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QUANTUM SENSORS FOR NEW-PHYSICS Discoveries in the Laboratory and in Space

https://www.colorado.edu/research/qsense/

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100 years agoWE DID NOT KNOW WHAT **atoms are made of**

Puzzles of atomic spectra

Figure credits: Entropy 2017, 19, 186, practical-chemistry.com

Solving physics puzzles: quantum mechanics

Computer technologies

Lasers

Solar cells Radars

Navigation

Spectrometers, other detectors Nuclear technologies

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100 years later: quantum sensors2024

2024: What we know now

Quantum mechanicsGeneral relativity

Fundamental physics postulates

Position invariance

Weak equivalence principle

Lorentz invariance

2024: New set of f fundamental undamentalphysics puzzles

WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT UNIVERSE IS MADE OF

100 years ago: quantum mechanics was a solution to fundamental physics problems of that time (atomic spectra, etc.) revolutionizing our technology

Exceptional improvement in precision of quantum sensors opens new ways to solve new puzzles of the Universe

OUR GOAL: search for new physics

The landscape of dark matter masses

DARK MATTER DETECTION

Particle dark matter detection: DM particle scatters and deposits energyWe detect this energy

Fermi velocity for DM with mass <10 eV is higher than our Galaxy escape velocity.

Ultralight dark matter has to be bosonic.

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ULTRALIGHT DARK MATTER $(m_{\phi} \leq 10 \text{ eV})$

The key idea: ultralight dark matter (UDM) particles behave in a "wave-like" manner.

UDM: coherent on the scale of detectors or networks of detectors.

$$
\phi(t) \,\approx\, \phi_0 \cos(m_\phi t)
$$

$$
\lambda_{\rm coh} \sim 10^3 (2\pi\,/\,m_{\phi}c)
$$

$$
N_{\rm dB}=n_{\phi}\lambda_{\rm coh}^3\gg 1
$$

Need different detection strategies from particle dark matter.

Dark matter

OBSERVABLE EFFECTS OF ULTRALIGHT DARK MATTER

Axion Power **Frequency**

Precession of nuclear or electron spins

Driving currents in electromagnetic systems, produce photons

Modulate the values of the fundamental "constants"

Induced equivalence principle-violating accelerations of matter

 \blacksquare **ECTORS:** <code>Magnetometers,</code> <code>Microwave cavities, <code>Trapped</code> ions & other qubits, Atom interferometers,</code> **Laser interferometers (includes GW detectors), Optical cavities, Atomic, molecular, and nuclear clocks, Other precision spectroscopy**

RMP 90, 025008 (2018)

Picture sources and credits: Wikipedia, Physics 11, 34 C. Boutan/Pacific Northwest National Laboratory; adapted by APS/Alan Stonebraker, modulate the values of the fundamental "constants" of nature

Scalar ultralight dark matter

Coupling of scalar UDM to the standard model:

$$
\kappa = (\sqrt{2}M_{\rm Pl})^{-1}
$$

$$
\phi(t) \approx \phi_0 \cos(m_{\phi}t)
$$
\n
$$
\mathcal{L}_{int}^{\text{lin}} = \kappa \phi \left\{ \left[\frac{d_e F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}}{4} - d_{m_e m_e \bar{\psi}_e \psi_e} \right] - \left[\frac{d_g \beta_3 G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a \mu\nu}}{2g_3} + \sum_{q=u,d,s} \left(d_{m_q} + \gamma_m d_g \right) m_q \bar{\psi}_q \psi_q \right] \right\}
$$
\n
$$
\alpha \to \frac{\alpha}{1 - \kappa d_e \phi(t)} \approx \alpha \left(1 + \kappa d_e \phi(t) \right) \qquad m_e \to m_e + \kappa m_e d_{m_e} \phi(t)
$$

Scalar UDM will cause **oscillations** of the electromagnetic fine-structure constant ^α, strong interaction constant and fermion masses

p¹QCD , , *e q mm*Dimensionless constants: $\alpha, \stackrel{e}{\longrightarrow}, \frac{\dots}{\longrightarrow}$ *m*Λ

Key point: different (types) of clocks have different sensitivity to different constantsObservable: clock frequency ratios

Enhancement (sensitivity) factor K for clocks

How to detect ultralight dark matter with clocks?

Ultralight DM limits: https://cajohare.github.io/AxionLimits/

Quantum metrology algorithms for dark matter searches with clocks

M. H. Zaheer, N. J. Matjelo, D. B. Hume, M. S. Safronova, D. R. Leibrandt, arXiv:2302.12956, in press, PRA (2024)

OPTICAL CLOCKS WILL CONTINUE TO IMPROVE

Build different clocks: highly-charged ion clocks, nuclear clocks, molecular clocks

Measurements beyond the quantum limit

Large ion crystals

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New designs for lattice clocks

Entangled clocks

Prospects of a thousand-ion Sn2+ Coulomb-crystal clock with sub-10-19 inaccuracy

l = J = F = 0 $\hskip10mm \rightarrow$ no linear Zeeman or quadrupole shifts Δα = -0.96(4) a_0^3 → no micromotion shift at Ω/(2π) = 225($^3 \, \rightarrow$ no micromotion shift at Ω/(2π) = 225(5) MHz, 5×10⁻¹⁸ room temperature BBR shift

7.5 stable even isotopes \rightarrow ideal platform for new boson searches +10 stable enough (over 1 sec)

A 1000-ion clock

David R. Leibrandt, Sergey G. Porsev, Charles Cheung, and Marianna S. Safronova, Nature Communications 15, 5663 (2024).

From atomic to nuclear clocks!

Clock based on transitions in atoms

Are fundamental constants constant? $229 -$

M. S. Safronova, Annalen der Physik 531, 1800364 (2019)

Only one known nucleus with a suitable transition

229Th nuclear clock

Th3+ ion clockSolid state clock

How to build a nuclear clock?

Quantum Science and Technology 6, 034002 (2021)

²²⁹Th: very high sensitivity to variation of fundamental constants

Too much cancellation to compute Coulomb energy difference accurately enough:

SkM∗ (HFB) model gave the Coulomb energy difference V^C = −0.307 MeV = (924.854 − 925.161) MeV SIII (HFB) gave V $_{\rm C}$ = 0.001 MeV.

Elena Litvinova, Hans Feldmeier, Jacek Dobaczewski, and Victor Flambaum, Phys. Rev. C 79, 064303 (2009)

HOW TO EXTRACT COULOMB ENERGY DIFFERENCE FROM nuclear properties

J. C. Berengut, V. A. Dzuba, V. V. Flambaum, and S. G. Porsev, Phys. Rev. Lett. 102, 210801 (2009)

Geometric model: assume that both the ground state nucleus and the lowest-energy isomer are uniform, hard-edged, prolate ellipsoids. **Goal: express Coulomb energy vis observables nuclear properties.**

$$
\langle r^2 \rangle = \int r^2 \rho(r) d^3 r = \frac{1}{5} (2a^2 + c^2)
$$

$$
Q_0 = 2 \int r^2 P_2(\cos \theta) \rho(r) d^3 r = \frac{2}{5} (c^2 - a^2)
$$

Coulomb energy: $E_C = \frac{3}{5} \frac{q_e^2 Z^2}{R_0} \frac{(1 - e^2)^{1/3}}{2e} \ln \left(\frac{1 + e^2}{1 - e} \right)$

Use these expression to express a, c, and e via Q_{0} and <r²> and compute Coulomb energy for ground state and isomer.

Coulomb energy:
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E_C = \frac{3}{5} \frac{q_e^2 Z^2}{R_0} \frac{(1-e^2)^{1/3}}{2e} \ln\left(\frac{1+e}{1-e}\right)
$$

 R_0 is the equivalent sharp spherical radius $R_0^3 = a^2c^{-1}$

Prolate $2^2 = 1 - \frac{a^2}{2}$

 $e = 1 - -$

a

c

Direct spectroscopic measurement of nuclear electric quadrupole structure

Result: measured ratio of the quadrupole moments is $\mathcal{Q}_{_{\!is}}$ / $\mathcal{Q}_{_{\!g}}=0.57003(2)$

Chuankun Zhang, Tian Ooi, Jacob S. Higgins, Jack F. Doyle, Lars von der Wense, Kjeld Beeks, Adrian Leitner, Georgy Kazakov, Peng Li, Peter G. Thirolf, Thorsten Schumm, Jun Ye, Nature 633, 63-70 (2024).

Estimating sensitivity of Th nuclear clock to α**-variation -variation**

$$
\Delta E_C = \left\langle r^2 \right\rangle \frac{\partial E_C}{\partial \left\langle r^2 \right\rangle} \frac{\Delta \left\langle r^2 \right\rangle}{\left\langle r^2 \right\rangle} + Q_0 \frac{\partial E_C}{\partial Q_0} \frac{\Delta Q_0}{Q_0} \qquad \Delta E_C = -485 \text{ MeV} \frac{\Delta \left\langle r^2 \right\rangle}{\left\langle r^2 \right\rangle} + 11.3 \text{ MeV} \left(\frac{Q_0^m}{Q_0} - 1 \right)
$$

$$
\Delta E_C = -0.154(19) \,\text{MeV} + 0.203(4) \,\text{MeV} = 0.049(19) \,\text{MeV}
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$$
K = \frac{\Delta E_C}{8.356 \text{ eV}} = -18400(2300) + 24300(400) = 5900(2300)
$$

$$
\langle r^2 \rangle \text{ term} \qquad Q_0 \text{ term} \qquad \text{Beeks at al., arXiv:2407.17300 (2024)}
$$

Octupole deformation

$$
\mathcal{L}_{\text{max}}
$$

$$
r(\theta) = R_s \left[1 + \sum_{n=1}^N \beta_n Y_{n\sigma}(\theta) \right]
$$

β_n are deformation parameters and Y_{n0}(θ) are spherical harmonics

 R_s is defined by normalizing the volume to that of the spherical nucleus with equivalent sharp spherical radius $\mathsf{R}_{0},$

$$
\int r\rho(r)\,d^3r=1
$$

For a pear shaped nucleus with quadrupole and octupole deformation, $N = 3$.

The Coulomb energy is given by

$$
E_C = \frac{3}{5} \frac{q_e^2 Z^2}{R_0} \left(1 - \frac{1}{4\pi} \beta_2^2 - \frac{5}{14\pi} \beta_3^2 \right)
$$

The nuclear properties are related to the β coefficients via rms and Q_{0} formulas

β₂ and β₃ are the quadrupole and octupole deformations, $O(\beta^3_{n})$ t n^3 _n) terms are omitted.

$$
K = 6300(2300)
$$

What if octupole deformation changes?

 $6300+2000+0100$

Model changing octupole deformation between ground state and isomer:

Estimate electric octupole moment $Q_{30} = 2 \int r^3 (\theta) P_3(\cos \theta) \rho(r) d^3 r = 35 - 44 \text{ fm}^3$

β₂=0.22 obtained from experimental data, β $_3$ =0.11 - 0.145 from PRC 103, 014313 (2021)

Conclusions

- •Need to measure $\langle r^2 \rangle$ difference better
- •Need to know at least the sign of the change in octupole deformation from ground state to isomer
- •Higher moments can also be important! Charge distributions is important
- •Need better model that can relate experimental quantities to Coulomb energy difference

Next decade of space research

What quantum technologies will be sent to space?

What new physics can one search for in space better then on Earth?

NASA Decadal Survey: Biological and Physical Sciences in Spacehttps://science.nasa.gov/biological-physical/decadal-survey May 2023: Establishment of NASA Fundamental Physics Analysis grouphttps://www.jpl.nasa.gov/go/funpag

Europe: Community workshop on cold atoms in space (September 2021) **Cold Atoms in Space: Community Workshop Summary and Proposed Road-Map, Alonso et al., EPJ Quantum Technology 9, 1 (2022)**

Quantum technologies in space

GPS, "hot" atoms,Microwave, Cs or Rb

2017 CACES (Tiangong-2), China, microwave Rb cold atom clock

2019 NASA Deep Space Atomic Clock (DSAC), microwave, Hg+ ions

 2.8_m $11.9m$ 0.5_m

2016 MAUS-1 sounding rocket, cold Rb atoms, BEC, atom interferometry, DLR

Image credits: JPL, NASA, CMSE, NSSC, DLR/Leibnitz, University of Hannover

2018, Cold Atom Lab, ISS, NASA

2016 QUESS, Entanglement distribution, China

Why to search for new physics in space?

Quantum sensors in space enables discovery of new physics not possible on Earth Many orders of magnitude improvements or principally different experiments are possible

Need to be away from Earth surface

Tests of gravity are hindered by Earth gravityOptical time transfer to link Earth clocks Dark energy and some dark matter (screening)Tests of fundamental postulates (WEP, LLI)

Need access to **variable gravitational potentials** **Long baselines:** gravitational waves, dark matter (especially transients), dark energy

Sun: Dark matter halo bound to the Sun?Extreme overdensities possible **Moon:** laser ranging, low seismic activity,permanent cryogenic environment**Asteroids:** test masses

Image credits: NASA, Wikipedia

Fundamental Physics with a State-of-the-Art Optical Clock in Space

Schematic of the proposed mission to test Fundamental physics with an Optical Clock Orbiting in Space (FOCOS)

Direct detection of ultralight dark matter bound to the Sun with space quantum sensors

Yu-Dai Tsai, Joshua Eby, Marianna S. Safronova, Nature Astronomy, December 5 (2022)

Picture credit: Kavli IPMU

SEARCH FOR FAST-OSCILLATING FUNDAMENTAL constants with space missions

Dmitry Budker, Joshua Eby, Marianna S. Safronova, Oleg Tretiak, arXiv:2408.10324 (2024)

FIG. 1: Maximum gravitational atom density as a function of m_{ϕ} bound to the Sun (orange), Jupiter (red), Earth (blue) or moon (green). In each case the density is evaluated at a distance r from the center of the object as labeled. The dashed lines are the maximum density accumulated over $4.5 \,\mathrm{Gyr}$ through the capture mechanism of [11].

Transient dark matter signals: Boson star explosions and bosenova explosions bosenova

Detection of Relativistic Scalar Bursts with Quantum Sensors, Jason Arakawa, Joshua Eby, Marianna S. Safronova, Volodymyr Takhistov, and Muhammad H. Zaheer, Phys. Rev. D 110, 075007 (2024).

Space Network of Quantum Sensors

Space quantum technologies

Fundamental Physics

Tests of quantum mechanicsQuantum vs. gravity Tests of general relativity Detection of gravitational waves in different wavelengths

 The direct detection of dark matter and dark energySearch for variation of fundamental constantsSearches for violation of symmetry laws

Earth-space optical time transfer Intercontinental clock link via spaceTrapped ion optical clock Lattice based accelerometerAtomic magnetometry space array Hybrid optical lattice clock/atom interferometry facilitySpace to space clock comparison Cubesat quantum sensor network Space - Earth- Moon optical time transferImproved Lunar laser ranging Clock-based distance ranging demonstrationOne-way navigation demonstration Space - space and space - Earth quantum communicationsEntanglement demonstration in space GW atomic clock/interferometer pathfinderThree-satellite optical link demonstration for GW prototype

Figure is from Peter Graham's talk at KITP 2021: https://online.kitp.ucsb.edu/online/novel-oc21/

Atom interferometers: from 10 meters to 100 meters to 1km to space

MIGA: Terrestrial detector using atom interferometer at O(100m) (France)

ZIGA: Terrestrial detector for large scale atomic interferometers, gyros and clocks at O(100m)

(China)

AION: Terrestrial shaft detector using atom interferometer at 10m $-$ O(100m) planned (UK)

 (US)

Planned network operation

Figures are from : talk by Oliver Buchmueller, Community Workshop on Cold Atoms in Space,https://indico.cern.ch/event/1064855/timetable/

https://indico.cern.ch/event/1208783, https://indico.cern.ch/event/1369392

Terrestrial Very-Long-Baseline Atom Interferometry: Workshop Summary, Sven Abend at al., AVS Quantum Sci. 6, 024701 (2024).

University of Delaware is member of the Proto collaboration for Terrestrial Very Long Baseline Atom
Interferometer (TVLBAI) study. The main goals are to develop a Roadmap for the design and technology choices
for one or se

Public release of our user-friendly code package:

pCI: a parallel configuration interaction software package for highprecision atomic structure calculations, Charles Cheung, Mikhail G. Kozlov, Sergey G. Porsev, Marianna S. Safronova, Ilya I. Tupitsyn, Andrey I. Bondarev, submitted to Computer Physics Communications, arXiv:2410.06680 (2024). Developer's repository link: https://github.com/ud-pci/pCI

Neural network optimization code will be released in 2025.

Atomic data portal: https://www.udel.edu/atomVersion 3 will be released shortly.

Solving physics problems of 1924 gave us quantum mechanics – a foundation of modern technology.

What new wonders discovery of new physics will bring?

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Open postdoc position in Quantum Algorithms for New Physics Searches with Quantum Sensors