

# Precise atomic spectroscopy in search for unknown interactions

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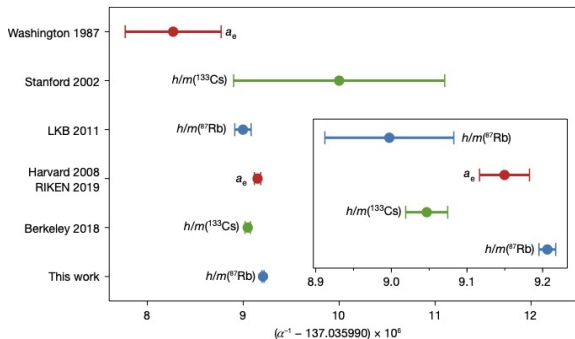
- Measurements of atomic levels can be very accurate, Garching (2010)
  - $\nu(1S - 2S)_H = 2466\,061\,413\,187\,035(10)$  Hz,
  - higher accuracy  $10^{-18}$  has been reported for clock transitions
- Hydrogen ground state hfs  $\delta E_{\text{hfs}}(H) = 1\,420\,405.751\,768(1)$  kHz,
  - hadronic contribution 33pm,
  - agreement with  $\delta E_{\text{hfs}}(\bar{H})$  up to  $3 \cdot 10^{-9}$  ASACUSA (2017)
  - comparison to  $\mu H$  hfs ? (Antognini, PSI+ETH)
- Accurate calculations are possible only for simple systems like: H, He, Li, and exotic systems:  $\bar{p}$  He,  $e\mu$ , . . . .
  - the best  $m_e/m_p$  from HD<sup>+</sup> spectroscopy (Amsterdam, Düsseldorf, 2020)
- He, H<sub>2</sub>: the most accurate  $\mu_D$ ,  $Q_D$  from HD spectroscopy
  - collaborators from Praha: V. Patkos (He), from St. Petersburg: V.A. Yerokhin (He), and from UAM: J. Komasa (H<sub>2</sub>, Be), M. Puchalski (H<sub>2</sub>, He, Li, Be)

# electron magnetic moment

- $\delta H = -\vec{\mu} \vec{B}$ , where  $\vec{\mu} = g \left( \frac{e}{2m} \right) \vec{S}$  can be measured very precisely
- Dirac theory  $\rightarrow g = 2$ , the magnetic moment anomaly  $a = \frac{(g-2)}{2} \sim \frac{\alpha}{2\pi}$  mainly due to QED effects, calculations up to  $\alpha^5$  order
- determination of the fine structure constant  $\alpha = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0\hbar c}$  from the measurements of the electron  $g - 2$  versus the atomic recoil – agreement
- $4.2\sigma$  discrepancy for the muonic  $g - 2$ , (FNAL, 2021)

# fine structure constant $\alpha$

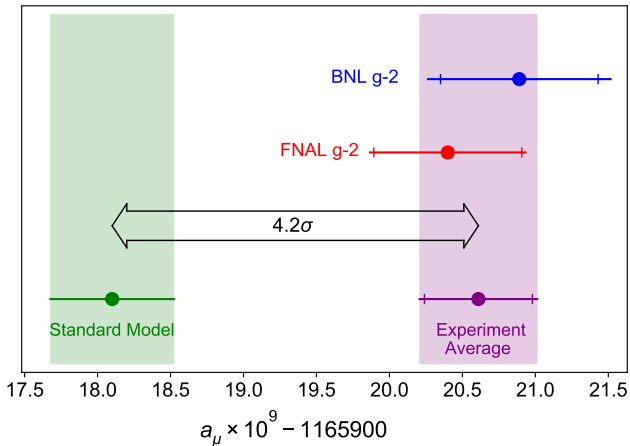
$$\alpha^2 = \frac{2 R_\infty}{c} \frac{M}{m_e} \frac{h}{M} \rightarrow \text{measurement of } h/m \text{ leads to determination of } \alpha.$$



from S. Guellati-Khelifa *et al.*, Nature **588**, 3 (2020),

# $\mu$ magnetic moment anomaly

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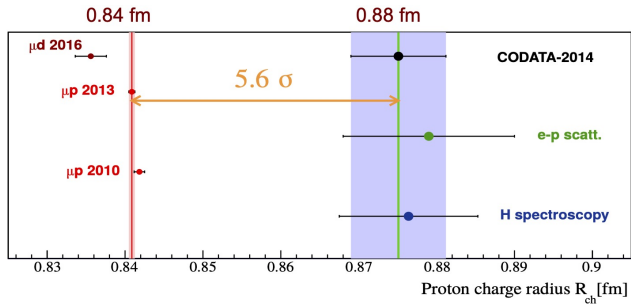
## Hydrogen and determination of $r_p$

- Measurements of transition frequencies can be very accurate, Garching 2010:  
 $\nu(1S - 2S)_H = 2466\,061\,413\,187\,035(10)$  Hz
- but we need two transitions to determine two unknowns:  $R_\infty$  and  $r_p$
- other transitions measured in hydrogen:  $2S - 2P$ ,  $2S - 3S$ ,  $2S - 4P$
- hydrogenic systems can be calculated very precisely
  - Dirac equation and finite nuclear mass effects
  - QED radiative corrections
  - nuclear polarizability: limits theory for  $\mu\text{H}$

up to the finite nuclear size correction:  $\delta E = \frac{2\pi}{3} (Z\alpha) \phi^2(0) \langle r_p^2 \rangle$

- high sensitivity to  $r_p$  in  $\mu\text{H}$  due to  $\sim 200$  heavier muon

# Proton charge radius $r_p$ : early results



muonic hydrogen:  $0.8409 \pm 0.0004$  fm

20x more precise

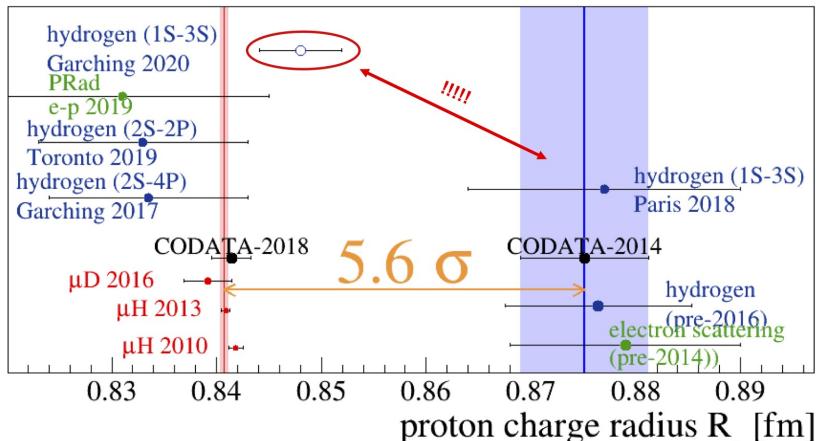
electronic hydrogen:  $0.876 \pm 0.008$  fm

electron scattering  $0.879 \pm 0.011$  fm

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talk at Joint Quantum Institute, April 19, 2021

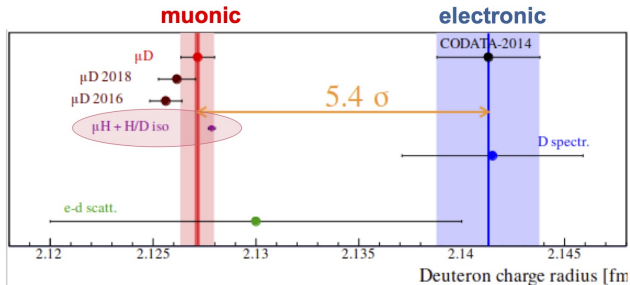
# Proton charge radius $r_p$ : current status



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# Deuteron charge radius from $\mu$ D and H-D isotope shift



$\mu$ D: polarizability)  $2.12717 (13)_{\text{exp}} (82)_{\text{theo}} \text{ fm}$  (theo = nucl.)

$\mu$ H + H/D(1S-2S):  $2.12785 (17) \text{ fm}$

H/D 1S-2S isotope shift:  
 $r_d^2 - r_p^2 = 3.82070(31) \text{ fm}^2$

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## $\mu$ D(2S) hyperfine splitting

$$E_{\text{hfs}}(\text{exp}) = 6.2747(70)_{\text{stat}}(20)_{\text{syst}} \text{ meV}$$

$$E_{\text{hfs}}(\text{point}) = 6.17815(20) \text{ meV}$$

$$\delta E_{\text{nucl}} = E_{\text{hfs}}(\text{exp}) - E_{\text{hfs}}(\text{point}) = 0.0966(73) \text{ meV}$$

- The Bohr-Weisskopf effect, charge and magnetic moment distribution within nucleus gives a correction with an opposite sign

$$\delta E_{\text{nucl,BW}} = -0.1177(3) \text{ meV}$$

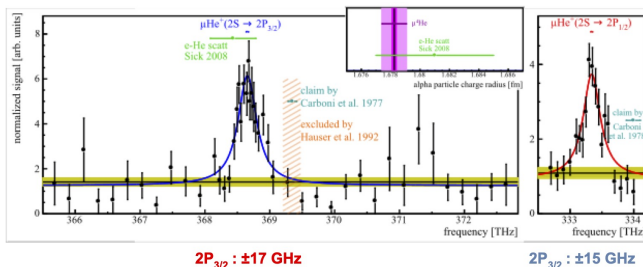
- Nuclear polarizability effects are very important

$$\delta E_{\text{nucl,theo}} = 0.0383(86) \text{ meV}$$

in  $5\sigma$  disagreement with the experimental value

- lack of good understanding of nuclear structure effects to hfs in muonic atoms

# $\mu$ $^4\text{He}$ determination of $\alpha$ -particle charge radius



$$R(^4\text{He}) = 1.67824 (13)_{\text{exp}} (82)_{\text{theo}} \text{ fm}$$

Krauth, RP et al. (CREMA Coll.)  
Nature 589, 527 (2021)

Theory: Diepold et al., Ann. Phys. (2018)  
incl. 3-photon nuclear polarizability (Pachucki, 2018)

## $^4\text{He}$ atom: theory versus experiments

Very recent measurement of  $2^3S_1$  ionization energy by F. Merkt *et al.* 2021, and very recent theory V. Patkos *et al.*, Phys. Rev. A 2021.

Table III. Comparison of experimental and theoretical values [12, 47] of the ionization energies of the  $2^3S_1$ ,  $2^3P$  (centroid),  $3^3D_1$  and  $3^1D_2$  states in  $^4\text{He}$  (in MHz) obtained by combining the  $2^1S_0$  ionization energy with the transition frequencies from Refs. [13, 15, 16, 25, 30, 31].

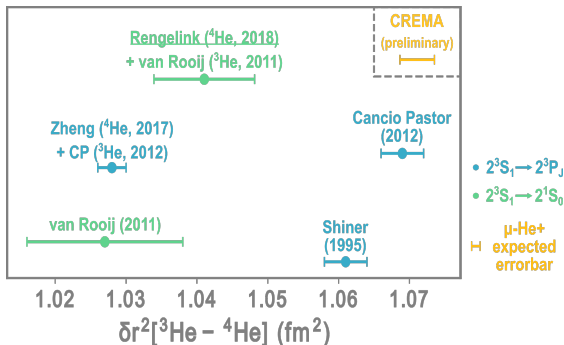
|          | Experiment            | Reference        | Theory                | Reference | $\Delta E_{I,\text{exp.}-\text{calc.}}$ |
|----------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-----------|---|
| $2^3S_1$ | 1 152 842 742.637(32) | [13]             | 1 152 842 742.231(52) | [12]      | 0.406(61)                               |
| $2^3P$   | 876 106 247.017(32)   | [13, 15, 30, 31] | 876 106 246.611(16)   | [12]      | 0.406(36)                               |
| $3^3D_1$ | 366 018 892.635(65)   | [13, 25]         | 366 018 892.691(23)   | [47]      | -0.056(69)                              |
| $3^1D_2$ | 365 917 748.688(34)   | [16]             | 365 917 748.661(19)   | [47]      | 0.027(38)                               |

but a very good agreement with  $2^3S_1 - 2^3P$  transition frequency with the charge radius from  $\mu\text{He}$  Lamb shift

$$E(2^3S - 2^3P)_{\text{theo}} = 276\,736\,495.620\text{ (54) MHz}$$

$$E(2^3S - 2^3P)_{\text{exp}} = 276\,736\,495.600\,0\text{ (14) MHz, Zheng } et al\ 2017.$$

# $^4\text{He}$ - $^3\text{He}$ isotope shift of nuclear charge radii difference



picture by Youri van der Werf

## Expected and planned measurements

- $\mu$   $^3\text{He}$  Lamb shift, PSI
- $\text{He}^+(1S - 2S)$  Garching and Amsterdam
- $\mu$ H ground state hyperfine splitting, ETH
- $\mu^+ e^-$  ETH
- $\mu - p$  scattering with high sensitivity to  $r_p$ , AMBER collaboration at CERN, Na66
- $e - p$  versus  $\mu - p$  scattering, MUSE collaboration at PSI
- $\bar{p}p, \bar{p}\alpha$ , AEGIS, CERN