# Search for Nucleus Decay Parameter variations for Fe-55 and Co-60 Isotopes

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Natural radioactivity - spontaneous decay of metastable nucleus is fundamental quantum effect with no classical analogues Quantum theory of nucleus  $\alpha$  – decay (*Gamow*,1929) Radioactive decay law :  $N(t) = N_0 \exp(-t/T_d)$ 

 $T_d$  - nucleus life-times are fundamental constants

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Basic nucleus decays are  $\alpha - \beta - \gamma$ - decays, they are performed via strong, weak and electromagnetic interactions Examples: Plutonium  $\alpha$  - decay :  $^{238}Pu \rightarrow ^{234}U + {}^{4}He$ life-time 87,3 years Strontium  $\beta$  - decay :  ${}^{90}\text{Sr} \rightarrow {}^{90}\text{Y} + e^- + \overline{\nu}_a$  life-time 50,6 years Polonium  $\gamma$  - decay :  ${}^{214}Po^* \rightarrow {}^{214}Po + \gamma$  life-time 5.7 sec Exotic (rare) decays: Inverse  $\beta$  – decay, double  $\beta$ - decay, etc.

Modern nucleus theory claims that nucleus decay parameters

are independent of nucleus environment and are invariant

in time, hence the deviations from exponential dependence

for any nucleus decay should be negligible !?

**Experimental tests of nucleus decay parameters stability :** 

E. Rutherford, M. Curie, about 1920

First hints on nucleus decay low violation were obtained as by-product of applied researches Methodic : long-time measurement of decay rates for long-living isotopes

D. Alburger, G. Harbottle, E. Norton - Earth. Sci. Lett. 78, 168 (1986)

 $\beta$ -decay, Isotope - Si-32, life-time ~ 140 years

$$^{32}\text{Si} \rightarrow ^{32}\text{P} + e^- + \overline{V}_e$$

Experimental decay rate beside standard exponent contained

small addition of harmonic periodic function.

Oscillation Period: 1 year, oscillation amplitude : 0,054%  $\pm$  0,014%

Maximal rate: February 15  $\pm$  6 days

H. Siegert et al., Appl. Radiat. Isot. 9, 49 (1998)

β-decay, Isotopes - Ag-108, Ba-133, Eu-154, Kr-85, Ra-226, Sr-90

# **Counting rate versus time for Ag 108**



P. A. Sturrock et al. - arXiv:1408.3090

#### Counting rates versus time for Eu154, Kr85, Ra226, Sr90



P. A. Sturrock et al. - arXiv:1408.3090

#### $\alpha$ - decay measurements

K.J. Ellis et al., Phys. Med. Biol. 35, 1079 (1990)

 $^{238}$ Pu $\rightarrow$  $^{234}$ U +  $^{4}$ He

Oscillation Period: 1 year, oscillation amplitude : 0,08%  $\pm$  0,01% maximal rate : February 20  $\pm$  10 days

E. Alekseev et al. : arXiv - 1505.01752  $^{214}Po \rightarrow ^{210}Pb + {}^{4}He$ 

Direct life-time measurement :  $T_d = 1.64 \ 10^{-4} \ \text{sec}$ 

Experiment Tau-2 in Baksan laboratory - t Measurement for Po-214

E. Alekseev et al. arXiv : 1505.01752

Decay Scheme of nuclide 226Ra



2 t = 1.64·10-4 sec

214-Po\* —> 214-Po +  $\gamma$ ; 214-Po nuclide birth marked by e - ,  $\gamma$  emission

214-Po nuclide decay marked by alpha emission

# Po-214 Life - time dependence on year season 2012 - 2016



214 Po life-time sun-day (24 h) oscillations



Maximal life-time at : 6 a.m.  $\pm$  20 min.

# **Experimental results for three Po isotopes**

Amplitude of variation				
Variation → Isotope ↓	Solar-daily	Lunar-daily	Sidereal-daily	Annual
<sup>214</sup> Po (163.46 μs)	(5.3±0.3)·10 <sup>-4</sup>	(6.9±2.0)·10 <sup>-4</sup>	(7.2±1.2)·10 <sup>-4</sup>	(9.8±0.6)·10 <sup>-4</sup>
<sup>213</sup> Ρο (3.705 μs)	(5.3±1.1)·10 <sup>-4</sup>	(4.8±2.1)·10 <sup>-4</sup>	(4.2±1.7)·10 <sup>-4</sup>	(3.2±0.4)·10 <sup>-4</sup>
<sup>212</sup> Po (0.2941 ns)	(7.5±4.1)·10 <sup>-4</sup>			

Measurements for Po-214, Po-213, Po-212 :

Isotope life-time changes by 6 orders, but oscillation

parameters practically don't change

## **Electron capture features and parameters**

Electron capture is inverse beta-decay : electron from K-shell captured by nuclide proton, neutron and neutrino are produced. In addition X-ray can be emitted due to transition of electron from upper shell to K-shell



 $e + p \rightarrow n + v_e + \gamma$ 

Fe-55 : two X-ray lines -  $\alpha$  : E = 5.9 KeV , P = .87,  $\Delta L = 0$  $\beta$  : E = 6,5 KeV, , P = .13,  $\Delta L = 1$ 

Life – time: 1004 days



#### **Fe-55 Electron Capture Measurement with Si-PIN Detectors**

#### **PhIAN - BGU collaboration**

- Si-PIN X-ray detector spectrometer
- Cooling : T = -55 C
- Surface Diameter 4 mm

Advantages of Fe- 55 measurements:

- 1) New kind of weak process for decay oscillation search
- 2) Self- calibration via the positions of X-ray spectra peaks , high stability
- 3) Low background level

Problems : Account of systematic effects: influence of atmospheric pressure, humidity, etc.

## Fe-55 Decay Rate Measurement Set - up



#### Thermostat

Internal thermostat - T = - 55 C

External thermostat - T = 20 C

Experimental Test Study of Detector Performance

Fe-55 intensity ~ 300 Kbk

Detector aperture ~  $\pi$  / 8 , Statistics ~ 2\*10^7 events per day

daily statistical error  $\sigma = .03$  %

45 months of data storage

Background ~ 35  $\pm$  7 events/ per day

Background rate corresponds to estimated rate of cosmic ray

Flow

4 years of data acquisition in 2016 - 2020



**Co-60 Decay Rate Measurement** 

 $n \rightarrow p + e + v_e + \gamma$ 

Co-60 decay produces two γ lines

with energies 1173 and 1332 KeV, they are

measured by Coaxial germanium detector

GMX25 – 70A

kept in thermostat at T = 85 K



# Co-60 Decay γ-ray amplitude spectra, E=1332,5 KeV



Co-60 decay was used for calibration of experimental set-up on Novosibirsk electron - positron storage rings during experimental runs. Every day accelerator turned off for 3 hours to compensate liquid Helium loss in superconducting

magnets, It permits us to check that accelerator

doesn't influence detector performance.

In sum we have 705 days of data acquisition

in 2012 – 2019

Statistics : ~ 1 million events per day





### **Nucleus decay rate and Solar activity influence**

First evidence of solar activity influence on nucleus decay rate was obtained for Mn-53 electron capture (*Jenkins et al* 2008, 2009) Decay rate measured with NaJ crystals, E = 890 KeV

 $e + p \rightarrow n + v_e + \gamma$ 

#### Nucleus decay rate and Solar activity influence

Solar activity characterized by 11 years cycle.

It characterized by electromagnetic radiation

and charged particle emission

Sun activity detected by X-ray radiation measurement on satellites.

Active Sun period ~ 7 years, quiet Sun ~ 4 years

Current activity minimum: spring - autumn 2019

X-ray measurement on satellites permits to detect solar bursts

(flares) when X-ray radiation rate rises by 4-5 orders in several

minutes, this maximal rate continues about 15 minutes

Sun burst classification : A < B < C < M < X

Each class differs by one order of intensity

# Solar flares originate from solar dark spots,

# X-ray intensity can rise up to 10 000 times of normal activity



Coronal mass ejection correlate with solar flares, both of them can induce damage to industry and astronautics



# Mn-54 e-capture decay rate versus Sun activity (Jenkins , 2009) December 2006





















Solar X-ray activity in form of solar flares and coronal mass ejections and magnetic storms induced by them result in serious damages for satellite equipment, electric and electronic networks

#### First man on the moon, July 1969,

#### X- class solar flare can induce lethal radiation dose



It was shown during satellite x-ray monitoring in 1980 - 1994
Solar X-ray activity is essential danger for long term

#### space flight missions to Moon and Mars

On the average, three times per year it occurs Solar flare which radiation is lethal danger for person on Moon surface or in outer space of International space station

#### Conclusions

- 1) Multiple experiments on nuclide decay rate measurements indicate the possible existence of annual and daily variations at the level about  $10^{-3\text{-4}}\,$
- 2) Electron capture in Fe- 55 measured by Si detectors and weak Co-60 decay by Ge detectors

possess high sensitivity to such variations at low background.

3) Measurements performed during 2012 - 2020 evidence for possible decay rate variation attributed to solar activity.

#### Quantum theory of nucleus $\alpha$ -decay

Nucleus  $\alpha$ -decay can be described as quantum tunneling of  $\alpha$ -particle through the potential barrier constituted by nucleus coulomb potential and nuclear forces on nuclei border

Gamow (1929)



 $E \leq U_0$ 

particle plane wave spreads from  $x = -\infty$ 

stationary equation

$$i\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial t} = E\psi = -\frac{1}{2m}\nabla^2\psi + U(x)\psi$$
  $E = \frac{k^2}{2m}$ 

 $-\infty \le x \le x_1$   $\psi = \exp(ikx) + A\exp(-ikx)$ 



# 1-dimensional particle tunneling through rectangular potential barrier



Gamow theory of nucleus  $\alpha$ - decay permits to

calculate nucleus life-time  $\tau \sim D^{-1}$  ,

but it can't explain observed annual and

daily oscillations of Po -214, Po213, Po-212

nucleus life-time

Until now no explanation proposed

Should something be added to quantum formalism

to account Sun gravity influence on life-time?

# Nonlinear Quantum Mechanics

$$i\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{2m}\nabla^2\psi + U(\vec{r})\psi$$
 - Schroedinger equation (1928)  
 $\hbar = c = 1$ 

All fundamental physical theories are nonlinear, quantum mechanics is the only exception. However, there are no arguments, which prove finally and straightforwardly that quantum mechanics must be linear *S. Weinberg* 

Nonlinear models of quantum mechanics : *Bialanicki- Birula (1976) Weinberg (1989)* 

$$i\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{2m}\nabla^2\psi + U(\vec{r})\psi + F(\psi,\overline{\psi})\psi \quad \text{- Nonlinear Schroedinger} \\ \text{equation}$$

 $F(\psi,\overline{\psi})$  is  $\psi$  functional

 $F = k |\psi|^2$  - standard nonlinear Schroedinger equation *(Fermi, 1931)* 

Two approaches to Quantum Nonlinearity

i) Nonlinearity is generic and universal for quantum particle dynamics

Bialanicki- Birula (1976) Weinberg (1989)

Particle free motion described as solitonic or anti-solitonic evolution

ii) Quantum nonlinearity appears only in the particle – field interactions, free particle motion is linear

*Kibble (1978)* 

$$i\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{2m}\nabla^2\psi + U(\vec{r})\psi + F(U,\psi,\overline{\psi})\psi$$

Functional F depends on U field also

High energy nonlinear processes – particle production in gravitaiton field *Kibble (1980), Elze (2008)* 

# Nonlinear Quantum Models

$$i\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{2m}\nabla^2\psi + U(\vec{r})\psi + F(U,\psi,\overline{\psi})\psi$$

To find  $F(U, \psi, \overline{\psi})$  existing nonlinear models of universal type should be studied and modified to incorporate interaction with U field consistently

Doebner – Goldin model (1992)

$$F(\psi,\overline{\psi}) = \lambda(\nabla^2 + \frac{|\nabla\psi|^2}{|\psi|^2})$$

 $\lambda$  - nonlinearity parameter it can be real or imaginary

This is most popular model of universal type

#### Properties of Doebner – Goldin model

$$i\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial t} = H_0\psi + F(\psi,\overline{\psi})\psi \qquad F(\psi,\overline{\psi}) = \lambda(\nabla^2 + \frac{|\nabla\psi|^2}{|\psi|^2})$$

If  $\Psi_{1,2}$  are solutions, in general  $\psi_1 + \psi_2$  isn't solution

$$<\psi \mid F \mid \psi >= 0$$
  $F$  doesn't change particle energy  $E$ 

For U(x)=0,  $\psi = \exp(ikx)$  is solution

Let's consider how F can influence quantum tunneling

# Particle tunneling in nonlinear model



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We should solve stationary nonlinear equation

$$E\psi = H_0\psi + F(\psi,\overline{\psi})\psi \qquad F = \lambda(\nabla^2 + \frac{|\nabla\psi|}{|\psi|^2})$$
$$E\psi = -(\frac{1}{2m} - \lambda)\nabla^2\psi + \lambda\frac{|\nabla\psi|^2}{|\psi|^2}\psi \qquad -\infty \le x \le 0;$$

 $\psi \approx \exp(ikx) + A\exp(-ikx)$  For small  $\lambda \mid A \mid \to 1$ 



- $\psi_0(x) = C_0 \exp(-\chi x)$
- exact solution for main term
- $\psi_1(x) = C_1 \exp(\chi x)$  for secondary term ;  $|C_1| < |C_0|$

$$\chi = \sqrt{\frac{2m(U_0 - E)}{1 - 4\lambda m}} \approx \chi_L (1 + 2\lambda m)$$

Tunneling transmission rate

$$D = |C_0|^2 \exp(-2\chi a) \approx D_L \exp(4\chi_L a \cdot m\lambda)$$
$$4\chi_L a \approx 10^2 \quad \text{- for nucleus } \alpha \text{-decay}$$

$$\chi = \sqrt{\frac{2m(U_0 - E)}{1 - 4\lambda m}} \approx \chi_L (1 + 2\lambda m)$$

as the result D exponentially depends on  $\lambda$ 

#### α- particle tunneling through realistic nucleus potential



Decay rate calculations – WKB approximation in 3 dimensions For realistic  $\alpha$  – decays, transmission coefficient -  $D\approx 10^{-37}$  Transmission coefficient for  $\alpha$ - decay in WKB approximation for 3-dimensional model



# Nonlinear effects for external field

$$\begin{split} i\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial t} &= -\frac{1}{2m} \nabla^2 \psi + (U+mV)\psi + F(V,\psi,\overline{\psi})\psi \\ V(\vec{r},t) \quad \text{- gravitation field} \\ F &= \lambda (\nabla^2 + \frac{|\nabla\psi|^2}{|\psi|^2}) \quad \text{- Doebner - Goldin ansatz} \\ \lambda &= f(V) \quad \text{- field dependence of nonlinear term} \\ f &\to 0 \quad \text{for} \quad V \to 0 \\ \chi &= \sqrt{\frac{2m(U_0 - E)}{1 - 4\lambda m}} \approx \chi_L (1 + 2\lambda m) \quad \lambda = f(V) \\ D &= |C_0|^2 \exp(-2\chi a) \approx D_L \exp(4\chi_L m\lambda a) \end{split}$$

#### Comparison with $\alpha$ – decay experimental results

 $V(\vec{x},t)$  - gravitation potential,  $V \sim V + c$ Hence  $\lambda = f(V)$  or  $\lambda = f(\frac{\partial V}{\partial t}, \frac{\partial V}{\partial \vec{x}}, ...)$ 

Earth orbit is elliptic, so V isn't constant,

We try to find  $\lambda$  dependence from fitting Po-214 data Annual *V* variation : 3% per halve-year ~ .02 % per day

Daily V variation : .01% per 12 hours ~ .02 % per day

 $\alpha$ - decay life-time annual variation results has best fit:  $\lambda = \kappa \frac{\partial V}{\partial t}$ 





2 – annual parameter fit :  $\lambda = \kappa \frac{\partial V}{\partial t}$ 

 $\alpha$  – decay life-time variations and nonlinearity parameter

One should find 
$$k$$
 for data fit :  $\lambda = \kappa \frac{\partial V}{\partial t}$ 

and annual decay variation :  $A=(9.8\pm0.6)\cdot10^{-4}$ 

maximal annual value of 
$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} = 1.6 \frac{M^2}{\sec^3}$$

it gives: 
$$\kappa = .4 \cdot 10^{-9} \frac{\text{sec}^3}{MeV \cdot M^2}$$

It supposes that gravity influence on nucleus can't be reduced just

to standard potential V action, it should include additional

nonlinear term  $\kappa \frac{\partial V}{\partial t}$ 

Gravity as nonlocal field theory, induced gravity and causality

Classical gravity is emergent theory, i.e. is asymptotic limit of some nonlocal field theory (Saharov, 1967; Maldacena 1997)

Nonlocal fields - string theory, AdS+ Holography, multilocal field, etc., problem – not to violate causality

$$\{\Phi_1, \Phi_2, \dots, \Phi_n\}$$
 - multilocal field  $\Phi_i = F(x_1, \dots, x_i)$ 

multilocal field is plausible description of such field,

bilocal field is its simplest approximation

# Bilocal nonlinear model and influence of Sun activity on decay rates

Sun activity accompanied by significant gas motion

near its surface, so Sun gravity can be variable,

in particular, Sun radiate gravitational waves (Gibson, 1971)

$$\lambda = \kappa \frac{\partial V}{\partial t}$$



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 $\alpha$  – decay microscopic nonlinear model

$$i\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{2m}\nabla^2\psi + U\psi + F(\partial V_t, \psi, \overline{\psi})\psi$$

 $\psi(\vec{r}_{12})$  - nucleus internal wave function

 $\vec{r}_{12} = \vec{R} - \vec{r};$   $\vec{r}, \vec{R}: \alpha$  -particle and nucleus centre coordinates relative to Sun centre



## Gravity derived in bilocal field model (Diaz, 2017)

 $\Phi_2(x, y)$  - scalar bilocal field, it was shown that

it reproduces Einstein gravity in second order

$$g_{\mu\nu}(x) \approx k \frac{\partial^2 \Phi_2(x, y)}{\partial x_\mu \partial y_\nu} + \dots \quad x \to y$$

 $\Phi_2(\vec{r_1}, \bar{r_2}, t) \neq f_1(\vec{r_1}, t) f_2(\bar{r_2}, t)$  - nonrelativistic bilocal field

$$\Phi_2(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2) \to \Phi_2(\vec{R}_C, \vec{r}_{12}) \qquad \vec{r}_{12} = \vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2$$

## Bilocal field model and nucleus decay

Let's suppose that in infrared limit gravity contains two

components 
$$\{\Phi_1, \Phi_2\}$$
 :  $\Phi_1(x) = g_{\mu\nu}(x)$  - classical gravity

 $\Phi_2$  - bilocal field can interact with bilocal matter field operators,

in particular, it can act on bilocal system observables ~  $\vec{r}_{12}$ 

$$\nabla = \frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{r}_{12}} \qquad F = \Phi_2(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2)(\nabla^2 + \frac{|\nabla \psi|^2}{|\psi|^2})$$

from Po  $\alpha$  – decay experiment :  $\Phi_2 \approx \partial_t V(\vec{R})$ 

 $\vec{r}_{12}$ ,  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{r}_{12}}$  don't violate causality at any distance

#### **Decay Oscillation Study Project**



#### Maximal new Moon is Sun eclipse



Sun eclipse 15.2.2018





# Nonlinear Field Theory and Nonlinear Quantum Mechanics

Born (*1946)* Heisenberg *(1948)* 

Linearity of Quantum theory is just the hypothesis, and not the axiom Heisenberg (1949)

Its low energy limit is nonlinear Quantum mechanics

Experimental tests:

neutron interferometry (1981)

optical level shift in atoms and ions (1990)



# Si-Pin detector stability control performed via measurement of Fe-55 X-ray amplitude peak position







#### Earth annual motion



#### **Orbit radius difference** $\Delta R = 3\%$
214 Po life-time lunar-day oscillations from moving-average algorithm (average lunar-day= 24 h 50 мin. 28,2 sec.)



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Amplitude A =  $(6,9\pm 2)*10^{-4}$ 



