



Polarizability of Rn-like Th⁴⁺ from Th³⁺ High-*L* Rydberg States

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Why study Rn-like Actinide lons?



- Th⁴⁺ is the most common charge state in Thorium chemistry
- Computation of Thorium compound properties begin with the description of the free ion.
- No prior experimental observations

 no optical spectroscopy!
 no measurements of excited state lifetimes!
 no measurements of the significant dynamic
 - properties: dipole & quadrupole polarizabilities

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• Measurements could check existing calculations:



[1] U. I. Safronova, W. R. Johnson, M. S. Safronova, Phys Rev A 76, 042604 (2007).

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High-L Rydberg Fine Structure: What can it teach us?



A non-penetrating high-L Rydberg electron acts as a sensitive probe of an ion's long-range interactions, giving <u>measurements</u> of the ion properties that control those interactions.



What's a Typical Pattern?

Color



How can we SEE the pattern?



Resonant Excitation Stark Ionization Spectroscopy



Beams of highly charged ions are created by the ECR and accelerated by +25 kV
 Beam of 100 keV Th⁴⁺ is selected using a 20° analyzing magnet
 (Th³⁺)* beam is formed by charge capture from a Rydberg target
 (Th³⁺)* beam is separated from remaining Th⁴⁺ beam using a 15° analyzing magnet
 CO₂ laser excites transitions between specific high-*L* Rydberg states
 States excited by the CO₂ laser are ionized and detected

ECR Ion Source







- 14 GHz Permanent magnet ECR ion source
- Solid samples of Th are sputtered in a Xe atmosphere
- Microwave power typically between 6 to14 W

Primary Beam Selection





- 20° Magnet in conjunction with a 2 mm aperture analyzes beams by charge and mass
- Mass resolution:

$$\frac{M}{M} \approx 3\%$$

• Velocity spread: $\frac{\Delta v}{m} \le 0.02\%$



Rydberg Target





Rydberg target

Characteristic "blue fluorescence" is the result of transition from $(n+1)D_{5/2}$ state to $5P_{3/2}$ state



- Thermal plume of Rb is excited to a high *n*F state using 3 CW lasers.
- Typically only 2% of the ion beam captures a Rydberg electron







Charge Transfer beam selection



- Following the Rydberg target is a 15^o mass and charge analyzing magnet.
- This magnet is used to separate the ion beam that captured a Rydberg electron from the remaining primary beam, significantly reducing the background in our detector.



Pre-ionization





- Typical fields:
 - Pre-ionizing lens 1: ~4500 V/cm @ 10.5 kV
 - Pre-ionizing lens 2: ~3800 V/cm @ 4.0 kV

Background removal and signal enhancement by Pre-Ionization



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Background removal and signal enhancement by Pre-ionization





Resonant Excitation





Resonant Excitation





$$v'_{L} = \frac{v_{L}}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^{2}}} \left[1 + \beta \cos(\theta_{Int})\right]$$

By smoothly varying θ_{lnt} the Doppler tuned frequency is varied through the resonant transition frequency between high-*L* Rydberg states, allowing for partial resolution of the Rydberg fine structure.



|*n*'=73, *L*'>

• Excitation is upwards so $L'=L \pm 1$ is allowed

Resonant Excitation (an example)



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The x-axis is the difference between the CO_2 laser's Doppler-tuned frequency and the hydrogenic transition frequency between the n = 37 and n' = 73 Rydberg levels in Th³⁺.

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Resonant Excitation: Why use a CO_2 laser?





Stark Ionization & Detection





Electric field is tuned such that only specific upper-states are ionized.



Stark Ionization and Detection



• When ionization occurs in the Stark Ionizer the kinetic energy of the ions is changed by:

 $\Delta KE = e \cdot V_{Stripper}$

 This "energy tags" the ions formed in the Stark ionizer. Differentiating these ions from ions that are of similar charge formed by other processes.

Energy Tagging in the detector



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What's a Typical Pattern?

Color



What do we expect to see?



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(Th³⁺)* Fine Structure Observations



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• Observed transition energies

$$\Delta E^{Obs} = v'_L - \Delta E^0 - \Delta E^{Stark} (n', L')$$

		υ_L' - $\Delta E^{ m o}$	ΔE^{Stark}	ΔE^{Obs}
Transition	θ_{Int}	(MHz)	(MHz)	(MHz)
(37, 7) – (76, 8)	67.926(88)°	8094(39)	-1(1)	8095(39)
(37, 10) – (73, 11)	75.850(24)°	1415(11)	1(1)	1414(11)
(37, 9) – (73, 10)	73.836(26)°	2341(11)	1(1)	2340(11)
(37, 8) – (73, 9)	69.786(18)°	4189(8)	1(1)	4188(8)
(37, 7) – (73, 8)	60.918(58)°	8046(24)	-2(2)	8048(24)
(38, 10) – (79, 11)	106.776(28)°	1335(13)	1(1)	1334(13)
(38, 9) – (79, 10)	104.898(24)°	2186(12)	2(2)	2184(12)
(38, 8) – (79, 9)	101.168(34)°	3892(16)	3(3)	3892(16)



- Energy deviations can be described using the "Long Range Polarization" model
 - The weak interaction of the Rydberg electron with the ion core is treated as a small perturbation to the energy of the Rydberg electron.
 - Two key assumptions:
 - 1) Rydberg electron is distinguishable from all other electrons
 - 2) Rydberg electron never penetrates the space of the ion core
- Non-relativistic Hamiltonian for the full system, ignoring spin:

$$H = \left[\sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \left(\frac{|\vec{p}_i|}{2m} - \frac{Z}{r_i}\right) + \sum_{i>j}^{N-1} \frac{1}{r_{ij}}\right] + \left[\frac{|\vec{p}_N|^2}{2m} - \frac{Q}{r_N}\right] + \left[\sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \frac{1}{r_{iN}} - \frac{(N-1)}{r_N}\right]$$
$$= H_{Core} + H_{Ryd}^0 + V$$

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Ignoring V, Hamiltonian is a sum of two terms: $H = H_{Core} + H_{Ryd}^0$

Zeroth order wave function for the system: $\Psi^0 = \Psi^0_{Core} \otimes \Psi^0_{Rvd}$

- Zeroth order core wave function is unknown
- Zeroth order Rydberg wave function is hydrogenic

Zeroth order energies:
$$E^{[0]} = E_{Core}(\lambda, J) - \frac{Q^2}{2m^2}$$



• Recall the small perturbation *V*:

$$V = \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \frac{1}{r_{iN}} - \frac{(N-1)}{r_N}$$

• Re-write using multipole expansion:

$$V = \sum_{\kappa=0}^{\infty} \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \left(\frac{r_{<}^{\kappa}}{r_{>}^{\kappa+1}} \right) C^{[\kappa]}(\Omega_{i}) \bullet C^{[\kappa]}(\Omega_{N}) - \frac{(N-1)}{r_{N}}$$

• Non-penetrating states:

$$V = \sum_{\kappa=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} \left(\frac{r_i^{\kappa}}{r_N^{\kappa+1}} \right) C^{[\kappa]}(\Omega_i) \bullet C^{[\kappa]}(\Omega_N)$$

monopole term vanishes because: $|r_N| \ge |r_i|$



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• Apply time independent perturbation theory:

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$$E^{[2]} = \sum_{\Psi'^{0} \neq \Psi^{0}} \frac{\left| \left\langle \Psi^{0} \left| V \right| \Psi'^{0} \right\rangle \right|^{2}}{E(\Psi^{0}) - E(\Psi'^{0})}$$



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$$= \sum_{\Psi'^{0} \neq \Psi^{0}} \frac{\left| \left\langle \Psi^{0} \left| V \right| \Psi'^{0} \right\rangle \right|^{2}}{E(\Psi) - E(\Psi')} = -\sum_{\Psi'^{0} \neq \Psi^{0}} \frac{\left| \left\langle \Psi^{0} \left| V \right| \Psi'^{0} \right\rangle \right|^{2}}{\Delta E_{Core} + \Delta E_{Ryd}}$$

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$$\Delta E_{Core} = E(\lambda', J') - E(\lambda, J)$$
$$\Delta E_{Ryd} = E(n', L') - E(n, L)$$

 E^{L^2}

• In the limit that $\Delta E_{Ryd} << \Delta E_{Core}$:

$$\frac{1}{\Delta E_{Core} + \Delta E_{Ryd}} \approx \frac{1}{\Delta E_{Core}} - \frac{\Delta E_{Ryd}}{\left(\Delta E_{Core}\right)^2} + \frac{\left(\Delta E_{Ryd}\right)^2}{\left(\Delta E_{Core}\right)^3} - \cdots$$

Use the "Adiabatic Expansion"



• Apply the adiabatic expansion ...

$$E^{[2]} \approx -\sum_{\Psi'^{0} \neq \Psi^{0}} \frac{\left| \left\langle \Psi^{0} \left| V \right| \Psi'^{0} \right\rangle \right|^{2}}{\Delta E_{Core}} + \sum_{\Psi'^{0} \neq \Psi^{0}} \frac{\left| \left\langle \Psi^{0} \left| V \right| \Psi'^{0} \right\rangle \right|^{2}}{\left(\Delta E_{Core} \right)^{2}} \Delta E_{Ryd} + \cdots$$

... and skip a lot of algebra:

$$E^{[2]} \approx -\sum_{\Psi'^{0} \neq \Psi^{0}} \frac{\left| \left\langle \Psi^{0} \left| \vec{D} \bullet \frac{C^{[1]}(\Omega_{N})}{r_{N}^{2}} \right| \Psi'^{0} \right\rangle \right|^{2}}{\Delta E_{core}} - \sum_{\Psi'^{0} \neq \Psi^{0}} \frac{\left| \left\langle \Psi^{0} \left| \vec{Q} \bullet \frac{C^{[2]}(\Omega_{N})}{r_{N}^{3}} \right| \Psi'^{0} \right\rangle \right|^{2}}{\Delta E_{core}} + \sum_{\Psi' \neq \Psi} \frac{\left| \left\langle \Psi \left| \vec{D} \bullet \frac{C^{[1]}(\Omega_{Ryd})}{r_{Ryd}^{2}} \right| \Psi' \right\rangle \right|^{2}}{\left(\Delta E_{core} \right)^{2}} \Delta E_{Ryd}$$

$$\vec{D} = \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} r_i C^{[1]}(\Omega_i) \quad \vec{Q} = \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} r_i^2 C^{[2]}(\Omega_i)$$



• Skip a lot more algebra:

$$\alpha_{d} = \frac{2}{3} \sum_{n_{c}'} \frac{\left| \left\langle n_{c} S \left| \vec{D} \right| n_{c}' P \right\rangle \right|^{2}}{\Delta E_{Core}} \qquad \alpha_{Q} = \frac{2}{5} \sum_{n_{c}'} \frac{\left| \left\langle n_{c} S \left| \vec{Q} \right| n_{c}' D \right\rangle \right|^{2}}{\Delta E_{Core}} \qquad \beta_{d} = \frac{1}{3} \sum_{n_{c}'} \frac{\left| \left\langle n_{c} S \left| \vec{D} \right| n_{c}' P \right\rangle \right|^{2}}{\left(\Delta E_{Core} \right)^{2}}$$

$$E^{[2]} \approx -\frac{\alpha_d}{2} \langle r^{-4} \rangle_{nL} - \frac{\alpha_Q}{2} \langle r^{-6} \rangle + 3\beta_d \langle r^{-6} \rangle_{nL}$$

Effects of the interaction of the Rydberg electron with the ion core can be described as a sum of a few parameters and simple radial expectation values!!!



• Energy for the full system can be written as:

$$E(\lambda, J, n, L) \approx E(\lambda, J) - \frac{Q^2}{2n^2} - \frac{\alpha_d}{2} \langle r^{-4} \rangle_{nL} - \frac{(\alpha_Q - 6\beta_d)}{2} \langle r^{-6} \rangle_{nL} + \cdots$$
$$E(\lambda, J, n, L) \approx E(\lambda, J) - E^0(n) - \langle n, L | V_{eff} | n, L \rangle$$
$$E(\lambda, J, n, L) \approx E(\lambda, J) - E^0(n) - E_{V_{eff}}^{[1]}(n, L)$$

• Effective Potential:

$$V_{eff} = \frac{\alpha_d}{2r^4} + \frac{(\alpha_Q - 6\beta_d)}{2r^6} + \cdots$$



Energy that I <u>observe</u> can be written as:

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• The observed energy difference between Rydberg levels:

 $\Delta E^{\text{Obs}}(n, L-n', L') = E^{[1]}(n', L') - E^{[1]}(n, L)$

Neglects two important contributions:

• Energy contributions due to the kinetic energy of the electron: $E^{\text{Rel}}(n,L) = \frac{\alpha^2 Z^4}{2n^4} \left(\frac{3}{4} - \frac{n}{L + \frac{1}{2}}\right)$

• Application of V_{eff} in 2nd order:

 $E^{[2]}$ is computed using the analytical formula developed by Drake and Swainson.



$$E_{V_{eff}}^{[1]}(n,L) = \left\langle n.L \left| V_{eff} \right| n,L \right\rangle = \frac{\alpha_d}{2} \left\langle r^{-4} \right\rangle_{n,L} + \frac{\left(\alpha_Q - 6\beta_d\right)}{2} \left\langle r^{-6} \right\rangle_{n,L} + \cdots$$

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$$E_{V_{eff}}^{[2]}(n,L) = \text{Big formula![1]}$$

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$$\Delta E^{\text{Obs}}(n, L - n', L') = \left[E^{[1]}(n', L') + E^{[2]}(n', L') + E^{\text{Rel}}(n', L') \right] \\ - \left[E^{[1]}(n, L) + E^{[2]}(n, L) + E^{\text{Rel}}(n, L) \right] \\ = \Delta E^{[1]} + \Delta E^{[2]} + \Delta E^{\text{Rel}}$$

[1] G. W. F. Drake and R. A. Swainson, Phys. Rev. A 44, 5448 (1991).



• Isolate $\Delta E^{[1]}$: $\Delta E^{[1]}_{V_{eff}} = \Delta E^{Obs} - \Delta E^{[2]}_{V_{eff}} - \Delta E^{Rel}$

Transition (n, L) - (n', L')	ΔE ^{obs} (MHz)	ΔE ^[2] (MHz)	ΔE ^{rel} (MHz)	ΔE ^[1] (MHz)
(37, 7) – (76, 8)	8095(39)	38.626(365)	89.1	7968(39)
(37, 10) – (73, 11)	1414(11)	0.876(14)	57.5	1356(11)
(37, 9) – (73, 10)	2340(11)	2.695(43)	65.5	2277(12)
(37, 8) – (73, 9)	4188(8)	9.403(149)	75.3	4103(8)
(37, 7) – (73, 8)	8048(24)	38.479(610)	87.7	7922(24)
(38, 10) – (79, 11)	1334(13)	0.816(13)	54.7	1279(13)
(38, 9) – (79, 10)	2184(12)	2.508(40)	62.1	2117(11)
(38, 8) – (79, 9)	3892(16)	8.739(139)	71.3	3809(16)



• Isolating $\Delta E^{[1]}$ amounts to isolating contributions due to V_{eff} :

$$\Delta E_{V_{eff}}^{[1]} = \frac{\alpha_d}{2} \Delta \langle r^{-4} \rangle + \frac{(\alpha_Q - 6\beta_d)}{2} \Delta \langle r^{-6} \rangle + \cdots$$

• Scale by $\Delta < r^{-4} >$:

$$\frac{\Delta E_{V_{eff}}^{[1]}}{\Delta \langle r^{-4} \rangle} = \frac{\alpha_d}{2} + \frac{\alpha_Q - 6\beta_d}{2} \frac{\Delta \langle r^{-6} \rangle}{\Delta \langle r^{-4} \rangle} + \dots \approx A_4 + A_6 \frac{\Delta \langle r^{-6} \rangle}{\Delta \langle r^{-4} \rangle}$$

Looks like a line if we ignore higher order terms! Intercept = $\alpha_d/2$





(Th³⁺)* Fine Structure Observations





Clear pattern of resolved transitions is not enough to identify the transitions.

- Rely on theoretical estimates or prior optical spectroscopy observations of lower lying states
- U. I. Safronova theoretical estimate

• $\alpha_d = 7.75 \text{ a.u.}$

- accurate within a factor of 2.
- P.F. Klinkenberg (sparse) optical spectroscopy [1]
 - Highest *n*, *L* state observed in Th³⁺: 5g

[1] P. F. A. Klinkenberg, Physica B+C (Utrecht) 151, 552 (1988).



All 3 choices of *L* values can be fit using polarization model.









Th ⁴⁺ Core Property	Experimentally determined value (a.u.)	Theoretically Determined value (a.u.)	Comparison of Theory to Experiment
$lpha_d$	7.61(6)	10.26 ^[1] 8.96 ^[2] 7.75 ^[3] 7.699 ^[4]	1.348(11) 1.177(9) 1.018(8) 1.012(8)
$\alpha_Q - 6\beta_d$	26(4)		
$oldsymbol{eta}_d$		3.1(2) ^[5]	
$lpha_{_Q}$	45(4)	29 [5]	1.55(14)

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Relativistic methods seem to be very close to my observations!

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Not sure why the discrepancy here. Terms proportional to $< r^{-8} >$, that were neglected in the linear fit to the data, could be important.



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$$\approx E_{Ad}^{[2]} + E_{NAd}^{[2]} + \cdots$$

• Use the multipole expansion:

$$E_{Ad}^{[2]} \approx -\sum_{\Psi'^{0} \neq \Psi^{0}} \frac{\left| \langle \Psi^{0} \middle| \vec{D} \bullet \frac{C^{[1]}(\Omega_{N})}{r_{N}^{2}} \middle| \Psi'^{0} \rangle \right|^{2}}{\Delta E_{Core}} - \sum_{\Psi'^{0} \neq \Psi^{0}} \frac{\left| \langle \Psi^{0} \middle| \vec{Q} \bullet \frac{C^{[2]}(\Omega_{N})}{r_{N}^{3}} \middle| \Psi'^{0} \rangle \right|^{2}}{\Delta E_{Core}}$$

$$E_{NAd}^{[2]} \approx \sum_{\Psi' \neq \Psi} \frac{\left| \langle \Psi | \vec{D} \bullet \frac{C^{(1)}(\Omega_{Ryd})}{r_{Ryd}^2} | \Psi' \rangle \right|}{\left(\Delta E_{Core} \right)^2} \Delta E_{Ryd}$$

 $\vec{D} = \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} r_i C^{[1]}(\Omega_i)$ $\vec{Q} = \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} r_i^2 C^{[2]}(\Omega_i)$



Define properties of the ion core in terms of the dipole and quadrupole operators:

 $\alpha_{d} = \frac{2}{3} \sum_{n'} \frac{\left| \left\langle n_{c} S \left| \vec{D} \right| n_{c}' P \right\rangle \right|^{2}}{\Delta E_{c}} \quad \leftarrow \quad \text{Dipole polarizability}$

$$\alpha_{Q} = \frac{2}{5} \sum_{n'_{c}} \frac{\left| \left\langle n_{c} S \left| \vec{Q} \right| n'_{c} D \right\rangle \right|^{2}}{\Delta E_{Core}}$$

Quadrupole polarizability

$$\beta_{d} = \frac{1}{3} \sum_{n'_{c}} \frac{\left| \left\langle n_{c} S \left| \vec{D} \right| n'_{c} P \right\rangle \right|^{2}}{\left(\Delta E_{Core} \right)^{2}}$$

First non-adiabatic correction to the Dipole polarizability