# Proton Radius and Muonic Atom Spectroscopy

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### Muons and Muonic Systems

#### Second-generation charged-leptons



Muon is 207 times heavier than electron and decays in 2.2 μs of the lifetime.
 Muonic systems provide unique opportunities to determine the fundamental physical constants and to search for physics beyond the Standard Model.

# Muonic Hydrogen Spectroscopy

to determine the proton radius



Lamb Shift : 206 meV=6  $\mu$ m Finite size effect 3.7 meV  $\rightarrow$  Charge Radius 1S-HFS : 183 meV=6.8  $\mu$ m Finite size effect 1.3 meV  $\rightarrow$ Zemach Radius

Difference from normal hydrogen spectroscopy:

- Short lifetime of 2.2 μs
- Muon transfer to heavier nuclei
- Irradiation of high-energy beams produced by accelerators onto low-density targets

### CREMA

#### Randolf Pohl, in SSP2018 workshop



The hydrogen target









### **Proton Radius Puzzle**

#### Unsolved Problem in Subatomic Physics



- $\circ\,$  The proton is fundamental building block of the universe. However, it is a composite particle with a complex structure.
- A large discrepancy in results of the proton's charge radius from electronic and muonic systems has been known since 2010.
- As an alternative approach to this problem, we proposed a measurement of the Zemach radius taking into account the magnetic moment distribution.

### Proton Radius Puzzle

#### More recent situation



The results on charge radius have become more abundant, but there has not been much increase in information about what is happening with the Zemach radius.

Left: H. Gao and M. Vanderhaeghen, Rev. Mod. Phys. 94, 015002 (2022). Right: D. Djukanovic et al., arXiv:2309.17232 [hep-lat].

### Proton Zemach Radius

### Spatial distribution of charge and spin

 Defined by a convolution of the charge distribution with a magnetic moment distribution.

$$R_Z = \int d^3r \int d^3r' 
ho_E(r') 
ho_M(r-r')$$
  
A. C. Zemach, Phys. Rev. 104, 1771 (1956).

Can be obtained by measuring the hyperfine splitting.

$$\begin{split} E_{\rm HFS} &= E_{\rm F} (1 + \delta_{\rm QED} + \delta_{\rm Proton}) \qquad ({\sf E}_{\sf F} = 182.443 \ {\sf meV}) \\ \delta_{\rm Proton} &= \delta_{\rm Rec} \qquad 1.06 \ {\sf meV} \\ &+ \delta_{\rm Pol} \qquad 0.084 \ {\sf meV} \qquad {}_{\rm J. Exp. Theor. Phys. 98, 39 (2004).} \\ &+ \delta_{\rm HVP} \qquad 0.004 \ {\sf meV} \\ &+ \delta_{\rm Zemach} \ -1.36 \ {\sf meV} \qquad \leftarrow \delta_{\rm Zemach} = -2\alpha m_{\mu p} R_Z \end{split}$$

### Three µp-HFS Projects

### Independent approaches at RAL, PSI, and RIKEN

Hyper-Mu



E. Mocchiutti, in PREN2022 workshop

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#### RIKEN/J-PARC



A. Antognini, in PREN2022 workshop

	FAMU	PSI	RIKEN
Method	Transfer	Diffusion	Asymmetry
Detection	X-Rays	X-Rays	Electrons
Beam	Pulsed	Contiuous	Pulsed

### **Muon Facilities**

#### around the world



### FAMU Status

#### Cecilia Pizzolotto, in PSAS2024 workshop



#### FAMU investigated regions in 2023





#### Summary and outlook

- Successful physics data taking in 2023;
  - target, detectors, cavity, and laser are performing as expected;
  - 14 frequencies investigated



- The analysis of the 2023 dataset is ongoing
- New physics data taking planned in July and till 2025
  - Improvement: larger coverage from X-rays detectors
  - Enlarge the investigated WL region by 2/3

#### Future:

Working on an improvement of the laser scheme in terms of energy and stability

### Hyper-Mu Status



#### Ahmed Out, in PSAS2024 workshop



PSAS'2024 Zurich 14.06.2024

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# Laser Spectroscopy of $\mu p$ -HFS

### Method of our experiment at J-PARC

- Laser induced hyperfine transition and muon spin flip
- Parity violating muon decay
- Decay electron angular asymmetry
- Laser frequency scan





### J-PARC

#### Japan Proton Accelerator Research Complex



- $\circ~$  World most intense pulsed proton driver.
- $\circ\,$  RCS provides 3 GeV protons for muon production at MLF.
- MR delivers higher energy protons for the COMET, hadron, and neutrino experiments.

### **Project Timeline**

#### Since the experimental proposal



M. Sato, K. Ishida

S. Okada, Y. Ma S. Aikawa, M. Yumoto, N. Saito, Y. Oishi

### **Experimental Setup**

Cryogenic hydrogen target

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### µp atom

µ⁻ beam

High pulse energy mid-IR laser



pump beam

### Tm,Ho: YAG Ceramic Laser

#### for a pump beam



- $\circ~2.09~\mu m$  light is necessary for 6.8  $\mu m$  light generation via an OPO.
- LD pumped, Q-switching, Tm<sup>3+</sup>,Ho<sup>3+</sup> co-doped YAG ceramic laser was developed.
- Sufficient performance as a pumping beam for the ZGP-OPO was achieved (E>20 mJ, Width<150 ns).</li>

S. Kanda et al., RIKEN Accelerator Progress Report 51, 214 (2018).

### Quantum Cascade Laser

#### for a seed beam



- Quantum cascade laser (QCL) for a seeder was developed.
- $\circ$  Oscillation at 1473.03 cm-1 = 6.778  $\mu m$  was confirmed.
- $\circ\,$  Radiant output power was 25 mW at 6.778  $\mu m$  (high enough).

### **Optical Parametric Oscillator**

#### for frequency conversion



- Optical parametric oscillator provides two lower frequency lights from a pumping light via non-linear optical effect.
- ZGP is an optimum from viewpoints of the damage threshold and non-linear optical coefficient.
- $\circ~$  The Lamb shift can also be measured by adjusting the phase-matching angle.

### **Optical Parametric Oscillator**

#### for frequency conversion



- $\circ~$  The ZGP-OPO was demonstrated with Cr:ZnSe laser (2.4  $\mu m$ ).
- $\circ~$  Similar performance is expected with 2.09  $\mu m$  pump.
- $\circ~$  The conversion efficiency of 13% or above is achievable.

S. Aikawa, Master Thesis, Tokyo Institute of Technology (2016).



## Hydrogen Gas Target

#### at cryogenic temperatures



- Target is cooled down to 20 K by using a pulse-tube cryostat.
- Gas density is monitored by a Baratron pressure gauge.
- Target cell is made of tungsten for background suppression.

### **Electron Detector**

#### for a muon spin measurement



- A segmented scintillation counter consisting of scintillator bars and silicon photomultipliers (SiPMs). A fast frond-end electronics for SiPM readout is used.
- Coincidence analysis for signal-to-noise ratio improvement.
- $\circ$  Tested at RIKEN-RAL muon facility and sufficient performance was confirmed.

S. Kanda et al., RIKEN Accelerator Progress Report 52, 180 (2019).

### Multipass-Cell for laser-light reflections



- $\circ~$  The reflective index of 99.95% is desirable.
- $\circ\,$  A pair of prototype mirrors were fabricated and tested.
- $\circ~$  A precise measurement of the reflective index is planned.

### Cascade De-excitation

#### of muonic atoms in a low-density gas

Mechanism	Process (Hydrogen case)	
Radiative transition	$(\mu p)_i \rightarrow (\mu p)_f + \gamma$	
External Auger effect	$(\mu p)_1 + H_2 \rightarrow (\mu p)_f + e^- + H_2^+$	
Stark mixing	(μp) <sub>nl</sub> + H→(μp) <sub>nl</sub> <sup>,</sup> + H	
Elastic scattering	$(\mu p)_n + H \rightarrow (\mu p)_n + H$	
Coulomb de-excitation	(µp) <sub>i</sub> + p→(µp) <sub>f</sub> + p	



- When a nuclear Coulomb potential captures a negative muon, the muon forms an exotic bound state called muonic atom.
- Initial state is highly excited with the principle quantum number  $n\sim14$  ( $\sim\sqrt{m_{\mu}/m_{e}}$ ).
- Muon spin depolarization due to Auger electrons.
- Acceleration by Coulomb deexcitations.
- $\circ~$  Coulomb explosion of a molecule.
- Electron refilling from surrounding atoms.
- Too fast to track one-by-one.

## Atomic Collisional Quenching

### De-excitation of the hyperfine triplet

- Collisional quenching of the HFS triplet state
- Inelastic scattering  $\mu p(F=1)+p \rightarrow \mu p(F=0)+p$
- $\circ~$  Only theoretical predictions are known and no measurement had been performed.

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 Quenching rate depends on collision energy and gas pressure.

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- Expected lifetime at 20 K, 0.06 atm is approximately 50 ns.
- A new experiment for direct measurement of the quenching rate was proposed.

# **Collisional Quenching Measurement**

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#### at RIKEN-RAL Muon Facility



Experimental setup



**CHRONUS** spectrometer

- $\circ~$  Initial muon spin is polarized along the beam axis.
- $\circ~$  Muon forms a muonic atom after stopping in the target.
- $\circ~$  Muon spin rotates under a static magnetic field.
- $\circ~$  Angular asymmetry in electron emission from muon decay is measured.

S. Kanda et al., J. of Phys. Conf. Ser., 1138 (2018).

## Negative Muon Spin Rotation

#### of muonic carbon and muonic deuterium



- $\circ\,$  Muon spin rotation in graphite was measured to calibrate the beam polarization and detector acceptance. The  $\mu SR$  amplitude was 0.045 $\pm\,$ 0.002, the beam polarization was estimated to be 95%.
- Using a deuterium gas target, an oscillation amplitude of 0.017±0.003 was obtained, then the residual polarization was 8.3%. Relaxation was too slow to evaluate.

# Muonic Protium Spin Rotation

#### at RIKEN-RAL Muon Facility



- Muon spin rotation with a low-density hydrogen gas target was performed using a new target chamber for better B-field uniformity.
- The low gas pressure of 0.1 atm was necessary, so the signal-tonoise ratio is small. Nevertheless, a precession-like signal is visible, so careful analysis and detailed simulations are underway.

### Feasibility of the Experiment

#### expectation on the statistical precision



- The beam flux is  $1 \times 10^6 \,\mu$ /s with the momentum of 40 MeV/c. About 0.05% of muons stop between the multipass-cell mirrors.
- $\circ\,$  The laser light is injected 1  $\mu s$  after the muon pulse arrival. The averaged muon spin polarization will be 2% with the pulse energy of 20 mJ.
- The signal counting rate will be 0.14/s. A week of measurement is required for frequency scan.
- Completion of the high pulse-energy laser system is necessary. Improvement in the OPO and OPA is essential. Technically possible, mainly a matter of budget.

S. Kanda et al., Proceeding of Science, PoS(NuFACT2017)122 (2018).

# Solid Hydrogen Target

#### for spectroscopy in vacuum



- Muonic hydrogen atoms are emitted from solid hydrogen in to a vacuum.
- Spectroscopy become possible without collisional quenching.
- Under development as a common system with a solid rare-gas moderator for a muonium interferometer.
- $\circ$  A beam test is scheduled for early next year.

# Atomic Parity Violation

### a spin-off project from $\mu$ p-HFS spectroscopy



- $\circ~$  A new measurement of the Weinberg angle using muonic atoms.
- Parity-violating mixing between 2S-2P states results in anisotropic single-photon emission (M1).
- $\circ~$  Muonic X-rays are measured by a scintillator-based calorimeter.

S. Kanda, EPJ Web Conf. 262, 01010 (2022).

### Reboot the project at J-PARC

#### towards realizing the first spectroscopy



### Summary and outlooks

- For a deeper understanding of the proton radius, a new measurement of the groundstate hyperfine splitting in muonic hydrogen is in preparation.
- In the experiment, the angular asymmetry of muon decay electrons is to be measured for detection of the state transition.
- We are working to complete the apparatus developments and realize the experiment.