



# A Critical Compilation of Experimental Data for Spectral Lines and Energy Levels of Hydrogen, Deuterium, and Tritium

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# Motivation

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- No existing complete evaluated experimental data on H, D, and T
- Experimental energy levels of H, D, and T do not exist in the literature
- Reference data in Moore 1949-1972 are old theory (last revision is from Garcia and Mack 1965)
- Large amount of high-precision experimental data exist for many transition frequencies
- Large number of energy levels and transition frequencies can be derived with high precision from experimental data w/o sophisticated theory.

Some data for neutral and singly-charged ions are available in the [Handbook of Basic Atomic Spectroscopic Data](#)

NIST Atomic Spectra Database Lines Data

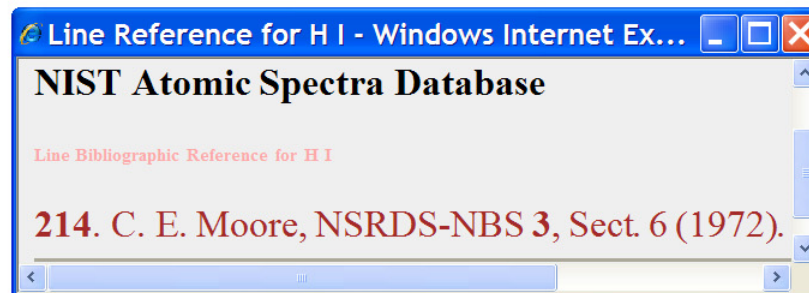
Example of how to reference these results:  
 Ralchenko, Yu., Kramida, A.E., Reader, J., and NIST ASD Team (2008). *NIST Atomic Spectra Database* (version 3.1.5), [Online]. Available: <http://physics.nist.gov/asd3> [2008, July 11] National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD.

Query NIST Bibliographic Databases for H I (new window):  
[Wavelengths](#) [Transition Probabilities](#)

H I: 147 Lines of Data Found

Wavelength in: vacuum

Highest relative intensity: 1000



| Observed Wavelength Vac (Å) | Ritz Wavelength Vac (Å) | Rel. Int. (?) | $A_{ki}$ (s <sup>-1</sup> ) | Acc. | $E_i$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> ) | $E_k$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> ) | Configurations | Terms    | $J_i - J_k$ | Type | TP Line Ref. Ref. |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|----------|-------------|------|-------------------|
| 926.226                     |                         | 15            |                             |      |                           |                           |                |          |             |      | 214               |
| 930.748                     |                         | 20            |                             |      |                           |                           |                |          |             |      | 214               |
| 937.803                     | 937.8033                | 30*           | 1.973e+07                   | AA'  | 0                         | - 106 632.1640            | 1s - 6p        | 2S - 2P° | 1/2 - 3/2   | 1    | 214               |
| 937.803                     | 937.8035                | 30*           | 1.973e+07                   | AA'  | 0                         | - 106 632.1505            | 1s - 6p        | 2S - 2P° | 1/2 - 1/2   | 1    | 214               |
| 949.743                     | 949.7429                | 50*           | 3.437e+07                   | AA'  | 0                         | - 105 291.6540            | 1s - 5p        | 2S - 2P° | 1/2 - 3/2   | 1    | 214               |
| 949.743                     | 949.7431                | 50*           | 3.437e+07                   | AA'  | 0                         | - 105 291.6306            | 1s - 5p        | 2S - 2P° | 1/2 - 1/2   | 1    | 214               |
| 972.537                     | 972.5366                | 100*          | 6.818e+07                   | AA'  | 0                         | - 102 823.8962            | 1s - 4p        | 2S - 2P° | 1/2 - 3/2   | 1    | 214               |
| 972.537                     | 972.5370                | 100*          | 6.818e+07                   | AA'  | 0                         | - 102 823.8505            | 1s - 4p        | 2S - 2P° | 1/2 - 1/2   | 1    | 214               |
| 1 025.722                   | 1 025.7218              | 300*          | 1.672e+08                   | AA'  | 0                         | - 97 492.3214             | 1s - 3p        | 2S - 2P° | 1/2 - 3/2   | 1    | 214               |
| 1 025.722                   | 1 025.7229              | 300*          | 1.672e+08                   | AA'  | 0                         | - 97 492.2130             | 1s - 3p        | 2S - 2P° | 1/2 - 1/2   | 1    | 214               |
| 1 215.668                   | 1 215.6682              | 1000          | 6.265e+08                   | AA'  | 0                         | - 82 259.2865             | 1s - 2p        | 2S - 2P° | 1/2 - 3/2   | 1    | 214               |
| 1 215.674                   | 1 215.6736              | 500           | 6.265e+08                   | AA'  | 0                         | - 82 258.9206             | 1s - 2p        | 2S - 2P° | 1/2 - 1/2   | 1    | 214               |



# Goals

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- Provide a reference set of essentially experimental values of the energy levels and frequencies for the ***fine structure*** of H, D, and T and compare them with the most precise calculations.
- Provide a reference set of the ***hfs*** data on H, D, and T and outline the problem areas.
- Provide a reference set of experimental wavelengths of ***series lines*** of H and D for astrophysics and laboratory spectral analysis.



# Outline

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- Brief history
- Selection of data
- Hyperfine structure – measurements and calculations
- Fine structure level optimization
- Comparison with QED calculations
- Line series for practical science
- Conclusions



## Brief history: Theory

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- Bohr 1913:  $E(n) = -RZ^2/n^2$   
Predicted lines observed by Lyman 1914, Brackett 1922, Pfund 1924, Humphreys 1953.
- Reduced-mass adjustment:  $R = R_\infty/(1+m_e/M_N)$
- Sommerfeld, Unsöld, Dirac 1926-1928:

$$E_D(n,j) = 2R/\alpha^2[f(n,j) - 1]$$

$$f(n,j) = \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{Z\alpha}{n-\delta} \right)^2 \right]^{-1/2} \quad \delta = \left( j + \frac{1}{2} \right) \left( 1 - \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{Z\alpha}{j + \frac{1}{2}} \right)^2 \right]^{1/2} \right)$$





# Brief history: Theory

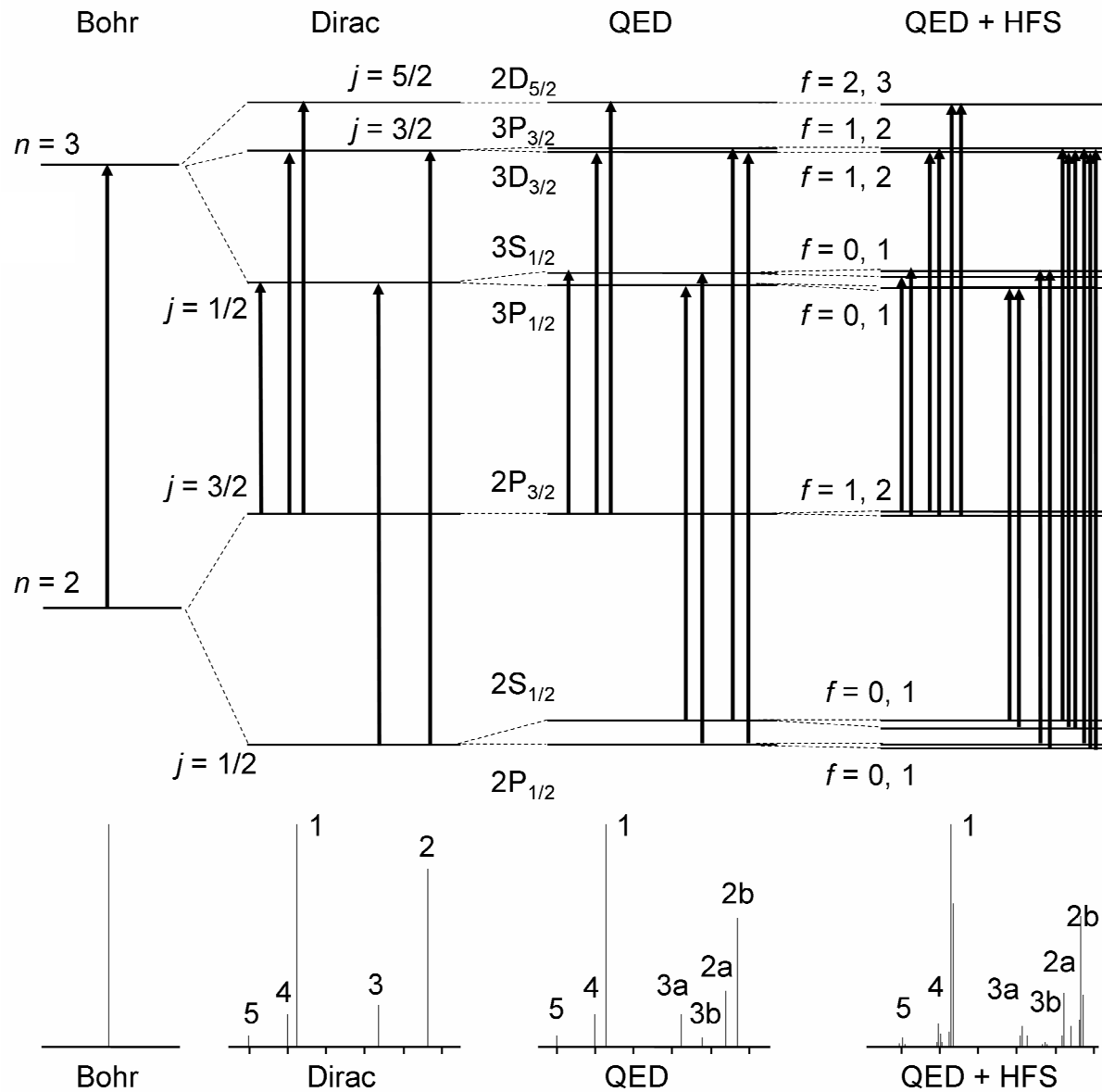
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- Barker and Glover 1955, Garcia and Mack 1965, Grotch and Yennie 1967-1969, Sapirstein and Yennie 1990:

$$E_{rel} = E_D \frac{m_r}{m_e} - \frac{R_\infty [f(n, j) - 1]^2 m_r^2}{\alpha^2 m_e (m_e + M_N)} + (1 - \delta_{l0}) \frac{R_\infty (Z\alpha)^4 m_r^3}{\alpha^2 \kappa (2l + 1) n^3 m_e M_N^2} + \dots$$

$$m_r = m_e / (1 + m_e / M_N), \kappa = (-1)^{j+l+1/2} (j + 1/2)$$

- Erickson 1977, Sapirstein and Yennie 1990:
  - Further small corrections related to mass (more complex)



Theoretical structure of Balmer- $\alpha$  (not to scale)



## Brief history: Experiment and theory

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- Houston and Hsieh 1934, Houston 1937:  
Measured doublet separations in Balmer series are consistently smaller than Dirac's theory predictions.
- Pasternack 1938:  
Deviations in Balmer- $\alpha$  doublet separations can be explained by an upward shift of  $2S_{1/2}$  by  $0.03 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .
- Bethe 1947, 1950: QED theory.
- Lamb *et al.* 1950-1953:  
This shift measured in H and D and proved to be real.
- Garcia and Mack 1965, Erickson 1971-1977, Mohr 1975, Sapirstein 1981, ..., Kotochigova *et al.* 2002, ...:  
Further development of the QED theory
- Jentschura *et al.* 2005, NIST H&D database  
<http://physics.nist.gov/PhysRefData/HDEL/index.html>



## Brief history: Experiments on FS of H, D, T

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- **1806-2008: Line series measured in discharges and Sun with prisms, gratings, and FTS**  
(Wollaston), Fraunhofer, Ames, Evershed, Dyson, Paschen, Fowler, Mitchell, Evans, Lyman, Curtis, Paschen, Wood, McLennan, Brackett, Pfund, Poetker, Herzberg, Babcock, Humphreys, Herzberg, Hansen, Rosenberg, Doschek, Feldman, Brault, Noyes, Zirker, Boreiko, T. Clark, Geller, Wallace, Farmer, Chang, Curdt, Parenti, ...
- **1887-1973: Optical interferometry of discharges**  
Michelson, Morley, Merton, Houstoun, Houston, Hsieh, Kent, Williams, Gibbs, Kopfermann, Spedding, Heyden, Giulotto, Kuhn, Series, Drinkwater *et al.*, Kireyev, Csillag, Masui, Kibble, ...
- **1950-1998: Microwave and rf measurements with atomic beams**  
Lamb *et al.*, Lundeen, Pipkin, Hagley, Fabjan, Brown, Baird, B. Clark, Van Baak, Safinya, Glass-Maujean, Robiscoe, Shyn, Newton, Andrews, Cosens, Vorburger, van Wijngaarden, ...



# Brief history: Laser spectroscopy experiments on FS (H and D)

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- **1972-1988: Saturated absorption**  
Hänsch *et al.*, Nayfeh, Weber, Goldsmith, Petley *et al.*, Tate *et al.*  
...
- **1981-1989: Metastable atomic beam, one-photon**  
Amin, Zhao, Lichten, Bergquist, ...
- **1975-2000: Two-photon, Doppler-free**  
Hänsch *et al.*, Biraben, Julien, Garreau, Foot, Beausoleil, Hildum *et al.*, Barr *et al.*, Boshier, McIntyre, Thompson, Andrae, Nez, Schmidt-Kaler, Weitz, Berkeland, Bourzeix, de Beauvoir, Huber, Schwob, ...
- **2000-2008: ..., and with frequency combs**  
Niering *et al.*, Hänsch *et al.*, ...



## Selection of data: Criteria

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- Magnitude of applied theoretical corrections or adjustments must be much smaller than the measured value
  - $n=2$  Lamb shift measurement of Pal'chikov and Sokolov (1985) is not included
- The best accuracy of measurement
- The best account for systematic effects
- Only one measurement is included for each measured interval

## Selection of data: H (shown 8 out of total 43)

| FS interval         | Measured value (MHz)  | Actually measured interval      | Largest theoretical correction               | Ref.     |
|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|--|----------|
| $1S_{1/2}-2S_{1/2}$ | 2466061413.187074(34) | $1S_{F=1}-2S_{F=1}$             | None   | Hänsch05 |
| $2P_{1/2}-2S_{1/2}$ | 1057.847(9)           | $2P_{1/2,F=1}-2S_{F=0}$         | (14.7924)(2)<br>= $1/4$ hfs( $2P_{1/2}$ )    | LP86     |
| $2P_{1/2}-2P_{3/2}$ | 10969.13(10)          | $2P_{1/2,F=0,1}-2P_{3/2,F=1,2}$ | hfs( $2P_{1/2},2P_{3/2}$ )                   | Baird72  |
| $2S_{1/2}-2P_{3/2}$ | 9911.201(12)          | $2S_{F=0}-2P_{3/2,F=1}$         | (14.7823)(2)<br>= $5/8$ hfs( $2P_{3/2}$ )    | HP94     |
| $2P_{1/2}-3D_{3/2}$ | 456685852.8(17) + x   | $2P_{1/2,F=0,1}-3D_{3/2,F=1,2}$ | hfs( $2P_{1/2},3D_{3/2}$ )                   | Hänsch74 |
| $2S_{1/2}-3P_{1/2}$ | 456681549.9(3) + x    | $2S_{F=1}-3P_{1/2,F=0,1}$       | (1.46098)(2)<br>= $1/12$ hfs( $3P_{1/2}$ )   | Zhao86   |
| $2S_{1/2}-3P_{3/2}$ | 456684800.1(3) + x    | $2S_{F=1}-3P_{3/2,F=1,2}$       | (-1.45998)(2)<br>= $-5/24$ hfs( $3P_{3/2}$ ) | Zhao86   |
| $2P_{3/2}-3D_{5/2}$ | 456675968.3(34) + x   | $2P_{3/2,F=1,2}-3D_{5/2,F=2,3}$ | hfs( $2P_{3/2},3D_{5/2}$ )                   | Hänsch74 |

## Selection of data: D (shown 7 out of 36)

| FS interval         | Measured value (MHz)   | Actually measured interval                                  | Largest theoretical correction   | Ref.            |
|---------------------|------------------------|---|--|-----------------|
| $1S_{1/2}-2S_{1/2}$ | 2466732407.52171(15)   | $H(1S_{F=1}-2S_{F=1}) - D(1S_{F=3/2}-2S_{F=3/2})$           | None   | Huber98         |
| $2P_{1/2}-2S_{1/2}$ | 1059.28(6)             | $2P_{1/2,F=3/2}-2S_{F=1/2}$ and $2P_{1/2,F=3/2}-2S_{F=3/2}$ | $(4.54446)(5) = 1/3 \text{ hfs}(2P_{1/2})$   | Cosens68, V71   |
| $2S_{1/2}-2P_{3/2}$ | 9912.61(30)            | $2S_{F=3/2}-2P_{3/2,F=5/2}$                                 | $(-2.72694)(5) = -1/6 \text{ hfs}(2P_{3/2,F=1/2-3/2}) - 1/2 \text{ hfs}(2P_{3/2,F=3/2-5/2})$   | DTL53, Taylor69 |
| $2P_{1/2}-3D_{3/2}$ | $456810113.8 (19) + x$ | $H(2P_{1/2}-3D_{3/2}) - D(2P_{1/2}-3D_{3/2})$               | None (Assumed Boltzmann in hfs)  | Tate88          |
| $2S_{1/2}-3P_{1/2}$ | $456805811.7(3) + y$   | $2S_{F=3/2}-3P_{1/2,F=1/2,3/2}$                             | $(0.448839)(6) = 1/9 \text{ hfs}(3P_{1/2})$  | Zhao86          |
| $2S_{1/2}-3P_{3/2}$ | $456809062.6(3) + y$   | $2S_{F=3/2}-3P_{3/2,F=1/2,3/2,5/2}$                         | $(-0.448429)(8) = -5/36 \text{ hfs}(3P_{3/2,F=1/2-3/2}) - 1/4 \text{ hfs}(3P_{3/2,F=3/2-5/2})$ | Zhao86          |
| $2P_{3/2}-3S_{1/2}$ | 456796251(30)          | $D(2P_{3/2}-3S_{1/2}) - D(2P_{3/2}-3D_{5/2})$               | $\text{hfs}(2P_{3/2},3S_{1/2},3D_{5/2})$   | Series51        |



# Selection of data: H and D, some re-calibrated old measurements

Measurements not included in the 1998 CODATA adjustment of the fundamental constants, but included here:

TABLE VI. Summary of reported values of the Rydberg constant  $R_\infty$  with a relative standard uncertainty  $10^{-10} < u_r < 10^{-9}$  and the 1986 CODATA value (H is hydrogen and D is deuterium).

| Authors   | Laboratory <sup>a</sup> | Atom and transition | Reported value $R_\infty / \text{m}^{-1}$ | $10^{10} u_r$ |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------|---|---------------|
| CODATA 1986 (Cohen and Taylor, 1987)                                      |                         |                     | 10 973 731.534(13)                        | 12            |
| Biraben <i>et al.</i> (1986)  | LKB                     | H,D: 2S–8D/10D      | 10 973 731.5692(60)                       | 5.5           |
| Zhao <i>et al.</i> (1986)   | Yale                    | H,D: 2S–3P          | 10 973 731.5689(71)                       | 6.5           |
| Zhao <i>et al.</i> (1987, 1989)   | Yale                    | H,D: 2S–4P          | 10 973 731.5731(29)                       | 2.6           |
| Beausoleil <i>et al.</i> (1987); Beausoleil (1986)                        | Stanford                | H: 1S–2S            | 10 973 731.5715(67)                       | 6.1           |
| Boshier <i>et al.</i> (1987, 1989)  | Oxford                  | H,D: 1S–2S          | 10 973 731.5731(31)                       | 2.8           |
| McIntyre <i>et al.</i> (1989)   | Stanford                | H: 1S–2S            | 10 973 731.5686(78)                       | 7.1           |
| Biraben <i>et al.</i> (1989); Garreau <i>et al.</i> (1990a, 1990b, 1990c) | LKB                     | H,D: 2S–8D/10D/12D  | 10 973 731.5709(18)                       | 1.7           |

<sup>a</sup>LKB, Laboratoire Kastler-Brossel, Paris (Laboratoire de Spectroscopie Hertzienne prior to 1994).

# Selection of data: T

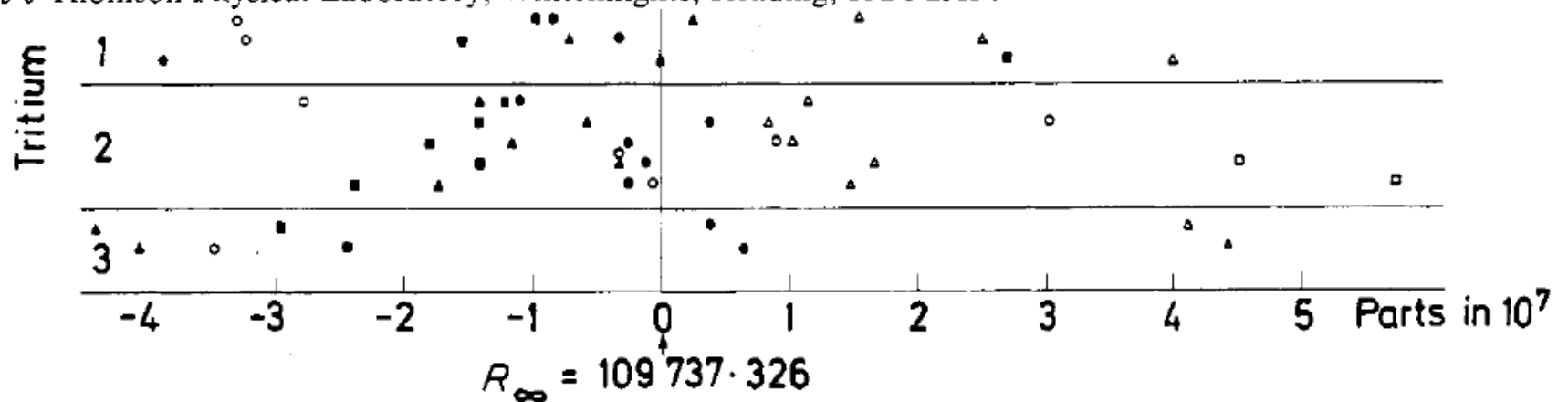
Tritium Balmer- $\alpha$  fine-structure transition frequencies derived from the measurements of Tate *et al.* 1988 (Clarendon Lab., UK).

| Transition          | Frequency from IS(H-T), MHz | Frequency from IS(H-D), MHz | Frequency from line separation in T, MHz | Mean measured frequency, MHz |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| $2P_{3/2}-3D_{5/2}$ | 456841568.8(8)(14)          | 456841568.7(17)(14)         | –  | 456841568.8(16)              |
| $2P_{1/2}-3D_{3/2}$ | 456851457.2(19)(14)         | 456851457.4(21)(14)         | 456851457.1(18)                          | 456851457.2(13)              |
| $2S_{1/2}-3P_{3/2}$ | 456850406.2(11)(14)         | 456850406.2(12)(14)         | 456850404.9(24)                          | 456850405.8(14)              |
| $2S_{1/2}-3P_{1/2}$ | 456847154.3(18)(14)         | 456847154.2(18)(14)         | 456847152.9(29)                          | 456847153.8(16)              |

B P Kibble,† W R C Rowley,† R E Shawyer† and G W Series‡ J. Phys. B 6, 1079 (1973).

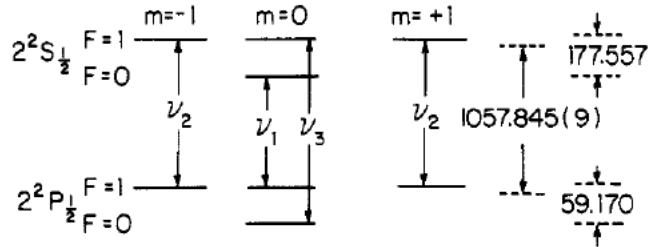
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‡ J J Thomson Physical Laboratory, Whiteknights, Reading, RG6 2AF.



# Hyperfine structure: example for H

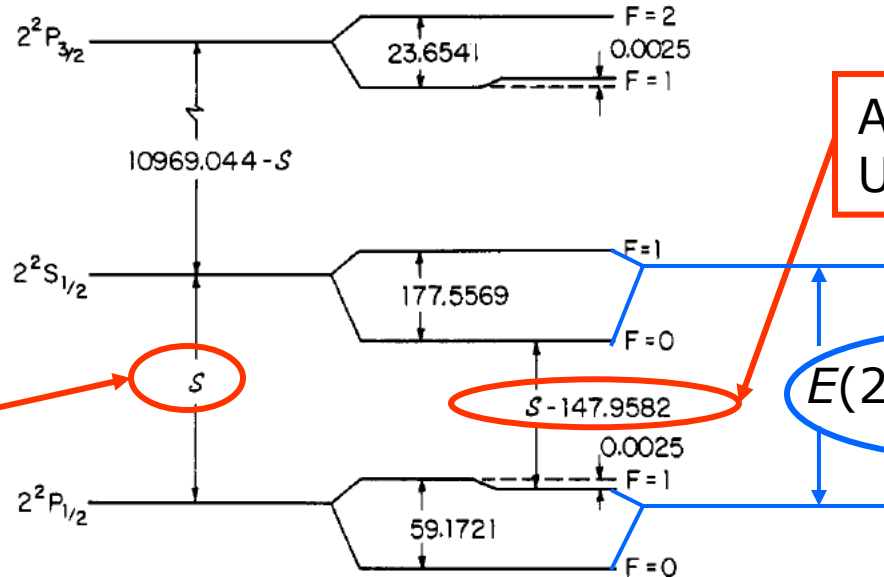
(a)



Adapted from

S.R. Lundeen and F. M. Pipkin,  
Metrologia **22**. 9 (1986).

(b)



Actually measured quantity.  
Uncertainty 0.009 MHz

Final reported quantity, 'Lamb shift'

$E(2S) - E(2P_{1/2})$

Quantity reported in this compilation

**Fig. 11.** **a** Energy levels for the  $2^2S_{1/2}$  and  $2^2P_{1/2}$  states of hydrogen when one includes the hyperfine splitting. **b** Energy levels for  $n = 2$  manifold including both the diagonal and off-diagonal hyperfine interactions

## Hyperfine structure: H, some published data

| FS level   |            | HFS splitting (MHz) | Reference               |
|------------|------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| $1S_{1/2}$ | Experiment | 1420405.751768(1)   | Karshenboim05           |
| $2P_{1/2}$ | Theory     | (59.1501)(1)        | LJP75                   |
|            | Theory     | (59.172)            | LJP75                   |
|            | Theory     | (59.169)(2)         | Andrews76,<br>Safinya80 |
|            | Theory     | (59.1696)(6)        | Newton79, LP86          |
|            | Theory     | (59.1695)(6)        | This work               |
|            | Experiment | 59.22(14)           | LJP75                   |
| $2P_{3/2}$ | Theory     | (23.6521)(8)        | Safinya1980,<br>HP94    |
|            | Theory     | (23.6516)(2)        | LP86                    |
|            | Theory     | (23.65157)(24)      | This work               |

## Hyperfine structure: D, some published data

| Level      | Interval    |      | HFS splitting (MHz) | Reference               |
|------------|-------------|------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| $1S_{1/2}$ | $F=1/2-3/2$ | Exp. | 327.3843525222(17)  | WR72                    |
| $2S_{1/2}$ | $F=1/2-3/2$ | Exp. | 40.924454(7)        | K04                     |
| $4S_{1/2}$ | $F=1/2-3/2$ | Th.  | (5.11554)(3)        | Weitz95                 |
|            |             | Semi | [5.1155512](12)     | This work               |
| $4D_{5/2}$ | $F=3/2-5/2$ | Th.  | (59.172)            | LJP75                   |
|            |             | Th.  | (59.169)(2)         | Andrews76,<br>Safinya80 |
|            | $F=5/2-7/2$ | Th.  | (0.20464)           | Weitz95                 |
|            |             | Th.  | (0.20452)(21)       | This work               |
| $8D_{5/2}$ | $F=3/2-5/2$ | Th.  | (0.183)             | deBeauvoir00            |
|            |             | Th.  | (0.18178)(18)       | This work               |
|            | $F=5/2-7/2$ | Th.  | (0.256)             | deBeauvoir00            |
|            |             | Th.  | (0.2557)(3)         | This work               |

# Hyperfine structure: theory

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$$\Delta E_{nljIF} = \frac{A_{nlj}}{2} [F(F+1) - I(I+1) - j(j+1)] + \Delta E_{nljIF}^{off-diag}$$

$A_{nlj}$  is a magnetic-dipole hfs constant:

$$A_{nlj} = 2\alpha^2 Z^3 R_\infty c \frac{\mu_e \mu_{nucl}}{\mu_B^2 \left(1 + \frac{m_e}{M_N}\right)^3 n^3 j(j+1)(2l+1)I} F_{nlj}^{rel}$$

Interval between two adjacent hfs levels:

$$\Delta E_{hfs}(F-1, F) = A_{nlj} F + \Delta E_{nljI}^{off-diag}(F-1, F)$$

# Hyperfine structure: theory

$$F_{nlj}^{rel} = \frac{1 - N - \frac{2\kappa |\kappa|}{n} q}{2\kappa - 1} \frac{1}{(1 - q)N^4 \left[ 1 - \frac{4(\alpha Z)^2}{4\kappa^2 - 1} \right]}$$

Based on

- 1) I.I. Sobel'man, *Introduction to the Theory of Atomic Spectra* (1972);
- 2) V.M. Shabaev, *J. Phys. B* **24**, 4479 (1991).

$$\kappa = (-1)^{j+l+\frac{1}{2}} (j+\frac{1}{2}), \quad q = 1 - [1 - (\alpha Z/\kappa)^2]^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

$$N = [1 - 2 |\kappa| (n - |\kappa|) q / n^2]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

With these relations:

$$\longrightarrow \frac{\kappa}{|\kappa| (2\kappa + 1)} \equiv \frac{1}{|2\kappa + 1|} \equiv \frac{1}{2l + 1}$$

the above formula is identical to the

one given by U.D. Jentschura and V.A. Yerokhin, Phys. Rev. A **73**, 062503 (2006).

# Hyperfine structure: H, D, 2P

S. Brodsky and R.G. Parsons, Phys. Rev. **163**, 134 (1967).

$$\begin{aligned}
 \nu(2P_{1/2}, H) &= \frac{E_F(H)}{3} \left[ \frac{g_s}{2} - \frac{(g_s-2)}{4} + \frac{m}{4M_P} \left( \frac{1+2\kappa_P}{1+\kappa_P} \right) \right] \\
 &\quad \times \left[ 1 + \frac{47}{24} (Z\alpha)^2 \right] \langle \mathbf{I} \cdot \mathbf{J} \rangle, \\
 \nu(2P_{3/2}, H) &= \frac{E_F(H)}{15} \left[ \frac{g_s}{2} - \frac{5(g_s-2)}{8} + \frac{5m}{8M_P} \left( \frac{1+2\kappa_P}{1+\kappa_P} \right) \right] \\
 &\quad \times \left[ 1 + \frac{7}{24} (Z\alpha)^2 \right] \langle \mathbf{I} \cdot \mathbf{J} \rangle, \\
 \nu(2P_{1/2}, D) &= \frac{E_F(D)}{9/2} \left[ \frac{g_s}{2} - \frac{(g_s-2)}{4} + \frac{m}{2M_D} \left( \frac{\kappa_D}{1+\kappa_D} \right) \right] \\
 &\quad \times \left[ 1 + \frac{47}{24} (Z\alpha)^2 \right] \langle \mathbf{I} \cdot \mathbf{J} \rangle, \\
 \nu(2P_{3/2}, D) &= \frac{E_F(D)}{45/2} \left[ \frac{g_s}{2} - \frac{5(g_s-2)}{8} + \frac{5m}{4M_D} \left( \frac{\kappa_D}{1+\kappa_D} \right) \right] \\
 &\quad \times \left[ 1 + \frac{7}{24} (Z\alpha)^2 \right] \langle \mathbf{I} \cdot \mathbf{J} \rangle,
 \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

$$E_F(H) = \frac{2}{3} \alpha^2 c R y_\infty \frac{\mu_P}{\mu_0} \left( \frac{m_H}{m} \right)^3, \tag{9}$$

$$E_F(D) = \alpha^2 c R y_\infty \frac{\mu_D}{\mu_0} \left( \frac{m_D}{m} \right)^3,$$

$$g_s/2 = 1.001159622 \pm 0.000000027.$$

The off-diagonal hyperfine Hamiltonian is

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{hfs}}' = \frac{E_F(H)}{16} \left[ 2 - \frac{g_s}{2} + \frac{m}{M_P} \left( \frac{1+2\kappa_P}{1+\kappa_P} \right) \right] \langle \mathbf{I} \cdot \mathbf{L} \rangle \tag{10a}$$

for hydrogen, and

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{hfs}}' = \frac{E_F(D)}{24} \left[ 2 - \frac{g_s}{2} + \frac{2m}{M_D} \left( \frac{\kappa_D}{1+\kappa_D} \right) \right] \langle \mathbf{I} \cdot \mathbf{L} \rangle \tag{10b}$$

for deuterium.

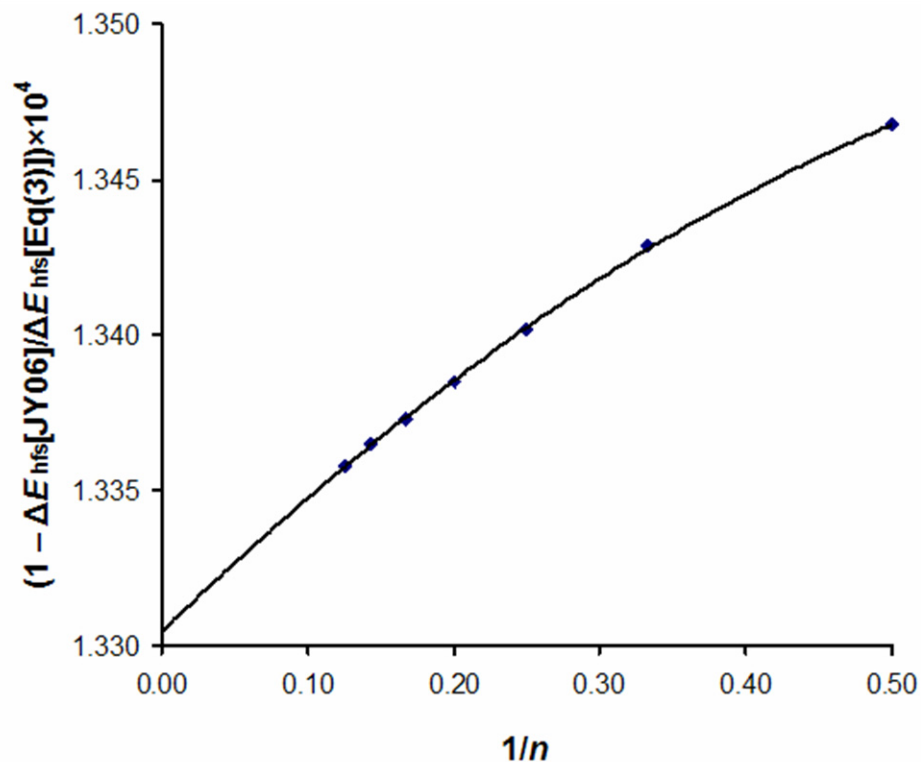


# Hyperfine structure: H, $nS_{1/2}$

$n = 2-8$ , precise semiempirical calculations of [JY06] =

U.D. Jentschura and V.A. Yerokhin, Phys. Rev. A **73**, 062503 (2006).

$$A_{ns}[\text{JY06}] \approx A_{ns}^{\text{approx}}[1 - F_{\text{corr}}(\text{H}, ns)]$$



$$F_{\text{corr}}(\text{H}, ns) = 1.33045 \times 10^{-4} + 4.5583 \times 10^{-6} / n - 2.5917 \times 10^{-6} / n^2$$

Fractional uncertainty:

[JY06]:  $\leq 1.1 \times 10^{-8}$  ( $n \leq 8$ )

Interpolation:  $\leq 7 \times 10^{-9}$  ( $n \leq 8$ )

Extrapolation:  $\approx 10^{-7}$  ( $n \geq 9$ )



## Hyperfine structure: H, D; $nP$ , $nD$ , $nF$ , ...

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- Use formulas (8, 9, 10, 16) from Brodsky and Parsons 1967
- Replace the relativistic factor in these formulas with ours
- Assume the same dependence on  $(g_s-2)$  and  $\kappa_P$ ,  $\kappa_D$  for  $L > 1$  as for  $2P$
- For  $L > 1$  this introduces uncertainty  $\sim (g_s-2)/2 \approx 10^{-3}$ .
- For off-diagonal hfs, use perturbation theory:

$$\Delta E_{nljIF}^{off-diag} = \left\langle H_{hfs,nlj'IF}^{off-diag} \right\rangle^2 / \Delta E_{njj'}$$

# Hyperfine structure: Deuterium, electric quadrupole hfs

From Sobel'man 1972:

$$\Delta E_{nljF}^{quad} = B_{nlj} C(C + 1)$$

$$C = F(F + 1) - j(j + 1) - I(I + 1)$$

$$B_{nlj} \approx \frac{3(Q_d a_0^{-2}) Z^3 R_\infty c}{8n^3 I(2I - 1)j(j + 1)(l + 1)(l + 0.5)l} \approx \frac{126000(700)}{n^3 j(j + 1)(l + 1)(l + 0.5)l} \text{ [Hz]}$$

Quadrupole hfs level shifts in D, 2P

|            |         |          |
|------------|---------|----------|
| $2P_{1/2}$ | $F=0.5$ | 14.0 kHz |
|            | $F=1.5$ | 14.0 kHz |
| $2P_{3/2}$ | $F=0.5$ | 28.0 kHz |
|            | $F=1.5$ | 2.8 kHz  |
|            | $F=2.5$ | 16.8 kHz |



# Hyperfine structure: D, quadrupole shifts for 2P

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W.E. Lamb Jr., Phys. Rev. 85, 259 (1952), Appendix VI:

Since the deuteron has a quadrupole moment,  $Q = 2.73 \times 10^{-27}$  cm<sup>2</sup> there are also contributions to the energy of  $2^2P_{3/2}$ , of an amount

$$(1/40)(Q/r_0^2)\alpha^4hcR[m_J^2 - (5/4)][m_I^2 - (2/3)]. \quad (243)$$

At most this energy amounts to 0.006 Mc/sec and may be neglected.

S. Brodsky and R.G. Parsons, Phys. Rev. **163**, 134 (1967), Appendix B:

We note, however, that the electric quadrupole moment can only affect the atomic  $2P_{3/2}$  level. The additional energy of this level is of order 0.006 MHz,<sup>23</sup> and may be neglected in determining the Lamb shift.

← Lamb 1952

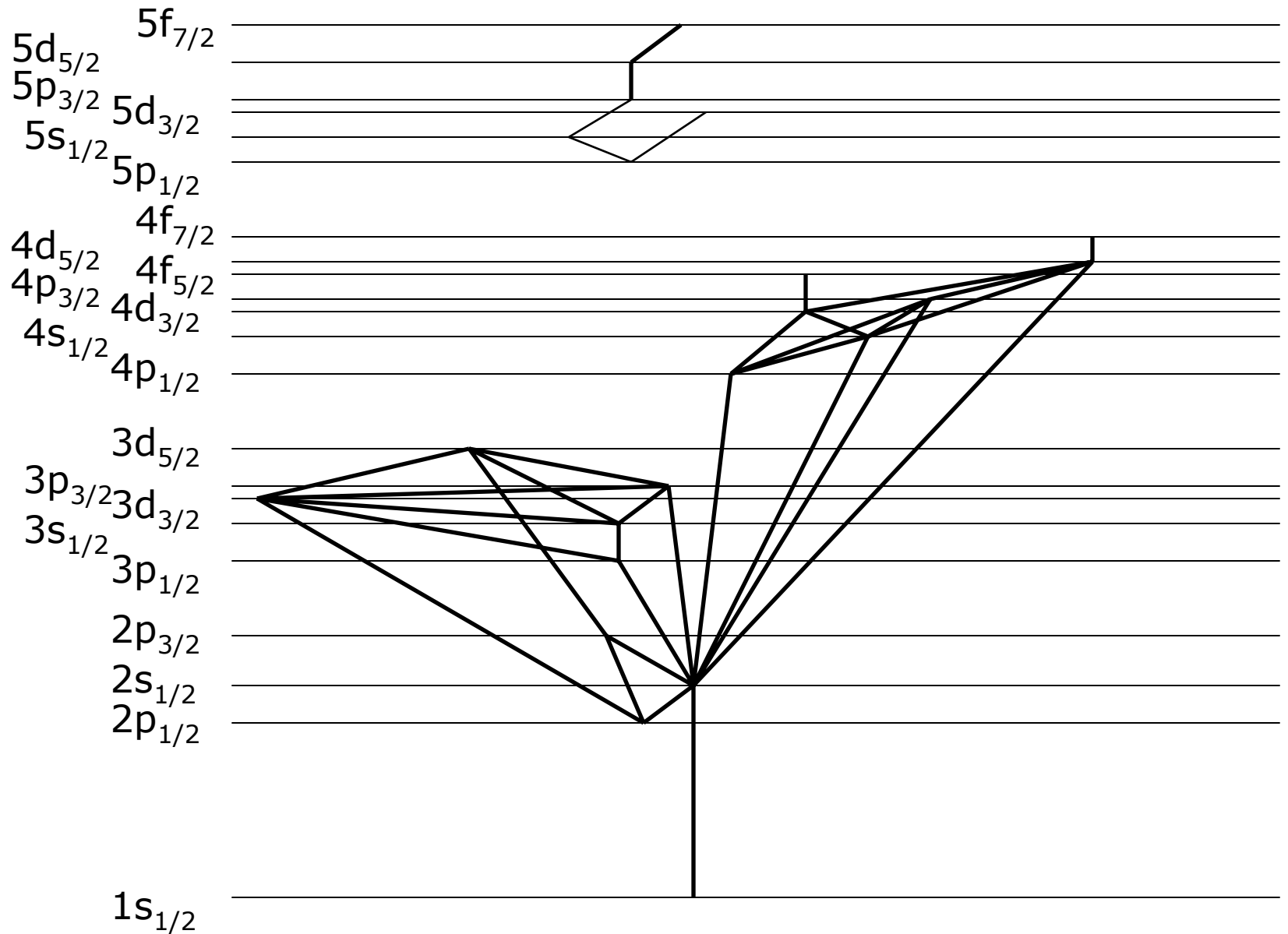
## Hfs splittings and off-diagonal shifts in hydrogen (Hz)

| $n$ | $S_{1/2}$         | Ref.                      | $P_{1/2}$       | $\Delta E_{\text{c.g.}}$ | $P_{3/2}$       | $\Delta E_{\text{c.g.}}$ |
|-----|-------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| 1   | 1420405751.768(1) | [K05]                     |                 |                          |                 |                          |
| 2   | [177556838.2](3)  | [JY06]                    | (59169500)(600) | <b>(-1870)(19)</b>       | (23651600)(240) | <b>(935)(9)</b>          |
| 3   | [52609473.2](3)   | [JY06]                    | (17531800)(180) | <b>(-554)(6)</b>         | (7007920)(70)   | <b>(277)(3)</b>          |
| 4   | [22194585.2](2)   | [JY06]                    | (7396230)(70)   | <b>(-234)(2)</b>         | (2956470)(30)   | <b>(116.9)(12)</b>       |
| 6   | [6576153.79](6)   | [JY06]                    | (2191470)(22)   | <b>(-69.3)(7)</b>        | (875992)(9)     | <b>(34.6)(3)</b>         |
| 8   | [2774309.35](3)   | [JY06]                    | (924525)(9)     | <b>(-29.2)(3)</b>        | (369559)(4)     | <b>(14.6)(2)</b>         |
| 10  | [1420444.48](14)  |                           | (473356)(5)     | <b>(-15.0)(2)</b>        | (189214)(2)     | <b>(7.5)(1)</b>          |
| 12  | [822015.69](8)    |                           | (273933)(3)     | <b>(-8.7)(1)</b>         | (109498.9)(11)  | <b>(4.30)(5)</b>         |
| $n$ | $D_{3/2}$         | $\Delta E_{\text{off-d}}$ | $D_{5/2}$       | $\Delta E_{\text{c.g.}}$ | $F_{5/2}$       | $\Delta E_{\text{c.g.}}$ |
| 3   | (4205000)(4000)   | <b>(-1496)(15)</b>        | (2700900)(2700) | <b>(998)(10)</b>         |                 |                          |
| 4   | (1774000)(1800)   | <b>(-631)(6)</b>          | (1139400)(1100) | <b>(421)(4)</b>          | (813000)(800)   | <b>(-1202)(12)</b>       |
| 6   | (525600)(500)     | <b>(-187)(2)</b>          | (337600)(300)   | <b>(124.7)(12)</b>       | (240890)(240)   | <b>(-356)(4)</b>         |
| 8   | (221750)(220)     | <b>(-78.9)(8)</b>         | (142430)(140)   | <b>(52.6)(5)</b>         | (101620)(100)   | <b>(-150)(2)</b>         |
| 10  | (113540)(110)     | <b>(-40.4)(4)</b>         | (72920)(70)     | <b>(26.9)(3)</b>         | (52030)(50)     | <b>(-77.0)(8)</b>        |
| 12  | (65700)(70)       | <b>(-23.4)(2)</b>         | (42200)(40)     | <b>(15.6)(2)</b>         | (30110)(30)     | <b>(-44.5)(4)</b>        |

## Hfs splittings and shifts in deuterium (Hz)

| $n$ | Hfs splitting<br>$F=1/2 - F=3/2$ | Hfs splitting<br>$F=1/2 - F=3/2$ | $\Delta E_{\text{c.g.}}$ | Hfs splitting<br>$F= j-1  - F=j$ | Hfs splitting,<br>$F=j - F=j+1$ | $\Delta E_{\text{c.g.}}$ |
|-----|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
|     | $nS_{1/2}$                       | $nP_{1/2}$                       |                          | $nP_{3/2}$                       |                                 |                          |
| 1   | 327384352.5222(17) [WR72]        |                                  |                          |                                  |                                 |                          |
| 2   | 40924454(7) [K04]                | (13633390)(140)                  | (13530)(70)              | (2699520)(130)                   | (4554030)(90)                   | (14240)(80)              |
| 3   | [12125772](3)                    | (4039550)(40)                    | (4009)(21)               | (799860)(40)                     | (1349350)(30)                   | (4218)(22)               |
| 4   | [5115551.2](12)                  | (1704183)(17)                    | (1691)(9)                | (337443)(17)                     | (569259)(11)                    | (1779)(9)                |
| 6   | [1515714.2](4)                   | (504942)(5)                      | (501)(3)                 | (99983)(5)                       | (168669)(3)                     | (527)(3)                 |
| 8   | [639440.63](15)                  | (213022.1)(21)                   | (211.4)(11)              | (42180.4)(21)                    | (71157.3)(13)                   | (222.4)(12)              |
| 10  | [327393.15](8)                   | (109067.2)(11)                   | (108.2)(6)               | (21596.4)(11)                    | (36432.5)(7)                    | (113.9)(6)               |
| 12  | [189463.44](5)                   | (63117.5)(6)                     | (62.6)(3)                | (12497.9)(6)                     | (21083.6)(4)                    | (65.9)(3)                |
| $n$ | Hfs splitting<br>$F= j-1  - F=j$ | Hfs splitting<br>$F=j - F=j+1$   | $\Delta E_{\text{c.g.}}$ | Hfs splitting<br>$F= j-1  - F=j$ | Hfs splitting<br>$F=j - F=j+1$  | $\Delta E_{\text{c.g.}}$ |
|     | $nD_{3/2}$                       |                                  |                          | $nD_{5/2}$                       |                                 |                          |
| 3   | (482900)(500)                    | (808500)(800)                    | (453.5)(24)              | (344700)(400)                    | (484800)(500)                   | (1080)(6)                |
| 4   | (203720)(200)                    | (341100)(300)                    | (191.3)(10)              | (145430)(150)                    | (204520)(210)                   | (456)(2)                 |
| 6   | (60360)(60)                      | (101060)(100)                    | (56.7)(3)                | (43090)(40)                      | (60600)(60)                     | (135.1)(7)               |
| 8   | (25460)(30)                      | (42640)(40)                      | (23.92)(13)              | (18178)(18)                      | (25570)(30)                     | (57.0)(3)                |
| 10  | (13038)(13)                      | (21830)(22)                      | (12.25)(6)               | (9307)(9)                        | (13090)(13)                     | (29.17)(15)              |
| 12  | (7545)(8)                        | (12633)(13)                      | (7.09)(4)                | (5386)(5)                        | (7575)(8)                       | (16.88)(9)               |

# Measured fine structure transition frequencies in H





# Fine structure level optimization: H, 1<sup>st</sup> iteration

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## Number of measured connecting frequencies:

2S: 8; 2P<sub>1/2</sub>: 3; 2P<sub>3/2</sub>: 3  
3S: 4; 3P<sub>1/2</sub>: 4; 3P<sub>3/2</sub>: 5; 3D<sub>3/2</sub>: 5; 3D<sub>5/2</sub>: 4  
4S: 5; 4P<sub>1/2</sub>: 4; 4P<sub>3/2</sub>: 4; 4D<sub>3/2</sub>: 3; 4D<sub>5/2</sub>: 4; 4F: 1+1  
5S: 3; 5P<sub>1/2</sub>: 3; 5P<sub>3/2</sub>: 3; 5D<sub>3/2</sub>: 2; 5D<sub>5/2</sub>: 3; 5F<sub>7/2</sub>: 1  
6S: 1; 6D<sub>5/2</sub>: 1  
8S: 1; 8D<sub>3/2</sub>: 1; 8D<sub>5/2</sub>: 1  
10S: 1; 10D<sub>5/2</sub>: 1  
12S: 1; 12D<sub>3/2</sub>: 1; 10D<sub>5/2</sub>: 1

No connection with the ground state for  $n=5$

No measurements at all for  $n=7, 9, 11$

No measurements for 6P, 10P, 12P, 6D<sub>3/2</sub>, 10D<sub>3/2</sub>.





## Fine structure level optimization: H, 2<sup>nd</sup> iteration, Ritz formula fitting

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$$\delta_n = c_0 + c_1/(n - \delta_n)^2 + c_2/(n - \delta_n)^4 + \dots,$$

$$E_I - E_n = RZ^2/(n - \delta_n)^2,$$

where  $E_I$  is the ionization energy,  $\delta_n$  are quantum defects.

(Ritz 1908, Fowler 1912, 1922, Curtis 1914, 1919)

From  $nD_{5/2}$  ( $n = 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12$ ), with a 5-term Ritz formula:

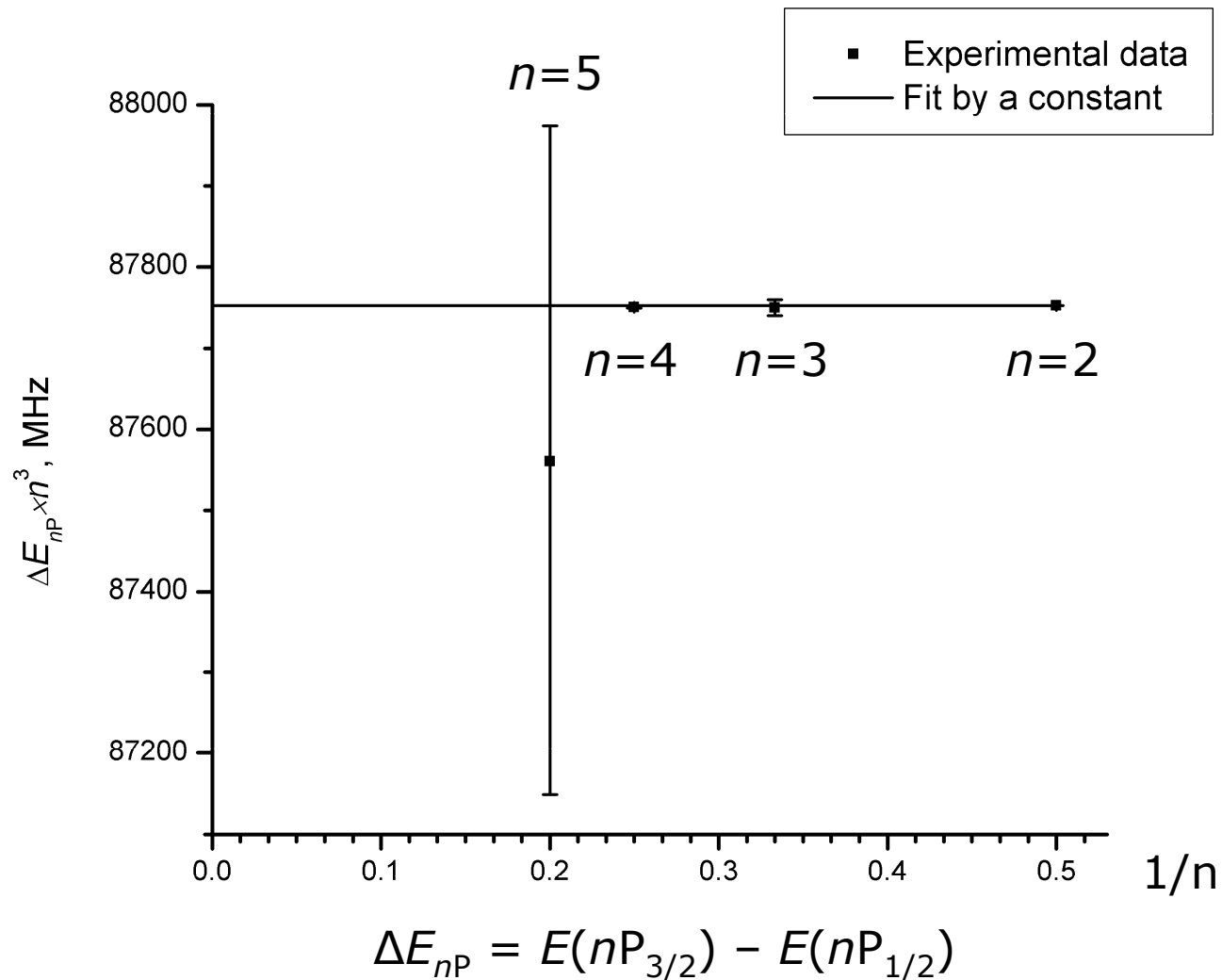
1)  $E_I = \mathbf{3288086856.8(7)}$  MHz

2)  $nD_{5/2}$  ( $n = \mathbf{5, 7, 9, 11}$ ) determined to +/- 0.7 MHz

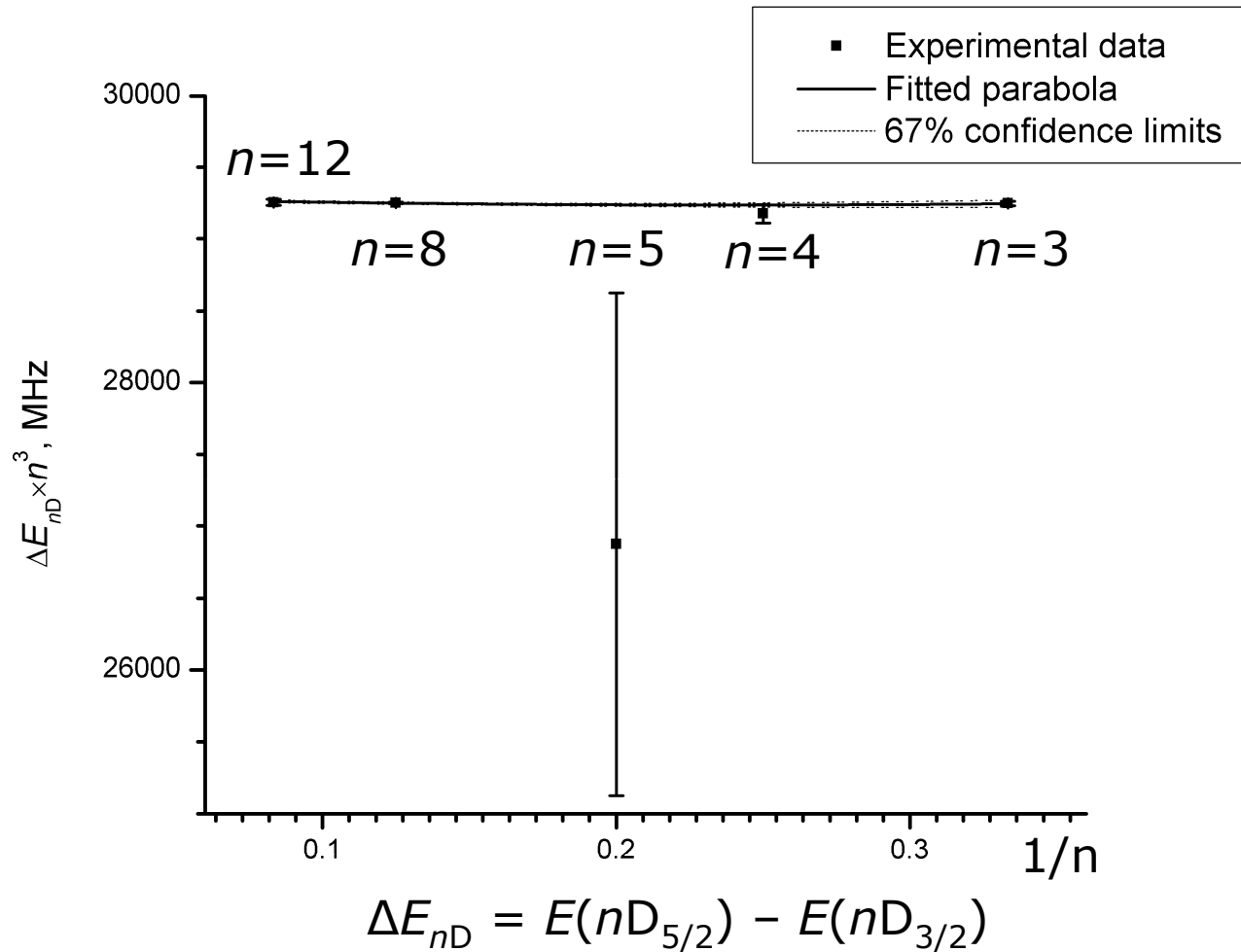
From  $nS_{1/2}$  ( $n = 1 - 4, 6, 8$ ), with a 6-term Ritz formula:

$nS_{1/2}$  ( $n = \mathbf{5, 7, 9 - 12}$ ) determined to +/- 1.2 MHz

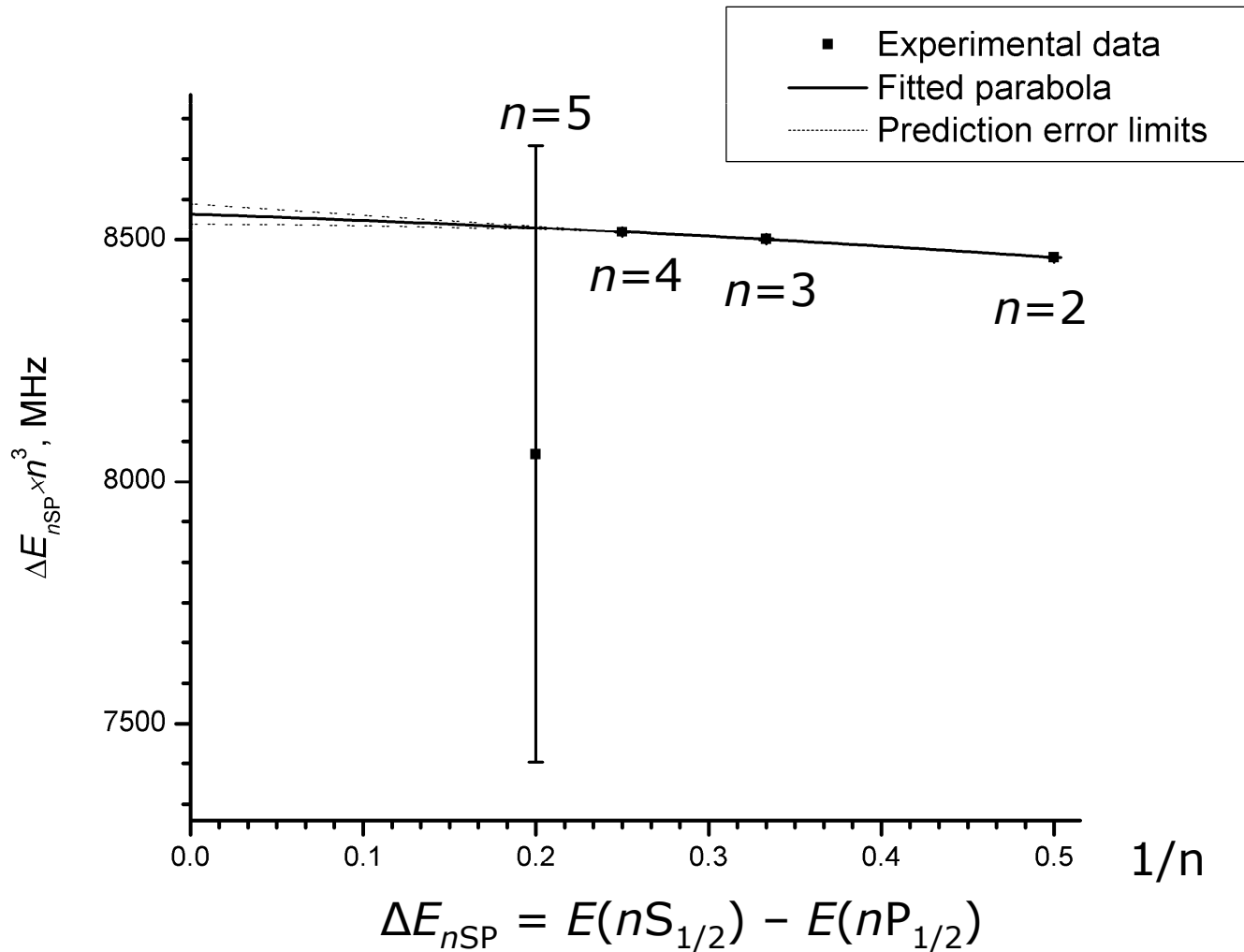
# Fine structure level optimization: H, 2<sup>nd</sup> iteration, interpolations & extrapolations



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# Fine structure level optimization: H, 2<sup>nd</sup> iteration, interpolations & extrapolations





# Fine structure level optimization: final iteration

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- H
  - Input: 40 measured frequencies + 34 interpolated and extrapolated ones
  - Output: 57 energy levels, 174 transition frequencies,  $n \leq 12$ ,  $l = s, p, d, (f)$
  - IP = 3288086856.8(7) MHz
  - Uncertainties vary between 34 Hz (2S) and 1.6 MHz ( $4F_{5/2}$ ,  $5F_{7/2}$ )
- D
  - Input: 23 measured frequencies + 35 interpolated and extrapolated ones
  - Output: 54 energy levels, 174 transition frequencies,  $n \leq 12$ ,  $l = s, p, d$
  - IP = 3288981521.1(23) MHz
  - Uncertainties vary between 150 Hz (2S) and 6 MHz ( $nS$ ,  $nP$ ,  $n = 5-7, 9-12$ )
- T
  - Input: 6 measured frequencies + 1 extrapolated ( $3D_{3/2} - 3P_{3/2}$ ) + 1 calculated ( $1S_{1/2} - 2P_{1/2}$ , scaled Erickson 1977)
  - Output: 8 energy levels ( $n=2, 3$ ) and Balmer- $\alpha$  transitions
  - Uncertainties vary between 1.3 MHz and 240 MHz



# Comparison with QED calculations

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- QED theory of H and D FS is deeply interrelated with determination of fundamental constants (FC)
- In 2006 CODATA adjustment of FC, there are 25 input data and 3 adjustable parameters related to H and D FS:
  - Rydberg constant  $R_\infty$
  - Proton radius  $R_p$
  - Deuteron radius  $R_d$
- Two of the 3 degrees of freedom are exactly determined by two FS measurements: 1S-2S in H and D
- One remaining free parameter is fitted with 23 input measurements, of which 21 are H and D FS.
- Of them, 10 have  $|\text{unc}_{\text{exp}}/\text{unc}_{\text{QED}}| \leq 3$  – all agree with QED
- **QED is confirmed – but ...**



## Comparison with QED calculations: disagreements

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- Of the 8 FS measurements of Zhao *et al.* 1986-1989 (4 in H, 4 in D), after re-calibration, two **disagree with QED by 4 STD**:  $2S-3P_{1/2,3/2}$ . Hence, **all  $n=3$  levels in H** disagree by the same amount -0.7 MHz.
- **All  $n=6$  in H disagree with QED** by -0.17 MHz =  $\frac{1}{4} (-0.7) = 4 \text{ STD}$ .
- **$2P_{3/2}$  in D disagrees with QED by 4 STD** if uncertainty of DTL53 ( $2S-2P_{3/2}$ , 0.06 MHz) is true. I assumed unc. = 0.3 MHz.

Conclusion:

These measurements must be re-done.

# Observed line series in H (some)



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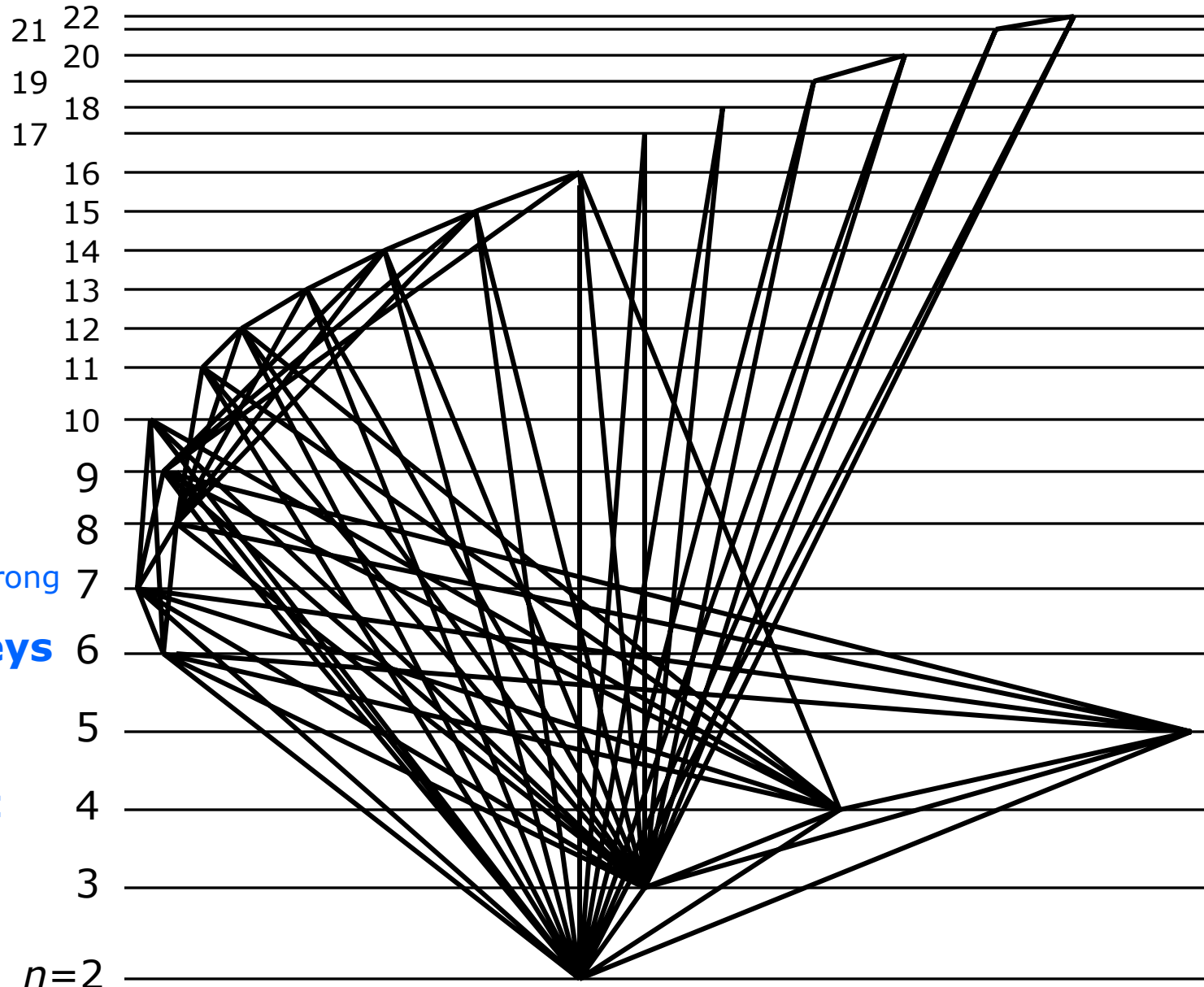
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**Pfund**

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**Paschen**

**Balmer**  $n=2$







# Line series in H and D: results

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- H, solar atmosphere:

Predicted (Ritz) wavenumbers for all series,  $n \leq 40$ , accuracy sufficient for calibration

- H & D, Balmer series in laboratory discharges:

Experimentally observed variations of relative intensities of FS components limit the accuracy of predicted line center positions to  $0.02 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  ( $n=3$ ) and  $0.006 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  ( $n \geq 4$ ).

$$0.001 \text{ cm}^{-1} \approx 30 \text{ MHz}$$



# Conclusions, for pure science

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- Published experimental measurements of FS and HFS of H, D, and T are critically compiled.
- From these data, reference sets of **essentially experimental** energy levels and transition frequencies are derived.
- Overall, these experimental data convincingly confirm the QED theory.
- The only discrepant measurements (**4 STD**) are for  $n=3$  levels in H (Zhao *et al.* 1986) and  $2P_{3/2}$  in D (DTL 1953). These measurements need to be redone.
- The main purely theoretical corrections to the measured FS intervals are related to HFS. The accuracy of these corrections **only marginally** exceeds the experimental uncertainties.
- The size of FS level shifts due to off-diagonal M1 HFS (H) and E2 HFS (D) is **much** greater than uncertainties of QED calculations of FS. **More theoretical work on HFS is needed.**



## Conclusions, for practical science

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- Sets of reference data on H line series are derived for solar spectroscopy.
- The shifts of merged profiles of H and D Balmer series lines due to variations in relative intensities of FS components are evaluated. These shifts limit applicability of these lines to calibration of laboratory spectra.



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