

Towards Atomic Neutrino Spectroscopy

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SPECTROSCOPY WITH ATOMIC NEUTRINO

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INTRODUCTION

What we know about neutrino mass and mixing

Masses:

$$\Delta m_{21}^2 \simeq (8.66 \text{ meV})^2, \quad \Delta m_{31(2)}^2 \simeq (50.2(1) \text{ meV})^2$$
$$\sum m_\nu \lesssim 230 \text{ meV} \quad \text{Planck 2013} \quad \text{NuFIT 2016}$$

Mixing: $U = V_{\text{PMNS}} P$

$$V_{\text{PMNS}} =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_{12}c_{13} & s_{12}c_{13} & s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ -s_{12}c_{23} - c_{12}s_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta} & c_{12}c_{23} - s_{12}s_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta} & s_{23}c_{13} \\ s_{12}s_{23} - c_{12}c_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta} & c_{12}c_{23} - s_{12}s_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta} & c_{23}c_{13} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P = \text{diag.}(1, e^{i\alpha}, e^{i\beta}) \quad \text{Majorana phases}$$

Bilenky, Hosek, Petcov; Doi, Kotani, Nishiura, Okuda, Takasugi; Schechter, Valle

$$\sin^2 \theta_{12} \simeq 0.31, \quad \sin^2 \theta_{23} \simeq 0.44(59), \quad \sin^2 \theta_{13} \simeq 0.022$$

$$\delta \sim -\pi/2$$

NuFIT 2016

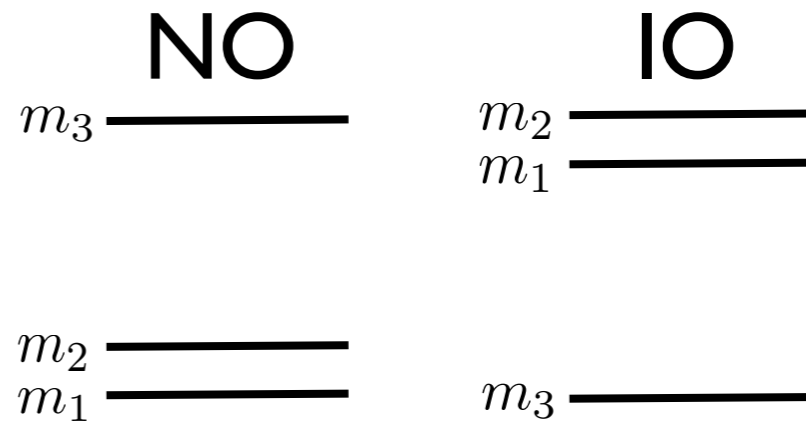
Unknown properties of neutrinos

Absolute mass

$$m_{1(3)} < 71(66) \text{ meV}, \quad 50 \text{ meV} < m_{3(2)} < 87(82) \text{ meV}$$

Ordering pattern

normal or inverted



Mass type

Dirac or Majorana

CP violation

one Dirac phase, two Majorana phases

δ

α, β

Neutrino experiments

Conventional approach $E \gtrsim O(10\text{keV})$ big science

Neutrino oscillation: SK, T2K, reactors,...

$\Delta m^2, \theta_{ij}, \text{NO or IO}, \delta$



Neutrinoless double beta decays

Dirac or Majorana, effective mass

$$\left| \sum_i m_i U_{ei}^2 \right|^2$$

Beta decay endpoint: KATRIN

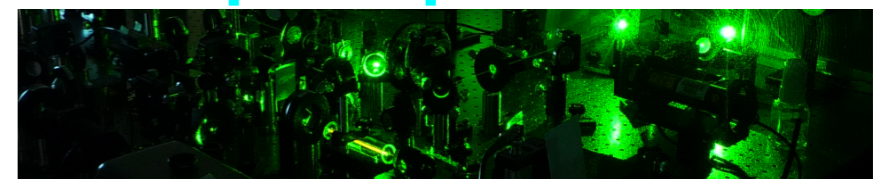
absolute mass



Our approach $E \lesssim O(\text{eV})$ tabletop experiment

Atomic/molecular processes

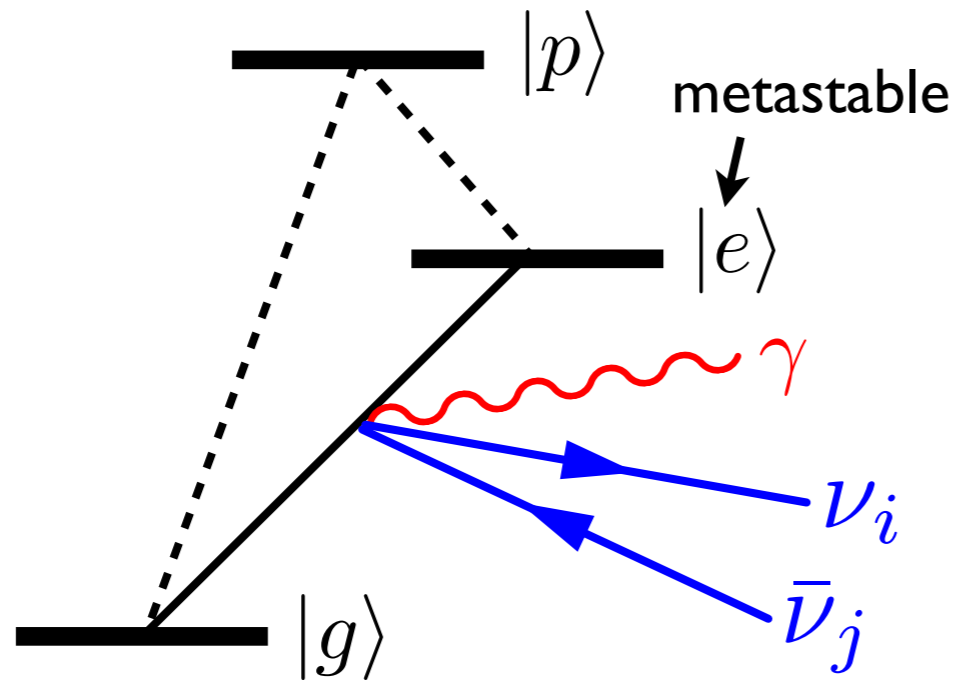
absolute mass, NO or IO, D or M, $\alpha (, \beta - \delta)$



REN P

Radiative Emission of Neutrino Pair (RENPN)

A.Fukumi et al. PTEP (2012) 04D002, arXiv:1211.4904



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

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 \sim MeV

$$\text{Rate} \sim \alpha G_F^2 E^5 \sim 1/(10^{33} \text{ s})$$

Enhancement mechanism?

Rate enhancement by coherence

R.H. Dicke,
Phys. Rev. 93, 99 (1954)

An ensemble of N atoms in a small volume L^3

$$L \ll \text{wave length} \implies e^{-ikx} \sim 1$$

Density matrix $\rho = \rho_{gg}|g\rangle\langle g| + \rho_{ee}|e\rangle\langle e| + \rho_{eg}|e\rangle\langle g| + \rho_{ge}|g\rangle\langle e|$


Fully excited state: $|e\rangle^N = |e\rangle \cdots |e\rangle$, $\rho_{eg} = 0$

deexcitation: $\left(\sum |g\rangle\langle e|\right) \prod |e\rangle$

$$= |g\rangle|e\rangle \cdots |e\rangle + |e\rangle|g\rangle \cdots |e\rangle + \cdots + |e\rangle|e\rangle \cdots |g\rangle$$

 $\Gamma = N\Gamma_0$ **incoherent**

Fully coherent state: $\left[(|g\rangle + |e\rangle)/\sqrt{2} \right]^N$, $\rho_{eg} = 1/2$

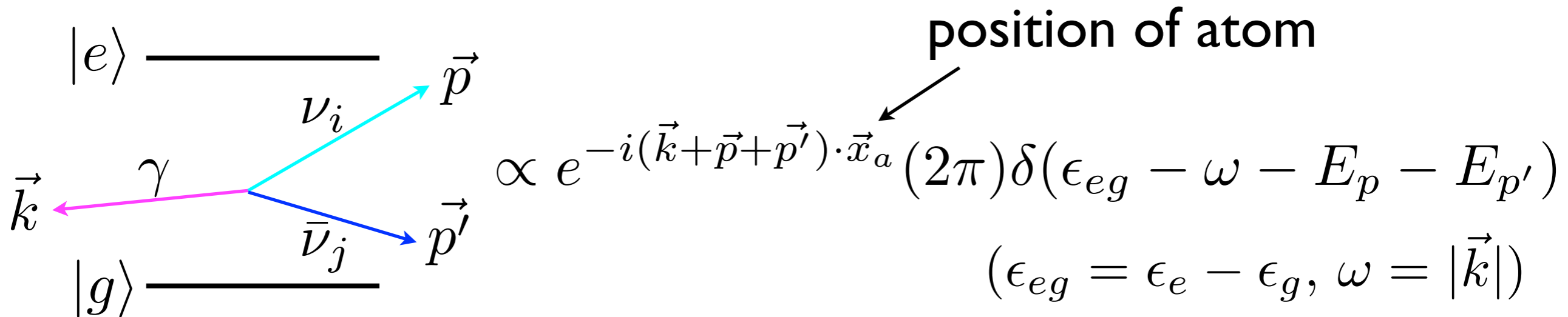
 $[|g\rangle(|g\rangle + |e\rangle) \cdots (|g\rangle + |e\rangle)$
deexcitation

$$+ (|g\rangle + |e\rangle)|g\rangle \cdots (|g\rangle + |e\rangle) + \cdots]/\sqrt{2^N}$$

 $\Gamma = N(N+1)\Gamma_0/4 \sim O(N^2)$ **coherent**

Macrocoherence

Yoshimura et al. (2008)



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

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

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

macrocoherent amplification

RENPs spectrum

D.N. Dinh, S.T. Petcov, N. Sasao, M.T., M. Yoshimura
PLB719(2013)154, arXiv:1209.4808

Energy-momentum conservation
due to the macrocoherence

→ familiar 3-body decay kinematics
virtual parent particle $(P^\mu) = (\epsilon_{eg}, \mathbf{0})$, $P^2 = \epsilon_{eg}^2$

Six thresholds of the photon energy

$$\omega_{ij} = \frac{\epsilon_{eg}}{2} - \frac{(m_i + m_j)^2}{2\epsilon_{eg}} \quad i, j = 1, 2, 3$$

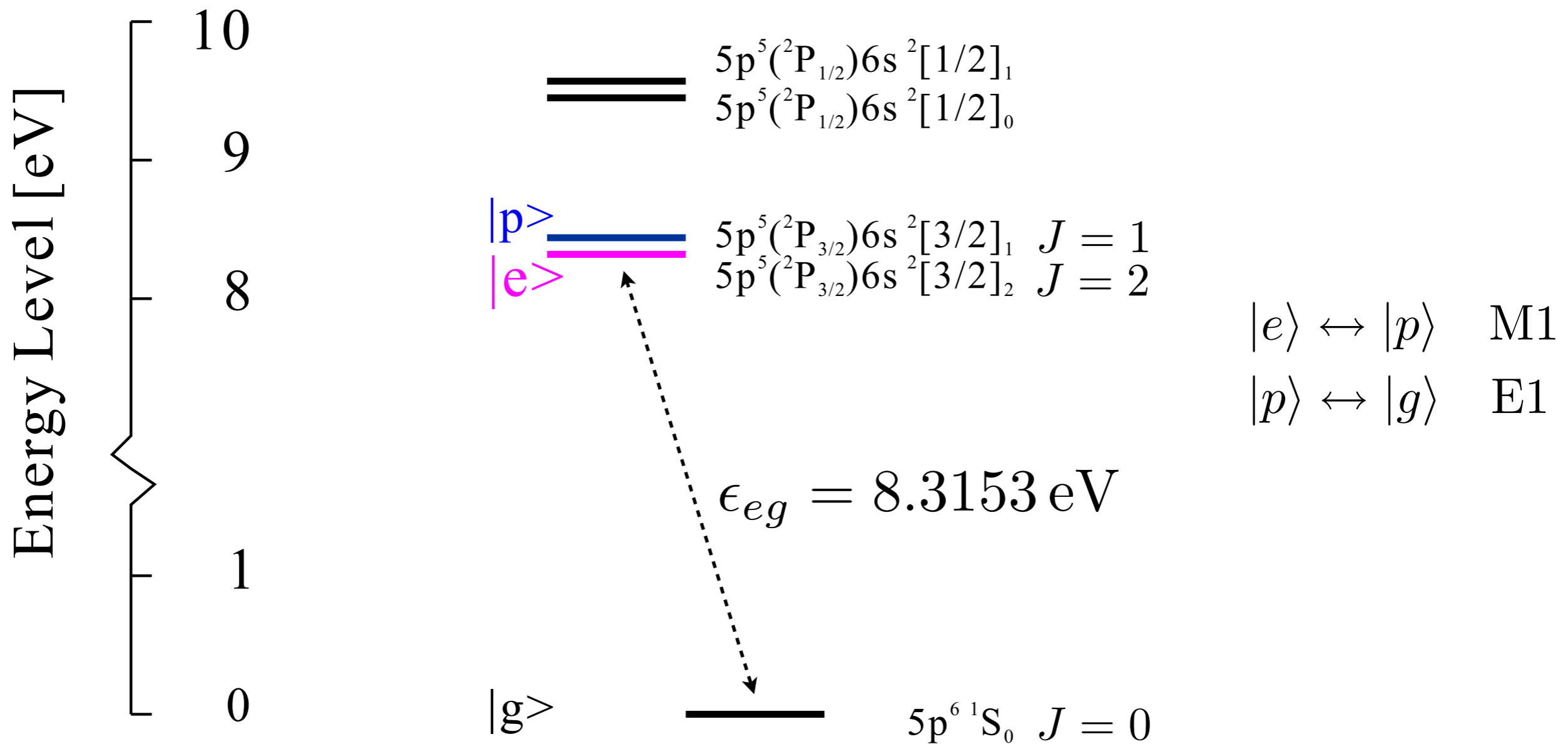
$\epsilon_{eg} = \epsilon_e - \epsilon_g$ atomic energy level splitting

Required energy resolution $\sim O(10^{-6})$ eV

typical laser linewidth

$$\Delta\omega_{\text{trig.}} \lesssim 1 \text{ GHz} \sim O(10^{-6}) \text{ eV}$$

Xe



macro-coherence

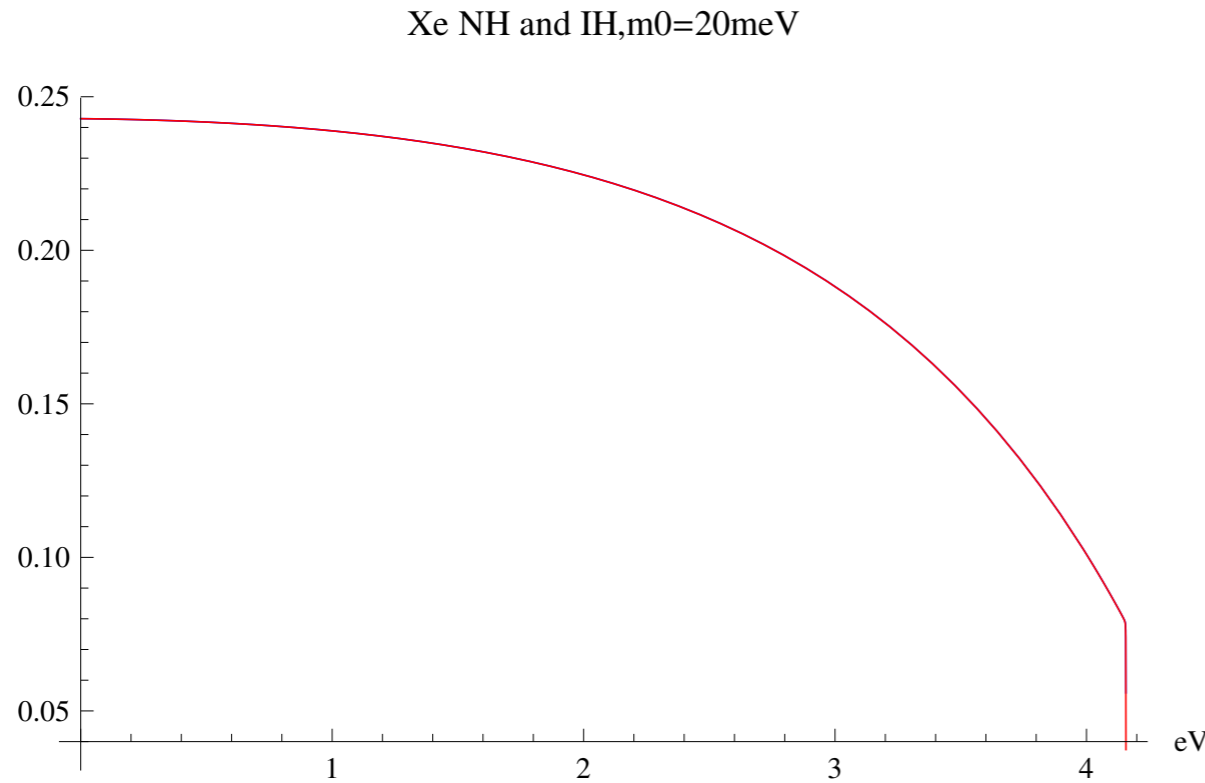
field energy density

$$\Gamma_0^{\text{SC}} \sim \frac{3n^2V G_F^2 \gamma_{pg} \epsilon_{eg} n}{2\epsilon_{pg}^3} \sim 1\text{ mHz} (n/10^{21}\text{ cm}^{-3})^3 (V/10^2\text{ cm}^3)$$

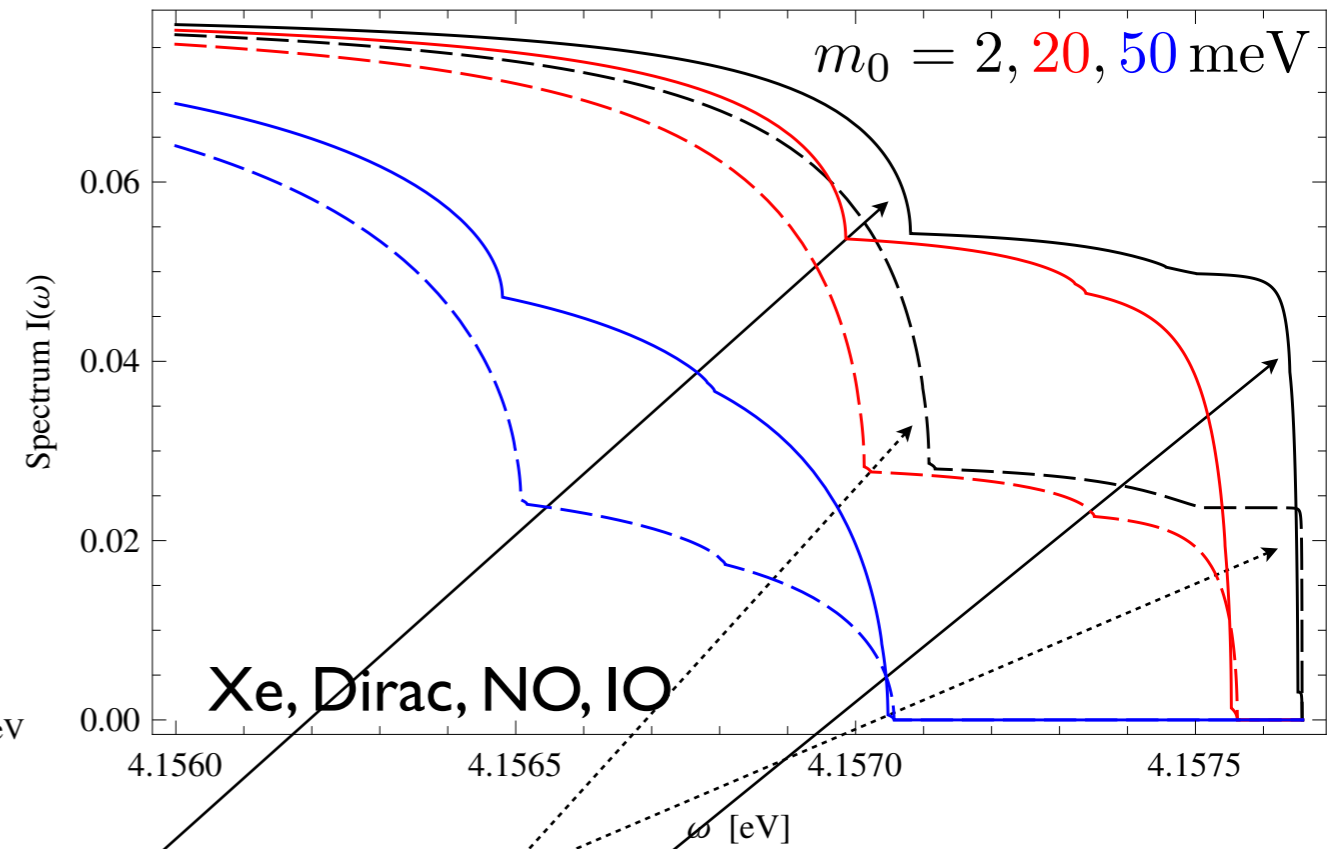
$\gamma_{pg} : |p\rangle \rightarrow |g\rangle$ rate

Photon spectrum (spin current)

Global shape



Threshold region



The threshold weight factors

B_{11}	B_{22}	B_{33}	$B_{12} + B_{21}$	$B_{23} + B_{32}$	$B_{31} + B_{13}$
$(c_{12}^2 c_{13}^2 - 1/2)^2$	$(s_{12}^2 c_{13}^2 - 1/2)^2$	$(s_{13}^2 - 1/2)^2$	$2c_{12}^2 s_{12}^2 c_{13}^4$	$2s_{12}^2 c_{13}^2 s_{13}^2$	$2c_{12}^2 c_{13}^2 s_{13}^2$
0.0311	0.0401	0.227	0.405	0.0144	0.0325

Boosted RENP

M.T., K.Tsumura, N.Sasao, S.Uetake, M.Yoshimura, arXiv:1710.07135

Initial spatial phase

Preparation of initial coherent state

Two-photon absorption: $\gamma_1(k_1) + \gamma_2(k_2) + |g\rangle \rightarrow |e\rangle$

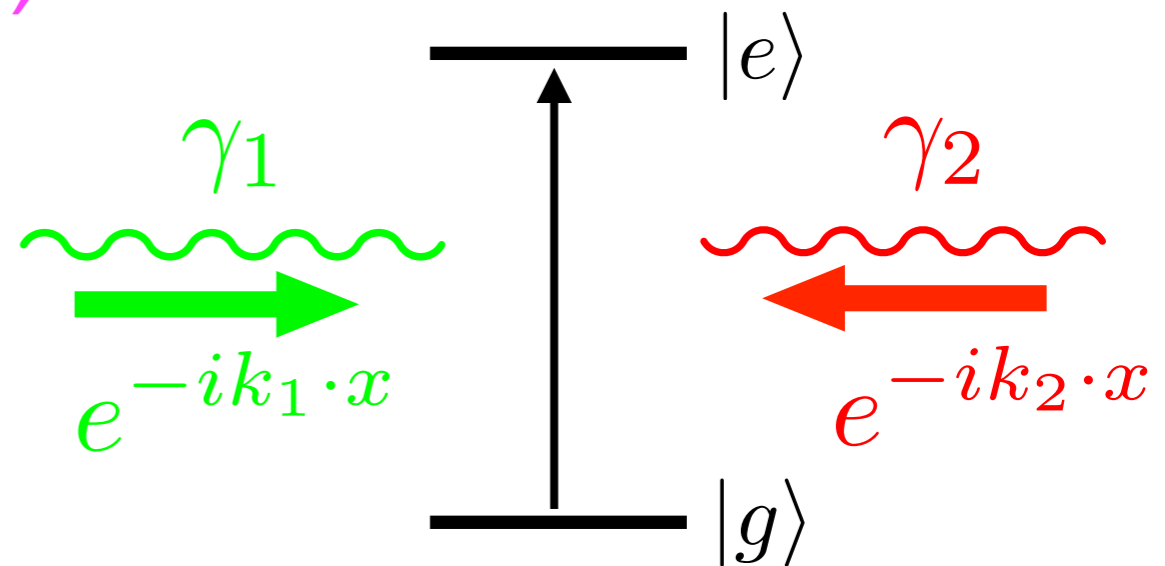
Initial spatial phase (ISP)

counter-propagating

$$\langle e | \rho | g \rangle \propto e^{i\mathbf{p}_{eg} \cdot \mathbf{x}}$$

$$|\mathbf{p}_{eg}| = |\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2|$$

$$= |\omega_1 - \omega_2|$$



Momentum conservation

$$\gamma_1(k_1) + \gamma_2(k_2) + |g\rangle \rightarrow |e\rangle \rightarrow |g\rangle + \gamma(k) + \nu_i(p)\bar{\nu}_j(p')$$

$$\sum_a e^{i(\mathbf{p}_{eg} - \mathbf{k} - \mathbf{p} - \mathbf{p}') \cdot \mathbf{x}_a} \propto \delta^3(\mathbf{p}_{eg} - \mathbf{k} - \mathbf{p} - \mathbf{p}')$$

$\mathbf{p}_{eg} \sim$ mom. of parent particle \rightarrow boosted RENP

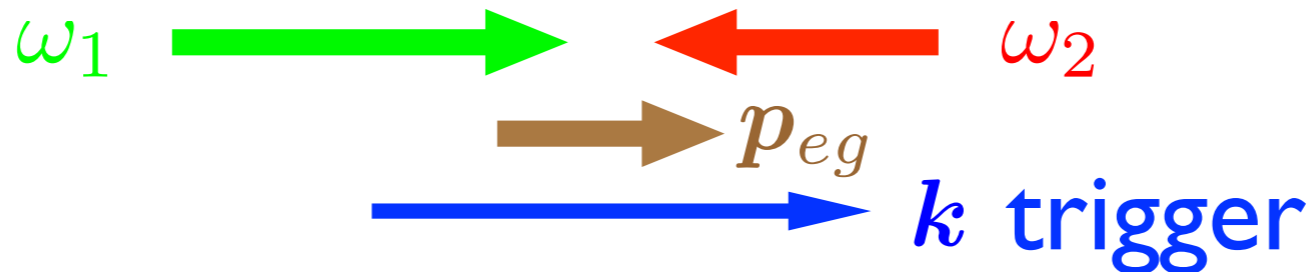
Kinematics of the boosted RENP

4-momentum of parent particle: $(P^\mu) = (\epsilon_{eg}, \mathbf{p}_{eg})$

Invariant mass: $P^2 = \epsilon_{eg}^2 - \mathbf{p}_{eg}^2 \leq \epsilon_{eg}^2$

smaller mass scale

$\nu_i \bar{\nu}_j$ threshold: $\mathbf{p}_{eg} \parallel \mathbf{k}, \omega_1 \geq \omega_2$



$$\omega_{ij} = \omega_1 - \frac{(m_i + m_j)^2}{4\omega_2}, \quad \omega_1 + \omega_2 = \epsilon_{eg}$$

cf. no boost case: $\omega_{ij} = \frac{\epsilon_{eg}}{2} - \frac{(m_i + m_j)^2}{2\epsilon_{eg}}$

Dirac-Majorana difference, Majorana phases

Spectral rate

$\Gamma(E_\gamma) = \text{Dirac part} + \text{Majorana interference}$

$$\text{M.I.} \propto \text{Re}(U_{ei}^* U_{ej} - \delta_{ij}/2)^2 m_i m_j$$

Majorana phases

$$\text{Re}(U_{e1}^* U_{e2})^2 = c_{12}^2 s_{12}^2 c_{13}^4 \cos 2\alpha \simeq 0.20 \cos 2\alpha$$

$$\text{Re}(U_{e1}^* U_{e3})^2 = c_{12}^2 c_{13}^2 s_{13}^2 \cos 2(\beta - \delta) \simeq 0.015 \cos 2(\beta - \delta)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Re}(U_{e2}^* U_{e3})^2 &= s_{12}^2 c_{13}^2 s_{13}^2 \cos 2(\beta - \delta - \alpha) \\ &\simeq 0.0065 \cos 2(\beta - \delta - \alpha) \end{aligned}$$

sensitive to α

Yb RENP spectra: $E_{eg} = 2.14348$ eV, $\alpha \in [0, \pi/2]$, $\beta = 0$

no boost

boosted: $b := |\mathbf{p}_{eg}|/E_{eg} = 0.95$

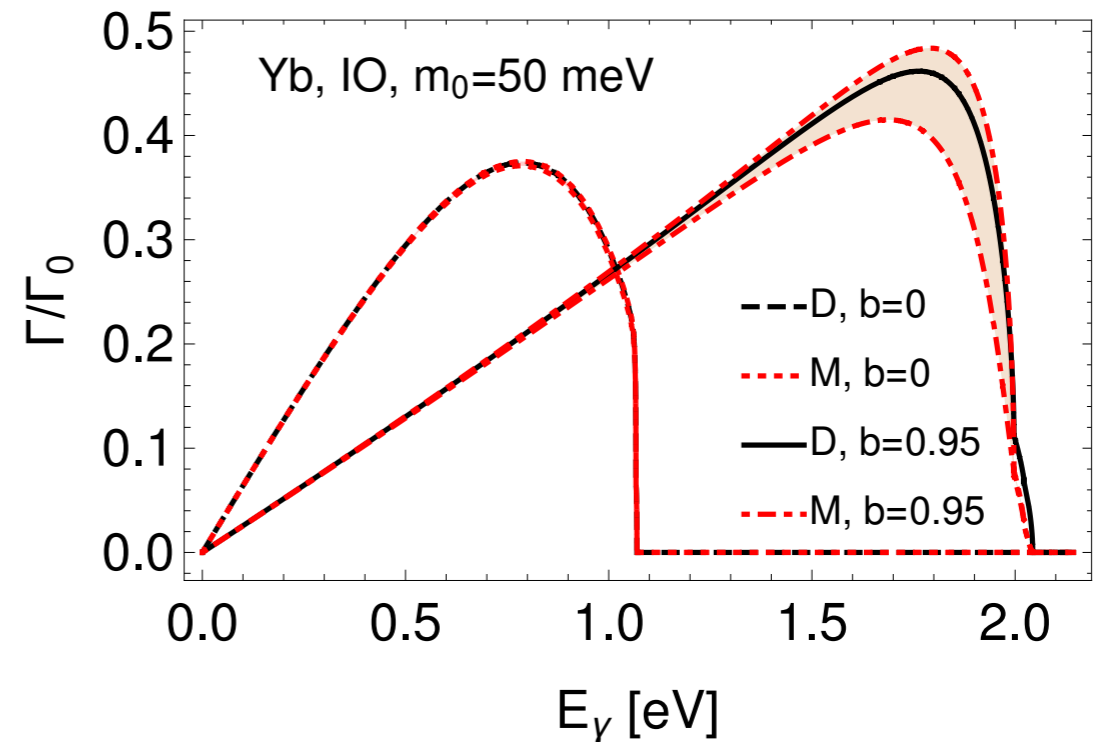
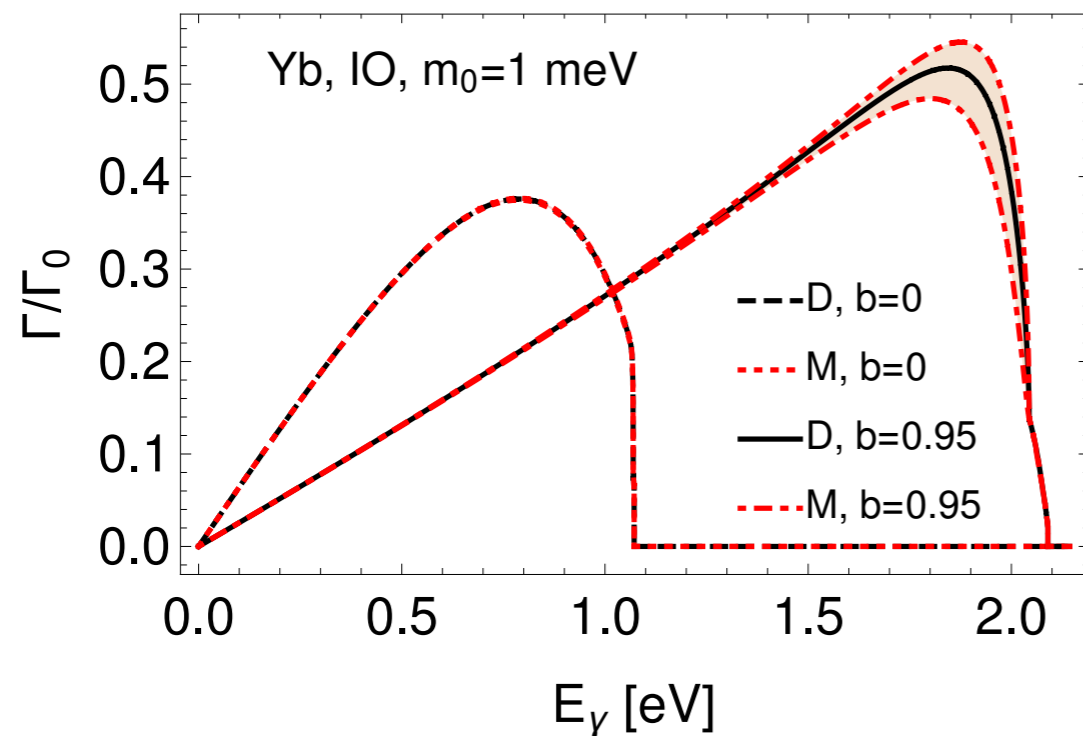
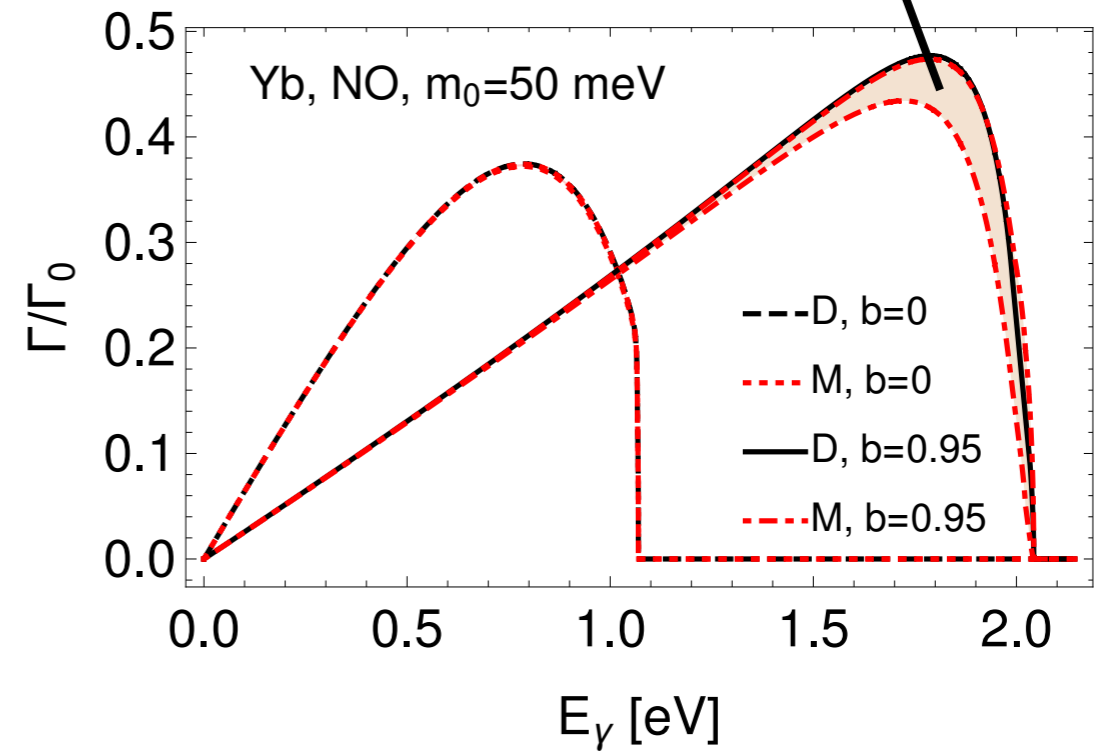
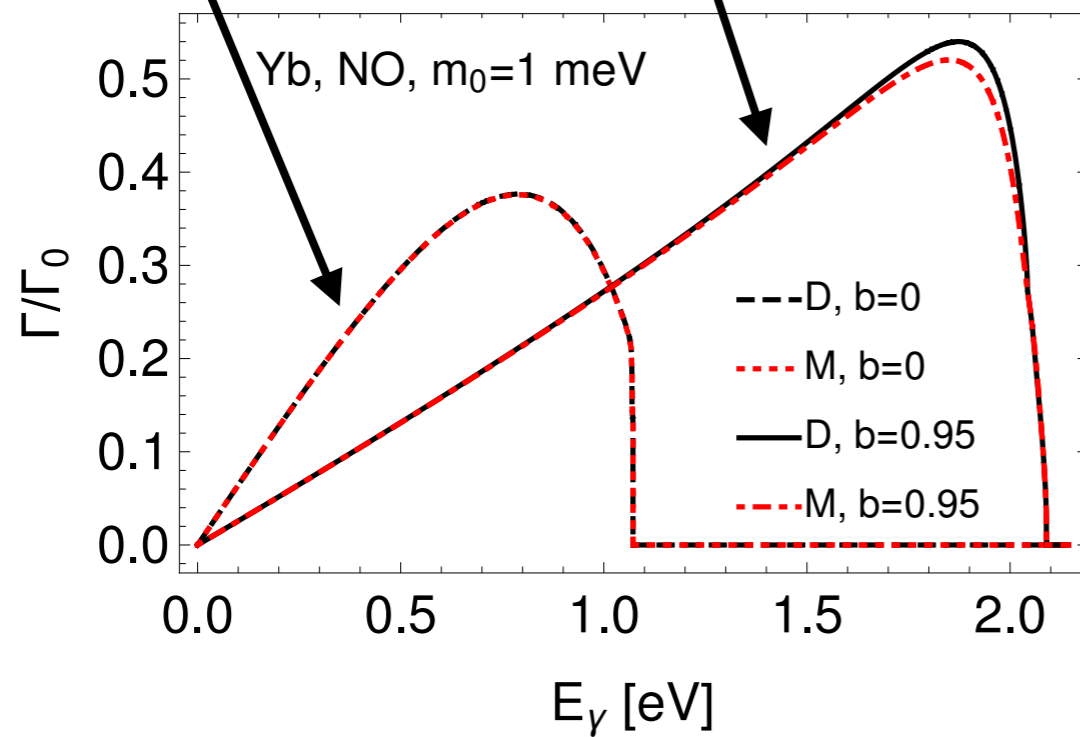
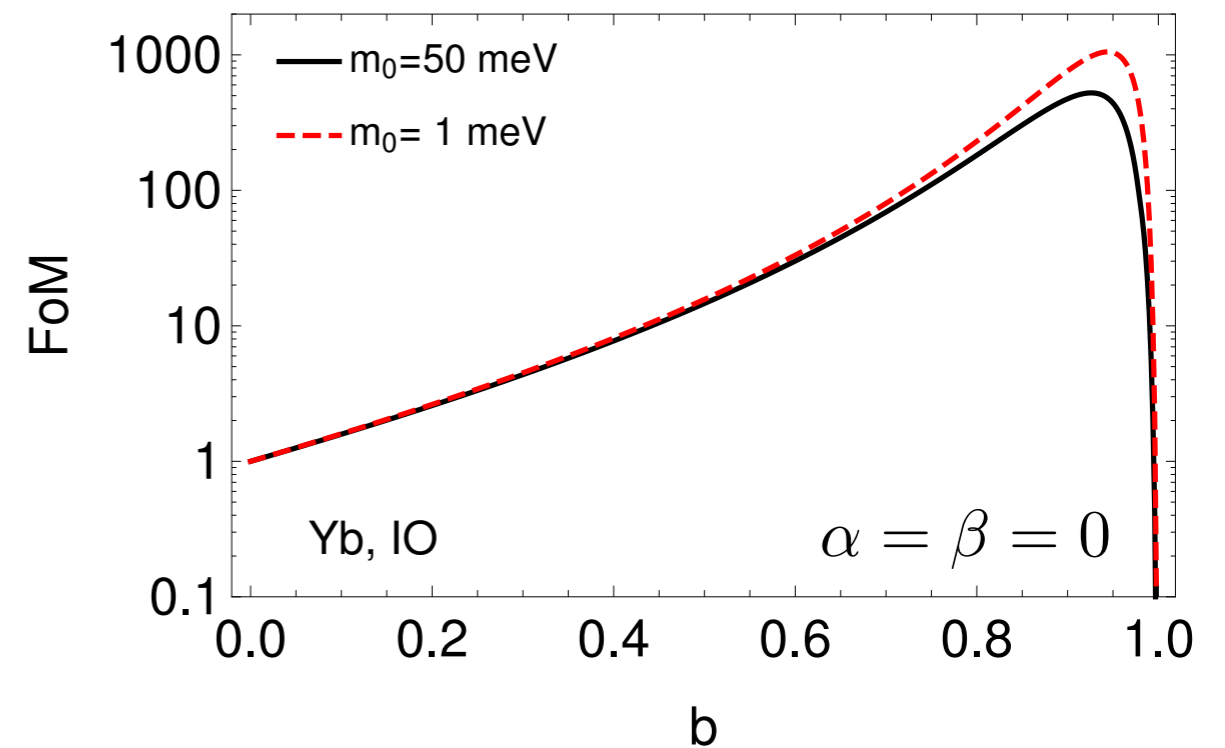
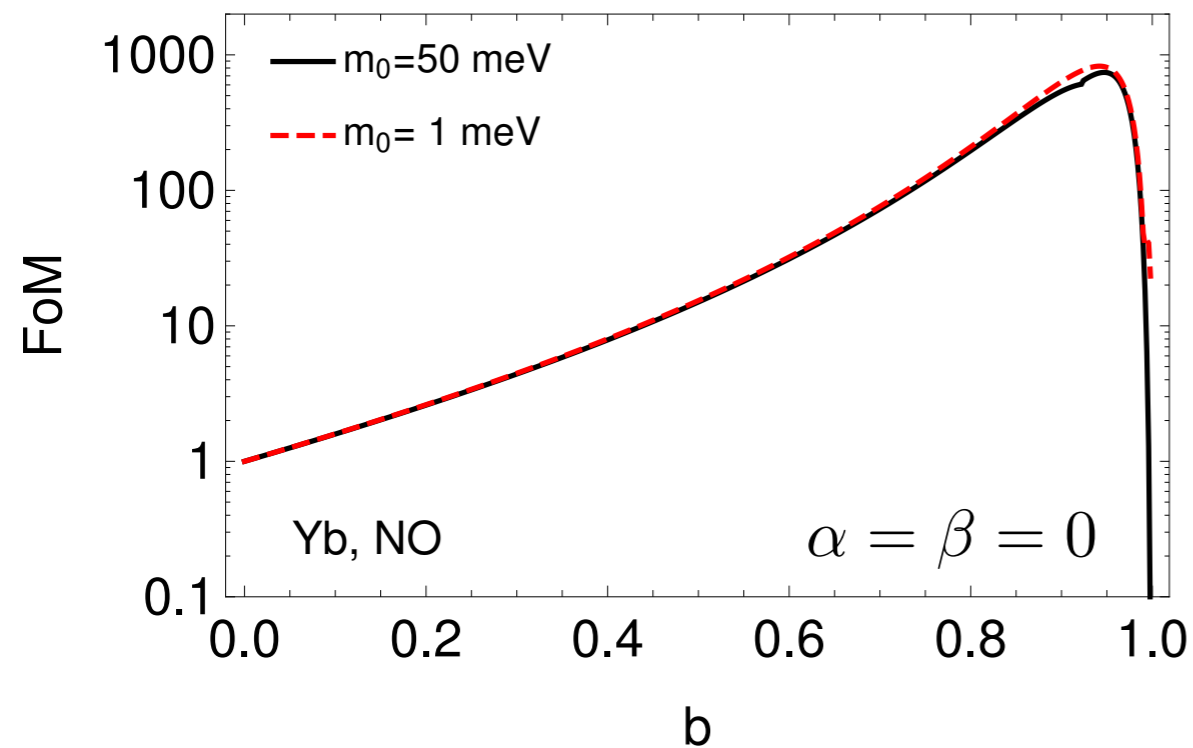


Figure of merit

Power of Dirac-Majorana distinction

relative enhancement of χ^2



$\chi^2 = 1$ (no boost) $\implies \sim 1000$ (optimal boost)

CNB

Cosmic Neutrino Background (CNB)

Big bang cosmology

Standard model
of particle physics



CNB

CNB at present: $f(\mathbf{p}) = [\exp(|\mathbf{p}|/T_\nu - \xi) + 1]^{-1}$

(not) Fermi-Dirac dist. $|\mathbf{p}| = \sqrt{E^2 - m_\nu^2}$

$$T_\nu = \left(\frac{4}{11}\right)^{1/3} T_\gamma \simeq 1.945 \text{ K} \simeq 0.17 \text{ meV}$$


$$n_\nu \simeq 6 \times 56 \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

Detection?

RENPN in CNB

M. Yoshimura, N. Sasao, MT,
PRD91, 063516 (2015); arXiv:1409.3648

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

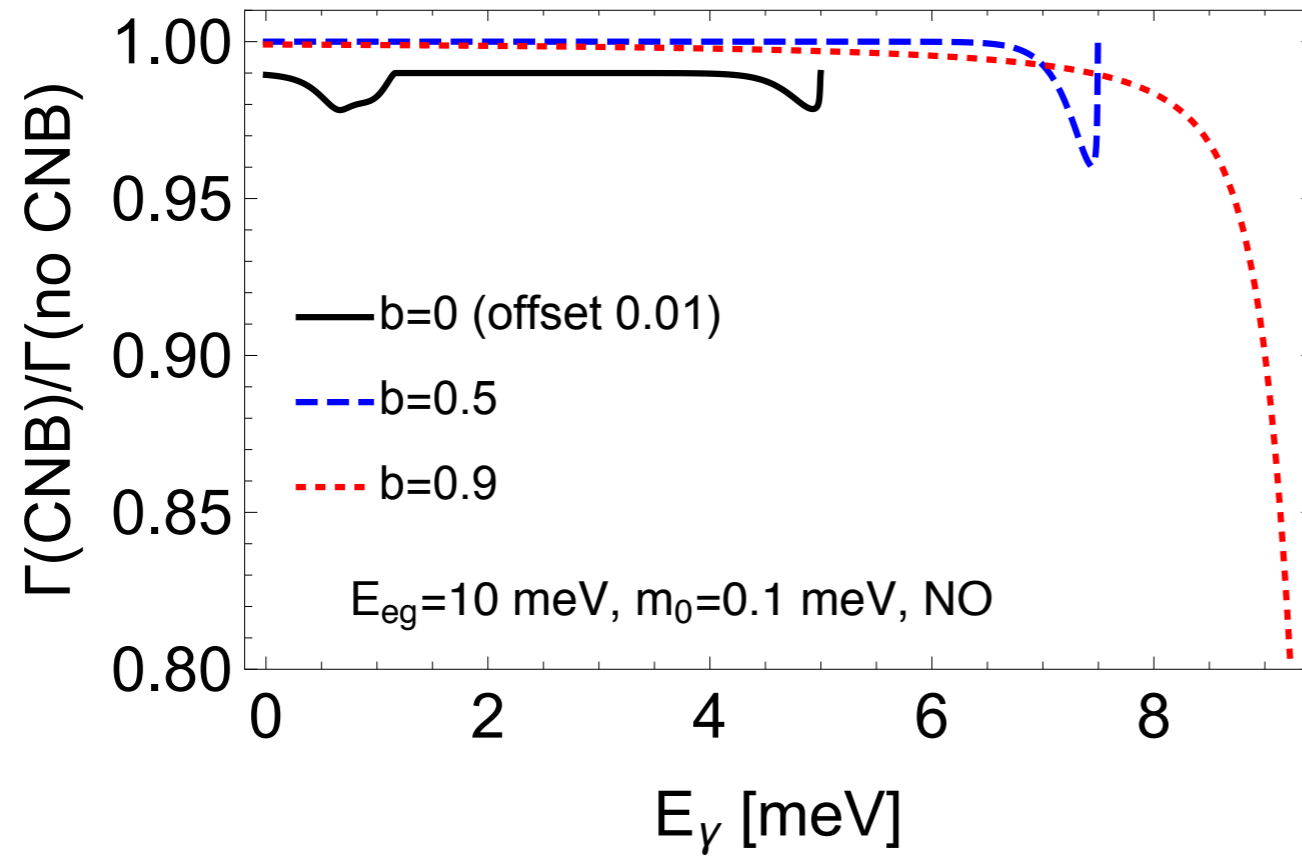
Pauli exclusion

$$d\Gamma \propto |\mathcal{M}|^2 [1 - f_i(p)] [1 - \bar{f}_j(p')]$$

 spectral distortion

Distortion factor

$$\frac{\text{Rate with CNB}}{\text{Rate w/o CNB}} = \frac{\Gamma(E_\gamma, T_\nu)}{\Gamma(E_\gamma, 0)}$$



level splitting

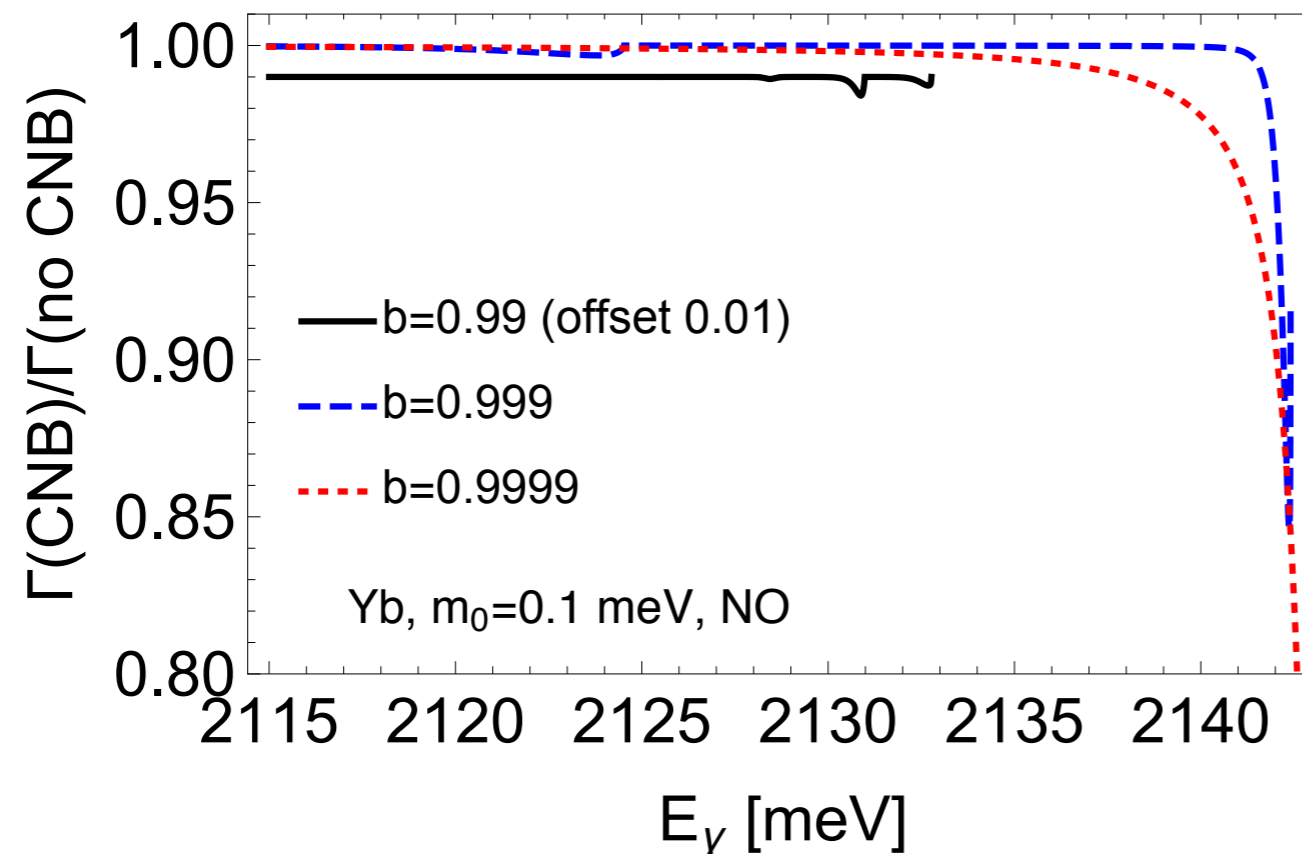
$$\epsilon_{eg} = 10 \text{ meV}$$

smallest neutrino mass

$$m_0 = 0.1 \text{ meV}$$

chemical potential

$$\xi_i \equiv \mu_i / T_\nu = 0$$



Yb

$$m_0 = 0.1 \text{ meV}$$

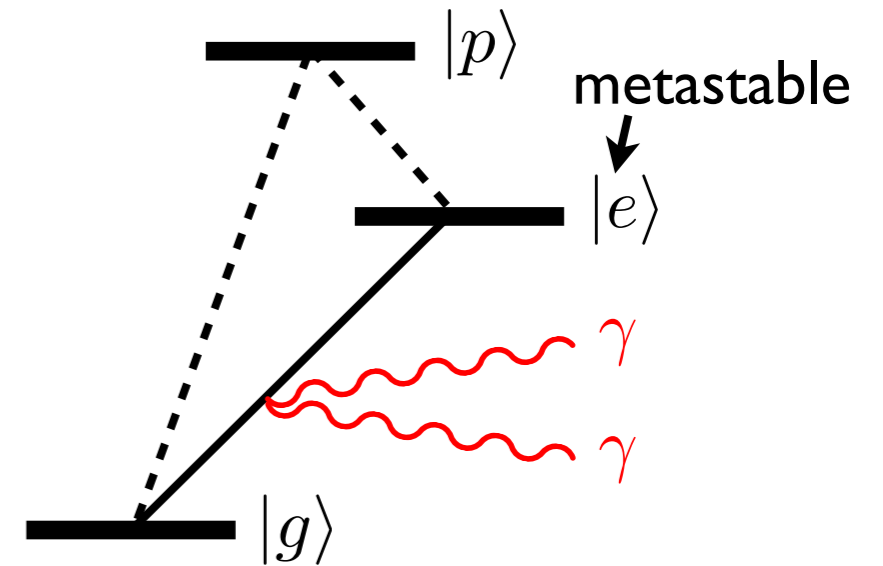
$$\xi_i = 0$$

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

PSR with initial spatial phase

How to populate $|e\rangle$

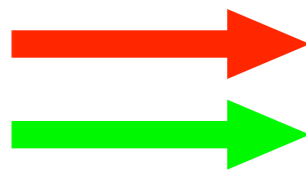
Stimulated Raman process

$$\omega_0 - \omega_{-1} = \epsilon_{eg}$$

Generated coherence

$$\rho_{eg} = \rho_{eg}^{(0)} + \rho_{eg}^{(+)} e^{i\epsilon_{eg}x} + \rho_{eg}^{(-)} e^{-i\epsilon_{eg}x}$$

Stokes
pump



ω_p
 $\omega_{\bar{p}}$

PSR

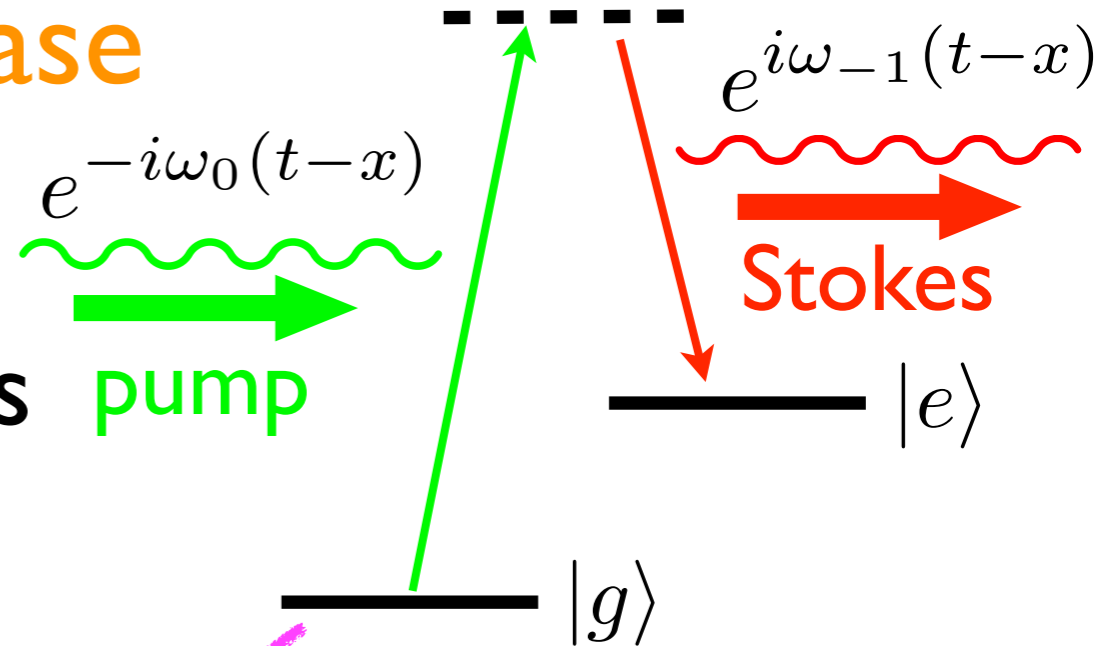
$$e^{i\omega_p(t-x)} e^{i\omega_{\bar{p}}(t-x)} = e^{i\epsilon_{eg}(t-x)}$$

$$\omega_p + \omega_{\bar{p}} = \epsilon_{eg}$$

momentum conservation
in the macrocoherence



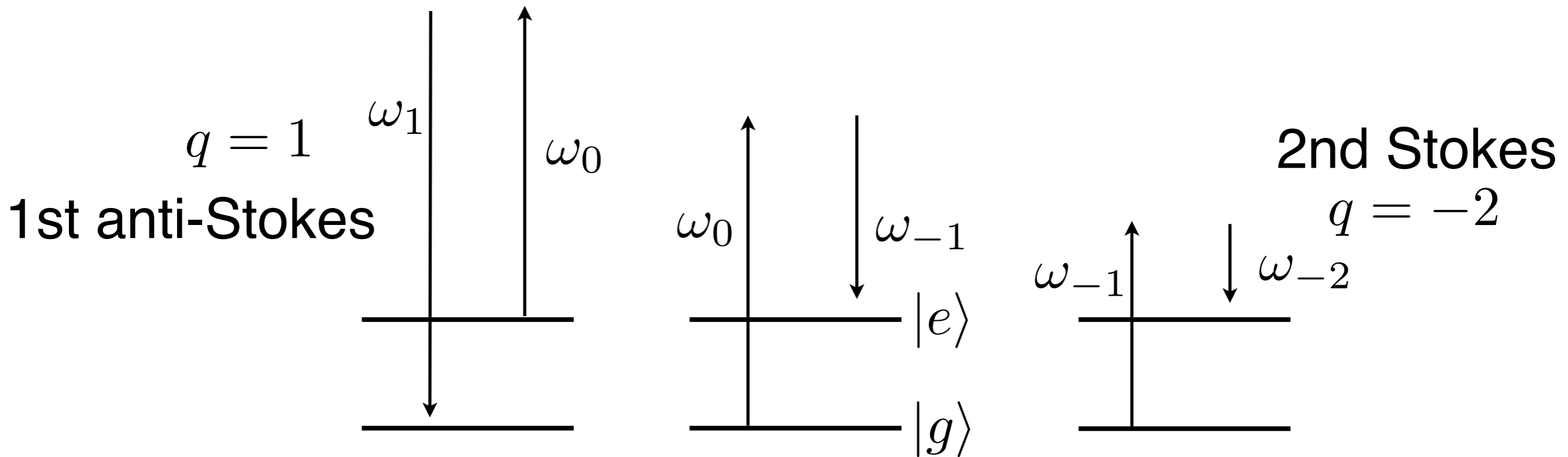
Unidirectional PSR



Raman sideband generation

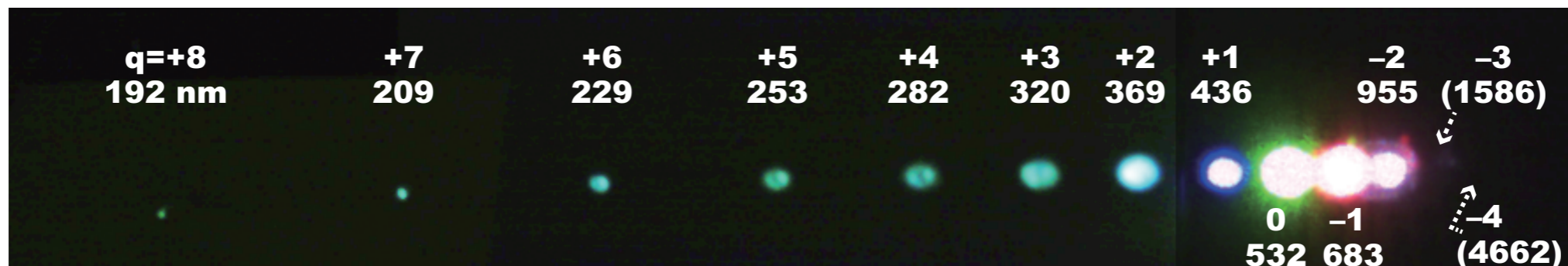
Harris, Sokolov, Phys. Rev. A55, R4019 (1997)

Kien, Liang, Katsuragawa, Ohtsuki, Hakuta, Sokolov, Phys. Rev. A60, 1562 (1999)



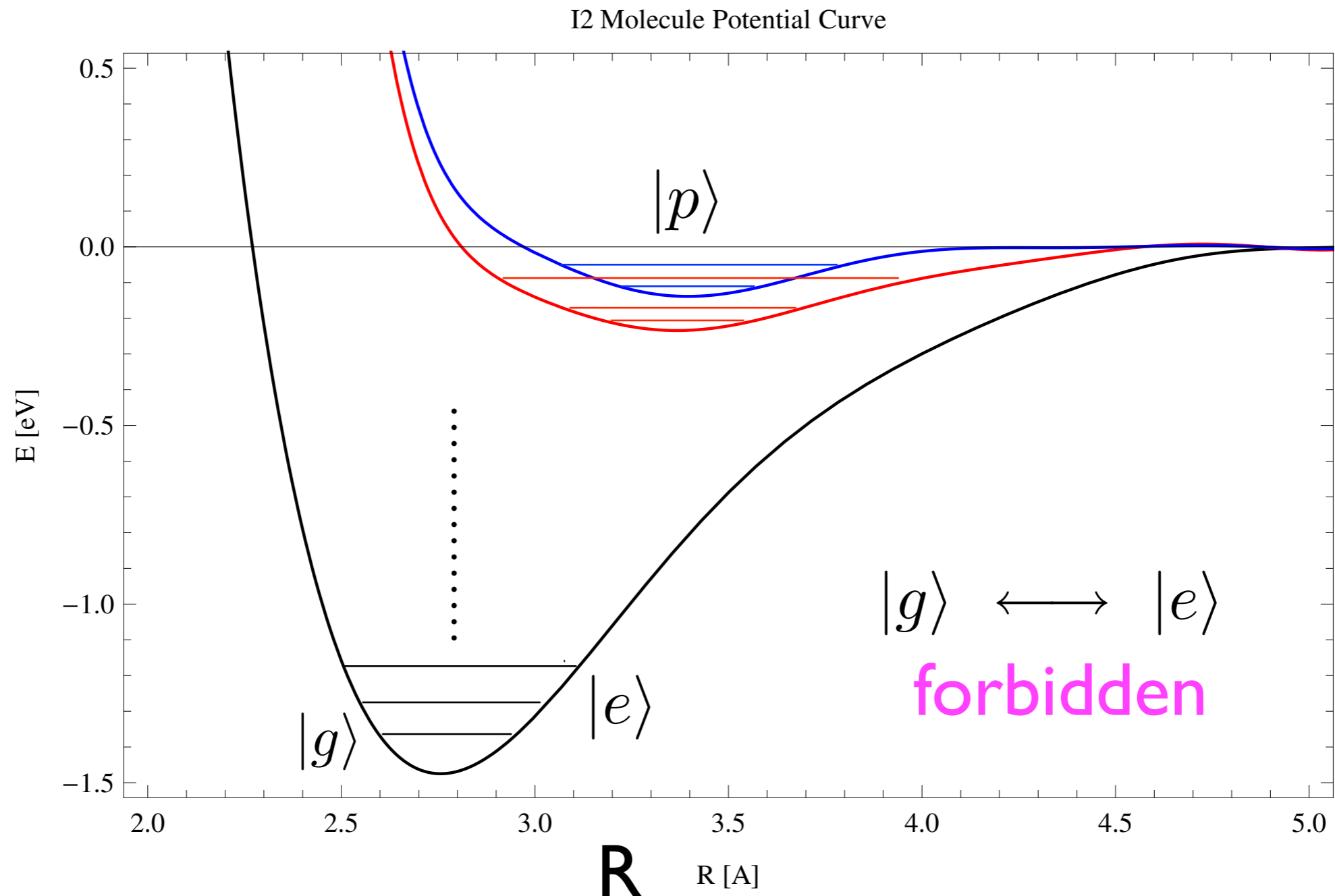
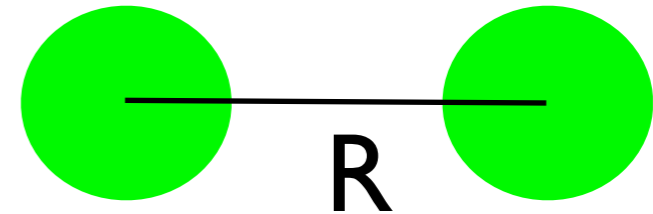
$$\omega_q = \omega_0 + q(\omega_e - \omega_g - \delta) = \omega_0 + q(\omega_0 - \omega_{-1})$$

$q \geq q_{\min}$ the lowest Stokes



Homonuclear diatomic molecule

Potential curves



Para-hydrogen gas PSR experiment

@ Okayama U

Y. Miyamoto et al. PTEPI 13C01 (2014),
PTEP081C01 (2015)

vibrational transition of p-H₂

$$|e\rangle = |Xv = 1\rangle \longrightarrow |g\rangle = |Xv = 0\rangle$$

two-photon decay: $\tau_{2\gamma} \sim 10^{11}$ s

p-H₂: nuclear spin=singlet
smaller decoherence

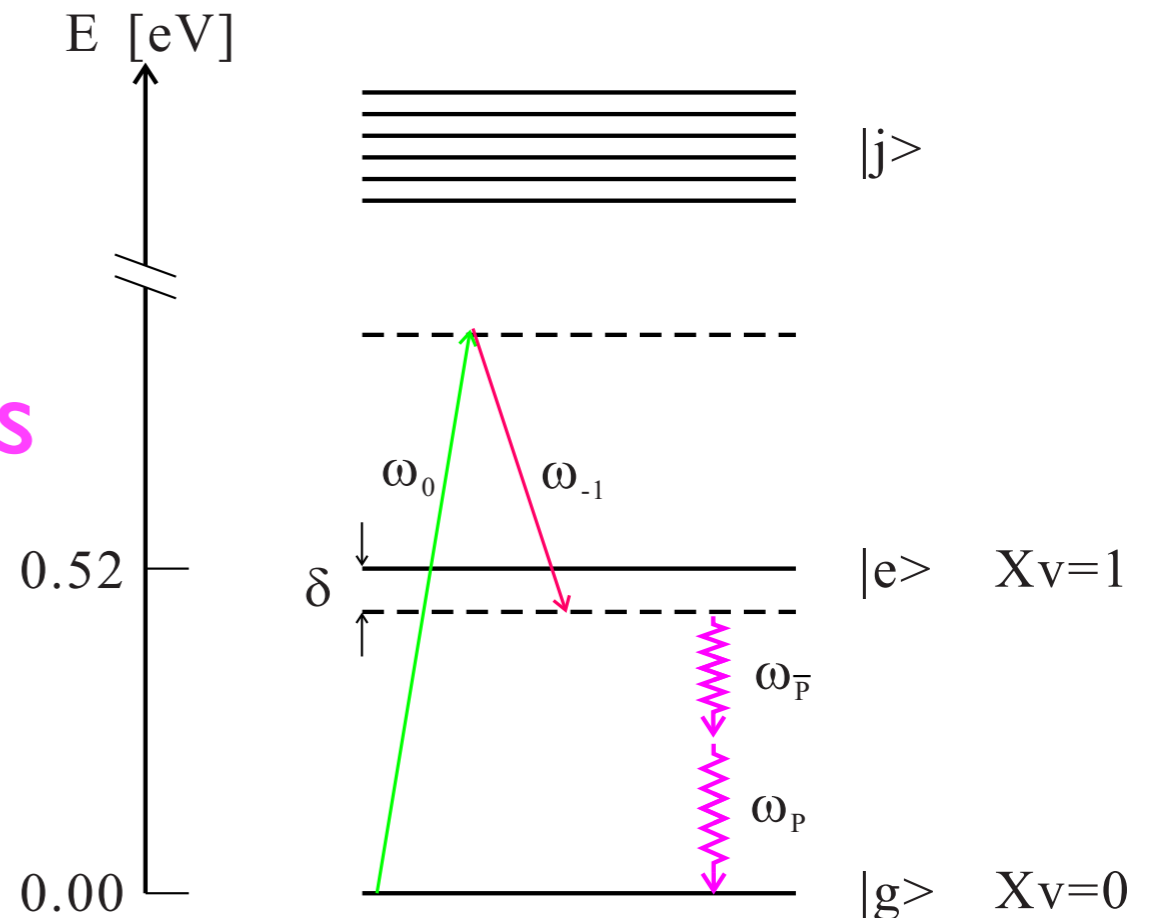
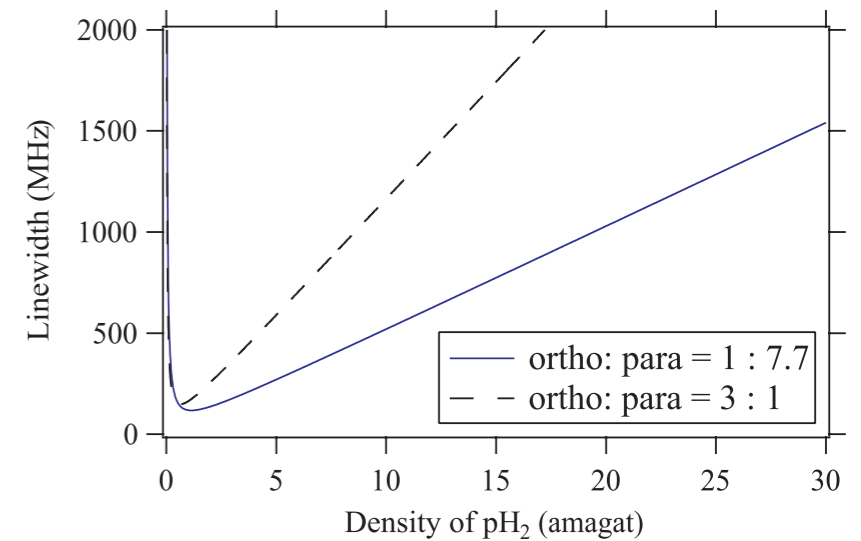
$$1/T_2 \sim 130 \text{ MHz}$$

coherence production

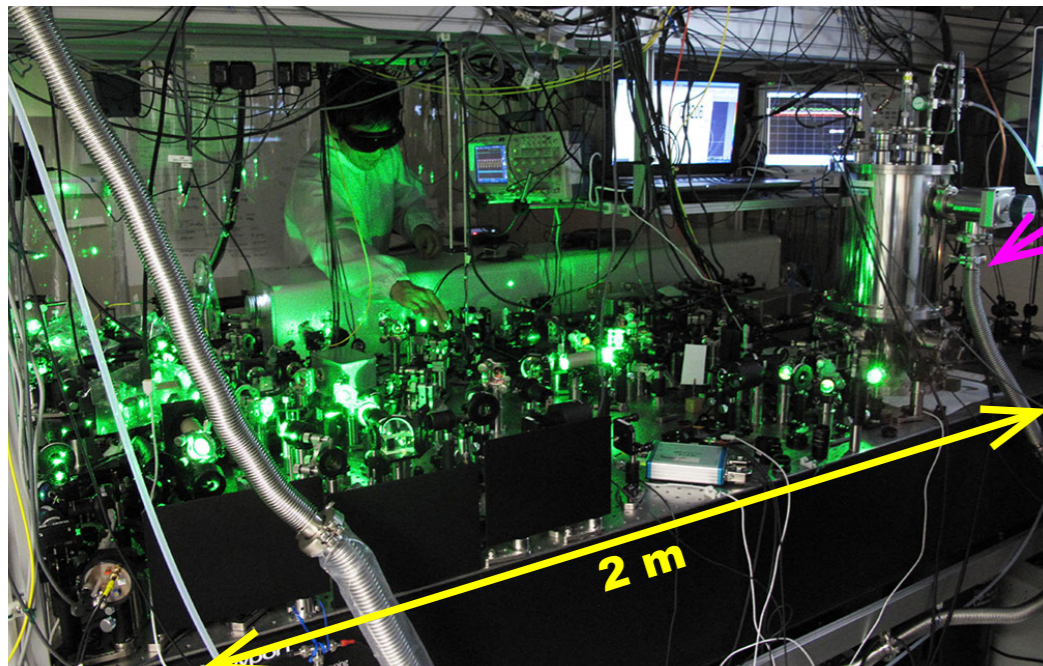
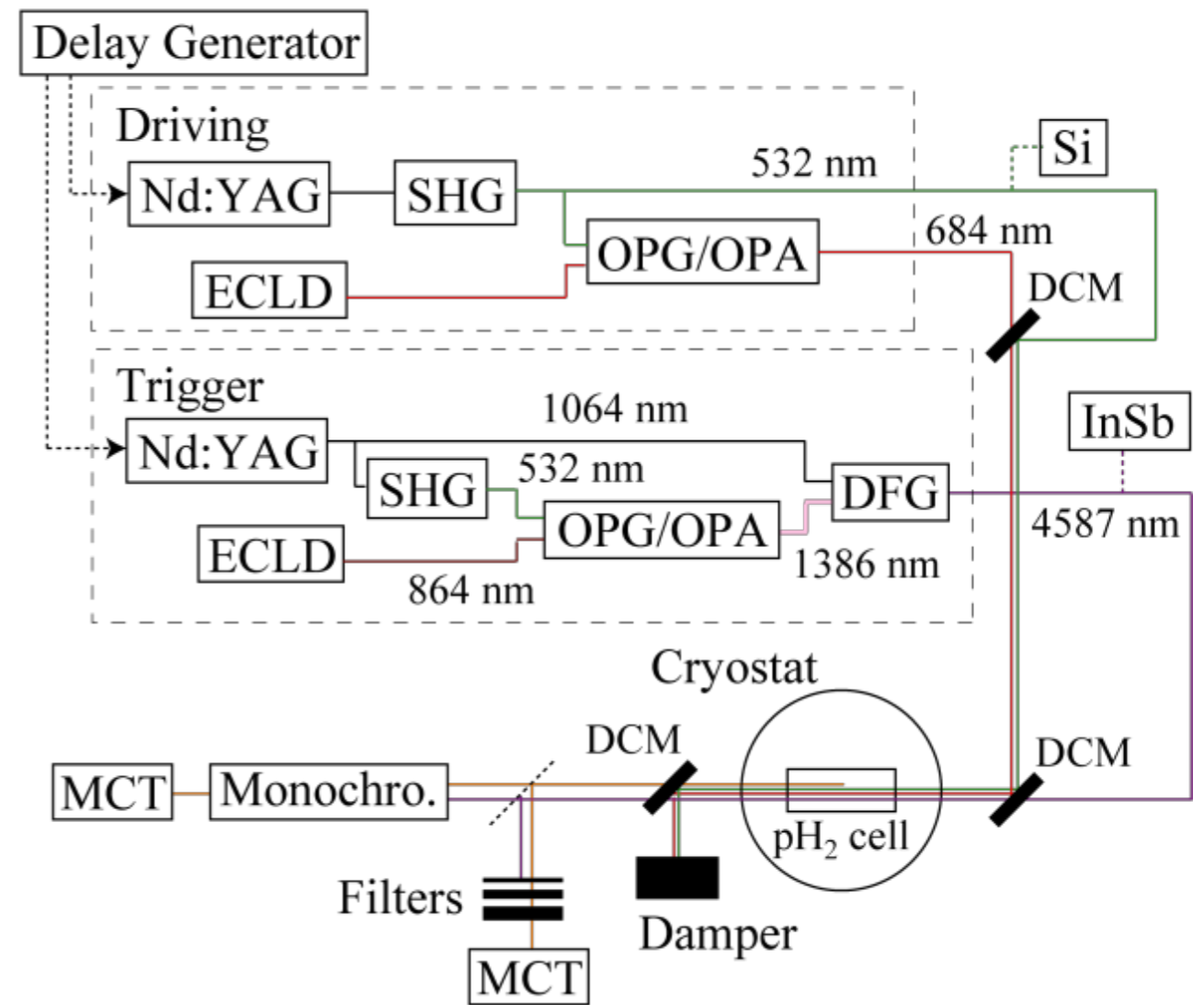
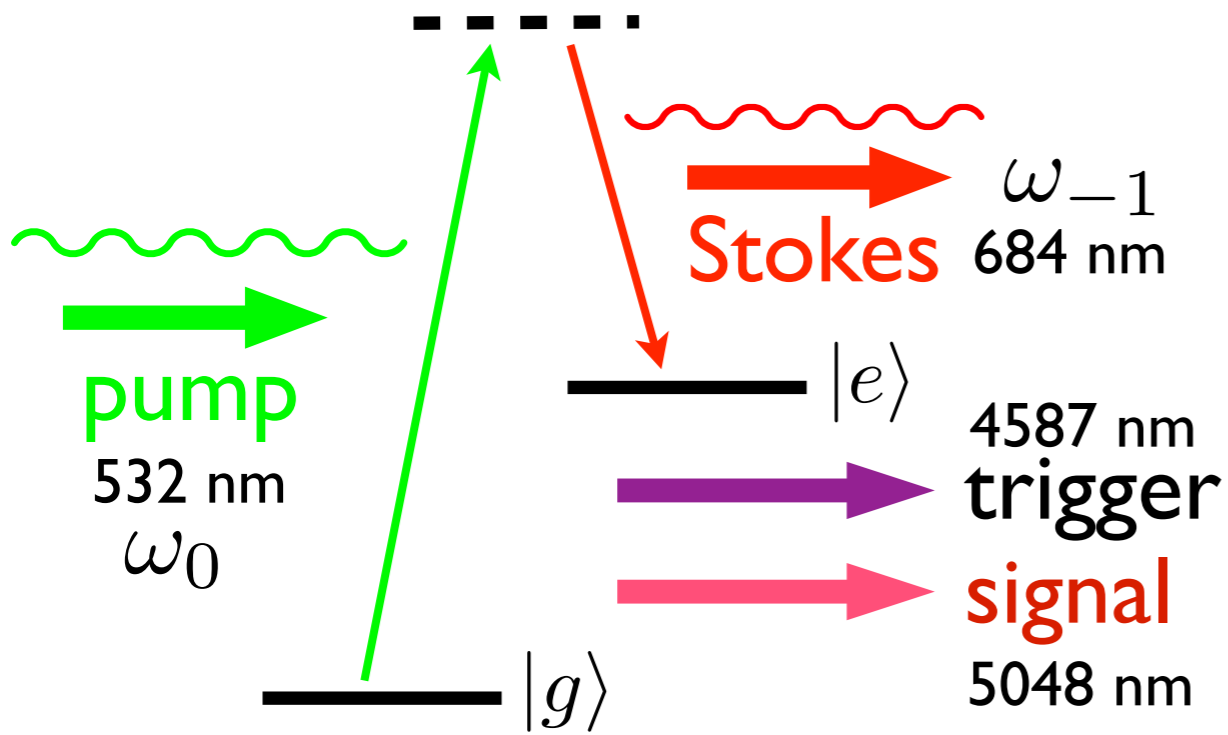
adiabatic Raman process

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta\omega &= \omega_0 - \omega_{-1} \\ &= \epsilon_{eg} - \delta \\ &= \omega_p + \omega_{\bar{p}} \end{aligned}$$

detuning



Experimental setup



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

Driving lasers: 532, 684 nm

5 mJ, 9, 6 ns, $w_0 = 100 \mu\text{m}$ ($5 \text{ GW}/\text{cm}^2$)

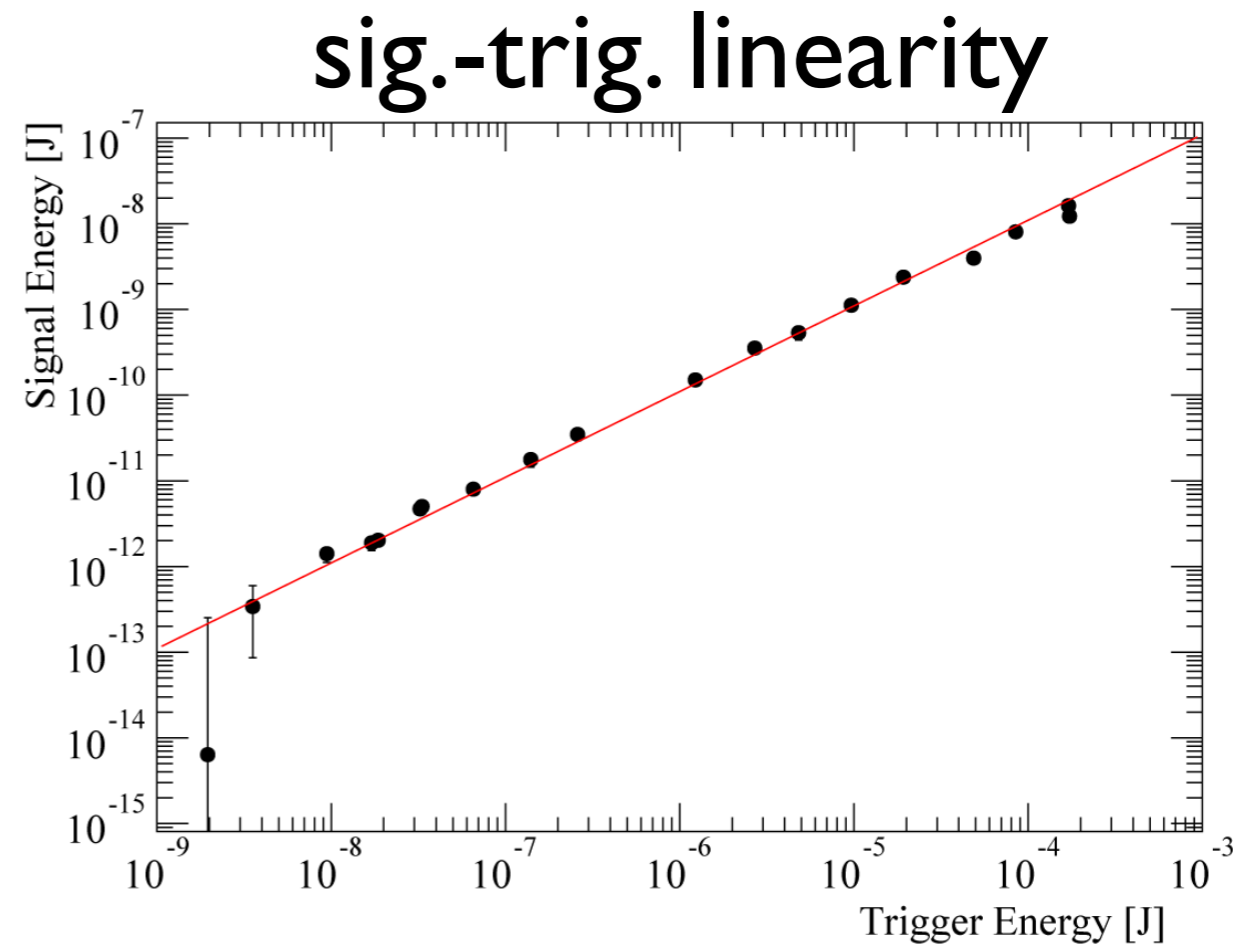
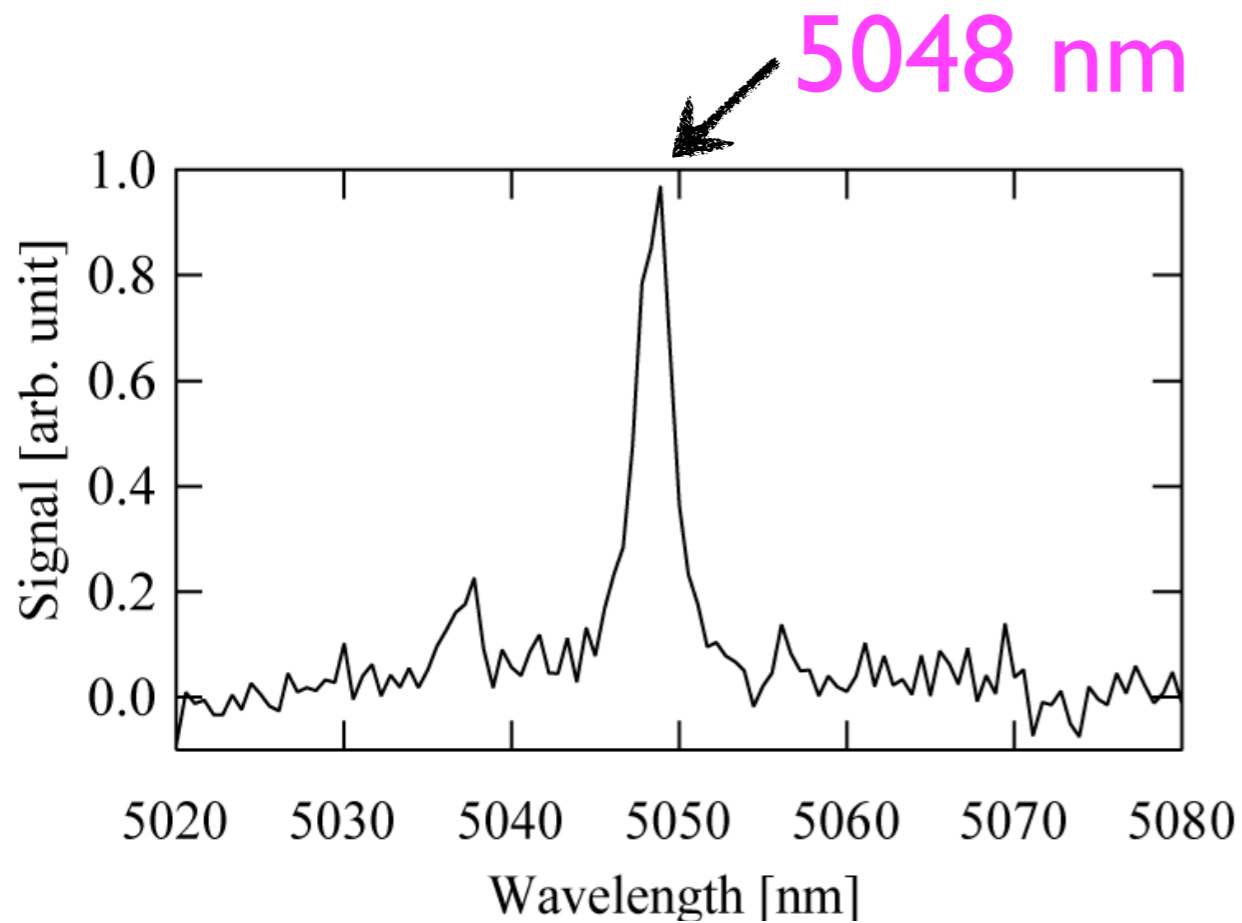
Trigger: 4587 nm

150 μJ , 2 ns

Results

Estimated coherence (from sidebands)

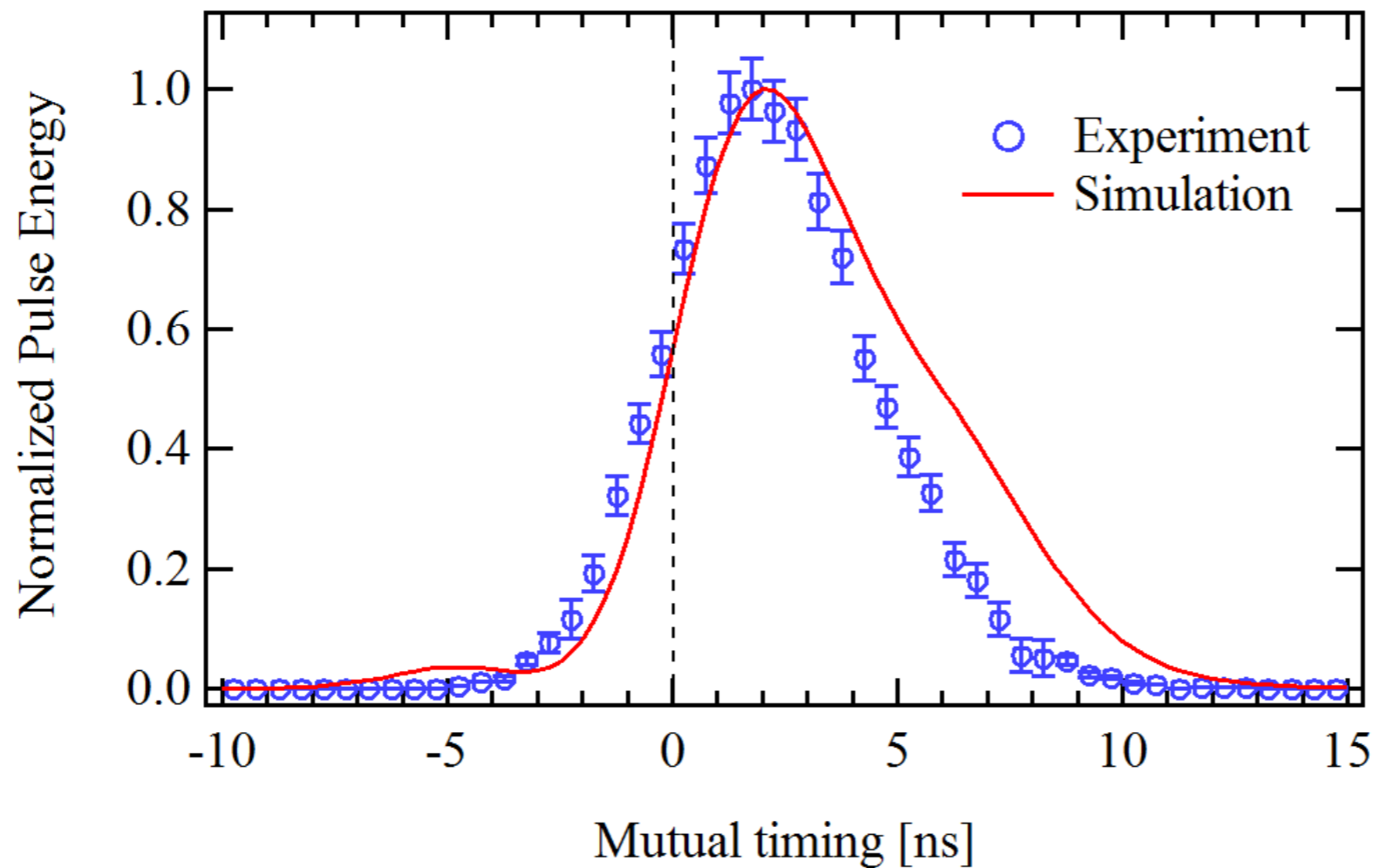
$$|\rho_{eg}| \sim 0.04 \quad (\delta = -160 \text{ MHz})$$



6×10^{11} photons/pulse
→ 10^{18} enhancement

weak field
low coherence

Trigger timing

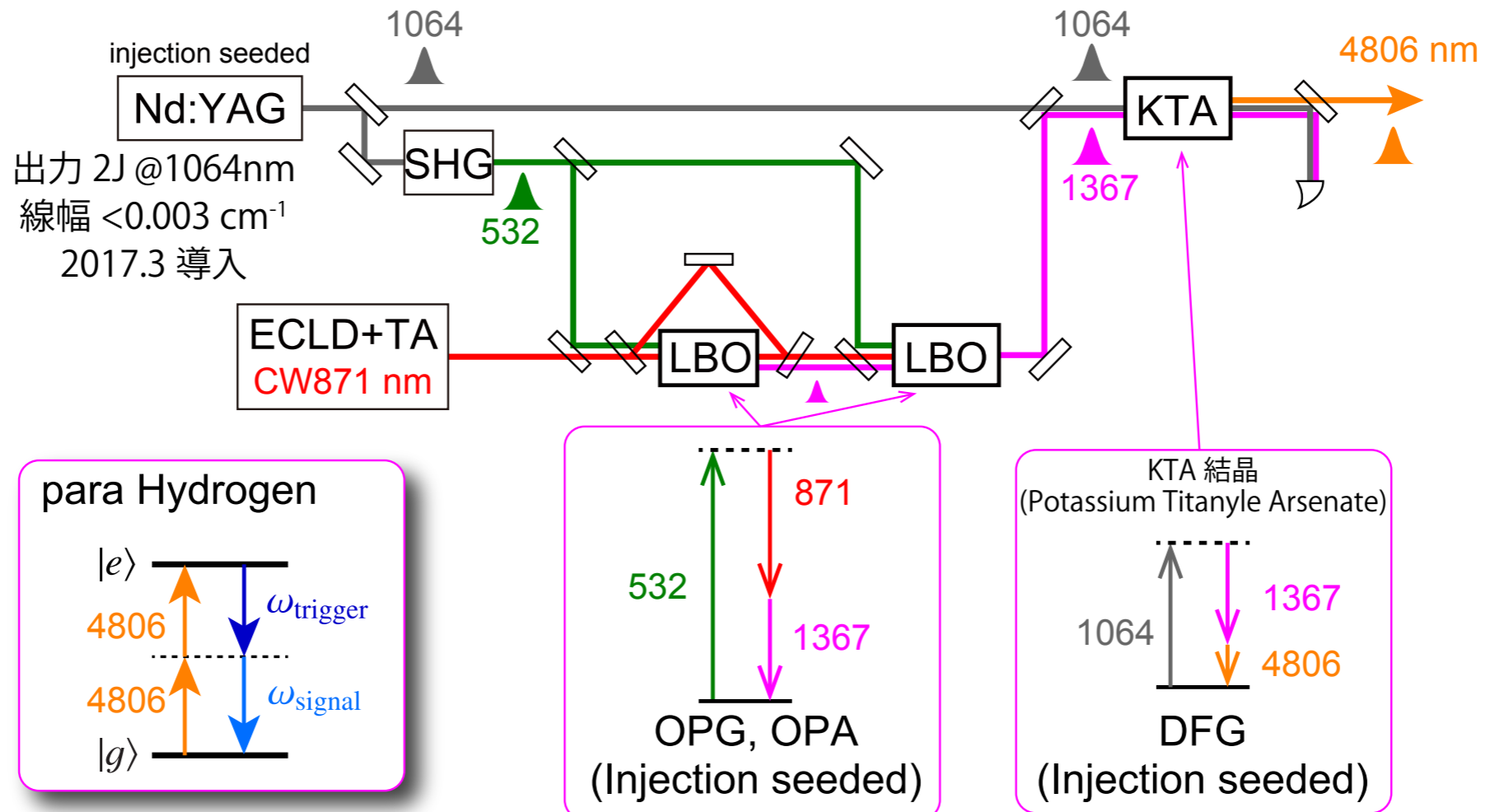


trigger delay

Delayed coherence development in the target
less adiabatic, decoherence

Counter-propagating two-photon excitation

Laser Setup



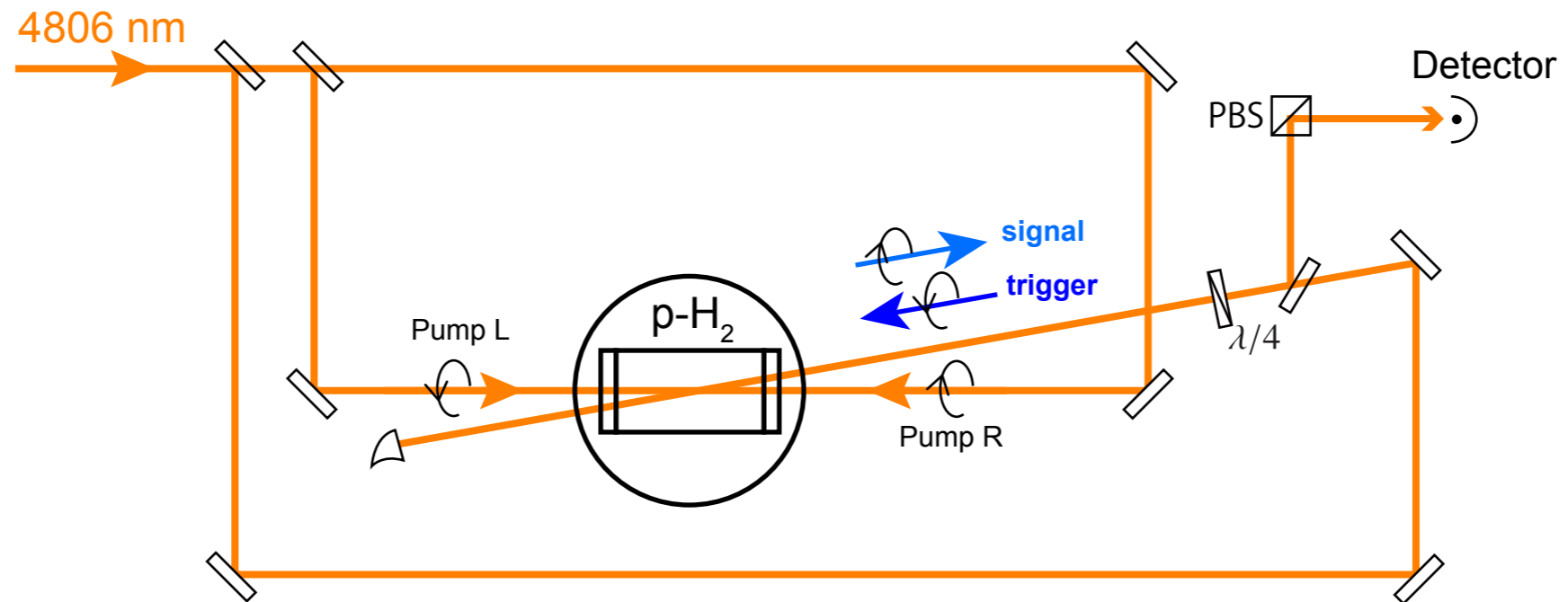
- 非線形光学結晶を用いた波長変換により 4806nm 光を発生
- 4806nm パルスエネルギー：100 μJ (3 月まで)
→ **~5 mJ に増強**

旧バージョン (0.4-1 mJ): Y. Miyamoto et al., Jpn. J. Appl. Phys. **56**, 032101 (2017)

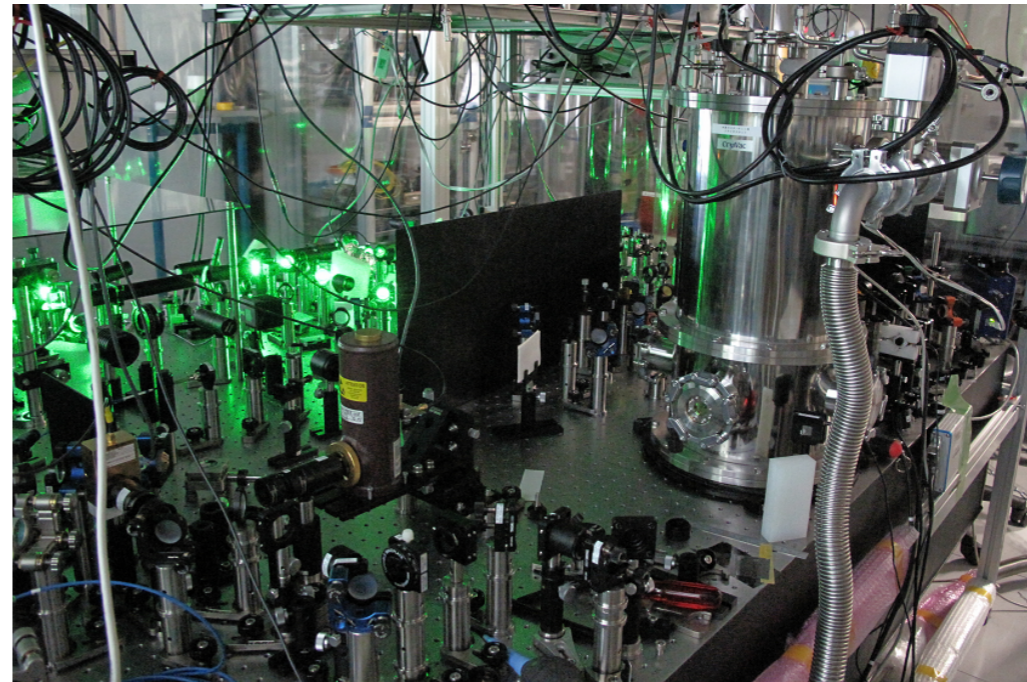
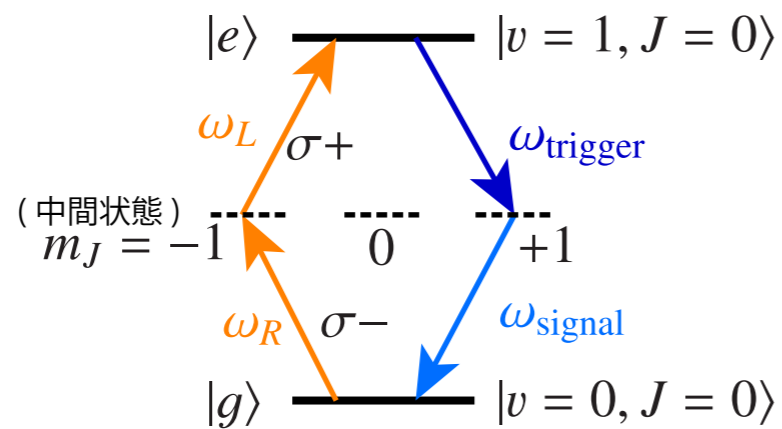
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S. Uetake, JPS meeting, Sep. 2017

Counter-Propagate Excitation Experiment



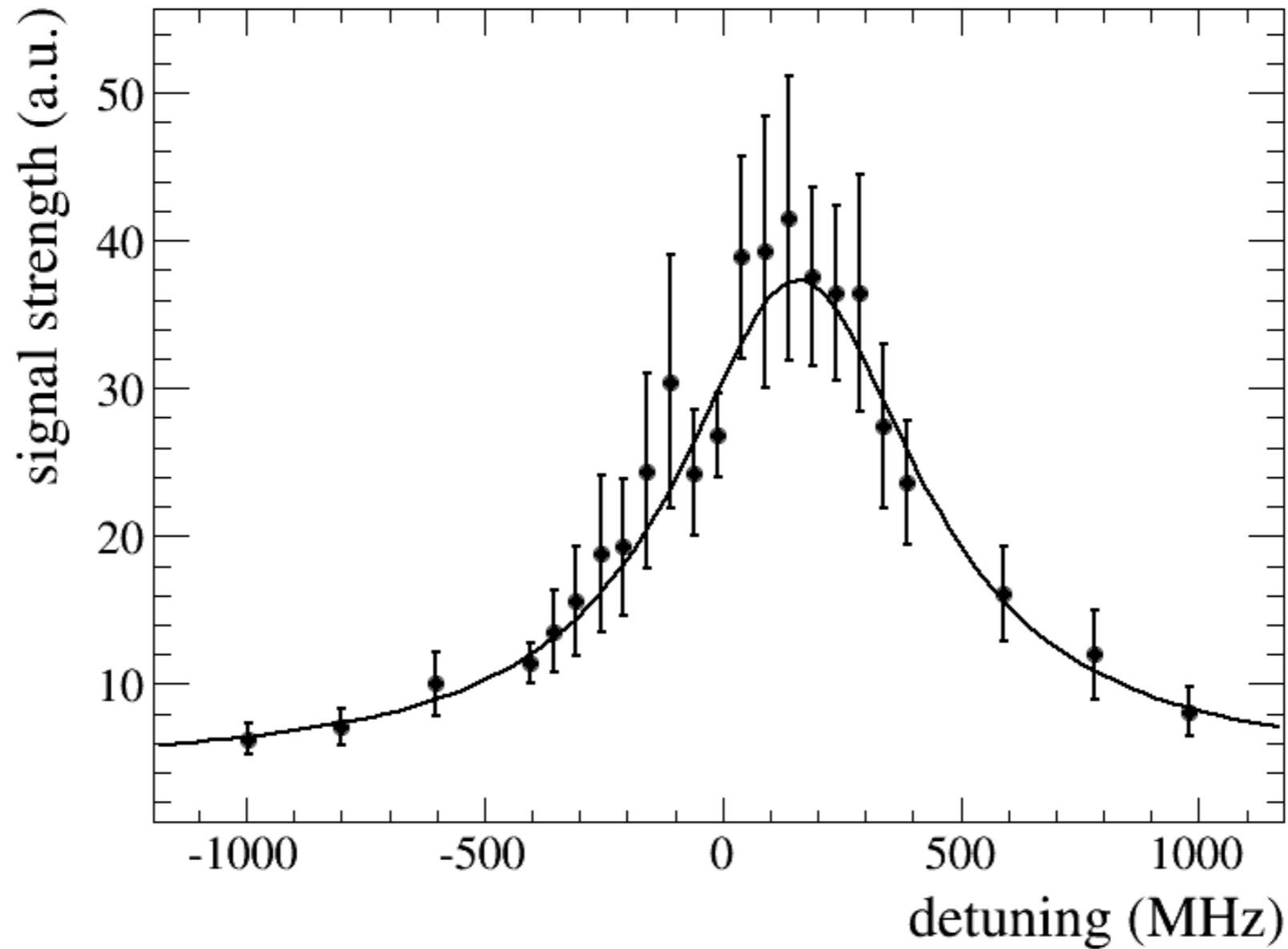
円偏光励起によりシグナルと
バックグラウンドを分離



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Observed signal



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analysis ongoing

SUMMARY

Neutrino Physics with Atoms/Molecules

- ★ **RENP** spectra are sensitive to unknown neutrino parameters.

Absolute mass, NO or IO, Dirac or Majorana, CP

- ★ **ISP** makes RENP more powerful, **boosted RENP**.

- ★ **RENP** spectra are sensitive to the **CNB**.

- ★ **Macrocoherent** rate amplification is essential.

Demonstrated by a QED process, **PSR**.

- ★ **Background-free RENP** M.Yoshimura, N. Sasao, M.T.
PTEP(2015)053B06; arXiv:1501.05713

Waveguide with photonic crystals

M.T., K.Tsumura, N. Sasao, M.Yoshimura, PTEP(2017)043B03; arXiv:1612.02423

A new approach to neutrino physics