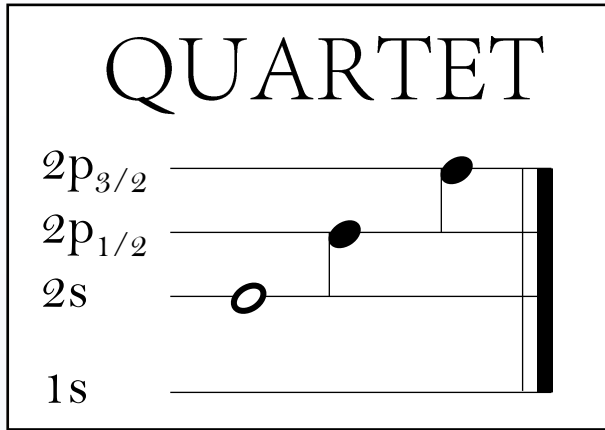


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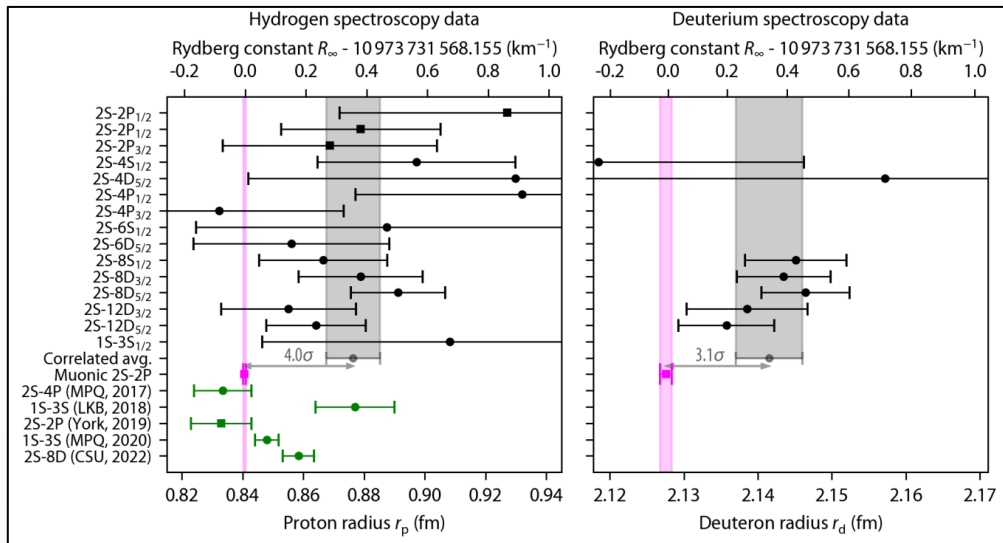
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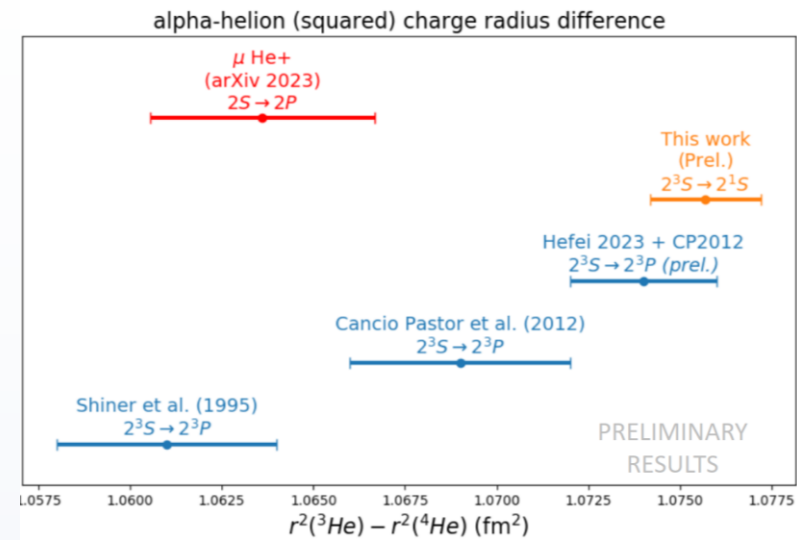
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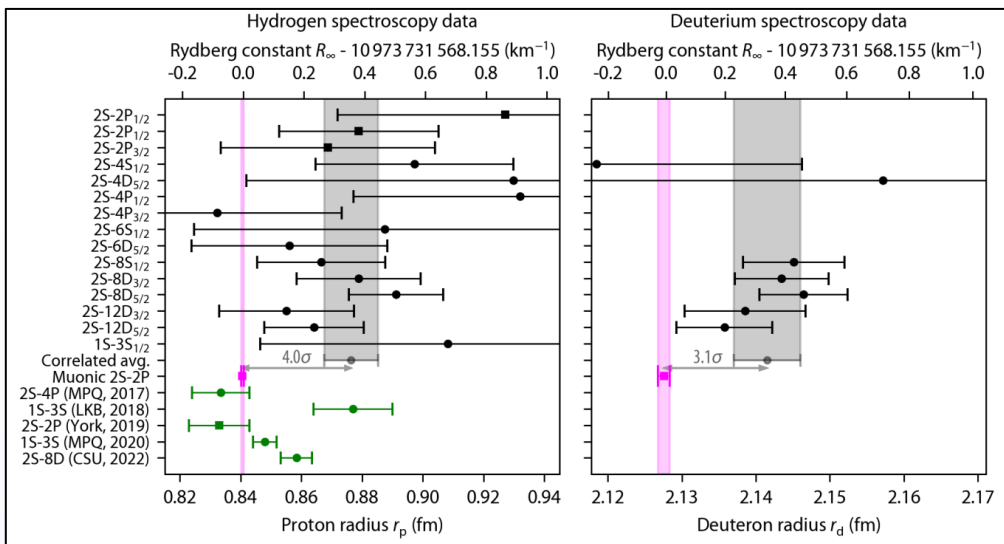
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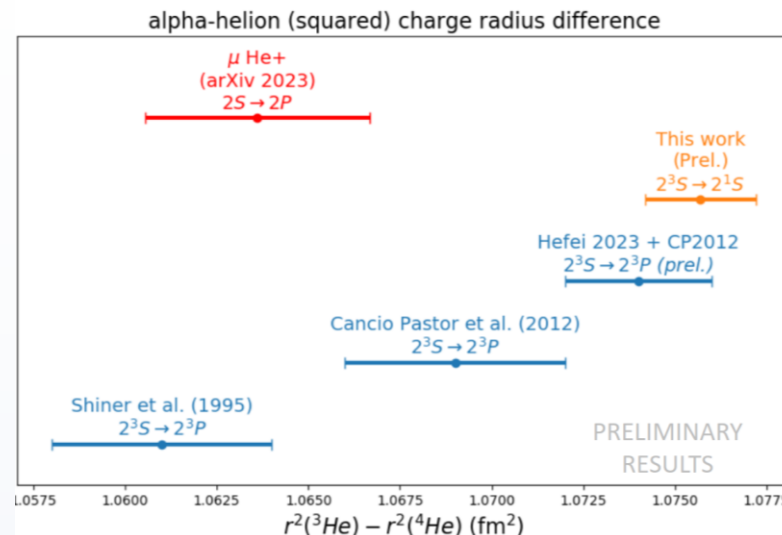
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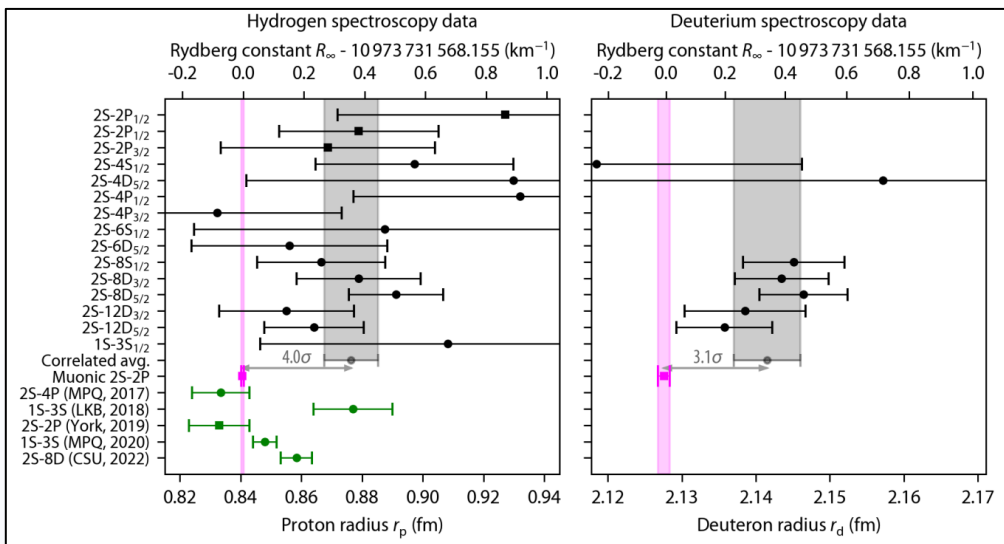
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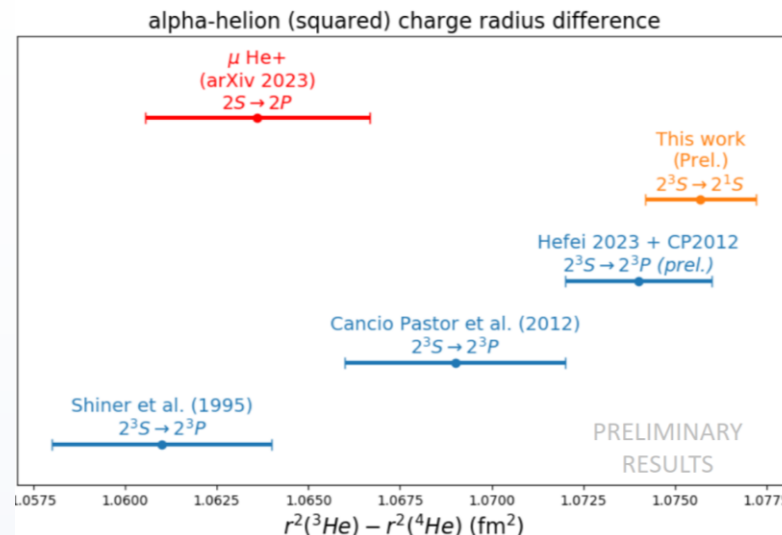
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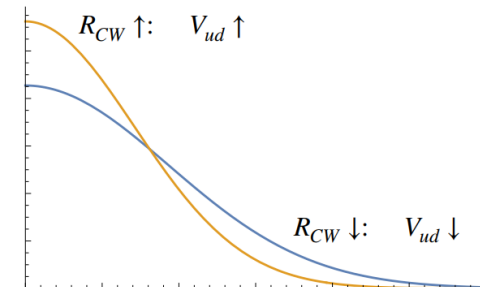
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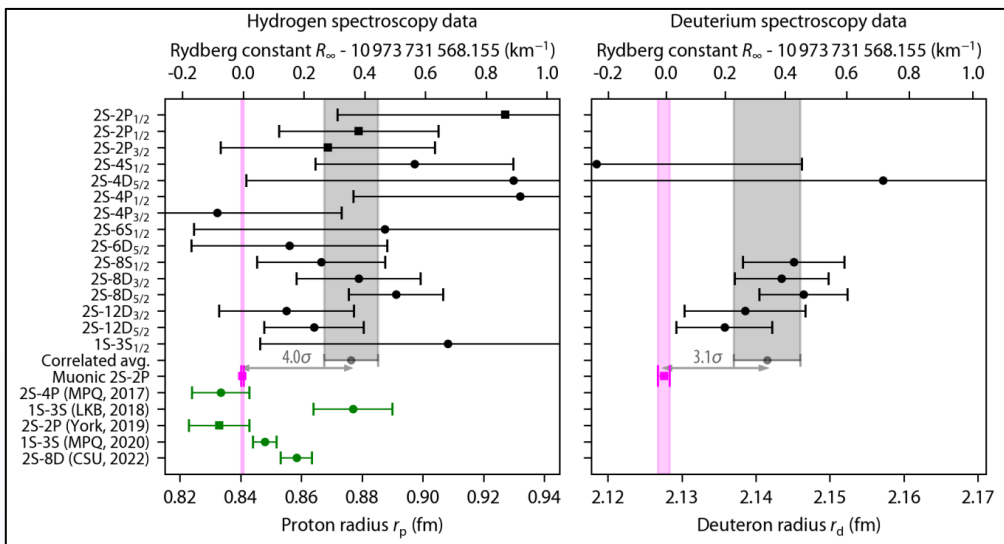
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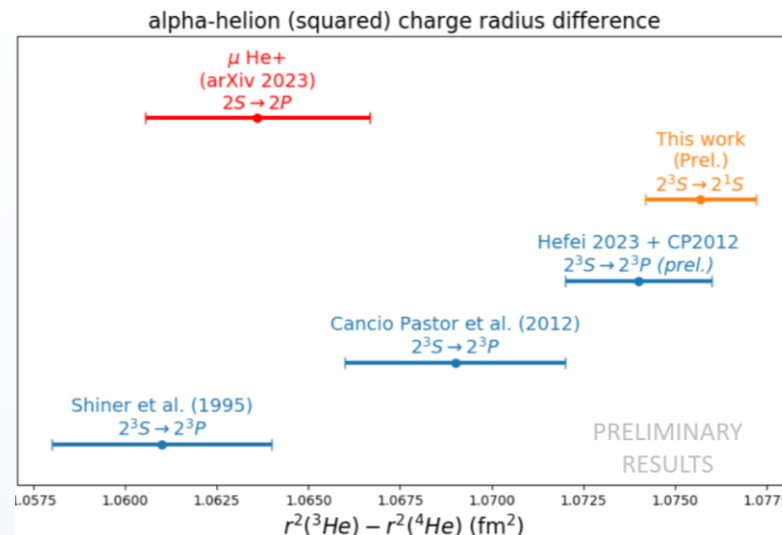


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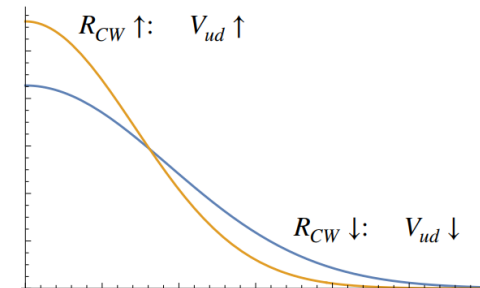
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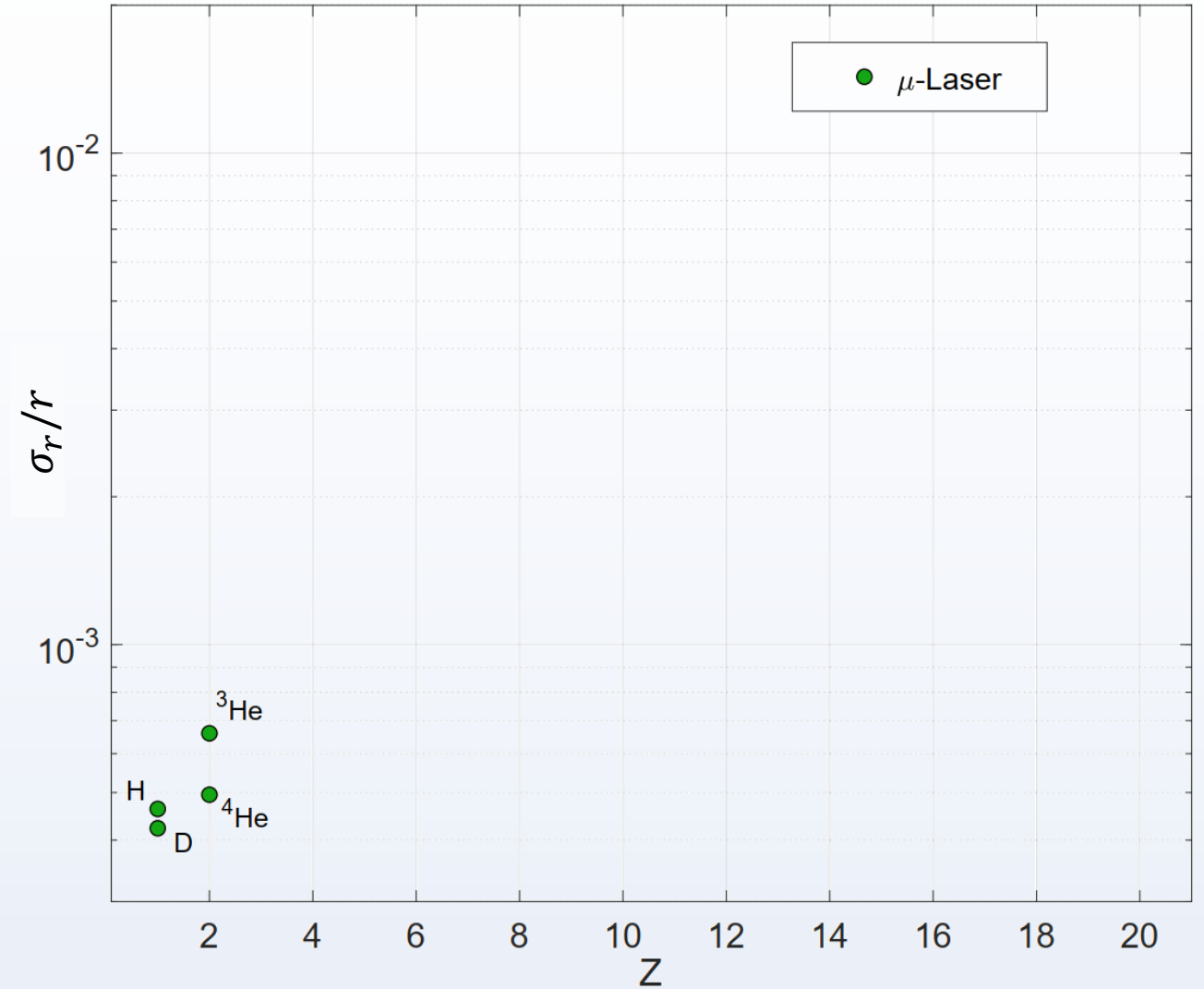


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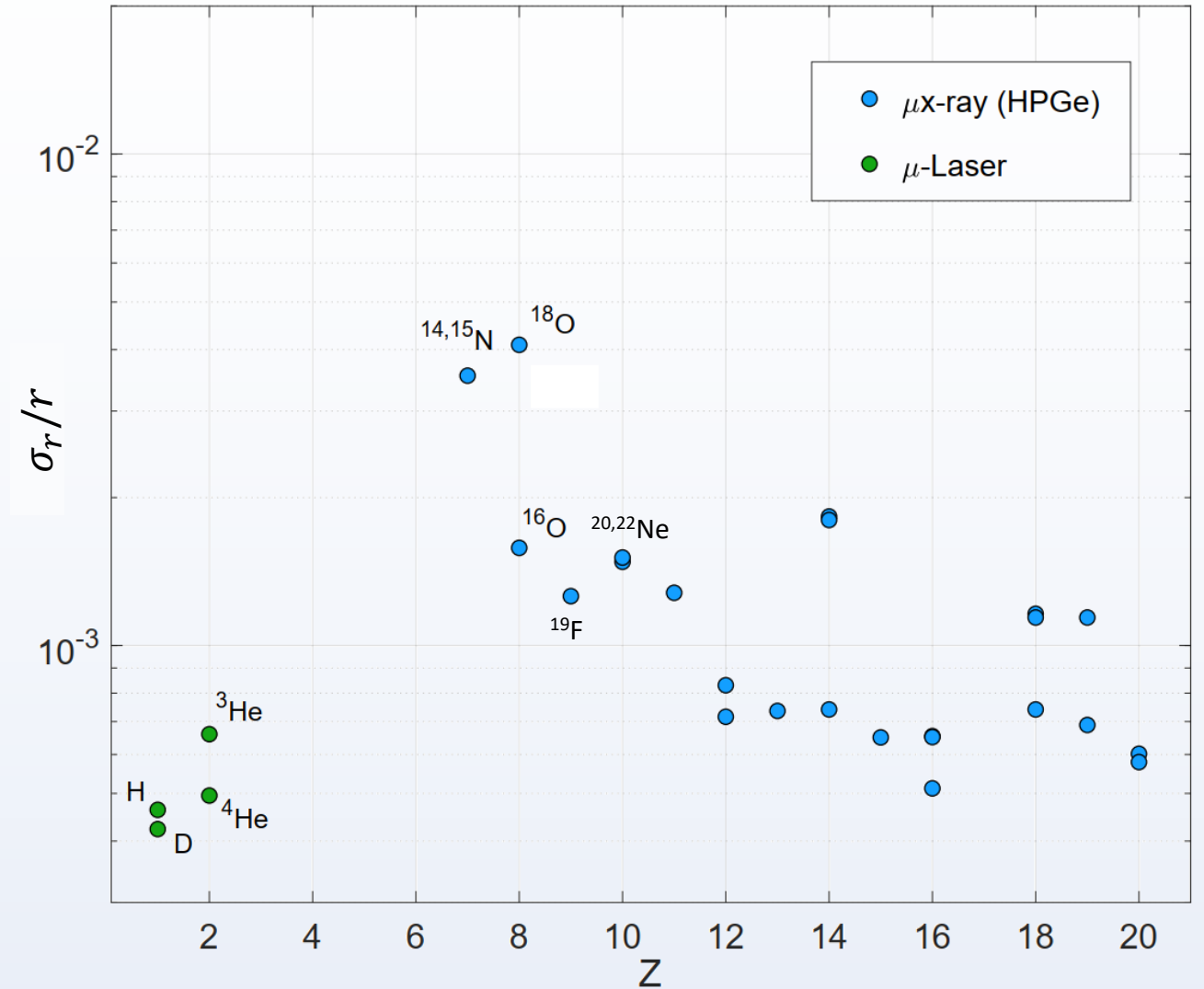
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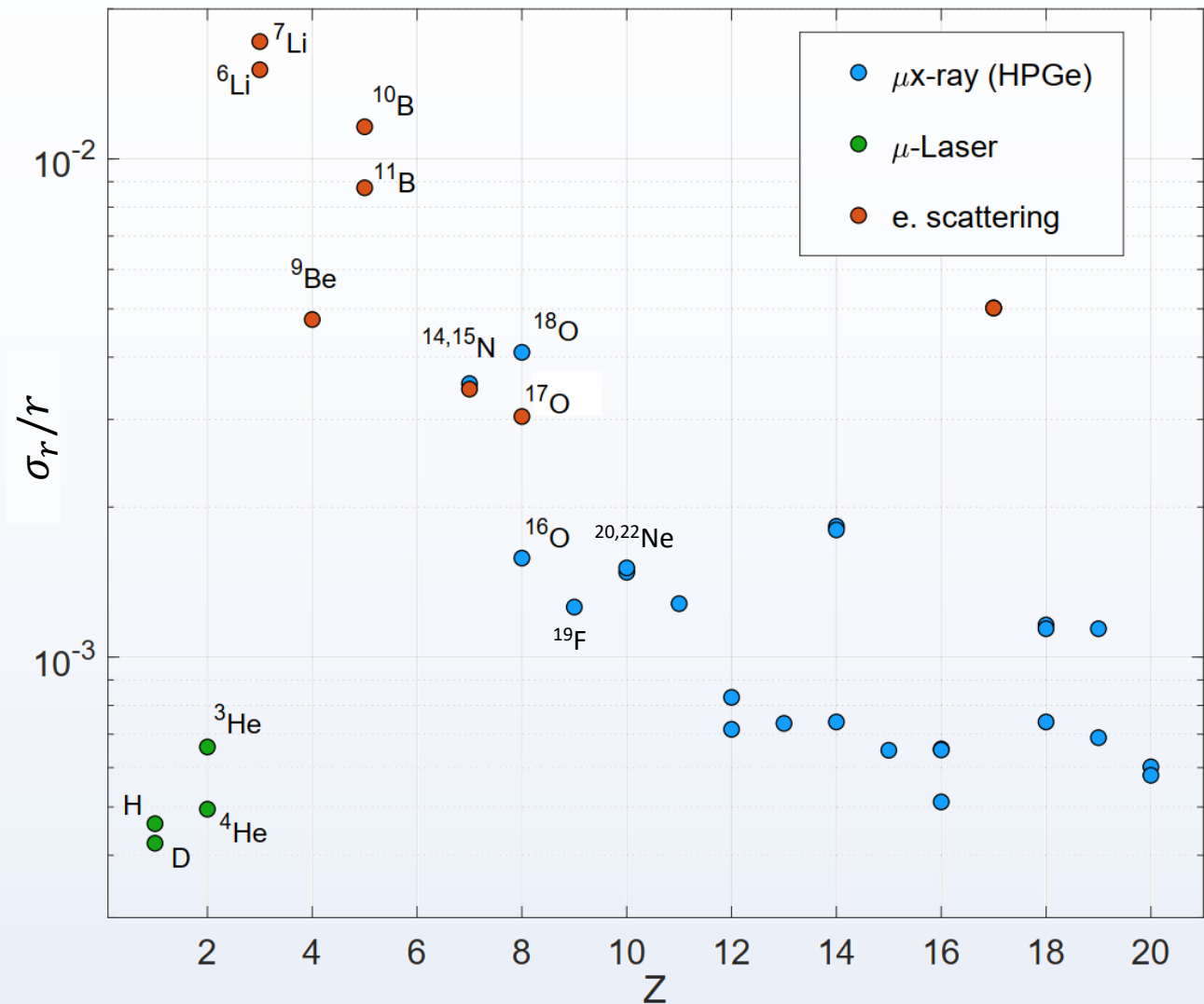
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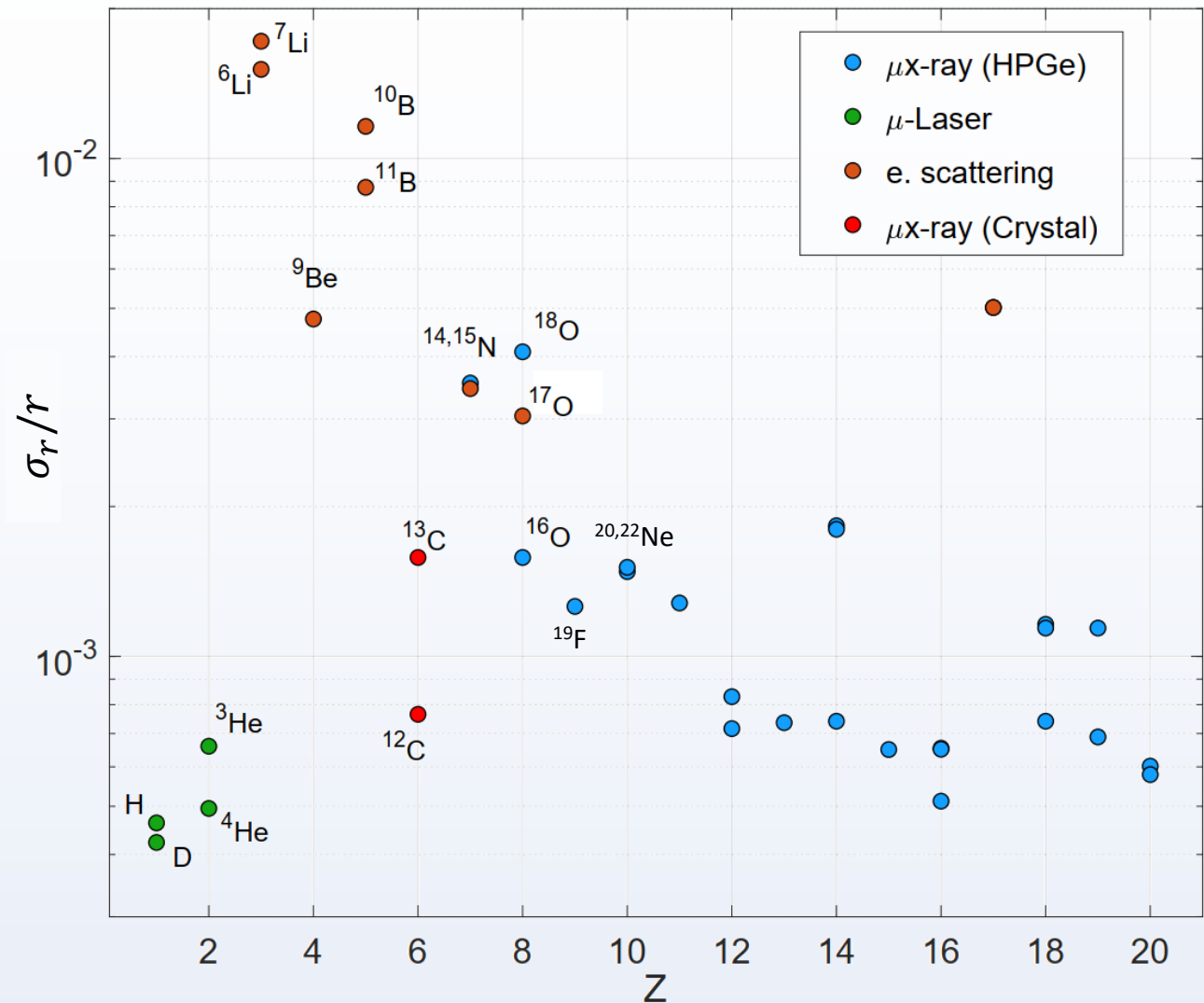
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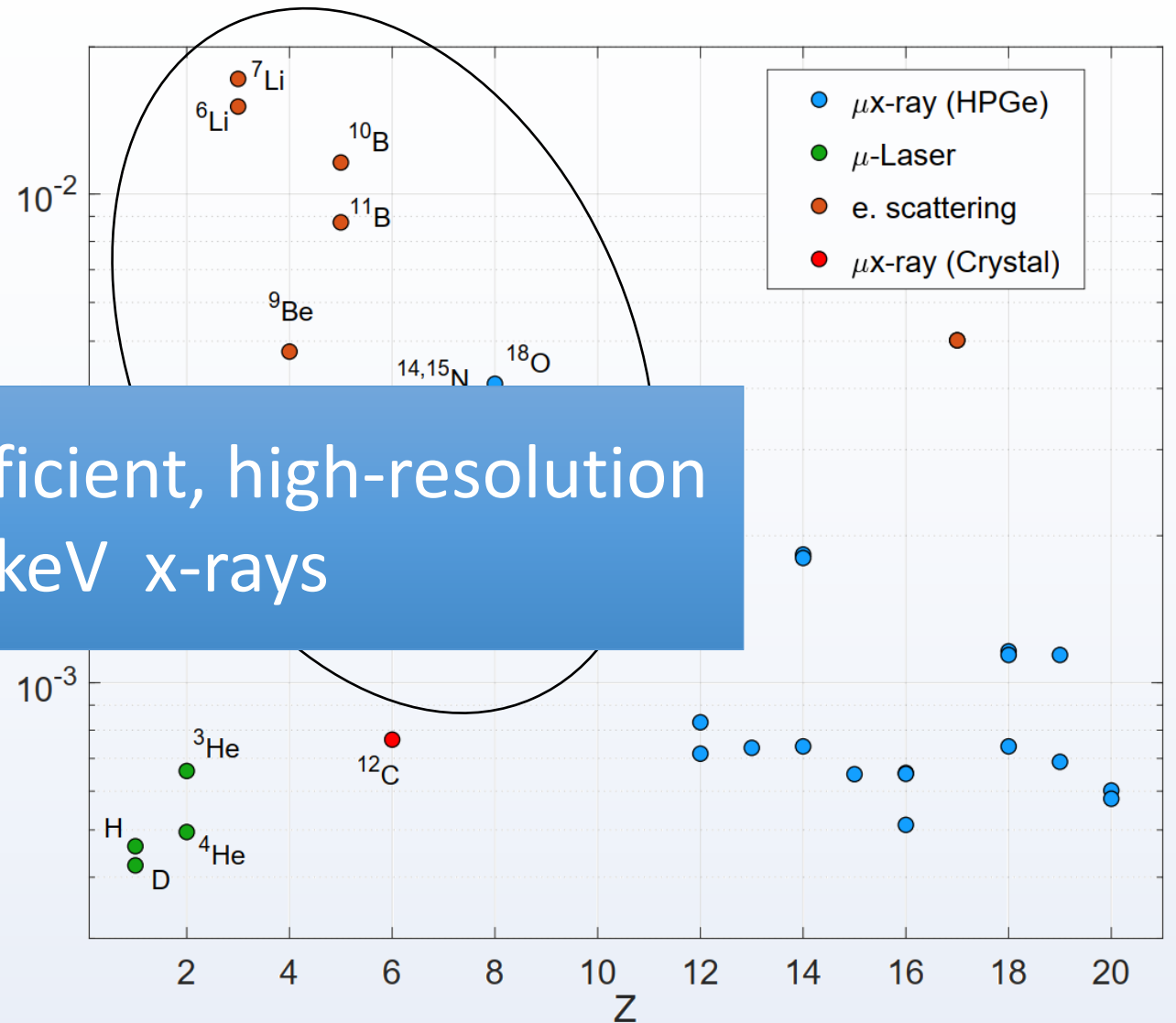




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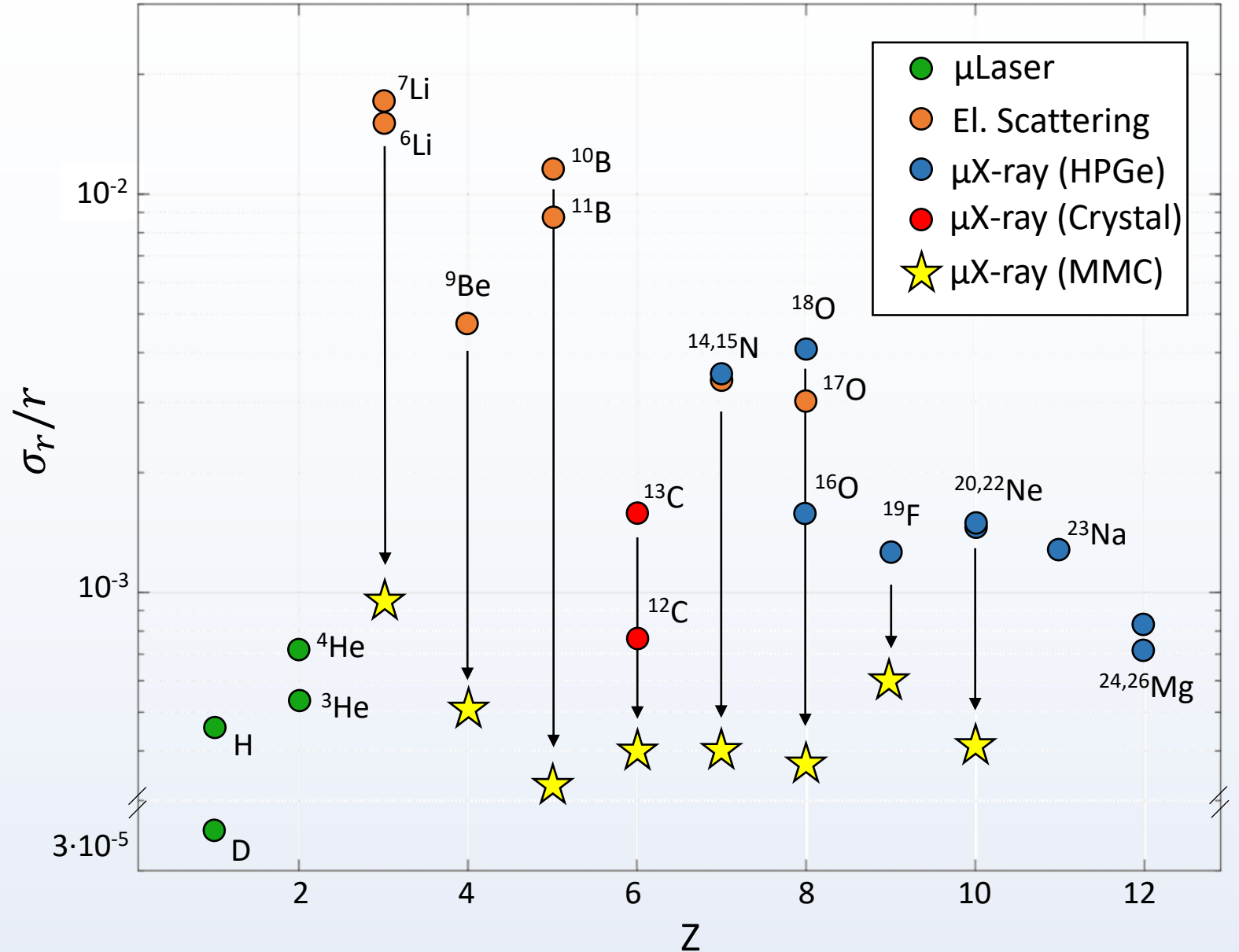
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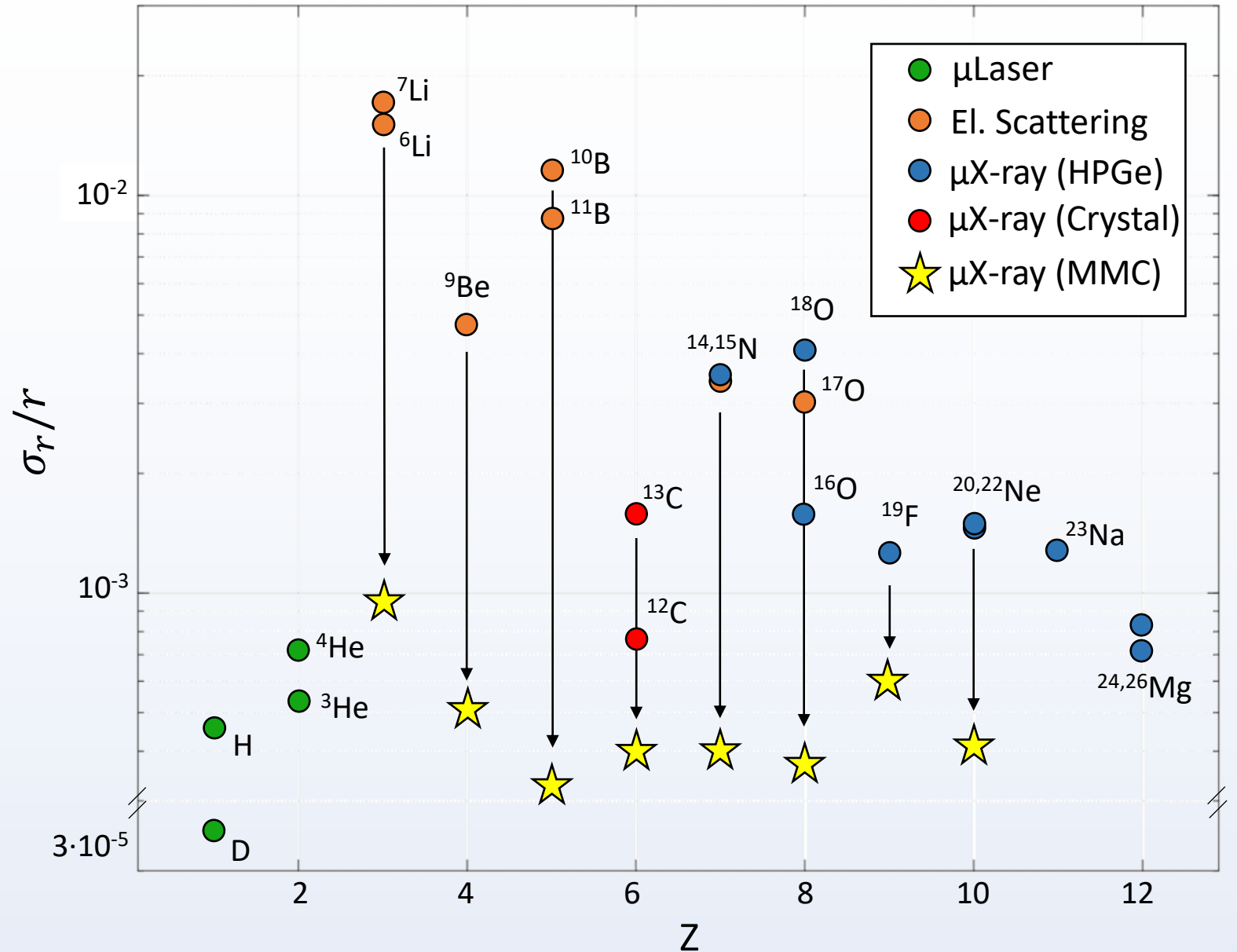
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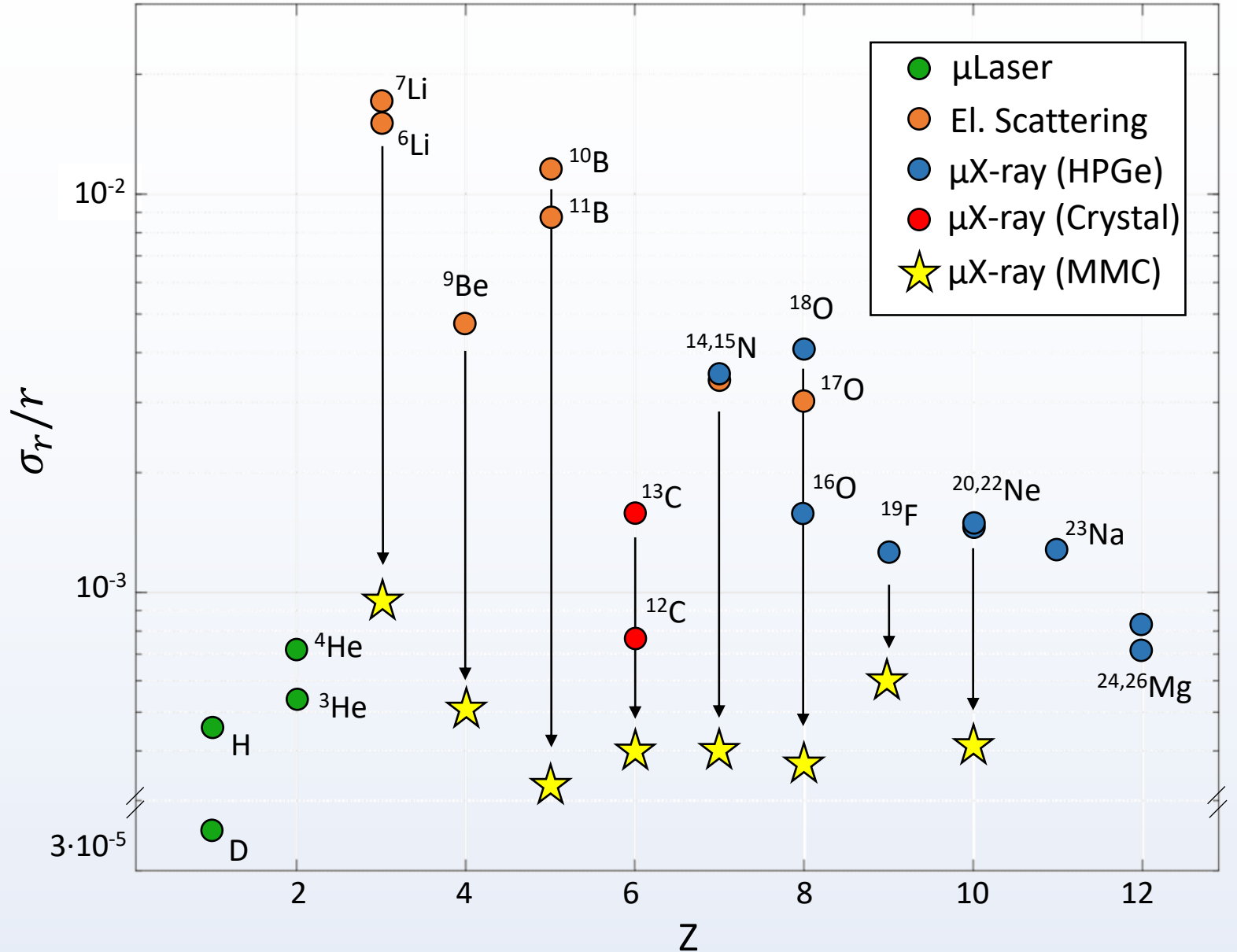
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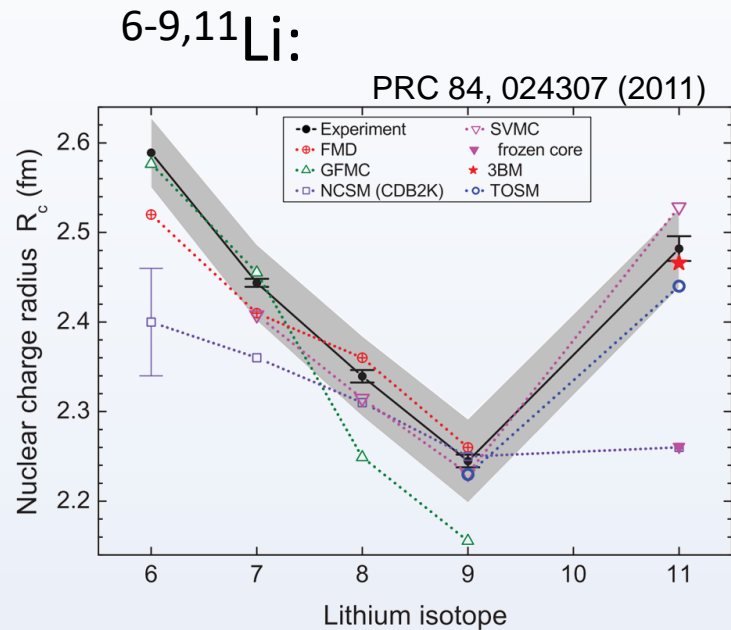
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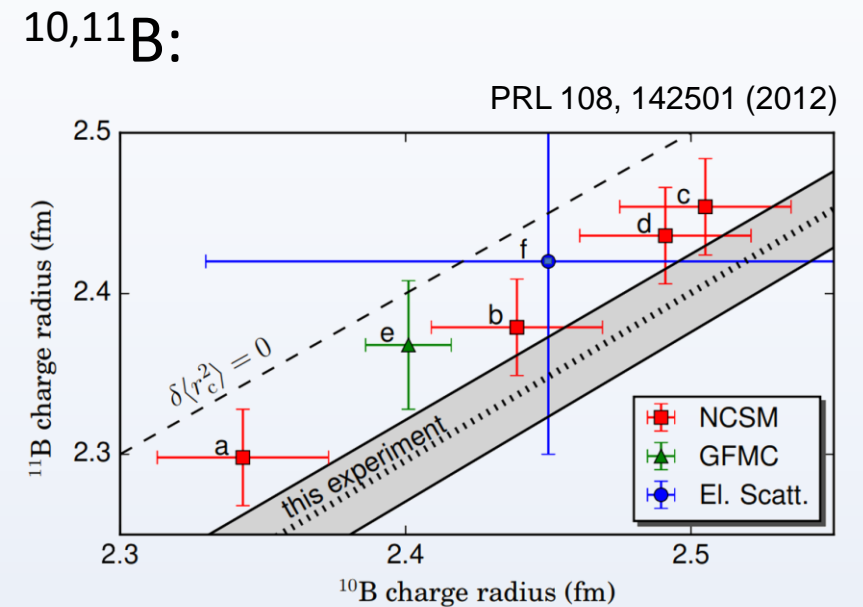
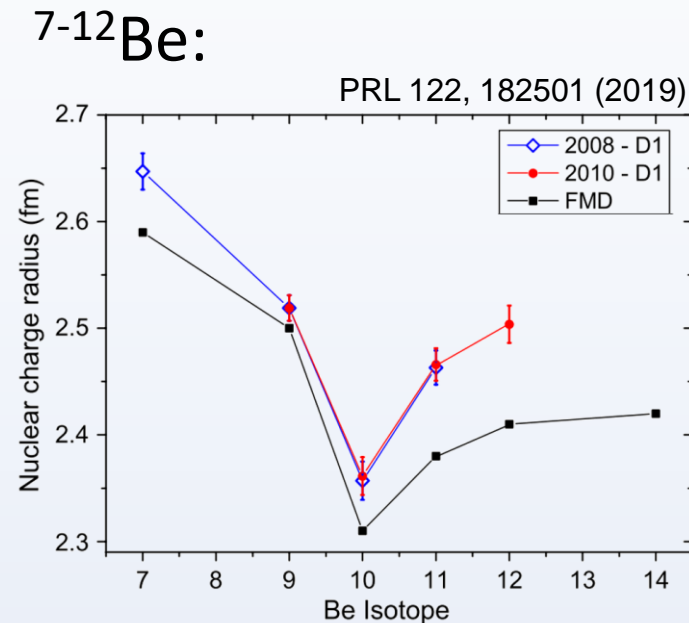
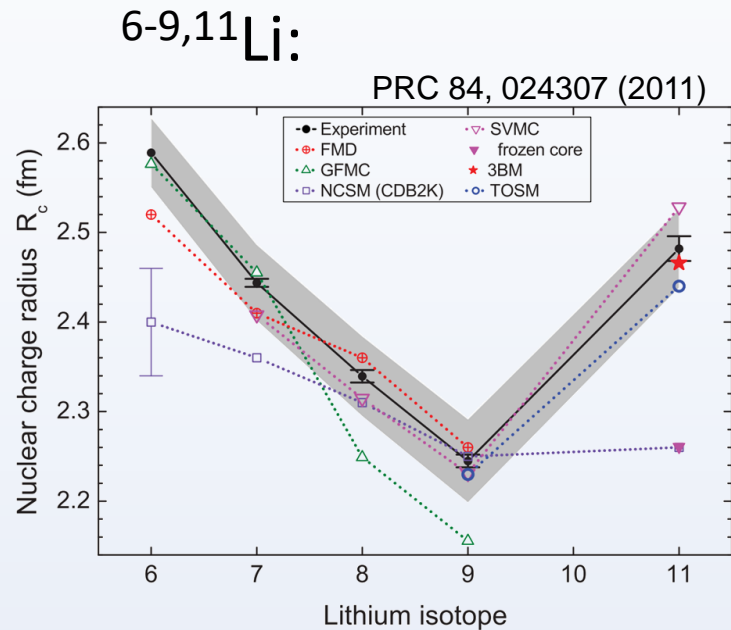
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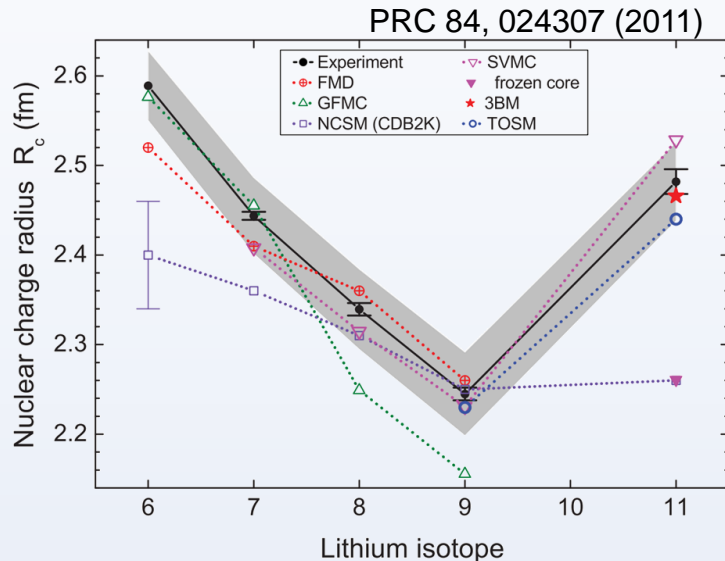


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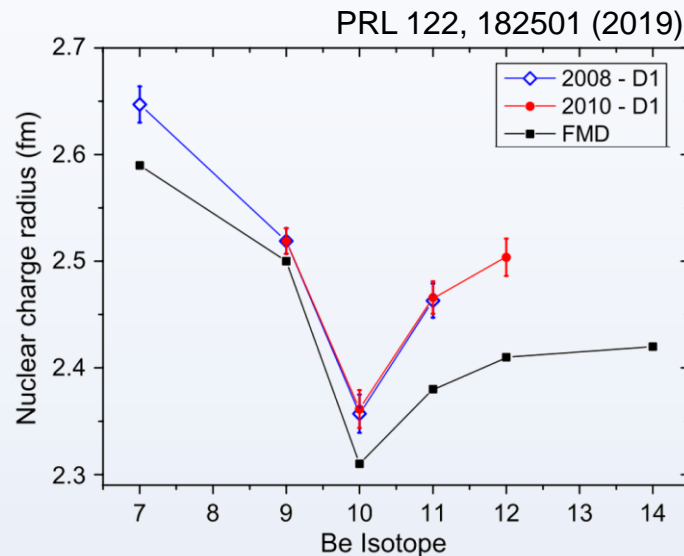
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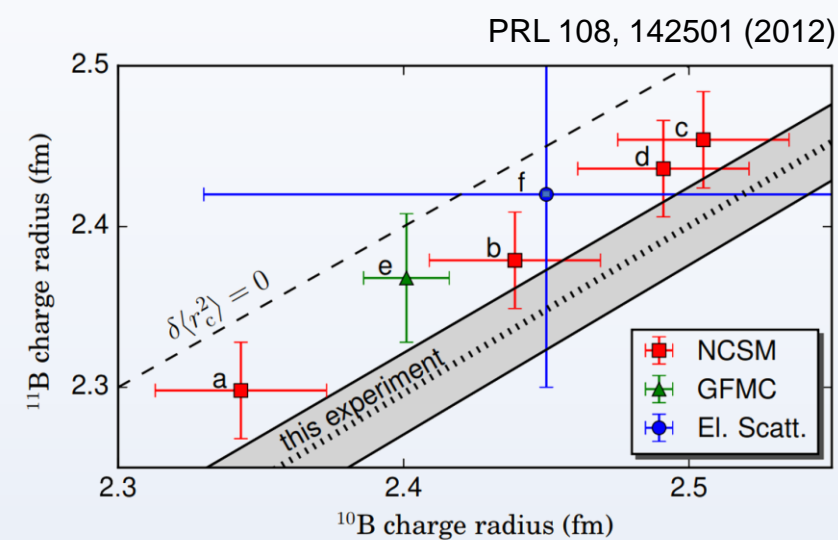
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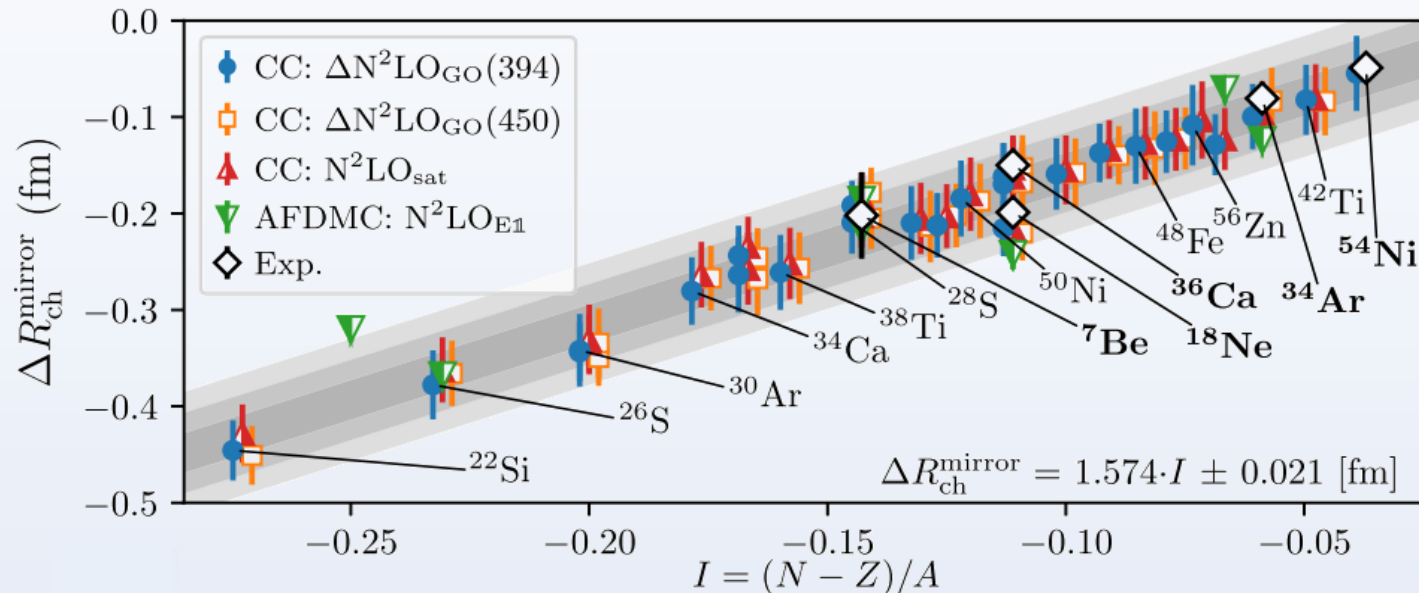
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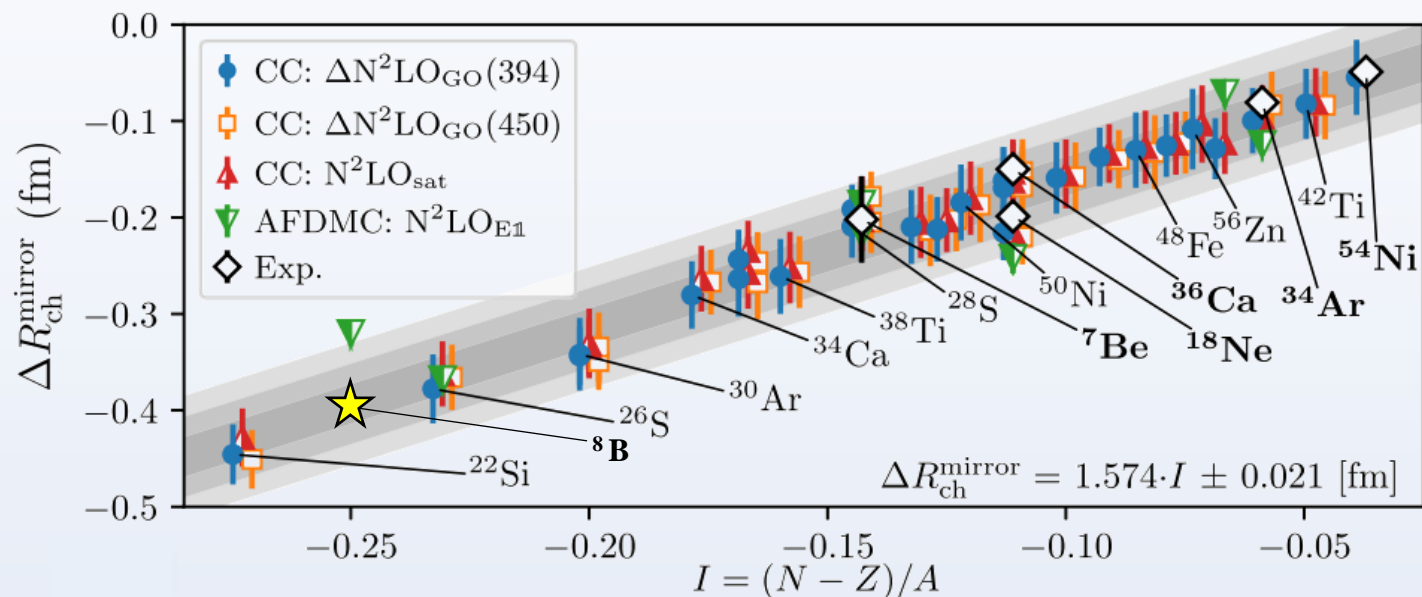
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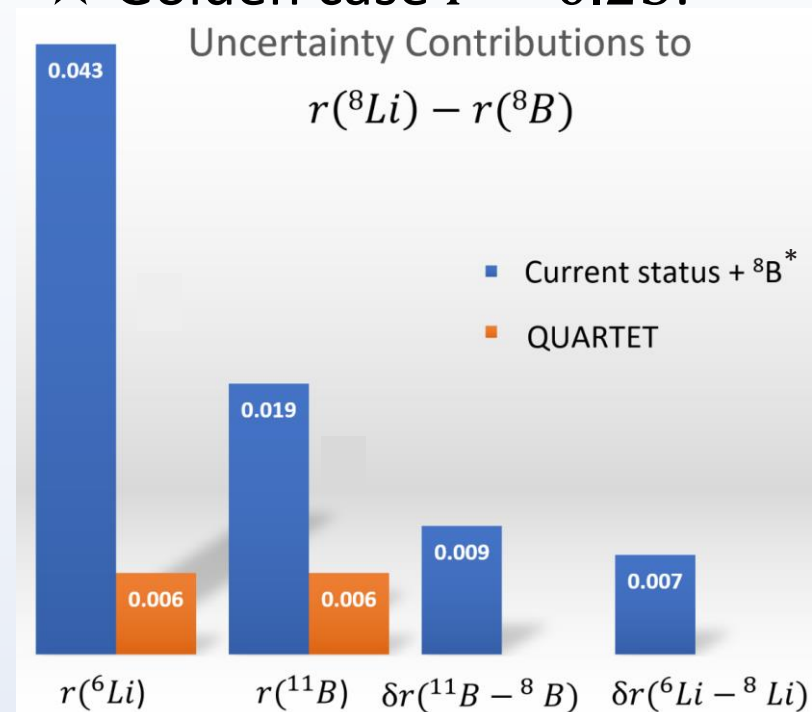
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★ Golden case  $I = 0.25$ :

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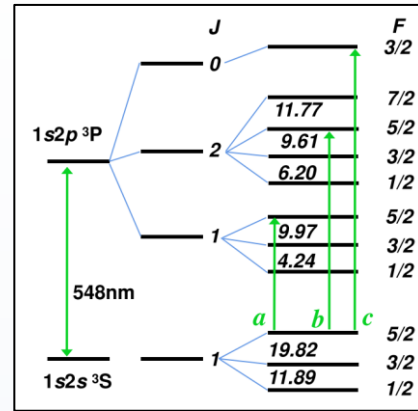


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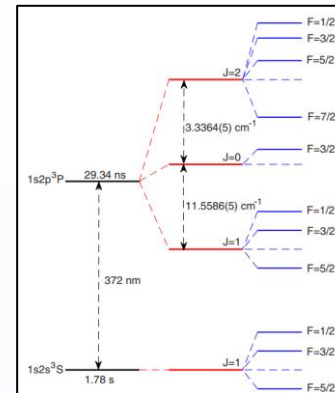
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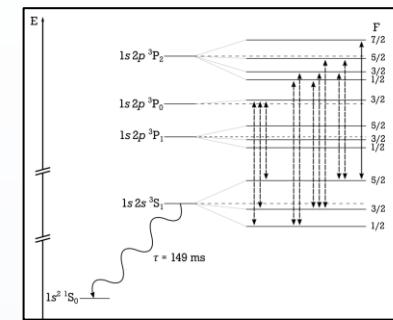
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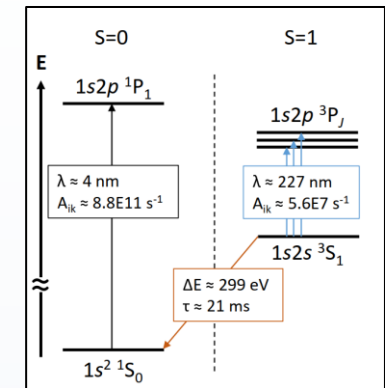
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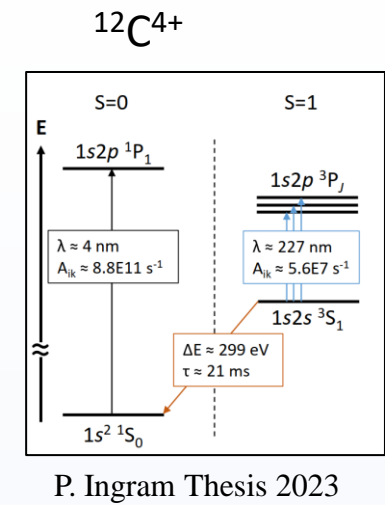
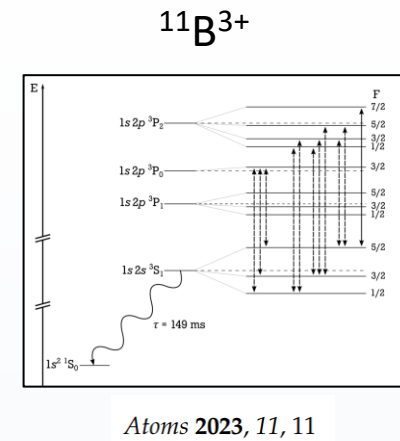
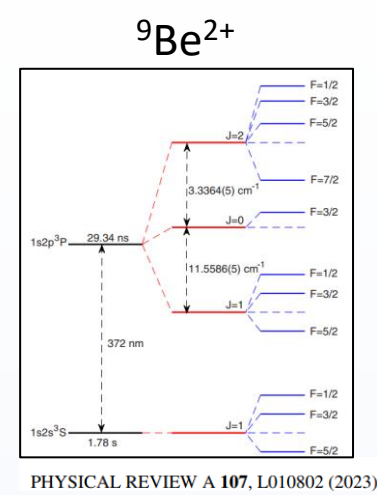
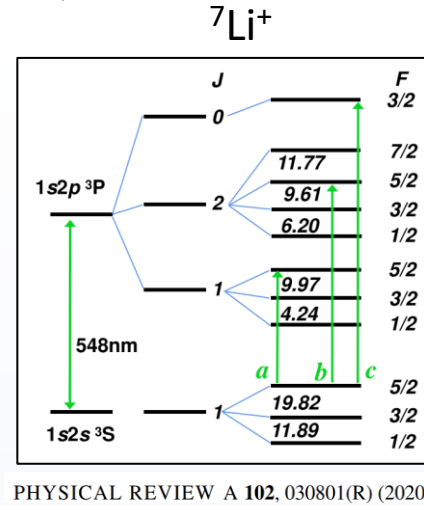
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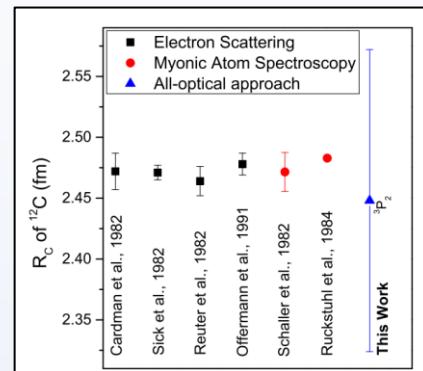
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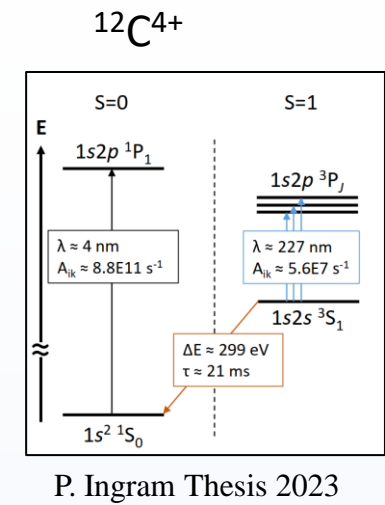
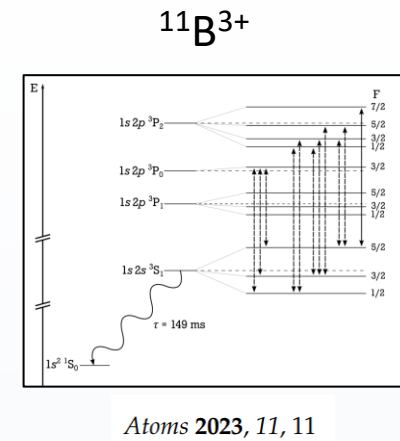
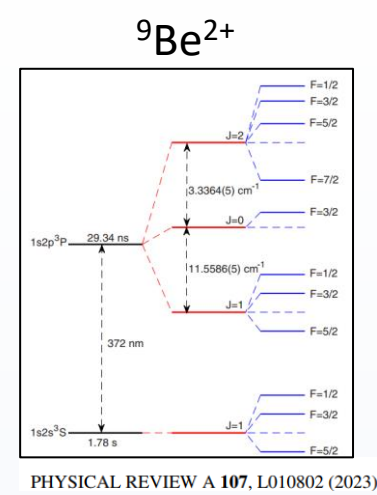
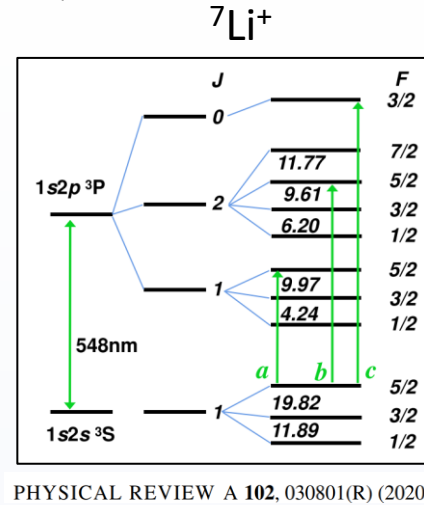
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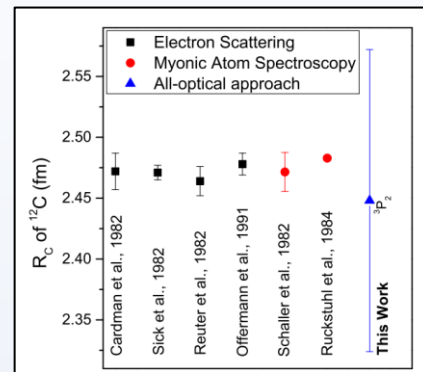
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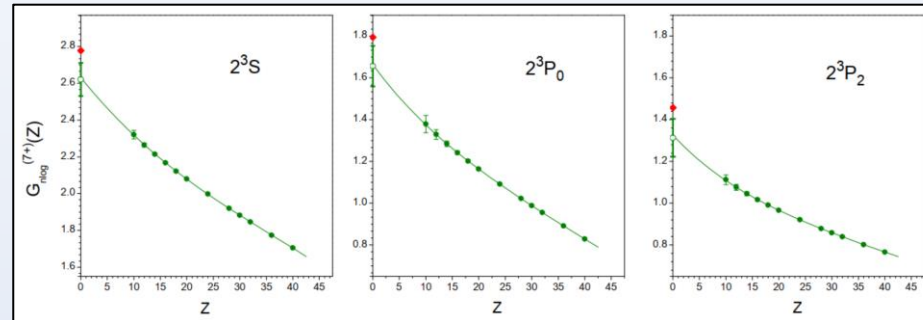
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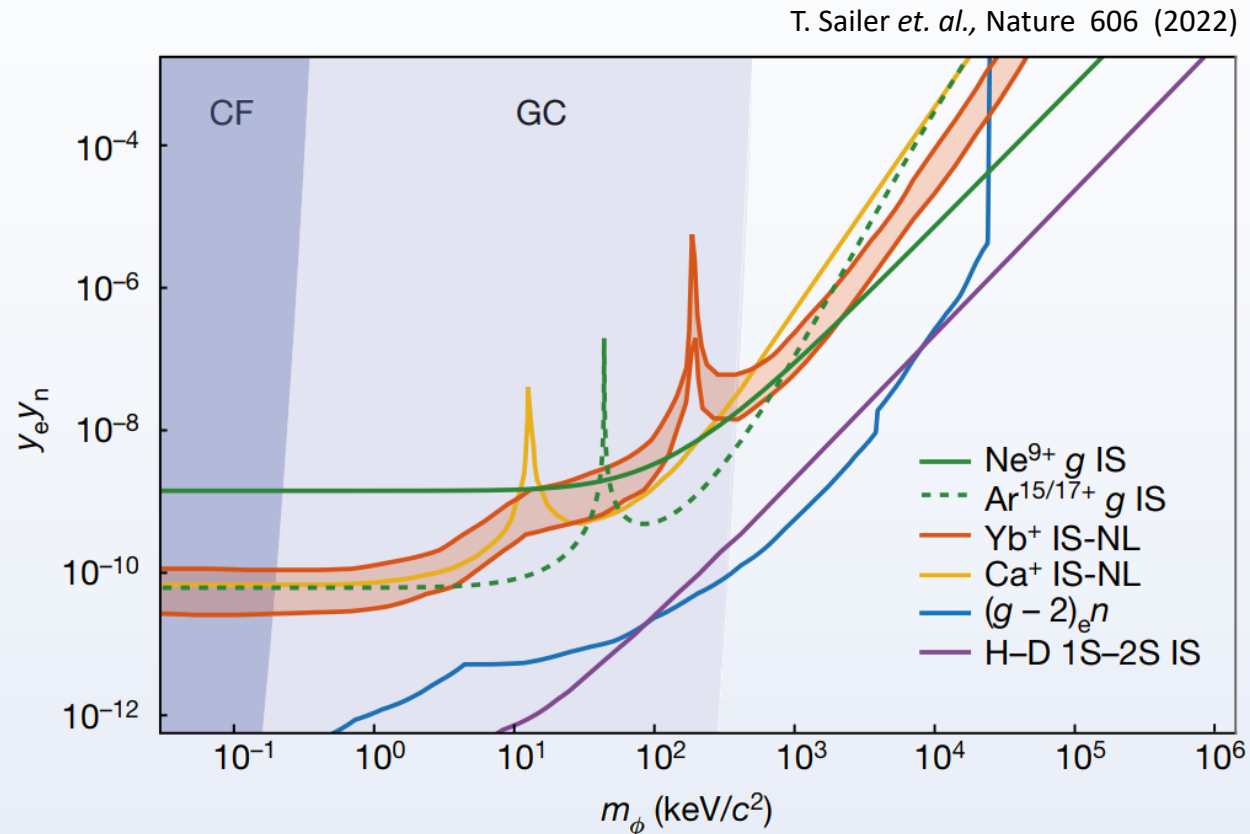
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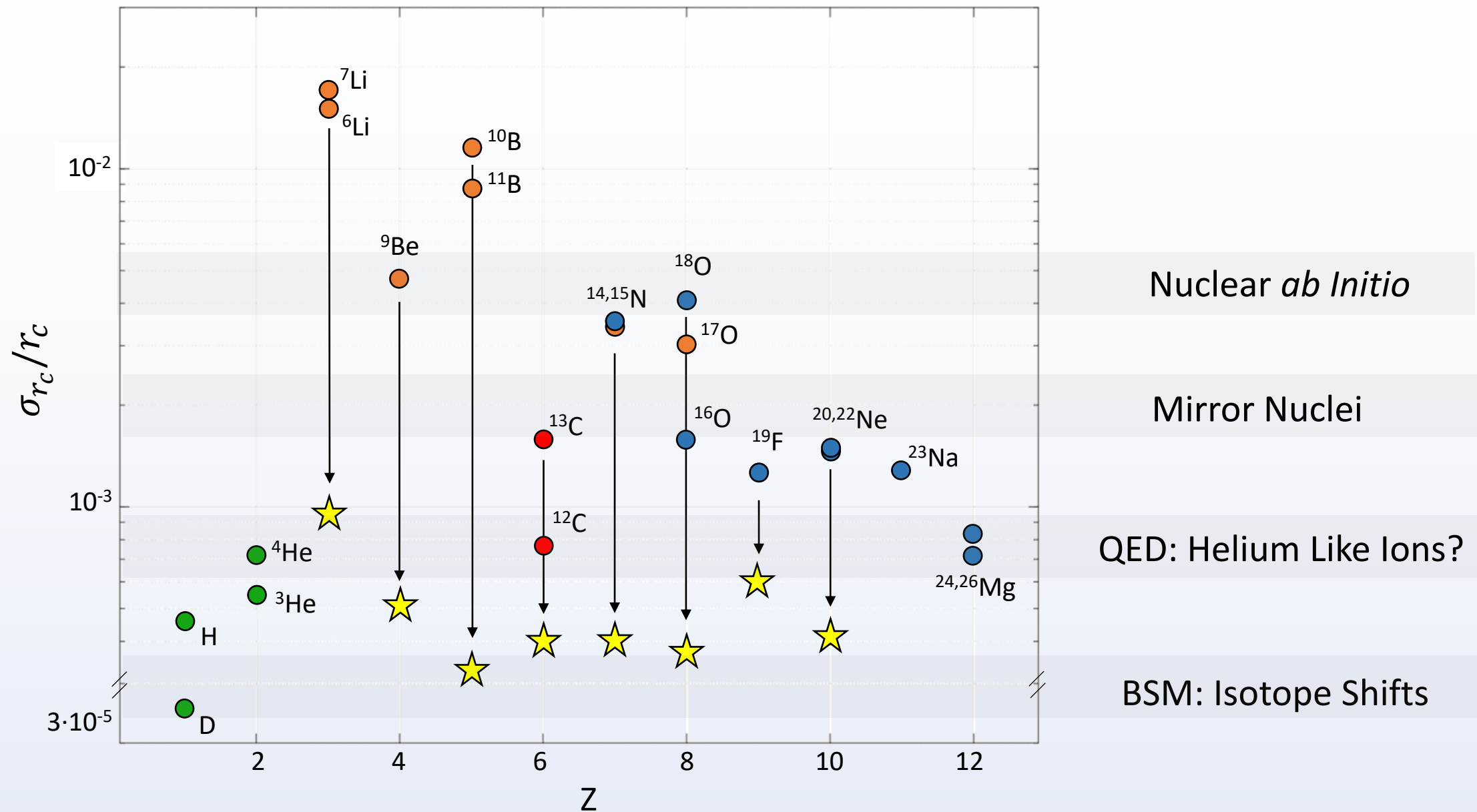
A. Yerokhin, V. Patkóš, K. Pachucki, *Phys. Rev. A* **107**, 012810 (2023).

# Physics case 4: Beyond Standard Model

- combining isotope shifts between electronic and muonic atoms to search for new lepton-neutron interactions
- Best limits come from Hydrogen-Deuterium pair.  $Z$  enhancement favors heavier pairs.
- Novel measurements of bound electron  $g$ -factors in H-like ions **limited by muonic isotope shifts**



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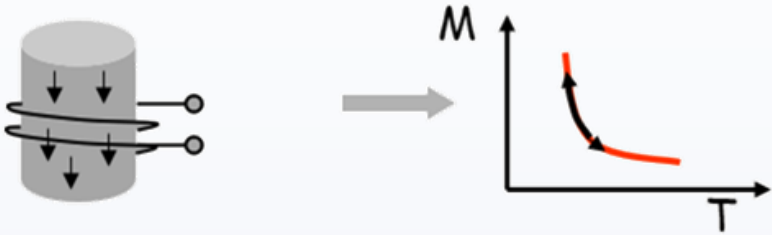


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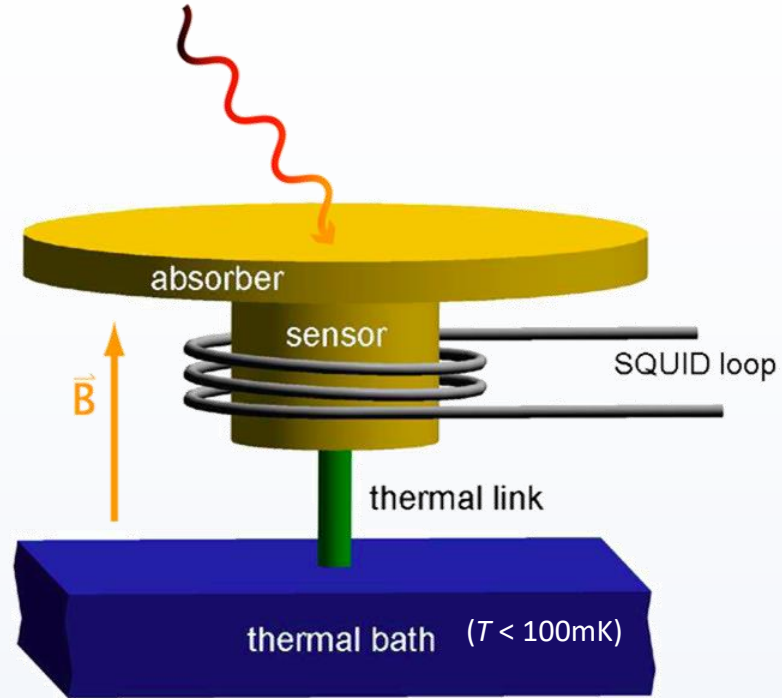
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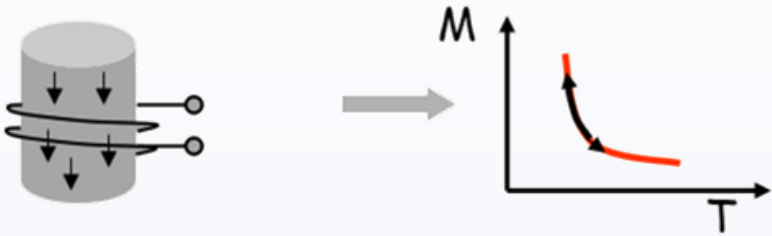


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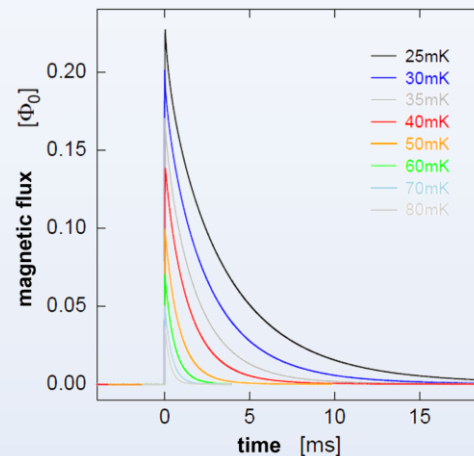
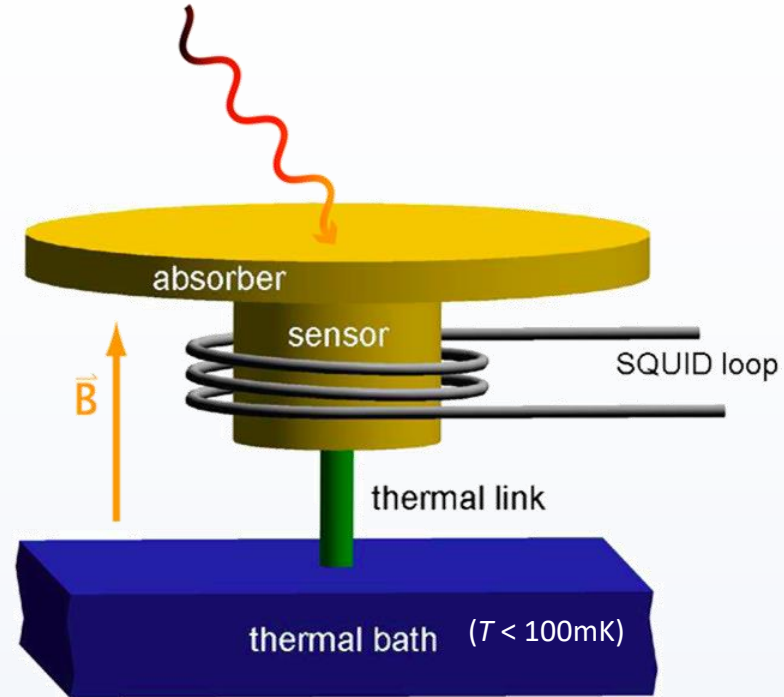


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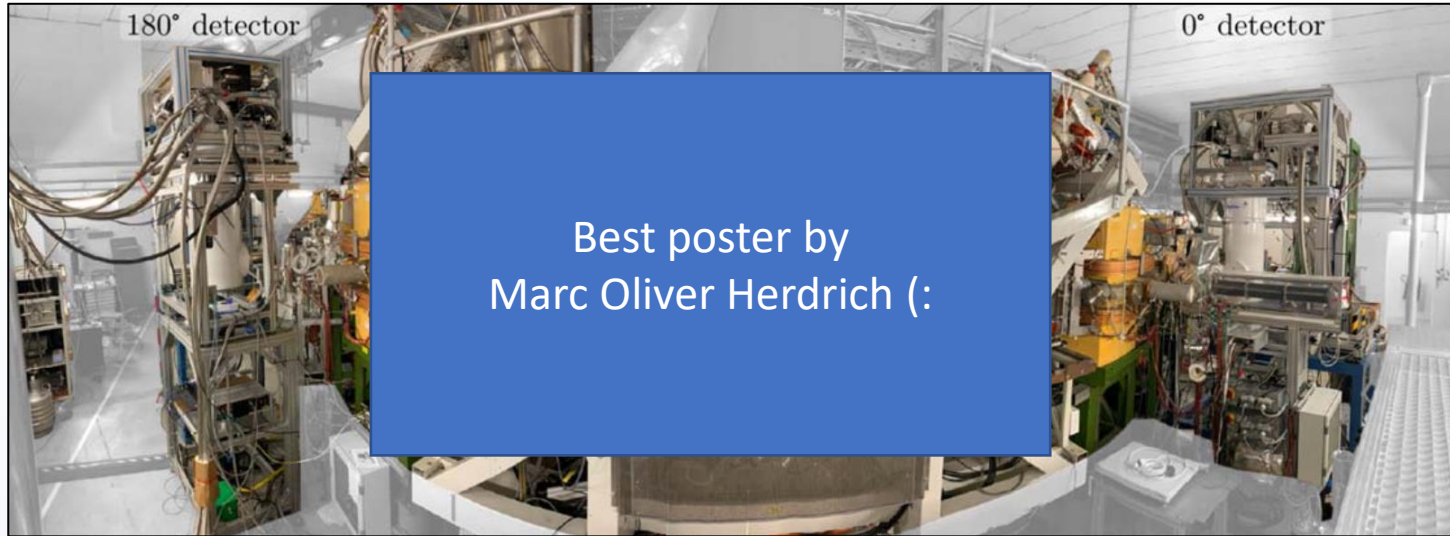
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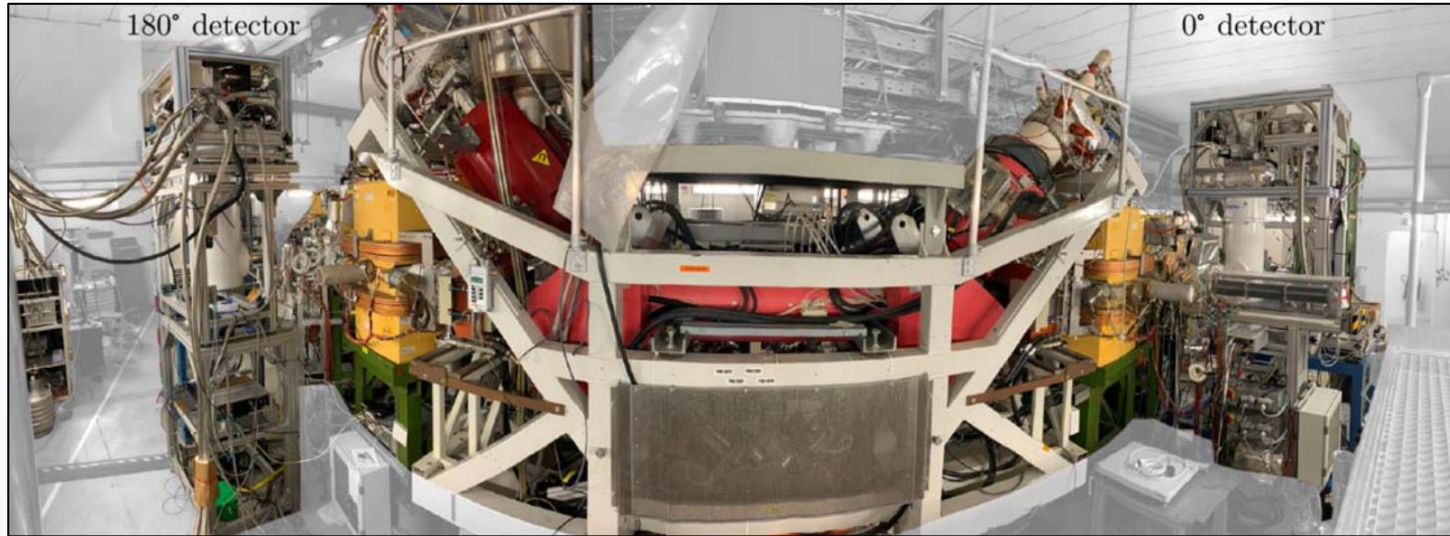
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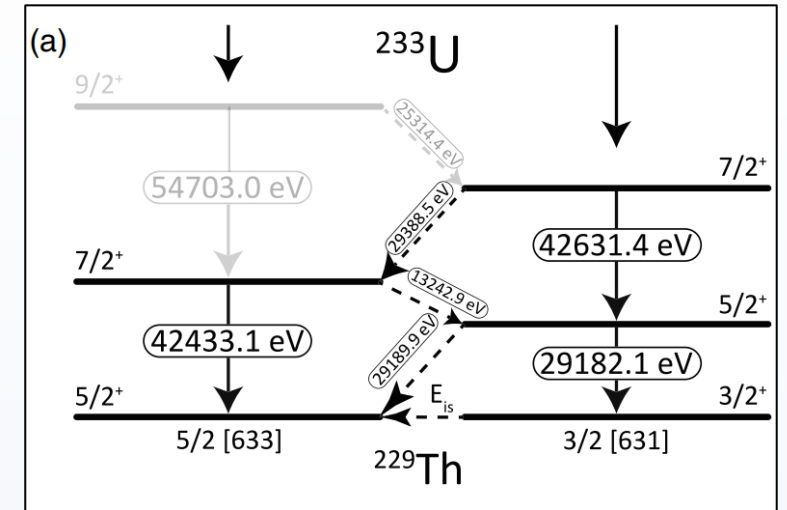
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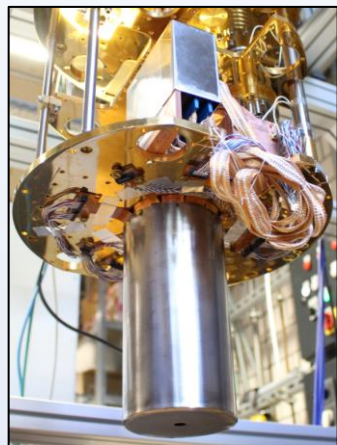
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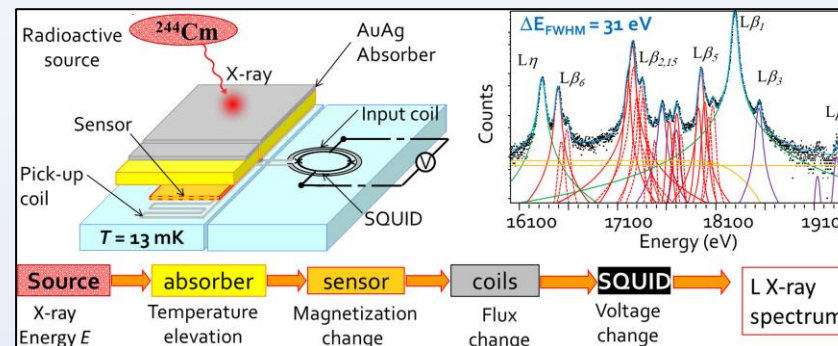


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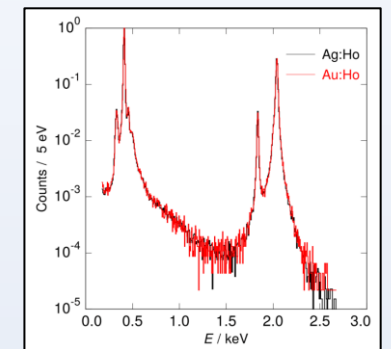
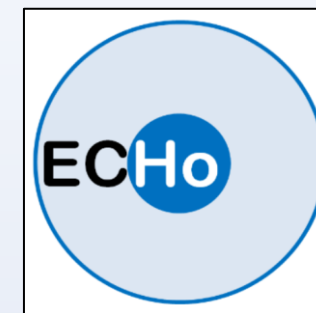


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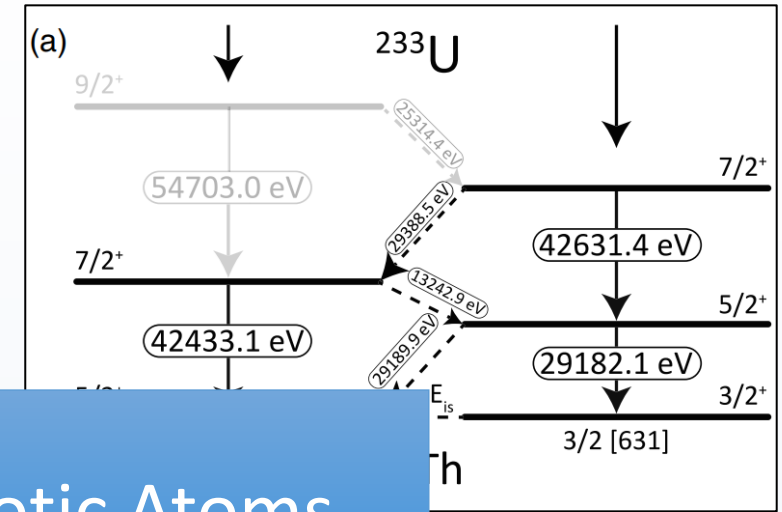
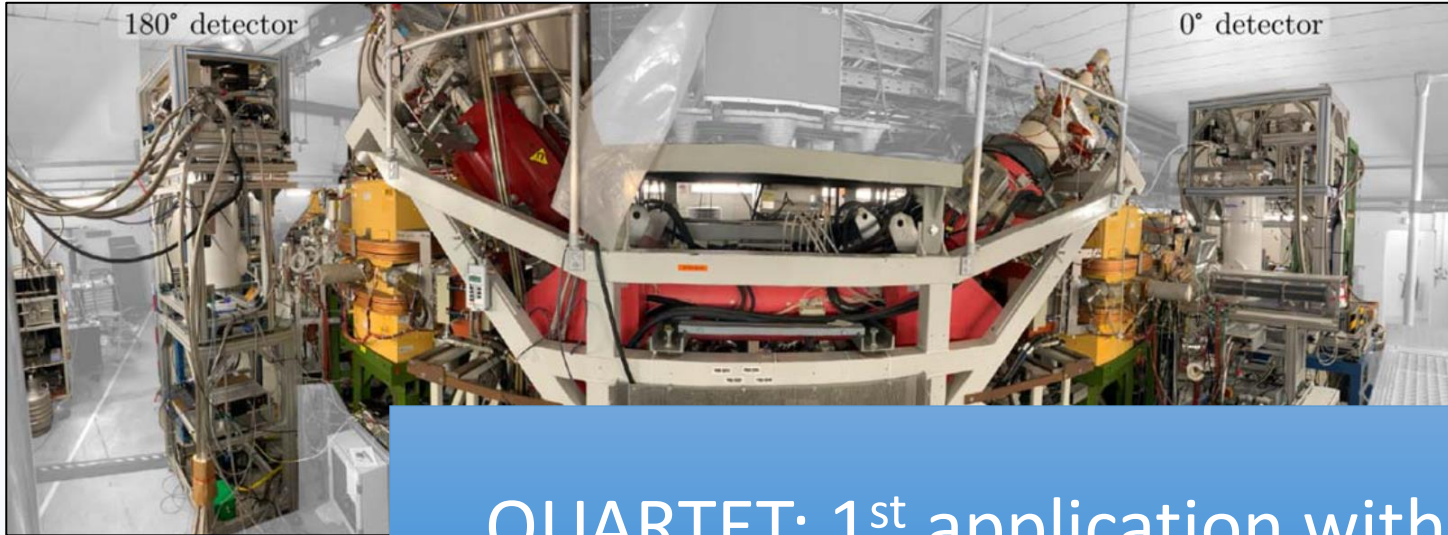


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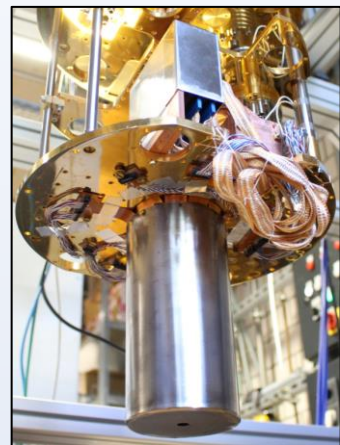


## QUARTET: 1<sup>st</sup> application with Exotic Atoms

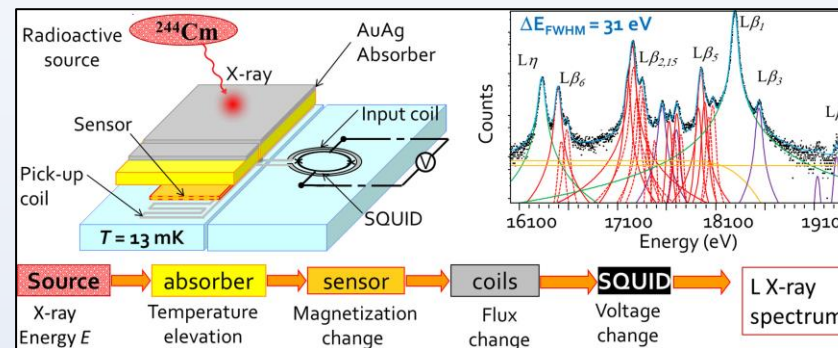
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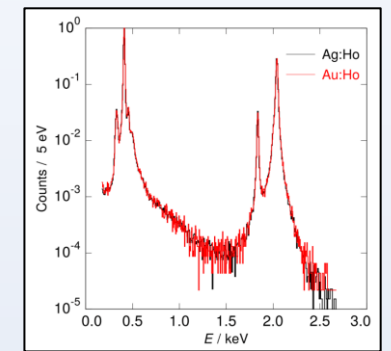
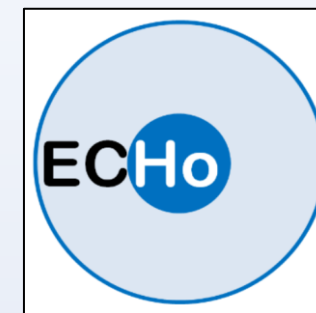


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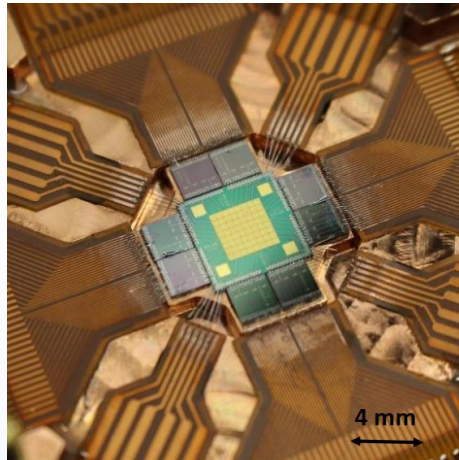
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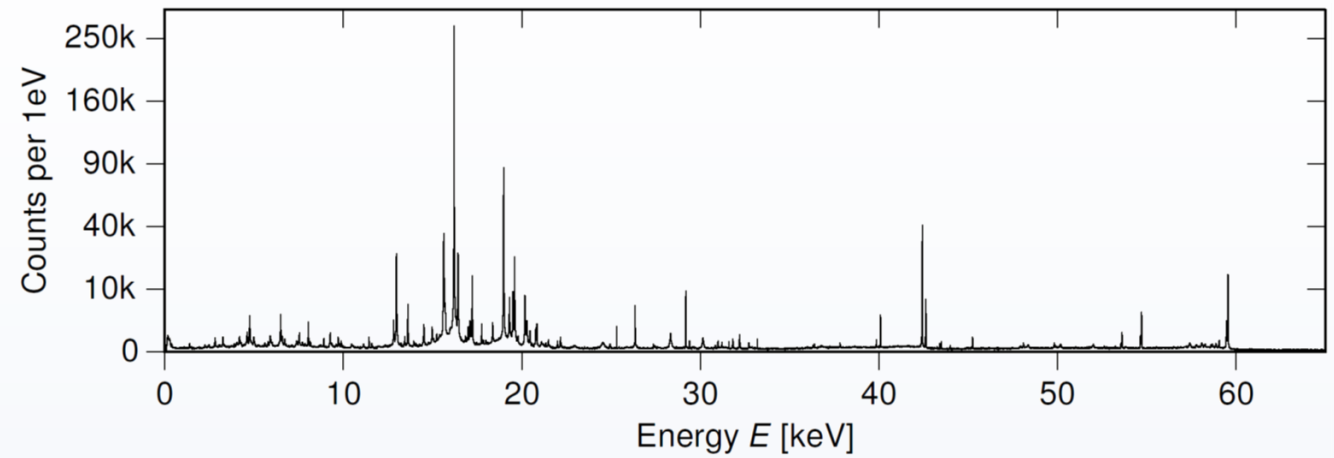
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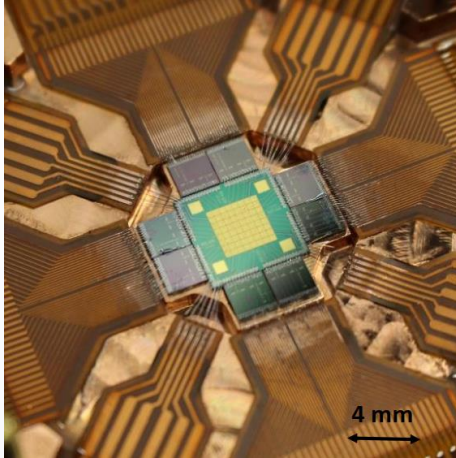


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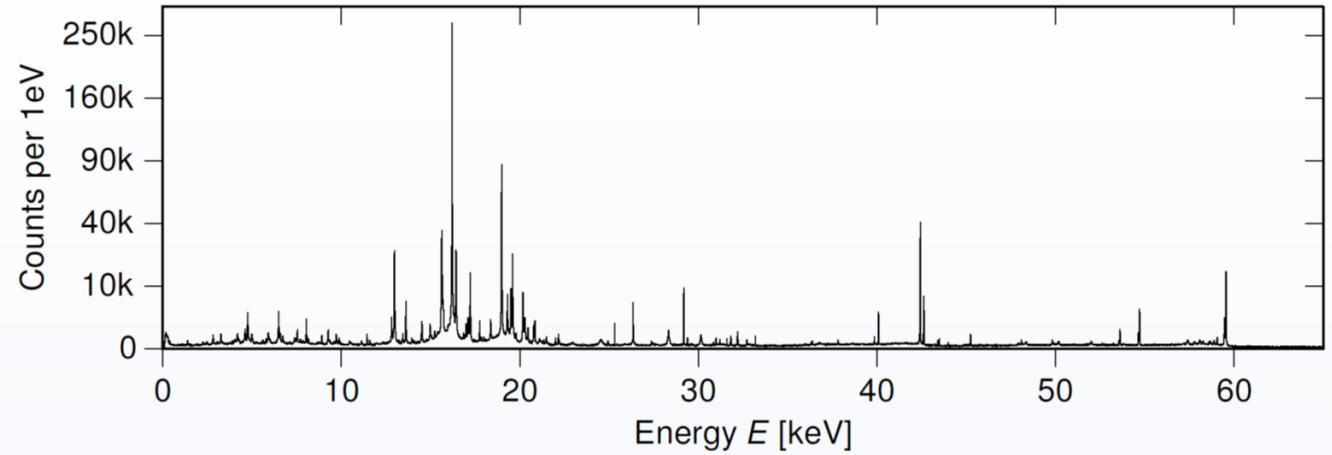


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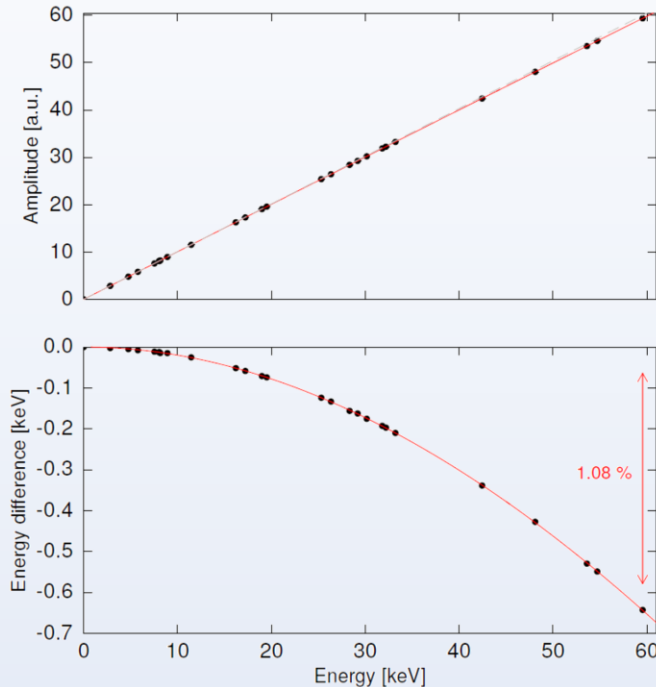
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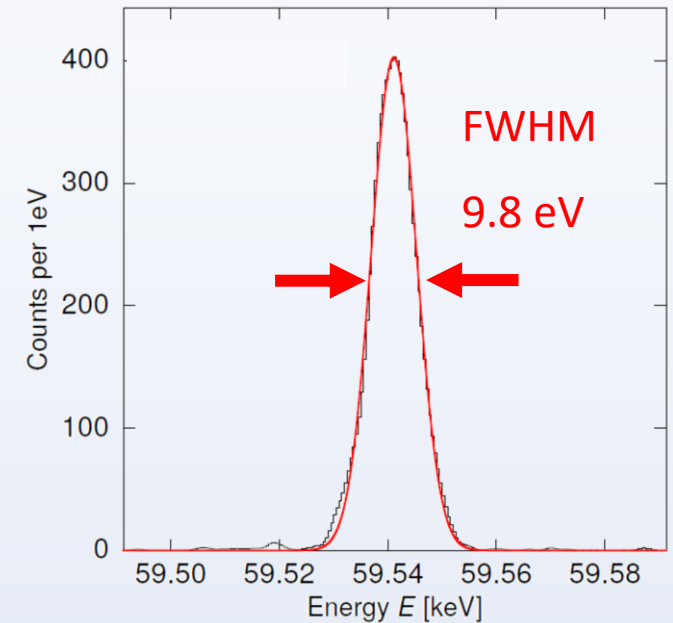
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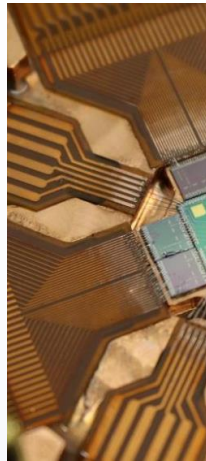


World record  
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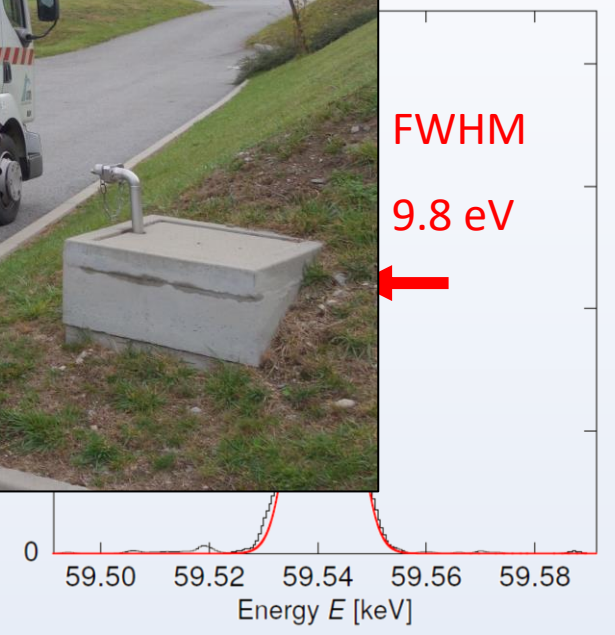
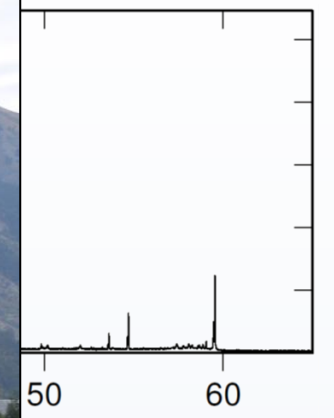
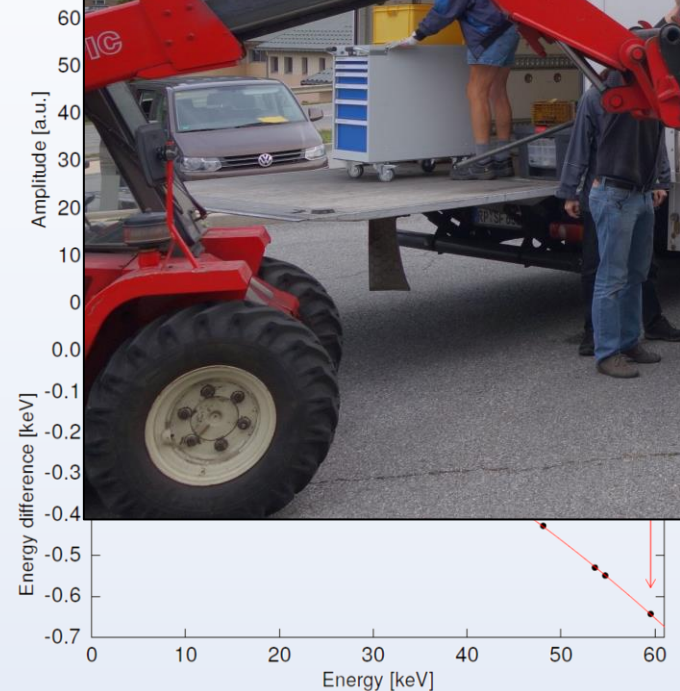


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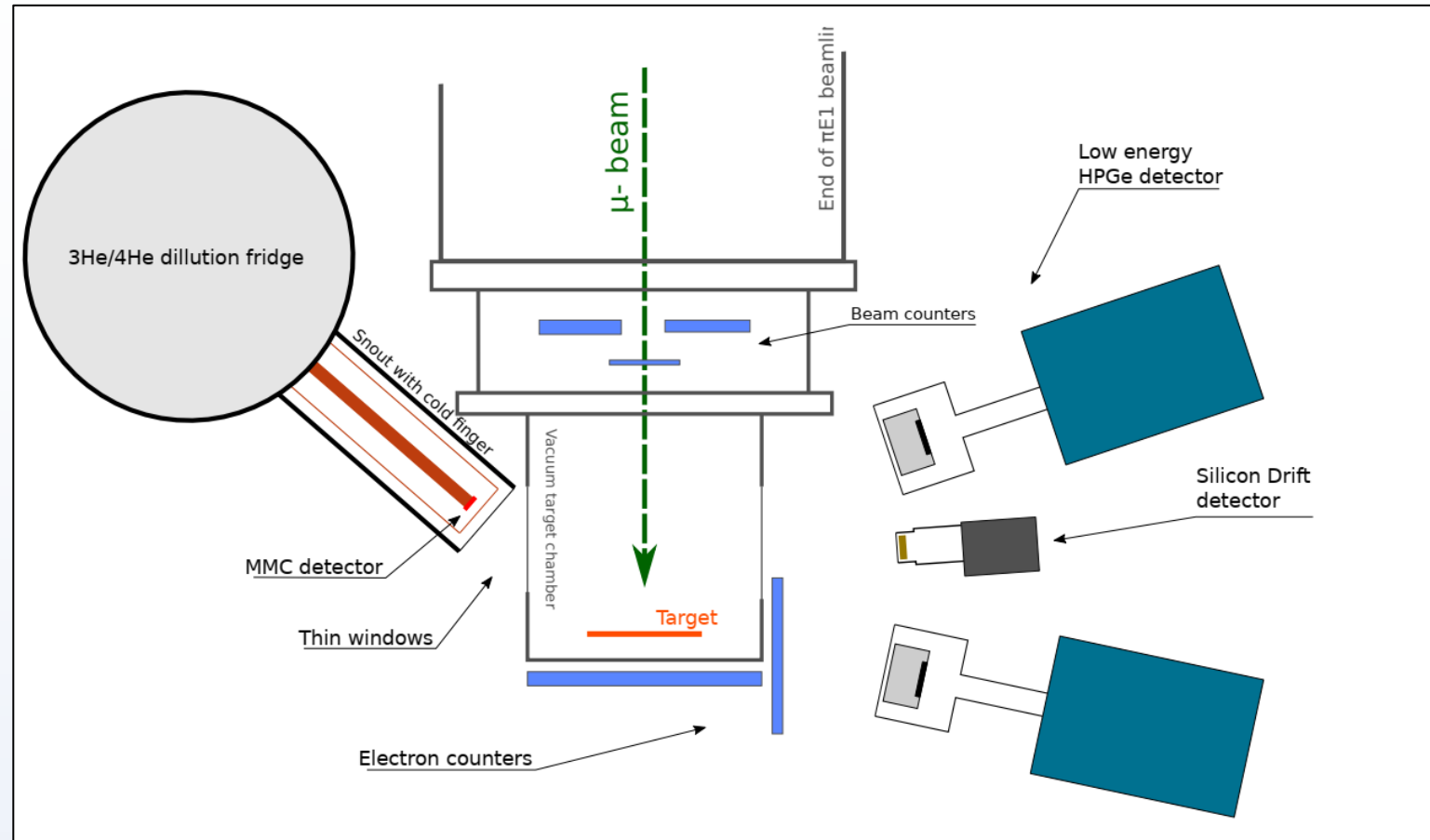


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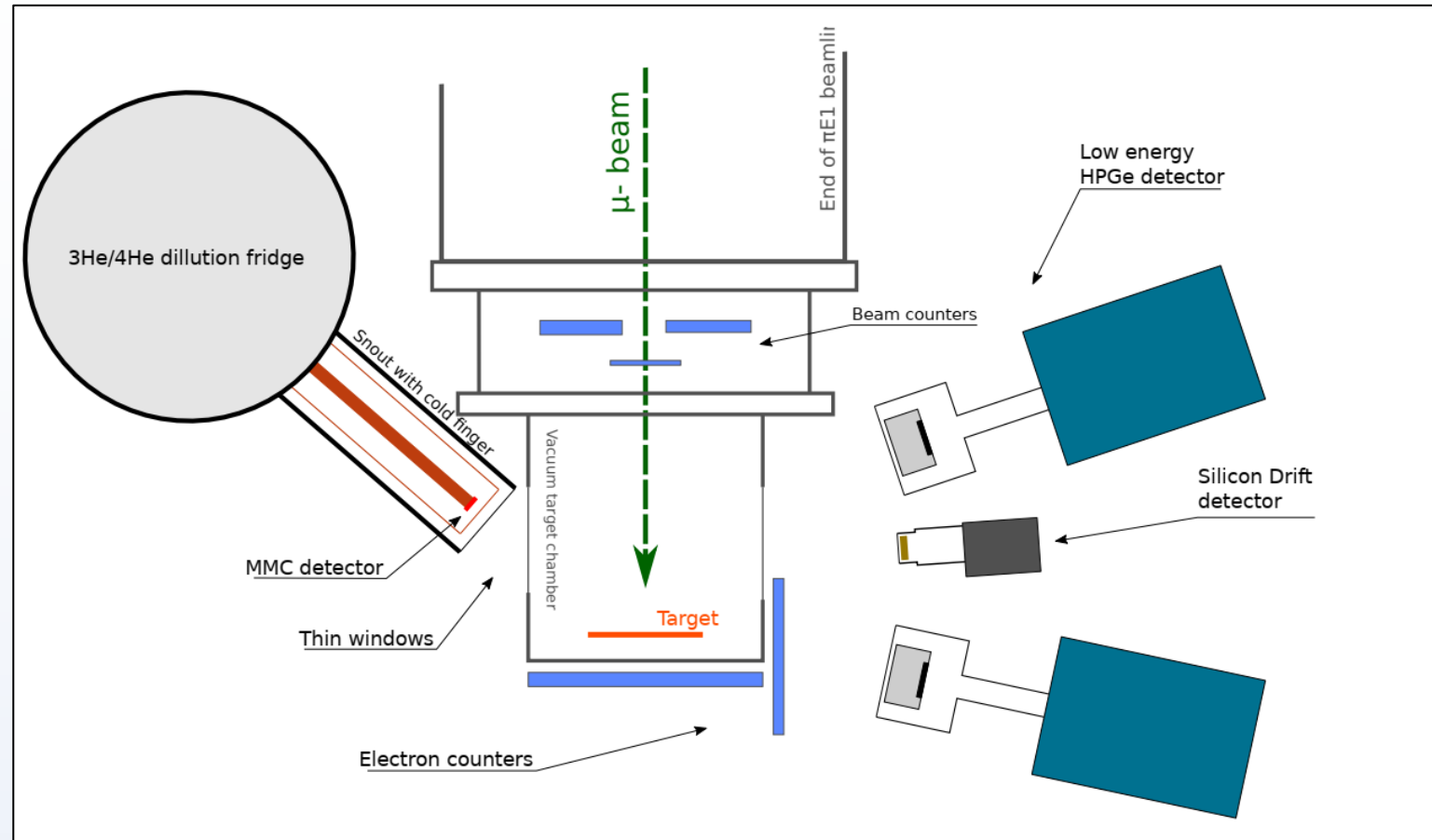
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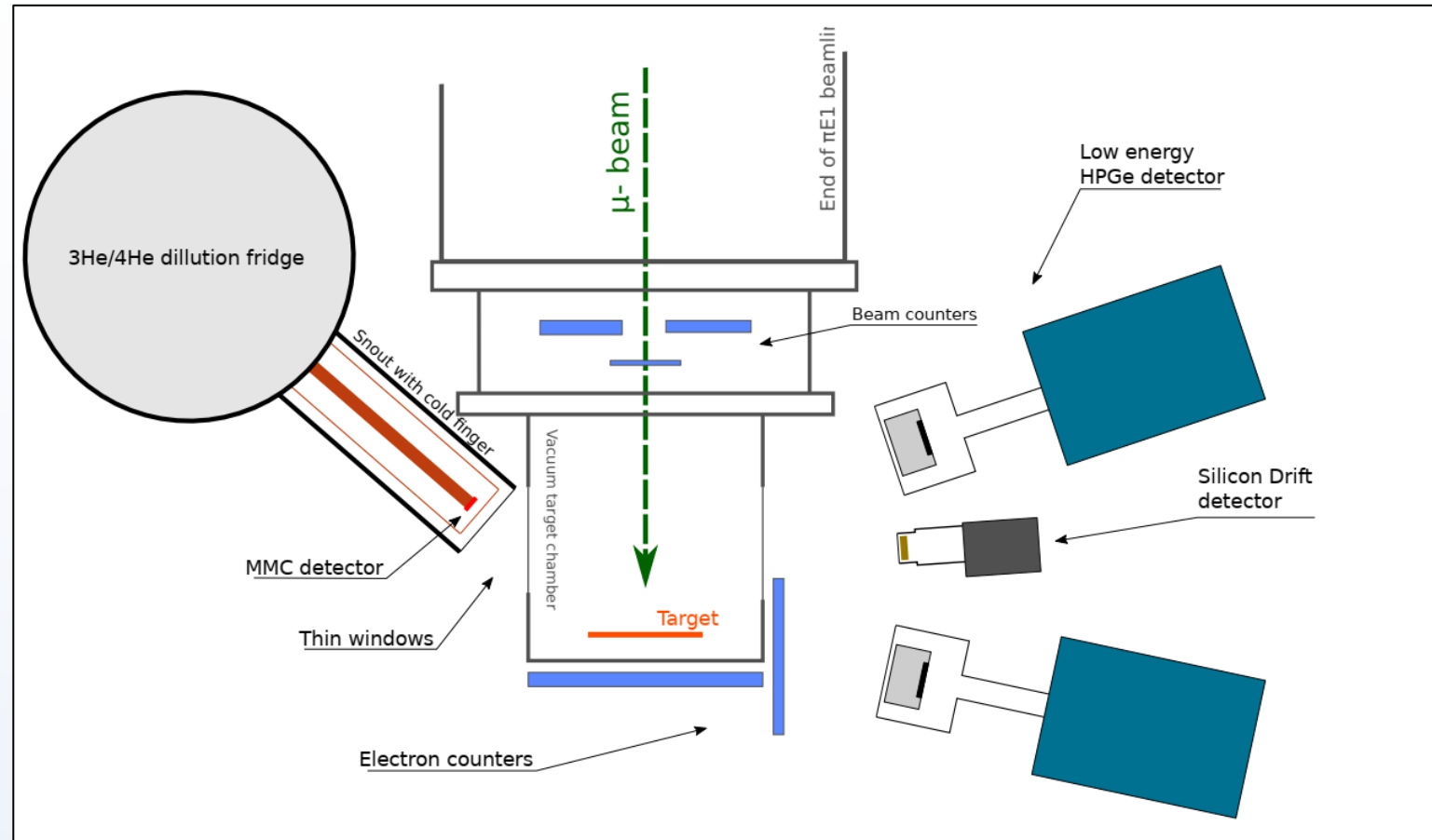
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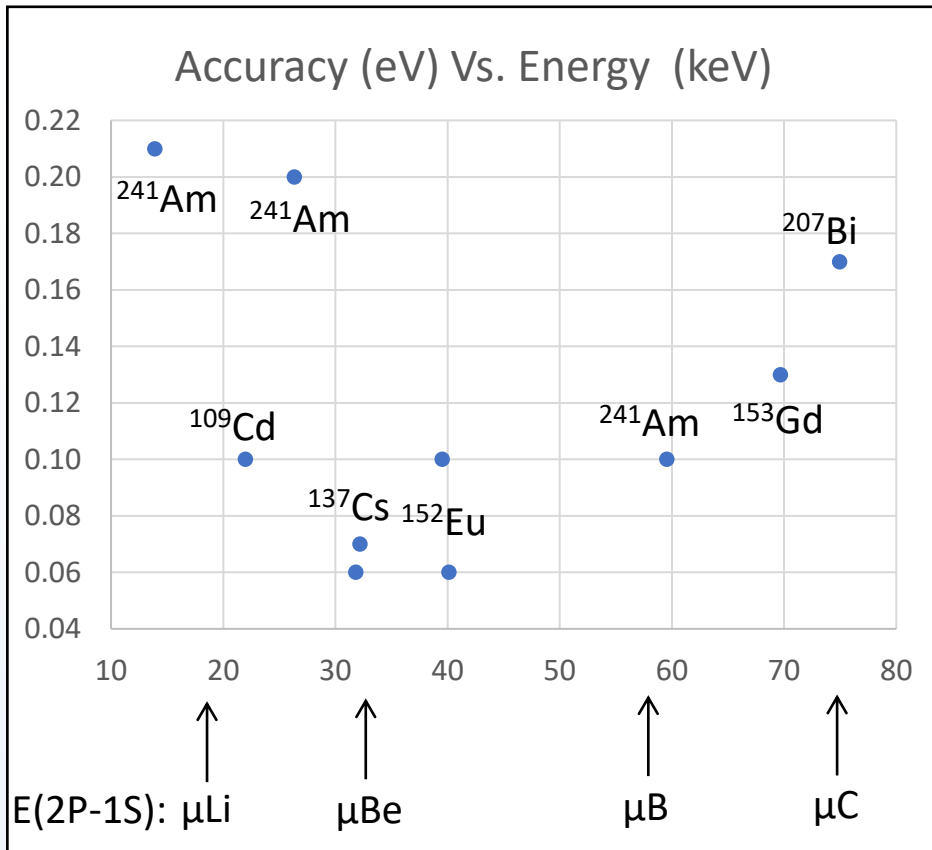


Pileup negligible, statistics more than sufficient.

Energy determination **expected to be limited by calibration**

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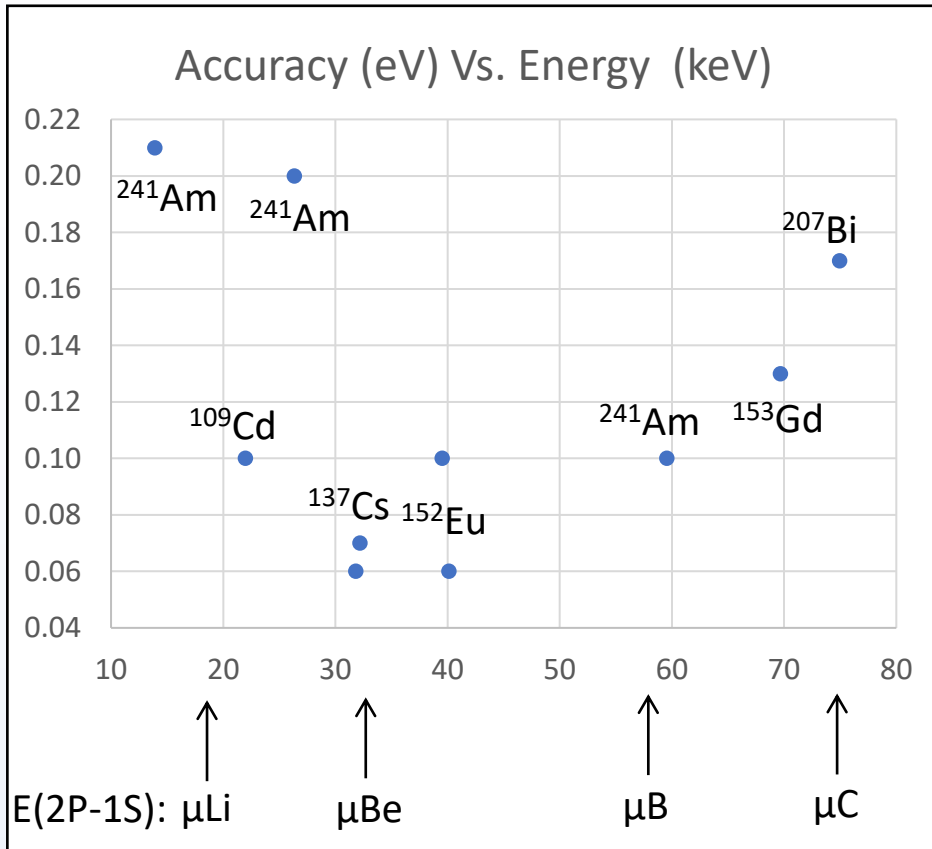


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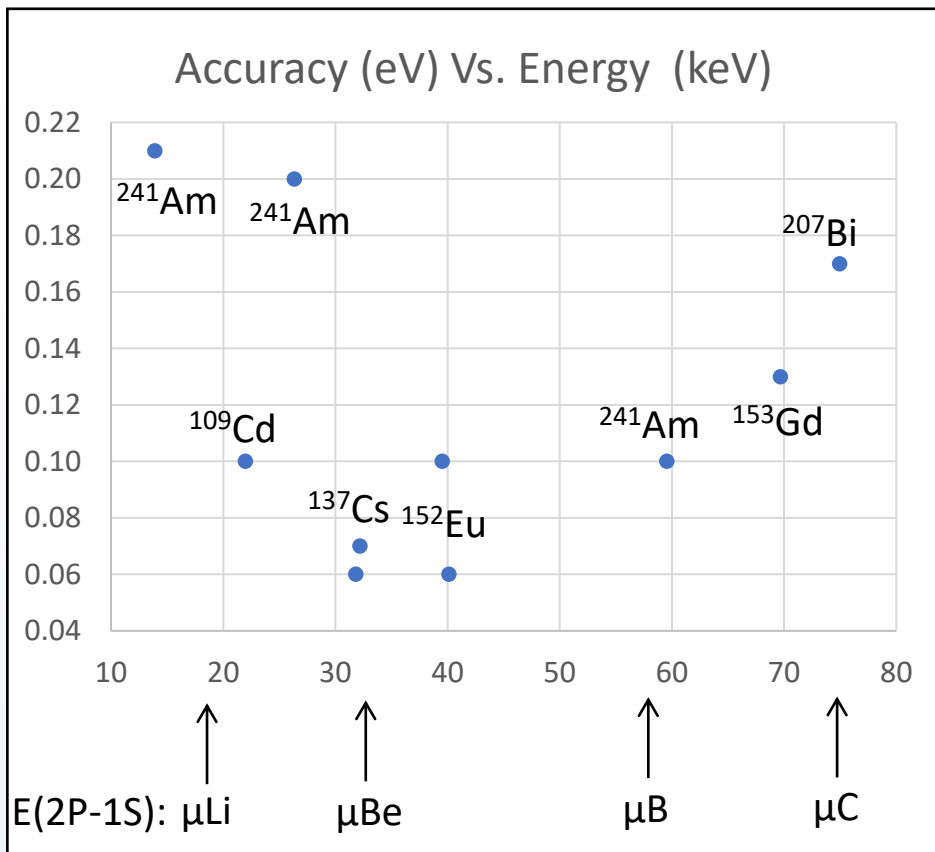


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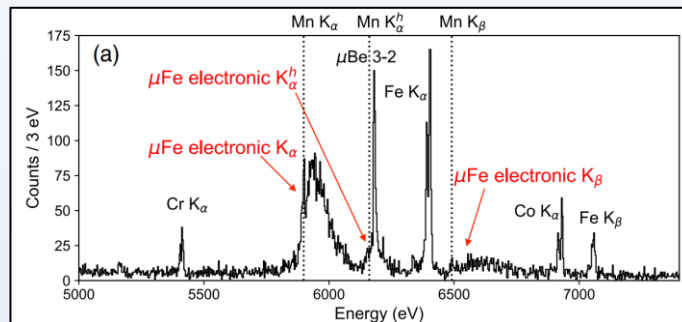
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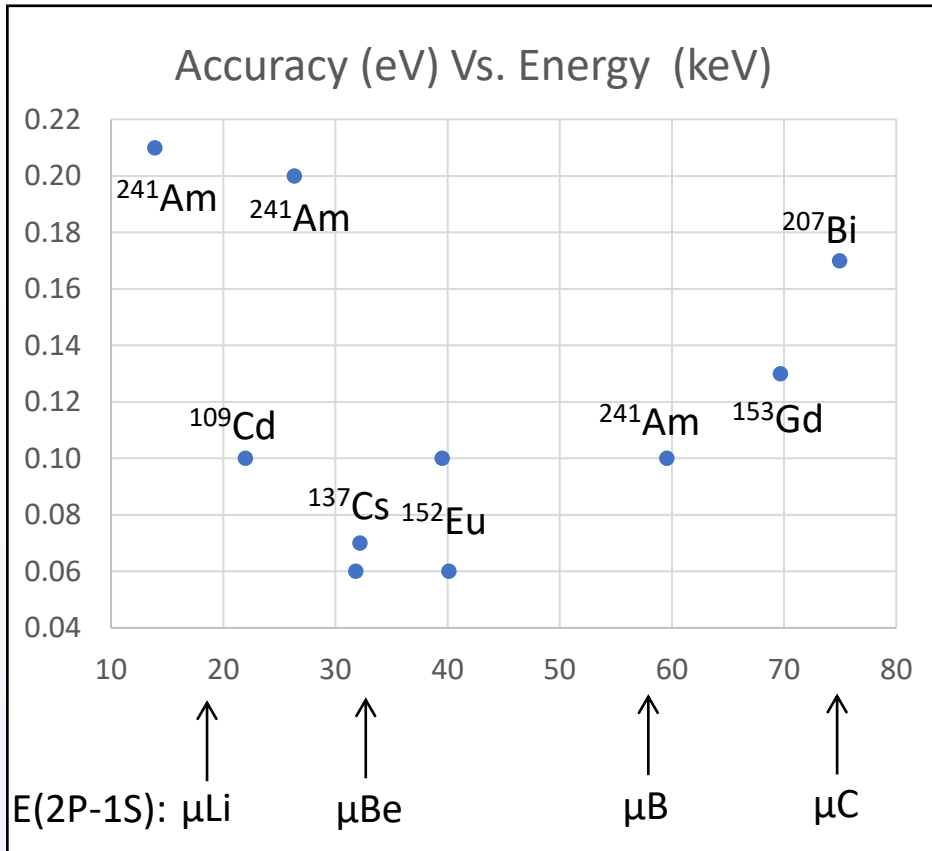
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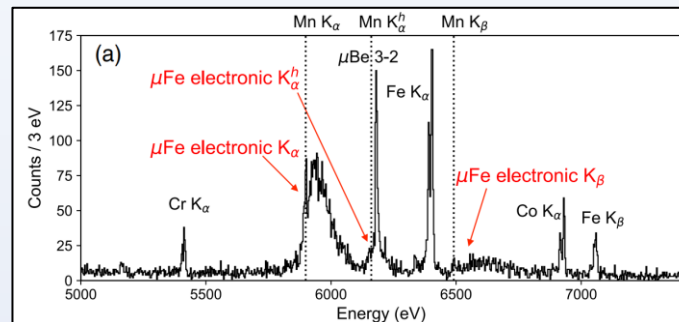
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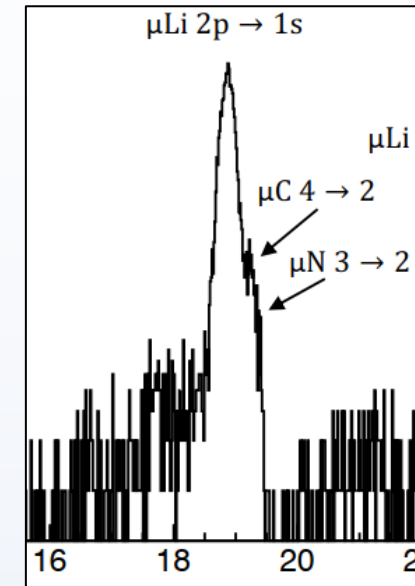
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## 3. Transitions in muonic atoms:

$^6\text{Li}$  spectrum measured by MuX with silicon drift detector (245eV FWHM):

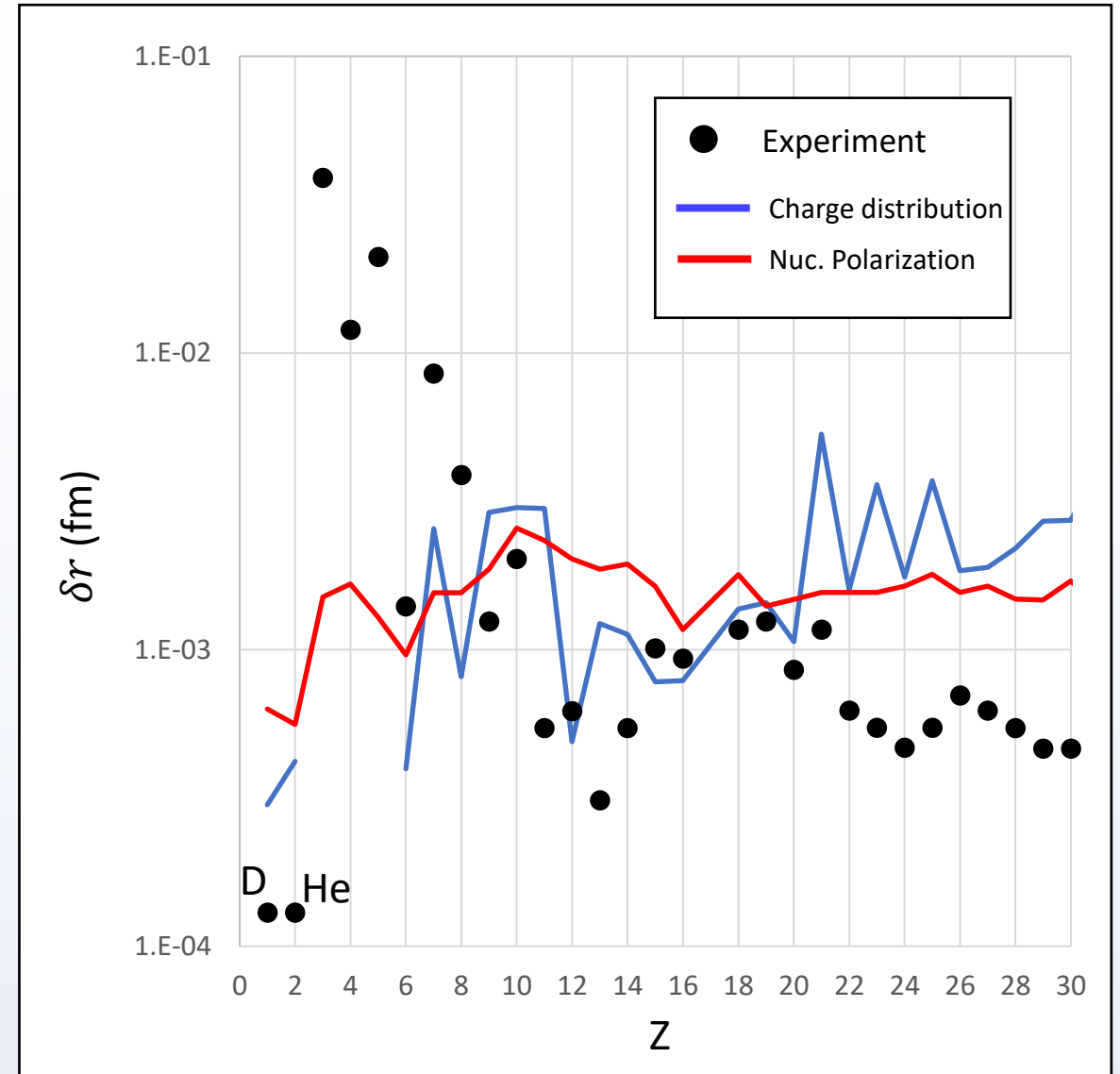


- “contamination” peaks well-resolved with MMC
- Negligible uncertainty  $\sim\text{meV}$  for transitions between levels that do not overlap with the nucleus.

P. Indelicato, *et. al.*, PLB 759 (2016)

# Input needed from Nuclear Theory:

1. Point nucleus QED is under control
2. Charge distribution is a small effect for light systems
3. Main missing component is nuclear polarization
4. To be calculated by P. Navratil & Co. via NCSMC



From new compilation of radii  $Z=3-30...$

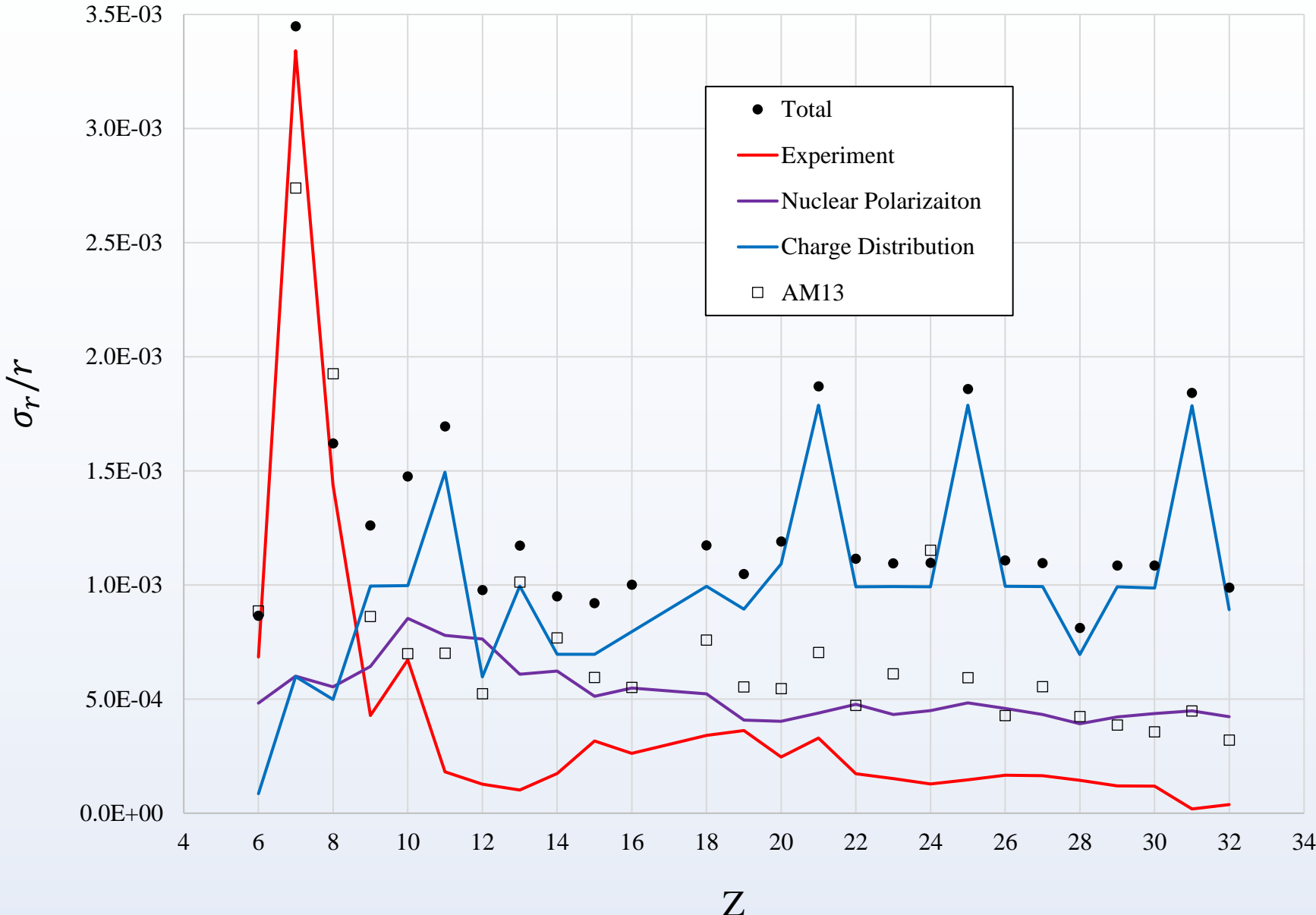


# Summary

1. Charge radii are central for confronting theory with experiment
2. Only for  $Z=1,2$ , they are both **precise & reliable**
3. For  $Z>10$ , they are **precise** but not **reliable** (opportunities for theory)
4. For  $Z=3-10$ , not **precise**. Limited by available **experimental** methods
5. New collaboration – QUARTET: Determine radii (and more) via x-ray spectroscopy of light muonic atoms using novel cryo-calorimeters
6. Test beamtime awarded @ PSI, winter 2023 – **Stay tuned!**



# Aside: New compilation of radii from Z=3-30:



# Test beamtime goals:

1. Deploy an existing MMC detector system (maXs-30) at the  $\pi$ E1 beamline (3-4 days).
2. Integrate with MuX detectors and DAQ (1 day)
3. Determine the respective background sources (e.g. beam and Michel electrons, and muon capture products) and study possible systematic effects (1 day, and parallel)
4. Test and establish different calibration strategies (online/offline) under accelerator conditions (drifts, noises, etc.) (in parallel)
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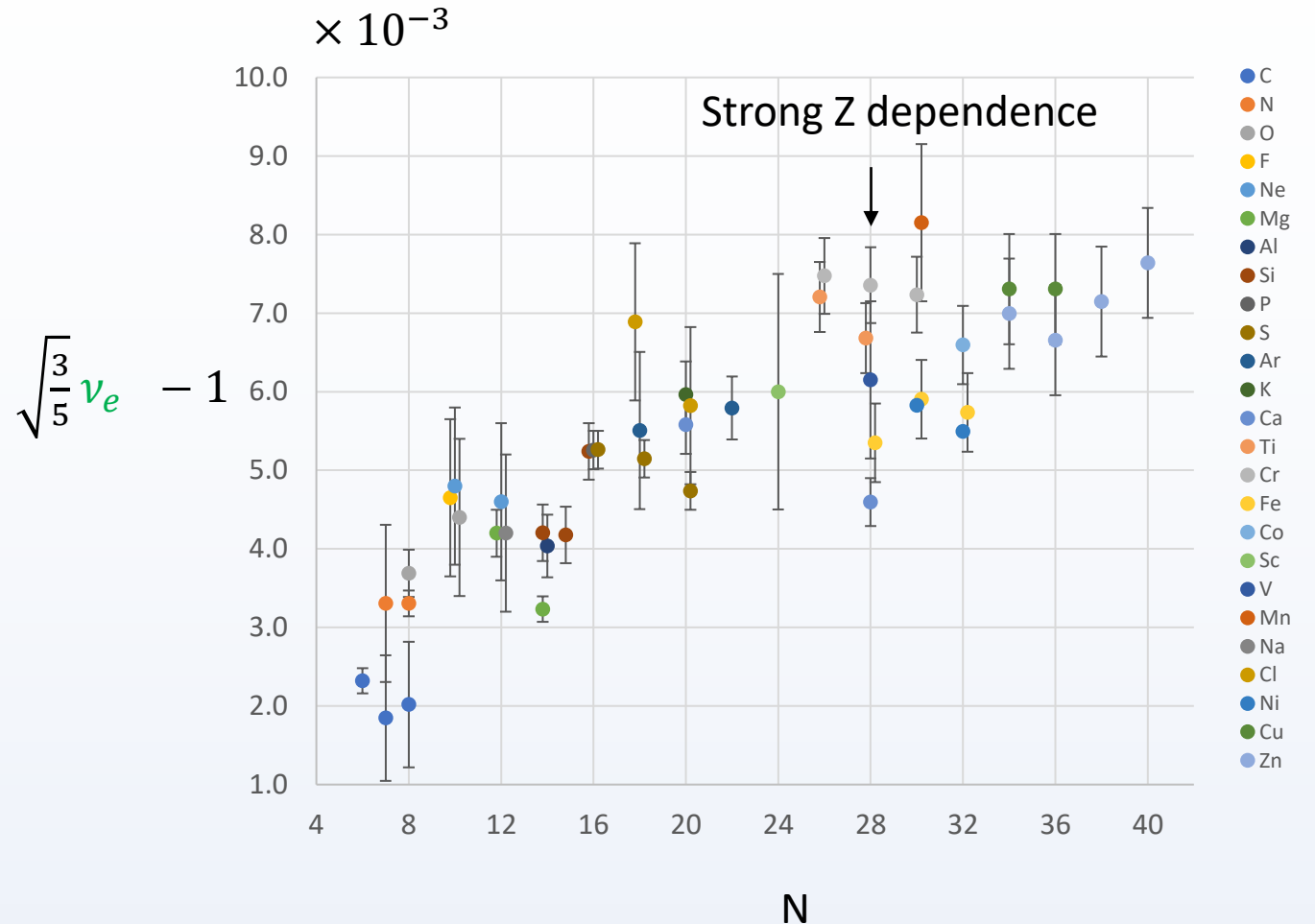
**TABLE 1** Targeted nuclei for radii determinations through x-ray spectroscopy of  $2P - 1S$  transitions, which energy is given the second column. The full width at half max (FWHM) resolution is calculated from the detector response, unresolved features, and Doppler broadening from coulomb explosion [40].  $\sigma_{stat}$  is the predicted statistical accuracy for  $10^5$  detected events with this resolution. It corresponds to approximately one week of data taking, assuming  $2 \times 10^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$  relevant x-rays generated, 0.1 permill solid-angle coverage, and 80% detection efficiency.  $\sigma_{TPE}$  is our estimation of the achievable uncertainty in the two-photon-exchange correction within this project time-frame.  $\sigma_r$  is the corresponding uncertainty in the absolute charge radius, including a calibration uncertainty of 50 meV.  $\sigma_{\delta r}$  is the uncertainty of isotope shifts. The comparison with the state of the art is portrayed in Fig. 1

Isotopes	$E_{2P-1S}$ [keV]	FWHM [eV]	$\sigma_{stat}$ [eV]	$\sigma_{TPE}$ [eV]	$\sigma_r$ [am]	$\sigma_{\delta r}$ [am]
${}^6,7\text{Li}$	19	4	0.01	0.02	2	0.6
${}^9\text{Be}$	33	12	0.02	0.06	1	
${}^{10,11}\text{B}$	52	18	0.02	0.1	1	0.5
${}^{12,13}\text{C}$	75	36	0.05	0.3	1	0.7
${}^{14,15}\text{N}$	102	39	0.05	0.6	1	0.7
${}^{16,18}\text{O}$	134	45	0.06	1	1	0.5
${}^{19}\text{F}$	169	50	0.07	2	2	
${}^{20,22}\text{Ne}$	207	50	0.07	3	1	0.8

## Input from electron scattering

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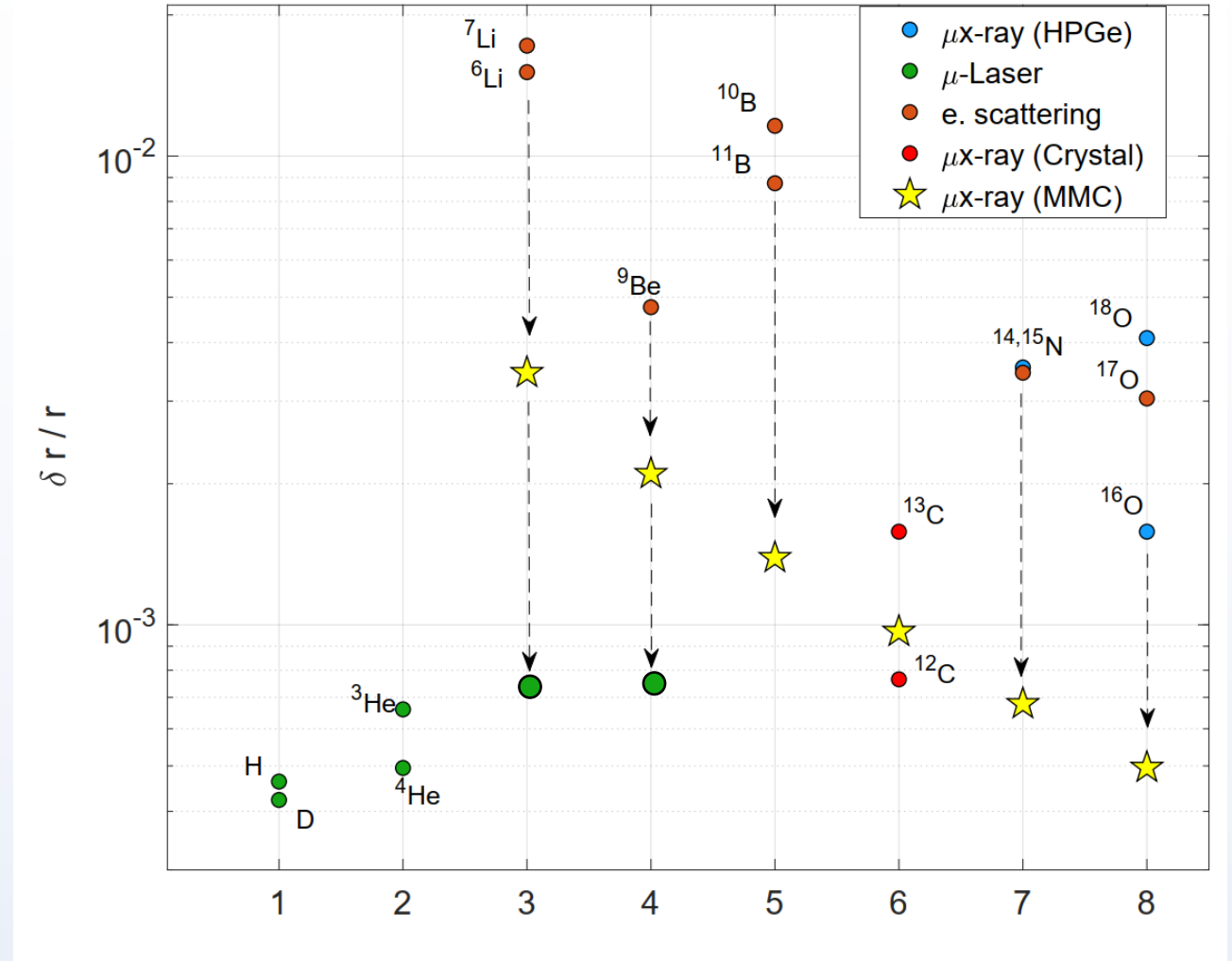
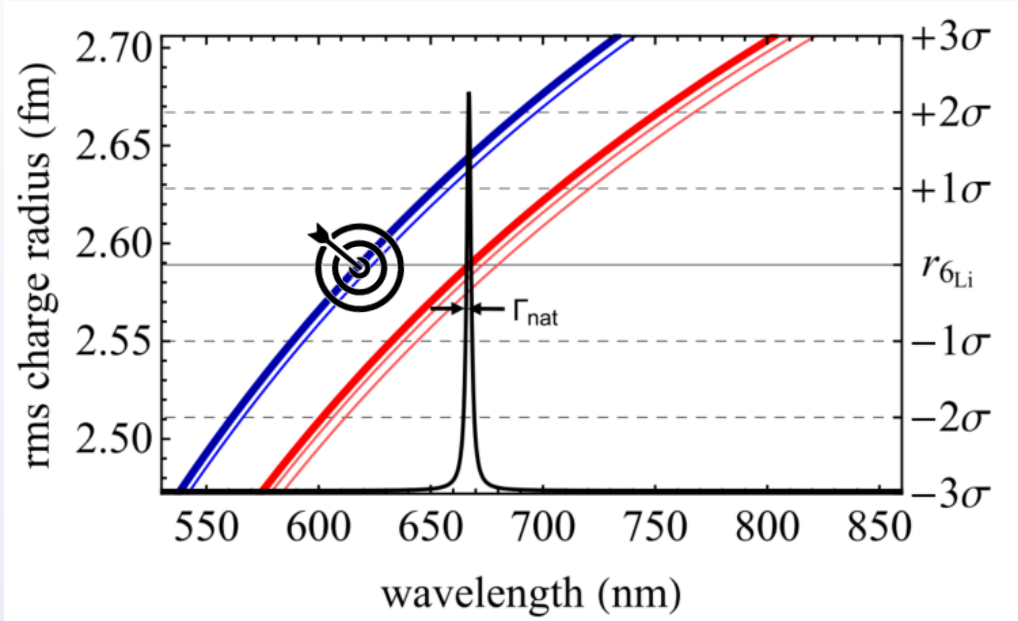
- Take Charge distribution from elec. Scat
- Calculate  $v_e = \frac{r_e}{R_e} \rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{5}{3}}$  (sphere)
- Can be obtained with much smaller uncertainty than e.g.  $r_e$
- Compare distributions, extrapolate and **estimate unc.**



Conclusions: Uncertainty is not negligible! Some nuclei much better known than the others

# Enabling the laser spectroscopy of monic Li/Be(?):

- MMCs: Improve  $r_c$  of  ${}^6\text{Li}$  by factor  $\sim 5$ .
- Narrow 2S-2P wavelength search from 200 nm to 20 nm
- Similarly for Be/B (more challenging)





# Physics reach of muonic atom measurements

