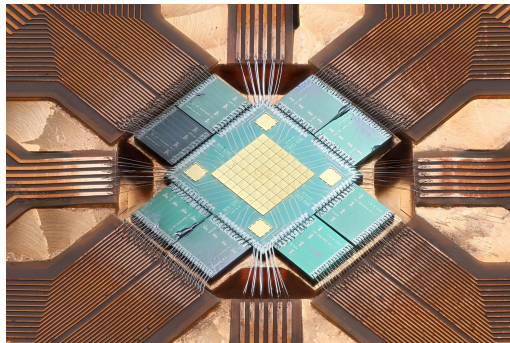


# Precision radii of light elements from muonic atoms spectroscopy using Metallic Magnetic Calorimeters

Frederik Wauters

Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz



# Muonic atoms: what is happening here?



Negative cloud muon beam at e.g. the Paul Scherrer Institute

Negative muons in matter:

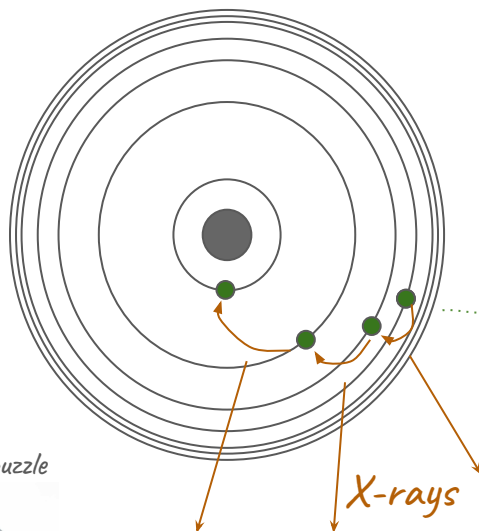
Very much like the H atom, but:

Bohr energies: 
$$E_n = \frac{mc^2}{2} \frac{\alpha^2 Z^2}{n^2}$$

Bohr radii: 
$$r_n = \frac{n^2}{mc^2} \frac{\hbar c}{\alpha Z}$$

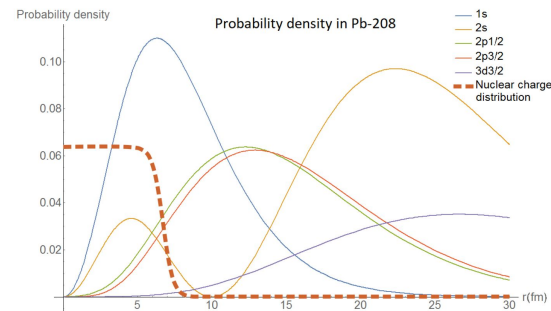
Energies 200 higher: 2 keV → few MeV range

Bohr radii 200 times smaller: significant overlap with the nucleus



*The muon lives partially inside the nucleus*

$E_{1s}(Z=82)$   
 → 19 MeV (point nucleus)  
 → 11 MeV (finite size)



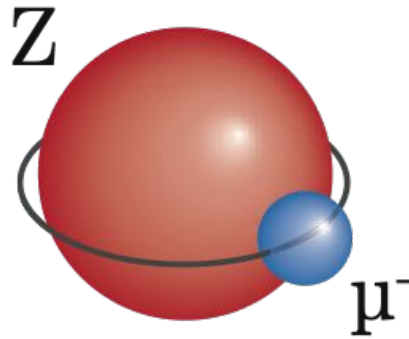
Proton size puzzle



+  $\langle r^2 \rangle$  of most stable nuclei

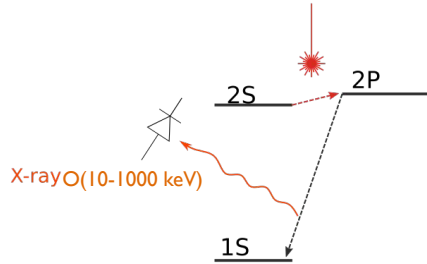
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*Measuring nuclear finite size effects*



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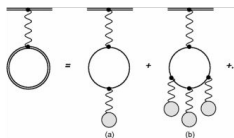
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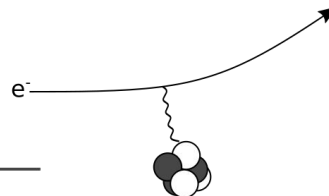
# Muonic atoms: what is happening here?

Modern approach with  
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QED,  $R_\infty$ , ...



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Need a model and/or data of the nuclear charge distribution.

Solve Dirac equation with all necessary QED contributions\*

Absolute

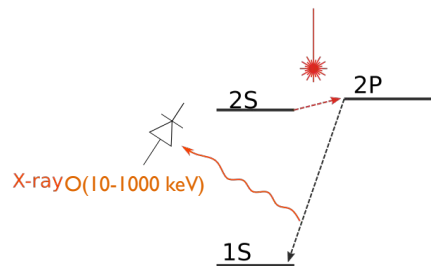
$\langle r^2 \rangle$

Muonic x-ray measurements of most stable elements  
→ Barrett radii in the Fricke & Heilig compilations



For  $Z > 2$  a modern & consistent description and error treatment is often missing, beware of the  $\langle r^2 \rangle$  values in the standard tables (Angeli etc.)

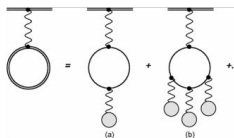
TPE AKA nuclear polarization



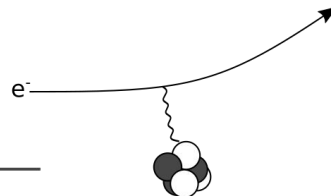
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Ab initio calculation of nuclear structure corrections in muonic atoms

C. Ji<sup>1</sup>, S. Bacca<sup>2,3,4</sup>, N. Barnea<sup>5</sup>, O. J. Hernandez<sup>2,3,6</sup>, N. Nevo-Dinur<sup>3</sup>

Put ab-initio nuclear theory to the test

Trends of Neutron Skins and Radii of Mirror Nuclei from First Principles

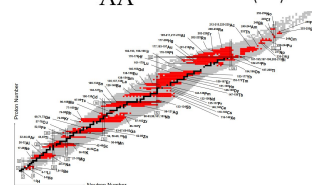
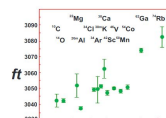
S. J. Novario, D. Lonardonì, S. Gandolfi, and G. Hagen  
Phys. Rev. Lett. **130**, 032501 – Published 19 January 2023

Combine with laser spectroscopy  
→ fundamental constants  $R_\infty$ ,  $r_p$



e.g. Thomas Udem  
@ MPI Munich

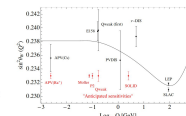
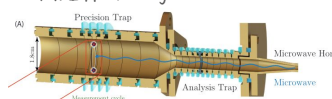
Input for  $\delta v_i^{AA'} = \frac{A' - A}{AA'} M_i + F_i \delta \langle r^2 \rangle^{AA'}$



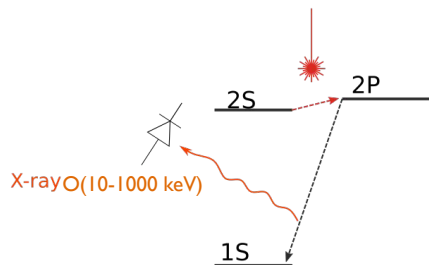
Absolute  
 $\langle r^2 \rangle$

NFS input for precision physics experiments

g-factor measurements at MPI Heidelberg



APV with deformed nuclei



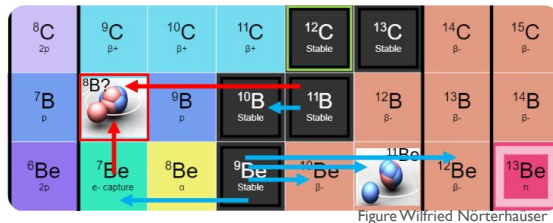
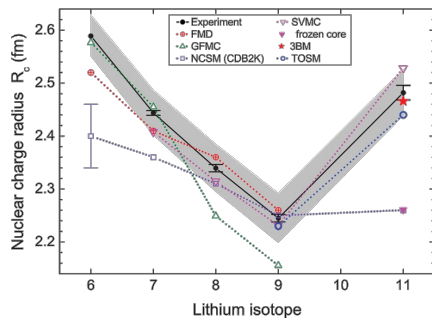
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Need a nuclear model and most applicable way to tackle the many-body problem NCSM, CC, ...

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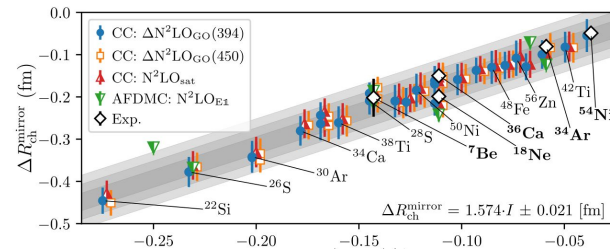
Calibrating isotopic chain measurements + crossing Z



$$R_c(A) = \sqrt{R_c^2(A_{\text{ref}}) + \delta \langle r_c^2 \rangle^{A_{\text{ref}}, A}}$$

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

Improving radii for Vud  
Charge radii in isospin triplet  
Isospin  $\leftrightarrow$  charge radii differences

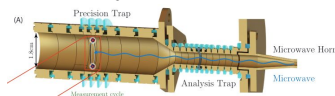


$$\rho_{\text{cw}}(r) = \rho_{\text{ch},1}(r) + Z_0 (\rho_{\text{ch},0}(r) - \rho_{\text{ch},1}(r))$$

$$\Delta r \rightarrow \rho_w \rightarrow C(E) \rightarrow ft \rightarrow Ft$$

Combine muonic radii with  
electronic atom spectroscopy and  
precision trap experiment

Ne g-factor measurements at MPI  
Heidelberg: NFS effects

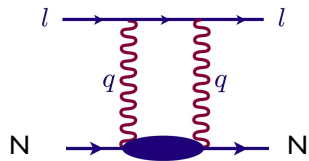
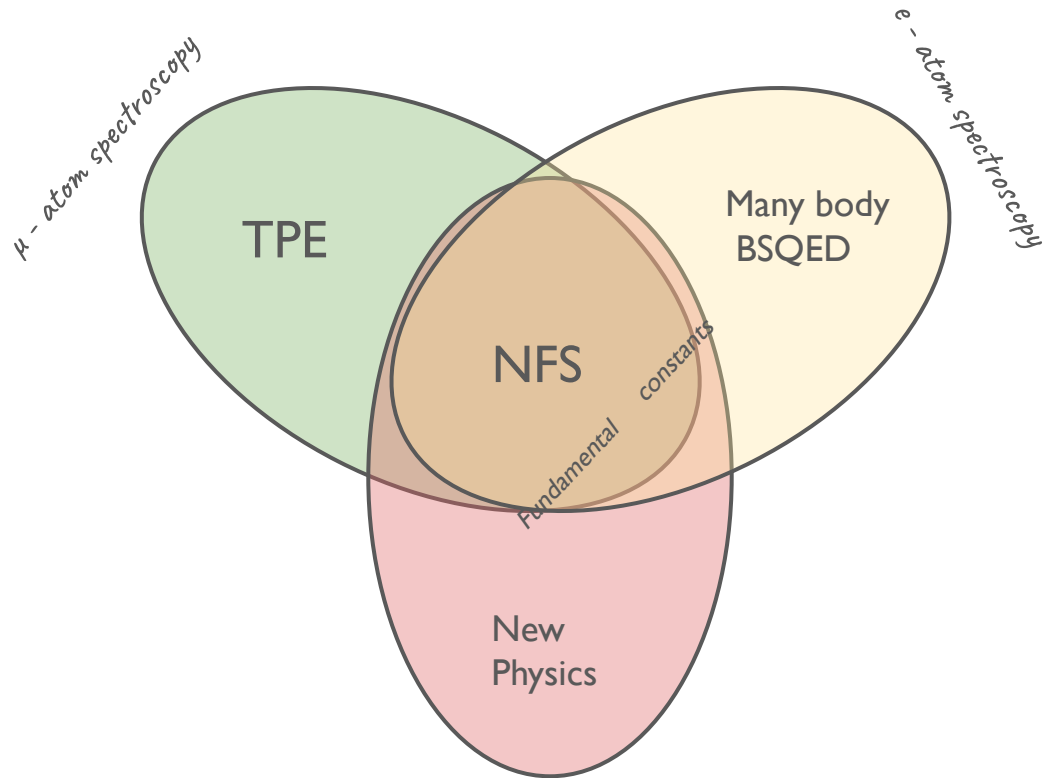


$H, He, Li \dots$  spectroscopy in e.g. Mainz  
and Munich



Robust treatment of finite nuclear size effects reduces CKM unitarity deficit  
Mikhail Gorchtein,<sup>1,2,\*</sup> Vaibhav Katyal,<sup>3</sup> B. Ohayon,<sup>4,†</sup> B. K. Sahoo,<sup>5,‡</sup> and Chien-Yeah Seng<sup>6,7,§</sup>

# ... simple ...

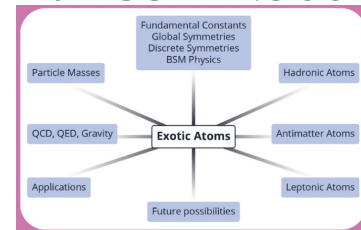


Two Photon Exchange  
Nuclear Finite Size  
Bound State QED

(B)SM precision tests

DPG Frühjahrstagung 2025

## NuPECC LTP version



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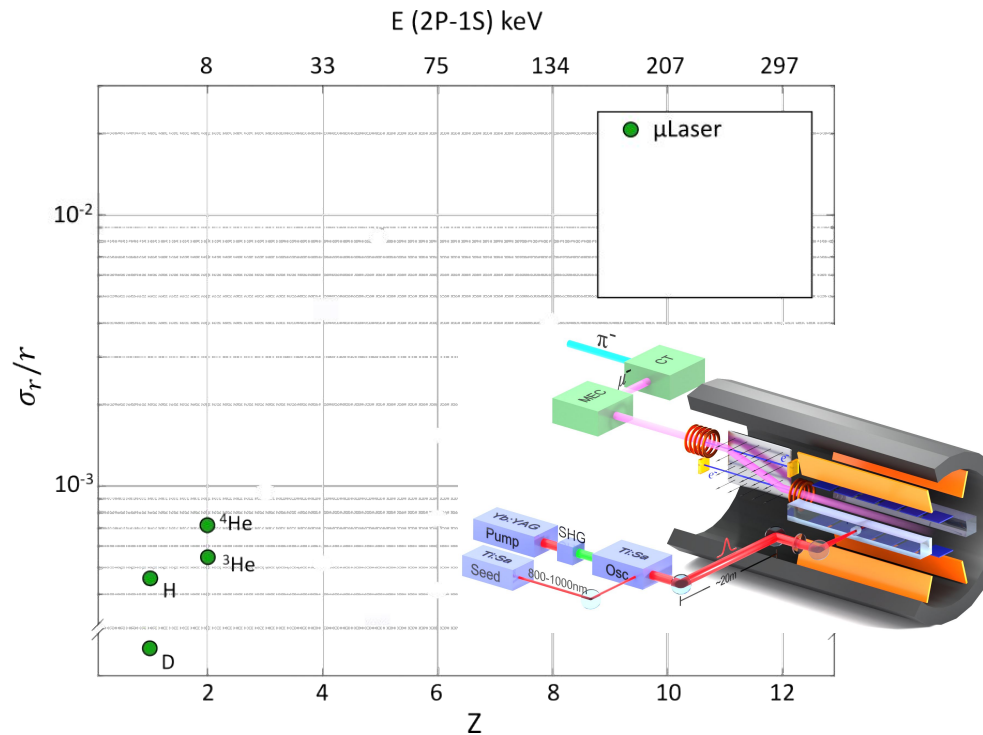
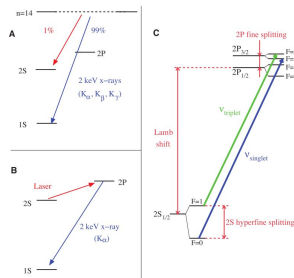
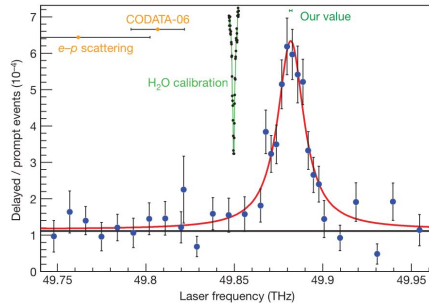
# Experimental situation

## □ Precision muonic atom data for $Z=1,2$ by the **CREMA** collaboration

- Proton size
- Deuterium charge radius
- Alpha particle radius
- Helion charge radius



*Ultimate* precision, however limited the exotic atom transition in-range of lasers and meta-stable initial states



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Fricke and Heilig recipe  
<https://doi.org/10.1006/adnd.1995.1007>

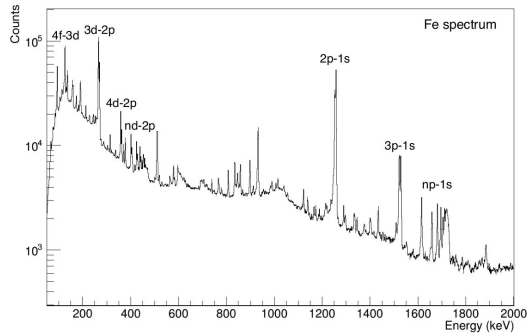
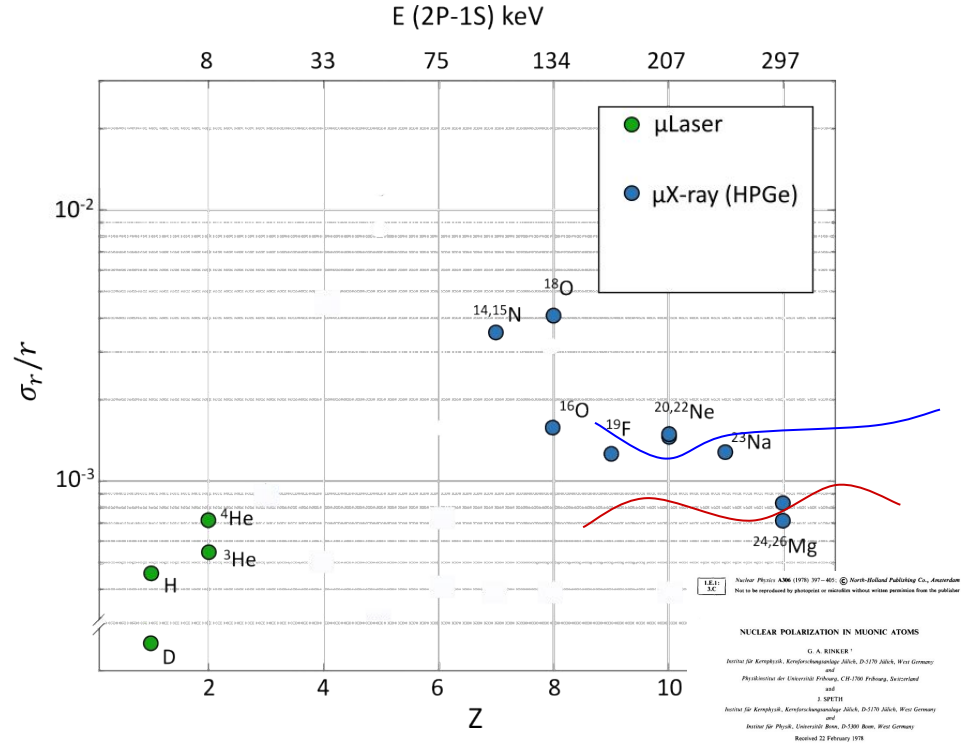


TABLE IIIA. Muonic  $2p \rightarrow 1s$  Transition Energies and Barrett Radii for  $Z < 60$  and  $Z > 77$   
 See page 194 for Explanation of Tables

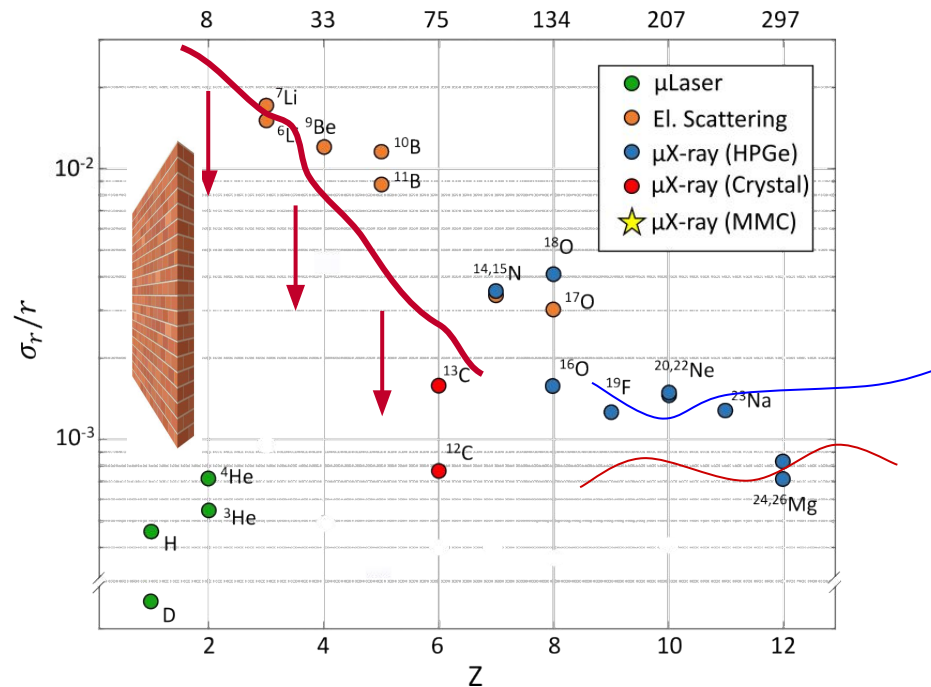
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$^2\text{He}^1$	33.402	33.402	0.001	1.7906	2.399	0.0420	2.1160	-20.80	3.0725 (20940)
$^3\text{He}^1$	52.357	52.362	0.001	1.9290	2.652	0.0440	2.1190	-8.000	3.1549 (60236)
$^{12}\text{C}$	75.2582	75.2582	0.0025	2.0005	2.468	0.0208	2.0231	-4.141	3.1996 (2124)
$^{13}\text{C}^1$	75.3127	75.3127	0.0025	1.9958	2.466	0.0208	2.0231	-4.135	3.1967 (146513)
$^{14}\text{C}^1$	75.3514	75.3514	0.0025	2.0445	2.482	0.0208	2.0234	-4.095	3.2273 (12326)
$^{16}\text{O}$	102.403	102.404	0.003	2.1510	2.560	0.0470	2.1120	-2.200	3.2921 (11926)
$^{18}\text{O}$	133.535	133.534	0.005	2.4130	2.693	0.0272	2.0330	-1.287	3.4694 (2622)
$^{19}\text{O}$	133.572	133.572	0.005	2.5540	2.586	0.0258	2.0287	-1.258	3.5680 (11321)
$^{19}\text{F}$	168.515	168.515	0.000	2.7759	2.898	0.0300	2.0392	-0.792	3.7291 (14624)
$^{20}\text{Ne}$	207.292	207.292	0.019	2.9599	3.006	0.0329	2.0445	-0.516	3.8656 (2623)
$^{20}\text{Ne}^1$	207.429	207.430	0.019	2.8941	2.967	0.0330	2.0441	-0.521	3.8163 (2121)
$^{22}\text{Ne}$	207.512	207.512	0.019	2.8786	2.954	0.0330	2.0439	-0.522	3.7986 (2121)



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A need for efficient, broadband, and  
high-resolution X-ray detectors  $E$  (2P-1S) keV



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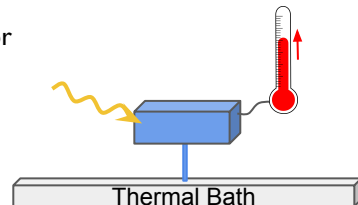
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- ❑ Need for a 1-10 ppm precise energy determination if 2p1s transitions.

Limitations of solid state X-ray detectors:

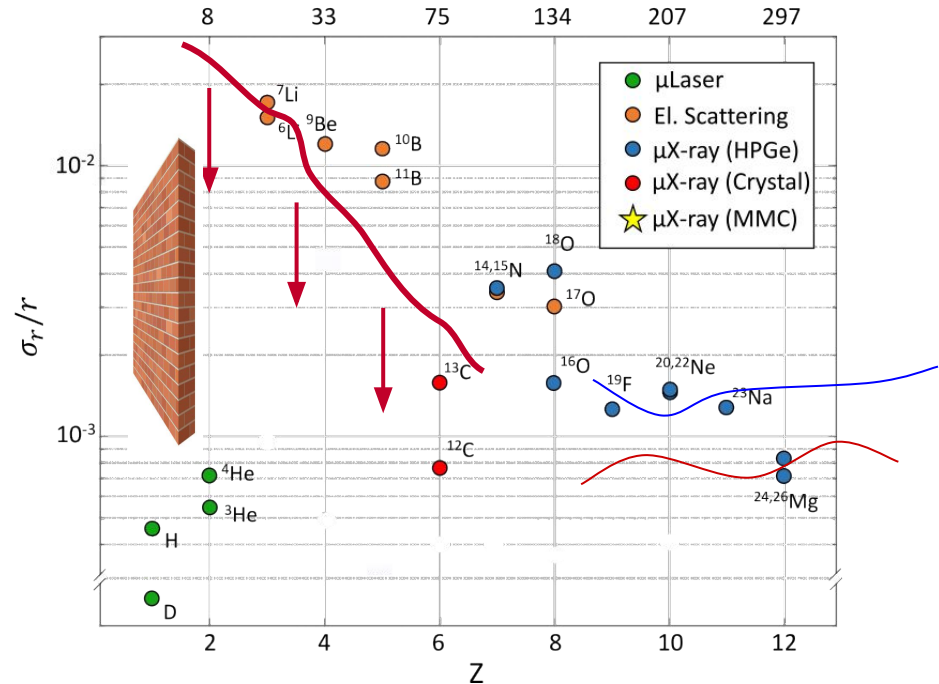
- ❑  $\sigma_Q = \sqrt{FN_Q}$
- ❑ S/N with ENC a few 100 e-

Unit of heat  $\ll$  Unit of Ionization:

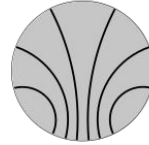
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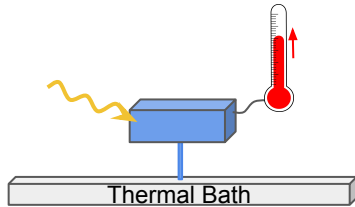
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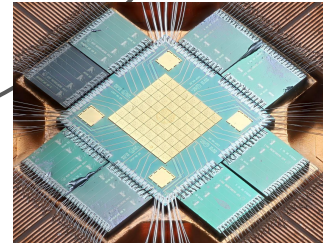
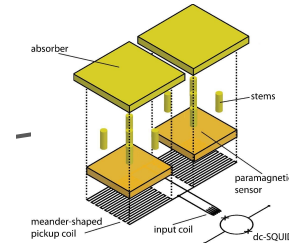
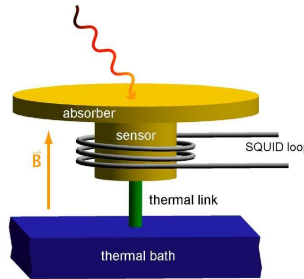
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Metallic Magnetic Calorimeters  $\rightarrow$  Unit of spin flip  $\ll$  Unit of Ionization

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Magnetization of paramagnetic material, MMC

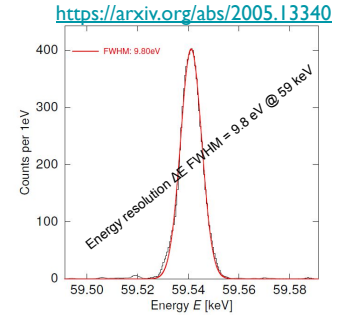


## METALLIC MAGNETIC CALORIMETERS



In recent years there has been important progress in Astro- and Particle Physics which has led to a deeper understanding of the fundamental properties of matter and the nature of the universe. Much of the experimental progress was only possible due to technological developments in other areas, like optics, electronics and computer science. In the vein of these developments the new technology of cryogenic particle detectors are about to make important contributions to a wide range of astrophysics experiments. Examples are the search for dark matter, the observation of the cosmic microwave background and several projects in X-ray astronomy. But not only in astrophysics experiments such detectors have high potential, there are also attractive application possibilities in atomic and nuclear physics.

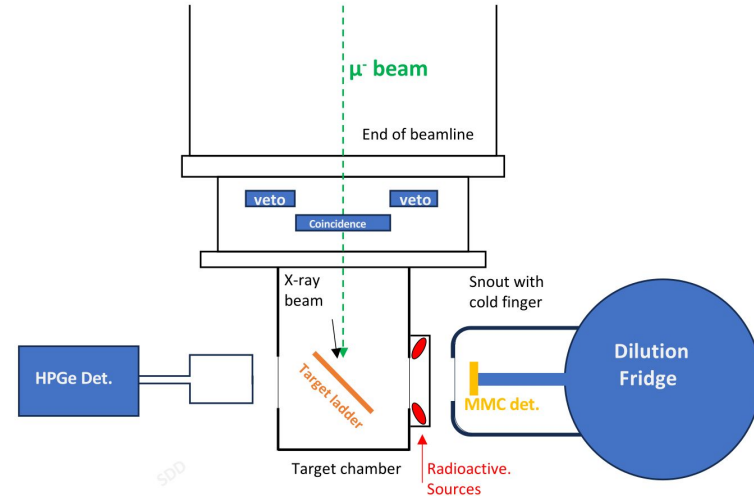
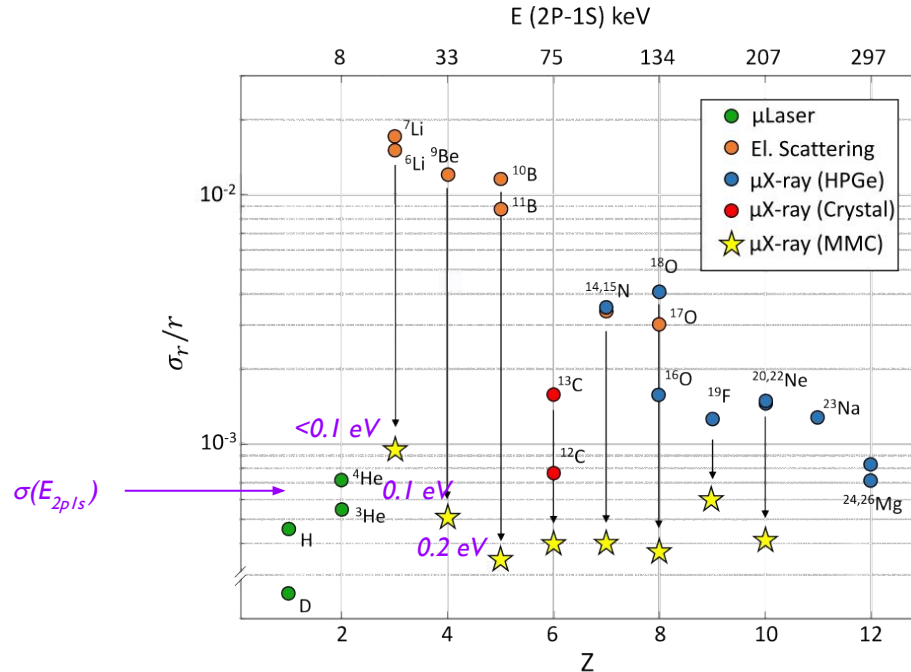
*MaXS-\*\*\* sensors developed by HD-KIP for e.g. the ECHO/IAXO experiment, see D. Unger et al., AG prof. Dr. Gastaldo, Dr. A. Fleischmann*



# Spectroscopy with MMCs

## Quartet: precision muonic X-ray spectroscopy on low Z nuclei with MMCs

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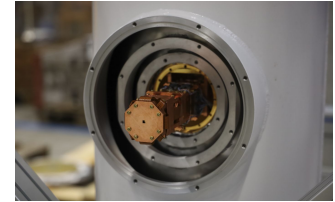
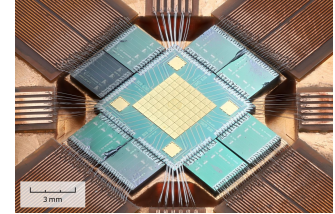
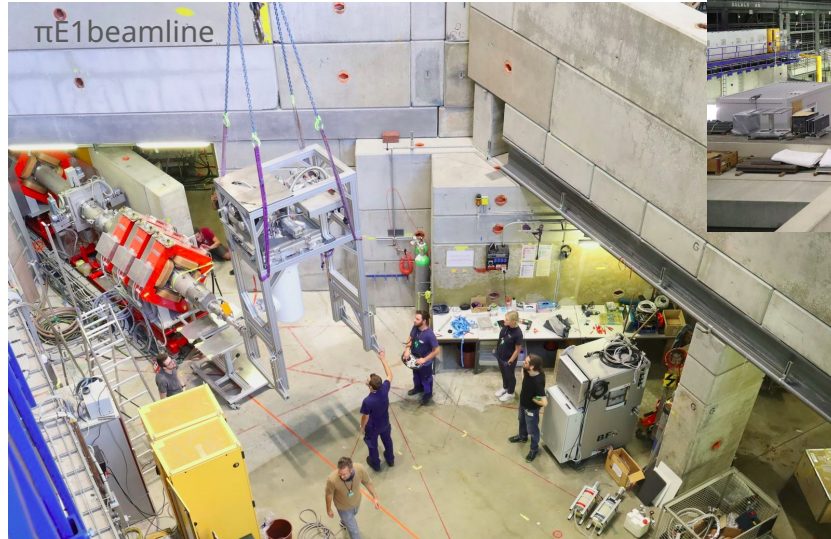




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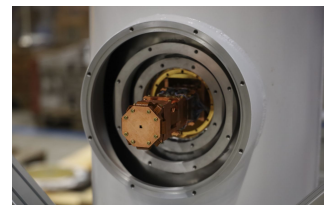
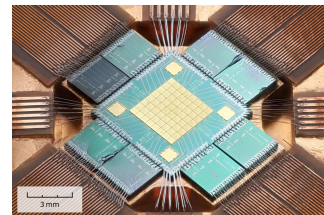
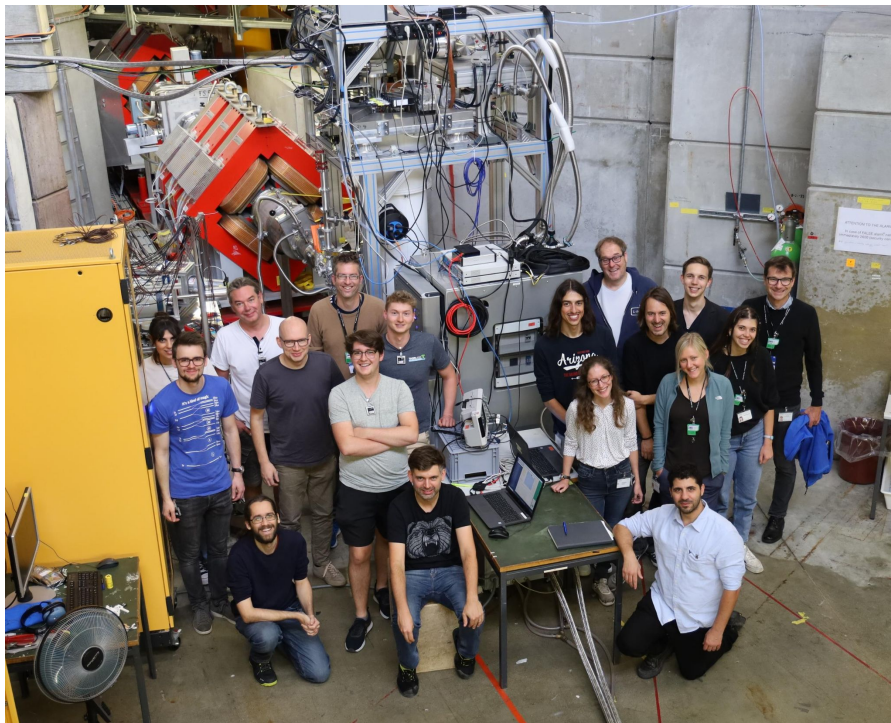


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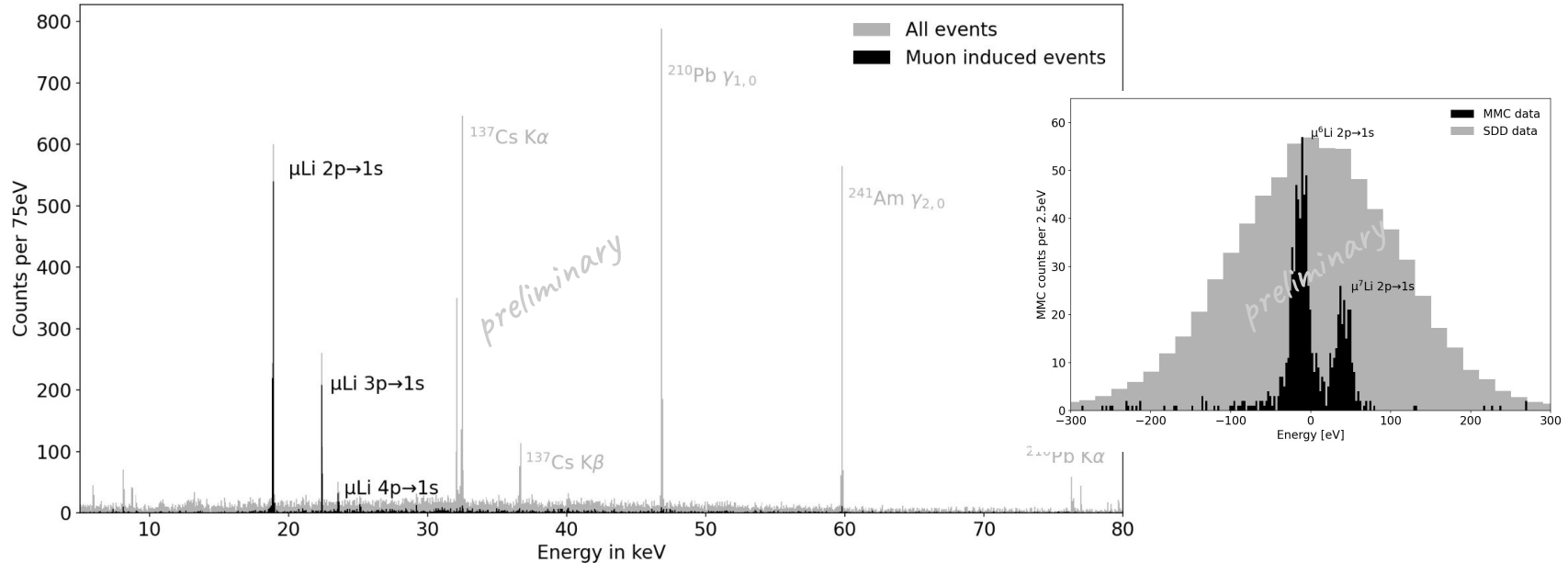


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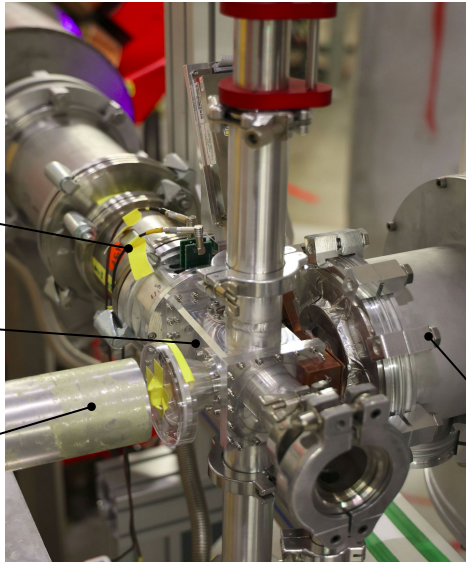
*Yes, MMC work at a secondary beamline at PSI!*



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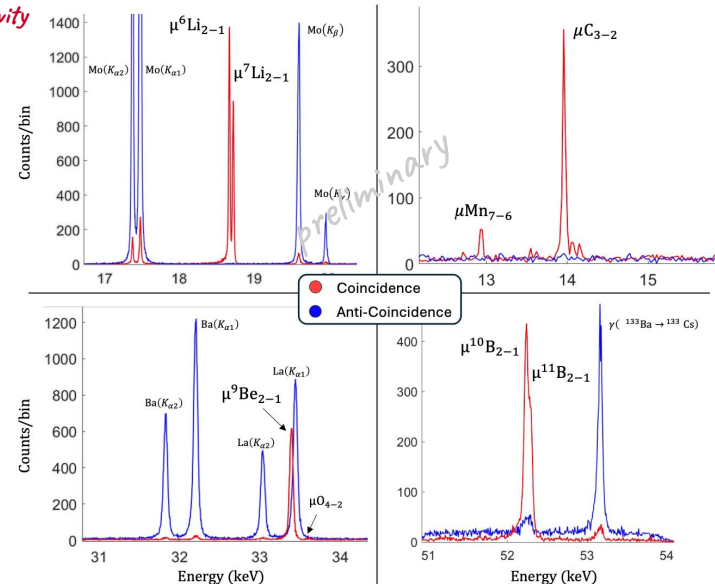
Muon Beam  
detectors

Target chamber

HPGe detector

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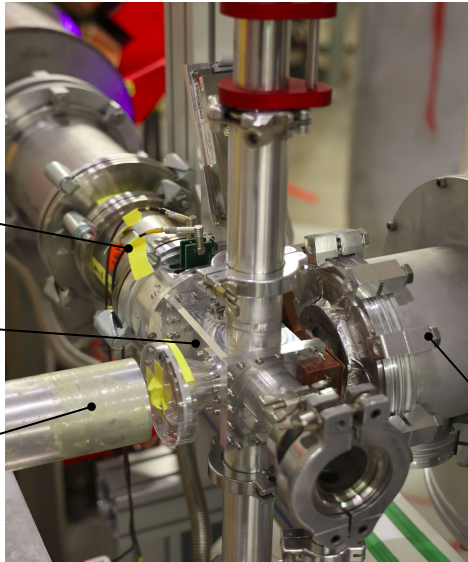
3He/4He fridge  
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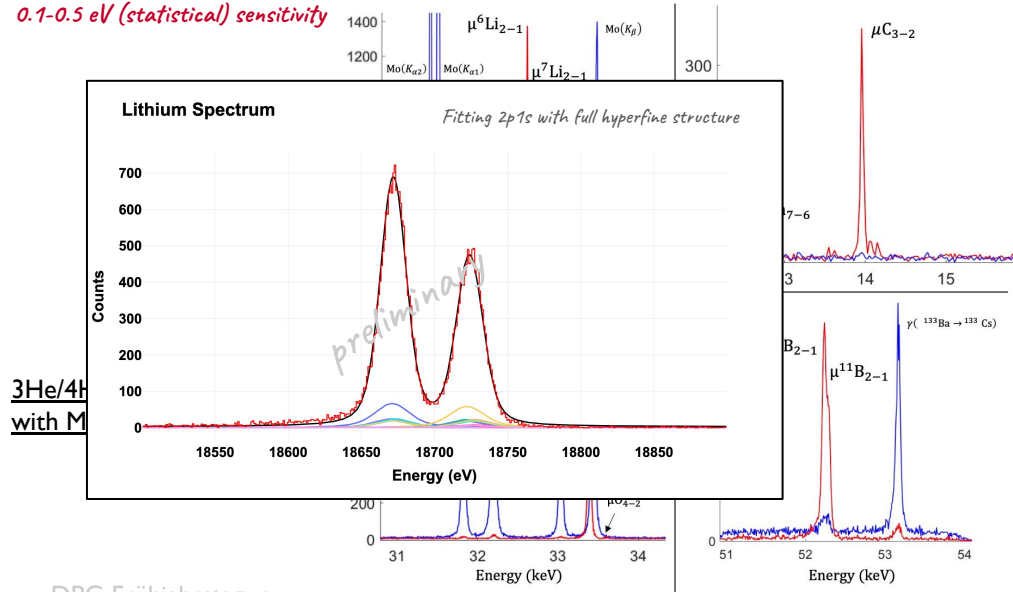


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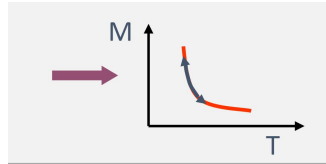
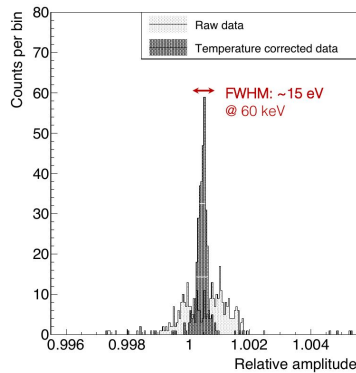
# Spectroscopy with MMCs

## MMC with muonic atoms: low-temperature quantum sensors in beam-on-target experiment

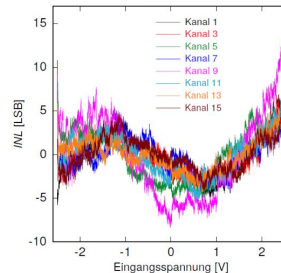
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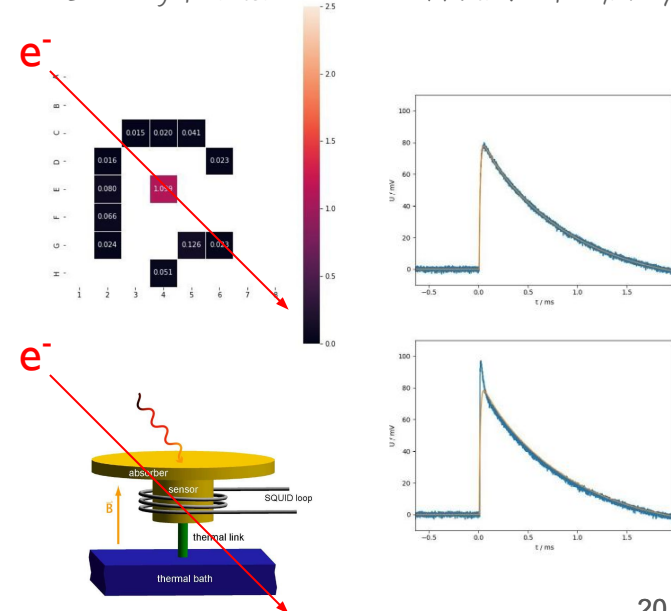
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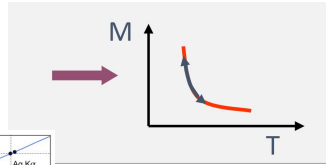
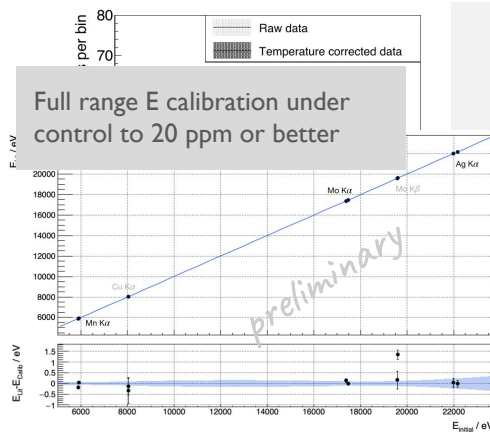
# Spectroscopy with MMCs

## MMC with muonic atoms: low-temperature quantum sensors in beam-on-target experiment

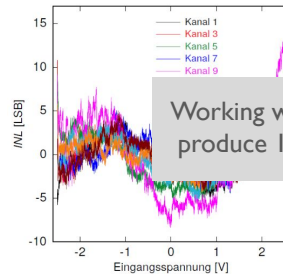
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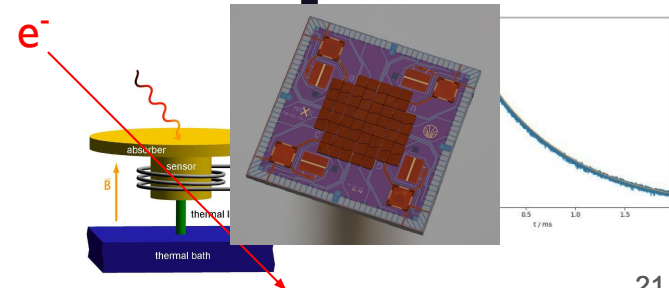
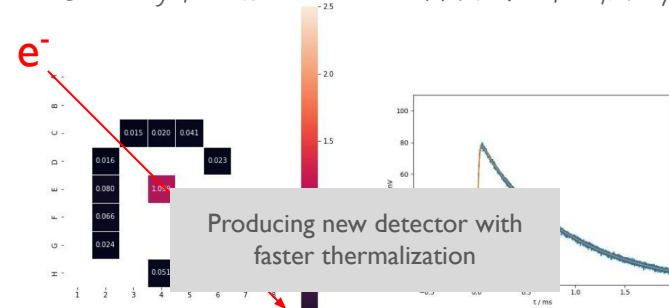


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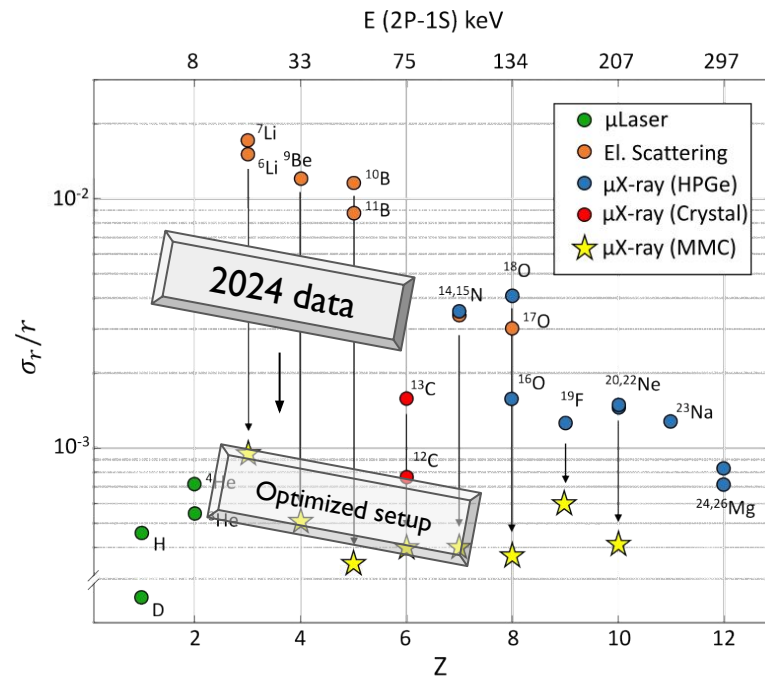


Working with Struck GmbH to produce 18-bit ADC modules

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# Radii of light nuclei



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Isotope	Current $\sigma_{\text{stat}}(\text{E})$	Goal $\sigma(\text{E}) \rightarrow \sigma(\text{r})$	Nuclear polarization
${}^6\text{Li}/{}^7\text{Li}$	$\sim 0.1 - 0.2 \text{ eV}$	$0.05 \text{ eV} \rightarrow 0.3 \text{ fm}$	$0.1 - 0.2 \text{ eV}$
${}^9\text{Be}$	$\sim 0.2 \text{ eV}$	$0.1 \text{ eV} \rightarrow 0.2 \text{ fm}$	$0.5 - 1 \text{ eV}$
${}^{10}\text{B}/{}^{11}\text{B}$	$< 0.5 \text{ eV}$	$0.1 \text{ eV} \rightarrow 0.2 \text{ fm}$	$\sim 1 \text{ eV}$
${}^{12}\text{C}/{}^{13}\text{C}$	2025 campaign	$0.2 \text{ eV} \rightarrow 0.2 \text{ fm}$	$2 \text{ eV}$
${}^{14}\text{N}$	(2025 campaign)	$0.2 \text{ eV} \rightarrow 0.3 \text{ fm}$	$\sim 3 - 4 \text{ eV}$
${}^{16}\text{O}/({}^{17}\text{O})/{}^{18}\text{O}$	2025 campaign	$0.2 \text{ eV} \rightarrow 0.3 \text{ fm}$	$\sim 5 - 8 \text{ eV}$

Ab-initio from S. Bacca et al.

Rinker nuclear polarization 1979

Gorstein 2024

Future:

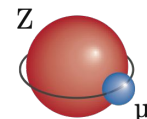
${}^{10}\text{Be}$   
 ${}^{19}\text{F}$   
 ${}^{20}\text{Ne}$   
 ${}^{54}\text{Mn}$   
 ...

and improved Li/Be/B

Nuclear polarization

Nucleon polarization

Zemach/Friar radii



Two photon exchange

Polarizability

NRQED

Perturbative QED

All order QED

# Conclusions

## Significant progress (expected) all over the nuclear chart

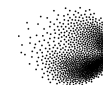
- ❑ Light nuclei with Quartet / MMC detectors
  - ❑ Modern HPGe detector array at PSI and
  - ❑ A novel HD-transfer target for ug targets
- } All aiming for ~0.1 % accuracy on charge radii

## Future:

- ❑ Li, B, Be, ... data under analysis
- ❑ Push MMC + muonic-rays combo to the limits
- ❑ Eying  ${}^7\text{Be}$ - ${}^7\text{Li}$ ,  ${}^8\text{B}$ - ${}^8\text{Li}$ ,  ${}^{18}\text{Ne}$ - ${}^{18}\text{O}$ ,  ${}^{19}\text{F}$ - ${}^{19}\text{Ne}$  mirror pairs ([Vud NFS corrections](#))
- ❑  ${}^{10}\text{Be}$  combining MMC with transfer target
- ❑ Work in progress: consistent description for  $A=6 \rightarrow \dots$ 
  - ❑  ${}^{26/27}\text{Al}$ ,  ${}^{28/29/30}\text{Si}$ ,  ${}^{108\text{m}}\text{Ag}$ , ... reference radii



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## Some challenges & needs:

- ❑ Run MMC at optimal performance with muon stopping target at moderately high rates
- ❑ Need NP input to go from E to  $\langle r^2 \rangle$  from  $A=6 \rightarrow \dots$



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