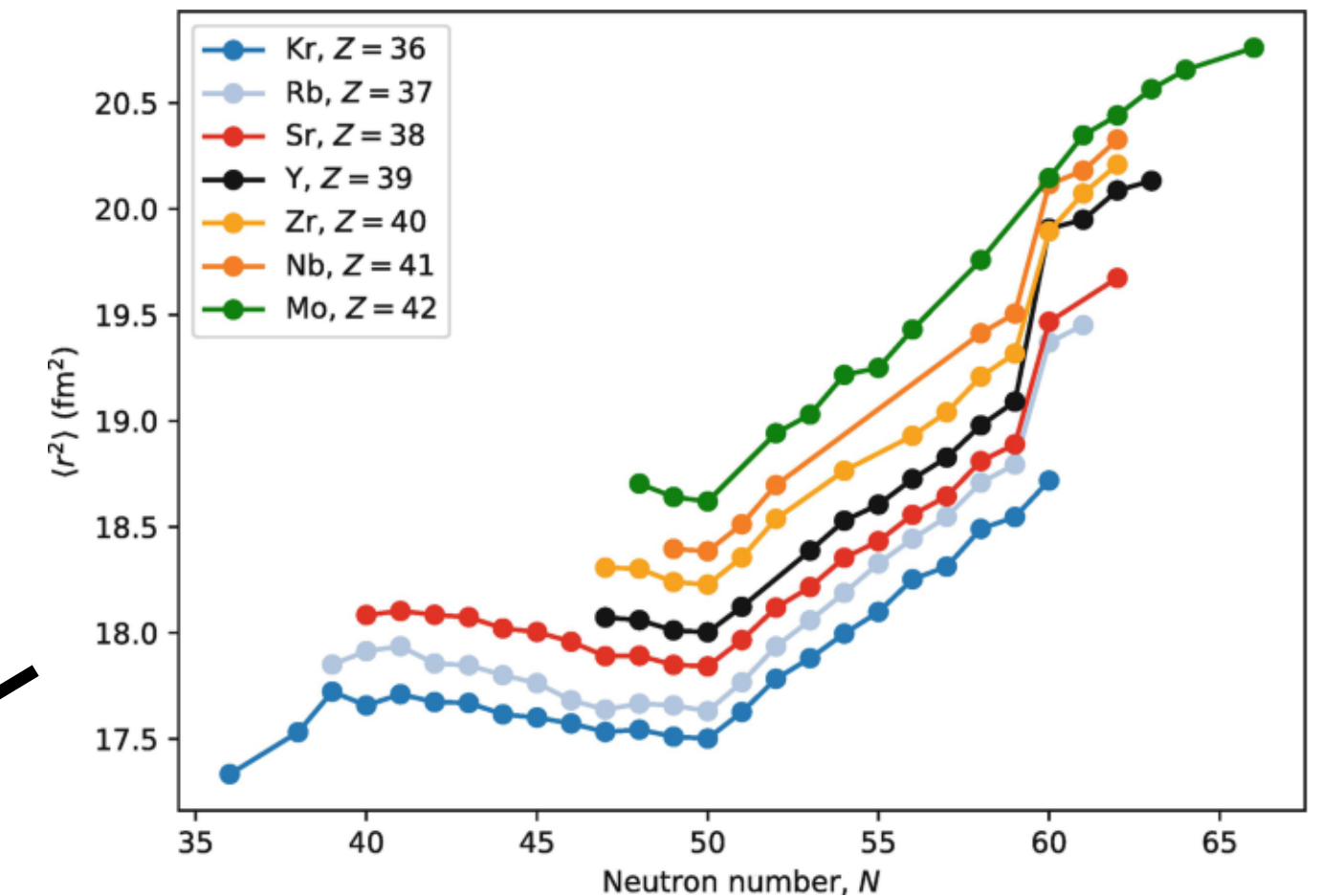
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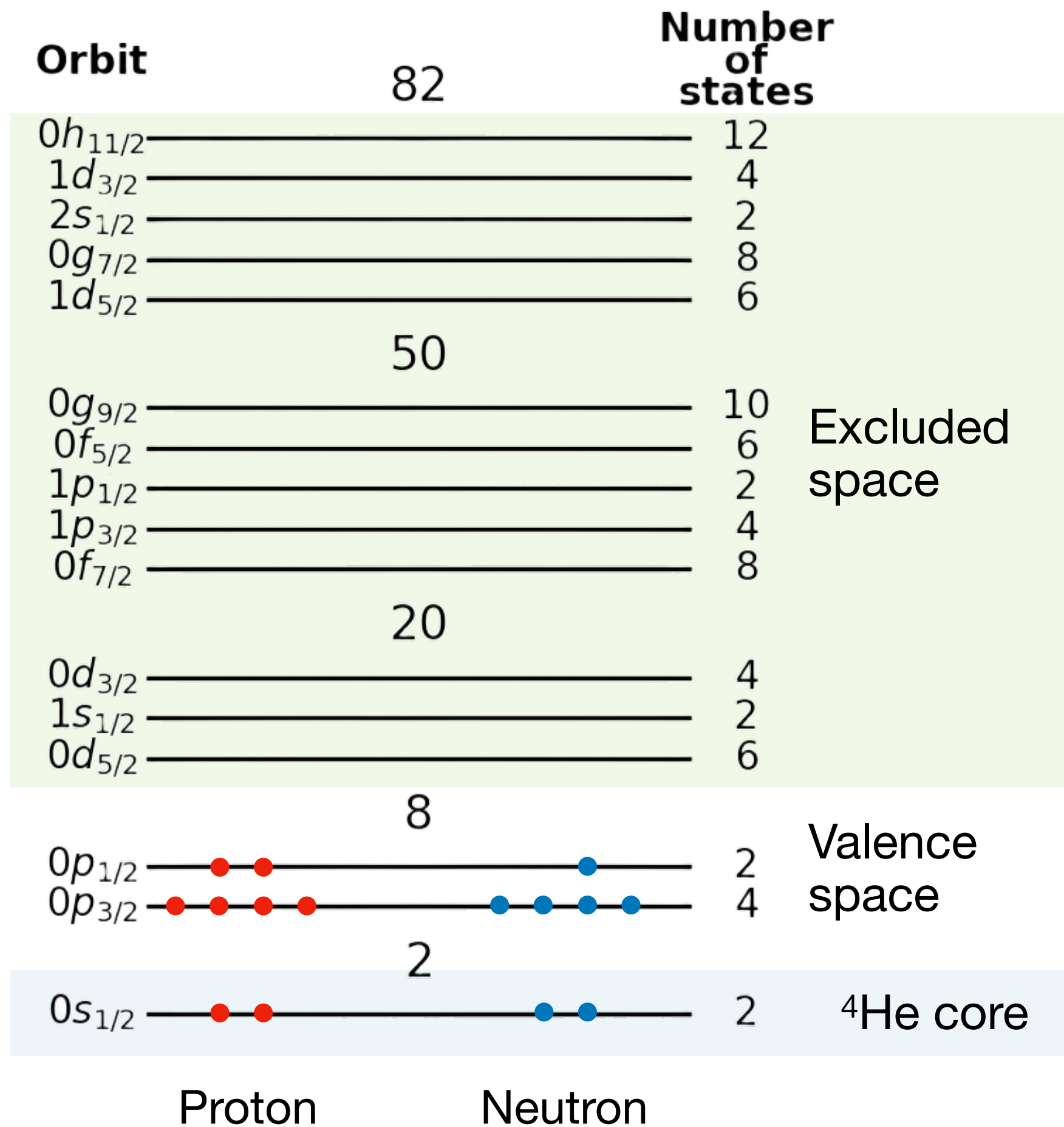
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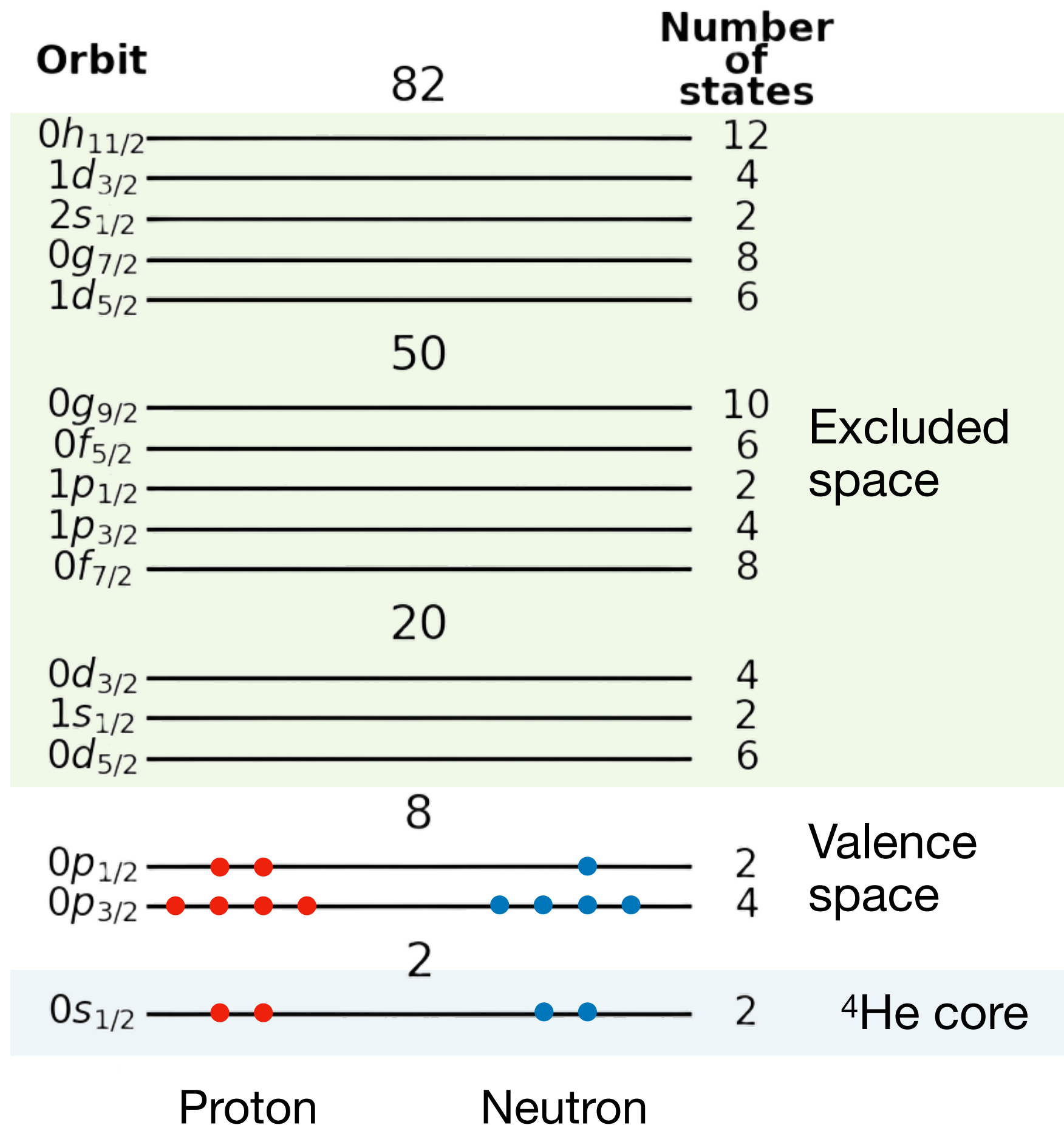




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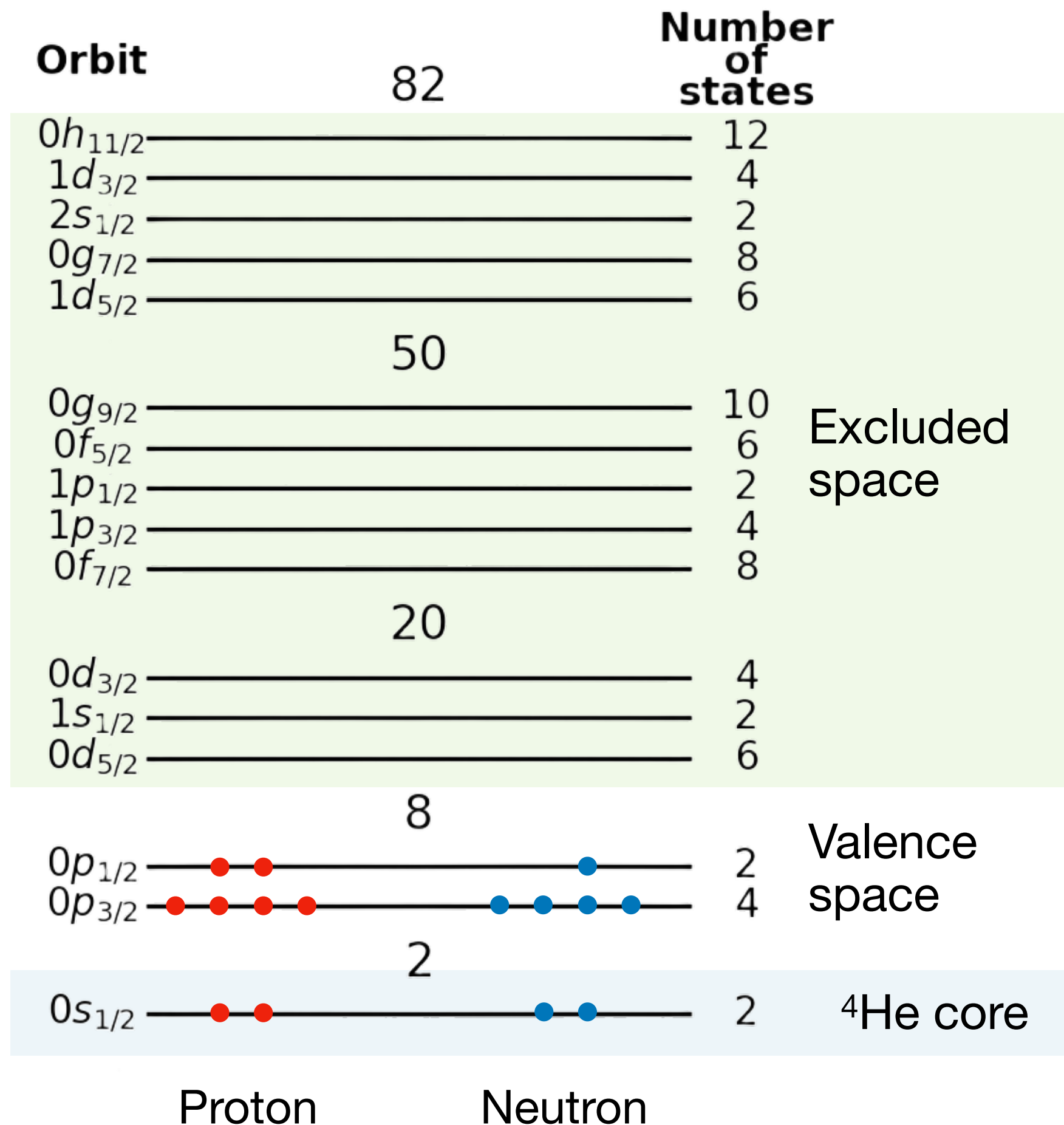
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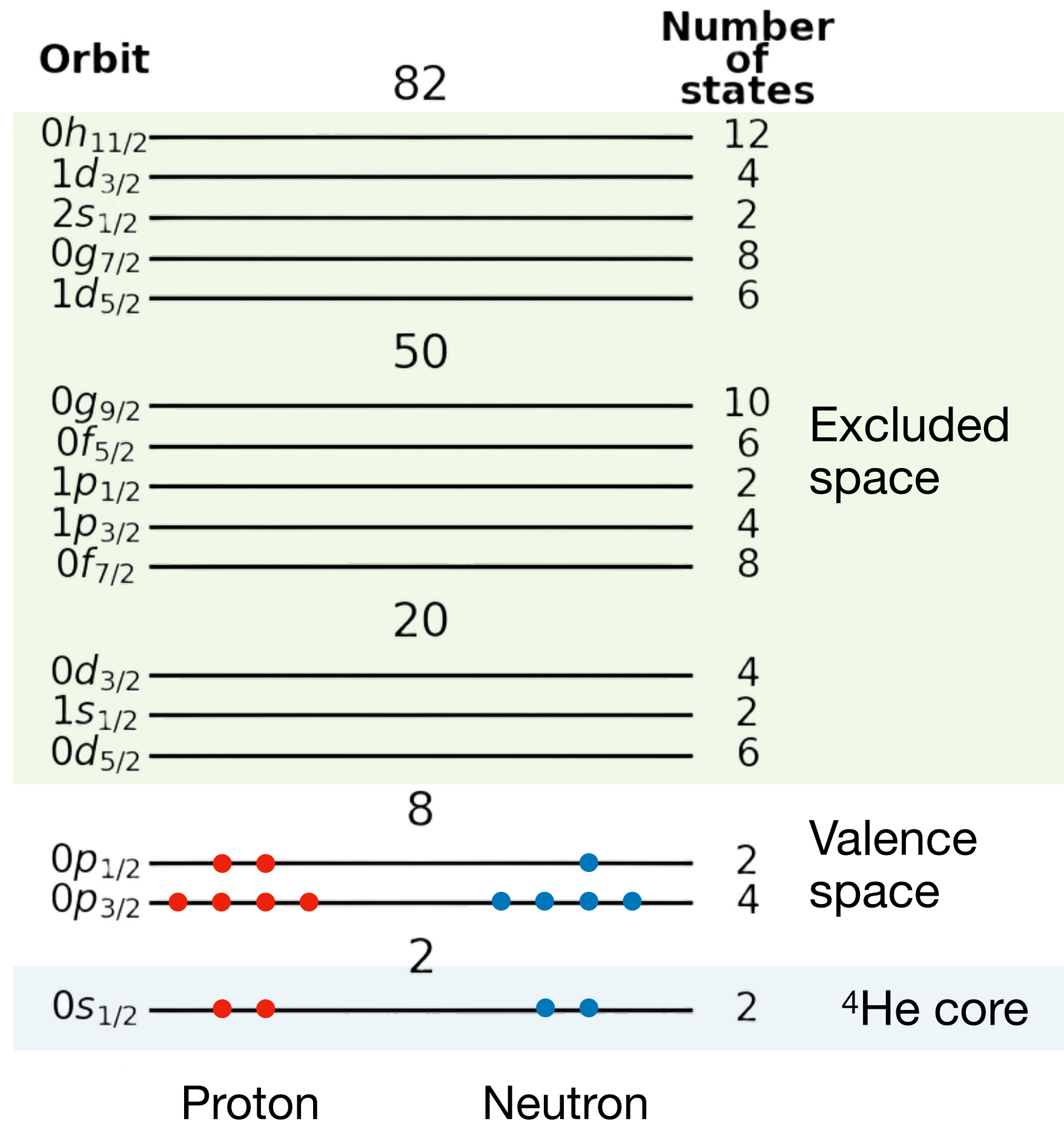
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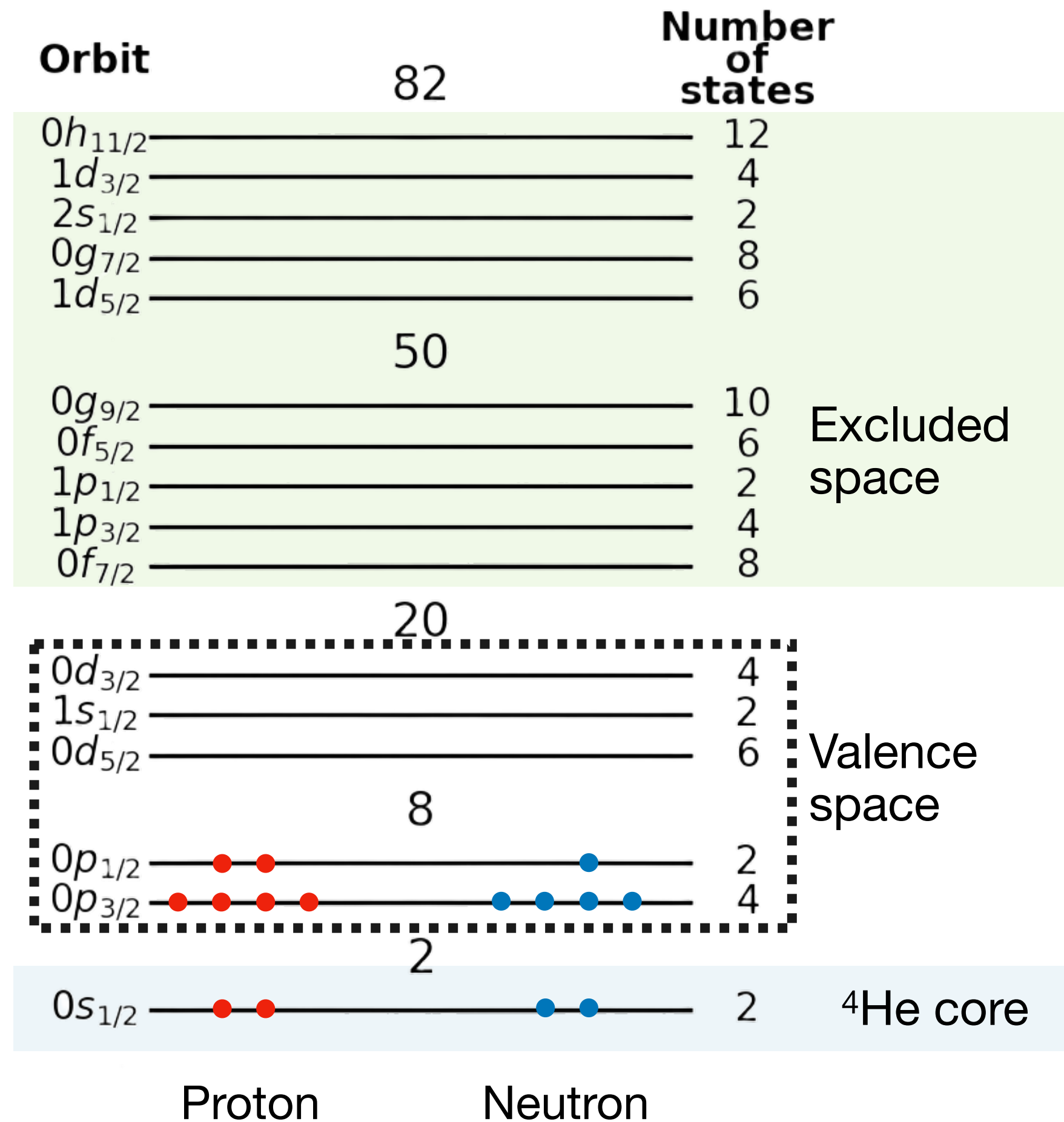
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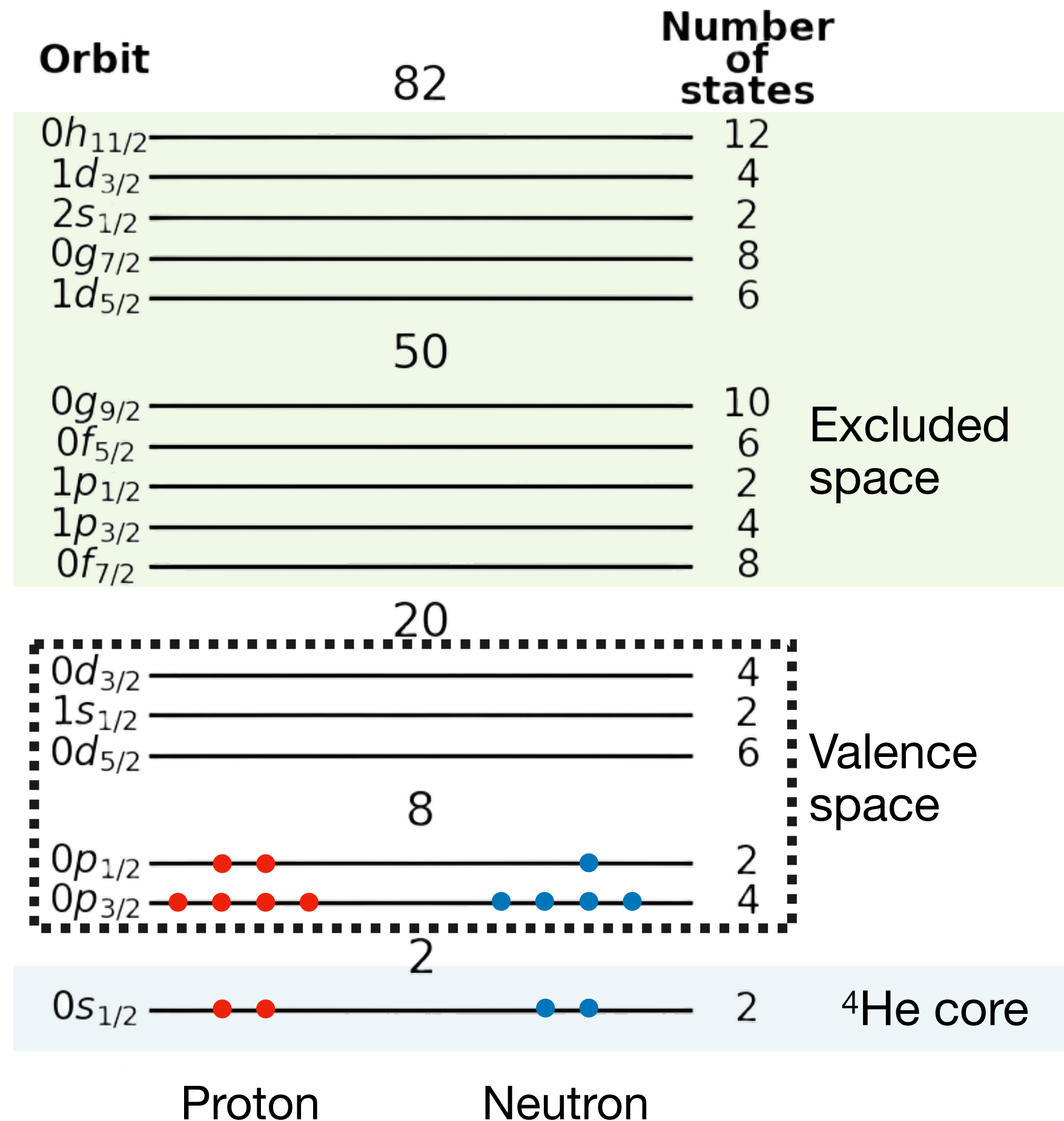
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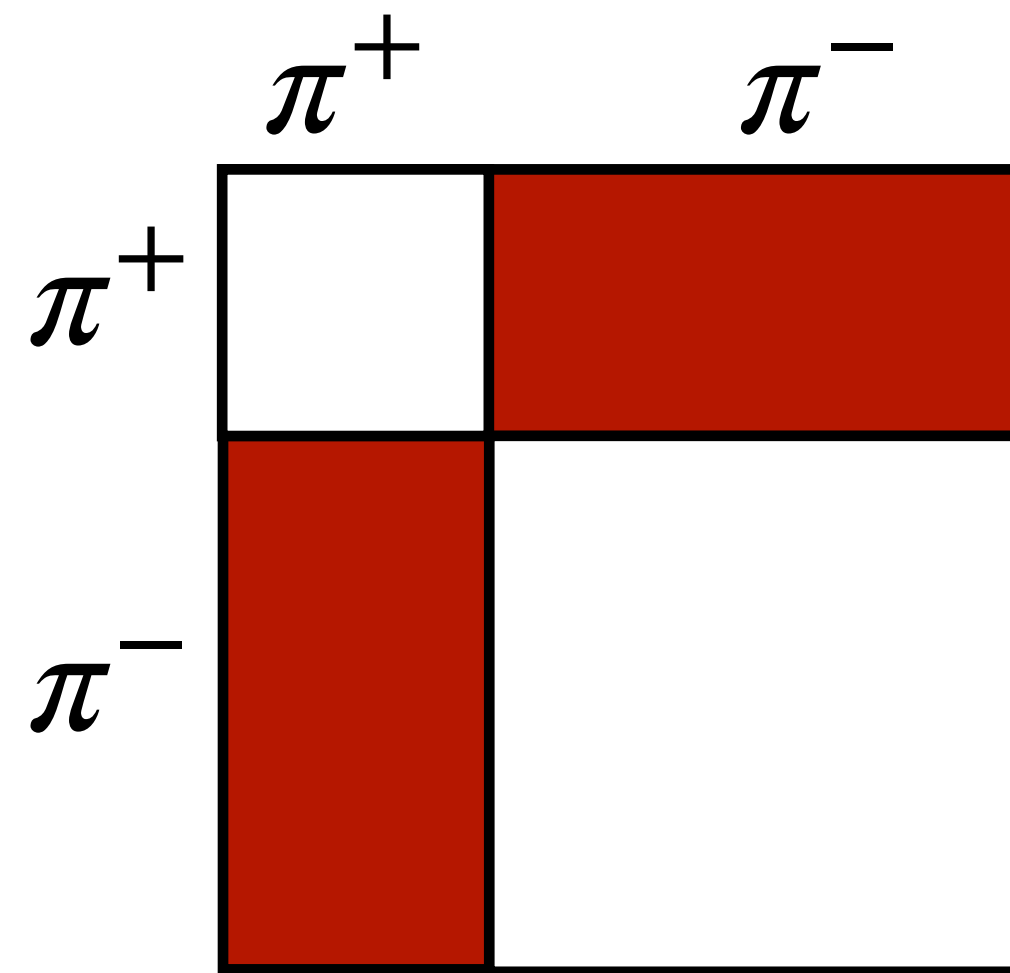
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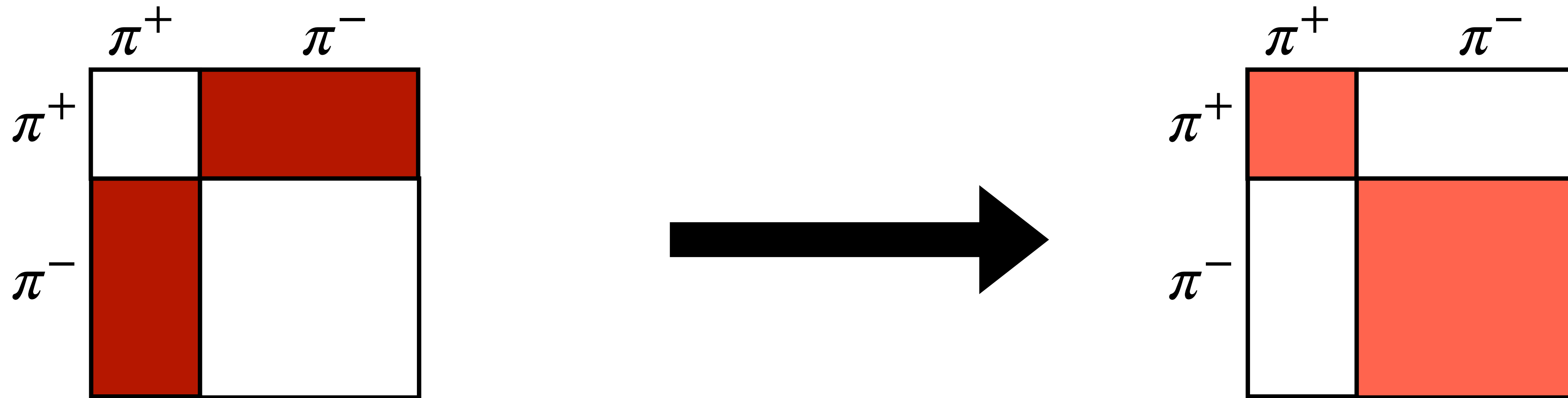
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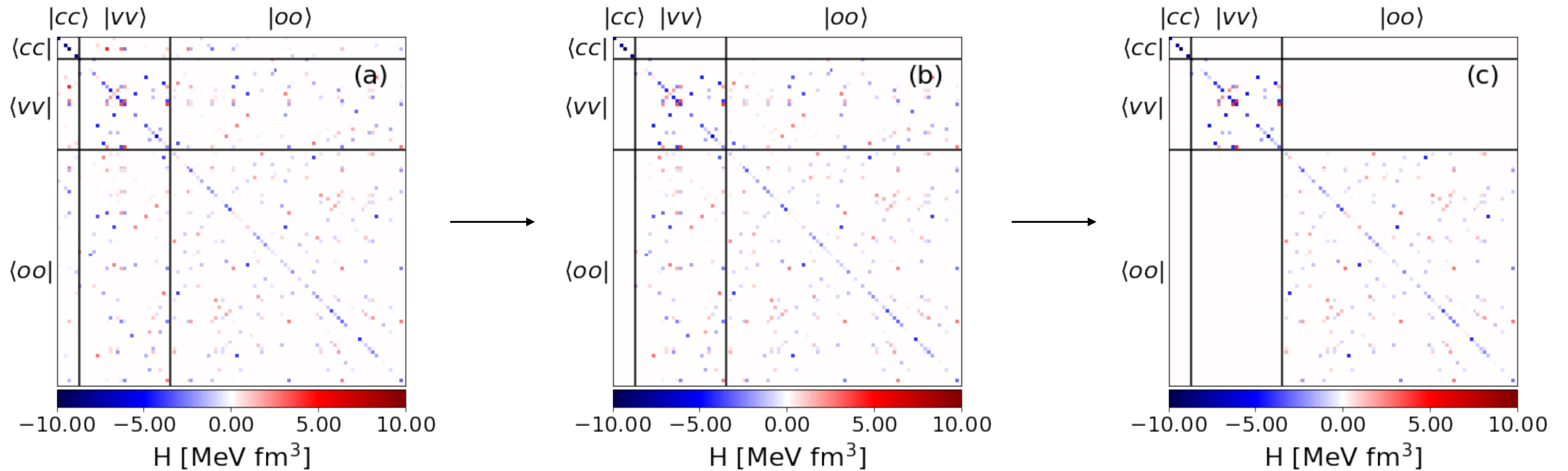
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Bare Hamiltonian

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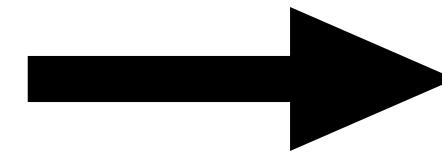


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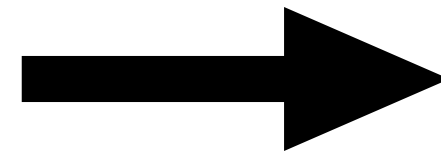


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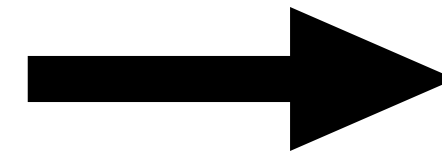
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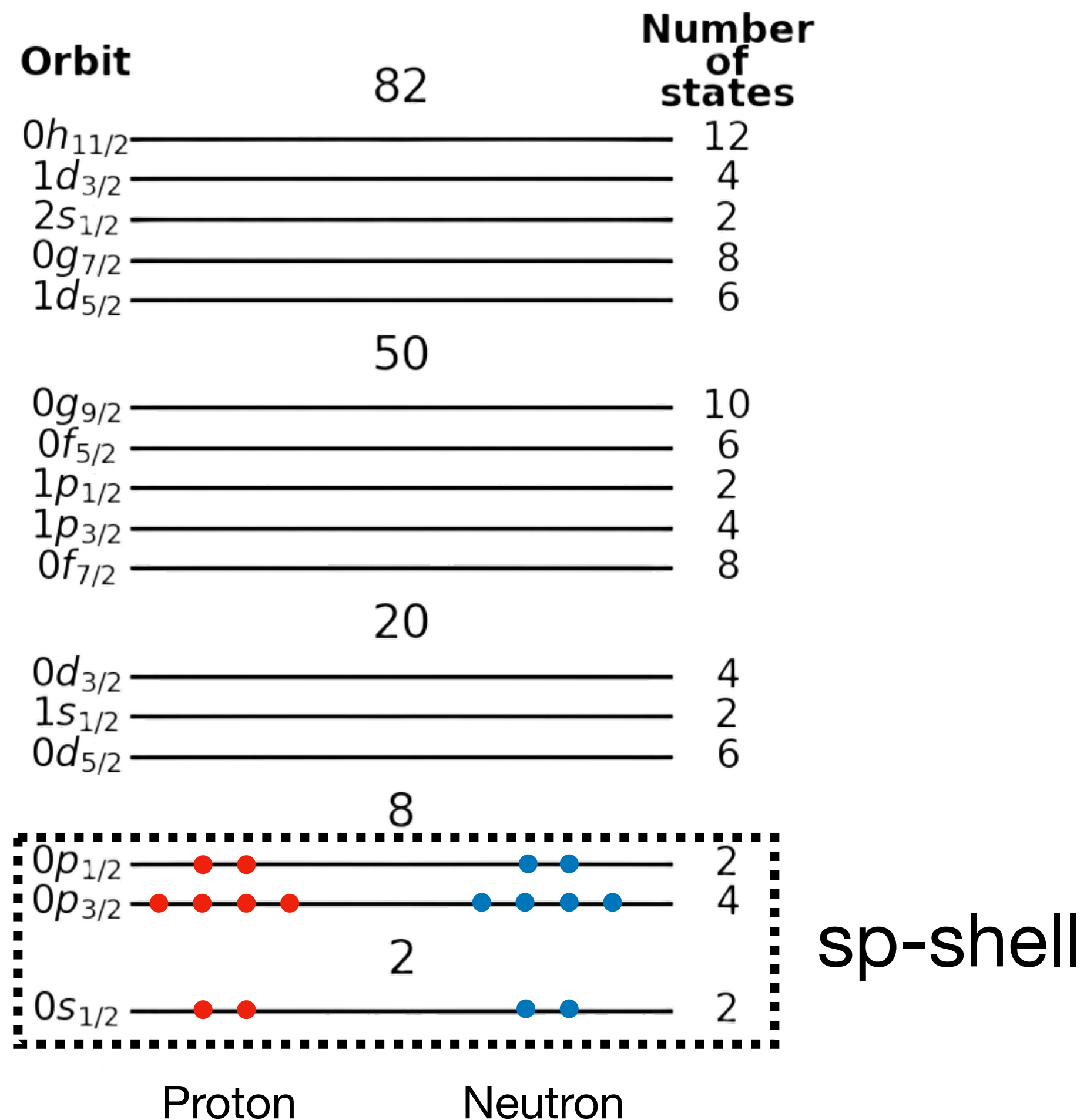
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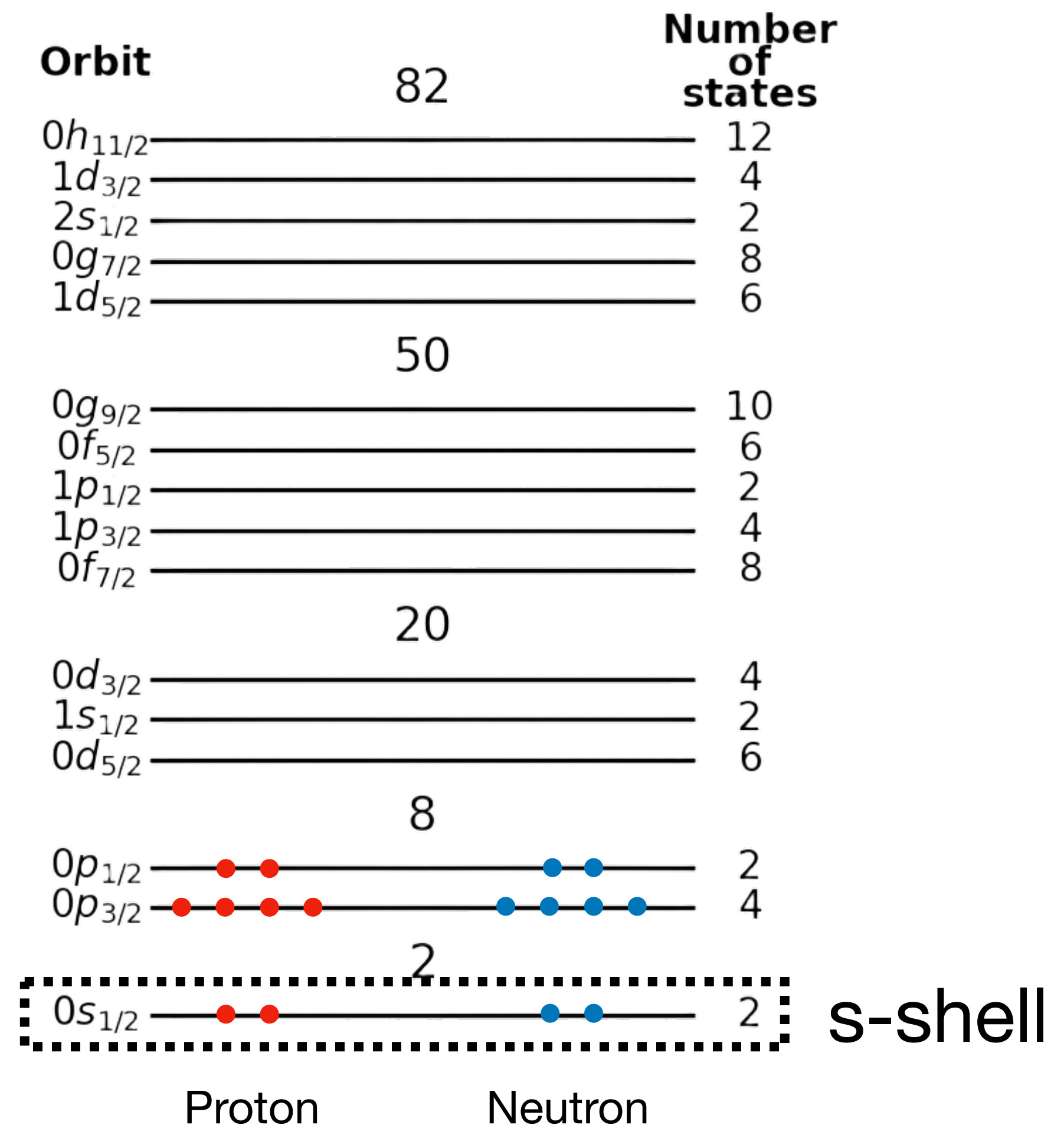
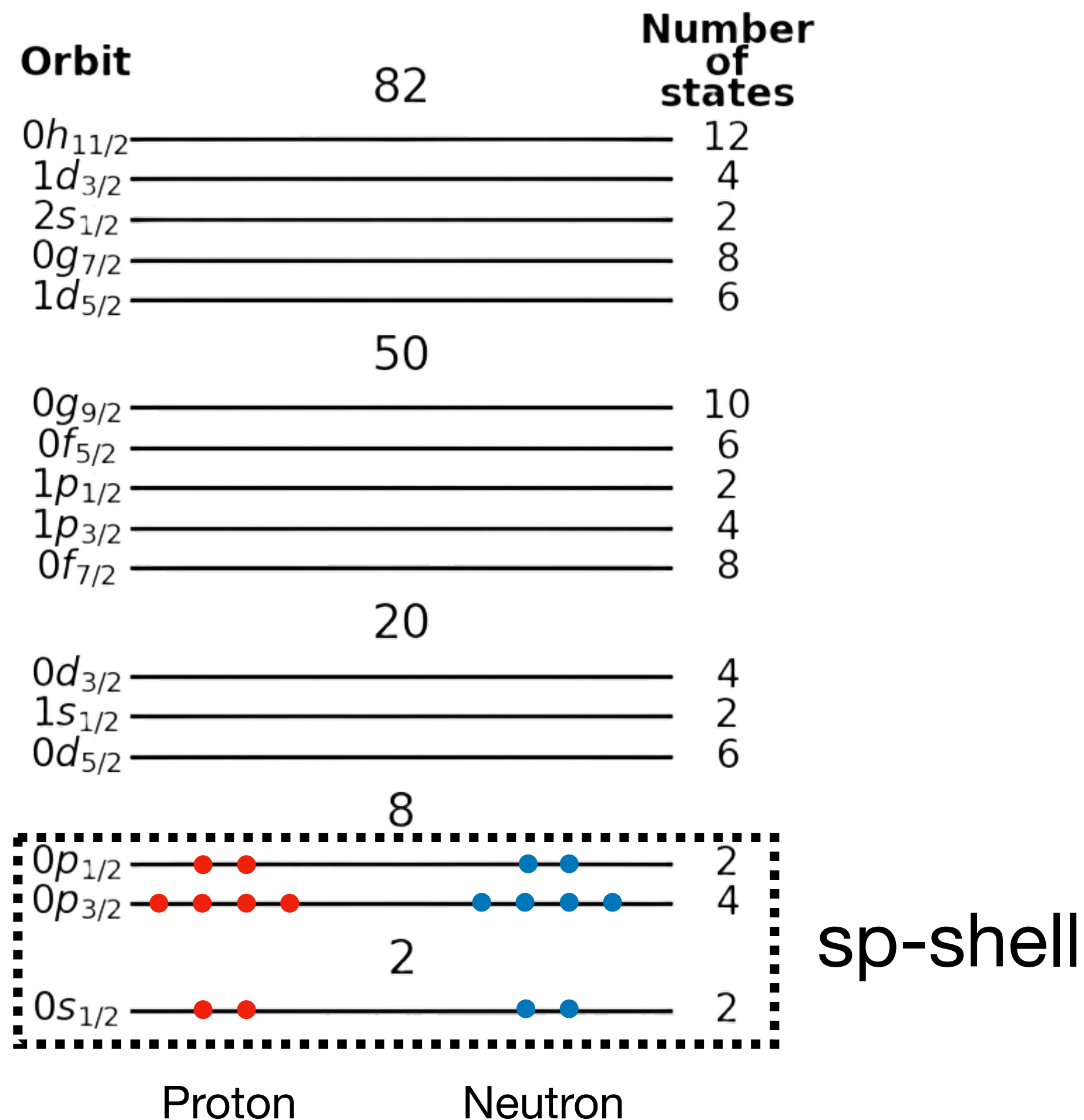




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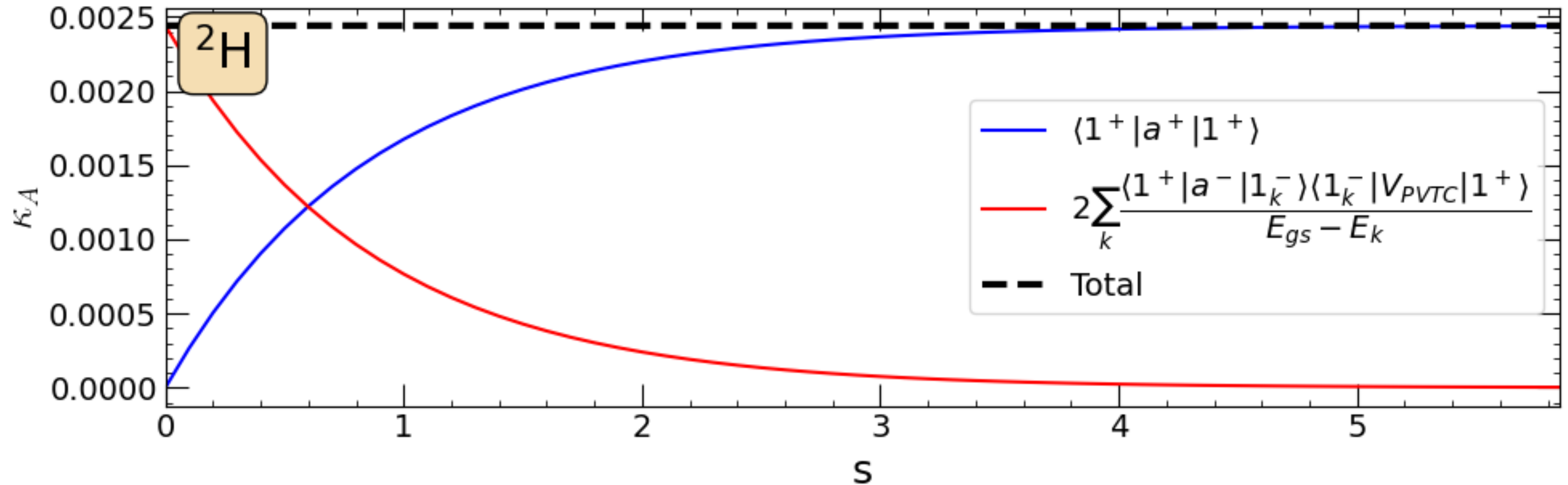
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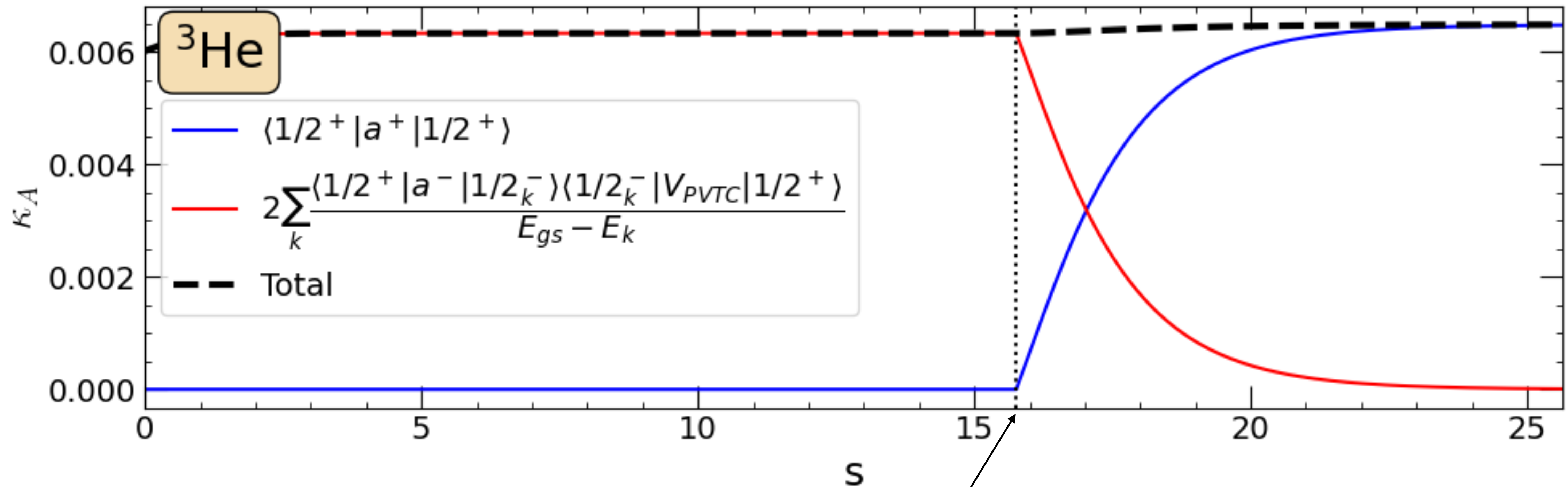
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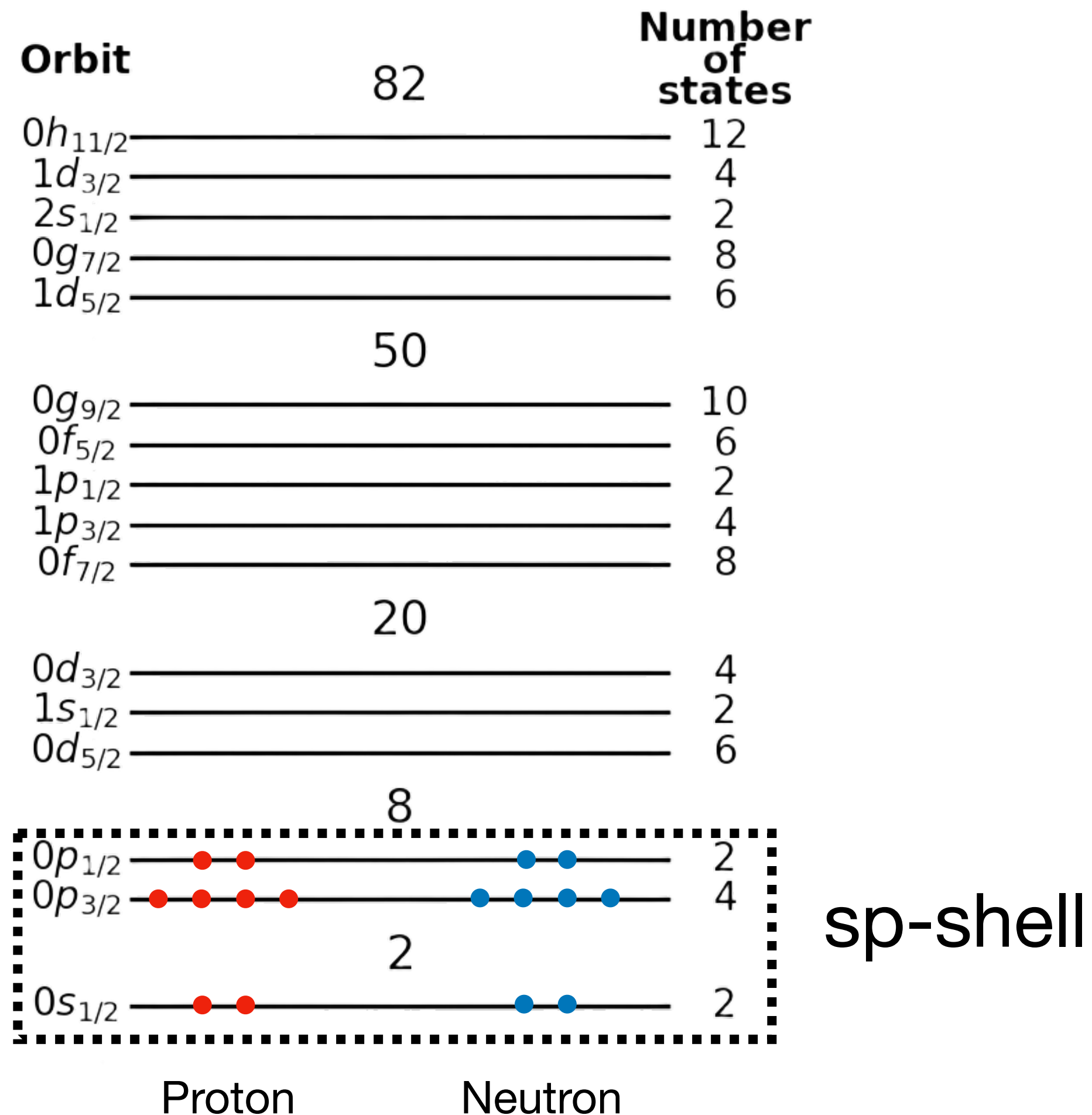
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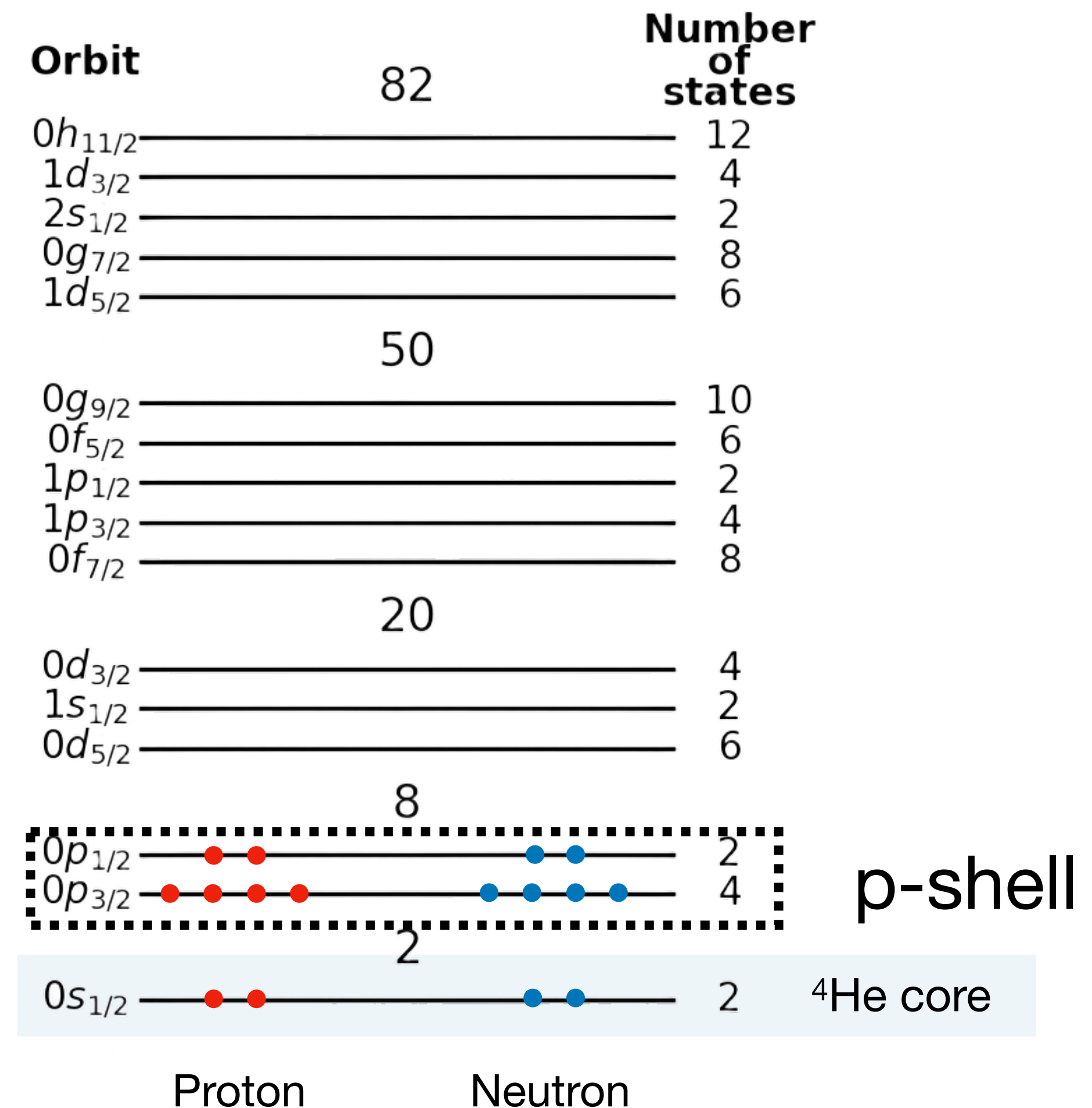
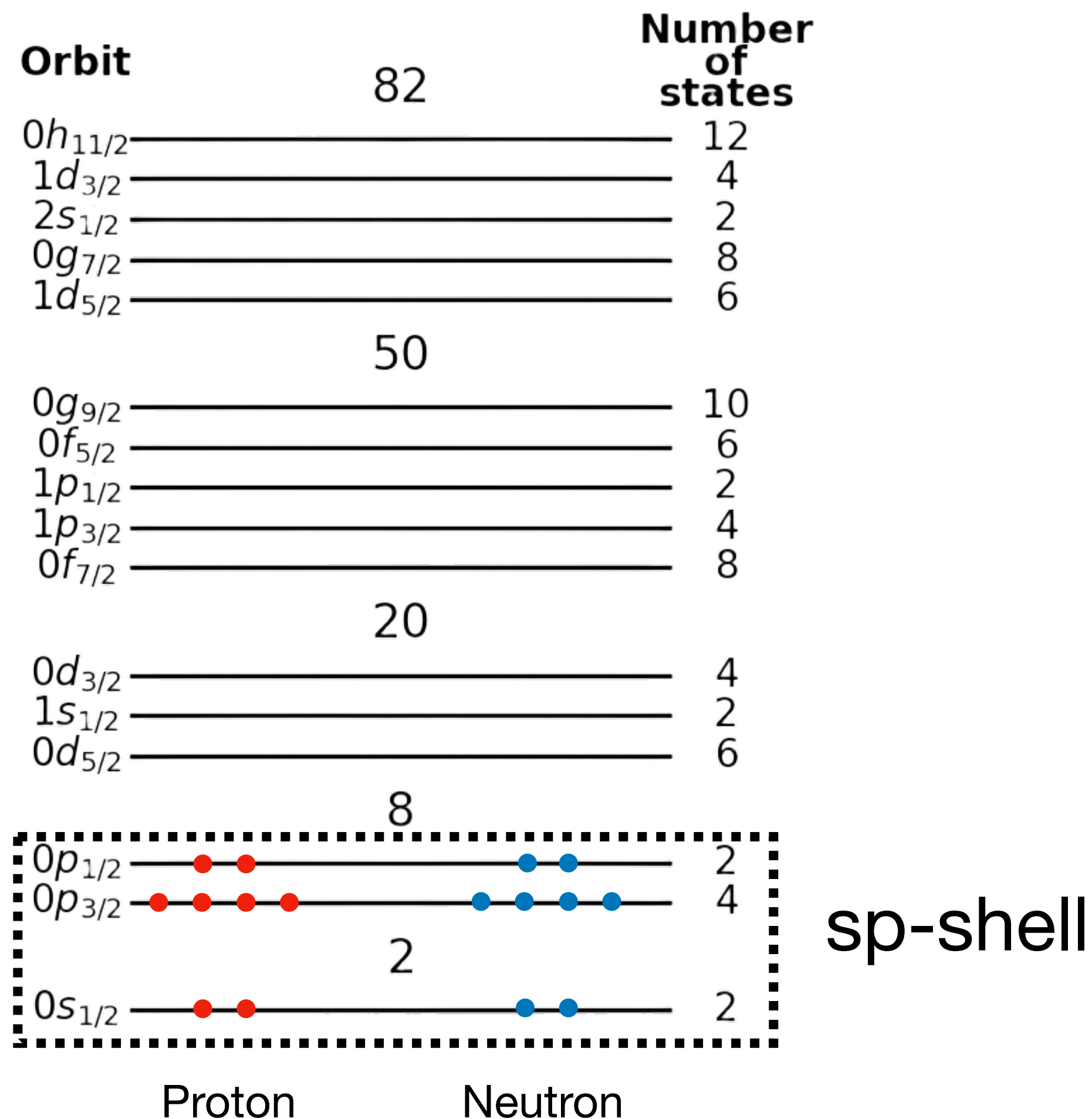




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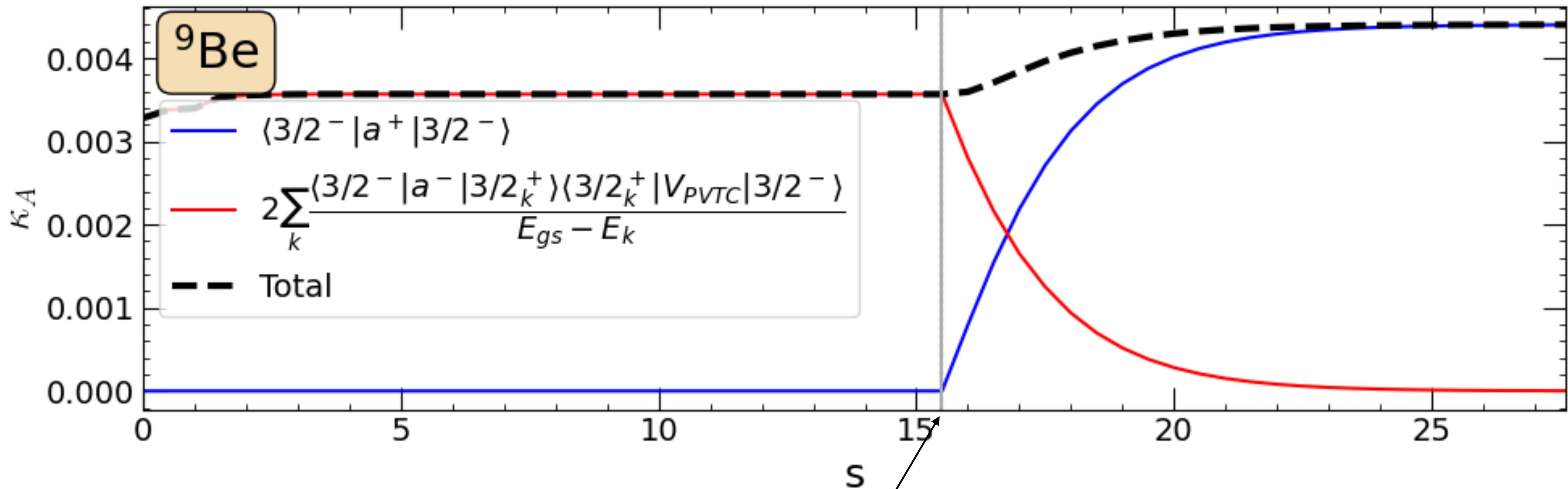




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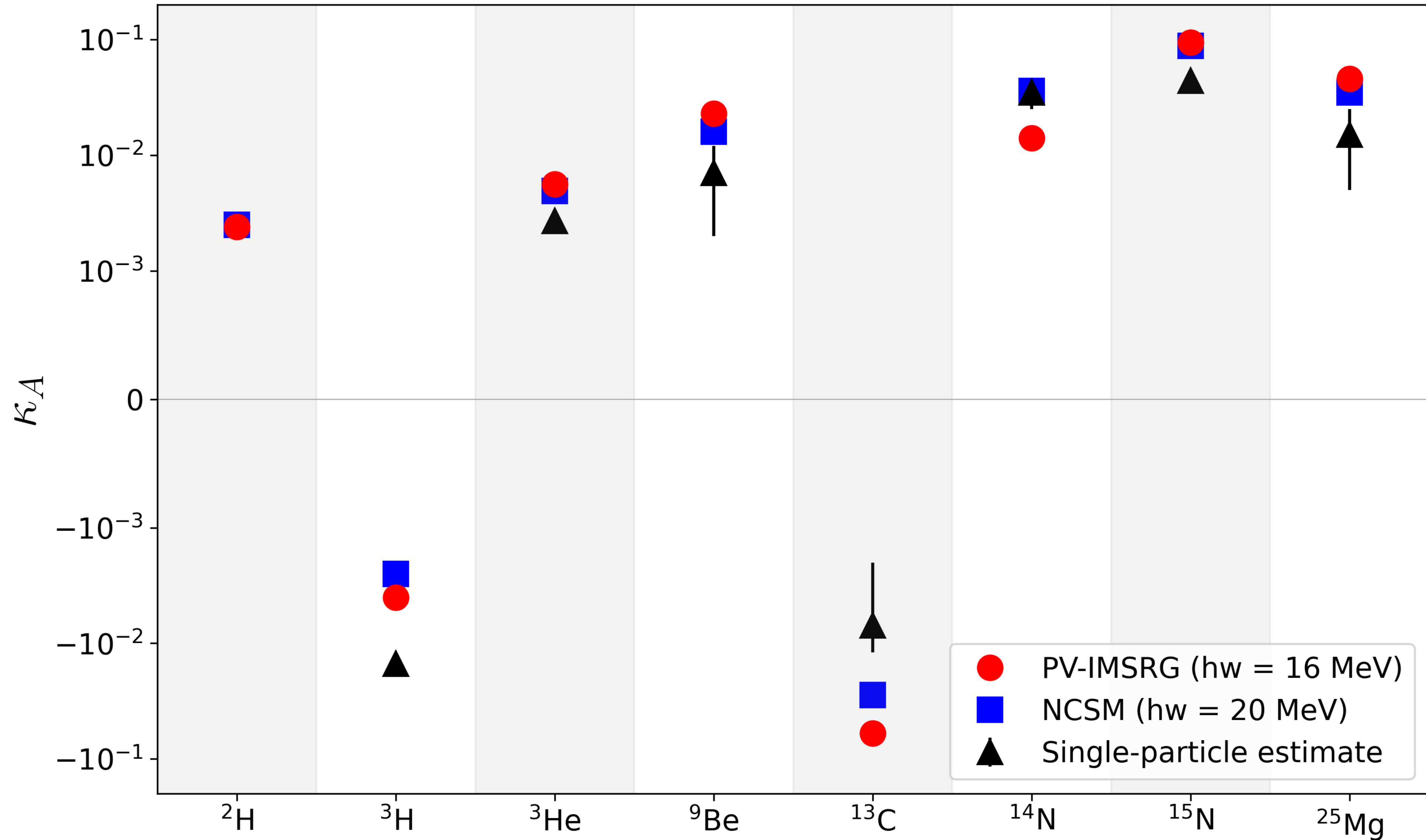


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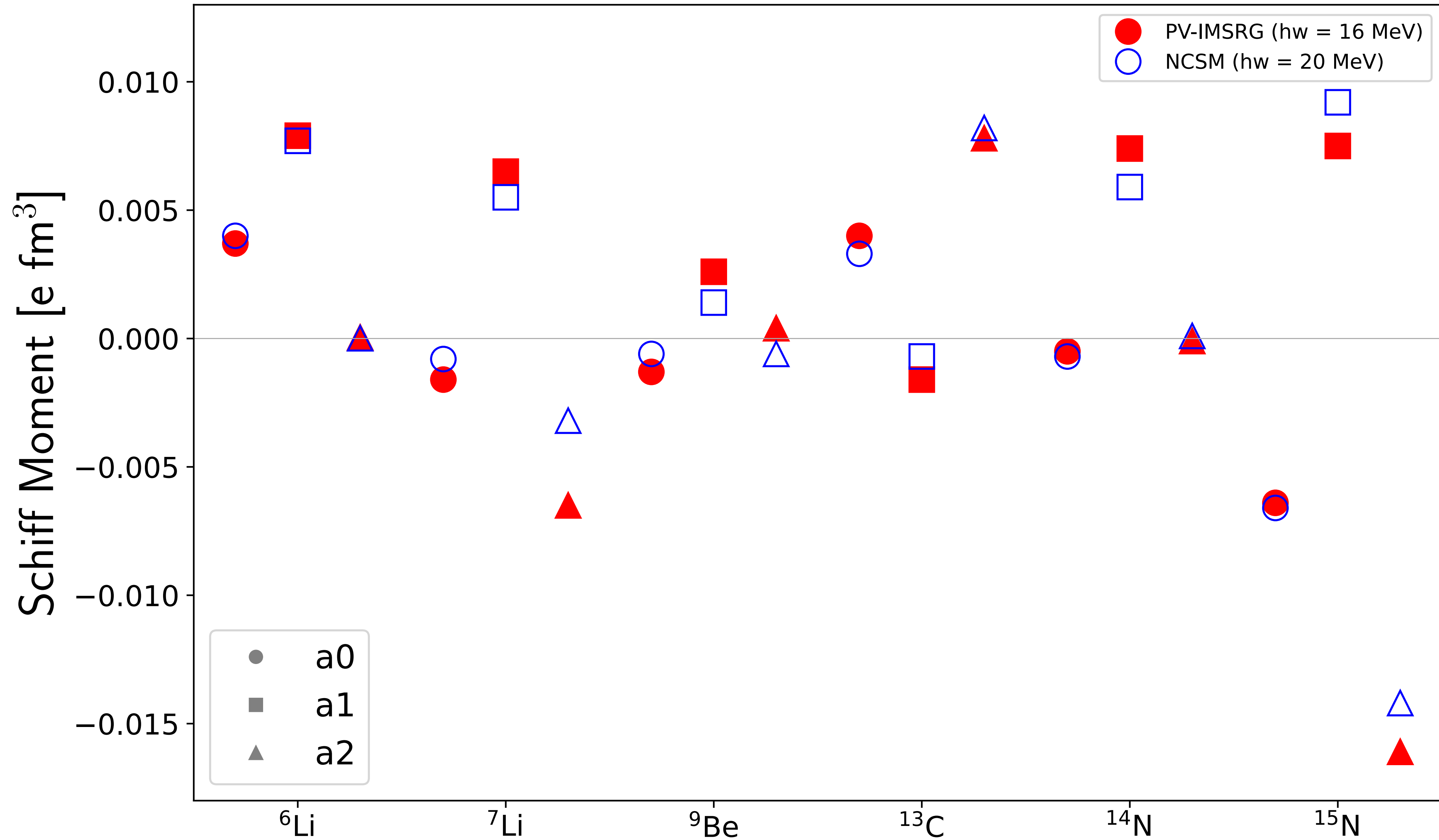
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