1S-3S Spectroscopy on hydrogen/deuterium atoms

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Interest of H-like atoms spectroscopy ? In short

Ultra-accurate theory \Leftrightarrow highly resolved experiments

Proportional to R_{∞}

Internal energy of an atom: $E = h f \approx (E_{Dirac} + E_{QED} + E_{nucleous_radius_effect})$

 \Rightarrow Spectroscopist point of view: 3 unknowns (R_{∞}, QED, r_N)

- α, me/mp, me/h very-well known by other experimental measurements

If QED exact (so fixed) \Rightarrow 2 unknows left: R_{∞} and r_{N}

 $f_{a-b} + f_{c-d} \Rightarrow R_{\infty} + r_N$

 \Rightarrow Requires only 2 transitions to be determined \Rightarrow With 3 and more: tests on consistancies can be done !

The proton radius puzzle ? 1 sigma



Garching 1S-3S

The proton radius puzzle ? 3 sigmas



Garching 1S-3S

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1S–3S Hydrogen CW spectroscopy



Laser frequency at 205 nm

Overview of the experiment



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Overview of the experiment



With some light ON



CW 205nm laser generation



Schematic of the «old » H beam experiment





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Crucial point: the enhancement 205nm cavity (Fabry Perot) is under vacuum

Theoretical power build-up factor

$$S = T_e / \left(1 - \sqrt{R_e R_s}\right)^2 \approx 40$$

But using UV degrades the mirrors...

Schematics of the «old » H beam experiment



Pollution of the mirrors \Rightarrow breaking vacuum every 2 days to clean

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Schematic of the «old » H beam experiment





 \Rightarrow Blocks the fluorescence due to 205 nm \Rightarrow drastic reduction of the background signal !

Spectroscopy 1S-3S on Deuterium

Some of the results obtained during the PhD thesis S. Thomas - dec. 2021

Based on a new campaign measurement on **Deuterium** atoms:

From 20 October to 17 December 2020

- 9434 spectra
- 3 values of pressure
- 4 values of magnetic field (x 2 direction): a new B weak field B~20G
- measurement of the laser intensity (AC. Stark shift estimation)

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Dealing with systematics ...

1S - 3S spectroscopy on electronic hydrogen:

A few 10⁻¹² relative uncertainty targeted

One of the main works: identifying systematics effects and try to compensate or characterize them !

Pressure shift

Origin: Collisions with rest gas in the chamber

- => broadening ~2 kHz << negligible (natural linewidth 1 MHz)
- => non negligible shift of the center of the line



 $f'_0 - f_{offset} = -0,527 (344) \times P_f - 56, 1 (1,97) \text{ kHz}$

For our Deuterium data at 4.35 (10) mPa $\Delta f_{col} = 2,32 (1,51) \text{ kHz}.$

12 See also: Ph.D thesis H. Fleurbaey (2017) https://tel.archives-ouvertes.fr/tel-01633631

Light shift (AC Stark shift)

• Proportional to the laser intensity inside the interaction chamber



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2^{sd} Order Doppler effect

Our main source of uncertainty



Need to determine the velocity distribution of the H beam ...

And no 1-photon transition easily achievable (121nm laser) for 1st order Doppler broadening measurement

2^{sd} Order Doppler effect

Compensating it ?









- Total compensation of 2^{sd} Ord. Doppler for B = B1 and B2 for mF=-1 transition



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- For v = 3 km/s: the transitions m_F=-1 and m_F=1 are split by ~146 kHz for B = B1 and B2.
- The 3S natural bandwith ~1 MHz
- The two lines cannot be resolved \Rightarrow **Both lines are excited**



The two lines cannot be resolved \Rightarrow partial compensation only due to Motional Stark

⇒ Determination of the velocity distribution by fitting the dispersion curve with several data points for different B (« red » profile)

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Typical signal of the 1S-3S transition – in the past



Improvements of the experiment during the last years

• Work to reduce the Background signal:

 \Rightarrow installation of a dichroic mirror to block the 205nm fluorescence detection system (collection optics)

Good background reduction



Good background reduction

Laser frequency - offset (MHz)

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Improvements of the experiment during the last years

- Work to increase the frequency stability and tunability of the laser
 - Before: usual scan ± 2.5 3 MHz scan (≈ 5 Natural Linewidth) –
 ~ 6 min for 1 run (= 10 scans)
 - possible up to \pm 5 MHz (\approx **10** Natural Linewidth) ~ 11 min
 - New system: ±10 30 MHz scan possible (≈ 20 60 Natural Linewidth) ~ 20 min

With a wider laser frequency scan:

Deuterium spectrum 14/12/2020, run 38 B=0.29 G









$$F(v_L) = Lor(v_L, v_{Bump}, \Gamma_{Bump})$$

Fitting range : edge data only

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$$F(v_L) = F_{theo}(v_L, v_0, \sigma_0) + F_{theo}(v_L, v_B, \sigma_B) + B$$

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Fitting range : all data

Theo curve + Extra broaden Theo curve for Bump, whole data





B= 0.29 G

- 1 Theo curve,
- Theo curve + Extra broaden Theo curve for Bump, whole data

Deuterium spectrum

14/12/2020, run 38

B=0.29 G



Story more complex at weak B field: B ~ 20 G

Deuterium Energy levels



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The new H beam experiment

- Based on dry pumps !
- New design to decoupled the mirrors' cavity of the 205nm from the vibrations of the turbo pumps



The new H beam experiment

• For 1S-3S then 1S-4S















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Thanks for your attention