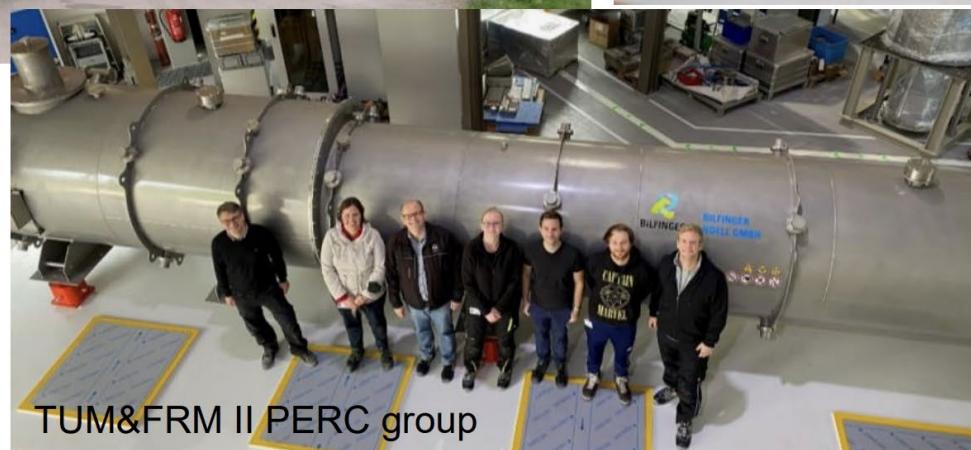


Particle Physics @ with Neutrons

- CREScent@PERC
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- CANNEX@ Conrad Observatory
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- Theory Group@ATI

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Delivery of the Magnet System PERC



September 2021

Delivery on 3 trucks
Unloading with 3
mobile cranes

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Particle Physics @ Atominstitut

Precision Experiments with Atoms, Thermal, Cold and Ultracold Neutrons

Elementary Particles

Quarks: u, c, t, d, s, b

Bosons: γ , g, Z, W

Leptons: ν_e , ν_μ , ν_τ , e, μ , τ

14 TeV

1 pico eV

Generation of Matter

H

d \rightarrow u + e + ν_e

W

- First particle family
- Ultra cold: 1 pico eV
- Precision through Quantum Interference
- Basic Laws of Physics

1. Neutron Beta - Decay

- Determine the weak coupling constants

- g_A, g_V

- Neutrino physics

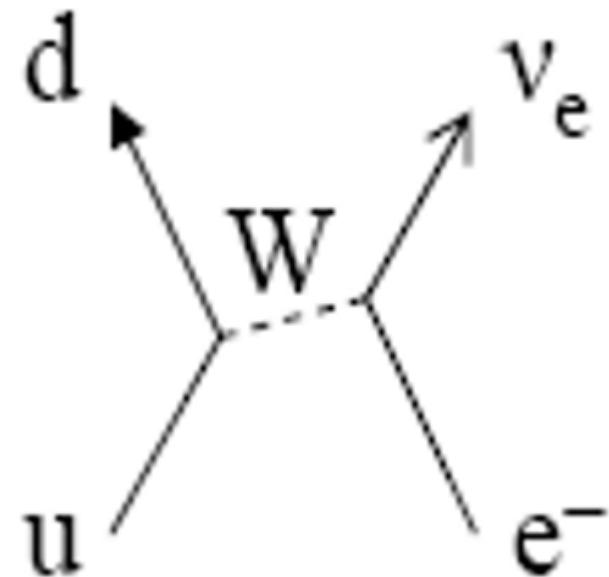
- Neutrino induced reactions
 - Neutrino detectors

- Cosmology

- Big bang primordial element abundances
 - Solar cycle g_A

- Beyond SM:

- Unitarity of CKM Matrix
 - Search for Decay in Dark Matter Particles



Measurement of the Weak Axial-Vector Coupling Constant in the Decay of Free Neutrons Using a Pulsed Cold Neutron Beam

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We present a precision measurement of the axial-vector coupling constant g_A in the decay of polarized free neutrons. For the first time, a pulsed cold neutron beam was used for this purpose. By this method, leading sources of systematic uncertainty are suppressed. From the electron spectra we obtain $\lambda = g_A/g_V = -1.27641(45)_{\text{stat}}(33)_{\text{sys}}$, which confirms recent measurements with improved precision. This corresponds to a value of the parity violating beta asymmetry parameter of $A_0 = -0.11985(17)_{\text{stat}}(12)_{\text{sys}}$. We discuss implications on the Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa matrix element V_{ud} and derive a limit on left-handed tensor interaction.

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Limit on the Fierz Interference Term b from a Measurement of the Beta Asymmetry in Neutron Decay

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In the standard model of particle physics, the weak interaction is described by vector and axial-vector couplings only. Nonzero scalar or tensor interactions would imply an additional contribution to the differential decay rate of the neutron, the Fierz interference term. We derive a limit on this hypothetical term from a measurement using spin-polarized neutrons. This method is statistically less sensitive than the determination from the spectral shape but features much cleaner systematics. We obtain a limit of $b = 0.017(21)$ at 68.27% C.L., improving the previous best limit from neutron decay by a factor of four.

Neutron Alphabet deciphers the Standard Model

Decay rate

J.D. Jackson et al., PR 106, 517 (1957)

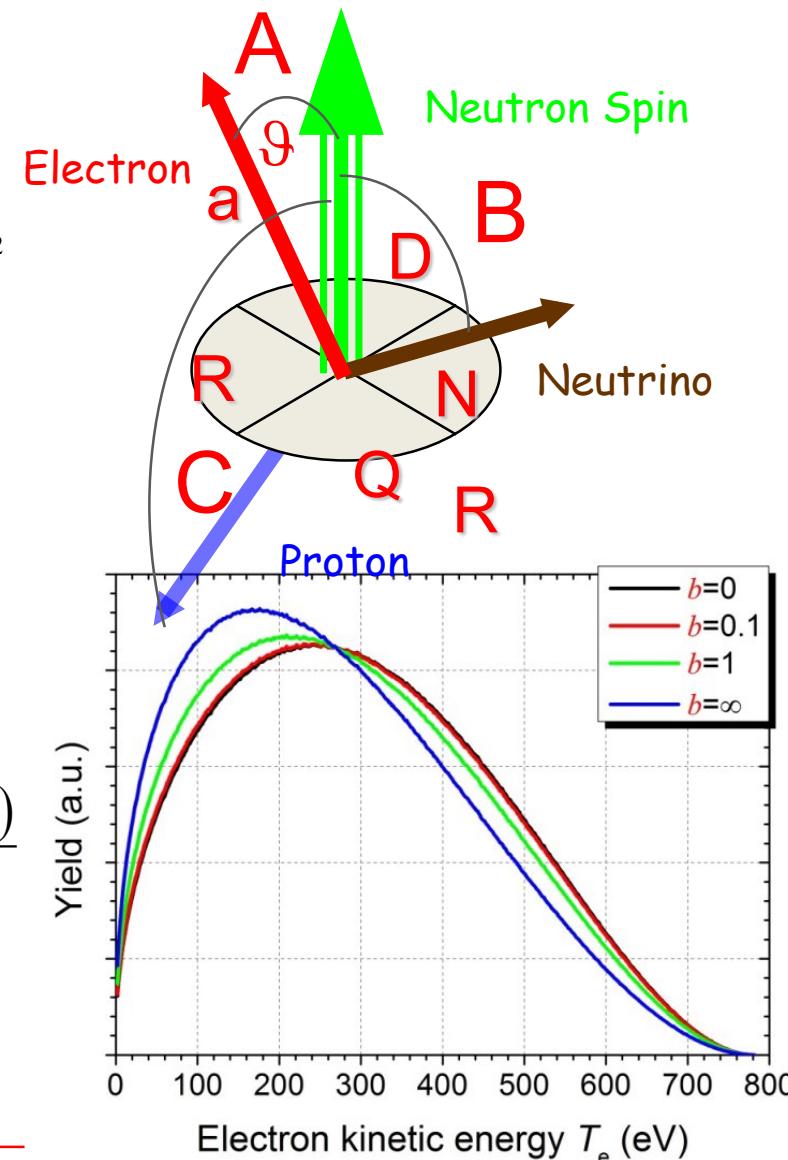
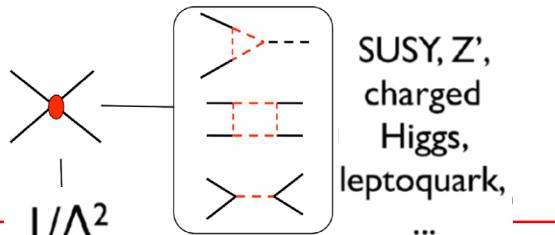
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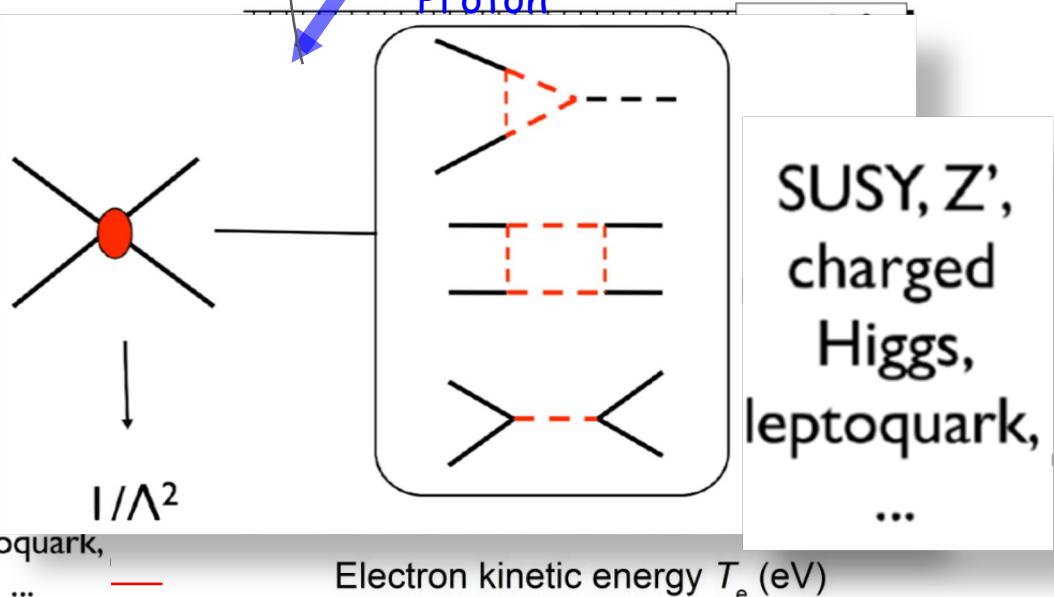
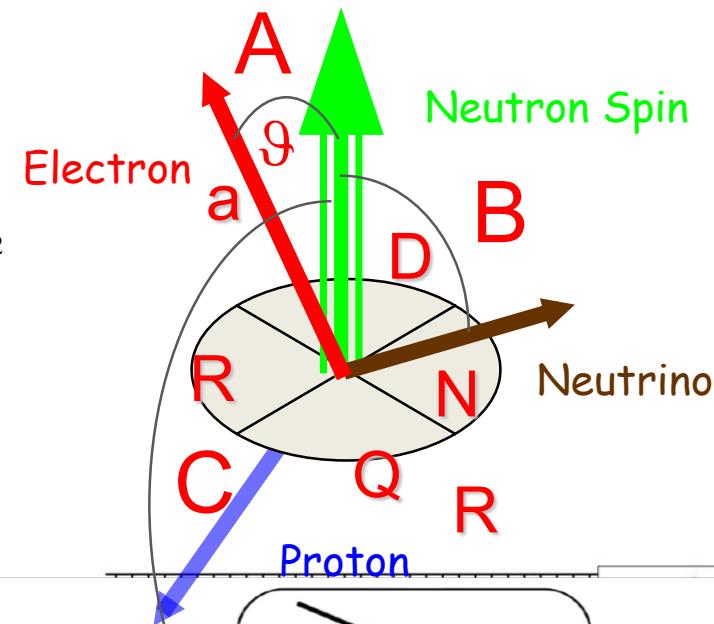
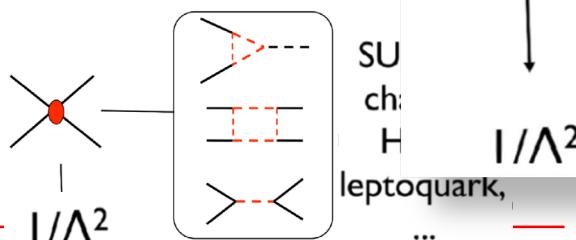
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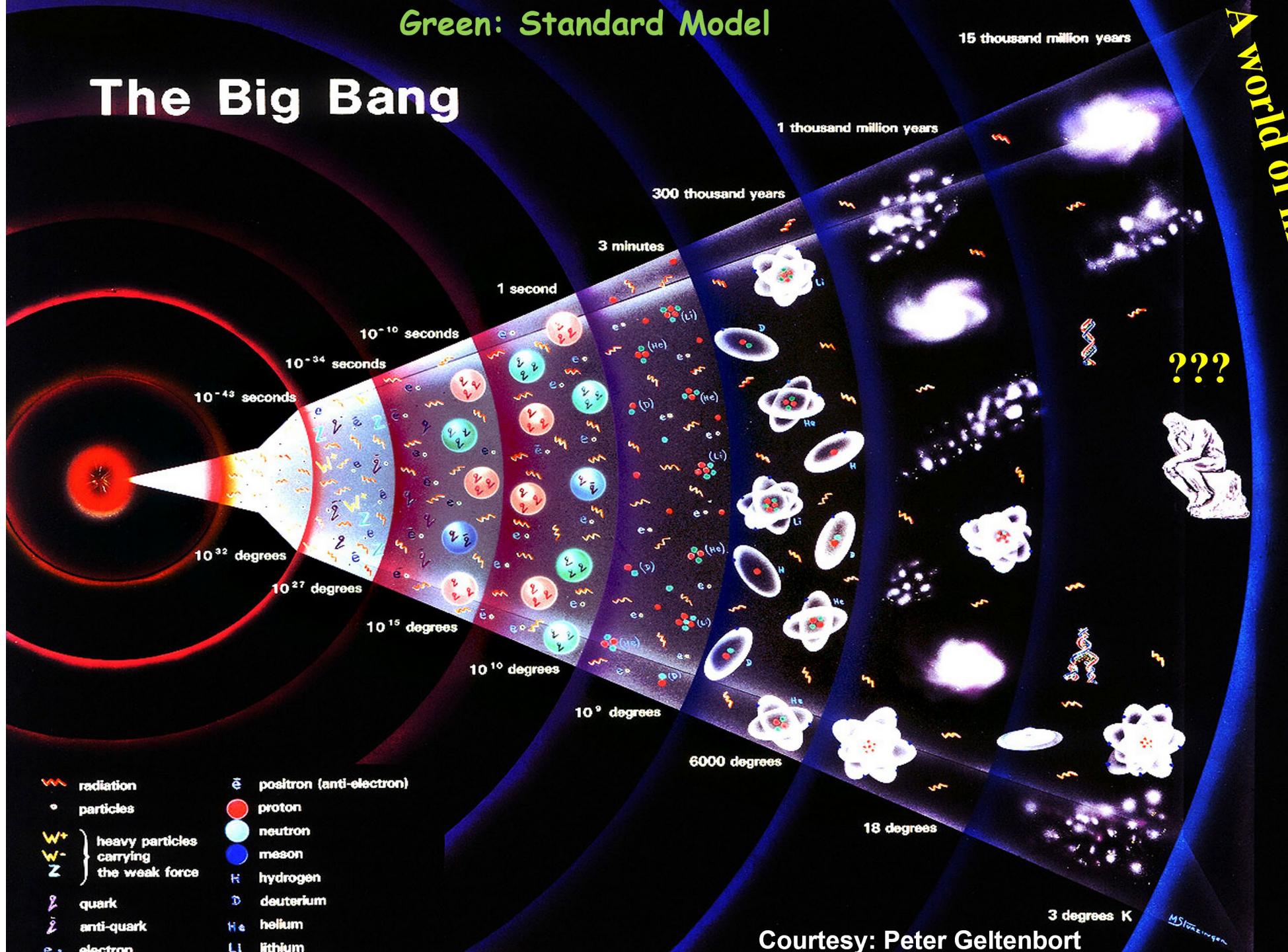


Green: Standard Model

15 thousand million years

The Big Bang

A world of mystery



Courtesy: Peter Geltenbort

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15 thousand million years

The Big Bang

A world of *unknowns*

CKM Unitarity

& V_{ud}

300 thousand years

1 second

3 minutes

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10^{-34} seconds

10^{-43} seconds

10^{32} degrees

10^{27} degrees

10^{15} degrees

10^{10} degrees

10^9 degrees

6000 degrees

18 degrees

3 degrees K

g_A / g_V

Neutron
Lifetime:
Nuclear Freeze Out: N_ν

- radiation
- particles
- W^+ heavy particles carrying the weak force
- W^-
- Z
- quark
- anti-quark
- electron
- positron (anti-electron)
- proton
- neutron
- meson
- hydrogen
- deuterium
- helium
- lithium

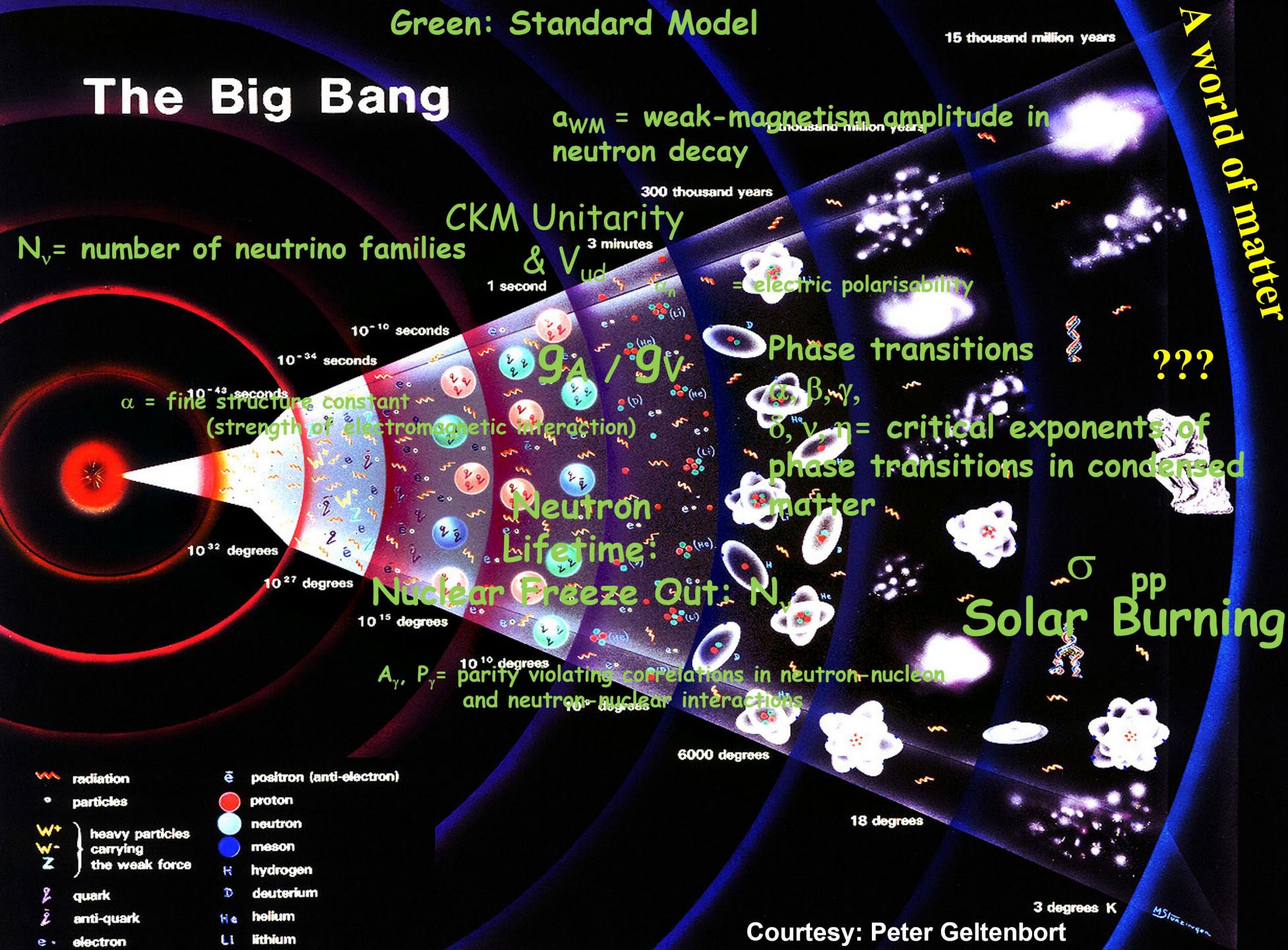
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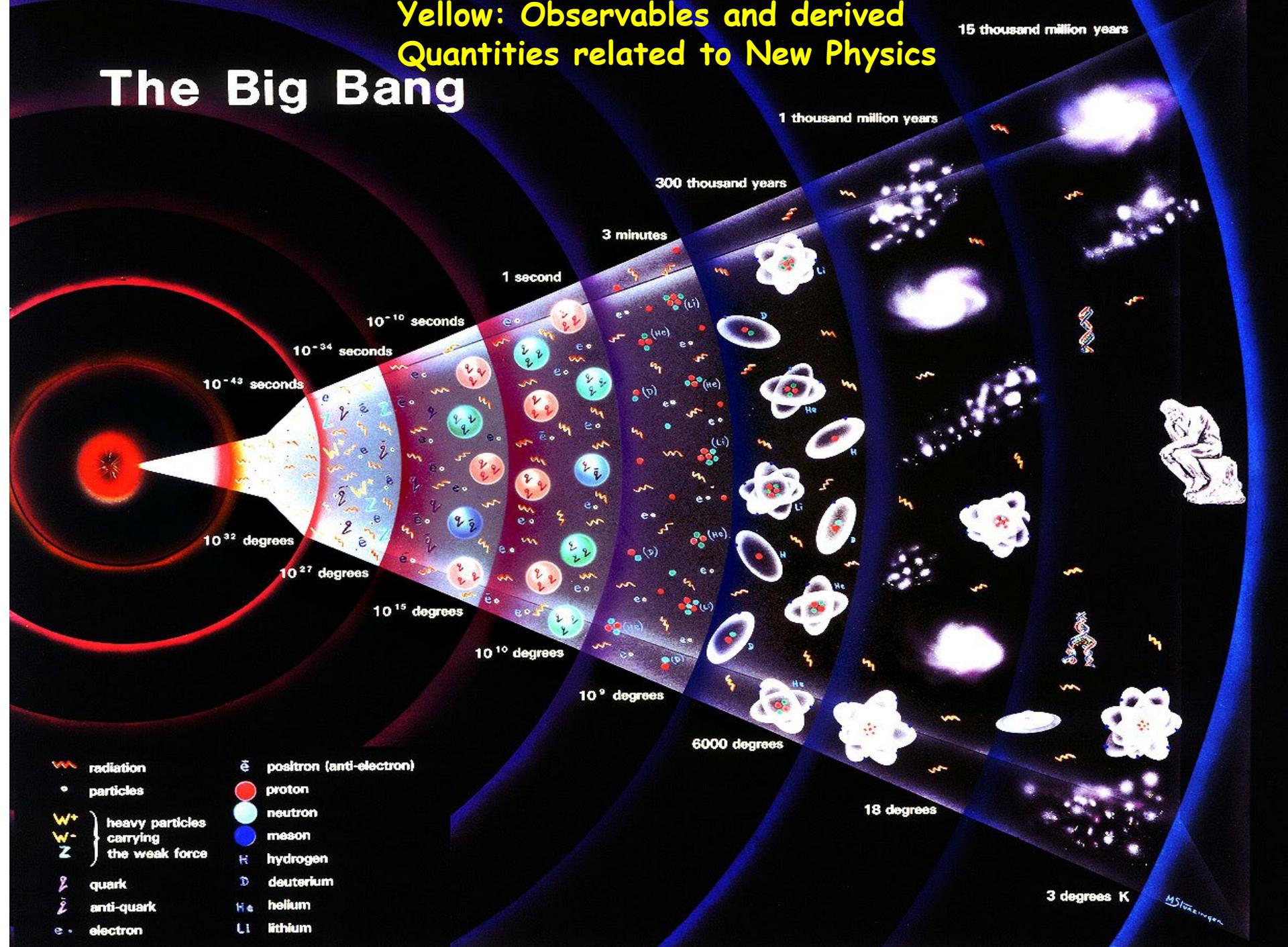
A world of matter



The Big Bang

Yellow: Observables and derived
Quantities related to New Physics

15 thousand million years



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A world of matter

d_n „missing antimatter in the univers“

$\tau_{n \bar{n}} = \text{neutron antineutron oscillation time}$
(baryon number non-conserving)

Neutrons explore
at the Planck scale

$\rho, \gamma, \lambda, \Lambda$

$q_n = \text{neutron charge}$ (charge
quantization violating)

$\varphi = \text{time-reversal violating amplitude}$
in neutron decay

- ✓ radiation
- particles
- W^+ } heavy particles
 W^- } carrying
 Z } the weak force
- ✗ quark
- ✗ anti-quark
- e- electron
- e+ positron (anti-electron)
- proton
- neutron
- meson
- H hydrogen
- D deuterium
- He helium
- Li lithium

15 thousand million years

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thousand million years

300 thousand years

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1 second

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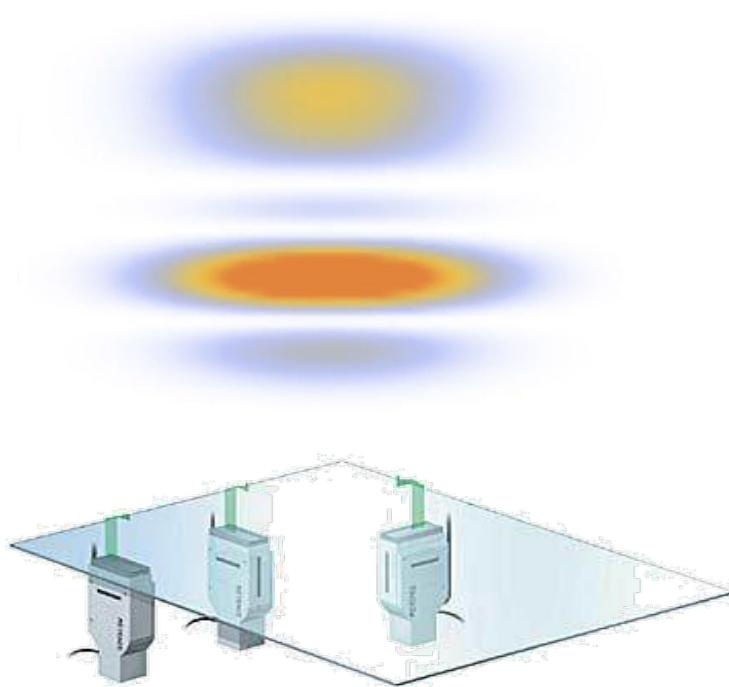
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J. Bosina: qBOUNCE - FREE FALL AT SHORT DISTANCES

- A simple gravitationally interacting quantum system

- A neutron with mass and spin
 - falling in the Earth's gravity potential
- and a neutron reflector
 - made out of glass

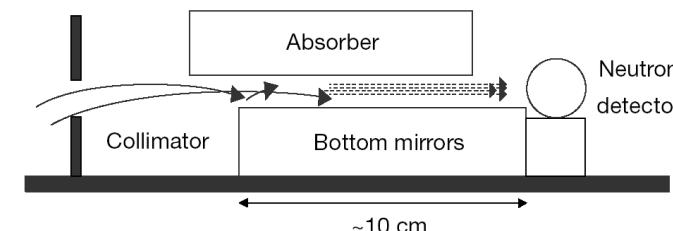
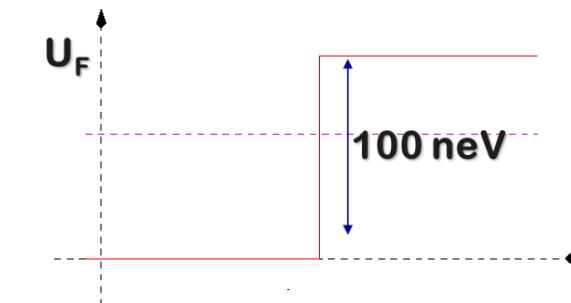


- Reactor neutrons at ILL

- 25 meV

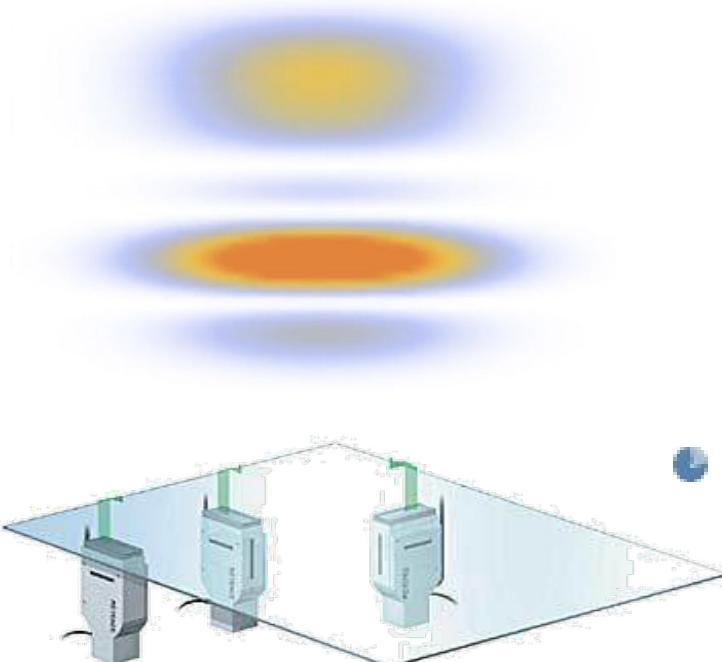
- Ultra-cold Neutrons

- @PF2 – ILL: T. Jenke
- $v = (7 \pm 1) \text{ m/s}$
- $U_F \sim 100 \text{ neV}, 1 \dots 6 \text{ peV}$

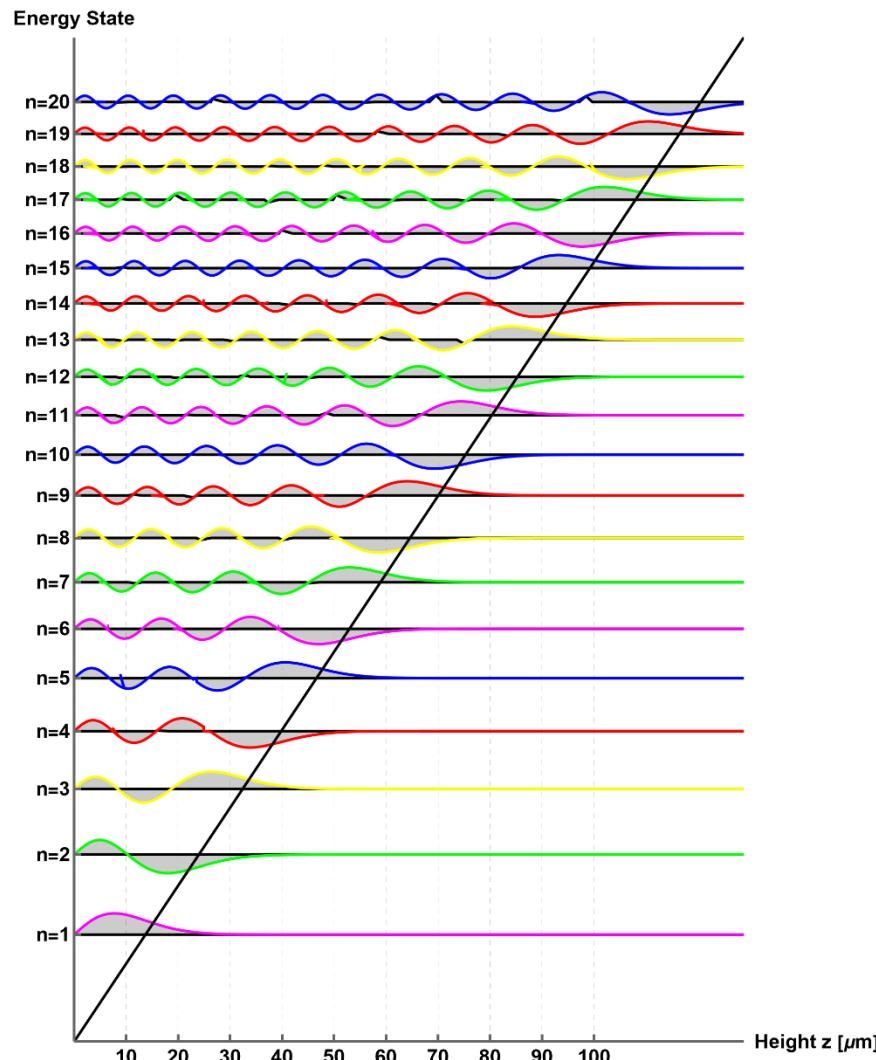
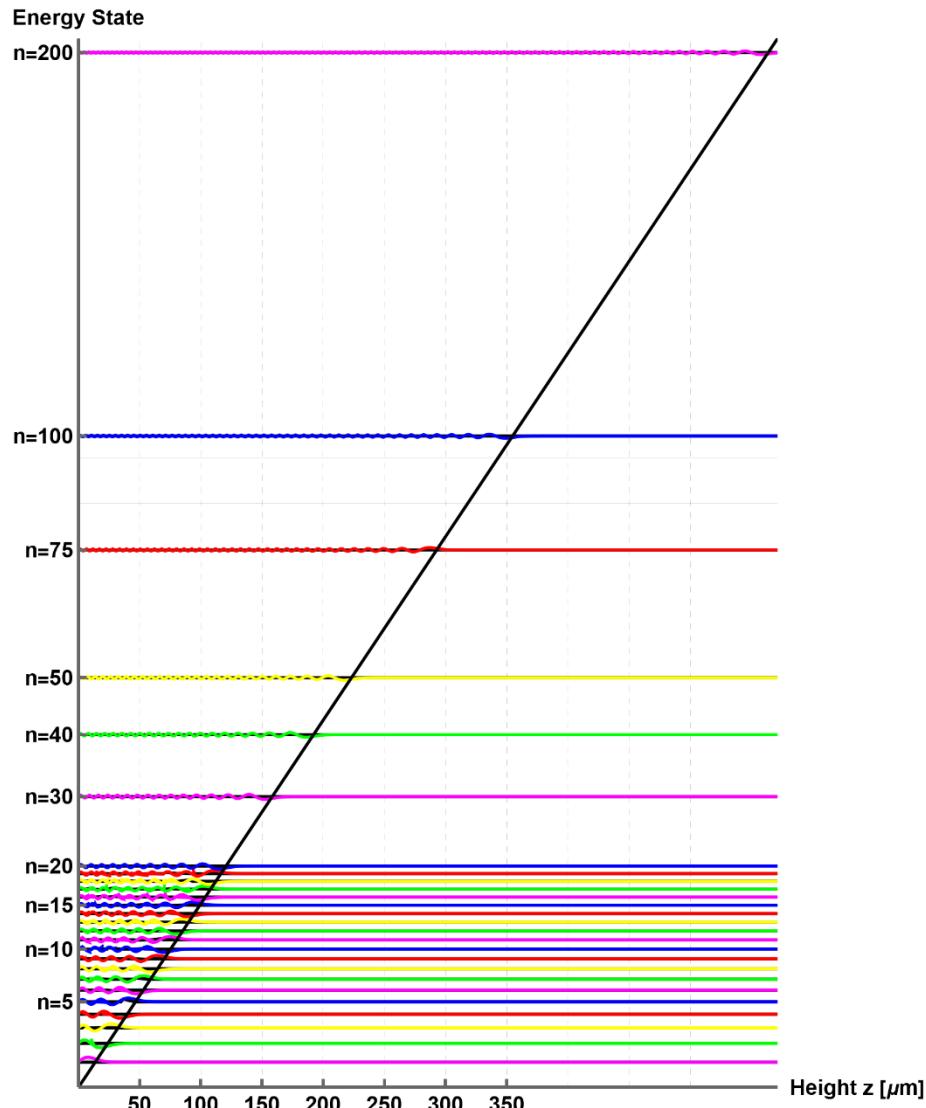


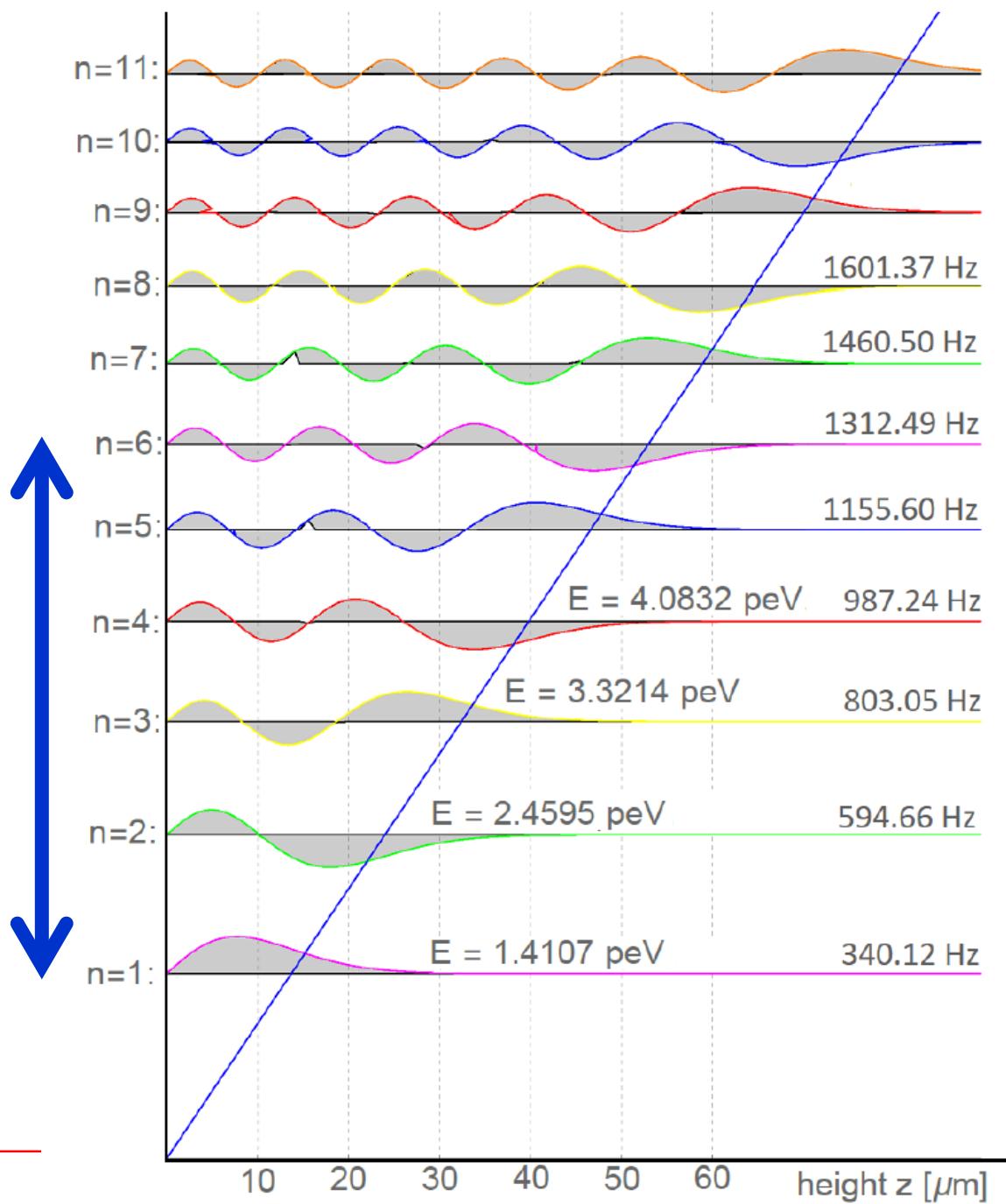
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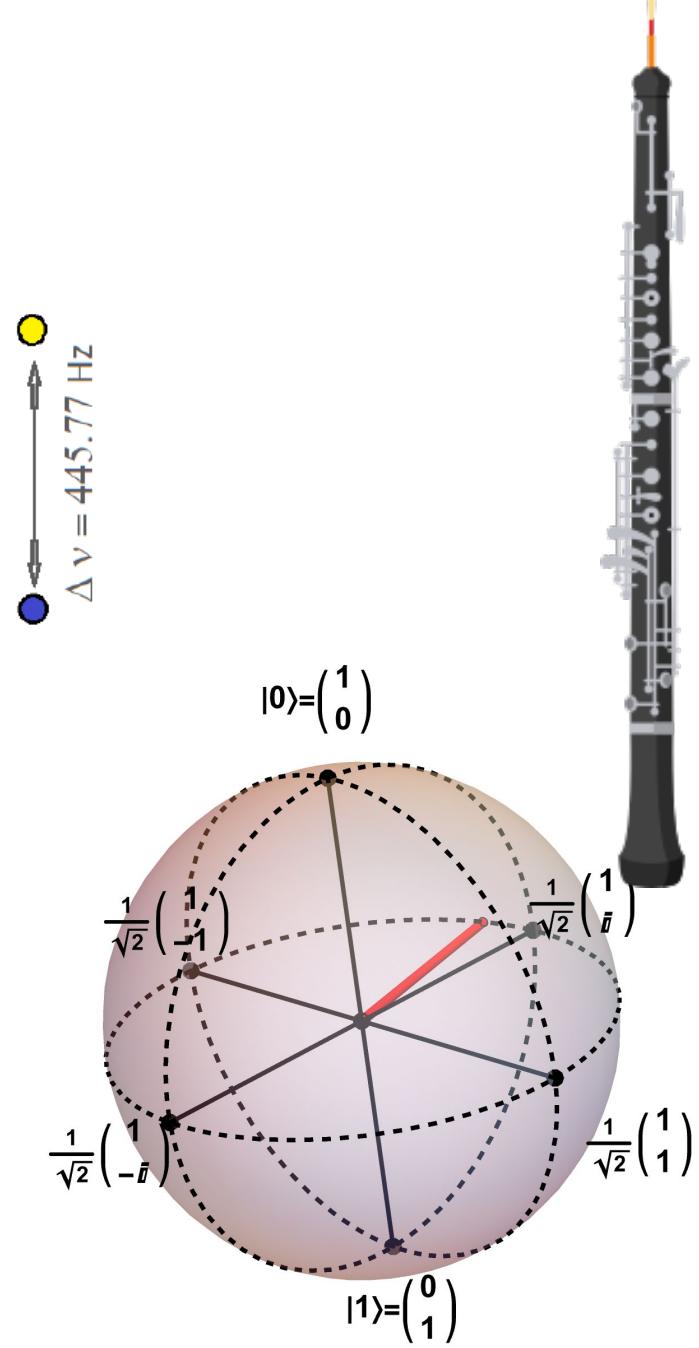
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 - A neutron with mass and spin
 - falling in the Earth's gravity potential
 - and a neutron reflector
 - made out of glass
 - Test the laws of gravity at small distances
 - Search for hypothetical gravity-like interactions, string theories etc.
 - High degree on Sensitivity regarding underlying theories about the expansion of the universe
 - Example Rb **Neutron**
 - Energy shift for Rb ● Polarizability
 - Atom at $r = 1 \mu\text{m}$ extremely small:
 - 10^{-12} eV ● 10^{-30} eV
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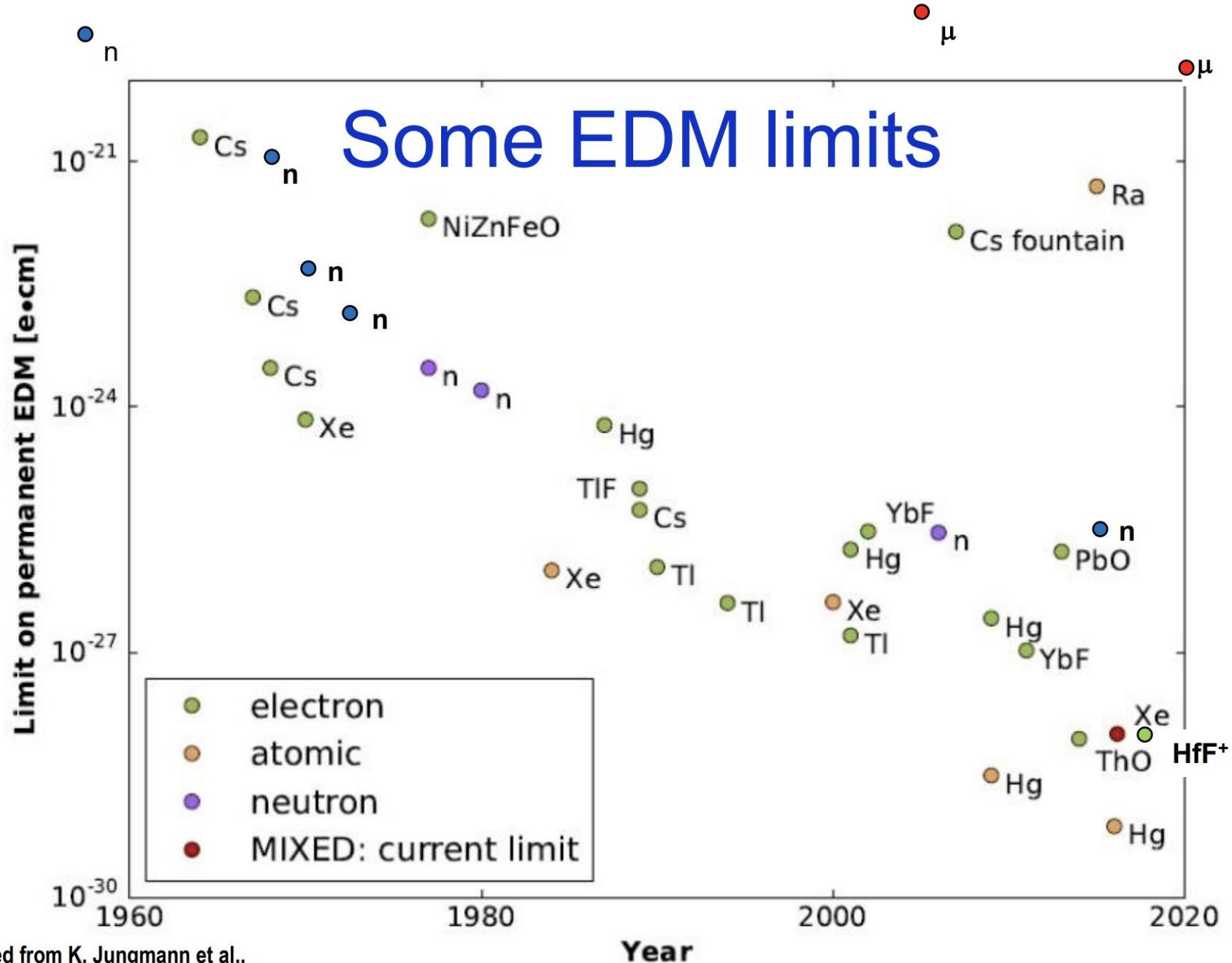
Quantum Gravitational States of a Neutron





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Motivation for high precision tests with neutrons: extreme sensitivity or precision

- Energy $\Delta E = 10^{-21}$ eV

- Search for an electric dipole moment, neutron
- $d_n < 3 \times 10^{-26}$ ecm
- Ramsey's Spectroscopy Method of Separated Oscillating Field by NMR
- Ramsey's Spectroscopy Method of Separated Oscillating Field by GRS

- All Spectroscopy methods so far use electromag fields or a coupling to a electromag. potential

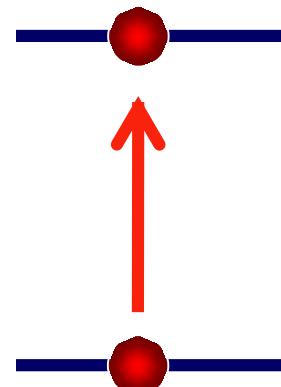
- Energy $\Delta E = 4 \times 10^{-18}$ eV, ACME

- Search for an electric dipole moment, electron (ThO), $d_e < 9 \times 10^{-29}$ ecm

- Energy $\Delta E = 2 \times 10^{-15}$ eV

- Rabi's Spectroscopy Method by GRS

$$E = h\nu$$



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H.A., The neutron. Its properties and basic interactions, *Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys.* 60 1-81 (2008)

Vincenzo Cirigliano, Ramsey-Musolf

Low energy probes of physics beyond the standard model

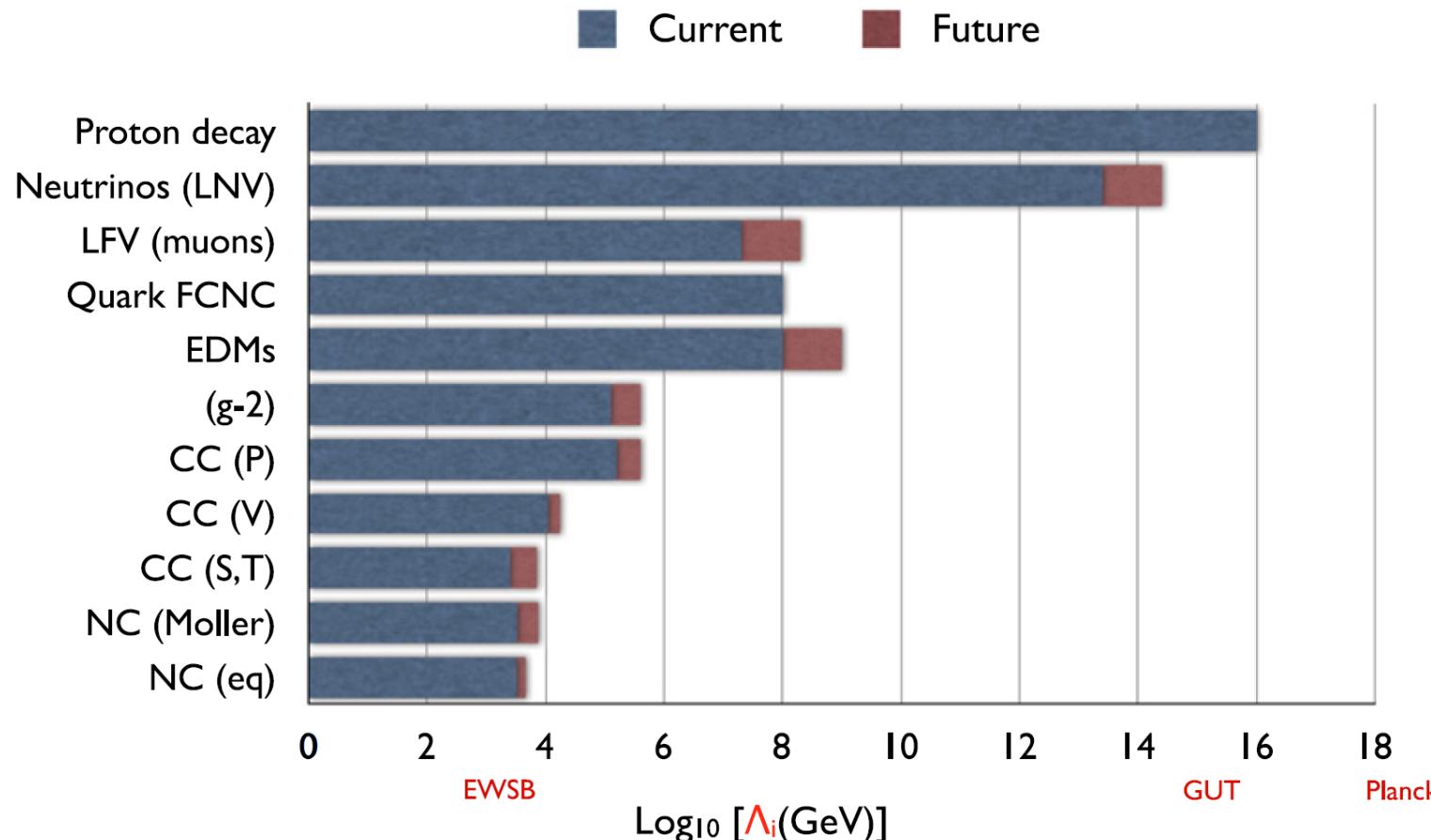


Fig. 2. Summary of current and future constraints on the effective new physics scale Λ_i defined in Eq. (3.59) arising from various low-energy observables. Note that the Λ_i absorb the Wilson coefficients and do not necessarily represent the masses of new degrees of freedom that become active at high energy scales.

Gravity Resonance Spectroscopy

How far does GRS constrain Dark Energy and Dark Matter models

- Search for environment-dependent dilatons, H. Fischer et al., Physics of the Dark Universe 43, 101419 (2024)
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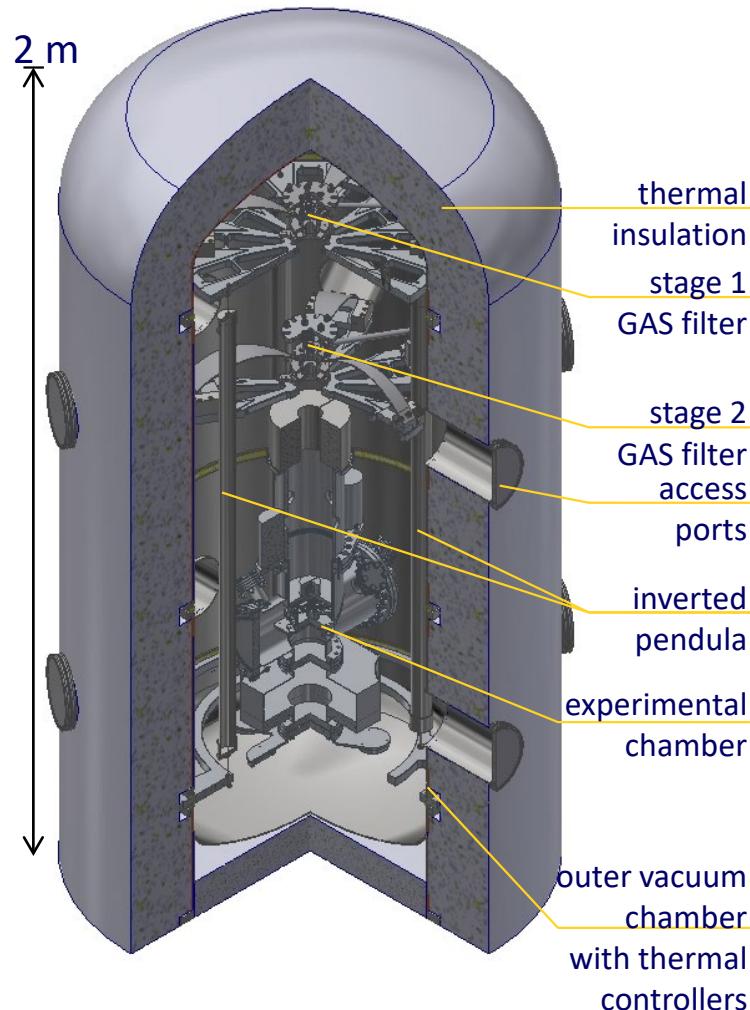
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Is Lorentz Invariance violated?

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René Sedmik: Casimir Force Measurements

CANNEX – Casimir And Non-Newtonian force EXperiment



Worldwide only force metrology platform operating in the geometry of plane parallel plates.

Recent progress:

Design for two-staged active/passive seismic isolation system to form
“*the most quiet space in Austria*”

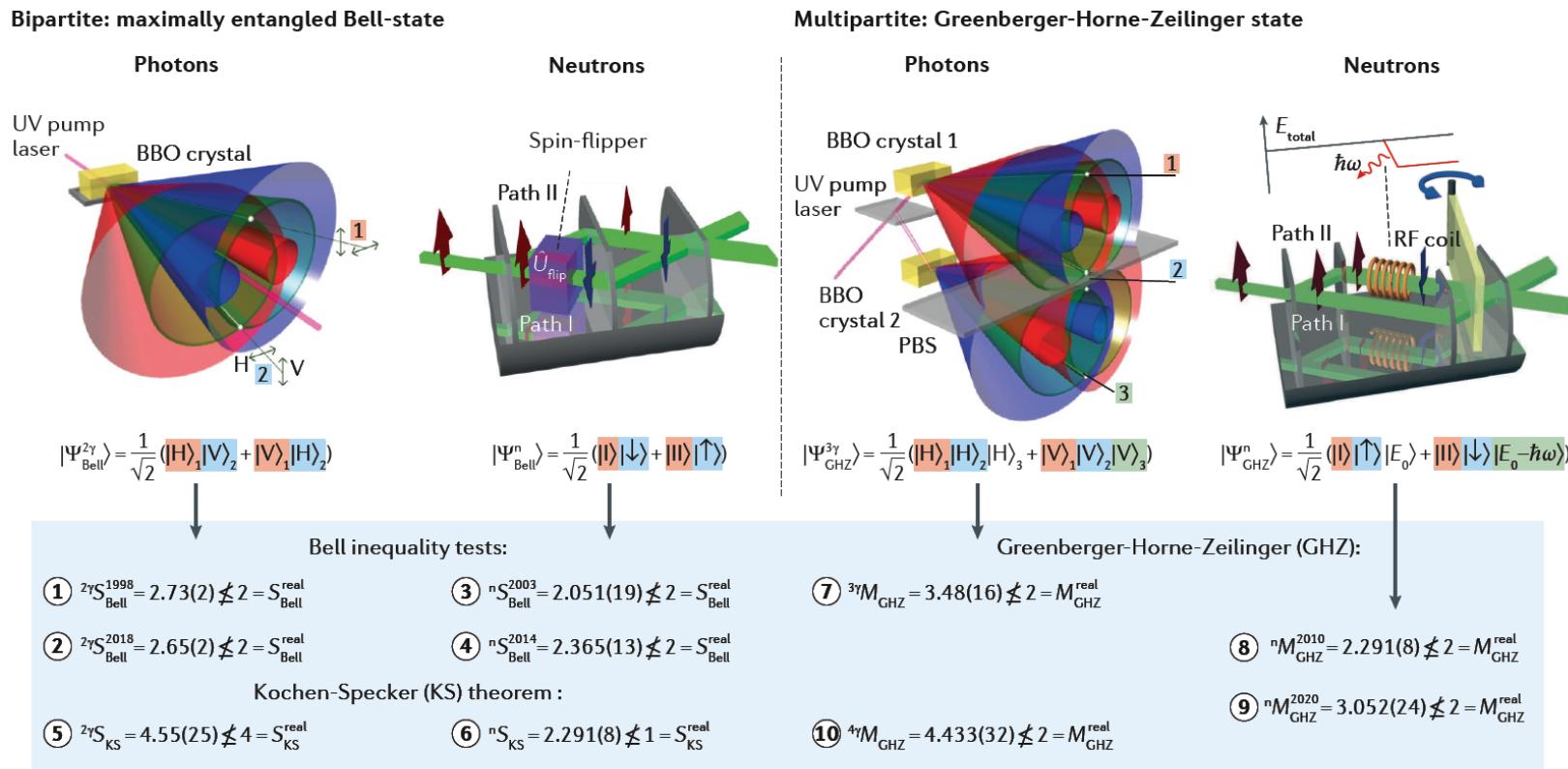
Updated core design for perfect thermal control with mK precision.

Prospective limits for chameleon, symmetron, dilaton dark energy, scalar axions, scalar-pseudoscalar interactions, Yukawa forces... as well as the most precise measurements of Casimir forces.

In preparation:

.Financing for construction phase

Hasegawa, Sponar et al.: Interferometer



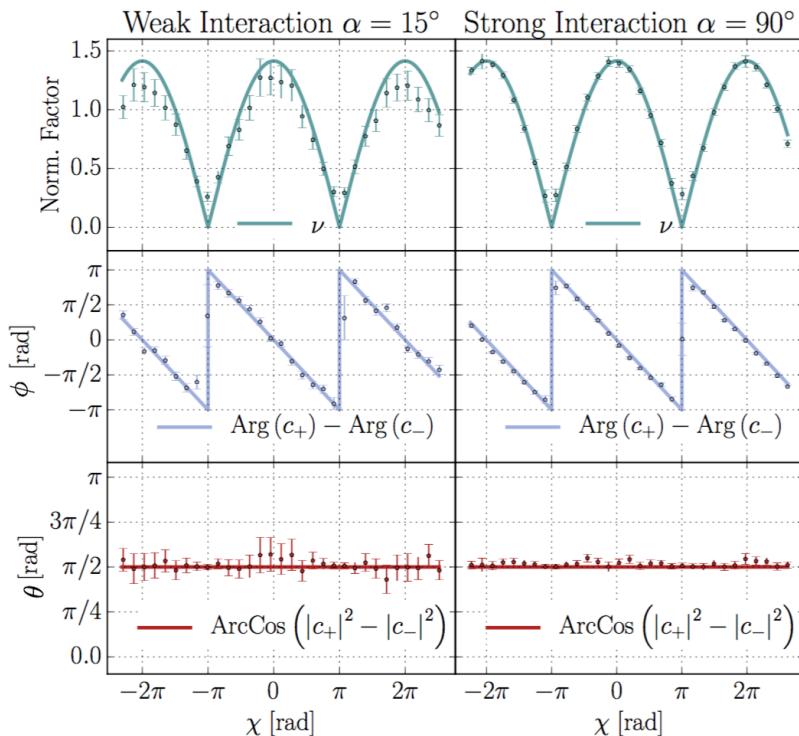
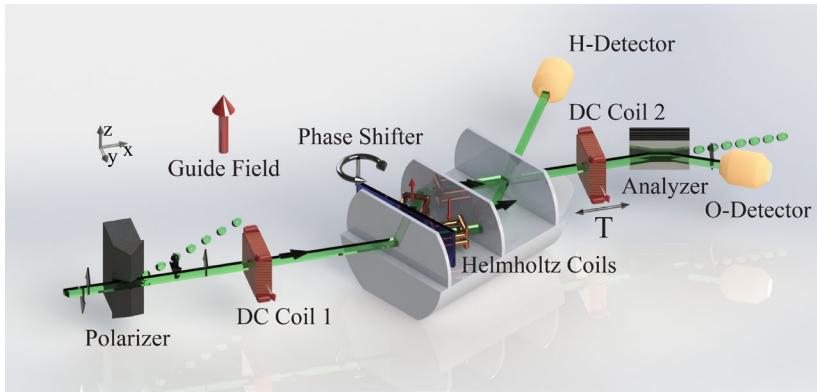
Entanglement

- Between path and spin
- And path, spin and energy

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Spin Rotation Coupling

i) State Vector Reconstruction via weak values



- general representation of a (pure) **state vector**

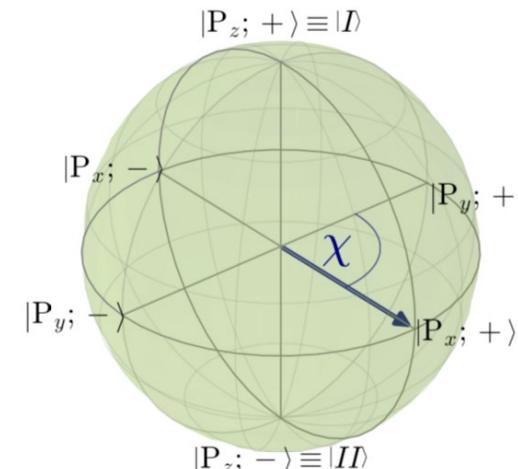
$$|\Psi_i\rangle = \sum_j c_j |a_j\rangle$$

- with **probability amplitudes** $c_j = \langle a_j | \Psi_i \rangle$

- weak value** $\langle \hat{\Pi}_{a_j} \rangle_w = \frac{\langle \Psi_f | \hat{\Pi}_{a_j} | \Psi_i \rangle}{\langle \Psi_f | \Psi_i \rangle} = \frac{\langle \Psi_f | a_j \rangle \langle a_j | \Psi_i \rangle}{\langle \Psi_f | \Psi_i \rangle}$

- probability amplitudes using w.v.** $c_j = \langle a_j | \Psi_i \rangle = \frac{\langle \Psi_f | \Psi_i \rangle}{\langle \Psi_f | a_j \rangle} \langle \hat{\Pi}_{a_j} \rangle_w$

$$|\Psi_i\rangle = \sum_j c_j |a_j\rangle = \sum_j \frac{\langle \Psi_f | \Psi_i \rangle}{\langle \Psi_f | a_j \rangle} \langle \hat{\Pi}_{a_j} \rangle_w |a_j\rangle$$



ii) Commutator Relation - Experimental Test for Pauli Spin Observables

$$\langle \psi | [\hat{A}, \hat{B}] | \psi \rangle = -8i |\langle +_B | \psi \rangle|^2 \Im(\langle \Pi_A^+ \rangle_w^{\psi, +_B})$$

Pauli Spin Observables:
 (projective, dichotomic: $\sigma_i^2 = \mathbb{1}$) $\Pi_X^\pm = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbb{1} \pm X)$
 $\hat{A} = \sigma_z, \quad \hat{B} = \sigma_x$ where $\Pi_X^\pm = |\pm x\rangle\langle\pm x|$

$$[\sigma_z, \sigma_x] = 2i\sigma_y$$

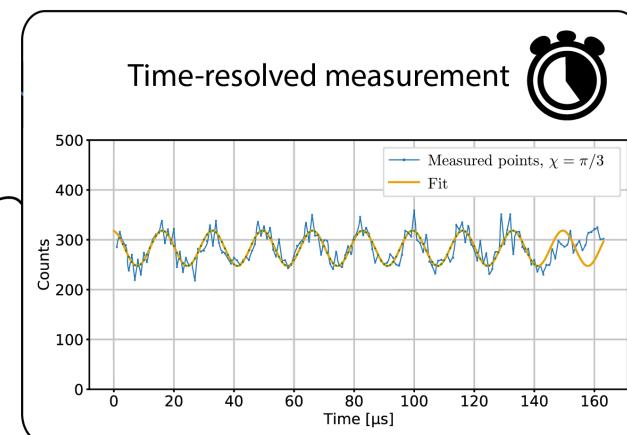
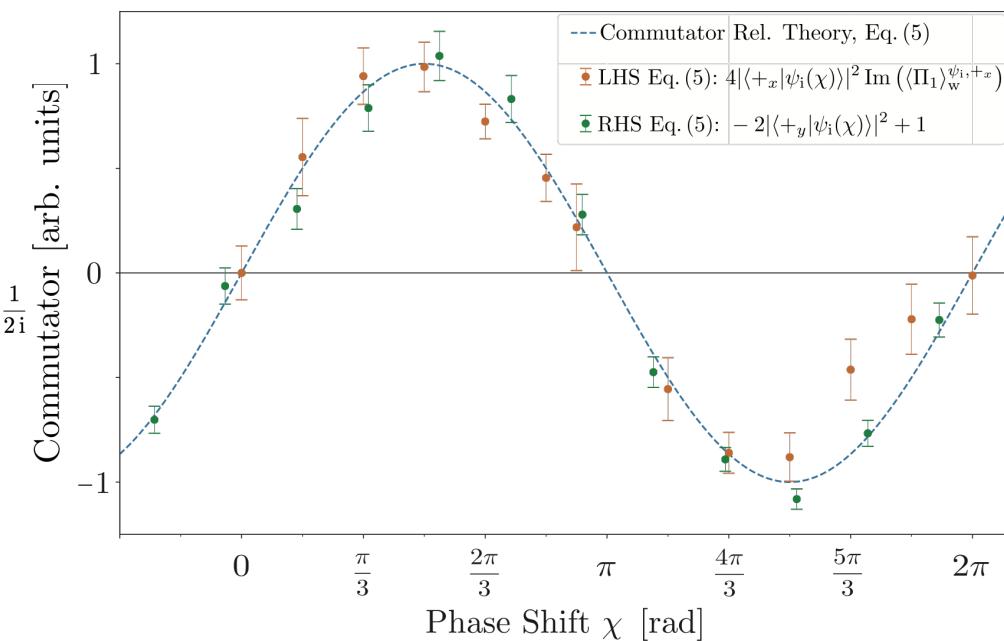
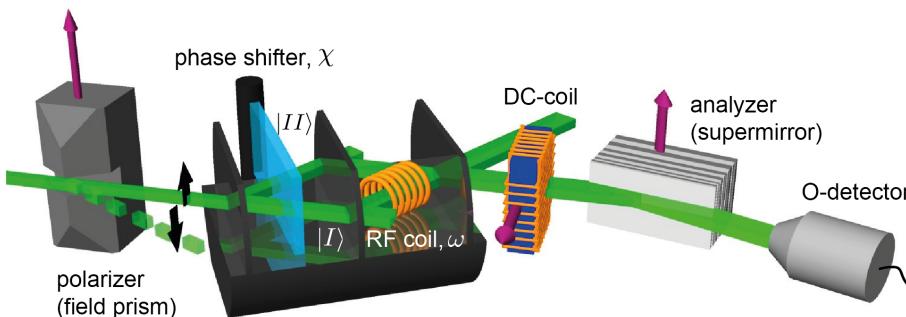
$$\rightarrow \langle \psi | (\hat{\sigma}_z \hat{\sigma}_x - \hat{\sigma}_x \hat{\sigma}_z) | \psi \rangle = 2i \langle \psi | \hat{\sigma}_y | \psi \rangle$$

$$4|\langle +_x | \psi \rangle|^2$$

$$\Im(\langle \Pi_z^+ \rangle_w^{\psi, +_x}) = -2|\langle +_y | \psi \rangle|^2 + 1$$

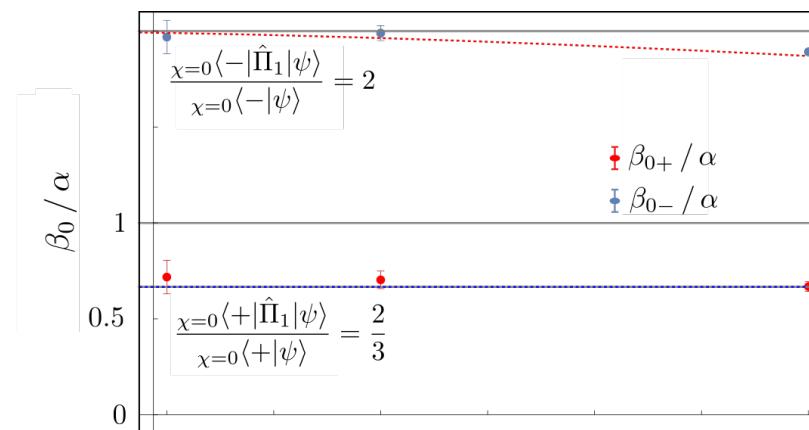
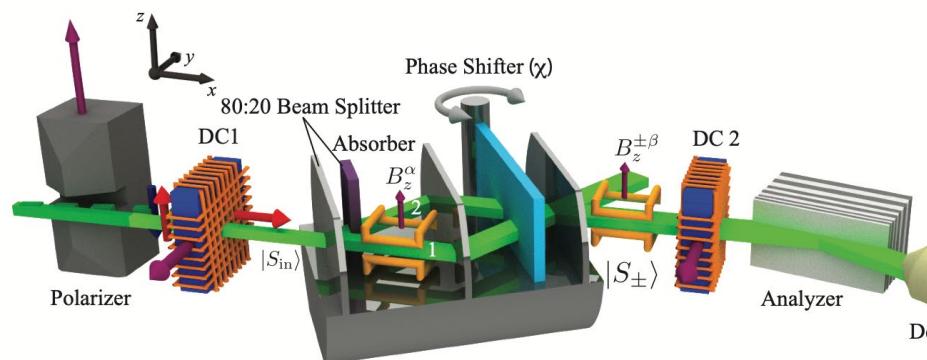
can be measured

PATH (object system) and B: SPIN (probe system)



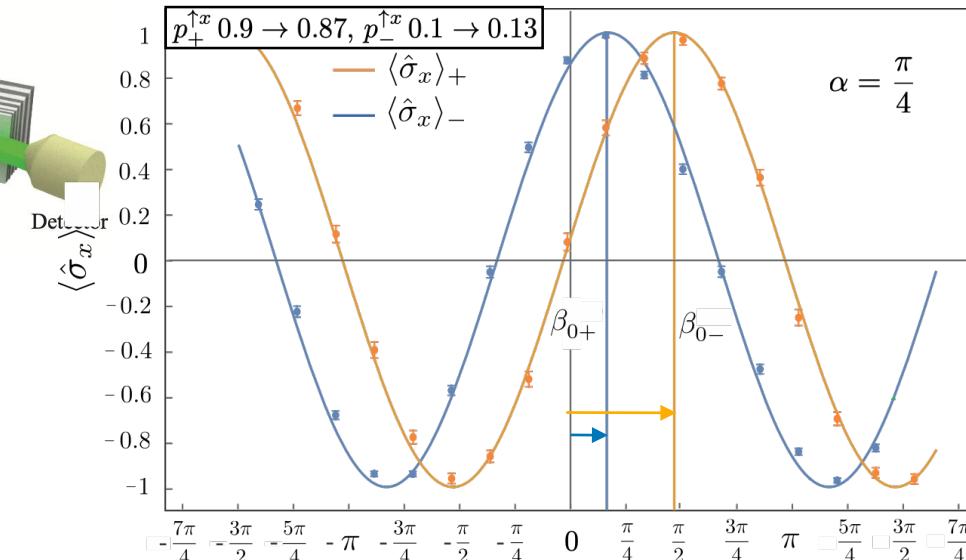
iii) Path Presence: Feedback Compensation Scenario

$$|\Psi_{\text{in}}\rangle = |\psi \otimes S\rangle := (a_1|1\rangle + a_2|2\rangle)|\uparrow_x\rangle \quad |\Psi_{\pm}^{\text{out}}\rangle = \langle \pm|\psi\rangle |\pm\rangle |S_{\pm}\rangle$$



$$\rightarrow a_1 = \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}, a_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \quad |\pm\rangle = |1\rangle + e^{i\chi_{\pm}}|2\rangle$$

$$\chi_+ = 0, \chi_- = \pi$$



$$\langle \hat{\sigma}_x \rangle_+ = \cos(\beta_+ - \omega_{1+}\alpha)$$

$$\langle \hat{\sigma}_x \rangle_- = \cos(\beta_- - \omega_{1-}\alpha)$$

- “Compensation” restores the initial spin state ($+x$) for **all** neutrons; analyzing the spin in x -direction, the **variance $\Delta\hat{\sigma}_x$ vanishes** and this means that the average value is valid for **each individual neutron**
- Path presence equals the **weak value** of the path projector for small interaction α and is not a statistical average but applies to every individual neutron, “**Verification of the Estimate**”

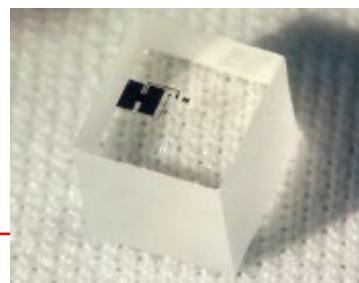
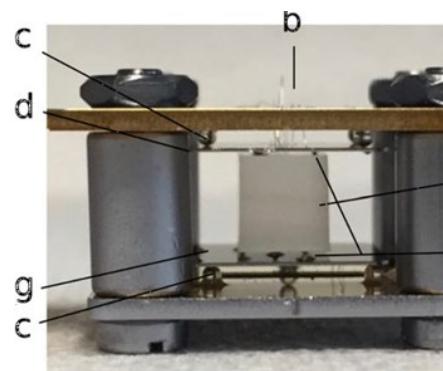
Jericha et al.: Betas & CRAB Experiment

PERC Magnet System

Delivery to FRM II

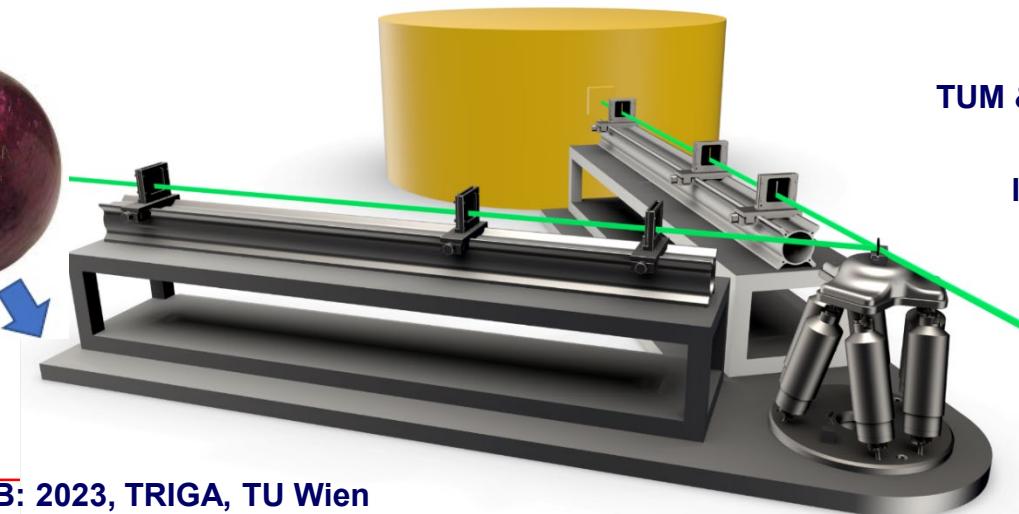
CRES

I. Pradler: Cyclotron Radiation Emission Spectroscopy



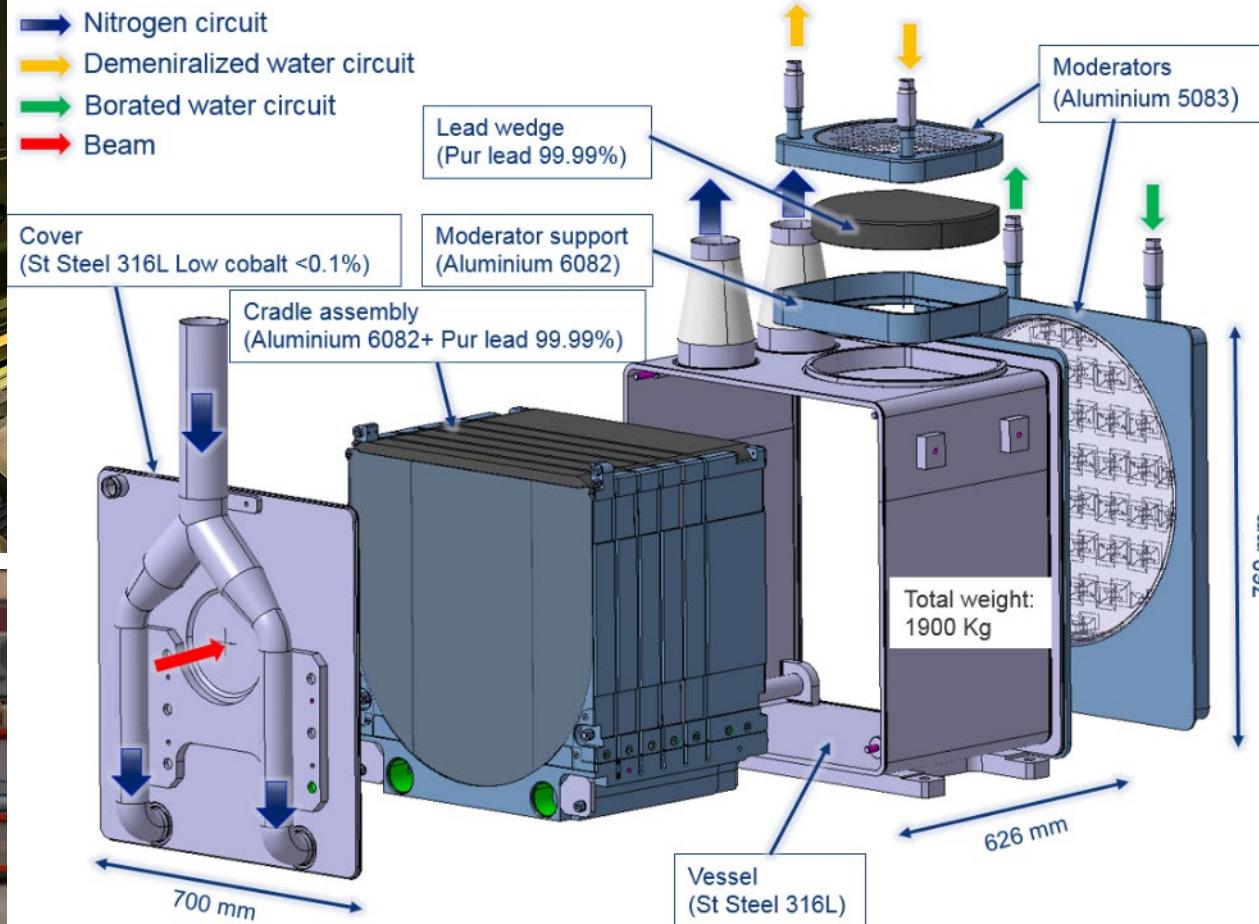
Neutrinos and Dark Matter CRC – Project N07

TUM & TU Wien
Review last 2 days



CRAB: 2023, TRIGA, TU Wien

Jericha: n_TOF @ CERN: Pb Spallation Target #3



- Tests with cold nitrogen: operational – February 2021
- Installation in the target pit – March 2021
- Beamline installations – finished by end of June 2021
- 1st proton beam on target – planned 19.07.2021

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- Search for Dark Energy and Modified Gravity with Tabletop Experiments
- Standard Model Tests on the 10^{-4} level

Neutron Experiments at ESFRI Landmarks, Roadmap

- ILL 20/20, Institut Laue Langevin



“Neutron sources can have a serious impact on strategic areas such as particle physics, the fundamental quantum properties of the neutron, and cosmology” ESFRI Road Map p.164f

- 5/27 instruments for “Physique fondamentale”

→ High Precision Road to Particle Physics at very low energies

- European Spallation Source ERIC



„The ESS will deliver a neutron peak brightness of at least 30 times greater than the current state-of-the-art“

- **The inclusion of Nuclear Physics programmes at ESS is at stake**
- ANNI Proposal.

Longer Perspectives (2025+)

- Beta Decay @ PERC or ILL
 - CREScent @ PERC (Cyclotron Radiation Electron Spectroscopy)
 - Heavy Neutrino Mass Search @ 10 keV
- CREScent @ ESS (European Neutron Souce at Lund)
 - Application for Fundamental Physics Beamline
 - Factor 30 Increase compared to ILL
- qBOUNCE@ILL Bottle experiment -> 50 - 100 gain in sensitivity
- CANNEX@ATI
- NUCLEUS as a long term project



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