# Ion transition parameters and their present uncertainties: Electronic structure of Li-like Pb ions

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How shall we understand this table? Can we trust to some calculations more than to others?



## Hydrogen atom: Well-known solutions



(2,0,0)

(2,1,0)

(3,0,0)

We all have studied in the quantum mechanics course the Schrödinger equation for a one-electron atom:

$$\left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\boldsymbol{\nabla}^2 - \frac{Ze^2}{r}\right)\psi(\boldsymbol{r}) = E\,\psi(\boldsymbol{r})$$

We know analytical solutions of this equation!

Energy: 
$$E_n = -\text{Ry} \ \frac{Z^2}{n^2}$$

Wave function:  $\psi_{nlm}(\mathbf{r}) = R_{nl}(r)Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi)$ 

Three quantum numbers describe the system:

n = 1, 2, 3... (principal) l = 0, ... n-1 (orbital) m = -l, .... + l (magnetic)



# Heavy multiply-charged ions



These ions are natural "laboratories" for studying simple atomic systems under critical conditions.



## Dirac equation: Hydrogen-like ions



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Dirac equation is the relativistic wave equation for a <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-spin electron in the nuclear field:

$$(-i\hbar c\boldsymbol{\alpha}\cdot\boldsymbol{\widehat{\nabla}}+V(\boldsymbol{r})+m_ec^2\beta)\psi(\boldsymbol{r})=E\psi(\boldsymbol{r})$$

Energy solutions of the Dirac equation for point-like, infinitely heavy nucleus:

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$$E_{nj} \approx m_e c^2 \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{(\alpha Z)^2}{n^2} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{(\alpha Z)^4}{n^3} \left( \frac{1}{j + \frac{1}{2}} - \frac{3}{4n} \right) + \cdots \right)$$

$$I_{levels} \frac{1S_{1/2}}{1}$$
Schrödinger energy Leading relativistic term

#### Nuclear effects



Both corrections lead only to shift (not splitting!) of energy levels.



### Nuclear recoil correction



Mass shift has been discussed already in nonrelativistic quantum mechanics.

In the non-relativistic approach, for singleelectron ions, we have just to introduce the reduced mass:

 $m_e \rightarrow \frac{m_e M_N}{m_e + M_N}$ 

 $\alpha Z$ 

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Accurate relativistic treatment is possible only within the framework of quantum electrodynamics:

$$\Delta E = \Delta E_{\rm L} + \Delta E_{\rm H}$$

$$\Delta E_{\rm L} = \frac{1}{2M} \langle a | [\vec{p}^2 - (\vec{D}(0) \cdot \vec{p} + \vec{p} \cdot \vec{D}(0))] | a \rangle,$$

$$\Delta E_{\rm H} = \frac{i}{2\pi M} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega \, \langle a | \left( \vec{D}(\omega) - \frac{[\vec{p}, V_{\rm C}]}{\omega + i0} \right) G(\omega + E_a) \left( \vec{D}(\omega) + \frac{[\vec{p}, V_{\rm C}]}{\omega + i0} \right) | a \rangle$$

#### Finite nuclear size effect



Solution of the Dirac equation is most conveniently written in the bi-spinor form:

$$\psi_{nj\mu_j}(r) = \frac{1}{r} \begin{pmatrix} g_{nj}(r) \ \Omega_{lj\mu_j}(\hat{\boldsymbol{r}}) \\ i \ f_{nj}(r) \ \Omega_{l'j\mu_j}(\hat{\boldsymbol{r}}) \end{pmatrix}$$

We can re-write Dirac equation for the radial components!



## Finite nuclear size: Relativistic treatment

We need to choose proper charge distribution and plug it in Dirac equation:

$$\left(\frac{df_{nj}(r)}{dr} - \frac{\kappa}{r}f_{nj}(r)\right) = -(E - V(r) - m_e c^2)g_{nj}(r)$$

$$\left(\frac{dg_{nj}(r)}{dr} + \frac{\kappa}{r}g_{nj}(r)\right) = (E - V(r) + m_e c^2)f_{nj}(r)$$



#### One can find the relativistic correction (Shabaev 1993)

$$\Delta E \approx \frac{(\alpha Z)^2}{10 n} \left[ 1 + (\alpha Z)^2 \phi_{nj}(\alpha Z) \right] \left( 2 \frac{\alpha Z}{\pi} \frac{R}{\hbar/mc} \right)^{2\gamma} m_e c^2$$

Nuclear radii are "input data" fo us! Uncertainty in nuclear data leads to uncertainty of our calculations.





#### **QED** effects

#### Self-energy

Electron can also emit and absorb a virtual photon. We can see this process as interaction of electron with ist own electromagnetic field.

#### Vacuum polarization

We can for a short time to "borrow" energy from vacuum and to create electronpositron pairs.



#### **One-loop self-energy correction**



The zero- and first-order terms are both divergent. These two terms should be renormalized together with the mass-counter term and are calculated within the momentum representation.

The remaining higher-order term is convergent and usually is calculated in the coordinate space by using a partial-wave decomposition for the electron propagators.

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#### **One-loop vacuum-polarization correction**



The one-loop vacuum polarization diagram can be computed in the traditional approach by a decomposition of the vacuum loop electron propagator in powers of the external potential. In this expansion, the first (also called the Uehling) term contains either *one* interaction with the full effective potential:

$$U_{\text{Uehl}}(r) = -\alpha Z \frac{2\alpha}{3\pi} \int_{0}^{\infty} dr' \, 4\pi r' \rho(r') \int_{1}^{\infty} dt \, (1 + \frac{1}{2t^2}) \frac{\sqrt{t^2 - 1}}{t^2} \\ \times \frac{\left[\exp\left(-2m|r - r'|t\right) - \exp\left(-2m(r + r')t\right)\right]}{4mrt}$$

#### **Two-loop QED corrections**

Two-loop self-energy yields the dominant theoretical uncertainty for the Lamb shift in hydrogen and light hydrogen-like ions.





## Uncertainty budget: Lamb shift

Example: 1s Lambshift in hydrogen-like uranium ,in eV



#### Picture from Vladimir Shabaev



## Many-electron ions: Theory



In quantum theory, states of an atom are described by their energy values and by wave-functions:

$$E_n$$
,  $\Psi(\boldsymbol{r}_1, \boldsymbol{r}_2, \boldsymbol{r}_3, \dots, \boldsymbol{r}_N)$ 

The wave function is a function of 3N coordinates, where N is the number of electrons! How to deal with this huge dimension?

For heavy ions like Pb the starting point is the Dirac equation:

$$\widehat{H} = \sum_{i} \left( -i\hbar c \alpha_{i} \cdot \widehat{\nabla}_{i} + V(r_{i}) + m_{e}c^{2}\gamma^{0} \right) + \sum_{i < j} V(|r_{i} - r_{j}|)$$
Hamiltonians of individual electrons

How to describe e-e interactions?





### Relativistic corrections to e-e interaction

How do electrons interact with each other? Is it just Coulomb interaction of two static charges?

The relativistic electron-electron interaction is not anymore just Coulomb-type interaction  $1/r_{12}$ . It contains magnetic and retardation terms.



**Retardation + magnetic interaction** 



## Theory of many-electron systems



We can easily construct the many-electron wavefunctions and energies if we neglect the electron-electron interaction term:

$$\Psi(\boldsymbol{r}_1, \boldsymbol{r}_2, \boldsymbol{r}_3, \dots, \boldsymbol{r}_N) = \sum_{s} d_s \begin{bmatrix} \varphi_1(r_1) & \dots & \varphi_N(r_1) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \varphi_1(r_N) & \dots & \varphi_N(r_N) \end{bmatrix}$$

Where  $\varphi_i(r_i)$  are solutions of individual Hamiltonians:

$$\begin{pmatrix} -i\hbar c \boldsymbol{\alpha}_i \cdot \hat{\nabla}_i + V(\boldsymbol{r}_i) + m_e c^2 \gamma^0 \end{pmatrix} \varphi_i(r_i) = \varepsilon_i \varphi_i(r_i)$$
  
Which potential to use here?



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$$\left(-i\hbar c\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{i}\cdot\hat{V}_{i}+V_{eff}(\boldsymbol{r}_{i})+m_{e}c^{2}\gamma^{0}\right)\varphi_{i}(r_{i})=\varepsilon_{i}\varphi_{i}(r_{i})$$

Just Coulomb electronnucleus interaction?

$$V_{eff}(\boldsymbol{r}_i) = -\frac{Ze^2}{r}$$

Too rough! We need to account for e-e interactions

It is usually convenient to include a part of the e-e interaction already in the one-electron orbitals by introducing a screening potential

$$V_{\text{DF}}(\boldsymbol{r}_1) \psi(\boldsymbol{r}_1) = \sum_c \int d\boldsymbol{r}_2 \,\psi_c^+(\boldsymbol{r}_2) \,\frac{\alpha}{r_{12}}$$
$$\times \left[\psi_c(\boldsymbol{r}_2) \,\psi(\boldsymbol{r}_1) - \psi_c(\boldsymbol{r}_1) \,\psi(\boldsymbol{r}_2)\right]$$

But... We need to account for the rest of e-e interactions!





## Configuration interaction method



In the CI method, the energy levels of the system and the mixing coefficients  $c_r$  are obtained by solving the secular equation

$$det\{\langle \gamma_r J^P M | \sum_i \hat{h}_i + \sum_{i < j} V(|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|) | \gamma_s J^P M \rangle - E_r \delta_{rs}\} = 0$$

In present calculations the  $V(|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|)$  usually accounts for (frequency-dependent) Breit interaction corrections.



## Configuration interaction method

TABLE I. Contributions to the Coulomb energy (in a.u.) for the  $1s2s2p {}^{4}P_{1/2}^{o}$  state of lithium-like iron (Z = 26), for the infinitely heavy nucleus. The values listed after the first row are the increments obtained on successively adding configurations while increasing the maximal value of the orbital quantum number  $L_{\text{max}}$  and enlarging the size of the one-electron basis. Label SD denotes single and double excitations, T denotes the triple excitations,  $n_a$  is the number of B splines in the one-electron basis set, and  $\epsilon$  is the energy cutoff parameter; see text for the details.

$L_{\max}$	$\delta E$
$\overline{\text{SD}, n_a = 30, \epsilon = 4}$	
1	-497.762 342 48
2	-0.008 719 04
3	-0.000 662 72
4	-0.000 124 13
5	-0.000 034 81
6	$-0.000\ 012\ 45$
7	-0.000 005 18
$\geqslant 8$	-0.000 005 55
SD, $n_a = 40, \epsilon = 8$	
1	-0.000 173 23
2	-0.000 001 34
3	-0.000 001 13
$\geq 4$	-0.000 001 07
SD, $n_a = 50, \epsilon = 16$	
1	-0.000 006 46
2	-0.000 000 43
$T, n_a = 25, \epsilon = 4$	
1	$-0.000\ 000\ 22$
2	$-0.000\ 000\ 77$
3	-0.000 000 09
$\geq 4$	$-0.000\ 000\ 04$
Final result	-497.772 091(7)

 $\Psi(\boldsymbol{r}_{1}, \boldsymbol{r}_{2}, \boldsymbol{r}_{3}, \dots, \boldsymbol{r}_{N})$   $= \sum_{r} c_{r} \sum_{s} d_{s} \begin{vmatrix} \varphi_{1}(r_{1}) & \dots & \varphi_{N}(r_{1}) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \varphi_{1}(r_{N}) & \dots & \varphi_{N}(r_{N}) \end{vmatrix}$ 

The summation over configurations can not be infinite. The finite size of the basis is one of the sources of theoretical uncertainty.

One can control the convergence by enhancing the basis in a clear way.



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Z	Present	Sapirstein and Cheng[5]	Kozhedub et al. [4]	Yerokhin et al. [3]
$2p_{3/2} - 2s$ :				
18	35.03759(73)	35.037(1)	35.0378(6)	
20	41.02497 (78)	41.024(1)	41.0251(7)	
21	44.30923 (84)	44.308(1)	44.3092 (7)	
26	64.5646 (12)	64.562(1)	64.5650(9)	64.5647(26)
28	74.9586 (14)	74.955(1)	74.9586(11)	74.9585(28)
30	87.0274 (15)	87.023 (1)	87.0282 (12)	
32	101.0489 (17)	101.04		
36	136.1808 (22)	136.17	136.1818(17)	
40	183.1095 (27)	183.10	183.1106 (23)	
42	211.9871(29)(1)	211.98		
47	303.6714 (38)(2)	303.67	303.6709 (36)	303.6704(52)
50	374.6774(46)(2)	374.67	374.6757 (46)	
52	429.9055 (50)(3)	429.88	429.904 (5)	
54	492.2258 (58)(8)	492.21	492.225 (6)	
60	729.2038 (84)(8)	729.19(1)	729.204 (6)	
64	937.376 (11)(2)	937.39(1)		
66	1059.503(13)(11)	1059.56(1)		
70	1345.526 (17)(6)	1345.57 (2)		
74	1696.129(24)(3)	1696.10(3)		
79	2244.036 (36)(10)	2244.00(3)		
80	2370.446 (39)(9)	2370.38 (4)		
82	2642.220(46)(4)	2642.17 (4)		
83	2788.127 (52)(10)	2788.04(5)		
90	4025.410 (96)(96)	4025.25(7)		
92	4459.580 (94)(31)	4459.46 (8)		

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## Transition probabilities in Pb<sup>79+</sup> ions

	$2p_{1/2} \rightarrow 2s$		$2p_{3/2}$	$\rightarrow 2s$
<u>Z</u>	E(a.u.)	$A(s^{-1})$	E(a.u.)	$A(s^{-1})$
52	4.1825	4.928[9]	15.799	2.852[11]
53	4.2934	5.104[9]	16.911	3.354[11]
54	4.4055	5.275[9]	18.090	3.941[11]
55	4.5200	5.460[9]	19.341	4.629[11]
56	4.6361	5.640[9]	20.667	5.432[11]
57	4.7543	5.834[9]	22.072	6.361[11]
58	4.8745	6.026[9]	23.560	7.444[11]
59	4.9968	6.233[9]	25.134	8.708[11]
60	5.1212	6.438[9]	26.799	1.018[12]
61	5.2476	6.660[9]	28.559	1.186[12]
62	5.3758	6.879[9]	30.417	1.383[12]
63	5.5072	7.123[9]	32.380	1.610[12]
64	5.6404	7.340[9]	34.451	1.873[12]
65	5.7766	7.606[9]	36.636	2.176[12]
66	5.9159	7.850[9]	38.941	2.522[12]
67	6.0544	8.107[9]	41.366	2.922[12]
68	6.2008	8.384[9]	43.926	3.388[12]
69	6.3458	8.644[9]	46.618	3.920[12]
70	6.4941	8.937[9]	49.452	4.526[12]
71	6.6461	9.236[9]	52.435	5.216[12]
72	6.7996	9.529[9]	55.571	6.015[12]
73	6.9573	9.865[9]	58.870	6.940[12]
74	7.1155	1.015[10]	62.335	7.972[12]
75	7.2797	1.050[10]	65.979	9.167[12]
76	7.4451	1.083[10]	69.806	1.052[13]
77	7.6132	1.121[10]	73.824	1.209[13]
78	7.7845	1.154[10]	78.043	1.383[13]
79	7.9586	1.193[10]	82.471	1.583[13]
80	8.1335	1.225[10]	87.116	1.815[13]
81	8.3137	1.263[10]	91.993	2.072[13]
82	8.4950	1.306[10]	97.106	2.368[13]

$$A(2p_{1/2} \rightarrow 2s) = 1.306 \times 10^{10} s^{-1}$$
$$A(2p_{3/2} \rightarrow 2s) = 2.368 \times 10^{13} s^{-1}$$

W. R. Johnson, K. T. Cheng, and J. Sapirstein, At. Data Nucl. Data Tables **64** (1996) 279.

$$\begin{aligned} A_{\rm v}(2p_{1/2} \to 2s) &= 1.50 \times 10^{10} \, s^{-1} \\ A_{\rm l}(2p_{1/2} \to 2s) &= 1.37 \times 10^{10} \, s^{-1} \\ A_{\rm v}(2p_{3/2} \to 2s) &= 2.46 \times 10^{13} \, s^{-1} \\ A_{\rm l}(2p_{3/2} \to 2s) &= 2.45 \times 10^{13} \, s^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

