





Rich phenomenology (45 years worth of it)

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Why CsI[Na]? (NIM A773 (2014) 56)

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Reactors: taking CEvNS to the next level

New CEvNS detector R&D at UC: PPCs

Inverted coax PPC NIM A 665 (2011) 25

De rigueur selfie

0.1

0.05

0 ⊑ 0.1

next gen. PPC

Ge CCD array

d = 100 m

100

b = 20 ckkd

10

Ge mass (kg)

Digitize and you shall conquer

high threshold, large crystal (dominated by multiple scattering)

PRL 110, 211101 (2013)

Applications of an ⁸⁸Y/Be Photoneutron Calibration Source to Dark Matter and Neutrino Experiments

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convenient technique (but you must trust your simulations)

LZ added a new photo to the album: A to Z of LZ. May 4, 2020 · S

Y is for YBe or Yttrium Beryllium!

LZ has a special neutron source for calibrations made from the elements yttrium and beryllium that produces almost monoenergetic neutrons. The yttrium decays and releases a gamma ray, which interacts with the beryllium to produce a single neutron of around 200keV. These low energy neutrons are useful for calibrating nuclear recoils within the expected dark matter energy range.

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The YBe source sits inside a tungsten shield (a mock up is shown in gold) to absorb the gamma rays, since we only want neutrons to get to the detector. This is lowered down to the top of the detector through a special port on top of the water tank.

Calibration sources like this are essential for understanding what dark matter looks like in LZ!

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Physics-based model (Birks + kinematic cutoff) works here (the exception)

anything goes for the QF at sub-keV energies?

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Improved detector:

- x5 lower threshold
- excellent E resolution
- 1 cm³ \rightarrow dominated by single recoils n-type (no dead + transition layers)

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3) recoils from Fe filter

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Internal consistency x-checks

(going back full-circle to "that ain't Lindhard")

Also tested against earlier result with higher (x 5) threshold

Paging Mr. Migdal?

1941: A.B. Migdal, J. Phys. USSR 4 449

1958: Landau and Lifshitz Vol. 3: Quantum Mechanics, sec. 41:

PROBLEM 2. The nucleus of an atom in the normal state receives an impulse which gives it a velocity v; the duration τ of the impulse is assumed short in comparison both with the electron periods and with a/v, where a is the dimension of the atom. Determine the probability of excitation of the atom under the influence of such a "jolt" (A. B. MIGDAL 1939). ~2000: DAMA invokes Migdal, "Migdal" becomes a dirty word.

"Migdal may be late, but Migdal never lets you down"

A.B. Migdal
From B. loffe "Atom Projects: Events and People"

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Electron shakeoff following the β^+ decay of ${}^{19}\text{Ne}^+$ and ${}^{35}\text{Ar}^+$ trapped ions

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Toto, we're not in Kansas anymore:

for CEvNS studies, the QF is the crux

2% uncertainty in >20 keV ROI claimed (?) Linear fit (because "it isn't completely unreasonable")

We are not looking for WIMPs: we have predictable signals, from particles known to exist.

Time to start taking this subject seriously... it can make the difference between discoveries and embarrassment.

Recent developments

1σ

2σ

 3σ

3

2

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Returning to Dresden-II

Towards a precision measurement of reactor CEvNS

There is no peace for the living (upcoming QF work at OSURR thermal beam)

neutron capture L. Thulliez,^a D. Lhuillier,^{a,*} F. Cappella,^b N. Casali,^b R. Cerulli,^{c,d} A. Chalil,^a A. Chebboubi, E. Dumonteil,^a A. Erhart,^f A. Giuliani,^g F. Gunsing,^a E. Jericha,^h M. Kaznacheeva, A. Kinast, J A. Langenkämper, T. Lasserre, a.f A. Letourneau, a O. Litaize, P. de Marcil S. Marnieros,^g T. Materna,^a B. Mauri,^a E. Mazzucato,^a C. Nones,^a T. Ortmann L. Patavina,^{4,1} D.V. Poda,⁵ R. Rogly,^a N. Schermer,⁷ O. Serot,⁶ G. Soum,^a L. Stodolsky, R. Strauss,⁷ M. Vignati,^{5,k} M. Vivier,^a V. Wagner⁷ and A. Wex⁷ 2021 JINST 16 P07032 150 Total - Multi-γ Multi-γ=2 Counts/10eV 50 n 200 300 400 500 600 700 800 100 Energy [eV] (should be possible w/ Si as well)

Calibration of nuclear recoils at the 100 eV scale using

Will provide dramatic test of Lindhard in HPGe at 0.4 keVnr

In addition to this:

- \rightarrow attempt to reduce error bar in 0.25 keVnr datapoint
- \rightarrow improved analysis of Y/Be data with MCMC

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long-term stability, low-E QF, already studied (but **A LOT** more work planned)

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HP gas funding already secured via Ikerbasque Foundation and ERC Horizon (GavESS) + Marie Curie (vPESS) proposals

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Excellent promise of HP gas in this new area: possible ER discrimination, E resolution, ability to swap targets. However **no knowledge** of QF (present emphasis)

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MCNPX/GEANT massively-parallel neutron transport simulations (Ben Gurion / Chicago / DIPC / ESS / Lund paper in preparation)

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