

Hyperfine Splitting

The proton and electron both have a magnetic dipole moment.

$$\vec{\mu}_p = g_p \left(\frac{e}{2m_p} \right) \vec{S}_p \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{\mu}_e = -g_e \left(\frac{e}{2m_e} \right) \vec{S}_e$$

where $g_p = 5.58$

$$g_e = 2 \left(1 + \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} + \dots \right)$$

$$g_e = 2.0023193043617(15)$$

measured to 12 decimal places

$$384 \times 10^{-11} \text{ MeV/T}$$

$$g_e \frac{\mu_B}{\hbar} \vec{S}_e$$

$$g_p \frac{\mu_N}{\hbar} \vec{S}_p$$

$$245 \times 10^{-14} \text{ MeV/T}$$

From Classical Electrodynamics

$$\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi r^3} \left[3(\vec{\mu} \cdot \hat{r})\hat{r} - \vec{\mu} \right] + \frac{2}{3} \mu_0 \vec{\mu} \delta^3(\vec{r})$$

The B field due to the proton

$$H'_{hf} = -\vec{\mu}_e \cdot \vec{B}$$

electron due to proton

$$H'_{hf} = \frac{\mu_0 g_p e^2}{8\pi m_p m_e} \left[\frac{3(\vec{S}_p \cdot \hat{r})(\vec{S}_e \cdot \hat{r}) - \vec{S}_p \cdot \vec{S}_e}{r^3} \right] + \frac{\mu_0 g_p e^2}{3 m_p m_e} \vec{S}_p \cdot \vec{S}_e \delta^3(\vec{r})$$

$$E'_{hf} = \langle \psi_{100} | H'_{hf} | \psi_{100} \rangle$$

$$\text{For } E'_{hf} = \frac{\mu_0 g_p e^2}{8\pi m_p m_e} \left\langle \frac{3(\vec{S}_p \cdot \hat{r})(\vec{S}_e \cdot \hat{r}) - \vec{S}_p \cdot \vec{S}_e}{r^3} \right\rangle + \frac{\mu_0 g_p e^2}{3 m_p m_e} \langle \vec{S}_p \cdot \vec{S}_e \rangle |\psi(0)|^2$$

Problem 6.27: $\int (\vec{a} \cdot \hat{r})(\vec{b} \cdot \hat{r}) \sin\theta d\theta d\phi = \frac{4}{3} \pi \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$

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Problem 6.27 continued.

$$\left\langle \frac{3(\vec{S}_p \cdot \hat{r})(\vec{S}_e \cdot \hat{r}) - \vec{S}_p \cdot \vec{S}_e}{r^3} \right\rangle = \left\{ \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{r^3} |\psi(r)|^2 r^2 dr \right\} \left\{ \int \left[3(\vec{S}_p \cdot \hat{r})(\vec{S}_e \cdot \hat{r}) \right] \sin\theta d\theta d\phi \right. \\ \left. - \int \vec{S}_p \cdot \vec{S}_e \sin\theta d\theta d\phi \right\} \\ = \left\{ \int \frac{1}{r^3} |\psi(r)|^2 r^2 dr \right\} \left\{ 3 \frac{4\pi}{3} \vec{S}_p \cdot \vec{S}_e - 4\pi \vec{S}_p \cdot \vec{S}_e \right\} = 0$$

So, all that remains is:

$$E_{hf}^1 = \frac{\mu_0 g_p e^2}{3\pi m_p m_e a^3} \underbrace{\langle \vec{S}_p \cdot \vec{S}_e \rangle}_{\text{Spin-Spin Coupling}} \quad \text{Recall: } \psi_{100}(r) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{1}{a_0^{3/2}} e^{-r/a_0}$$

The "good" states are eigenvectors of the total spin: $\vec{S} = \vec{S}_p + \vec{S}_e$

$$\vec{S}_p \cdot \vec{S}_e = \frac{1}{2} (S^2 - S_e^2 - S_p^2)$$

$$\langle \vec{S}_p \cdot \vec{S}_e \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \left(2\hbar^2 - \frac{3}{4}\hbar^2 - \frac{3}{4}\hbar^2 \right) = +\frac{1}{4}\hbar^2 \quad (\text{triplet})$$

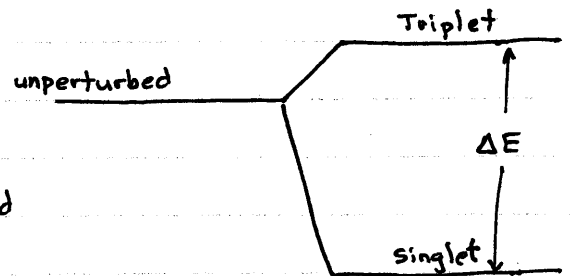
$$\langle \vec{S}_p \cdot \vec{S}_e \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \left(0\hbar^2 - \frac{3}{4}\hbar^2 - \frac{3}{4}\hbar^2 \right) = -\frac{3}{4}\hbar^2 \quad (\text{singlet})$$

So, now the hyperfine splitting can be written as:

$$E_{hf}^1 = \frac{4 g_p \hbar^4}{3 m_p m_e^2 c^2 a^4} \begin{cases} (+\frac{1}{4}) & \text{for the triplet state} \\ (-\frac{3}{4}) & \text{for the singlet state} \end{cases}$$

Spin-spin coupling breaks the degeneracy of the hydrogen ground state, ψ_{100} .

$$\Delta E = \frac{4g_p \hbar^4}{3m_p m_e^2 c^2 a^4} = 5.88 \times 10^{-6} \text{ eV}$$



1. What is the wavelength of the emitted photon?

$$\Delta E = \frac{hc}{\lambda} \quad \lambda = \frac{hc}{\Delta E} = \frac{1240 \text{ eV} \cdot \text{nm}}{5.88 \times 10^{-6} \text{ eV}} = 2.11 \times 10^8 \text{ nm} = 0.21 \text{ meters}$$

$$\lambda = 21 \text{ cm}$$

2. What is the lifetime of the triplet state?

and Waves

- a.) The total power radiated by a magnetic dipole is:

$$P_m = \frac{ck^4 \mu_e^2}{3} \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi}$$

where $\mu_e = \frac{e\hbar}{2m_e}$ mag. dipole moment of the e^-

The approximate lifetime of a state is the energy radiated per transition divided by the power radiated.

$$\tau = \frac{\Delta E}{P_m} = \frac{\hbar\omega}{P_m} = \hbar kc \frac{3}{ck^4 \mu_e^2 (\mu_0/4\pi)}$$

Lifetime of the triplet state ($\lambda = 21 \text{ cm}$)

$$\tau \approx \frac{3\hbar}{k^3 \left(\frac{e\hbar}{2m_e}\right)^2 \left(\frac{\mu_0}{4\pi}\right)} = \frac{12 m_e^2}{k^3 e^2 \hbar \left(\frac{\mu_0}{4\pi}\right)}$$

$$\tau \approx \left(\frac{\lambda}{2\pi}\right)^3 \frac{12 m_e^2}{e^2 \hbar \left(\frac{\mu_0}{4\pi}\right)} =$$

$$\tau \approx \left(\frac{0.21 \text{ m}}{2\pi}\right)^3 \frac{12 (9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg})^2}{(1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C})^2 (1.055 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s}) (10^{-7} \text{ N}\cdot\text{s}^2/\text{C}^2)}$$

$$\tau \approx 1.37 \times 10^{15} \text{ sec} \left(\frac{1 \text{ yr}}{3.16 \times 10^7 \text{ s}}\right) = 4.35 \times 10^7 \text{ years}$$

$$\tau \approx 43 \text{ million years}$$

$$\text{electron: } \vec{\mu}_e = -g_e \left(\frac{e}{2m_e} \right) \vec{S}_e = -g_e \frac{\mu_B}{\hbar} \vec{S}_e$$

$5.7884 \times 10^{-11} \text{ MeV/T}$

$$\text{proton: } \vec{\mu}_p = g_p \left(\frac{e}{2m_p} \right) \vec{S}_p = g_p \frac{\mu_N}{\hbar} \vec{S}_p$$

$3.15245 \times 10^{-14} \text{ MeV/T}$

$$\text{Deuteron: } \vec{\mu}_D = \frac{g_D}{0.857} \mu_N \frac{\vec{S}_D}{\hbar}$$

Deuteron continued:

$$S=1 \quad L=0 \quad (J=1) \quad \frac{g_D}{\mu_N} = 0.879 \quad \text{Theory}$$

$$S=1 \quad L=2 \quad (J=1) \quad \frac{g_D}{\mu_N} = 0.310 \quad \text{Theory}$$

Deuteron is mostly in the $S=1 \quad L=0$ state

Magnetic Dipole of a neutron:

$$\mu_{\text{neutron}} = g_{\text{neutron}} \mu_N = -1.913 \mu_N$$