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OPTICS AND SPECTROSCOPY OF COOPERATIVE ELECTRON-GAMMA-NUCLEAR PROCESSES IN HEAVY ATOMS

It is presented an estimate of probability of the cooperative electron- γ -nuclear processes in some heavy atoms within of earlier developed consistent relativistic approach. The approach is based on S-matrix Gell-Mann and Low formalism combined with relativistic many-body perturbation theory and provides opening new field of cooperative atomic-nuclear quantum optics.

1. Introduction

This paper goes on our work on studying the cooperative electron-gamma-nuclear processes [1-4]. The important example of the cooperative e-g-N process is so called NEET (nuclear excitation by electron transition) one [5-7]. The similar NEEC (nuclear excitation by electron capture) process should be reminded too. In both NEEC and NEET, which are at the borderline between atomic and nuclear physics, electronic orbital energy is converted directly into nuclear energy. These effects offer therefore the possibility to explore the spectral properties of heavy nuclei through the typical atomic physics experiments. In fact, the NEET is a fundamental but rare mode of decay of an excited atomic state in which the energy of atomic excitation is transferred to the nucleus via a virtual photon. This process is naturally possible if within the electron shell there exists an electronic transition close in energy and coinciding in type with nuclear one. In fact the resonance condition between the energy of nuclear transition w_N and the energy of the atomic transition w_A should be fulfilled. Obviously, the NEET process corresponds to time-reversed bound-state internal conversion. Let us remind that firstly the NEET and NEEC effects have been postulated in 1973 by Morita and Goldanskii-Letokhov-Namiot (see also review [1] and Refs. [5-20]). Unlike the NEEC effect, the NEET process has been observed experimentally in $^{197}_{79}\text{Au}$ by Kishimoto et al (Institute of Material Structure

Science, KEK, and Japan Synchrotron Radiation Research Centre, Japan) and in $^{189}_{76}\text{Os}$ by Ahmad et al (Argonne National Laboratory, USA) [10-14]. Below in table 1 we present a summary of the experimental works on the NEET in $^{189}_{76}\text{Os}$. It should be noted that each of the experimental techniques has certain inherent difficulties. Analysis of this problem has been presented in Refs. [1,13,14]. It explains quite large difference between the results of different experiments. Saying briefly, the cited difficulties are reduced to the problem of revealing a NEET signal among the surrounding other effects. Really, using electron beam can cause direct Coulomb excitation of a nucleus. In this case it is hardly possible to distinguish this component from that due to the NEET process. Using a broad continuous spectral distribution of synchrotron or bremsstrahlung X-rays leads to contribution into the nuclear state from direct nuclear photoabsorption or into a range of nuclear levels that can feed that state or the lower-lying metastable state. Theoretical NEET effect models were developed in Refs. [1,5-17] (see more [1]). Many of early estimates involved using simple approximations that led to results at considerable variance. More lately Tkalya [17] proposed a model for description of the NEET process near the K-shell ionization threshold of an atom. The QED PT with empirical estimating the nuclear and electron matrix elements and the Dirac-Fock code by Band-Fomichev (with account for finite nuclear size) were used.

Table 1. Experimental data on the NEET probabilities P_{NEET} (M1) for the isotope of $^{189}_{76}Os$.

Exp.group	year	Experimental techniques	P_{NEET}
Otozai et al	1973	e ⁻ bombardment 75-85 keV	1×10^{-6}
Otozai et al	1978	e ⁻ bombardment 72-100 keV	$(1.7 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-7}$
Saito et al	1981	200 keV bremsstrahlung	$(4.3 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-8}$
Shinohara et al	1987	„white« synchrotron radiation	$(5.7 \pm 1.7) \times 10^{-9}$
Lakosi et al	1995	300 keV bremsstrahlung	$(2.0 \pm 1.4) \times 10^{-8}$
Ahmad et al	2000	monochromatic 100-keV X rays	$< 9.5 \times 10^{-10}$

New theoretical approach by Ahmad et al [13] is based on using the time-dependent amplitude coupled equations. These authors calculated electron wave functions using the GRASP code and tabulated values of the nuclear transition matrix elements. Thus, the theoretical models involved the use of different consistency level approximations led to results at quite considerable variance. It is obvious that more sophisticated relativistic many-body methods should be used for correct treating the NEET effect. Really, the nuclear wave functions have the many-body character. The correct treating the electron subsystem processes requires an account of the relativistic, exchange-correlation and nuclear effects. Really, the nuclear excitation occurs by electron transition from the M shell to the K shell. So, there is the electron-hole interaction and it is of a great importance a correct account for the many-body correlation effects, including inter-shell correlations, the post-act interaction of the removing electron and hole, possibly the continuum pressure etc [1,17-20]. In this paper we have used earlier developed generalized relativistic energy approach [1-5] to calculation of probabilities of the electron-gamma-nuclear process in some heavy atoms ($^{189}_{76}Os$, $^{193}_{77}Ir$).

2. Relativistic energy approach to cooperative electron-gamma-nuclear process

The relativistic energy approach is based on the S-matrix Gell-Mann and Low formalism combined with the relativistic many-body PT [1,19-24]. Let us remind that in atomic theory, a convenient field procedure is known for calculating the energy shifts ΔE of degenerate states [20,24]. Secular matrix M diagonalization is used. In constructing M , the Gell-Mann and Low adiabatic formula for ΔE is used. A similar approach with the electro-dynamical scattering matrix, is applicable in the relativistic theory [1-5,19-24]. In contrast to the non-relativistic case, the secular matrix elements are already complex in the PT second order. Their imaginary parts relate to radiation decay probability. The total energy shift is as:

$$\Delta E = \text{Re}\Delta E + i \text{Im}\Delta E, \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Im} \Delta E = -G/2, \quad (2)$$

where G is interpreted as the level width, and the decay possibility $P=G$. The whole calculation of energies and decay probabilities of a non-degenerate excited state is reduced to calculation and diagonalization of the complex matrix M . To start with the Gell-Mann and Low formula it is necessary to choose the PT zero-order approximation. Usually, the one-electron Hamiltonian is used, with a central potential that can be treated as a bare potential in the formally exact PT [21]. The total probability of radiative decay (excitation, de-excitation) is connected with imaginary part of ΔE of the system «atom plus field» [9,18-21]. The corresponding corrections of the PT for $\text{Im}\Delta E$ can be represented as a sum on the virtual states. In the lowest PT the separated terms of these sums correspond to the additive contributions of different physical channels into the total decay probability. The fundamental parameter of the cooperative NEET process is a probability P_{NEET} (cross-section) of the nuclear excitation by electron transition. In fact it can be defined as the probability that the decay of the initial excited atomic state will result to the excitation of and subsequent decay from the nuclear state. Within the energy approach a

decay probability is linked with $\text{Im}DE$ for system (nuclear subsystem plus electron subsystem) excited state. An imaginary part of the excited state energy shift in the lowest PT order is as [1]:

$$\text{Im} \Delta E = e^2 \text{Im} i \cdot \lim_{\gamma \rightarrow 0} \iint d^4 x_1 d^4 x_2 e^{\gamma(t_1+t_2)} \cdot \{D(r_{N1t1}, r_{N2t2}) \langle \Psi_I | (\hat{J}_N(x_1) \hat{J}_N(x_2)) | \Psi_I \rangle + \hat{J}_N(x_2) | \Psi_I \rangle + \} \quad (3)$$

Here $D(r_1 t_1, r_2 t_2)$ is the photon propagator (for example, in the Lorenz gauge); \hat{J}_N, \hat{j}_e — are the 4-dimensional components of a current operator for the nuclear and electron (hole) subsystems; $x=(r, t)$ is the 4D space-time coordinate of the particles, respectively; g - is an adiabatic parameter. The nuclear current can be written as follows:

$$J^P(R, t) = \psi_{N^*}^+ \hat{J}^P \psi_N, \quad (4)$$

where \hat{J}^P is operator of an nuclear electromagnetic transition, ψ_N is a nuclear wave function. The current operator for electron is

$$\bar{j}_e^\mu = \bar{\psi}_e \gamma^\mu \psi_e, \quad (5)$$

where γ^μ are the Dirac matrices. The Hamiltonian of the interaction of the electronic hole current j_f^μ and the nuclear current $J_f^\nu(R)$ is written as :

$$H_{\text{int}} = \int d^3 r d^3 R j_f^\mu D_{\mu\nu}(x_N, r-R) J_f^\nu(R). \quad (6)$$

The energy shift can be further represented as the PT set. After transformations the final expression for $\text{Im} DE$ is written sum of the corresponding N-electron (hole) contributions:

$$\text{Im} \Delta E = \text{Im} E_e + \text{Im} E_N, \quad (10)$$

$$\text{Im} E_a = -\frac{z_a^2}{4\pi} \sum_F \iint dr_{e1} dr_{e2} \iint dr_{N1} dr_{N2} \cdot \Psi_I^*(1) \Psi_F^*(2) \frac{\sin(\omega_F r_{a12})}{r_{a12}} \Psi_F(1) \Psi_I,$$

Here $r_{a\ell} = |r_{a1} - r_{a2}|$, ω_F is the energy of transition between the initial I and final F states; sum on F means the summation on the final states of a system. Naturally, the form of operator in (10) is defined by a gauge of photon propagator (see discussion in Refs. [9, 21]). In zeroth approxima-

tion dependence Ψ_F, Ψ_I on nuclear and electron coordinates ($R_N, R_{e(h)}$) is factorized ($\sim \Phi_e \Phi_N$). Thus, the combined electron (hole)- nuclear one-photon transitions occur as each of the operators T_N, T_e in (10) contains the combination of nuclear and electron variables. After factorization and transformations the expression (10) can be presented in the following form:

$$\text{Im} E_a = -\frac{z_a^2}{4\pi} \sum_{F_e F_N} \iint dR_{N1} dR_{N2} \iint dR_{e1} dR_{e2} \Phi_{Ie}^*(R_{e1}) \Phi_{IN}^*(R_{N1}) \Phi_{Fe}^*(R_{e2}) \cdot \Phi_{FN}^*(R_{N2}) \frac{\sin \omega_F R_{a12}}{R_{a12}} \Phi_{Fe}(R_{e1}) \Phi_{FN}(R_{N1}) \Phi_{Ie}(R_{e2}) \Phi_{IN}(R_{N2}). \quad (11)$$

The expansion of the operator $\frac{\sin(\omega_F R_{a\ell})}{R_{a\ell}}$ on the spherical harmonics generates the decay probability multipole expansion. It can be written in the following known form:

$$\frac{\sin|\omega|R_{a\ell}}{R_{a\ell}} = \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{R_1 R_2}} \sum_{\lambda=0}^{\infty} (\lambda) J_{\lambda+1/2}(|\omega|R_{a1}) J_{\lambda+1/2}(|\omega|R_{a2}) P_\lambda(\cos R_{a1} R_{a2}) \quad (12)$$

where J is the Bessel function of the first kind and $(\lambda) = 2\lambda + 1$.

In fact this expansion coincides with the known power expansion; naturally the strict decreasing contribution on multipolarity corresponds to them. In our problem the power expansion parameters are the combinations $\omega_F^e R_e, \omega_F^N R_N$. Further the effects of purely nuclear transition, purely electron-(hole) transition and combined electron – nuclear transition in (11) can be distinguished. The corresponding technique of work with these expansions is well developed [8,19-21] and often used in our previous papers (look [1-5]). In the expression for P_{NEET} there is the square modulus of the Hamiltonian of the electron hole current-nuclear current interaction, averaged over initial states and summed over the final states and written (say, for $M_1 - K$ transition) as:

$$M_{\text{int}}^2 = 4\pi e^2 \omega_N^{2(\lambda+1)} \frac{(j_i \frac{1}{2} \lambda O | j_f \frac{1}{2})^2}{[2\lambda + 1]!^2} |R_\lambda^{E/M}(\omega_N)|^2 B(E/M\lambda; J_i \rightarrow J_f) \quad (13)$$

Here $B[E/(M)\lambda; J_i - J_f]$ is the reduced nuclear probability, $|R_\lambda^{E/M}(\omega_N)|$ are the atomic radial

matrix elements of electric (magnetic) [E/M] multipolarity λ ; $j_{i,f}$ and $J_{i,f}$ are the angular momenta of the electronic and nuclear states correspondingly. The atomic radial matrix elements $|R_{\lambda}^M(\omega_N)|$ of [E/M] multipolarity λ are expressed by means the integral:

$$\int_0^{\infty} dr r^2 \left[\frac{2}{|\omega| \alpha Z} \right]^{\lambda+1/2} \frac{J_{\lambda+1/2}(\alpha| \omega| r)}{r^{\lambda} \Gamma(\lambda+3/2)} [g_i(r) f_f(r) + f_i(r) g_f(r)], \quad (15)$$

where $f(r)$ and $g(r)$ are the large and small components of the Dirac electronic wave functions. Other details can be found in Refs. [1-5,18-24].

3. Results and conclusions

In concrete calculation of the NEET probabilities for different systems one should calculate the corresponding matrix elements. As we will consider below M1 (E2) transition from the ground state to the first excited state in the nuclei $^{189}_{76}\text{Os}$ and $^{193}_{77}\text{Ir}$, it should be noted that the values of $B[E/(M)l; J_i - J_f]$ are usually taken from the Nuclear Data tables or can be estimated according the known formula (see Ref. [1]). To calculate the electronic wave functions and matrix elements we used the relativistic many-body PT formalism [1-4,18,22]. It allows take into account accurately the relativistic, exchange-correlation, nuclear, radiative corrections (code «Superatom»). The zeroth approximation electronic wave functions are found from the Dirac (or Dirac-Kohn-Sham) equation with potential, which includes the SCF potential, the electric and polarization potentials of a nucleus. As an account of the finite nuclear size has a sensitive effect on the energy levels of the bound electron, one should use the Fermi function of the charge distribution in a nucleus. The correlation corrections of the second and high orders are taken into account within the Green functions method (with the use of the Feynman diagram's technique). There have taken into account all correlation corrections of the second order and dominated classes of the higher orders diagrams [18]. The magnetic inter-electron interaction is accounted in the lowest (on a^2 parameter; a is the hyperfine structure constant). The QED corrections are accounted effectively: the Lamb

shift self-energy part - within the generalized Ivanov-Ivanova non-perturbative procedure and the polarization part - in the generalized Uehling-Serber approximation [18]. The important feature of the whole method is using the optimized one-quasiparticle representation in the zeroth approximation, which is constructed within the method [9]. The nuclear part of the method includes a set of the nuclear shells models, including the relativistic mean-field approach and Dirac-Bloum-kvist-Wahlborn and Dirac-Woods-Saxon models [2, 26-28]. Our data on the NEET probability for ($^{189}_{76}\text{Os}$, $^{193}_{77}\text{Ir}$), atoms together with the alternative theoretical (by Tkalya & Ahmed et al) [13,16,17] and experimental data (see [11-13] and Refs. therein) are listed in table 2. Let us note that in $^{189}_{76}\text{Os}$ during the NEET process the initial K-vacancy state decays via an electronic transition from the M shell. The KM_I (70.822 keV, M1) KM_{IV} (71.840 keV, E2) and KM_V (71.911 keV, E2) atomic transitions can give the contribution. The corresponding nuclear state at 69.535 keV can be excited via M1 or E2 transitions from the $3/2^-$ nuclear ground state. The following energy parameters $w_N=69.535$ keV, $w_A=E_{M_I}-E_K=70.822$ keV, $G_K=42.6$ eV, $G_M=12.8$ eV are used for $^{189}_{76}\text{Os}$ atom. The energy parameters for $^{193}_{77}\text{Ir}$: $w_N=73.04$ keV, $w_A=72.937$ keV, $G_K=45$ eV, $G_M=12.8$ eV. Analysis of all presented theoretical data shows that these results are consistent with each other and are in the physically reasonable agreement with the recent experimental results.

Table 2. Theoretical and experimental probabilities P_{NEET} (M1) for $^{189}_{76}\text{Os}$ and $^{193}_{77}\text{Ir}$

Nucl.	Nuclear excitation energy (keV)	Experiment. values	Theory by Tkalya	Theory by Ahmed et al	Our theory
$^{189}_{76}\text{Os}$	69.535	$<9.5 \times 10^{-10}$	1.2×10^{-10}	1.3×10^{-10}	1.9×10^{-10}
$^{193}_{77}\text{Ir}$	73.04	$(2.8 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-9}$	2.0×10^{-9}	-	2.7×10^{-9}

In conclusion note that above presented method with some modifications can be reformulated in a case of the multi-nucleon nuclear system with

using potentials [26-28]. Generally speaking, the approach used can be applied in studying the whole spectra of the cooperative electron-other particle-g-nuclear processes in atomic/nuclear systems [2-17,28-36] and thus provides opening a new field of cooperative atomic/nuclear quantum optics.

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Резюме. На основе ранее развитого последовательного релятивистского энергетического подхода, базирующегося на S-матричном формализме Гелл-Мана и Лоу и релятивистской многочастичной теории возмущений, выполнена оценка вероятностей кооперативных электрон-g-ядерных процессов в тяжелых атомах.

Ключевые слова: кооперативная оптика, электрон-g-N процессы, релятивистская теория

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Резюме. На основі раніше розвинутого послідовного релятивістського енергетичного підходу, який базується на S-матричному формалізмі Гелл-Мана та Лоу і релятивістській багаточастинковій теорії збурень, виконано оцінку ймовірностей кооперативних електрон - g-ядерних процесів у важких атомах.

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