#### Predicting and Discovering True Muonium

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 $\nu_\ell$  require modification beyond Standard Model, so at some level lepton universality is violated

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# What's the deal with muon physics?<sup>123</sup>



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# Building a new streetlight: True Muonium

# I don't know about U? Well, I'm feeling $\mu+\mu$ - Taylor Swift on Muon Problem

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The true muonium  $(\mu^+\mu^-)$  and true tauonium  $(\tau^+\tau^-)$ [and the much more difficult to produce "mu-tauonium"  $(\mu^{\pm}\tau^{\mp})$ ] bound states are not only the heaviest, but also the most compact pure QED systems [the  $(\mu^+\mu^-)$  Bohr radius is 512 fm]. The relatively rapid weak decay of the  $\tau$ unfortunately makes the observation and study of true tauonium more difficult, as quantified below. In the case of true muonium the proposed production mechanisms Z indicates a heavy nucleus), direct  $\mu^+\mu^-$  collisions [7],  $\eta \rightarrow (\mu^+ \mu^-) \gamma$  [14], and  $e^+ e^- \rightarrow (\mu^+ \mu^-)$  [15]. In addition, the properties of true muonium have been studied in a number of papers [9,16,17].

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#### The current state of hfs in true muonium

$\mathcal{O}(m\alpha^n)$	$C_n$	$\delta E_{\rm hfs}^{1s} [{ m MHz}]$
$m\alpha^4$	$\frac{7}{12}$	42260692
$\frac{m\alpha^5}{\pi}$	$-\frac{1}{2}\ln(2)-\frac{8}{9}$	-207904 QCD
$\left(\frac{m\alpha^{0}}{\pi} \mu\right)$	0.81650(9) 1611.04258	137400(16)
$\frac{m\alpha^0}{\pi^2}$	$-\frac{52}{32}\zeta(3) + \left(\frac{221}{24}\ln(2) - \frac{5197}{576}\right)\zeta(2) + \frac{1}{2}\ln(2) + \frac{1367}{648}$	-1515 QED
$\left(\frac{m\alpha^6}{\pi^2}\right)_{\mu}$	$350.572533^*$ $1607.07059,1701.043$	<b>6</b> 2 137034*(700)
$m\alpha^6 \ln\left(\frac{1}{\alpha}\right)$	$\frac{5}{24}$	3954
$\frac{m\alpha'}{\pi^3}$	160*	$145^{*}(90)$
$\frac{m\alpha^7}{\pi}$ ln $\left(\frac{1}{\alpha}\right)$	$-\frac{17}{3}\ln(2)+\frac{217}{90}$	-67
$\frac{m\alpha^7}{\pi}\ln^2\left(\frac{1}{\alpha}\right)$	$-\frac{7}{8}$	-190 EW
$\frac{m^3 G_F \alpha^3}{\sqrt{2}\pi}$	$-\frac{3}{8}$ 1502.03841	-109
$\frac{m\alpha^7}{\pi^3} _{\mu}$	$-5.324248^*$ 1507.07841	$-5^{*}(40)$
Total		42329435(16)(90)(700)

 $|\mu$  indicates true muonium corrections missing from positronium, which depend upon  $m_{\mu}/m_e$ . Errors consists of (1) hadronic model dependence, (2) missing mass-independent QED contributions at  $\mathcal{O}(m\alpha^7)$ , (3) missing mass-dependent QED contributions at  $\mathcal{O}(m\alpha^6)$ . \* indicate partial terms.

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Proposals for rare decay searches, like REDTOP, would be capable of detecting true muonium+ $\gamma$ . Large  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$  corrections and  $F_{\gamma^*}(q^2)$  dependence needed

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# The future looks bright

- Your favorite **new physics** can be severely constrained with true muonium
- A theoretical program is underway to reduce the **uncertainty** in observables to  $\mathcal{O}(100 \text{ MHZ})$
- Contributions possible to  $a_{\mu}$  and  $\sin \theta_W$
- Most promising experimental outlook in 56 years!