

# A natural solution of the proton charge radius puzzle.

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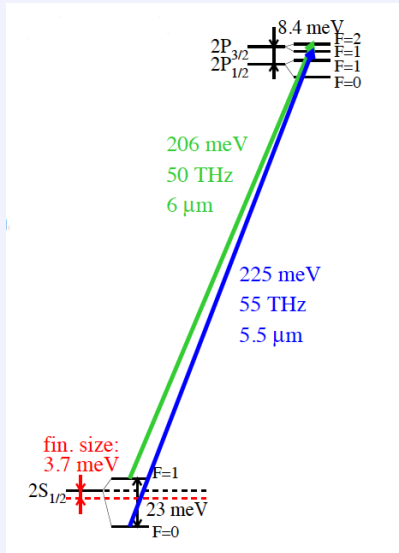
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 $HFS \equiv$  hyperfine structure

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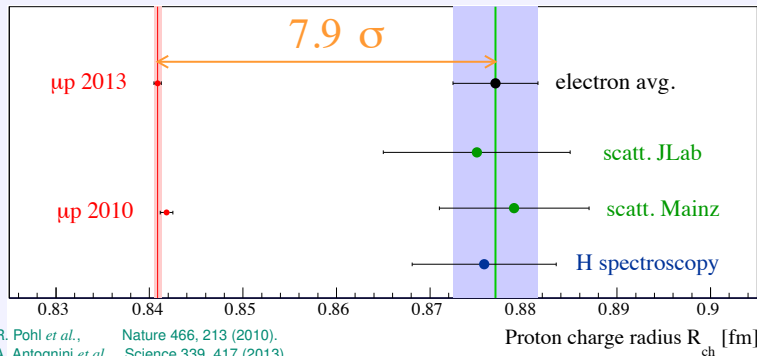
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## basic problem:

Lamb shift is a QED correction to bound states in a central external Coulomb potential described with

- scattering amplitudes  $\equiv$  non stationary states  
i.e. Feynman diagrams
- but, bound states  $\equiv$  stationary states  
i.e. solution of a wave equation

## question:

How does one marry scattering states with bound states?

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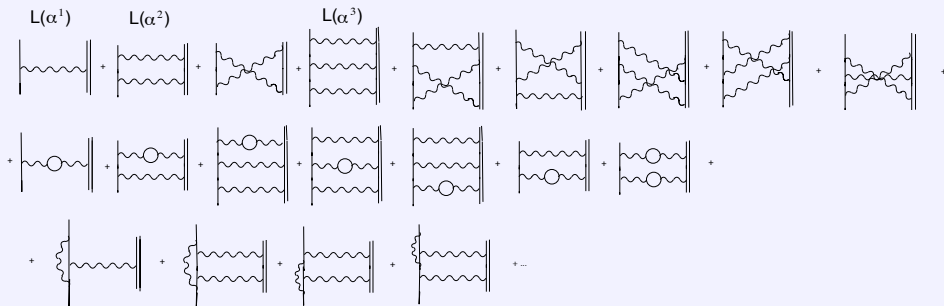
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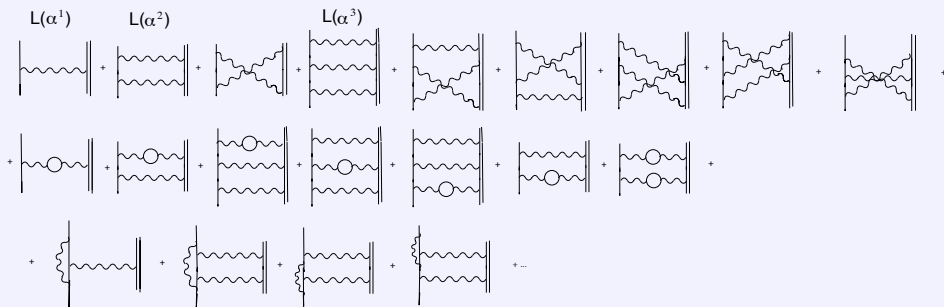
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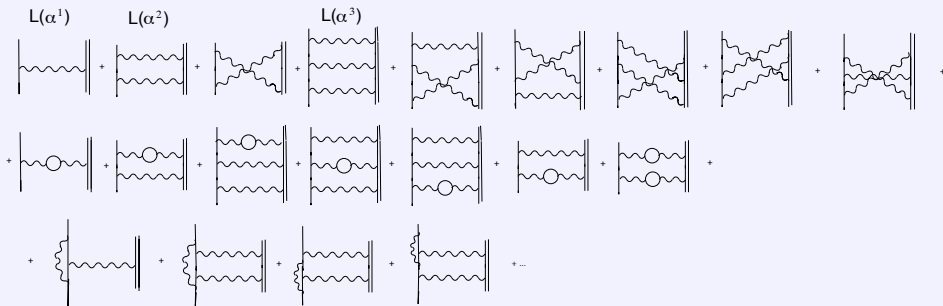


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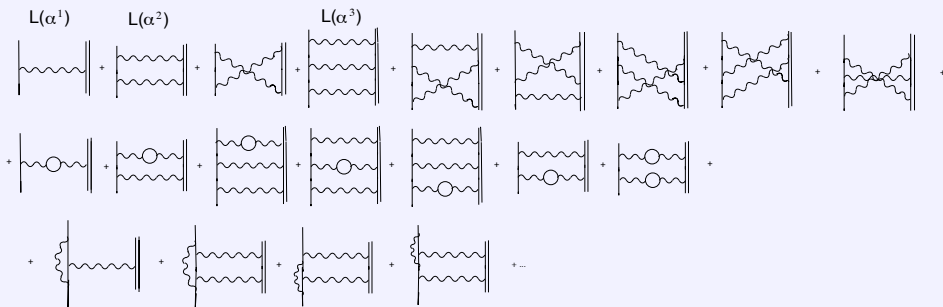


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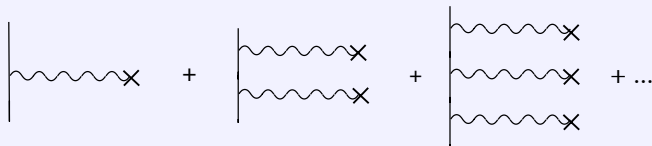
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# The Coulomb potential as external potential

ladder diagrams for photon exchanges:

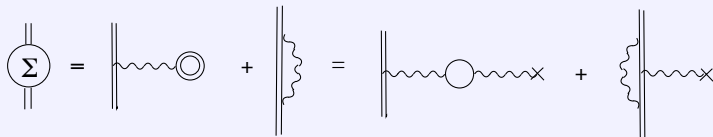
- factorize
- any number of photons: 1 to  $\infty$
- sum all permutations



- gives the usual external Coulomb potential (proof Weinberg, Vol. I, chpt. 13.6)
- can be put as such into a wave equation (Schroedinger, Dirac)

# Lamb shift

Lamb-Shift is given by scattering diagrams for radiative corrections and vacuum polarization  $\equiv$  "self energy" in external Coulomb potential

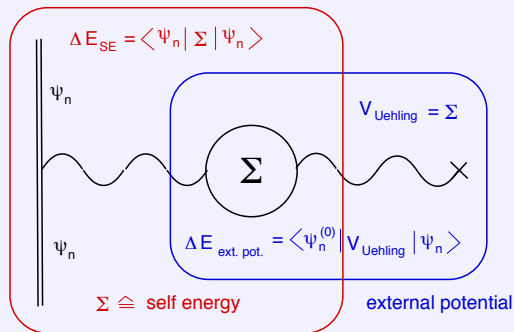


but:

- bound states  $\equiv$  stationary states  $\leadsto$  equal in- and out-states
- no change of wf. in space  $\leadsto$  forward scattering amplitudes
- change of energy via interaction with many body system, here the physical vacuum: "self energy" of quasi particle

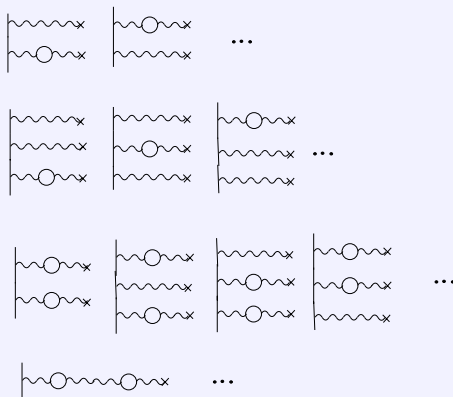
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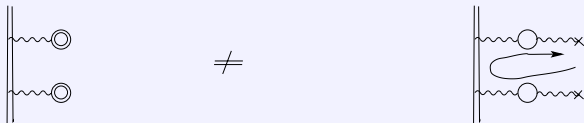
higher orders:



photons are put into bound state wave functions  $\psi_n^{(0)}$   
Weinberg's proof for external potential not valid any more  
How can we put "self energy" into wave equation?

# Lamb shift

salient point: diagrams next to leading order 



$$\Delta G(\vec{k}, E) \propto \langle \psi_n | \Sigma | \psi_n \rangle \langle \psi_n | \Sigma | \psi_n \rangle$$

$$\Delta G(\vec{k}, E) \propto \sum_{k \neq n} \int_{E_k \geq 0} \frac{\langle \psi_n^{(0)} | \Sigma | \psi_k^{(0)} \rangle \langle \psi_k^{(0)} | \Sigma | \psi_n^{(0)} \rangle}{E_n^{(0)} - E_k^{(0)}}$$

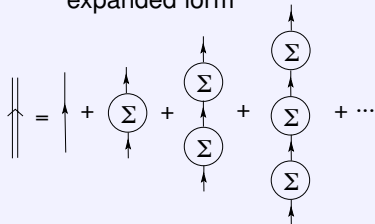
forward scattering  
in- = intermediate = out-state  
probabilities multiply

scattering through intermediate states,  
asymptotic in- = out-states  
approximated by bound states,  
integration and summation  
over intermediate states  
excluding left diagram

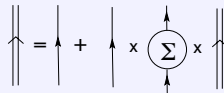
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The generalized Dyson series in the presence of the external Coulomb potential in three different forms.

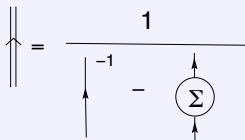
expanded form



reiterated form



geometric sum



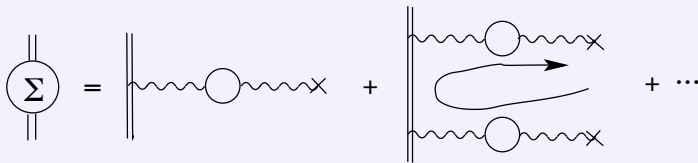
$$G(\vec{k}, E) = \frac{1}{E - E_k^{(0)} - \langle \psi_n | \Sigma(\vec{k}, E) | \psi_n \rangle}$$

$$\Delta E = \langle \psi_n | \Sigma(\vec{k}, E) | \psi_n \rangle$$

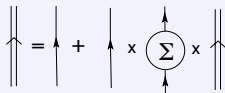


# Lamb shift

in principle  $\Sigma$  comprises all diagrams with self-energy parts



# Self consistent solution



$$G(\vec{k}, E) = G_0(\vec{k}, E) + G_0(\vec{k}, E) \Sigma(\vec{k}, E) G(\vec{k}, E)$$

fully equivalent to Hartree-Fock equation

[cit. R.D. Matuck "A Guide to Feynman Diagrams  
in the Many-Body Problem" (1976), chpt. 11.1]

$$(T + V_{Coulomb}) \tilde{\psi}_n + \langle \tilde{\psi}_n | \Sigma | \tilde{\psi}_n \rangle \tilde{\psi}_n = \tilde{E}_n \tilde{\psi}_n, \quad \langle \tilde{\psi}_n | \tilde{\psi}_n \rangle = 1$$

to be solved iteratively for self consistent solution  $\tilde{\psi}_n$

*"self-consistent renormalization" in external field (Matuck, chpt. 11.1)*

# Lamb shift

task: solve integro-differential wave equation

$$(T + V_{\text{Coulomb}}) \psi_n + \frac{\langle \psi_n | \Sigma | \psi_n \rangle}{\langle \psi_n | \psi_n \rangle} \psi_n = E_n \psi_n$$

multiplication with  $\langle \psi_n^{(0)} |$  from the left

$$\frac{\langle \psi_n^{(0)} | T + V_{\text{Coulomb}} | \psi_n \rangle}{\langle \psi_n^{(0)} | \psi_n \rangle} + \frac{\langle \psi_n | \Sigma | \psi_n \rangle}{\langle \psi_n | \psi_n \rangle} = E_n$$

or

$$\Delta E_{nLS} = E_n - E_n^{(0)} = \frac{\langle \psi_n | \Sigma | \psi_n \rangle}{\langle \psi_n | \psi_n \rangle}$$

now iterate so that  $\psi_n \rightarrow \widetilde{\psi}_n$  and  $E_n \rightarrow \widetilde{E}_n$

# Lamb shift

solution by iteration:

- initial step:

$$(T + V_{\text{Coulomb}}) \psi'_n + V_{\text{Uehling}} \psi'_n = E'_n \psi'_n.$$

solve for  $E'_n$  and  $\psi'_n$  by numerical integration of differential equation

$$\text{i.e. with } \Sigma = V_{\text{Uehling}} \quad \leadsto \quad E'_n = E_n^{(0)} + \frac{\langle \psi_n^{(0)} | \Sigma | \psi'_n \rangle}{\langle \psi_n^{(0)} | \psi'_n \rangle}$$

- first step:

$$\frac{\langle \psi_n^{(0)} | T + V_{\text{Coulomb}} | \psi''_n \rangle}{\langle \psi_n^{(0)} | \psi''_n \rangle} + \frac{\langle \psi''_n | \Sigma | \psi''_n \rangle}{\langle \psi''_n | \psi''_n \rangle} = E''_n$$

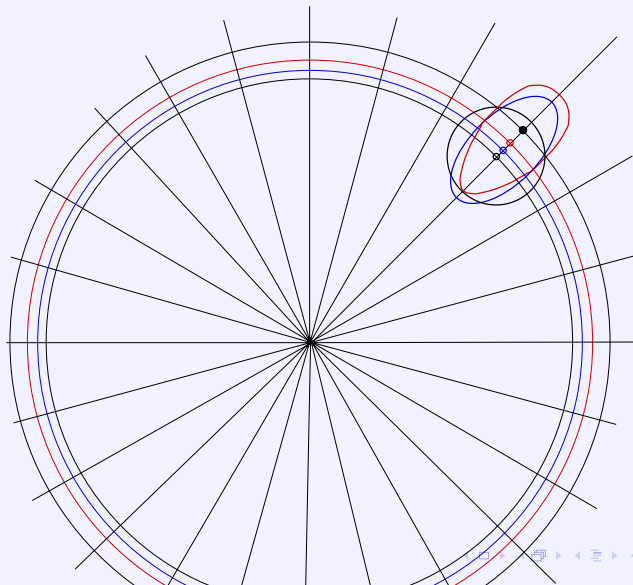
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where  $\psi''_n = \psi'_n + \lambda \delta \psi'_n$ ,  $\delta \psi'_n \perp \psi'_n$ , vary  $\lambda$  that equation is satisfied

- second step: ...

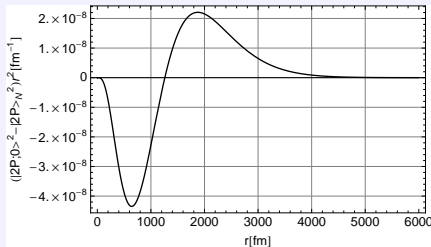
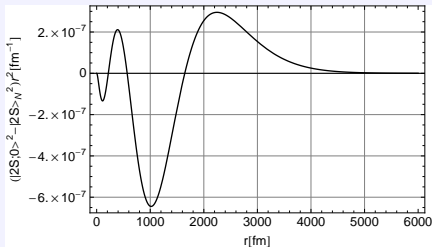
# Illustrative Interpretation

Classical analog: moon in external gravitational central field



# Results for Proton

$$\Delta E_{LS}^{(0)} = E_{LS,2P}^{(0)} - E_{LS,2S}^{(0)} = 205.005 \text{ meV}$$



$$\Delta E_{LS}''' \text{ self consist. approx. point charge} = \langle \psi_n'' | \Sigma | \psi_n'' \rangle = 205.307(1) \text{ meV}$$

$$\delta(\Delta E_{LS}) = \Delta E_{LS}''' \text{ self consist. approx. point charge} - \Delta E_{LS}^{(0)} = 0.302(1) \text{ meV}$$

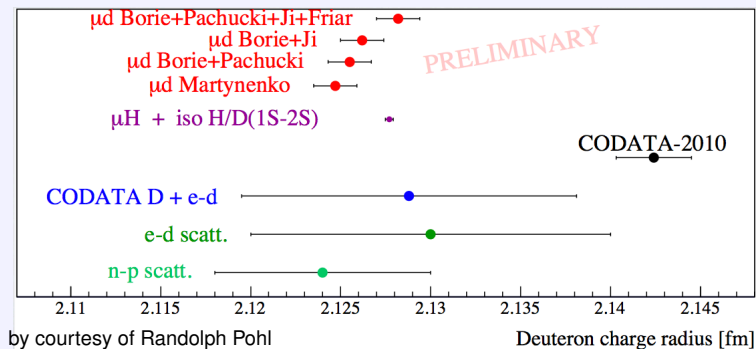
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4 independent measurements;

- $r_p^e = 0.8770(45) fm$
- $r_p^\mu = 0.84087(39) fm$
- H/D isotope transitions:  $r_d^{e2} - r_p^{e2} = 3.82007(65) fm^2$   
(CODATA 2010 and C.G. Parthey, et al., PRL 104, 233001 (2010))
- muonic Lamb shift in deuteron **preliminary 2014**:  $r_d^\mu = 2.1282(12) fm$



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$$r_d^{\mu2} - r_p^{\mu2} = 3.8221(51) \text{ fm}^2$$

since e doesn't couple to neutron  $\leadsto$   $\mu$  doesn't couple to neutron

- e- $\mu$  radius difference

$$r_p^{e2} - r_p^{\mu2} = 0.0620(79) \text{ fm}^2$$

$$r_d^{e2} - r_d^{\mu2} = 0.0600(94) \text{ fm}^2$$

$$\Delta E_{LS} = p_1 + p_2 r^2 + p_3 \leadsto$$

energy difference between e and  $\mu$  measurements on the proton is the same for the deuteron



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measurement on muonic Helium:

Aldo Antognini et al., Mainz, June 2014

$$\Delta E_{LS}^{exp.}(2S_{1/2} \rightarrow 2P_{3/2}) = 1378.xx(8) \text{ meV}$$

$$\Delta E_{LS}^{theor.} = [1668.598(100) - 106.340(xx)r^2 + 1.40(4)r^3 + 2.470(150)] \text{ meV}$$

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$$r_{4He}^{\mu} = 1.677(1) \text{ fm}$$

# Results for Helium $r_{4\text{He}}^e$

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elastic electron scattering:

model independent average 4 experiments

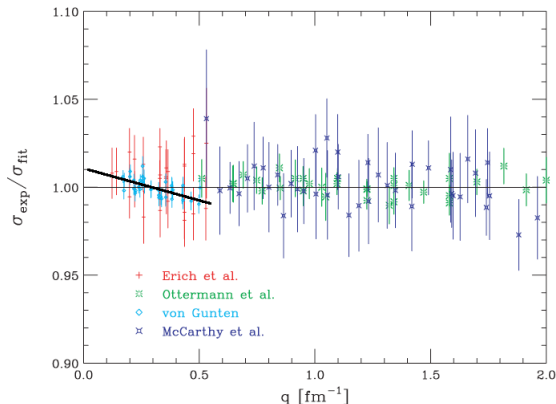
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constrains for charge distribution (Ingo Sick)

1.681(4) fm

average both together

1.683(3) fm



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$$r_{4\text{He}}^e - r_{4\text{He}}^\mu = 0.006(3) \text{ fm} \rightsquigarrow \delta(\Delta E_{LS}) = 2.1 \pm 1.2 \text{ meV}$$

$$\text{Err.}[\delta(\Delta E_{LS})] = \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \delta r_{4\text{He}}^e \\ \pm 0.003 \text{ fm}}}{\pm 1.2 \text{ meV}} \pm \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{theoretical} \\ \text{uncertainty?}}}{0.5 \text{ meV}}$$

selfconsistent calculation for  $Z=2$ :  $\delta(\Delta E_{LS}''') = 2.9158 \text{ meV}$

no conclusive statement yet possible, but intriguing tendency  
also still quite a few theoretical problems:

- finite size effect on "Uehling effect"
- two photon exchange effect
- contribution of polarization in intermediate states of  $^4\text{He}$  and of nucleons

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