

Symposium on Science at PAUL (Paarl Africa Underground Laboratory) Du Kloof Lodge, Du Toitskloof Mountains, South Africa Beijing, China – January 15-18, 2024



A request for a study of β-decays and the ENIGMA project Fedor Šimkovic











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3rd SOUTH AFRICA - JINR SYMPOSIUM

Few to Many Body Systems: Models, Methods and Applications

November 27 - 30, 2012, Stellenbosch University, South Africa

Symposiums JINR – South Africa

- **2. Dubna (2010)**
- **3.** Blaauwklippen wine farm (2012)
- **4. Dubna** (2015)

Among participants:

5. Sommerset West (2018)

November 27 - 30, 2012

The Symposium program will cover new experimental and theoretical developments in the field of nuclear physics, applied nuclear physics, condensed matter physics and physics of underground laboratories in the context of the South Africa - JINR collaboration.

Main topics:

Welcome!

- · Dense matter in heavy ion collisions and astrophysics
- · Nuclear reactions, beams and facilities, techniques and applications
- · Nuclear structure, clusters, modern microscopical methods
- · Physics of few-body, atomic and molecular systems
- · Computational and mathematical methods in many-body physics
- Nonlinear phenomena in condensed metter
- Towards the underground laboratory and particle astrophysics

Dubna 2015

Session(s): Physics at Underground Laboratory Conveners: F. Šimkovic, S. Wyngaardt



S. Wyngaardt, R. Newman, R. de Meijer I. Štekl, F.Š <mark>International Symposium</mark>

on Exciting Physics Makutsi Safari Farm, South Africa (2011)

Conference on Neutrino and Nuclear Physics (CNNP 2020), Arabella Hotel & Spa, (2020)

Symposium on Science at PAUL (Paarl Africa Underground Laboratory) Du Kloof Lodge (2024)

OUTLINE



I. Introduction - Being too ambitious $(0 \nu \beta \beta \text{ decay})$? (not for PAUL now) II. Being less ambitious - $2\nu\beta\beta$ decay (nuclear structure, beyond SM physics) III. Atomic effects in single- β decay, EC (electron-exchange effect) **IV. Direct Neutrino mass measurements** $(^{187}Re, \,^{115}In)$ V. Detection of reactor antineutrinos – towards geoneutrino *detection* (ENIGMA – prototype of a detector) V. Neutrino telescope in South Africa (a new challenge)?

Physics at the beginning of 20th century



"There is nothing new to be discovered in physics now, all that remains is more and more precise measurements" Kelvin. 1900

In vino veritas (Western Cape is a good location for PAUL)



Quarks. Neutrinos. Mesons. All those damn particles you can't see. <u>That's</u> what drove me to drink. But <u>now</u> I can see them.



v-physics can answer many of these fundamental questions: + Origin of the Universe – relic neutrinos + Dominance of matter over antimatter in Universe + Dark matter, dark energy of Universe + Understanding Sun, stars, supernova explosion + cosmic rays, cosmic accelerators + collisions of black holes and neutron stars + Look inside the Earth - geoneutrinos + beyond Standard model physics, GUTs + monitoring nuclear reactor + etc.

> Like most people, physicists enjoy a good mystery.

When you start investigating a mystery you rarely know where it is going



Majorana fermions

Ettore Majorana

Teoria simmetrica dell'elettrone e del positrone (*A symmetric theory of electrons and positrons*). Il Nuovo Cimento, 14: 171–184, 1937.) 171

v is its own antiparticle



Bruno Pontecorvo Inverse beta processes and nonconservation of lepton charge Zhur. Eksptl'. i Teoret. Fiz. 34, 247 (1958)

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Steve Weinberg v-mass generation via d=5 eff. oper. related to unknown high energy scale (GUT?) It follows from the above assumptions that in vacuum a neutrino can be transformed into an antineutrino and vice versa. This means that the neutrino and antineutrino are "mixed" particles, i.e., a symmetric and antisymmetric combination of two truly neutral Majorana particles ν_1 and ν_2 of different combined parity.⁵

 $v \leftrightarrow anti-v \text{ oscillation}$

thought massless back in 1979. Weinberg does not take credit for predicting neutrino masses, but he thinks it's the right interpretation. What's more, he says, the non-renormalisable interaction that produces the neutrino masses is probably also accompanied with non-renormalisable interactions that produce proton decay and other things that haven't been observed, such as violation of baryon-number conservations. "We don't know anything about the details of those terms, but I'll swear they are there." Nuclear double-β decay (even-even nuclei, pairing int.)





Phys. Rev. 48, 512 (1935)

Two-neutrino double-\beta decay – LN conserved (A,Z) \rightarrow (A,Z+2) + e⁻ + e⁻ + v_e + v_e Goepert-Mayer – 1935. 1st observation in 1987

Nuovo Cim. 14, 322 (1937) Phys. Rev. 56, 1184 (1939) Neutrinoless double- β decay – LN violated (A,Z) \rightarrow (A,Z+2) + e⁻ + e⁻ (Furry 1937) Not observed yet. Requires massive Majorana v's

nEXO 5 ton-class ¹³⁶Xe 0νββ experiment

EXO-200, 1^{st} 100 kg-class $0\nu\beta\beta$ -experiment, excellent background-essential for nEXO design, Sensitivity increased linearly with exposure.

nEXO, discovery $0\nu\beta\beta$ experiment, reaches sensitivity of 10^{28} yr in 6.5 yr data taking, probes $m_{\beta\beta}$ down to 15 meV, scalable experiment.

Around 1637, Pierre de Fermat wrote in the margin of a book that the more general equation $a^n + b^n = c^n$ had no solutions in positive integers if *n* is an integer greater than 2.

After 358 years

Fermat's equation: $X^{n} + y^{n} = Z^{n}$ This equation has no solutions in integers for $n \ge 3$.

The proof was published by Andrew Wiles in 1995.

2vββ is sensitive to New Physics

Common subjects: Majoron(s) emission (partly)bosonic neutrinos, Lorentz invariance violation

Recent subjects:

Lepton-number conserving right-handed currents (PRL 125 (2020) 17, 171801)

Neutrino self-interactions (PRD 102 (2020) 5, 051701)

Sterile neutrino and light fermion searches through energy end point (PRD 103 (2021) 5, 055019; PLB 815 (2021) 136127) All 100 kg- and ton-class 0vββ experiments can also study a diverse range of exotic phenomena, e.g. through spectral distortion in 2vββ.
Future searches will probe the 2vββ with high statistics about 10⁵-10⁶ events.

 $\begin{array}{c} \textbf{SuperNEMO}\\ \textbf{Double-Beta Decay}\\ \textbf{Experiment}\\ \textbf{Source foil}\\ {}^{82}\text{Se or any }\beta\beta \text{ isotope}\\ \end{array}$

Unique tracker -calorimeter technology

- Excellent background rejection
- Disentangle $\partial v \beta \beta$ mechanisms: V+A, sterile v...
- Nuclear physics: constrain g_A in $2\nu\beta\beta$

Segmented calorimeter Individual e⁻ & γ energies

Tracker

Identification of e^- , e^+ , γ and α **Full** $\beta\beta$ kinematics & topology

1/17/2 Both 2νββ and 0νββ operators connect the same states. Both change two neutrons into two protons. Explaining 2νββ-decay is necessary but not sufficient

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Improved description of the $0\nu\beta\beta$ -decay rate (a way to fix g_A^{eff})

F. Š, R. Dvornický, D. Štefánik, A. Faessler, PRC 97, 034315 (2018).

 $M_{GT}^{K,L} = m_e \sum_n M_n \frac{E_n - (E_i + E_f)/2}{[E_n - (E_i + E_f)/2]^2 - \varepsilon_{K,L}^2}$

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_{K} &= \left(E_{e_{2}} + E_{\nu_{2}} - E_{e_{1}} - E_{\nu_{1}} \right) / 2 \\ \epsilon_{L} &= \left(E_{e_{1}} + E_{\nu_{2}} - E_{e_{2}} - E_{\nu_{1}} \right) / 2 \end{aligned}$$

Taylor expansion

 $\frac{\varepsilon_{K,L}}{E_n - (E_i + E_f)/2}$ $\epsilon_{K,L} \in \left(-\frac{Q}{2}, \frac{Q}{2}\right)$

We get

$$\left[T_{1/2}^{2\nu\beta\beta}\right]^{-1} \simeq \left(g_A^{\text{eff}}\right)^4 \left|M_{GT-3}^{2\nu}\right|^2 \frac{1}{\left|\xi_{13}^{2\nu}\right|^2} \left(G_0^{2\nu} + \xi_{13}^{2\nu}G_2^{2\nu}\right)$$

The g_A^{eff} can be deterimed with measured half-life and ratio of NMEs and calculated NME dominated by transitions through low lying states of the intermediate nucleus (ISM)

$$M_{GT-1}^{2\nu} = \sum_{n} M_n \frac{1}{(E_n - (E_i + E_f)/2)}$$
$$M_{GT-3}^{2\nu} = \sum_{n} M_n \frac{4 m_e^3}{(E_n - (E_i + E_f)/2)^3}$$

$$\xi_{13}^{2\nu} = \frac{M_{GT-3}^{2\nu}}{M_{GT-1}^{2\nu}}$$
$$\xi_{15}^{2\nu} = \frac{M_{GT-5}^{2\nu}}{M_{GT-1}^{2\nu}}$$

KamLAND-Zen Exp. : $\xi_{13} < 0.26 (^{136} \text{ Xe})$

ξ₁₃ can be determined phenomenologically from the shape of energy distributions of emitted electrons

The g_A^{eff} can be deterimed with measuredhalf-life, ratio of NMEs ξ₃₁ and calculated NME,
dominated by transitions throughlow lying states of the intermediate nucleus.

$$\left(g_A^{\text{eff}}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{\left|M_{GT-3}^{2\nu}\right|} \frac{\left|\xi_{13}^{2\nu}\right|}{\sqrt{T_{1/2}^{2\nu-exp}\left(G_0^{2\nu}+\xi_{13}^{2\nu}G_2^{2\nu}\right)}}$$

 M_{GT-3} have to be calculated by nuclear theory - ISM

KamLAND-Zen Coll. (+J. Menendez, F.Š.), Phys.Rev.Lett. 122, 192501 (2019)

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CUPID-Mo Exp. : ξ_{13} =0.45±0.03 (stat) ±0.05 (syst) (¹⁰⁰ Mo)

Atomic effects in β -decay (electron exchange effect)

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dE_e} \Rightarrow \frac{d\Gamma}{dE_e} \times \left[1 + \eta^T(E_e)\right] \qquad \eta^T(E_e) = f_s(2T_s + T_s^2) + (1 - f_s)(2T_{\bar{p}} + T_{\bar{p}}^2) = \eta_s(E_e) + \eta_{\bar{p}}(E_e)$$
Overlap of (A, Z) bound and (A, Z+1) continuum e-states
$$\int \left(\int e^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{1$$

Orthogonalization of bound and continuum states

Possible composition of the passive shielding and muon veto structure

Measuring od neutrino mass with ¹¹⁵In (spectrum not measured yet)

 $5/2^+ \rightarrow 1/2^-$ 'unique' 2^{nd} forbidden transition, the dominance of emission of $d_{5/2}$ electron

Smallest Known *Q* Value of Any Nuclear Decay: The Rare β^- Decay of ${}^{115}In(9/2^+) \rightarrow {}^{115}Sn(3/2^+)$

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Ettore Fiorini task – EC of ¹²³Te

¹²³Te is a naturally occurring isotope of Tellurium (abundance 0.908±0.002%) which may decay via EC to ¹²³Sb with a Q-value of 52.2 ± 1.5 keV. Since the transition is 2nd-forbidden unique, it has been estimated that very little K capture actually occurs and that the majority of EC decays take place from the L3 shell. Several searches for Sb K lines from EC of ¹²³Te have been performed. Positive evidence, $T_{1/2} = (1.24 \pm 0.10) \cdot 10^{13}$ y, was claimed but subsequently ruled out.

Applied Antineutrino Physics Workshop 2023

18-21 September 2023 The Guildhall York Europe/London timezone

Antineutrino detectors are developed and constructed worldwide

Overview

Useful information Getting there Accommodation Visas Conference agenda Call for Abstracts Registration Participant List Organising committee

Conference Proceedings

The Applied Antineutrino Physics (AAP) workshops provided an engaging and lively forum for the review and discussion of antineutrino detection and technology R&D for applications including reactor monitoring, safeguards, and geophysics.

The detector will be assembled from 360 strips of polystyrene-based plastic scintillator (PS, 60 x 5 x 2 cm³) assembled into a cube with an edge of 60 cm

Enigma detector (Call of the Recovery and Resilience Plan of the Slovak Republic)

> Being inspired by DANSS and SOLID detectors.

We expect improved energy resolution on the level of 6-8% FWHM@1 MeV, which is comparable with liquid scintillators!!!

Configuration of two adjacent PS layers connected through optically glued NS. The neutron signal is localized through the geometry of the triggered fibers from two adjacent orthogonal layers.

Concept of the ENIGMA detector (configuration 40x40x40 cm³): left - the base cell (strip) - an elementary optical element, right - the assembled detector without passive shielding.

Between layers, there is a thin sheet of ZnS scintillator doped with Lithium-6 to tag neutron captures.

Comparison of neutron capture parameters in ⁶Li and Gd.

⁶Li (¹⁰B)

Gd (Cd)

BiPo background

Internal radioactivity from ZnS layers contamination External Radon decay.

Possible composition of the passive shielding and muon veto structure

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South African Neutrino Telescope. Why not?

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The Tropical Deep-sea Neutrino Telescope - TRIDENT (nicknamed Hai-Ling in Chinese = ocean bell) Shanghai University

Huge Underwater high-energy Neutrino Telescope -HUNT IHEP Beijing South Africa = Astrophysical Superpower? (SKA, PAUL, "SA v-telescope") **Multimessenger astronomy**

From radio km² detector to neutrino km³ detector

40°S-

Messengers from space: Cosmic objects emit neutrinos (violet), gamma rays (orange) and protons (green).

Astronomy

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AI can not solve v-physics problems!

v-physics problems can be solved only by v-experiments (and v-theory), i.e., by skilled experimentalists and theorists

Backup slides

β-decay of ⁶³Ni (with electron exchange effect)

without orthogonalization

