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Novel opportunities for Atomic, Nuclear, and Applied Physics



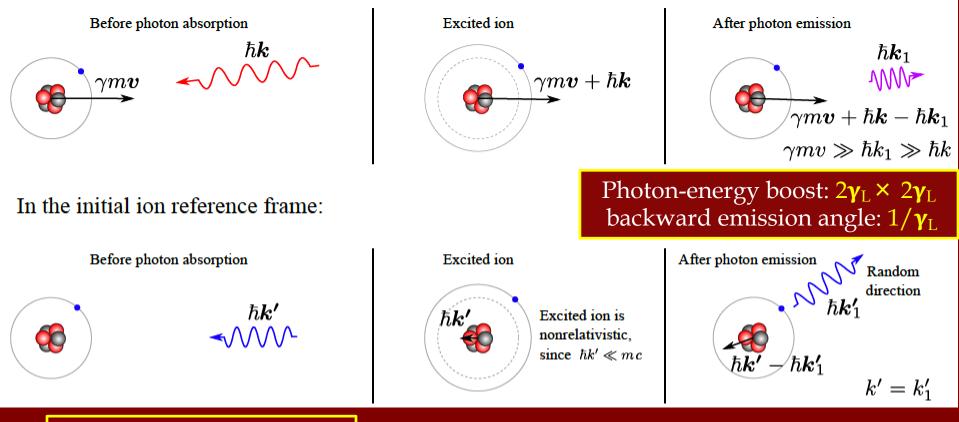
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Photon scattering on relativistic ions

In the laboratory reference frame:



Photon-energy boost: $2\gamma_L$

Gamma Factory @ CERN

Partially Stripped Ion beam as a light frequency converter

$$v^{\text{max}} \rightarrow (4 \gamma_{\text{L}}^2) v_{\text{i}}$$

Tuning of the beam energy, the choice of the ion type, the number of left electrons and of the laser type allows to tune the γ -ray energy, at CERN, in the energy domain of 100 keV – 400 MeV.

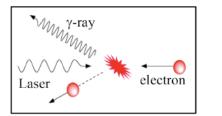
Example (maximal energy): LHC, Pb⁸⁰⁺ ion, γ_L = 2887, n=1 \rightarrow 2, λ = 104.4 nm, E_{γ} (max) = 396 MeV

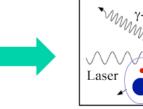
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The gamma ray source for Gamma Factory

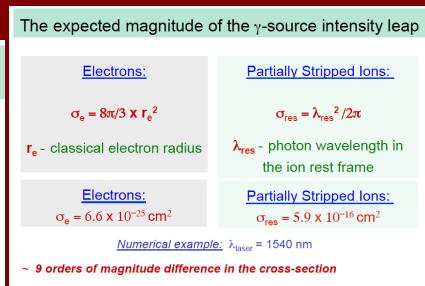
<u>The idea:</u> replace an electron beam by a beam of highly ionised atoms (Partially Stripped Ions - **PSI**)







PSI



~ 7 orders of magnitude increase of gamma fluxes



PSI @ LHC

Is this possible?

A major news from CERN! (July 2018)



During a special one-day run, LHC operators injected lead 'atoms' containing a single electron into the machine (Image: Maximillen Brice/Julien Ordan/CERN)

Protons might be the Large Hadron Collider's bread and butter, but that doesn't mean it can't crave more exotic tastes from time to time. On Wednesday, 25 July, for the very first time, operators injected not just atomic nuclei but lead "atoms" containing a single electron into the LHC. This was one of the first proof-of-principle tests for a new idea called the Gamma Factory, part of CERN's Physics Beyond Colliders project.

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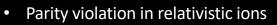
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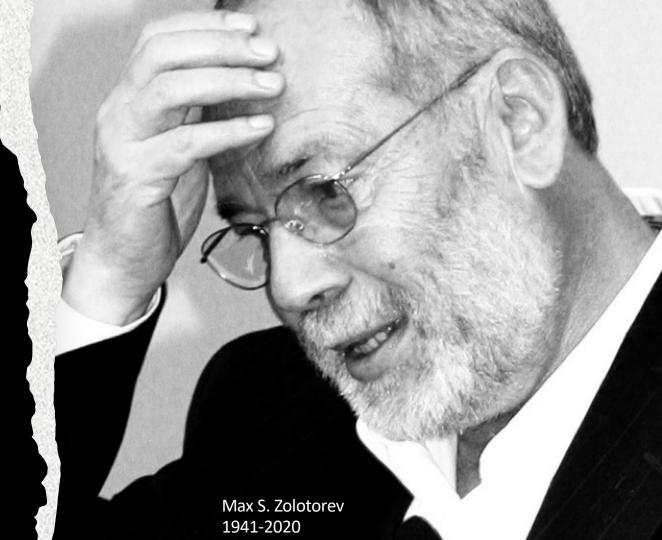




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- Laser cooling @ RHIC, SPS, & LHC
- Optical stochastic cooling
- Atomic physics @ GF



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Light Source + Giant Ion Trap











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- What is Gamma Factory (GF)
- Opportunities with primary, secondary, and tertiary beams
- Atomic physics at the GF
- Nuclear photophysics with fixed targets
- Applied physics examples
- Conclusions

Spectroscopy of PSI PSI=HCI=Highly Charged Ions

Hydrogen-like Ions

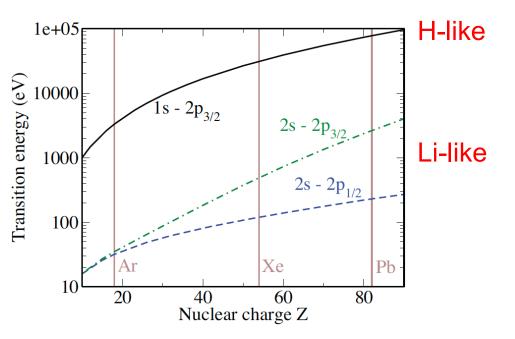
Transition energy $\Delta E_{nn'}$ $\propto (Z\alpha)^2$ Fine-structure splitting $\propto (Z\alpha)^4$ Hyperfine-structure splitting $\propto \alpha (Z\alpha)^3 m_e/m_p$ Lamb shift $\propto \alpha (Z\alpha)^4$

Strong E-fields!

Pb⁸¹⁺:
$$10^{16}$$
 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 ⁷⁹⁺	230.823 (47)(4) 230.76(4)	theory, [5] theory, [6]
Bi ⁸⁰⁺	235.809(53)(9) 235.72(5)	theory, [5] theory, [6]
U ⁸⁹⁺	$280.645(15) \\280.775(97)(28)$	experiment, [7] 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 γ 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



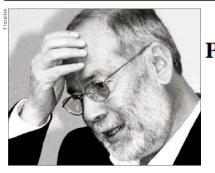
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Fundamental symmetry tests at the pgf

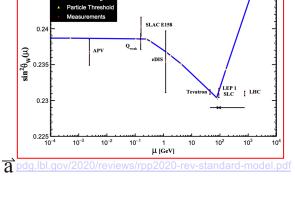


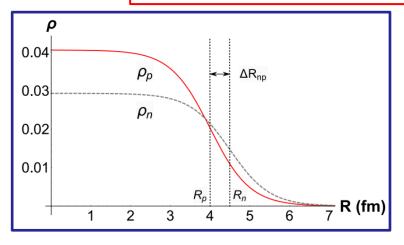


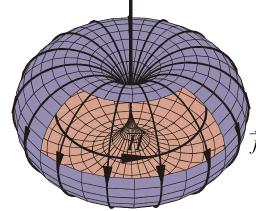
Parity Nonconservation in Relativistic Hydrogenic Ions

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- <u>Why ?</u>
 New physics (e.g. Z' bosons)
- Neutron skins
- Nuclear anapoles

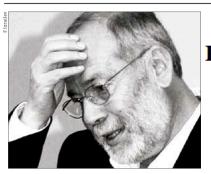






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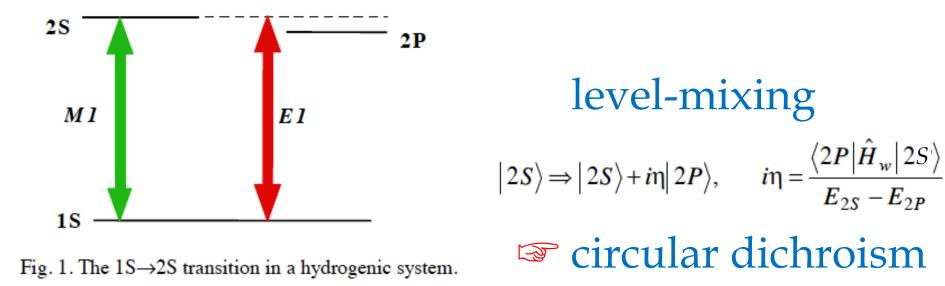


Table 2. Parameters of relativistic ion storage rings.

Parameter	RHIC	SPS	LHC
$\gamma_{\rm max}$ for protons ^a	250	450	7000
Number of ions/ring ^b	~5·10 ¹¹	~2·10 ¹¹	~5·10 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	2.10-4	4.5·10 ⁻⁴	2.10-4
Normalized Emittance (N.E.)	≈ 4 π·µm·rad	≈ 4 π·µm·rad	≈ 4 π·µm·rad
Dipole field	3.5 T	1.5 T	8.4 T
Vacuum, cold	<10 ⁻¹¹ Torr (H ₂ , He)	-	<10 ⁻¹¹ Torr (H ₂ , He)

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

^b Estimated from proton and heavy ion data.

Table 1: Z-dependence of atomic characteristics for hydrogenic ions. In the given expressions, α is the fine structure constant, $\hbar=c=1$, m_e is the electron mass, G_F is the Fermi constant, θ_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	ΔE_{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 $(2S \rightarrow 2P_{1/2})$	$El_{2S \rightarrow 2P}$	$\sqrt{rac{3}{lpha}} \cdot m_e^{-1} \cdot Z^{-1}$
Electric Dipole Amplitude $(1S \rightarrow 2P_{1/2})$	El	$\frac{2^7}{3^5}\sqrt{\frac{2}{3\alpha}}\cdot m_e^{-1}\cdot Z^{-1}$
Forbidden Magn. Dipole Ampl. (1S→2S)	Ml	$\frac{2^{5/2} \alpha^{5/2}}{3^4} \cdot m_e^{-1} \cdot Z^2$
Radiative Width $\frac{1}{2}$ The function $F(Z)$ is	Γ_{2P}	$\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^8 \alpha^5 m_e \cdot Z^4$ a Ref. 12. Some representative values are: $F(1)=7.7$; $F(5)=4.8$.

^a 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.

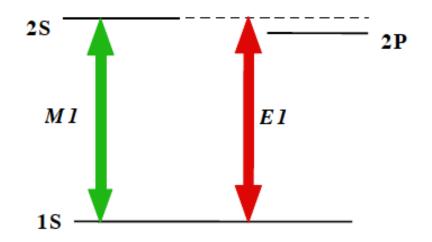
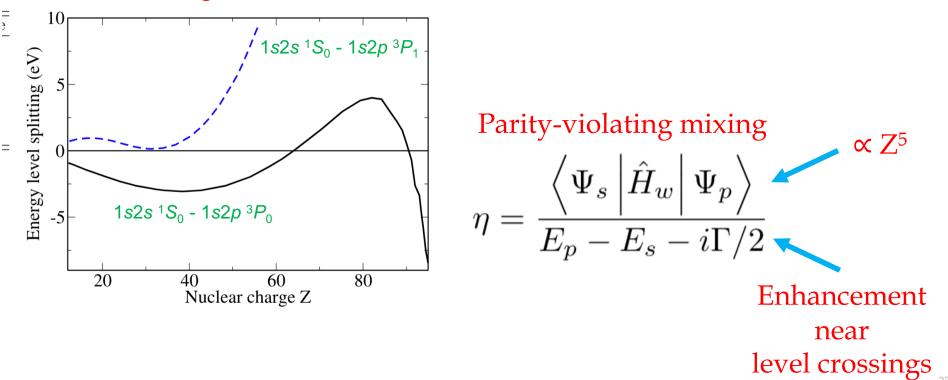


Fig. 1. The 1S \rightarrow 2S transition in a hydrogenic system.

Unique to pgf measure in isonuclear chains (+isotopic chains) control of systematics for neutron-skins

Not only hydrogenic ions are interesting for parity violation!

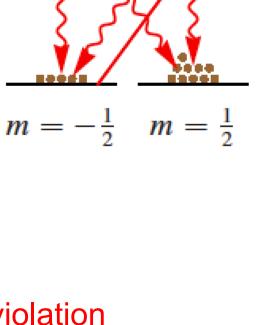
Level-crossing in He-like ions



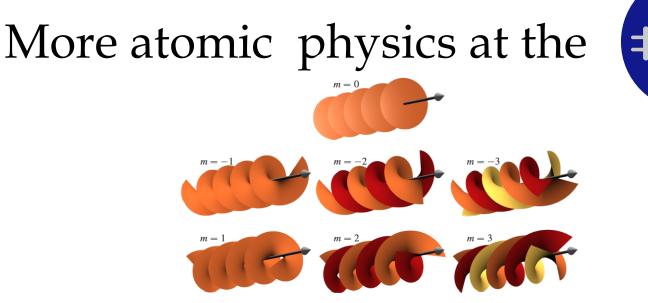
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Optical Pumping of PSI

- 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 I nuclear-spin dependent parity violation



 $m' = -\frac{1}{2}$ $m' = \frac{1}{2}$



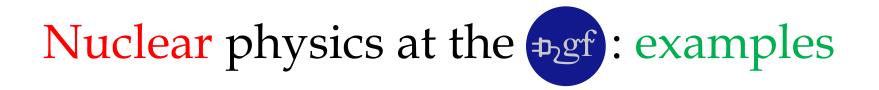
- Laser cooling of PSI in the ring: enabling technology!
- Twisted light (gamma)
- PSI in strong external fields (also for parity violation)
- Tests of special relativity
- Scattering of gamma rays on ions (Thompson, Delbrück, ...)
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Nuclear physics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

- 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.



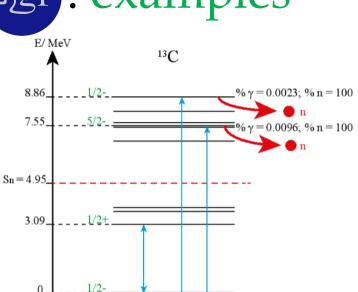
- Direct nuclear-transition spectroscopy of stored nuclei (or PSI)
- Interplay of atomic and nuclear d.o.f.
- (γ, π) reactions to probe halo nuclei
- Photoproduction of pionic(kaonic) atoms, e.g., $\gamma + {}^{3}\text{H} \rightarrow ({}^{3}\text{He} + \pi^{-})_{ns}$

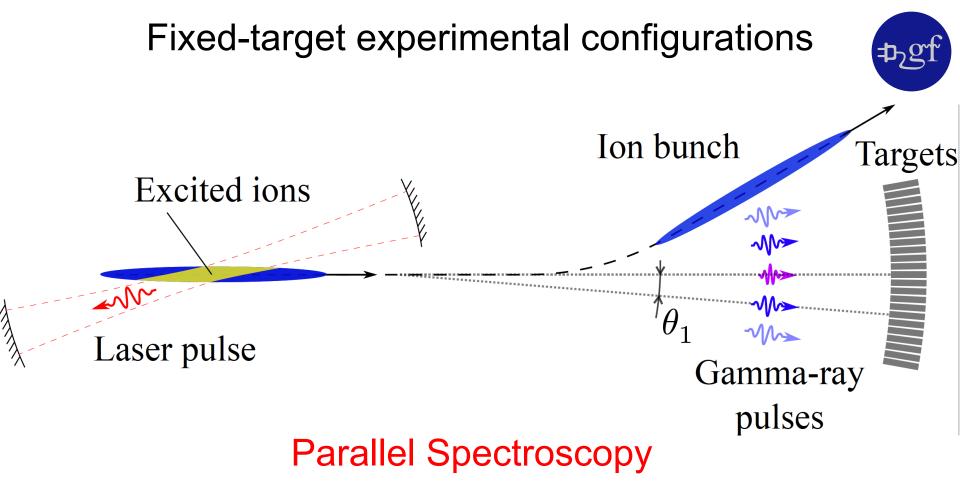
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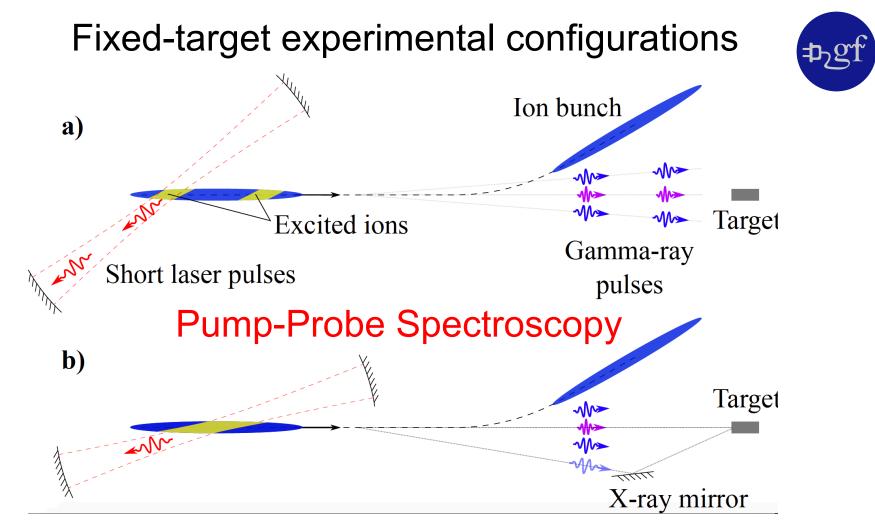
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	$^{229}\mathrm{Th}$	5/2+	29.19 keV	(5/2+)	30 ns
	$^{161}\mathrm{Dy}$	5/2 +	25.651 keV	5/2-	95.7 ns
	119 Sn	1/2 +	$23.871~{\rm keV}$	3/2 +	109 ns
	$^{151}_{}$ Eu	5/2 +	21.541 keV	7/2 +	275 ns
	57 Fe	1/2-	14.412 keV	3/2-	940 ns
	73 Ge	9/2 +	$13.3 \ \mathrm{keV}$	5/2 +	$3.3 \mathrm{msec}$
,	45 Sc	7/2-	12.4 keV	3/2 +	201 sec
	205 Pb	5/2-	2.3 keV	1/2-	3 hours
	²³⁵ U	7/2-	76.7 eV	1/2+	10^{17} years
	229 Th	5/2+	8.28 eV	(3/2+)	$\sim 10 \min$

Nuclear physics at the pgf: examples

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







Applied physics and enabling technologies



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

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Conclusion

