Precision Laser Spectroscopy of Light Exotic Nuclei



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- Lithium

Resonance Ionization Mass Spectroscopy Charge Radii - Results and Interpretation Absolute Charge Radii from Optical Measurements ?

• Helium

Single-Atom Spectroscopy in a Magneto-Optical Trap

• Beryllium

Frequency-Comb Based Collinear Laser Spectroscopy Nuclear Charge Radii

• Open Questions and Outlook

Optical Spectroscopy in the Nuclear Chart Principle



Hyperfine Structure:



H.-J. Kluge and W. Nörtershäuser, Spectrochim. Acta B, 58 (2003) http://www.gsi.de/forschung/ap/projects/laser/survey.html

Motivation



(a) Exotic Structure of Halo Nuclei Model-Independent Approach to the Core Size in Halo Nuclei



(b) Validating ab-initio Nuclear Structure Calculations Benchmarks for Nuclear Structure Calculations based on Nucleon-Nucleon and Three-Nucleon Potentials (Greens-Function Monte Carlo, No-Core Shell Modell, Fermionic Molecular Dynamics)



Isotope Shift





Charge Radii from Isotope Shifts







Development of Mass Shift Calculations

Isotop	e [Yan 03]	[PuchO6]	[Yan 08]	[PuchO8]
⁶ Li	11 453.010 (56)	- 11 452.822 (2) (0)	-11 452.821 (2)	-11 452.8205 (23)(2)
⁸ Li	8 635.113 (42)	8 634.990 (1) (1)	8 634.980 (2)	8 634.9812 (17)(9)
⁹ Li	15 332.025 (75)	15 331.797 (3)(13)	15 331.799 (3)	15 331.7995 (31)(12)
¹¹ Li	25 101.812 (123)	25 101.473 (9)(21)	25 101.470 (5)	25 101.5028 (64)(27)

$$C = \frac{2\pi}{3} Z \alpha^4 \left\langle \sum_a \delta^{(3)}(r_a) \right\rangle \left[1 - (Z\alpha)^2 \ln(Z\alpha m r_{\rm ch}) \right]$$

Isotope	[Puch08]
⁶ Li	-1.5719 (16)
⁸ Li	-1.5720 (16)
⁹ Li	-1.5721 (16)
¹¹ Li	-1.5768 (17)

Year	M(¹¹ Li) amu	Δ (δν ^{6,11}) kHz	Ref
2000	11.043 796 (29)	0	AME2003
2006	11.043 715 7 (54)	-329	MISTRAL
2008	11.043 723 61 (69)	-295	TITAN

Case 1: Lithium





Li: Experimental Technique













¹¹Li - Spectrum





Change in the RMS Charge Radius









W. Nörtershäuser, P. Müller, PhiuZ 40, 96 (2009)

Geometrical Relation of CM-Motion:

$$\begin{bmatrix} r_c ({}^{11}\text{Li}) \end{bmatrix}^2 = \begin{bmatrix} r_c ({}^{9}\text{Li}) \end{bmatrix}^2 + R_{c-CM}^2$$
$$\implies R_{c-CM}^2 = \begin{bmatrix} r_c ({}^{11}\text{Li}) \end{bmatrix}^2 - \begin{bmatrix} r_c ({}^{9}\text{Li}) \end{bmatrix}^2 = \delta \langle r^2 \rangle^{9,11}$$

Center-of-mass motion



$$r_{c}(^{11}\text{Li}) = \sqrt{[R_{C-CM}]^{2} + [r_{c}(^{9}\text{Li})]^{2}}$$

Charge Radius of ⁹Li has to be known in Advance in order to calculate the Charge Radius of ¹¹Li.

Effect on Nuclear Charge Radii





[30] T. Nakamura et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 96 (2006) 252502

Nuclear Charge Radii - Comparison with Theory





Electromagnetic Moments of Li in the NCSM





Charge Radius and Dipole Response



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Charge radius and dipole response of ¹¹Li

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$$\delta \langle r_{\rm ch}^2 \rangle = \langle r_{\rm ch}^2(Z, A) \rangle - \langle r_{\rm ch}^2(Z, A - 2) \rangle$$
$$= \left(\frac{2}{A}\right)^2 \langle r_{c,2n}^2 \rangle - \frac{0.232}{Z} + \langle r^2 \rangle_{2n}^{\rm so}$$

$$\langle r_m^2(Z, A) \rangle = \frac{A-2}{A} \langle r_m^2(Z, A-2) \rangle$$

 $+ \frac{2(A-2)}{A^2} \langle r_{c,2n}^2 \rangle + \frac{1}{2A} \langle r_{n,n}^2 \rangle$

R_m (⁹Li) = 2.43(2) fm R_m (¹¹Li) = 3.27(24) fm I. Tanihata *et al.*, *PRL* 55, 2676 (1985).

R_m (¹¹Li) = 3.55(10) fm J.S. Al-Khalili and J.A. Tostevin, *PRL* 76, 3903 (1996).

R_m (¹¹Li) = 3.42(11) fm A.V. Dobrovolsky *et al.*, *Nucl. Phys. A* **766**, 1 (2006).

Component	Percentage (%)	Shu
$s_{1/2}, s_{1/2}$	36.8	Nuc 175
$p_{1/2}, p_{1/2}$	46.8	
$P_{3/2}, P_{3/2}$	9.9	
$s_{1/2}, d_{3/2}, 5/2$	3.7	
$p_{1/2}, p_{3/2}$	2.8	
$J_{\text{halo}} = 0$	93.4	
$J_{\text{halo}} = 1, 2$	6.6	

Shulgina *et al*., Nucl. Phys. A **825**, 75 (2009).

Case 2: Helium





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Atomic Energy Levels of Helium



He discharge



He energy level diagram



Spectroscopy from metastable state populated by discharge



Courtesy of P. Mueller 27

Atom Trapping of ⁶He & ⁸He at GANIL





Switch & Scan





Power balance between the two opposing probe beams



Helium Resonances







Courtesy of P. Mueller 30

⁶He & ⁸He RMS Point Proton and Matter Radii









Courtesy of P. Mueller 32

The Next Step: Z=4 Beryllium





Ewald, Sánchez, Nörtershäuser *et al.* 2004, 2006 Wang, Müller *et al.* 2005, 2007 Atomic Structure Calculations ($N_{e^{-1}} \leq 3$) $\rightarrow Be^{+}$

Collinear Laser Spectroscopy The Principle





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 S.L. Kaufman, Opt. Comm. 17 (1976) 309.
 K.-R. Anton, PRL 40 (1978) 642

 T. Meier et al., Opt. Comm. 20 (1977) 397
 E.W. Otten, Nuclear Radii and Moments of unstable Isotopes (1989)



Doppler-tuning :

$$v_{0} = v_{L} \frac{1-\beta}{\sqrt{1-\beta^{2}}} = v_{L} \gamma (1-\beta)$$
$$\beta = v/c = \sqrt{2eU/m}$$

Doppler width 20-40 MHz

Limitations for Light Elements

The Solution





Production of Be Isotopes





Experimental Setup





Anticollinear

Results: Absolute Transition Frequencies



isotope	absolute frequency v_0	Δv_0
Be	GHz	MHz
7	957150,31638	1,68
9	957199,55326	1,54
10	957216,87706	2,05
11	957231,11826	1,41

<u>Δν₀ includes:</u>

statistical standard deviation

- + laser-ion beam misalignment ~ 500 kHz
- + rubidium clock uncertainty ~ 580 kHz
- + ion recoil correction
- ~ 900 kHz

Laser

SDHERe

Beryllium: Nuclear Charge Radii



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Beryllium Spectra in the D2 Transition





Charge Radii of Beryllium Isotopes





Berylium Charge Radii in FMD Calculations





Summary





- High-Accuarcy Isotope Shift Measurements and Atomic Structure Calculations are an excellent Tool to Determine Nuclear Charge Radii.
- Currently this Technique is limited to Systems with up to three electrons.
- Charge Radii of Helium (^{3,4,6,8}He), Lithium (^{6,7,8,9,11}Li), and Beryllium Isotopes (^{7,9,10,11}Be) are measured.
- Theory should reproduce as many Observables as possible simultaneously.



Absolute Charge Radii (Lithium, Beryllium)

- improved electron scattering data
- improved atomic structure calculations

Details of the Nuclear Structure:

- Wave Function
- Amount of Core Polarization

How to proceed for heavier (light) elements?

Near Future: Measurement of ¹²Be (~ 2000 Ions/s)

Trends and Developments





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Prototyping MATS and LASPEC





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Cooled and bunched beams MOT Spectroscopy of Short-Lived Nuclei State Preparation in a Cooler and Buncher Frequency-Comb-Based Spectroscopy &-Asymmetrie Detection for Isotope Shifts Superheavy Element Spectroscopy with Pulsed RIMS



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¹¹Li at ISAC, October 2004



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