



Nuclear structure corrections in light muonic atoms

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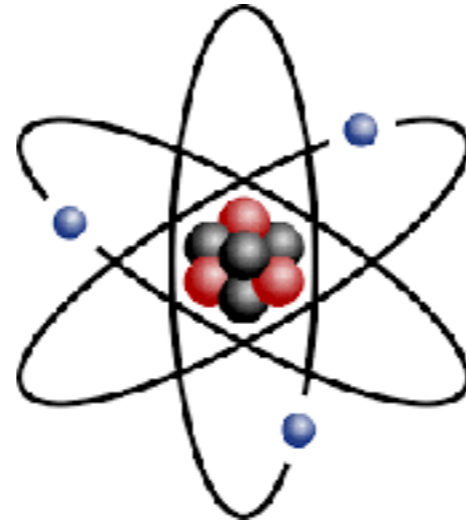
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Outline

- Muonic atoms and the Lamb shift
- Proton radius puzzle
- Theory of muonic atoms
- Ab initio nuclear theory
- Impact on the measurements
- Summary and outlook

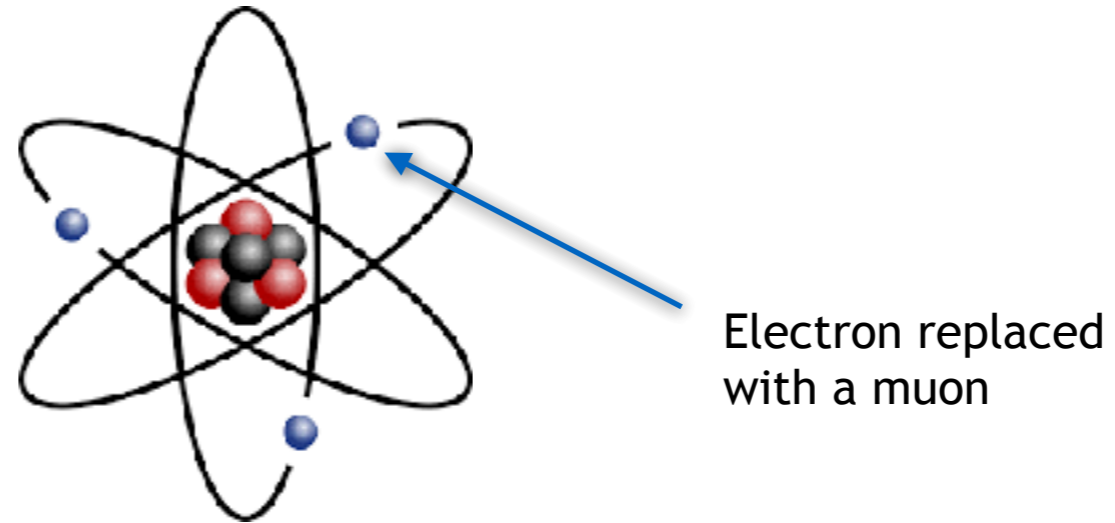
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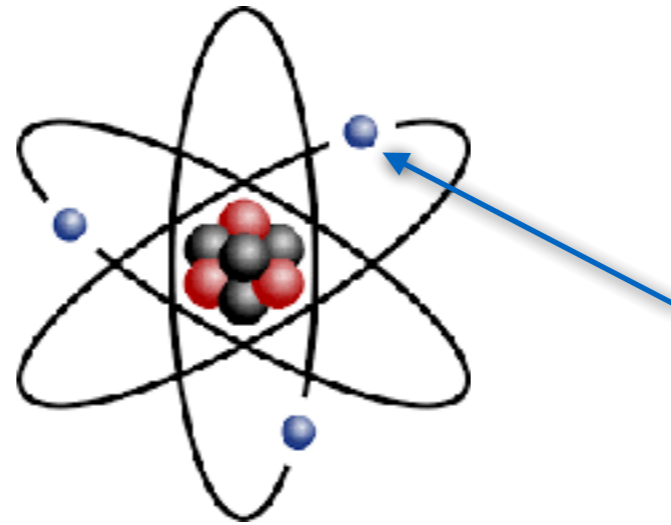
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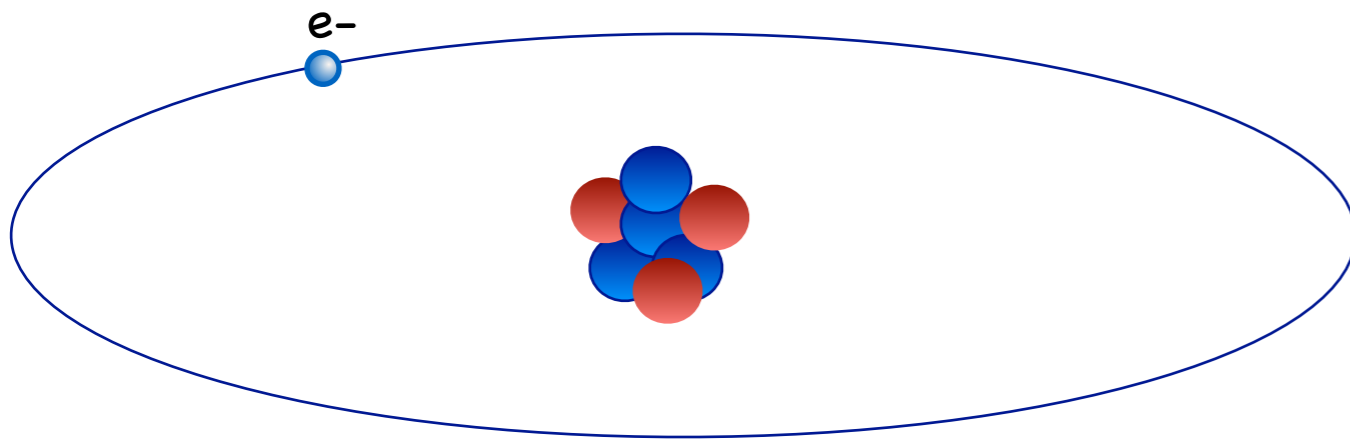
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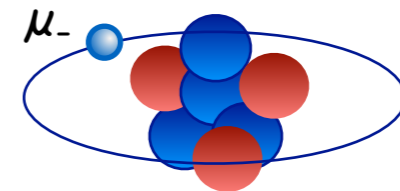
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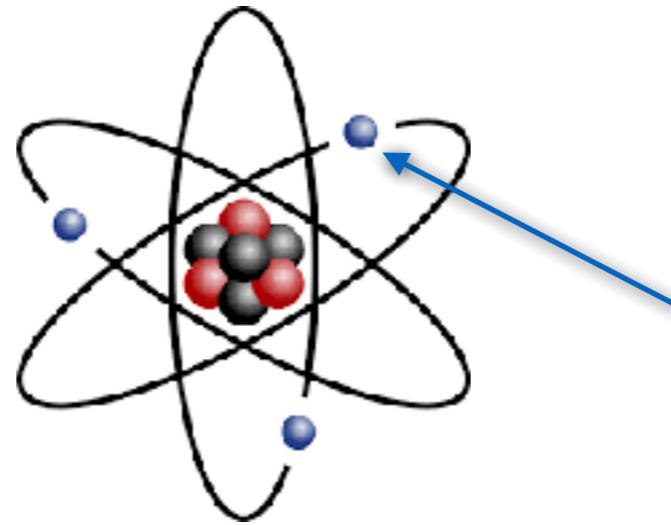
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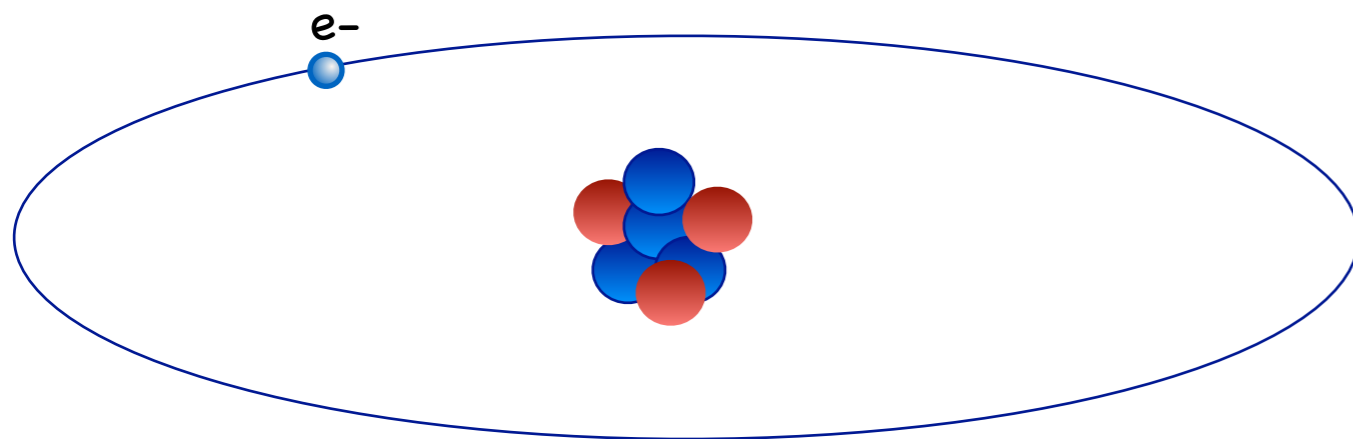
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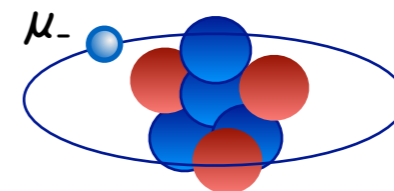
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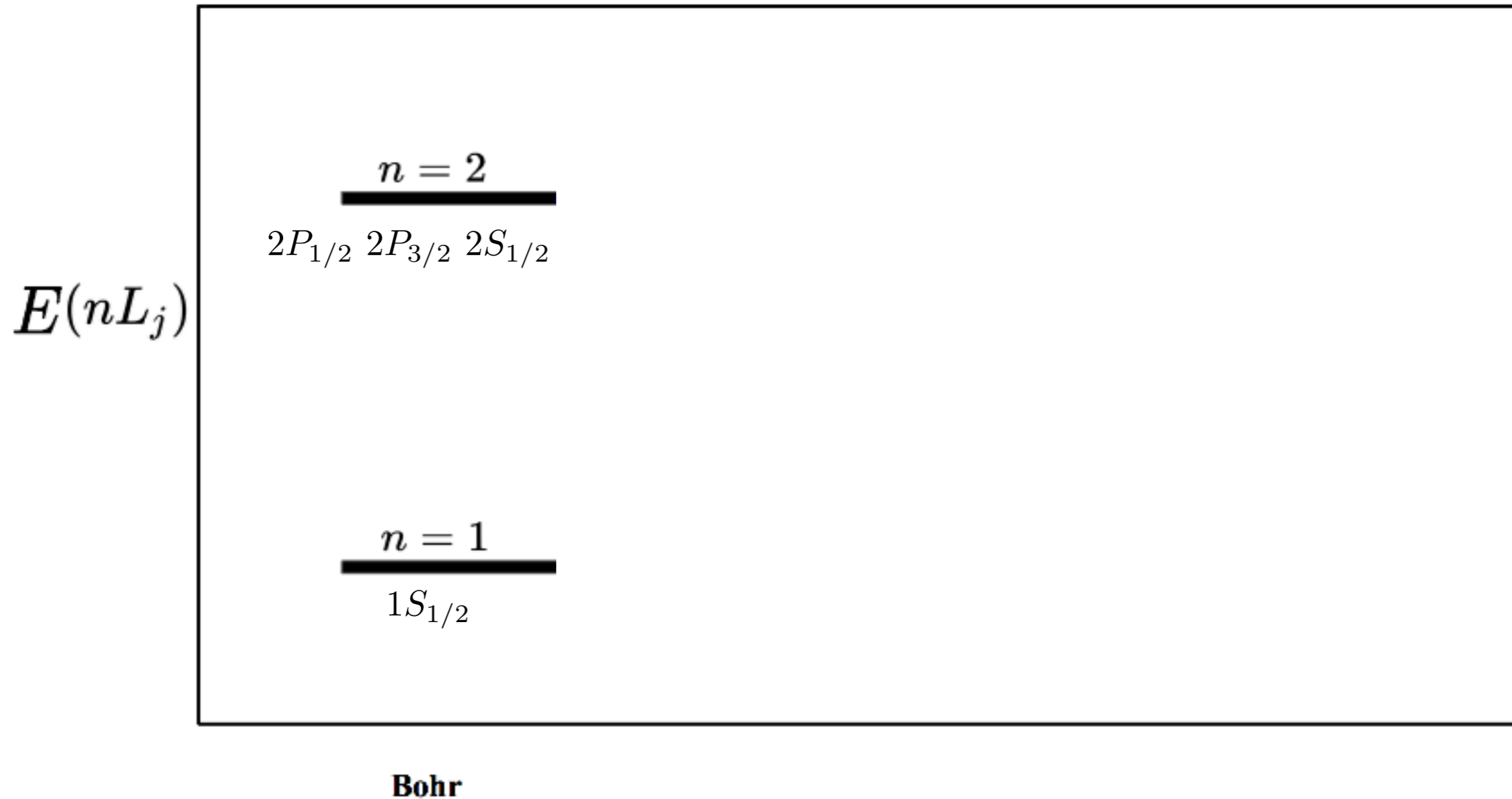
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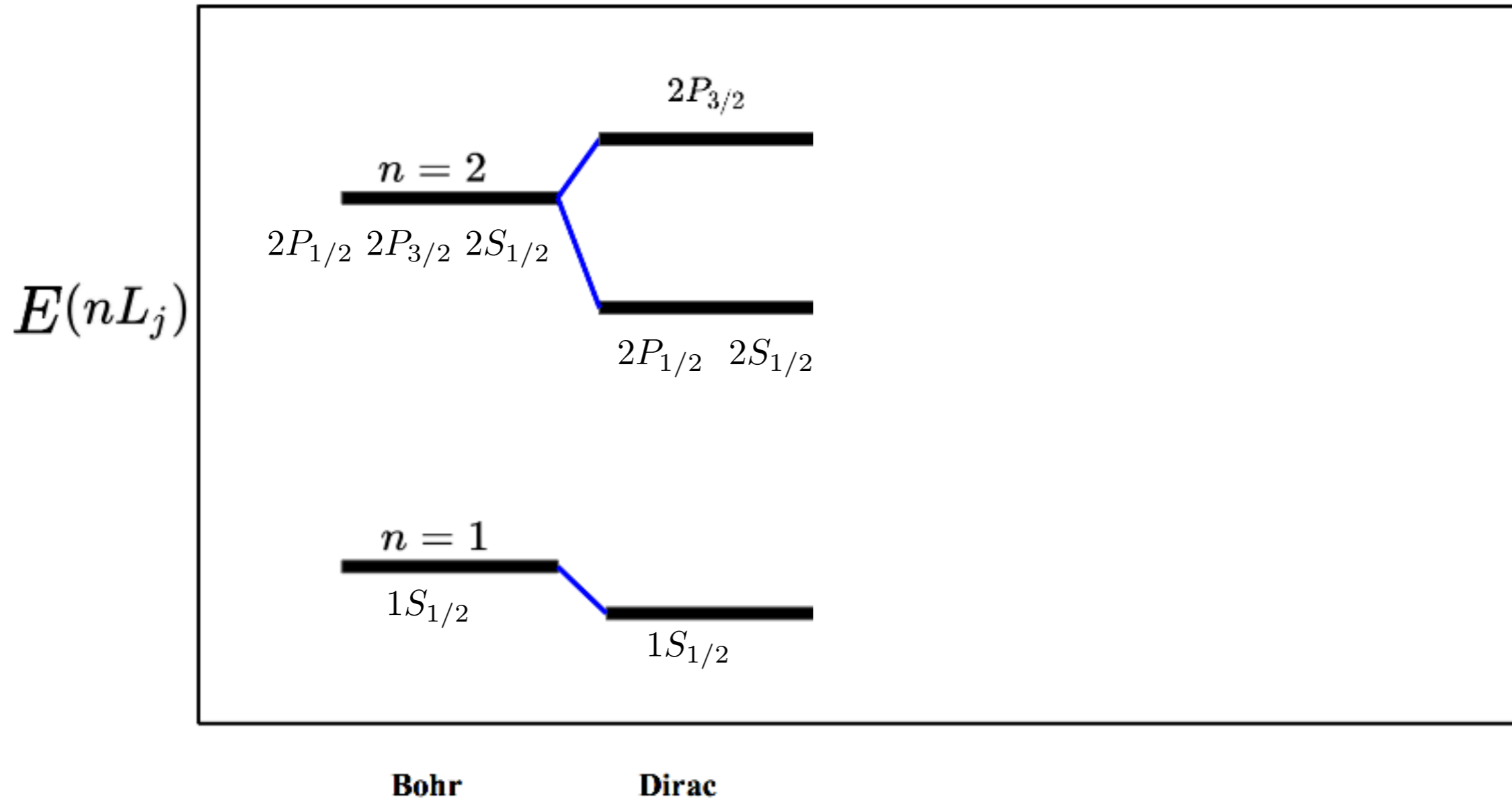
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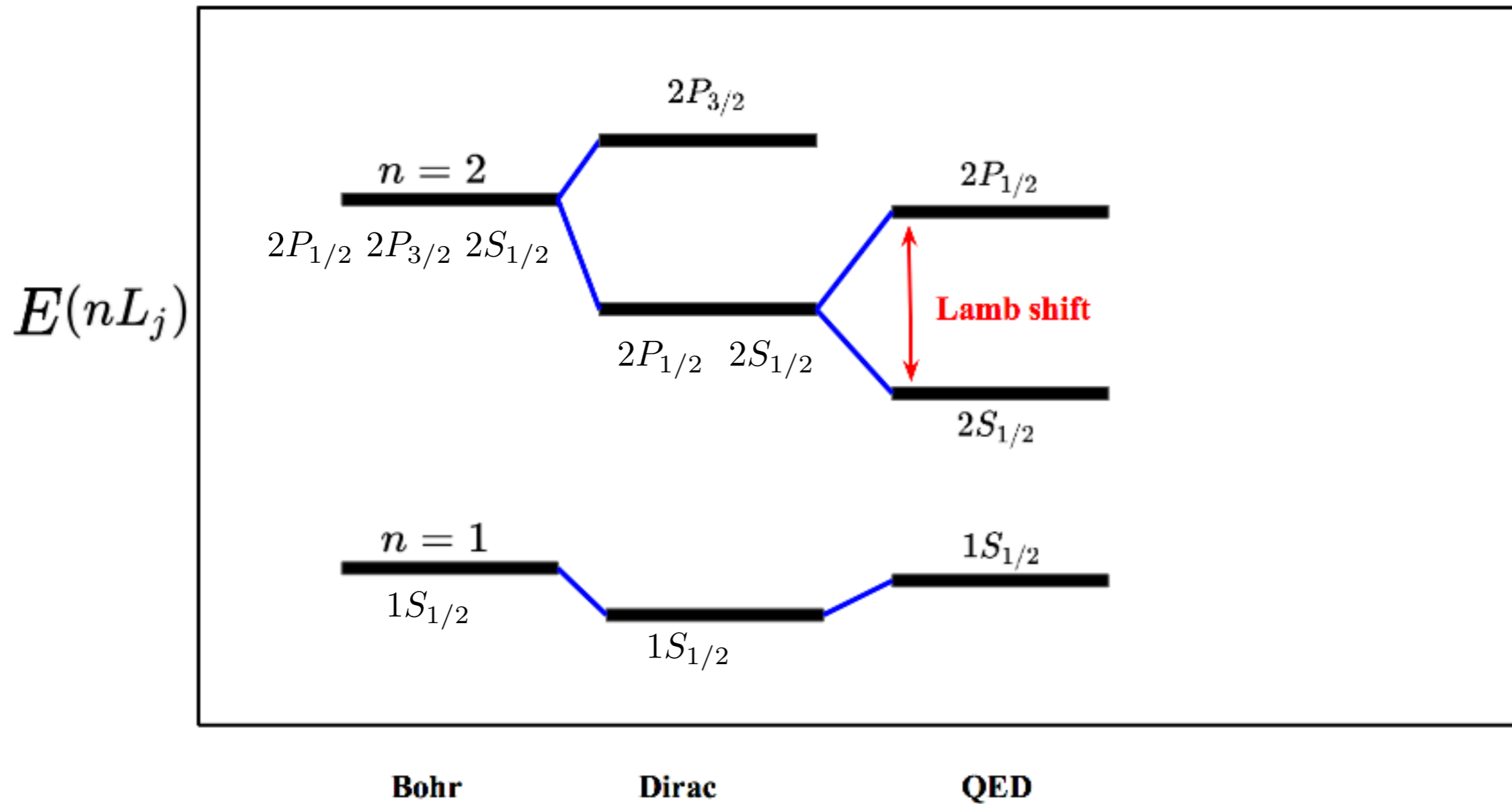
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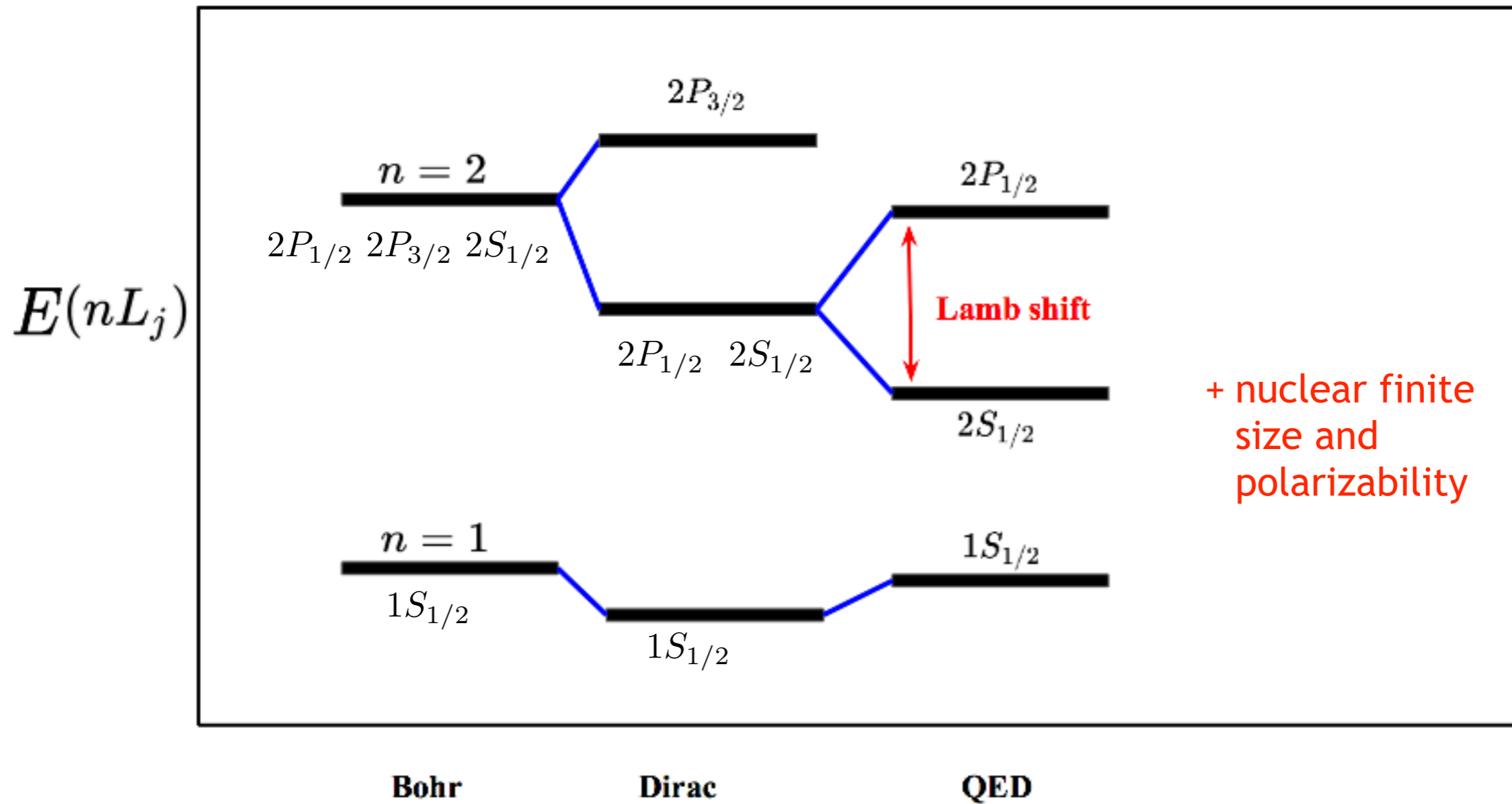
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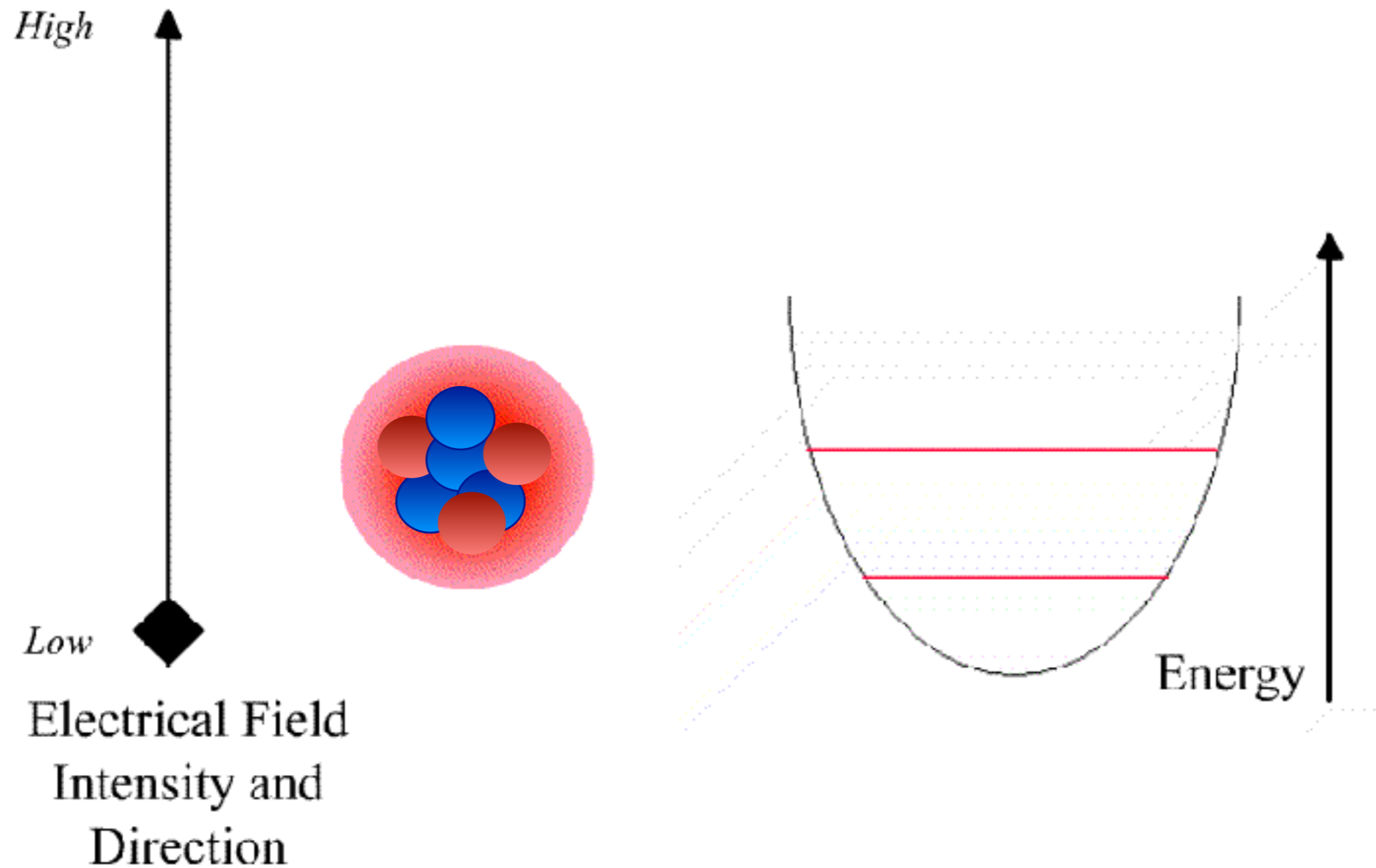
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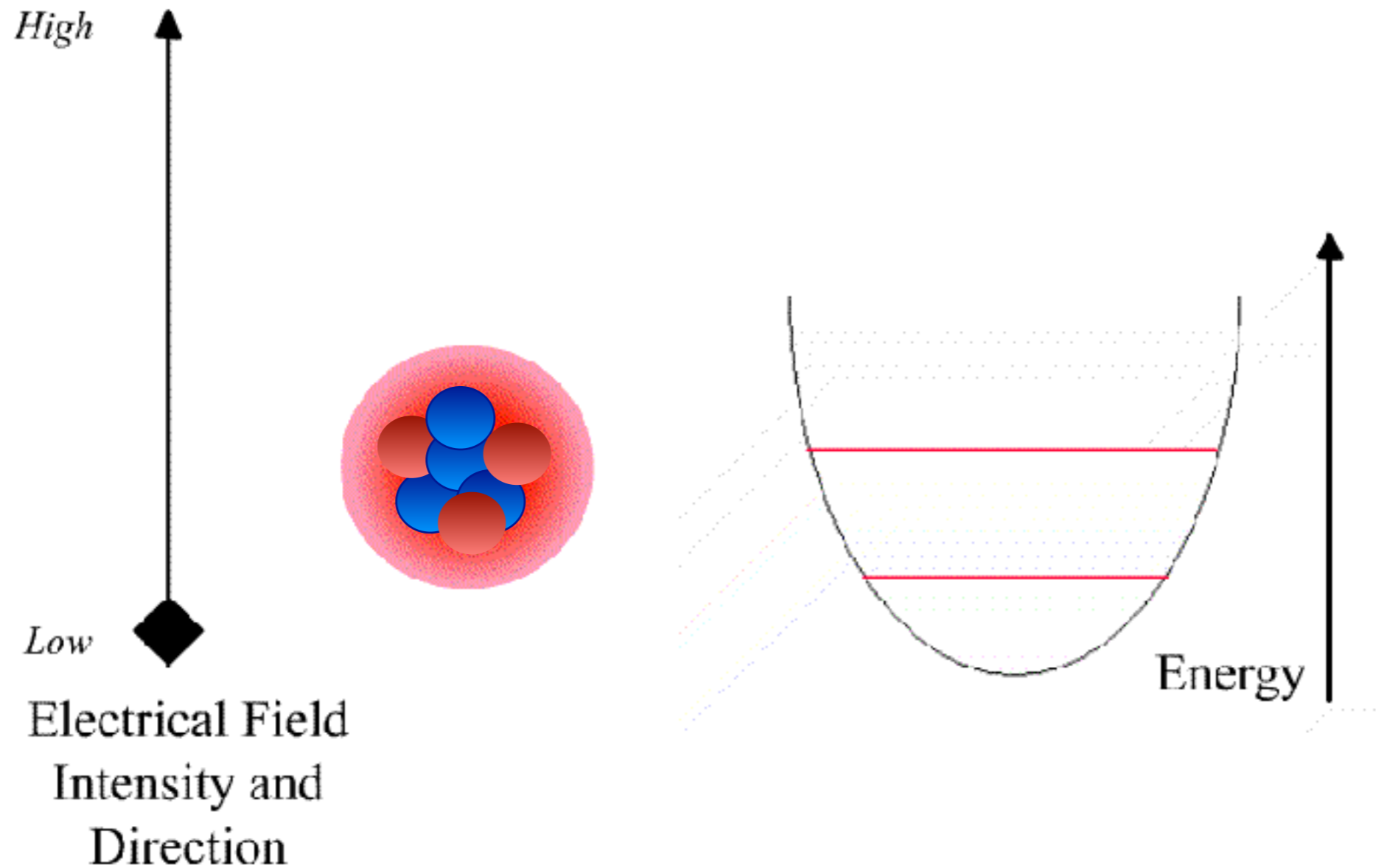


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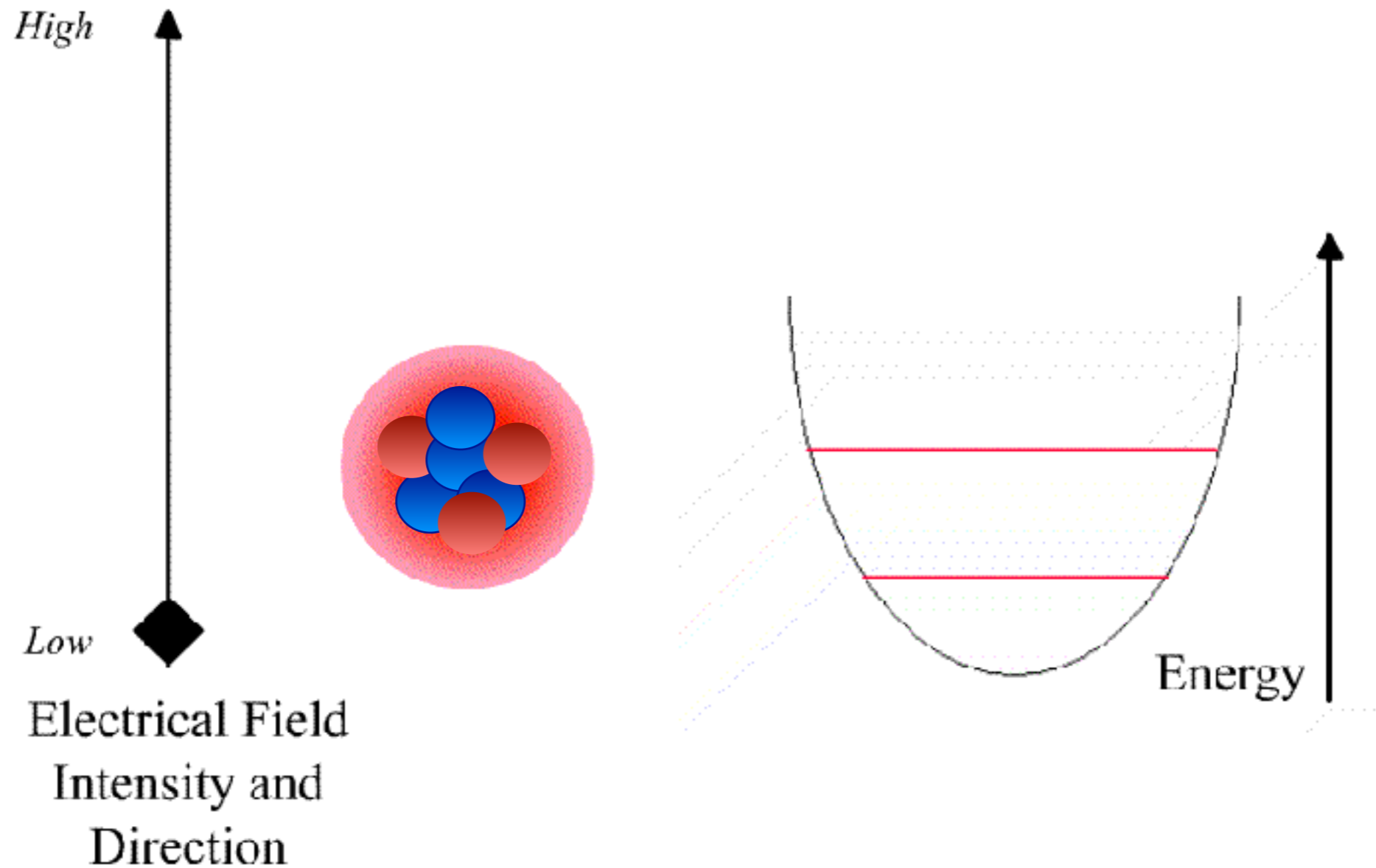
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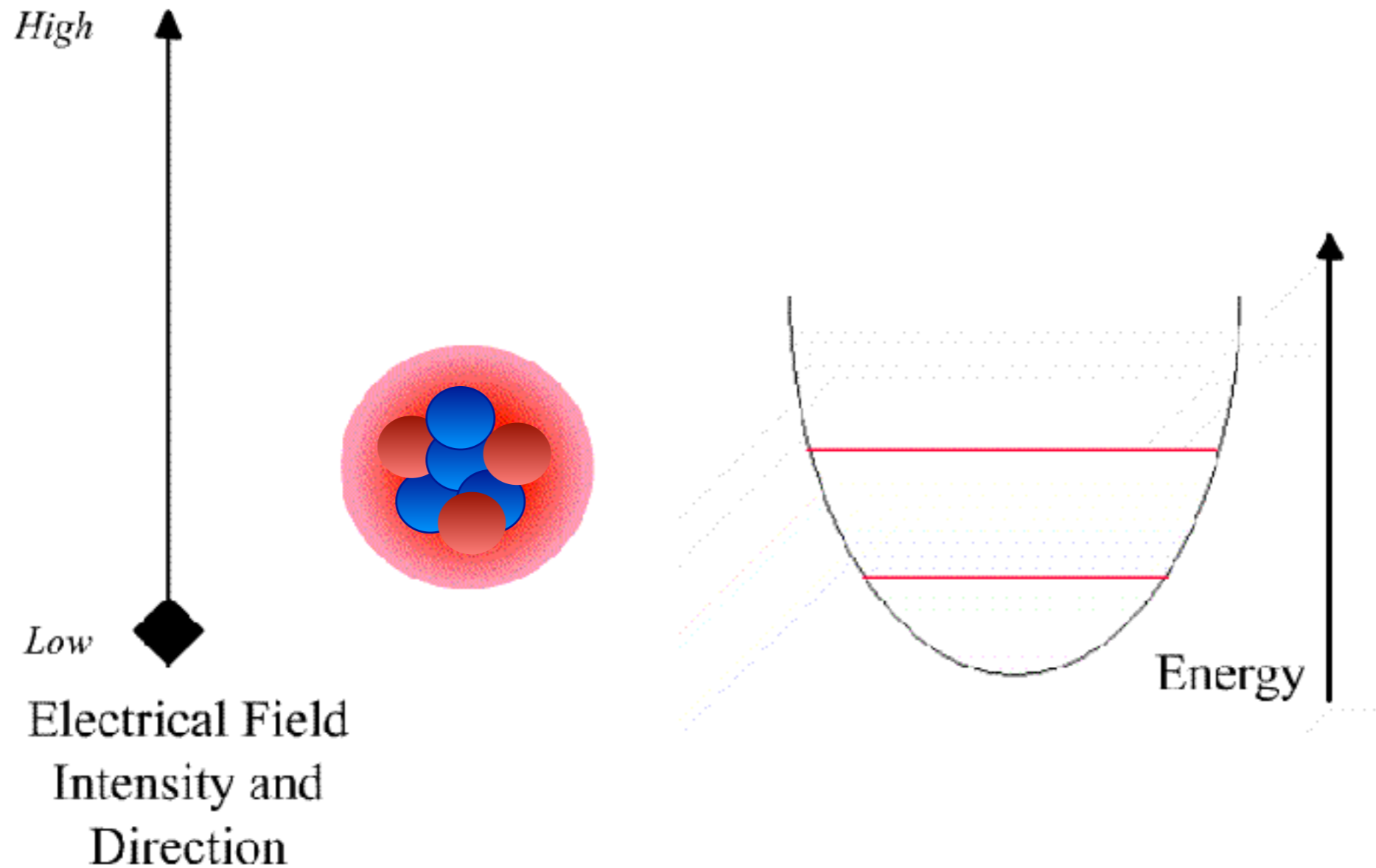
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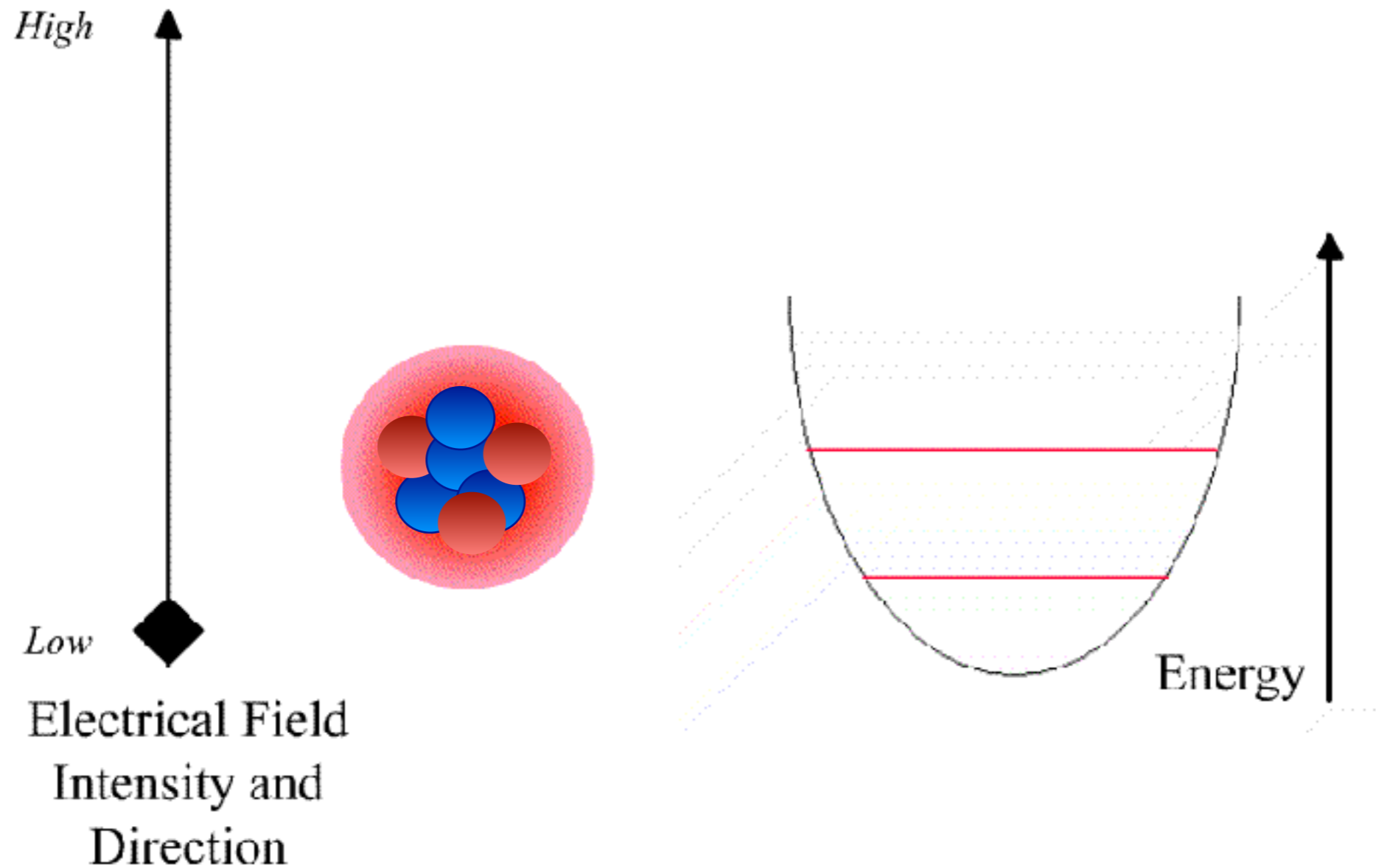
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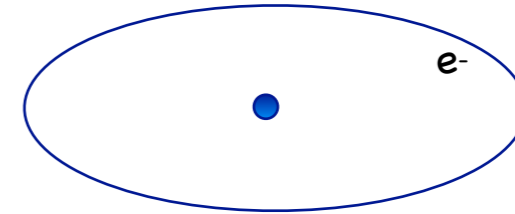
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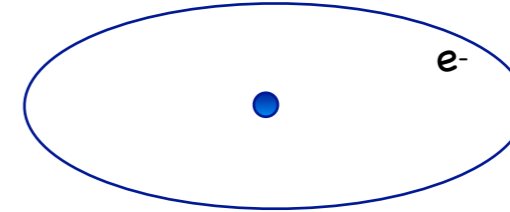
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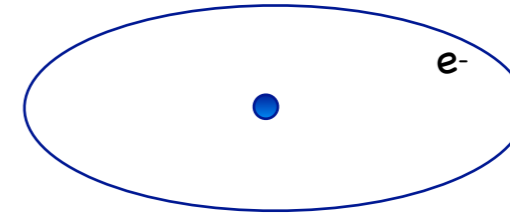
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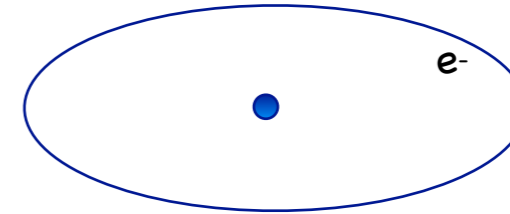


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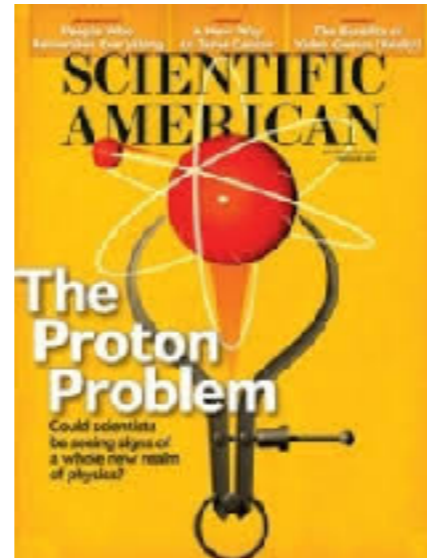
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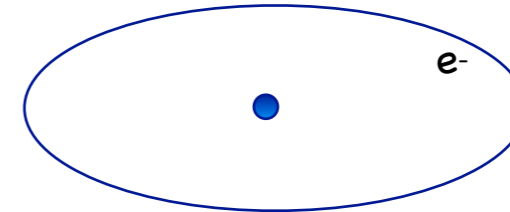


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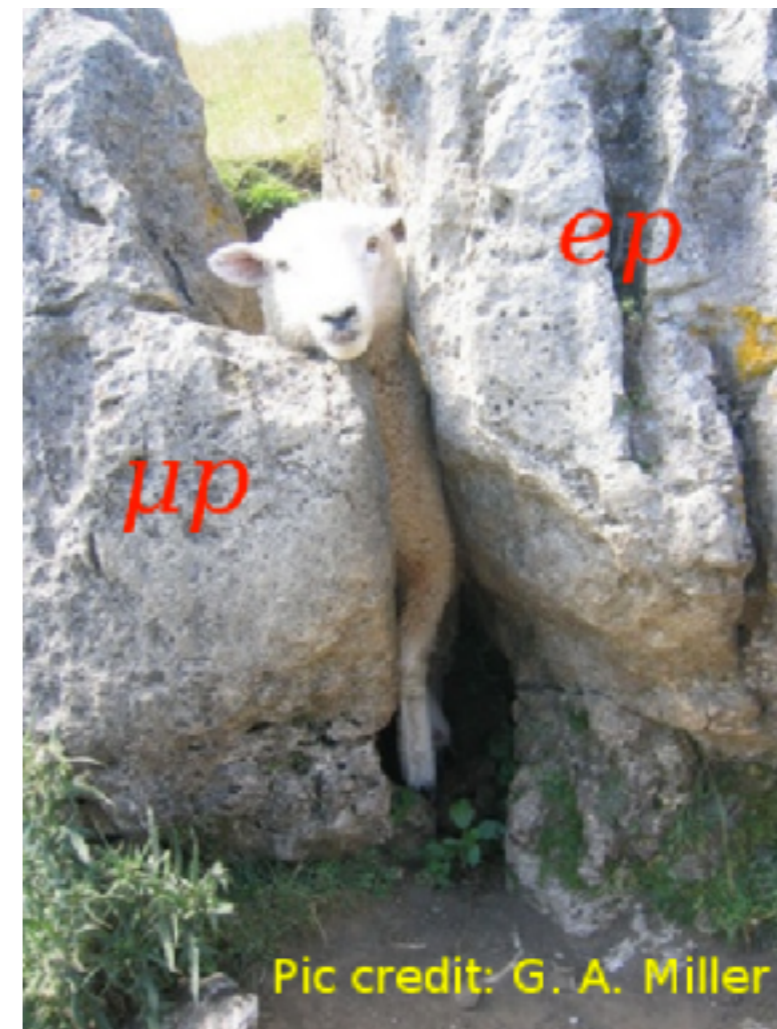
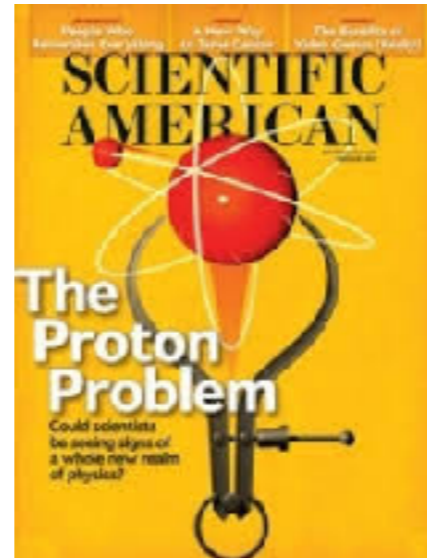
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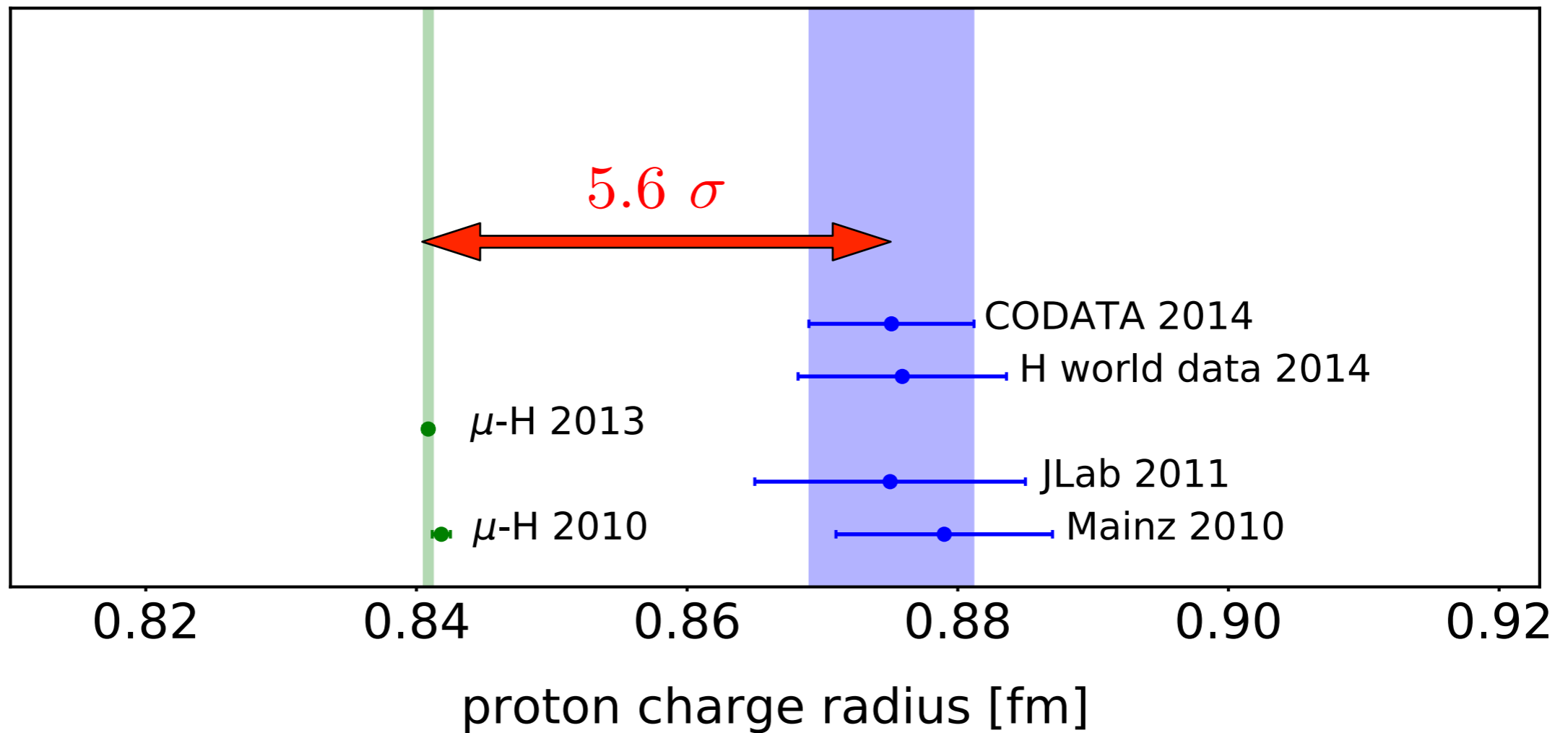


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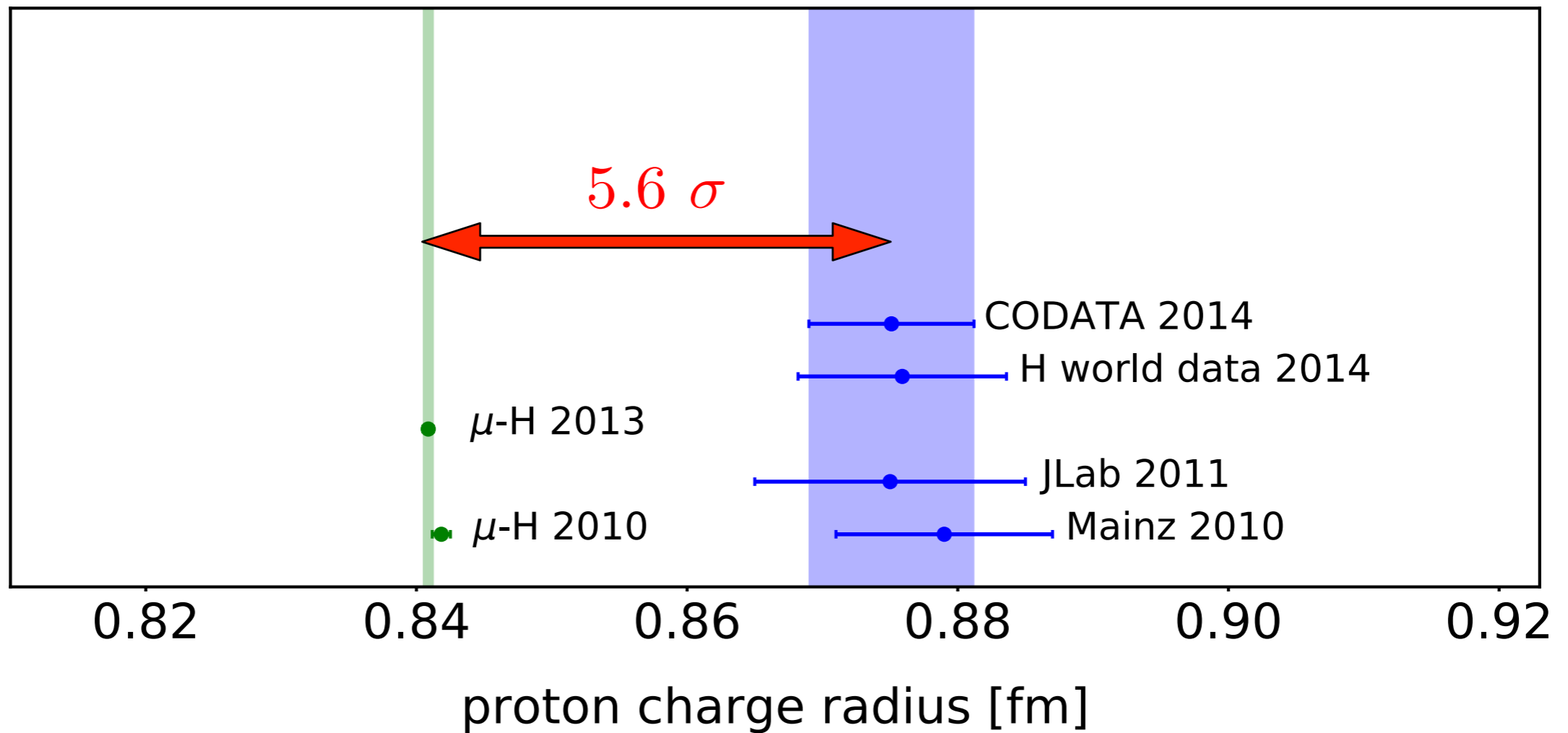


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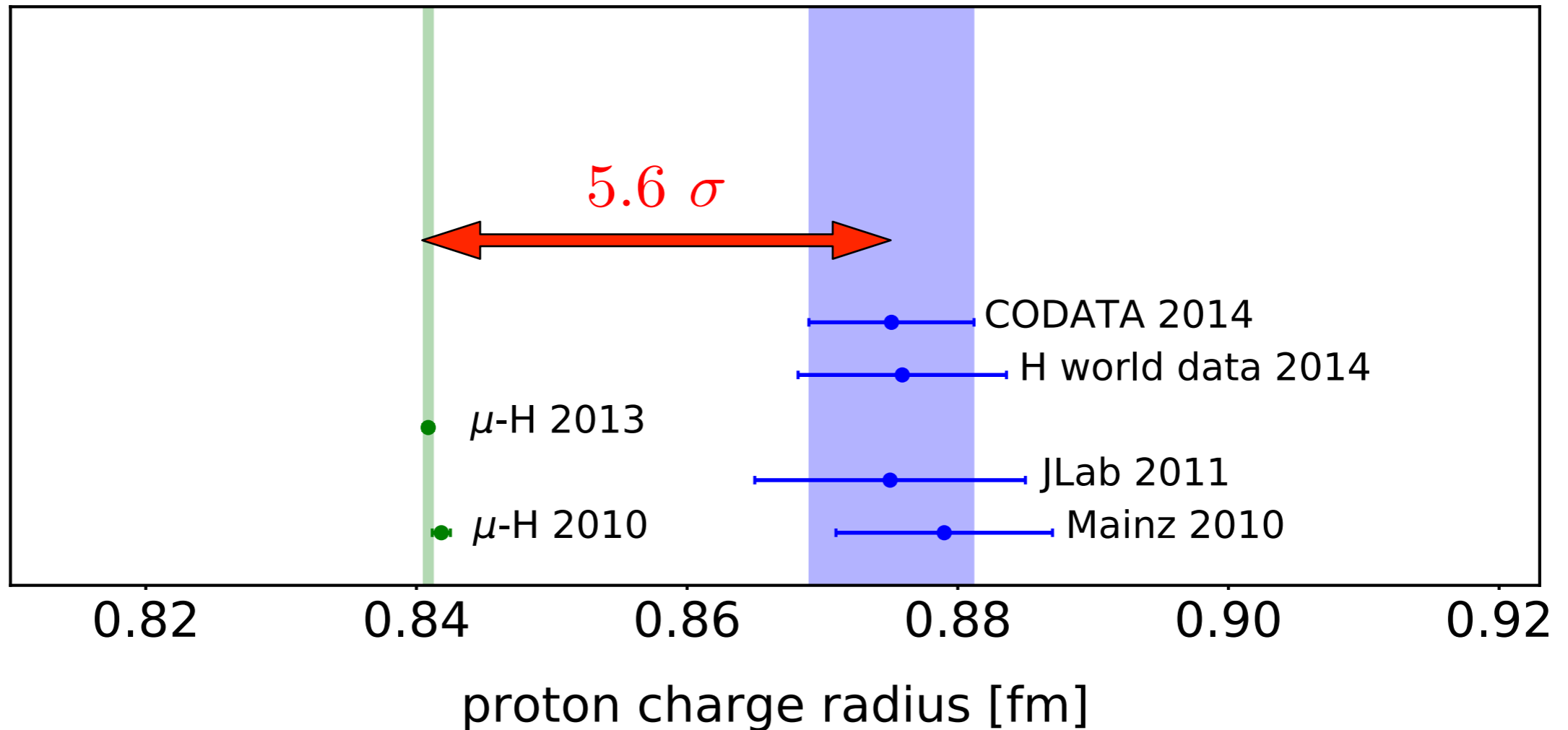
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Possible beyond standard model explanations:

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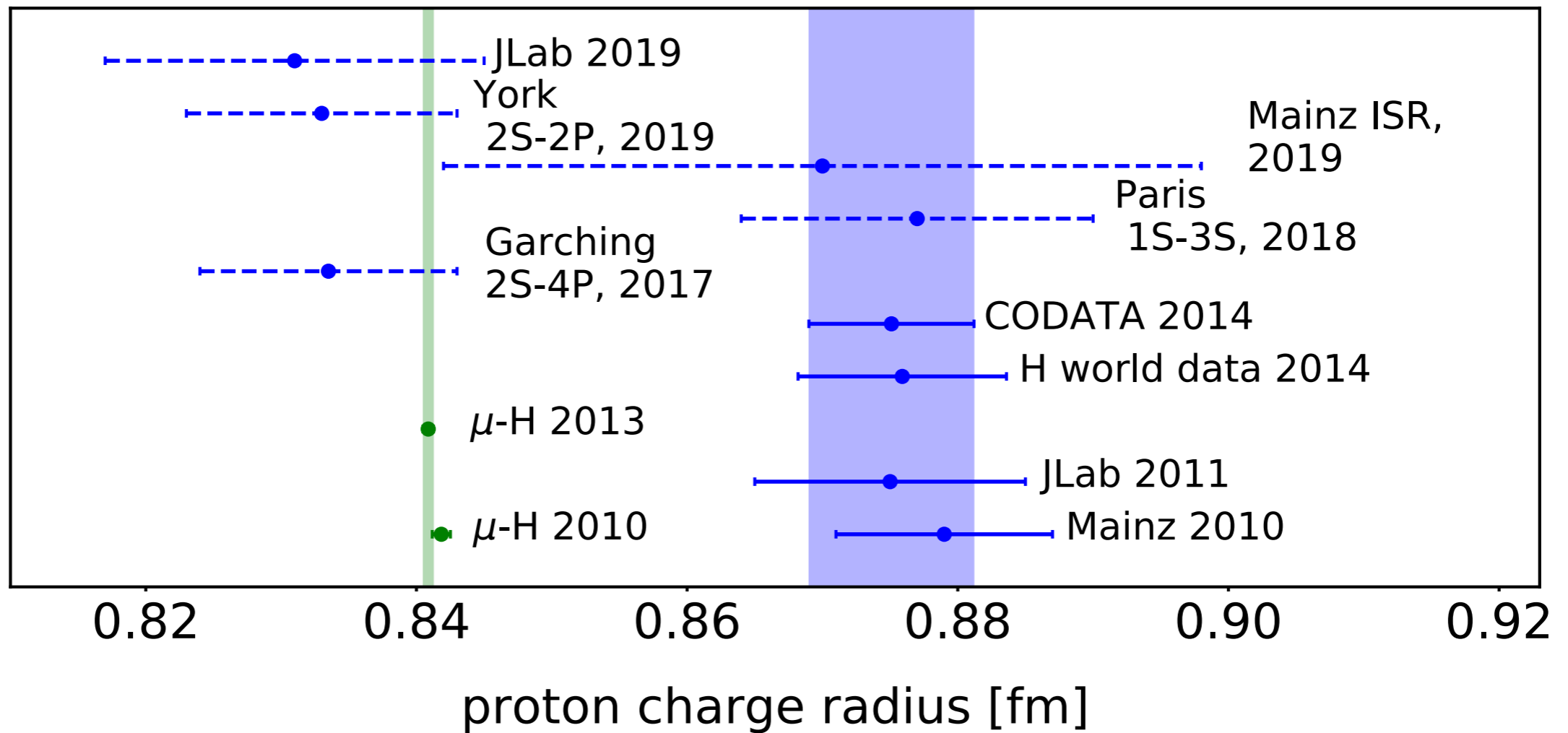
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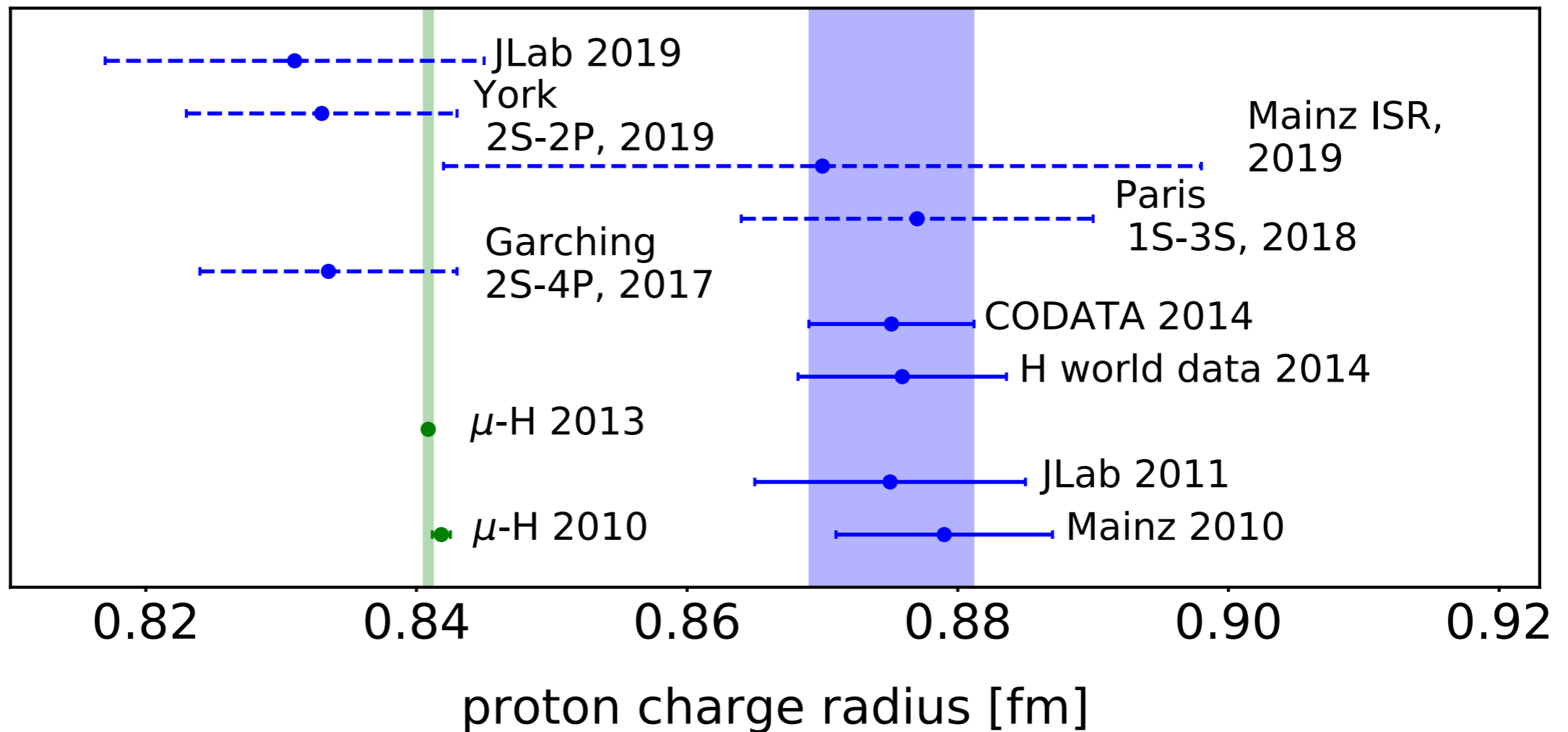
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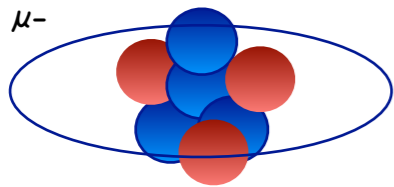


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Understanding the Proton Radius Puzzle

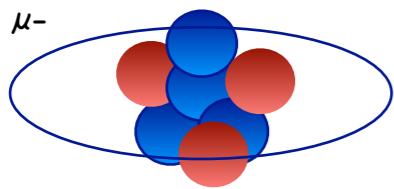
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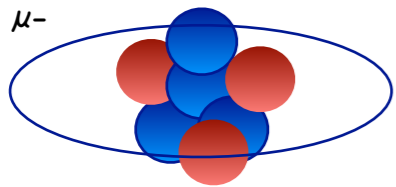
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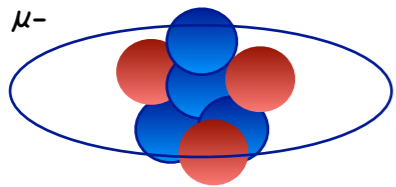
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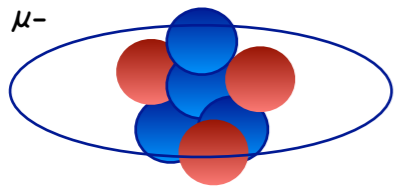
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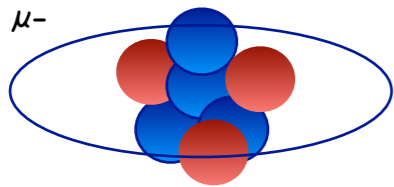


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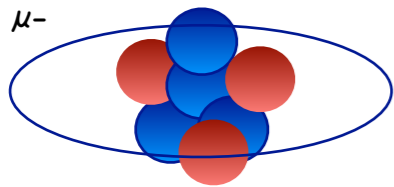
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- μD → results released in 2016
- $\mu^4\text{He}^+$ → analyzing data
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- $\mu^3\text{H}$ → impossible because triton is radioactive
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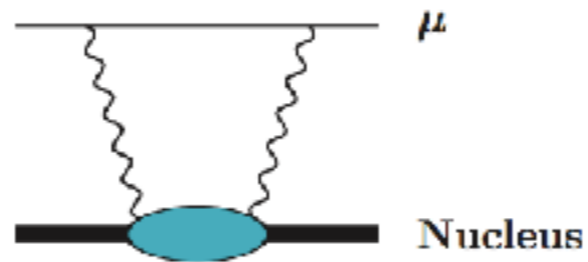
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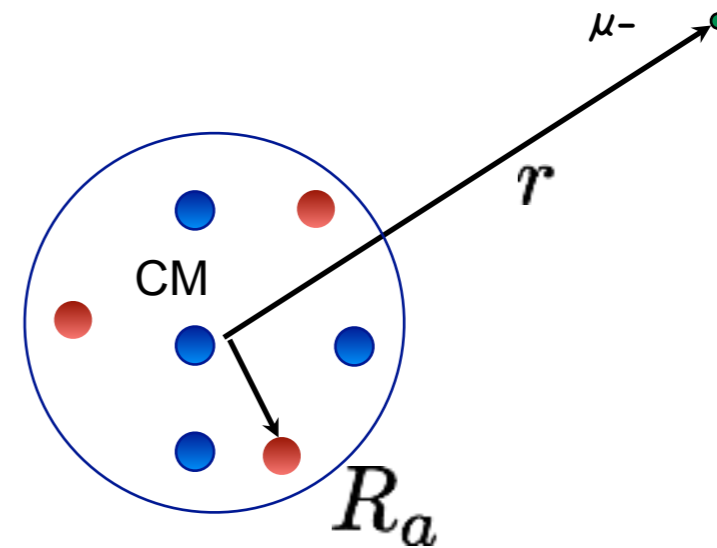
Two photon exchange diagram



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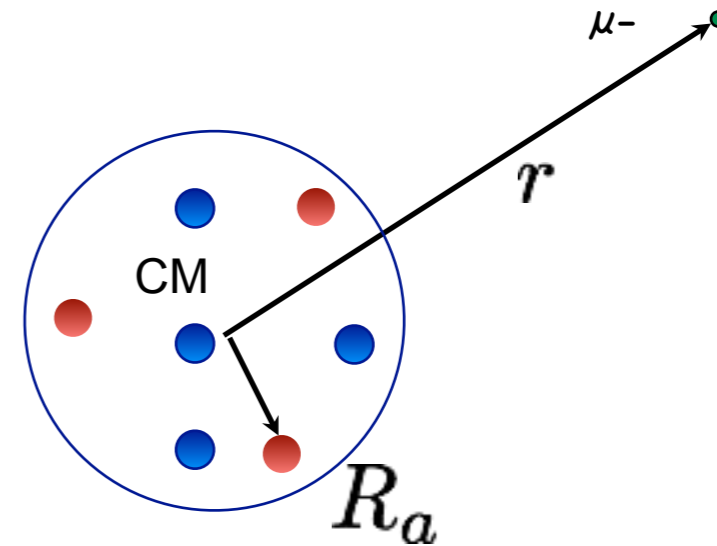
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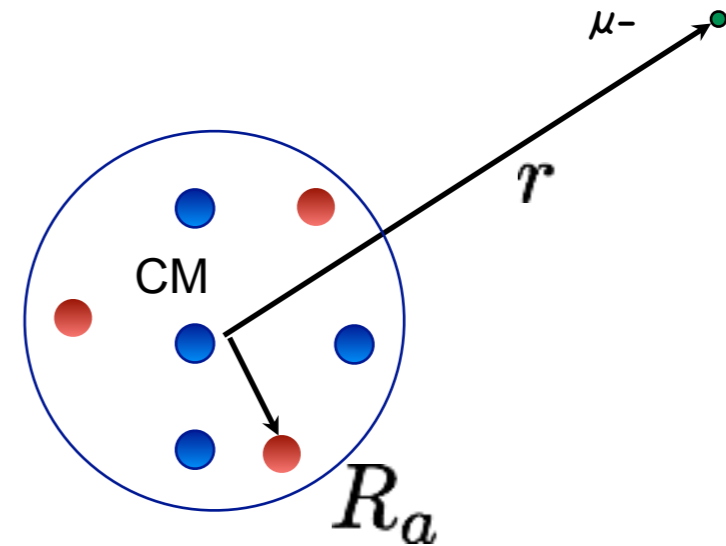
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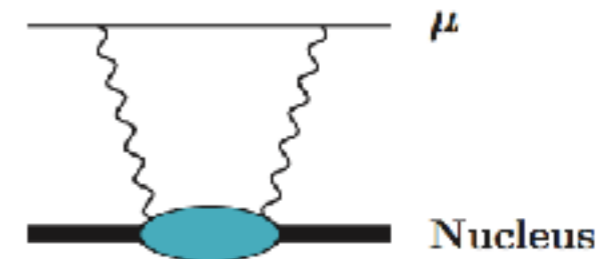
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Using perturbation theory at second order one obtains the expression for TPE up to order $(Z\alpha)^5$

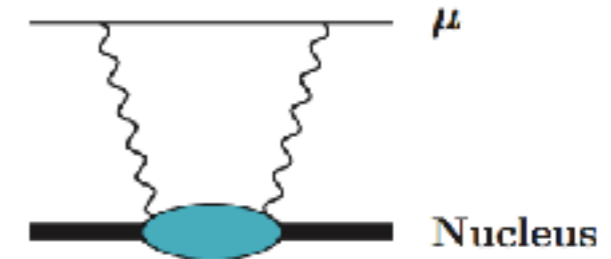


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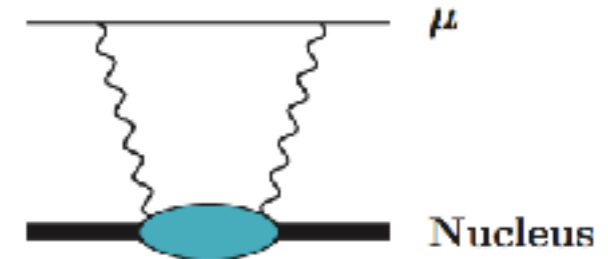
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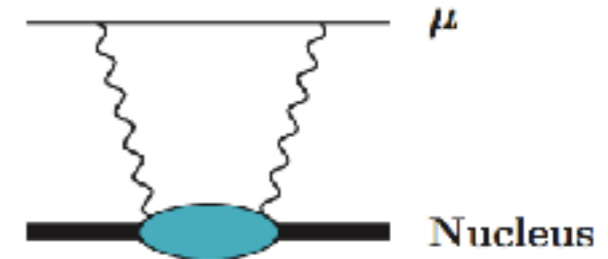
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of the **dipole response function**

$$S_{D1}(\omega) = \frac{1}{2J_0 + 1} \sum_{N \neq N_0} |\langle NJ || \hat{D}_1 || N_0 J_0 \rangle|^2 \delta(\omega - \omega_N)$$

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leads to energy-weighted integrals of three **different response functions**

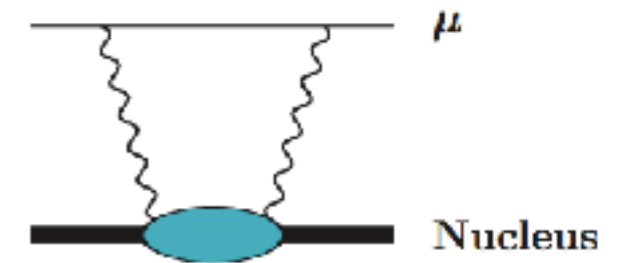
$$S_{R^2}(\omega), S_Q(\omega), S_{D1D3}(\omega)$$

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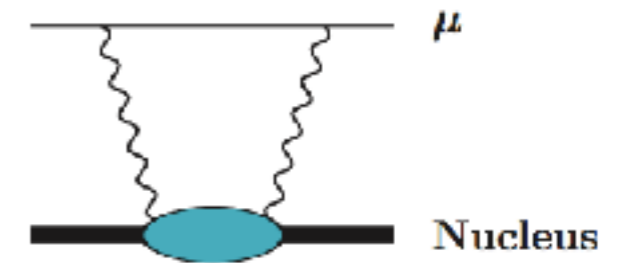


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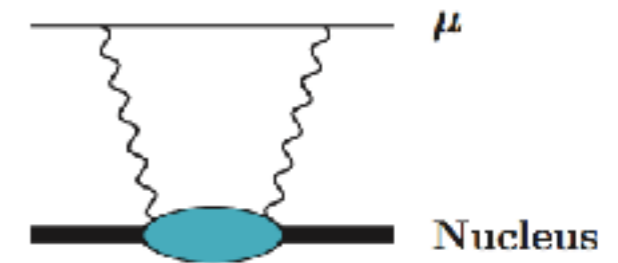
$$\delta_{L(T)}^{(0)} = \frac{2m_r^3}{9} (Z\alpha)^5 \int_{\omega_{\text{th}}}^{\infty} d\omega K_{L(T)} \left(\frac{\omega}{m_r} \right) S_{D_1}(\omega)$$

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Related to the **dipole response function**

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Finite nucleon-size corrections

Consider finite nucleon-size by including their charge distributions and obtain terms, e.g.,

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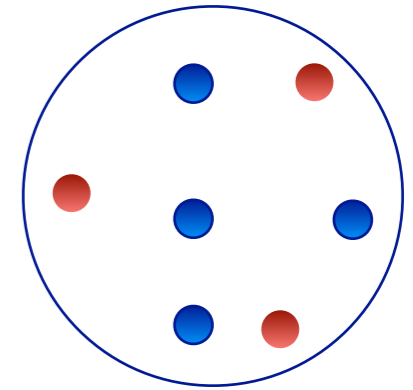
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Ab Initio Nuclear Theory

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$$H_N = T + V_{NN}(\Lambda) + V_{3N}(\Lambda) + \dots$$



- Solve the Schrödinger equation for few-nucleons

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using numerical methods that allow to assign uncertainties

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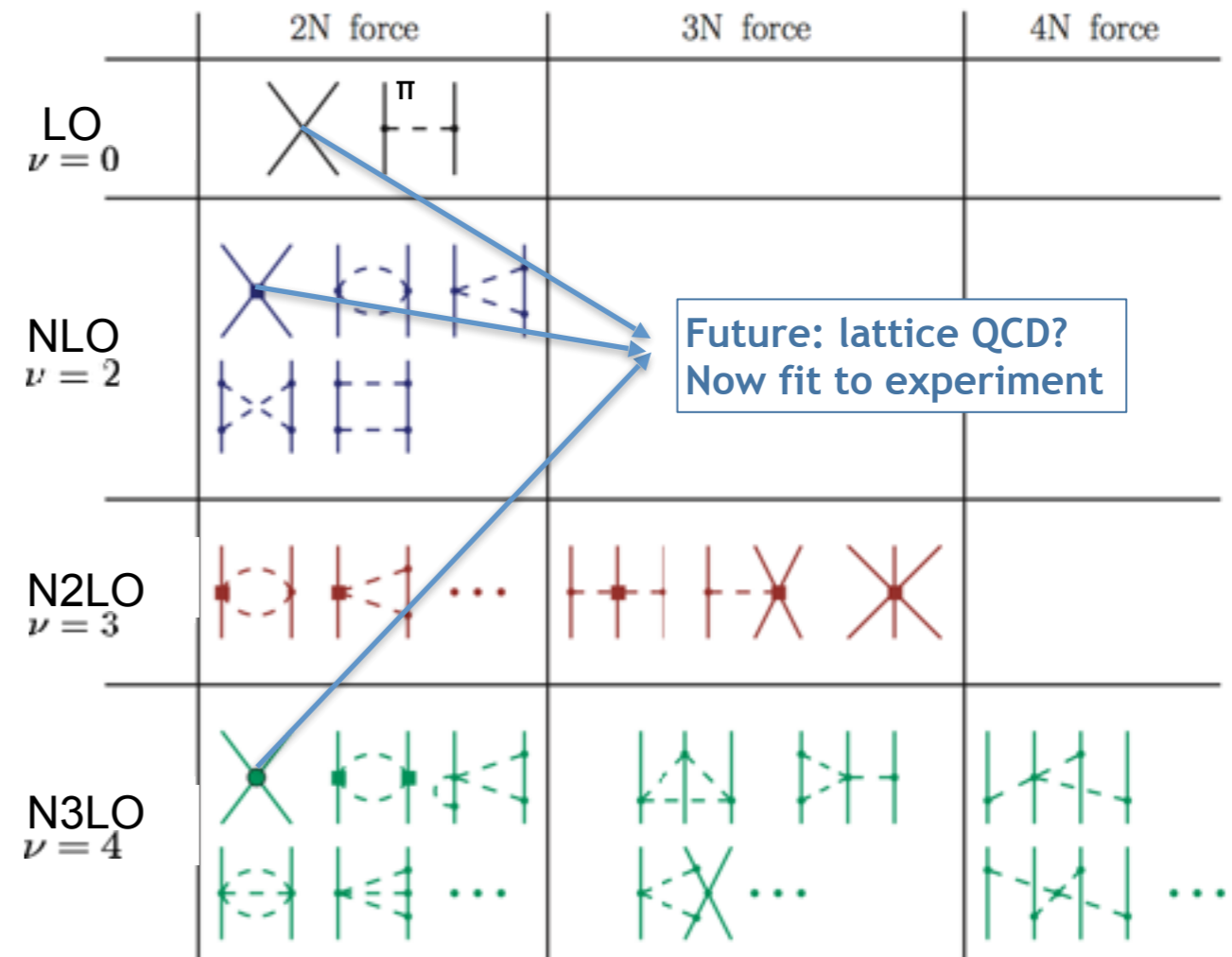
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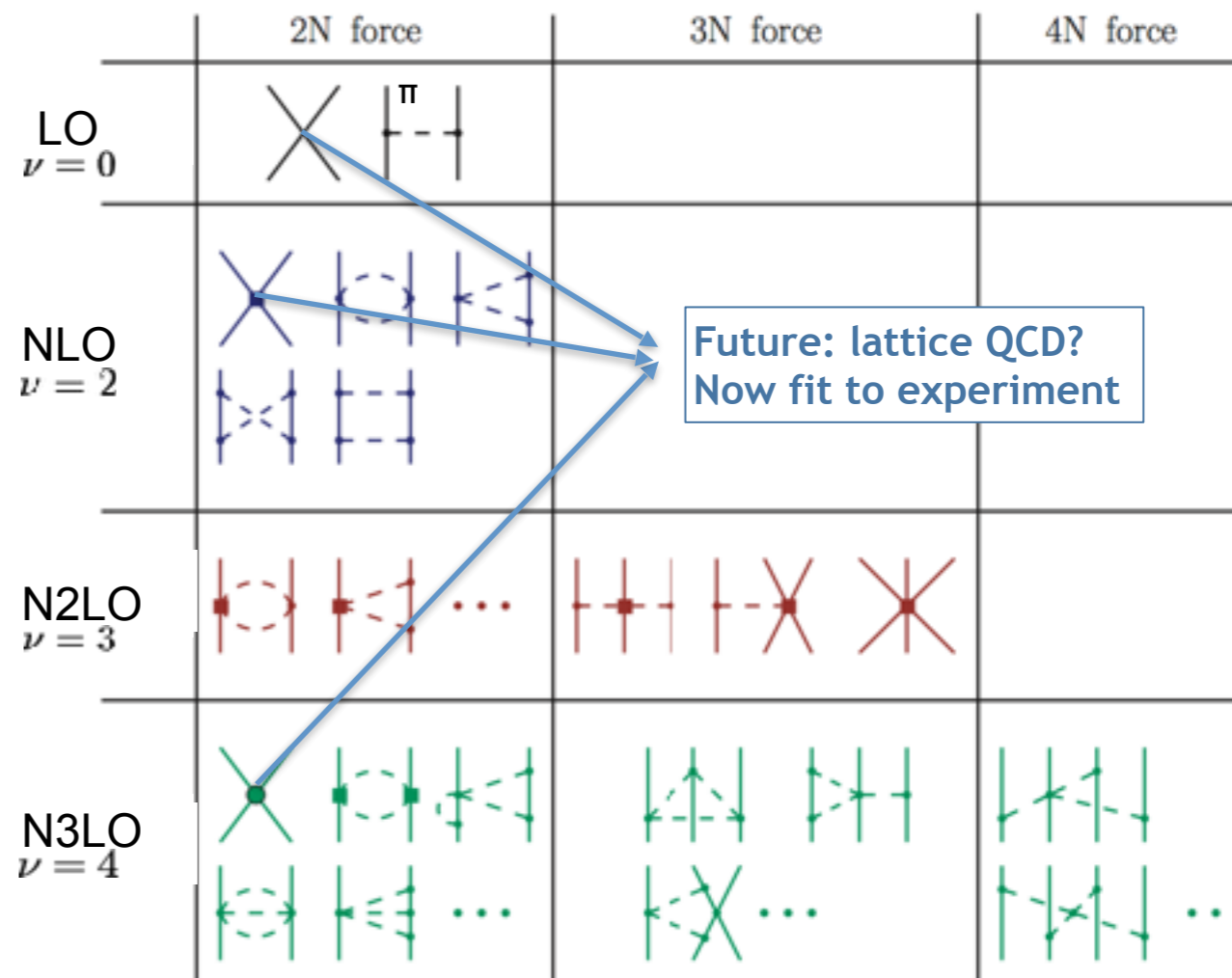
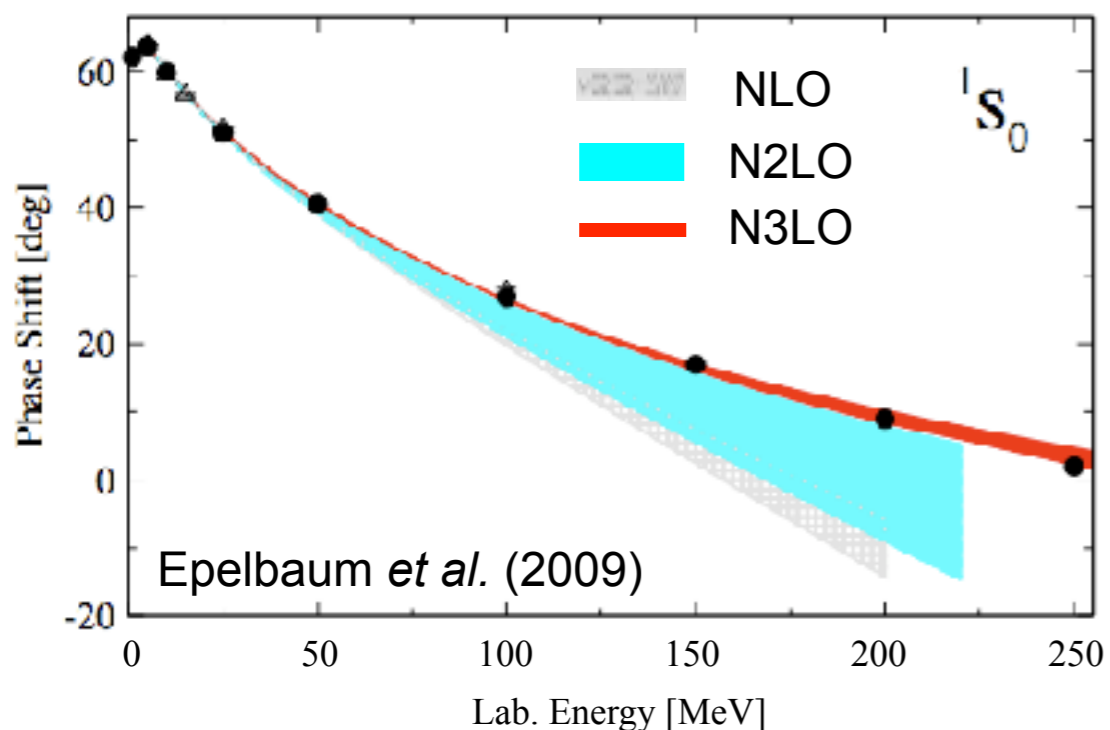
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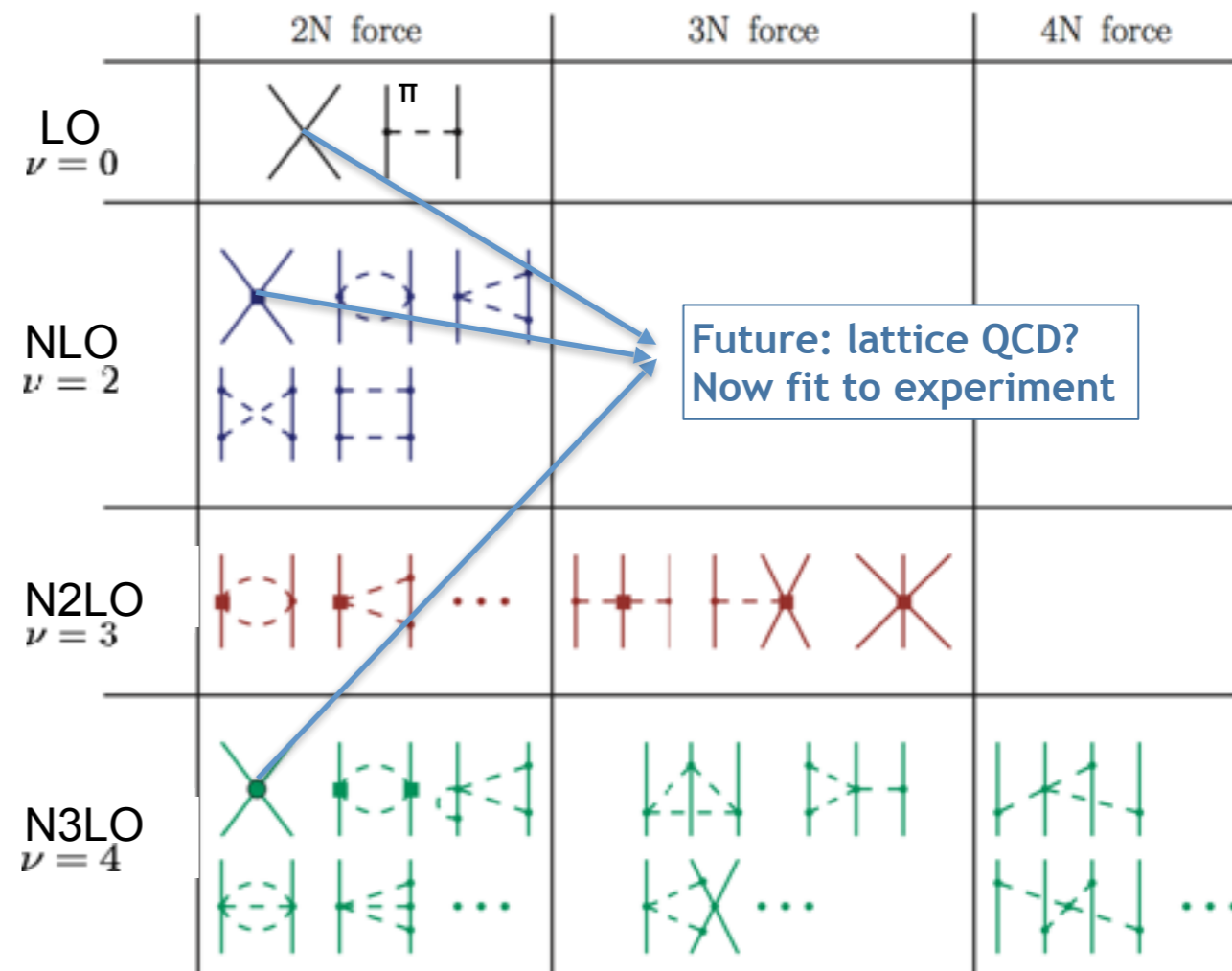
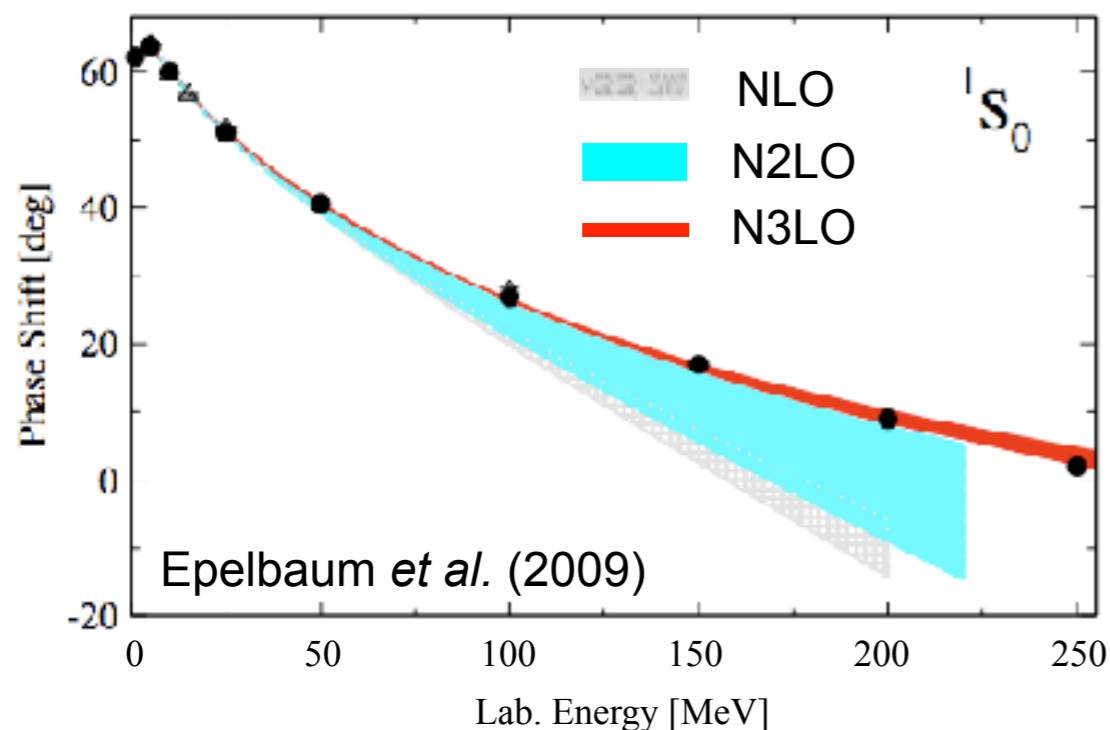
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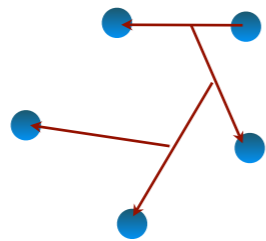
Exploit all other symmetries (e.g. translational, rotational invariance) but the chiral; use some ansatz for short range physics; Fit NN phase shifts

Hyperspherical Harmonics

A from 3 up to 6, 7

(for A=2 we use an harmonic oscillator basis)

$$|\psi(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \dots, \vec{r}_A)\rangle = |\varphi(\vec{R}_{CM}) \Psi(\vec{\eta}_1, \vec{\eta}_2, \dots, \vec{\eta}_{A-1})\rangle$$



Recursive definition of hyper-spherical coordinates

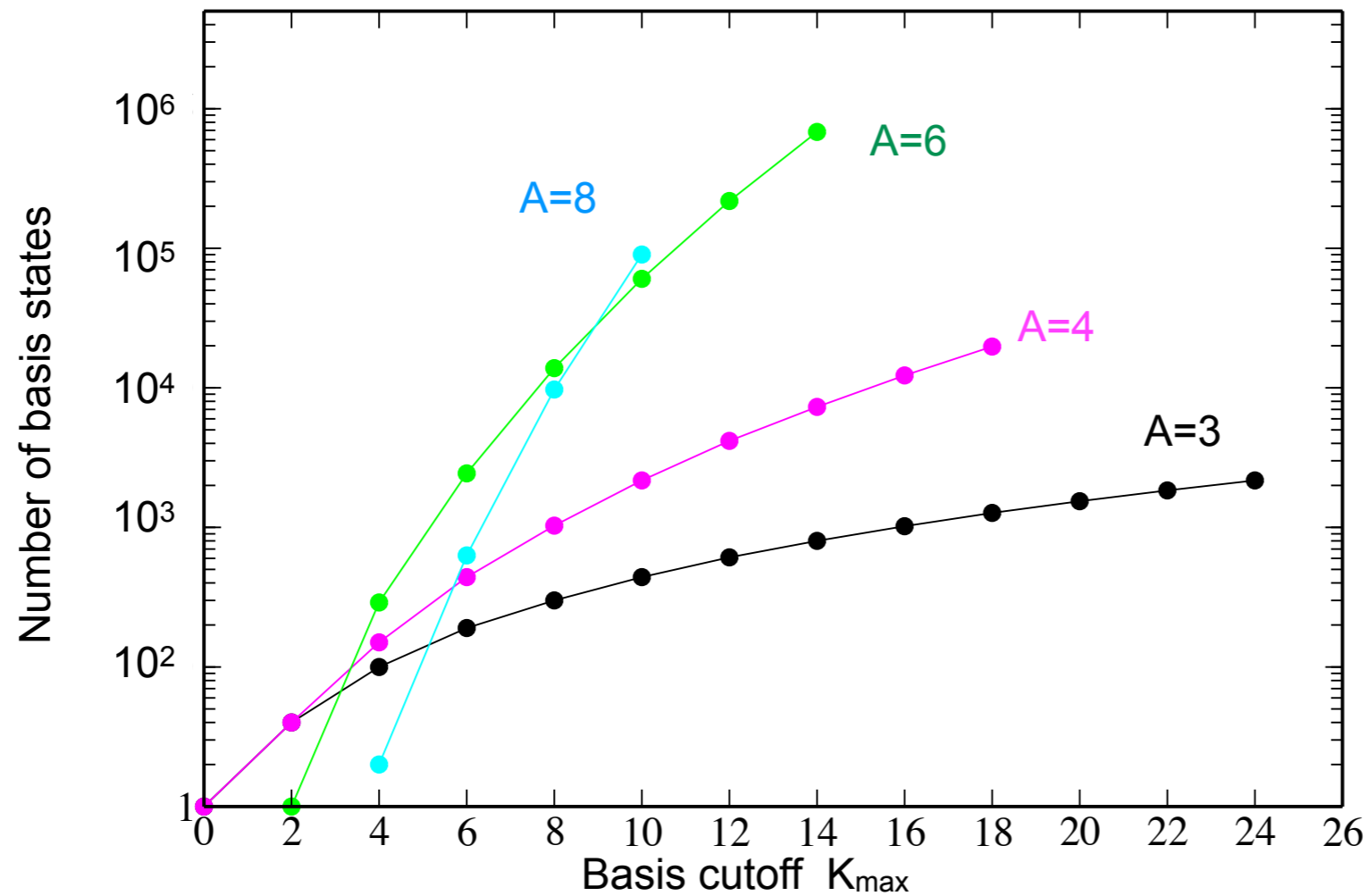
$$\vec{\eta}_0 = \sqrt{A} \vec{R}_{CM} \quad \vec{\eta}_1, \dots, \vec{\eta}_{A-1}$$

$$\rho, \Omega \quad \rho^2 = \sum_{i=1}^A r_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{A-1} \eta_i^2$$

$$\Psi = \sum_{[K], \nu}^{K_{max}, \nu_{max}} c_{\nu}^{[K]} e^{-\rho/2} \rho^{n/2} L_{\nu}^n\left(\frac{\rho}{b}\right) [\mathcal{Y}_{[K]}^{\mu}(\Omega) \chi_{ST}^{\bar{\mu}}]_{JT}^a$$

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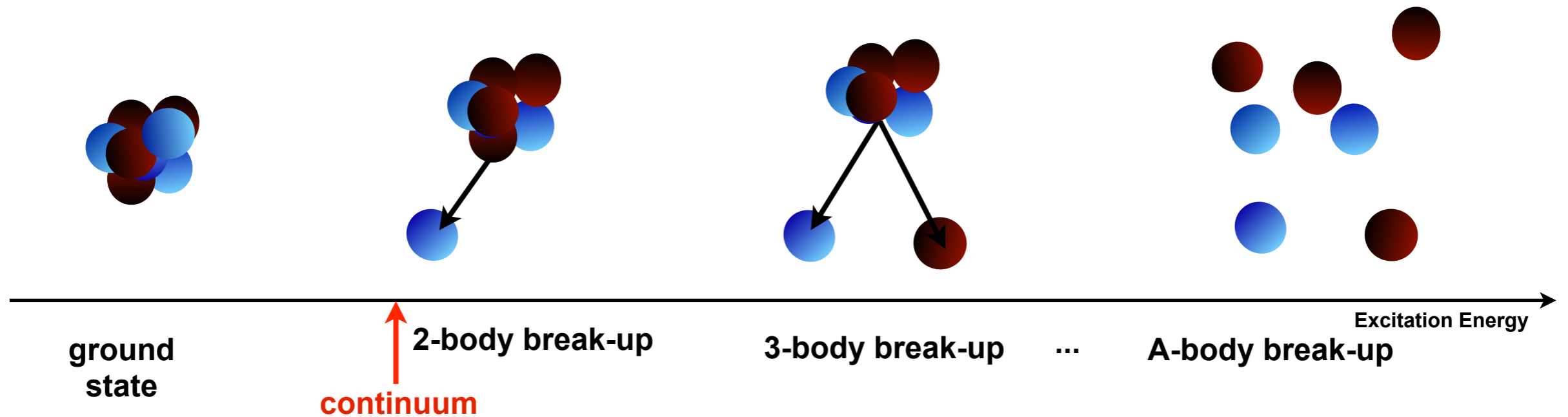


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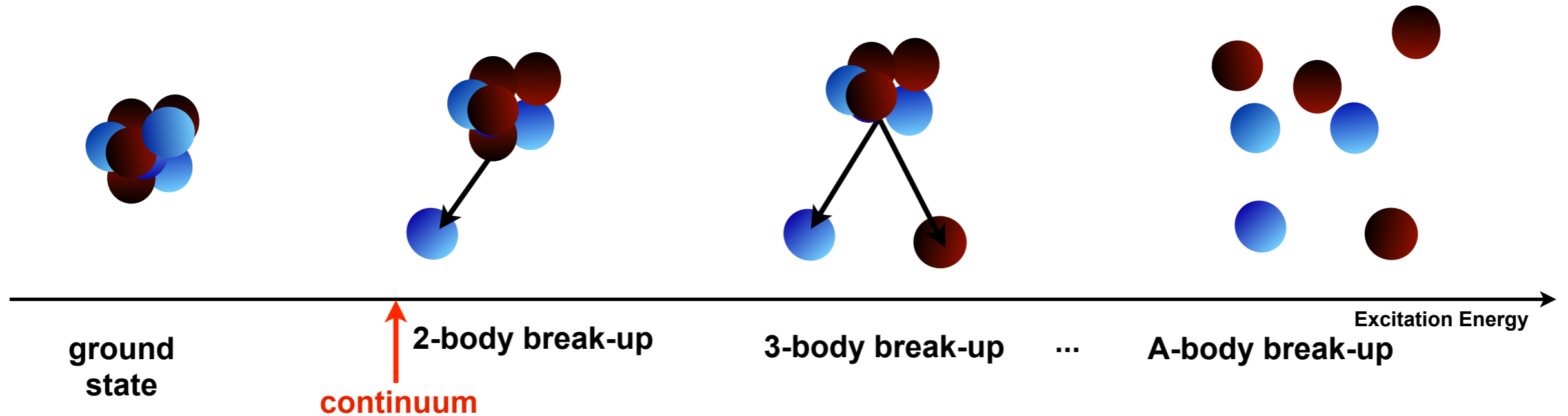
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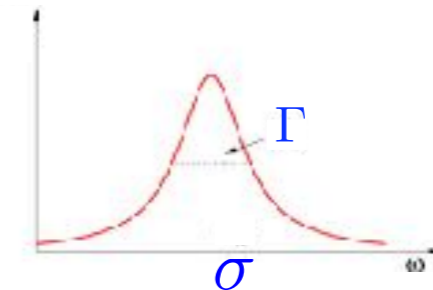
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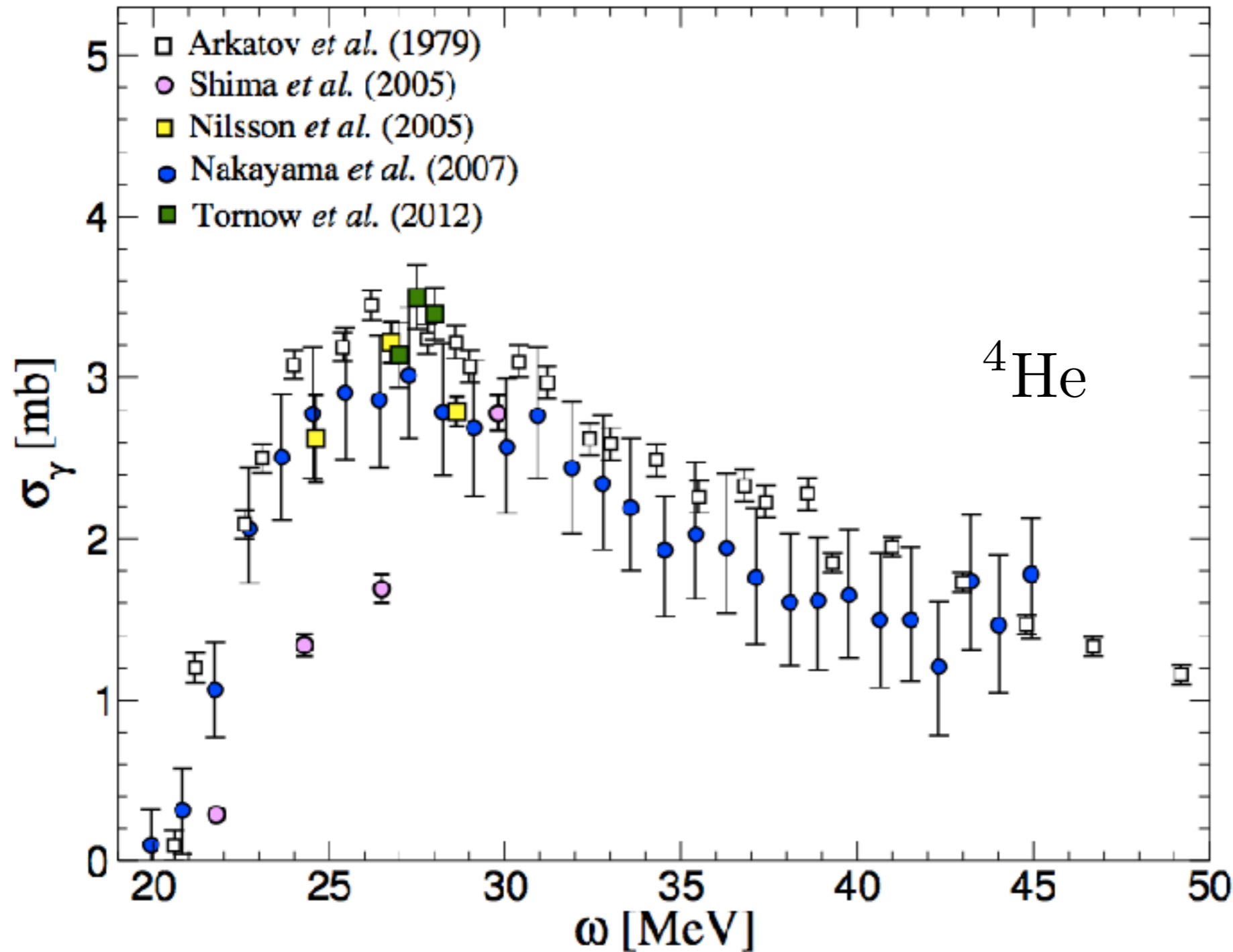
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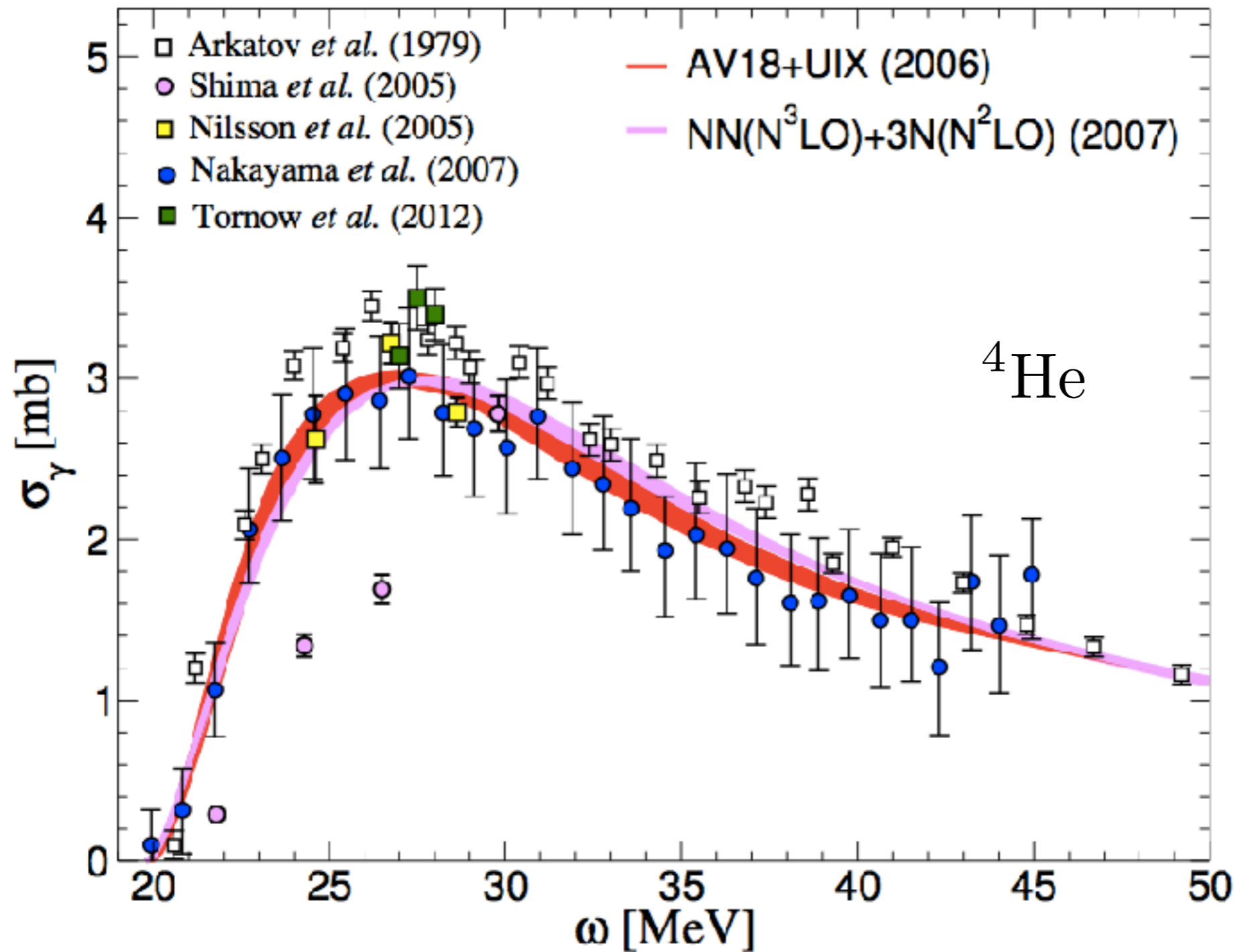
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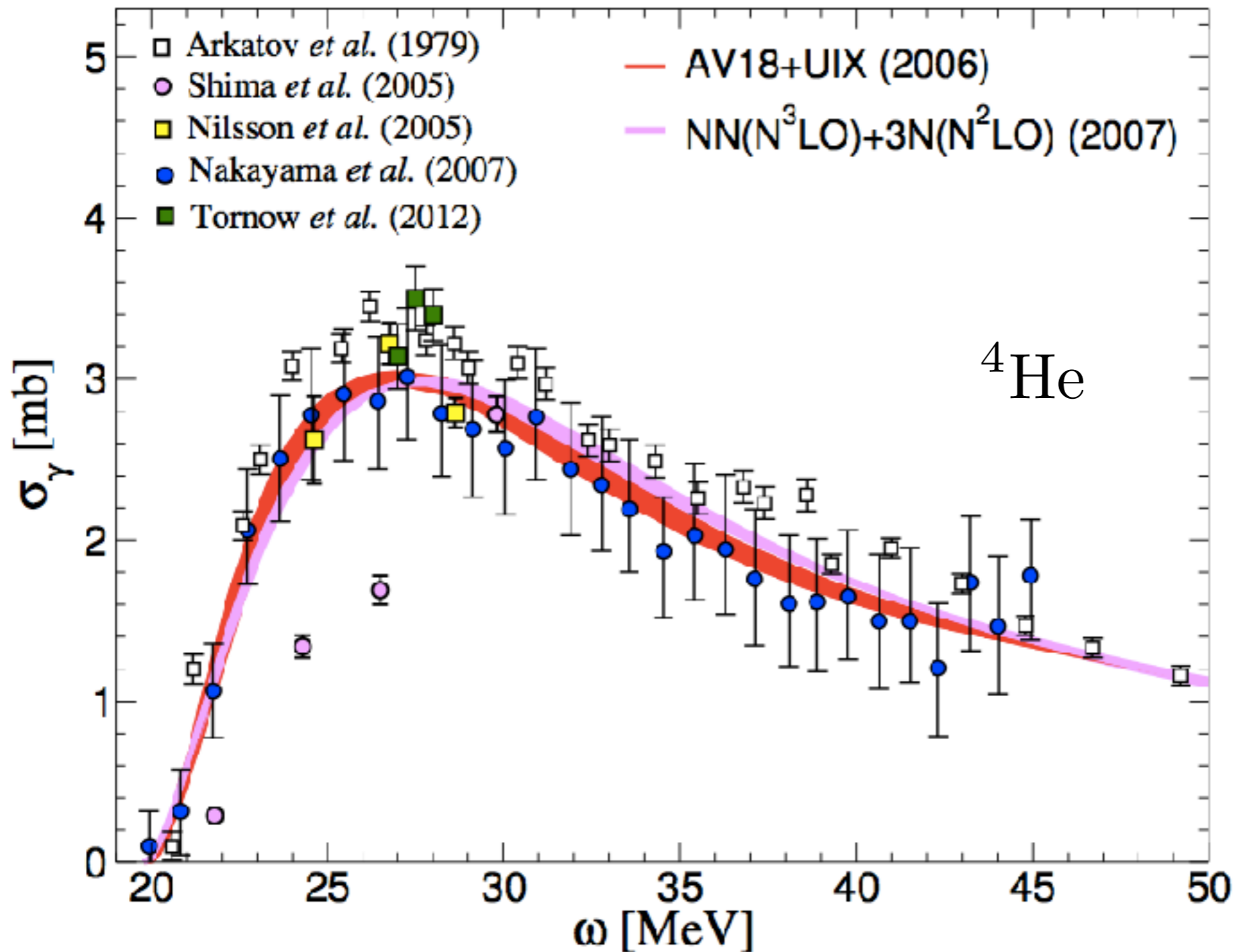
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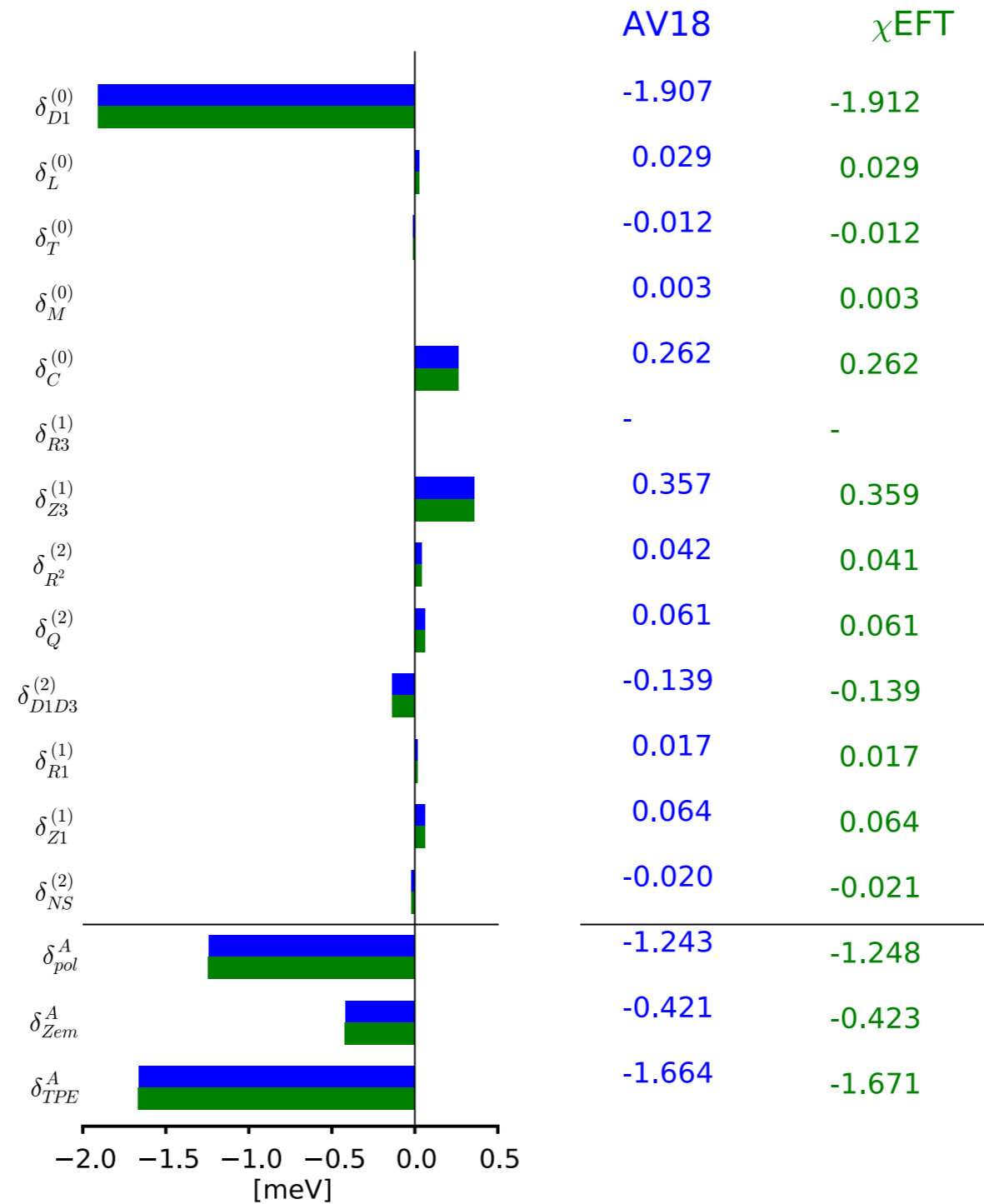
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**Use these technology to
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Muonic Deuterium

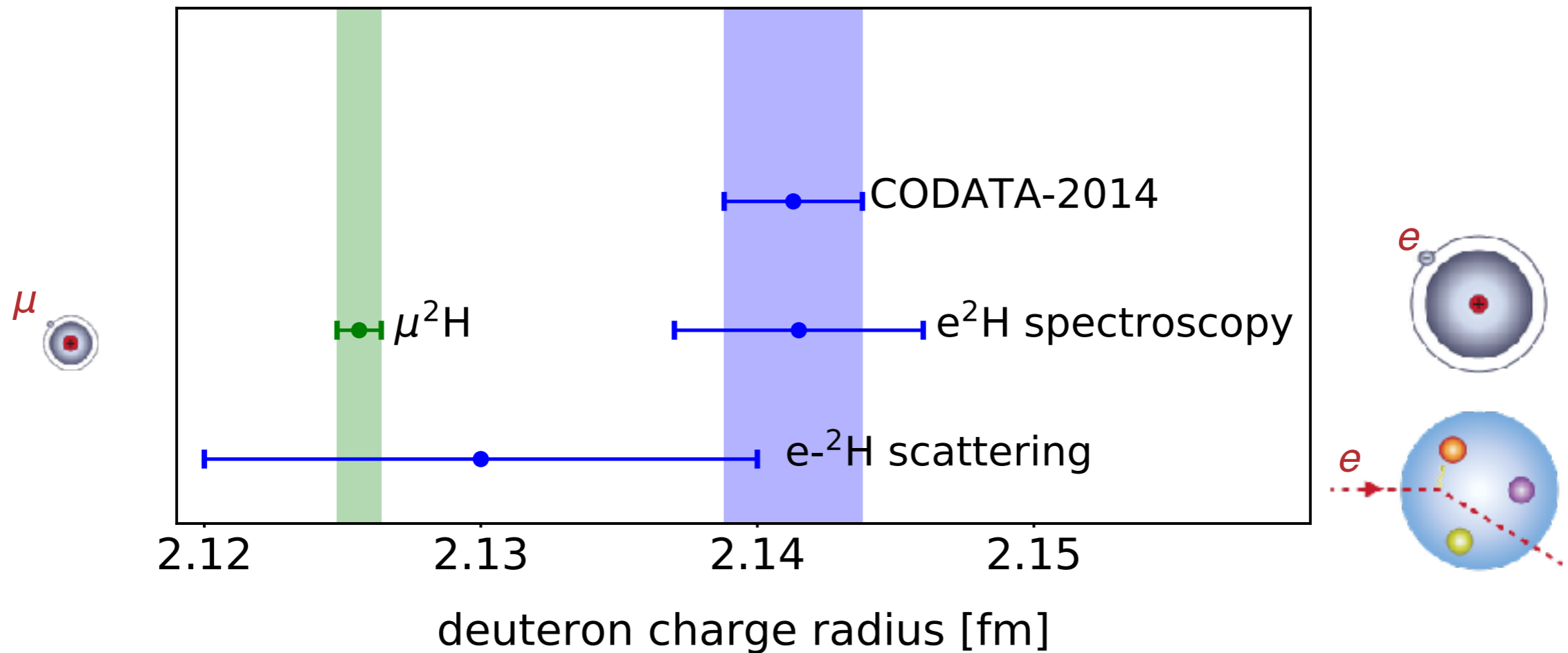


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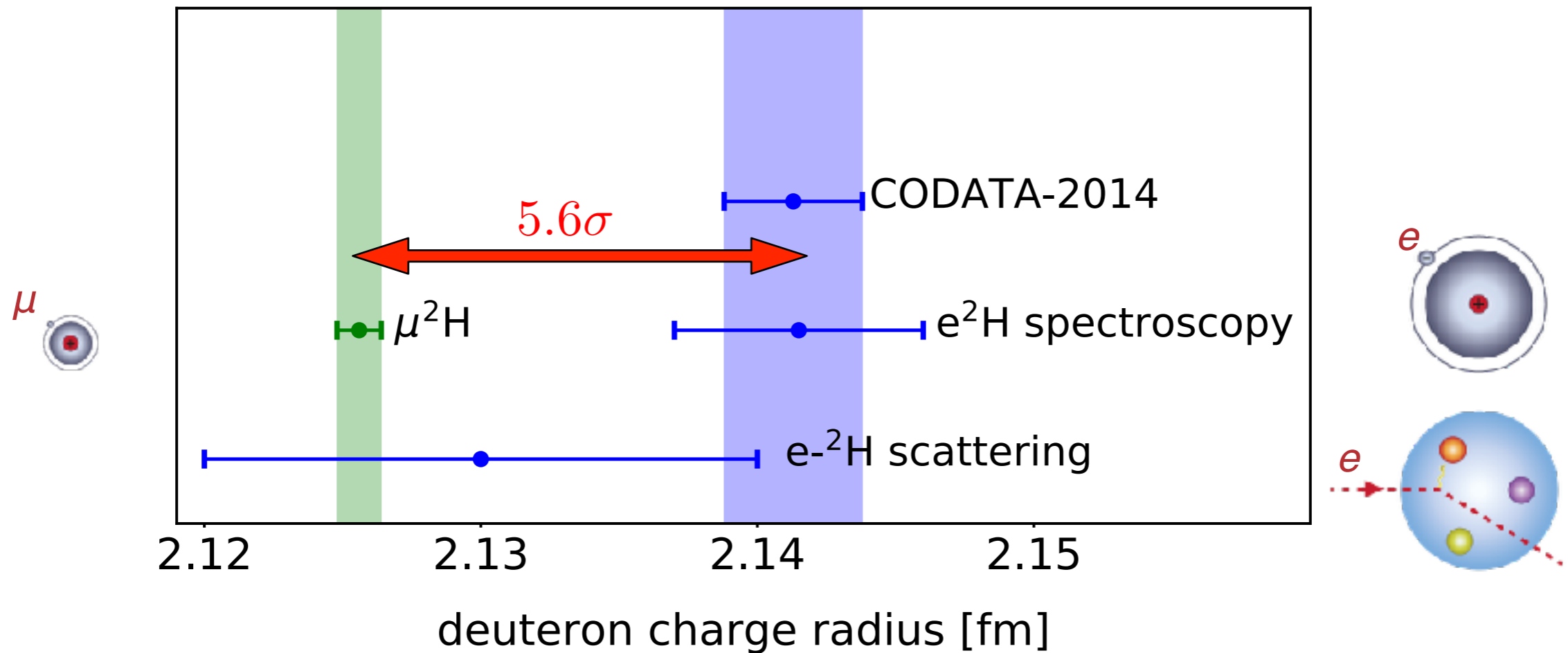


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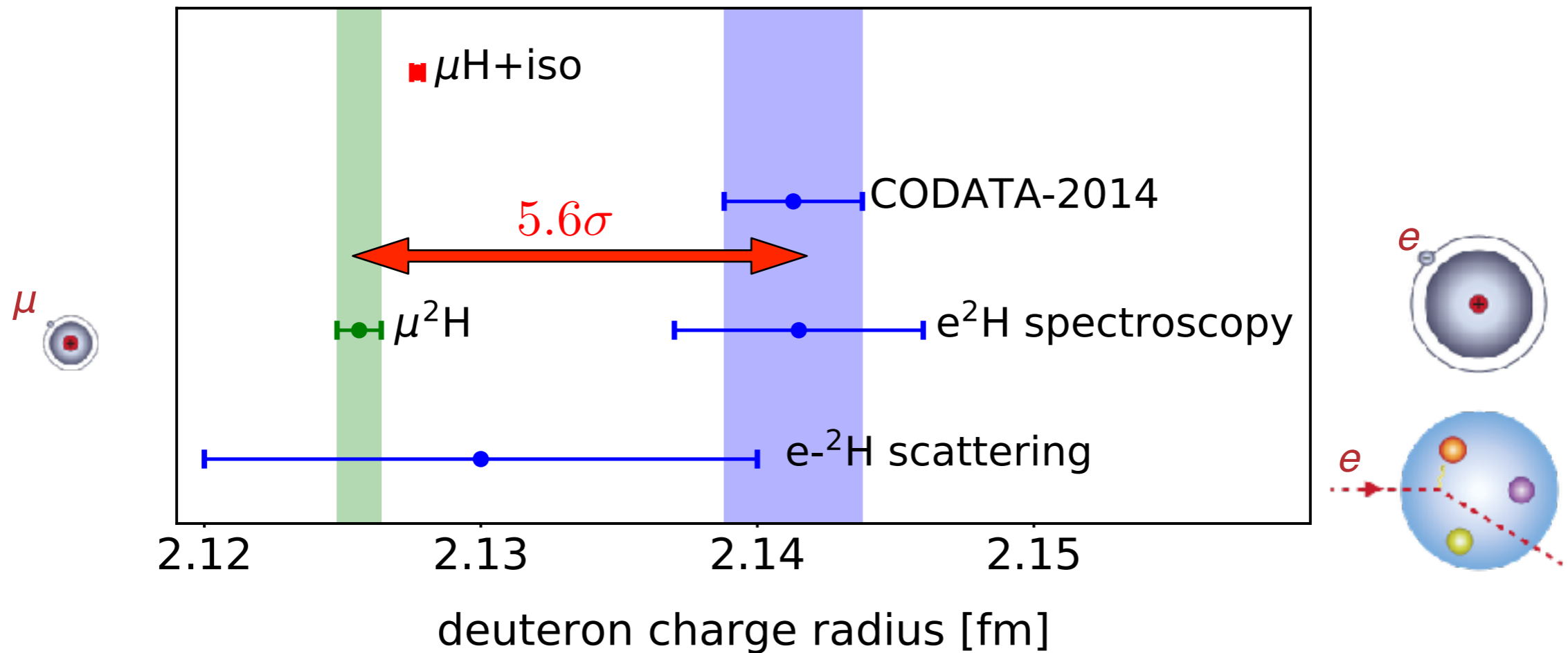


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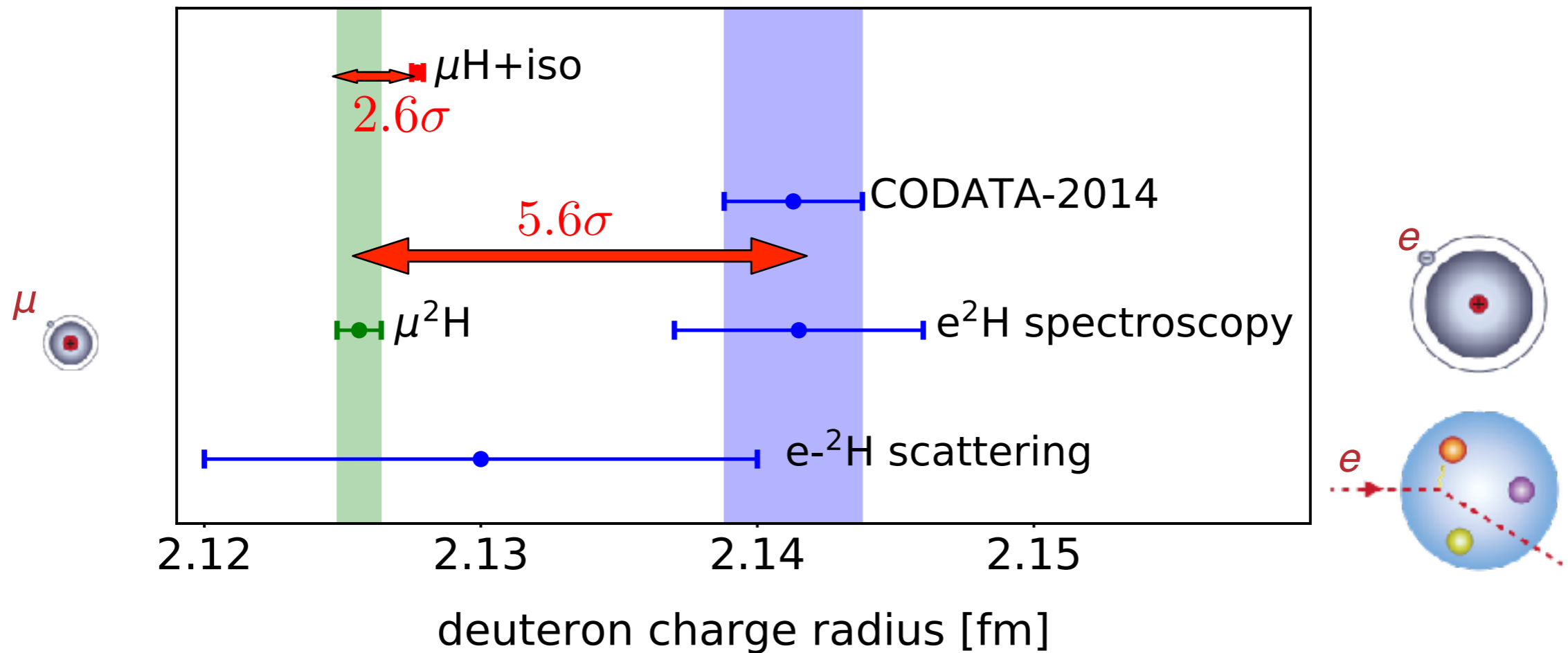


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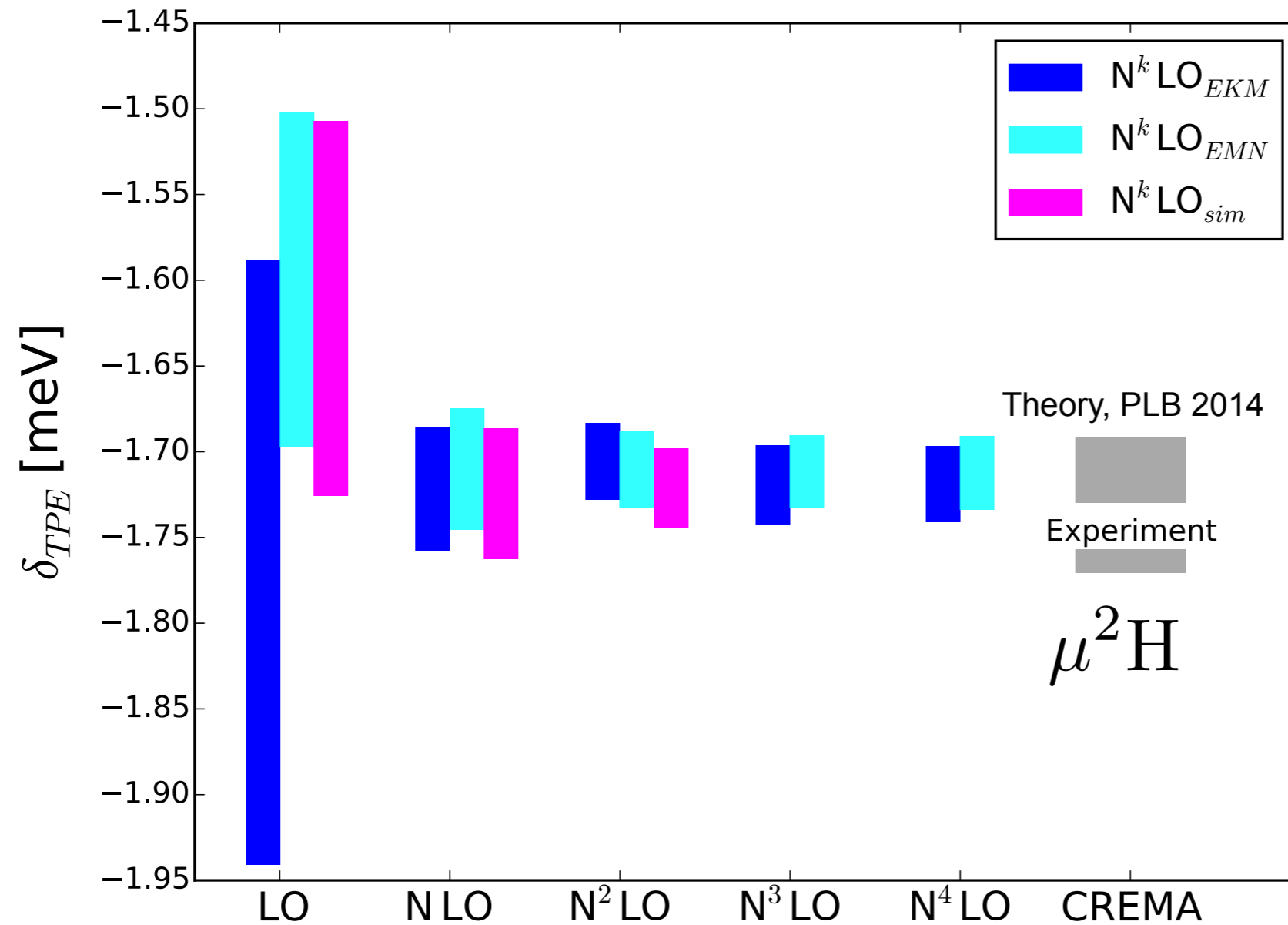
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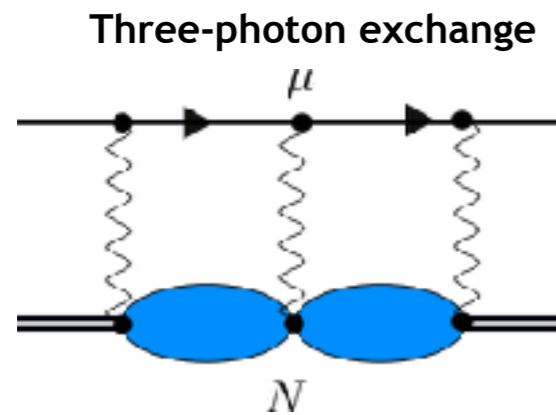
Statistical and systematic uncertainty analysis

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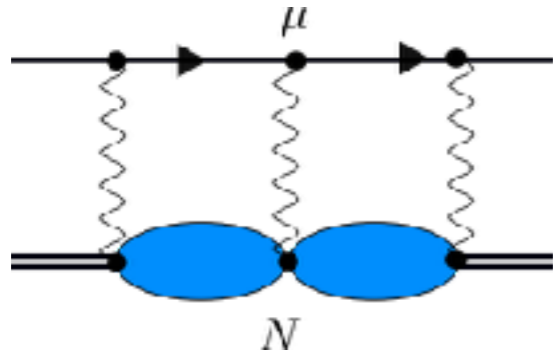


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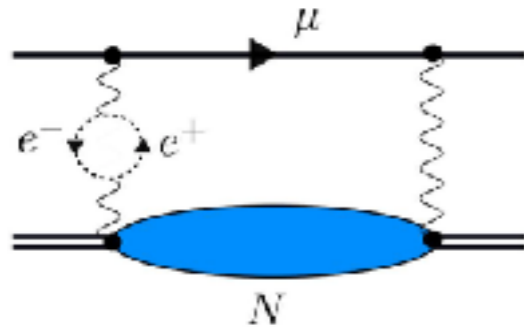
Three-photon exchange



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One the many α^6 corrections, supposedly the largest

Kalinowski, Phys. Rev. A **99** 030501 (2019)

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$$\delta_{\text{TPE}} = -1.7638(68) \text{ meV Exp}$$

Consistent within 1σ

solves the small deuteron-radius puzzle

Large deuteron-radius puzzle still unsolved!

New data on electron scattering expected from MAMI and from the future MESA

Uncertainties quantifications

Uncertainties sources

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- Nuclear model
- Nucleon-size
- Truncation of multiples
- η -expansion
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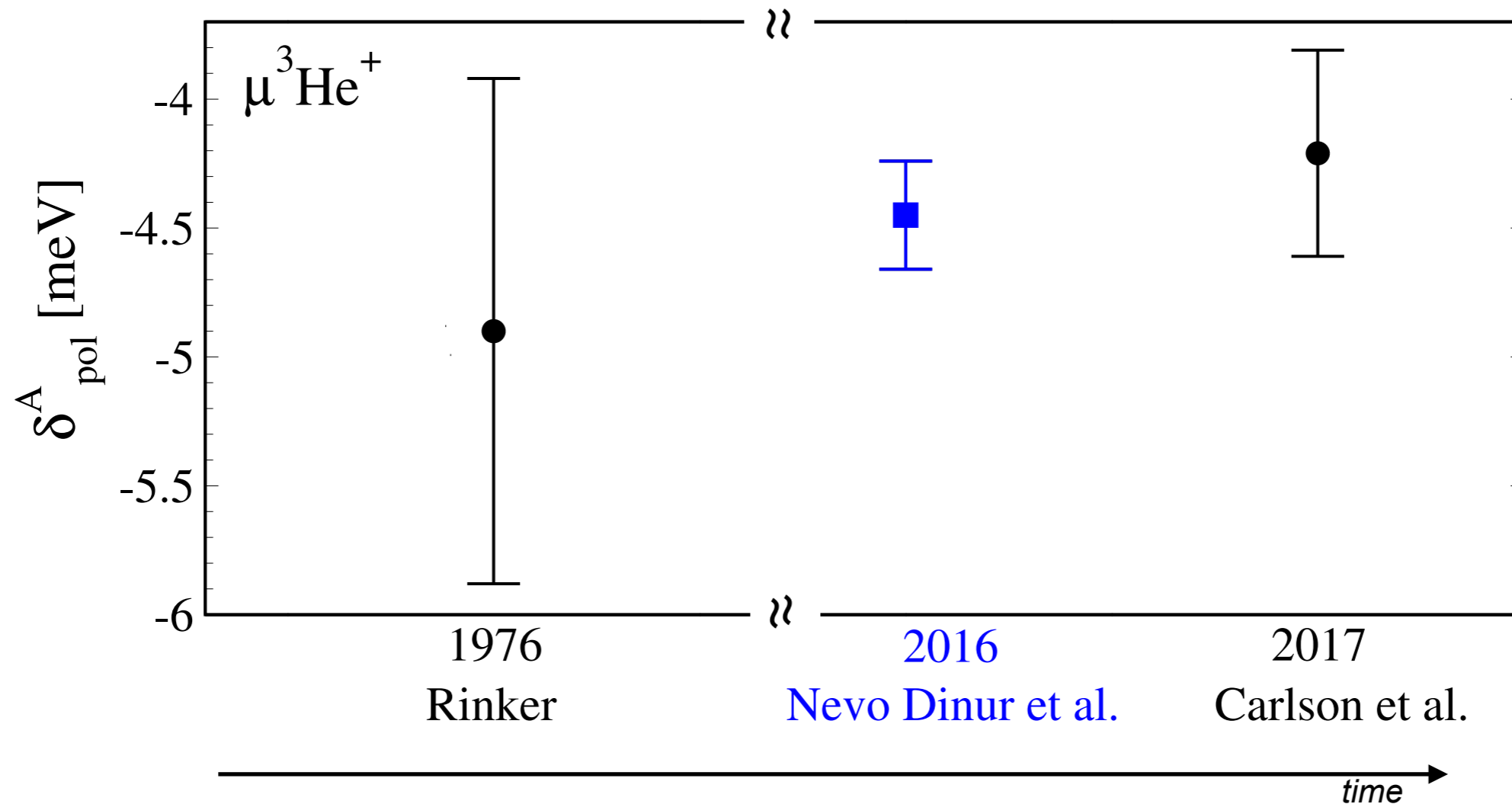
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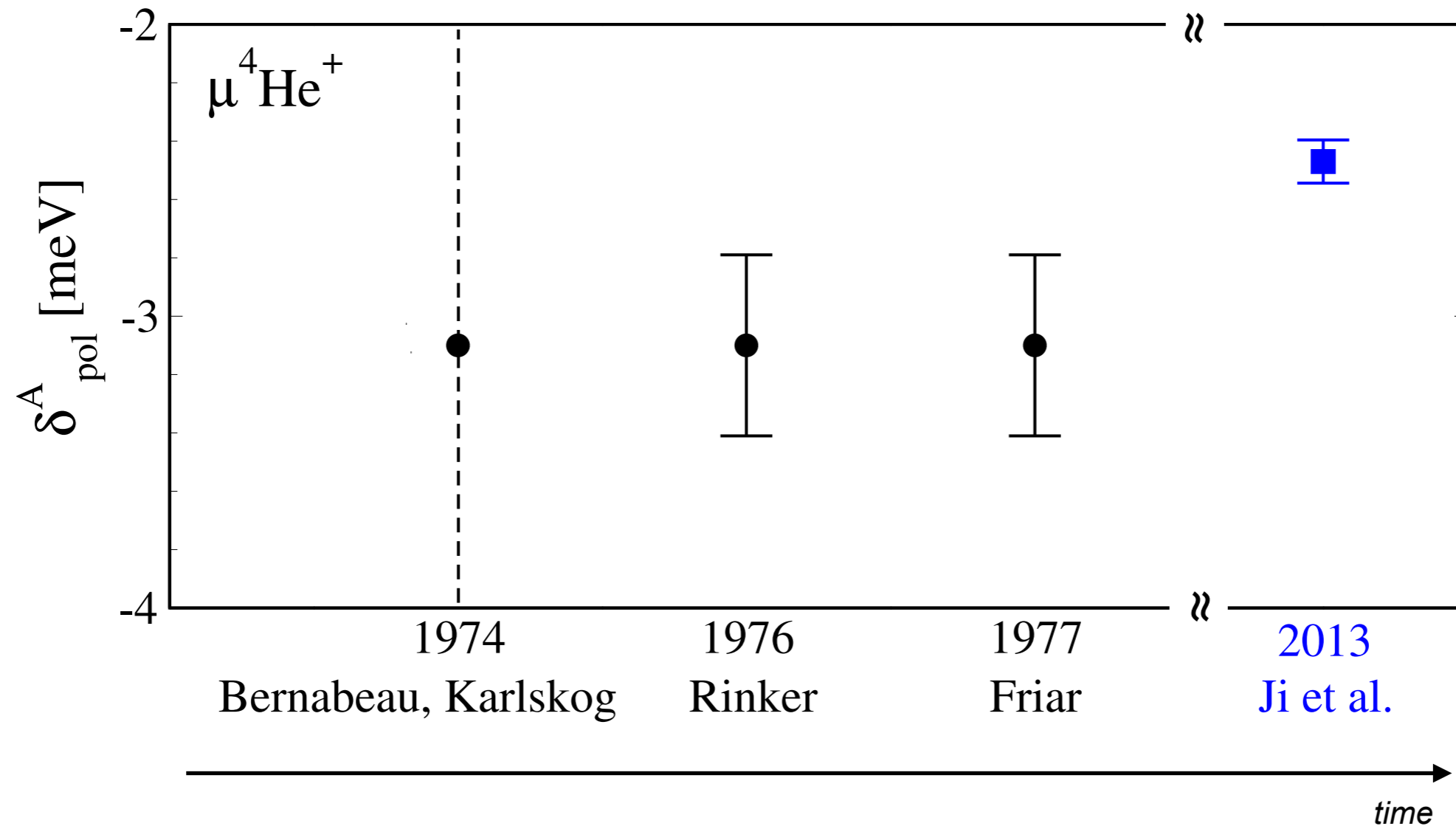
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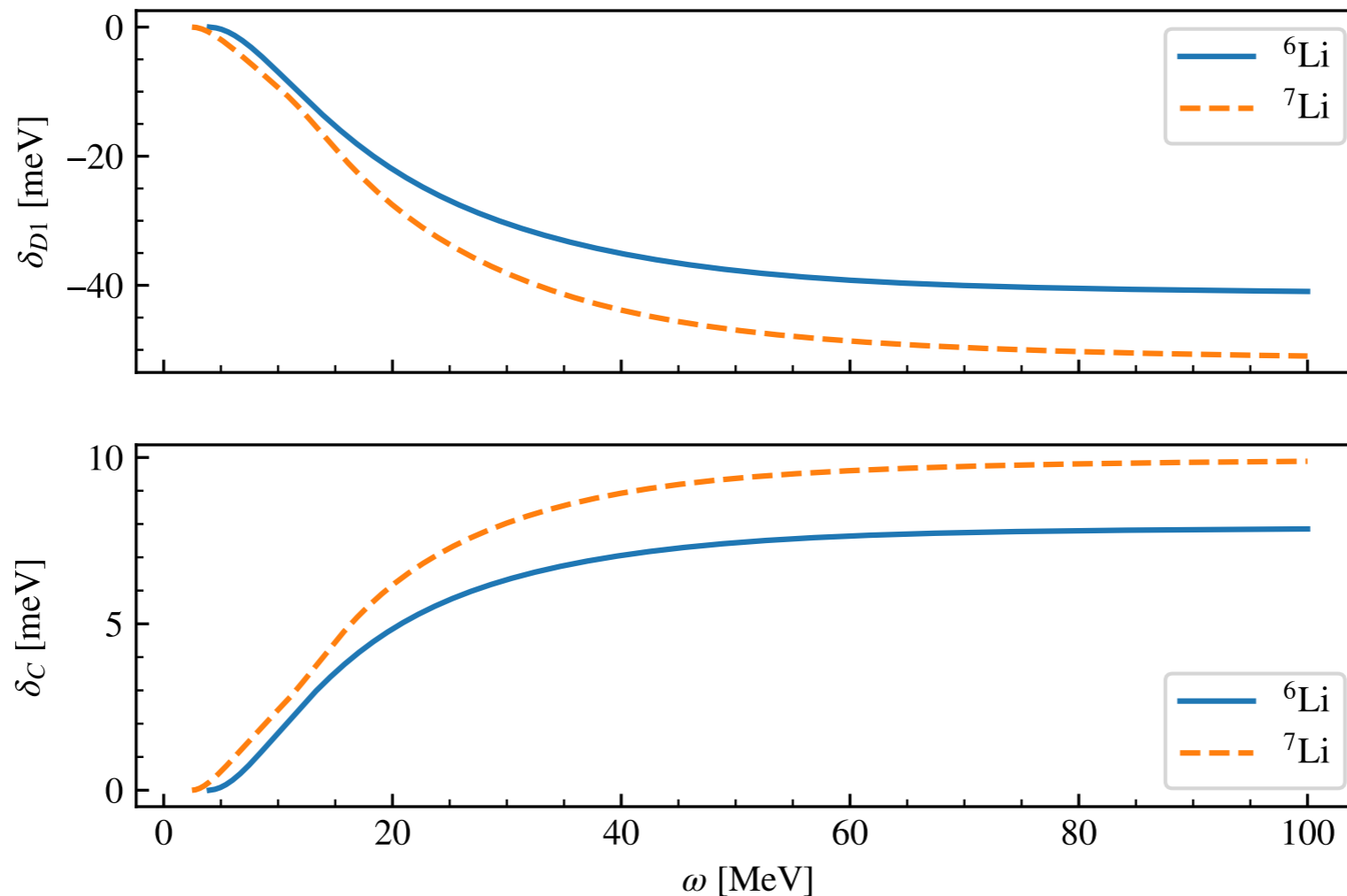
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With AV4'
Semi realistic
potential

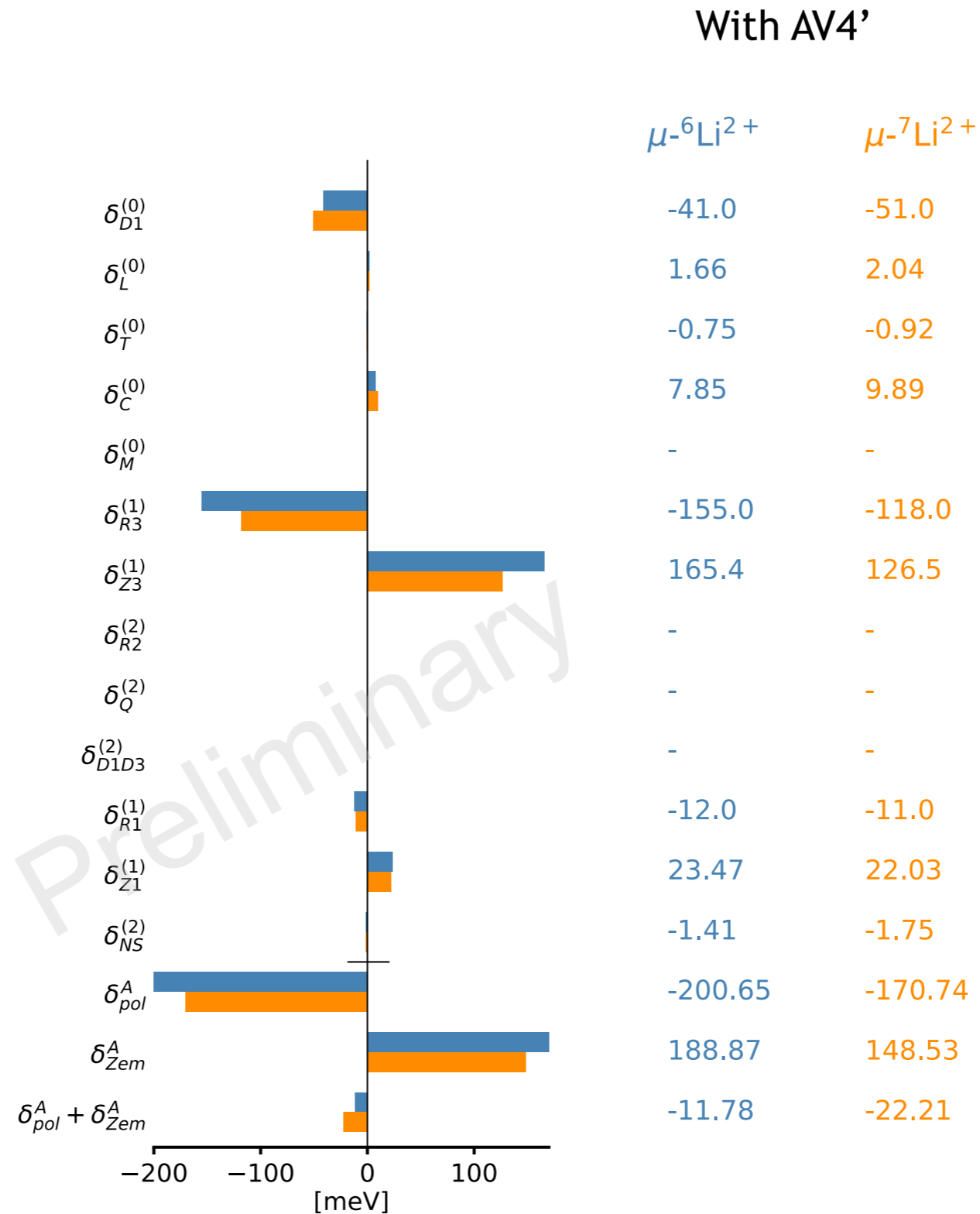


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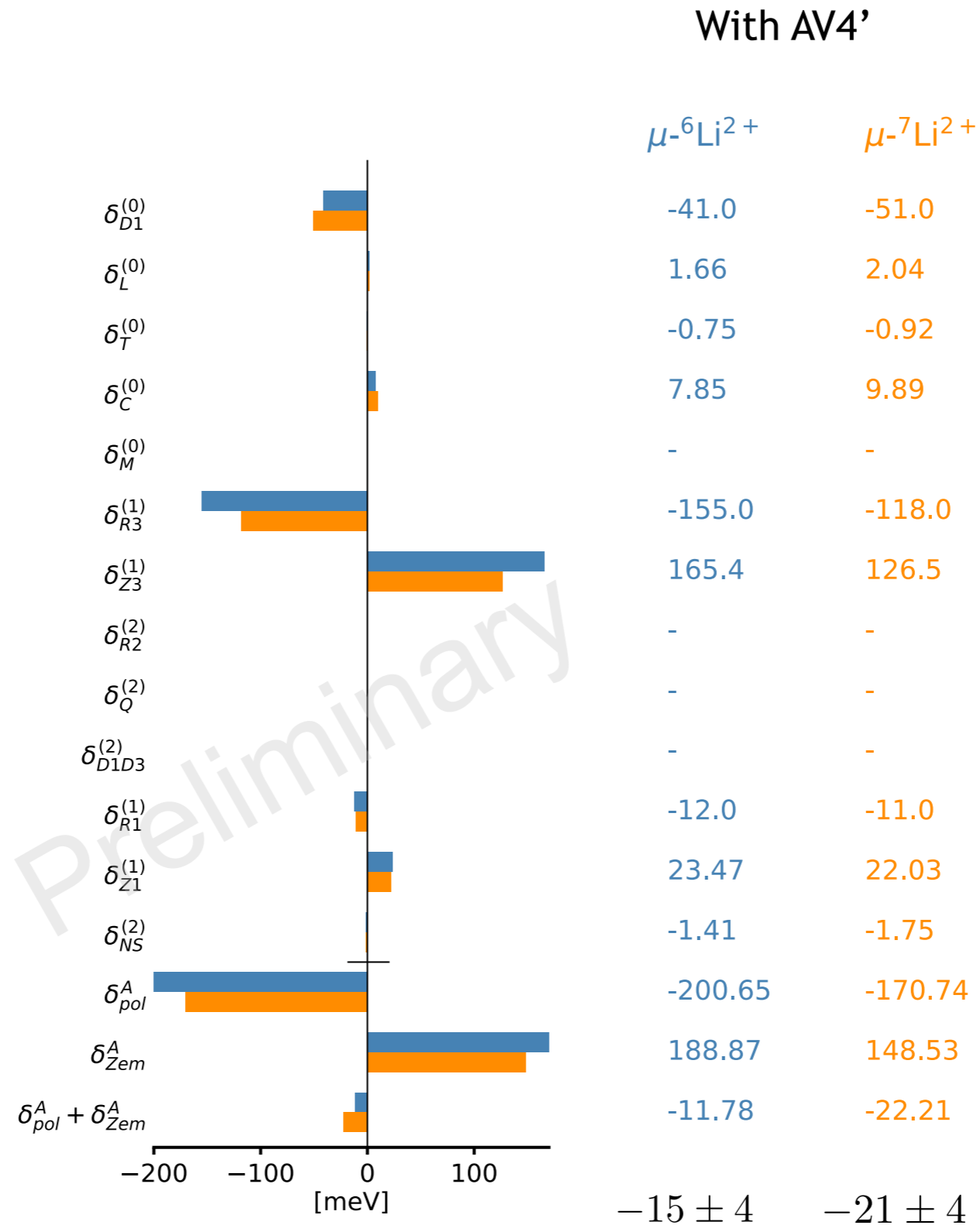


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Drake et al., PRA (1985)

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