

Nuclear Structure in Light Muonic Atoms: μH

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Nuclear Structure in (Muonic) Atoms and Ions

- Atomic spectra are sensitive to nuclear properties:

Lamb Shift: $E_{LS} = E_{QED} + C R_E^2 + E_{NS}$

- Small Z: expand in α , $Z\alpha$
 - nuclear size $C \propto \alpha^4 + \dots$
 - nuclear structure $E_{NS} \propto \alpha^5 + \dots$

- Muonic atoms: greater sensitivity to charge radii

Bohr radius $a = (Z\alpha m_r)^{-1}$

- But also greater sensitivity to **subleading nuclear response**

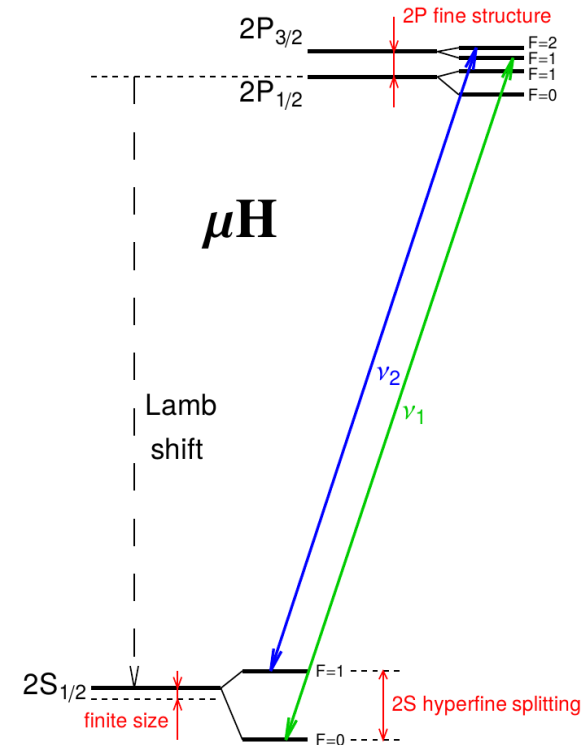
Lamb Shift: $\Delta E = \frac{2\pi Z\alpha}{3} \frac{1}{\pi(an)^3} \left[R_E^2 - \frac{Z\alpha m_r}{2} R_F^3 \right] + \dots$

Friar radius

Zemach radius

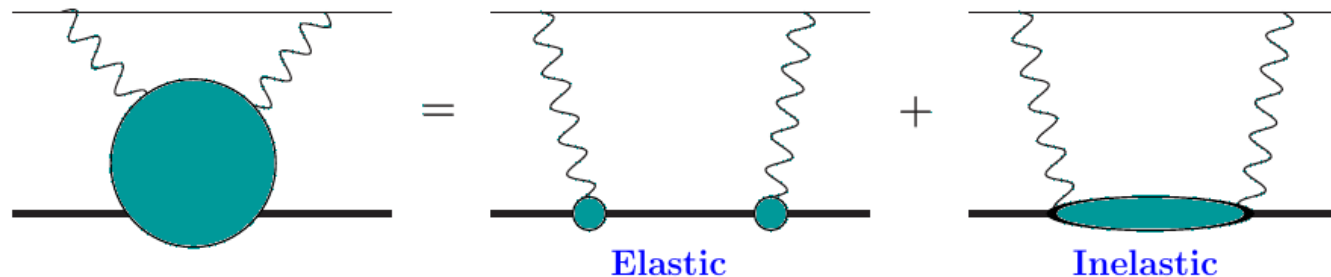
HFS: $\Delta E = \frac{8}{3} \frac{Z\alpha}{(an)^3} \frac{1 + \kappa}{mM} [1 - 2Z\alpha m_r R_Z] + \dots$

only a part of the subleading nuclear response



Two-Photon Exchange (TPE)

- The most important part of the nuclear response beyond finite size
- Described in terms of (doubly virtual forward) Compton scattering: VVCS
- Elastic ($\nu = \pm Q^2/2M_{\text{target}}$, elastic e.m. form factors) and inelastic (\sim nuclear generalised polarisabilities)



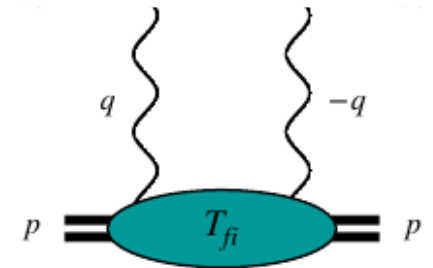
- Defines the theoretical uncertainty as of now

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$E_L(\text{exp})$	experiment ^a	202.370 6(23)	202.878 5(34)	1258.612(86)	1378.521(48)

Pachucki, VL, Hagelstein, Li Muli, Bacca, Pohl – theory review (2022)

^aexperiment: CREMA (2013-2023)

VVCS and Structure Functions



- Forward spin-1/2 VVCS amplitude

$$\alpha_{\text{em}} M^{\mu\nu}(\nu, Q^2) = - \left\{ \left(-g^{\mu\nu} + \frac{q^\mu q^\nu}{q^2} \right) T_1(\nu, Q^2) + \frac{1}{M^2} \left(p^\mu - \frac{p \cdot q}{q^2} q^\mu \right) \left(p^\nu - \frac{p \cdot q}{q^2} q^\nu \right) T_2(\nu, Q^2) \right. \\ \left. + \frac{i}{M} \epsilon^{\nu\mu\alpha\beta} q_\alpha s_\beta S_1(\nu, Q^2) + \frac{i}{M^3} \epsilon^{\nu\mu\alpha\beta} q_\alpha (p \cdot q s_\beta - s \cdot q p_\beta) S_2(\nu, Q^2) \right\}$$

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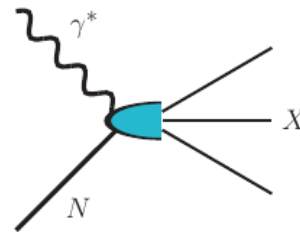
Subtract point-like and finite size!

- Unitarity and analyticity, data-driven: dispersive relations

Structure functions $F_1(x, Q^2)$, $F_2(x, Q^2)$: inclusive electron scattering

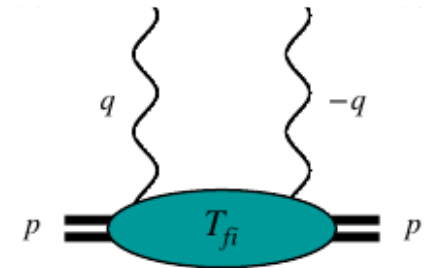
$$T_1(\nu, Q^2) = T_1(0, Q^2) + \frac{32\pi M\nu^2}{Q^4} \int_0^1 dx \frac{x F_1(x, Q^2)}{1 - x^2(\nu/\nu_{\text{el}})^2 - i0^+},$$

$$T_2(\nu, Q^2) = \frac{16\pi M}{Q^2} \int_0^1 dx \frac{F_2(x, Q^2)}{1 - x^2(\nu/\nu_{\text{el}})^2 - i0^+} \quad x = Q^2/(2M\nu)$$



- The subtraction function $T_1(0, Q^2)$ is not directly accessible in experiment
- Data on structure functions is deficient (for anything other than proton)

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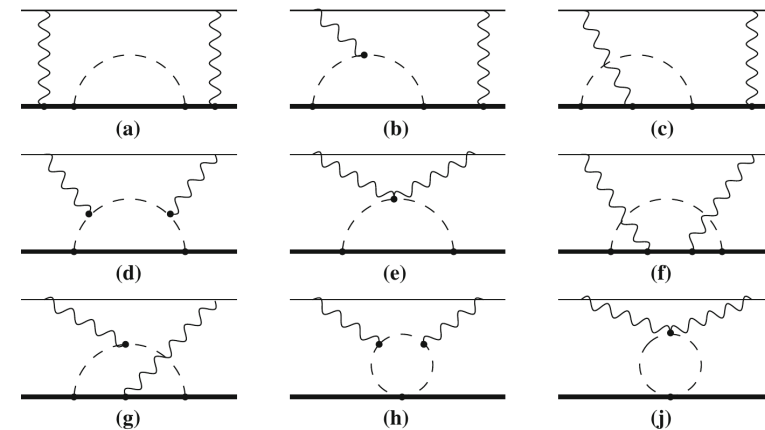
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Subtract point-like and finite size!

- Typical energies in (muonic) atoms are small: use effective field theories

- chiral EFT (covariant, HB, ...)
- or even pionless EFT for nuclear effects
- expansion in powers of a small parameter
- order-by-order uncertainty estimate



- Calculate VVCS or structure functions
- In nuclei heavier than proton: also calculate the elastic form factors

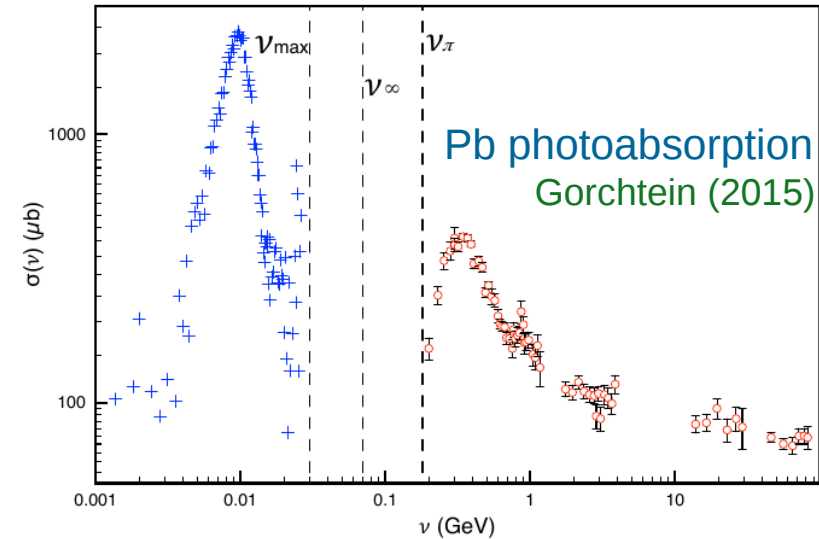
Nuclei Heavier than Proton

- Most of the TPE correction is nuclear (as in: no nucleon polarisation)
- Nuclear part of subtraction function converges (finite energy sum rule)

Gorchtein (2015)

- TPE integrals with nuclear response functions from χ EFT will converge
- „Most popular“ method

$$E_{\text{pol}} = -\frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{3} \phi^2(0) \int_{E_T} dE \sqrt{\frac{2\mu}{E}} |\langle \phi_N | \vec{d} | E \rangle|^2$$



Friar, Pachucki, Wienczek, Kalinowski, Rosenfelder, Leidemann, Bacca, Ji, Hernandez, Acharya, Li Muli, VL, ...

- Single-nucleon contributions need to be accounted for separately

- relatively more important in heavier nuclei
- sizeable uncertainty!
- neutron not so well constrained empirically

	δ_{Zem}^A	δ_{pol}^A	δ_{Zem}^N	δ_{pol}^N	δ_{TPE}
$\mu^2\text{H}$	-0.423(04)	-1.245(13)	-0.030(02)	-0.020(10)	-1.718(17)
$\mu^3\text{H}$	-0.227(06)	-0.480(11)	-0.033(02)	-0.031(17)	-0.771(22)
$\mu^3\text{He}^+$	-10.49(23)	-4.23(18)	-0.52(03)	-0.25(13)	-15.49(33)
$\mu^4\text{He}^+$	-6.14(31)	-2.35(13)	-0.54(03)	-0.34(20)	-9.37(44)

nuclear
individual nucleons

Ji et al. (2018)

Lamb Shift of μH in Covariant B χ PT

- Delta counting: $\Delta = M_\Delta - M \gg m_\pi$

Pascalutsa, Phillips (2003)

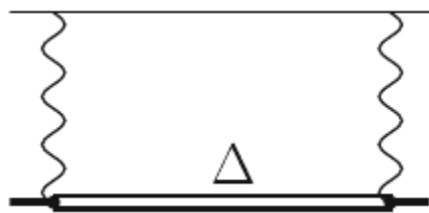
- The contributions of the Delta isobar are suppressed by powers of m_π/Δ
- Expansion in powers of

$$p/\Delta \sim m_\pi/\Delta \sim 0.5$$

- LO B χ PT: pion-nucleon loops

$$\Delta E_{2S}^{\text{LO, pol}} = -9.6_{-2.9}^{+1.4} \mu\text{eV}$$

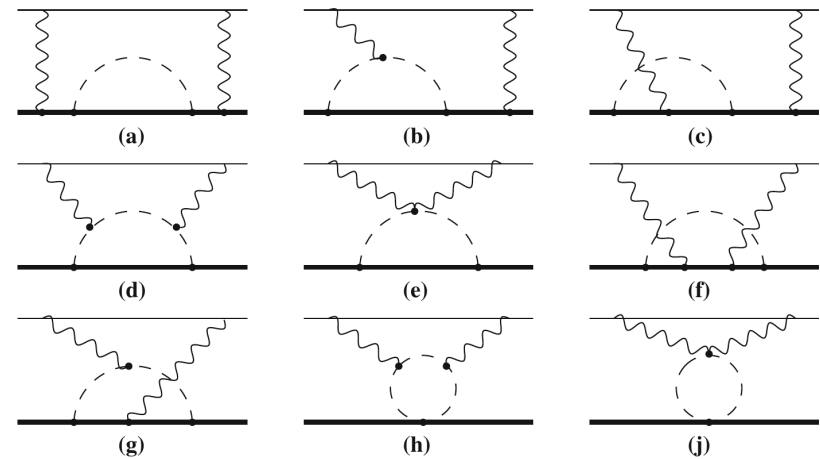
- Delta exchange:



- suppressed in $\Delta E_{2S}^{\text{pol}}$ but affects the subtraction
- insert transition form factors (Jones-Scadron)

$$\Delta E_{2S}^{\Delta-\text{pole}} = 0.95 \pm 0.95 \mu\text{eV}$$

VL, Hagelstein, Pascalutsa, Vanderhaeghen (2017)

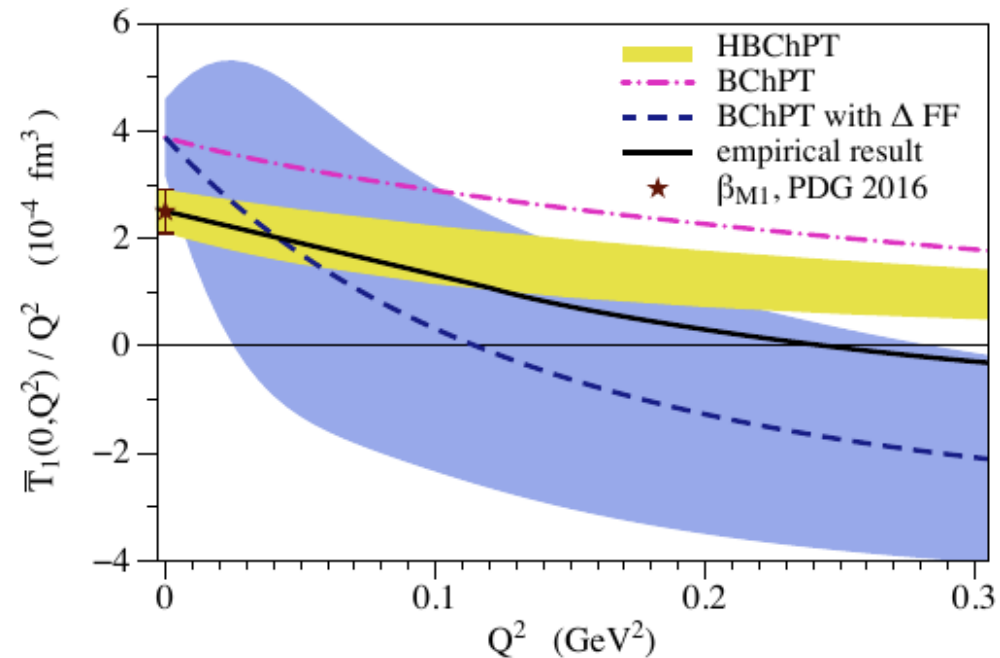


Alarcon, VL, Pascalutsa (2014)

Various Subtraction Functions

- The diversity of the results for the proton subtraction function $T_1(0, Q^2)$
 - HBChPT: dipole FF, matches β_{M1} [PDG] and the slope at 0
modification of Birse, McGovern (2012)
 - BChPT: transition FFs change the subtraction function
 - Empirical: Regge asymptotic at high energy subtracted

Tomalak, Vanderhaeghen (2015)



VL, Hagelstein, Pascalutsa, Vanderhaeghen (2017)

- Zero crossing at low Q^2 – is present in BChPT with FFs; established in the empirical derivation, but the position not well known (0.1..0.4 GeV^2)
- Big cancellations between different mechanisms (πN and $\pi \Delta$ loops vs. Δ pole), also cancellations in the LS integral because of the sign change
- Empirical derivation has sizeable errors towards $Q^2 = 0$ (not shown) attributed to mismatch between structure function fit in the resonance region (Christy-Bosted) and at high energies (Donnachie-Landshoff) => needs **a better (combined) structure function parametrization**

Lamb Shift of μH in Various Approaches

Table 1 Forward 2γ -exchange contributions to the $2S$ -shift in μH , in units of μeV .

Reference	$E_{2S}^{(\text{subt})}$	$E_{2S}^{(\text{inel})}$	$E_{2S}^{(\text{pol})}$	$E_{2S}^{(\text{el})}$	$E_{2S}^{(2\gamma)}$
DATA-DRIVEN DISPERSIVE EVALUATION					
(75) Pachucki '99	1.9	-13.9	-12(2)	-23.2(1.0)	-35.2(2.2)
(76) Martynenko '06	2.3	-16.1	-13.8(2.9)		
(77) Carlson <i>et al.</i> '11	5.3(1.9)	-12.7(5)	-7.4(2.0)		
(78) Birse and McGovern '12	4.2(1.0)	-12.7(5)	-8.5(1.1)	-24.7(1.6)	-33(2)
(79) Gorchtein <i>et al.</i> '13 ^a	-2.3(4.6)	-13.0(6)	-15.3(4.6)	-24.5(1.2)	-39.8(4.8)
(80) Hill and Paz '16					-30(13)
(81) Tomalak'18	2.3(1.3)		-10.3(1.4)	-18.6(1.6)	-29.0(2.1)
LEADING-ORDER $B\chi\text{PT}$					
(82) Alarcón <i>et al.</i> '14			-9.6 ^{+1.4} _{-2.9}		
(83) Lensky <i>et al.</i> '17 ^b	3.5 ^{+0.5} _{-1.9}	-12.1(1.8)	-8.6 ^{+1.3} _{-5.2}		
LATTICE QCD					
(84) Fu <i>et al.</i> '22					-37.4(4.9)

^aAdjusted values due to a different decomposition into the elastic and polarizability contributions.

^bPartially includes the $\Delta(1232)$ -isobar contribution.

Antognini, Hagelstein, Pascalutsa (2022)

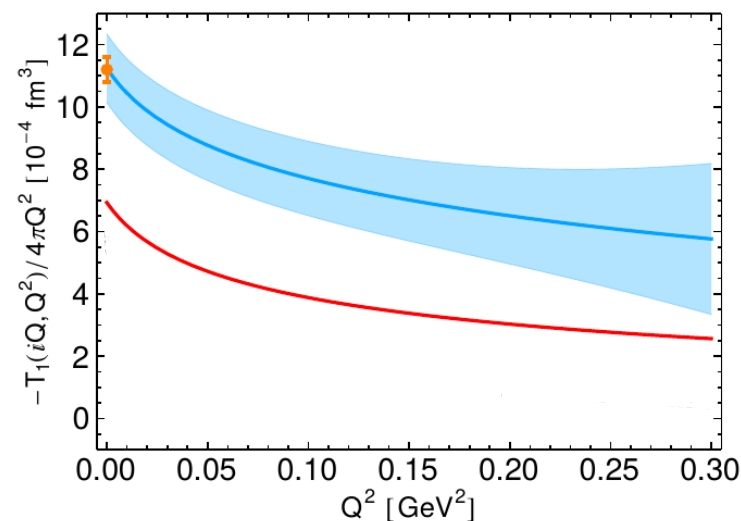
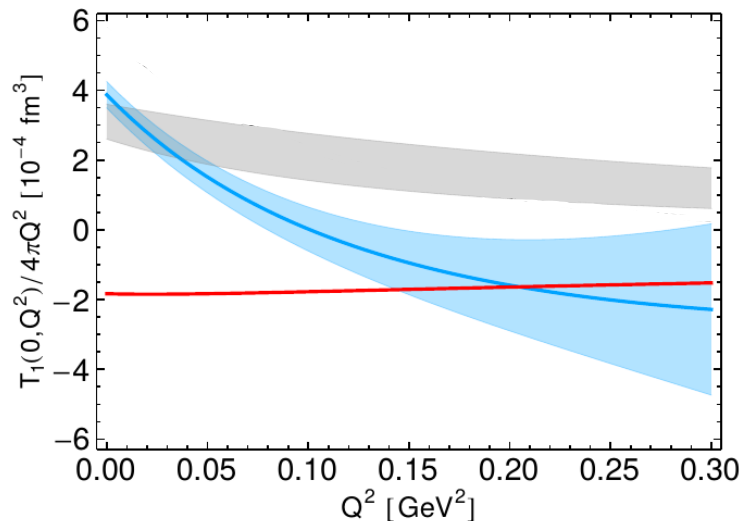
- Agreement between different approaches, also on the size of the subtraction contribution separately – despite the variation in $T_1(0, Q^2)$
- Still, the subtraction contribution has the biggest uncertainty, and needs to be further constrained

Subtraction Function: How to Constrain it?

$$T_1(0, Q^2) = \beta_{M1} Q^2 + \left[\frac{1}{6} \beta_{M2} - \alpha_{\text{em}} \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} P'^{(M1, M1)0}(0) + \frac{1}{(2M)^2} \beta_{M1} + \alpha_{\text{em}} b_{3,0} \right] Q^4 + \mathcal{O}(Q^6)$$

VL, Hagelstein, Pascalutsa, Vanderhaeghen (2017)

- The knowledge of $b_{3,0}$ constrains the slope
- Get from dilepton electroproduction, $ep \rightarrow epl^+l^-$ Pauk, Carlson, Vanderhaeghen (2020)
- A different subtraction point: $\nu_s = iQ$ instead of $\nu_s = 0$ Hagelstein, Pascalutsa (2021)
 - may be advantageous to use [no zero crossing at low Q^2 , less affected by cancellations, smaller Δ contribution, inelastic contribution becomes small]



- An improvement in empirical extraction of $T_1(0, Q^2)$ [or $T_1(iQ, Q^2)$] is possible, needs better parametrizations of proton structure functions!

HFS of μH in Covariant $\text{B}\chi\text{PT}$

$$E_{\text{hfs}}(nS) = \frac{8}{3} \frac{Z\alpha}{(an)^3} \frac{1+\kappa}{mM} (1 + \Delta_{\text{QED}} + \Delta_{\text{weak}} + \Delta_{\text{strong}})$$

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$$\Delta_{\text{Zemach}} = -2Z\alpha m_r R_Z = -2Z\alpha m_r \underbrace{\frac{-4}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{dQ}{Q^2} \left[\frac{G_M(Q^2)G_E(Q^2)}{1+\kappa} - 1 \right]}_{\text{Zemach radius}}$$

- Zemach radius can help one to pin down magnetic properties of the proton
- Need to know the TPE effect precisely to narrow the frequency scan range to measure the ground state HFS in μH
Planned by CREMA, FAMU, J-PARC/Riken-RAL
- Polarisability contribution connects to finer proton structure effects - higher (spin, longitudinal-transverse, ...) polarisabilities
- Fine interplay between elastic (e.m. FFs) and inelastic (polarisabilities) structure properties

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$$\delta_2 = 96M^2 \int_0^\infty \frac{dQ}{Q^3} \int_0^{x_0} dx g_2(x, Q^2) \left(\frac{1}{v_l+v_x} - \frac{1}{v_l+1} \right)$$

$$I_1(Q^2) = \frac{2M^2 Z^2}{Q^2} \int_0^{x_0} dx g_1(x, Q^2) \quad \text{The generalised GDH integral}$$

$$v_l = \sqrt{1+1/\tau_l}, \quad v_x = \sqrt{1+x^2\tau^{-1}}, \quad \tau_l = Q^2/4m^2, \quad \tau = Q^2/4M^2 \quad \text{Kinematic functions}$$

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$$\Delta_{\text{pol.}} = \Delta_{LT} + \Delta_{TT} + \Delta_{F_2} = \frac{m}{2\pi(1 + \kappa)M} (\delta_{LT} + \delta_{TT} + \delta_{F_2}),$$

$$\delta_{LT} = \frac{4M}{\alpha\pi^2} \int_0^\infty dQ \int_0^{x_0} dx \frac{1}{v_l + v_x} \frac{1}{x^2 + \tau} \left[1 - \frac{1}{(1 + v_l)(1 + v_x)} \right] \sigma_{LT}(x, Q^2),$$

$$\delta_{TT} = \frac{4M^2}{\alpha\pi^2} \int_0^\infty \frac{dQ}{Q} \int_0^{x_0} \frac{dx}{x} \frac{1}{1 + v_l} \left[\frac{2\tau}{x^2 + \tau} + \frac{1}{(v_l + v_x)(1 + v_x)} \right] \sigma_{TT}(x, Q^2),$$

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- Rewritten in terms of scattering cross sections

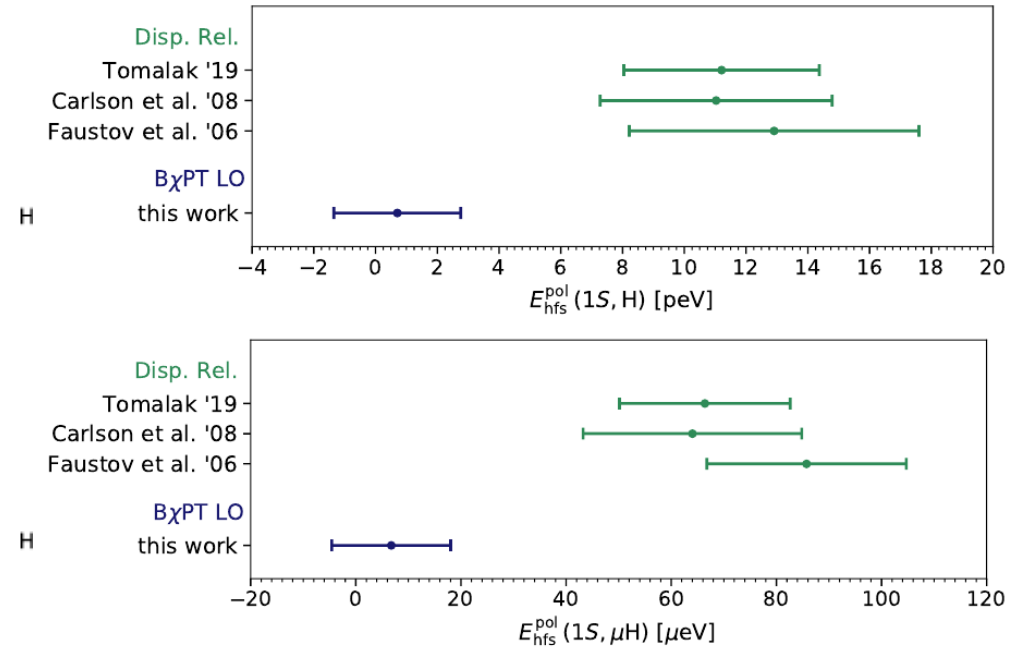
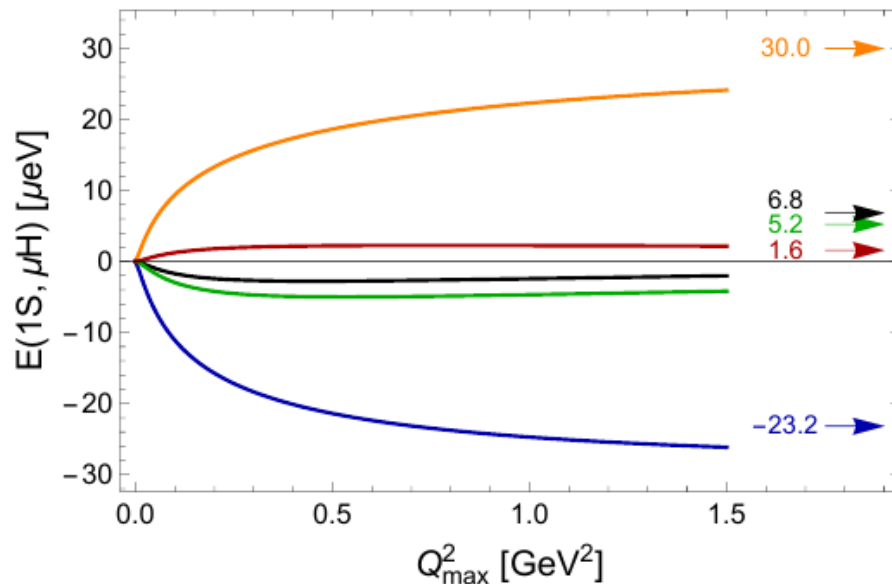
HFS of μH in Covariant $\text{B}\chi\text{PT}$: Cancellations

- LO $\text{B}\chi\text{PT}$ result

$$E_{\text{hfs}}^{\langle\text{LO}\rangle \text{ pol.}}(1S, \text{H}) = 0.69(2.03) \text{ peV}$$

$$E_{\text{hfs}}^{\langle\text{LO}\rangle \text{ pol.}}(1S, \mu\text{H}) = 6.8(11.4) \mu\text{eV}$$

- Consistent with zero
- **Cancellations!**



Hagelstein, VL, Pascalutsa (2023)

- The LT and TT contributions are large and almost cancel each other
- The LO $\text{B}\chi\text{PT}$ result is nearly zero
- Sizeable uncertainty

HFS of μH in Covariant $\text{B}\chi\text{PT}$: More Cancellations

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$$I_1(0) = -\frac{\kappa^2}{4} \quad F_2(0) = \kappa$$

- Cancellation between the Pauli form factor and the inelastic contributions
- Enhanced at low Q !

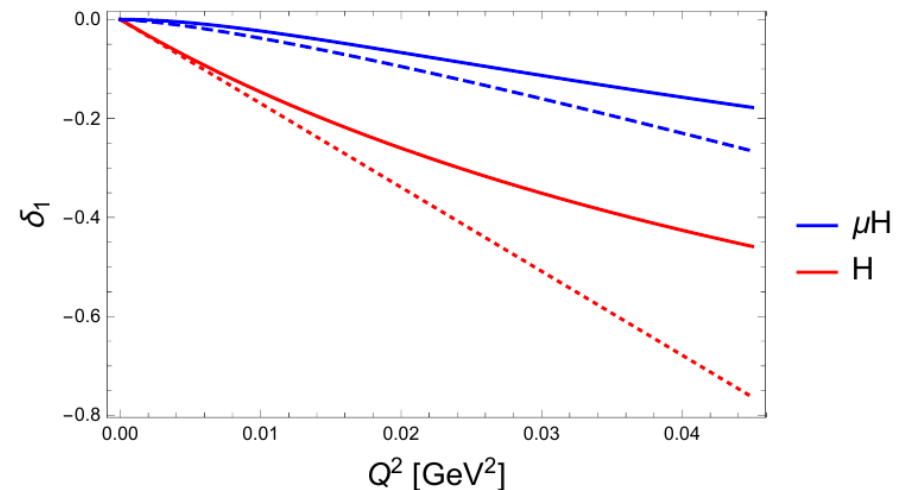
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$$\delta_1(\text{H}) \sim \left(\underbrace{-\frac{3}{4} \kappa^2 r_{\text{Pauli}}^2}_{\rightarrow -2.19} + \underbrace{18M^2 c_{1B}}_{\rightarrow 3.54} \right) Q_{\text{max}}^2 = 1.35(90)$$

$$\delta_1(\mu\text{H}) \sim \left[\underbrace{-\frac{1}{3} \kappa^2 r_{\text{Pauli}}^2}_{\rightarrow -1.45} + \underbrace{8M^2 c_1}_{\rightarrow 2.13} - \underbrace{\frac{M^2}{3\alpha} \gamma_0}_{\rightarrow 0.18} \right] \int_0^{Q_{\text{max}}^2} Q^2 \beta_1(\tau_\mu) = 0.86(69)$$

- Potentially leads to an increased uncertainty
- No data from $Q^2 = 0$ to $Q^2 \simeq 0.045 \text{ GeV}^2$
 - one invokes interpolation
 - may not work so well
- Further investigations are needed
 - new spin structure function parametrisations (cancellations with elastic parts as a constraint)
 - a careful analysis of cancellations



HFS of μH in Covariant $\text{B}\chi\text{PT}$: Zemach Radius

- Results:

$$R_Z(\text{H}) = 1.010(9) \text{ fm}$$

$$R_Z(\mu\text{H}) = 1.040(33) \text{ fm}$$

- Zemach radius extracted is smaller than in most of other works

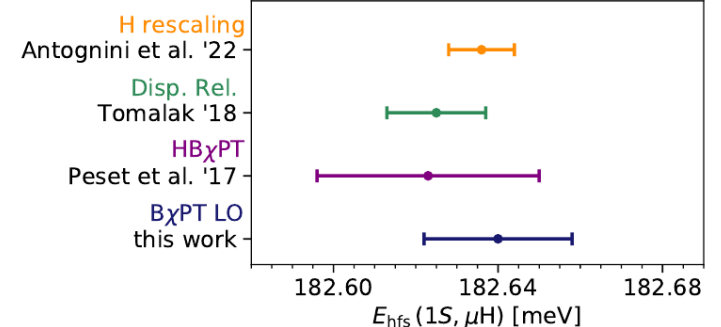
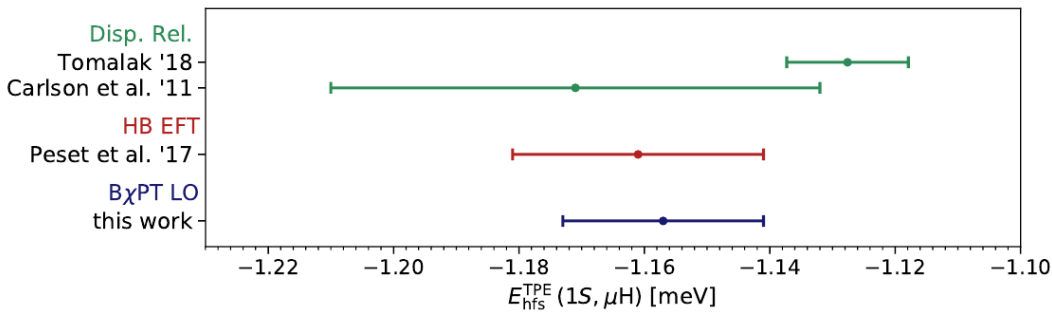
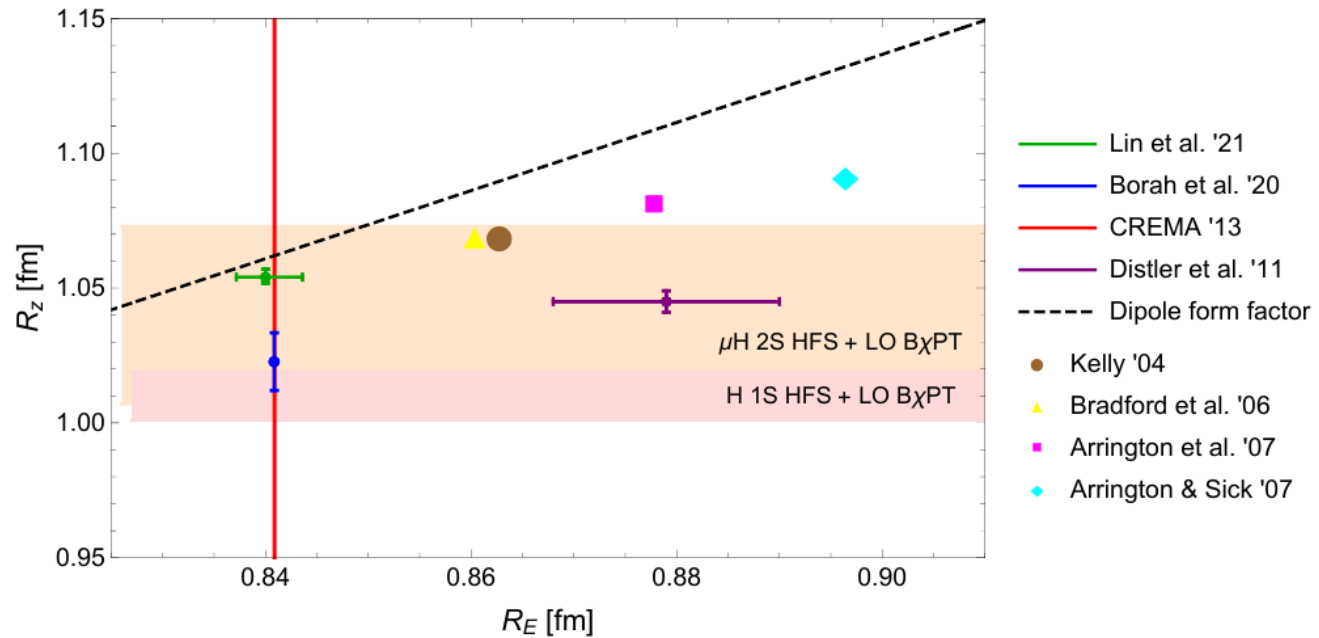
- The smallness of the Zemach radius compensates the smallness of the polarisability contribution:

$$\Delta_{\text{strong}} = \Delta_Z + \Delta_{\text{recoil}} + \Delta_{\text{pol}}$$

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$$\Delta_Z = -2Z\alpha m_r R_Z$$

Total HFS



TPE Corrections: A Challenge for Theory

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$E_L(\text{exp})$	experiment ^a	202.370 6(23)	202.878 5(34)	1258.612(86)	1378.521(48)

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- Further progress in studying the proton structure is important for matching the precision in μH (also as input for heavier nuclei)
 - Lamb shift:
 - more reliable structure function fits/parametrisations (with inputs from B χ PT [polarisabilities...]) to further constrain proton subtraction function
 - subtraction: $T_1(iQ, Q^2)$ instead of $T_1(0, Q^2)$ may work better in μH
 - HFS:
 - structure function fits/parametrisations taking into account the cancellations with the elastic form factors as constraints
 - a careful analysis of uncertainties
- Test theories with new precise experimental data



Thank You for Your Attention!