

Precision Spectroscopy of the 2S-4P Transition Frequency in Atomic Hydrogen

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Hydrogen Energy Levels





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Parameters involved in the theory of atomic hydrogen energy levels:

- Rydberg constant (unit converter) R_{∞} • fine structure constant α
- electron-to-proton mass ratio
- proton r.m.s. charge radius

 α m_e/m_p r_p

... and many more.

Complete collection of coefficients in P. Mohr et al., Rev. Mod. Phys. 84, 1527 (2012)

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 $3x10^{-10}$

5x10⁻¹²

Determination of α from electron g-factor

Hanneke et al., PRL 100, 120801 (2008)

Determination of α from atomic recoil shift Bouchendira et al., PRL **106**, 080801 (2011)

Determination of m_e/m_p from cyclotron frequency 5×10^{-10} see P. Mohr et al., Rev. Mod. Phys. 84, 1527 (2012) and Refs. therein

Effectively two parameters left to us: R_{∞} and r_p .

6x10⁻³



Full recoil and QED in SI units:

Term of the Lamb shift	Value for the 1S level	Uncertainties
Self-energy (one-loop)	$8383339.466{ m kHz}$	$0.083\mathrm{kHz}$
Vacuum polarization (one-loop)	$-214816.607\rm kHz$	$0.005\mathrm{kHz}$
Recoil corrections	$2401.782\mathrm{kHz}$	$0.010\mathrm{kHz}$
Proton size	$1253.000\mathrm{kHz}$	$50\mathrm{kHz}$
Two-loop corrections	$731.000\mathrm{kHz}$	$3.300\mathrm{kHz}$
Radiative recoil corrections	$-12.321\mathrm{kHz}$	$0.740\mathrm{kHz}$
Vacuum polarization (muon)	$-5.068\mathrm{kHz}$	$< \! 0.001 \mathrm{kHz}$
Vacuum polarization (hadron)	$-3.401\mathrm{kHz}$	$0.076\mathrm{kHz}$
Proton self-energy	$4.618\mathrm{kHz}$	$0.160\mathrm{kHz}$
Three-loop corrections	$1.800\mathrm{kHz}$	$1.000 \mathrm{\ kHz}$
Nuclear size corrections to SE and VP	$-0.149\mathrm{kHz}$	$0.011\mathrm{kHz}$
Proton polarization	$-0.070\mathrm{kHz}$	$0.013\mathrm{kHz}$
1S Lamb shift	$8172894(51)\mathrm{kHz}$	

F. Biraben, Euro. Phys. J. 172, 2009

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Size of possible systematics that could explain the proton size puzzle:

Transition	standard dev.	relative to line width
H 1S-2S	4000σ	40
μ-р	100σ	4
H 2S-4P _{1/2}	< 1.5 σ	7x10 ⁻⁴
H 2S-4P _{3/2}	< 0.50	7x10 ⁻⁴

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C.G. Parthey et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 107, 203001 (2011)

Hydrogen 1S-2S





A. Matveev et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 110, 230801 (2013)

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New experiments



New experiments on the way:

Scattering experiments:

- Jlab E12-11-106: e p (2014-15)
- MUSE at PSI: μ^{+/-} p (2017-2018)

Spectroscopy of exotic atoms:

- ETH, Zurich (in preparation):
 - positronium (e+e-)
 - muonium (μ^+e^-)
- PSI, Villingen: μHe⁺

Spectroscopy of electronic Atoms and Ions:

- NPL, London: 2S-6S/D in atomic hydrogen
- MPQ, Garching:
 - 2S-4P in atomic hydrogen
 - 1S-3S in atomic hydrogen (comb)
 - He⁺ (in preparation)
- LKB, Paris: 1S-3S in atomic hydrogen (cw)
- YU, Toronto: 2S-2P "Lamb shift"
- VU, Amsterdam: He⁺ (in preparation)
- NIST, Gaithersburg: highly charged ions

Hydrogen 2S-4P



2S-4P transition:

- one photon transition
 - Iow power required
 - need to deal with 1st and 2nd order Doppler Shift
- small principal quantum number n:
 natural line width 13 MHz
 DC Stark effect small compared higher transitions





difference in 2S-4P transition frequency using r_p from μ -p or H: only about 8.9kHz

1st Order Doppler Shift

$$\Delta \omega = \overrightarrow{v} \cdot \overrightarrow{k}$$

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Last Year...







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simulation of interference effect using perturbative approach presented by in R.C. Brown et al., PRA 87, 032504 (2013) effect depends on geometry and detection scheme of experiment







Detector Upgrade



2S-4P interaction

point

Lyman-α

detector

Lyman-γ split det. 1S-2S excitation

region

Detector Upgrade





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Detector Upgrade





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Laser Spectroscopy Division Hydrogen Project Outlook: Lyman-a Detector





Lyman- α detector:

- monitor number of remaining 2S atoms after interaction
- intrinsically worse statistics
- ca. 2.5 times prolonged measurement time
- but:
 - insensitive to interference effect
 - direct online measurement of 2S atom flux

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2S-6P transition @ 410nm:

- study electric fields for 2S-4P 1.
- 2. absolute freq. measurement



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Summary



- Precision spectroscopy of the 2S-4P transition on a cryogenic beam of optically excited 2S atoms
 - $2S-4P_{1/2}$ and $2S-4P_{3/2}$
 - 1.8kHz uncertainty for 2S-4P_{1/2} (statistics and FOD)
- good statistics essential to identify systematic effects on the order of the discrepancy between H and mup
- interference effect seems to be crucial for our contribution to the proton size puzzle

What's next?

- further improve statistics by direct measurement of FOD
- characterization of interference effect in new detector configuration (exp. & theo.)
- characterization of the DC Stark effect by 2S-6P spectroscopy
- new measurements of the $2S-4P_{1/2}$ and $2S-4P_{3/2}$ transition frequency with upgraded system
- apply experimental scheme to higher 2S-nP transitions

(n = 6, 8, 9, 10)

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Thank you for your attention!