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Measurement of the C-forbidden $2\,{}^3\mathbf{S}_1 \to 2\,{}^1\mathbf{P}_1$ transition in positronium

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We report the results of a new measurement of the $2^3S_1 \to 2^1P_1$ transition (ν_F) in positronium (Ps). Though this transition is forbidden by charge conjugation symmetry (C), it can be observed in a magnetic field. We optically excite Ps from a pulsed beam to produce radiatively metastable 2^3S_1 atoms and drive them to the 2^3P_1 level in a rectangular waveguide using microwave radiation. The C-allowed $2^3S_1 \to 2^3P_1$ transition (ν_1) was also measured in the same waveguide, using the same techniques, and the observed Zeeman shift was used to determine the local magnetic field strength. The measurements were performed in a range of magnetic fields, making it possible to determine the field-free ν_1 and ν_F transition frequencies, and to set limits on the C-forbidden transition matrix element $|\langle 2^1P_1|H_{CP}|2^3P_1\rangle|$

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