Recent improvements in the theory of heavy muonic atoms and their influence on nuclear radii

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How did it start: The Bible

Atomic Data and Nuclear Data Tables 99 (2013) 69-95



Table of experimental nuclear ground state charge radii: An update

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ABSTRACT

The present table contains experimental root-mean-square (*ms*) nuclear charge radii *R* obtained by combined analysis of two types of experimental data: (i) radii changes determined from optical and, to a lesser extent, *K₀*. X-ray isotope shifts and (ii) absolute radii measured by muonic spectra and electronic scattering experiments. The table combines the results of two working groups, using respectively two different methods of evaluation, published in ADNDT earlier. It presents an updated set of *rms* charge radii for 909 isotopes of 92 elements from ;H to s₆Cm together, when available, with the radii changes from optical isotope shifts. Compared with the last published tables of *R*-values from 204C (1999 ground states), many new data are added due to progress recently achieved by laser spectroscopy up to early 2011. The radii changes in isotopic chains for He, Li, Be, Ne, Sc, Mn, Y, Mb, lindve ben first obtained in the last years and several isotopic sequences have been recently extended to regions far off stability. (e.g., Ar, Mo, Sn, Te, Pb, Po.).

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2022: Discovery of muonic fine-structure anomaly



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Light muonic atoms: $|a\rangle \rightarrow \delta(0)$ Heavy highly charge ions: $|A\rangle \rightarrow \delta(R)$

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Nuclear polarization correction ²⁰⁸Pb



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QED effects:



QED effects: Uehling



QED effects: Nuclear polarization



Improvements:

- field-theory approach, including transverse part
- state-of-art muonic and nuclear input, model dependence
- $0^+, 1^-, 2^+, 3^-, 4^+, 5^-$ and 1^+ excitation modes
- 4252 eV \rightarrow 5712 eV

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QED effects: Self energy and recoil



- rigorous QED calculations
- $\Delta E_{
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- $\Delta E_{
 m rec} = 385^{[4]*} \text{ eV} \rightarrow 3902^{[5]} \text{ eV}$
- [1] Cheng et al., PRA 17, 489 (1978)
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QED effects: sub-leading



in preparation

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Model dependence PRELIMINARY



The difference between the Fermi-equivalent radius and the tabulated value. The solid colourful line is the mean value over all SKYRME distributions.

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A scatter plot of electron charge measurements as suggested by Feynman, using papers published from 1913–1951 $_{\rm (from\ wikipedia)}$





















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