

Recent progress in bound-state QED: from light elements to super-heavy ones

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Mathematical models of Quantum Field Theory

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- One-electron QED corrections
 - One electron ions: $nI \rightarrow 1s$ transitions are the most sensitive
 - Two-loop effects checked only in light elements and lithium-like systems
- Two-electron QED corrections
 - Much more difficult to evaluate (same as one-electron, plus two-electron correlation and combined QED-correlation)
 - Most advanced on the experimental and theoretical side are three-electron ions (Storage rings, dielectronic resonance, free electron lasers...)
 - Helium fine structure is now better understood

Non-perturbative bound-states QED

Principles

Dirac Equation

Relativistic Wave Equation for one Fermion in an electro-magnetic potential (ϕ, \vec{A}) :

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi = [c\vec{\alpha}(\vec{p} - q\vec{A}) + q\phi + \beta mc^2] \psi$$

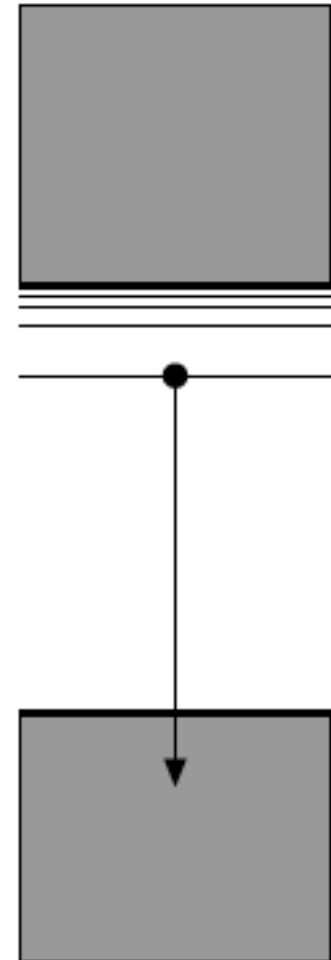
where

$$\beta = \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & -I \end{pmatrix}, \quad \vec{\alpha} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \vec{\sigma} \\ \vec{\sigma} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

are called Dirac matrices.

They obey **anti-commutation relations**

$$\beta\alpha^i + \alpha^i\beta = 0, \quad \beta^2 = 1, \quad \alpha^i\alpha^j + \alpha^j\alpha^i = -2\delta_{ij}$$



$$\psi(x) = \sum_{E_n > 0} a_n e^{-iE_n t} \phi_n(\vec{x}) + \sum_{E_m < 0} b_m^\dagger e^{iE_m t} \phi_m(\vec{x})$$

- ϕ_n are solutions of the Dirac equation $h_0 \phi_n = E_n \phi_n$
- a_n is the electron annihilation operator for an electron in state n ($E_n > 0$)
- b_n^\dagger is the positron creation operator for a positron in state m ($E_m < 0$)
- Because we are dealing with fermions, these operators anti-commute $\{a_n, a_m^\dagger\} = \delta_{nm}$; $\{a_n, a_m\} = 0, \dots$
- An unperturbed state is obtained by having a creation operator acting on the vacuum: $|n\rangle = a_n^\dagger |0\rangle$ while annihilation operators destroy the vacuum: $a_n |0\rangle = 0$

Perturbation potential switched off at $t = \pm\infty$.

$$V_{\epsilon,g} = gH_I e^{-\epsilon|t|},$$

and

$$H_I = j^\mu A_\mu - \delta M(x),$$

- $j^\mu = -e\bar{\psi}(x)\gamma^\mu\psi(x)$ is the 4-current
- $\delta M(x) = \delta m\bar{\psi}(x)\psi(x)$ is the mass counter-term
- A_μ is the photon 4-vector potential

The adiabatic evolution operator transform the wave function at t_1 into one at t_2

$$U_{\epsilon,g}(t_1, t_2) = T e^{-i \int_{t_1}^{t_2} dt V_{\epsilon,g}(t)}.$$

where T is the time ordering operator.

- The adiabatic S -matrix is defined as $S_{\epsilon,g} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} U_{\epsilon,g}(-t, t)$
- The energy shift is given by the Gell-Mann and Low theorem

$$\Delta E_{N_p} = \lim_{\substack{\epsilon \rightarrow 0 \\ g \rightarrow 1}} \frac{i\epsilon g}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial g} \log \langle N_p; 0 | S_{\epsilon,g} | N_p; 0 \rangle$$

for a p -electron state with no real photons

- the logarithmic derivative diverges as $1/\epsilon$ as do the norm of the exact wave function
- Gell-Mann and Low say that the energy shift is still well defined

The S -matrix can be expanded in power of g .

$$\begin{aligned}
 g \frac{\partial}{\partial g} \log \langle S_{\epsilon, g} \rangle \Big|_{g=1} &= \frac{\langle S_{\epsilon, 1}^{(1)} \rangle + 2 \langle S_{\epsilon, 1}^{(2)} \rangle + 3 \langle S_{\epsilon, 1}^{(3)} \rangle + \dots}{1 + \langle S_{\epsilon, 1}^{(1)} \rangle + \langle S_{\epsilon, 1}^{(2)} \rangle + \langle S_{\epsilon, 1}^{(3)} \rangle + \dots} \\
 &= \langle S_{\epsilon, 1}^{(1)} \rangle + 2 \langle S_{\epsilon, 1}^{(2)} \rangle - \langle S_{\epsilon, 1}^{(1)} \rangle^2 + 3 \langle S_{\epsilon, 1}^{(3)} \rangle - 3 \langle S_{\epsilon, 1}^{(1)} \rangle \langle S_{\epsilon, 1}^{(2)} \rangle + \langle S_{\epsilon, 1}^{(1)} \rangle^3 \\
 &\quad + 4 \langle S_{\epsilon, 1}^{(4)} \rangle - 4 \langle S_{\epsilon, 1}^{(1)} \rangle \langle S_{\epsilon, 1}^{(3)} \rangle - 2 \langle S_{\epsilon, 1}^{(2)} \rangle^2 + 4 \langle S_{\epsilon, 1}^{(1)} \rangle^2 \langle S_{\epsilon, 1}^{(2)} \rangle - \langle S_{\epsilon, 1}^{(1)} \rangle^4
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\langle S_{\epsilon, 1}^{(j)} \rangle = \langle N_p; 0 | S_{\epsilon, 1}^{(j)} | N_p; 0 \rangle$$

$$\langle S_{\epsilon, g} \rangle = \langle N_p; 0 | S_{\epsilon, g} | N_p; 0 \rangle$$

From the definition of the S -matrix and of the evolution operator one obtains

$$S_{\epsilon, g}^{(j)} = \frac{(-ig)^j}{j!} \int d^4 x_j \dots \int d^4 x_1 e^{-\epsilon|t_j|} \dots e^{-\epsilon|t_1|} T [H_I(x_j) \dots H_I(x_1)]$$

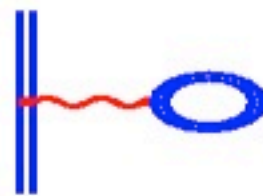
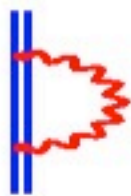
Using Wick's theorem it is possible to re-express all contributions in term of Vacuum expectation values

$$\begin{aligned} T [\psi(x) \psi(y)] &= : \psi(x) \psi(y) : + \langle 0 | T [\psi(x) \psi(y)] | 0 \rangle =: \psi(x) \psi(y) :, \\ T [\bar{\psi}(x) \bar{\psi}(y)] &= : \bar{\psi}(x) \bar{\psi}(y) : + \langle 0 | T [\bar{\psi}(x) \bar{\psi}(y)] | 0 \rangle =: \bar{\psi}(x) \bar{\psi}(y) :, \\ T [\psi(x) \bar{\psi}(y)] &= : \psi(x) \bar{\psi}(y) : + \langle 0 | T [\psi(x) \bar{\psi}(y)] | 0 \rangle, \\ T [\bar{\psi}(x) \psi(y)] &= : \bar{\psi}(x) \psi(y) : + \langle 0 | T [\bar{\psi}(x) \psi(y)] | 0 \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

The propagator is expressed in term of vacuum expectation value of $T [\psi(x) \bar{\psi}(y)]$ as

$$S_F(x, y) = \langle 0 | T [\psi(x) \bar{\psi}(y)] | 0 \rangle$$

Self Energy

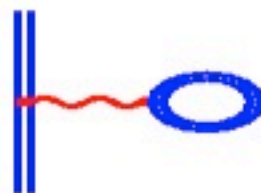


Vacuum Polarization

H-like “One Photon” order (α/π)

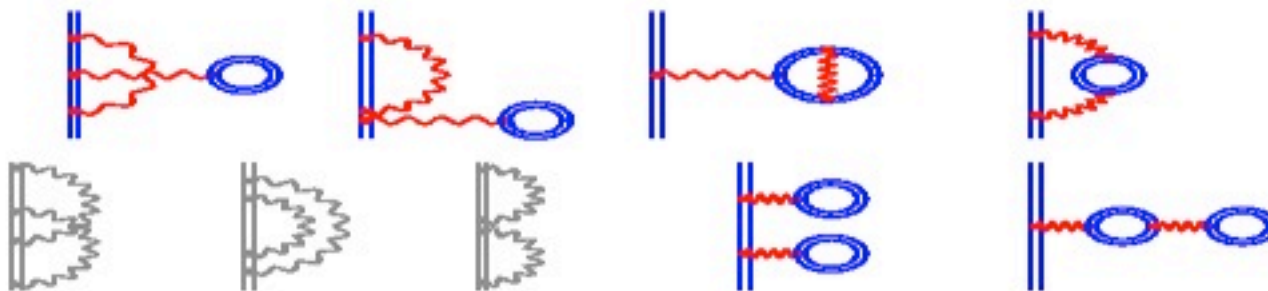
QED at order α and α^2

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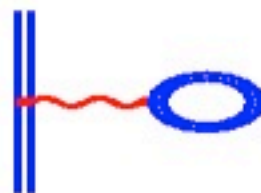
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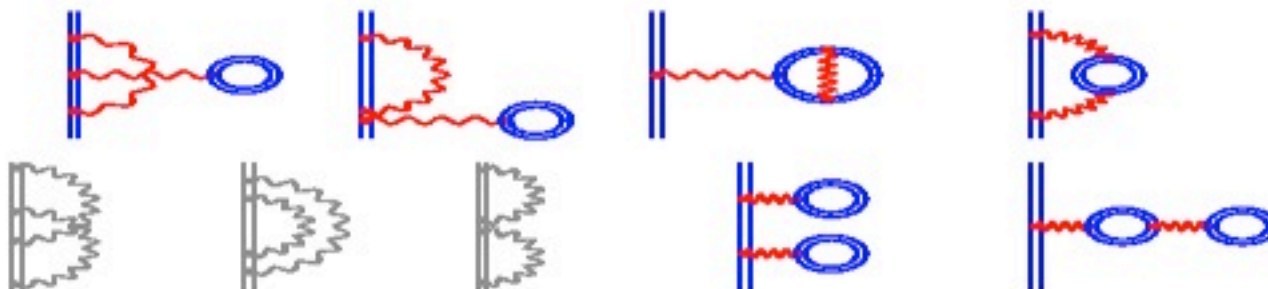
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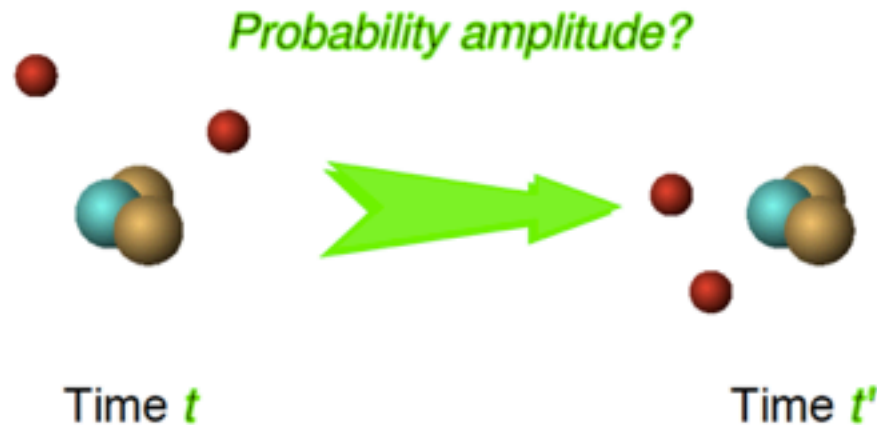
“Screening” order α^2

The two-time Green's function method

Almost degenerate states

Almost-degenerate states of "bound-state QED" (e.g., $2s - 2p_{1/2}$ and $2s - 2p_{3/2}$, separated by an energy of order $(Z\alpha)^4$) can be handled by the two-time Green's function method.¹ There is only one other method that works for this case and that we are aware of. [Lindgren]

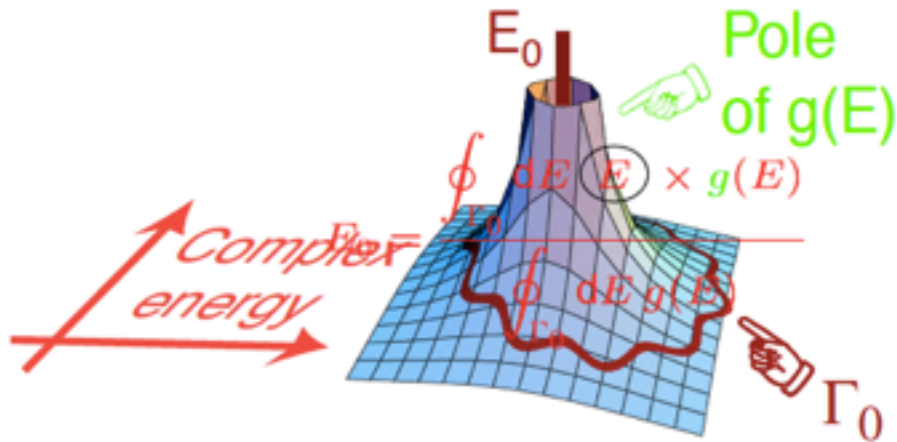
Effective hamiltonian We construct a finite-sized effective hamiltonian on the set of almost-degenerate states. The effective hamiltonian includes in principle all the QED effects exactly. The effective hamiltonian is built from Green's functions (= propagators = correlation functions):



¹V. M. Shabaev and I. G. Fokeeva, Phys. Rev. A **49**, 4489 (1994).

How to find the position of the poles for an isolated level

Useful mathematical identity...

If $g(E)$ has a single pole at E_0 , then we can recover the position of the pole from g itself:

... generalized to almost-degenerate levels

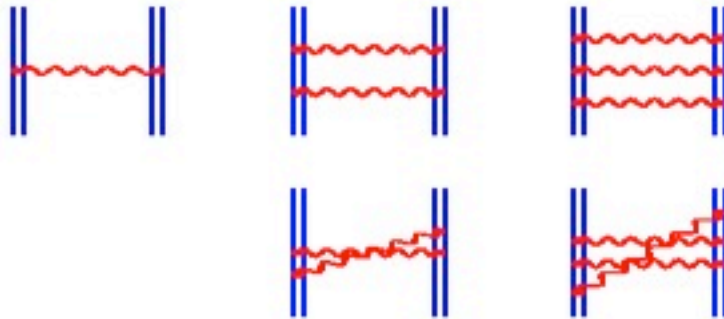


“Screening of S.E. and V. P.”

Many body effects in QED



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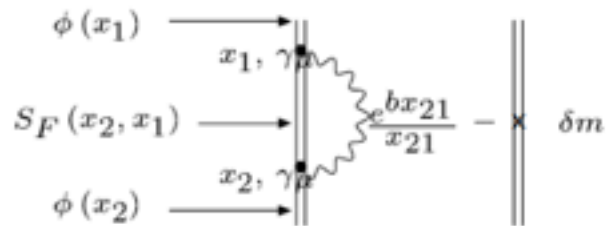
→ RMBPT or MCDF ($1/Z$ expansion!)

→ Non Radiative QED (no Hamiltonian or potential form!)

Non Radiative QED (QED correction to correlation and projection operators...)

Auger shift for auto-ionizing states

- Each contribution to the S -matrix can be decomposed in Feynman diagrams.



Signification of the Feynman diagrams for self-energy.

The Energy shift is given by

$$\Delta E_n = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi i} \int_C dz \int d\vec{x}_2 \int d\vec{x}_1 \phi_n^\dagger(\vec{x}_2) \alpha_\mu G(\vec{x}_2, \vec{x}_1, z) \alpha^\mu \phi_n(\vec{x}_1) \frac{e^{-bx_{21}}}{x_{21}} - \delta m \int d\vec{x} \phi_n^\dagger(\vec{x}) \beta \phi_n(\vec{x}),$$

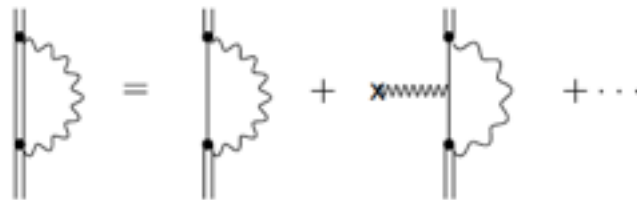
where $b = -i [(E_n - z)^2]^{1/2}$, $\text{Re}(b) > 0$, and $\vec{x}_{21} = \vec{x}_2 - \vec{x}_1$. The photon propagator $\frac{1}{x_{21}} \times e^{-bx_{21}}$ is just the **Coulomb potential with a retardation term** (speed of light is finite!)

- Until 1974, expansion of the propagator was the rule

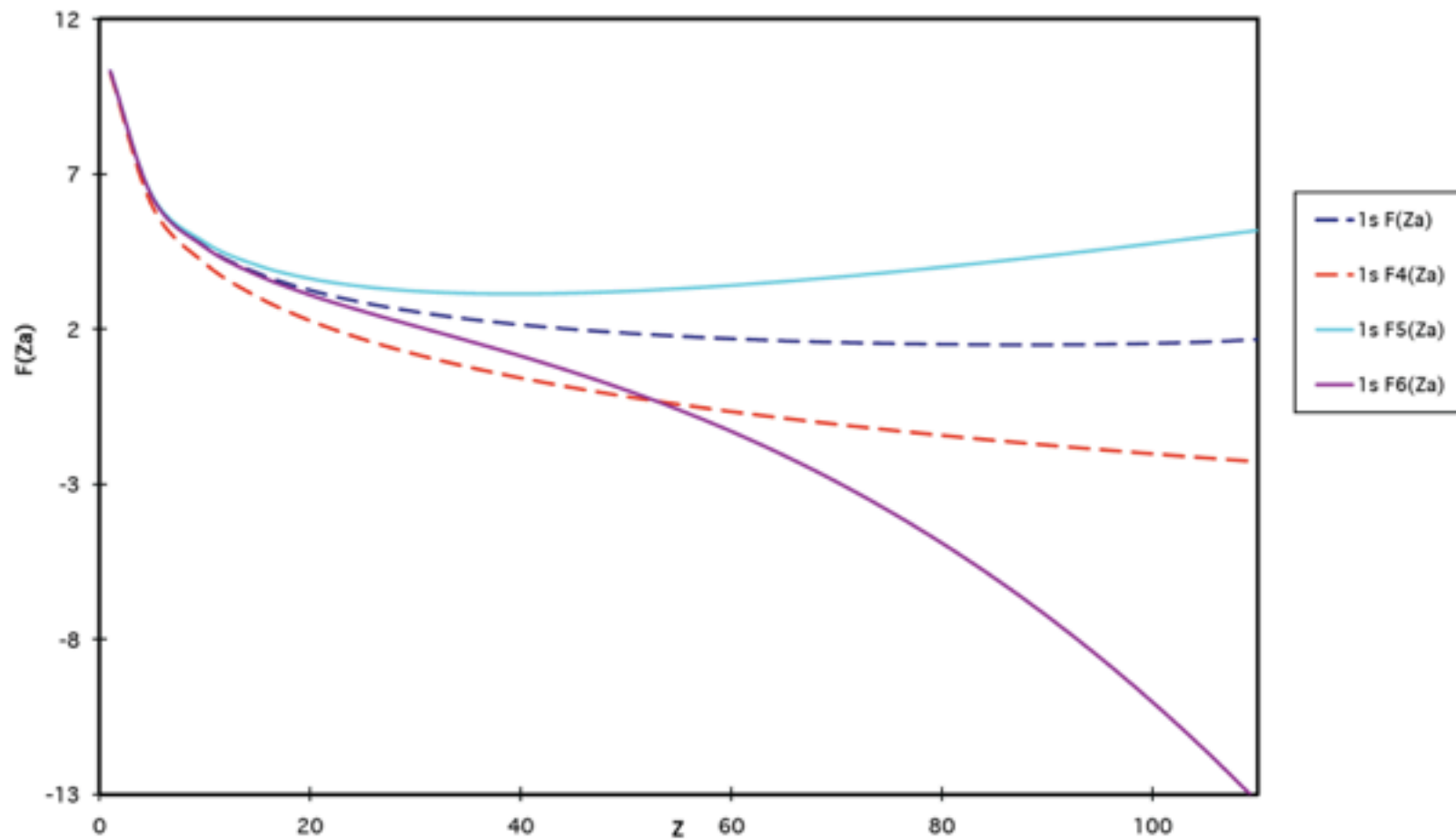
$$E_{\text{SE}}^{(2)} = \frac{\alpha (Z\alpha)^4}{\pi n^3} F(Z\alpha) m_e c^2, \quad (19)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} F(Z\alpha) = & A_{41} \ln(Z\alpha)^{-2} + A_{40} + A_{50}(Z\alpha) \\ & + A_{62}(Z\alpha)^2 \ln^2(Z\alpha)^{-2} + A_{61}(Z\alpha)^2 \ln(Z\alpha)^{-2} \\ & + G_{\text{SE}}(Z\alpha)(Z\alpha)^2. \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$



- Does not work at high-Z



Non-perturbative bound-states QED

Practical calculations and numerical methods

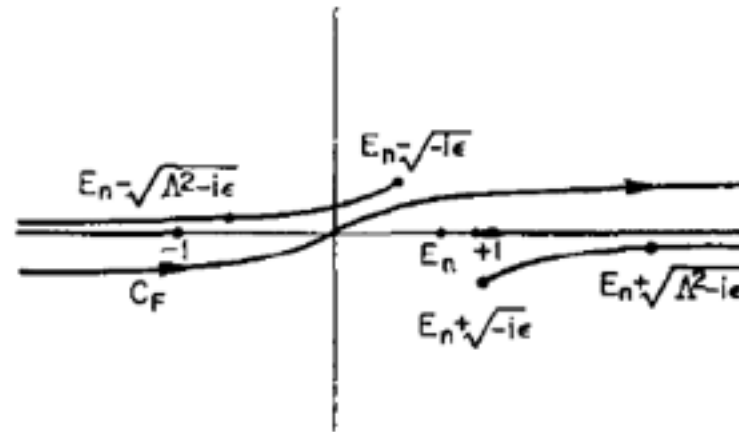


FIG. 3. The contour C_F and the singularities of the integrand in the complex z -plane. The points to the left of $z = +1$ represent the bound-state poles; E_n is the ground-state energy in this diagram.

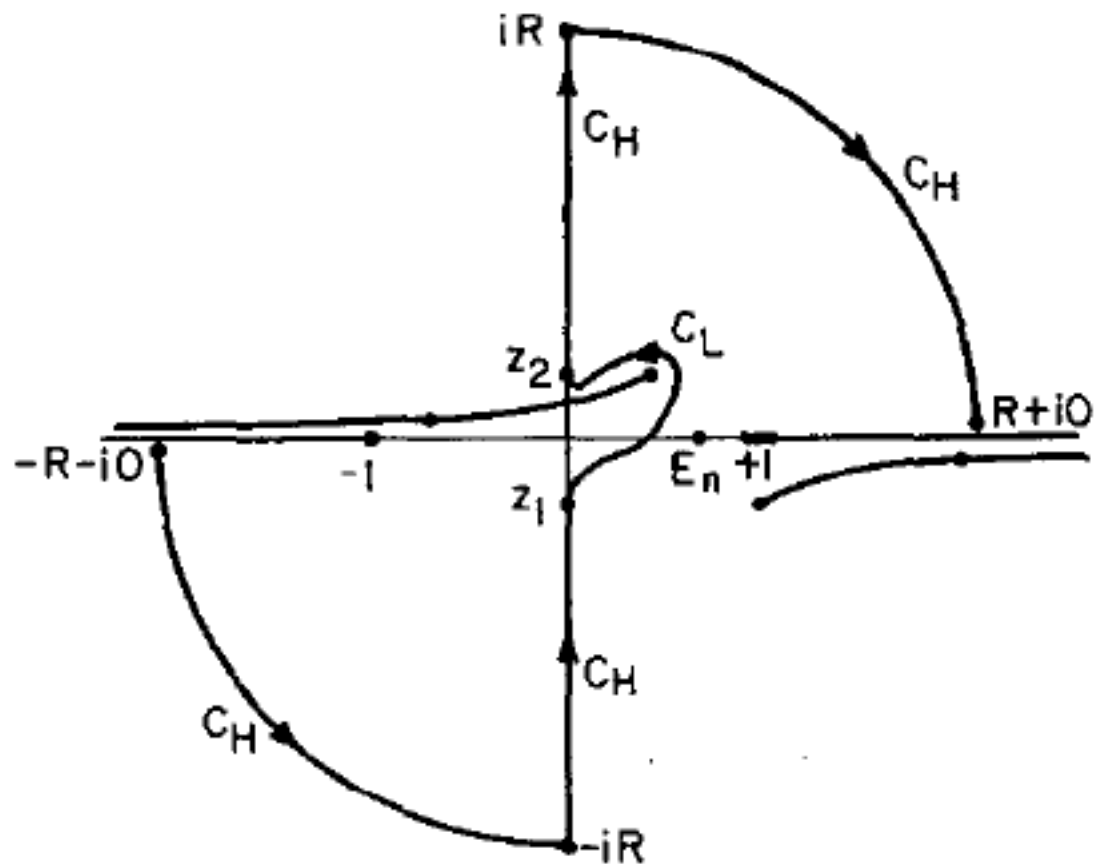


FIG. 4. The new contour in the complex z -plane

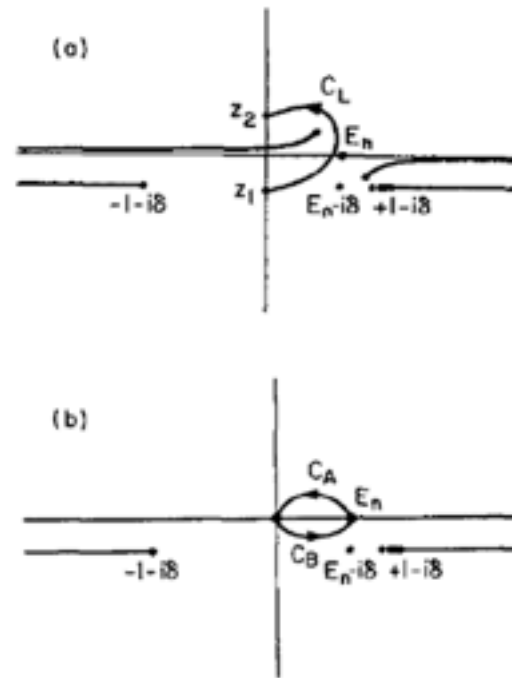


FIG. 5. The complex z -plane with the singularities of the integrand in Eq. (3.2). In the upper diagram, the branch points of b are at $E_n \pm (-i\epsilon)^{1/2}$. As $\epsilon \rightarrow 0+$, the branch points meet at E_n . In the lower diagram, the cuts, which are drawn to insure $\text{Re}(b) > 0$, meet at E_n and extend along the real z -axis. In this diagram $z_1 = z_2 = 0$.

ΔE_{SE} is decomposed in a sum $\Delta E_L + \Delta E_H$

$$\Delta E_L = \frac{\alpha}{\pi} E_n - \frac{\alpha}{\pi} P \int_0^{E_n} dz \int d\vec{x}_2 \int d\vec{x}_1 \phi_n^\dagger(\vec{x}_2) \alpha^l G(\vec{x}_2, \vec{x}_1, z) \alpha^m \times \phi_n(\vec{x}_1) (\delta_{lm} \vec{\nabla}_2 \cdot \vec{\nabla}_1 - \nabla_2^l \nabla_1^m) \frac{\sin[(E_n - z)x_{21}]}{(E_n - z)^2 x_{21}}$$

and

$$\Delta E_H = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi i} \int_{C_H} dz \int d\vec{x}_2 \int d\vec{x}_1 \phi_n^\dagger(\vec{x}_2) \alpha_\mu G(\vec{x}_2, \vec{x}_1, z) \alpha^\mu \phi_n(\vec{x}_1) \frac{e^{-bx_{21}}}{x_{21}} - \delta m \int d\vec{x} \phi_n^\dagger(\vec{x}) \beta \phi_n(\vec{x})$$

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and No IR divergence if in Coulomb gauge

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$$\phi_n(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} f_{n,1}(x) \chi_\kappa^\mu(\hat{x}) \\ i f_{n,2}(x) \chi_{-\kappa}^\mu(\hat{x}) \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{Eigenstate of } J^2, J_z \text{ and parity}$$

$$\chi_\kappa^\mu(\hat{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{\kappa}{|\kappa|} \left[\frac{\kappa + \frac{1}{2} - \mu}{2\kappa + 1} \right]^{1/2} Y_{|\kappa+(1/2)|-(1/2)}^{\mu-(1/2)}(\hat{x}) \\ \left[\frac{\kappa + \frac{1}{2} + \mu}{2\kappa + 1} \right]^{1/2} Y_{|\kappa+(1/2)|-(1/2)}^{\mu+(1/2)}(\hat{x}) \end{bmatrix}$$

$G(\mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_1, z)$

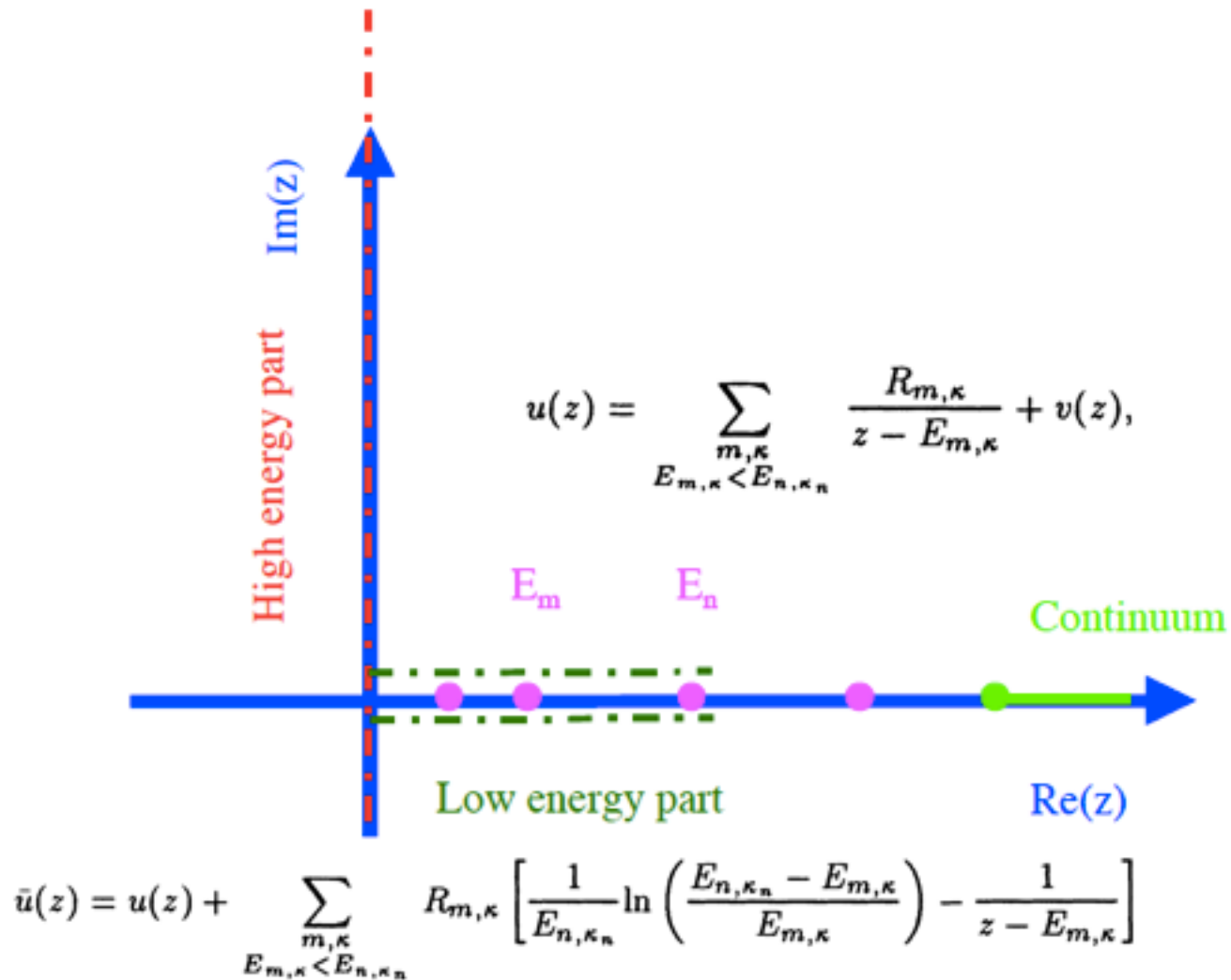
$$= \sum_\kappa \begin{bmatrix} G_\kappa^{11}(x_2, x_1, z) \pi_\kappa(\hat{x}_2, \hat{x}_1) & G_\kappa^{12}(x_2, x_1, z) i\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \hat{x}_2 \pi_{-\kappa}(\hat{x}_2, \hat{x}_1) \\ -G_\kappa^{21}(x_2, x_1, z) i\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \hat{x}_2 \pi_\kappa(\hat{x}_2, \hat{x}_1) & G_\kappa^{22}(x_2, x_1, z) \pi_{-\kappa}(\hat{x}_2, \hat{x}_1) \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\pi_\kappa(\hat{x}_2, \hat{x}_1) = \sum_\mu \chi_\kappa^\mu(\hat{x}_2) \chi_\kappa^{\mu\dagger}(\hat{x}_1) \tag{A.6}$$

$$= (|\kappa|/4\pi) \{ IP_{|\kappa+(1/2)|-(1/2)}(\hat{\xi}) + (1/\kappa) i\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot (\hat{x}_2 \times \hat{x}_1) P'_{|\kappa+(1/2)|-(1/2)}(\hat{\xi}) \},$$

Integrations

Very excited states... Many poles on the real axis...

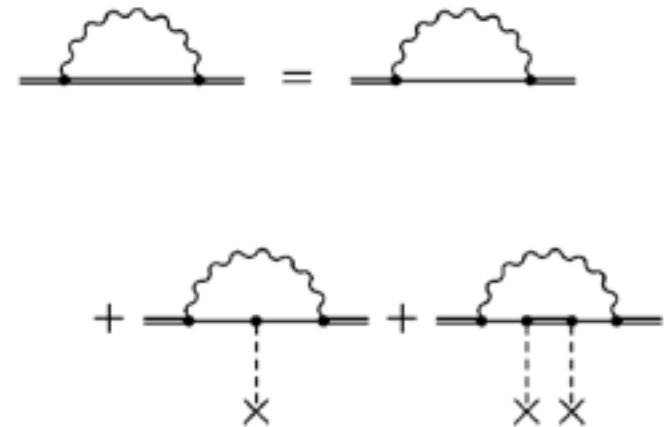


- Although the integration over z in ΔE_H is exponentially damped at large $|z|$ when $x_{21} \neq 0$, the unregulated integral is infinite, because the point $x_{21} = 0$ is included in the range of the coordinate-space integration.
- $x_{21} \rightarrow 0$ (short distance) is equivalent to large energy in momentum space. We do an expansion around $x_{21} \rightarrow 0$
 - of the Green's function (in term of the free Green's function F)

$$G(\vec{x}_2, \vec{x}_1, z) = F(\vec{x}_2, \vec{x}_1, z) - \int d\vec{x}_3 F(\vec{x}_2, \vec{x}_3, z) V(\vec{x}_3) F(\vec{x}_3, \vec{x}_1, z) + \dots$$

- of the potential $V(\vec{x}_3) = V(\vec{x}_2) + \dots$
- of the wave function

$$\phi_n(\vec{x}_1) = \phi_n(\vec{x}_2) + (\vec{x}_1 - \vec{x}_2) \cdot \vec{\nabla}_2 \phi_n(\vec{x}_2) + \dots$$



The free Green's function is itself divergent:

$$F(\vec{x}_2, \vec{x}_1, z) = \left[\left(\frac{c}{x_{21}} + \frac{1}{x_{21}^2} \right) i\vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{x}_{21} + \beta + z \right] \frac{e^{-cx_{21}}}{4\pi x_{21}}$$

with $c = (1 - z^2)^{1/2}$, $\text{Re}(c) > 0$.

The expansion gives for example $\Delta E_H = \Delta E_H^{(0,0)} + \Delta E_H^{(0,1)} + \Delta E_H^{(1,0)} + \dots$ with

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta E_H^{(0,0)} &= \frac{\alpha}{2\pi i} \int_{C_H} dz \int d\vec{x}_2 \int d\vec{x}_1 \phi_n^\dagger(\vec{x}_2) \alpha_\mu F(\vec{x}_2, \vec{x}_1, z) \alpha^\mu \\ &\quad \times \phi_n(\vec{x}_1) \frac{e^{-bx_{21}}}{x_{21}} \\ &= \frac{\alpha}{\pi i} \int_{C_H} dz \langle 2\beta - z \rangle \left(\frac{1}{b+c} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$z = iu$. $b \rightarrow u$ and $c \rightarrow u$ when $u \rightarrow \infty$ so integral is logarithmically divergent (first term) or linearly divergent (second term)

This integral must then be regularized to have a meaning (i.e., being finite (Pauli-Villars)).

The photon propagator $\frac{e^{-bx_{21}}}{x_{21}}$ is replaced everywhere by

$$\frac{e^{-bx_{21}}}{x_{21}} - \frac{e^{-b'x_{21}}}{x_{21}}$$

with $b = -i [(E_n - z)^2 + i\delta]^{1/2}$, $\text{Re}(b) > 0$ and

$b' = -i [(E_n - z)^2 - \Lambda^2 + i\delta]^{1/2}$; $\text{Re}(b') > 0$. $b' \approx \Lambda$ when $\Lambda \rightarrow \infty$, and thus we get a Yukawa potential for a particle of mass Λ .

This is can also be understood in momentum space:

$$\frac{1}{q^2 + i\delta} \rightarrow \frac{1}{q^2 + i\delta} - \frac{1}{q^2 - \Lambda^2 + i\delta}$$

We add a massive photon, the mass of which $\Lambda \rightarrow \infty$ at the end (An infinitely massive photon won't propagate).

The first term gives:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta E_H^{(0,0)} &= \frac{\alpha}{\pi i} \int_{C_H} dz \langle 2\beta - z \rangle \left(\frac{1}{b+c} - \frac{1}{b'+c} \right) \\
 &= \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \left\{ \langle \beta \rangle \left[\ln(\Lambda^2) - 1 + \frac{1 - E_n^2}{E_n^2} \ln(1 + E_n^2) \right] \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - E_n \left[\frac{1}{4} \ln(\Lambda^2) + \frac{3E_n^2 - 2}{8E_n^2} + \frac{1 - E_n^4}{4E_n^4} \ln(1 + E_n^2) \right] \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\Lambda}\right) \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

The result is still logarithmically divergent in Λ !

In the perturbation Hamiltonian we had an extra term (called a counter-term) $H_I = j^\mu A_\mu - \delta M(x)$, If we do all calculations for ΔE_H we get

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta E_H = & \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \left[-\frac{5}{6} E_n - \left(\frac{2}{3} + \frac{3}{8} \right) \langle \beta \rangle - \frac{7}{6} \langle V \rangle + \frac{(Z\alpha)^4}{n^3} f_H(Z\alpha) \right. \\ & + \langle \beta \rangle \ln(\Lambda^2) - E_n \frac{1}{4} \ln(\Lambda^2) \\ & + \langle \vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{p} \rangle \frac{1}{4} \ln(\Lambda^2) \\ & \left. + \langle V \rangle \frac{1}{4} \ln(\Lambda^2) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\Lambda}\right) \right] - \langle \delta M \rangle \end{aligned}$$

but remember Dirac equation is $\langle \vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{p} + \beta + V - E_n \rangle = 0!!$

If we take $\delta M(x) = \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \left(\frac{3}{4} \ln(\Lambda^2) + \frac{3}{8} \right) \phi^\dagger(x) \beta \phi(x)$ the self-energy is finite.

The **miracle** is that all other diagrams containing self-energy loops will be finite to all orders of the theory.

The $\frac{3}{8}$ is included so that the mass of a free electron (when $Z \rightarrow 0$) is not changed by self-energy

Self-energy is of order αmc^2

$$\Delta E_{SE} = \Delta E_L + \Delta E_H, \quad \Delta E_L = \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \left[\frac{3}{2} E_n + \frac{7}{6} \langle V \rangle + \frac{(Z\alpha)^4}{n^3} f_L(Z\alpha) \right].$$

$$\Delta E_H = \Delta E_{HA} + \Delta E_{HB}, \quad \Delta E_{HA} = \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \left[-\frac{3}{2} E_n - \frac{7}{6} \langle V \rangle + \frac{(Z\alpha)^4}{n^3} f_{HA}(Z\alpha) \right]$$

$$\Delta E_{HB} = \Delta E_H - \Delta E_{HA} = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi i} \int_{C_H} dz \int_0^\infty dx_2 x_2^2 \int_0^\infty dx_1 x_1^2$$

$$\times \left\{ \sum_{|\kappa|=1}^\infty K_\kappa(x_2, x_1, z) - K_A(x_2, x_1, z) \right\}, \quad (12)$$

At $Z=1$ one loses $(\alpha Z)^4 = 2.8 \times 10^{-9}$ i.e., 9 digits of numerical accuracy

Very slow convergence for the sum over κ

$$\Delta E_{\text{HB}} = \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \int_0^1 dt \int_0^1 dr \int_0^\infty dy S_{\text{HB}}(r, y, t).$$

$$S_{\text{HB}}(r, y, t) = \left(1 + \frac{1}{t^2}\right) \frac{r^2 y^5}{a^6} \sum_{|\kappa|=1}^{\infty} T_{\text{HB},|\kappa|}(r, y, t).$$

$$T_{\text{HB},|\kappa|} = \frac{r^{2|\kappa|}}{|\kappa|} \left[\text{const} + O\left(\frac{1}{|\kappa|}\right) \right], \quad 0 < r \leq 1$$

$t_k = T_{\text{HB},k+1}$ Non-linear Van Wijngaarden condensation transform:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} t_k = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (-1)^j \mathbf{A}_j, \quad \mathbf{A}_j = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^k t_{2^k(j+1)-1}.$$

Very slow convergence for the sum over κ

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Convergence acceleration via combined nonlinear-condensation transformations, U.D. Jentschura, P.J. Mohr, G. Soff *et al.* Computer Physics Communications **116**, 28-54 (1999).

Calculation of the Electron Self-Energy for Low Nuclear Charge, U.D. Jentschura, P.J. Mohr et G. Soff. Phys. Rev. Lett. **82**, 53-57 (1999)

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$$S_n = \sum_{j=0}^n (-1)^j A_j \qquad \mathbf{B}_j = (-1)^j \mathbf{A}_j .$$

$$\delta_n^{(0)}(1, S_0) = \frac{\sum_{j=0}^n (-1)^j \binom{n}{j} \frac{(1+j)_{n-1}}{(1+n)_{n-1}} \frac{S_j}{\mathbf{B}_{j+1}}}{\sum_{j=0}^n (-1)^j \binom{n}{j} \frac{(1+j)_{n-1}}{(1+n)_{n-1}} \frac{1}{\mathbf{B}_{j+1}}} ,$$

All calculations of S and B must be performed in 128 bits arithmetic for Z=1-5

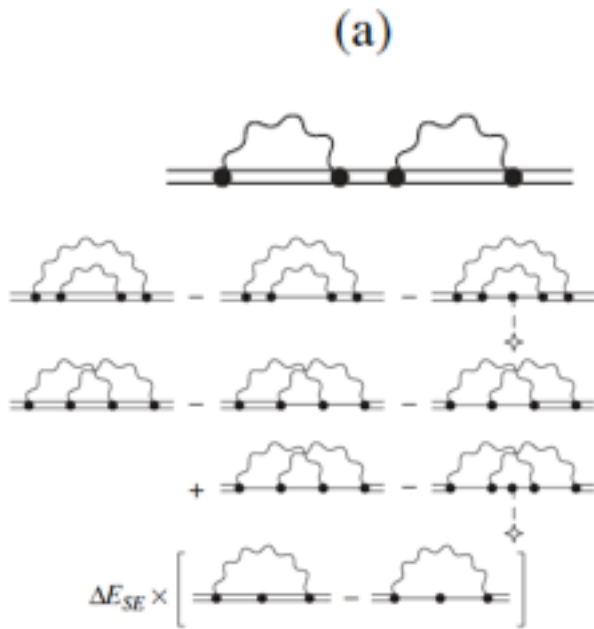


Fig. 2. Schematic view of the UV subtractions for the M term. The identity $(\partial/\partial\epsilon)(\epsilon - H)^{-1} = -(\epsilon - H)^{-2}$ is used for the reducible part.

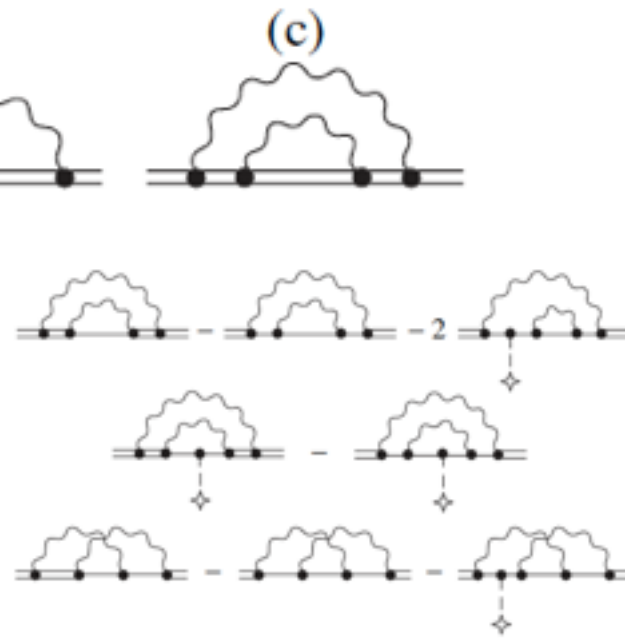


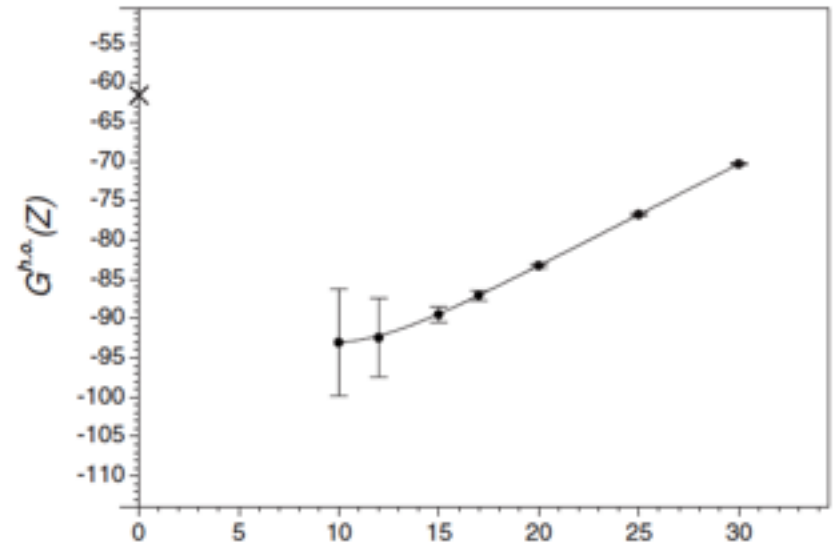
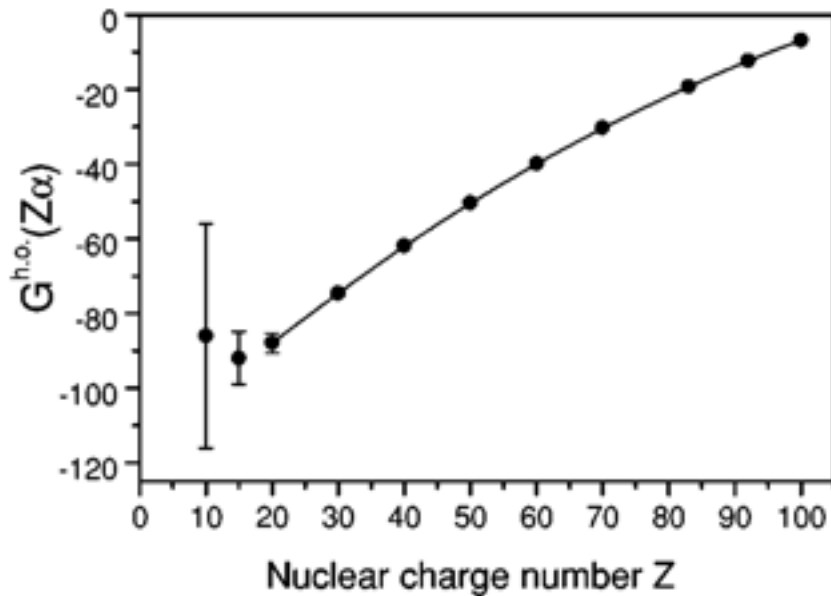
Fig. 3. Schematic view of the UV subtractions for the P term.

Two-Loop Self-Energy Correction in a Strong Coulomb Nuclear Field, V.A. Yerokhin, P. Indelicato et V.M. Shabaev. JOURNAL OF EXPERIMENTAL AND THEORETICAL PHYSICS **101**, 280–293 (2005).

- Renormalization very hard
- Mixed coordinate-space and momentum space Green function to evaluate numerically some renormalization contributions
- Double sums over angular momenta with slow convergence
- More numerical integrations
- cancellations

V. A. Yerokhin, P. Indelicato, and V. M. Shabaev, Phys. rev. A 71, 040101(R) (2005).

$$\Delta E_{\text{SESE}} = m \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi} \right)^2 (Z\alpha)^4 \{ B_{40} + (Z\alpha) B_{50} + (Z\alpha)^2 \\ \times [L^3 B_{63} + L^2 B_{62} + L B_{61} + G_{\text{SESE}}^{\text{h.o.}}(Z)] \},$$



V. A. Yerokhin, Physical Review A 80, 040501 (2009)

All order numerical calculations

V. A. Yerokhin, Phys. Rev. A **80**, 040501 (2009)

$$G_{\text{SESE}}^{\text{h.o.}}(Z=0) \equiv B_{60} = -84(15),$$

V. A. Yerokhin, P. Indelicato, and V. M. Shabaev, Phys. Rev. A **71**, 040101(R) (2005).

$$-127(42)$$

Analytic calculations

$$B_{40} = 1.409244, \quad B_{50} = -24.2668(31),$$

$$B_{63} = -8/27, \quad B_{62} = 16/27 - (16/9)\ln 2,$$

K. Pachucki and U. D. Jentschura, Phys. Rev. Lett. **91**, 113005 (4) (2003).

$$B_{60} = -61.6(9.2).$$

U. D. Jentschura, A. Czarnecki, and K. Pachucki, Physical Review A **72**, 062102 (2005).

$$B_{61} = 48.388913,$$

$$\delta B_{61} = -1.4494\dots$$

Z	ΔE_{LAL}	ΔE_F^R	ΔE_P^R	ΔE_M	Sum
10	-0.3577	822.14(2)	-721.34(12)	-100.19(10)	0.25(16)
15	-0.4951	292.902(13)	-235.205(70)	-57.366(48)	-0.164(85)
20	-0.6015	136.911(7)	-102.026(55)	-34.764(16)	-0.481(58)
30	-0.7565	44.729(3)	-29.410(25)	-15.465(5)	-0.903(26)
40	-0.8711	19.505(3)	-11.575(30)	-8.253(5)	-1.194(31)
			-11.41(15) ^a	-8.27(18) ^a	-1.05(23) ^a
50	-0.9734	10.025(2)	-5.488(26)	-5.001(3)	-1.437(26)
			-5.41(8) ^a	-4.99(6) ^a	-1.34(10) ^a
60	-1.082	5.723(1)	-2.970(18)	-3.341(2)	-1.670(18)
			-2.93(4) ^a	-3.342(21) ^a	-1.63(4) ^a
70	-1.216	3.497(1)	-1.757(25)	-2.412(11)	-1.888(27)
83	-1.466	1.938	-1.057(13)	-1.764(4)	-2.349(14)
92	-1.734	1.276	-0.812(10)	-1.513(3)	-2.783(10)
100	-2.099	0.825	-0.723(7)	-1.384(3)	-3.381(8)

Note: All of the data are given in units of $F(Z\alpha)$. ^a The data from [13].

Exemple of experimental results

Pushing QED to the limit



Third order

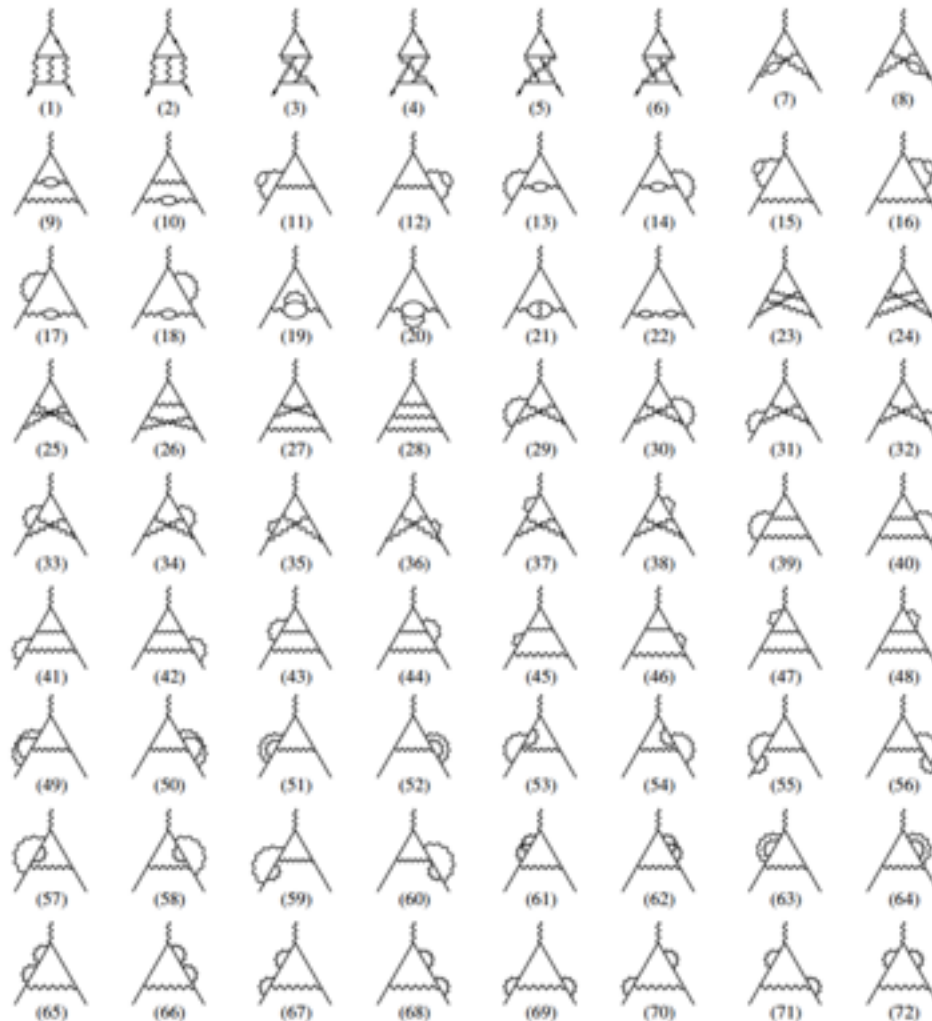
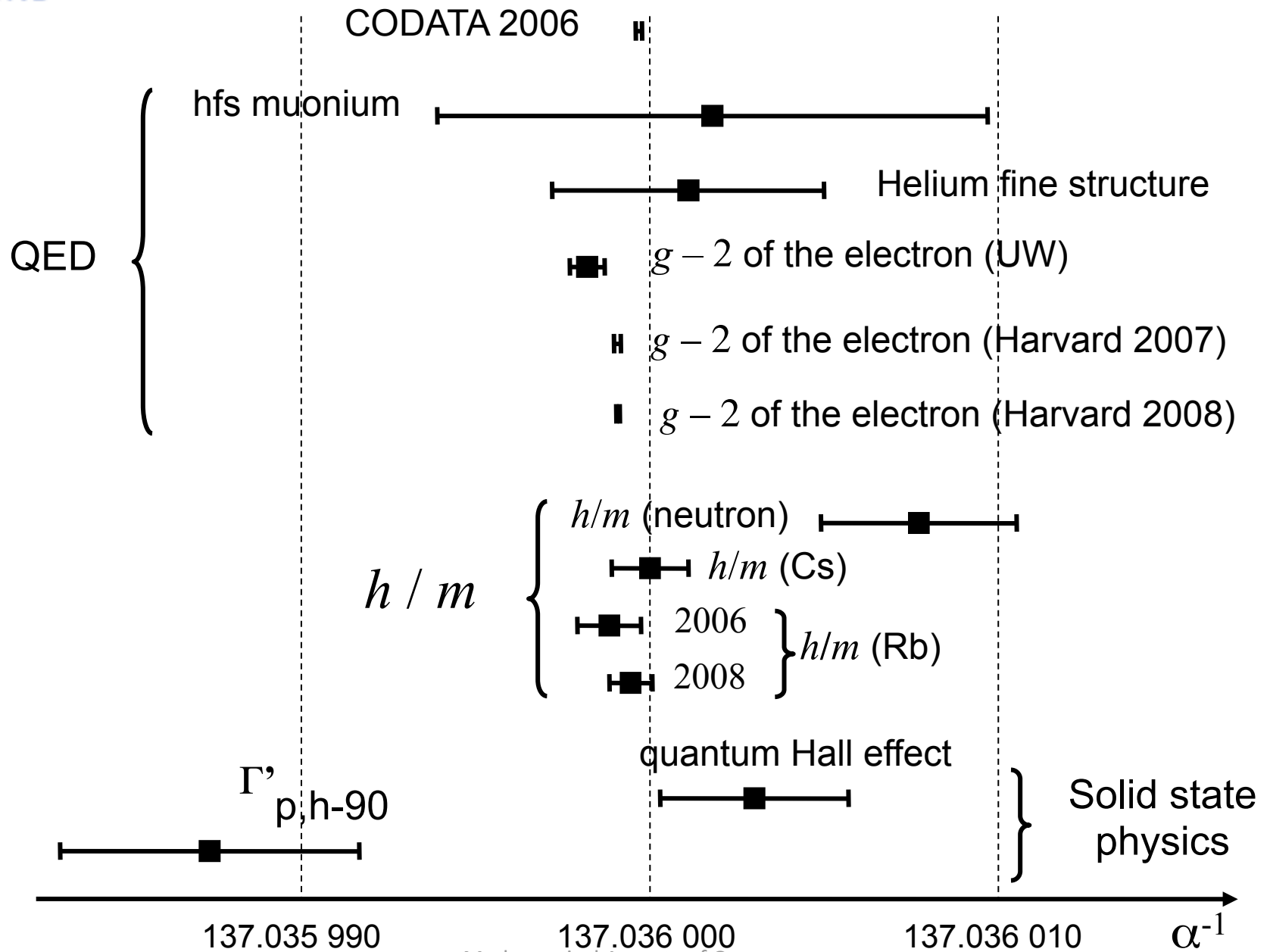
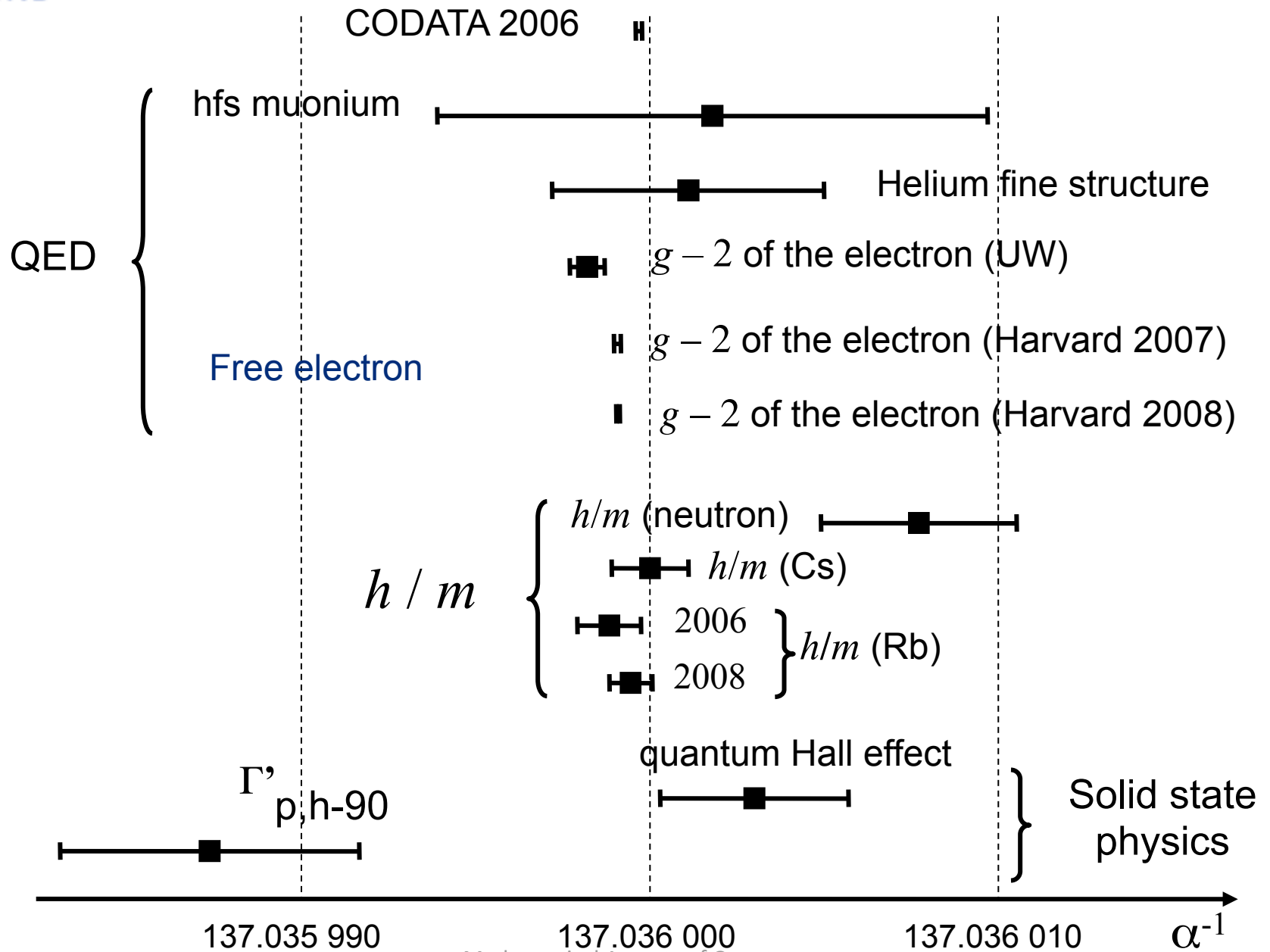
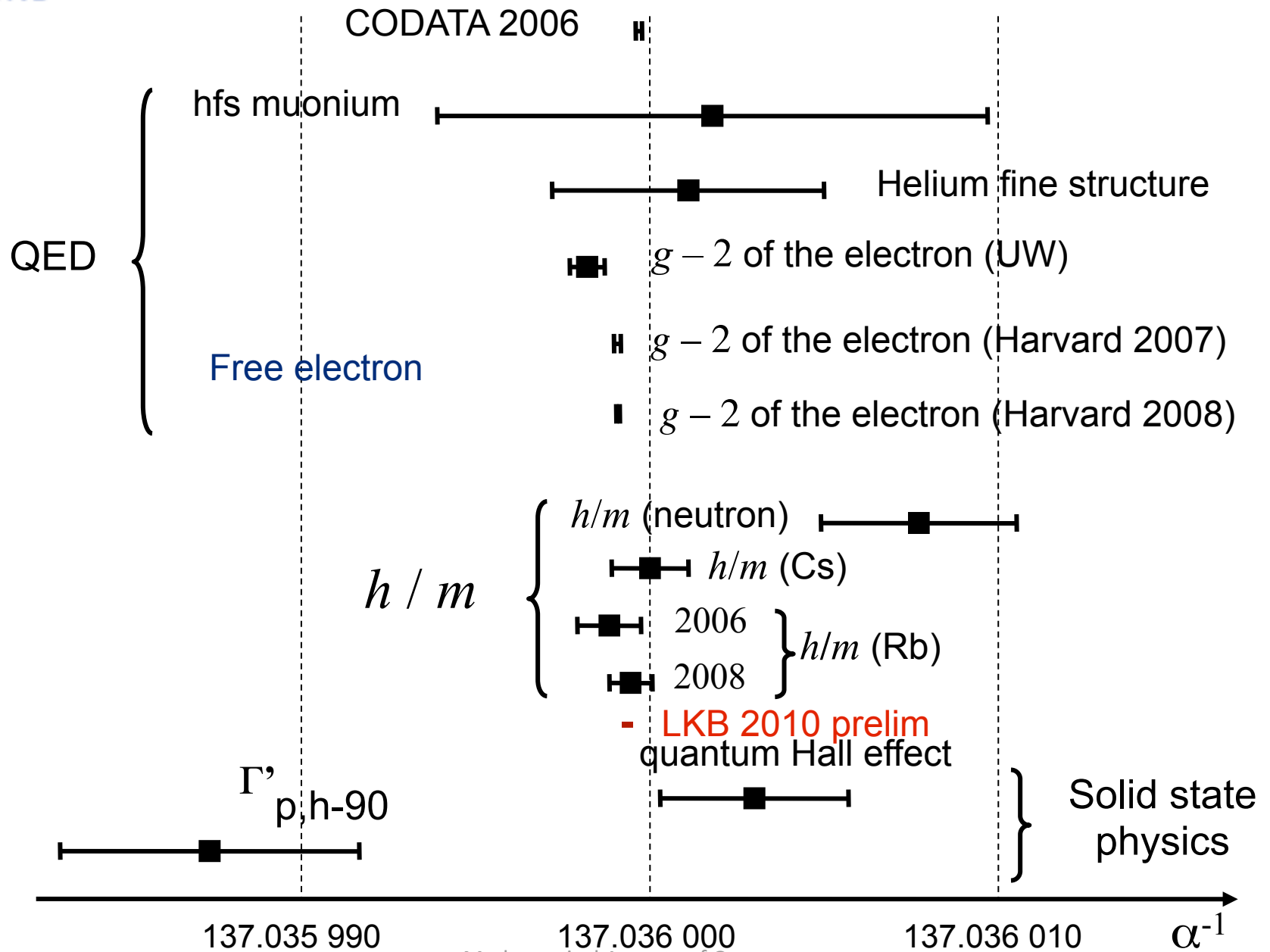


Fig. 10. The universal third order contribution to a_μ . All fermion loops here are muon-loops. Graphs (1) to (6) are the light-by-light scattering diagrams. Graphs (7) to (22) include photon vacuum polarization insertions. All non-universal contributions follow by replacing at least one muon in a closed loop by some other fermion.





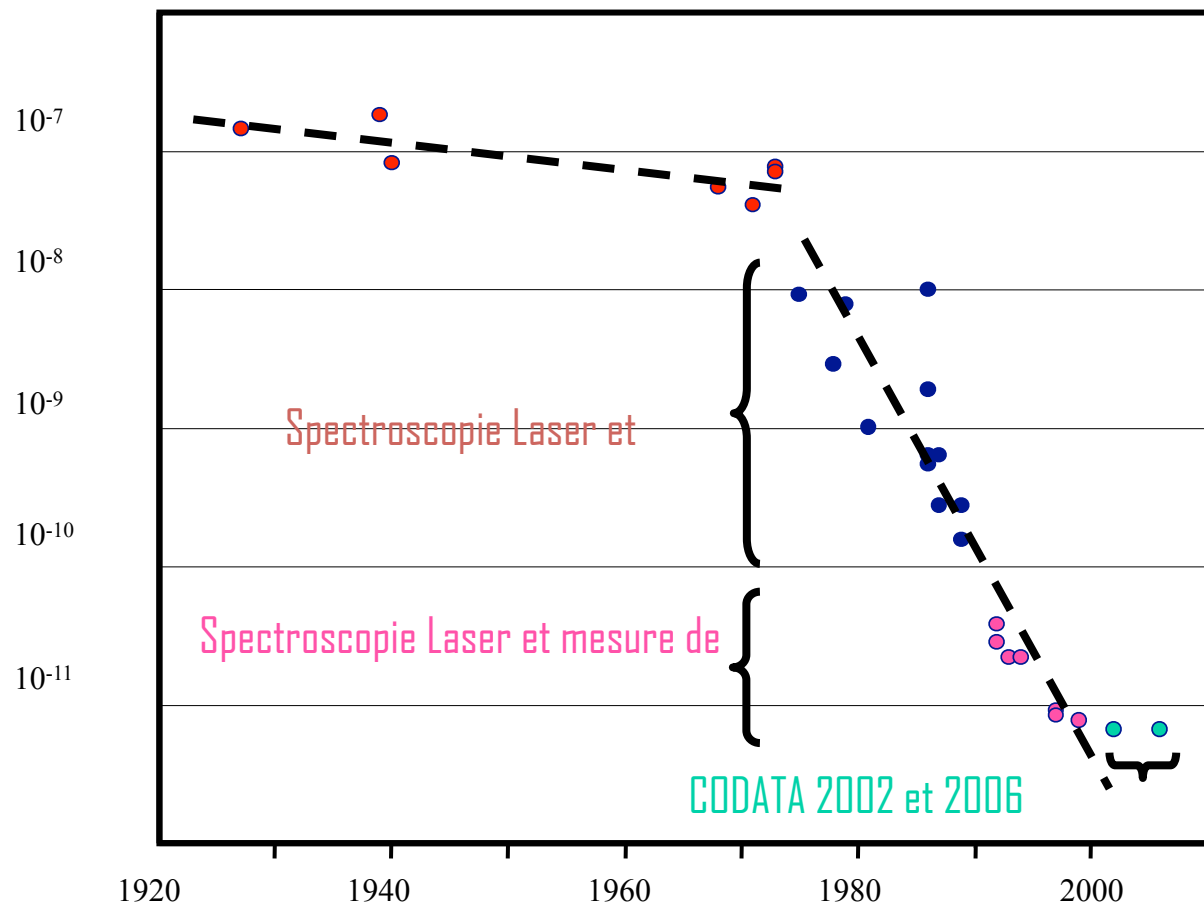


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Mathematical Aspects of Quantum
Electrodynamics

Précision de la mesure de R_H

Elle définit les énergies des niveaux des atomes



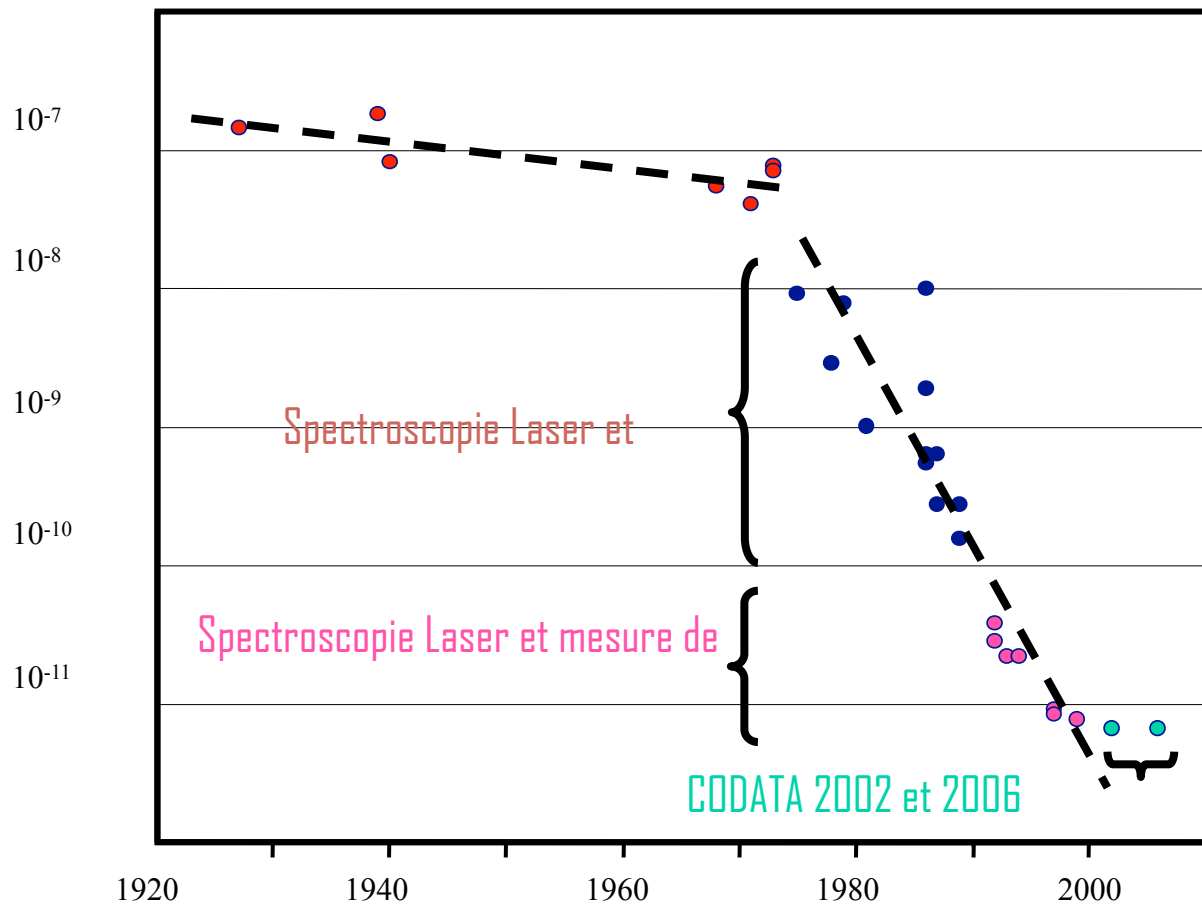
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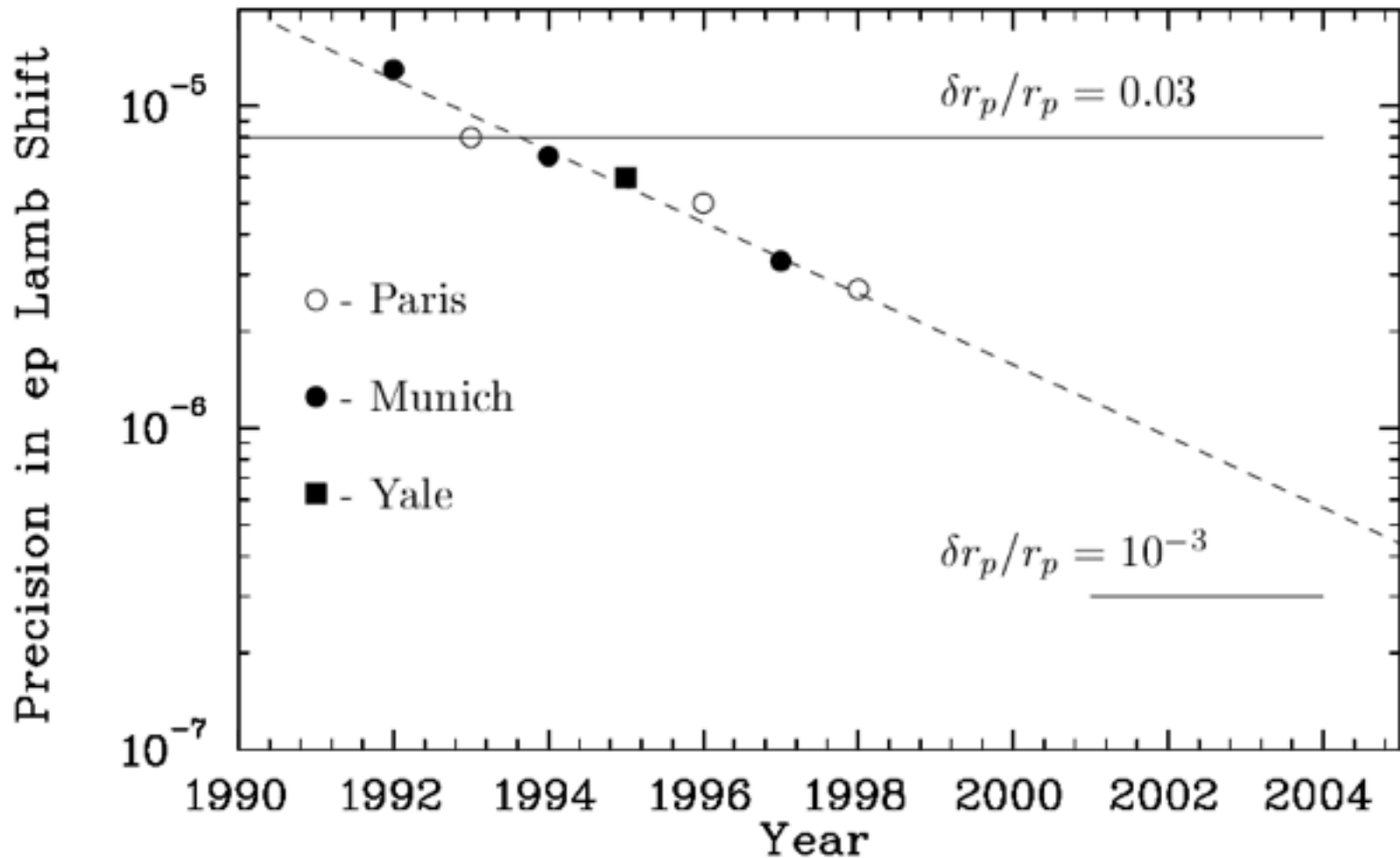
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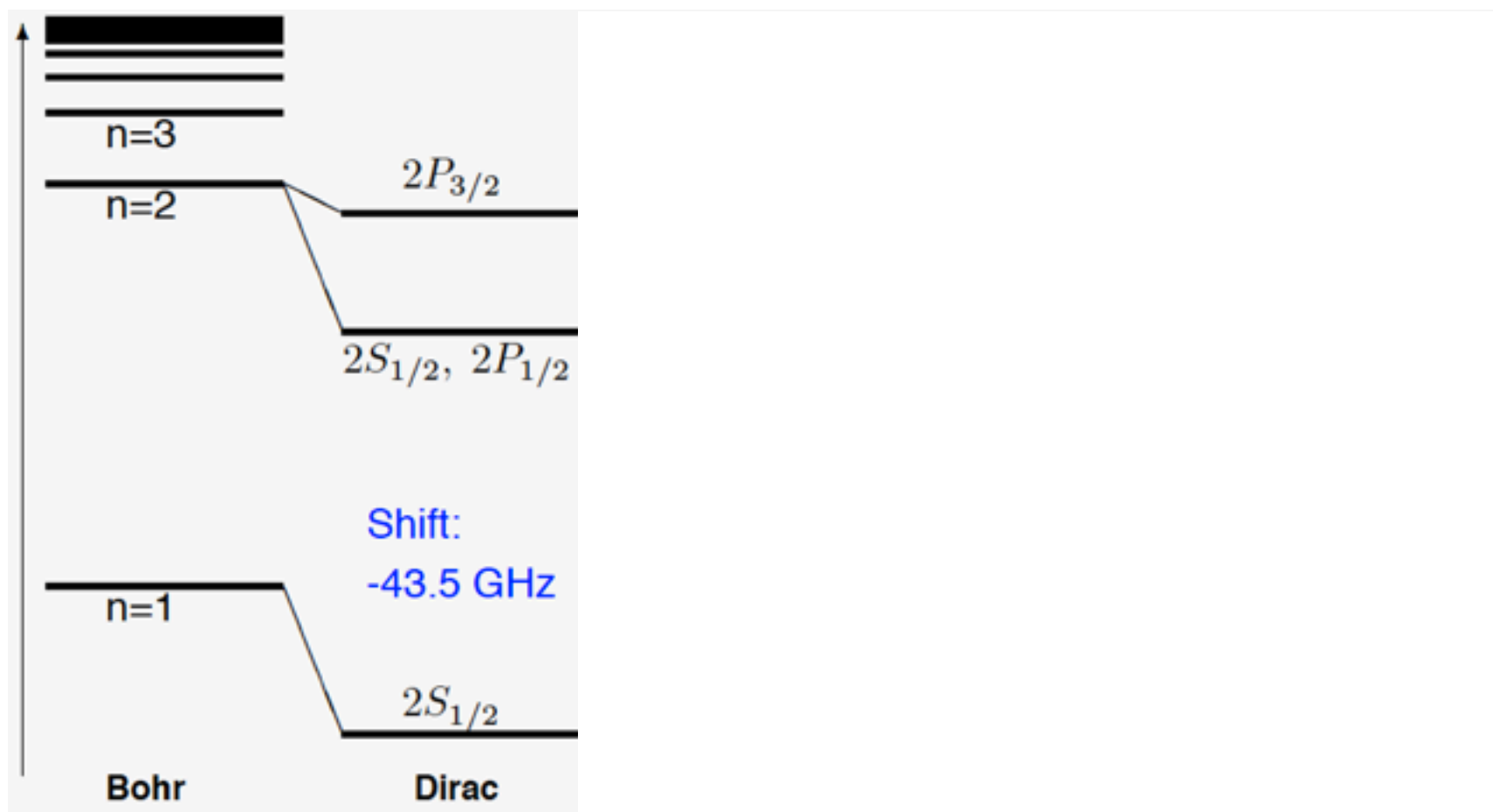
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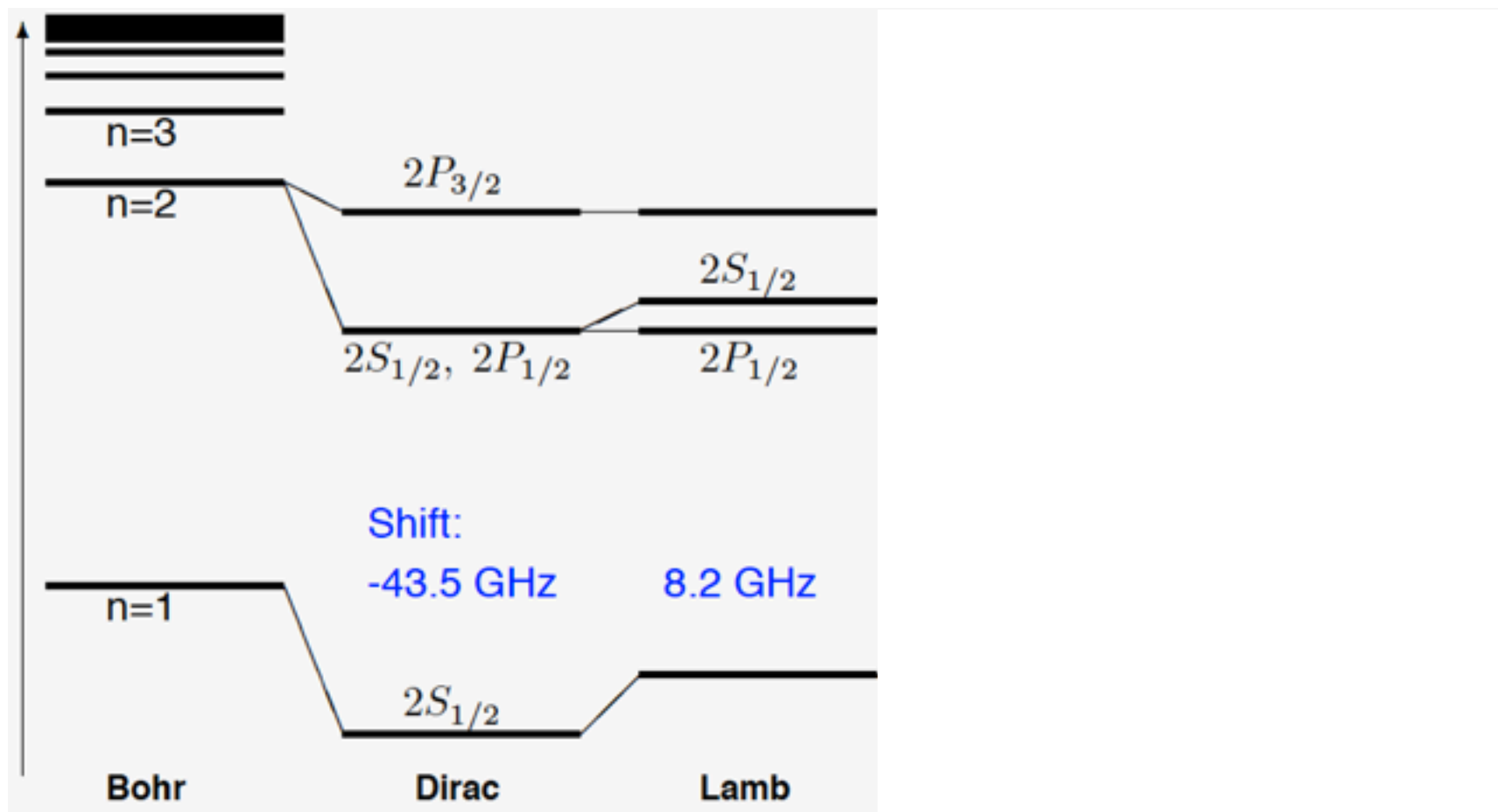
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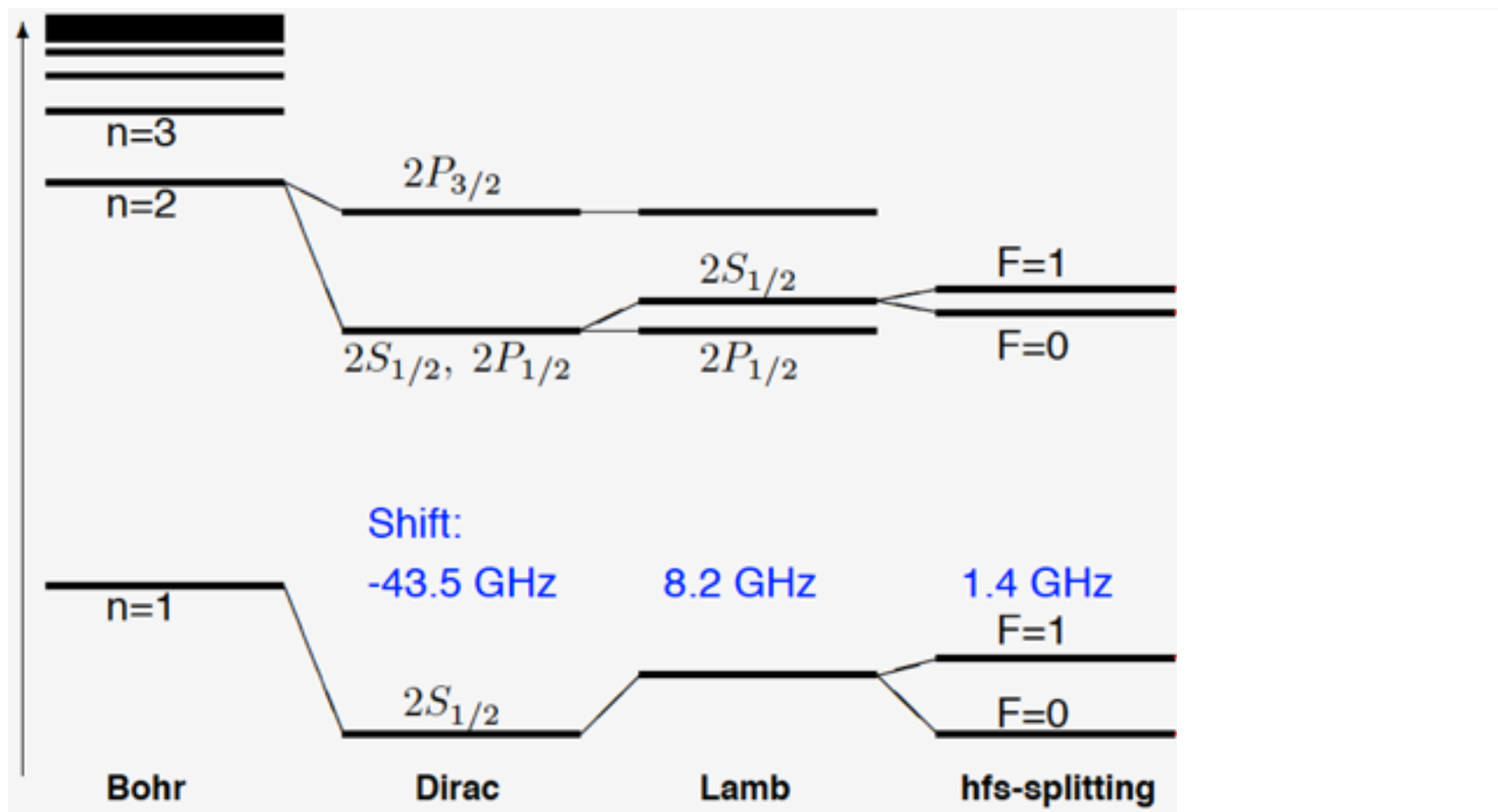




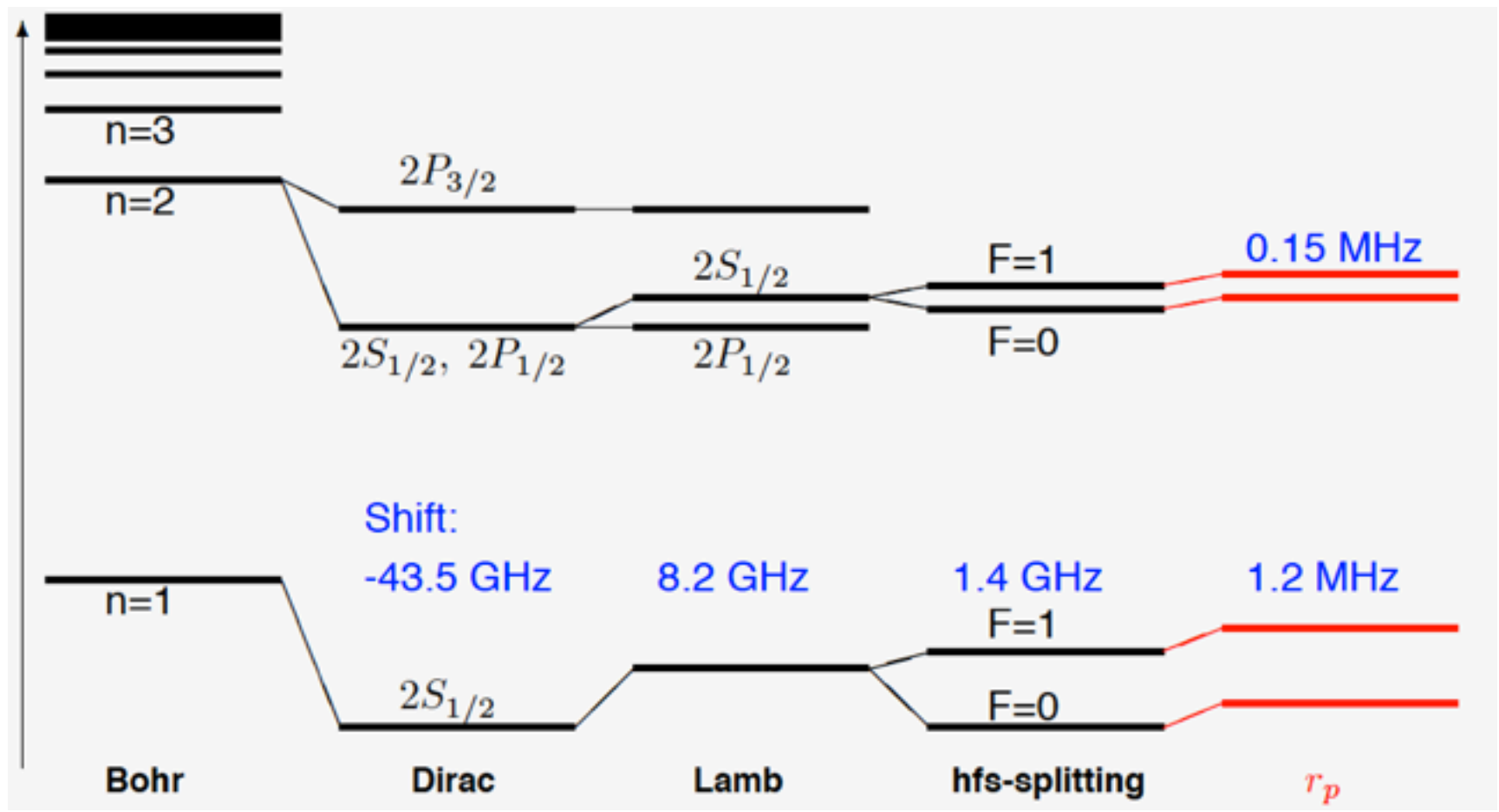
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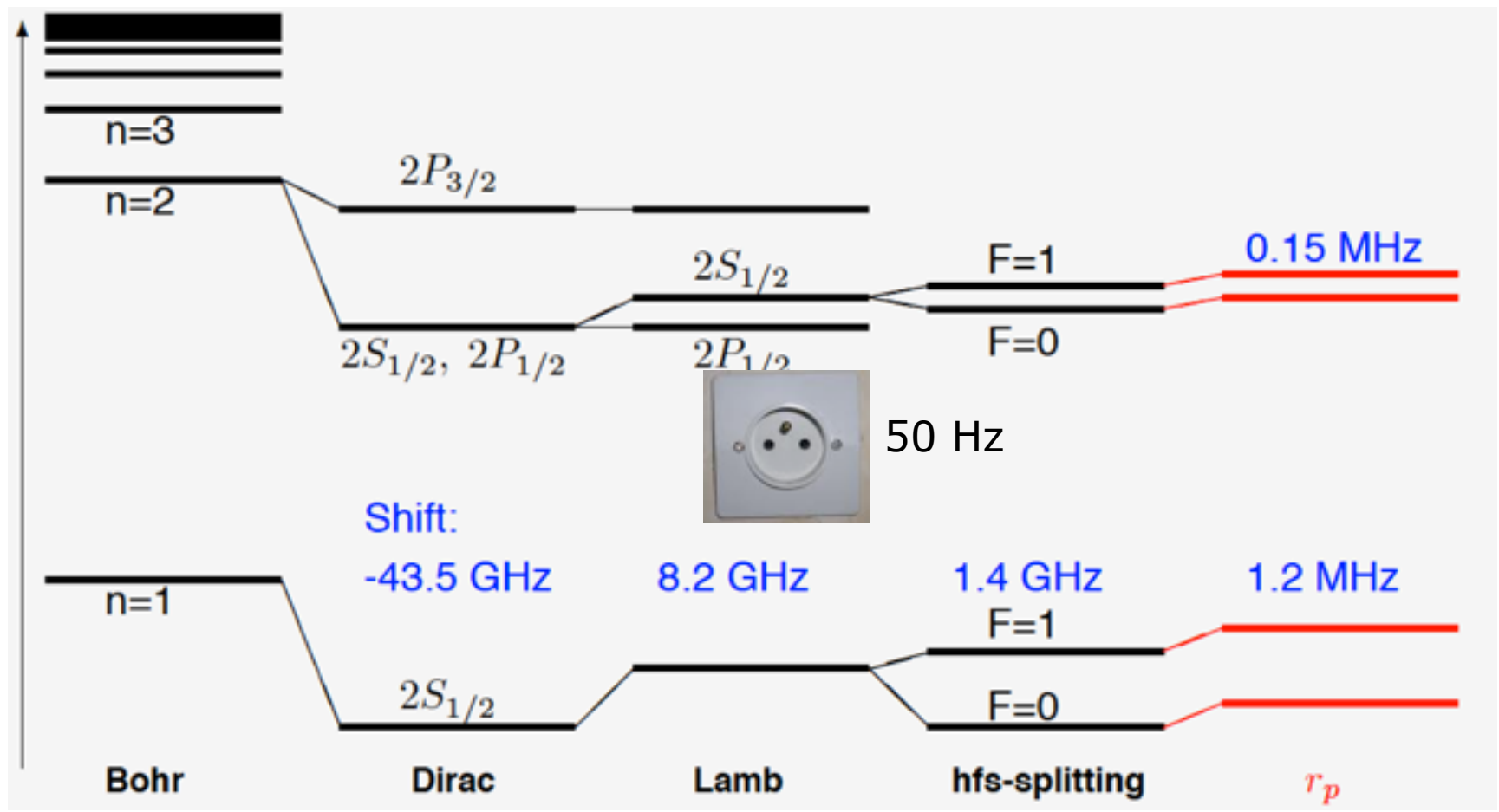
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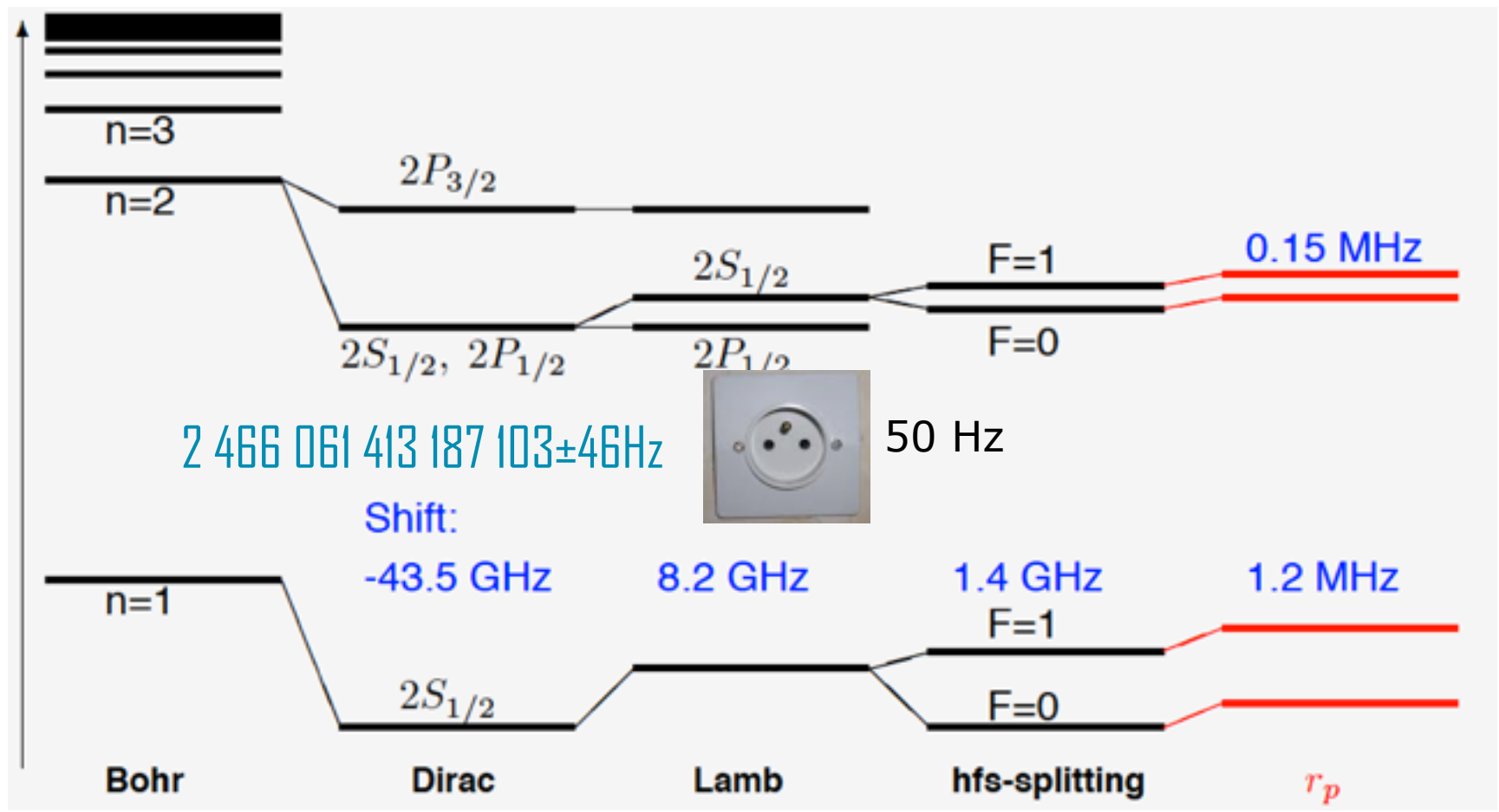
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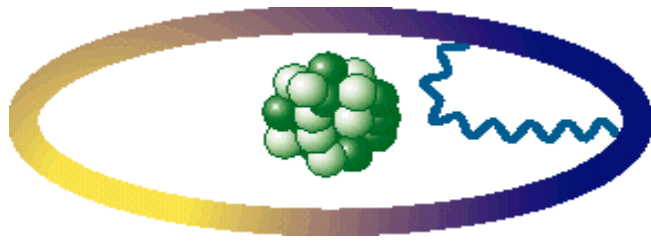
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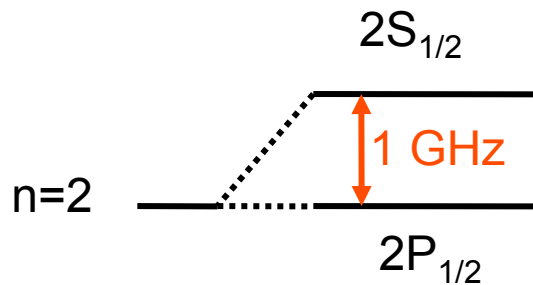
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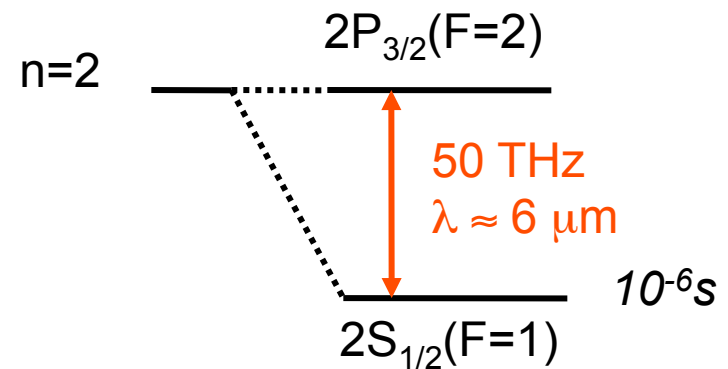
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Hydrogène (électron)

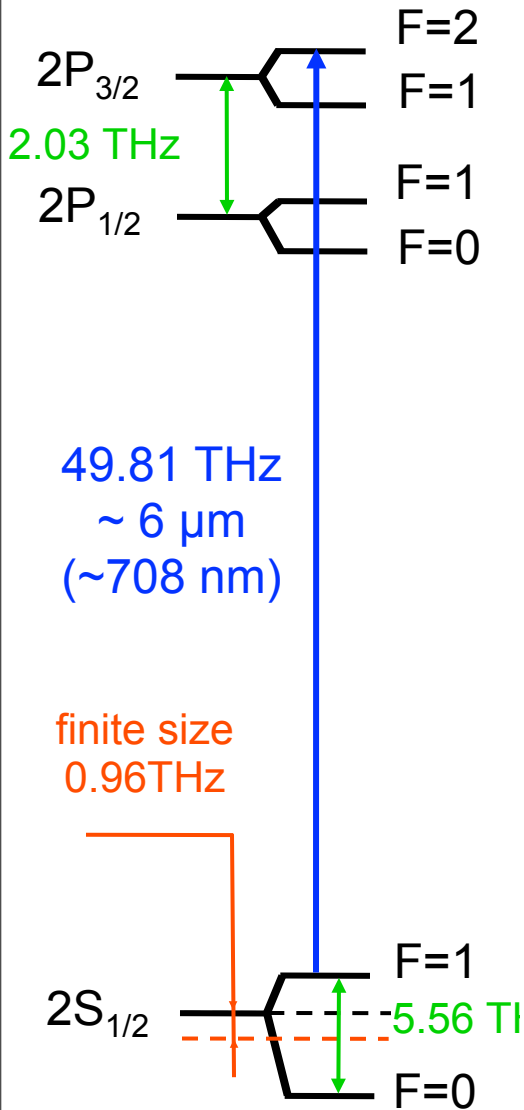


Polarisation du vide
Plus on est près plus c'est fort!

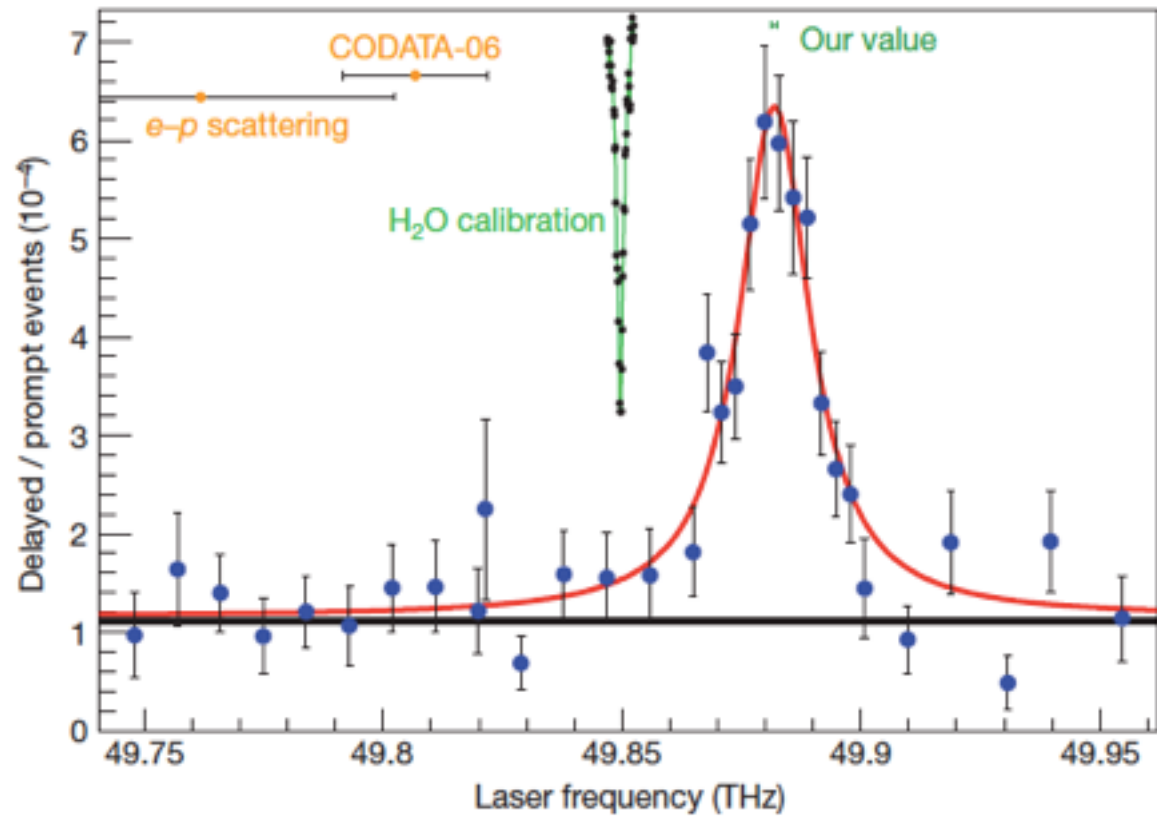


Hydrogène muonique (muon 207 fois plus lourd que l'électron)

muonic hydrogen : $2S_{1/2}(F=1) - 2P_{3/2}(F=2)$



- 550 events measured
- 155 backgrounds
- 31 FP fringes
- 250 hours



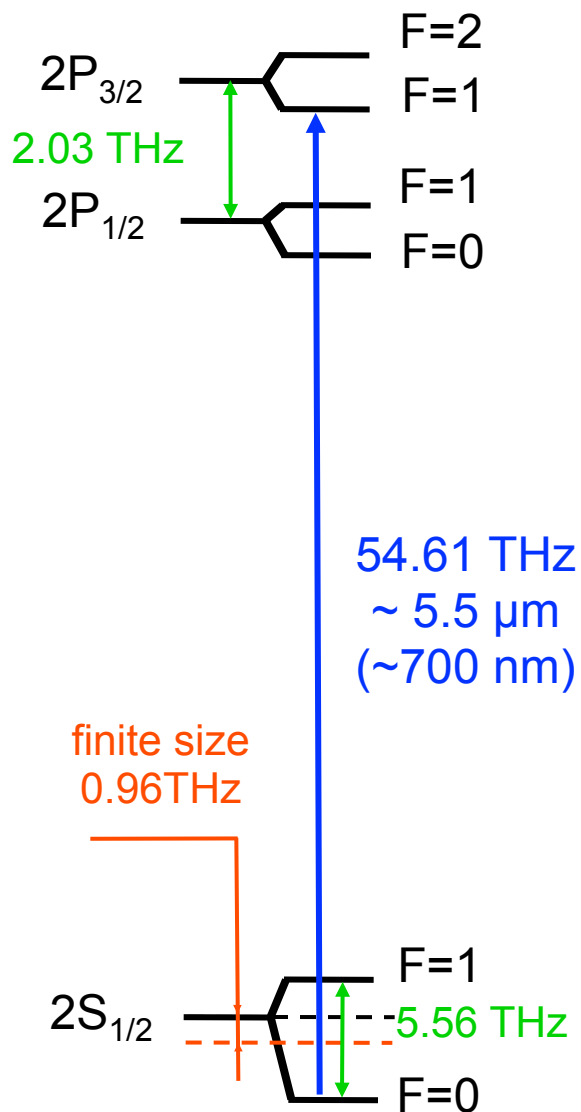
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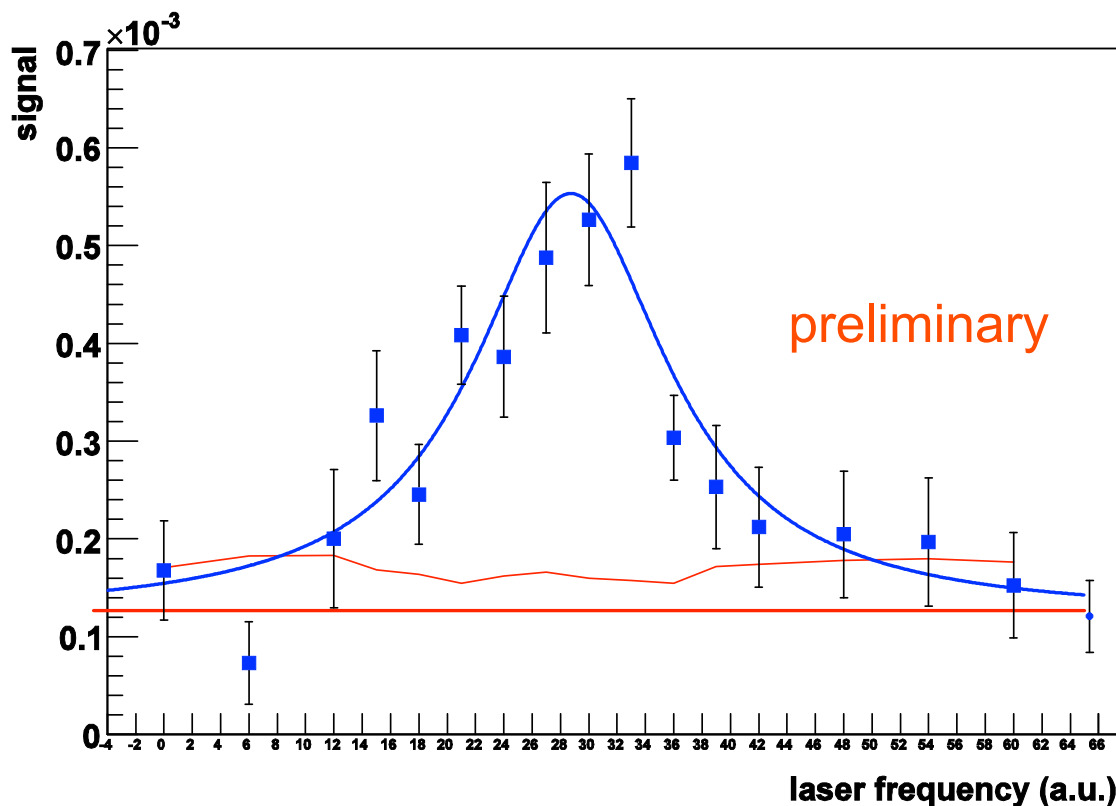
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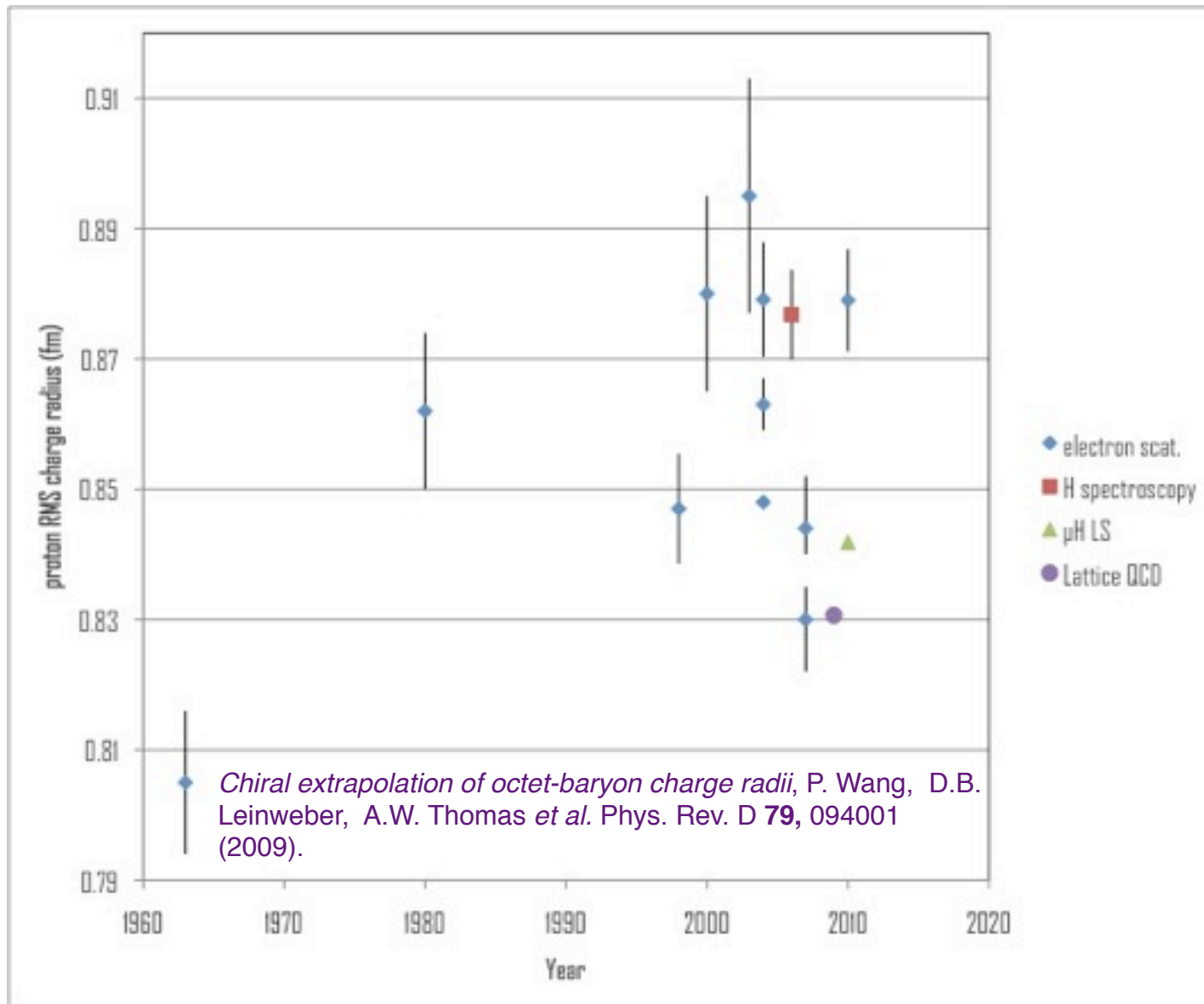
= proton charge radius ($\sim 0.1\%$)

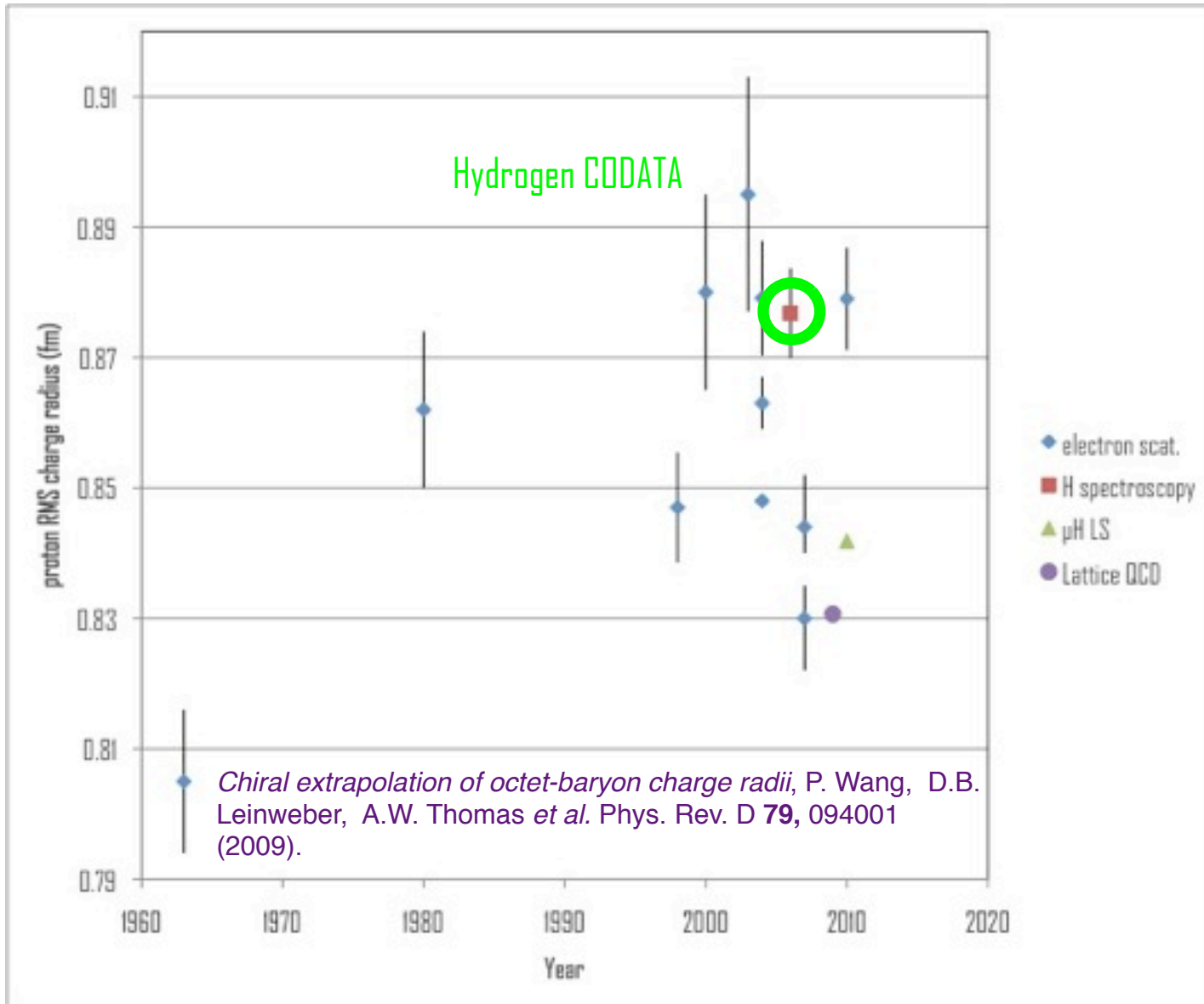
muonic hydrogen: $2S_{1/2}(F=0)$ - $2P_{3/2}(F=1)$

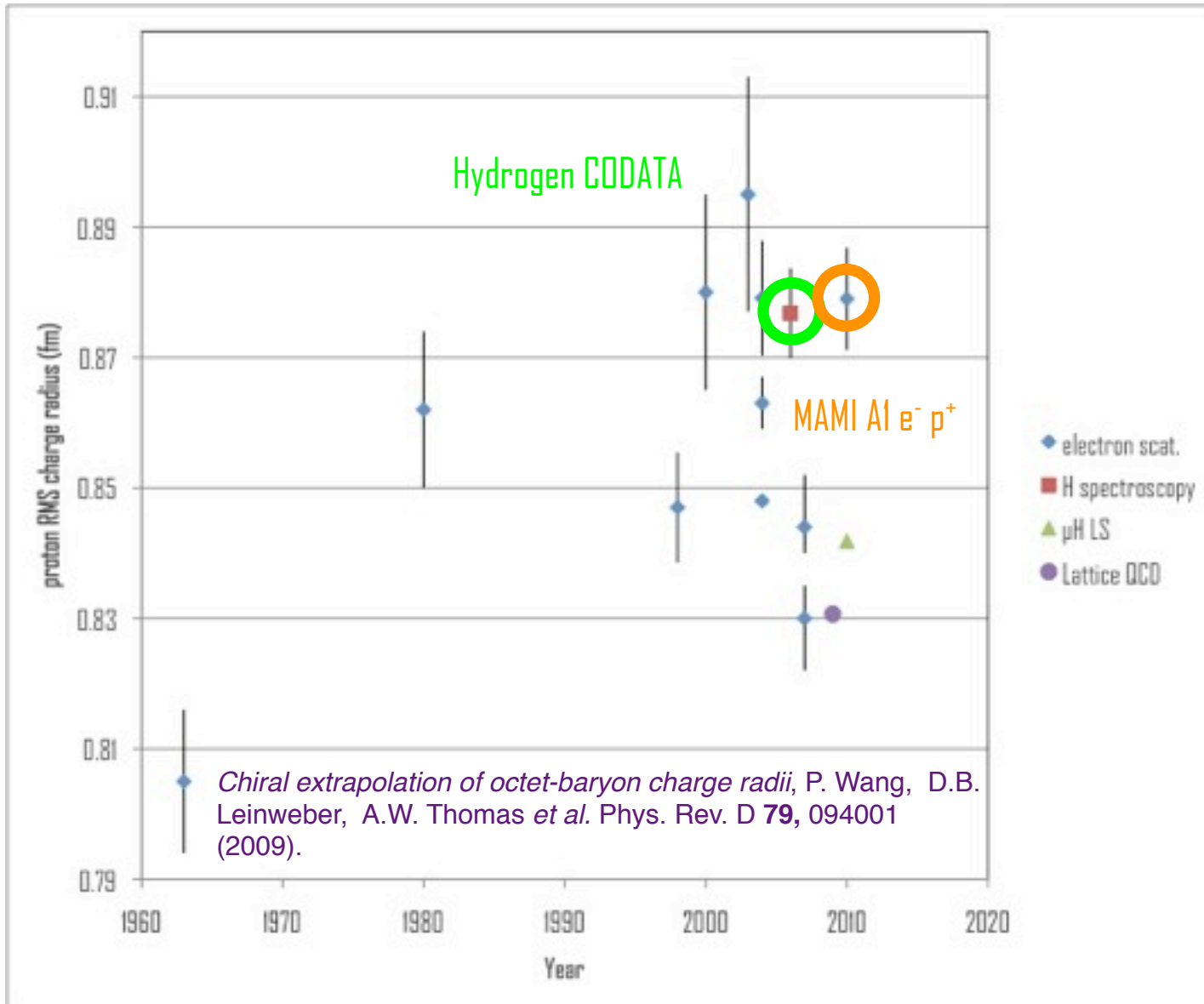


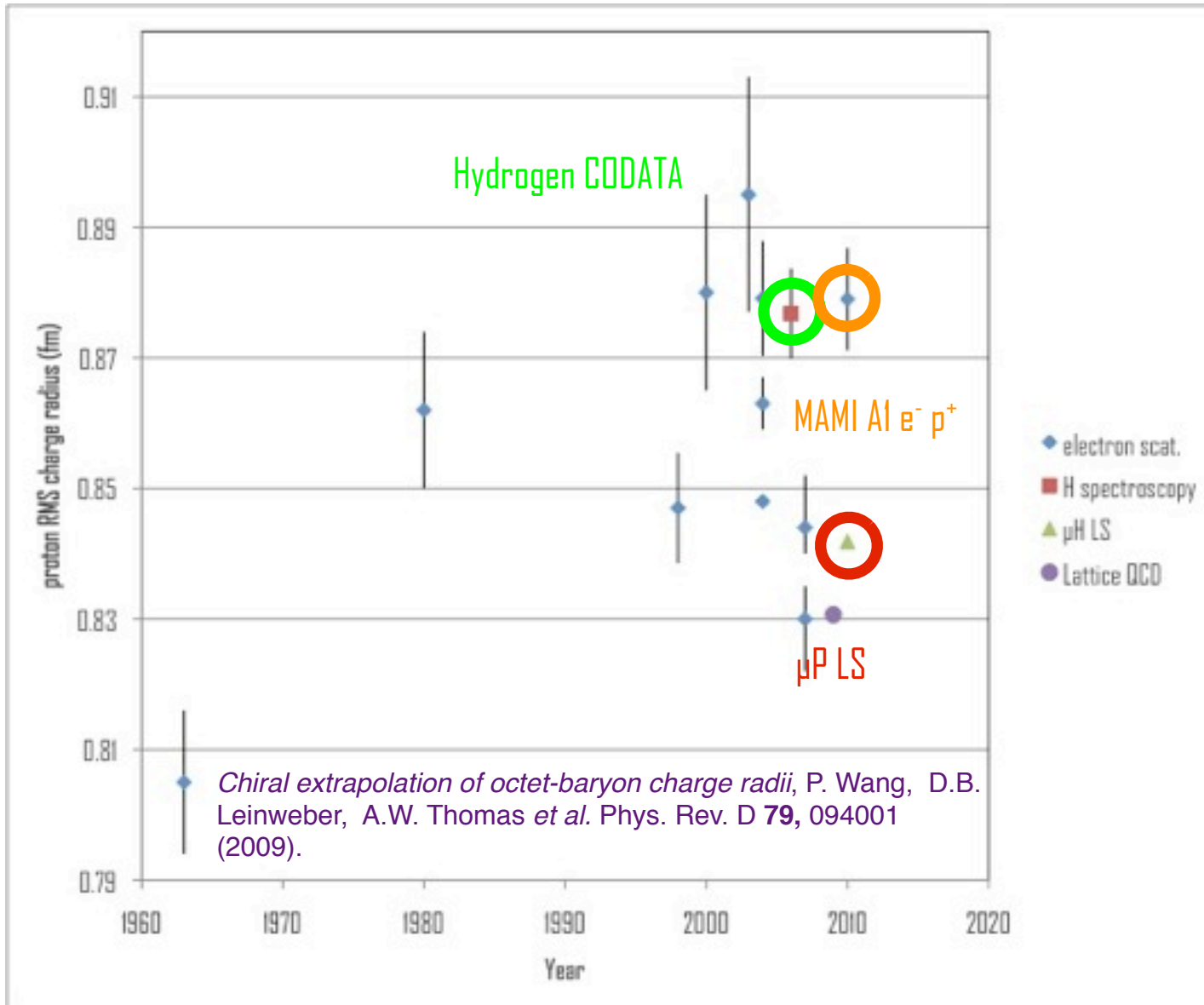
- measured position fits with our proton radius (preliminary)
- laser worked even better at $5.5 \mu\text{m}$











nature

OIL SPILLS
There's more
to come

PLAGIARISM
It's worse than
you think

CHIMPANZEES
The battle for
survival

SHRINKING THE PROTON

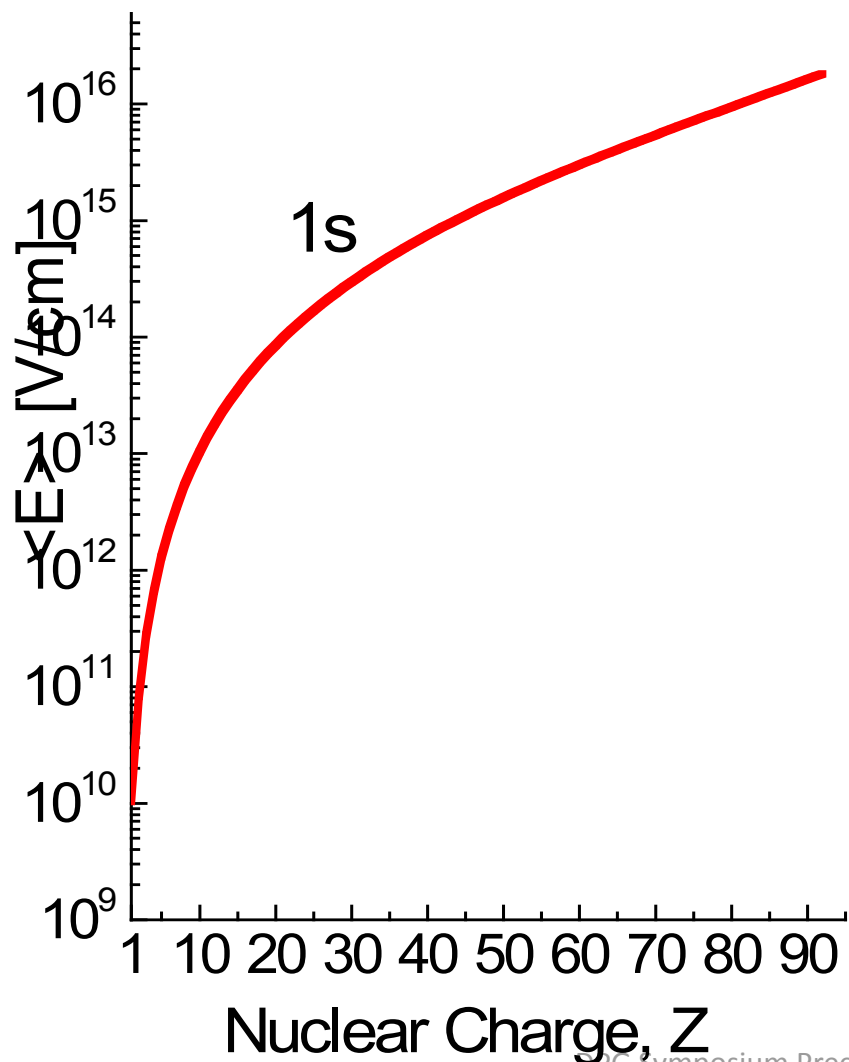
New value from exotic atom
trims radius by four per cent

NATUREJOBS
Researchers for hire



Highly charged ions

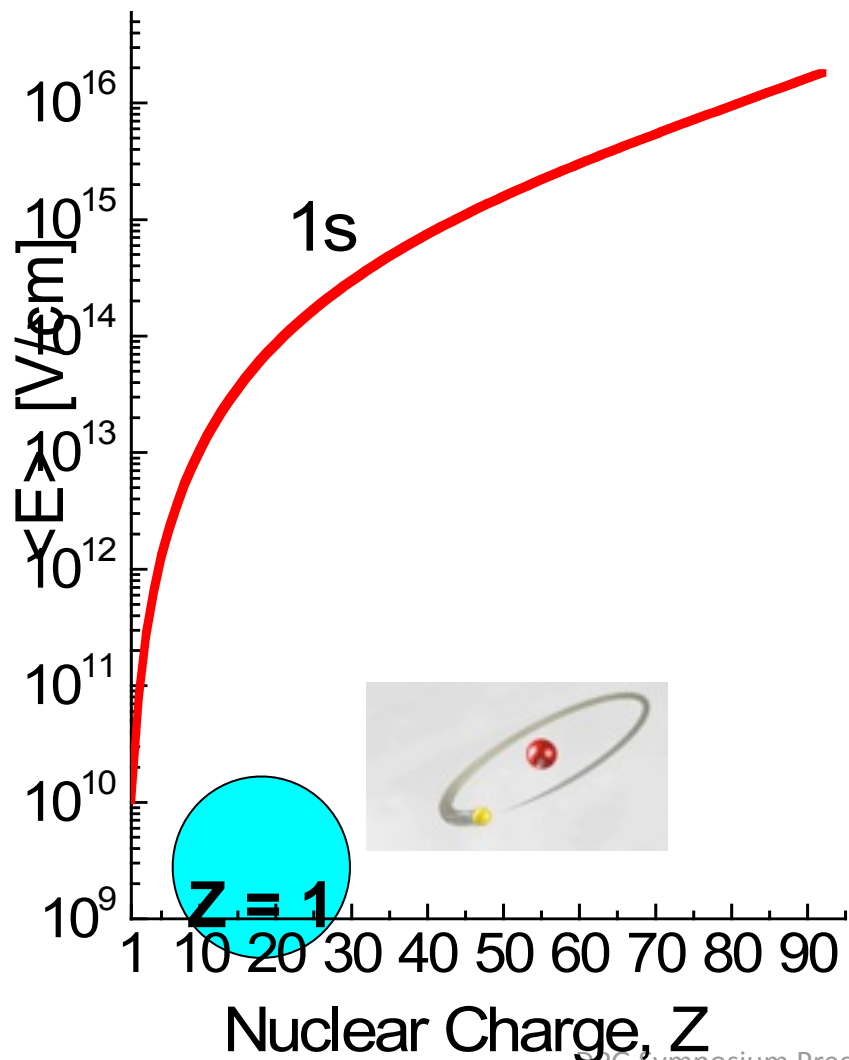
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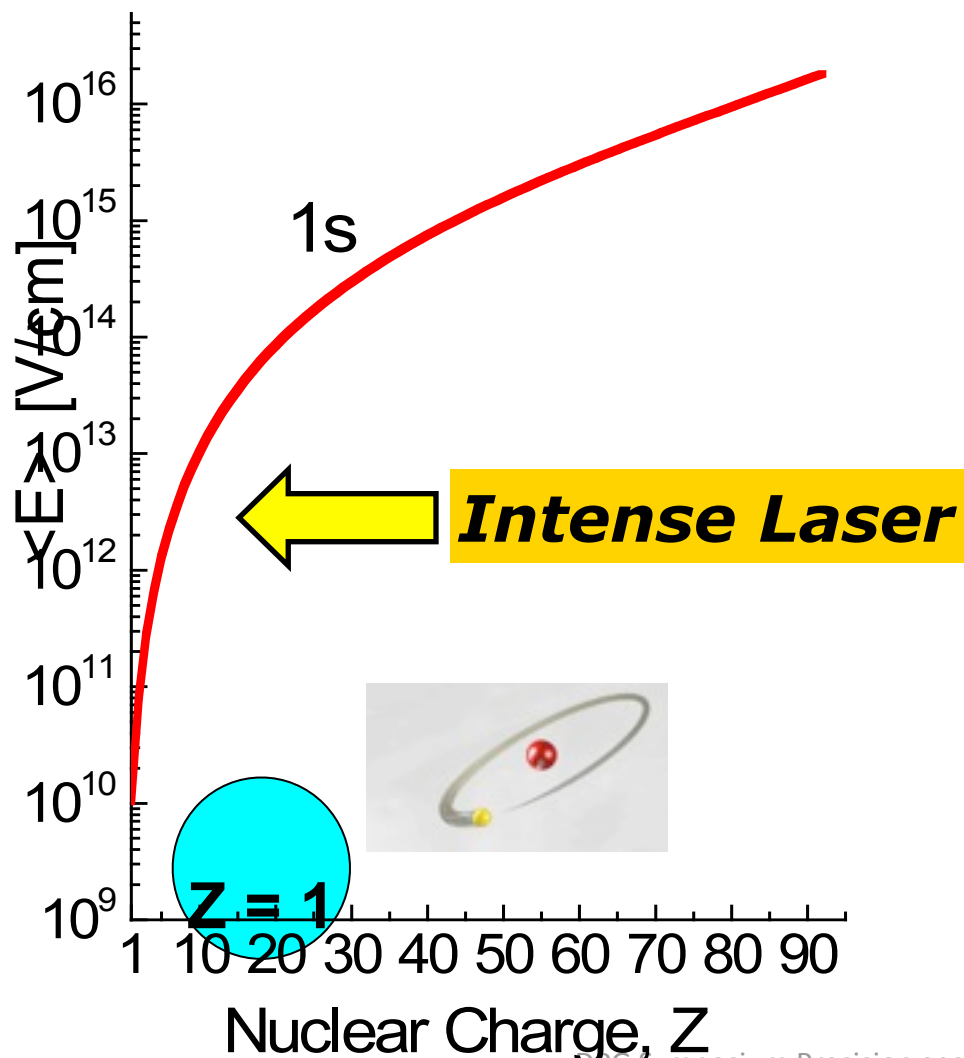
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DPG Symposium Precision spectroscopy of
highly ionized matter

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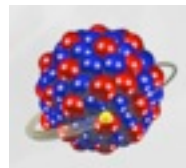


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 $\langle E \rangle = 1 \cdot 10^{10} \text{ V/cm}$

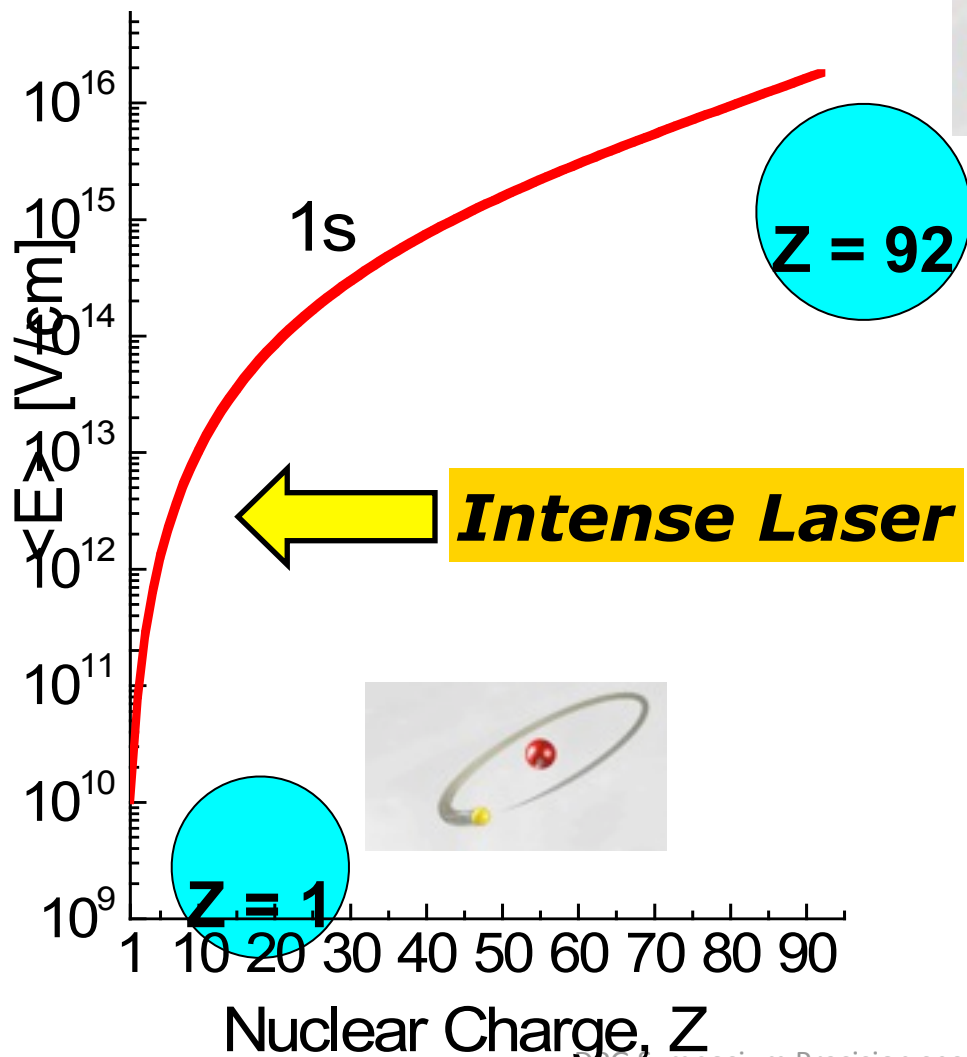


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Atomic Physics in Strong Coulomb Fields



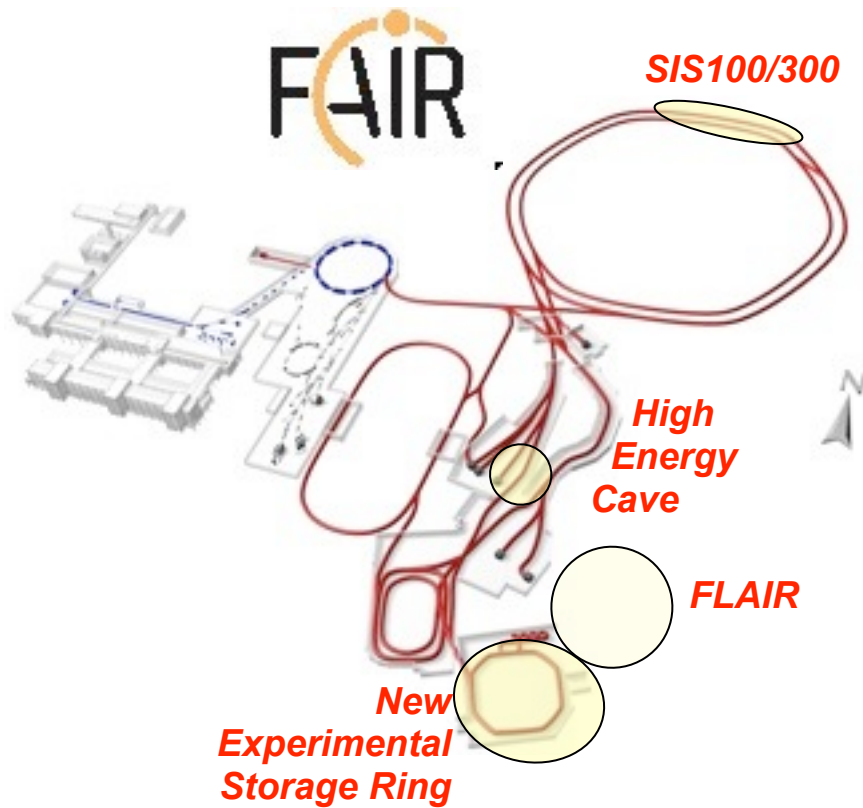
H-like Uranium
 $E_K = -132 \cdot 10^3 \text{ eV}$
 $\langle E \rangle = 1.8 \cdot 10^{16} \text{ V/cm}$



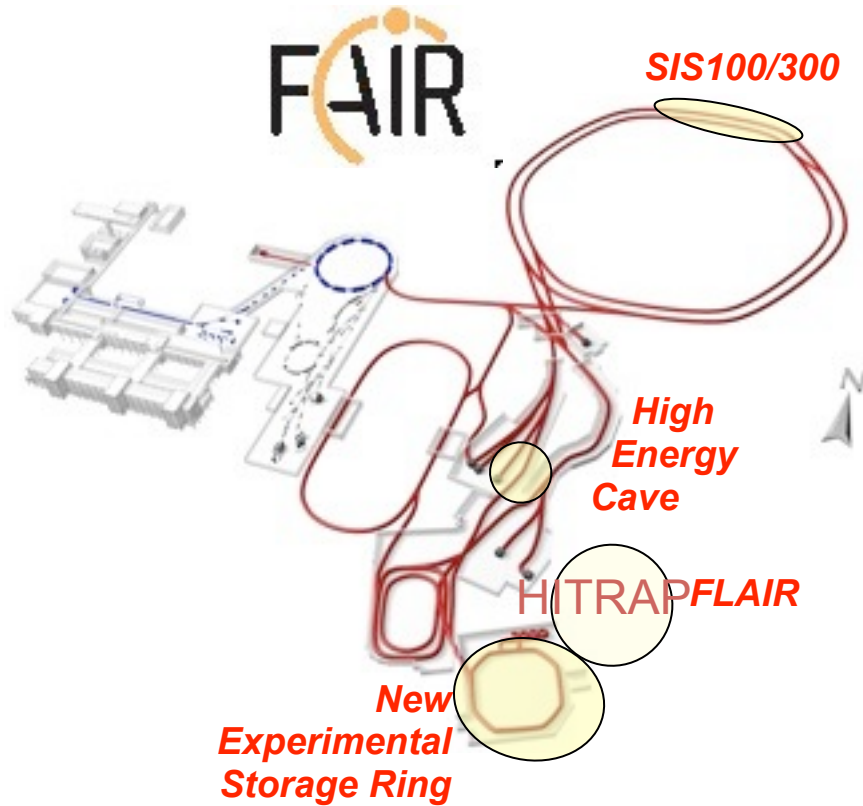
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Atomic Structure at High- Z

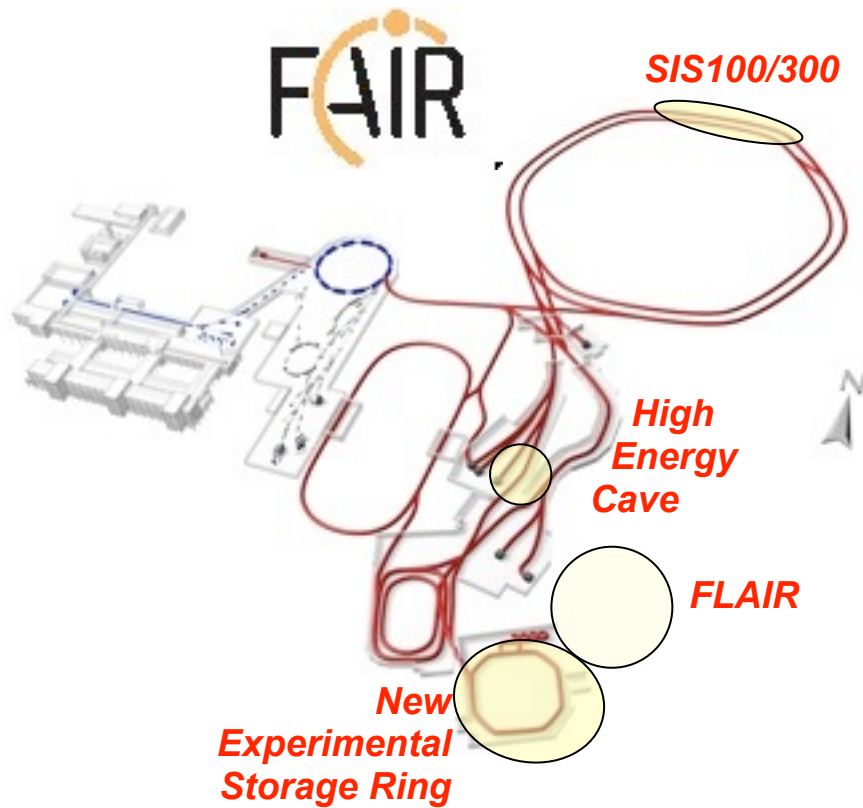
- bound state quantum electrodynamics (QED)
- effects of relativity on the atomic structure
- electron correlation in the presence of strong fields



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around the corner



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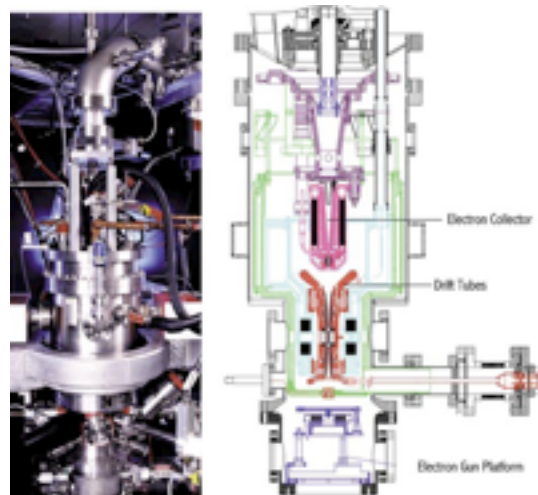
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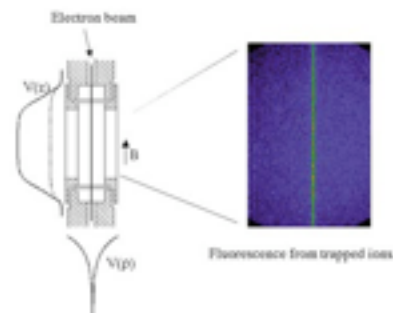
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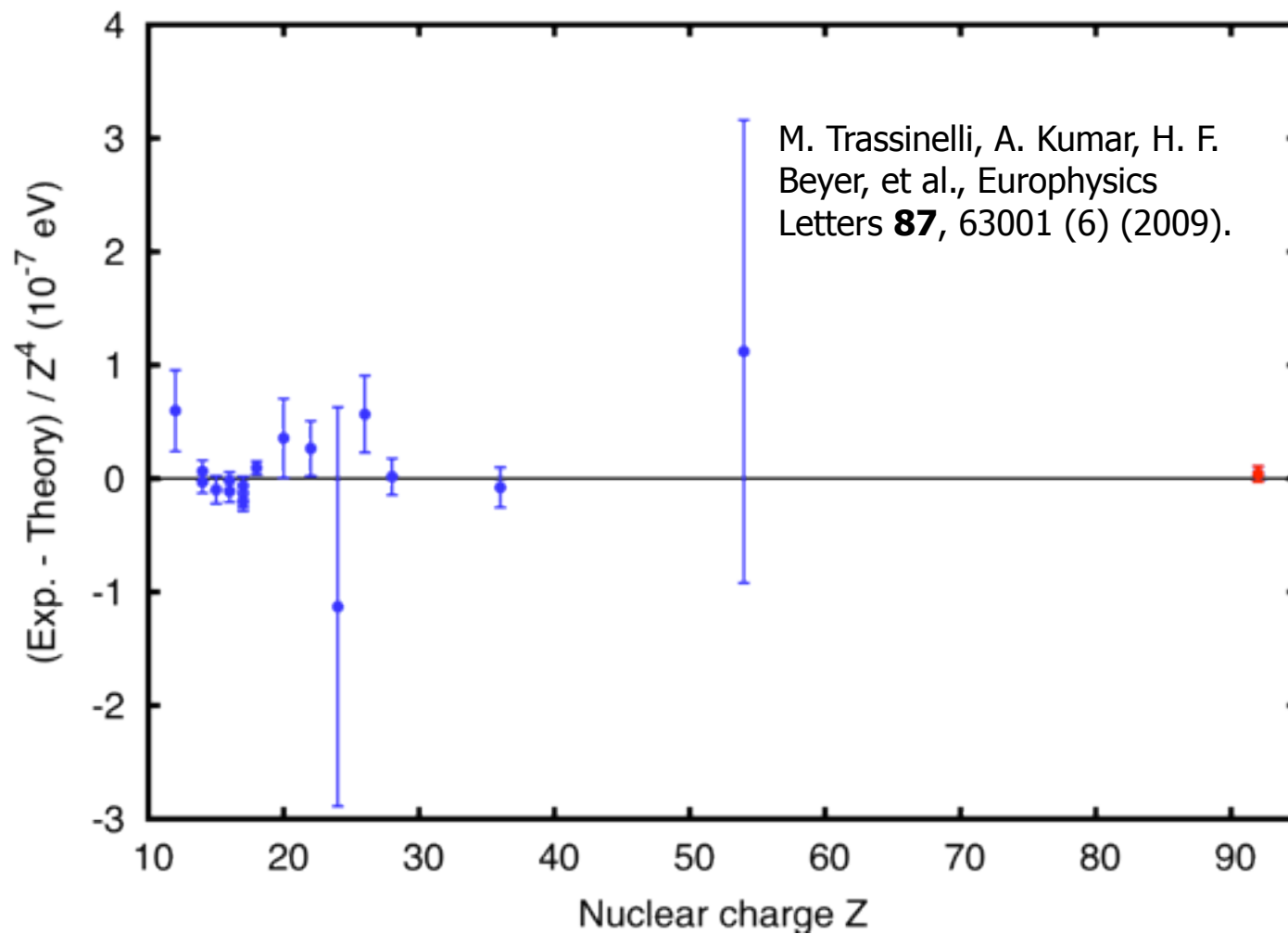
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$$E_{\text{He}} = 4510.32 \pm (0.45)_{\text{stat}} \pm (0.22)_{\text{syst}} \text{ eV}$$

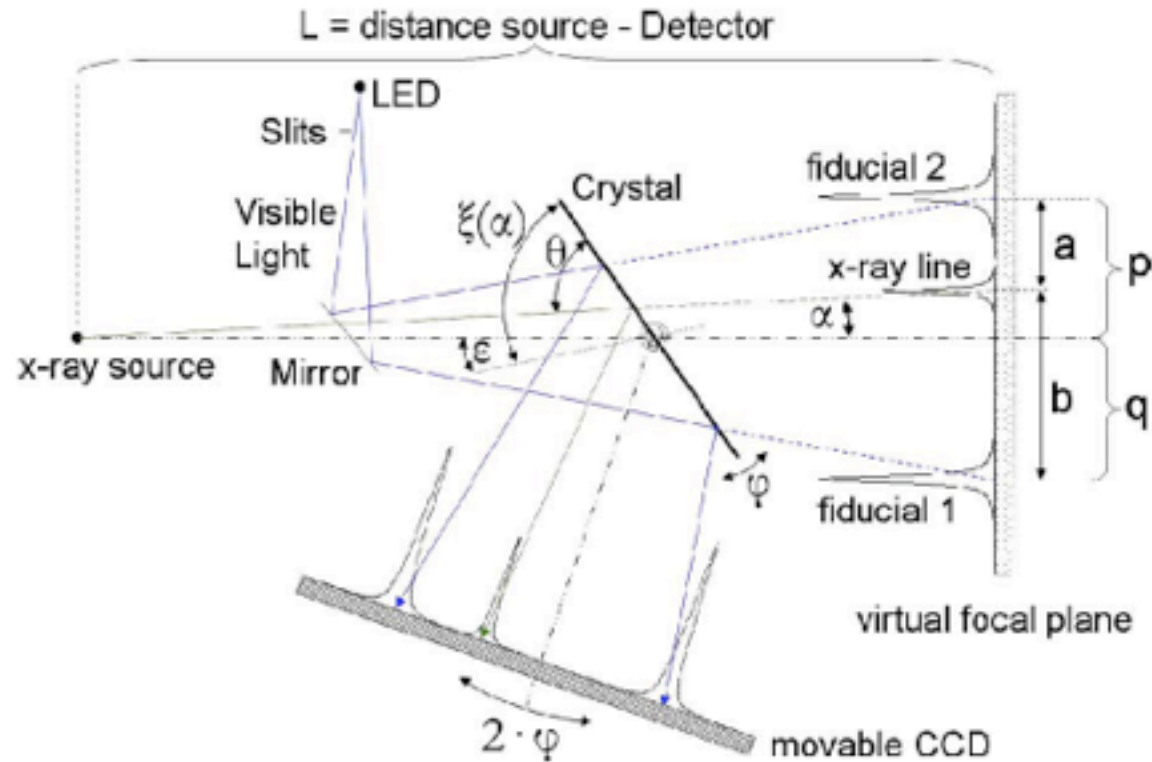


FIG. 1. Principle of the method. For simplicity, possible eccentricities of crystal and camera are not shown. The horizontal dashed-dotted line represents the main instrumentation axis. X rays are reflected under the Bragg angle θ , and α is the angle between the main axis and the x ray. The reflection position on the crystal depends on the crystal angle $\xi(\alpha)$ which, due to alignment of the spectrometer, includes an arbitrary offset angle ϵ (which is constant for all measurements).

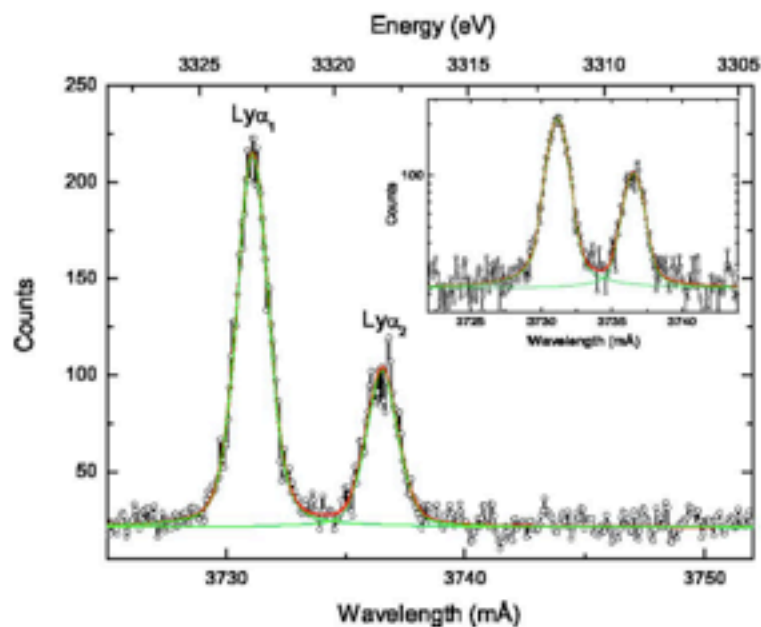


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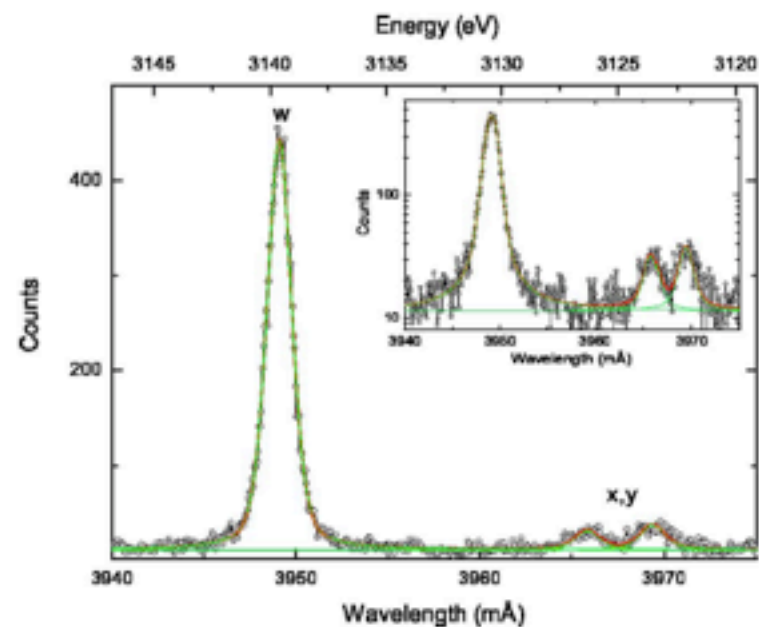


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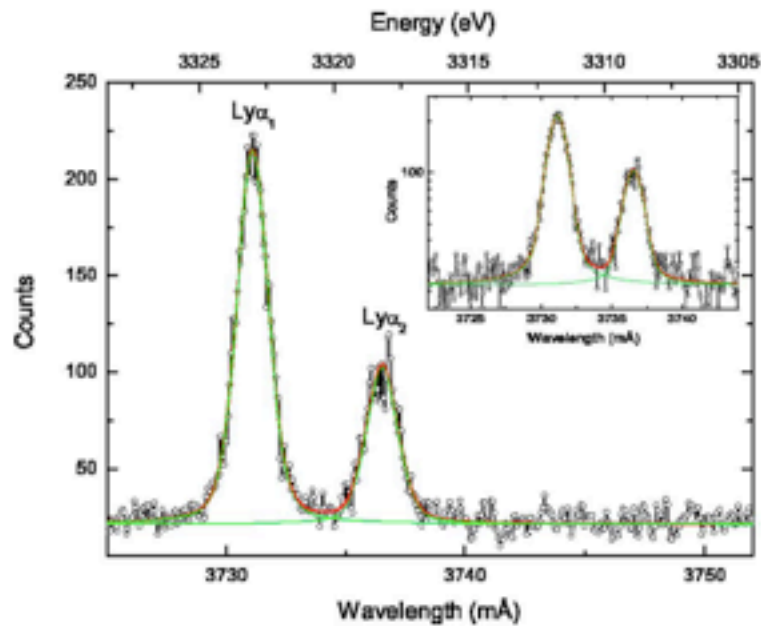


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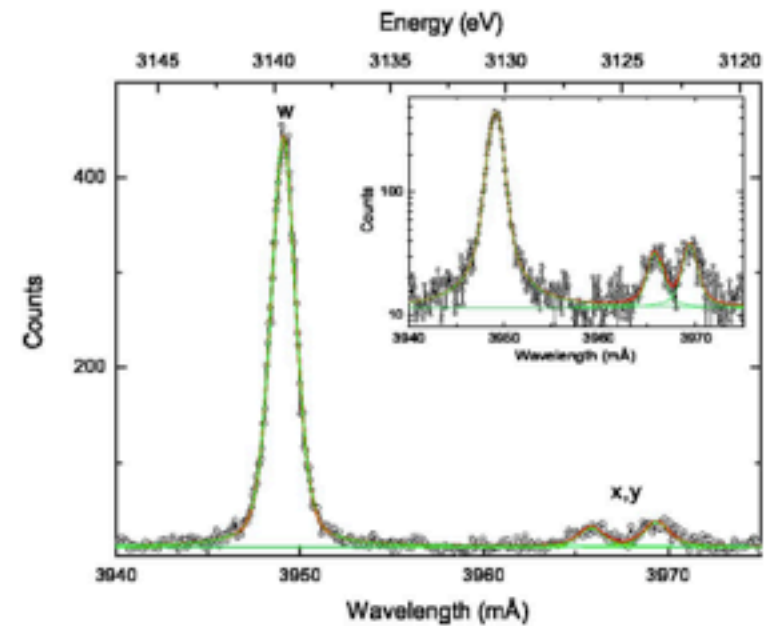


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Table 1. Present experimental results and theoretical values.

Transition	E_{theo} (eV)	E_{exp} (eV)	Error (ppm)
Cl^{16+} Ly- α_1	2962.352 [22]	2962.344(30) [28]	10.0
S^{14+} w	2460.629 [5]	2460.641(32)	13.0
Ar^{16+} w	3139.582 [5]	3139.583(6) [28]	1.9

Novel technique for high-precision Bragg-angle determination in crystal x-ray spectroscopy, J. Braun, H. Bruhns, M. Trinczek *et al.* Rev. Sci. Instrum. **76**, 073105-6 (2005).

Testing QED Screening and Two-Loop Contributions with He-Like Ions, H. Bruhns, J. Braun, K. Kubiček *et al.* Phys. Rev. Lett. **99**, 113001-4 (2007).

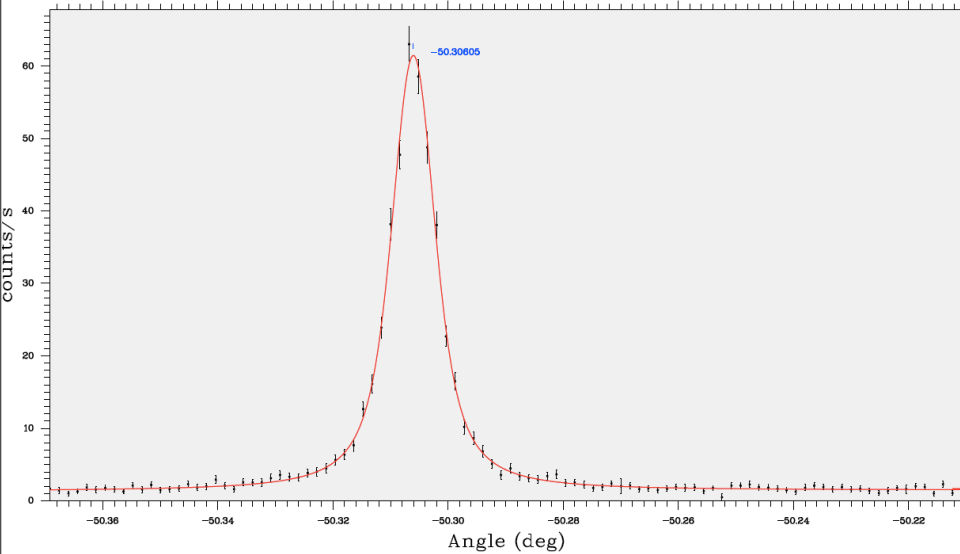
Two-loop QED contributions tests with mid-Z He-like ions, K. Kubiček, H. Bruhns, J. Braun *et al.* J. Phys.: Conf. Ser. 012007 (2009)

First absolute measurement of highly-charged ions transition energies and width

$1s\ 2s\ ^3S_1 - 1s^2\ ^1S_0$ in He-like Argon ($Z\alpha \sim 0.13$)

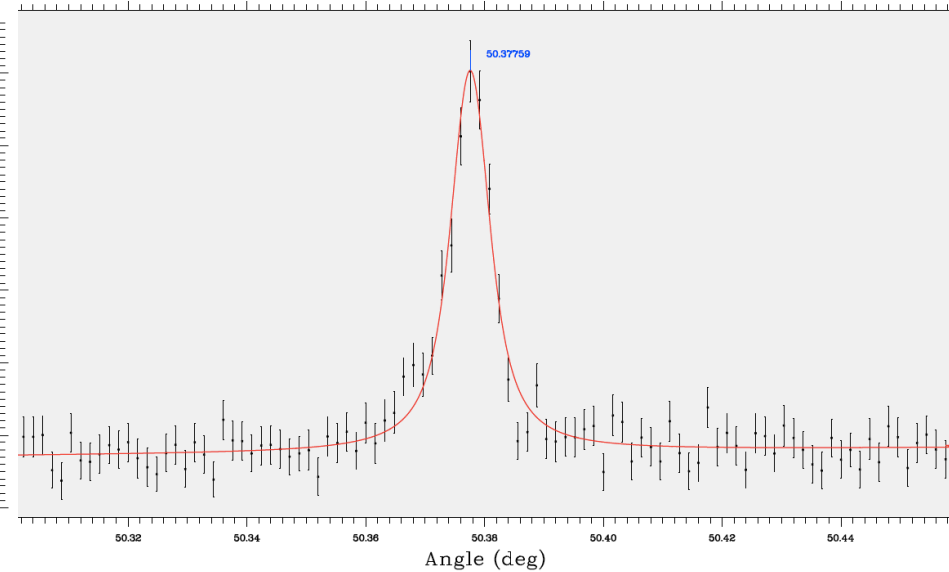
Typical parallel spectrum

2010_05_18_12h50m43s tot. acq. time: 1081.23s; 1st cryst. ang.: 129.699999



M1 $1s\ 2s\ ^3S_1 \rightarrow 1s^2\ ^1S_0$

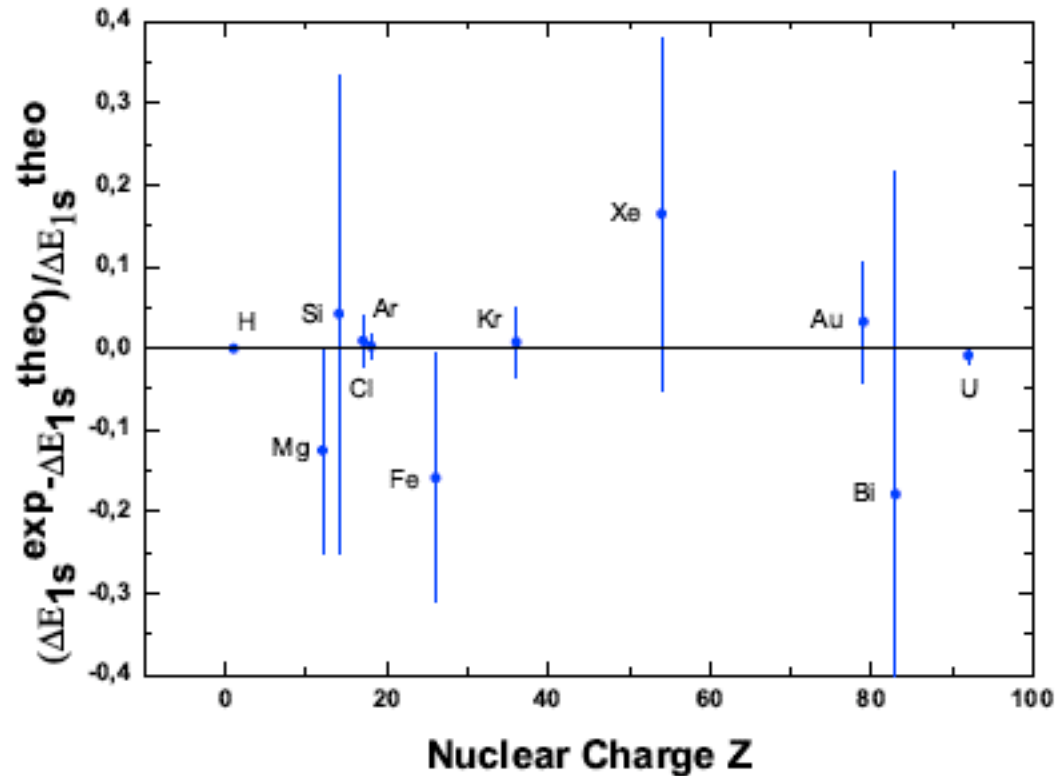
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Typical acquisition time 40 mn parallel side and ~3:30h antiparallel

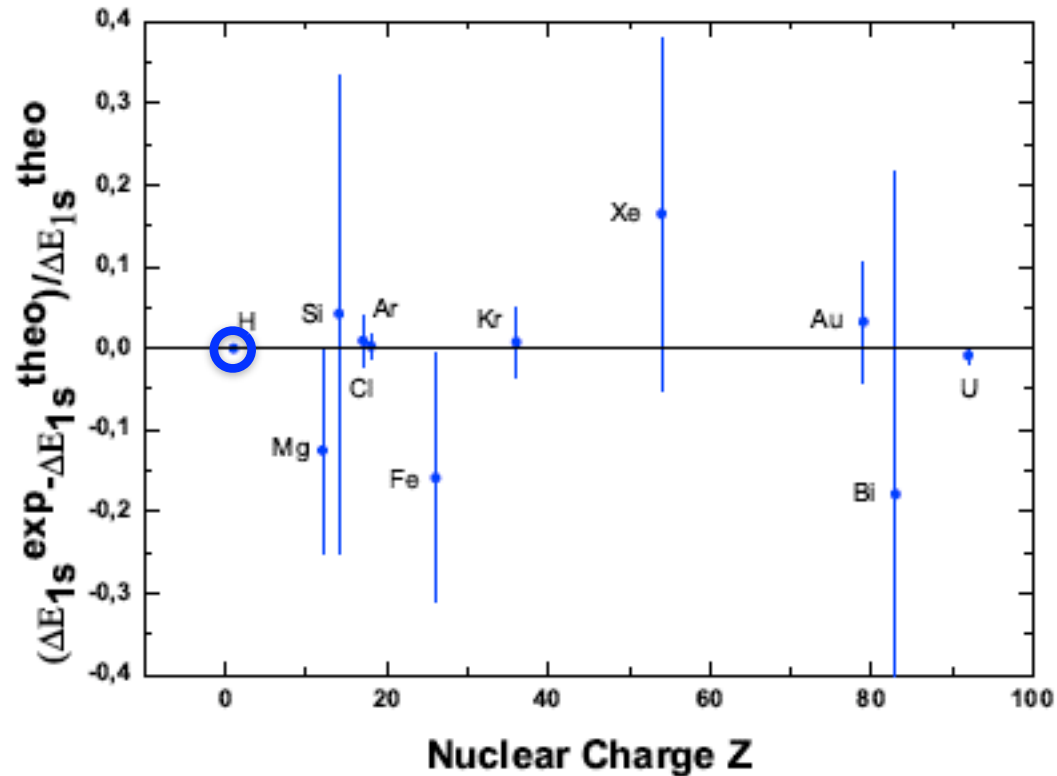
Other production methods (accelerators, Electron-Beam Ion Traps) provide diagram lines like the $1s\ 2p\ ^1P_1 - 1s^2\ ^1S_0$ line

No experiment to date, except on Hydrogen, tests the two-loop contributions



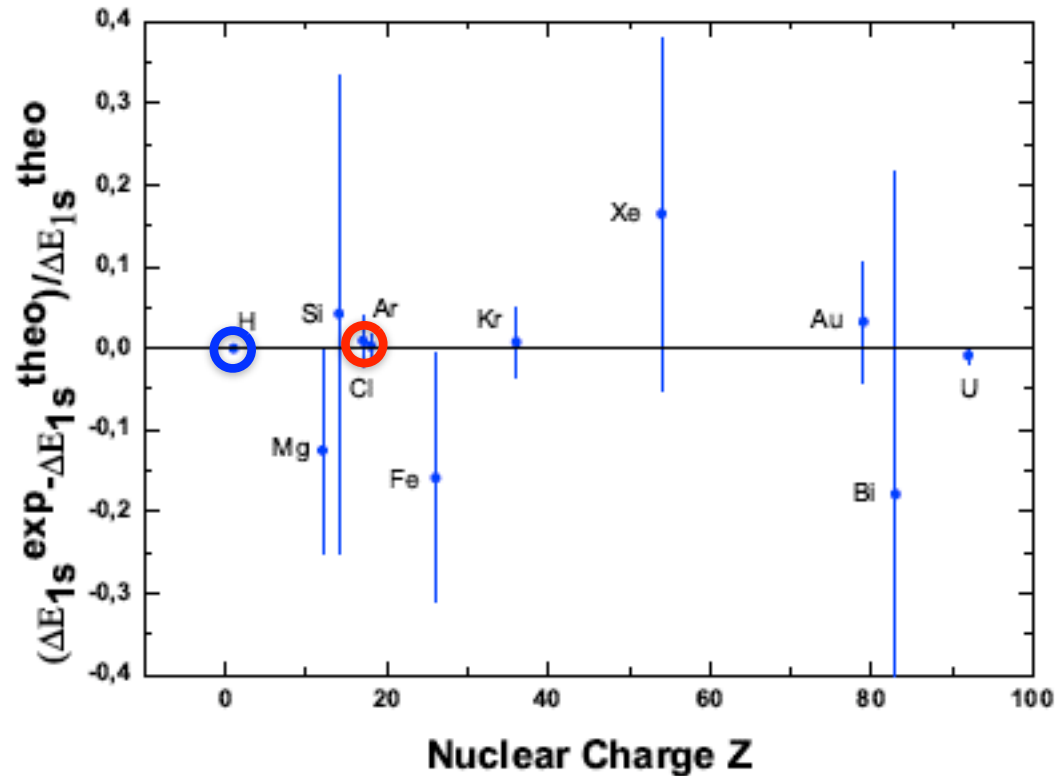
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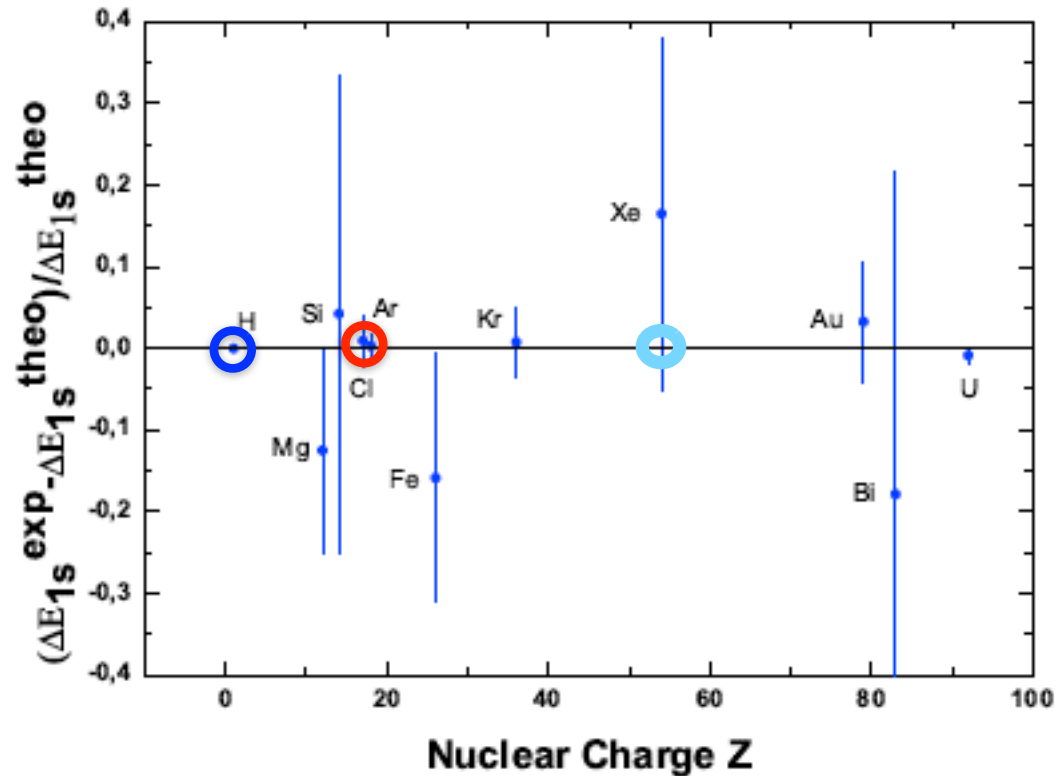
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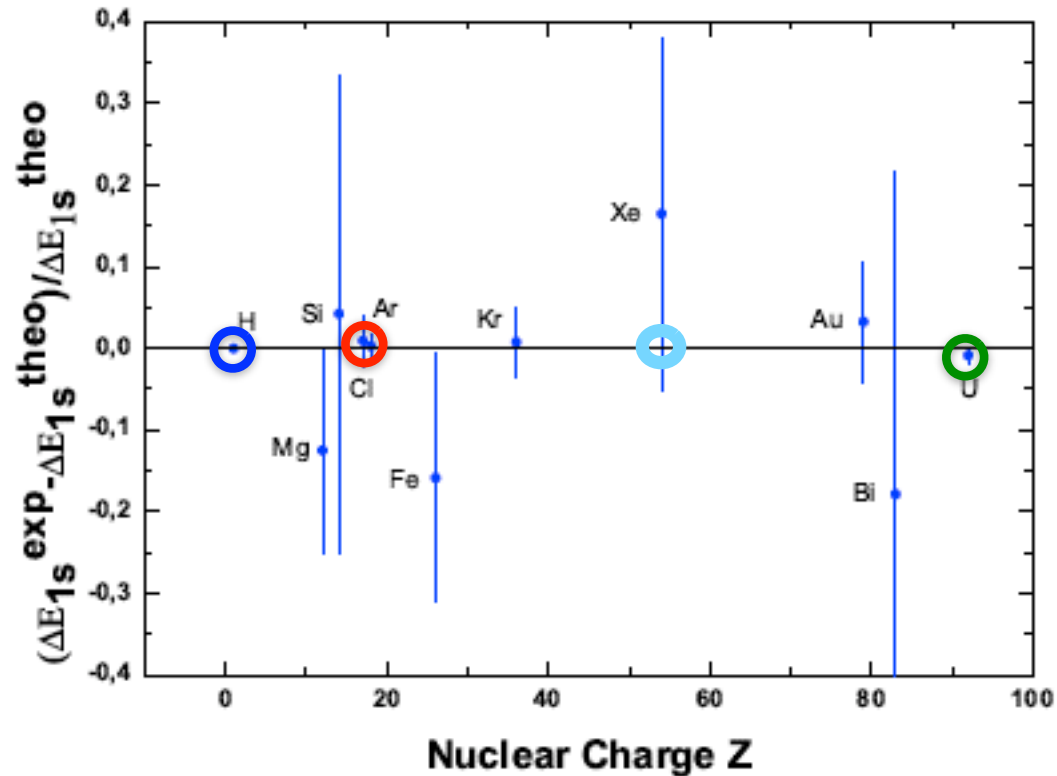
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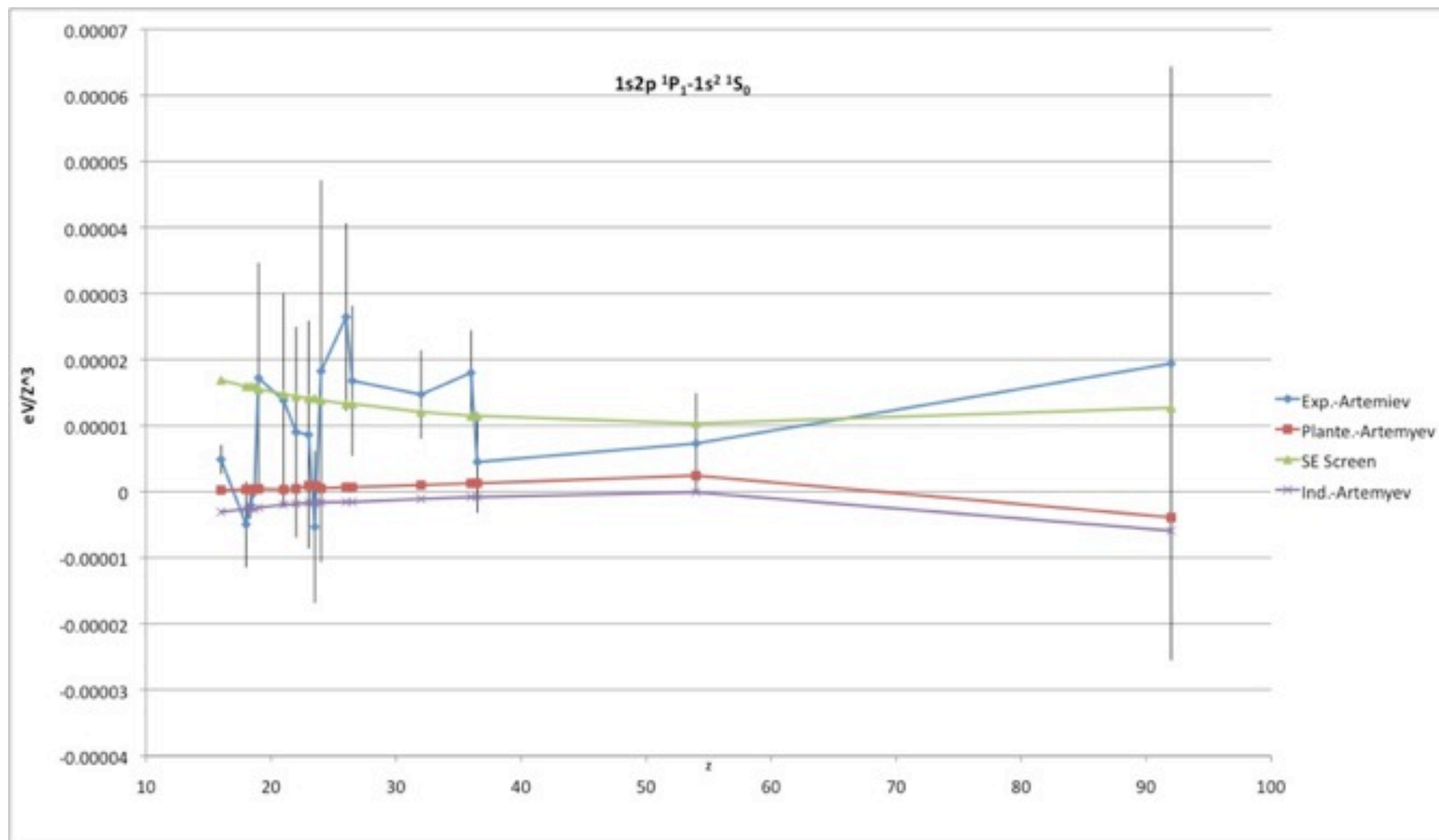


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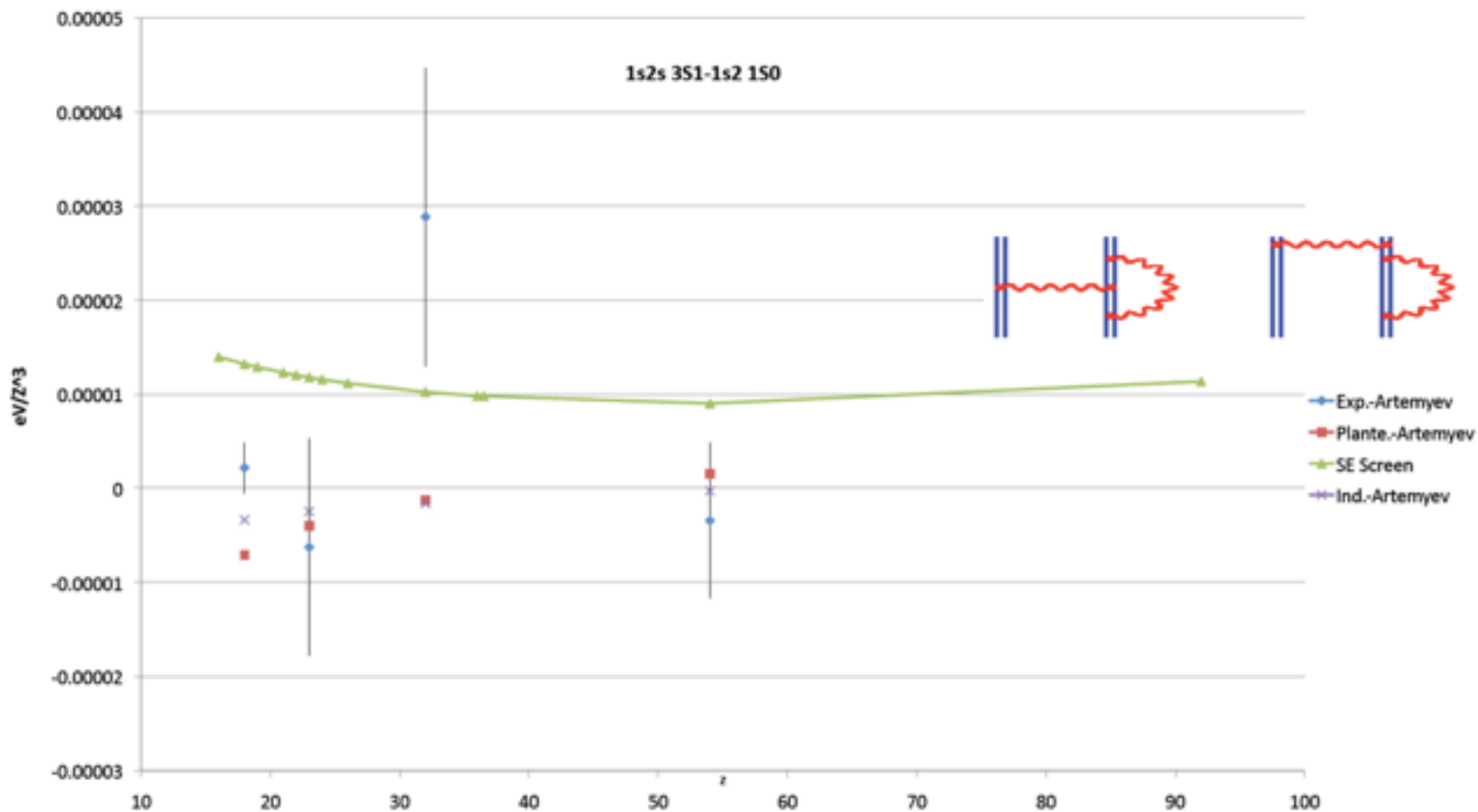
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Helium-like ions M1: $1s2s\ ^3S_1 \rightarrow 1s^2$



NRQED

The hydrogen/muonic hydrogen puzzle

Main contributions to the μp Lamb shift

Discrepancy=0.31 meV
Th. uncertainty=0.005 meV
 $\Rightarrow 60\delta(\text{theory})$ deviation

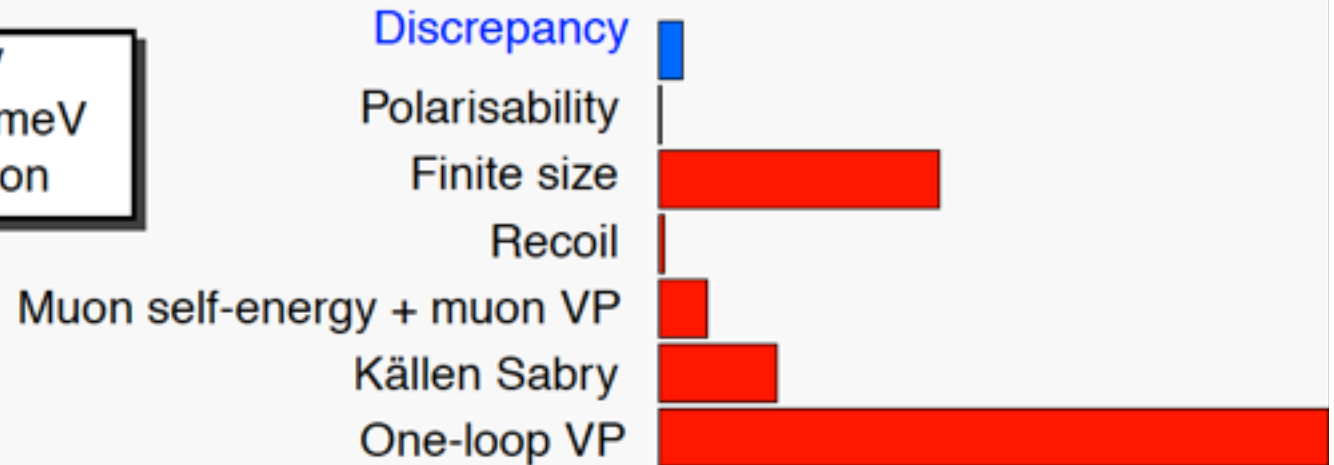

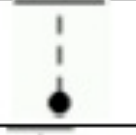


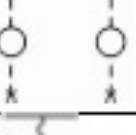



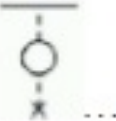



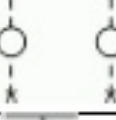

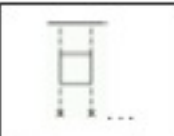
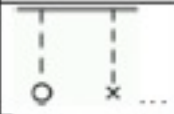
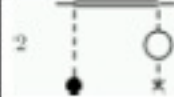

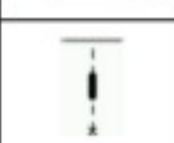
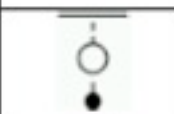




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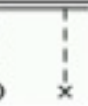






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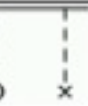






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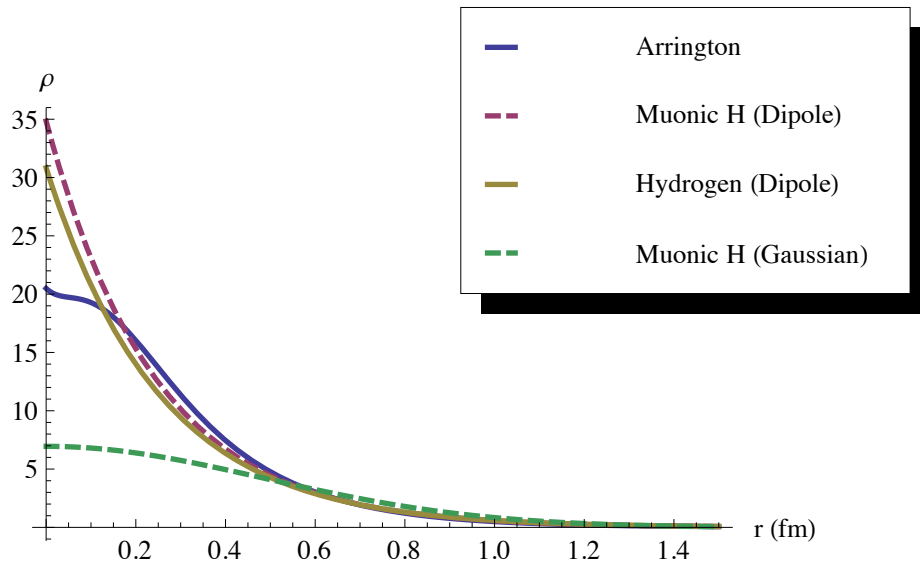
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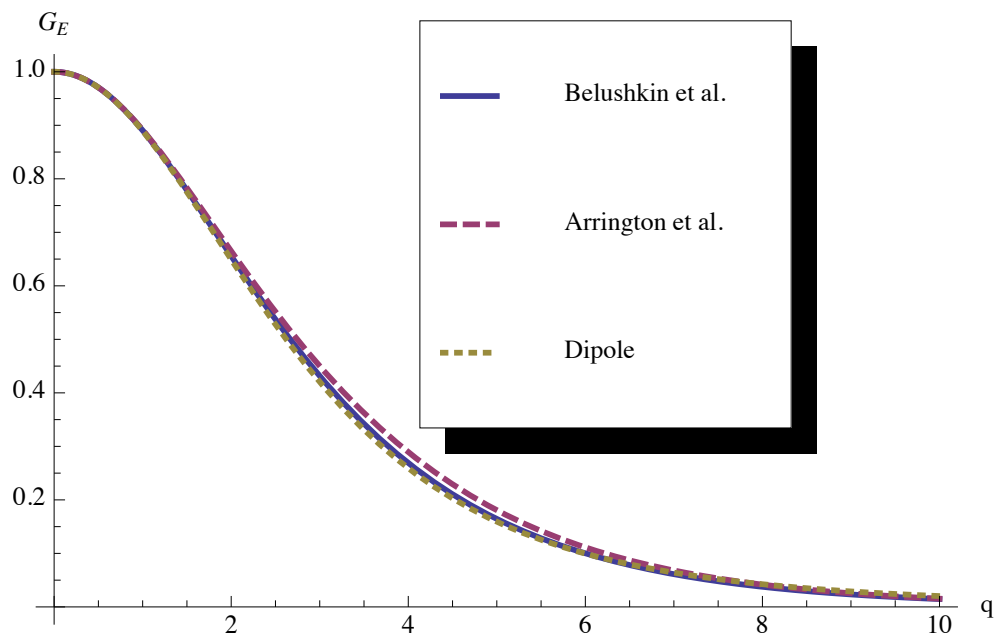
Energies in meV

Comparison of charge densities



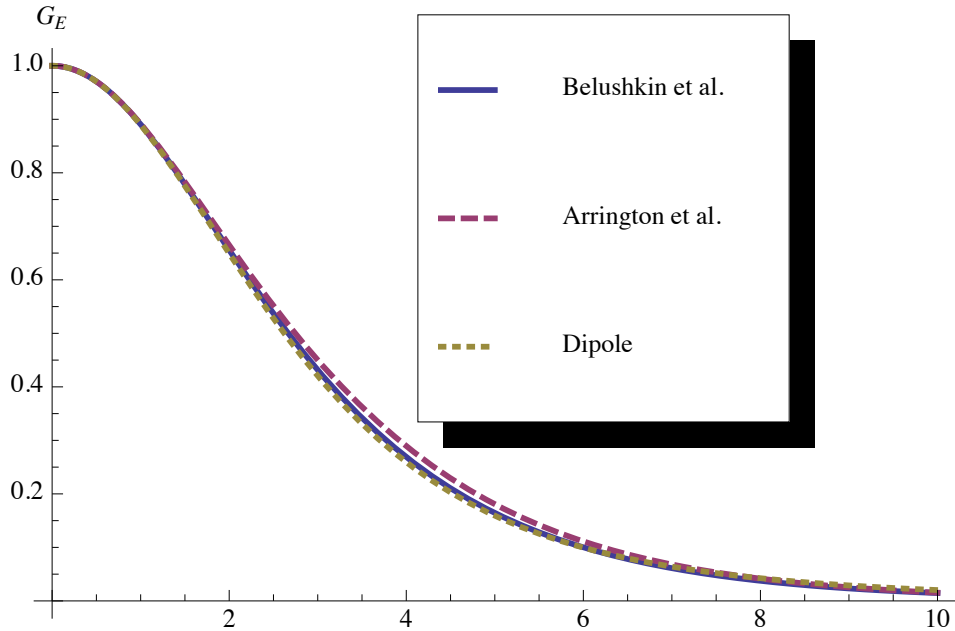
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- $\langle r^3 \rangle_{(2)} = 3.789 \quad \langle r^2 \rangle^{3/2}$ Dipole
- $\langle r^3 \rangle_{(2)} = 1.960 \quad \langle r^2 \rangle^{3/2}$ Gauss
- $\langle r^3 \rangle_{(2)} = 3.983 \quad \langle r^2 \rangle^{3/2}$ Arrington et al.

- $\langle r^3 \rangle_{(2)} = 36.6 \pm 7.3 = 43 \quad \langle r^2 \rangle^{3/2}$ De Rújula ?!

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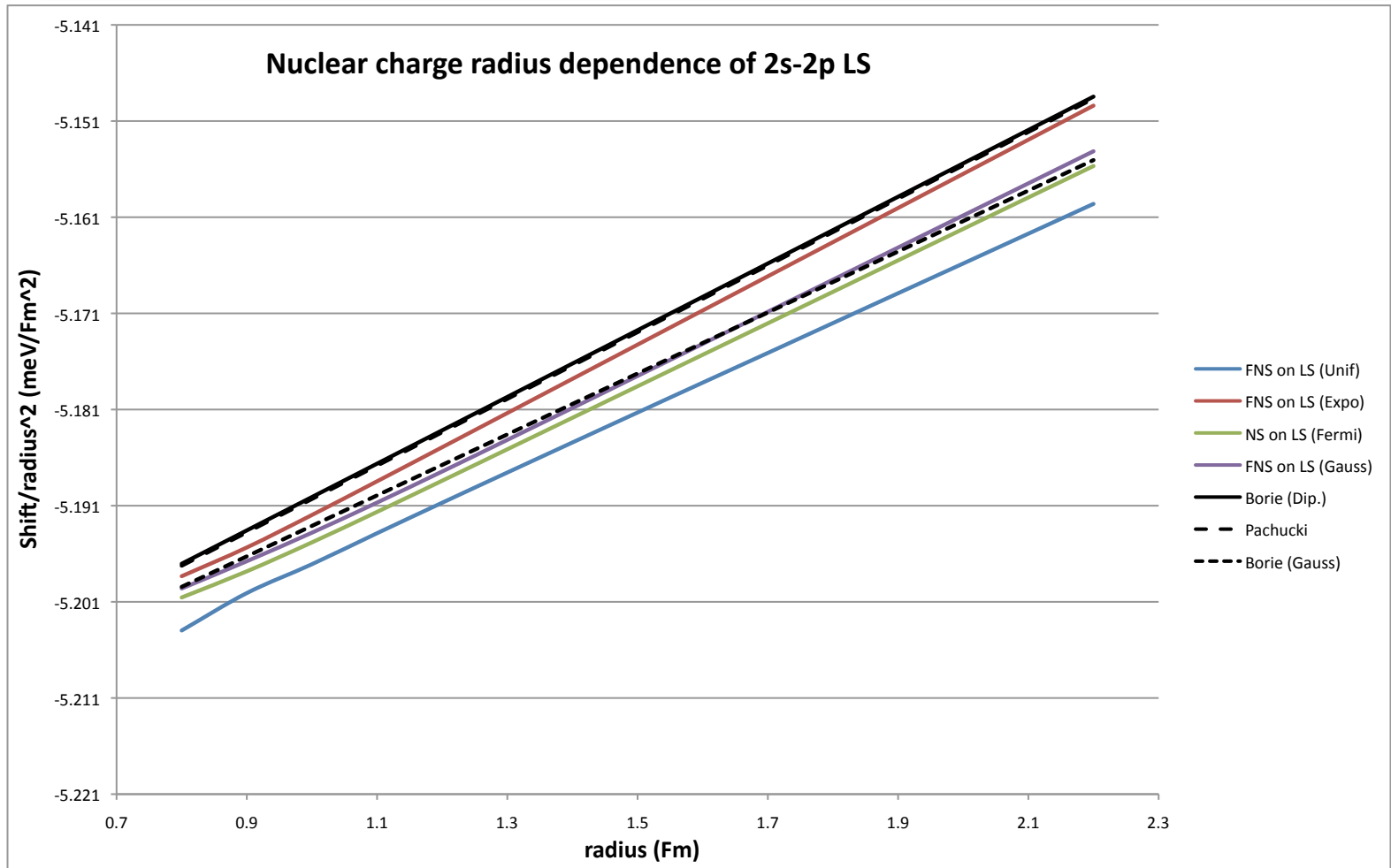
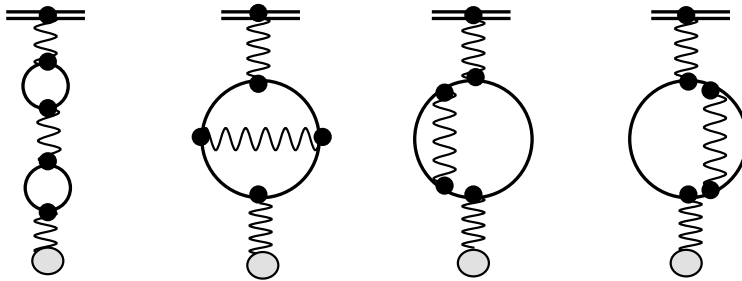


Fig. 3. Dependence of $\frac{\Delta E_{V11FN}}{R^2}$ as a function of R in meV/fm^2 for different charge distribution models.

Model	a (meV/fm ²)	b (meV/fm ³)
Uniform	-5.2284	0.0313
Dipole	-5.2271	0.0353
Fermi	-5.2271	0.0324
Gauss	-5.2265	0.0328
Ref.[34], Dip.	-5.2248	0.0347
Ref.[32]	-5.225	0.0347
Ref.[34], Gauss	-5.2248	0.0317



$$\Delta E = aR^2 + bR^3 + cR^4$$

Model	Uniform	Exponential	Fermi	Gaussian
a	-0.0002145	-0.0002145	-0.0002146	-0.0002145
b	0.0000078	0.0000086	0.0000082	0.0000083
c	-0.0000008	-0.0000009	-0.0000008	-0.0000009

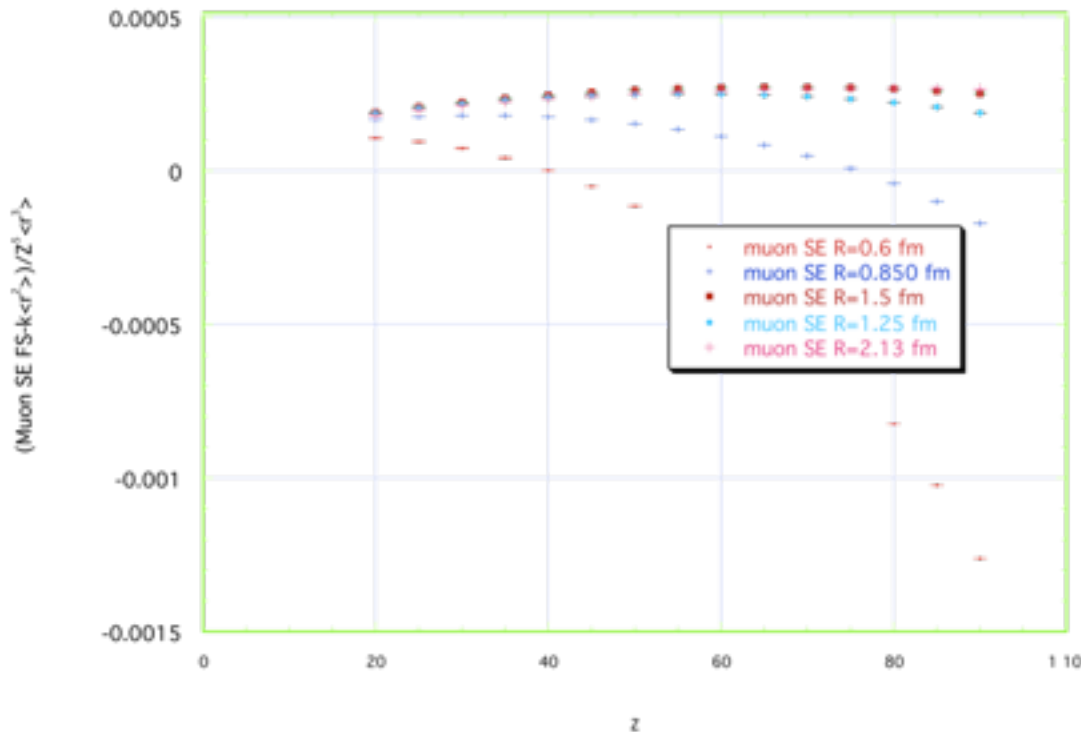
All-orders calculations

$$E_{SE-NS} = \left(4 \ln 2 - \frac{23}{4}\right) \alpha(Z\alpha) \mathcal{E}_{NS}$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{NS} = \frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{\mu_r}{m_\mu}\right)^3 \frac{(Z\alpha)^2}{n^3} m_\mu \left(\frac{Z\alpha \langle r \rangle}{\lambda_C}\right)^2$$

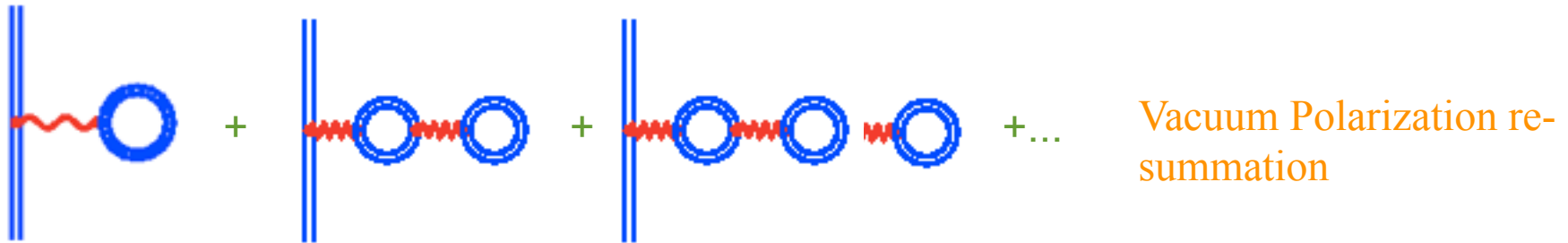
$$\mathcal{E}_{SE-NS} = -0.000824 \langle r^2 \rangle$$

$$\frac{(\text{All-orders calculations} - E_{SE-NS} \langle r^2 \rangle) / Z^5 \langle r^3 \rangle}{1.8 \pm 1 \times 10^{-5}}$$



Dyson: the expansion in α of QED has zero convergence radius... $e \rightarrow -e$, plus d'état lié!

Divergence of Perturbation Theory in Quantum Electrodynamics, F.J. Dyson. Physical Review 85, 631-632 (1952).



$$V_{\text{VP}\infty}(k^2) = \frac{1}{k^2} \left[1 + \Pi(k^2) + \Pi(k^2) \frac{1}{k^2} \Pi(k^2) + \Pi(k^2) \frac{1}{k^2} \Pi(k^2) \frac{1}{k^2} \Pi(k^2) + \dots \right]$$

$$= \frac{\Pi(k^2)}{1 - \Pi(k^2)}$$

$$\Pi(k^2) = \frac{2\alpha k^2}{3\pi} \int_1^\infty dz \frac{1}{z} \left(\frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{2z^3} \right) \frac{\sqrt{z^2 - 1}}{4m_e^2 z^2 + k^2}.$$

Singularity at $k_0 = e^{\frac{3\pi}{2\alpha} + \frac{5}{6}} \approx 6.53 \times 10^{280}$ **huge momenta = very short distances**

S. Brodsky, P. J. Mohr, P. Indelicato

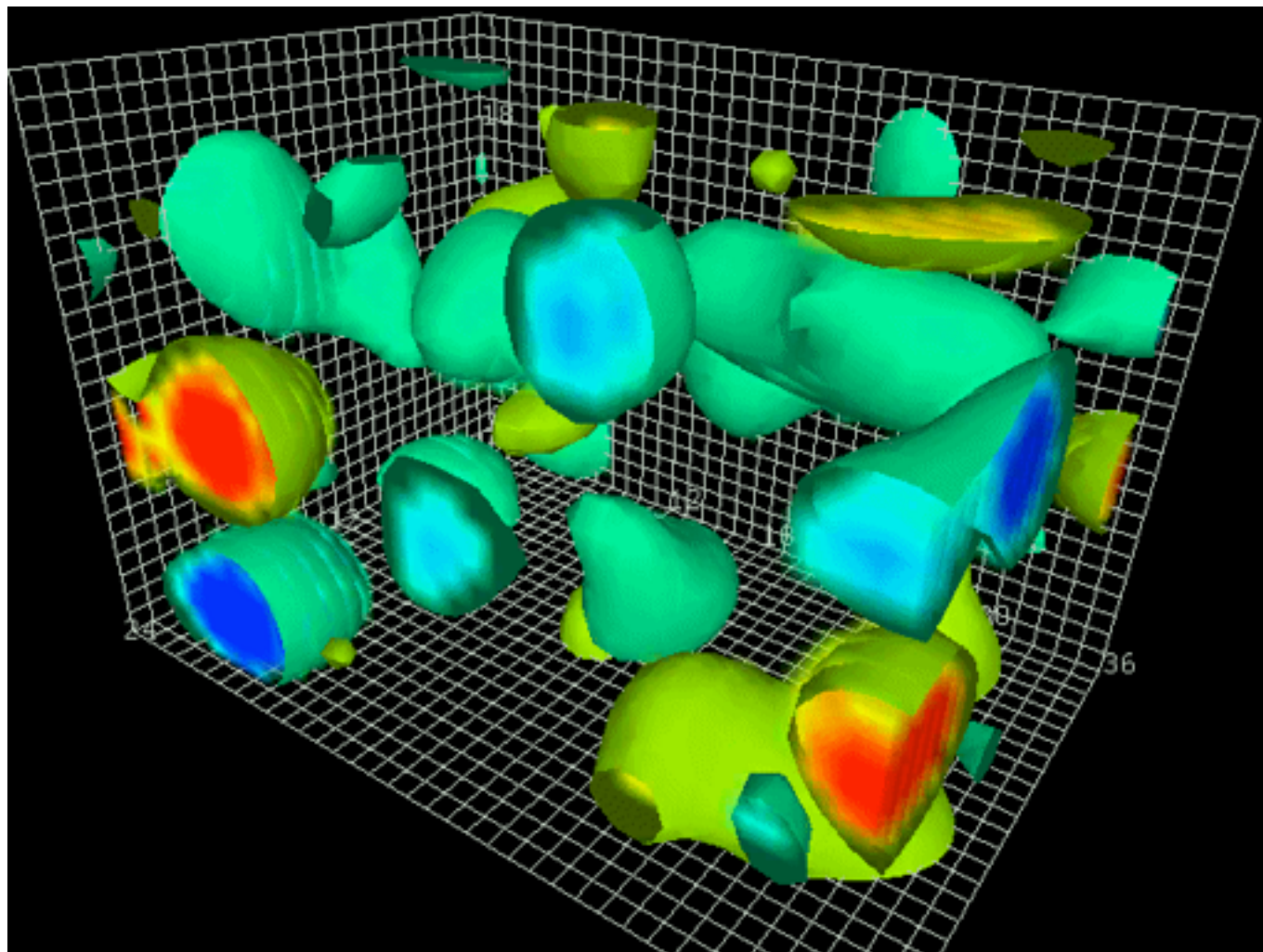
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Light by light diagrams

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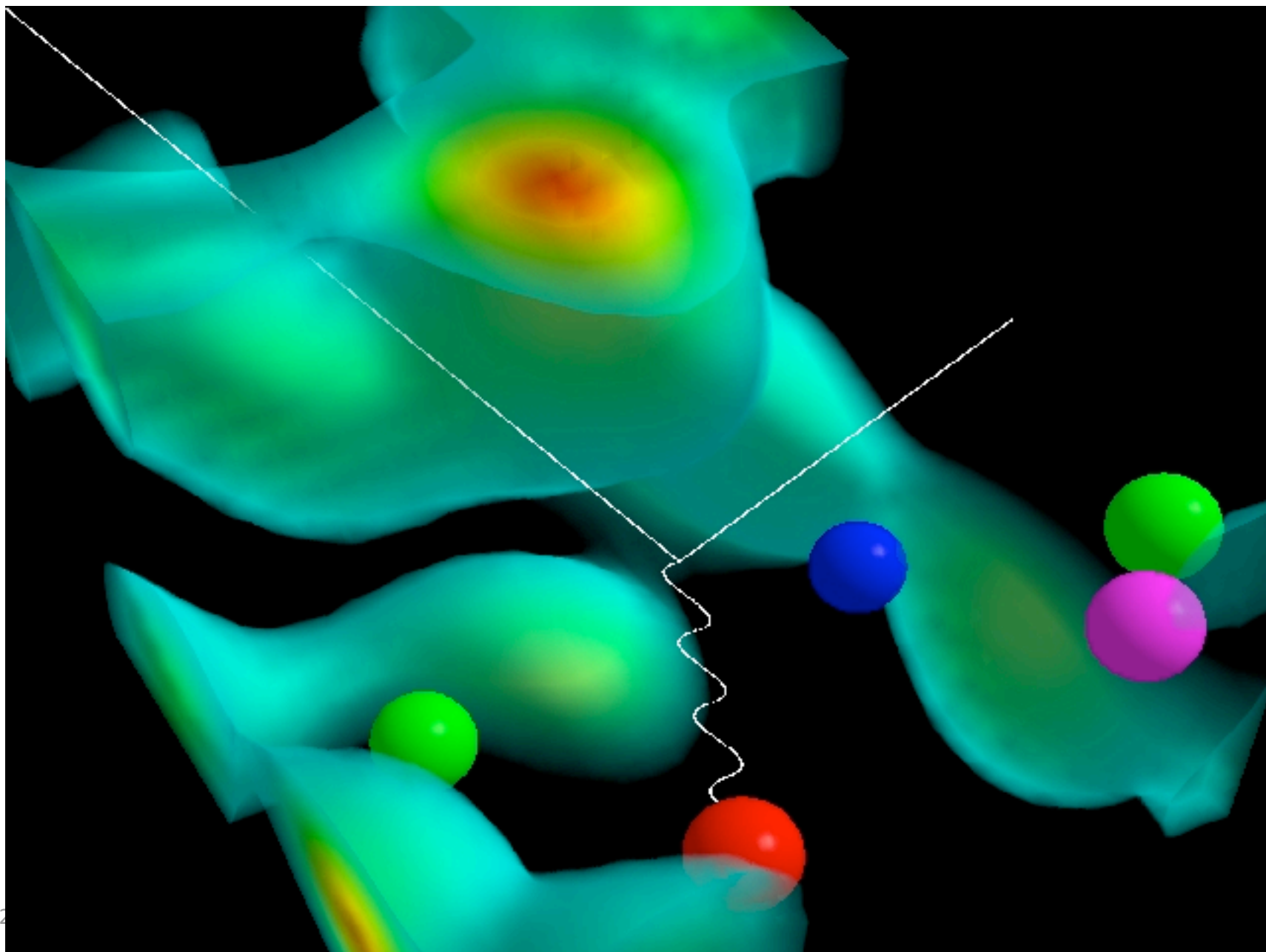
$$R = 0.84130 \text{ fm in place of } 0.84184(67) \text{ fm}$$

$$\text{From hydrogen (CODATA) : } 0.8768(69) \text{ fm}$$



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Interaction avec un proton

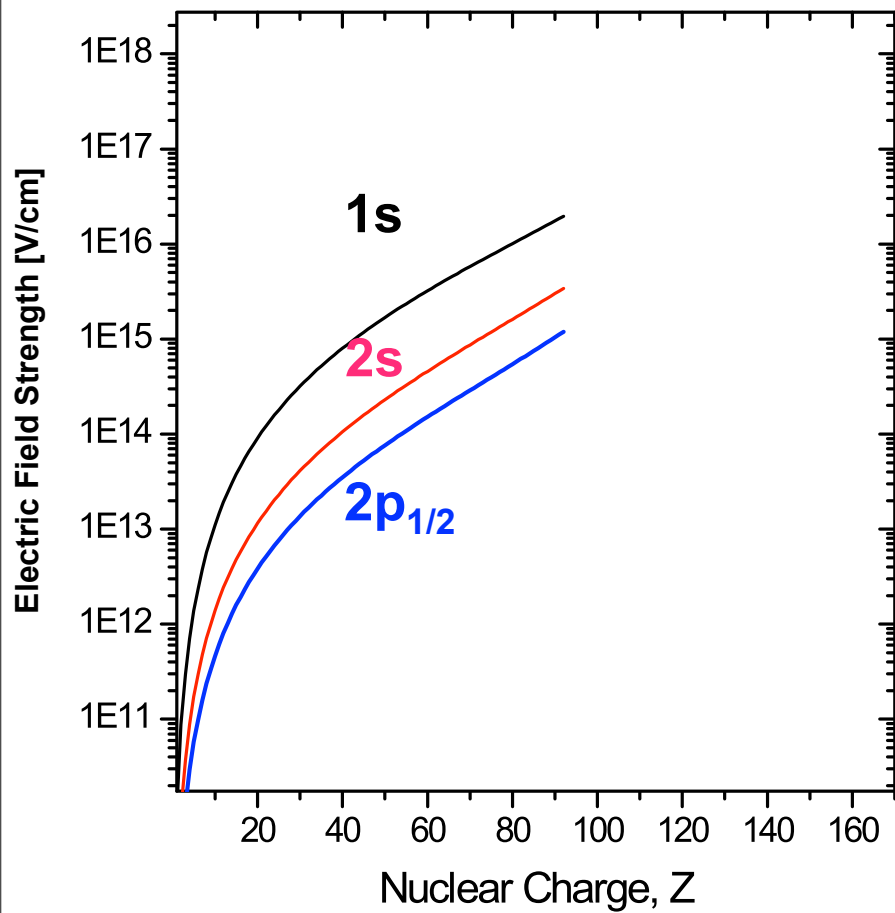


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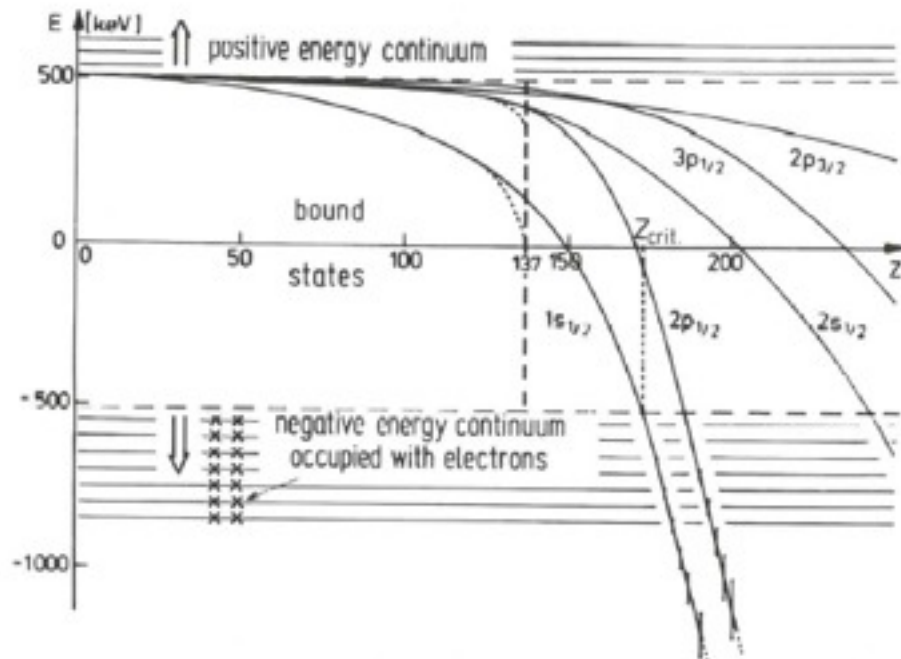
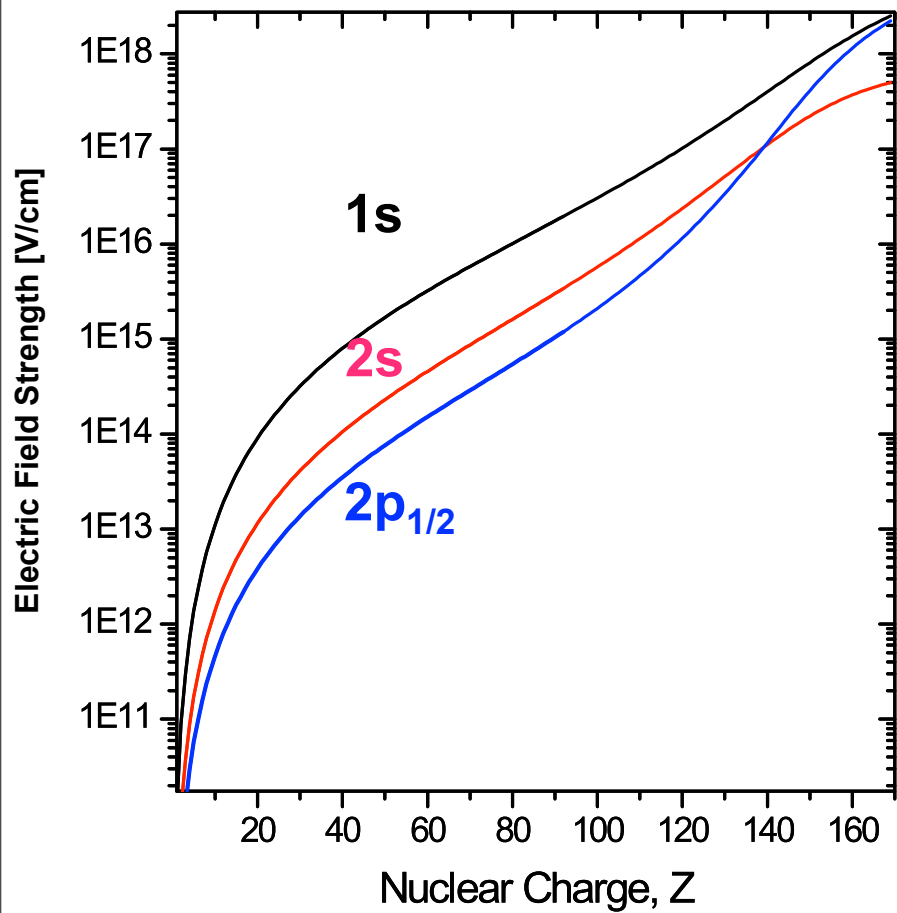
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A new regime for QED

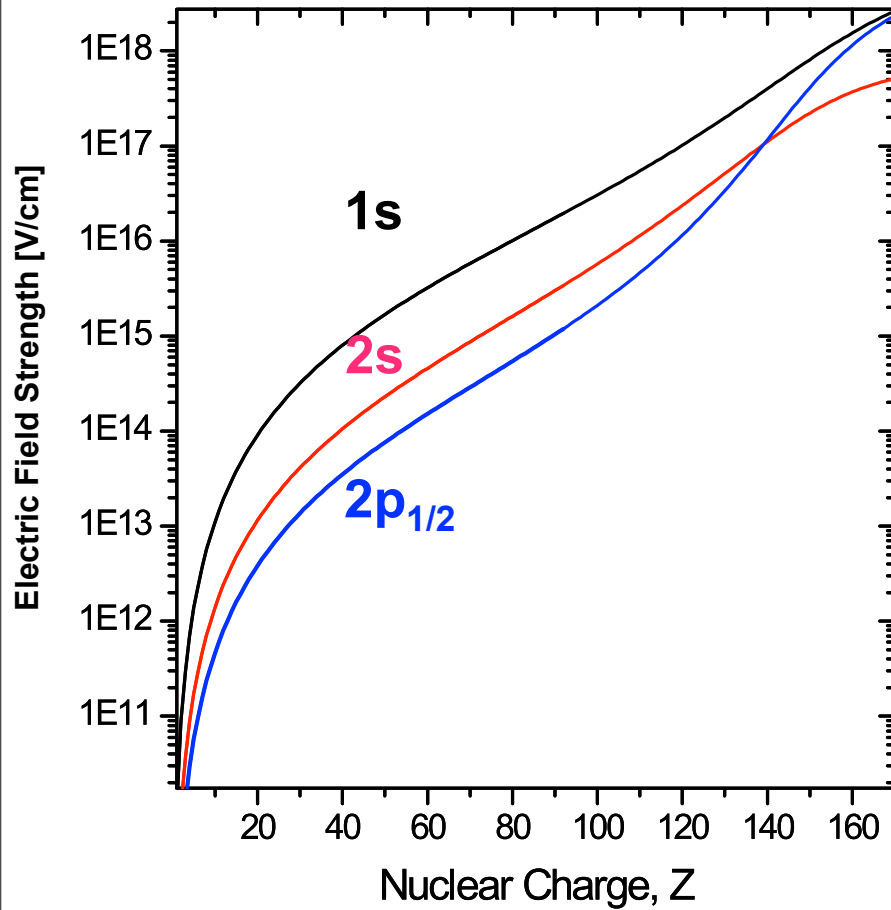
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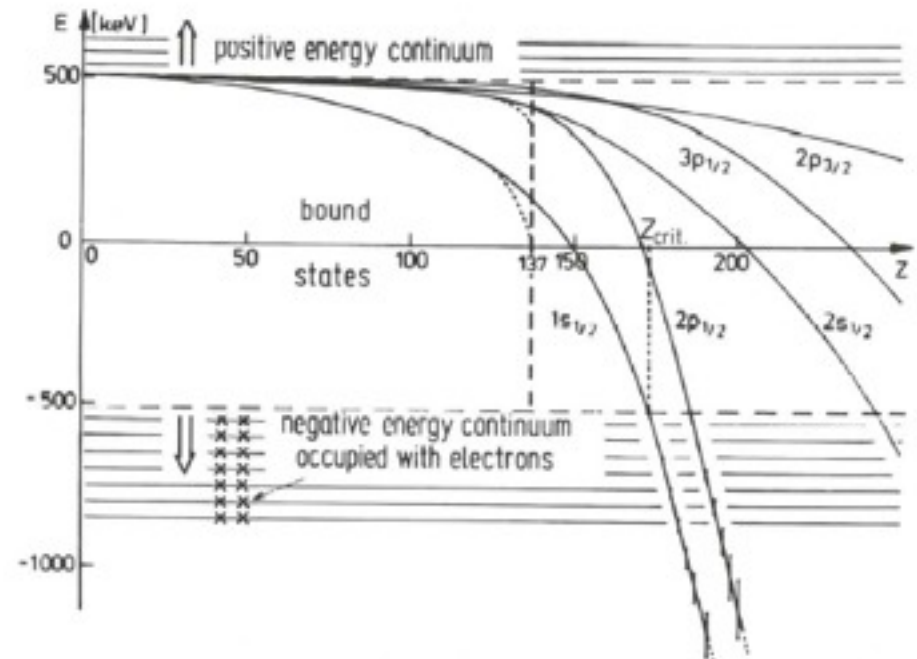


Critical- and Super-Critical Fields



spectroscopy of the inner shells in superheavy quasimolecule systems with energy eigenvalues in the vicinity of the negative continuum

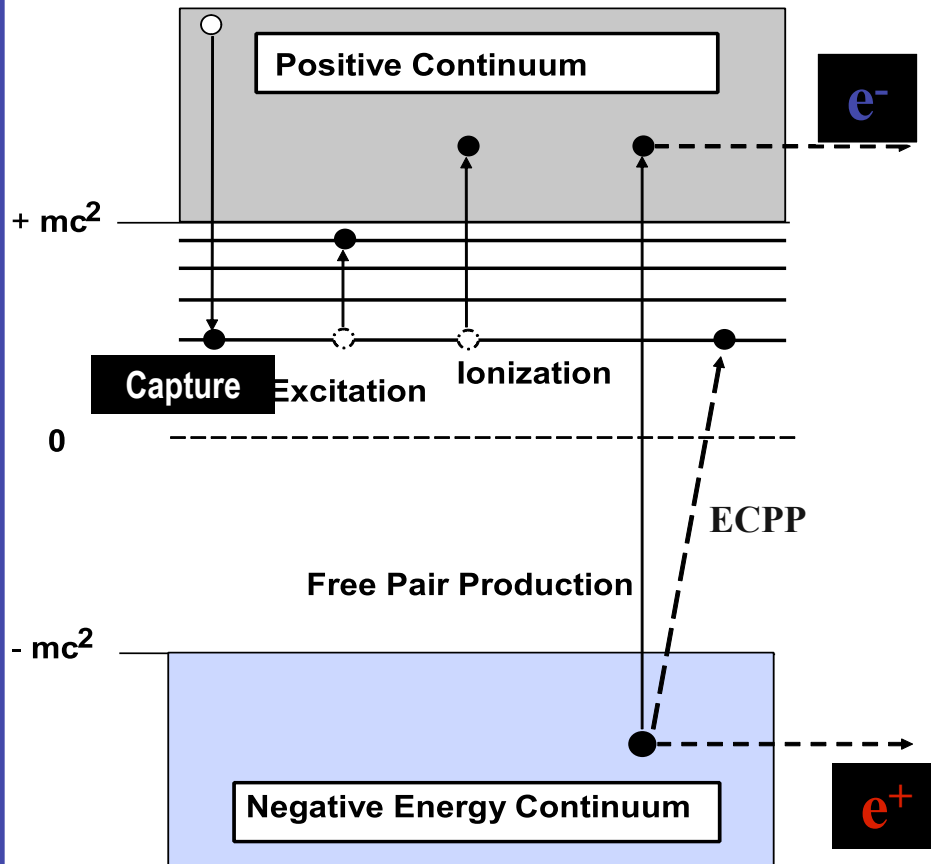
The vacuum decays into a charged vacuum in 10^{-21} s



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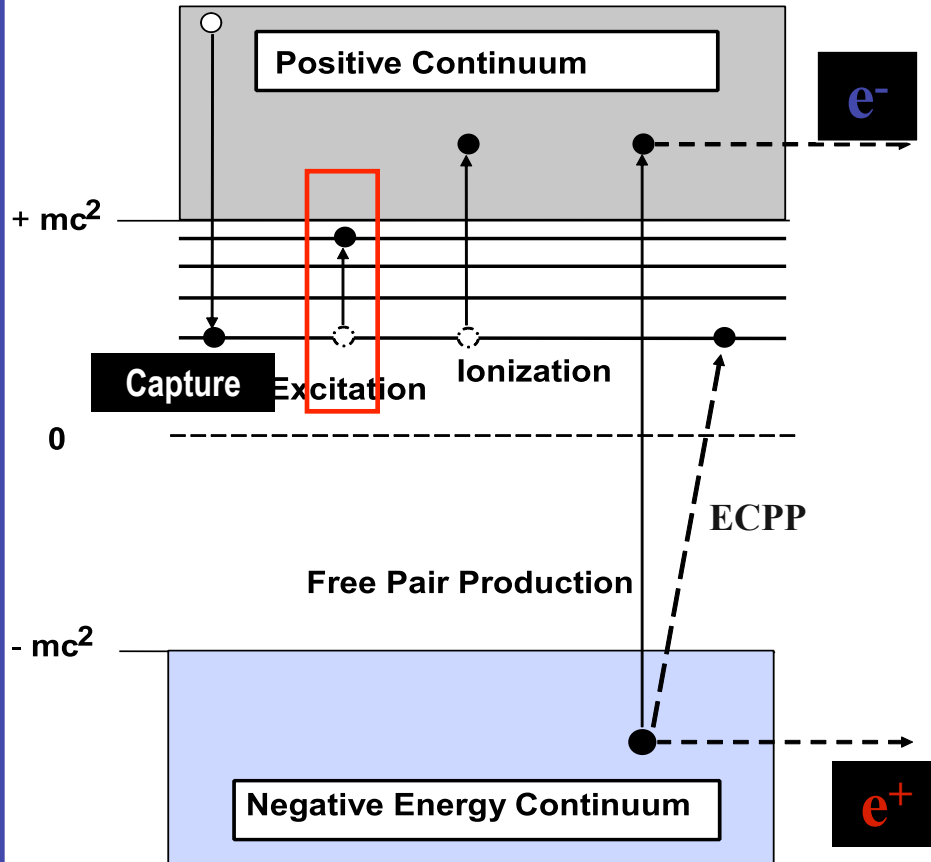
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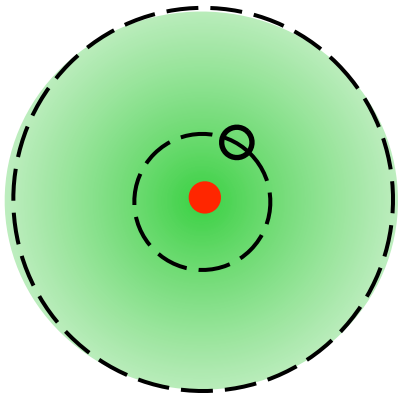
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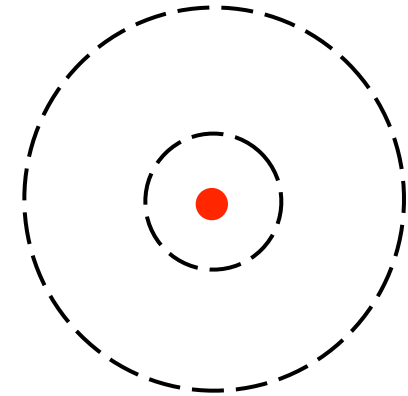
Merged Beams

$< 5 \text{ MeV/u}$



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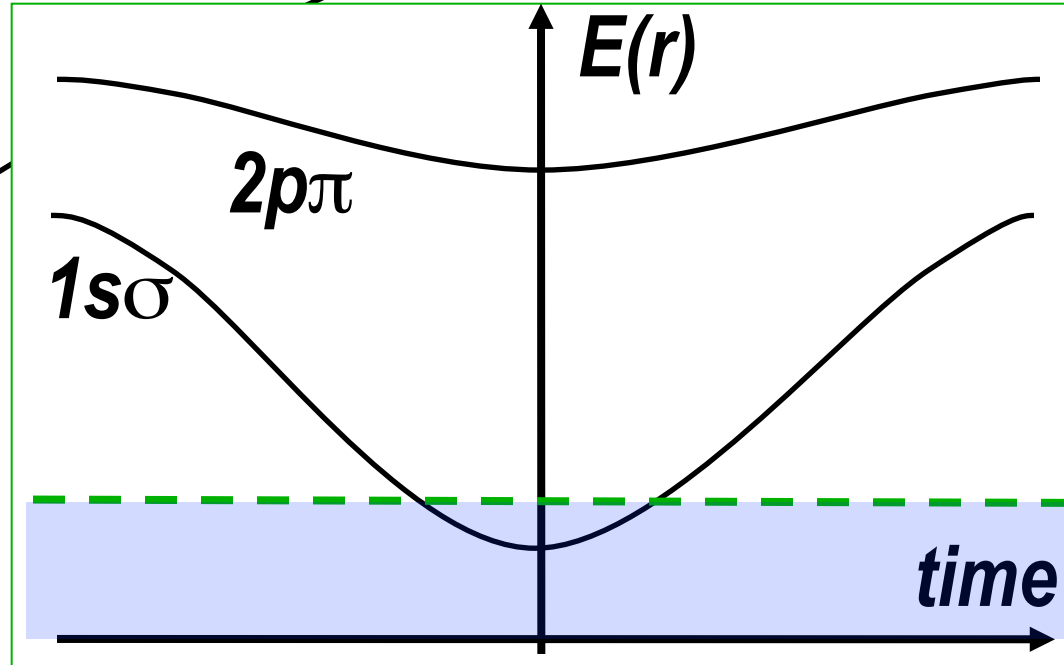
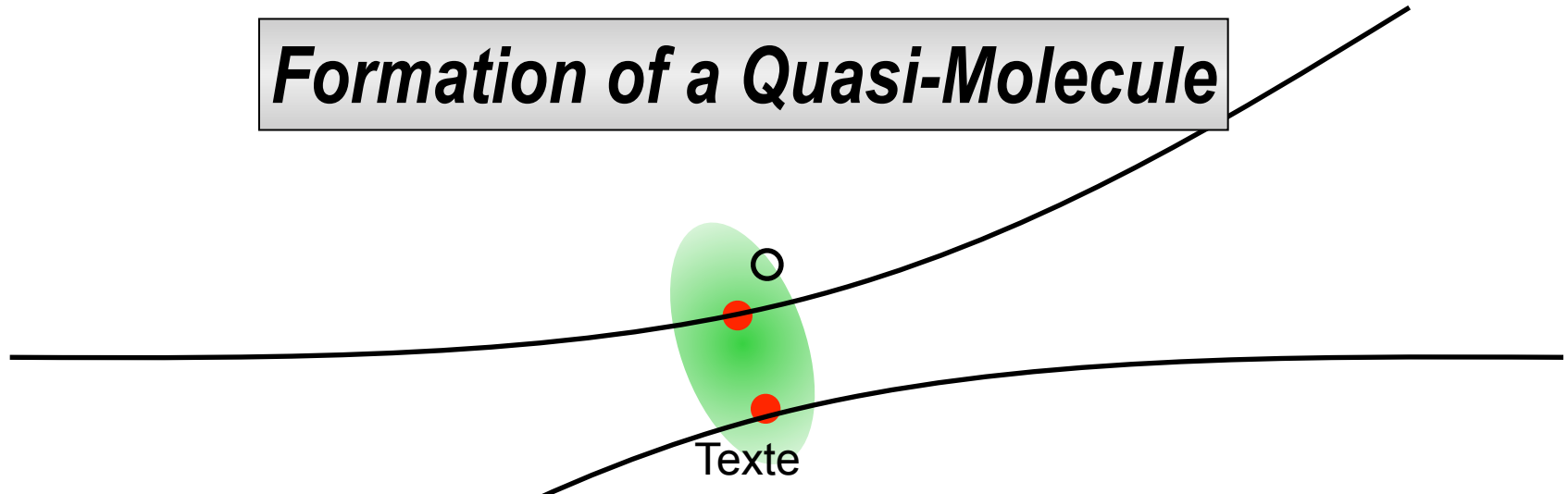
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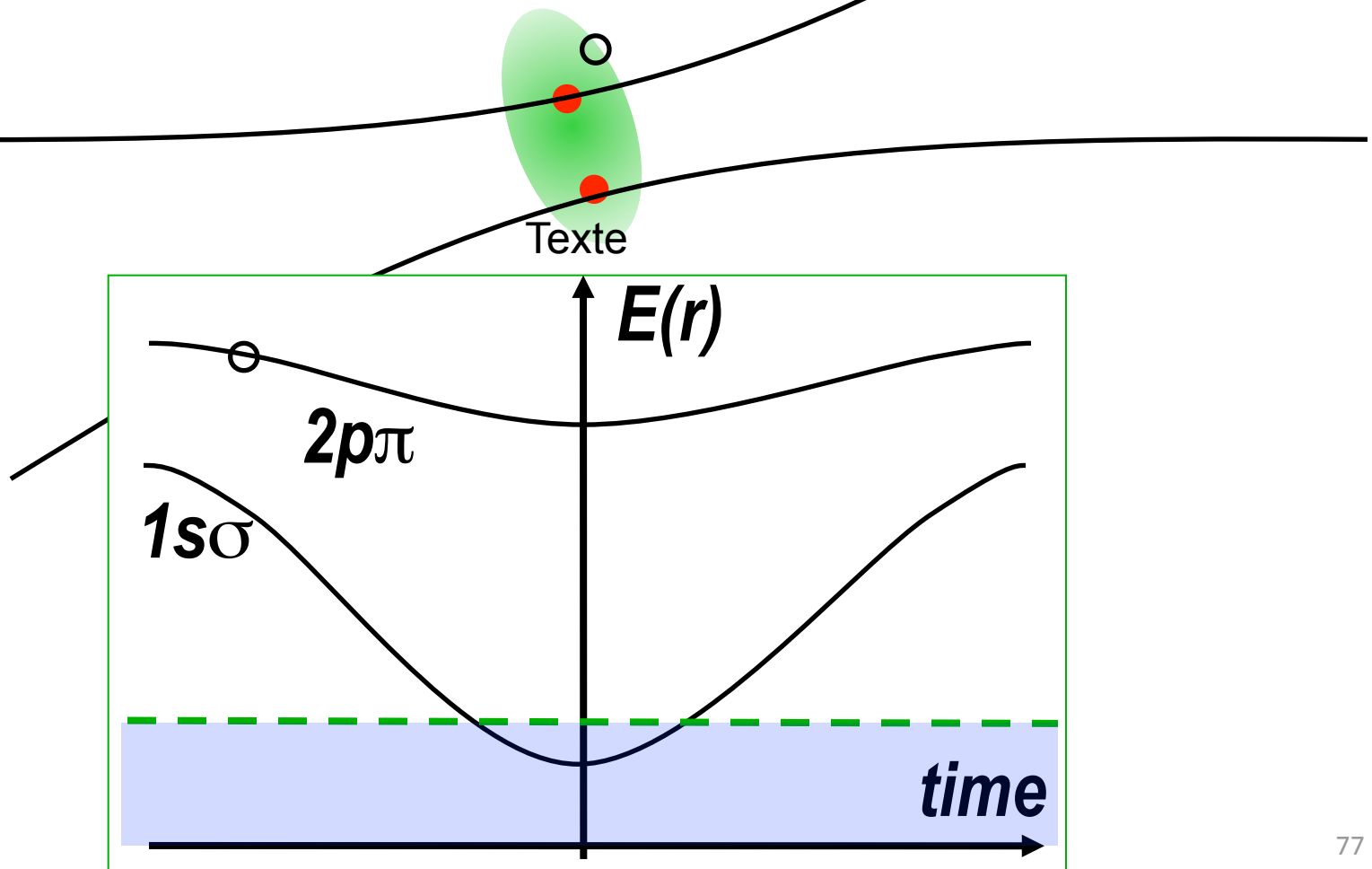
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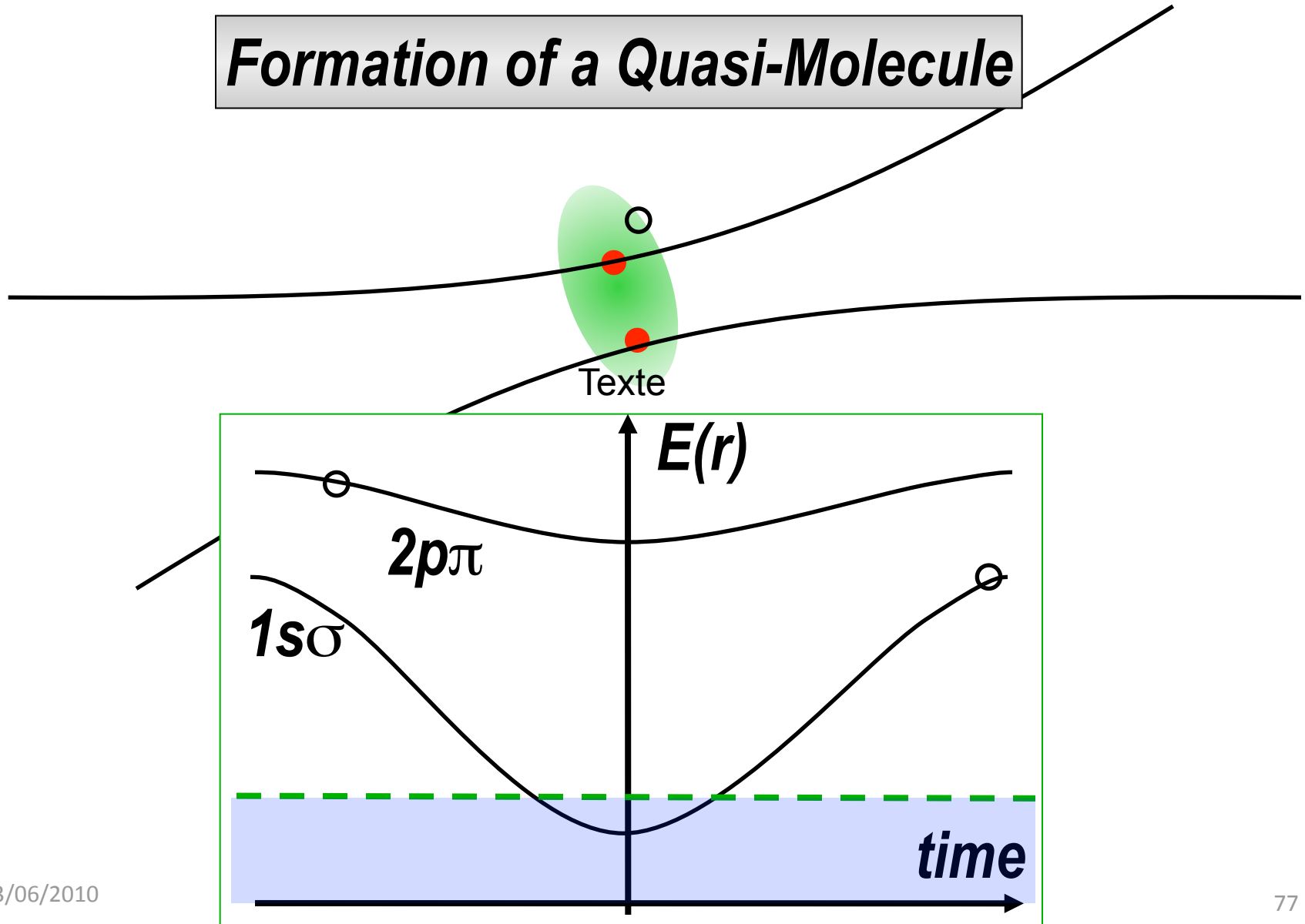


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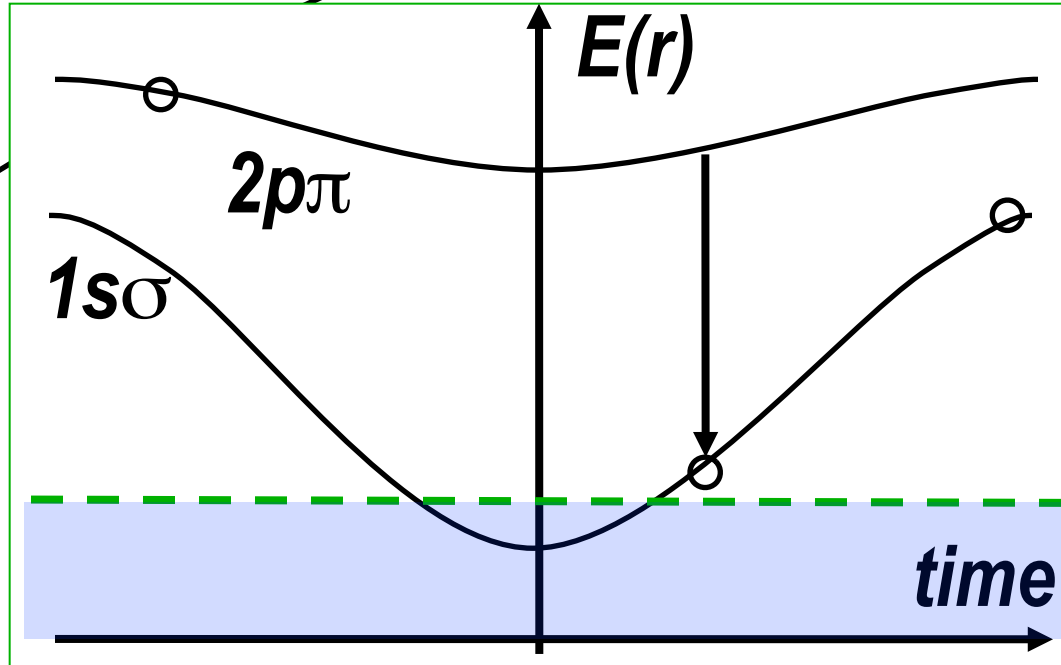
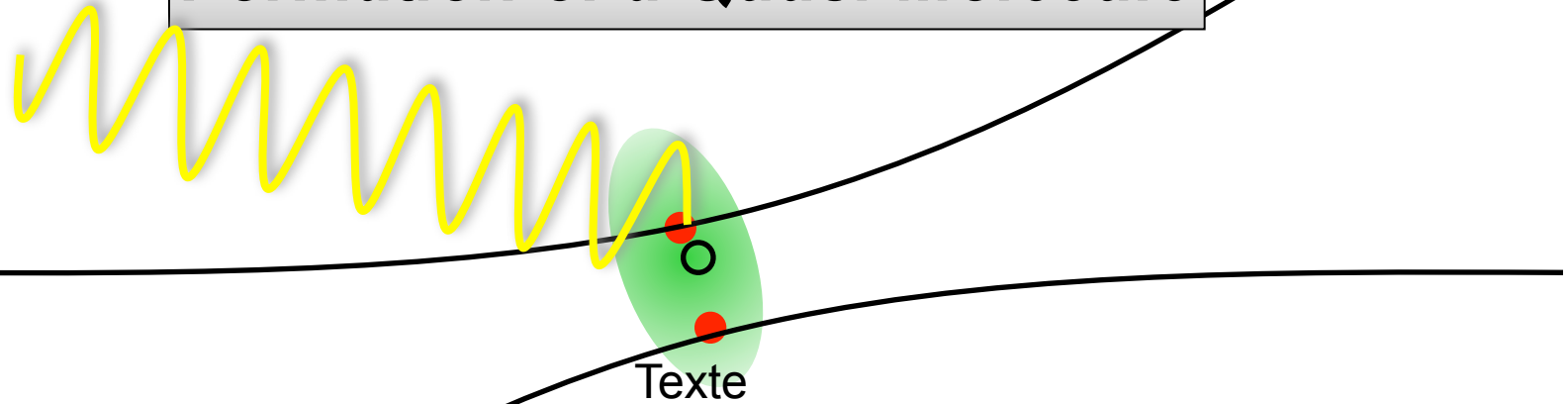


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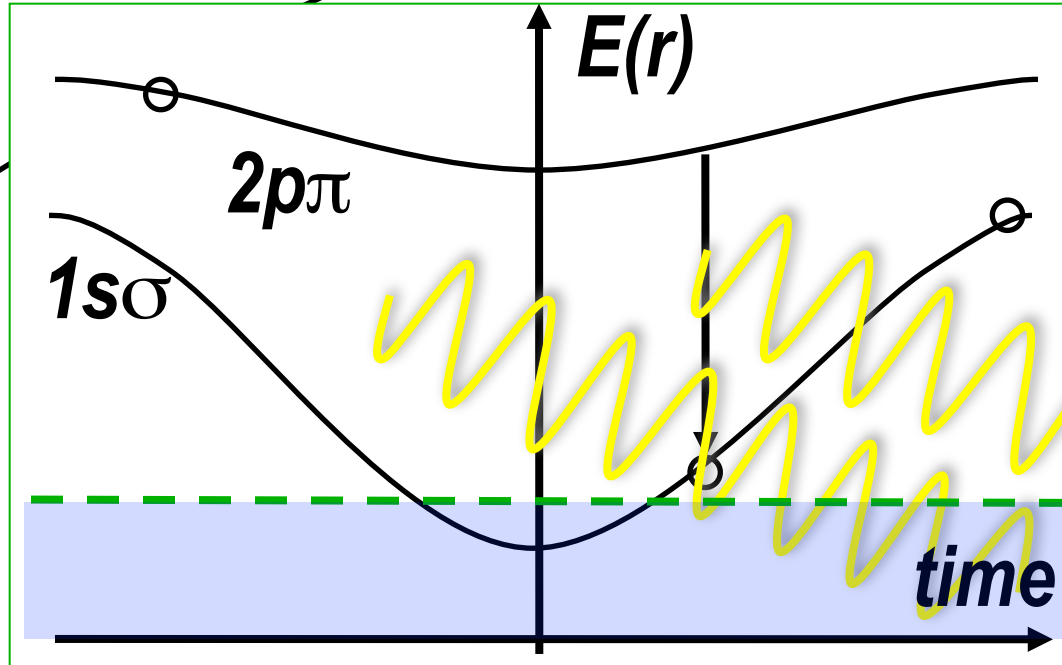
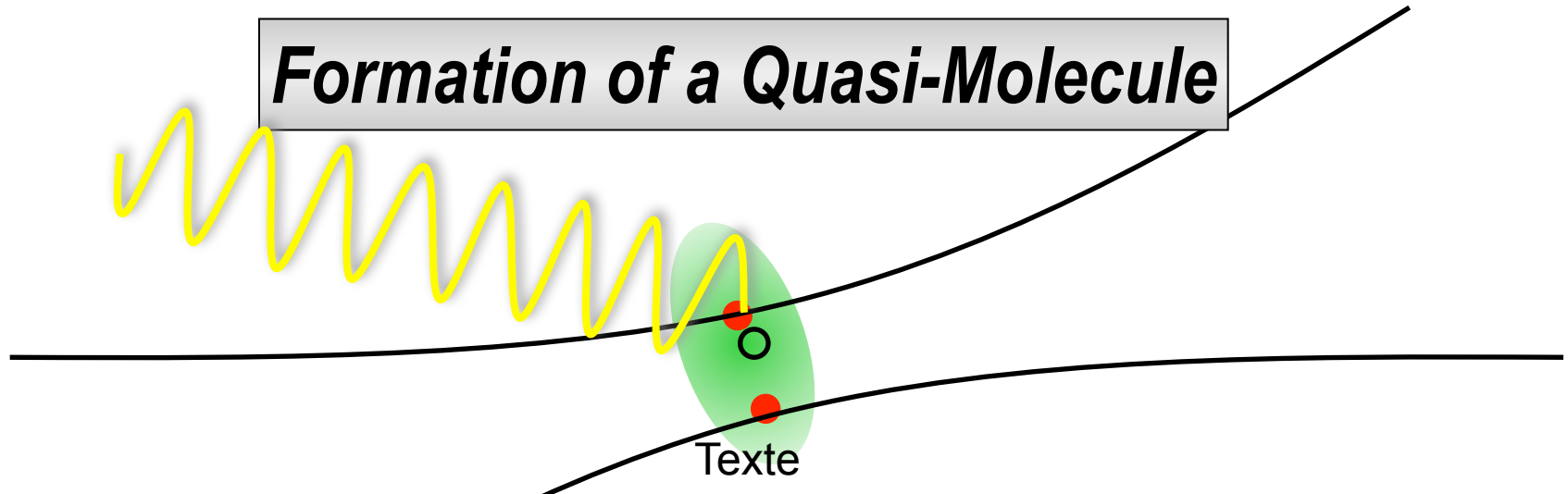


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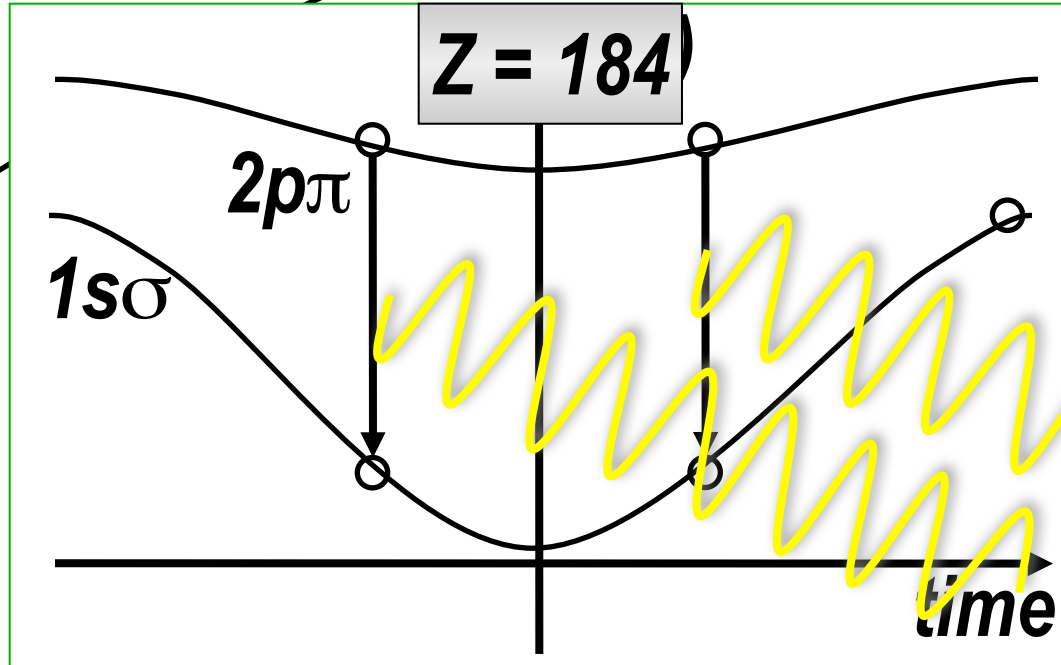
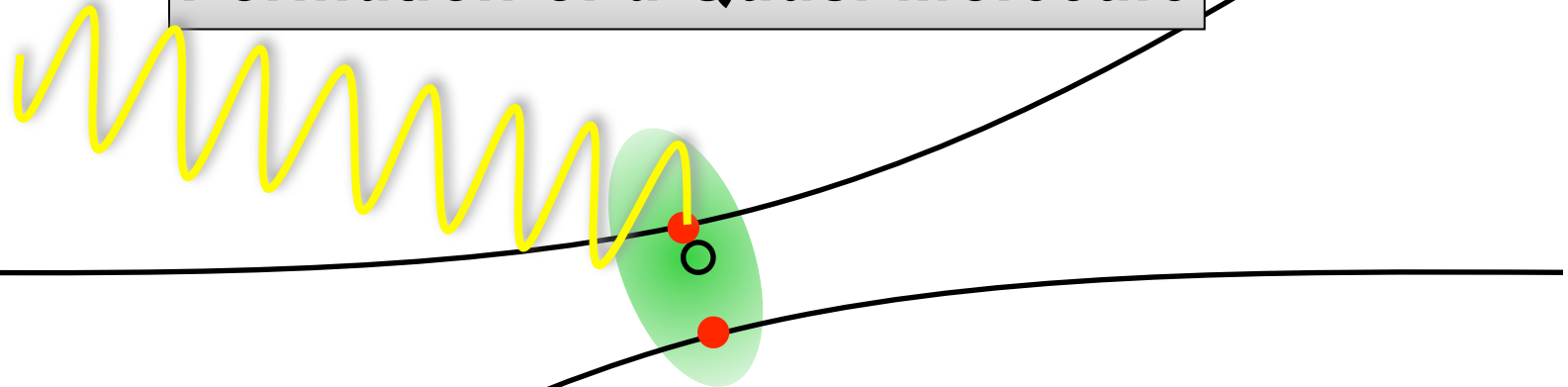


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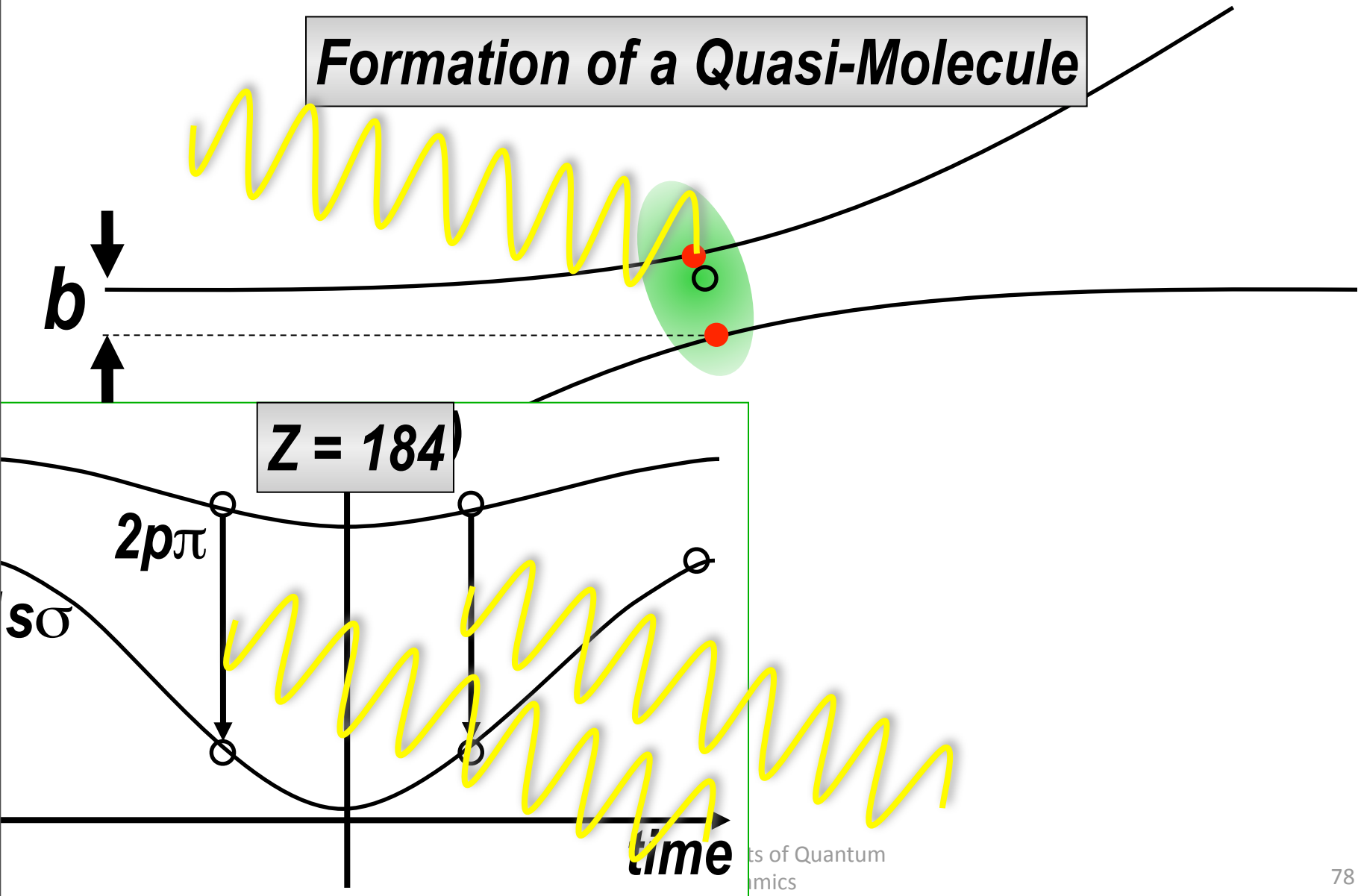


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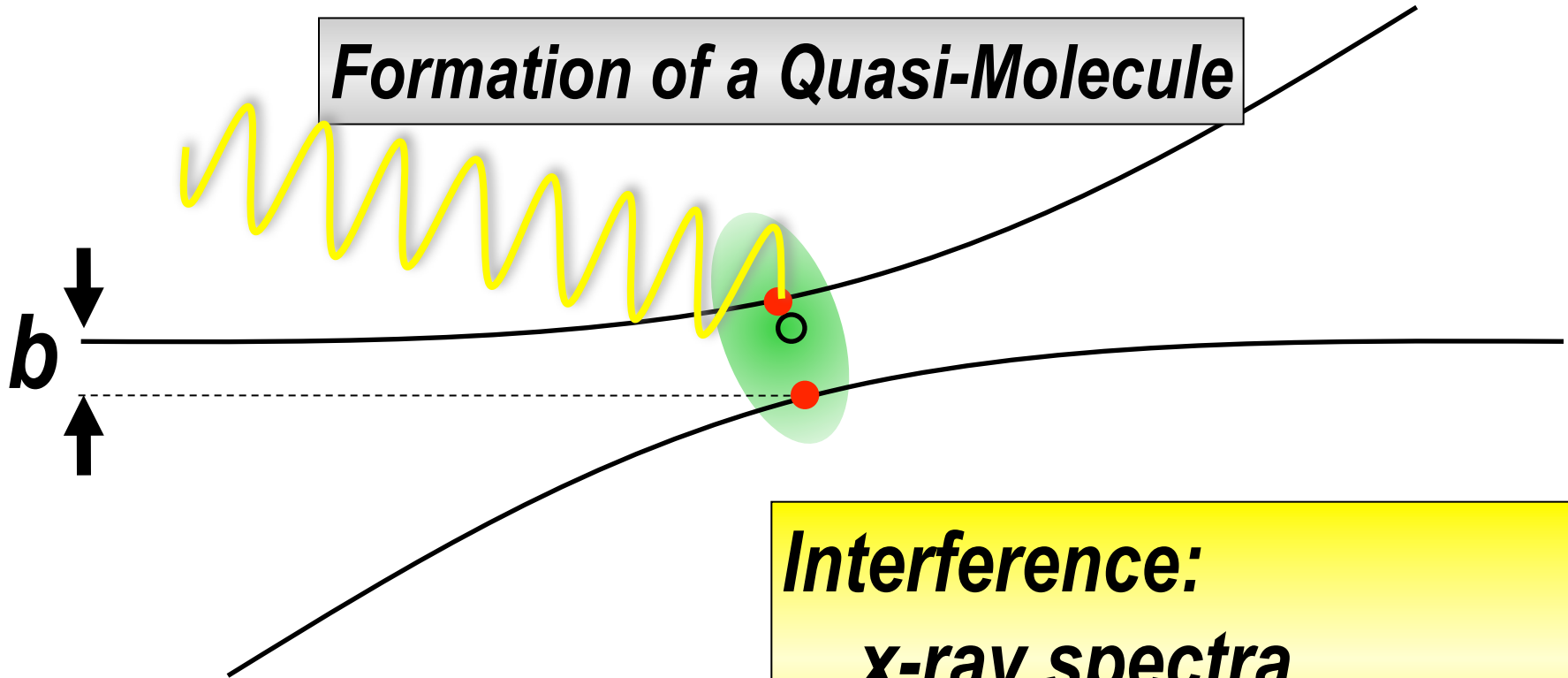
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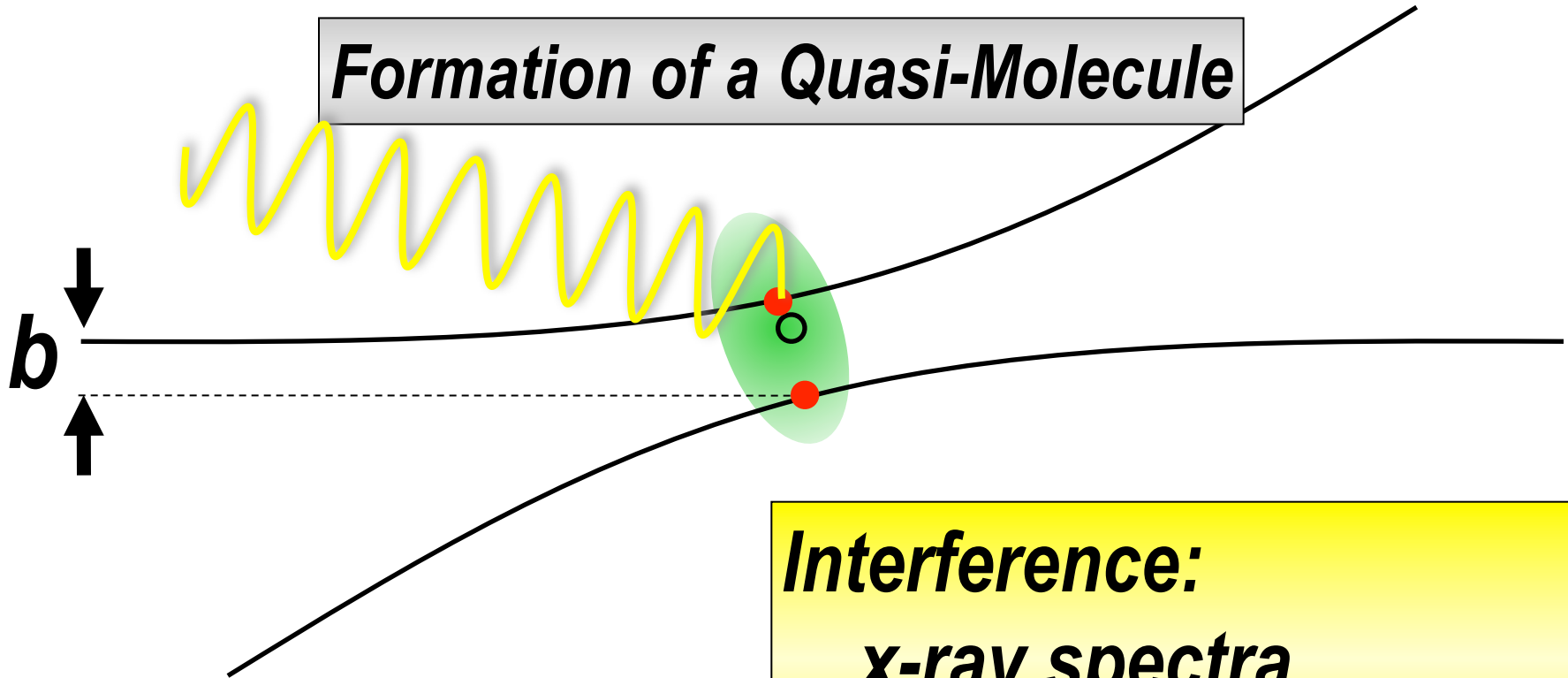
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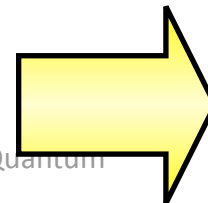
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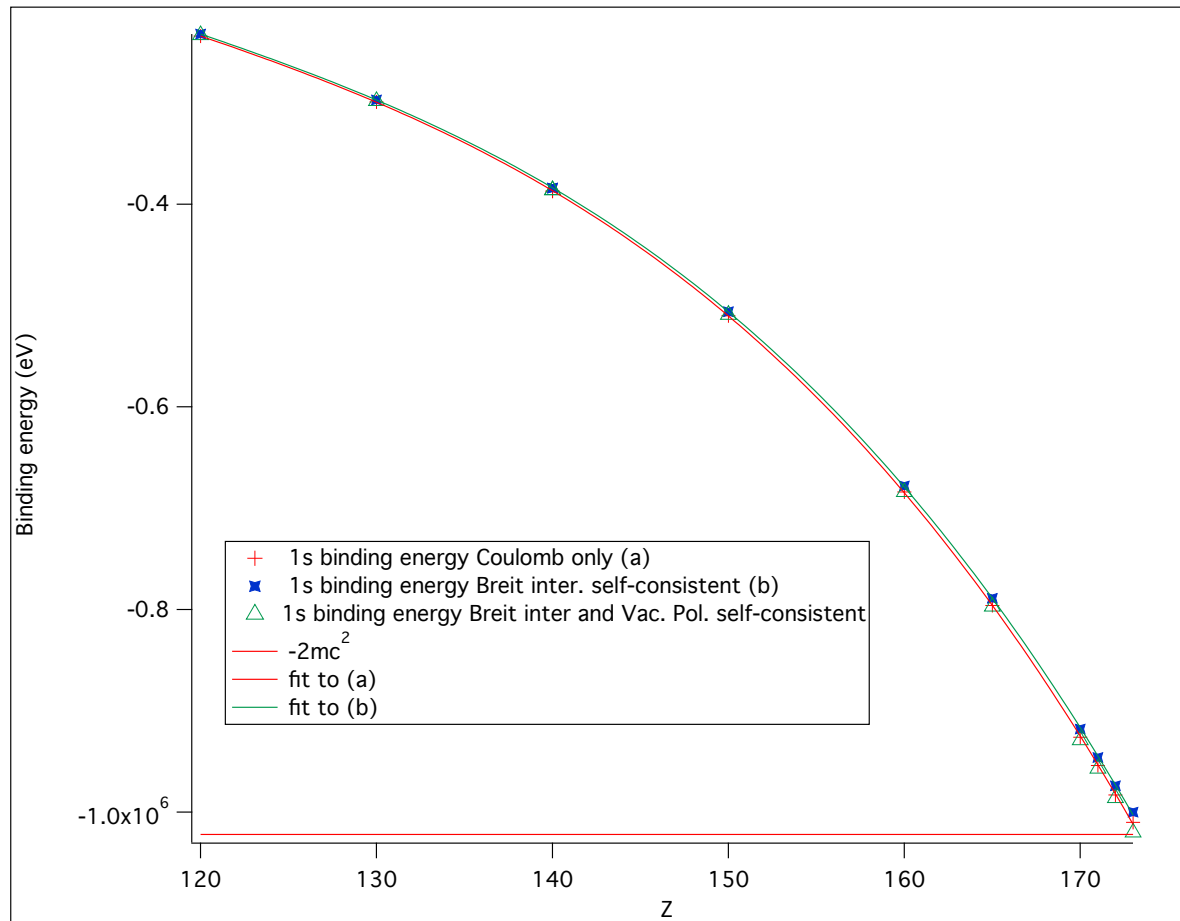
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$$E_{1s\sigma}(R)$$



The presence of outer shell electrons does not change critical Z (173)

What would be a neutral atom when the 1s shell is in the continuum

What happens to QED

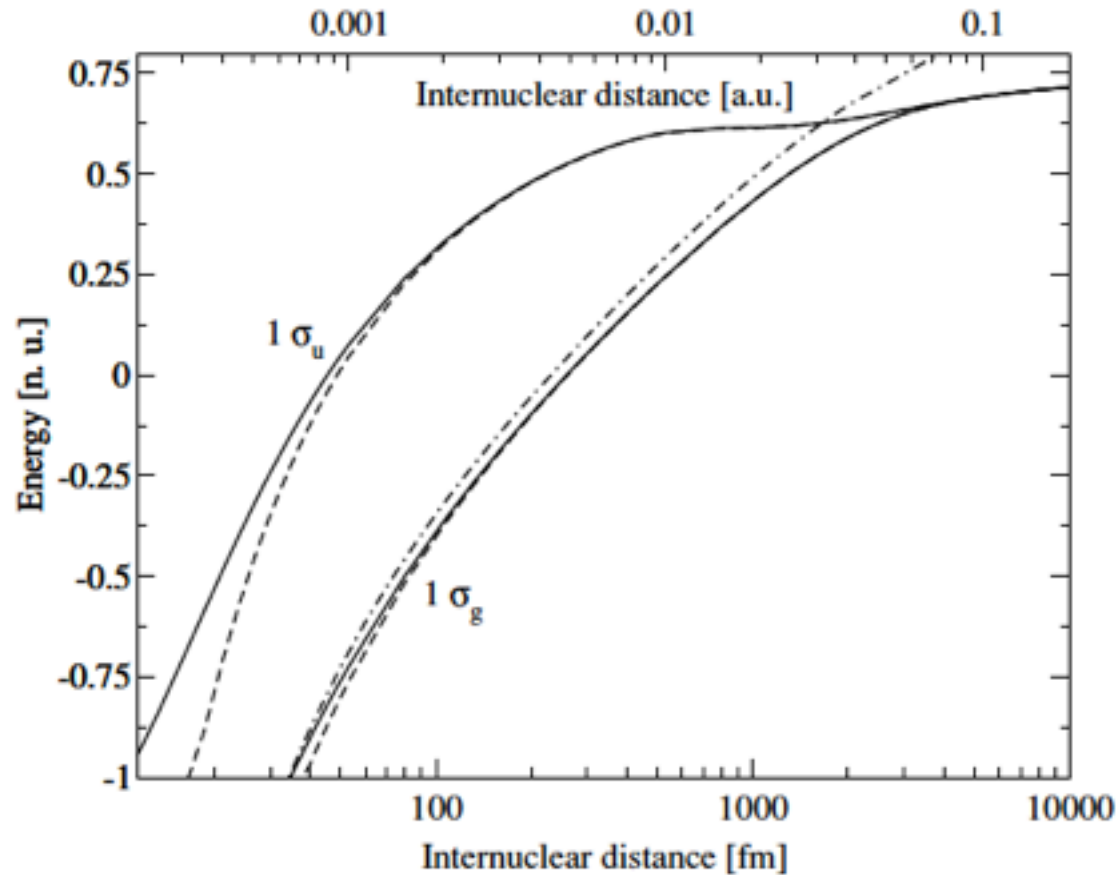


Figure 2. The energy of 1σ states in U_2^{183+} as a function of internuclear distance. The solid and dashed lines correspond to finite-size and point-like nuclei, respectively. The dash-dotted line represents the energy of the $1s$ state in spherically symmetrical monopole approximation, centred at the middle point of the inter-nuclear axis.

Z	171	172	173
total binding energy			
[Rn] 5f¹⁴6d¹⁰7s²7p⁶8s²8p⁶7d¹⁰5g¹⁸6f¹⁴	9s²9p, J = 1/2	9s²9p², J = 2	9s²9p³, J = 3/2
Coulomb	-6052798	-6229026	-6409504
Magnetic	24012	24820	25636
Retardation	-1369	-1413	-1459
Higher order ret.	-437	233	284
S.E.&F.N.	28719	29398	30087
Welt. Scr.	-1073	-1093	-1113
Uehling Vac. Pol.	-53303	-55764	-58259
Muon Vac. Pol.	-70	-74	-78
Uehling corr to elec. Inter.	313	331	350
Wichmann and Kroll VP	4522	4767	5019
Källén and Sabry VP	-400	-420	-439
Two-loop SE	-516	-536	-557
SEVP terms	546	579	615
S[VP]E terms	141	150	160
Total	-6051712	-6228047	-6409259

- We do not know how to treat in a general and systematic way a 2 or more body problem (recoil in exotic atoms for example)
- Complex atoms (more than 3 electrons or one open shell) cannot be calculated
- Higher-order diagrams are beyond our grasp
- Even the relativistic treatment of few or many electron atoms is beyond what we know how to do (no relativistic hamiltonian...)

- Hydrogen and exotic hydrogen will be again a very intense field of research
- New developments will involve both few-body atomic and nuclear physics (nuclear polarization in muonic D, He...) as well as QCD
- A new generation of experiments are leading to very accurate results at medium and high-Z
- More general techniques for the many-body case needed...
- New methods for the resummation of classes of diagrams to all-orders required