Searching for coherent neutrino-nucleus interaction (CENNS) with M\"ossbauer Spectroscopy

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In this work we study the viability of the Mossbauer technique to measure neutrino-nucleus interaction, specifically Coherent Elastic Neutrino Nucleus Scattering. To describe the neutrino-nucleus interaction we propose a simple collective model in which the M\"ossbauer-nucleus is considered as an inert core with A - 1 nucleons, and valence neutron. The core is slightly deformed in the direction of the transferred momentum by the weak process involving the Z_0 exchange with the core. Independent particles transitions are Pauli-blocked and only collective transitions are permitted to the core. The very small deformation of the core imposes a perturbative change in the effective potential of the valence neutron. The non perturbed neutron s-state, which is spherically symmetric, is split into two energy level with has a narrow separation. Now the valence neutron can explore energy transition between the 1/2 and 3/2 spin states. We show that the M\"ossbauer spectroscopy is able to detect accurately this nuclear state change and it can be used as a new observable associated to CENNS.

Summary

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