

Testing Special Relativity at the ESR









- Motivation
- Principle of time dilation tests

- The experiment techniques
- Results





Why Testing Lorentz Invariance?







Ralf Lehnert (2007)



Principle of Relativity:

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The Relativistic Doppler Effect



Relativistic Doppler effect







The First Ives-Stilwell Experiment



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Framework for interpretation



Test theories:



Framework for Interpretation



Test theories:



Modern Ives-Stilwell Experiment



Δν/ν **~ 10**⁻¹⁰

frequencies has to been known very accurate

 $\varepsilon(\beta) \sim \beta^2$

the higher the clock velocity, the higher the sensitivity



The Clock: Metastable ⁷Li⁺





The GSI Facility





The ECR Ion Source



Amount of metastable $^{7}Li^{+}$: < 0.1 ‰ N³⁺ F⁵⁺ Li^{+}/N^{2+} Li²⁺/N⁴⁺ **F**²⁺ lon current [a.u.] N⁺ **O**³⁺ **O**²⁺ Mass-to-charge ratio [u/e] 14 3.5 7



The Experimental Storage Ring ESR



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SpHERe



The ⁷Li⁺ Ion as an Emitter @ 34 % c

Wavelength & Intensity boost







Experimental Setup





Characteristics of the metastable ⁷Li⁺





Test of time dilation





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Limits for Hypothetical Deviations





Improvement of Metastable Production





Conclusions SRT



- ✓ one can test LI via measurement of three frequencies
- first Doppler-free spectroscopy on high relativistic particles
- ✓ on the same level as the leading experiment (10⁻⁸)
- ✓ waiting for beamtime !!



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LIBELLE (Dragonfly)

Lithium-like Bismuth Excitation

with Laser Light at the ESR





Laser

SpHERe

Disentangling QED and nuclear structure



H-like:
$$\Delta E^{(1s)} = \Delta E^{(1s)}_{\text{Dirac}}(1 - \varepsilon^{(1s)}) + \Delta E^{(1s)}_{\text{QED}},$$

Li-like: $\Delta E^{(2s)} = \Delta E^{(2s)}_{\text{Dirac}} (1 - \varepsilon^{(2s)}) + \Delta E_{\text{int}} (1 - \varepsilon^{(\text{int})}) + \Delta E^{(2s)}_{\text{QED}} + \Delta E_{\text{int-QED}}.$

It can be shown that the ratios

$$\frac{\varepsilon^{(2s)}}{\varepsilon^{(1s)}} = f(\alpha Z)$$
 and $\frac{\varepsilon^{(int)}}{\varepsilon^{(2s)}} = f_{int}(\alpha Z)$.

can be calculated to rather high accuracy and is almost independent of the nuclear structure \Rightarrow Bohr-Weisskopf effect cancels !

Knowing the hyperfine splitting in the H-like ion, the HFS in the Li-like ion can be predicted with high accuracy!

Shabaev et al., PRL 86 3959 (2001)

ESR: Doppler-Assisted Laser Spectroscopy





Doppler Shift:



Examples:

²⁰⁹Bi⁸²⁺:
$$\lambda_0 = 250 \text{ nm}$$

 $\beta = 0.59 (218 \text{ MeV/u})$
 $\lambda_{\text{Lab}} = 489 \text{ nm}$

Hyperfine Splitting in Hydrogen-Like Pb⁸¹⁺



 $\Delta E_{HFS} = 1.2159(2) \text{ eV}$



Status for Li-Like ²⁰⁹Bi⁸²⁺





Fluorescence Detection at Relativistic Velocities





New Detection Device for ESR Spectroscopy





LaserSpHERe











Laser P





Laser A

hochgeladenen Ionen und exotischen radioaktiven Nukliden



SpecTrap







http://www.uni-mainz.de/FB/Chemie/AK-Noertershaeuser/

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New Detection Device for ESR Spectroscopy





mirror moved out of ESR

Fundamental Tests







Highest precision experiments on "cold particles"



Time Dilation / Doppler Effect



<u>classical (acoustic)</u>

 $(t)^{-1} = v = \frac{v_0}{\left(1 \pm \frac{v}{c}\right)}$

emitted source frequency (at rest) : v_0

in flight direction : $v_p > v_0$

against direction : $v_a < v_0$





The ⁷Li⁺ Ion as an Emitter @ 34 % c





"Color code" of the Signal





Experiment setup (a few details)





FM-saturation Spectroscopy on I₂



[Opt. Com. 274 (2007) 354]

 $a_1\!\!:\!(388\;605\;083.71\pm0.30)\;\text{MHz}$



temperature of the cold finger 30°C



Fluorescence Detection Section









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Laser

SpHERe

exp. relative accuracy $< 2 \times 10^{-4}$

P. Seelig et al., PRL 81 (1998) P. Seelig, PhD thesis Mainz/GSI 1999

Candidates for Spectroscopy





Approaches:

E083: Relativistic lons at the ESR

SPECTRAP @ HITRAP: Laser Spectroscopy on Trapped Ions inside a Penning Trap

Laser Spectroscopy Technique





Einstein's Postulates for SRT



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Consequences of the postulates



