

Vision and precision in radii estimations

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Finite nuclear size effects play an increasingly important role in precision atomic and nuclear physics. For example, they have been found to strongly affect the determination of the V_{ud} matrix element of the CKM matrix (arXiv:2309.16893)

Determining the absolute charge radius of some short-lived nucleus entails careful assembly of several pieces spanning different fields.

Measurements include optical isotope shifts, muonic atom x-ray energies, electron scattering cross-sections, while theoretical calculations span high-field QED and nuclear structure effects in muonic atoms and many-body calculation of isotope shift factors in atomic systems.

In this talk I will give an overview of the different pieces that go into a charge radius and discuss their current status and reliable uncertainty estimations. The talk will be biased towards medium mass numbers ($10 < A < 60$) relevant to the study of mirror nuclei (arXiv:2409.08193).

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