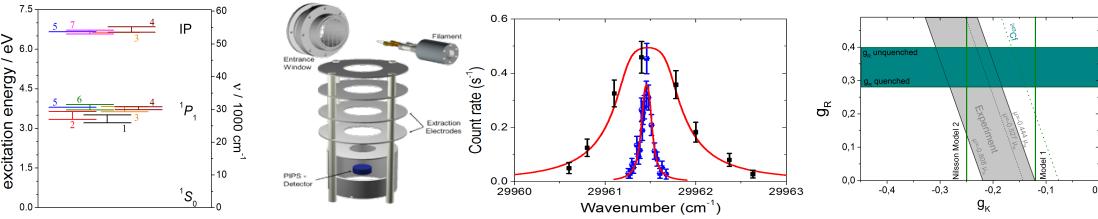


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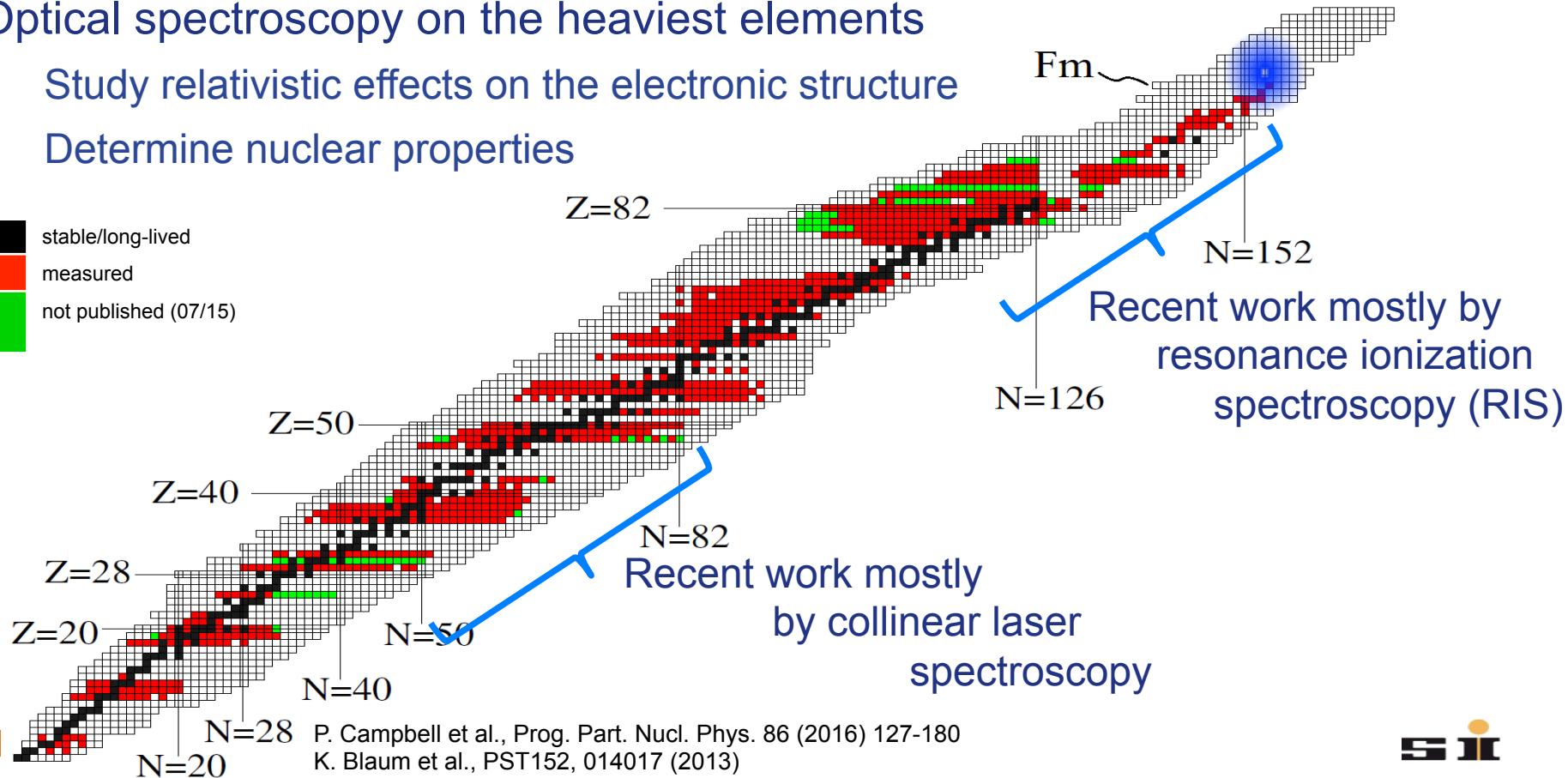
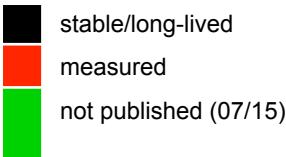
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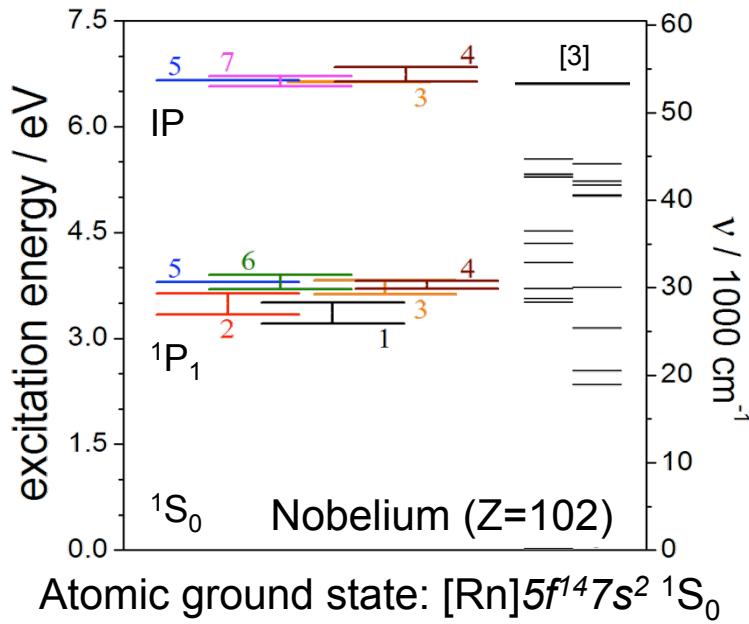
# Landscape of optical spectroscopy

## Optical spectroscopy on the heaviest elements

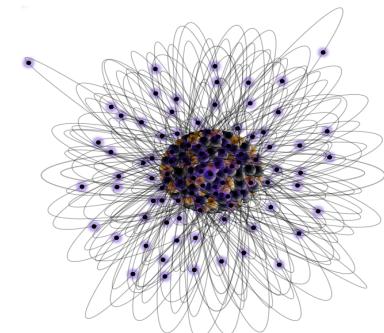
- Study relativistic effects on the electronic structure
- Determine nuclear properties



# Motivation - Atomic Properties



- $Z \rightarrow 1$ : relativistic effects in the electronic structure
- Strong electron correlations
- Benchmark predictive power of atomic theory
- Ionization potential IP



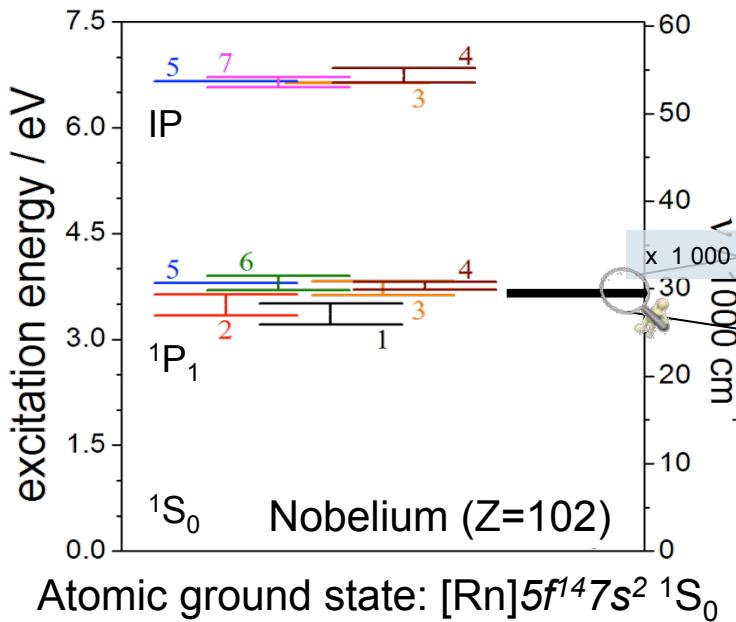
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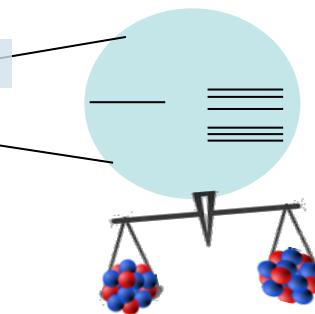


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## Hyperfine splitting (HFS)

$\mu, Q, I$  Ground state parameters

$$A = \mu \frac{B_e(0)}{IJ}; \quad B = eQ_s \left\langle \frac{\delta^2 V}{\delta z^2} \right\rangle$$

## Isotope shift

$\Delta r^2$  Nuclear Shape, deformation

$$\delta\nu^{AA'} = F\lambda^{AA'} + (N+S) \left( \frac{A' - A}{A'A} \right)$$

# Velocity filter SHIP

*Isotope of Interest:*

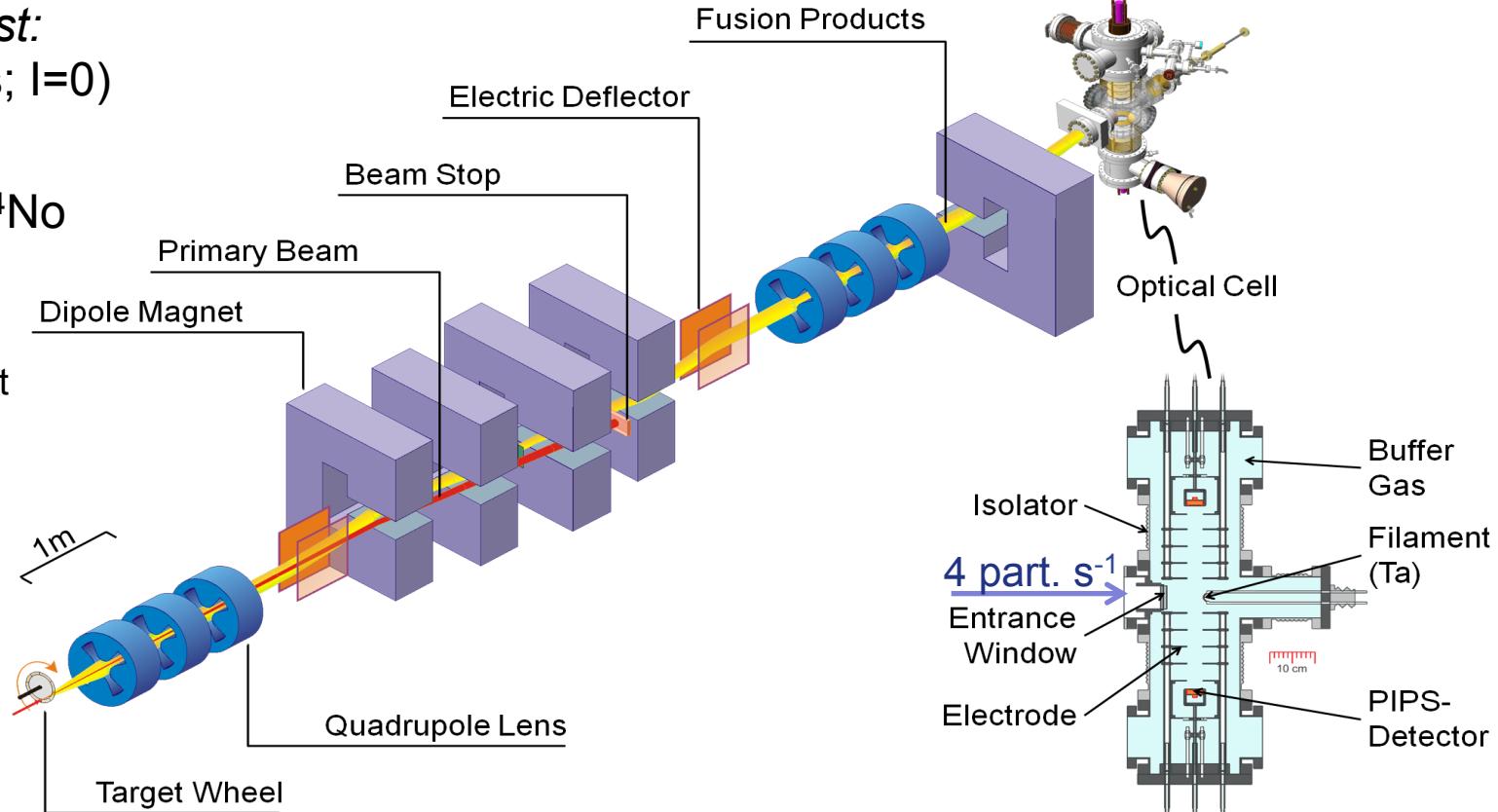
$^{254}\text{No}$  ( $T_{1/2} = 55$  s;  $I=0$ )

$^{208}\text{Pb}(^{48}\text{Ca},2\text{n})^{254}\text{No}$

$\sigma=1800$  nb

$\rightarrow \sim 17 \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ p}\mu\text{A}^{-1}$

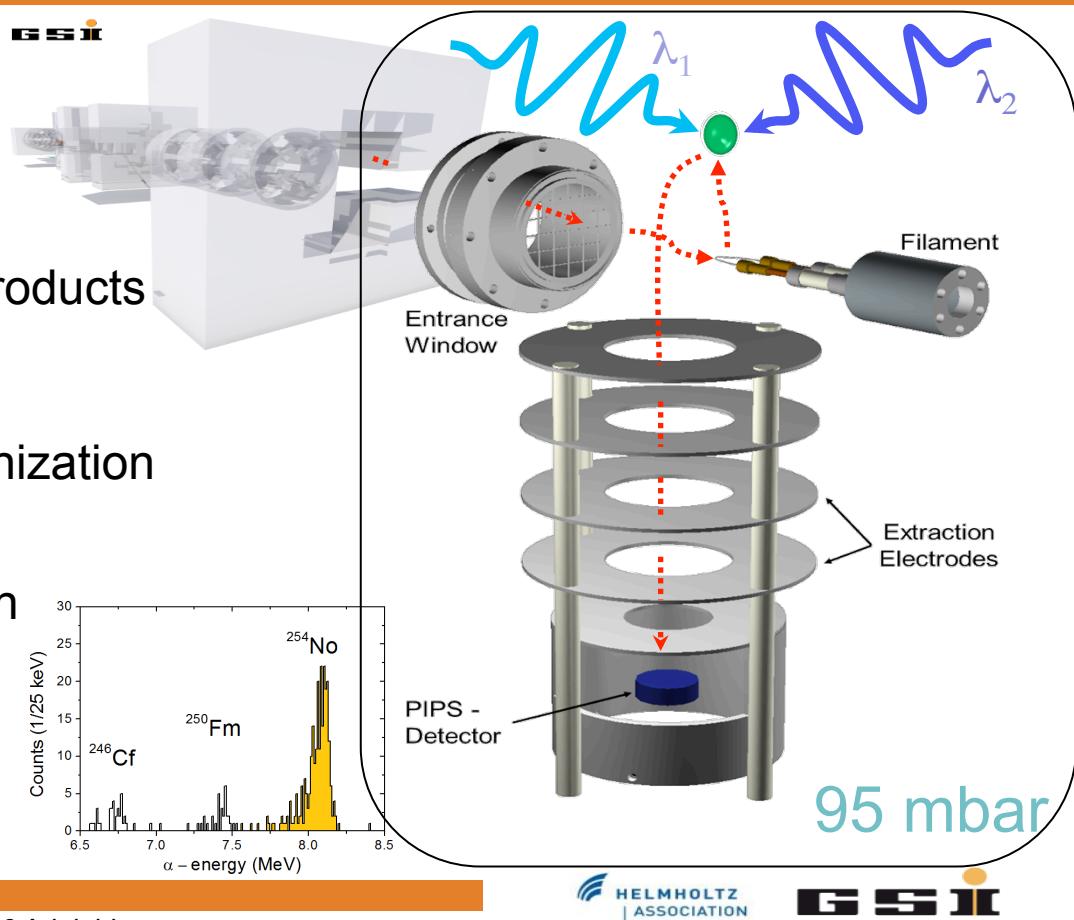
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# Radiation Detected Resonance Ionization Spectroscopy

## RADRIS Method:

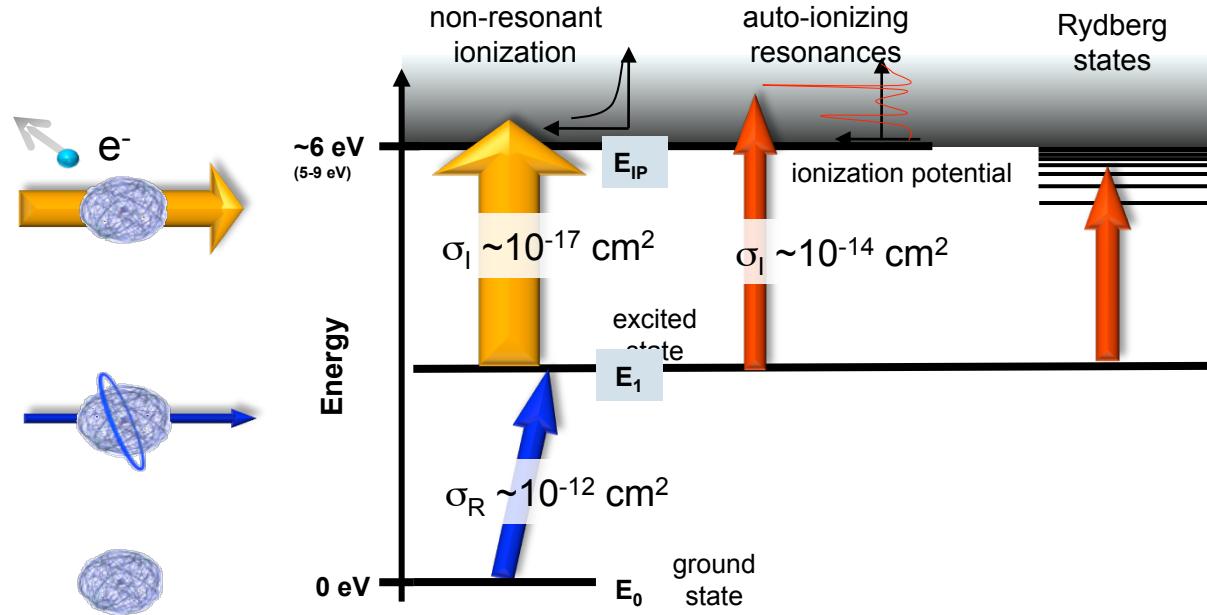
- Thermalizing of incoming fusion products
- Collecting onto thin tantalum wire
- Evaporation and two-step photoionization process
- Transport to detector and detection of alpha decay



H. Backe et al., Nucl Phys. A 944, 492 (2015)

F. Lautenschläger et al., NIMB 383, 115 (2016)

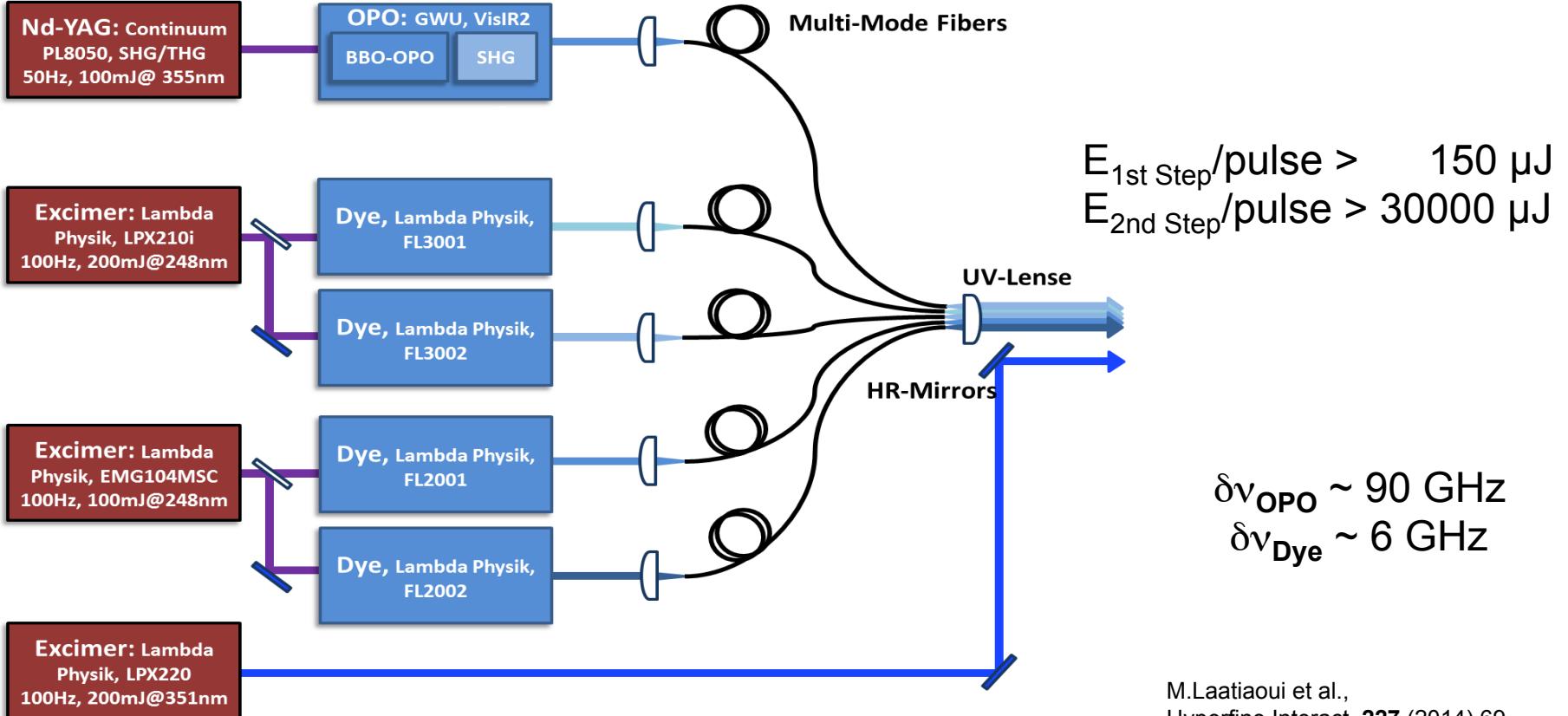
# Resonance Ionization Spectroscopy



Non-resonant ionization is 2-3 order of magnitude less efficient

BUT does not depend on knowledge on the atomic structure

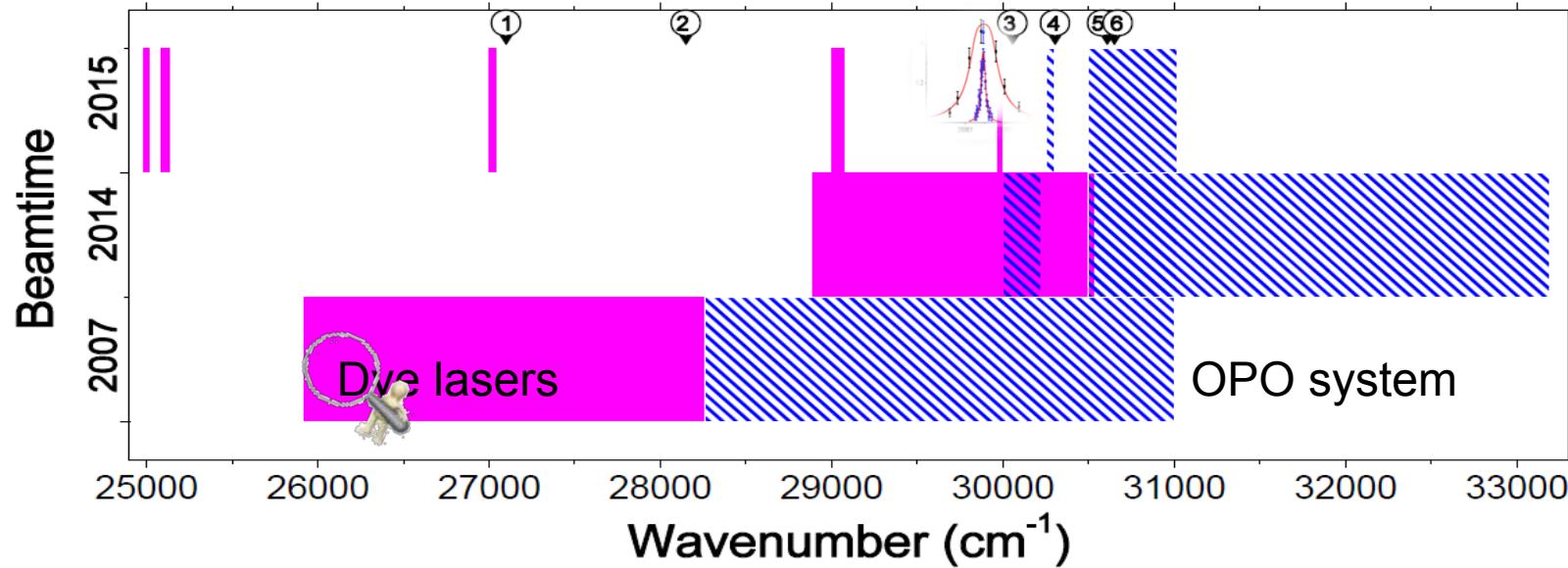
# Laser system



M.Laatiaoui et al.,  
Hyperfine Interact. 227 (2014) 69

# Level search in $^{254}\text{No}$

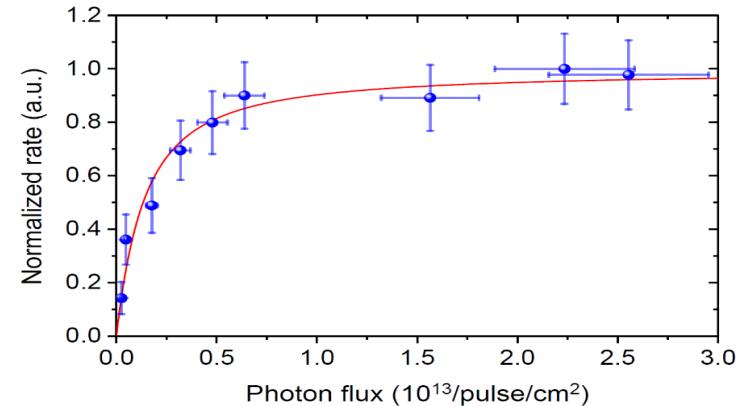
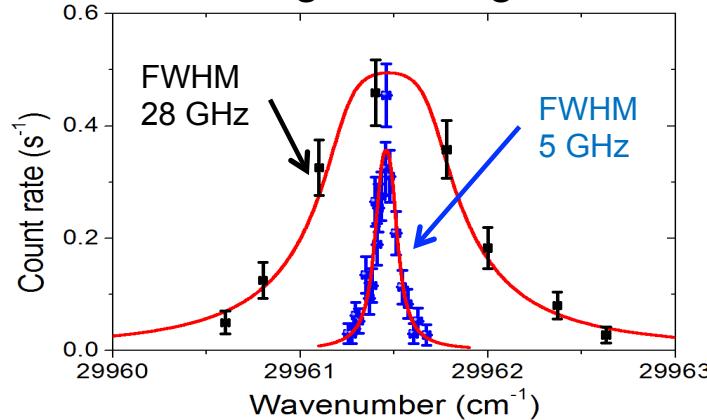
Year	2007	2014
Scan range ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	25920 – 31001	28887 – 33191
Net scan time (h)	39	67



1: MCDF (2005), 2: MCDF (2005), 3: IHFSCC (2007), 4: RCC (2014), 5: MCDF (2007), 6: MCDF (2007)

# The ground-state transition

Observed strong atomic ground state transition



Saturation of signal already at energies on the order of a few  $\mu\text{J}/\text{pulse}$

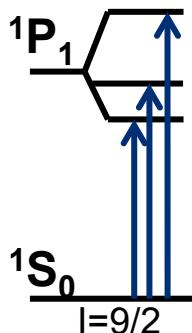
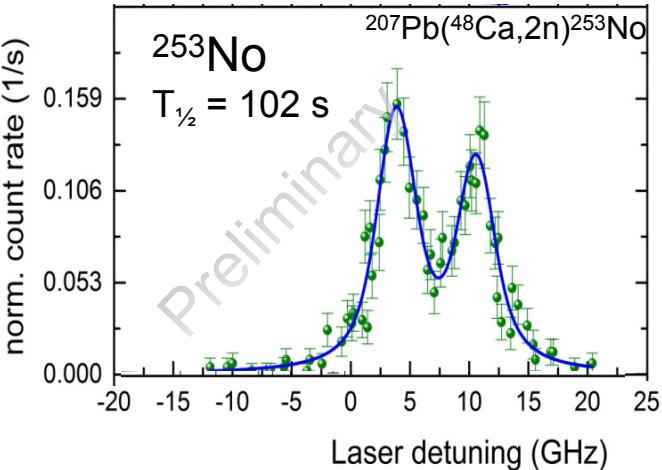
	$\nu_1 (\text{cm}^{-1})$	$A_{ki} (\text{s}^{-1}) \times 10^8$
Experiment [1]	$29,961.457(7)_{\text{stat}}$	$4.2 (2.6)_{\text{stat}}$
IHFSCC [2]	$30,100(800)$	5.0
MCDF [3]	$30,650(800)$	2.7

Agrees with predicted  
 ${}^1\text{S}_0 \rightarrow {}^1\text{P}_1$  transition

[1] M. Laatiaoui et al., *Nature* (in press)  
[3] P. Indelicato et al., *Eur. Phys. J. D* **45**, (2007) 155

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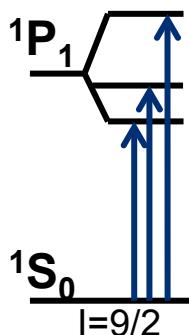
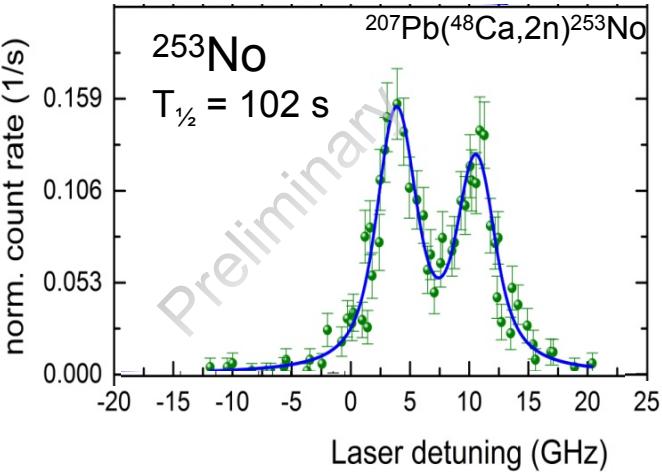


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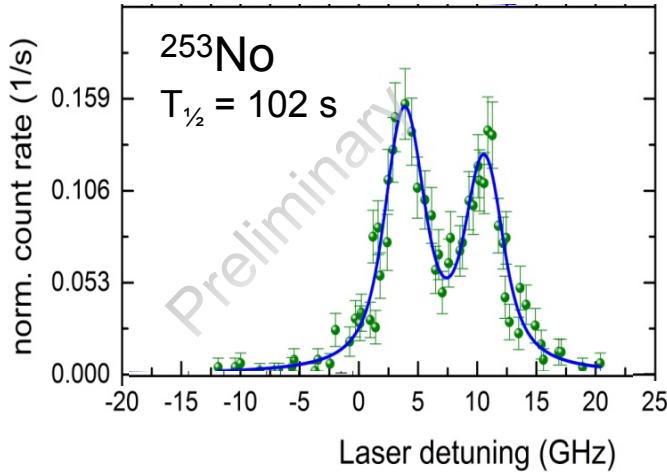
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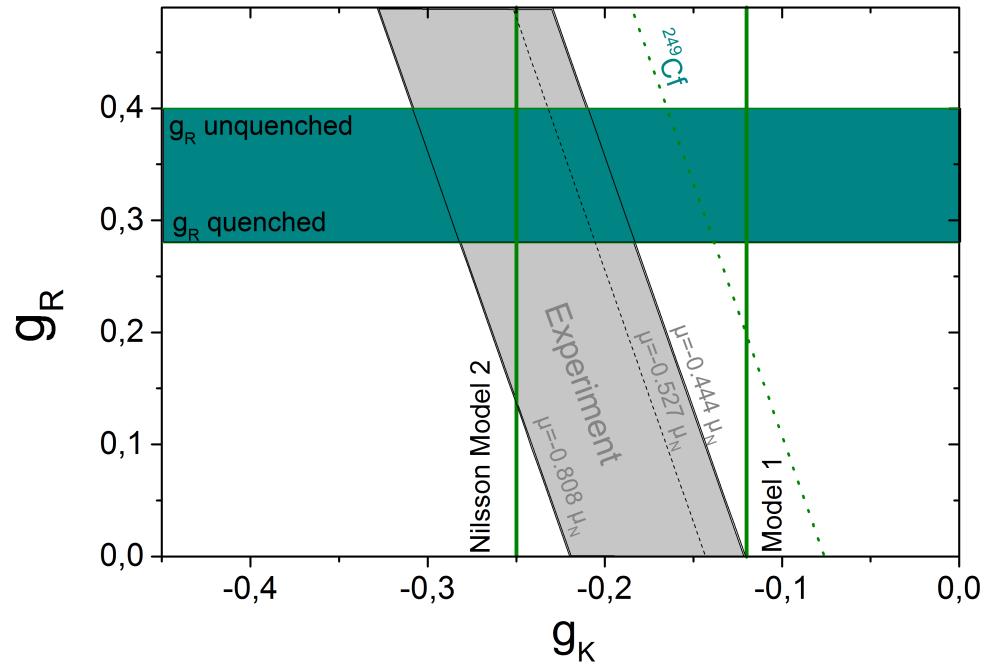
	Ref.	$\mu (\mu_N)$	$Q_s (\text{b})$
Laser spec. (this work)	RCC [1]	$-0.444 \pm 0.028^*$	$5.79 \pm 1.42^*$
	RCC [2]	$-0.527 \pm 0.034^*$	
	MCDF [3]	$-0.808 \pm 0.051^*$	$6.34 \pm 1.56^*$
Nucl. structure	[4]	-0.593	7.145

[1] V.A. Dzuba et al. (RCC), [2] A. Borschevsky et al. (RCC), [3] R. Beerwerth & S. Fritzsch (MCDF),  
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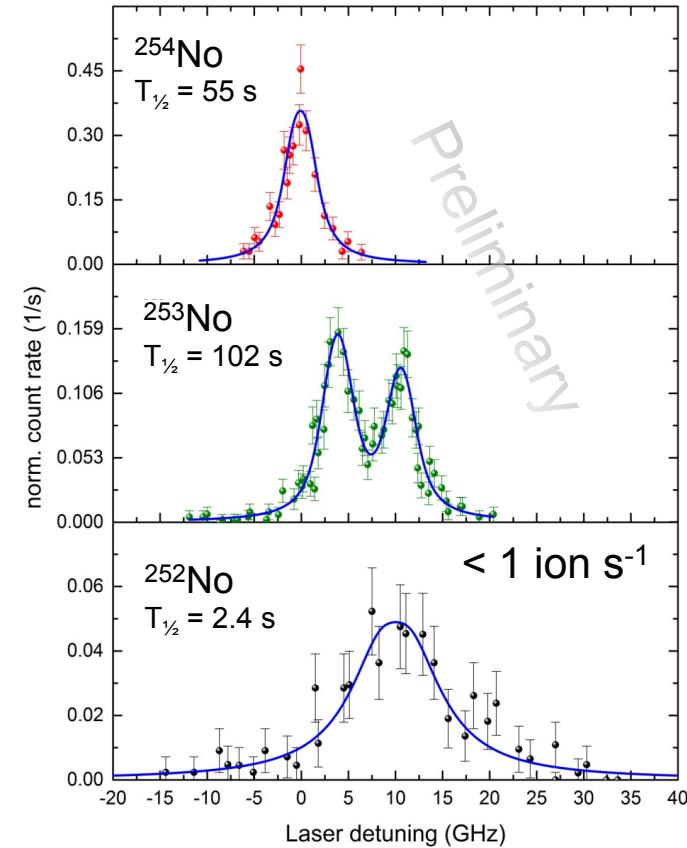
$$\mu = g_R I + (g_K - g_R) \frac{K^2}{I+1}$$



→ Nuclear model independent confirmation of expected nuclear properties

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# Isotope shift of $^{252-254}\text{No}$



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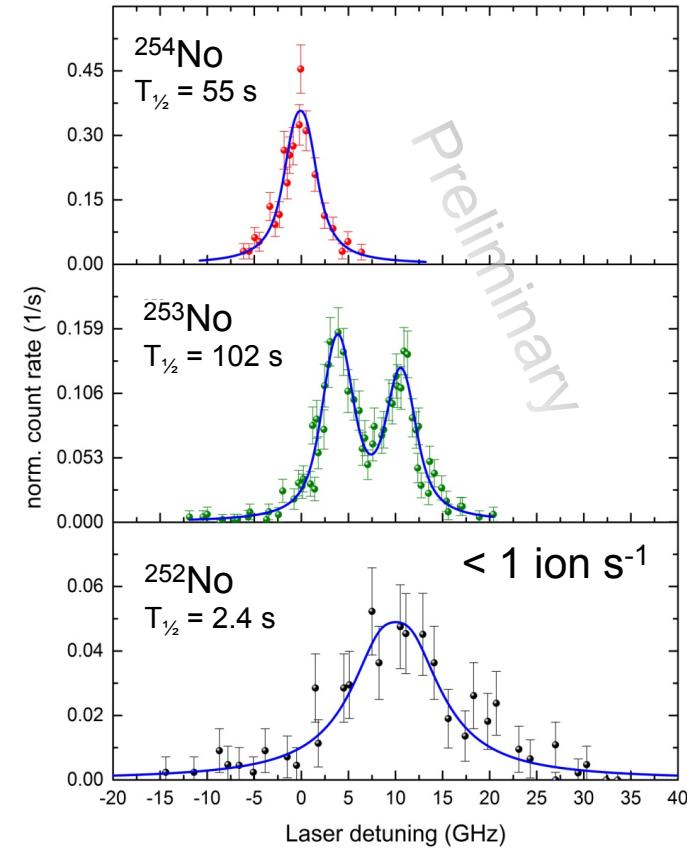
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$$\delta \langle r^2 \rangle^{AA'} = \left( \Delta \nu^{AA'} - \frac{A - A'}{AA'} M \right) \frac{1}{F}$$

Isotope	N	$\delta \langle r^2 \rangle$ (fm $^2$ )
$^{254}\text{No}$	152	0
$^{253}\text{No}$	151	-0.057 (1) <sub>stat</sub>
$^{252}\text{No}$	150	-0.089 (4) <sub>stat</sub>

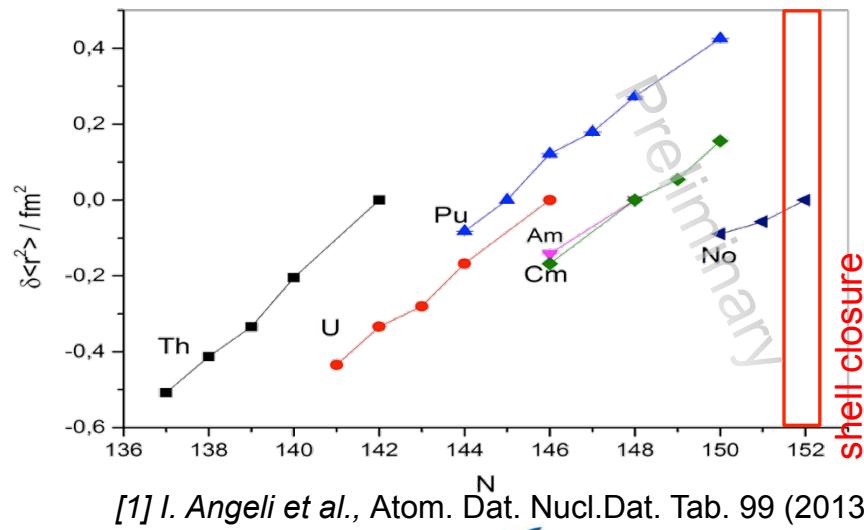
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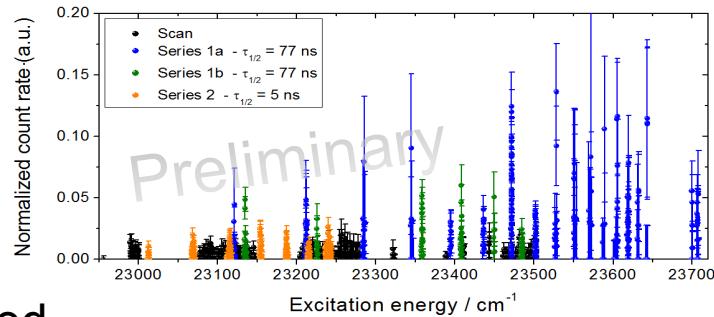
[1] I. Angelis et al., Atom. Dat. Nucl. Dat. Tab. 99 (2013) 69–95

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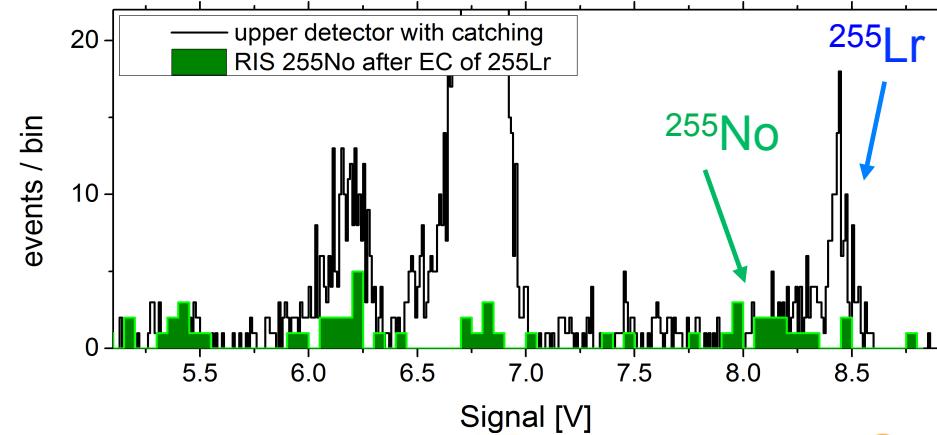
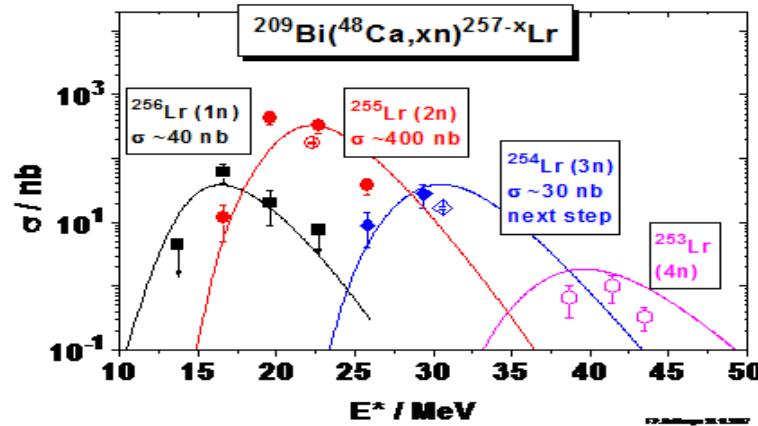
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- Overall efficiency up to 10%
- Different Rydberg series were observed
- Accurate value for the first IP of nobelium extracted



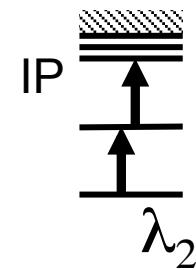
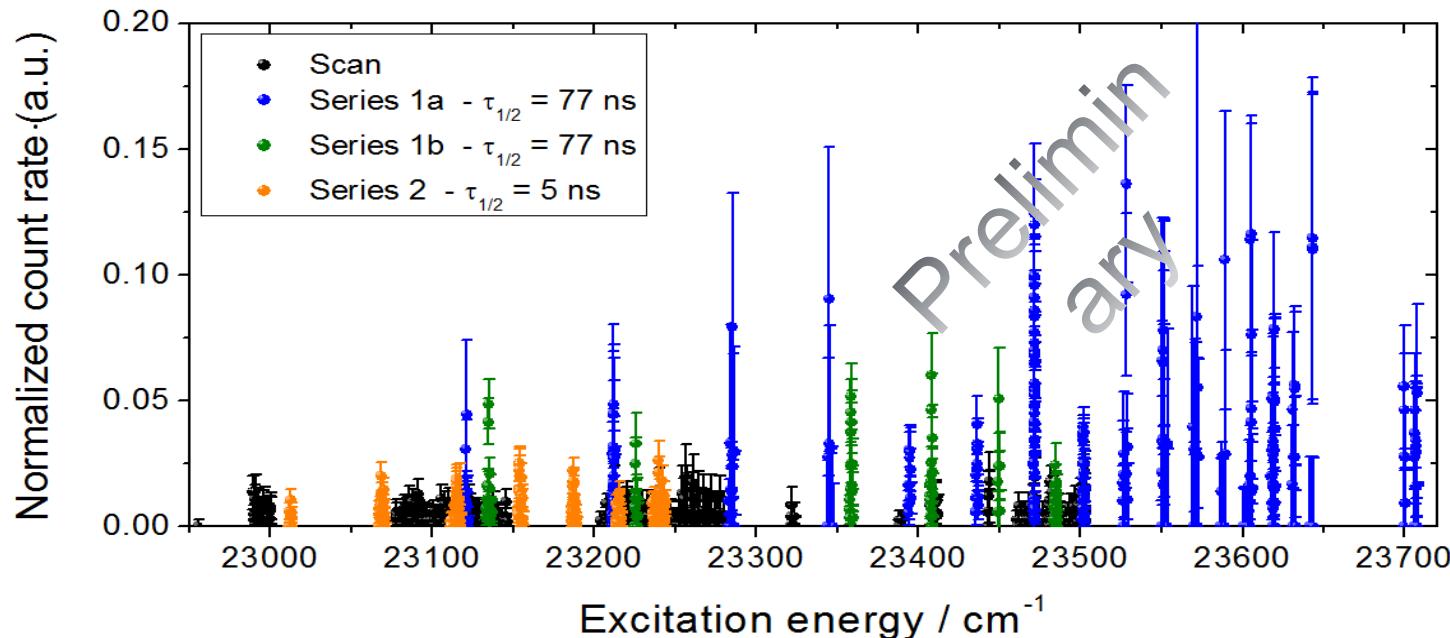
# Outlook

- Access the element lawrencium (Z=103) – started in 2016
  - Studying desorption and surface ionization mechanisms ...
  - First level search initiated (no resonances found so far)
- Resonance ionization of  $^{255}\text{No}$  (produced via EC from  $^{255}\text{Lr}$ )



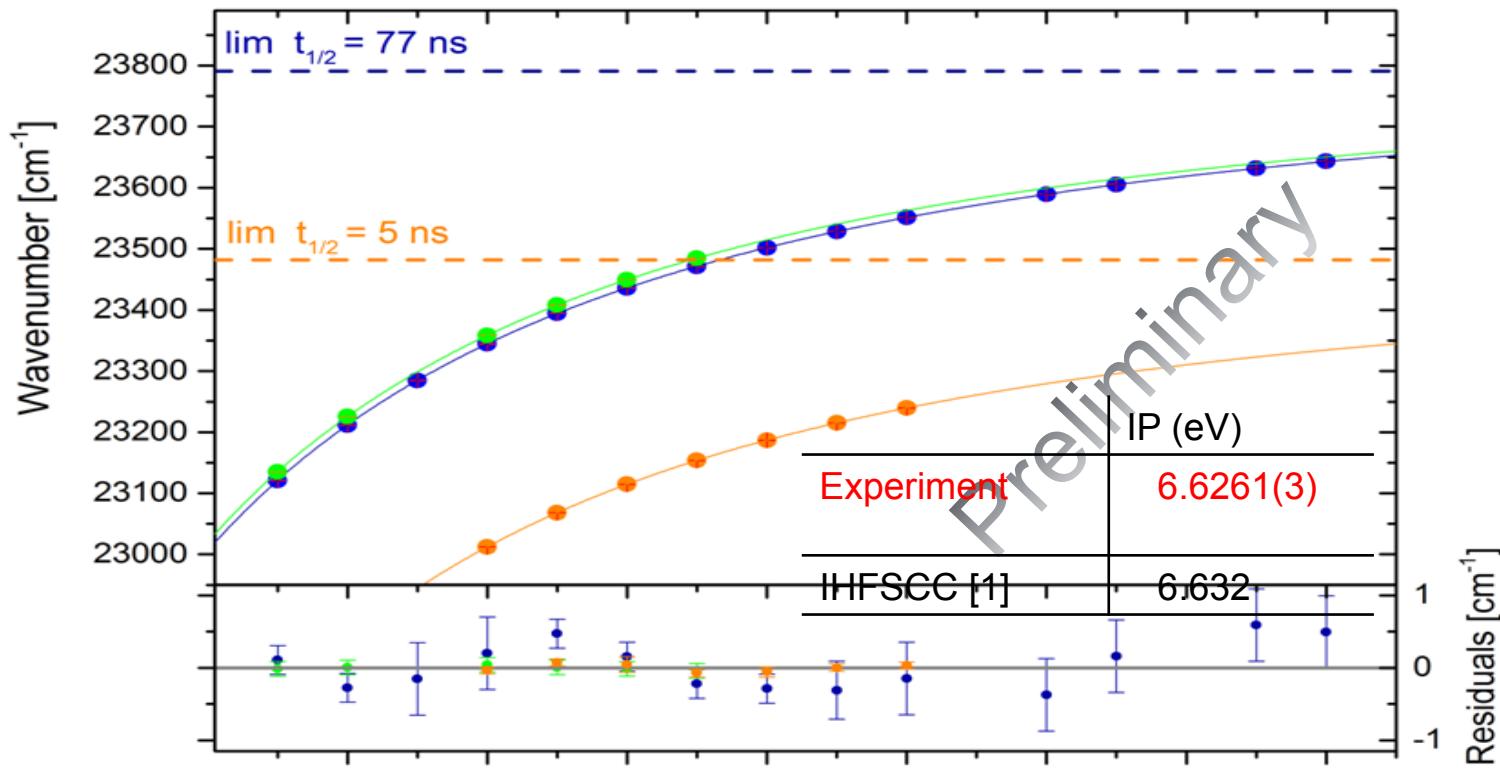


# Rydberg series



- Series fitted with Rydberg-Ritz formula:
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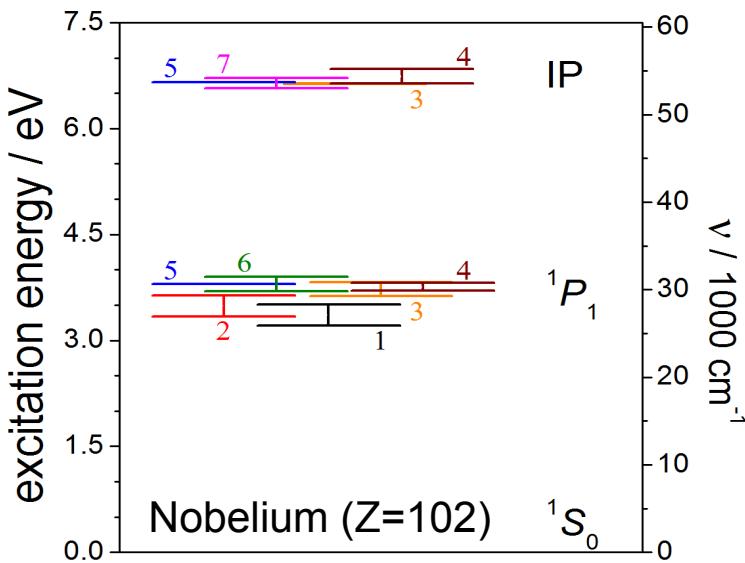
# Ionization limits & Ionization potential



# Nobelium isotopes

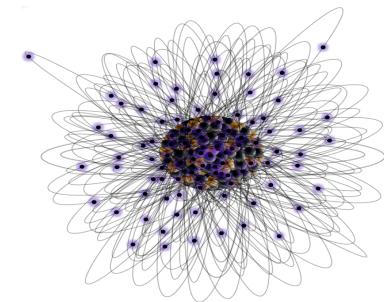
Isotope	I <sup>P</sup>	T <sub>1/2</sub> (s)	Nuclear reaction	Production rate @ 1μA <sub>P</sub> (1/s)	α- energy (MeV)
<sup>252</sup> No	0	2.4	<sup>206</sup> Pb( <sup>48</sup> Ca,2n) <sup>252</sup> No	4	8.42
<sup>253</sup> No	(9/2 <sup>-</sup> )	102	<sup>207</sup> Pb( <sup>48</sup> Ca,2n) <sup>253</sup> No	11	8.01
<sup>254</sup> No	0	51	<sup>208</sup> Pb( <sup>48</sup> Ca,2n) <sup>254</sup> No	17	8.10
<sup>255</sup> No	(1/2 <sup>+</sup> )	186	<sup>208</sup> Pb( <sup>48</sup> Ca,1n) <sup>255</sup> No	2	8.12

# Motivation - Atomic Properties



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