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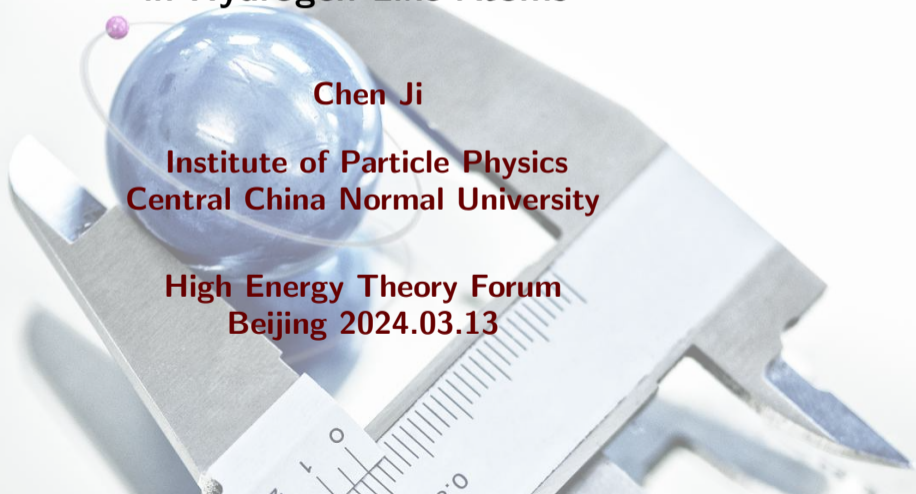
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Nuclear Structure Effects to High-Precision Spectroscopy in Hydrogen-Like Atoms

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Nuclear structures from spectroscopy

- Precision spectroscopy provides abundant information on nuclear structures.

Nuclear structure observables

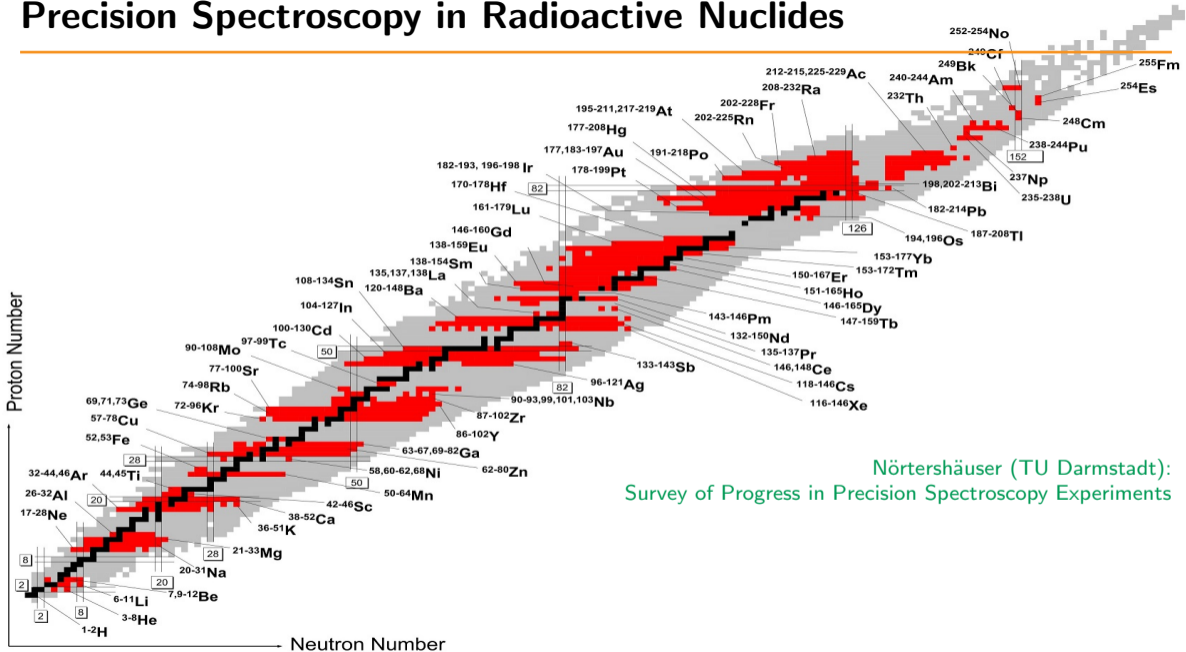
Nuclear spin
Charge radius
Magnetic dipole moment
electric quadrupole moment
magnetic radius

Nuclear structure physics

Nuclear shell evolution
New β stability line, neutron-rich drip line
Halo structure of radioactive nuclei
Internal nucleon distribution
Nuclear deformation

- Precision measurements on nuclear structures provides crucial guidance to building nuclear Hamiltonian models and nuclear many-body theories
 - Deuteron quadrupole moment \rightarrow nuclear tensor force
 - Magnetic moment/radius \rightarrow meson-exchange current
 - Charge radii for $A \geq 3$ systems \rightarrow three-nucleon force

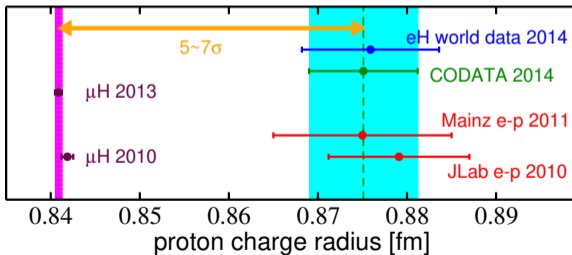
Precision Spectroscopy in Radioactive Nuclides



Nörtershäuser (TU Darmstadt):
Survey of Progress in Precision Spectroscopy Experiments

Proton radius puzzle

- electron-proton interaction experiments: $r_p = 0.8770(45)$ fm
 - eH spectroscopy
 - $e-p$ scattering
- $\mu-p$ interaction experiments: $r_p = 0.8409(4)$ fm
 - μH Lamb shift (ΔE_{2S-2P}) [PSI-CREMA]
Pohl *et al.*, Nature (2010); Antognini *et al.*, Science (2013)



Origin of the discrepancy?

- Search for the origin of the radius puzzle
 - Lepton universality violation?
 - Exotic hadron structure?
 - Under-estimated experimental uncertainties in eH and $e-p$?

These explanations are still in debate...

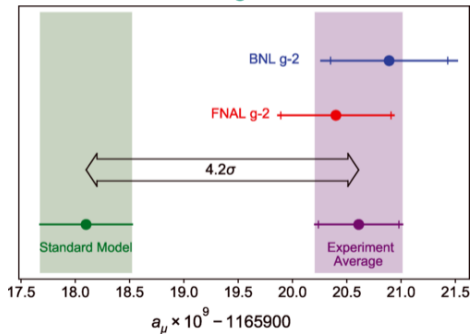
Lepton universality violation?

Physics beyond standard model

- new force carrier, e.g., dark photon: couples differently with e and μ
- explain both the r_p puzzle & $(g-2)_\mu$ puzzle



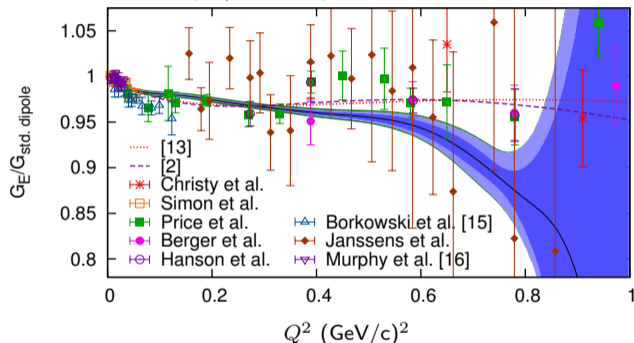
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$(g-2)_\mu$ collaboration, PRL 126 (2021) 141801

Error in ep scattering experiment (analysis)?

- $G_E^p(Q^2) = 1 - \frac{1}{6} r_p^2 Q^2 + \dots$
- Q^2 not small enough / floating normalization



- dispersion analysis on n/p EM form factors: $r_p = 0.84(1) \text{ fm}$

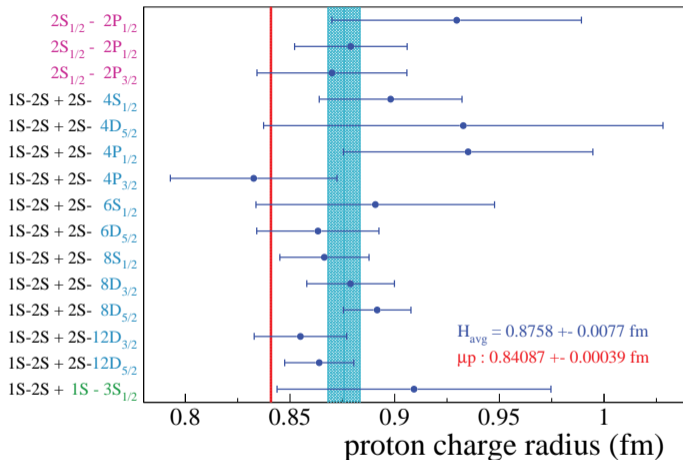
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- deficiency in radiative correction model:

Lee, Arrington, Hill, PRD 92 (2015) 013013

Underestimated uncertainties in eH spectroscopies?

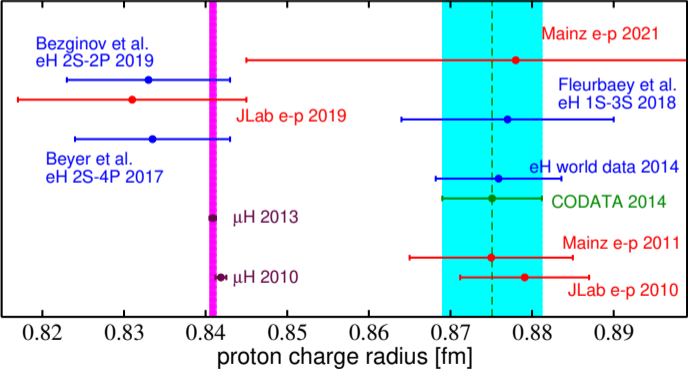


Phol *et al.*, *Annu. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci* 63 (2013) 175

- large uncertainty in individual eH measurement
- correlated measurements?

Solve the radius puzzle

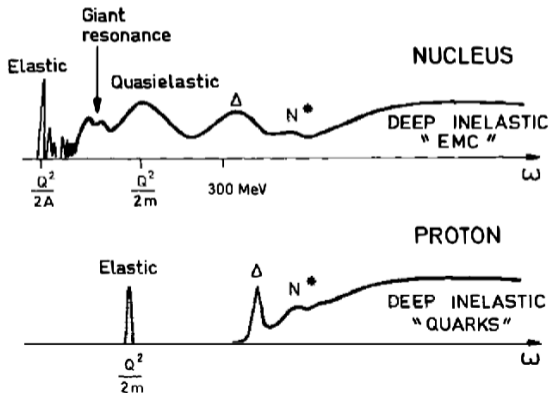
- New experiment to measure the proton radius
 - $e - p$ scattering (JLab, Mainz, Tohoku U.)
 - $\mu - p$ scattering (PSI-MUSE)
 - hydrogen spectroscopy (MPQ, LKB, York U.)



We seem to better (not fully) understand the proton radius now.

Electron scattering on light nuclei

- Traditional nuclear theory is based on independent particle models (IPM)
- IPM poorly describes short-range nucleon-nucleon correlation and exotic nuclear structure
- Electron Scattering (ES) provides a clean way to probe nuclear structure and spectrum
- Precise Electromagnetic probes give accurate constraints on nucleon-nucleon interaction and meson-exchange current



Elastic electron scattering and nuclear form factors

- Elastic electron-nucleus scattering provides information on nuclear charge, quadrupole, magnetic structures

$$\frac{d\sigma(E, \theta)^{PWIA}}{d\Omega} = \sigma_{Mott}(E, \theta)[A(q) + B(q)\tan(\theta/2)^2]$$

$$A(q) = F_{C0}(q)^2 + (M_d^2 Q_d)^2 \frac{8}{9} \eta^2 F_{C2}(q)^2 \\ + \left(\frac{M_d}{M_p} \mu_d\right)^2 \frac{2}{3} \eta(1 + \eta) F_{M1}(q)^2$$

$$B(q) = \left(\frac{M_d}{M_p} \mu_d\right)^2 \frac{4}{3} \eta(1 + \eta)^2 F_{M1}(q)^2 \quad \eta = q^2/(4M_d^2)$$

- scattering on light nuclei were intensively studied during 1960-1980
- Most recent measurements were done at Jefferson Lab and Mainz Microtron (light stable nuclei)

Reviews:

Frois, Papanicolas, Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 37, 133 (1987)

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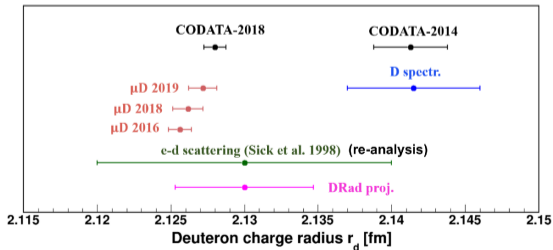
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New electron scattering experimental plan

- JLab & Mainz: measure G_E and G_M for light nuclei at low Q^2
 - ep scattering (JLab PRad: Xiong et al., Nature 575, 147 (2019))
 - $e-^2\text{H}$ scattering (JLab DRad: improve precision by a factor of 2)
 - $e-^3\text{H}$ & $e-^3\text{He}$ scattering

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JLab Hall A: www.jlab.org/physics/experiments



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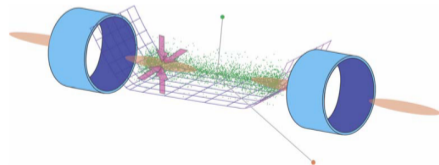
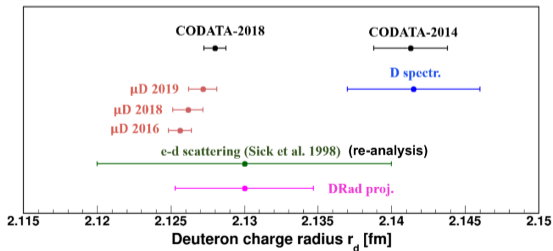
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- SCRIT (RIKEN) & ELISe (GSI-FAIR): electron scattering on exotic nuclei

Suda, Wakasugi, Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys 55, 417 (2005)



Spectroscopy measurement of nuclear radii in other atoms

- Lamb shift in muonic atoms/ions (PSI-CREMA)

- $\mu^2\text{H}$ [Pohl *et al.*, Science 2016]
- $\mu^4\text{He}^+$ [Krauth *et al.*, Nature 2021]
- $\mu^3\text{He}^+$ [K. Schuhmann *et al.*, arXiv:2305.11679]
- μLi , μBe , μB [PSI-QUARTET: X-ray transition]

Nuclear charge radii

- $e^{3,4}\text{He}$ spectroscopy

^3He - ^4He charge-radius isotope-shift

- hyperfine splitting in muonic measurements (PSI-CREMA)

- $\mu^2\text{H}$, $\mu^3\text{He}^+$ [In plan]

Nuclear magnetic Zemach radius

Theoretical studies of nuclear structure

- Nuclear theory has made great progress in the past 30 years
- microscopic nucleon-nucleon interaction development
- microscopic nucleon electroweak interaction development
- quantum many-body calculations (ab initio) make accurate study of nuclear structure and reaction possible
- Recent development can make rigorous uncertainty quantification in theoretical predictions

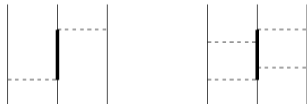
Phenomenological potential

- **Argonne v_{18}** fitted to

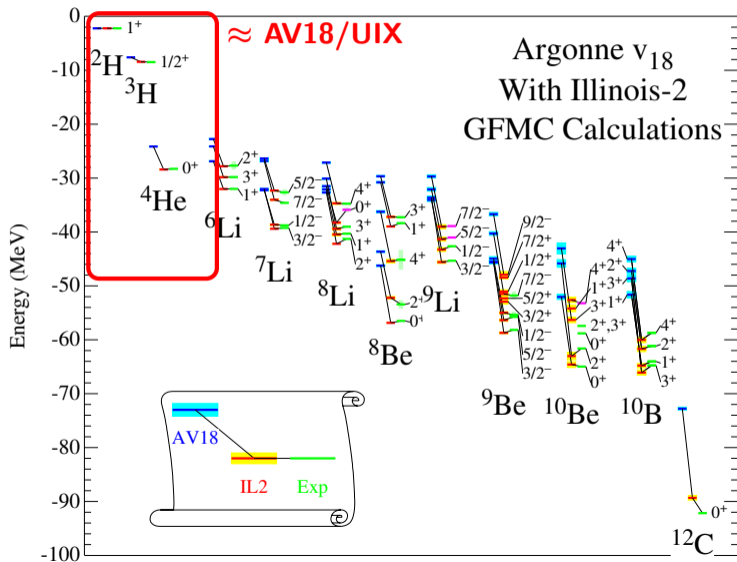
- 1787 pp & 2514 np observables for $E_{lab} \leq 350$ MeV with $\chi^2/\text{datum} = 1.1$
- nn scattering length & ^2H binding energy

- **Urbana IX**

$$V_{ijk} = V_{ijk}^{2\pi P} + V_{ijk}^R$$



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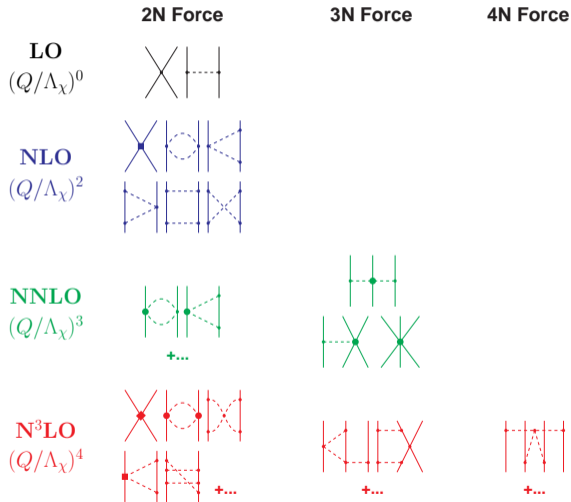


Chiral effective field theory potential

- **effective theory**
of low-energy QCD

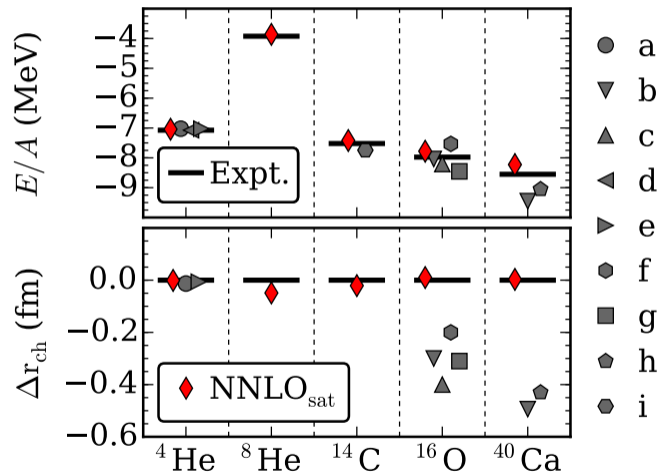
- **nuclear forces**
are built in systematic expansions
of Q/Λ_χ

- **coupling constants**
fitted to nuclear data



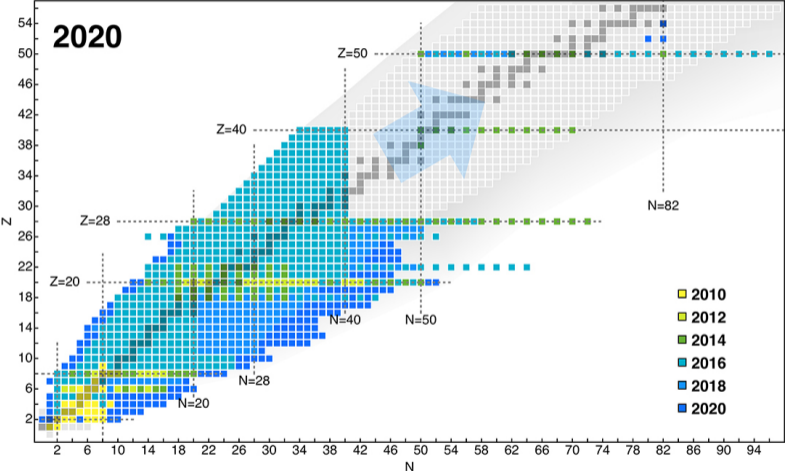
Chiral effective field theory potential

- Chiral EFT determination of nuclear binding energies and charge radii



Progress in ab initio nuclear structure theories

● Advances in ab initio calculations made nuclear chart accessible

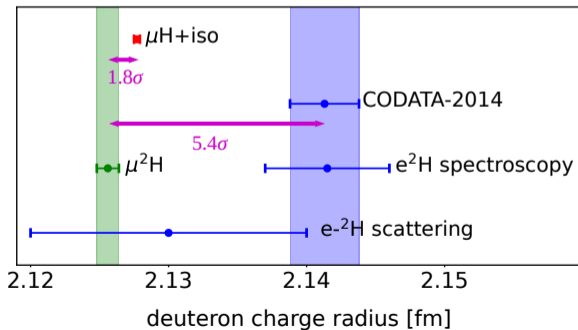


Current understanding of nuclear structure

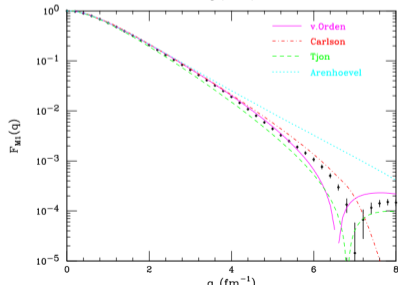
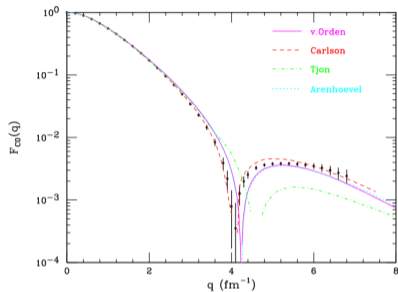
- Both experiments and theories have made great progress in understanding nuclear structures
- However, discrepancies appear at precision levels
 - discrepancies among experiments
 - disagreement between experiments and theories
 - theories face challenges in accurately describing exotic structures

The ^2H radius puzzle

- $\mu^2\text{H}$ Lamb shift: $r_d = 2.12562(78)$ fm Pohl, *et al.*, Science 353, 669 (2016)
- CODATA-2014: $r_d = 2.1415(45)$ fm
- isotope shift $r_d^2 - r_p^2$:
 $\delta(\mu^2\text{H}, \mu\text{H}) = 3.8112(34)$ fm²
 $\delta(e^2\text{H}, e\text{H}) = 3.8201(07)$ fm² Parthey, *et al.*, PRL (2010)



^2H charge & magnetic form factors

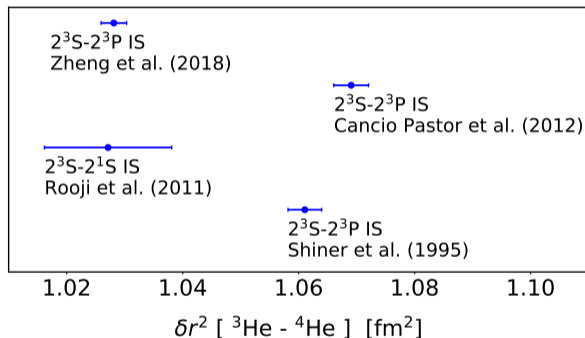


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- $^2\text{H } G_M(q)$:
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The helium isotope shift puzzle

- Discrepancies in ${}^3\text{He}$ - ${}^4\text{He}$ charge radius isotope shift measurements

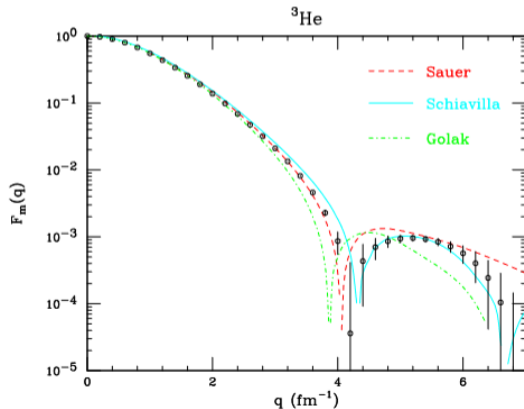
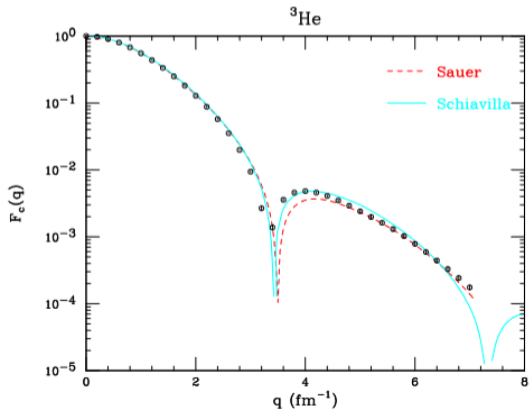


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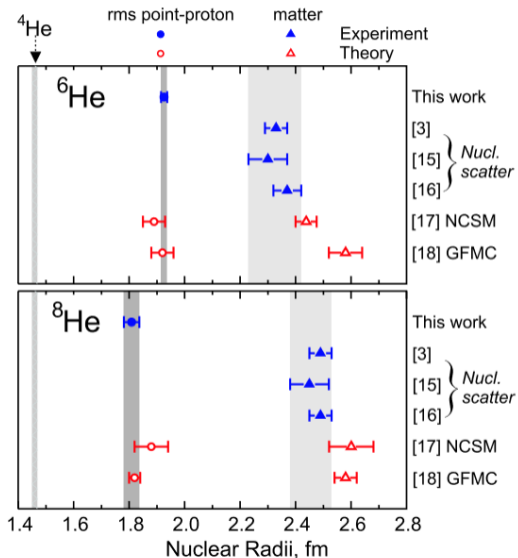
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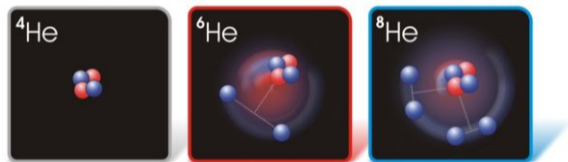
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Spectroscopy and charge radii of $^{6,8}\text{He}$



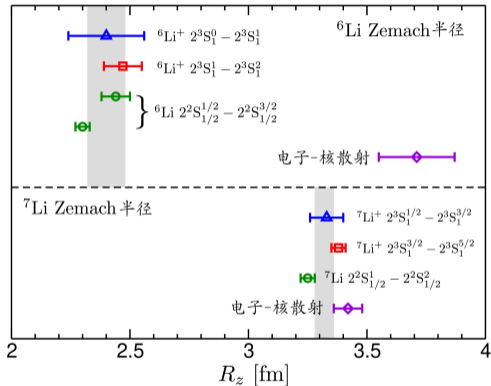
- difference between experiments and theories indicate discrepancies in the description of halo structures in $^{6,8}\text{He}$



Wang et al., *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 93, 142501 (2004)
 Muller et al., *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 99, 252501 (2007)

The lithium magnetic Zemach radius puzzle

- magnetic Zemach radius indicates nuclear magnetic distribution
- R_z discrepancies in spectroscopy and scattering experiments



Puchalski, Pachucki, PRL 111, 243001 (2013)

Qi et al., PRL 125, 183002 (2020)

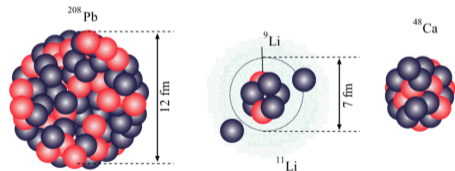
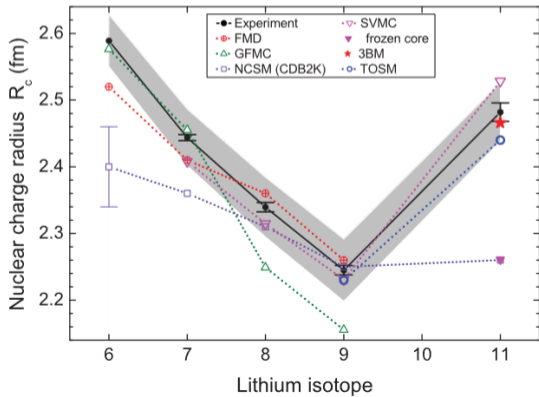
Li et al., PRL 124, 063002 (2020)

Guan et al., PRA 102, 030801(R) (2020)

Spectroscopy and Li isotopes charge radii

- cluster configuration in $^{6,7}\text{Li}$
- halo structures in ^{11}Li
- disagreement between ab initio theory and data

TRIUMF & GSI:
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Challenges in nuclear structure studies

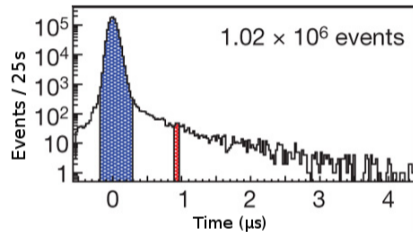
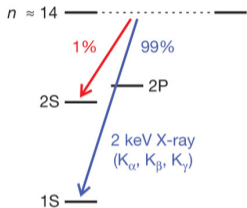
- precision spectroscopy brings nuclear structure study into precision era
- electromagnetic probes provides important information to improve nuclear potentials and ab initio theories

μ H Lamb shift experiment

Lamb Shift: 2S-2P splitting in atomic spectrum

Pic: Pohl *et al.* Nature (2010)

- **prompt X-ray ($t \sim 0$ s):** μ^- stopped in H_2 gases

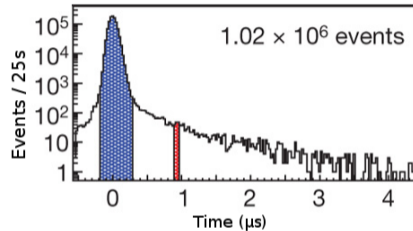
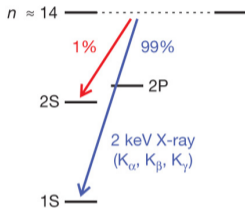


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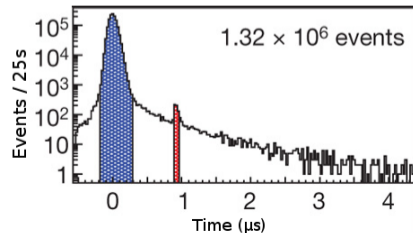
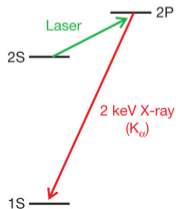
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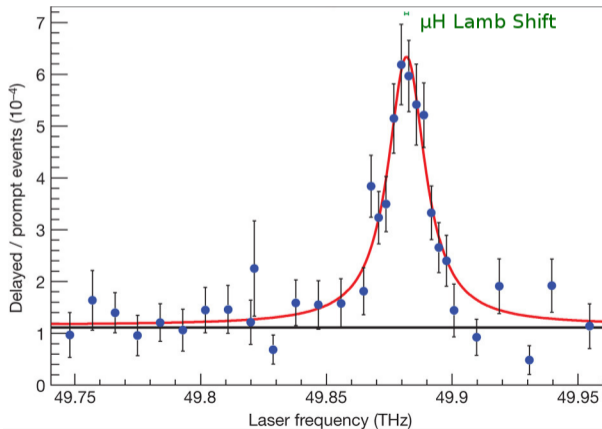
- **delayed X-ray ($t \sim 1 \mu$ s):** laser induced $2S \rightarrow 2P$



μH Lamb shift experiment

- measure $K_{\alpha}^{\text{delayed}} / K_{\alpha}^{\text{prompt}}$
- $\delta E_{LS} = hf_{res}$

Pic: Pohl *et al.* Nature (2010)



Nuclear structure effects to Lamb shift

- Extract nuclear charge radius from Lamb shift in muonic atoms

$$\delta E_{\text{LS}} = \delta_{\text{QED}} + \mathcal{A}_{\text{OPE}} R_E^2 + \delta_{\text{TPE}}$$

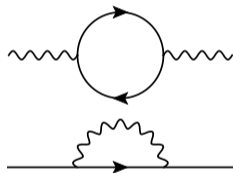
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- **QED effects**

- Vacuum polarization (Uehling effect)
- Lepton self energy
- relativistic recoil



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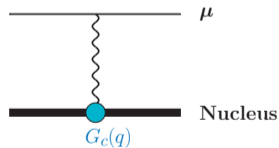
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- $\propto R_E^2 \implies$ **one-photon exchange (OPE)**
 $\mathcal{A}_{\text{OPE}} \approx m_\mu^3 (Z\alpha)^4 / 12$



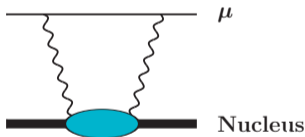
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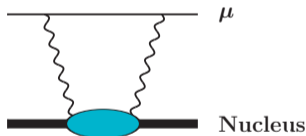
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- The accuracy of extracting R_E relies on the theoretical input of δ_{TPE}**

$\mu^2\text{H}$ experiment: δ_{pol} requires 1% accuracy

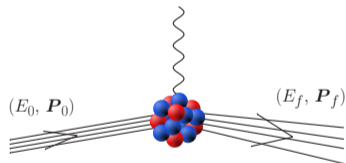
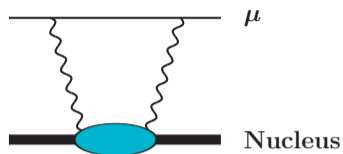
$\mu^{3,4}\text{He}^+$ experiment: δ_{pol} requires 5% accuracy

Nuclear polarizability from sum rules for photo-nuclear reactions

$$\delta_{\text{pol}} = \sum_{g, S_{\hat{O}}} \int_{\omega_{th}}^{\infty} d\omega \underbrace{g(\omega)}_{\text{weight}} \underbrace{S_{\hat{O}}(\omega)}_{\text{response function}}$$

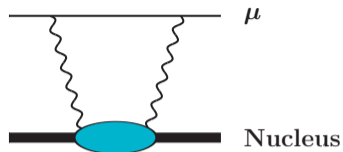
- energy-weighted sum rules $g(\omega)$
- nuclear response function $S_{\hat{O}}(\omega)$

$$S_O(\omega) = \sum_f |\langle \psi_f | \hat{O} | \psi_0 \rangle|^2 \delta(E_f - E_0 - \omega)$$



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Contributing terms in nuclear polarizability δ_{pol} :

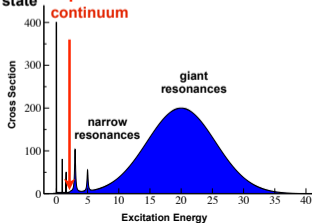
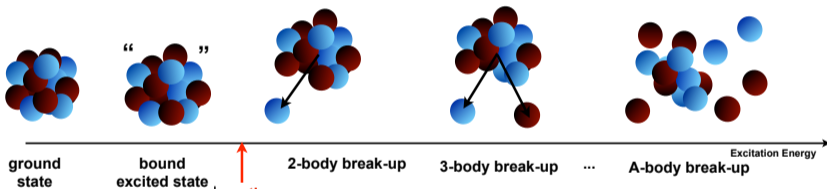
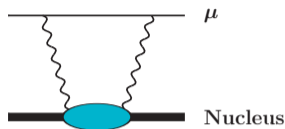
- multipole expansion to EM operators
 - E0, E1, E2, M1 response sum rules
- relativistic and Coulomb-distortion corrections
- intrinsic nucleon structure corrections

[CJ, Bacca, Barnea, Hernandez, Nevo-Dinur, JPG 45 \(2018\) 093002](#)

Nuclear response function: continuum spectrum

- The nucleus is virtually excited during the TPE process

$$S_O(\omega) = \sum_f |\langle \psi_f | \hat{O} | \psi_0 \rangle|^2 \delta(E_f - E_0 - \omega)$$

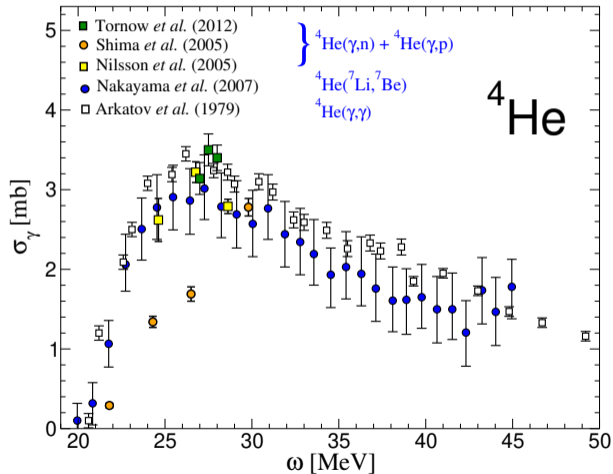


$$\sigma \propto |\langle \Psi_f | J^\mu | \Psi_0 \rangle|^2$$

Exact knowledge limited in energy and mass number

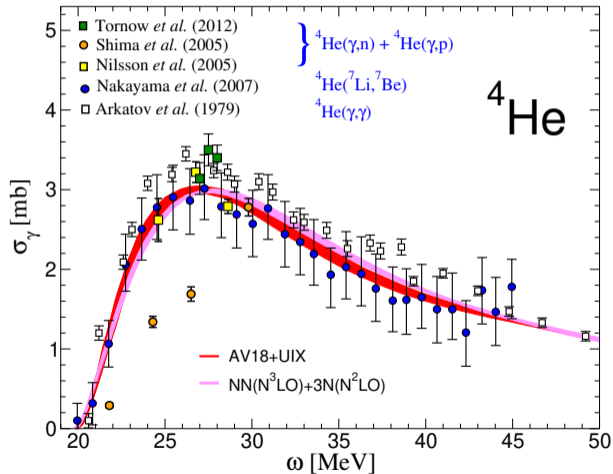
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Ab-initio calculations of nuclear polarizability δ_{pol}

- $\mu^{2,3}\text{H}$, $\mu^{3,4}\text{He}^+$:

- Numerical ab-initio methods

Effective Interaction Hyperspherical Harmonics Expansion

Lorentz Integral Transform (response function)

Lanczos Algorithm (sum rules)

bound state \rightarrow resonance/continuum

- Nuclear potentials

AV18+UIX

$\chi\text{EFT } NN(N^3\text{LO})+NNN(N^2\text{LO})$

Analyze nuclear-theory uncertainty by comparing δ_{pol} from different potential models

CJ, Nevo-Dinur, Bacca, Barnea, [PRL 111 \(2013\) 143402](#)

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CJ, Bacca, Barnea, Hernandez, Nevo-Dinur, [JPG 45 \(2018\) 093002](#)

Hyperspherical harmonic basis (few-body methods)

For heavier nucleus, one needs to go beyond the Lippmann-Schwinger equation and adopt a more powerful few-body methods to deal with bound-state and continuum-state few-body systems.

- Solve in the 3-body CM frame

$$[T + V]\psi(\vec{\eta}_1, \vec{\eta}_2) = E\psi(\vec{\eta}_1, \vec{\eta}_2)$$

- Use hyperspherical coordinates

$$\rho = \sqrt{\eta_1^2 + \eta_2^2}, \quad \Omega = [\theta_1, \phi_1, \theta_2, \phi_2, \arctan(\frac{\eta_2}{\eta_1})]$$

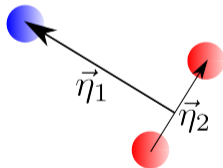
$$T = T_\rho + \hat{K}^2/\rho^2$$

- hyperspherical harmonic basis expansion

$$\psi(\vec{\eta}_1, \vec{\eta}_2) \sim \sum_{[K]}^{K_{max}} R_{[K]}(\rho) \mathcal{Y}_{[K]}(\Omega)$$

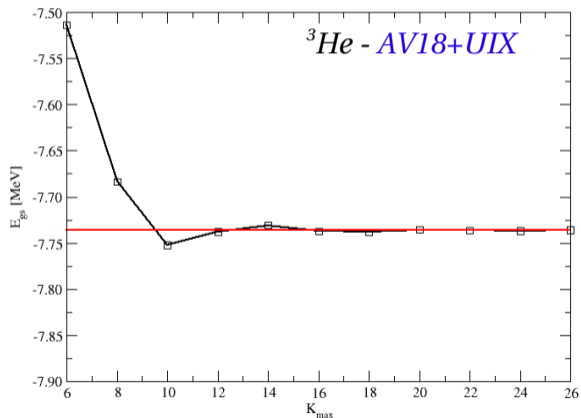
$$\hat{K}^2 \mathcal{Y}_{[K]}(\Omega) = K(K + 4) \mathcal{Y}_{[K]}(\Omega)$$

3-body problem



Hyperspherical harmonics basis expansion

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_K^{K_{max}} c_K \text{HH}(K)$$



Lanczos algorithm for sum rules

- $\delta_{\text{pol}} \implies$ energy-dependent nuclear sum rules

$$I_{\hat{O}} = \int_0^{\infty} d\omega S_{\hat{O}}(\omega) g(\omega)$$

- Lanczos method can directly calculate $I_{\hat{O}}$ without explicitly knowing $S_{\hat{O}}(\omega)$.

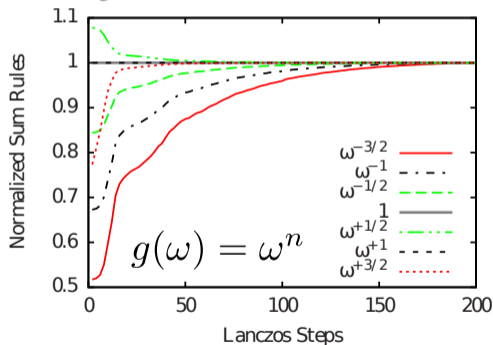
- Map Hamiltonian in recursive Krylov subspace

$$\{\phi_0, \phi_1, \dots, \phi_M\}$$

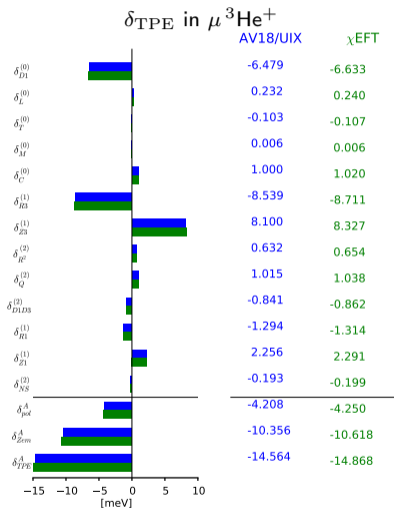
$$b_{i+1}|\phi_{i+1}\rangle = \hat{H}|\phi_i\rangle - a_i|\phi_i\rangle - b_i|\phi_{i-1}\rangle$$

$$|\phi_{-1}\rangle = 0; \quad |\phi_0\rangle = \hat{O}|\Psi_0\rangle; \quad \langle\phi_i|\phi_j\rangle = \delta_{ij}$$

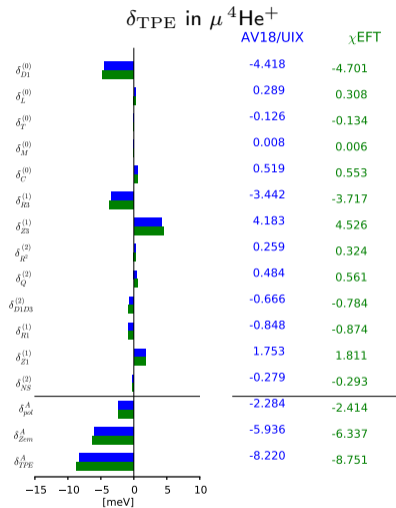
- $I_{\hat{O}}$ converges when increasing Lanczos steps



TPE & nuclear polarizability: nuclear-model uncertainty



$$\delta_{\text{TPE}} = -14.72 \text{ meV} \pm 1.5\%(1\sigma)$$

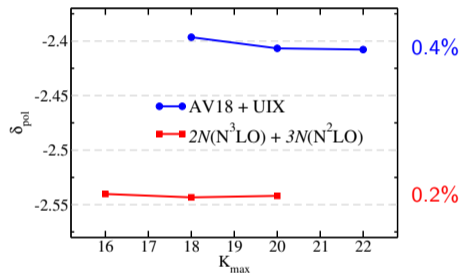


$$\delta_{\text{TPE}}^A = -8.49 \text{ meV} \pm 4.4\%(1\sigma)$$

TPE & nuclear polarizability: other uncertainty

Numerical uncertainty

- convergence of EIHH model space ($\mu^4\text{He}^+$)



- Combine all uncertainties:

$$\delta_{\text{TPE}}(\mu^3\text{He}^+) = -14.72 \text{ meV} \pm 2.1\%$$

$$\delta_{\text{TPE}}(\mu^4\text{He}^+) = -8.49 \text{ meV} \pm 4.6\%$$

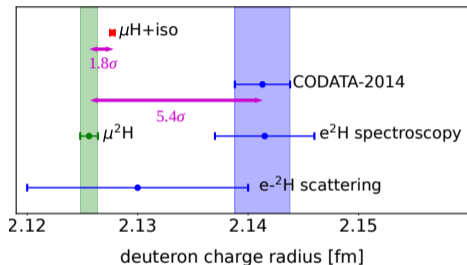
- The TPE prediction fulfills the 5% accuracy requirements from $\mu^{3,4}\text{He}^+$ experiments

Atomic-physics uncertainty

- $(Z\alpha)^6$ correction **three-photon exchange**
- relativistic and Coulomb distortion effects to sum rules beyond E1
- higher-order nucleonic-structure corrections
- Overall atomic-physics uncertainty
 - 1.5% in $\mu^3\text{He}^+$
 - 1.3% in $\mu^4\text{He}^+$

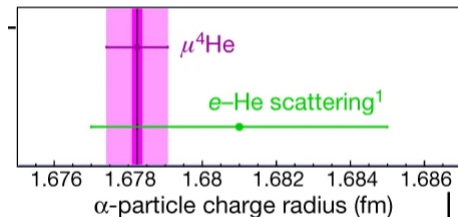
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Pohl, *et al.*, *Science* (2016)



$$r_\alpha = 1.67824(13)_{\text{exp}}(82)_{\text{theo}} \text{ fm}$$

Krauth *et al.*, *Nature* (2021)

TPE theory:

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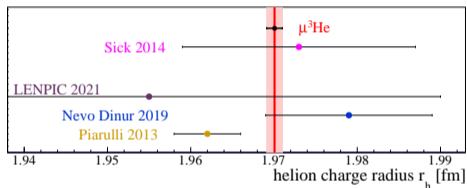
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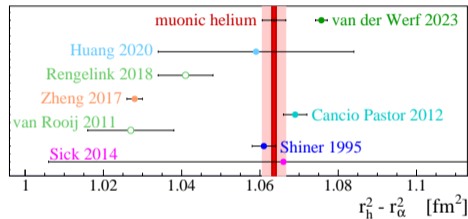
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$$r_h^2 - r_\alpha^2 = 1.0636(6)_{\text{exp}}(30)_{\text{theo}} \text{ fm}^2$$

Schuhmann et al. (CREMA) arXiv:2305.11679

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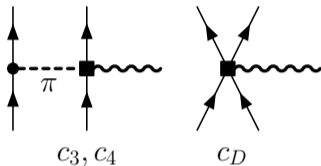
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Piarulli *et al.* PRC '13

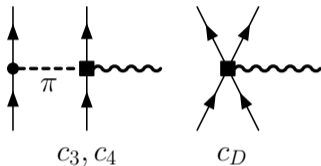
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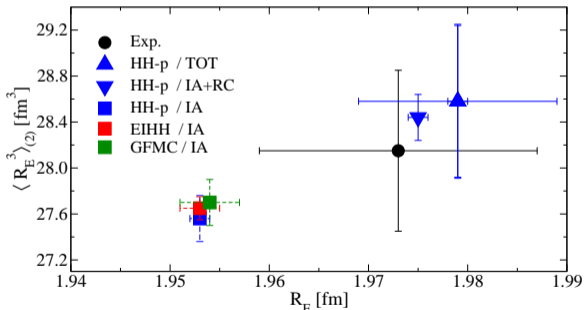


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- Test RC+MEC contributions to $\delta_{Z_{em}}$ & other EM moments

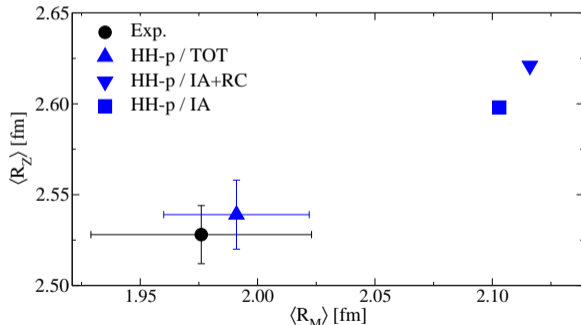
RC+MEC contributions to EM moments in ^2H

Method	R_E [fm]	$\langle R_E^3 \rangle_{(2)}$ [fm ³]	$\langle R_E^4 \rangle$ [fm ⁴]	R_Z [fm]	R_M [fm]	μ [μ_N]
IA	1.953(1)	27.56(20)	32.5(1.3)	2.598(1)	2.103(1)	-1.757(1)
IA+RC	1.975(1)	28.44(20)	33.6(1.3)	2.621(1)	2.116(1)	-1.737(1)
TOT	1.979(1)(10)	28.58(66)(13)	33.8(1.5)(2)	2.539(3)(19)	1.991(1)(31)	-2.093(1)(55)
Exp.	1.973(14)	28.15(70)	32.9(1.60)	2.528(16)	1.976(47)	-2.127



$$\langle R_E^3 \rangle_{(2)} = \iint d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' \rho_E(\mathbf{r}) \rho_E(\mathbf{r}') |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|^3$$

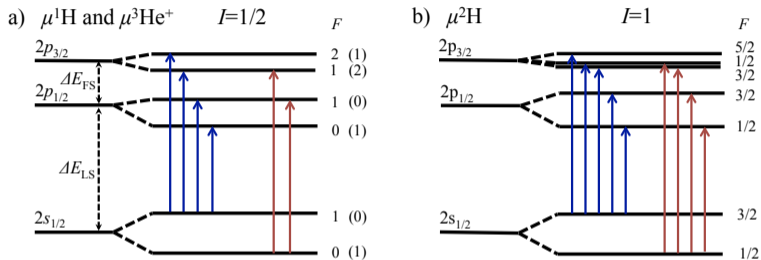
electric Zemach moment



$$R_Z = \iint d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' \rho_E(\mathbf{r}) \rho_M(\mathbf{r}') |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|$$

magnetic Zemach moment

Nuclear Zemach radii from hyperfine splittings in muonic atoms



- Zemach radius R_Z is determined by both nuclear charge and magnetic densities

$$R_Z = \iint d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' \rho_E(\mathbf{r}) \rho_M(\mathbf{r}') |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|$$

- CREMA (PSI): determine R_Z from measured HFS in muonic atoms

Status of theoretical and experimental studies

- TPE effects dominate the discrepancy between measured and QED-predicted HFS
- Accidental agreement between the predicted and measured TPE effects in ^2H HFS?
- Large discrepancies between the calculated and experimental TPE effects in $\mu^2\text{H}$ HFS
- Current theories do not rigorously treat nuclear excitations in TPE to HFS.

$e^2\text{H}$ 1S $E_{HFS}(2\gamma)$ [kHz]

$\nu_{\text{exp}} - \nu_{\text{qed}}$	45 [1]
Khriplovich, Milstein 2004	43 (model dependent)
Friar 2005	46 (+18)
	(1N pol/recoil)

$\mu^2\text{H}$ 2S $E_{HFS}(2\gamma)$ [meV]

$\nu_{\text{exp}} - \nu_{\text{qed}}$	0.0966(73) [2]
Kalinowski, Pachucki 2018	0.0383

[1] Wineland, Ramsey, PRA (1972)

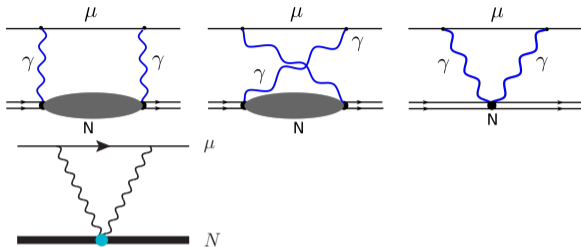
[2] Pohl et al., Science (2016)

TPE contributions to HFS in ${}^2\text{H}$ and $\mu{}^2\text{H}$

- TPE effects

$$E_{\text{TPE}} = E_{\text{el}} + E_{\text{pol}} + E_{1\text{N}}$$

- elastic: $F_c(q)$, $F_m(q)$, $F_Q(q)$
- inelastic: vector polarization
- $E_{1\text{N}}$: single-nucleon TPE



$$\delta_{\text{pol}}^{(0,1)} \propto \int d\omega \int dq h^{(0,1)}(\omega, q) S^{(0,1)}(\omega, q)$$

$$S^{(0)}(\omega, q) = -\frac{1}{q^2} \text{Im} \sum_{N \neq N_0} \int \frac{d\hat{q}}{4\pi} \langle N_0 II | [\vec{q} \times \vec{J}_m^*(\vec{q})]_3 | N \rangle \langle N | \rho(\vec{q}) | N_0 II \rangle \delta(\omega - \frac{q^2}{2m_A} - \omega_N)$$

$$S^{(1)}(\omega, q) = -\text{Im} \sum_{N \neq N_0} \int \frac{d\hat{q}}{4\pi} \epsilon^{3jk} \langle N_0 II | \vec{J}_{m,j}^*(\vec{q}) | N \rangle \langle N | \vec{J}_{c,k}(\vec{q}) | N_0 II \rangle | N_0 II \rangle \delta(\omega - \frac{q^2}{2m_A} - \omega_N)$$

- Plan A: χEFT (in progress)
- Plan B: $\not{\chi}\text{EFT}$ CJ, Zhang, Platter, arXiv:2311.13585

Pionless effective field theory

- Contact NN and NNN interactions (without pion)
- Predictions require only a few input parameters: a_t, r_t at NNLO (4% accuracy)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} = & N^\dagger \left[i\partial_0 + \frac{\nabla^2}{2M} \right] N - C_0 \left(N^T P_i N \right)^\dagger \left(N^T P_i N \right) \\ & + \frac{1}{8} C_2 \left[\left(N^T P_i N \right)^\dagger \left(N^T \overleftrightarrow{\nabla}^2 P_i N \right) + h.c. \right] - \frac{1}{16} C_4 \left(N^T \overleftrightarrow{\nabla}^2 P_i N \right)^\dagger \left(N^T \overleftrightarrow{\nabla}^2 P_i N \right) \\ & + \frac{1}{4} C_0^{(sd)} \left\{ \left(N^T P_i N \right)^\dagger \left[N^T P_j \left(\overleftrightarrow{\nabla}_i \overleftrightarrow{\nabla}_j - \frac{1}{3} \delta_{ij} \overleftrightarrow{\nabla}^2 \right) N \right] + h.c. \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Kaplan, Savage, Wise, Nuclear Physics B 534 (1998) 329

- reproduce np $3S_1$ phase shift

$$p \cot \delta_t(p) = -\gamma + \frac{\rho}{2}(p^2 + \gamma^2) + \dots$$

$$C_0 = C_{0,-1} + C_{0,0} + C_{0,1} + \dots$$

$$C_2 = C_{2,-2} + C_{2,-1} + \dots$$

$$C_4 = C_{4,-3} + \dots$$

$$C_{0,-1} = -\frac{4\pi}{m_N} \frac{1}{\mu - \gamma},$$

$$C_{0,1} = -\frac{\pi}{m_N} \frac{\rho^2 \gamma^4}{(\mu - \gamma)^3},$$

$$C_{2,-1} = -\frac{2\pi}{m_N} \frac{\rho^2 \gamma^2}{(\mu - \gamma)^3},$$

$$C_0^{(sd)} = -\frac{6\sqrt{2}\pi}{m_N \gamma^2 (\mu - \gamma)} \eta_{sd}$$

$$C_{0,0} = \frac{2\pi}{m_N} \frac{\rho \gamma^2}{(\mu - \gamma)^2},$$

$$C_{2,-2} = \frac{2\pi}{m_N} \frac{\rho}{(\mu - \gamma)^2},$$

$$C_{4,-3} = -\frac{\pi}{m_N} \frac{\rho^2}{(\mu - \gamma)^3}$$

← asymptotic D-S ratio

Pionless effective field theory

- Solve Lippmann-Schwinger equation
- t-matrix \mathcal{A}_n in perturbation:

$$\mathcal{A}_0 = \text{diagram 1} + \text{diagram 2} + \dots$$

$$\mathcal{A}_1 = \text{diagram 3}$$

$$\mathcal{A}_2 = \text{diagram 4} + \text{diagram 5}$$

$$\text{diagram 6} = \text{diagram 7} + \text{diagram 8} + \text{diagram 9} + \dots$$

- on-shell:

$$\mathcal{A}_t(p, p; E) = -\frac{4\pi}{m_N} \frac{1}{\gamma + ip} \left[1 + \frac{\rho}{2}(\gamma - ip) + \frac{\rho^2}{4}(\gamma - ip)^2 \right]$$

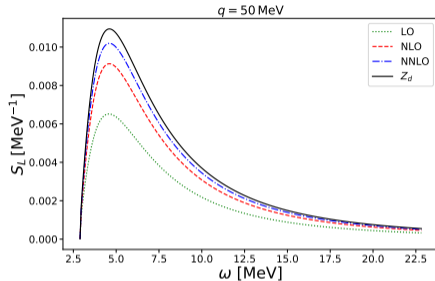
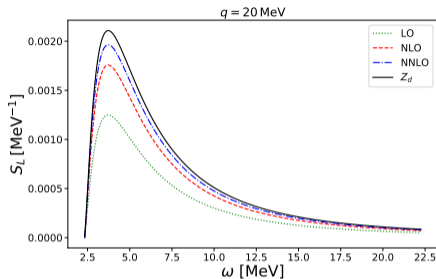
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$$\mathcal{A}_t^{(0)}(k, p; E) = -\frac{4\pi}{m_N} \frac{1}{\gamma + ip}$$

$$\mathcal{A}_t^{(1)}(k, p; E) = -\frac{2\pi}{m_N} \frac{\rho}{\gamma + ip} \left[\gamma - ip + \frac{1}{2(\gamma - \mu)} (k^2 - p^2) \right]$$

$$\mathcal{A}_t^{(2)}(k, p; E) = -\frac{\pi}{m_N} \frac{\rho^2}{\gamma + ip} \left[(\gamma - ip)^2 + \frac{\gamma - ip}{\gamma - \mu} \left(1 + \frac{\gamma + ip}{\gamma - \mu} \right) \frac{k^2 - p^2}{2} \right]$$

$\not\chi$ EFT calculation of TPE effects to Lamb shift in $^2\mu\text{H}$



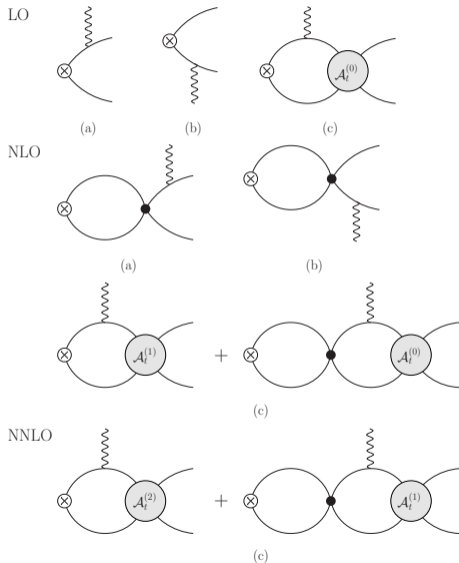
- longitudinal response function shows order-by-order convergence in $\not\chi$ EFT
- TPE predicted in $\not\chi$ EFT at NNLO agrees well the χ EFT calculations

δ_{pol}	non-relativistic kernel	relativistic kernel
$\not\chi$ EFT	-1.605	-1.574
χ EFT	-1.590	-1.560

#EFT calculation of TPE effects to HFS in ${}^2\text{H}$ and ${}^2\mu\text{H}$

- Contributions from one-body charge density, convection and magnetic currents $\rho_E, \vec{J}_c, \vec{J}_m$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{EM},1b} = & -eN^\dagger \frac{1+\tau_3}{2} N A_0 \\ & - \frac{ie}{2m_N} \left[N^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{\nabla} \frac{1+\tau_3}{2} N \right] \cdot \vec{A} \\ & + \frac{e}{2m_N} N^\dagger (\kappa_0 + \kappa_1 \tau_3) \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{B} N \end{aligned}$$

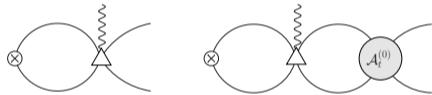


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- \vec{J}_c (NLO), \vec{J}_m (NNLO) two-nucleon currents

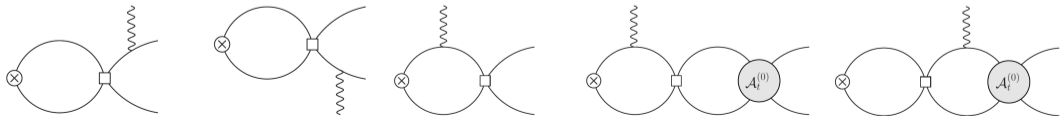
$$\mathcal{L}_{2,C} = ie \frac{C_2}{4} \left[(N^T P_i N)^\dagger (N^T \overleftrightarrow{\nabla} P_i \tau_3 N) + \text{h.c.} \right] \cdot \vec{A}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{2,B} = -ie L_2 \epsilon_{ijk} (N^T P_i N)^\dagger (N^T P_j N) B_k + \text{h.c.}$$



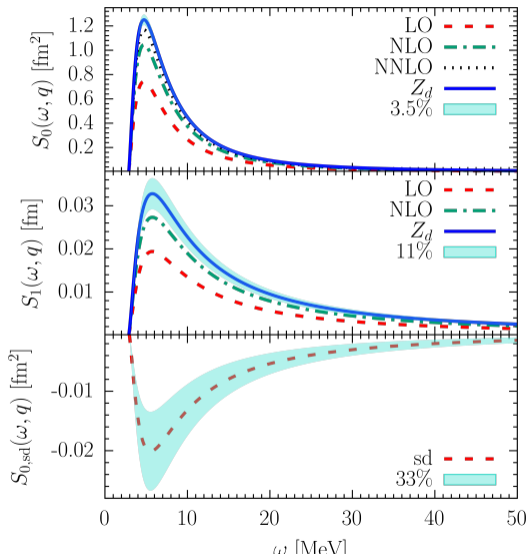
- np S-D mixing at NNLO

$$\mathcal{L}_{2,Q} = -e L_Q (N^T P_i N)^\dagger (N^T P_j N) \left(\nabla^i \nabla^j - \frac{1}{3} \nabla^2 \delta_{ij} \right) A_0$$



Response functions in χ EFT

- $S^{(0)}(\omega, q)$: charge-magnetic transition (LO)
- $S^{(1)}(\omega, q)$: convection-magnetic transition (NLO)
- $S_{sd}^{(0)}(\omega, q)$: S-D mixing correction to $S^{(0)}$ (NNLO)
- systematic order-by-order convergence



TPE corrections to HFS in ${}^2\text{H}$ and $\mu^2\text{H}$

	${}^2\text{H}$ (1S)	$\mu^2\text{H}$ (1S)	$\mu^2\text{H}$ (2S)
E_{1p} (Antognini 2022)	-35.54(8)	-1.018(2)	-0.1272(2)
E_{1n} (Tomalak 2019)	9.6(1.0)	0.08(3)	0.010(4)
E_{el}	-41.9(1.5)	-0.985(34)	-0.123(4)
E_{pol}	109.8(3.8)	2.86(10)	0.358(13)
E_{TPE}	<i>kHz</i>	<i>meV</i>	<i>meV</i>
This work	41.7(2.6)	0.940(73)	0.118(9)
Khriplovich, Milstein 2004	43		
Friar, Payne 2005 _{mod}	64.5		
Kalinowskim, Pauckci 2018		0.304(68)	0.0383(86)
$\nu_{\text{exp}} - \nu_{\text{qed}}$	45		0.0966(73)

- Consistent with $\nu_{\text{exp}} - \nu_{\text{qed}}$ within $1.4 - 1.7\sigma$
- Further improvement on accuracy in nuclear theory is demanding
- Uncertainty in E_{1p} and E_{1n} can be larger than expected! (χPT v.s. dispersion)

Conclusion

- radius puzzle & spectroscopy in hydrogen-like atoms
 - Challenge higher-order QED theory
 - TPE effects connect atomic transition with photo-nuclear reaction
 - Use low-energy nuclear theory to probe precision physics
- TPE effects to Lamb shift
 - determine nuclear charge radii
 - Ab initio calculations improve theoretical accuracy to percentage
 - more accurate than extracting information from photonuclear reaction data
- TPE effects to hyperfine splitting
 - determine nuclear magnetic structure
 - Ab initio theory to determine TPE effects to HFS
 - further improve accuracy in nuclear theory (χ EFT, or $\not\chi$ EFT at N³LO)
 - uncertainty in nucleonic TPE needs to be reanalyzed
 - Future extension to study TPE effects to HFS in $\mu^3\text{He}$, $e^{6,7}\text{Li}$

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Lamb Shift & QED

- **Dirac theory:** $2s_{1/2}$ & $2p_{1/2}$ levels of hydrogen are degenerate
- **Lamb & Retherford Experiments (1947):**

$$\delta E_{LS} = E(2s_{1/2}) - E(2p_{1/2}) = 1057.8(1) \text{ MHz}$$

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Fine Structure of the Hydrogen Atom by a Microwave Method* **

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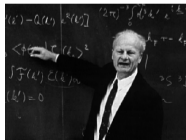


- **Lamb shift gave the main impetus to the development of modern QED.**
- **Bethe Theory (1947):**
 - combine non-relativistic QM, 2nd order perturbation theory, & Kramers' QED renormalization concept
 - calculate the QED self-energy correction to account for Lamb's discovery

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The Electromagnetic Shift of Energy Levels

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BY very beautiful experiments, Lamb and Retherford¹ have shown that the fine structure of the hydrogen atom is explained by a nuclear interaction of reasonable magnitude, and Uehling² has investigated the

Radiative Correction at $\mathcal{O}(e^4)$ in QED

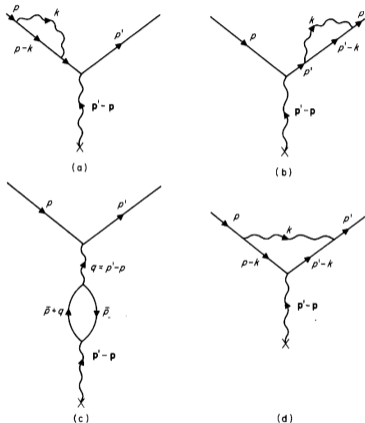


Fig. 9.2. The four contributions to the second-order radiative corrections to electron scattering.

Mandl, Shaw, Quantum Field Theory;
Aitchison, Hey, Gauge Theories in Particle Physics

(a,b) electron self-energy

(c) photon self-energy (vacuum polarization)

(d) vertex correction

• Consequence of Radiative Correction:

• **Renormalization:**

field strength;

lepton mass;

photon self-energy;

lepton charge

• **Gauge invariance requires:** $m_\gamma = 0$

• **Charge universality:** $e_\mu = e_e$

Lamb Shift & Radiative Correction Theory

- In $e - p$ scattering, radiative correction only contributes to the mass and charge renormalization.
- In eH bound states, radiative correction produces level shift
- In Bethe's calculation:
 - **Level shift is the difference between self-energies of bound and free electrons**
 - Electron self-energy correction can be evaluated by 2nd order perturbation in electric dipole approximation

$$\begin{aligned}\delta E(nl) &= - \sum_{\lambda} \sum_{r=1,2} \left(\frac{e}{m}\right)^2 \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{|\langle \lambda | \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_r(\mathbf{k}) \cdot \mathbf{p} | nl \rangle|^2}{2k(E_{\lambda} + k - E_n)} \\ &= - \frac{1}{6\pi^2} \left(\frac{e}{m}\right)^2 \sum_{\lambda} |\langle \lambda | \mathbf{p} | nl \rangle|^2 \int_0^{\infty} dk \frac{k}{E_{\lambda} + k - E_n} \quad \leftarrow \text{linear divergence at } k \rightarrow \infty\end{aligned}$$

$|\lambda\rangle$: intermediate atomic states

Bethe, Phys. Rev. 72, 339 (1947)

Mandl, Shaw, Quantum Field Theory

Lamb Shift & Radiative Correction Theory

- **In Bethe's calculation:**

- For a free electron, the self-energy provides the **mass renormalization**
- The corresponding **mass correction** for the electron in the $|nl\rangle$ state is

$$\delta E_f(nl) = -\frac{1}{6\pi^2} \left(\frac{e}{m}\right)^2 \sum_{\lambda} |\langle \lambda | \mathbf{p} | nl \rangle|^2 \int_0^{\infty} dk \leftarrow \text{linear divergence at } k \rightarrow \infty$$

- physical electron mass is used in $\delta E(nl)$, the mass correction is already included.
- **observed level shift $\Delta E(nl)$:** difference between self-energies of bound and free electrons

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta E(nl) &= \delta E(nl) - \delta E_f(nl) \\ &= -\frac{1}{6\pi^2} \left(\frac{e}{m}\right)^2 \sum_{\lambda} |\langle \lambda | \mathbf{p} | nl \rangle|^2 \int_0^{\infty} dk \frac{E_{\lambda} - E_n}{E_{\lambda} + k - E_n} \end{aligned}$$

- After numerical evaluation, Bethe found that

$$E(2s_{1/2}) - E(2p_{1/2}) = 1040 \text{ MHz}$$

- in remarkable agreement with experiment value 1057.8(1) MHz

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Lamb Shift & Radiative Correction Theory

- **Photon vacuum polarization correction (Uehling Effect):**

- Introduce a short-range modification to the Coulomb potential between ep

$$-\frac{\alpha}{r} \rightarrow -\frac{\alpha}{r} - \frac{4\alpha^2}{15\pi m_e^2} \delta^3(\mathbf{r})$$

- The vacuum polarization makes a 1st order perturbative correction to atomic levels

$$\Delta E_{vp}(nl) = \langle nl | V_{vp} | nl \rangle = -\frac{4\alpha^2}{15m_e^2} |\phi_{nl}(0)|^2 = -\frac{8\alpha^3}{15\pi n^3} \text{Ry } \delta_{l0}$$

- Uehling effect's correction in hydrogen is subleading

$$E(2s_{1/2}) - E(2p_{1/2}) = -27 \text{ MHz}$$

- **Lamb Shift offers an important test ground for bound state QED**

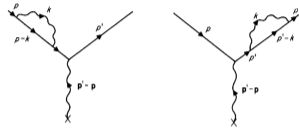
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Lamb Shift in Muonic Hydrogen

- Muon mass is ~ 210 times of electron mass
- Radiative Corrections in muonic hydrogen indicate a different hierarchy

- **Lepton Self Energy:**

- enhanced by the factor (m_μ/m_e)
- $\Delta E_{2s,se}(\mu H) \approx 210 \Delta E_{2s,se}(eH) \approx 220$ GHz



- **Vacuum Polarization:**

- enhanced by the factor $(m_\mu/m_e)^3$
- $\Delta E_{2s,vp}(\mu H) \approx (210)^3 \Delta E_{2s,vp}(eH) \approx -250$ THz

- **Vacuum polarization (Uehling effect) dominates in Lamb shift in muonic hydrogen**

