
Fundamental physics with molecules: From electric dipole moments to dark matter candidates

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Particle physics, nuclear physics and atomic physics with molecules

”Never measure anything but frequency”
(says Arthur L. Schawlow)

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"A diatomic molecule is a molecule with one atom too many."

(says Arthur L. Schawlow)

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An atom is an atom too many.
(says the string-theoretician)

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An atom is a diatomic molecule lacking the essential atom!

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An atom is at least an atom too few!

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Let the molecule do the job!

Fundamental symmetries on various levels

Biology
Biochemistry
Chemistry
Molecular physics
Atomic physics
Nuclear physics
Particle physics

- Continuous space-time symmetries (e.g. translation, rotation)
- Discrete symmetries (e.g. **time reversal, space inversion**)
- Permutation symmetry
- Unitary symmetries

Opportunities and Challenges

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 - Theoretical analysis
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Effective electroweak Hamiltonian

$$\hat{H}_{\text{ew}} = \hat{H}_{\text{pc}} + \hat{H}_{\text{pv}}$$

$$\hat{H}_{\text{pc}} = \hat{H}_{\text{em}} + \hat{H}_{\text{w,pc}}$$

$$\hat{H}_{\text{pv}} = \hat{H}_{\text{w,pv}}$$

$$\hat{H}_{\text{pc}}|+\rangle = E_+|+\rangle$$

$$\mathcal{P}|+\rangle = +|+\rangle$$

$$\hat{H}_{\text{pc}}|-\rangle = E_-|-\rangle$$

$$\mathcal{P}|-\rangle = -|-\rangle$$

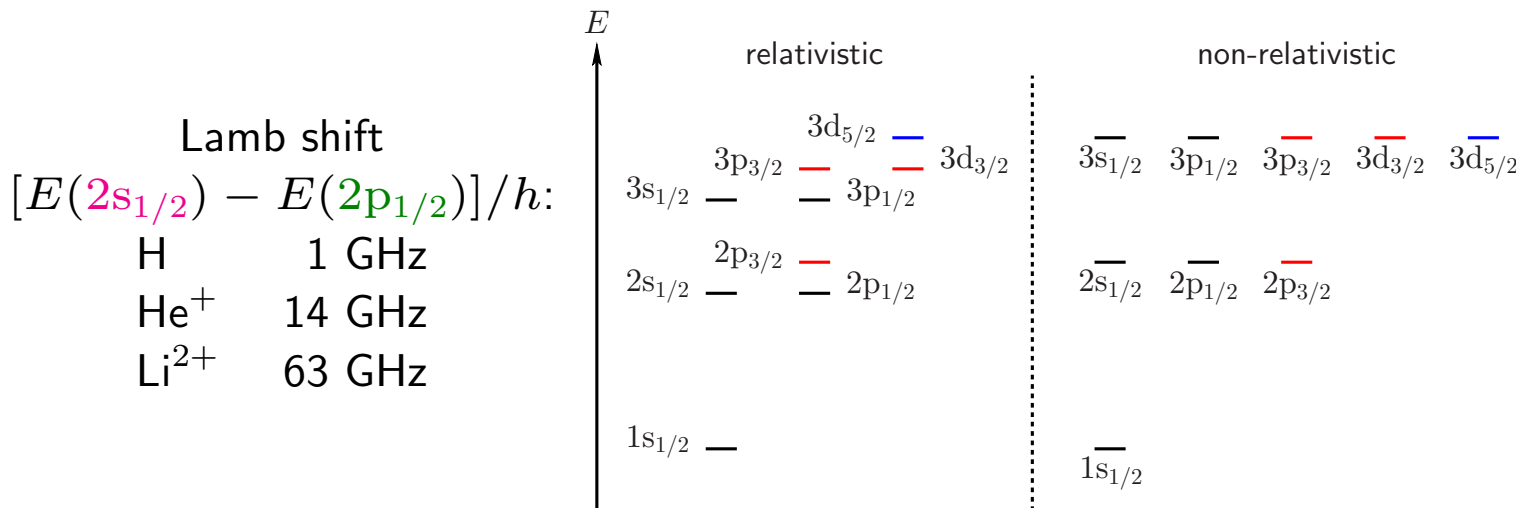
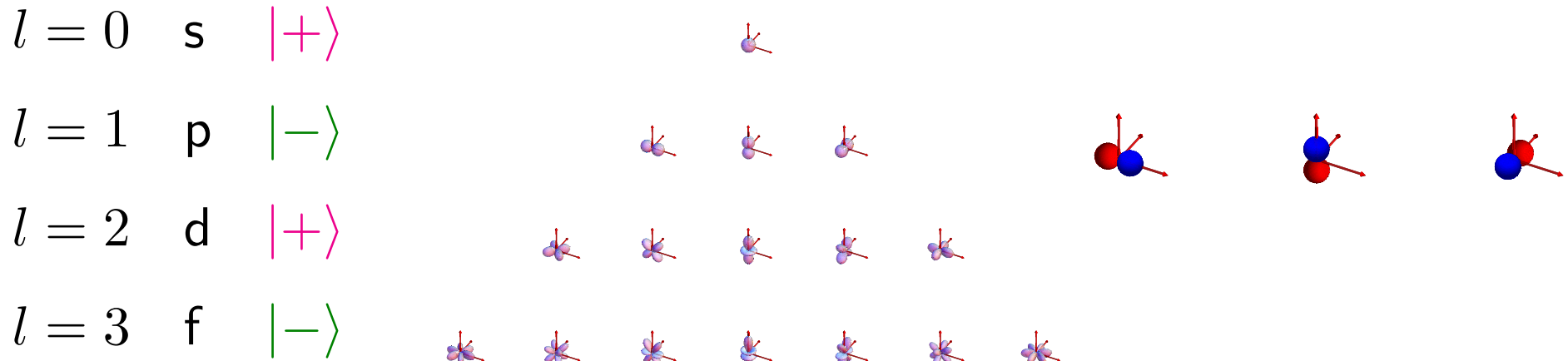
$$|L\rangle = (|+\rangle + |-\rangle) / \sqrt{2}$$

$$|L\rangle = \mathcal{P}|R\rangle$$

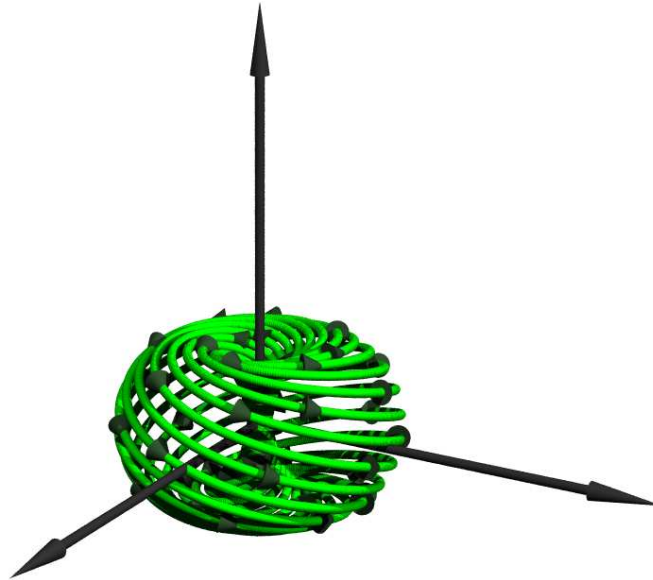
$$|R\rangle = (|+\rangle - |-\rangle) / \sqrt{2}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} E_+ & V_{\text{pv}} \\ V_{\text{pv}} & E_- \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} C_+ \\ C_- \end{pmatrix} = E_{1,2} \begin{pmatrix} C_+ \\ C_- \end{pmatrix}; \quad \epsilon \sim \frac{V_{\text{pv}}}{E_+ - E_-}$$

Levels of opposite parity in atoms

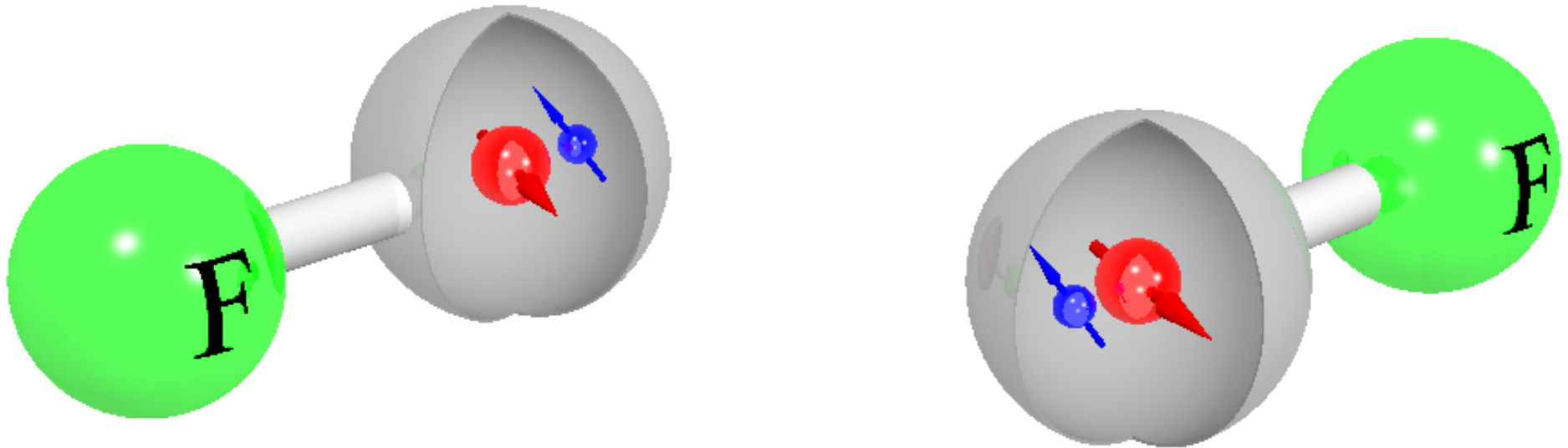


Levels of opposite parity in atoms



$$\text{Cs } [E(7\text{P}_{1/2}) - E(7\text{S}_{1/2})]/h: 95 \text{ THz}$$

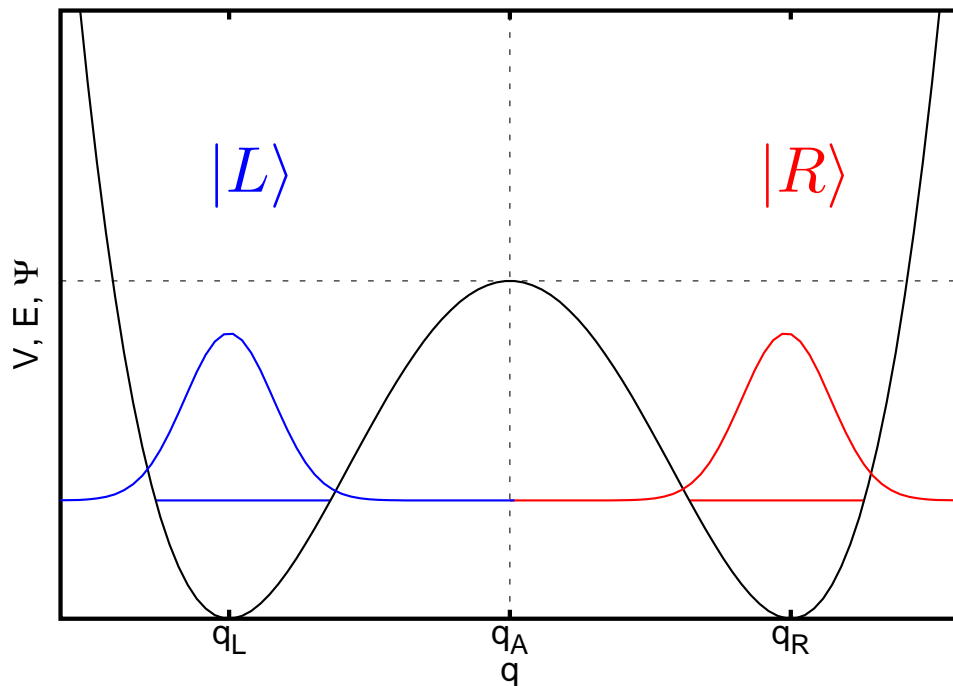
Levels of opposite parity in diatomics



$$|\Omega\rangle = \mathcal{P} |-\Omega\rangle; \quad |\Omega\rangle = \mathcal{T} |-\Omega\rangle$$

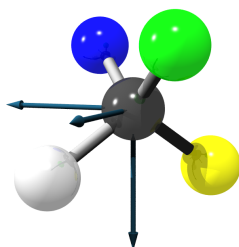
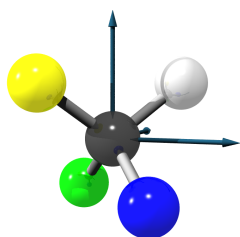
Splitting depends on molecule and coupling situation:
On the order of 10 GHz in BaF, 0.3 GHz in HgF

Levels of opposite parity in chiral molecules

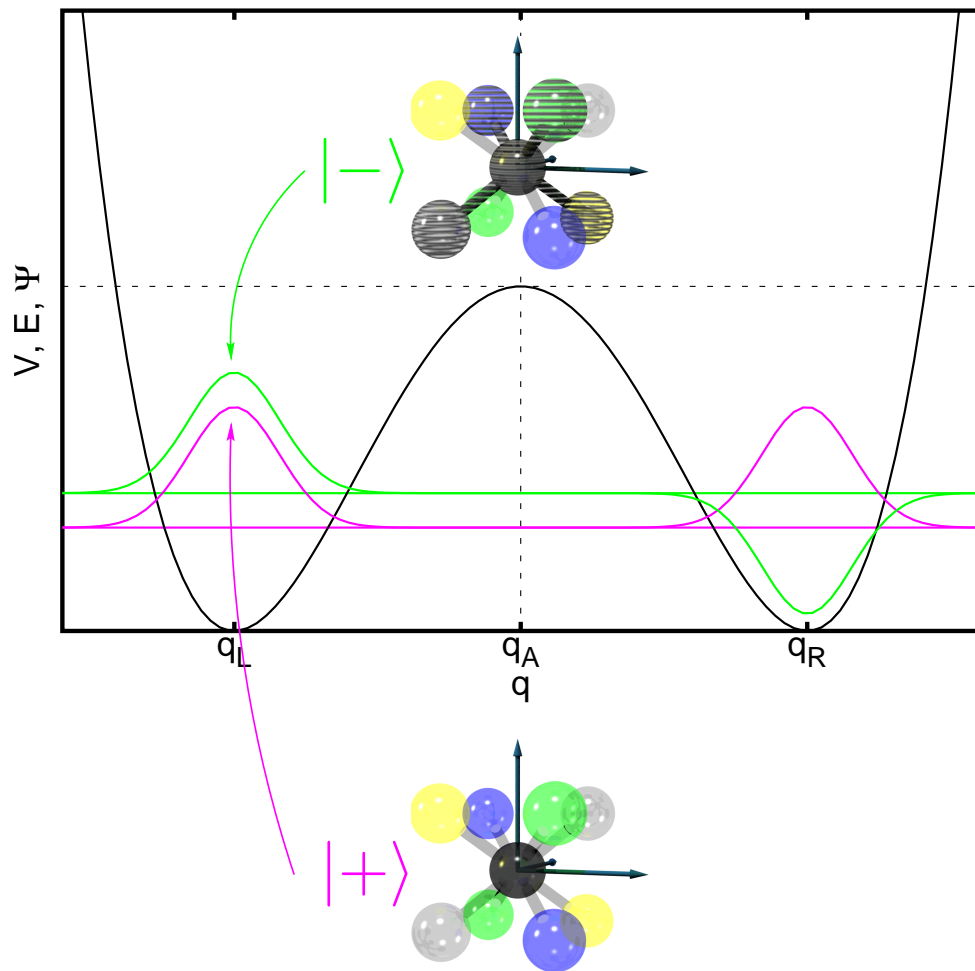


$$|L\rangle = \mathcal{P}|R\rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned}\langle L|\hat{H}_{\text{em}}|L\rangle &= \langle R|\mathcal{P}^{-1}\hat{H}_{\text{em}}\mathcal{P}|R\rangle \\ &= \langle R|\hat{H}_{\text{em}}|R\rangle\end{aligned}$$



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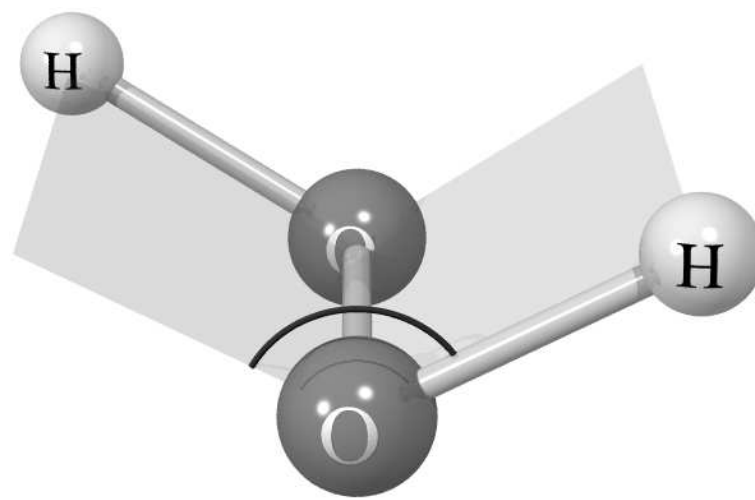
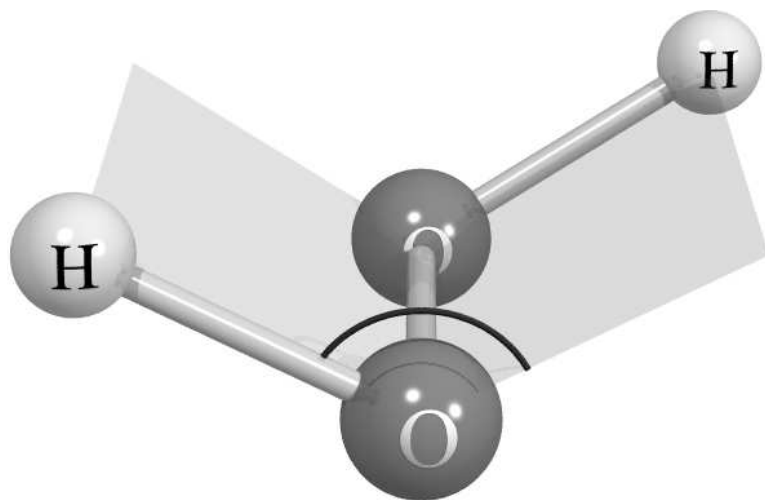
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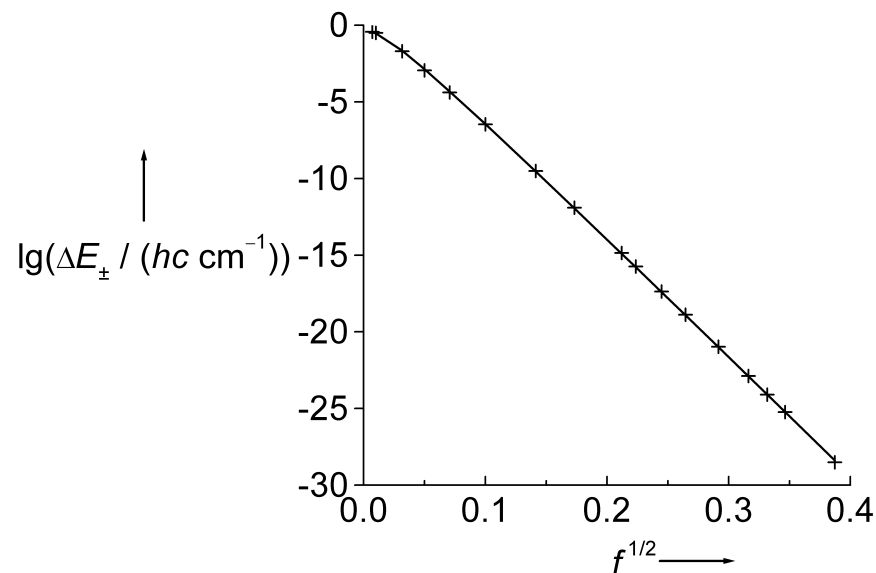
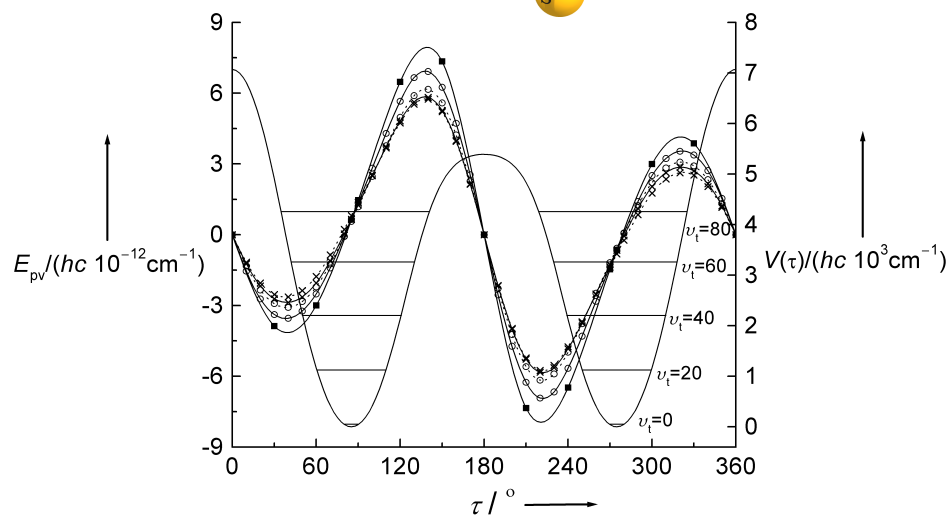
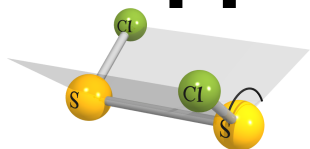
Levels of opposite parity in chiral molecules

Hydrogen peroxide (H_2O_2)



$|E_+ - E_-|/h$ on the order of 300 GHz

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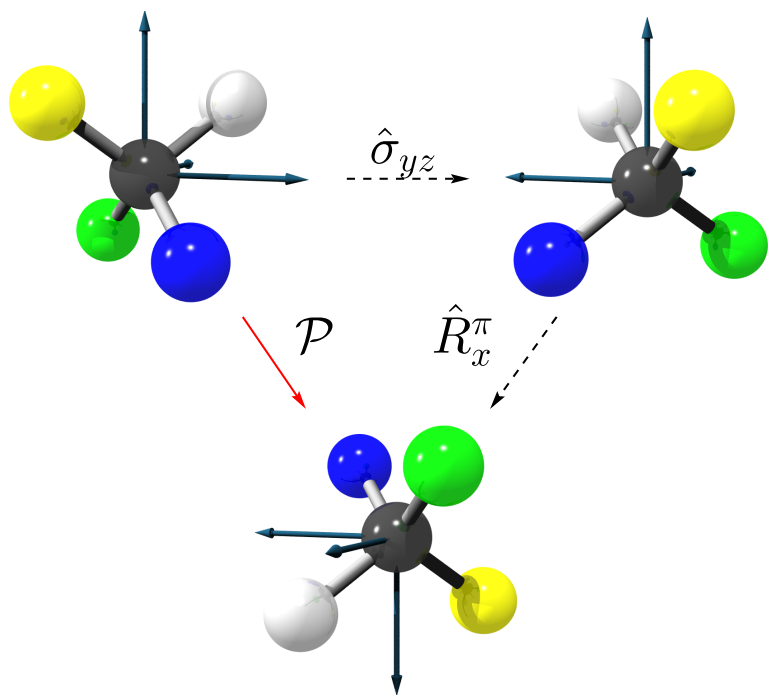


$$\lg \left[\frac{\Delta E_{\pm}}{hc \text{ cm}^{-1}} \right] = P_1 \lg \sqrt{f} + P_2 - P_3 \sqrt{f}$$

$$\Delta E_{\text{pv}}/hc \approx 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^{-1} \gg 10^{-76} \text{ cm}^{-1} \approx \Delta E_{\pm}/hc$$

$$|E_+ - E_-|/h \text{ on the order of } 10^{-75} \text{ GHz or } 10^{-42} \text{ yHz}$$

Molecular parity violation



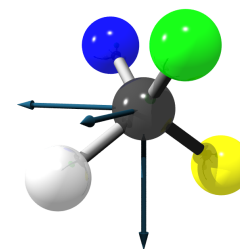
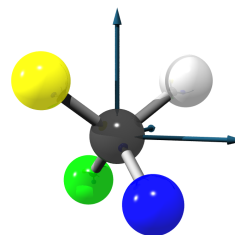
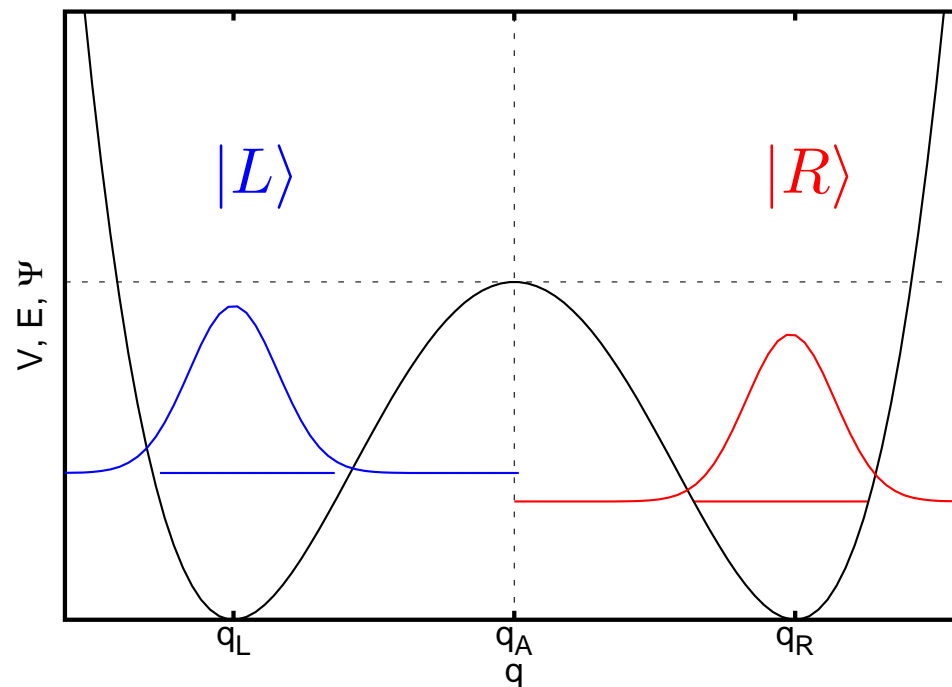
$$\mathcal{P}^{-1} \hat{H}_{pc} \mathcal{P} = \hat{H}_{pc}$$

$$\mathcal{P}^{-1} \hat{H}_{pv} \mathcal{P} = -\hat{H}_{pv}$$

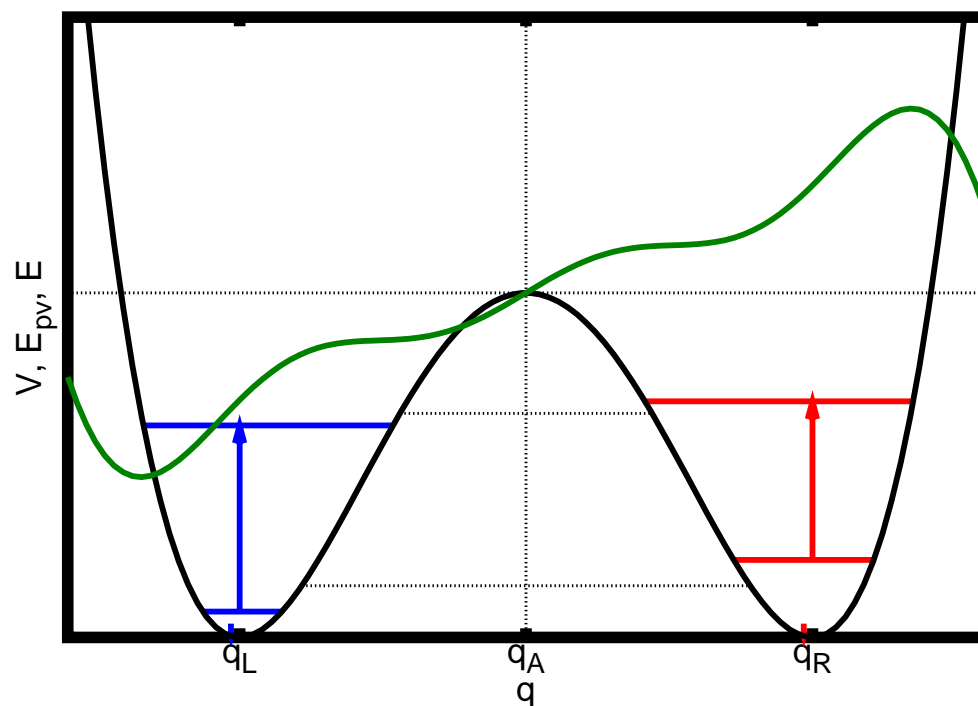
$$E_{pv,L} = \langle L | \hat{H}_{pv} | L \rangle$$

$$= -\langle R | \hat{H}_{pv} | R \rangle = -E_{pv,R}$$

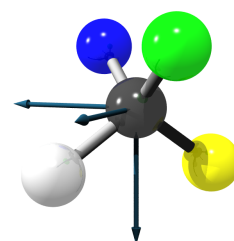
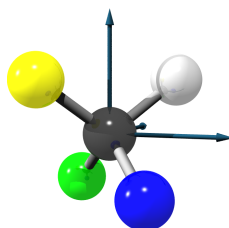
$$|E_+ - E_-| \ll |E_{pv,L} - E_{pv,R}|$$



Molecular parity violation

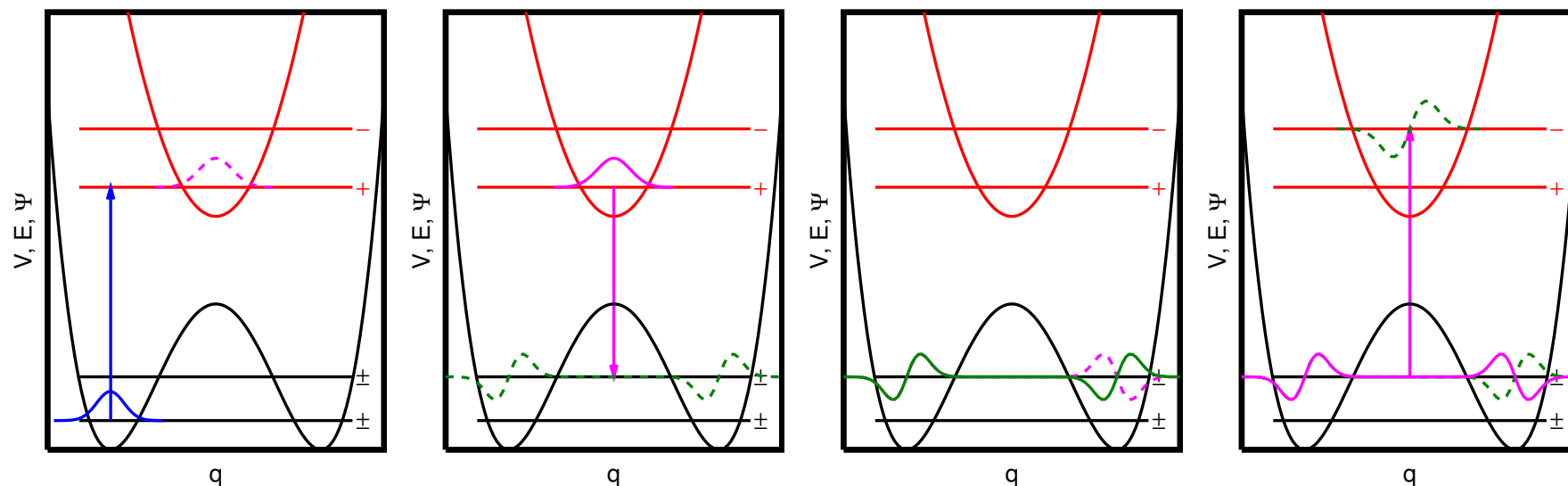


$$\Delta\nu_{pv} = \nu_L - \nu_R$$



Letokhov, *Phys. Lett. A*, **1975**, 53, 275; Kompanets, Kukudzhinov, Letokhov, Gervits, *Opt. Commun*, **1976**, 19, 414; Arimondo, Glorieux, Oka, *Opt. Commun.*, **1977**, 23, 369; Daussy, Marrel, Amy-Klein, Nguyen, Bordé, Chardonnet, *Phys. Rev. Lett.*, **1999**, 83, 1554; Berger, Quack, Sieben, Willeke, *Helv. Chim. Acta*, **2003**, 86, 4048; Berger, Laubender, Quack, Sieben, Stohner, Willeke, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.*, **2005**, 44, 3623;

Molecular parity violation



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$$|C_+|^2 = \sin^2 \{ \Delta E_{\text{pv}} t / \hbar \}$$

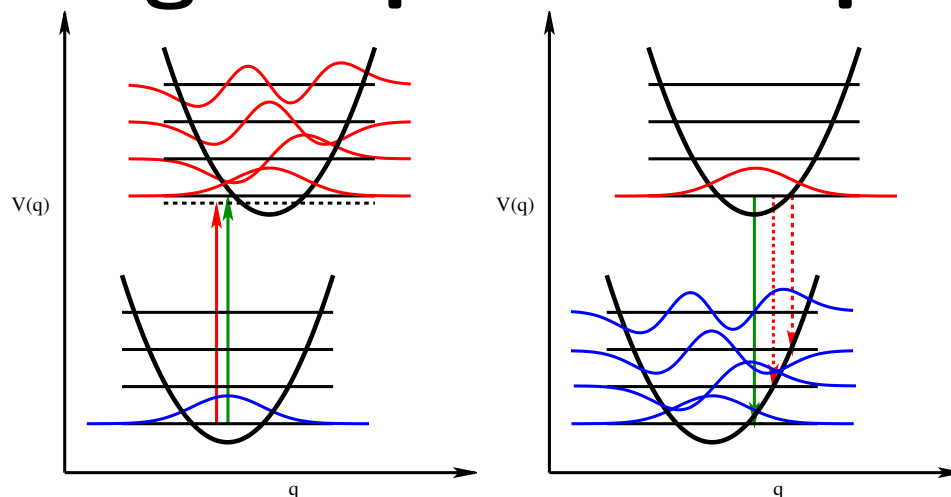
Diatomics:

$$\begin{pmatrix} E_+ & dE + iW_{\text{pv}} \\ dE - iW_{\text{pv}} & E_- \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} C_+ \\ C_- \end{pmatrix} = E_{1,2} \begin{pmatrix} C_+ \\ C_- \end{pmatrix}$$

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Laser cooling for precision spectroscopy



FCF	1 000 cyc.	10 000 cyc.	100 000 cyc.	1 000 000 cyc.
0.9	0	0	0	0
0.99	0.000043	0	0	0
0.999	0.368	0.0000452	0	0
0.9999	0.9048	0.3679	0.0000454	0
0.99999	0.99005	0.90484	0.36788	0.0000453

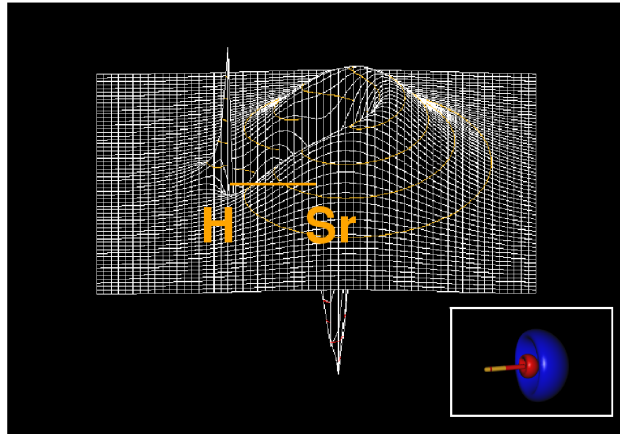
Classes for cooling of molecules with lasers:

Class 1: Electron in lone orbital; Class 2: Electron in atom-like orbital;

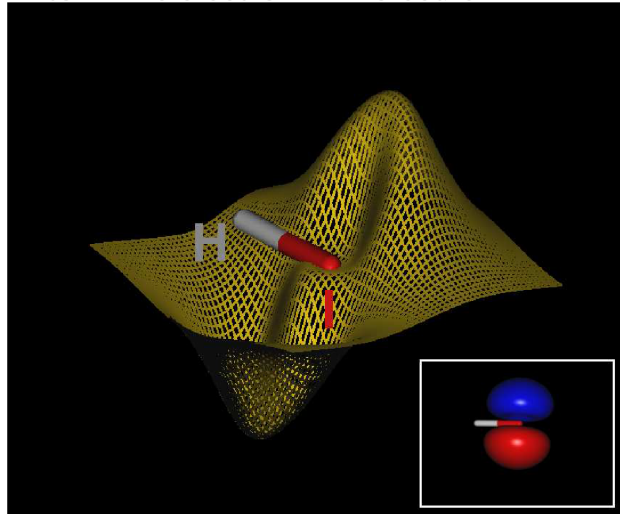
Class 3: Electron in diffuse orbital (heavy element)

Classes for cooling with lasers

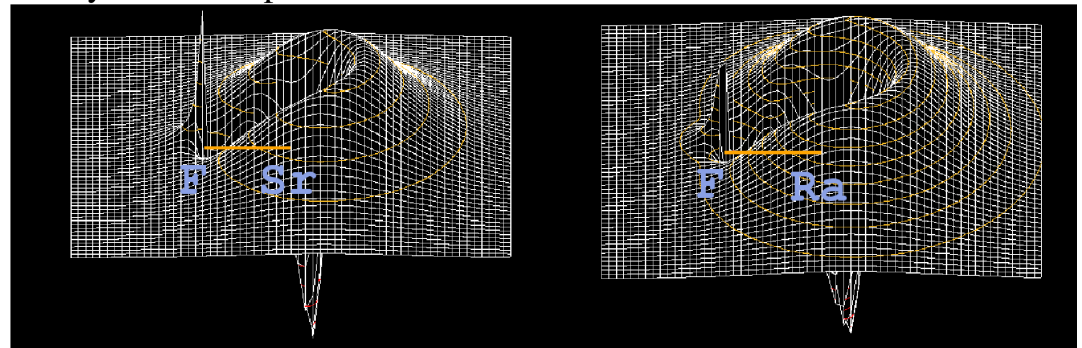
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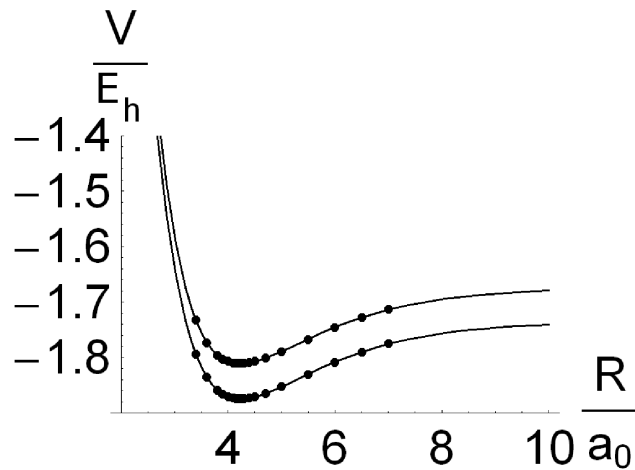
2. “Atom-like electron in molecule”



3. Heavy-atom compounds



Molecular parameters of RaF



RaF

4c FS-CCSD

$$r_e({}^2\Pi_{1/2})/a_0$$

4.24

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4.24

$$\tilde{\omega}_e({}^2\Pi_{1/2})/\text{cm}^{-1}$$

428

$$\tilde{\omega}_e({}^2\Sigma_{1/2})/\text{cm}^{-1}$$

432

$$\tilde{D}_e({}^2\Pi_{1/2})/\text{cm}^{-1}$$

3.13 10^4

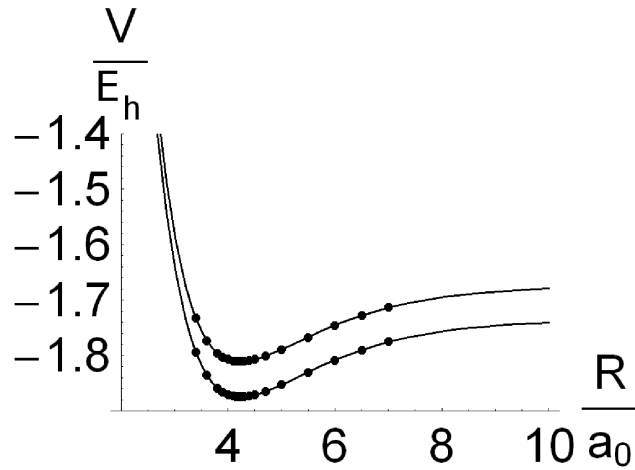
$$\tilde{D}_e({}^2\Sigma_{1/2})/\text{cm}^{-1}$$

3.21 10^4

$$\tilde{T}_e/\text{cm}^{-1}$$

1.40 10^4

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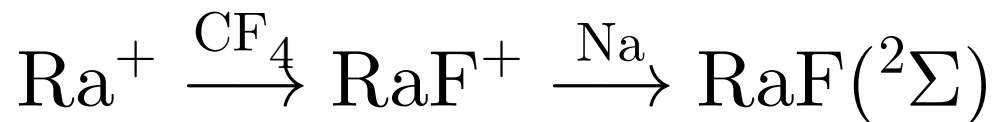


RaF

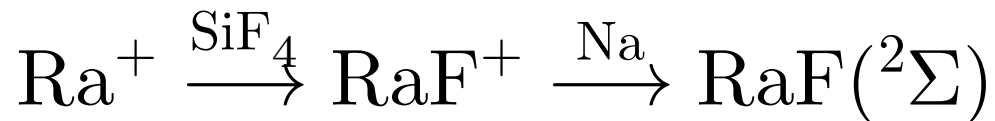
	4c FS-CCSD
$r_e({}^2\Pi_{1/2})/a_0$	4.29
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$\tilde{\omega}_e({}^2\Pi_{1/2})/\text{cm}^{-1}$	428
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$\tilde{D}_e({}^2\Pi_{1/2})/\text{cm}^{-1}$	4.24 10^4
$\tilde{D}_e({}^2\Sigma_{1/2})/\text{cm}^{-1}$	4.26 10^4
$\tilde{T}_e/\text{cm}^{-1}$	1.33 10^4

Proposed synthesis of RaF

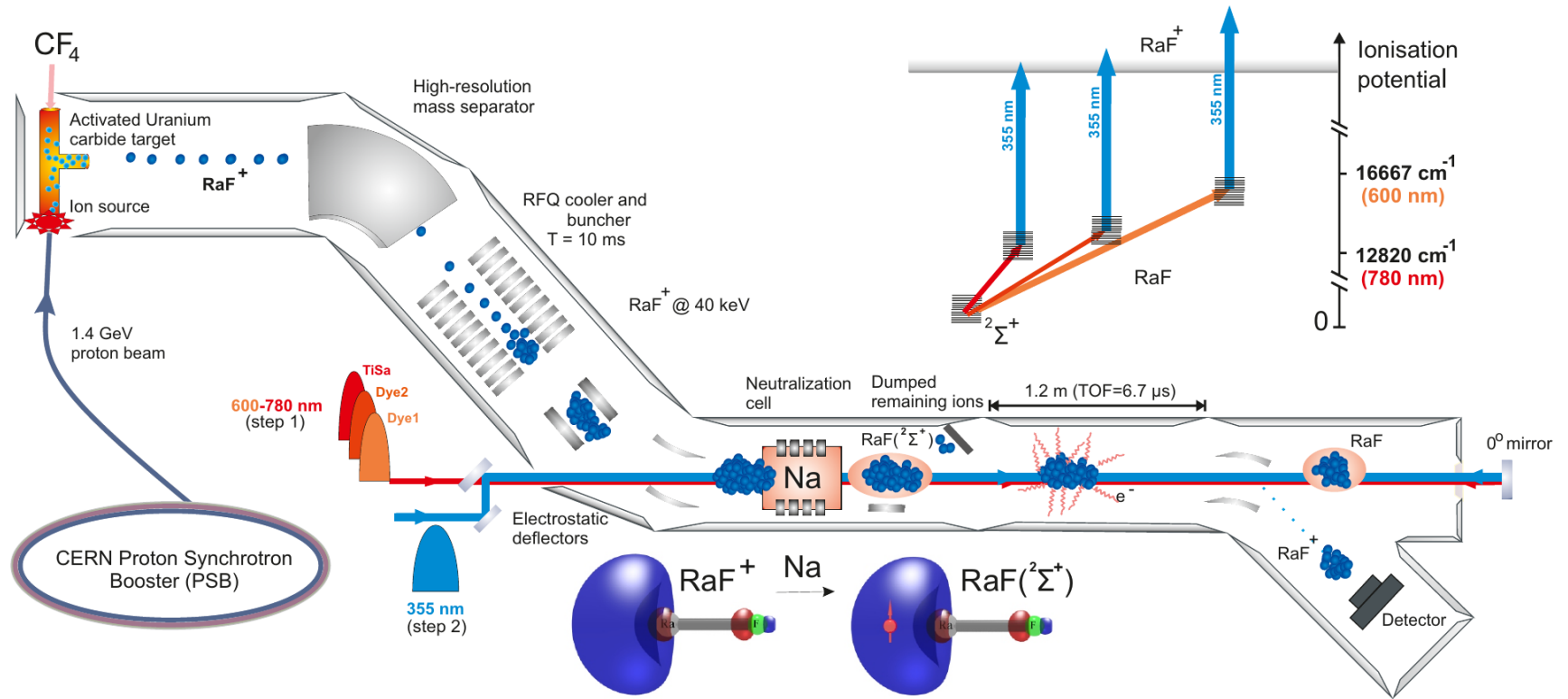
Thermoneutral fluorination:



Endothermic fluorination:

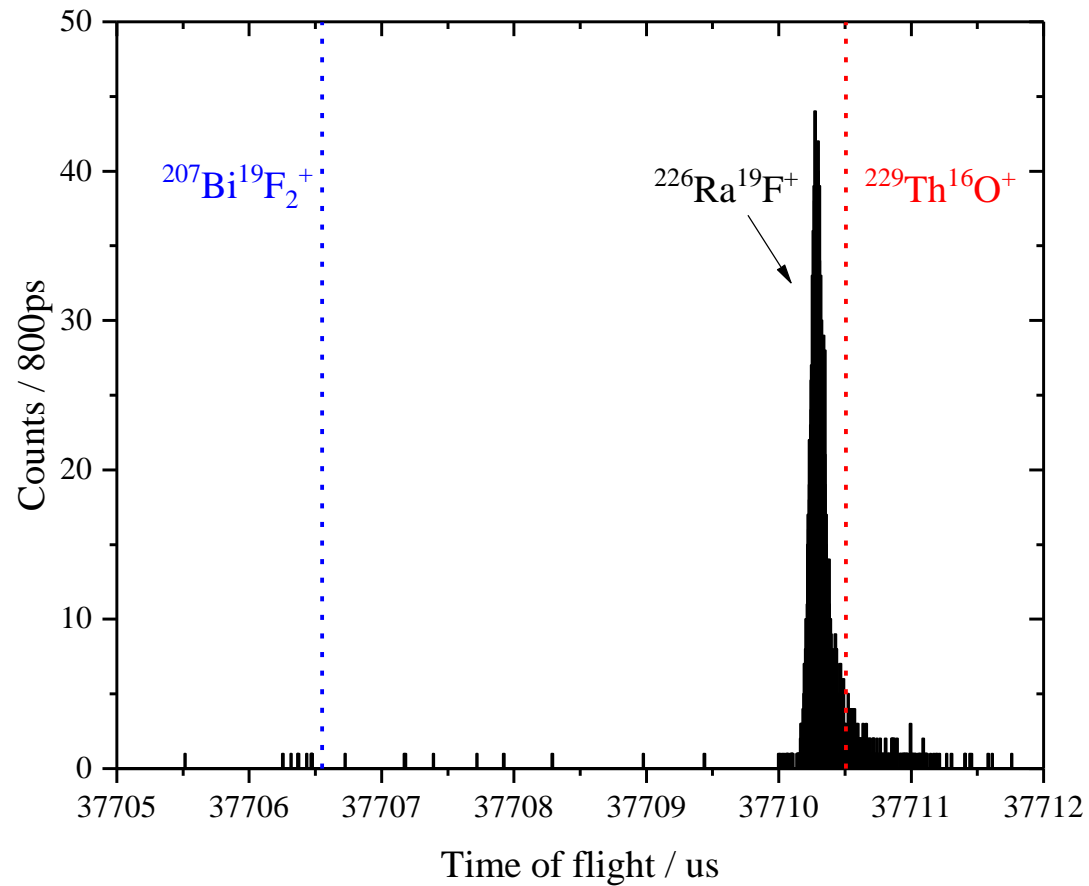


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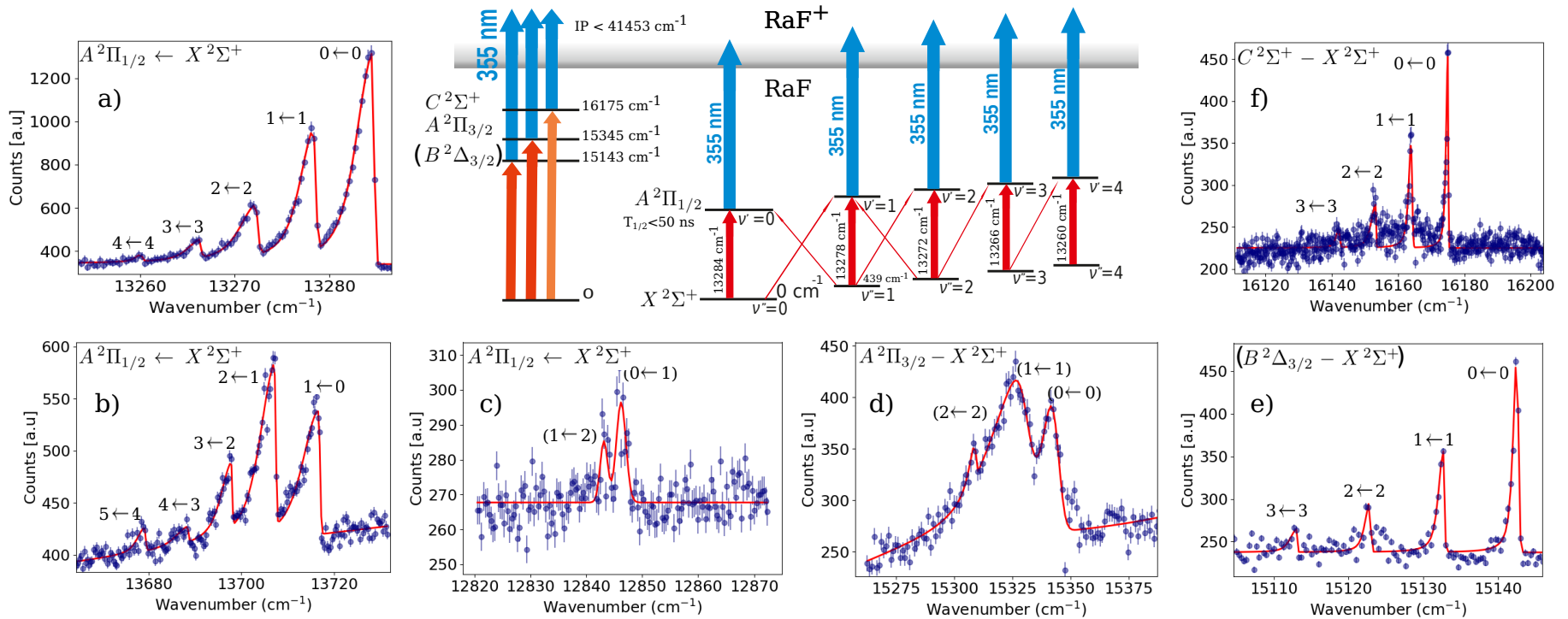


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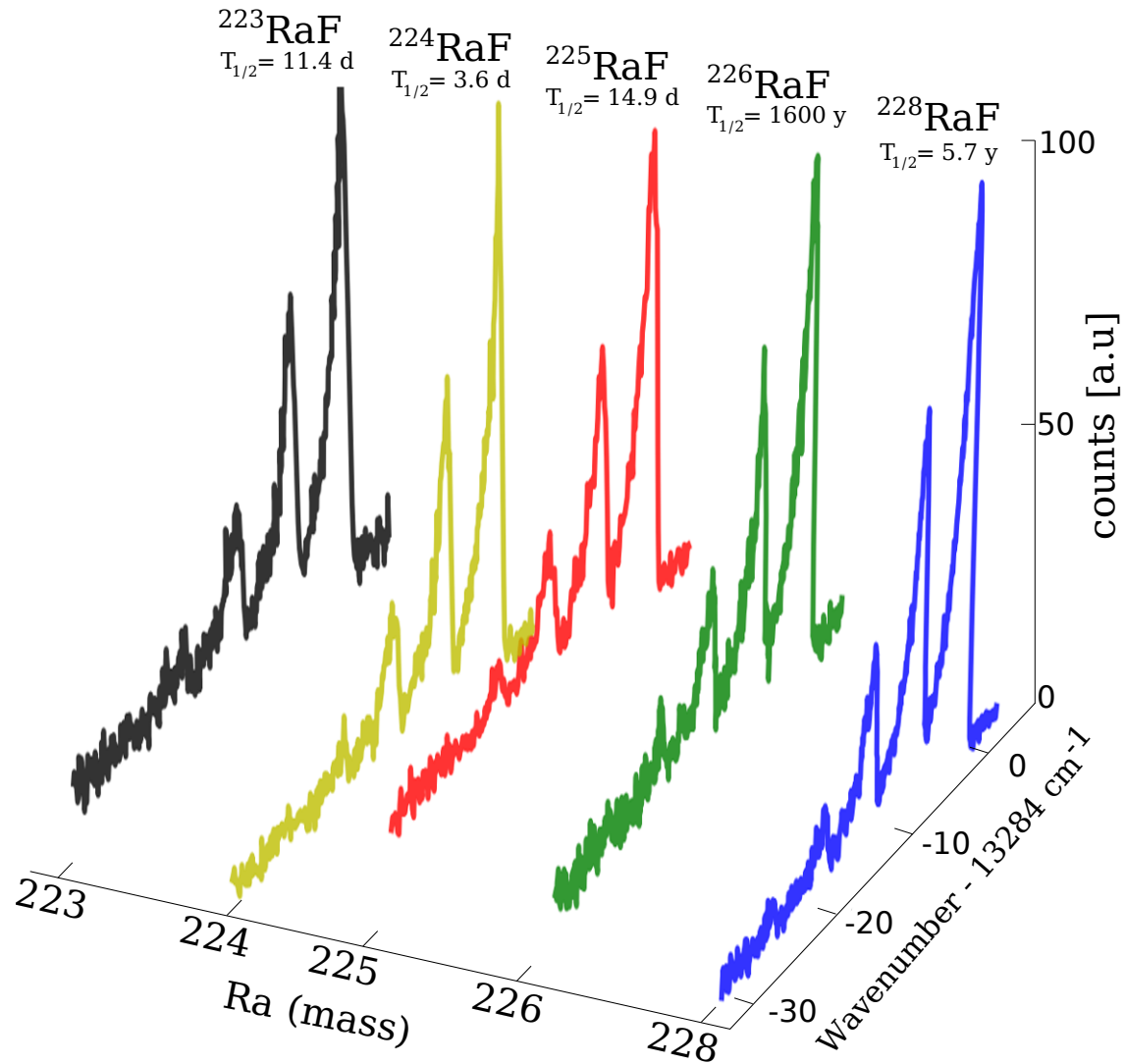
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$A^2\Pi_{1/2} \leftarrow X^2\Sigma^+, 0' - 0$ transition

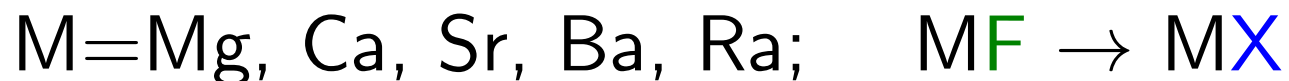
$$\tilde{\nu}_{\text{exp}} = 13284.7(5) \text{ cm}^{-1}; \tilde{\nu}_{\text{theo}} = 13300(1200) \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

RaF



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Cooling of **poly**atomics with lasers?



X = pseudohalogen

NC CN

PC CP

NCO OCN

NCS SCN

NCS_e SeCN

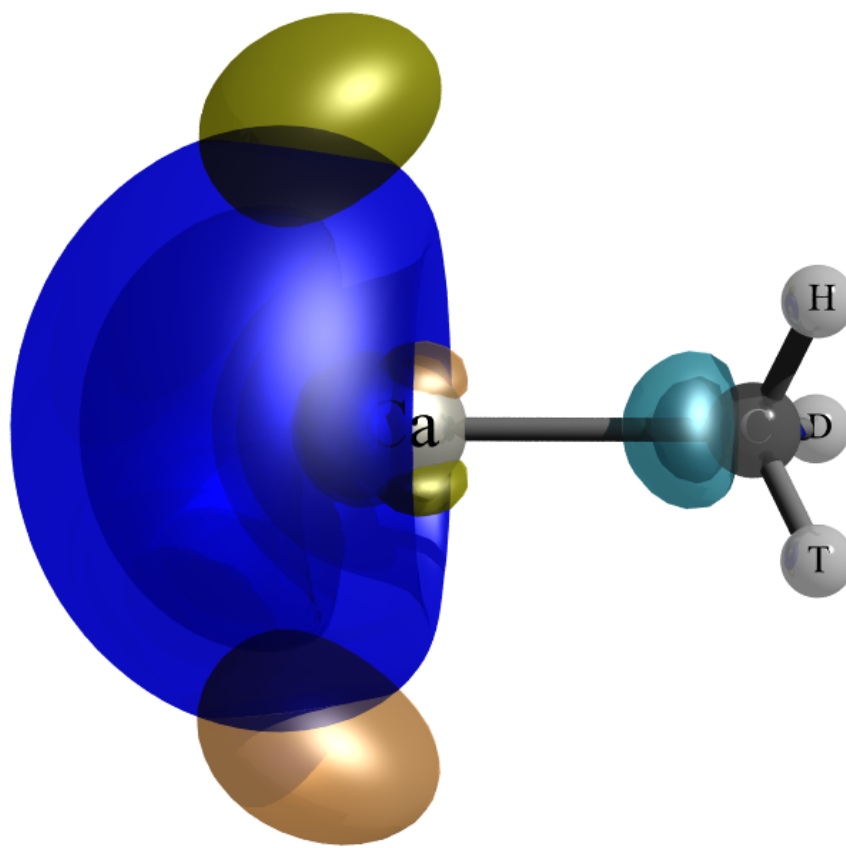
N₃

X = residues such as OH, SH, CH₃

Cooling of polyatomics with lasers

Proposed Candidates:

CaOH, CaNC, MgCH₃, CaCH₃, **CaCHDT** . . .



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Nuclear physics and BSM physics with molecules

	Standard model physics	BSM physics
P-even	P-odd	P,T-odd
Charge radius	Weak nuclear charge	k_s, k_T, k_p
Magnetic dipole moment	Anapole moment	EDMs, Schiff moment
Electric quadrupole moment		Magnetic quadrupole moment
Magnetic octupole moment		Electric octupole moment
		ALPs
		WIMPs
		fuzzy CDM

P,T-odd electric dipole moments

Fundamental Theory

$\bar{\theta}$, CKM, SUSY, Multi Higgs, LR-symmetry, etc.

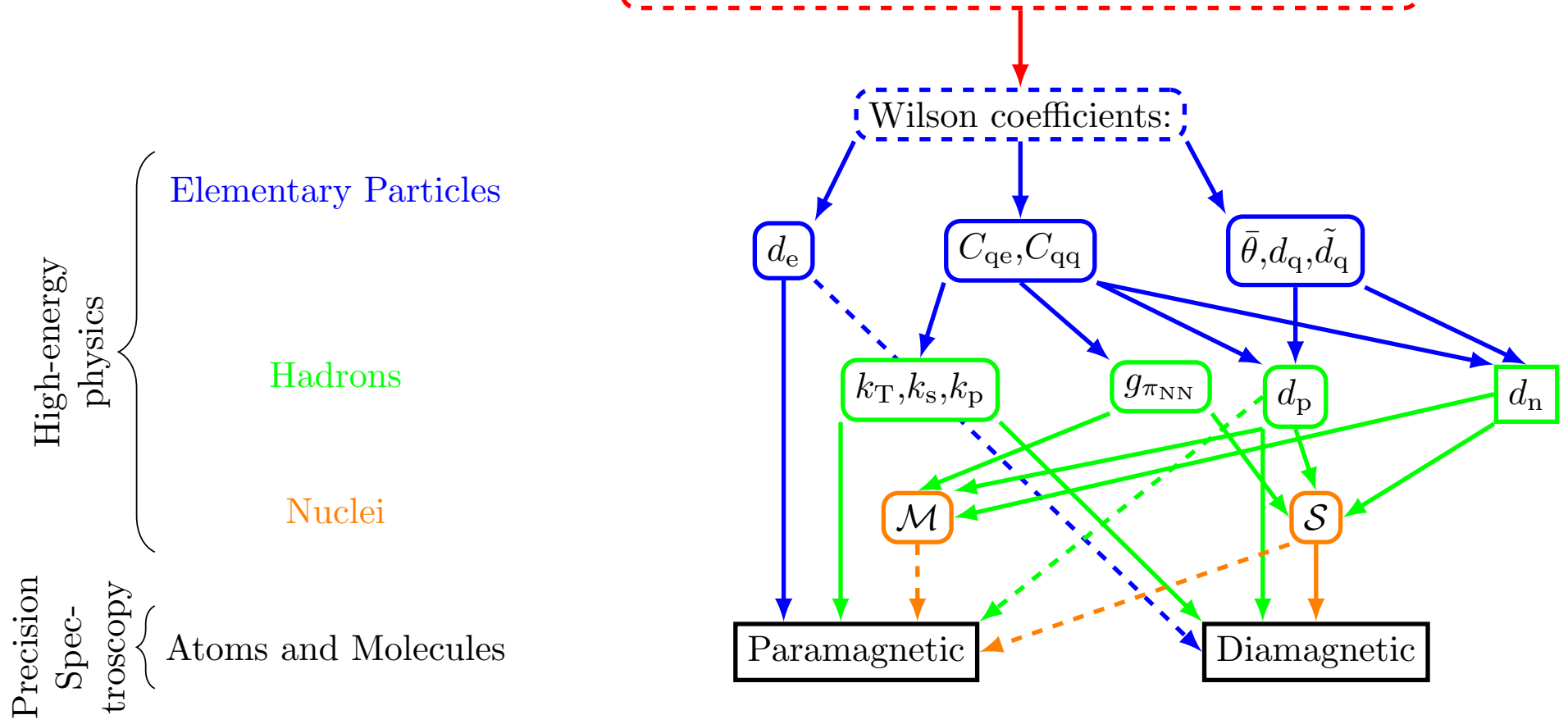
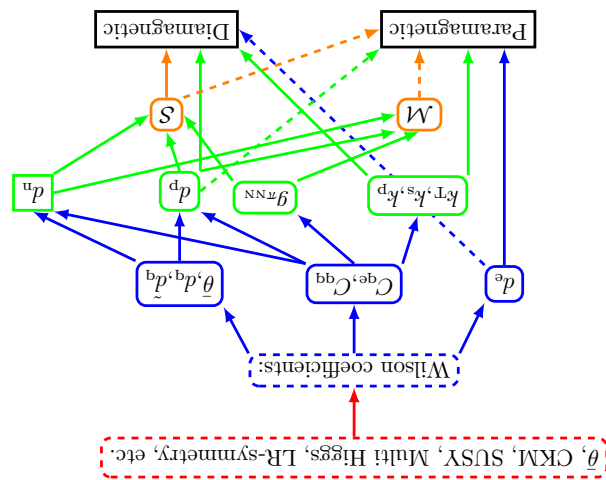


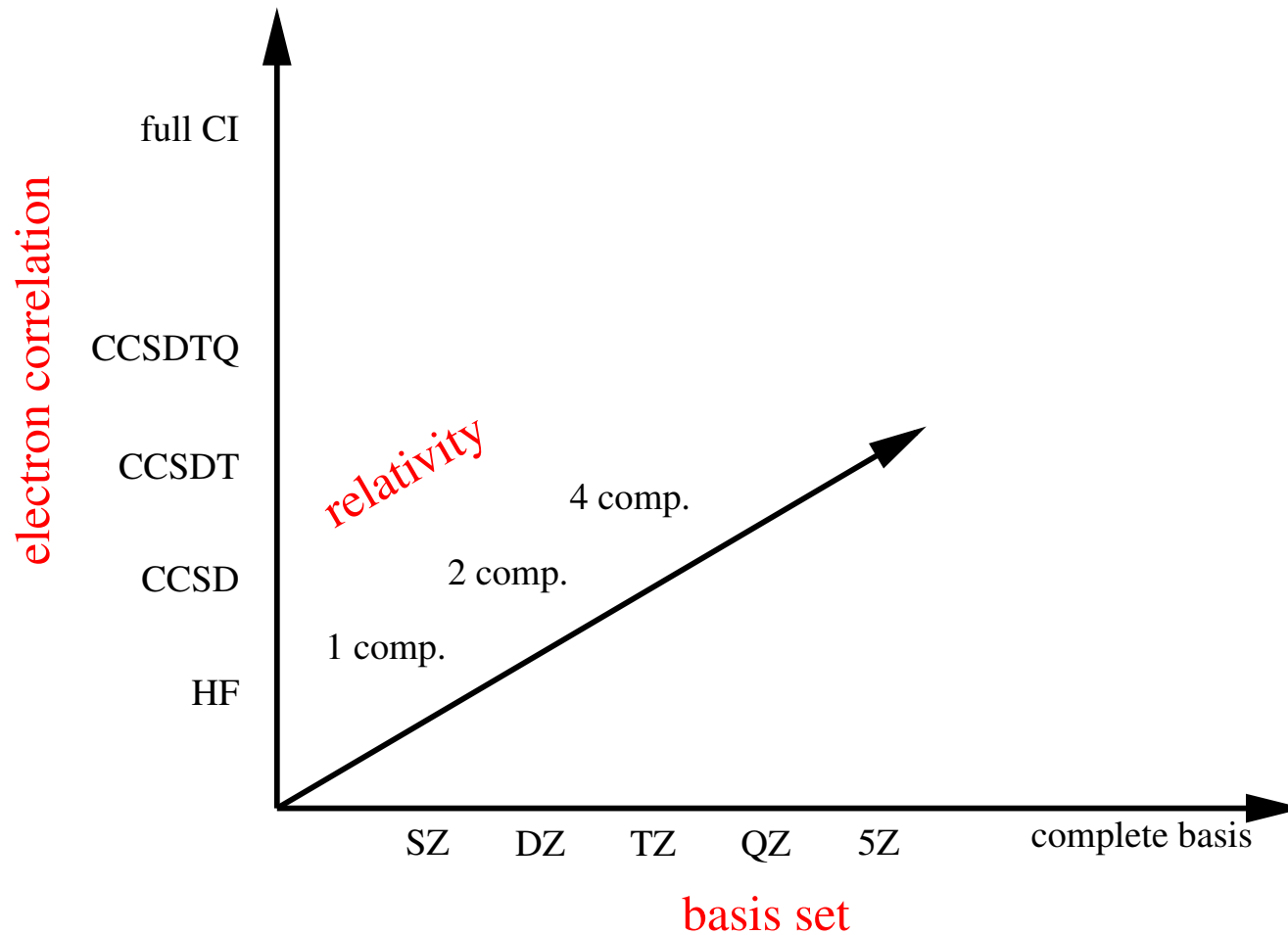
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P,T-odd electric dipole moments

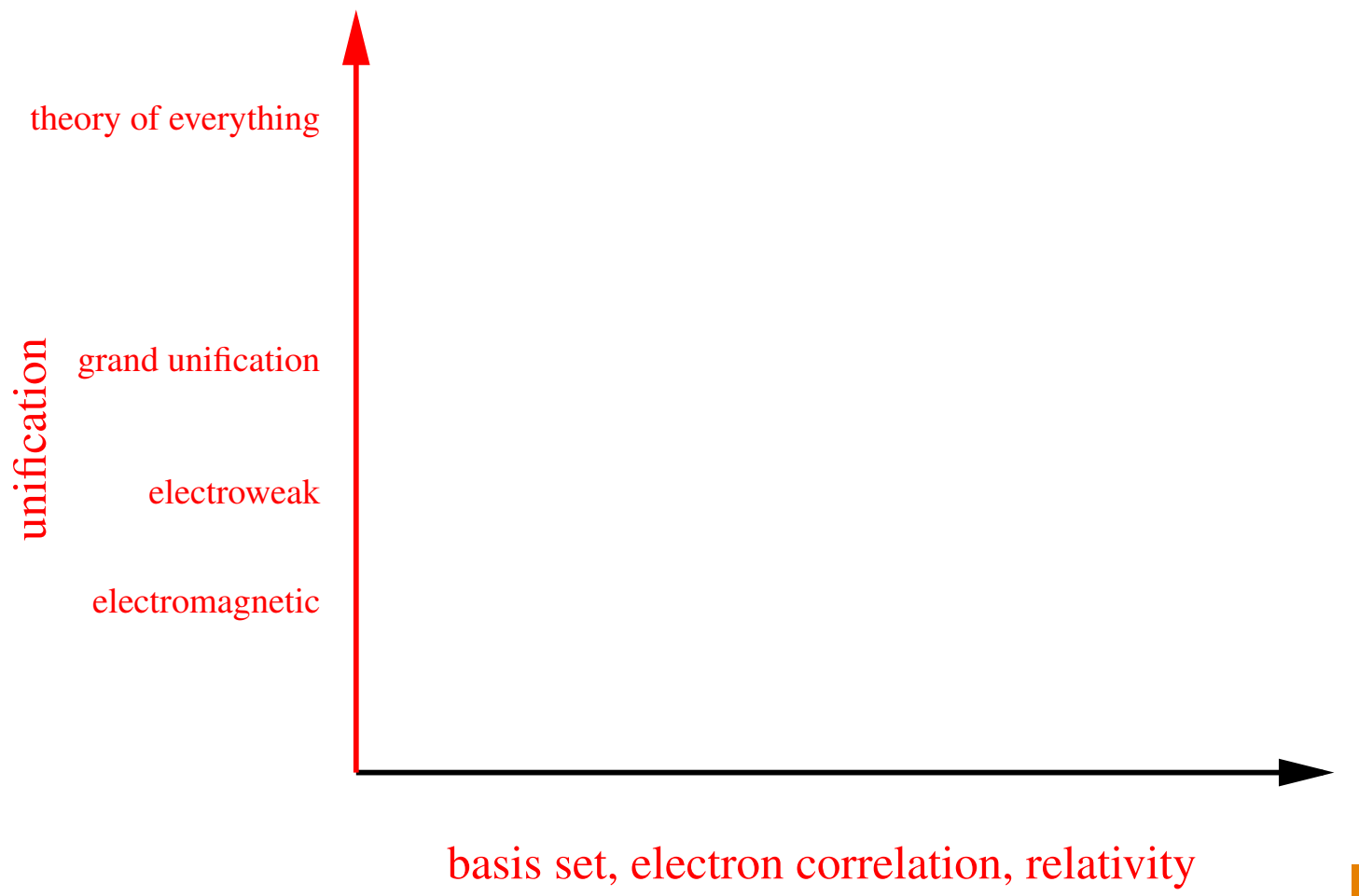
Biology
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Chemistry
Molecular physics
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Nuclear physics
Particle physics



Traditional quantum chemistry



Beyond traditional quantum chemistry



P-odd effects, 1c vs. 4c approaches

$$\hat{H}_{\text{pv}}^{(\text{e-nucl})} = \hat{H}_{\text{pv}}^{(\text{e-nucl},1)} + \hat{H}_{\text{pv}}^{(\text{e-nucl},2)} = \sum_{i=1}^n \left[\hat{h}_{\text{pv}}^{(1)}(i) + \hat{h}_{\text{pv}}^{(2)}(i) \right]$$

Schrödinger picture

$$\hat{h}_{\text{pv}}^{(1)} = \frac{G_{\text{F}}}{4\sqrt{2}m_{\text{e}}c} \sum_{A=1}^N Q_{\text{w},A} \{ \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p}, \rho_A(\vec{r}) \}_+$$

Dirac picture

$$\hat{h}_{\text{pv}}^{(1)} = \frac{G_{\text{F}}}{2\sqrt{2}} \sum_{A=1}^N Q_{\text{w},A} \gamma^5 \rho_A(\vec{r}); \quad \gamma^5 = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0}_{2 \times 2} & \mathbf{1}_{2 \times 2} \\ \mathbf{1}_{2 \times 2} & \mathbf{0}_{2 \times 2} \end{bmatrix}$$

P-odd effects, 1c vs. 4c approaches

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{2}Q_{w,A} \rho_A(\vec{r}) &= (Zg_V^p + Ng_V^n)\rho_A(\vec{r}) \\ &\approx Zg_V^p\rho_{p,A}(\vec{r}) + Ng_V^n\rho_{n,A}(\vec{r}) = \rho'_{av,A}(\vec{r})\end{aligned}$$

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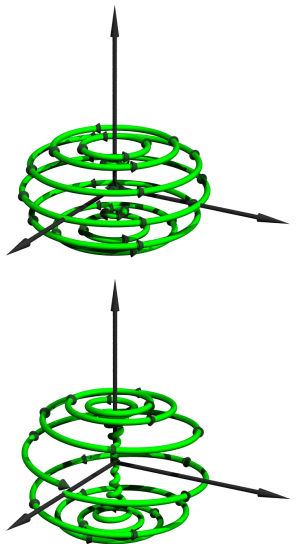
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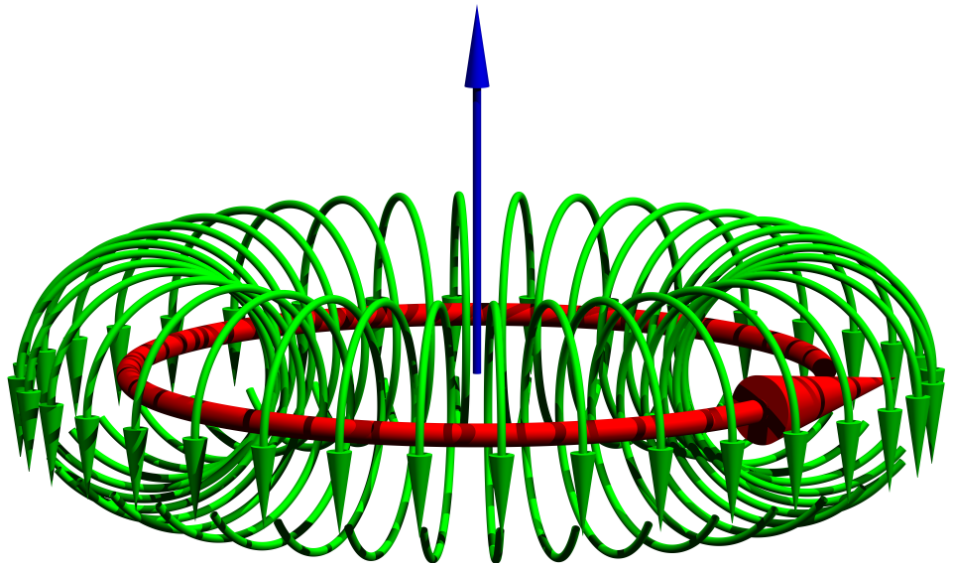
Dirac picture

$$\hat{h}_{\text{pv}}^{(2)} = \frac{G_{\text{F}}}{2\sqrt{2}} \sum_{A=1}^N K_{\text{A},\text{A}} \vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{I} \rho_{\text{A}}(\vec{r}); \quad \vec{\alpha} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0}_{2 \times 2} & \vec{\sigma} \\ \vec{\sigma} & \mathbf{0}_{2 \times 2} \end{bmatrix}$$

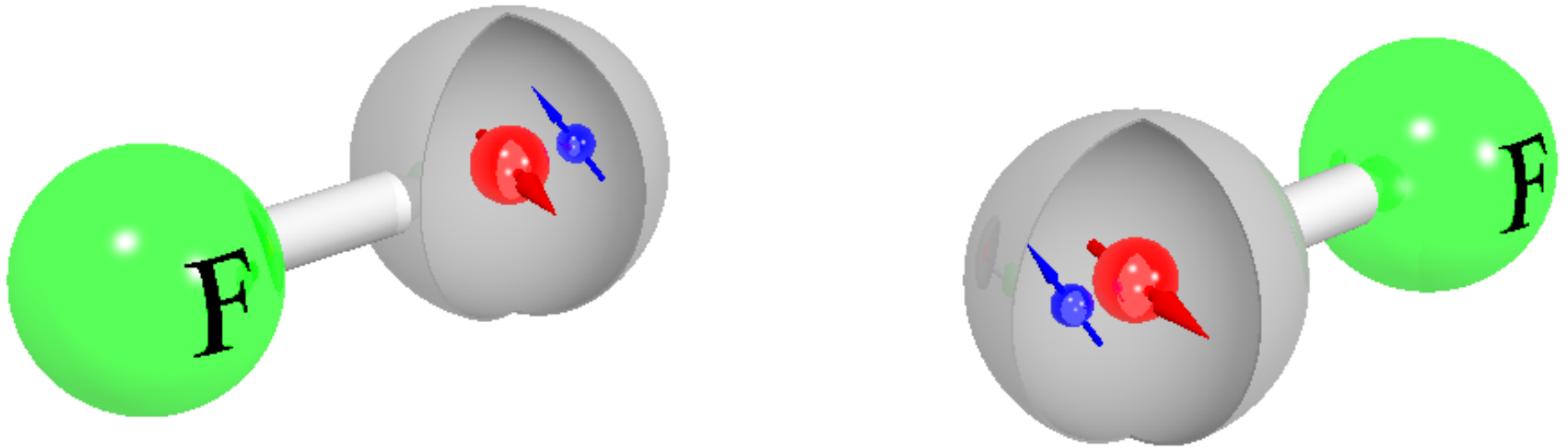
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$K_{A,A}^{(2)} \vec{I} \rho_A(\vec{r})$
due to
anapole moment

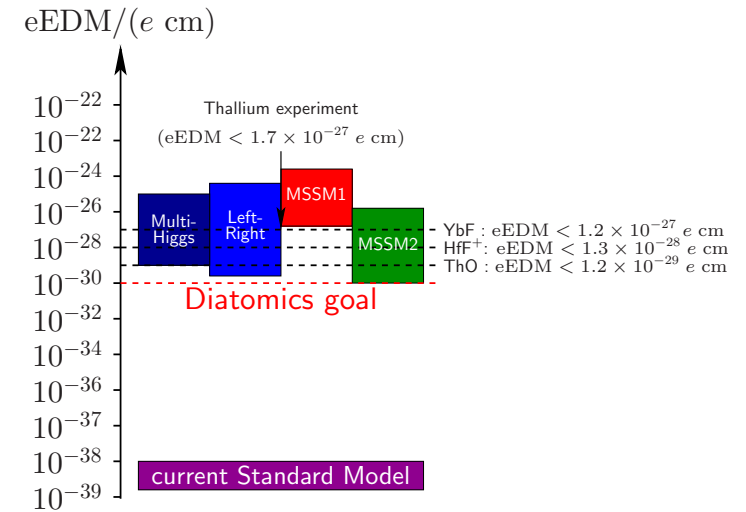
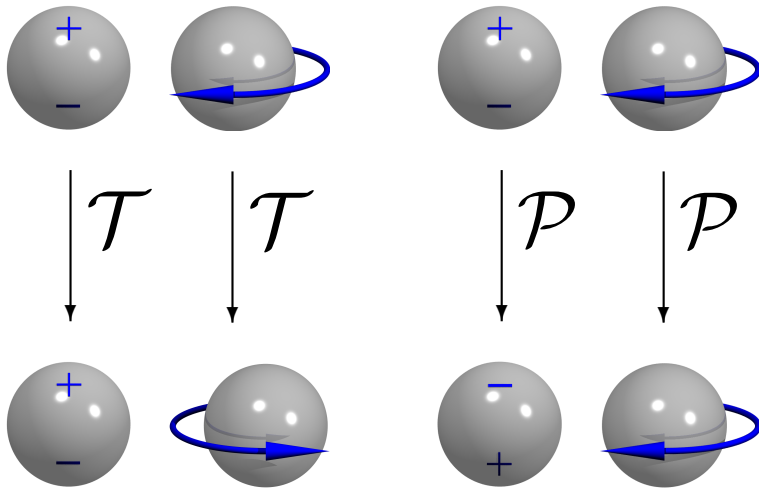


P-odd and P,T-odd effect in diatomics



$$\begin{aligned}\hat{H}_{\text{sr}} = & B\vec{N}^2 + \gamma \vec{S}^{\text{eff}} \cdot \vec{N} + \vec{S}^{\text{eff}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{I}} + \vec{N} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{C}} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{I}} \\ & + W_a(K_A/2)[\vec{\lambda} \times \vec{S}^{\text{eff}}] \cdot \vec{\mathbf{I}} + (W_s k_s + W_d d_e) \vec{\lambda} \cdot \vec{S}^{\text{eff}}\end{aligned}$$

Electron electric dipole moment



$$\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{T}\text{-violation: } H_{\text{ptv}} + H_{\text{ptc}} = (d\vec{E} + m\vec{B}) \cdot \vec{F} / |\vec{F}|$$

\vec{E} strongly enhanced in polar molecules (YbF, ThO, RaF)

P,T-odd effects, 4c approaches

$$\hat{h}_s^{(1)} = i \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{A=1}^N k_{s,A} Z_A \gamma_0 \gamma_5 \rho_A(\vec{r}); \quad \gamma_0 = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{1}_{2 \times 2} & \mathbf{0}_{2 \times 2} \\ \mathbf{0}_{2 \times 2} & -\mathbf{1}_{2 \times 2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$W_s = \langle \hat{H}_s \rangle / k_s$$

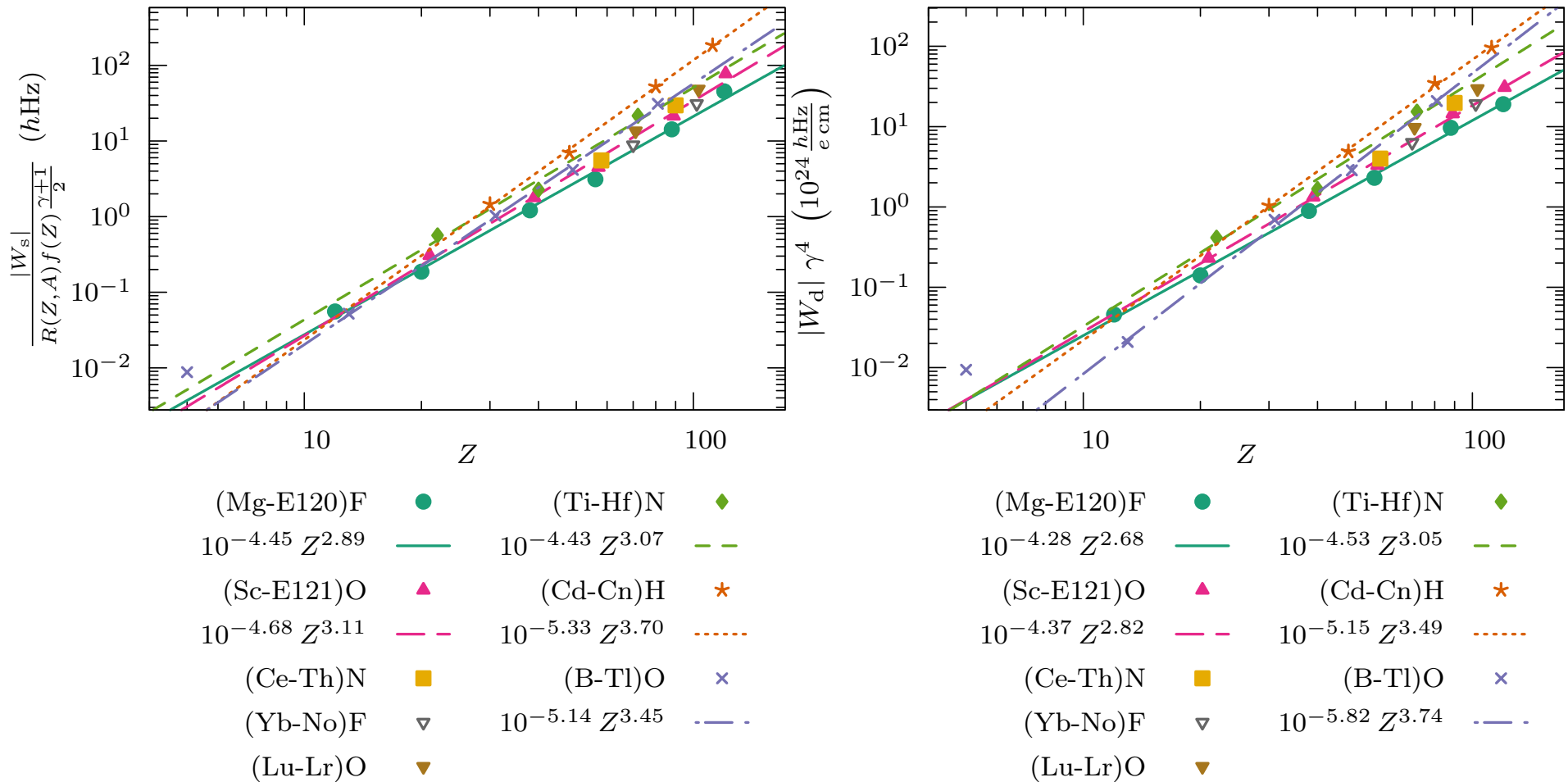
$$\hat{h}_e = -d_e (\gamma_0 - \mathbf{1}_{4 \times 4}) \vec{\Sigma} \cdot \vec{E}_{\text{eff}}; \quad \vec{\Sigma} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{\sigma} & \mathbf{0}_{2 \times 2} \\ \mathbf{0}_{2 \times 2} & \vec{\sigma} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$W_d = \langle \hat{H}_e \rangle / d_e = -\vec{E}_{\text{eff}} \cdot \vec{d}_e / d_e$$

W_s and E_{eff} can be estimated from W_a , e.g.:

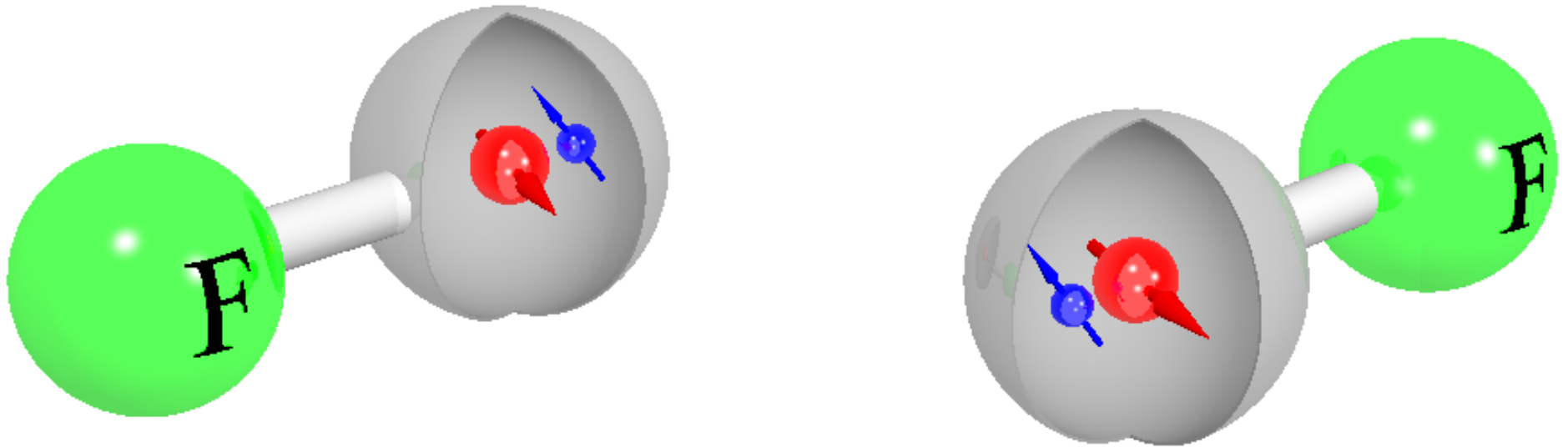
$$W_s / W_a = Z 3\gamma / (2\gamma + 1); \quad \gamma = \sqrt{1 - (\alpha Z)^2}$$

P,T-odd effect in diatomics



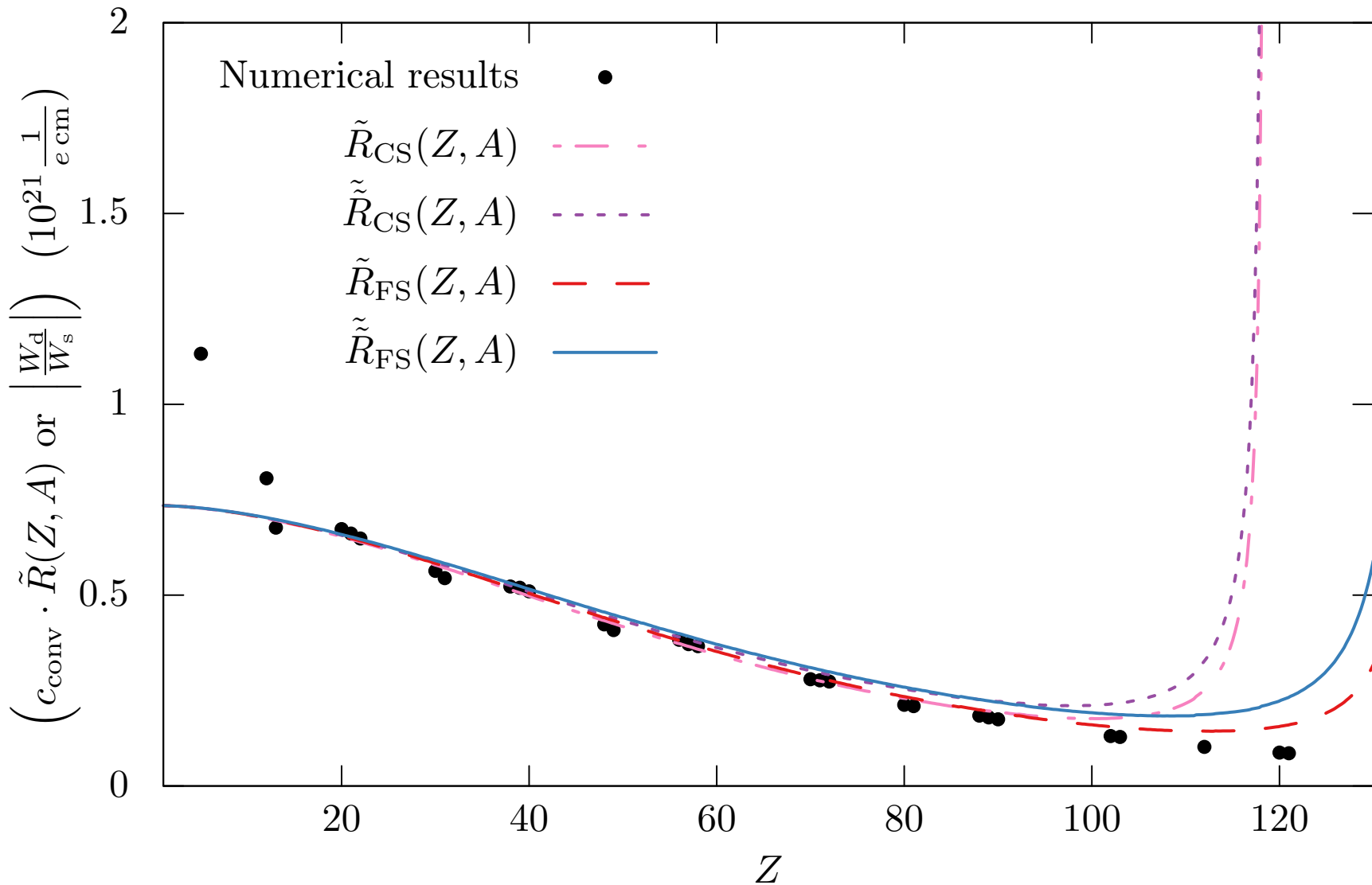
cGHF results

P-odd and P,T-odd effect in diatomics



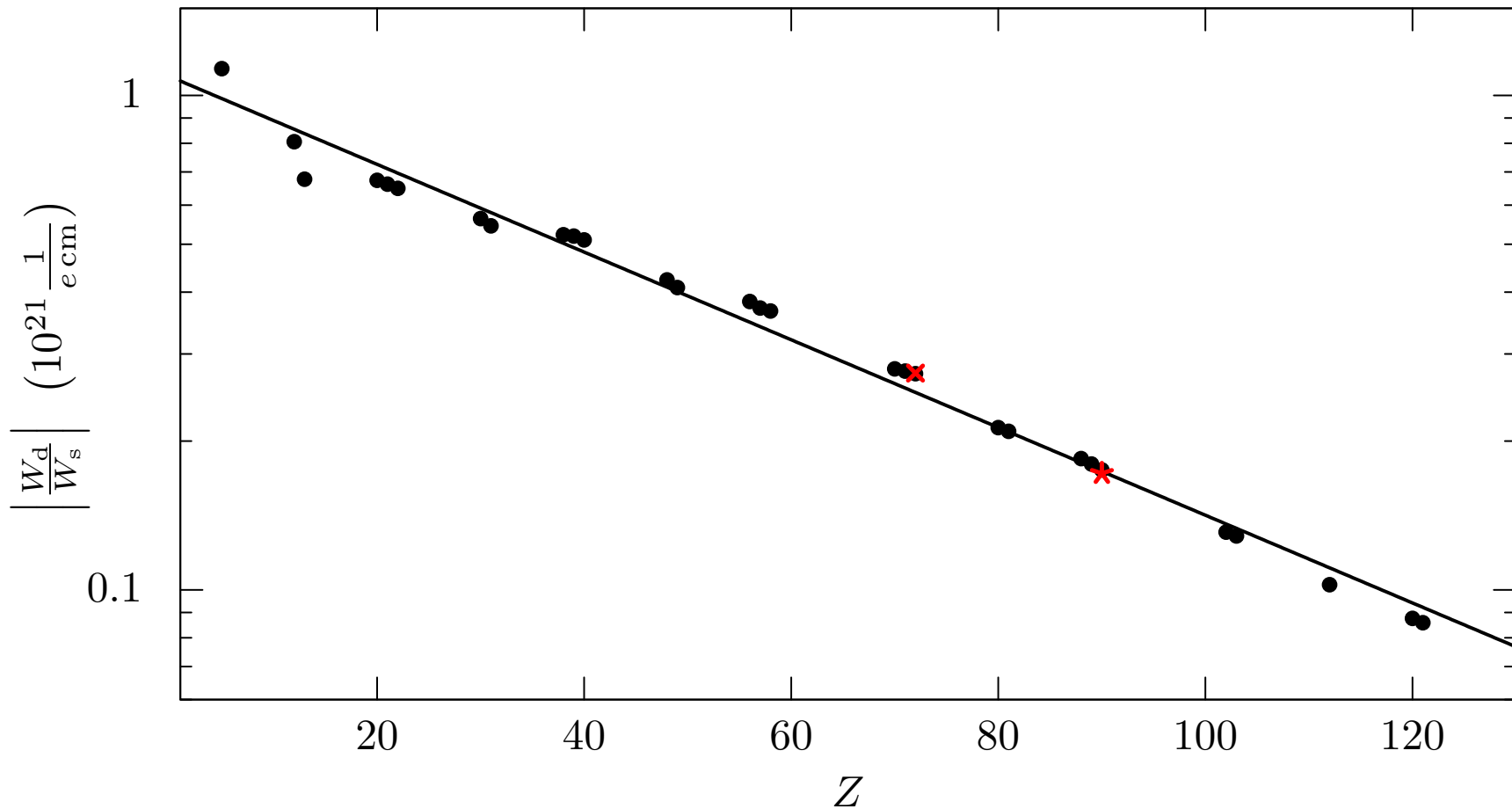
$$\hat{H}_{\text{sr}} = B\vec{N}^2 + \gamma \vec{S}^{\text{eff}} \cdot \vec{N} + \vec{S}^{\text{eff}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{I}} + \vec{N} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{C}} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{I}} \\ + W_a(K_A/2)[\vec{\lambda} \times \vec{S}^{\text{eff}}] \cdot \vec{\mathbf{I}} + (W_s k_s + W_d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

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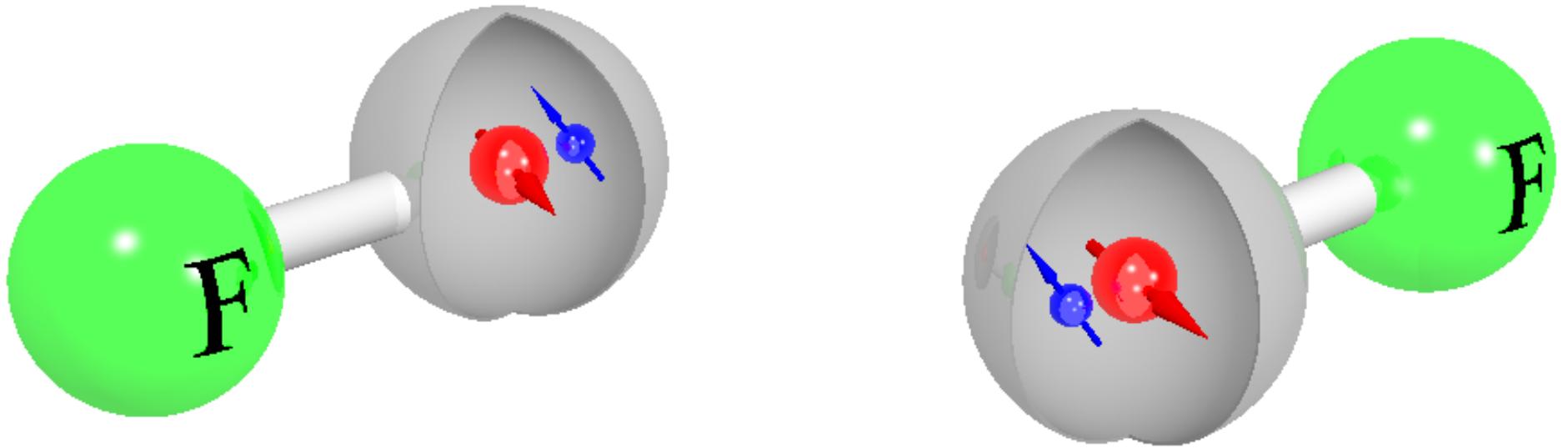


P,T-odd effect in diatomics

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 $10^{0.04(1)} 10^{(-0.0089(2))Z}$ — HfF⁺ x

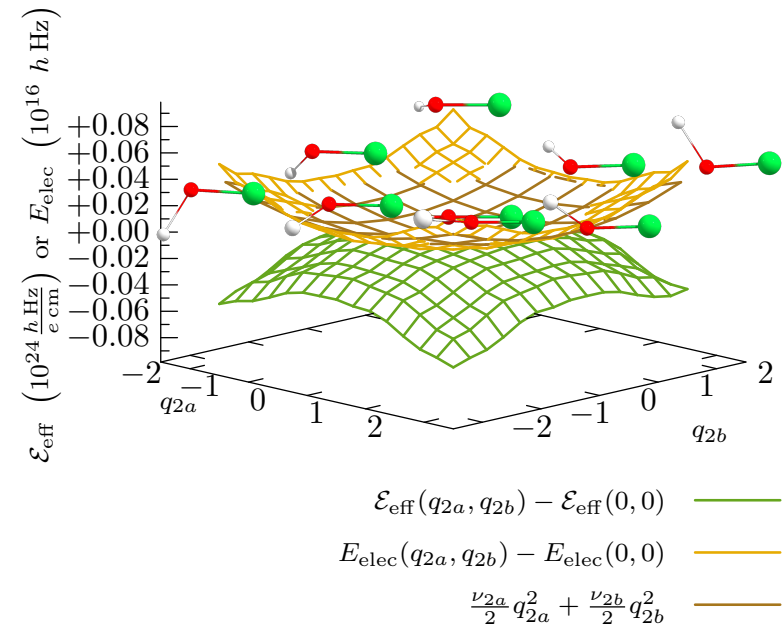
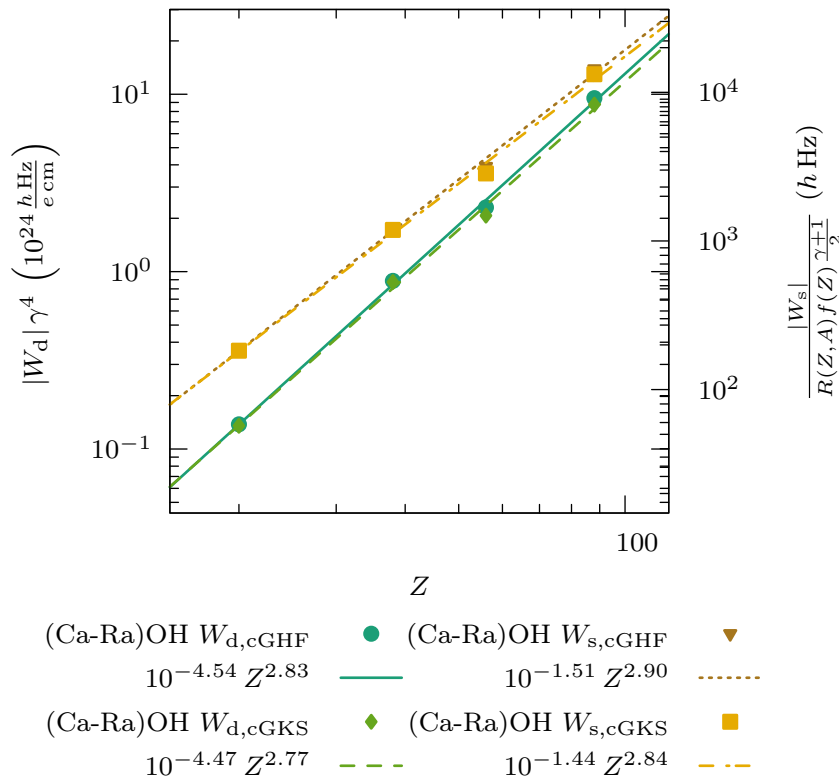


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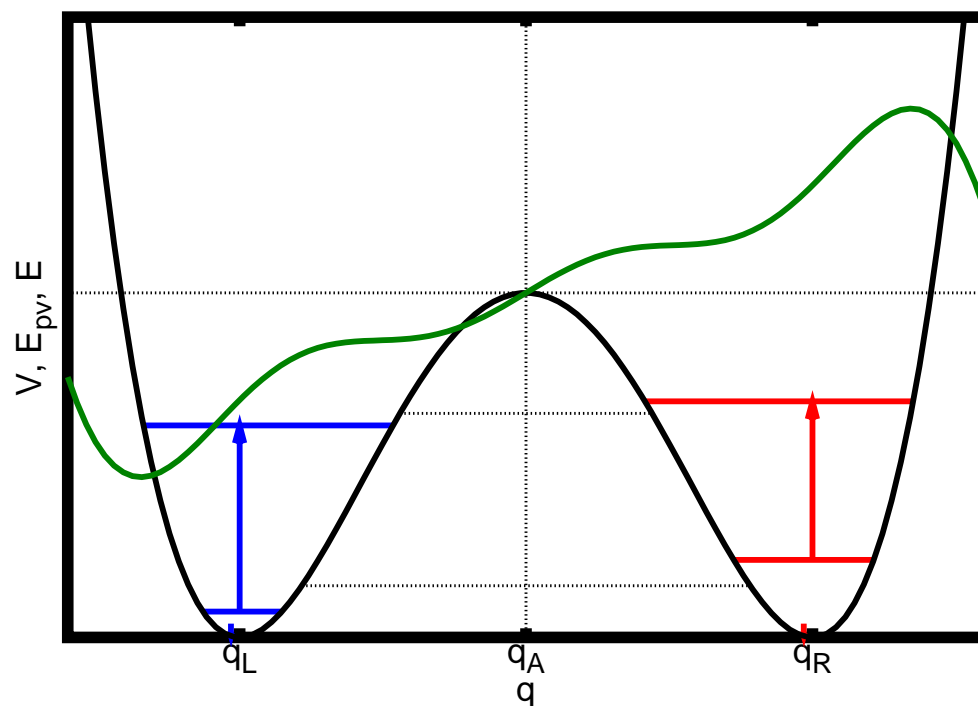
$$\begin{aligned} \hat{H}_{\text{sr}} = & B\vec{N}^2 + \gamma \vec{S}^{\text{eff}} \cdot \vec{N} + \vec{S}^{\text{eff}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{I}} + \vec{N} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{C}} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{I}} \\ & + W_a(K_A/2)[\vec{\lambda} \times \vec{S}^{\text{eff}}] \cdot \vec{\mathbf{I}} + W_d(k_s W_s/W_d + d_e)\vec{\lambda} \cdot \vec{S}^{\text{eff}} \end{aligned}$$

P,T-odd effect in laser-coolable triatomics

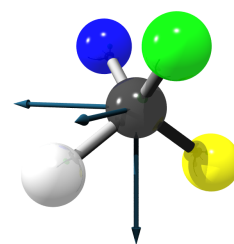
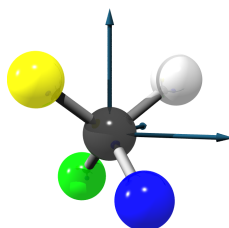


Very similar behaviour for MF and MOH

Detection of molecular parity violation

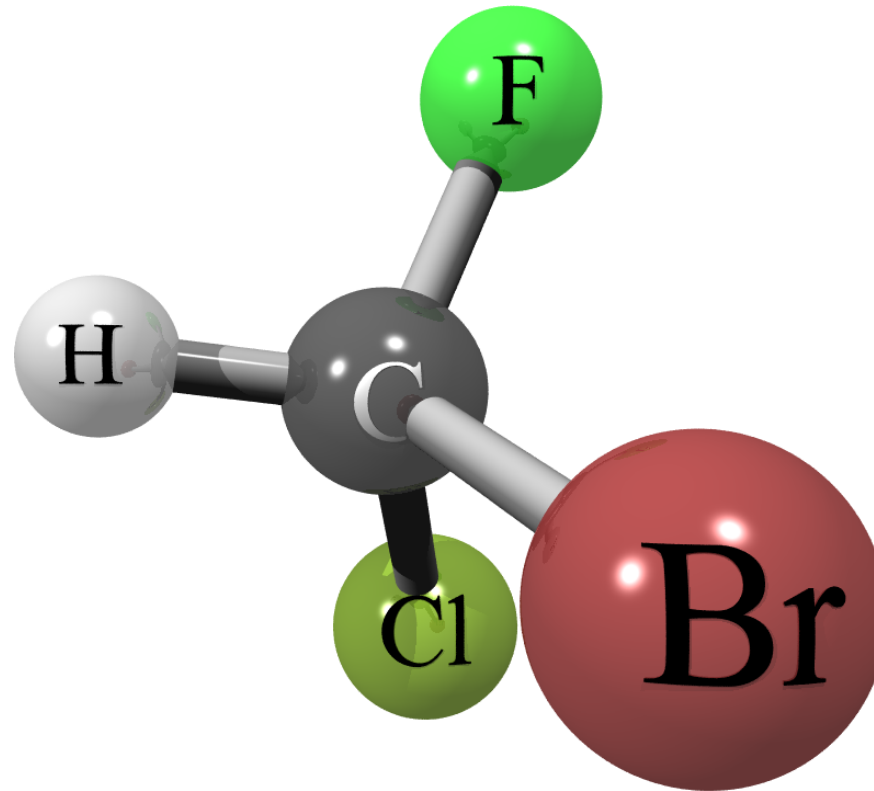


$$\Delta\nu_{pv} = \nu_L - \nu_R$$



Letokhov, *Phys. Lett. A*, **1975**, 53, 275; Kompanets, Kukudzhyanov, Letokhov, Gervits, *Opt. Commun*, **1976**, 19, 414; Arimondo, Glorieux, Oka, *Opt. Commun.*, **1977**, 23, 369; Berger, Quack, Sieben, Willeke, *Helv. Chim. Acta*, **2003**, 86, 4048; Berger, Laubender, Quack, Sieben, Stohner, Willeke, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.*, **2005**, 44, 3623;

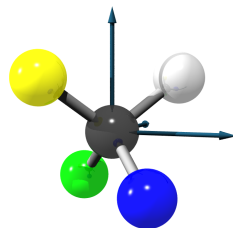
Experimental vibrational frequency shifts



Experimental upper bound for C–F stretch fundamental:

$$\Delta\nu_{\text{pv}}/\nu < 10^{-13}$$

Theoretical vibrational frequency shifts



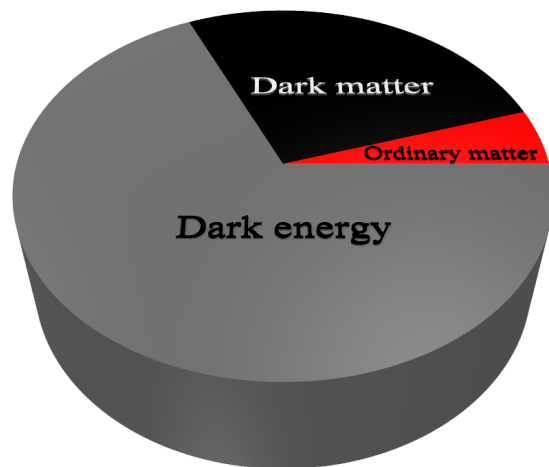
Molecule	$E_{\text{pv}}/(hc \ 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^{-1})$			$\Delta\nu_{\text{pv}}/(\nu \ 10^{-13})$
	ZORA (2c)	DHFC(4c) ^a	BP(1c) ^b	ZORA(2c)
(<i>S</i>)-CHBrClF	-1.5	-1.2	-1.47	+0.0007
(<i>S</i>)-CHBrClI	-24.7			
(<i>S</i>)-CHBrFI	-38.5	-37.1		+0.0178
(<i>S</i>)-CHClFI	-13.7	-13.0		+0.0094
(<i>S</i>)-CBrClFI	+5.1	+4.4		
(<i>S</i>)-CHAtFI	+2314			-1.072

a) Schwerdtfeger, Laerdahl, Chardonnet, *Phys. Rev. A*, **2002**, 65, 042508

b) with atomic scaling factors, unscaled value: -0.8; Berger, *J. Chem. Phys.* **2008**, 129, 154105

Dark matter search with chiral molecules

- P-odd interaction with pseudo-scalar cosmic field



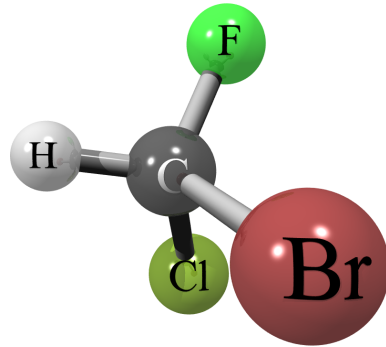
$$\hat{H}_{a,PS1} = \eta \hbar \omega_a \sin(\omega_a t) \gamma^5$$

- P-odd interaction with pseudo-vector cosmic field

$$\hat{H}_{pv,cosmic} = b_0^e(t) \gamma^5$$

$\langle \gamma^5 \rangle$ depends on electron helicity in chiral molecules

Dark matter search with chiral molecules



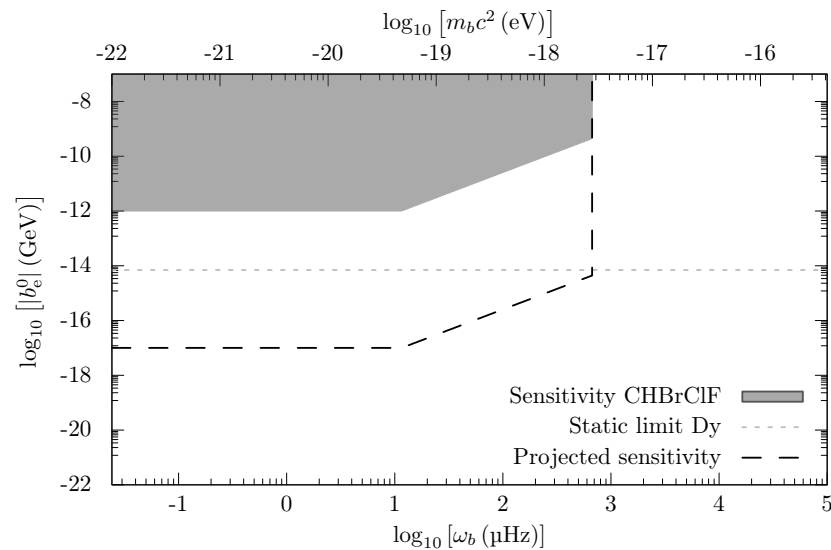
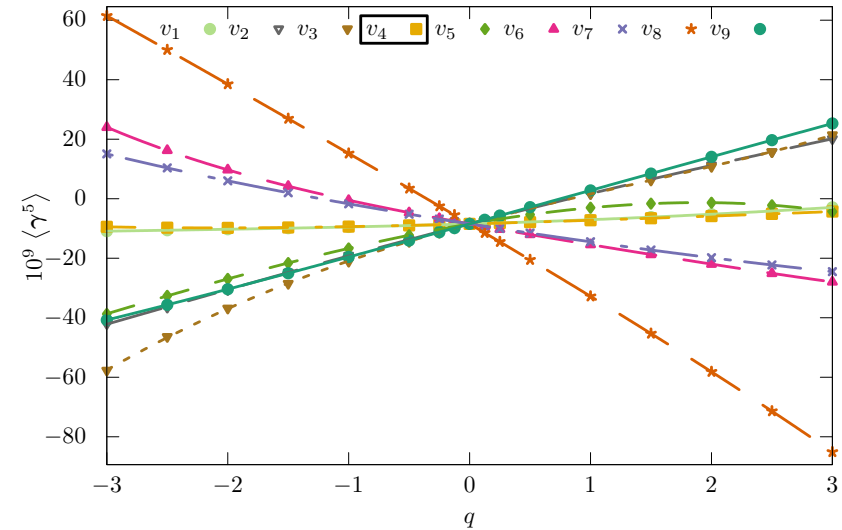
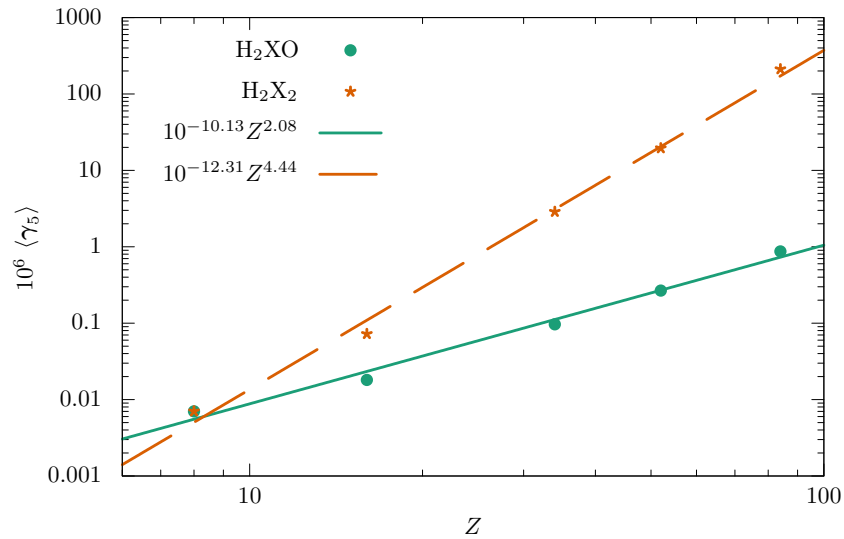
Experimental upper bound for C–F stretch fundamental:

$$|\Delta\nu| = 9.4 \pm 5.1 \pm 12.7 \text{ Hz}; \quad \Delta\nu_{\text{pv}}/\nu < 10^{-13}$$

Theoretical analysis:

$$\Delta_{(R,S)} \langle \gamma^5 \rangle \approx 7.4 \times 10^{-10}$$
$$|b_0^e| \lesssim \left| \frac{12.7 \text{ Hz}}{\mathcal{O}(10^{-10})} h \right| \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-12} \text{ GeV})$$

Dark matter search with chiral molecules



Conclusions

- Test of BSM physics with (polyatomic) molecules
 - Precision spectroscopy on heavy, radioactive molecules offers ample of opportunities
 - Both simple models and accurate predictions play important role for preparation of experiments
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Conclusions (short version)

Let the molecule do the job!

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