



The Lamb shift, 'proton charge radius puzzle' etc.

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 - *electron-proton scattering*
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 - *magnetic radius*



Electromagnetic interaction and structure of the proton

Quantum

electrodynamics:

- kinematics of photons;
- kinematics, structure and dynamics of leptons;
- hadrons as compound objects:

- *hadron structure*

- *affects details of interactions;*
- *not calculable, to be measured;*
- *space distribution of charge and magnetic moment;*
- *form factors (in momentum space).*



Atomic energy levels and the proton radius

- Proton structure affects
 - the Lamb shift
 - the hyperfine splitting
- The Lamb shift in hydrogen and muonic hydrogen
 - splits $2s_{1/2}$ & $2p_{1/2}$
 - The proton finite size contribution
 - $\sim (Z\alpha) R_p^2 |\Psi(0)|^2$
 - shifts all s states



Different methods to determine the proton charge radius

- *Spectroscopy of hydrogen (and deuterium)*

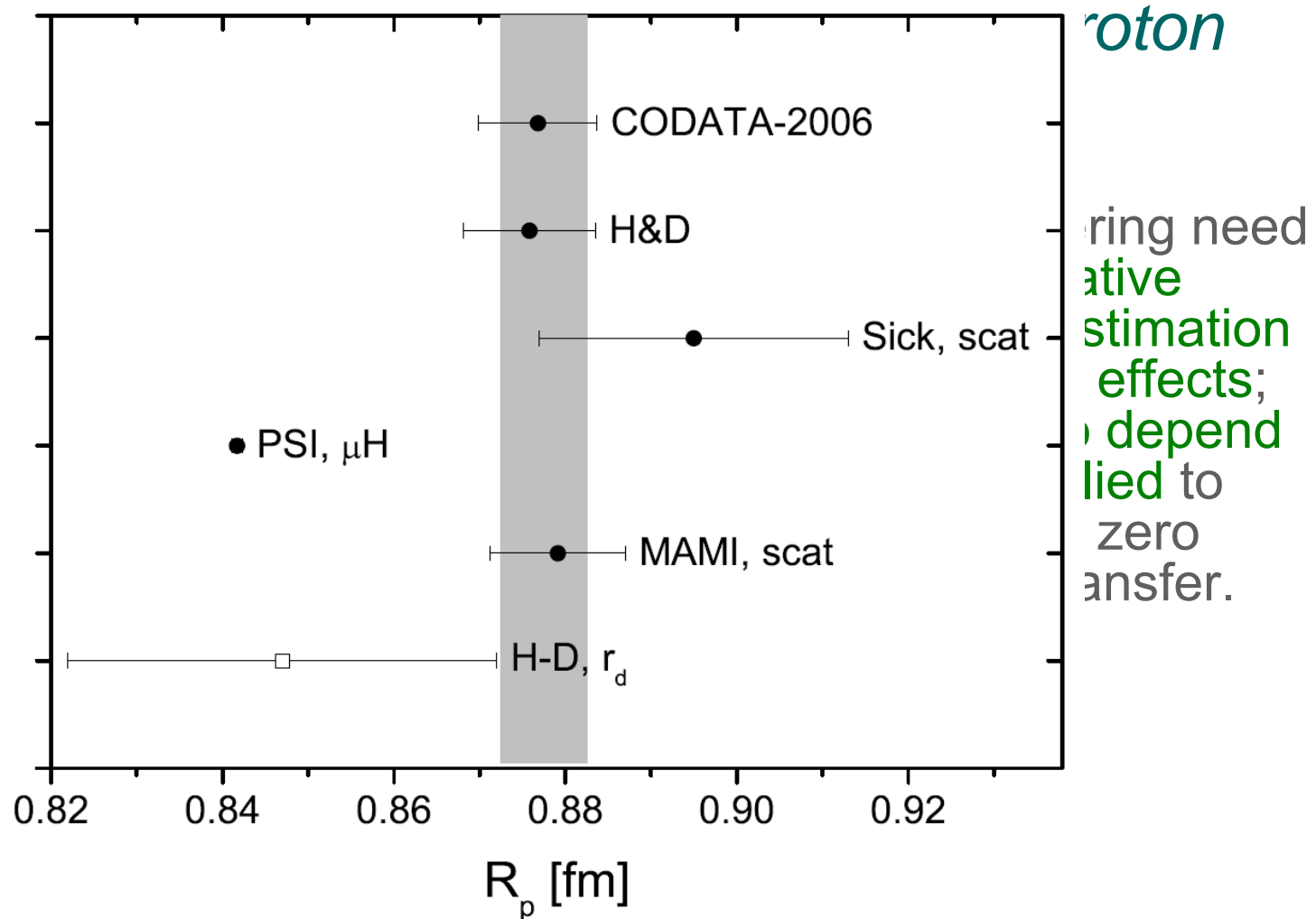
- *The Lamb shift in muonic hydrogen*

Spectroscopy produces a model-independent result, but involves a lot of theory and/or a bit of modeling.

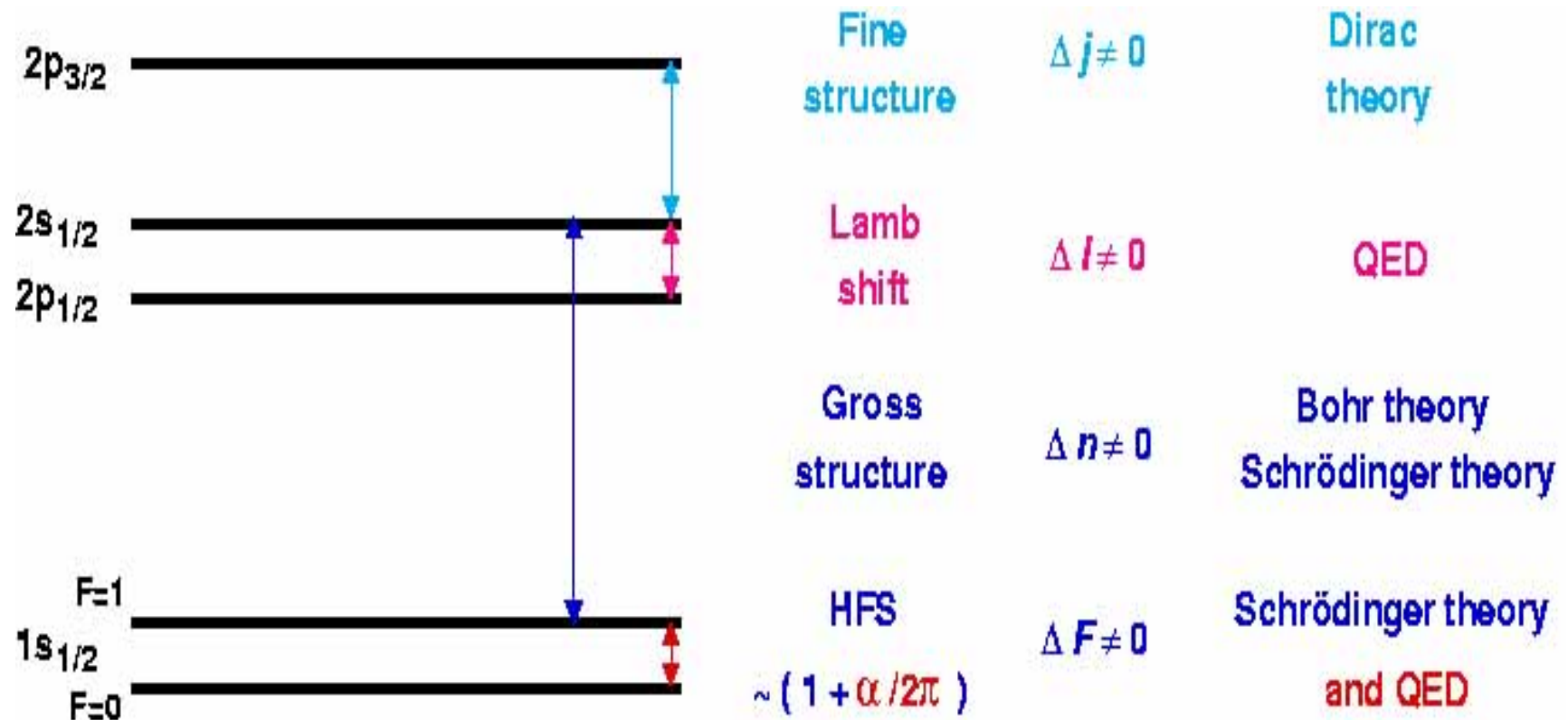
- *Electron-proton scattering*

Studies of scattering need theory of radiative corrections, estimation of two-photon effects; the result is to depend on model applied to extrapolate to zero momentum transfer.

Different methods to determine the proton charge radius



Energy levels in the hydrogen atom





Three fundamental spectra:

$$n = 2$$

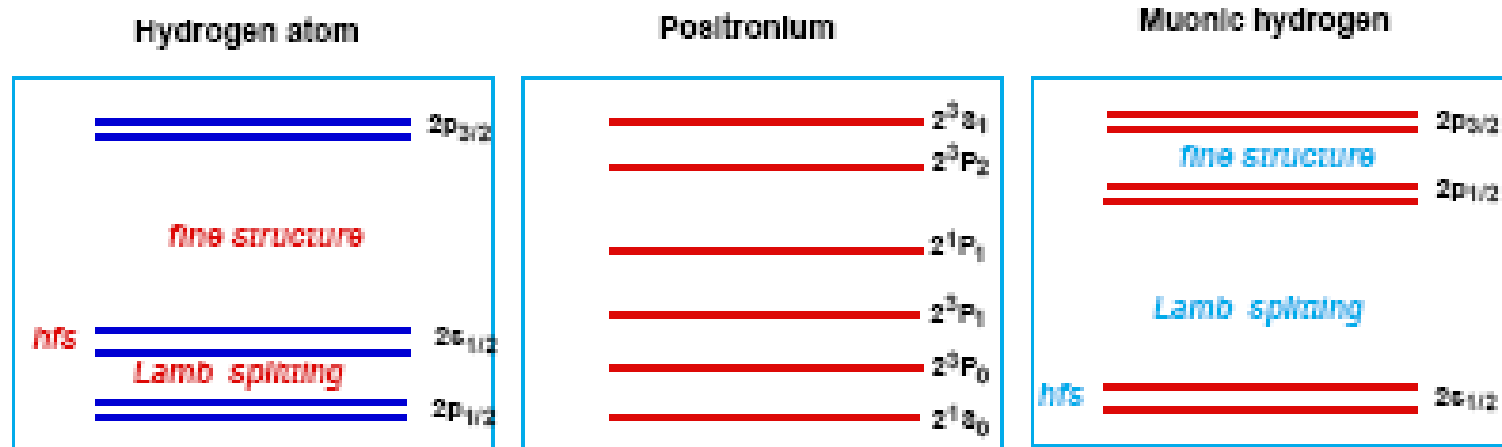


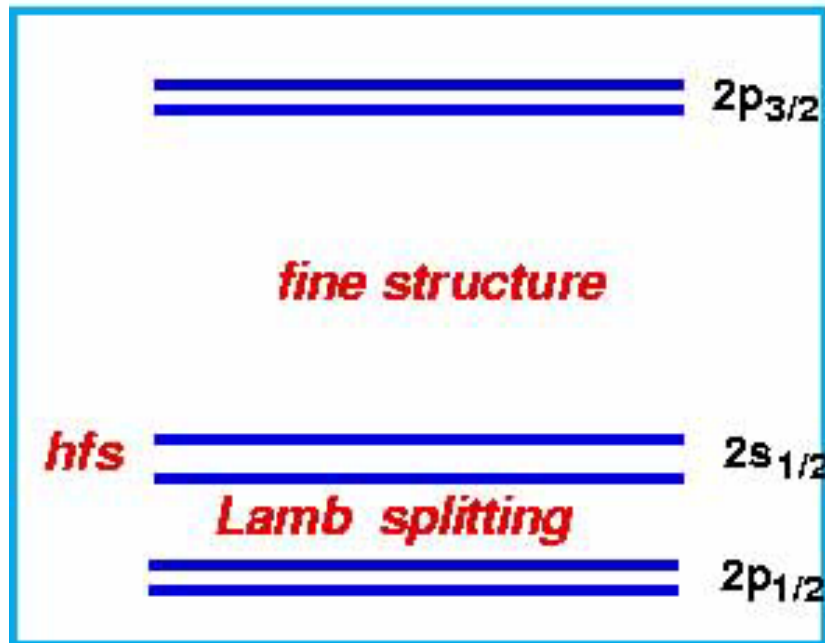
Fig. 6. Scheme of the lowest excited levels ($n = 2$) in different simple atoms (not to scale).



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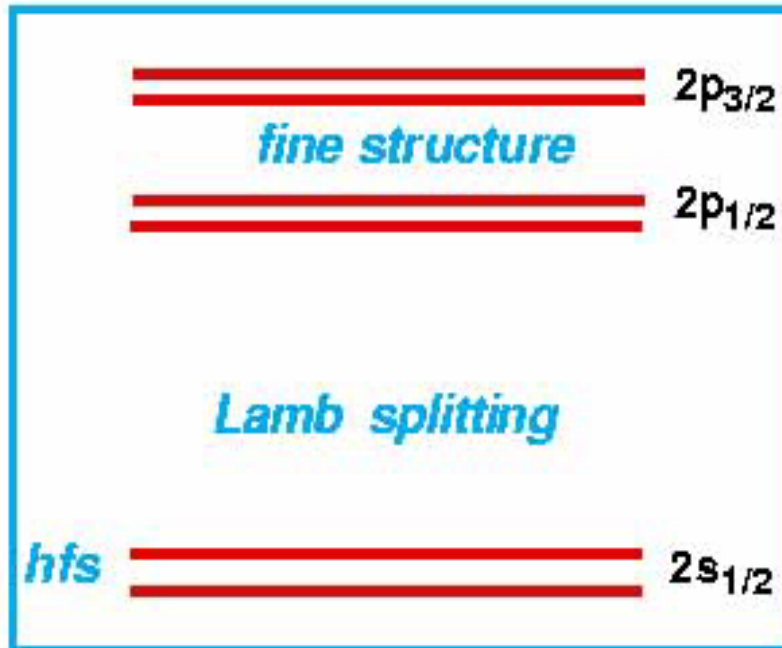


- The dominant effect is the **fine structure**.
- The **Lamb shift** is about 10% of the fine structure.
- The 2p line **width** (not shown) is about 10% of the Lamb shift.
- The 2s **hyperfine structure** is about 15% of the Lamb shift.

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Muonic hydrogen

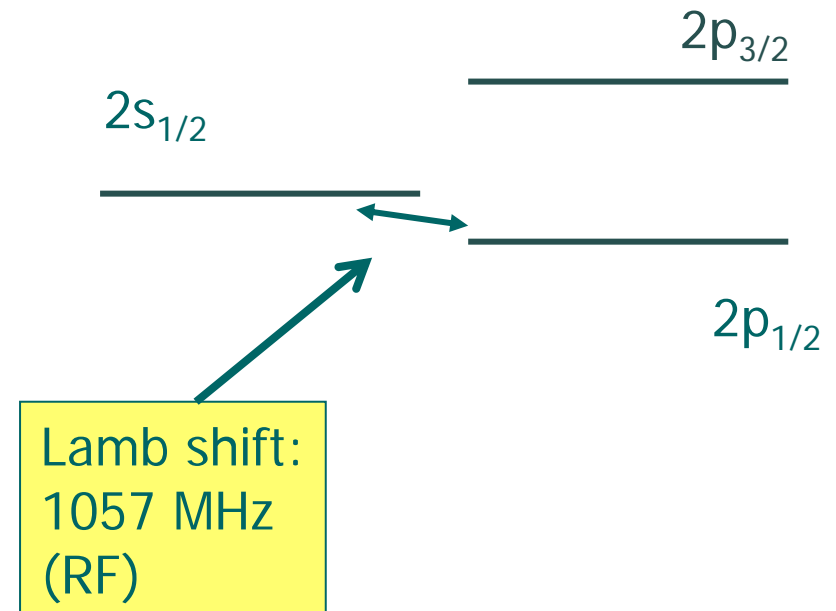


- The Lamb shift originating from vacuum polarization effects dominates over fine structure (4% of the Lamb shift).
- The **fine** structure is larger than radiative line width.
- The **HFS** is more important than in hydrogen; it is $\sim 10\%$ of the fine structure (because $m_{\mu}/m_p \sim 1/9$).



QED tests in microwave

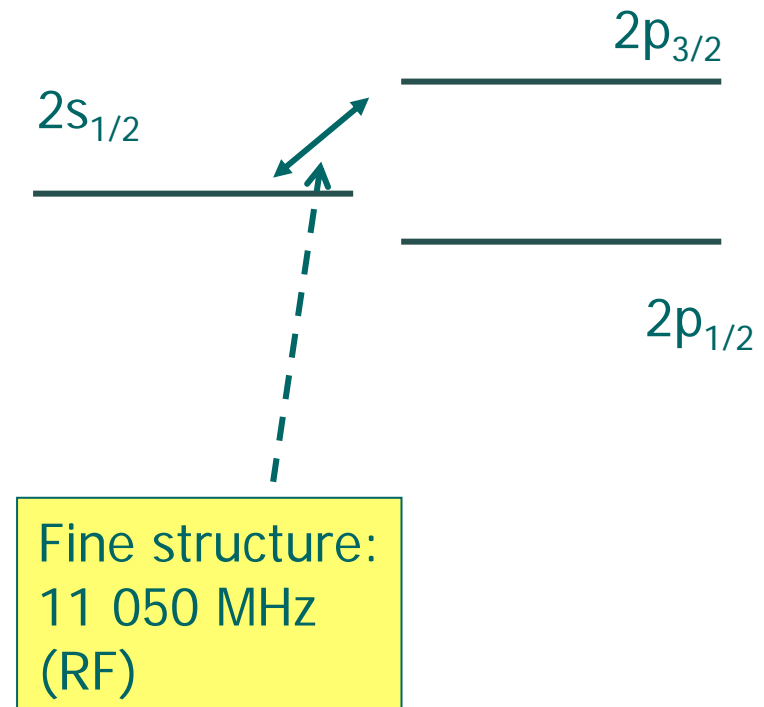
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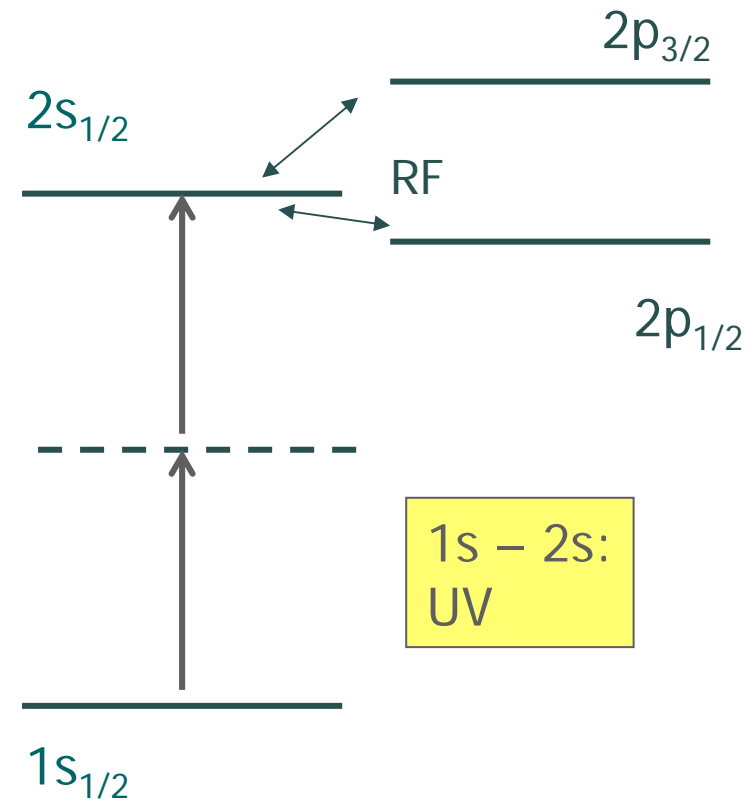
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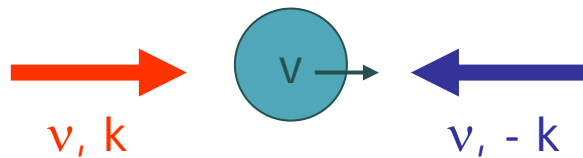
QED tests in microwave & optics

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- *However, the best result for the Lamb shift has been obtained up to now from UV transitions (such as $1s - 2s$).*



Two-photon Doppler-free spectroscopy of hydrogen atom

Two-photon spectroscopy



is free of linear Doppler effect.

That makes cooling relatively not too important problem.

All states but 2s are broad because of the E1 decay.

The widths decrease with increase of n .

However, higher levels are badly accessible.

Two-photon transitions double frequency and allow to go higher.



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The Lamb shift in the hydrogen atom

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A theoretical expression is derived for the difference $\Delta E_L(1s_{1/2}) - 8\Delta E_L(2s_{1/2})$ in Lamb shifts

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The Lamb shift of excited S-levels in hydrogen and deuterium atoms

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Theory of p and d states is also simple.

That leaves only **two** variables to determine: the 1s Lamb shift L_{1s} & R_{∞} .

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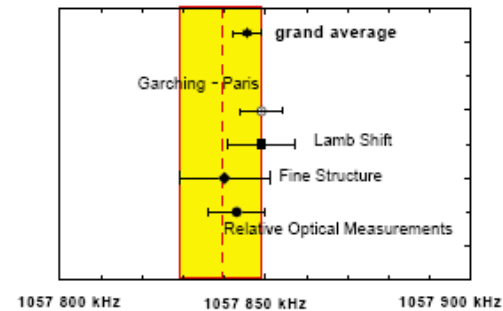
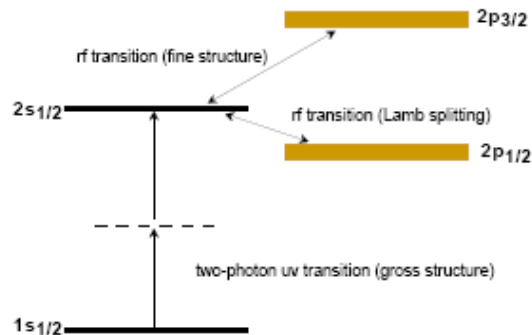


Fig. 9. Measurement of the Lamb shift in the hydrogen atom. The most accurate experimental result comes from a comparison of the $1s - 2s$ interval measured at MPQ (Garching) [38] and the $2s - ns/d$ intervals at LKB (Paris) [39], where $n = 8, 10, 12$ (see also [33] for detail). Three more results are shown for the average values extracted from direct *Lamb shift* measurements, measurements of the *fine structure* and a comparison of *two optical* transitions within a *single* experiment (i.e., a relative optical measurement). The filled part is for theory. Theory and evaluation of the experimental data are presented according to Ref. [36].

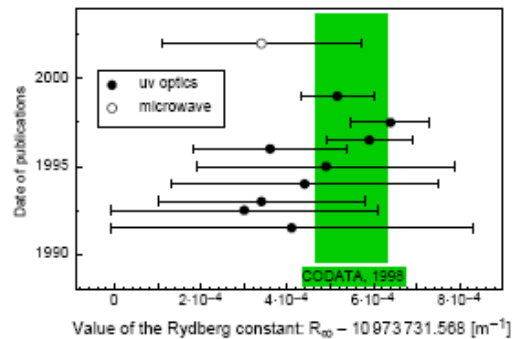


Fig. 8. Progress in determination of the Rydberg constant by means of two-photon Doppler-free spectroscopy of hydrogen and deuterium. The label *CODATA* stands for the recommended value of the Rydberg constant $R_\infty(1998)$ [21] from Eq. (12). The most recent original value is a preliminary result from MIT obtained by microwave means [37].



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Precision physics of simple atoms: QED tests, nuclear structure and fundamental constants

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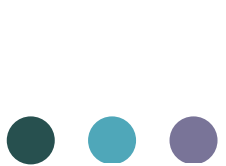


Lamb shift ($2s_{1/2} - 2p_{1/2}$) in the hydrogen atom

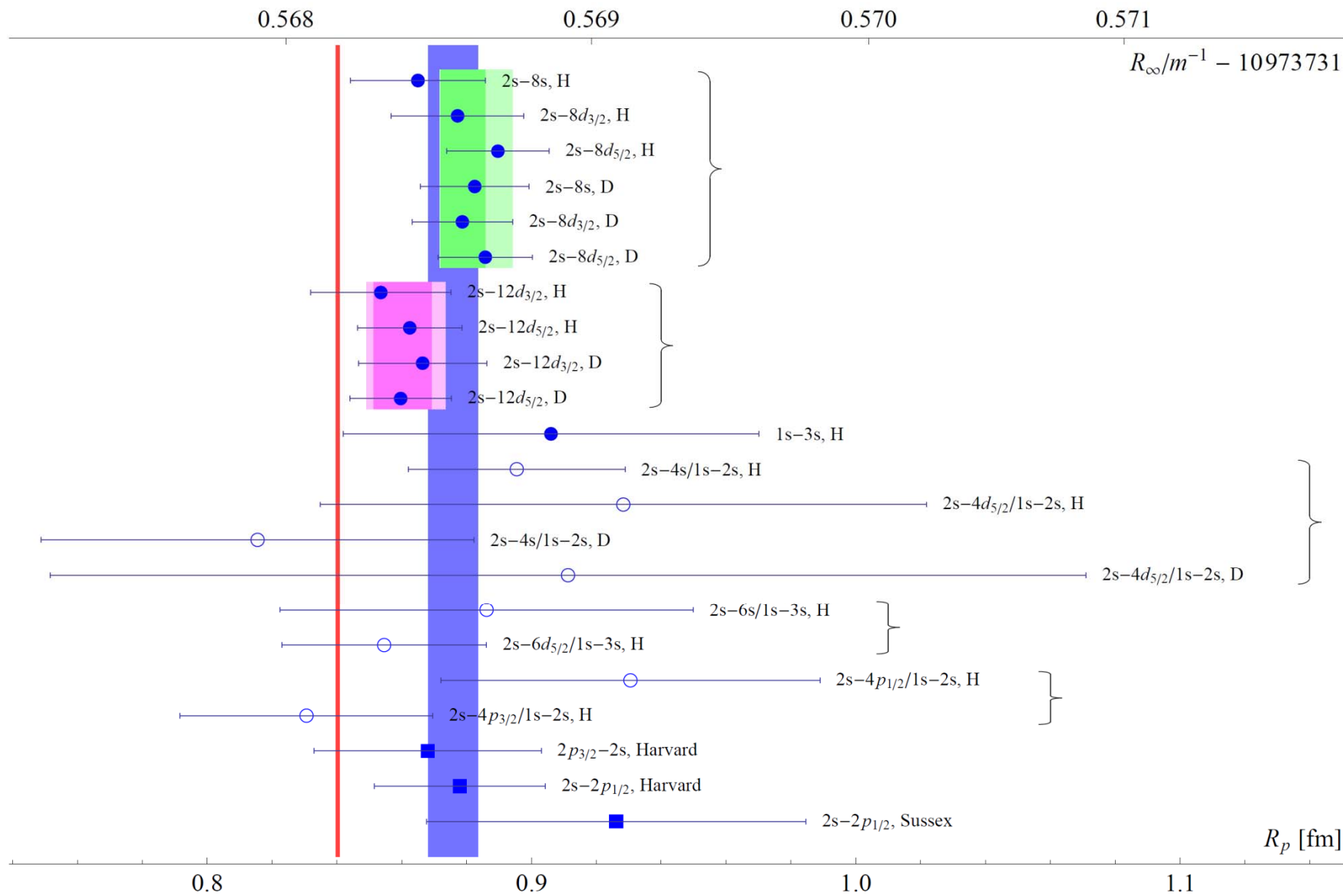
Uncertainties:

- Experiment: 2 ppm
- QED: < 1 ppm
- Proton size: 2 ppm

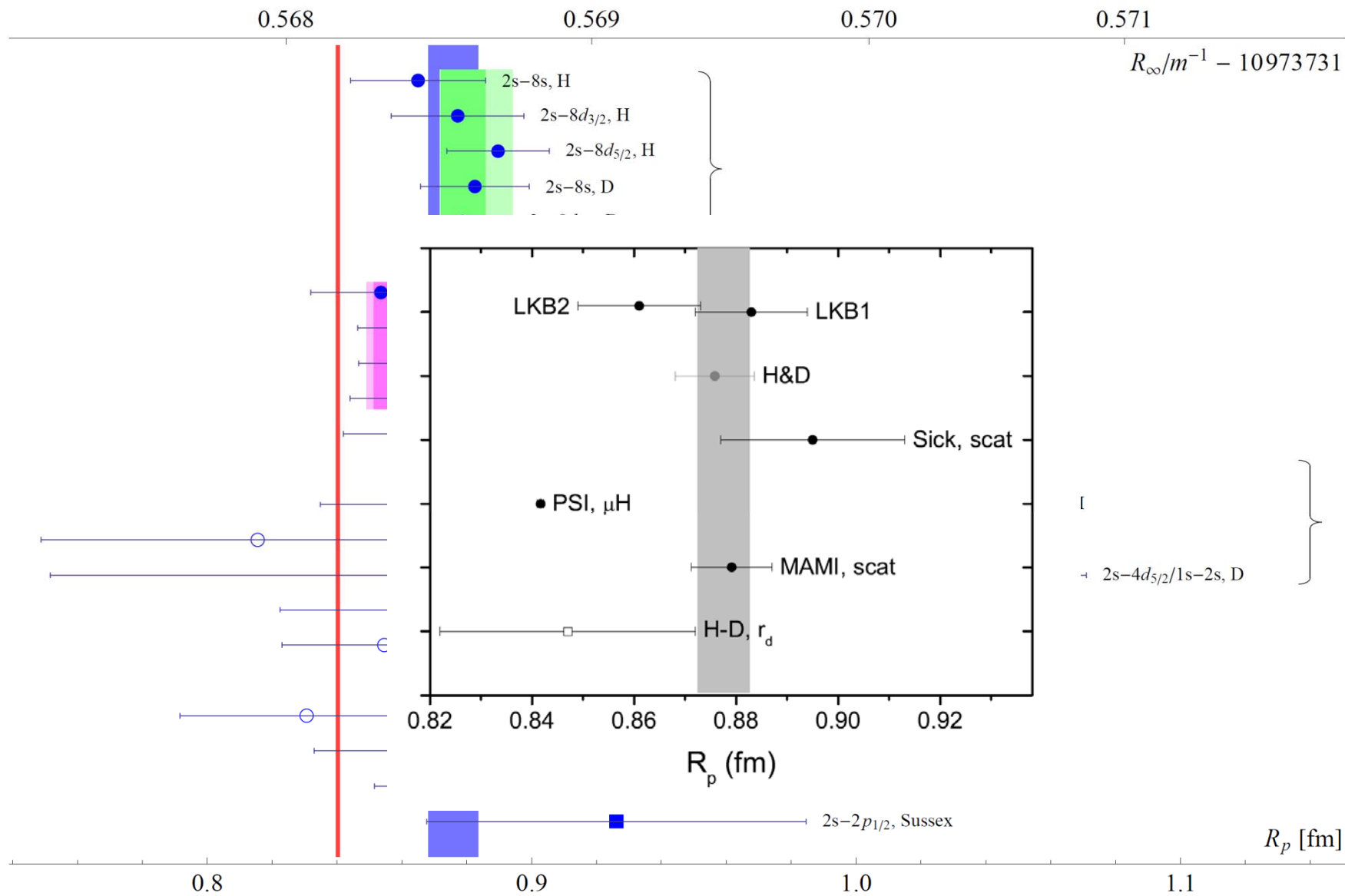
There are data on a number of transitions, but most of them are correlated.



Proton radius from hydrogen

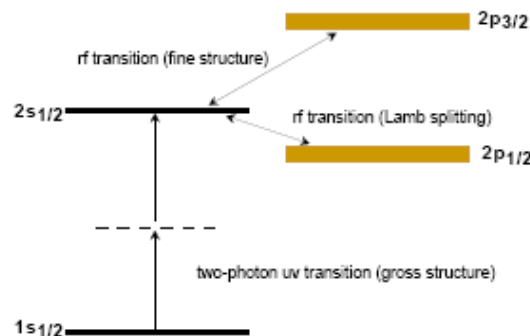


Proton radius from hydrogen



The Lamb shift in muonic hydrogen

- Used to believe: *since a muon is heavier than an electron, muonic atoms are more sensitive to the nuclear structure.*
- Not quite true. What is important: **scaling of various contributions with m .**
- Scaling of contributions
 - nuclear finite size effects: $\sim m^3$;
 - standard Lamb-shift QED and its uncertainties: $\sim m$;
 - width of the $2p$ state: $\sim m$;
 - nuclear finite size effects for HFS: $\sim m^3$



The Lamb shift in muonic hydrogen: experiment

The size of the proton

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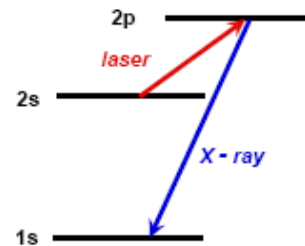


Fig. 16. Level scheme of the PSI experiment on the Lamb shift in a muonic hydrogen [88] (not to scale). The hyperfine structure is not shown.

The Lamb shift in muonic hydrogen: experiment

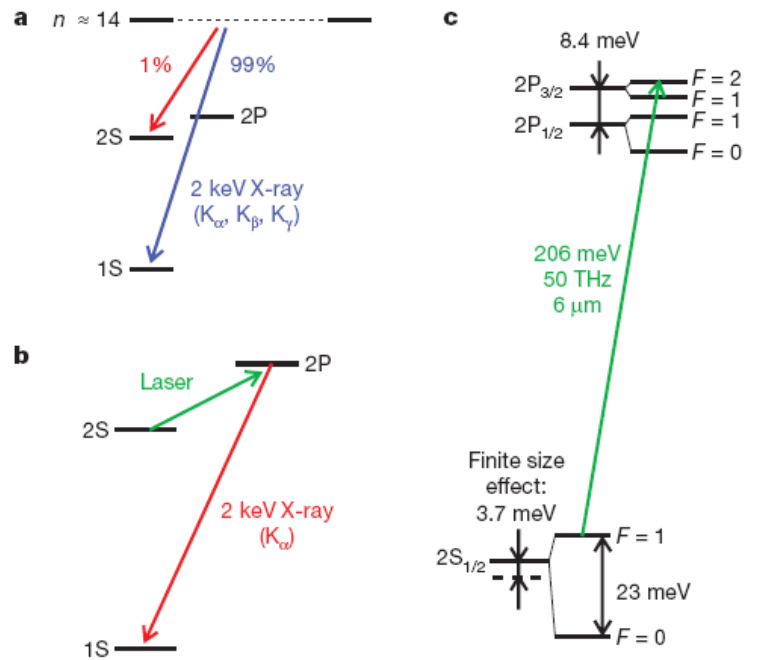


Figure 1 | Energy levels, cascade and experimental principle in muonic hydrogen. **a**, About 99% of the muons proceed directly to the 1S ground state during the muonic cascade, emitting ‘prompt’ K-series X-rays (blue). 1% remain in the metastable 2S state (red). **b**, The $\mu p(2S)$ atoms are illuminated 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 $\lambda = 6 \mu\text{m}$.

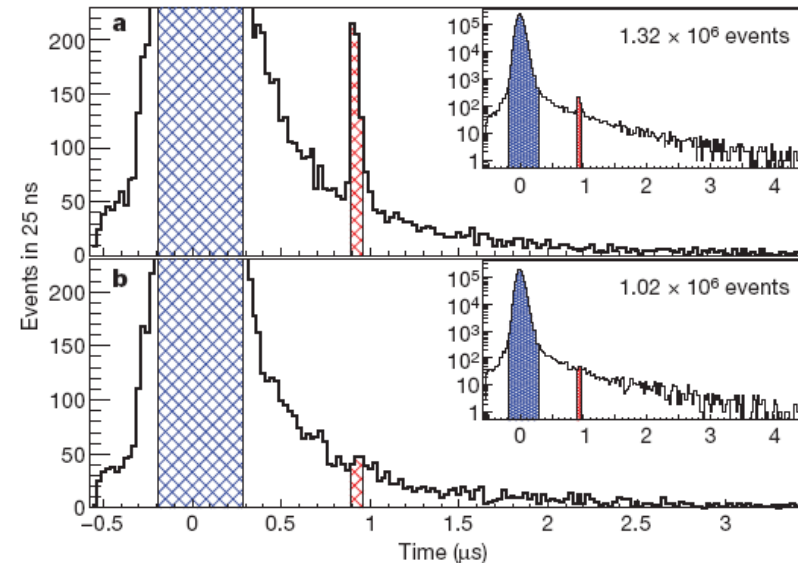


Figure 4 | Summed X-ray time spectra. Spectra were recorded on resonance **(a)** and off resonance **(b)**. The laser light illuminates the muonic atoms in the laser time window $t \in [0.887, 0.962] \mu\text{s}$ indicated in red. The ‘prompt’ X-rays are marked in blue (see text and Fig. 1). Inset, plots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

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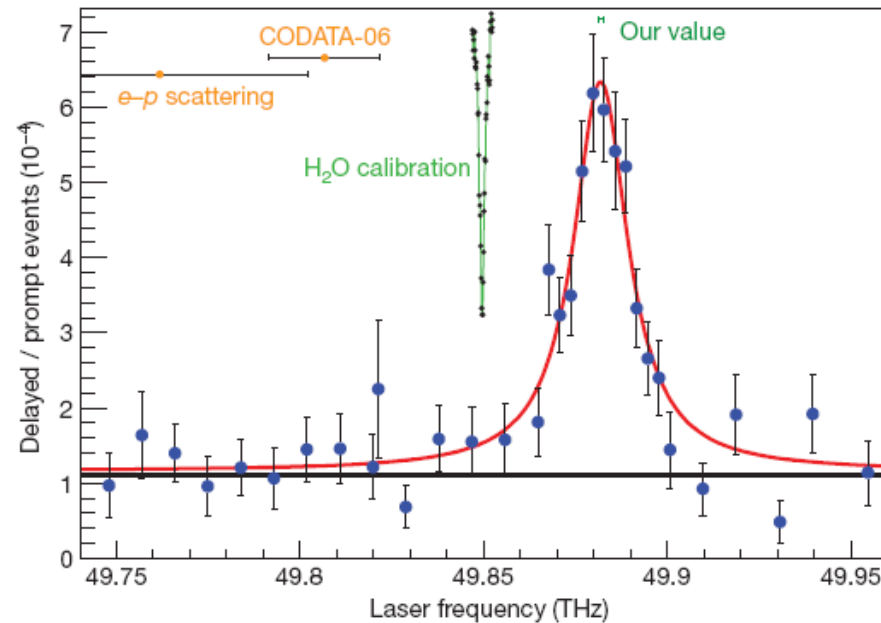


Figure 5 | Resonance. Filled blue circles, number of events in the laser time window normalized to the number of ‘prompt’ events as a function of the laser frequency. The fit (red) is a Lorentzian on top of a flat background, and gives a $\chi^2/\text{d.f.}$ of 28.1/28. The predictions for the line position using the proton radius from CODATA³ or electron scattering^{1,2} are indicated (yellow data points, top left). Our result is also shown (‘our value’). All error bars are the ± 1 s.d. regions. One of the calibration measurements using water absorption is also shown (black filled circles, green line).



The Lamb shift in muonic hydrogen: theory

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			Value	Unc.	Value	Unc.	Value	Unc.
1	NR One loop electron VP	1,2			205.0074			
2	Relativistic correction (corrected)	1-3,5			0.0169			
3	Relativistic one loop VP	5	205.0282				205.0282	
4	NR two-loop electron VP	5,14	1.5081		1.5079		1.5081	
5	Polarization insertion in two Coulomb lines	1,2,5	0.1509		0.1509		0.1510	
6	NR three-loop electron VP	11	0.00529					
7	Polarisation insertion in two and three Coulomb lines (corrected)	11,12	0.00223					
8	Three-loop VP (total, uncorrected)				0.0076		0.00761	
9	Wichmann-Kroll	5,15,16	-0.00103				-0.00103	
10	Light by light electron loop contribution (Virtual Delbrück scattering)	6	0.00135	0.00135			0.00135	0.00015
11	Radiative photon and electron polarization in the Coulomb line $\alpha^2(Z\alpha)^4$	1,2	-0.00500	0.0010	-0.006	0.001	-0.005	
12	Electron loop in the radiative photon of order $\alpha^2(Z\alpha)^4$	17-19	-0.00150					
13	Mixed electron and muon loops	20	0.00007				0.00007	
14	Hadronic polarization $\alpha(Z\alpha)^4 m_r$	21-23	0.01077	0.00038	0.0113	0.0003	0.011	0.002
15	Hadronic polarization $\alpha(Z\alpha)^5 m_r$	22,23	0.000047					
16	Hadronic polarization in the radiative photon $\alpha^2(Z\alpha)^4 m_r$	22,23	-0.000015					
17	Recoil contribution	24	0.05750		0.0575		0.0575	
18	Recoil finite size	5	0.01300	0.001			0.013	0.001
19	Recoil correction to VP	5	-0.00410				-0.0041	
20	Radiative corrections of order $\alpha^n(Z\alpha)^k m_r$	2,7	-0.66770		-0.6677		-0.66788	
21	Muon Lamb shift 4th order	5	-0.00169				-0.00169	
22	Recoil corrections of order $\alpha(Z\alpha)^5 \frac{m_r}{M}$	2,5-7	-0.04497		-0.045		-0.04497	
23	Recoil of order α^6	2	0.00030		0.0003			
24	Radiative recoil corrections of order $\alpha(Z\alpha)^n \frac{m_r}{M}$	1,2,7	-0.00960		-0.0099		-0.0096	
25	Nuclear structure correction of order $(Z\alpha)^5$ (Proton polarizability contribution)	2,5,22,25	0.015	0.004	0.012	0.002	0.015	0.004
26	Polarization operator induced correction to nuclear polarizability $\alpha(Z\alpha)^5 m_r$	23	0.00019					
27	Radiative photon induced correction to nuclear polarizability $\alpha(Z\alpha)^5 m_r$	23	-0.00001					
	Sum		206.0573	0.0045	206.0432	0.0023	206.05856	0.0046

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$$\Delta E_{LS} = 206.0573(45) - 5.2262 r_p^2 + 0.0347 r_p^3 \text{ meV} \quad (1)$$

- Discrepancy ~ 0.300 meV.
- Only few contributions are important at this level.
- They are reliable.



Electron-proton scattering: new Mainz experiment

High-precision determination of the electric and magnetic form factors of the proton

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$$\begin{aligned}\langle r_E^2 \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} &= 0.879(5)_{\text{stat.}}(4)_{\text{syst.}}(2)_{\text{model}}(4)_{\text{group}} \text{ fm}, \\ \langle r_M^2 \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} &= 0.777(13)_{\text{stat.}}(9)_{\text{syst.}}(5)_{\text{model}}(2)_{\text{group}} \text{ fm}.\end{aligned}$$

Electron-proton scattering: evaluations of 'the World data'

o Mainz:

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o JLab (similar results also from Ingo Sick)

$$\langle r_E^2 \rangle^{1/2} = 0.875 \pm 0.008_{\text{exp}} \pm 0.006_{\text{fit}} \text{ fm} \quad (3)$$

$$\langle r_M^2 \rangle^{1/2} = 0.867 \pm 0.009_{\text{exp}} \pm 0.018_{\text{fit}} \text{ fm}, \quad (4)$$

Magnetic radius does not agree!

o Charge radius:

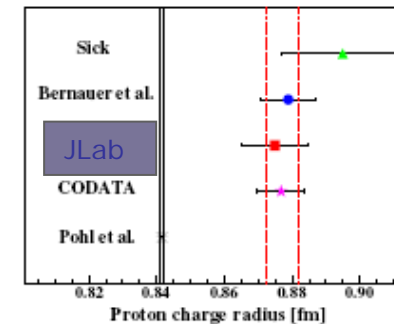


FIG. 3: (Color online) The proton RMS charge radius from previous ep scattering analysis (Sick [40]), Mainz low Q^2 measurement (Bernauer *et al.* [37]) and this work compared to the CODATA [41] and muonic hydrogen spectroscopy (Pohl *et al.* [42]). The red dashed lines show the combined results from CODATA, Bernauer *et al.* and this work, while the black dotted lines show the Pohl *et al.* uncertainty.

High Precision Measurement of the Proton Elastic Form Factor Ratio $\mu_p G_E/G_M$ at Low Q^2

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Electron-proton scattering: evaluations of 'the World data'

o Mainz:

$$\langle r_E^2 \rangle^{1/2} = 0.879(5)_{\text{stat.}}(4)_{\text{syst.}}(2)_{\text{model}}(4)_{\text{group}} \text{ fm},$$

$$\langle r_M^2 \rangle^{1/2} = 0.777(13)_{\text{stat.}}(9)_{\text{syst.}}(5)_{\text{model}}(2)_{\text{group}} \text{ fm}.$$

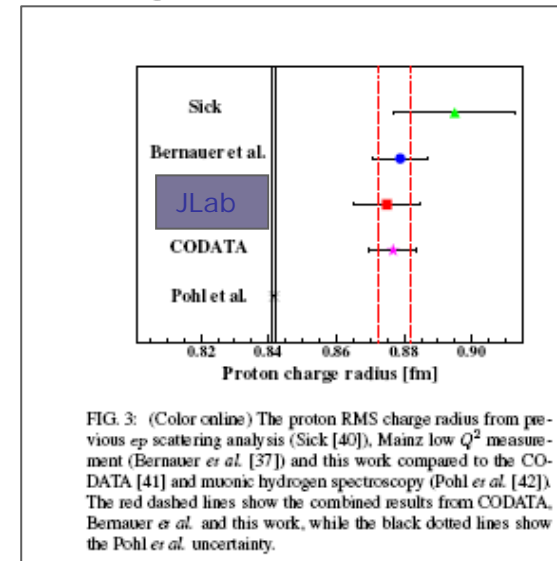
o JLab (similar results also from Ingo Sick)

$$\langle r_E^2 \rangle^{1/2} = 0.875 \pm 0.008_{\text{exp}} \pm 0.006_{\text{fit}} \text{ fm} \quad (3)$$

$$\langle r_M^2 \rangle^{1/2} = 0.867 \pm 0.009_{\text{exp}} \pm 0.018_{\text{fit}} \text{ fm}, \quad (4)$$

Magnetic radius does not agree!

o Charge radius:



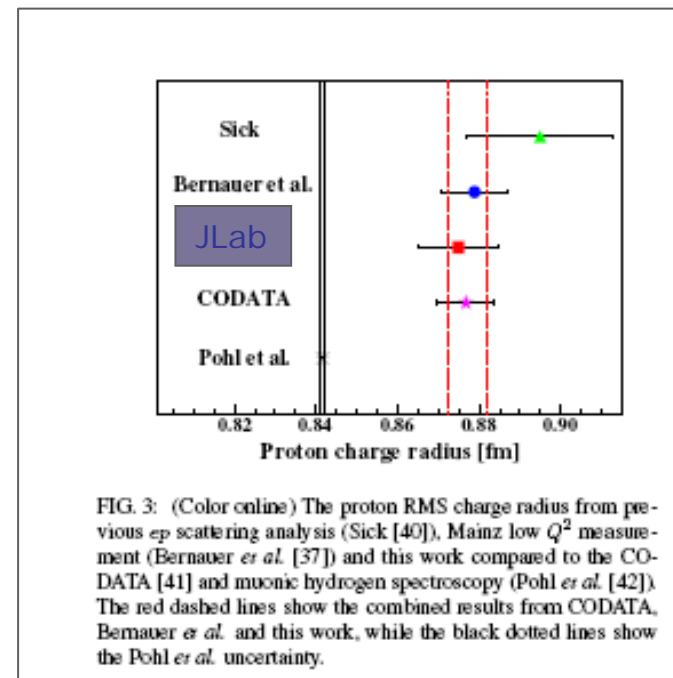
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Different methods to determine the proton charge radius

- spectroscopy of hydrogen (and deuterium)
- the Lamb shift in muonic hydrogen
- electron-proton scattering

○ Comparison:



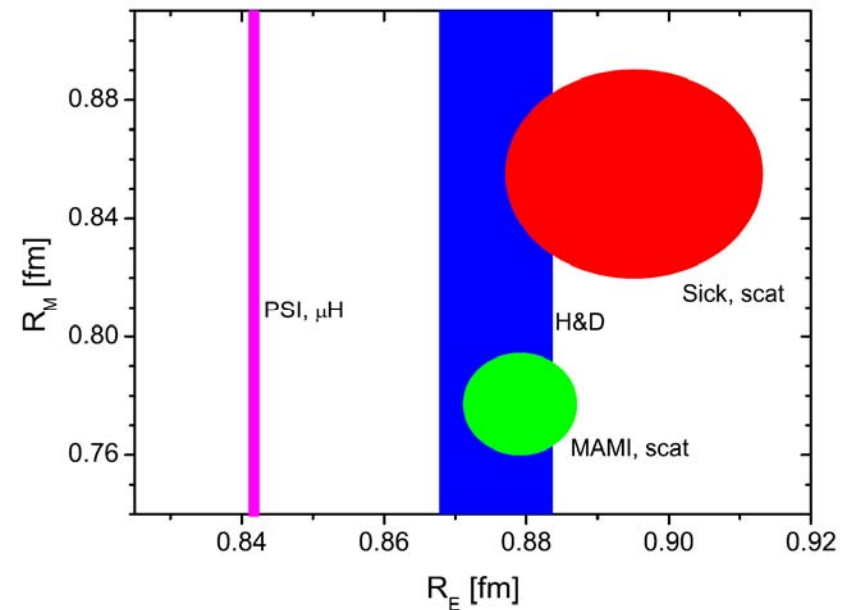
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magnetic radius:

a strong discrepancy between different evaluation of the data and maybe between the data



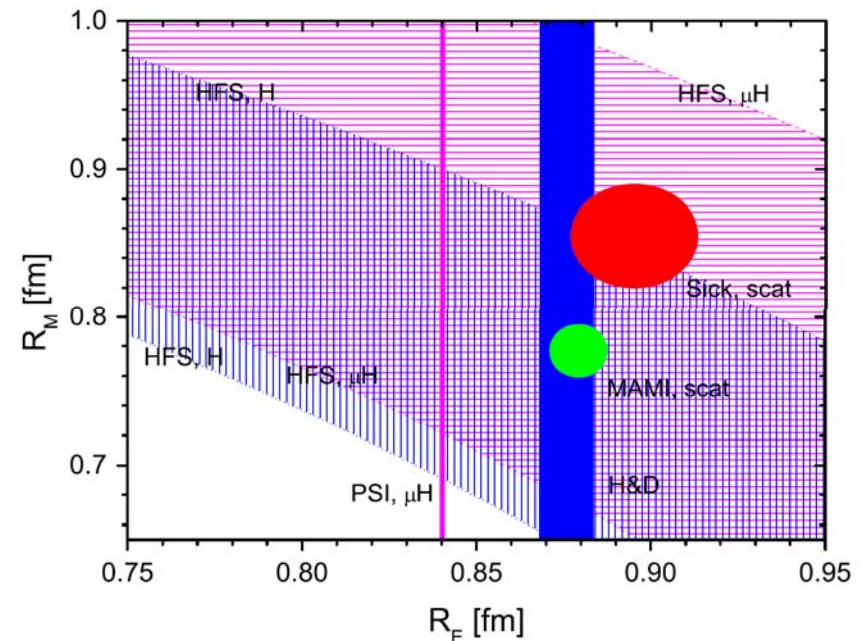
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What is next?

- *new evaluations of scattering data (old and new)*
- *new spectroscopic experiments on hydrogen and deuterium*
- *evaluation of data on the Lamb shift in muonic deuterium (from PSI) and new value of the Rydberg constant*
- *systematic check on muonic hydrogen and deuterium theory*



Where we are

