

Nuclear Structure in Two-Photon Exchange in (Muonic) Deuterium

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See F. Hagelstein's talk on Fri for more on it

- The „third method“: spectroscopy of muonic atoms
- More sensitive to nuclear charge radii
- But also greater sensitivity to subleading nuclear response

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Bohr radius

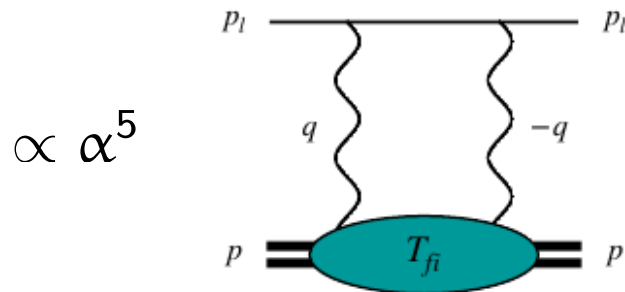
$$a = (Z\alpha m_r)^{-1}$$

R_E : charge radius

R_F : Friar radius

Lamb Shift:
$$\Delta E_{nS} = \frac{2\pi Z\alpha}{3} \frac{1}{\pi(an)^3} \left[R_E^2 - \frac{Z\alpha m_r}{2} R_F^3 \right] + \dots$$

- Dominant nuclear structure effect: Two-Photon Exchange (TPE)



Pachucki, VL, Hagelstein, Li Muli, Bacca, Pohl
– theory review (2022)

- Also its contribution in the uncertainty is dominant

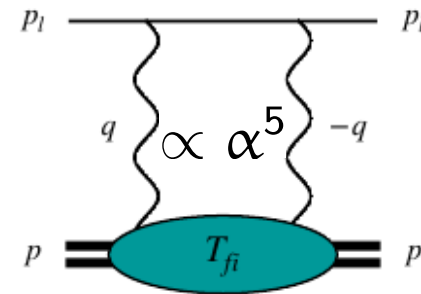
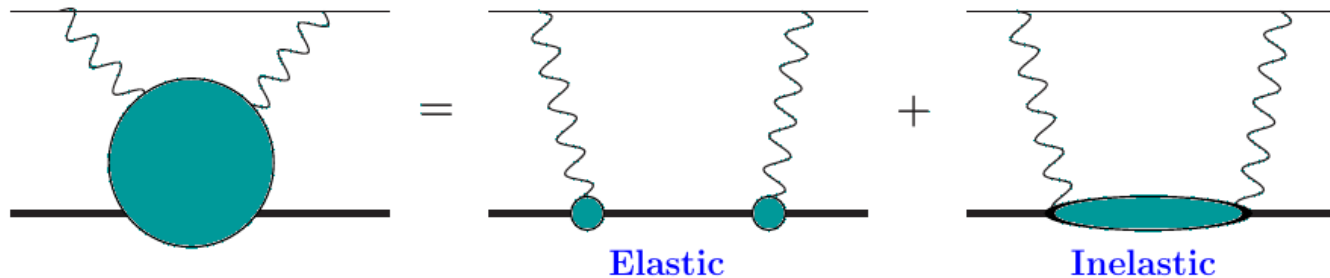
^aexperiment: CREMA (2013-2023)

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TPE gives > 90% to the
shown theory uncertainties

TPE and VVCS

- TPE is naturally described in terms of (doubly virtual fwd) Compton scattering (VVCS)
- Elastic ($\nu = \pm Q^2/2M_{\text{target}}$, elastic e.m. form factors) and inelastic ($\sim$ nuclear generalised polarisabilities)



- Forward spin-1/2 VVCS amplitude

$$\alpha_{\text{em}} M^{\mu\nu}(\nu, Q^2) = - \left\{ \left(-g^{\mu\nu} + \frac{q^\mu q^\nu}{q^2} \right) T_1(\nu, Q^2) + \frac{1}{M^2} \left(p^\mu - \frac{p \cdot q}{q^2} q^\mu \right) \left(p^\nu - \frac{p \cdot q}{q^2} q^\nu \right) T_2(\nu, Q^2) \right. \\ \left. + \frac{i}{M} \epsilon^{\nu\mu\alpha\beta} q_\alpha s_\beta S_1(\nu, Q^2) + \frac{i}{M^3} \epsilon^{\nu\mu\alpha\beta} q_\alpha (p \cdot q s_\beta - s \cdot q p_\beta) S_2(\nu, Q^2) \right\}$$

$\sim$ HFS

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For the HFS (mostly in μH), see talks of F. Hagelstein, D. Ruth (Fri)

VVCS and Structure Functions

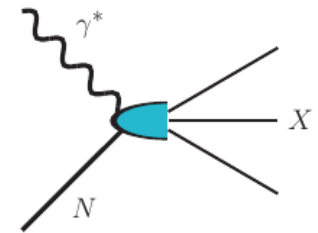
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- Unitarity and analyticity, data-driven: dispersive relations

Structure functions $F_1(x, Q^2), F_2(x, Q^2)$

$$T_1(\nu, Q^2) = T_1(0, Q^2) + \frac{32\pi M\nu^2}{Q^4} \int_0^1 dx \frac{x F_1(x, Q^2)}{1 - x^2(\nu/\nu_{\text{el}})^2 - i0^+},$$

$$T_2(\nu, Q^2) = \frac{16\pi M}{Q^2} \int_0^1 dx \frac{F_2(x, Q^2)}{1 - x^2(\nu/\nu_{\text{el}})^2 - i0^+}$$



- The subtraction function is not directly accessible in experiment
 - less of a problem for composite nuclei, more for the proton
- Data on structure functions is deficient for anything heavier than proton

For the proton, see talks by V. Biloshytskyi (Thu), F. Hagelstein, D. Ruth (Fri)

- Nuclear Effective Field Theories (EFTs) are doing a better job here

EFTs for TPE (and *vice versa*)

Lamb Shift:
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- Typical energies in (muonic) atoms are small: natural to use EFTs
- Chiral EFT (covariant, HB, ...) or (even) pionless EFT for nuclear effects
- Expansion in powers of a small parameter, order-by-order uncertainty
- TPE effect is needed to high precision to extract radii

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- a rather high order calculation of these effects is typically needed
 - If TPE can be extracted (e.g. isotope shifts and/or known radii), this provides a benchmark for the theory
 - We will concentrate on the deuteron/ μD
- F. Hagelstein's talk on Fri for other light muonic atoms

Deuteron VVCS in Pionless EFT

- Nucleons are non-relativistic $\rightarrow E \simeq p^2/M = O(p^2)$
- Loop integrals $dE d^3p = O(p^5)$
- Nucleon propagators $(E - p^2/2M)^{-1} = O(p^{-2})$
- Typical momenta $p \sim \gamma = \sqrt{ME_d} \simeq 45 \text{ MeV}$
- Photon momenta $|\vec{q}| \sim p, \quad \nu \sim p^2$
- Expansion parameter $p/m_\pi \simeq \gamma/m_\pi \simeq 1/3$
- NN system has a low-lying bound/virtual state $\rightarrow$ enhance S-wave coupling constants, resum the LO NN S-wave scattering amplitude
- z-parametrization (reproducing deuteron S-wave asymptotics at NLO)
- Easy to solve (analytic results for NN)
- Explicit gauge invariance and renormalisability

Kaplan, Savage, Wise (1998)
Chen, Rupak, Savage (1999)
Phillips, Rupak, Savage (1999)

Counting for VVCS and TPE: Predictive Powers

- Longitudinal and Transverse amplitudes

$$f_L(\nu, Q^2) = -T_1(\nu, Q^2) + \left(1 + \frac{\nu^2}{Q^2}\right) T_2(\nu, Q^2), \quad f_T(\nu, Q^2) = T_1(\nu, Q^2)$$

Lamb Shift:

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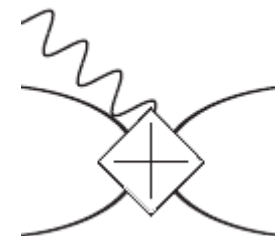
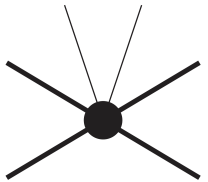
$$f_L = O(p^{-2}), \quad f_T = O(p^0) \quad \text{in the VVCS amplitude}$$

$$\text{longitudinal} = O(p^{-2}), \quad \text{transverse} = O(p^2) \quad \text{in TPE}$$

$$\alpha_{E1} = 0.64 \text{ fm}^3$$

$$\beta_{M1} = 0.07 \text{ fm}^3$$

- Transverse contribution to TPE starts only at N4LO
- N4LO: ΔE_{nl} needs to be regularised, an **unknown** lepton-NN LEC
- We go up to N3LO in f_L , and up to (relative) NLO in f_T [cross check]
- One unknown LEC at N3LO in f_L
 - important for the **charge form factor**
 - extracted** from the H-D isotope shift and proton R_E



Amplitude with Deuterons

- The reaction amplitude is given by the LSZ reduction

$$T = M \left[\frac{d\Sigma(E)}{dE} \bigg|_{E=E_d} \right]^{-1}$$

$$M = \text{diagram 1} + \text{diagram 2} + \text{diagram 3} + \dots$$

– irreducible VVCS graphs (here full LO for f_L ; crossed not shown)

$$\Sigma = \text{diagram} + \dots$$

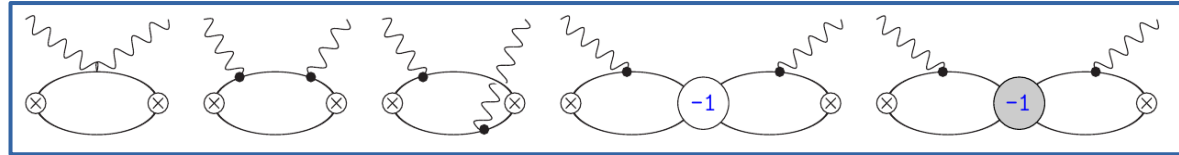
– deuteron self-energy (here at LO)

- The expression for the residue is very simple up to N3LO:

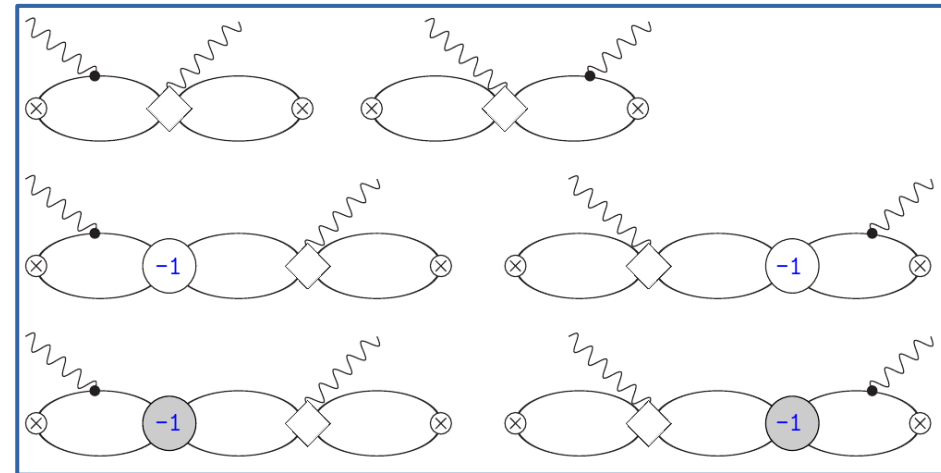
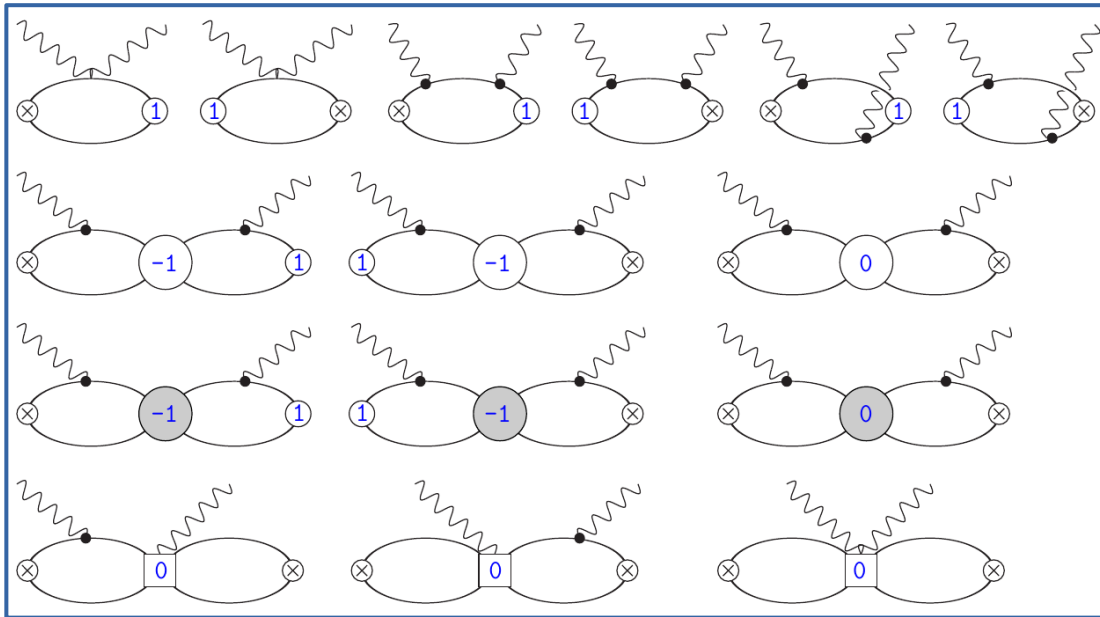
$$\left[\frac{d\Sigma(E)}{dE} \bigg|_{E=E_d} \right]^{-1} = \frac{8\pi\gamma}{M^2} [1 + (Z - 1) + 0 + 0 + \dots]$$

Deuteron VVCS: Feynman Graphs

LO



NLO

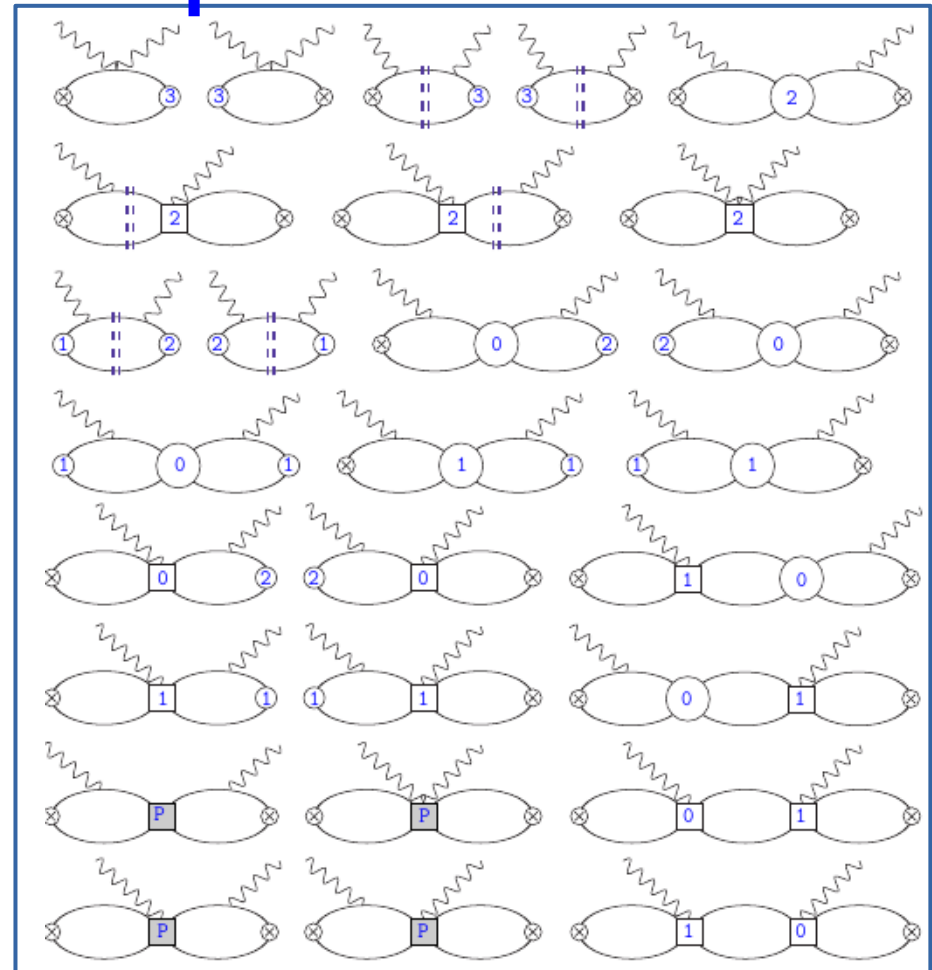
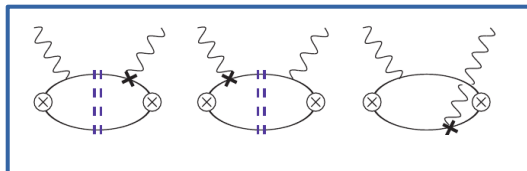
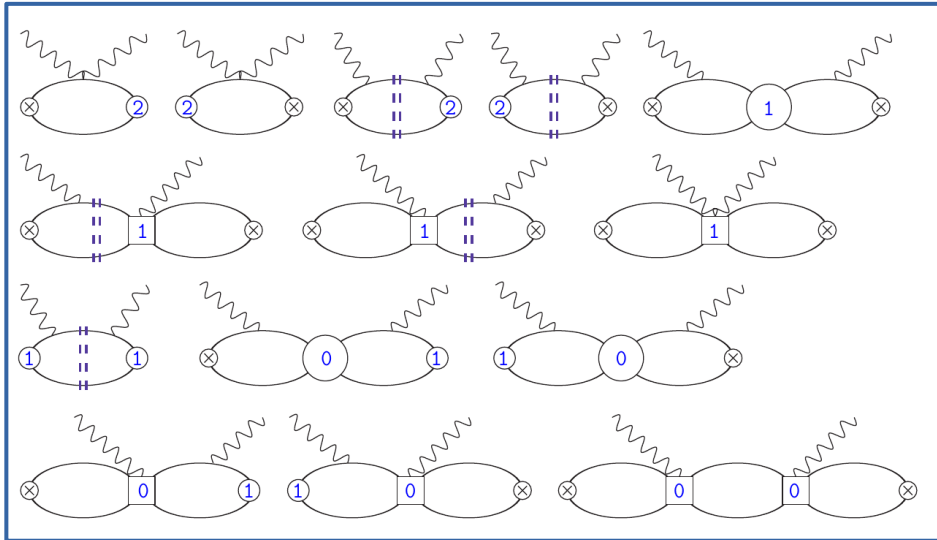


- Amplitudes are calculated analytically (dimreg+PDS) Kaplan, Savage, Wise (1998)
- Checks:
 - the sum of each subgroup (+ respective crossed graphs) is gauge invariant
 - regularisation scale dependence has to vanish

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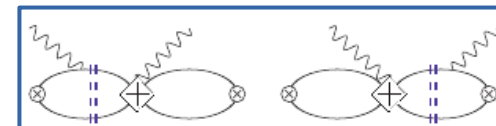
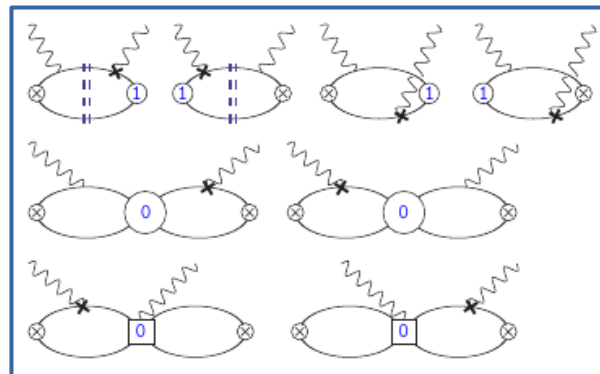
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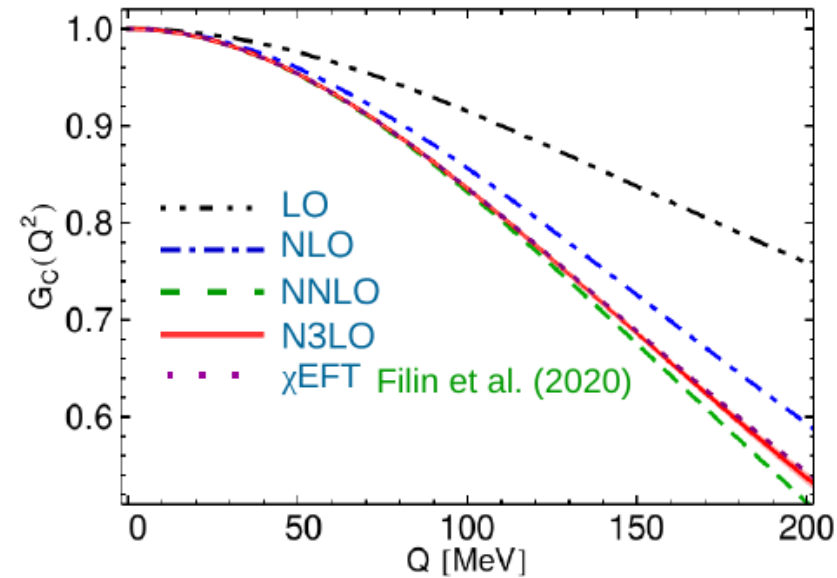
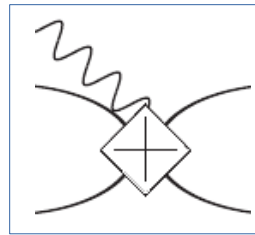
Many interesting results obtained from the VVCS amplitude, e.g., the deuteron (generalised) polarisabilities

VL, Hiller Blin, Pascalutsa (2021)

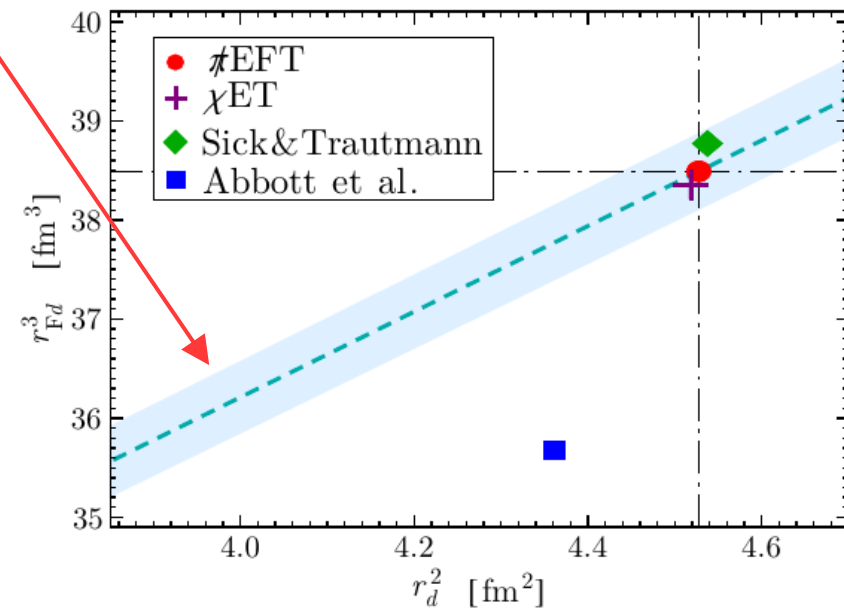


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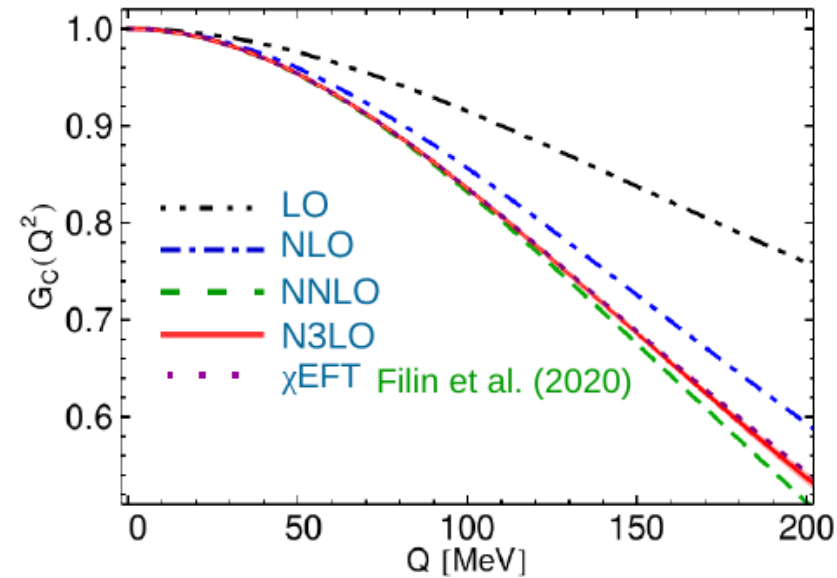
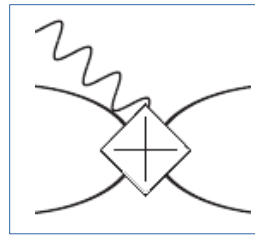
$$R_F^3 = \frac{48}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{dQ}{Q^4} [G_C^2(Q^2) - 1 - 2G_C'(0) Q^2]$$

$$= \frac{3}{80\gamma^3} \left\{ Z [5 - 2Z(1 - 2\ln 2)] \right.$$

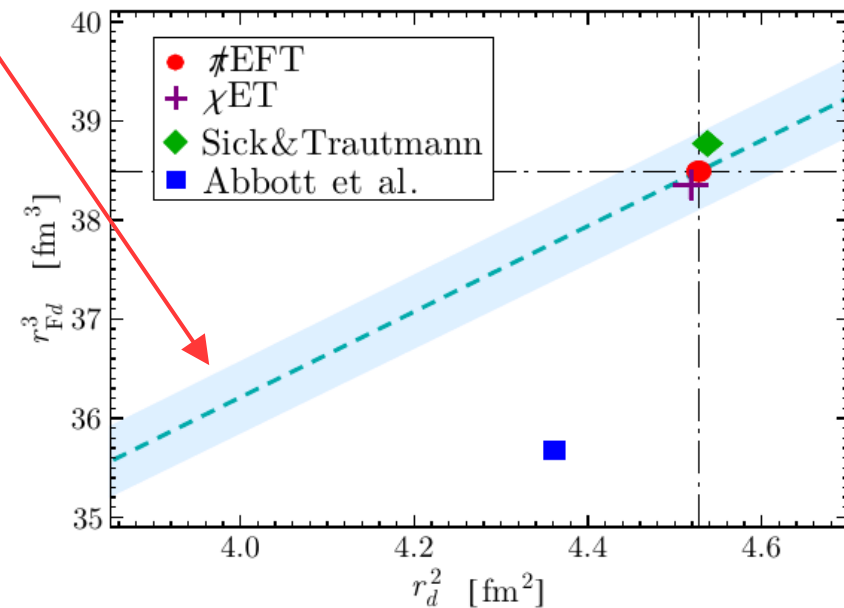
$$\quad \left. - 320/9 r_0^2 \gamma^2 [Z(1 - 4\ln 2) - 2 + 2\ln 2] \right.$$

$$\quad \left. + 80(Z - 1)^3 I_1^{C0s} \right\}$$

$$R_E^2 = \frac{1}{8\gamma^2} + \frac{Z - 1}{8\gamma^2} + 2r_0^2 + \frac{3(Z - 1)^3}{\gamma^2} I_1^{C0s}$$



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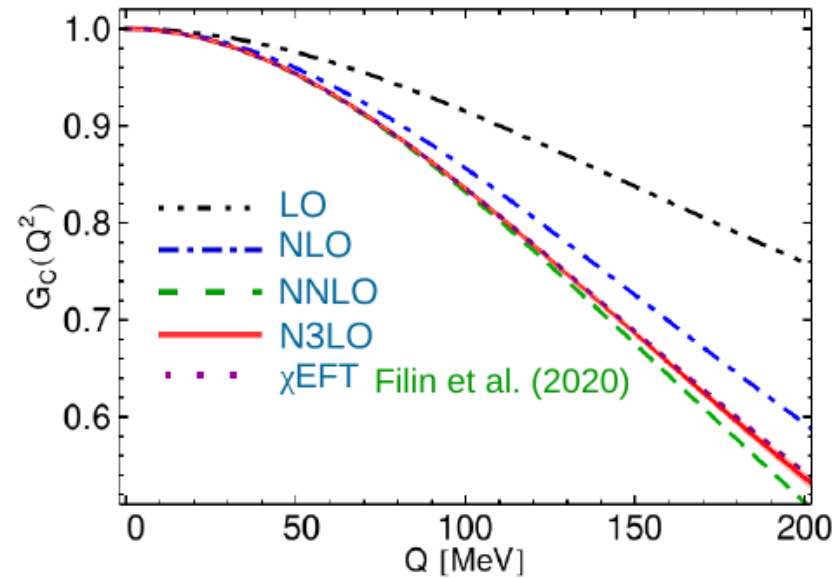
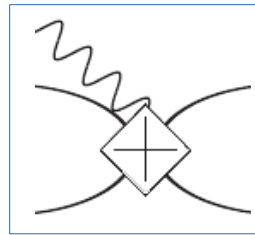


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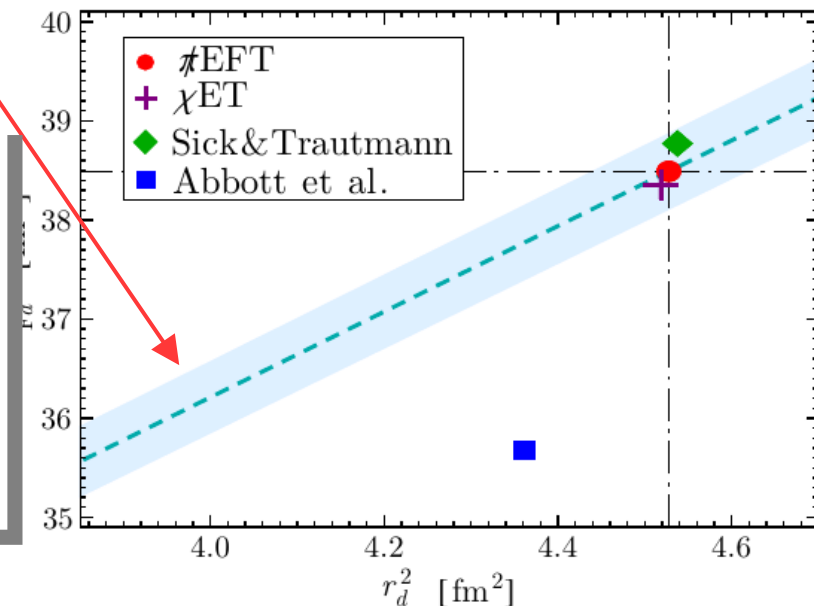
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- Benchmark: EFTs work better at low Q than at least some empirical parametrizations
- Not only R_E but also higher derivatives need to be reproduced correctly!

$R_E^2 =$ • Agreement with χ EFT vindicates both EFTs



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See talk of A. Filin in this session for χ EFT of nuclear form factors

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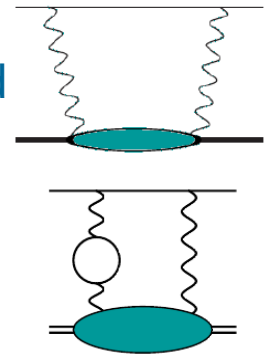
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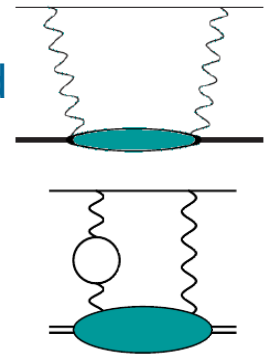
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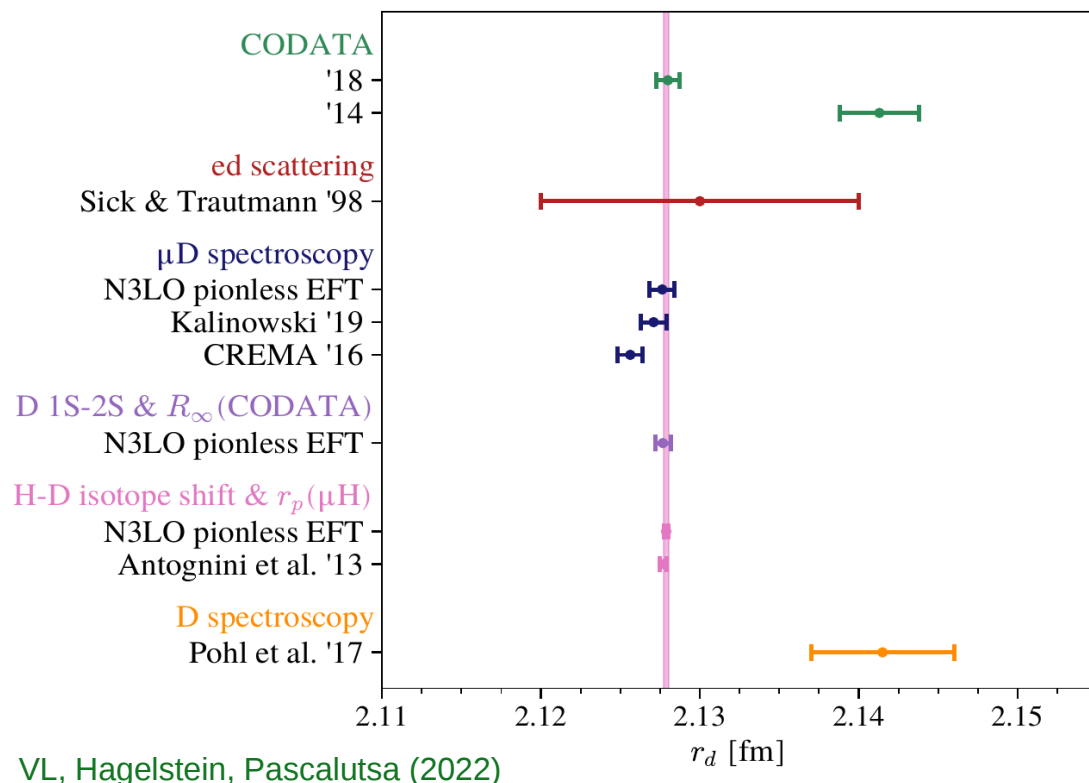
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Deuteron Charge Radius and TPE in μD

- μD , D , and H-D isotope shift all consistent with one another
- Agreement with the very precise empirical value of 2γ exchange

	$E_{2S}^{2\gamma}$ [meV]
Theory prediction	
Krauth et al. '16 [5]	-1.7096(200)
Kalinowski '19 [6, Eq. (6) + (19)]	-1.740(21)
$\not\equiv\text{EFT}$ (this work)	-1.752(20)
Empirical (μH + iso)	
Pohl et al. '16 [3]	-1.7638(68)
This work	-1.7585(56)



- Agreement with other calculations [most of those evaluate structure functions (using χEFT /model NN interactions) and use dispersion relations to get the TPE]

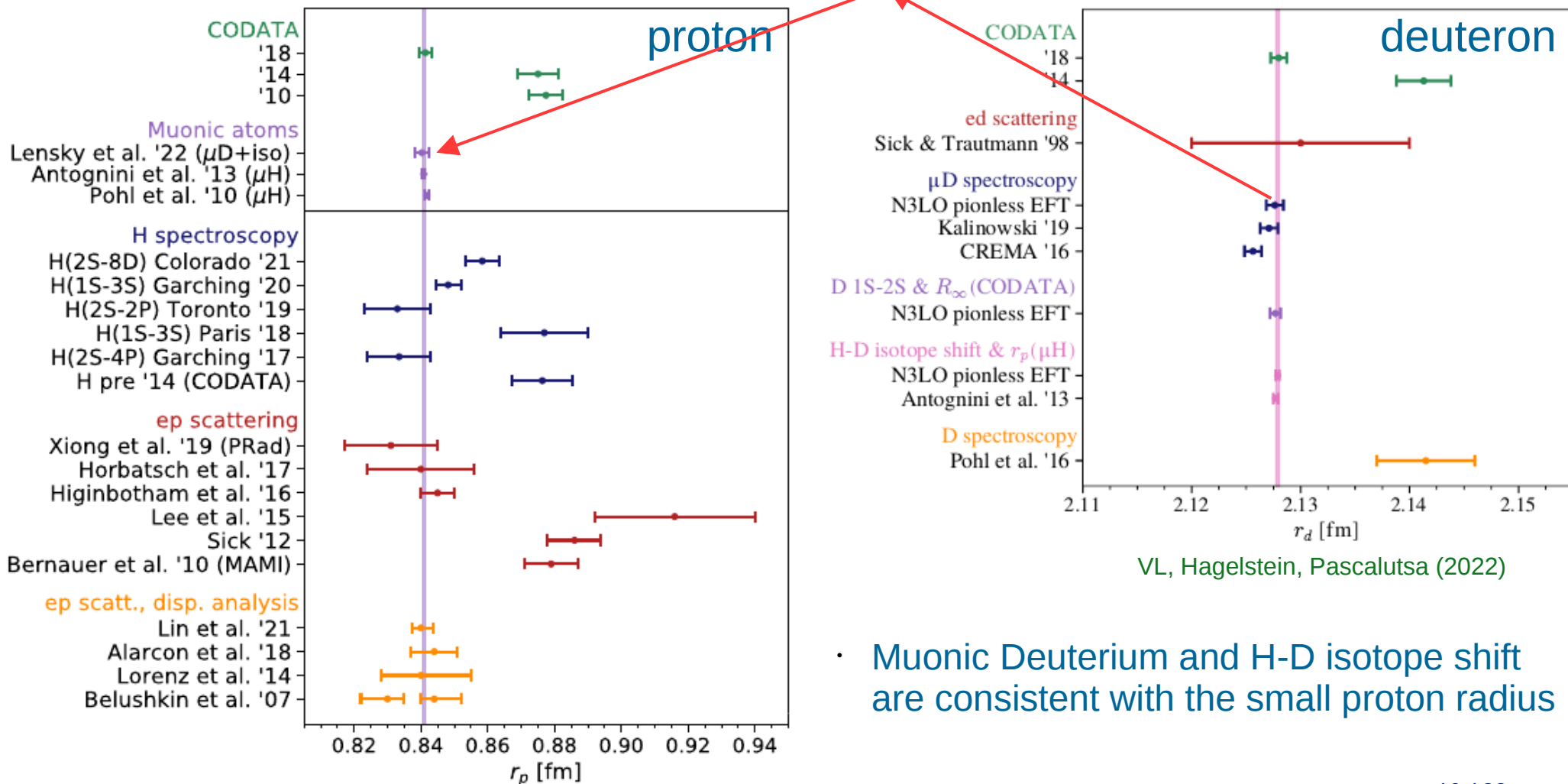
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Proton and Deuteron Radii and Isotope Shift

- H-D isotope shift: $E(H, 1S - 2S) - E(D, 1S - 2S)$

$$r_d^2 - r_p^2 = 3.820\,61(31)\,\text{fm}^2$$

Jentschura et al. (2011)



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- Muonic Deuterium and H-D isotope shift are consistent with the small proton radius

HFS in μD : It's More Tricky

- Nuclear contribution to TPE in HFS is about 20 times smaller

$$\Delta E_{2S,\text{HFS}}^{2\gamma} = 0.0966(73) \text{ meV}$$

Pohl et al. (2016), Pachucki, Kalinowski, Yerokhin (2018)

- Existing recent theoretical evaluations disagree

$$\Delta E_{2S,\text{HFS}}^{2\gamma,\text{theor}} = 0.0383(86) \text{ meV}$$

Pachucki, Kalinowski, Yerokhin (2018)

$$\Delta E_{2S,\text{HFS}}^{2\gamma,\text{theor}} = 0.1180(90) \text{ meV}$$

Ji, Zhang, Platter (2023)

- The smallness of the nuclear HFS contribution is the result of cancellations between different contributions
- Cancellations at the VVCS amplitude level make its spin-dependent part suppressed
- Cancellations between nuclear and single-nucleon terms
- No χEFT -based calculation exists (?)
- An alternative high-order EFT calculation (possibly accounting for relativistic corrections) is needed

Summary and Outlook

- μ D and H-D isotope shift in pionless EFT consistent with each other
 - small proton radius
- Agreement with the very precise empirical value of 2γ exchange
 - experimental precision: both a challenge and a benchmark for theory
- Correlation between charge and Friar radius
 - another benchmark to check form factor parametrizations
- Single-nucleon effects are starting to be sizeable
 - more important in heavier nuclei
- Higher-order radiative corrections are also becoming important
- HFS in μ D: more difficult (cancellations!), different results disagree at the moment, alternative calculations desirable
- A better accuracy can hopefully be achieved in high-order (N⁴LO+) χ EFT calculations (also relies on progress in single-nucleon)
- A lot of room for improvement in heavier nuclei



Thank You for Your Attention!