

Electron Correlation Effects in Hyperfine Interactions in ^{45}Sc and ^{89}Y

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The relativistic coupled-cluster theory has been employed to calculate the magnetic dipole and electric quadrupole hyperfine structure constants for the stable isotopes ^{45}Sc and ^{89}Y . The role of electron correlation is found to be very important. The trend exhibited by these effects is rather different from previously studied single valence atomic systems.

I. INTRODUCTION

Electron correlation effects play a crucial role in the accurate determination of hyperfine structure constants [1]. We have calculated these constants for several atomic systems with single s valence electrons [2, 3] using the relativistic coupled-cluster (RCC) theory which takes into account the interplay of relativistic and correlation effects. Our recent work on Pb^+ which has a single p valence electron [4] reveals the peculiar behaviour of the electron correlation effects in the hyperfine constant of the $6p^2P_{3/2}$ state. It would indeed be instructive to study how electron correlation effects influence systems with single d valence electrons. In this paper we have carried out *ab initio* calculation of the magnetic dipole (A) and electric quadrupole (B) hyperfine structure constants for stable Scandium (Sc) and Yttrium (Y) which have $3d$ and $4d$ valence electrons respectively. Hyperfine structure constants for ground and first excited states for these two atoms have been measured using different methods [6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11].

II. THEORY

The hyperfine interaction Hamiltonian with magnetic dipole and electric quadrupole terms can be written as [12]

$$H_{hf} = A\mathbf{I}\cdot\mathbf{J} + B \left\{ \frac{3(\mathbf{I}\cdot\mathbf{J})^2 + \frac{3}{2}\mathbf{I}\cdot\mathbf{J} - I(I+1)J(J+1)}{2I(2I-1)J(2J-1)} \right\} \quad (2.1)$$

where A and B are the hyperfine structure constants and \mathbf{I} and \mathbf{J} are the nuclear and electronic angular momenta respectively. In perturbation theory, the first order energy shift in the atomic state $|JM_J\rangle$ with M_J as azimuthal quantum number corresponding to J due to the

above interaction Hamiltonian yields

$$W_F = \frac{AK}{2} + \frac{B}{4} \left[\frac{\frac{3}{2}K(K+1) - 2I(I+1)J(J+1)}{I(2I-1)J(2J-1)} \right] \quad (2.2)$$

where

$$K = F(F+1) - J(J+1) - I(I+1) \quad (2.3)$$

with

$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{J} \quad (2.4)$$

is the total angular momentum of the system.

The magnetic dipole hyperfine constant A is given by [13]

$$A = \mu_N g_I \frac{\langle J || \mathbf{T}^{(1)} || J \rangle}{\sqrt{J(J+1)(2J+1)}}, \quad (2.5)$$

where $\mathbf{T}^{(1)} = \sum t_q^{(1)} = \sum -ie\sqrt{8\pi/3}r^{-2}\alpha\mathbf{Y}_{1q}^{(0)}(\hat{r})$ with $\mathbf{Y}_{kq}^{(\lambda)}$ represents the vector spherical harmonic, $g_I = \frac{\mu_I}{I}$ is the nuclear Landé g-factor with μ_I is nuclear dipole moment and $\mu_N = e\hbar/2m_p c$.

The electric quadrupole hyperfine constant (B) is given by [13]

$$B = 2eQ \left\{ \frac{2J(2J-1)}{(2J+1)(2J+2)(2J+3)} \right\}^{1/2} \langle J || \mathbf{T}^{(2)} || J \rangle \quad (2.6)$$

where Q is the nuclear quadrupole moment and $\mathbf{T}^{(2)} = \sum t_q^{(2)} = \sum -er^{-3}C_q^{(k)}(\hat{r})$.

The reduced matrix elements of the above operators in terms of single particle orbitals given by

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \kappa_f || t_q^{(1)} || \kappa_i \rangle &= -(\kappa_f + \kappa_i) \langle -\kappa_f || C^{(1)} || \kappa_i \rangle \\ &\int_0^\infty dr \frac{1}{r^2} (P_f Q_i + Q_f P_i) \quad (2.7) \end{aligned}$$

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and

$$\langle \kappa_f || t_q^{(2)} || \kappa_i \rangle = -\langle \kappa_f || C^{(2)} || \kappa_i \rangle \int_0^\infty dr \frac{1}{r^3} (P_f P_i + Q_f Q_i), \quad (2.8)$$

where i and f represent initial and final orbitals respectively and

$$\langle \kappa_f || C^{(k)} || \kappa_i \rangle = (-1)^{j_f+1/2} \sqrt{(2j_f+1)(2j_i+1)} \begin{pmatrix} j_f & k & j_i \\ 1/2 & 0 & -1/2 \end{pmatrix} \pi(l_f, k, l_i) \quad (2.9)$$

with the condition $\pi(l_1, l_2, l_3) = 1$ if $l_1 + l_2 + l_3 = \text{even}$, otherwise *zero*.

III. METHOD OF CALCULATION : RELATIVISTIC COUPLED CLUSTER THEORY

We have performed our calculations in the Dirac-Coulomb (DC) approximation which embodies the dominant relativistic and correlation effects. The Breit interaction which is about two orders of magnitude smaller than the Coulomb interaction has therefore been omitted in the present case as the systems are comparatively smaller in size.

The Dirac-Coulomb atomic Hamiltonian is given by

$$H = \sum_j c\alpha \cdot \mathbf{p}_j + (\beta - 1)c^2 + V_{nuc}(r_j) + \sum_{j<l} \frac{1}{r_{jl}}, \quad (3.1)$$

where α and β are the usual Dirac matrices and $V_{nuc}(r_j)$ is the potential at the site of the j^{th} electron due to the atomic nucleus. The rest mass energy of the electron is subtracted from the energy eigen values. We first solve the relativistic Hartree-Fock (Dirac-Fock (DF)) equations to obtain the single particle orbitals and their energies,

$$H_{DF} = \sum_j c\alpha \cdot \mathbf{p}_j + (\beta - 1)c^2 + V_{nuc}(r_j) + U_j$$

. The residual Coulomb interaction is given by

$$V_{es} = \sum_{j<l} \frac{1}{r_{jl}} - \sum_j U_j. \quad (3.2)$$

The single particle orbitals are obtained by solving the following equation self-consistently

$$(t_j + U_j)|\phi_j\rangle = \epsilon_j|\phi_j\rangle, \quad (3.3)$$

where

$$t_j = c\alpha \cdot \mathbf{p}_j + (\beta - 1)c^2 + V_{nuc}(r_j)$$

and

$$U_j|\phi_j(\vec{r}_1)\rangle = \sum_{a=1}^{occ} \langle \phi_a(\vec{r}_2) | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | \phi_a(\vec{r}_2) \rangle |\phi_j(\vec{r}_1)\rangle - \langle \phi_a(\vec{r}_2) | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | \phi_j(\vec{r}_2) \rangle |\phi_a(\vec{r}_1)\rangle$$

occ represents total number of occupied orbitals.

The single particle relativistic orbitals can be expressed as

$$|\phi_j(r)\rangle = \frac{1}{r} \begin{pmatrix} P_j(r) |\chi_{\kappa_j m_j}\rangle \\ Q_j(r) |\chi_{-\kappa_j m_j}\rangle \end{pmatrix},$$

where $P_j(r)$ and $Q_j(r)$ are the radial part of the large and small components respectively and $|\chi_{\kappa_j m_j}\rangle$ and $|\chi_{-\kappa_j m_j}\rangle$ are their respective spin angular momentum components. ϵ_j 's are the single particle energies.

We have employed the RCC to incorporate correlation effects among electrons due to the residual Coulomb interaction. In this approach the exact atomic wavefunction for the closed-shell system can be expressed as [1]

$$|\Psi_{CC}\rangle = e^T |\Phi\rangle, \quad (3.4)$$

where T is the core electron excitation operator and we call it as closed-shell RCC operator. $|\Phi\rangle$ is the above closed-shell determinantal state built out of the Dirac-Fock single particle orbitals.

In the closed-shell coupled-cluster theory one starts with the equation

$$He^T |\Phi\rangle = Ee^T |\Phi\rangle. \quad (3.5)$$

The energy and amplitude determining equations are

$$\langle \Phi^K | \bar{H} | \Phi \rangle = E\delta_{0,K}, \quad (3.6)$$

where $\bar{H} = e^{-T} H e^T$, $|\Phi^K\rangle$ is a determinantal state with $K = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ representing the reference state and excited determinantal states. We have considered all possible non-linear terms in T -operator for its amplitude determining equations.

Goldstone [1, 14, 15] and angular momentum diagrammatic [1, 16] techniques are used for evaluating different radial integrals and angular factors. The normal ordered Hamiltonian is defined as

$$H_N \equiv H - \langle \Phi | H | \Phi \rangle = H - E_{DF}, \quad (3.7)$$

where $E_{DF} = \langle \Phi | H | \Phi \rangle$.

We have truncated our wavefunction expansion at the level of singles and doubles (CCSD) and all possible non-linear terms have been included in the above equation. First we evaluate wavefunction for the closed

shell system using the above RCC approach and then append the corresponding valence electron using the open shell RCC (OSCC) method [1, 17].

The new reference state of the open-shell system with one valence electron v can be expressed as [17]

$$|\Phi_v\rangle \equiv a_v^\dagger |\Phi\rangle, \quad (3.8)$$

where a_v^\dagger is the particle creation operator. The exact atomic states are defined now, using the Fock-space OSCC method, as

$$|\Psi_v\rangle = e^T \{e^{S_v}\} |\Phi_v\rangle, \quad (3.9)$$

where S_v is the valence excitation operator and we call it as open-shell RCC operator. Since systems under consideration can be treated as with one valence electron, the S_v - operator exponential series naturally truncates at the linear term, i.e. the open-shell wavefunction has the form

$$|\Psi_v\rangle = e^T \{1 + S_v\} |\Phi_v\rangle, \quad (3.10)$$

where

$$S_v = S_{1v} + S_{2v} = \sum_{p \neq v} a_p^+ a_v s_v^p + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{bpq} a_p^+ a_q^+ a_b a_v s_{vb}^{pq}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} S_{1v} &= \sum_{p \neq v} a_p^+ a_v s_v^p \\ S_{2v} &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{bpq} a_p^+ a_q^+ a_b a_v s_{vb}^{pq} \end{aligned} \quad (3.11)$$

with s_v^p and s_{vb}^{pq} are the cluster amplitudes corresponding to single and double excitations involving the valence electron.

In the next step, we include approximate triple excitations by contracting the two-body operator (V_{es}) and the double excitation operators (T_2, S_{2v}) in the following way [18]

$$S_{vbc}^{pqr} = \frac{\widehat{V_{es}T_2} + \widehat{V_{es}S_{2v}}}{\epsilon_v + \epsilon_b + \epsilon_c - \epsilon_p - \epsilon_q - \epsilon_r}, \quad (3.12)$$

where ϵ_i is the orbital energy of the i 'th orbital. Note that we use notations a,b,c..., p,q,... and i,j,... for the core (occupied), particle (unoccupied) and general orbitals respectively.

The equations for the open-shell cluster amplitudes are determined from

$$\langle \Phi_v | \overline{H_N} \{1 + S_v\} | \Phi_v \rangle = \Delta E(v) \quad (3.13)$$

and

$$\langle \Phi_v^* | \overline{H_N} \{1 + S_v\} | \Phi_v \rangle = -\Delta E(v) \langle \Phi_v^* | \{S_v\} | \Phi_v \rangle, \quad (3.14)$$

where $\Delta E(v)$ is the electron attachment energy which is equal to the negative of the ionisation potential for the valence electron v .

The expectation value for a general one particle operator in a given valence electron (v) state can be expressed in coupled-cluster theory as

$$\begin{aligned} \langle O \rangle_v &= \frac{\langle \Psi_v | O | \Psi_v \rangle}{\langle \Psi_v | \Psi_v \rangle} \\ &= \frac{\langle \Psi_v | O | \Psi_v \rangle}{1 + N_v} \\ &= \frac{\langle \Phi_v | \{1 + S_v^\dagger\} e^{T^\dagger} O e^T \{1 + S_v\} | \Phi_v \rangle}{1 + N_v} \end{aligned} \quad (3.15)$$

$$= \frac{\langle \Phi_v | \{1 + S_v^\dagger\} \overline{O} \{1 + S_v\} | \Phi_v \rangle}{1 + N_v}, \quad (3.16)$$

where the normalization term for the v 'th orbital is obtained from

$$\begin{aligned} N_v &= \langle \Phi_v | S_v^\dagger [e^{T^\dagger} e^T] + S_v^\dagger [e^{T^\dagger} e^T] S_v + [e^{T^\dagger} e^T] S_v | \Phi_v \rangle \\ &= \langle \Phi_v | S_v^\dagger \overline{n}_v + S_v^\dagger \overline{n}_v S_v + \overline{n}_v S_v^\dagger | \Phi_v \rangle \end{aligned} \quad (3.17)$$

with

$$\overline{O} = (e^{T^\dagger} O e^T)_{f.c.} + (e^{T^\dagger} O e^T)_{o.b.} + (e^{T^\dagger} O e^T)_{t.b.} + \dots \quad (3.18)$$

and

$$\overline{n}_v = (e^{T^\dagger} e^T)_{f.c.} + (e^{T^\dagger} e^T)_{o.b.} + (e^{T^\dagger} e^T)_{t.b.} + \dots \quad (3.19)$$

The f.c., o.b., t.b.,...etc abbreviations are used for the fully contracted, effective one-body, effective two-body ...etc terms respectively [2]. Terms containing only up to effective three-body diagrams will contribute to both the numerator and the denominator. The fully contracted terms are excluded on the basis of the linked-diagram theorem [1] in the evaluation of the \overline{O} and \overline{N} . All the one-body terms have been taken into account as their contribution to the correlation effects is the largest. The dominant parts of the two-body terms have also been computed [2]. Finally, these terms are contracted with S_v^\dagger and S_v operators.

Contributions from the normalization factor have been determined in the following way

$$Norm = \langle \Psi_v | O | \Psi_v \rangle \left\{ \frac{1}{1 + N_v} - 1 \right\}. \quad (3.20)$$

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

We have used Gaussian type orbitals (GTOs) for the construction of single particle orbitals of the Dirac-Fock wavefunction ($|\Phi\rangle$), whose expression is given by [19]

$$F_{i,k}^{(L/S)}(r) = \sum_i c_i^{(L/S)} r^k e^{-\alpha_i r^2} \quad (4.1)$$

TABLE I: Magnetic dipole (A) and electric quadrupole (B) hyperfine structure constants in MHz of ground state and first excited state for Sc and Y

States	Scandium		Yttrium				
	Theory (Ours)	Experiment [5, 6]	States	Theory (Ours)	Experiment [7, 8, 9, 10, 11]		
	A	B		A	B	A	B
$3d^2 D_{3/2}$	268.67	27.45	$4d^2 D_{3/2}$	57.34	23.37	57.217(15)	-
$3d^2 D_{5/2}$	110.75	38.56	$4d^2 D_{5/2}$	29.22	31.75	28.749(30)	-

TABLE II: Contributions from different coupled-cluster terms to the magnetic dipole hyperfine structure constant (A) in MHz , where cc stands for the complex conjugate part of the corresponding terms

CCSD(T) terms	Scandium		Yttrium	
	$3d^2 D_{3/2}$	$3d^2 D_{5/2}$	$4d^2 D_{3/2}$	$4d^2 D_{5/2}$
O (DF)	235.93	100.37	56.06	23.24
$\bar{O} - O$	4.82	2.41	2.37	1.04
$\bar{O}S_{1v} + cc$	40.02	15.64	7.62	3.11
$\bar{O}S_{2v} + cc$	-20.09	-22.93	-8.27	-5.08
$S_{1v}^\dagger \bar{O}S_{1v}$	1.85	0.67	0.26	0.11
$S_{1v}^\dagger \bar{O}S_{2v} + cc$	1.21	-2.30	0.32	-0.54
$S_{2v}^\dagger \bar{O}S_{2v} + cc$	25.79	25.59	3.62	9.45
Important effective two-body terms of \bar{O}				
$S_{2v}^\dagger OT_1 + cc$	-9.07	-3.77	-2.05	-0.85
$S_{2v}^\dagger OT_2 + cc$	0.00	0.00	-0.32	-0.02
<i>Norm.</i>	-10.94	-4.61	-2.38	-1.19
Total	268.67	110.75	57.34	29.22

with $k=0,1,2,\dots$ for s, p, d,\dots respectively. The function $F_{i,k}^{(L/S)}(r)$ stands for the large (L) and small (S) components of the Dirac wavefunction. $c_i^{(L/S)}$ is the expansion coefficient of the corresponding large and small components respectively. The kinetic balance condition [20] has been imposed between the large and small components of the GTOs. For the exponents, the even tempering condition [21]

$$\alpha_i = \alpha_{i-1}\beta, \quad i = 1, \dots, N \quad (4.2)$$

has been applied. Here, N stands for the total number of basis functions for a specific symmetry. All orbitals are generated on a grid using a two-parameter Fermi nuclear distribution approximation given by

$$\rho = \frac{\rho_0}{1 + e^{(r-c)/a}}, \quad (4.3)$$

where ρ_0 is the average nuclear density, the parameter 'c' is the *half-charge radius*, and 'a' is related to the *skin thickness* which is defined as the interval of the nuclear thickness which the nuclear charge density falls from

TABLE III: Contributions from different coupled-cluster terms to the magnetic dipole hyperfine structure constant (B) in MHz , where cc stands for the complex conjugate part of the corresponding terms

CCSD(T) terms	Scandium		Yttrium	
	$3d^2 D_{3/2}$	$3d^2 D_{5/2}$	$4d^2 D_{3/2}$	$4d^2 D_{5/2}$
O (DF)	23.34	32.76	16.01	21.78
$\bar{O} - O$	0.78	0.84	0.69	0.76
$\bar{O}S_{1v} + cc$	4.05	5.53	2.18	2.94
$\bar{O}S_{2v} + cc$	-0.97	-1.18	3.90	5.78
$S_{1v}^\dagger \bar{O}S_{1v}$	0.18	0.24	0.07	0.11
$S_{1v}^\dagger \bar{O}S_{2v} + cc$	-0.24	-0.33	0.06	0.99
$S_{2v}^\dagger \bar{O}S_{2v} + cc$	2.74	3.99	2.03	2.44
Important effective two-body terms of \bar{O}				
$S_{2v}^\dagger OT_1 + cc$	-0.91	-1.16	-0.59	-0.79
$S_{2v}^\dagger OT_2 + cc$	0.00	0.00	-0.01	-0.10
<i>Norm.</i>	-1.14	-6.7	-0.97	-1.30
Total	27.45	38.56	23.37	31.75

near one to near zero.

In the present calculation, we have used $\alpha_o = 0.00525$ and $\beta = 2.73$ for all symmetries in both the systems. We have considered $35s_{1/2}$, $30p_{1/2}$, $30p_{3/2}$, $30d_{3/2}$, $30d_{5/2}$, $20f_{5/2}$ and $20f_{7/2}$ and $38s_{1/2}$, $35p_{1/2}$, $35p_{3/2}$, $35d_{3/2}$, $35d_{5/2}$, $20f_{5/2}$ and $20f_{7/2}$ GTOs to obtain Dirac-Fock wavefunction in Sc and Y respectively. All core electrons have been excited in the present calculations.

We have calculated both A and B constants for $3d^2 D_{3/2}$ and $3d^2 D_{5/2}$ states for Sc and $4d^2 D_{3/2}$ and $4d^2 D_{5/2}$ states for Y. We have used $g_I = 1.359$ and $Q = 0.22$ for Sc and $g_I = 0.3268$ and $Q = 0.125$ for Y respectively. All calculated results with corresponding experimental results are presented in table I.

In table II and table III, we present contributions from different RCC terms for A and B values respectively. The first term O represents the DF value and is given in FIG. 1 (i). The second term $\bar{O} - O$ is the contribution from the correlation between the core electrons. OS_{1v} (FIG.

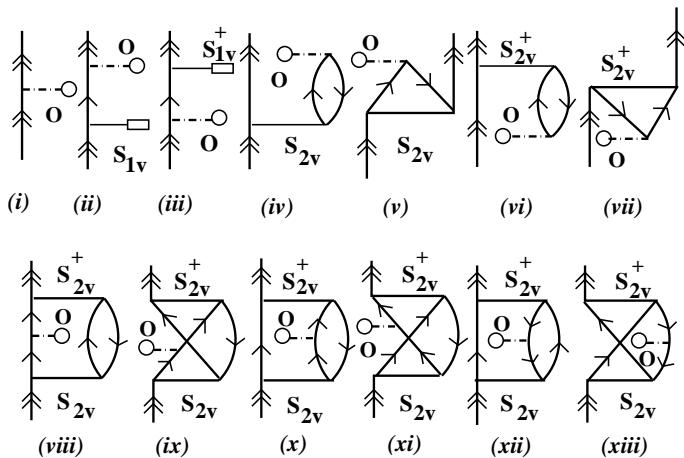


FIG. 1: Goldstone diagrams representing hyperfine structure calculations

1 (ii)+(iii) and OS_{2v} (FIG. 1 ((iv)+(v)+(vi)+(vii))) which represent pair-correlation and core-polarization effects respectively make important contributions for both the atoms. It is interesting to note that the contributions of $S_{2v}^\dagger OS_{2v}$ (FIG. 1 ((viii)+(ix)+(x)+(xi)+(xii)+(xiii))) is far more significant for Sc and Y than atomic sys-

tems with single s and p valence electrons. One of the strengths of coupled-cluster theory is to account for such intricate correlation effects to all orders in the residual Coulomb interaction. The two-body \bar{O} and normalization terms make non-negligible contributions.

V. CONCLUSION

We have performed calculations of the hyperfine constants A and B for Sc and Y using RCC theory and high lighted the importance of electron correlation. Our results are in good agreement with experiments. This indeed demonstrates the power of RCC theory to capture the interplay of relativistic and correlation effects for atomic systems with single d valence electrons.

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