Radioactive molecules for nuclear science

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Molecules containing heavy and octupole-deformed radioactive nuclei are predicted to provide enhanced sensitivity to investigate distinct nuclear phenomena [1,2], test the violation of fundamental symmetries, and search for new physics beyond the Standard Model of particle physics [3,4]. However, experimental measurements of such radioactive systems are scarce, and their study requires overcoming major experimental challenges. This seminar will discuss recent spectroscopy measurements of short-lived radium fluoride molecules (RaF) and future perspectives for fundamental physics studies with these molecules.

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