

Open problems in conventional & exotic muon physics: Predictions through numerical solutions of fundamental differential equations

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Aim: "Modelling and Development of Advanced Numerical Tools to Solve the Fundamental Dirac-Breit-Darwin Differential Equations: Algorithms Assessment on conventional & exotic processes taking place in: (i) The muonic atoms, and (ii) The Exotic purely, Leptonic Atoms, Promising Probes to Test the QED and BSM Theories"



1 Introduction

- Motivation and Research Challenges
- Objectives of the Project

2 State-of-the-art of the research field

- Experiments studying processes in muonic-atoms :
 - Conventional μ^- -capture on nuclei
 - Exotic μ^- -processes in the presence of nuclei ($\mu^- \rightarrow e^-$, $\mu^- \rightarrow e^+$)
- Experiments: Muon Spectroscopy
- Theory of exotic pure leptonic atoms

3 Mathematical and Computational Modelling

- The Dirac-Breit-Darwin Differential Equation in leptonic atoms
- Computational Methodology in Neural Network Techniques

4 Summary, Future Steps of the Project

Conventional and exotic matter (atoms) in our world

- According to theory of atoms, all matter of our world is made of conventional atoms: p^+ , n^0 , e^- .
- Current extremely sensitive detectors and accelerators discovered exotic forms of matter, exotic leptonic atoms (not made of the 3 basic constituents, but only of leptons).
- Leptonic atoms do not have structure (finite-size effects), making them ideal for
 - fundamental physical constants: muon mass, muon magnetic moment (g-2 exp. FNAL)
 - testing bound-state QED and searching for BSM physics

The simplest and some of the most extensively studied bound atomic systems are

- The hydrogen atom, $H = (p^+, e^-)$, The muonic-hydrogen, $\mu^+H = (p^+, \mu^-)$
- The positronium, $Ps = (e^+, e^-)$, The Muonium, $Mu = (\mu^+, e^-)$

Their simplicity allows "high-precision evaluation of energy corrections" as:

- (i) Relativistic corrections, (ii) Corrections coming from matter-photon interactions

H-atoms used to test QED, however, the proton-finite-size reduces the testing accuracy in H and μ^+H .
The structureless Mu and Ps , arose theoretical and experimental interest, recently

Motivation, Research Challenges, and Project's Objectives

Challenge 1: The description of structure and evolution of Quantum Systems, requires accurate theoretical predictions relying on W-Fs, accurate solutions of Diff. Eqs. (Schrödinger, Dirac, etc.)

Challenge 2: Recently, purely leptonic atoms have triggered intense interest of researches. Precision spectroscopy using low-energy muon-beams at PSI, J-PARC, Fermilab, RCNP, etc., are performed.

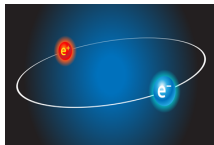
Challenge 3: The structureless (μ^+ , e^-), Mu, and (e^+ , e^-), Ps, systems are qualified as probes to study QED & BSM physics. Experimentally, Mu and Ps are considered promising to do precise spectroscopy.

Objective 1: To model and build advanced numerical codes (in Python) for solving accurately differential Eqs. as the Dirac-Breit-Darwin required for the description of Mu , Ps , Mu^- .

Objective 2: To exploit the high precision measurements for Mu, Ps, and Mu^- , to assess the efficiency of our algorithms in testing QED and BSM theories.

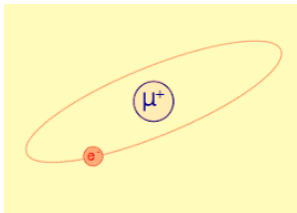
Objective 3: To test some symmetries in physics, and some particle physics scenarios by constraining parameters entering specific BSM interaction mechanisms

Examples of 2-body purely leptonic atoms



The Positronium (Ps)

- Theoretically, several leptonic atoms can be studied
- Not all combinations of $e^\pm, \mu^\pm, \tau^\pm$ result to bound systems, exotic leptonic atoms
- Up to now, only few exotic atoms (Mu, Ps, M^- ...) have been detected and studied both experimentally and theoretically

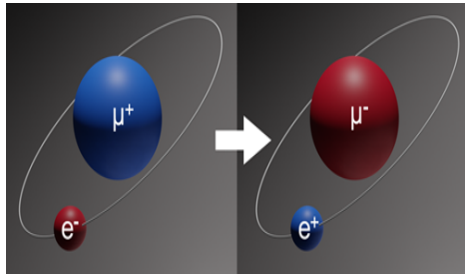


Exotic Mu atom

- In this talk, we discuss exotic systems, few body systems: $e^\pm, \mu^\pm, \tau^\pm$, in particular:
 - their bound state W-Fs and probability densities
 - the low-lying energy spectra
- In general, with our method we may study systems of two- or three-body like, (μ^+, τ^-) , (μ^+, μ^-) , (e^+, e^-) , $(\mu^+, e^- \tau^-)$, etc.
- The investigation of the stability of exotic systems with muons and/or tauons is of fundamental interest in (QED).

Studying BSM physics with exotic leptonic atoms

- One of the best purely leptonic systems, where BSM physics could be studied is the Mu to anti- Mu Conversion
- The latter oscillation-process has been recently studied theoretically and experimentally
- Recent calculations employed non-relativistic Schrödinger Eq. for Mu and anti- Mu .
- In this project, we are able to compare Dirac-Coulomb-Breit Eq. results with the previous ones.



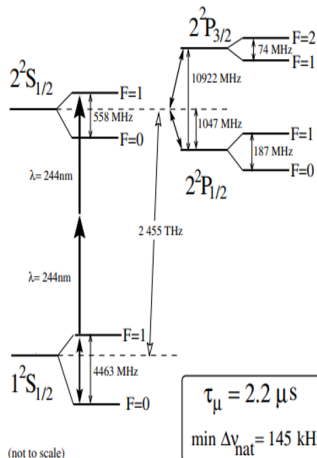
Mu Spectrum for $[n = 1, \ell = 0]$ and $[n = 2, \ell = 0, 1]$

- Experiments provide the bound energy-spectra of Mu
- The Mu-MASS experiment (PSI) aims to measure the 1S-2S transition of Mu to an unprecedented precision of 10 kHz, a 1000-fold improvement over previous measurements!



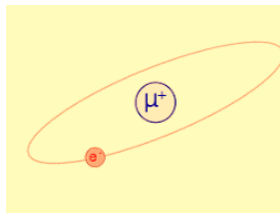
- We plan to assess our method in predicting this transition

Muonium ($M=\mu^+e^-$) Energy Levels $n=1$ and $n=2$

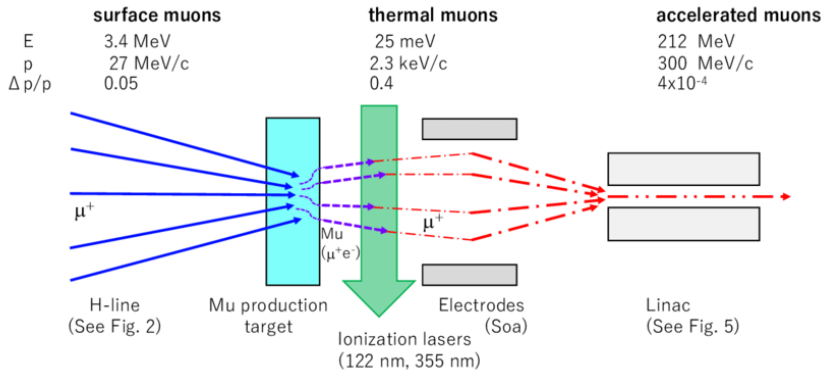


Experimental Study of Muonium

Experimentally, the Mu is produced when an anti-muon (μ^+) beam hits a target of Al, etc.



Exotic Mu atom



The outgoing beam contains: Mu, μ^+ , and (μ^+, e^-e^-) called Mu ion

The Muonium exotic atom

- Mu Spectroscopy provides a rigorous validation of QED through a comparison with theoretical predictions.
- At J-PARC MLF MUSE, a series of microwave spectroscopy experiments of the ground-state hyperfine splitting in Mu is in progress.
- Low-energy muons obtained at MUSE through the laser ionization of Mu can be employed to use slow Mu with minimal temporal and spatial spread.
- A Mu interferometer possesses various potential applications as
 - a measurement of the Berry phase, and
 - a precise measurement of the muon mass
- The MuSEUM collaboration performed a new precision measurement of Mu ground-state hyperfine-structure at J-PARC using:
 - "a high-intensity pulsed muon beam"
 - "a high-rate capable positron counter"

The Dirac Equation Formalism

In external electromagnetic 4-vector potential, the Dirac Eq. takes the form:

$$[\gamma^\mu(i\partial_\mu - eA_\mu) - mc^2]\Psi = 0,$$

known as minimal coupling Dirac Eq. (due to the substitution $p_\mu \rightarrow p_\mu - eA_\mu$)

By assuming that $\mathbf{A} = 0$ and that the large and small components of Ψ are

$$\psi_A = g(r)\mathcal{Y}_{jl_A}^{m_j}, \quad \psi_B = if(r)\mathcal{Y}_{jl_B}^{m_j}$$

$[\mathcal{Y}_{jl_B}^{m_j} \rightarrow \text{spin-spherical harmonic}]$ Dirac Eq. takes the form

$$(E - mc^2 - V(r))f\mathcal{Y}_{jlm} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{r}}{r} \left[-ir \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + i\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{L} \right] ig\mathcal{Y}_{jl'm}$$

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The radial $f(r)$ and $g(r)$ Dirac-Coulomb wavefunctions

Finally, the radial wave functions: $f(r)$ and $g(r)$, satisfy the two coupled differential Eqs.

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \begin{bmatrix} f(r) \\ g(r) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{k-1}{r} & -\frac{E-V-\mu c^2}{\hbar c} \\ \frac{E-V+\mu c^2}{\hbar c} & -\frac{k+1}{r} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f(r) \\ g(r) \end{bmatrix}$$

where $k = \pm(j + \frac{1}{2})$

The energy eigenvalues are given by

$$E_{nj} = mc^2 \left[1 + \frac{\alpha^2}{\left[n - j - \frac{1}{2} + \sqrt{(j + 1/2)^2 - \alpha^2} \right]^2} \right]^{-1/2}$$

Note: Dirac Eq (unlike Klein-Gordon Eq.) admits a conserved 4-current with a non-negative definite time component. So, this current can be interpreted as a probability 4-current.

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The Dirac-Coulomb-Breit Equation

The Dirac-Coulomb equation that includes the Breit term provides more complete relativistic description for the leptonic atoms. This is written as

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} = \left(\sum_i \hat{H}_D(i) + \sum_{i>j} \frac{1}{r_{ij}} + \sum_{i>j} \hat{B}_{ij} \right) \Psi$$

where the first term $\hat{H}_D(i)$ is the Dirac Hamiltonian, while

$$\hat{B}_{ij} = -\frac{1}{2r_{ij}^3} [a(i) \cdot a(j) r_{ij}^2 + (a(i) \cdot r_{ij})(a(j) \cdot r_{ij})]$$

represent the Breit term. The Dirac-Coulomb-Breit Hamiltonian includes the terms:

$$\hat{\mathbf{H}}_i = \frac{\hat{\mathbf{p}}_i^2}{2m_i} - \frac{\hat{\mathbf{p}}_i^4}{8c^2 m_i^3}$$

which is related to the relativistic velocity of each lepton

The Dirac-Coulomb-Breit Equation

$$\hat{V}_R = \frac{e^2}{2m_i m_j r c^2} \left[\hat{\mathbf{p}}_i \cdot \hat{\mathbf{p}}_j + \frac{(\mathbf{r} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{p}}_i)(\mathbf{r} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{p}}_j)}{r^2} \right]$$

$$\hat{V}_{Dar}^{(i)} = \frac{\pi e^2 \hbar^2}{2m_i^2 c^2} \delta(\mathbf{r})$$

The latter is known as the Darwin term

$$\hat{V}_{SO}^{(i)} = \frac{-q_i e \hbar^2}{4m_i c^2 r^3} \left(\frac{\mathbf{r} \times \hat{\mathbf{p}}_i}{m_i} - \frac{\mathbf{r} \times \hat{\mathbf{p}}_j}{m_j} \right) \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_i$$

$$\hat{V}_{hfs} = -\frac{e^2 \hbar^2}{4m_i m_j c^2} \left[\frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j - 3(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_i \cdot \mathbf{r})(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_j \cdot \mathbf{r})}{r^3} - \frac{8\pi}{3} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j \delta(\mathbf{r}) \right]$$

$$\hat{V}_{ext}^{(i)} = \frac{e \hbar}{m_i c} \left(\frac{\mathbf{H}_{ext} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_i}{2} + \frac{q_i}{m_i c} \mathbf{A}_{ext} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{p}}_i \right)$$

Note that, the Breit-Darwin Eq. is not invariant under Lorentz transformation.

Solving the 2-body Dirac Eq. with neural-networks

- **Physically**, the Dirac Eq. describes relativistic systems consisting of spin-1/2 particles in atomic, nuclear, and particle physics.
- **Mathematically**, the Dirac Eq. is a coupled first-order differential equation for the large $f(r)$ and small $g(r)$ components.
- **Analytically**, Dirac Eq. can be solved with few potentials so, **numerical methods are highly demanded** to obtain the eigenenergies and wave functions in the relevant systems.
- **Computationally**, many numerical schemes have been applied to solve the Dirac Eq.
- **The goal of our Team**, is to solve the Dirac (+Breit+Darwin terms) Eq. for relativistic pure leptonic atoms, within neural networks.
- **Our advanced numerical method, achieves great success** in solving Schrödinger Eq.
- **Currently**, the method is applied to solve the **Dirac-Coulomb Eq.** for 2-body exotic leptonic atoms Mu, Ps, true Mu, etc.

Summary, Future Steps of the Project

- For the description of exotic leptonic atoms, Ps, Mu, etc., one starts by **solving the 2-body Schrödinger Eq.**
 - The (nonrelativistic) Schrödinger Eq. has analytic solutions for two-lepton systems.
 - In the literature, Schrödinger Eq. solutions are used as reference
 - We also started from the Schrödinger Eq. and solved it numerically (code, in Python, is based on N.N.) for the Mu and Ps systems
- The 2-body Dirac–Coulomb Eq. has analytic solutions too. **Our N.N. code, in Python, is ready to provide the corresponding numerical solutions** for exotic leptonic atoms
- In the next step, the 2-body Dirac–Coulomb–Breit Eq. **will be numerically solved**
- Finally, the 3-body Dirac–Coulomb–Breit Eq. **is planned to be solved for the Muonium ion (Mu^-) system**
- In the last two cases BSM Physics could be accurately studied. **BSM-Model parameters would be constrained**

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