

Neutrino Spectroscopy with Atoms and Molecules

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SPAN project

SPectroscopy with Atomic Neutrino

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INTRODUCTION

Unknown properties of neutrinos

Absolute mass

 $m_{1(3)} < 0.19 \,\mathrm{eV}, \ 0.050 \,\mathrm{eV} < m_{3(2)} < 0.58 \,\mathrm{eV}$

Mass type

Dirac or Majorana

Hierarchy pattern normal or inverted



Conventional approach $E \gtrsim O(10 \text{keV})$ Neutrino oscillation: SK, T2K, reactors,... $\Delta m^2, \ heta_{ij}, \ \ \mathsf{NH} \ \mathsf{or} \ \mathsf{IH}, \ \delta$ Neutrinoless double beta decays Dirac or Majorana, effective mass $\left|\sum_{i} m_{i} U_{ei}^{2}\right|$ Beta decay endpoint: KATRIN absolute mass **Our approach** $E \lesssim O(eV)$ **tabletop experiment** Atomic/molecular processes absolute mass, NH or IH, D or M, δ , α , β

Neutrino experiments





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RENP

Radiative Emission of Neutrino Pair (RENP)



 $|e\rangle \rightarrow |g\rangle + \gamma + \nu_i \bar{\nu}_i$

 Λ -type level structure Ba, Xe, Ca+, Yb,... H2, O2, I2, ...

Atomic/molecular energy scale $\sim eV$ or less close to the neutrino mass scale cf. nuclear processes ~ MeV Rate $\sim \alpha G_F^2 E^5 \sim 1/(10^{33} \, \mathrm{s})$ **Enhancement mechanism?**



Macroscopic target of N atoms, volume V (n=N/V)

total amp.
$$\propto \sum_{a} e^{-i(\vec{k}+\vec{p}+\vec{p'})\cdot\vec{x}_{a}} \simeq \frac{N}{V} (2\pi)^{3} \delta^{3}(\vec{k}+\vec{p}+\vec{p'})$$

$$d\Gamma \propto n^2 V(2\pi)^4 \delta^4(q-p-p') \qquad q^\mu = (\epsilon_{eg} - \omega, -\vec{k})$$

macrocoherent amplification

Neutrino emission from valence electron



Atomic matrix element in the NR approximation $\langle g|\bar{e}\gamma^{\mu}e|p\rangle \simeq (\langle g|e^{\dagger}e|p\rangle, \mathbf{0}) = 0$ $\langle g|\bar{e}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma_{5}e|p\rangle \simeq (0, 2\langle g|s|p\rangle)$ spin current



RENP spectrum

Energy-momentum conservation due to the macro-coherence

familiar 3-body decay kinematics

Six (or three) thresholds of the photon energy

$$\begin{split} \omega_{ij} &= \frac{\epsilon_{eg}}{2} - \frac{(m_i + m_j)^2}{2\epsilon_{eg}} \qquad i, j = 1, 2, 3\\ \epsilon_{eg} &= \epsilon_e - \epsilon_g \quad \text{atomic energy diff.} \end{split}$$

Required energy resolution $\sim O(10^{-6}) \,\mathrm{eV}$ typical laser linewidth $\Delta \omega_{\mathrm{trig.}} \lesssim 1 \,\mathrm{GHz} \sim O(10^{-6}) \,\mathrm{eV}$





Photon spectrum (spin current)

Global shape

Threshold region



Photon spectrum (nuclear monopole)

Xe ${}^{3}P_{1}$ 8.4365 eV $n = 7 \times 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ $V = 100 \text{ cm}^{3}$





PSR

Paired Super-Radiance (PSR)

M. Yoshimura, N. Sasao, MT, PRA86, 013812 (2012)

 $|e\rangle \rightarrow |g\rangle + \gamma + \gamma$



Prototype for RENP proof-of-concept for the macrocoherence

Preparation of initial state for RENP coherence generation ρ_{eg} dynamical factor $\eta_{\omega}(t)$

Theoretical description to be tested Maxwell-Bloch equation



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Raman sidebands

Harris, Sokolov, Phys. Rev. A55, R4019(1997) Kien, Liang, Katsuragawa, Ohtsuki, Hakuta, Sokolov, Phys. Rev. A60, 1562(1999)



Homonuclear diatomic molecule Potential curves



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Experimental setup



4th Stokes (q=-4) as trigger (internal trigger)

Target cell: length 15cm, diameter 2cm, 78K, 60kPa $n = 5.6 \times 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ $1/T_2 \sim 130 \text{ MHz}$

Driving lasers: 5 mJ, 6 ns, $w_0 = 100 \ \mu m \ (5 \ GW/cm^2)$

Ultra-broadband Raman sidebands

- Raman sidebands, from 192 to 4662nm, are observed: >24
- Evidence of large coherence





Generated coherence

Maxwell-Bloch eq.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \rho_{gg}}{\partial \tau} &= i \Big(\Omega_{ge} \rho_{eg} - \Omega_{eg} \rho_{ge} \Big) + \gamma_1 \rho_{ee}, \\ \frac{\partial \rho_{ee}}{\partial \tau} &= i \Big(\Omega_{eg} \rho_{ge} - \Omega_{ge} \rho_{eg} \Big) - \gamma_1 \rho_{ee}, \\ \frac{\partial \rho_{ge}}{\partial \tau} &= i \Big(\Omega_{gg} - \Omega_{ee} + \delta \Big) \rho_{ge} + i \Omega_{ge} \Big(\rho_{ee} - \rho_{gg} \Big) - \gamma_2 \rho_{ge}, \\ \frac{\partial E_q}{\partial \xi} &= \frac{i \omega_q n}{2c} \Big\{ \Big(\rho_{gg} \alpha_{gg}^{(q)} + \rho_{ee} \alpha_{ee}^{(q)} \Big) E_q + \rho_{eg} \alpha_{eg}^{(q-1)} E_{q-1} + \rho_{ge} \alpha_{ge}^{(q)} E_{q+1} \Big\}, \\ \frac{\partial E_p}{\partial \xi} &= \frac{i \omega_p n}{2c} \Big\{ \Big(\rho_{gg} \alpha_{gg}^{(p)} + \rho_{ee} \alpha_{ee}^{(p)} \Big) E_p + \rho_{eg} \alpha_{ge}^{(p\overline{p})} E_{\overline{p}}^* \Big\}. \end{aligned}$$

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Observed two-photon spectrum



SUMMARY

Neutrino Physics with Atoms/Molecules

 RENP spectra are sensitive to unknown neutrino parameters.
Absolute mass, Dirac or Majorana, NH or IH, CP

Macrocoherent rate amplification is essential. demonstrated by a QED process, PSR.

A new approach to neutrino physics