

Deformed space–time transformations in Mercury

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A mole of Mercury was suitably treated by ultrasound in order to generate in it the same conditions of local Lorentz invariance violation that were generated in a sonicated cylindrical bar of AISI 304 steel and that are the cause of neutron emission during the sonication. After 3 min, part of the mercury turned into a solid material which turned out to contain isotopes having a different mass (higher and lower) with respect to the isotopes already present in the initial material (mercury). These transformations in the atomic weight without gamma production above the background are brought about during Deformed Space–Time reactions. We present the results of the analyses performed on samples taken from the transformation product. The analyses have been done in two groups, the first one using five different analytical techniques: ICP-OES, XRF, ESEM-EDS, ICP-MS, INAA. In the second group of analyses, we used only two techniques: INAA and ICP-MS. The second group of analyses confirmed the occurring of the transformations in mercury.

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1. Introduction

It has been suggested in previous papers the existence of a new type of nuclear reactions, called piezonuclear reactions that occur during cavitation phenomena induced by ultrasounds. This new kind of nuclear reactions occur when the ultrasounds and the cavitation produce suitable variations of energy density which correspond to a violation of Local Lorentz invariance (hereafter indicated as LLI or as “Lorentz Invariance”).^{1,2}

The violation of LLI produces deformed space–time conditions which are the stage of Deformed Space–Time (DST) reactions of which piezonuclear reactions are a particular case.

The pioneering work of Petrucci *et al.*³ set the theoretical basic principles of these phenomena, while the following experimental data have been the starting point of the innovative work of Mignani *et al.*,⁴ that predicts that the Aston–Bohr–Wheeler “nuclear curve” (see e.g., Refs. 4 and 5) can be completely followed in both directions.

These investigations, aimed at reaching LLI violation, are characterized by three main ingredients: reaching the energy threshold to have space–time deformation² for fundamental interactions governing the phenomena; obtaining the corresponding energy density inside the volume of the Ridolfi cavities in metallic materials,^{6,7} for the weak (leptonic) and strong (hadronic) interactions; producing the right rate of energy or the right “time density” of energy, as shown in Ref. 2 where we showed how to transform the intervals of time for the hadronic interactions. Being the hadronic metric anisotropic,⁸ the interactions driven by it (hadronic interactions) are consequently anisotropic.

With the purpose to study this anisotropic behavior, it was designed an experiment to register the spatial distribution of neutrons emitted by a steel bar suitably treated by ultrasounds in order to trigger in it the DST reactions. This experiment