

QUAdRupole Moment MeasuremenT of mid-Z Transition Elements with Microcalorimeters



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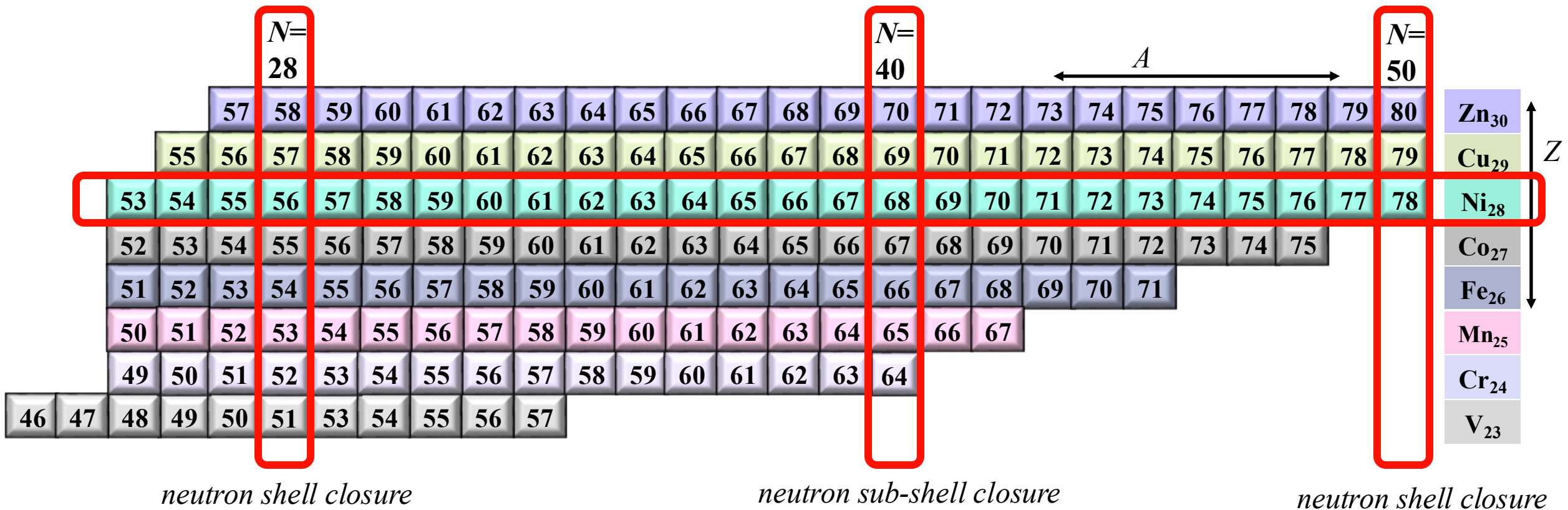
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- ❑ Adding or Removing a protons near the magic Z (across Z)

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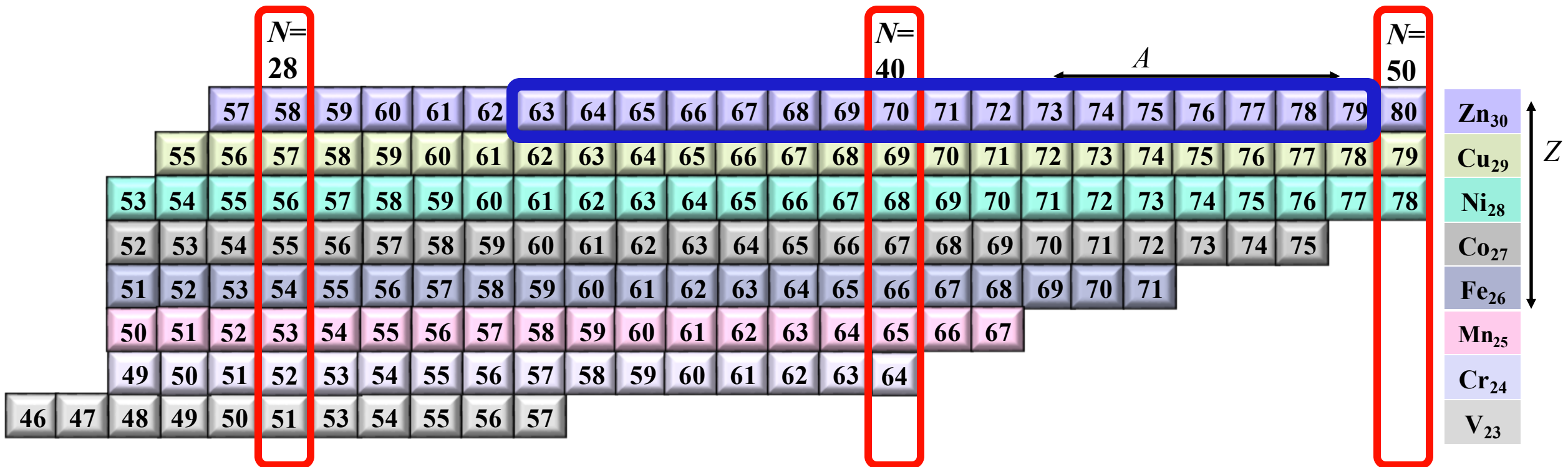


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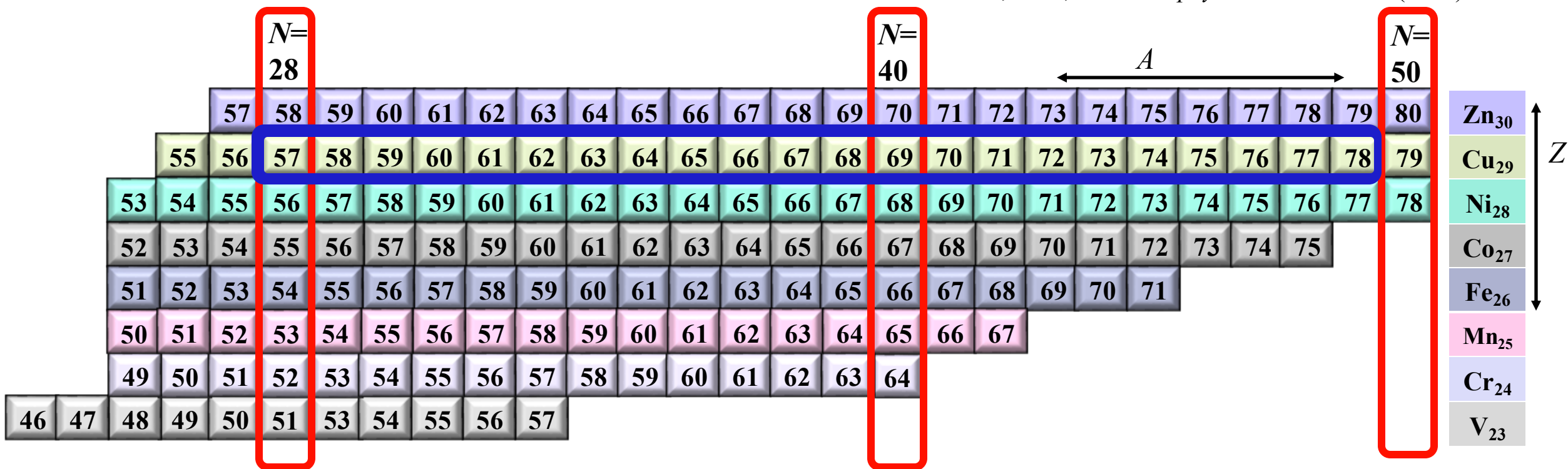


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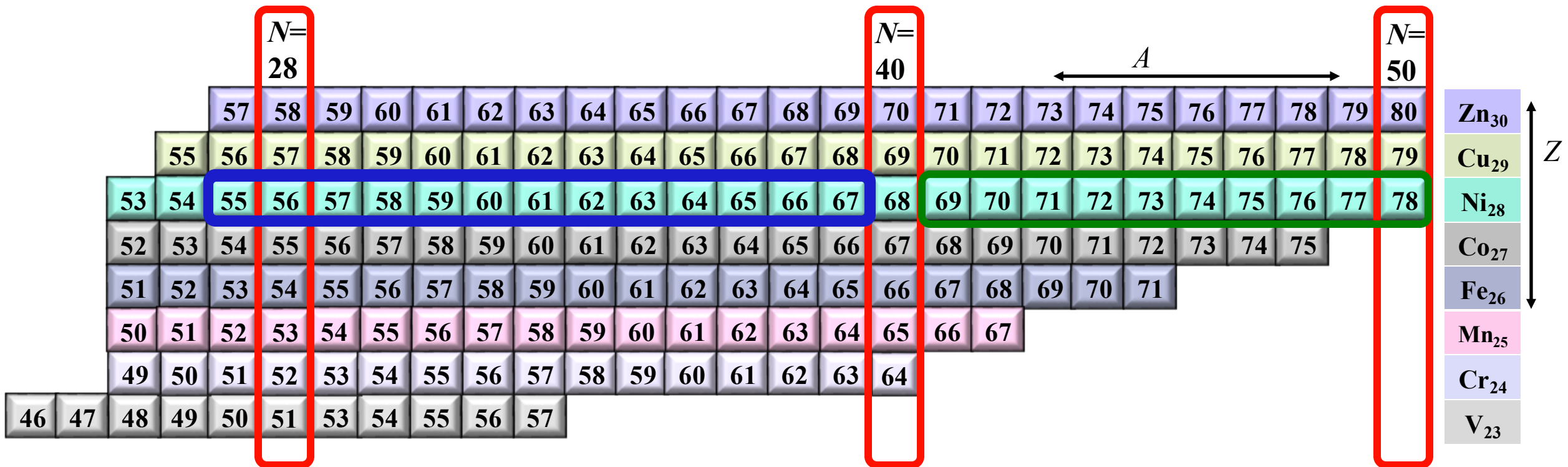
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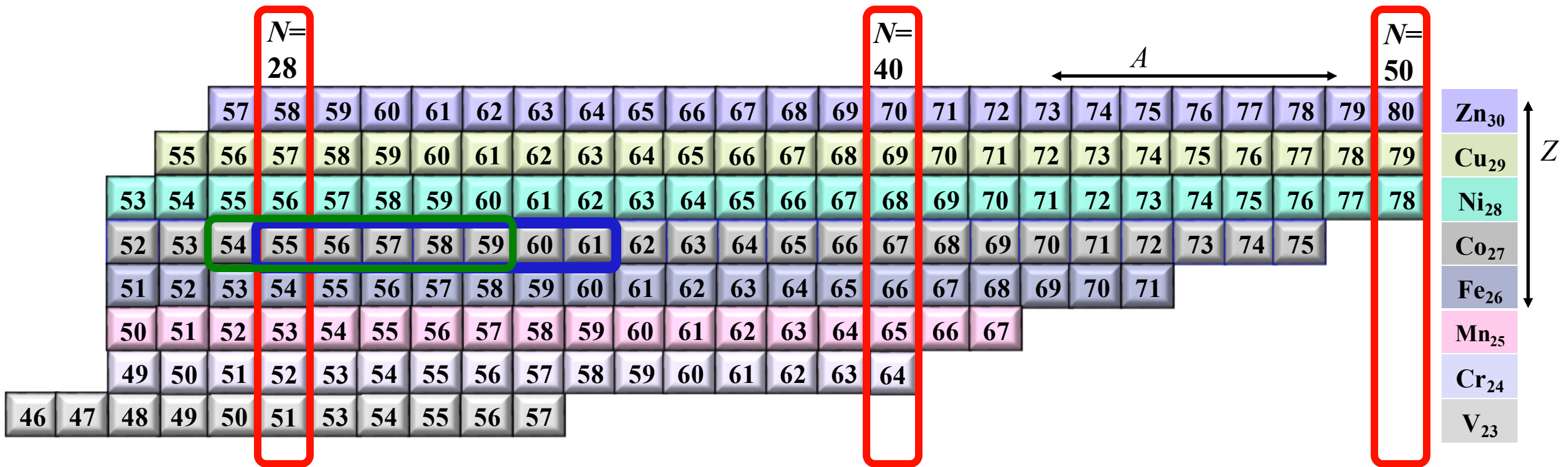
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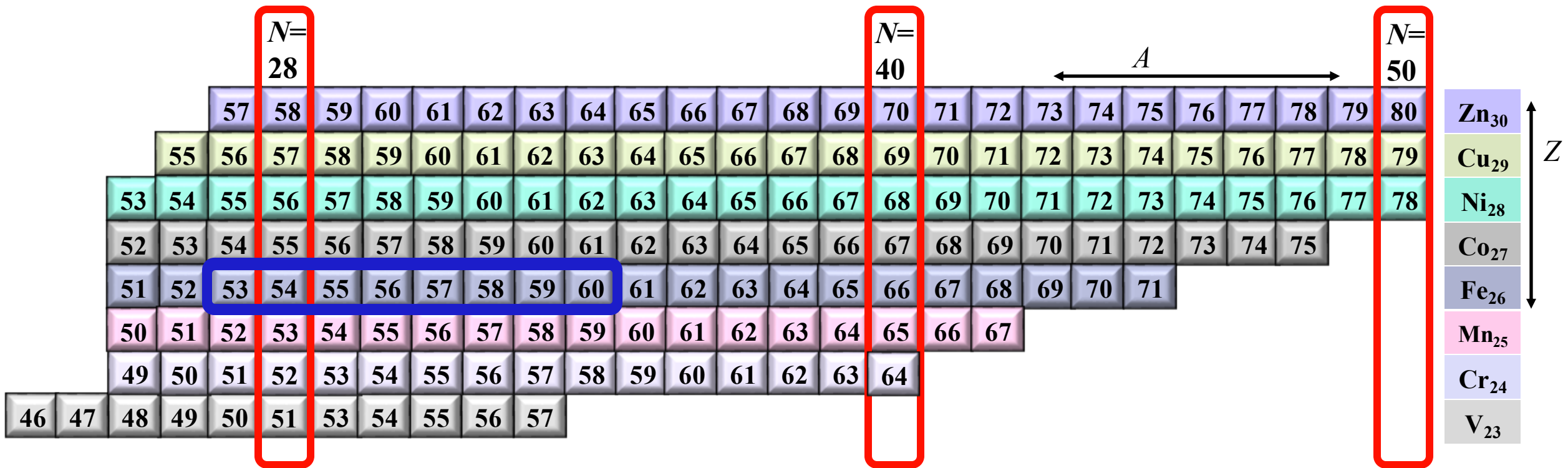
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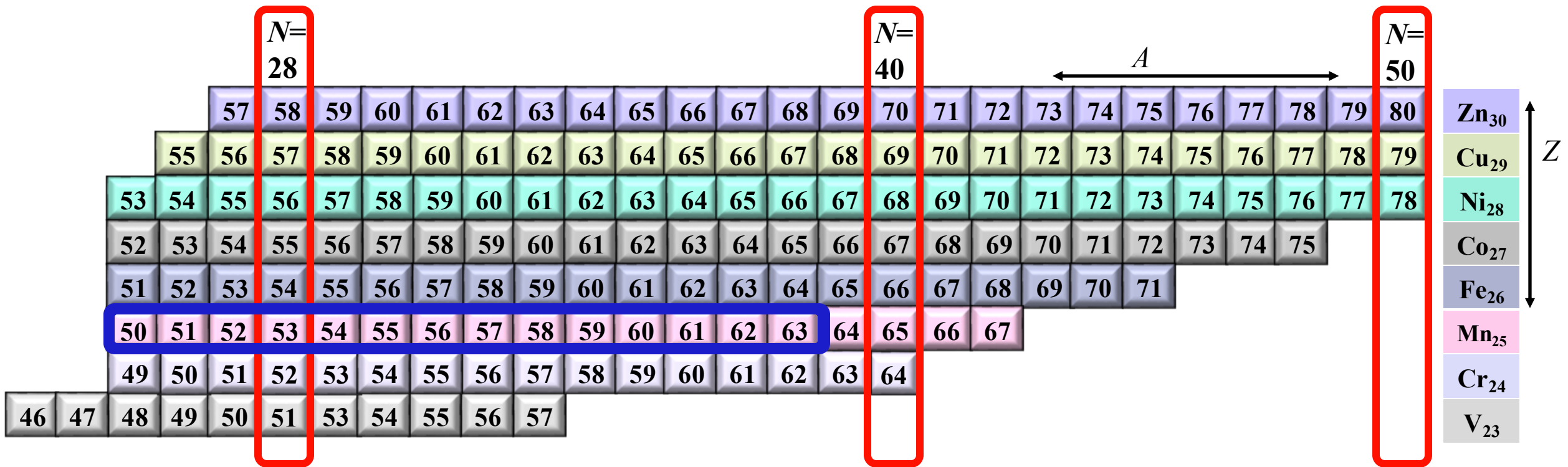
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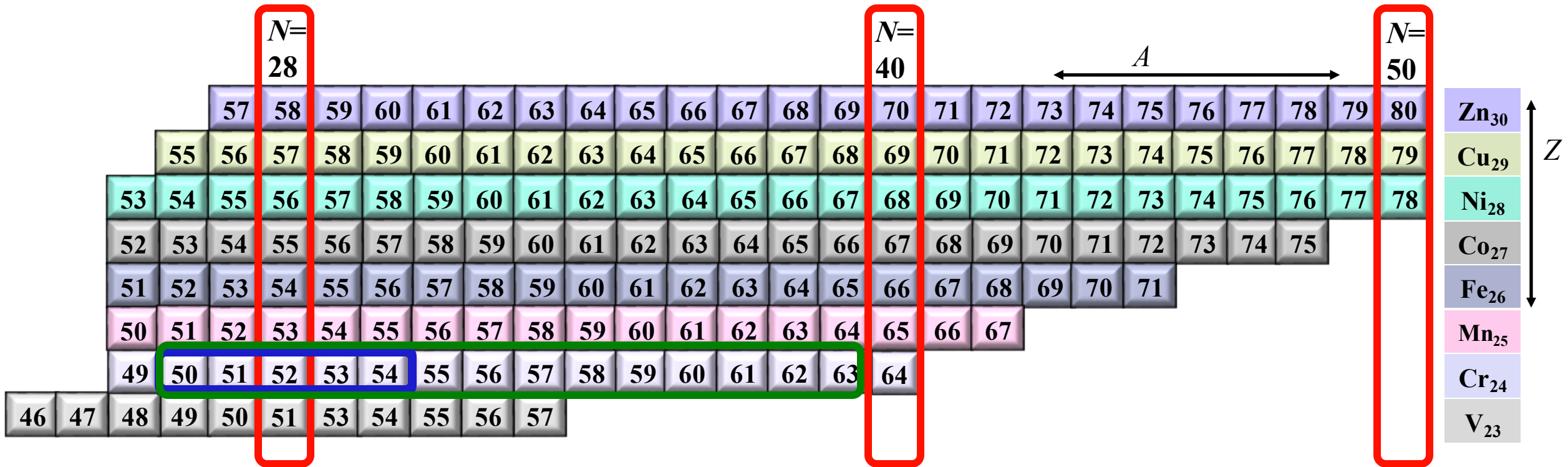
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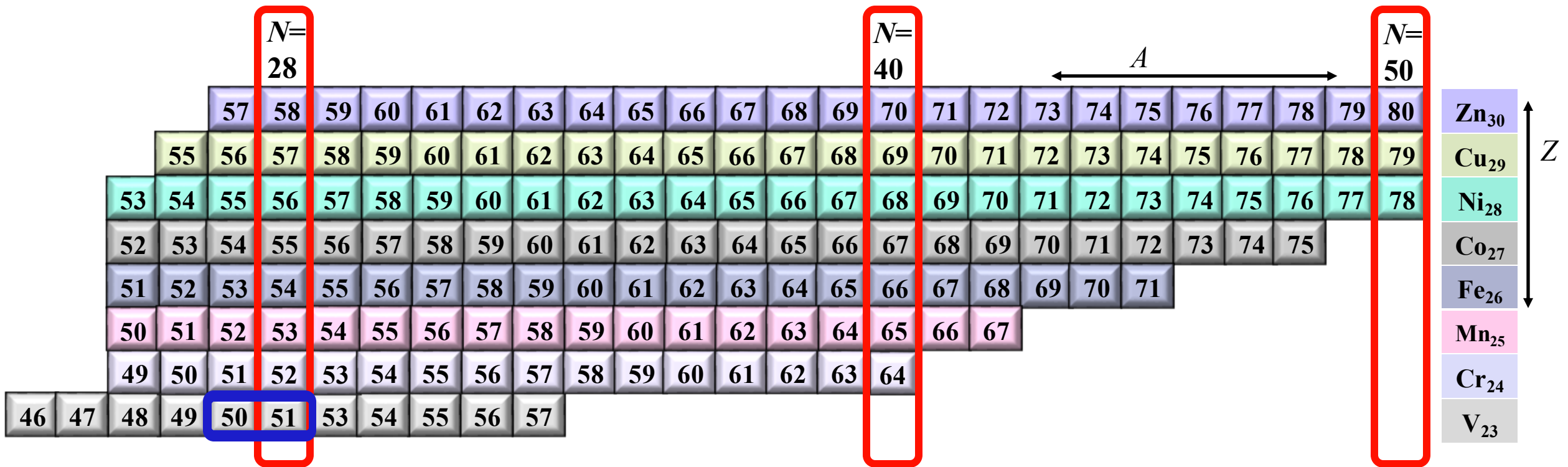
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How is quadrupole moment determined for these isotope chains?

Experiments measure

Hyperfine coupling $\Rightarrow$ **Spectroscopic Quadrupole Moments**

$$B \text{ (Quadrupole coupling constant)} \propto eQ \times V_{zz}$$


Theory

V_{zz} : principal component of the Electric Field Gradient (EFG) tensor
Depends on the electron cloud

Motivation:

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Measured in experiment



Theory



For two isotopes,

Q_1 & Q_2 ; Quadrupole moments

B_1 & B_2 ; measured coupling constants

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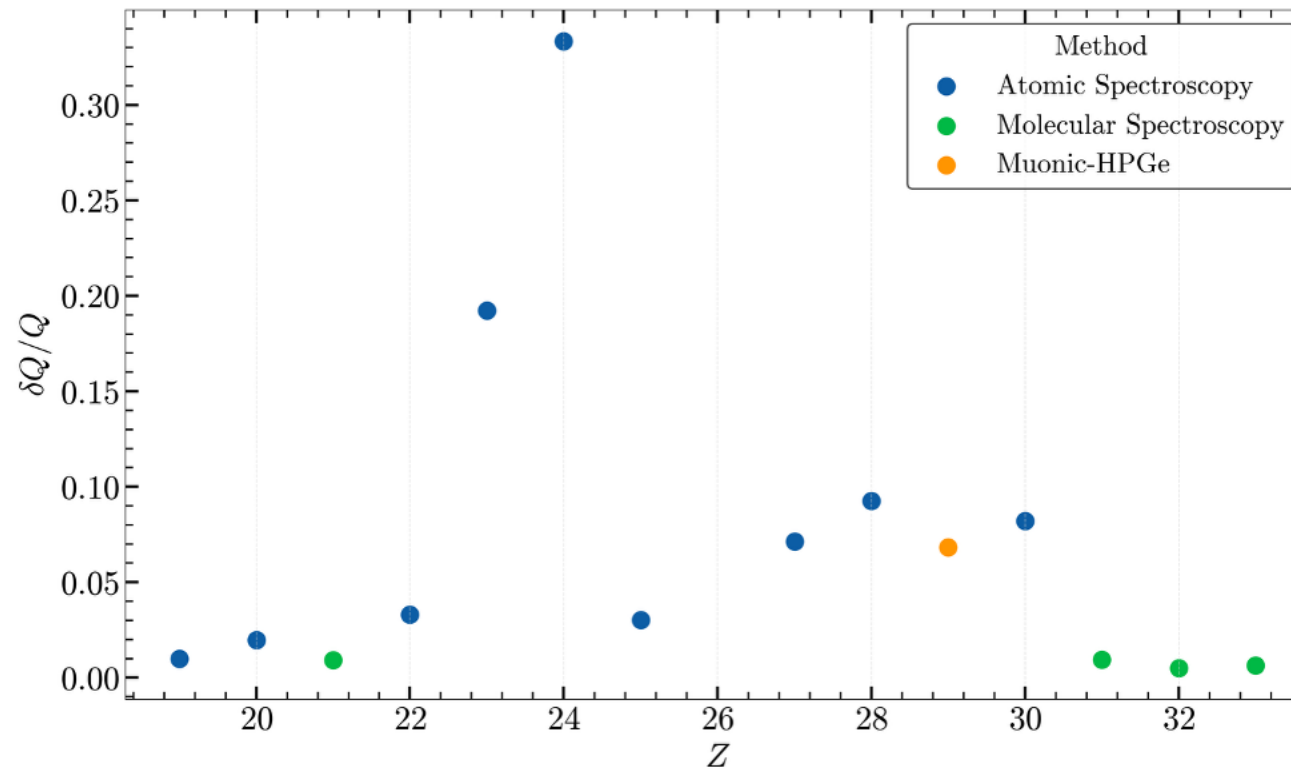
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Given that B_i is
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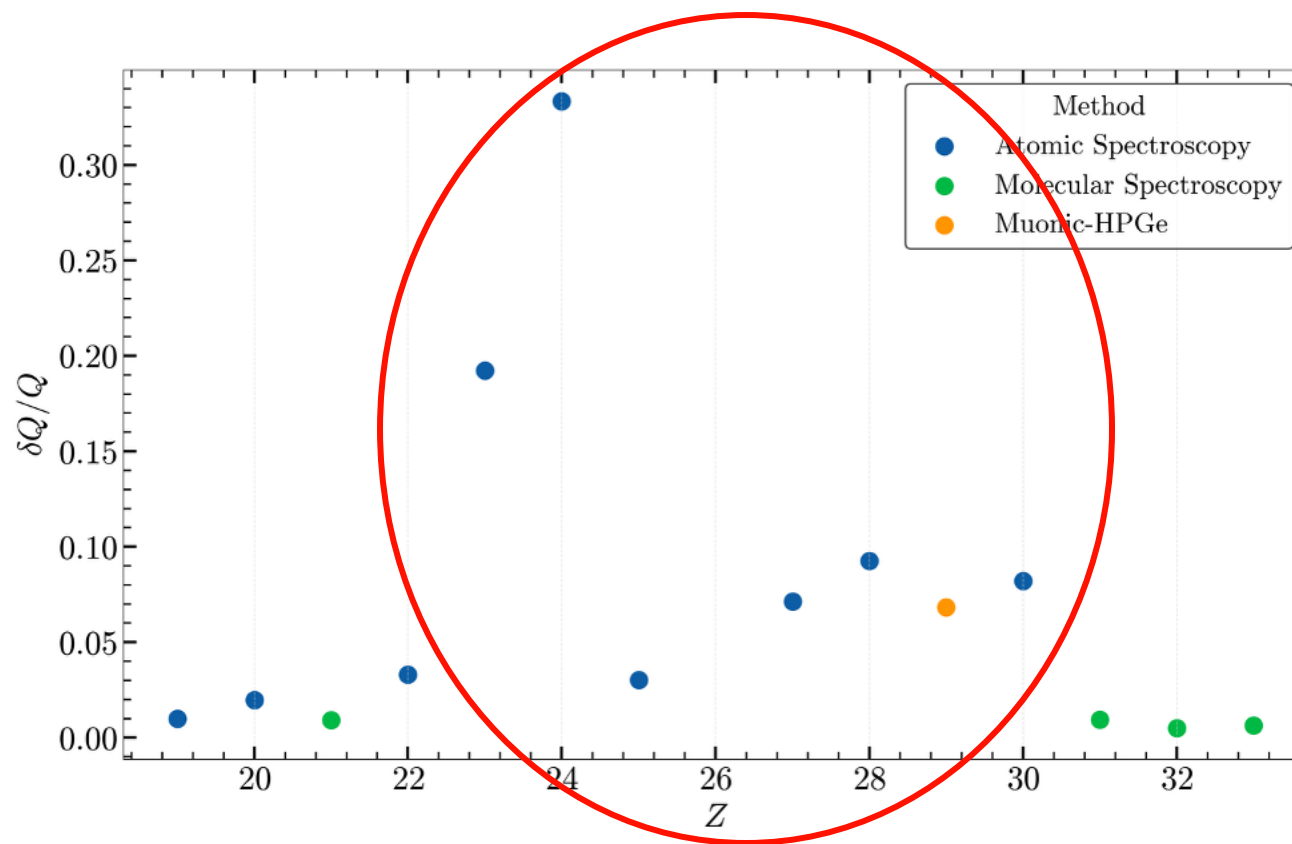
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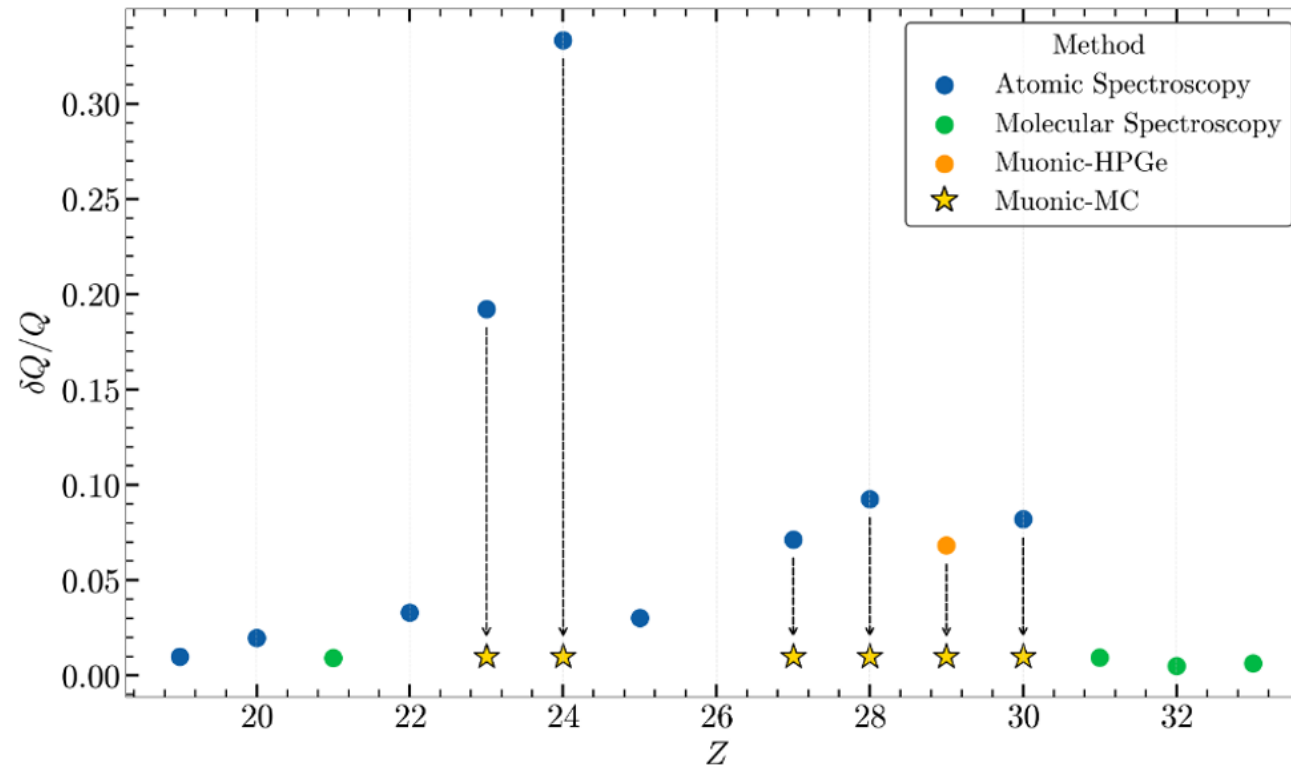


Upcoming and Previous measurements are limited by these uncertainties

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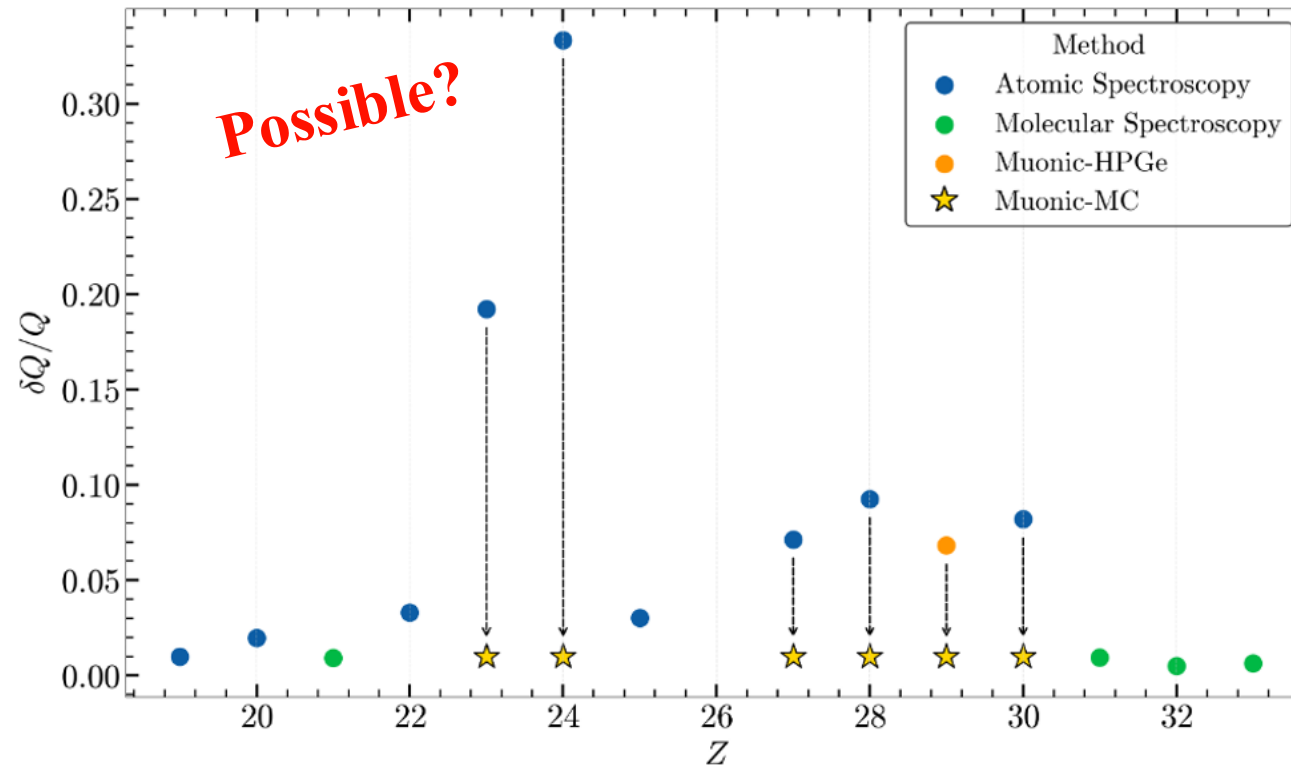
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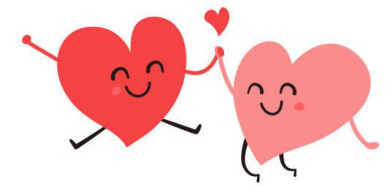
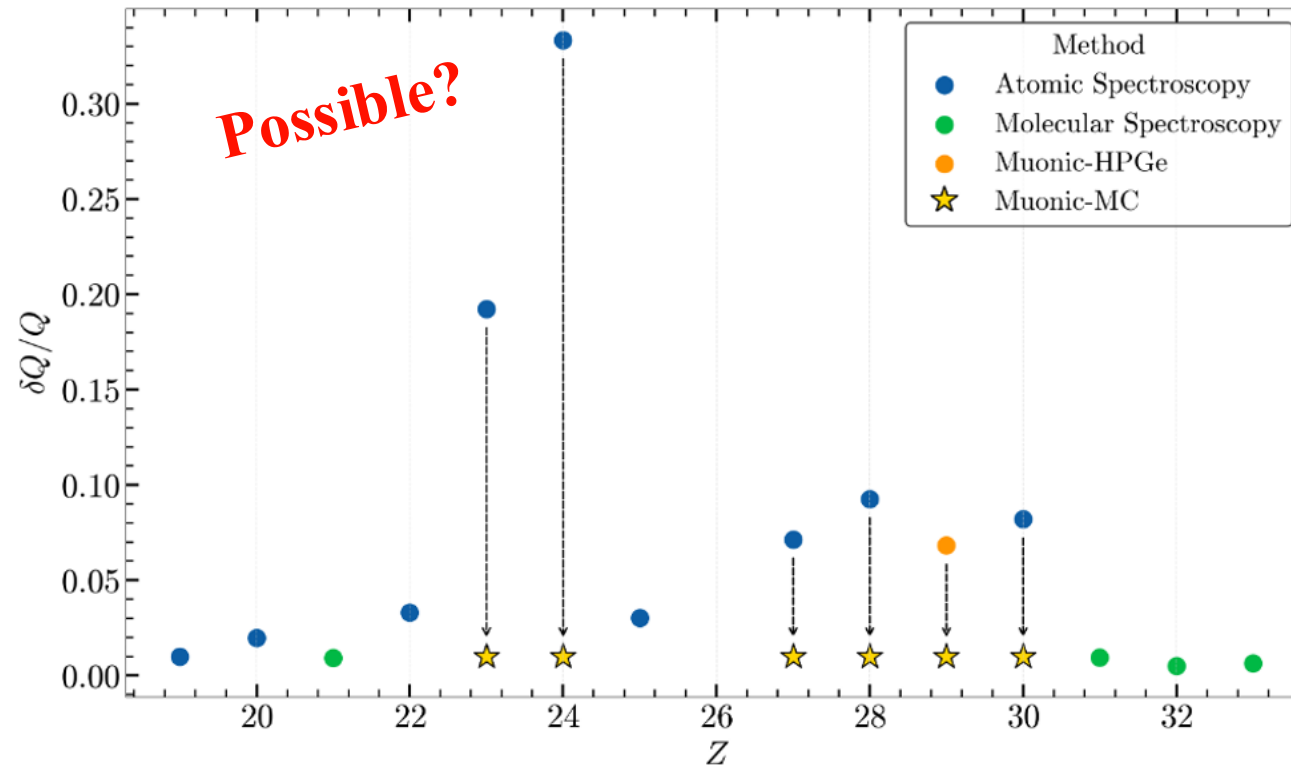
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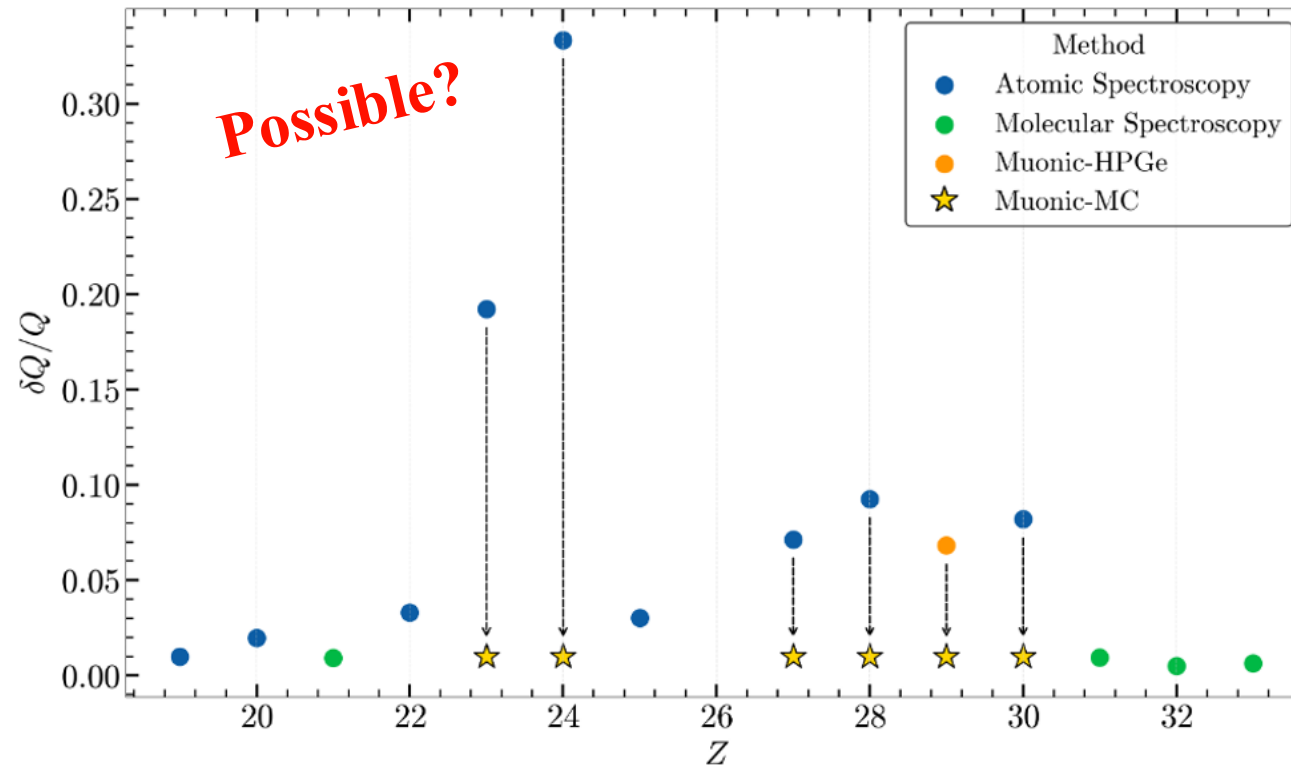
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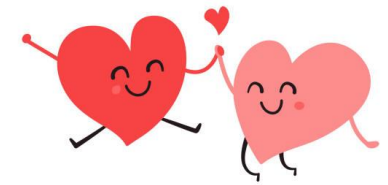
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A technique being
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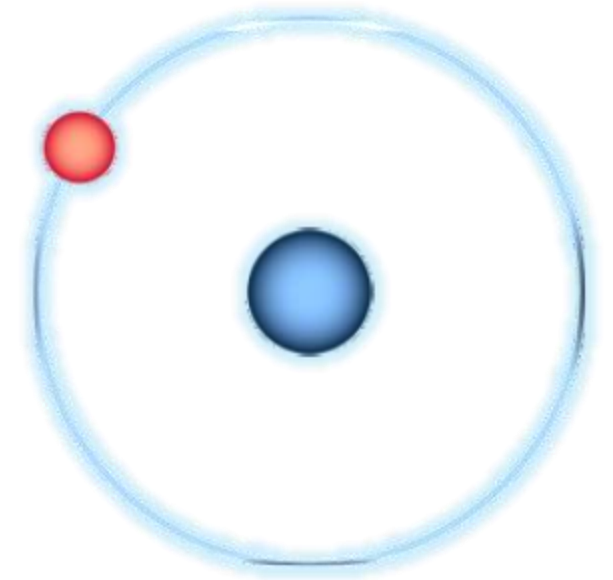
Concept:

In muonic atoms:

Enhanced sensitivity to nuclear effects

Hyperfine interaction;

Spectroscopic Electric Quadrupole coupling $\propto \left(\frac{m_u}{m_e}\right)^3$
(Exists only when nuclear spin $(I) \geq 1$ & $J \geq 1$)



Muonic $\approx$ Hydrogen-like atoms $\Rightarrow$ EFG is strong and can be calculated with high precision

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setup (detector)

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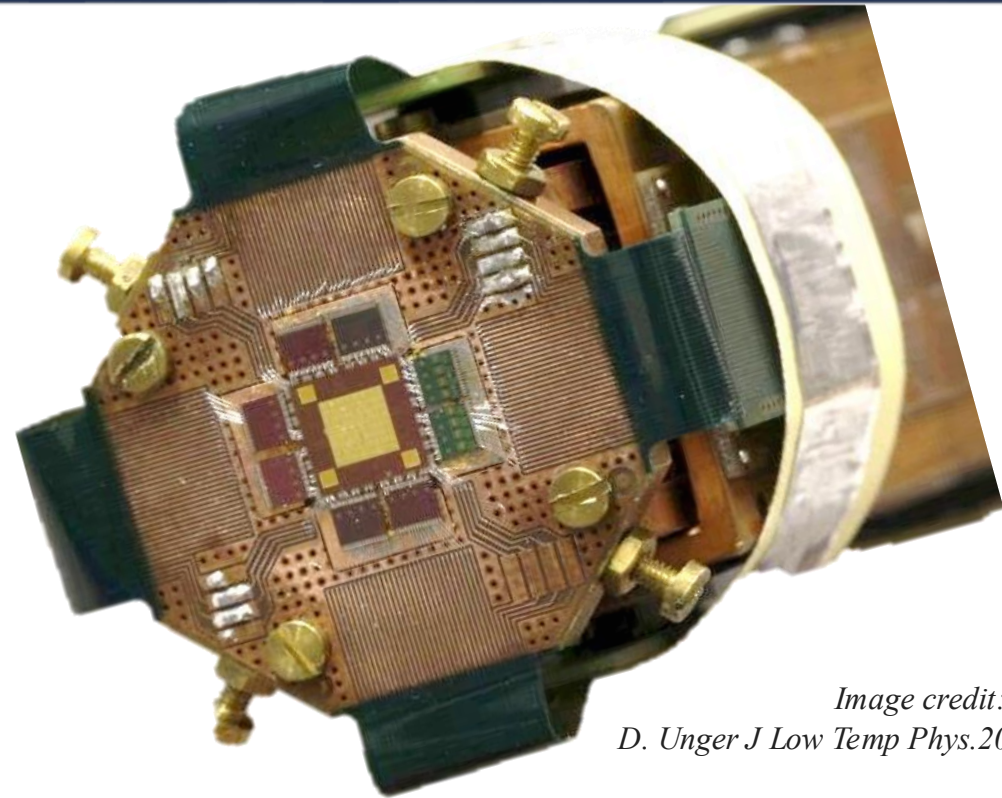
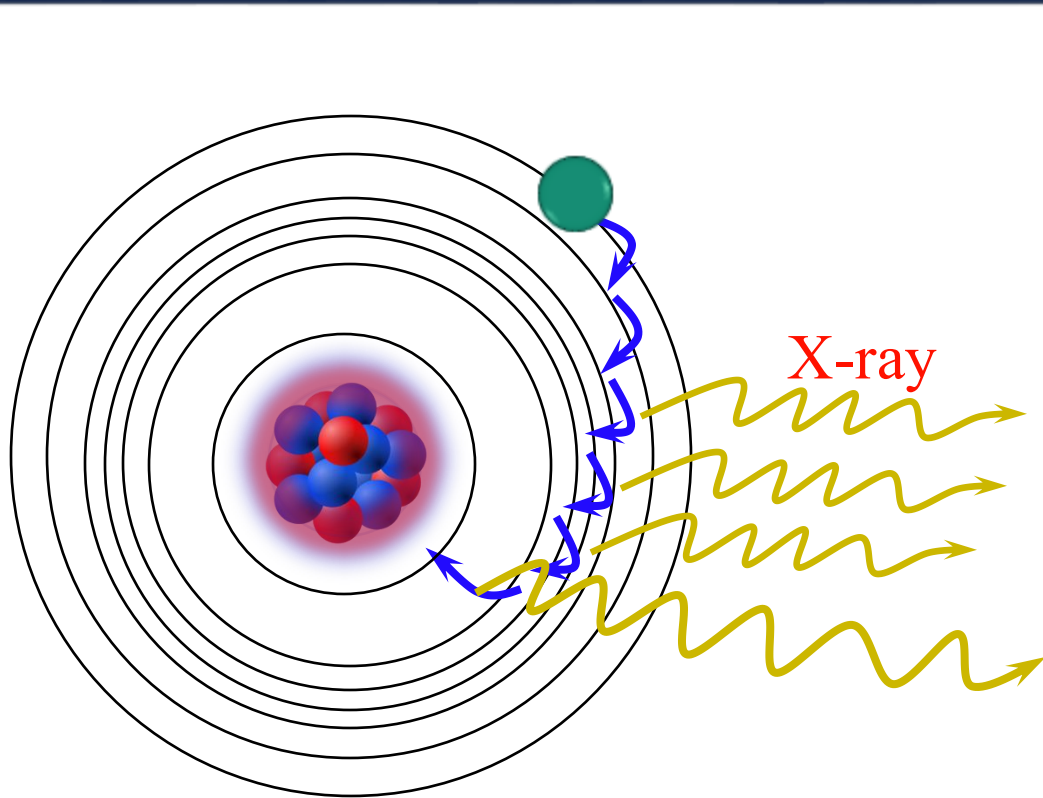


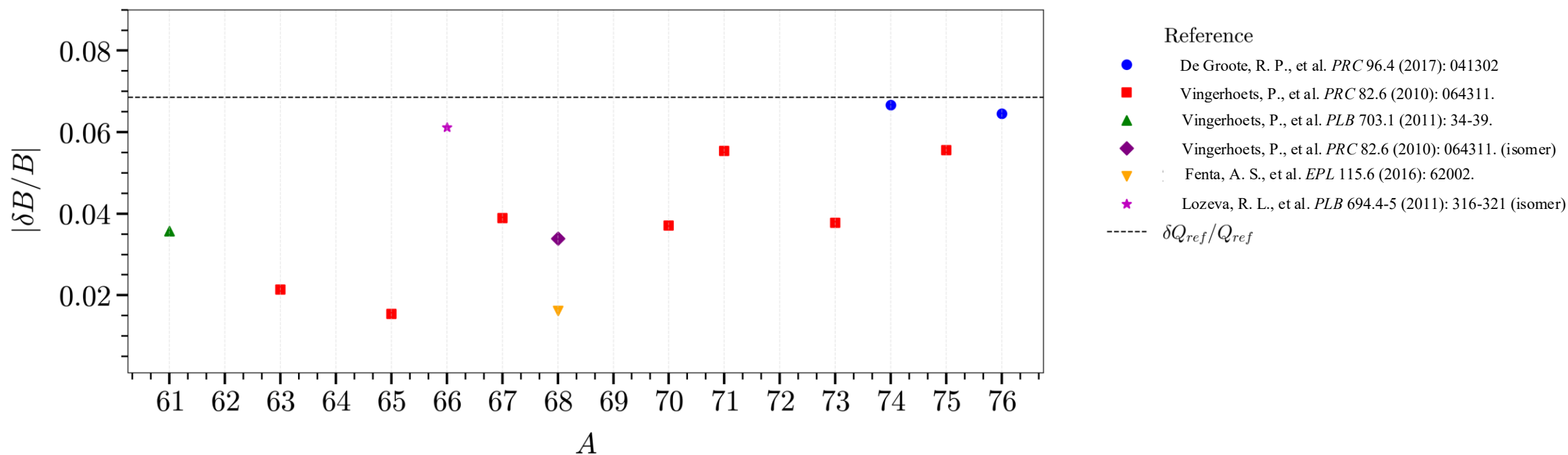
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Muonic Atom ($2s \rightarrow 2p$) + MC: To determine precise Q_{ref} is possible

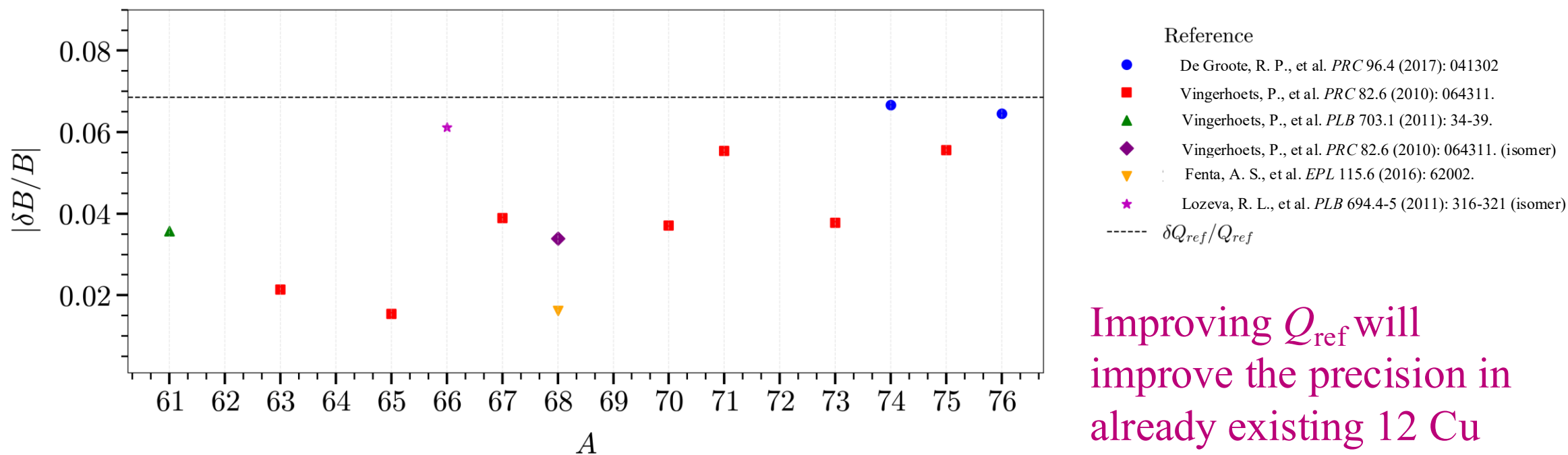
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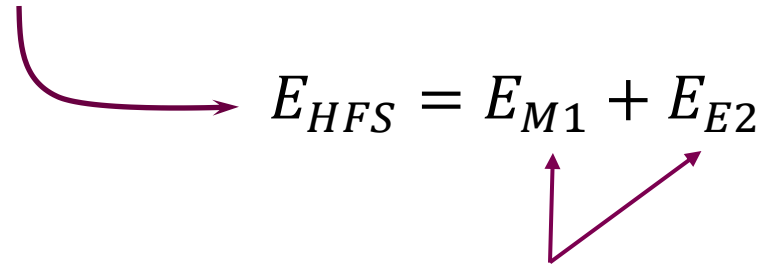
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Improving Q_{ref} will
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isotopes/isomers Q values

Theory Inputs:

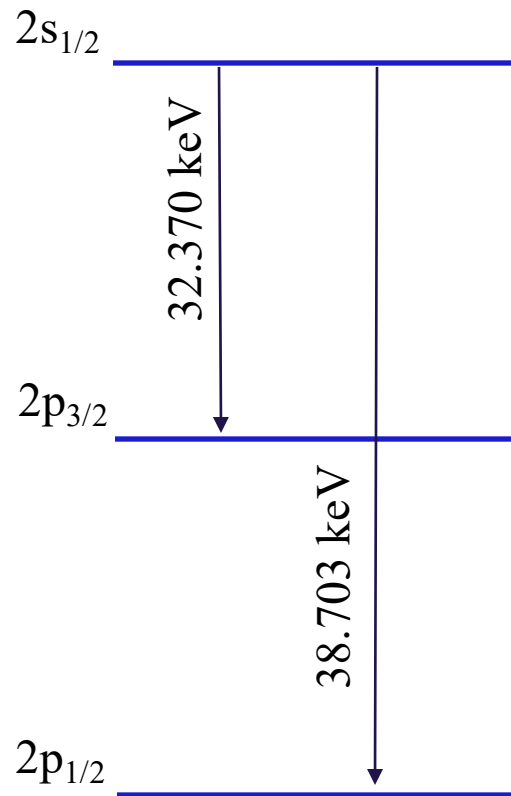
$$\delta E_{FS} = \delta E_{Dirac} + \delta E_{QED} + \delta E_{TPE} + \delta E_{recoil}$$


$$E_{HFS} = E_{M1} + E_{E2}$$

- ☐ QED (Vacuum Polarization) Correction
- ☐ Hyperfine Mixing
- ☐ Nuclear Polarization Correction (Dynamic Hyperfine Mixing)

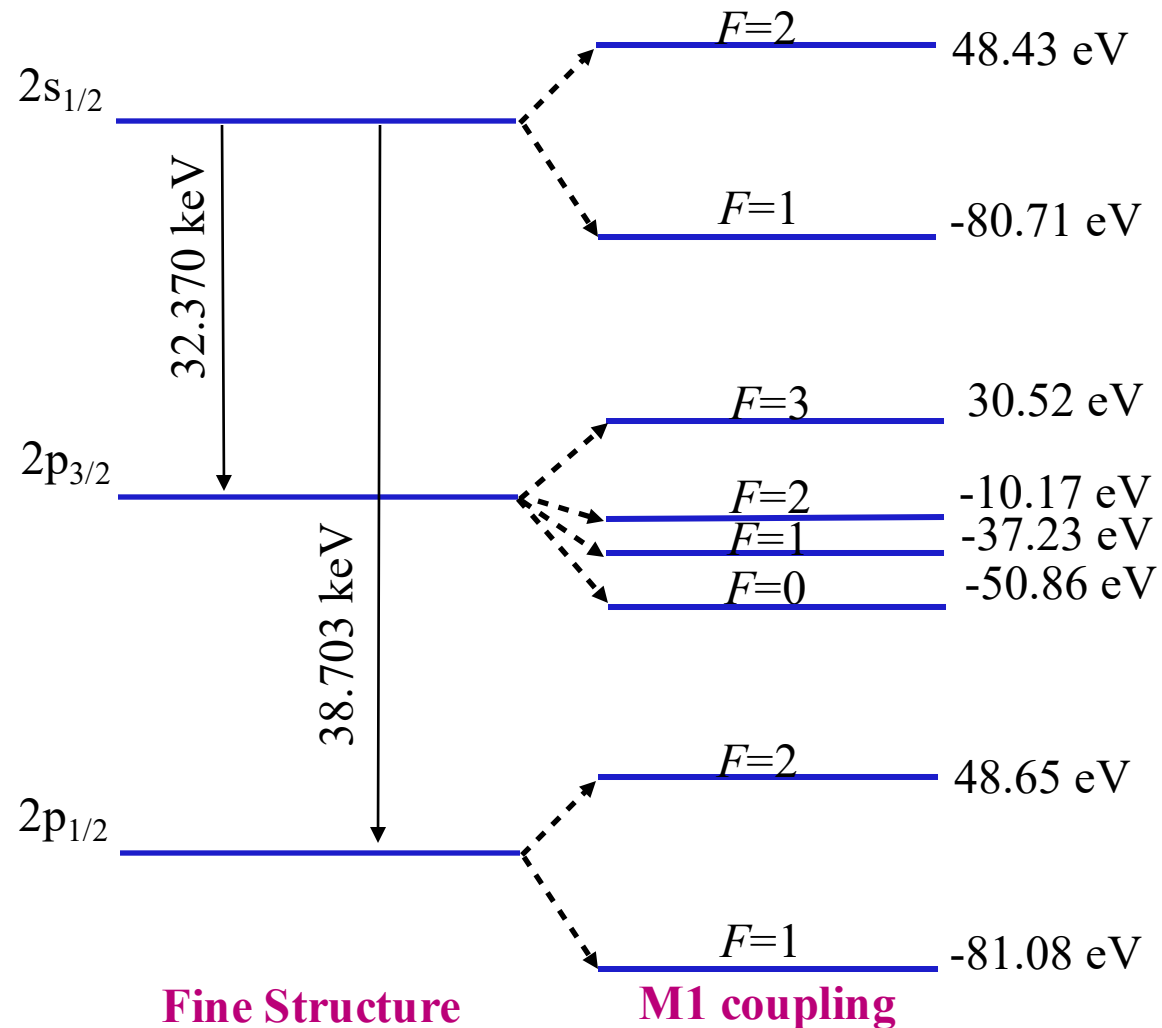
M1: Magnetic dipole coupling
E2: Electric quadrupole coupling

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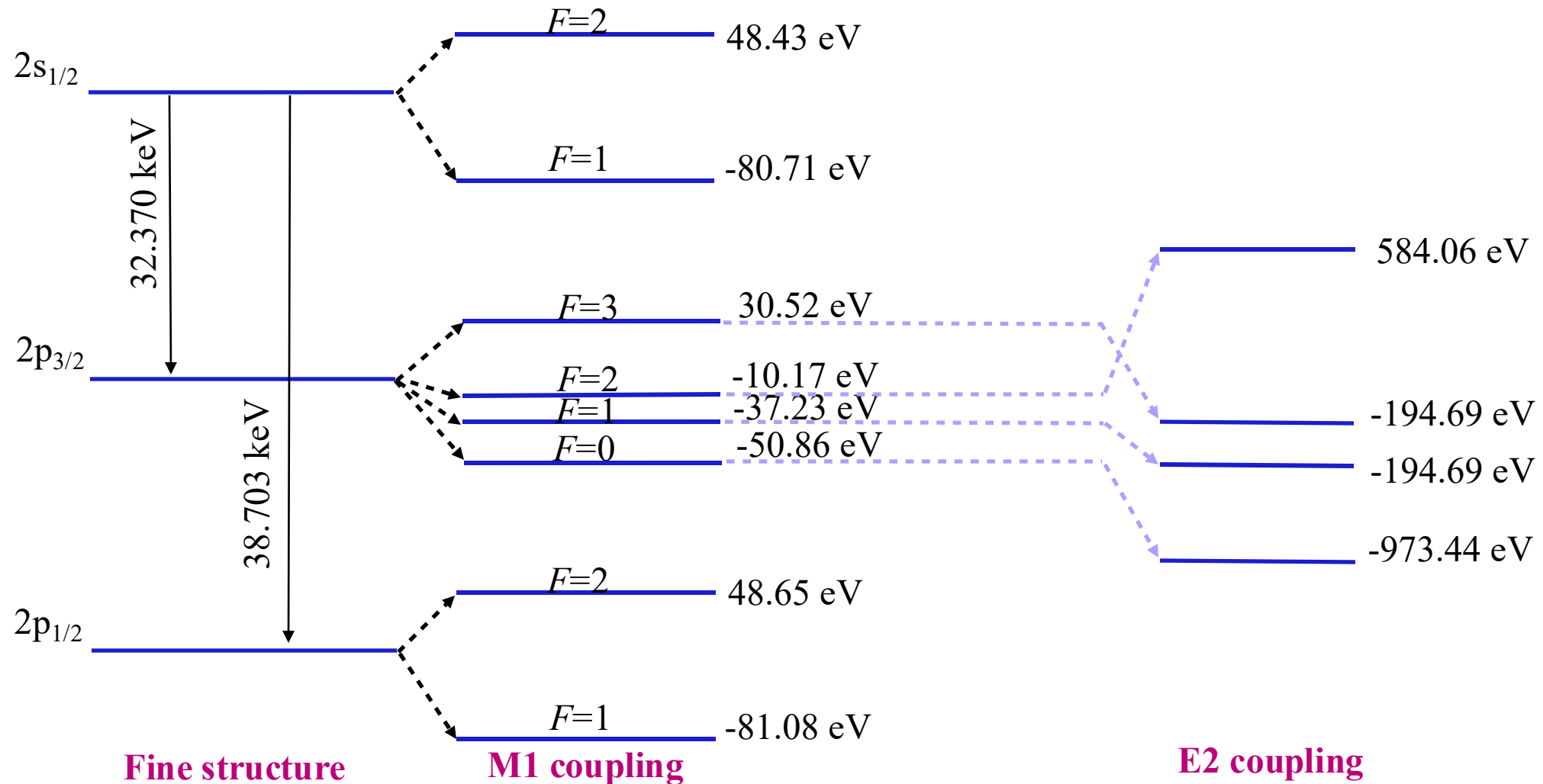


Fine Structure

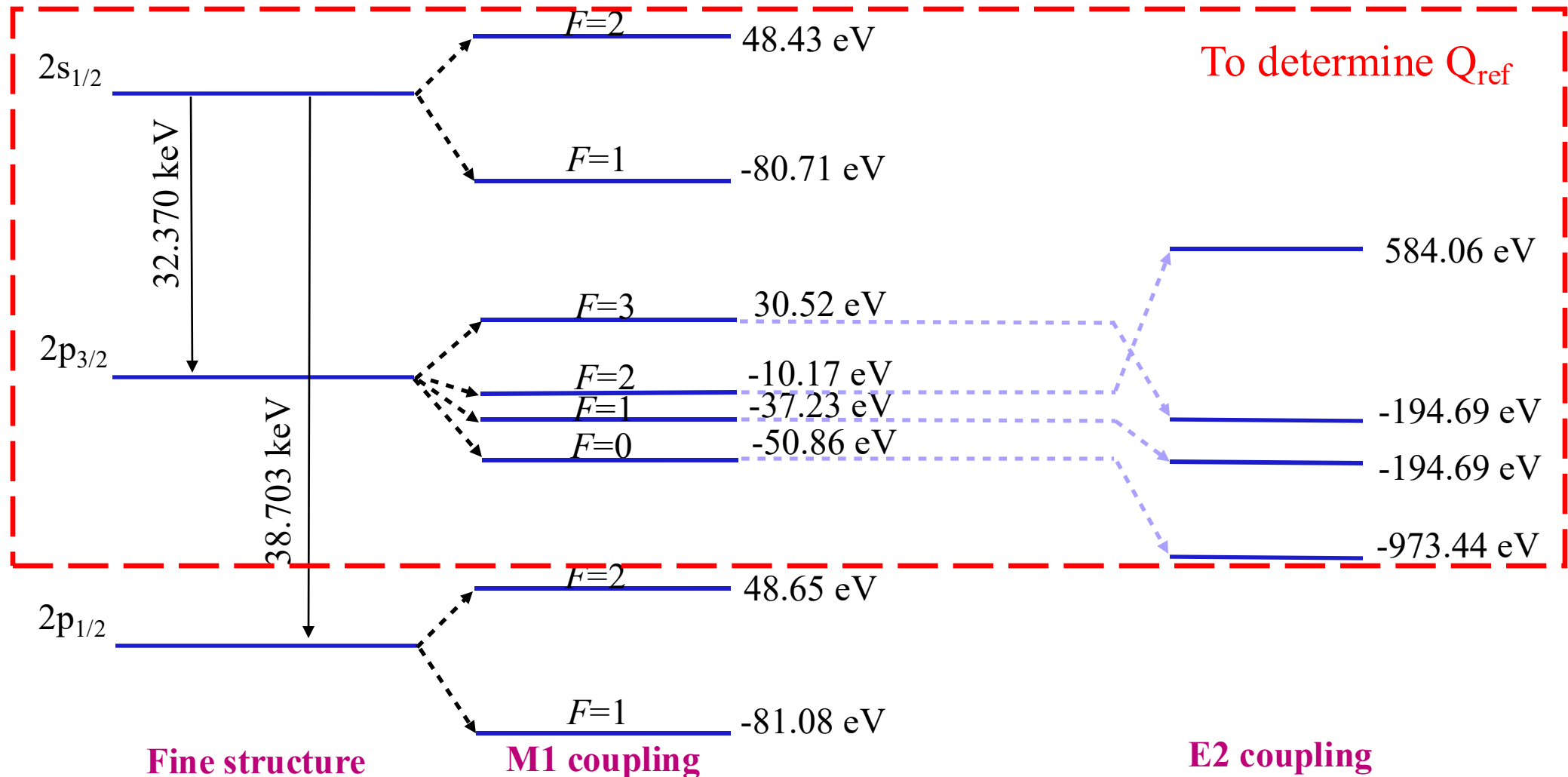
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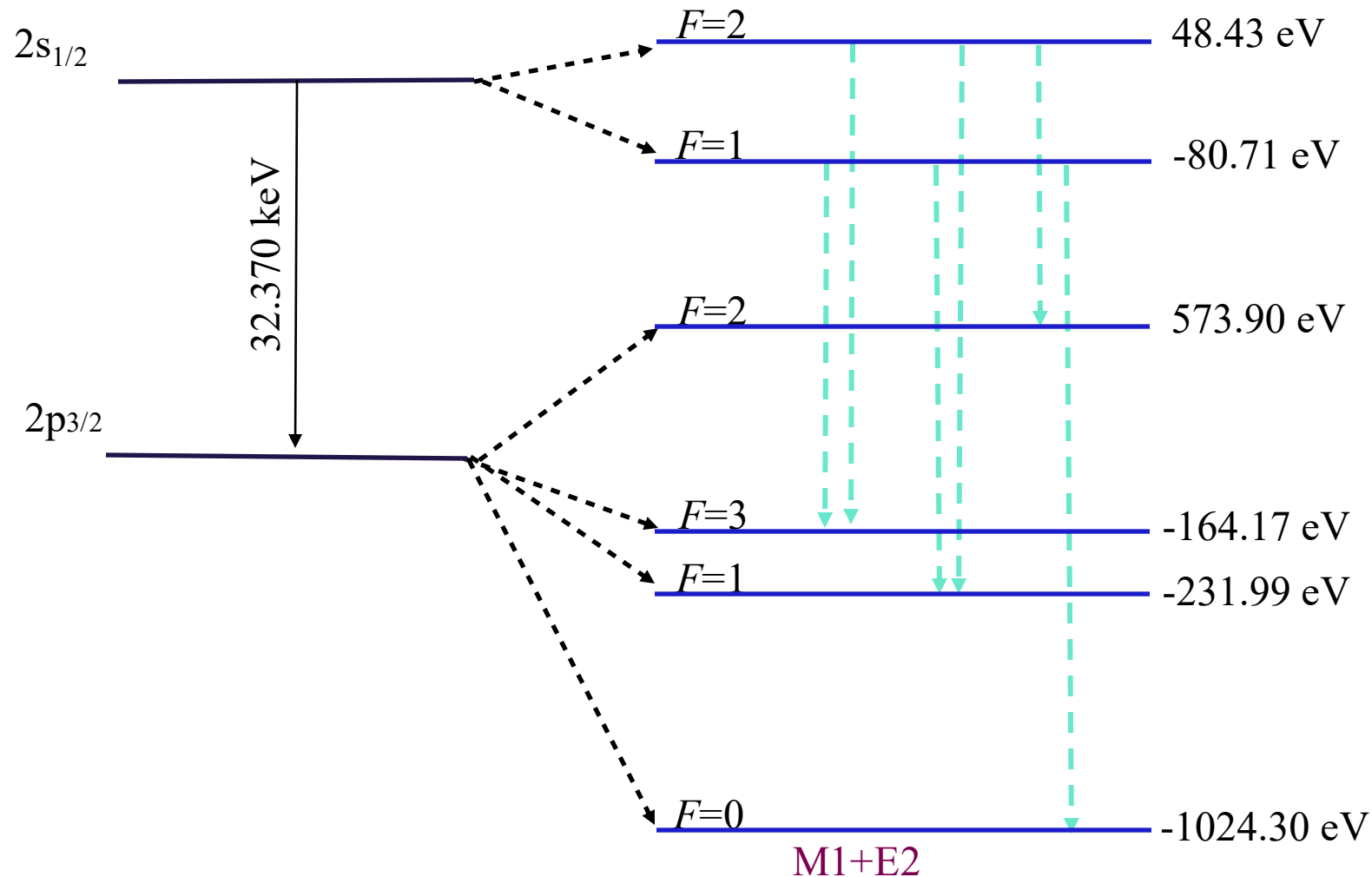
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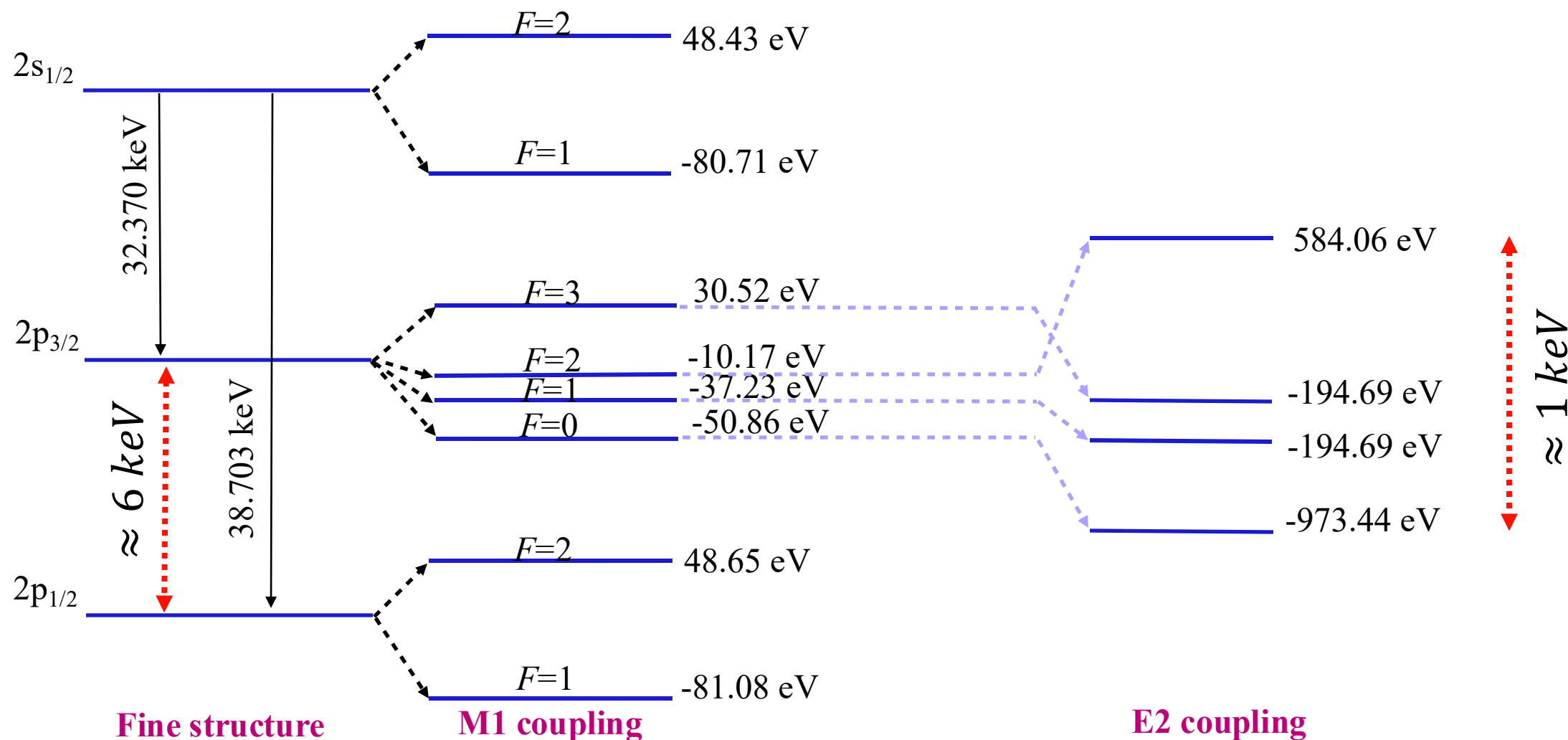


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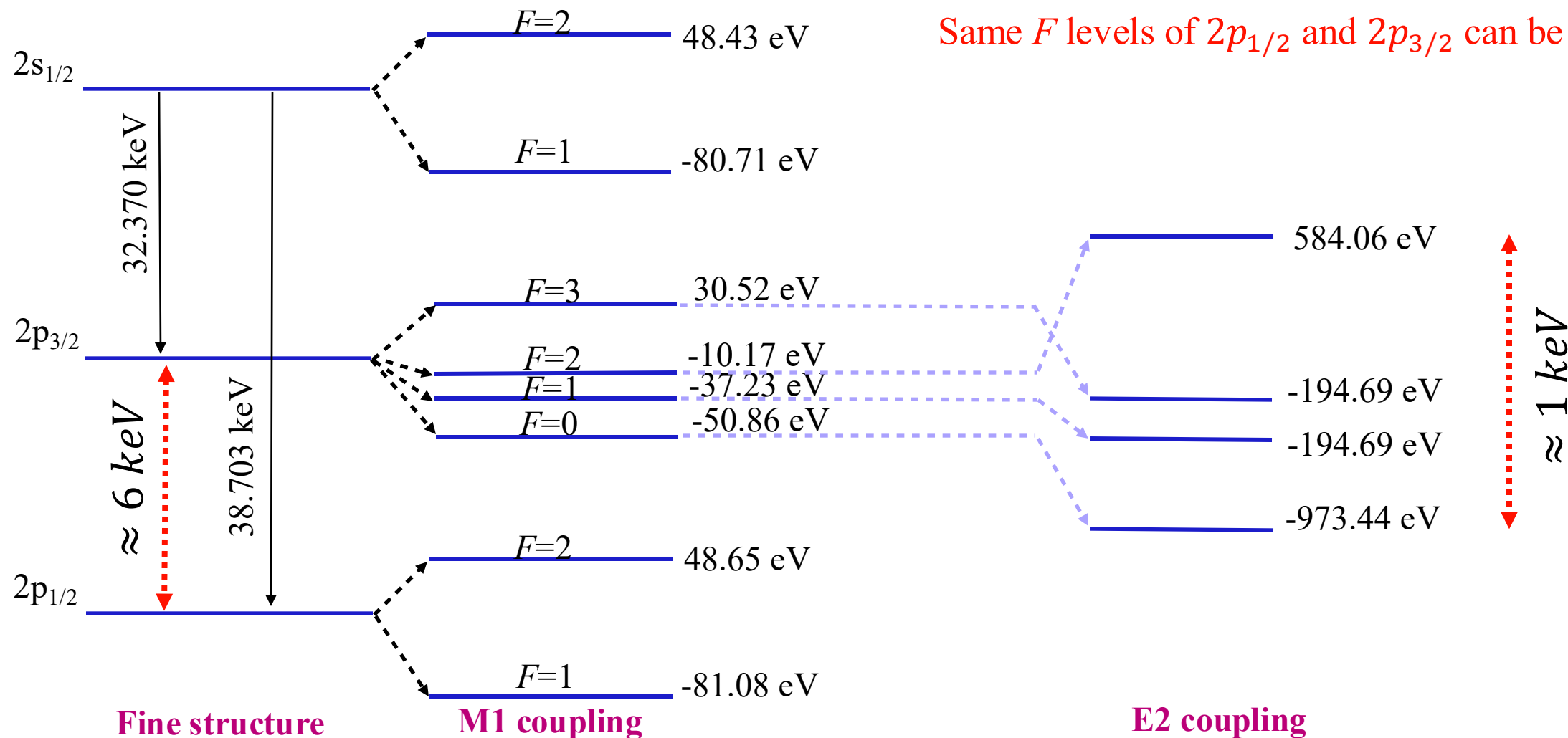
6 hyperfine transitions

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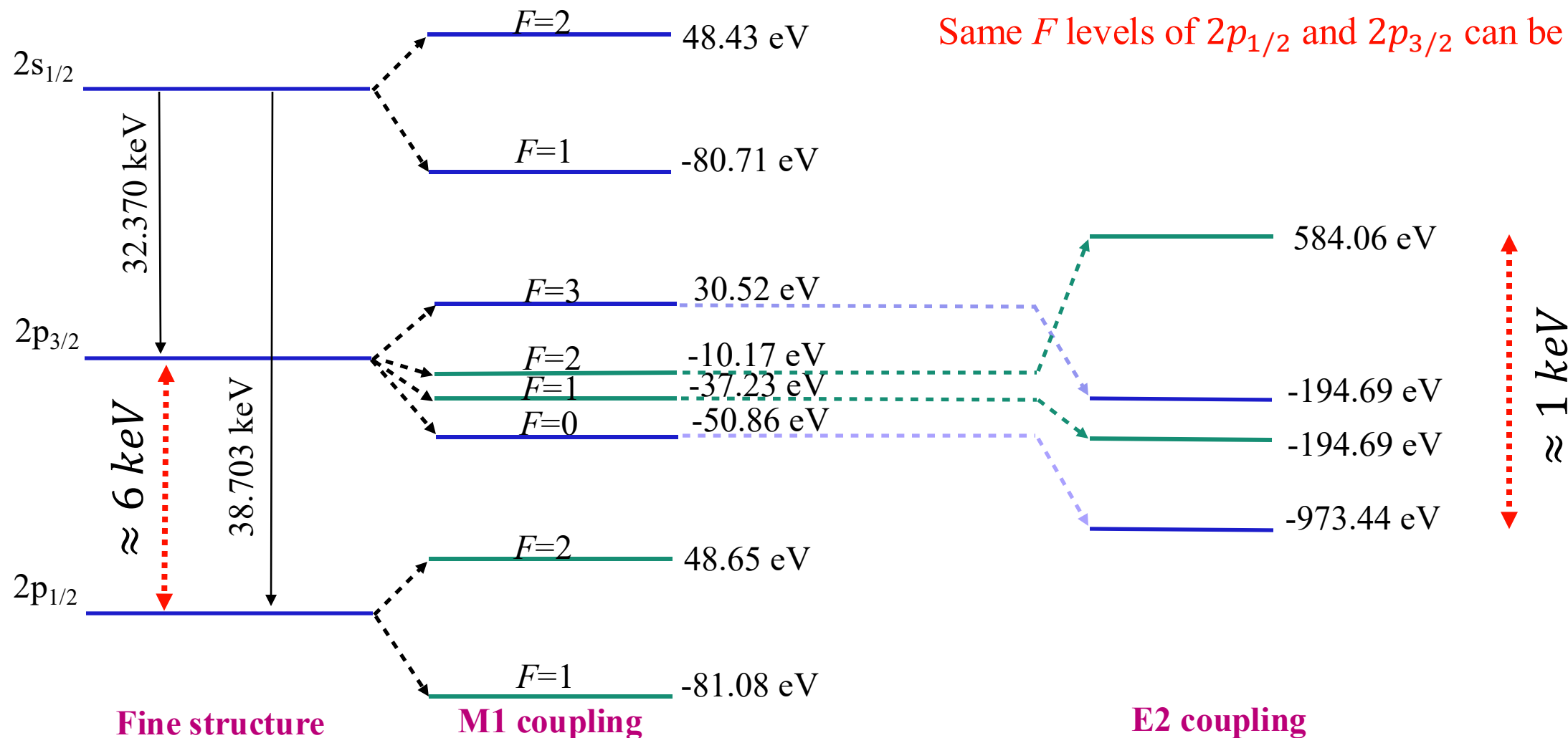
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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Diagonal:} & \quad \langle J P | H_{HFS}^{(1)} | J P \rangle, \langle J P | H_{HFS}^{(2)} | J P \rangle \\ \text{Off-diagonal:} & \quad \langle J' P | H_{HFS}^{(1)} | J P \rangle, \langle J' P | H_{HFS}^{(2)} | J P \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$H_{HFS}^{(1)}$: Magnetic Dipole Interaction
 $H_{HFS}^{(2)}$: Electric Quadrupole Interaction

$$\begin{pmatrix} \langle J | H_{HFS}^{(1)} | J \rangle + \langle J | H_{HFS}^{(2)} | J \rangle + E_{JFS} & \langle J | H_{HFS}^{(1)} | J' \rangle + \langle J | H_{HFS}^{(2)} | J' \rangle \\ \langle J' | H_{HFS}^{(1)} | J \rangle + \langle J' | H_{HFS}^{(2)} | J \rangle & \langle J' | H_{HFS}^{(1)} | J' \rangle + \langle J' | H_{HFS}^{(2)} | J' \rangle + E_{J'FS} \end{pmatrix}$$

Re-diagonalization of the Hamiltonian



Eigenvalues and eigenvectors as new energies and mixing coefficients

Case Study ^{63}Cu :

Theoretical information about the hyperfine line

Positions

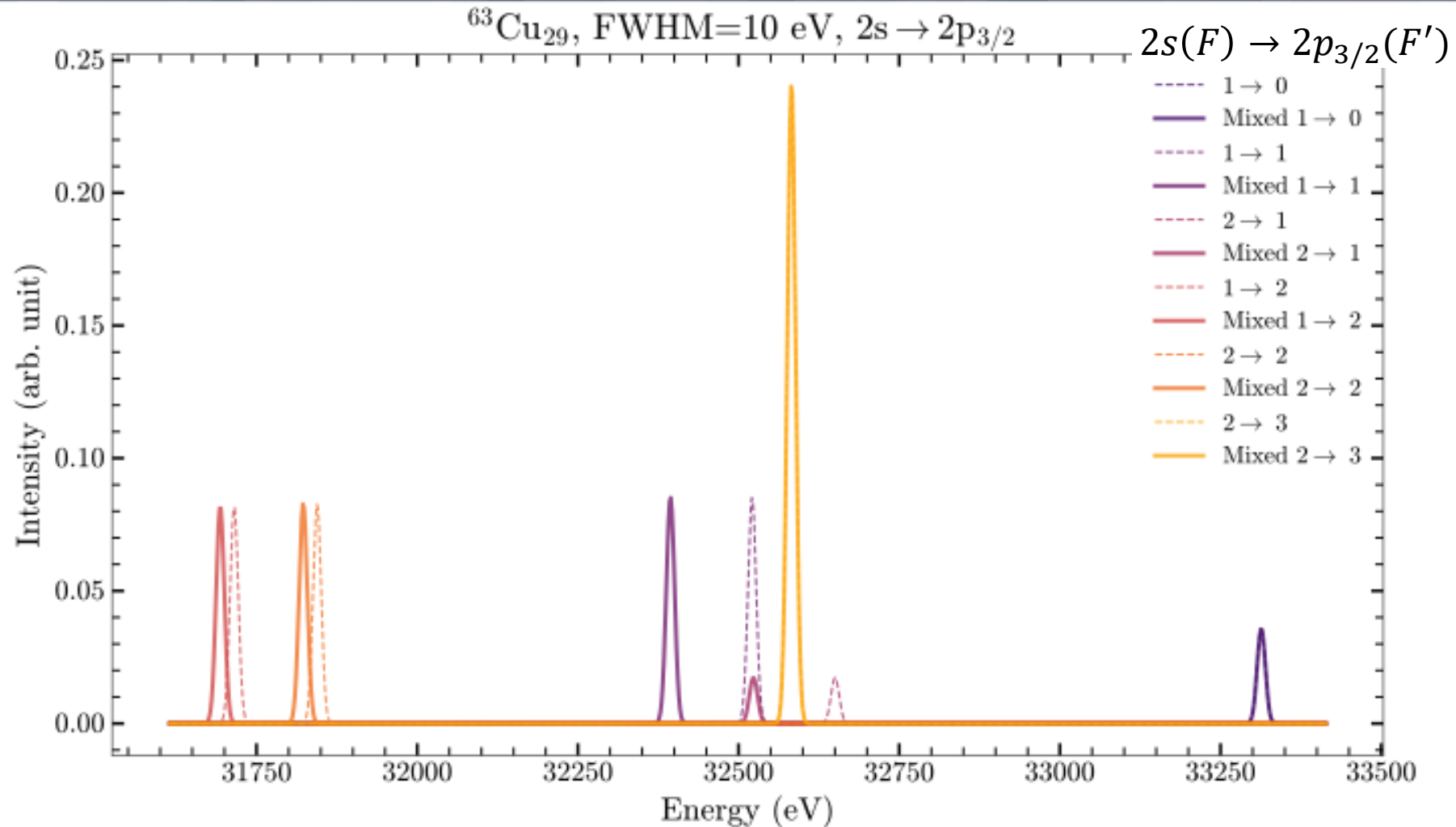
Natural width

Intensities

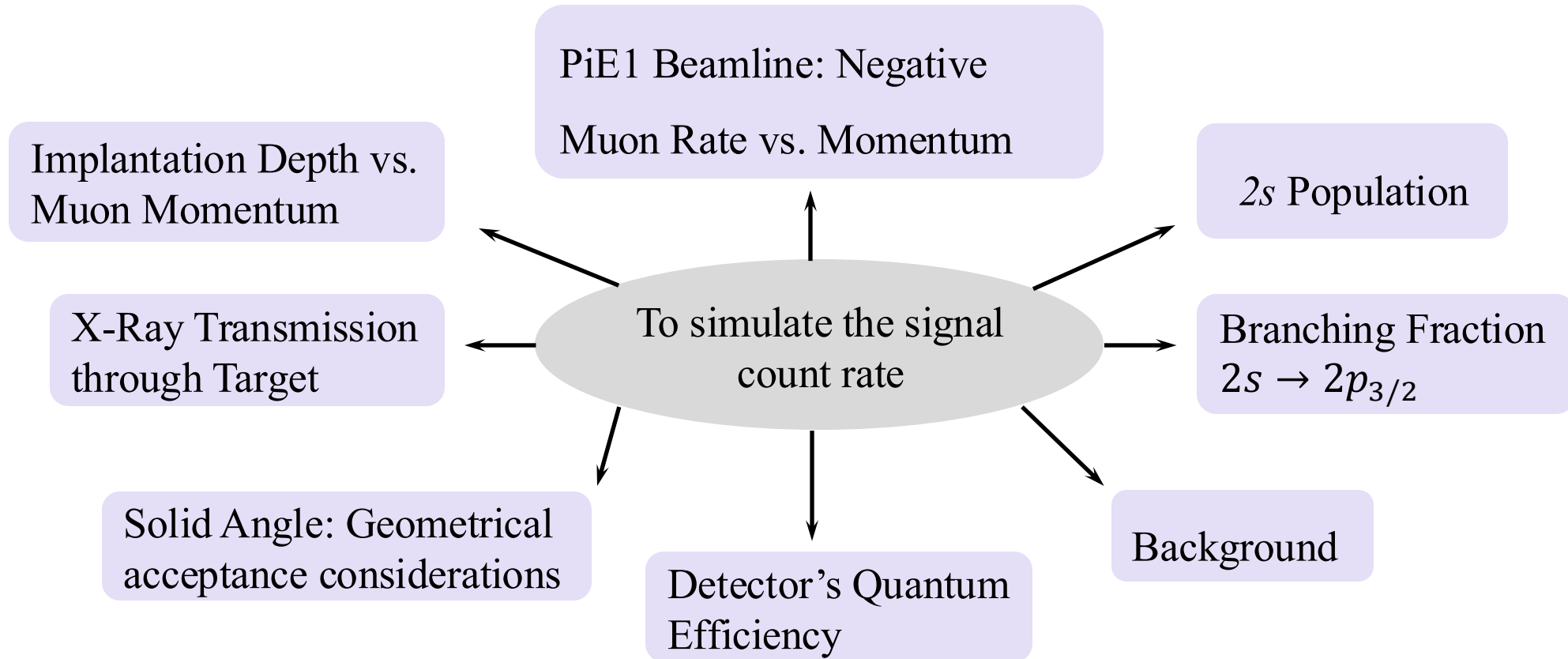
Detector: $\text{FWHM}(eV)^* = 9.9 + 2 \times 10^{-4} E^2$ (E in keV)

* Sikorsky, Tomas, et al. *Physical Review Letters* 125.14 (2020): 142503.

Theoretically simulated spectra of ^{63}Cu :

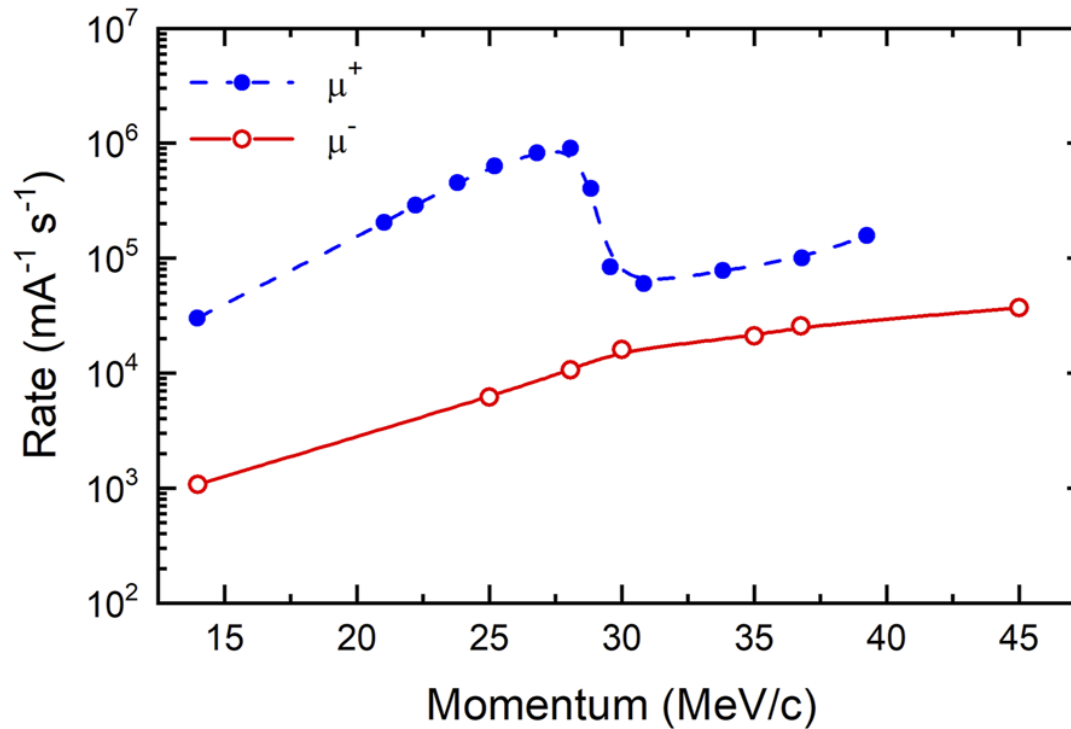


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PiE1 Beamline: Negative
Muon Rate vs. Momentum



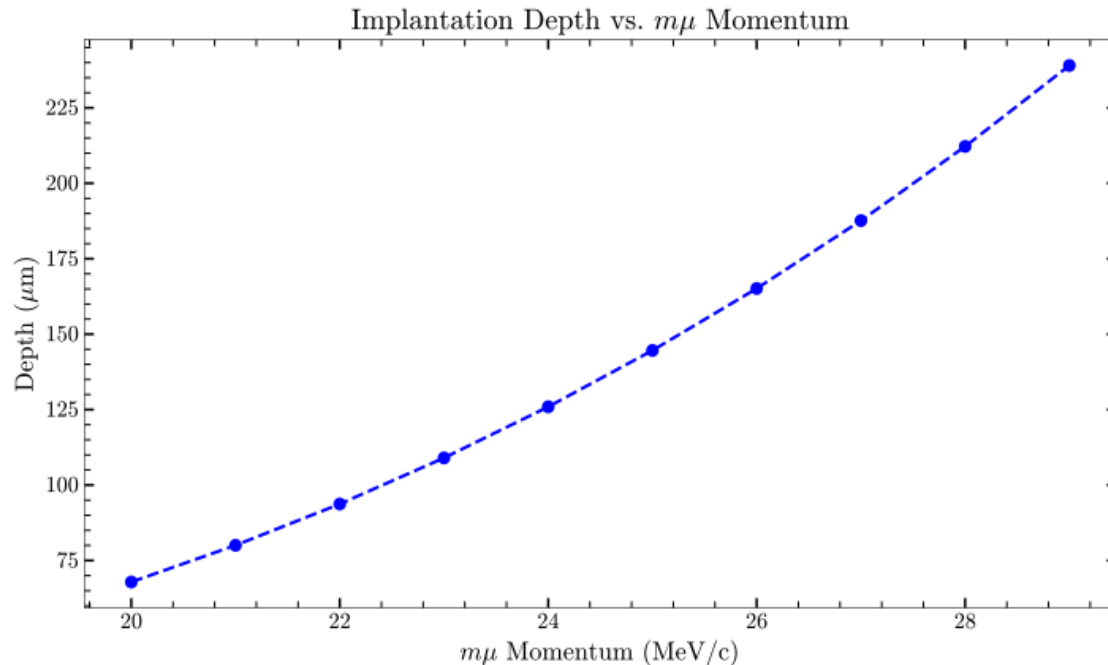
Current $\approx 1 \text{ mA}^{-1}$

L. Gerchow et.al. Rev. Sci. Instrum. 94, 045106 (2023)

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Geant4 Simulations

Implantation Depth vs. Muon Momentum



Solid Angle

$\approx 1\text{E-}04$

$2s$ Population

≈ 0.03 (Vogel Cascade Code)

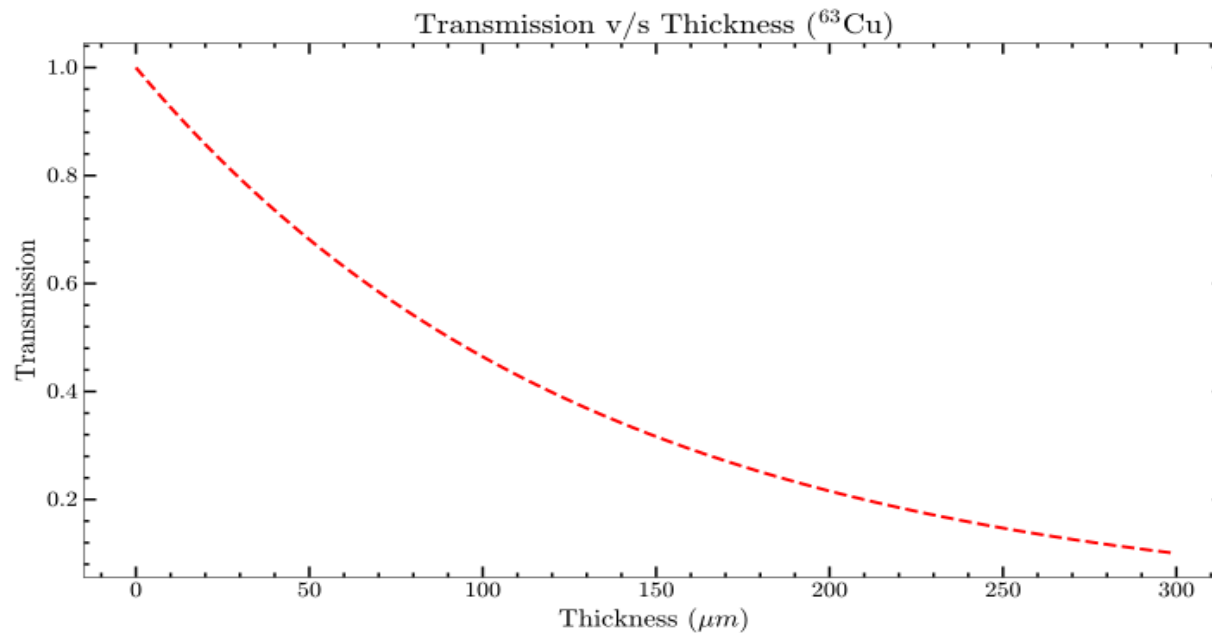
Branching Fraction

$2s \rightarrow 2p_{3/2}$

≈ 0.26 of $2s$ population *(Knyazeva, V. A., et al. Phys. Rev. A 106.1 (2022): 012809)*

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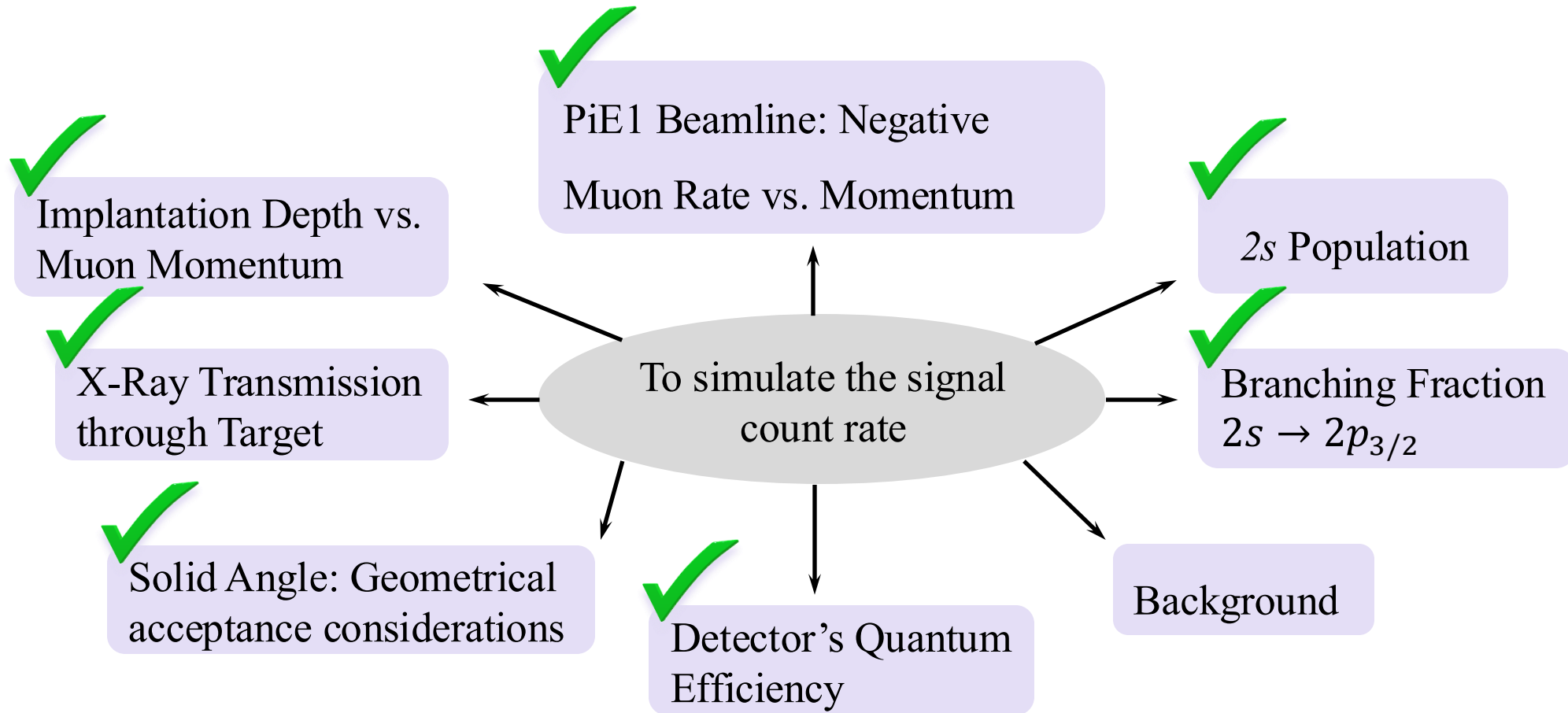
X-Ray Transmission through Target



Detector's Quantum Efficiency

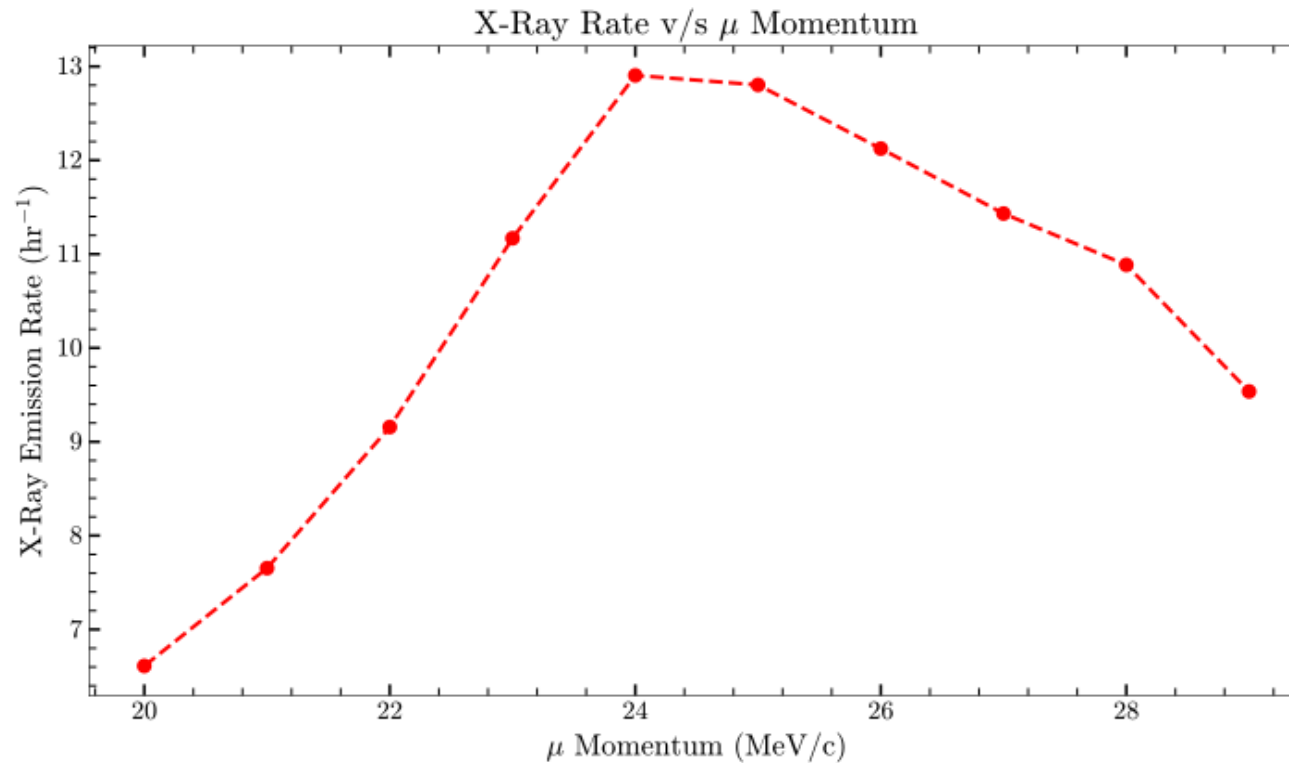
≈ 0.9 (Quartet Progress report)

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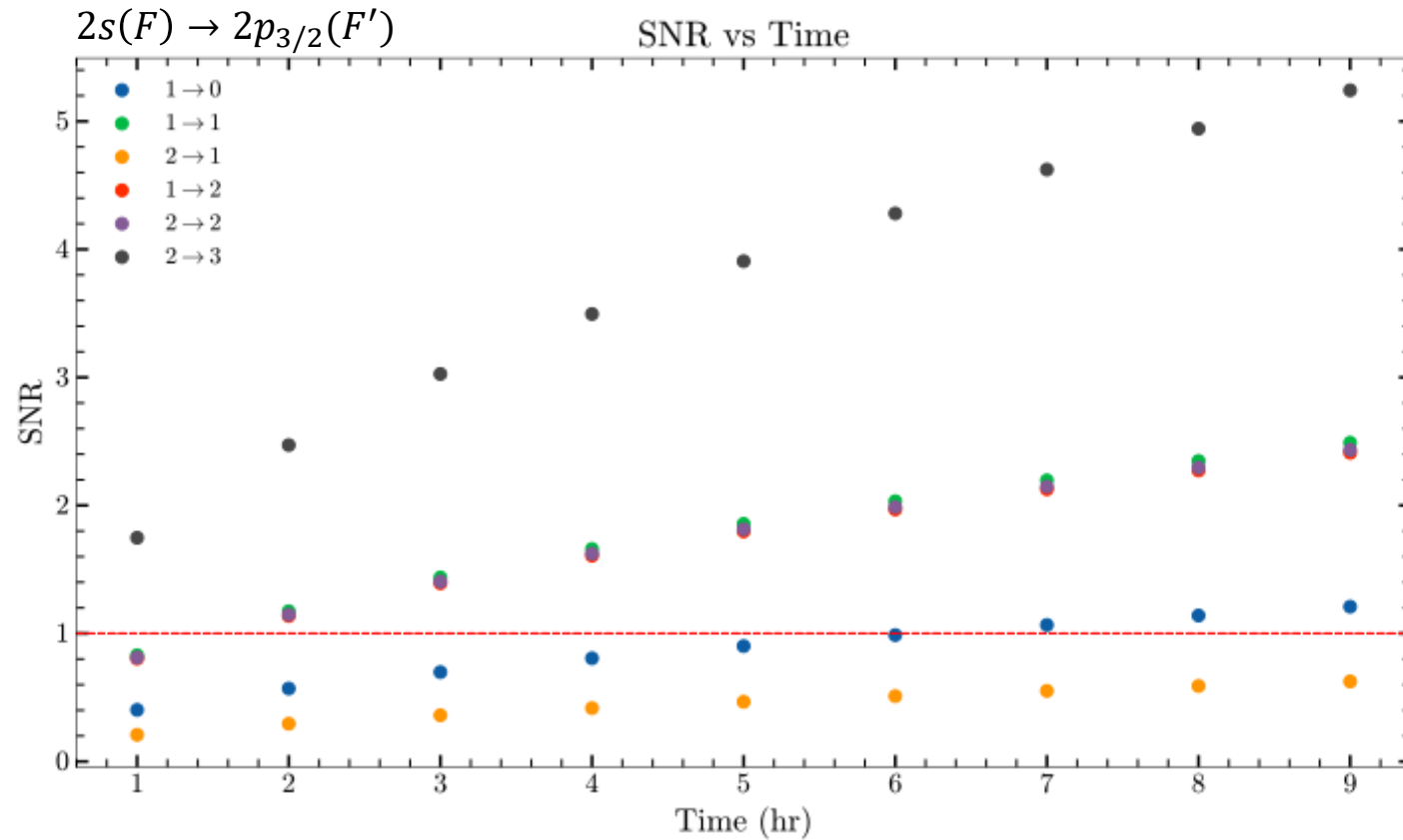
$$\text{Photon emission rate} = \text{Muon rates (s}^{-1}\text{mA}^{-1}) \times \text{Current (mA)} \times \text{transmission} \times \text{QE} \times 2s \text{ fraction} \times \text{BF}_{2s \rightarrow 2p_{3/2}} \times \text{Solid angle}$$



Remember:
Distribution among
the 6 HFS line

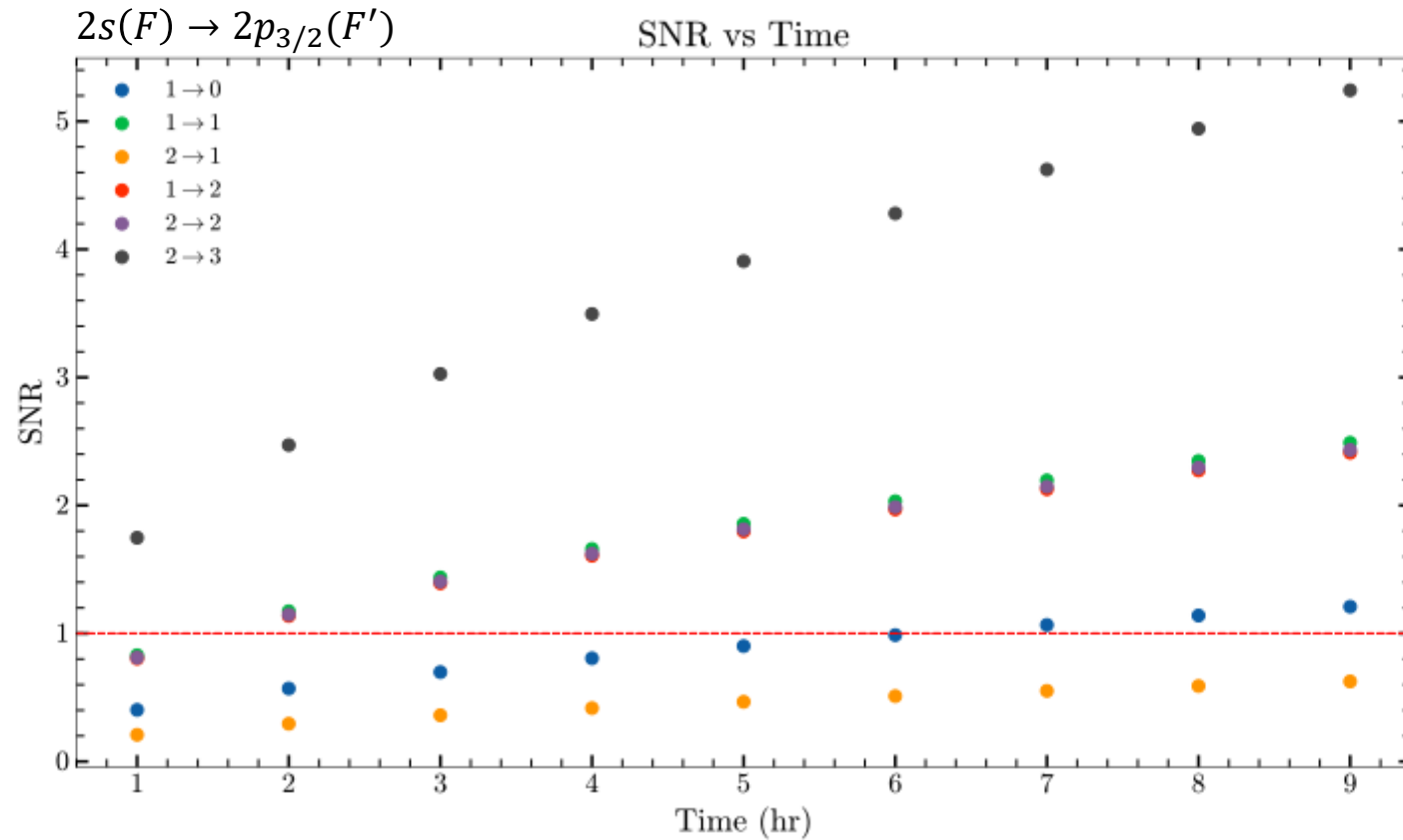
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Possible
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