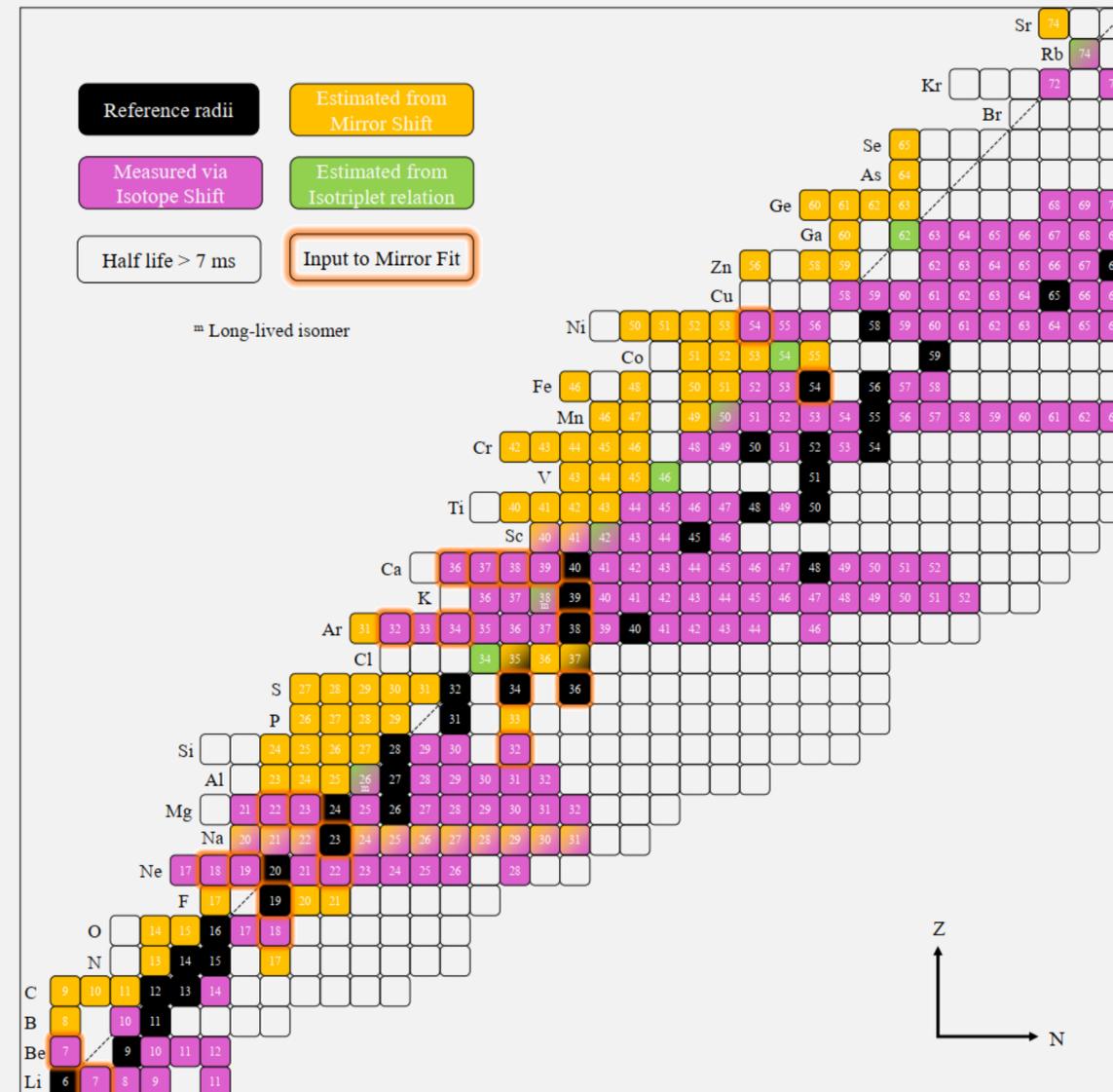


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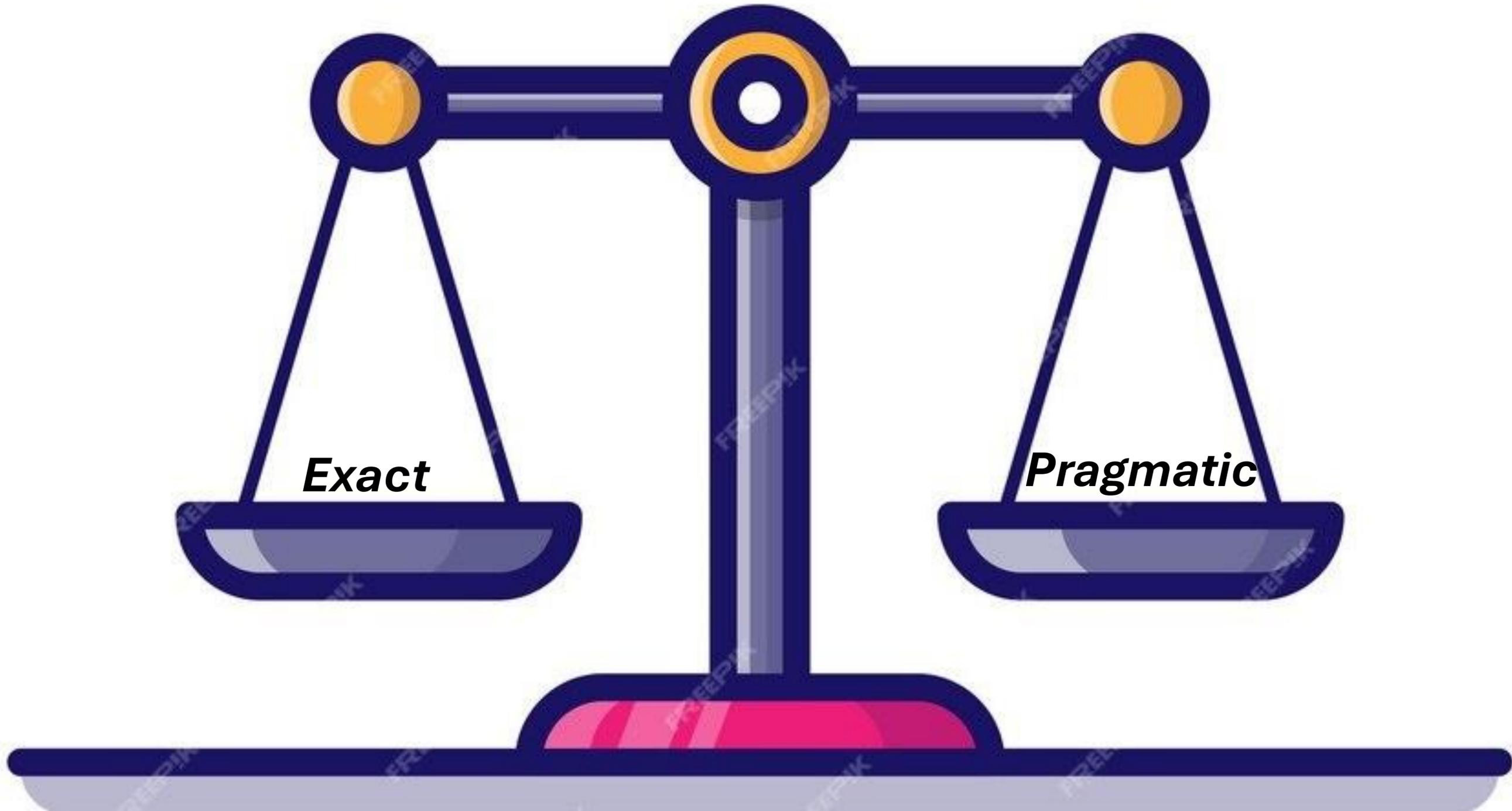


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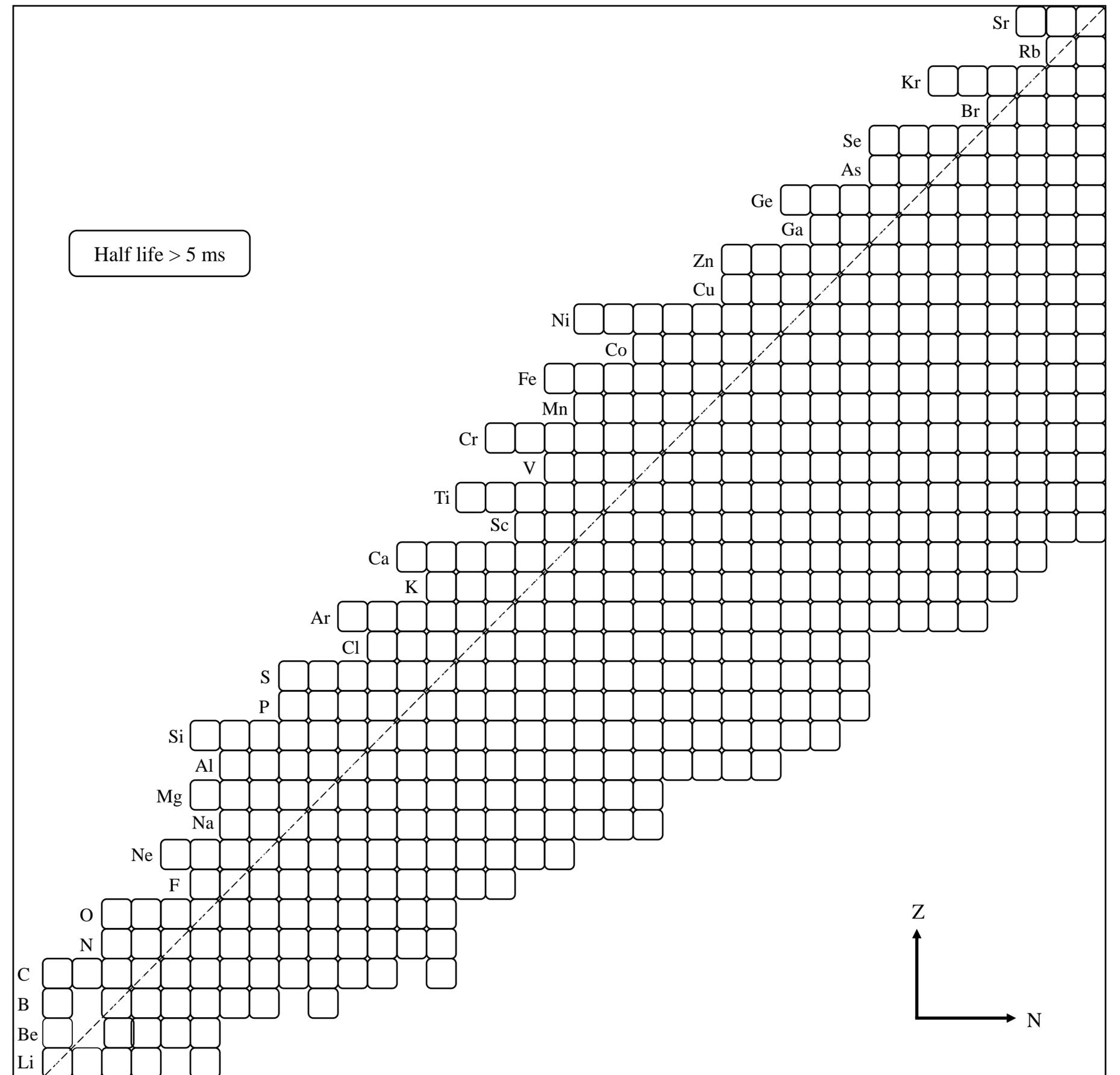
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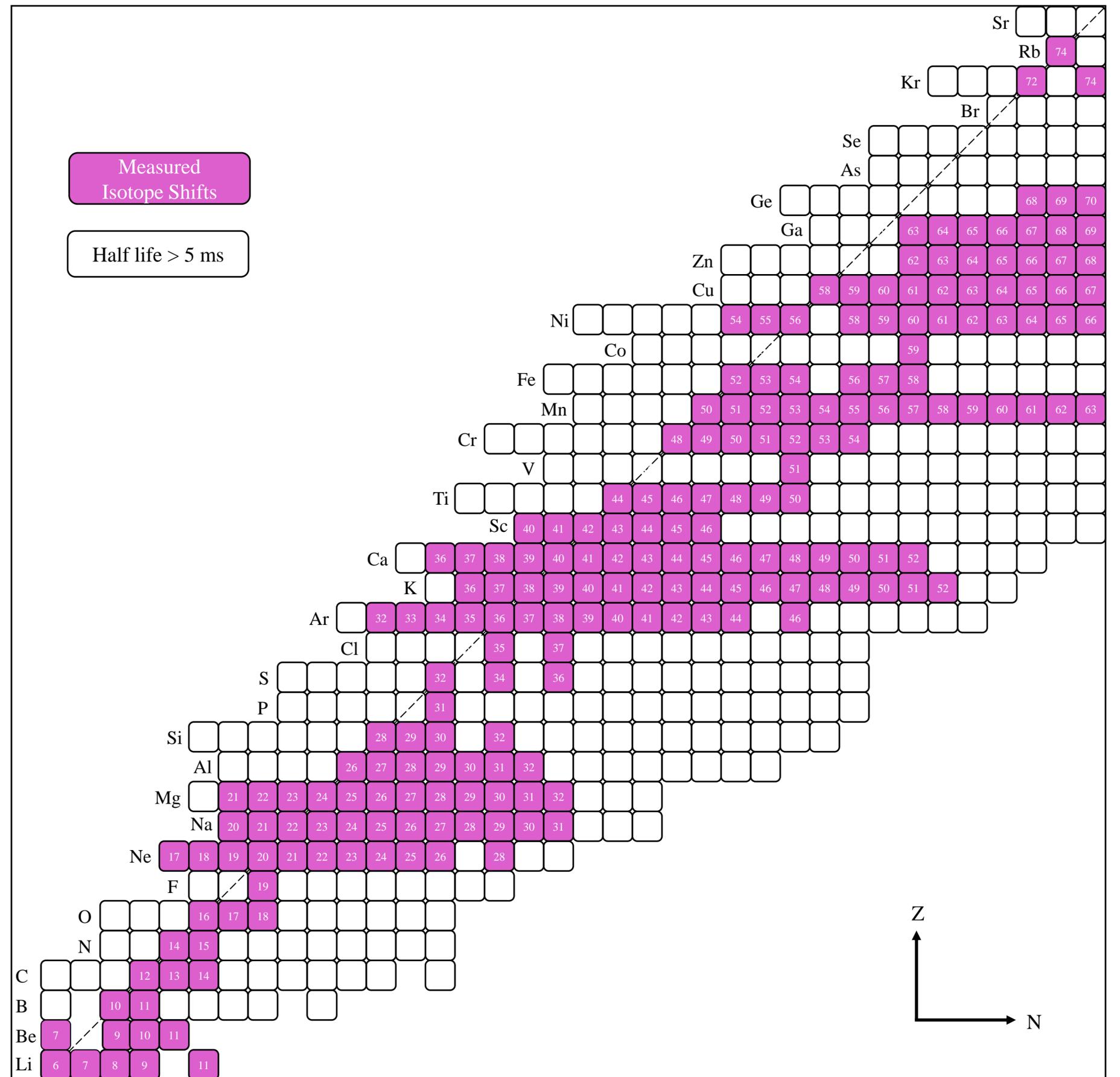
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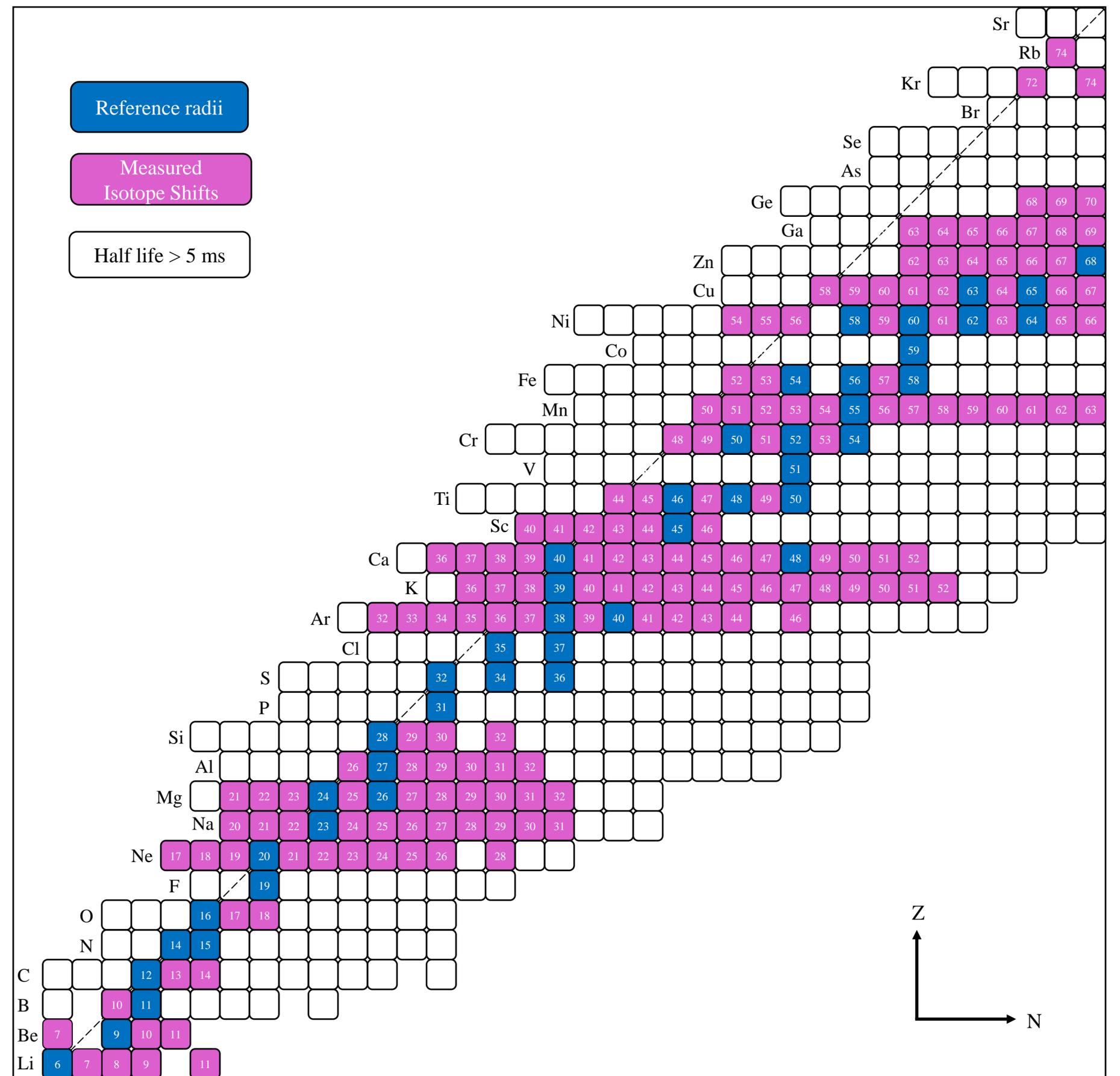
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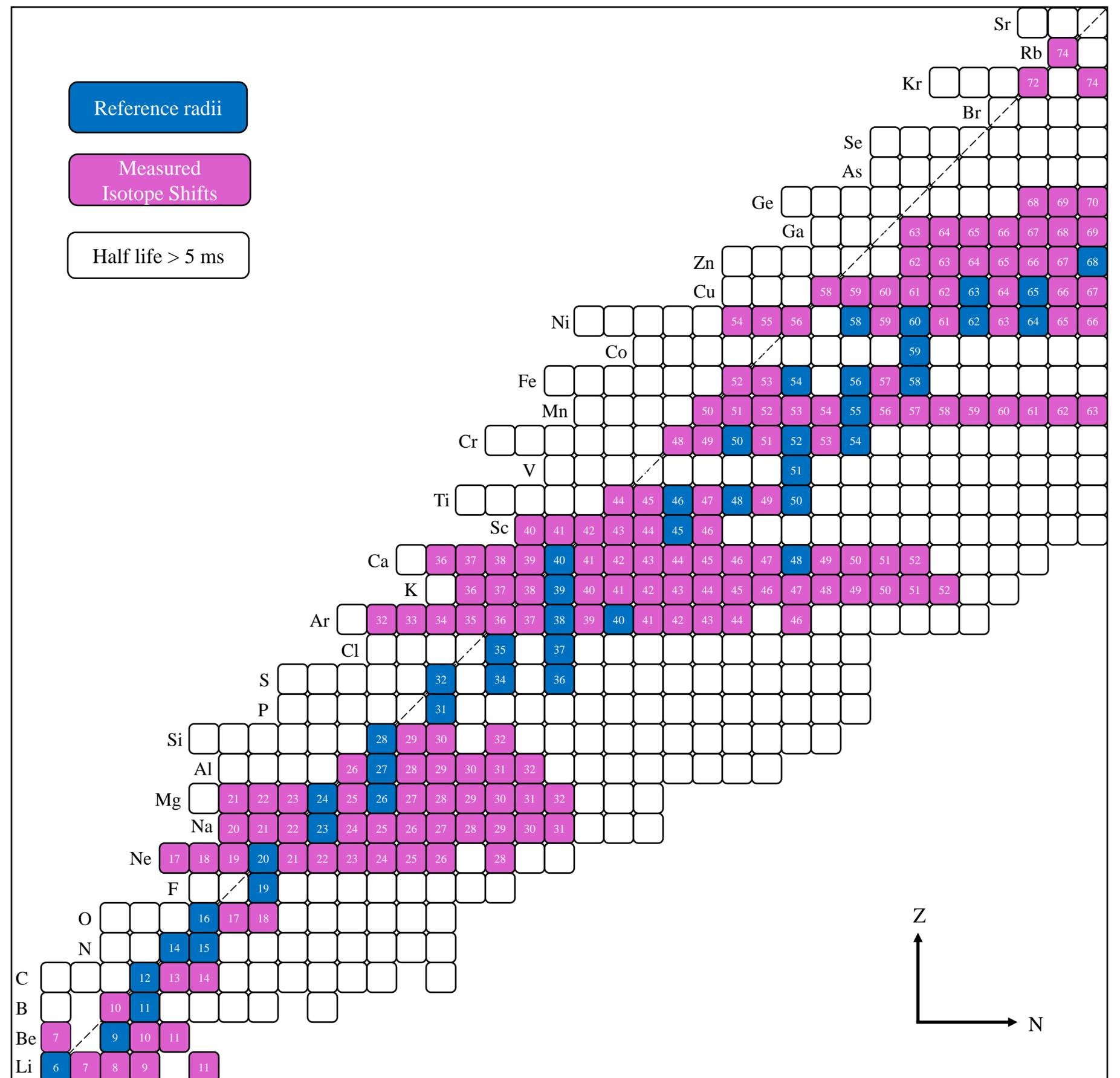
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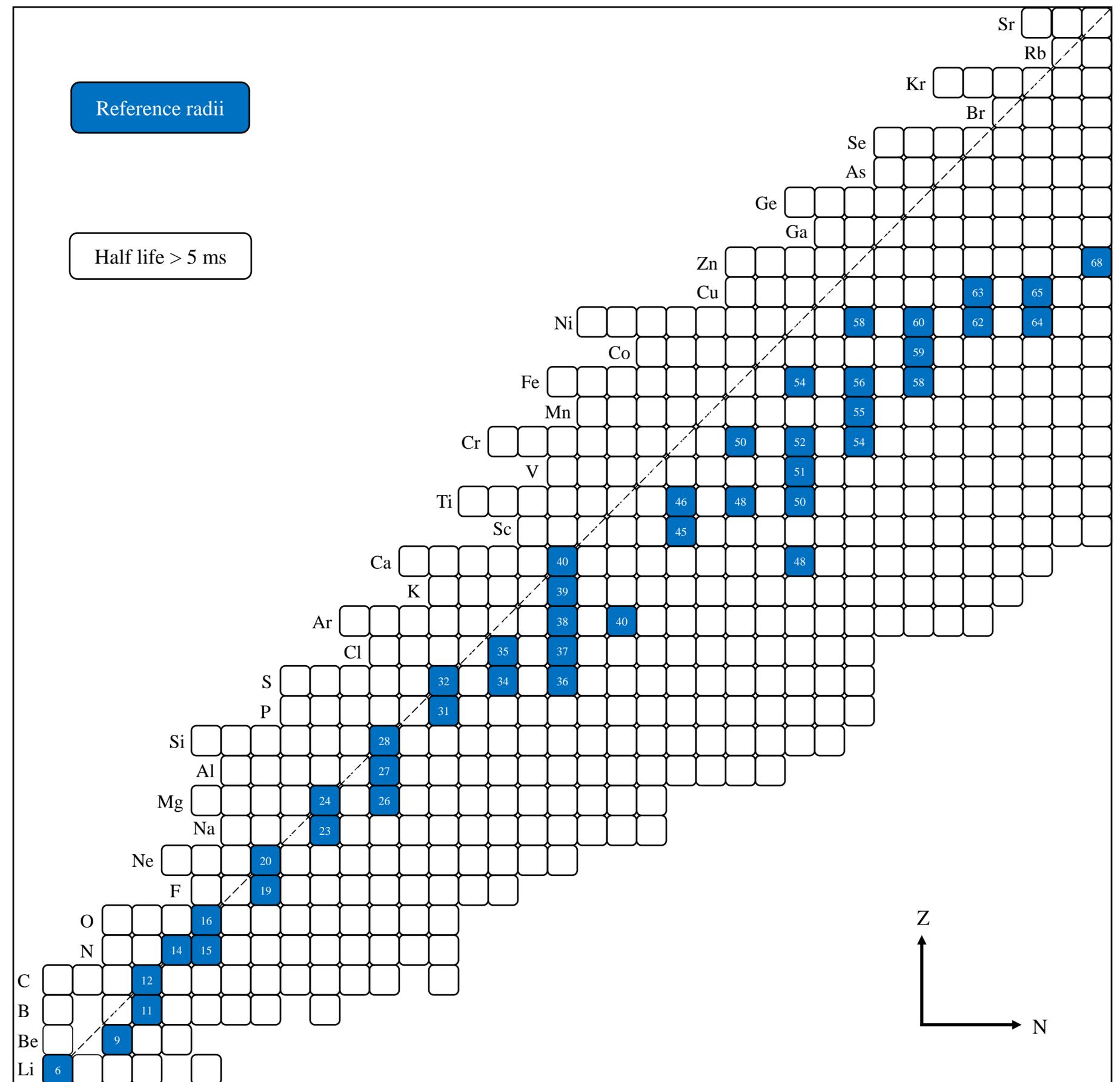
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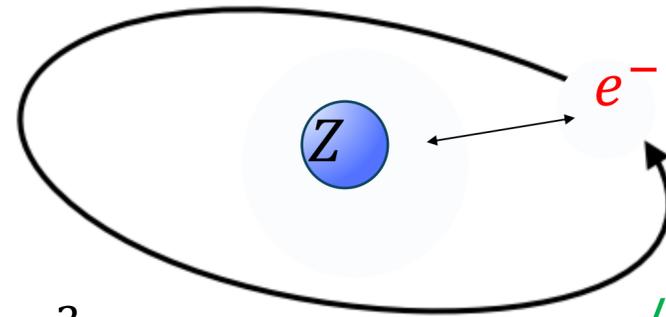


Reference radii and where to find them



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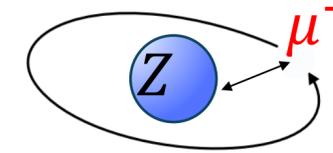
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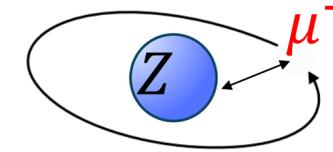
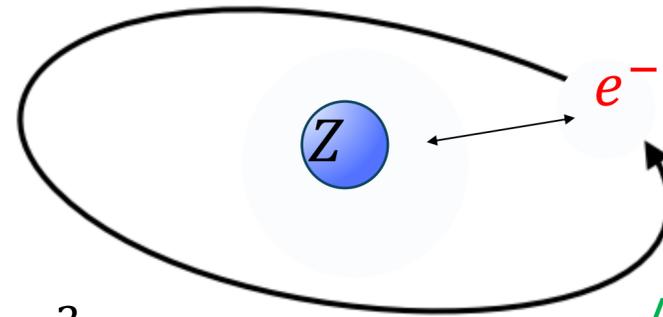
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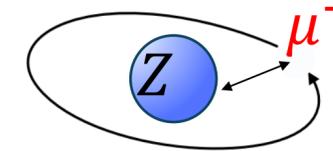
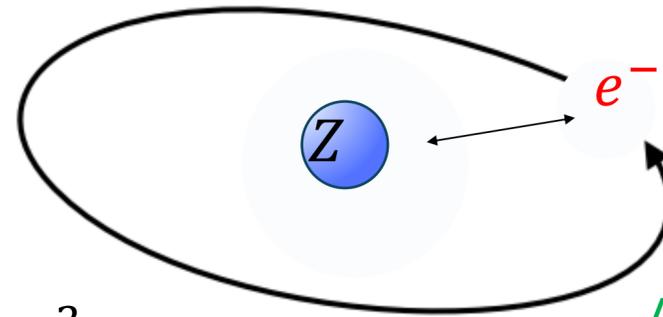
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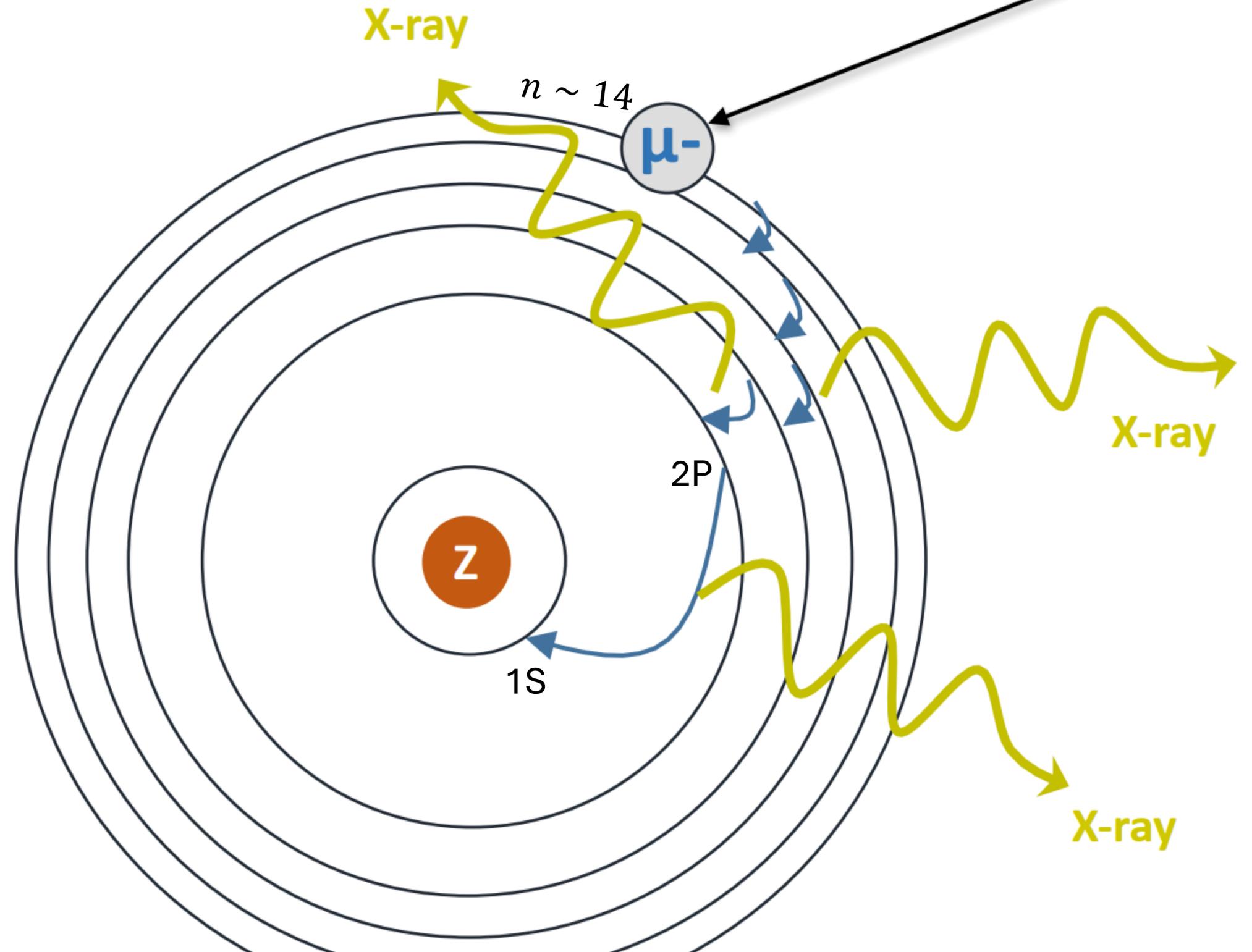
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For Hydrogen 1s-2p: ~ 4 neV (1 MHz, ppb)

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Measuring nuclear radii with muonic atoms:

1. Captured around $N=14$
2. All electrons are emitted
3. Cascade to ground level
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5. $E_{2P-1S} = E_{QED} + \Delta E_{FNS} + \dots$



Ecosystem of charge radii determinations

Radius of unstable nucleus $r_x^2 = r_{ref}^2 + \delta r_{a,x}^2$

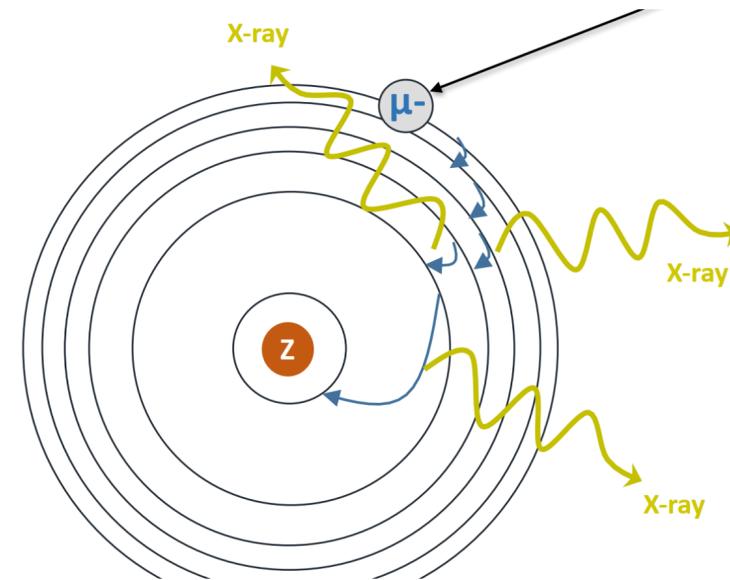
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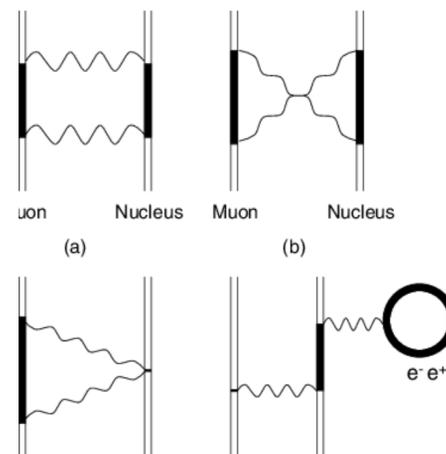
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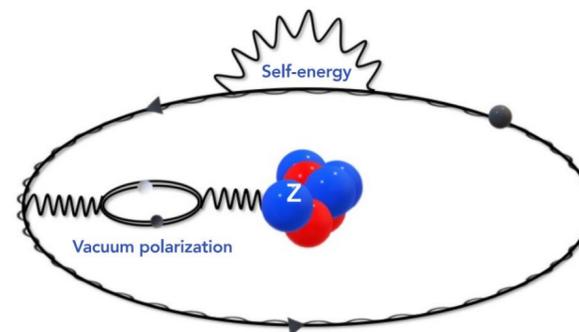
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Theory calculations

Nuclear:



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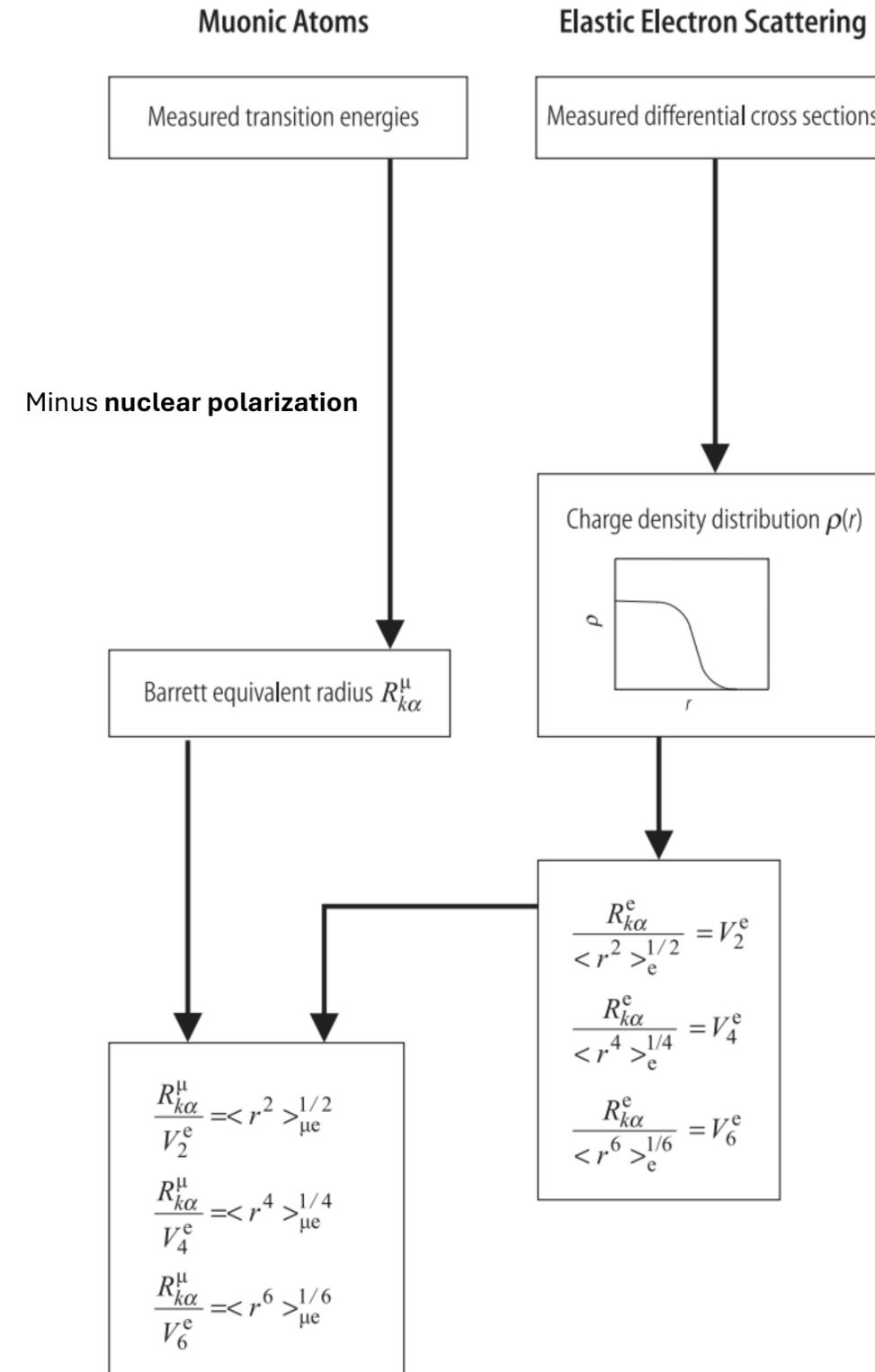


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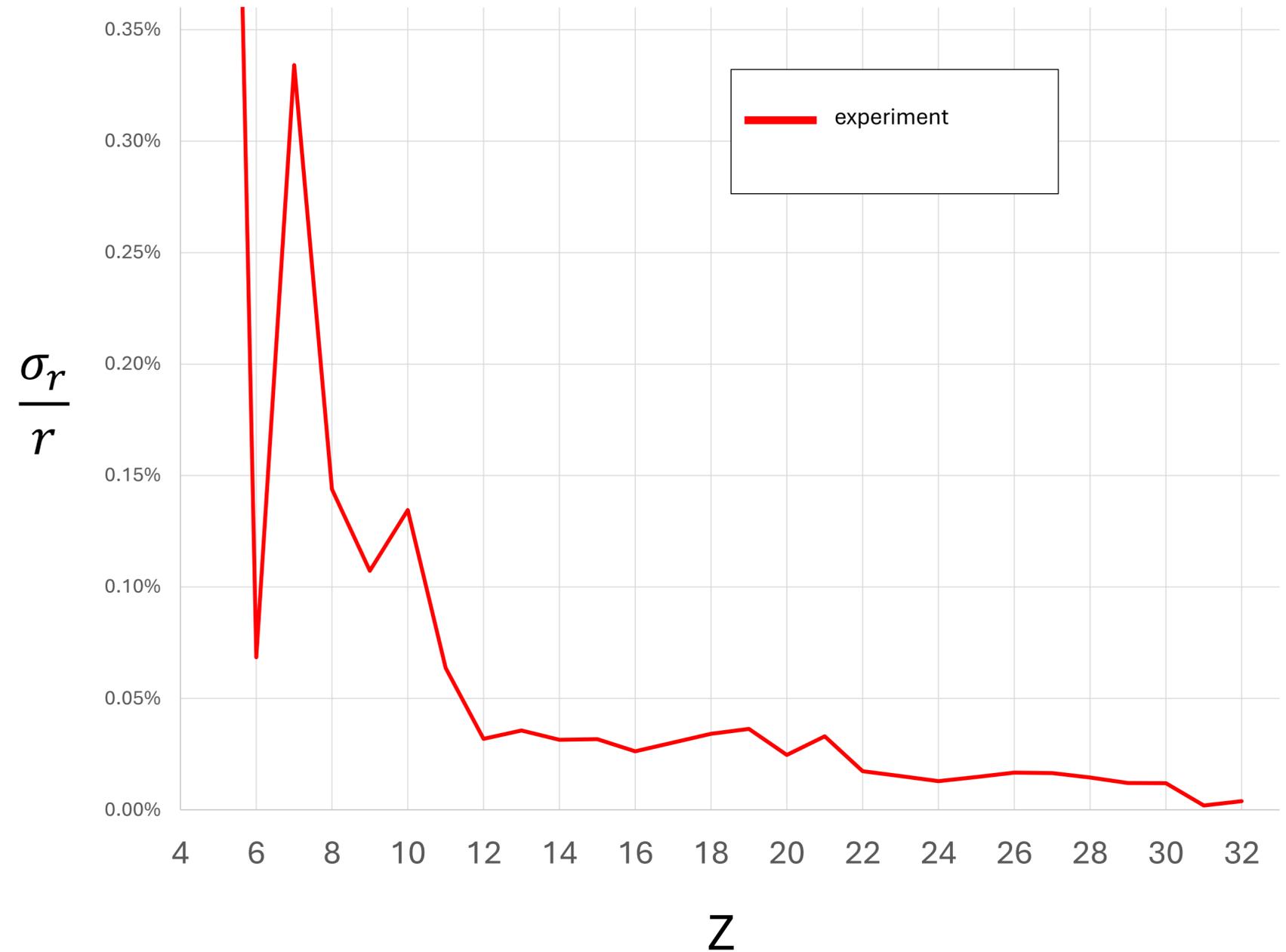
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Three sources of uncertainty:

1. Experiment (muonic atom energies)
2. Theory (nuclear polarization)
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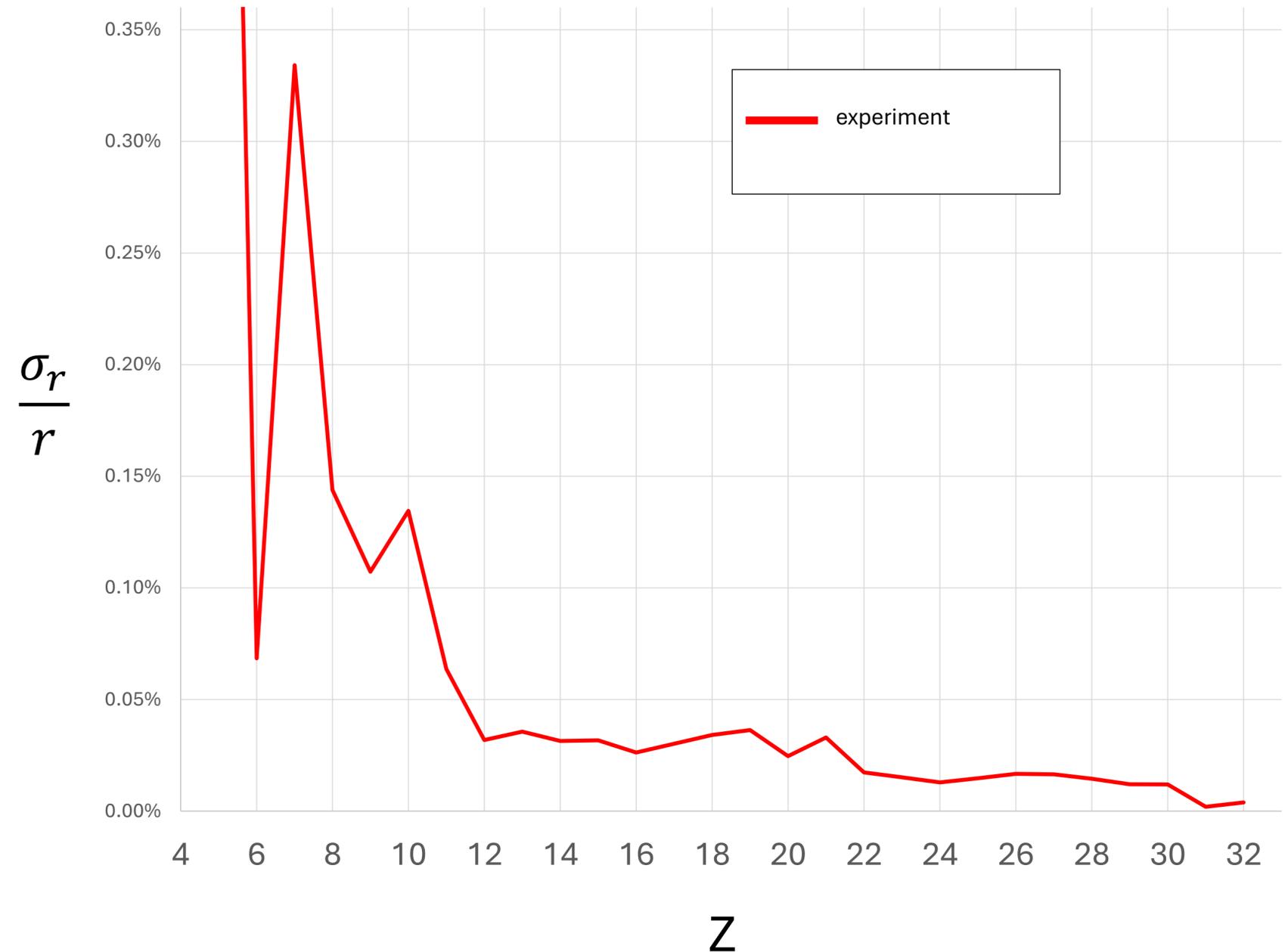


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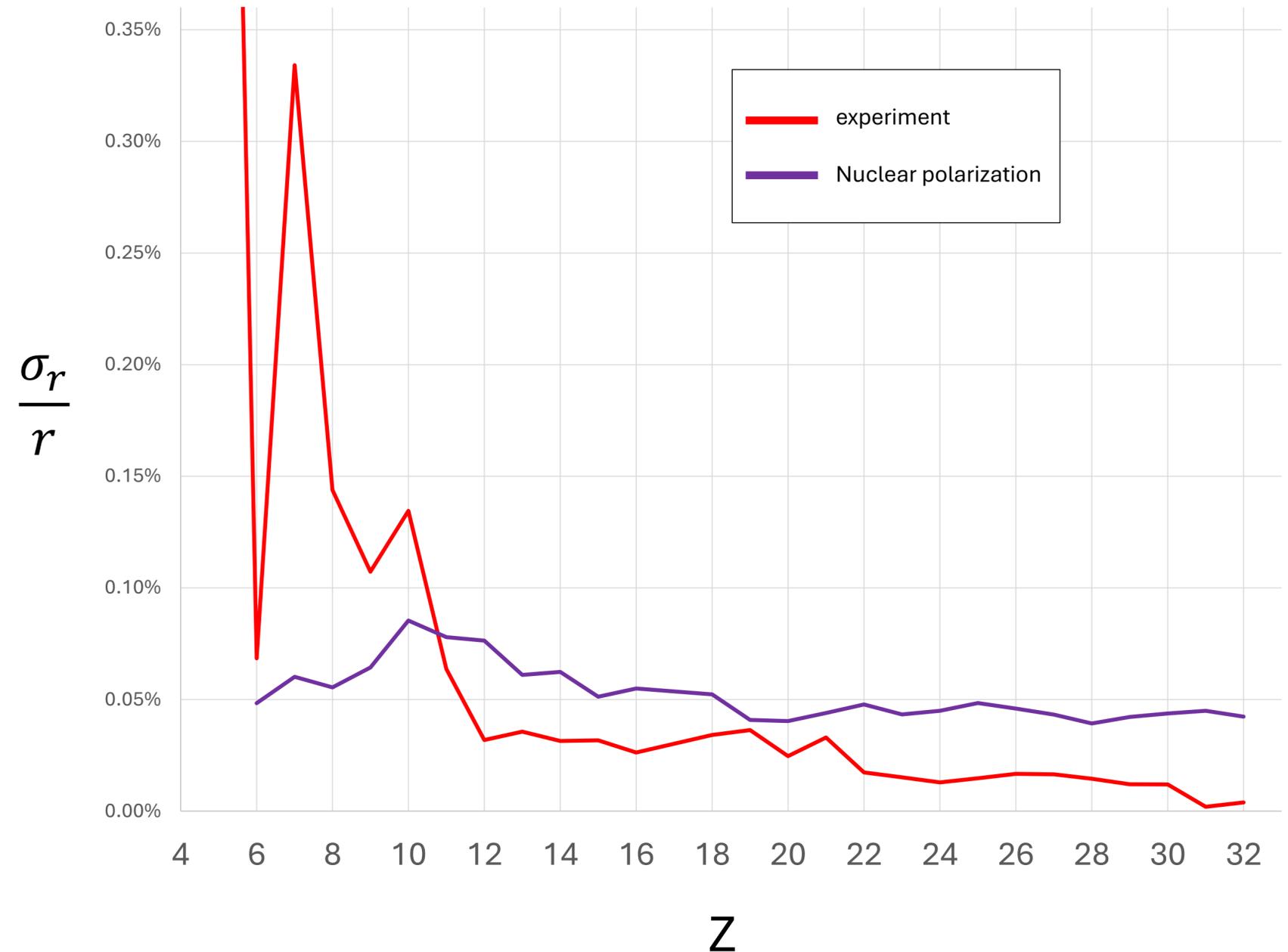
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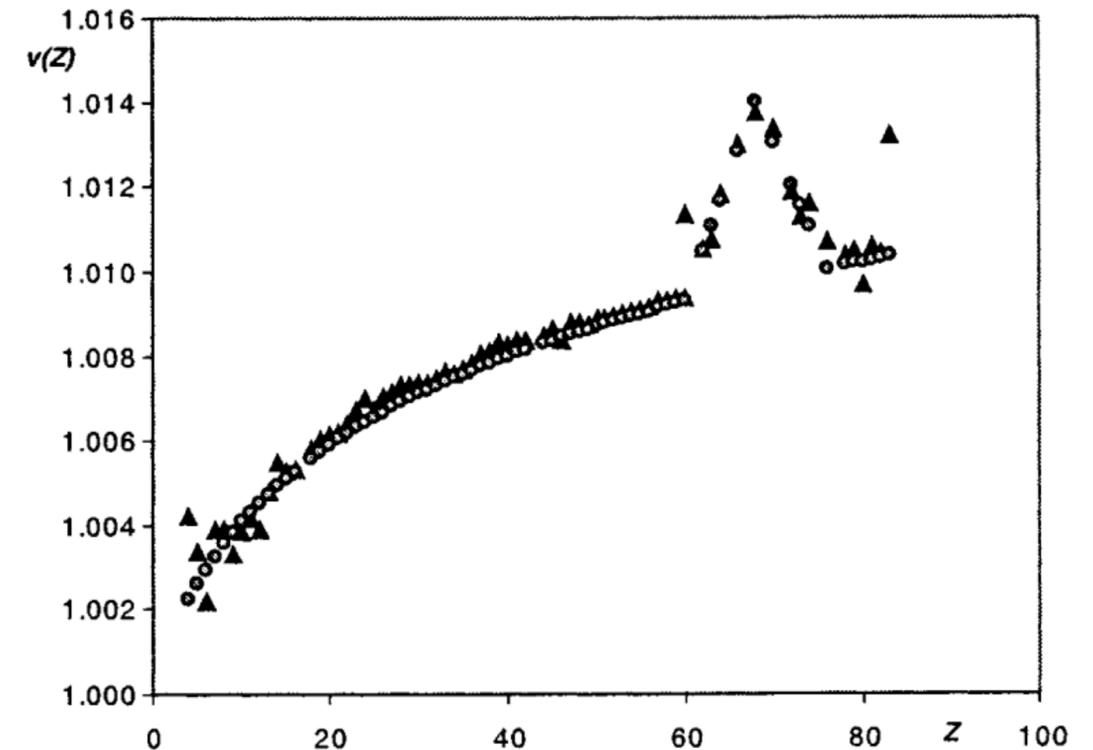


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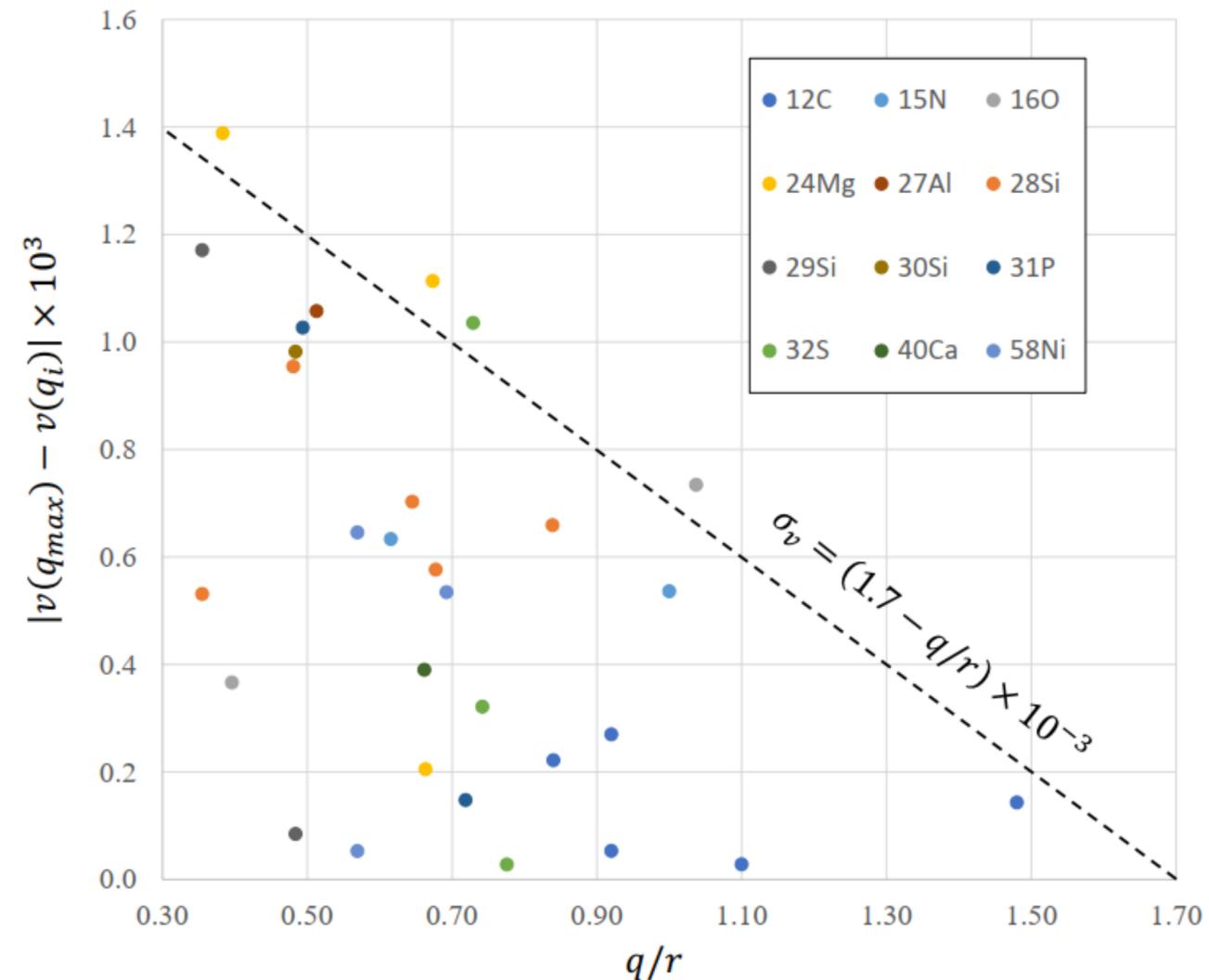
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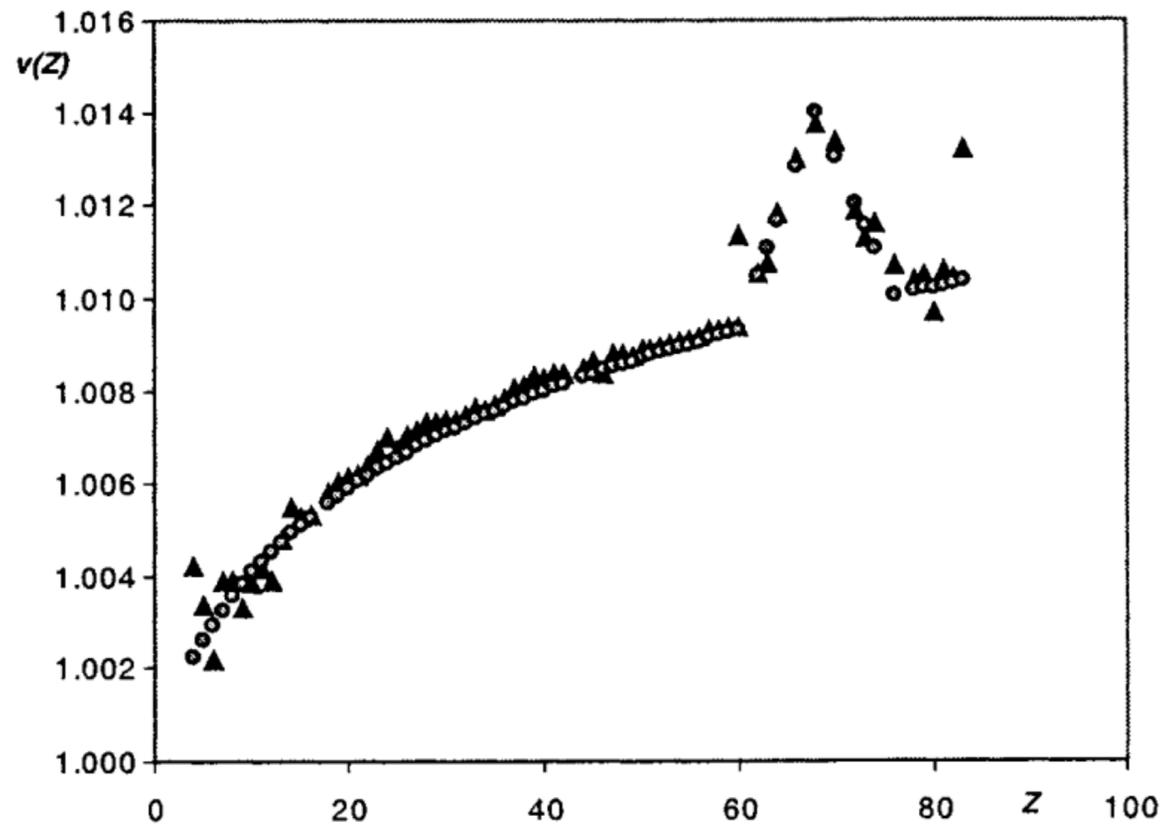
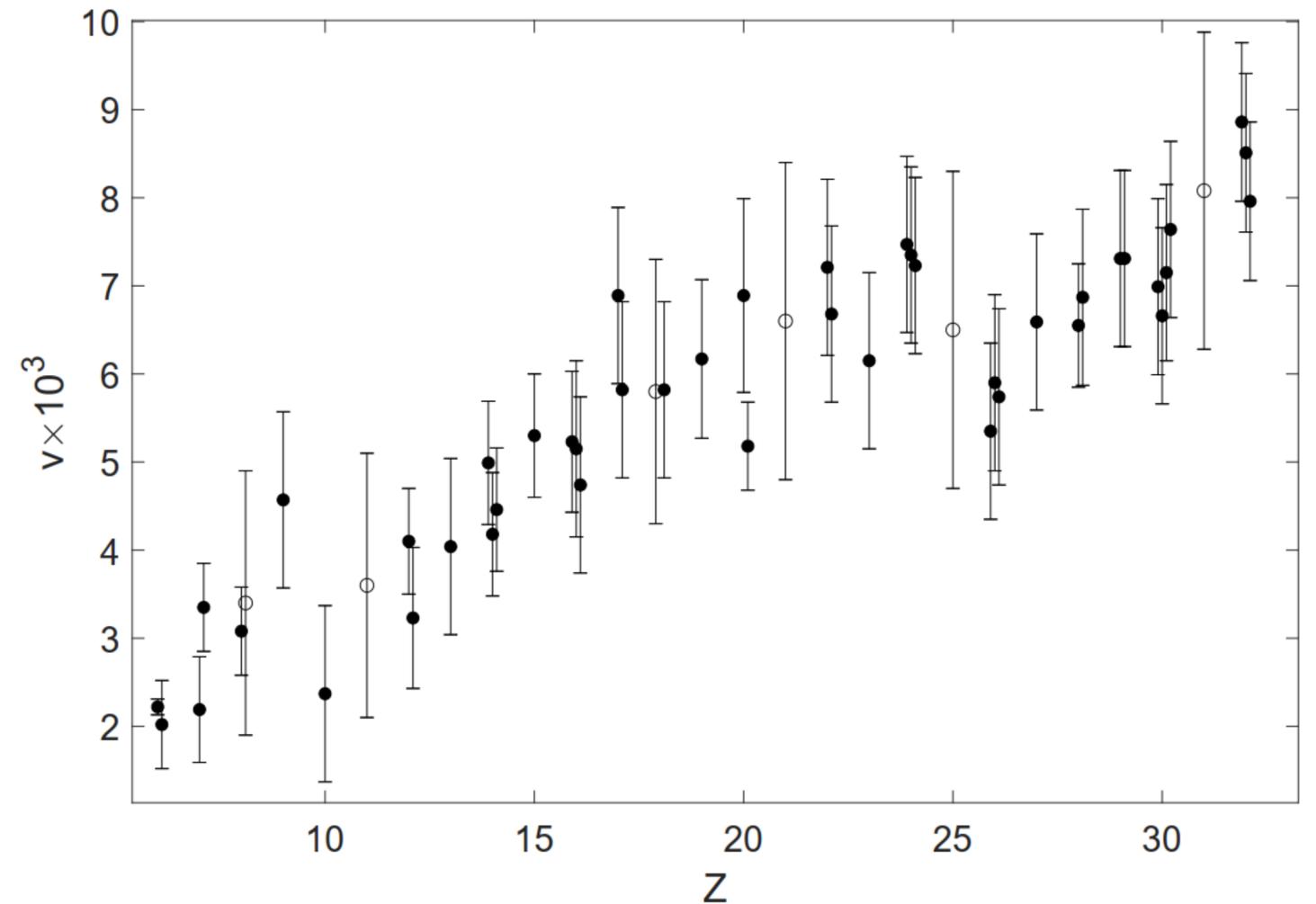


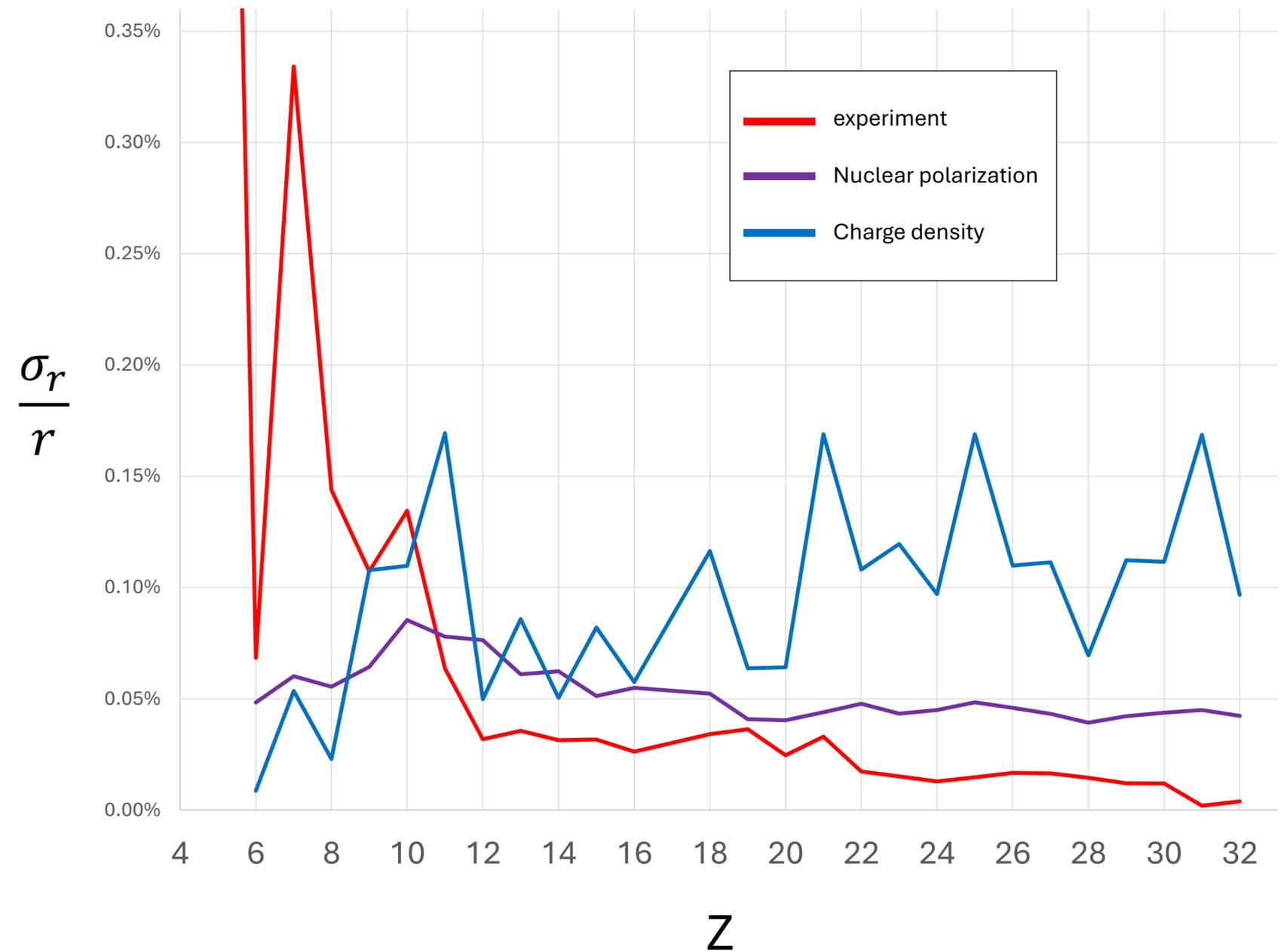
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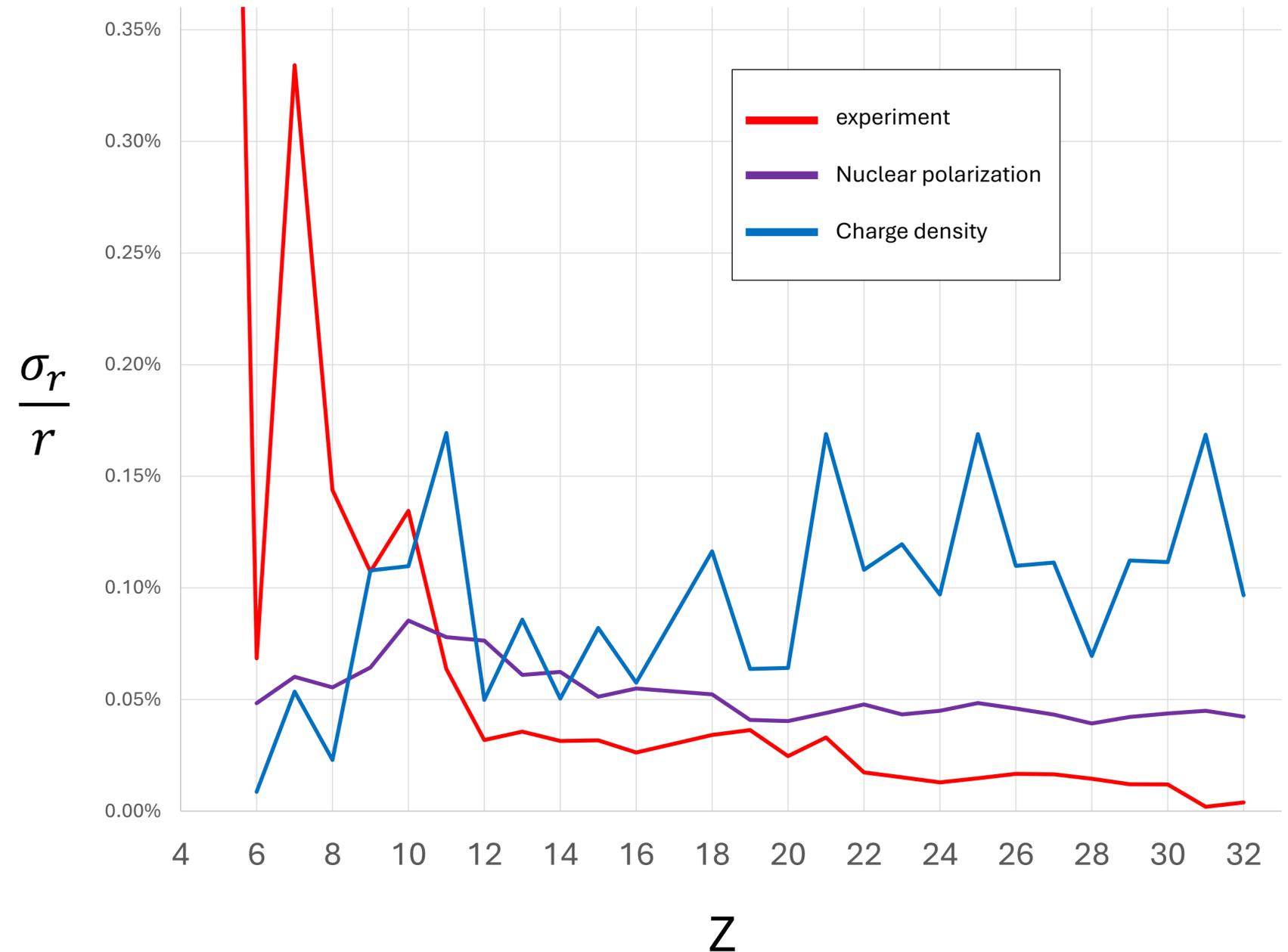
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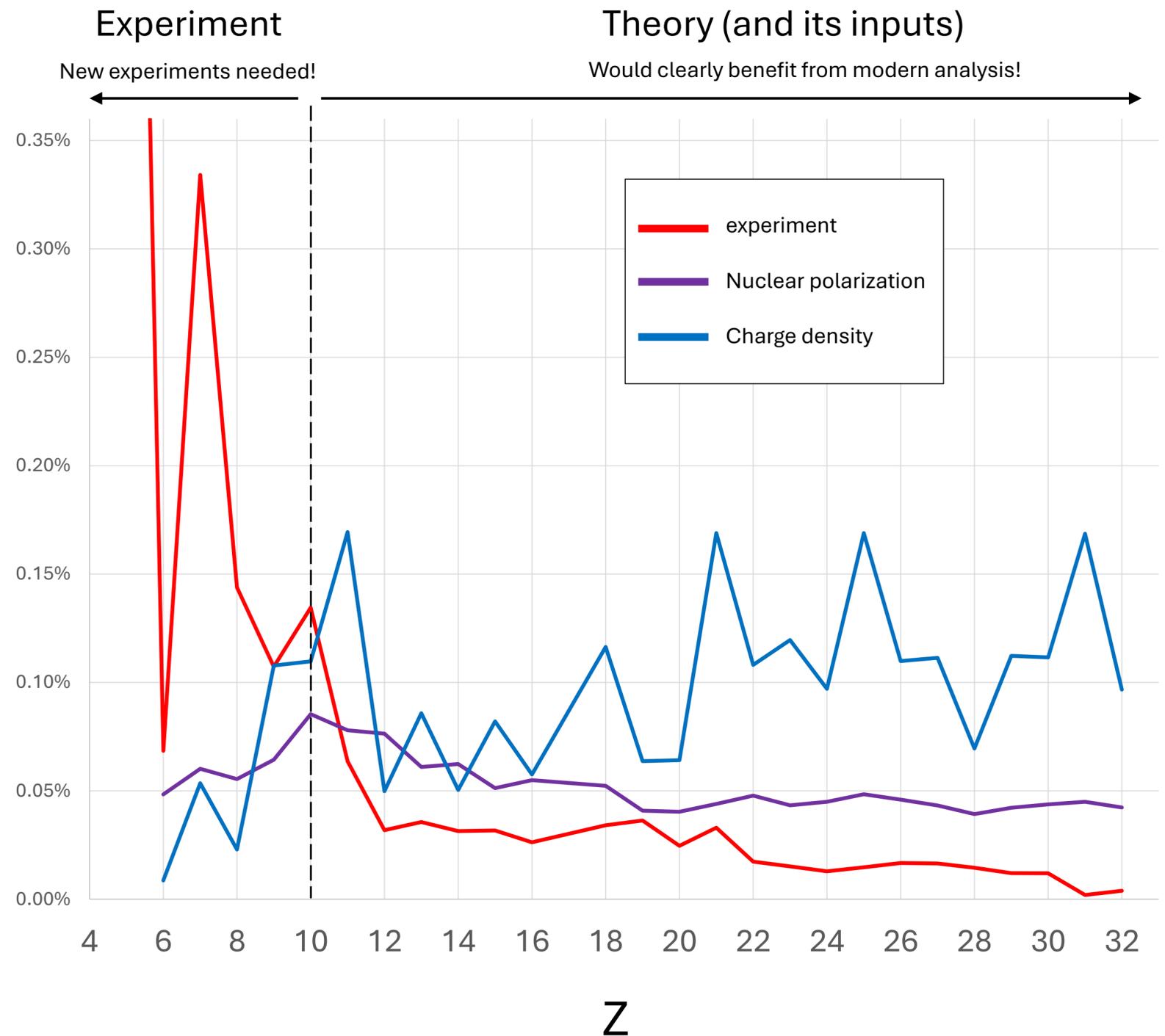
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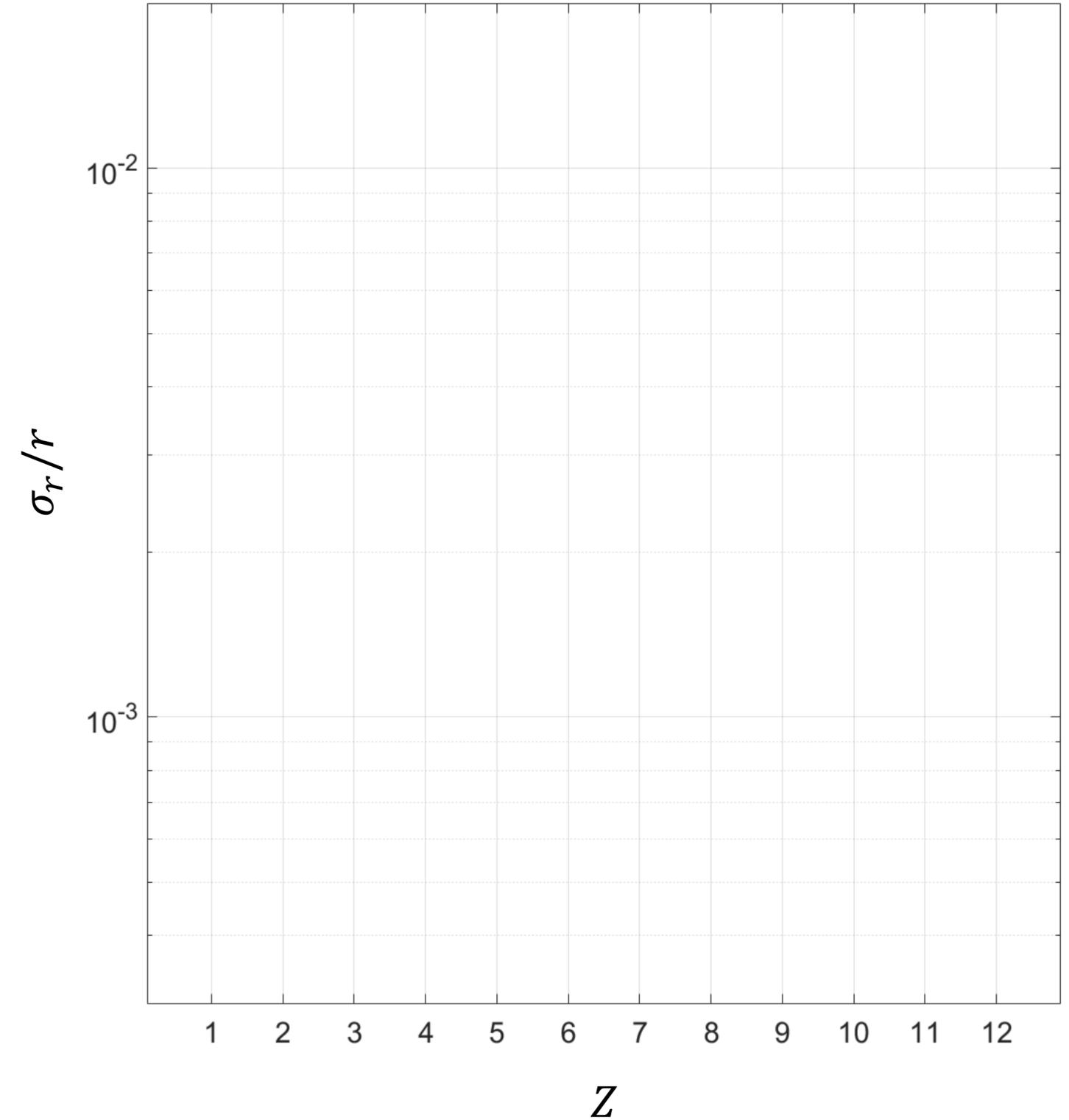
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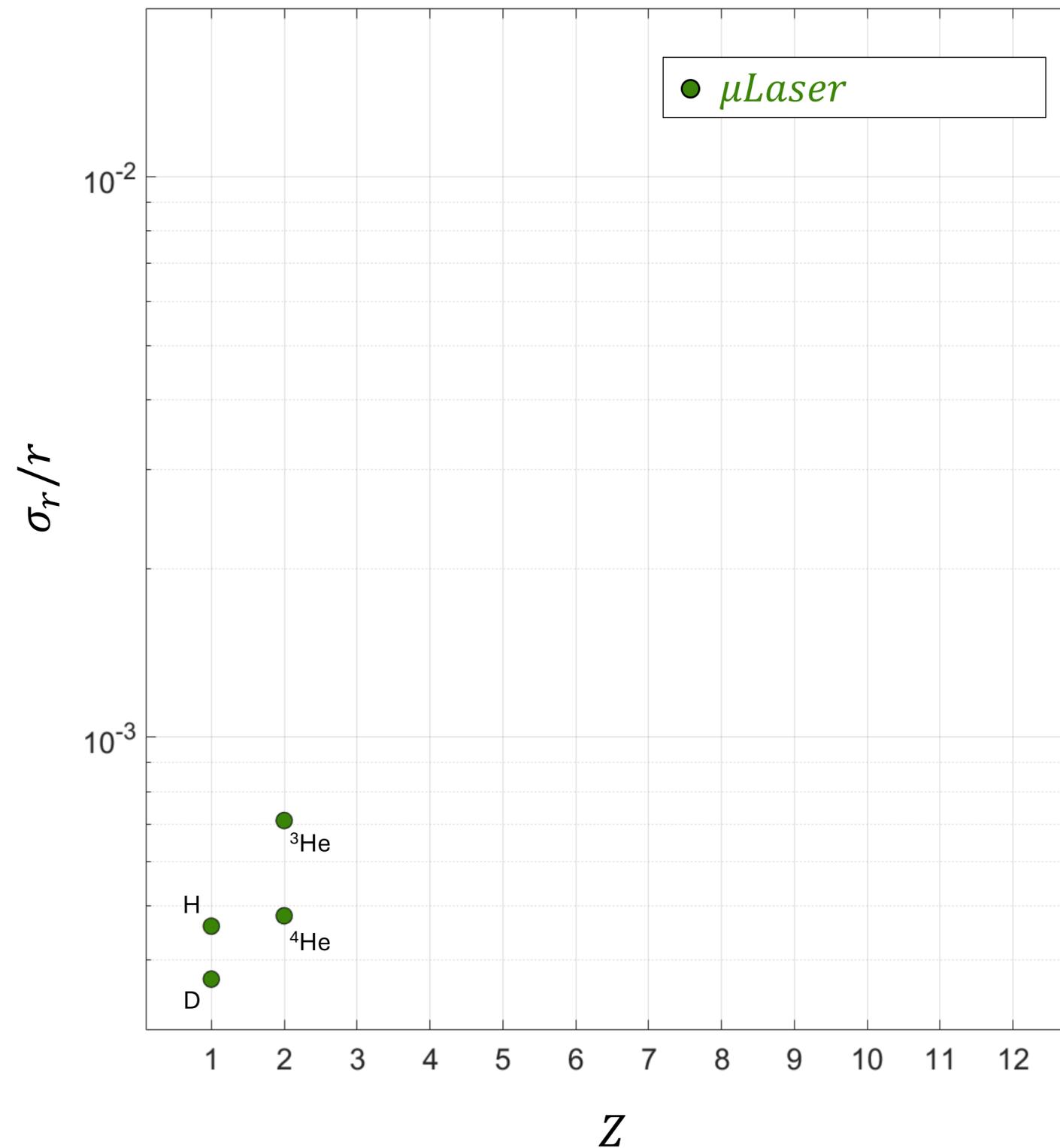


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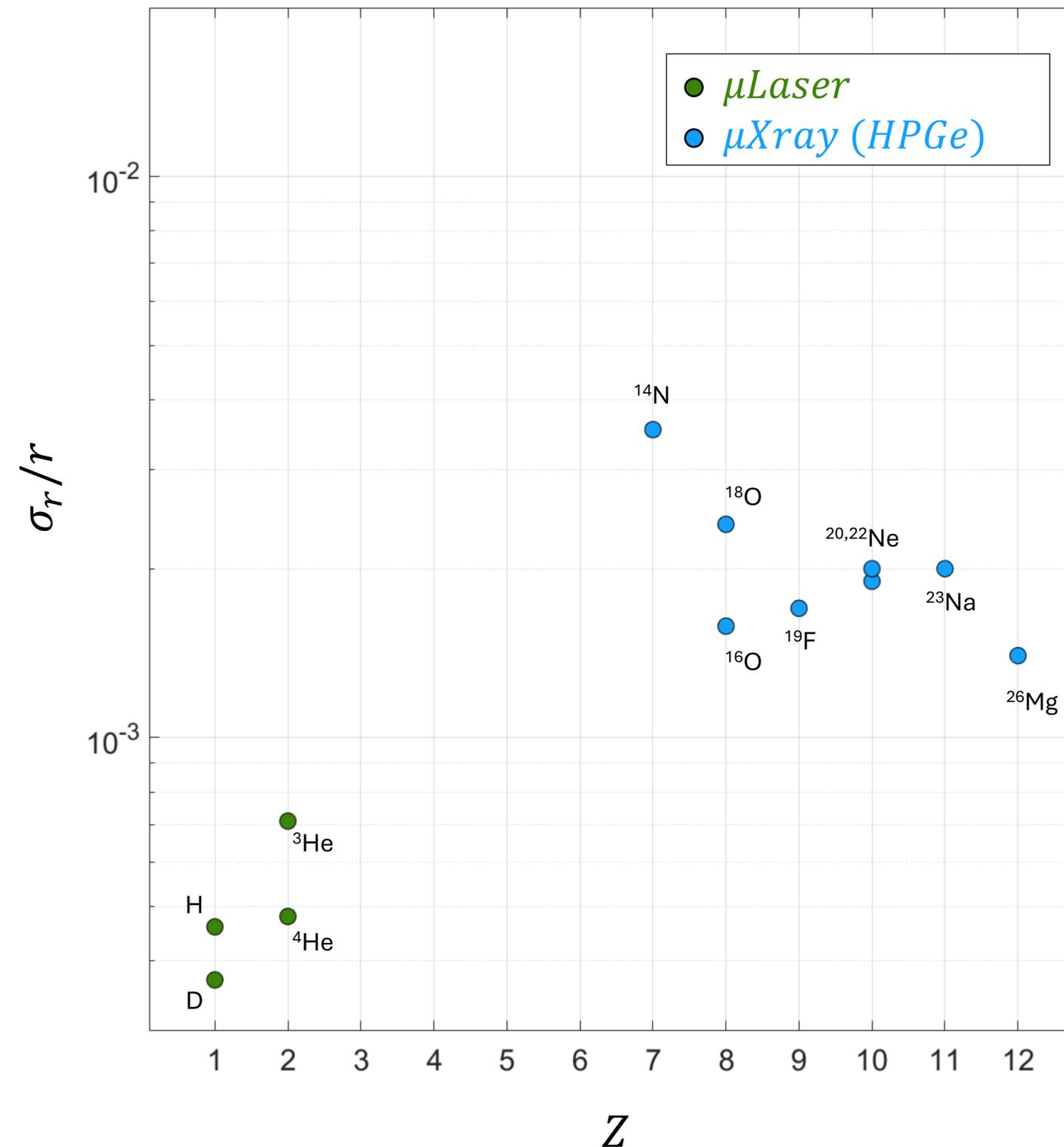
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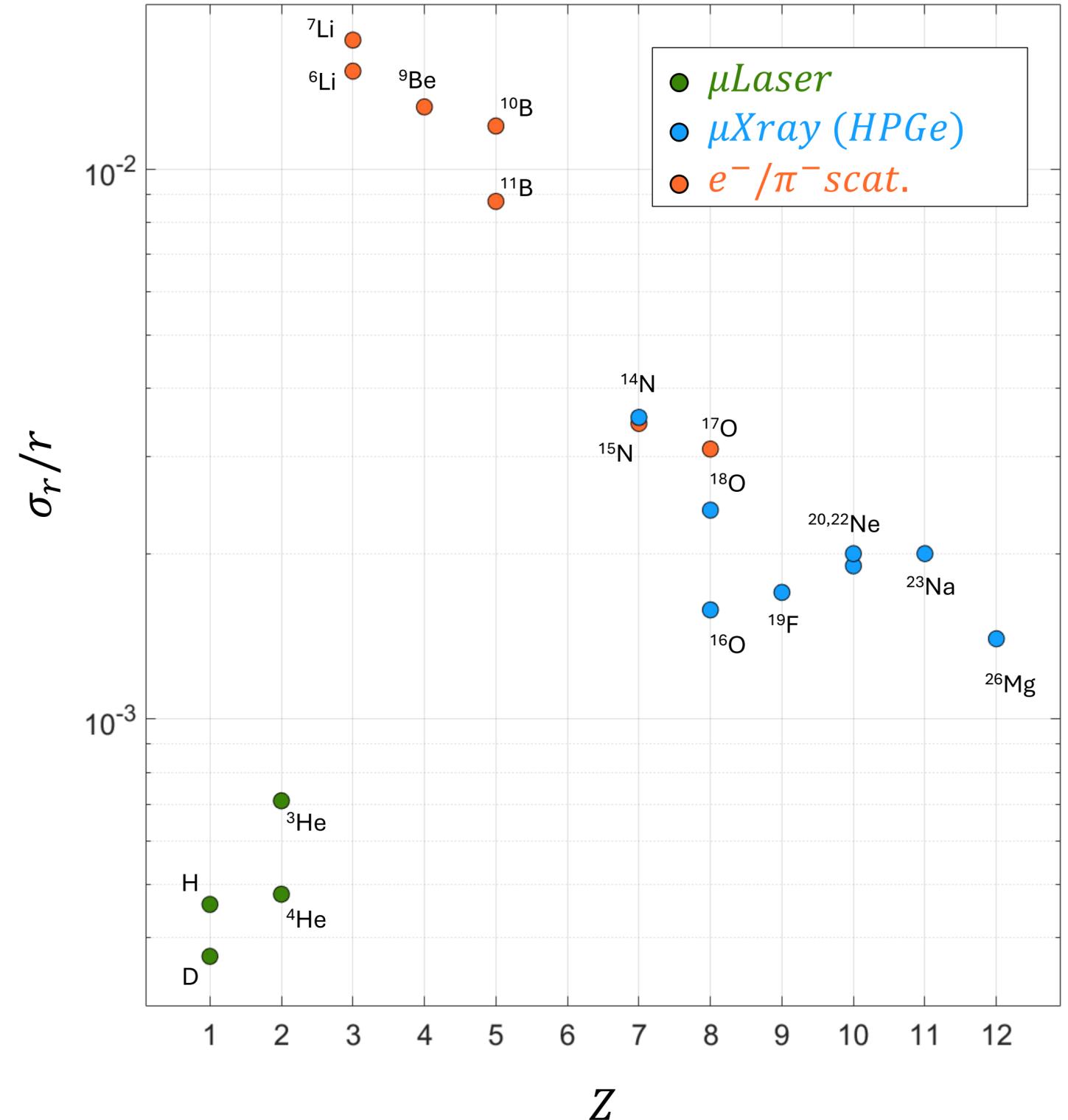
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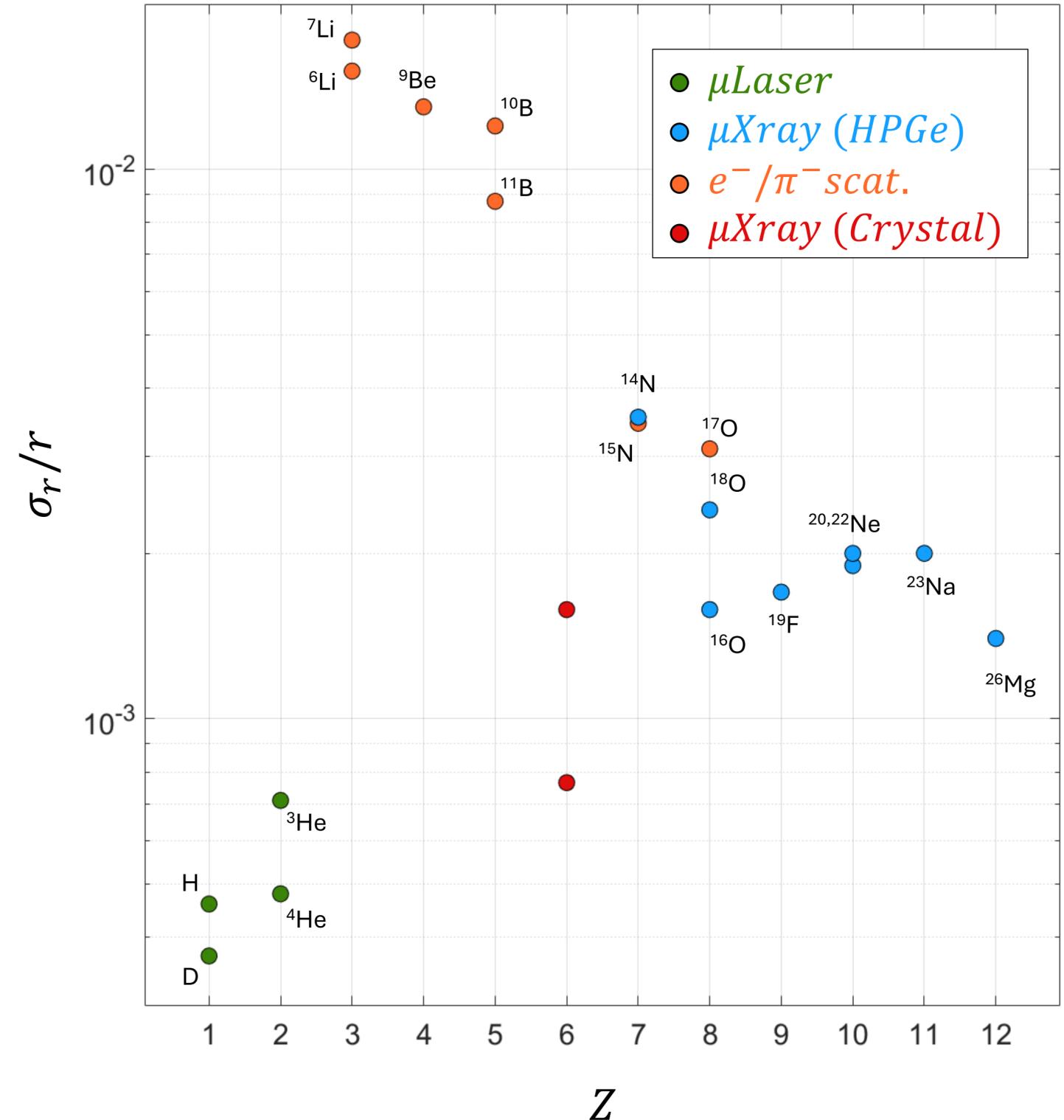
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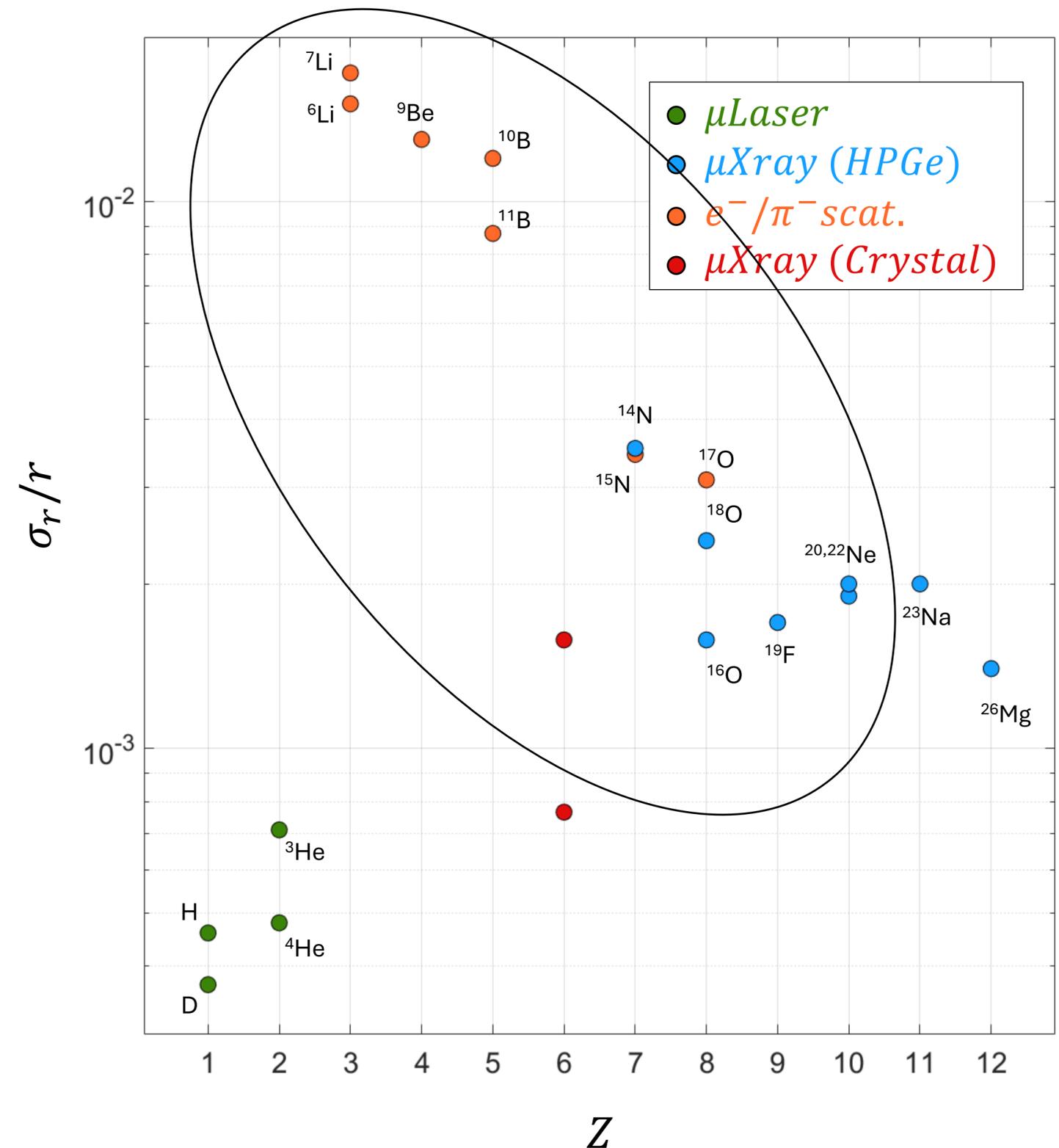
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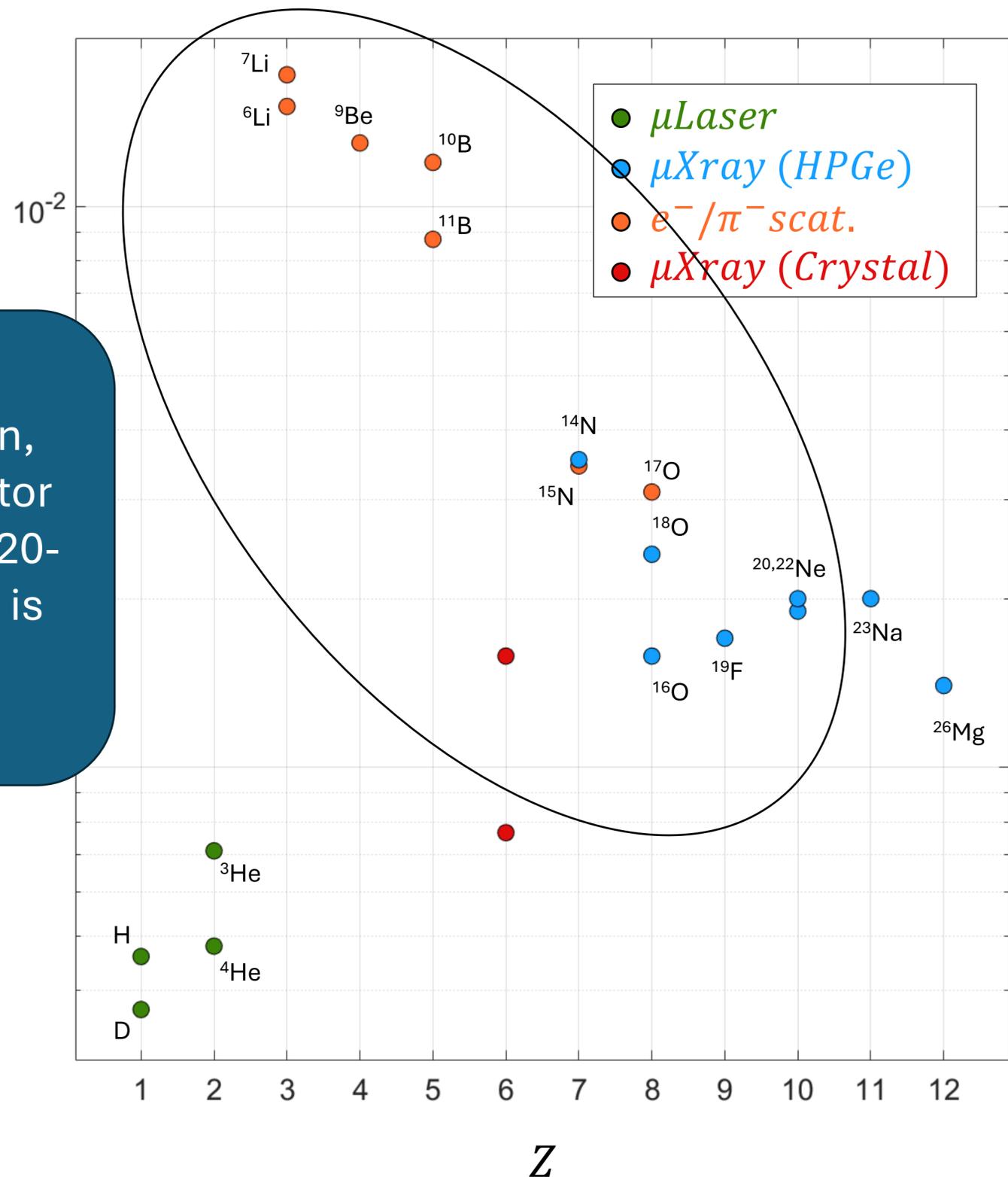
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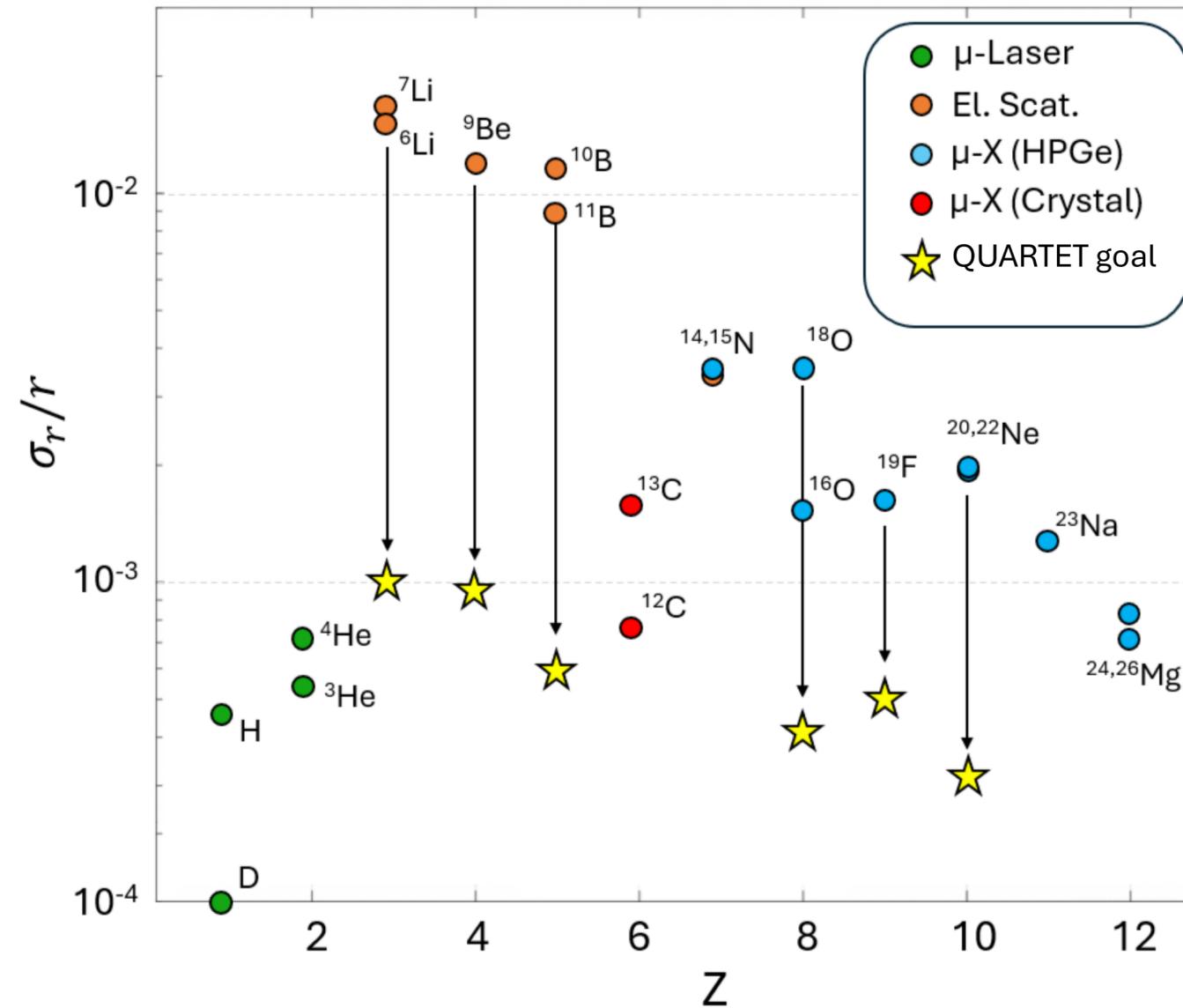
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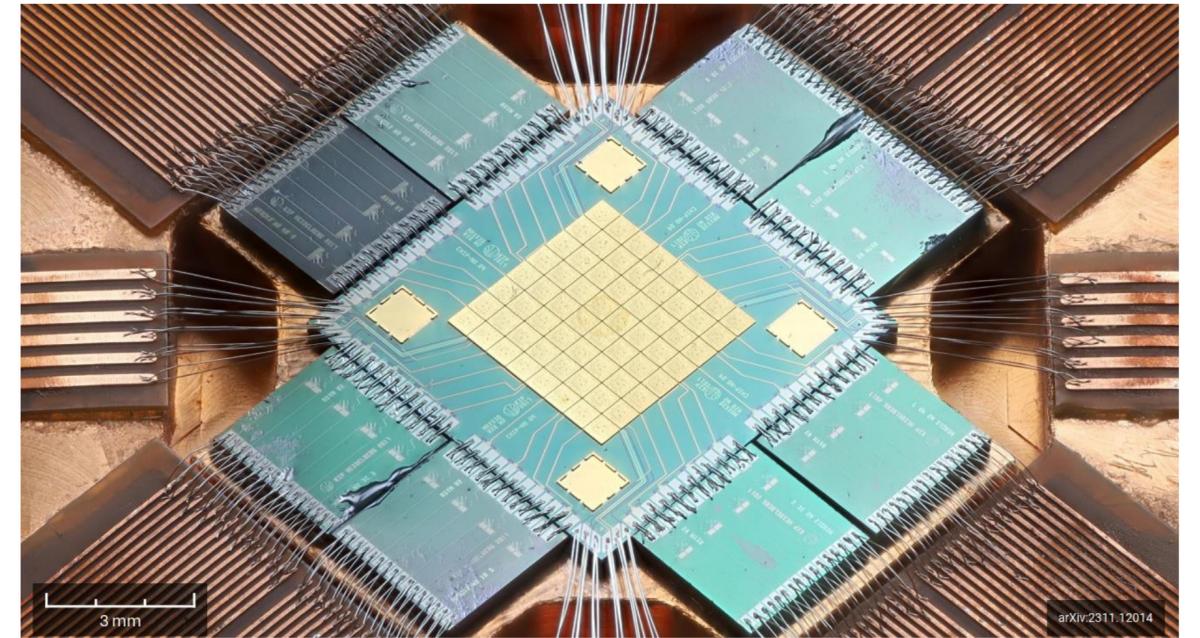
Experimental opportunities with muonic atoms:



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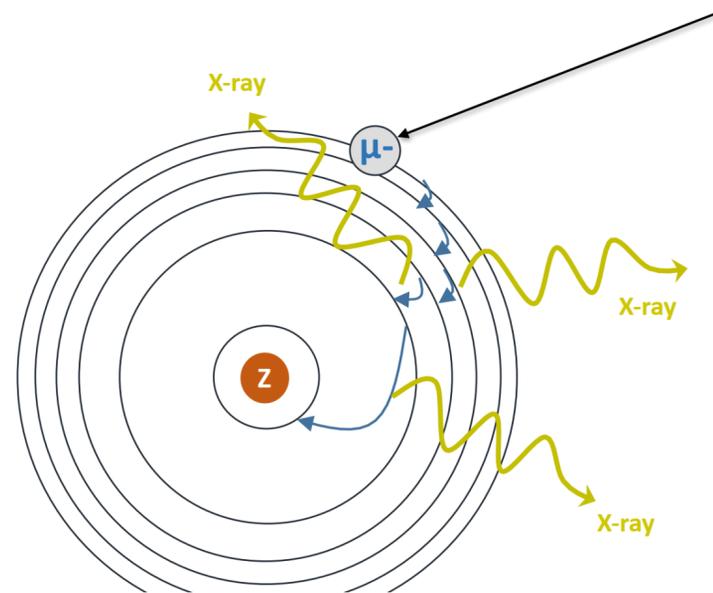
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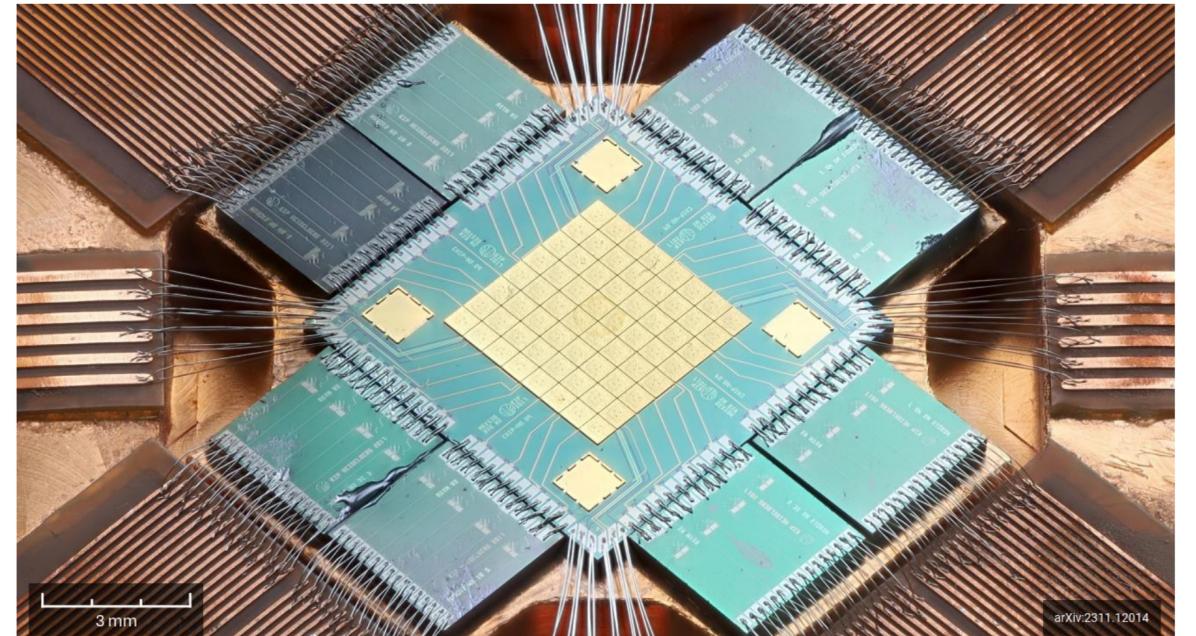
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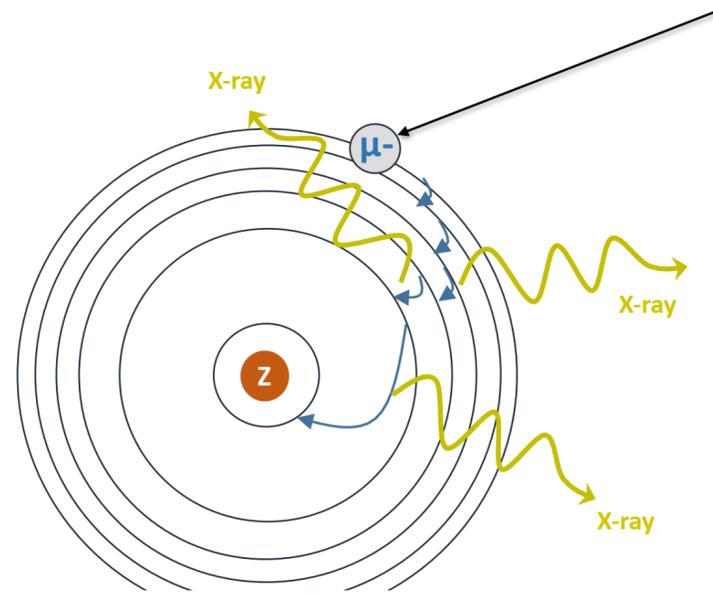
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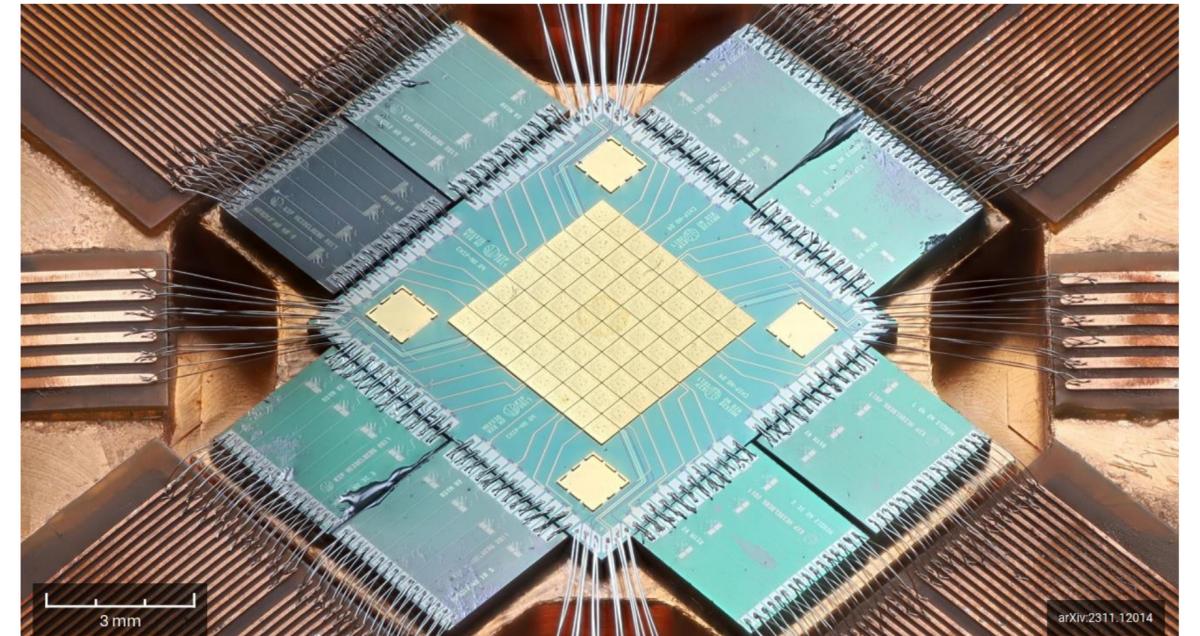
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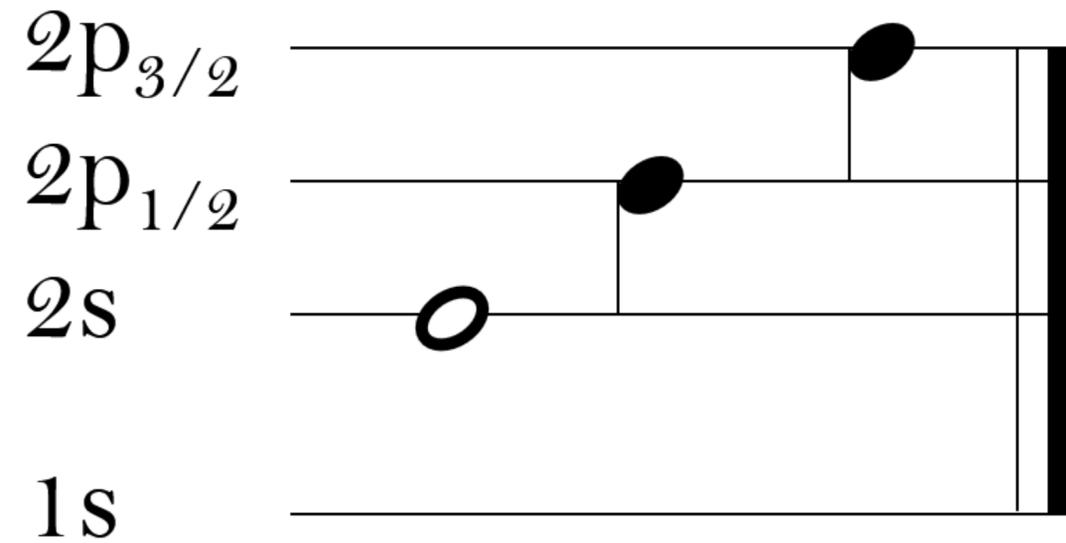
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Quantum Interactions with Exotic Atoms

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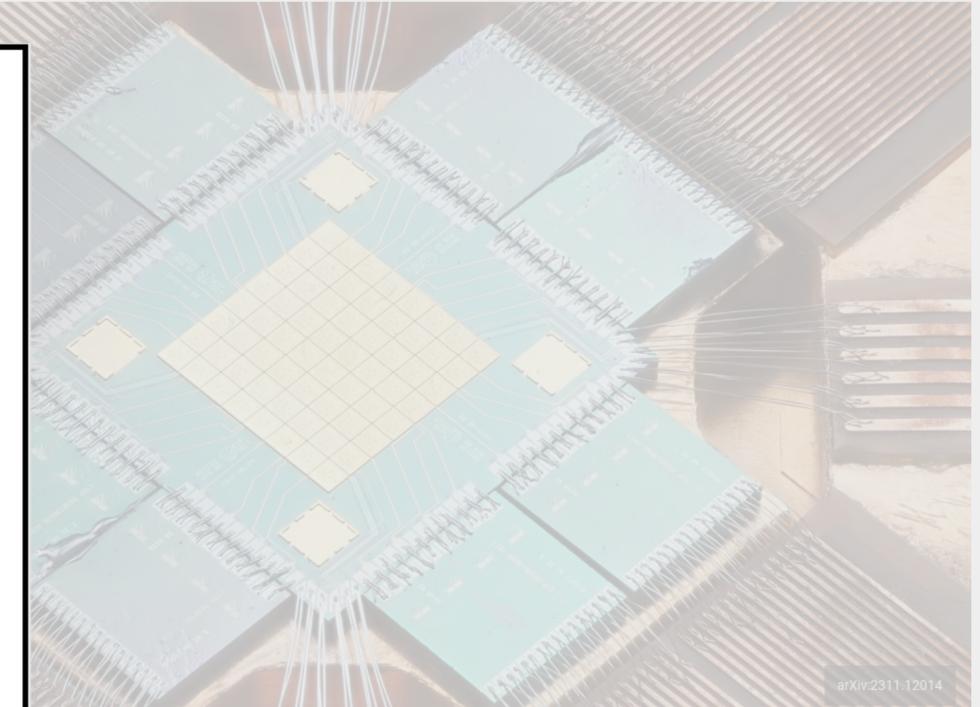


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More info:

arXiv:2311.12014

arXiv:2310.03846

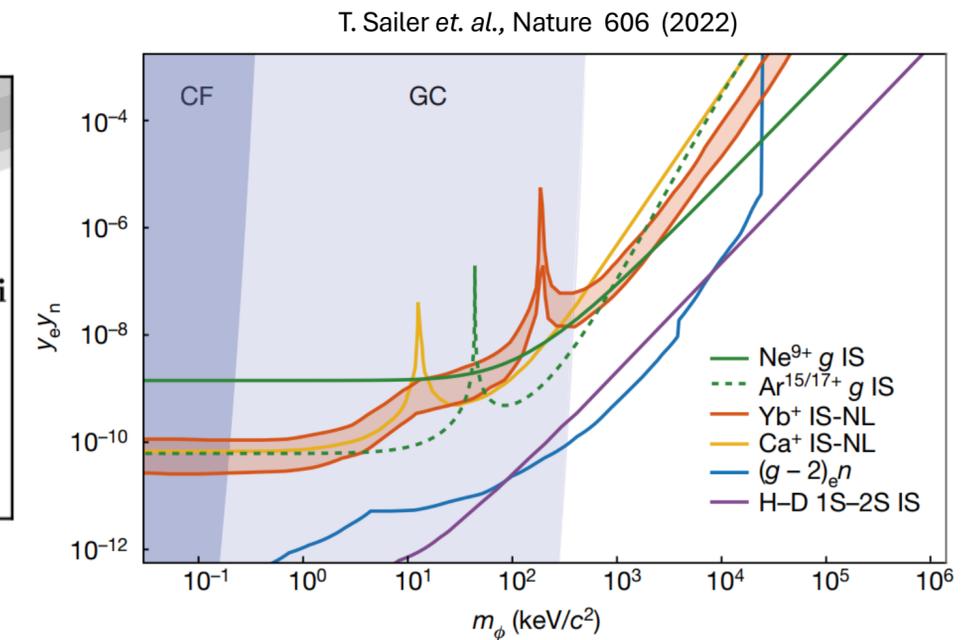
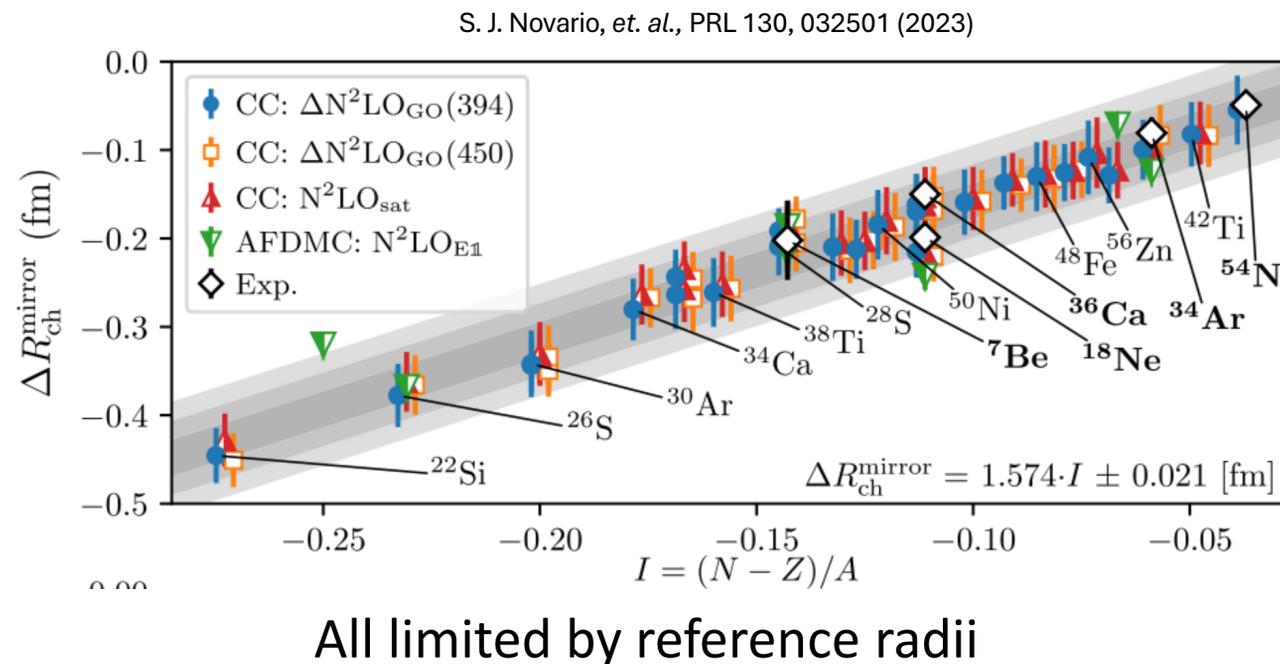
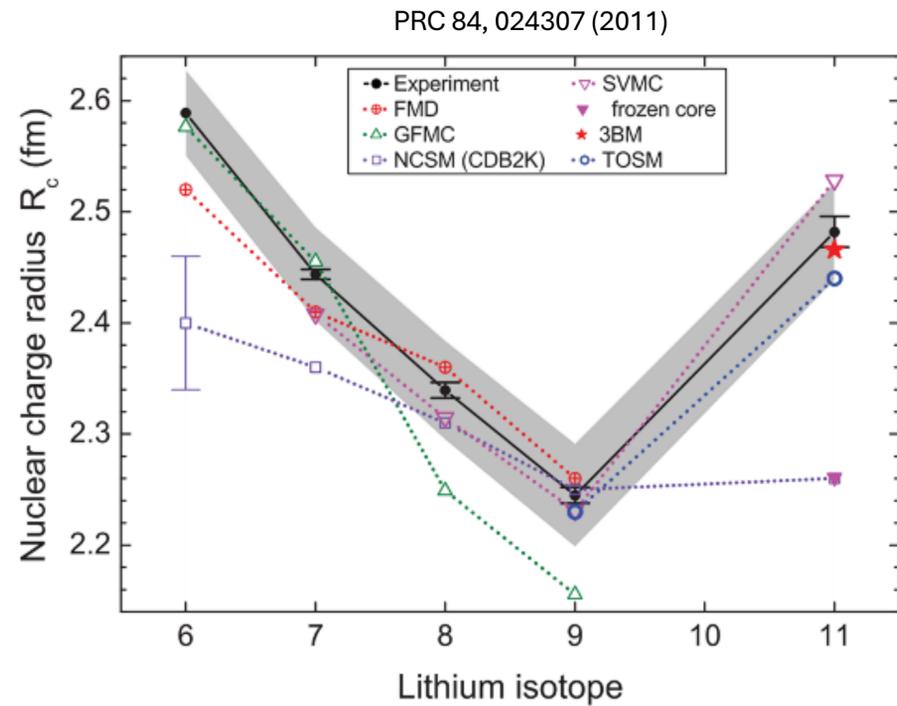


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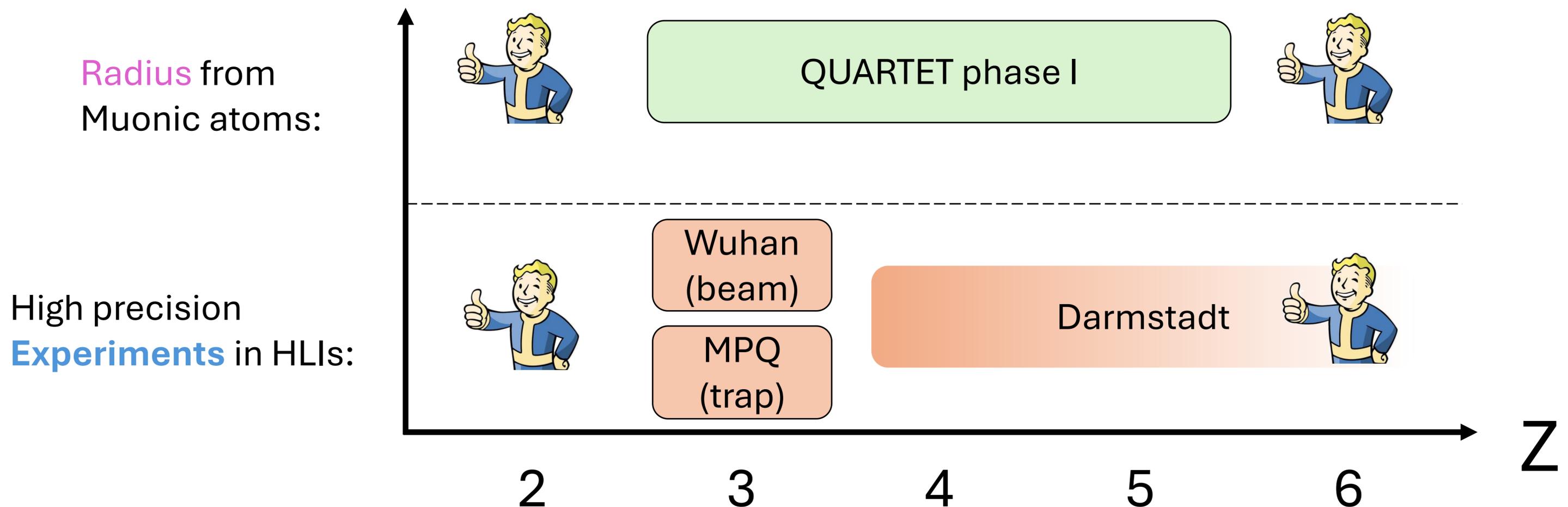
What are light radii good for?

- **Absolute radius:** Li/Be/B \rightarrow calibrate entire chains, test nuclear chiral EFT, inc. ${}^7\text{Li}$ - ${}^7\text{Be}$ and (future) ${}^8\text{Li}$ - ${}^8\text{B}$ mirrors
- **Isotope shifts:** compare electronic and muonic atoms to search for new lepton-neutron interactions
- Upcoming optical determinations of absolute radii for helium-like Li to C (Wuhan, Mainz). Important cross check and strong test for new physics beyond isotope shifts.
- **Mirror nuclei:** $\Delta r = r(N, Z) - r(Z, N)$, probe of neutron skins and the nuclear equation of state. **Scarce measurements**, especially in **light nuclei** with large isospin asymmetry: $I = (N - Z)/A$.
- Novel measurements of g-factors in H-like ions **limited by muonic isotope shifts for new physics searches.**

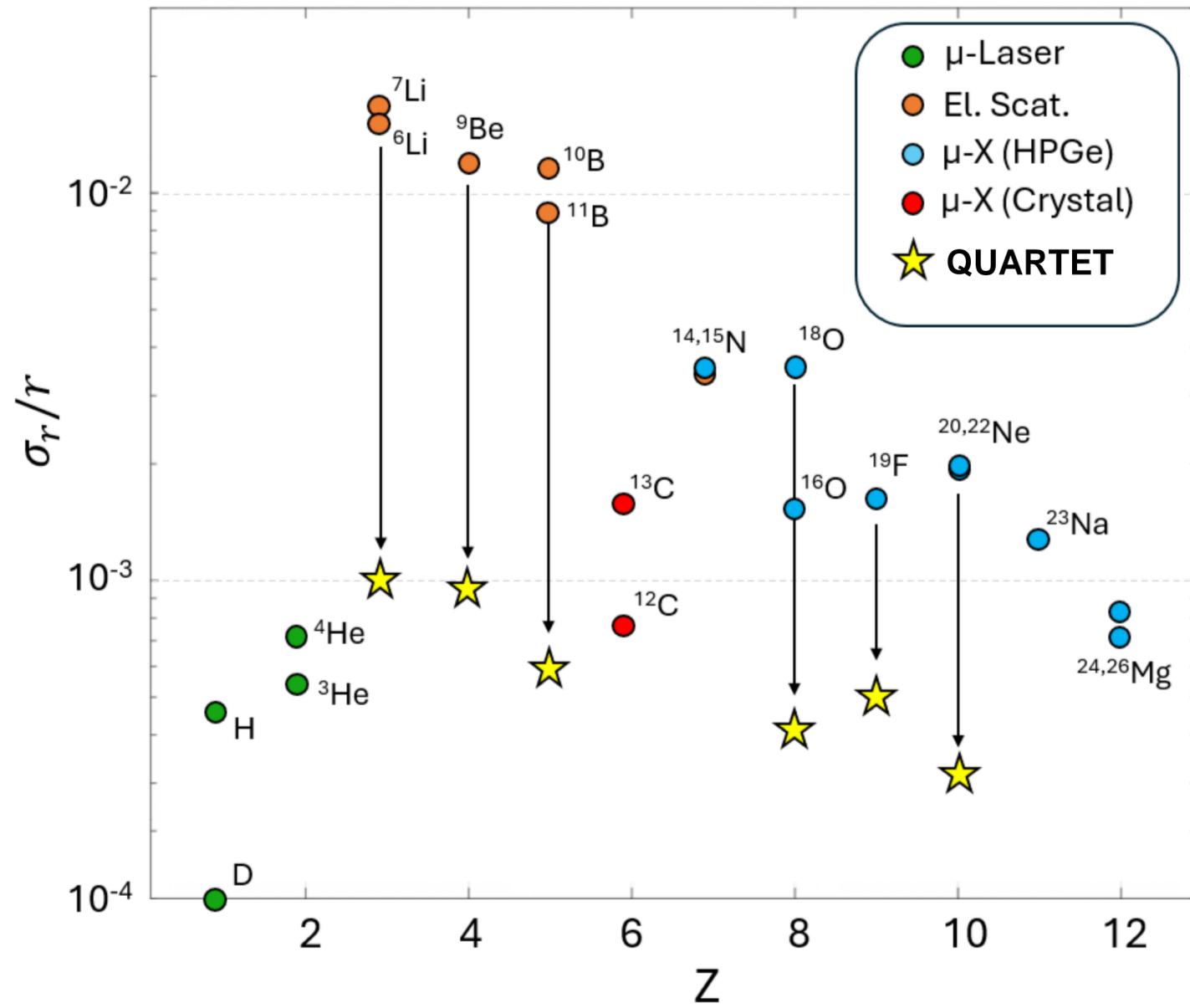


Output II: Z dependence of (unknown) high-order QED in Helium-like atoms

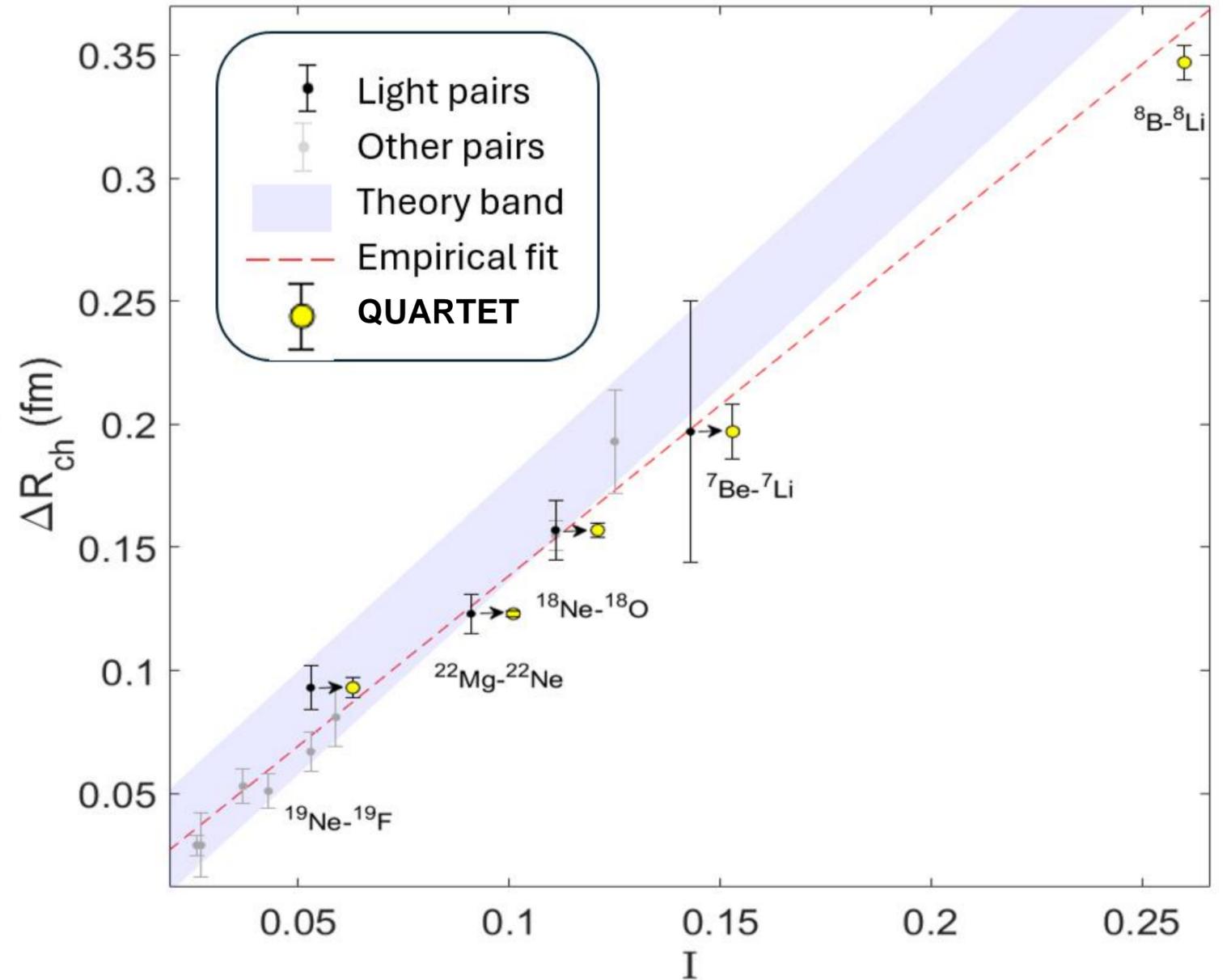
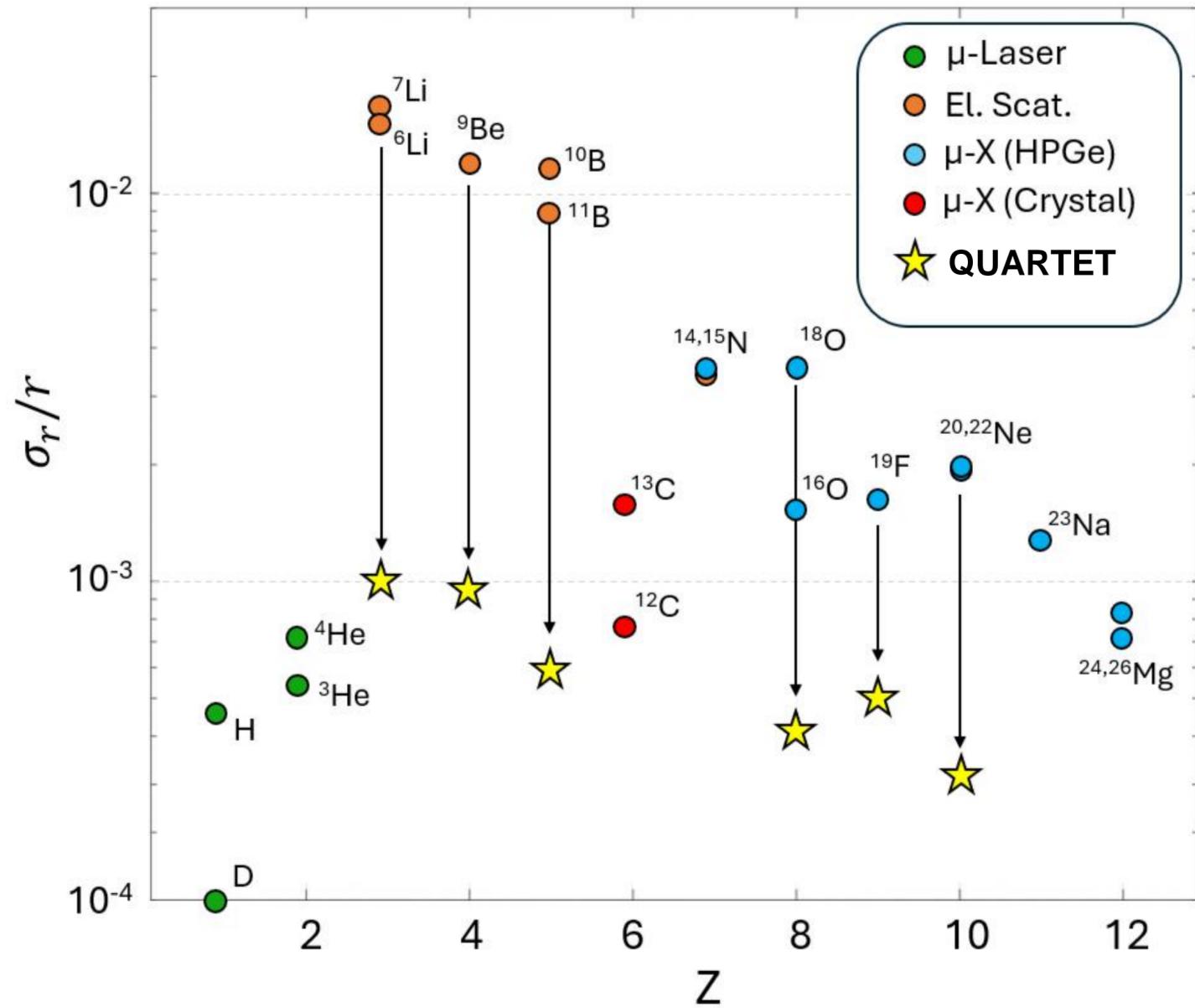
$$E_{HO} \equiv E_{exp} - (E_2 + E_4 + E_5 + E_6 + \delta E_{FNS})$$



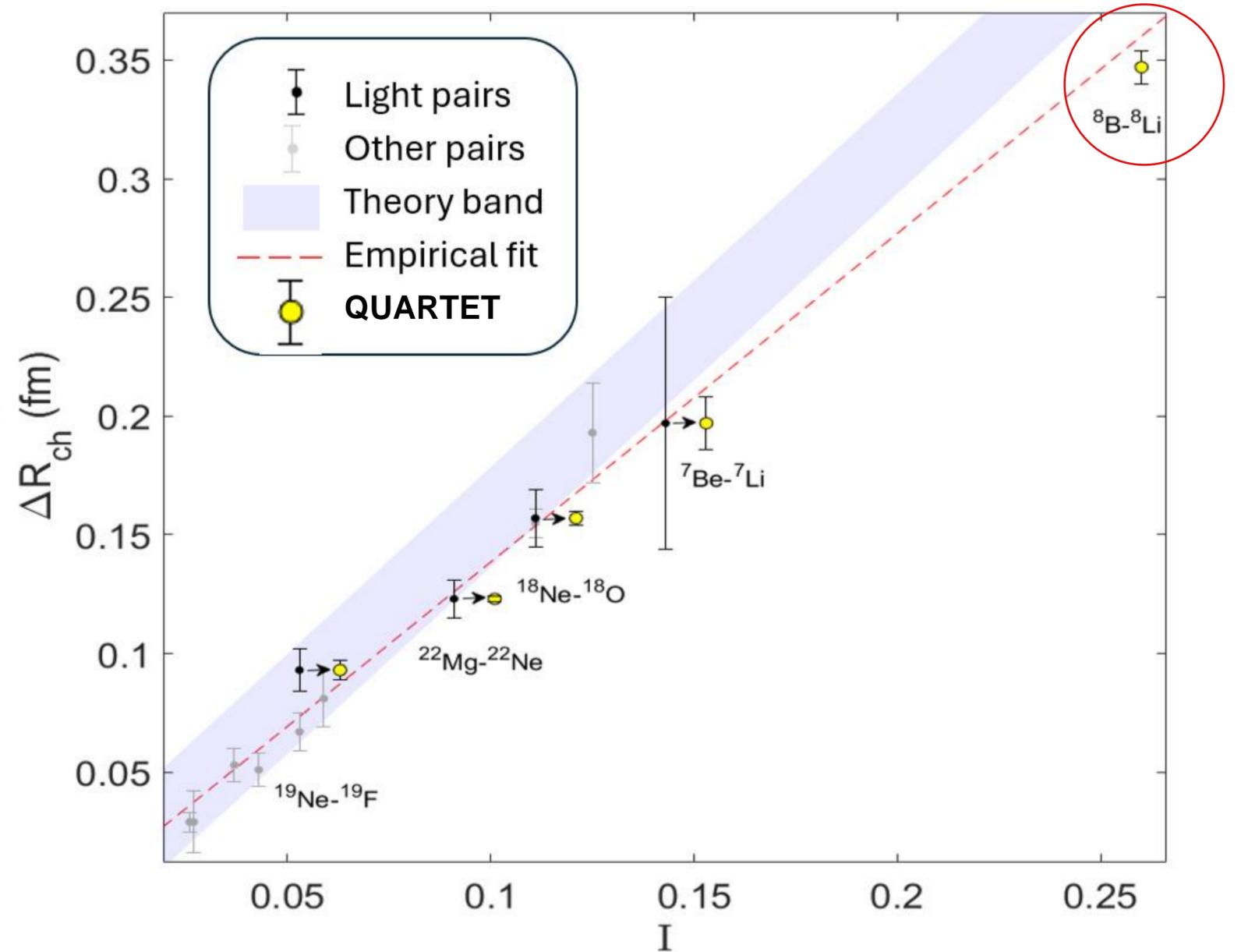
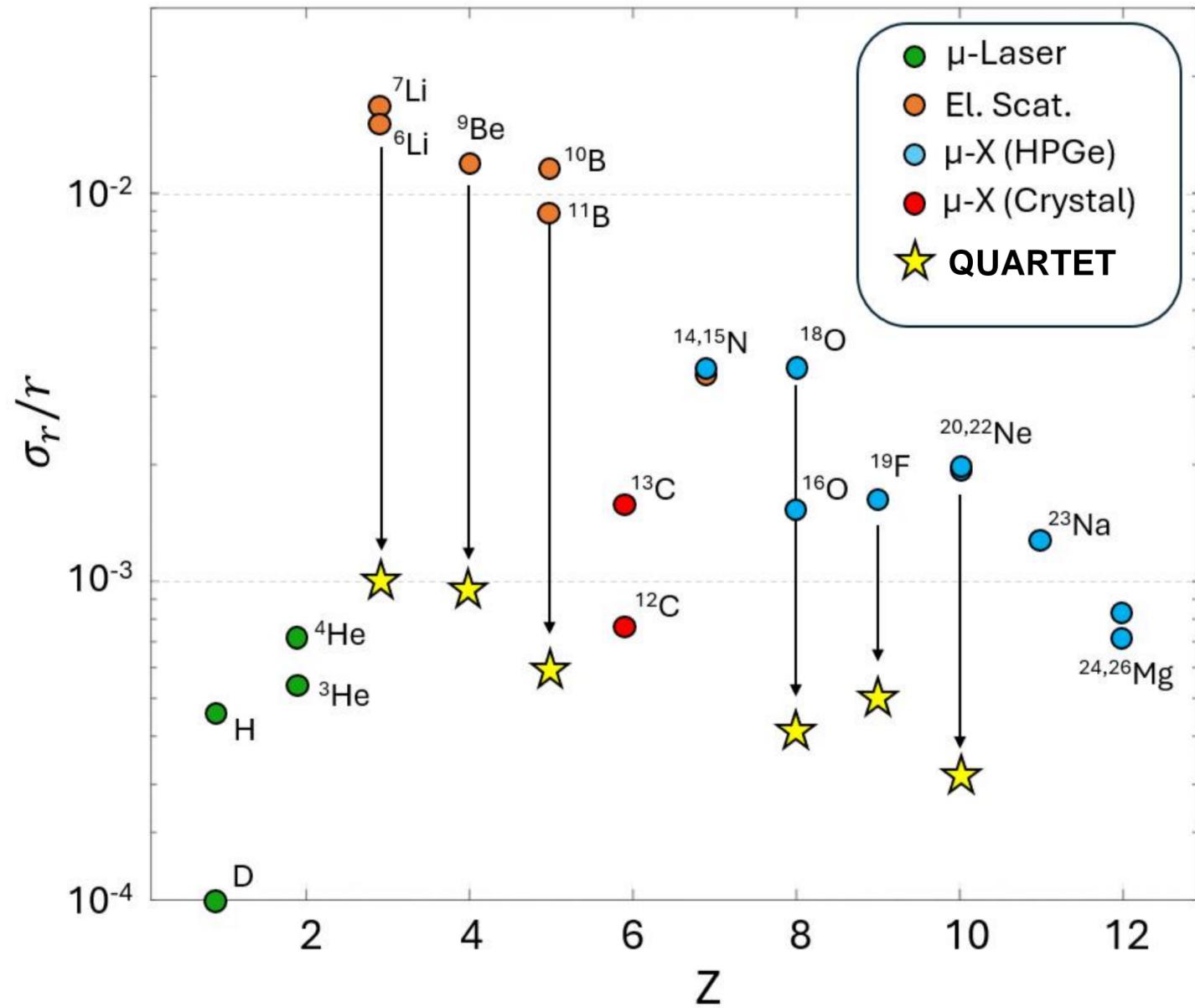
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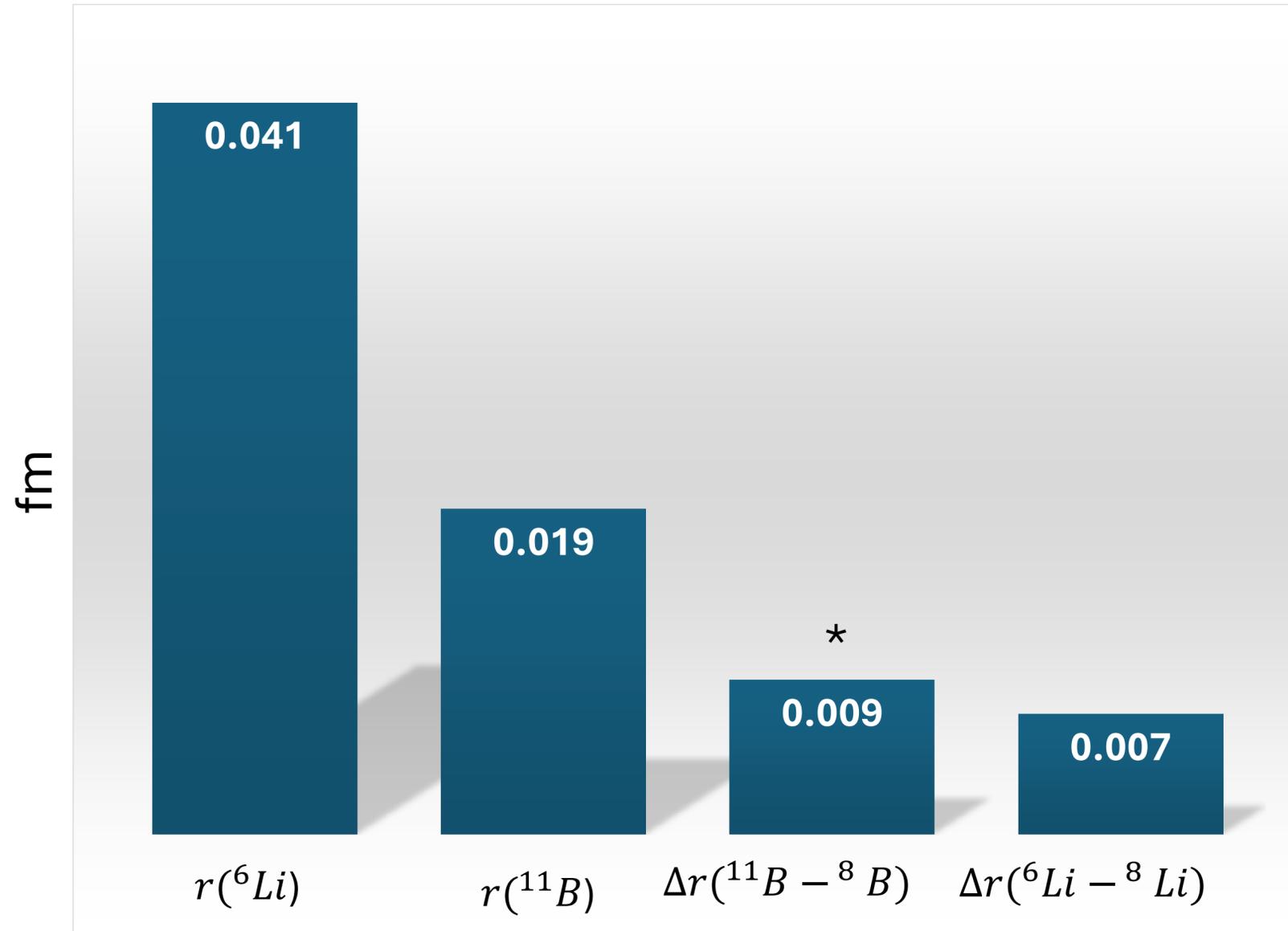


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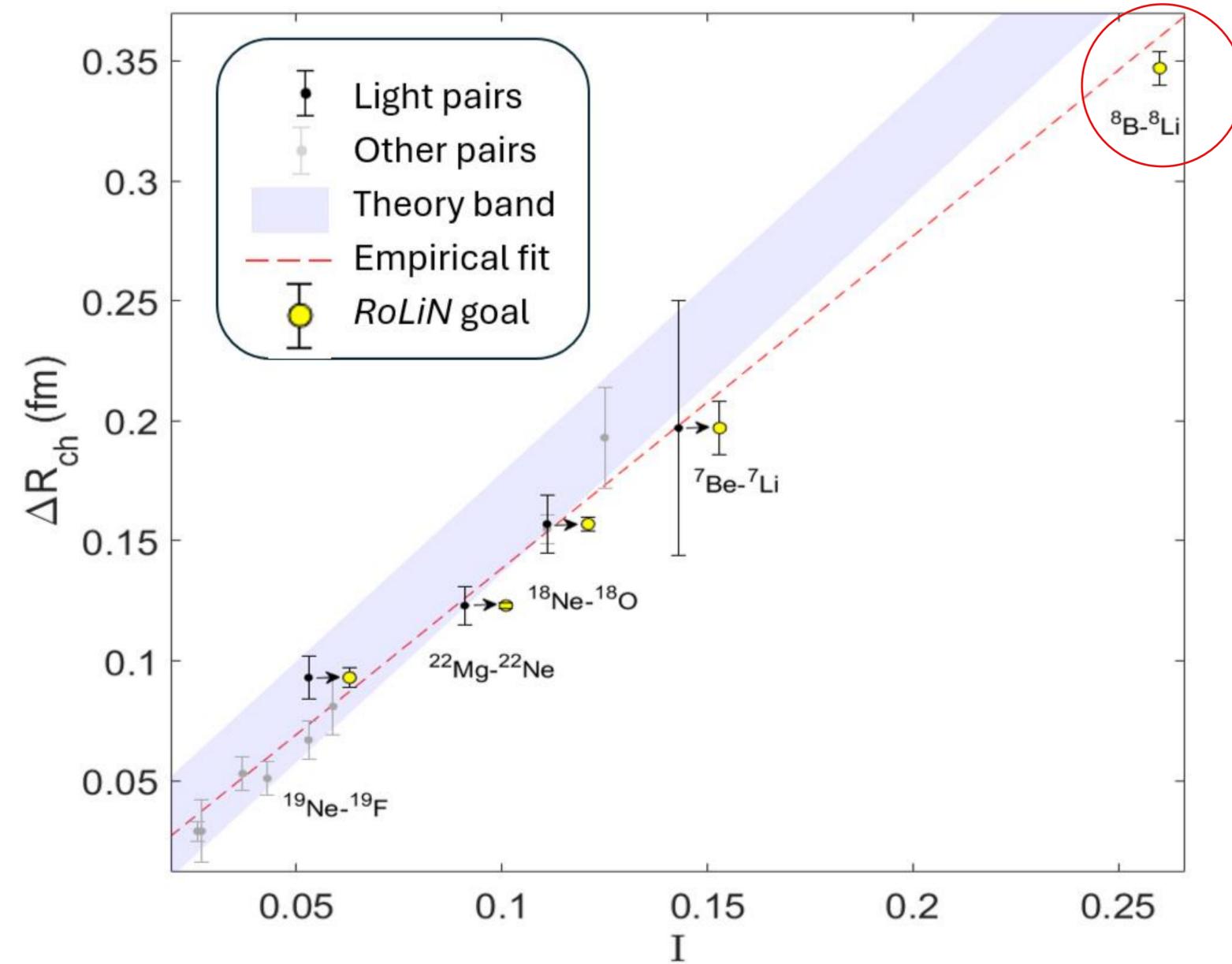


Golden case: A=8

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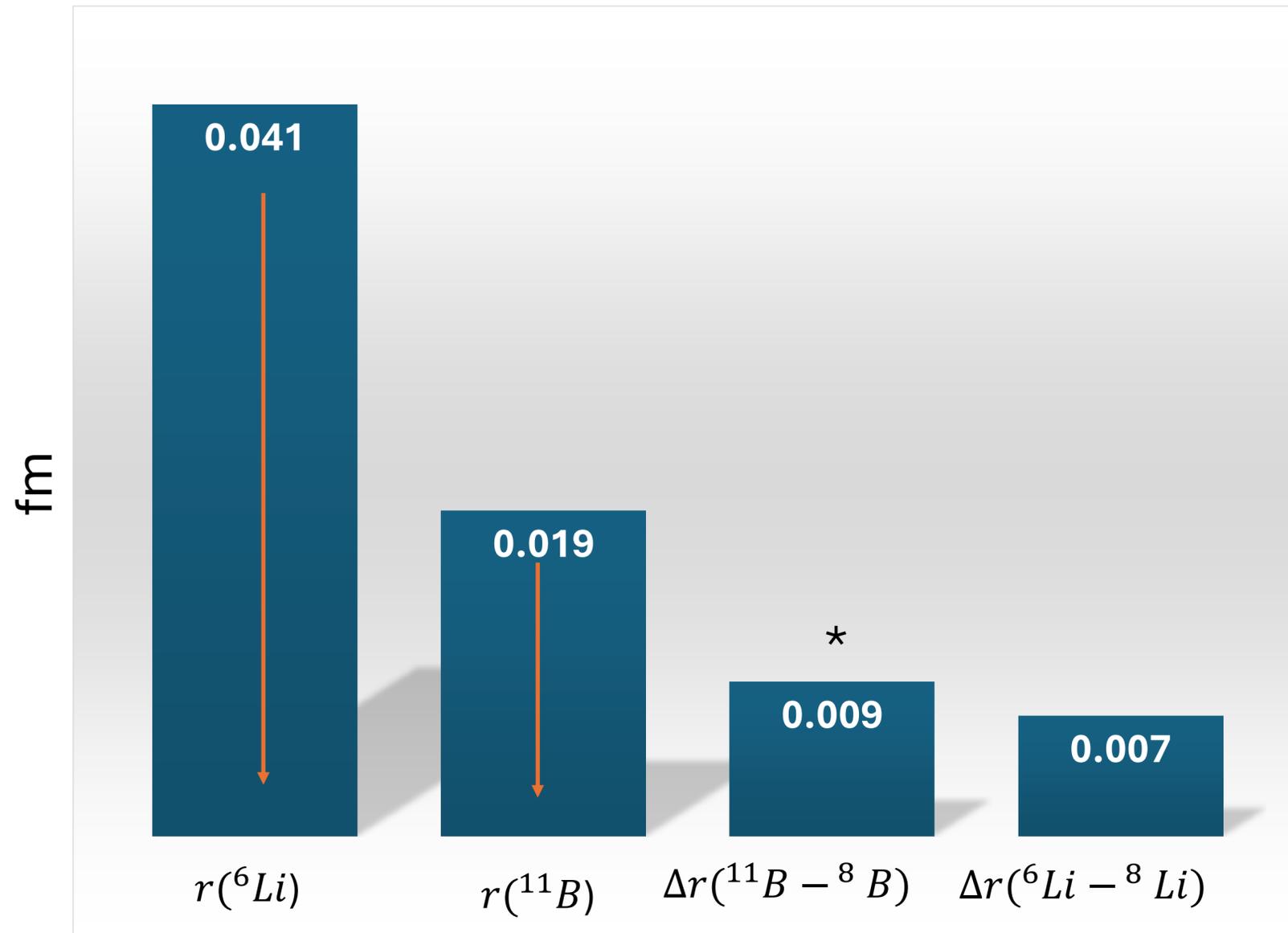


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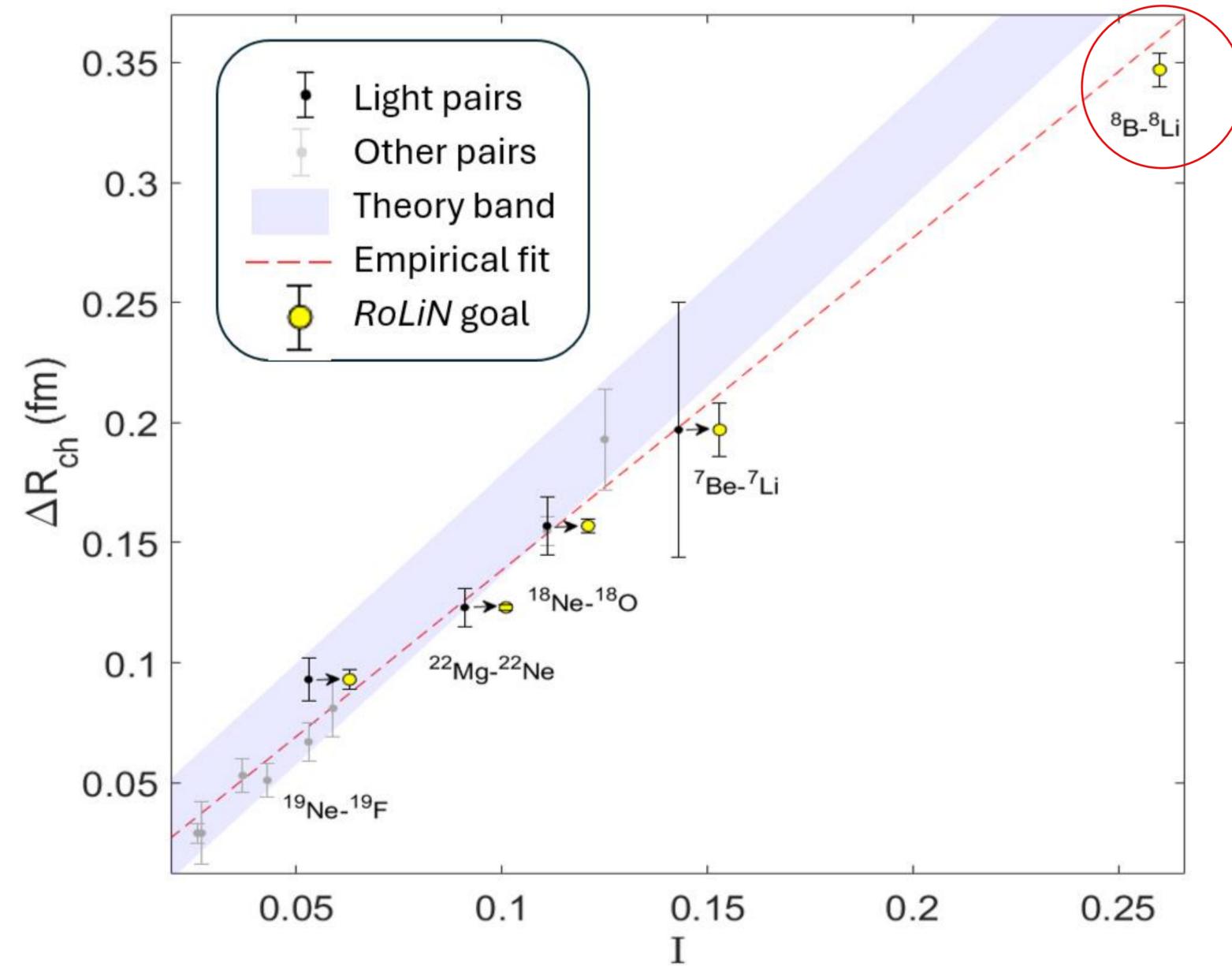


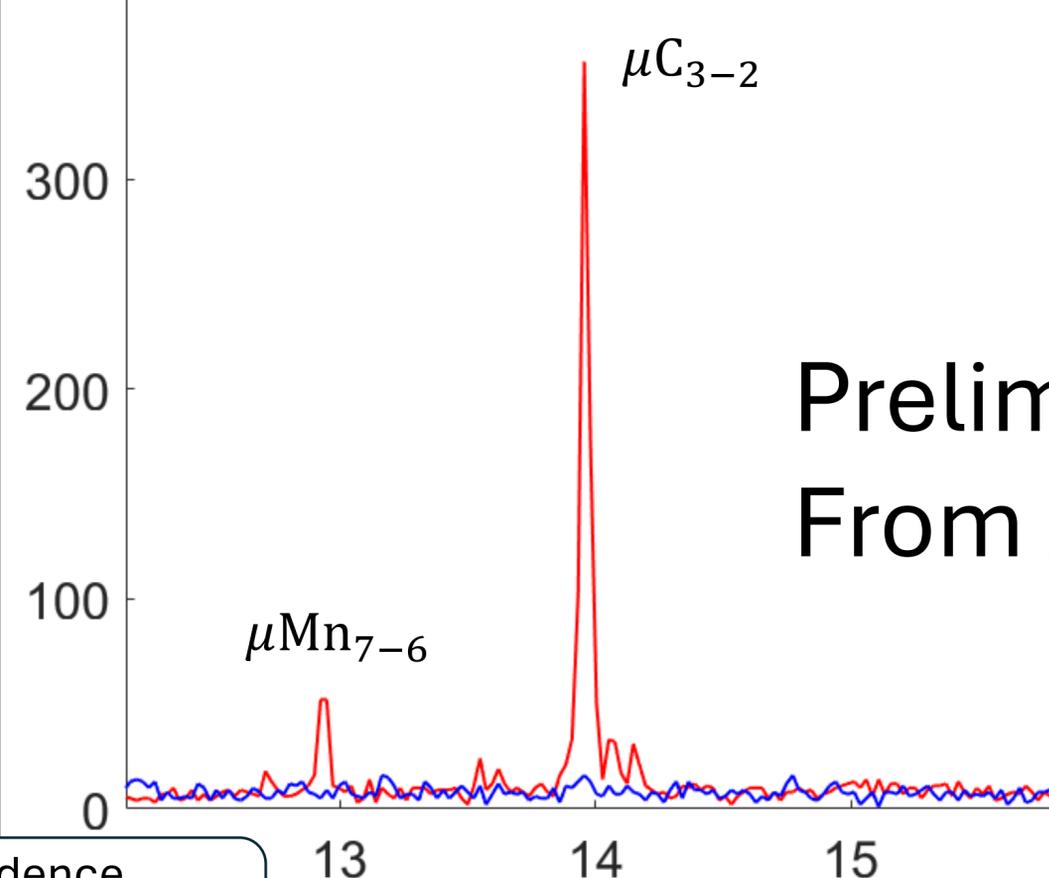
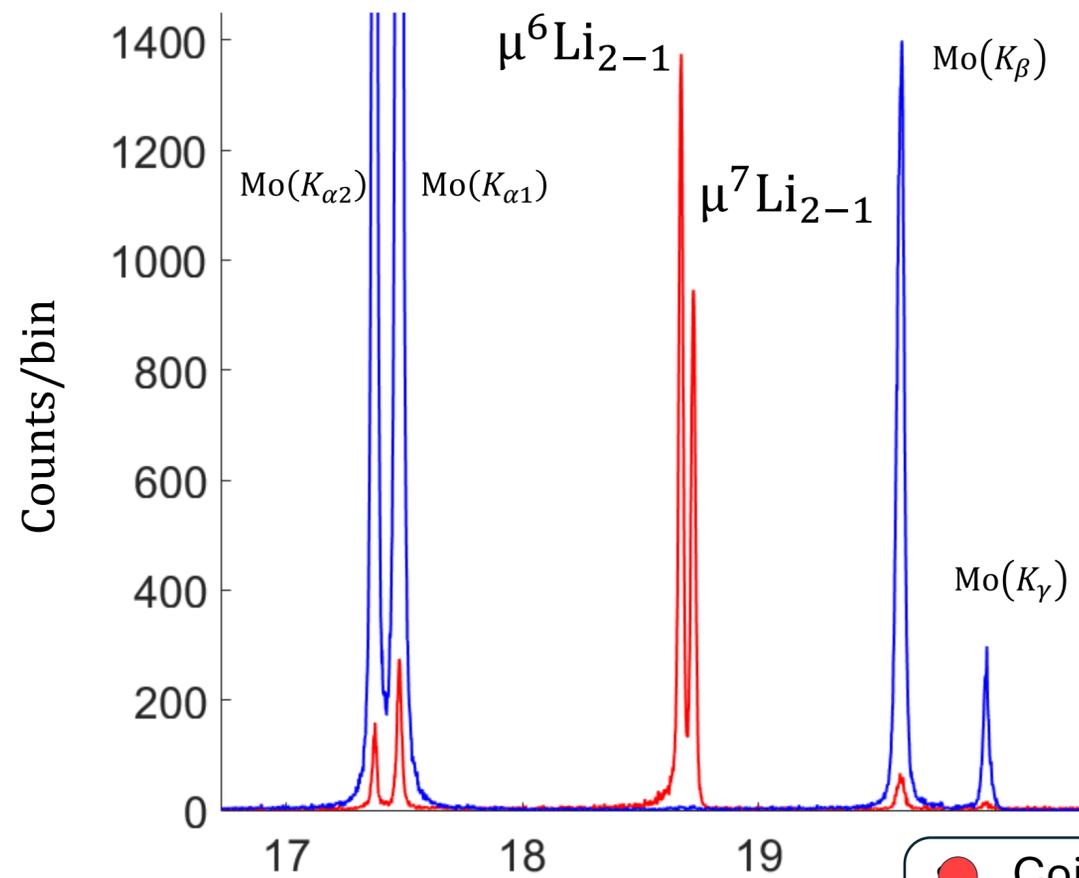
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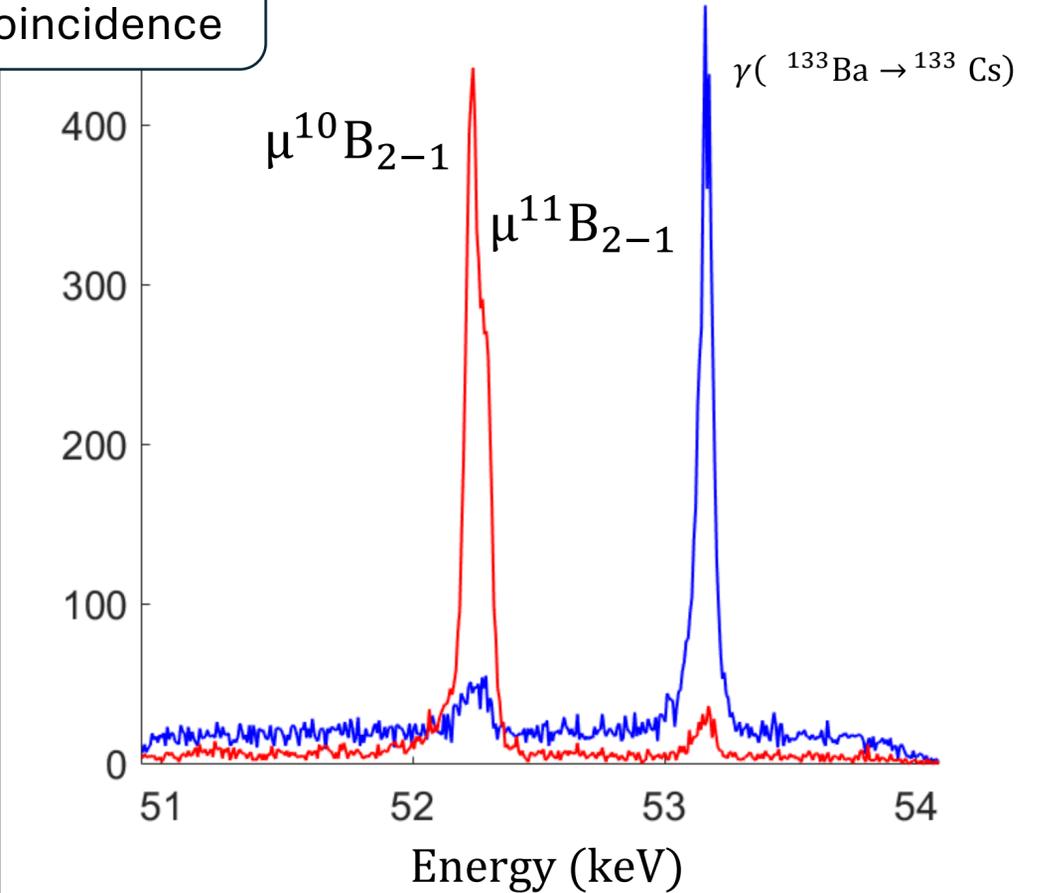
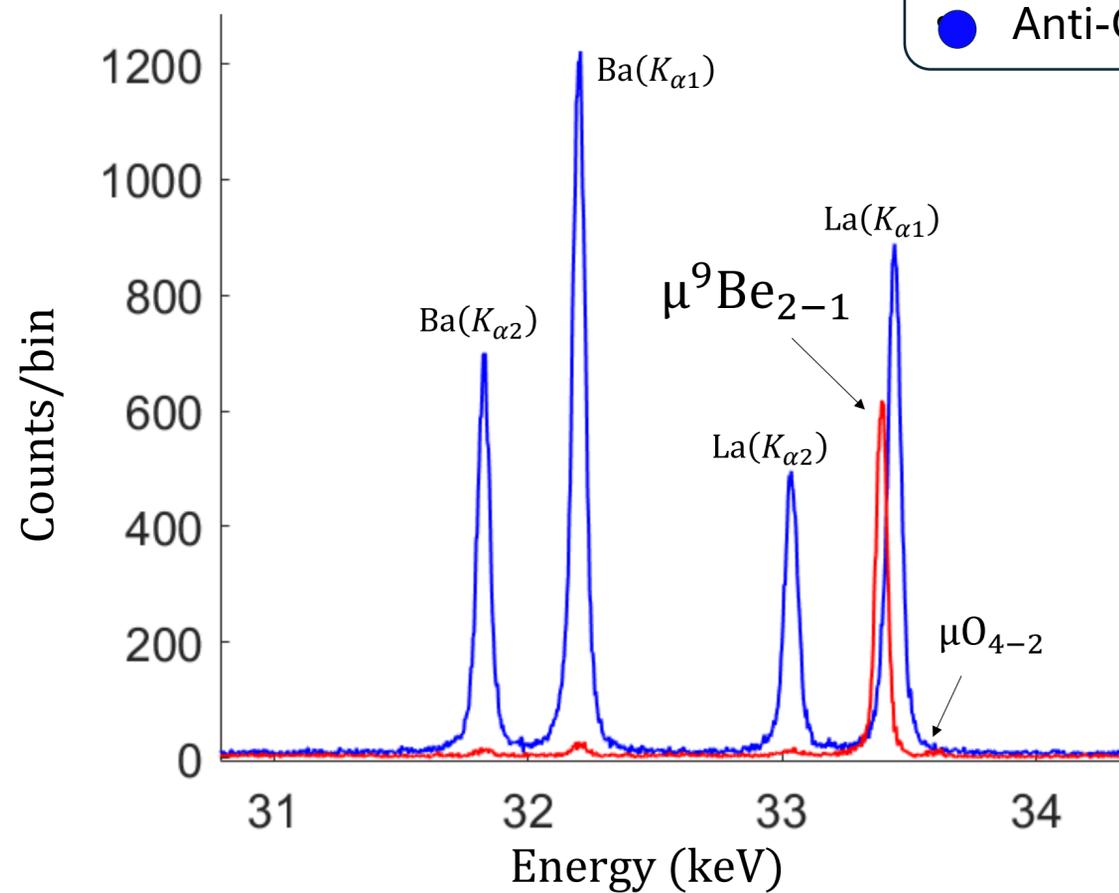
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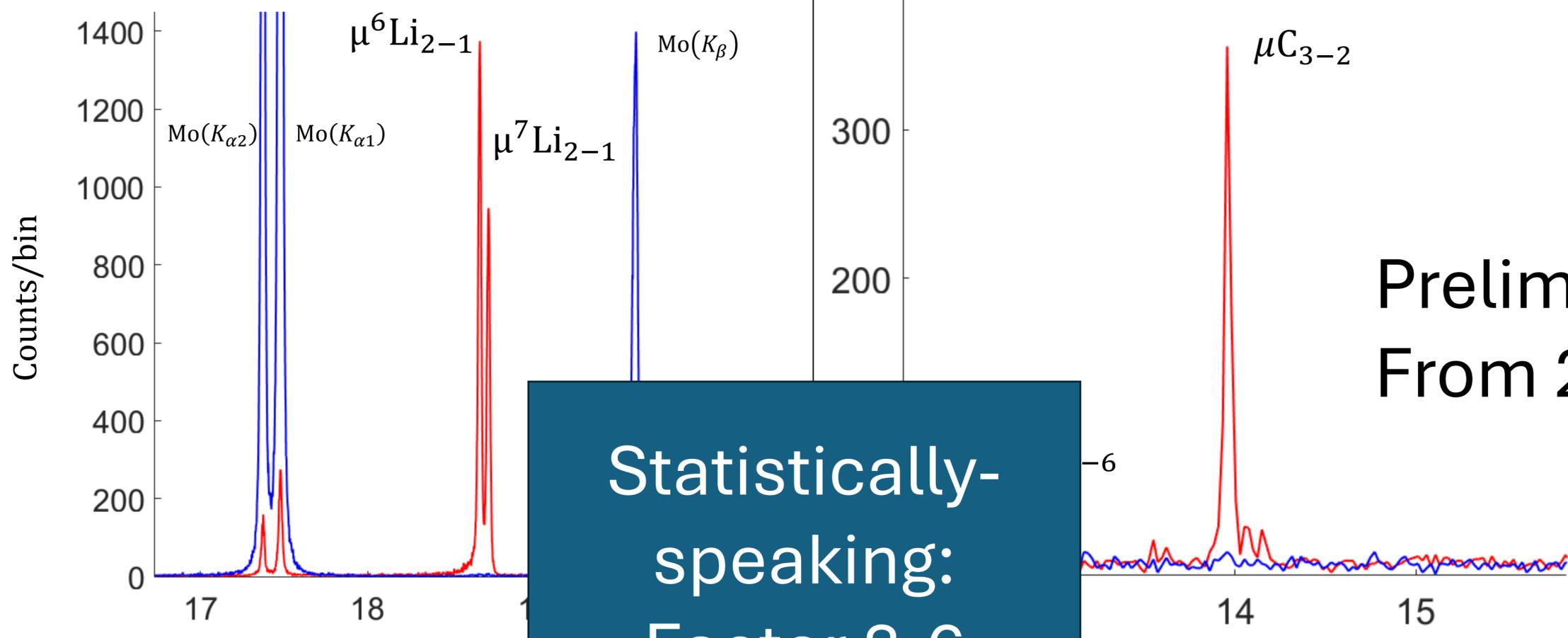




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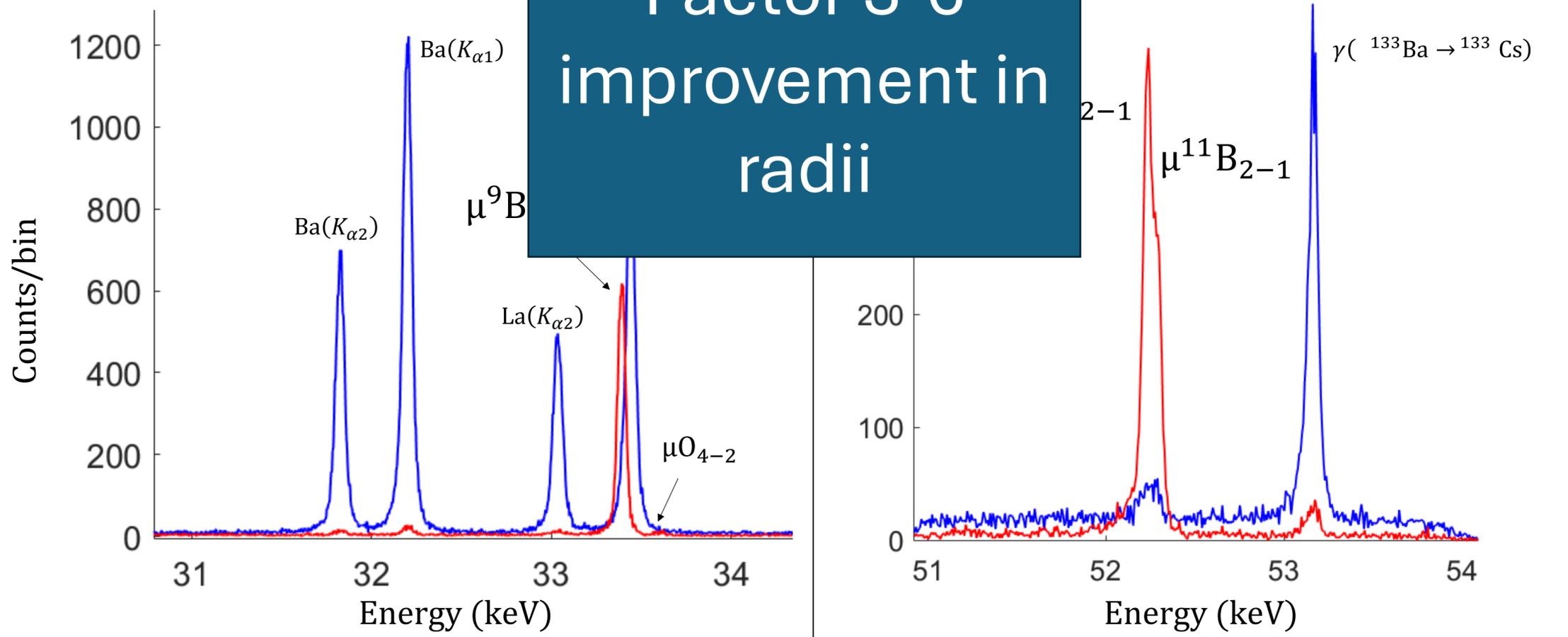
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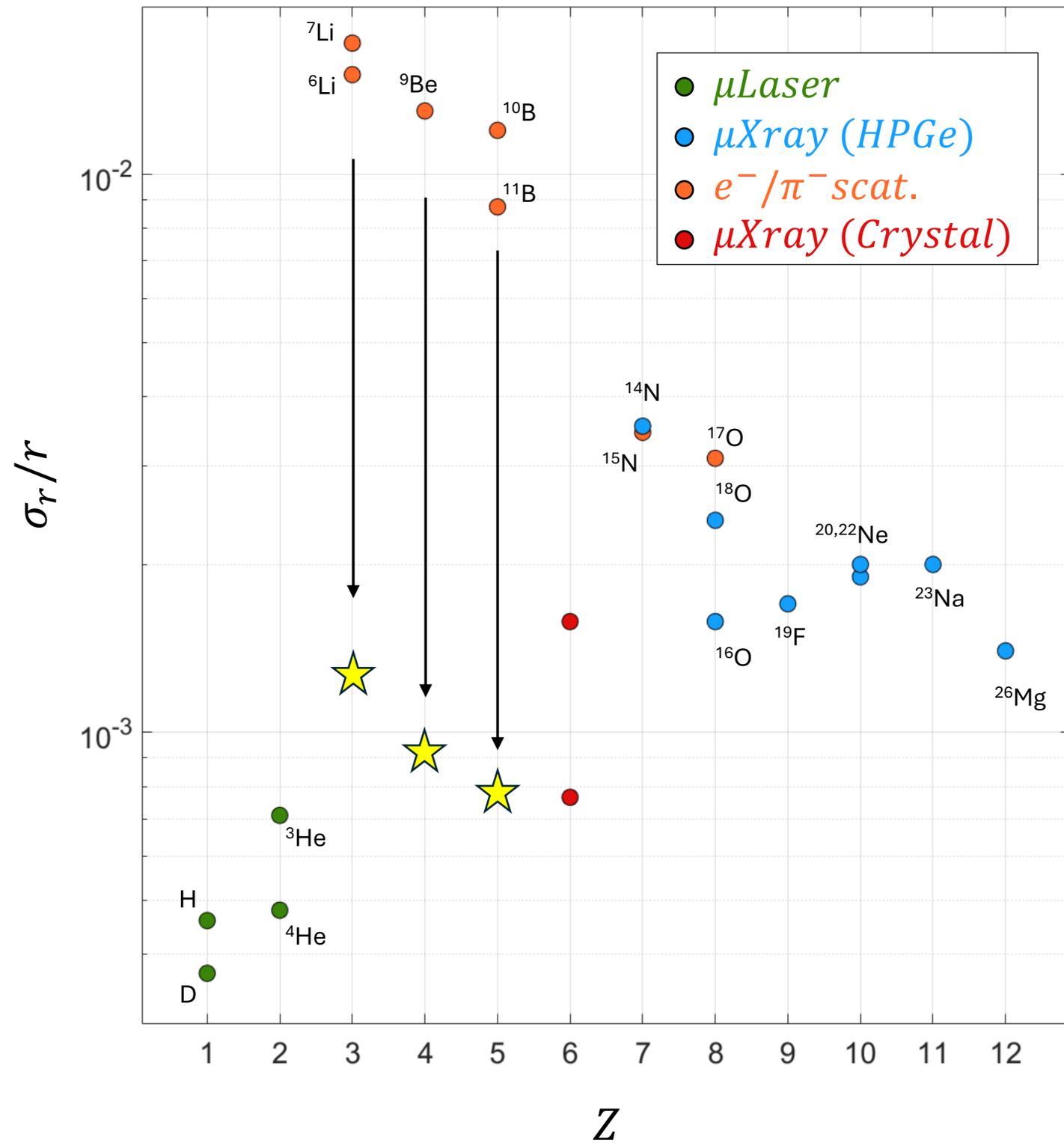
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Statistically-speaking:
Factor 3-6
improvement in
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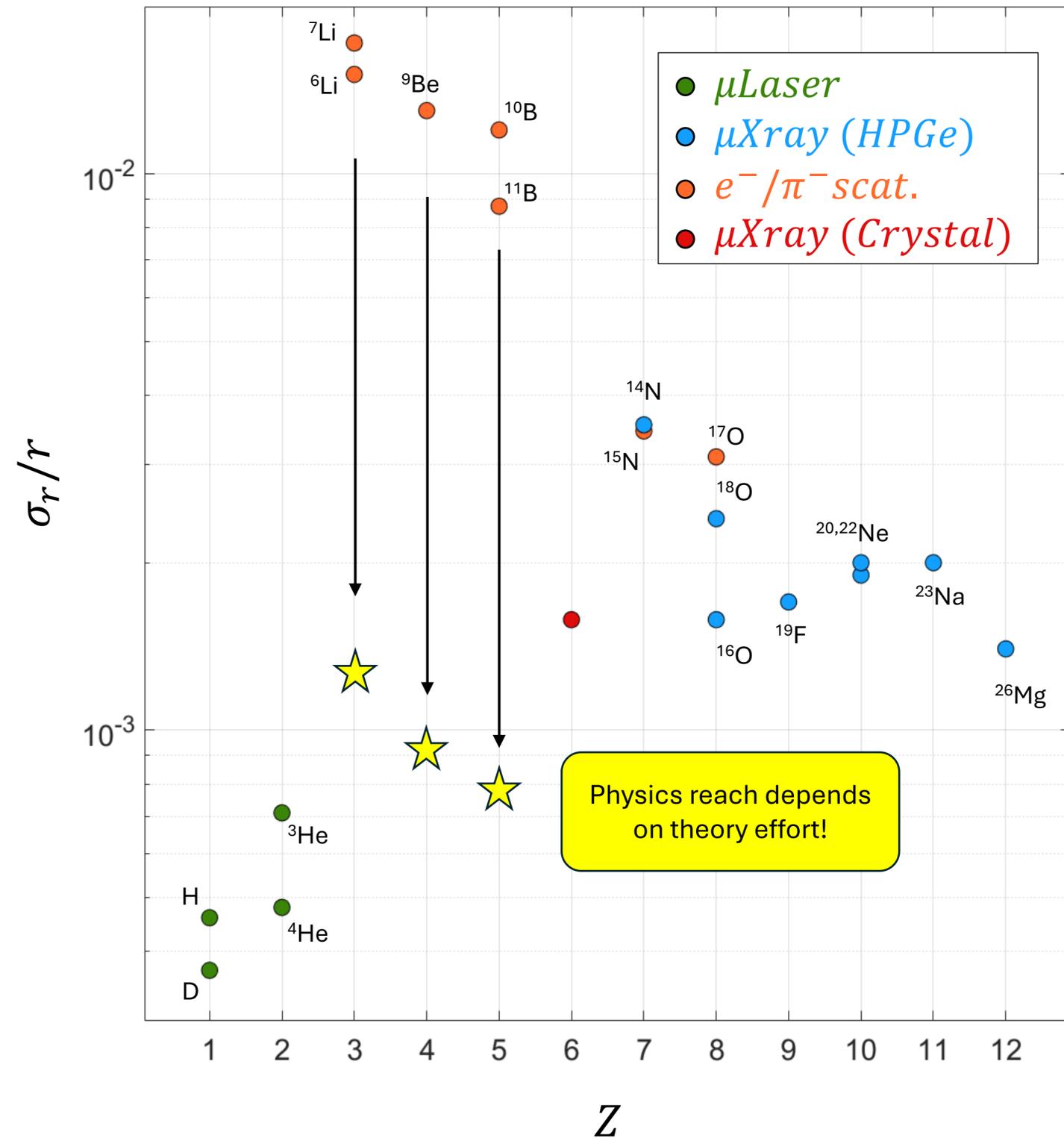
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- Phase II: Heavier systems



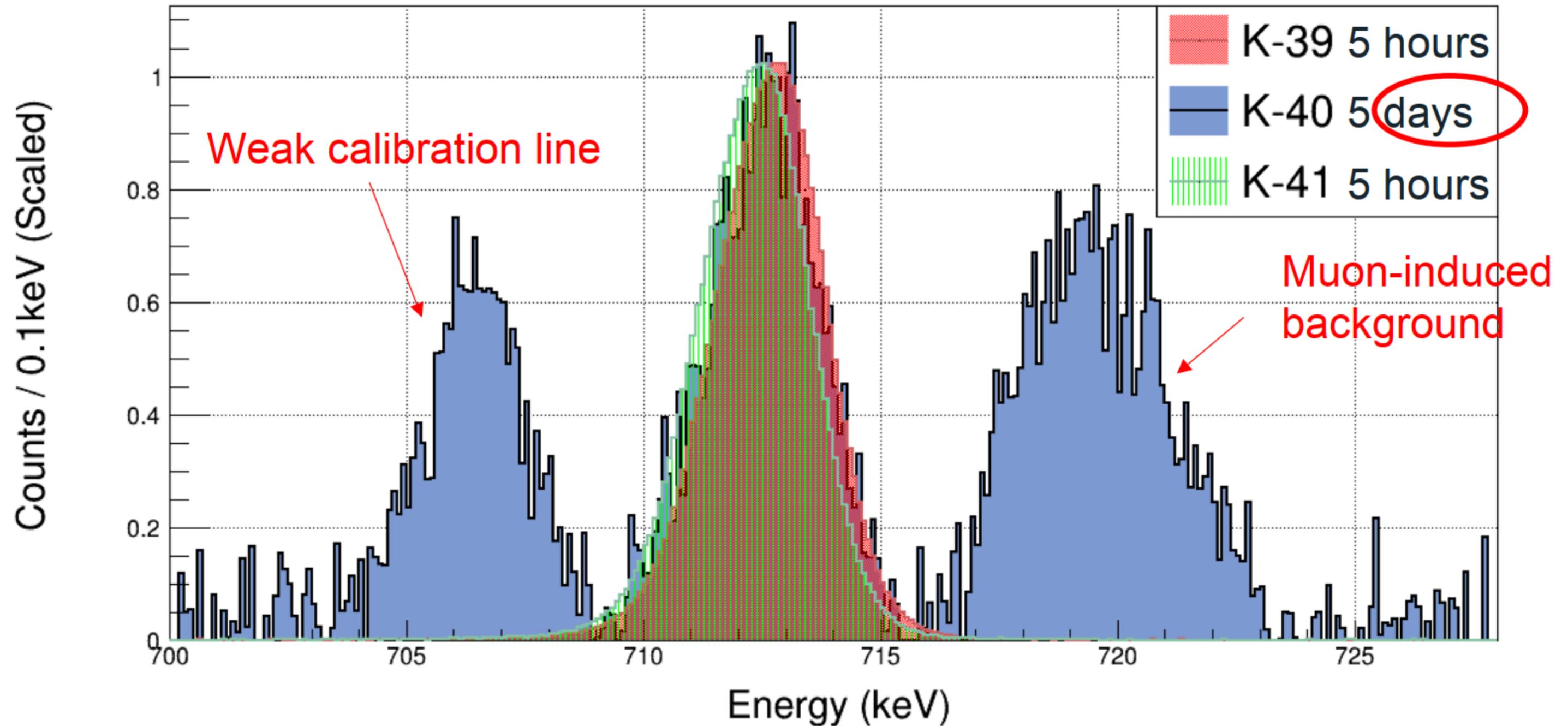
Are there opportunities with heavier systems?

Mostly with microgram targets (HL > years)

- Mux (led by Andreas Knecht)
- Ref-Radii (led by Thomas Cocolios)

Potassium muonic isotope shift

2p-1s comparison



Chlorine measurement (preliminary)

- Muonic 2p-1s energy:

$^{\text{nat}}\text{Cl}$: 578.56(30) keV

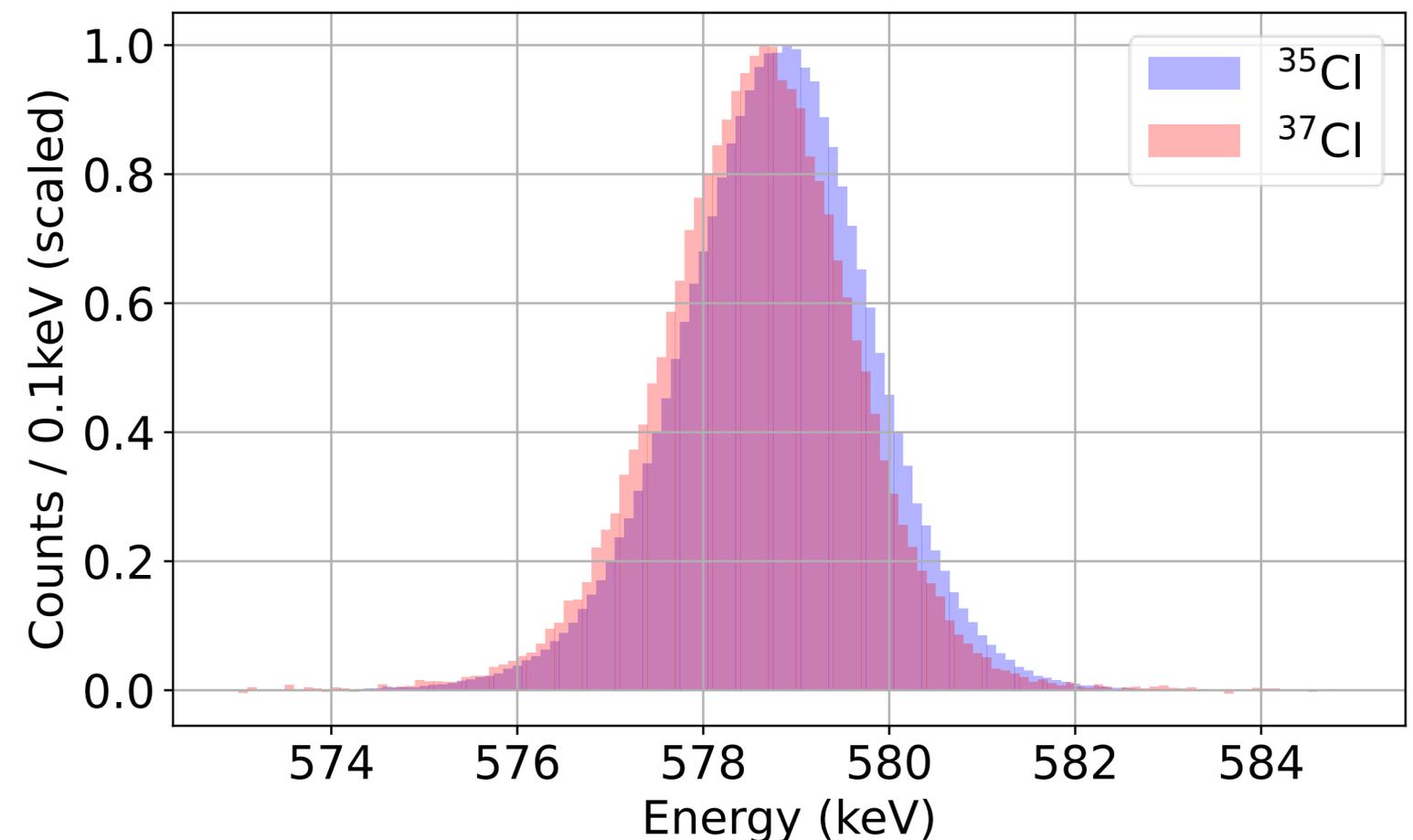
- Expected improvement on 2p-1s transition energy:

300 eV \rightarrow < 30 eV

- Expected improvement on radii:

0.45% \rightarrow ~0.10-0.15 % (including systematics)

Literature $\delta \langle r^2 \rangle^{35,37} = 0.03(16)$



Currently worst radius in the region by more than a factor 3

Ecosystem of charge radii determinations

Radius of unstable nucleus $r_x^2 = r_{ref}^2 + \delta r_{a,x}^2$

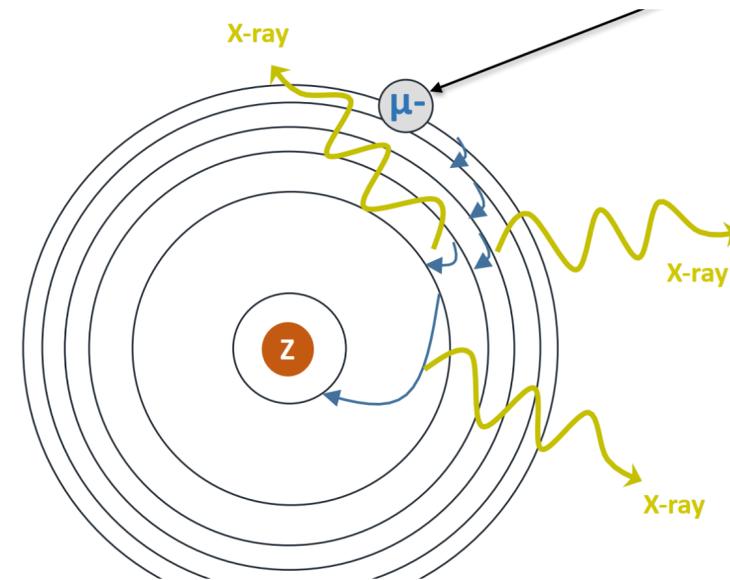
Reference radius (mostly) from **Muonic atoms**

Review

Differential radii (mostly) from radioactive **electronic atoms**

Experiments with exotic atoms

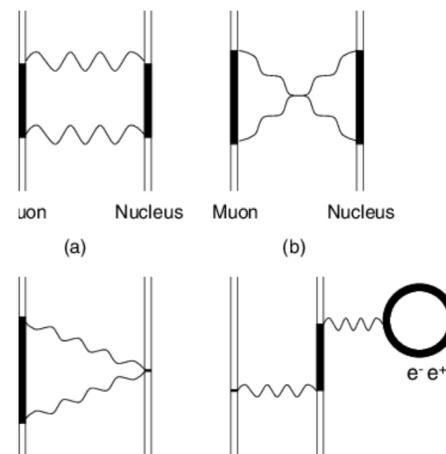
Muonic-atom spectroscopy



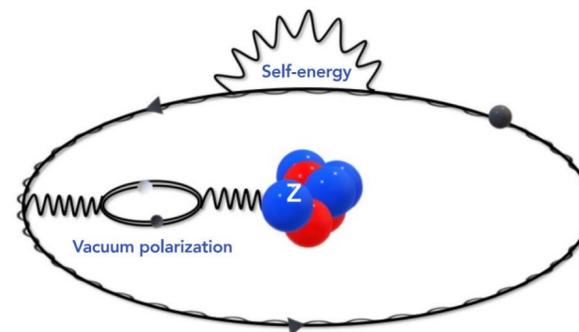
Recent Updates

Theory calculations

Nuclear:



Non-perturbative QED



Where do charge radii come from?

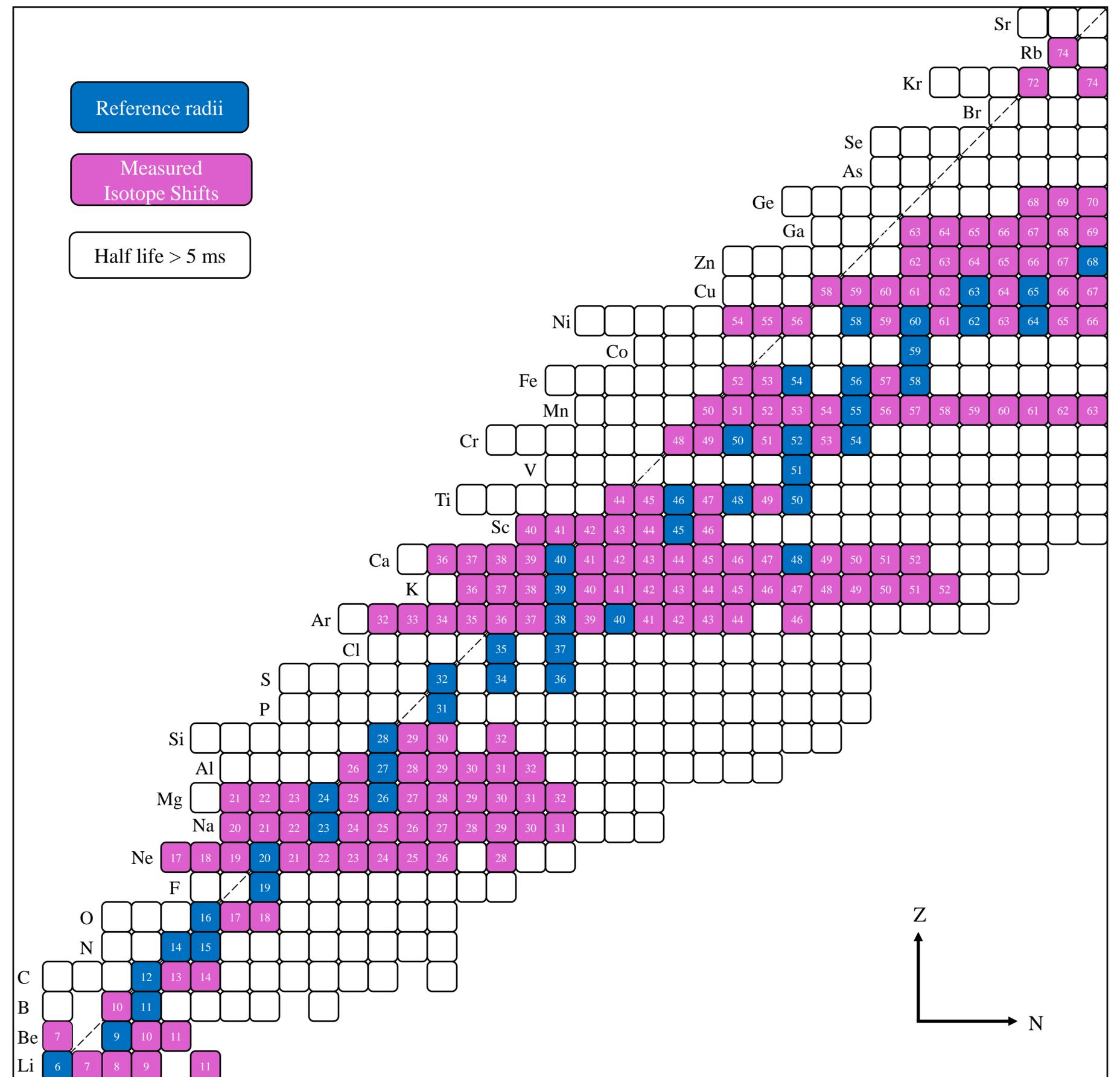
Extraction of **MS radius difference** from measurements

$$\delta\nu_{A,A'} \approx \left(\frac{1}{M_{A'}} - \frac{1}{M_A} \right) K + F \delta r_{A,A'}^2$$

Atomic factors, either calculated or extracted from **reference radii** (King Plot).

Reference radii connect **MS differences** with absolutes

$$r_{A'}^2 = r_A^2 + \delta r_{A,A'}^2$$



The need for a top view

IS measurements in stable atoms and ions

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$$x = \delta\bar{\nu}_{308}$$

Campbell et al.

$$y = M\delta\bar{\nu}_{481}$$

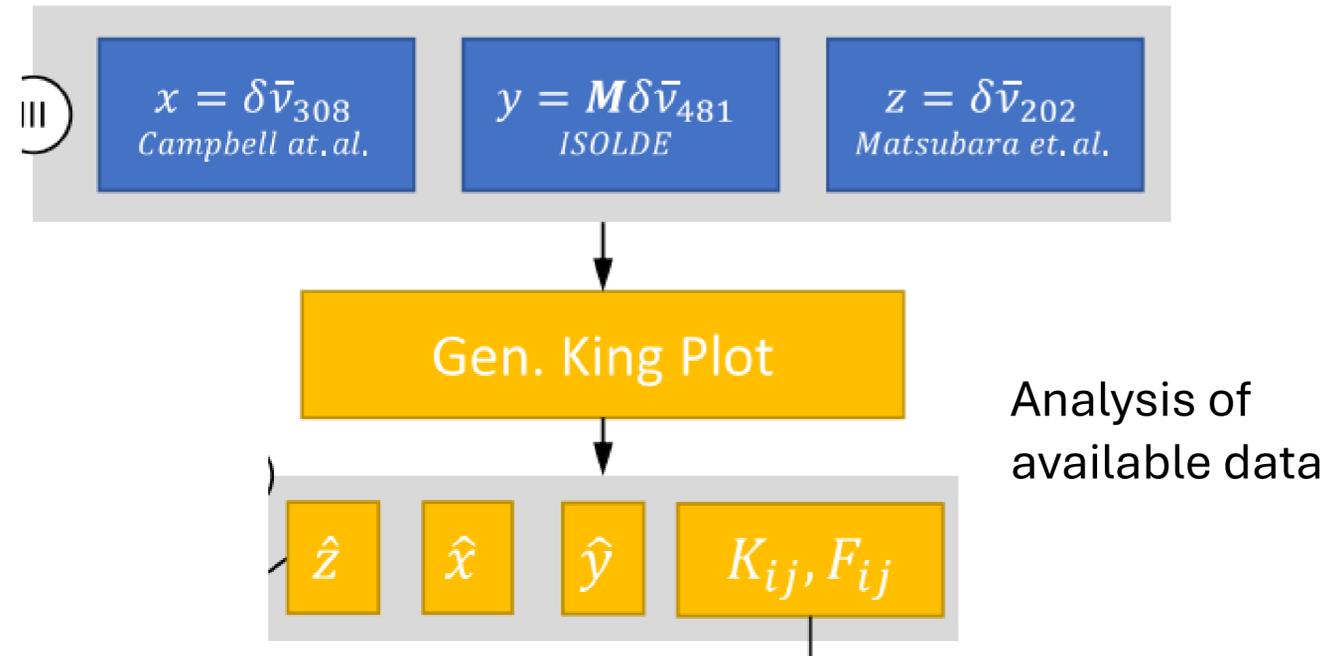
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$$z = \delta\bar{\nu}_{202}$$

Matsubara et al.

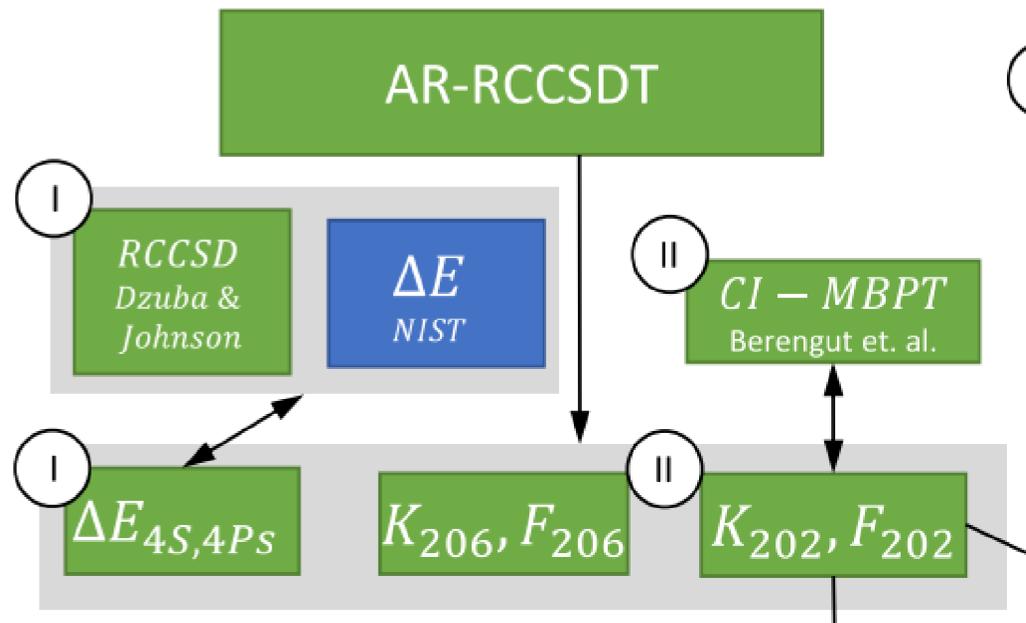
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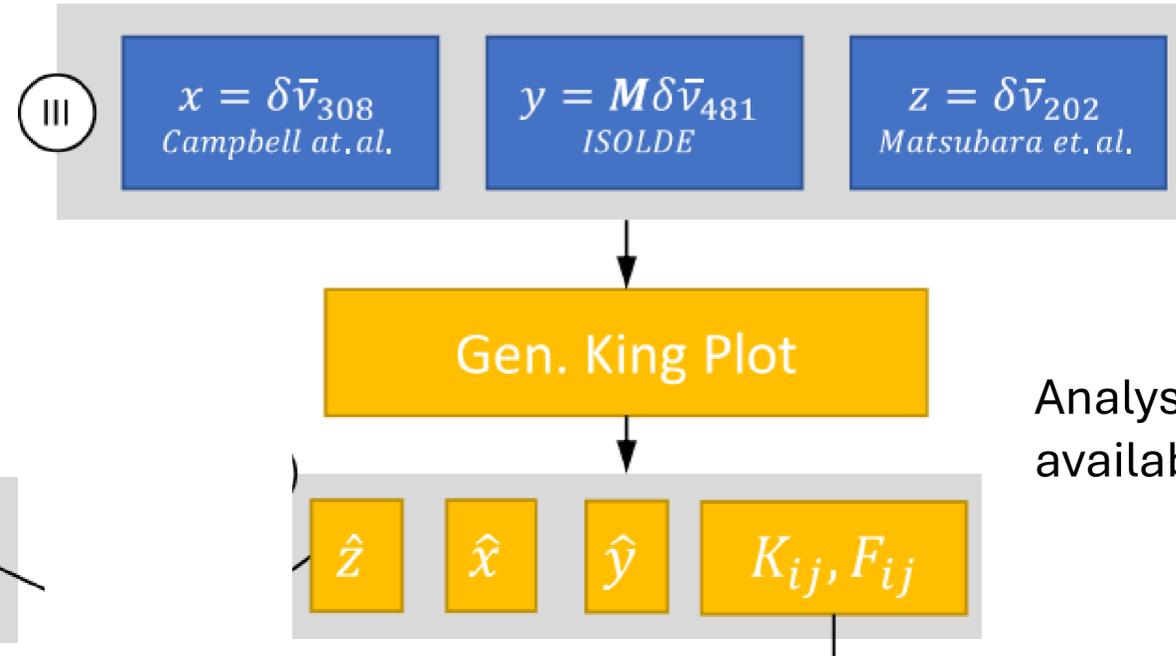


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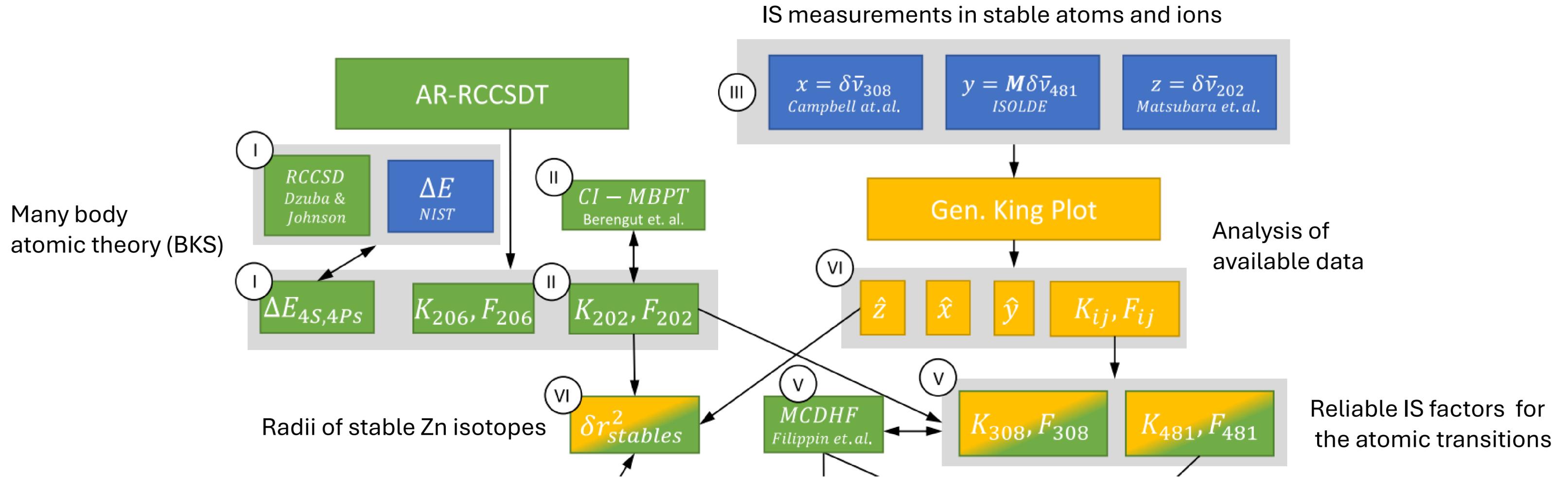
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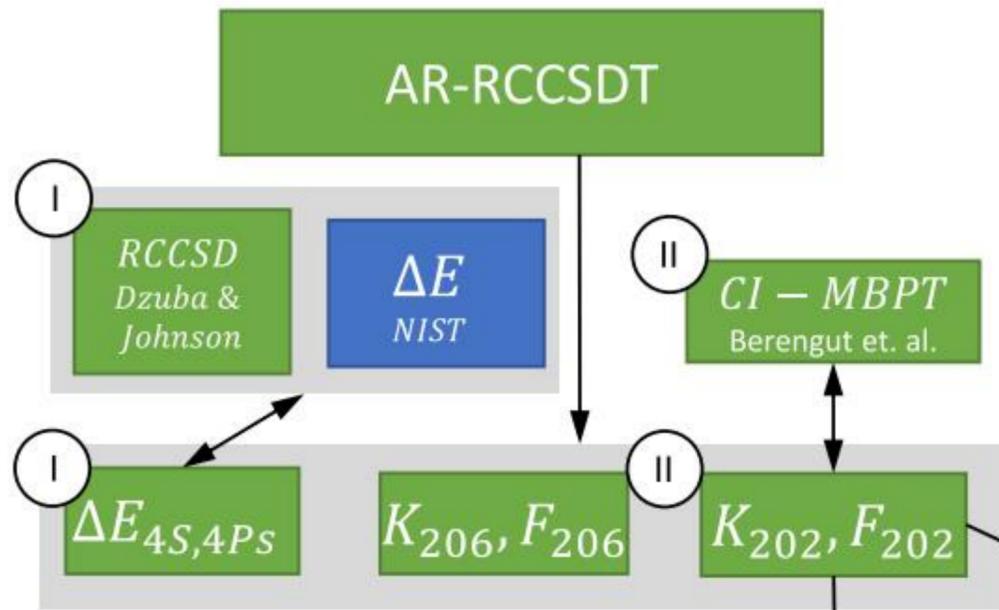


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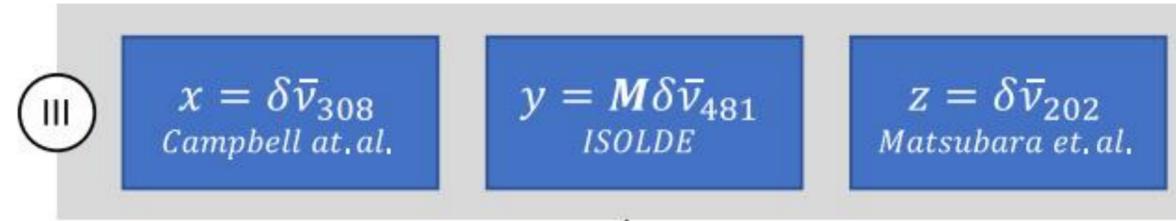


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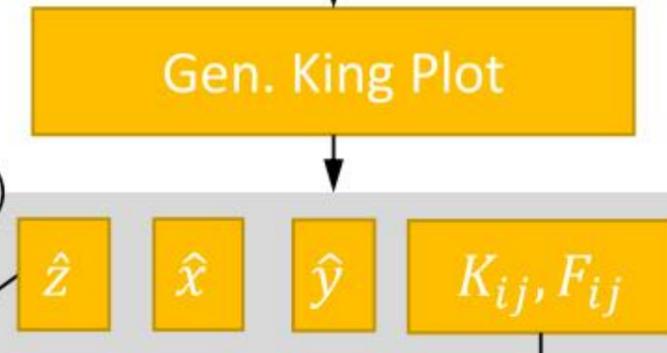
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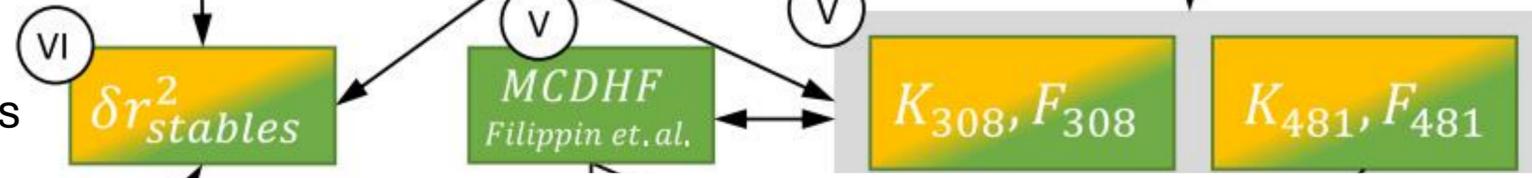
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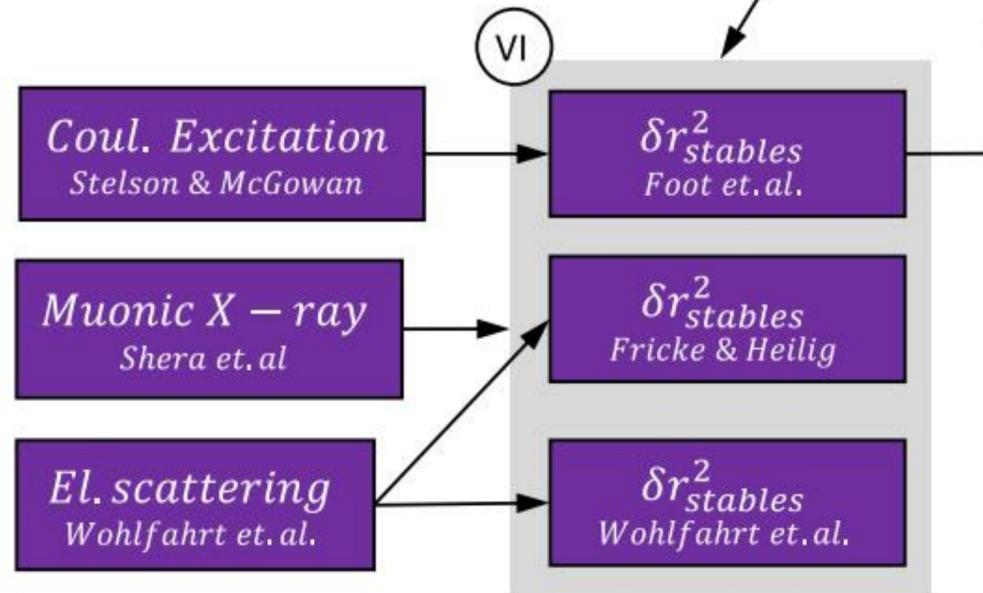


Radii of stable Zn isotopes



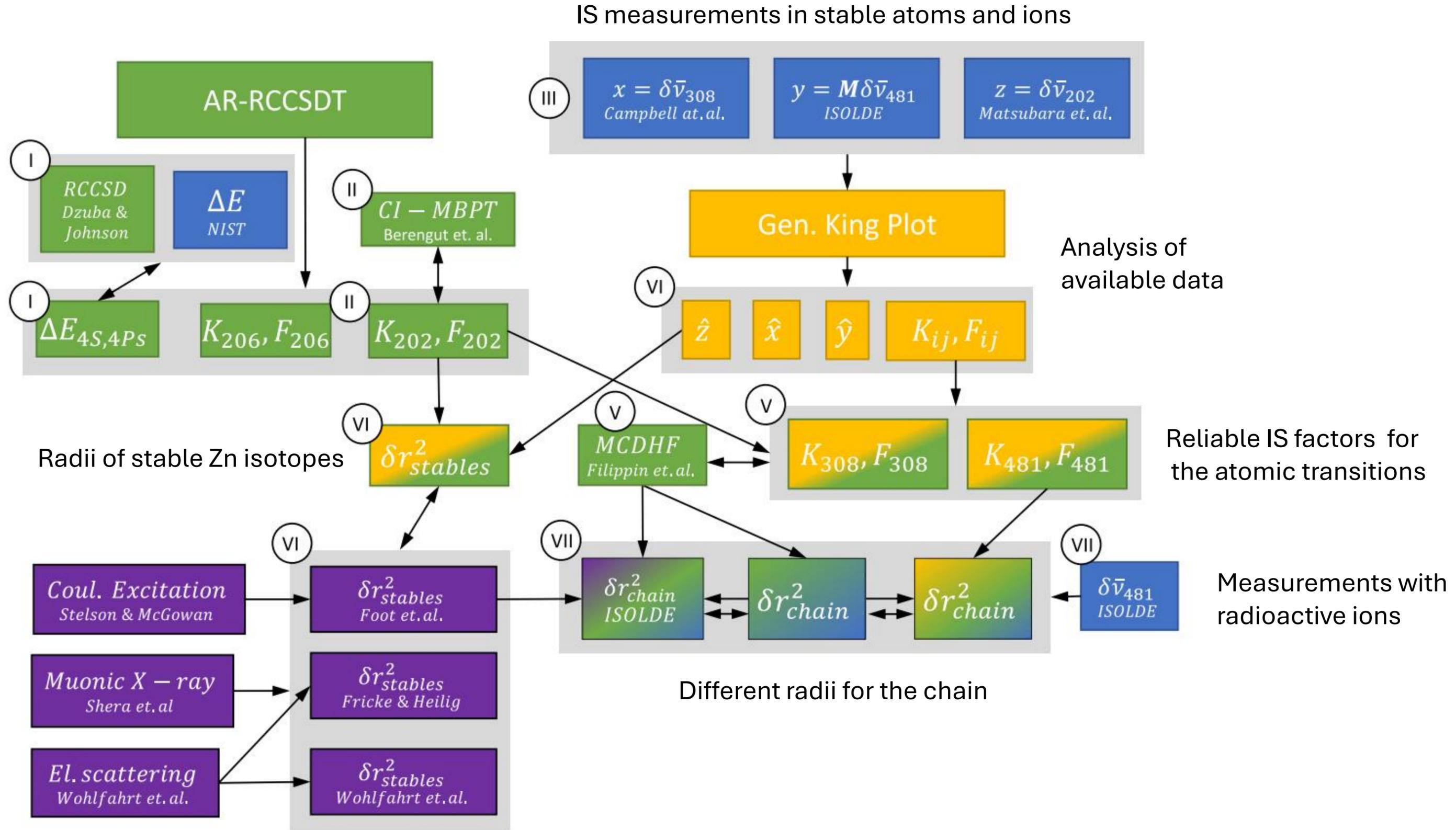
Reliable IS factors for the atomic transitions

Differential radii from muonic atoms



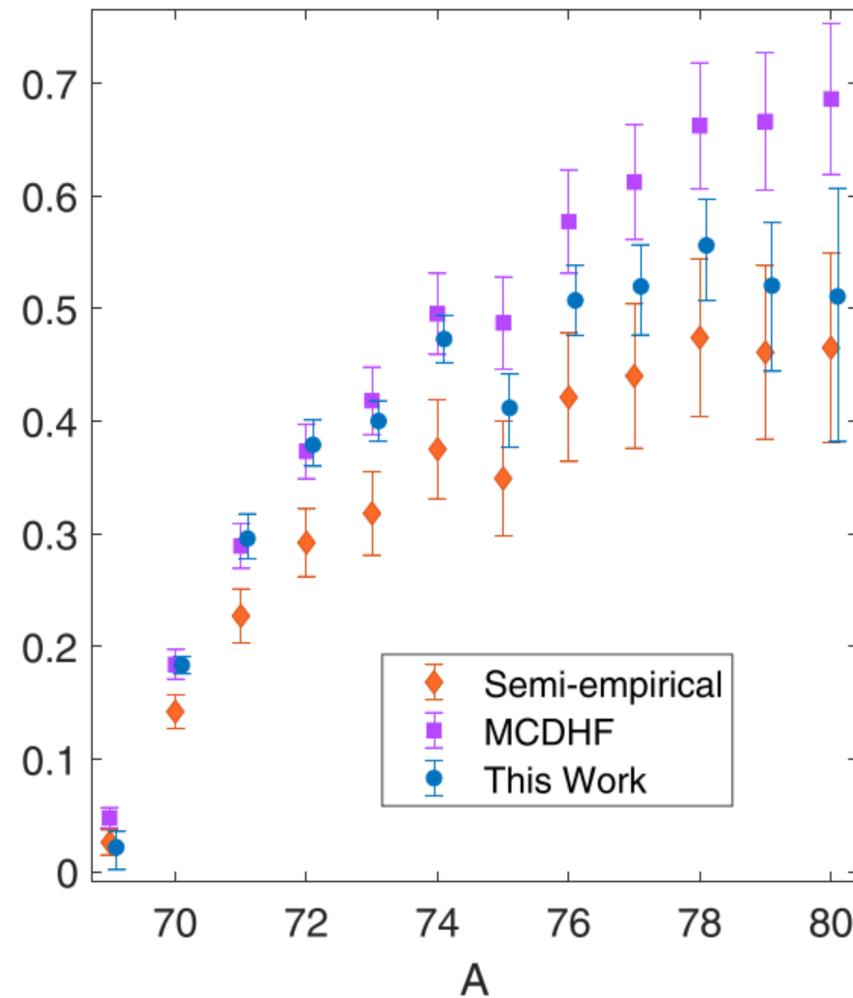
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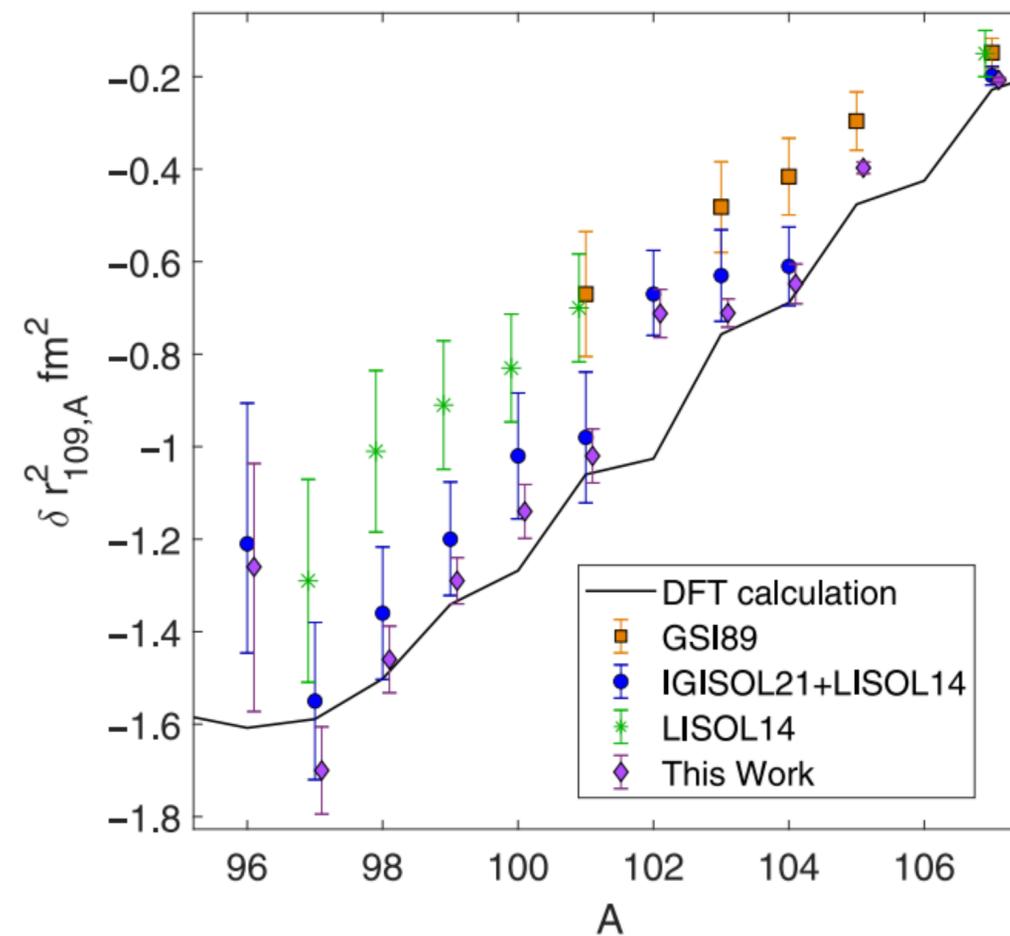


Differential radii analysis project

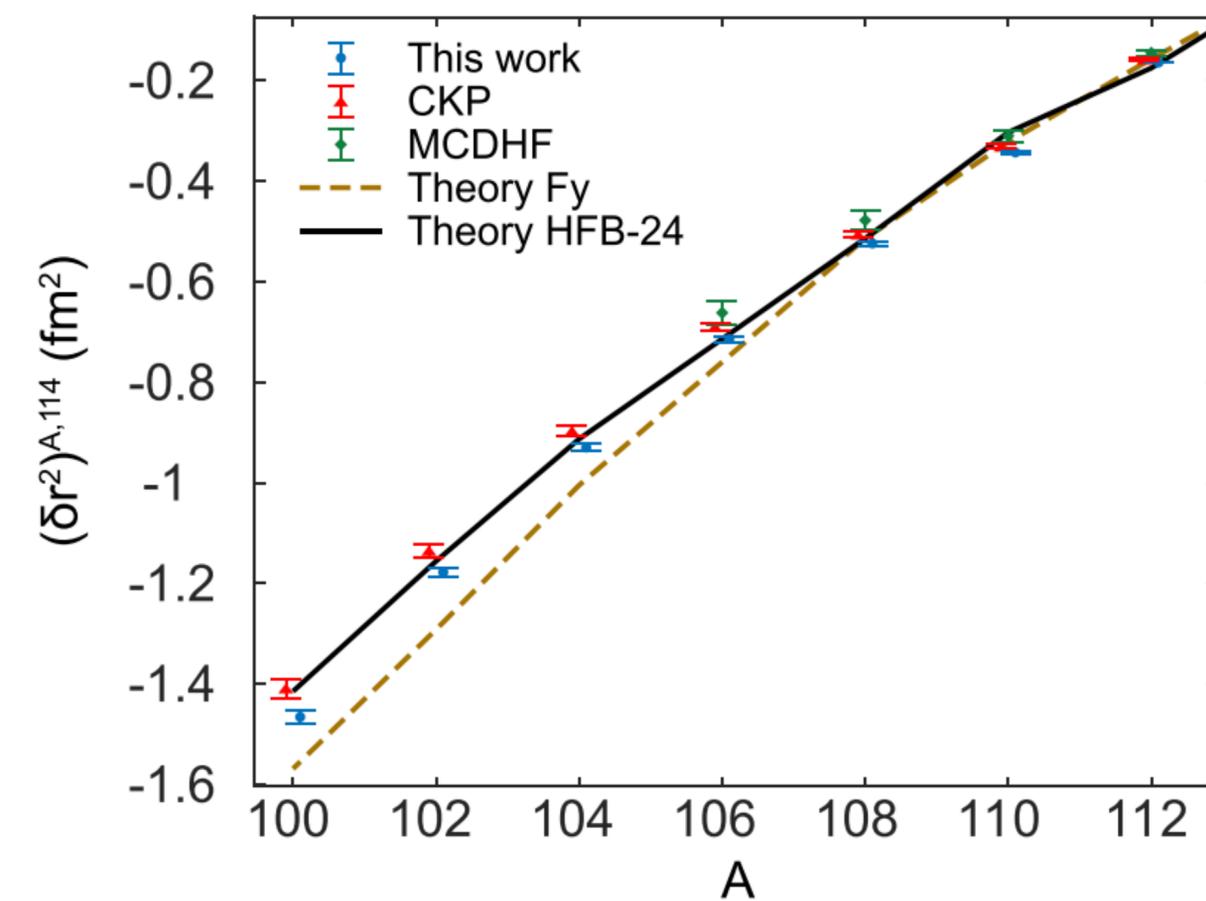
Zn ([PRR 5 043142](#))



Ag ([PRR 6 033040](#))



Cd ([NJoP 24 123040](#))



Also: Ne ([PRA 042503](#)), Na+Mg ([PRC L031305](#)), K ([2412.05932](#)), Al (in prep.)

Take home:

- Simultaneous analysis of muonic and electronic atoms (same nuclear model, etc.)
- Statement that current radii uncertainties are not reliable (give us breathing room).
- Emphasize differential radii of electronic measurements: g-factor, helium-like, ...
- Importance of α_d measurements, especially in the pigmy region
- Cost of the “Only improvements are welcome” approach

Point of discussion on NPOL:

(infinitely heavy nucleus, no QED loops – See NO's talk)

One photon exchange

Two photon exchange

Three photon exchange

Elastic:

$$\langle r^2 \rangle$$

$$\langle r_z^3 \rangle$$

Nuclear shape
(muonic atoms)

$$\langle r^2 \rangle^2$$
$$\langle r^4 \rangle$$

Log terms
Electronic atoms

Inelastic:

$$NPOL1$$

$$NPOL2$$

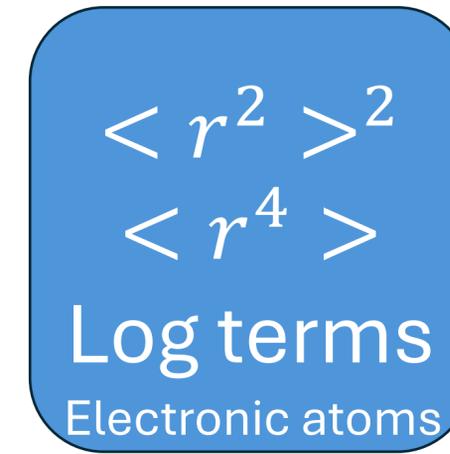
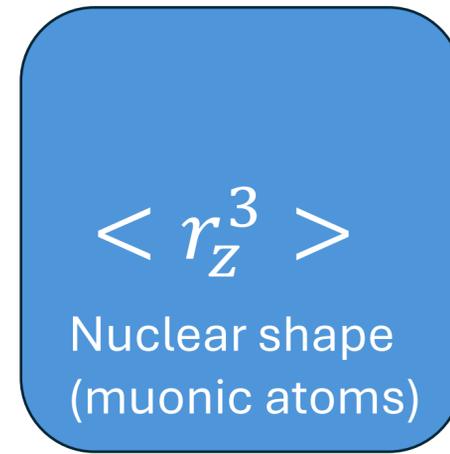
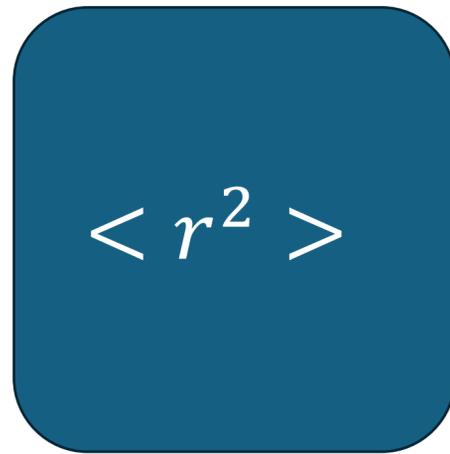
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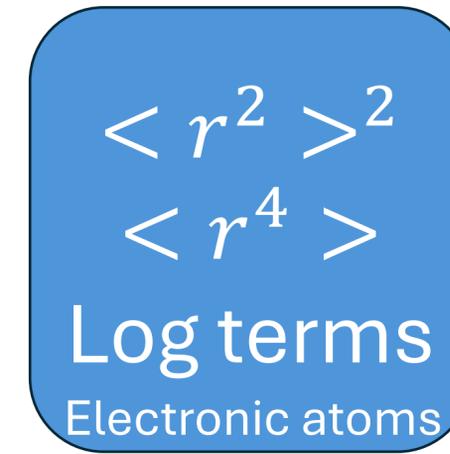
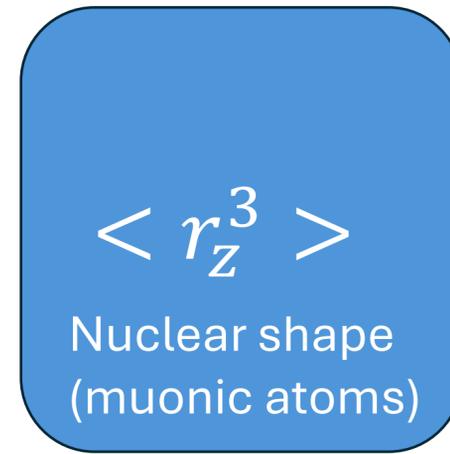
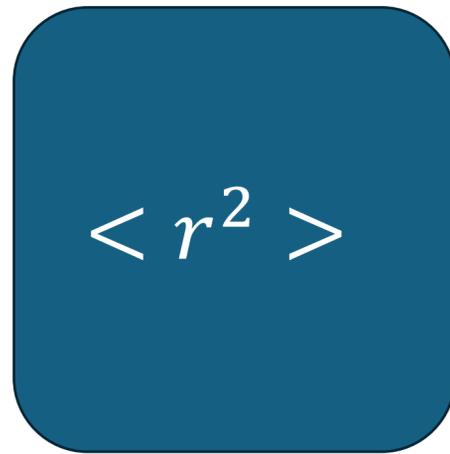
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$$\Delta E_{2S-2P} = \delta_{\text{QED}} + \frac{m_r^4 (Z\alpha)^4}{12} \langle r_c^2 \rangle + \delta_{\text{TPE}}$$

Elastic

Theory: Lamb shift in muonic D

$$\Delta E_{\text{Lamb}}^{\mu\text{D}} = 228.7740 (3) \text{ meV}_{\text{QED}} + 1.7503 (200) \text{ meV}_{\text{TPE}} - 6.1074 \text{ meV/fm}^2 * R_d^2$$

$$\Delta E_{\text{LS}}^{\text{exp}} = 202.8785(31)_{\text{stat}} (14)_{\text{syst}} \text{ meV}$$

Inelastic

Nuclear structure **two (and three!)-photon contributions** to the Lamb shift in muonic deuterium.



Calculate ab initio

Cancellation only in perturbative approach (S. Bacca)?

Theoretical derivation of TPE

MG?

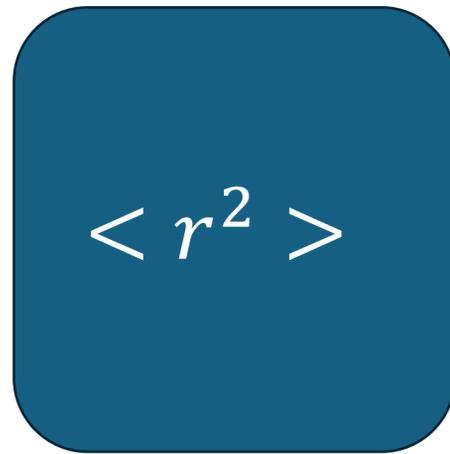
$$\delta_{\text{TPE}} = \delta_{\text{Zem}}^A + \delta_{\text{Zem}}^n + \delta_{\text{pol}}^A + \delta_{\text{pol}}^n$$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{\text{pol}}^A = & \delta_{D1}^{(0)} + \delta_{R3}^{(1)} + \cancel{\delta_{Z3}^{(1)}} + \delta_{R^2}^{(2)} + \delta_Q^{(2)} + \delta_{D1D3}^{(2)} + \delta_C^{(0)} \\ & + \delta_L^{(0)} + \delta_T^{(0)} + \delta_M^{(0)} + \delta_{R1}^{(1)} + \cancel{\delta_{Z1}^{(1)}} + \delta_{NS}^{(2)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\delta_{\text{Zem}}^A = -\cancel{\delta_{Z3}^{(1)}} - \cancel{\delta_{Z1}^{(1)}} \quad \text{Friar an Payne ('97)}$$

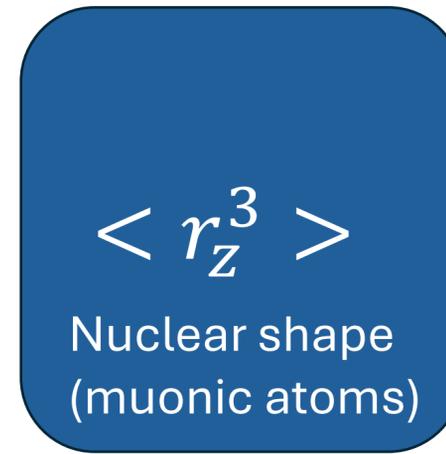
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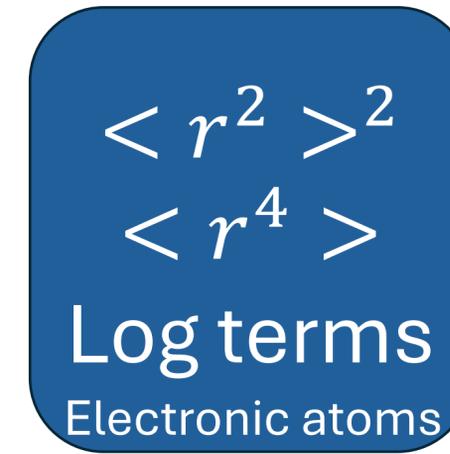


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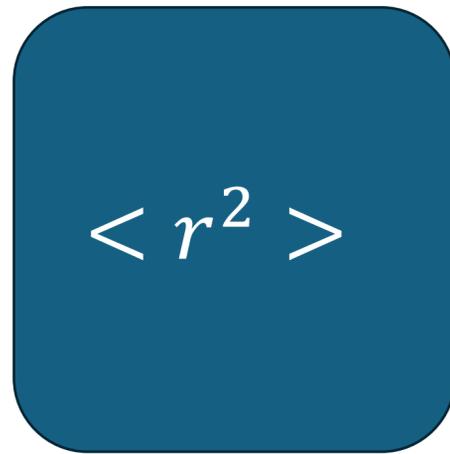
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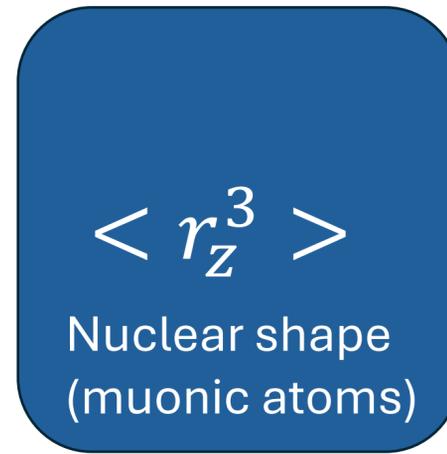
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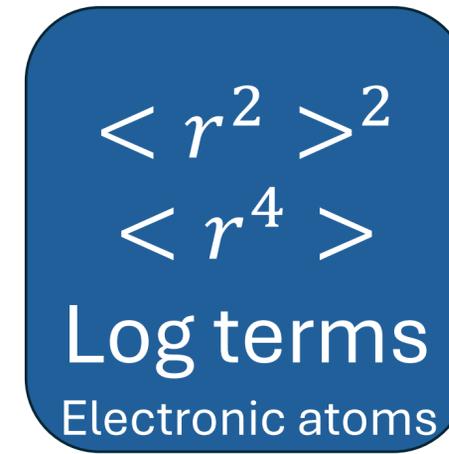
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Nuclear
polarization?



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