



radbase:

*Tools for a Modern Evaluation
of Nuclear Charge Radii*

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Overview

- IAEA Working Group White Paper Summary
- Objectives for Next Compilation and Evaluation
- radbase: Correlations
- radbase: Network Approach to Data Storage
- Timeline

Highly Charged
Ions Talk
Friday 2:30 P.M.

White Paper: Towards Better Nuclear Charge Radii

- Posted on arXiv: 2604.08985:
 - Current status of different techniques.
 - Recommended data to include in publications.
 - Broad framework for next evaluation.

Towards better nuclear charge radii

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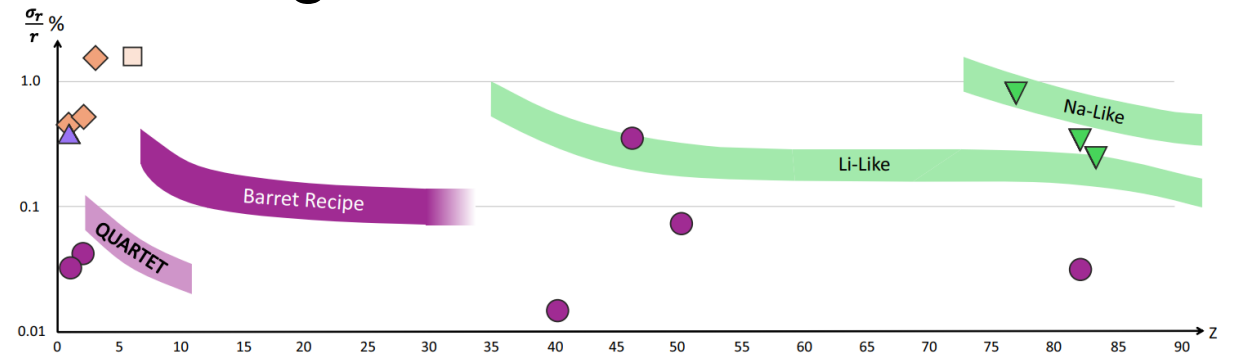
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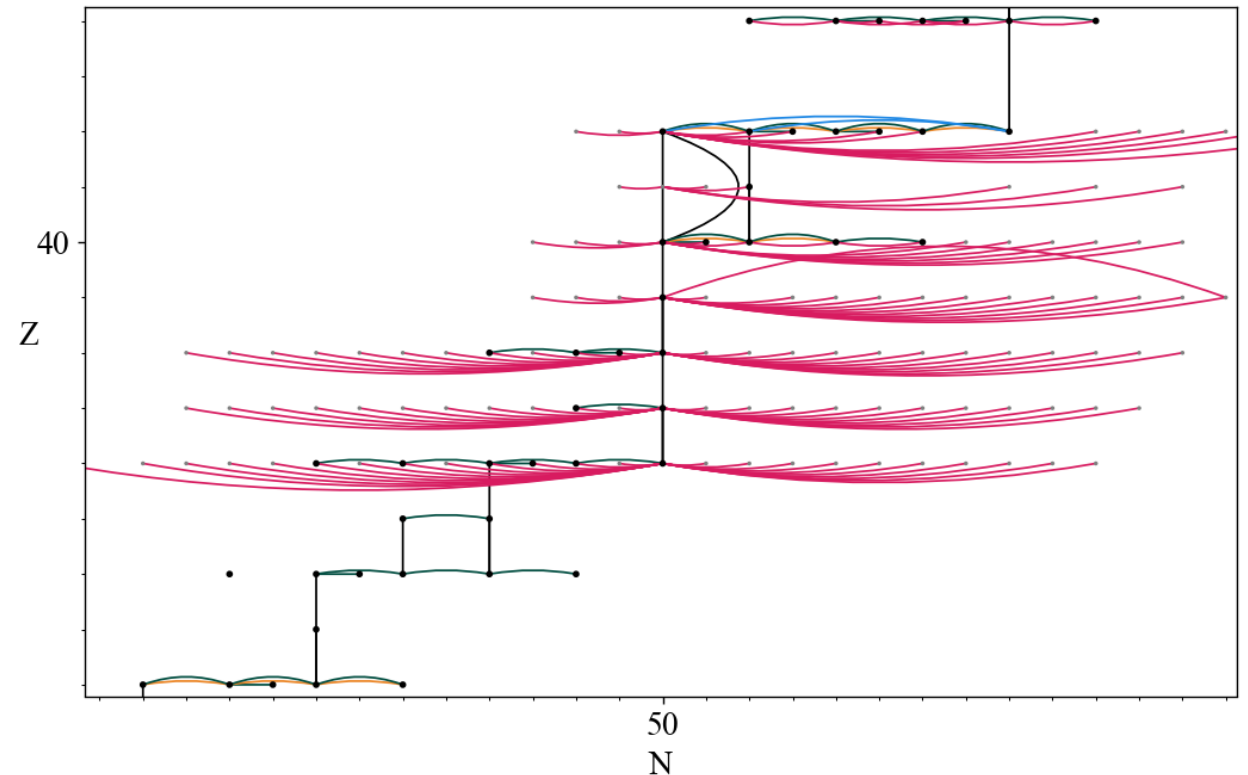
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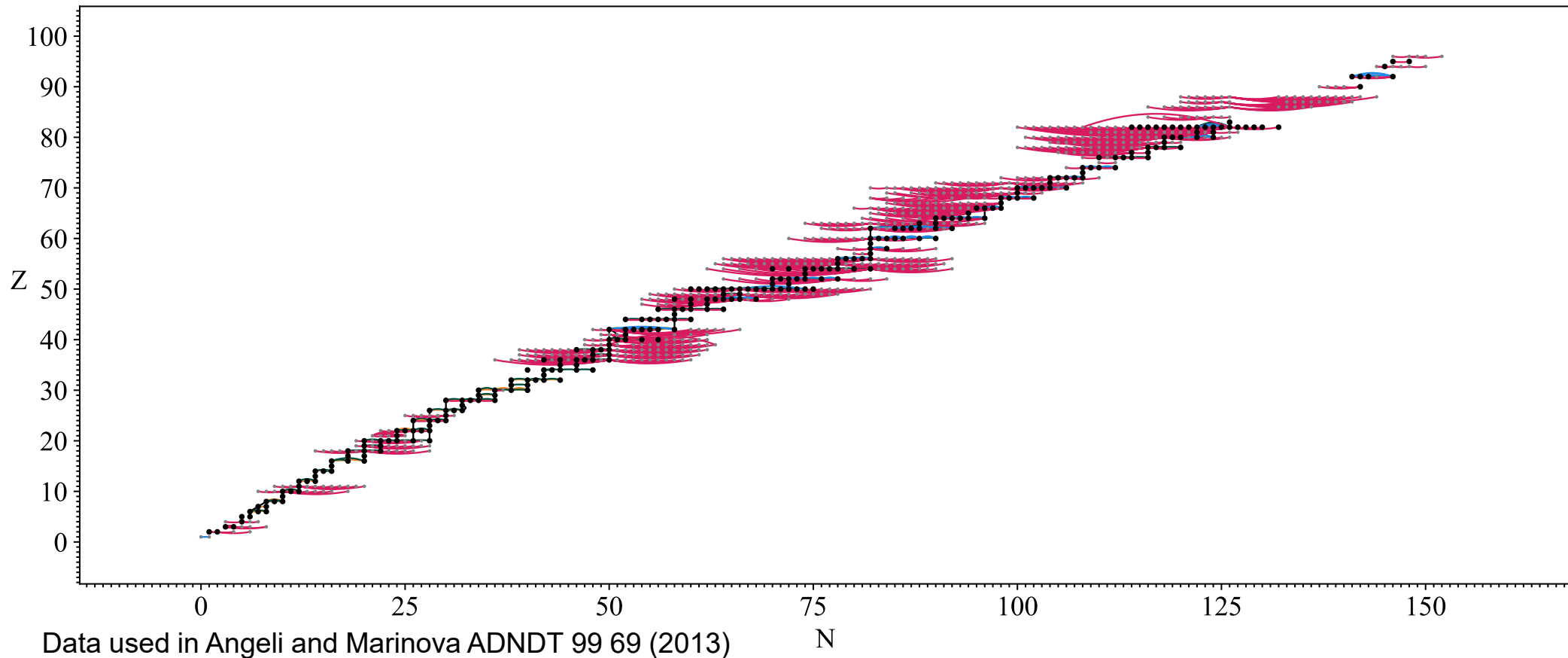
How Do We Measure Nuclear Charge Radii?

- **Absolute** – determines individual charge radii
 - Muonic atom spectroscopy, elastic e^-/μ^- scattering, g-factor determinations
- **Relative** – determines differences of charge radii
 - Optical isotope-shifts (OIS), $K\alpha$ isotope shifts, g-factor determinations, highly-charged-ion spectroscopy



Data used in Angeli and Marinova ADNDT 99 69 (2013)

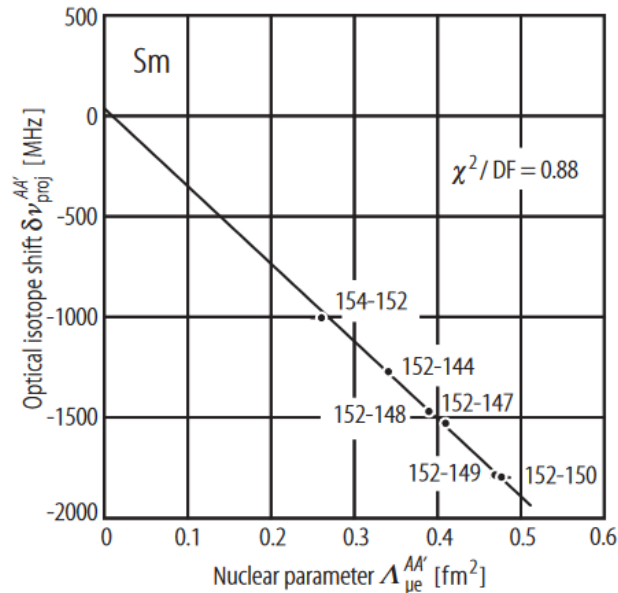
Nuclear Radius Data



Previous Comprehensive Evaluations

Fricke and Heilig, 2004

1. Comprehensive compilation
2. King Plot focused analysis



18.1.3 Muonic atom data

18.1.3.1 Muonic 2p–1s transition energies, muonic Barrett radii, and model dependent RMS-radii

E_{exp} Experimental muonic atom transition energies (center of gravity of 2p–1s); the error (given in parantheses) is the statistical one.

E_{theor} Energy of the transition calculated using a two parameter Fermi distribution.

t Skin thickness fixed at 2.30 fm.

c Half-density radius fitted to reproduce the experimental transition energy.

N_{Pol} Calculated nuclear polarization correction.

$\langle r^2 \rangle_{\text{model}}^{1/2}$ RMS charge radius calculated from t and c , model dependent.

$R_{k\alpha}$ Model-independent Barrett equivalent radius; the parameters k and α are fitted to the corresponding transition; the first error is derived from the error of the experimental transition energy; the second error is estimated assuming as an upper limit a 30% error for the nuclear polarization corrections. For more details see Introduction Chapter 4.

C_z Sensitivity factor $C_z = dR_{k\alpha} / dE$.

A	E_{exp} [keV]	E_{theo} [keV]	N_{pol} [keV]	c [fm]	$\langle r^2 \rangle_{\text{model}}^{1/2}$ [fm]	α [1/fm]	k	C_z [10^{-3} fm/eV]	$R_{k\alpha}^{\mu}$ [fm]	Ref.
36	644.597(24)	644.597	0.118	3.5845(18)	3.390	0.0548	2.0821	-0.060	4.3515(14;21)	FMS82 PD76 ¹
	644.34(0.11)		0.130	3.711(6)	3.402	0.062	2.215		4.3668(8)	
38	644.434(24)	644.432	0.107	3.6025(17)	3.402	0.0547	2.0822	-0.060	4.3664(14;19)	FMS82 PD76 ¹
	644.13(0.16)		0.130	3.690(9)	3.415	0.062	2.215		4.385(11)	
40	644.004(25)	644.000	0.126	3.6416(18)	3.427	0.0546	2.0827	-0.060	4.3986(15;23)	FMS82 PD76 ¹
	643.94(0.11)		0.130	3.670(6)	3.429	0.062	2.215		4.403(8)	

Previous Comprehensive Evaluations

Angeli 2004

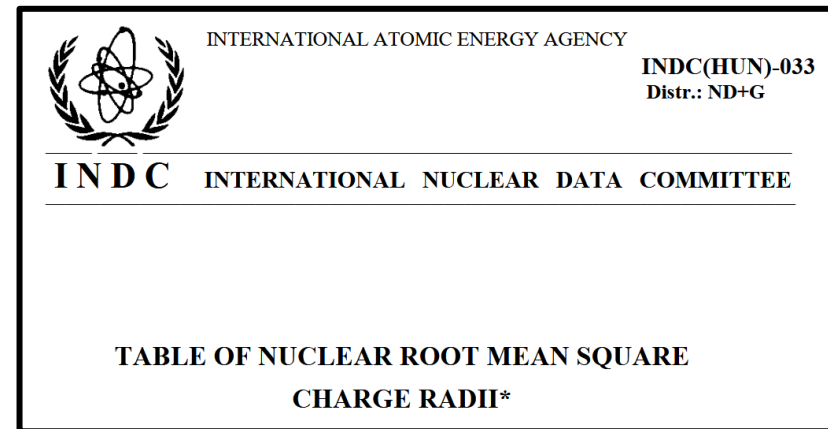
1. Weighted least squares fit
2. Internal and external uncertainties considered

Table 1

Nuclear rms charge radii. (For the neutron the entry is $\langle r^2 \rangle$ (fm²) and for the proton and deuteron, see Section 2.) See page 194 for Explanation of Tables

Z	El	A	R (fm)	$\Delta_{\text{tot}}R$ (fm)	$\Delta_{\text{rel}}R$ (fm)
0	n	1	-0.1149	.0024	
1	H	1	0.8791	.0088	
		2	2.1402	.0091	
		3	1.7591	.0356	
2	He	3	1.9448	.0137	
		4	1.6757	.0026	
3	Li	6	2.5385	.0267	
		7	2.4312	.0281	

Radius data and techniques found in previous works:



Hyperfine Interactions **136**: 17–24, 2001.
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Comparison of the *Seltzer* Coefficient C_1
to Experimental Data

Previous Comprehensive Evaluations

Angeli and Marinova 2013

1. Angeli04 + Nadjakov94
2. Current IAEA NDS recommendation

Z	Elem.	Mass	n	$R_{av}(fm)$	$\Delta R_{av}(fm)$
0	n	1	1	-0.1149	0.0027
1	H	1	0	0.8783	0.0086
		2	1	2.1421	0.0088
		3	2	1.7591	0.0363
2	He	3	1	1.9661	0.0030
		4	2	1.6755	0.0028
		6	4	2.0660	0.0111
		8	6	1.9239	0.0306

IAEA Working Group on Nuclear Charge Radii



Long Term Objectives - Compilation

Compilation of Charge Radius Data

- Includes experimental and theoretical inputs required to reconstruct radii.
- Relies on original data, not secondary sources
- Updated frequently (once a month)
- Accessible via web-interface

Item	Input value		Adjusted value		v_i	Dg
$^{126}\text{Ag-u}$	-65926	329	-65190#	220#	0.9	D
$C_{10} \text{H}_6-^{126}\text{Te}$	143623	9	143638.0	1.5	0.7	U
	143640	8			-0.2	U
$^{126}\text{Xe-u}$	-95647	30	-95702.578	0.006	-1.9	U
$^{126}\text{Cs-u}$	-90543	49	-90554	11	-0.2	U
$^{126}\text{Ba-u}$	-88745	30	-88750	13	-0.2	R
$^{126}\text{La-u}$	-80503	232	-80490	100	0.1	2
$^{126}\text{Ce-u}$	-76029	30				2
$^{126}\text{Xe}-^{134}\text{Xe}_{.940}$	-6772.8	2.9	-6772.026	0.004	0.3	o
	-6773.2	3.8			0.3	1

Image Credit: W. J. Huang et al. Chinese Physics C 45 03002 (2021)

Recommended[†] magnetic dipole moments

Isotope	Energy [keV]	$t_{1/2}$	Spin/Parity	μ [nm]	Method	Recommended Tables
^{28}Si	1779	0.48 ps	2+	+1.1(2)	IMPAC	INDC(NDS)-0816

Recommended[†] electric quadrupole moments

Isotope	Energy [keV]	$t_{1/2}$	Spin/Parity	Q [b]	Method	Recommended Tables
^{28}Si	1779	0.48 ps	2+	+0.16(3)	CER	INDC(NDS)-0833

Compiled[‡] magnetic dipole and electric quadrupole moments from published articles

Isotope	Energy [keV]	$t_{1/2}$	Spin/Parity	μ [nm]	Q [b]	Ref. Std	Method	NSR keyword
^{28}Si	1779	0.49 ps	2+	+1.1(2)			IMPAC	1975EB01
					+0.16(3)		CER, R	1981SP07
					+0.18(3)		CER	1980BA40
					+0.16(3)		CER	1980SP09

Image Credit: IAEA NDS Nuclear Electromagnetic Moments Database

Long Term Objectives - Evaluation

Comprehensive Critical Evaluation

- Constructed by experts from different techniques
- Correlations between charge radii considered
- Analysis decisions fully transparent
- Output covariance matrix provided

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The AME 2020 atomic mass evaluation (II).
Tables, graphs and references*

To cite this article: Meng Wang *et al* 2021 *Chinese Phys. C* 45 030003

Recommended[†] magnetic dipole moments

Isotope	Energy [keV]	$t_{1/2}$	Spin/Parity	μ [nm]	Method	Recommended Tables
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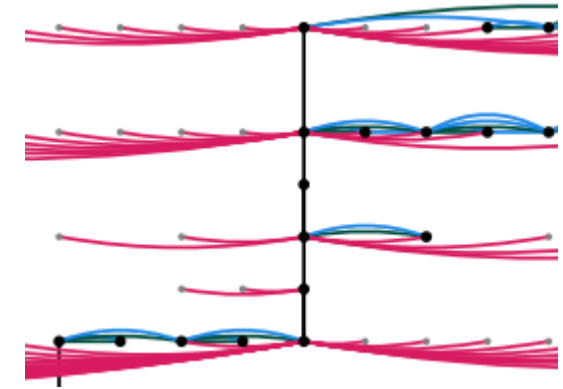
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radbase – Backend for Evaluation/Compilation

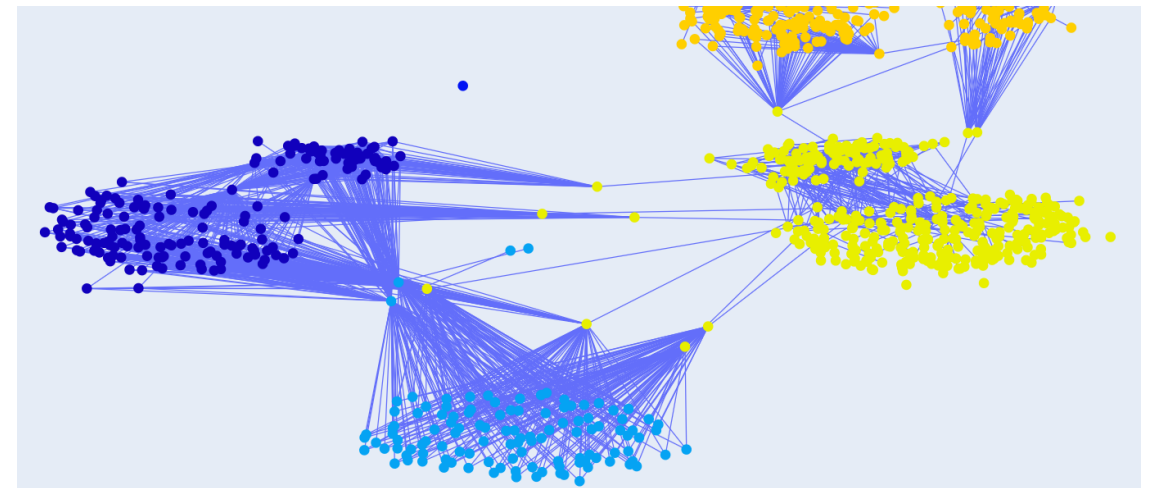


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Total Nuclides: 229
Primary Nuclides: 79
Primary Measurements:
Id 263: R050110 = 4.5807 +/- 0.0064
Id 264: R050111 = 4.5859 +/- 0.0061
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Goals:

- Storage of data in consistent, computer readable format
- Correlation propagation
- Search and visualization of data



Definitions

- Input Data: experimental and theoretical information needed to obtain radii
- Output Data: charge radii or intermediate quantities obtained from inputs.
- Conversion: the process of converting inputs to charge radius data

Statistical Correlations

- Largest change to next evaluation: inclusion of statistical correlations between charge radius data.
- Correlations shift recommended radii values, uncertainties, and covariances.
- Particularly impactful when absolute and relative radius information is combined.

```
Id 0: R030064 = 4.1540 +/- 0.0030
Id 1: R030066 = 4.1870 +/- 0.0030
Id 2: R030067 = 4.2000 +/- 0.0030
Id 3: R030068 = 4.2400 +/- 0.0030
Id 4: R030066**2-R030064**2 = 0.2753 +/- 0.0001
Id 5: R030067**2-R030066**2 = 0.1090 +/- 0.0001
Id 6: R030068**2-R030067**2 = 0.3376 +/- 0.0001
```

Absolutes are independent ($\rho = 0$)

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Id 0: R030064 = 4.1537 +/- 0.0015
Id 1: R030066 = 4.1867 +/- 0.0015
Id 2: R030067 = 4.1997 +/- 0.0015
Id 3: R030068 = 4.2397 +/- 0.0015
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Absolutes are correlated ($\rho = 0.7$)

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Id 0: R030064 = 4.1529 +/- 0.0027
Id 1: R030066 = 4.1859 +/- 0.0026
Id 2: R030067 = 4.1989 +/- 0.0026
Id 3: R030068 = 4.2389 +/- 0.0026
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Statistical Correlations

To include correlations between charge radii you need to:

1. Determine correlations between input data
2. Propagate these correlations to the charge radii
3. Optimize recommended radii, considering correlations

Generally, difficulty decreases as you go from 1 to 3.

1.) Input Data Correlation – Sources

Sources of correlation:

- Experimental – sometimes reported, can often be estimated.
- Theoretical – almost never reported, likely the largest source of correlation between charge radius data
- Shared Data / Interpolation – most transparent, can be determined by evaluators.

1.) Input Data Correlations – Theory Sources

- Positive examples from muonic atom spectroscopy theory
 - Enough information to reconstruct local correlations.

Isotope	Transition	Nuclear	Nucleon	Total	f_{Corr} (%)
^{35}Cl	$2p1s$	103(24)	11.9(1.2)	115(25)	90.4
	$3p1s$	104(24)	11.9(1.2)	116(26)	90.4
	$4p1s$	104(24)	11.9(1.2)	116(26)	90.4
^{37}Cl	$2p1s$	99(23)	12.6(1.3)	115(25)	97.6
	$3p1s$	100(23)	12.6(1.3)	116(26)	97.6
	$4p1s$	100(23)	12.6(1.3)	116(26)	97.6

Cl35-Cl37 Beyer et al., arXiv:2506.08804

More work to do!

Currently building *radbase* to prepare for better correlations.

State	KDE0	SKX	SLy5	BSk14	SAMi	NRAPR	SkP	SkM*	SGII	avg.(range)
$1s_{1/2}$	-5463	-5432	-5557	-5588	-5727	-5889	-5815	-5905	-6035	-5712(603)
$2s_{1/2}$	-1021	-970	-1048	-1030	-1045	-1095	-1116	-1112	-1126	-1063(156)
$2p_{1/2}$	-1781	-1850	-1834	-1900	-1937	-1997	-1955	-2005	-2044	-1923(263)
$2p_{3/2}$	-1725	-1798	-1776	-1852	-1877	-1936	-1886	-1942	-1981	-1864(256)
$3p_{1/2}$	-529	-576	-556	-566	-616	-540	-628	-614	-627	-584(99)
$3p_{3/2}$	-559	-612	-589	-602	-648	-576	-672	-645	-664	-619(96)
$3d_{3/2}$	-221	-268	-219	-252	-225	-212	-268	-248	-230	-238(56)
$3d_{5/2}$	-23	-29	-33	-21	-47	-58	-40	-35	-49	-37(37)

Pb208 NP - Sun et al., PRL (135) 163002 2025

Network View of Radius Data

- Radii depend on quantities which depend on quantities which ...
- Abstractly, this can be represented by a directed graph – quantities are nodes, dependencies are directed edges.

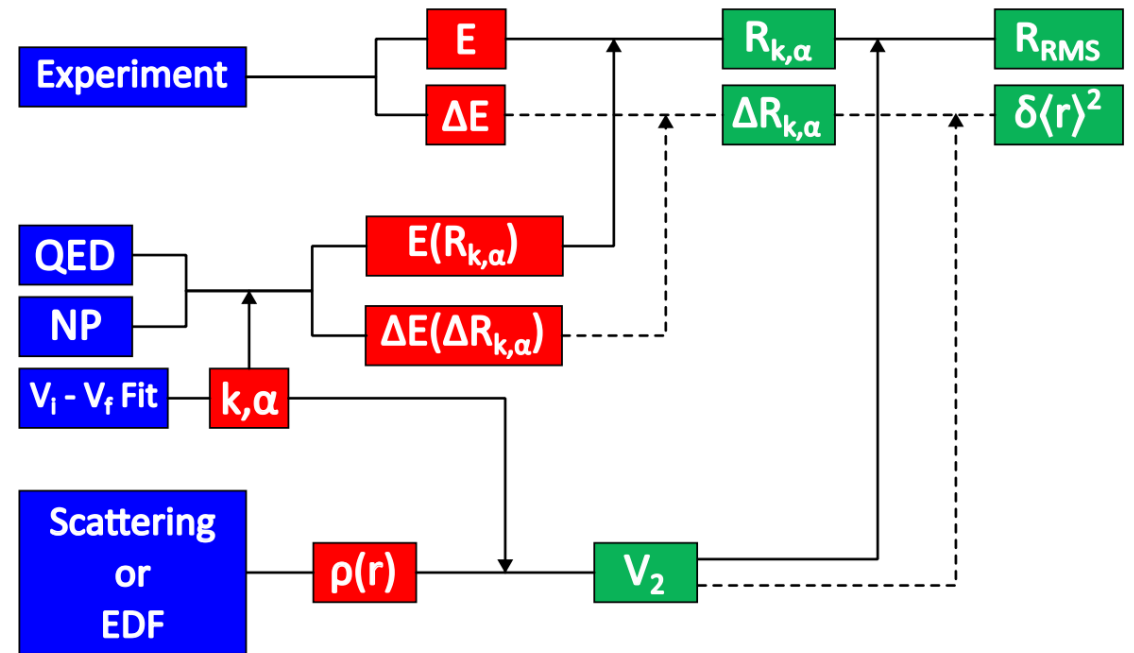
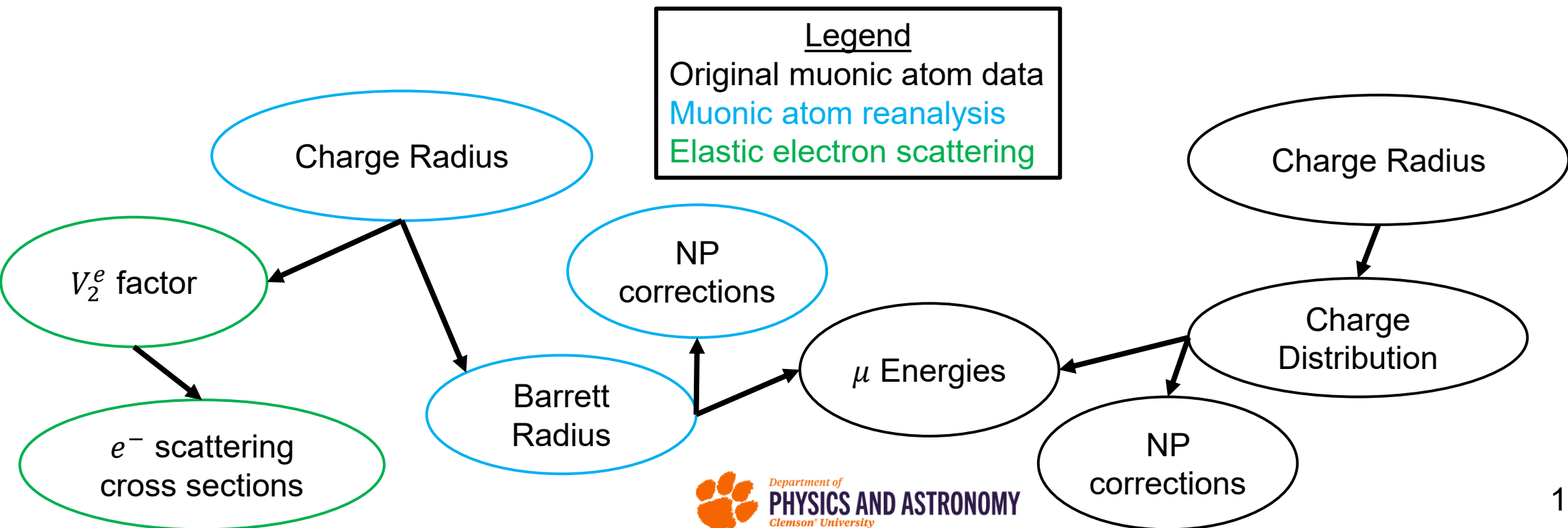


Image Credit: Beyer et al., arXiv:2506.08804

Network View of Radius Data

- Allows radii to be traced back to source information.
- Reanalysis can be included alongside original data.



Functions vs. Quantities

Conversion maps inputs to outputs:

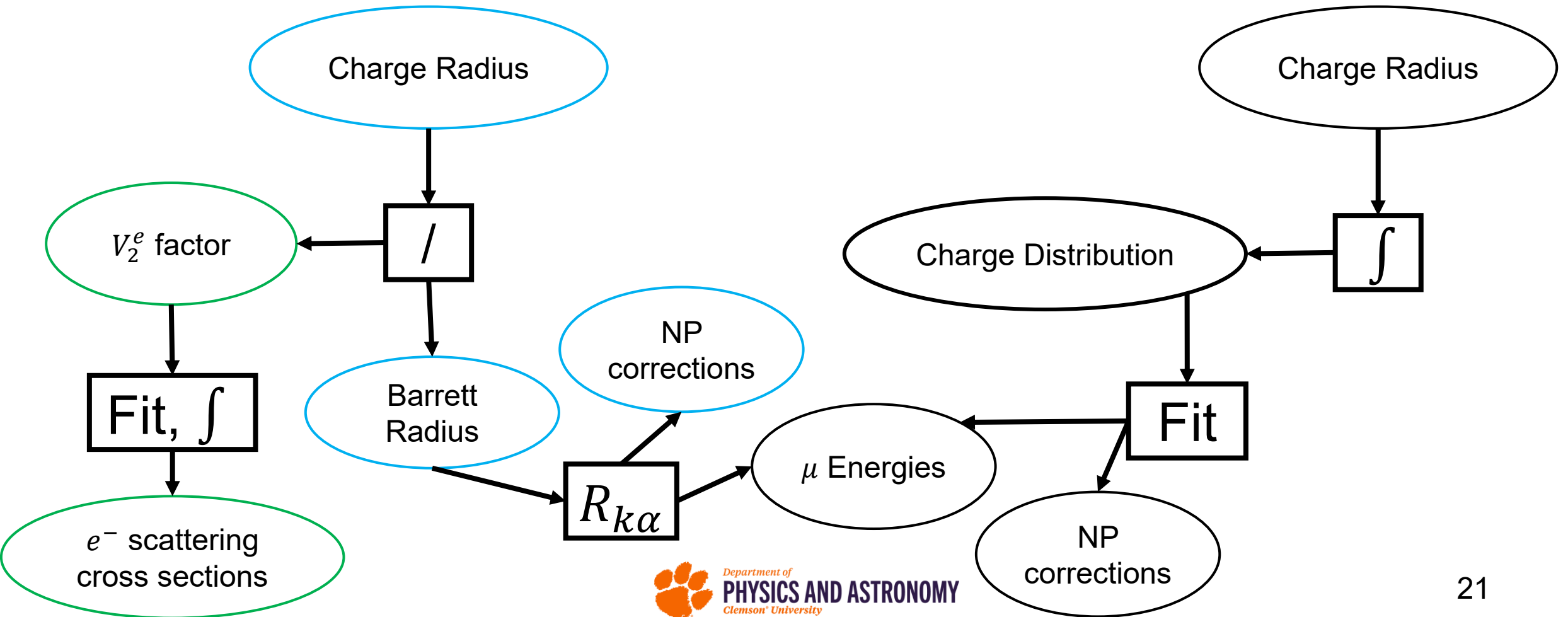
$$Q_{out} = C(Q_{in})$$

Two separate pieces of information with a conversion step:

1. What is the converted quantity? $R_c = 4.82(3) \text{ fm}$
2. What is the conversion function? $R_c(R_{k\alpha}^\mu, V_2^e) = \frac{R_{k\alpha}^\mu}{V_2^e}$

Importantly, you need the conversion function to propagate correlations.

Conversion Functions – Network View



Conversion Functions

- Some steps provide the function, while others do not.

$$R_c(R_{k\alpha}^\mu, V_2^e) = \frac{R_{k\alpha}^\mu}{V_2^e}$$

- Transparent (Differentiable) vs. Opaque (Not Differentiable)

$$R_{k\alpha}^\mu(E^M, E^{NP}, E^{QED}; R_{k\alpha,0}^\mu, E_0, C_Z) = R_{k\alpha,0}^\mu + C_Z[(E^M - E^{NP} - E^{QED}) - E^0]$$

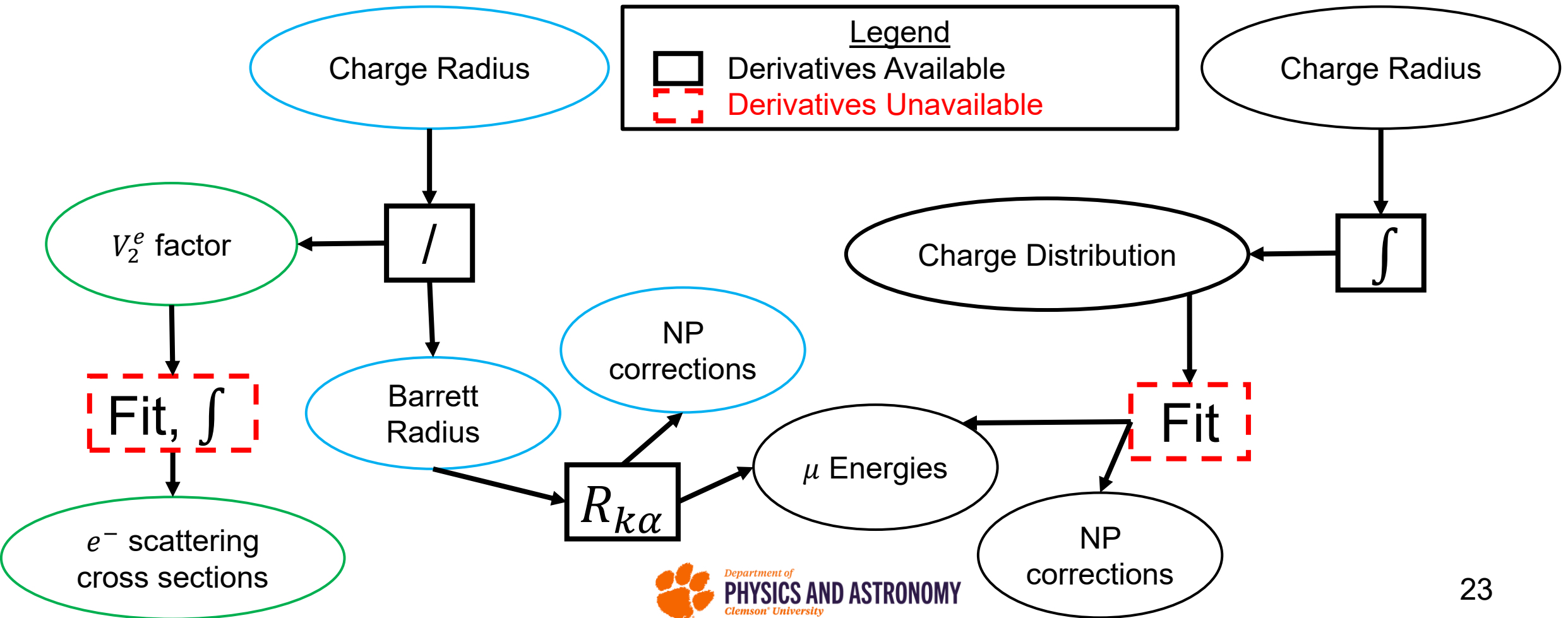
- Can that step be evaluated with new inputs?

Fit to two parameter Fermi shape

$$c(E^M, E^{NP}, E^{QED})$$

$$t(E^M, E^{NP}, E^{QED})$$

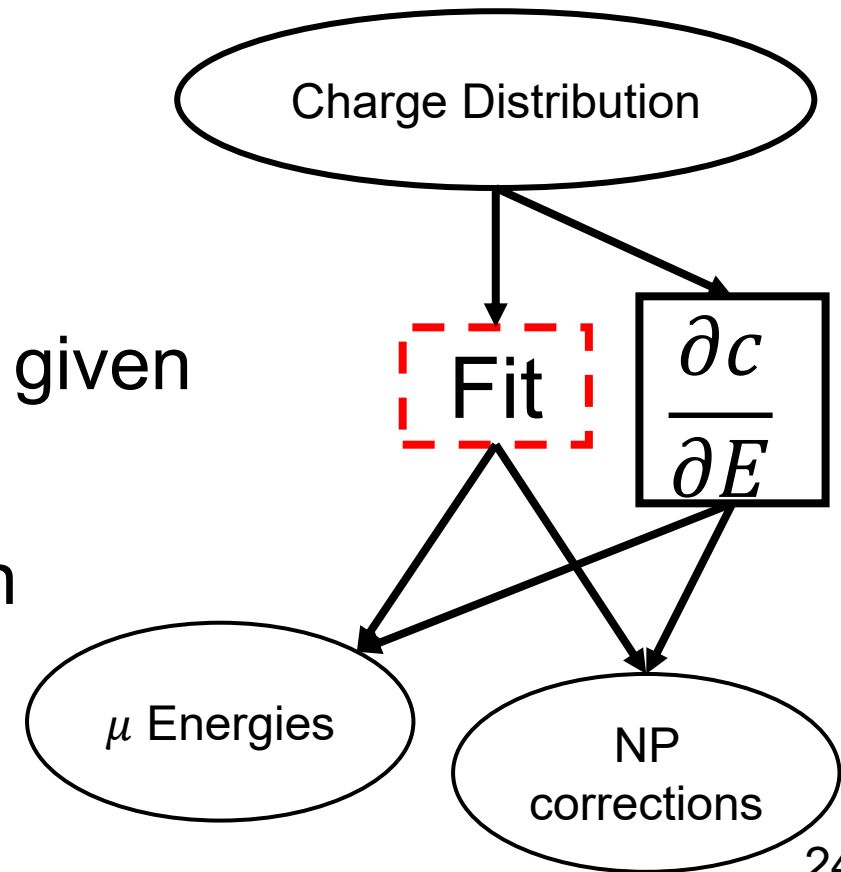
Conversion Functions – Network View



Conversion Functions – Ranking

Best to worst case:

1. Conversion function is provided!
 - Or an approximation (fit Jacobian, polynomial)
2. No function, but correlations are explicitly given
3. No function and no correlation information



2.) Propagating Correlations – Implementation

- *sympy* allows for symbolic manipulation
- *uncertainties* (or *sympy*) to numerically propagate covariances

$$R = R$$

Substitute shape: $R = R_{ka} / V_2$

$$R = \frac{R_{k\alpha}}{V_2}$$

Substitute $R_{ka} = R_{ka}^0 + C_z * (E - E^0)$

$$R = \frac{C_z (E - E^0) + R_{k\alpha}^0}{V_2}$$

```
from uncertainties import ufloat
```

```
uR_ka0, uE = ufloat(5.614, 0.001), ufloat(5126, 0.01)
```

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uV_2 = ufloat(1.095, 0.001)
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rad = lambdify([C_z, R_ka0, E, E0, V_2],
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rad,
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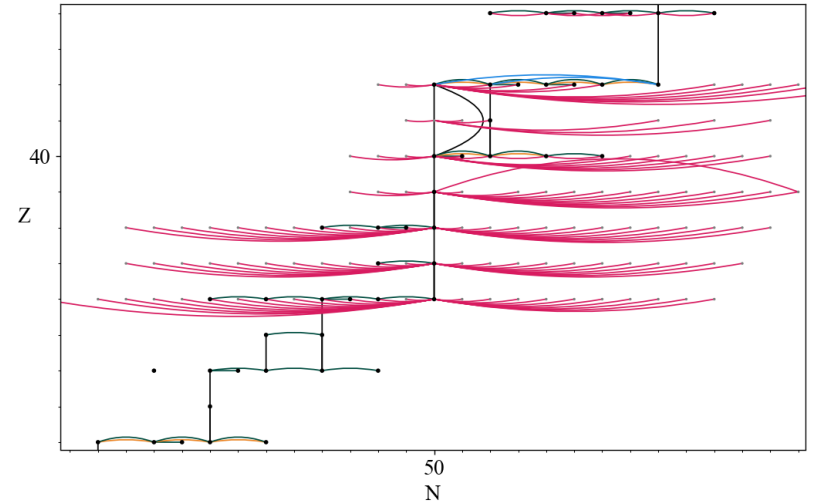
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modules='numpy')(1e-2, uR_ka0, uE,
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uE.n, uV_2)
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$$R = 5.127 \pm 0.005$$

3.) Optimization with Correlated Data

- Generalized least squares propagates correlations from radius data
- Implemented in *radbase* alongside optimizations from graph analysis.



Uncorrelated – Weighted Least Squares

$$S = \min_{\beta} \sum_i \left[\frac{y_i - f(x_i, \beta)}{\sigma_i} \right]^2$$

Correlated Errors – Generalized Least Squares

$$S_{\text{GLS}} = \min_{\beta} (\mathbf{y} - f(\mathbf{X}, \beta))^T \Omega^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - f(\mathbf{X}, \beta))$$

Potential Pitfalls – Correlated Variables

- Numerical errors from highly correlated variables:
 - Ex: Radii from optical isotope shift where atomic theory is dominant uncertainty.
 - Inversion of covariance matrix becomes unstable.

Potential solution: Take CODATA approach, have free parameters besides radii.

Decision to just use radii vs. parameters included in conversion process.

Potential Pitfalls – Non-Gaussian Errors.

- Some radius data are highly asymmetric/non-normal.
 - Ex. $R_{\text{Pd108}} = 4.537^{+27}_{-6}$ fm

Saito et al. PRC 111 034313 (2025)

Store lower/upper uncertainties then either:

- Transform data to normal errors
- Conservatively use larger of the two.

Data Collection Progress

Charge Distribution

Reference: bergem_nuclear_1988 Keep

Relies On:

- bergem_nuclear_1988_muonic_Pb208_2p1/2_1s1/2
- bergem_nuclear_1988_muonic_Pb208_2p3/2_1s1/2
- bergem_nuclear_1988_muonic_Pb208_2s1/2_2p1/2
- bergem_nuclear_1988_muonic_Pb208_2s1/2_2p3/2
- bergem_nuclear_1988_muonic_Pb208_3d3/2_2p1/2
- bergem_nuclear_1988_muonic_Pb208_3d3/2_2p3/2
- bergem_nuclear_1988_muonic_Pb208_3d5/2_2p3/2

Nuclide: Pb208 Keep

Charge Distribution Parameters:

Charge Distribution: TwoParameterFermi

c [fm]: 5.814(3) Keep

a [fm]: 2.3

Reduced Chi Squared: Keep

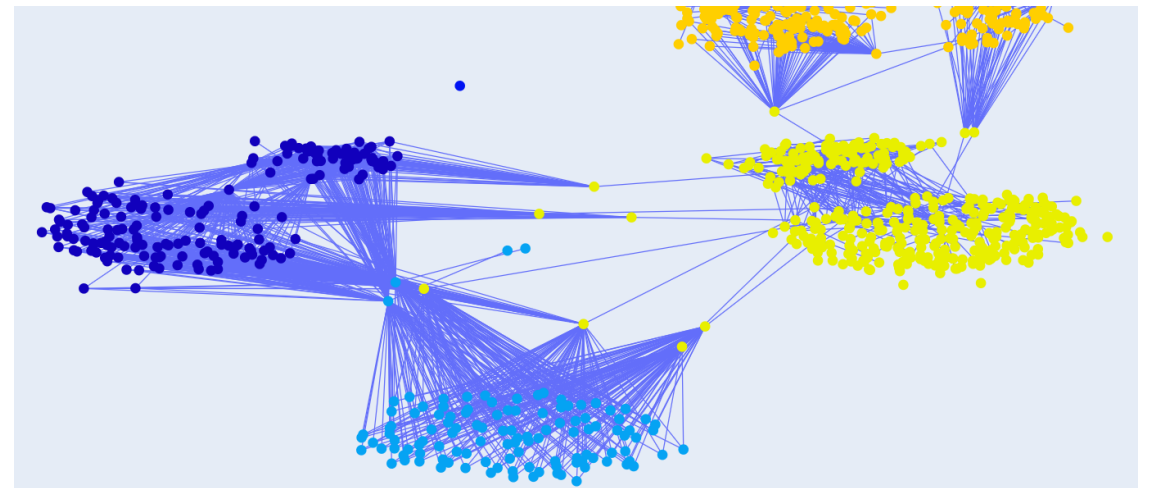
Notes: 2p-1s only, #ExpUnc, #Statonly Keep

Last Submitted: bergem_nuclear_1988_chargedistribution_Pb208_TwoParameterFermi

- January 2026, I created a data entry user interface to standardize the entered data.
- Each data type has a template that can dynamically generate its data entry interface.
- Data can be entered programmatically using these templates as well.

Data Collection Progress

- Our group has entered 30 papers since January, focusing on muonic atom spectroscopy papers (most muonic transition energies $6 \leq Z < 50$ from Fr04).
- Rough estimate, ≈ 150 absolute papers, ≈ 400 relative papers.



Network of Data near Wohlfahrt PRC 23 533 (1981)

Timeline - 2026

Summer 2026

1. Collect all published absolute nuclear charge radius data
 - ($Z > 2$)
2. Transition from just tracking dependencies to explicit conversion steps.

Fall 2026

1. Complete automated correlation propagation procedure with strong logging.
2. Develop documentation around *radbase*

Timeline - 2027

Fall 2026

1. Complete automated correlation propagation procedure with strong logging.
2. Develop documentation around *radbase*

Spring 2027

1. Collect all published relative nuclear charge radius data ($Z > 2$)
2. Begin working with IAEA on website for search and visualization.

Is *radbase* useful to you today?

No

Will *radbase* be useful to you 6 months from now?



Yes

Conclusions

- Moving towards new comprehensive compilation and evaluation
- Data compilation and standardization
- Inclusion of correlations between inputs

Thank you! Questions?



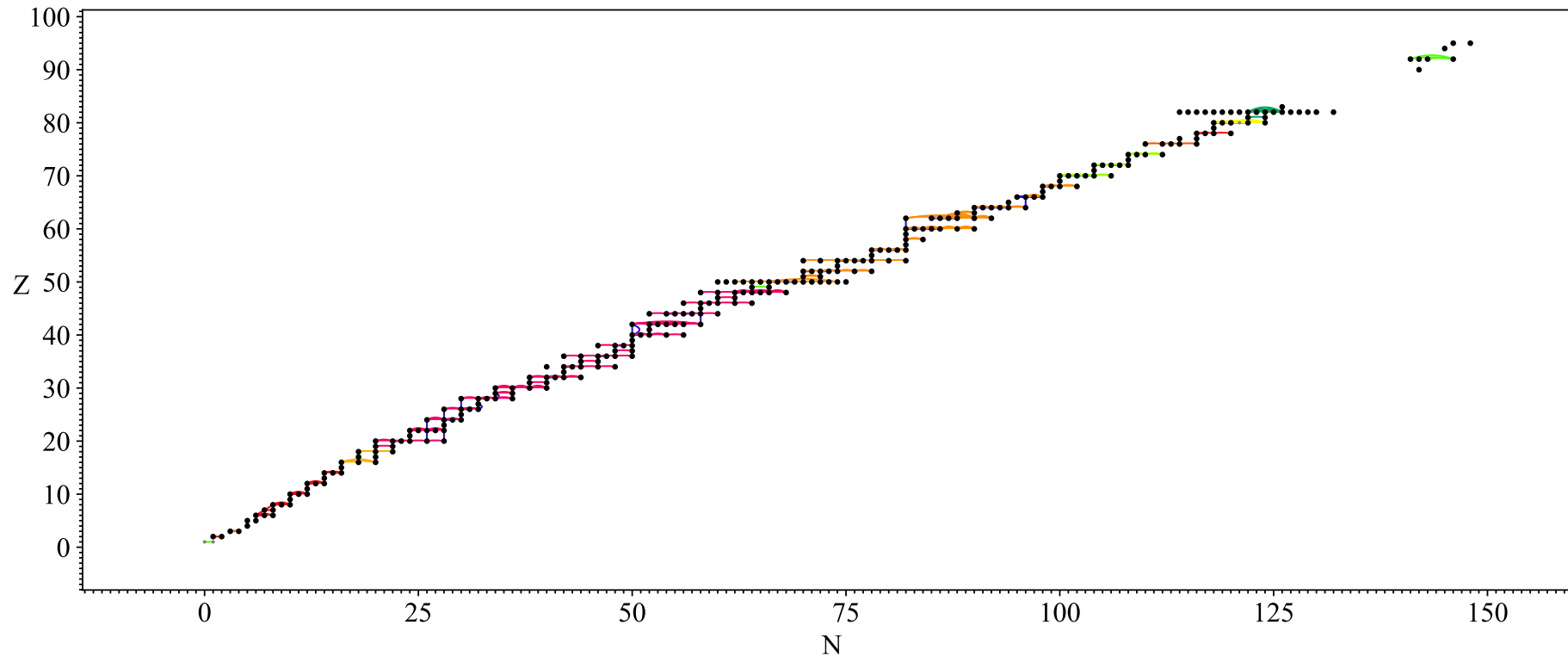
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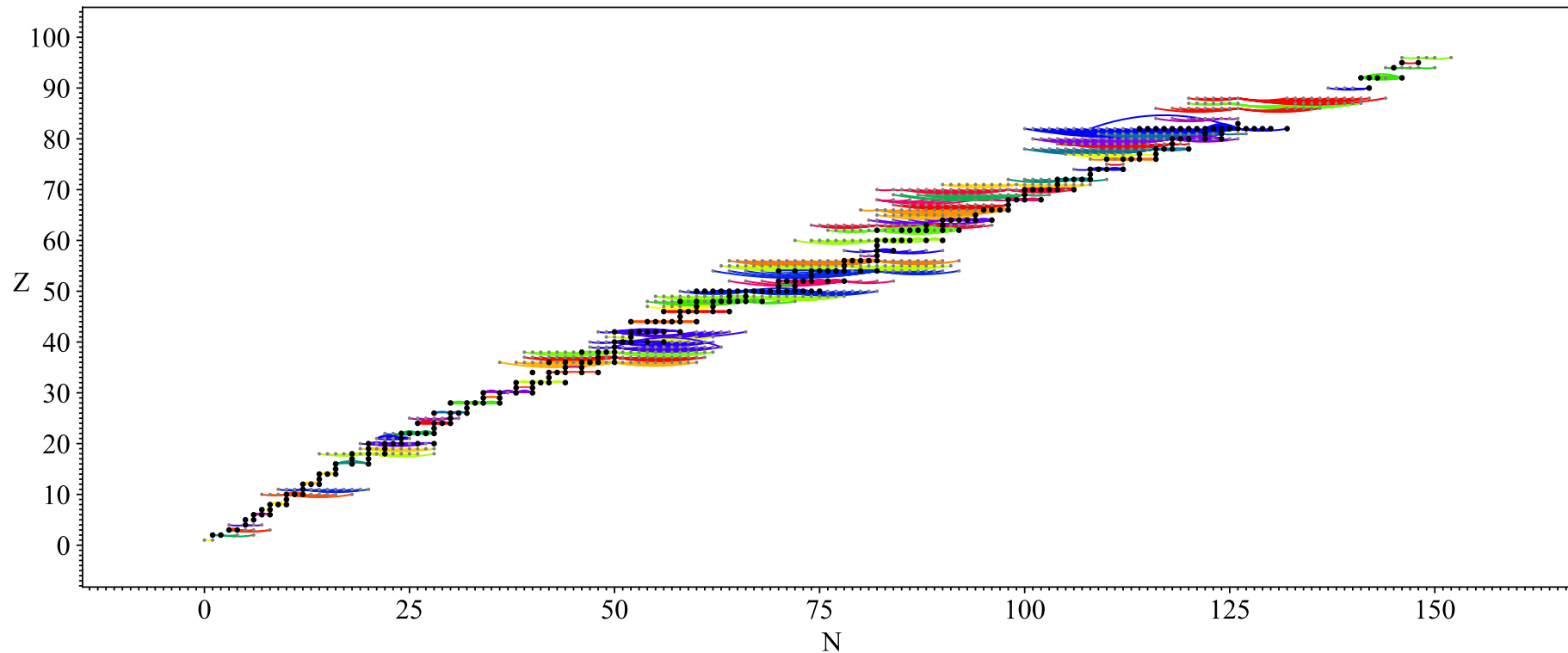
Objective 1: Grouping / Graph Exploration

Users should be able to group data quickly and flexibly!



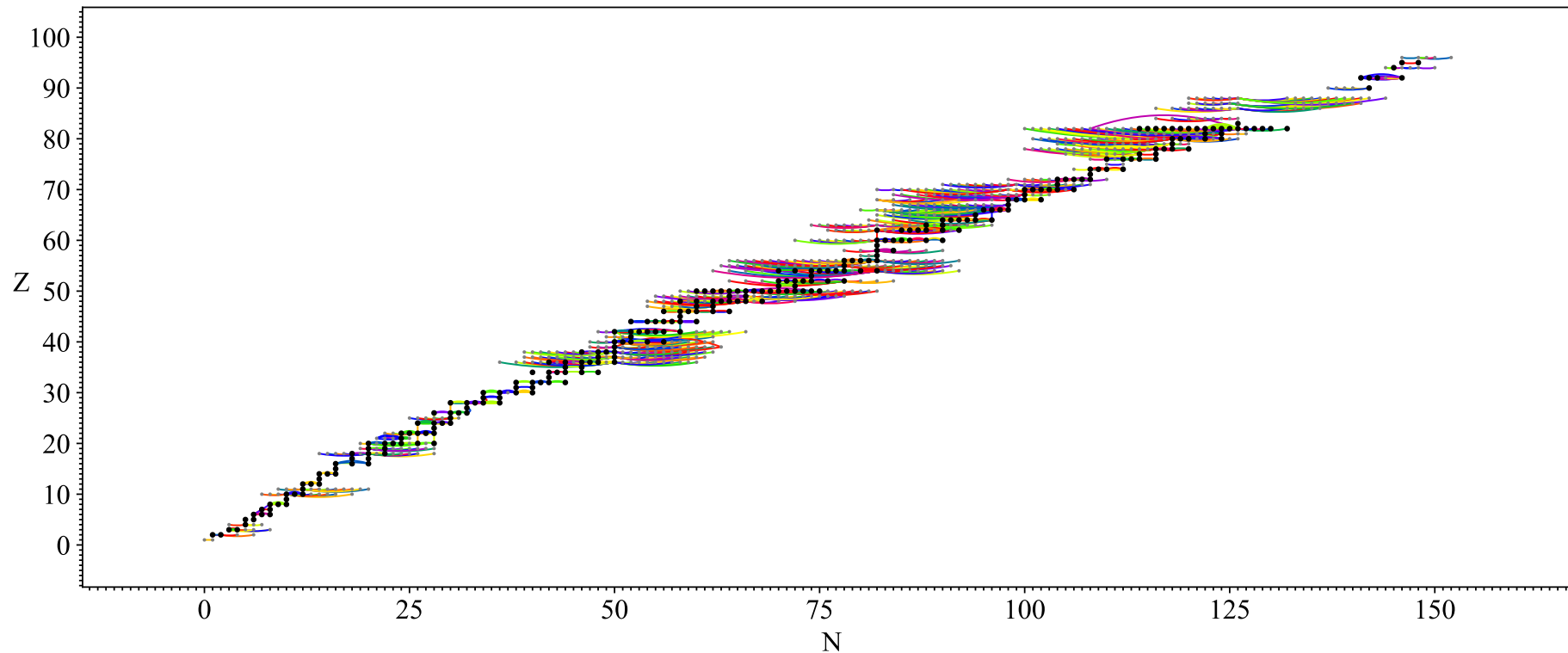
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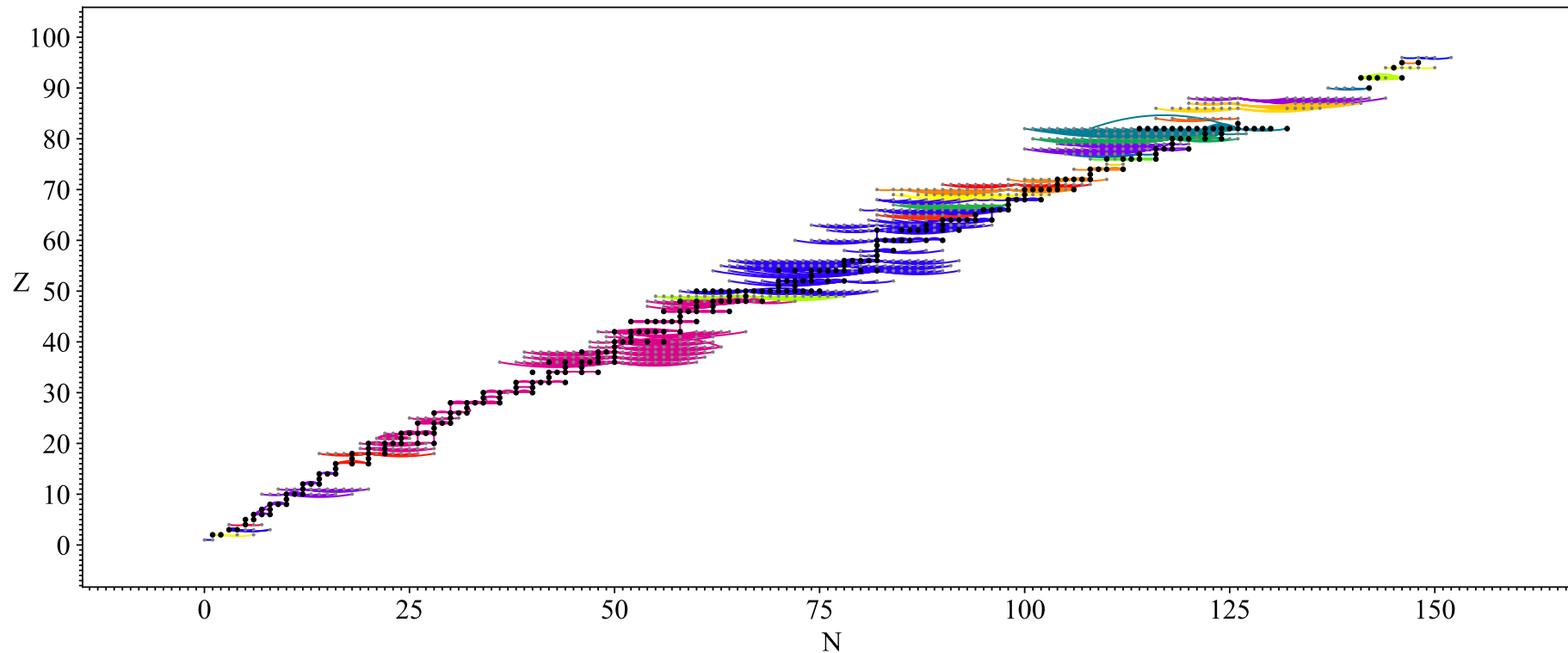
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Or by measured quantity:



Objective 1: Grouping / Graph Exploration

Or by group in the network:



Correlation from Conversion: OLS

$$\delta\nu_i^{AA'} = F_i \Lambda^{AA'} + M_i \frac{A-A'}{AA'}$$

Where:

$$\Lambda^{AA'} = \delta\langle r^2 \rangle^{AA'} + \frac{C_2}{C_1} \delta\langle r^4 \rangle^{AA'} + \frac{C_3}{C_1} \delta\langle r^6 \rangle^{AA'}$$

F_i : Transition specific electronic factor

M_i : Transition specific mass factor – includes normal and specific mass shifts

C_i : The Seltzer coefficients

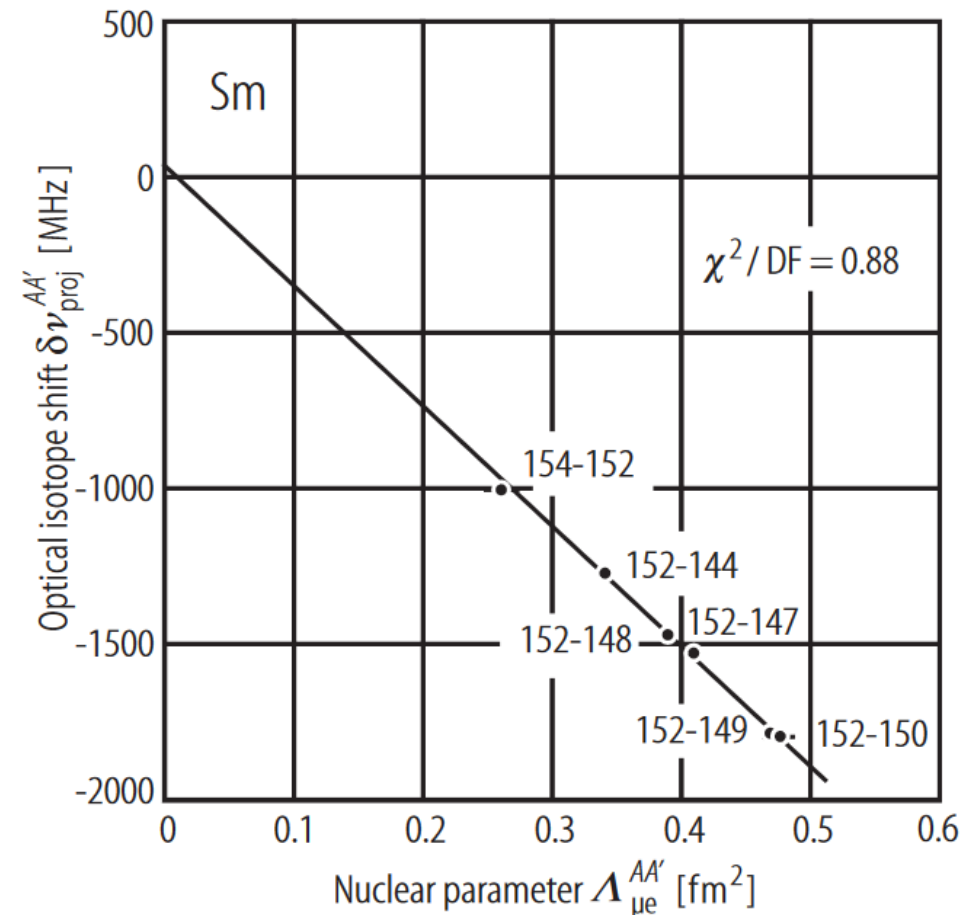
Correlations from Conversion: OIS

$$\delta \langle r^2 \rangle_{1,k}^{\text{e}\mu\text{OIS}} = \left(\frac{\delta \langle r^2 \rangle_{1,k}}{\delta \langle r^2 \rangle_{1,2}} \right)^{\text{OIS}} \times \delta \langle r^2 \rangle_{1,2}^{\text{e}\mu}$$

Angeli 2004 / 2013 used a correction factor determined from comparing OIS radii differences to electronic and muonic radii differences.

Correlations from Conversion: OIS

King plot was used in Fricke 2004 – directly fit parameters of OIS equation.



Correlations from Conversion: OLS

Covariance matrix elements:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}[\delta\langle r^2\rangle^{A^i A'}, \delta\langle r^2\rangle^{A^j A'}] &\approx \text{Cov}[F\delta\nu^{A^i A'}, \delta\nu^{A^j A'}] = \\ &\left(\frac{\Delta F}{F}\right)^2 \delta\nu^{A^i A'} \delta\nu^{A^j A'} + \delta_{ij} \left(\frac{\Delta\delta\nu^{A^j A'}}{F}\right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Correlations from Conversion: OLS

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[[ 0.000100000001 -0.0001 -0.0002 ]  
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name	value	standard error	relative error
dR2_19_20	-0.10000000	0.01000000	(10.00%)
dR2_21_20	0.10000000	0.01000000	(10.00%)
dR2_22_20	0.20000000	0.02000000	(10.00%)

Correlations from Conversion: OLS

Standard weighted least-squares,
vary F

name	value	standard error	relative error
F	0.10000000	5.0000e-04	(0.50%)
dR2_19_20	-0.10000000	5.0000e-04	(0.50%)
dR2_21_20	0.10000000	5.0000e-04	(0.50%)
dR2_22_20	0.20000000	0.00100000	(0.50%)

Generalized least-squares, all
radii are parameters

name	value	standard error	relative error
dR2_19_20	-0.10000000	4.9939e-04	(0.50%)
dR2_21_20	0.10000000	4.9939e-04	(0.50%)
dR2_22_20	0.20000000	9.9875e-04	(0.50%)