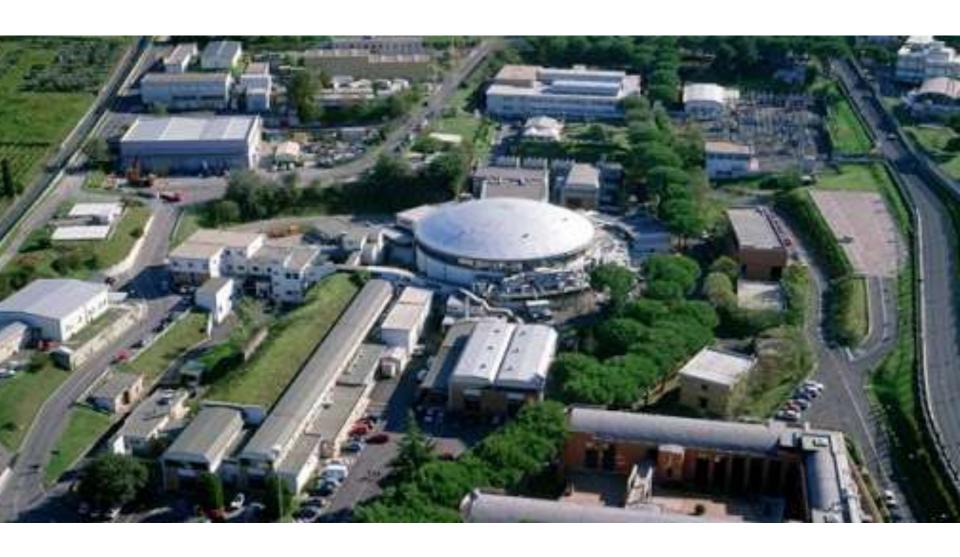
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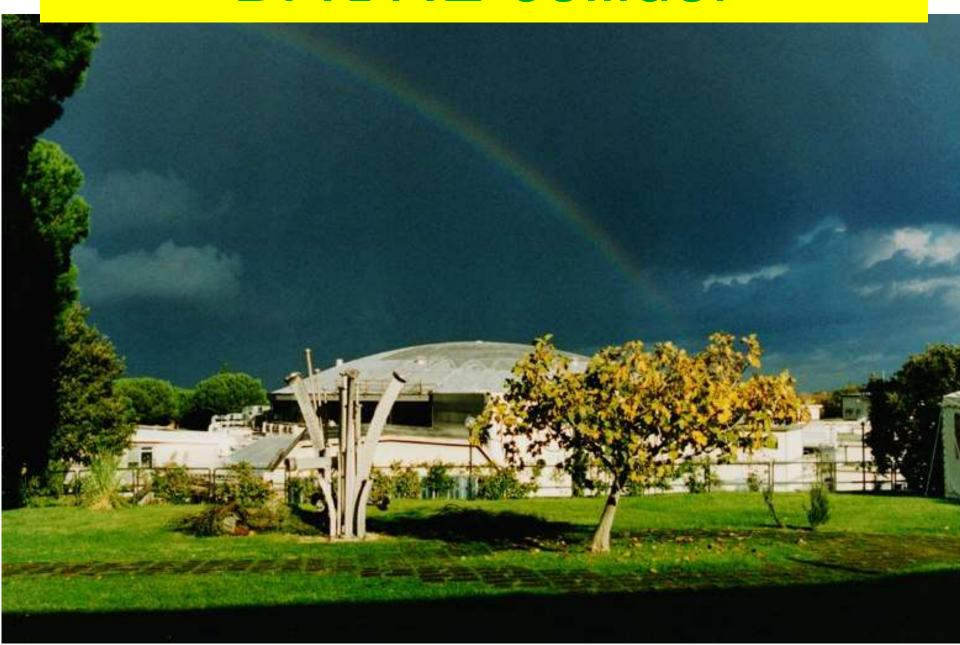
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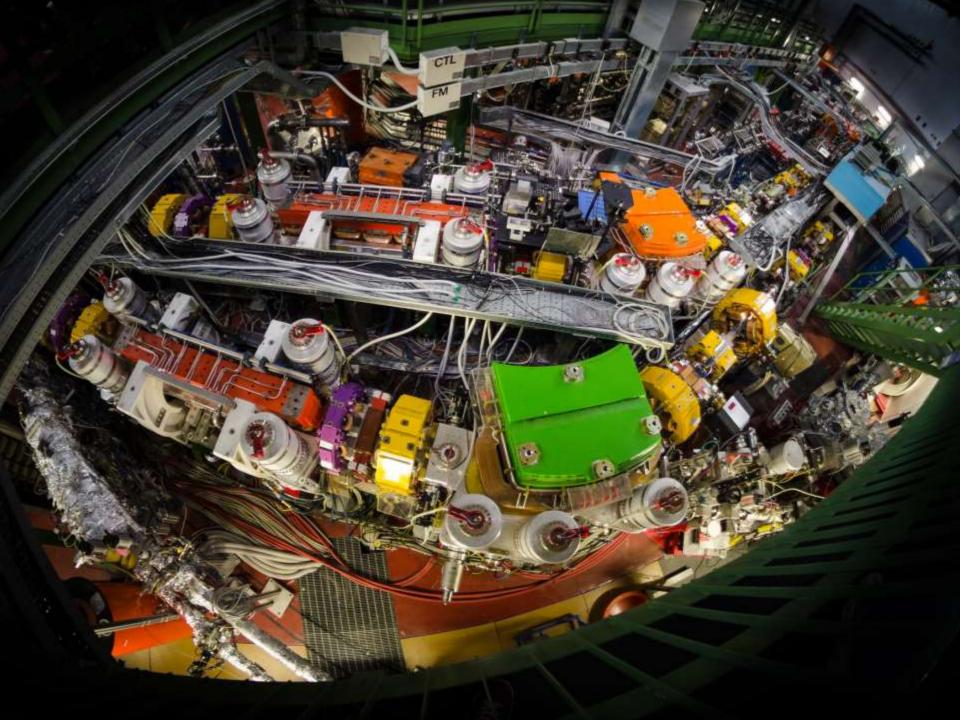
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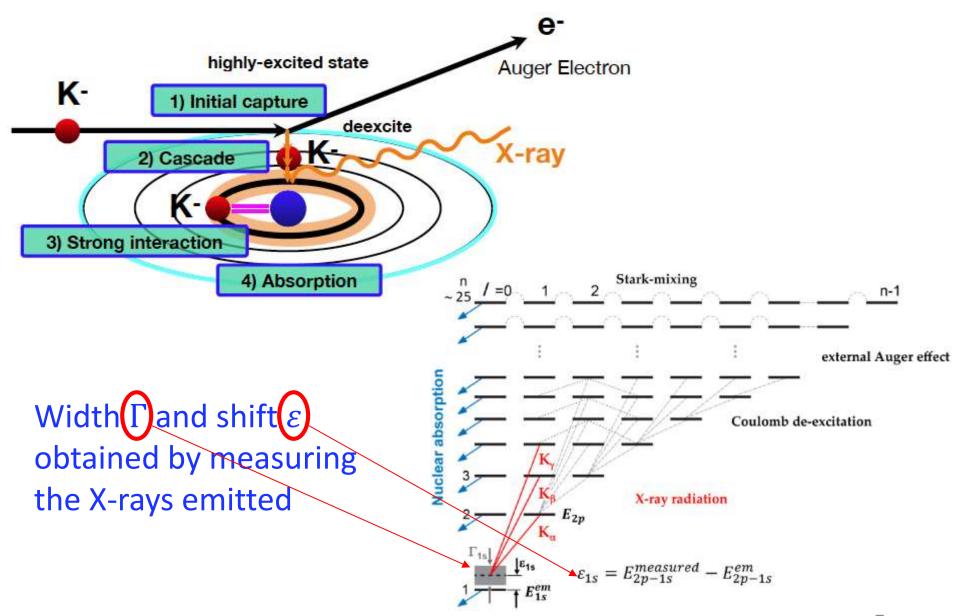


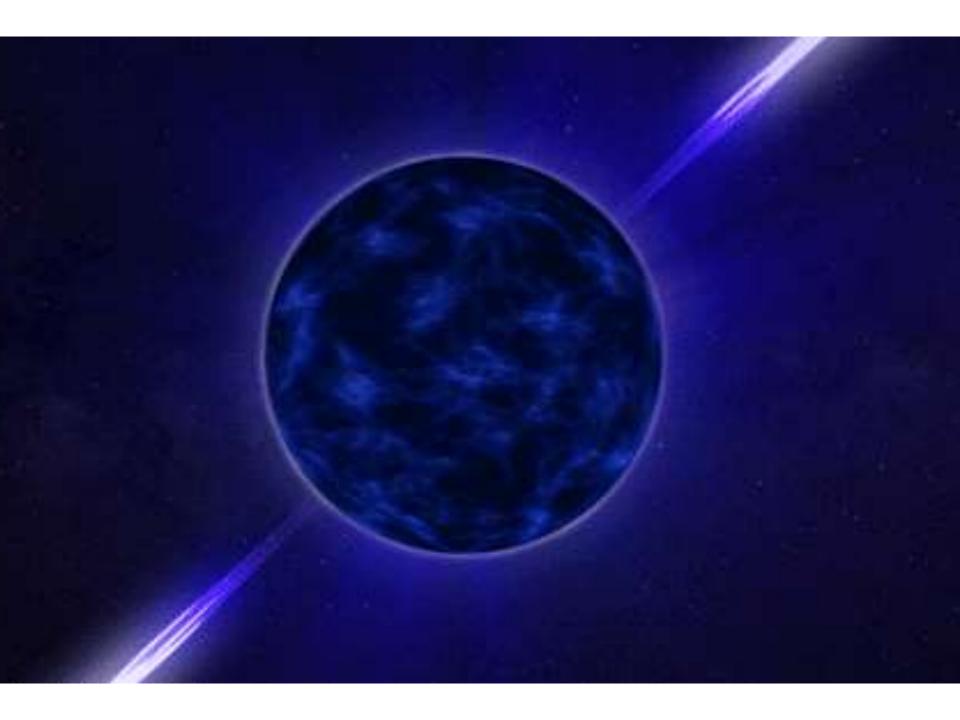
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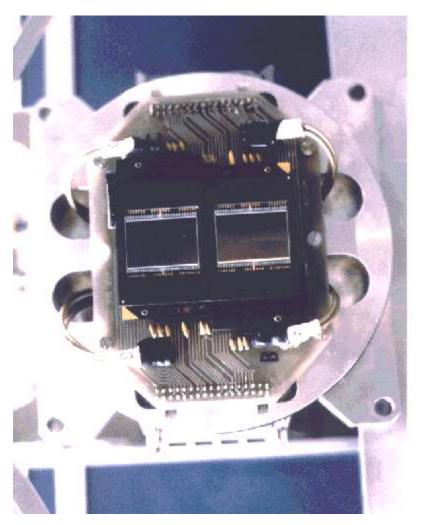


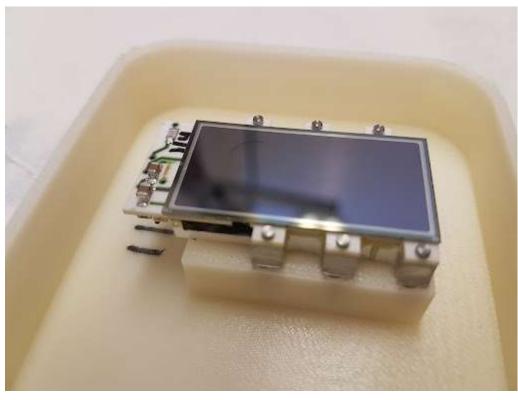
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X-ray detectors (CCD, SDD)





Quantum Mechanics tests:

- Pauli Exclusion Principle Violation

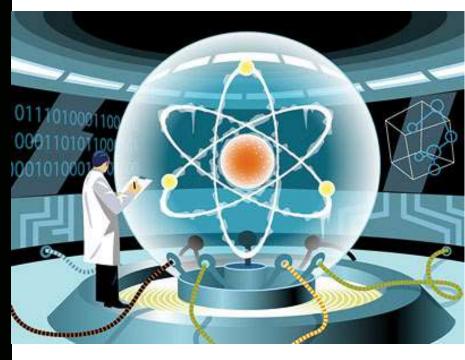
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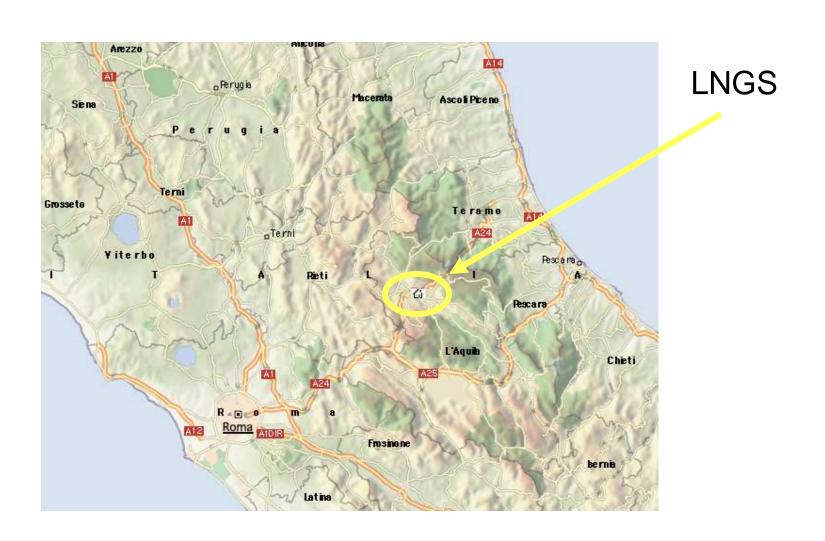
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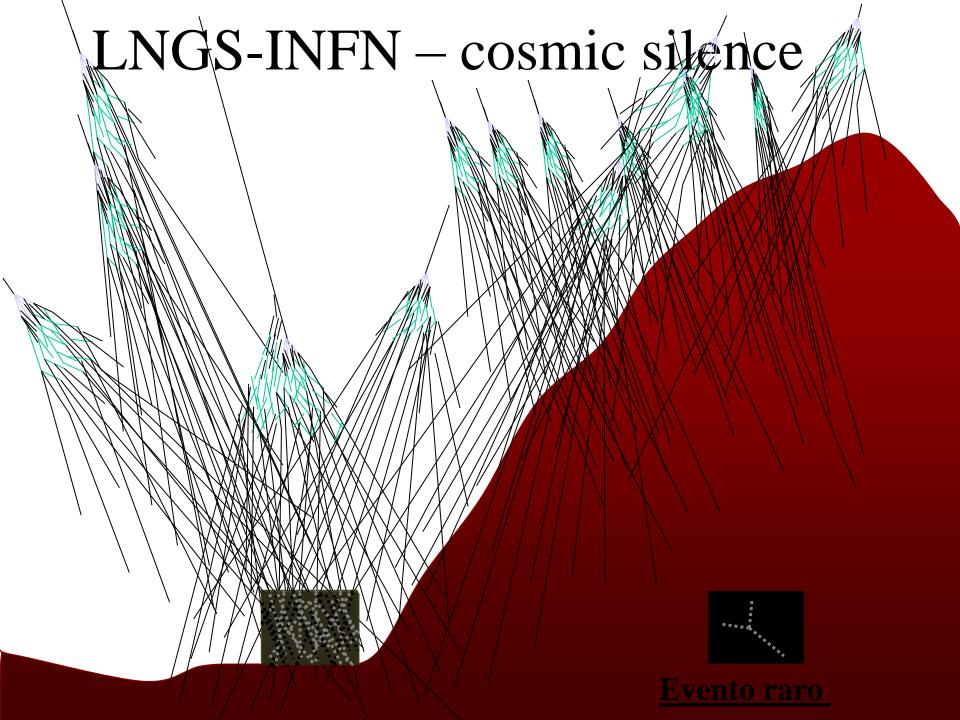




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We search for the impossible atoms

An experiment to test the Pauli Exclusion
Principle (PEP) for electrons in a clean
environment (LNGS) using atomic physics
methods – the VIP experiment



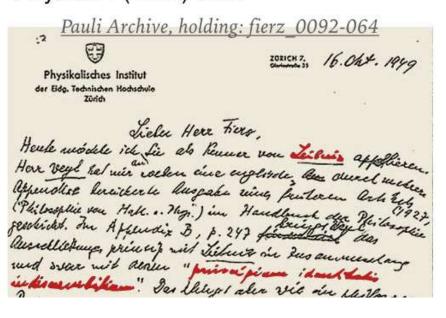
The Pauli Exclusion Principle

In an atom there cannot be two or more equivalent electrons for which the values of all four quantum numbers coincide. If an electron exists in an atom for

which all of these numbers have definite values,

then the state is occupied.

W.Pauli, Über den Zusammenhang des Abschlusses der Elektronengruppen im Atom mit der Komplexstruktur der Spektren, Zeitschrift für Physik 31 (1925) 765.









Required for bosons.

$$\psi = \psi_1(a)\psi_2(b) \pm \psi_1(b)\psi_2(a)$$

Probability amplitude that both states "a" and "b" are occupied by electrons 1 and 2 in either order. Required for fermions.



_At the root of the Exclusion Principle: proof of spin-statistics theorem by Lüders and Zumino

Postulates:

- I. The theory is invariant with respect to the proper inhomogeneous Lorentz group (includes translations, does not include reflections)
- II. Two operators of the same field at points separated by a spacelike interval either commute or anticommute (locality microcausality)
- III. The vacuum is the state of lowest energy
- IV. The metric of the Hilbert space is positive definite
- V. The vacuum is not identically annihilated by a field

From these postulates it follows that (pseudo)scalar fields commute and spinor fields anticommute.

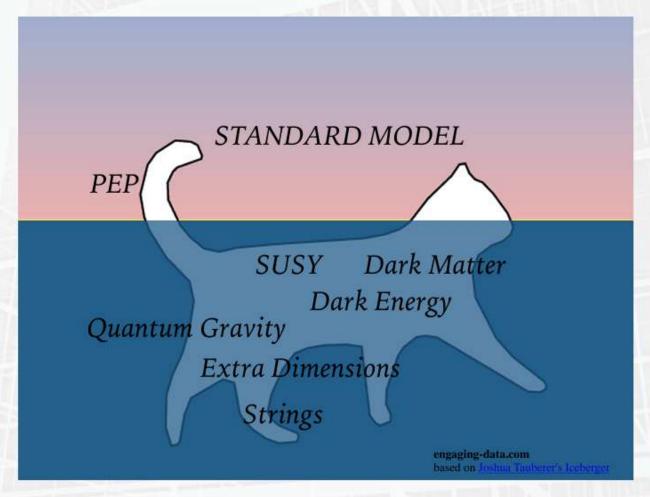
(G. Lüders and B. Zumino, Phys. Rev. 110 (1958) 1450)

Theories of Violation of Statistics

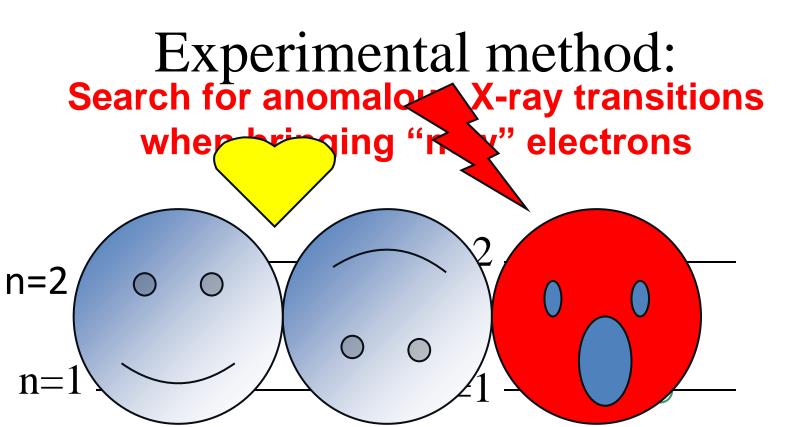
O.W. Greenberg: AIP Conf. Proc. 545:113-127,2004

Hopefully either violation will be found experimentally or our theoretical efforts will lead to understanding of why only bose and fermi statistics occur in Nature."

The Pauli Exclusion Principle (PEP)



BSM theories embedding extra dimensions, non commutative and/or discrete spacetime could have effect on PEP



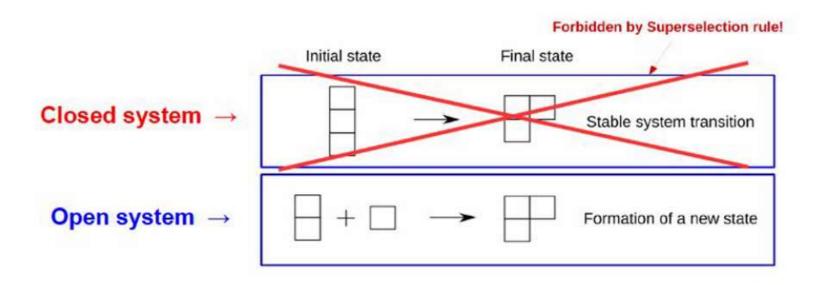
Normal 2p ->1s transition Energy 8.04 keV 2p ->1s transition
violating
Pauli principle
Energy 7.7 keV

Messiah Greenberg superselection rule

Messiah-Greenberg super-selection rule:

Superposition of states with different symmetry are not allowed →

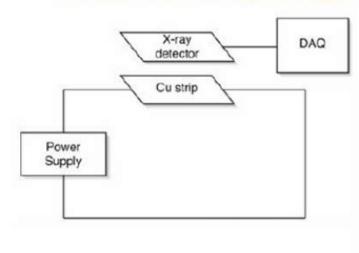
<u>Transition probability between two symmetry states is ZERO</u>



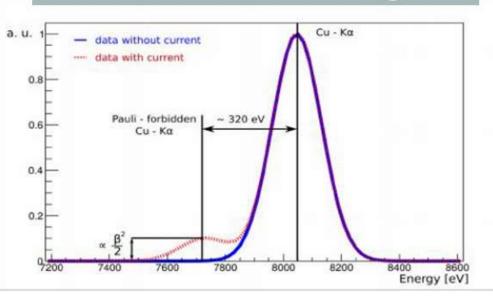
VIP-2 Experiment: best limits on PEP violation of an elementary particle respecting the Messiah-Greenberg super-selection rule

Greenberg, O. W. & Mohapatra, R. N., Phys Rev Lett 59, (1987). E. Ramberg and G. A. Snow, Phys Lett B 238, 438-441(1990)

Search for anomalous electronic transitions in Cu induced by a circulating current introduced electrons interact with the valence electrons search transition from 2p to 1s already filled by 2 electrons alternated to X-ray background measurements without current

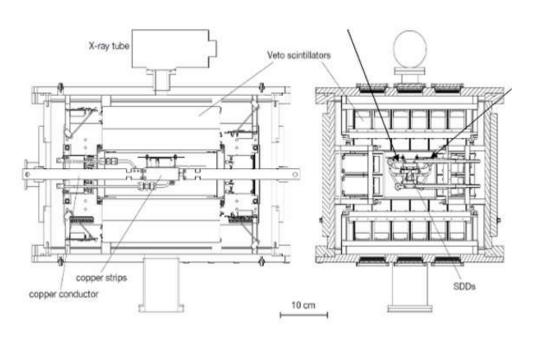


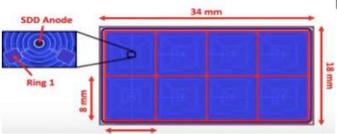
PEP Violation Signal:



The VIP-2 Experiment

Silicon Drift Detectors (**SDDs**) higher resolution (190 eV FWHM at 8.0 \rightarrow keV), faster (triggerable) detectors. 4 arrays of 2 x 4 SDDs 8mm x 8mm each, liquid argon closed circuit cooling 170 °C





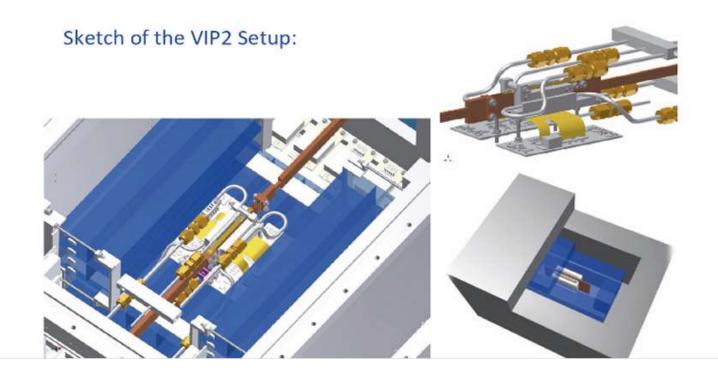




The VIP-2 Experiment

2 strip shaped Cu targets (25 um x 7 cm x 2 cm) more compact target \rightarrow higher acceptance, thinner \rightarrow higher efficiency DC current supply to Cu bars

Cu strips cooled by a closed Fryka chiller circuit \rightarrow higher current (100 A) @ 20 °C of Cu target implies 1 °K heating in SDDs





VIP-2 —High-Sensitivity Tests on the Pauli Exclusion Principle for Electrons

Entropy 2020, 22(11), 1195; https://doi.org/10.3390/e22111195

$$\frac{\beta^2}{2} \le \frac{\overline{\lambda}_s}{N_{\rm int}N_{\rm new}\epsilon} \le 4.5 \times 10^{-42}$$

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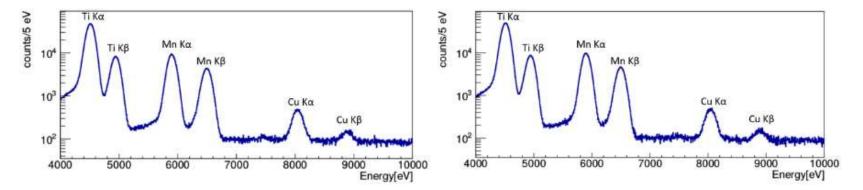


Figure 3. Energy calibrated spectra corresponding to about 42 days of data taking (during 2018) collected with current on (left), the spectrum collected with current off (right), which is normalized to the time of data taking with current on.

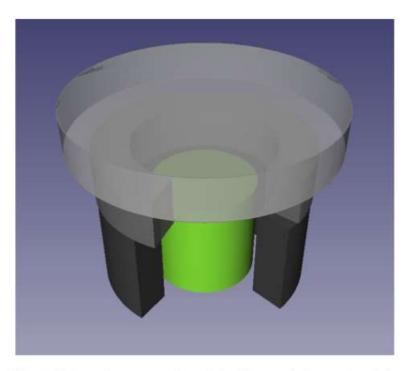
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Search for a remnant violation of the Pauli exclusion principle in a Roman lead target

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$$\frac{1}{2}\beta^2 < 1.53 \cdot 10^{-43},$$

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The acquired energy spectrum, corresponding to a total acquisition time $\Delta t \approx 6.1 \cdot 10^6$ s ≈ 70 d is shown in Figure 1.

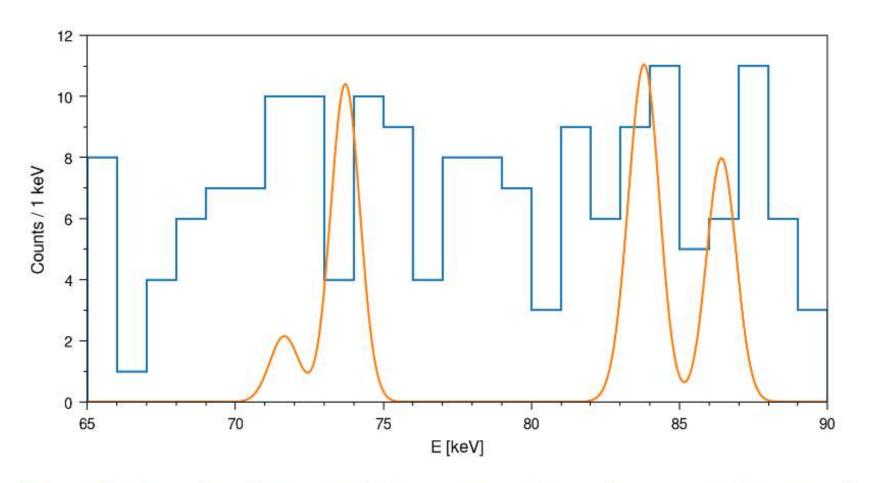


Figure 1. The figure shows the measured X-ray spectrum corresponding to an acquisition time of $\Delta t \approx 6.1 \cdot 10^6$ s in the region of interest. For a comparison, the expected signal distribution (with arbitrary normalization) is also shown in orange for the A_3 analysis and the M_3 parametrization.

PEP violation in quantum gravity

Quantum gravity models can embed PEP violating transitions

PEP is a consequence of the spin statistics theorem based on: Lorentz/Poincaré and CPT symmetries; locality; unitarity and causality. Deeply related to the very same nature of space and time

Non-commutativity of space-time is common to several quantum gravity frameworks (e.g. *k*-Poincarè, θ-Poincarè)

non-commutativity induces a deformation of the Lorentz symmetry and of the locality → naturally encodes the violation of PEP not constrained by MG

PEP violation is suppressed with δ^2 (E, Λ)

E is the characteristic transition energy, Λ is the scale of the space-time non-commutativity emergence.

A. P. Balachandran, G. Mangano, A. Pinzul and S. Vaidya, Int. J. Mod. Phys. A 21 (2006) 3111
A.P. Balachandran, T.R. Govindarajan, G. Mangano, A. Pinzul, B.A. Qureshi and S. Vaidya, Phys. Rev. D 75 (2007)
A. Addazi, P. Belli, R. Bernabei and A. Marciano, Chin. Phys. C 42 (2018) no.9

Strongest Atomic Physics Bounds on Noncommutative Quantum Gravity Models

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The analysis yields stringent bounds on the noncommutativity energy scale, which exclude θ -Poincaré up to 2.6×10^2 Planck scales when the "electriclike" components of the $\theta_{\mu\nu}$ tensor are different from zero, and up to 6.9×10^{-2} Planck scales if they vanish, thus providing the strongest (atomic-transitions) experimental test of the model.

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Future plans: test other QG models – with directionality (magnetic field) – interest in exp. Australia!

First Experimental Survey of a Whole Class of Non-Commutative Quantum Gravity Models in the VIP-2 Lead Underground Experiment, *Universe 2023, 9, 32*

$$\delta^2 = c_k \left(\frac{E}{\Lambda'_k}\right)^k = \left(\frac{E}{\Lambda_k}\right)^k,$$

The case k = 3, introduces a deformation of the space-time and momentum algebra that is appropriate for the "triply special relativity" model and involves a third invariant scale (other than the velocity of light and the Planck energy), associated to the cosmological constant by the authors.

As a consequence, the measurement is very sensitive to high orders in the power series expansion of the Pauli violation probability, which allows to set the first constraint to the "triply special relativity" model proposed by Kowalski-Glikman and Smolin.

The characteristic energy scale of the model is bound to $\Lambda > 5.6 \cdot 10^{**}-9$ Planck scales

Future plans: test other QG models – with directionality (magnetic field) – interest in exp.

Australia!

Lev Okun' wrote in his 1987 paper (JETP Lett. 1987 46:11, 529–532) that

"The special place enjoyed by the Pauli principle in modern theoretical physics does not mean that this principle does not require further and exhaustive experimental tests. On the contrary, it is specifically the fundamental nature of the Pauli principle which would make such tests, over the entire periodic table, of special interest"



New setup: VIP3 – new SDDs In preparation Study PEP violation Along the periodic table

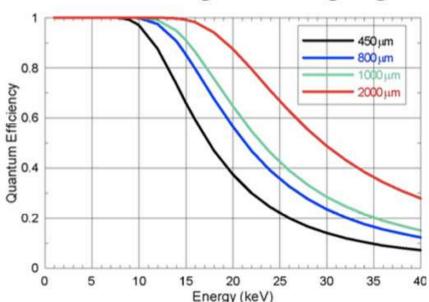
VIP-2 experimental upgrade: VIP-3

 new vacuum chamber, increase the number of SDD detectors, increase the geometrical efficiency, higher current up to 400 A



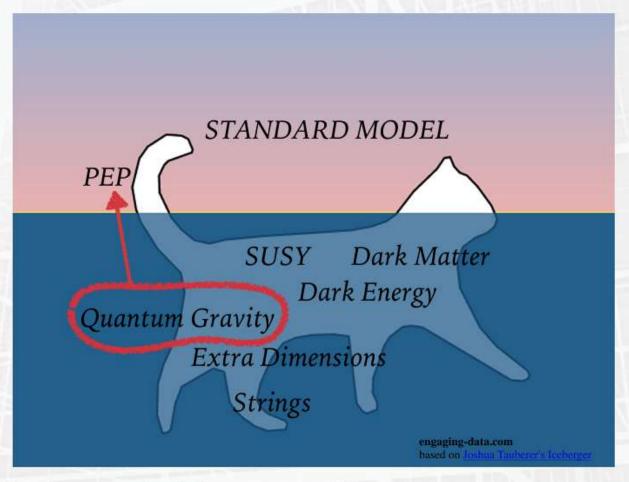
New target cooling system

Higher quantum efficiency needed for the SDDs at higher Z: use 1 mm thick SDDs, allowing to scan e.g. Ag, Sn and Pd



Testing the Pauli Exclusion Principle across the Periodic Table with the VIP-3 Experiment Entropy 26 (2024) 9, 752

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BSM theories embedding extra dimensions, non commutative and/or discrete spacetime could have effect on PEP

Putting the Pauli exclusion principle on trial

The exclusion principle is part of the bedrock of physics, but that hasn't stopped experimentalists from devising cunning ways to test it.

If we tightly grasp a stone in our hands, we neither expect it to vanish nor leak through our flesh and bones. Our experience is that stone and, more generally, solid matter is stable and impenetrable. Last year marked the 50th anniversary of the demonstration by Freeman Dyson and Andrew Lenard that the stability of matter derives from the Pauli exclusion principle. This principle, for which Wolfgang Pauli received the 1945 Nobel Prize in Physics, is based on ideas so prevalent in fundamental physics that their underpinnings are rarely questioned. Here, we celebrate and reflect on the Pauli principle, and survey the latest experimental efforts to test it.

The exclusion principle (EP), which states that no two fermions can occupy the same quantum state, has been with us for almost a century. In his Nobel lecture, Pauli provided a deep and broadranging account of its discovery and its connections to unsolved problems of the newly born quantum theory. In the early 1920s, before Schrödinger's equation and Heisenberg's matrix algebra had come along, a young Pauli performed an extraordinary feat when he postulated both the EP and what he called "classically non-describable two-valuedness" - an early hint of the existence of electron spin - to explain the structure of atomic spectra.



Portrait of a young Pauli at Svein Rosseland's institute in Oslo in the early 1920s, when he was thinking deeply on the applications of quantum mechanics to atomic physics.





$$\Psi_{\text{kitty}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \Psi_{\text{alive}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \Psi_{\text{dead}}$$

The measurement problem

Possible solutions:

-De Broglie - Bohm

- Many-World Interpretations



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- Many-World Interpretations

-Collapse of the w.f.



What are collapse models

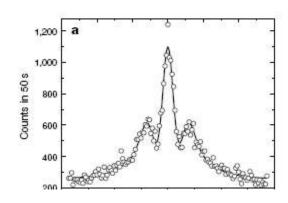
1. Collapse models = solution of the measurement problem

Paradox-free description of the quantum world

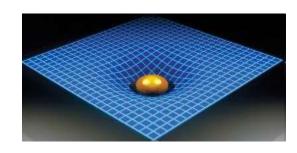


2. Collapse models = <u>rival theory of</u> <u>Quantum Mechanics</u>

They are related to experiments testing quantum linearity



3. Collapse models as <u>phenomenological</u> models of an underlying pre-quantum theory



Can gravity causes the collapse?

Dynamical Reduction Models:

$$d|\psi_t\rangle = \left[-\frac{i}{\hbar}Hdt + \sqrt{\lambda}\int d^3x (N(\mathbf{x}) - \langle N(\mathbf{x})\rangle_t)dW_t(\mathbf{x}) - \frac{\lambda}{2}\int d^3x (N(\mathbf{x}) - \langle N(\mathbf{x})\rangle_t)^2dt\right]|\psi_t\rangle$$
 System's Hamiltonian NEW COLLAPSE TERMS \longrightarrow New Physics

CSL – non-linear and stochastic modification of the Schrödinger equation ...

λ - collapse strength

 $r_c \sim 10^{-7} \text{ m}$ – correlation length

measures the strength of the collapse strongly debated, see e. g. S. L. Adler, JPA 40, (2007) 2935 Adler, S.L.; Bassi, A.; Donadi, S., JPA 46, (2013) 245304.

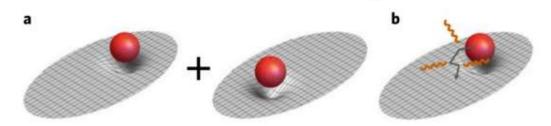
Diosi – Penrose – gravity related collapse model …

system is in a quantum superposition of two different positions \rightarrow superposition of two different space-times is generated \rightarrow the more massive the superposition, the faster it is suppressed.

The model characteristic parameter R_o

both models induce a diffusion motion for the wave packet:

each time a collapse occurs the center of mass is shifted towards the localized wave function position. Since the process is random this results in a diffusion process



spontaneous emission (A. Bassi & S. Donadi)

- CSL - s. e. photons rate:

$$\frac{d\Gamma'}{dE} = \left\{ \left(N_p^2 + N_e \right) \cdot \left(N_a T \right) \right\} \frac{\lambda \hbar e^2}{4\pi^2 \varepsilon_0 c^3 m_0^2 r_C^2 E}$$

Gravity-related

photons rate:

$$\frac{d\Gamma_t}{d\omega} = \frac{2}{3} \frac{Ge^2 N^2 N_a}{\pi^{3/2} \varepsilon_0 c^3 R_0^3 \omega},$$

the size of the particle's mass density R0

Penrose – no radiation (but not yet dynamics?)

Which values for λ and r_{e} ?

Microscopic world (few particles)



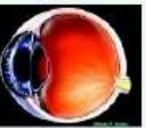
$$\lambda \sim 10^{-8 \pm 2} \text{s}^{-1}$$

QUANTUM - CLASSICAL TRANSITION (Adler - 2007)

Mesoscopic world Latent image formation

perception in the eye ($\sim 10^4 - 10^5$ particles)





$$\lambda \sim 10^{-17} s^{-1}$$

A. Bassi, D.A. Deckert & L. Ferialdi, EPL 92, 50006 (2010)

S.L. Adler, JPA 40, 2935 (2007)

QUANTUM - CLASSICAL TRANSITION (GRW - 1986)

Macroscopic world (> 10¹³ particles)

G.C. Ghirardi, A. Rimini and T. Weber, PRD 34, 470 (1986)

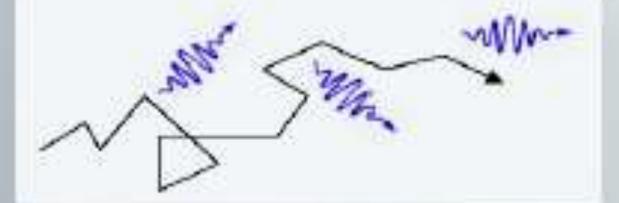


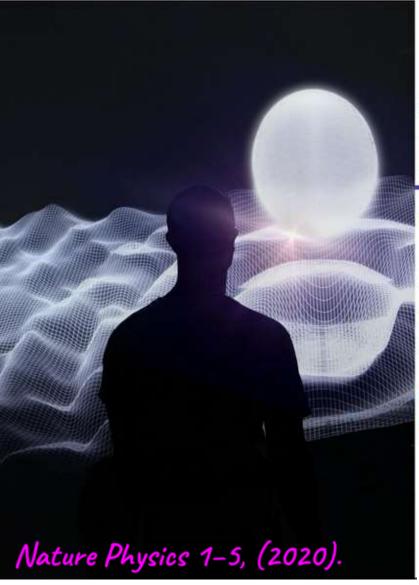


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Underground test of gravity-related wave function collapse

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Spontaneous emission including nuclear protons – data taking at LNGS (ultrapure Ge; Matthias Laubenstein)!



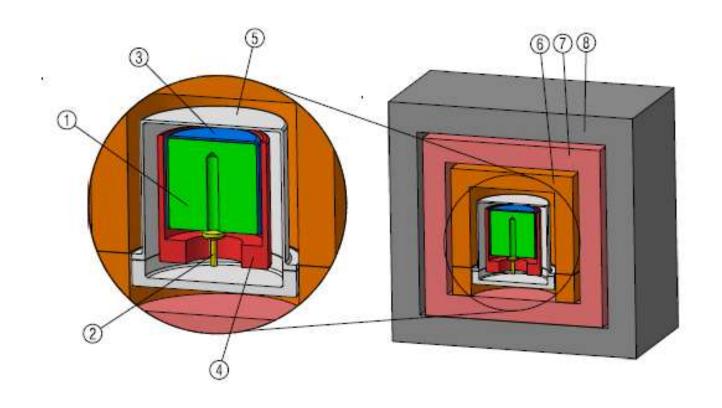


Figure 1: Schematic representation of the experimental setup: 1 - Ge crystal, 2 - Electric contact, 3 - Plastic insulator, 4 - Copper cup, 5 - Copper end-cup, 6 - Copper block and plate, 7 - Inner Copper shield, 8 - Lead shield.

HPGe detector based experiment @ LNGS

three months data taking with 2kg Germanium active mass



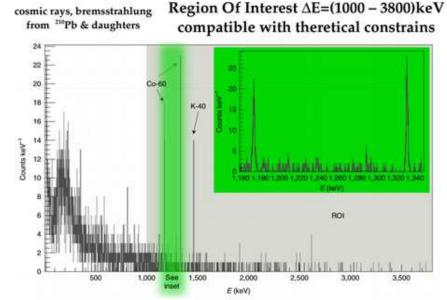
the pdf of the models parameters is obtained within a Bayesian model:

$$\tilde{p}(\Lambda_{c}(R_{0})) = \frac{\Lambda_{c}^{z_{c}} e^{-\Lambda_{c}} \theta(\Lambda_{c}^{\max} - \Lambda_{c})}{\int_{0}^{\Lambda_{c}^{\max}} \Lambda_{c}^{z_{c}} e^{-\Lambda_{c}} d\Lambda_{c}}$$

$$R_0 > 0.54 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$$
 95% C. L.

→ Diosi-Penrose excluded

 $\lambda < 5.2 \cdot 10^{-13}$ 95% C. L.



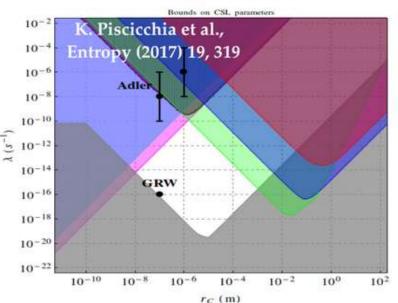
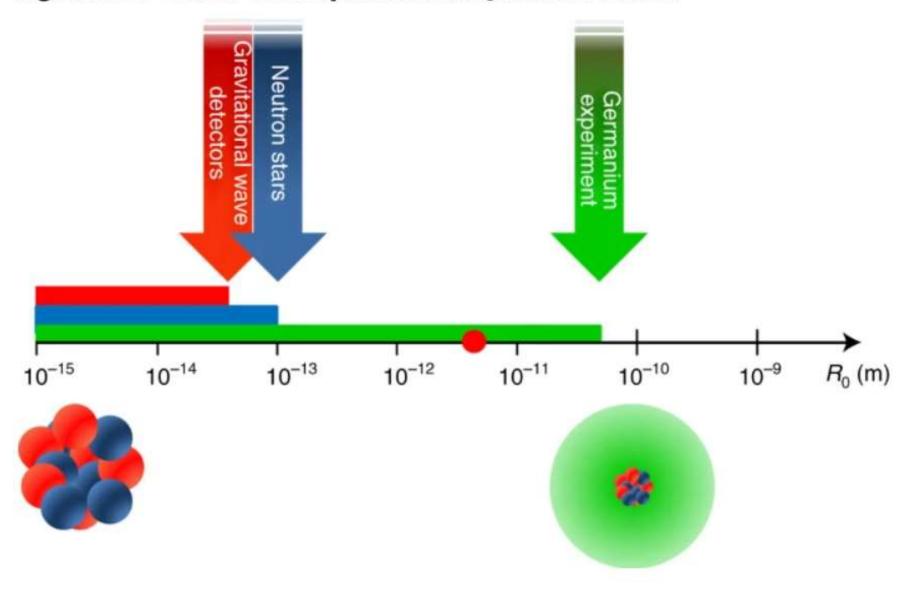


Fig. 5: Lower bounds on the spatial cutoff R_0 of the DP model.



Novel CSL bounds from the noise-induced radiation emission from atoms

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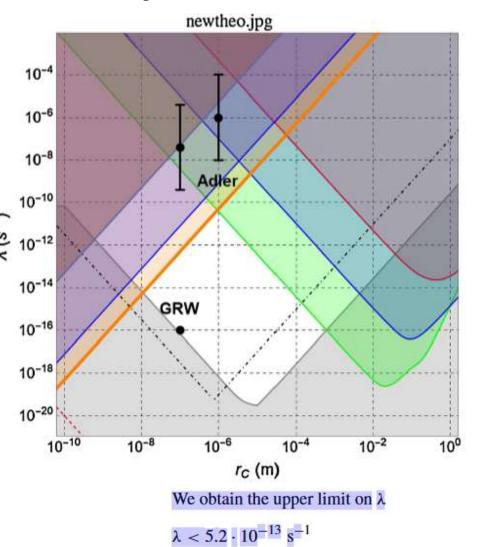


Fig. 4 Mapping of the $\lambda - r_C$ CSL parameters: the proposed theoretical values (GRW [6], Adler [24,25]) are shown as black points. The region excluded by theoretical requirements is represented in gray, and it is obtained by imposing that a graphene disk with the radius of 10 µm (about the smallest possible size detectable by human eye) collapses in less than 0.01 s (about the time resolution of human eye) [31]. Contrary to the bounds set by experiments, the theoretical bound has a subjective component, since it depends on which systems are considered as "macroscopic". For example, it was previously suggested that the collapse should be strong enough to guarantee that a carbon sphere with the diameter of 4000 Å should collapse in less than 0.01 s, in which case the theoretical bound is given by the dash-dotted black line [36]. A much weaker theoretical bound was proposed by Feldmann and Tumulka, by requiring the ink molecules corresponding to a digit in a printout to collapse in less than 0.5 s (red line in the bottom left part of the exclusion plot, the rest of the bound is not visible as it involves much smaller values of λ than those plotted here) [37]. The right part of the parameter space is excluded by the bounds coming from the study of gravitational waves detectors: Auriga (red), Ligo (Blue) and Lisa-Pathfinder (Green) [30]. On the left part of the parameter space there is the bound from the study of the expansion of a Bose-Einstein condensate (red) [28] and the most recent from the study of radiation emission from Germanium (purple) [22]. This bound is improved by a factor 13 by this analysis performed here, with a confidence level of 0.95, and it is shown in orange

X-Ray Emission from Atomic Systems Can Distinguish between Prevailing Dynamical Wave-Function Collapse Models

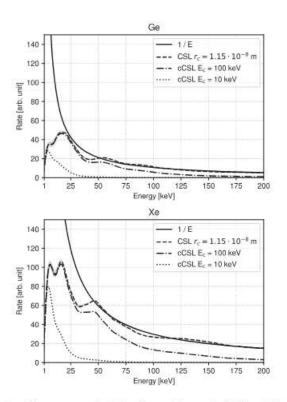


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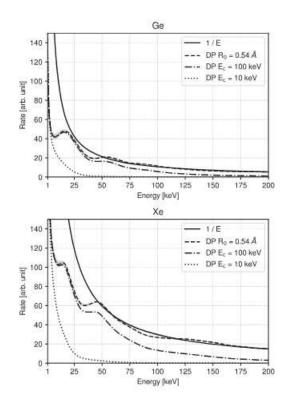


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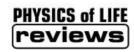






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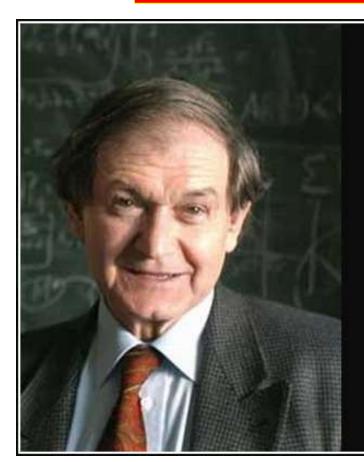
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We can do many wonderful experiments in our lab A new era has begun: in the future more and more extremely interesting and fascinating experiments We would be very happy to collaborate with GSSI



We have a closed circle of consistency here:
the laws of physics produce complex systems,
and these complex systems lead to
consciousness, which then produces
mathematics, which can then encode in a
succinct and inspiring way the very
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it.

— Roger Penrose —

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