

# Gamma Factory

Novel opportunities for Atomic, Nuclear, and Applied Physics



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# Outline of the talk

- *Opportunities with primary, secondary, and tertiary beams*
- *Atomic physics at the GF @ LHC and GF @ SPS*
- *Nuclear photophysics with fixed targets*
- *Applied physics examples*
- *Conclusions*

# Atomic Physics Studies at the Gamma Factory at CERN

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duality

Light Source ↔ Giant Ion Trap

# Spectroscopy of PSI

PSI=HCI=Highly Charged Ions

## Hydrogen-like Ions

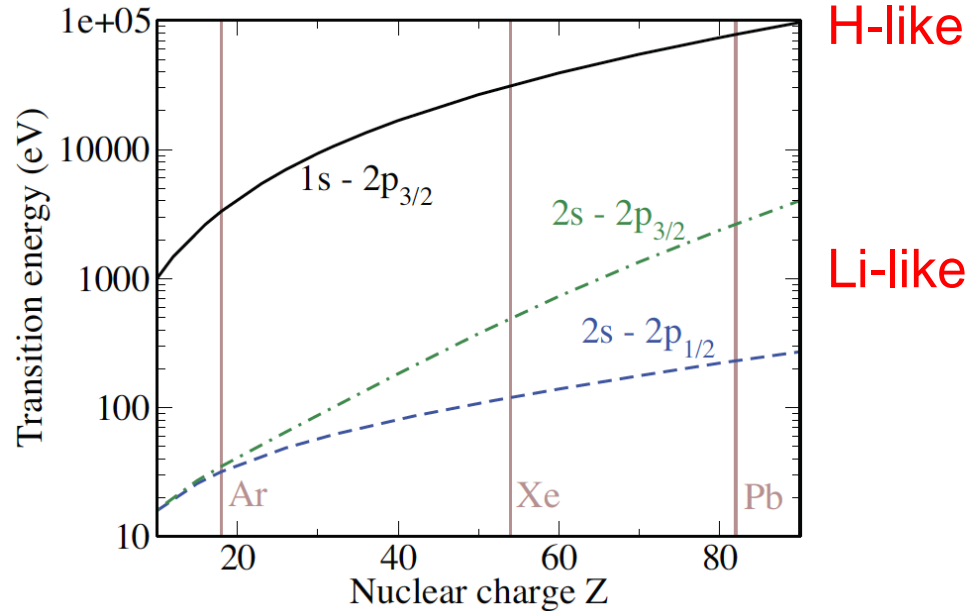
Transition energy $\Delta E_{nn'}$	$\propto (Z\alpha)^2$
Fine-structure splitting	$\propto (Z\alpha)^4$
Hyperfine-structure splitting	$\propto \alpha(Z\alpha)^3 m_e/m_p$
Lamb shift	$\propto \alpha(Z\alpha)^4$

Strong E-fields!

$\text{Pb}^{81+} : 10^{16} \text{ V/cm}$

Schwinger critical field

$$E_s = m^2 c^3 / (e\hbar) \approx 1.3 \times 10^{16} \text{ V/cm}$$





: direct excitation of heavy **PSI** with primary photons

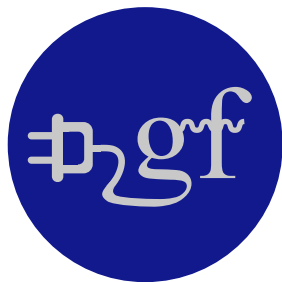
# Li-like ions

Ion	Transition energy	Reference
Pb <sup>79+</sup>	230.823 (47)(4)	theory, [5]
	230.76(4)	theory, [6]
Bi <sup>80+</sup>	235.809(53)(9)	theory, [5]
	235.72(5)	theory, [6]
U <sup>89+</sup>	280.645(15)	experiment, [7]
	280.775(97)(28)	theory, [5]

TABLE III. Energies (eV) of the  $1s^2 2s \ ^2S_{1/2} - 1s^2 2p \ ^2P_{1/2}$  transition in heavy lithium-like ions.

## PoP experiment

Parameter	Value
crossing angle	2.6°
Ion magnetic rigidity	787 T m
Ion $\gamma$ factor	96.3
Ion beam horizontal RMS size at IP	1.3 mm
Ion beam vertical RMS size at IP	0.8 mm
Ion revolution frequency	43.4 kHz
Laser photon energy	1.2 eV
Laser frequency	40 MHz
Laser pulse energy	5 mJ
Ion $2s_{1/2} \rightarrow 2p_{1/2}$ transition energy	230.8 eV
Maximum energy of back scattered photon	44.5 keV



Projected  $10^{-4}$  uncertainty in the PoP experiment:  
better than current theory state-of-the-art

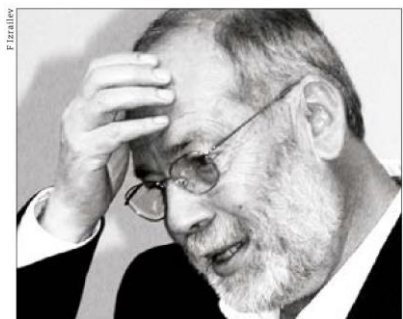


↓↓↓ Atomic Physics already in PoP! ↓ □



Fundamental symmetry tests at the



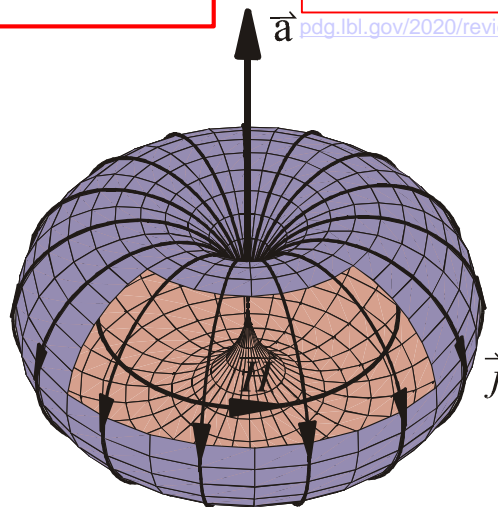
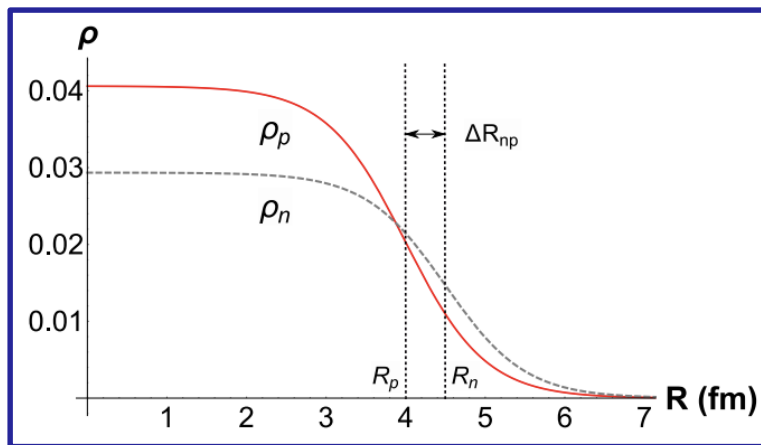
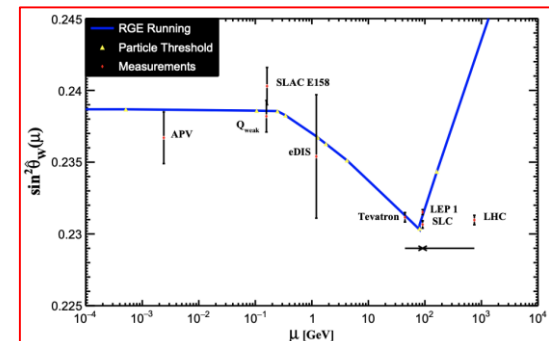


# Parity Nonconservation in Relativistic Hydrogenic Ions

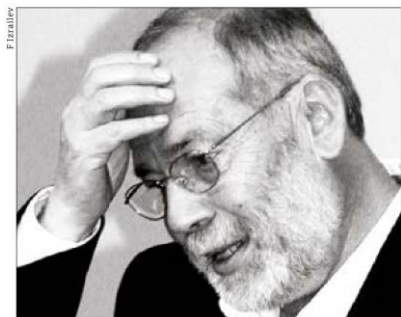
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## Why ?

- New physics (e.g.  $Z'$  bosons)
- Neutron skins
- Nuclear anapoles

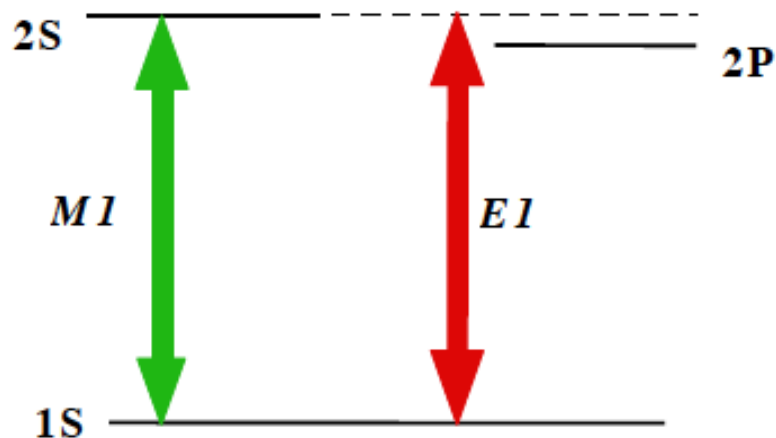


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## Parity Nonconservation in Relativistic Hydrogenic Ions

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level-mixing

$$|2S\rangle \Rightarrow |2S\rangle + i\eta|2P\rangle, \quad i\eta = \frac{\langle 2P|\hat{H}_w|2S\rangle}{E_{2S} - E_{2P}}$$



circular dichroism

Fig. 1. The 1S→2S transition in a hydrogenic system.

Table 2. Parameters of relativistic ion storage rings.

Parameter	RHIC	SPS	LHC
$\gamma_{\max}$ for protons <sup>a</sup>	250	450	7000
Number of ions/ring <sup>b</sup>	$\sim 5 \cdot 10^{11}$	$\sim 2 \cdot 10^{11}$	$\sim 5 \cdot 10^{10}$
Number of bunches/ring	57	128	500-800
R.m.s bunch length	84 cm	13 cm	7.5 cm
Circumference	3.8 km	6.9 km	26.7 km
Energy spread w/o laser cooling	$2 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$4.5 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$2 \cdot 10^{-4}$
Normalized Emittance (N.E.)	$\approx 4 \pi \cdot \mu\text{m} \cdot \text{rad}$	$\approx 4 \pi \cdot \mu\text{m} \cdot \text{rad}$	$\approx 4 \pi \cdot \mu\text{m} \cdot \text{rad}$
Dipole field	3.5 T	1.5 T	8.4 T
Vacuum, cold	$< 10^{-11}$ Torr (H <sub>2</sub> , He)	-	$< 10^{-11}$ Torr (H <sub>2</sub> , He)

<sup>a</sup> For hydrogenic ions,  $\gamma_{\max}^{\text{ions}} = \gamma_{\max}^p \cdot Z - 1/A$

<sup>b</sup> Estimated from proton and heavy ion data.

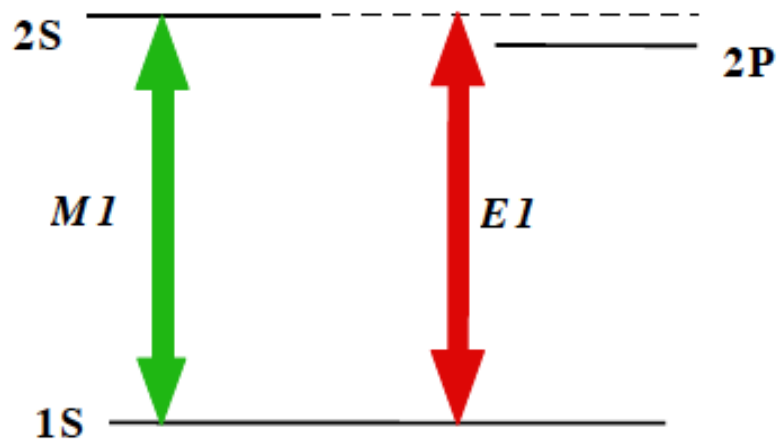



Fig. 1. The  $1S \rightarrow 2S$  transition in a hydrogenic system.

Table 1: Z-dependence of atomic characteristics for hydrogenic ions. In the given expressions,  $\alpha$  is the fine structure constant,  $\hbar=c=1$ ,  $m_e$  is the electron mass,  $G_F$  is the Fermi constant,  $\theta_w$  is the Weinberg angle, and  $A$  is the ion mass number.

Parameter	Symbol	Approximate Expression
Transition Energy	$\Delta E_{n-n'}$	$\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{n^2} - \frac{1}{n'^2} \right) \alpha^2 m_e \cdot Z^2$
Lamb Shift	$\Delta E_{2S-2P}$	$\frac{1}{6\pi} \alpha^5 m_e \cdot Z^4 \cdot F(Z)^a$
Weak Interaction Hamiltonian	$\hat{H}_w$	$i \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \cdot \frac{G_F m_e^3 \alpha^4}{64\pi} \cdot \left\{ (1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta_w) - \frac{(A-Z)}{Z} \right\} \cdot Z^5$
Electric Dipole Amplitude ( $2S \rightarrow 2P_{1/2}$ )	$EI_{2S \rightarrow 2P}$	$\sqrt{\frac{3}{\alpha}} \cdot m_e^{-1} \cdot Z^{-1}$
Electric Dipole Amplitude ( $1S \rightarrow 2P_{1/2}$ )	$EI$	$\frac{2^7}{3^5} \sqrt{\frac{2}{3\alpha}} \cdot m_e^{-1} \cdot Z^{-1}$
Forbidden Magn. Dipole Ampl. ( $1S \rightarrow 2S$ )	$MI$	$\frac{2^{5/2} \alpha^{5/2}}{3^4} \cdot m_e^{-1} \cdot Z^2$
Radiative Width	$\Gamma_{2P}$	$\left( \frac{2}{3} \right)^8 \alpha^5 m_e \cdot Z^4$

<sup>a</sup> The function  $F(Z)$  is tabulated in Ref. 12. Some representative values are:  $F(1)=7.7$ ;  $F(5)=4.8$ ,  $F(10)=3.8$ ;  $F(40)=1.5$ .

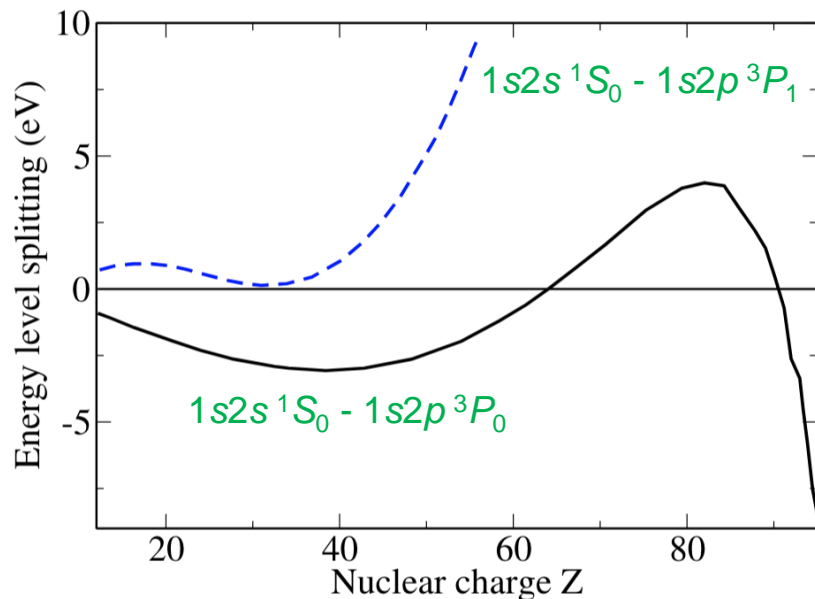
Unique to   
measure in **isonuclear** chains  
(+isotopic chains)



control of systematics  
for **neutron-skins**

# Not only hydrogenic ions are interesting for parity violation!

## Level-crossing in He-like ions



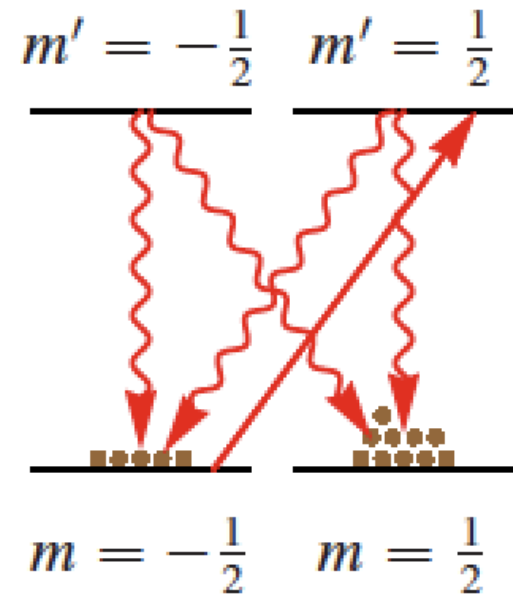
Parity-violating mixing



$$\eta = \frac{\langle \Psi_s | \hat{H}_w | \Psi_p \rangle}{E_p - E_s - i\Gamma/2}$$

$\propto Z^5$

Enhancement  
near  
level crossings

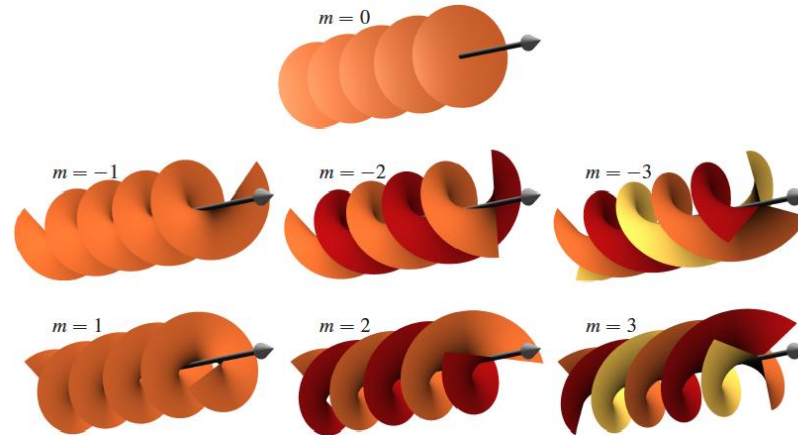
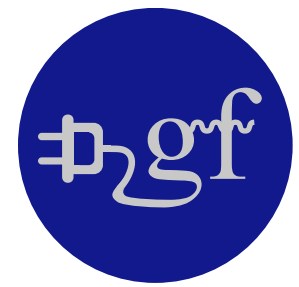
# Optical Pumping of PSI



- Single-path polarization via **optical pumping**
- Both **electronic** and **nuclear polarization**
- Will polarization survive a round trip?
- If yes  measure static and oscillating **EDM**
- Regardless  nuclear-spin dependent **parity violation**



# More atomic physics at the



- Laser cooling of PSI in the ring: **enabling technology!**
- Twisted light (gamma)
- PSI in strong external fields (also for parity violation)
- Tests of special relativity
- Scattering of gamma rays on ions (Thompson, Delbrück, ...)
- ...

## Expanding Nuclear Physics Horizons with Gamma Factory

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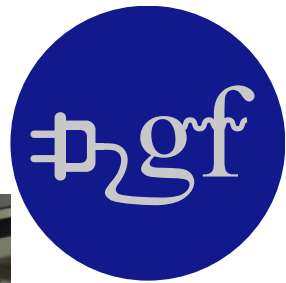
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# Nuclear physics at the

- Physics opportunities with **primary, secondary** and **tertiary beams**  
with previously unattainable parameters
- Direct measurements of astrophysical **S-factors** at relevant energies
- Spectroscopy of nuclear gamma transitions  
on par with laser spectroscopy of atoms
- **Gamma polarimetry** at the  $10^{-5}$  to  $10^{-6}$  rad level
- Precision measurement of **parity violation** in hadronic and nuclear system  
at previously inaccessible asymmetry
- Production of high-intensity, monoenergetic and small-emittance  
**tertiary beams**: neutrons, muons, neutrinos, etc.
- ...

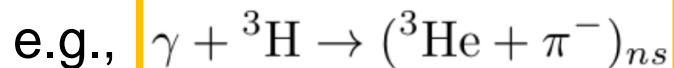
# Nuclear physics at the : examples

- Direct **nuclear-transition spectroscopy** of stored nuclei (or PSI)

- Interplay of atomic and nuclear d.o.f.

- $(\gamma, \pi)$  reactions to probe halo nuclei

- Photoproduction of pionic(kaonic) atoms,

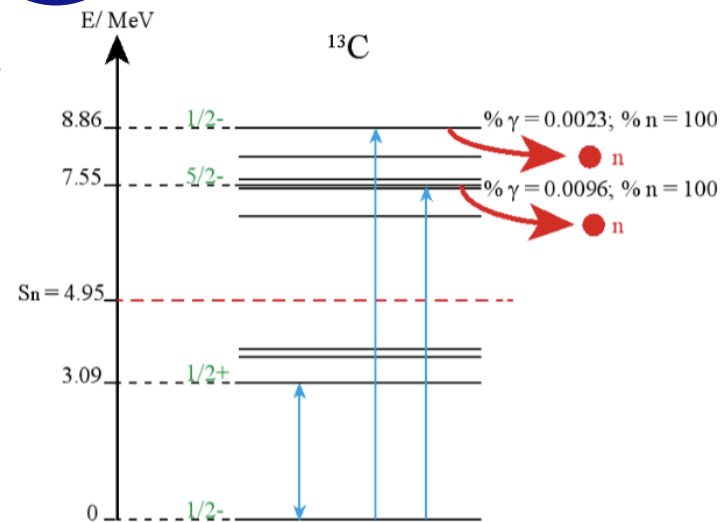


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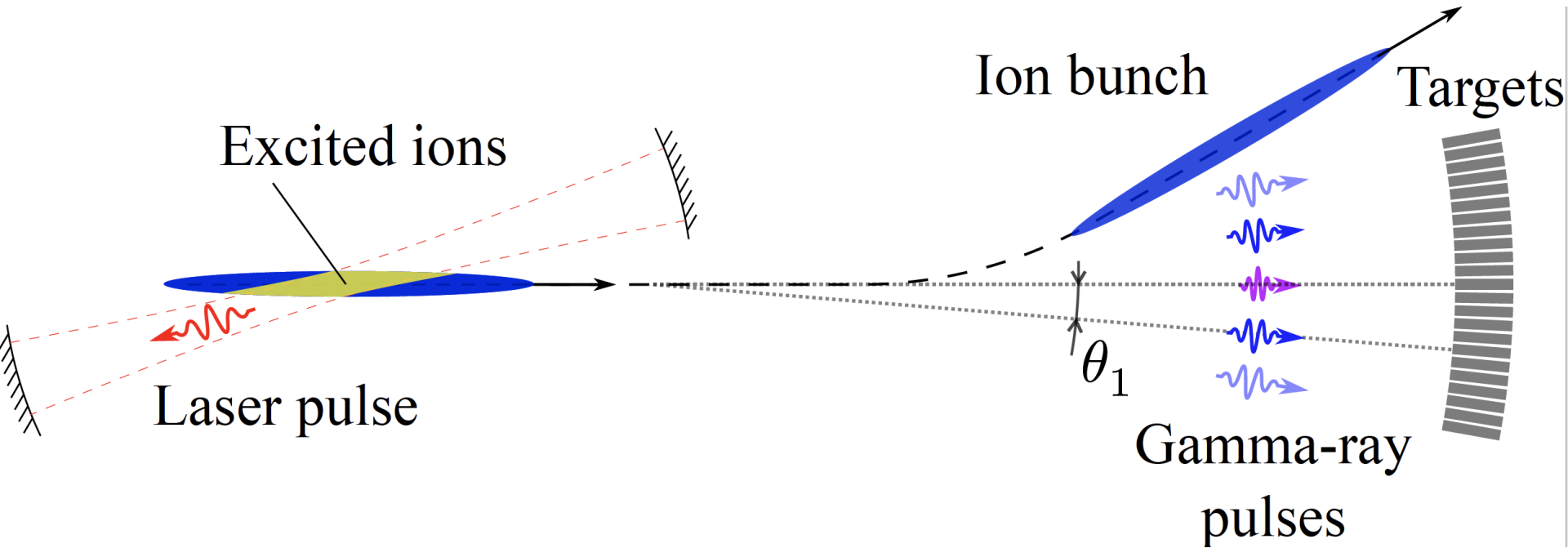
Isotope	$I_g^P$	Transition energy	$I_e^P$	Excitation lifetime
${}^{129}\text{Xe}$	1/2+	39.578 keV	3/2+	12.8 ns
${}^{229}\text{Th}$	5/2+	29.19 keV	(5/2+)	30 ns
${}^{161}\text{Dy}$	5/2+	25.651 keV	5/2-	95.7 ns
${}^{119}\text{Sn}$	1/2+	23.871 keV	3/2+	109 ns
${}^{151}\text{Eu}$	5/2+	21.541 keV	7/2+	275 ns
${}^{57}\text{Fe}$	1/2-	14.412 keV	3/2-	940 ns
${}^{73}\text{Ge}$	9/2+	13.3 keV	5/2+	3.3 msec
${}^{45}\text{Sc}$	7/2-	12.4 keV	3/2+	201 sec
${}^{205}\text{Pb}$	5/2-	2.3 keV	1/2-	3 hours
${}^{235}\text{U}$	7/2-	76.7 eV	1/2+	$10^{17}$ years
${}^{229}\text{Th}$	5/2+	8.28 eV	(3/2+)	$\sim 10$ min

# Nuclear physics at the $\mu\text{g}$ : examples

- High-resolution spectroscopy of  $\gamma$ -resonances
- **Fano effect** in  $\gamma$ -resonances
- Giant resonances, pigmy resonances
- $(\gamma, \alpha)$  reactions: astrophysical S-factors
- Nuclear E1 polarizabilities, e.g.,  $^{208}\text{Pb}(\gamma, \gamma')$
- Parity-violating photophysics
- Lepton-pair photoproduction ( $e^+, e^-$  and  $\mu^+, \mu^-$ )

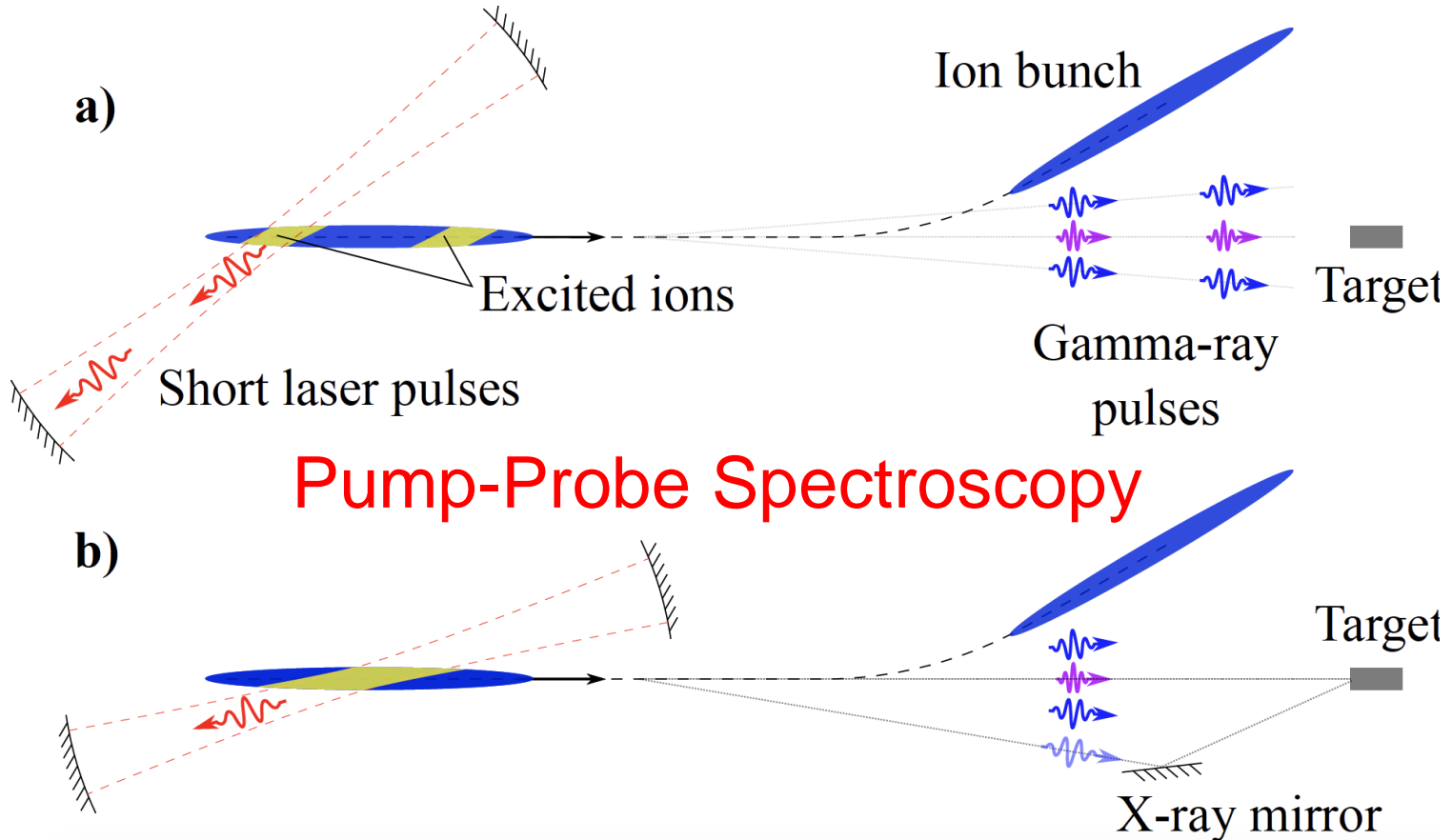


# Fixed-target experimental configurations



## Parallel Spectroscopy

# Fixed-target experimental configurations



# Applied physics and enabling technologies



- Production of **medical isotopes** and **isomers**
- Nuclear waste disposal
- **Gamma-ray lasers ?**
- Precision **gamma polarimetry**
- ...

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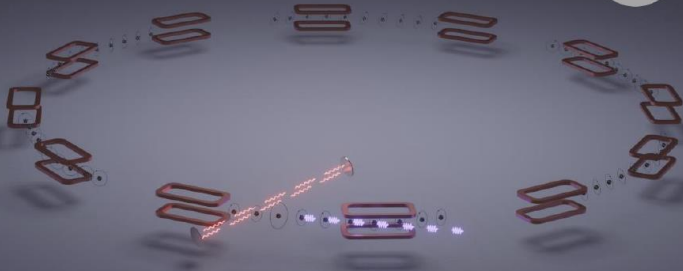
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## Physics Opportunities with the Gamma Factory

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- Accelerator developments
- Atomic and fundamental physics
- Search for Dark Matter
- Nuclear and particle physics
- Rare isotopes and isomers
- Nuclear-physics applications
- Studies with primary, secondary and tertiary beams
- Gamma Factory in a global landscape



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# Conclusion

