

What is the reduced mass and why is it interesting?

Reality:  $-e^- p^+$  bound Coulomb system

[see sun - earth = same: force  $\propto \frac{1}{r^2}$ ]

Math: 1 body in a  $\frac{1}{r}$  potential:

$\Rightarrow$  mass of orbiting body

Reality: finite mass of center (proton; sun)  $\Rightarrow$   
both particles orbit around the common  
center of gravity/mass

$\Rightarrow$  real orbits:  $\downarrow$  can be taken into account  
by reduced mass

$$m_{\text{red}} = \frac{m_1 \cdot m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \quad \hat{=} \quad \frac{1}{\frac{1}{m_{\text{red}}} = \frac{1}{m_1} + \frac{1}{m_2}}$$

original Bohr problem:

$$\text{energies Balmer/Rydberg} = R_{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{n_1^2} - \frac{1}{n_2^2} \right)$$

$n_1, n_2 \hat{=} \underline{\text{principal quantum numbers}}$

$\Rightarrow \underline{\text{gross structure}}$

⇒ gross structure

small differences between H, D

⇒  $R_H$ ,  $R_D$

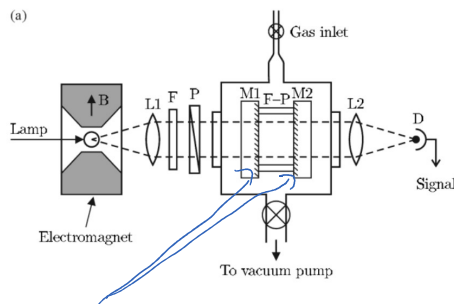
can be explained =  $R_{\infty} \cdot \frac{m_{red}}{m_e}$  or  $\frac{m_e}{m_{red}}$

Sommerfeld theory: relativistic mass increase with velocity  
 $m = \gamma m_0$  ;  $\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - (\frac{v}{c})^2}}$

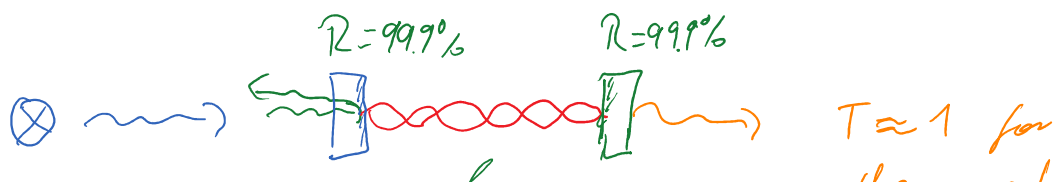
⇒ "fine structure"  $(\alpha Z)^2 \times$  smaller

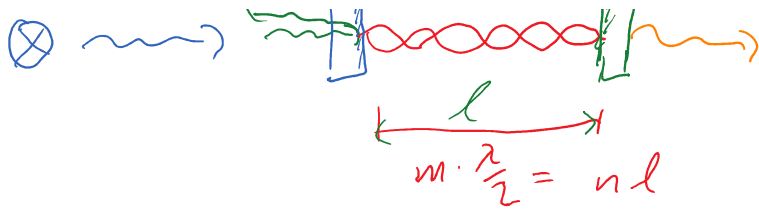
$$\alpha \approx \frac{1}{137}$$

Zeeman effect



Fabry - Perot - Interferometer



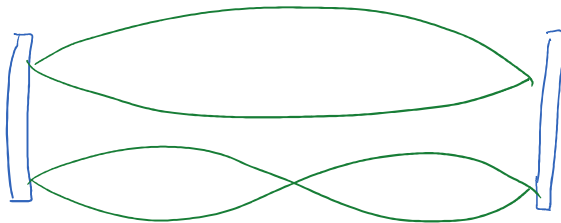


$T \approx 1$  for  
the correct  
wave length

standing wave  $\hat{=}$  a multiple of half the  
wavelength fits into the optical length  
of the resonator

$$= n \cdot l$$

$\uparrow$                        $\nwarrow$   
 refractive              length  
 index



$m = 1$

$m = 2$

⋮



$m = 100\,000$  or so

In reality:  $l = \text{cm}$  vs

$\lambda = 400 \text{ nm}$   
(blue)