

Searching for new physics with isotope-shift spectroscopy of trapped ions

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Yb⁺ experiment @ Vuletić group, MIT

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See J. C. Berengut et al, PRL **120** 091801 (2018)
J. C. Berengut et al, Phys Rev Research **2** 043444 (2020)



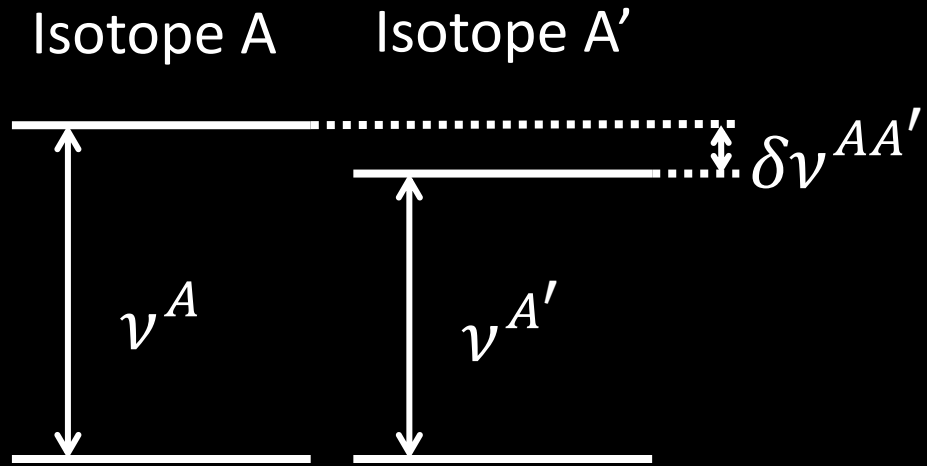
Φ could be a “relaxion”...

Graham, Kaplan, Rajendran, PRL **115**, 22180 (2015)

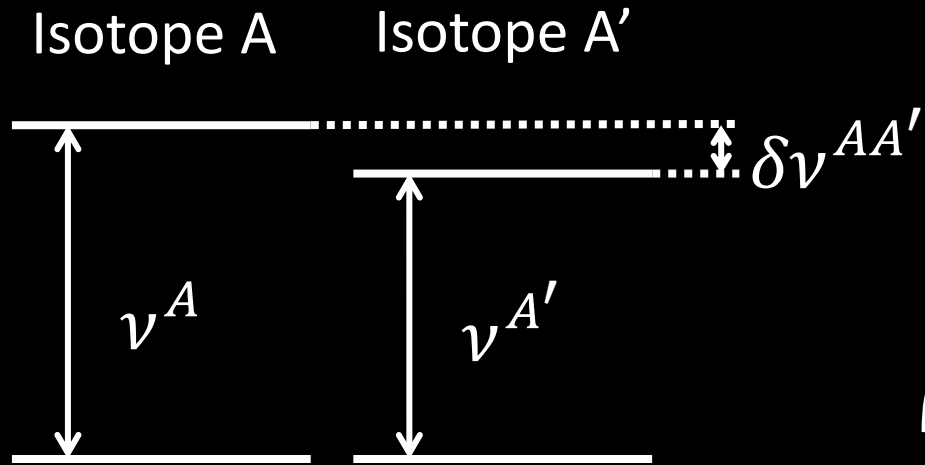
More SM extensions we can probe

Debierre et al, Phys. Rev. A **106** 062801 (2022)

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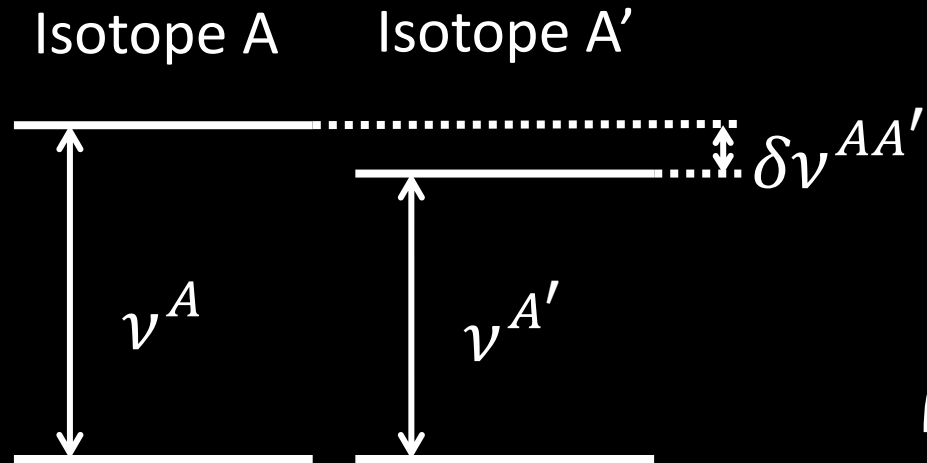


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field shift

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mass shift

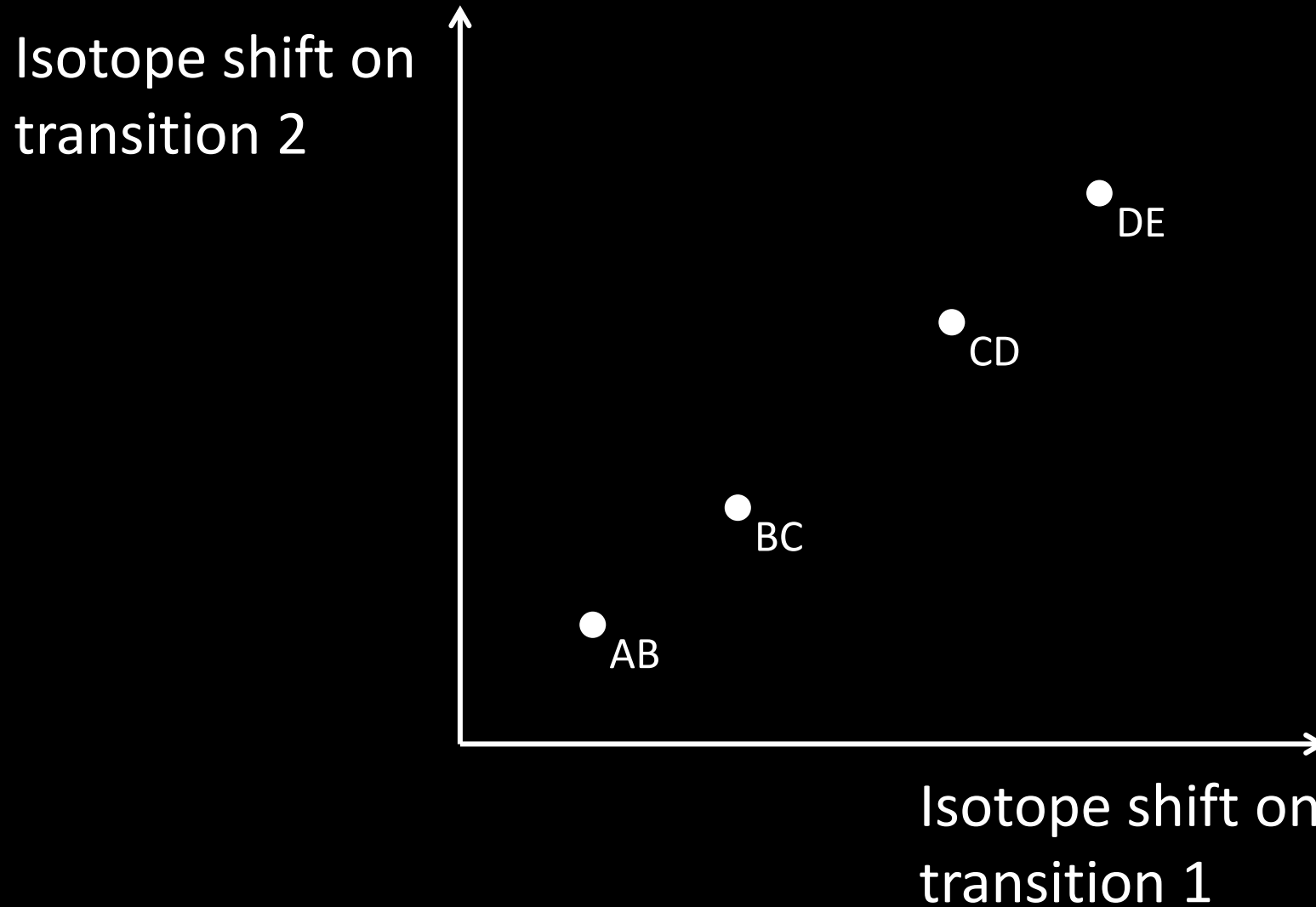
+

field shift

Due to change in kinetic energy, from change in nuclear mass

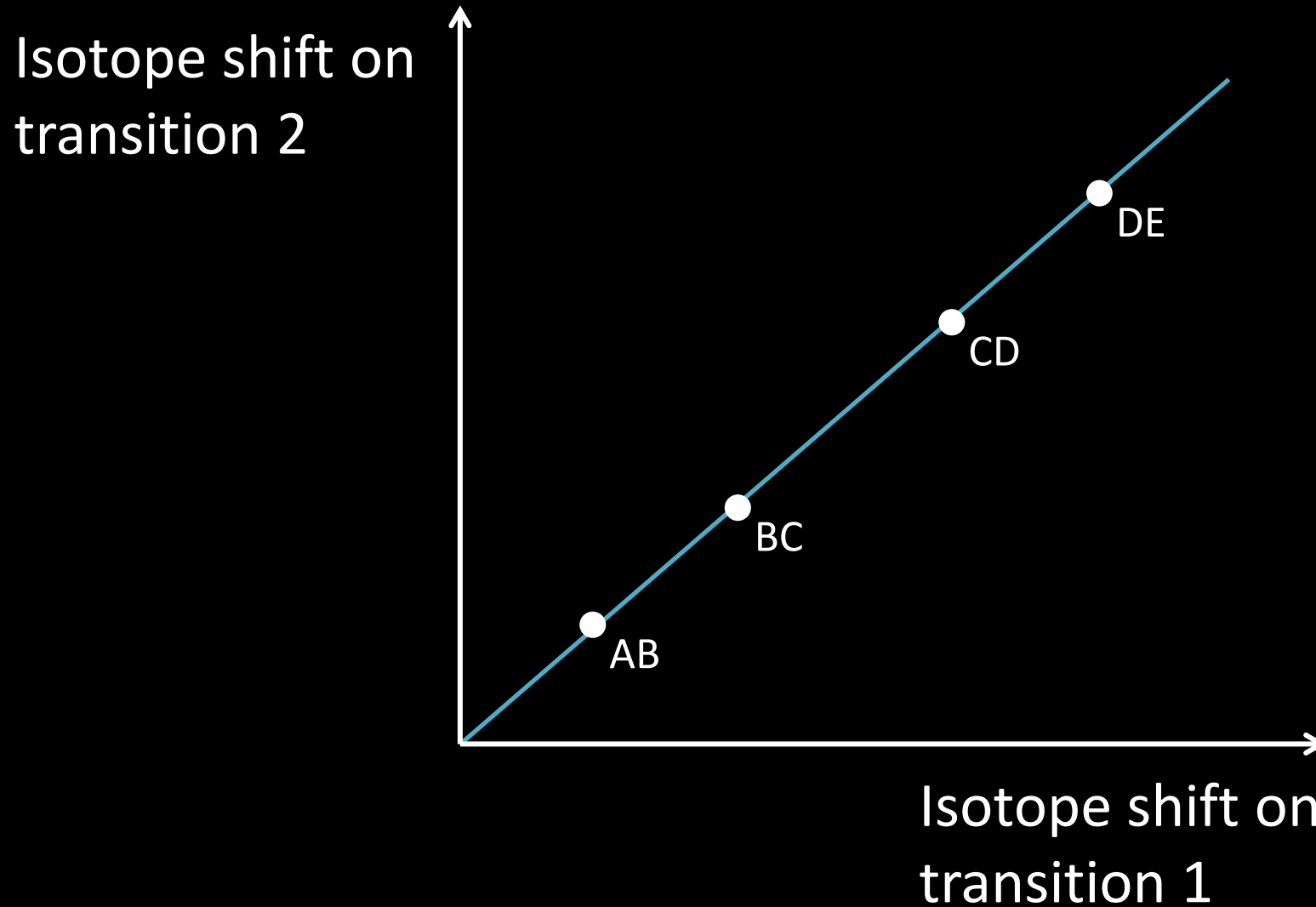
Due to change in spatial distribution of the nuclear charge

King plot



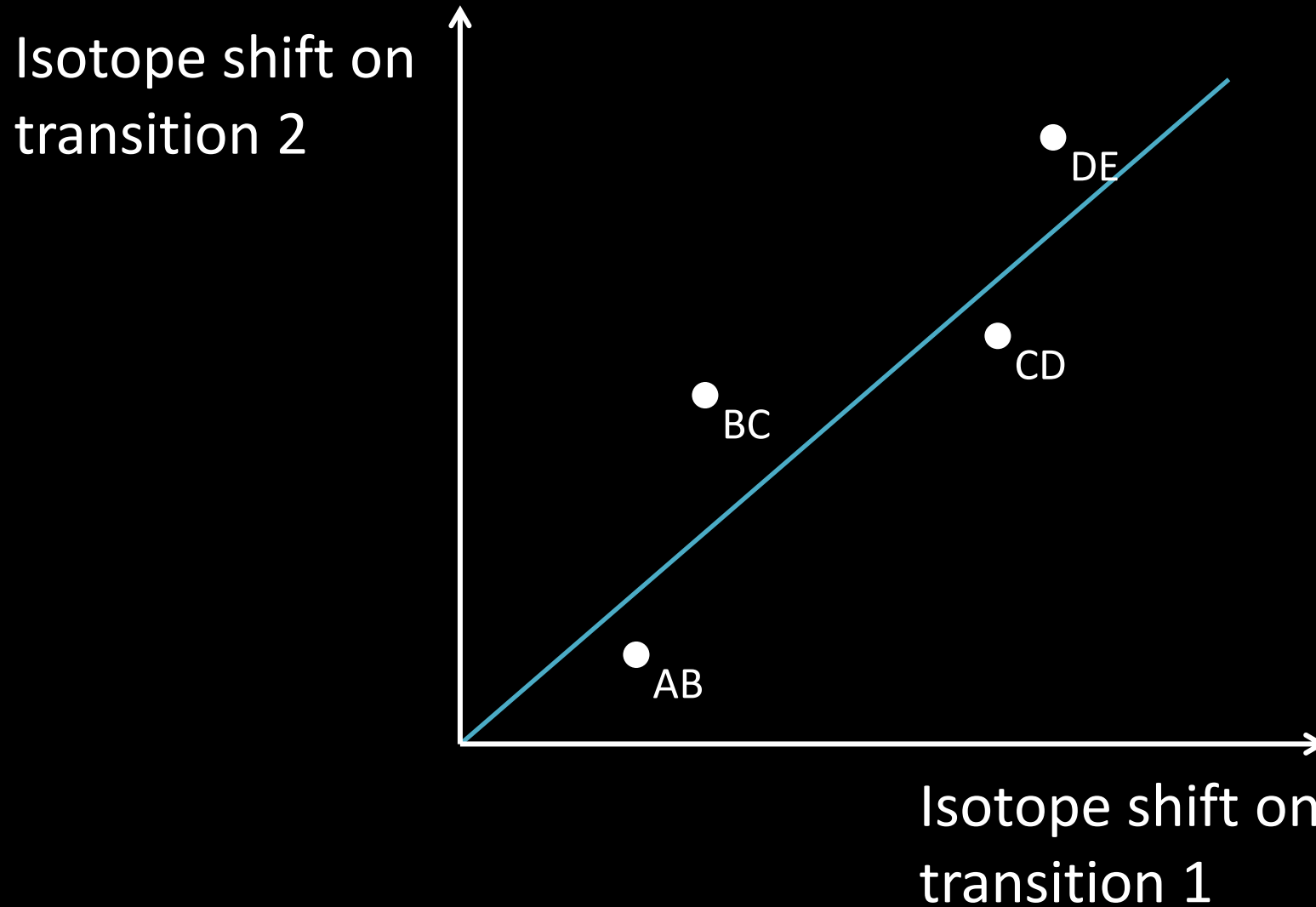
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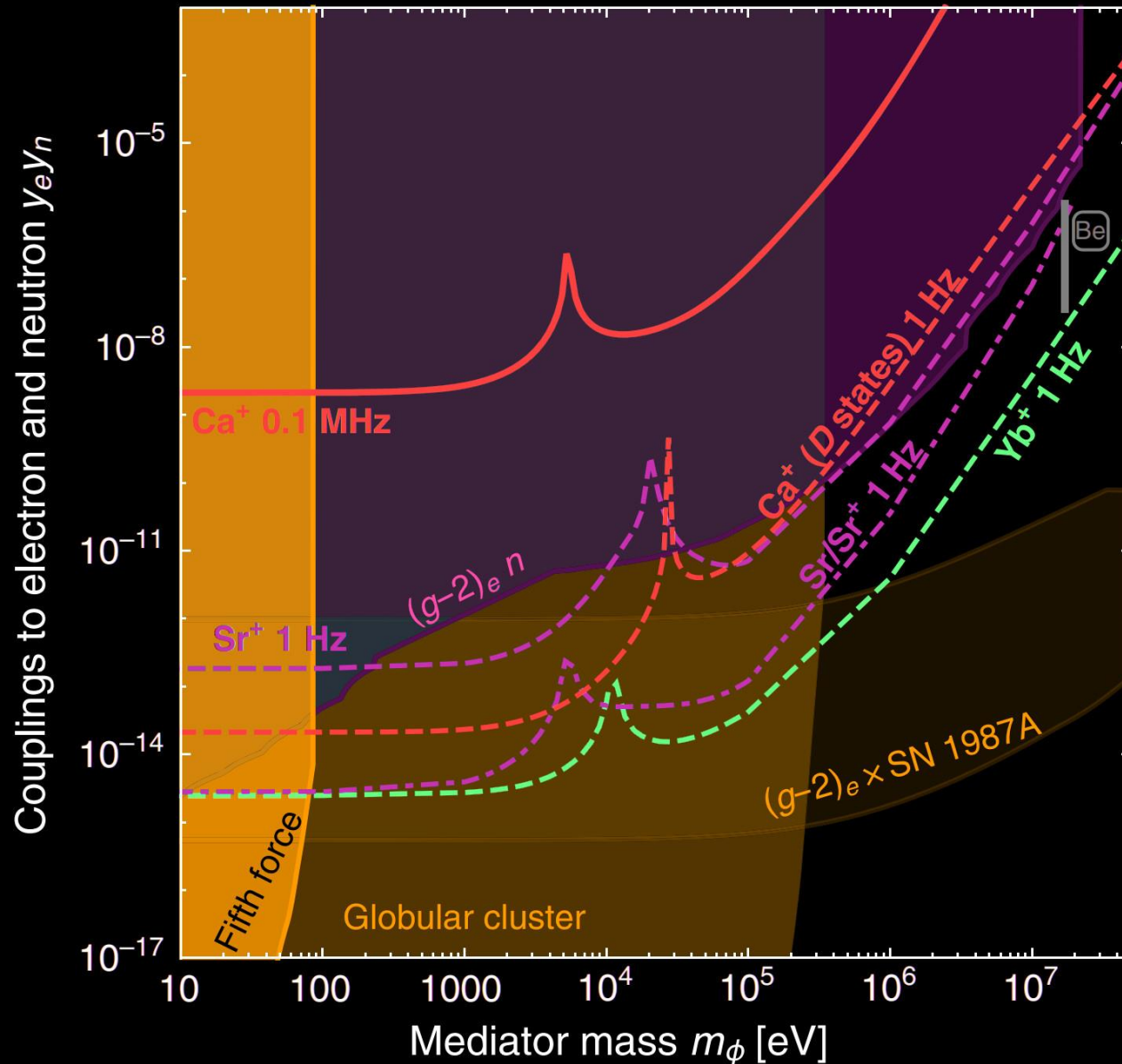
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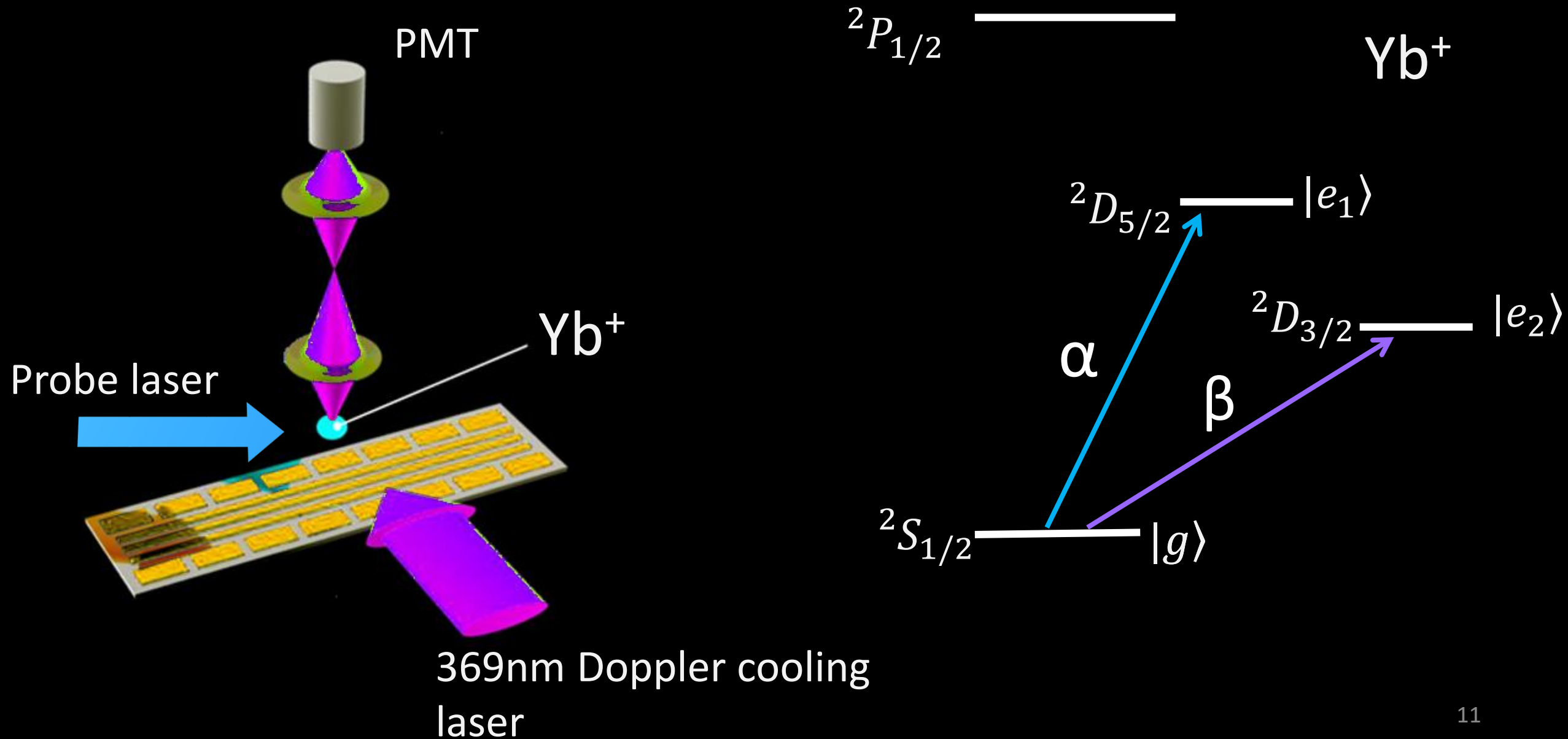
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How sensitive is this method?

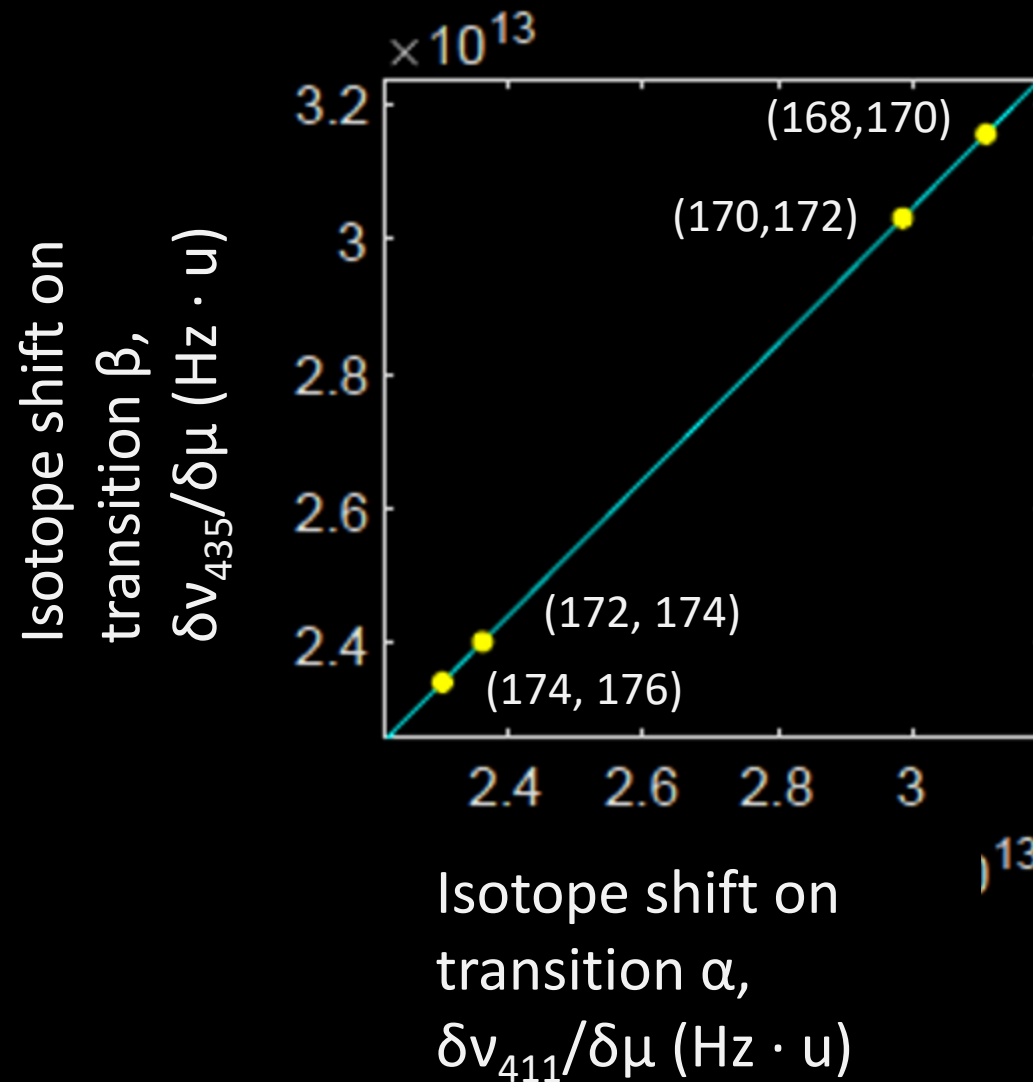


J. C. Berengut et al, PRL 120 (2018)

The measurement



King Plot

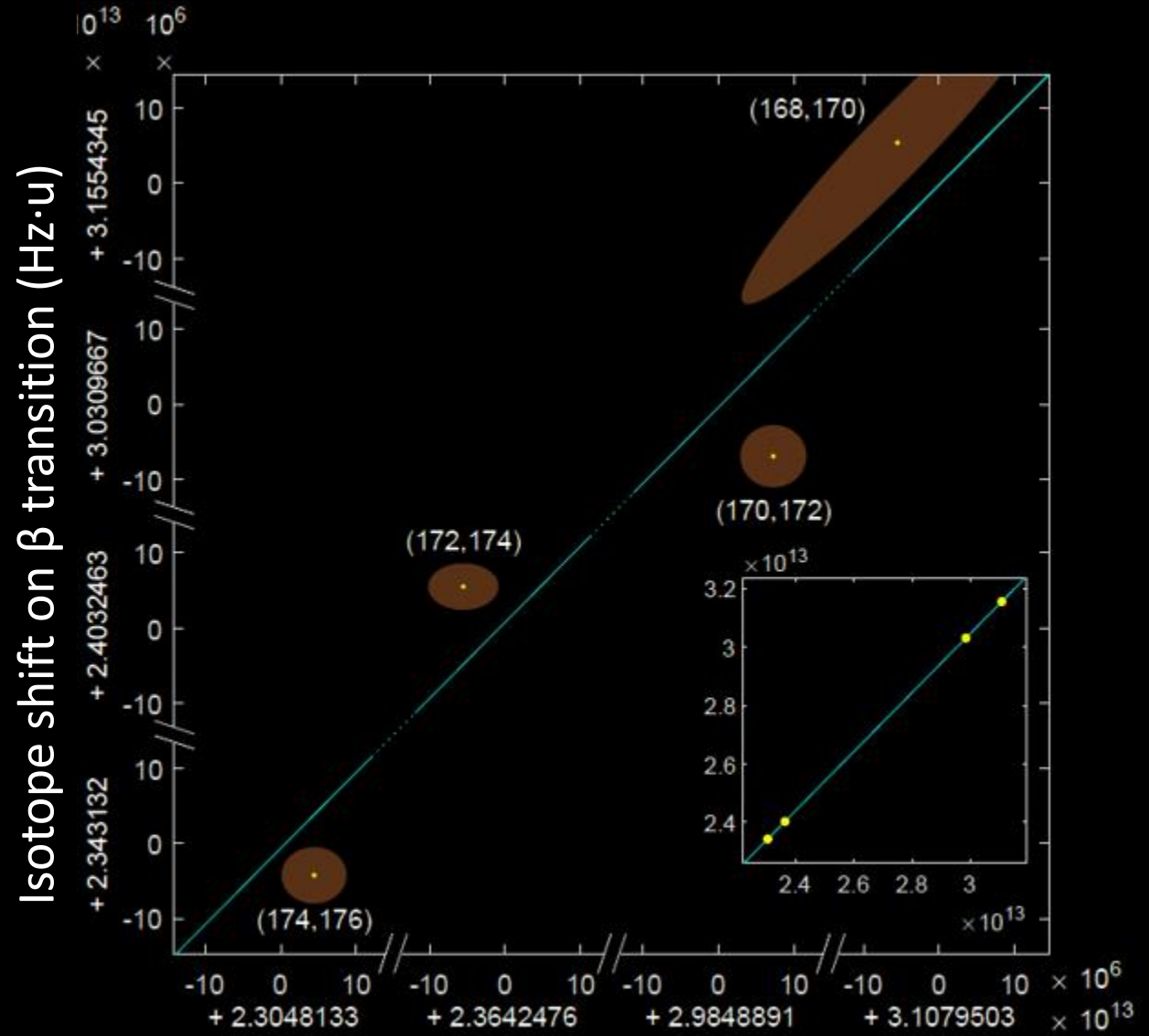


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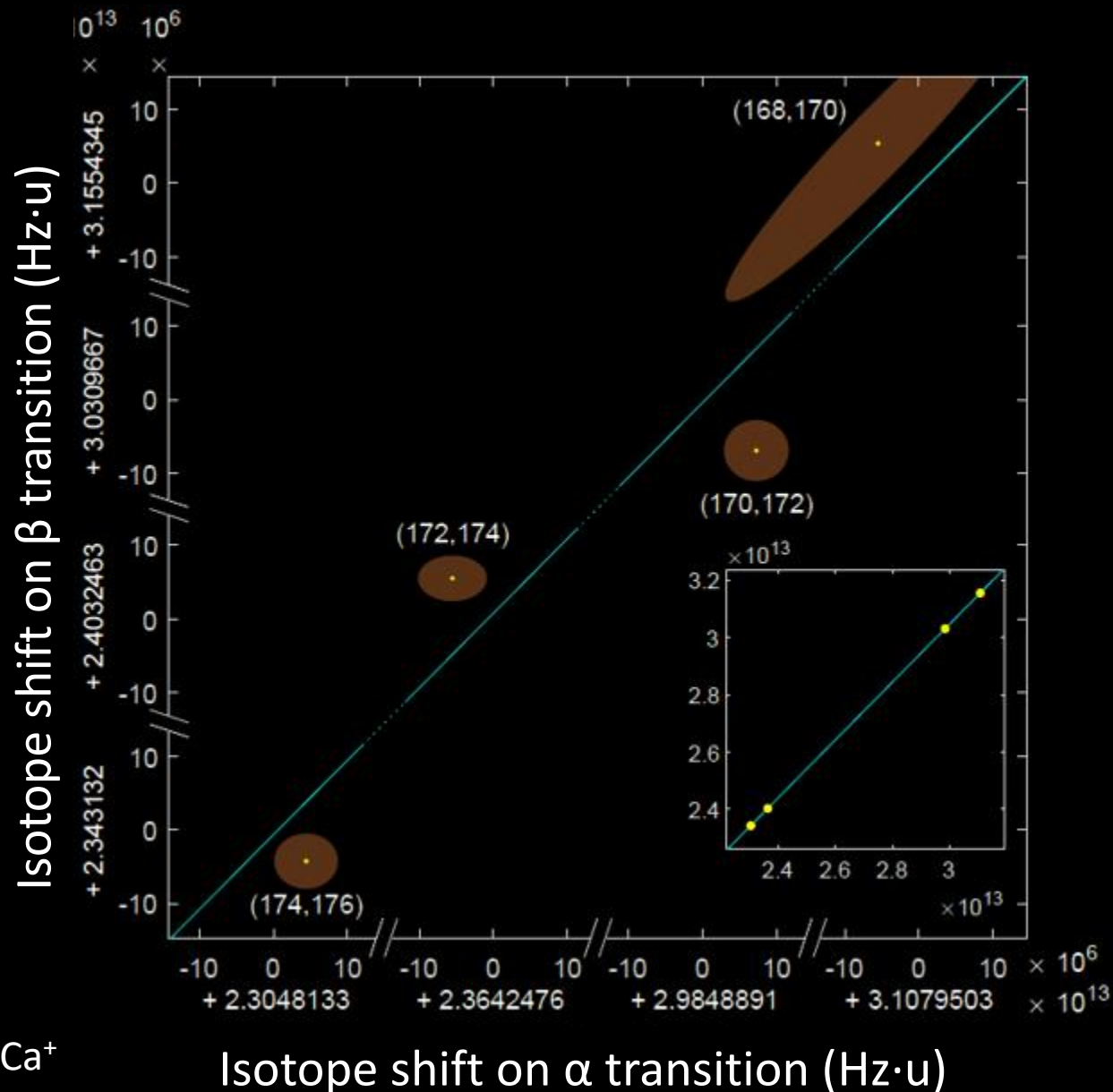


Isotope shift on α transition (Hz·u)

King Plot

Zoom in by a factor of
1 million...

Deviation from linearity
with 3σ confidence



This work: Counts et al, PRL **125** 123002 (2020)

See also: Solaro et al, PRL **125** 123003 (2020) - Ca^+

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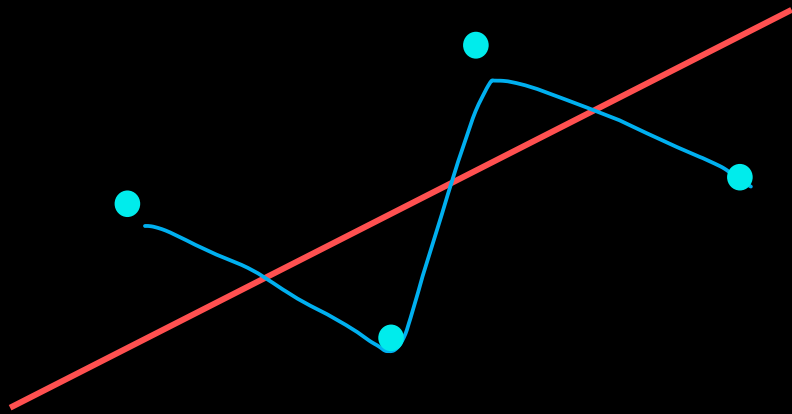
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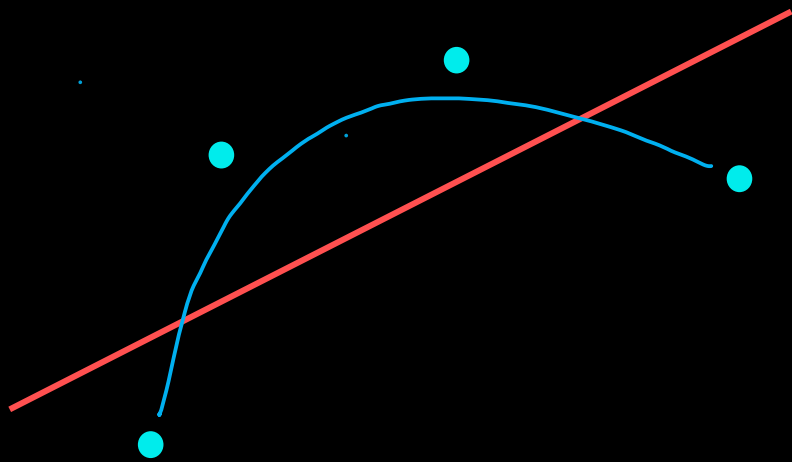
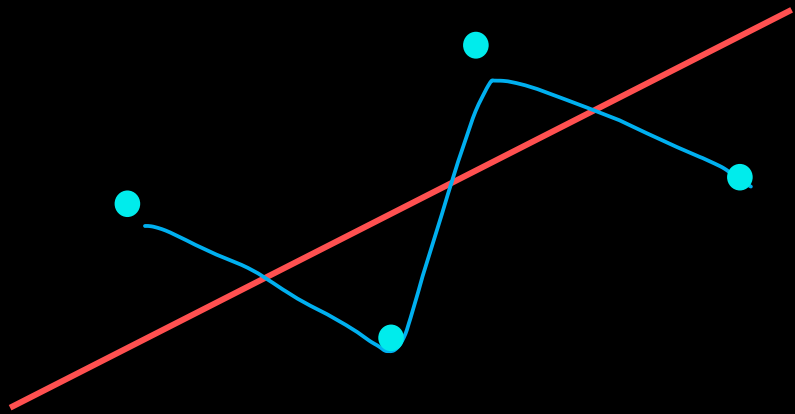
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Higher-order SM terms

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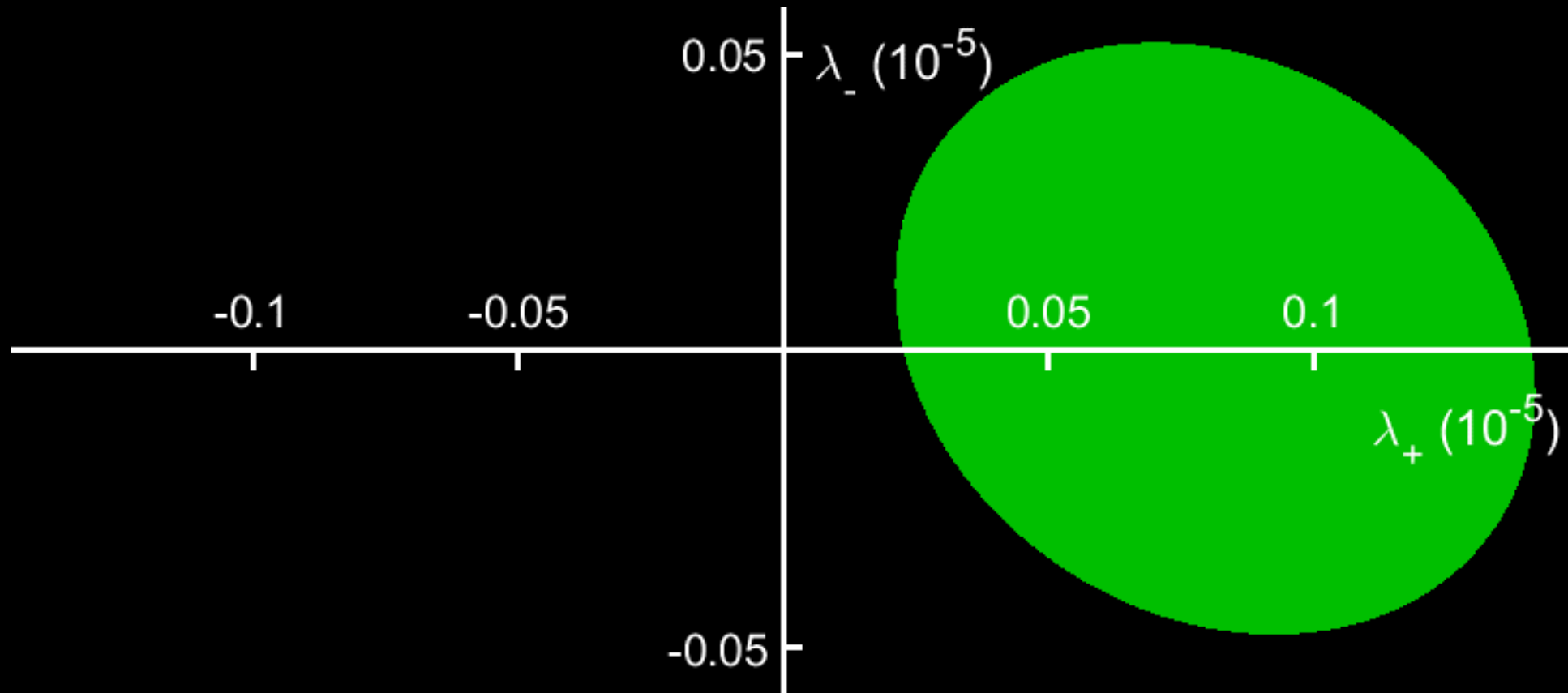


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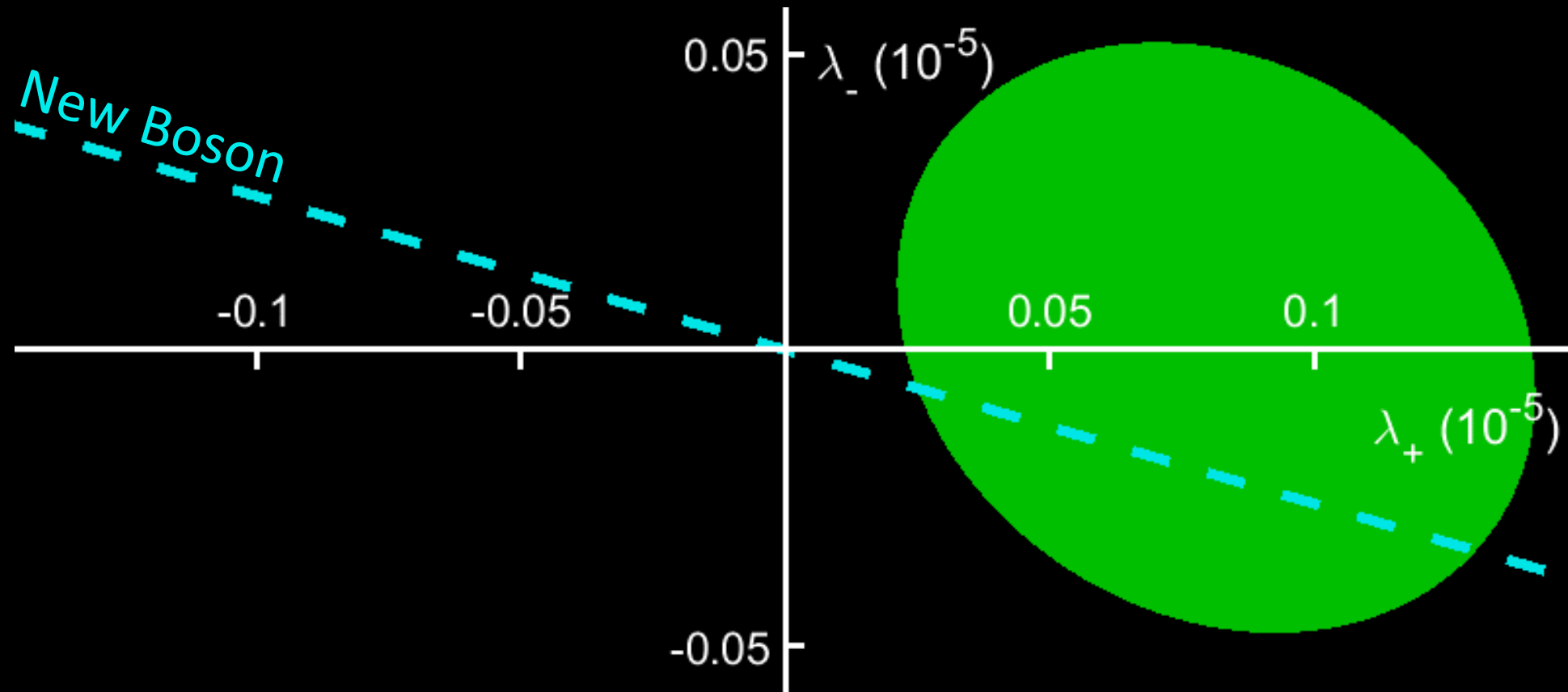
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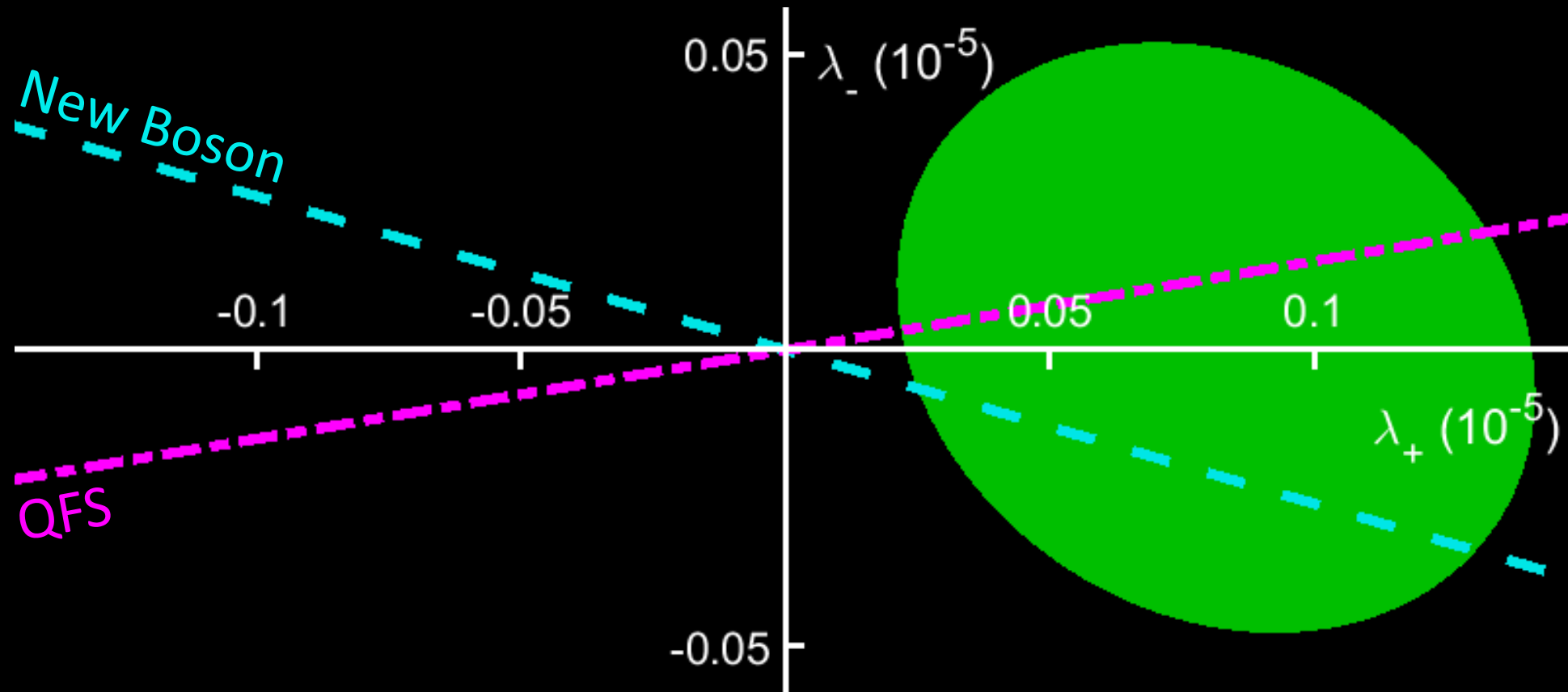
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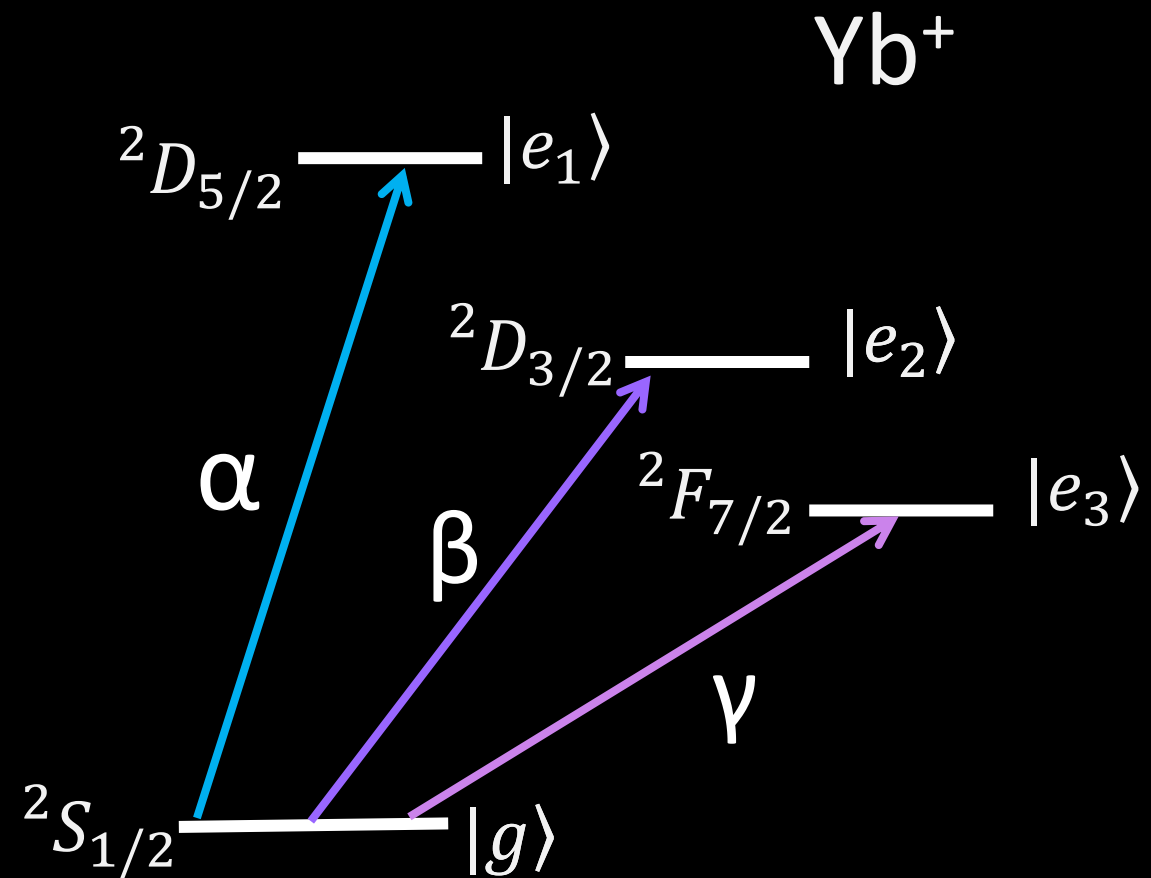
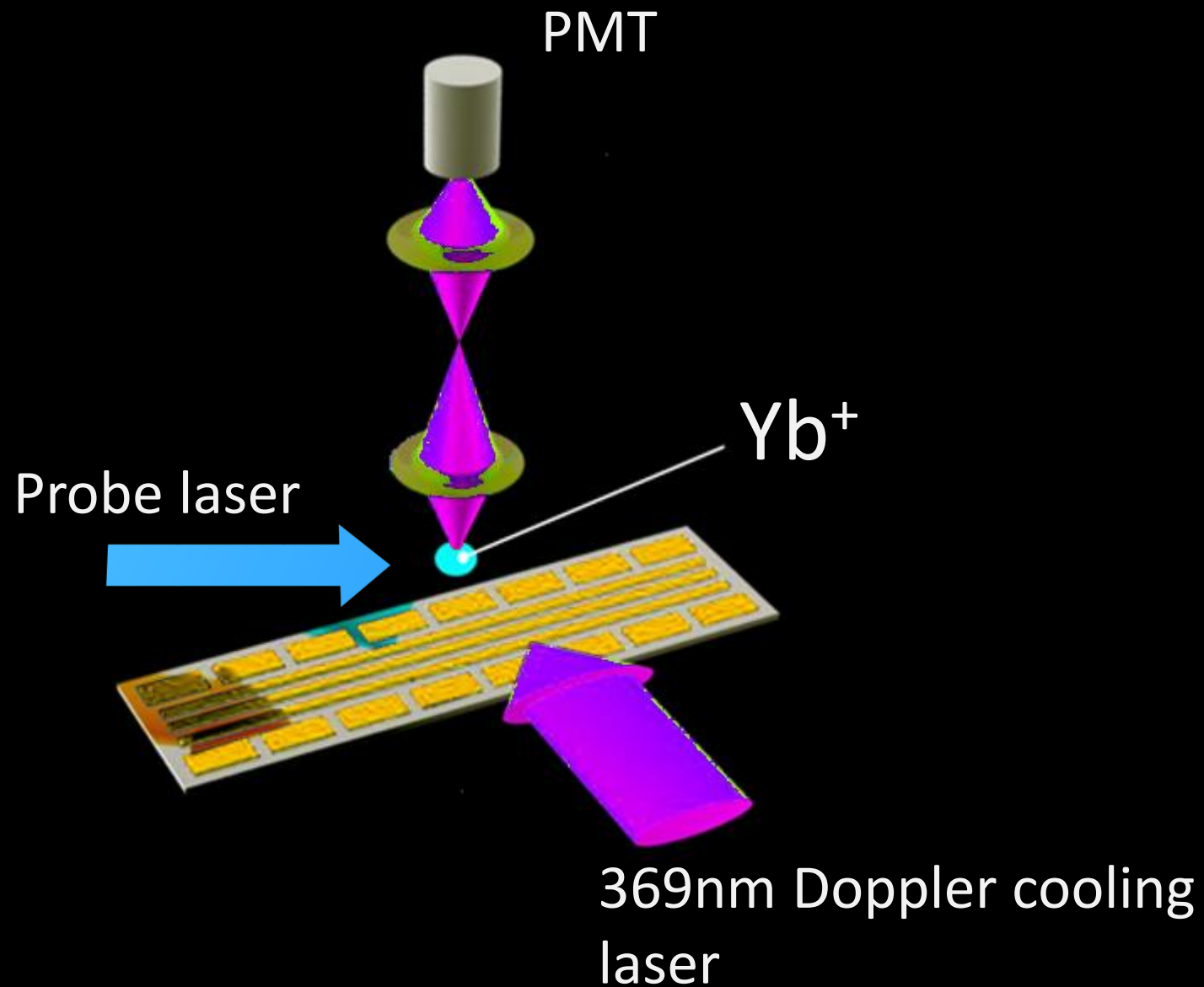


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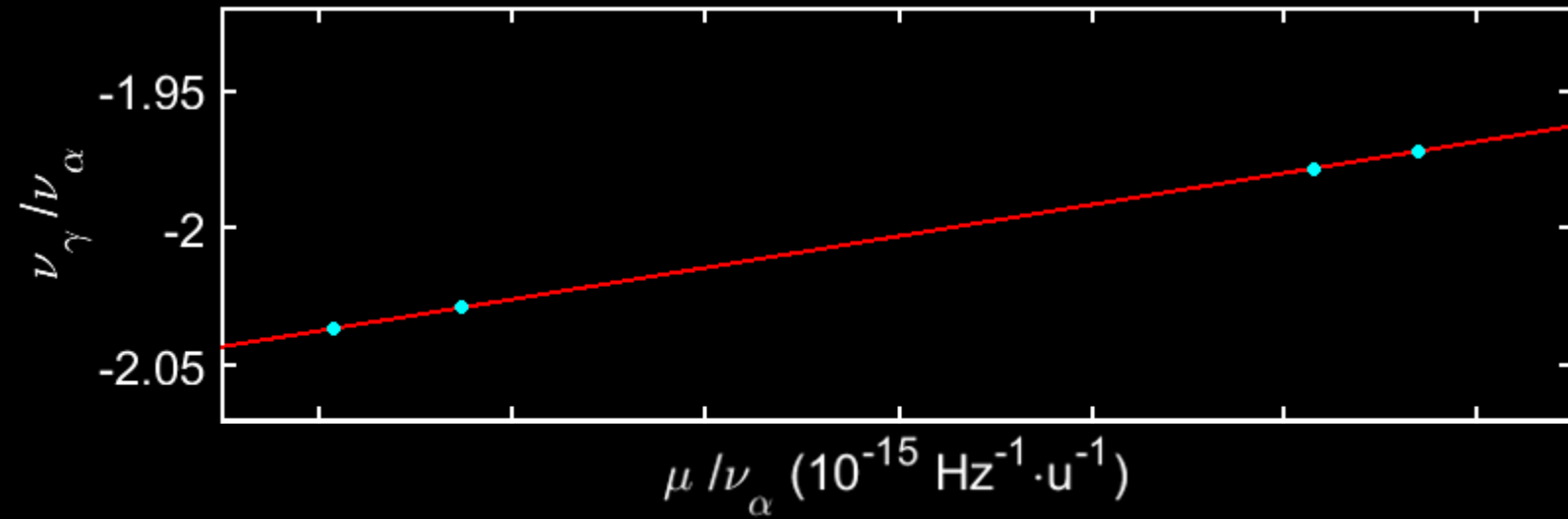
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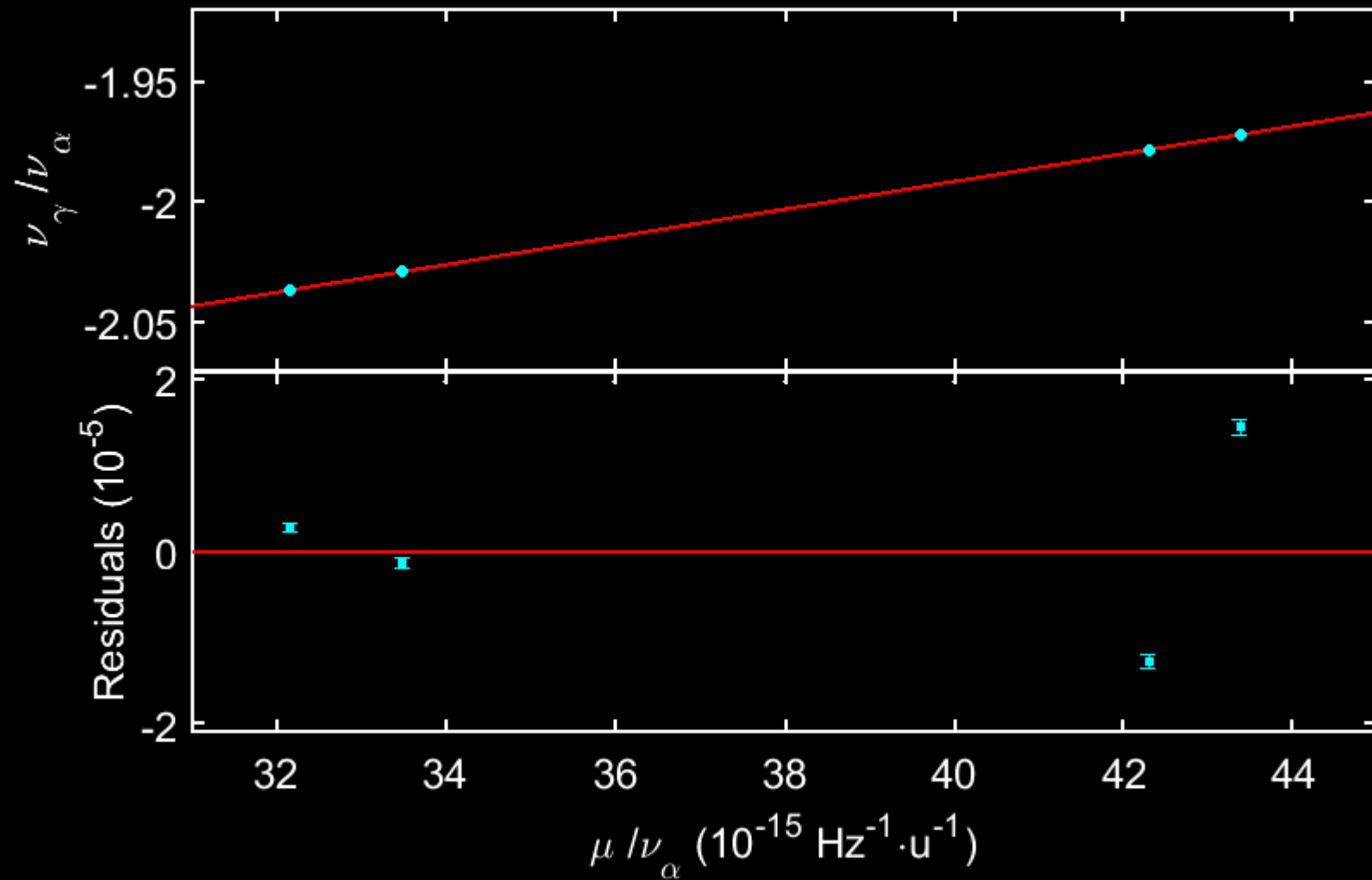
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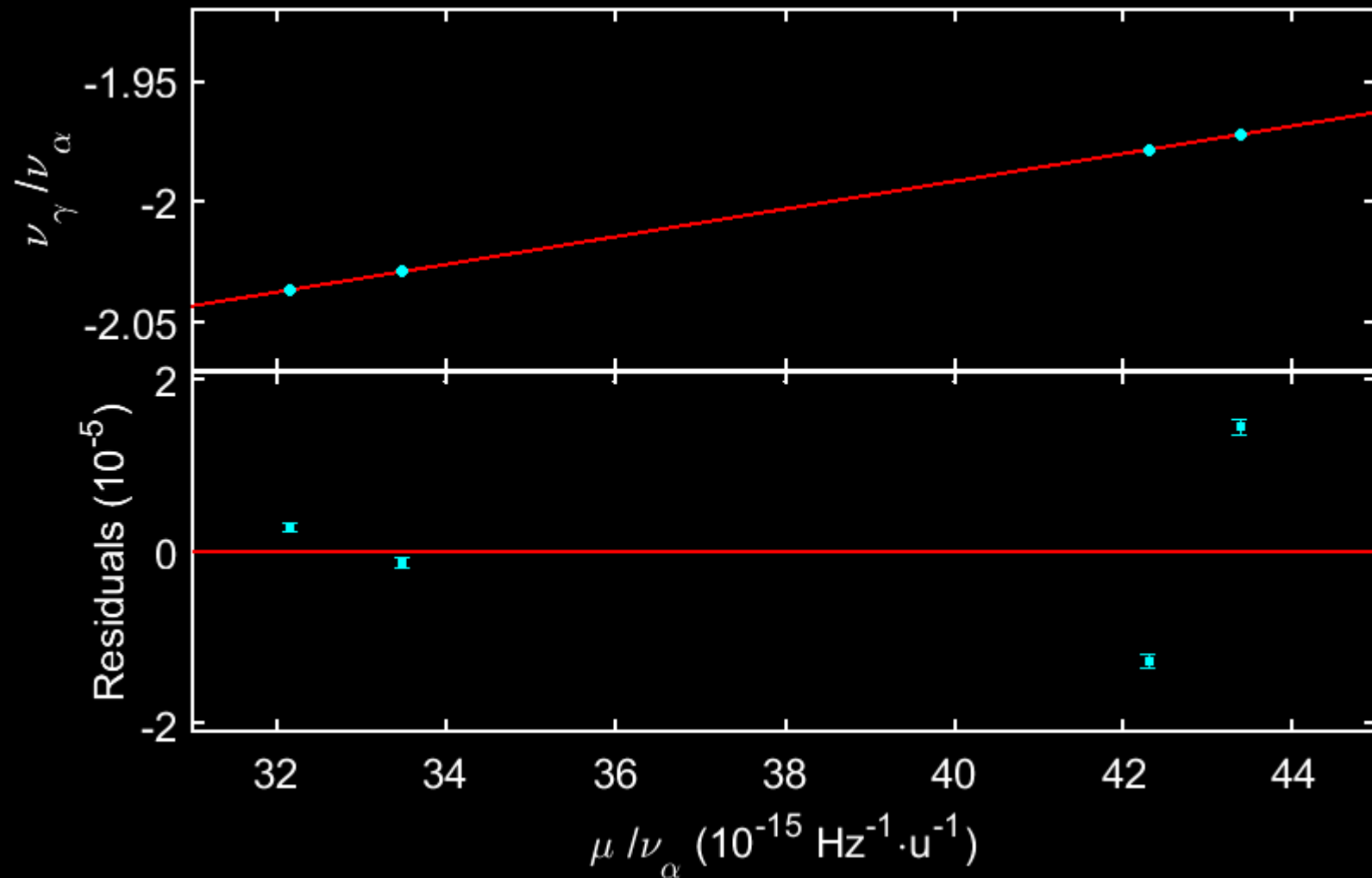


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See Hur*, Aude Craik*, Counts* et al, PRL **128**, 163201 (2022)

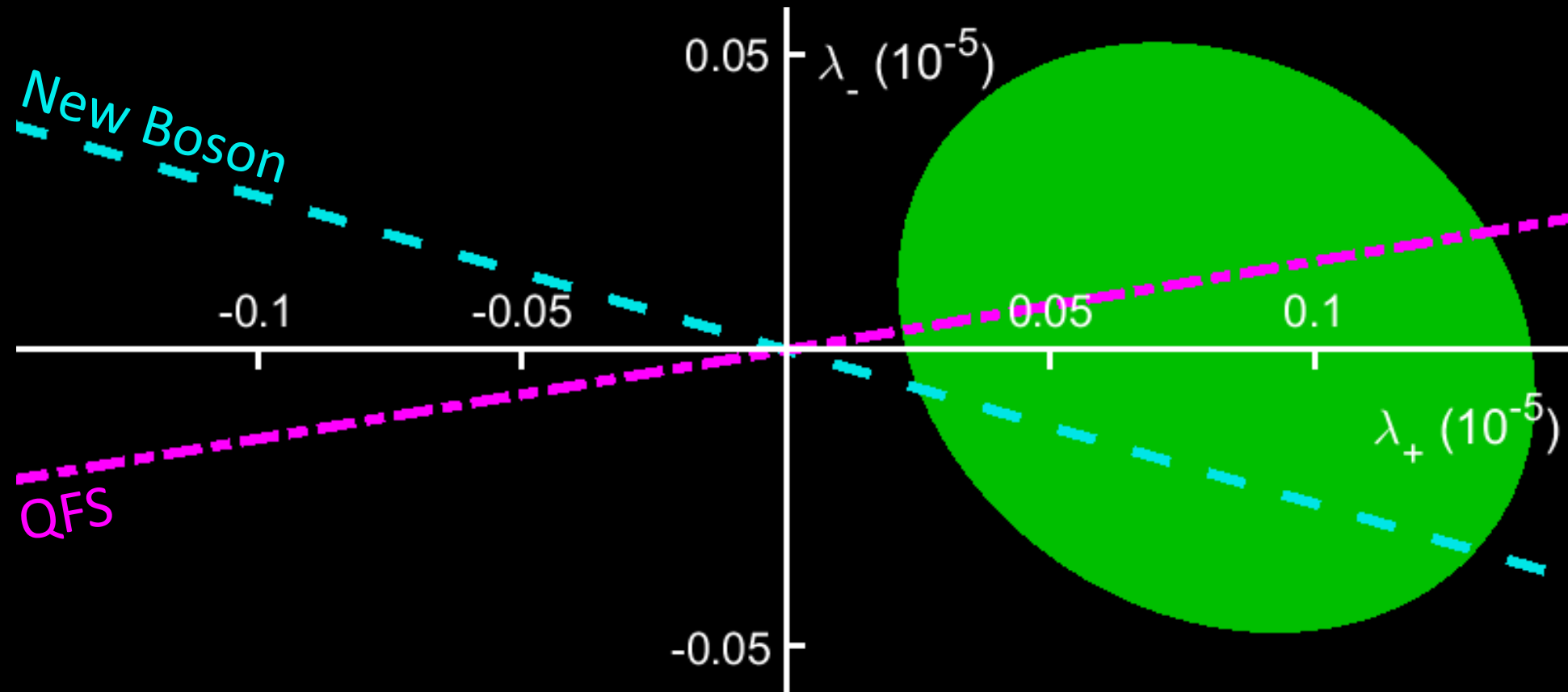
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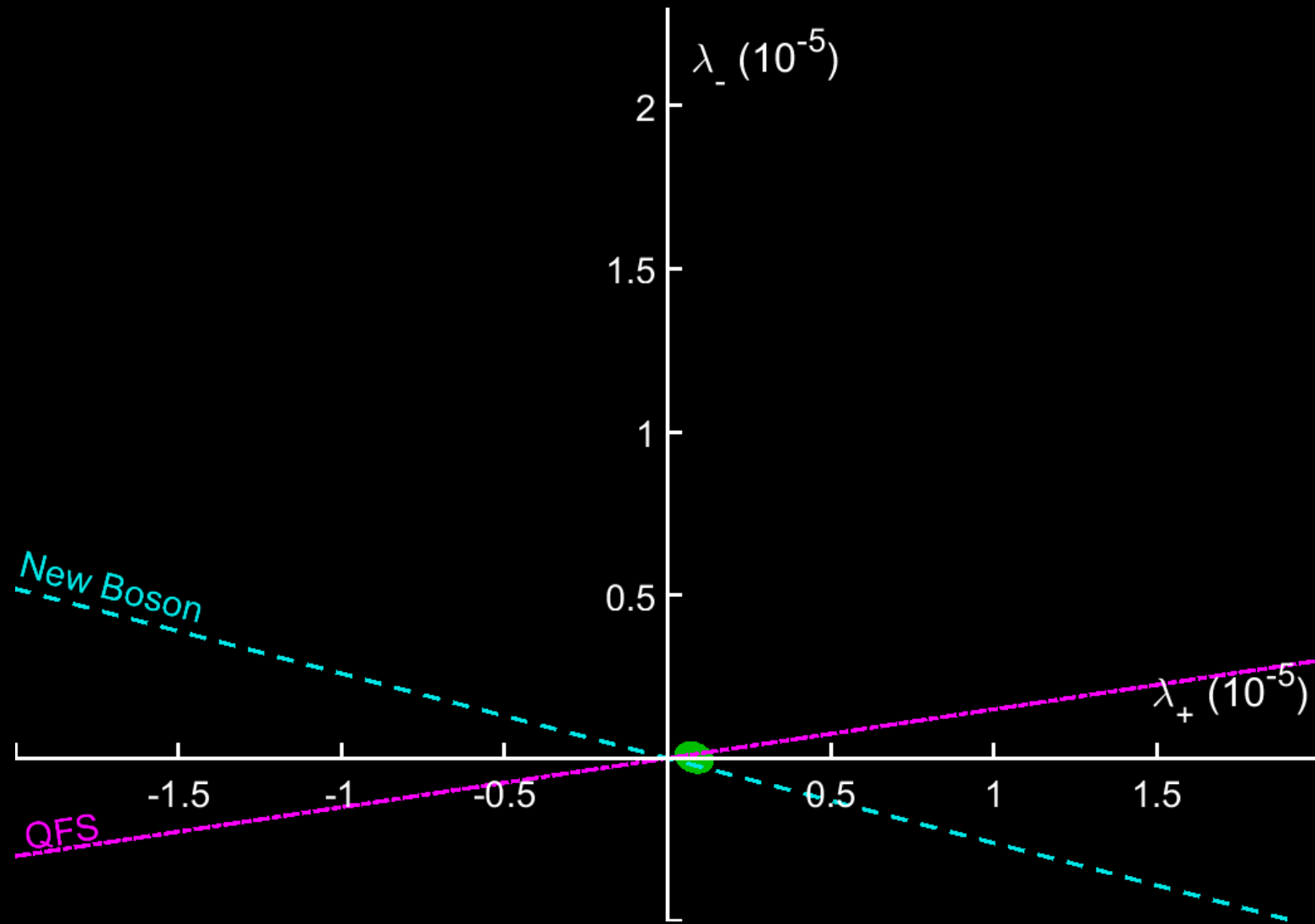
41 σ nonlinearity!

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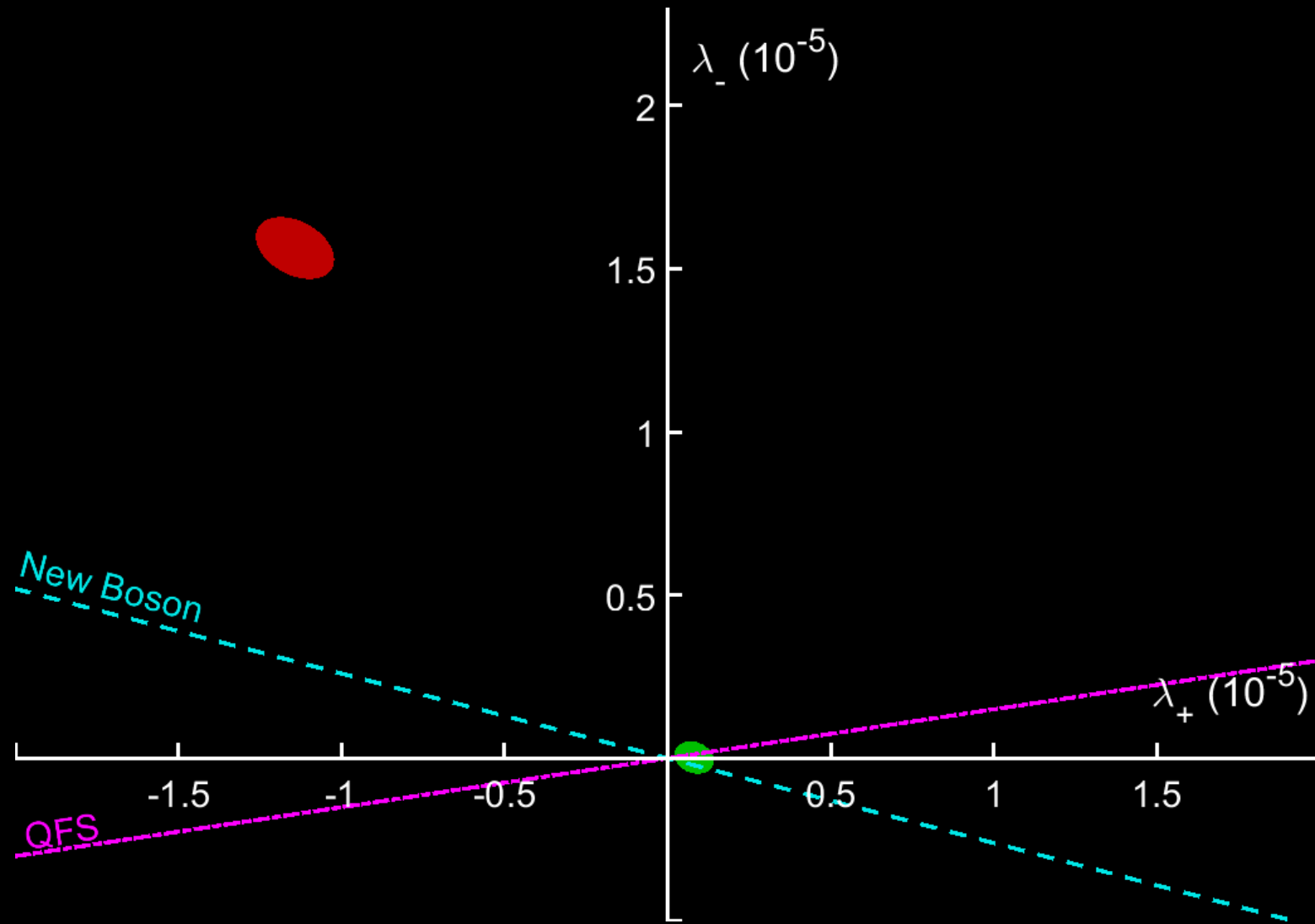
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Higher order SM contributions

4th order nuclear
charge moment

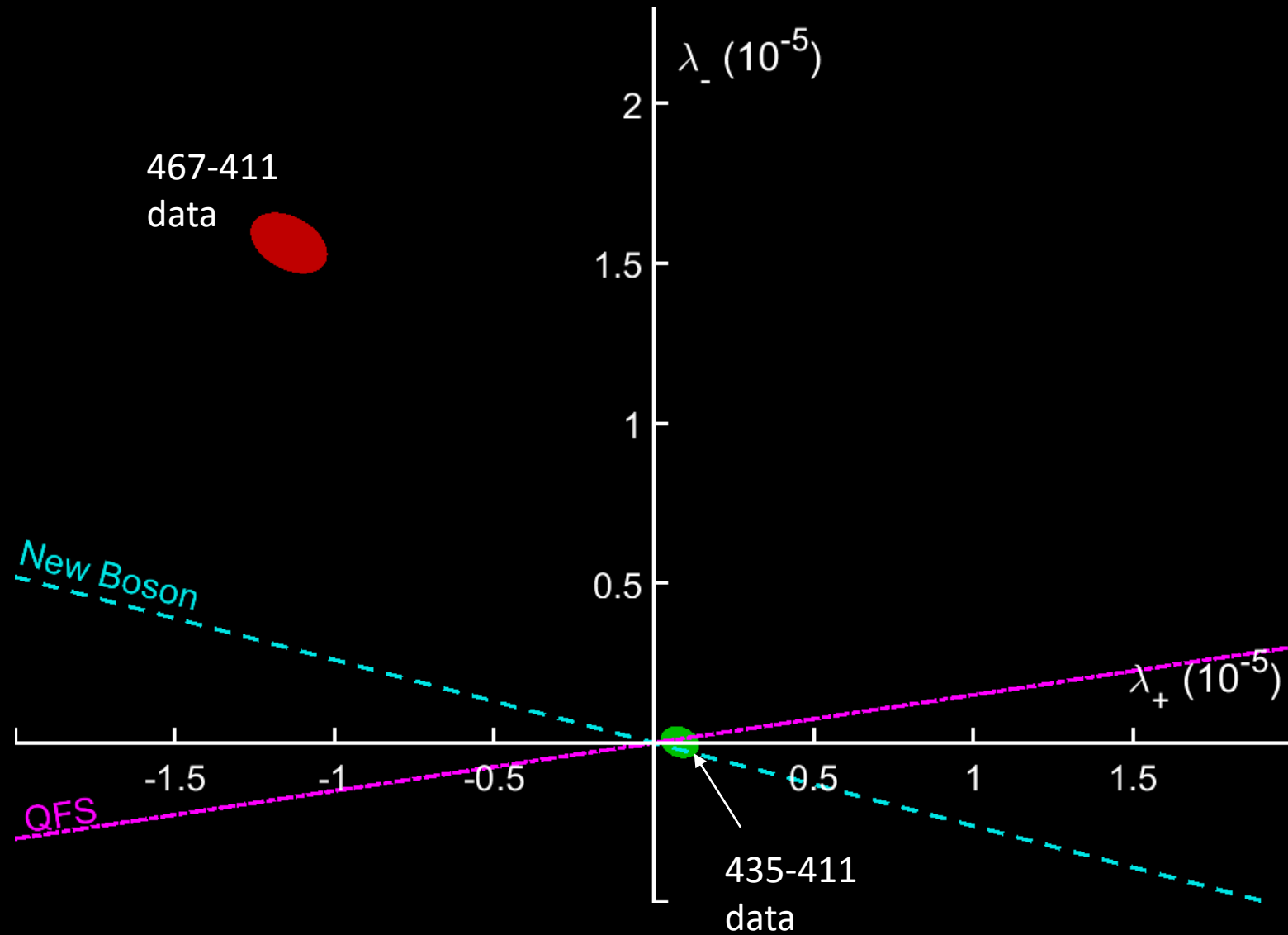
QFS

Second order
mass shift – O (10Hz)

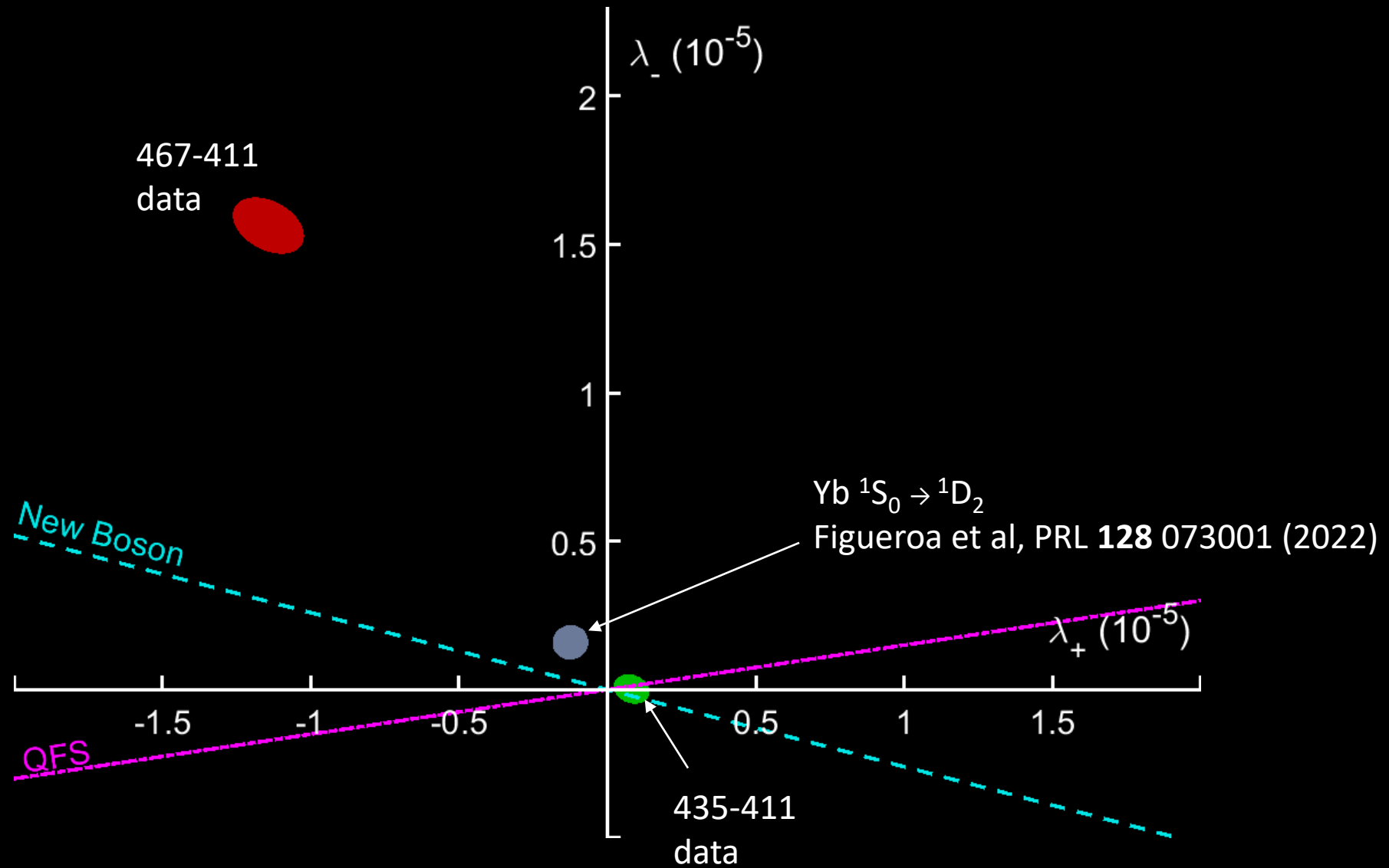
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Higher-order SM terms

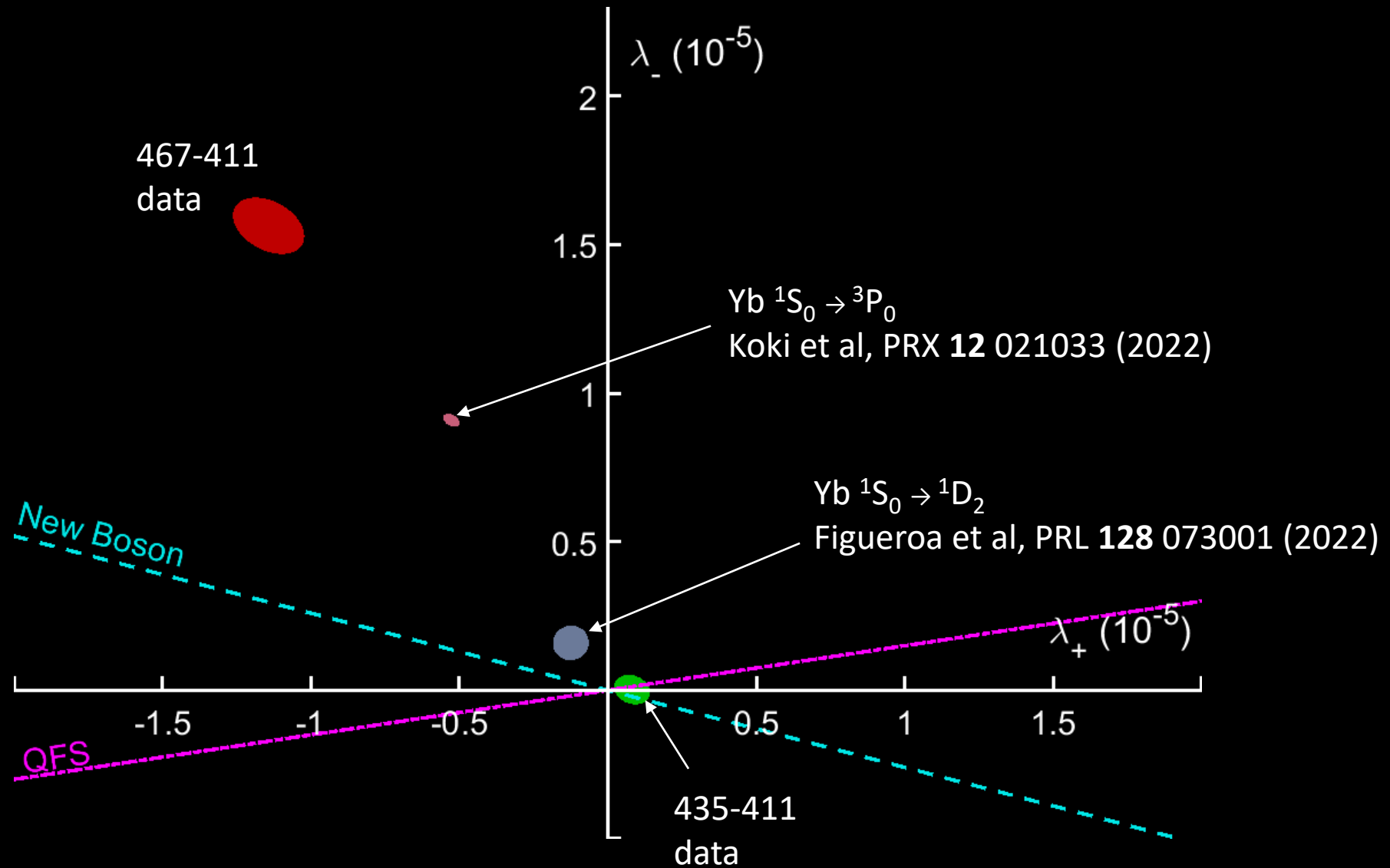
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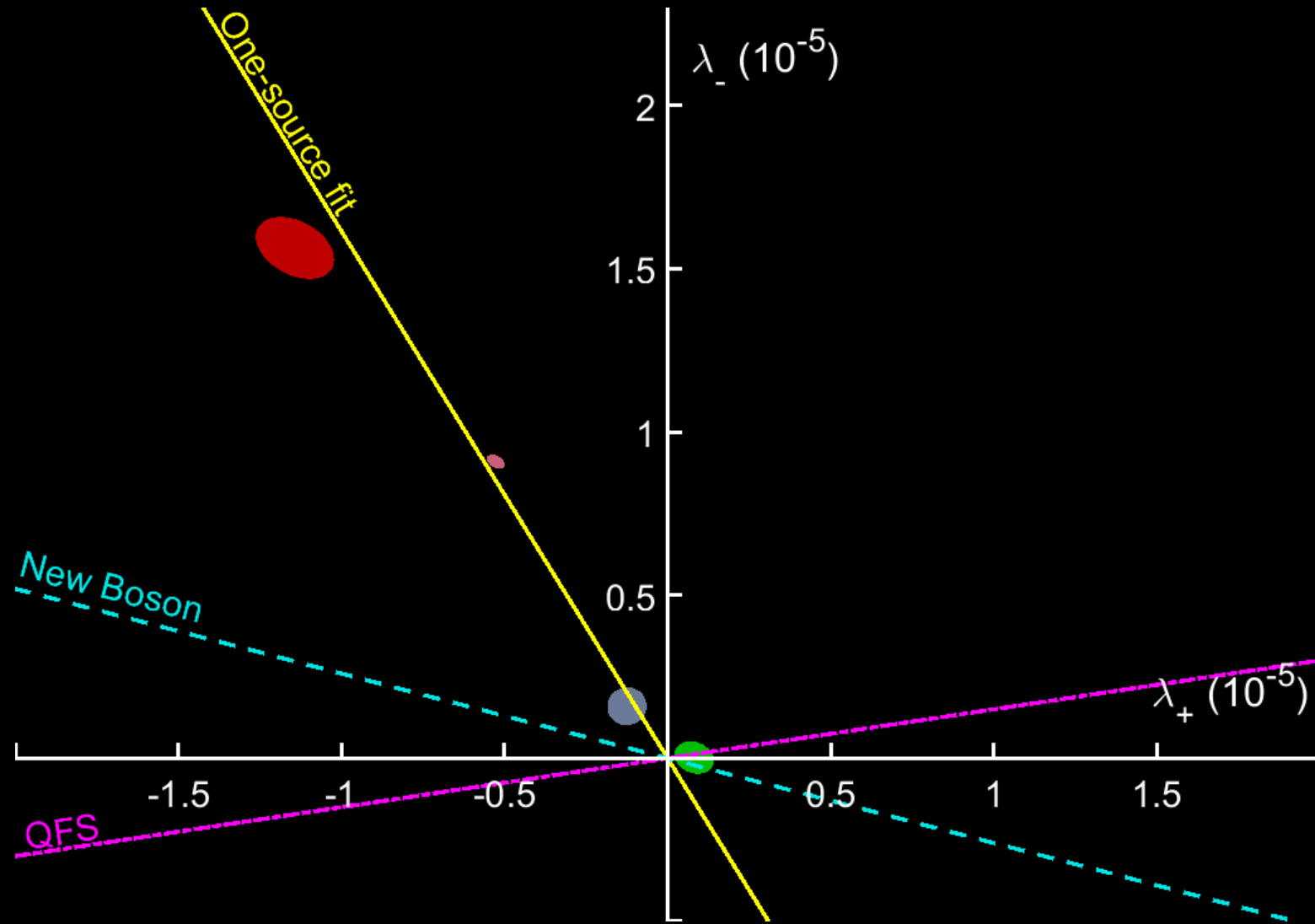
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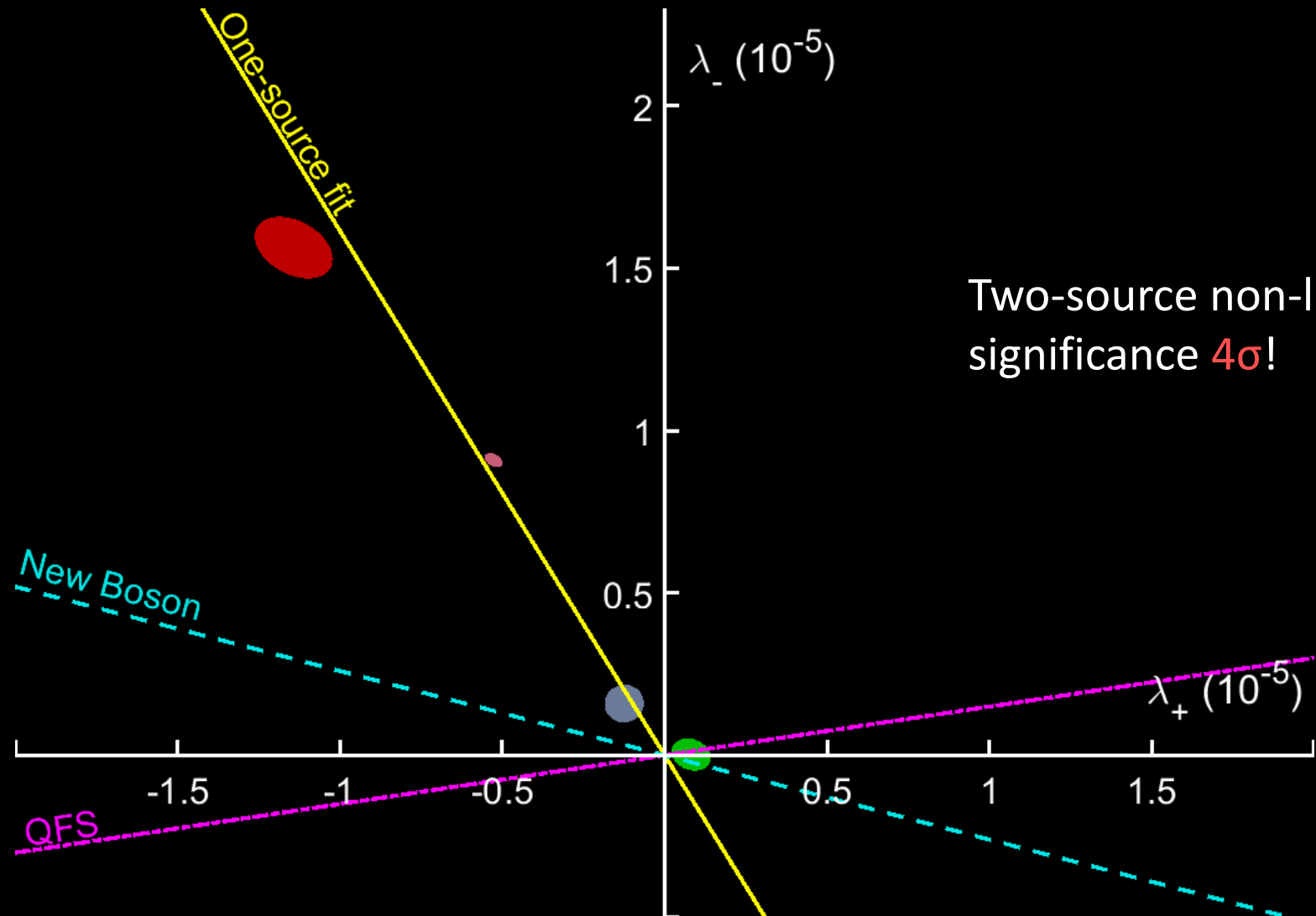
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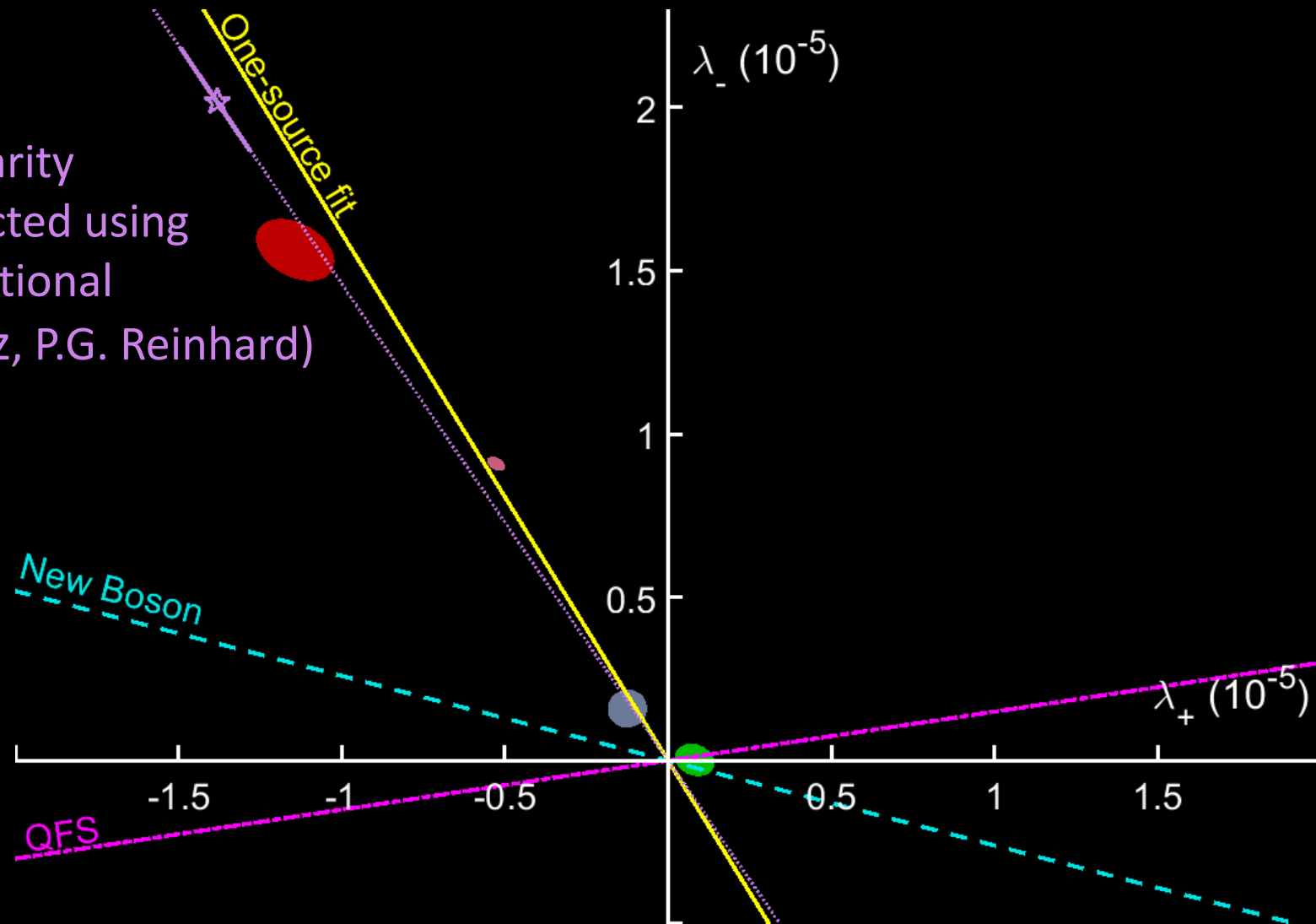


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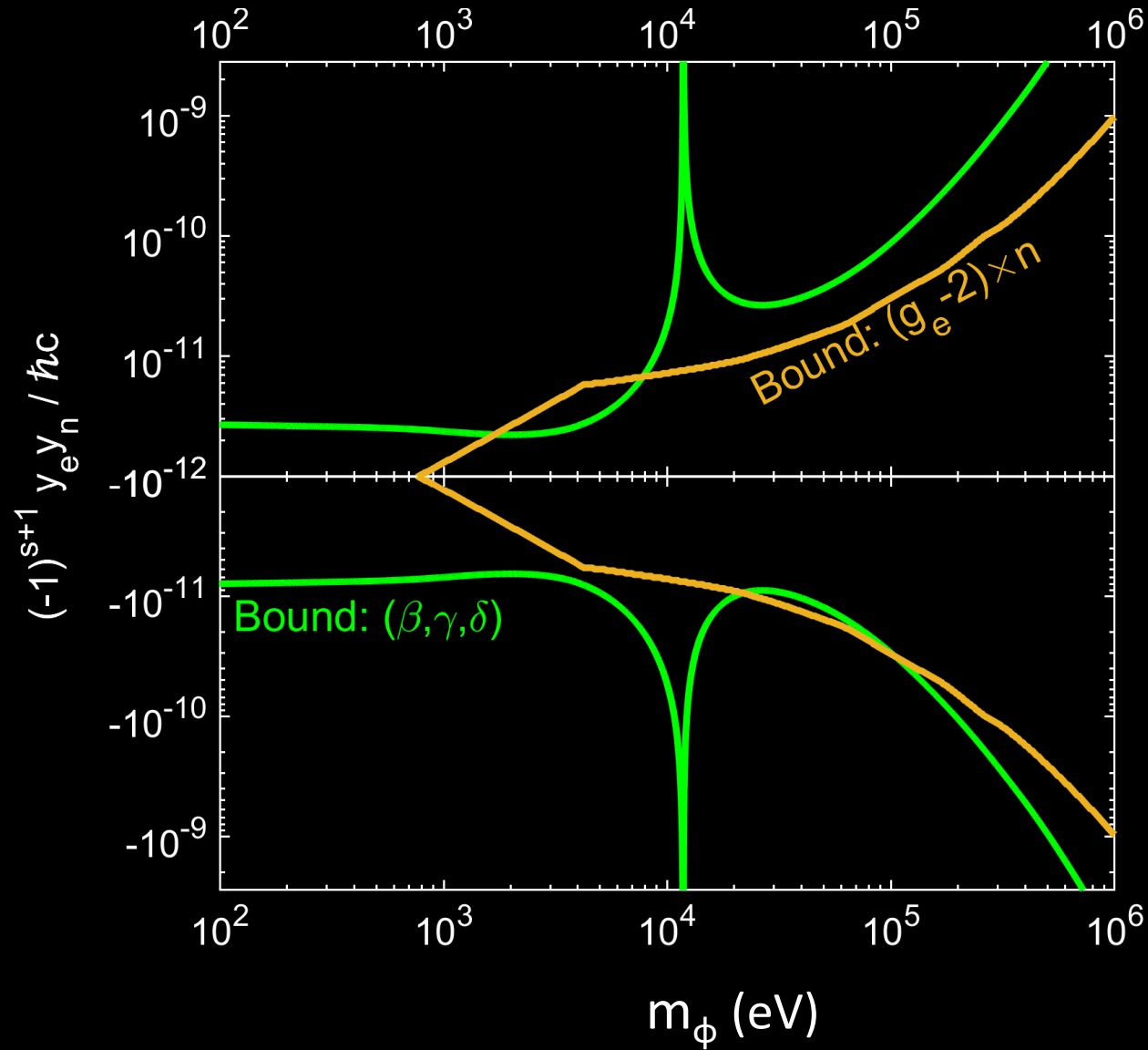


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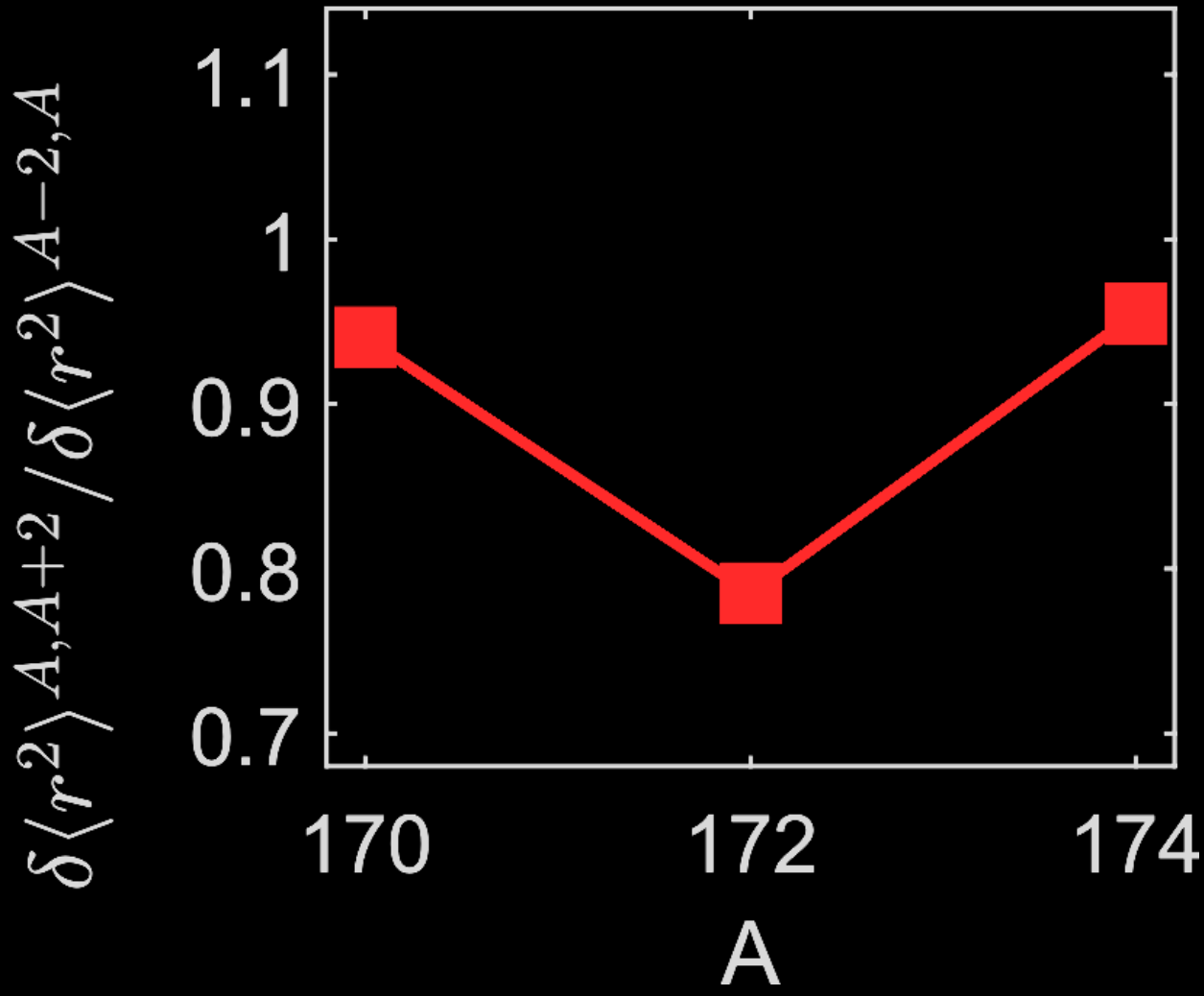
$\delta\langle r^4 \rangle$ nonlinearity
Direction predicted using
the Fayans functional
(W. Nazarewicz, P.G. Reinhard)



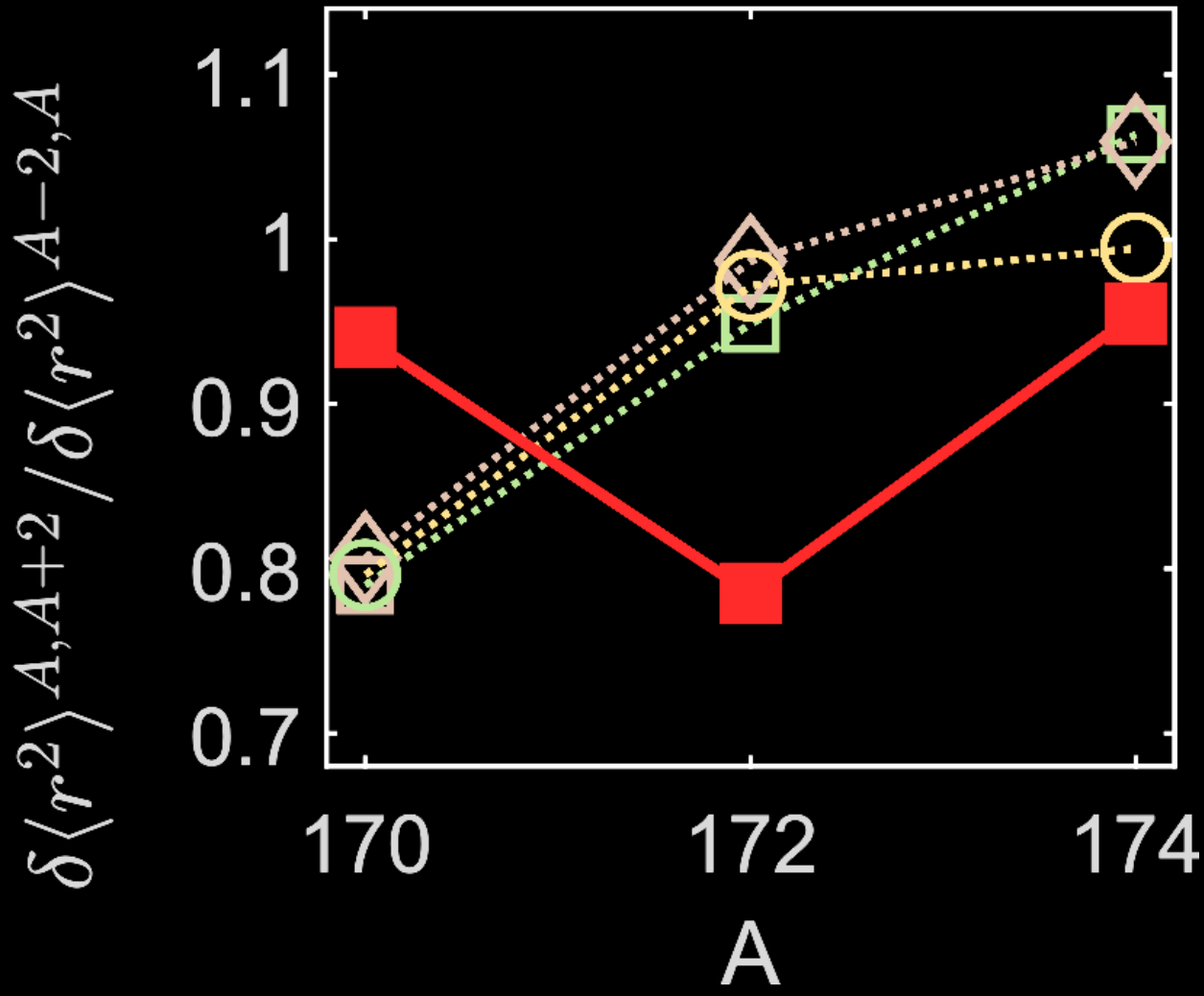
Bounds on new physics



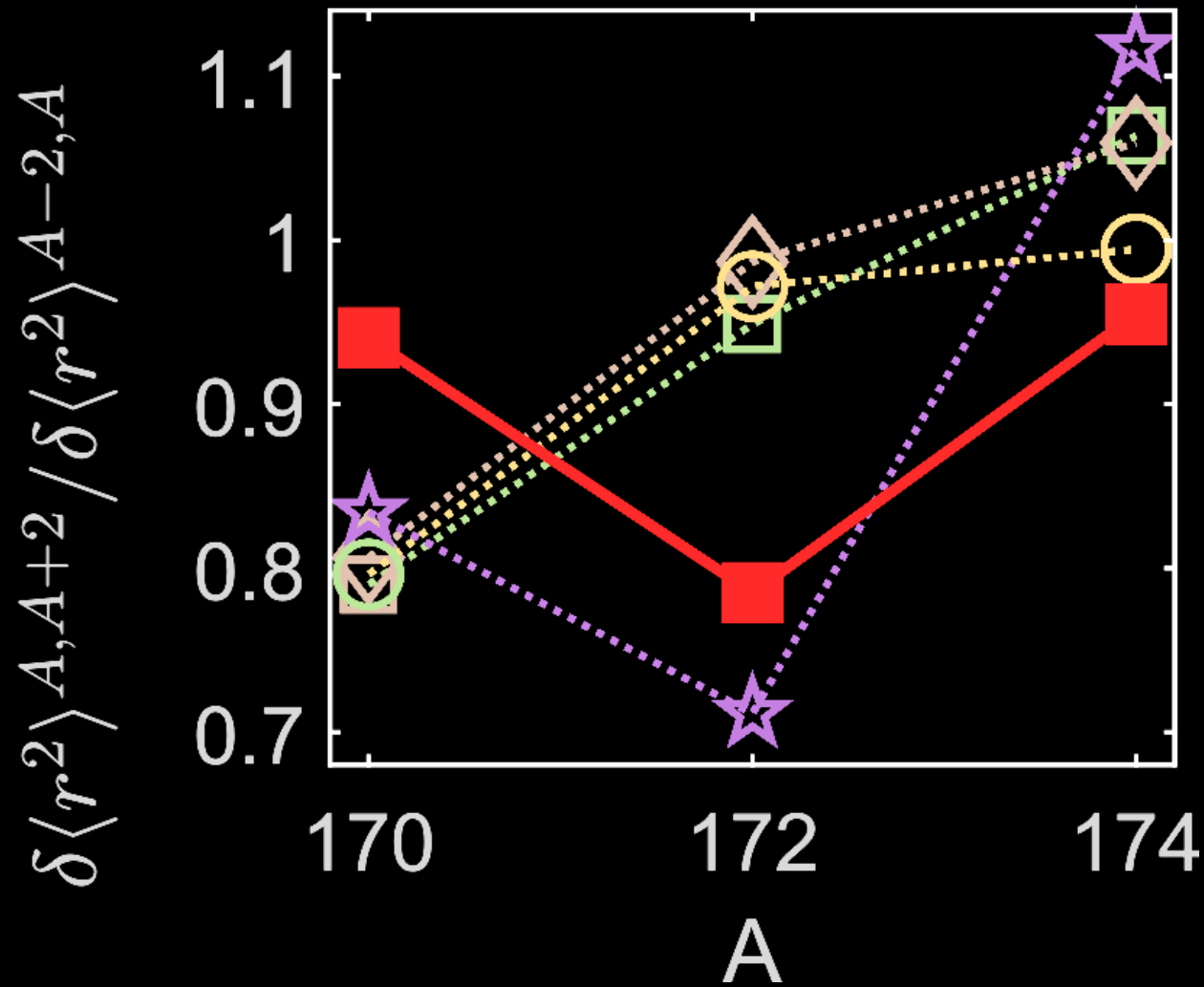
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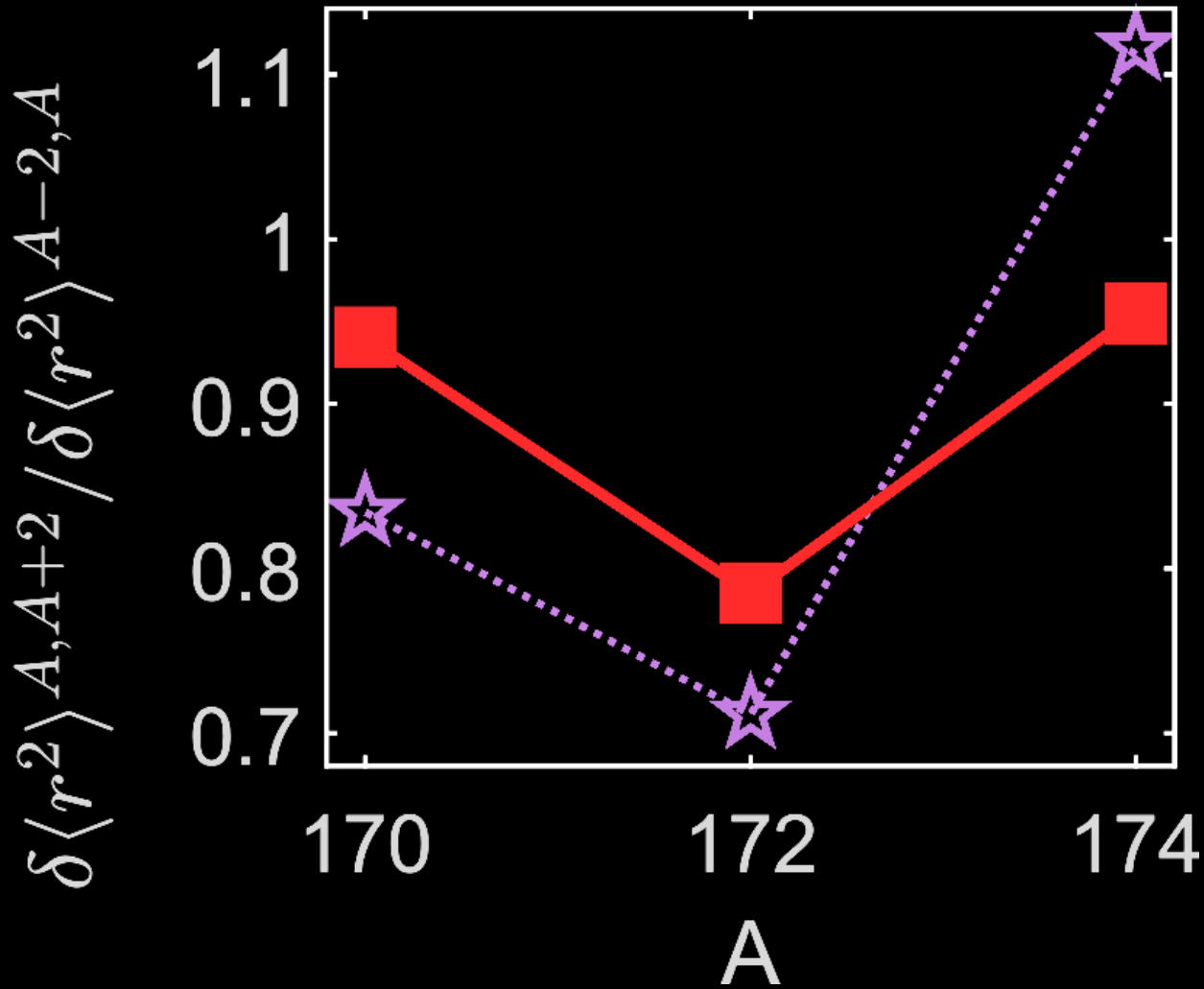
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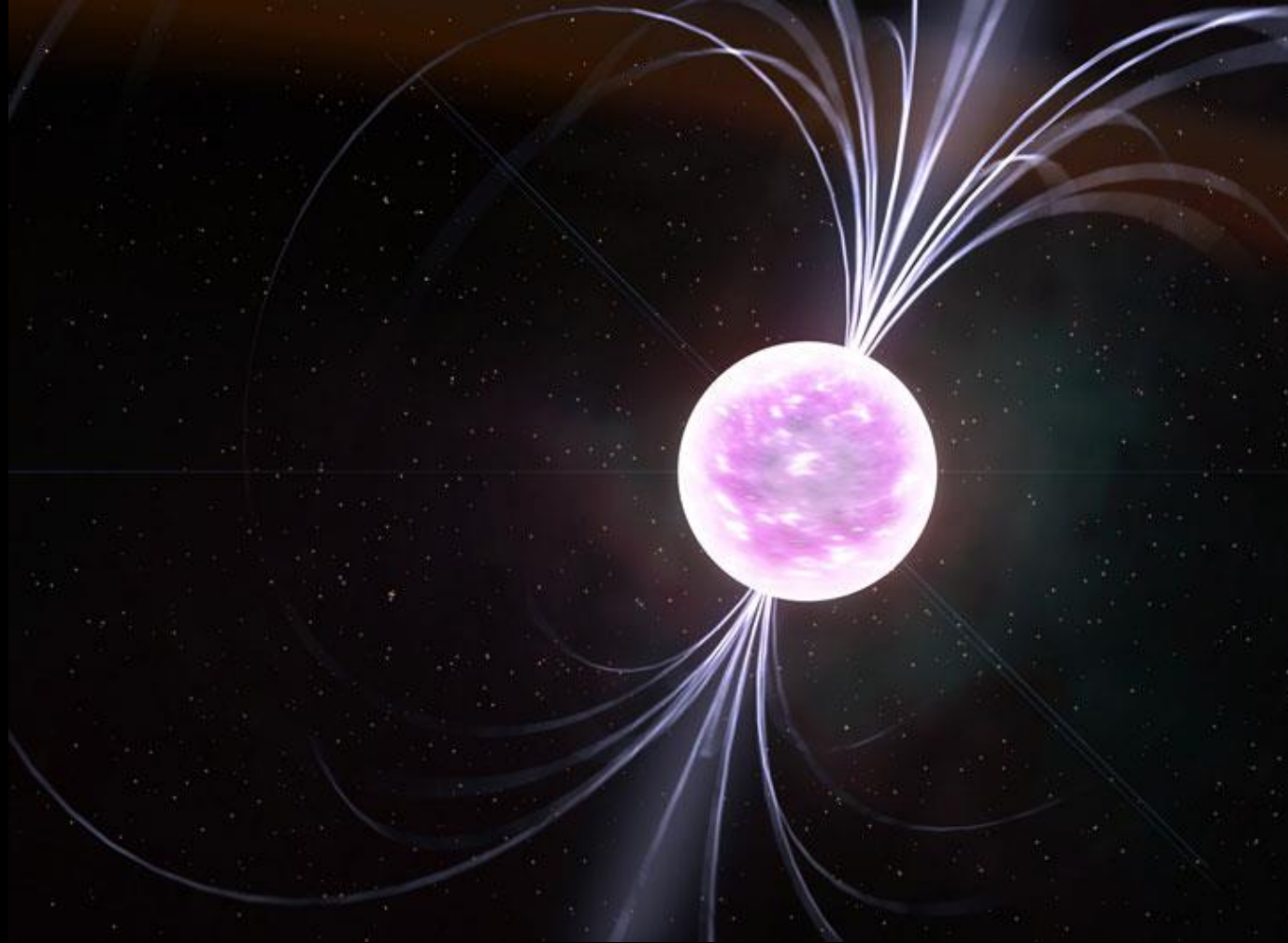
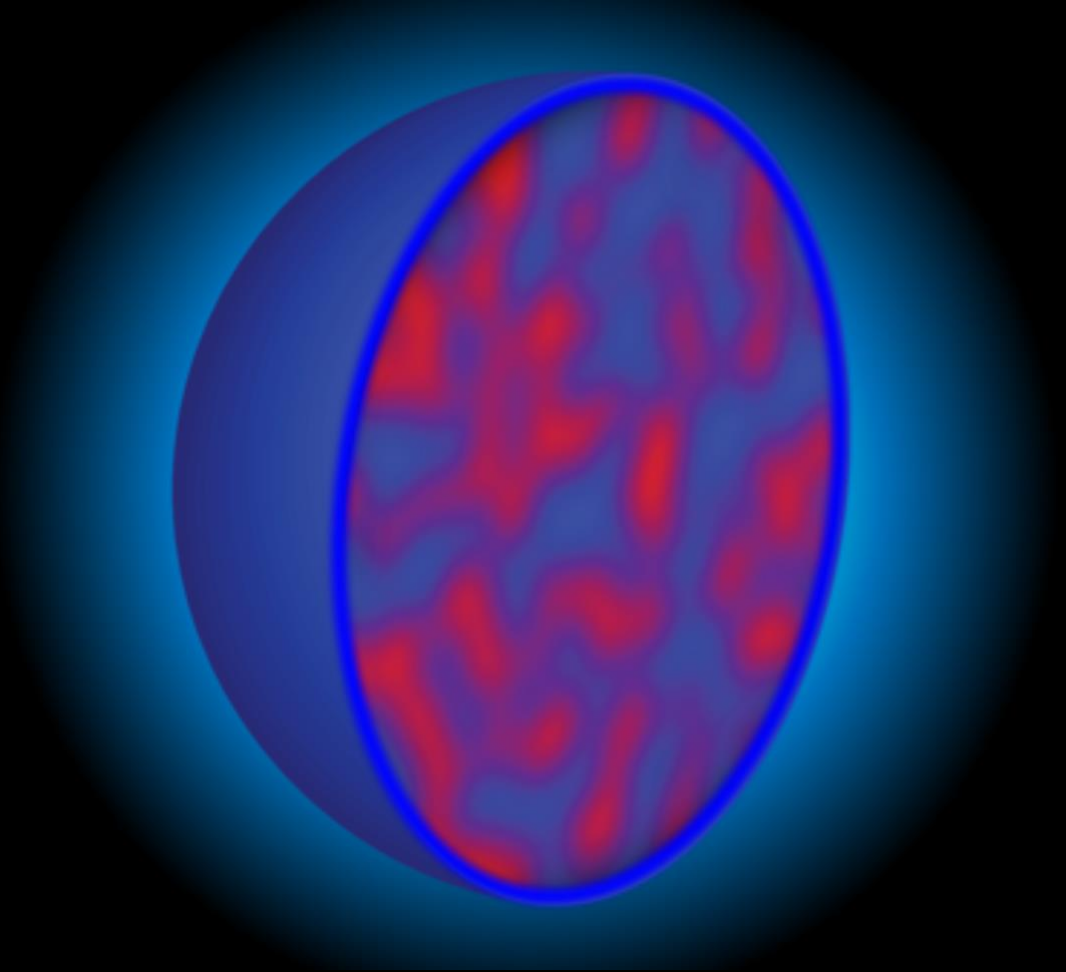
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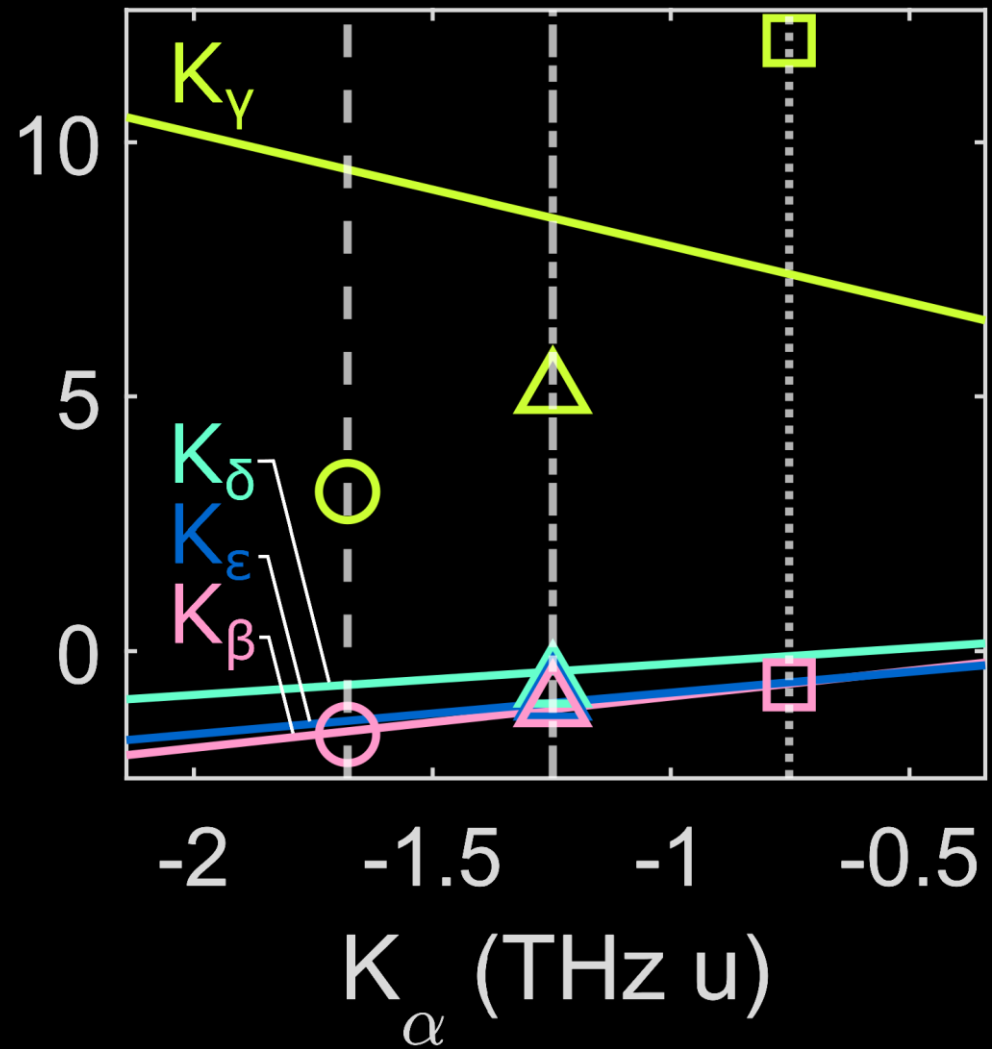
Isotope shift spectroscopy as a very precise nuclear physics probe



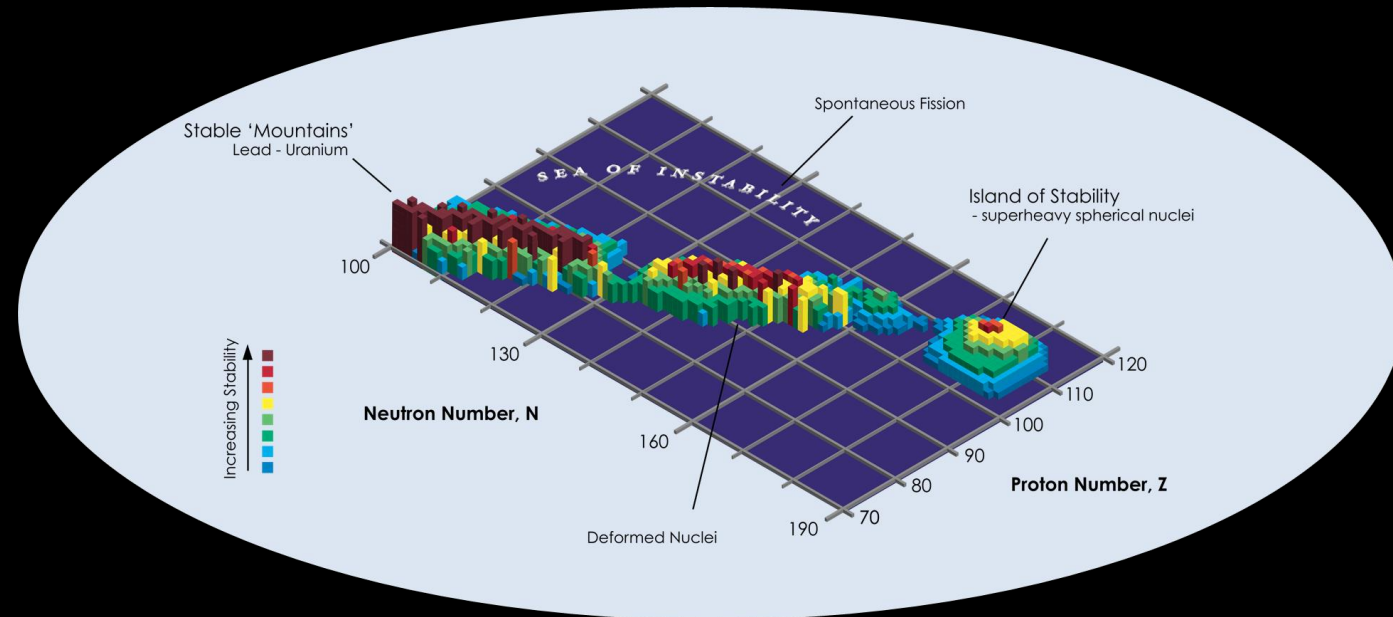
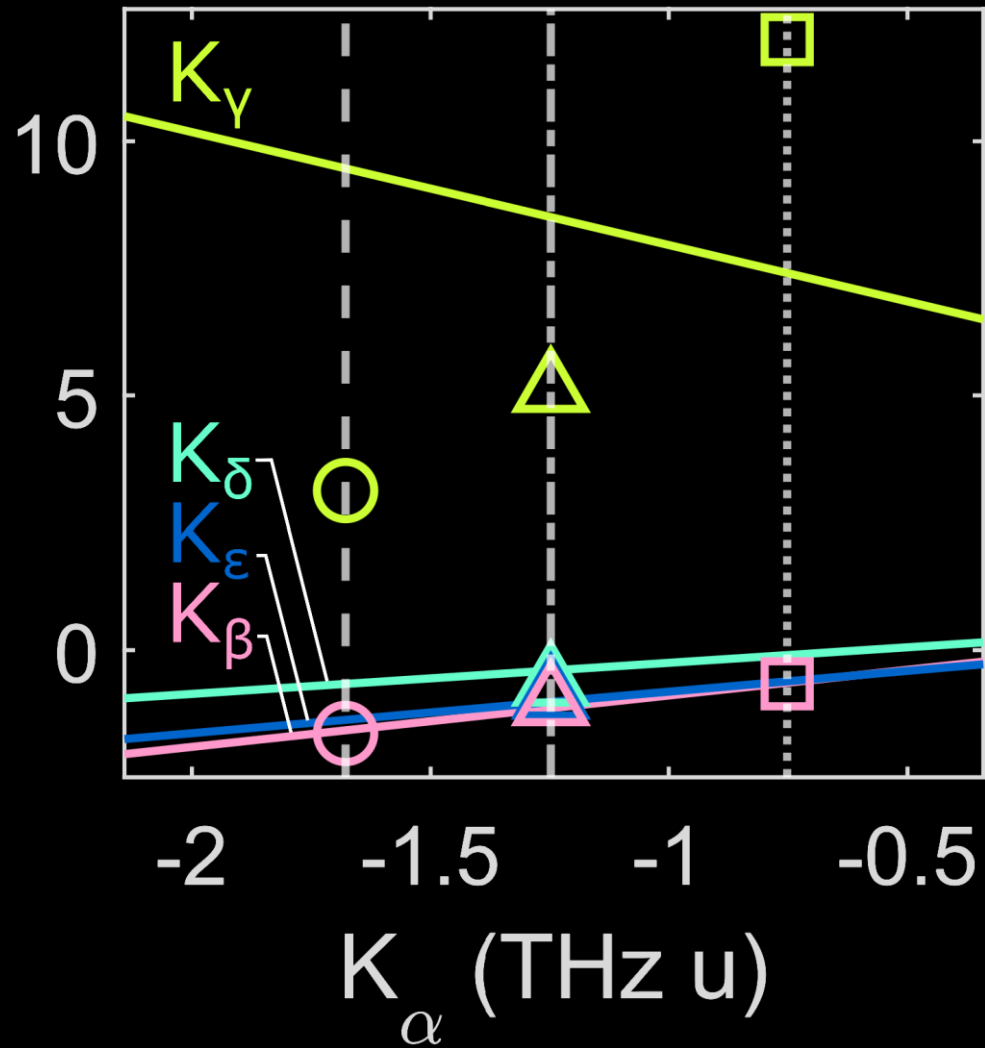
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Nuclear and astrophysics directions



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See V. Dzuba et al, Phys. Rev. A **95**, 062515 (2017)

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Vuletić Ion Lab, MIT (Yb⁺ work)



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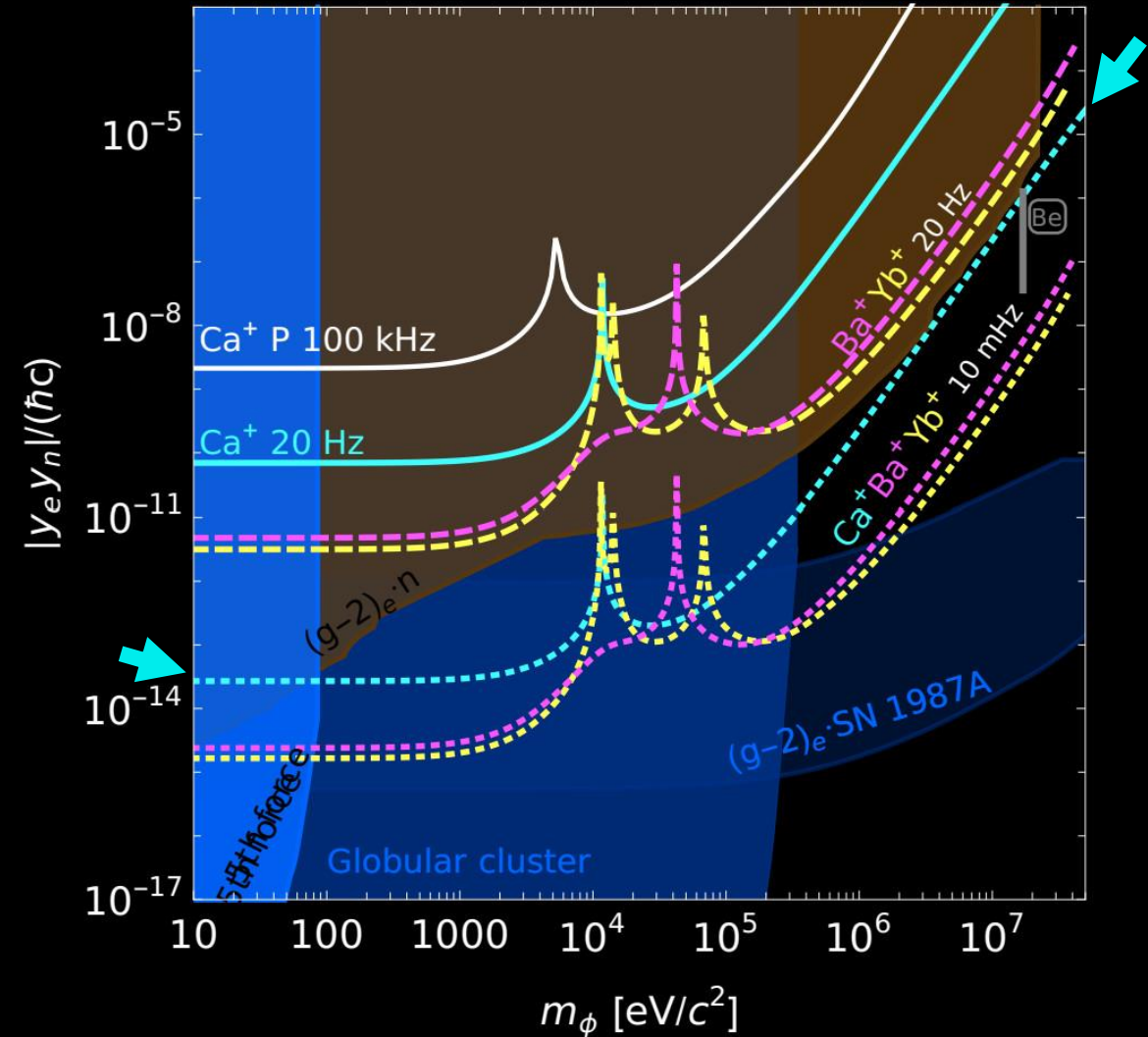
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IS spectroscopy at ETHZ – Ca^+

- Low SM background. No nonlinearity up to 20Hz precision (Solaro et al, PRL 125, 2020)
- Can push bounds 1-2 orders of magnitude in intermediate mass range by measuring at 10mHz (Manovitz et al, PRL 123, 203001, 2019).



Nuclear physics puzzles

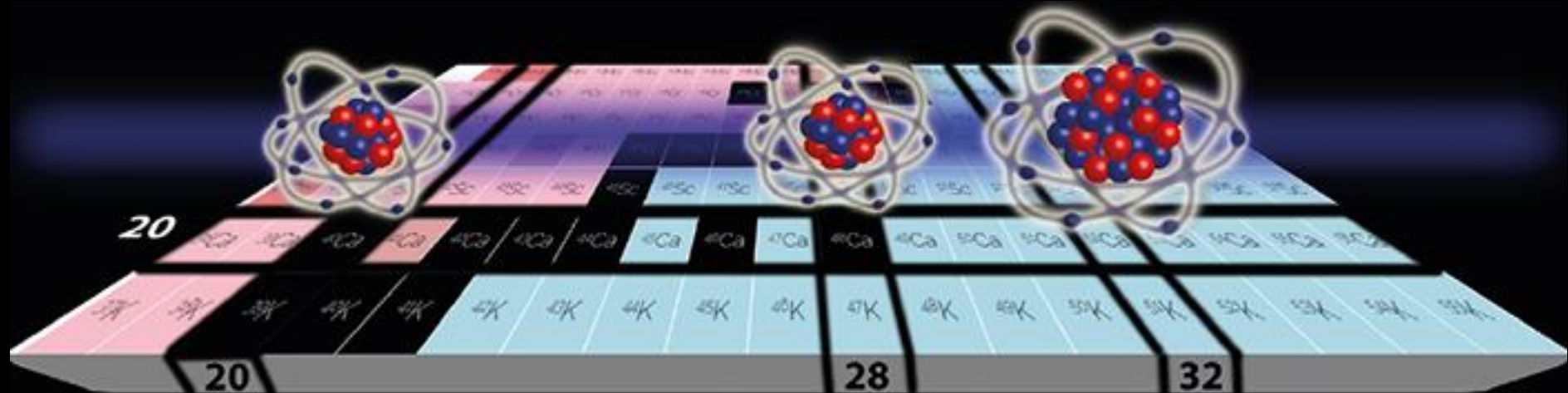
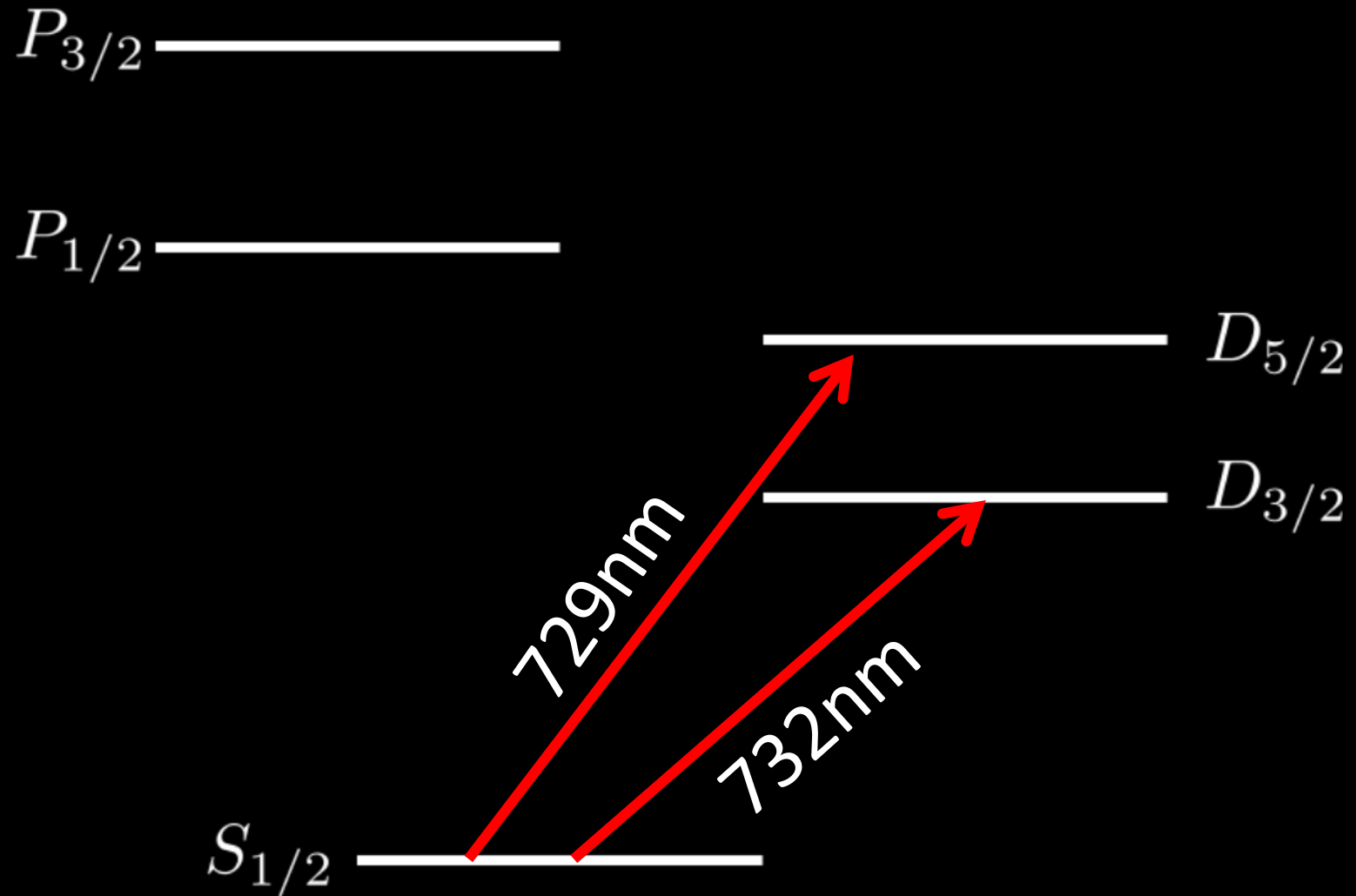


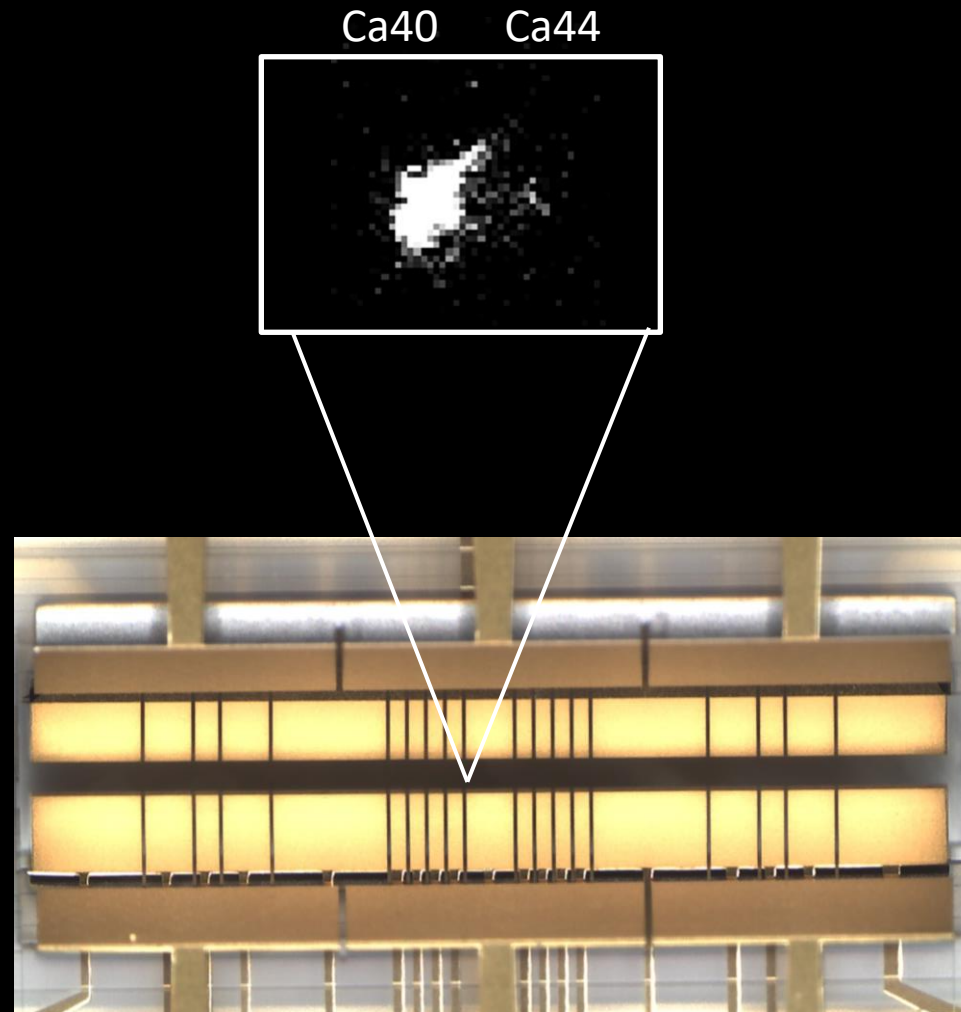
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IS spectroscopy at ETHZ - Calcium

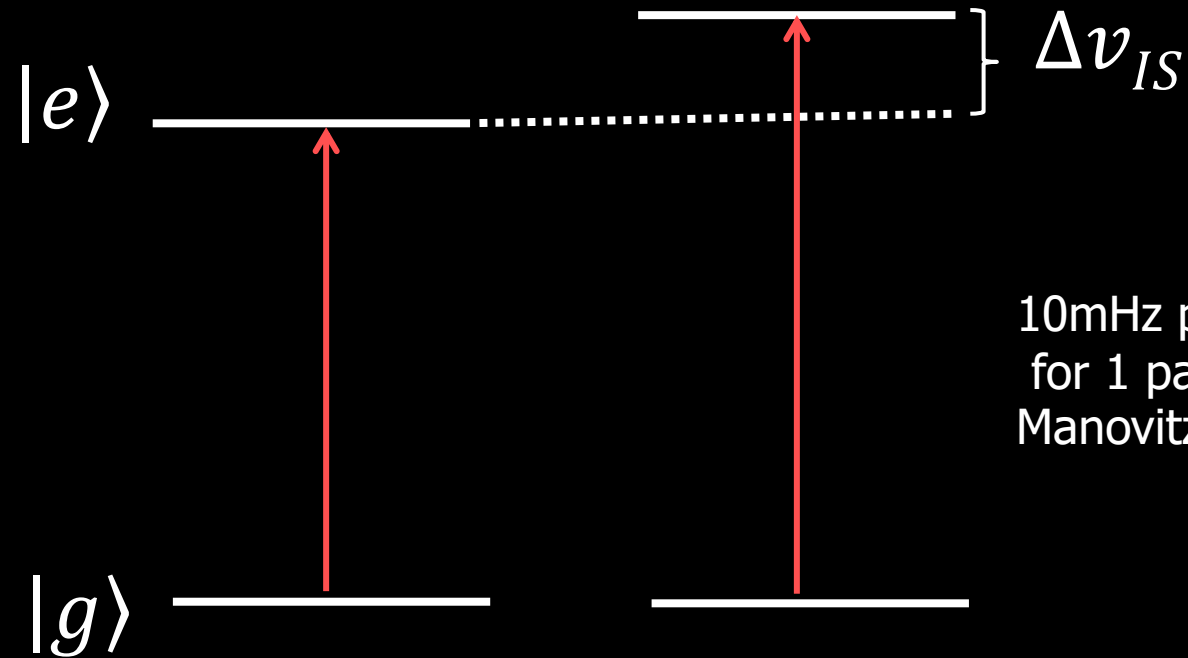
Ca⁺



Encoded Qubit Alive (EQuAl) setup at TIQI ETHZ



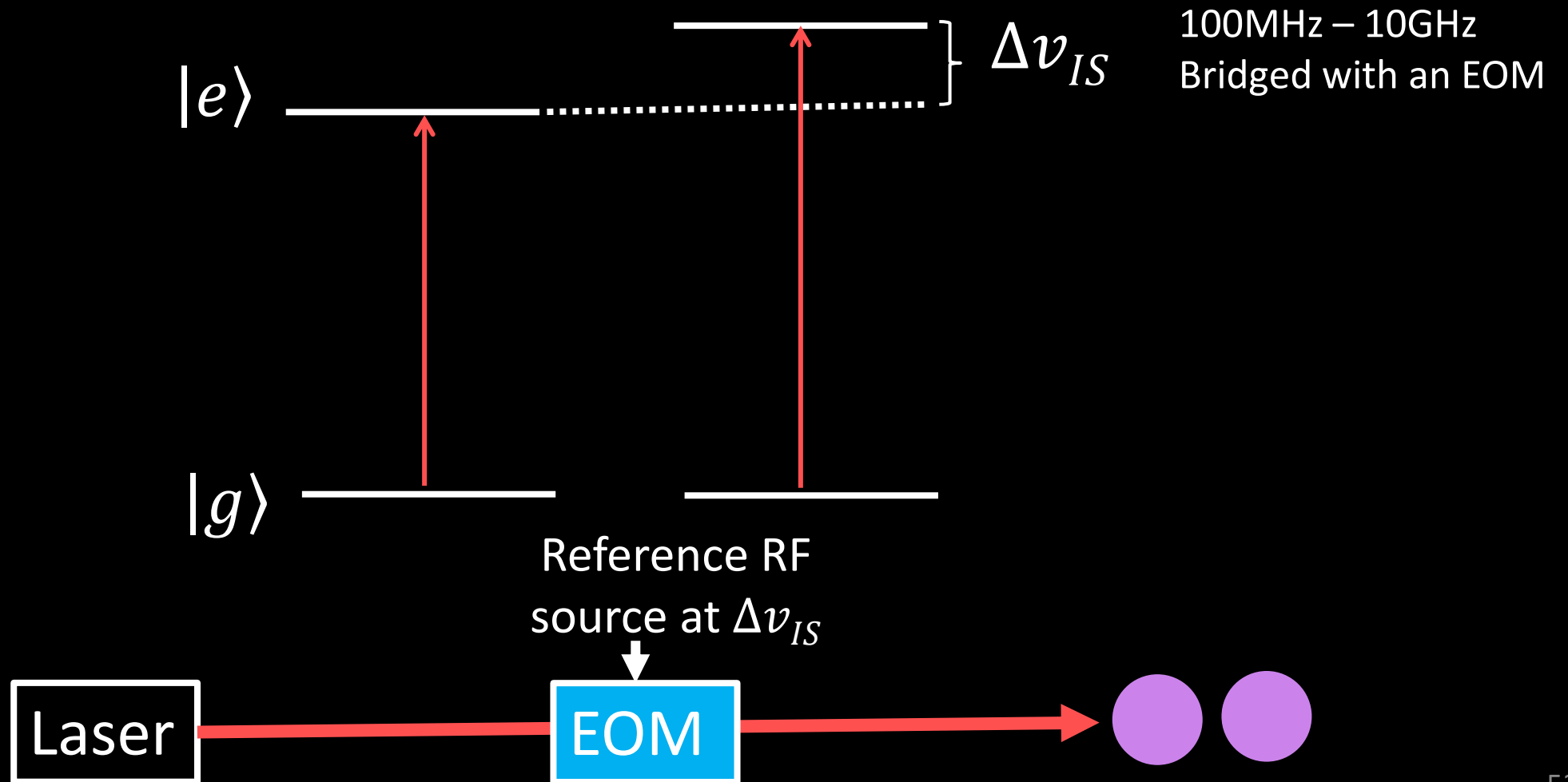
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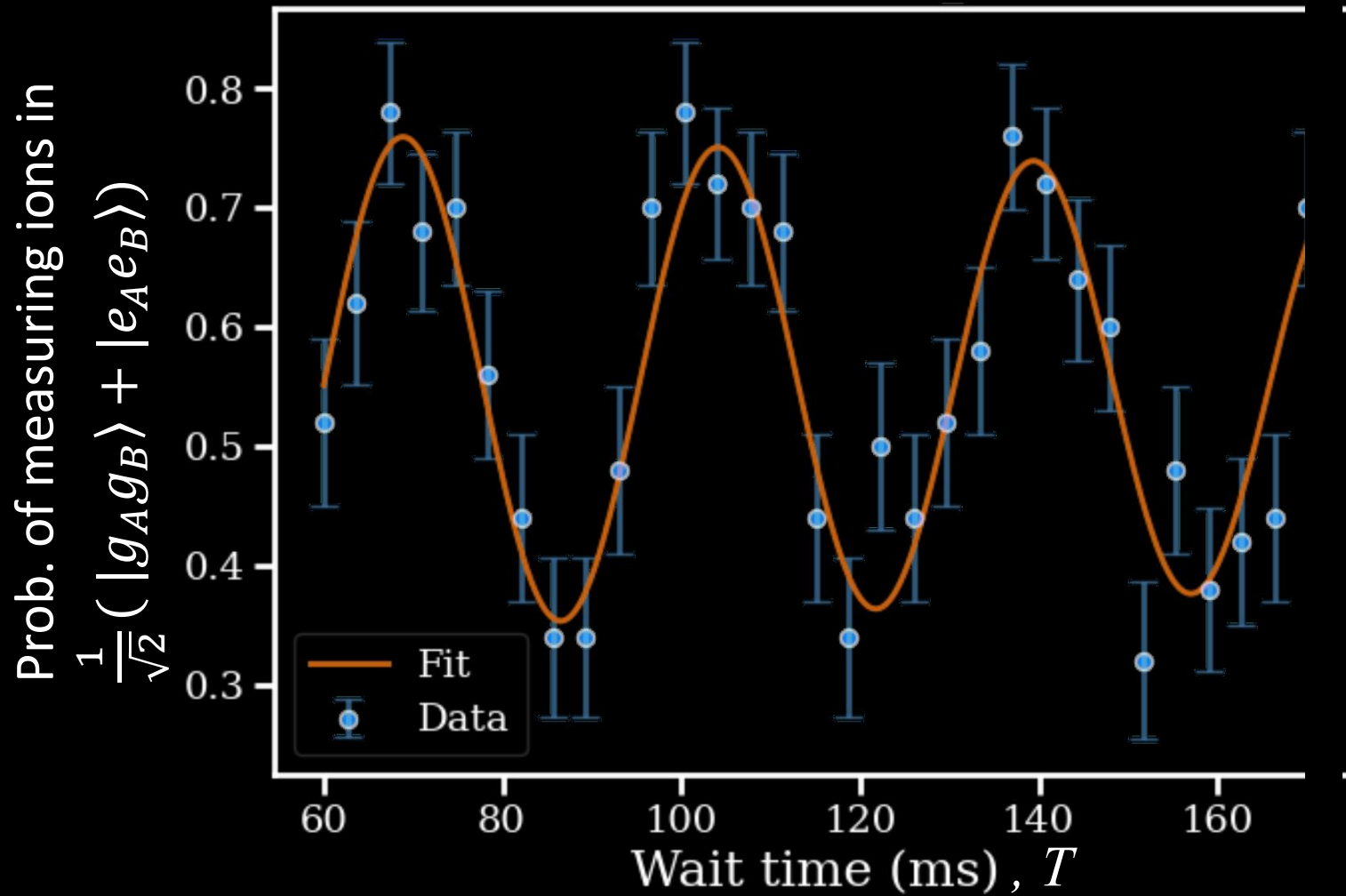
10mHz precision demonstrated
for 1 pair of Sr^+ isotopes
Manovitz et al, PRL **123**, 203001, 2019

$$\psi(T) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|e_A g_B\rangle + e^{i2\pi\Delta\nu_{IS}T} |g_A e_B\rangle)$$

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Measuring the Ca40-44 IS



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Measuring Ca40-Ca44 IS

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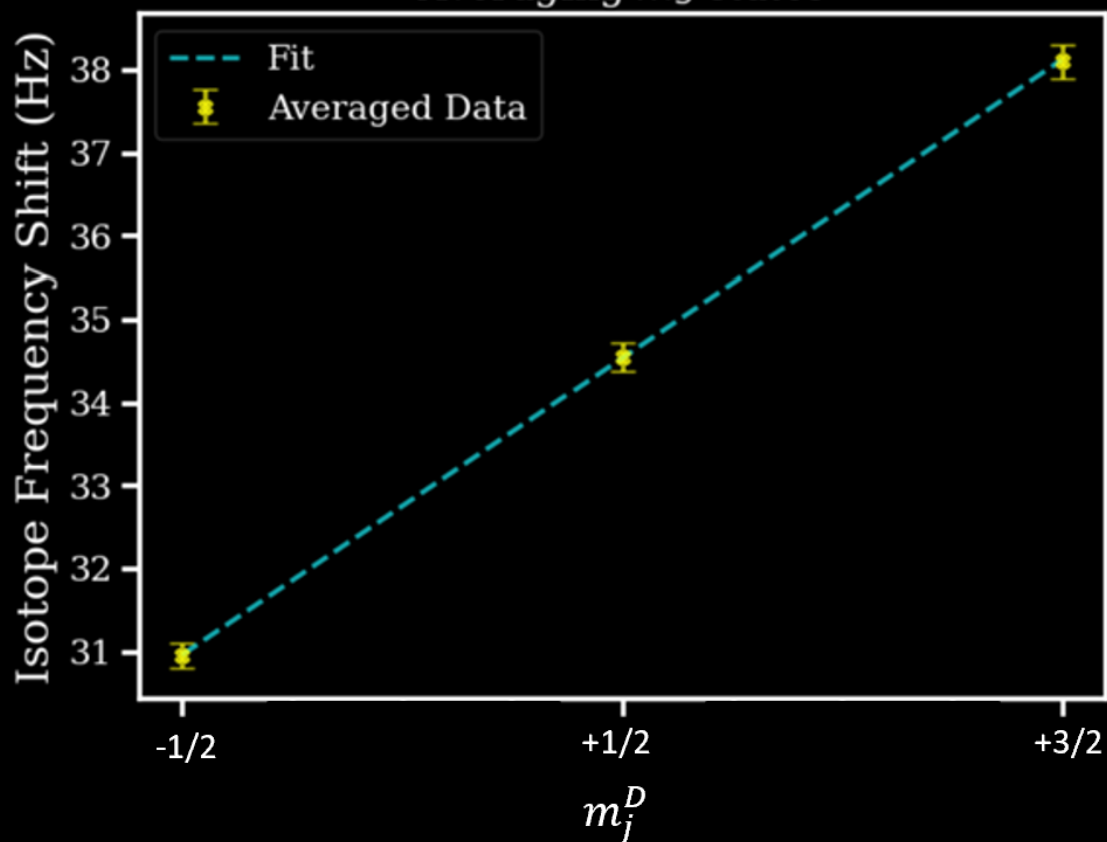
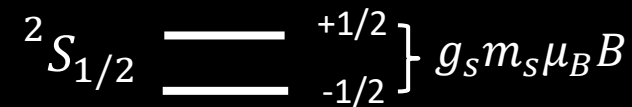
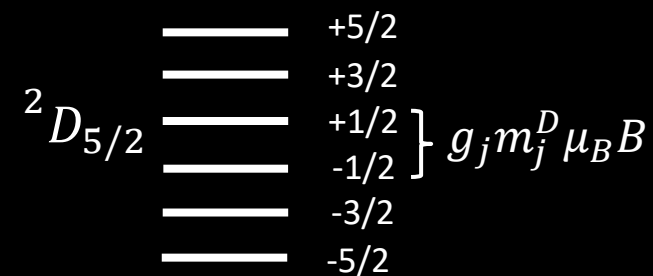
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Measuring Ca40-Ca44 IS

Isotope pair: Ca40-Ca44,
Synth detuning: 

PRELIMINARY

Frequency offset: 32.74 +/- 0.10 Hz
Averaging m_S states



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Questions?

