

Recoil and Radiative-Recoil Corrections in Muonium

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Muonium, the $e^- \mu^+$ bound system, is presently the subject of intense experimental activity. The MUSEUM collaboration at J-PARC is mounting an experiment to measure the muonium ground state hyperfine splitting with an uncertainty goal of 5 Hz (1.2 ppb) [1]. The MuMASS collaboration at PSI is working on new measurements of the 1S-2S interval and the $n = 2$ Lamb shift. The 1S-2S experiment has a final uncertainty goal of 10 kHz (4 ppt) [2, 3]. For the Lamb shift, a new measurement has already reduced the uncertainty by an order of magnitude compared to previous measurements [4] with prospects for significant additional improvement. The leading uncertainties in the QED calculations for these intervals are due to uncalculated recoil and radiative-recoil corrections [3, 5, 6]. It is important to reduce these theoretical uncertainties in order to make the best use of improved experimental results.

In this talk I will report on new results for the recoil and radiative-recoil corrections to muonium energy levels at orders $(Z\alpha)^6$ and $\alpha(Z\alpha)^5$, respectively [7]. These results are exact in the particle masses, eliminating the need for an expansion in the small mass ratio m_e/m_μ . The calculations of the required “hard” integrals (the ones involving relativistic momenta) were done using the integration-by-parts identities in terms of a small set of master integrals, which were evaluated using the method of differential equations [8]. Calculations involving the “soft” (non-relativistic) scale were performed using NRQED. Progress on using the same methods for the calculation of recoil and radiative-recoil contributions at orders $(Z\alpha)^7$, $\alpha(Z\alpha)^6$, and $\alpha^2(Z\alpha)^5$ will be discussed.

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