

# Precision nucleon and nuclear structure from muonic atoms

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CREMA, muX,  
ReferenceRadii and  
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Bormio, 26.1.24



# ToDo for today

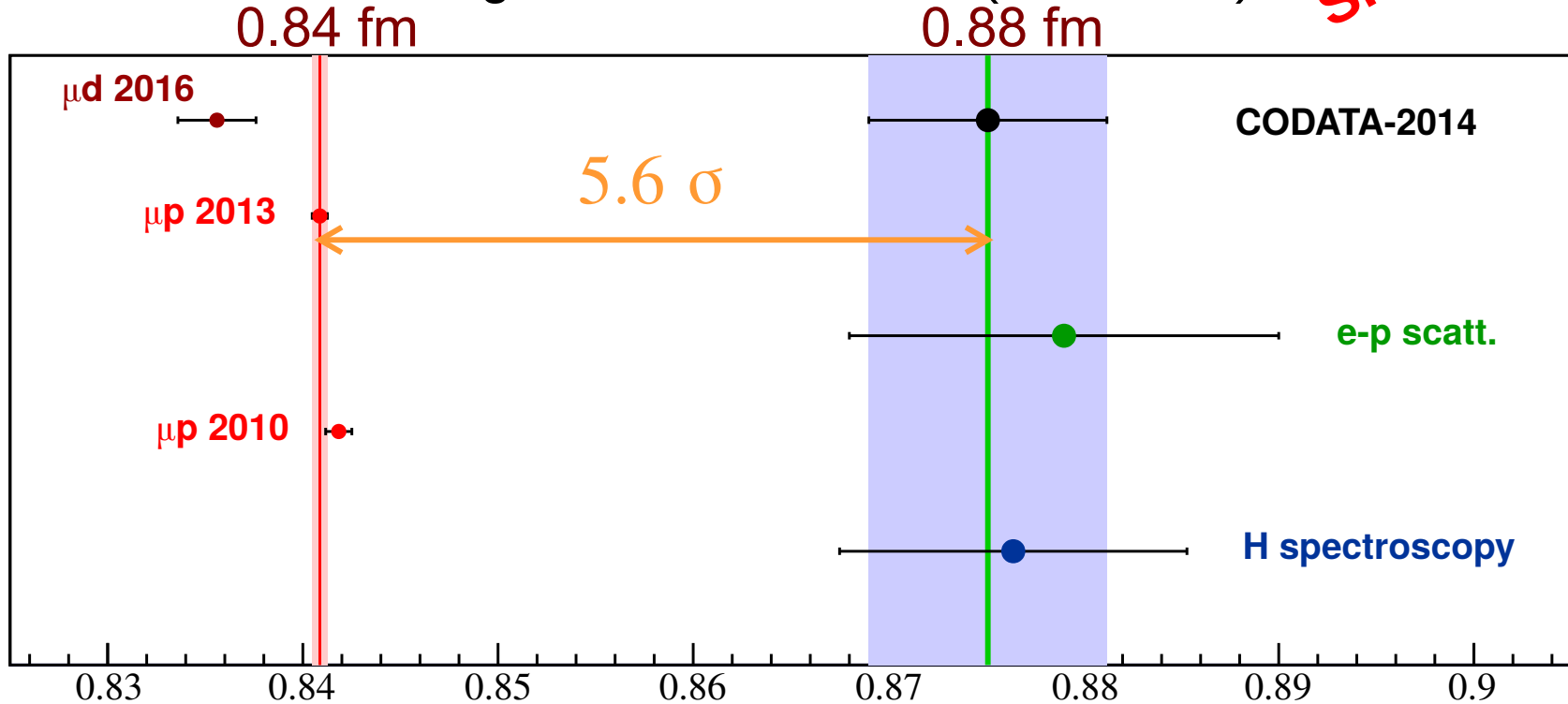
- Proton radius
- CREMA: **Laser spectroscopy** of  $\mu\text{D}$ ,  $\mu^3\text{He}^+$ ,  $\mu^4\text{He}^+$
- muX: X-ray spectroscopy with **few  $\mu\text{g}$  target** material
- ReferenceRadii: radii for **King plots**,  $V_{ud}$
- QUARTET: 10x better radii for  $Z=3\dots 10$  with **MMCs**
- HyperMu: The **proton's magnetic** properties
- T-Rex @ Mainz: the **triton radius**

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**Situation 2016**



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$\mu p$  2013: A. Antognini, RP et al (CREMA Coll.) Science 339, 417 (2013)

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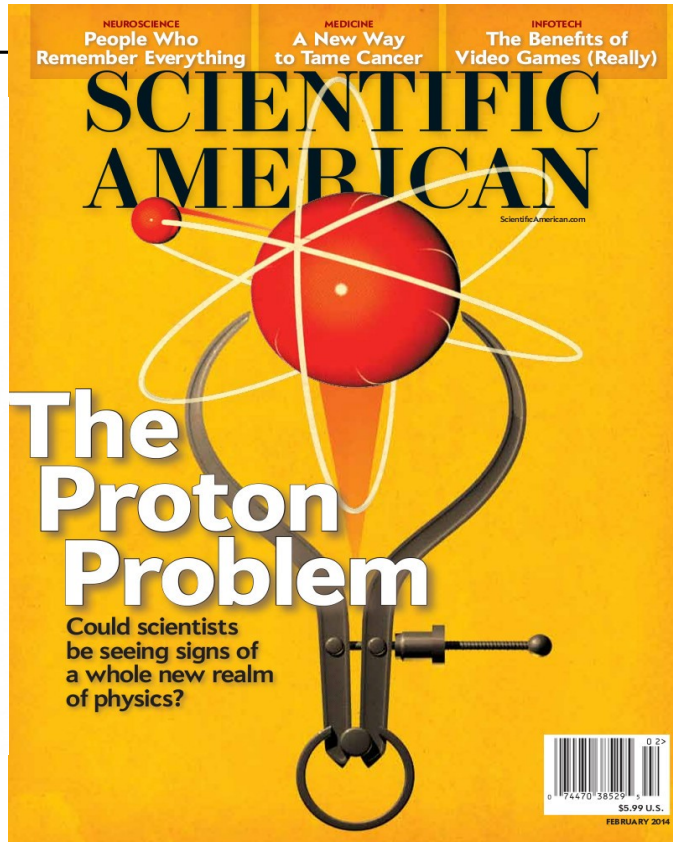
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July 2016

The New York Times

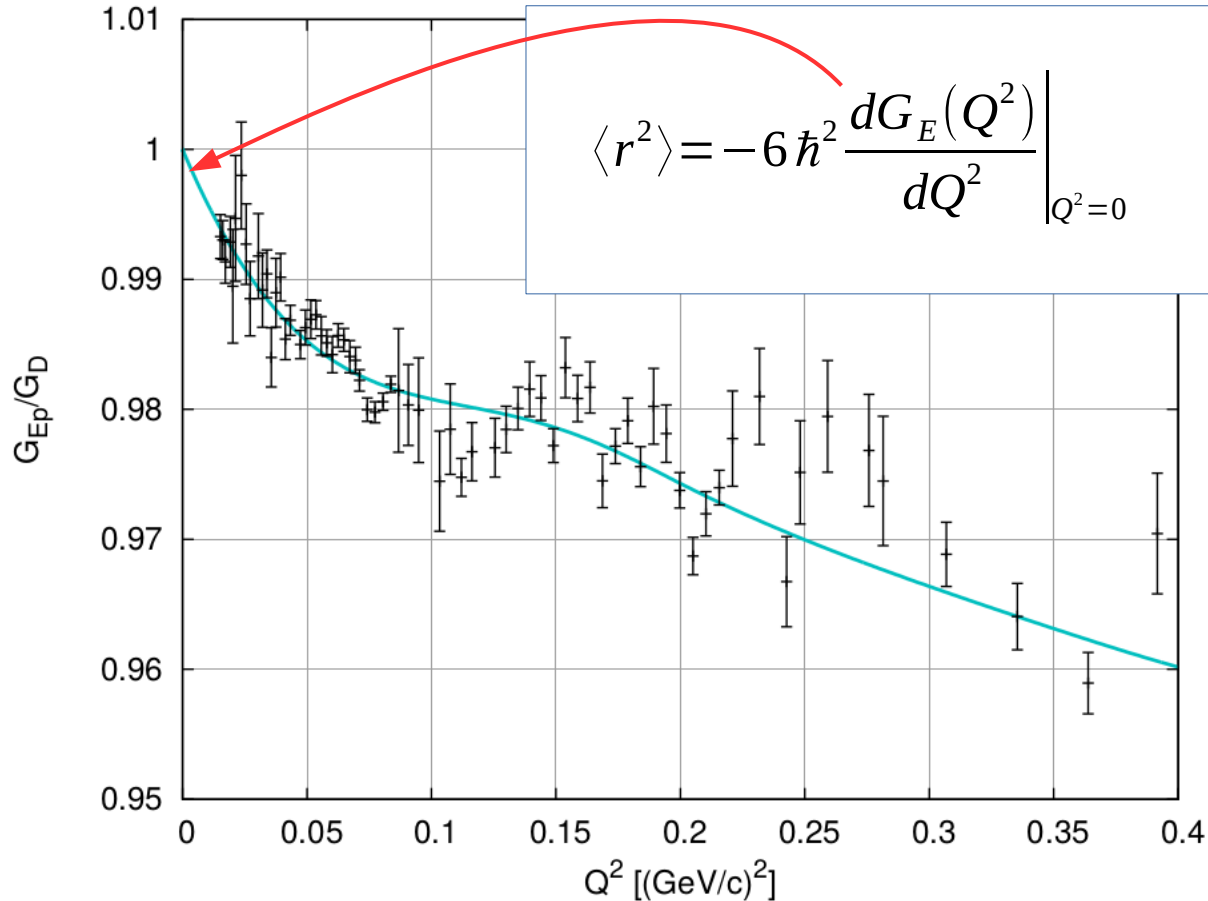
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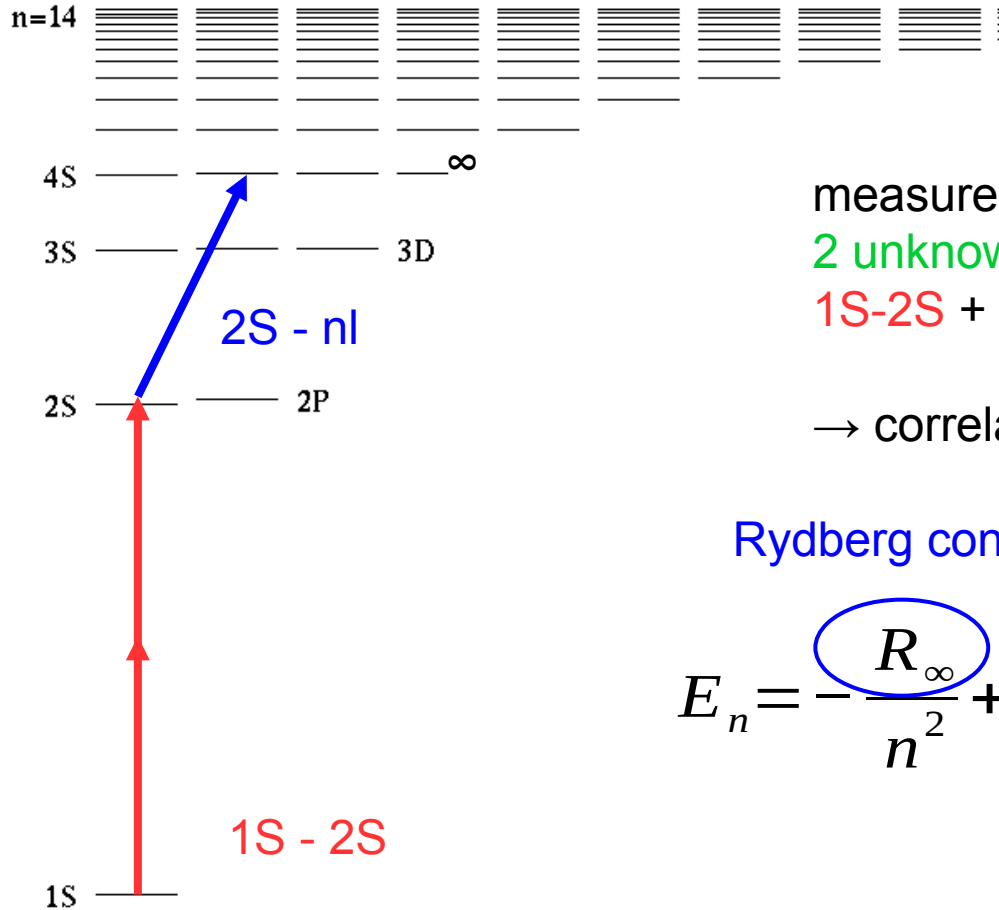
# Electron scattering



Vanderhaeghen, Walcher: 1008.4225

Mainz MAMI data 2010

# Energy levels of hydrogen



measure between **different n**  
**2 unknowns** → measure **2 transitions**:  
**1S-2S** + **any other**

→ correlated Rydberg/radius pairs

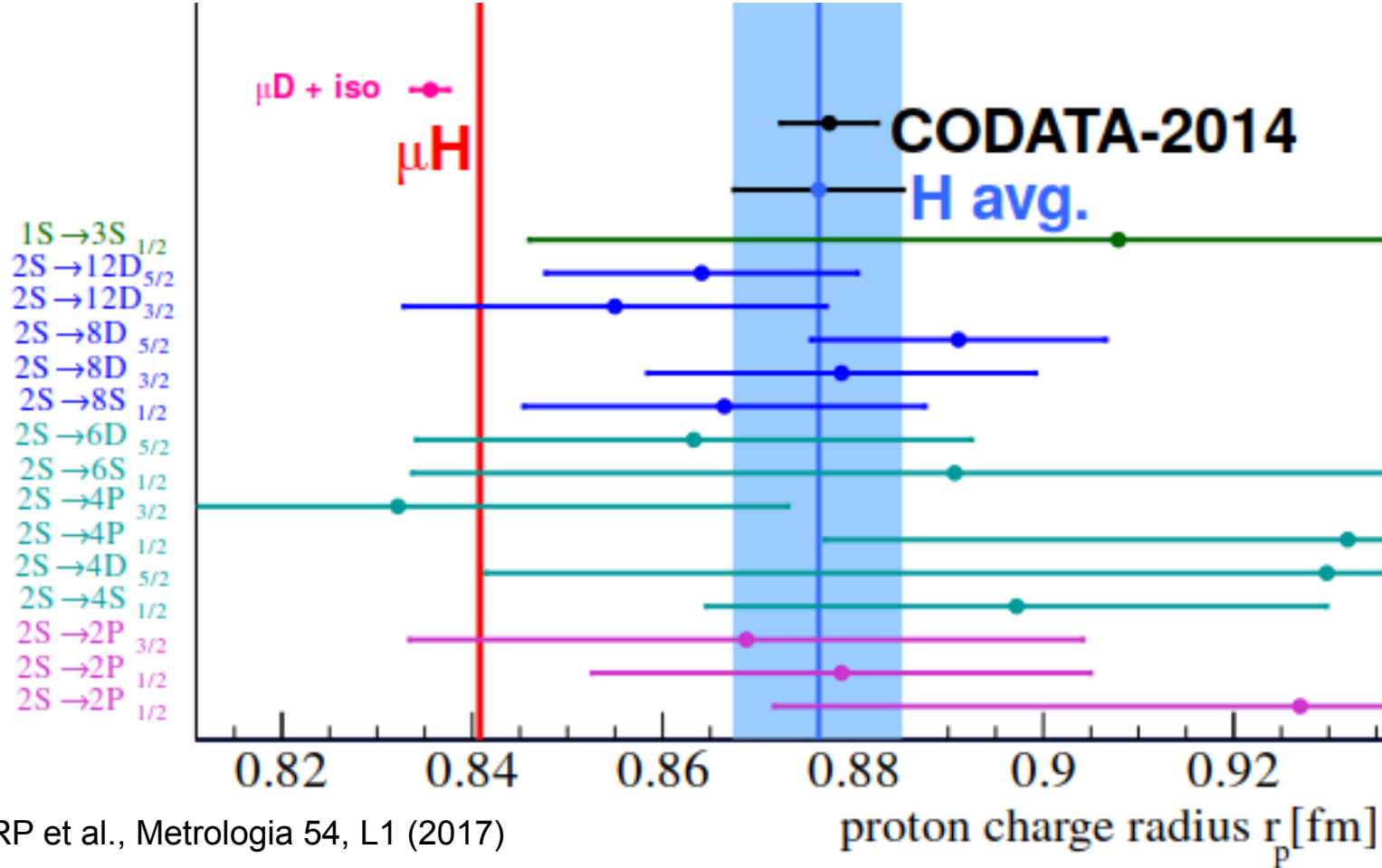
Rydberg constant

QED etc.

$$E_n = -\frac{R_\infty}{n^2} + \frac{1.2 \text{ MHz}}{n^3} \langle r^2 \rangle \delta_{l0} + \Delta(n, l, j)$$

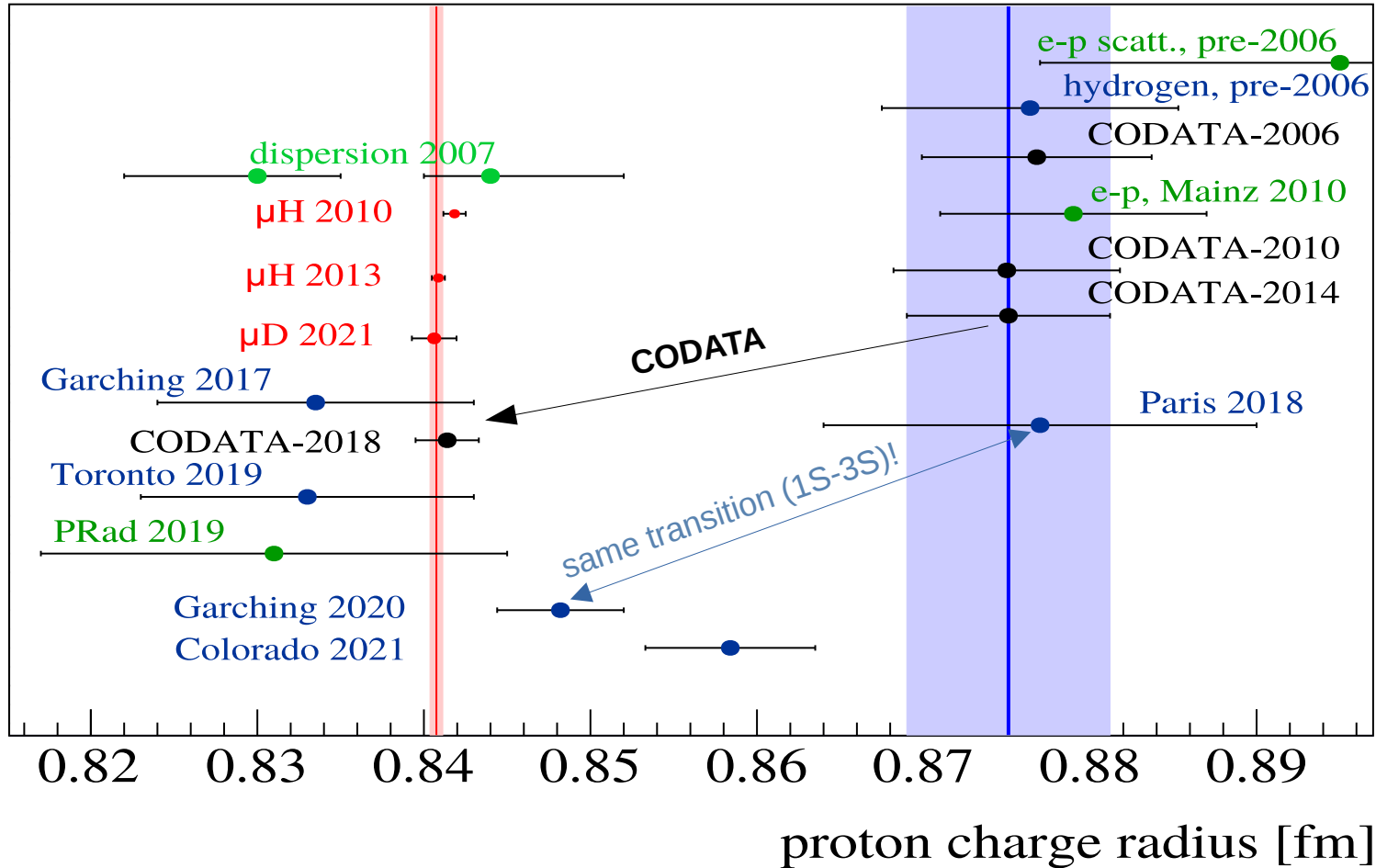
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# Rp from H spectroscopy



Situation 2016

# The situation today



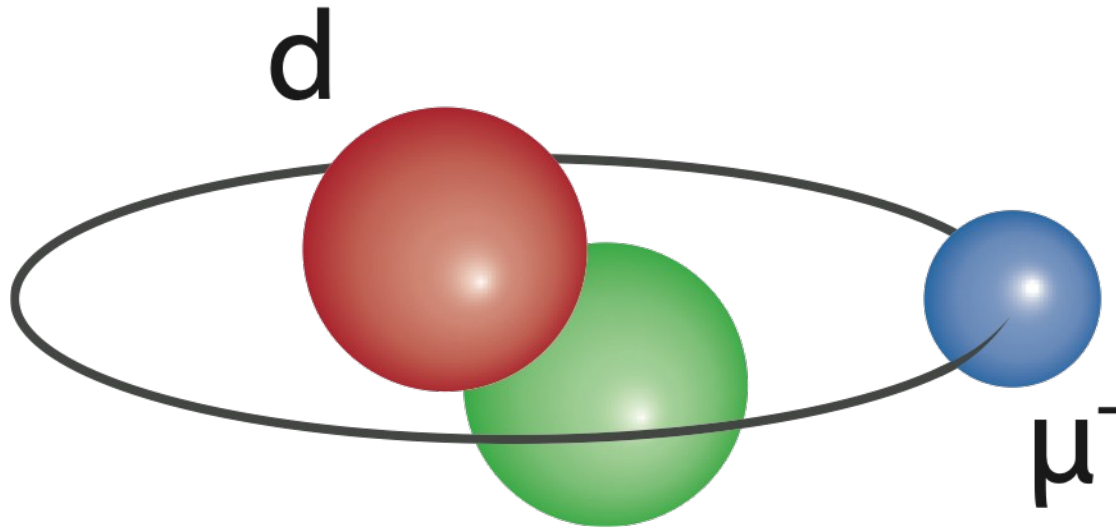
Not really “solved”



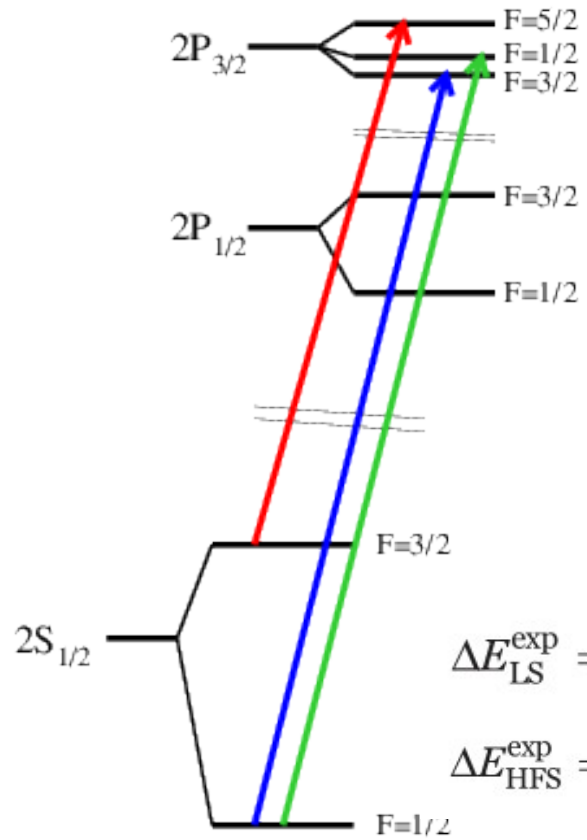
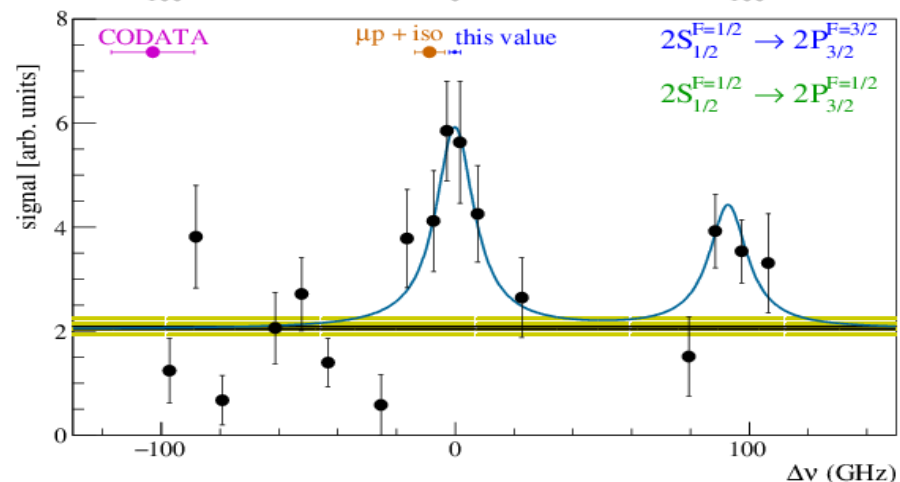
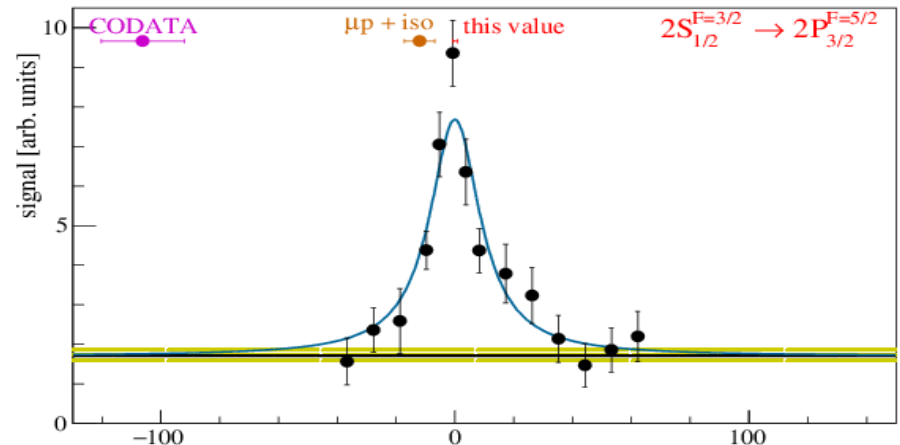
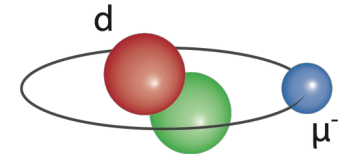
# CREMA: Laser spectroscopy of light muonic atoms



# Muonic Deuterium



# 2.5 transitions in muonic D



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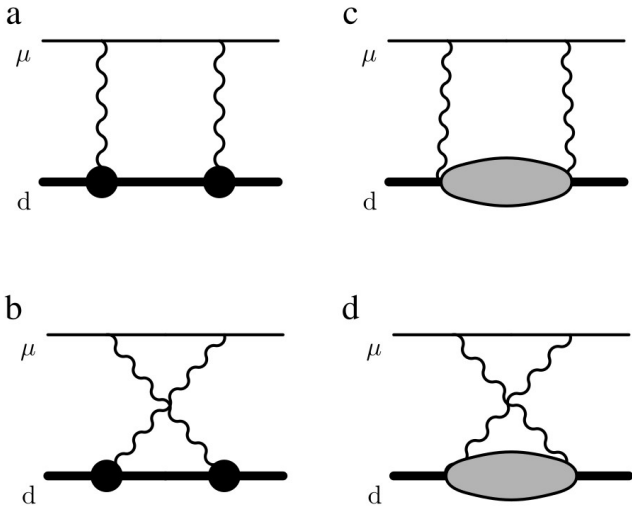
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# Theory: Lamb shift in muonic D

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Nuclear structure **two (and three!)-photon contributions** to the Lamb shift in muonic deuterium.



Pachucki, RP et al, arXiv 2212.13782

see also Krauth, RP et al. (2016) using calculations from Pachucki (2011), Friar (2013), Carlson, Gorchtein, Vanderhaeghen (2014), Hernandez et al. (2014), Pachucki + Wienczek (2015)

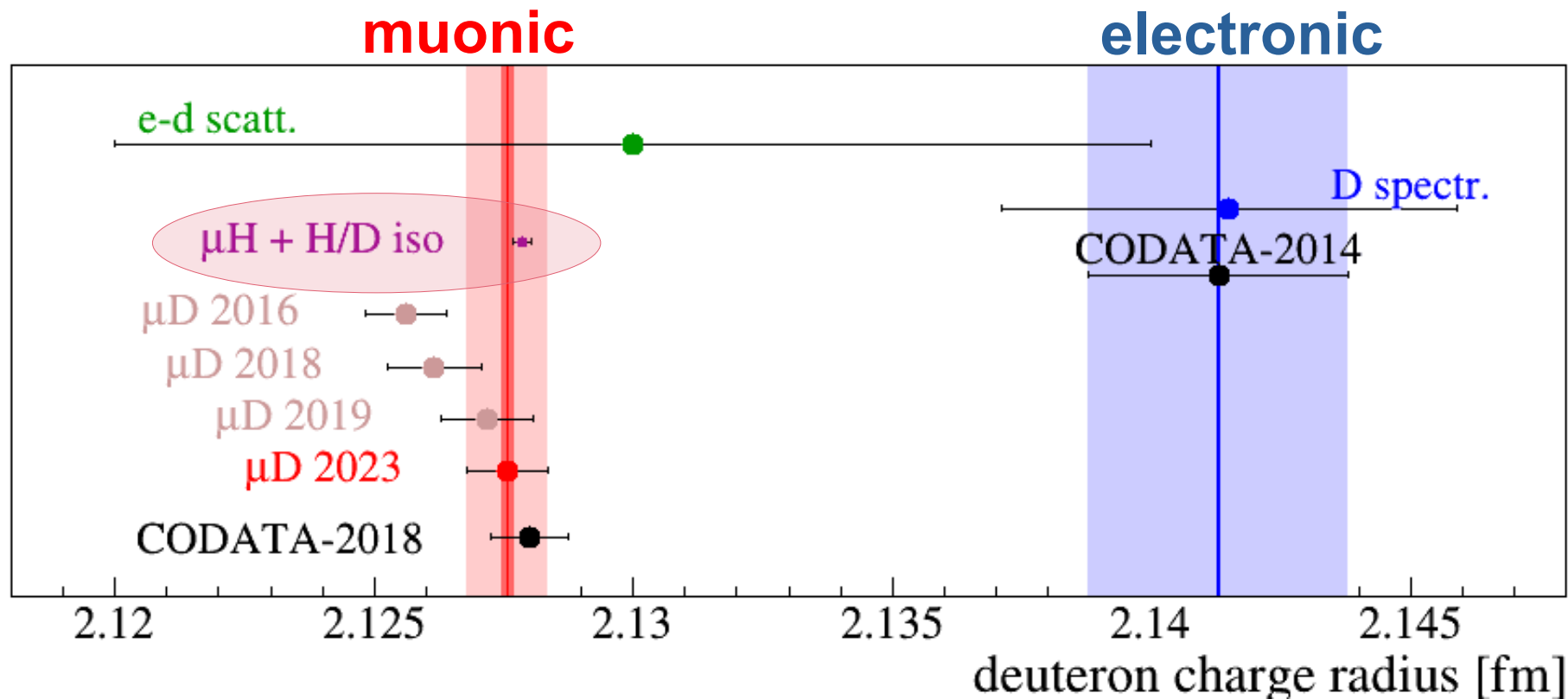
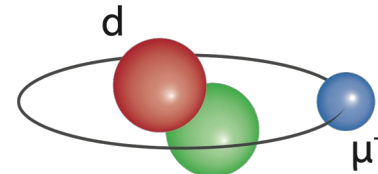
+ Pachucki et al., PRA 97, 062511 (2018): Sizeable three-photon !!

+ Hernandez et al., PLB 778, 377 (2018):  $\chi$ EFT

+ Kalinowski (2019): eVP to nucl. struct.

+ Acharya et al., PRC 103, 024001 (2021)  
 $\chi$ EFT + Dispersion relations

# Muonic Deuterium



$\mu\text{D}$ : 2.12758 (13)<sub>exp</sub> (78)<sub>theo</sub> fm

$\mu\text{H} + \text{H/D}(1\text{S}-2\text{S})$ : 2.12785 (17) fm

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$\Delta E_{\text{TPE}} (\text{theo}) = 1.7503 \pm 0.0200 \text{ meV}$  **Bacca group**  
**vs.**  $\pm 0.0034 \text{ meV}$  **experimental uncertainty**

(1) **charge radius**, using **calculated TPE**

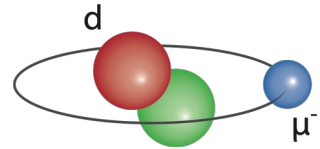
$$r_d (\mu\text{D}) = 2.12758 (13)_{\text{exp}} (78)_{\text{theo}} \text{ fm}$$

(2) **polarizability**, using **charge radius from isotope shift**

$$\Delta E_{\text{TPE}} (\text{theo}) = 1.7503 (200) \text{ meV vs.}$$

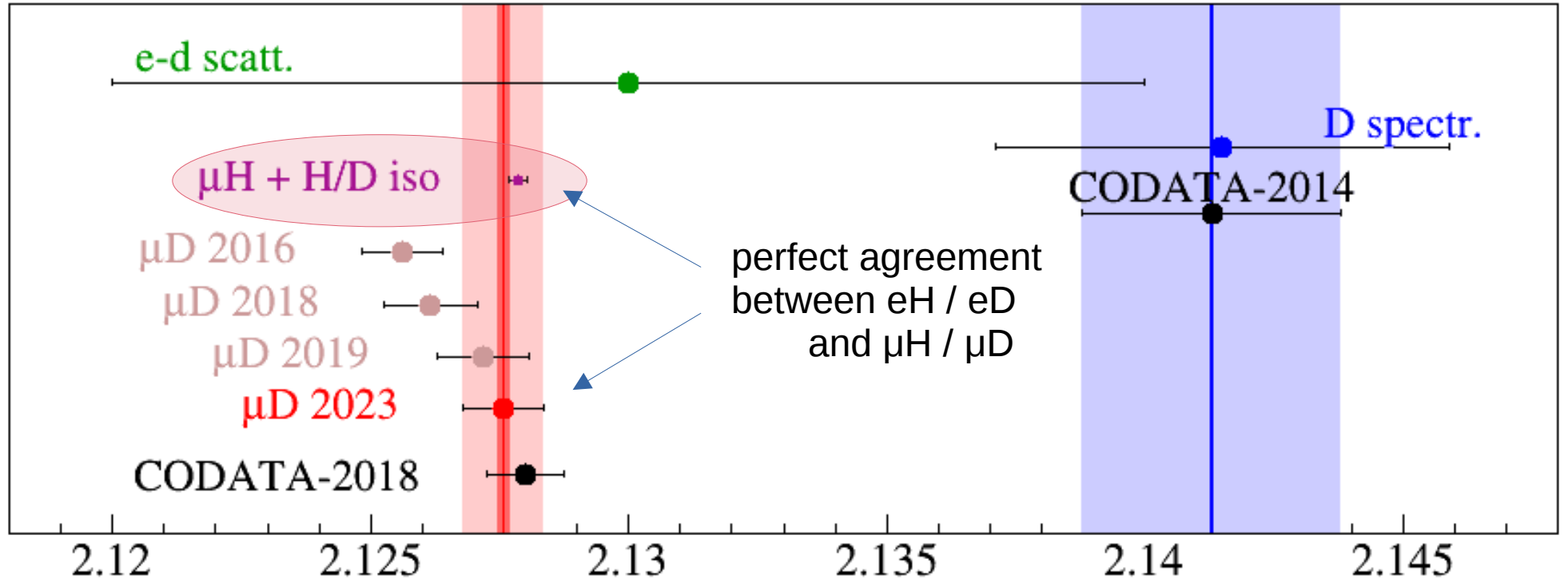
$$\Delta E_{\text{TPE}} (\text{exp}) = 1.7591 (59) \text{ meV} \quad \text{3x more accurate}$$

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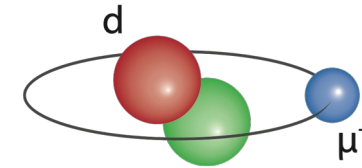
**muonic**

**old electronic**



$r_d^2 - r_p^2 = 3.82070(31) \text{ fm}^2$  H / D 1S-2S isotope shift  
 $3.82028(232) \text{ fm}^2$  muH / muD 2S-2P isotope shift (0.18  $\sigma$ )

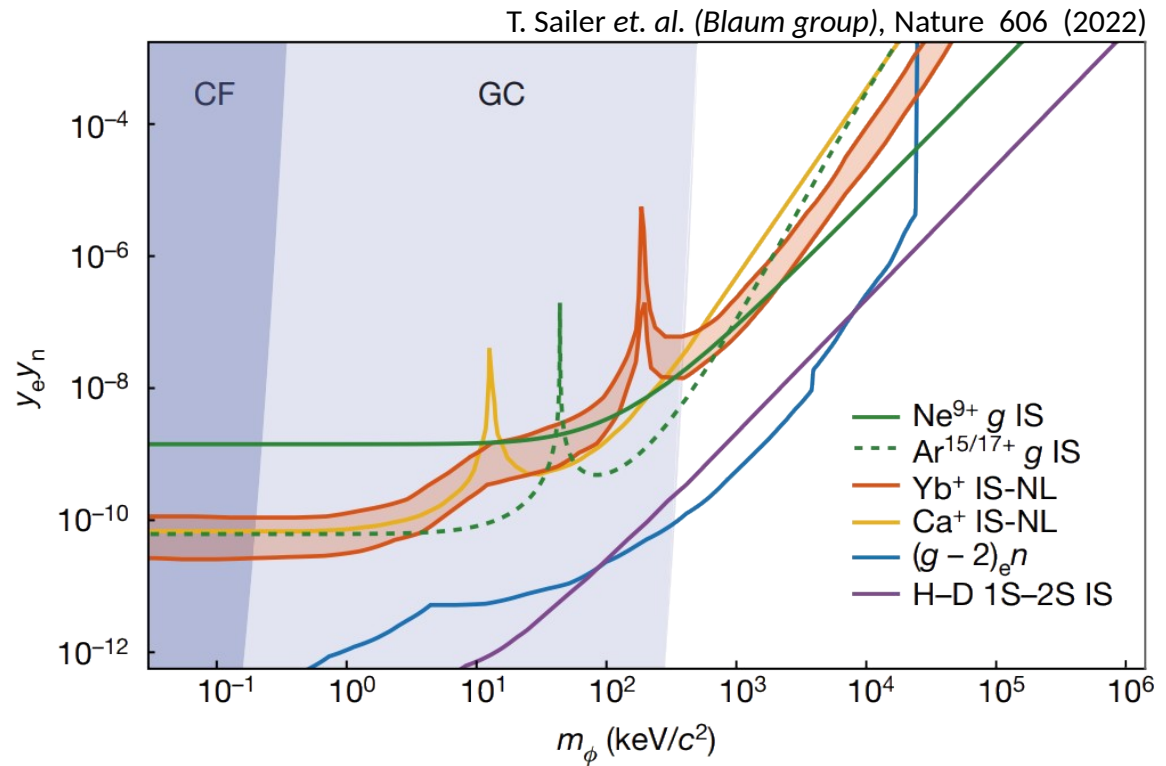
# H/D isotope shift



electronic H/D (1S-2S):  $r_d^2 - r_p^2 = 3.8207(3)_{\text{theo}} \text{ fm}^2$

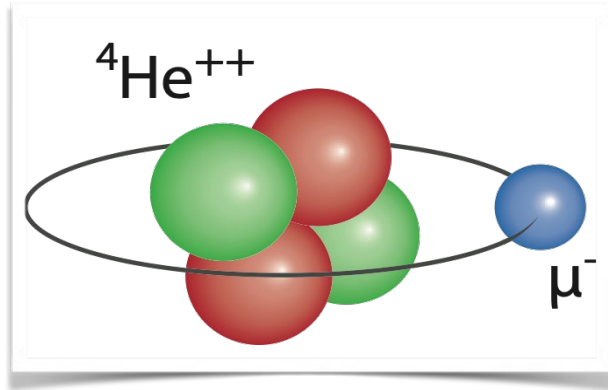
muonic H/D (2S-2P):  $r_d^2 - r_p^2 = 3.8200(7)_{\text{exp}}(30)_{\text{theo}} \text{ fm}^2$

→ Best bound on 5<sup>th</sup> force

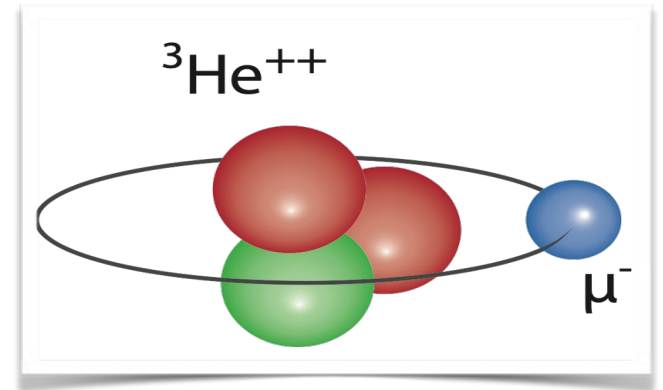




# Muonic Helium

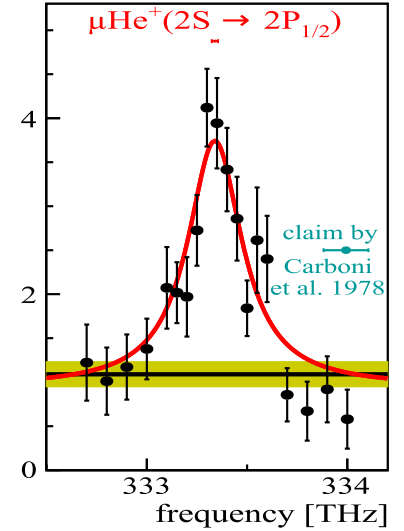
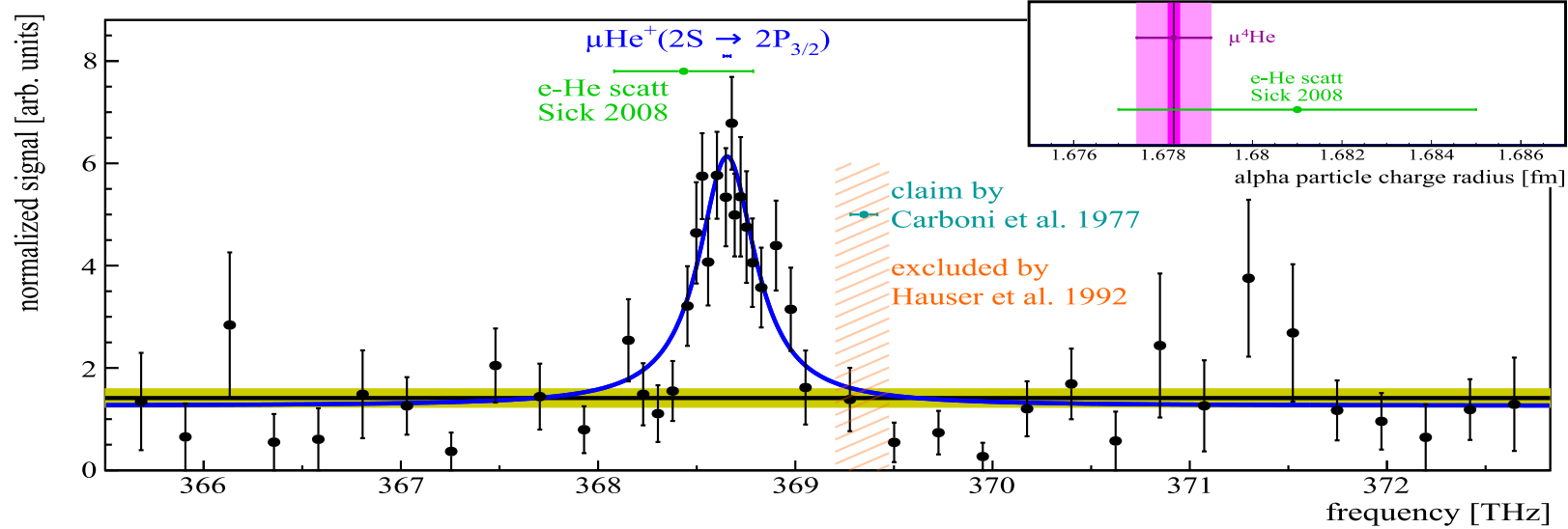


**Krauth et al. (CREMA), Nature (2021)**



**arXiv 2305.11679**

# muonic $^4\text{He}$ ions



$2P_{3/2} : \pm 17 \text{ GHz}$

$2P_{1/2} : \pm 15 \text{ GHz}$

$$R(^4\text{He}) = 1.67854 (13)_{\text{exp}} (120)_{\text{theo}} \text{ fm}$$

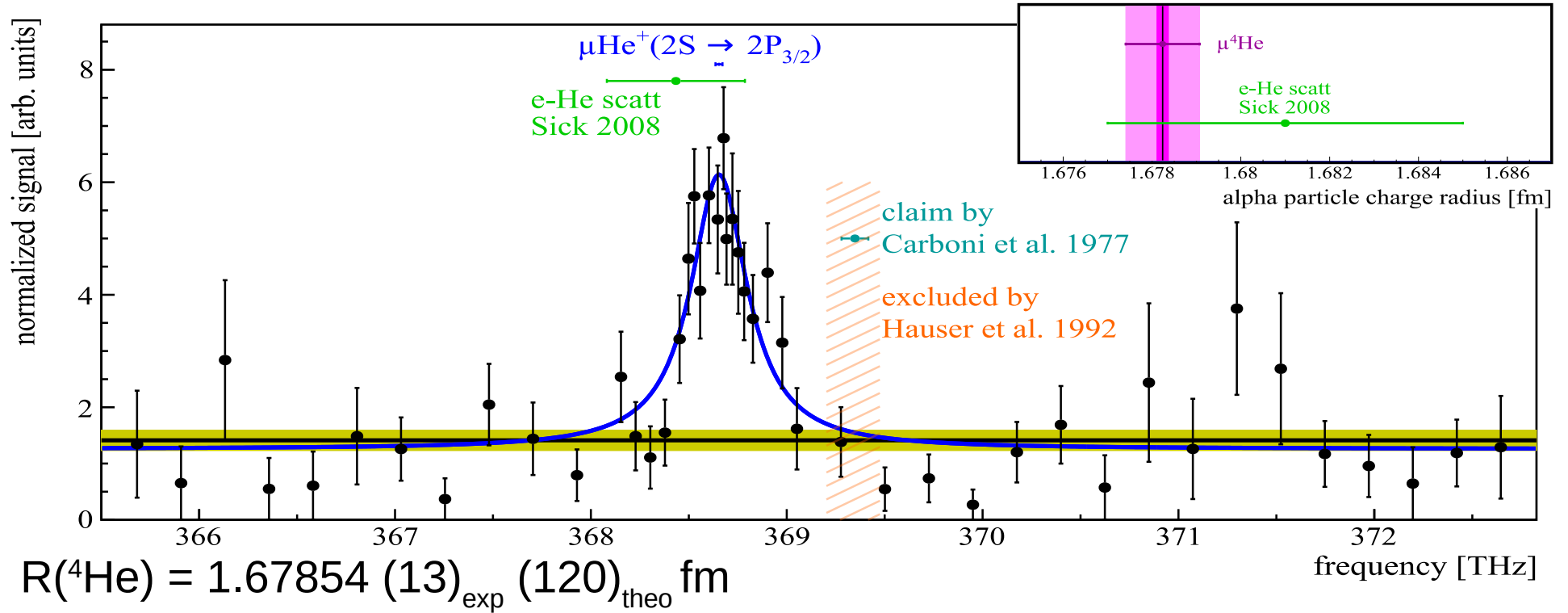
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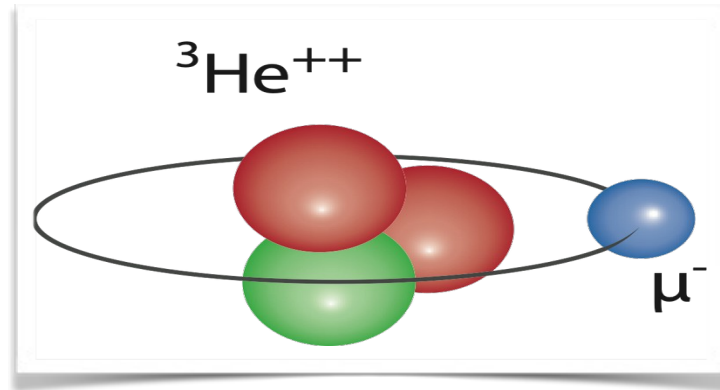
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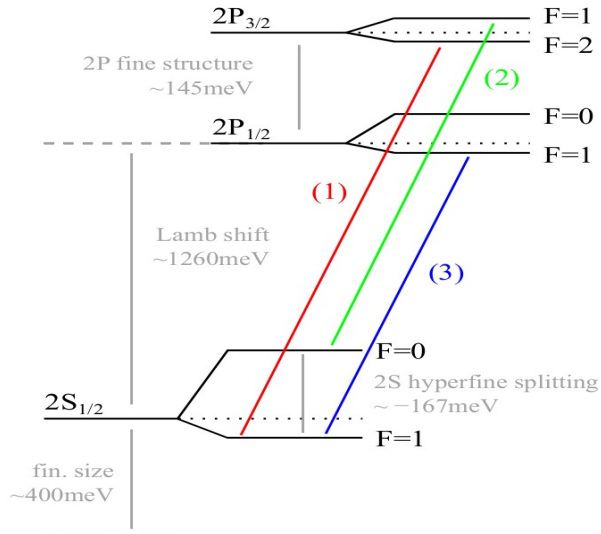
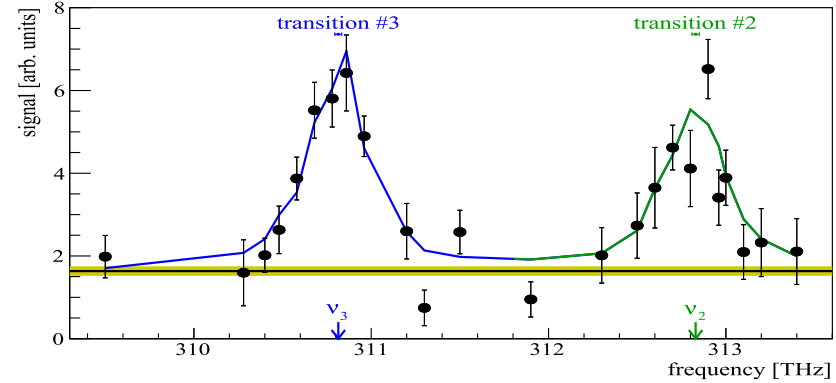
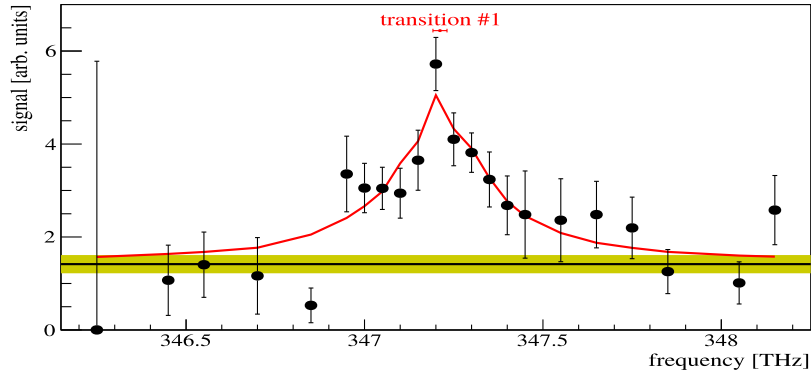
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# Muonic Helium-3



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# muonic $^3\text{He}$ ions

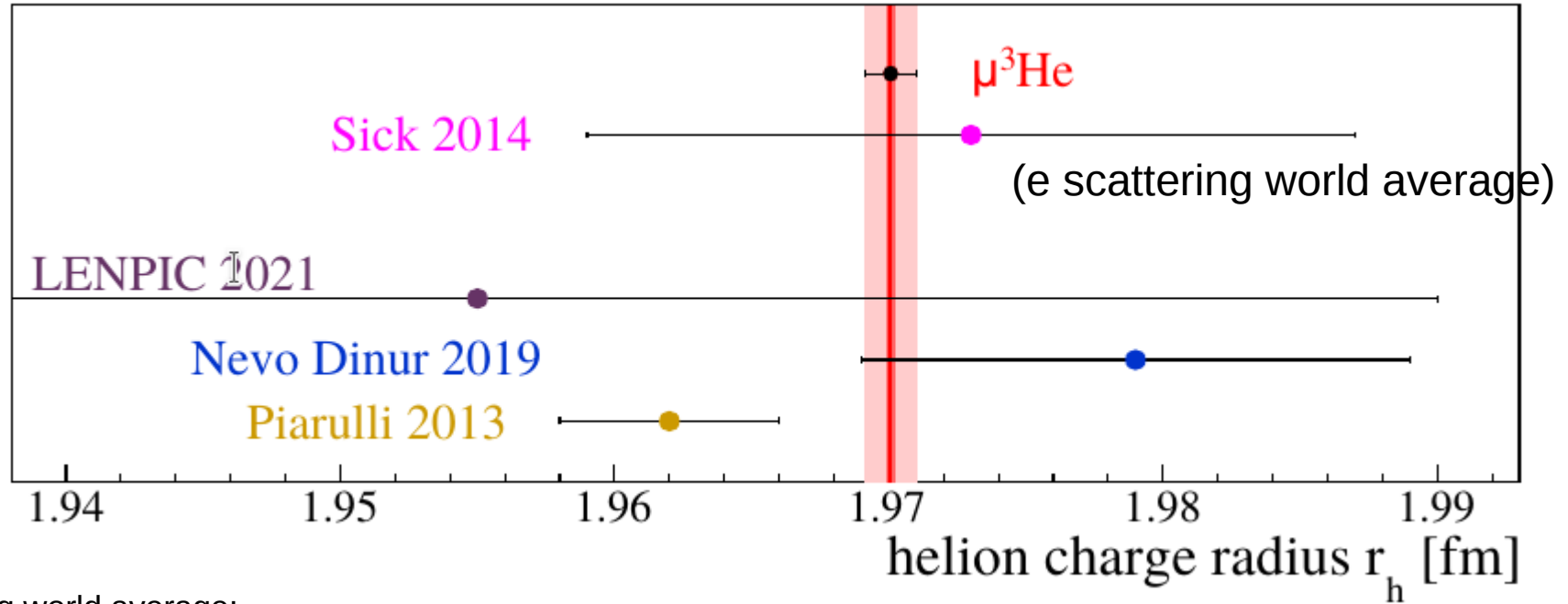


exp: each line has  $\pm 20$  GHz(stat)  $\pm 1$  GHz (syst)

$$R(^3\text{He}) = 1.97007 (12)_{\text{exp}} (93)_{\text{theo}} \text{ fm } \text{preliminary!}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{theo} = & \pm 0.00076 \text{ fm} & 2\text{PE} \\ & \pm 0.00052 \text{ fm} & 3\text{PE} \\ & \pm 0.00001 \text{ fm} & R^2 \text{ coeff.} \\ & \pm 0.00002 \text{ fm} & \text{QED} \end{aligned}$$

# Muonic Helium-3



e-scattering world average:

Sick 2014: PRC 90, 064002 (2014)

nuclear theory:

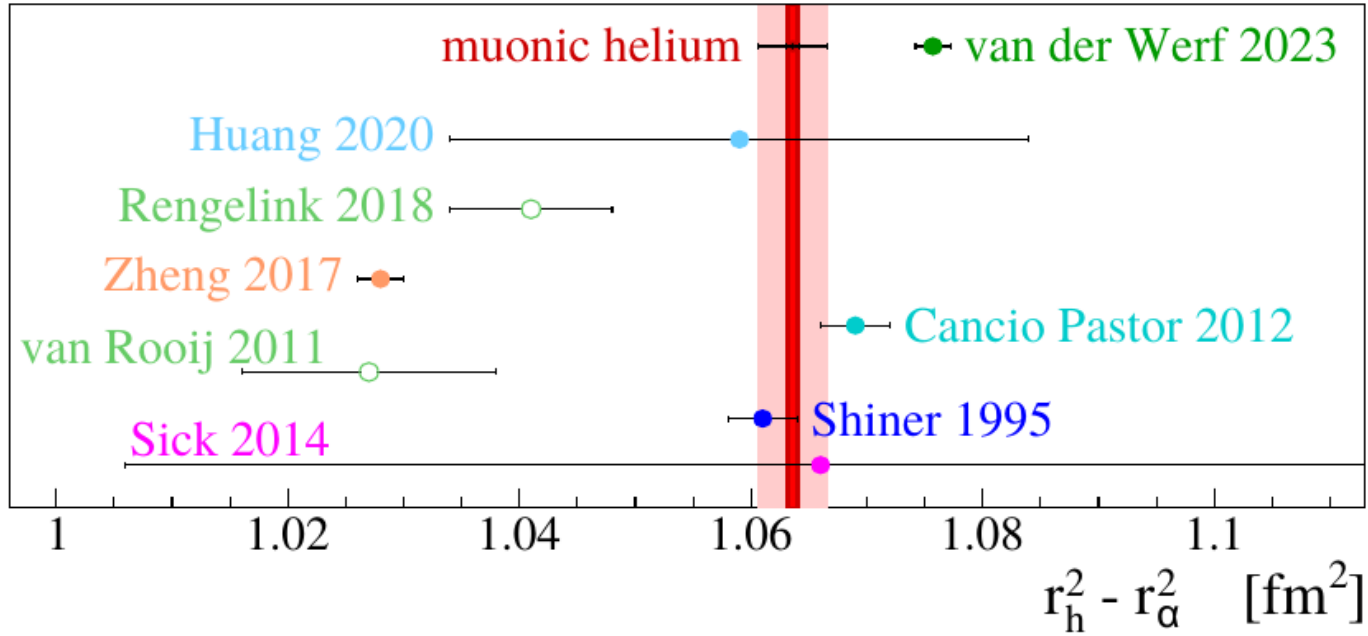
LENPIC: Maris et al., PRC 106, 064002 (2022)

Nevo Dinur et al., PRC 99, 034004 (2019)

Piarulli et al., PRC 87, 014006 (2013)

CREMA Coll., arXiv 2305.11679

# Helium-3 – Helium-4 Isotope Shift



CREMA Coll., arXiv 2305.11679

**LiMuli, Bacca et al:**  
**4 $\sigma$  discrepancy!!**

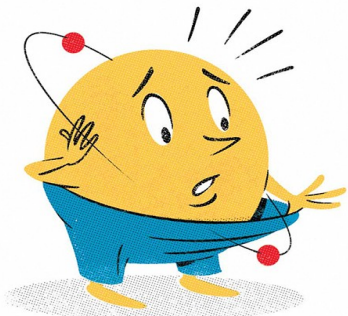
Huang: PRA 101, 062507 (2020)  
Rengelink: Nature Physics 14, 1132 (2018)  
Zheng: PRL 119, 263002 (2017)  
van Rooij: Science 333, 196 (2011)  
Cancio Pastor: PRL 108, 143001 (2012)  
Shiner: PRL 74, 3553 (1995)

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	${}^3\text{He}$ 1.9701* ( 10) <del>1.9730 (160)</del>	${}^4\text{He}$ 1.6786 ( 12) <del>1.6810 ( 40)</del>
${}^1\text{H}$ 0.8406 ( 4) <del>0.8751 (61)</del>	${}^2\text{D}$ 2.1279 ( 2) <del>2.1413 (25)</del>	${}^3\text{T}$ 1.7550 (860)



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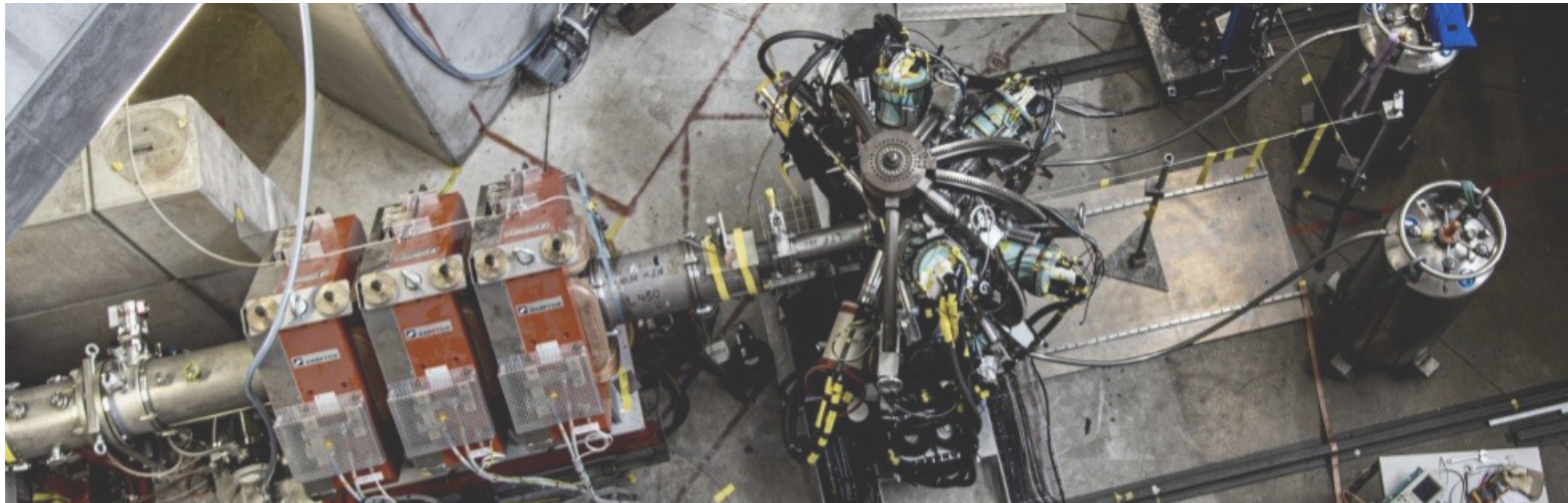
Muonic atoms / ions provide:

- **~10x more accurate charge radii**, when combined with **calculated polarizability**
- few times more accurate **nuclear polarizability**,  
when combined with **charge radius from regular atoms**

**Muonic atoms are a cool tool for proton and new-nucleon properties!**

# muX

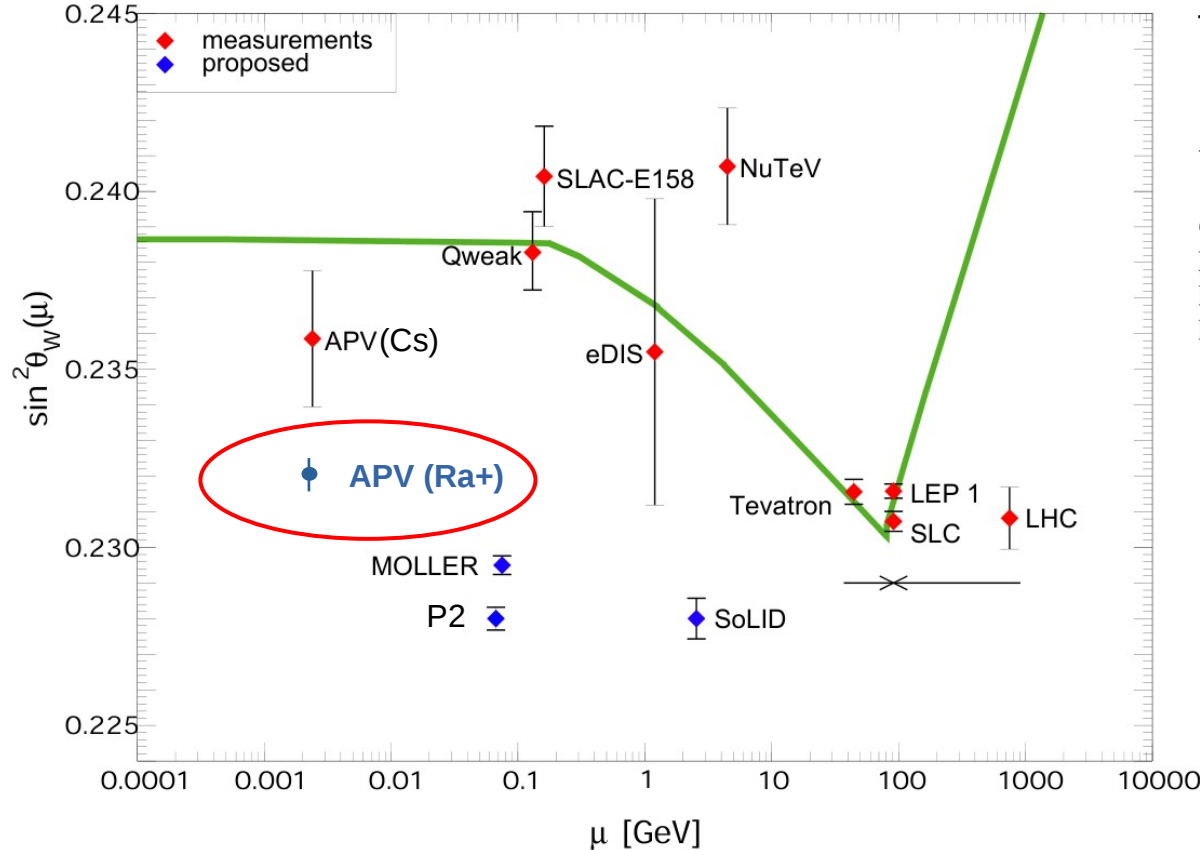
X-rays from **O(10s of  $\mu\text{g}$ ) target material** using Ge detectors (Miniball)  
→ rare, or radioactive



# muX: Radii of O(10μg) material

rare stuff, or **radioactive** isotopes

Hyperfine Interact (2011) 199:9–19  
DOI 10.1007/s10751-011-0296-6



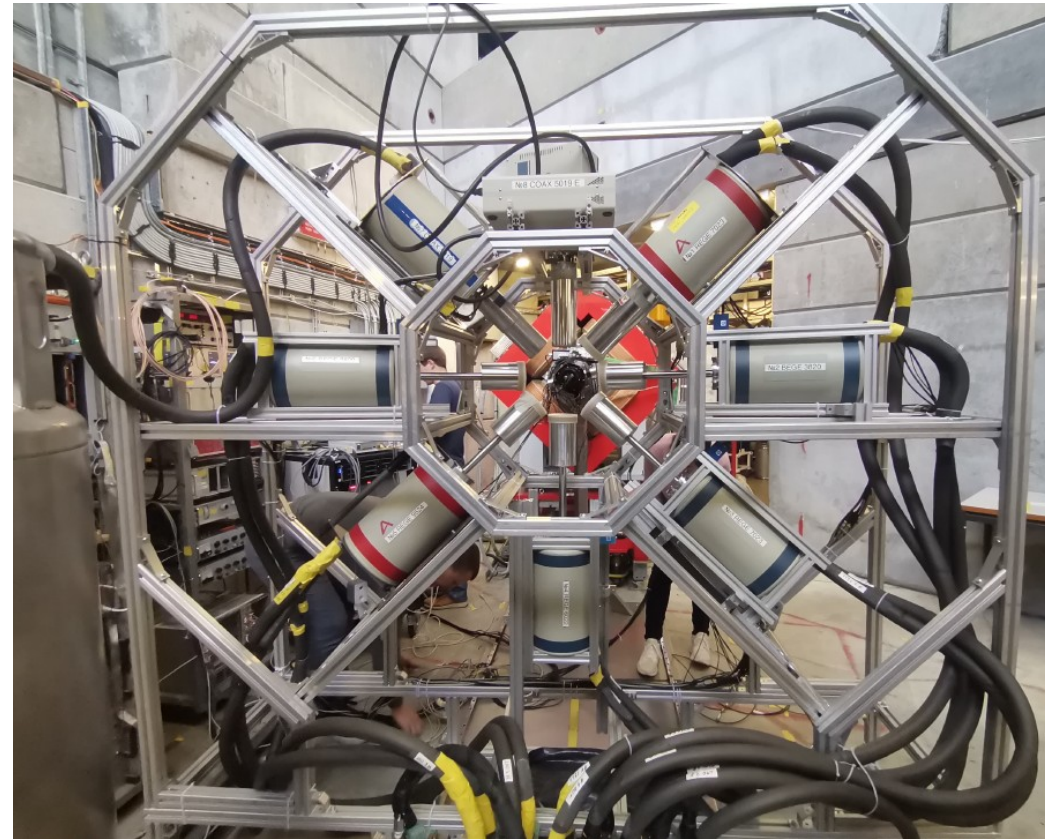
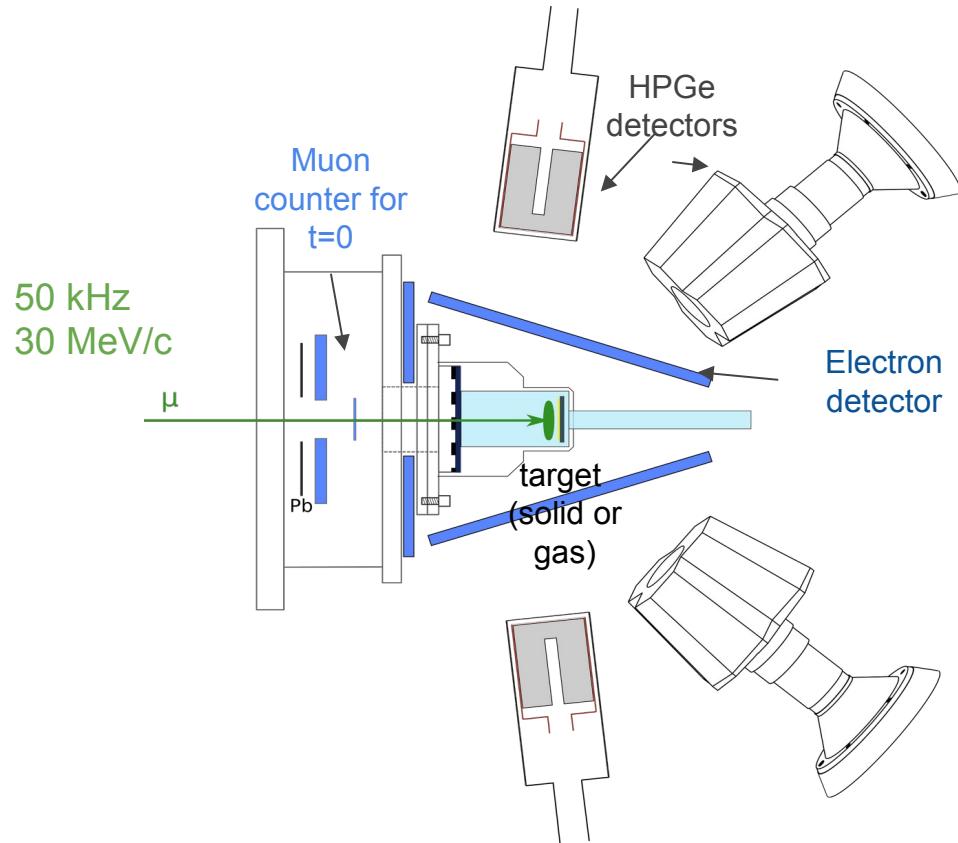
## Atomic parity violation in a single trapped radium ion

O. O. Versolato · L. W. Wansbeck · G. S. Giri · J. E. van den Berg ·  
 D. J. van der Hoek · K. Jungmann · W. L. Kruithof · C. J. G. Onderwater ·  
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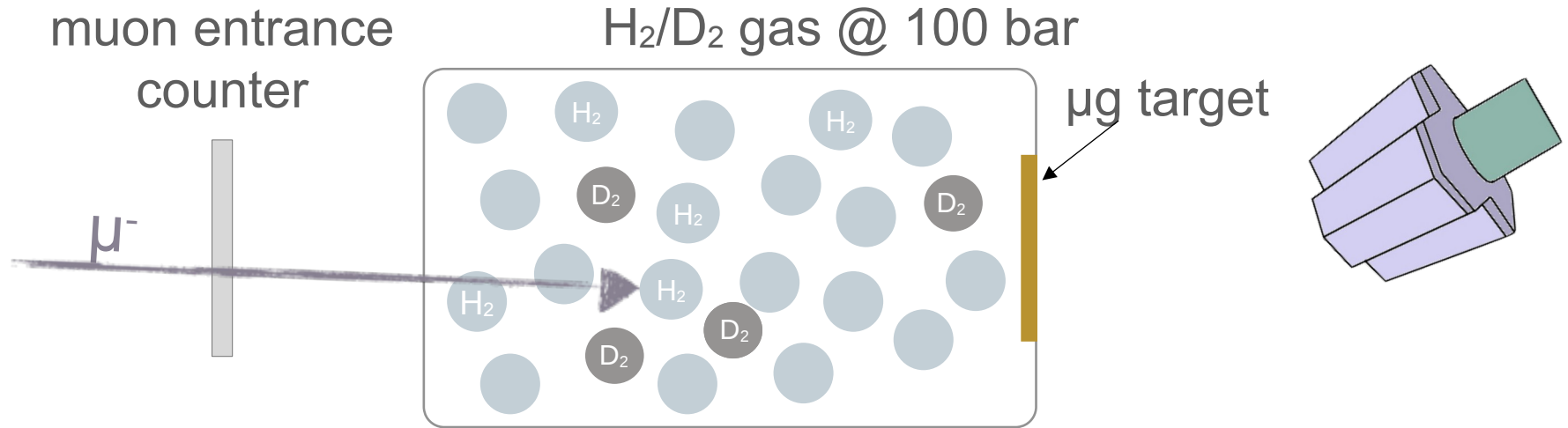
INPUT: need  $\delta R$  to 0.2%

$$E_{1\text{PNC}} = K_r Z^3 Q_w$$

# muX Setup



# Muon transfer to microgram targets



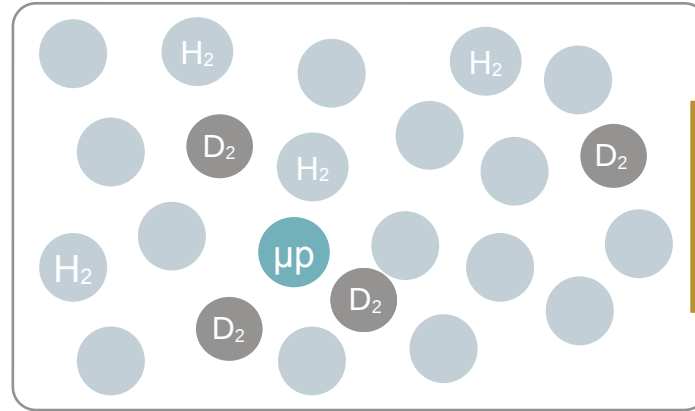
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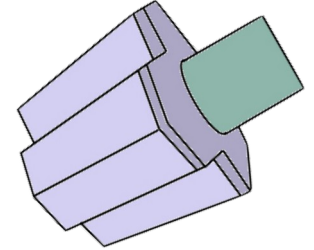
muon entrance  
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H<sub>2</sub>/D<sub>2</sub> gas @ 100 bar



μg target



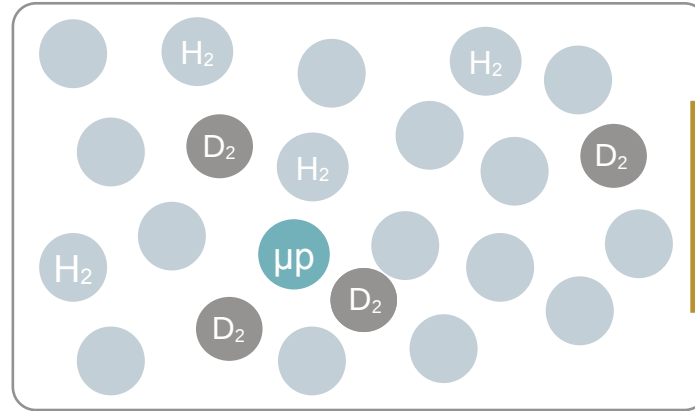
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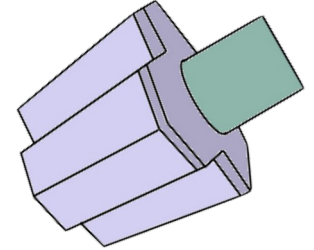
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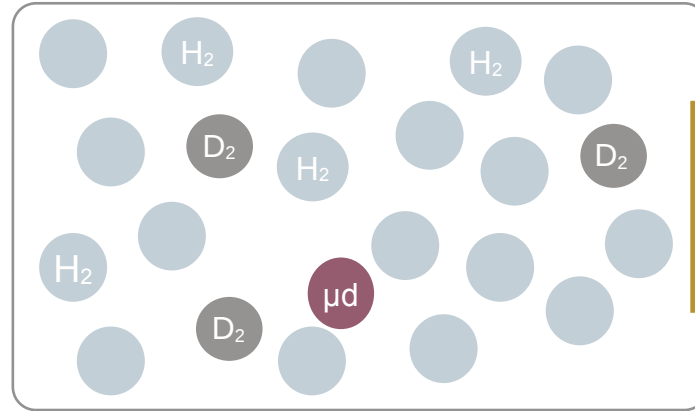
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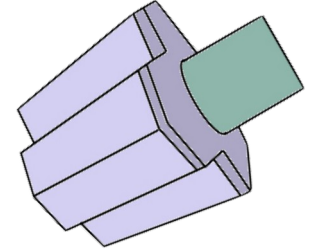
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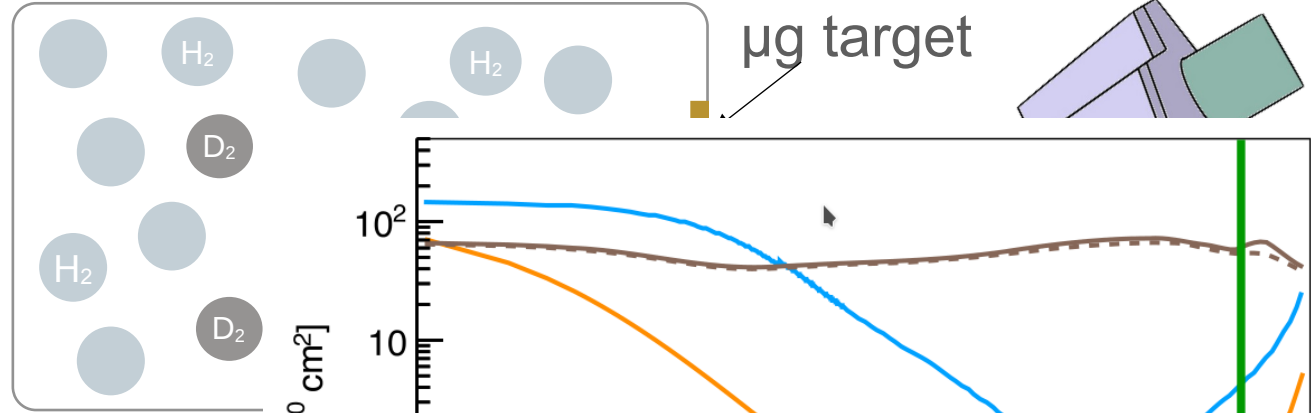
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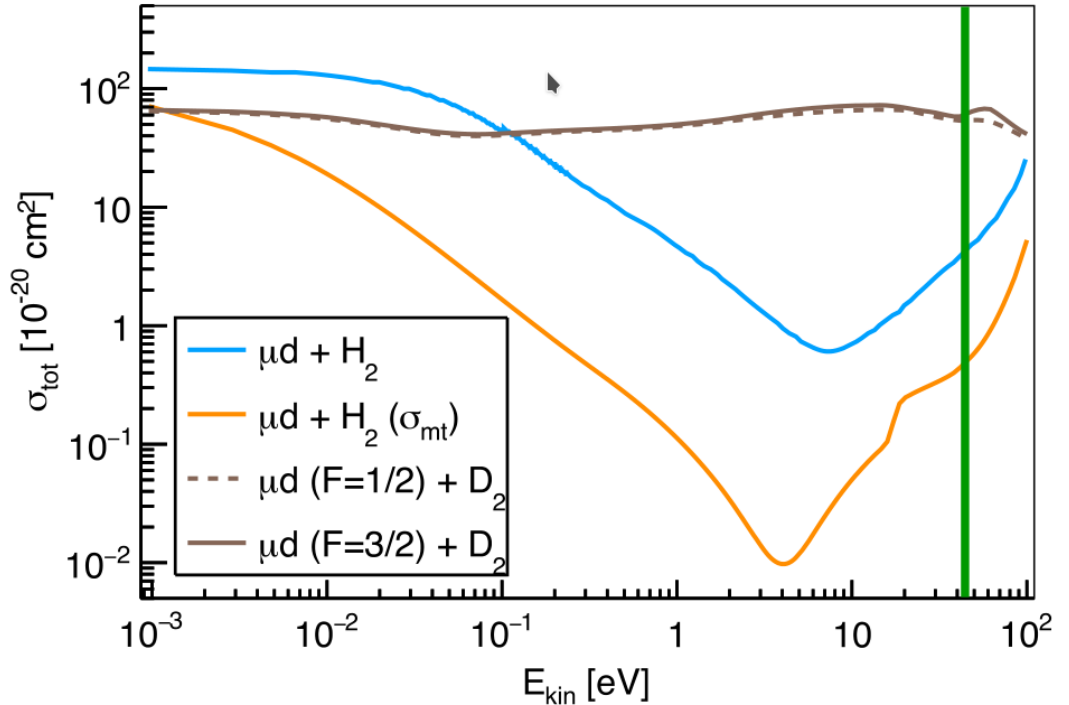
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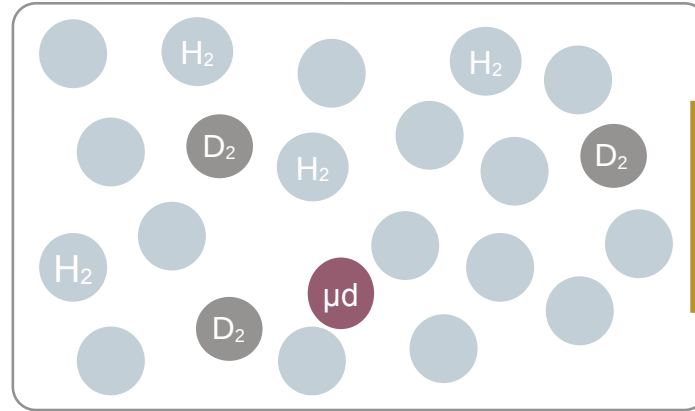


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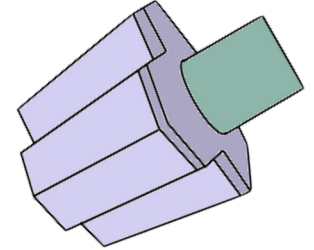
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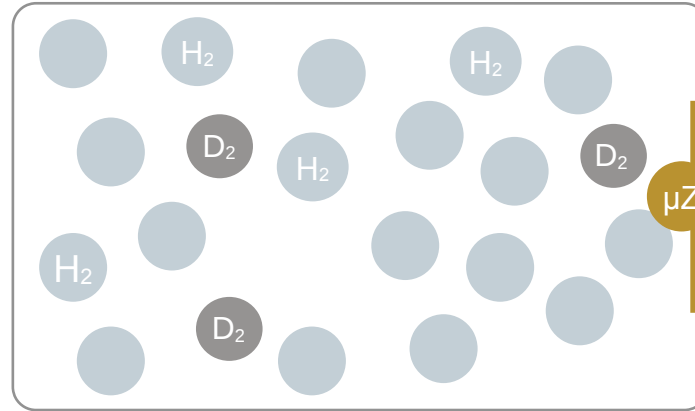
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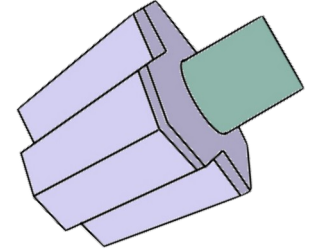
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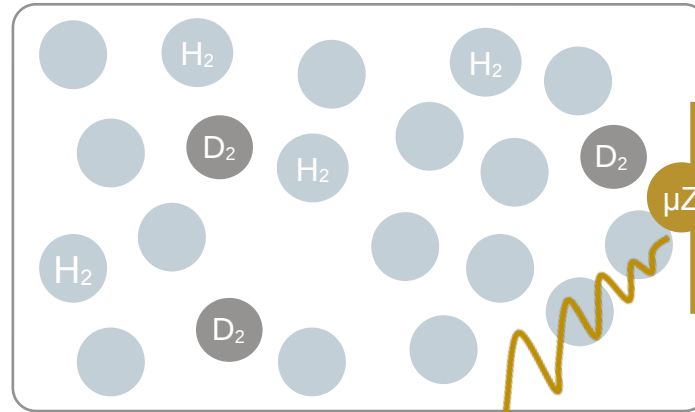
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# Muon transfer to microgram targets

muon entrance  
counter

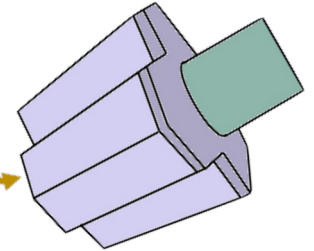


H<sub>2</sub>/D<sub>2</sub> gas @ 100 bar



μg target

μZ



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# Proof-of-principle

So far problems with the uniformity of Ra target.

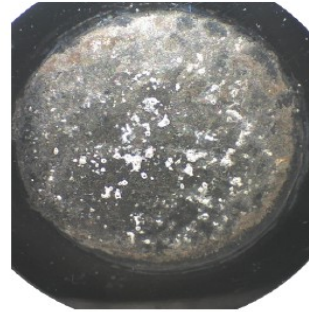
Measured Re and Cm

First physics result:

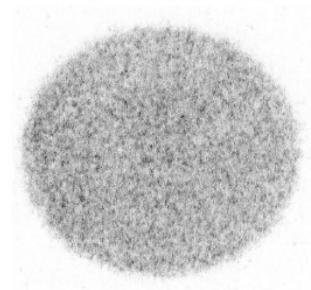
$$Q(^{185}\text{Re}) = 2.07(5) \text{ b}$$

$$Q(^{187}\text{Re}) = 1.94(5) \text{ b}$$

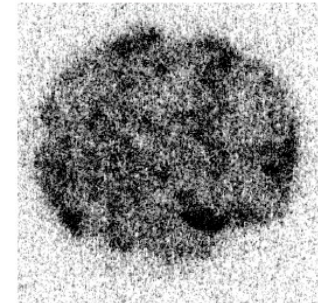
PRC 101, 054313 (2020)



15  $\mu\text{g}$  of  $^{248}\text{Cm}$



4  $\mu\text{g}$  of  $^{226}\text{Ra}$



# Nuclear charge radius in $^{185,187}\text{Re}$

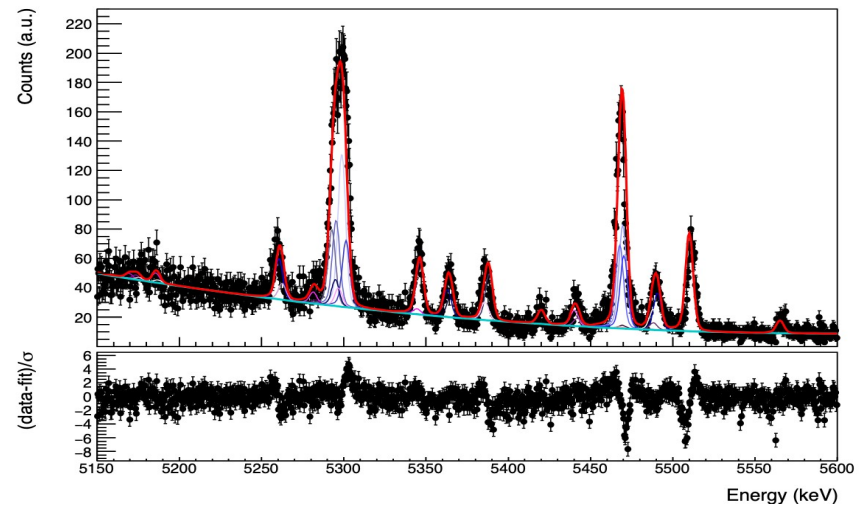
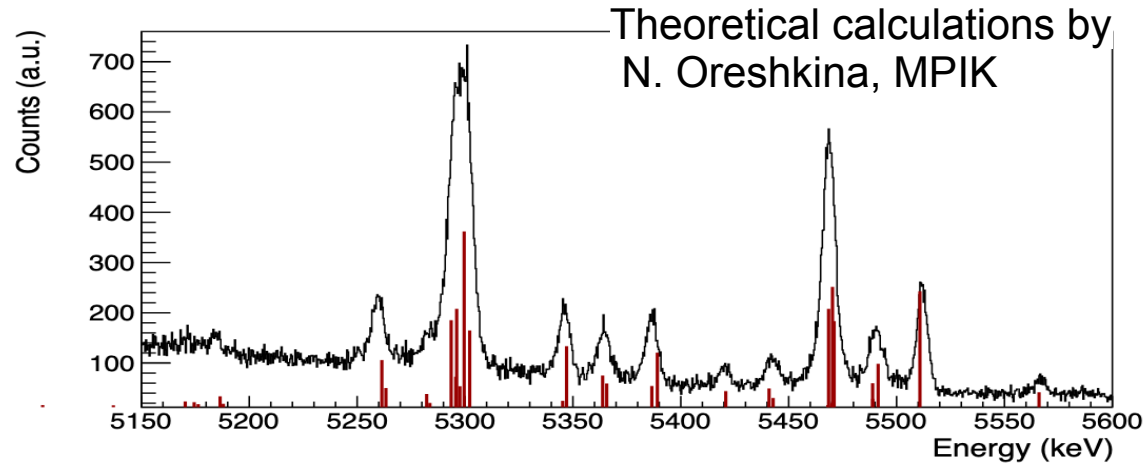
The extraction of the nuclear charge radius from the analysis of the 2p1s hyperfine transitions

Preliminary results:

$$R(^{185}\text{Re}) = 5.297(2)_{\text{stat}}(6)_{\text{sys}} \text{ fm}$$

$$R(^{187}\text{Re}) = 5.288(2)_{\text{stat}}(4)_{\text{sys}} \text{ fm}$$

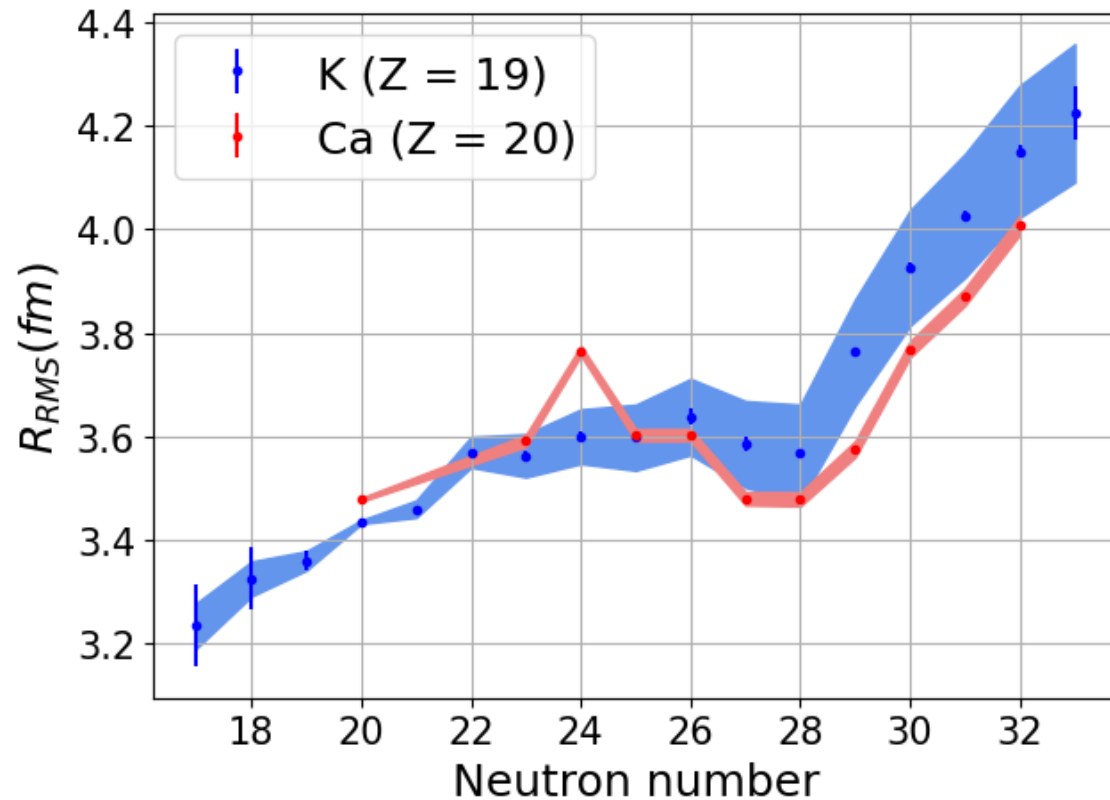
Not all the systematics are taken into account.



# ReferenceRadii

muX with lighter nuclei

absolute radii and King plots



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muX with lighter nuclei

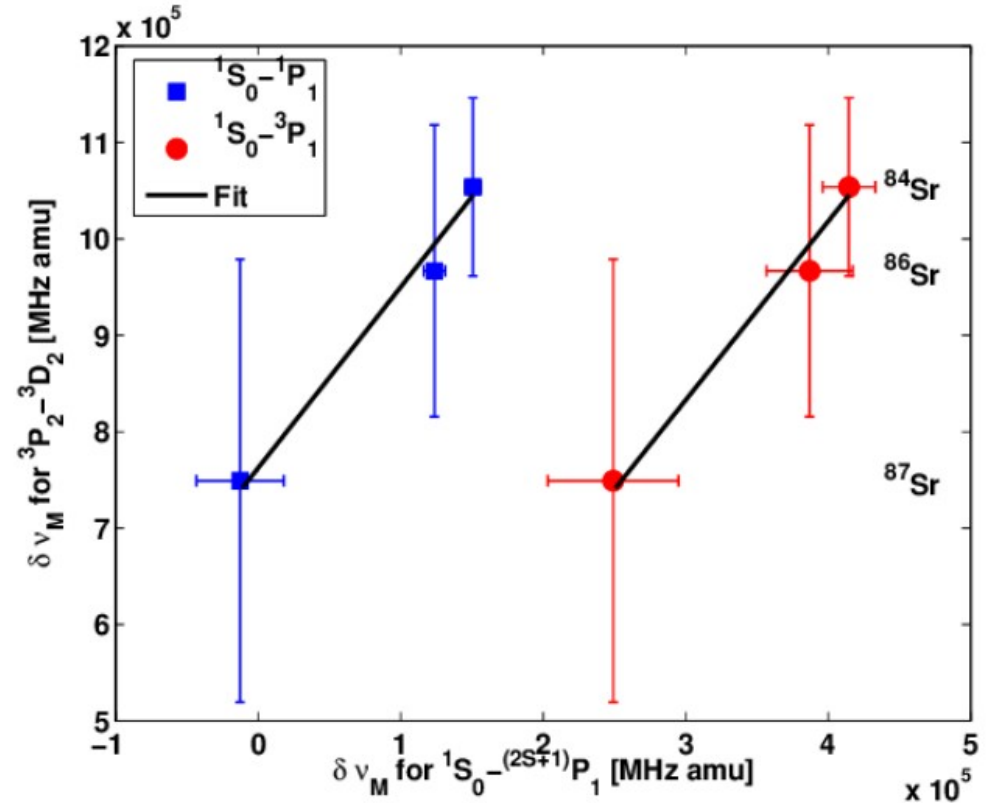
absolute radii and King plots

$$\delta \langle r^2 \rangle^{A,A'} = \frac{1}{F_i} \left( \delta v_{A,A'} - \frac{A - A'}{A A'} M_i \right)$$

$M_i$  Mass shift

$F_i$  Field shift

different for each element and transition



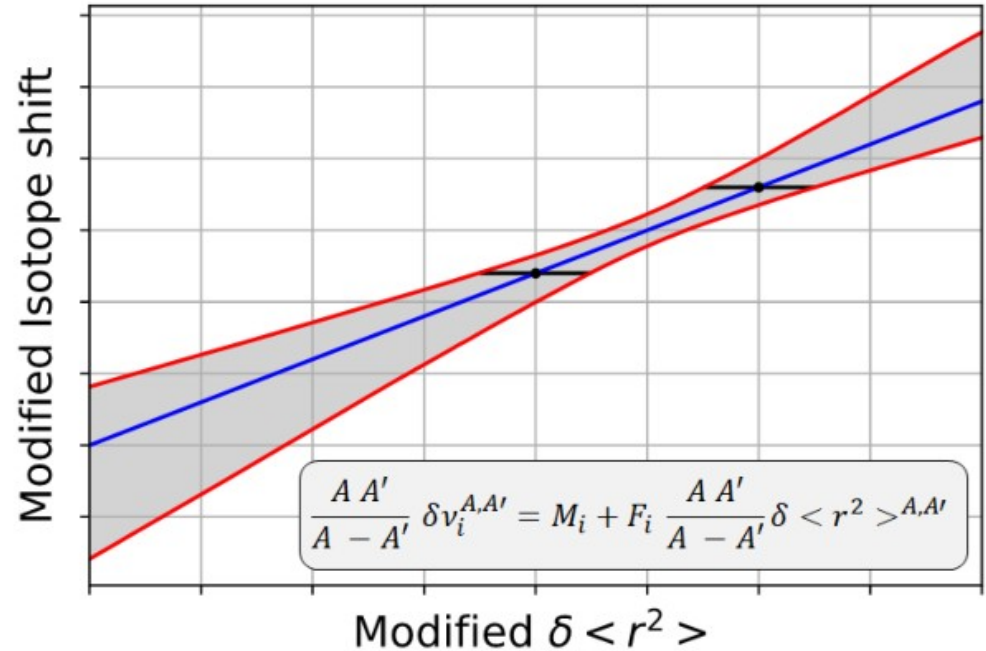


# Reference Radii

Modified King plot

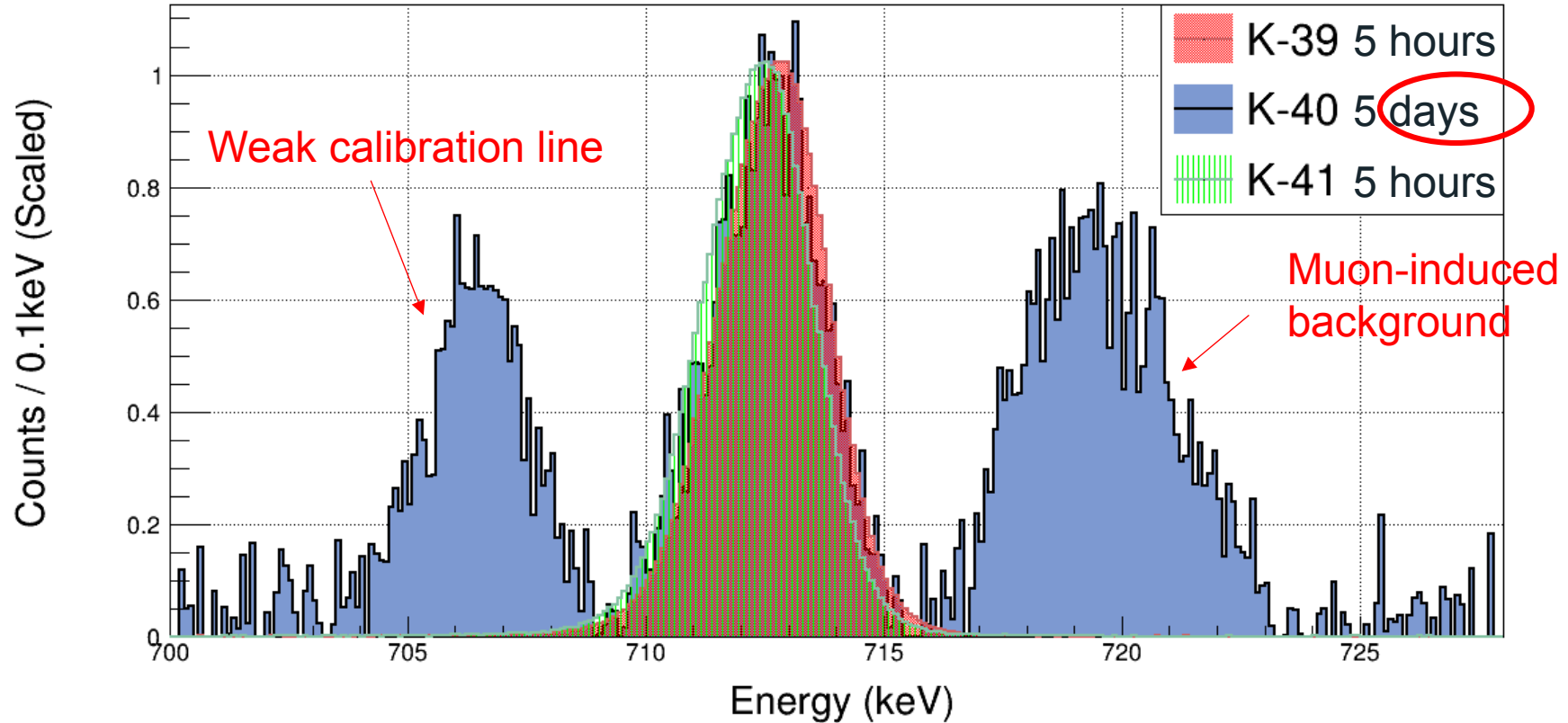
$$\frac{A-A'}{AA'} \delta v_i^{A,A'} = M_i + F_i \frac{A-A'}{AA'} \delta \langle r^2 \rangle^{A,A'}$$

- Mass shift: intercept
- Field shift: slope
- Absolute charge radii
  - One  $\rightarrow$  Absolute values
  - Two  $\rightarrow \frac{M_i}{F_i}$
  - Three  $\rightarrow M_i$  and  $F_i$



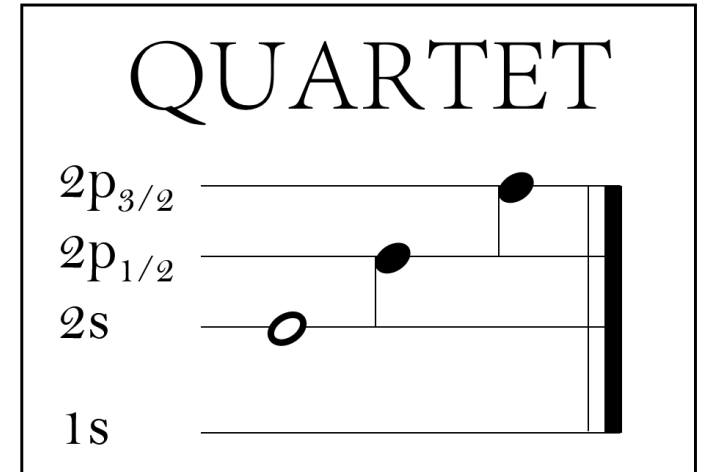
# Potassium muonic isotope shift

2p-1s comparison

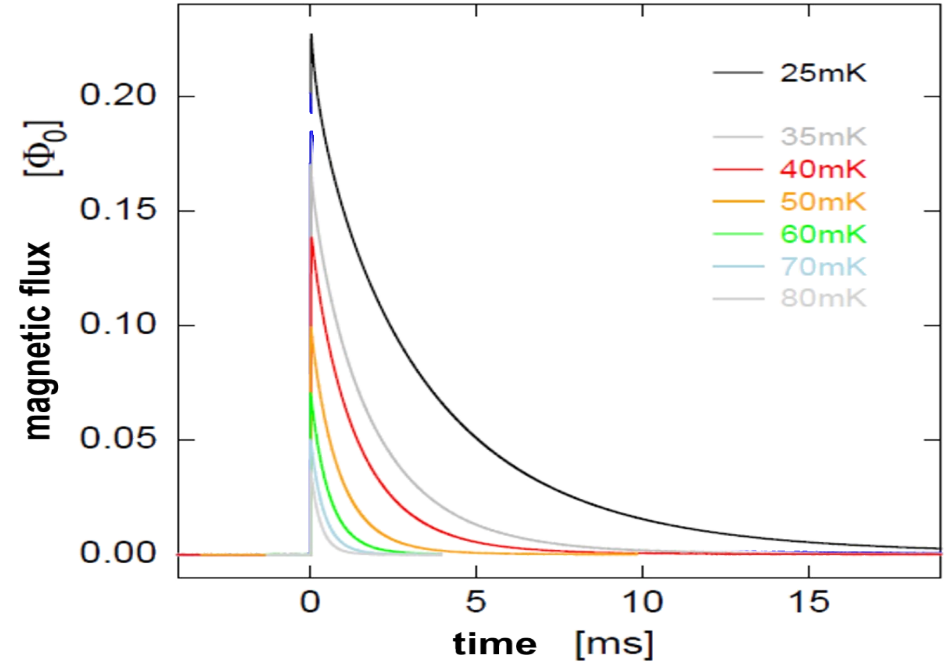
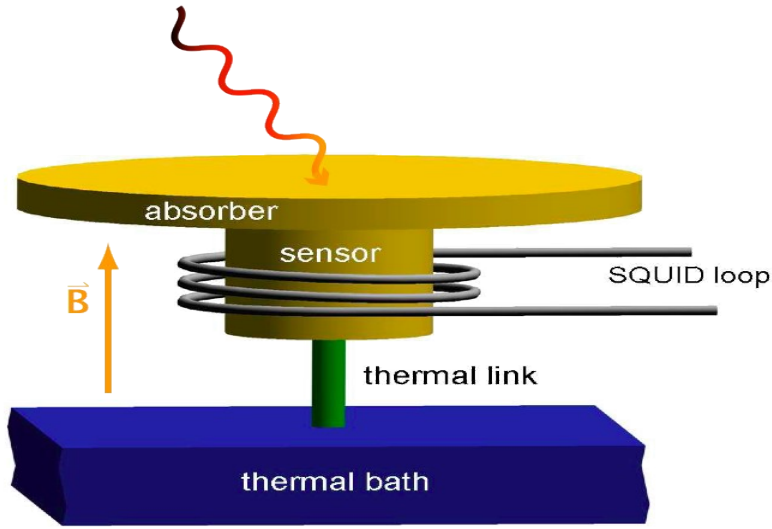
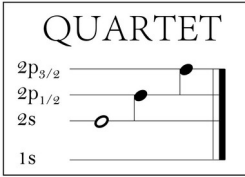


# QUARTET: Radii of $Z=3 \dots 10$

“muX with MMCs”



# Metallic Magnetic Calorimeters (MMCs) from KIP (Heidelberg)

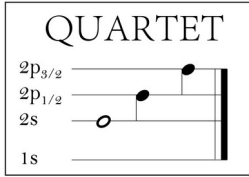


Magnetization of paramagnetic material:

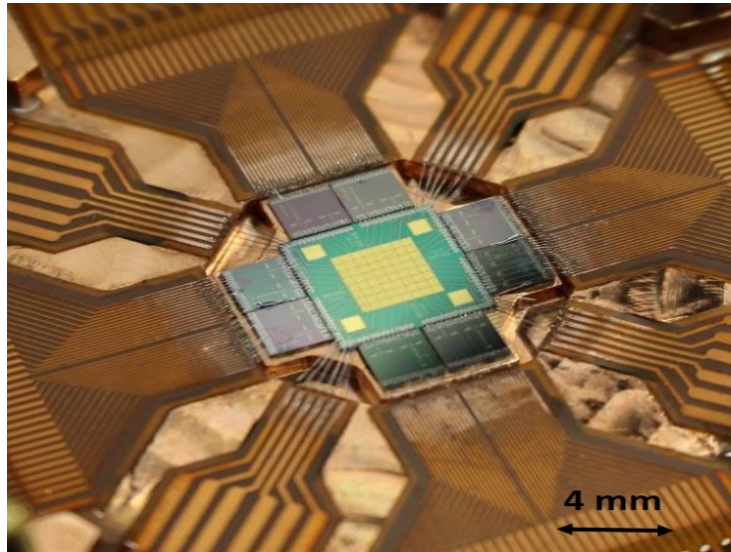


Decay time 3ms@30mK  
Keep rates < 10 Hz  
per pixel to avoid pileup

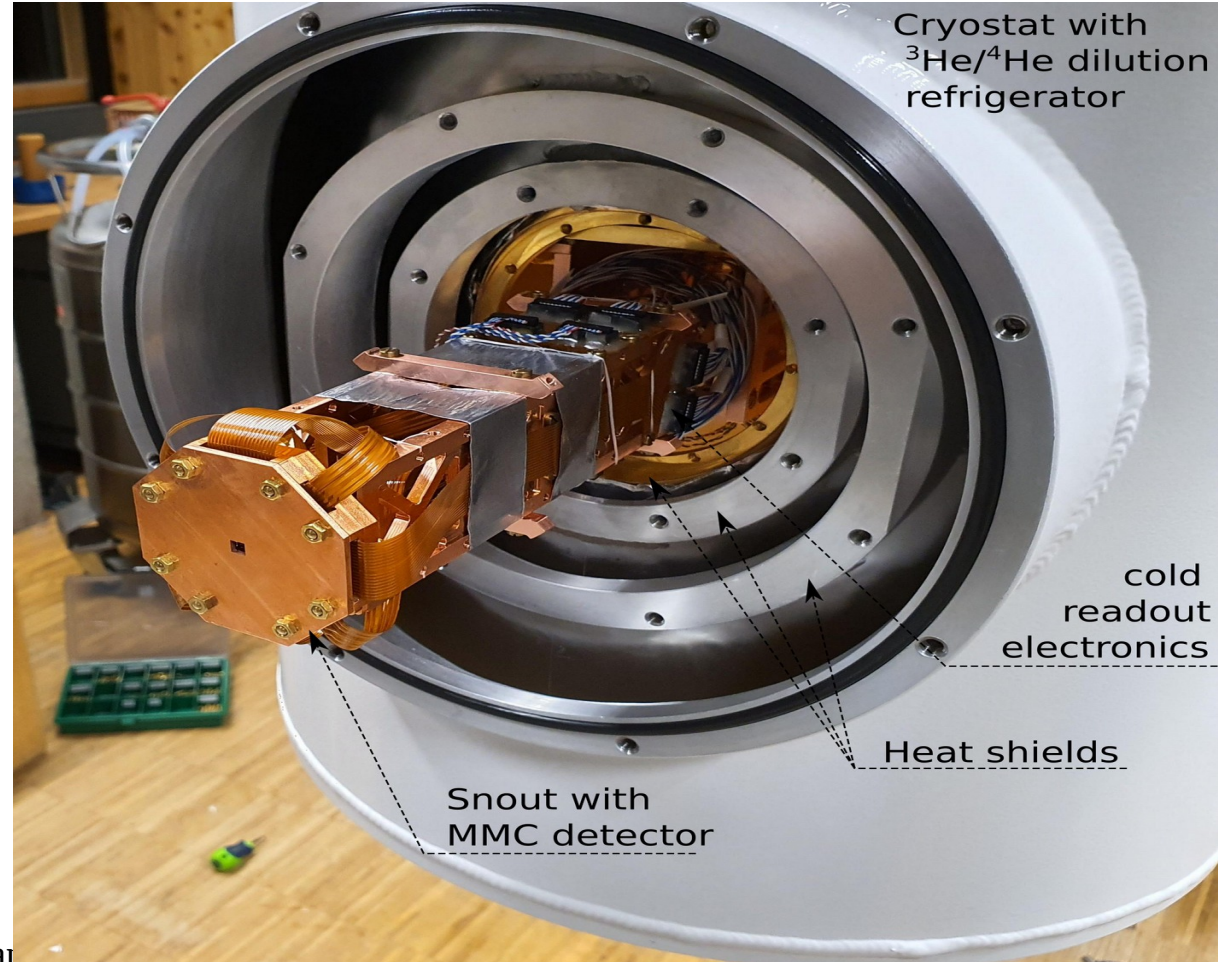
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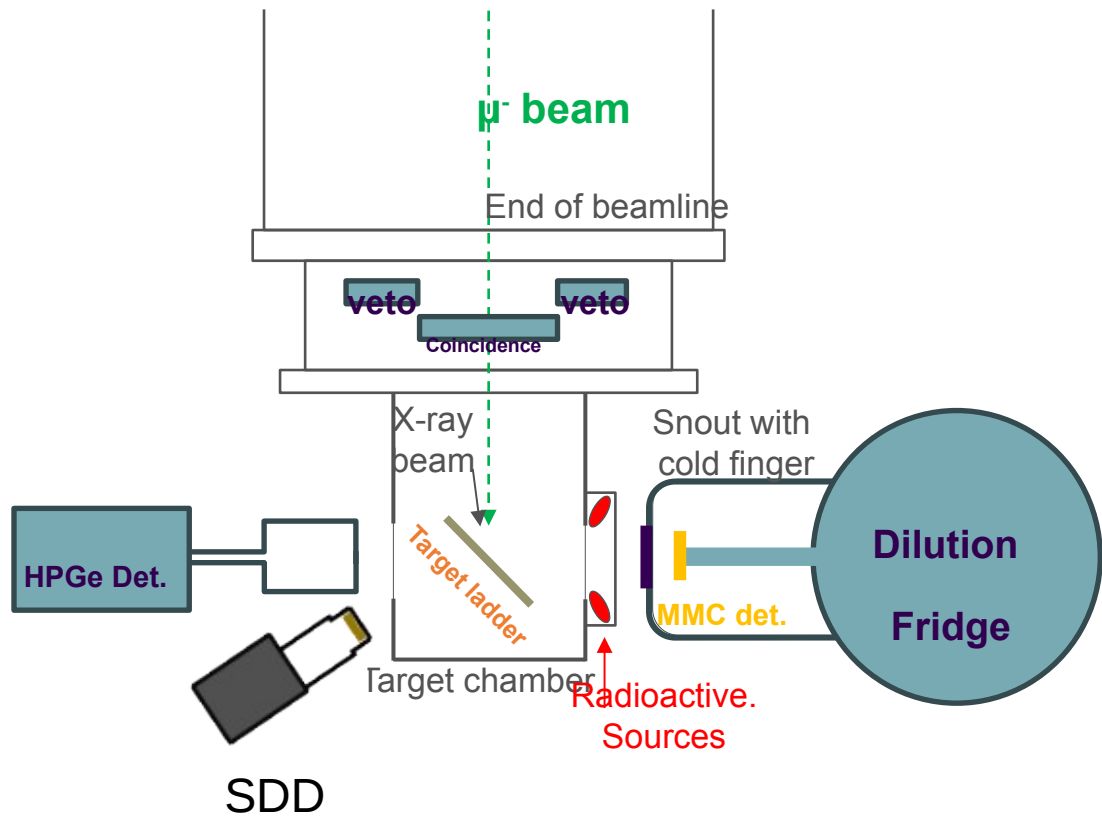
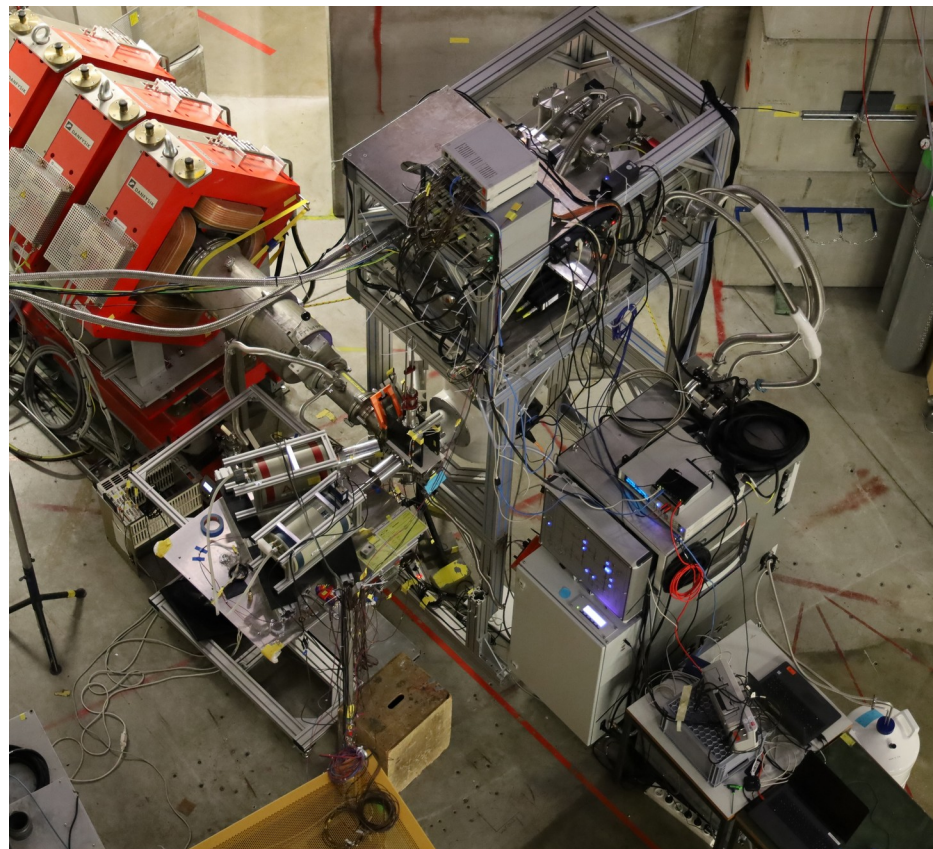
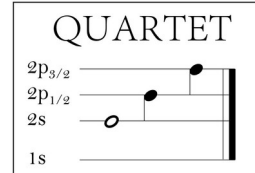
pixel array, area 16mm<sup>2</sup>



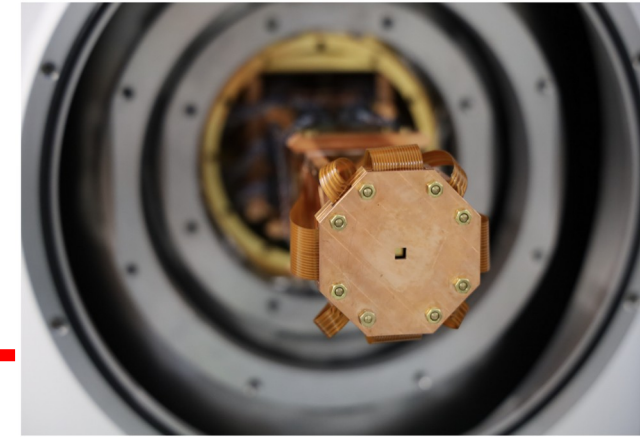
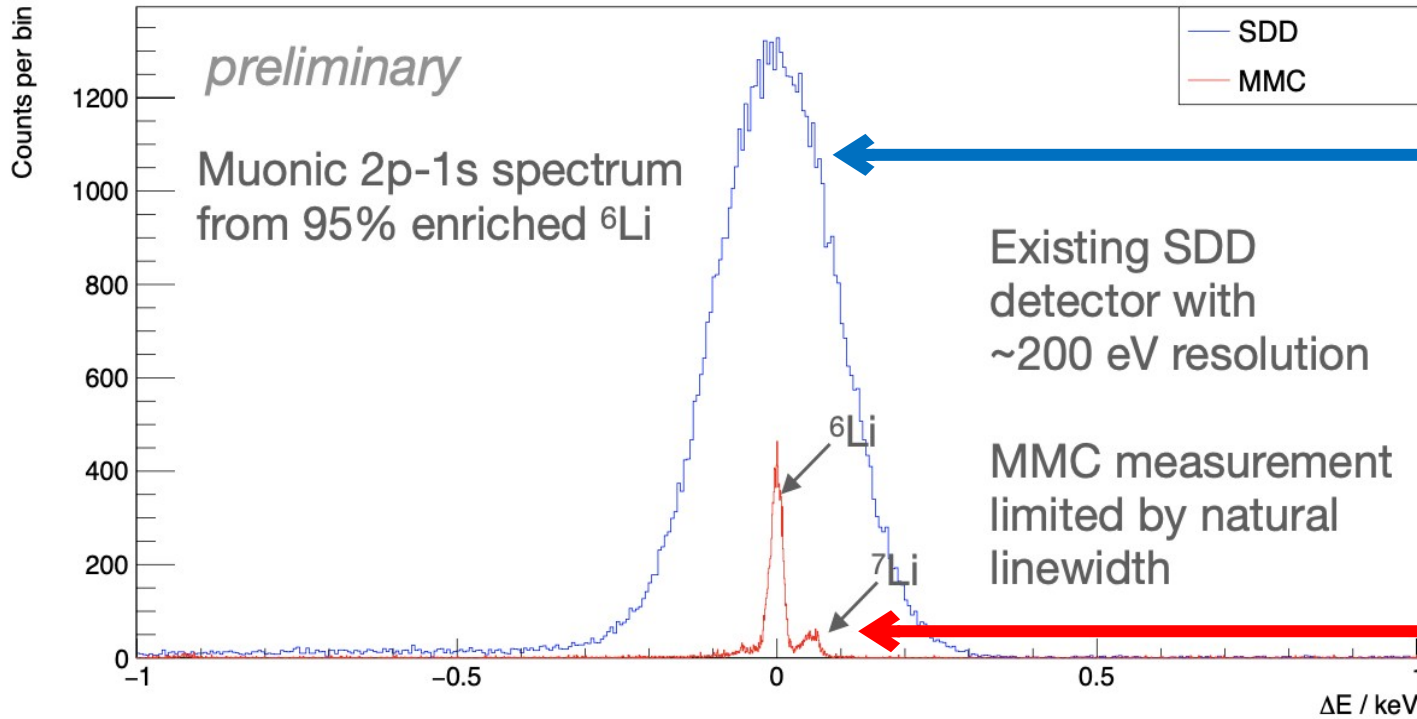
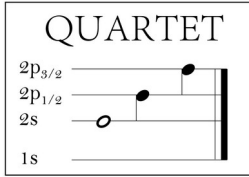
High efficiency (>90%) for photons 10-60 keV



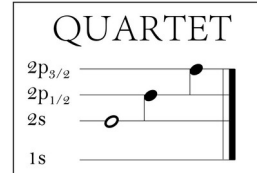
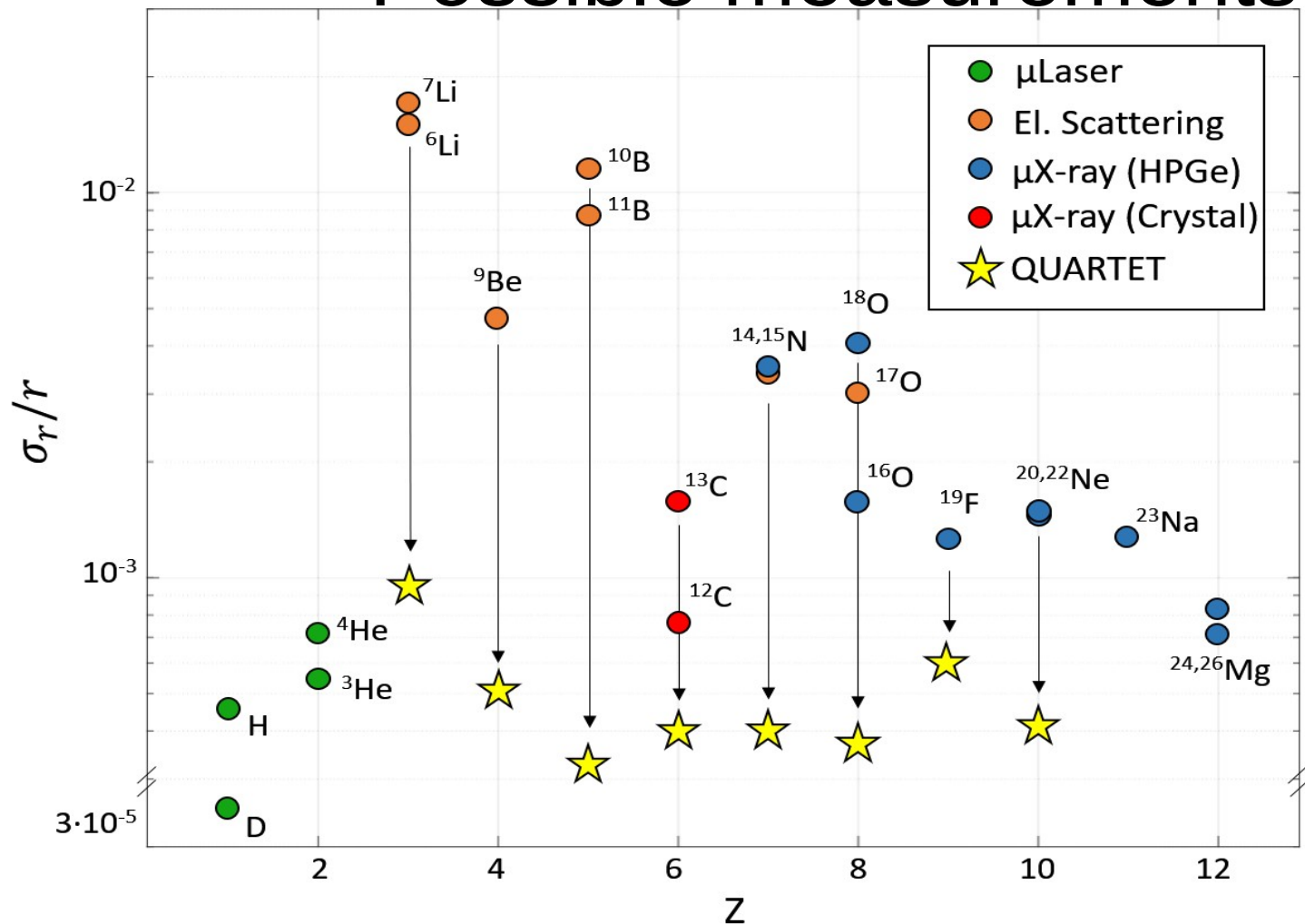
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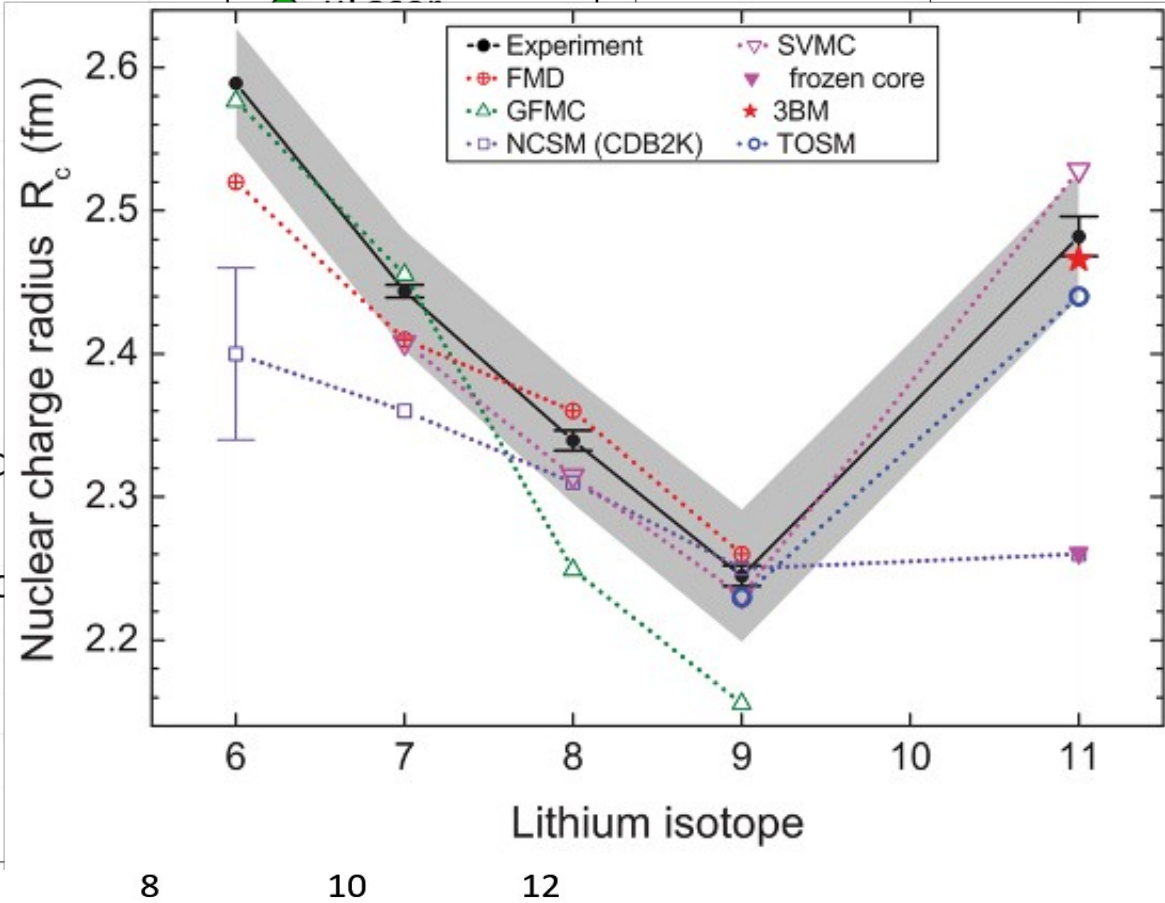
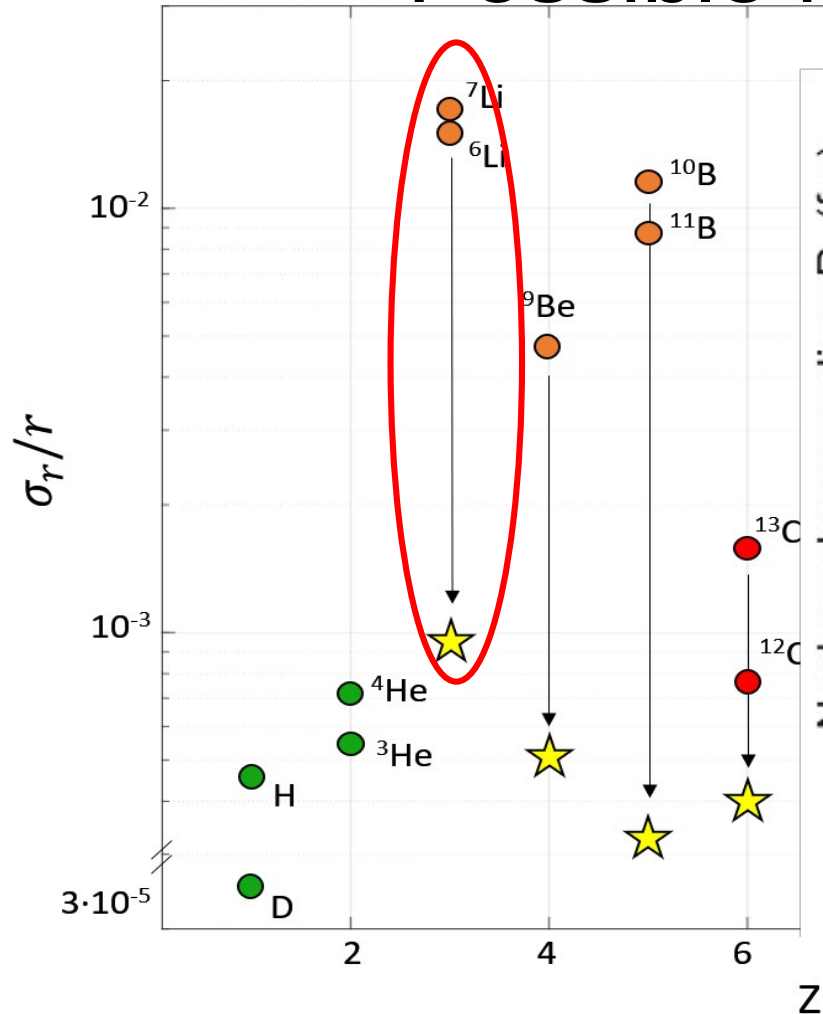
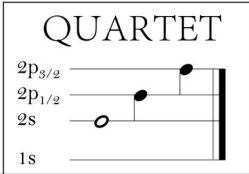


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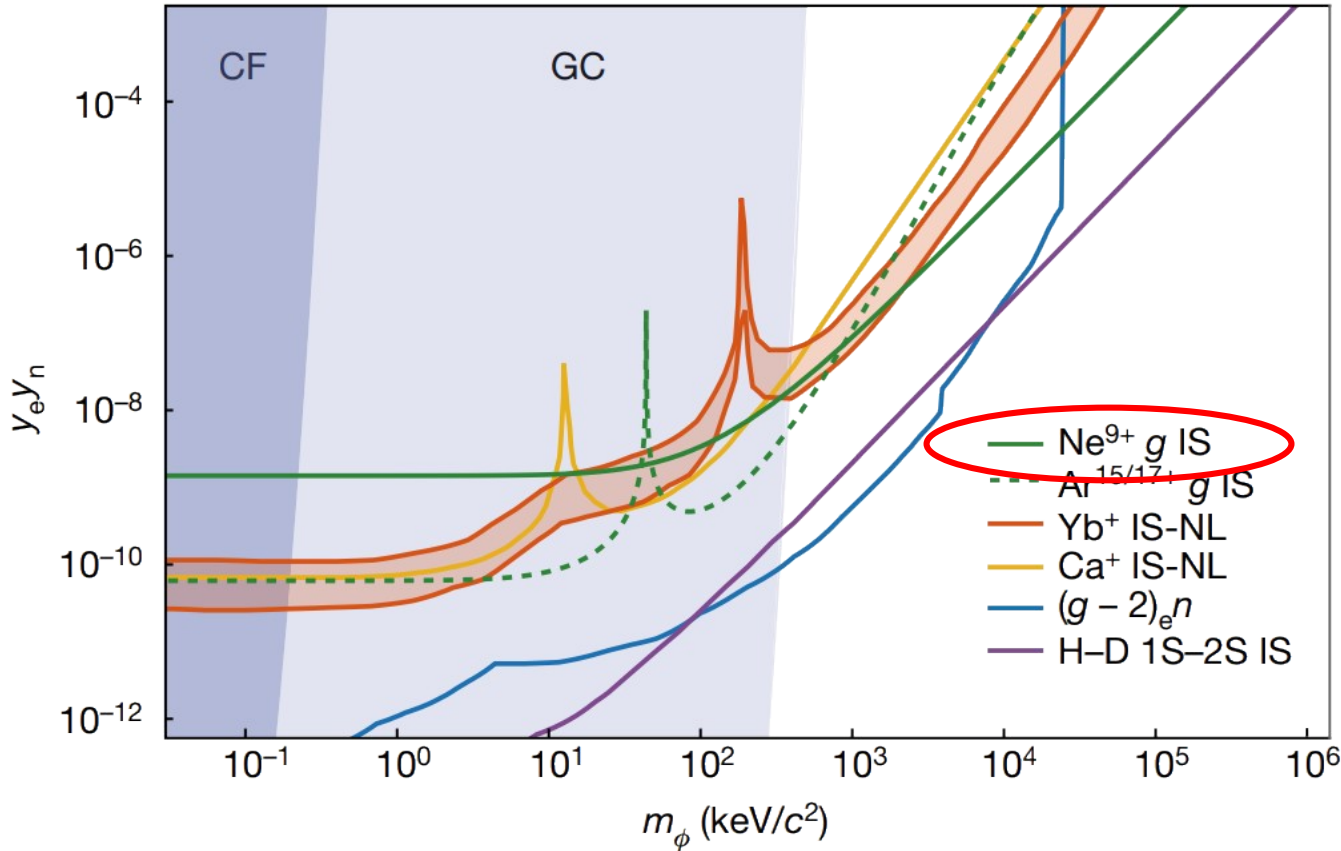




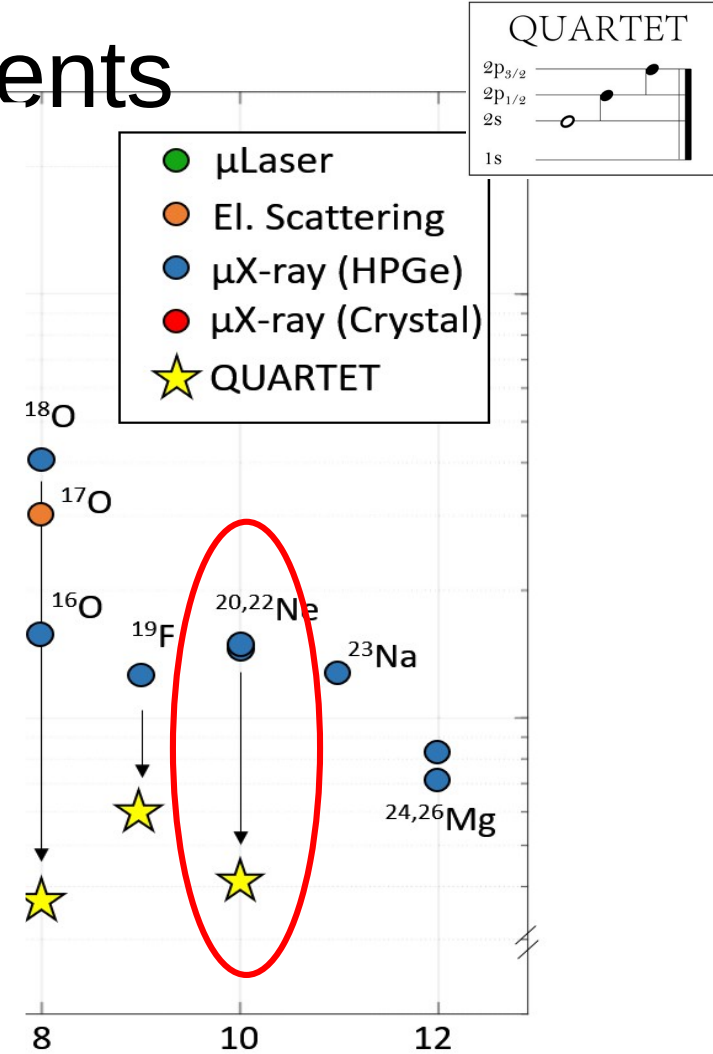
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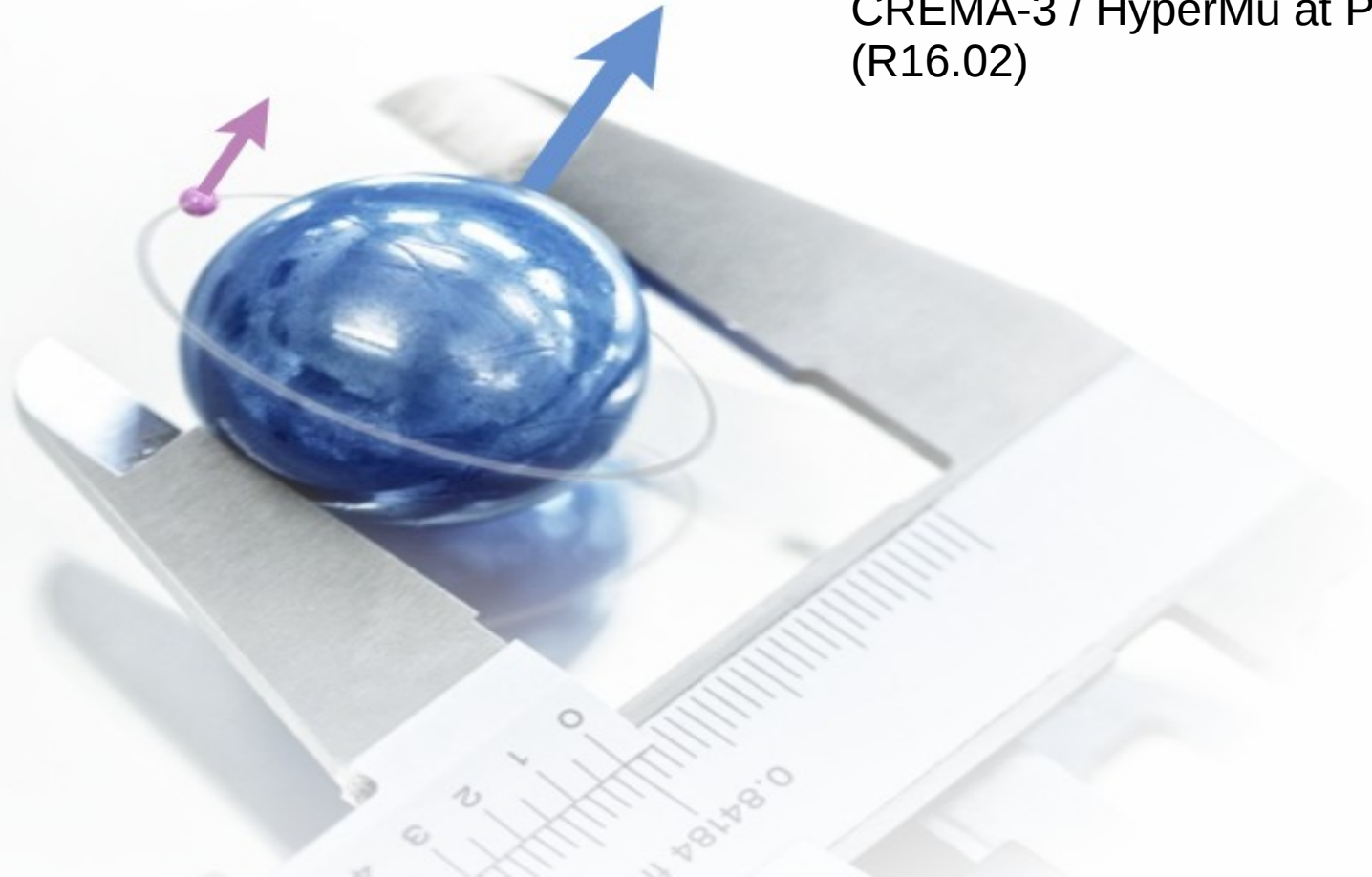


T. Sailer *et. al.*, Nature 606 (2022)

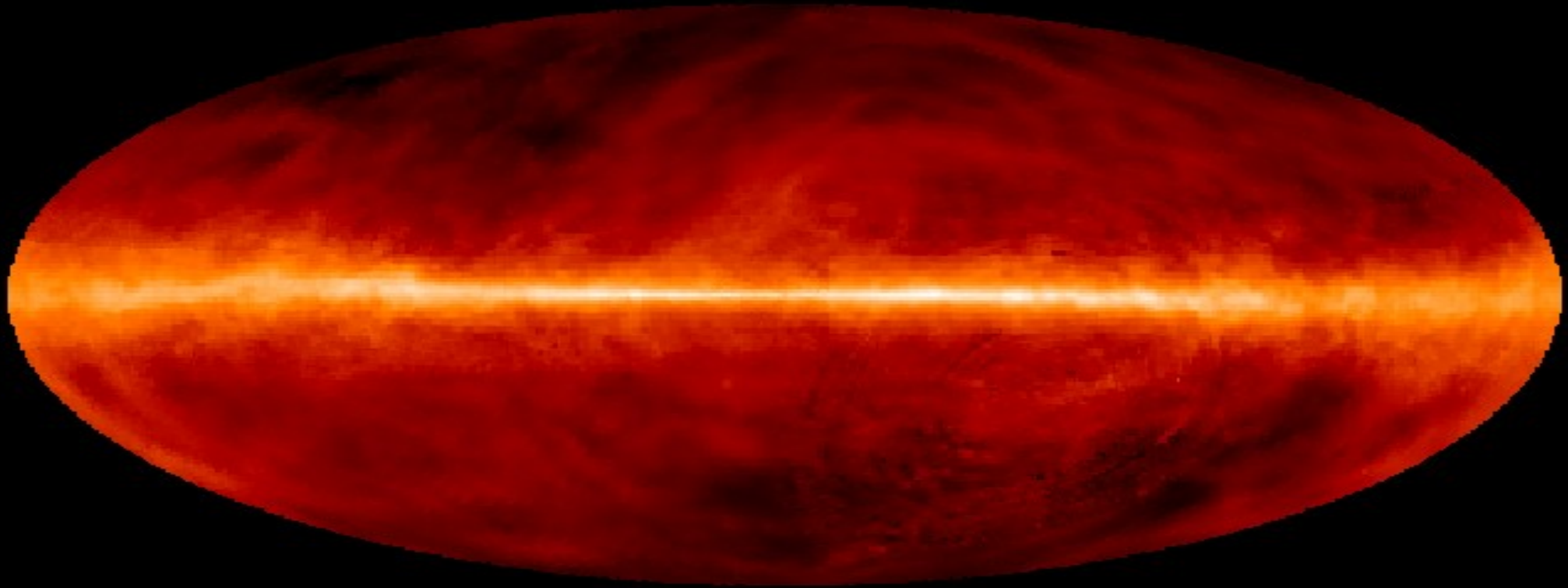


# Hyperfine structure in muonic H

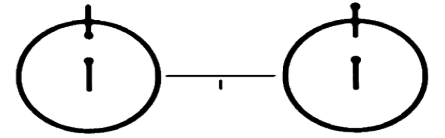
CREMA-3 / HyperMu at PSI  
(R16.02)



# The sky in hydrogen



# Hyperfine structure in H / $\mu\text{p}$



The **21 cm line** in hydrogen (1S hyperfine splitting) has been **measured** to **12 digits** (0.001 Hz) in **1971**:

$$\nu_{\text{exp}} = 1\,420\,405.751\,766\,7 \pm 0.000\,001 \text{ kHz}$$

Essen et al., Nature 229, 110 (1971)

**QED test** is limited to **6 digits** (800 Hz) because of **proton structure** effects:

$$\nu_{\text{theo}} = 1\,420\,403.1 \pm 0.6_{\text{proton size}} \pm 0.4_{\text{polarizability}} \text{ kHz}$$

Eides et al., Springer Tracts 222, 217 (2007)

# Proton Zemach radius

HFS depends on “Zemach” radius:

$$\Delta E = -2(Z\alpha)m\langle r \rangle_{(2)} E_F$$

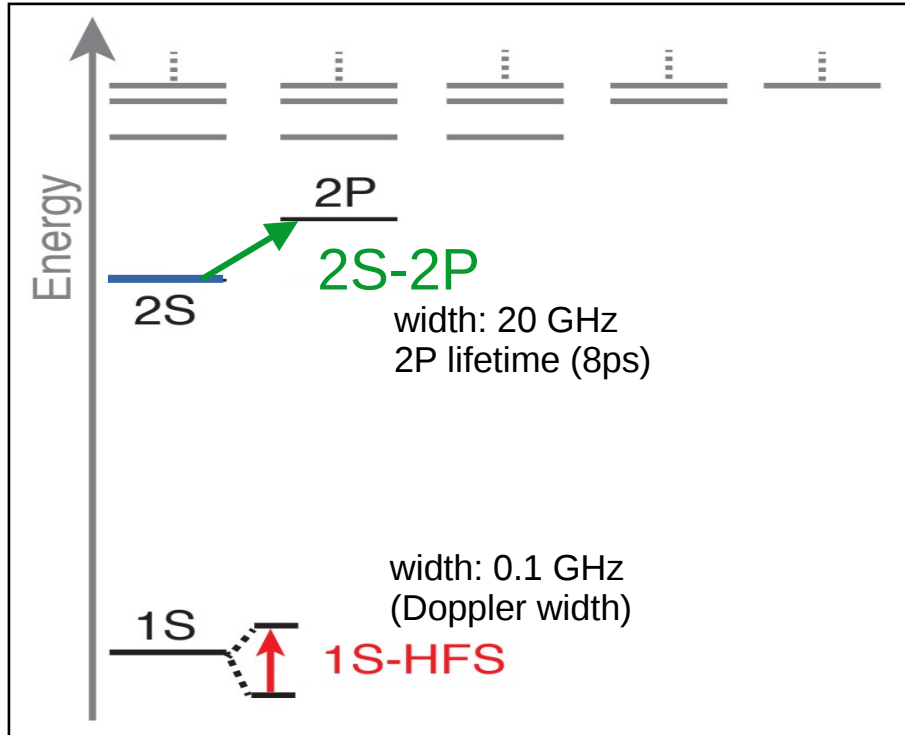
$$\langle r \rangle_{(2)} = \int d^3r d^3r' \rho_E(r) \rho_M(r') |r - r'|$$

Zemach, Phys. Rev. 104, 1771 (1956)

$$\Delta E = \frac{8(Z\alpha)m}{\pi n^3} E_F \int_0^\infty \frac{dk}{k^2} \left[ \frac{G_E(-k^2) G_M(-k^2)}{1 + \kappa} \right]$$

Form factors and momentum space

# From charge to magnetic properties



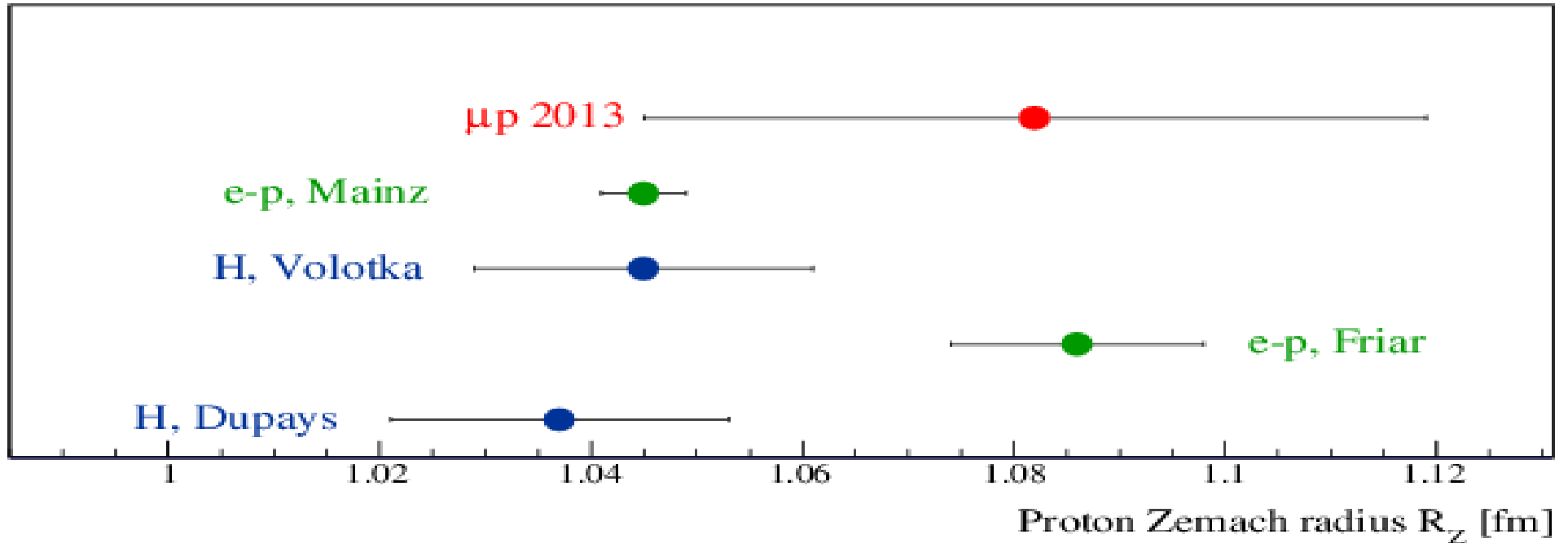
2S-2P = Lamb shift

is sensitive to CHARGE radius

1S-HFS = Hyperfine splitting

is sensitive to ZEMACH radius

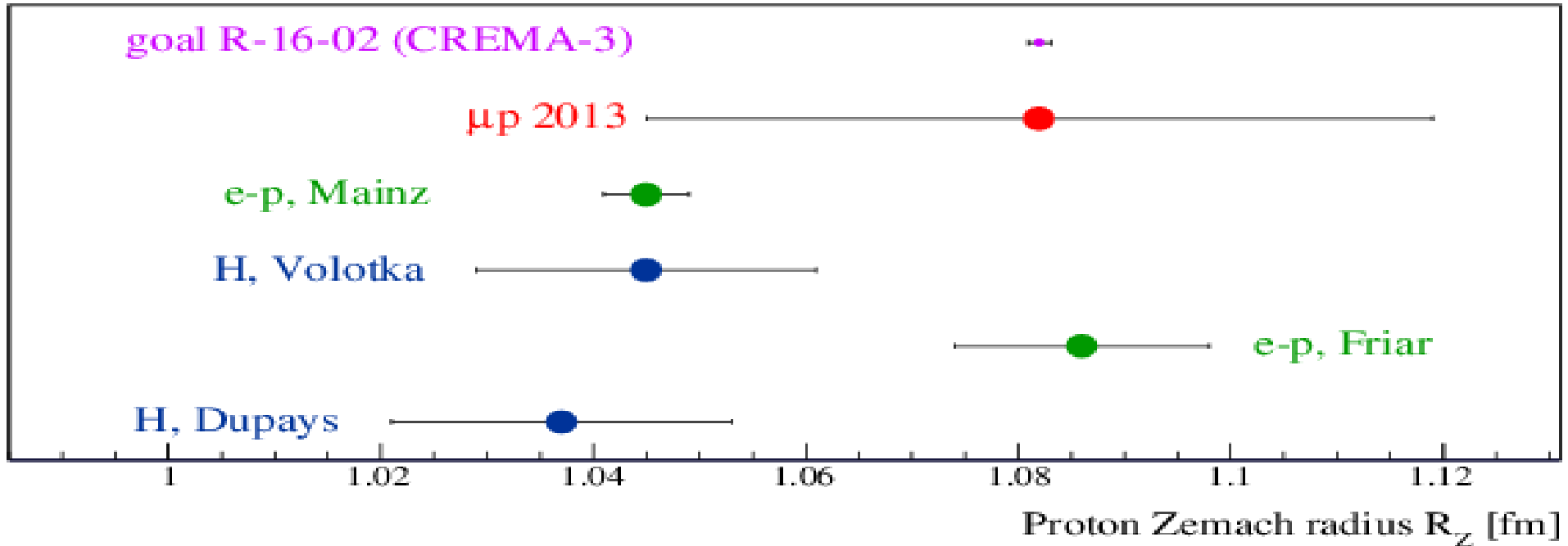
# Proton Zemach radius from $\mu p$



$\mu p$  2013: Antognini et al. (CREMA Coll.), Science 339, 417 (2013)



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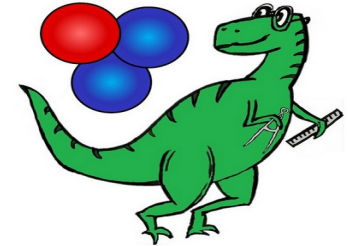
PSI Exp. R-16-02: Antognini, RP et al. (CREMA-3 / HyperMu)

see e.g. Schmidt, RP et al., J. Phys. Conf. Ser 1138, 012010 (2018); arXiv 1808.07240

also: FAMU @ RIKEN/RAL, and a Collaboration at J-PARC

# Triton charge radius from Tritium 1S-2S

	${}^3\text{He}$ 1.9701* ( 10) <del>1.9730 (160)</del>	${}^4\text{He}$ 1.6786 ( 12) <del>1.6810 ( 40)</del>
${}^1\text{H}$ 0.8406 ( 4) <del>0.8751 (61)</del>	${}^2\text{D}$ 2.1279 ( 2) <del>2.1413 (25)</del>	${}^3\text{T}$ <b>1.7xxx ( 2)</b> <del>1.7550 (860)</del>

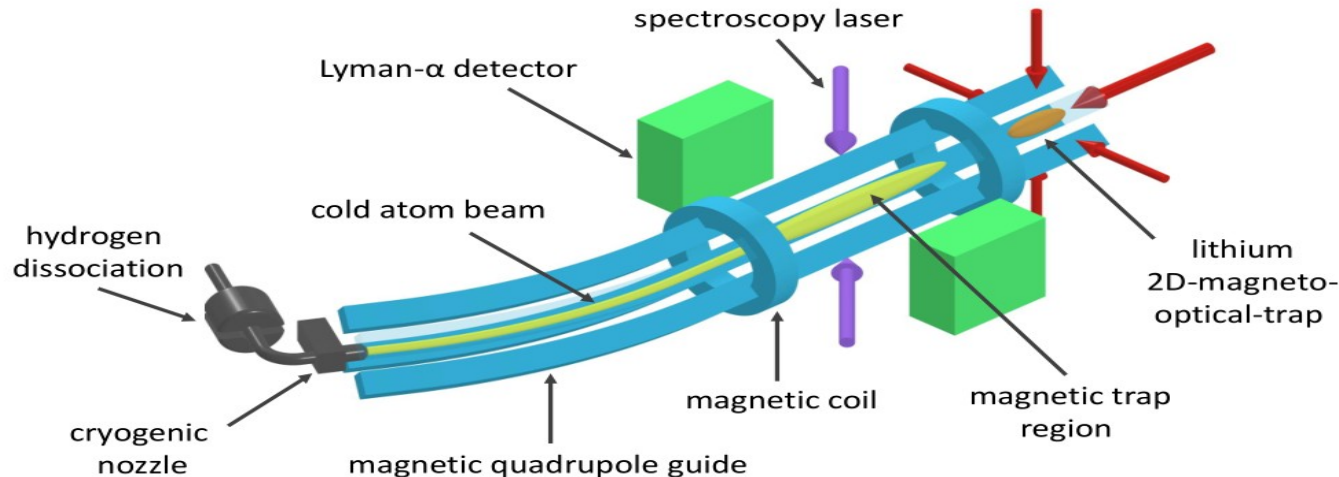


**Triton-Radius Experiment  
Mainz**

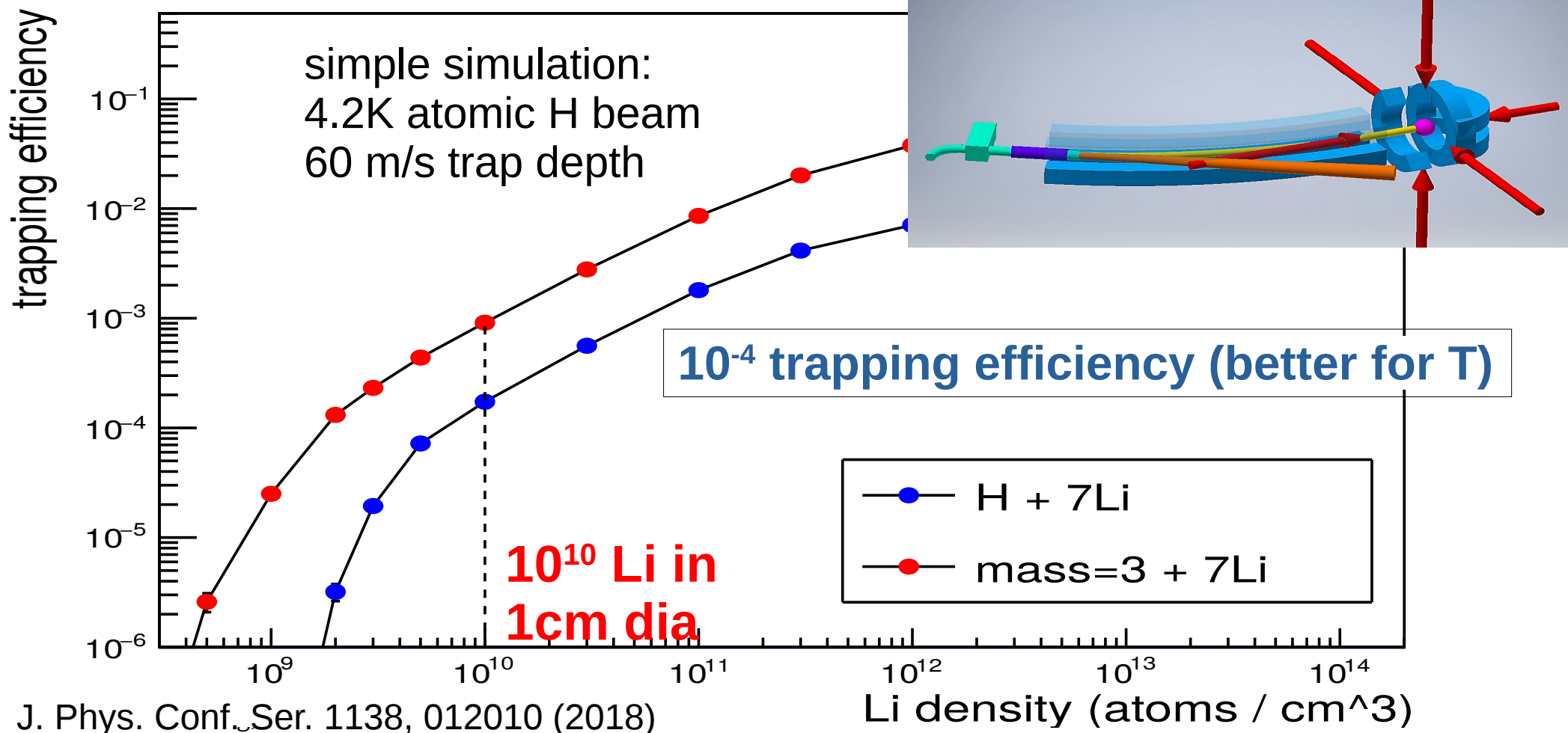
**400x better radius  
with 1 kHz measurement**

(vs. 0.01 kHz for H, D)

- cryogenic H nozzle (4.2K)
- magnetic quadrupole guide
- Li MOT -> cold buffer gas
- magnetic trapping of H/D/T

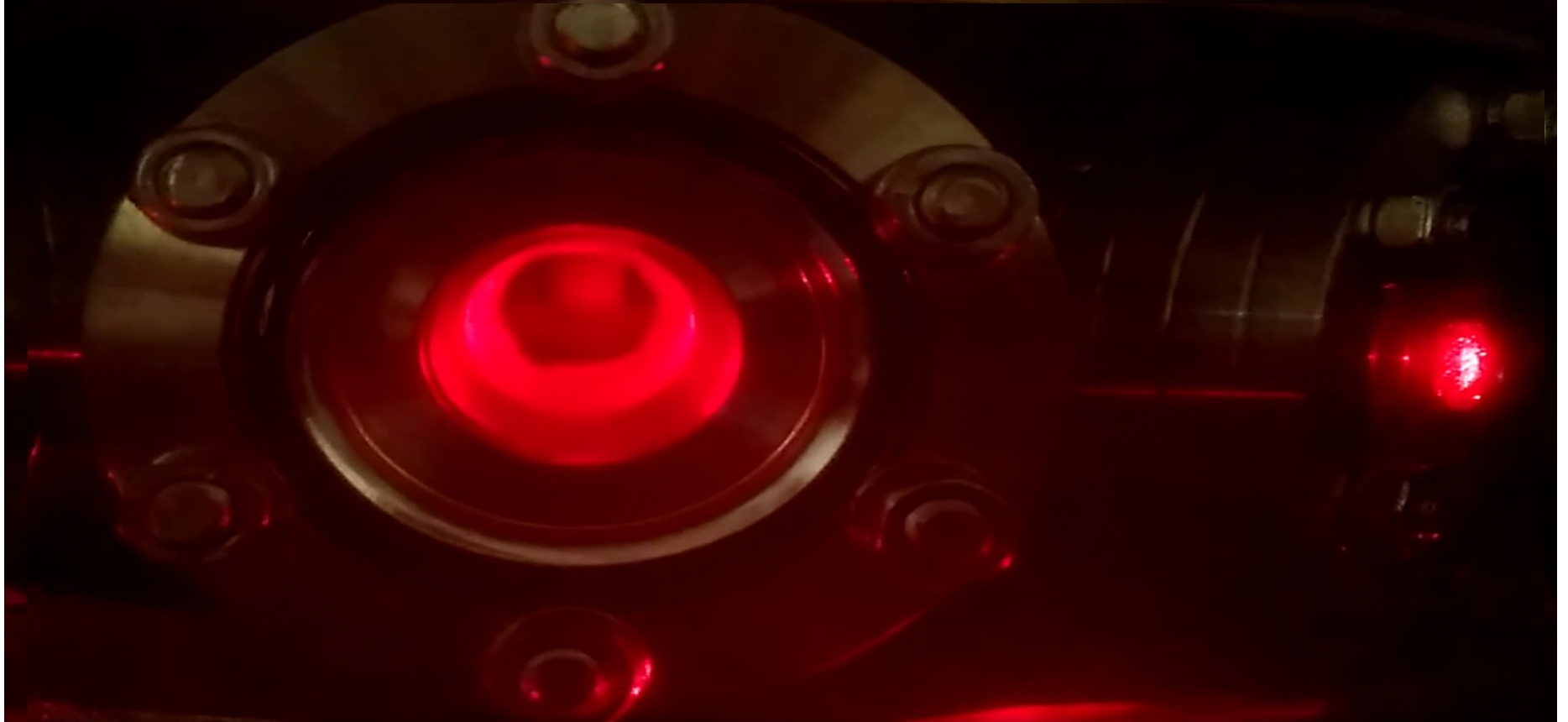


# Simulated trapping efficiency



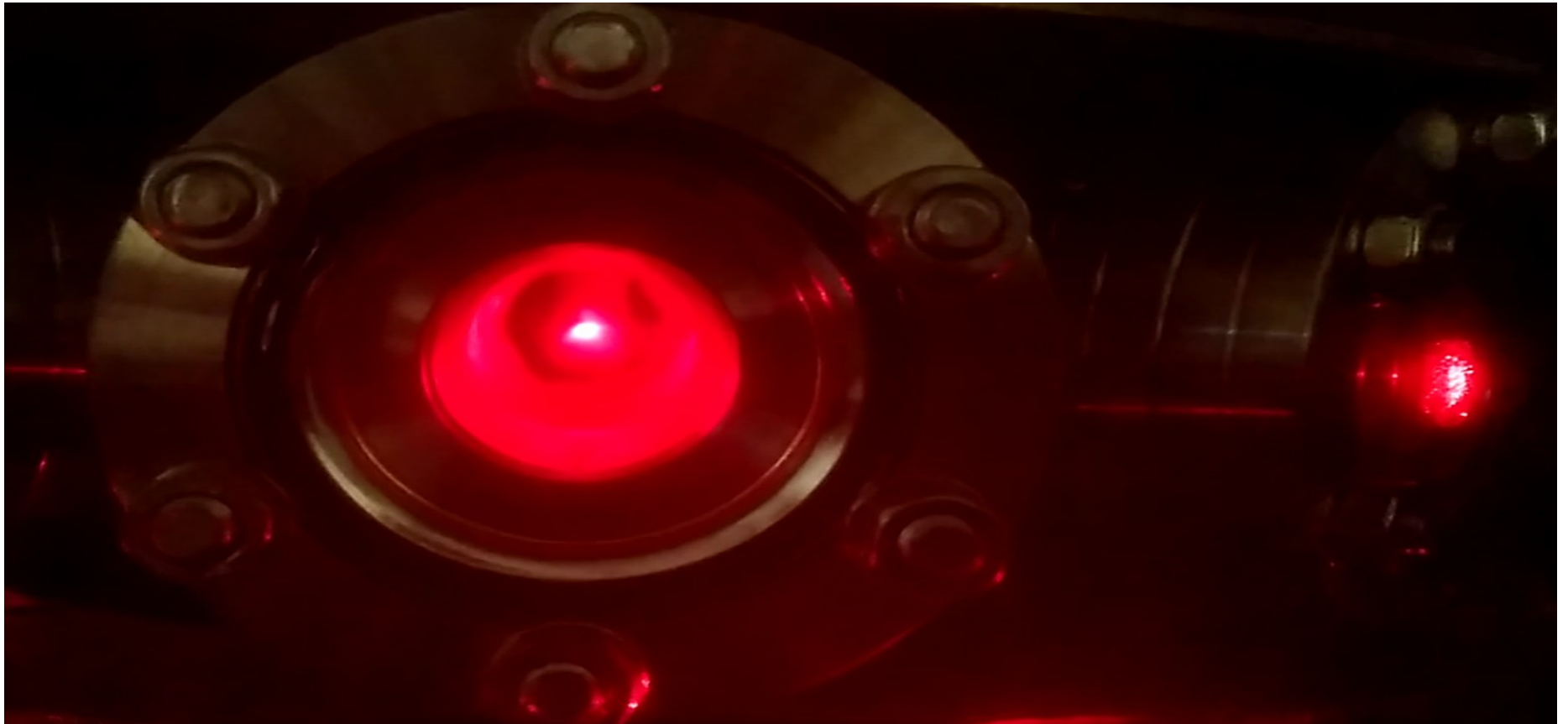
# Li MOT

magneto-optical trap

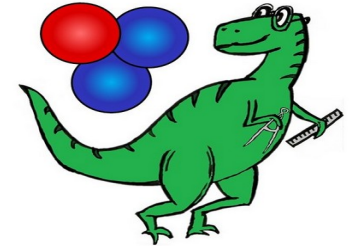


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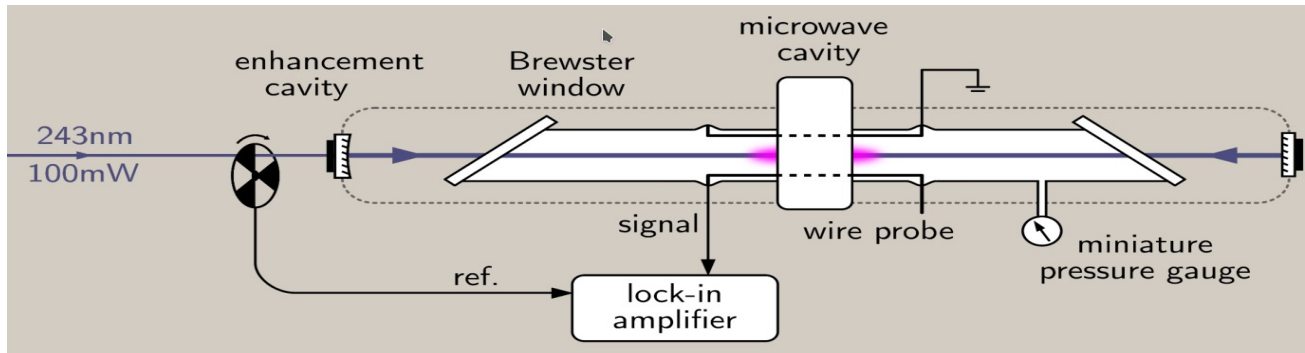
**Triton-Radius Experiment  
Mainz**

	${}^3\text{He}$ 1.9679* ( 14) <del>1.9730 (160)</del>	${}^4\text{He}$ 1.6782 ( 8) <del>1.6810 ( 40)</del>
${}^1\text{H}$ 0.8409 ( 4) <del>0.8751 (61)</del>	${}^2\text{D}$ 2.1279 ( 2) <del>2.1413 (25)</del>	${}^3\text{T}$ <b>1.7xxx (200)</b> <del>1.7550 (860)</del>

**4x better radius  
with 100 kHz measurement**

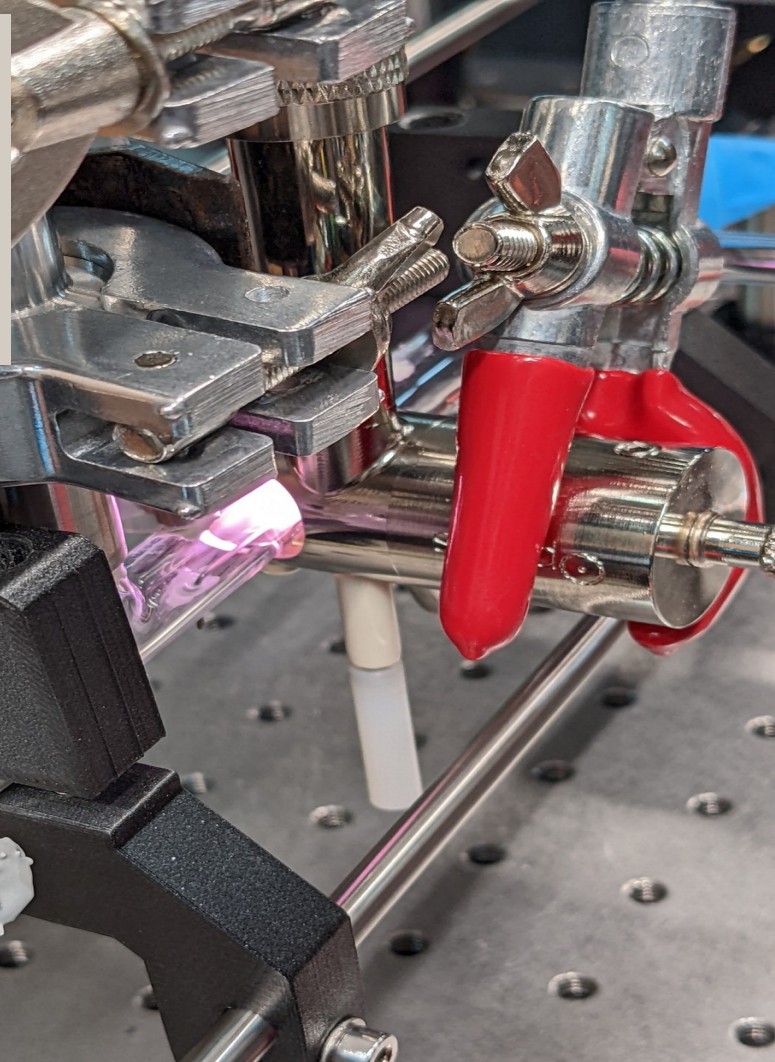
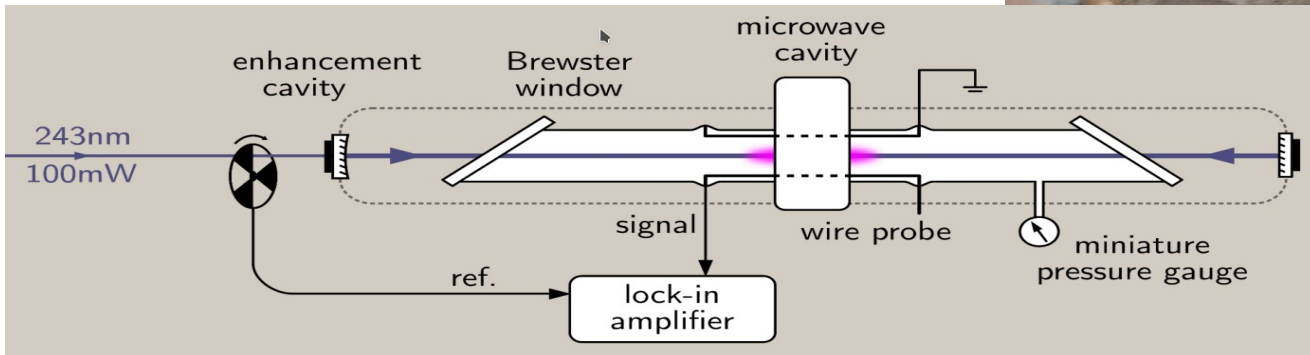
(vs. 0.01 kHz for H, D)

- Optogalvanic spectroscopy in a cell
- Syst. extrapolation w/ H,D
- Tritium confined.



staged approach

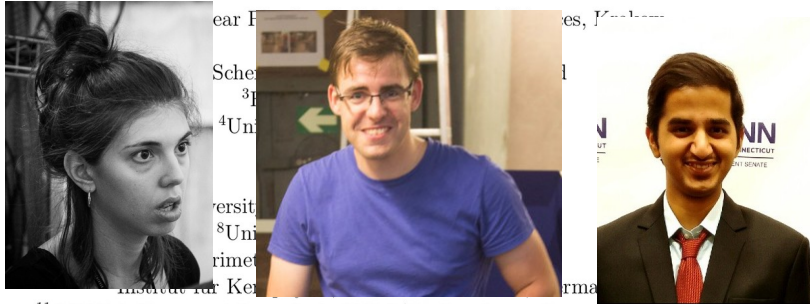
# Triton charge radius from Tritium 1S-2S



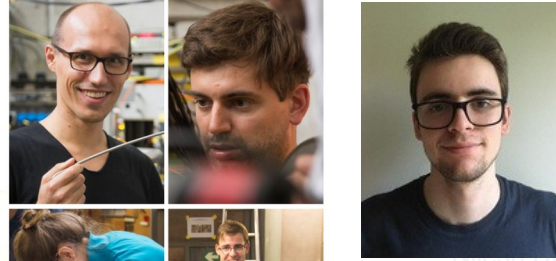
Status:  
Hunting for the signal in H

# Thanks a lot!

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Thanks a lot  
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# Nuclear radii

		<sup>7</sup> Be 2.6460 (150)	<sup>8</sup> Be	<sup>9</sup> Be 2.5190 (120)	<sup>10</sup> Be 2.3600 (140)	<sup>11</sup> Be 2.4650 (150)	2.5020
		<sup>6</sup> Li 2.5890 (390)	<sup>7</sup> Li 2.4440 (420)	<sup>8</sup> Li 2.3390 (440)	<sup>9</sup> Li 2.2450 (460)		<sup>11</sup> Li 2.4820 (430)
<sup>3</sup> He 1.9730 (160)	<sup>4</sup> He 1.6810 (40)		<sup>6</sup> He 2.0680 (110)		<sup>8</sup> He 1.9290 (260)		
<sup>1</sup> H 0.8751 (61)	<sup>2</sup> D 2.1413 (25)	<sup>3</sup> T 1.7550 (860)					
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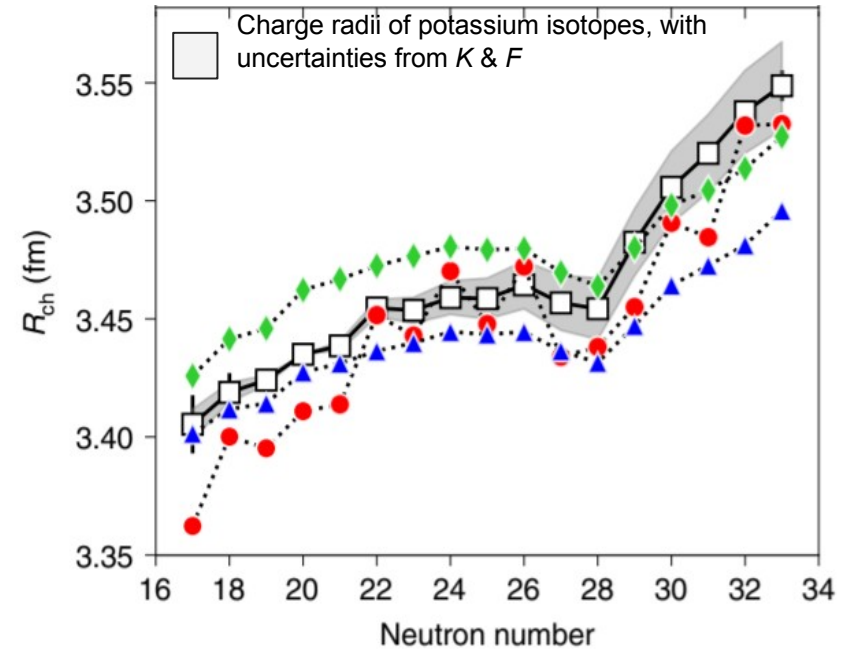
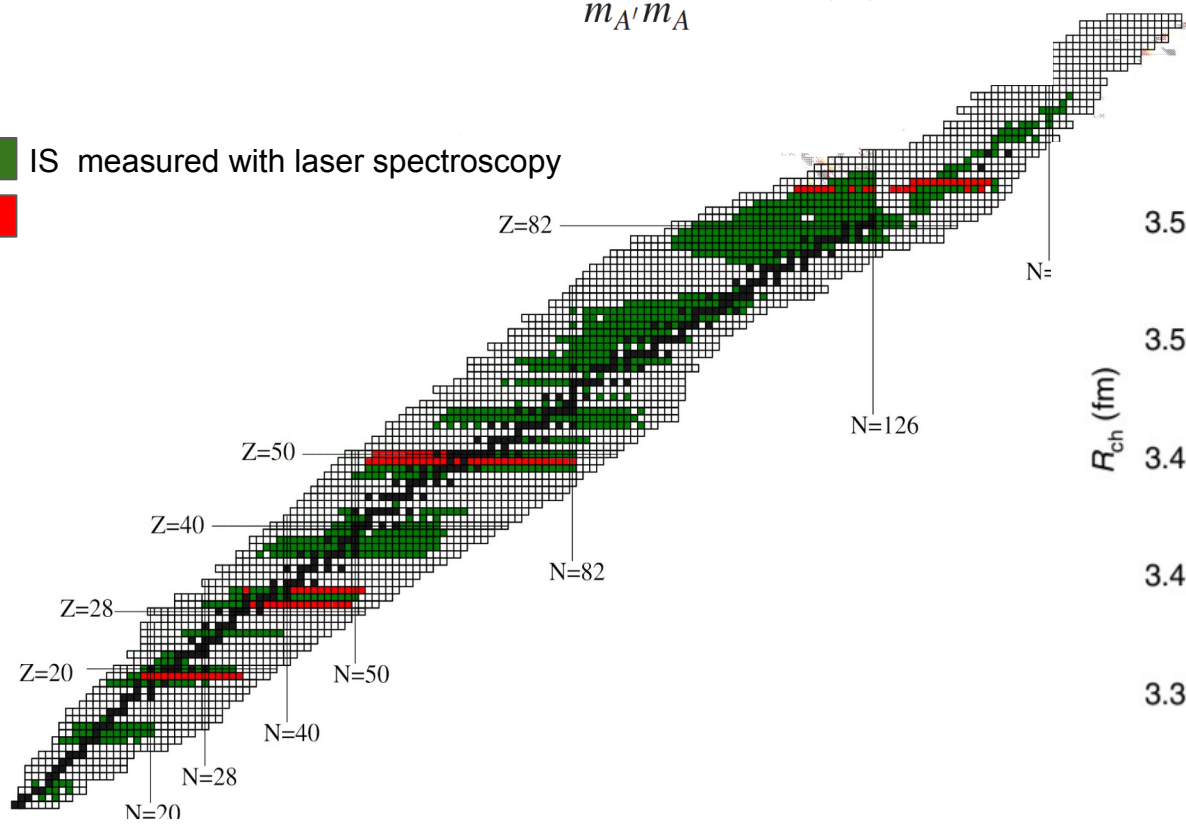
rms charge radii in fm

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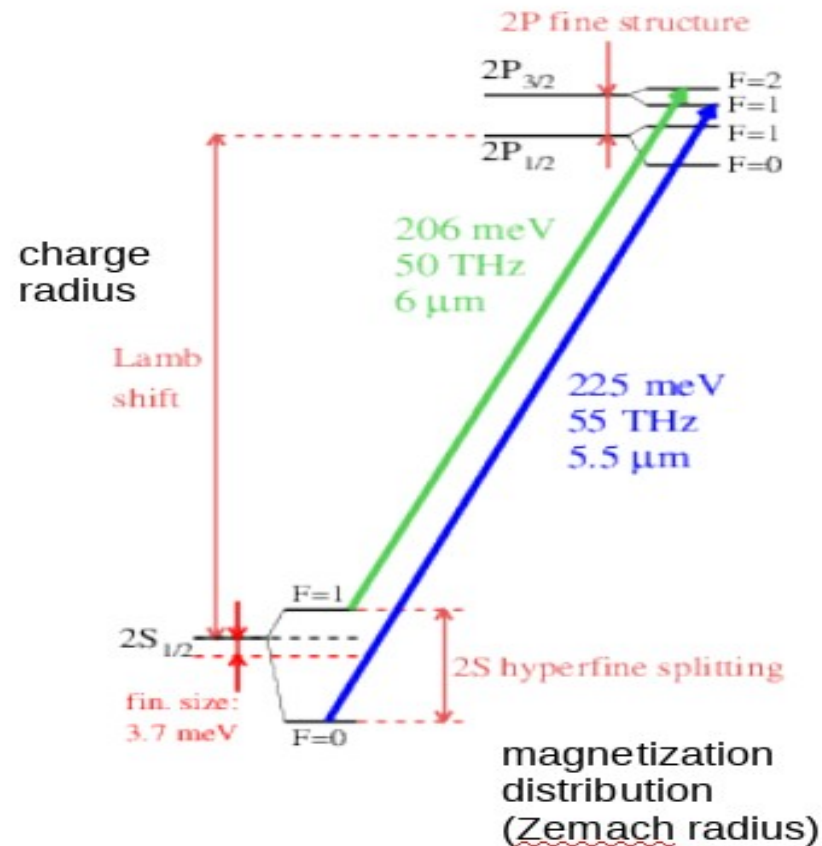
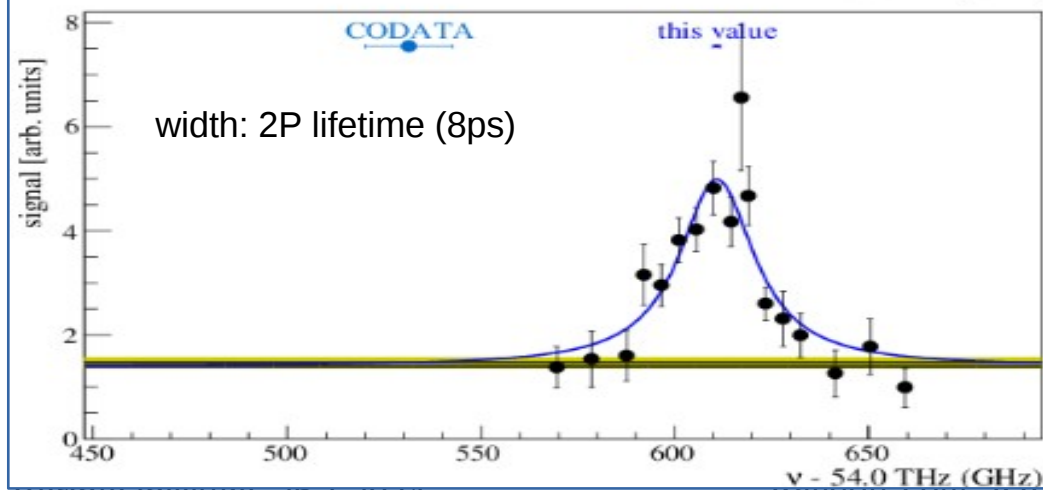
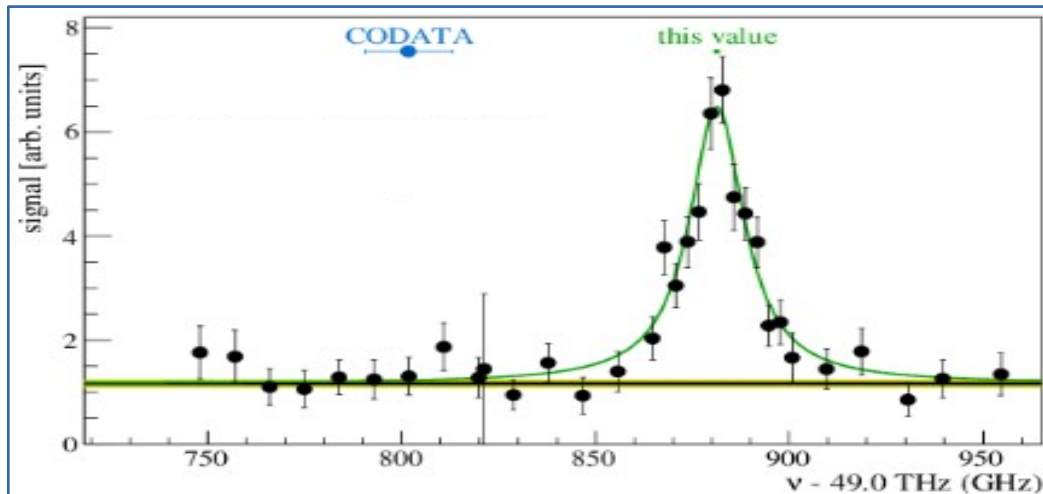
- \* Nucleon structure (proton)
- \* Nuclear structure and models
- \* Precision tests of QED and the Standard Model
- \* Fundamental constants (CODATA)

$$\delta\nu^{AA'} = \nu^{A'} - \nu^A = K \frac{m_{A'} - m_A}{m_{A'} m_A} + F \delta\langle r^2 \rangle^{AA'},$$

■ IS measured with laser spectroscopy  
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# Proton Zemach radius from $\mu p$ HFS



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