

# A search for a new type of radioactivity: the double alpha decay

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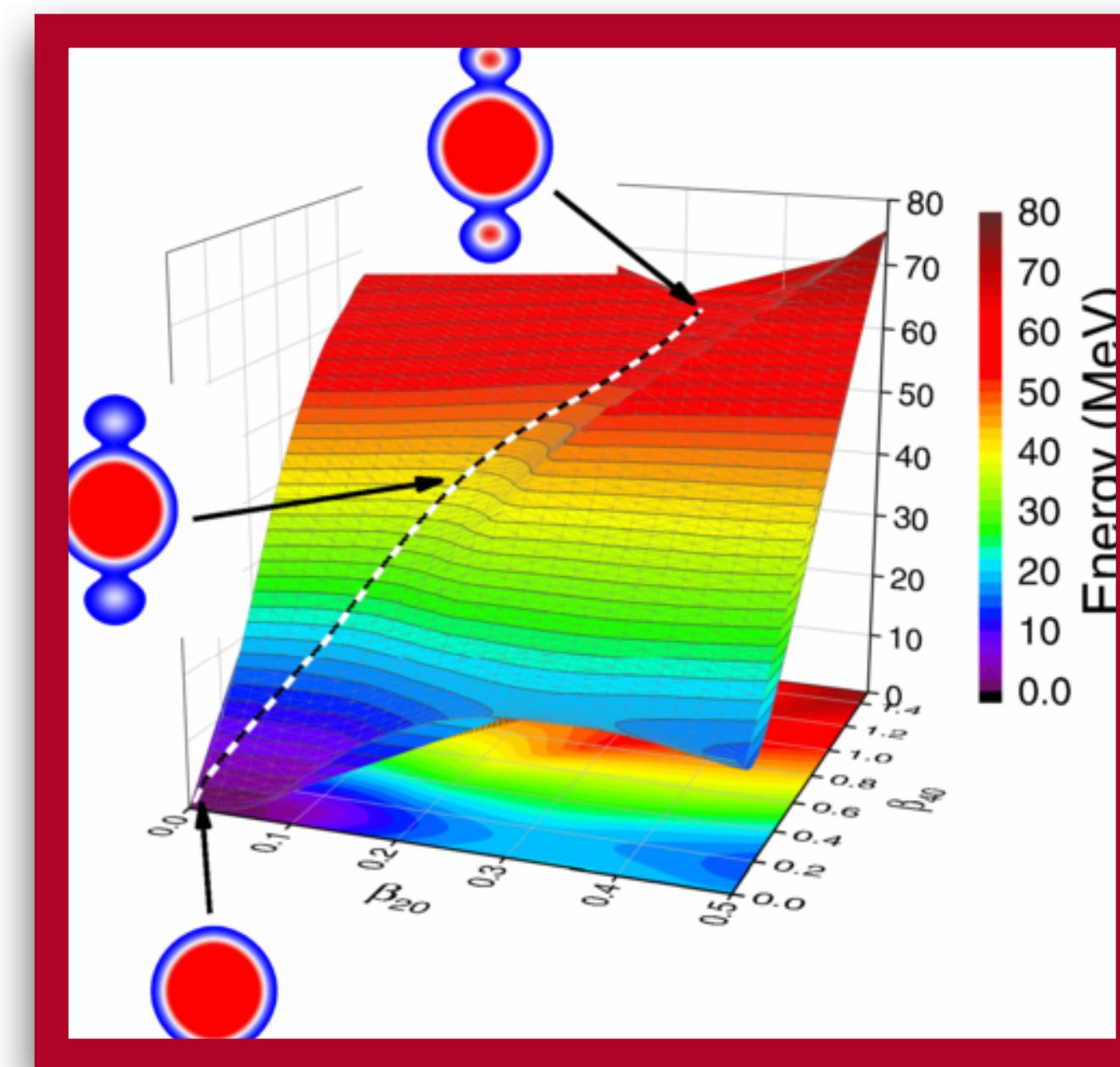
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## Theoretical insights & perspectives

- Framework : Covariant Energy Density Functional + collective inertial masses (ATDHFB)
- Can compute half time for **alpha** and cluster decay
- ... And **double alpha decay**

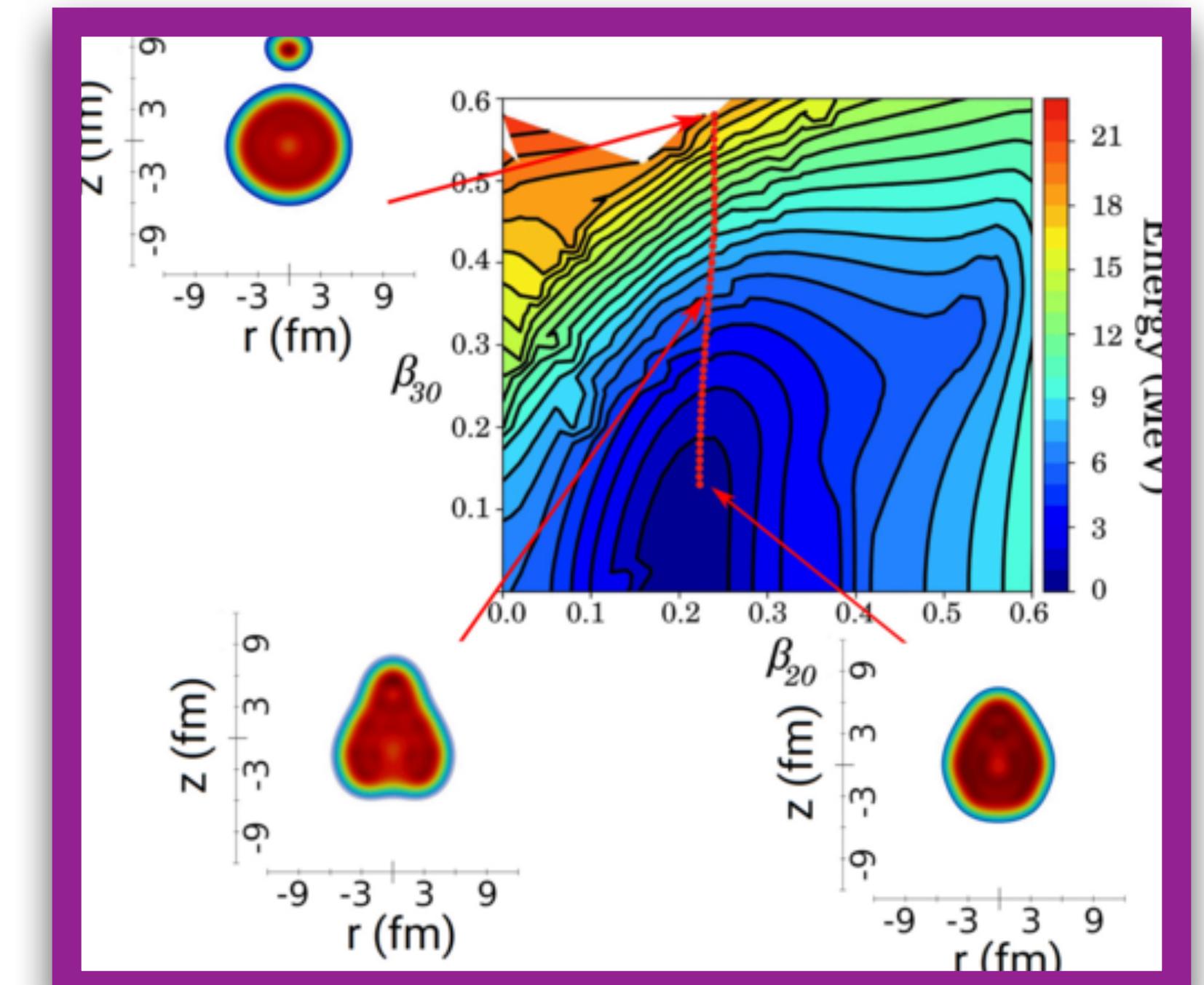


My work : **improve**  
the computation of **collective**  
**inertial masses**



Deformation energy surface of  $^{224}\text{Ra}$

Mercier et al. 2021



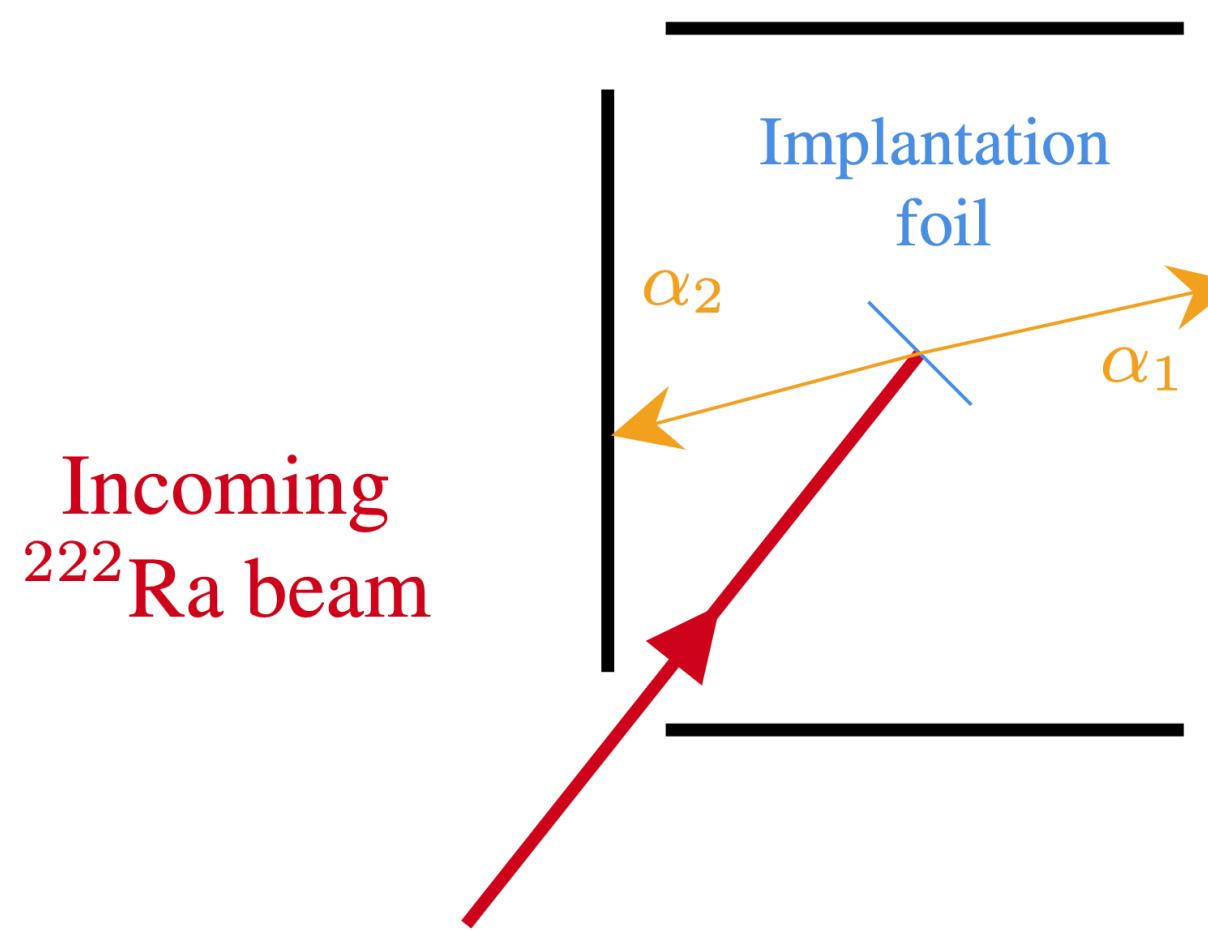
Deformation energy surface of  $^{108}\text{Xe}$

Mercier et al. 2020

Other interests : pseudospin symmetry,  
functional renormalisation group

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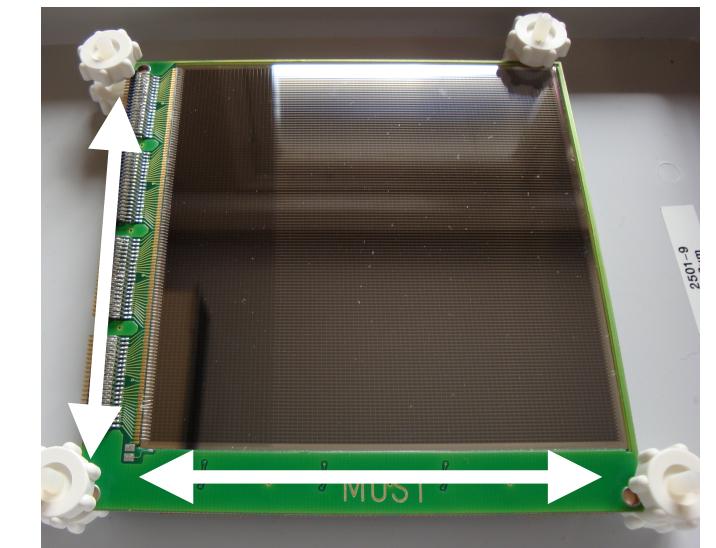
Experimental confirmation ... ?



Si  
detectors

- 2 alpha particles emitted back-to-back
- 4 stripped Silicium 2D detectors
- Branching ratio with alpha decay  $\sim 10^{-8}$

10 cm x 10 cm



## Beam production at Isolde (CERN)

- 1 week measurement
- $\sim 2 \cdot 10^4$  pps beam  $\rightarrow \sim 85$  expected events

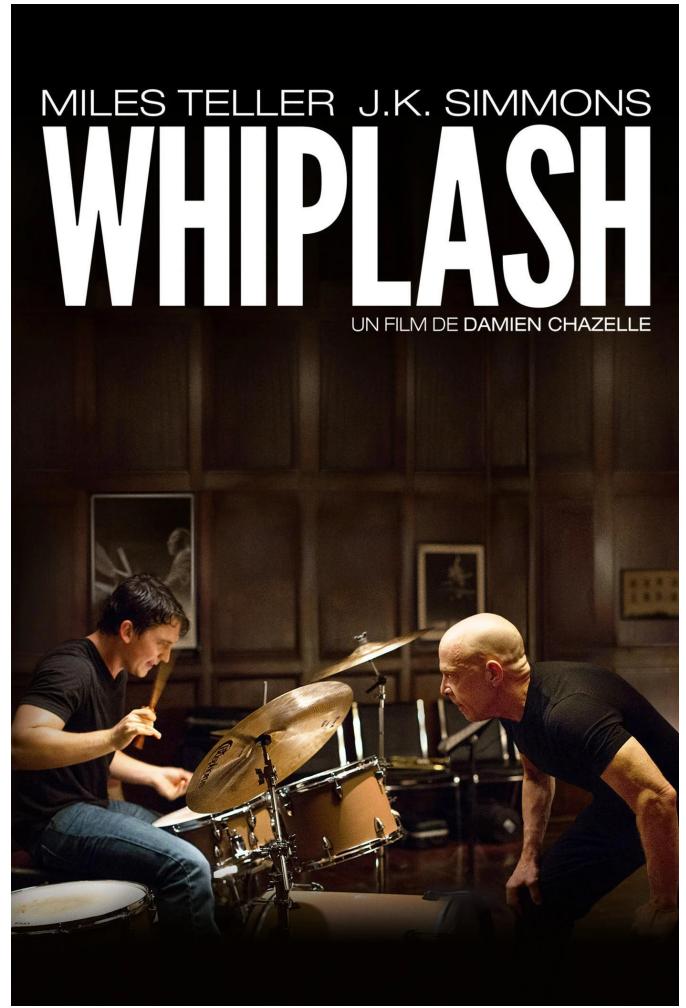
**ISOLDE**



# About me

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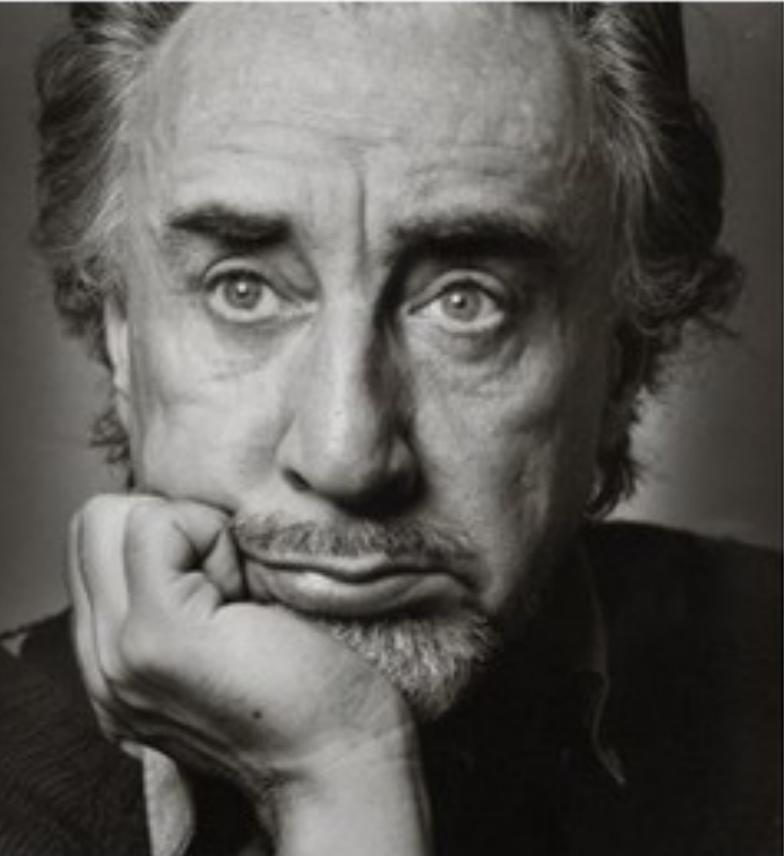
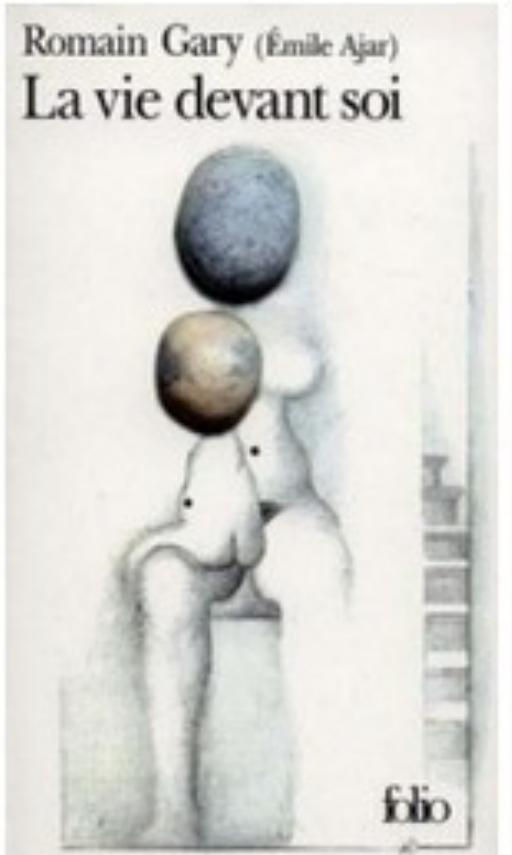
Theatre



Movies



French boxing - « Savate »



Reading



- Graduated from ENS Paris-Saclay
- M2 ICFP Theoretical Physics