

## Resonance transition energies of Li-, Na-, and Cu-like ions

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Relativistic correlation energies are determined by taking the difference between the energies derived from the relativistic many-body perturbation method and those from the Dirac-Fock method for the resonance transitions of Li-, Na-, and Cu-like ions. These correlation energies are combined with the Dirac-Fock energies and “screened” QED corrections based on approximate methods. The resulting theoretical transition energies are compared with available experimental data along isoelectronic sequences to identify irregularities in the data and to predict transition energies of ions whose values are unknown or uncertain.

### I. INTRODUCTION

Reliable theoretical predictions of atomic energy levels require methods that account for electron correlation, relativistic, and quantum-electrodynamic (QED) corrections. At present, we do not have a comprehensive and practical method that accounts for all three corrections on equal footing.

For an atom with a low nuclear charge  $Z$ , electron correlation far exceeds both relativistic and QED corrections, and *ab initio* calculations must take this into consideration. The relativistic multiconfiguration Hartree-Fock method, usually referred to as the multiconfiguration Dirac-Fock (MCDF) method,<sup>1-4</sup> is one of the most flexible computational schemes to produce self-consistent-field (SCF) wave functions that incorporate major parts of electron correlation and relativistic corrections for atoms with both simple and complex valence-shell configurations, but the method is not precise enough for detailed comparison with experiment unless a very large number of “correlation” configurations are included. MCDF calculations with large-scale configuration mixing are successful for atoms with a few bound electrons,<sup>5</sup> but such calculations become increasingly difficult for atoms with a large number of bound electrons, such as Cu-like ions.

As the nuclear charge increases, electron correlation remains insensitive to  $Z$  while relativistic and QED corrections grow rapidly as high powers of  $Z$  ( $Z^2$ – $Z^4$ ). Since major relativistic corrections that arise from the Dirac Hamiltonian and the Breit interaction are included in the MCDF method, reliable theoretical predictions depend on the theoretical capability to accurately evaluate correlation and QED corrections.

Traditionally, the correlation energy was defined as the difference between the exact nonrelativistic, many-electron energy eigenvalue of a level and the corresponding theoretical energy derived from a (nonrelativistic) single-configuration Hartree-Fock (HF) wave function. Since it is a routine procedure now to obtain Dirac-Fock

(DF) wave functions that are equivalent to the single-configuration HF wave functions mentioned above, it is more sensible instead to define relativistic correlation energy  $E_{\text{rcor}}$  as

$$E_{\text{rcor}} = E_{\text{rtot}} - E_{\text{DF}}, \quad (1)$$

where  $E_{\text{rtot}}$  is the relativistic total energy without QED corrections and  $E_{\text{DF}}$  is the total energy obtained from a DF wave function with the minimum number of relativistic configurations (also without QED corrections). The relativistic counterpart of a single-configuration HF wave function is not necessarily a single-configuration wave function. For instance, the (nonrelativistic)  $2s2p$  configuration of Be is matched by two relativistic configurations,  $2s_{1/2}2p_{1/2}$  and  $2s_{1/2}2p_{3/2}$ . Hence, the definition of  $E_{\text{rcor}}$  for the  $2s2p\ ^1P_1$  and  $^3P_1$  levels requires  $E_{\text{DF}}$  calculated with linear combinations of the two relativistic configurations, while that for the  $2s2p\ ^3P_0$  level involves only  $2s_{1/2}2p_{1/2}$  and the  $2s2p\ ^3P_2$  level involves only  $2s_{1/2}2p_{3/2}$ .

Using a relativistic version of the many-body perturbation theory (MBPT), Johnson, Blundel, and Sapirstein<sup>6-8</sup> have calculated relativistic ionization energies of low-lying levels of Li-, Na-, and Cu-like ions ( $ns_{1/2}$ ,  $np_{1/2}$ , and  $np_{3/2}$ ). Their values accurately represent the usual relativistic effects as well as the electron correlation. However, quantum-electrodynamic corrections must be added to their values for detailed comparisons with experiment.

The comparison of MBPT and DF results is not straightforward because of their difference in the starting point. In the DF method, all orbitals are made self-consistent for each level, thus producing slightly different core orbitals for the ground and excited states. In this version of the MBPT, a common closed-shell core is used to generate all real and virtual orbitals for the ground and excited states.

For instance, in the Li sequence, a  $1s$  orbital is generated for the He-like core, and the  $2s$ ,  $2p_{1/2}$ ,  $2p_{3/2}$ , and oth-

er excited-state orbitals needed in the MBPT are generated in the field of the  $1s^2$  core, while the  $1s$  orbital is kept frozen. Thus, in the MBPT, the core contribution to the total energies of the ground and excited states cancels exactly, but not in the DF method.

In the MBPT, any change in the total energy due to the “relaxation” of the  $1s$  orbital is attributed to higher-order corrections to the valence electron energy, i.e., it is counted as part of the “correlation” energy of the valence electron. However, the core relaxation in a minimum-configuration DF calculation will not be considered as part of “electron correlation.”

The core relaxation affects both the nonrelativistic Coulomb interaction and the Breit interaction between bound electrons. The difference in the definition of the “zeroth-order” energy is amplified in the Breit interaction, since it is more sensitive to the details of core orbitals than the Coulomb interaction is. One can avoid these differences and draw meaningful conclusions by using transition energies in Eq. (1) rather than total energies for each level. We have determined the  $Z$  dependence of the correlation energy by comparing the MBPT transition energies with the corresponding DF results for the alkali-metal-like ions (Sec. II). Polynomials in  $Z$  were fitted to the correlation correction to obtain correlation energies for ions whose MBPT values were not available.

There are two major components in the QED correction. The dominant one is the self-energy. The self-energy for a hydrogenic ion with a point nucleus, which is precisely known,<sup>9–11</sup> must be corrected for the mutual screening of bound electrons in a many-electron atom. One can attempt to establish upper and lower limits of the self-energy screening by taking the hydrogenic self-energy values with no screening (i.e., use the bare nuclear charge value  $Z$ ) and with complete screening (use an effective nuclear charge,  $Z' = Z - N + 1$ ,  $N$  being the number of bound electrons). Such limits, however, are too far apart to be of any practical value unless  $N$  is small and  $Z$  is large.

The leading term of a less-dominant QED correction, the vacuum polarization, can be evaluated with the Uehling potential,<sup>12</sup> which can be used with DF wave functions, thus indirectly allowing for the mutual screening. A combination of the fact that the vacuum polarization is much smaller in magnitude than the self-energy and the possibility of using SCF wave functions makes the “screening” of the vacuum polarization less problematic than the screening of the self-energy.

In order to provide reasonable estimates of the screening of the self-energy, three approximate methods (Sec. III), none of which is based on a rigorous QED procedure, have been used in the MCDF computer codes commonly available. By combining DF energy levels, supplemented by correlation corrections determined from the results of Johnson *et al.*, and these “screened” QED corrections, one can study the  $Z$  dependence of the difference between theoretical and experimental values of transition energies and predict energies for ions whose experimental values are unknown or uncertain.

Since the  $Z$  dependence of all theoretical terms is expected to vary smoothly along an isoelectronic sequence,

the difference between theoretical results and experiment can be used to identify experimental irregularities and to extrapolate the difference to predict transition energies. This type of comparison was successfully used by Edlén, who used earlier MCDF results to smooth and extrapolate experimental values.<sup>13</sup> Dirac-Fock results that are available now are more refined than those used by Edlén, mostly in estimating QED corrections. Analyses based on current DF results yield more reliable predictions of expected energy levels, since all leading  $Z$ -dependent terms are accounted for in the theory and hence the difference between theory and experiment is smaller and less sensitive to  $Z$ .

Experimental wavelengths for highly charged ions of heavy elements of interest here have been measured using tokamaks, laser-generated plasmas, and ion beams and traps as light sources. As will be seen in Sec. IV, some of these experimental results for  $Z > 50$  exhibit irregular behavior when compared to theory, indicating much larger uncertainties than those seen in experimental data on lighter elements.

In this paper, we discuss qualitative features in the  $Z$  dependence of relativistic correlation energy and QED corrections of Li-, Na-, and Cu-like ions, and present interpolated and extrapolated transition energies for the resonance transitions ( $ns_{1/2} \rightarrow np_{1/2}$  and  $ns_{1/2} \rightarrow np_{3/2}$ ), which can be used as guidelines for future experiments (Sec. IV). Similar predictions were made by Seely *et al.* on the same transitions,<sup>14–17</sup> but the QED corrections we used have smaller systematic deviations from experiment than those used by Seely *et al.* There are also new experimental data on heavy Cu-like ions ( $Z > 50$ ) that were not available to Seely *et al.* The new data remove some confusion in the  $Z$  dependence of the difference between theory and experiment in Cu-like ions for  $50 < Z < 70$ , allowing us to draw more definite conclusions about the experimental data above  $Z = 70$  (Sec. IV). Our conclusions and suggestions for future experiments are presented in Sec. V.

## II. RELATIVISTIC CORRELATION ENERGY

The relativistic Hamiltonian  $H_0$  we have used to derive our Dirac-Fock wave functions consists of the Dirac Hamiltonian and the Coulomb repulsion:

$$H_0 = \sum_j (\alpha_j \cdot \mathbf{p}_j c + \beta_j m c^2 - Z e^2 / r_j) + \sum_{j>k} e^2 / r_{jk}, \quad (2)$$

where  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are  $4 \times 4$  Dirac matrices,  $\mathbf{p}_j$  is the momentum operator of the  $j$ th electron,  $c$  is the speed of light,  $m$  is the electron rest mass,  $e$  is the electronic charge,  $r_j$  is the distance between the nucleus and the  $j$ th electron,  $r_{jk}$  is the distance between the  $j$ th and  $k$ th electrons, and the summations extends over all bound electrons.

The standard practice is to use  $H_0$  with Slater determinants of four-component, one-electron wave functions. For the states of interest in this article, the DF wave functions consist of single determinants, with one electron outside a closed shell. The correlation not well represented by the DF method is the correlation among the core electrons and between the core and valence elec-

trons. The latter is often referred to as the core polarization.

Unlike the HF method, however, the DF method involves some numerical alternatives that must be specified beyond  $H_0$  to make the comparison with other methods meaningful.

### A. Nuclear-size parameters

Using a point nucleus, which is common in nonrelativistic calculations, is unsatisfactory because the effect of using an extended nucleus—be it a uniform charge or a Fermi distribution—leads to one of the largest corrections in the binding energies of individual electrons, known as the nuclear-size correction. The nuclear-size correction can be determined simply by solving the SCF equations with an extended nucleus, e.g., with a Fermi distribution of the nuclear charge. However, this correction is sensitive to the choice of nuclear-size parameters, and we must be consistent in choosing these parameters. Johnson and Soff<sup>18</sup> showed that one could choose an appropriate root-mean-square (rms) radius for a uniformly charged nucleus that reproduces the same result as a nucleus with a Fermi distribution. To maintain consistency with the MBPT results, we used Fermi distributions that agreed with the mean radii used by Johnson, Blundel, and Sapirstein<sup>6-8</sup> to deduce  $E_{\text{rcor}}$  using Eq. (1).

However, there are more recent nuclear-size parameters for  $Z \geq 90$ , and we used the new parameters for these ions in calculating  $E_{\text{DF}}$  and corresponding QED corrections to be combined with the  $E_{\text{rcor}}$  deduced using the old parameters. The new nuclear-size parameters produce DF results for inner-shell x-ray wavelengths more consistent with experimental data.<sup>19</sup> The nuclear parameters are not smooth functions of  $Z$ ; they may cause some irregularity in the  $Z$  dependence of theoretical values, though they are less than the usual errors associated with experiment.

### B. Breit operator

There are three different forms of the Hamiltonian  $H_{e-e}$  to describe the electron-electron interaction (including the nonrelativistic Coulomb repulsion).<sup>20</sup>

(a) In the Lorentz gauge,

$$H_{e-e} = e^2 \sum_{j>k} (1 - \boldsymbol{\alpha}_j \cdot \boldsymbol{\alpha}_k) / r_{jk} . \quad (3)$$

(b) In the Coulomb gauge,

$$H_{e-e} = e^2 \sum_{j>k} \left[ \frac{1 - \boldsymbol{\alpha}_j \cdot \boldsymbol{\alpha}_k}{r_{jk}} + \frac{(\boldsymbol{\alpha}_j \cdot \nabla_j)(\boldsymbol{\alpha}_k \cdot \nabla_k) r_{jk}}{2} \right] . \quad (4)$$

(c) With the energy-dependent retardation,

$$H_{e-e} = e^2 \sum_{j>k} \left[ \frac{1 - \boldsymbol{\alpha}_j \cdot \boldsymbol{\alpha}_k}{r_{jk}} \right] \cos(\omega_{jk} r_{jk}) \quad (5)$$

in the Lorentz gauge, and

$$H_{e-e} = e^2 \sum_{j>k} \left[ \frac{1}{r_{jk}} - \frac{\boldsymbol{\alpha}_j \cdot \boldsymbol{\alpha}_k}{r_{jk}} \cos(\omega_{jk} r_{jk}) + \frac{(\boldsymbol{\alpha}_j \cdot \nabla_j)(\boldsymbol{\alpha}_k \cdot \nabla_k)}{\omega_{jk}^2 r_{jk}} [\cos(\omega_{jk} r_{jk}) - 1] \right] , \quad (6)$$

in the Coulomb gauge, where

$$\omega_{jk} = |\varepsilon_j - \varepsilon_k| / c \quad (7)$$

is the difference between one-electron energies  $\varepsilon$  of the interacting electrons divided by the speed of light  $c$ . The  $\omega$  in Eqs. (5) and (6) represents the change in the *total* energy of the interacting system in the original derivation of the Breit interaction using QED in which the unperturbed system consists of *noninteracting* electrons. In such a system, each electron has a definite energy associated with it, and the total energy of the system is the sum of such “one-electron” energies.

In a DF as well as an MBPT calculation, it is customary to use orbital energies for  $\varepsilon$ , although an orbital energy is not really an energy eigenvalue in the usual mathematical sense but is a Lagrange multiplier introduced to enforce the normalization of each orbital. For instance, the  $2s$  orbital of a Li-like ion has two Lagrange multipliers, a diagonal one for normalization—normally referred to as the orbital energy—and an off-diagonal one to enforce the orthogonality between the  $1s$  and  $2s$  orbitals. The total energy of a Li-like ion is not the sum of orbital energies. Moreover, the difference of orbital energies does not represent the change in the total energy of the system caused by the electron-electron interaction in any theoretical method that includes the nonrelativistic Coulomb repulsion in its zeroth-order Hamiltonian. Hence, the use of orbital energies in Eq. (7) already represents a compromise. We used Eq. (6) with orbital energies to define  $\omega$ , but without the Coulomb repulsion term, which is already included in  $H_0$ , Eq. (2).

An alternative choice is to start with a set of electrons bound to the nucleus but not interacting with each other, and treat the Coulomb repulsion between them as perturbation. Such a choice may be adequate for highly charged atoms, but it will require extensive perturbation calculations to very high orders for neutral or lightly charged atoms.

### C. Projection operator and unperturbed Hamiltonian

Sucher<sup>21</sup> advocated the use of a projection operator in a relativistic Hamiltonian to exclude negative-energy solutions to avoid difficulties, known as the Brown-Ravenhall disease, arising from the existence of negative-energy solutions in a relativistic formulation. We did not, however, introduce any projection operator, because it is difficult to construct an explicit yet *practical* projection operator suitable for numerical implementation in an iterative scheme. Existing DF codes (a) select positive-energy solutions as the trial solutions, (b) permit only small departures from the trial solutions at each step of iteration, and (c) require all solutions to vanish at a large distance from the nucleus (negative-energy solutions os-

TABLE I. Fitting coefficients for  $E_{\text{rcor}}$  in the resonance transitions of Li-, Na-, and Cu-like ions. Numbers in square brackets denote powers of 10, e.g.,  $7.886\,28[-1] = 7.886\,28 \times 10^{-1}$ . See Eqs. (1) and (8).

Coeff.	Li sequence		Na sequence		Cu sequence	
	$2s-2p_{1/2}$	$2s-2p_{3/2}$	$3s-3p_{1/2}$	$3s-3p_{3/2}$	$4s-4p_{1/2}$	$4s-4p_{3/2}$
$a_{-4}$	-1.500 14	-1.035 15	-1.242 14[2]	-1.095 46[2]	8.819 62[3]	9.068 97[3]
$a_{-3}$	1.240 69	7.886 28[-1]	-1.242 14[2]	-1.095 46[2]	8.819 62[3]	9.068 97[3]
$a_{-2}$	-4.040 43[-1]	-2.334 45[-1]	2.601 09[-1]	2.190 19[1]	-8.968 62[2]	-9.301 22[2]
$a_{-1}$	8.823 59[-2]	5.611 86[-2]	-1.897 84	-1.447 64	3.841 08[1]	4.032 58[1]
$a_0$	-1.269 90[-2]	-9.450 56[-3]	7.168 48[-2]	4.713 13[-2]	-8.498 26[-1]	-9.128 40(-1)
$a_1$	3.717 92[-4]	1.875 73[-4]	-1.686 17[-3]	-9.943 63[-4]	1.108 54[-2]	1.142 19[-2]
$a_2$	-1.183 07[-5]	-5.125 11[-6]	1.772 73[-5]	8.466 83[-6]	-6.369 40[-5]	-7.617 33[-5]
$a_3$	1.587 19[-7]	7.779 82[-8]	-8.097 23[-8]	-1.951 42[-8]	1.570 50[-7]	2.256 27[-7]
$a_4$	-1.013 25[-9]	-4.255 82[-10]				

cillate there). However, it is uncertain whether these numerical constraints used in an SCF procedure would automatically satisfy all the properties of a projection operator, as was claimed by Mittleman.<sup>22</sup>

Both Breit<sup>23</sup> and Bethe and Salpeter<sup>24</sup> stated that the Breit operator should not be included in the unperturbed Hamiltonian because the approximations used in deriving the operator is consistent with treating it as a first-order perturbation only. Although Sucher<sup>21</sup> states that such a restriction is unnecessary provided that an appropriate projection operator is used, we have used the Breit operator in the first-order perturbation because we did not explicitly use a projection operator. The unperturbed Hamiltonian we have used consists of a sum of the Dirac Hamiltonian and the nonrelativistic Coulomb repulsion.

#### D. Correlation energy

We have compared transition energies calculated by Johnson, Blundel, and Sapirstein<sup>6-8</sup> using the MBPT and our DF results to deduce relativistic correlation energies

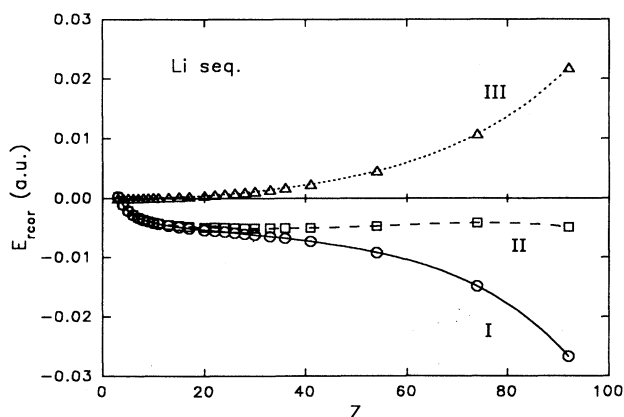


FIG. 1. Relativistic correlation energy,  $E_{\text{rcor}}$  defined by Eq. (1), of Li-like ions as a function of atomic number  $Z$  in atomic units. Curve I:  $ns \rightarrow np_{1/2}$  transition. Curve II:  $ns \rightarrow np_{3/2}$  transition. Curve III:  $np_{1/2} \rightarrow np_{3/2}$  transition. For Li-like ions,  $n = 2$ . Curves are fitted values [Eq. (8) and Table I] and open symbols represents the actual correlation energies calculated from Refs. 6-8.

$E_{\text{rcor}}$  according to Eq. (1). The  $E_{\text{rcor}}$  thus deduced were then fitted to a power series in  $Z$ :

$$E_{\text{rcor}} = a_{-4}/Z^4 + a_{-3}/Z^3 + a_{-2}/Z^2 + a_{-1}/Z + a_0 + a_1 Z + a_2 Z^2 + a_3 Z^3 + a_4 Z^4, \quad (8)$$

where the coefficients  $a_i$  were determined by a least-square fitting. The fitted correlation energy agrees with the original data within  $5 \times 10^{-5}$  hartree. Only  $E_{\text{rcor}}$  for the  $ns-np_{1/2}$  and  $ns-np_{3/2}$  transitions in each sequence were fitted and the  $E_{\text{rcor}}$  for the  $np_{1/2}-np_{3/2}$  fine-structure splitting was deduced from the other two to avoid conflict among fitted values. The fitted coefficients are listed in Table I.

As is shown in Figs. 1-3,  $E_{\text{rcor}}$  is less than 0.03 hartree ( $\sim 0.8$  eV) in magnitude for all transitions considered in the present work. In the hydrogenic limit,  $ns_{1/2}$  and  $np_{1/2}$  are degenerate in energy, and hence we can regard curves I for the  $ns-np_{1/2}$  transition as representing the Coulomb repulsion between bound electrons and accompanying relativistic corrections, which grow rapidly as  $Z$  increases. Curves II for the  $ns-np_{3/2}$  transition are relatively flat (i.e.,  $Z$  independent) for intermediate values of  $Z$ . The flat trend reflects the prediction of the nonrela-

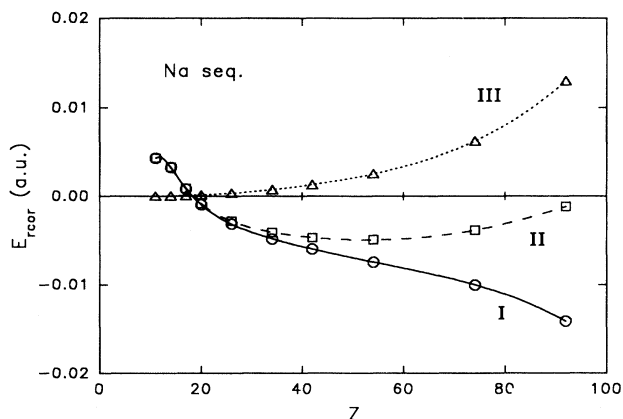


FIG. 2. Relativistic correlation energy of Na-like ions in atomic units. See Fig. 1 caption for legend with  $n = 3$  for Na-like ions.

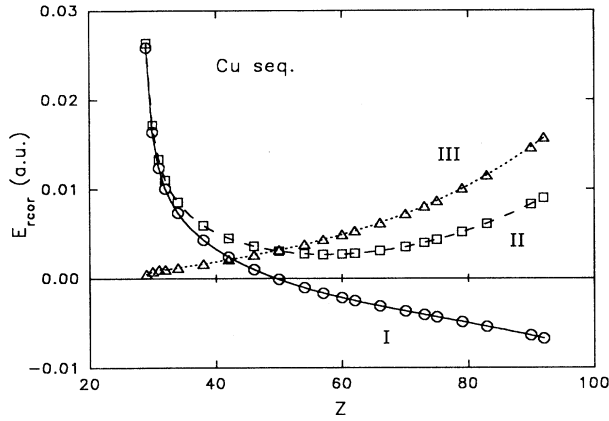


FIG. 3. Relativistic correlation energy of Cu-like ions in atomic units. See Fig. 1 caption for legend with  $n=4$  for Cu-like ions.

tivistic Z-expansion theory that the leading nonrelativistic correlation energy for such transitions be independent of  $Z$ . Curves III for the  $np_{1/2}-np_{3/2}$  transition mainly represent the difference in the correlation energies of the  $np_{1/2}$  and  $np_{3/2}$  levels.

The DF transition energies without QED corrections are listed in Tables II–VII. We did not include the mass polarization in our calculation, since it is smaller than the uncertainties in the way we estimate QED corrections. Hence, mass polarization, which is included in the MBPT calculation, will appear as part of our correlation energy. The resulting relativistic correlation energies are also listed in Table II–VII. The sum of our DF results (without QED) and  $E_{\text{reco}}$  should match the transition energies derived from the MBPT results.<sup>6–8</sup> For Cu-like  $U^{63+}$ , however, the nuclear parameters used in Ref. 8 were different from those used in Ref. 18 and the present DF calcula-

TABLE II. Energy for the  $2s-2p_{1/2}$  transition of Li-like ions (in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ).

Z	DF no QED	QED $\rho$	Relativistic correlation	Theory total	Experiment	Expt. Ref.	Present predictions	Other predictions	Predictions Ref.
6	65 118	-14	-613	64 491	64 484±1	a	64 483	64 484	a
7	81 215	-27	-718	80 470	80 463±1	a	80 464	80 463	a
8	97 224	-48	-797	96 379	96 375±1	a	96 375	96 374	a
9	113 199	-76	-859	112 264	112 261±2	a	112 262	112 261	a
10	129 176	-116	-909	128 151	128 151±2	a	128 151	128 151	a
11	145 180	-168	-951	144 061	144 062±3	a	144 063	144 063	a
12	161 229	-235	-987	160 008	160 012±3	a	160 012	160 012	a
13	177 338	-318	-1018	176 002	176 012±4	a	176 008	176 008	a
14	193 521	-421	-1045	192 056	192 062±5	b	192 064	192 063	a
15	209 790	-544	-1070	208 176	208 204±25	c	208 185	208 184	a
16	226 154	-691	-1093	224 371	224 366±15	d	224 381	224 380	a
17	242 625	-864	-1114	240 648	240 659±12	a	240 659	240 657	a
18	259 213	-1 065	-1134	257 014	257 020±7	a	257 026	257 024	a
19	275 926	-1 296	-1153	273 476	273 500±10	e	273 489	273 489	a
20	292 774	-1 560	-1172	290 041	290 057±20	e	290 055	290 057	a
21	309 767	-1 861	-1190	306 716	360 700±300	e	306 731	306 735	a
22	326 913	-2 199	-1209	323 506	323 541±10	f	323 521	323 530	a
23	344 224	-2 578	-1227	340 420	340 470±60	e	340 435	340 451	a
24	361 708	-3 000	-1245	357 462	357 489±30	g	357 476	357 491	h
25	379 372	-3 469	-1263	374 640	374 700±50	e	374 654	374 665	h
26	397 230	-3 987	-1282	391 961	392 012±20	g	391 975	391 986	h
27	415 288	-4 556	-1301	409 432			409 445	409 454	h
28	433 560	-5 180	-1320	427 060	427 068±20	g	427 073	427 082	h
29	452 048	-5 860	-1339	444 848	444 850±20	g	444 861	444 873	h
30	470 769	-6 602	-1359	462 809			462 821	462 837	h
31	489 733	-7 406	-1379	480 948			480 960	480 979	h
32	508 946	-8 276	-1400	499 269	499 276±30	g	499 281	499 307	h
33	528 424	-9 216	-1421	517 787			517 798	517 828	h
34	548 173	-10 228	-1443	536 502	536 552±45	g	536 513	536 550	h
35	568 214	-11 315	-1465	555 434			555 445	555 482	h
36	588 541	-12 481	-1488	574 572	574 594±85	g	574 582	574 626	h
37	609 182	-13 729	-1511	593 942			593 952	593 997	h
38	630 146	-15 062	-1535	613 549			613 559	613 601	h
39	651 441	-16 483	-1559	633 399			633 408	633 443	h
40	673 075	-17 994	-1585	653 496			653 505	653 534	h
41	695 061	-19 603	-1610	673 848			673 857	673 884	h
42	717 399	-21 310	-1637	694 452	694 454±100	g	694 460	694 499	h
43	740 146	-23 119	-1664	715 363			715 371	715 393	h
44	763 265	-25 035	-1692	736 538			736 546	736 570	h

TABLE II. (Continued).

Z	DF no QED	QED $\rho$	Relativistic correlation	Theory total	Experiment	Expt. Ref.	Present predictions	Other predictions	Predictions Ref.
45	786 804	-27 060	-1721	758 023			758 030	758 041	h
46	810 768	-29 199	-1751	779 818			779 825	779 820	h
47	835 172	-31 456	-1782	801 935			801 942	801 916	h
48	859 994	-33 834	-1813	824 346			824 352	824 338	h
49	885 320	-36 338	-1846	847 137			847 143	847 100	h
50	911 107	-38 970	-1880	870 256			870 262	870 213	h
51	937 375	-41 729	-1915	893 731			893 736	893 688	h
52	964 097	-44 635	-1951	917 511			917 516	917 538	h
53	991 504	-47 680	-1989	941 834			941 839	941 779	h
54	1 019 311	-50 874	-2028	966 409	967 590±800	i	966 413	966 424	h
55	1 047 799	-54 233	-2069	991 497			991 501		
56	1 076 793	-57 718	-2111	1 016 965			1 016 969		
57	1 106 412	-61 378	-2155	1 042 879			1 042 882		
58	1 136 631	-65 220	-2200	1 069 211			1 069 214		
59	1 167 495	-69 201	-2248	1 096 046			1 096 048		
60	1 198 994	-73 373	-2297	1 123 324			1 123 326		
61	1 231 091	-77 727	-2349	1 151 016					
62	1 263 789	-82 267	-2403	1 179 120					
63	1 297 360	-86 996	-2459	1 207 905					
64	1 331 512	-91 885	-2518	1 237 110					
65	1 366 541	-97 009	-2579	1 266 953					
66	1 402 457	-102 386	-2643	1 297 429					
67	1 438 435	-107 891	-2710	1 327 833					
68	1 476 326	-113 650	-2780	1 359 896					
69	1 514 152	-119 645	-2853	1 391 654					
70	1 552 906	-125 869	-2930	1 424 107					
71	1 592 744	-132 329	-3010	1 457 404					
72	1 633 144	-139 036	-3094	1 491 014					
73	1 674 701	-145 992	-3182	1 525 526					
74	1 716 605	-153 212	-3274	1 560 119					
75	1 760 108	-160 690	-3370	1 596 048					
76	1 804 131	-168 444	-3471	1 632 216					
77	1 849 030	-176 478	-3576	1 668 976					
78	1 894 932	-184 798	-3686	1 706 448					
79	1 941 695	-193 412	-3801	1 744 481					
80	1 988 967	-202 332	-3922	1 782 714					
81	2 037 678	-211 558	-4048	1 822 072					
82	2 086 949	-221 105	-4179	1 861 665					
83	2 136 921	-230 979	-4317	1 901 625					
84	2 188 163	-241 182	-4461	1 942 520					
85	2 239 218	-251 393	-4611	1 983 214					
86	2 290 295	-262 271	-4768	2 023 257					
87	2 343 527	-273 486	-4931	2 065 109					
88	2 396 716	-285 070	-5102	2 106 543					
89	2 451 049	-297 017	-5281	2 148 751					
90	2 499 108	-309 419	-5467	2 184 222					
91	2 553 462	-322 141	-5661	2 225 661					
92	2 604 989	-335 311	-5863	2 263 815	2 264 100±700	j			

<sup>a</sup>B. Edlén, Ref. 13.<sup>b</sup>W. C. Martin and R. Zalubas, J. Phys. Chem. Ref. Data **12**, 323 (1983).<sup>c</sup>W. C. Martin, R. Zalubas, and A. Musgrove, J. Phys. Chem. Ref. Data **14**, 751 (1985).<sup>d</sup>W. C. Martin, R. Zalubas, and A. Musgrove, J. Phys. Chem. Ref. Data **19**, 821 (1990).<sup>e</sup>J. Sugar and C. Corliss, Ref. 41.<sup>f</sup>J. Sugar (private communication).<sup>g</sup>E. Hinnov *et al.*, Ref. 51.<sup>h</sup>J. Seely, Ref. 14.<sup>i</sup>S. Martin *et al.*, Ref. 37.<sup>j</sup>J. Schweppe *et al.*, Ref. 38.

TABLE III. Energy for the  $2s-2p_{3/2}$  transition of Li-like ions (in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ).

Z	DF no QED	QED $\rho$	Relativistic correlation	Theory total	Experiment	Expt. Ref.	Present predictions	Other predictions	Predictions Ref.
6	65 220	-14	-608	64 598	64 591±1	a	64 591	64 591	a
7	81 467	-27	-712	80 729	80 722±1	a	80 724	80 721	a
8	97 744	-46	-787	96 911	96 906±1	a	96 908	96 905	a
9	114 158	-74	-844	113 240	113 237±2	a	113 239	113 236	a
10	130 804	-112	-889	129 803	129 800±2	a	129 804	129 801	a
11	147 776	-162	-925	146 689	146 693±5	a	146 692	146 689	a
12	165 169	-225	-955	163 989	163 987±3	a	163 994	163 992	a
13	183 086	-304	-979	181 803	181 808±5	a	181 810	181 806	a
14	201 637	-401	-999	200 236	200 238±5	b	200 245	200 241	a
15	220 938	-517	-1017	219 404	219 430±25	c	219 415	219 411	a
16	241 115	-655	-1031	239 428	239 429±15	d	239 441	239 438	a
17	262 303	-817	-1044	260 442	260 429±15	a	260 457	260 452	a
18	284 646	-1 005	-1054	282 587	282 592±10	a	282 603	282 598	a
19	308 297	-1 220	-1063	306 013	306 020±9	e	306 030	306 028	a
20	333 420	-1 466	-1071	330 883	330 918±20	e	330 901	330 901	a
21	360 189	-1 745	-1078	357 367	357 400±300	e	357 386	357 389	a
22	388 787	-2 058	-1084	385 646	385 660±10	f	385 666	385 675	a
23	419 410	-2 407	-1089	415 914	416 020±90	e	415 935	415 951	a
24	452 261	-2 797	-1093	448 372	448 410±40	g	448 394	448 404	h
25	487 556	-3 227	-1097	483 233	483 320±50	e	483 255	483 266	h
26	525 525	-3 702	-1099	520 724	520 800±60	g	520 745	520 756	h
27	566 404	-4 223	-1102	561 080			561 101	561 111	h
28	610 447	-4 792	-1104	604 551	604 610±40	g	604 572	604 582	h
29	657 910	-5 413	-1105	651 392	651 436±90	g	651 412	651 427	h
30	709 074	-6 087	-1106	701 881			701 901	701 922	h
31	764 227	-6 818	-1107	756 302			756 322	756 347	h
32	823 664	-7 607	-1107	814 949	814 963±100	g	814 968	815 004	h
33	887 706	-8 458	-1107	878 141			878 160	878 201	h
34	956 674	-9 373	-1106	946 194	946 199±200	g	946 213	946 267	h
35	1 030 921	-10 355	-1105	1 019 461			1 019 479	1 019 539	h
36	1 110 785	-11 405	-1104	1 098 276	1 098 300±300	g	1 098 294	1 098 370	h
37	1 196 656	-12 529	-1102	1 183 025			1 183 043	1 183 126	h
38	1 288 915	-13 727	-1100	1 274 087			1 274 104	1 274 191	h
39	1 387 962	-15 004	-1098	1 371 861			1 371 878	1 371 964	h
40	1 494 211	-16 359	-1095	1 476 756			1 476 773	1 476 858	h
41	1 608 097	-17 801	-1092	1 589 204			1 589 220	1 589 308	h
42	1 730 061	-19 330	-1088	1 709 642	1 709 400±600	g	1 709 658	1 709 758	h
43	1 860 619	-20 949	-1085	1 838 585			1 838 601	1 838 677	h
44	2 000 207	-22 661	-1081	1 976 465			1 976 480	1 976 549	h
45	2 149 371	-24 471	-1076	2 123 824			2 123 839	2 123 882	h
46	2 308 629	-26 381	-1072	2 281 177			2 281 192	2 281 202	h
47	2 478 531	-28 395	-1067	2 449 070			2 449 084	2 449 052	h
48	2 659 611	-30 518	-1061	2 628 032			2 628 046	2 628 007	h
49	2 852 533	-32 751	-1056	2 818 726			2 818 740	2 818 658	h
50	3 057 853	-35 100	-1050	3 021 703			3 021 716	3 021 624	h
51	3 276 216	-37 560	-1044	3 237 611			3 237 624	3 237 549	h
52	3 508 241	-40 152	-1038	3 467 051			3 467 064	3 467 111	h
53	3 754 836	-42 870	-1032	3 710 934			3 710 946	3 711 009	h
54	4 016 413	-45 721	-1025	3 969 667	3 971 000±5000	i	3 969 679	3 969 978	h
55	4 293 982	-48 707	-1018	4 244 256			4 244 268		
56	4 588 123	-51 835	-1012	4 535 276			4 535 287		
57	4 899 740	-55 109	-1005	4 843 626			4 843 637		
58	5 229 627	-58 534	-998	5 170 095			5 170 106		
59	5 578 676	-62 115	-991	5 515 570			5 515 580		
60	5 947 762	-65 857	-984	5 880 921			5 880 931		
61	6 337 763	-69 769	-977	6 267 017					
62	6 749 637	-73 852	-970	6 674 814					
63	7 184 658	-78 114	-964	7 105 580					

TABLE III. (Continued).

Z	DF no QED	QED $\rho$	Relativistic correlation	Theory total	Experiment	Expt. Ref.	Present predictions	Other predictions	Predictions Ref.
64	7 643 560	-82 522	-957	7 560 081					
65	8 127 725	-87 155	-951	8 039 619					
66	8 638 285	-92 032	-945	8 545 308					
67	9 175 546	-97 027	-939	9 077 579					
68	9 742 660	-102 269	-934	9 639 458					
69	10 338 825	-107 740	-929	10 230 156					
70	10 966 403	-113 437	-924	10 852 041					
71	11 626 934	-119 369	-920	11 506 645					
72	12 321 311	-125 547	-917	12 194 848					
73	13 051 662	-131 975	-914	12 918 772					
74	13 818 698	-138 673	-912	13 679 114					
75	14 625 383	-145 634	-910	14 478 838					
76	15 472 287	-152 883	-910	15 318 495					
77	16 361 577	-160 425	-910	16 200 243					
78	17 295 263	-168 269	-911	17 126 083					
79	18 275 153	-176 429	-914	18 097 811					
80	19 302 927	-184 921	-917	19 117 089					
81	20 381 731	-193 755	-922	20 187 055					
82	21 512 883	-202 947	-927	21 309 009					
83	22 698 898	-212 508	-935	22 485 455					
84	23 942 881	-222 446	-943	23 719 491					
85	25 245 861	-232 412	-953	25 012 496					
86	26 610 810	-243 141	-965	26 366 703					
87	28 042 942	-254 275	-979	27 787 689					
88	29 542 904	-265 859	-994	29 276 051					
89	31 115 207	-277 894	-1011	30 836 302					
90	32 755 019	-290 498	-1030	32 463 490					
91	34 479 810	-303 523	-1051	34 175 236					
92	36 283 247	-317 112	-1075	35 965 059					

<sup>a</sup>B. Edlén, Ref. 13.<sup>b</sup>Table II, footnote b.<sup>c</sup>Table II, footnote c.<sup>d</sup>Table II, footnote d.<sup>e</sup>J. Sugar and C. Corliss, Ref. 41.<sup>f</sup>J. Sugar (private communication).<sup>g</sup>E. Hinnov *et al.*, Ref. 51.<sup>h</sup>J. Seely, Ref. 14.<sup>i</sup>S. Martin, *et al.*, Ref. 37.TABLE IV. Energy for the  $3s-3p_{1/2}$  transition of Na-like ions (in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ).

Z	DF no QED	QED Welton	Relativistic correlation	Theory total	Experiment	Expt. Ref.	Present predictions	Other predictions	Predictions Ref.
14	70 618	-30	705	71 292	71 288	a	71 287		
15	88 201	-47	523	88 677	88 652±1	b	88 652		
16	105 624	-69	346	105 901	105 874±2	c	105 873		
17	122 947	-97	182	123 032	123 001	d	123 007		
18	140 208	-130	33	140 110	140 093±6	e	140 090		
19	157 437	-171	-99	157 166	157 152±3	e	157 152		
20	174 656	-219	-217	174 220	174 213±3	e	174 213		
21	191 885	-276	-321	191 288	191 288±4	e	191 287		
22	209 136	-342	-413	208 381	208 385±4	e	208 385		
23	226 422	-417	-496	225 509	225 519±5	e	225 516		
24	243 754	-503	-570	242 681	242 688±2	e	242 690		
25	261 140	-600	-637	259 904	259 920±30	e	259 914		
26	278 591	-709	-698	277 184	277 192±3	e	277 194		
27	296 114	-832	-754	294 528	294 540±20	e	294 538		
28	313 715	-967	-805	311 943	311 949±6	e	311 953		
29	331 403	-1118	-853	329 432	329 442±11	e	329 442		



TABLE IV. (Continued).

Z	DF no QED	QED Welton	Relativistic correlation	Theory total	Experiment	Expt. Ref.	Present predictions	Other predictions	Predictions Ref.
30	349 183	-1 284	-898	347 002	347 008±12	e	347 012		
31	367 064	-1 465	-941	364 658	364 681±13	e	364 668		
32	385 050	-1 664	-981	382 405	382 409±15	e	382 415		
33	403 150	-1 881	-1020	400 249	400 253±16	e	400 259		
34	421 367	-2 116	-1056	418 194	418 195±17	e	418 204		
35	439 711	-2 371	-1092	436 248	436 256±19	e	436 258		
36	458 185	-2 647	-1126	454 412	454 428±20	e	454 422		
37	476 798	-2 944	-1159	472 695			472 705		
38	495 556	-3 264	-1191	491 101			491 111		
39	514 464	-3 606	-1223	509 635	509 645±26	e	509 645	509 635	f
40	533 528	-3 973	-1253	528 302	528 326±28	e	528 312	528 307	f
41	552 754	-4 365	-1283	547 106	547 115±30	e	547 116	547 121	f
42	572 147	-4 783	-1313	566 051	566 040±32	e	566 061	566 078	f
43	591 722	-5 229	-1341	585 152			585 162	585 189	f
44	611 476	-5 702	-1370	604 404			604 414	604 449	f
45	631 423	-6 205	-1397	623 820			623 830	623 877	f
46	651 567	-6 738	-1425	643 404			643 414	643 468	f
47	671 916	-7 303	-1452	663 162	663 220±200	e	663 172	663 240	f
48	692 469	-7 899	-1478	683 092	683 027±70	f	683 102	683 181	f
49	713 250	-8 529	-1504	703 217			703 227	703 314	f
50	734 253	-9 193	-1530	723 529	723 856±79	f	723 539	723 636	f
51	754 486	-9 893	-1556	744 037			744 047	744 158	f
52	776 947	-10 629	-1582	764 736			764 746	764 883	f
53	798 695	-11 403	-1607	785 684			785 694	785 830	f
54	830 667	-12 217	-1633	806 817	806 970±200	g	806 827	806 985	f
55	842 933	-13 070	-1658	828 205				828 377	f
56	865 457	-13 965	-1684	849 809				849 986	f
57	888 271	-14 902	-1709	871 660				871 847	f
58	911 374	-15 882	-1735	893 757				893 967	f
59	934 782	-16 908	-1760	916 113				916 338	f
60	958 496	-17 981	-1786	938 730				938 958	f
61	982 513	-19 100	-1812	961 601				961 862	f
62	1 006 839	-20 268	-1839	984 732				985 008	f
63	1 031 544	-21 487	-1865	1 008 192				1 008 481	f
64	1 056 563	-22 756	-1893	1 031 914				1 032 205	f
65	1 081 973	-24 079	-1920	1 055 974				1 056 267	f
66	1 107 784	-25 457	-1948	1 080 379				1 080 625	f
67	1 133 794	-26 887	-1977	1 104 929				1 105 314	f
68	1 160 472	-28 378	-2007	1 130 087				1 130 314	f
69	1 187 330	-29 925	-2037	1 155 367				1 155 682	f
70	1 214 620	-31 532	-2068	1 181 021				1 181 335	f
71	1 242 391	-33 200	-2100	1 207 090				1 207 394	f
72	1 270 515	-34 930	-2133	1 233 452				1 233 761	f
73	1 299 150	-36 725	-2167	1 260 259				1 260 525	f
74	1 328 098	-38 583	-2202	1 287 313				1 287 648	f
75	1 357 683	-40 511	-2238	1 314 934				1 315 184	f
76	1 387 639	-42 506	-2275	1 342 858				1 343 021	f
77	1 418 064	-44 569	-2314	1 371 181				1 371 328	f
78	1 448 997	-46 705	-2354	1 399 938				1 399 992	f
79	1 480 411	-48 913	-2396	1 429 101				1 429 123	f
80	1 512 223	-51 194	-2439	1 458 590				1 485 576	f
81	1 544 681	-53 553	-2484	1 488 643				1 488 427	f
82	1 577 568	-55 988	-2530	1 519 049				1 518 695	f
83	1 610 929	-58 500	-2579	1 549 850				1 549 451	f
84	1 644 921	-61 094	-2629	1 581 197				1 580 753	f
85	1 679 178	-63 765	-2681	1 612 732				1 612 383	f
86	1 713 765	-66 517	-2736	1 644 512				1 643 574	f
87	1 749 242	-69 357	-2792	1 677 093				1 675 968	f

TABLE IV. (Continued).

Z	DF no QED	QED Welton	Relativistic correlation	Theory total	Experiment	Expt. Ref.	Present predictions	Other predictions	Predictions Ref.
88	1 785 054	-72 280	-2851	1 709 923				1 708 555	f
89	1 821 521	-75 291	-2912	1 743 318				1 741 675	f
90	1 856 731	-78 365	-2975	1 775 391				1 774 717	f
91	1 893 957	-81 550	-3041	1 809 366				1 808 776	f
92	1 930 847	-84 815	-3109	1 842 923				1 842 028	f

<sup>a</sup>Table II, footnote b<sup>b</sup>Table II, footnote c.<sup>c</sup>Table II, footnote d.<sup>d</sup>C. E. Moore, *Atomic Energy Levels*, Natl. Bur. Stand. Ref. Data Ser., Natl. Bur. Stand. (U.S.) Circ. No. 35 (U.S. GPO, Washington, DC, 1971), Vol. 1.<sup>e</sup>J. Reader, V. Kaufman, J. Sugar, J. O. Ekberg, U. Feldman, C. M. Brown, J. F. Seely, and W. L. Rowan, *J. Opt. Soc. Am. B* **4**, 1821 (1987).<sup>f</sup>J. F. Seely *et al.*, Ref. 17.<sup>g</sup>J. F. Seely and R. A. Wagner, Ref. 15.TABLE V. Energy for the  $3s-3p_{3/2}$  transition of Na-like ions (in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ).

Z	DE no QED	QED Welton	Relativistic correlation	Theory total	Experiment	Expt. Ref.	Present predictions	Other predictions	Predictions Ref.
14	71 070	-29	710	71 751	71 749	a	71 750		
15	88 985	-45	533	89 473	89 447±1	b	89 448		
16	106 872	-66	360	107 166	107 138±2	c	107 138		
17	124 818	-92	200	124 926	124 891	d	124 897		
18	142 894	-123	55	142 826	142 810±6	e	142 804		
19	161 164	-161	-73	160 930	160 913±3	e	160 914		
20	179 688	-206	-186	179 296	179 288±3	e	179 288		
21	198 523	-259	-285	197 979	197 981±4	e	197 979		
22	217 727	-320	-371	217 036	217 042±5	e	217 039		
23	237 358	-390	-448	236 521	236 525±6	e	236 527		
24	257 476	-469	-515	256 492	256 500±2	e	256 501		
25	278 141	-559	-574	277 008	277 026±8	e	277 019		
26	299 419	-660	-626	298 133	298 143±3	e	298 146		
27	321 376	-772	-673	319 931	319 950±20	e	319 945		
28	344 080	-896	-715	342 469	342 480±20	e	342 484		
29	367 605	-1034	-752	365 818	365 829±13	e	365 834		
30	392 025	-1185	-786	390 053	390 061±15	e	390 070		
31	417 420	-1351	-817	415 252	415 265±17	e	415 270		
32	443 872	-1532	-845	441 494	441 507±19	e	441 513		
33	471 466	-1729	-871	468 866	468 878±22	e	468 886		
34	500 293	-1943	-894	497 455	497 488±25	e	497 475		
35	530 447	-2175	-916	527 357	527 365±28	e	527 377		
36	562 023	-2424	-936	558 663	558 690±31	e	558 683		
37	595 126	-2693	-954	591 479			591 499		
38	629 861	-2982	-971	625 908	625 900±20	e	625 928		
39	666 337	-3291	-986	662 060	662 098±44	e	662 080	662 107	f
40	704 669	-3622	-1001	700 047	700 089±49	e	700 067	700 060	f
41	744 977	-3975	-1014	739 988	739 984±55	e	740 008	740 001	f
42	787 382	-4352	-1025	782 004	782 026±61	e	782 024	782 026	f
43	832 023	-4752	-1036	826 234			826 253	826 276	f
44	879 024	-5178	-1046	872 800	872 936±110	e	872 818	872 859	f
45	928 534	-5630	-1054	921 849	921 880±130	e	921 866	921 939	f
46	980 696	-6109	-1062	973 525	973 610±140	e	973 540	973 653	f
47	1 035 661	-6616	-1068	1 027 977	1 028 100±160	e	1 027 990	1 028 426	f

TABLE V. (Continued).

Z	DE no QED	QED Welton	Relativistic correlation	Theory total	Experiment	Expt. Ref.	Present predictions	Other predictions	Predictions Ref.
48	1 093 578	-7151	-1074	1 085 353	1 085 600±180	f	1 085 364	1 085 564	f
49	1 154 629	-7716	-1078	1 145 834	1 146 000±200	f	1 145 842	1 146 079	f
50	1 218 969	-8312	-1081	1 209 575	1 209 700±220	f	1 209 580	1 209 863	f
51	1 286 776	-8940	-1084	1 276 752	1 277 000±400	g	1 276 754	1 277 090	f
52	1 358 224	-9601	-1085	1 347 538			1 347 536	1 347 945	f
53	1 433 556	-10297	-1085	1 422 174	1 423 000±400	g	1 422 168	1 422 617	f
54	1 512 897	-11 027	-1084	1 500 786	1 502 000±700	h	1 500 776	1 501 276	f
55	1 596 518	-11 794	-1082	1 583 641	1 584 600±400	g	1 583 626	1 584 184	f
56	1 684 586	-12 598	-1080	1 670 908			1 670 888	1 671 514	f
57	1 777 349	-13 441	-1075	1 762 832			1 762 807	1 763 482	f
58	1 875 028	-14 325	-1070	1 859 633			1 859 602	1 860 327	f
59	1 977 870	-15 249	-1064	1 961 556			1 961 519	1 962 323	f
60	2 086 119	-16 217	-1057	2 068 845			2 068 802	2 069 665	f
61	2 200 021	-17 228	-1049	2 181 744			2 181 694	2 182 691	f
62	2 319 841	-18 284	-1039	2 300 518			2 300 461	2 301 496	f
63	2 445 926	-19 388	-1029	2 425 509			2 425 445	2 426 537	f
64	2 578 490	-20 540	-1017	2 556 933	2 559 200±1300	f	2 556 862	2 558 003	f
65	2 717 907	-21 742	-1004	2 695 161			2 695 083	2 696 363	f
66	2 864 493	-22 996	-990	2 840 507			2 840 422	2 841 636	f
67	3 018 357	-24 301	-975	2 993 081			2 992 989	2 994 460	f
68	3 180 322	-25 665	-959	3 153 698			3 153 599	3 154 972	f
69	3 350 222	-27 082	-942	3 322 198			3 322 092	3 323 695	f
70	3 528 685	-28 558	-924	3 499 203			3 499 090	3 500 665	f
71	3 716 135	-30 095	-905	3 685 136			3 685 016	3 686 772	f
72	3 912 834	-31 692	-884	3 880 258			3 880 131	3 881 988	f
73	4 119 358	-33 355	-863	4 085 140			4 085 006	4 086 804	f
74	4 335 924	-35 082	-840	4 300 002			4 299 861	4 302 000	f
75	4 563 325	-36 880	-817	4 525 628			4 525 480	4 527 550	f
76	4 801 743	-38 747	-792	4 762 204			4 762 049	4 764 173	f
77	5 051 772	-40 684	-766	5 010 322			5 010 160	5 012 280	f
78	5 313 965	-42 698	-739	5 270 528	5 270 300±440	i	5 270 359	5 272 593	f
79	5 588 826	-44 788	-711	5 543 326				5 545 697	f
80	5 876 826	-46 956	-682	5 829 187				5 831 584	f
81	6 178 816	-49 211	-652	6 128 953				6 131 208	f
82	6 495 178	-51 548	-621	6 443 008				6 445 375	f
83	6 826 602	-53 972	-589	6 772 040				6 774 150	f
84	7 173 934	-56 488	-556	7 116 889				7 119 465	f
85	7 537 482	-59 092	-522	7 477 868				7 480 551	f
86	7 918 060	-61 788	-487	7 855 785				7 857 929	f
87	8 317 067	-64 589	-451	8 252 026				8 254 912	f
88	8 734 713	-67 488	-414	8 666 810				8 669 267	f
89	9 172 219	-70 495	-376	9 101 347				9 104 151	f
90	9 628 358	-73 579	-337	9 554 442				9 558 402	f
91	10 107 746	-76 802	-298	10 030 647				10 034 116	f
92	10 608 766	-80 127	-257	10 528 382				10 532 968	f

<sup>a</sup>Table II, footnote b.<sup>b</sup>Table II, footnote c.<sup>c</sup>Table II, footnote d.<sup>d</sup>Table IV, footnote d.<sup>e</sup>Table IV, footnote e.<sup>f</sup>J. F. Seely *et al.*, Ref. 17.<sup>g</sup>J. F. Seely, U. Feldman, C. M. Brown, M. C. Richardson, D. D. Dietrich, and W. E. Behring, *J. Opt. Soc. Am. B* 5, 785 (1988).<sup>h</sup>J. F. Seely and R. A. Wagner, Ref. 15.<sup>i</sup>T. E. Cowan *et al.*, Ref. 42.

TABLE VI. Energy for the  $4s-4p_{1/2}$  transition of Cu-like ions (in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ).

Z	DF no QED	QED Welton	Relativistic correlation	Theory total	Experiment	Expt. Ref.	Preent predictions	Other predictions	Predictions Ref.
32	79 154	-105	2201	81 250	81 315	a	81 320		
33	95 336	-141	1869	97 064	97 135	a	97 144		
34	111 255	-184	1610	112 681	112 762	a	112 766		
35	127 008	-232	1404	128 180	128 274	a	128 268		
36	142 660	-286	1230	143 604	143 695±2	b	143 694		
37	158 253	-346	1079	158 986	159 075±2	c	159 077		
38	173 820	-414	945	174 351	174 445±2	d	174 444		
39	189 383	-488	826	189 721	189 811±3	e	189 815		
40	204 962	-570	717	205 110	205 202±3	f	205 205		
41	220 572	-659	618	220 531	220 624±4	g	220 627		
42	236 225	-757	527	235 994	236 085±4	h	236 091		
43	251 932	-864	442	251 509			251 606		
44	267 700	-980	362	267 082	267 175±7	i	267 180	267 189	p
45	283 539	-1105	288	282 721	282 834±8	i	282 819	282 824	p
46	299 455	-1240	218	298 432	298 520±4	j	298 531	298 528	p
47	315 456	-1386	151	314 221	314 330±5	j	314 320	314 311	p
48	331 546	-1542	88	330 091	330 196±5	j	330 191	330 177	p
49	347 733	-1710	28	346 051	346 156±6	j	346 151	346 131	p
50	364 020	-1888	-29	362 102	362 195±7	j	362 202	362 178	p
51	380 413	-2079	-84	378 251	378 367±7	j	378 351	378 325	p
52	396 915	-2281	-136	394 498			394 598	394 572	p
53	413 542	-2496	-185	410 860	410 949±8	j	410 960	410 932	p
54	430 283	-2724	-233	427 326	427 425±9	j	427 426	427 402	p
55	447 156	-2965	-279	443 913	444 022±10	j	444 013	443 989	p
56	464 158	-3220	-322	460 616			460 716	460 696	p
57	481 298	-3489	-365	477 444	477 550±70	k	477 544	477 530	p
58	498 579	-3773	-405	494 401			494 501	494 494	p
59	516 007	-4073	-444	511 491			511 591	511 598	p
60	533 587	-4387	-482	528 718	528 790±10	j	528 818	528 835	p
61	551 319	-4719	-518	546 082			546 182	546 221	p
62	569 207	-5067	-553	563 587	563 540±30	l	563 687	563 749	p
63	587 273	-5432	-588	581 253	581 460±100	k	581 353	581 433	p
64	605 502	-5815	-621	599 066	599 230±110	k	599 166	599 265	p
65	623 919	-6216	-654	617 049			617 149	617 273	p
66	642 526	-6636	-685	635 205	635 268±20	j	635 305	635 441	p
67	661 276	-7074	-716	653 485			653 585	653 783	p
68	680 293	-7533	-747	672 013			672 113	672 305	p
69	699 453	-8012	-777	690 664			690 764	691 009	p
70	718 824	-8511	-807	709 507	709 490±100	m	709 607	709 895	p
71	738 423	-9031	-836	728 557			728 657	728 975	p
72	758 219	-9572	-865	747 782			747 882	748 245	p
73	778 258	-10 136	-894	767 228	768 050±600	m	767 328	767 731	p
74	798 488	-10 722	-923	786 843	787 464±93	n	786 943	787 414	p
75	819 002	-11 331	-952	806 719			806 819	807 311	p
76	839 729	-11 964	-981	826 784			826 884	827 417	p
77	860 700	-12 620	-1010	847 070			847 170	847 759	p
78	881 929	-13 301	-1039	867 589			867 689	868 319	p
79	903 412	-14 007	-1068	888 337	889 007±120	o	888 437	889 110	p
80	925 130	-14 739	-1098	909 293			909 393	910 125	p
81	947 154	-15 497	-1127	930 531			930 631	931 376	p
82	969 429	-16 281	-1157	951 991	952 925±140	o	952 091	952 871	p
83	991 969	-17 091	-1187	973 690	975 134±140	o	973 790	974 640	p
84	1 014 824	-17 930	-1218	995 676			995 776	996 681	p
85	1 037 891	-18 795	-1249	1 017 847			1 017 947	1 018 984	p
86	1 061 190	-19 687	-1280	1 040 223			1 040 323	1 041 265	p
87	1 084 894	-20 610	-1311	1 062 973			1 063 073	1 064 045	p
88	1 108 840	-21 561	-1343	1 085 936			1 086 036	1 087 027	p
89	1 133 129	-22 541	-1375	1 109 213			1 109 313	1 110 322	p

TABLE VI. (Continued).

Z	DF no QED	QED Welton	Relativistic correlation	Theory total	Experiment	Expt. Ref.	Present predictions	Other predictions	Predictions Ref.
90	1 157 188	-23 544	-1407	1 132 236			1 132 336	1 133 723	p
91	1 182 006	-24 584	-1440	1 155 982			1 156 082	1 157 582	p
92	1 206 879	-25 650	-1484	1 179 745	1 180 700±3000	m	1 179 845	1 181 377	p

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<sup>p</sup>J. F. Seely, C. M. Brown, and U. Feldman, Ref. 47.

TABLE VII. Energy for the  $4s-4p_{3/2}$  transitions of Cu-like ions (in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ).

Z	DF no QED	QED Welton	Relativistic correlation	Theory total	Experiment	Expt. Ref.	Present predictions	Other predictions	Predictions Ref.
32	81 761	-99	2419	84 081	84 103	a	84 103		
33	99 237	-133	2108	101 212	101 245	a	101 250		
34	116 717	-172	1870	118 415	118 462	a	118 463		
35	134 325	-216	1693	135 802	135 854	a	135 851		
36	152 151	-265	1538	153 424	153 476±2	b	153 474		
37	170 268	-321	1411	171 359	171 410±2	c	171 409		
38	188 742	-382	1302	189 661	189 714±2	d	189 712		
39	207 627	-450	1207	208 384	208 433±3	e	208 436		
40	226 979	-524	1124	227 578	227 627±3	f	227 630		
41	246 848	-606	1051	247 294	247 344±4	g	247 346		
42	267 288	-695	986	267 579	267 632±4	h	267 632		
43	288 349	-791	929	288 486			288 540		
44	310 081	-896	877	310 062	310 140±10	i	310 116	310 110	p
45	332 539	-1010	831	332 361	332 372±11	i	332 415	332 411	p
46	355 776	-1132	790	355 434	355 473±6	j	355 489	355 486	p
47	379 847	-1264	754	379 337	379 386±7	j	379 393	379 390	p
48	404 808	-1405	721	404 124	404 166±8	j	404 180	404 178	p
49	430 719	-1556	693	429 856	429 884±9	j	429 913	429 912	p
50	457 640	-1718	668	456 591	456 640±10	j	456 648	456 646	p
51	485 633	-1889	647	484 391	484 522±12	j	484 448	484 449	p
52	514 762	-2072	629	513 319			513 377	513 381	p
53	545 104	-2266	614	543 452	543 508±15	j	543 510	543 520	p
54	576 714	-2472	603	574 845	574 917±17	j	574 904	574 917	p
55	609 679	-2689	594	607 584	607 652±18	j	607 643	607 659	p
56	644 064	-2920	588	641 733	641 972±62	k	641 793	641 816	p

tions. The  $E_{\text{rcor}}$  for  $\text{U}^{63+}$  we used were corrected for this difference.

### III. QUANTUM ELECTRODYNAMIC CORRECTIONS

As was mentioned earlier, screening of the self-energy is a source of major uncertainty in estimating QED corrections. There are three approximations commonly used in DF codes—to be referred to as the  $\langle r \rangle$  method, the  $\rho$  method, and the Welton method, for brevity.

#### A. The $\langle r \rangle$ method

In this method, the expectation value of  $r$  of a DF orbital is matched with that of a hydrogenic, point-nucleus ion with the same quantum numbers and an effective  $Z_{\text{eff}}$  whose  $\langle r \rangle$  value is the same as the DF value. Then, Mohr's self-energy<sup>9-11</sup> is interpolated for this  $Z_{\text{eff}}$  to provide a "screened" self-energy for the DF orbital. This approximation fitted well the screened self-energy of the 1s orbitals of neutral heavy elements calculated by

TABLE VII. (Continued).

Z	DF no QED	QED Welton	Relativistic correlation	Theory total	Experiment	Expt. Ref.	Present predictions	Other predictions	Predictions Ref.
57	679 954	-3163	586	677 377	677 780±100	l	677 438	677 465	p
58	717 427	-3419	585	714 593			714 654	714 694	p
59	756 570	-3689	588	753 468			753 530	753 585	p
60	797 469	-3974	593	794 088	794 155±30	j	794 150	794 212	p
61	840 212	-4274	601	836 539			836 601	836 687	p
62	884 893	-4589	611	880 915	880 987±78	m	880 978	881 088	p
63	931 628	-4921	624	927 331	927 470±300	l	927 394	927 523	p
64	980 499	-5268	639	975 869	976 000±140	m	975 933	976 086	p
65	1 031 632	-5633	656	1 026 655			1 026 719	1 026 905	p
66	1 085 137	-6015	676	1 079 797	1 079 900±60	j	1 079 862	1 080 054	p
67	1 141 073	-6414	697	1 135 355			1 135 421	1 135 680	p
68	1 199 686	-6834	722	1 193 574	1 193 100±210	k	1 193 640	1 193 887	p
69	1 260 965	-7271	748	1 254 442			1 254 508	1 254 815	p
70	1 325 107	-7729	776	1 318 155	1 318 500±300	n	1 318 222	1 318 583	p
71	1 392 259	-8206	807	1 384 859			1 384 927	1 385 329	p
72	1 462 523	-8705	840	1 454 658			1 454 726	1 455 180	p
73	1 536 090	-9225	875	1 527 740	1 528 400±400	n	1 527 809	1 528 304	p
74	1 613 053	-9767	912	1 604 199	1 605 000±390	o	1 604 268	1 604 853	p
75	1 693 665	-10 333	951	1 684 284	1 685 600±430	o	1 684 354	1 684 948	p
76	1 778 012	-10 921	993	1 768 084			1 768 154	1 768 847	p
77	1 866 294	-11 533	1037	1 855 797			1 855 867	1 856 631	p
78	1 958 702	-12 171	1082	1 947 613			1 947 684	1 948 482	p
79	2 055 416	-12 834	1130	2 043 712	2 043 800±630	p	2 043 784	2 044 697	p
80	2 156 606	-13 524	1181	2 144 264			2 144 336	2 145 278	p
81	2 262 554	-14 241	1233	2 249 547			2 249 619	2 250 630	p
82	2 373 407	-14 986	1288	2 359 709	2 360 400±840	p	2 359 782	2 360 829	p
83	2 489 404	-15 760	1346	2 474 990	2 475 600±920	q	2 475 063	2 476 290	p
84	2 610 829	-16 563	1405	2 595 671			2 595 745	2 597 065	p
85	2 737 812	-17 396	1468	2 721 884			2 721 958	2 723 460	p
86	2 870 631	-18 259	1532	2 853 904			2 853 979	2 855 430	p
87	3 009 740	-19 155	1600	2 992 185			2 992 260	2 993 833	p
88	3 155 245	-20 084	1670	3 136 831			3 136 907	3 138 535	p
89	3 307 549	-21 047	1743	3 288 245			3 288 322	3 290 123	p
90	3 466 325	-22 036	1819	3 446 108	3 449 500±1800	q	3 446 185	3 448 514	p
91	3 633 004	-23 068	1897	3 611 833			3 611 911	3 614 414	p
92	3 807 141	-24 133	1975	3 784 983	3 787 000±2000	n	3 785 061	3 787 735	p

<sup>a</sup>Table VI, footnote a.

<sup>b</sup>Table VI, footnote b.

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<sup>o</sup>J. F. Seely, C. M. Brown, and W. E. Behring, Ref. 46.

<sup>p</sup>J. F. Seely, C. M. Brown, and U. Feldman, Ref. 47.

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Desiderio and Johnson<sup>25</sup> and Cheng and Johnson.<sup>26</sup> These two calculations and a recent theoretical work by Indelicato and Mohr,<sup>27</sup> which introduces screening as a perturbation to the nuclear Coulomb field, remain the only treatment of the self-energy screening based on a QED procedure while using approximate wave functions for a many-electron atom. As is shown later, the  $\langle r \rangle$  method, which is the default in the DF codes by Grant *et al.*,<sup>1,2</sup> still leaves out a significant number of  $Z$ -dependent terms.

### B. The $\rho$ method

In this approximation, the square of a DF orbital  $\psi_{\text{DF}}$  is integrated from the origin to a short distance  $r_0$ , usually a fraction of the Compton wavelength  $\lambda_0$  ( $\sim$  Bohr radius/137), and the integral is compared to a similar integral calculated with a point-nucleus, hydrogenic wave function  $\psi_{\text{hyd}}$  with the same quantum numbers:

$$\rho = \int_0^{r_0} |\psi_{\text{DF}}|^2 d\tau / \int_0^{r_0} |\psi_{\text{hyd}}|^2 d\tau. \quad (9)$$

This ratio  $\rho$  ( $\leq 1$ ) is then used to scale Mohr's hydrogenic self-energy.<sup>9-11</sup> We chose  $r_0 = 0.3\lambda_0$  because this value reproduced known inner-shell x-ray wavelengths well, although *transition energies* are rather insensitive to the choice of  $r_0$ .

### C. The Welton method

Welton<sup>28</sup> proposed to treat the self-energy as fluctuations in the classical trajectory of a bound electron due to the nuclear field. This method uses an effective potential to correct the lowest-order contribution (in  $Z\alpha$ , where  $\alpha$  is the fine-structure constant) to the one-electron self-energy from two-electron interaction by adjusting the potential for the changes in the electronic charge density at the nucleus. This potential can be derived, for example, from Welton's semiclassical arguments.<sup>28</sup> It has been shown by Dupont-Roc, Fabre, and Cohen-Tannoudji<sup>29</sup> that for self-energy, the effective Hamiltonian based on the Welton model leads to the proper nonrelativistic limit.

For an  $ns$  orbital, this method leads to a screening correction

$$\delta\varepsilon_{ns} = \frac{\langle ns | \nabla^2 U_N | ns \rangle_{\text{DF}}}{\langle ns | \nabla^2 U_N | ns \rangle_{\text{hyd}}} \varepsilon_{ns}, \quad (10)$$

where the subscript hyd stands for a hydrogenic wave function,  $U_N$  is the nuclear potential, and  $\varepsilon_{ns}$  is Mohr's point-nucleus, hydrogenic self-energy<sup>9-11</sup> corrected for finite nuclear-size effects.<sup>18</sup> For orbitals with  $l \geq 1$ , the above correction, which is proportional to the square of the wave function at the origin, vanishes, and the  $g-2$  correction provides the leading screening correction

$$\delta\varepsilon_{nl} = \frac{\langle nl | \beta\alpha \cdot \mathbf{E} | nl \rangle_{\text{DF}}}{\langle nl | \beta\alpha \cdot \mathbf{E} | nl \rangle_{\text{hyd}}} \varepsilon_{nl} \quad \text{for } l \geq 1, \quad (11)$$

where  $\mathbf{E}$  is the nuclear electric field. This approximation was checked against experiments and was found to provide reasonable estimates.<sup>4,5,30,31</sup>

The  $\rho$  and Welton methods produce very similar numerical results on *transition energies* for low- $Z$  ions, but they begin to depart from each other at  $Z \sim 80$  and above. Of the three approximations presented above, the  $\langle r \rangle$  method was found to lead to transition energies with the poorest agreement with known experimental data, particularly for high- $Z$  ions, in many comparisons we have made. The predictions by Seely *et al.*<sup>14-17</sup> are based on QED corrections using the  $\langle r \rangle$  approximation. In addition to the hydrogenic self-energies for  $n=1$  and 2 by Mohr,<sup>9-11</sup> preliminary values for  $n=3-5$  and  $|\kappa|=1$  and 2, where  $\kappa$  is the Dirac quantum number, have been reported recently.<sup>32</sup> We used these new hydrogenic self-energies for  $n=3$  and 4 instead of scaling  $n=2$  values by  $n^{-3}$ , as is commonly done. The hydrogenic self-energy for  $\kappa=-3$  ( $=d_{5/2}$ ) is not available. We used the  $3d_{5/2}$  result for  $Z=0$  by Klarsfeld and Maquet<sup>33</sup> after scaling it by  $(Z\alpha)^4$ .

For the vacuum polarization, we also included corrections<sup>34-36</sup> of the order of  $\alpha$  and  $(Z\alpha)^2$  compared to the Uehling potential, but contributions from these terms are smaller than the uncertainties in the screening of the self-energy. The sum of the "screened" self-energy based on the  $\rho$  or Welton method and the above-mentioned vacuum polarization corrections is listed in Tables II–VII.

## IV. COMPARISON WITH EXPERIMENTAL DATA

A large collection of experimental data is available for the resonance transitions reported in this article, mostly for ions with low to moderate  $Z$ . Since most experimental values are for transitions  $ns-np_{1/2}$  and  $ns-np_{3/2}$ , we concentrate on comparing theory and experiment for these transitions.

Both theoretical results and experimental data are listed in Tables II–VII. In these tables, the first column lists the atomic number, the column marked "DF no QED" lists theoretical transition energies obtained from single-configuration DF wave functions (solutions of  $H_0$ ) and the energy-dependent Breit operator, Eq. (7), without the Coulomb repulsion (which is included in  $H_0$ ). The column marked "QED" lists QED corrections with the self-energy screened by either the  $\rho$  or Welton method as noted. The relativistic correlation  $E_{\text{rcor}}$  defined by Eq. (1) is listed in the column marked "Relativistic correlation" while the sum of the second, third, and fourth columns is listed in the column marked "Theory total."

Experimental values and their sources are listed in the columns marked "Experiment" and "Expt. Ref." respectively. Our predicted values, which are based on our "Theory total" minus the difference between the theory and experiment after adjusting the difference to have "smoothly varying" first and second derivatives, are listed in the column marked "Present predictions" Standard fitting methods such as the least-square fitting or a simple polynomial do not work well in this case because we are interested in extrapolating the fitted results to higher  $Z$ , for which either experimental data are inaccurate or unavailable. Standard methods tend to introduce higher-order derivatives that eventually render extrapolations useless for  $Z$  too far from the last data point used. The

last two columns list predictions by others and their sources. The difference between our theoretical transition energies, "Theory total," and experimental values are plotted in Figs. 4–9.

#### A. Li isoelectronic sequence

It is difficult to decide any preference among the three "screening" schemes based on the comparison with the experimental data for  $Z \leq 42$  (see Figs. 4 and 5). The experimental data—which are included in Tables II and III—seem to have more scatter for heavier ions ( $Z > 20$ ) than lighter ones, particularly for the  $2p_{3/2}$  transition for  $Z > 30$ . The close agreement between the values based on the  $\rho$  and Welton methods shown in Figs. 4 and 5 also holds for Na- and Cu-like ions. The wavelengths for the  $2p_{1/2}$  and  $2p_{3/2}$  transitions of  $\text{Xe}^{51+}$  were measured by Martin *et al.* using the beam-foil method<sup>37</sup> (Tables II and III). Their transition energies are too large to be compatible with the trend seen in the experimental data for  $Z \leq 42$ , though the large uncertainty in their  $2p_{3/2}$  result encompasses our theoretical and predicted values.

Recently Schweppe *et al.*<sup>38</sup> reported an experimental value for the  $2p_{1/2}$  transition in  $\text{U}^{89+}$ . Our result with the  $\rho$  method, 280.68 eV, comes closest to the experimental value,  $280.59 \pm 0.10$  eV (see Fig. 6). There are, however, several higher-order corrections that are missing in our theory, such as the nuclear polarization<sup>39</sup> and the exchange of two virtual photons between bound electrons, which are expected to be of the order of a few tenths of an electron volt. A simple change in the rms radius of the uranium nucleus—from 5.751 fermi used in Ref. 18 to our value of 5.863 fermi—reduced the transition ener-

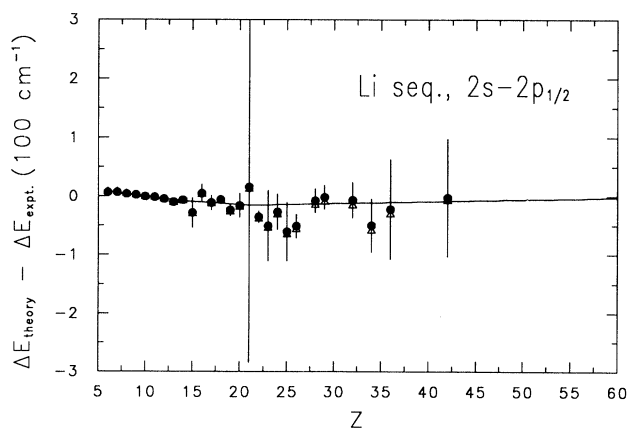


FIG. 4. Difference between theory and experiment for the  $2s \rightarrow 2p_{1/2}$  transition energies  $\Delta E$  of Li-like ions. Filled circles used theoretical values based on the  $\rho$  method for QED screening, while the triangles used theoretical values based on the Welton method. The solid curve is the smoothed difference that was used to obtain our predicted values in Table II. Error bars attached to the circles represent experimental uncertainties only. The same error bars also apply to the triangles. Experimental uncertainties for the ions with no visible error bars are smaller than the size of the circles.

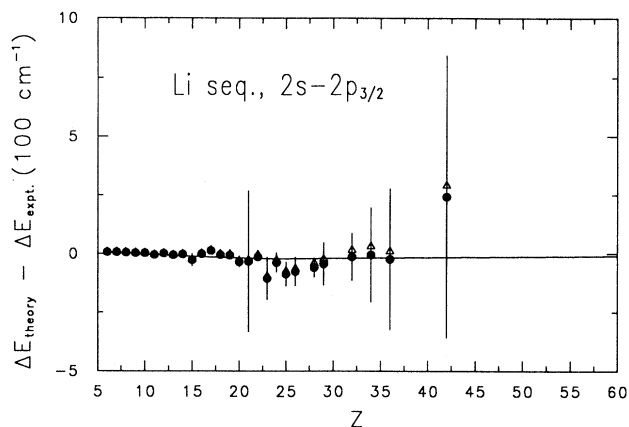


FIG. 5. Difference between theory and experiment for the  $2s \rightarrow 2p_{3/2}$  transition energies  $\Delta E$  of Li-like ions. The solid curve is the smoothed difference that was used to obtain our predicted values in Table III. See Fig. 4 caption for other explanations.

gies of  $\text{U}^{89+}$  by about 1 eV. Recently, Blundell, Johnson, and Sapirstein<sup>40</sup> recalculated the  $2p_{1/2}$  transition energy using the MBPT and a nonspherical nuclear charge distribution; their value is 281.023 eV, which includes an empirical estimate of the "screened" QED correction of  $-41.225$  eV to be compared with our value of  $-41.574$  eV. This QED correction was also estimated by Indelicato and Desclaux<sup>5</sup> using the Welton method with extensive MCDF wave functions and a nonspherical nuclear charge distribution; their "screened" QED correction is  $-41.100$  eV and the  $2p_{1/2}$  transition energy is  $281.6 \pm 0.9$  eV. Although none of these estimates can be justified from a rigorous QED procedure, it is clear that the uncertainty in QED corrections in this case could be as

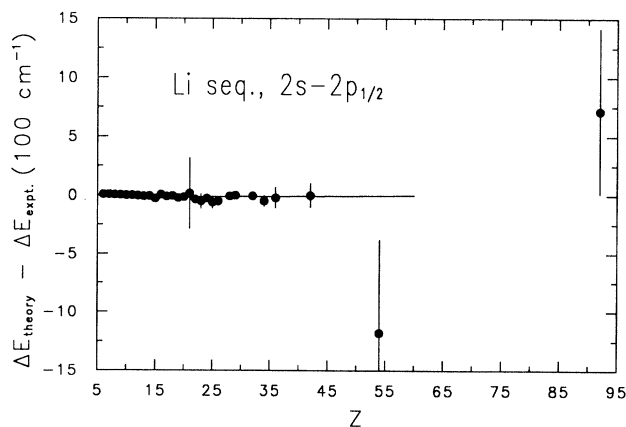


FIG. 6. Difference between theory and experiment for the  $2s \rightarrow 2p_{1/2}$  transition energies  $\Delta E$  of Li-like ions. Filled circles used theoretical values based on the  $\rho$  method for QED screening. Experimental data for  $\text{Xe}^{51+}$  and  $\text{U}^{89+}$  were measured using the beam-foil method (Refs. 37 and 38). See Fig. 4 caption for other explanations.



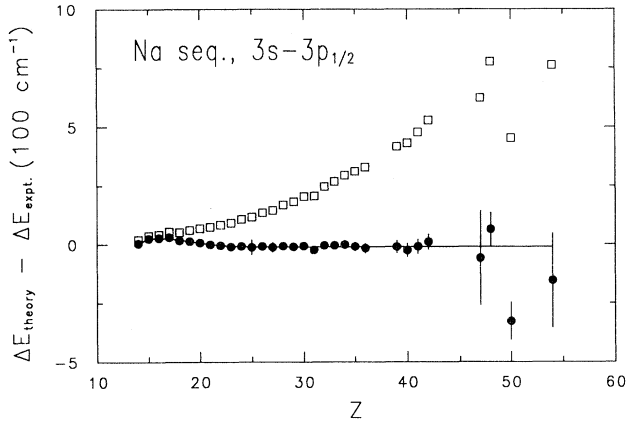


FIG. 7. Difference between theory and experiment for the  $3s \rightarrow 3p_{1/2}$  transition energies  $\Delta E$  of Na-like ions. Filled circles used theoretical values based on the Welton method for QED screening, while the square used theoretical values based on the  $\langle r \rangle$  method. The solid curve is the smoothed difference that was used to obtain our predicted values in Table IV. See Fig. 4 caption for other explanations.

much as  $\pm 0.5$  eV, or about  $\pm 4000$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

As is shown in Fig. 6, the  $2p_{1/2}$  transition energy of  $\text{Xe}^{51+}$  by Martin *et al.*<sup>37</sup> is larger than our theoretical value, while that of  $\text{U}^{89+}$  by Schweppe *et al.*<sup>38</sup> is smaller than ours. The trend apparent in the data for  $Z \leq 42$  in Fig. 6 seems to be more compatible with the  $\text{U}^{89+}$  result than the  $\text{Xe}^{51+}$  value.

Since there are no experimental data for  $54 < Z < 92$ , it is difficult for us to reliably extend the trend observed at lower  $Z$  in the difference between theory and experiment to  $Z \sim 50$  and above. Experimental data to fill this gap are sorely needed, not only to establish the systematics of missing terms in the theory, but also because more

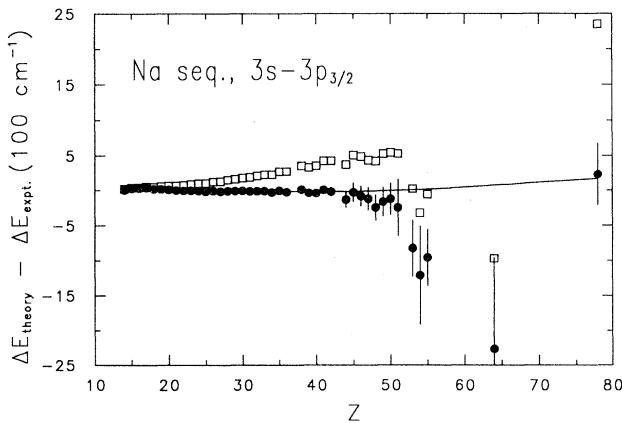


FIG. 8. Difference between theory and experiment for the  $3s \rightarrow 3p_{3/2}$  transition energies  $\Delta E$  of Na-like ions. The solid curve is the smoothed difference that was used to obtain our predicted values in Table V. The data for  $\text{Pt}^{67+}$  was measured in an EBIT (Ref. 42), while other experimental data above  $Z = 50$  used spectra from laser-generated plasmas. See the captions for Figs. 4 and 7 for other explanations.

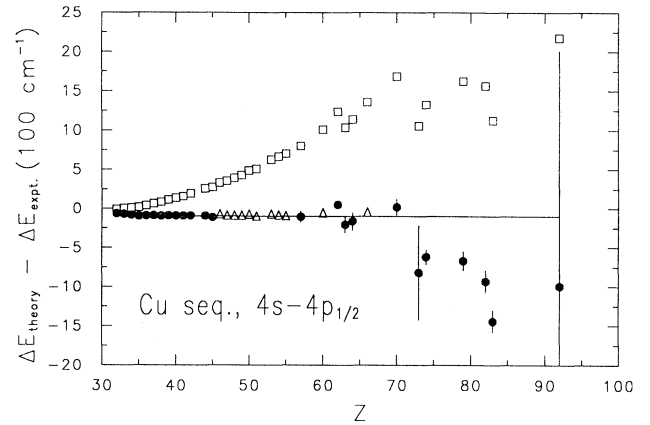


FIG. 9. Difference between theory and experiment for the  $4s \rightarrow 4p_{1/2}$  transition energies  $\Delta E$  of Cu-like ions. Filled circles used theoretical values based on the Welton method for QED screening, while the squares used theoretical values based on the  $\langle r \rangle$  method. The solid curve is the smoothed difference that was used to obtain our predicted values in Table VI. Triangles represent the difference between theoretical values based on the Welton method and experimental data from the Texas experimental tokamak (TEXT) (Ref. 49). Experimental data for  $Z \geq 70$  used spectra from laser-generated plasmas.

rigorous theoretical results are likely to be first obtained for ions with a few bound electrons. Experimental data with a relative accuracy of one part in  $10^4$  or better would be most useful.

The difference between our theoretical transition energies (“Theory total”) and our predicted values for some ions are plotted as solid curves in Figs. 4 and 5 and are listed in Tables II and III. We note that the relatively large uncertainty of  $\pm 300$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in the experimental  $2s-2p$  transition energies listed<sup>41</sup> for  $\text{Sc}^{18+}$  is too pessimistic—the actual uncertainty is more likely to be  $\pm 40$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . The transition energies predicted by Seely<sup>14</sup> have rapid changes in  $Z$  dependence between  $Z = 40$  and  $50$ , a trend not supported by the comparison of our results with experiment, shown in Figs. 4 and 5.

### B. Na isoelectric sequence

The theoretical results and experimental data are presented in Tables IV and V. For Na-like ions with  $Z \leq 40$ , theoretical transition energies based on the  $\rho$  and Welton methods agree with experiment within  $100$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$  for both the  $3p_{1/2}$  and  $3p_{3/2}$  transitions. However, transition energies based on the  $\langle r \rangle$  method not only differ from the experiment by several hundred  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  but also the difference steadily increases with  $Z$ , although the percentage difference does not increase as much (Figs. 7 and 8). The rapidly growing gaps between the theory based on the Welton method and experiment for  $50 \geq Z \geq 70$  in Figs. 7 and 8 are likely to be experimental artifacts because we do not expect terms missing in our theory to have such a sudden strong  $Z$  dependence there.

Cowan *et al.* recently measured<sup>42</sup> the wavelength for the  $3p_{3/2}$  transition of  $\text{Pt}^{67+}$  using an electron beam ion

trap (EBIT). Their value is in close agreement with our values based on either the  $\rho$  or Welton method but not with the value from the  $\langle r \rangle$  method. This agreement is consistent with the trend seen in Fig. 8 for  $Z < 45$ , suggesting that the experimental transition energies for ions between  $Z = 52$  and 64 are probably too large. We note that the experimental transition energies obtained from spectra of laser-generated plasmas tend to be too large (i.e., blue-shifted) compared to the trend observed for ions with lower  $Z$ . We will return to this point again for Cu-like ions.

The difference between our theoretical transition energies and our predicted values are plotted as solid curves in Figs. 7 and 8 and are compared to those predicted by Seely *et al.*<sup>17</sup> in Tables IV and V. The energies for the  $3p_{1/2}$  transition predicted by Seely *et al.* are smaller than our theory for  $Z > 80$ , while those for the  $3p_{3/2}$  transition continue to be larger than our theory. There is no apparent theoretical reason to expect these opposite trends.

### C. Cu isoelectronic sequence

This is a sequence for which experimental values are available all the way to  $U^{63+}$ . Our theoretical values are presented in Tables VI and VII. Unlike the QED corrections based on the Welton or  $\rho$  method, the difference between our theory with the  $\langle r \rangle$  method and experiment rises rapidly to  $2000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  or more for  $Z > 70$ , as is shown in Figs. 9 and 10. Also, the scatter and trend seen in the experimental data for  $Z > 70$  indicate that such data have larger uncertainties in magnitude—though relative accuracy deteriorates slowly—for both the  $4p_{1/2}$  and  $4p_{3/2}$  transitions. Experimental values for  $55 < Z < 92$  obtained from spectra of laser-generated plasmas<sup>43–48</sup> exhibit a tendency for the difference between theory and experiment for the  $4p_{3/2}$  transition (Fig. 10) to be increasingly negative (i.e., experimental energies are too high) from  $Z \sim 55$ . More recent experimental values<sup>49</sup> for ions with  $46 < Z < 70$  generated in the Texas experimental tokamak (TEXT) are in excellent agreement

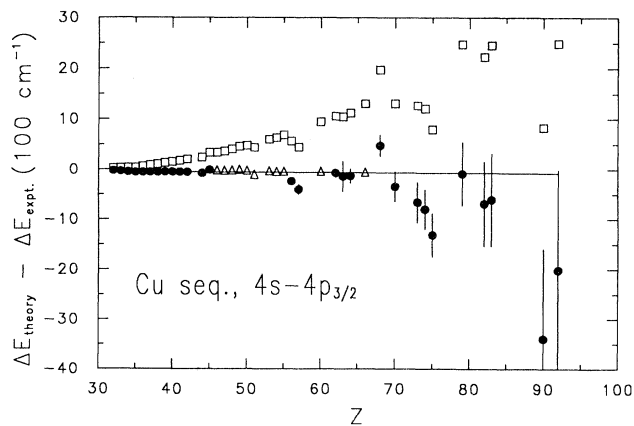


FIG. 10. Difference between theory and experiment for the  $4s \rightarrow 4p_{3/2}$  transition energies  $\Delta E$  of Cu-like ions. The solid curve is the smoothed difference that was used to obtain our predicted values in Table VII. See Fig. 9 caption for other explanations.

with our values based on the Welton and  $\rho$  methods, clearly establishing a trend with almost no  $Z$  dependence (see triangles in Figs. 9 and 10). It is likely that the existing experimental energies from spectra of laser-generated plasmas in general are too high, as is the case for the Na-like ions. The data from laser-generated plasmas seem to have systematic problems that make the measured transition energies too high.

Our predicted transition energies are plotted as solid curves in Figs. 9 and 10 and are compared to those predicted by Seely, Brown, and Feldman<sup>47</sup> in Tables VI and VII. We emphasize, however, that the correct  $Z$  dependence of the solid curves in Figs. 9 and 10 for  $Z > 80$  is unlikely to be as simple as we have assumed, since we expect higher-order relativistic corrections omitted in our theory to grow rapidly beyond  $Z \sim 80$ . The energies predicted by Seely *et al.* for both the  $4p_{1/2}$  and  $4p_{3/2}$  transitions continue to be larger than our theoretical values, reaching differences of  $1500\text{--}2700 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , or  $0.1\text{--}0.02 \text{ \AA}$  in wavelength for  $U^{+63}$ . Some of these differences can be attributed to the use of different nuclear parameters in the DF codes<sup>1,2</sup> used by Seely *et al.*<sup>14–17</sup> and us,<sup>3,4</sup> but most of the difference is due to the different  $Z$  dependence of the QED corrections in the DF codes.

### V. CONCLUSION

We have shown that the theoretical transition energies based on the  $\rho$  and Welton methods to “screen” the self-energy agree well with experimental data for ions with net charges of about 40 or less, while the theoretical values based on the  $\langle r \rangle$  method tend to depart from experiment almost linearly with  $Z$ . Moreover, we find the experimental transition energies from spectra of laser-generated plasmas have a tendency to be too high at  $Z > 70$ . One possibility is that the red wing of a line profile is severely attenuated by self-absorption and other plasma effects, thus shifting the apparent peak toward the blue wing. To establish a clear  $Z$  dependence in the difference between theory and experiment and verify the data collected by using laser-generated plasmas, more experimental data are needed for ions with  $Z > 70$ , obtained from sources other than laser-generated plasmas. Heavy Cu-like ions can be produced by existing ion traps or large tokamaks, and wavelength measurements with such sources with relative uncertainties less than one part in  $10^4$  are highly desirable. In addition, accurate experimental values for high- $Z$  ( $50 < Z < 92$ ) Li-like ions are indispensable for testing future theories for the “screening” of the self-energy and other higher-order relativistic effects based on a rigorous QED formalism. Meanwhile, we offer our predicted transition energies in Tables II–VII to serve as “road signs” for experimentalists.

After our manuscript was submitted, Knize<sup>50</sup> published data on selected Li-like ions with  $24 \leq Z \leq 34$ , which were reinterpretations of the experiments reported by Hinnov, Denne, and co-workers.<sup>51</sup> Some of the reinterpreted data agree better with our predicted values and some agree worse than that reported earlier, indicating no clear preference for either set of transition energies.

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