

Optical Pumping and Magnetic Resonance

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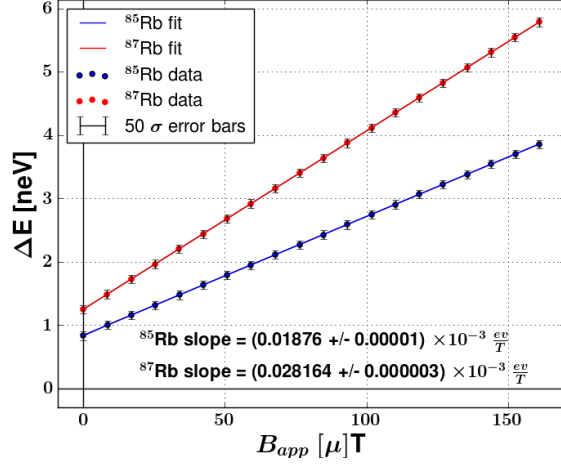


FIG. 1. Measurement of the magnetic moment of ^{85}Rb and ^{87}Rb .

INTRODUCTION

Rubidium (Rb) is an alkali metal with atomic number $Z = 37$. Neutral states contain four entirely filled

electron shells with no net angular momentum and a single valence electron. In its ground state, the valence electron carries no orbital angular momentum: $5^2S_{1/2}$. In its first excited state, the valence electron carries one quantum of orbital angular momentum which can either align or anti-align with its spin contribution: $5^2P_{1/2}$ or $5^2P_{3/2}$.

The energy splitting of the 5^2S and 5^2P states due to the Coulomb interaction with the nucleus is on the order of a few electron-volts. The degeneracy of the first excited state is lifted by the spin-orbit coupling

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