



## **Opportunities for New Physics searches with** exotic atoms and molecules

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## **Exotic Atoms & Molecules**





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#### Why exotic atoms/molecules?

- Large Z, A
- Nuclear spins
- Isotopic chains
- Octupole deformation







#### [Safronova et al. Rev. Mod. Phys. 90, 025008 (2018)]



Best of all worlds -> Radioactive molecules containing heavy and octupole deformed nuclei

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# How do we create and study exotic atoms/molecules?







#### **Exotic atoms & Nuclear structure**





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#### Recent results from collinear laser spectroscopy at ISOLDE-CERN







#### An example: exotic calcium isotopes

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 $-\delta \nu^{40,A'} - K_{NMS}$  (GHz.u)

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> $Sr^+ \rightarrow mHz$  (Weizmann Institute) [Manovitz et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 123, 203001 (2019)]  $Yb \rightarrow \langle kHz (MIT, V. Vuletic group)$

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#### Atoms





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#### Fr (z=87) @ TRIUMF

[Zang et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 115, 042501 (2015)] [Kalita et al. Phys. Rev. A 97, 042507 (2018)]



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## **Parity violation**



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#### $\Delta v_{\rm pv} / \nu$ (x 10<sup>-16</sup>)

Molecule	HF	B3LYP	B-LYP	LDA
CHBrClF	+0.72	+1.01	+0.93	+0.98
CHBrFI CHClFI	+17.8 +9.35	+22.9 +8.96	+22.1 +6.94	+24.1 +7.38
CHAtFI	-1072	-1008	-850	-946

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[Berger et al. Mol. Phys. 105, 41 (2007)]

<sup>211</sup>At (Z=85,  $T_{1/2}$ ~7.2 h)  $\rightarrow$  Freq. shift ~ 3-10 Hz

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#### **Parity and Time-reversal Violation**





**Atoms** 

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#### Molecules

#### >10<sup>3</sup> enhancement of E<sub>eff</sub> for EDM measurements

[ACME, Nature 562, 355 (2018)] [Baron et al. Science 343, 269 (2014)] [Sandars Phys. Rev. Lett. 18, 1396 (1967)]





[Source: D. DeMille. Manipulating Quantum Systems: An Assessment of Atomic, Molecular, and Optical Physics in the United States (2019)]

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 $\sigma_d \sim \frac{1}{E_{\rm eff} \tau \sqrt{\dot{N}T}}$ 









[Gaffney et al. Nature 497, 199 (2013)]

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### RaF → Nuclear x Molecular Enhancement

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#### P- and P,T- odd effects

Enhanced sensitivity in <u>radioactive molecules</u> (composed of heavy and octupole deformed nuclei)

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# Fluoride molecules

- SrF → First evidence of laser cooling [Nature 467, 820-823 (2010)]
- YbF → Nature 473, 493 (2011)
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- SrF → Nature Physics 13, 1173(2017)
- YbF → Phys. Rev. Lett. 120, 123201 (2018)
- CaF → Nature Physics 14, 890 (2018)
  Phys. Rev. Lett. 120, 163201 (2018)
- RaF → Radioactive Coming soon ...



 $\lambda_{00}$ = 663.3 nm

## Radioactive Molecules: Ra(z=88)F Results

$$\begin{split} \widehat{H}_{\rm sr} &= B\vec{\mathcal{N}}^2 + \gamma \, \vec{\mathbf{S}}^{\rm eff} \cdot \vec{\mathcal{N}} + \vec{\mathbf{S}}^{\rm eff} \cdot \widehat{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{I}} + \vec{\mathcal{N}} \cdot \widehat{\mathbf{C}} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{I}} + \cdots \\ &+ W_a (K_A/2) [\vec{\lambda} \times \vec{S}^{\rm eff}] . \vec{I} + (W_s k_s + E_{\rm eff} d_e) \vec{\lambda} . \vec{S}^{\rm eff} \end{split}$$

#### P-odd and P,T -odd effects



[Fleig. Phys. Rev. A 96, 040502 (2017)]



























Collinear resonance ionization spectroscopy of RaF molecules [Garcia Ruiz, Berger et al. CERN-INTC-2018-017 (2018)]



<u>Impossible with radioactive molecules (< 10<sup>6</sup> molecules/second)?</u>



"We shall send to the moon, 240,000 miles away from the control station in Houston, a giant rocket more than 300 feet tall, made of new metal alloys, some of which have not yet been invented, capable of standing heat and stresses several times more than have ever been experienced,on an untried mission, to an unknown celestial body, and then return it safely to Earth, reentering the atmosphere at speeds of over 25,000 miles per hour, causing heat about half that of the temperature of the sun, and do all this, and do it right, and do it first before this decade is out—then we must be bold." J.F. Kennedy (1962).







[Garcia Ruiz, Berger et al. Submitted (2019) (arXiv:1910.13416)]



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✓High resolution (< MHz)</p>

- High efficiency (<100 ions/s) ?</p>
- > High selectivity (>1/10<sup>6</sup>) ?
- Short time scales (< 1 s)?</p>

#### **Precision Laser Spectroscopy**



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Wavenumber (cm<sup>-1</sup>)

~ 15 GHz

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### **Opportunities with radioactive molecules**

 Axion dark matter produces oscillating S<sub>schiff</sub>, MQM Amplified in molecules with respect to atoms:

 $(M_{mol}/m_e)^2 \sim 10^6 - 10^8$ 



 $\rightarrow$  ACF, RaO, PaN [Flambaum & Feldmeier . Phys. Rev. C 101, 015502 (2020)]

Time reversal violating MQM

→ <sup>229</sup>ThO and <sup>229</sup>ThF<sup>+</sup> [Lackenby & Flambaum. Phys. Rev. D 98, 115019 (2018)] [ Skripnikov, et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 113, 263006 (2014)]

• Quantum chemistry, astrophysics, ....

nature astronomy

Astronomical detection of radioactive molecule <sup>26</sup>AIF in the remnant of an ancient explosion

[Kaminski et al. Nature Astronomy 2, 778 (2018)]

"Spectroscopic laboratory studies of rare radioactive materials such as <sup>26</sup>AIF would be very challenging"

https://doi.org/10.1038/s415

(T<sub>1/2</sub>= 7.17 10<sup>5</sup> years)



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