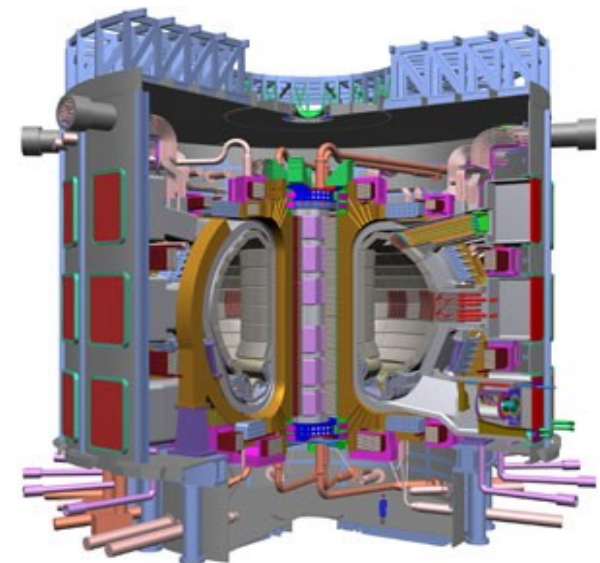


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# Relativistic effects in heavy and superheavy elements

... to be considered in accurate atomic calculations

S. Fritzsche, MPI-K and GSI Darmstadt  
11<sup>th</sup> October 2007

## Atomic interactions are well known:

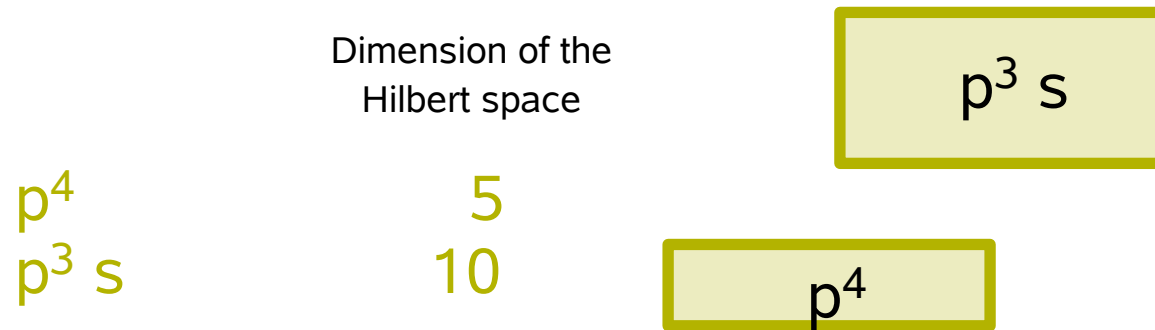
- QED as the well established basis
- Atomic shell modell
  - ➔  $\psi(r, \theta, \phi) = R_{nl}(r) Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi)$ ,
  - ➔ „aufbau principle“: Successive filling of subshells and shells

## Outline of this talk:

- i) „Electronic correlations“: The challenge of open shells
- ii) (Super-) Heavy elements: Rapid increase of relativity
- iii) Multiphoton processes in high-Z systems
- iv) Nonradiative transitions and autoionization

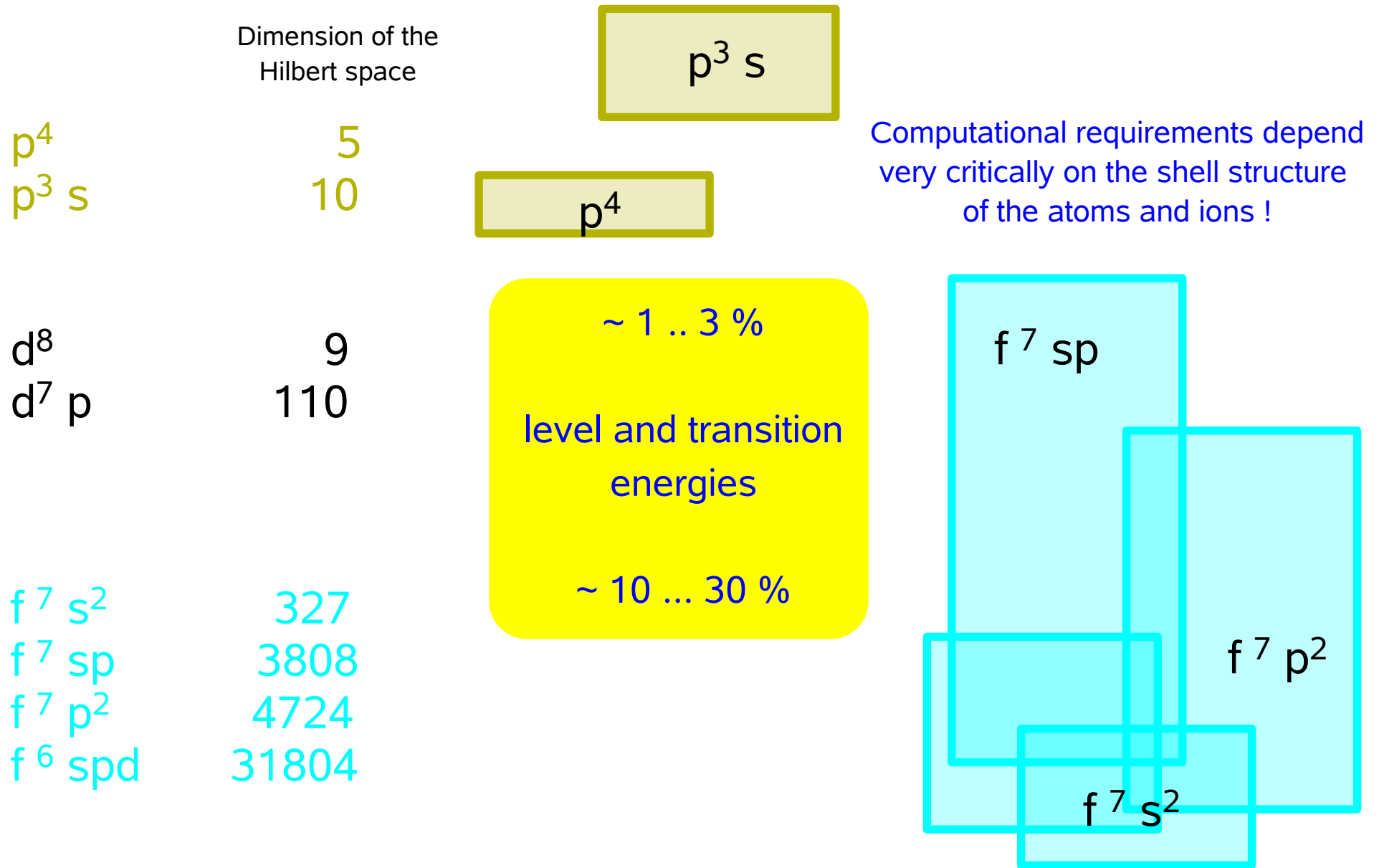
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-- Fine-structure of open-shell configurations



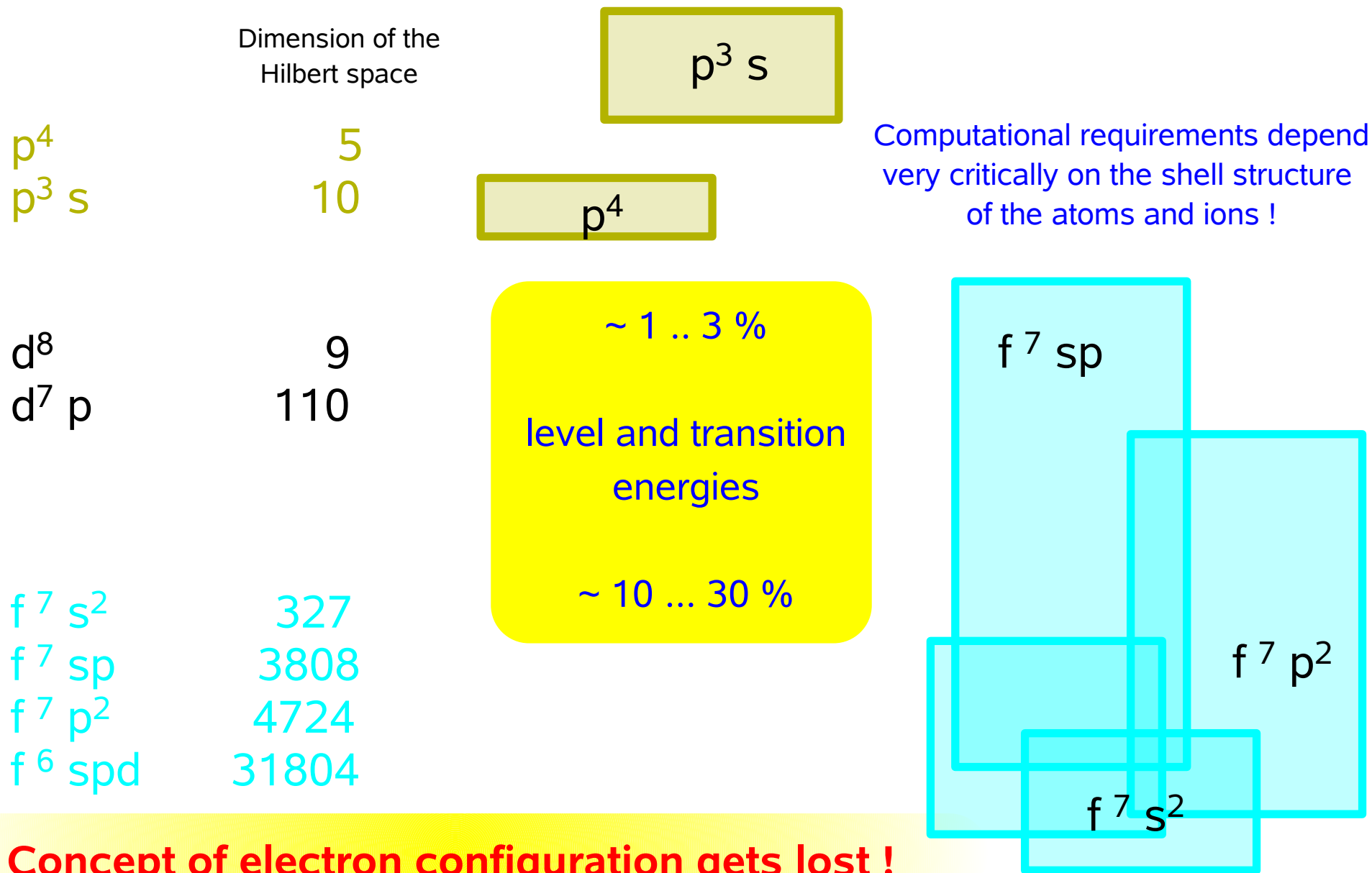
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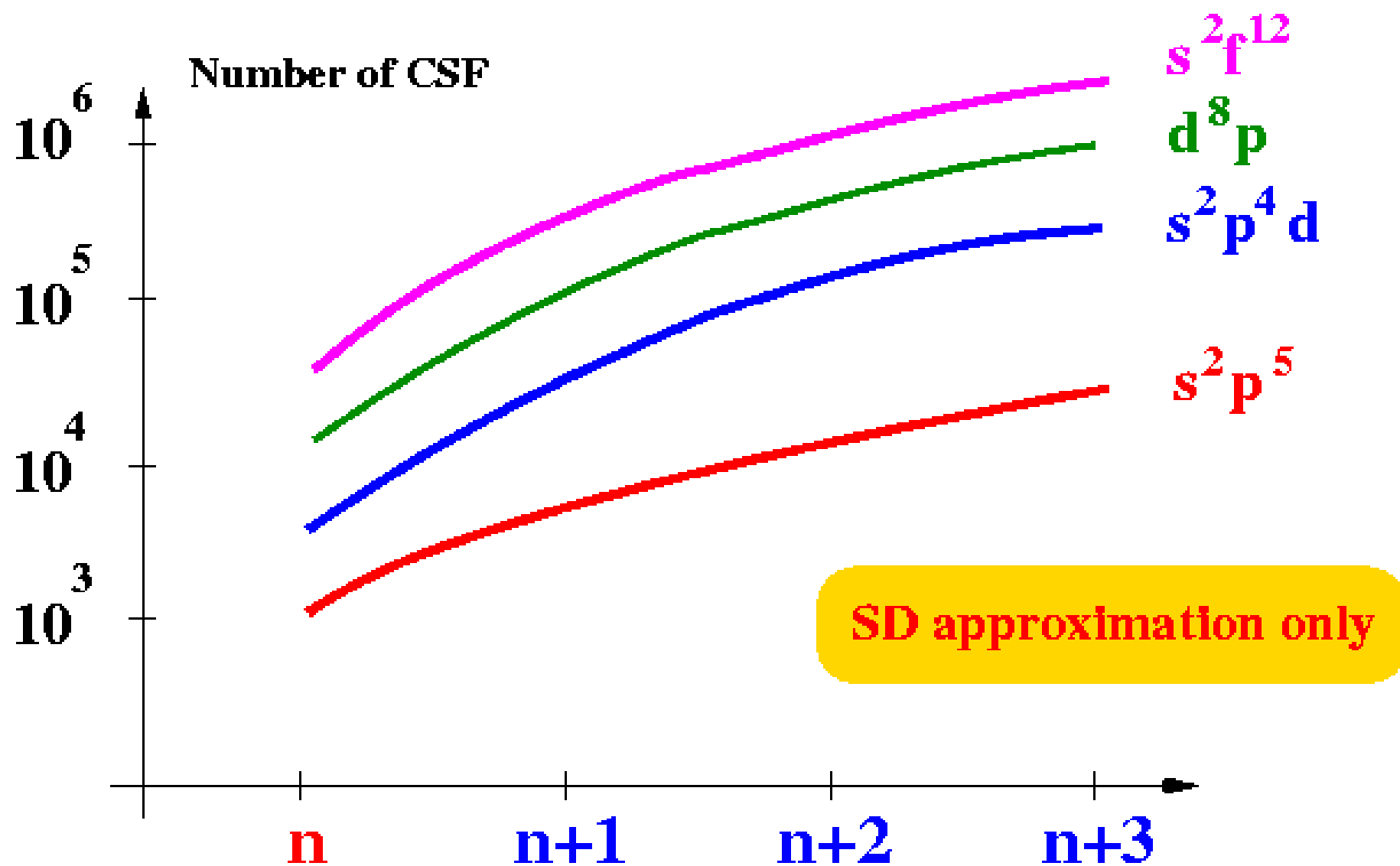
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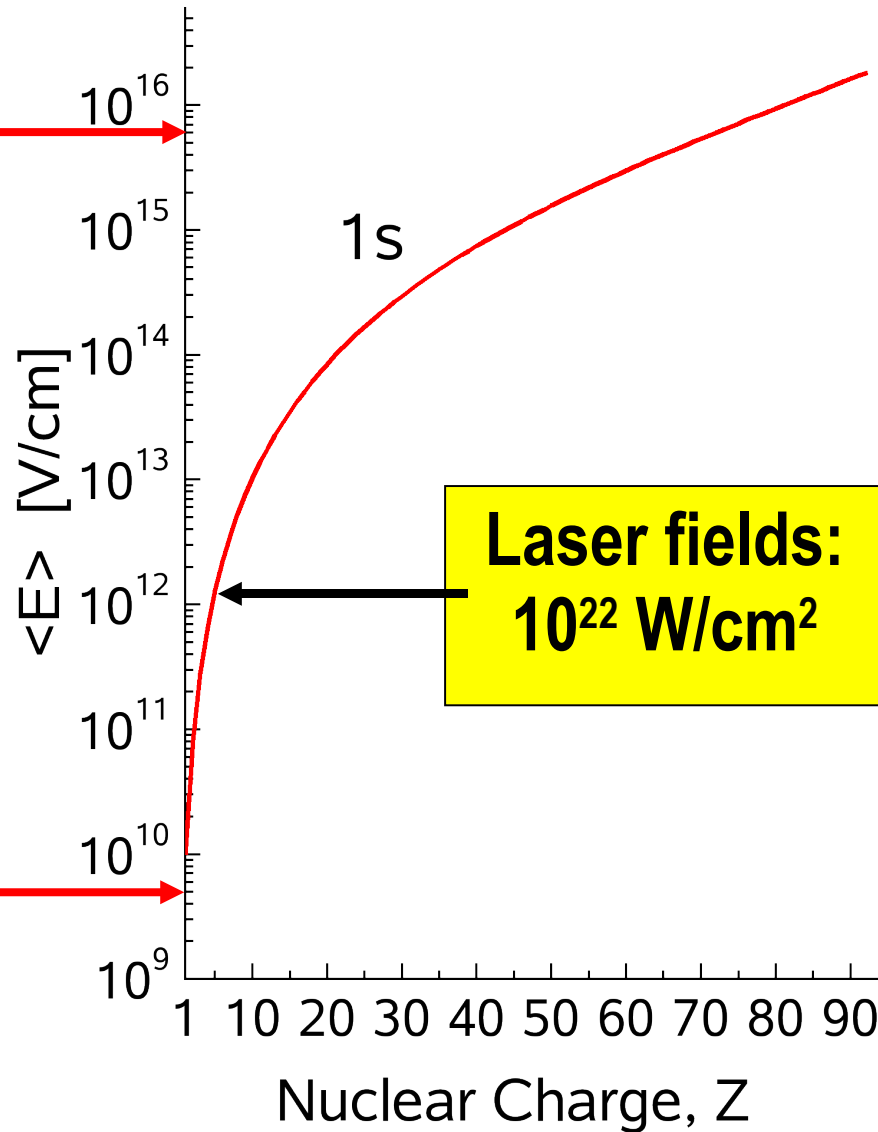
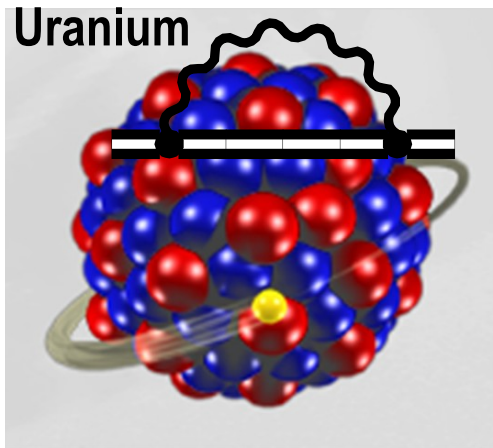
**Concept of electron configuration gets lost !**

# Wave function (CSF) expansions for open-shell structures



# Extreme Static Electromagnetic Fields

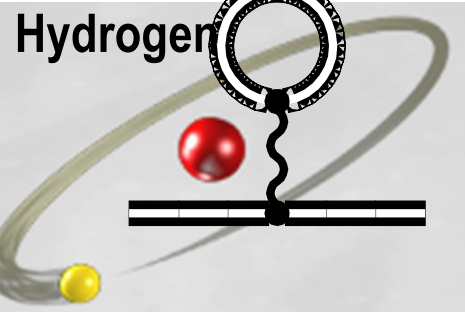
## Self Energy



$$\Delta E \approx 500 \text{ eV}$$
$$Z \cdot \alpha \approx 1$$

Quantum  
*E*lectro-  
*D*ynamics

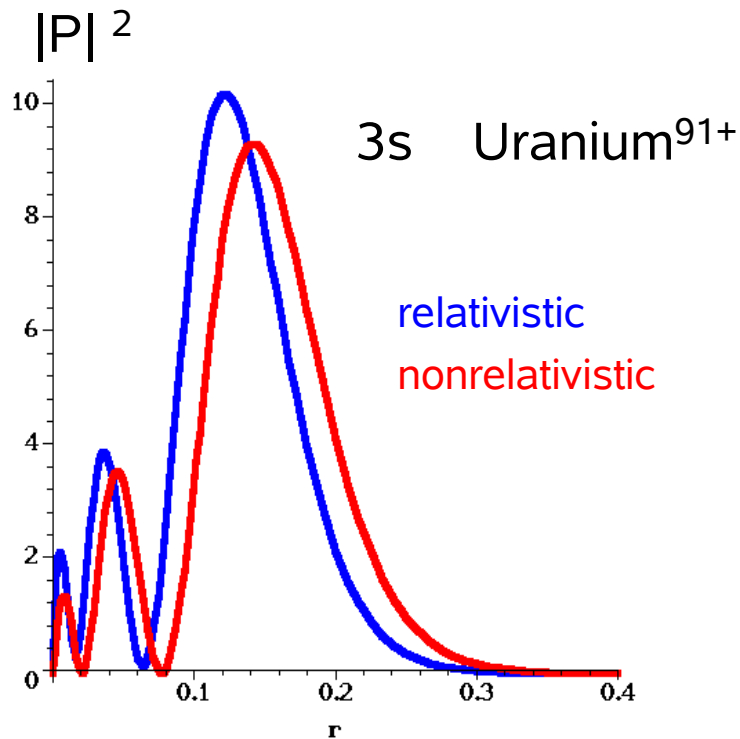
$$\Delta E \approx 10^{-6} \text{ eV}$$
$$Z \cdot \alpha \approx 10^{-2}$$



Vacuum  
Polarization

# Relativistic and quantum-electrodynamical corrections

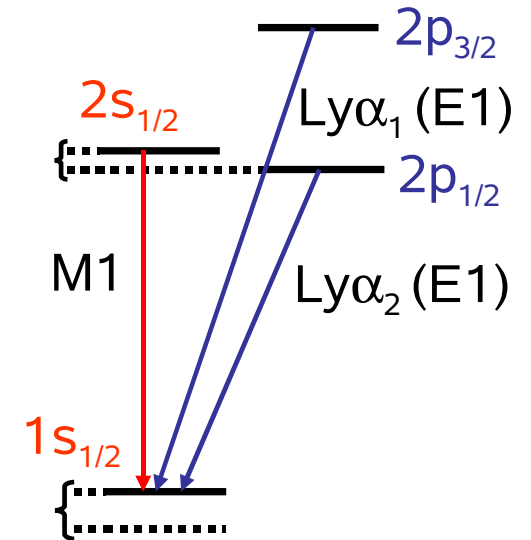
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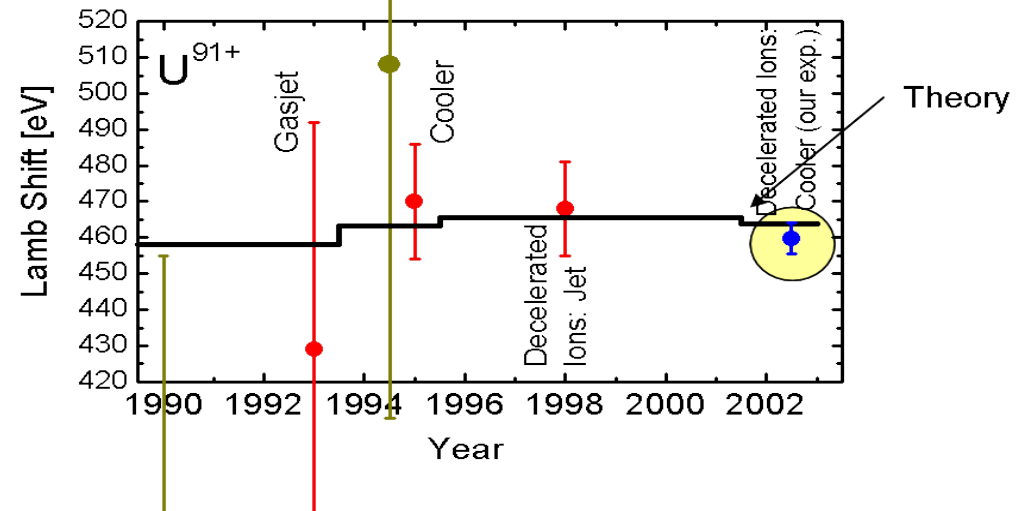
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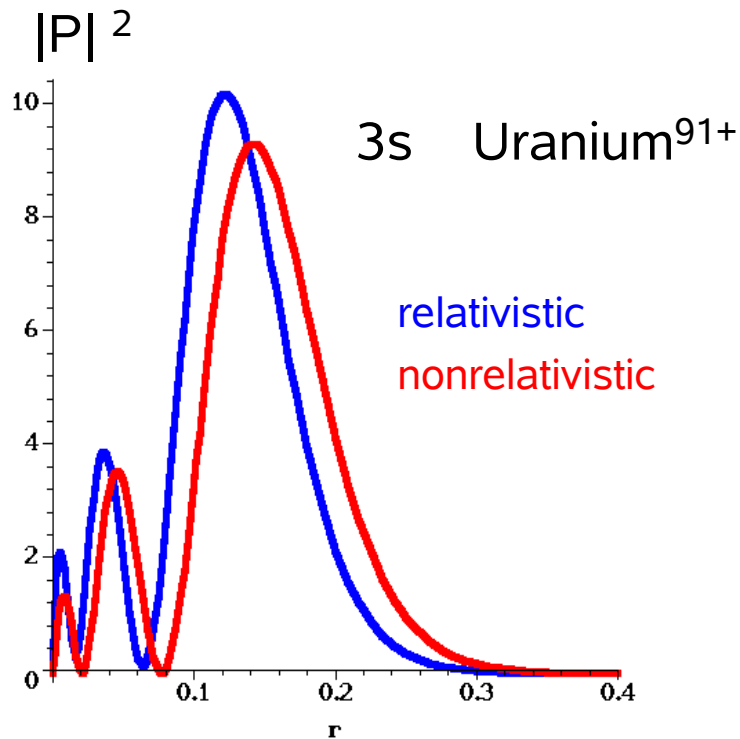
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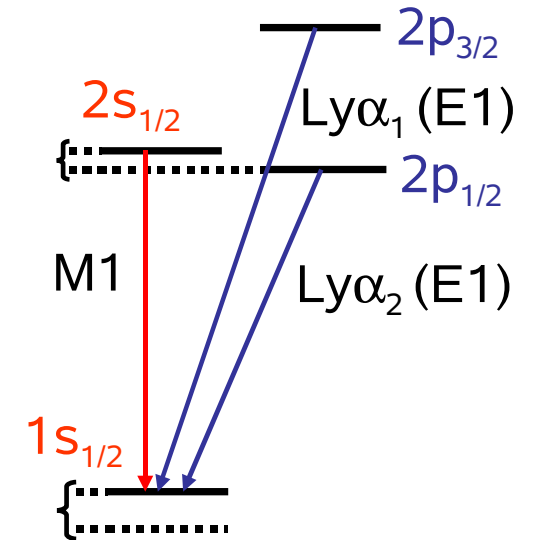
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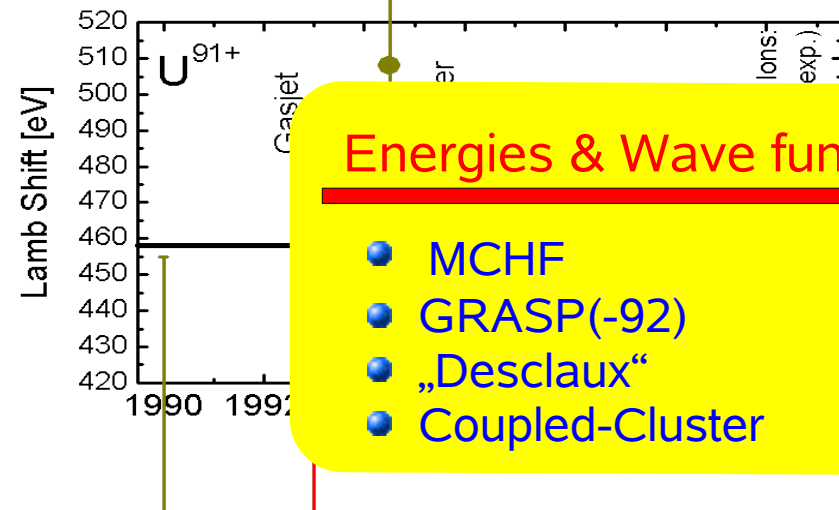
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## Energies & Wave functions

- MCHF
- GRASP(-92)
- „Desclaux“
- Coupled-Cluster

# RATIP

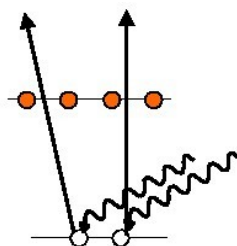
## Relativistic Atomic Transition and Ionization Properties

(CPC library)

$$\psi_{\alpha}(P J M) = \sum_r^{n_c} c_r(\alpha) \left| \gamma_r P J M \right\rangle$$

### Many-electron basis (wave function expansions)

- Construction and classification of N-particle Hilbert spaces
- Shell model:** Systematically enlarged CSF basis
- Interactions**
  - Dirac-Coulomb Hamiltonian
  - Breit interactions + QED
  - Electron continuum; scattering phases
- Coherence transfer and Rydberg dynamics**



Relativistic CI wave functions  
including QED estimates and  
mass polarization

REL CI, CPC 148 (2002) 103

LSJ spectroscopic notation  
from jj-coupled  
computations

LSJ, CPC 157 (2003) 239

Auger rates, angular distribu-  
tions and spin polarization;  
level widths

AUGER

Photoionization cross sect-  
ions and (non-dipole) angular  
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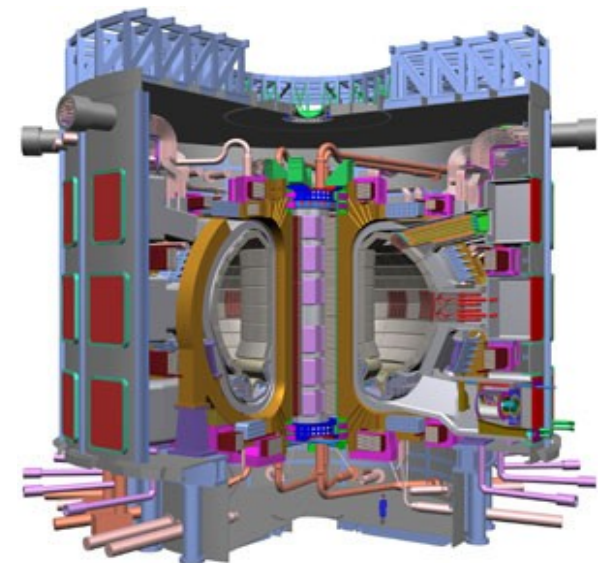
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# Systematic multiconfiguration calculations

(CI, MCHF, MCDF)

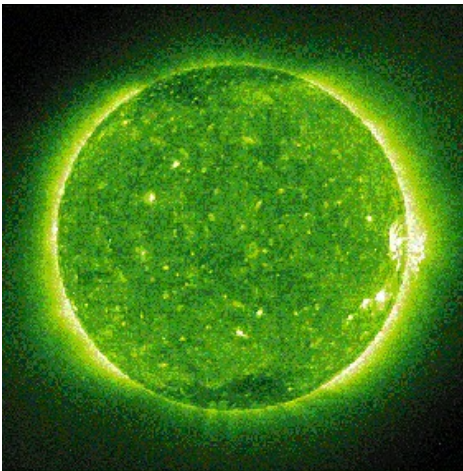
Up to now:

- Term- and hyperfine structure for light elements ( $Z \leq 28$ )
- Resonance and intercombination lines
- Lifetimes

Benchmarks:  
He, Li-like,  $C^{2+}$

## Example : EUV spectra of multiple-charged iron from the sun

Spectra involving open d-shells



Iron is one of the most abundant heavy elements in the universe (opacity project)

Fe X ... XIV  $3s 3p^{n+1}, 3s^2 3p^{n-1} 3d$

$$\Delta E / E < 1\%$$

$$\Delta A / A = 5 \dots 20\%$$

Improved by factor 5 !

- ➔ Line identification
- ➔ Improved level structure
- ➔ Reliable lifetimes

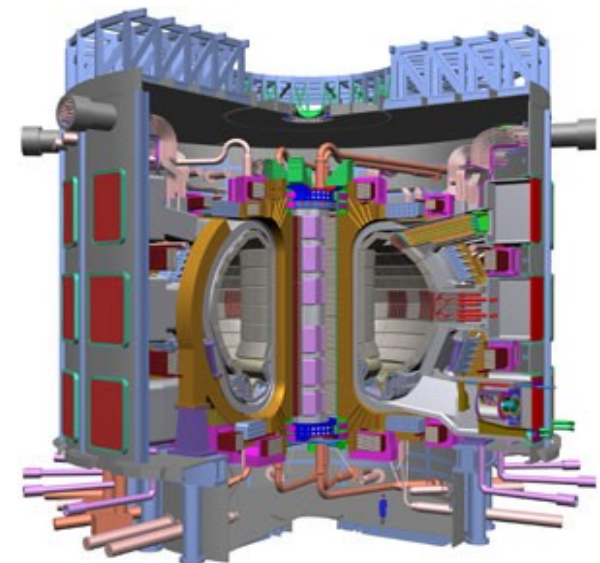
Fe X: 31 low-lying levels (Dong et al., MNRAS, 1999)

Fe XI: 47 levels (Fritzsche et al., MNRAS, 2000)

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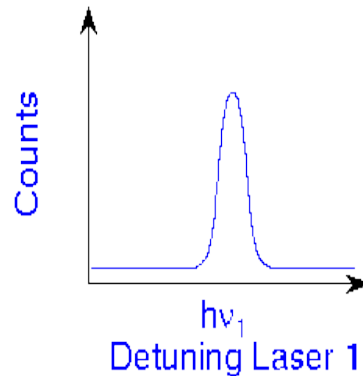
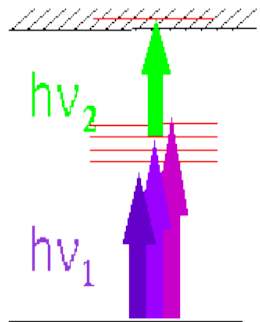
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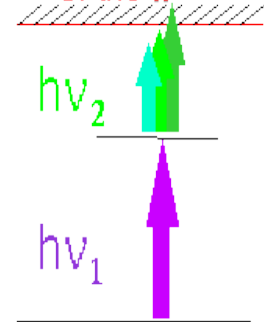
# Optical spectroscopy at Fermium ( $Z = 100$ )

-- first observation and classification of atomic levels

Determination of hfs and isotope shifts



Determination of the IP



Atomic Physics:

- ➔ Atomic Structure
- ➔ Ionization potentials

Nuclear Physics:

- ➔ Nuclear spins
- ➔ Moments
- ➔ Changes of charge radii

$5f^{12} 7s^2, J^P = 6^+, {}^3H_6^e$   
 $5f^{12} 7s 7p, J^P = 6^-, 5, {}^5G_{6,5}^o$   
 $5f^{12} 7s 7p, J^P = 6^-, 5^-, 7^-, {}^3H_{6,5,7}^o (?)$

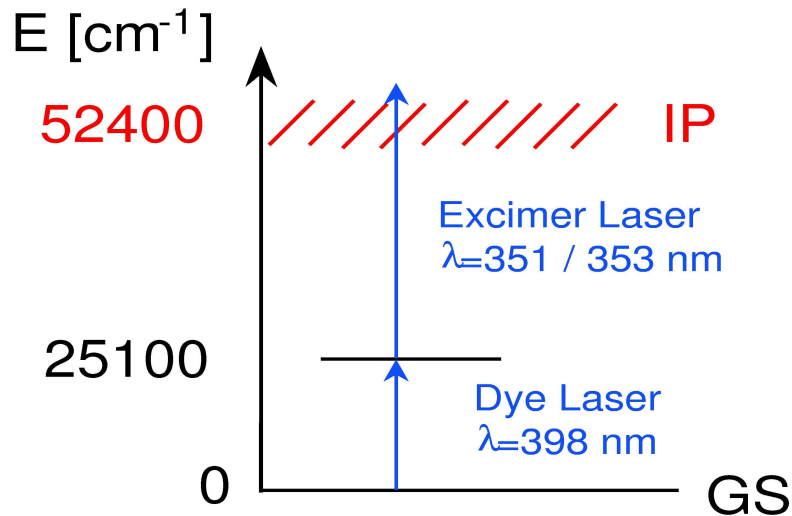


TABLE I. Results of MCDF calculations. Accuracy of transition energy  $\bar{\nu}$  is  $\Delta\bar{\nu} = \pm 2400 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $A_{ki}$  = Einstein coefficient, classification according to the largest coefficient  $c$  in the CSF expansion.

No.	$\bar{\nu}$ ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	$J$	$A_{ki} \text{ s}^{-1}$	Config.	Term	$ c ^2$
1	0	6	0	$5f^{12}7s^2$	${}^3H_6^e$	0.96
2	25 226	6	$1.89 \times 10^6$	$5f^{12}7s7p$	${}^5I_6^o$	0.46
3	25 471	5	$1.28 \times 10^6$	$5f^{12}7s7p$	${}^5G_5^o$	0.34
4	27 394	6	$2.43 \times 10^8$	$5f^{12}7s7p$	${}^3H_6^o$	0.62
5	27 633	5	$1.98 \times 10^8$	$5f^{12}7s7p$	${}^3G_5^o$	0.60
6	27 802	7	$3.67 \times 10^8$	$5f^{12}7s7p$	${}^3I_7^o$	0.66



# Low-lying resonances for heavy and super-heavy elements

... for lutetium (Z=71) and lawrencium (Z=103)

TABLE I. The transition energies in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  of  $nd\ ^2D_{3/2} - (n+1)p\ ^2P_{1/2,3/2}^o$  and the size of CSF expansions for Lu ( $n=5$ ) and Lr ( $n=6$ ).

Expansion	$^2D_{3/2} - ^2P_{1/2}^o$	$^2D_{3/2} - ^2P_{3/2}^o$	CSF ( $^2D_{3/2}/^2P_{1/2}^o/^2P_{3/2}^o$ )
Lu			
VV + CV( $4f^{14}$ )	3989	7276	4354/2071/3813
VV + CV( $5p^64f^{14}$ )	8004	11 483	5600/2764/5073
VV + [(CV + CC) ( $5p^64f^{14}$ )]	3857	7130	128 763/36 974/100 277
VV + [(CV + CC) ( $4d^{10}5s^25p^64f^{14}$ )]	4186	7462	305 717/87 241/236 554
RCC [7]	3828	7140	
DFT [10]	3862		
Exp.	4136	7476	
DHF Breit Correction	87	53	
DHF Breit & QED Correction	76	43	
Lr			
VV + CV( $5f^{14}$ )	-1298	9137	3659/1842/3338
VV + CV( $6p^65f^{14}$ )	1339	12 761	4708/2495/4495
VV + [(CV + CC) ( $6p^65f^{14}$ )]	-1953	6469	125 325/37 333/97 500
VV + [(CV + CC) ( $5d^{10}6s^26p^65f^{14}$ )]	-1127	7807	330 252/95 969/246 376
RCC	-1388	6960	
RCC with Breit	-1263	7010	
DHF Breit Correction	97	4	
DHF Breit & QED Correction	59	-26	

# Low-lying resonances for heavy and super-heavy elements

-- oscillator strengths in different gauges

TABLE II. The oscillator strengths of  $nd\ ^2D_{3/2} - (n+1)p\ ^2P_{1/2,3/2}^o$  for Lu ( $n=5$ ) and Lr ( $n=6$ ).

Expansion	$^2D_{3/2} - ^2P_{1/2}^o$			$^2D_{3/2} - ^2P_{3/2}^o$		
	$gf_L$	$gf_V$	Scaled $gf_L$	$gf_L$	$gf_V$	Scaled $gf_L$
Lu						
VV + CV( $4f^{14}$ )	0.0304	0.0582	0.0315	0.0111	0.0219	0.0114
VV + CV( $5p^6 4f^{14}$ )	0.0511	0.1552	0.0264	0.0144	0.0467	0.0094
VV + [(CV + CC) ( $5p^6 4f^{14}$ )]	0.0908	0.3835	0.0974	0.0322	0.0856	0.0337
VV + [(CV + CC) ( $4d^{10} 5s^2 5p^6 4f^{14}$ )]	0.1043	0.3345	0.1031	0.0354	0.0742	0.0355
Lr						
VV + CV( $5f^{14}$ )	-0.0162	-0.0076		0.0210	0.0313	
VV + CV( $6p^6 5f^{14}$ )	0.0144	0.2359		0.0227	0.0839	
VV + [(CV + CC) ( $6p^6 5f^{14}$ )]	-0.0624	-0.0002		0.0414	0.0867	
VV + [(CV + CC) ( $5d^{10} 6s^2 6p^6 5f^{14}$ )]	-0.0378	-0.0024		0.0519	0.0685	

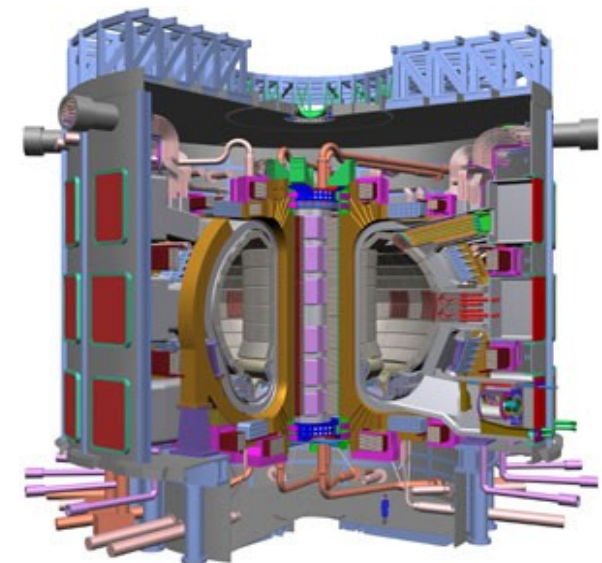
Good accuracy of the (atomic) energies is a necessary, but not a sufficient criterion !



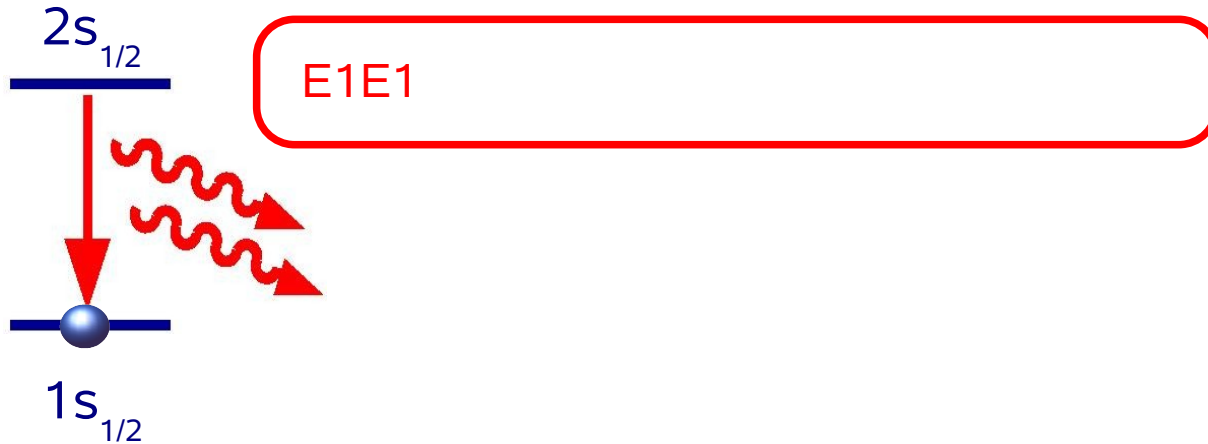
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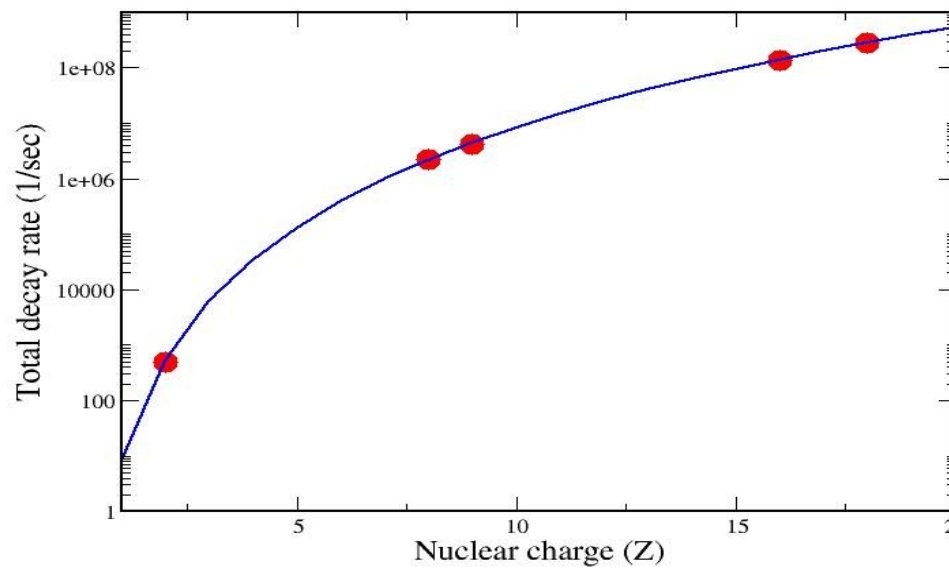
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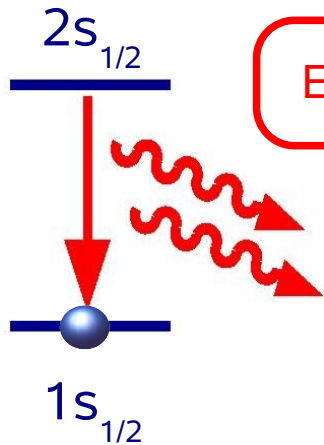
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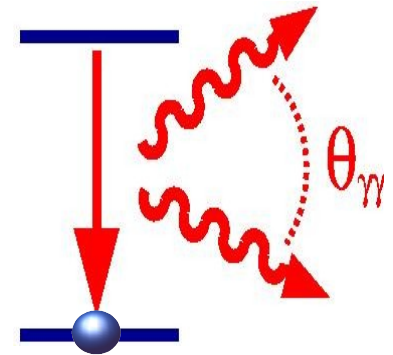


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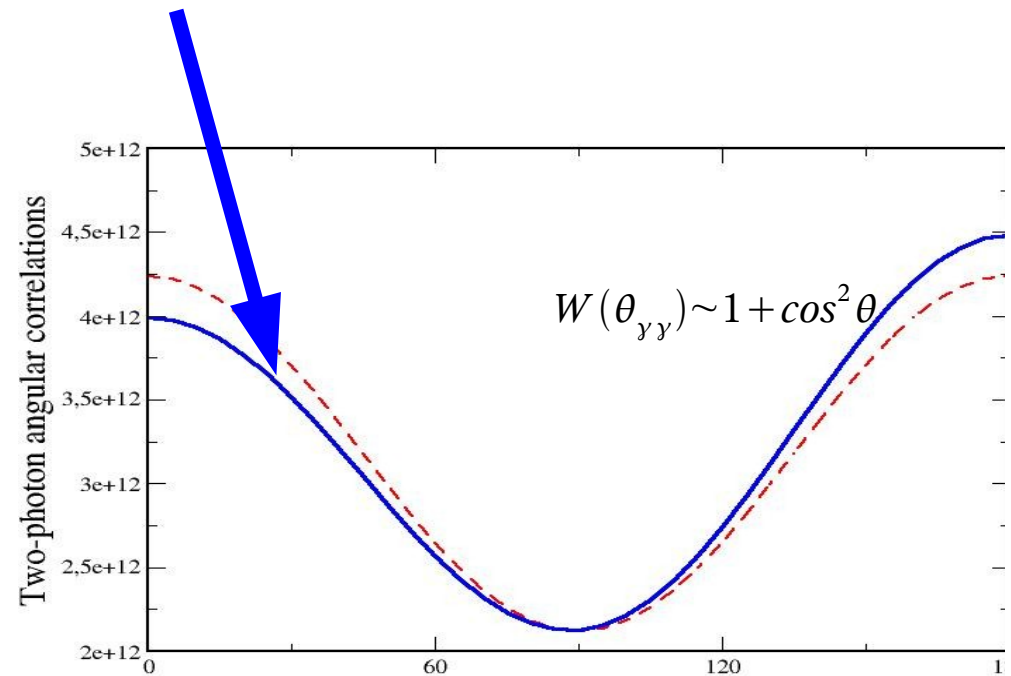
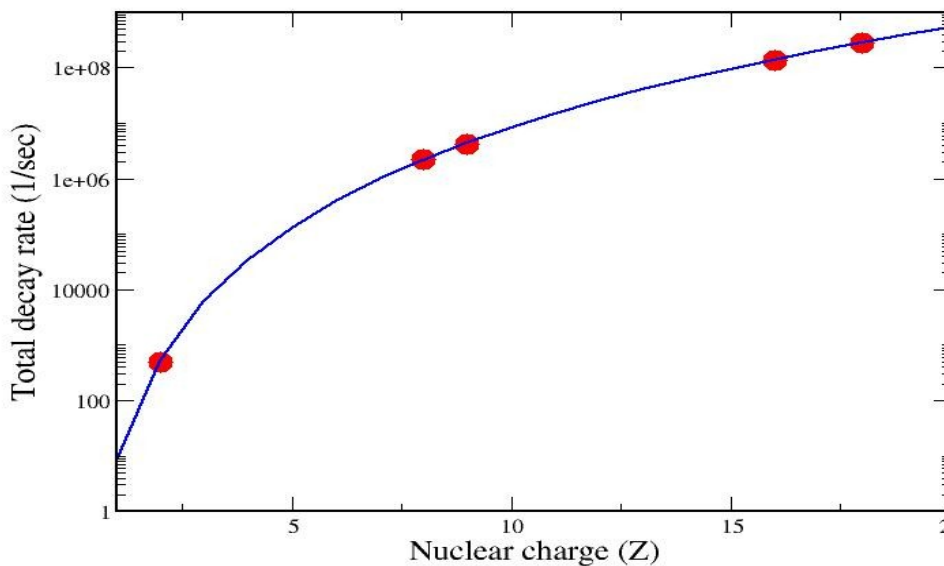


$$E1E1 + E1M2 + M1M1 + E2E2 + E2M1 \dots$$

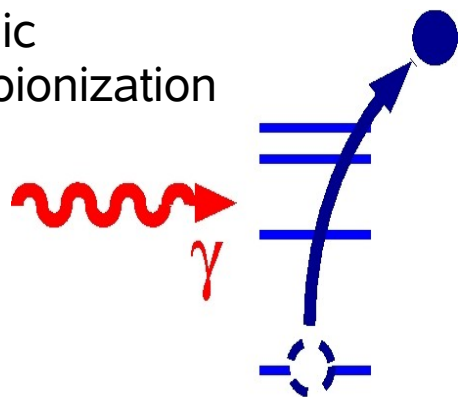
Higher multipoles give rise to an asymmetrical shift



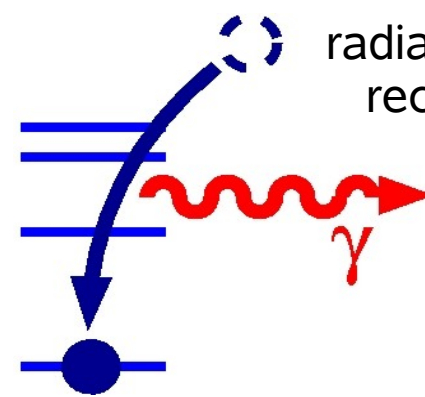
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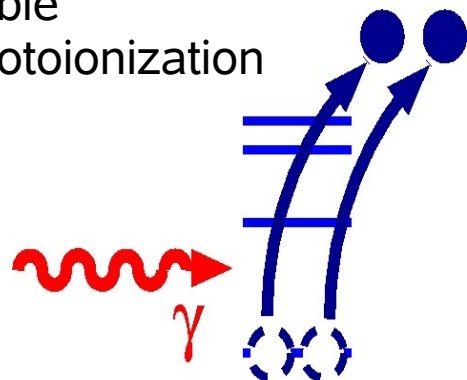
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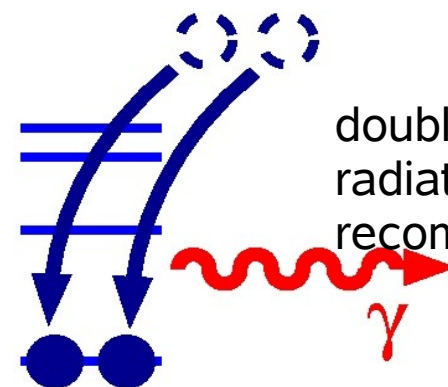
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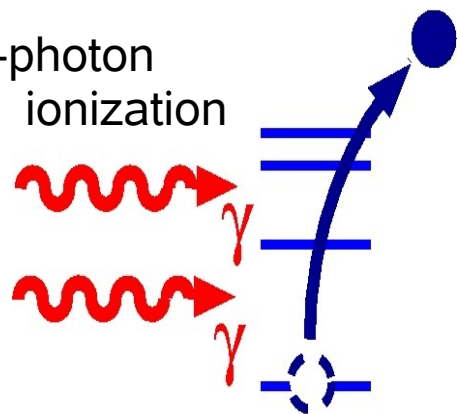
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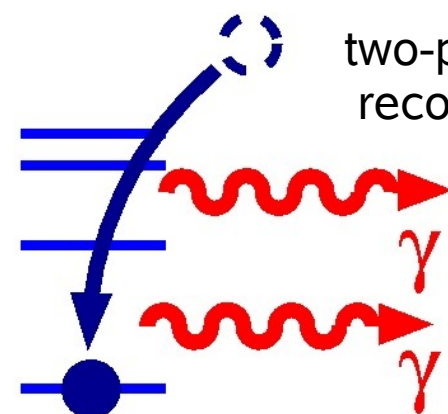
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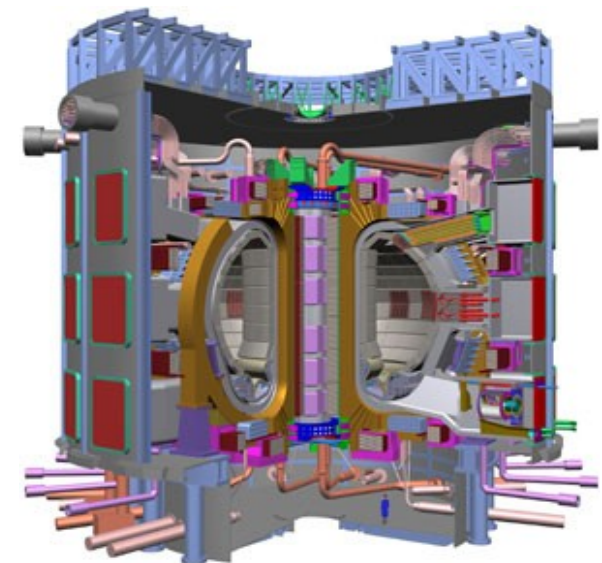
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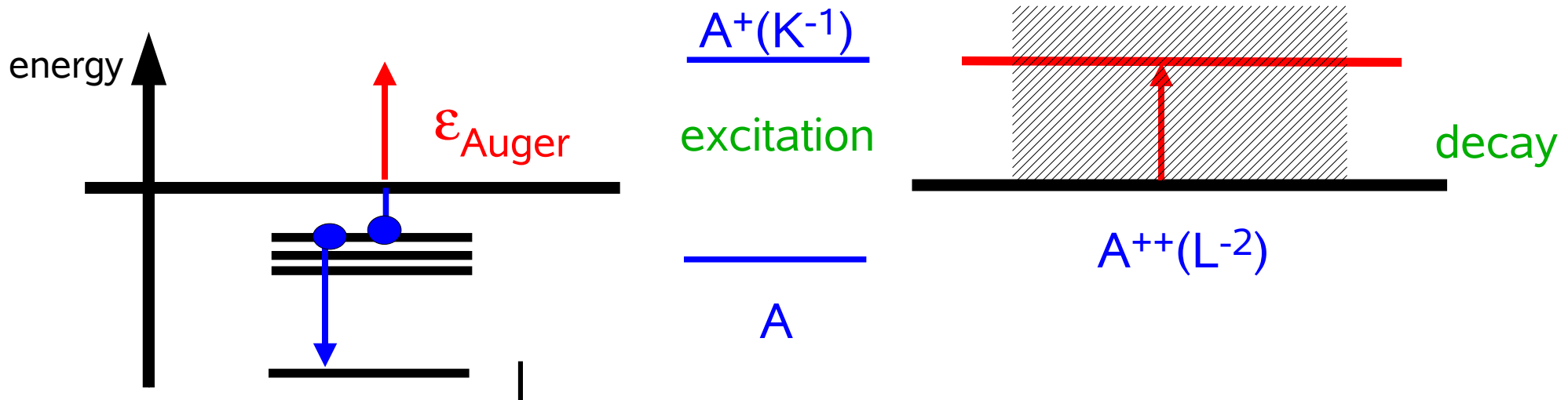
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# Auger emission of excited atomic states



$$H = \sum_i (h_i + u(r_i))$$

$$H = \sum_i h_i + \sum_{i < j} \frac{1}{r_{ij}}$$

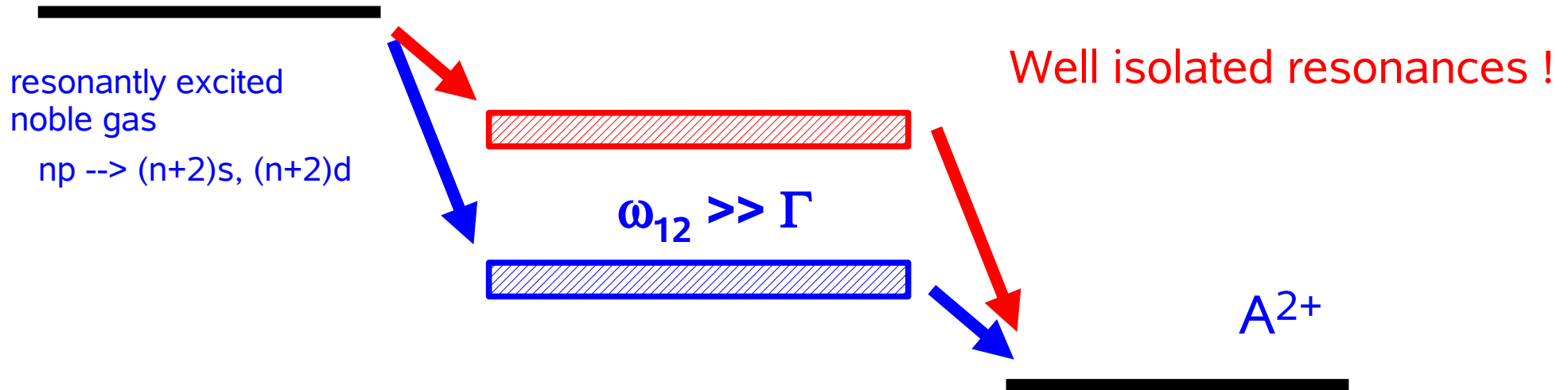
Wentzel's ansatz: Autoionization is caused by electron-electron interactions which cannot be considered in an one-particle picture.

$$\sum_{i < j} \frac{1}{r_{ij}} - \sum_i u(r_i)$$

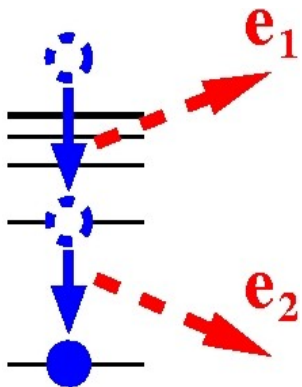
Ideal tool for a better understanding of electronic correlations !

# Coherence transfer in the Auger cascades of noble gases

-- a signature of the „atomic double slit“



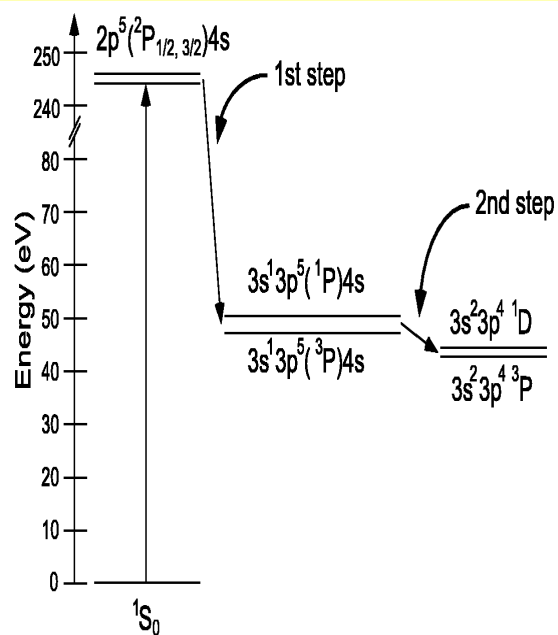
Decay branches are independent; „path“ can be determined by measuring the energy spectrum.



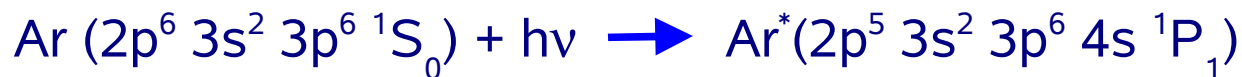
Collaboration with Nicolai Kabachnik (Bielefeld);  
experiments by Kyoshi Ueda and coworkers at SPring8, Japan



# Excitation and two-step Auger cascades in noble gases



Photoabsorption:



First decay:



Second decay:



Ne: 500 : 1  
Ar: 80 : 1  
Kr: 25 : 1  
Xe: 8 : 1

$A_{\text{resonance}}$

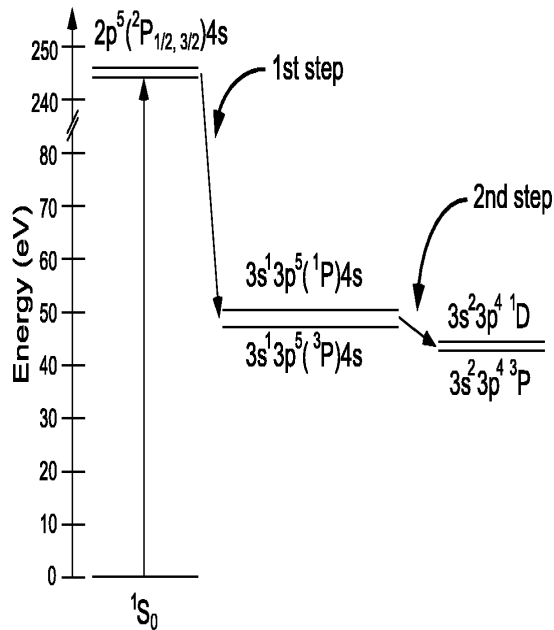
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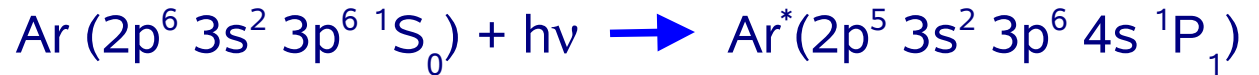
**Relativity enters here in two ways !**



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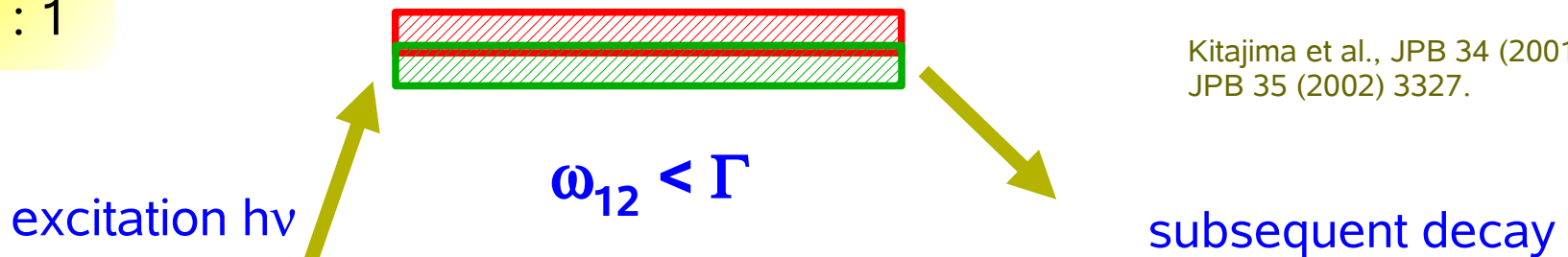


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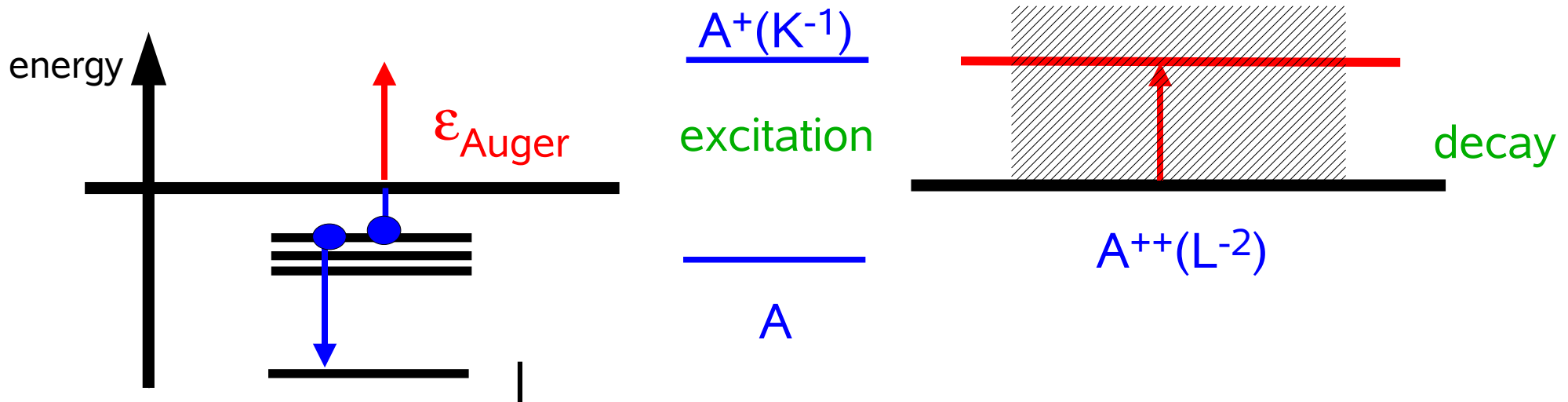
$\frac{A_{\text{resonance}}}{A_{\text{intercombination}}}$



Kitajima et al., JPB 34 (2001) 3829;  
JPB 35 (2002) 3327.

Radiative and Auger processes are not longer independent !

# Auger emission of excited atomic states



$$H_{DCB} = \sum_i h_D(i) + \sum_{i<j} \frac{1}{r_{ij}} + \sum_{i<j} \frac{1}{2r_{ij}} \left[ \alpha_i \alpha_j + \frac{(\alpha_i r_i)(\alpha_j r_j)}{r_{ij}^2} \right]$$

Wentzel's ansatz: Autoionization is caused by electron-electron interactions which cannot be considered in an one-particle picture.

$$\sum_{i<j} \frac{1}{r_{ij}} + b(i, j) - \sum_i u(r_i)$$

Breit interaction

# Summary and outlook

- **Accurate atomic data are needed** (more or less urgently) for a wide range of applications.
- Atomic physics still provides a great „playground“ **for studying many-particle processes and electronic correlations.**
- New numerical techniques have to **meet the requirements for a whole „class of systems“** and not only provide 'proofs of principle'.
- Complexity of (atomic) many-particle systems: Development of ab-initio methods cannot always be separated from the processes and properties; **overlap with experimental progress.**
- **Present and future challenges:**
  - Improved treatment of **open-shell structures** and highly excited states
  - Coupling of bound-state densities to the continuum**  
(capture and emission of electrons, multi-photon processes, Fano resonances, „complete experiments“)

