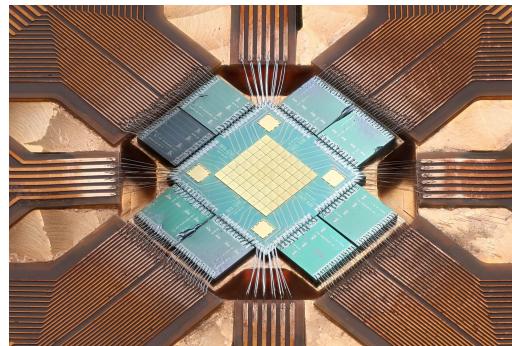


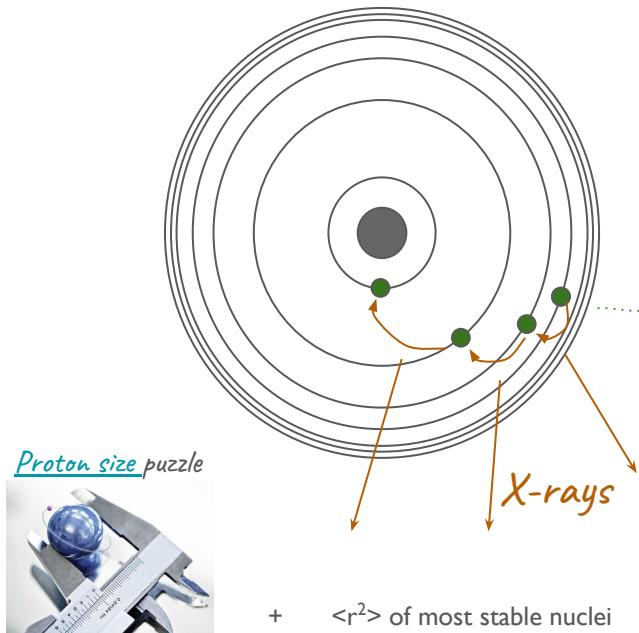
Precision radii of light elements from muonic atoms spectroscopy using Metallic Magnetic Calorimeters

Frederik Wauters
Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz



Muonic atoms: what is happening here?

Negative muons in matter:



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

Very much like the H atom, but:

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

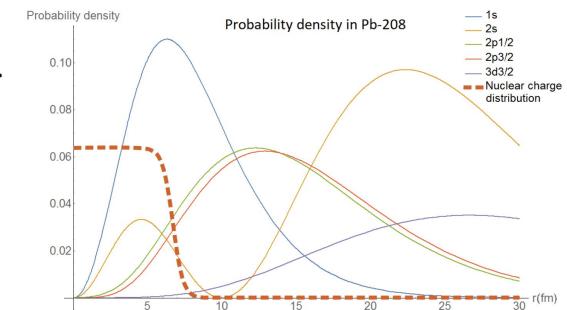
$$\text{Bohr radii: } r_n = \frac{n^2}{mc^2} \frac{\hbar c}{\alpha Z}$$

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

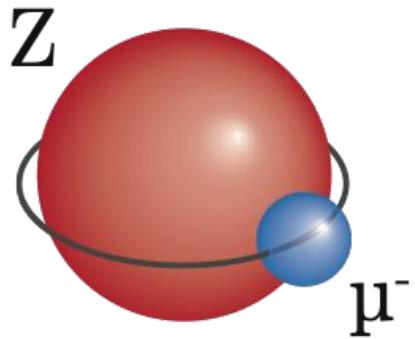
$E_{1s}(Z=82)$
→ 19 MeV (point nucleus)
→ 11 MeV (finite size)



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

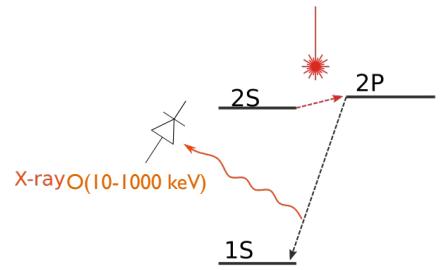
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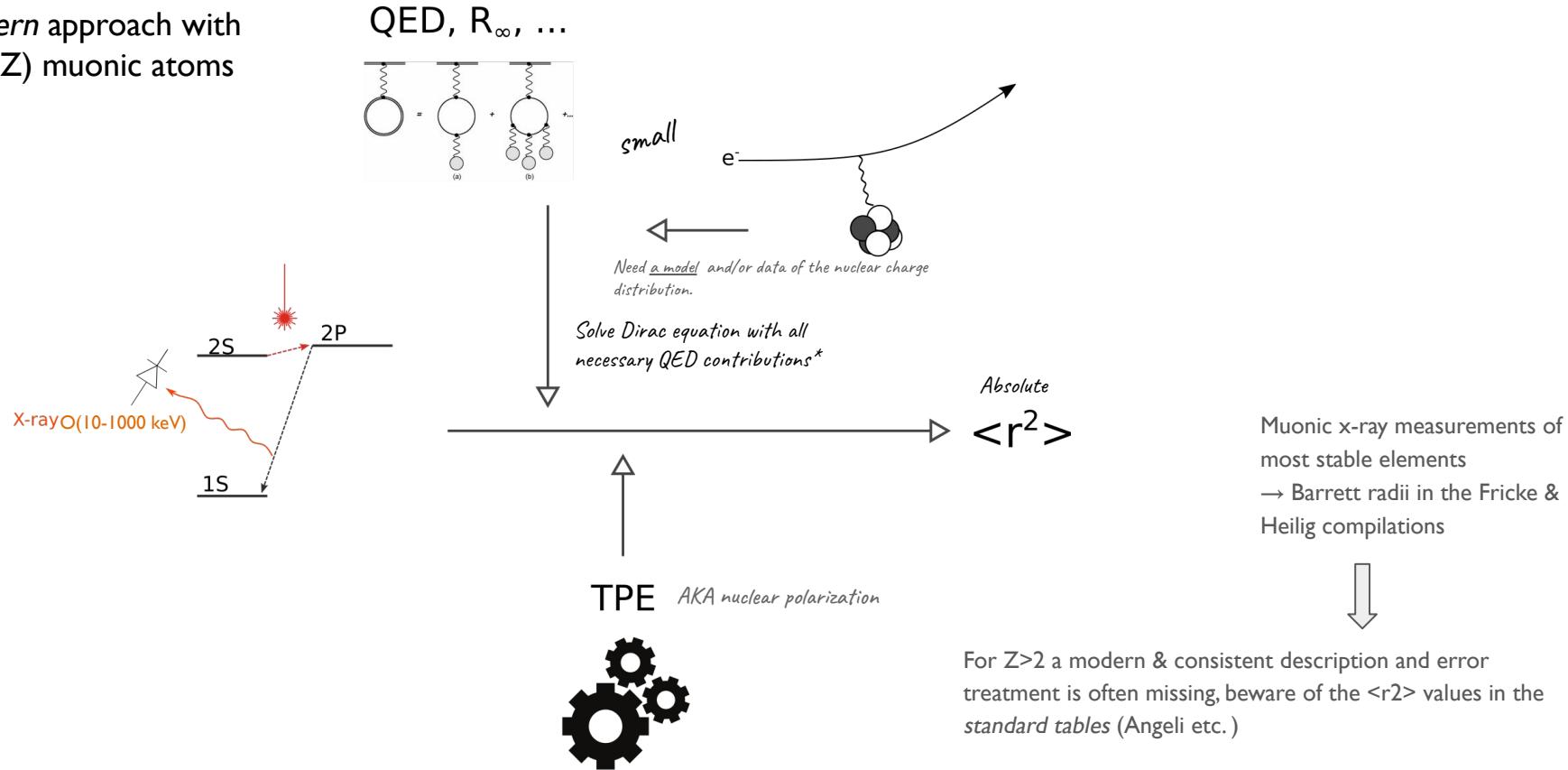
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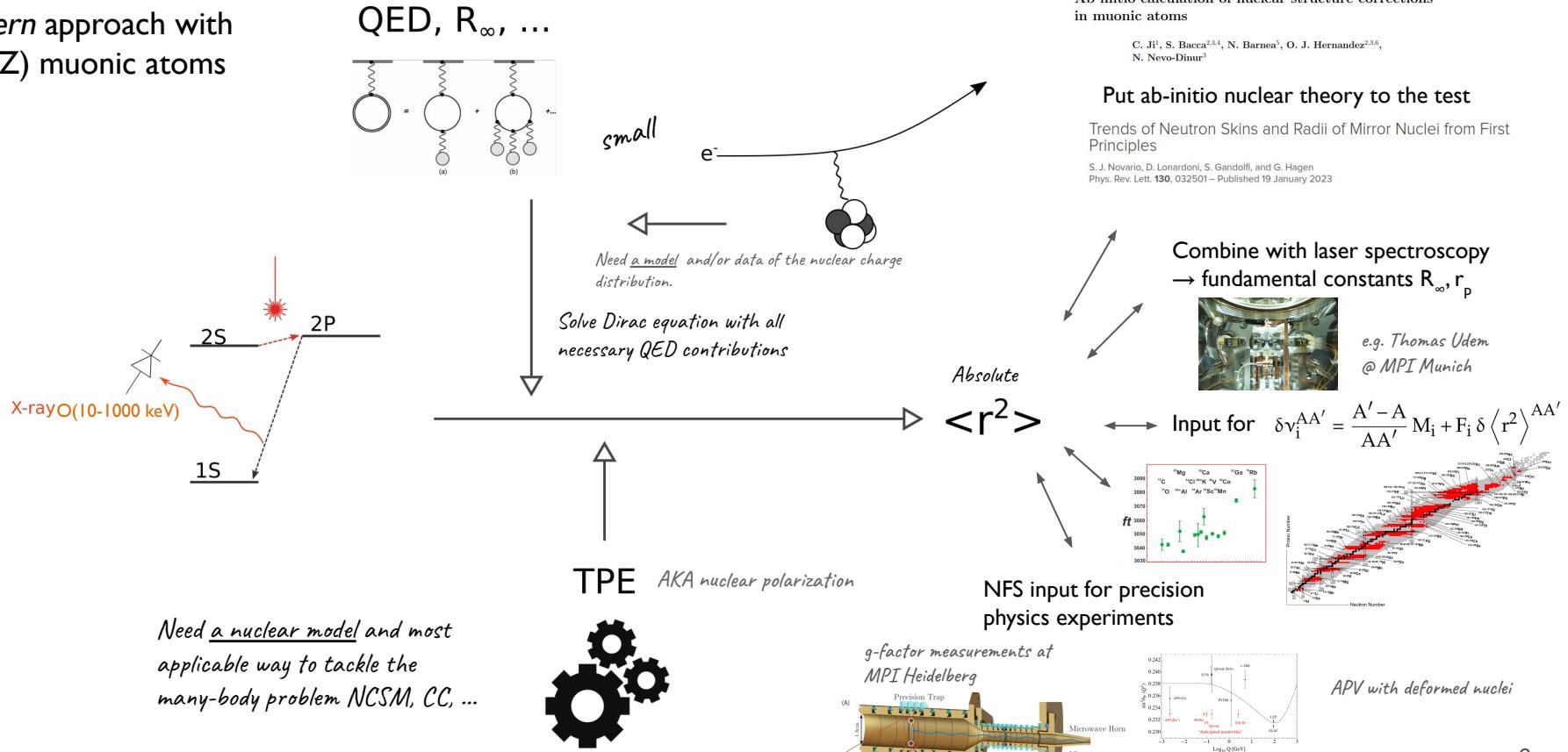
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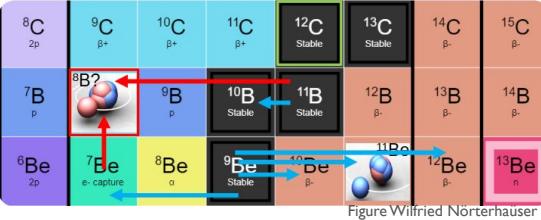
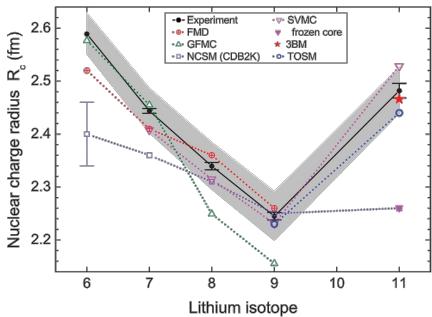
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Calibrating isotopic chain measurements + crossing Z

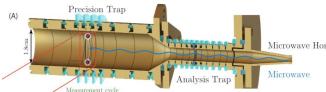


$$R_c(A) = \sqrt{R_c^2(A_{\text{ref}}) + \delta \langle r_c^2 \rangle^{A_{\text{ref}}, A}}$$

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

Combine muonic radii with electronic atom spectroscopy and precision trap experiment

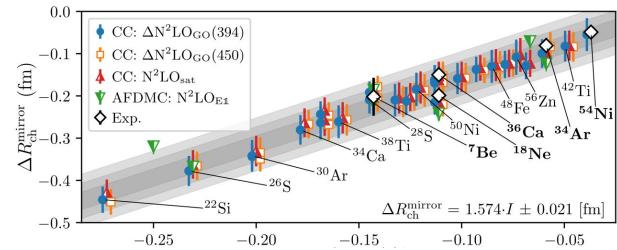
Ne g-factor measurements at MPI Heidelberg: NFS effects



HHeLi ... spectroscopy in e.g. Mainz and Munich



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



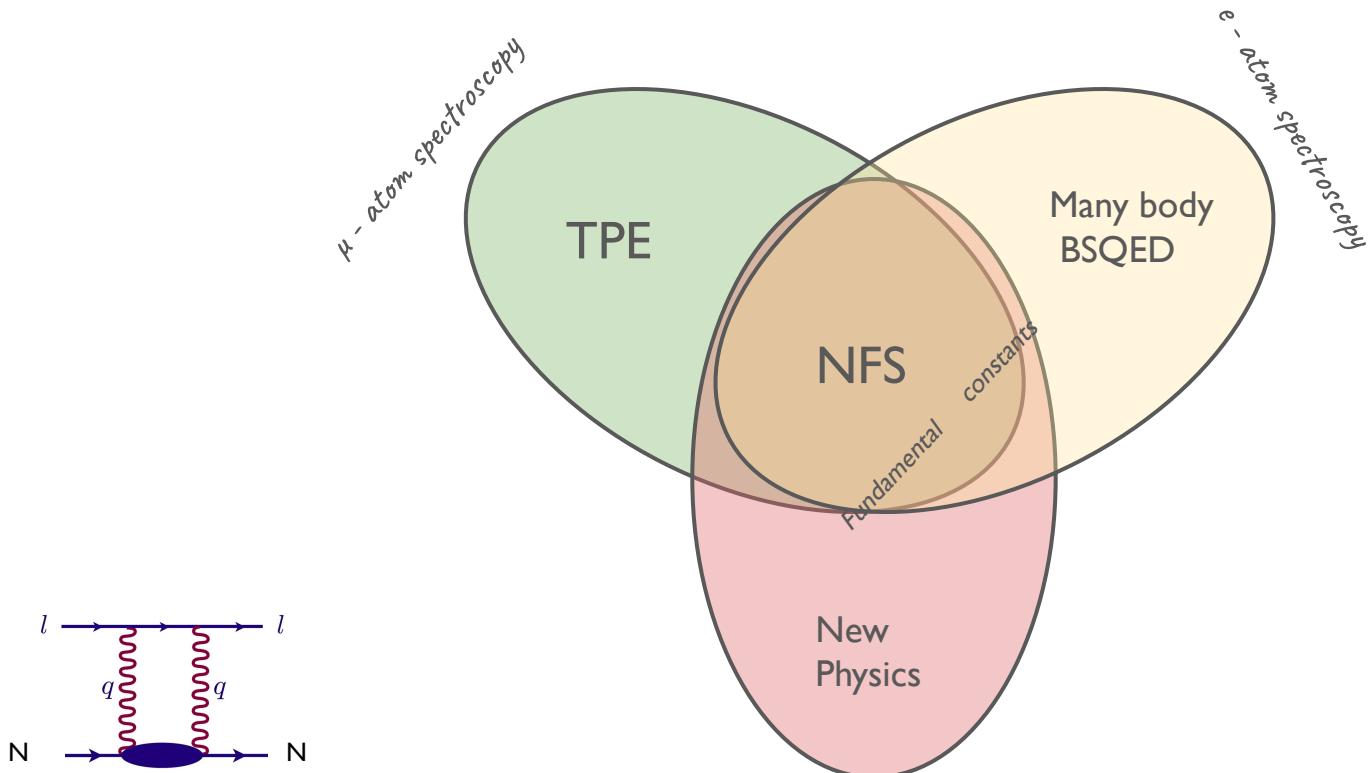
$$\rho_{\text{cw}}(r) = \rho_{\text{ch},1}(r) + Z_0 (\rho_{\text{ch},0}(r) - \rho_{\text{ch},1}(r))$$

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

Robust treatment of finite nuclear size effects reduces CKM unitarity deficit

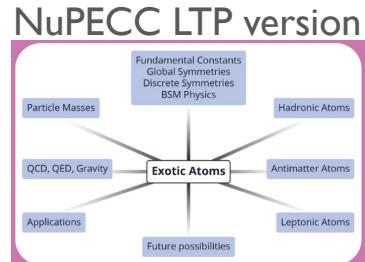
Mikhail Gorchtein,^{1,2,*} Vaibhav Katyal,³ B. Ohayon,^{4,†} B. K. Sahoo,^{5,‡} and Chien-Yeah Seng^{6,§}

... simple ...



Two Photon Exchange
Nuclear Finite Size
Bound State QED

(B)SM precision tests
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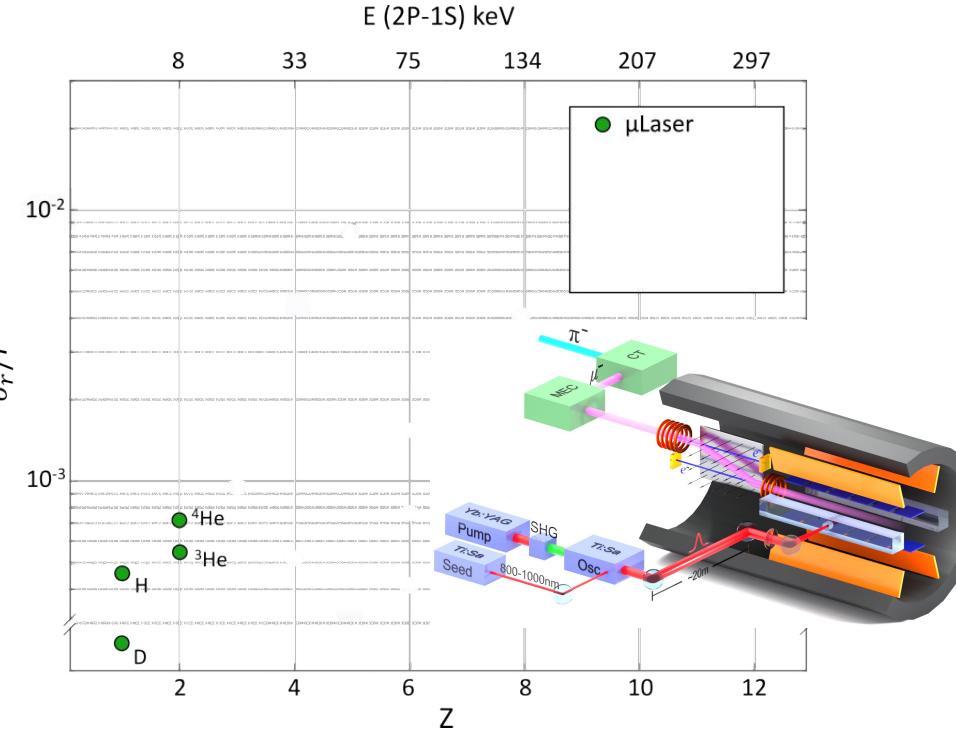
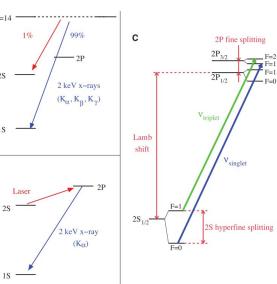
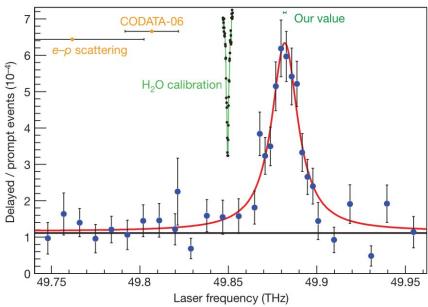
Experimental situation

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

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

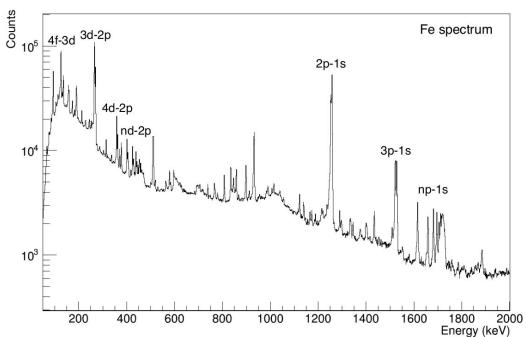


Ultimate precision, however limited the exotic atom transition in-range of lasers and meta-stable initial states



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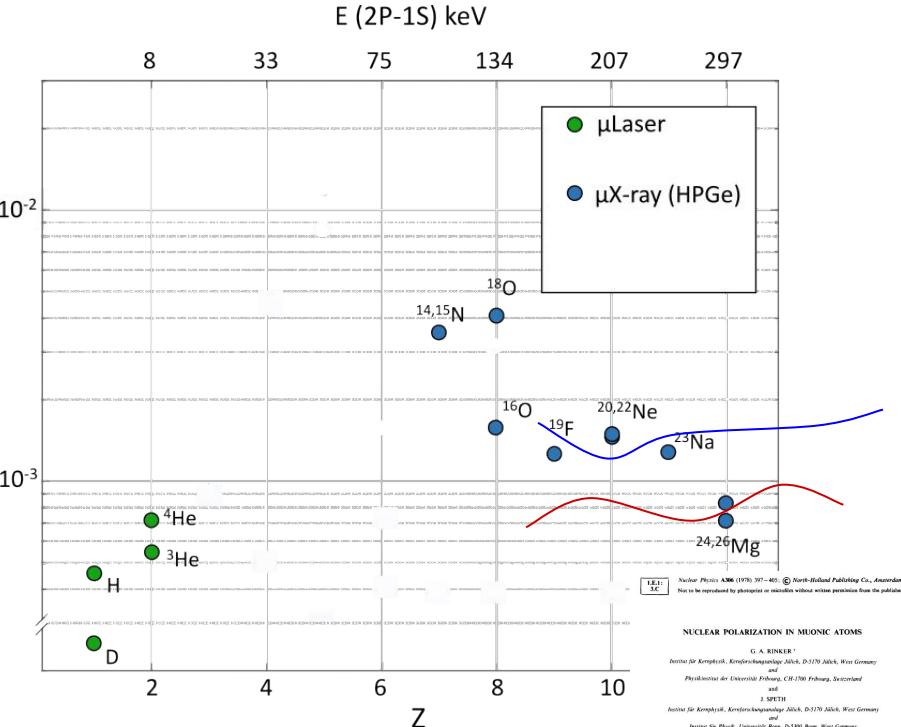
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Fricke and Heilig recipe
<https://doi.org/10.1006/adnd.1995.1007>

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

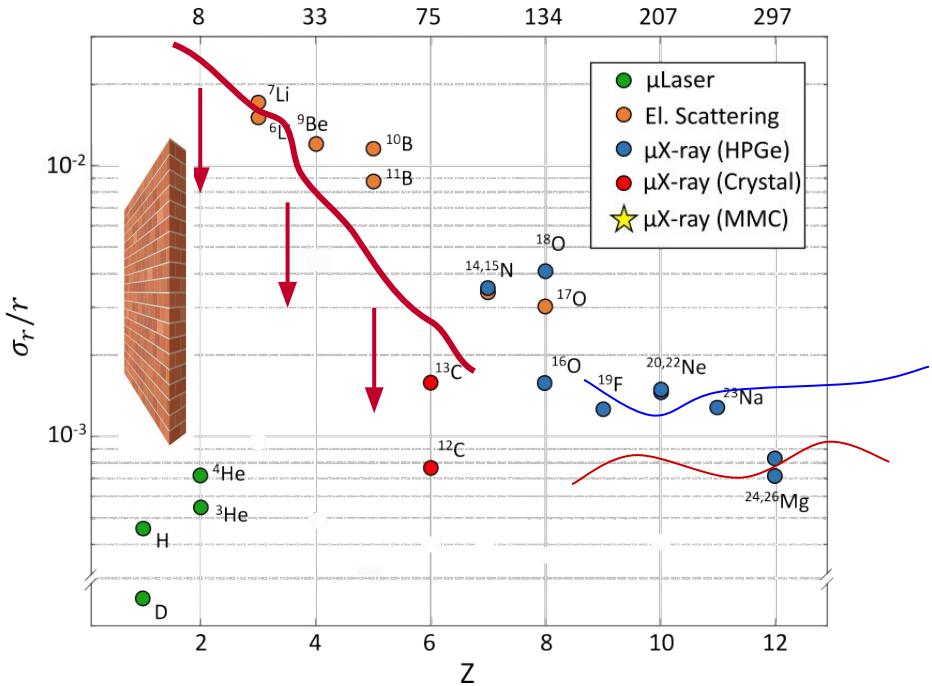
Isotope	$E_{\text{exp.}}$ [keV]	$E_{\text{theor.}}$ [keV]	NPol	ϵ	$(\epsilon^2)^{1/2}$ [fm]	α	k	C_p [am/V]	R_p^* [fm]	Ref.
${}^{14}\text{Be}^1$	33.402	33.402	0.001	1.799	2.39	0.010	2.1160	-20.80	3.0725	[2096,69]
	10			3700						
${}^{14}\text{Be}^1$	52.257	52.262	0.001	1.930	2.452	0.040	1.1190	-8.600	3.1549	[2092,69]
	7			900						
${}^{14}\text{C}^1$	75.3582	75.3582	0.0025	2.0005	2.468	0.0208	2.0231	-4.141	3.1996	[2084,69]
				25						
${}^{14}\text{C}^1$	75.3127	75.3127	0.0025	1.960	2.466	0.0208	2.0231	-4.135	3.1867	[2084,69]
	40			187						
${}^{14}\text{C}^1$	75.3514	75.3514	0.0025	2.0444	2.492	0.0208	2.0234	-4.055	3.2271	[2084,69]
	20			137						
${}^{14}\text{N}^1$	102.404	102.404	0.003	2.1510	2.569	0.0470	2.1120	-2.200	3.2921	[2084,69]
	5			230						
${}^{16}\text{O}^1$	133.535	133.534	0.005	2.4130	2.693	0.0272	2.0330	-1.287	3.4694	[2082]
	2			26						
${}^{16}\text{O}^1$	133.572	133.572	0.005	2.5540	3.586	0.0258	2.0287	-1.258	3.5680	[2082]
	9			130						
${}^{16}\text{F}^1$	168.515	168.515	0.009	2.7750	2.898	0.010	2.0392	-0.756	3.7791	[2082]
				15						
${}^{20}\text{Ne}^1$	207.282	207.282	0.019	2.9589	3.006	0.0329	2.0445	-0.516	3.8564	[2082]
	5			24						
${}^{20}\text{Ne}^1$	207.430	207.430	0.018	2.860	2.967	0.0330	2.0441	-0.521	3.8454	[21,31]
				20						
${}^{20}\text{Ne}^1$	207.512	207.512	0.018	2.8796	2.954	0.0330	2.0439	-0.522	3.7986	[21,31]
	4			11						



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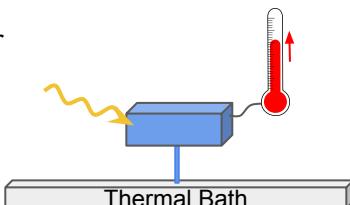
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- ❑ Need for a 1-10 ppm precise energy determination if 2p1s transitions.

Limitations of solid state X-ray detectors:

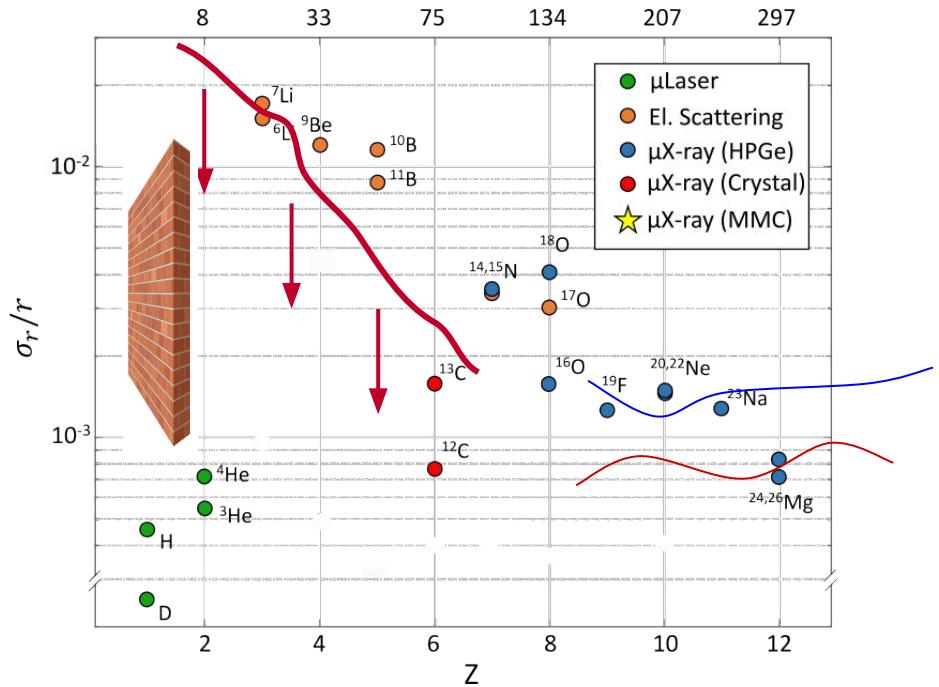
- ❑ $\sigma_Q = \sqrt{FN_Q}$
- ❑ S/N with ENC a few 100 e-

Unit of heat \ll Unit of Ionization:

- ❑ $\Delta T \approx E_{\text{deposited}} / C_{\text{tot}}$
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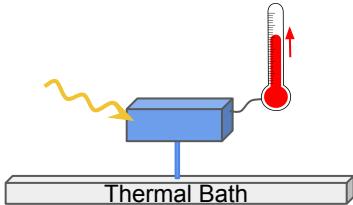
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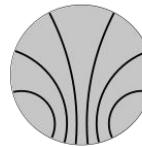
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Metallic Magnetic Calorimeters \rightarrow Unit of spin flip \ll Unit of Ionization

- Paramagnetic Ag:Er Alloy
- $\Delta \Phi_S \approx \delta M / \delta T$ $\Delta T = \delta M / \delta T \times E_{\text{deposited}} / C_{\text{tot}}$



Magnetization of paramagnetic material, MMC



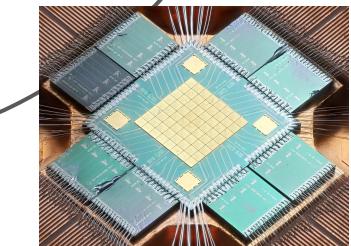
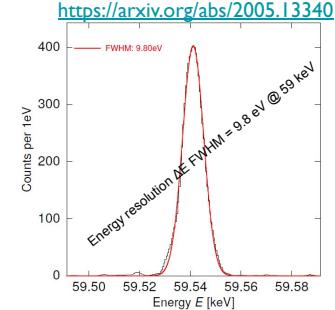
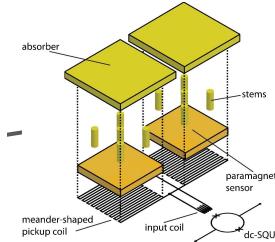
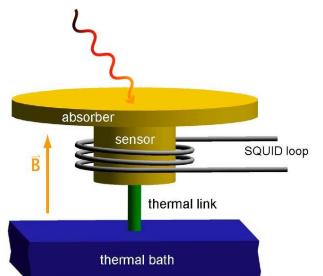
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In recent years there has been important progress in Astro- and Particle Physics which has led to a deeper understanding of the fundamental properties of matter and the nature of the universe. Much of the experimental progress was only possible due 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.

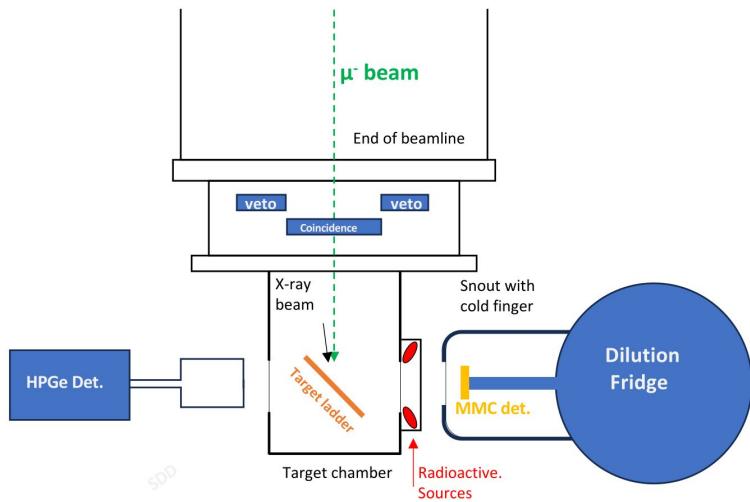
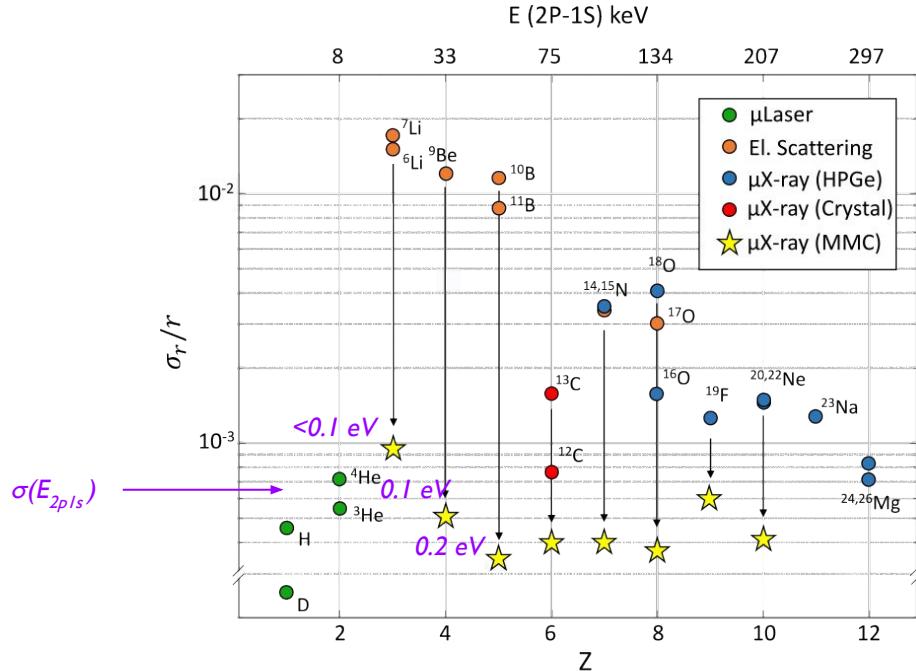
Maxs-*** sensors developed by HD-KIP for e.g. the ECHO/IAXO experiment, see D. Unger et al., AG prof. Dr. Gastaldo, Dr. A. Fleischmann



Spectroscopy with MMCs

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

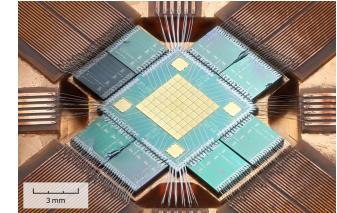
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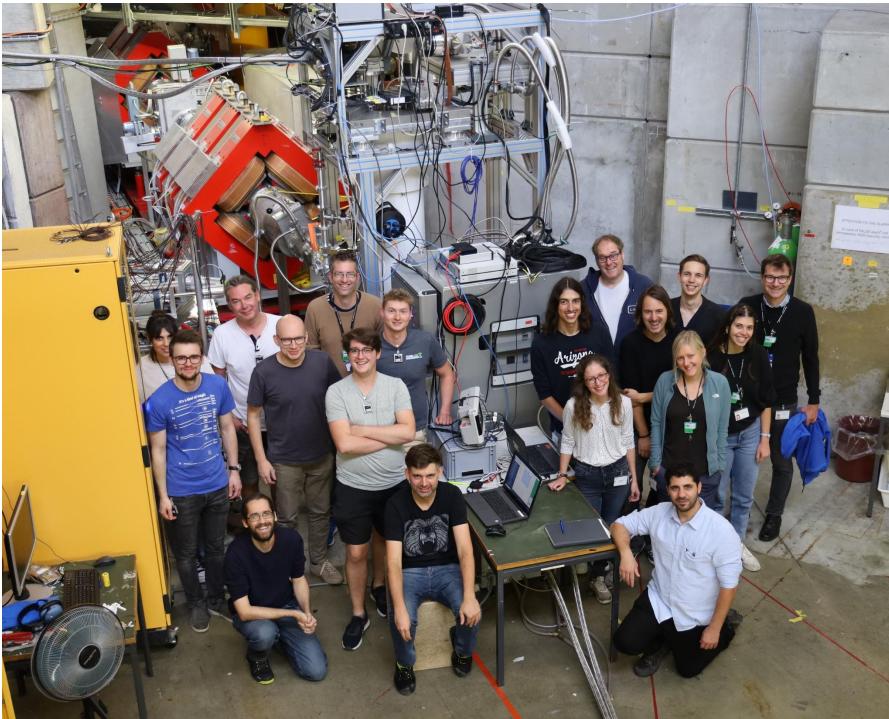


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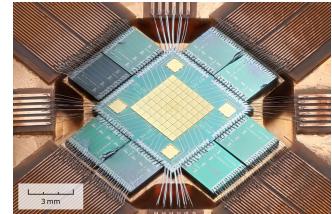
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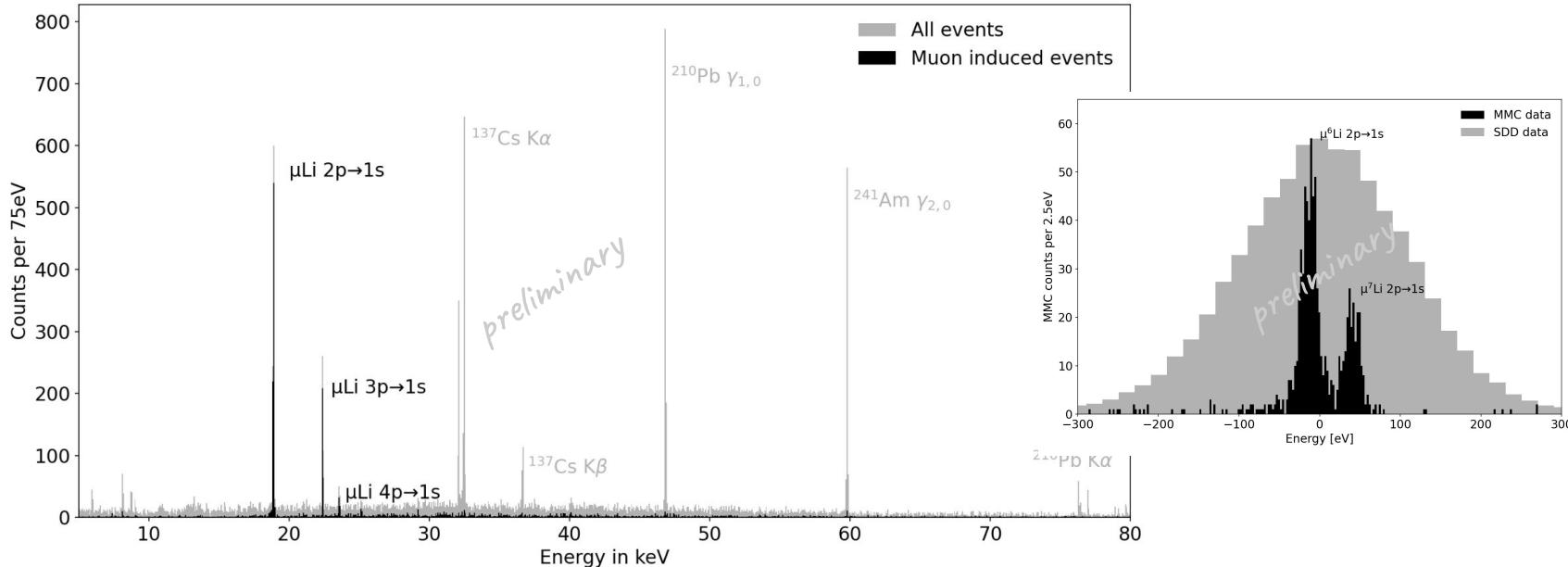
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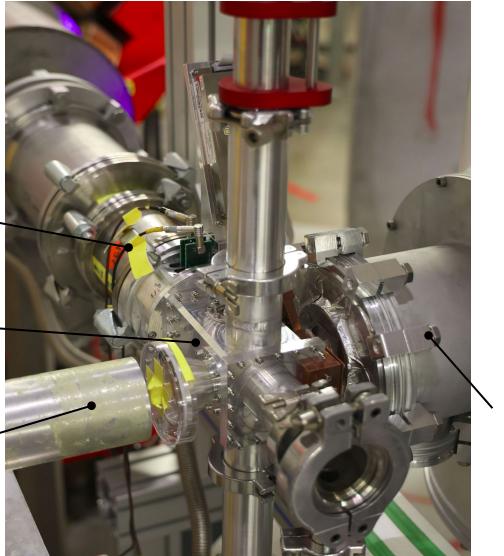
Yes, MMC work at a secondary beamline at PSI!



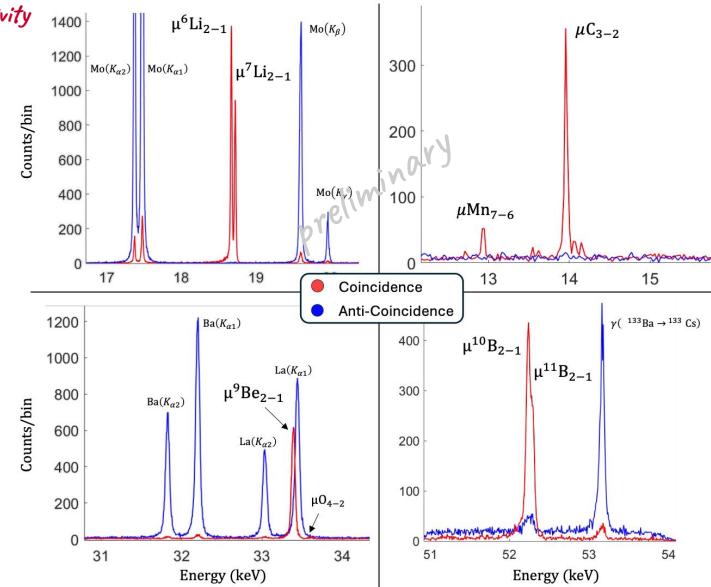
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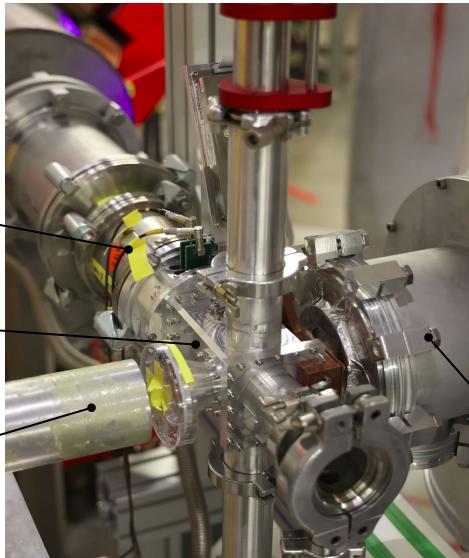
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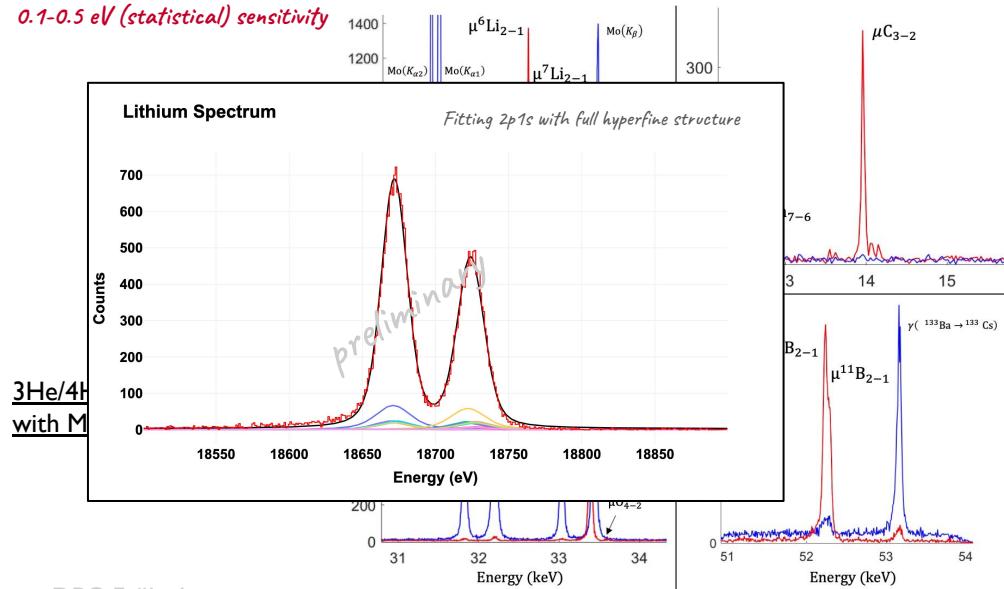
Muon Beam detectors

Target chamber

HPGe detector

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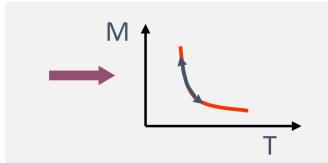
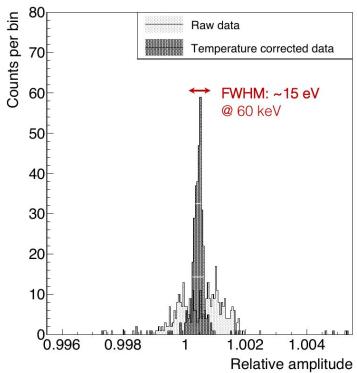
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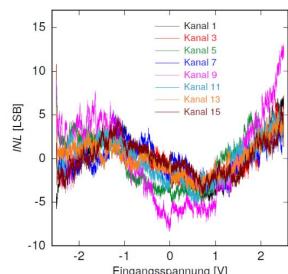
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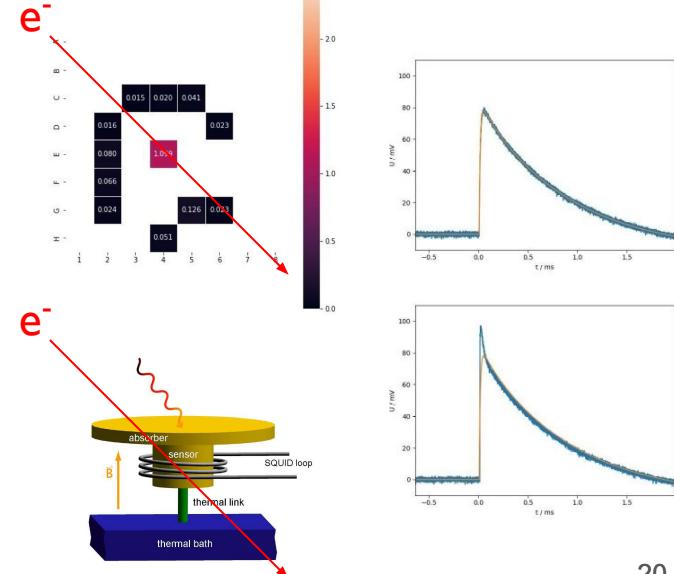
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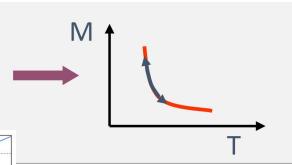
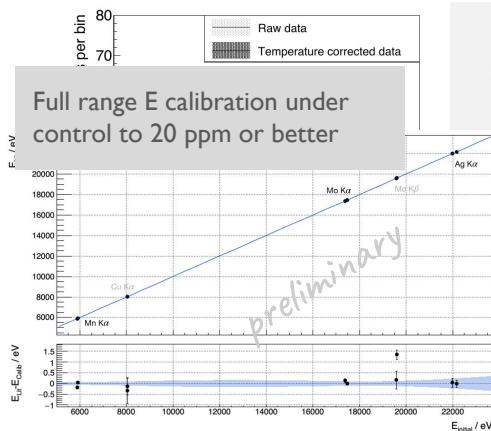
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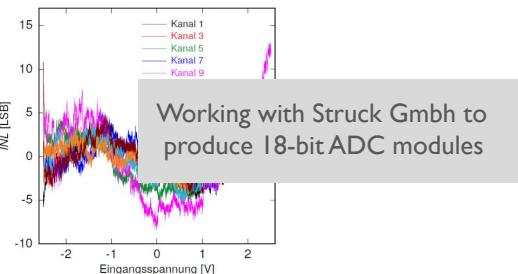
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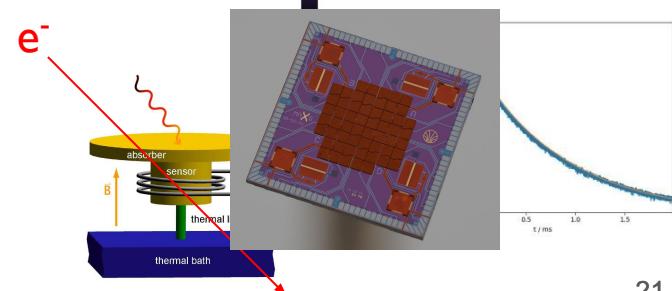
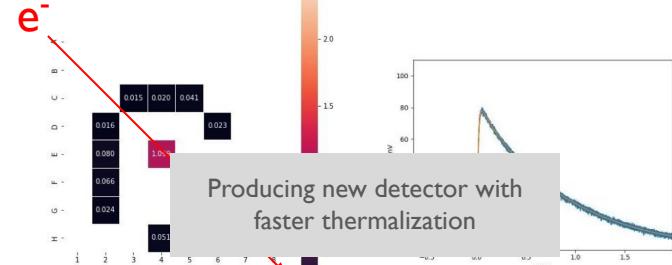
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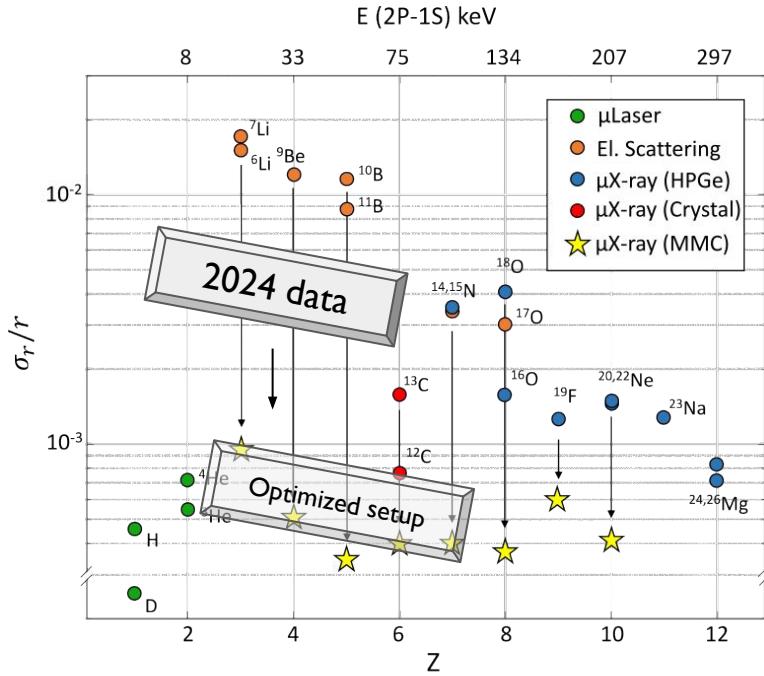
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Isotope	Current $\sigma_{\text{stat}}(E)$	Goal $\sigma(E) \rightarrow \sigma(r)$	Nuclear polarization
$^6\text{Li}/^7\text{Li}$	$\sim 0.1\text{-}0.2 \text{ eV}$	$0.05 \text{ eV} \rightarrow 0.3 \text{ fm}$	$0.1\text{-}0.2 \text{ eV}$
^9Be	$\sim 0.2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

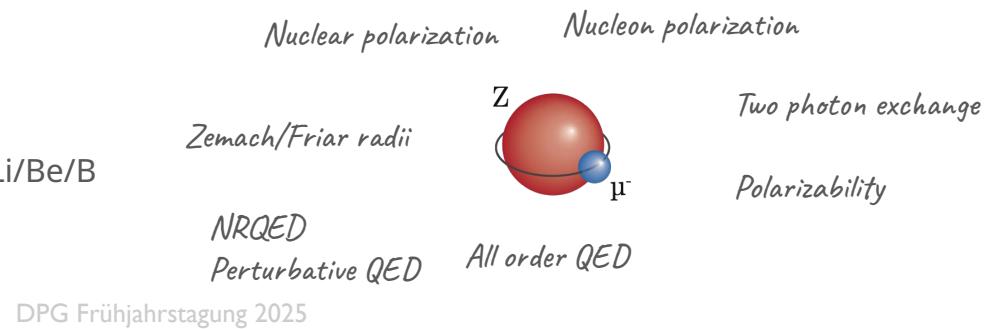
Ab-initio from S. Bacca et al.

Rinker nuclear polarization 1979

Gorstein 2024

Future:

- 10Be
- 19F
- 20Ne and improved Li/Be/B
- 54Mn
- ...



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

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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