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Charge radii of neutron-deficient Ca isotopes¹ A. J. MILLER, K. MI-NAMISONO, NSCL/Dep. of Phys. and Astron., MSU, A. KLOSE, Dep. of Chem., Augustana University, N. EVERETT, C. KALMAN, R. C. POWEL, J. WATKINS, NSCL/Dep. of Phys. and Astron., MSU, D. GARAND, C. SUMITHRARACHCHI, NSCL/MSU, J. KRÄMER, B. MAAB, W. NÖRTERSHÄUSER, D. M. ROSSI, Insti. fur Kernphysik, TU Darmstadt, C. KUJAWA, S. PINEDA, Dep. of Chem., Augustana University, J. LANTIS, NSCL/Dep. of Chem., MSU, Y. LIU, Phys. Div., Oak Ridge National Lab., P. F. MANTICA, FRIB/Dep. of Chem., MSU, M. R. PEARSON, TRIUMF — Nucleon shell closures are generally associated with a local minimum in mean-square charge radii, $\langle r^2 \rangle$, along an isotopic chain. The $\langle r^2 \rangle$ of $_{18}$ Ar and $_{19}$ K isotopes, however, do not show this signature at the N = 20 neutron shell closure. To gain a microscopic understanding of this abnormal behavior, measurements of $\langle r^2 \rangle$ of neutron-deficient Ca isotopes below N = 20 have been proposed at the BEam COoling and LAser spectroscopy (BECOLA) facility at NSCL/MSU. Preliminary results will be presented and the deduced charge radii will be compared to theoretical calculations and the trends in the nearby isotopic chains.

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