

# Spectroscopy of RaF Molecules for Fundamental Physics

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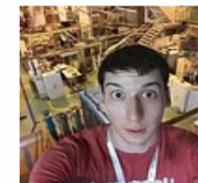
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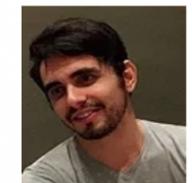
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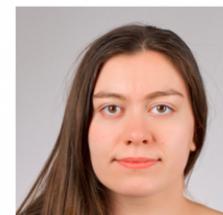
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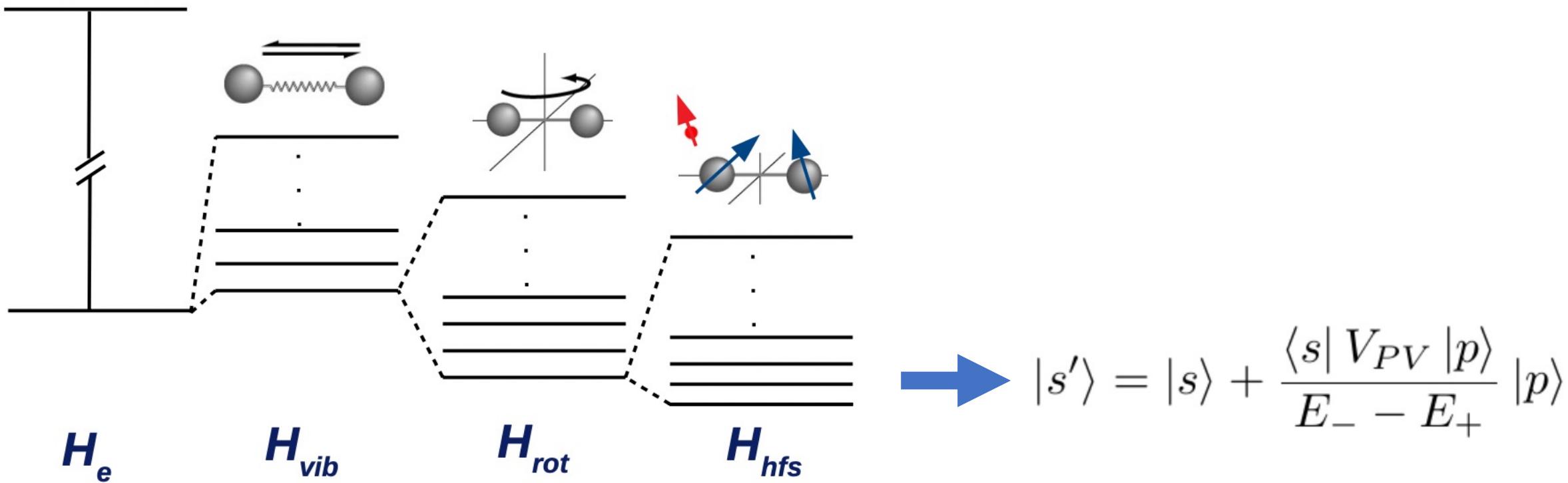


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- Motivation
- Isotope shift in Radium Monofluoride
- High resolution spectroscopy of Radium Monofluoride
- Conclusions and Outlook

# Why molecules?

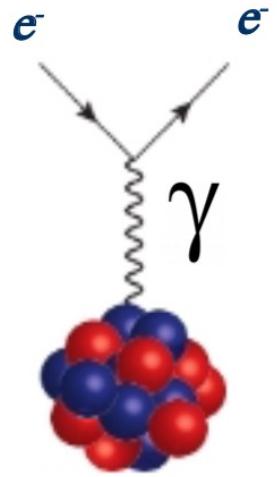


$$H_{mol} = H_e + H_{vib} + H_{rot} + \dots + H_{hfs} + H_{PV} + H_{PTV}$$

Arrows point from the terms in the equation to the corresponding energy levels on the diagram above. Below the equation, arrows point to values on a logarithmic scale:

- $H_e$ : ~ 2 eV
- $H_{vib}$ :  $10^{-2}$  eV
- $H_{rot}$ :  $10^{-5}$  eV
- $H_{hfs}$ :  $10^{-8}$  eV
- $H_{PV}$ :  $< 10^{-12}$  eV
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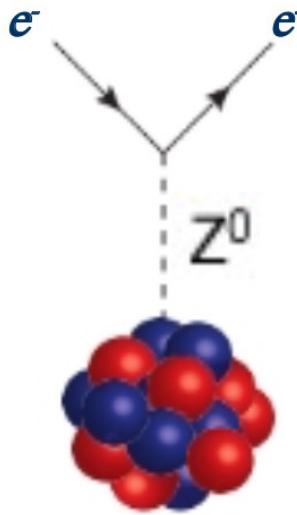
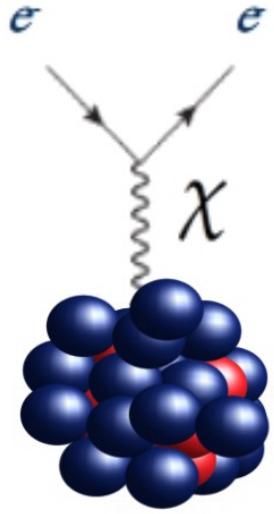
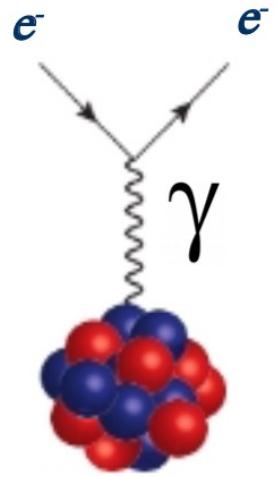
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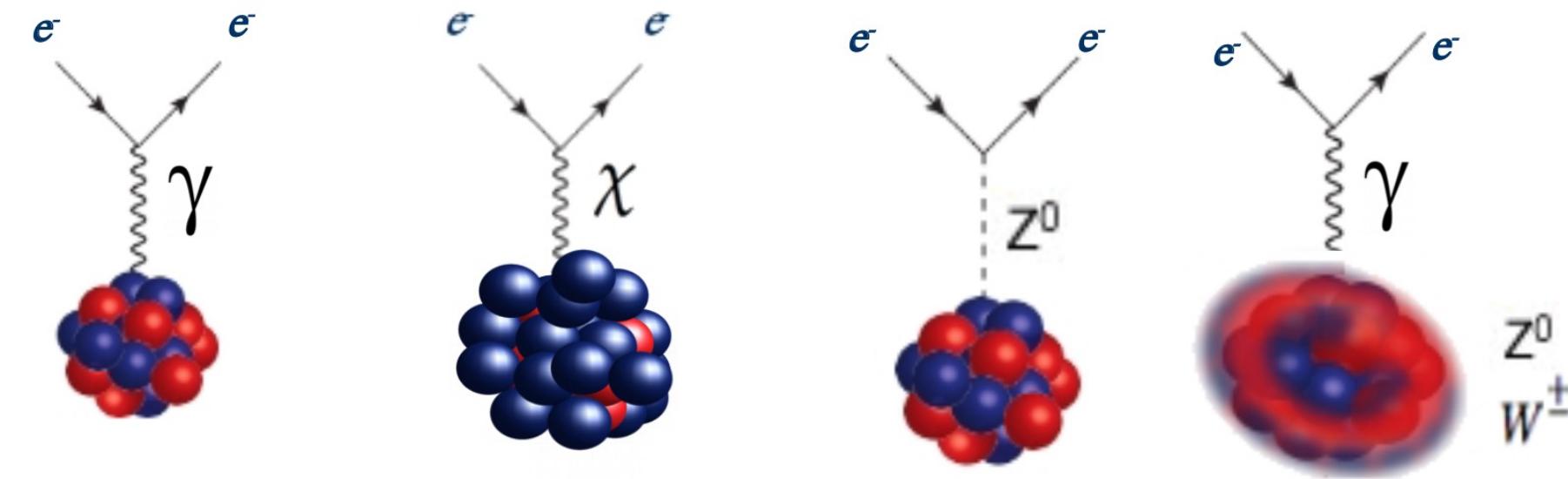
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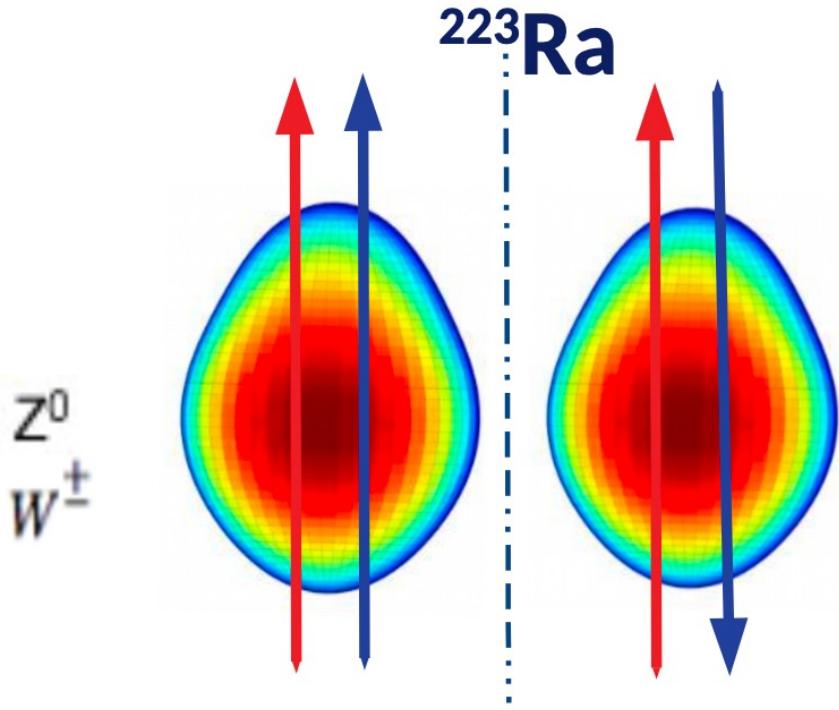
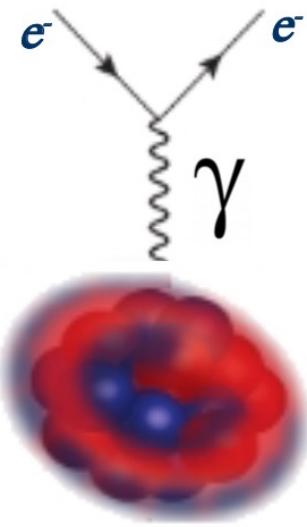
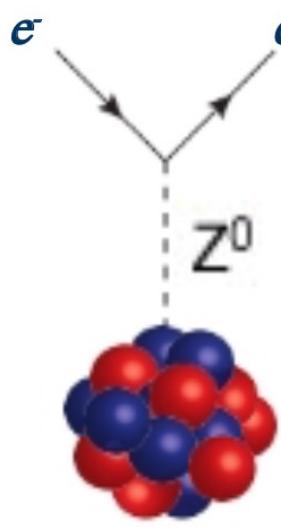
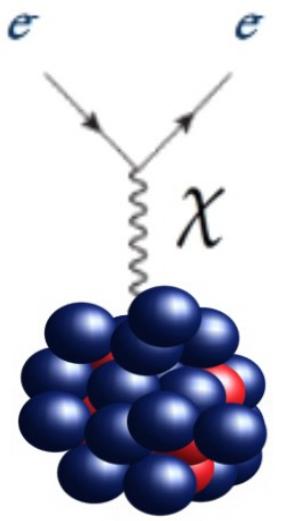
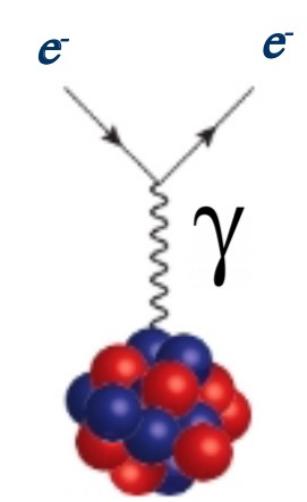
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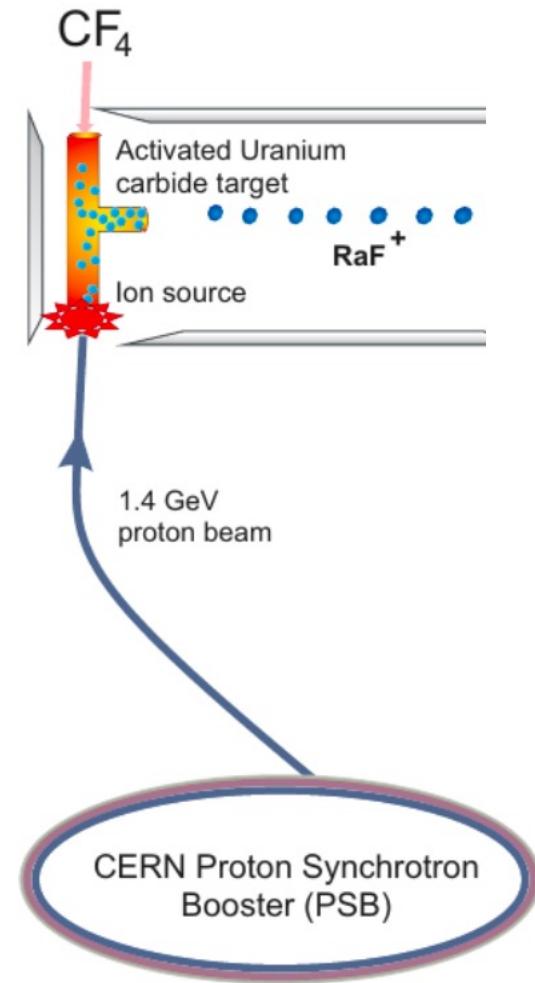
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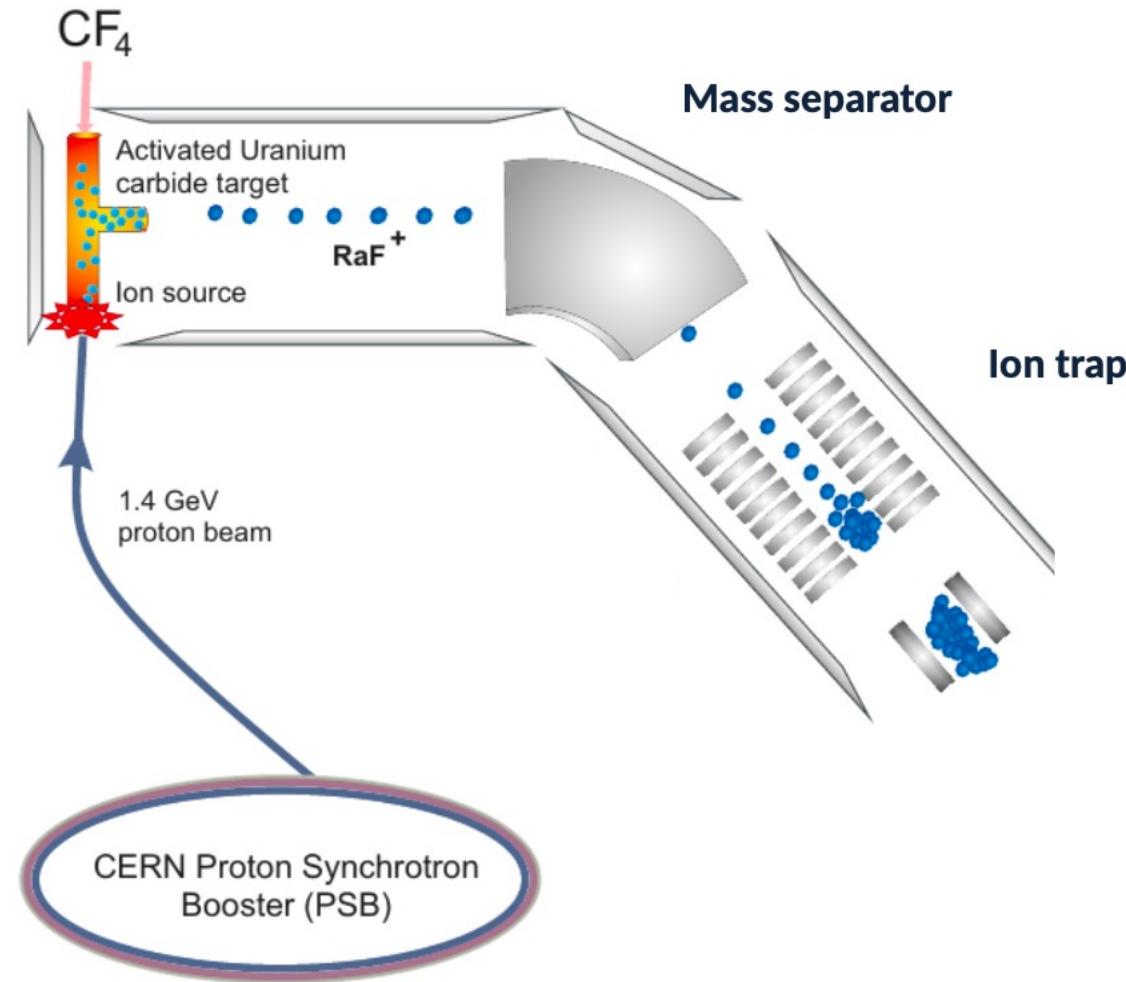
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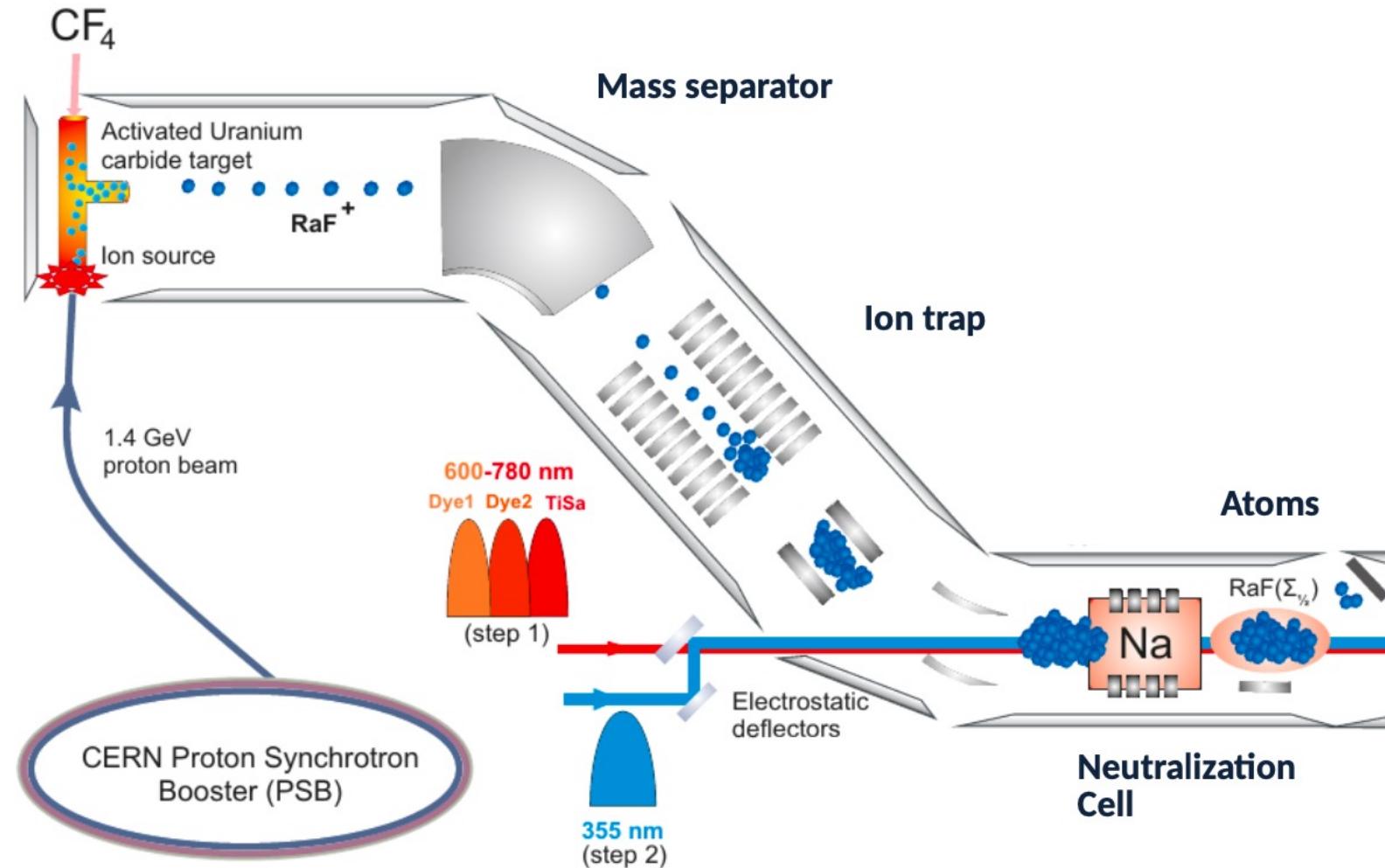
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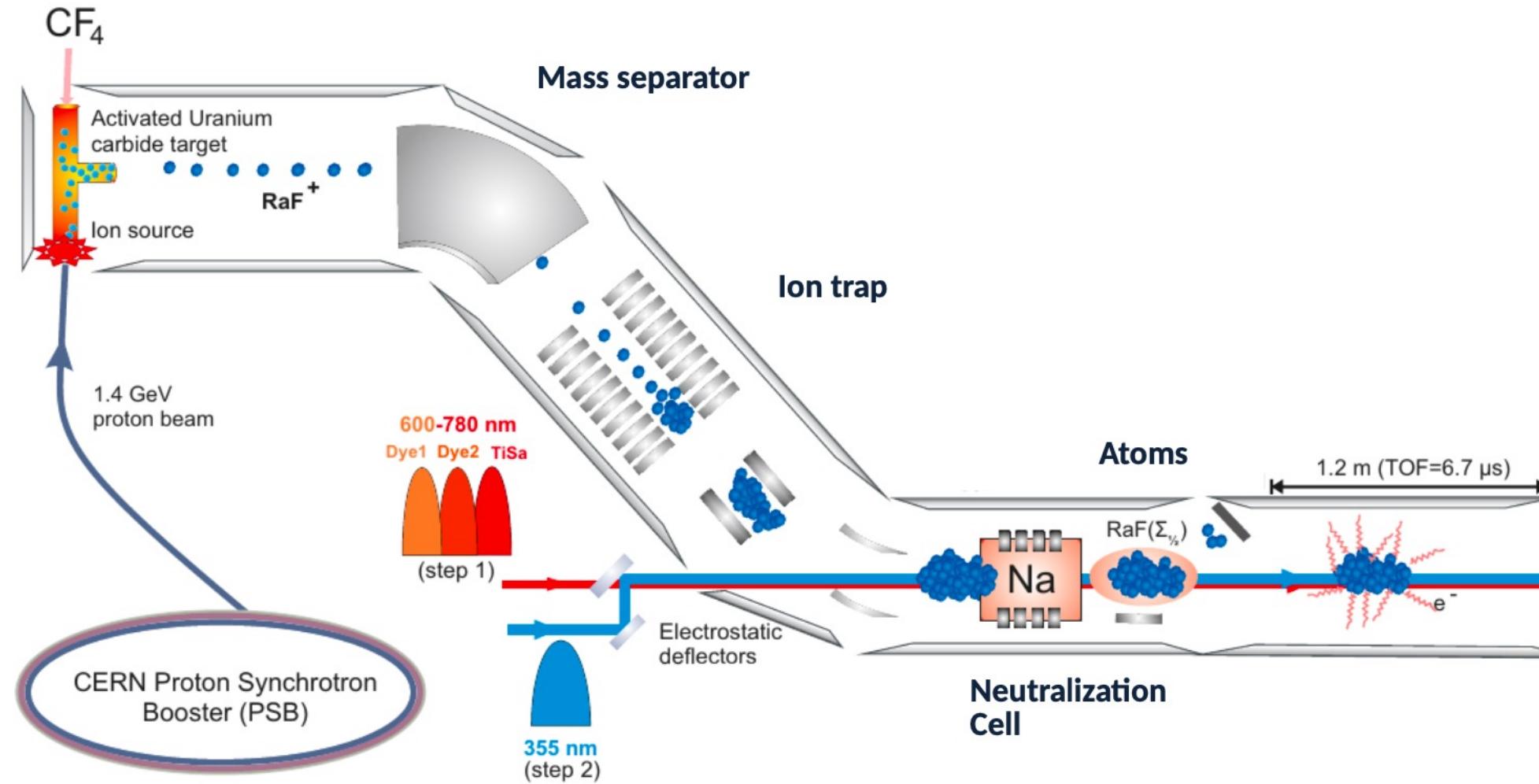
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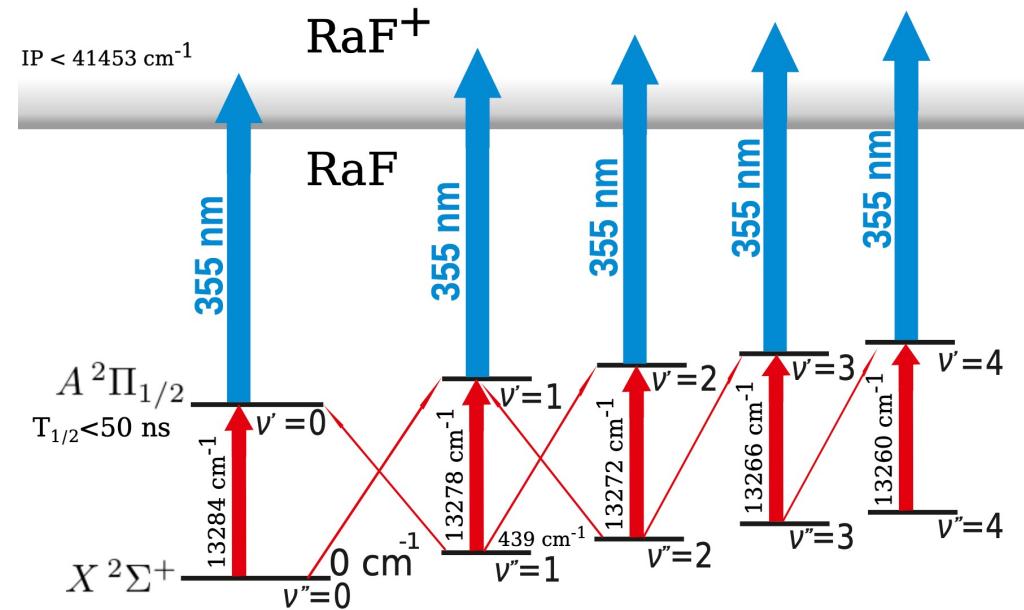
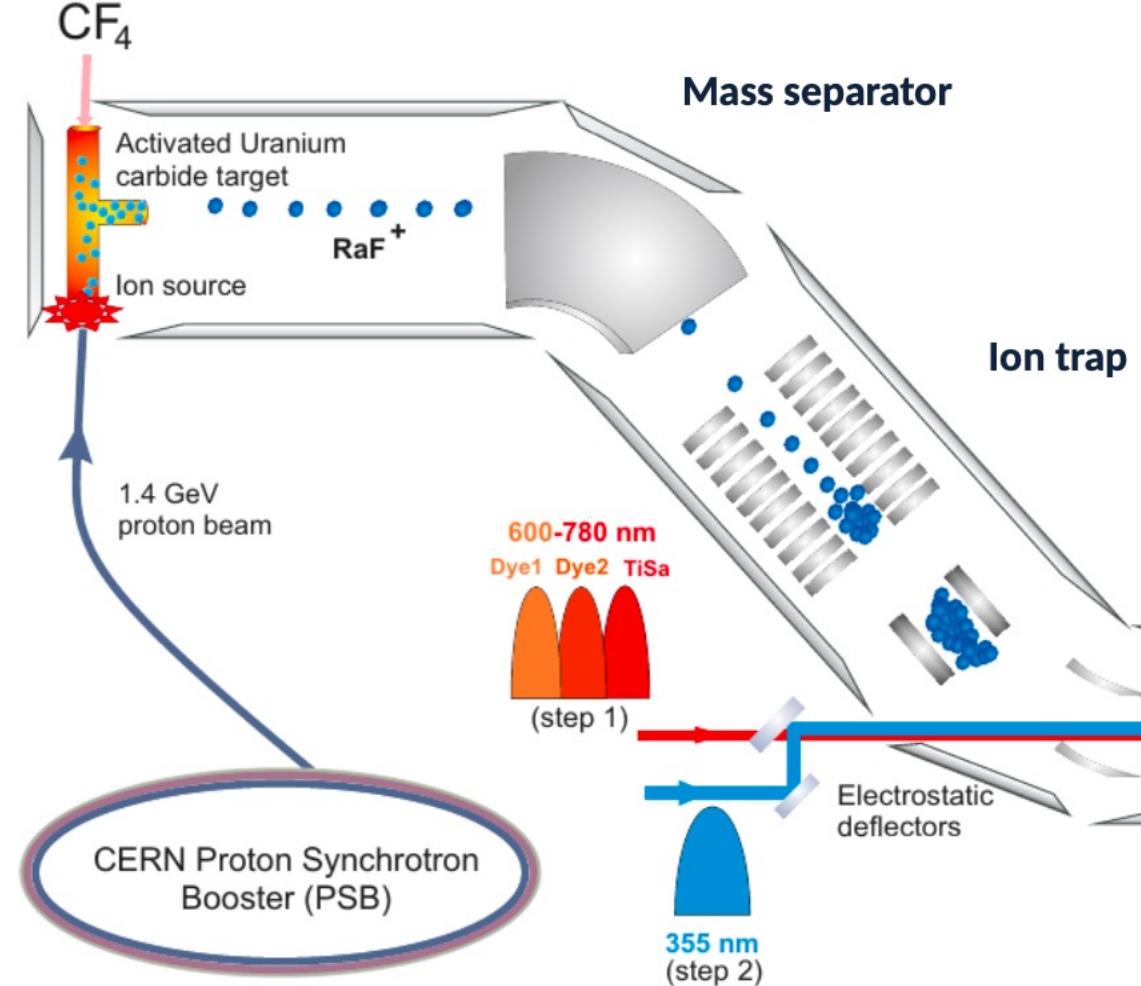
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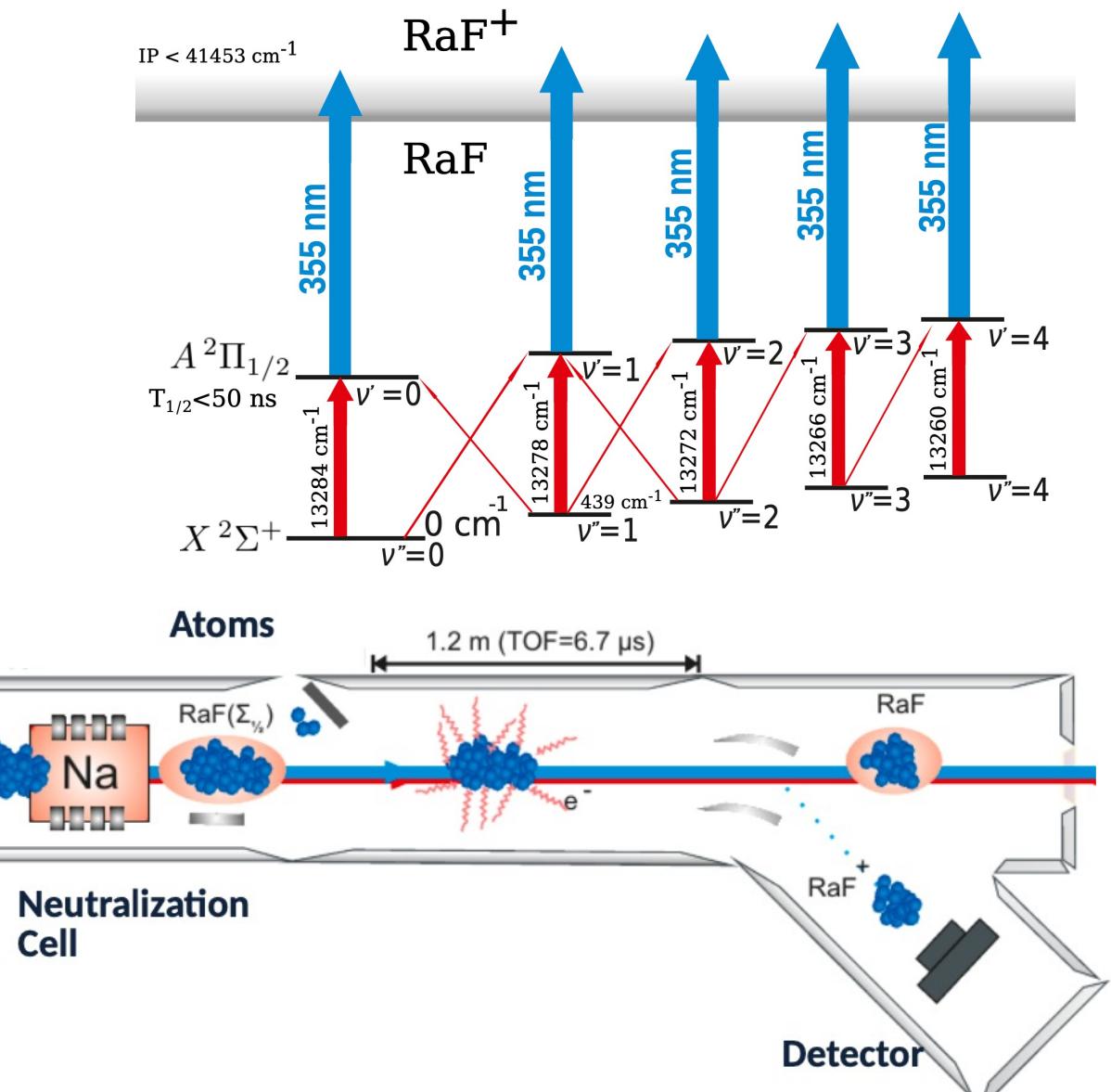
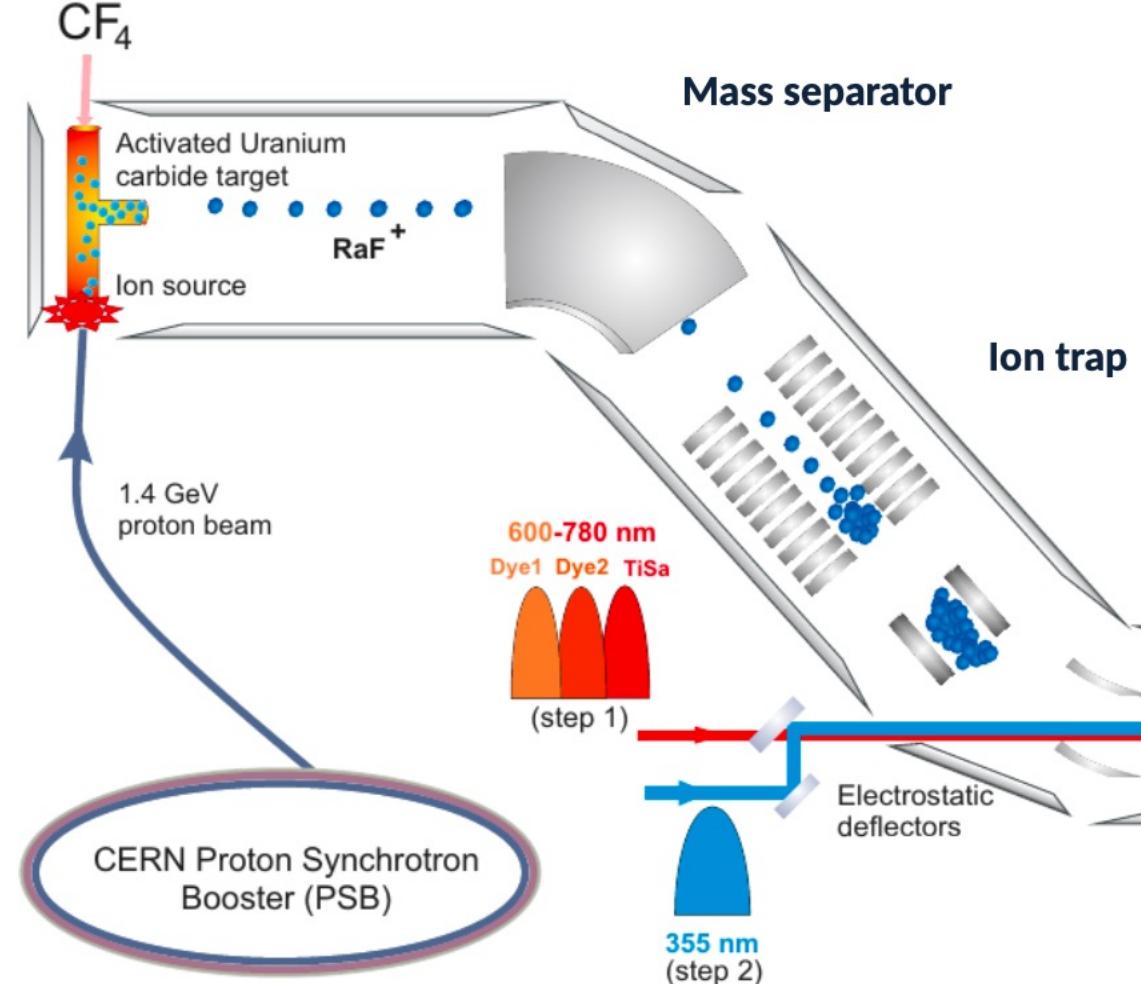


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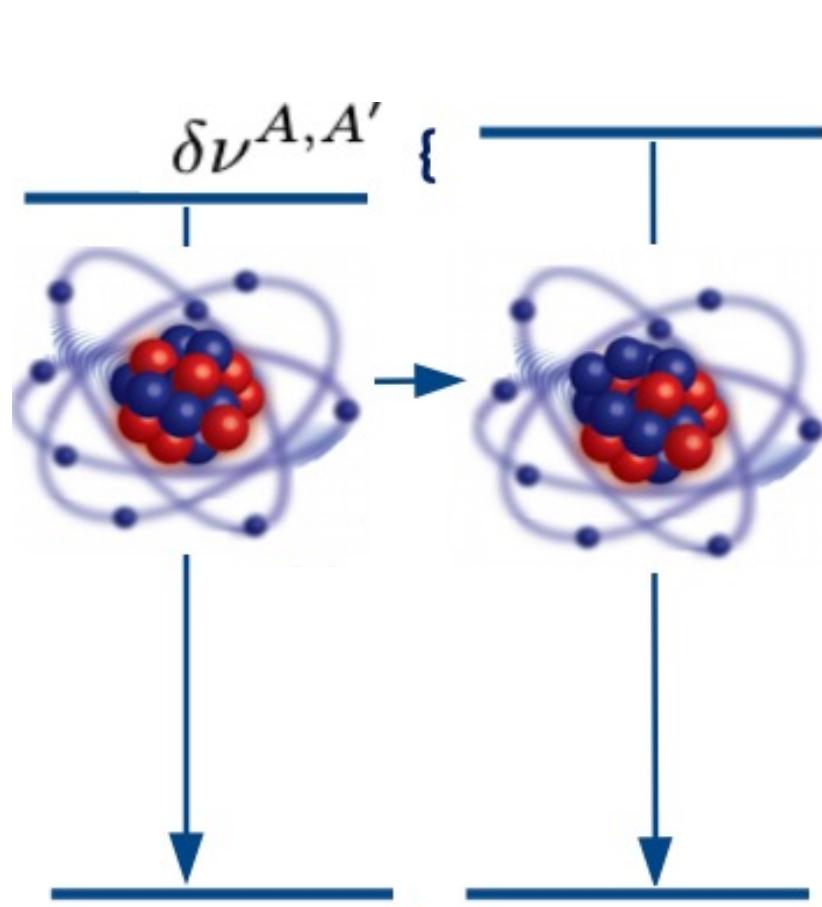


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Neutralization  
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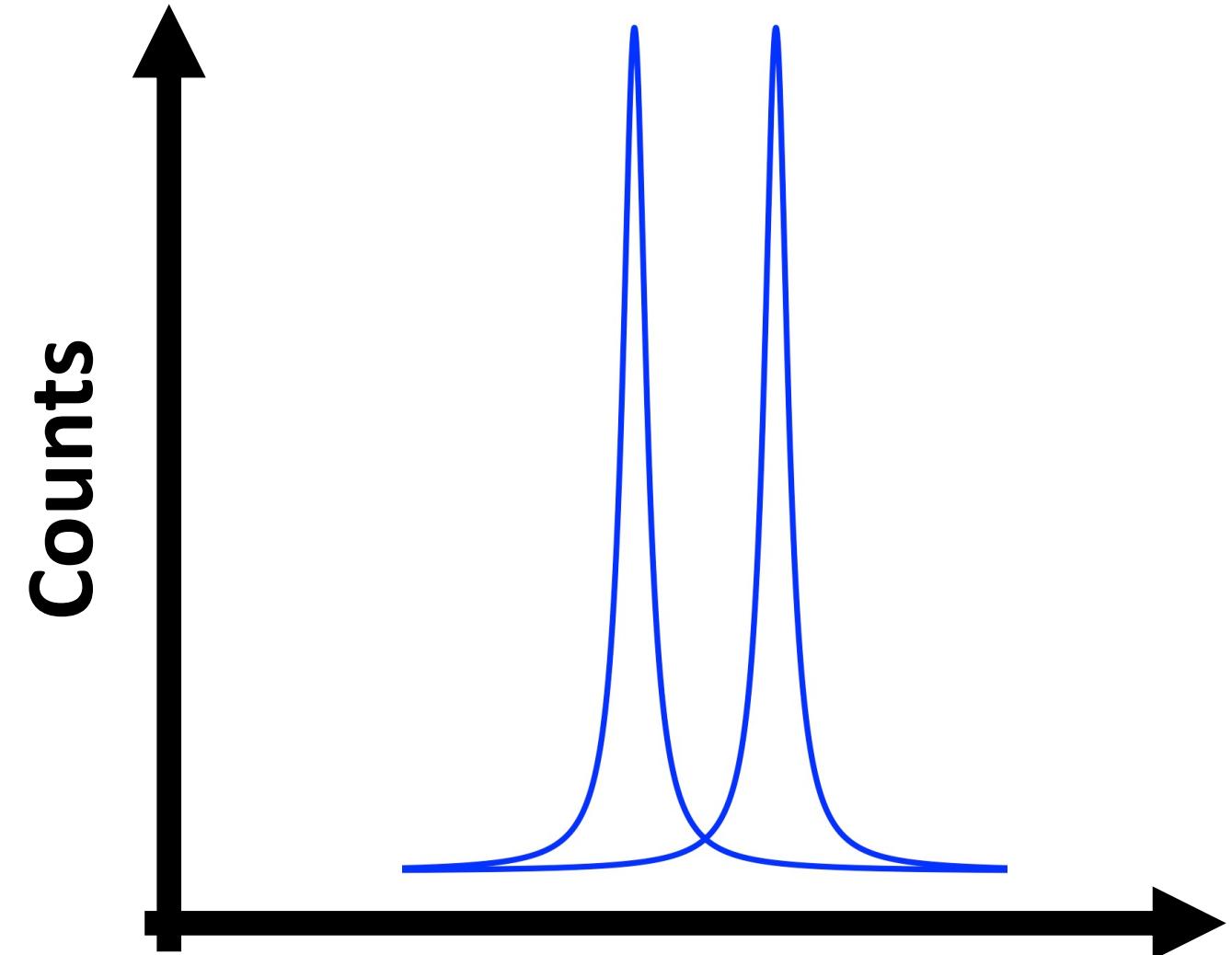
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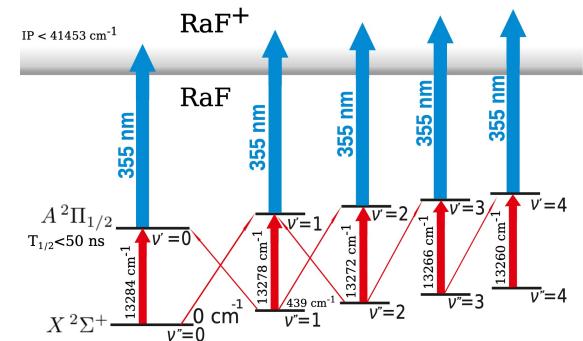
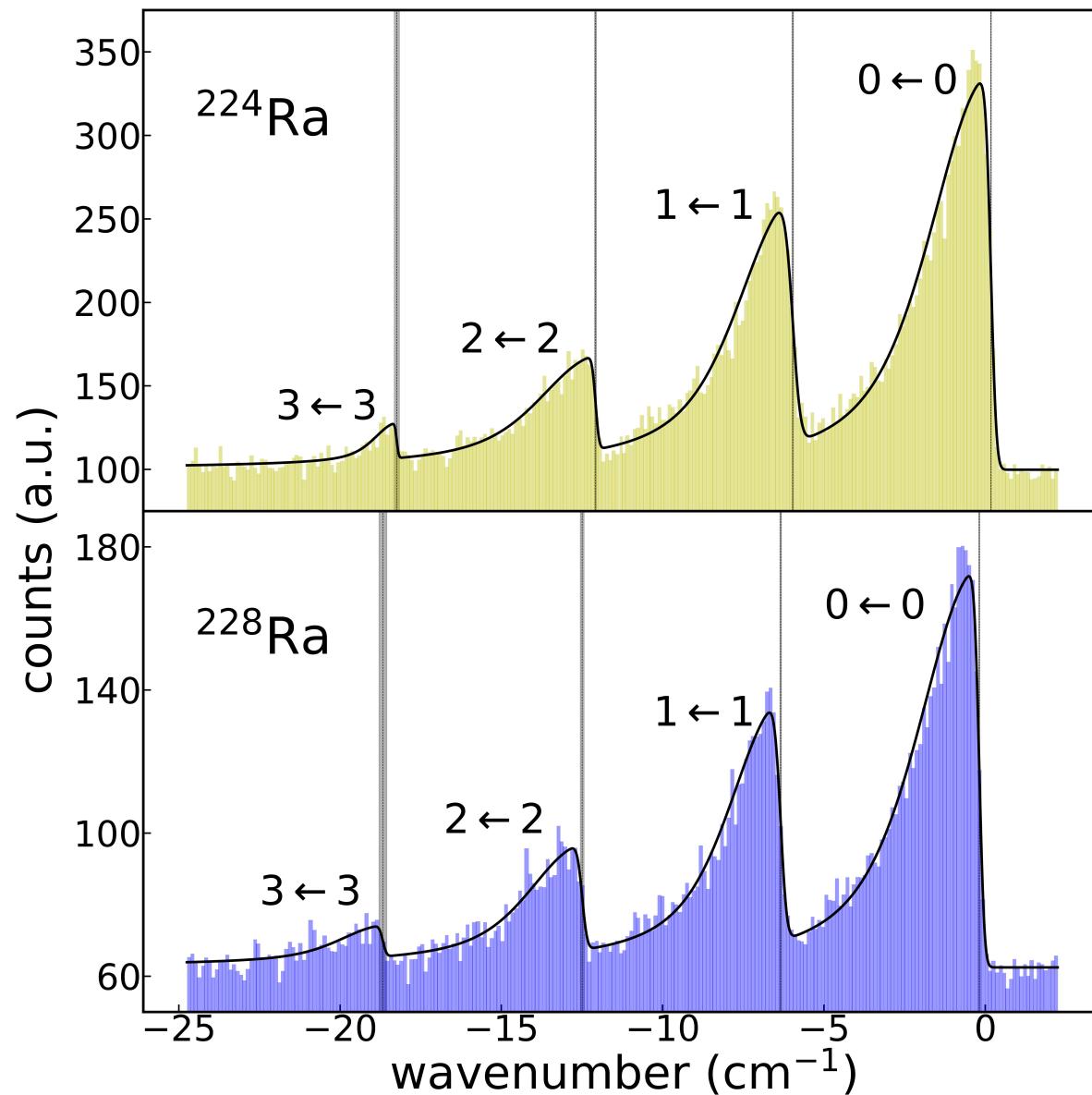


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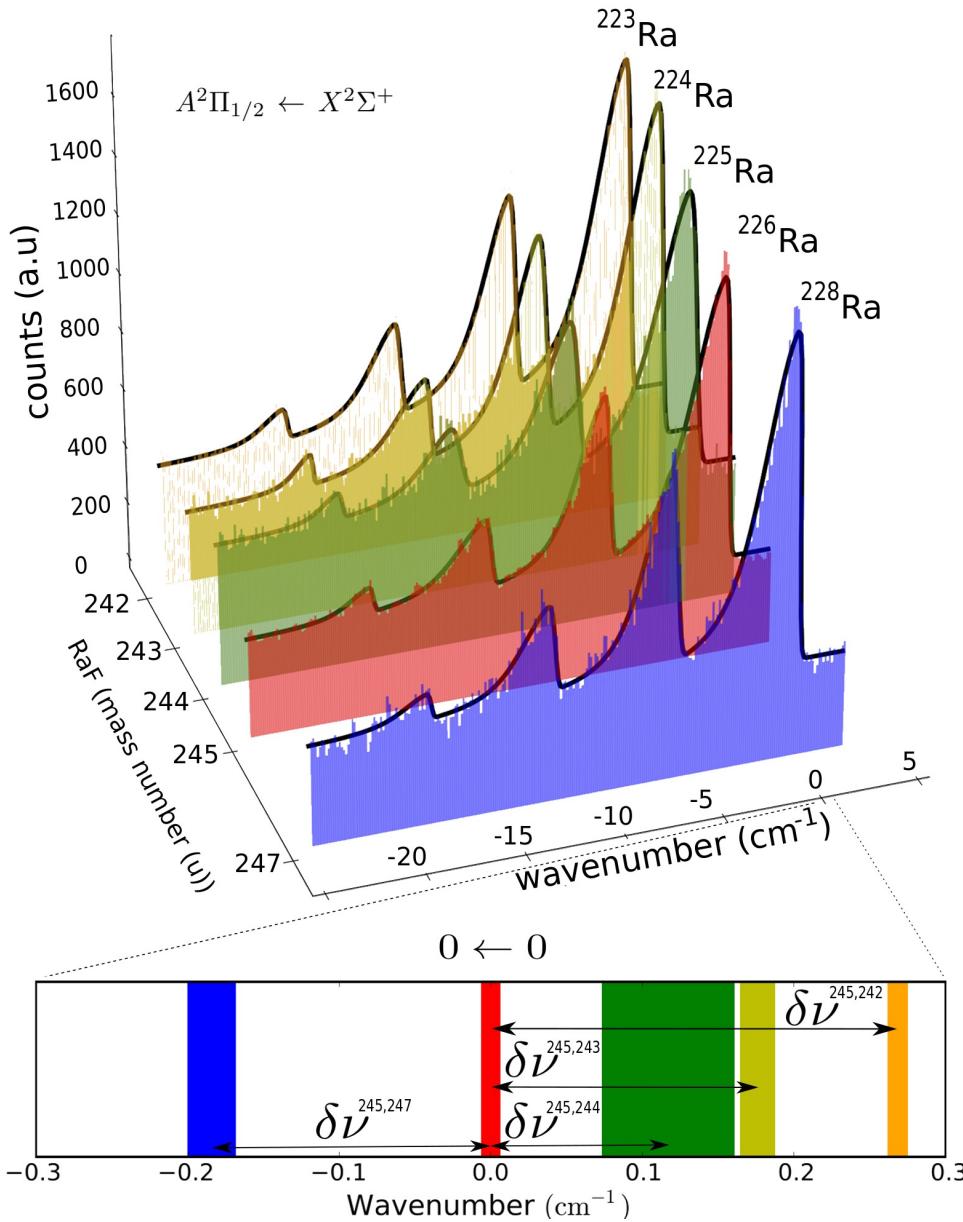


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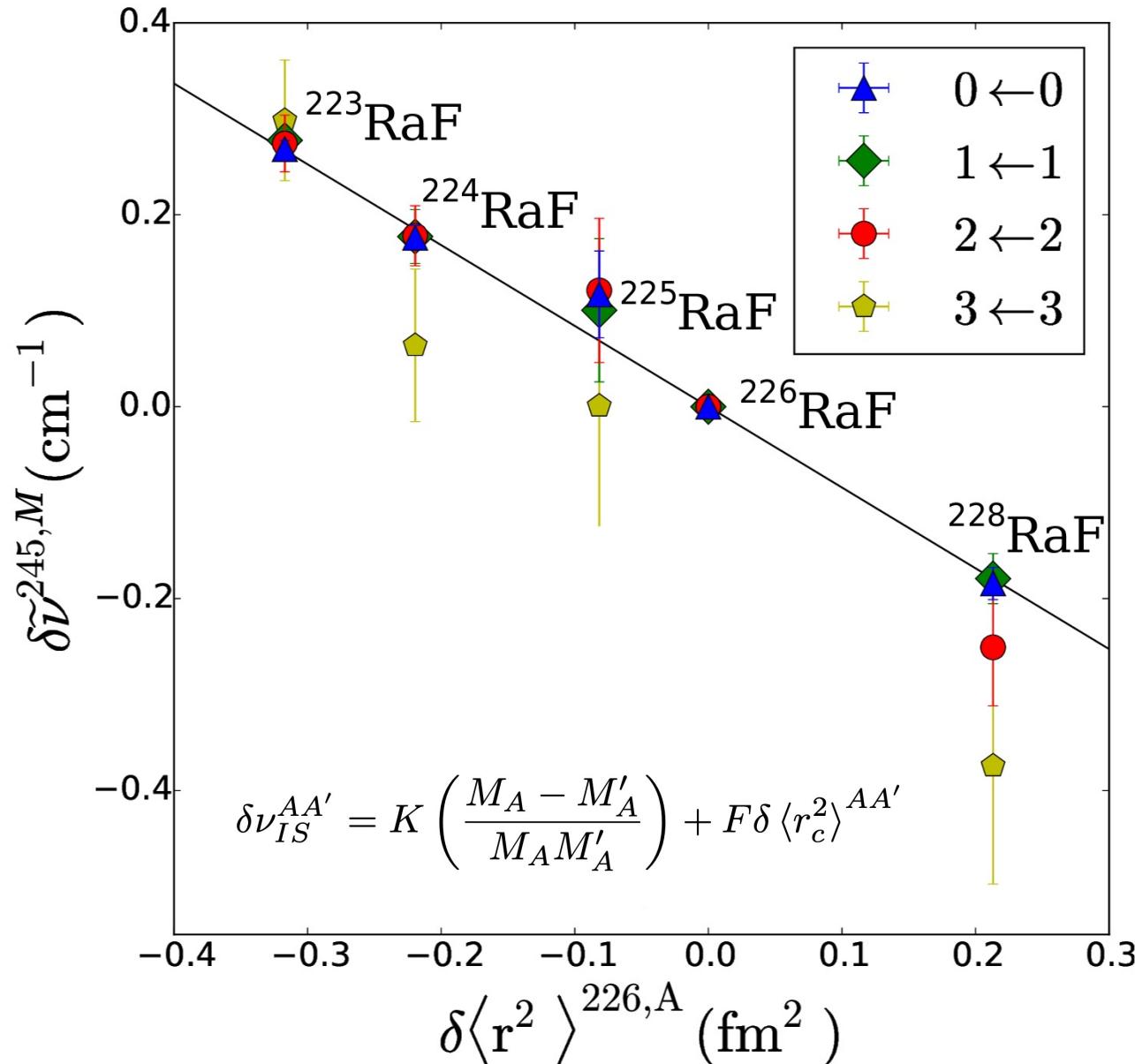


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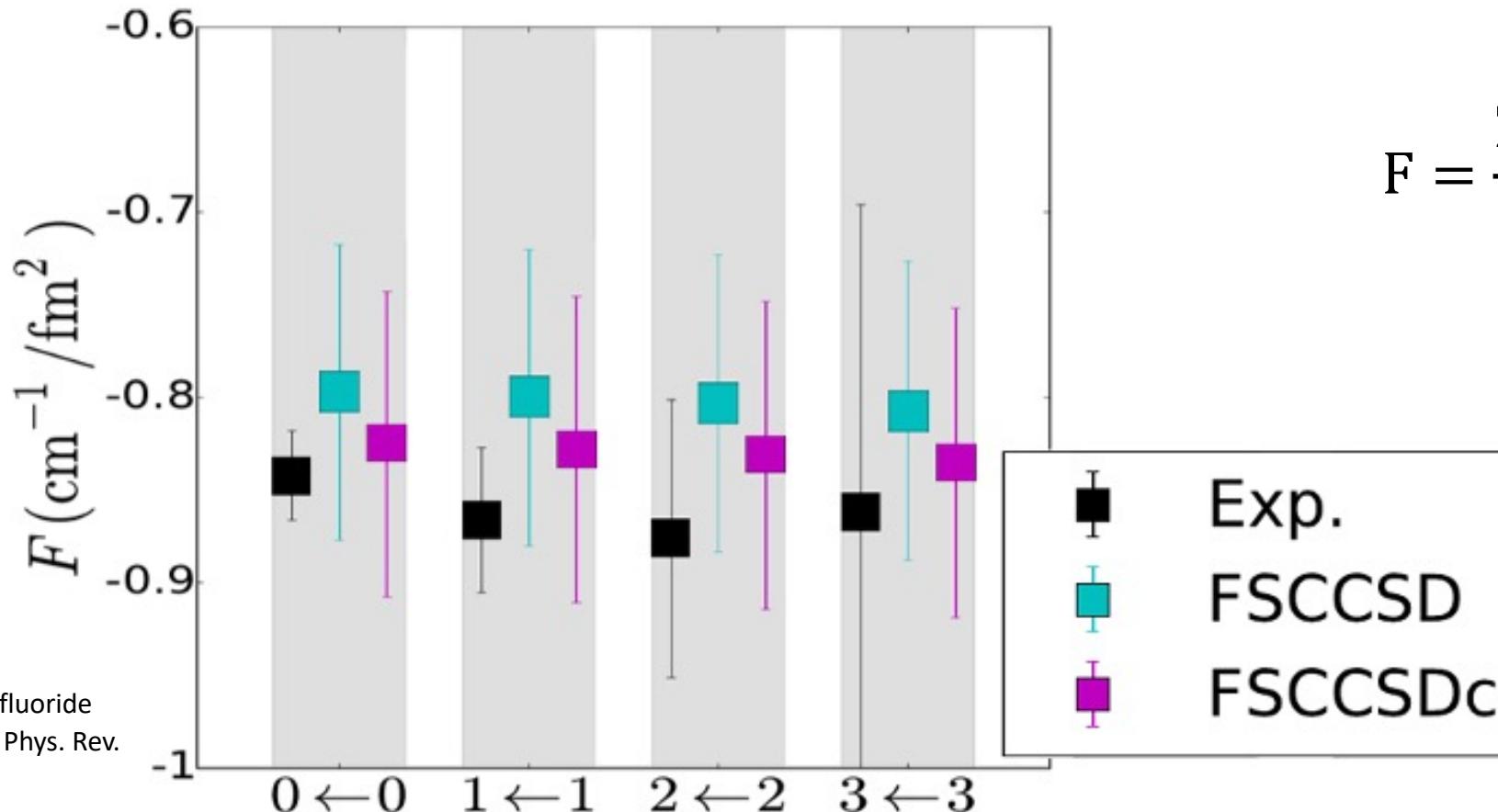


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$$F = -0.839(33) \frac{\text{cm}^{-1}}{\text{fm}^2}$$

$$F = \frac{Z_A e^2}{6\epsilon_0} \rho_e$$



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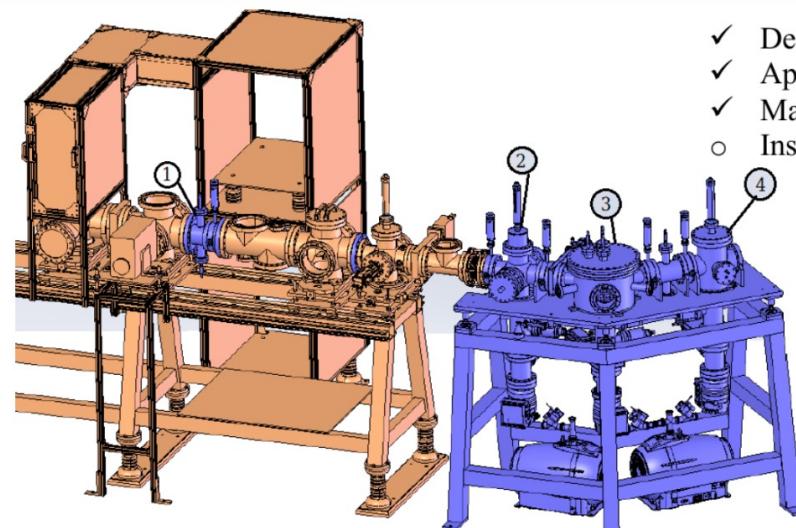
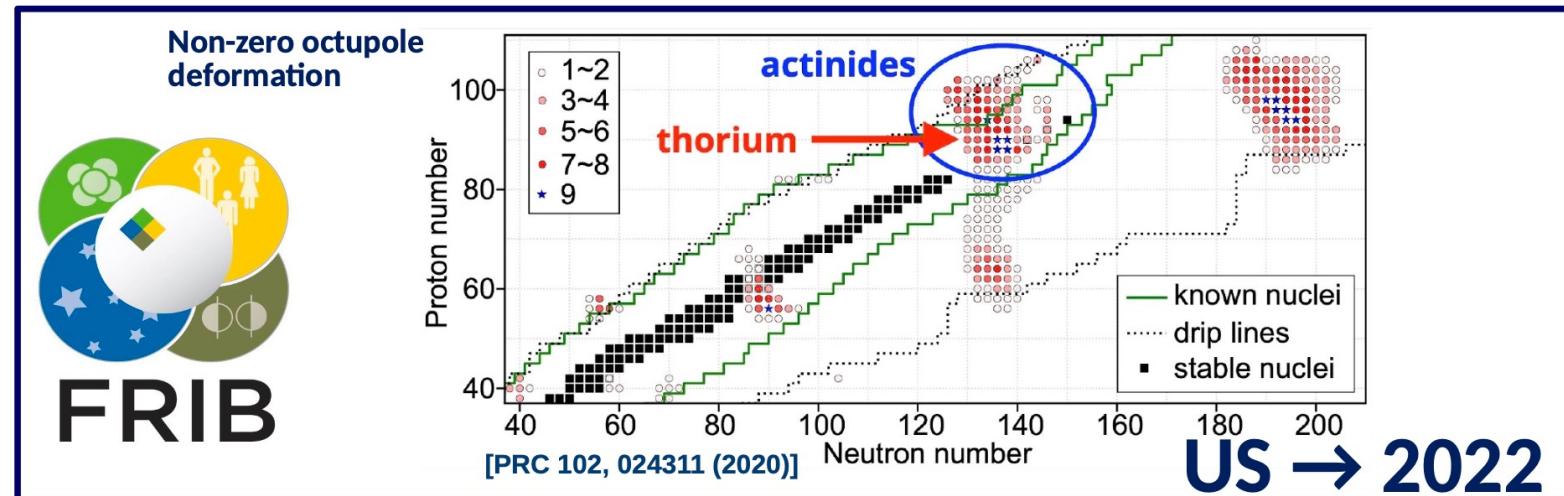
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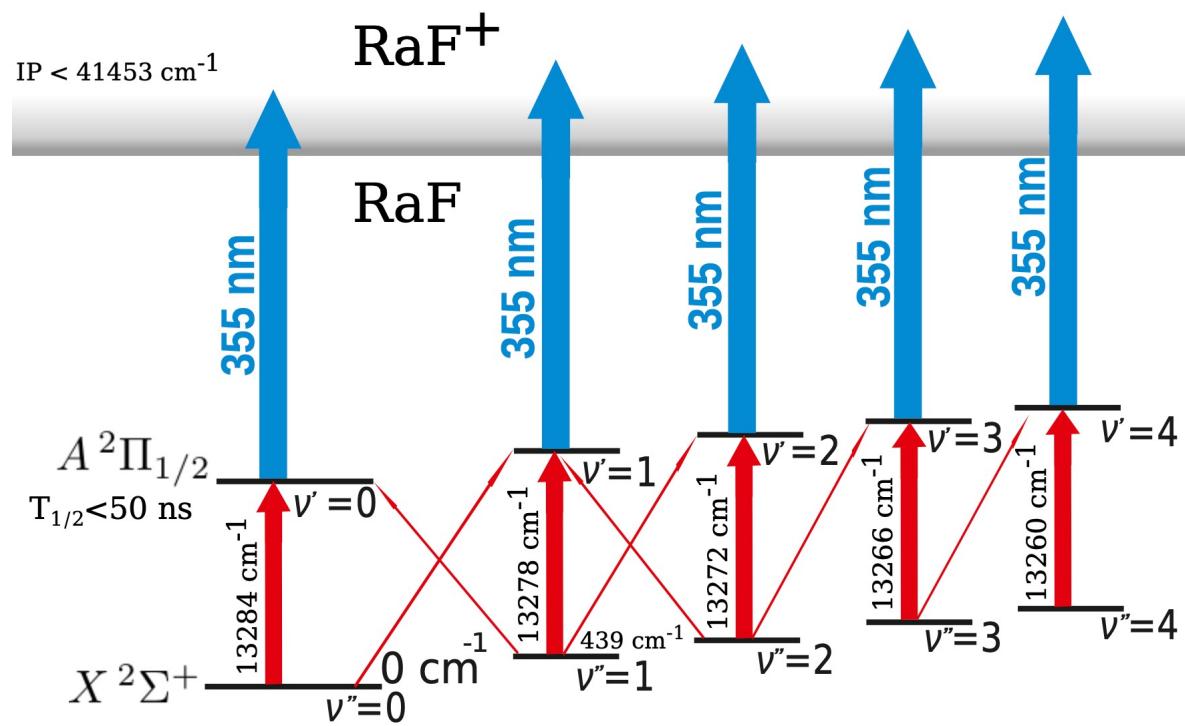
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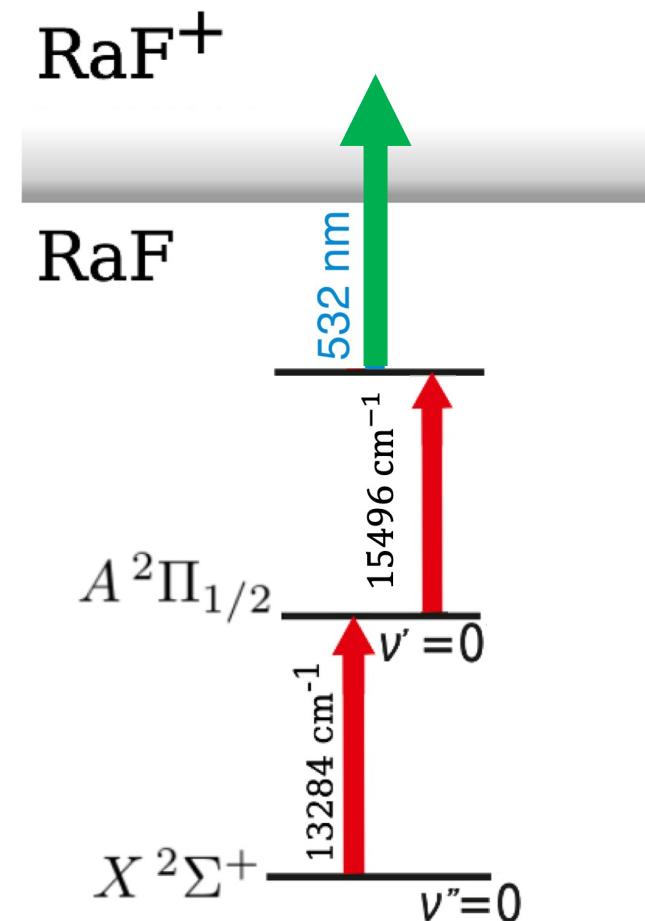
- ✓ December 2020: CRIS project started Dec 2020.
- ✓ April 2021: Beamline design completed.
- ✓ May 2021: Experimental parts are being purchased.
- Installation at FRIB expected in March 2022.



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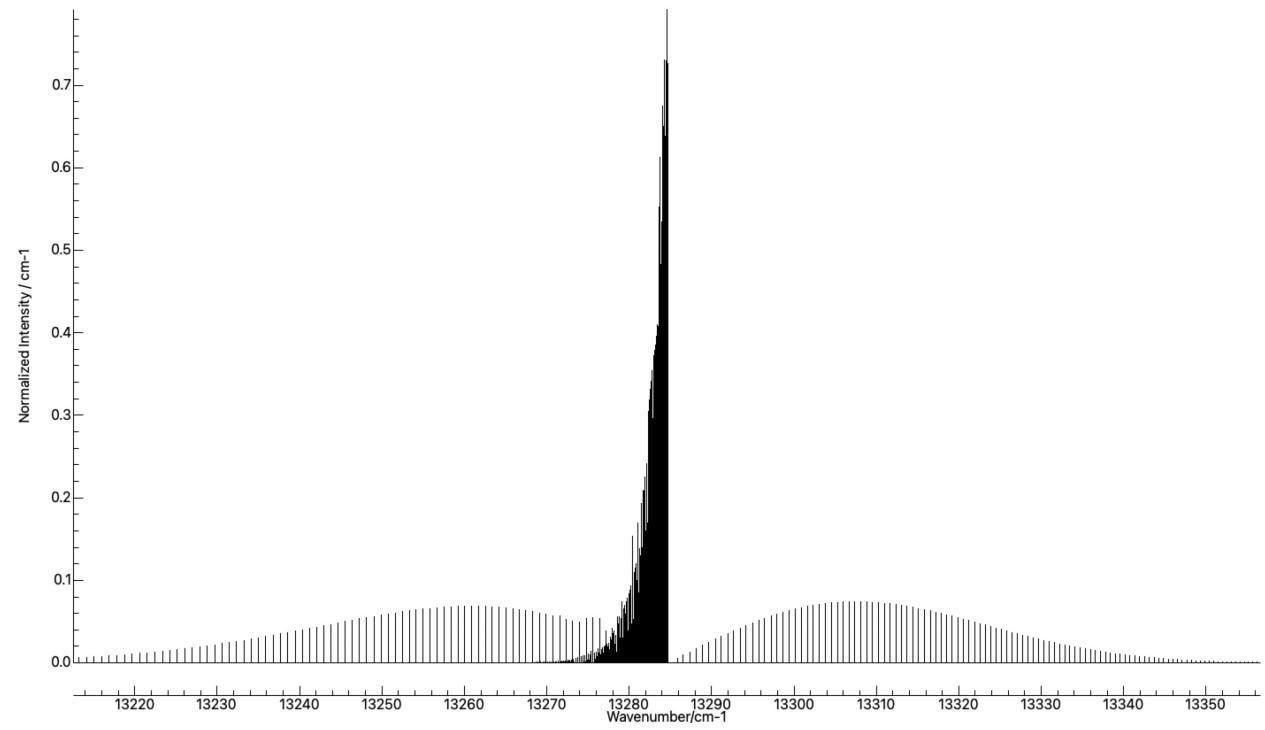
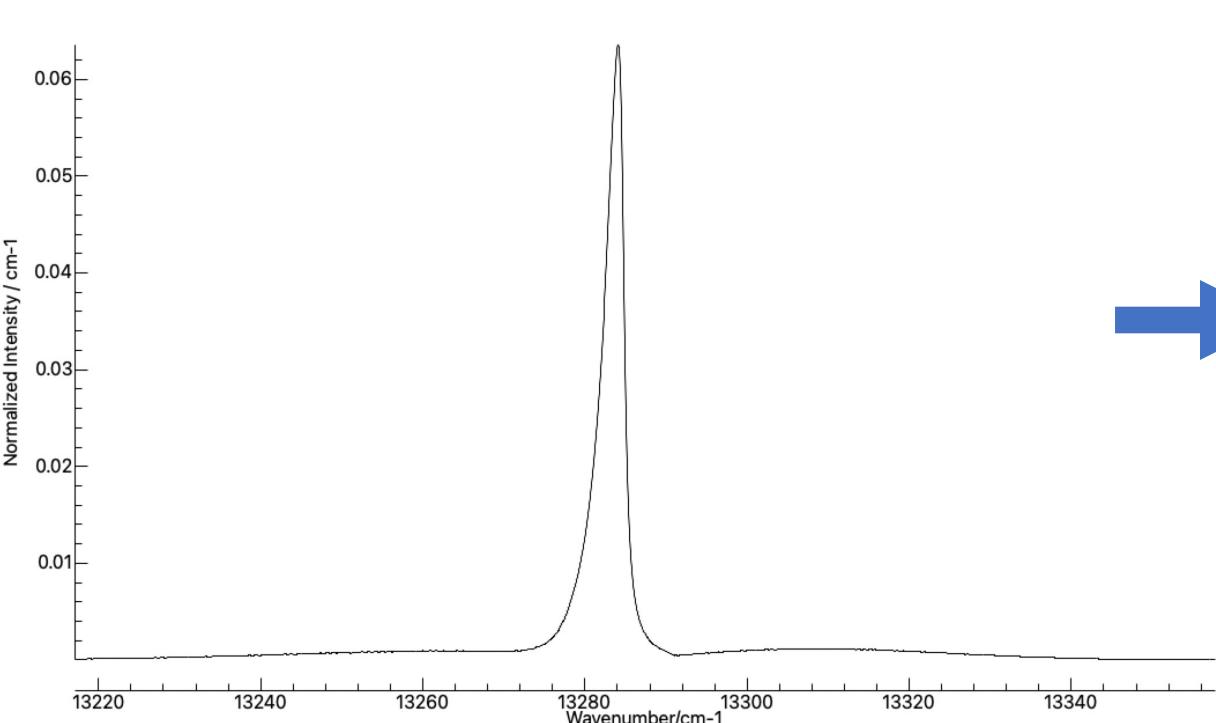


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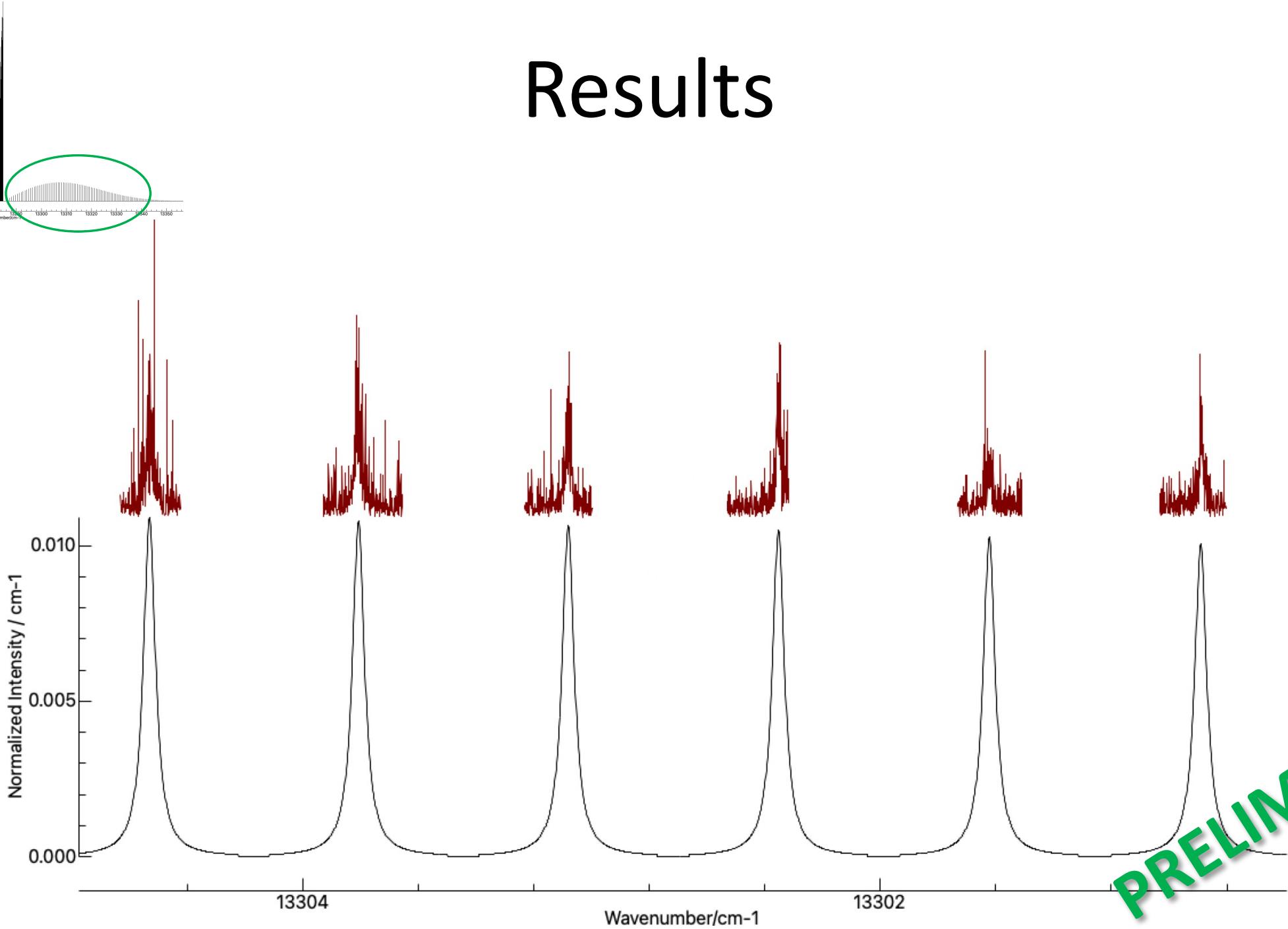


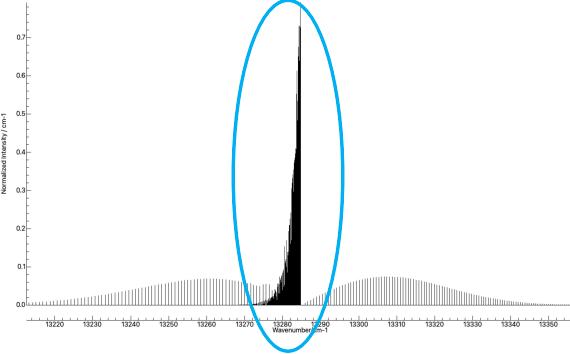
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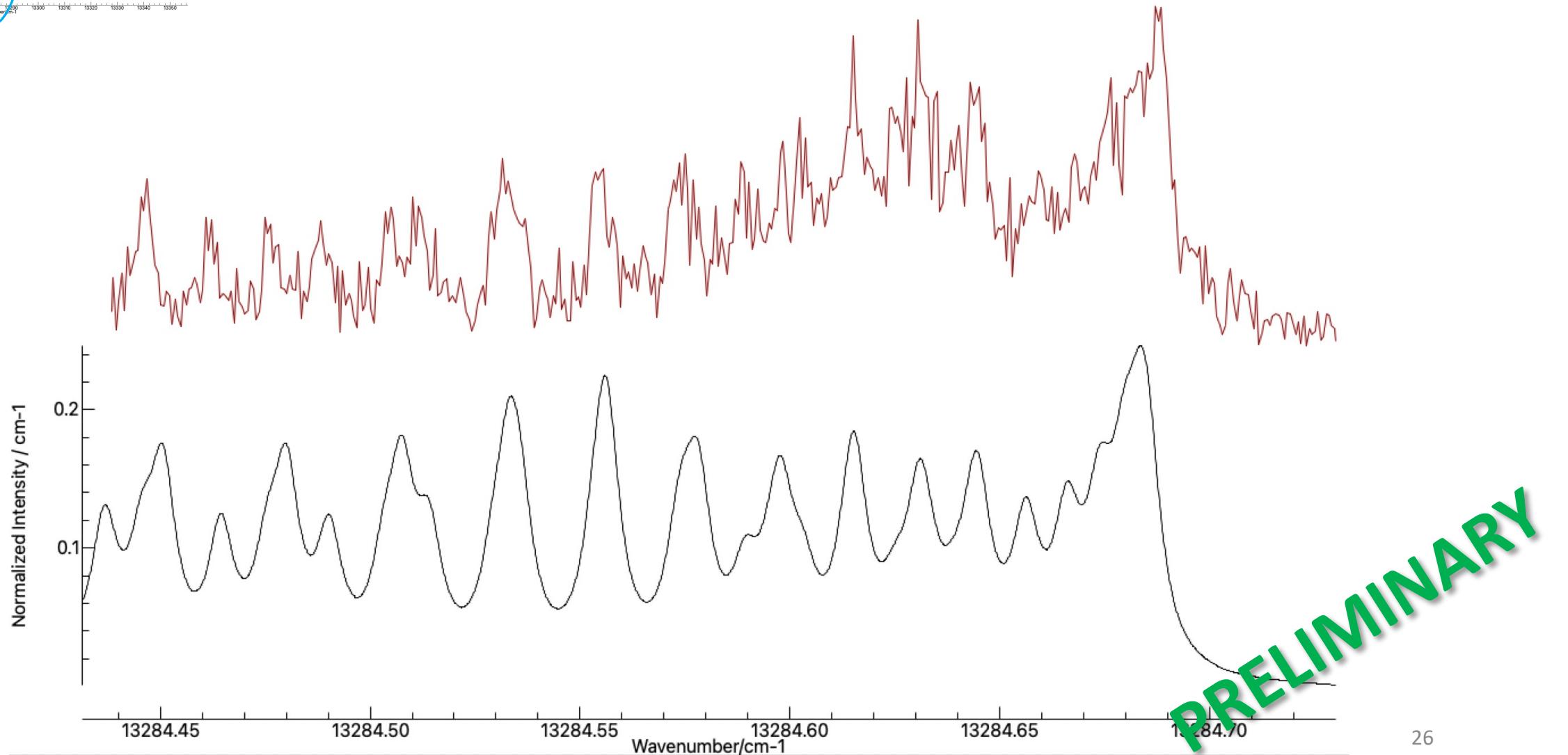


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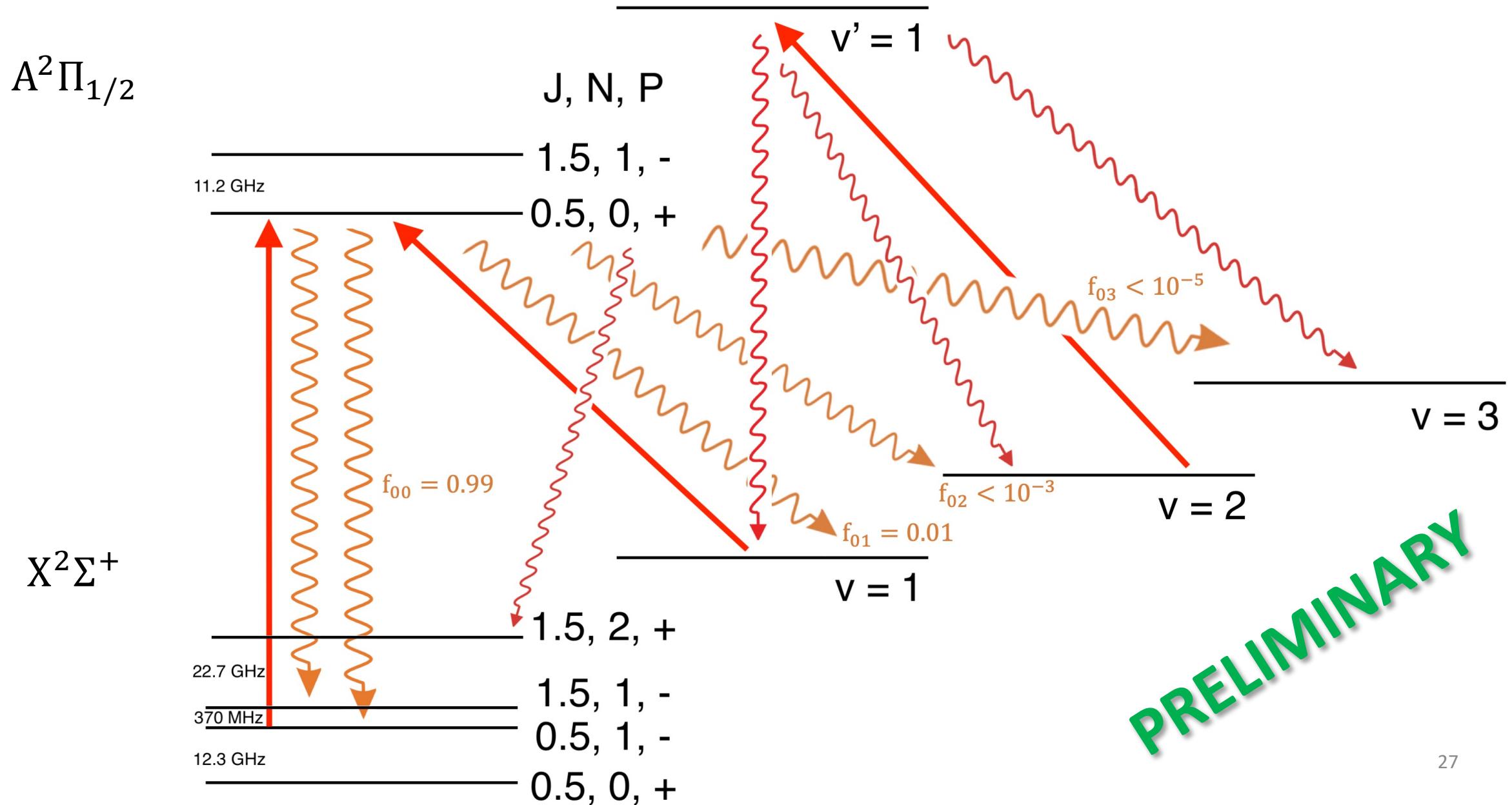




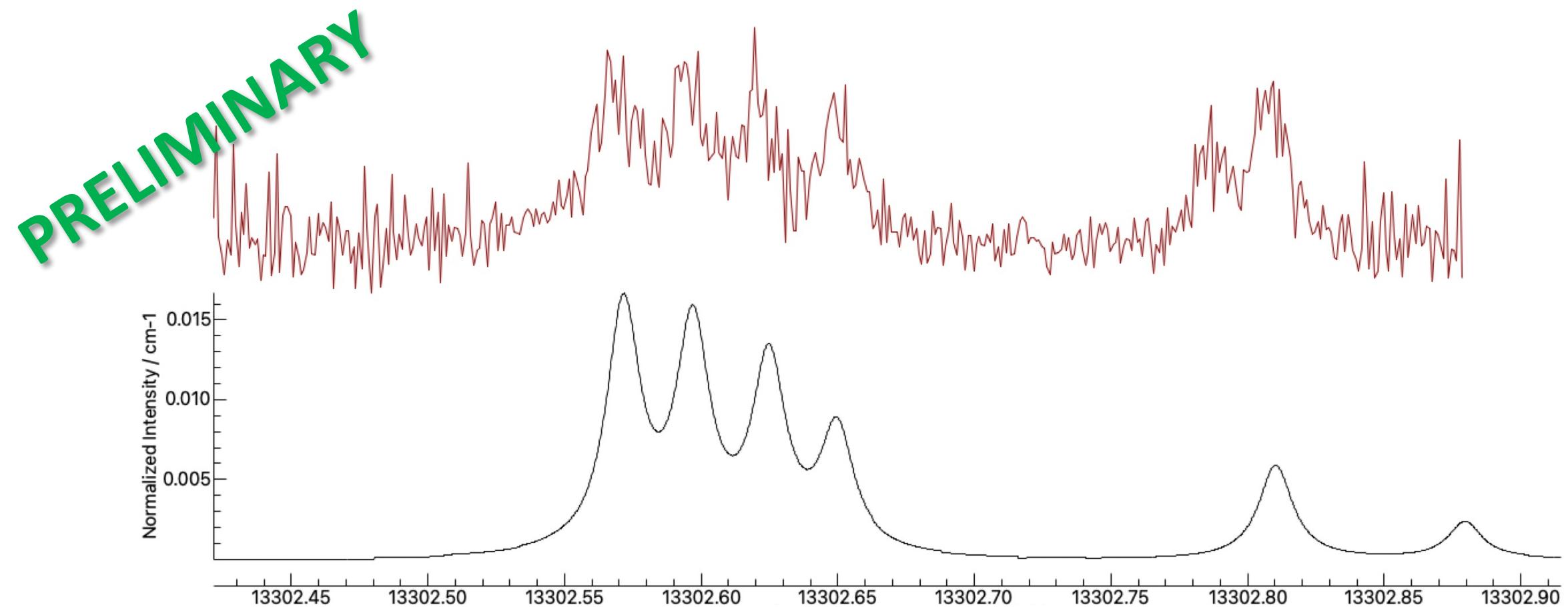
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# Laser cooling scheme



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- Extend the techniques to other molecules beside RaF (e.g. ThO, PaO, RaO, RaH, AcF, RaOH, ThF<sup>+</sup>)

Thank you!