# Nuclear structure corrections in muonic atoms

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#### **Muonic atoms**

#### Hydrogen-like systems



Muonic atoms



The muon is more sensitive to the nucleus

#### Excellent precision probe for the nucleus

Experimental program at **PSI** of the **CREMA** collaboration

#### Muonic Hydrogen

- Pohl et al., Nature (2010) - Antognini et al., Science (2013)

Muonic Deuterium - Pohl et al., Science (2016)

Muonic Helium isotopes - Krauth et al., Nature (2021) - Schuhmann et al., Arxiv (2023)







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#### For the muonic Helium-3 ion

$$\delta_{\text{QED+NR}} = +1,644.348(8) \text{ meV}$$
  

$$\delta_{\text{FS}}^{(4)} = -103.383 \text{ meV fm}^{-2}$$
  

$$\delta_{\text{TPE}}^{(5)} = +15.499(378) \text{ meV}$$
  

$$\delta_{3\text{PE}}^{(6)} = -0.214(214) \text{ meV}$$
  

$$\delta_{\text{HO}}^{(5)} = -0.667(25) \text{ meV}$$

$$r_c = 1.97007(12)_{\rm ex}(93)_{\rm th}$$
 fm



K. Schuhmann et. al. Arxiv 2305.11679 (2023)



# Theory



$$\begin{split} \Delta E_{nl} &= -8\alpha^2 m \ \phi_{nL}^2 \int \frac{d^3 q}{4\pi} \left\{ \sum_{N \neq 0} |\langle N| \ \rho_{\rm ch}(\mathbf{q}) \ |0\rangle|^2 \ \frac{(2E_q + \omega_N)}{q^4 E_q [(E_q + \omega_N)^2 - m^2]} \right. \\ &+ \sum_{N \neq 0} |\langle 0| \ \mathbf{J}_{\perp}(\mathbf{q}) \ |N\rangle|^2 \left[ \frac{q^2}{4m^2} \ \frac{(2E_q + \omega_N)}{q^4 E_q [(E_q + \omega_N)^2 - m^2]} - \frac{1}{4m^2 q^3} \ \frac{\omega_N + 2q}{(\omega_N + q)^2} \right] \\ &+ B_{\perp}(\mathbf{q}) \ \frac{1}{8m^2 q^2} \left( \frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{E_q} \right) \right\} \end{split}$$



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### **Ab-initio strategy**

Our strategy is to build models for the operators from first principles

 $H_N$ { $\mathbf{D}, \mathbf{Q}, \ldots$ }

Solve the time-independent Schrödinger equation for the nuclear states

$$\widehat{H}_{\mathrm{N}} \left| \mathrm{N} \right\rangle = E_{\mathrm{N}} \left| \mathrm{N} \right\rangle$$

And calculate the relevant matrix elements with controlled approximations.

$$\langle N | \, \mathbf{D} \, | 0 \rangle$$

### **Nuclear Hamiltonians**



#### **Bayesian uncertainty quantification**

Chiral perturbation theory is an expansion in  $~Q=rac{m_\pi}{\Lambda_{
m v}}\sim 0.3$ 

It is then reasonable to assume that a similar expansion holds also for the observable calculated with the theory

$$X = \sum_{n=0}^{k} D_n + \sum_{n=k+1}^{\infty} D_n$$



One assumes that the expansion coefficients follow the same underlying distribution and uses the calculated coefficients to learn about the distribution.



# Results

### **NS corrections in muonic Helium**





#### Structure functions uncertainty

$$\begin{split} \Delta E_{nl}^{\mathrm{NR}} &= -8\alpha^2 \ \phi_{nl}^2 \sum_{N \neq 0} \int d^3x \ d^3y \ \langle 0| \ \rho_{\mathrm{ch}}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{y}) \left| N \right\rangle \langle N| \ \rho_{\mathrm{ch}}(\mathbf{x}) \left| 0 \right\rangle \ \mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{NR}}(z) \\ &= -8\alpha^2 \ \phi_{nl}^2 \sum_{N \neq 0} \int d^3x \ d^3y \ \langle 0| \ \rho_{\mathrm{ch}}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{y}) \left| N \right\rangle \langle N| \ \rho_{\mathrm{ch}}(\mathbf{x}) \left| 0 \right\rangle \ \left( \mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{NR}}^{(2)}(z) + \mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{NR}}^{(3)}(z) + \mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{NR}}^{(4)}(z) + .. \right) \end{split}$$



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	$\mu^2 H$	$\mu^{3}\mathrm{H}$	$\mu^3 \text{He}^+$	$ \mu^4 \text{He}^+$
[1]	0.4%	1.3%	1.1%	0.8%
This work	0.8%	1.5%	4.8%	0.9%

[1] C. Ji, et al. J. Phys. G: Nucl. Part. Phys. 45 (2018)

### Uncertainty budget in TPE

	$\mu^{3}$ He <sup>+</sup>			$\mu^4 \text{He}^+$			
	$\delta_{\text{pol}}$	$\delta_{\text{Zem}}$	$\delta_{\mathrm{TPE}}$	$\delta_{\text{pol}}$	$\delta_{\text{Zem}}$	$\delta_{\text{TPE}}$	
	[%]	[%]	[%]	[%]	[%]	[%]	
							S.S.LM, et al. In preparation for 2023
Numerical [1]	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.4	
Numerical	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.2	
Nuclear model [1]	0.7	1.8	1.5	3.9	4.6	4.4	
Nuclear model (N2LO)	4.8	6.9	6.2	14.5	9.4	11	
Nuclear model (N3LO)	1.6	1.6	1.4	4.1	2.8	3	
η-expansion <b>[1]</b>	1.1	_	0.3	0.8	_	0.2	[1] C. Ji, et al. J. Phys. G: Nucl. Part. Phys. 45 (2018)
$\eta$ -expansion	4.8	-	1.4	0.9	-	0.2	
Ζα [1]	1.5	0.0	0.4	1.5	0.0	0.4	
Ζα	-	-	-	-	-	-	
ISB <b>[1]</b>	1.8	0.2	0.5	2.2	0.5	0.5	
Nucleon-size [1]	1.2	1.3	0.9	2.7	2.0	1.2	
Relativistic [1]	0.4	_	0.1	0.1	_	0.0	
Coulomb [1]	3.0	-	0.9	0.4	-	0.1	
Total <b>[1]</b>	4.2	2.2	2.1	5.5	5.1	4.6	
Total (N2LO)	7.6	6.9	6.5	10.6	9.6	10.9	
Total (N3LO)	6.3	2.1	2.4	5.3	3.5	3.5	16

### Helion charge radius

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### Alpha particle charge radius

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### Conclusions

- The nuclear model uncertainty of the two-photon-exchange correction to the Lamb-shift in muonic Helium ions is larger at N2LO and at a similar level at N3LO compared to the uncertainty quoted in the past.
- Our analysis of the *n* -expansion uncertainty suggests that in muonic He-3 the error band might be larger than previously expected.
- The calculation of the 3PE will improve the precision of the nuclear charge radii of the Helium isotopes by ~10%.
- These techniques can be applied to the study of other observable, like the Hyperfine splitting in muonic Deuterium and muonic He-3.

# Backup

### **Uncertainties in muonic Helium**

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	$\mu^3 \text{He}^+$			 $\mu^4 \text{He}^+$			
	$\delta_{\rm pol}$	$\delta_{\mathrm{Zem}}$	$\delta_{ ext{TPE}}$	$\delta_{ m pol}$	$\delta_{\mathrm{Zem}}$	$\delta_{ ext{TPE}}$	
	[%]	[%]	[%]	 [%]	[%]	[%]	
Numerical (2019)	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.4	
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#### Preliminary works on Li atoms

$$\delta_{ ext{TPE}} = \delta_{ ext{D1}}^{(0)} + \delta_{ ext{C}}^{(0)} + \delta_{ ext{Z1}}^{(1)} + \delta_{ ext{Z3}}^{(1)} + \delta_{ ext{NS}}^{(2)} + \delta_{ ext{Q}}^{(2)} + \dots$$

δ <sub>tpe</sub>	Ref. <b>(1) (meV)</b>	Ref. <b>(2) (meV)</b>
μ- <sup>6</sup> Li <sup>2+</sup>	-11.8(3)	-15(4)
μ- <sup>7</sup> Li <sup>2+</sup>	-22.2(4)	-21(4)

(1) S.L., A.Poggialini, S.Bacca, SciPost Phys. Proc. 3, 028 (2020)
(2) Drake et al, Phys. Rev. A 32, 713 (1985)



#### **Priors**

$$O = O_{ref} \left[ c_0 + c_1 Q + c_2 Q^2 + \dots \right]$$

Priors	$\operatorname{pr}(\eta)$	Priors	$\operatorname{pr}(c_i \bar{c})$	$\operatorname{pr}(\overline{c})$
$\alpha_{\eta}$	$\frac{1}{\lambda} \exp\left(\frac{\eta}{\lambda}\right)$	А	$\frac{\frac{1}{2\bar{c}}\theta(\bar{c}- c_i )}{(c_i-c_i)}$	$\frac{1}{\ln(\bar{c}_{>}/\bar{c}_{<})\bar{c}}\theta(\bar{c}-\bar{c}_{<})\theta(\bar{c}_{>}-\bar{c})$
$eta_\eta$	$\beta(a,b)$	В	$\left  \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\bar{c}} \exp\left(-\frac{c_i}{2\bar{c}^2}\right) \right $	$\Big  \frac{1}{\ln(\bar{c}_{>}/\bar{c}_{<})\bar{c}} \theta(\bar{c}-\bar{c}_{<}) \theta(\bar{c}_{>}-\bar{c})$

$$\delta_{\text{pol}}^{(5)} = C \sum_{N \neq N_0} \left(\frac{1}{\omega_N}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \int d^3 R \ d^3 R' \ \rho_N^p(\mathbf{R}) \ \begin{bmatrix} \eta^2 - \frac{1}{4}\eta^3 + \frac{1}{20}\eta^4 + \dots \end{bmatrix} \ \rho_N^p(\mathbf{R}')$$
LO NLO NLO N2LO

$$\eta = \sqrt{2m_r\omega_N} |\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{R}'| \approx \sqrt{\frac{m_r}{m_N}} \approx 0.33$$

... Some more algebra ...

$$\delta_{\text{pol}}^{(5)} = \sum_{i} \left[ C_{i}(Z\alpha, m_{r}) \int_{0}^{\infty} \mathcal{F}_{i}(\omega/m_{r}) S_{O_{i}}(\omega) d\omega \right]$$

#### NS effects in 3He+ and 4He+



### Uncertainty

**Uncertainty sources** 

- Numerical
- Nuclear model
- Nucleon model
- Truncation of EM multipoles
- **ŋ-expansion**
- Expansion in (Za)

# **Evaluation of the TPE amplitude**

#### Coulomb Distortion

Contribution coming from intermediate interactions between lepton and nucleus during the TPE process.

We include only the correction of order  $(Z\alpha)^6 log(Z\alpha)$ 

Since we work in the leading dipole approximation, the correction is related to the electric dipole response



• Nucleon size effects



#### • Relativistic effects

They are smaller by factors  $\frac{\omega_{th}}{m_r}$ 

Includes also first effects from electromagnetic currents. Are evaluated in the leading dipole approximation

$$\delta_{L(T)}^{(0)} = \frac{2m_r^3}{9} (Z\alpha)^5 \int_{\omega_{th}}^{\infty} K_{L(T)} \left(\frac{\omega}{m_r}\right) S_{D1}(\omega)$$

#### **TPE in He-3**



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### NS corrections in µ4He+

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