

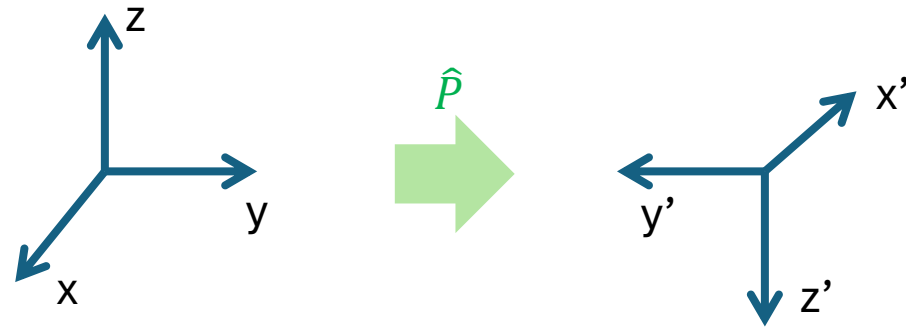
# Atomic parity violation in highly charged $^{40,48}\text{Ca}$ and $^{208}\text{Pb}$

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# Parity Violation

Parity operator:  $\hat{P} \psi(\vec{r}, t) = \psi(-\vec{r}, t)$



Parity *not* conserved in weak interaction.

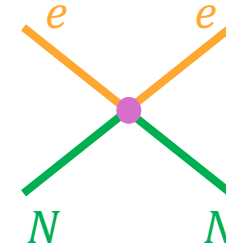
Weak interaction bosons  $W^\pm$  ( $m_W = 80$  GeV),  $Z^0$  ( $m_Z = 91$  GeV) – heavy; pointlike interaction

$Z^0$ -exchange between an electron and protons/neutrons => **atomic parity violation**.

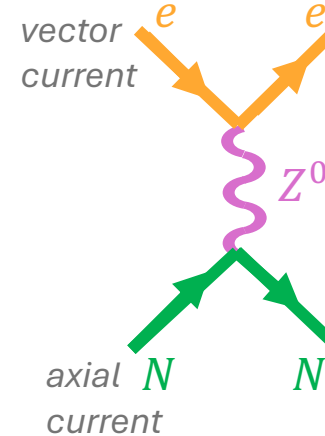
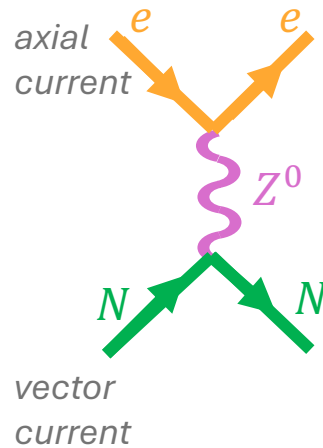
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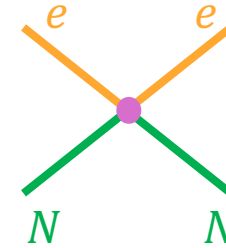
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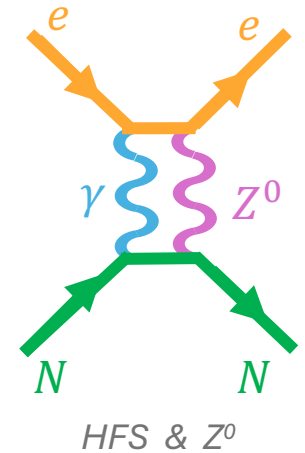
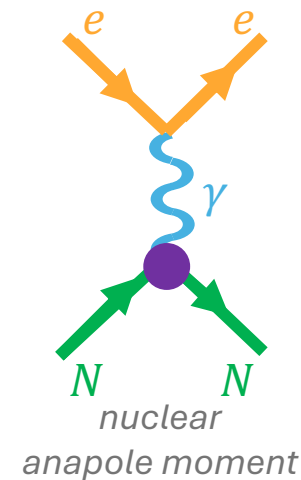
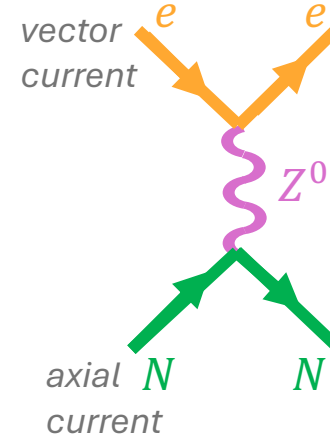
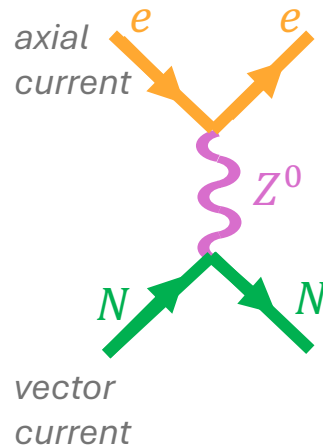
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There are more spin-dependent APV effects:



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proton density

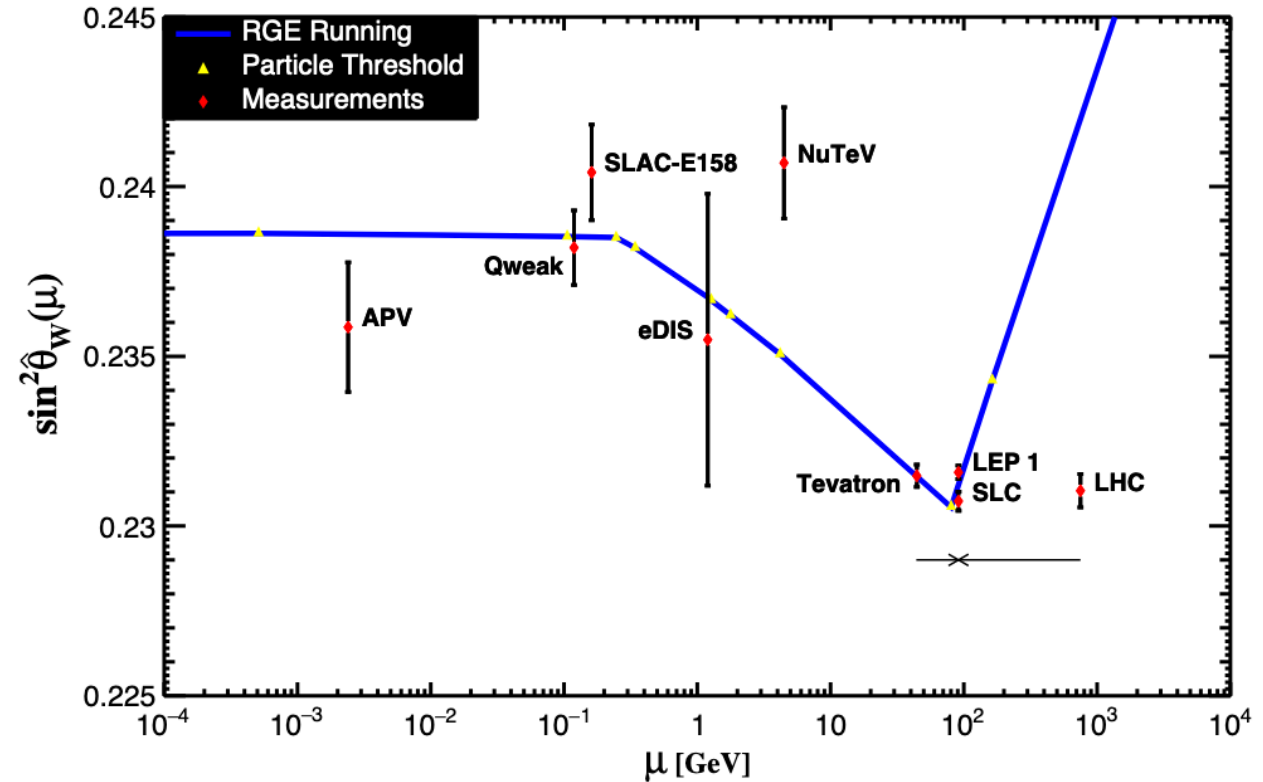
neutron density

$$|C_{1n}| \gg |C_{1p}|$$

$$C_{1n} = -\frac{1}{2} \quad C_{1p} = \frac{1}{2} (1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta_W)$$

Effect comes mostly from neutrons!

$\theta_W$  – Weinberg angle,  $\sin^2 \theta_W \approx 0.239$   
(low energy SM prediction)



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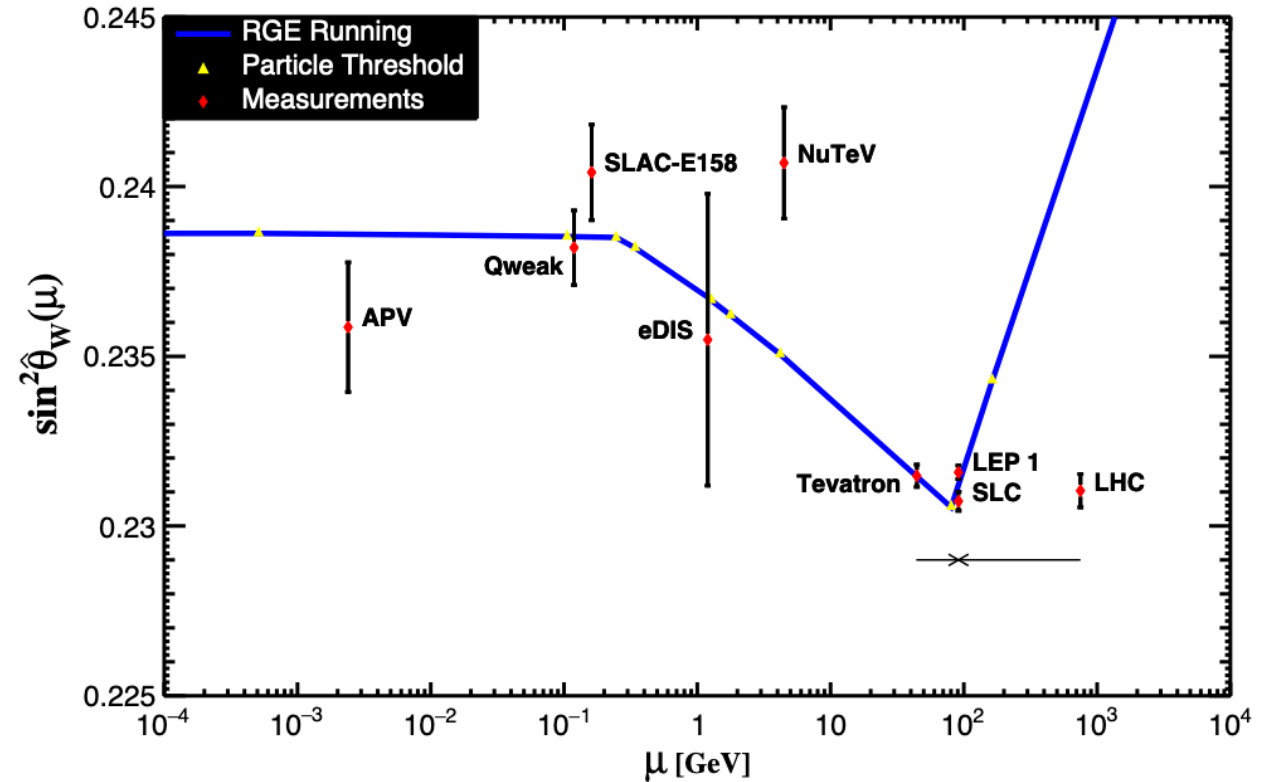
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Assuming  $\rho_p(\vec{r}) \approx \rho_n(\vec{r}) \approx \rho(\vec{r})$

$$\hat{h}_{SI} = \frac{G_F}{2\sqrt{2}} Q_W \rho(\vec{r}) \gamma_5 \quad Q_W = Z(1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta_W) - N$$

*weak charge*

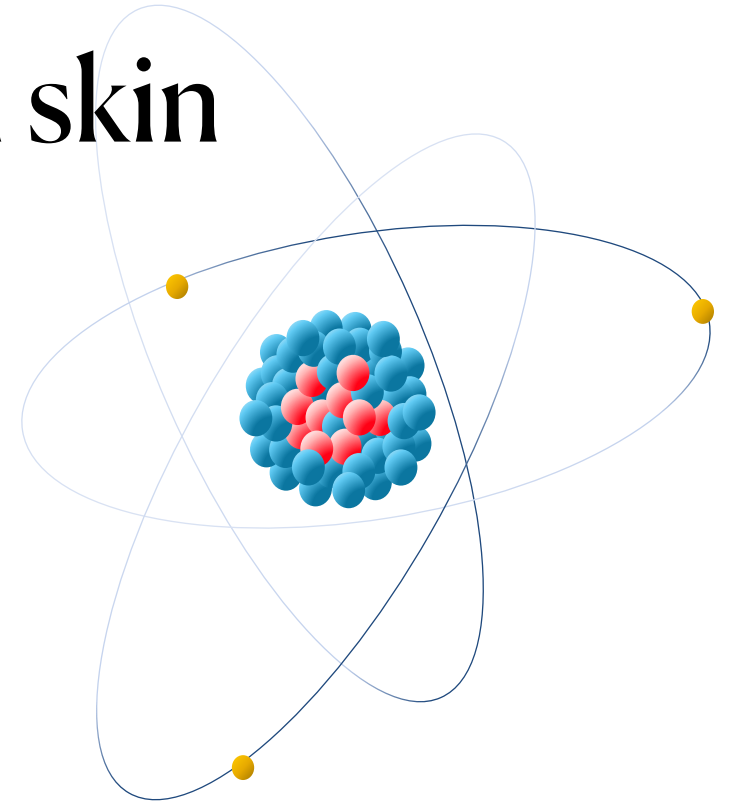


# Spin-Independent APV: neutron skin

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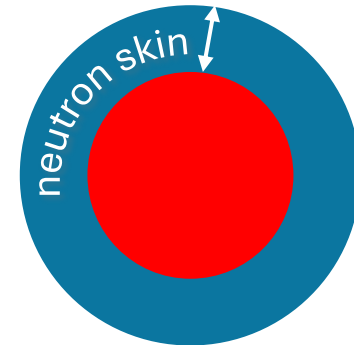
$$|C_{1n}| \gg |C_{1p}| \quad \hat{h}_{\text{SI}} \sim \rho_n(\vec{r})$$



Neutron-skin correction to the weak charge  $Q_W$  :

$$\hat{h}_{\text{SI}} = \frac{G_F}{2\sqrt{2}} Q_W \rho(\vec{r}) \gamma_5$$

$$Q_W = Z(1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta_W) - N + N \Delta\rho_{np}$$



# ✨ New Physics ✨ Spin-Independent APV

Consider a  $Z'$  boson of mass  $m_{Z'} \ll m_{Z^0}$ .

Interaction between electrons and nucleons no longer pointlike.

Modelled with a Yukawa potential:

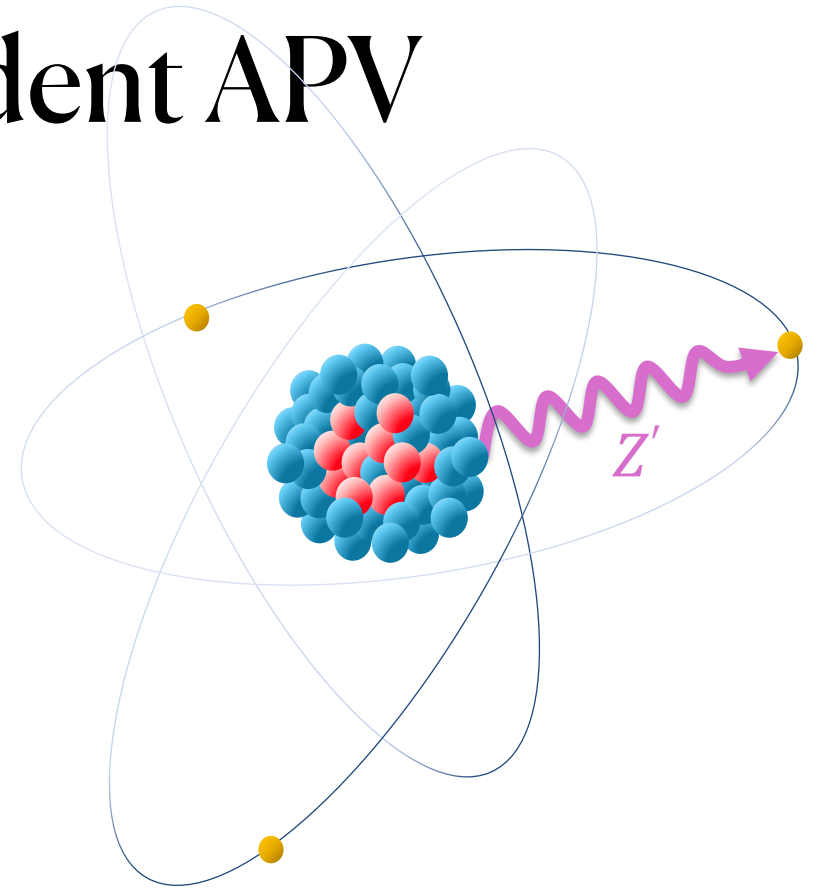
$$V(\vec{r}_e - \vec{R}_N) = \frac{g_{eN}}{4\pi} \frac{e^{-m_{Z'}|\vec{r}_e - \vec{R}_N|}}{|\vec{r}_e - \vec{R}_N|} \gamma_5$$

Integrated over nucleus:

$$\hat{h}_{Z'} = \frac{g_{eN}}{4\pi} N_N \gamma_5 \int \rho_{nuc}(\vec{R}_N) \frac{e^{-m_{Z'}|\vec{r}_e - \vec{R}_N|}}{|\vec{r}_e - \vec{R}_N|} d\vec{R}_N$$

Likewise, may be parametrized as a correction to the weak charge  $Q_W$ :

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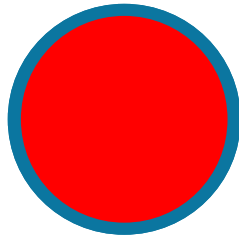


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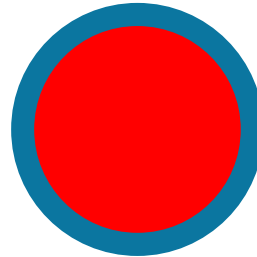
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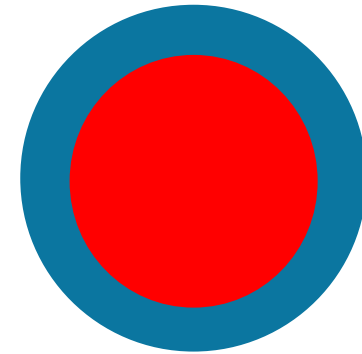
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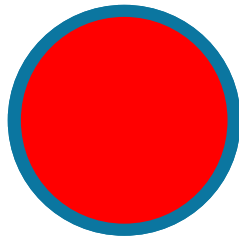
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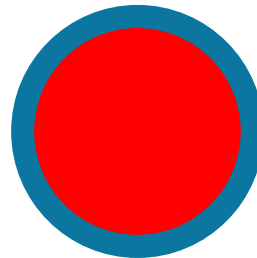
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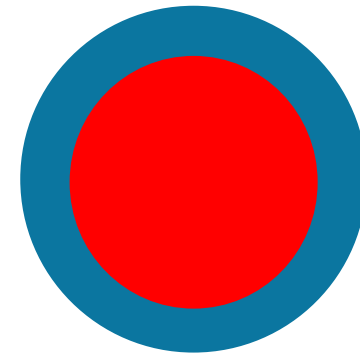
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$\Delta r_{np} = 0.283(71) \text{ fm}$

neutron skin :

$\Delta r_{np} = -0.01(1) \text{ fm} \approx 0$

$\approx$

$\Delta r_{np} = 0.121(35) \text{ fm}$

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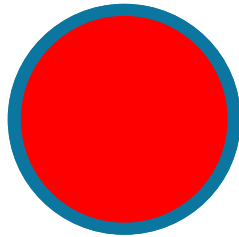
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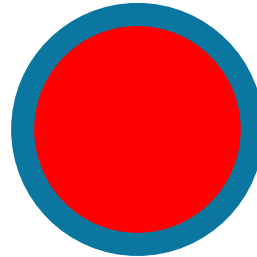
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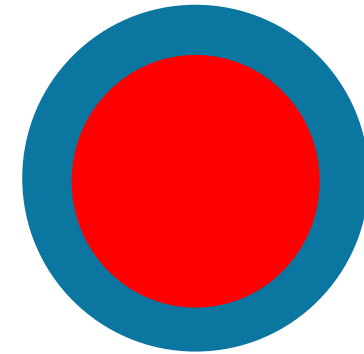
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We consider **H- and Li-like** ions with these nuclei  
& calculate matrix elements and APV amplitudes

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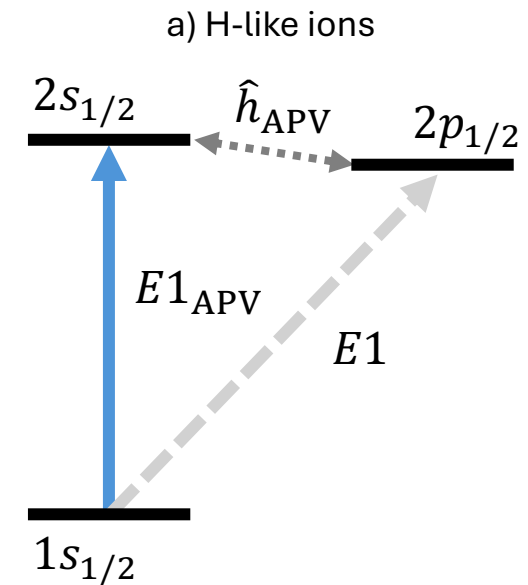
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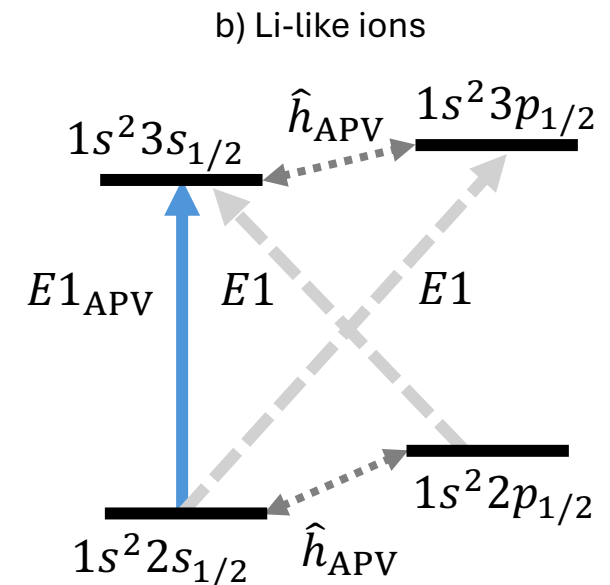
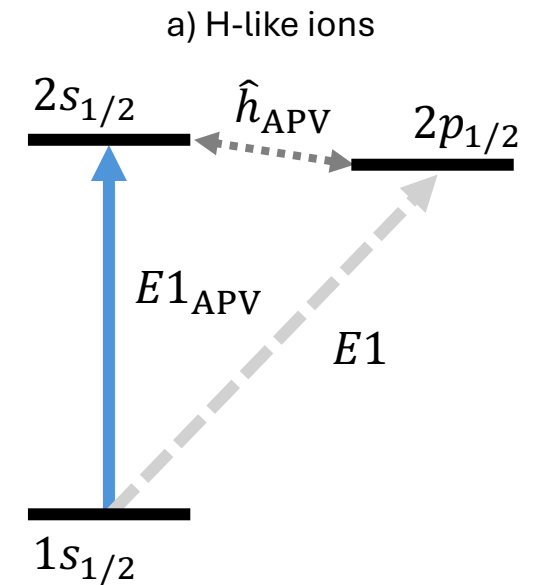
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# APV Calculation: Input parameters

$$\varepsilon_{E1,APV}^{a \rightarrow b} = \sum_n \left( \frac{\langle b | \hat{h}_{APV} | n \rangle \langle n | \hat{D} | a \rangle}{E_b - E_n} + \frac{\langle b | \hat{D} | n \rangle \langle n | \hat{h}_{APV} | a \rangle}{E_a - E_n} \right)$$

incl. **frequency-dependent** corrections to dipole ME

**H-like energy levels** tabulated in Yerokhin & Shabaev, J. of Phys. and Chem. Ref. Data 44, 033103 (2015).

**Li-like energy levels** (CI-QEDMOD & GRASP):

Level	$E_n$ ( $^{40}\text{Ca}$ ), eV	$\Delta E_n$ ( $^{40,48}\text{Ca}$ ), eV	$E_n$ (Pb), eV
$1s^2 2s$	0	0	0
$1s^2 2p$	35.961(1)	0.0017(4)	230.65(5)
$1s^2 3s$	651.828(2)	0.0015(4)	14179.98(8)
$1s^2 3p$	661.783(2)	0.0019(4)	14241.51(8)
$1s^2 4p$	879.564(2)	0.0022(4)	19037.23(8)
$1s^2 5p$	980.2(1)	0.0023(4)	21215(2)
$1s^2 6p$	1035.7(1)	0.0024(4)	22439(2)
$1s^2 7p$	1067.1(2)	0.0025(4)	23068(64)
$1s^2 8p$	1088.3(2)	0.0025(4)	23514(64)

**Nuclear Fermi parameters**  
(analysis of experimental data):

Isotope	$c$ , fm	$z$ , fm	$r_{\text{rms}}$ , fm
$^{40}\text{Ca}$	3.629	0.552	3.480
	3.803	0.493	3.476
$^{48}\text{Ca}$	3.749	0.515	3.478
	3.739	0.518	3.478
$^{208}\text{Pb}$	6.663	0.513	5.502
	6.668	0.509	5.501

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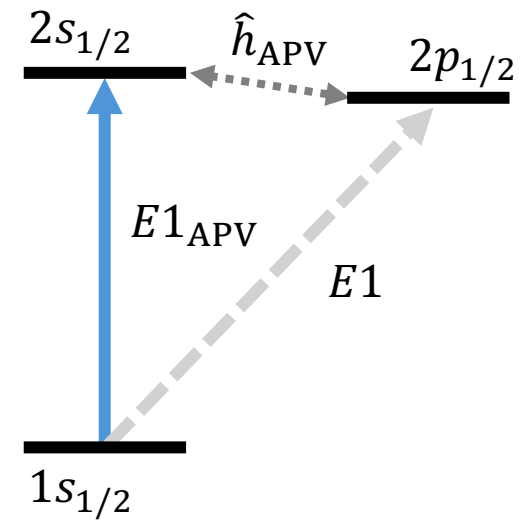
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	$^{40}\text{Ca}$	$^{48}\text{Ca}$	$^{208}\text{Pb}$	
$m_p^{(\text{SM})}$	-372.14(2)	-372.122(3)	-826378(24)	} $i\alpha^2 m_e c^2$
$m_n^{(\text{SM})}$	-372.15(3)	-371.98(4)	-819257(1792)	
$\varepsilon_{\text{PV},p}^{(\text{SM})}$	-950.12(6)	-950.08(4)	-2667(3)	} $10^{-15} i e a_B$
$\varepsilon_{\text{PV},n}^{(\text{SM})}$	-950.15(6)	-949.7(1)	-2644(7)	
$\mathcal{M}^{(\text{SM})}$	$6.8327(5) \times 10^3$	$9.772(1) \times 10^3$	$9.72(2) \times 10^7$	$i\alpha^2 m_e c^2$
$\mathcal{E}_{\text{PV}}^{(\text{SM})}$	$1.7445(1) \times 10^4$	$2.4950(3) \times 10^4$	$3.139(8) \times 10^5$	$10^{-15} i e a_B$

$\sim 1.5x$  larger than  $^{40}\text{Ca}$

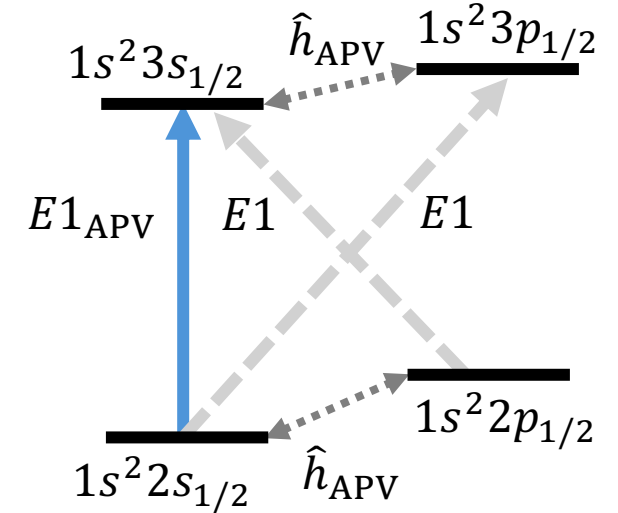
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	$^{40}\text{Ca}$	$^{48}\text{Ca}$	$^{208}\text{Pb}$
$\varepsilon_{\text{PV},p}^{(\text{SM})}$	9.129(4)	9.128(4)	946(2)
$\varepsilon_{\text{PV},n}^{(\text{SM})}$	9.129(4)	9.125(4)	938(3)
$\mathcal{E}_{\text{PV}}^{(\text{SM})}$	-167.61(7)	-239.7(1)	-111413(369)

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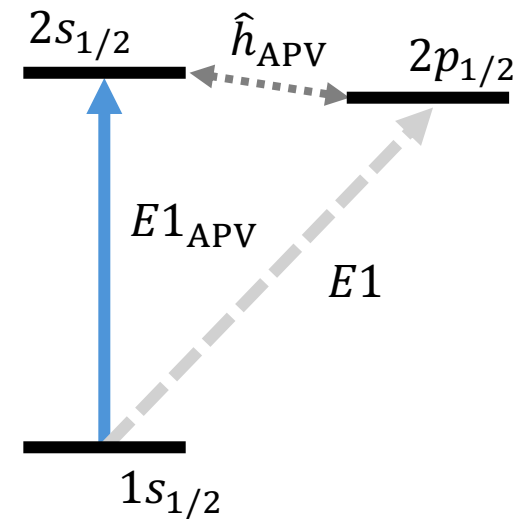
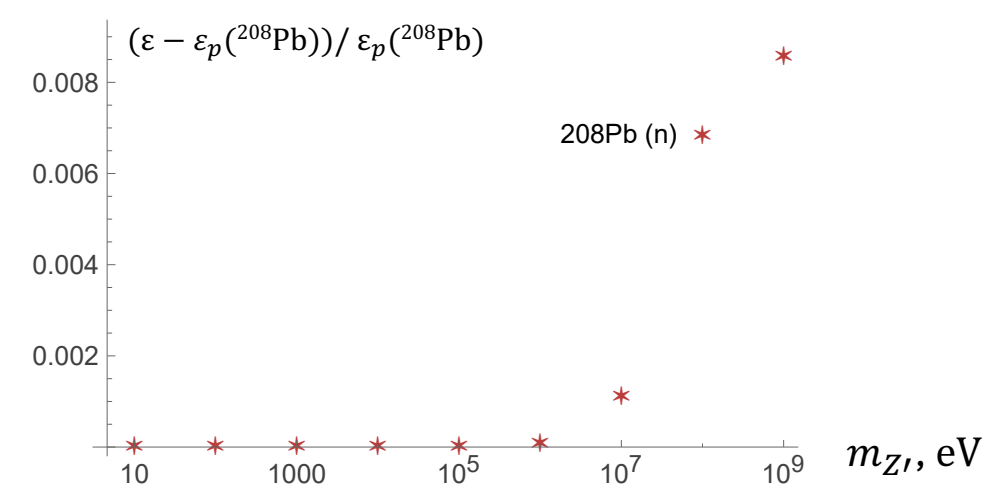
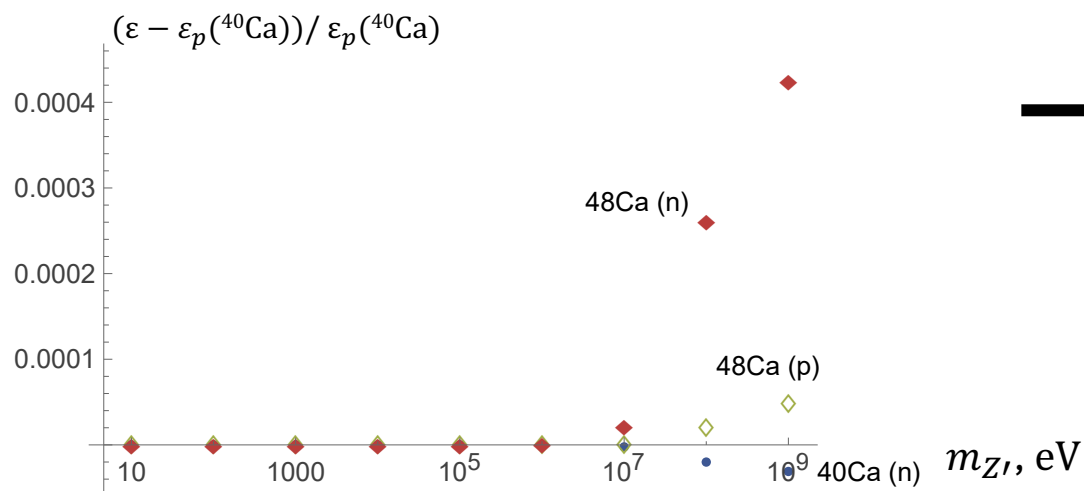
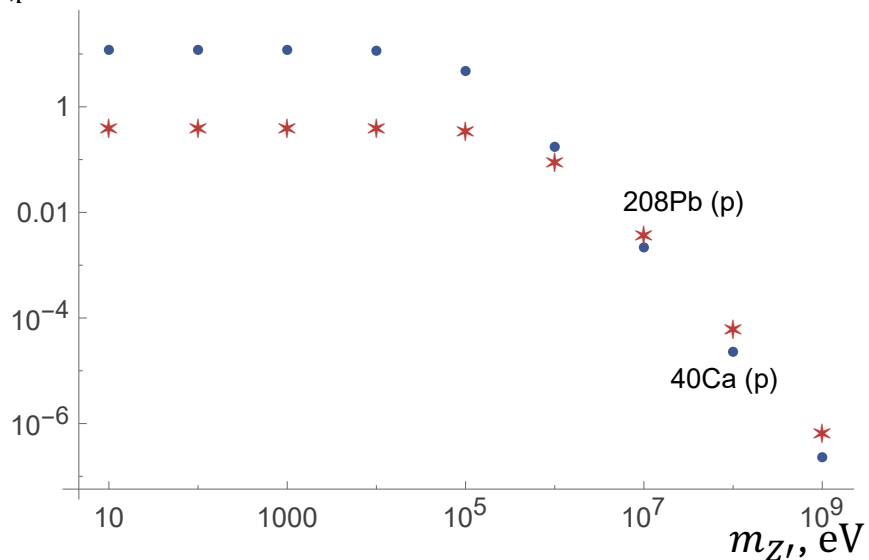
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$$\varepsilon_{PV,p,n}^{a \rightarrow b} = \sum_n \left( \frac{\langle b | \hat{h}_{Z'} | n \rangle \langle n | \hat{D} | a \rangle}{E_b - E_n} + \frac{\langle b | \hat{D} | n \rangle \langle n | \hat{h}_{Z'} | a \rangle}{E_a - E_n} \right)$$

$$\varepsilon_{PV,p}^{a \rightarrow b}, \text{ in units of } i e a_B m_e^2 c / \hbar^3$$



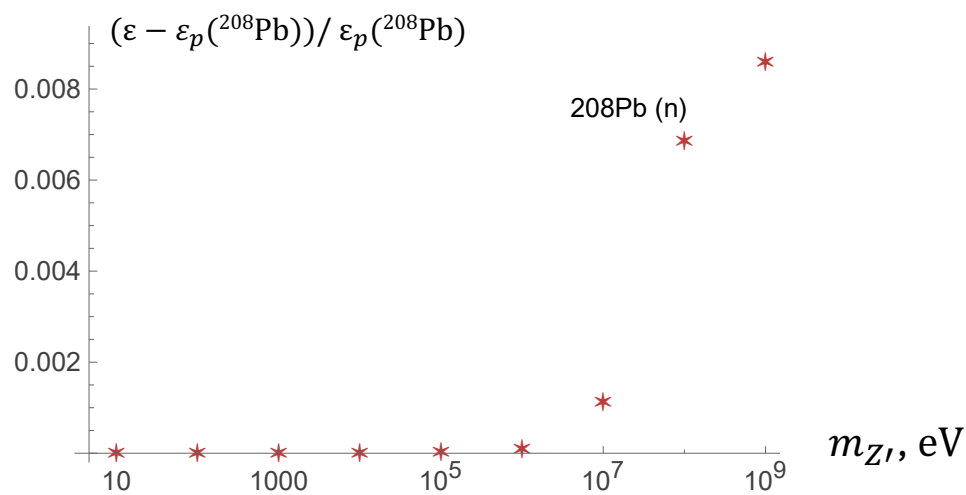
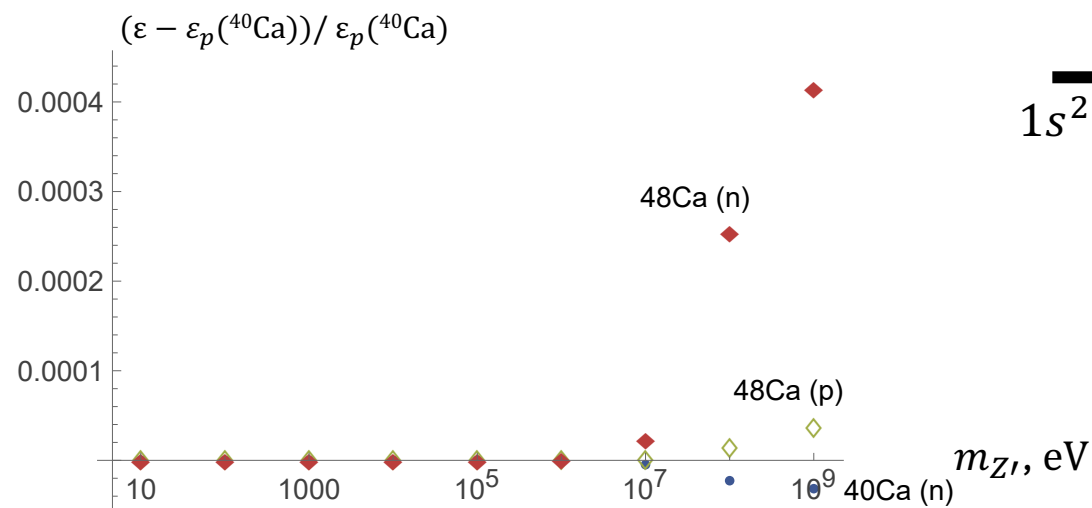
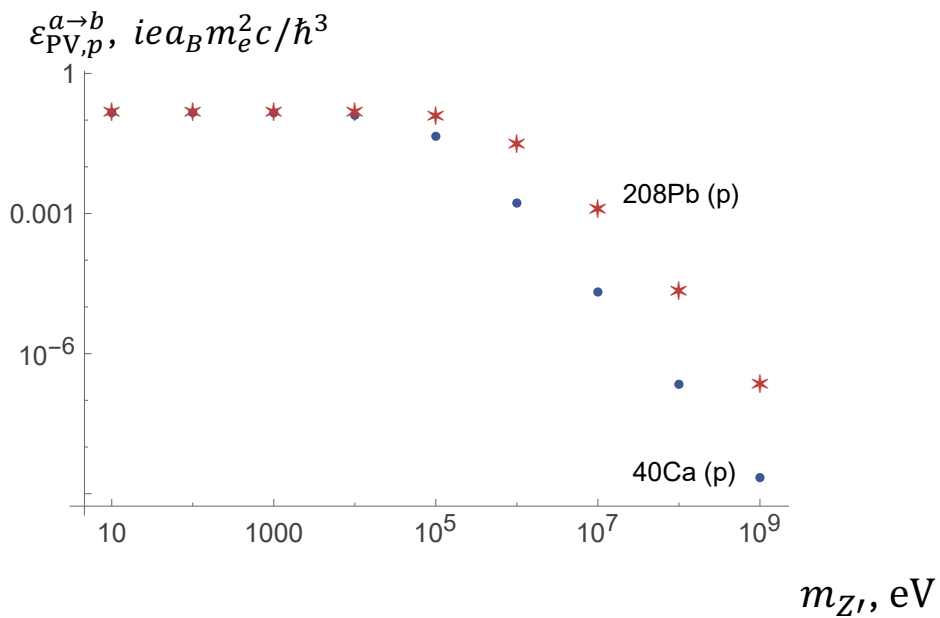
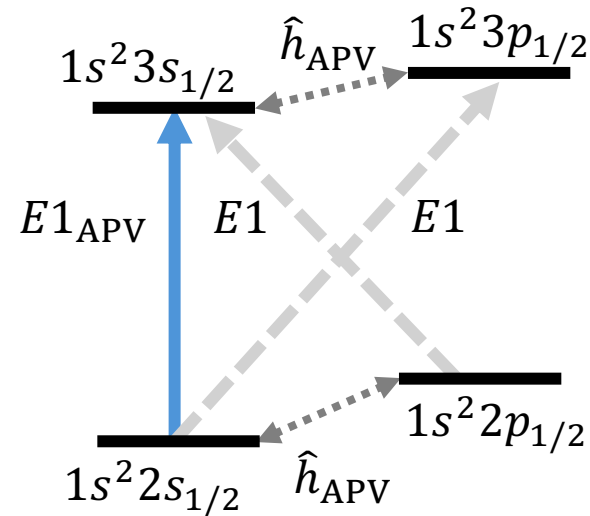
# Results

## Li-like ions

✨ New Physics: ✨

$$\hat{h}_{Z'} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left( \frac{m_{Z'} c}{\hbar} \right)^2 \gamma_5 \int \rho_{nuc}(\vec{R}_N) \frac{e^{-m_{Z'} |\vec{r}_e - \vec{R}_N|}}{|\vec{r}_e - \vec{R}_N|} d\vec{R}_N$$

$$\varepsilon_{PV,p,n}^{a \rightarrow b} = \sum_n \left( \frac{\langle b | \hat{h}_{Z'} | n \rangle \langle n | \hat{D} | a \rangle}{E_b - E_n} + \frac{\langle b | \hat{D} | n \rangle \langle n | \hat{h}_{Z'} | a \rangle}{E_a - E_n} \right)$$



**Thank you!**



# Results

## H-like ions

✨ New Physics: ✨

$$\hat{h}_{Z'} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left( \frac{m_{Z'} c}{\hbar} \right)^2 \gamma_5 \int \rho_{nuc}(\vec{R}_N) \frac{e^{-m_{Z'} |\vec{r}_e - \vec{R}_N|}}{|\vec{r}_e - \vec{R}_N|} d\vec{R}_N$$

$$m_{p,n} = \langle 2s | \hat{h}_{Z',p,n} | 2p_{1/2} \rangle$$

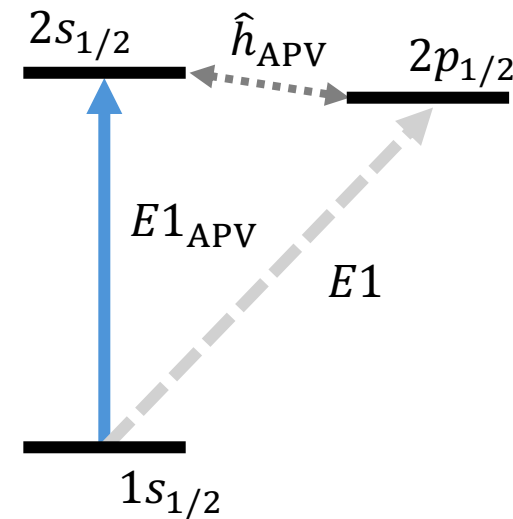
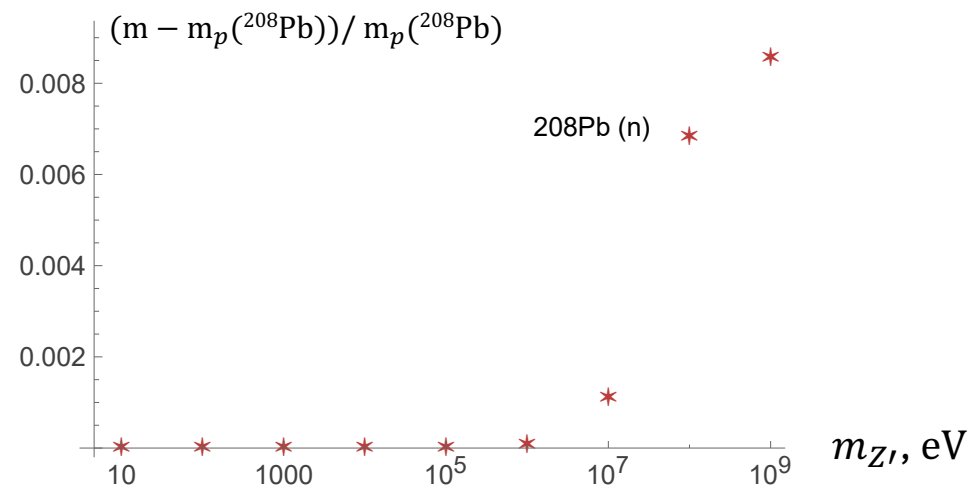
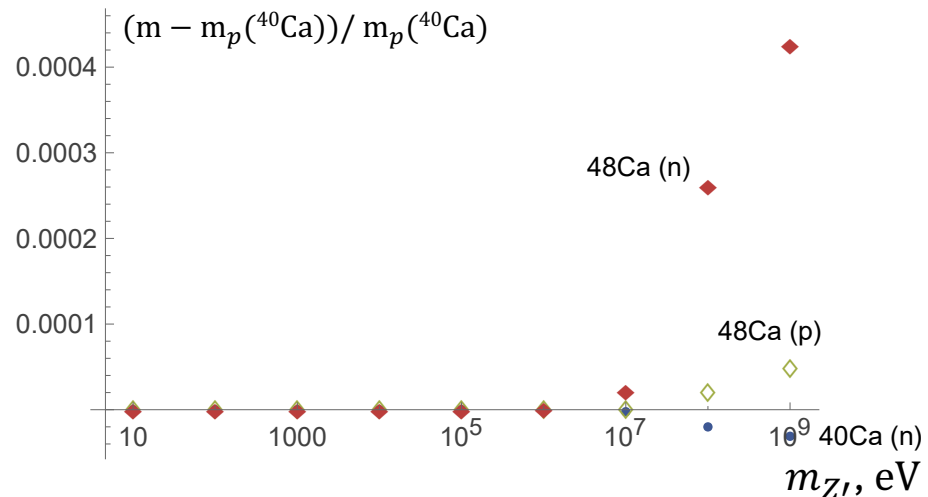
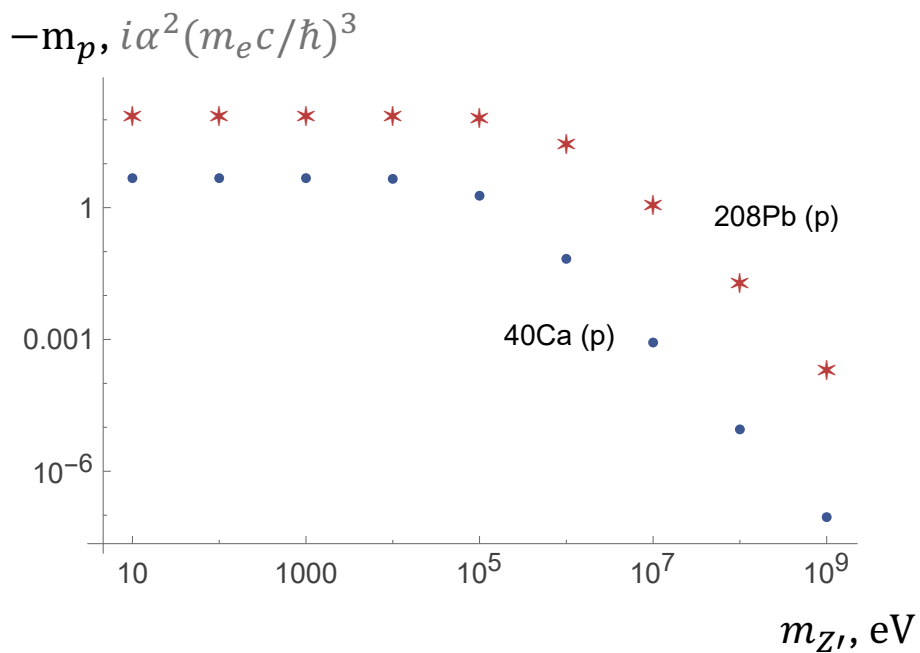


TABLE II. Energy levels  $1s^2nl$  of Li-like  $^{40}\text{Ca}$  and  $^{208}\text{Pb}$ . Levels with  $n \leq 6$  are calculated using CI-QEDMOD method [27], including numerical uncertainties and isotope shifts in  $^{48}\text{Ca}$  with respect to  $^{40}\text{Ca}$ . Energies for  $n = 7, 8$  are found using GRASP2K [28]; we estimate the errors for  $n = 7, 8$  in  $^{40}\text{Ca}$  by comparing our results to NIST data [29], and in  $^{208}\text{Pb}$  by comparing to an AMBiT [30] calculation.

Level	$E_n (^{40}\text{Ca}), \text{eV}$	$\Delta E_n (^{40,48}\text{Ca}), \text{eV}$	$E_n (\text{Pb}), \text{eV}$
$1s^22s$	0	0	0
$1s^22p$	35.961(1)	0.0017(4)	230.65(5)
$1s^23s$	651.828(2)	0.0015(4)	14179.98(8)
$1s^23p$	661.783(2)	0.0019(4)	14241.51(8)
$1s^24p$	879.564(2)	0.0022(4)	19037.23(8)
$1s^25p$	980.2(1)	0.0023(4)	21215(2)
$1s^26p$	1035.7(1)	0.0024(4)	22439(2)
$1s^27p$	1067.1(2)	0.0025(4)	23068(64)
$1s^28p$	1088.3(2)	0.0025(4)	23514(64)

TABLE I. Fermi distribution parameters [see Eq. (35)] for the nuclear charge densities of  $^{40,48}\text{Ca}$  and  $^{208}\text{Pb}$ . They are chosen to reproduce the Barret moments given in [20] and the ratio of 2nd to 4th moment from two different methods. For  $^{40}\text{Ca}$ , we either use the sum-of-Gaussians (SOG) or Fourier-Bessel (FB) parametrizations. For  $^{48}\text{Ca}$ , we consider the SOG parametrization for  $^{40}\text{Ca}$  and the isotopic difference from either the upper or the lower curve in Fig. 3 of Ref. [17]. For  $^{208}\text{Pb}$ , we consider either the parametrization in Ref. [21] or that in [22], respectively.

Isotope	$c, \text{fm}$	$z, \text{fm}$	$r_{\text{rms}}, \text{fm}$	Method
$^{40}\text{Ca}$	3.629	0.552	3.480	SOG [21, 23]
	3.803	0.493	3.476	FB [21]
$^{48}\text{Ca}$	3.749	0.515	3.478	SOG [23], Ref. [17]
	3.739	0.518	3.478	SOG [23], Ref. [17]
$^{208}\text{Pb}$	6.663	0.513	5.502	[21, 24]
	6.668	0.509	5.501	[22]

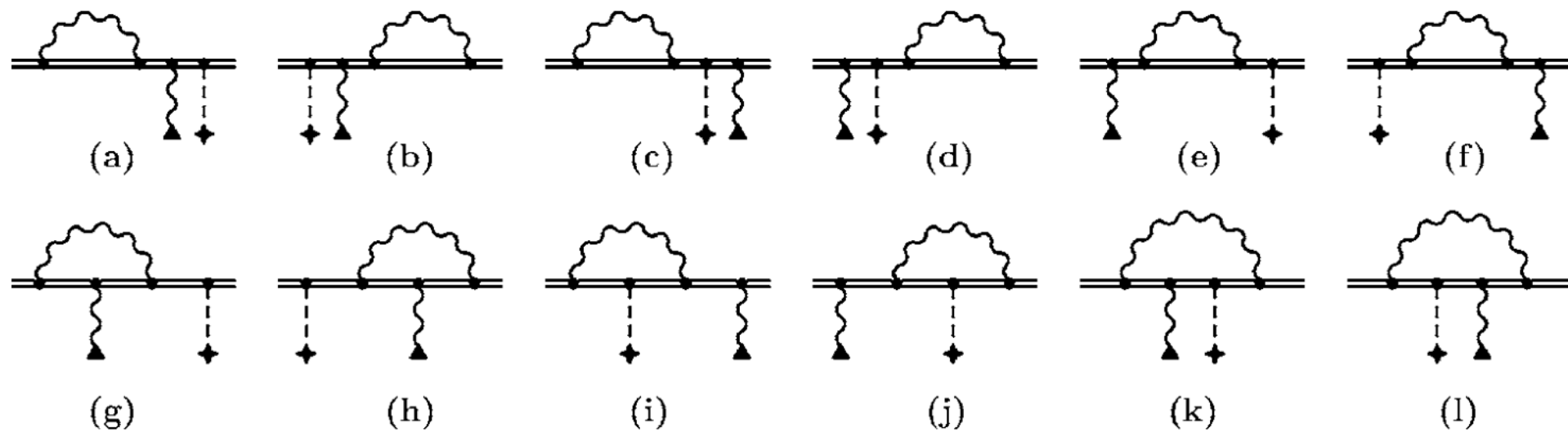
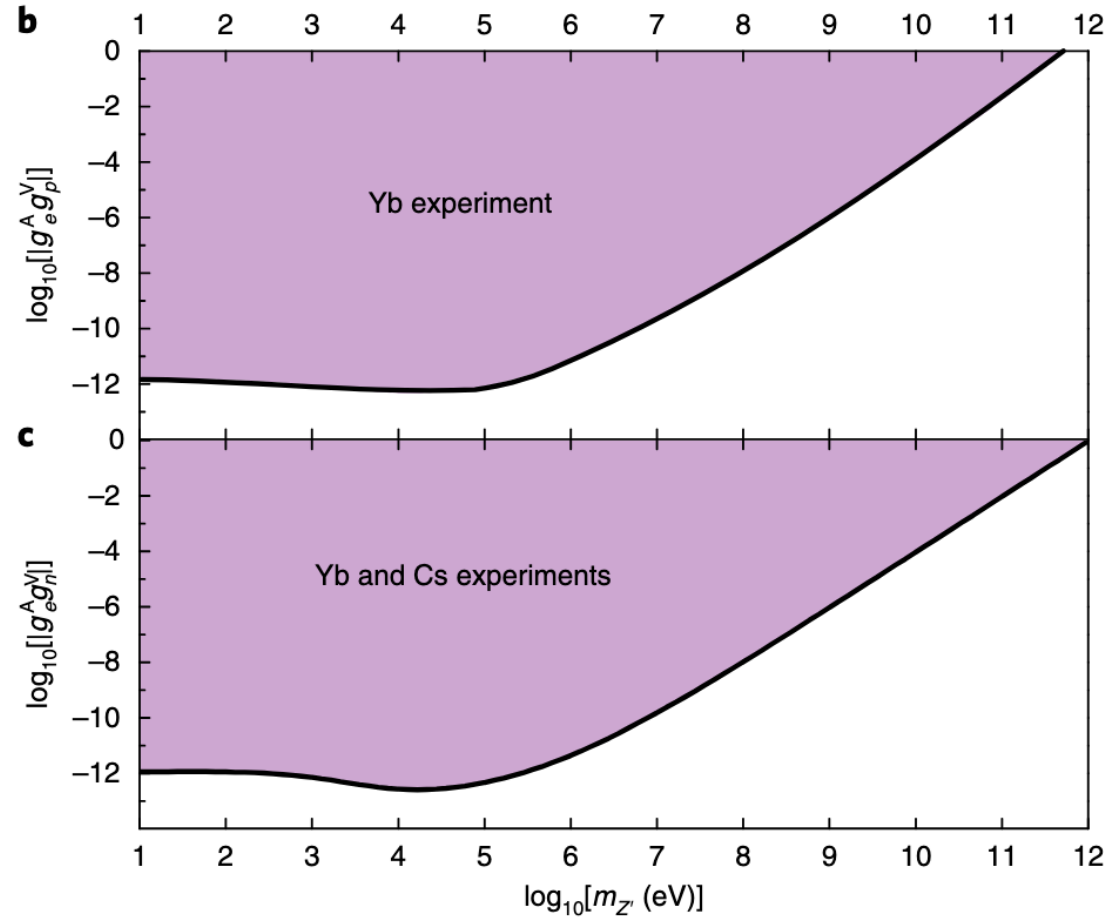


FIG. 2. Feynman diagrams for the SE corrections to the PNC transition amplitude. The wavy line terminated with a triangle indicates the absorbed photon. The dashed line terminated with a cross indicates the electron-nucleus weak interaction.



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