



# Measurement of the EC Rate and Time Modulation of H- and He-like Ions caused by Spin Statistics and Neutrino Mixing



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- **Single Ion Schottky Mass Spectroscopy for weak decay studies in the Experimental Storage Ring (ESR) of the GSI**
- **EC/ $\beta^+$  decay ratios of H- and He-like  $^{140}\text{Pr}$ - Spin Statistics**
- **Study of the EC decays of H-like  $^{140}\text{Pr}^{58+}$  and  $^{142}\text{Pm}^{60+}$  ions**
- **Observation of time modulated non exponential decays**
- **Decay theory including mixing of massive neutrinos**
- **Results of  $\Delta m^2$  and the mixing angle  $\theta$  of the neutrinos and comparison with KamLAND neutrino oscillation results**
- **Induced neutrino mass shifts by vacuum polarization effects**



# Production & Separation of Exotic Nuclei

In-Flight separation of projectile fragments

400 MeV/u bunched  
 $^{140}\text{Pr}$  and  $^{142}\text{Pm}$

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Production Target

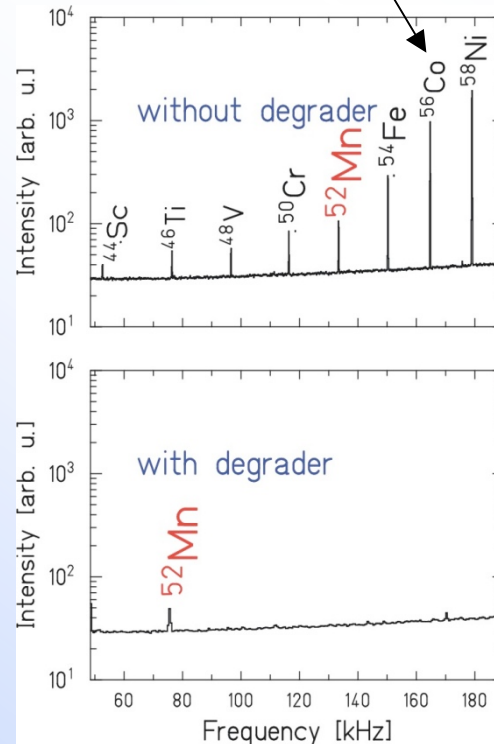
FRS

F R a g m e n t S e p a r a t o r

ESR

Experimental Storage Ring

1  $\mu\text{s}$  bunched  
500 MeV/u  
 $^{152}\text{Sm}$  beam

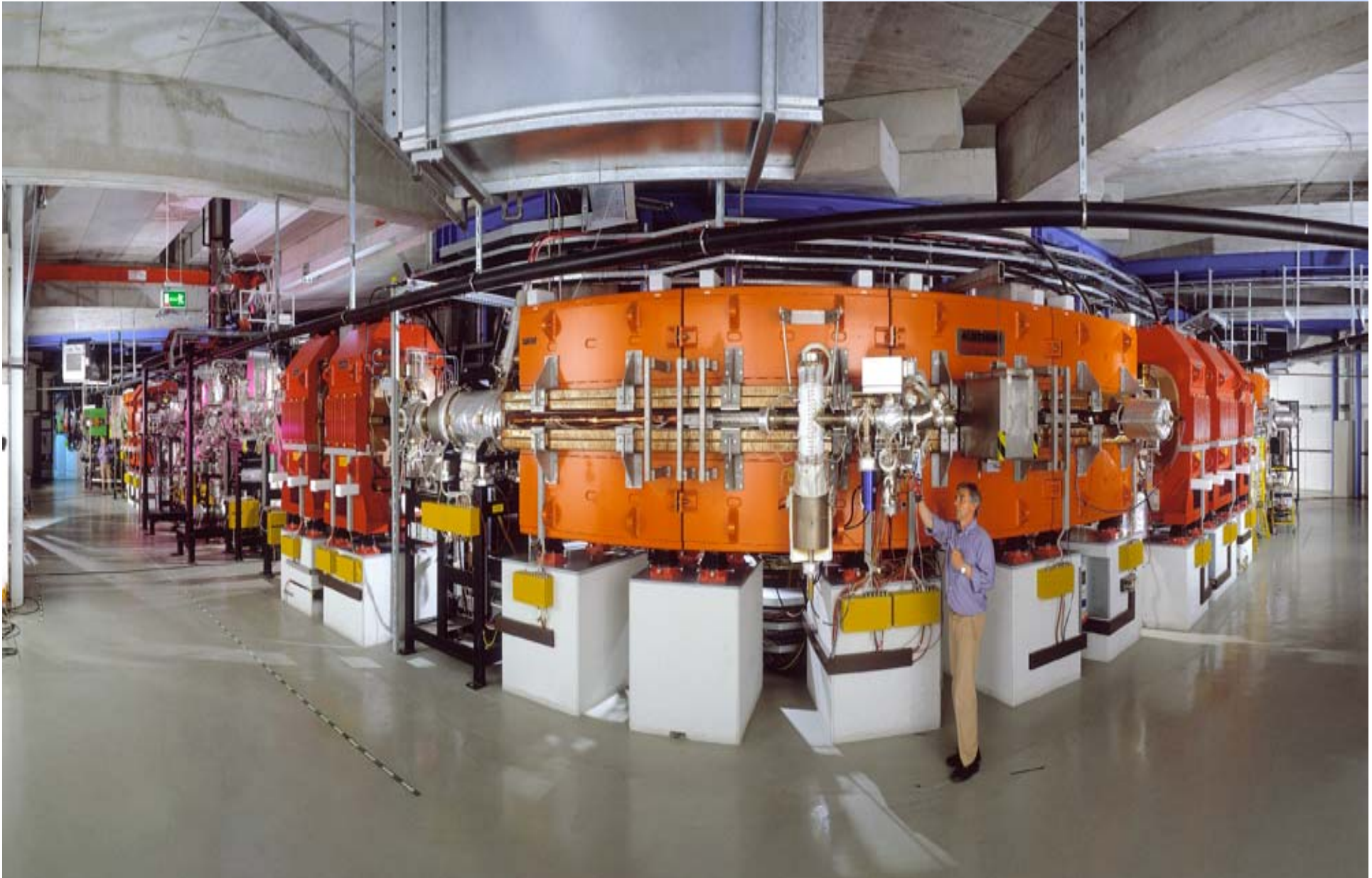


Cocktail of isotopic beams

Mono-isotopic beam  $\rightarrow$  degrader  
( $dE/dx \sim Z^2$ ) followed by magnetic analysis

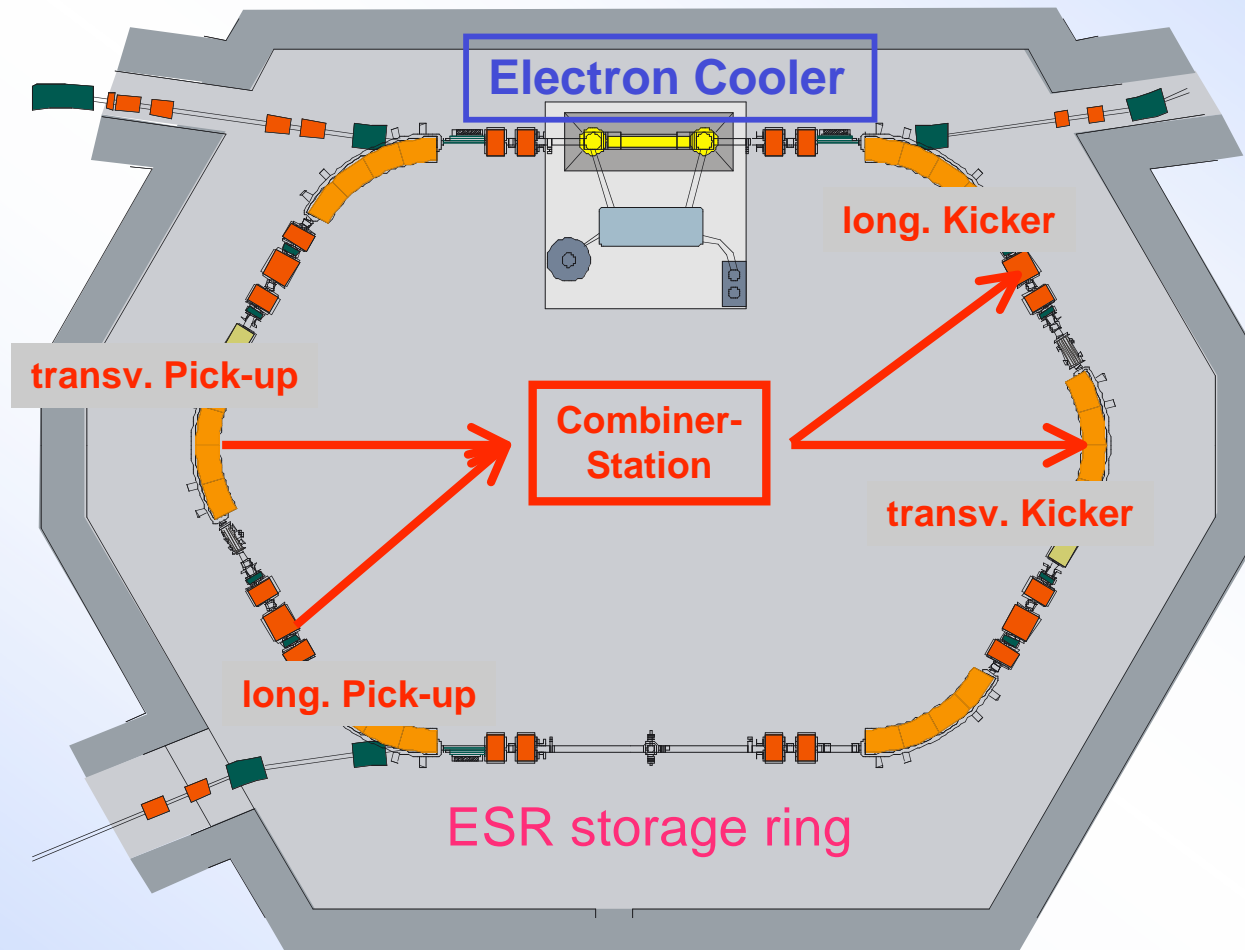


# The Experimental Storage Ring ESR





# Stochastic and Electron Cooling in the ESR

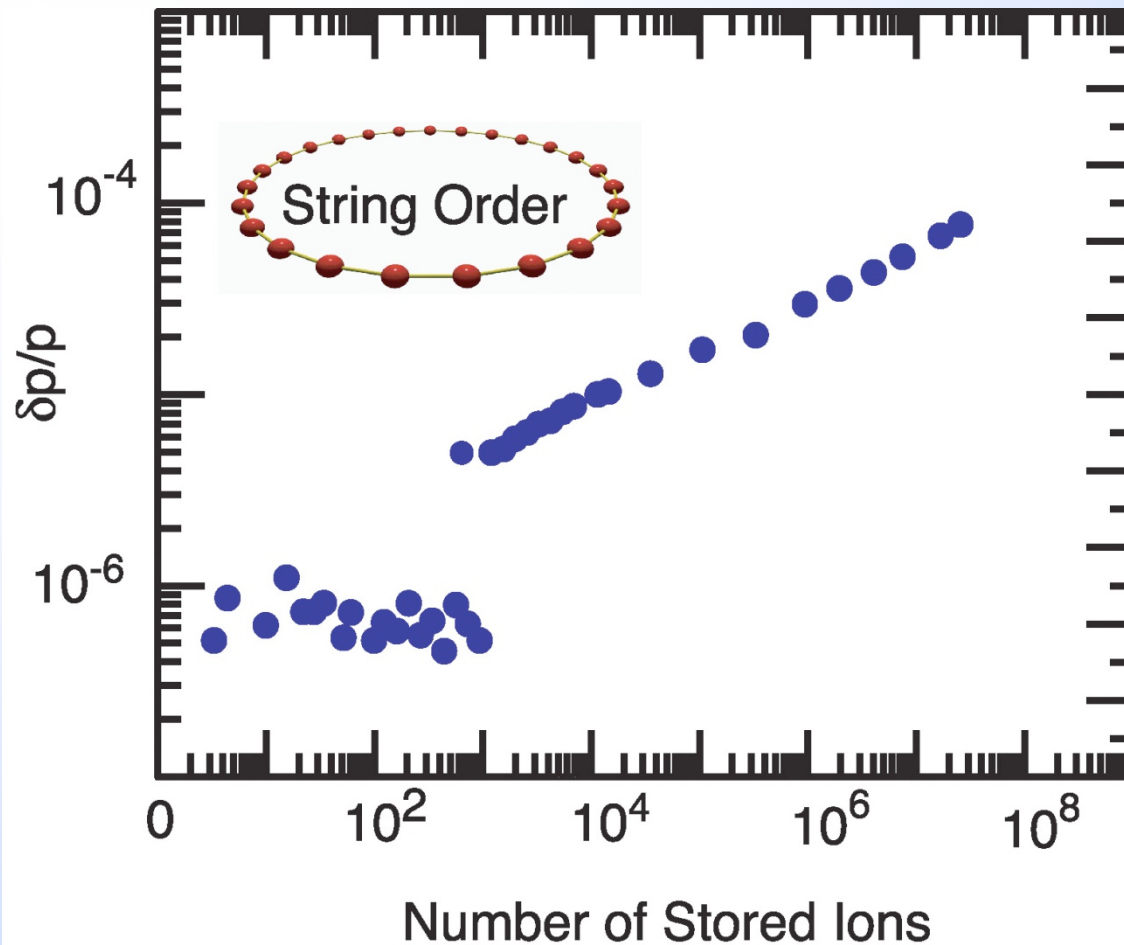


**Fast stochastic cooling @  $E = 400$  MeV/u for few fragments**



# "Phase Transition" to String Order

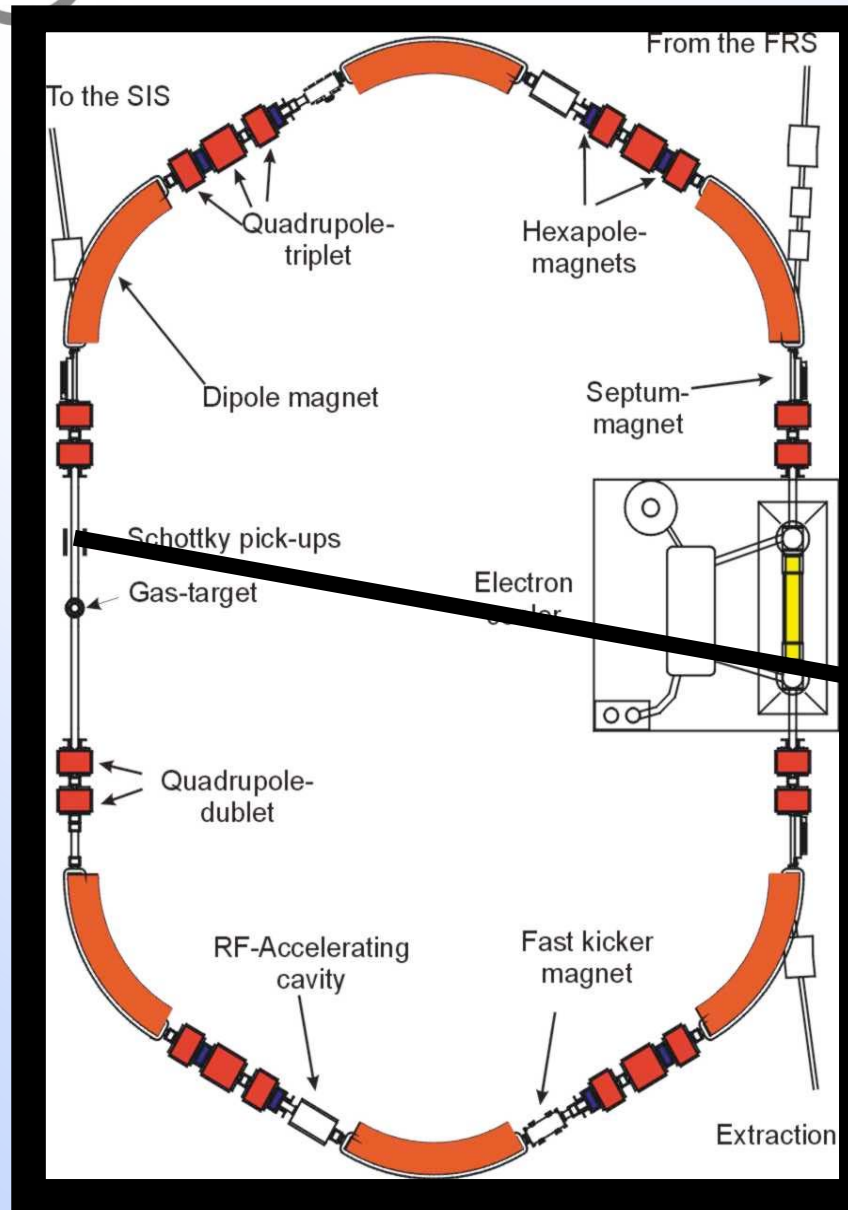
Allows high mass resolution and single ion detection



M. Steck et al.,  
PRL 77 (1996) 3803

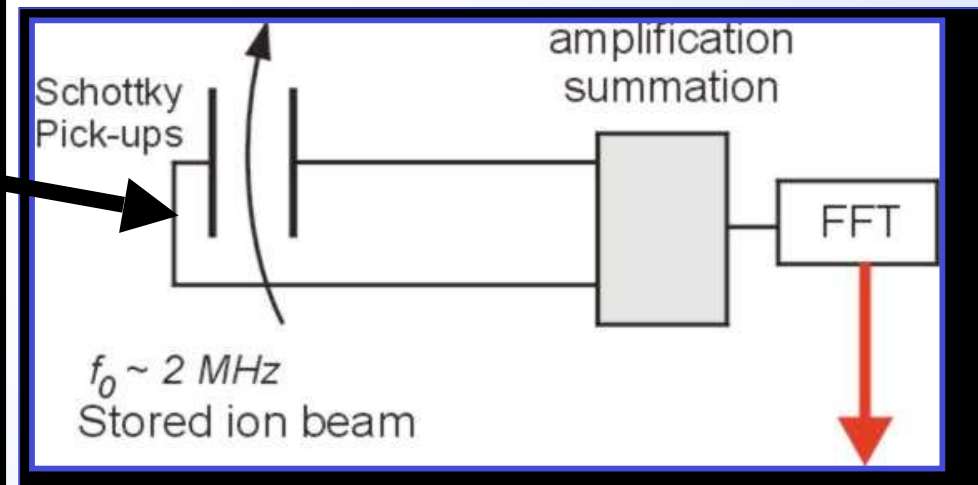


# Schottky Mass Spectrometry (SMS)



$$\frac{\Delta f}{f} = -\frac{1}{\gamma_t^2} \frac{\Delta(m/q)}{m/q} + \frac{\Delta v}{v} \left(1 - \frac{\gamma^2}{\gamma_t^2}\right)$$

$$\frac{\Delta v}{v} \rightarrow 0$$

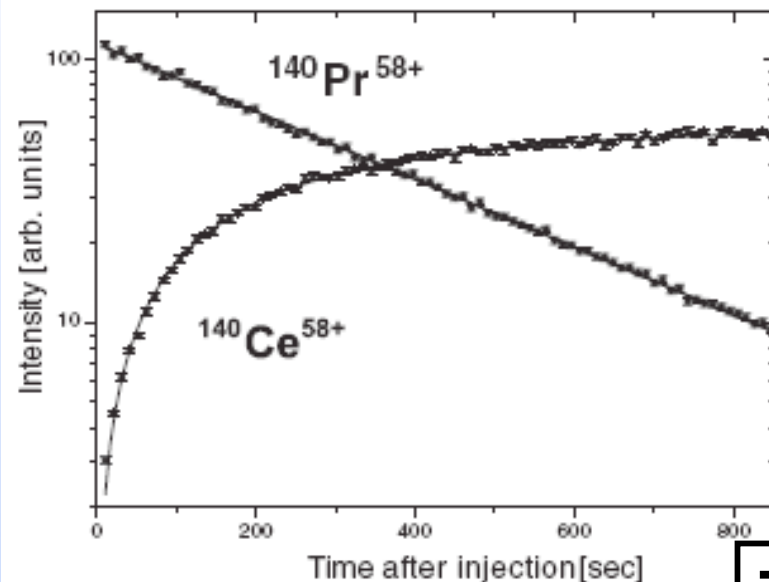


**Continuous Digitizing and storage of the FFT data**



## Measurement of the $\beta^+$ and Orbital Electron-Capture Decay Rates in Fully Ionized, Hydrogenlike, and Heliumlike $^{140}\text{Pr}$ Ions

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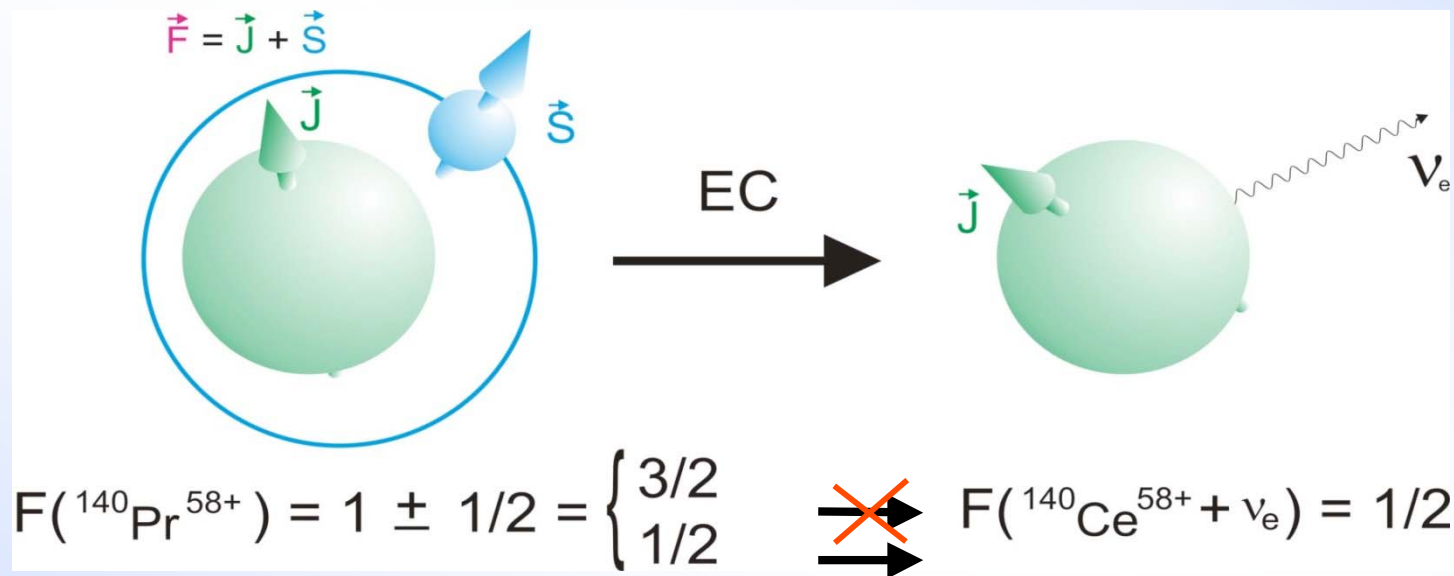
$$\begin{aligned} R_{EC/\beta^+}^{(\text{H}),\text{exp}} &= 1.36(9), \\ R_{EC/\beta^+}^{(\text{He}),\text{exp}} &= 0.96(8), \\ R_{EC/EC}^{(\text{H/He}),\text{exp}} &= 1.49(8). \end{aligned}$$

**The EC decay of H-like ions is  
~ 1.5 x faster than for He like ions**



# The GT-(1<sup>+</sup>-0<sup>+</sup>) Decay of H-like <sup>140</sup>Pr<sup>58+</sup>

Coherent production of the 1s hyperfine states  $F = 1/2, 3/2$



$\mu = +2.7812 \mu_N$  (calc.)

**GT-decay can occur only from the  $F=1/2$  (ground) state**  
 **$F=3/2$  state decays (1.12 eV) by  $\gamma \rightarrow F=1/2$  in  $\tau = 8.5$  ms**





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## Weak decays of H-like $^{140}\text{Pr}^{58+}$ and He-like $^{140}\text{Pr}^{57+}$ ions

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$$R_{EC/\beta^+}^{(\text{H}),\text{th}} = \frac{3\pi^2 Q_{\text{H}}^2 |\langle \psi_{1s}^{(Z)} \rangle|^2}{f(Q_{\beta^+}, Z-1)} = 1.40(4) [1.36(9)]^{\text{exp}}$$

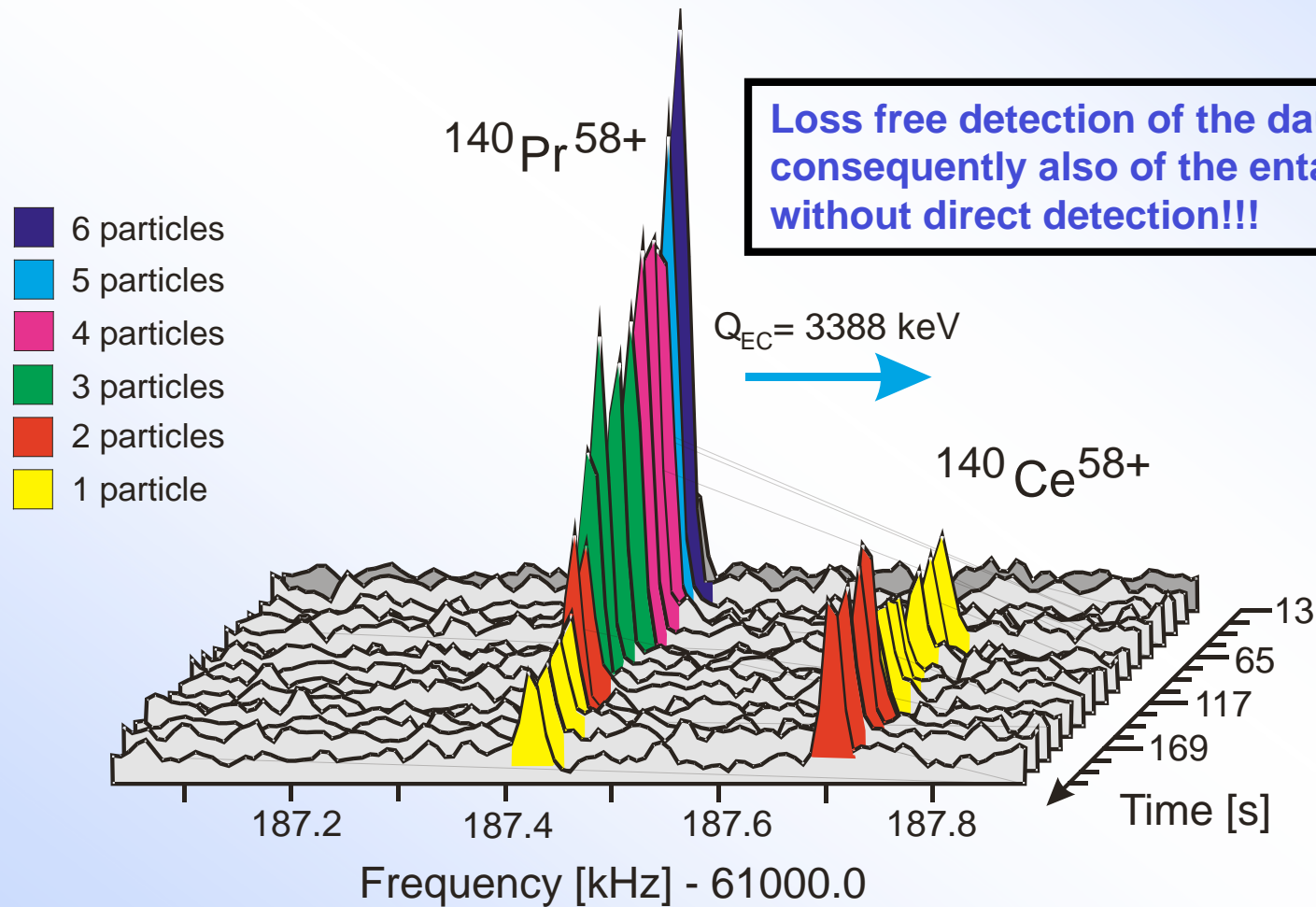
$$R_{EC/\beta^+}^{(\text{He}),\text{th}} = \frac{2\pi^2 Q_{\text{He}}^2 |\langle \psi_{1s}^{(Z-1)} \psi_{(1s)^2}^{(Z)} \rangle|^2}{f(Q_{\beta^+}, Z-1)} = 0.94(3) [0.96(8)]^{\text{exp}}$$

$$R_{EC/EC}^{(\text{H/He}),\text{th}} = \frac{2I+1}{2F+1} \frac{|\langle \psi_{1s}^{(Z)} \rangle|^2}{|\langle \psi_{1s}^{(Z-1)} \psi_{(1s)^2}^{(Z)} \rangle|^2} \frac{Q_{\text{H}}^2}{Q_{\text{He}}^2} = 1.50(4) [1.49(8)]^{\text{exp}}$$

The agreement of  $R_{EC/\beta^+}$  of theory with experiment within 3% **excludes neutrino flavor oscillation** as reason for the time modulation of the EC decays, which would be reduced relative to the  $\beta^+$  branch

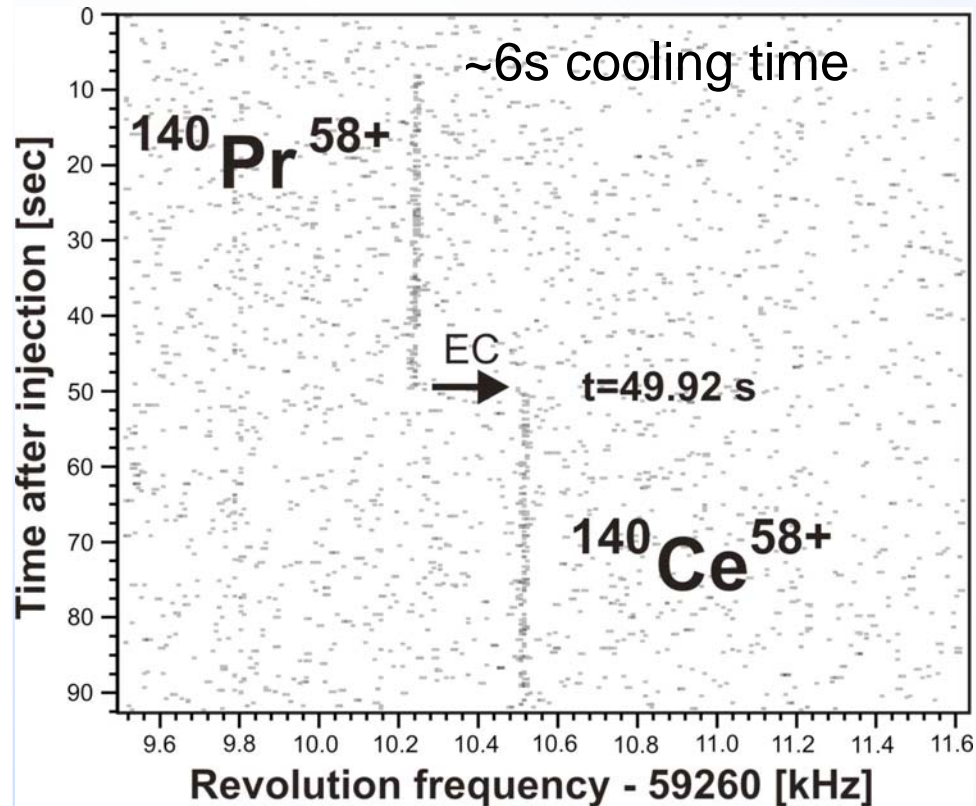


# Single-Ion EC-Decay Spectroscopy



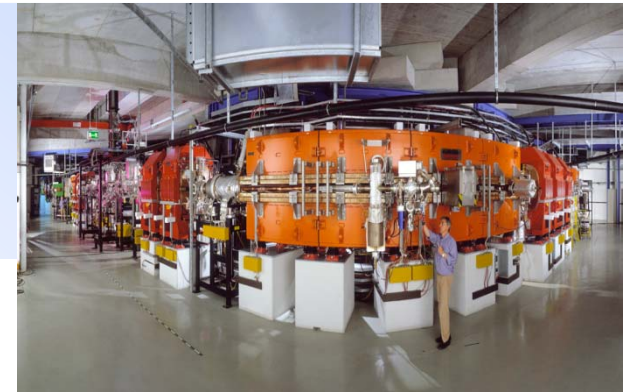


# Properties of Measured Time-Frequency Traces



1. Continuous observation
2. Parent/daughter correlation
3. Detection of all EC decays
4. Delay between decay and "appearance" → cooling
5.  $^{140}\text{Pr}$ :  $E_R = 44\text{ eV}$   
Delay: 900 (300) msec  
 $^{142}\text{Pm}$ :  $E_R = 90\text{ eV}$   
Delay: 1400 (400) msec

- p transformed to n (hadronic vertex)
  - bound  $e^-$  annihilated (leptonic vertex)
- $\nu$  in flavour eigenstate  $\nu_e$  created at  $t_d$  → entangled state with daughter nucleus, which shows all the properties of  $\nu_e$



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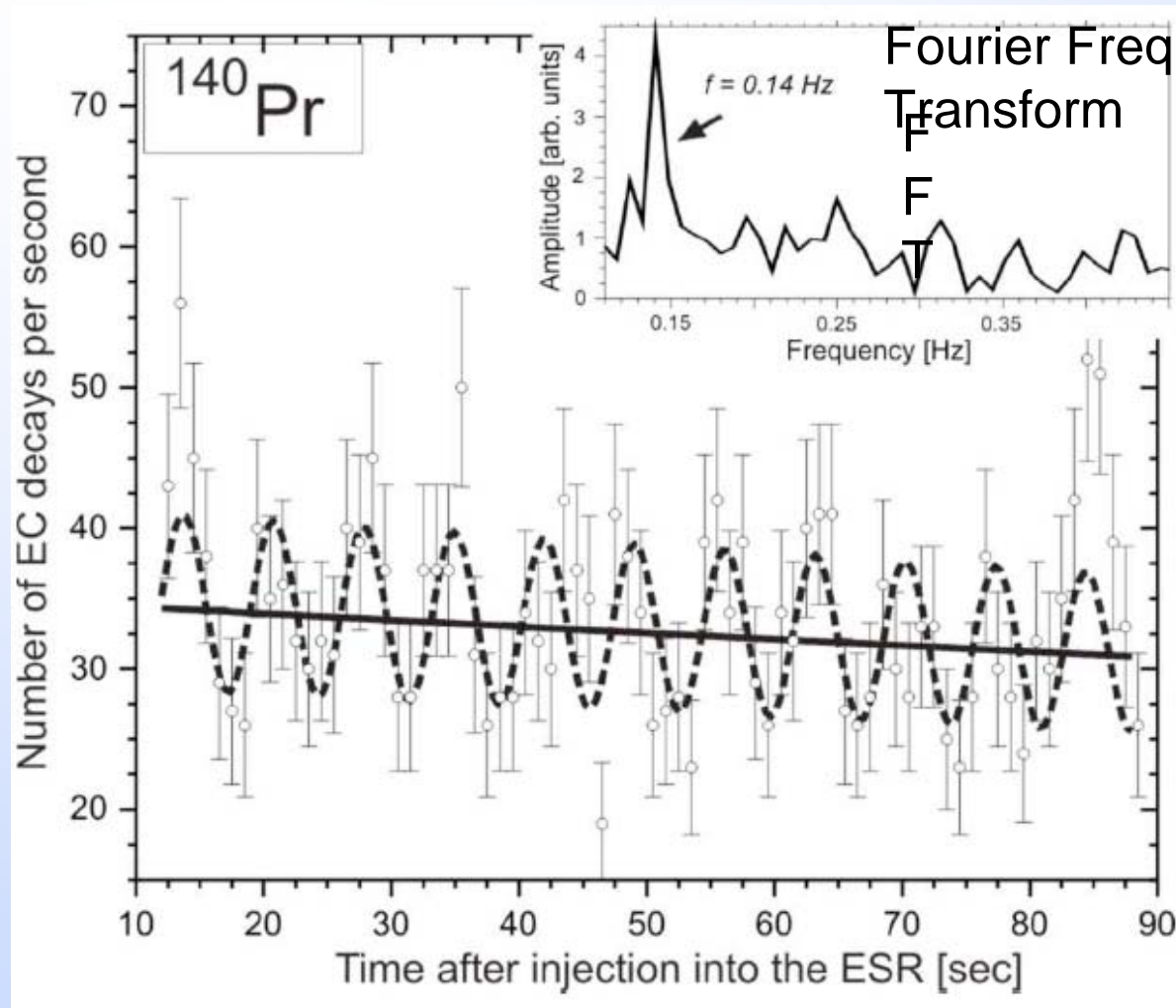


## Observation of non-exponential orbital electron capture decays of hydrogen-like $^{140}\text{Pr}$ and $^{142}\text{Pm}$ ions

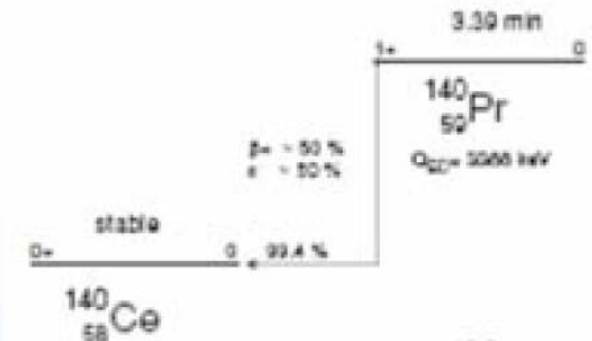
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# Modulation of the $^{140}\text{Pr}^{58+}$ EC Decay

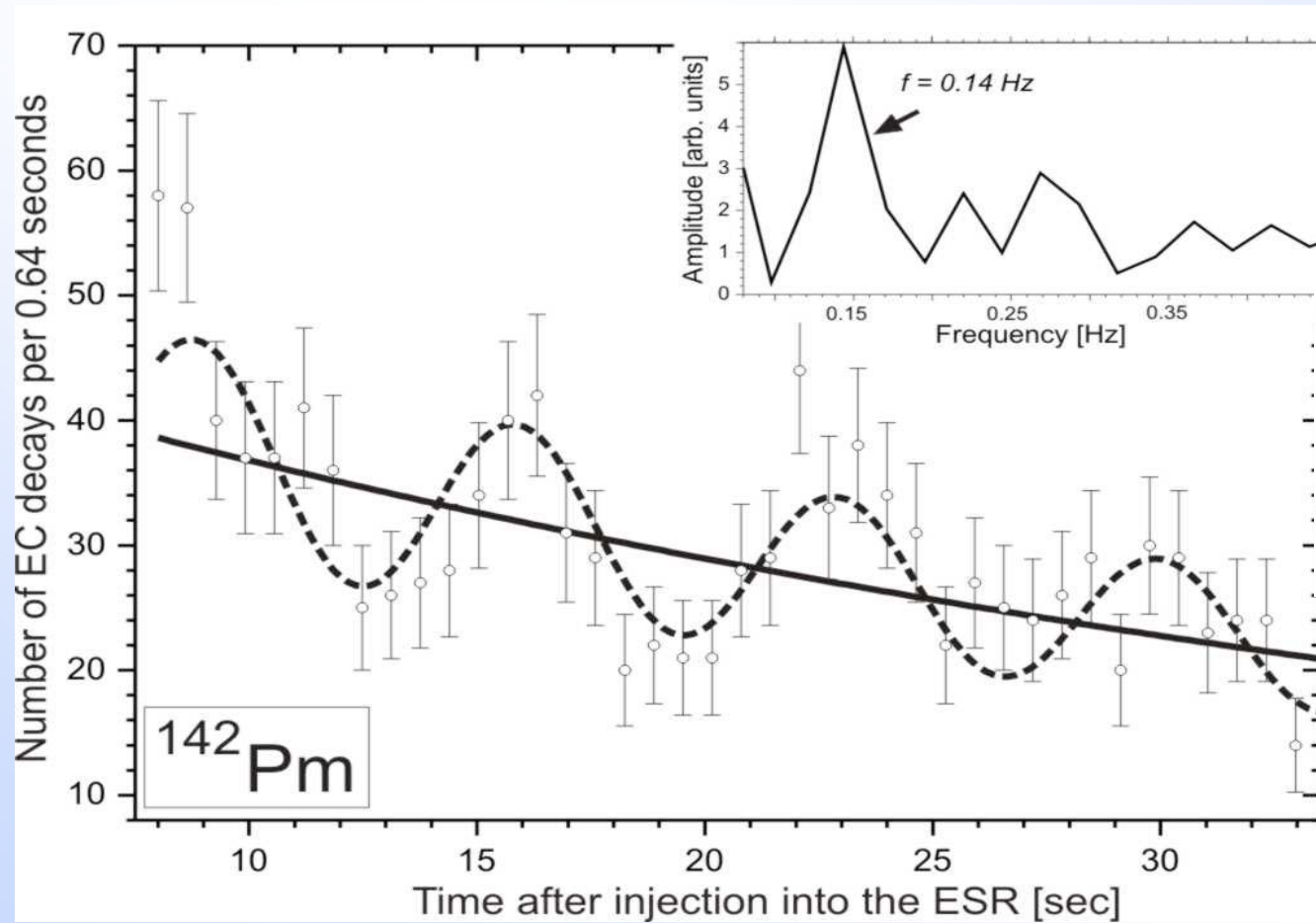


$$T = (7.06 \pm 0.08) \text{ s}$$
$$a = (0.18 \pm 0.03)$$

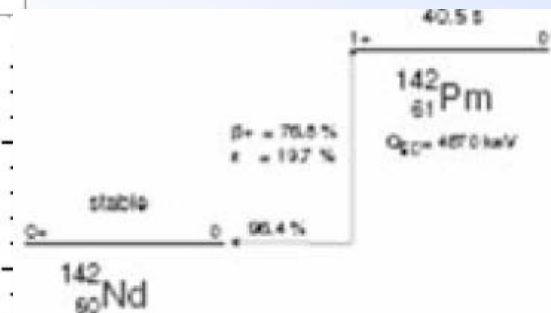




# Modulation of the $^{142}\text{Pm}^{60+}$ EC Decay



$$T = (7.10 \pm 0.22) \text{ s}$$
$$a = (0.22 \pm 0.03)$$





# Decay Parameters for the $^{140}\text{Pr}$ and $^{142}\text{Pm}$ Time-Modulated Decays

$$\frac{dN_{EC}(t)}{dt} = N(0) \cdot \lambda_{EC} \cdot e^{-\lambda t},$$

$$\frac{dN_{EC}(t)}{dt} = N(0) \cdot e^{-\lambda t} \cdot \widetilde{\lambda}_{EC}(t),$$

$$\widetilde{\lambda}_{EC}(t) = \lambda_{EC} \cdot [1 + a \cdot \cos(\omega t + \phi)]$$

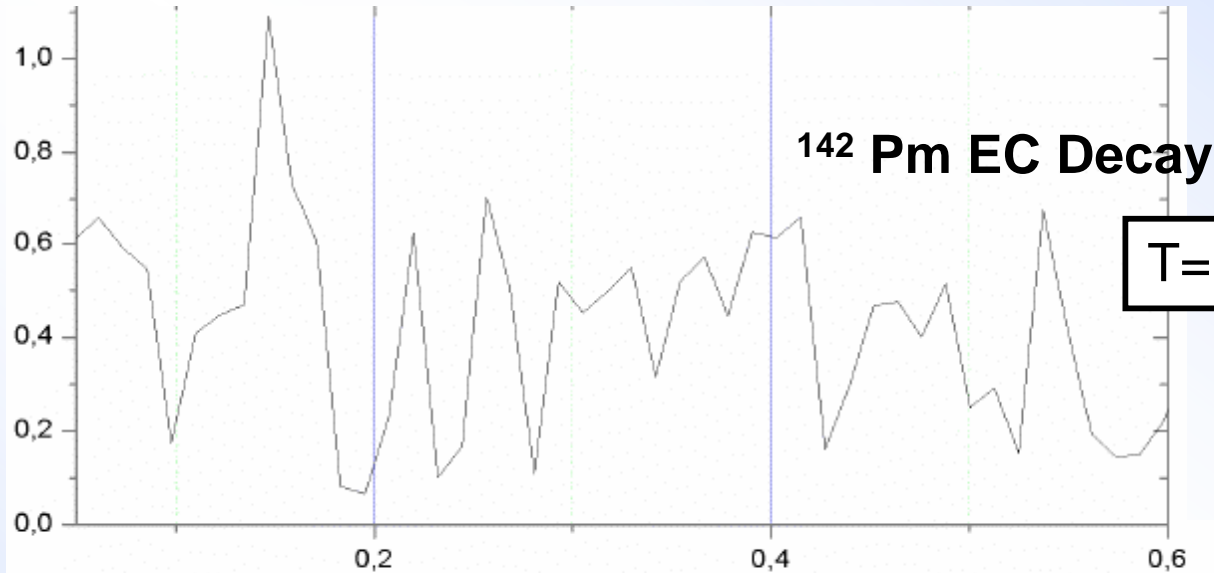
Fit parameters of $^{140}\text{Pr}$ data						
Eq.	$N_0 \lambda_{EC}$ [sec <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\lambda$ [sec <sup>-1</sup> ]	$a$	$\omega$ [sec <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\phi$	$\chi^2/DoF$
1	34.9(18)	0.0014(10)	-	-	-	107.2/73
2	35.4(18)	0.0015(10)	0.18(3)	0.890(11)	0.4(4)	67.18/70
Fit parameters of $^{142}\text{Pm}$ data						
Eq.	$N_0 \lambda_{EC}$ [sec <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\lambda$ [sec <sup>-1</sup> ]	$a$	$\omega$ [sec <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\phi$	$\chi^2/DoF$
1	41.5(17)	0.0170(9)	-	-	-	173/124
1	46.8(40)*	0.0240(42)*	-	-	-	63.77/38*
2	46.0(39)*	0.0224(42)*	0.23(4)*	0.885(31)*	-1.6(5)*	31.82/35*



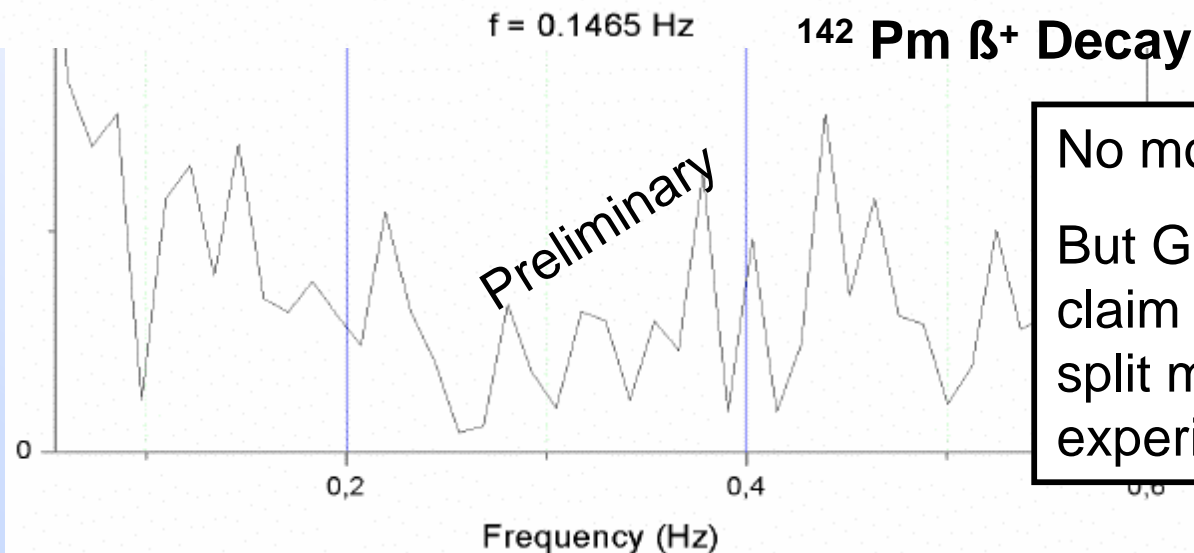
# On the Time-Modulation of the $\beta^+$ -Decay Rate of H-like $^{140}\text{Pr}^{58+}$ Ion

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arXiv:0806.2543v1 [nucl-th]; accepted in Physical Review Letters



T = 6.83 s as expected



No modulation as expected,  
But Giunti, Lindner et al  
claim quantum beats from  
split mother state, which is  
experimentally disproved





# Towards Understanding the EC Decay Time Modulation

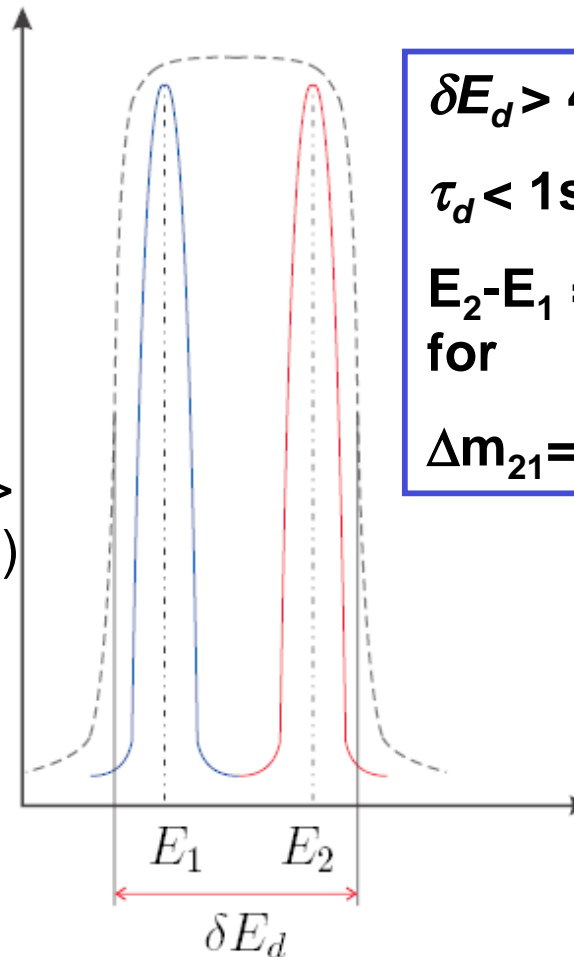
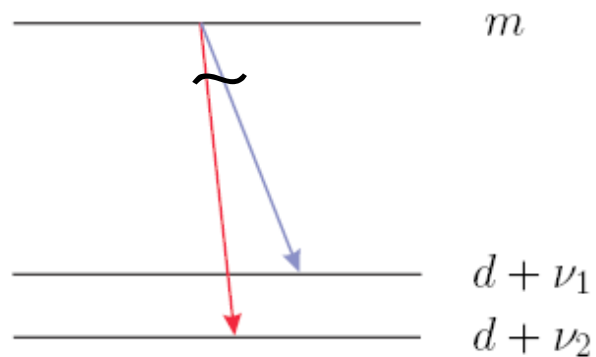
- Preliminary tests using the  $\beta^+$  decay branch of  $^{142}\text{Pm}$  show no modulation in contrast to the EC branch
- This excludes various experimental sources, so we assume lepton entanglement of the weak decay with massive neutrinos and quantum beats from split mother state.
- Time dependent perturbation theory of the decay with superimposed massive neutrinos, Ivanov, Reda, PK, nucl-th/0801.2121 v3 and PLB
- Interpretation of the difference of  $\Delta m^2(\text{KamLAND})$  and (EC decay) with neutrino mass shifts, Ivanov, Kryshen, Pitschmann, PK nucl-th/0804.1311 and PLB



# Neutrino Quantum Beats (schematic)

Observation of interference if  $\delta E_d > (E_2 - E_1)$

Note: Two decay paths from  $|m\rangle \rightarrow |d\rangle$  with  $\nu_1(E_1)$  and  $\nu_2(E_2)$ ; not  $|m\rangle$  (Giunti)



$$\delta E_d > 4 \times 10^{-15} \text{ eV for}$$

$$\tau_d < 1 \text{ s}$$

$$E_2 - E_1 = 0.86 \times 10^{-15} \text{ eV for}$$

$$\Delta m_{21}^2 = 2.22 \times 10^{-4} \text{ eV}^2$$



On the time-modulation of the K-shell electron capture decay of H-like  $^{140}\text{Pr}^{58+}$  ions produced by neutrino mass differences

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Weak interaction with **mixed neutrino wave functions**  $U_{ej}\psi_{\nu_j}$  with masses  $m_1, m_2, m_3$

$$U_{e1} = \cos\vartheta_{12} \cos\vartheta_{13} U_{e2} = \sin\vartheta_{12} \cos\vartheta_{13} \quad U_{e3} = \sin\vartheta_{13} e^{-i\delta_{CP}}$$

The phase  $\delta_{CP}$  is a CP violating phase, assumed as  $e^{i\delta_{CP}}=1$

The transition matrix element is taken as **coherent sum** of the amplitudes to the states  $I_f + \nu_j$  given by the expression

$$M(I_i \rightarrow I_f + \nu)(t) = \sum_j M(I_i \rightarrow I_f + \nu_j) = \sum_j U_{ej} \mathcal{M}_j(t)$$

The matrix element  $\mathcal{M}_j(t)$  is integrated from  $t=-\infty$  using the  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  regularisation

$$\mathcal{M}_j(t) = -i \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{ud} \int_{-\infty}^t d\tau \langle \nu_j, I_f | H_W(\tau) | I_i \rangle,$$

$$\mathcal{M}_j(t) = - \frac{e^{i(\Delta E_j(\vec{k}_j) - i\varepsilon)t}}{\Delta E_j(\vec{k}_j) - i\varepsilon} \mathcal{M}_j(0),$$



# Neutrino Wave Packets

The neutrino components with different momentum  $k_j$  and  $k_{j'}$  require wave packets as wave functions with spatial spread  $\delta$  for their presentation.

$$\psi_{\nu_j}(\vec{r}, t) = (2\pi\delta^2)^{3/2} \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\delta^2(\vec{k} - \vec{k}_j)^2} e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - iE_j(\vec{k})t} u_{\nu_j}(\vec{k}, \sigma_{\nu_j})$$

$$W_{I_i \rightarrow I_f + \nu}(t) = \sum_j e^{\varepsilon t} \frac{2\varepsilon}{(\Delta E_j(\vec{k}_j))^2 + \varepsilon^2} |U_{ej}|^2 |\mathcal{M}_j(0)|^2 + \sum_{j>j'} U_{ej}^* U_{ej'} \text{Re}[\mathcal{M}_j^*(0)\mathcal{M}_{j'}(0)] \\ \times e^{\varepsilon t} \left[ \frac{2\varepsilon}{(\Delta E_j(\vec{k}_j))^2 + \varepsilon^2} + \frac{2\varepsilon}{(\Delta E_{j'}(\vec{k}_{j'}))^2 + \varepsilon^2} \right] \cos \left[ \left( E_j(\vec{k}_j) - E_{j'}(\vec{k}_{j'}) \right) t \right]. \quad (30)$$

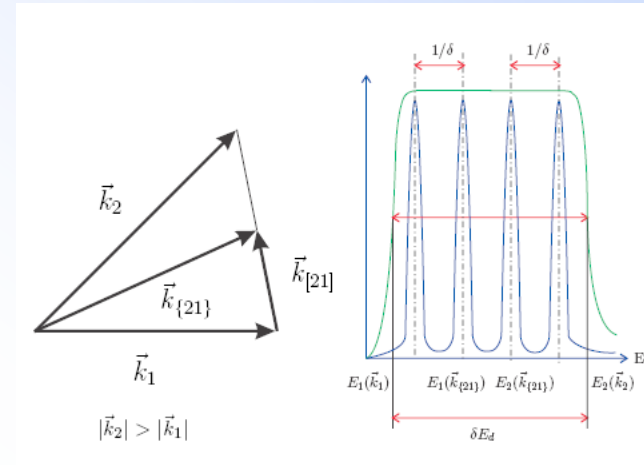
Eq.(30) was obtained by tuning the decay energy region  $I_i \rightarrow I_f + \nu_j$  to  $I_i \rightarrow I_f + \nu_{j'}$ , by means of the width  $\delta$  of the wave packet with  $(\vec{k}_j - \vec{k}_{j'})$  and energy conservation  $\Delta E_j(\vec{k}_j) = \Delta E_{j'}(\vec{k}_{j'})$



# Energy and Momentum Conservation

## Case 1: Energy conservation and neutrino momentum non conservation

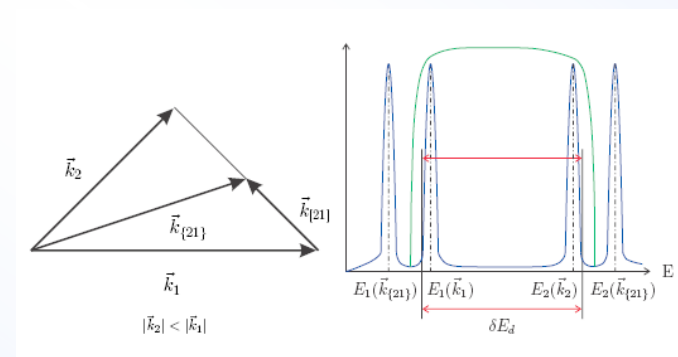
$$E_2 - E_1 = (m^2_2 - m^2_1)/2 M_m = \omega_{21}$$



## Case 2: Neutrino momentum conservation

$$E_2 - E_1 = (m^2_2 - m^2_1)/2Q = \Omega_{21}$$

Not observable with present time resolution





## Time Modulated Decay Constant

$$\frac{\lambda_{EC}^{(H)}(t)}{\lambda_{EC}^{(H)}} = 1 + a_{EC} \cos(\omega_{21}t) + \tilde{a}_{EC} \cos(\Omega_{21}t)$$

$$\lambda_{EC}^{(H)} = \frac{1}{2F+1} \frac{3}{2} |\mathcal{M}_{GT}|^2 |\langle \psi_{1s}^{(Z)} \rangle|^2 \frac{Q_H^2}{\pi},$$

$$\omega_{21} = \Delta m_{21}^2 / 2M_m \quad \Omega_{21} = \Delta m_{21}^2 / 2Q_H$$

$$a_{EC} = p \sin 2\vartheta_{12}, \quad \tilde{a}_{EC} = (1-p) \sin 2\vartheta_{12}$$

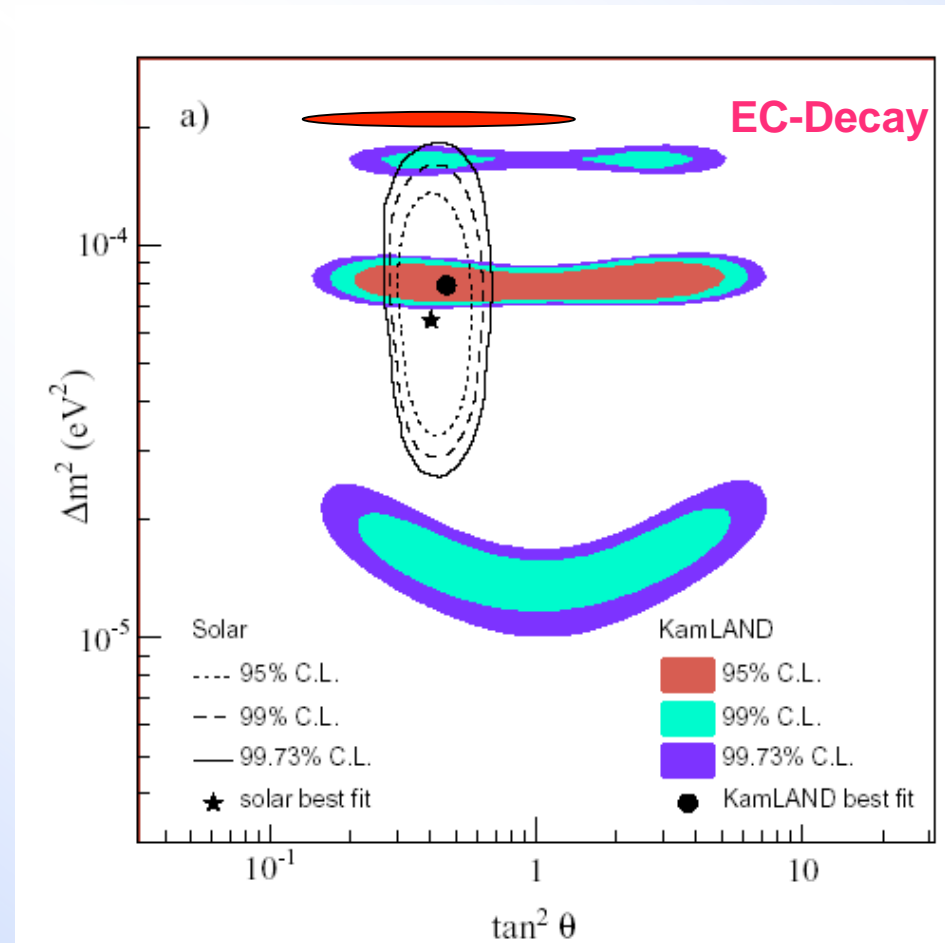


# $\Delta m_{21}^2$ and $\theta_{21}$ from the Modulation Period $T$ and the Amplitude $a$

- The modulation period of  $^{140}\text{Pr}$  is  $T= 7.06(8)$  s and of  $^{142}\text{Pm}$   $T= 7.10(22)$  s with  $\gamma= 1.43$  gives  $\Delta m_{21}^2= 2.22(3)\times 10^{-4}$  eV<sup>2</sup>
- The agreement of  $T$  for both systems with *different*  $Q$  values and life times indicates  $M_d$  scaling of the period  $T$  as expected by theory
- $\Delta m_{21}^2= 2.22(3)\times 10^{-4}$  eV<sup>2</sup> is in agreement with the values derived by Lipkin's oscillation model and Kleinert and Kienle's pulsating neutrino vacuum method
- It is by a factor 2.75 larger than the value  $\Delta m_{21}^2= 0.80(6)\times 10^{-4}$  eV<sup>2</sup> from KamLAND data
- With a modulation amplitude of  $a=0.20(2)$  from the  $^{140}\text{Pr}$  and  $^{142}\text{Pm}$  decay and assuming  $p\sim 0.2$ , one gets the neutrino mixing angle comparable to the combined KamLAND and sun neutrino results



# Solar, KamLAND, EC Results on $\Delta m^2$ - $\tan^2\theta$







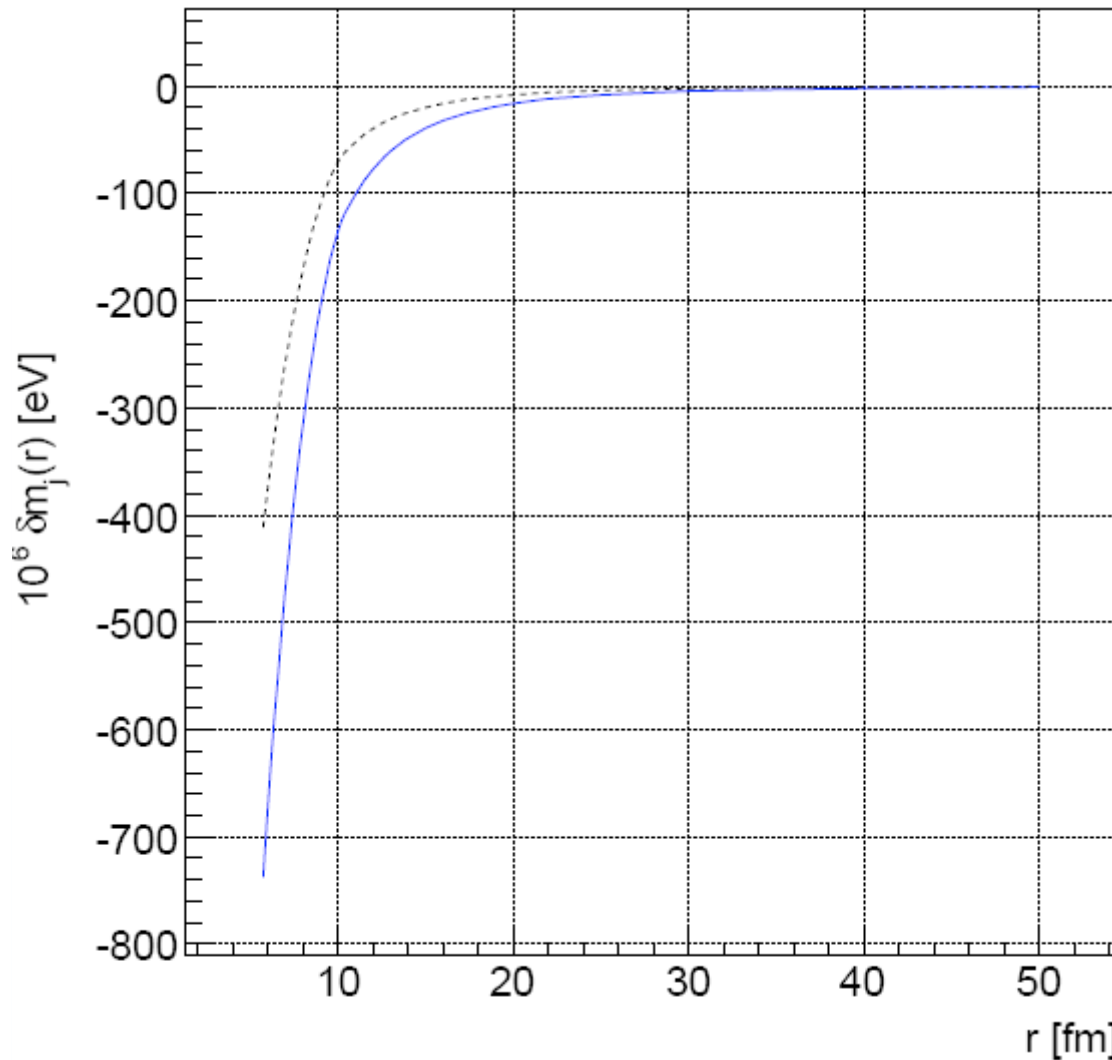
## Origin of the Difference of EC and KamLAND results?

- What is the origin of the difference  $\Delta m^2$  of the decay and the KamLAND neutrino oscillation results?
- Instrumental effects, such as confinement in a storage ring ( $p^* = (p_k - qeA/c$  and broken Lorentz invariance). Most likely not
- Polarisation of virtual lepton-W boson pairs in the high Coulomb field of a high Z nucleus (Ivanov et al)

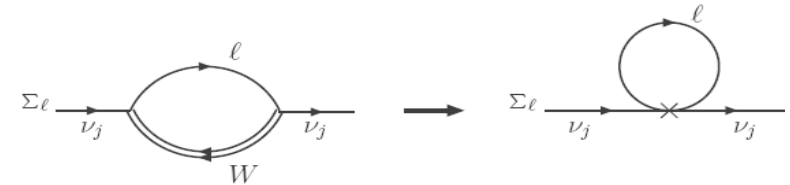


# Neutrino masses from the Darmstadt oscillations

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 (arXiv:0804.1311)



Vacuum polarisation by L-W loop



$$\begin{aligned} \delta m_1(R) &= -7.37 \times 10^{-4} \text{ eV}, \\ \delta m_2(R) &= -4.11 \times 10^{-4} \text{ eV}. \end{aligned}$$

The period of modulation is thus redefined as

$$T_d = \frac{4\pi\gamma M_d}{(m_2 + \delta m_2(R))^2 - (m_1 + \delta m_1(R))^2}. \quad (10)$$

$$\delta m_2^2(R) - \delta m_1^2(R) = (\Delta m_{21}^2)_{\text{GSI}} - (\Delta m_{21}^2)_{\text{exp}}, \quad (11)$$

**Question:  $(\Delta m_{21}^2)_{\text{exp}}$  ?**

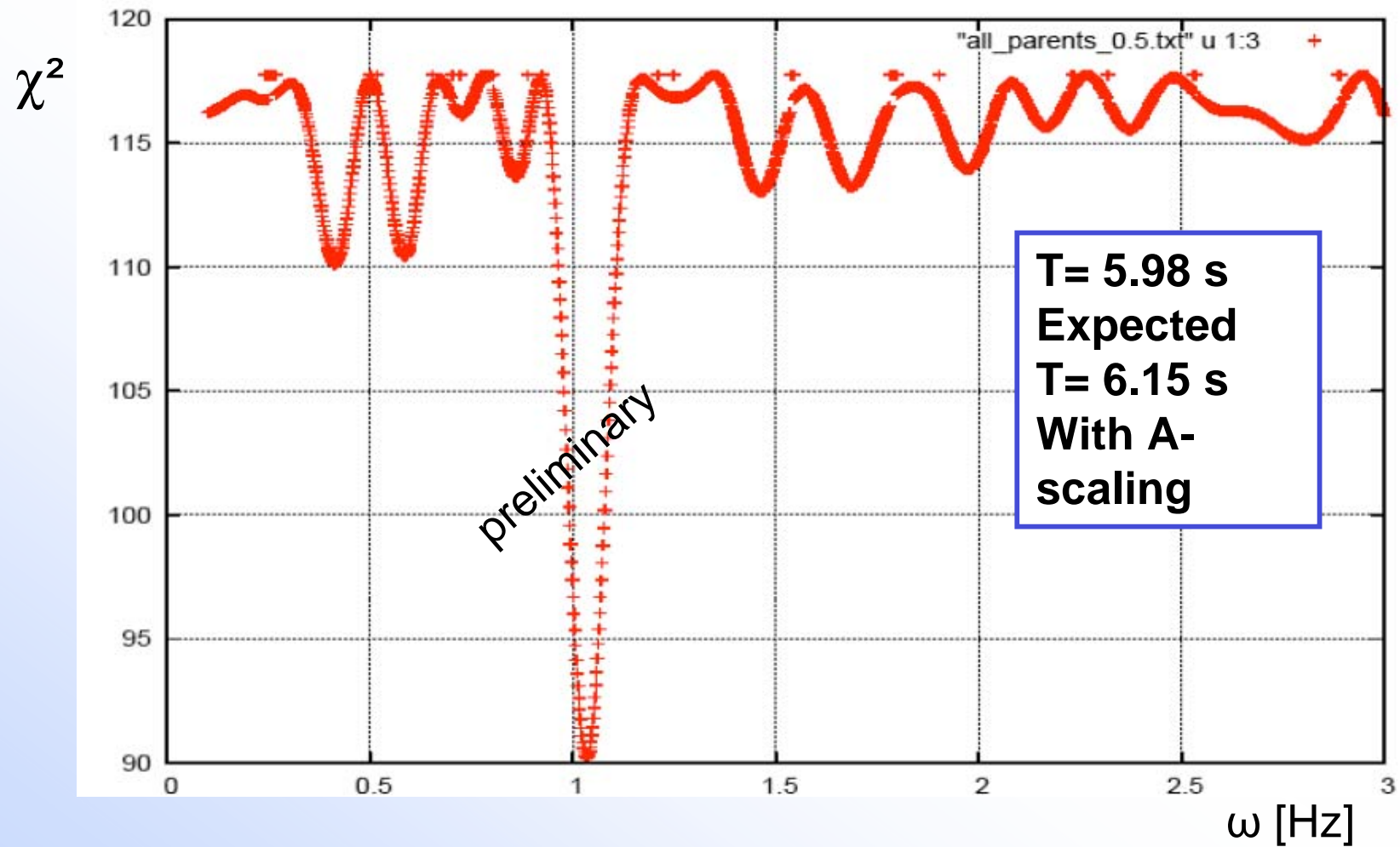


## Further Questions

- How does the modulation frequency scale with  $M$  and  $Z$  of the nuclei involved?
- What is the prediction for the EC decay of H-like  $^{122}\text{I}$  our recent experiment?



# $\chi^2$ of Modulation Frequency $\omega$ of $^{122}\text{I}$





## Conclusion



- We have developed an **efficient, new method** for the study of **neutrino properties** by making use of **lepton entanglement** in detecting **two body weak decays**, thus avoiding the inefficient direct detection of the neutrinos
- Time modulation of various EC decays of H- like ions were studied in the ESR storage ring at GSI Darmstadt
- Using time dependent perturbation theory with wave functions of massive neutrinos, their properties, such as mass, mixing, and vacuum polarisation are tentatively derived



**Thank you !**



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