



*q***BOUNCE**

A quantum bouncing ball gravity spectrometer

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Humboldt Kolleg: From the Vacuum to the Universe

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Austrian Free fall at large distances

~~World Record~~
40.000 m

Dr. Alan Eustace
41.424 m



40 km jump, Source: S. Schwarz

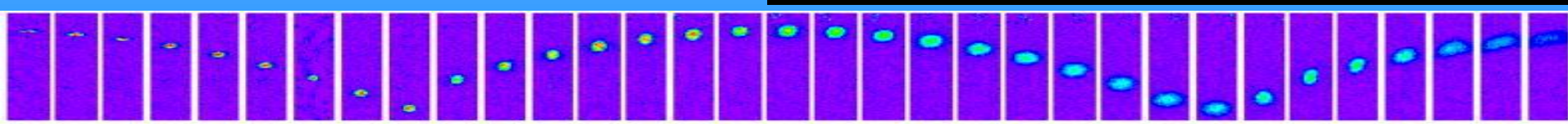
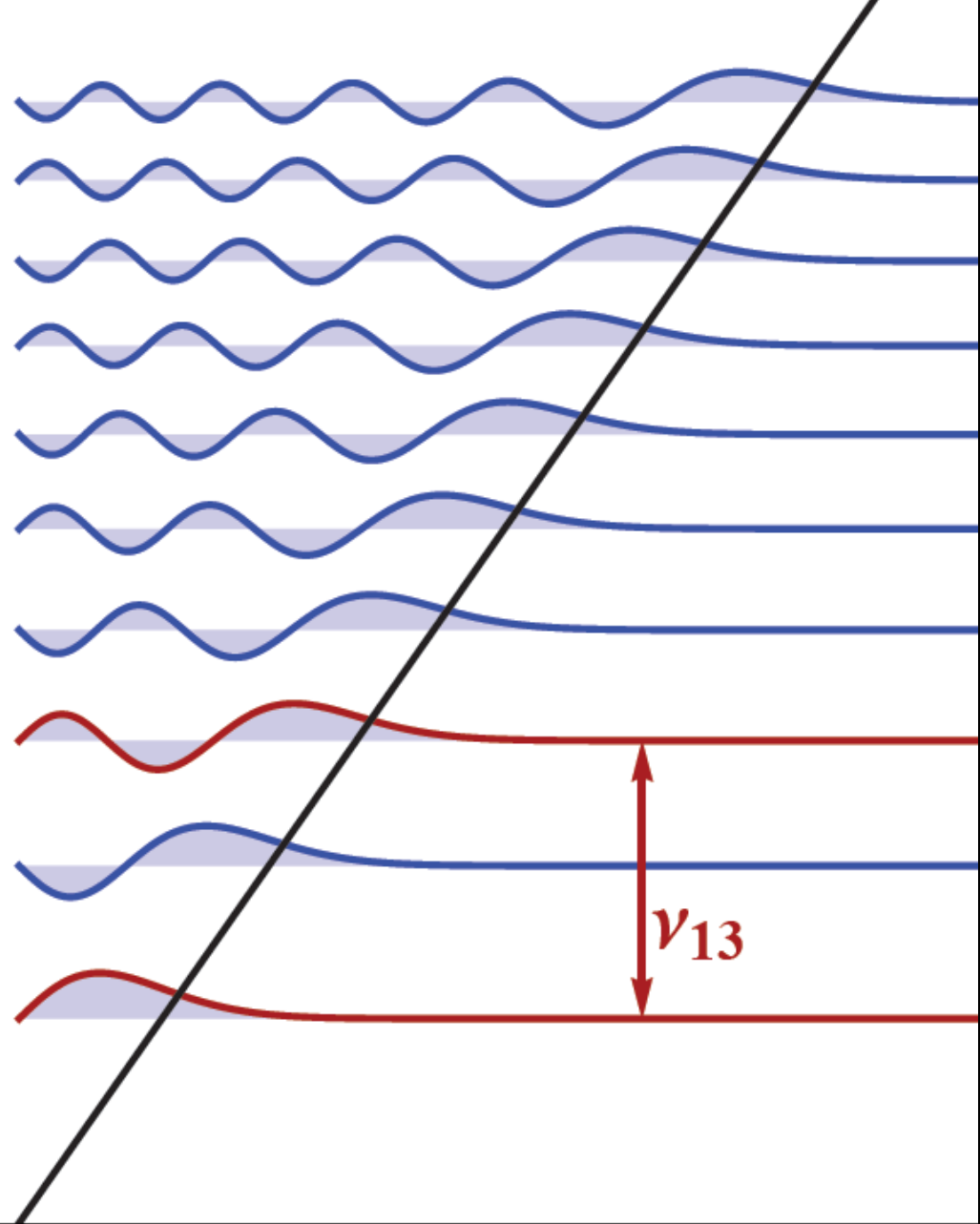
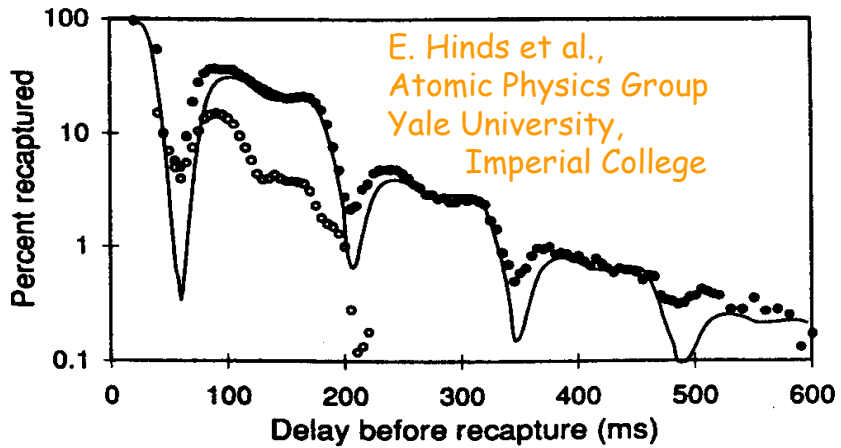
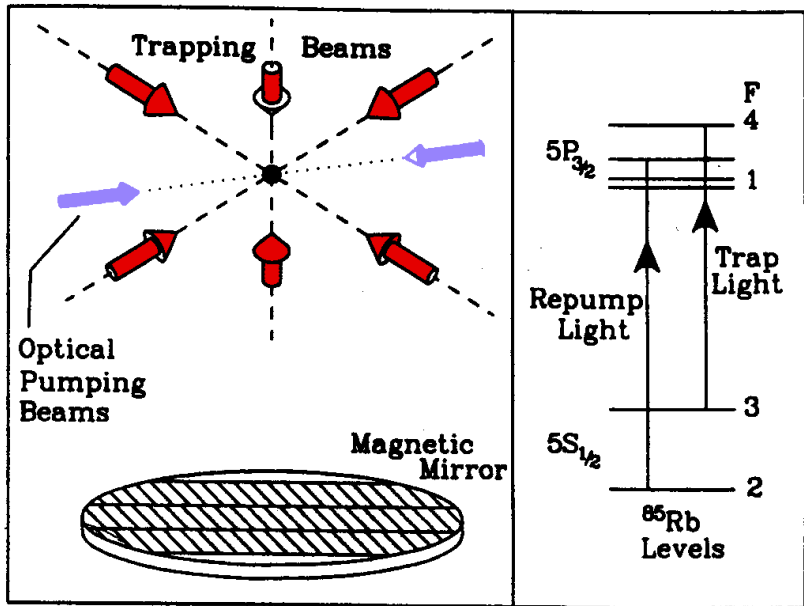


Felix Baumgartner



Alan Eustace
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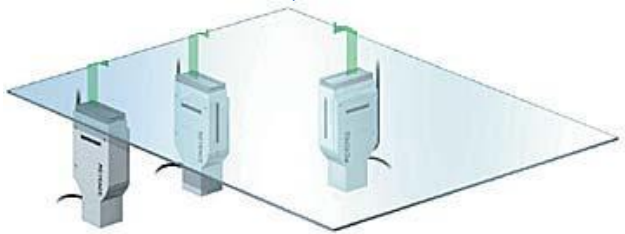
Rb Atoms Bouncing in a Stable Gravitational Cavity



qBOUNCE: Quantum States in the Gravity Potential

- Schrödinger Equation

$$\left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} + mgz \right) \varphi_n(z) = E_n \varphi_n(z)$$

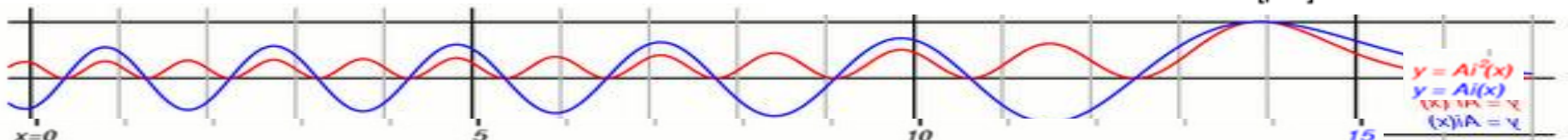
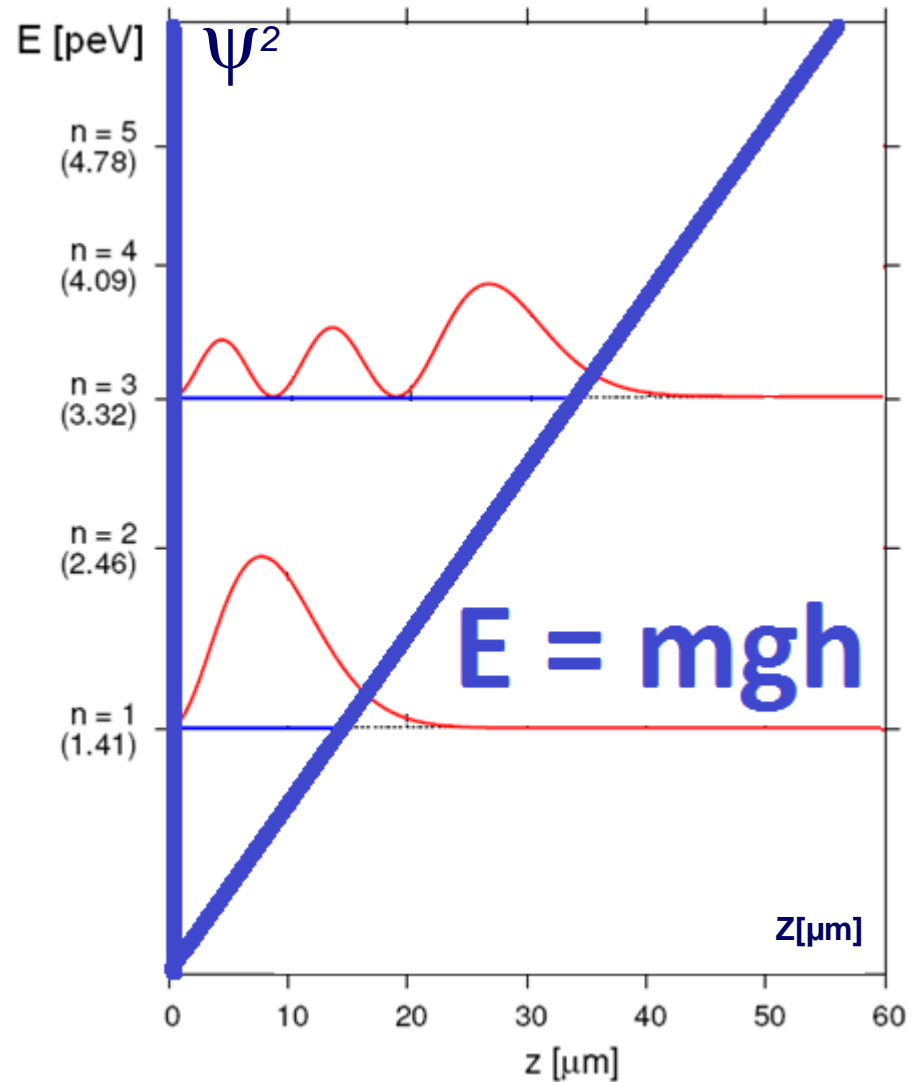


- Bound States

- Discrete energy levels

- Ground state 1.4 peV

- Airy-Functions



EDM Experiments

An Improved Experimental Limit on the Electric Dipole Moment of the Neutron

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Atom EDM

$$|d_n| < 3.0 \times 10^{-26} \text{ e cm (90\% CL).}$$

n EDM Bodek Talk

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

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REPORT

Order of Magnitude Smaller Limit on the Electric Dipole Moment of the Electron

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$$< 8.7 \times 10^{-29} \text{ e} \cdot \text{cm with 90\% confidence}$$

$$\Delta E = 10^{-18} \text{ eV}$$

Gabrielse Talk

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

- Energy $\Delta E = 10^{-21}$ eV
- Momentum $\Delta p/p = 10^{-11}$
- Angle $\Delta \varphi = 10^{-11}$ rad
- Decay rate: 10^6 /s/m
- Neutral
- Polarisability extremely small

review article:

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

- By a hair's breadth



Observables: more than a dozen related to particle physics and cosmology

DFG/FWF Priority Programme 1491 : Precision experiments in particle- and astrophysics with cold and ultracold neutrons,

● Participating Institutions:

- IST Braunschweig
- Univ. Heidelberg
- ILL
- Univ. Jena
- Univ. Mainz
- Exzellenzcluster ‚Universe‘ München
- Techn. Univ. München*
- PTB Berlin
- Techn. Univ. Wien*

• Priority Areas

- CP-symmetry violation and particle physics in the early universe.
- The structure and nature of weak interaction and possible extensions of the Standard Model.
- Tests of gravitation with quantum objects
- Charge quantization and the electric neutrality of the neutron.

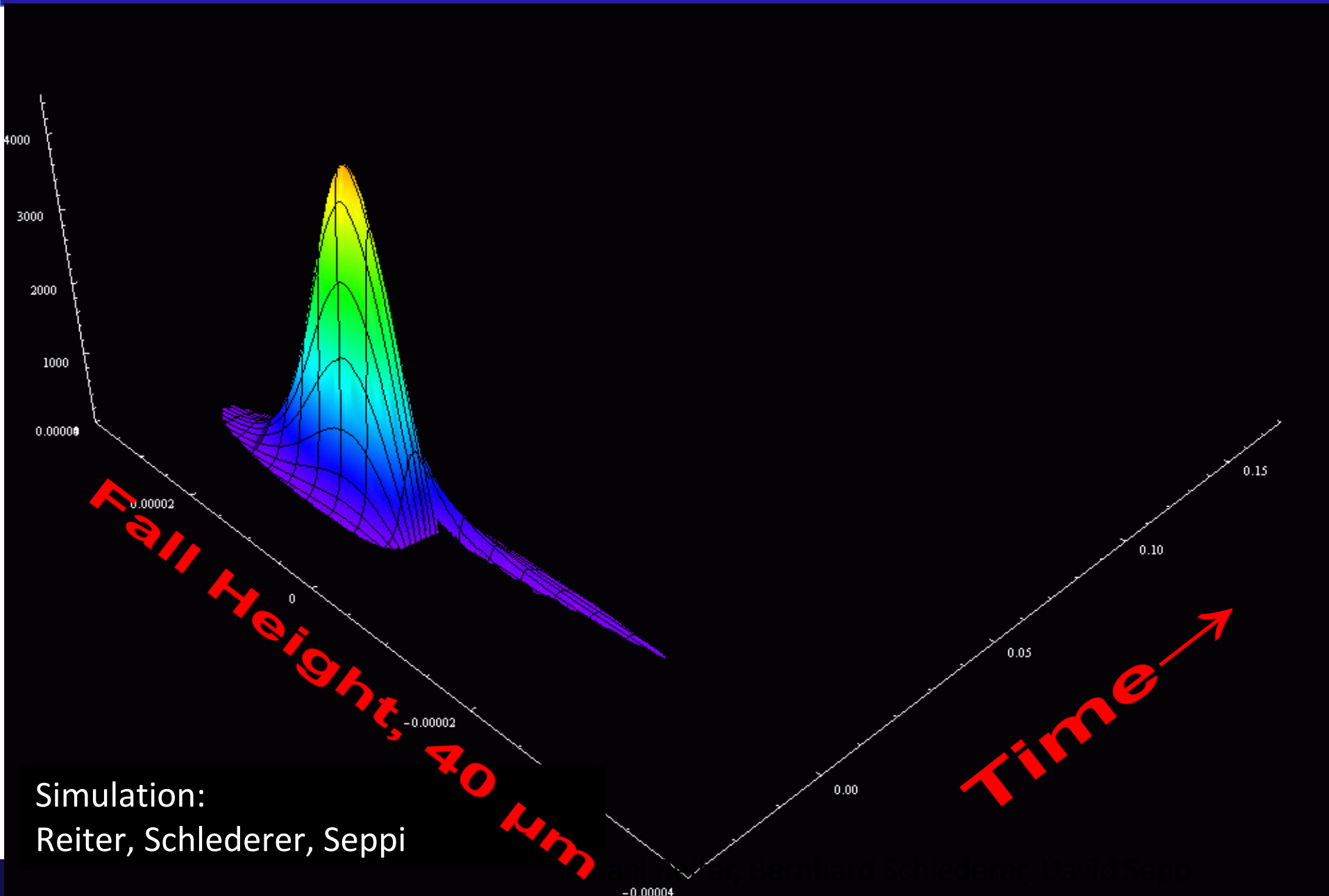
• New Infrastructure (UCN-Source, cold Neutrons)

- * **Coordinators first round (S. Paul, H.A.)**

Outline of my talk: gravity tests at short distances

- Priority Programme 1491, *DFG & FWF*
 - *g*Bounce- Realization of a Quantum Bouncing Ball Gravity Spectrometer
 - Fall height: $40\mu\text{m}$
 - Mirror, polished glass
 - Gravity Resonance Spectroscopy
 - Test of Newton's Law at short distances
 - Search for hypothetical gravity-like forces, effects of string theories, higher dimensional field theories etc.
 - Limits on theories describing the expansion of the universe
 - Measurements of Airy-Functions in the gravity potential of the Earth
 - Search for a charge of the neutron
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Show Case I: free fall at short distances



Frequency: Resonance Spectroscopy

- Quantum System, 2-Level System

- Coupling

- Example:

- NMR:

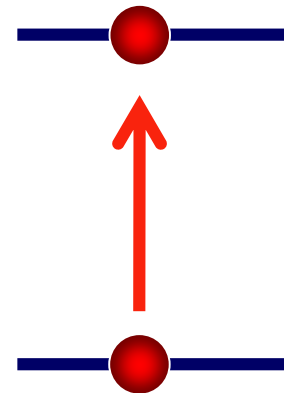
- Magnetic Moment in
- outer magnetic field
- RF-field drives Transitions

- Rabi – Spectroscopy

- Ramsey Spectroscopy: Clocks, Spin Echo, EDM

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

$$E = h\nu$$





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Quantum tests of gravity

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Gravity Resonance Spectroscopy

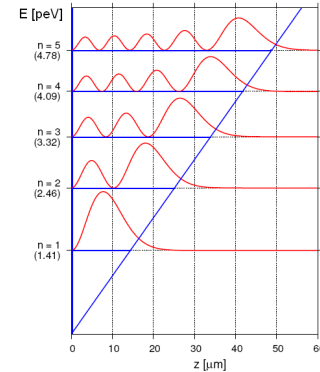
● Quantum System, 2-Level System

● Coupling

● GRS: Neutron

- gravity field of earth,
- oscillating Mirror drives transitions

$$E = h\nu$$



$|3\rangle > 3.32 \text{ peV}$



$|1\rangle > 1.4 \text{ peV}$

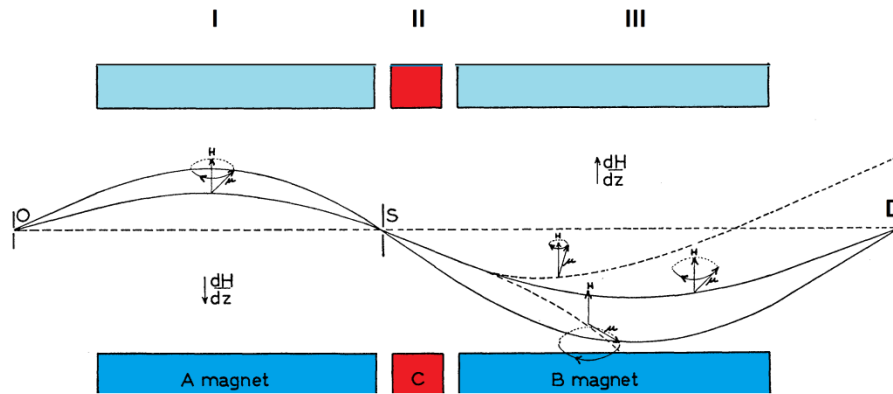


*q*Bounce:
Vibrating mirror

Demonstration Gravity Resonance Spectroscopy: Jenke et al., Nature Physics 2011

Show Case II: Rabi-type Spectroscopy of Gravity

- NMR Spectroscopy Technique to explore magnetic moments



- 3 Regions:
 - I: 1st State selector/ Polarizer
 - II: Coupling
 - RF field
 - III: 2nd State Selector / Analyzer

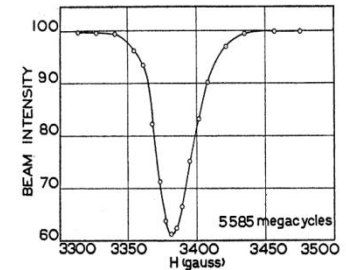
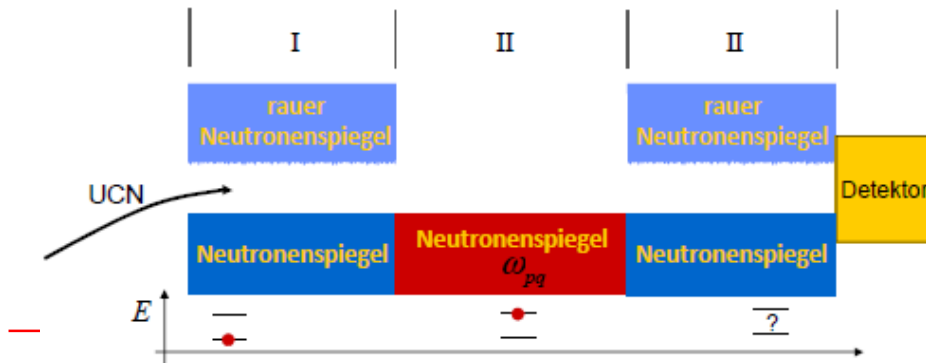


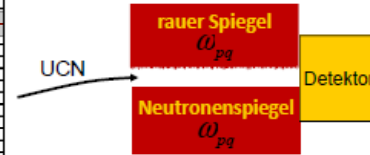
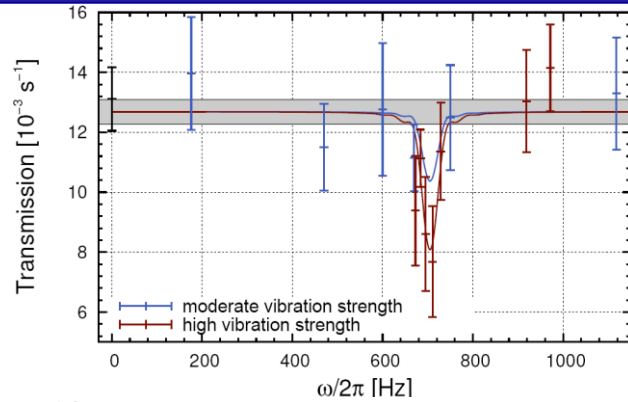
FIG. 4. Resonance curve of the Li^7 nucleus observed in LiCl .

- Gravity Resonance Spectroscopy Technique to explore gravity



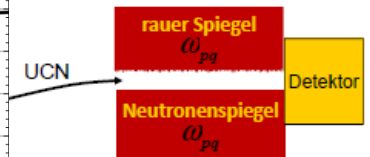
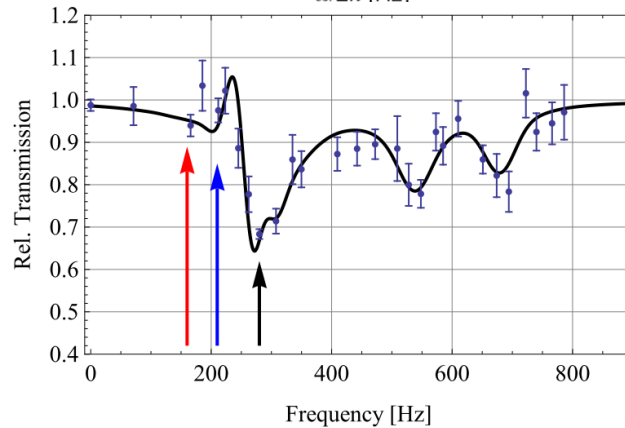
- 3 Regions:
 - I: 1st State selector/ Polarizer
 - II: Coupling
 - Vibr. mirror
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qBounce – Gravity Resonance Spectroscopy



$$|1\rangle \leftrightarrow |3\rangle$$

● T. Jenke et al. NP 2011



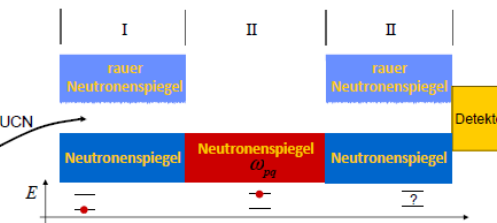
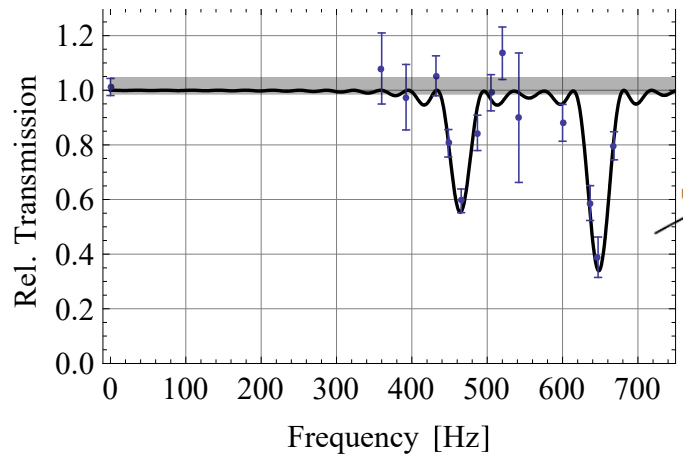
$$|1\rangle \leftrightarrow |2\rangle : 266 \text{ Hz}$$

$$|1\rangle \leftrightarrow |3\rangle : 563 \text{ Hz}$$

$$|2\rangle \leftrightarrow |3\rangle : 296 \text{ Hz}$$

$$|2\rangle \leftrightarrow |4\rangle : 701 \text{ Hz}$$

● T. Jenke et al. PRL 2014



$$|1\rangle \leftrightarrow |3\rangle : 462 \text{ Hz}$$

$$|1\rangle \leftrightarrow |4\rangle : 647 \text{ Hz}$$

● C. Cronenberg et al.

Results

Transitions 1-3 and 1-4 observed

1-3: $(46 \pm 5)\%$ Intensity drop

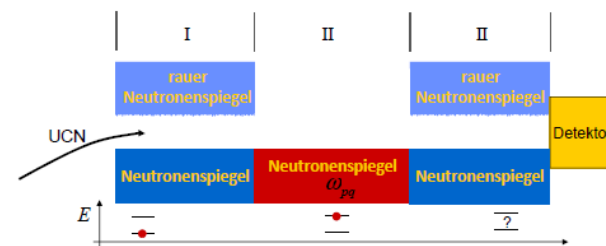
1-4: $(61 \pm 7)\%$

60 measurements

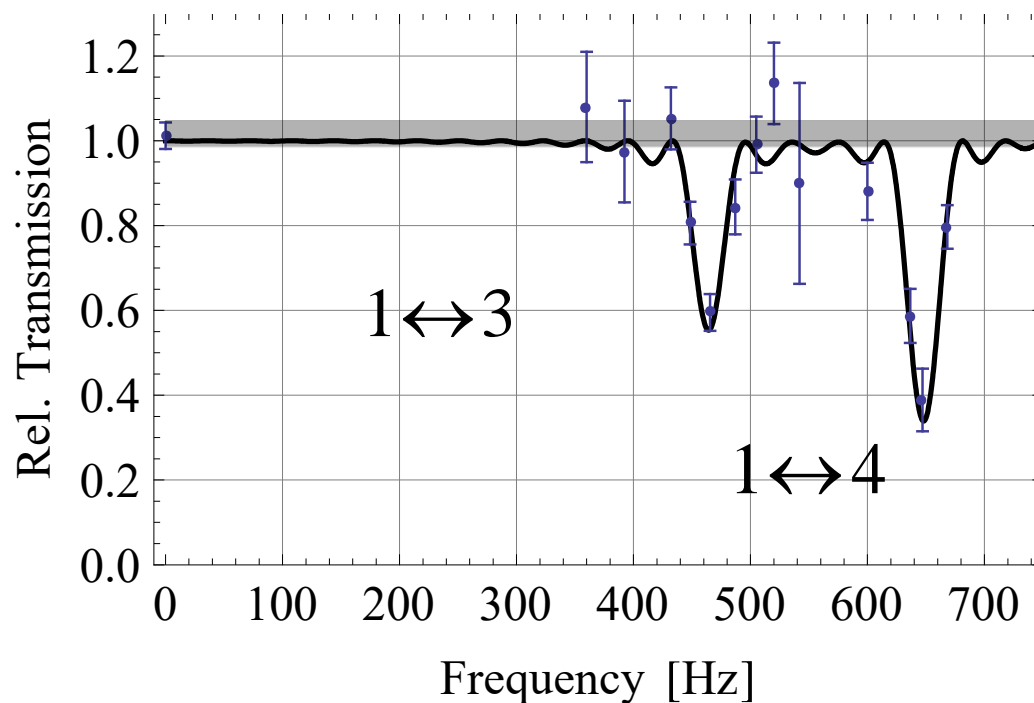
Preliminary,

$$\nu_{13} = 463.74^{+1.05}_{-1.10} \text{ Hz}$$

$$\nu_{14} = 648.24^{+1.46}_{-1.53} \text{ Hz}$$



@ 2.1 mm/s



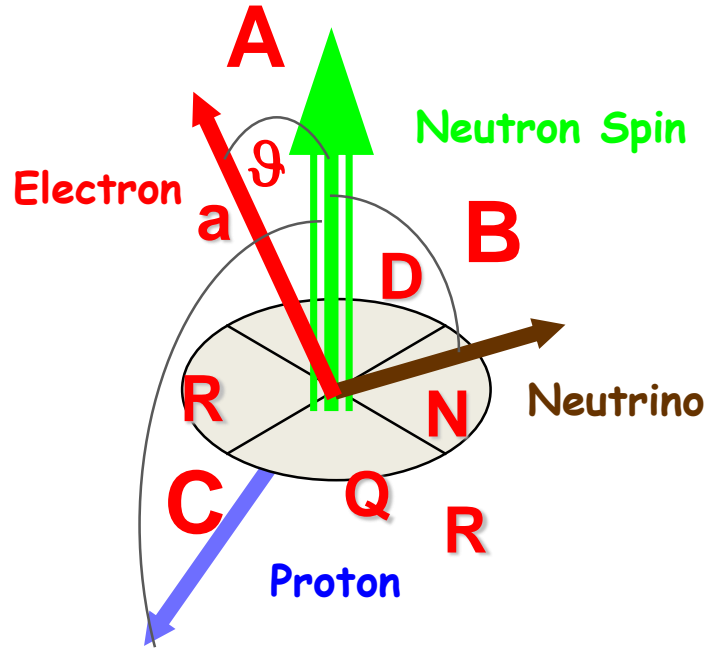
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 - **Neutron optics**

Neutron Alphabet deciphers the SM

Parameters

- Strength: G_F
- Quark mixing: V_{ud}
- Ratio: $\lambda = g_A/g_V$



$$\tau^{-1} = V_{ud}^2 G_F^2 (1 + 3\lambda^2) \frac{f^R m_e^5 c^4}{2\pi^3 \hbar^7}$$

$$d\Gamma \propto \mathcal{N}(E_e) \left\{ 1 + a \frac{\vec{p}_e \cdot \vec{p}_\nu}{E_e E_\nu} + b \frac{\Gamma m_e}{E_e} + \langle \vec{J} \rangle \cdot \left[A \frac{\vec{p}_e}{E_e} + B \frac{\vec{p}_\nu}{E_\nu} + D \frac{\vec{p}_e \times \vec{p}_\nu}{E_e E_\nu} \right] + \vec{\sigma} \cdot \left[N \langle \vec{J} \rangle + G \frac{\vec{p}_e}{E_e} + Q' \hat{p}_e \hat{p}_e \cdot \langle \vec{J} \rangle + R \langle \vec{J} \rangle \times \frac{\vec{p}_e}{E_e} \right] \right\} d\Omega_e d\Omega_\nu dE_e,$$

Observables

- Lifetime τ
- Correlation A
- Correlation B
- Correlation C
- Correlation a
- Correlation D
- Correlation N
- Correlation Q
- Correlation R
- Beta Spectrum
- Proton Spectrum
- Beta Helicity

a bit history:

λ from neutron β -decay

- -1.1900(200), PDG (1960)
- -1.2500(200), PDG (1975)
- -1.2610(40), PDG (1990)
- -1.2594(38), Gatchina (1997)
- -1.2660(40), M, ILL (1997)
- **-1.2740(30), PERKEO II (1997)**
- -1.2686(47), Gatchina, ILL (2001)
- **-1.2739(19), PERKEO II (2002)**
- **-1.2762(13), HD, ILL (2006)**
- -1.27590(+409)(-445), UCNA (2011)
- -1.2756(30), UCNA (2013)
- **-1.2748⁺¹³₋₁₄ PERKEO II (2013)**

Why ratio $\lambda = g_A/g_V$ from Neutrons?

Processes with the same Feynman-Diagram

Primordial element formation $n + e^+ \rightarrow p + \nu'_e$ $\sigma_\nu \sim 1/\tau$
 (^2H , ^3He , ^4He , ^7Li , ...) $p + e^- \rightarrow n + \nu_e$ $\sigma_\nu \sim 1/\tau$
 $n \rightarrow p + e^- + \nu'_e$ τ

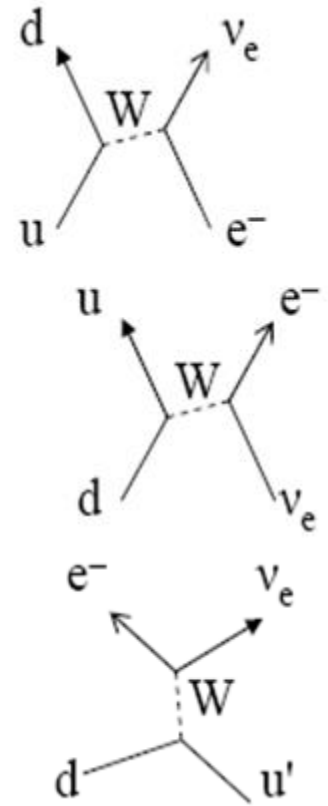
Solar cycle $p + p \rightarrow ^2\text{H} + e^+ + \nu_e$
 $p + p + e^- \rightarrow ^2\text{H} + \nu_e$ etc. $\sim (g_A/g_V)^5$

Neutron star formation $p + e^- \rightarrow n + \nu_e$

Neutrino detectors $\nu'_e + p \rightarrow e^+ + n$

Neutrino forward scattering $\nu_e + n \rightarrow e^- + p$ etc.

W and Z production $u' + d \rightarrow W^- \rightarrow e^- + \nu'_e$ etc.



$$f_\pi g_{\pi NN} = g_A \frac{m_n + m_p}{2}$$

Beyond SM

● A search for

- right-handed admixtures to the left-handed feature of the Standard model. They are forbidden in the Standard-Model, but, as a natural consequence of symmetry breaking in the early universe, they should be found in neutron-decay. Signatures are a W_R mass with mixing angle z .
- scalar and tensor admixtures g_S and g_T to the electroweak interaction. g_S and g_T are also forbidden in the Standard model but supersymmetry contributions to correlation coefficients or the Fierz interference term b can approach the 10^{-3} level.

● A precision measurement of

- the weak-magnetism form factor f_2 prediction of electroweak theory. Such an experiment would be one of the rare occasions, where a strong test of the underlying structure itself of the Standard model becomes available.

● Supersymmetry search in the LHC era:

- one could expect small deviations in the low-energy tests, such as deviations from CKM unitarity, but no effect at the LHC, especially if the supersymmetry spectrum is below one TeV, but the spectrum is compressed, or if some of the superpartners are light and others are heavy (a variant on the “split-SUSY” scenario)

Weak Magnetism form factor f_2

Neutron Decay Transition Matrix:

$$T_{fi} = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{ud} \cdot \langle p | \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma_5) | n \rangle \cdot (\bar{\nu} \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma_5) e)$$

$$V_\mu = \langle p | [f_1(k^2) \gamma_\mu + \frac{f_2(k^2)}{2m_p} \sigma_{\mu\nu} k^\nu + i f_3(k^2) k_\mu] | n \rangle$$

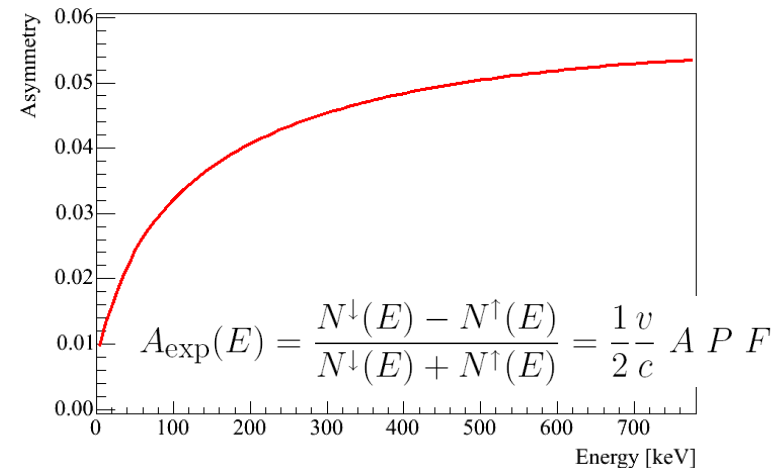
f_2 Weak Magnetism Form Factor
(SM prediction)

Electron Asymmetry:

$$A_0 = -2 \frac{\lambda^2 + \lambda}{1 + 3\lambda^2}$$

$$A(E) = A_0 (1 + c + a_{wm}(\lambda, f_2) E)$$

2 % additional E -dependence of A



SM tests on 10^{-4} level

● Theory

- Recalculation of corrections induced by the “weak magnetism”, the proton recoil and the radiative corrections.
 - Ref.[1]: A. N. Ivanov, M. Pitschmann, and N. I. Troitskaya, PRD **88**, 073002 (2013)
 - Ref.[2]: A. N. Ivanov, R. Höllwieser, N. I. Troitskaya, and M. Wellenzohn, PRD **88**, 065026 (2013)
 - Ref.[3]: A. N. Ivanov, M. Pitschmann, N. I. Troitskaya, and Ya. A. Berdnikov, PRC **89**, 055502 (2014)

● Experiment PERC

- High statistic measurements:
- Today: High Average Flux: $\Phi = 2 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
- Decay rate of **1 MHz / metre**
- Thesis C. Klauser (2013) Polarizer $\Delta P/P = 10^{-4}$, Spin Flipper $\Delta f/f = 10^{-4}$

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Gravity at short distances: String theories

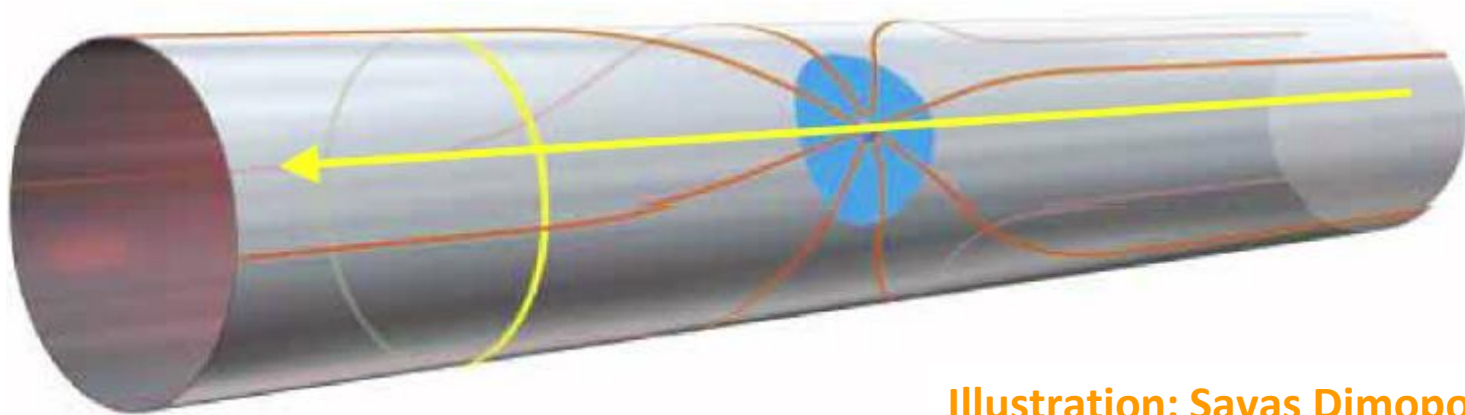


Illustration: Savas Dimopoulos

- Adelberger: In order to see the true strength of gravitation, you have to be very close

Access: test of gravitation with quantum objects

- **qBounce** gives access to all gravity-parameters:

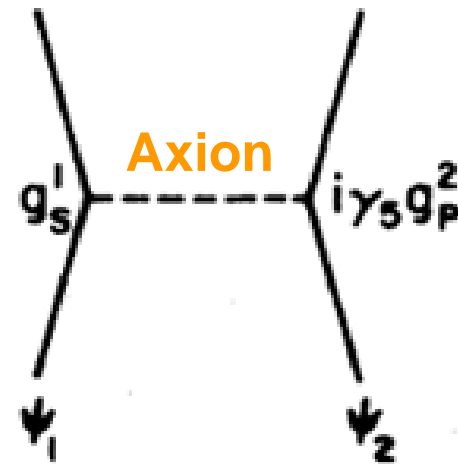
- mass, distance, energy momentum, torsion¹, curvature

- **qBounce** allows constraints on any possible new interaction at the level of sensitivity

- Observe or restrict dark matter / dark energy

- Examples for Hypothetical gravity-like forces

- Axions-exchange?
- Chameleons?



- limits on axion and chameleon fields:

¹A. Ivanov, M. Pitschmann, PRD 2014

Neutrons test Newton

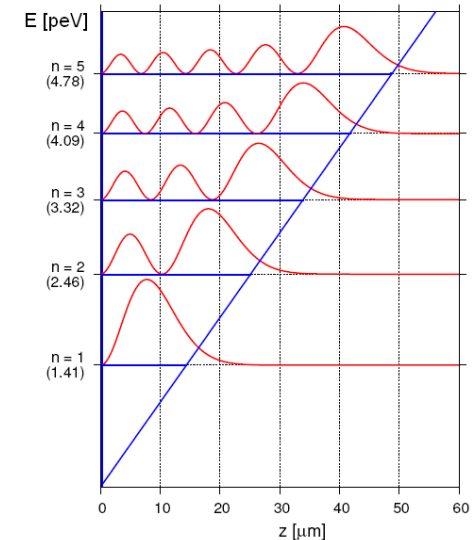
$$V(r) = G \frac{m_1 \cdot m_2}{r} (1 + \alpha \cdot e^{-r/\lambda})$$

- Strength α
- Range λ

For a neutron with mass m_n ,
gravitational constant G ,
mass m_E and density ρ of the earth with radius R_E
($r = R_E + z$),
 $V(r)$ is usually approximated by

$$V(z) = m_n g z$$

$$V(z, \lambda) = 2\pi m_n \rho \alpha \lambda^2 G e^{-2|z|/\lambda} = \alpha \times 2 \times 10^{-12} \text{ peV}$$



Neutrons test Newton

$$V(r) = G \frac{m_1 \cdot m_2}{r} (1 + \alpha \cdot e^{-r/\lambda})$$

● Strength α

● Range λ

Hypothetical Gravity Like Forces

Extra Dimensions:

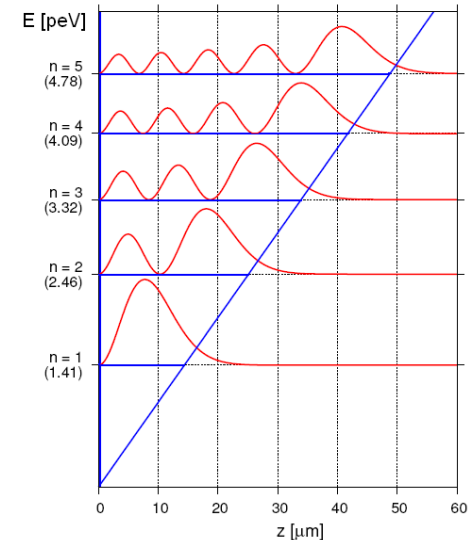
The string and D_p -brane theories predict the existence of extra space-time dimensions

Infinite-Volume Extra Dimensions: Randall and Sundrum

Exchange Forces from new Bosons: a deviation from the ISL can be induced by the exchange of new (pseudo)scalar and (pseudo)vector bosons

- Axion - - - - -
- Scalar boson. Cosmological consideration
- Bosons from Hidden Supersymmetric Sectors
- Gauge fields in the bulk (ADD, PRD 1999) - - - - $\rightarrow 10^6 < \alpha < 10^9$

Supersymmetric large Extra Dimensions (B.& C.) - - - - $\rightarrow \alpha < 10^6$



Limits on hypothetical gravity-like forces

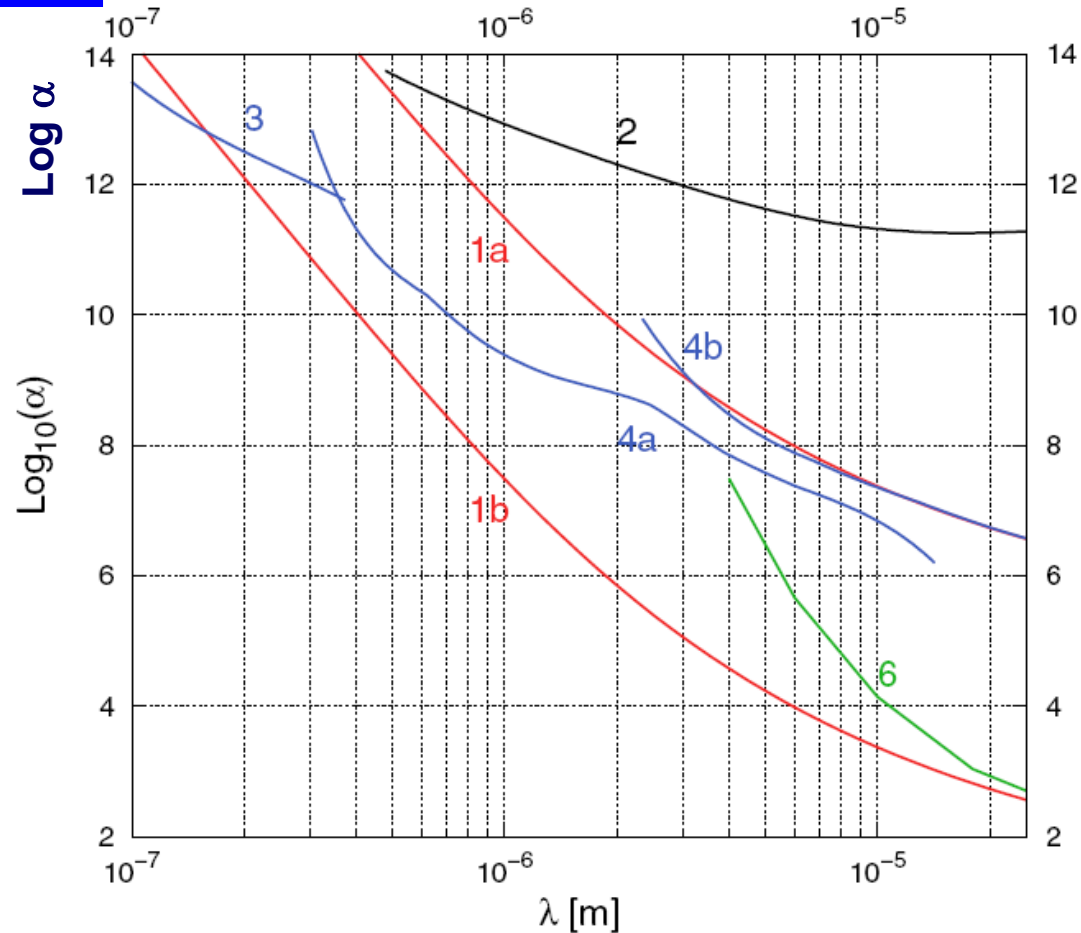
$$V(r) = G \frac{m_1 \cdot m_2}{r} (1 + \alpha \cdot e^{-r/\lambda})$$

So far best limits from AFM

- large effects from Casimir or Van der Waals forces

Neutrons:

- Polarizability extremely small



Casimir Force

Atom

- Example Rb

$$V(r) = \frac{3\hbar c a_0}{2\pi r^4}$$

$$r = 1 \mu\text{m}$$

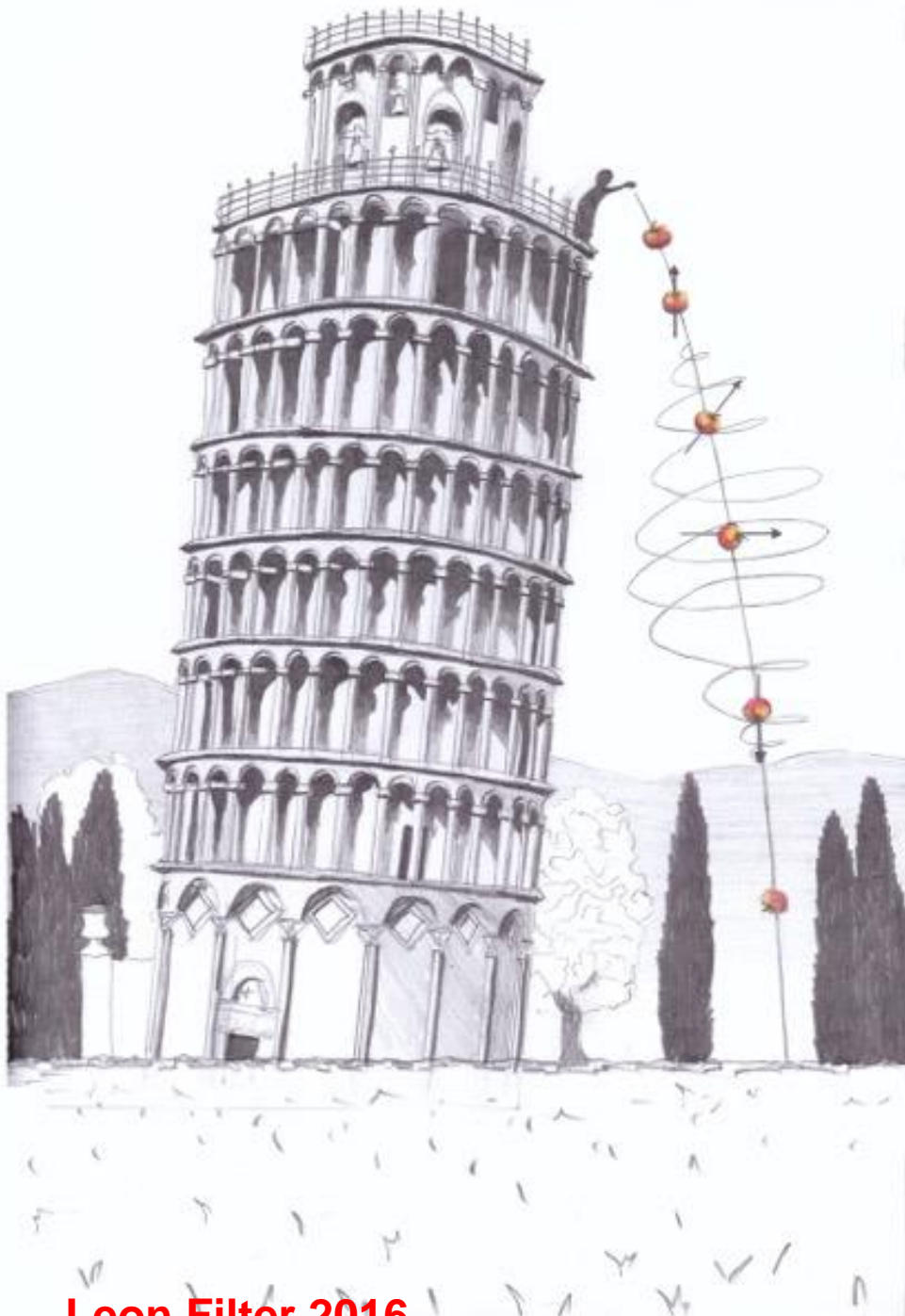
$$a_0 = 2,3 \times 10^{-23}$$
$$V(r) = \frac{3\hbar c a_0}{2\pi r^4}$$
$$= 0.6 \text{peV}$$

Neutron:

Casimir force absent

- Polarizability extremely small:

$$a_n = 11.6 \times 10^{-4} \text{fm}^3$$
$$D = 4\pi\epsilon_0 a_n E$$
$$= 6 \times 10^{-41} \text{eV} \times E \left[\frac{\text{V}}{\text{m}} \right]$$
$$= 10^{-18} \text{peV}$$

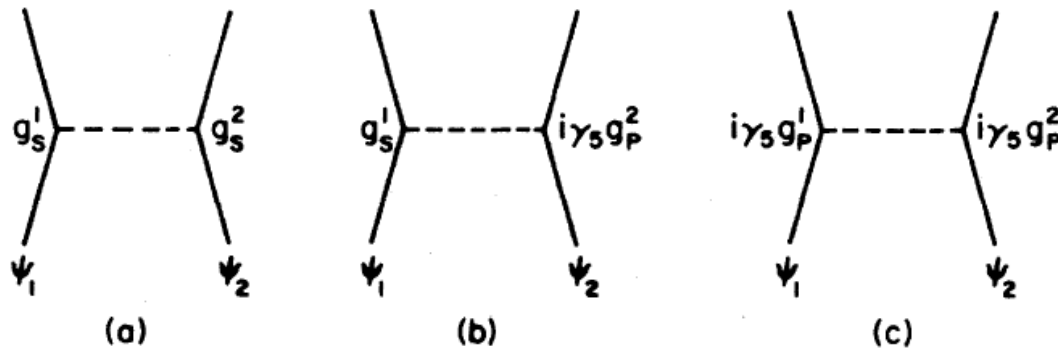


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Limits on Axions

- SM: $0 < \theta < 2\pi$
- EDM neutron $\rightarrow \theta < 10^{-10}$
- Axion: Spin-Mass coupling $g_s g_p / \hbar c$: $\theta = 0$

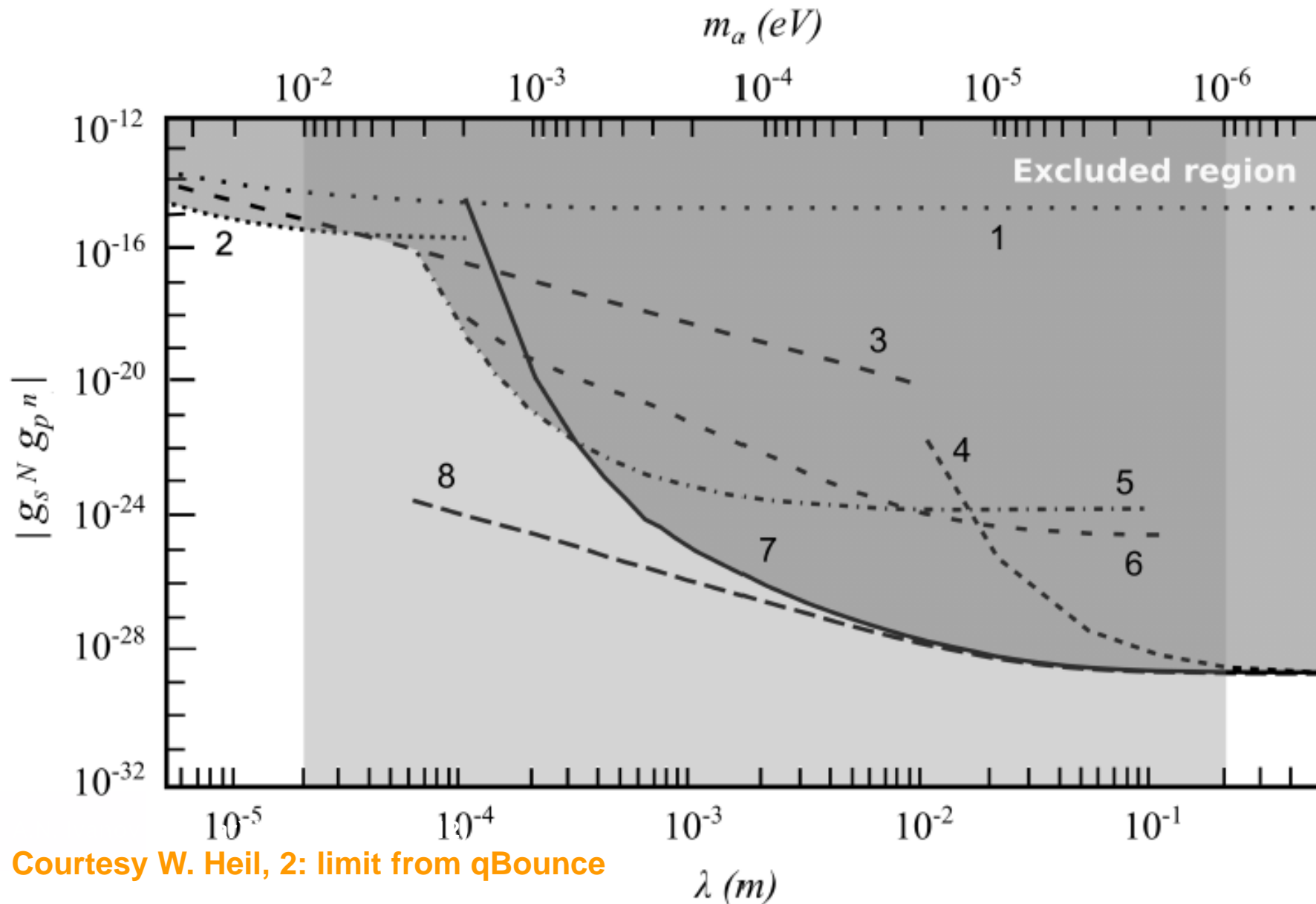
$$\mathcal{L}_{QCD} = -\frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(G_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu}) + \bar{q}(i\mathcal{D} - \mathcal{M})q + \frac{\theta}{16\pi^2} \text{tr}(\tilde{G}_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu})$$



J. E. Moody and F. Wilczek, Phys. Rev. D 30, 130 (1984).

$$V(\vec{r}) = \hbar g_s g_p \frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{n}}{8\pi m c} \left(\frac{1}{\lambda r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \right) e^{-r/\lambda}$$

Axion-like forces



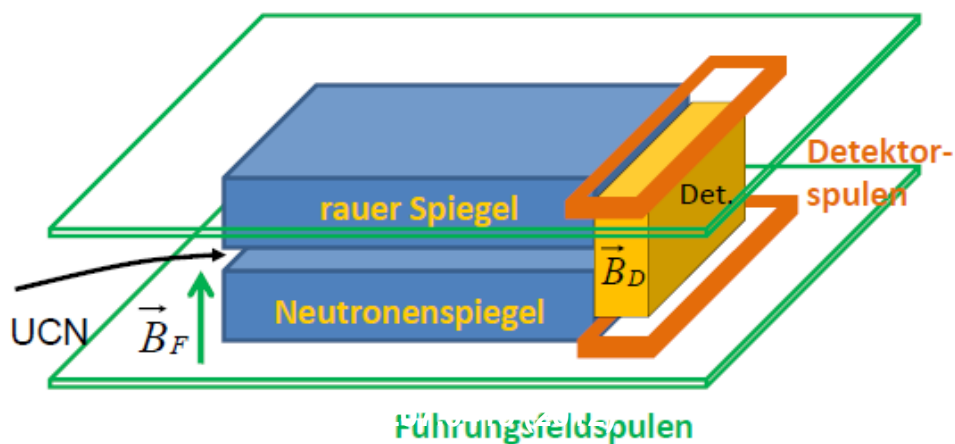
Courtesy W. Heil, 2: limit from qBounce

Applications I: Spin-dependant short-ranged interactions

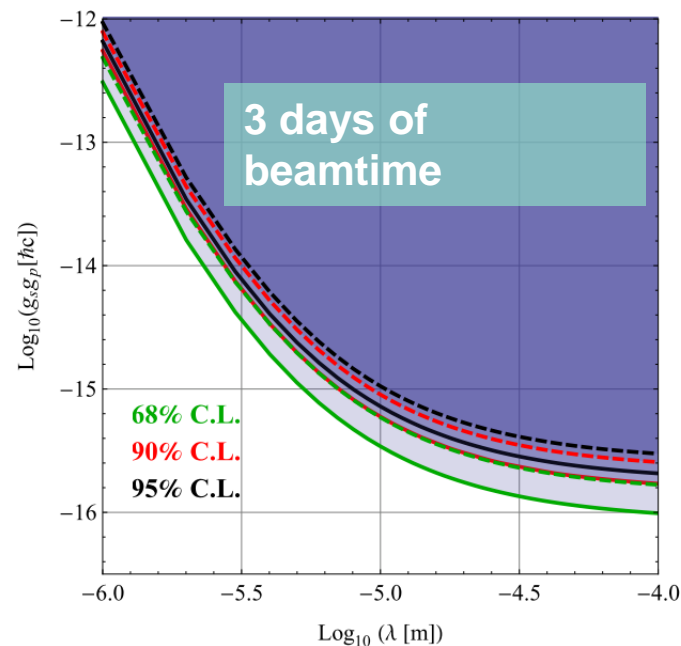
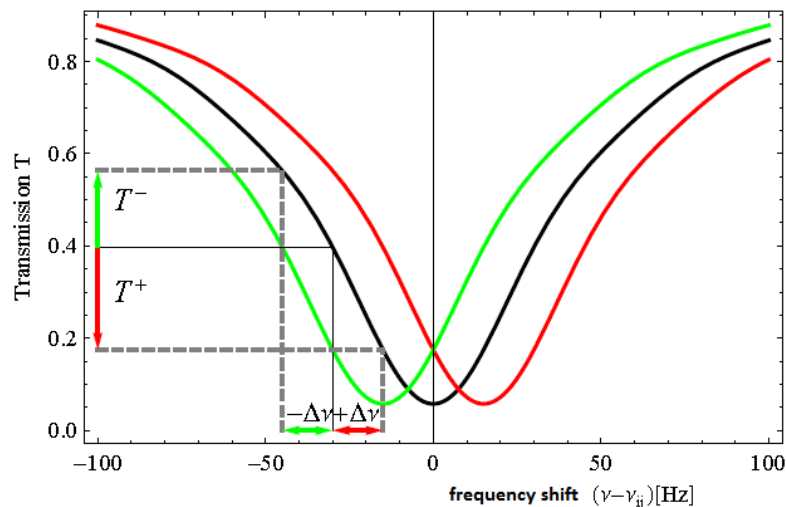
$$V_{\text{axion}} = \frac{g_s g_p \hbar}{8\pi m_n c} \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{n} \left(\frac{1}{\lambda r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \right)$$

discovery potential [Setup 2010]:

$$g_s g_p / \hbar c \geq \frac{3 \cdot 10^{-16}}{\sqrt{\text{days}}} \quad (\lambda = 10 \mu\text{m}, 68\% \text{ C.L.})$$



T. Jenke et al. PRL 2014

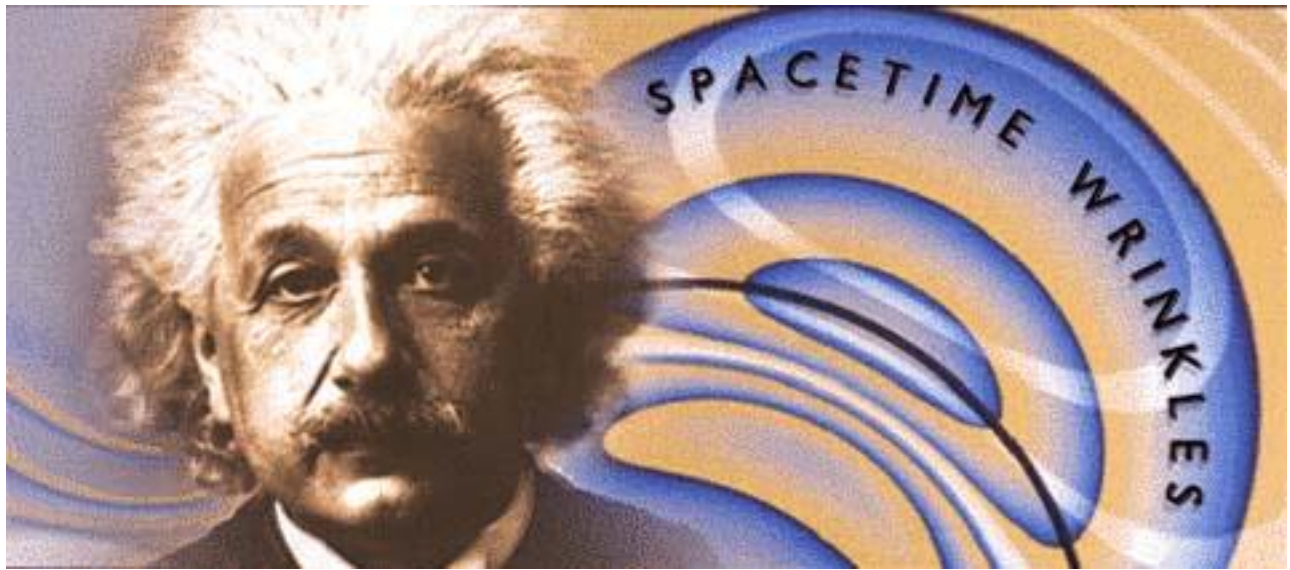


Parameters of Gravity: $R_{\mu\nu}$ $T_{\mu\nu}$

● Einstein:

- Curvature $R_{\mu\nu}$ \leftrightarrow Energy Momentum Tensor $T_{\mu\nu}$

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}Rg_{\mu\nu} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4}T_{\mu\nu}$$

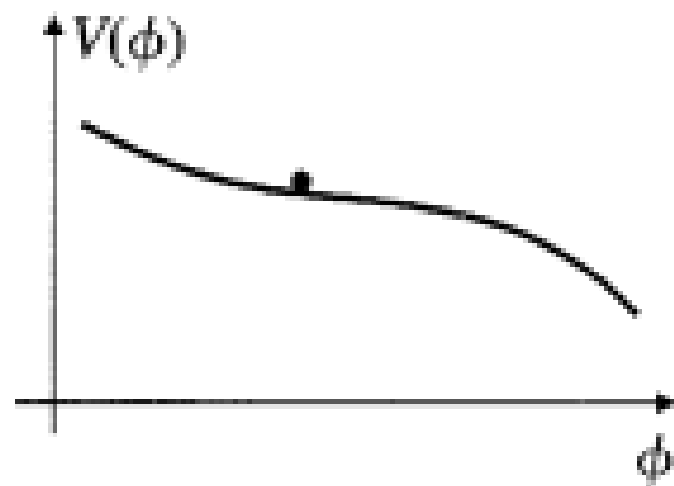


Quintessence Theories

- It could well be that the universe is not in a vacuum state at all and has a dynamical evolution
- Scalar field ϕ as a Perfect fluid

$$T_{\mu\nu} = (\rho + p)u_{\mu}u_{\nu} + pg_{\mu\nu}$$

$$\ddot{\phi} + 3H\dot{\phi} + \frac{dV}{d\phi} = 0$$



$$T_{\mu\nu} \approx -V(\phi)g_{\mu\nu}$$

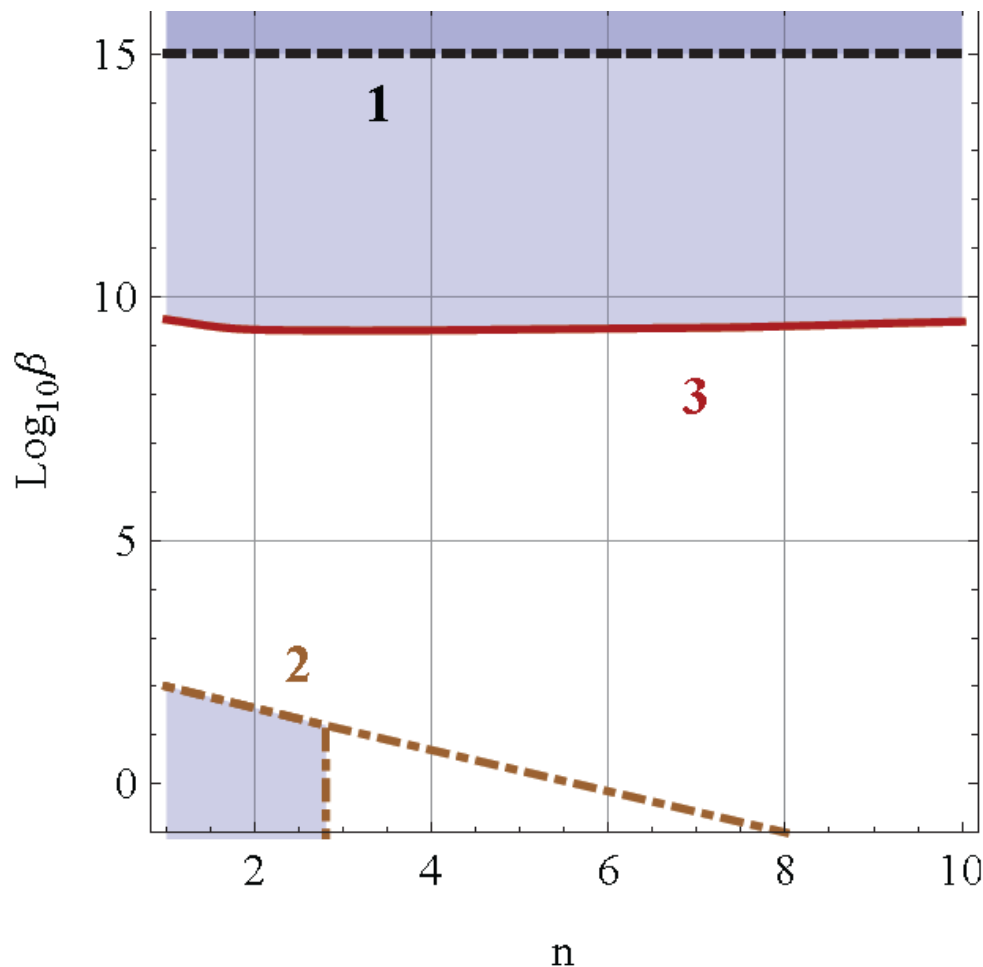
Experiments on the Planck Scale: $\beta^{-1} = M/M_{\text{Pl}}$

- Chameleon fields, Brax et al. PRD 70, 123518 (2004)

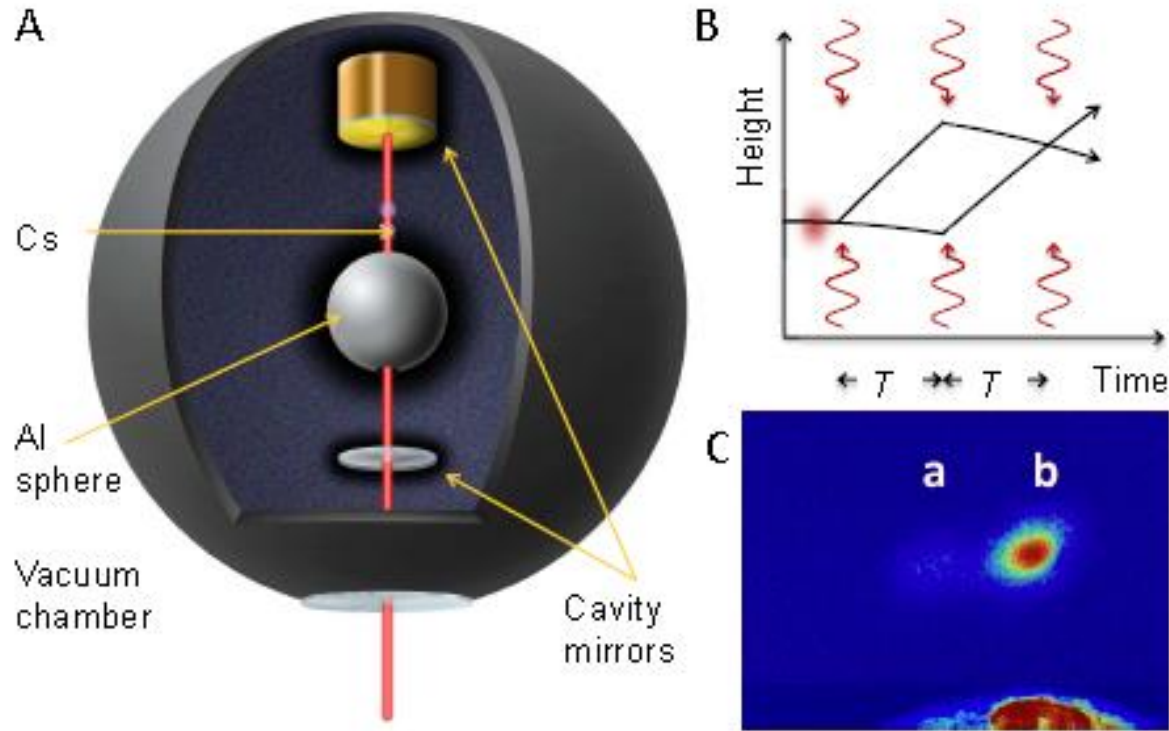
- 2 Parameters β , n

- Λ self interaction

$$V_{\text{eff}}(\phi) = V(\phi) + e^{\beta\phi/M_{\text{Pl}}} \rho.$$



Hamilton et al.



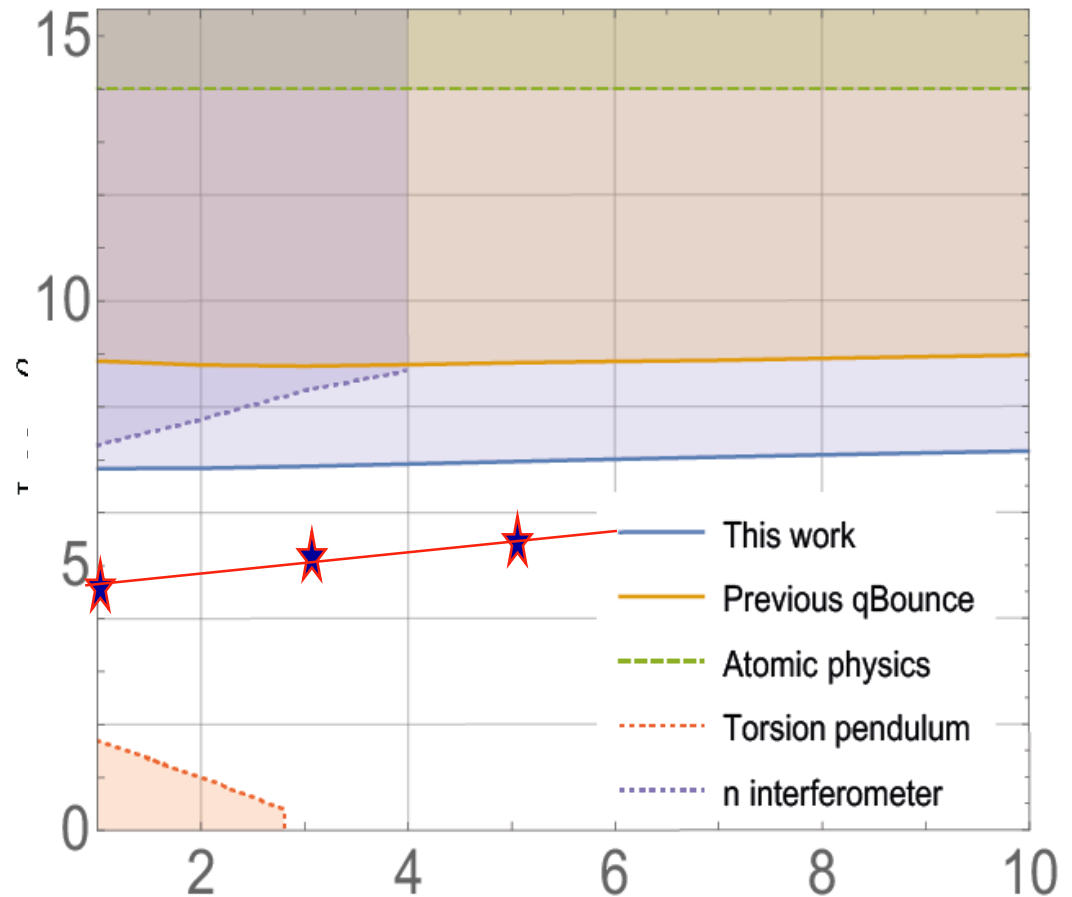
Hamilton et al., Science 2015

Dark Energy – Scalar Fields: G. Cronenberg

- Chameleon fields, Brax et al. PRD 70, 123518 (2004)
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J. Schmiedmayer,
H.A. Science 2015



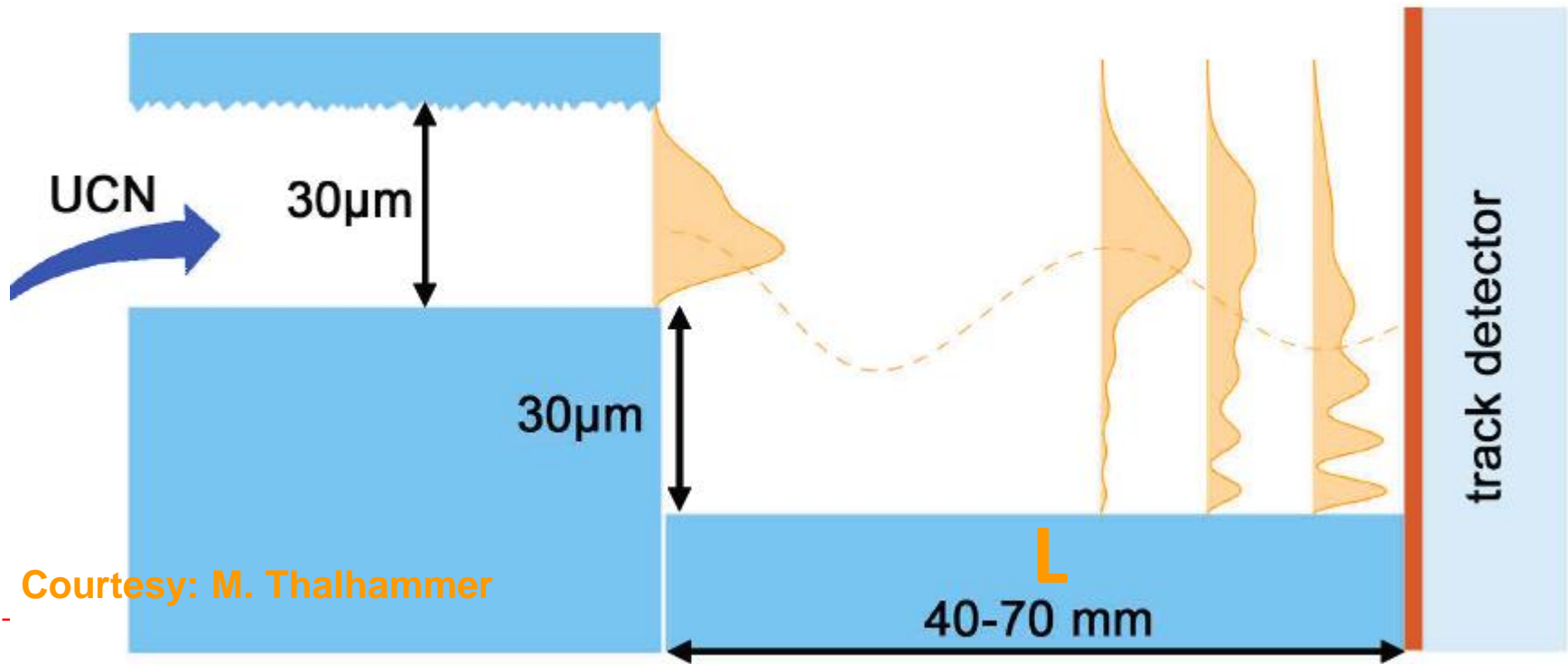
T. Jenke et al., Gravity Resonance Spectroscopy
constrains dark matter and dark energy scenarios, Physical Review Letters 112, 151105 (2014)
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M. Thalhammer, T. Jenke et al.

- Snapshots with spatial resolution detectors $\sim 1.5 \mu\text{m}$

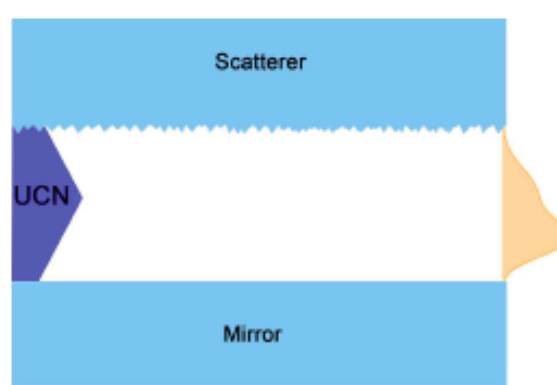
$$\Psi(z, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n e^{-iE_n t/\hbar} \psi_n(z)$$

$$\psi_n(z) \sim Ai\left[\frac{z}{z_0} - \frac{E_n}{E_0}\right]; c_n = \int_0^{\infty} \Psi(z, 0) \psi(z) dz$$



Courtesy: M. Thalhammer

Preparation $L = 0$



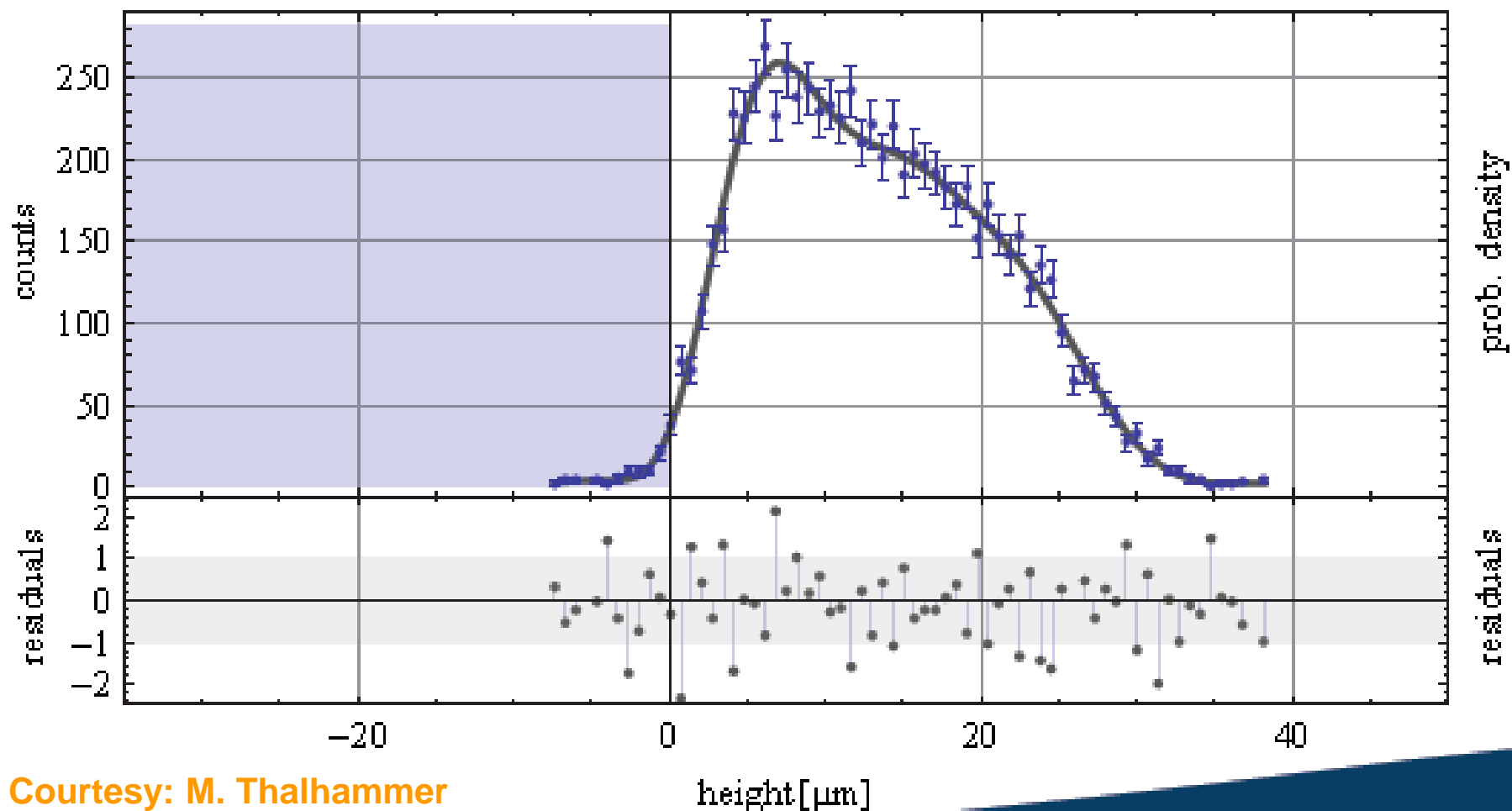
$$|\Psi_I(z, t_1)|^2 = \sum_n |C_n(t_1)|^2 \cdot |\psi_n(z)|^2$$

$$|c_1|^2 = 45\%$$

$$|c_2|^2 = 36\%$$

$$|c_3|^2 = 18\%$$

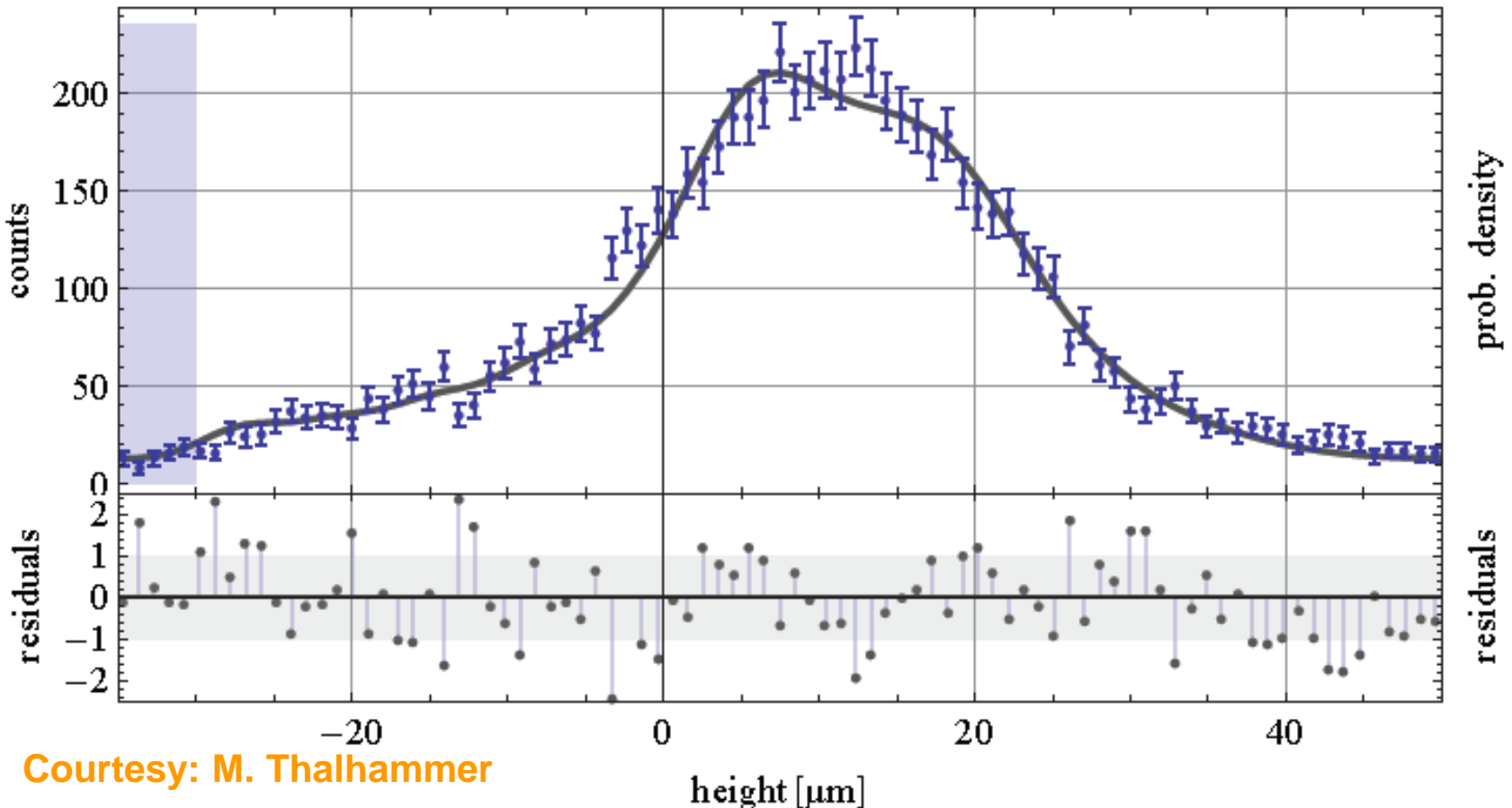
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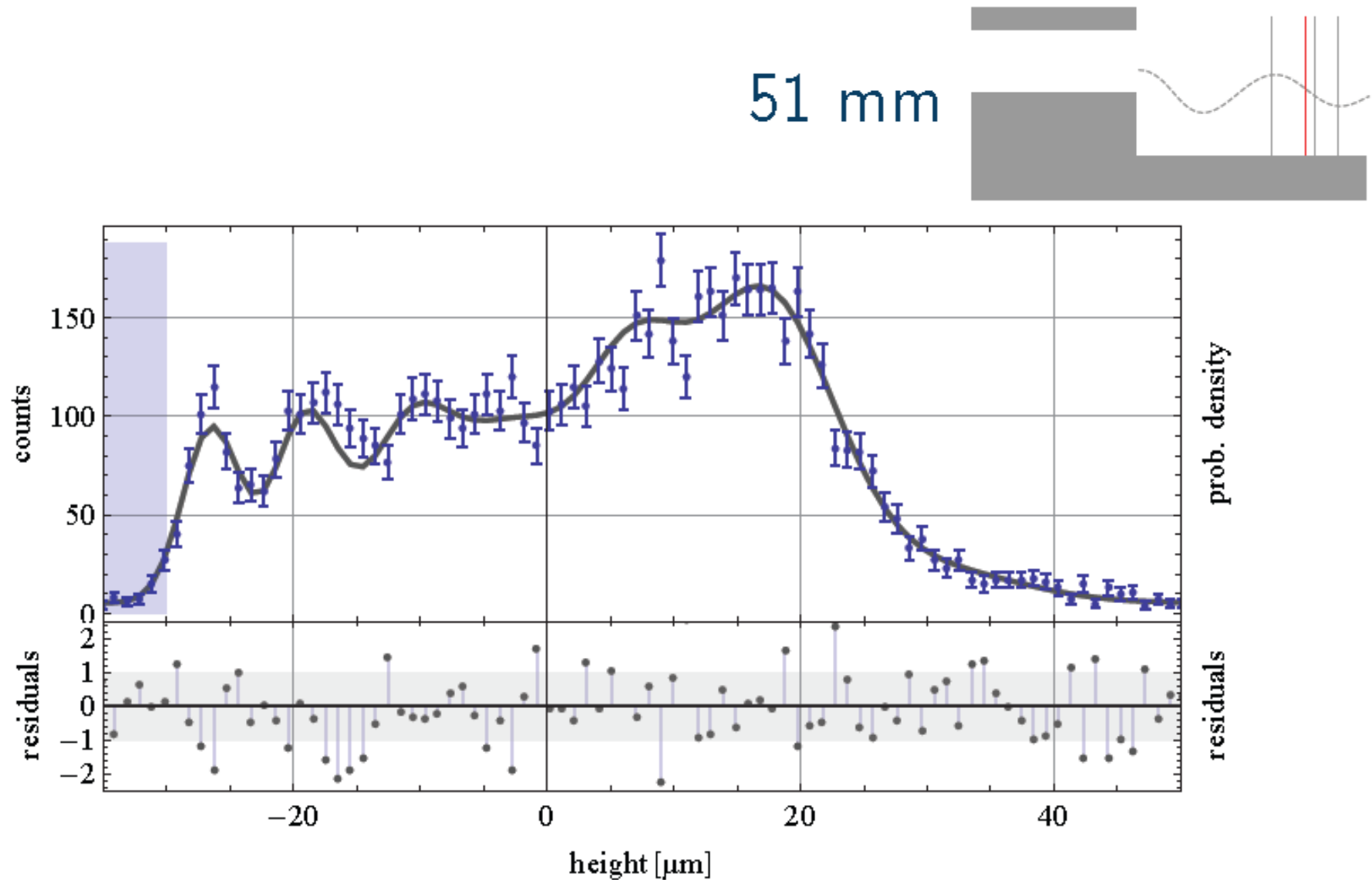
2nd bounce, 2nd turning point, $L = 41$ mm

41 mm



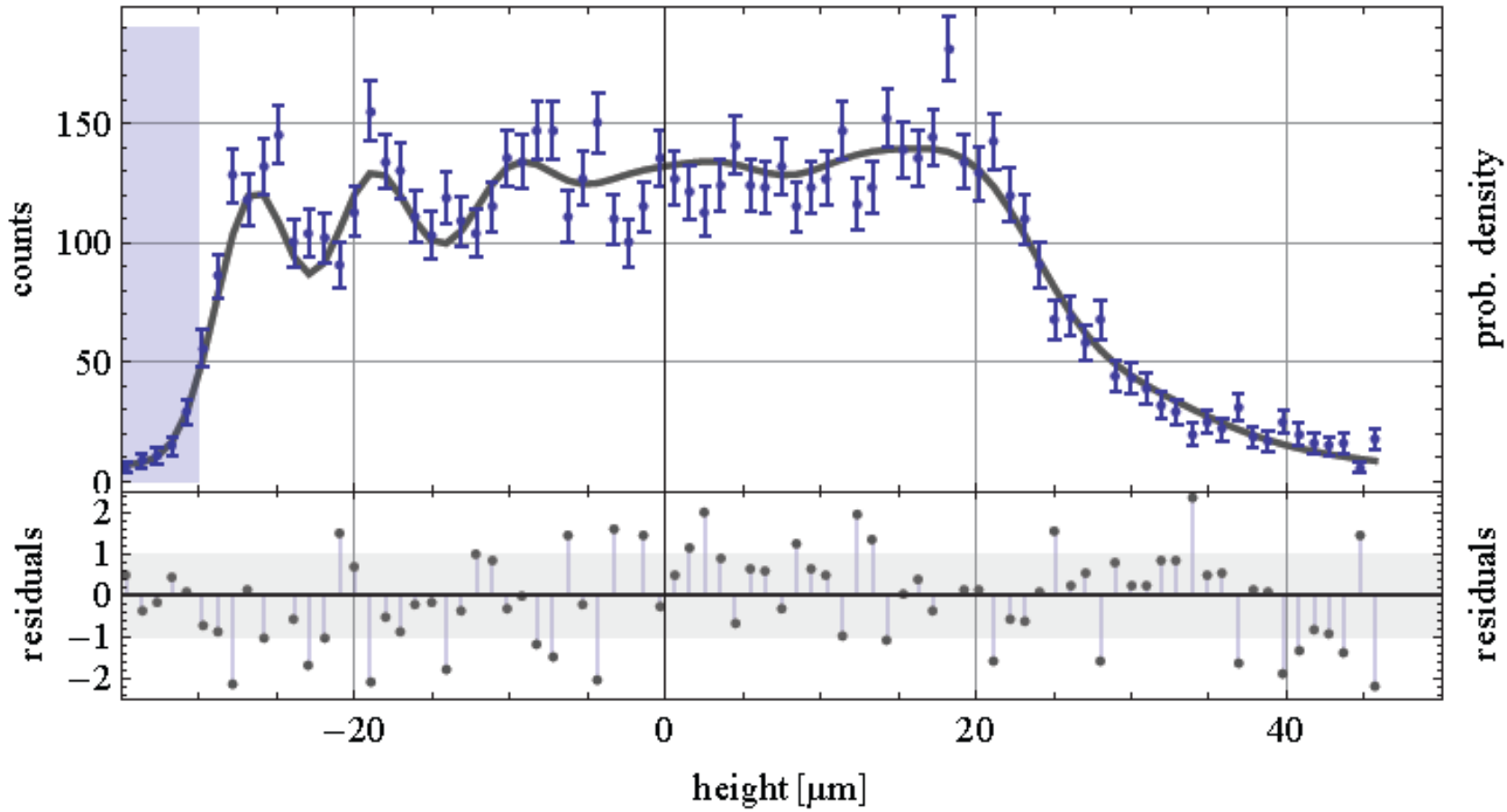
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Move downwards, $L = 51$ mm

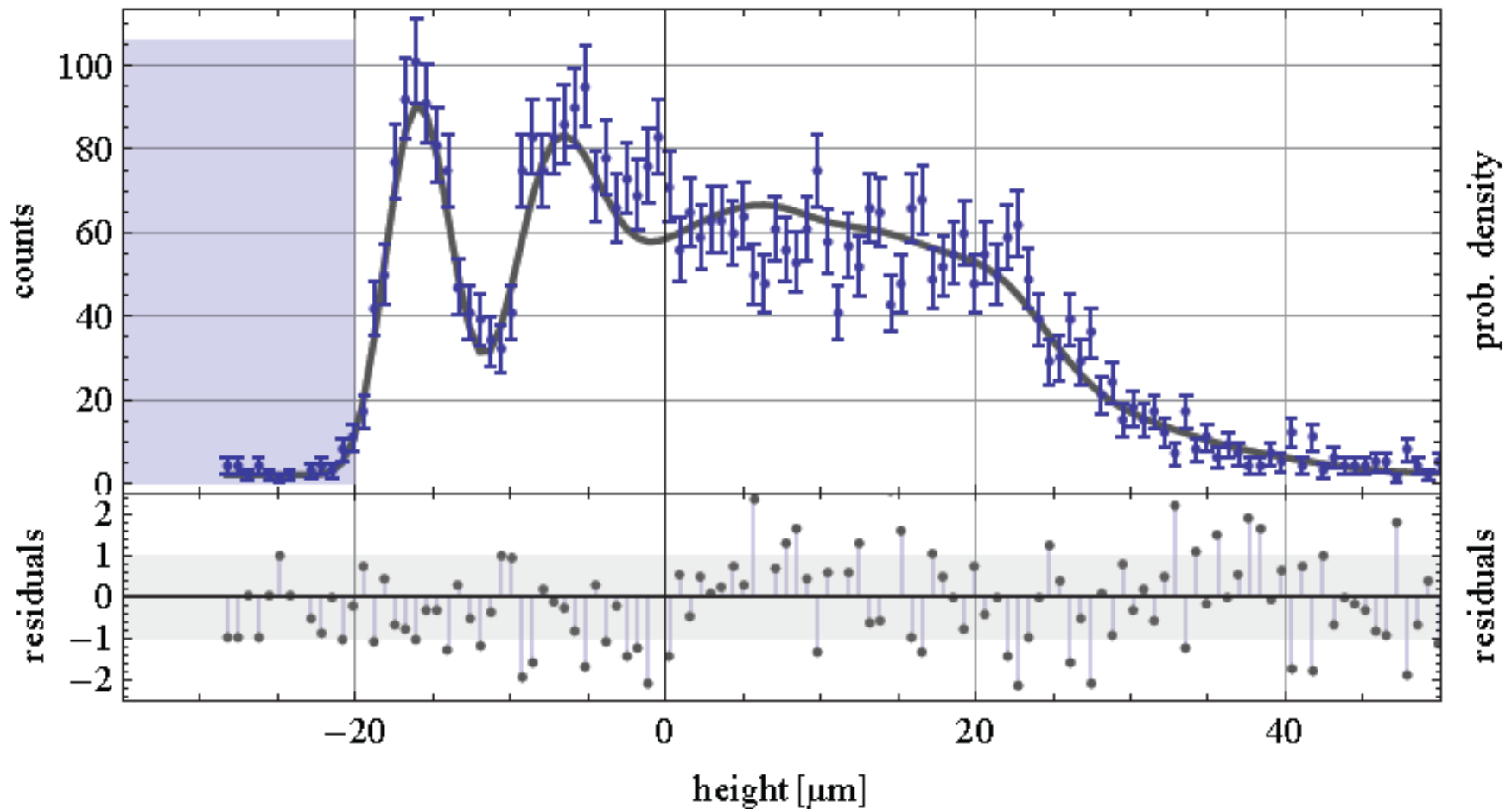


L = 54 mm

54 mm



$L = 51 \text{ mm @ } 20 \mu\text{m}$

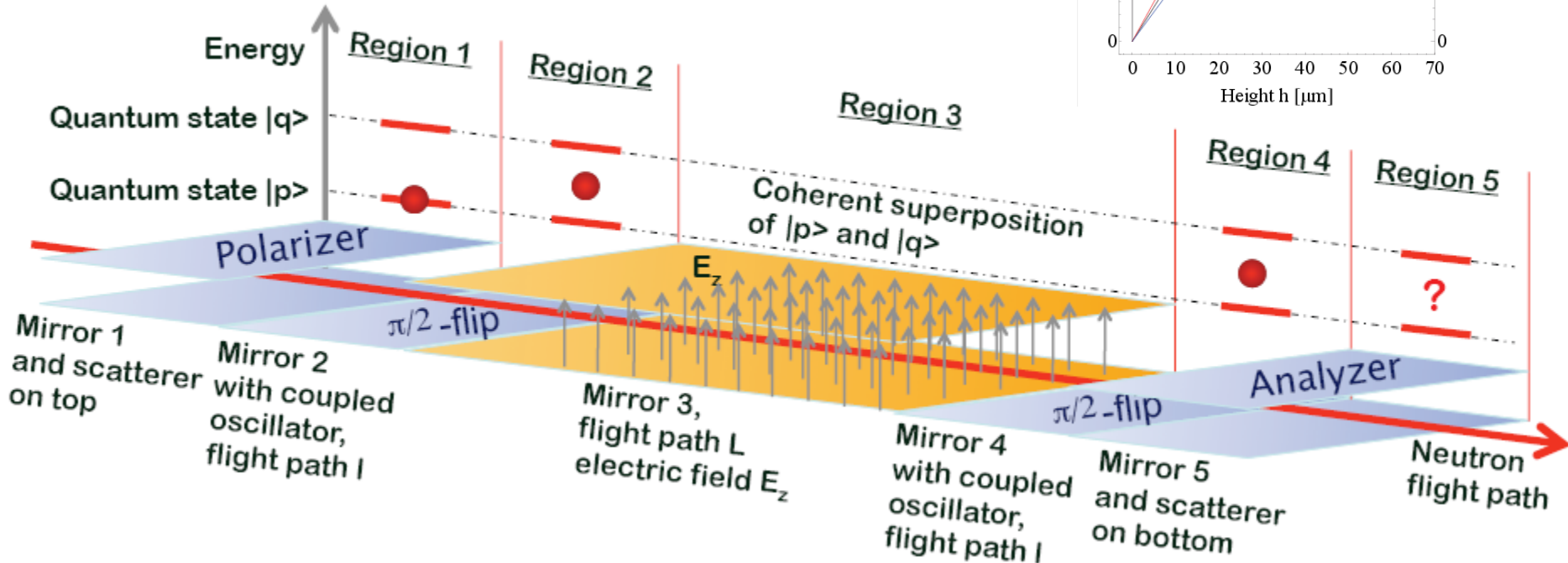
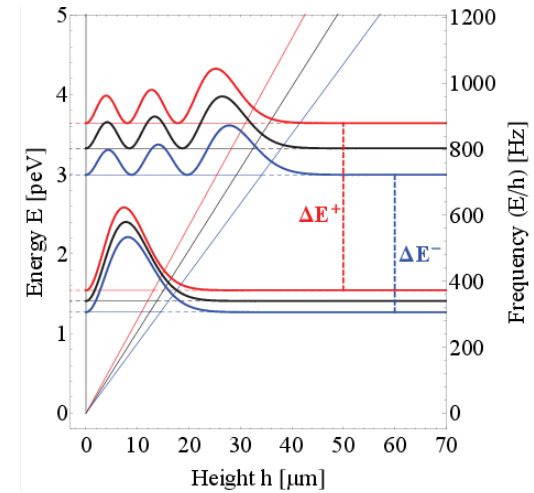


Systematic effects

- Polarizability effects: 10^{-30} eV
- Tidal effects: 10^{-19} eV
- 1 kg in close approximation: 10^{-18} eV
- The inclination of setup is stabilized to 10^{-27} eV level
- roughness and waviness: below 10^{-19} eV
- External magnetic field gradients are suppressed by a factor of 20. $\rightarrow 10^{-23}$ eV
- The experiment is evacuated to approx. 10^{-4} mbar

Charge quantization and the electric neutrality of the neutron.

- Since the Standard Model value for q_n requires *extreme fine tuning*, the smallness of this value may be considered as a hint for GUTs, where q_n is equal to zero.
- **Improve limit by two orders of magnitude**



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