

# How Fundamental Are YOUR Constants?

The global approach to  
current anomalies

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**When did you last  
make contact with your constants?**

how did that make you feel?

**Have you perhaps taken your  
constants for granted?**

do you feel any guilt ?

**In your absence, who manages your  
relationship with your constants?**

do you regret anything?

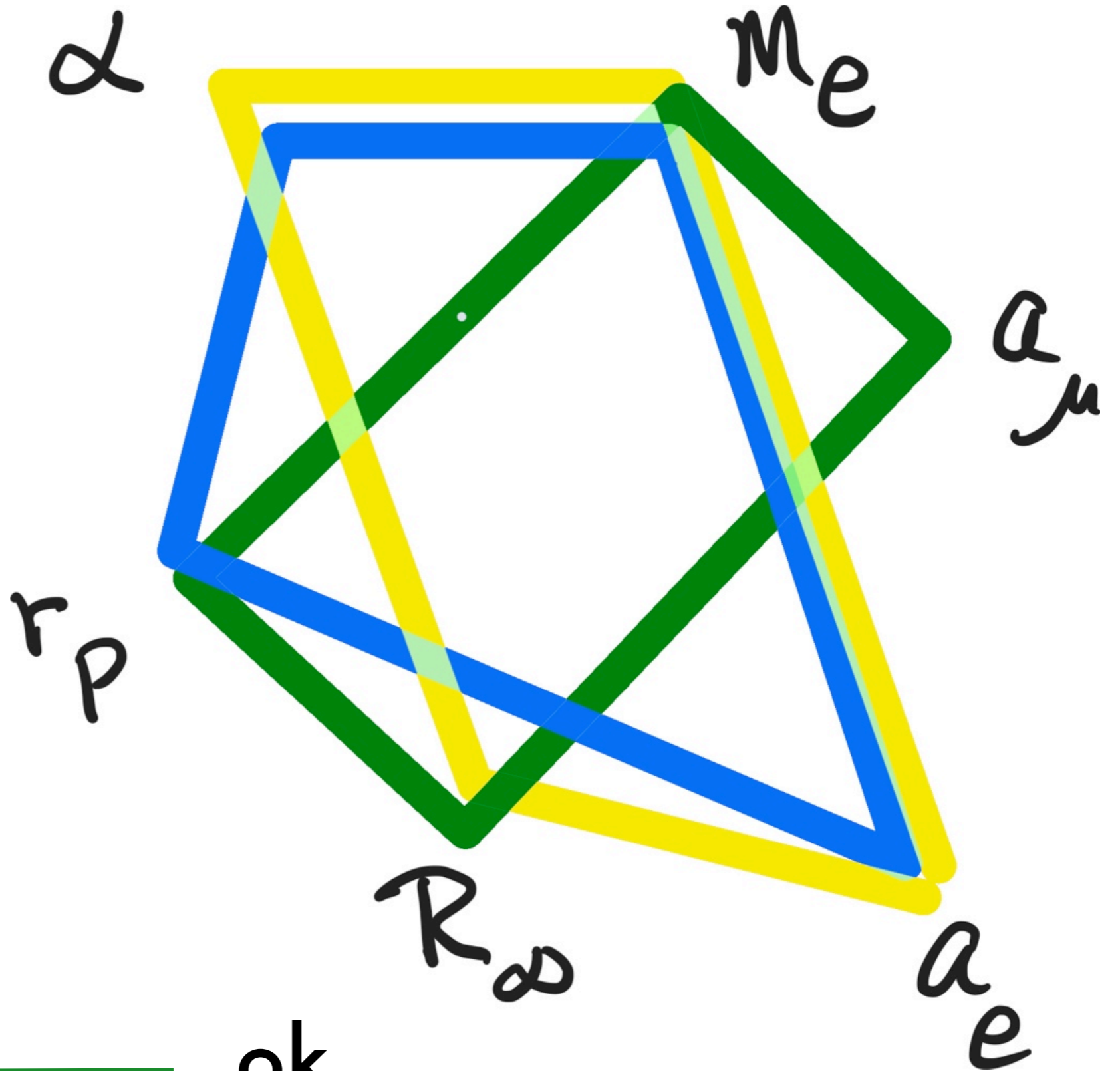
The biggest problem in physics  
as it now stands  
**the constants are not consistent**

$\alpha$	fine structure constant
$a_e = (g_e - 2)/2$	electron anomalous moment
$a_\mu = (g_\mu - 2)/2$	muon anomalous moment
$m_e/h$	electron Compton wavelength
$r_p(\mu H)$	proton form factor, "size", muonic H
$r_p(eH)$	proton form factor, "size", electronic H
$R_\infty$	Rydberg constant

# Three Mysterious Consistent Solutions

each rejects  
two items

- ok
- ok
- ok



why not  
think out of  
the box



We conducted the only existing  
global fit to all the data  
*using the entire body of  
precision Standard Model theory*

[arXiv:1606.06209](https://arxiv.org/abs/1606.06209) [hep-ph]

**A GLOBAL RESOLUTION NEEDS A GLOBAL FIT**

Review is over.  
Our contribution  
starts here

# How do *inputs* affect *outputs*?

## QED



Theory: 75 years  
28000 keystrokes  
mathematica! In C++, estimate 260000  
Breit, Dirac, Bethe... Yennie,  
Sapirstein, Ericson, Brodsky... Eides,  
Grotch, Shelyuto, Borie,  
Karshenboim, Mohr, Kotochigova,  
Pachucki, Yerokin et al, Jenstchura...

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Accept the “theory”  
as given by typing  
formulas  
while correcting a few errors

# Validating 32k keystrokes of theory implementation

*this data set: 16 eH transitions selected by CODATA for 20 years, 2010 includes 1S3S*

2 free parameters

QED only here

two versions of theory on two machines; round off errors controlled



John Martens

$\sigma_{expt}$ Hz	$f_{expt}$ Hz	$f_{our\ calc}$ Hz
35	$2.46606141319 \times 10^{15}$	$2.46606141319 \times 10^{15}$
10074	$4.797338 \times 10^9$	$4.79733066539 \times 10^9$
24014	$6.490144 \times 10^9$	$6.49012898284 \times 10^9$
8477	$7.70649350012 \times 10^{14}$	$7.70649350016 \times 10^{14}$
8477	$7.7064950445 \times 10^{14}$	$7.70649504449 \times 10^{14}$
6396	$7.70649561584 \times 10^{14}$	$7.70649561578 \times 10^{14}$
9590	$7.99191710473 \times 10^{14}$	$7.99191710481 \times 10^{14}$
6953	$7.99191727404 \times 10^{14}$	$7.99191727409 \times 10^{14}$
12860	$2.92274327868 \times 10^{15}$	$2.92274327867 \times 10^{15}$
20568	$4.197604 \times 10^9$	$4.19759919778 \times 10^9$
10338	$4.699099 \times 10^9$	$4.6991043085 \times 10^9$
14926	$4.664269 \times 10^9$	$4.66425337748 \times 10^9$
10260	$6.035373 \times 10^9$	$6.03538320383 \times 10^9$
11893	$9.9112 \times 10^9$	$9.91119855042 \times 10^9$
8992	$1.057845 \times 10^9$	$1.05784298986 \times 10^9$
20099	$1.057862 \times 10^9$	$1.05784298986 \times 10^9$

**JM+JPR**

no theory errors listed here

# Let's use ALL the data

$$a_e = 0.00115965218073 \pm 2.8 \times 10^{-13}$$

$$a_\mu = 0.00116592091 \pm 6.3 \times 10^{-10} \otimes \text{''}4.6 \sigma\text{''}$$

$$\mu H : \Delta E_{2S-2P} = 202.3706 \pm 0.0026 \text{ meV} \otimes \text{''}7\sigma\text{''}$$

$$h/m_e = 7.2738950972 \times 10^{-4} \pm 2 \times 10^{-12} \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$eH$  : 7 transitions listed in Table

$eD$  : 7 transitions listed in Table

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$eH$  = electronic hydrogen  
 $eD$  = electronic deuterium  
 $\mu H$  = muonic hydrogen



# A global fit to everything, permitting an alternative

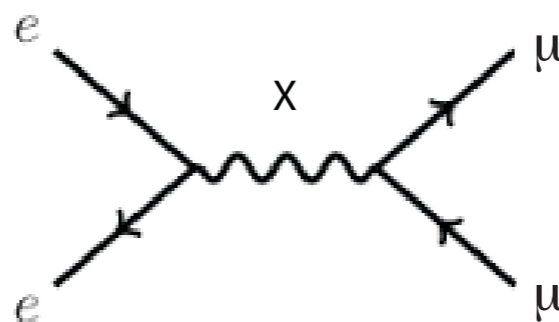
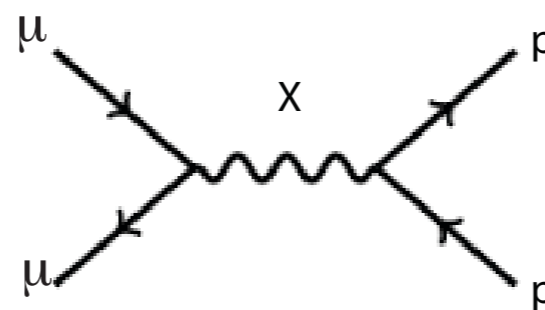
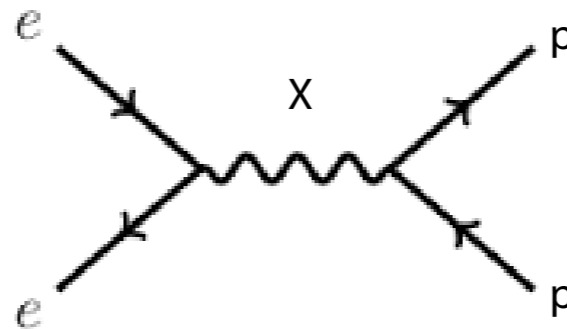
“no name theory”  
of particle X

$$g_e^2 = g_\mu^2 = g_p^2 = g^2$$

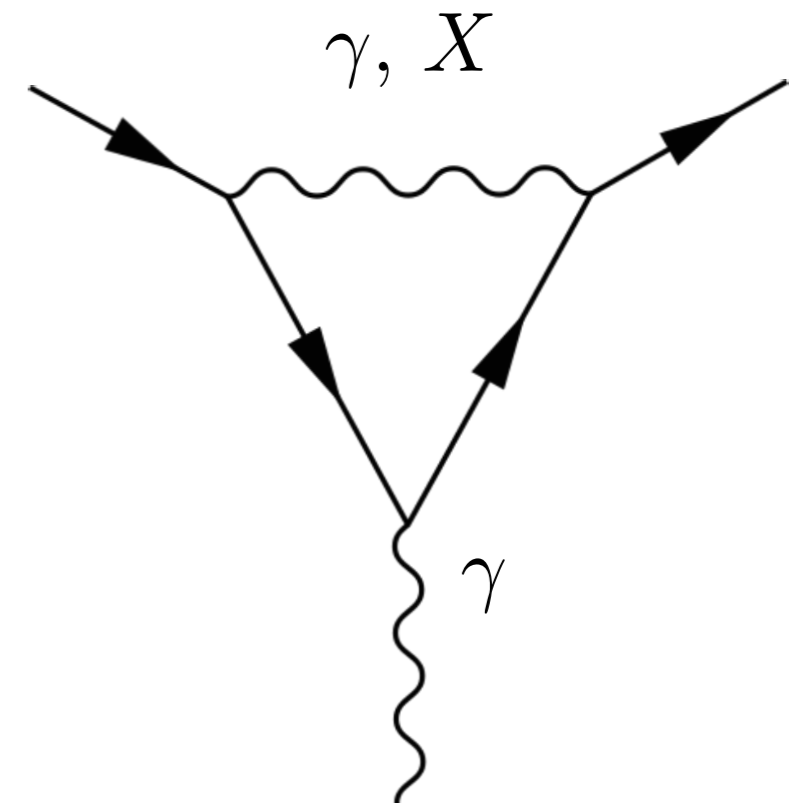
$$\alpha_X = \xi m_X^2 = g^2 / 4\pi$$

minimal  
“bottom-up”  
data driven

No other assumptions



more general than  
dark photon



$$a_e^{theory} = 1.7147 \times 10^{-12} + 0.159155\alpha - 0.0332818\alpha^2 + 0.0380966\alpha^3 \\ - 0.0196046\alpha^4 + 0.0299202\alpha^5 + 0.027706 \xi m_X^2 f(m_X/m_e)$$

$$\chi^2 = \sum_j \frac{(d_j - t_j(\theta_\ell))^2}{\sigma_j^2}$$

theory  
uncertainties  
later

$t_j = theory_j$ ,  $d_j = data_j$ ,  $\sigma_j = \text{experimental uncertainty}_j$ .

Fitted parameters are  $\theta_j = (\alpha, R_\infty, r_p, \theta_X)$ .

New physics parameters are

$$\theta_X = (\alpha_X, m_X) \quad (m_X \lesssim 50 \text{ MeV})$$

$$\text{or } \theta_X = \xi = \alpha_X / m_X^2 \quad (m_X \gtrsim 50 \text{ MeV})$$

universal

$$V(x) = \alpha_X \frac{e^{-m_X r}}{4\pi r}.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\chi^2 = & \frac{(a_e^{exp} - a_e^{theory}(\alpha, \theta_X))^2}{\sigma^2(a_e)} && \chi^2(a_e) \\
& + \frac{(a_\mu^{exp} - a_\mu^{theory}(\alpha, \theta_X))^2}{\sigma^2(a_\mu)} && \chi^2(a_\mu) \\
& + \sum_j^8 \frac{(\Delta f_{eH,j}^{exp} - \Delta f_{eH,j}^{theory}(\alpha, R_\infty, r_p, \theta_X))^2}{\sigma^2(\Delta f_{eH})} && \chi^2(eH) \\
& + \sum_j^8 \frac{(\Delta f_{eD,j}^{exp} - \Delta f_{eD,j}^{theory}(\alpha, R_\infty, r_p, \theta_X))^2}{\sigma^2(\Delta f_{eD})} && \chi^2(eD) \\
& && \chi^2(\mu H) \\
& && \chi^2(\lambda_c) \\
& + \frac{(\Delta f_{\mu H}^{exp} - \Delta f_{\mu H}^{theory}(r_p, \theta_X))^2}{\sigma^2(\Delta f_{\mu H})} \\
& + \frac{(4\pi c R_\infty / \alpha^2 - (m_e/h)^{exp})^2}{\sigma^2(m_e/h)}
\end{aligned}$$

# Results: A new region of local minimum $\chi^2$

Omit	$\chi_{tot}^2$	$\Delta\chi^2$	$(\delta R_\infty/R_\infty)/10^{-12}$	$(\delta\alpha/\alpha)/10^{-10}$	$r_p$ [fm]	$\xi/10^{-11}$
none	14.3	13.5	610(430)	-3.1(2.1)	0.84113(27)	1.40(38)
$\lambda_c$	11.0	16.1	1290(910)	-6.5(4.4)	0.84117(27)	1.60(43)
$\mu\text{H}$	10.1	13.0	620(410)	-3.1(2.1)	0.88143(27)	1.39(38)
$a_e$	11.0	16.1	-17(12)	0.014(10)	0.84117(27)	1.60(43)
$a_\mu$	11.7	0.3	60(42)	-0.38(26)	0.84074(27)	-0.81(22)
$a_e, a_\mu$	6.9	4.6	-8.3(5.9)	0.058(40)	0.84650(27)	31.5(8.6)
$\mu\text{H}, a_\mu$	6.9	0.6	-8.3(5.9)	0.058(40)	0.88453(27)	-1.14(30)
eH	7.4	13.1	610(430)	-3.1(2.1)	0.84112(27)	1.39(38)
eD	10.0	13.4	610(430)	-3.1(2.1)	0.84113(27)	1.40(38)
eH, eD	0.0	15.7	-1310(920)	-6.5(4.4)	0.84116(27)	1.57(43)

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**minimum region is not a global attractor, but it's where you find it**

# Reference values we don't use

## CODATA2014 (C14)

$$\alpha_{\bullet} = 0.0072973525664 \quad \text{directly predicted by } a_e$$

$$R_{\infty\bullet} = 10973731.5685080 \text{ m}^{-1} \quad 99.9\% \text{ correlated with } r_p$$

$$\lambda_{C\bullet} = 2.4263102367 \times 10^{-12} \text{ m}$$

The QED Rydberg is the most precise physical constant of a theory that does not fit all the data

determines uncertainty of  $\alpha$

## Values for comparison: we don't use 'em

*The value and errors found for the Rydberg constant depend on your theory*

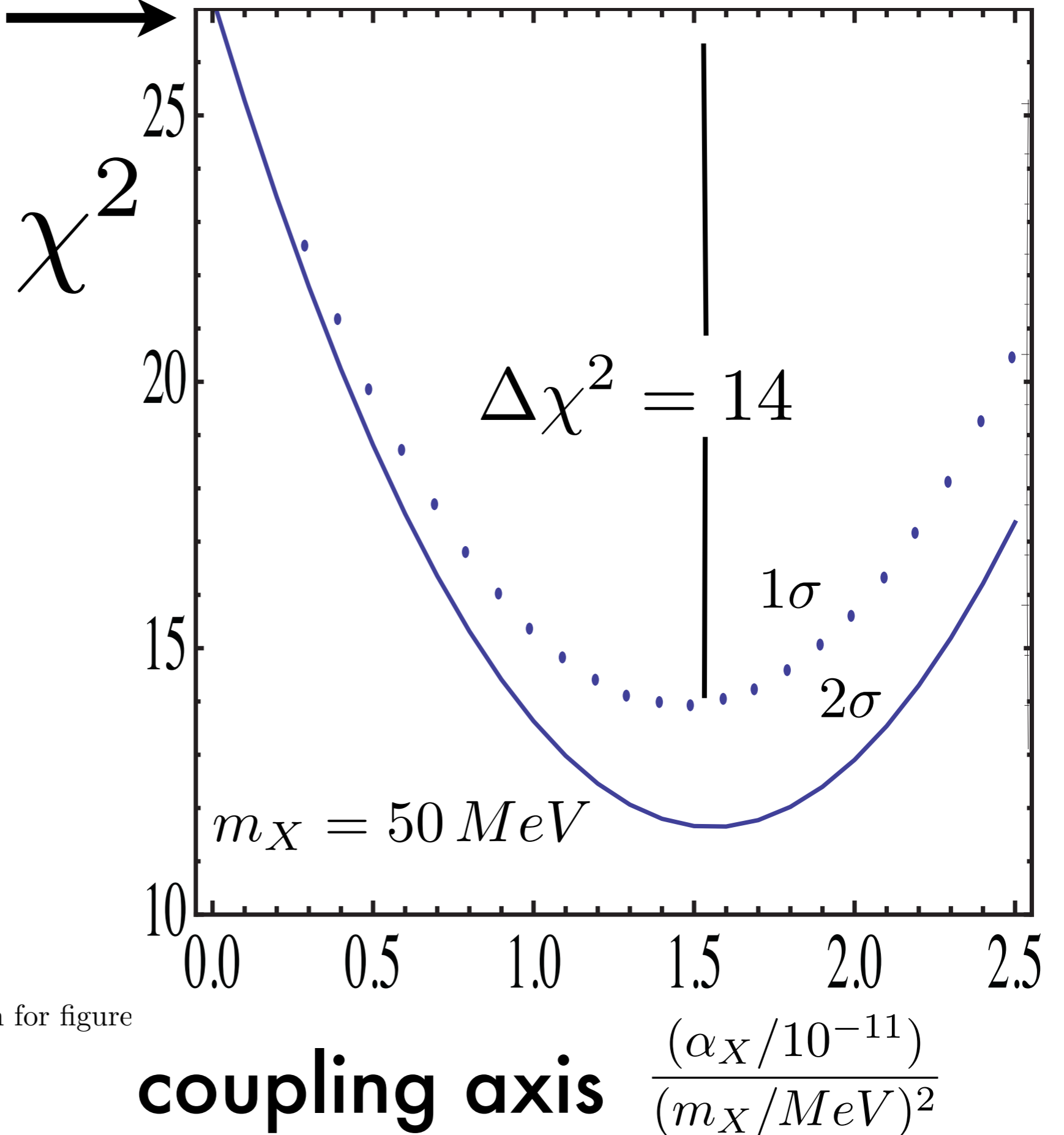
# QED + SM

$$r_p = 0.841 \pm .001 \text{ across the range}$$

Plots show  
1 sigma-exp  
2 sigma-exp

SM ruled out for  
 $m_X \geq 20 \text{ MeV}$

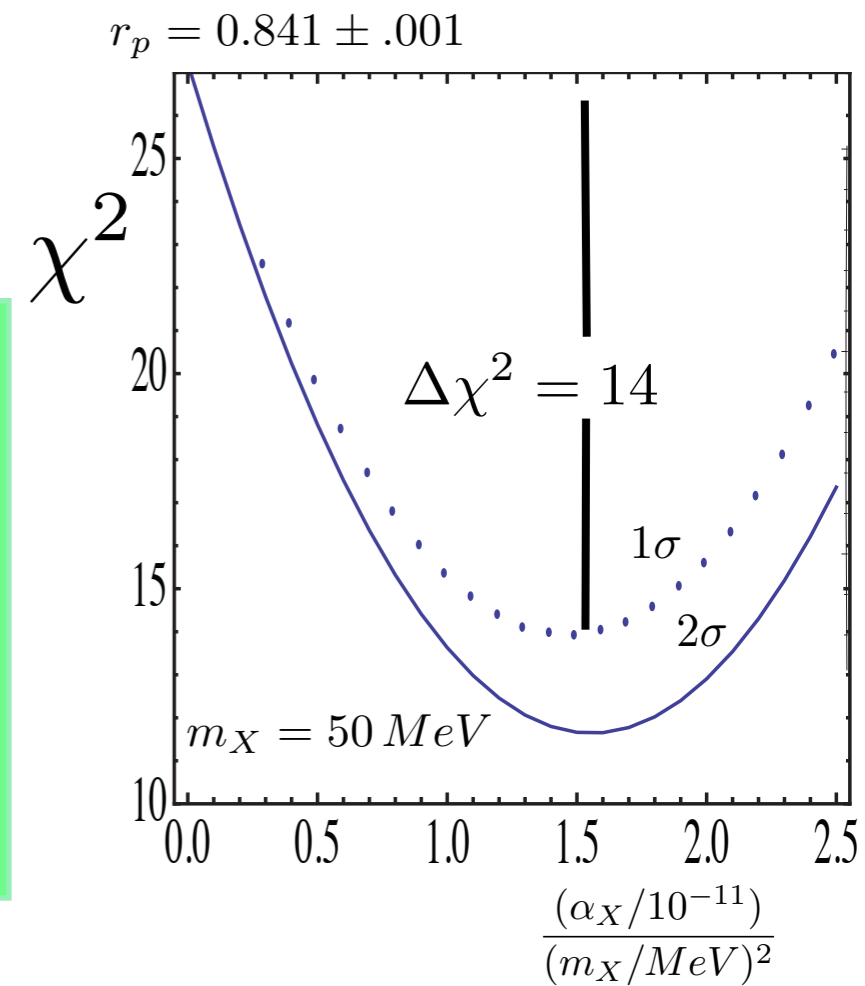
ALL terms in  $\chi^2$   
are a good fit



Arbitrary value  $m_X = 50 \text{ MeV}$  chosen for figure


$P$ -value  $1.5 \times 10^{-4}$

$\Delta\chi^2 > 14$  for all  $m_X > 50$  MeV does not mean the new model is the last word. It is a comparison where the Standard Model is disfavored at nearly  $4\sigma$ .



**The first time a  
universal coupling  
reconciled  $a_e, a_\mu, eH, eD, \mu H$**

BSM models always add 2 sigma to  $a_e$ ... we did not

$$\frac{\alpha_X}{m_X^2}$$


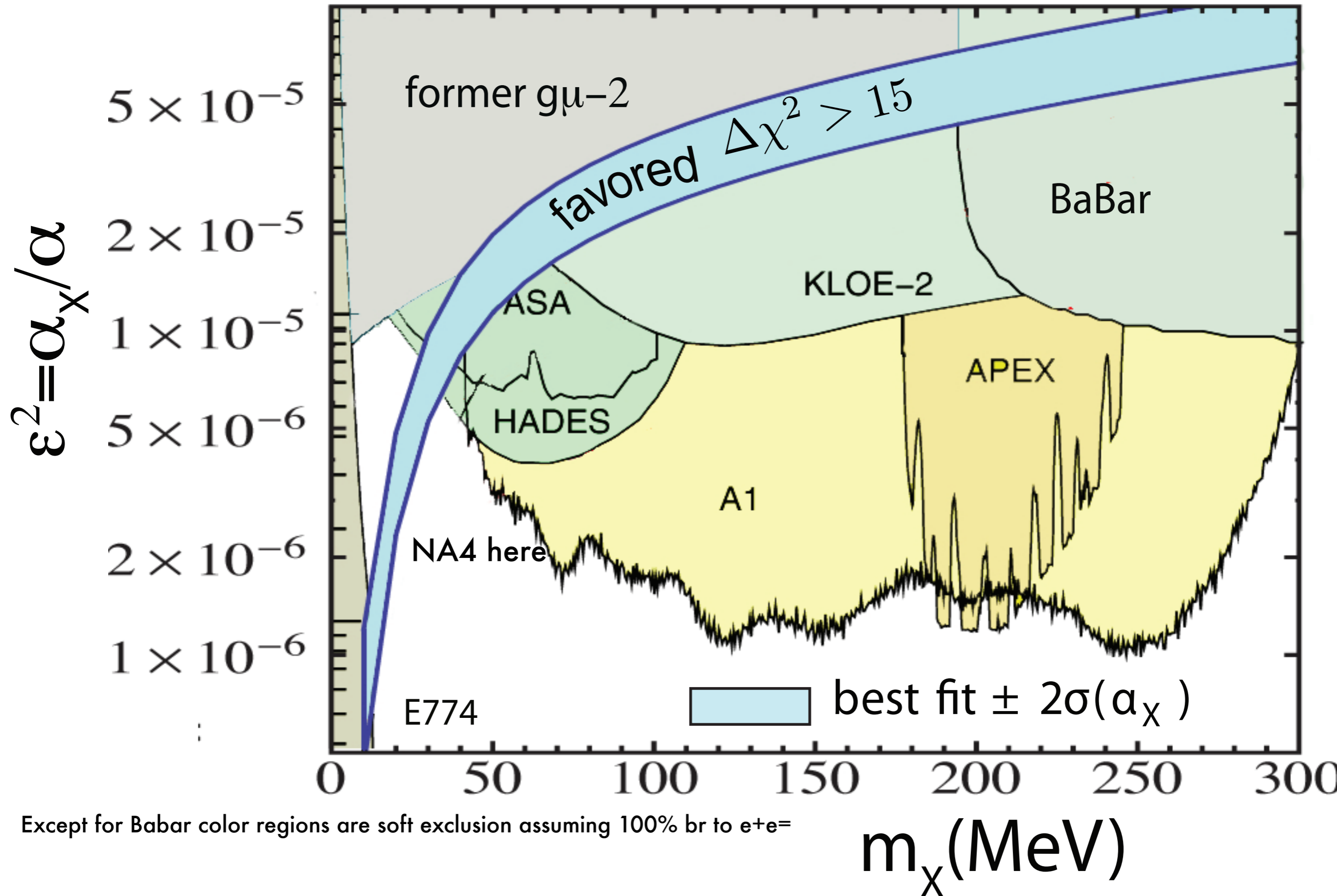
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# Results

No upper limit on  $m_\chi$  is determined.



Except for Babar color regions are soft exclusion assuming 100% br to  $e^+e^-$

$m_\chi$  (MeV)

# VERY robust signal: fit eH and eD, $\mu H$ , $\mu D$

Transition	$f_{expt}$ Hz	$f_{our\ calc}$ Hz	$\sigma_{exp}$ Hz
$\nu_H(2S_{1/2} - 8S_{1/2})$	$7.70649350012 \times 10^{14}$	$7.70649350006 \times 10^{14}$	8600
$\nu_H(2S_{1/2} - 8D_{3/2})$	$7.7064950445 \times 10^{14}$	$7.7064950444 \times 10^{14}$	8300
$\nu_H(2S_{1/2} - 8D_{5/2})$	$7.706495615842 \times 10^{14}$	$7.706495615680 \times 10^{14}$	6400
$\nu_H(2S_{1/2} - 12D_{3/2})$	$7.991917104727 \times 10^{14}$	$7.991917104715 \times 10^{14}$	9400
$\nu_H(2S_{1/2} - 12D_{5/2})$	$7.991917274037 \times 10^{14}$	$7.99191727409 \times 10^{14}$	7000
$\nu_H(2S_{1/2} - 2P_{3/2})$	$9.9112 \times 10^9$	$9.9112 \times 10^9$	12000
$\nu_H(2P_{1/2} - 2S_{1/2})$	$1.057845 \times 10^9$	$1.057846 \times 10^9$	9000
$\nu_H(2P_{1/2} - 2S_{1/2})$	$1.057862 \times 10^9$	$1.057846 \times 10^9$	20000
$\nu_D(2S_{1/2} - 8S_{1/2})$	$7.708590412457 \times 10^{14}$	$7.708590412336 \times 10^{14}$	6900
$\nu_D(2S_{1/2} - 8D_{3/2})$	$7.708591957018 \times 10^{14}$	$7.708591956914 \times 10^{14}$	6300
$\nu_D(2S_{1/2} - 8D_{5/2})$	$7.708592528495 \times 10^{14}$	$7.708592528361 \times 10^{14}$	5900
$\nu_D(2S_{1/2} - 12D_{3/2})$	$7.99409168038 \times 10^{14}$	$7.99409168032 \times 10^{14}$	8600
$\nu_D(2S_{1/2} - 12D_{5/2})$	$7.994091849668 \times 10^{14}$	$7.994091849642 \times 10^{14}$	6800
$\nu_D(2S_{1/2} - 2P_{3/2})$	$9.91261 \times 10^9$	$9.91280 \times 10^9$	300000
$\nu_D(2P_{1/2} - 2S_{1/2})$	$1.05928 \times 10^9$	$1.05923 \times 10^9$	60000
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Table 1: The experimental values of electronic hydrogen ( $eH$ ) and electronic deuterium ( $eD$ ) transitions compared to our calculation using the best fit with  $\alpha_X \neq 0$ . The fit also reproduces the other transitions used in previous QED-EW fits as described in the text within a fraction of the experimental uncertainty. Table is made with an arbitrary value of  $m_X = 50$  MeV.

# chi-squared budget

Omit	$\chi^2(\lambda_c)$	$\chi^2(\mu H)$	$\chi^2(a_e)$	$\chi^2(a_\mu)$	$\chi^2(eH)$	$\chi^2(eD)$
none	1.6	0.00084	1.5	0.18	6.8	4.2
$\lambda_c$	–	0.00068	$4. \times 10^{-9}$	0.0030	6.8	4.2
$\mu H$	1.6	–	1.5	0.23	3.3	3.5
$a_e$	$4.4 \times 10^{-9}$	0.00078	–	0.0030	6.8	4.2
$a_\mu$	0.024	0.00087	0.023	–	7.4	4.3
$a_e, a_\mu$	$6.7 \times 10^{-8}$	$2.0 \times 10^{-12}$	–	–	3.3	3.5
$\mu H, a_\mu$	$6.7 \times 10^{-8}$	–	$9.5 \times 10^{-13}$	–	3.3	3.5
eH	1.5	$5.6 \times 10^{-6}$	1.4	0.22	–	4.2
eD	1.6	0.00057	1.5	0.18	6.8	–
eH, eD	0.0	$3.1 \times 10^{-17}$	$9.7 \times 10^{-14}$	$2.5 \times 10^{-15}$	–	–

Table 3: Contributions to  $\chi^2$  at a reference point  $m_X = 50$  MeV.  $\Delta\chi^2$  is the difference of  $\chi^2$  of the null model ( $\alpha_X = 0$ ) with the best fit. Also shown are the contributions with different observables omitted. Fits are made with the arbitrary value  $m_X = 50$  MeV. The columns of  $\chi^2$  and  $\Delta\chi^2$  are the same as Table1, hence not repeated.

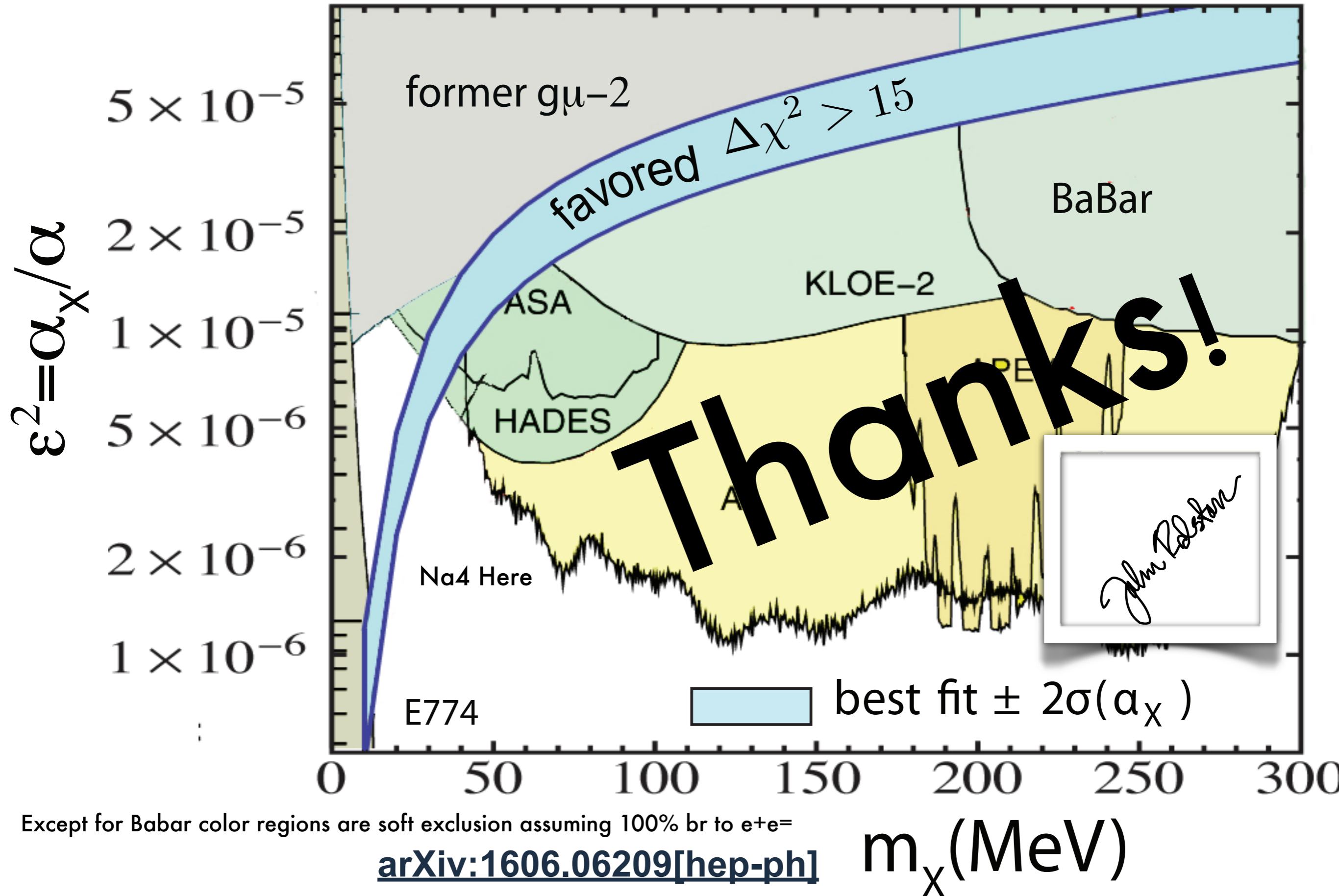
# The Minimal Universal Solution *and tests*

The minimal-universal solution finds the true proton charge radius  $r_p \sim 0.84$  is very close to the one determined by muonic hydrogen experiments. There are no free parameters in a prediction of the muonic deuterium charge radius, whose experimental measurement is expected to be announced soon.

The universal nature of the interaction makes possible many tests that a muon-specific interaction could not confront. Spectroscopic tests include measuring more transitions in muonic hydrogen, deuterium and helium. Electronic hydrogen Rydberg states with  $n \gg 1$  will appear to indicate two different Rydberg constants. The model predicts effects that should be observable in positronium, muonium ( $e^- \mu^+$  and  $e^+ \mu^-$ ) and true muonium ( $\mu^+ \mu^-$ ). Depending on  $m_X$ , the trend is that QED-EE theory will disagree with positronium while agreeing with true muonium, due to the relatively more significant effects of a light interaction on electrons. At the momentum transfer of existing experiments  $\mu^\pm p$  and  $e^\pm p$  scattering should both find the same apparent charge radius. The pole singularity of  $X$  is too small and too close to zero momentum transfer to be resolved with current methods, but might be observable in experiments dedicated to ultra-small momentum transfers. We are optimistic about the prospects for discovery.

# Results

No upper limit on  $m_\chi$  is determined.



**Appendix**

*We do NOT select special atomic data*

*we could have used 50 LINES*

*we fit the whole Kramida compilation*

One  $\mu\text{H}$  is published. *Use it, don't discard it.*

Theory works for ALL eH or eD data as listed

We fit dozens of eH lines to fractions of uncertainty. *Including  $\mu\text{H}$ , we get  $r_p \sim 0.84$*

*The IS2S is theoretically problematic. Its theory uncertainty is 500-1000 times its experimental uncertainty*

(Karshenboim 2005 criticism)

Sophisticated efforts (“additive corrections”) attempt to cover the IS2S theory unreliability. Results depend directly on priors we don't want to defend *We just omit it.*

That leaves 8 eH and 7+(1 repeated) eD top quality transitions free from messing with IS2S subtractions

Nevertheless including the IS2S with existing method *does not change our fits significantly*

as CODATA does it, every couple years

$eH$

determines *highly correlated*

$$R_{\infty} \quad r_p(eH)$$

*subject to value of  $\alpha$*

which is determined by  $a_e = (g_e - 2)/2$

which on its own tests nothing at all

*with uncertainty found from  $m_e/h$*

dominated by *Rubidium recoil in classical physics...*

**and selecting only data that verifies theory**





# Explore systematic theory uncertainty: chi-square with pull parameters

“additive theory corrections  $\delta_j$ ”

$$\frac{(d_j - t_j(\theta_\ell))^2}{\sigma_j^2} \rightarrow \frac{(d_j - t_j(\theta_\ell) + \delta_j)^2}{\sigma_j^2} + \frac{\delta_j^2}{\sigma(\delta_j)^2}$$

regulator, bayesian prior  
Barlow

*makes it **easier** to fit data; not appropriate for our study*

most conservative method gives theory no help

when in doubt, leave it out

*We repeated calculations including additive corrections and atomic experimental correlations, which made no significant difference*

Necessary to deal with eH IS2S, if one wants to defend some priors.

We tested that OK also. Simpler to omit.



**The main reason to  
care about ultra-precise  
constants... is to find physical  
discrepancies...which lead to the  
exploration of alternatives**



model of the elementary particles. On the experimental side the measurement of  $a_e$  by the Harvard group has reached the astonishing precision [1,2]:

$$a_e(\text{HV}) = 1\,159\,652\,180.73(0.28) \times 10^{-12} \quad [0.24 \text{ ppb}] \quad (1)$$

# How theory is not tested

sentences are not about a “comparison”

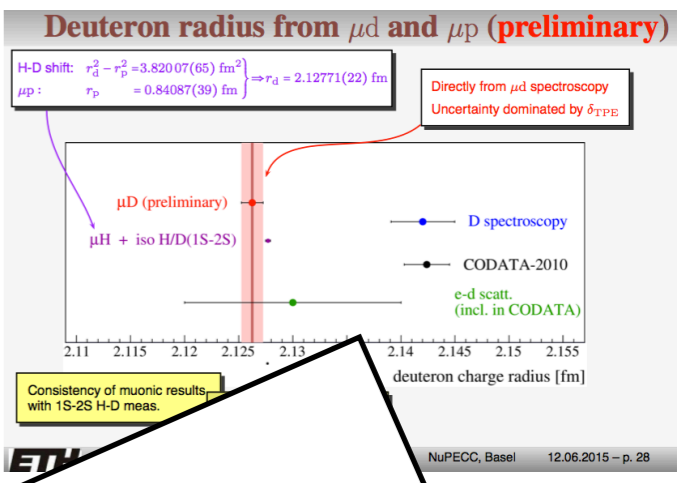
This  $\alpha^{-1}(a_e)$  is a circular determination of  $\alpha$

The Eq. (13) shows clearly that the largest source of uncertainty is the fine-structure constant (12). To put it differently, it means that a non-QED  $\alpha$ , even the best one available at present, is too crude to test QED to the extent achieved by the theory and measurement of  $a_e$ . Thus it makes more sense to test QED by an alternative approach, namely, compare  $\alpha^{-1}(\text{Rb10})$  with  $\alpha^{-1}$  obtained from theory and measurement of  $a_e$ . This leads to

$$\alpha^{-1}(a_e) = 137.035999\,1727(68)(46)(19)(331) \quad [0.25 \text{ ppb}] \quad (15)$$

where the first, second, third, and fourth uncertainties come from the eighth-order and the tenth-order QED terms, the hadronic and electroweak terms, and the measurement of  $a_e(\text{HV})$  in (1), respectively. The uncertainty due to theory has been improved by a factor 4.5 compared with the previous one [22].

# ACTUALLY five (5) different muonic Lamb shift discrepancies in H and D



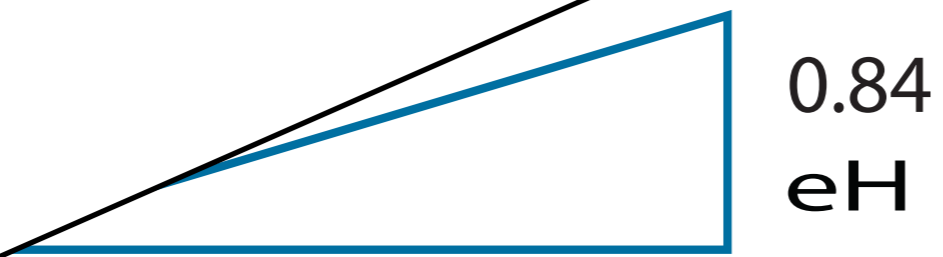
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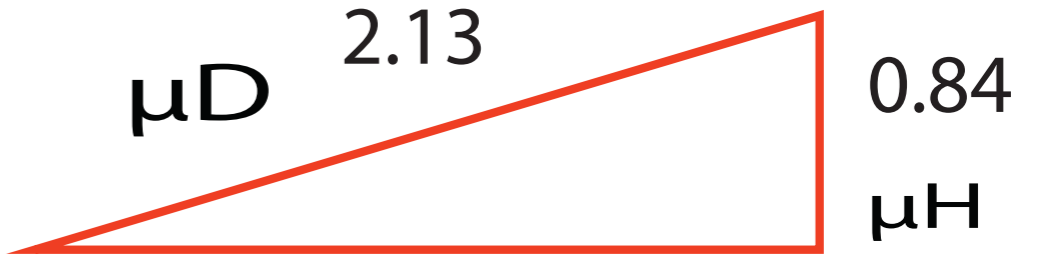
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$$eD = r_{eH}^2 + r_{deut}^2$$



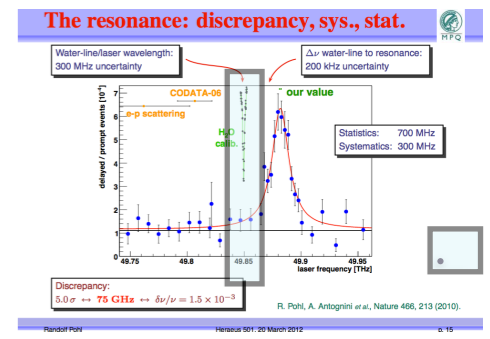
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**over-determined consistency**

# Analysis overview IV



## $\mu\text{H}$ : the most complete and reliable theory

Pachucki, Borie, Jentsura, Yerokin, Carlson, Miller...

$$\Delta E(\alpha, \xi, m_X, m_{red}, r_p) = 206.03336 \alpha^3 / \alpha_{\bullet}^3 - 5.2275 r_p^2 \alpha^4 / \alpha_{\bullet}^4 + 0.0332 + 10^9 (m_X^4 \xi) / (2 \alpha m_{red} (1 + m_X / (\alpha m_{red}))^4)$$

$m_{red} = \mu p$  reduced mass


$$V(x) = \alpha_X \frac{e^{-m_X r}}{4\pi r}$$

# Interesting fact these days

The electron anomalous moment has come to define alpha,  
testing nothing, so both might be wrong

$$a_e^{theory} = 1.7147 \times 10^{-12} + 0.159155\alpha - 0.0332818\alpha^2 + 0.0380966\alpha^3 - 0.0196046\alpha^4 + 0.0299202\alpha^5$$

(OK, one 10 times weaker and one 100 weaker constraints do exist)

This  
 $\alpha^{-1}(a_e)$   
is a circular  
determination  
of  $\alpha$  

The Eq. (13) shows clearly that the largest source of uncertainty is the fine-structure constant (12). To put it differently, it means that a non-QED  $\alpha$ , even the best one available at present, is too crude to test QED to the extent achieved by the theory and measurement of  $a_e$ . Thus it makes more sense to test QED by an alternative approach, namely, compare  $\alpha^{-1}(\text{Rb10})$  with  $\alpha^{-1}$  obtained from theory and measurement of  $a_e$ . This leads to

$$\alpha^{-1}(a_e) = 137.0359991727(68)(46)(19)(331) \quad [0.25 \text{ ppb}], \quad (15)$$

where the first, second, third, and fourth uncertainties come from the eighth-order and the tenth-order QED terms, the hadronic and electroweak terms, and the measurement of  $a_e(\text{HV})$  in (1), respectively. The uncertainty due to theory has been improved by a factor 4.5 compared with the previous one [22].

# CODATA recommended values of the fundamental physical constants: 2010\*

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*Electron magnetic-moment anomaly, fine-structure constant, and QED. The most accurate value of the fine-structure constant  $\alpha$  currently available from a single experiment has a relative standard uncertainty of  $3.7 \times 10^{-10}$ ; it is obtained by equating the QED theoretical expression for the electron magnetic-moment anomaly  $a_e$  and the most accurate experimental value of  $a_e$ , obtained from measurements on a single electron in a Penning trap. This value of  $\alpha$  is in excellent agreement with a competitive experimental value with an*

“Global fits” to  $\alpha$  same as circular for 25 years  
theory mistakes cause 4 sigma and 7 sigma revisions

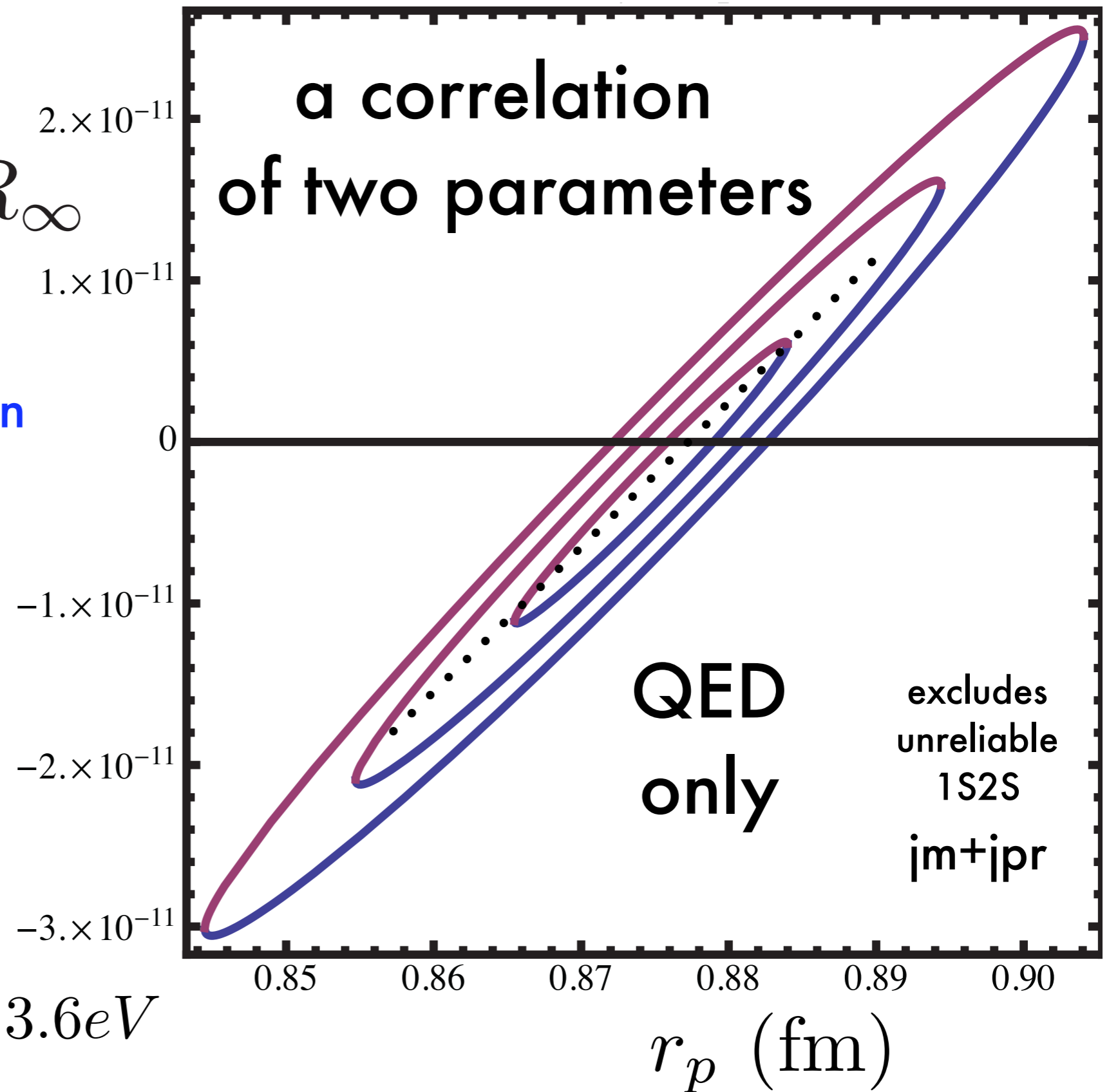
# e-Hydrogen spectra measures a correlation... a correlation...

$$r_p^2 = -\frac{1}{6} \frac{\partial G_E}{\partial q^2} \Big|_0$$

$$\delta R_\infty / R_\infty$$

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omits needed information

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$R_\infty = \text{Rydberg} \sim 13.6eV$

$r_p$  (fm)



*We do NOT select special atomic data*

*we could have used 50 LINES*

*we fit the whole Kramida compilation*

One  $\mu\text{H}$  is published. *Use it, don't discard it.*

Theory works for ALL eH or eD data as listed

We fit dozens of eH lines to fractions of uncertainty. *Including  $\mu\text{H}$ , we get  $r_p \sim 0.84$*

*The IS2S is theoretically problematic. Its theory uncertainty is 500-1000 times its experimental uncertainty*

(Karshenboim 2005 criticism)

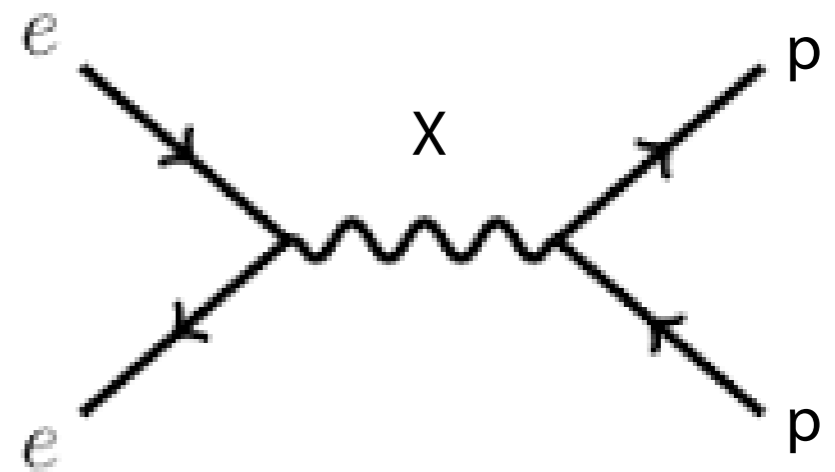
Sophisticated efforts (“additive corrections”) attempt to cover the IS2S theory unreliability. Results depend directly on priors we don't want to defend *We just omit it.*

That leaves 8 eH and 7+(1 repeated) eD top quality transitions free from messing with IS2S subtractions

Nevertheless including the IS2S with existing method *does not change our fits significantly*

# Workshop question: does repulsion rule our vertex = scalar 1?

unitarity: sign of  
scalar propagator  
is minus the sign of  
vector propagator,  
(1,-1,-1,-1) metric



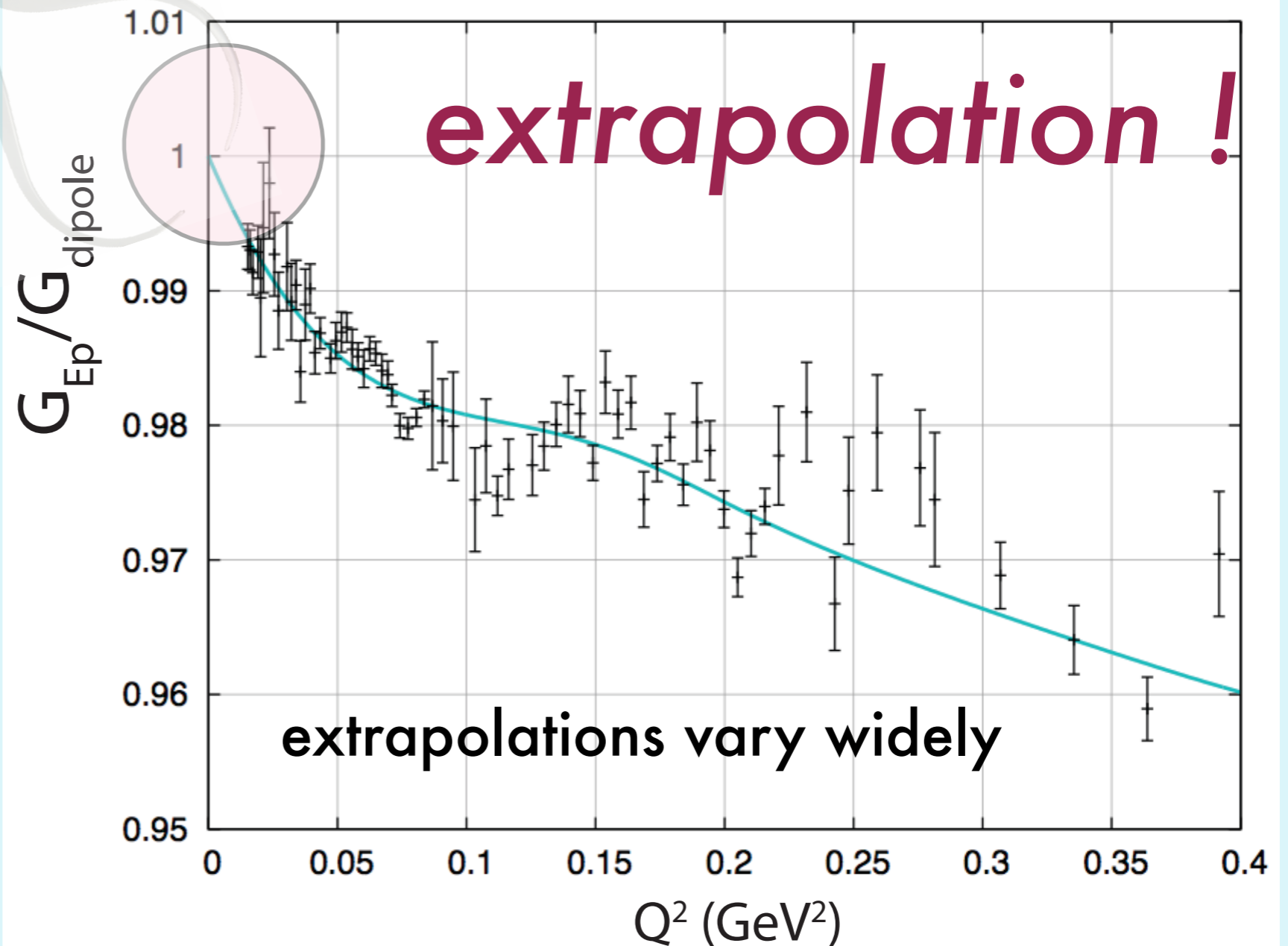
implies scalar attractive for identical  
particles or antiparticles, using  $g^2 > 0$

widely cited and widely repeated as  
totally general, which I think it ain't

electron scattering has not measured  $r_p^2 = -\frac{1}{6} \frac{\partial G_E}{\partial q^2} \Big|_0$



especially see  
Higinbotham



"slope" = 0.84-0.91 fm

is used for vertical focusing [8], the angular frequency difference,  $\omega_a$  between the spin precession frequency and the cyclotron frequency, is given by

$$\vec{\omega}_a = \frac{e}{m c} \left[ a_\mu \vec{B} - \left( a_\mu - \frac{1}{\gamma^2 - 1} \right) \vec{\beta} \times \vec{E} \right]. \quad (1)$$

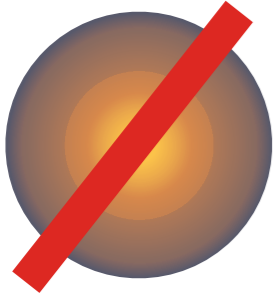
The dependence of  $\omega_a$  on the electric field is eliminated by storing muons with the “magic”  $\gamma = 29.3$  [9], which corresponds to a muon momentum  $p = 3.09 \text{ GeV}/c$ . Hence measurement of  $\omega_a$  and of  $B$ , in terms of the free proton NMR frequency  $\omega_p$  and the ratio of muon to proton magnetic moments  $\lambda$ , determines  $a_\mu$ . At the magic  $\gamma$ , the muon lifetime is approximately  $64.4 \mu\text{s}$  and the  $(g - 2)$  precession period is  $4.37 \mu\text{s}$ . With a field of  $1.45 \text{ T}$  in our storage ring [4], the central orbit radius is  $7.11 \text{ m}$ .

$$a_{\mu^-} = 11\,659\,214(8)(3) \times 10^{-10} \text{ (0.7 ppm)},$$

About 4-sigma discrepancy with  
QED/EW perturbation theory

From Bennet et al muon g-2

# Why believe nuclear physics?



Please! The proton is  
not a little ball  
of classical charge

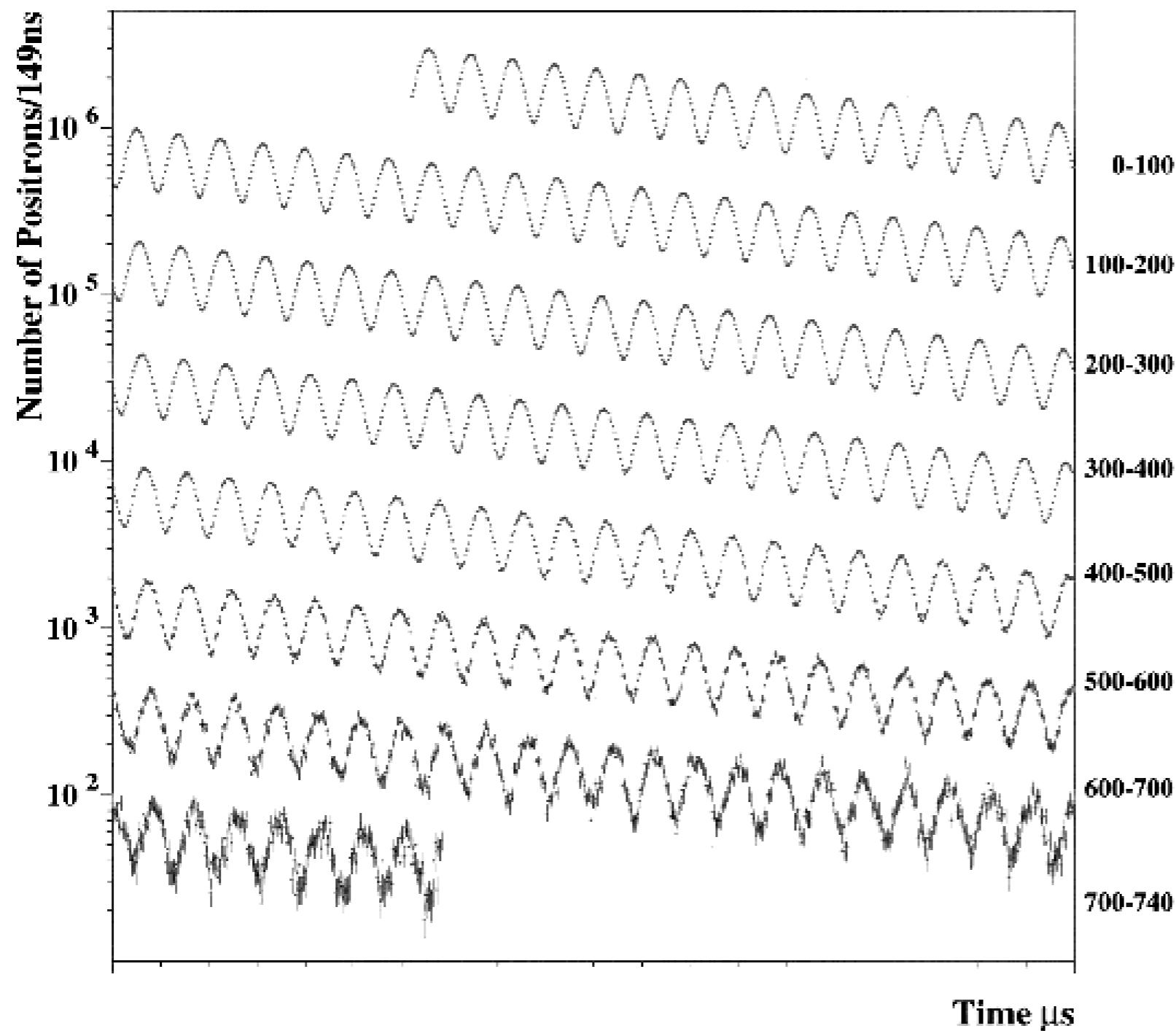
$$r_d^2 = r_p^2 + r_{deut}^2$$

You don't need this  
when  $r_d$  is measured twice

$\mu$ D error bars will beat eD

At least in our consistent picture,  
 $r_{deut}$  is over-determined

During the muon storage runs the trolley was withdrawn into a special garage, (also under vacuum) and the field was monitored by 350 fixed NMR probes deployed above and below the vacuum chamber. The average field calculated from these fixed probes tracked with the average measured by the trolley to within  $\pm 0.2$  ppm.



**Francis Farley**

# Very expensive classical physics experiment

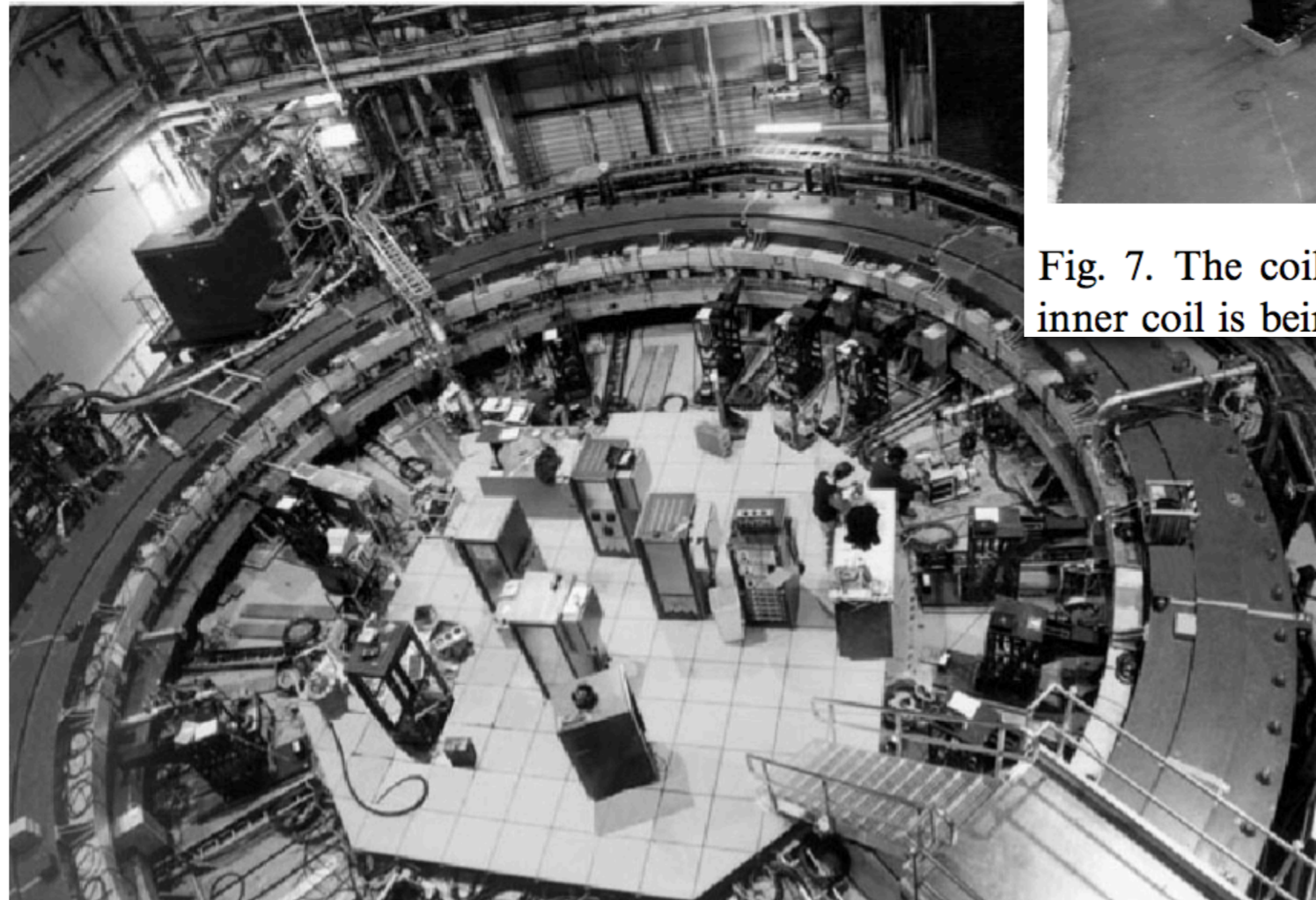


Fig. 1. Photograph of the muon g-2 storage ring magnet at

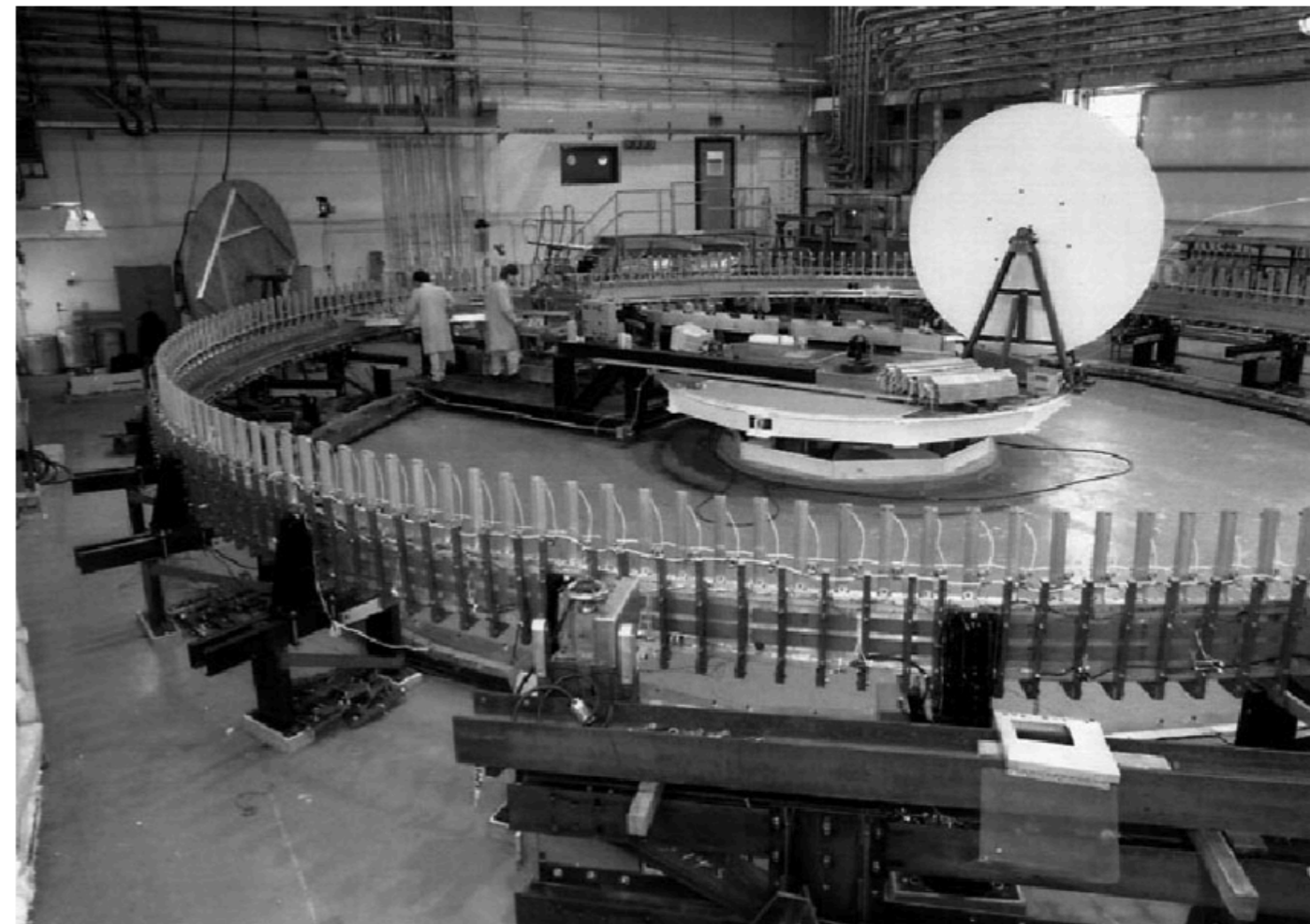
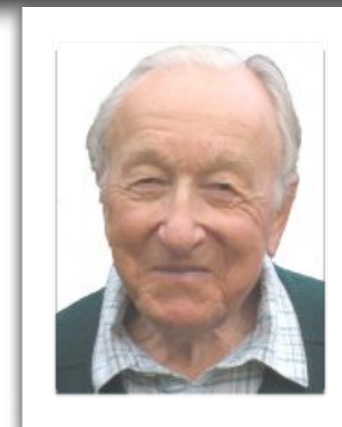


Fig. 7. The coil winding fixture, shown on the turntable. An inner coil is being wound.



Francis Farley  
(FRS) signed my  
superconductor

# In 2010 comes the muonic lamb shift anomaly

K. Pachucki, 1995, unknowingly used *Tung's Uncertainty Principle* to suggest muonic hydrogen measurement of *proton charge radius*.



Objective was to “improve the determination of the Rydberg constant”

12 digit precision was good, but not good enough...



# Tung's Uncertainty Principle:

$$\Delta\mathcal{E} \Delta t \gtrsim 1$$

$\Delta\mathcal{E}$  = difficulty of experiment

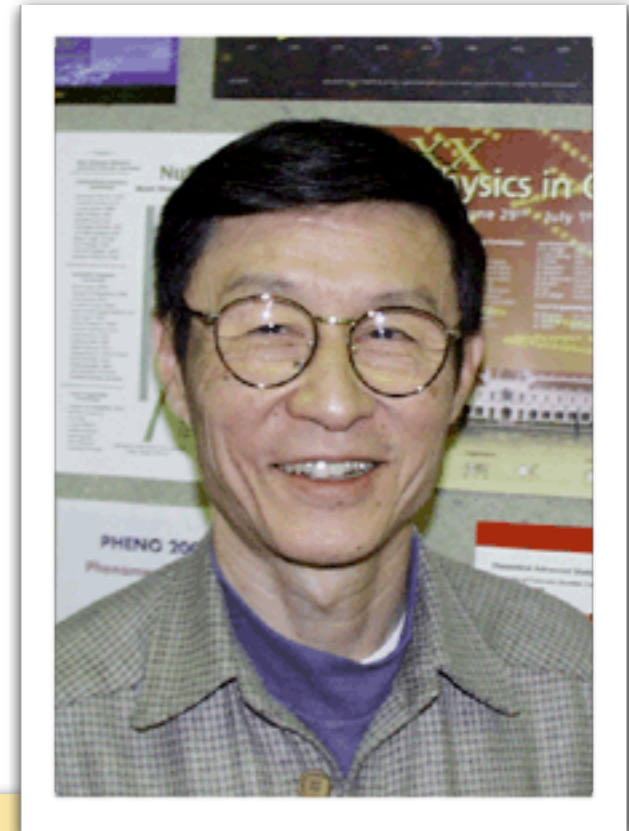
$\Delta t$  = difficulty of theory

$\Delta t(\text{electronic hydrogen}) \gg 1$       harder theory, easier experiment

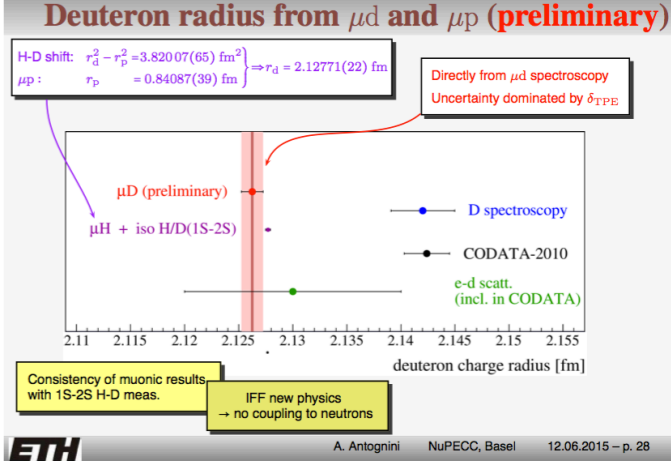
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*Wu-Ki says: to make theory easier, choose harder experiment*

**Lamb shift in muonic atoms is easy theory !**



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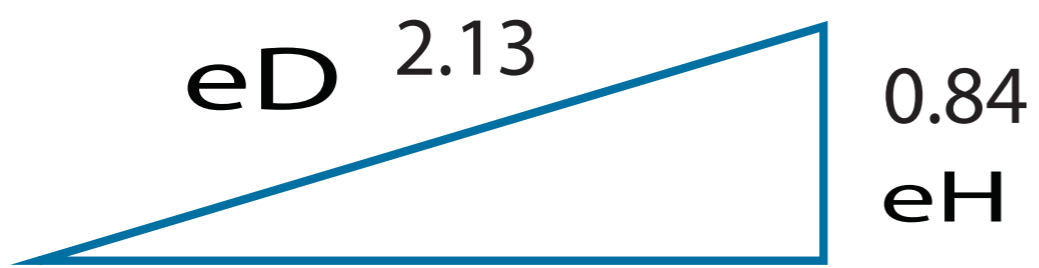
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At least three (3) measured  $\mu\text{D}$  transitions

D=deuterium  
( CREMA preliminary )

...plus many ordinary eH, eD Lamb shifts...

classic relation  $r_{eD}^2 = r_{eH}^2 + r_{deut}^2$



**over-determined consistency**

# About 200 papers explore ideas

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# One astonishing QED prediction now explained

Jentschura, Kotochigova, LeBigot, Mohr, Taylor

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TABLE I. Transition frequencies in hydrogen  $\nu_H$  and in deuterium  $\nu_D$  used in the 2002 CODATA least-squares adjustment of the values of the fundamental constants and the calculated values. Hyperfine effects are not included in these values.

Experiment	Frequency interval(s)	Reported value $\nu$ /kHz	Calculated value $\nu$ /kHz
Niering <i>et al.</i> [1]	$\nu_H(1S_{1/2} - 2S_{1/2})$	2 466 061 413 187.103(46)	2 466 061 413 187.103(46)
Weitz <i>et al.</i> [2]	$\nu_H(2S_{1/2} - 4S_{1/2}) - \frac{1}{4}\nu_H(1S_{1/2} - 2S_{1/2})$	4 797 338(10)	4 797 331.8(2.0)
	$\nu_H(2S_{1/2} - 4D_{5/2}) - \frac{1}{4}\nu_H(1S_{1/2} - 2S_{1/2})$	6 490 144(24)	6 490 129.9(1.7)
	$\nu_D(2S_{1/2} - 4S_{1/2}) - \frac{1}{4}\nu_D(1S_{1/2} - 2S_{1/2})$	4 801 693(20)	4 801 710.2(2.0)
	$\nu_D(2S_{1/2} - 4D_{5/2}) - \frac{1}{4}\nu_D(1S_{1/2} - 2S_{1/2})$	6 404 841(11)	6 404 821.5(1.7)

$$\sigma_{theory} \ll \sigma_{expt}$$

**1S2S exact agreement experiment v calculated**

“However, one thing can be stated with certainty: the exact agreement of those two ultra-precise 1S2S measurements with the QED calculations cannot be considered as a confirmation of the QED theory, because it is the result of the fitting of the fundamental constants based on these (and other) transitions.”

A. Kramida, Atomic Data and Nuclear Data Tables, 96, 586 (2010)

“the values of the constants... are correlated, particularly those for  $R_{\infty}$  and  $r_p$ ... The uncertainty of the calculated value for the  $1s-2s$  frequency in hydrogen is increased by a factor of about 500 if such correlations are neglected.”

Okay.  $500 \times 46 \text{ Hz} = 23000 \text{ Hz theory uncertainty}$

## Tenth-Order QED Contribution to the Electron $g - 2$ and an Improved Value of the Fine Structure Constant

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This Letter presents the complete QED contribution to the electron  $g - 2$  up to the tenth order. With the help of the automatic code generator, we evaluate all 12672 diagrams of the tenth-order diagrams and obtain  $9.16(58)(\alpha/\pi)^5$ . We also improve the eighth-order contribution obtaining  $-1.9097(20)(\alpha/\pi)^4$ , which includes the mass-dependent contributions. These results lead to  $a_e(\text{theory}) = 1\,159\,652\,181.78(77) \times 10^{-12}$ . The improved value of the fine-structure constant  $\alpha^{-1} = 137.035\,999\,173(35)$  [0.25 ppb] is also derived from the theory and measurement of  $a_e$ .

alpha  
has  
been  
found  
circularly  
in the  
tables

To compare the theoretical prediction with the measurement (1), we need the value of the fine-structure constant  $\alpha$  determined by a method independent of  $g - 2$ . The best  $\alpha$  available at present is the one obtained from the measurement of  $h/m_{\text{Rb}}$  [35], combined with the very precisely known Rydberg constant and  $m_{\text{Rb}}/m_e$  [3]:

$$\alpha^{-1}(\text{Rb10}) = 137.035\,999\,049(90) \quad [0.66 \text{ ppb}]. \quad (12)$$

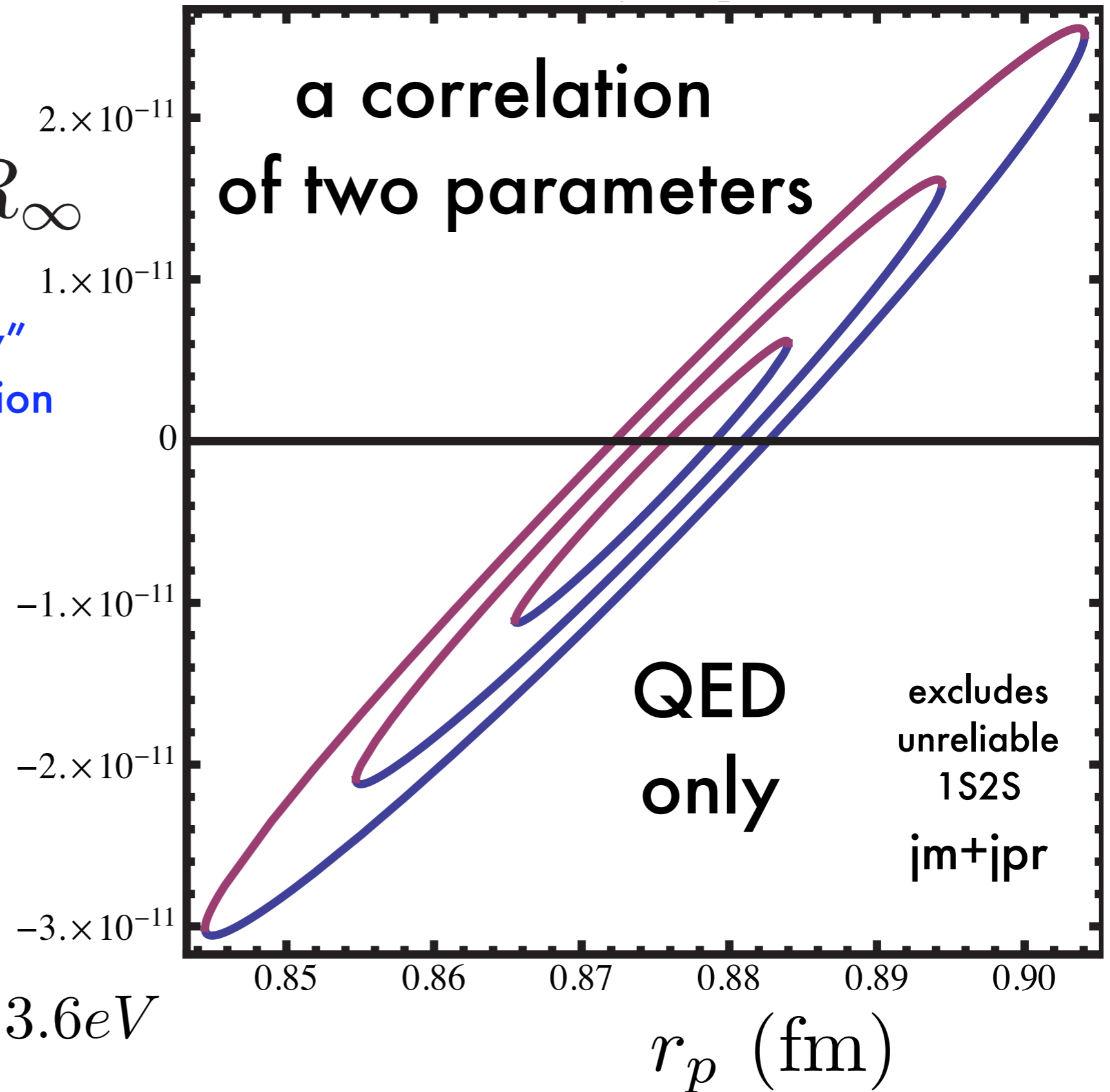
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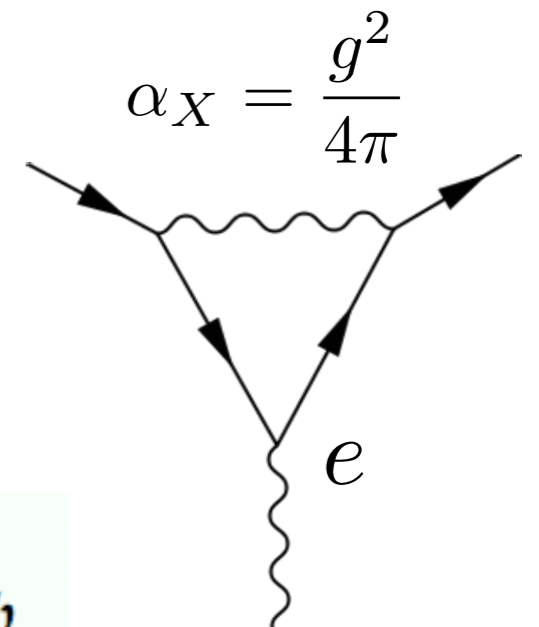
$R_\infty = \text{Rydberg} \sim 13.6eV$

$r_p$  (fm)

*null model:* the ENTIRE BODY of atomic QED and Standard Model calculations

*test model:* the null plus “universal coupling” of  $X$  to charge

$$V(x) = \alpha_X \frac{e^{-m_X r}}{4\pi r}$$



$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} - \frac{m_X^2}{2}A^2 + \bar{\psi}(i\cancel{\partial} - g_X A)\psi$$

*which hypothesis wins?*

# How to speak Atomic



$$E \neq h\nu$$

- \* natural units are frequency. It's what's measured
- \* planck's constant errors are unacceptably large
- \* ground state frequency  $R_{\infty}c = 3 \times 10^{15}$  Hz
- \* proton size effect 1.5 Mhz
- \* To measure size to 0.1%  
needs 1 kHz theory errors

the term "Lamb shift" can mean the particular splitting of one transition observed by Willis Lamb in 1945, or it (more often) means everything beyond the bound state prediction of the Dirac equation as relativistic quantum mechanics...not quantum field theory

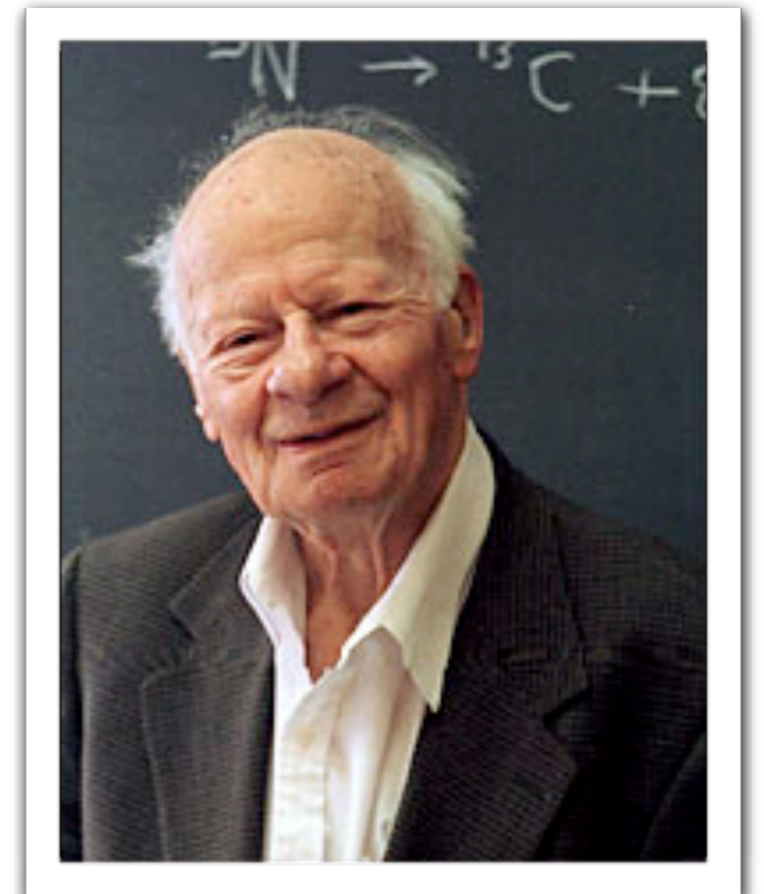




TABLE XVIII. Summary of principal input data for the determination of the 2010 recommended value of the Rydberg constant  $R_\infty$ .

Item No.	Input datum	Value	Relative standard uncertainty <sup>a</sup> $u_r$	Identification	Sec.
A1	$\delta_H(1S_{1/2})$	0.0(2.5) kHz	$[7.5 \times 10^{-13}]$	Theory	IV.A.1.1
A2	$\delta_H(2S_{1/2})$	0.00(31) kHz	$[3.8 \times 10^{-13}]$	Theory	IV.A.1.1
A3	$\delta_H(3S_{1/2})$	0.000(91) kHz	$[2.5 \times 10^{-13}]$	Theory	IV.A.1.1
A4	$\delta_H(4S_{1/2})$	0.000(39) kHz	$[1.9 \times 10^{-13}]$	Theory	IV.A.1.1
A5	$\delta_H(6S_{1/2})$	0.000(15) kHz	$[1.6 \times 10^{-13}]$	Theory	IV.A.1.1
A6	$\delta_H(8S_{1/2})$	0.0000(63) kHz	$[1.2 \times 10^{-13}]$	Theory	IV.A.1.1
A7	$\delta_H(2P_{1/2})$	0.000(28) kHz	$[3.5 \times 10^{-14}]$	Theory	IV.A.1.1
A8	$\delta_H(4P_{1/2})$	0.0000(38) kHz	$[1.9 \times 10^{-14}]$	Theory	IV.A.1.1
A9	$\delta_H(2P_{3/2})$	0.000(28) kHz	$[3.5 \times 10^{-14}]$	Theory	IV.A.1.1
A10	$\delta_H(4P_{3/2})$	0.0000(38) kHz	$[1.9 \times 10^{-14}]$	Theory	IV.A.1.1
A11	$\delta_H(8D_{3/2})$	0.000 00(44) kHz	$[8.5 \times 10^{-15}]$	Theory	IV.A.1.1
A12	$\delta_H(12D_{3/2})$	0.000 00(13) kHz	$[5.7 \times 10^{-15}]$	Theory	IV.A.1.1
A13	$\delta_H(4D_{5/2})$	0.0000(35) kHz	$[1.7 \times 10^{-14}]$	Theory	IV.A.1.1
A14	$\delta_H(6D_{5/2})$	0.0000(10) kHz	$[1.1 \times 10^{-14}]$	Theory	IV.A.1.1
A15	$\delta_H(8D_{5/2})$	0.000 00(44) kHz	$[8.5 \times 10^{-15}]$	Theory	IV.A.1.1
A16	$\delta_H(12D_{5/2})$	0.000 00(13) kHz	$[5.7 \times 10^{-15}]$	Theory	IV.A.1.1
A17	$\delta_D(1S_{1/2})$	0.0(2.3) kHz	$[6.9 \times 10^{-13}]$	Theory	IV.A.1.1
A18	$\delta_D(2S_{1/2})$	0.00(29) kHz	$[3.5 \times 10^{-13}]$	Theory	IV.A.1.1
A19	$\delta_D(4S_{1/2})$	0.000(36) kHz	$[1.7 \times 10^{-13}]$	Theory	IV.A.1.1
A20	$\delta_D(8S_{1/2})$	0.0000(60) kHz	$[1.2 \times 10^{-13}]$	Theory	IV.A.1.1
A21	$\delta_D(8D_{3/2})$	0.000 00(44) kHz	$[8.5 \times 10^{-15}]$	Theory	IV.A.1.1
A22	$\delta_D(12D_{3/2})$	0.000 00(13) kHz	$[5.6 \times 10^{-15}]$	Theory	IV.A.1.1
A23	$\delta_D(4D_{5/2})$	0.0000(35) kHz	$[1.7 \times 10^{-14}]$	Theory	IV.A.1.1
A24	$\delta_D(8D_{5/2})$	0.000 00(44) kHz	$[8.5 \times 10^{-15}]$	Theory	IV.A.1.1
A25	$\delta_D(12D_{5/2})$	0.000 00(13) kHz	$[5.7 \times 10^{-15}]$	Theory	IV.A.1.1
A26	$\nu_H(1S_{1/2} - 2S_{1/2})$	2 466 061 413 187.080(34) kHz	$1.4 \times 10^{-14}$	MPQ-04	IV.A.2
A27	$\nu_H(1S_{1/2} - 3S_{1/2})$	2 922 743 278 678(13) kHz	$4.4 \times 10^{-12}$	LKB-10	IV.A.2
A28	$\nu_H(2S_{1/2} - 8S_{1/2})$	770 649 350 012.0(8.6) kHz	$1.1 \times 10^{-11}$	LK/SY-97	IV.A.2
A29	$\nu_H(2S_{1/2} - 8D_{3/2})$	770 649 504 450.0(8.3) kHz	$1.1 \times 10^{-11}$	LK/SY-97	IV.A.2
A30	$\nu_H(2S_{1/2} - 8D_{5/2})$	770 649 561 584.2(6.4) kHz	$8.3 \times 10^{-12}$	LK/SY-97	IV.A.2
A31	$\nu_H(2S_{1/2} - 12D_{3/2})$	799 191 710 472.7(9.4) kHz	$1.2 \times 10^{-11}$	LK/SY-98	IV.A.2
A32	$\nu_H(2S_{1/2} - 12D_{5/2})$	799 191 727 403.7(7.0) kHz	$8.7 \times 10^{-12}$	LK/SY-98	IV.A.2

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