

Fundamental constants, their numerical values & units

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Outline (as of 2014 – the last LSA of the old SI)

- *universality of the constants;
variety of the experiments;
overdetermined data set; correlated
input data; need for the least-
square evaluation;*
- *the progress and the state of the art;
numerical values of c , e_0 , m_0 , M_e ,
 M_p , m_e/m_p , R_∞ , a , hN_A , h , N_A , e , m_e ,
 m_p , k , R , G in various units;*
- *LSA procedure;*
- *structure of the data; hierarchy in
the accuracy of the data;
disentanglement of the sets;*
- *set-by-set analysis;*
- *exactly known values;*
- *determination of the Rydberg
constant;*
- *atomic masses and AME by AMDC;*
- *determination of the fine structure
constant;*
- ~~*determination of the Planck
constant;*~~
- ~~*determination of the Boltzmann
constant;*~~
- *determination of the Newton's
constant of gravity;*
- *inconsistent data sets and the Birge
ratio;*
- *Gaussian distribution, c^2 and c^2
distribution;*
- *multivariate LSA with correlations;*
- *correlated output;*
- *microscopic and macroscopic values;*
- *LSA and verification of
fundamental laws*

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The CODATA's constants

CODATA deals not with the constants, but with their numerical values.

The proton mass in the kilograms was the ratio of the proton mass (atomic scale) and the mass of the IKP (macroscopic).

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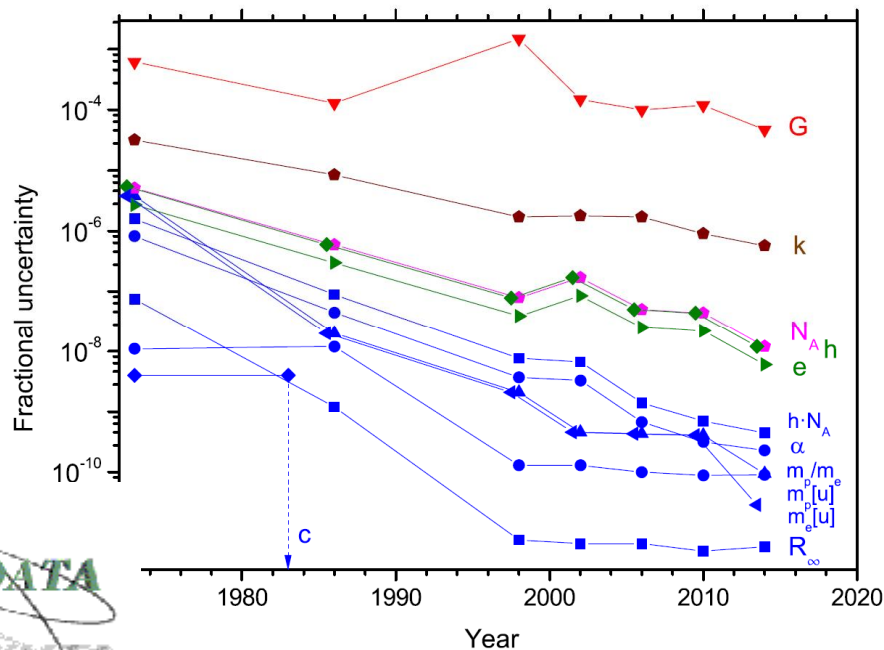
Variety of phenomena involved (dominant uncertainty)

– *Atomic and
quantum values*

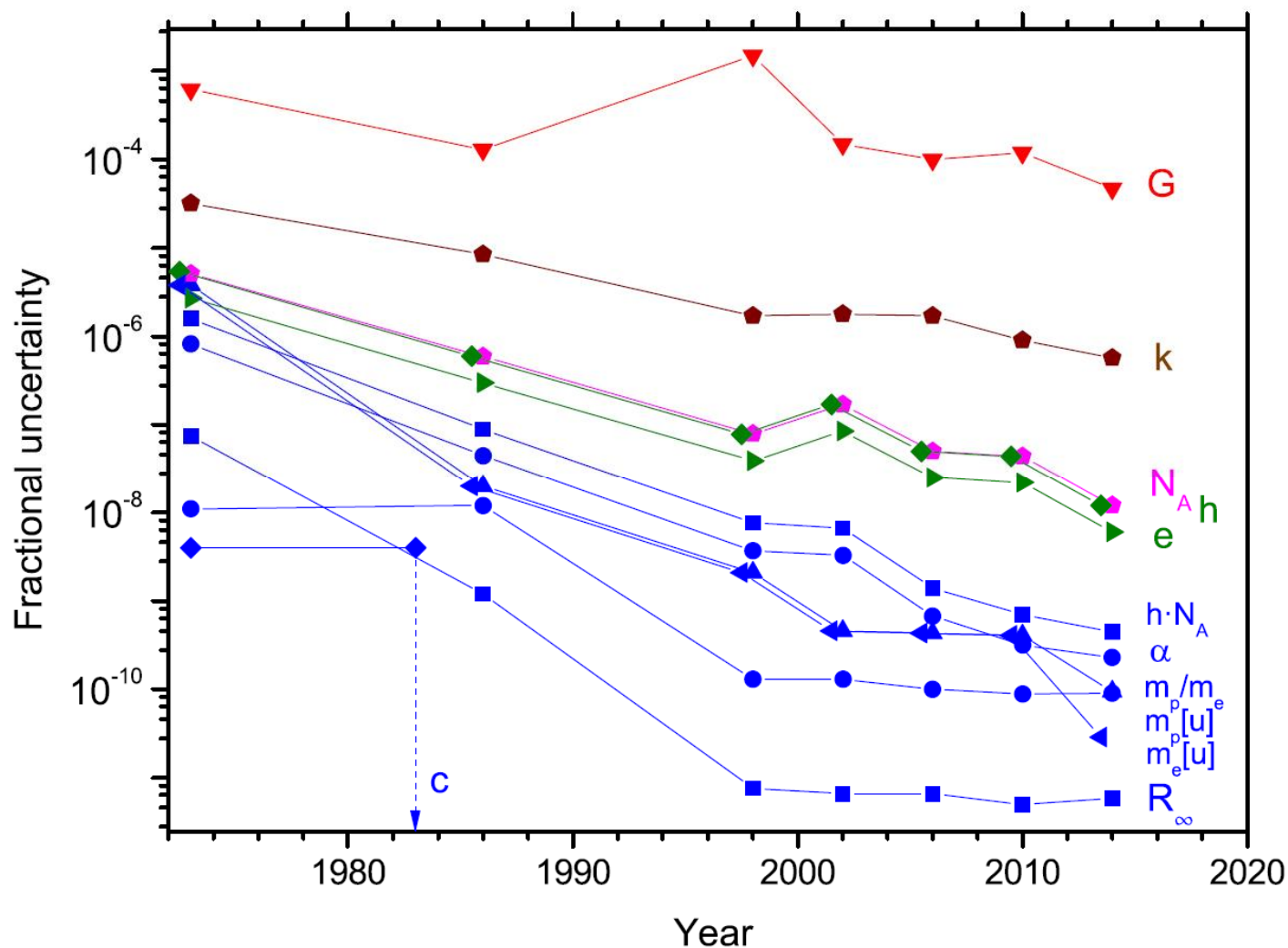
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Progress (up to 2014)



Two-steps of the adjustment

- *Set-by-set analysis*
- *Set-by-set pre-average*
- *Evaluation of the data altogether*

Input: disentanglement

- *In principle everything is correlated.*
- *How can we disentangle the sets?*

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$$R_{\infty} c_{(1, \dots, 2)}$$

Determination of α

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fractional uncertainty:

- $u(R_{\infty}) \sim 6 \times 10^{-12}$
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- $u(m_e/m_p) \sim 10^{-10}$

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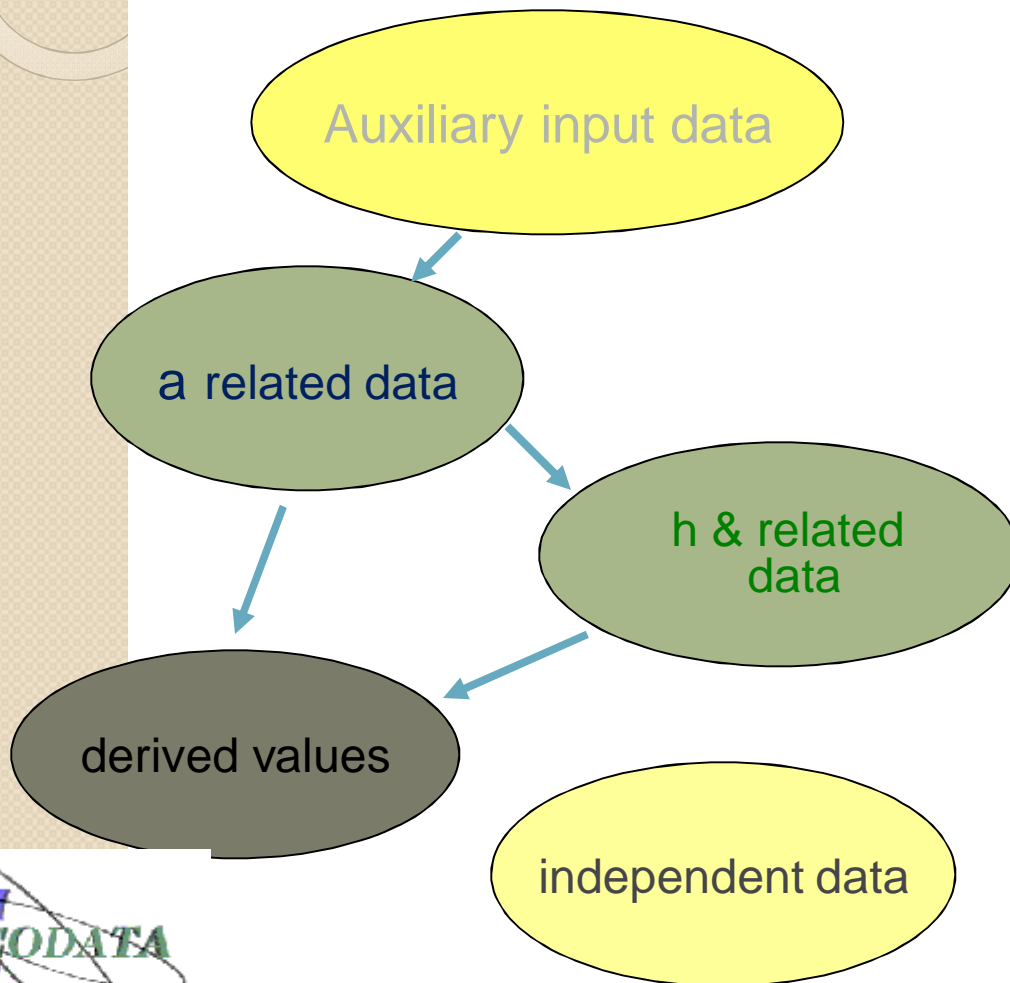
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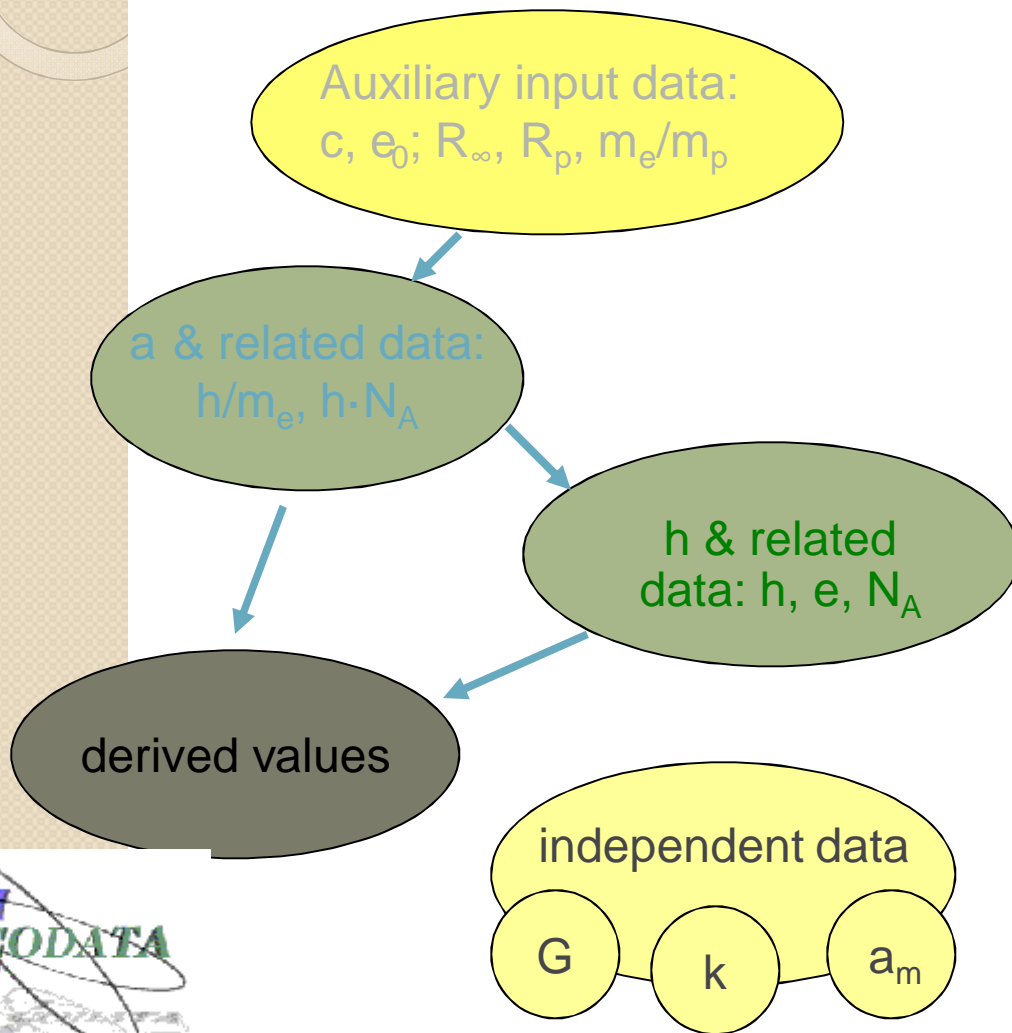
- $a \sim 10^{-2}$
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- $m_e/m_p \sim 10^{-3}$

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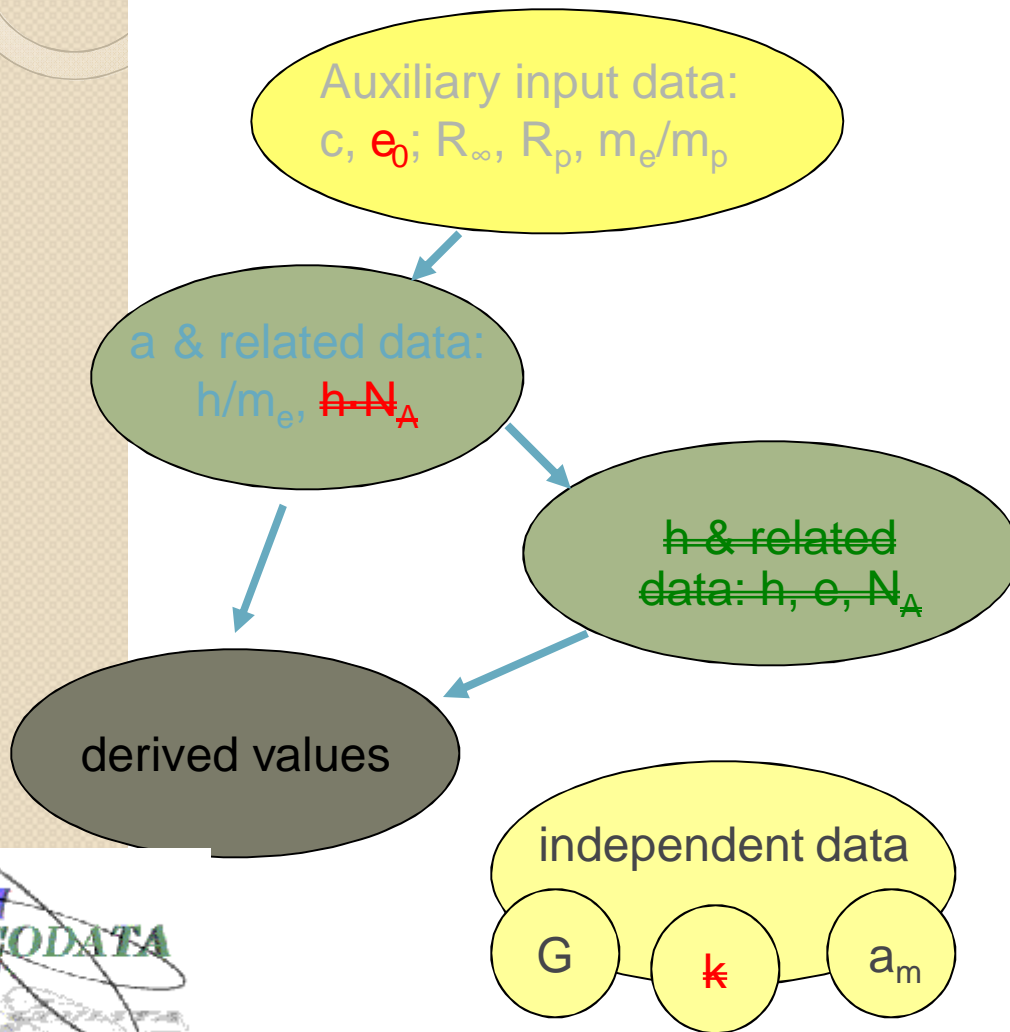
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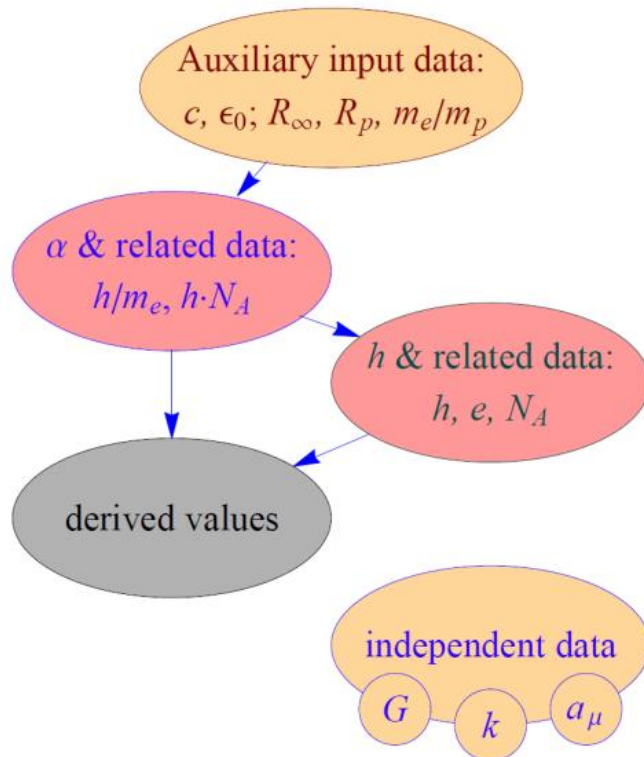
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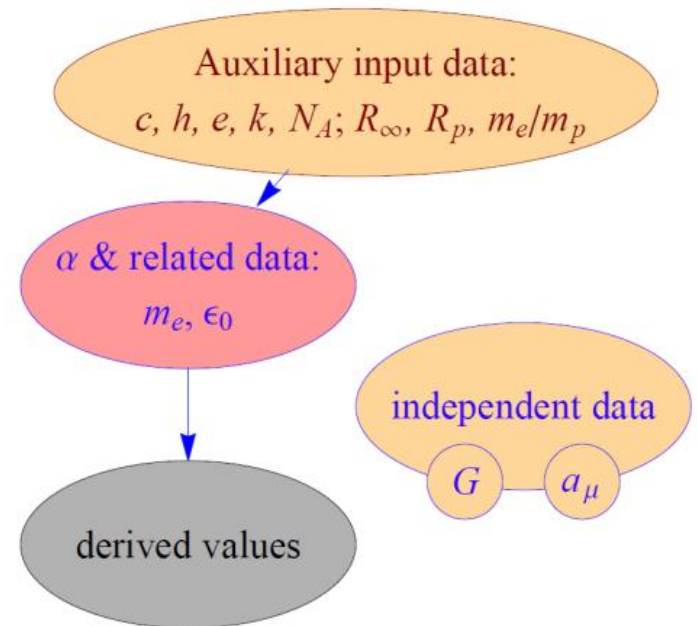
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The structure of LSA

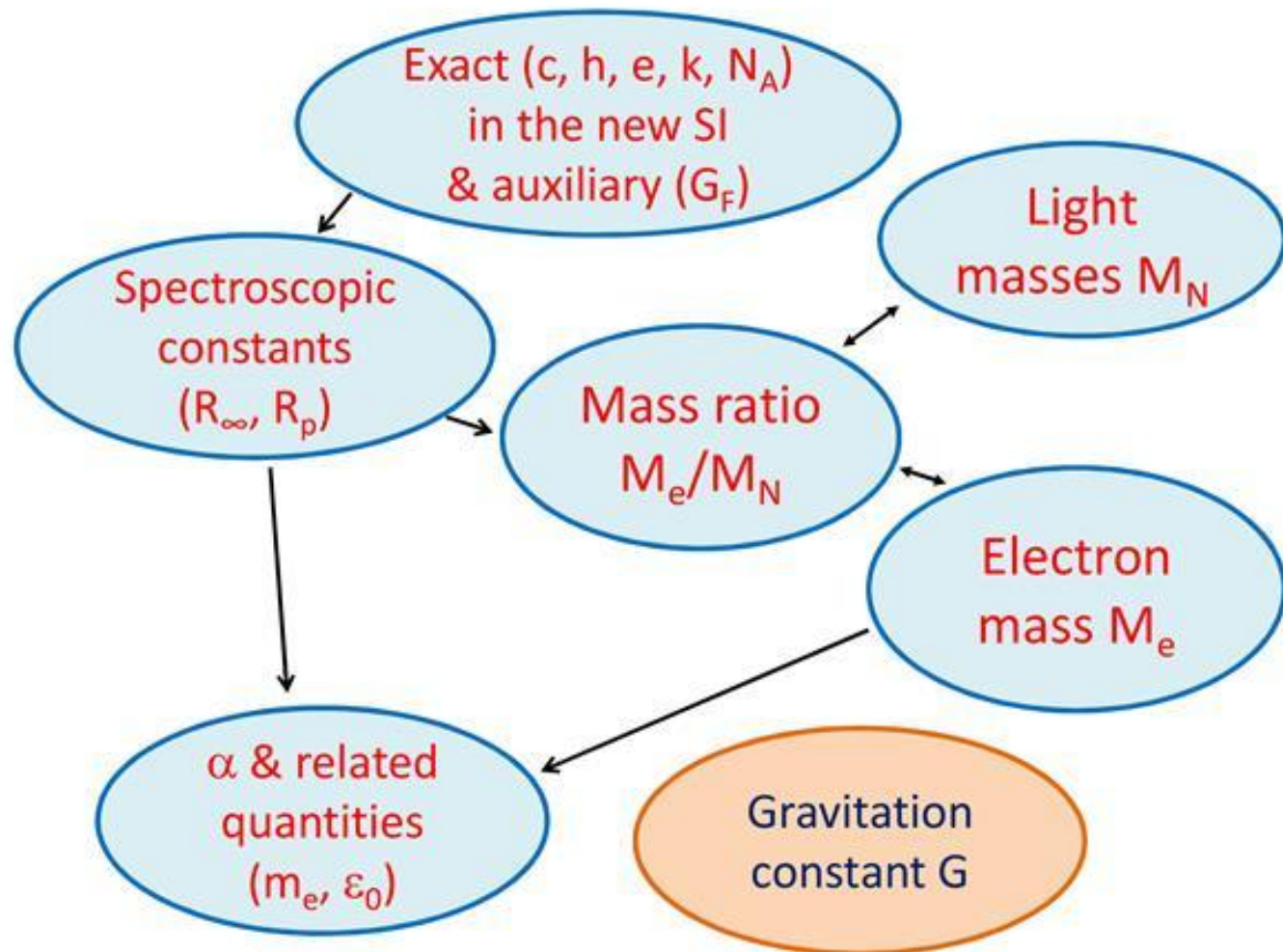
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Detailed structure of LSA for 2022



Main [quantum] input (dominant)

Experiment	Constant	QED	Others
Lamb shift in $m\text{H}$	R_p	*	
e-p scattering	input for $m\text{H}$ theory	*	
1s-2s in H	R_{\neq}	*	R_p
1s-2s in H-D (isotopic)	R_d	*	R_p
Lamb shift in $m\text{D}$	R_d	*	
bound electron's g (H-like C)	M_e	*	
[absolute] mass spectrometry	M_p, M_d, M_h, M_a		
[relative] mass spectrometry	$M_p/M_d, M_h/(M_p+M_d),$ M_h-M_t		
HD^+ spectroscopy	$m_e/(m_p+m_d)$	*	R_{\neq}, R_p, R_d
$g_e - 2$	a	*	
Raman spectroscopy	a		R_{\neq}

The Lamb shift in muonic hydrogen: experiment

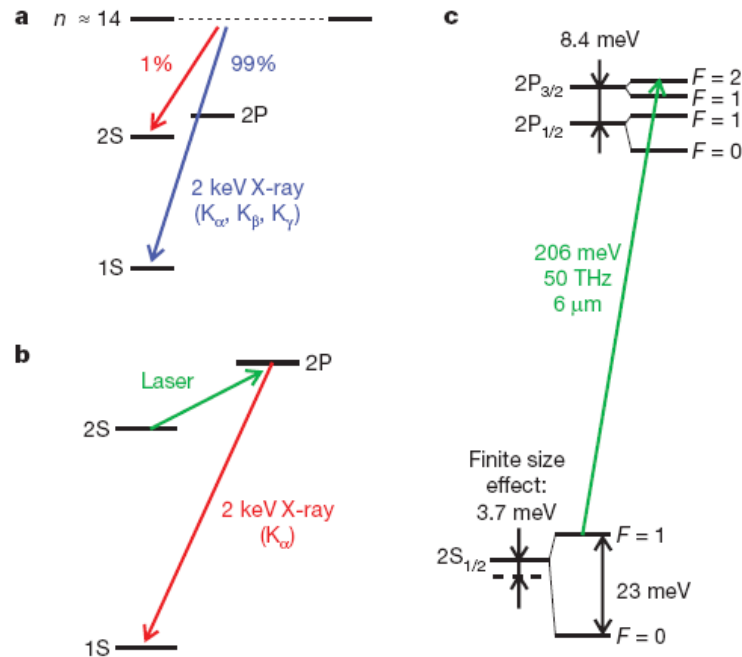


Figure 1 | Energy levels, cascade and experimental principle in muonic hydrogen. **a**, About 99% of the muons proceed directly to the 1S ground state during the muonic cascade, emitting ‘prompt’ K-series X-rays (blue). 1% remain in the metastable 2S state (red). **b**, The $\mu p(2S)$ atoms are illuminated by a laser pulse (green) at ‘delayed’ times. If the laser is on resonance, delayed K_α X-rays are observed (red). **c**, Vacuum polarization dominates the Lamb shift in μp . The proton’s finite size effect on the 2S state is large. The green arrow indicates the observed laser transition at $\lambda = 6 \mu\text{m}$.

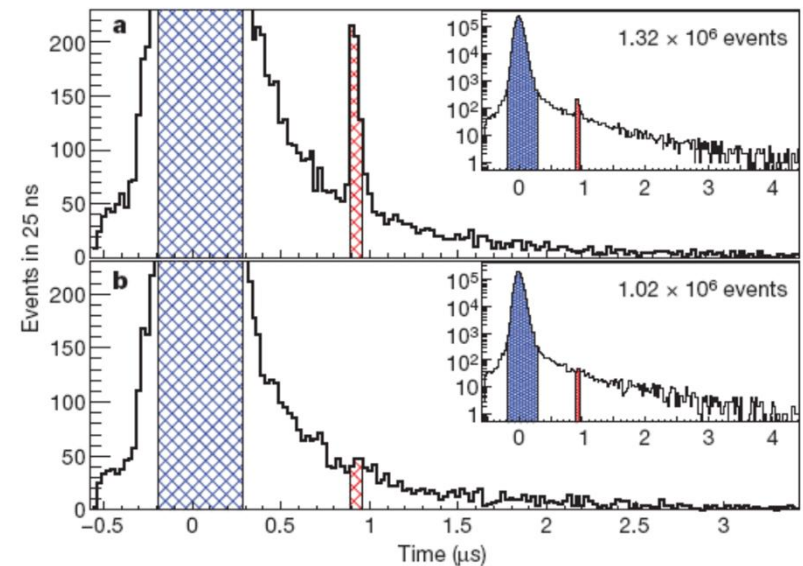


Figure 4 | Summed X-ray time spectra. Spectra were recorded on resonance **(a)** and off resonance **(b)**. The laser light illuminates the muonic atoms in the laser time window $t \in [0.887, 0.962] \mu\text{s}$ indicated in red. The ‘prompt’ X-rays are marked in blue (see text and Fig. 1). Inset, plots showing complete data; total number of events are shown.

Proton radius: the puzzle

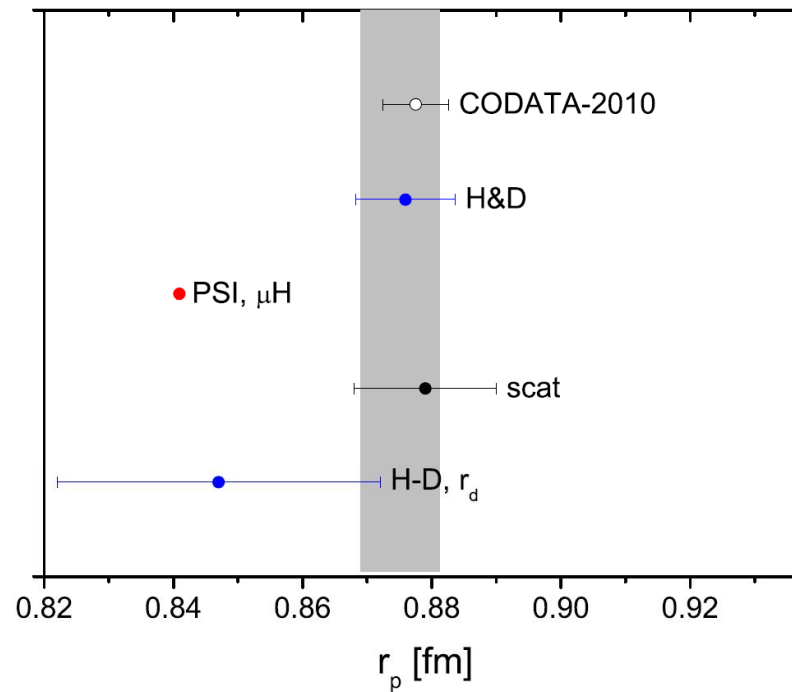
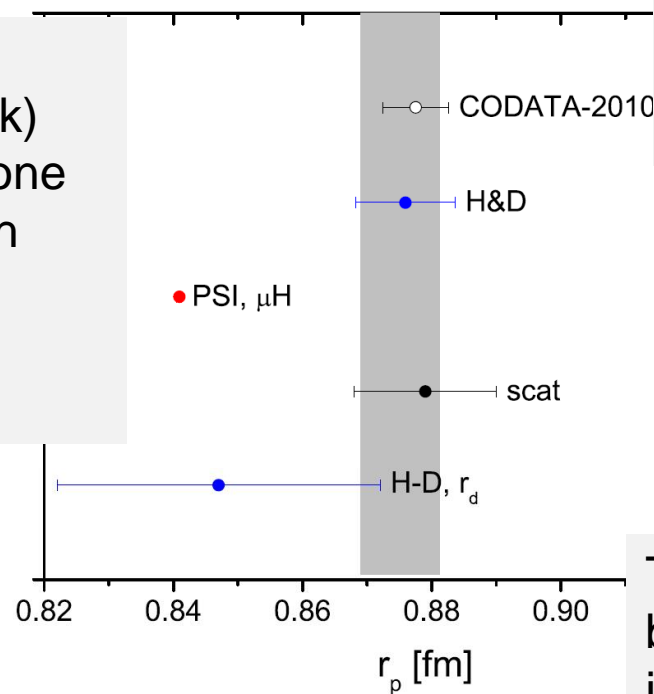


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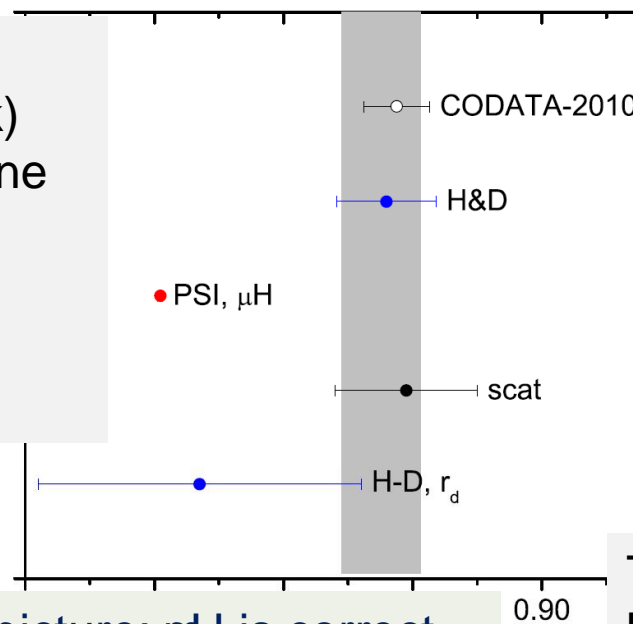
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In terms of a big picture: r_H is correct and dominates because of its high accuracy, while the data from scattering and 'old' H are a kind of compromised and a possible discrepancy with them is unimportant.

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- Standard fits have the best absolute accuracy for the data in the middle of the fitted area.
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- Prad with a result, consistent with nH, is based on the data at very low end of the required area of integration.

$$I_{\text{Fr}} = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dq}{q^4} \left[(G_E(q^2))^2 - 1 - 2G'_E(0) q^2 \right]$$

Friar contribution and needs of the e-p scattering data for mH evaluation

Contribution/U
[to the mH Lam

U: expt

U: QED

C: proton polariza

C: Friar term

- To find the Friar term we need a fit in a broad area.
- It should have a controlled accuracy.
- It should be consistent with the R_p from mH.
- It should have a very good accuracy for low q^2 .
- Standard fits performed as usual over all the data but Prad disagrees with mH.
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$$I_{\text{Fr}} = \int_0^\infty$$

The puzzle is now a more practical one. We need to find a way to appropriately evaluate an integral over the electric form factor.

$q^2]$

Other related data and constants

The Rydberg constant

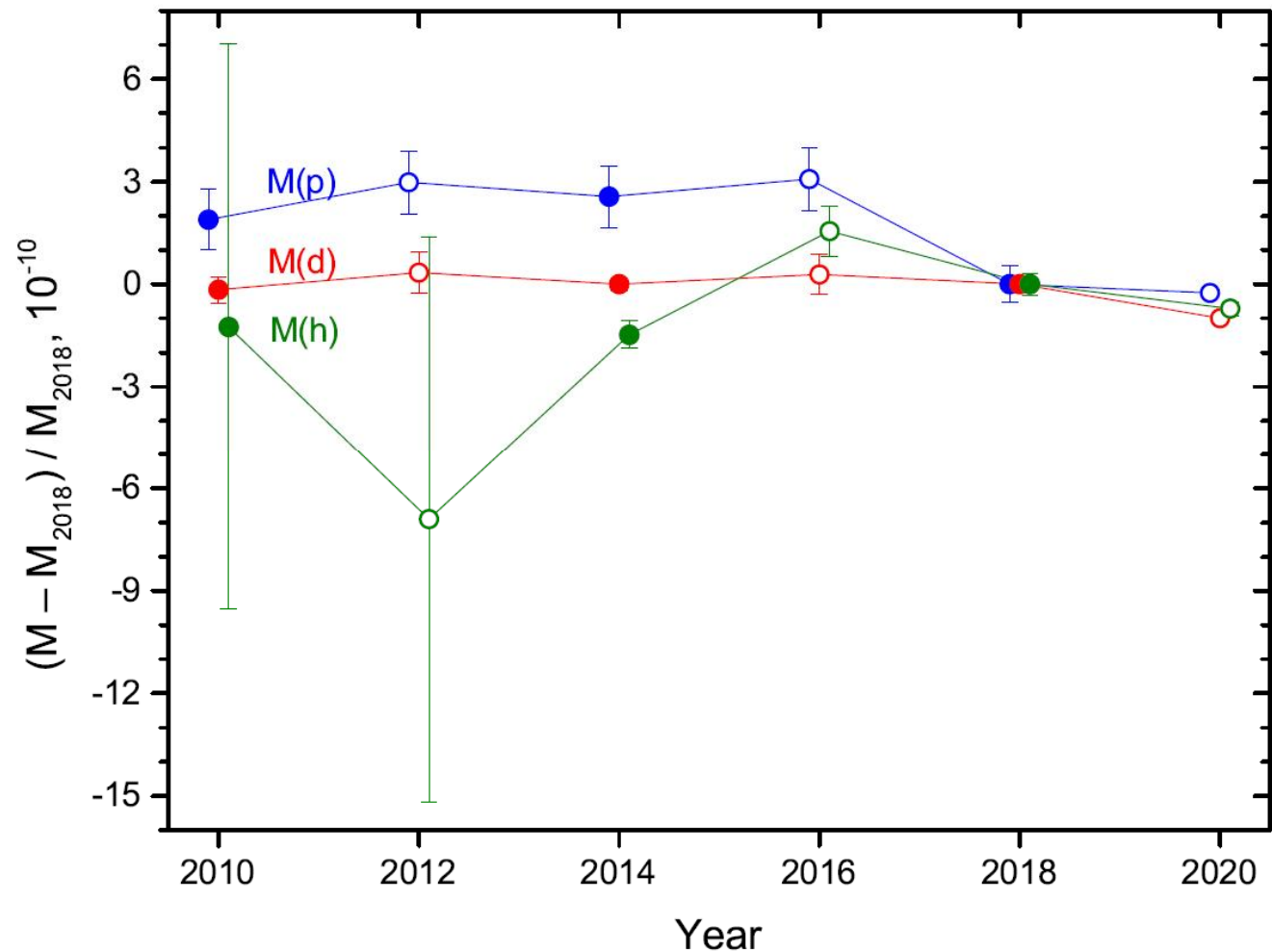
- Once we have QED theory and R_p , we find R_∞ . The dominant contribution is from 1s-2s in H.

The deuteron radius

- Once we have QED theory and R_p , we find R_d . The dominant contribution is from isotopic shift H-D for 1s-2s.

The rest of H and D data are for a cross check of theory. The mD result is mostly for a cross check.

Progress in determination of nuclear masses (p, d, h)



Zoo of ions (uncertainty: parts in 10^{-11})



A	Absolute	Relative	Absolute
1			H ⁺
2	D ⁺	H ₂ ⁺ , D ⁺	D ⁺
3	³ He ⁺	HD ⁺ , ³ He ⁺ , T ⁺ , H ₃ ⁺ *	HD ⁺
4	⁴ He ⁺⁺		

Absolute = comparison to an ¹²C ion (often @ the same Z/A)

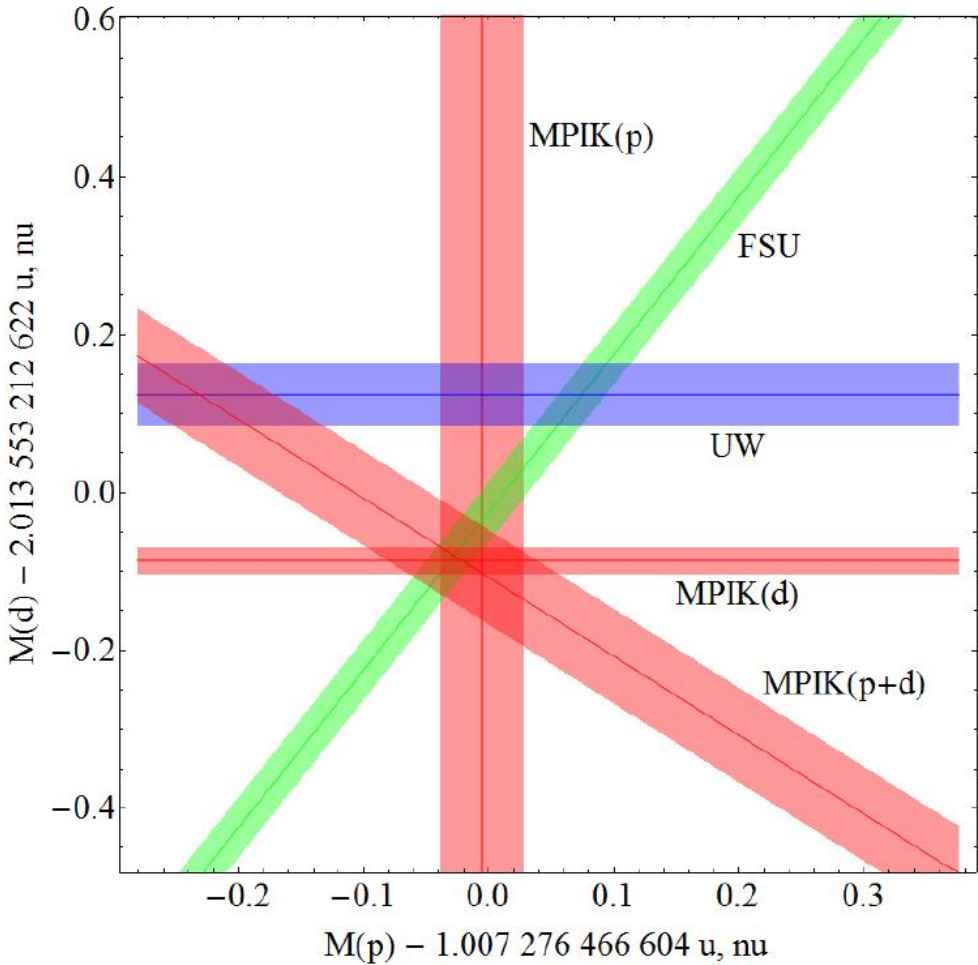
Relative = comparison of ions⁺ @ the same A

Inconsistencies

Quantity	Value		
	UW	FSU	MPIK
$M(d)$ [u]	2.013 553 212 746 (40)	—	2.013 553 212 535 (17) 2.013 553 212 521 (67)
$M(h)$ [u]	3.014 932 246 668(43)	—	—
$M(h)/M(d)$	1.497 319 379 286 (41)	1.497 319 379 566 (32)	—
$M(d)/M(p)$	—	1.999 007 501 273 (38)	1.999 007 501 225 (34)
$M(p)$ [u]	—	—	1.007 276 466 597(33)

Inconsistencies

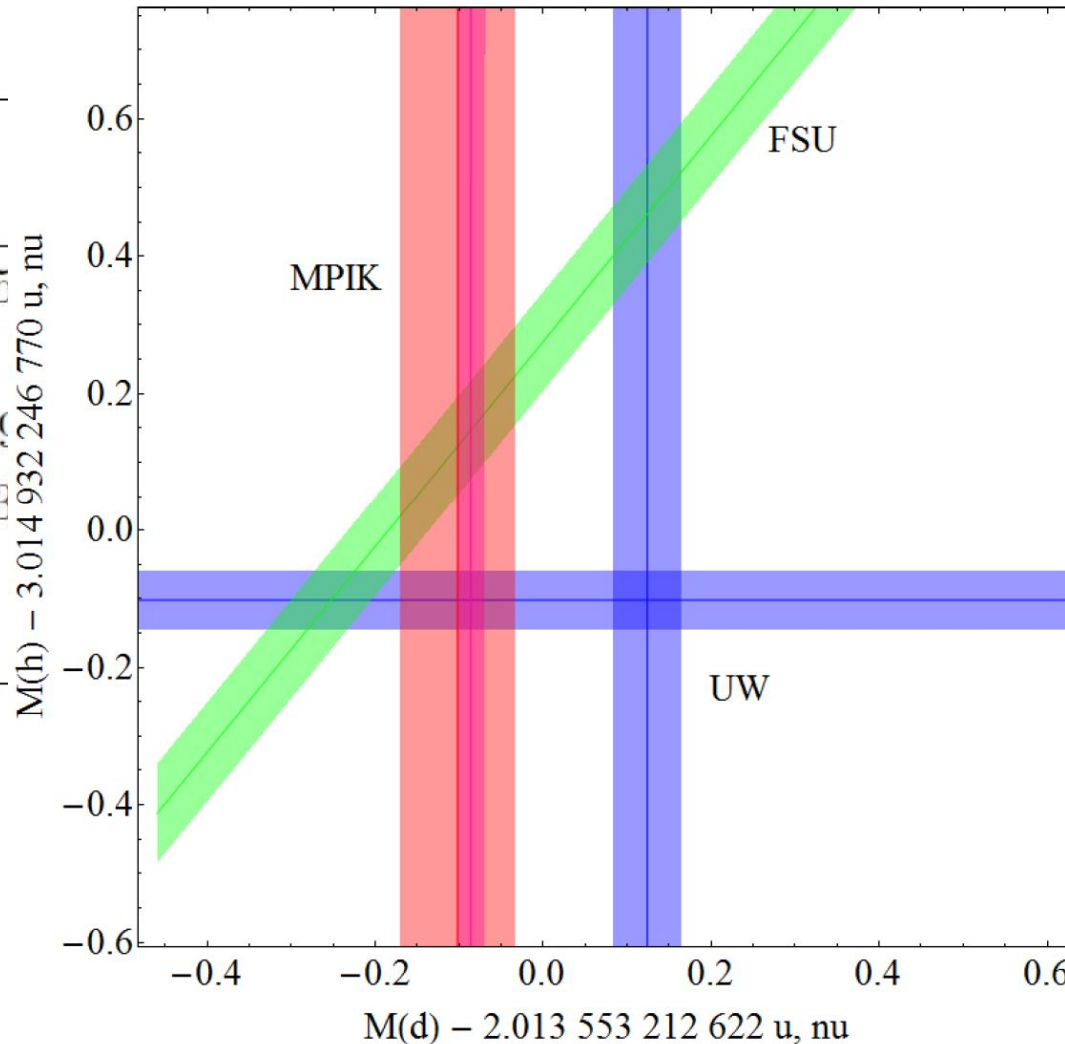
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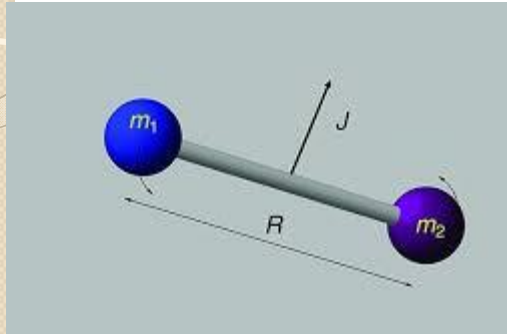


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Players (outsiders)

- HD⁺ spectroscopy
 - g factor of bound electron
 - R_∞ , R_p , R_d
 - antiprotonic helium
- g spectroscopy
- electron spectrum of β decay of tritium
 - neutrino physics
 - oscillations (matrix)
 - oscillations (Δm^2)
 - Cosmology
 - $S m_h$
 - CnB

QED contribution to the problem: rotational transitions in HD⁺



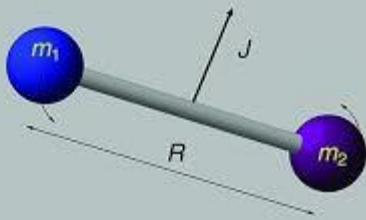
S. Alighanbari, G.S. Giri, F.L. Constantin, V.I. Korobov,
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$$R_\infty \cdot \frac{M(e)}{M_r} = 8966.205\,150\,50(18) \text{ m}^{-1}, \quad \frac{M_r}{M(e)} = 1223.899\,228\,711(24),$$

$$M_r = 0.671\,406\,527\,591(24) \text{ u}$$

Quantity	Contribution to the uncertainty [ppt]						tot
	exp.	th.	R_p	R_d	R_∞	$M(e)$	
$M_r/M(e)$	14	14	+2.2	+2.2	-1.9	—	20
M_r	14	14	+2.2	+2.2	-1.9	29	35

QED contribution to the problem: vibrational transitions in HD^+

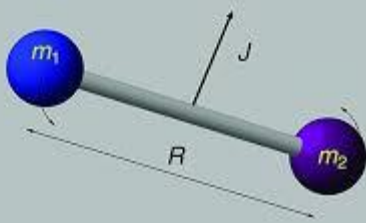


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$$\frac{M_r}{M(e)} = 1223.899\,228\,686(28)$$

Quantity	Contribution to the uncertainty [ppt]						tot
	exp.	th.	R_p	R_d	R_∞	$M(e)$	
$M_r/M(e)$	8.2	21	+3.5	+3.4	-3.8	—	23
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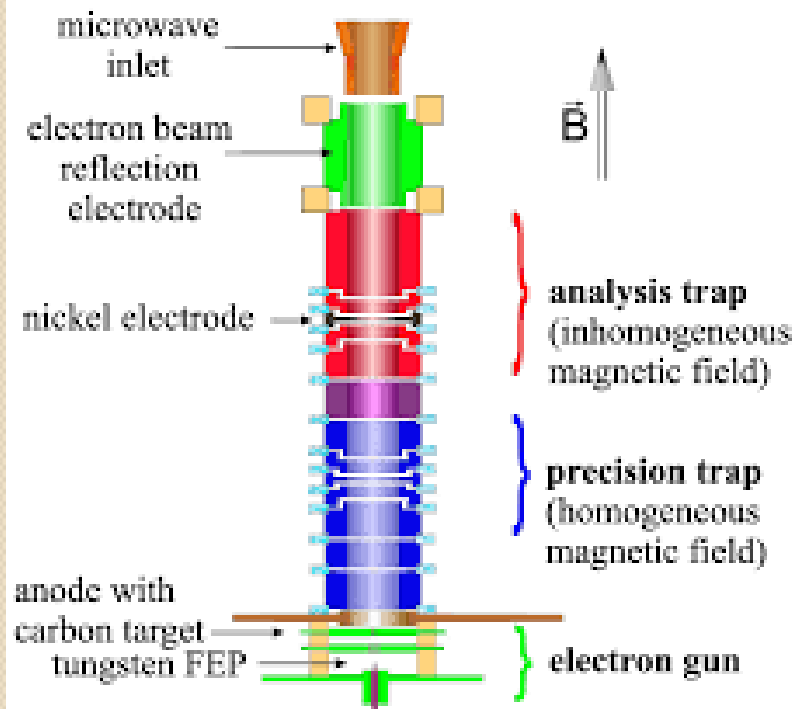


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Electron's mass in atomic mass units: the bound g factor experiment



$$M(e) = 5.485\,799\,090\,65(16) \times 10^{-4} \text{ u}$$

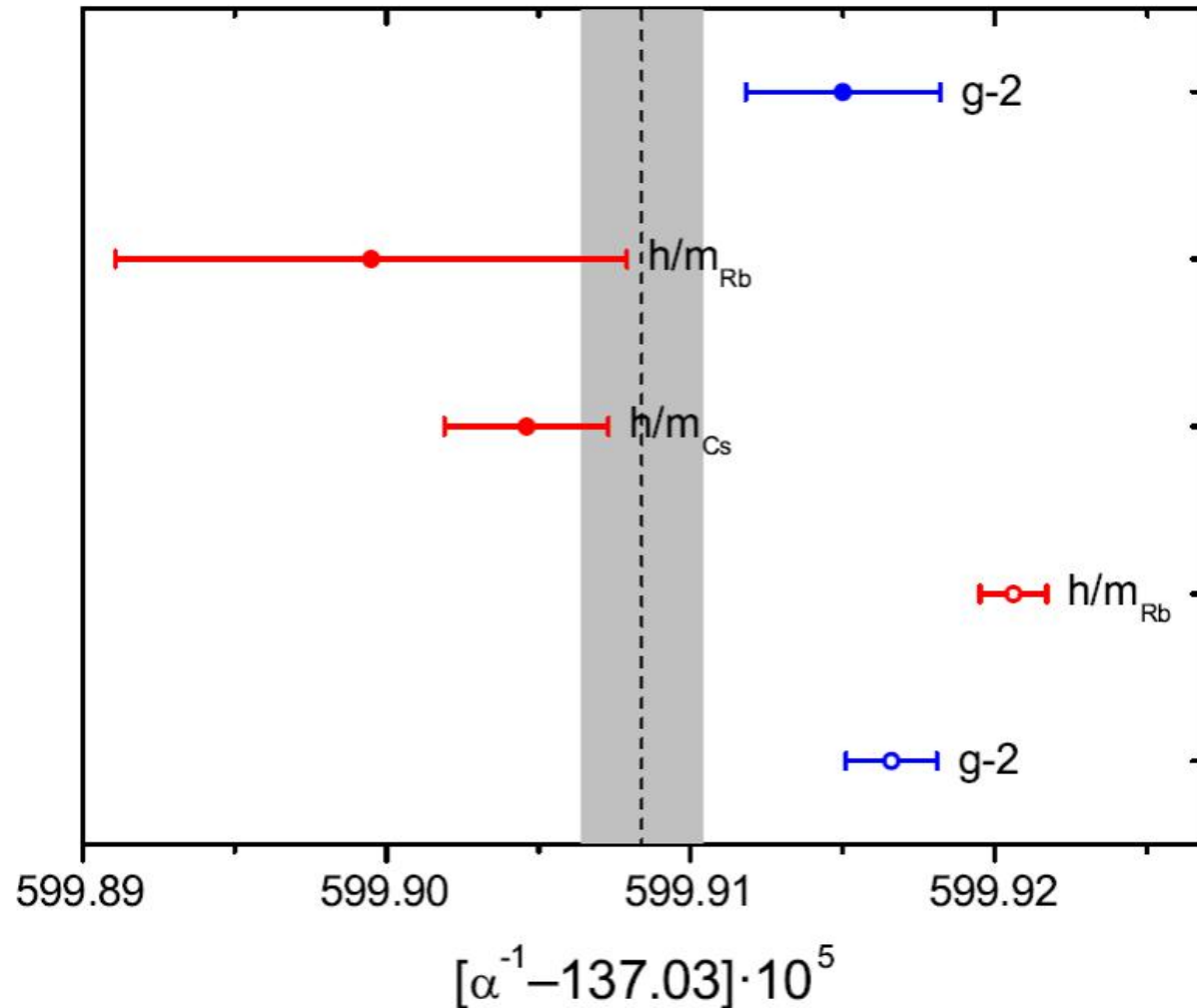
$$g(^{12}\text{C}^{5+})$$

$$u_{\text{exp}} = 2.8 \times 10^{-11}$$

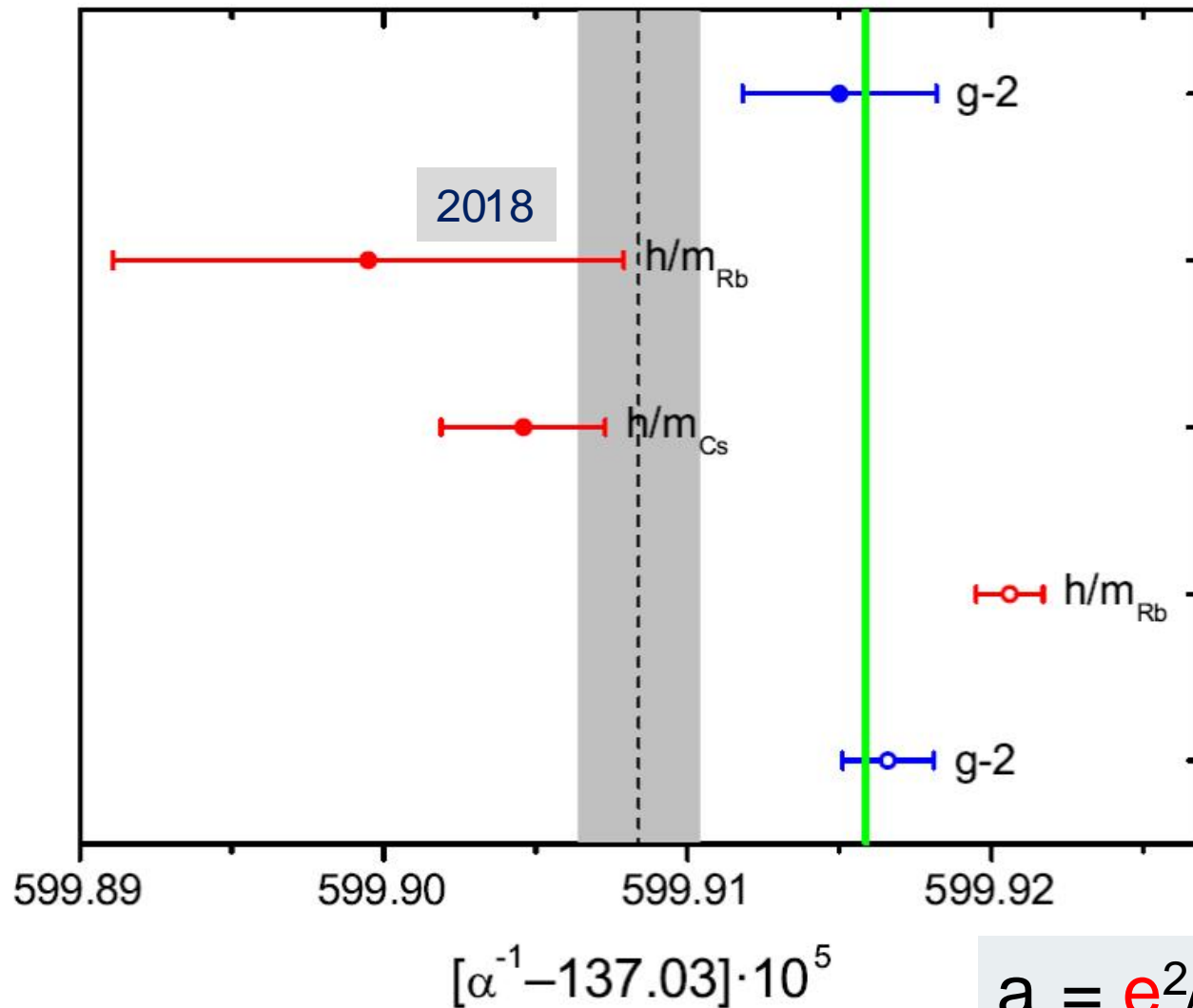
$$u_{\text{th}} = 1.2 \times 10^{-11}$$

S. Sturm, F. Köhler, J. Zatorski, A. Wagner, Z. Harman, G. Werth, W. Quint, C.H. Keitel, and K. Blaum, *Nature* **506**, 467 (2014).

Determination of the fine structure constant α

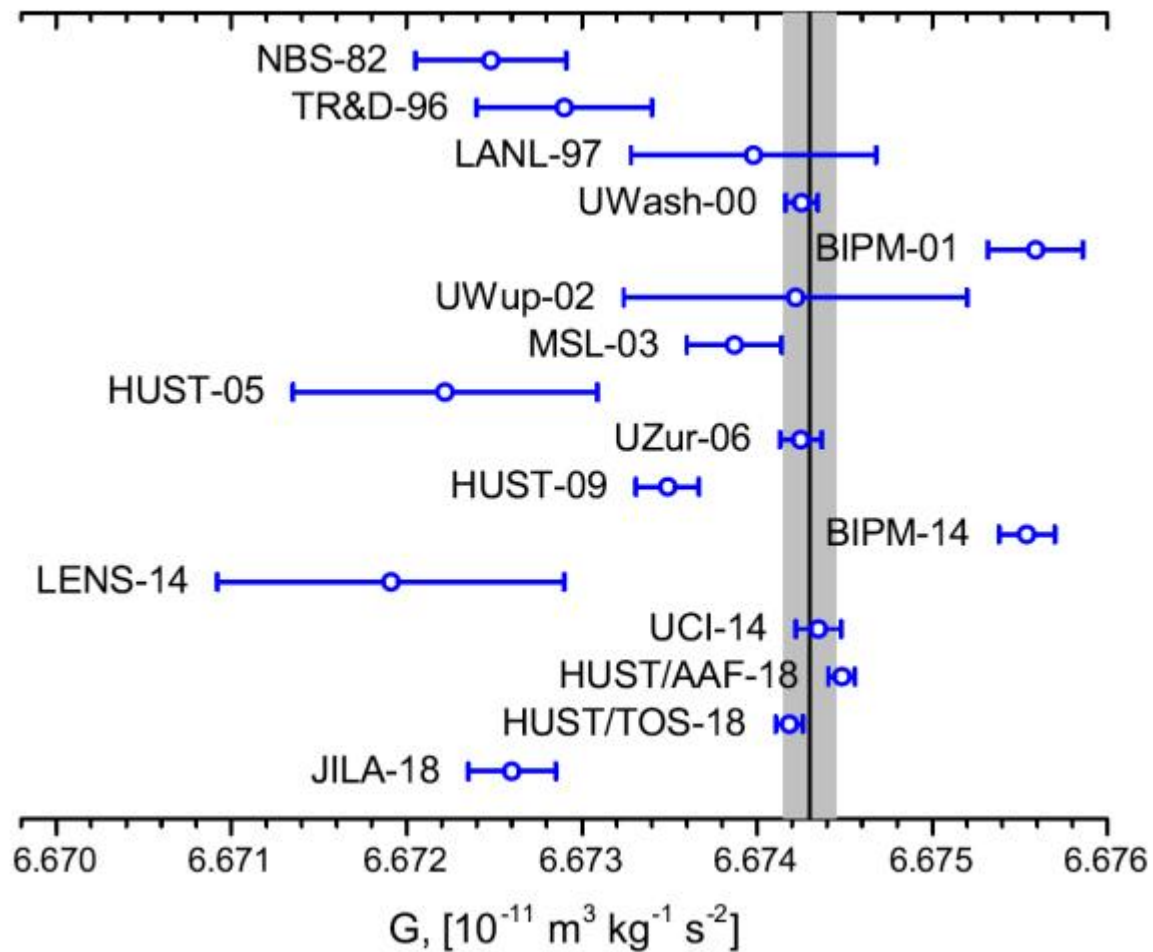


and e_0 and continuity of W and F

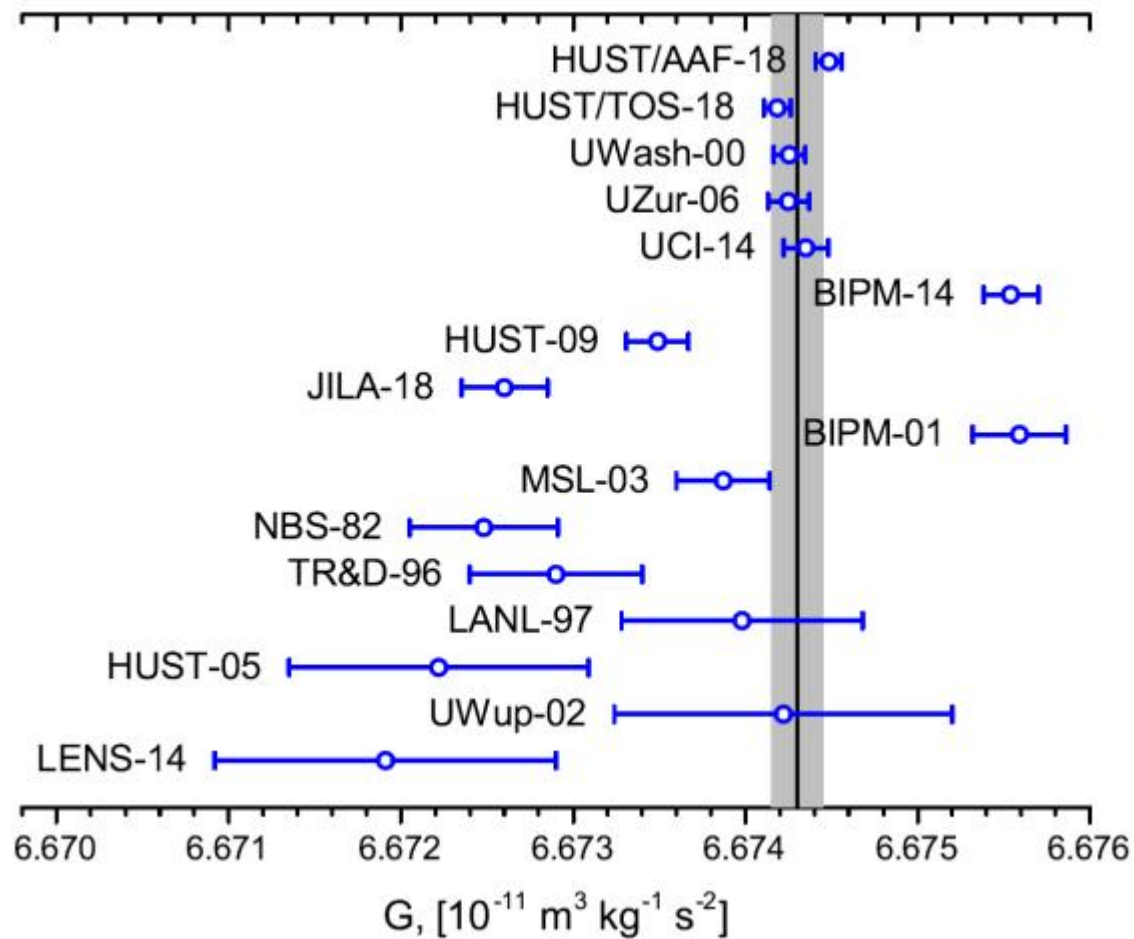


$$a = e^2 / (4\pi e_0 \hbar c)$$

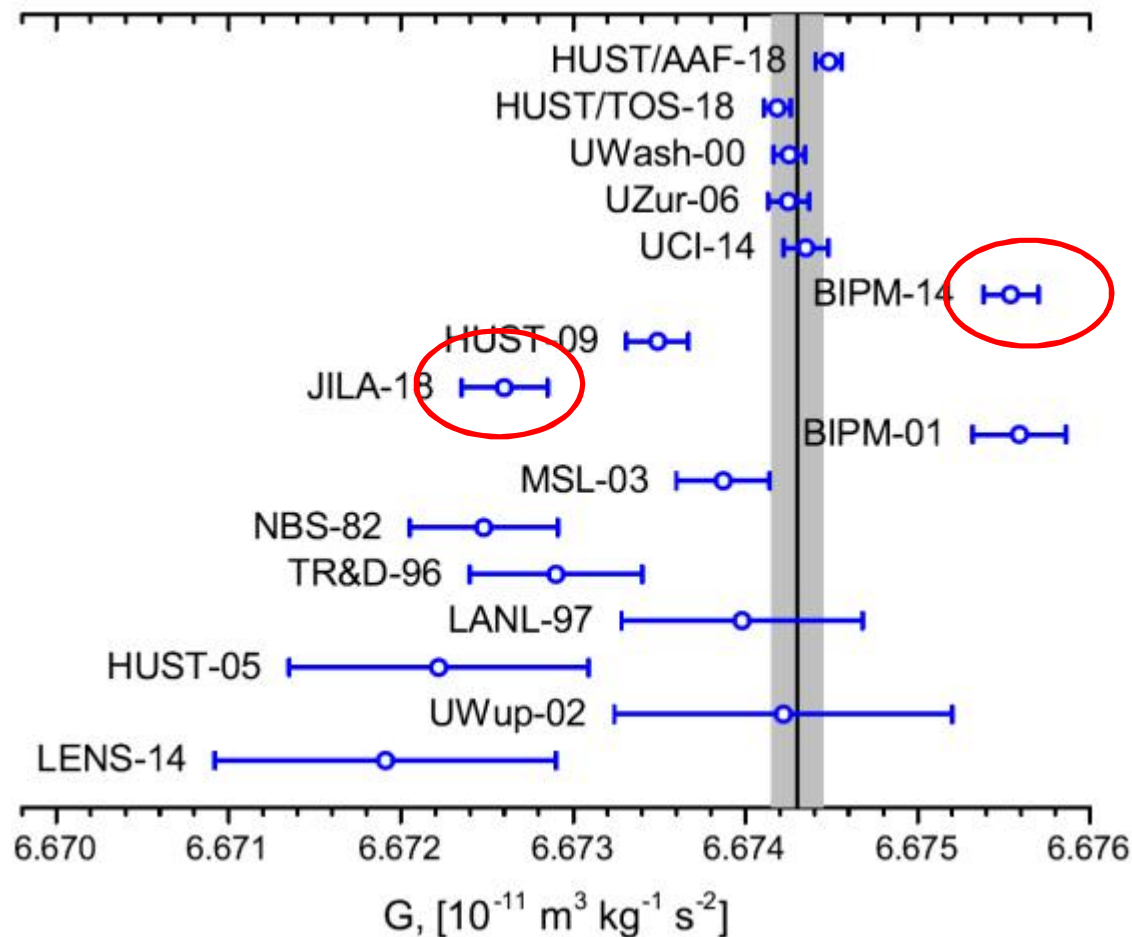
Determination of G



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Determination of G: outliers





Thank you!