# Neutrino mass spectroscopy with atoms —Experimental aspects—

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Physics motivation

Key word 1: RENP (radiative emission of neutrino pairs)

Key word 2: Macro-coherent amplification

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Summary



# Neutrino physics at present



# Experimental principle and its characteristics

- Experimental principle
  - Radiative emission of v-pair  $|e
    angle 
    ightarrow |g
    angle + \gamma v \overline{v}$
  - Measure photon energy spectrum

**RENP**(Radiative Emission of Neutrino Pair)



- Merit and demerit using atoms
  - (energy scale of atoms) ~ (neutrino mass scale)
    - Sensitivity to v absolute mass, hierarchy, M-D, CP-phases ( $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ – $\delta$ )
  - Small rate -> need amplification: e.g.  $\Gamma \sim 1/10^{26}$  year for Q=1 eV
    - 「Macro-coherent amplification mechanism」

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"Neutrino Spectroscopy with Atoms and Molecules", A. Fukumi et.al : Prog. Theor. Exp. Phys. **2012**, 04D002



- RENP rate example
  - Γ=50 Hz for Xe <sup>3</sup>P<sub>1</sub> (8.4365eV).
  - n=7x 10^20 [cm-3],
  - V=100 cm<sup>3</sup>, η=10<sup>-3</sup>

Macro-coherent amplification • N^2 • momentum conservation

#### impact on neutrino physics (1) Absolute mass and hierarchy Example of RENP spectrum(Xe) thresholds: Similar to muon decay spectrum $\omega_{ij} = \frac{E_{eg}}{2} - \frac{(m_i + m_j)^2}{2E_{eg}}$ $M_{\mu} \to evv$ $E_{eg} \to \gamma vv$ Xe RENP:NH vs IH,10,50meV Xe RENP:NH vs IH,10,50meV mo=10 meV 40 40 Xe: 8.4365 eV



"Observables in Neutrino Mass Spectroscopy Using Atoms", D.N. Dinh, S.T. Petcov, N.S, M.Tanaka, M.Yoshimura, Phys. Lett. B 719 (2013) 154–163

## impact on neutrino physics (2) Majorana-Dirac & CP-phases

- Majorana-Dirac distinction
  - Identical particle effect

- CP-phase measurements
  - Difference in spectrum





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"Experimental method of detecting relic neutrino by atomic de-excitation" M. Yoshimura, N.S, and M. Tanaka, Phys. Rev D 91, 063516 (2015)

# impact on neutrino physics (3) Cosmic neutrino background (1.9K)

- Our universe is filled with 1.9K neutrinos at present.
  - Information after 1-2sec of Big-bang
  - Yet to be observed!
- Observation principle
  - Spectrum change due to Pauli exclusion principle



$$\frac{T_{\nu}}{T_{\gamma}} = \left(\frac{4}{11}\right)^{1/3} ?$$

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"Production of Ba Metastable State via Super-Radiance", C. Ohae et.al, JPSJ 83,044301 (2014)

Amplification by coherence among atoms

- Super-Radiance
  - De-excitation via single photon emission

$$R_{\gamma} \propto \left|\sum_{a}^{N} \exp(i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}_{a})\mathcal{M}_{a}\right|^{2} \propto N^{2}$$

#### Macro-coherent amplification

De-excitation via multi-particle emission

$$R_{\gamma\nu\bar{\nu}} \propto \left| \sum_{a}^{N} \exp\left( i(\vec{k}_{1} + \vec{k}_{2} + \vec{k}_{3}) \cdot \vec{r}_{a} \right) \mathcal{M}_{a} \right|^{2} \\ k_{1} + k_{2} + k_{3} = 0$$

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$$\lambda$$

$$|e^{2}||e^{2}||e^{2}||e^{2}|$$

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"Dynamics of two-photon paired superradiance", M. Yoshimura, N. S, and M. Tanaka, PHYSICAL REVIEW A 86, 013812 (2012)

# Experimental proof of macro-coherent amplification

- PSR (paired super-radiance )
  - QED process where v-pair is replaced with a photon.
  - A pair of strong light pulses (SR) will be emitted.



"Observation of coherent two-photon emission from the first vibrationally-excited state of hydrogen molecules", Yuki Miyamoto et. al. Prog. Theor. Exp. Phys. **2014**, 113C01





# Features of adiabatic Raman process

- Why we use Raman process?
  - Creation of coherence among two levels |e> and |g>

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Generation of higher side-bands

#### Eigenstates:

$$|+\rangle = \cos \theta |g\rangle + \sin \theta e^{-i\varphi} |e\rangle$$
$$|-\rangle = \cos \theta e^{-i\varphi} |e\rangle - \sin \theta |g\rangle$$
$$\tan 2\theta = \frac{|\Omega_{eg}|}{\Omega_{gg} - (\Omega_{ee} - \delta)}, \qquad \Omega_{eg} = |\Omega_{eg}| e^{i\varphi}$$

Density matrix 
$$\rho = |\psi \rangle \langle \psi|$$
  
 $\rho_{ge} = \cos \theta \sin \theta e^{i\varphi} = \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta e^{i\varphi}$ 
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$$\omega_q = \omega_0 + q\Delta\omega, \qquad \Delta\omega = \omega_0 - \omega_{-1},$$





- E1 forbidden v=1-->v=0.
  - Because homo-nuclear diatomic molecule
  - Two photon emission process allowed.
- Para-hydrogen (not ortho-hydrogen)
  - Round wavefunction (less residual interaction).
  - Long coherence time.
- Cooled down(77 K).
  - All ground state(v=0).
  - Longest coherence time (Dicke narrowing).

H<sub>2</sub> gas cell (15 cm long)



L-N, Cryostat



# Experimental setup

(a) Laser Setup



(b) Target & Detector



# Photograph of whole setup



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# Wavelengths to be remembered and comments

Important wavelengths



- Macro-coherent?
  - Energy conservation

 $\Delta \omega \equiv \omega_0 - \omega_{-1} = \omega_{eg} - \delta,$ 

$$\Delta\omega = \omega_p + \omega_{\overline{p}}$$

 Momentum conservation law is equivalent to energy conservation law.

Phase factor added to target

$$e^{i\Delta\omega\cdot x/c}$$

$$R = \left|\sum_{a}^{N} e^{i(k_{1}+k_{2})x} M_{a}\right|^{2}$$

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## **Observation of Raman sidebands**

- 13 sidebands observed (λ=192 -4662nm)
- Evidence for large coherence





## Degree of coherence

#### Maxwell-Bloch eq.



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

Coherence estimated by simulation: (



## Observation of two-photon process



# Comparison with spontaneous emission

- # of observed photons 4.4 x 10^7/pulse
- # of expected photons due to spontaneous emission

$$\frac{dA}{dz} = \frac{\omega_{eg}^7}{(2\pi)^3 c^6} \left| \alpha_{ge}^{(p\overline{p})} \right|^2 z^3 (1-z)^3 \sim 3.2 \times 10^{-11} \text{ 1/s} \quad (z = \frac{1}{2}) \qquad z = \omega/\omega_{eg}$$
Photon number =  $R_0 \cdot \pi w_0^2 L n_0 \cdot A \cdot \frac{\Delta E}{E} \Delta t = 1.6 \times 10^{-8}$ 

$$\sim 1.5 \times 10^{16} \quad \Delta \Omega/(4\pi) \sim 1.2 \times 10^{-4} \quad \Delta z \sim 4.9 \times 10^{-3} \quad \Delta t \sim 80 \text{ [ns]}$$

- Huge amplification factor of >10<sup>(15)</sup>.
- It can only be understood by macro-coherent amplification mechanism.

## How far have we reached?

- RENP rate example
  - $\Gamma$ =50 Hz for Xe <sup>3</sup>P<sub>1</sub> (8.4365eV).
  - n=7x 10^20 [cm-3]
  - V=100 cm<sup>3</sup>, η=10<sup>-3</sup>

 $\Gamma = n^3 V \eta$  (Spectrum function) η=(average coherence ρ<sub>eg</sub>)x (stored filed energy)/(n ε<sub>eg</sub>)

- PSR experiment
  - P-H2 (0.52eV).
  - n=6x 10^19 [cm-3],
  - V=1.5x10<sup>^</sup>-2 cm<sup>^</sup>3, η=10<sup>^</sup>-3

Caution: Direct comparison is not allowed because different atoms/molecules and/or different interactions (EM-Weak) are involved.



Physics objectives

#### Macro-coherent amplification

Future prospects

summary

# Road map

#### Study and control PSR.

- PSR detailed study
  - PSR by external trigger
  - Counter propagating PSR
- PSR control
  - Mode switching method
- RENP basic study
  - High density target with coherence
  - Soliton formations
  - Control of background
- RENP experiment



### Future (1) PSR by external trigger

What is new and important?

Raman sideband was used as trigger to induce 2-photon process Newly built laser is used as trigger

- Study trigger laser power or timing dependence
- Study coherence generation mechanism

Increase amplification



"Externally triggered coherent two-photon emission from hydrogen molecules", Yuki Miyamoto et. al. arXiv:1505.07663, accepted for publication in in Prog. Theor. Exp. Phys.

## Observed coherent two-photon process by an external trigger



# Properties of observed signal



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## Future (2) Counter propagating PSR

- Why important?
  - Spatially homogeneous coherence
  - Back-to-back two photons (world first observation!)
  - Soliton may be created only with this configuration
- Candidate atoms
  - Ba, Hg, Xe etc.
     (Take Ba as example)



#### PTEP

Prog. Theor. Exp. Phys. 2014, 073B02 (14 pages) DOI: 10.1093/ptep/ptu094

### Two-photon paired solitons supported by medium polarization



0.5

location



"Stopped-light"

Soliton

- Control transparency between p-g by irradiating laser lights (control) between p-e
- Input signal light between p-g, and store information in atomic coherence
- Retrieve information by control laser
- Two-photon version of "Stopped-light"
  - Energy condensed state between light field and matter (medium)
  - Existence expected theoretically
  - Created only in counter-propagating PSR
- Need experimental studies
  - Planning to create soliton by irradiating counter propagating lasers with an appropriate intensity structure predicted by theory.



Overlapping paired soliton

0.2

-0.2

-0.4

-0.6

-0.8

\_0.5



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## Example of counter propagating PSR

- Achievable coherence
  - Estimated with optical Bloch eqs
  - Coherence >0.03
- Experimental layout
  - Driving lasers (home made): 1755nm
  - Counter propagating irradiation
  - Trigger laser (home made):1738nm
  - Two photon detection: 1773nm



"Two-photon paired solitons supported by medium polarization", M. Yoshimura and N. S, Prog. Theor. Exp. Phys., vol. 2014, 073B02 (2014)

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Future (3) RENP basic study

Soliton formation

#### Develop dense coherent target

- Eg. YSO doped with Eu3+
- Or Pressurized Xe gas target
- n > (a few times) 10<sup>2</sup>0
- Develop high-power laser system
  - Power x10
- Background control





Red: Field strength Black: Coherence Blue: Population dif.

## summary

- RENP
  - Systematic way to measure neutrino's undetermined parameters.
  - Absolute mass, M-D distinction, CP-phases
- Macro-coherent amplification
  - Amplification due to coherence among particles
- PSR
  - Huge amplification >10^15 was observed using two-photon process from p-H2 vibrational levels.
- Future prospect
  - PSR Study in more detail
  - RENP basic study
  - RENP experiment

proves basic part of macro-coherence amplification

4~6 years

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