







Nuclear Polarization in Muonic Atoms

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- 1964-1973, Professor für Experimentelle Physik, Naturwissenschaftliche Fakultät
- 1973-1990, Professor für Experimentelle Physik, FB 18 Physik (1973-2005)

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Prof. Fricke was at the KPH Institute's Christmas Party in December 2023



Tests of Cabibbo unitarity with nuclear β decays

Nuclear inputs: theory & Experiment

Nuclear polarization in muonic atoms

Status? Update? Outlook?

Precision tests of the Standard Model with β -decays





Inconsistencies between measurements of V_{ud} and V_{us} and SM predictions Most precise V_{ud} from superallowed nuclear decays

Status of V_{ud}

0+-0+ nuclear decays: long-standing champion

$$|V_{ud}|^{2} = \frac{2984.43s}{\mathscr{F}t(1+\Delta_{R}^{V})} \qquad |V_{ud}^{0^{+}-0^{+}}| = 0.97370(1)_{exp, nucl}(3)_{NS}(1)_{RC}[3]_{total}$$

Nuclear uncertainty x 3

Neutron decay: discrepancies in lifetime τ_n and axial charge g_A ; competitive!

$$|V_{ud}|^2 = \frac{5024.7 \text{ s}}{\tau_n (1 + 3g_A^2)(1 + \Delta_R)}$$

Single best measurements only

$$|V_{ud}^{\text{free n}}| = 0.9733 (2)_{\tau_n} (3)_{g_A} (1)_{RC} [4]_{total}$$
PDG average

$$|V_{ud}^{\text{free n}}| = 0.9733 (3)_{\tau_n} (8)_{g_A} (1)_{RC} [9]_{total}$$

RC not a limiting factor: more precise experiments a-coming

Neutron decay gradually catches up; new experiments a-coming (expect to match superallowed nuclear decays in the next decade)

Superallowed decays: improvements needed on the theory side

V_{ud} from superallowed nuclear decays

Precise V_{ud} from superallowed decays

Superallowed 0+-0+ nuclear decays:

- only conserved vector current
- many decays
- all rates equal modulo phase space

Experiment: **f** - phase space (Q value) and **t** - partial half-life ($t_{1/2}$, branching ratio)

 8 cases with *ft*-values measured to <0.05% precision; 6 more cases with 0.05-0.3% precision.

 ~220 individual measurements with compatible precision





ft values: same within ~2% but not exactly! Reason: SU(2) slightly broken

- a. RC (e.m. interaction does not conserve isospin)
- b. Nuclear WF are not SU(2) symmetric(proton and neutron distribution not the same)

Vud extraction: Universal RC and Universal Ft

To obtain Vud —> absorb all decay-specific corrections into universal Ft



How do Nuclear Radii Enter Vud?

Nuclear Structure Inputs in ft

$$f = m_e^{-5} \int_{m_e}^{E_0} dE_e \,|\,\vec{p}_e \,|\, E_e (E_0 - E_e)^2 \overline{F(E_e)} C(E_e) Q(E_e) R(E_e) r(E_e) - \text{QED}$$

Fermi Fn: daughter nuclear charge form factor $F_{Ch}(q^2)$

Shape factor: nuclear weak CC transition FF $F_{CW}(q^2)$

Charge form factors: combination of e-scattering, X-ray/laser/optical atom spectroscopy Slope of the charge FF at origin: nuclear charge radius Not all radii are known —> have to be guessed (theory)

Charged-current weak transition form factors: only accessible with the decay itself (tough); Historically estimated in nuclear shell model with 1B current (Wilkinson; Hardy & Towner; ...) Typical result: very similar to charge FF

New development:

use isospin symmetry and known charge radii to predict the weak transition radius!

Isospin symmetry + Charge Radii in 0^+ isotriplet



How is R_{CW} related to R_{Ch,Tz}? Charged-Current weak current: pure isovector Electromagnetic current isovector + isoscalar

Remove isoscalar part: Relate weak <---> charge radii

$$R_{\rm CW}^2 = R_{\rm Ch,1}^2 + Z_0 (R_{\rm Ch,0}^2 - R_{\rm Ch,1}^2)$$

= $R_{\rm Ch,1}^2 + \frac{Z_{-1}}{2} (R_{\rm Ch,-1}^2 - R_{\rm Ch,1}^2)$

Large factors ~Z multiply small differences

Photon probes the entire nuclear charge Only the outer protons can decay: all neutron states in the core occupied



Isospin symmetry + Charge Radii in $T = 1, O^+$ isotriplet

A	$\langle r_{{ m ch},-1}^2 \rangle^{1/2} \ ({ m fm})$	$\langle r_{\mathrm{ch},0}^2 \rangle^{1/2} \ \mathrm{(fm)}$	$\langle r_{\mathrm{ch},1}^2 \rangle^{1/2}$ (fm)	$\langle r_{\rm cw}^2 \rangle^{1/2}$ (fm)
10	${}^{10}_6\mathrm{C}$	$^{10}_{5}{ m B(ex)}$	${}^{10}_4$ Be: 2.3550(170) ^a	N/A
14	$^{14}_{8}O$	$^{14}_{7}N(ex)$	${}^{14}_{6}\text{C:} 2.5025(87)^{a}$	N/A
18	$^{18}_{10}$ Ne: 2.9714(76) ^a	${}^{18}_{9}{ m F(ex)}$	${}^{18}_{8}$ O: 2.7726(56) ^a	3.661(72)
22	$^{22}_{12}$ Mg: 3.0691(89) ^b	$^{22}_{11}$ Na(ex)	$^{22}_{10}$ Ne: 2.9525(40) ^a	3.596(99)
26	$^{26}_{14}\mathrm{Si}$	$^{26m}_{13}$ Al: 3.130(15) ^f	$^{26}_{12}$ Mg: 3.0337(18) ^a	4.11(15)
30	$^{30}_{16}\mathrm{S}$	$^{30}_{15}P(ex)$	$^{30}_{14}$ Si: $3.1336(40)^a$	N/A
34	$^{34}_{18}$ Ar: 3.3654(40) ^a	$^{34}_{17}\mathrm{Cl}$	$^{34}_{16}$ S: 3.2847(21) ^a	3.954(68)
38	$^{38}_{20}$ Ca: 3.467(1) ^c	$^{38m}_{19}$ K: 3.437(4) ^d	$^{38}_{18}\text{Ar:}$ 3.4028(19) ^a	3.999(35)
42	${}^{42}_{22}{ m Ti}$	${}^{42}_{21}$ Sc: 3.5702(238) ^a	${}^{42}_{20}\text{Ca:}$ 3.5081(21) ^a	4.64(39)
46	$^{46}_{24}\mathrm{Cr}$	${}^{46}_{23}{ m V}$	${}^{46}_{22}$ Ti: $3.6070(22)^a$	N/A
50	${}^{50}_{26}{ m Fe}$	${}^{50}_{25}$ Mn: 3.7120(196) ^a	$_{24}^{50}$ Cr: 3.6588(65) ^a	4.82(39)
54	${}^{54}_{28}$ Ni: 3.738(4) ^e	$^{54}_{27}\mathrm{Co}$	$_{26}^{54}$ Fe: $3.6933(19)^a$	4.28(11)
62	${}^{62}_{32}{ m Ge}$	$^{62}_{31}$ Ga	$^{62}_{30}$ Zn: 3.9031(69) ^b	N/A
66	$^{66}_{34}\mathrm{Se}$	${}^{66}_{33}\mathrm{As}$	$_{32}^{66}$ Ge	N/A
70	$^{70}_{36}$ Kr	$_{35}^{70}\mathrm{Br}$	$_{34}^{70}$ Se	N/A
74	$\phantom{00000000000000000000000000000000000$	${}^{74}_{37}$ Rb: $4.1935(172)^b$	$_{36}^{74}$ Kr: 4.1870(41) ^a	4.42(62)

New ft vs estimates by Hardy and Towner

Relative shift downwards of 0.01-0.1% Non-negligible given the precision goal 0.01%

More -and more precise- charge radii necessary! Working closely with exp. (PSI, FRIB, ISOLDE, TRIUMF) Seng, 2212.02681 MG, Seng 2311.16755

Weak radii differ significantly from R_{ch} Shape factor—> Fermi Fn —> ft

Transition	$(ft)_{\rm HT}$ (s)	$(ft)_{\rm new}(s)$
$^{18}\text{Ne}\rightarrow^{18}\text{F}$	2912 ± 79	2912 ± 80
$^{22}Mg \rightarrow ^{22}Na$	3051.1 ± 6.9	3050.4 ± 6.8
$^{26}\text{Si} \rightarrow ^{26m}\text{Al}$	3052.2 ± 5.6	3050.7 ± 5.6
$^{34}\text{Ar}{\rightarrow}^{34}\text{Cl}$	3058.0 ± 2.8	3057.1 ± 2.8
$^{38}\text{Ca}\rightarrow^{38m}\text{K}$	3062.8 ± 6.0	3062.2 ± 5.9
$^{42}\mathrm{Ti}{\rightarrow}^{42}\mathrm{Sc}$	3090 ± 88	3085 ± 86
$^{50}\text{Fe}\rightarrow^{50}\text{Mn}$	3099 ± 71	3098 ± 72
54 Ni \rightarrow ⁵⁴ Co	3062 ± 50	3063 ± 49
$^{26m}\text{Al}\rightarrow^{26}\text{Mg}$	3037.61 ± 0.67	3036.5 ± 1.0
$^{34}\text{Cl}\rightarrow^{34}\text{S}$	$3049.43_{-0.88}^{+0.95}$	3048.0 ± 1.1
38m K \rightarrow^{38} Ar	3051.45 ± 0.92	3050.5 ± 1.1
$^{42}\text{Sc}\rightarrow^{42}\text{Ca}$	3047.7 ± 1.2	3045.0 ± 2.7
$^{50}Mn \rightarrow ^{50}Cr$	3048.4 ± 1.2	3046.1 ± 3.6
54 Co \rightarrow ⁵⁴ Fe	$3050.8^{+1.4}_{-1.1}$	$3051.3^{+1.7}_{-1.4}$
$74 \text{Rb} \rightarrow 74 \text{Kr}$	3082.8 ± 6.5	3086 ± 11

Isospin symmetry + Charge Radii in $T = 1, O^+$ isotriplet

Above treatment assumes isospin symmetry — but we know that it is slightly broken! Why isospin symmetry assumption is good enough?

Shape factor and finite size effects are ~small corrections to Fermi function 1-2% ISB effect on top of a RC may be assumed negligible (but needs to be tested)

Test requires that all 3 nuclear radii in the isotriplet are known; Currently only the case for A=38 system

26	$^{26}_{14}\mathrm{Si}$	$^{26m}_{13}$ Al: 3.130(15) ^f	$^{26}_{12}$ Mg: 3.0337(18) ^a	4.11(15)
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46	46Cr	46χ	$46 \text{Ti} \cdot 3.6070(22)^a$	Ν / Δ

ISB-sensitive combination

 $\Delta M_B^{(1)} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \left(Z_1 R_{p,1}^2 + Z_{-1} R_{p,-1}^2 \right) - Z_0 R_{p,0}^2 = 0 \quad \text{if isospin symmetry exact}$ $\frac{1}{2} \left(20 \times 3.467(1)^2 + 18 \times 3.4028(19)^2 \right) - 19 \times 3.437(4)^2 = -0.00(12)(14)(52)$

Improvement of K-38m radius necessary! (Plans at TRIUMF on IS K-38m, K-37?)

Isospin symmetry breaking in superallowed β -decay

Tree-level Fermi matrix element

 $M_F = \langle f \, | \, \tau^+ \, | \, i \rangle$

 τ^+ — Isospin operator $|i\rangle$, $|f\rangle$ — members of T=1 isotriplet

If isospin symmetry were exact, $M_F \rightarrow M_0 = \sqrt{2}$

Isospin symmetry is broken in nuclear states (e.g. Coulomb, nucleon mass difference, ...)

In presence of isospin symmetry breaking (ISB): $|M_F|^2 = |M_0|^2(1 - \delta_C)$

ISB correction is crucial for V_{ud} extraction

HT: shell model with *phenomenological* Woods-Saxon potential locally adjusted to:

- Masses of the isotriplet T=1, 0⁺ (IMME)
- Neutron and proton separation energies
- Known charge radii

TABLE X. Corrections δ'_R , δ_{NS} , and δ_C that are applied to experimental ft values to obtain $\mathcal{F}t$ values.

Parent	δ_R'	$\delta_{ m NS}$	δ_{C1}	δ_{C2}	δ_C
nucleus	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
$T_{z} = -1$					
${}^{10}C$	1.679	-0.345(35)	0.010(10)	0.165(15)	0.175(18)
¹⁴ O	1.543	-0.245(50)	0.055(20)	0.275(15)	0.330(25)
¹⁸ Ne	1.506	-0.290(35)	0.155(30)	0.405(25)	0.560(39)
^{22}Mg	1.466	-0.225(20)	0.010(10)	0.370(20)	0.380(22)
²⁶ Si	1.439	-0.215(20)	0.030(10)	0.405(25)	0.435(27)
³⁰ S	1.423	-0.185(15)	0.155(20)	0.700(20)	0.855(28)
³⁴ Ar	1.412	-0.180(15)	0.030(10)	0.665(55)	0.695(56)
³⁸ Ca	1.414	-0.175(15)	0.020(10)	0.745(70)	0.765(71)
⁴² Ti	1.427	-0.235(20)	0.105(20)	0.835(75)	0.940(78)
$T_z = 0$					
26m Al	1.478	0.005(20)	0.030(10)	0.280(15)	0.310(18)
34 Cl	1.443	-0.085(15)	0.100(10)	0.550(45)	0.650(46)
^{38m} K	1.440	-0.100(15)	0.105(20)	0.565(50)	0.670(54)
⁴² Sc	1.453	0.035(20)	0.020(10)	0.645(55)	0.665(56)
⁴⁶ V	1.445	-0.035(10)	0.075(30)	0.545(55)	0.620(63)
⁵⁰ Mn	1.444	-0.040(10)	0.035(20)	0.610(50)	0.645(54)
⁵⁴ Co	1.443	-0.035(10)	0.050(30)	0.720(60)	0.770(67)
⁶² Ga	1.459	-0.045(20)	0.275(55)	1.20(20)	1.48(21)
⁶⁶ As	1.468	-0.060(20)	0.195(45)	1.35(40)	1.55(40)
70 Br	1.486	-0.085(25)	0.445(40)	1.25(25)	1.70(25)
⁷⁴ Rb	1.499	-0.075(30)	0.115(60)	1.50(26)	1.62(27)

J. Hardy, I. Towner, Phys. Rev. C 91 (2014), 025501

 $\delta_C \sim 0.17\% - 1.6\%!$

Phenomenological constraints on δ_C

 δ_C dominated by Coulomb repulsion between protons (hence C)

Coulomb interaction generates both δ_C and ISB combinations of nuclear radii

Miller, Schwenk 0805.0603; 0910.2790; Auerbach 0811.4742; 2101.06199; Seng, MG 2208.03037; 2304.03800; 2212.02681

Nuclear Hamiltonian: $H = H_0 + V_{\text{ISB}} \approx H_0 + V_C$

Coulomb potential for uniformly charged sphere

$$V_C \approx -\frac{Ze^2}{4\pi R_C^3} \sum_{i=1}^A \left(\frac{1}{2}r_i^2 - \frac{3}{2}R_C^2\right) \left(\frac{1}{2} - \hat{T}_z(i)\right)$$

ISB due to IV monopole,
$$V_{\text{ISB}} \approx \frac{Ze^2}{8\pi R^3} \sum_i r_i^2 \hat{T}_z(i) = \frac{Ze^2}{8\pi R^3} \hat{M}_0^{(1)}$$

Same operator generates nuclear radii

$$R_{p/n,\phi} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{X}} \langle \phi | \sum_{i=1}^{A} r_i^2 \left(\frac{1}{2} \mp \hat{T}_z(i)\right) | \phi \rangle$$

Impact of precise nuclear radii on Ft and V_{ud}

Recent measurement at IGISOL

Isotope shift in aluminum 27-26m

Plattner et al, arXiv: 2310.15291 Wilfried's talk (?), Ben's talk (?)

$$\delta\nu^{27,26m} = F\delta\langle r^2 \rangle^{27,26m} + M \frac{m_{26m} - m_{27}}{m_{27}(m_{26m} + m_e)}$$

Input from atomic theory: F,M Reference radius AI-27 from µ atoms

 $3s^{2}3p \ ^{2}P_{3/2} \longrightarrow 3s^{2}4s \ ^{2}S_{1/2}$ transition

$$\delta \nu^{27,26m} = 377.5(3.4) \text{ MHz}$$

$$R_c(^{26m}\text{Al}) \equiv \langle r^2 \rangle_{26m}^{1/2} = \sqrt{R_c(^{27}\text{Al})^2 + \delta \langle r^2 \rangle^{27,26m}}$$

• $R_c(^{26m}Al) = 3.130(15) \text{ fm}$ Previously guessed $R_c(^{26m}Al) = 3.040(20) \text{ fm}$

Quantity	Previous value	This Letter
$\overline{R_c}$	3.040(20) fm [27]	3.130(15) fm
δ_{C2}	0.280(15)% [10]	0.310(14)%
$\mathcal{F}t(^{26m}Al)$	3072.4(1.1) s [10]	3071.4(1.0) s
$\overline{\mathcal{F}t}$	3072.24(1.85) s [10]	3071.96(1.85) s
$\Delta_{ m CKM}$	$152(70) \times 10^{-5}$ [7]	$144(70) \times 10^{-5}$

Al-26m the most precisely measured transition! Direct impact on Ft and Vud extraction



Global fit to Radii of Mirror Nuclei

Ben Ohayon, 2409.08193



Agrees well with ab-initio nuclear theory (Novario et al, 2111.12775) but is more precise

Ben's talk

Test of isospin symmetry using mirror fit

Fill in missing entries using fit

$$r_{-1}^2 - r_{+1}^2 = \Delta_I (2r_{+1} + \Delta_I)$$
$$r_{0,\text{SE}}^2 = r_{+1}^2 + \frac{Z_{-1}}{2Z_0} \Delta_I (2r_{+1} + \Delta_I)$$

	r_{-1} fm	$r_{0,S}$	_{SE} fm	$r_{0,\mathrm{exp}}$ fm	r_+	$_{-1}$ fm	$\Delta M_B^{(-)}$ fm ²	$r_{\rm CW}^2$ fm ²	Ref. [38]
$_6^{10}\mathrm{C}$	2.638(36)	${}^{10}_{5}{ m B}^{*}$	2.531(38)		$^{10}_4{ m Be}$	2.361(36)		9.72(25)	N/A
$^{14}_{8}O$	2.706(11)	${}^{14}_{7}{ m N*}$	2.623(10)		$^{14}_{6}\mathrm{C}$	2.508(09)		10.41(12)	N/A
$^{18}_{10}{ m Ne}$	2.934(09)	${}^{18}_{9}{ m F}^*$	2.863(07)		${}^{18}_{8}{ m O}$	2.777(07)		12.08(12)	13.4(5)
$^{22}_{12}\mathrm{Mg}$	3.071(05)	$^{22}_{11}$ Na*	3.017(05)		$^{22}_{10}{\rm Ne}$	2.948(04)		13.24(12)	12.9(7)
$^{26}_{14}\mathrm{Si}$	3.137(04)	$^{26m}_{13}\text{Al}$	3.088(04)	3.132(08)	$^{26}_{12}\mathrm{Mg}$	3.030(03)	-3.5(0.7)	13.77(12)	N/A
$^{30}_{16}{ m S}$	3.224(07)	$^{30}_{15}{ m P}^*$	3.181(06)		$^{30}_{14}\mathrm{Si}$	3.132(06)		14.50(13)	N/A
$^{34}_{18}\mathrm{Ar}$	3.365(11)	$^{34}_{17}{\rm Cl}$	3.328(04)		$^{34}_{16}\mathrm{S}$	3.284(04)		15.66(13)	15.6(5)
$^{38}_{20}{ m Ca}$	3.469(04)	$^{38m}_{19}{ m K}$	3.440(07)	3.437(05)	$^{38}_{18}{ m Ar}$	3.402(06)	0.6(1.1)	16.58(13)	16.0(3)
$^{42}_{22}{ m Ti}$	3.576(05)	$^{42}_{21}\mathrm{Sc}$	3.545(04)	3.558(16)	$^{42}_{20}\mathrm{Ca}$	3.510(04)	-2.0(2.4)	17.46(13)	21.5(3.6)
$^{46}_{24}\mathrm{Cr}$	3.670(05)	$^{46}_{23}{ m V}$	3.642(05)		$^{46}_{22}{ m Ti}$	3.610(04)		18.29(14)	N/A
$_{26}^{50}$ Fe	3.719(04)	$_{25}^{50}{ m Mn}$	3.693(04)	3.728(41)	$^{50}_{24}\mathrm{Cr}$	3.664(04)	-6.6(7.8)	18.73(14)	23.2(3.8)
$^{54}_{28}\mathrm{Ni}$	3.741(05)	$^{54}_{27}$ Co	3.715(04)		$^{54}_{26}{ m Fe}$	3.688(04)		18.93(14)	18.3(9)
$_{30}^{58}$ Zn	3.820(03)	$^{58}_{29}{ m Cu}^*$	3.797(03)		$^{58}_{28}{ m Ni}$	3.773(03)		19.66(14)	N/A
$_{32}^{62}{ m Ge}$	3.927(06)	$_{31}^{62}$ Ga	3.906(06)		$_{30}^{62}$ Zn	3.883(06)		20.65(15)	N/A
$^{74}_{38}\mathrm{Sr}$	4.205(12)	$^{74}_{37}$ Rb	4.187(12)	4.194(17)	$^{74}_{36}{ m Kr}$	4.168(12)	-1.9(6.5)	23.32(19)	19.5(5.5)

Combine into ISB-sensitive combination $\Delta M_B^{(1)} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \left(Z_1 R_{p,1}^2 + Z_{-1} R_{p,-1}^2 \right) - Z_0 R_{p,0}^2$

At present can test 5 isotriplets A=26 shows significant ISB (??) Others consistent with 0 within errors



Impact of precise nuclear radii on Ft and V_{ud}

Sensitivity to the charge radii: $\delta_{\rm C} \approx 0.310(17) \,\% + 0.33 \,\% \left[r (^{26m} {\rm Al}) / {\rm fm} - 3.040 \right]$

We find even higher sensitivity of f compared to δ_C (preliminary)

Dedicated paper addressing all ingredients is in preparation (MG, B. Ohayon, B. Sahoo, C-Y Seng)

To summarize

- Nuclear radii are indispensable input for extracting Vud from nuclear beta decays
- Tests of isospin symmetry involve cancellations between radii precision matters!

Nuclear Polarization

See also Natalia's talk

Where do we get the nuclear radii from?

Everyone takes nuclear radii from tables, e.g. Angeli-Marinova or Fricke-Heilig

F&H explicitly specify nuclear polarizability as stemming from Rinker, Speth 1978

However: compare to other works by same people

Disagreement ~ 30-40% — larger than exp. error

Z–Element	A	From F & H 2004, 30% error assumed
26-Fe	54	362(109)
	56	403(121)
	57	390(117)
	58	400(120)
27–Co	59	438(131)
28-Ni	58	437(131)
	60	461(138)
	61	426(138)
	62	458(138)
	64	438(138)
29-Cu	63	538(161)
	65	489(147)
30-Zn	64	609(183)
	66	595(179)
	68	581(174)
	70	615(184)

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Systematics of nuclear charge distributions in Fe, Co, Ni, Cu, and Zn deduced from muonic x-ray measurements*

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⁵⁴ Fe	1260.011(45)	0.546
⁵⁶ Fe	1257.054 (42)	0.582
⁵⁷ Fe	1255.921(51)	0.600
⁵⁸ Fe	1254.485(49)	0.624
⁵⁹ Co	1341.461(46)	0.588
⁵⁸ Ni	1432.564(44)	0.689
⁶⁰ Ni	1429.369(43)	0.693
⁶¹ Ni	1428.393(49)	0.632
⁶² Ni	1426.829(43)	0.703
⁶⁴ Ni	1425.229(46)	0.725
⁶³ Cu	1514.433(44)	0.739
⁶⁵ Cu	1512.516(45)	0.749
⁶⁴ Zn	1602.718(44)	0.857
⁶⁶ Zn	1600.544(43)	0.909
⁶⁸ Zn	1598.763(44)	0.917
⁷⁰ Zn	1596.898 (109)	0.973

Istvan's talk

Nuclear Charge Radii from µ atoms

Lepton feels pointlike Coulomb potential far outside the nucleus

Finite size effects modify this potential in the vicinity of the nucleus

Interplay between atomic and nuclear radii

$$a_{1S}^{eA} = (Z\alpha m_{er})^{-1} \approx 500\,000\,\text{fm}\,Z^{-1}$$

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 $a_{1S}^{\mu A} = (Z\alpha m_{\mu r})^{-1} \approx 250\,\text{fm}\,Z^{-1}$
 $R_{ch} \approx 1.1\,\text{fm} \times A^{1/3}$

From Z ~ 50 $R_{\rm ch} pprox a_{1S}^{\mu}$ — very sensitive to nuclear radii

$$\Delta E_{1S} \propto Z \alpha m_r (R_{\rm ch}/a_{1S}^{\mu})^2$$

For precision: include higher-order corrections (QED + nuclear structure)

QED: numerical solutions of Dirac/Schroedinger radial equations, or analytical $Z\alpha$ -expansion



In presence of nuclear polarization

Muon may induce polarization of the nucleus Structure constant α_{E1} —> electric dipole polarizability Charges inside nucleus are displaced against each other α_{E1} has dimension of volume

$$\Delta E_{1S} \propto -Z\alpha m_r \,\alpha_{E1}/(a_{1S}^{\mu})^3$$



Empirical scaling (giant dipole resonance) $\alpha_{E1} \approx 0.00225 A^{5/3} \, {\rm fm}^3$

Effectively shifts the extracted radius by

$$\frac{\delta R_{\rm ch}}{R_{\rm ch}} \propto \frac{\alpha_{E1}}{2R_{\rm ch}^2 a_{1S}^{\mu}} \propto \frac{Z\alpha m_r \, 0.00225 \, {\rm fm}^3 \times A^{5/3}}{2 \times (1.1 \, {\rm fm} \times A^{1/3})^2} \sim 3.6 ZA \times 10^{-6}$$
Typical precision $\delta R/R \sim 10^{-4} \rightarrow$ precision requirement on NP $10^4 \frac{\delta R_{\rm ch}}{R_{\rm ch}} \sim 7 \frac{Z}{10} \frac{A}{20}$

Accuracy of calculated NP reflects directly in the precision of nuclear radii (not via this formula)

Nuclear polarization - basics

2nd order perturbation theory:

$$\Delta E_{p} = \sum_{N \neq 0} \langle 0' | \Delta H_{c} | N \rangle \left[\sum_{n} \frac{|n\rangle \langle n|}{\epsilon_{0} - \epsilon_{n} - \omega_{N}} \right] \langle N | \Delta H_{c} | 0' \rangle$$

Perturbation: transition induced by Coulomb interaction

Ericson, Hüfner 1972 Friar 1977

$$\Delta H_{c}(\mathbf{\bar{r}}) = -\alpha \int \frac{d^{3}\mathbf{\bar{r}}_{N}}{|\mathbf{\bar{r}} - \mathbf{\bar{r}}_{N}|} \hat{\rho}(\mathbf{\bar{r}}_{N})$$

First approximation:

nucleus much smaller than atom

nuclear energy splittings much larger than atomic energy



Start with leading-order result:

$$\Delta E_{n\ell} = \frac{8\alpha^2 m}{i\pi} \phi_{n\ell}(0) \left|^2 \int d^4q \frac{(q^2 - \nu^2)T_2 - (q^2 + 2\nu^2)T_1}{q^4(q^4 - 4m^2\nu^2)}\right]$$

Bernabeu-Jarlskog 1974 Rosenfelder 1983

Npol-induced potential - δ -function at origin; relativistic treatment of nuclear system

Nuclear polarization - basics



A-scaling of total photoabsorption in hadronic range

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Fit [.]



carbon measured at the three electron beam energies. In Figs. 2b) and 2c) the carbon and lead data are shown averaged over bins of about 100 MeV together with previous data on the same nuclei. The solid line is the absorption cross section on the proton. The bars indicate the statistical errors while the bands at the bottom of the figures represent the systematic errors. The latter ones were mainly due to uncertainties in the target thickness (0.5% for carbon and 1.5% for lead), in the photon beam flux (~ 1%), in the background subtraction (~ $1 \div 3\%$) and in the MC correction (~ $2 \div 5\%$). Present data are well in agreement at low energy with data of Ref. [7] within the statistical errors and, at high energy, with data of Ref. [2] within



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tron beam energies: 2.8 GeV (triangles), 2.2 GeV (circles) and 1.6 GeV (squares). (b)Total averaged cross section measured on carbon (solid circles) compared with previous experiments : squares [1], diamonds [2], triangles [4], open circles [7] and crosses [20]. Also shown is the proton absorption cross section(solid line). (c)Same as (b) but for lead.

the $1.2 \div 2$ GeV energy range, seems to be bigger for the lighter nucleus. This effect could be due to shadowing onset at lower energy for light nuclei and to a wider broadening of nucleon resonances in heavy nuclei. Also shown in Fig. 3, are the low-energy calculation of a Δ – *hole* model [19] and two recent VMD predictions above the resonance region [13,14]. Both ption on carbon and lead in the threshold region

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A-scaling of total photoabsorption in nuclear range

Fit to dipole polarizability from O to Pb

$$\alpha_{E1} = \frac{0.0518 \text{ MeV fm}^3 A^2}{S_v (A^{1/3} - \kappa)}$$

$$S_v = 27.3(8) \text{ MeV and } \kappa = 1.69(6)$$

Some lighter nuclei: data (Ahrens et al, 1974)

	Ê	Σ	
	(MeV)	(mb/MeV)) ±(%)
 Li	100	0.196	1.1
	140	0.197	1.1
	210	0.198	1.1
Be	100	0.192	2.5
	140	0.194	2.5
	210	0.195	2.5
С	100	0.313	1.7
	140	0.316	1.7



Nuclear polarization - leading order

Loop integral is evaluated in two different ways for nuclear and hadronic parts —> *nuclear* polarization (NP) and *nucleon* polarization (nP)

Hadronic: exact relativistic expression; direct use of real and virtual photoabsorption data Evaluated on H, He isotopes — use the A-scaling of cross section to extrapolate to arbitrary A

$$\left[\Delta E_{2S}^{\text{hadr}}\right]_{\mu D} = -28(2)\,\mu\text{eV} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \left[\Delta E_{nS}^{\text{nP}}\right]_{\mu A} = -28(2)\,\mu\text{eV}\frac{|\phi_{nS}^{\mu A}(0)|^2}{|\phi_{2S}^{\mu D}(0)|^2}\frac{A}{2}$$

Carlson, Vanderhaeghen 2011; Carlson, MG, Vanderhaeghen 2013, 2016; ...

Nuclear shadowing (A_{eff} < A) concentrated at high energies, ~does not affect Npol

Nuclear: keep dominant longitudinal response

$$\Delta E_{nS}^{NP} = -8\alpha^2 |\phi_{nS}(0)|^2 \int_0^\infty \frac{d\mathbf{q}}{\mathbf{q}^2} \int_0^\infty \frac{d\nu S_L(\nu, \mathbf{q})}{\nu + \mathbf{q}^2/2m}$$

$$S_L(\nu, \mathbf{q}) = \mathbf{q}^2 \frac{\sigma_{\gamma}(\nu)}{4\pi^2 \alpha \nu} F^2(\mathbf{q})$$
$$\alpha_{E1} = \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_{\text{thr}}^{\nu_{mas}} \frac{d\nu}{\nu^2} \sigma_{\gamma}(\nu)$$

Leading-order nuclear polarization

$$\Delta E_{nS}^{\rm NP} = -2\pi\alpha |\phi_{nS}(0)|^2 \alpha_{E1} \sqrt{2m\bar{\nu}} \, e^{\beta^2(\bar{\nu})} {\rm Erfc}(\beta(\bar{\nu})) \qquad \text{E.g., Rosenfelder 1983}$$

Nuclear polarization - beyond leading approximation

Approximation scheme: define small parameters

Corrections in ϵ_1 : variation of atomic WF over the nucleus volume

$$F_R = \int_0^\infty r^2 dr e^{-2Z\alpha m_r r} \rho_{\rm Nuc}(r)$$

Corrections in ϵ_2 : keep Coulomb energy in the Green's function



Obtained via radial integral with Coulomb GF and atomic WF

$$K = -\sqrt{\frac{\nu_N}{2m_r}} \int_0^\infty dr \int_0^\infty dr' \phi_{nS}(r) \frac{g_1(-\nu_N, r, r')}{rr'} \phi_{nS}(r')$$

*New closed-form expressions for Coulomb distortion corrections obtained

Nuclear polarization - beyond leading approximation

Final expression: leading-order + corrections

$$\Delta E_{nS}^{\text{TOT}} = \Delta E_{nS}^{\text{NP}} F_R(\epsilon_1) K^{(1)}(\sqrt{\epsilon_2}) + \Delta E_{nS}^{\text{nP}} F_R(\epsilon_1) K^{(1)}(\sqrt{\epsilon_2^n}), \qquad \qquad \epsilon_2^n = (Z\alpha)^2 m_r / 2\nu_n \nu_n \approx 500 \text{ MeV}$$

All ingredients have simple parametrization in terms of few input parameters

Easy to use and reproduce! Evaluate and compare to entries in Fricke, Heilig (used to extract radii)

Rinker, Speth 1978:

$$\Delta E_{a} = \frac{\alpha^{2} B^{2} k^{2} Z}{2M} \langle r^{2k-2} \rangle \left[\frac{Z}{A} \langle E_{N}^{(b)} - E_{N}^{(a)} \rangle_{\tau=0}^{-2} + \frac{N}{A} \langle E_{N}^{(b)} - E_{N}^{(a)} \rangle_{\tau=1}^{-2} \right]$$

Energy-weighted (TRK) sum rule to normalize

Polarizability ~ inverse energy sum rule —> enhanced sensitivity to low-lying states (PDR) Long-range part of the induced dipole potential $\sim \alpha_{E1}/r^4$ taken between atomic WF Already noted in Ericson, Hüfner 1972

	Z-Element	A	$-\Delta E_{1S}^{NP}$	$-\Delta E_{1S}^{nP}$	Total NP	Entry in [7]
	4–Be	9	0.44(4)(0)(0)	0.063(6)(0)(0)	0.50(4)	1.0(3)
Uncertainties:	5-B	10	0.99(10)(0)(1)	0.13(1)(0)(0)	1.12(10)	1.0(3)
	6-C	12	2.1(2)(0)(0)	0.27(3)(0)(0)	2.4(2)	2.5(7)
	7-N	14	3.8(4)(0)(1)	0.48(5)(0)(0)	4.3(4)	3.0(9)
Polarizability 10%	8-0	16	7.8(0.8)(0.1)(0.1)	0.79(8)(1)(1)	8.6(8)	5.0(1.5)
,	9-F	19	11.9(1.2)(0.1)(0.2)	1.28(13)(1)(1)	13.2(1.2)	9.0(2.7)
	10-Ne	20	15.7(1.6)(0.2)(0.3)	1.78(18)(2)(1)	17.5(1.6)	19(6)
F _R (Gauss vs hard sphere)		21	17.0(1.7)(0.2)(0.4)	1.88(19)(2)(1)	19(2)	18(5)
		22	18.0(1.8)(0.2)(0.4)	1.98(20)(2)(1)	20(2)	18(5)
Coulomb distortion	11-Na	23	23.3(2.3)(0.3)(0.6)	2.64(26)(4)(1)	26(3)	25(8)
Coulomb distortion	12-Mg	24	30.0(3.0)(0.5)(0.8)	3.46(35)(6)(2)	33(3)	38(11)
(high on ondono in a)		25	31.3(3.1)(0.5)(0.8)	3.61(36)(6)(2)	35(3)	31(9)
(nigner orders in ϵ_2)		26	32.3(3.2)(0.5)(0.9)	3.75(38)(6)(2)	36(3)	33(10)
-	13–Al	27	42.2(4.2)(0.8)(1.2)	4.80(48)(9)(3)	48(5)	40(12)
	14-Si	28	51.5(5.2)(1.1)(1.5)	5.99(60)(12)(4)	58(6)	55(16)
		29	53.9(5.4)(1.1)(1.6)	6.21(62)(13)(4)	60(6)	53(16)
		30	56.1(5.6)(1.2)(1.6)	6.42(64)(13)(4)	63(6)	51(15)
	15-P	31	67.5(6.8)(1.6)(2.1)	7.86(79)(18)(6)	76(7)	61(18)
	16-S	32	79.7(8.0)(2.0)(2.6)	9.48(95)(24)(7)	89(9)	83(25)
		34	85.6(8.6)(2.2)(2.8)	10.1(1.0)(0.3)(0.1)	97(9)	79(24)
Good-ish agreement with F&H		36	91.8(9.2)(2.4)(3.0)	10.6(1.1)(0.3)(0.1)	102(10)	75(23)
	17-Cl	35	98.5(9.9)(2.9)(3.4)	11.9(1.2)(0.3)(0.1)	110(11)	-
		37	106(11)(3)(4)	12.6(1.3)(0.4)(0.1)	119(12)	-
For light elements	18–Ar	36	116(12)(4)(4)	14(1.4)(0.4)(0.1)	130(12)	118(36)
0		38	124(12)(4)(5)	15(1.5)(0.5)(0.1)	139(14)	107(32)
		40	132(13)(4)(5)	16(1.6)(0.5)(0.1)	148(15)	126(38)
Should not be taken for granted!	19-K	39	141(14)(5)(5)	18(1.8)(0.6)(0.2)	159(16)	119(36)
8		41	150(15)(5)(6)	18(1.8)(0.6)(0.2)	168(17)	132(40)
	20-Ca	40	160(16)(6)(6)	20(2.0)(0.7)(0.2)	181(18)	142(40)
Approaches are different		42	170(17)(6)(7)	21(2.1)(0.8)(0.2)	191(19)	166(50)
••		43	176(18)(7)(7)	21(2.1)(0.8)(0.2)	198(20)	145(43)
		44	180(18)(7)(7)	22(2.2)(0.8)(0.2)	203(21)	175(52)
		46	193(19)(7)(8)	23(2.3)(0.8)(0.2)	216(22)	156(47)
		48	206(21)(8)(8)	24(2.4)(0.9)(0.2)	230(24)	153(46)
	21-Sc	45	203(20)(8)(9)	25(2.5)(1.0)(0.2)	230(24)	203(61)
	22-Ti	46	226(23)(10)(10)	28(2.8)(1.2)(0.3)	256(27)	257(77)
		47	230(23)(10)(11)	29(2.9)(1.2)(0.3)	259(27)	252(76)
Nucleon nolarization non negligible		48	237(24)(10)(11)	29(2.9)(1.3)(0.3)	266(28)	241(72)
		49	246(25)(11)(11)	30(3.0)(1.3)(0.3)	276(29)	215(64)
		50	253(25)(11)(11)	31(3.1)(1.3)(0.3)	284(30)	216(65)
From Ca on exceeds exp. precision	23-V	51	276(28)(13)(13)	35(3.5)(1.6)(0.4)	319(33)	245(73)
	24-Cr	50	286(29)(14)(14)	37(4)(2)(1)	323(35)	333(100)
		52	304(30)(15)(15)	39(4)(2)(1)	343(37)	299(90)
		53	310(31)(15)(15)	39(4)(2)(1)	349(38)	302(91)
		54	316(32)(16)(15)	40(4)(2)(1)	356(39)	318(96)
	25–Mn	55	351(35)(19)(17)	44(4)(2)(1)	395(44)	364(109)

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Agreement deteriorates for larger Z

But keep in mind estimates

included in Shera et al, 1976

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⁵⁴ Fe	1260.011(45)	0.546	30
56 Fe	1257.054(42)	0.582	
57 Fe	1255.921(51)	0.600	
⁵⁸ Fe	1254.485(49)	0.624	31
⁵⁹ Co	1341.461(46)	0.588	01
⁵⁸ Ni	1432.564(44)	0.689	32
⁶⁰ Ni	1429.369(43)	0.693	
⁶¹ Ni	1428.393(49)	0.632	
⁶² Ni	1426.829(43)	0.703	
⁶⁴ Ni	1425.229(46)	0.725	33
⁶³ Cu	1514.433(44)	0.739	34
⁶⁵ Cu	1512.516(45)	0.749	
64 Zn	1602.718(44)	0.857	
⁶⁶ Zn	1600.544(43)	0.909	0.5
⁶⁸ Zn	1598.763(44)	0.917	35
⁷⁰ Zn	1596.898 (109)	0.973	36

If disagree with older calculations

- also extracted radii disagree
- How robust is the uncertainty?

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Z-Element	A	$-\Delta E_{1S}^{NP}$	$-\Delta E_{1S}^{nP}$	Total NP	Entry in $[7]$	Goal
26-Fe	54	371(37)(21)(19)	48(5)(3)(1)	419(47)	362(109)	48
	56	384(38)(22)(20)	49(5)(3)(1)	433(49)	403(121)	44
	57	391(39)(22)(20)	50(5)(3)(1)	441(50)	390(117)	56
	58	397(40)(23)(20)	50(5)(3)(1)	447(50)	400(120)	54
27-Co	59	433(43)(26)(23)	56(6)(4)(2)	489(56)	438(131)	50
28-Ni	58	459(46)(29)(25)	59(6)(4)(1)	518(60)	437(131)	46
	60	467(47)(30)(25)	61(6)(4)(1)	528(61)	461(138)	45
	61	476(48)(30)(26)	62(6)(4)(1)	538(63)	426(138)	54
	62	484(48)(31)(26)	62(6)(4)(1)	546(64)	458(138)	45
	64	502(50)(33)(27)	64(6)(4)(1)	566(66)	438(138)	49
29-Cu	63	506(51)(35)(29)	68(7)(5)(1)	574(68)	538(161)	47
	65	530(53)(36)(30)	70(7)(5)(1)	600(71)	489(147)	49
30-Zn	64	545(54)(39)(32)	73(7)(5)(1)	618(75)	609(183)	47
	66	565(56)(41)(33)	75(8)(5)(1)	640(78)	595(179)	45
	68	585(59)(43)(34)	77(8)(6)(1)	662(81)	581(174)	32
	70	606(61)(45)(35)	79(8)(6)(1)	685(84)	615(184)	131
31-Ga	69	616(62)(48)(37)	83(8)(6)(1)	699(87)	567(169)	12
	71	647(65)(50)(38)	86(9)(7)(1)	733(91)	551(165)	12
32-Ge	70	662(66)(54)(40)	89(9)(7)(1)	751(95)	706(212)	16
	72	671(67)(55)(42)	92(9)(8)(1)	763(97)	738(221)	12
	73	683(68)(56)(42)	93(9)(8)(1)	776(99)	700(210)	24
	74	694(69)(57)(43)	94(9)(8)(1)	788(101)	839(242)	17
	76	719(72)(60)(44)	96(10)(8)(1)	815(104)	819(246)	15
33_As	75	737(74)(64)(47)	101(10)(0)(1)	838(109)	761(228)	10
34_So	76	775(78)(71)(50)	101(10)(3)(2) 107(11)(10)(2)	882(117)	1036(311)	16
JH DC	77	700(70)(72)(51)	101(11)(10)(2) 100(11)(10)(2)	800(110)	700(237)	16
	78	805(80)(74)(52)	109(11)(10)(2) 110(11)(10)(2)	035(113) 015(122)	040(285)	10
	20	805(80)(74)(52) 825(82)(76)(54)	110(11)(10)(2) 112(11)(10)(2)	910(122) 048(126)	949(263) 873(263)	10
	00 90	865(87)(70)(56)	115(11)(10)(2) 116(12)(11)(2)	940(120) 081(122)	812(202) 814(244)	12
25 D.	02 70	850(87)(79)(50)	110(12)(11)(2) 117(12)(11)(2)	901(133) 067(121)	014(244) 022(280)	19
20-DL	79 01	830(83)(81)(30)	117(12)(11)(2) 120(12)(11)(2)	907(131) 105(126)	955(260)	17
96 17	81 70	883(88)(84)(38)	120(12)(11)(2) 101(10)(10)(0)	100(130)	827(248)	20
30-Kr	78 00	858(80)(80)(57)	121(12)(12)(2) 104(10)(10)(2)	979(130)	1183(355) 1071(201)	40
	80	892(89)(90)(59)	124(12)(12)(2)	1016(141)	1071(321)	40
	82	927(93)(93)(62)	128(13)(13)(2)	1055(146)	938(281)	40
	83	946(95)(95)(63)	129(13)(13)(2)	1075(149)	936(281)	47
	84	962(96)(96)(64)	131(13)(13)(2)	1093(152)	838(251)	39
	86	997(100)(100)(67)	134(13)(13)(2)	1133(157)	866(260)	34
37-Rb	85	1014(101)(106)(69)	139(14)(14)(2)	1151(163)	853(256)	10
	87	1051(105)(109)(71)	142(14)(15)(2)	1193(169)	807(242)	14
38-Sr	84	1034(103)(112)(71)	145(14)(16)(3)	1179(169)	1136(341)	24
	86	1061(106)(115)(73)	147(15)(16)(3)	1208(174)	929(279)	11
	87	1082(108)(118)(75)	149(15)(16)(3)	1231(178)	843(253)	49
	88	1101(110)(120)(76)	151(15)(16)(3)	1252(181)	937(281)	8
39-Y	89	1165(116)(132)(81)	158(16)(18)(3)	1323(195)	867(260)	9
40-Zr	90	1218(122)(143)(86)	166(17)(20)(3)	1384(208)	975(292)	10
	91	1198(120)(142)(86)	167(17)(20)(3)	1365(206)	957(287)	33
	92	1212(121)(144)(87)	169(17)(20)(3)	1381(209)	984(295)	13
	94	1237(124)(148)(89)	171(17)(20)(3)	1408(214)	946(284)	15
	96	1266(127)(153)(91)	174(17)(21)(3)	1440(220)	966(293)	36
41-Nb	93	1264(126)(156)(92)	177(18)(20)(3)	1441(223)	1127(338)	16
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Conclusions Status & Outlook

Presumably a quote by Wolfgang Pauli:

Nothing is worse than a wrong theory describing data

- Nuclear charge radii: crucial input to SM tests and BSM searches at low energies
- Cabibbo (CKM) unitarity and V_{ud}: nuclear corrections current bottleneck use R_{ch} as input
- Nuclear charge radii rely on very precise experiments is theory up to the task?
- Leap in exp. precision: MuX, QUARTET, MUSEUM, RefRad (μ atoms)
- Nuclear polarization crucial to extraction of R_{ch} from atomic transitions
- Are uncertainties of NP firmly under control?
- Personal wish: an open-source nuclear polarization (formula, parametrization, code)
- NP is related to dispersion corrections in e-scattering and to NS correction in β -decay
- Look for a uniform treatment of all of these
- What is the path to these goals?
- Ab-initio methods are hot right now: (potentially) very accurate and systematically improvable — are not easy to understand and are very expensive computationally; viable recipe for nuclear radii tables? — no single ab-initio method covers full nuclear chart
- Generally, μ atoms difficult: nuclear and atomic scales are not well separated!
 full-blown ab-initio nuclear calculation per se is not enough to guarantee precision