

High precision atomic data for halo nuclei and related nuclear structure

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Outline

ICAMDATA : International Conference on Atomic and Molecular Data
and Their Applications

Experiments: Challenges and Solutions

Nuclear Structure Conclusions from $\delta\langle r^2 \rangle$

Absolute Charge Radii

Nuclear Moments

Outlook (What's next ?)

Challenges in the Spectroscopy of Halo Nuclei

$$\delta v^{A,A'} = v_{A'} - v_A = F \delta \langle r^2 \rangle^{A,A'} + M \frac{m_{A'} - m_A}{m_{A'} m_A}$$

Example: Helium Isotopes:

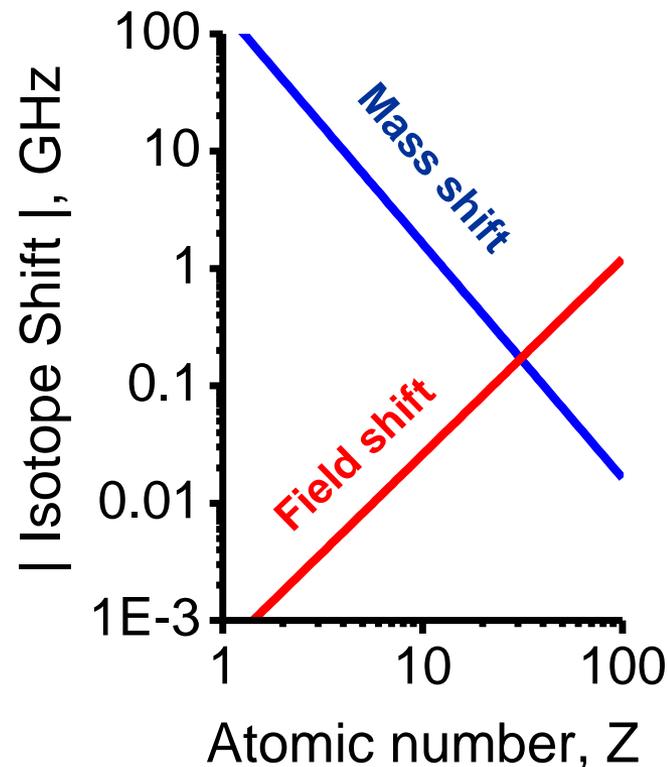
Mass Shift ${}^4\text{He}$ - ${}^8\text{He}$: $\sim 64\,700\,000$ kHz
 Field Shift ${}^4\text{He}$ - ${}^8\text{He}$: $\sim 1\,000$ kHz
 IS Accuracy: ~ 100 kHz
 $\sim 3 \times 10^{-6}$
 \sim Doppler Shift @ 4 cm/s

Single Photon Recoil (20 cm/s) 430 kHz
 Difference ${}^4\text{He}$ - ${}^8\text{He}$: 215 kHz

External degrees of freedom must be under control or the method must be insensitive to them.

Lifetime (${}^{11}\text{Li}$) ~ 8 ms

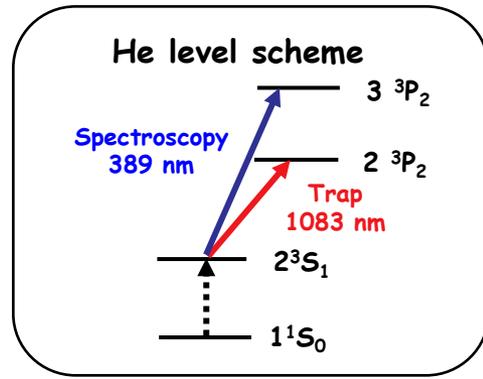
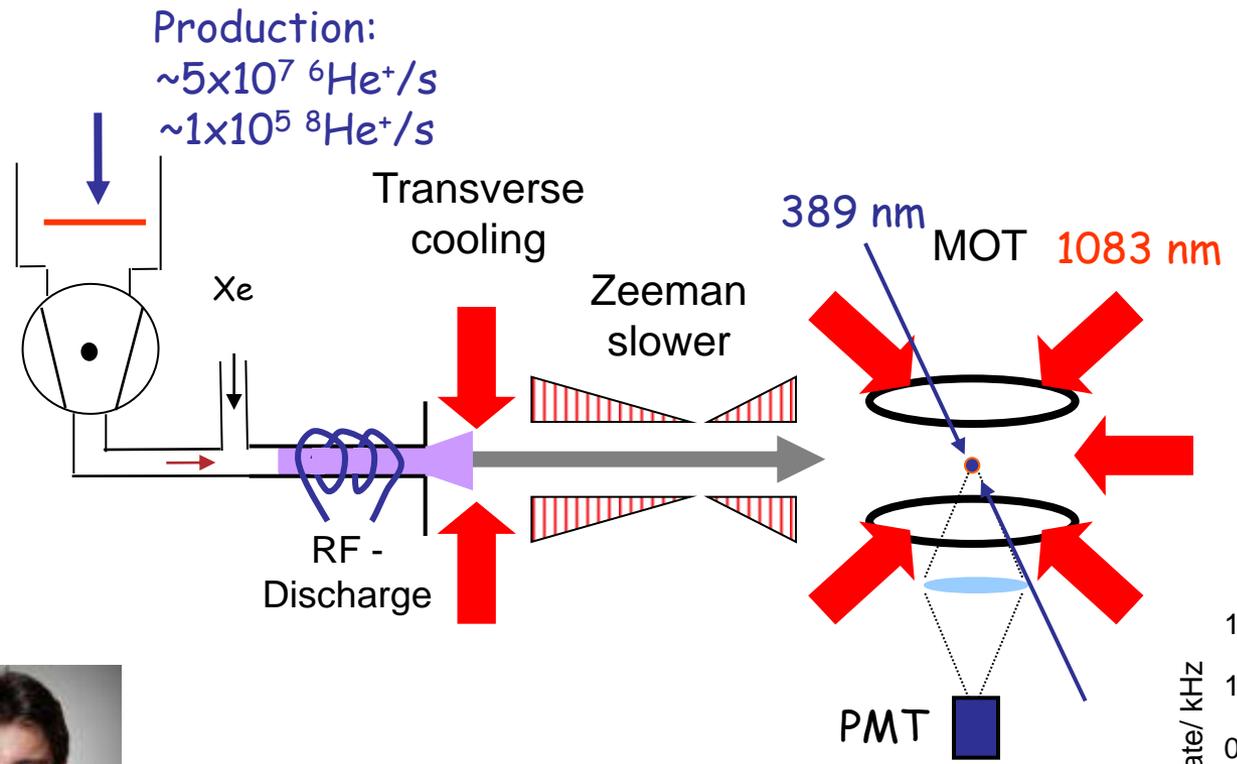
Production Rate (${}^{11}\text{Li}$, ${}^{12}\text{Be}$) ~ 10.000 s $^{-1}$



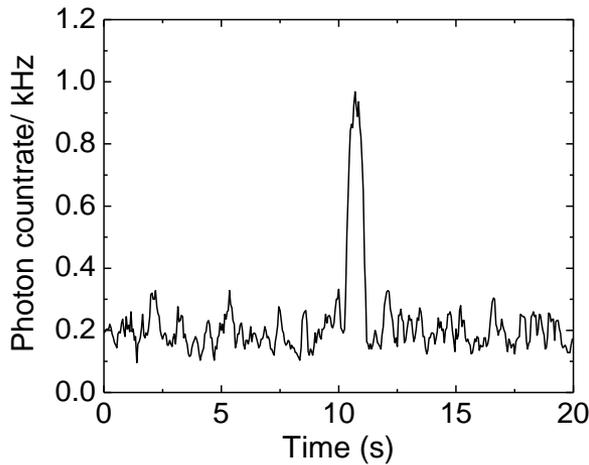
Spectroscopic Techniques must be:
 Accurate
 Fast
 Efficient (Sensitive)

(1) Helium: Cold Atoms in a Magneto-Optical Trap

Atom Trap Setup



One trapped ${}^6\text{He}$ atom



Capture efficiency
 1×10^{-7}

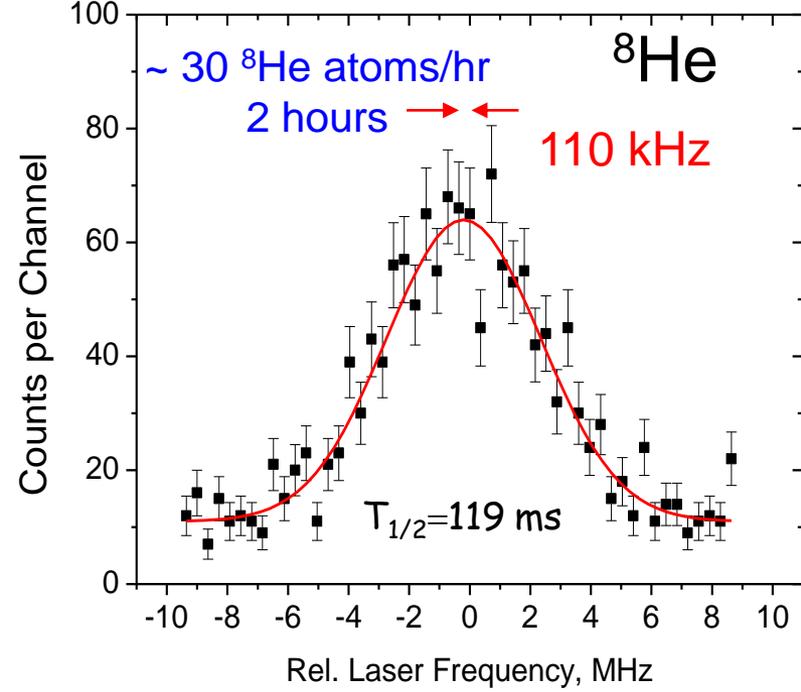
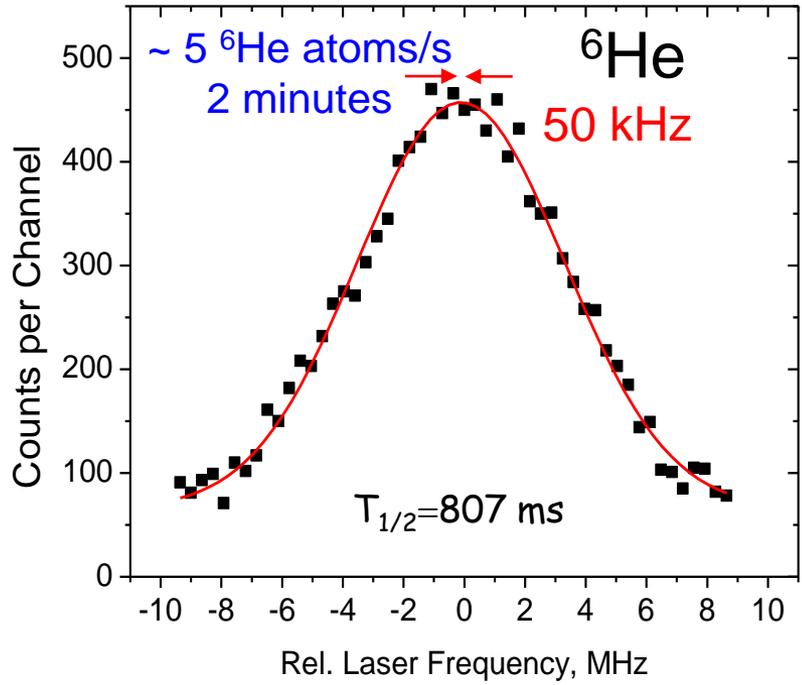
Trap
 ~ 5 ${}^6\text{He}/\text{s}$,
 ~ 30 ${}^8\text{He}/\text{hr}$



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(1) Helium: Sample Spectra

P: Mueller et al., PRL 99, 252501 (2007)

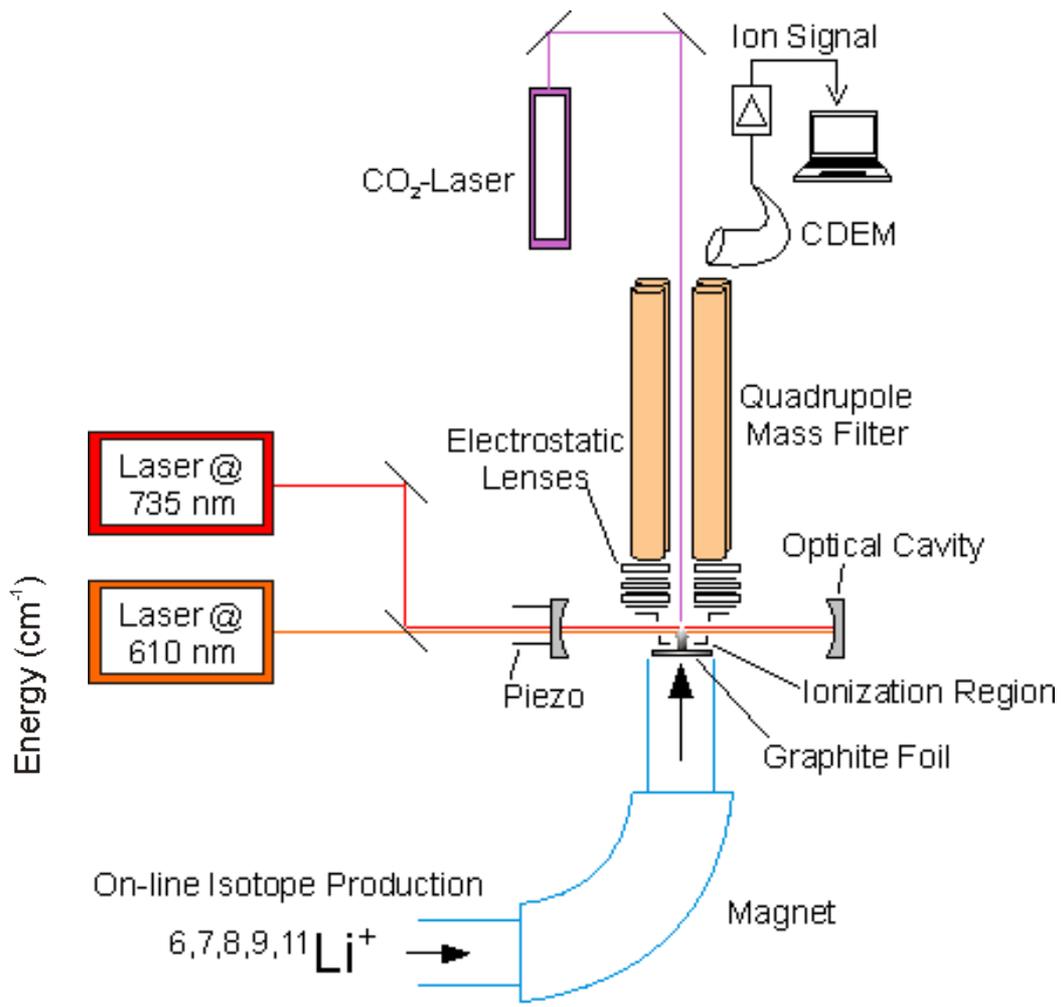
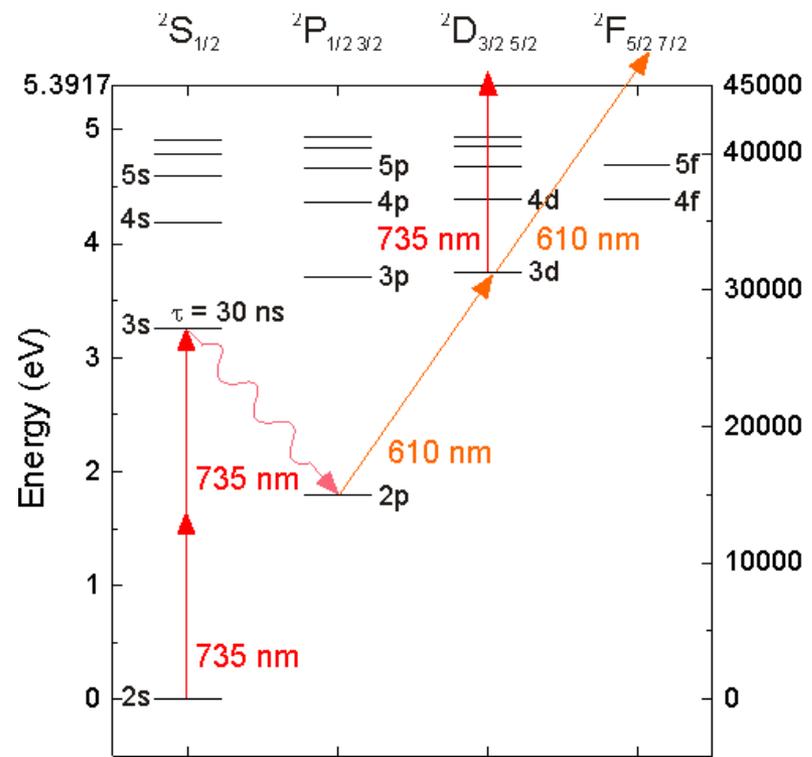


Transition	$\delta\nu^{A,4}$	$\delta\nu_{MS}^{A,4}$	$\delta\nu_{FS}^{A,4}$
⁸ He $2^3S_1 \rightarrow 3^3P_1$	64 701.129(73)	64 702.0982	-0.969(73)
⁸ He $2^3S_1 \rightarrow 3^3P_2$	64 701.466(52)	64 702.5086	-1.043(52)
Mean + nucl. pol.			-1.020(42){64}
⁶ He $2^3S_1 \rightarrow 3^3P_0$	43 194.740(37)	43 196.1573	-1.417(37)
⁶ He $2^3S_1 \rightarrow 3^3P_1$	43 194.483(12)	43 195.8966	-1.414(12)
⁶ He $2^3S_1 \rightarrow 3^3P_2$	43 194.751(10)	43 196.1706	-1.420(10)
Mean + nucl. pol.			-1.431(8){31}
⁶ He $2^3S_1 \rightarrow 3^3P_2$	43 194.772(33)	43 196.1706	-1.399(33){50}
Mean			-1.430(8){31}

Brodeur et al. PRL 108 052504 (2012)

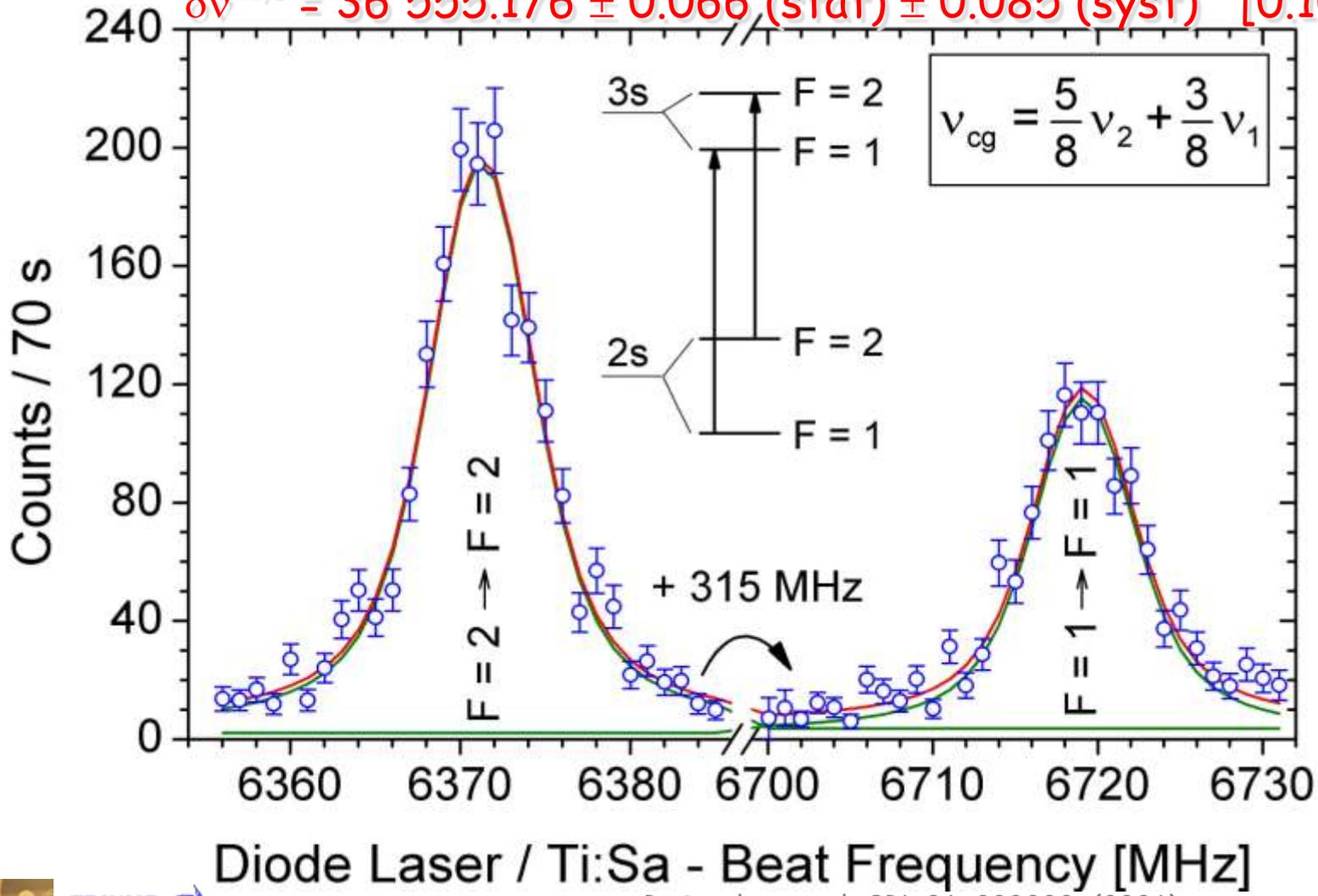
(2) Lithium: Two-Photon Spectroscopy

Experimentally required:
 Accuracy of ~ 200 kHz
 High sensitivity : $\epsilon > 10^{-4}$
 Fast technique: $T_{1/2} \sim 8$ ms

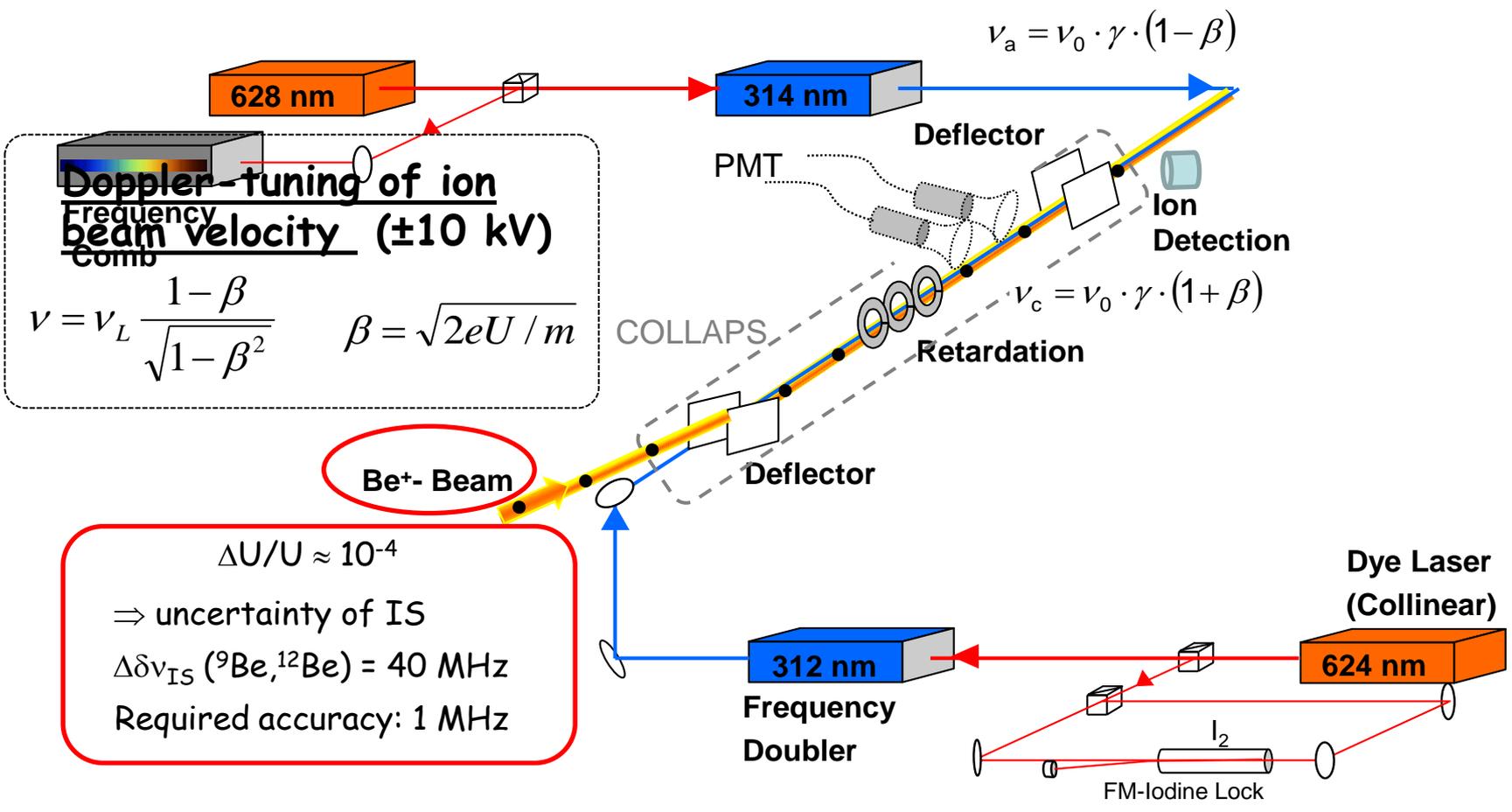


(2) Lithium: ^{11}Li - Spectrum

Yield $\approx 30,000$ $^{11}\text{Li}/\text{s}$
 $\delta v^{11,6} = 36\,555.176 \pm 0.066$ (stat) ± 0.085 (syst) [0.109 total]



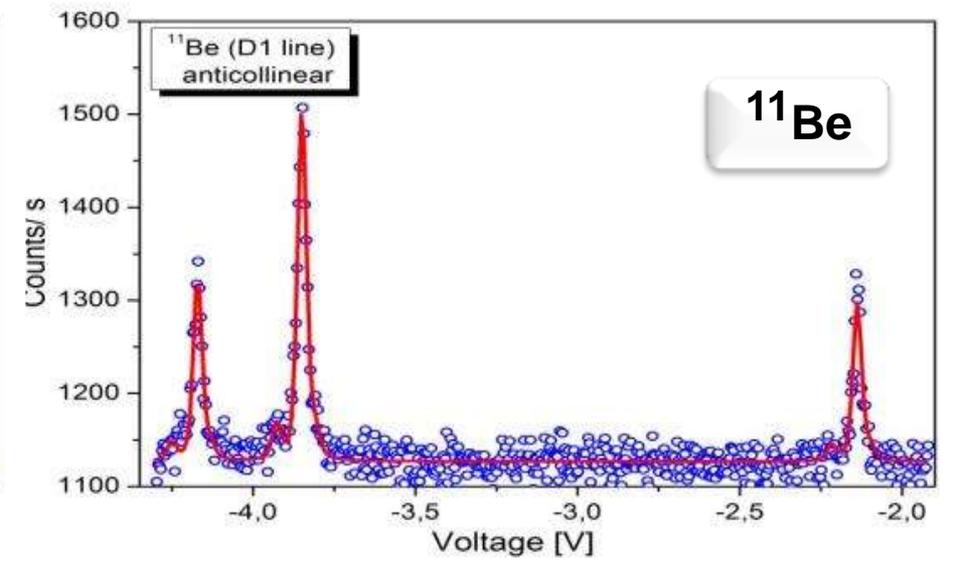
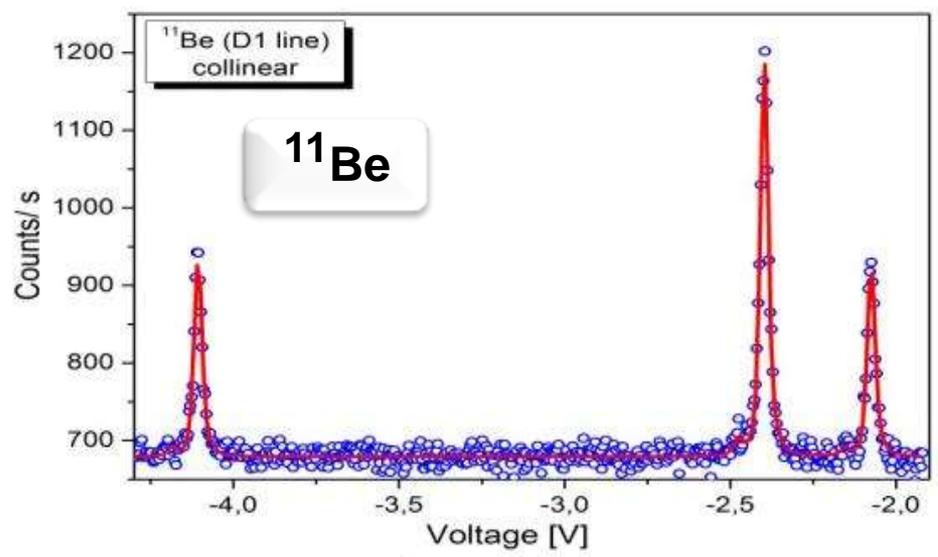
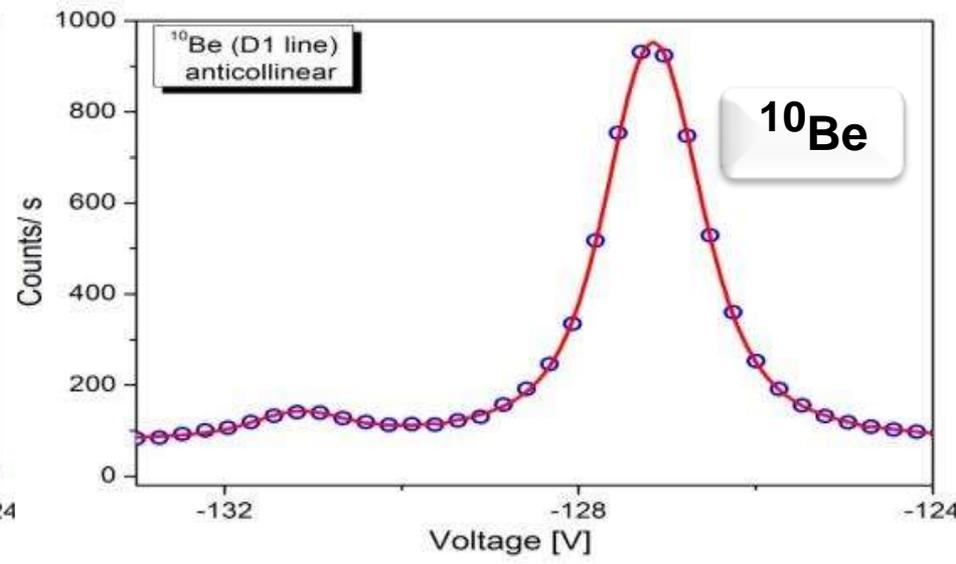
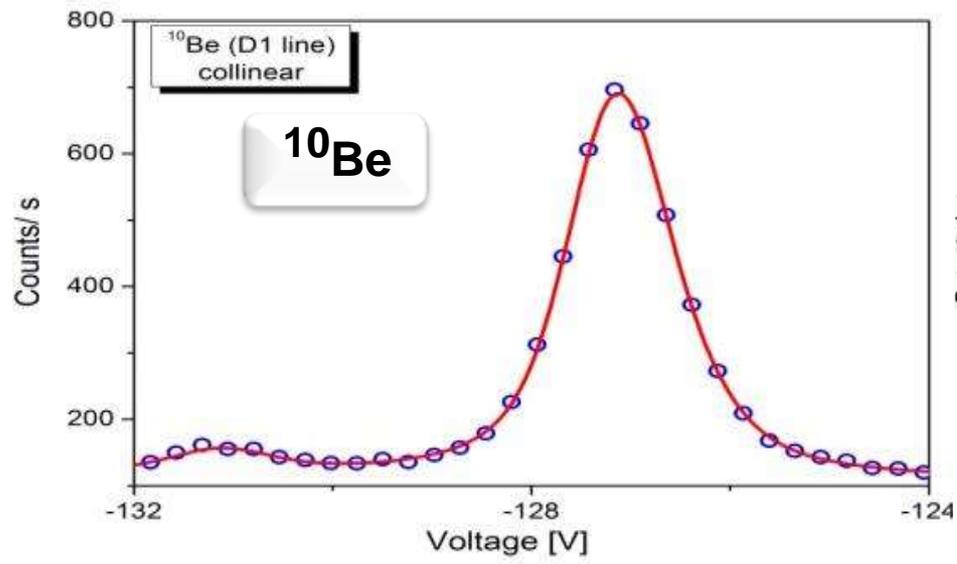
(3) Beryllium: Collinear Laser Spectroscopy



Solution: Quasi-simultaneous collinear-anticollinear arrangement
 Independent of uncertainties in the acceleration voltage!

$$v_a \cdot v_c = v_0^2 \cdot \gamma^2 \cdot (1 - \beta^2) = v_0^2$$

(3) Beryllium: Example Spectra (2010 run)



Total Nuclear Charge Radius

$$R_c(A' \text{Li}) = \sqrt{R_c^2(A \text{Li}) + \delta \langle r_c^2 \rangle^{A, A'}}.$$

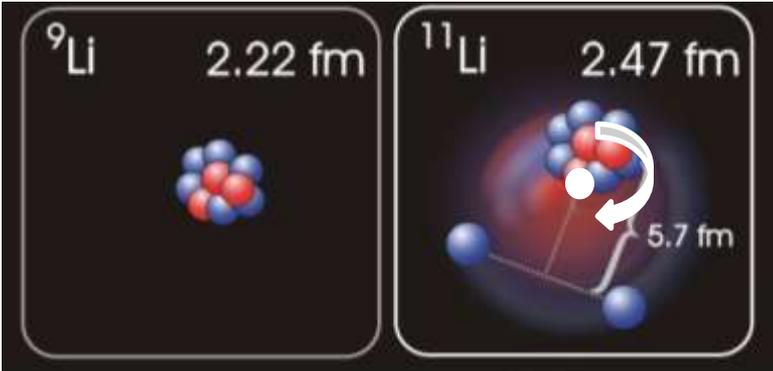
Model-independent data
in most cases not available

Laser Spectroscopy
Isotope Shift
Model independent !

Why bother about R_c ?

- Comparison with theory
- Trend along isotones
e.g. ${}^7\text{Be}$ - ${}^8\text{B}$ (what is the effect of the halo-proton)

Three-Body Model Interpretation



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PhiuZ 40, 96 (2009)

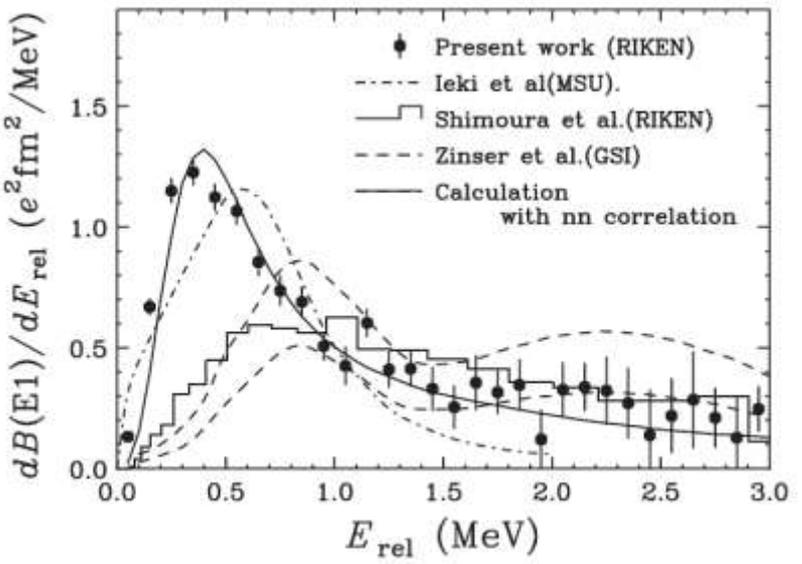
Geometrical Relation of CM-Motion:

$$[r_c(^{11}\text{Li})]^2 = [r_c(^9\text{Li})]^2 + R_{c-CM}^2$$

$$\Rightarrow R_{c-CM}^2 = [r_c(^{11}\text{Li})]^2 - [r_c(^9\text{Li})]^2 = \delta \langle r^2 \rangle^{9,11}$$

$R_{c-2n} = 5.89(3)$ fm Charge Radius

Coulomb Dissociation:



$$B(E1) = \frac{3}{4\pi} \left(\frac{Ze}{A} \right)^2 \langle r_1^2 + r_2^2 + 2r_1 \cdot r_2 \rangle = \frac{3}{\pi} \left(\frac{Ze}{A} \right)^2 \langle r_{c,2n}^2 \rangle$$

$R_{c-2n} = 5.01(32)$ fm Coulomb Dissociation

Using the same approach for ^{11}Be : $R_{c-n} \approx 7$ fm

Uncertainties of r_c from $\delta\langle r_c \rangle$

$$\Delta E^{A,A'} = \left[\left(\frac{\mu}{M} \right)_A - \left(\frac{\mu}{M} \right)_{A'} \right] \left(E_{\text{NR}}^{(1)} + \alpha^2 E_{\text{rel}}^{(1)} + \alpha^3 E_{\text{QED}}^{(1)} \right) \\ + \left[\left(\frac{\mu}{M} \right)_A^2 - \left(\frac{\mu}{M} \right)_{A'}^2 \right] E_{\text{NR}}^{(2)} + \dots + \Delta E_{\text{nuc}}^A - \Delta E_{\text{nuc}}^{A'}$$

(1) Isotope Masses

$$\Delta(\delta v^{7,11}) \approx 2.7 \text{ kHz } (1 \times 10^{-7}) \rightarrow \Delta r_c \approx \pm 0.0007 \text{ fm}$$

(2) Computational Accuracy

$$\Delta(\delta v^{7,11}) \approx 6.4 \text{ kHz } (3 \times 10^{-7}) \rightarrow \Delta r_c \approx \pm 0.0011 \text{ fm}$$

(3) Nuclear Polarizability

$$\Delta(\delta v_{\text{Pol.}}^{7,11}) \approx 4 \text{ kHz } (2 \times 10^{-7}) \rightarrow \Delta r_c \approx \pm 0.0008 \text{ fm}$$

$$\delta v_{\text{Pol.}}^{7,11} = 39 \text{ (4) kHz } (2 \times 10^{-6}) \rightarrow \delta r_c = 0.0047(8) \text{ fm}$$

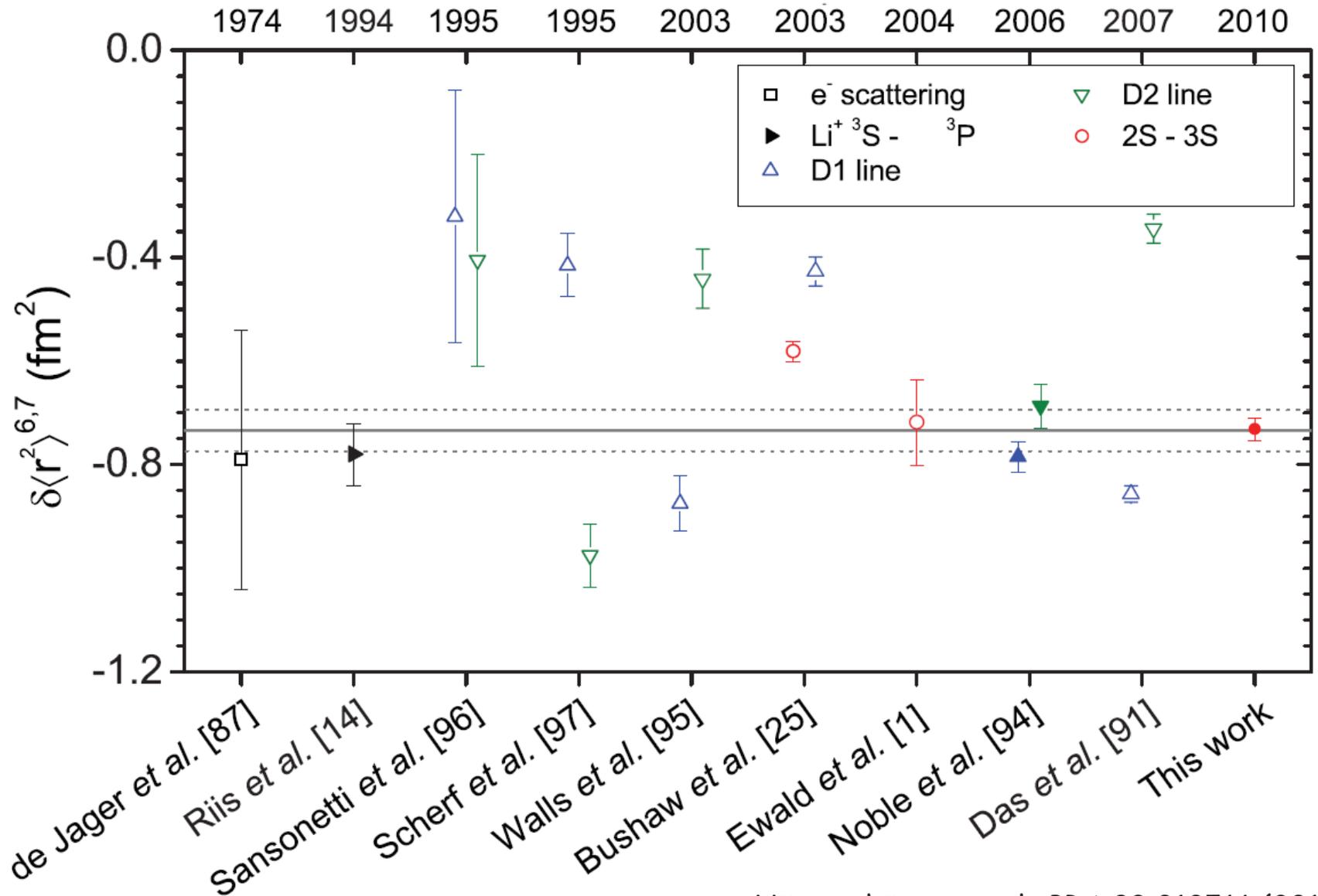
(4) Field Shift Coefficient

$$\Delta C \approx 0.0017 \text{ MHz/fm}^2 (1 \times 10^{-3}) \rightarrow \Delta r_c \approx \pm 0.0001 \text{ fm}$$

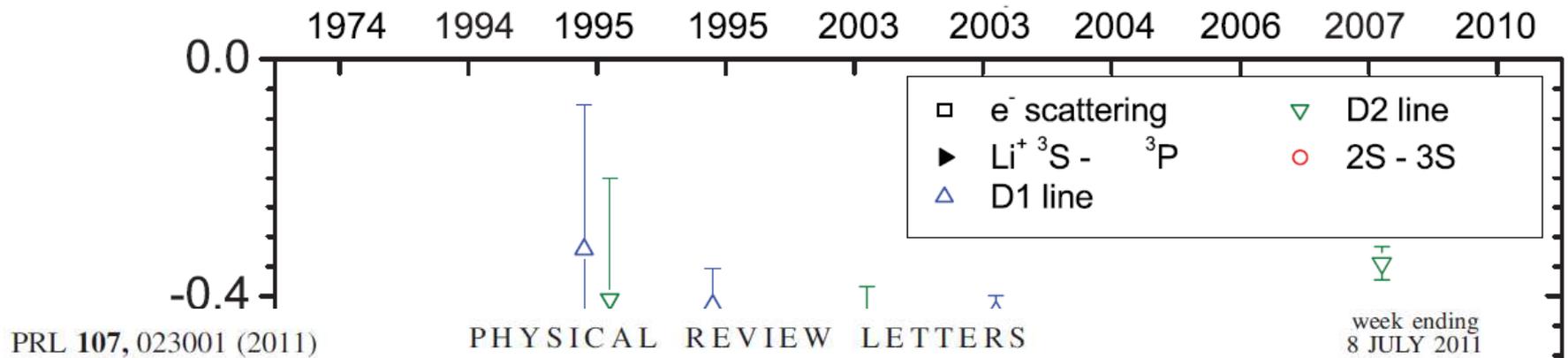
(5) Experimental Uncertainty

$$\Delta v \approx 0.109 \text{ MHz } (3 \times 10^{-6}) \rightarrow \Delta r_c \approx \pm 0.014 \text{ fm}$$

${}^6\text{Li}$ - ${}^7\text{Li}$: Are Isotope Shift Calculations Only Precise or also Accurate



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Absolute Transition Frequencies and Quantum Interference in a Frequency Comb Based Measurement of the ${}^{6,7}\text{Li}$ *D* Lines

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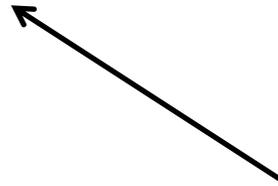
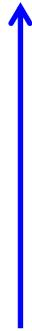
Optical frequencies of the *D* lines of ${}^{6,7}\text{Li}$ were measured with a relative accuracy of 5×10^{-11} using an optical comb synthesizer. Quantum interference in the laser induced fluorescence for the partially resolved *D2* lines was found to produce polarization dependent shifts as large as 1 MHz. Our results resolve large discrepancies among previous experiments and between all experiments and theory. The fine-structure splittings for ${}^6\text{Li}$ and ${}^7\text{Li}$ are 10052.837(22) MHz and 10053.435(21) MHz. The splitting isotope shift is 0.599(30) MHz, in reasonable agreement with recent theoretical calculations.

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Absolute Nuclear Charge Radii

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Laser Spectroscopy
Isotope Shift
Model independent !

Elastic Electron Scattering

${}^4\text{He}$: 1.681 (4) fm,

${}^6\text{Li}$: 2.589 (39) fm

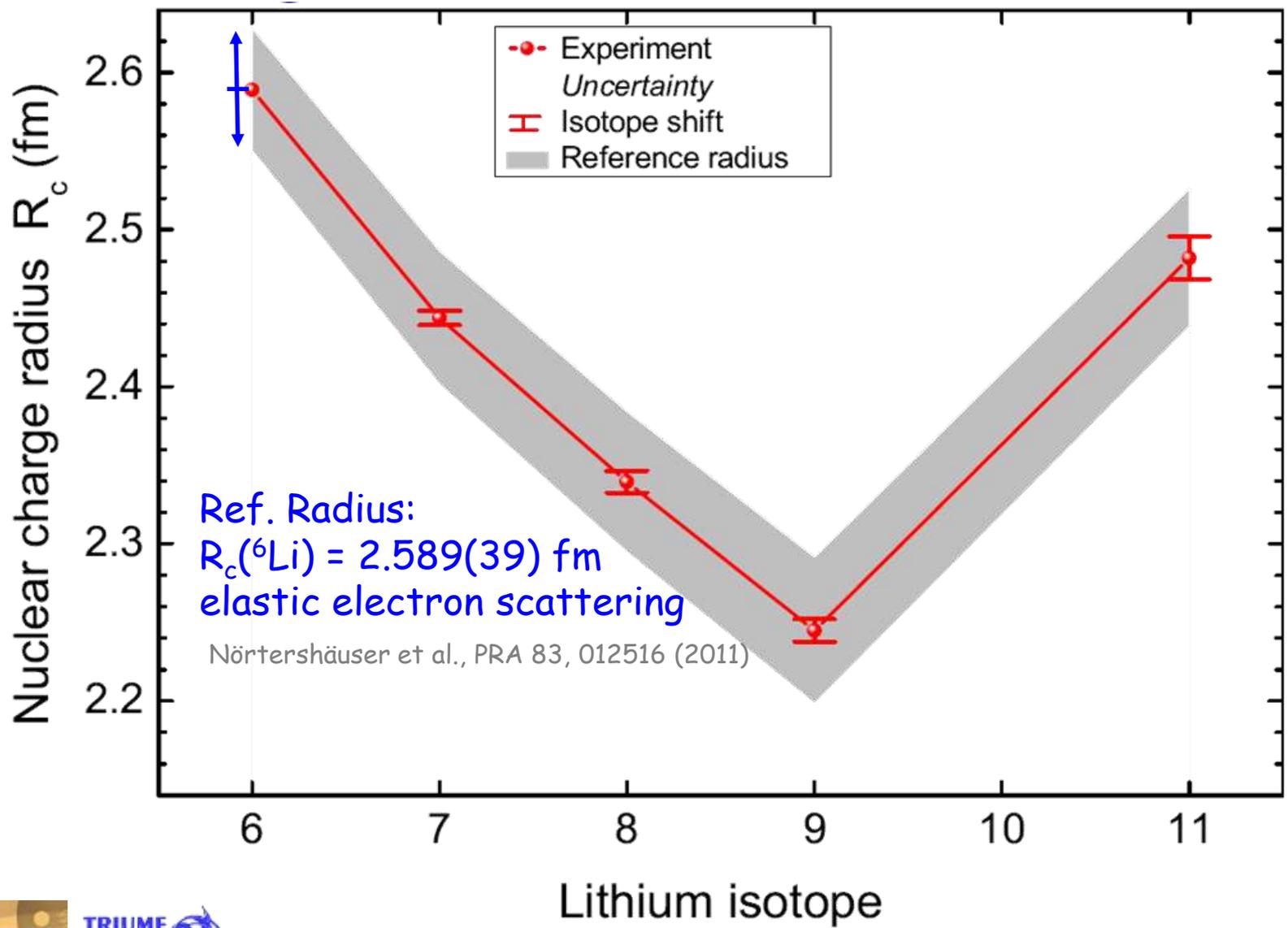
${}^9\text{Be}$: 2.519 (12) fm

Muonic Atoms (X-Ray)

Laser Spectroscopy: Muonic Atoms

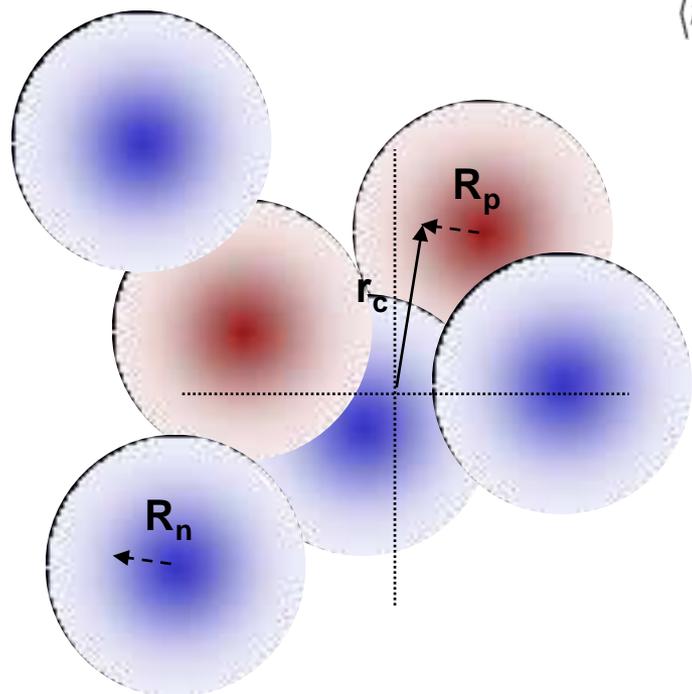
H-Like Systems

Charge Radii of Lithium Isotopes



Calculating rms Charge Radii from Point-Proton Radii

$$\langle r_c^2 \rangle = \langle r_{pp}^2 \rangle + R_p^2 + \frac{N}{Z} R_n^2 + \frac{3\hbar^2}{4M_p^2 c^2} + \langle r_c^2 \rangle_{so} + MEC$$



$$R_p^2 = 0.766(12) \text{ fm}^2$$

$$R_n^2 = -0.120(5) \text{ fm}^2$$

Spin-Orbit Contribution for He:

G. Papadimitriou, *et al.* PRC **84**, 051304(R) (2011)

$$\langle r_c^2 \rangle_{so} = -0.0718 / -0.158 \text{ fm}^2$$

Li isotopes , PRC 84 024307 (2011):

Isotope	Model	$\langle r_c^2 \rangle_{so}^p$ (fm ²)	$\langle r_c^2 \rangle_{so}^n$ (fm ²)
⁶ Li	FMD	+0.006	-0.006
⁷ Li	FMD	+0.012	-0.020
⁸ Li	FMD	+0.011	-0.056
⁹ Li	FMD	+0.021	-0.084
⁹ Li	FMD (VAP)	+0.023	-0.089
¹¹ Li - (<i>p</i> _{1/2}) ²	FMD (VAP)	+0.024	-0.003
¹¹ Li - (<i>s</i> _{1/2}) ²	FMD (VAP)	+0.023	-0.088
⁹ Li (free)	TOSM ^a	+0.026	-0.091
⁹ Li in ¹¹ Li	TOSM ^b	+0.026	-0.097
2 <i>n</i> halo in ¹¹ Li	TOSM ^c		+0.052
¹¹ Li	TOSM ^d	+0.026	-0.045
2 <i>n</i> halo in ¹¹ Li	3BM ^e		+0.048

Charge Radius Contributions

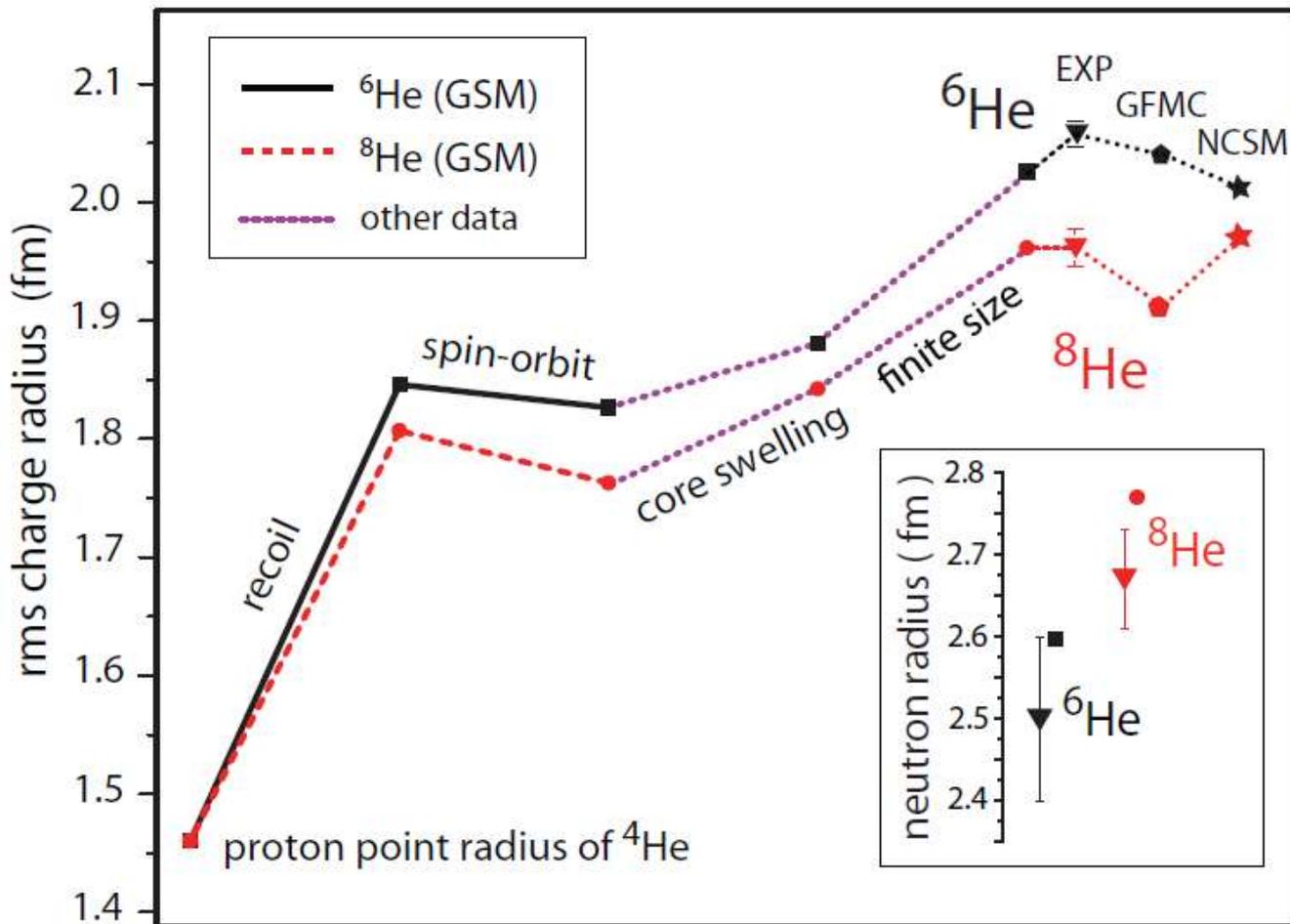
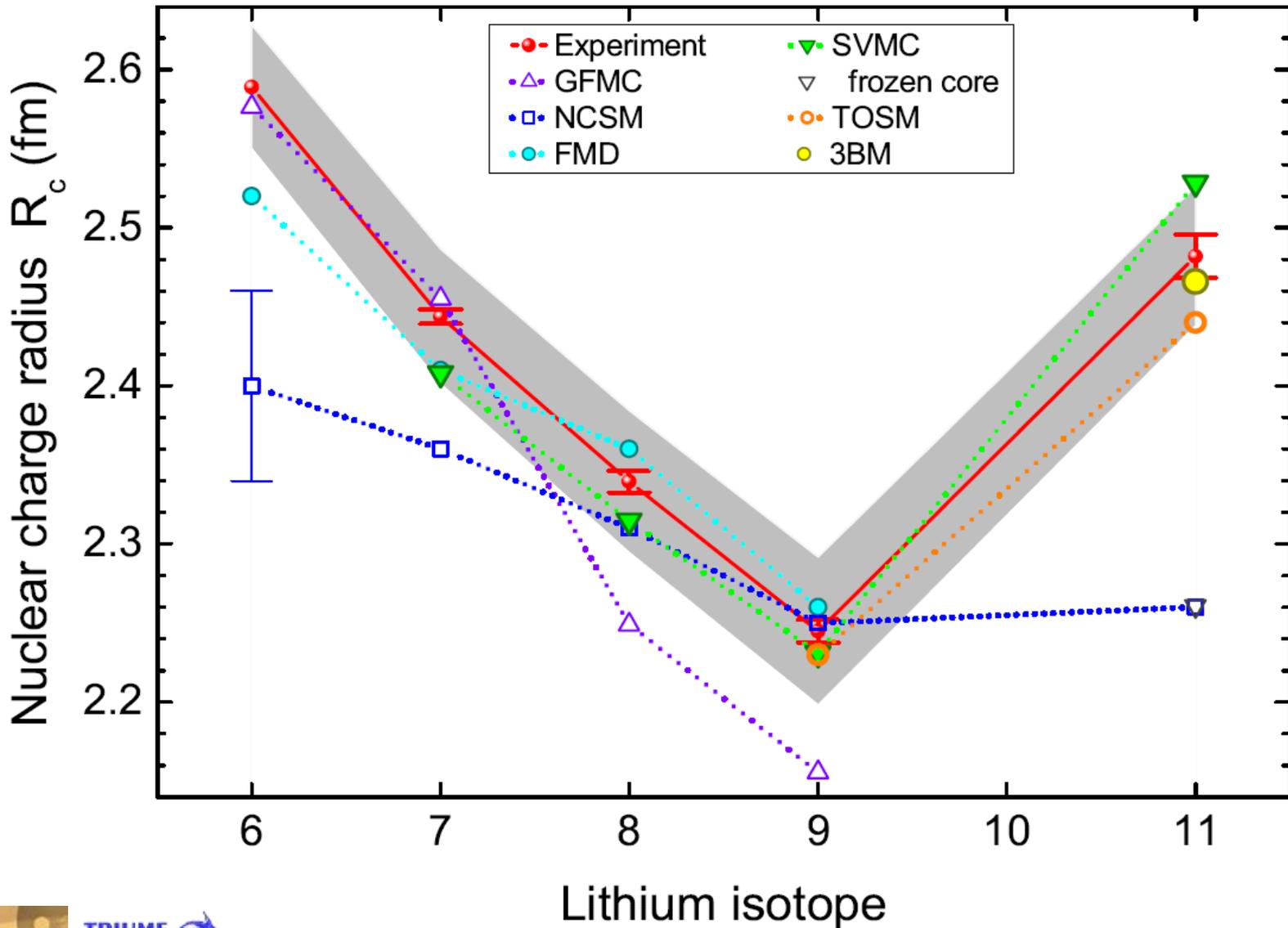
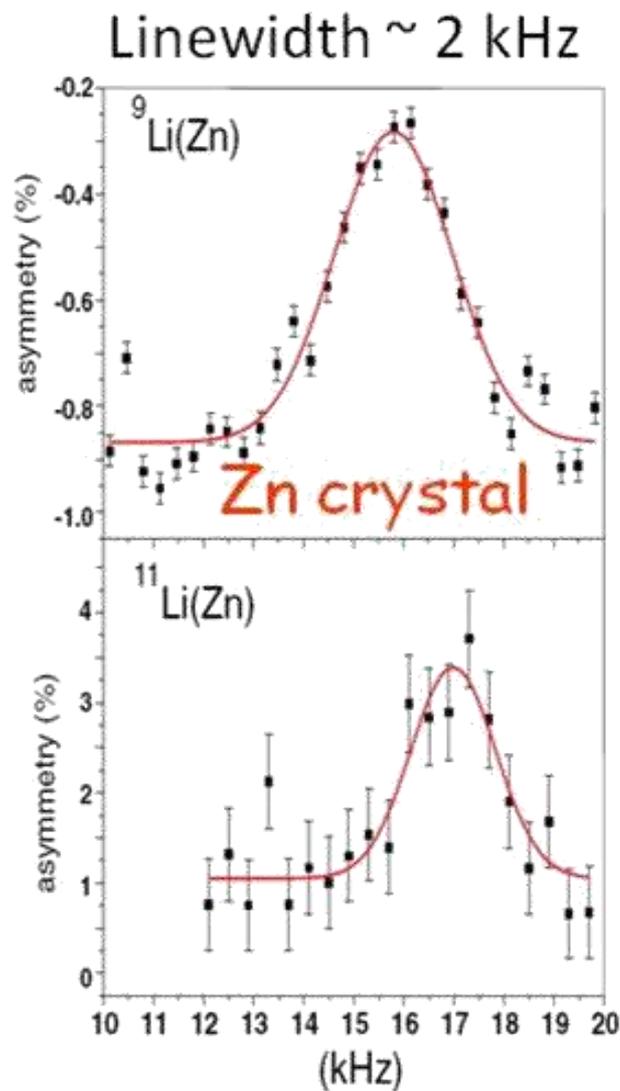


Fig. 4 from G. Papadimitriou, *et al.* PRC **84**, 051304(R) (2011)
(core swelling from GFMC)

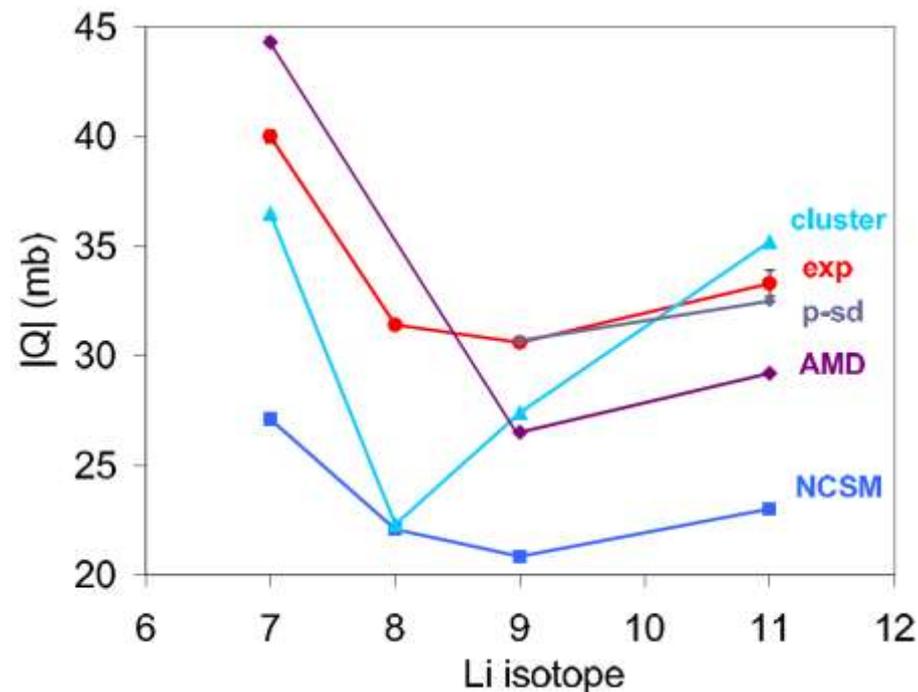
Charge Radii of Lithium Isotopes



The Quadrupole Moment of ^{11}Li



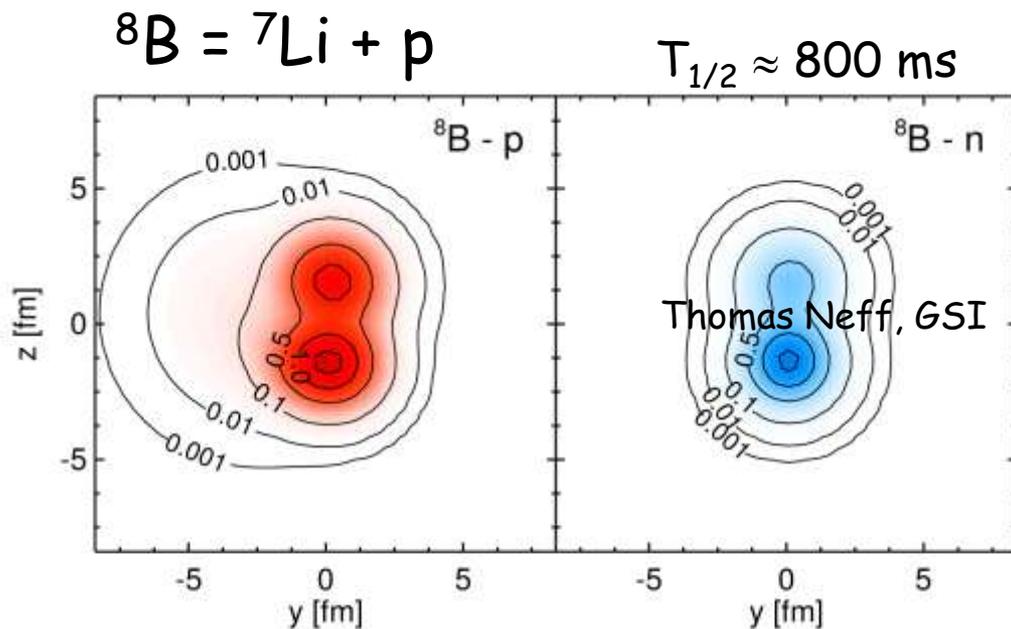
$$Q(^{11}\text{Li})/Q(^9\text{Li}) = 1.088(15)$$



All approaches predict an increase
of Q from ^9Li to ^{11}Li :
Effect of larger R_c or
or
(quadrupole) core polarization

Next Light Element: Boron (Z=4)

${}^8\text{B}$ is the best proton-halo candidate !



BUT ...

Mass shift calculations
only available for B^{2+} or
higher charge states

Laser-accessible
transition: He-like B^{3+}

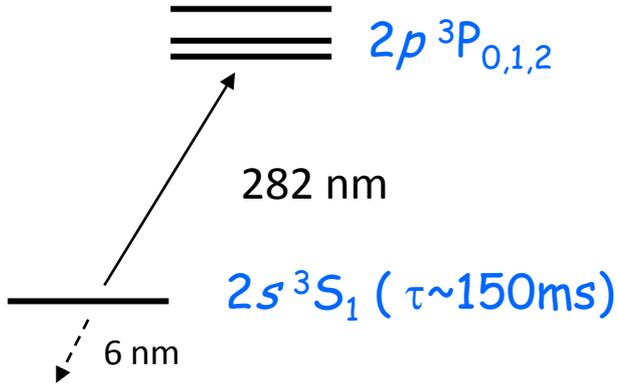
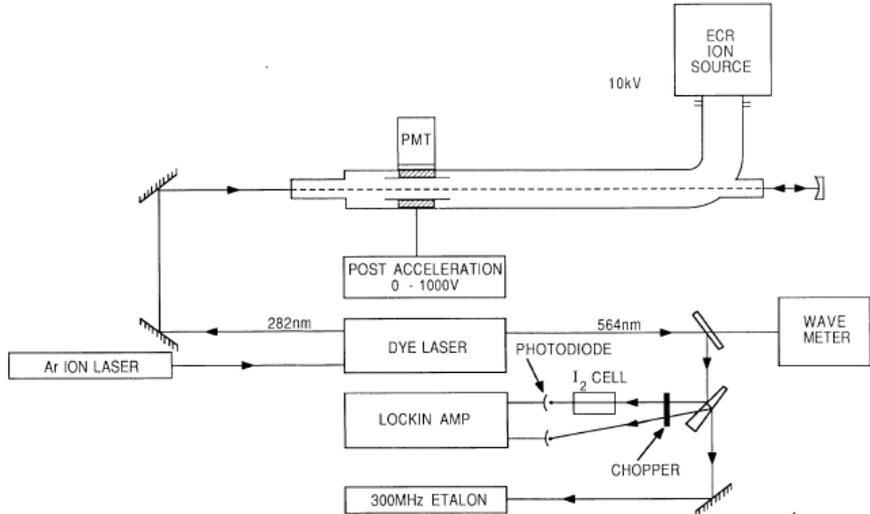
Starting from
metastable state
 $\tau (1s2s \ ^3S_1) \sim 150 \text{ ms}$

In-flight production
required

Approach for Boron

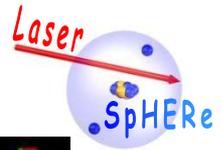
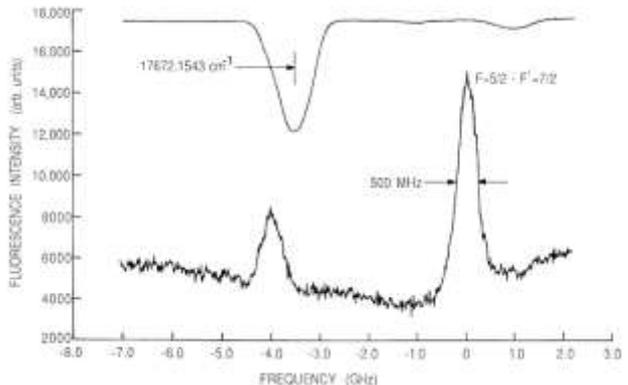
Precision Measurements of Relativistic and QED Effects in Heliumlike Boron

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Collinear laser spectroscopy of metastable, helium-like B³⁺ from an ECR

- In-flight production at ATLAS
- Stop, low energy B⁺ -> source
 ... gas catcher + ECR
- Charge breeding
 ... to B³⁺ or B⁴⁺
- Populate metastable state
 ... in source or charge-ex.
- High-resolution laser excitation
 ... coll.-anticoll., Λ -Spectroscopy



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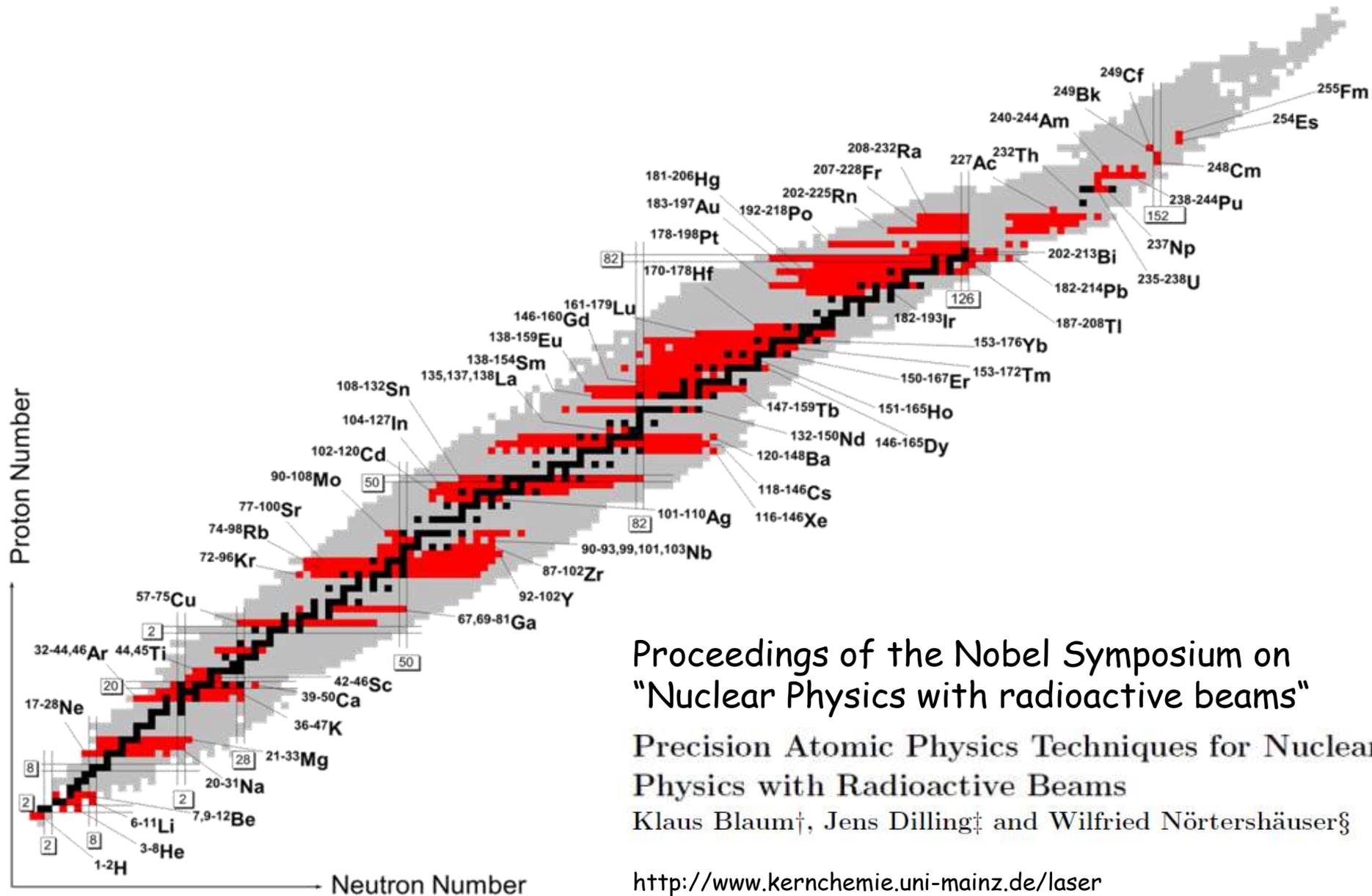
Conclusion

- Laser Spectroscopy of short-lived light isotopes provides accurate data of nuclear ground-state properties
- Results along isotopic chains are benchmarks for nuclear structure models
- For neutron-halo nuclei, changes in nuclear charge radii are dominated by recoil effects
- Unambiguous proof for a proton halo is still missing → Spectroscopy on ${}^8\text{B}$ required

The field has seen tremendous progress in atomic theory
... but further improvements are required !

- Specific mass shift constants, field shift constants, and hyperfine fields for more complicated systems with good accuracy
- Absolute nuclear charge radii from transition frequencies

Laser Spectroscopy of Short-Lived Isotopes



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