

Quantum Gravity, CPT and Lorentz Symmetries and the Pauli Exclusion Principle Violations

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Testability of quantum gravity models

Cosmology and astrophysics to test “top-down” models

[Amelino-Camelia, Brandenberger, Bojowald, Ellis, Smolin, Vafa, Witten,...](#)

Claims about quantum-gravitational microscope

[Maselli et al., PRL 120, 081101 \(2018\)](#)

[Addazi, Marciano & Yunes, PRL 122, 081301 \(2019\)](#)

A shift of paradigm

Quantum gravity phenomenology does not deal only with dispersion relation!

Algebra sector \longrightarrow Hilbert space and dispersion relations

Co-algebra sector \longrightarrow Fock space and statistics

[Piscicchia, Addazi, Marciano, Curceanu et al. PRL 129 13 131301 \(2022\)](#)

Curved momentum space and deformed statistics inextricably related



Deformation of the space-time symmetries

Non-commutative space-times

Classes of universality for QG theories

Remove ambiguity of the way theories are constructed

Suitable for investigation by terrestrial experiments

$$\sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{G}} \rightarrow M_P$$

Spin-statistics theorem and NC spacetimes

The Spin statistics theorem of Pauli in QFT is based on Lorentz invariance, Locality of interactions and Unitarity

But NC spacetimes entail **deformation** of the Lorentz invariance!
(See e.g. condensed matter instantiations, including anyons et al.)



Effective models of quantum gravity falling in the universality classes of non-commutative spacetimes may entail **violations of the Pauli Exclusion**

Lorentz sym: breakdown vs deformation

Deformation of the Lorentz symmetry



CPT is **not violated** but deformed, **unitarity** is still present in most (physically interesting) NC models

An example:

Most studied case in the literature, quantum field theories endowed with θ -Poincare symmetries, dual to a non-commutative spacetime $[x_\mu, x_\nu] = i\theta_{\mu\nu}$

$\theta_{0i} = 0$ \longrightarrow **unitarity preserved**

Foundational aspects of QG models I

Decoherence, CPT and Unitarity violations

$$d|\psi_t\rangle = \left[-\frac{i}{\hbar} H dt + \sqrt{\frac{G}{\hbar}} \int d\mathbf{x} (\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}) - \langle \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}) \rangle_t) dW(\mathbf{x}, t) - \frac{G}{2\hbar} \int d\mathbf{x} \int d\mathbf{y} \frac{(\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}) - \langle \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}) \rangle_t) (\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{y}) - \langle \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{y}) \rangle_t)}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}|} dt \right] |\psi_t\rangle$$

Gravitationally induced collapse of the wave function

Tests on low gravitational field and small velocities



Relativistic formulation and strong gravitational fields

Foundational aspects of QG models II

Relativistic completion and link to Stochastic Quantisation

$$\frac{d\rho(t)}{dt} = -\frac{i}{\hbar}[H, \rho(t)] + \frac{G}{\hbar} \iint \frac{d\mathbf{x} d\mathbf{y}}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}|} \left(\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x})\rho(t)\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{y}) - \frac{1}{2}\{\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x})\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{y}), \rho(t)\} \right)$$

$$\partial_s p = -\frac{\partial}{\partial g_{\mu\nu}} \left(-2\iota [R_{\mu\nu} - R_{\mu\nu}^T] p \right) + \alpha e^{\nu\gamma} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial g_{\mu\nu} \partial g_{\alpha\beta}} (g_{\mu\nu} g_{\alpha\beta} p)$$

Out-of-equilibrium dynamics and emergent theories of gravity

New improvements: VIP-2

VIP-2 Open Systems

Messiah-Greenberg (MG) super-selection rule

Test for each injected electron (into Cu) a newly formed symmetry state

VIP-2 Closed Systems

NCQG induced PEP violations not constrained by the MG rule

Employ static (Pb) target to search anomalous K-alpha

Transitions in Pb	allow.	forb.
$1s - 2p_{3/2} K_{\alpha 1}$	74.961	73.713
$1s - 2p_{1/2} K_{\alpha 2}$	72.798	71.652

distinguishable in precision spectroscopic measurements

Strongest atomic physics bounds in VIP-2

Piscicchia, Addazi, Marciano, Curceanu et al. PRL 129 13 131301 (2022)

Hyperfine tuning of the q parameter in q -model vs. NCQG models with $q(E)$ and PEP-violation probability

$$W_\theta = W_0 \cdot \phi_{\text{PEPV}}$$

"Electric" components

$$\phi_{\text{PEPV}} = \delta^2 \simeq \frac{D E_N \Delta E}{2 \Lambda \Lambda}$$

$$D = p_1^0 \tilde{\theta}_{0j} p_2^j + p_2^0 \tilde{\theta}_{0j} p_1^j$$

$$E_N \simeq m_N \simeq \Lambda m_p \quad \Delta E = E_2 - E_1$$

"Magnetic" components

$$\phi_{\text{PEPV}} = \delta^2 \simeq \frac{C \bar{E}_1 \bar{E}_2}{2 \Lambda \Lambda}$$

$$C = p_1^i \tilde{\theta}_{ij} p_2^j$$

$E_{1,2}$ energy levels occupied by the initial and final electrons

New bounds in VIP-2

Non-vanishing “electric” components

Exclude θ -Poincare up to 2.6×10^2 Planck scales

Vanishing “electric” components

Exclude θ -Poincare up to 6.9×10^{-2} Planck scales

Future directions

Theory side

Explore symmetries for PEP-violations on Open Systems

Loop Quantum Gravity, Non-local Completion of Gravity Theories, Gauge Formulations of Gravity Theories etc...

Extend falsification of quantum gravity models

Loop Quantum Gravity, Non-local Completion of Gravity Theories, Gauge Formulations of Gravity Theories etc...

Generalized Uncertainty Principle as a class of universality

M-Theory, String Theory, Non-local Completion of Gravity Theories, Gauge Formulations of Gravity Theories etc...

CPT violation and quantum decoherence, and the role of gravity

M-Theory, String Theory, Stochastic Quantization of Gravity, Dynamical Triangulation etc...

Inhomogeneity and anisotropy of the geometry ground state

M-Theory, String Theory, Loop Quantum Gravity, Non-local Completion of Gravity Theories, etc...

Experimental side

Introduce tests of directionality in the experimental set-up

Angular modulation of radiation spectra between a preferential direction in the apparatus and a non-vanishing VEV tensor

Grazie!



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Thank you!

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Back-up slides

X-ray transitions

X-ray transitions and PEP violations

Searches for characteristic X-rays due to electron decay inside an atomic shell are often indistinguishable from the PEP-violating transition. Nonetheless, according to Amado and Primakoff [PRC '80], such kind of electron decay transitions does not take place even in presence of PEP violation.

A caveat should be considered: the above limitation does not hold when transitions also encode a change of the number of identical fermions (for instance, the non-Paulian β^\pm - transitions). Furthermore, the arguments can be evaded while considering composite models of electron or models including extra dimensions [Greenberg & Mohapatra, PRL '87, Akama, Terazawa & Yasue, PRL '92]

Borexino

Borexino Background

Expected solar neutrino rate in 100 tons of scintillator ~ 50 counts/day ($\sim 5 \cdot 10^{-9}$ Bq/Kg)

Just for comparison:

Natural water	~ 10 Bq/kg in ^{238}U , ^{232}Th and ^{40}K
Air	~ 10 Bq/m ³ in ^{39}Ar , ^{85}Kr and ^{222}Rn
Typical rock	~ 100 - 1000 Bq/kg in ^{238}U , ^{232}Th and ^{40}K

BX scintillator must be **9/10 order of magnitude less** radioactive than anything on earth!

- **Low background nylon vessel** fabricated in hermetically sealed low radon clean room (~ 1 yr)
- **Rapid transport** of scintillator solvent (PC) from production plant to underground lab to avoid cosmogenic production of radioactivity (^7Be)
- **Underground purification plant** to distill scintillator components.
- **Gas stripping** of scintillator with special nitrogen free of radioactive ^{85}Kr and ^{39}Ar from air
- All materials **electropolished SS or teflon**, precision cleaned with a dedicated cleaning module

Dama

DAMA collaboration (2009)

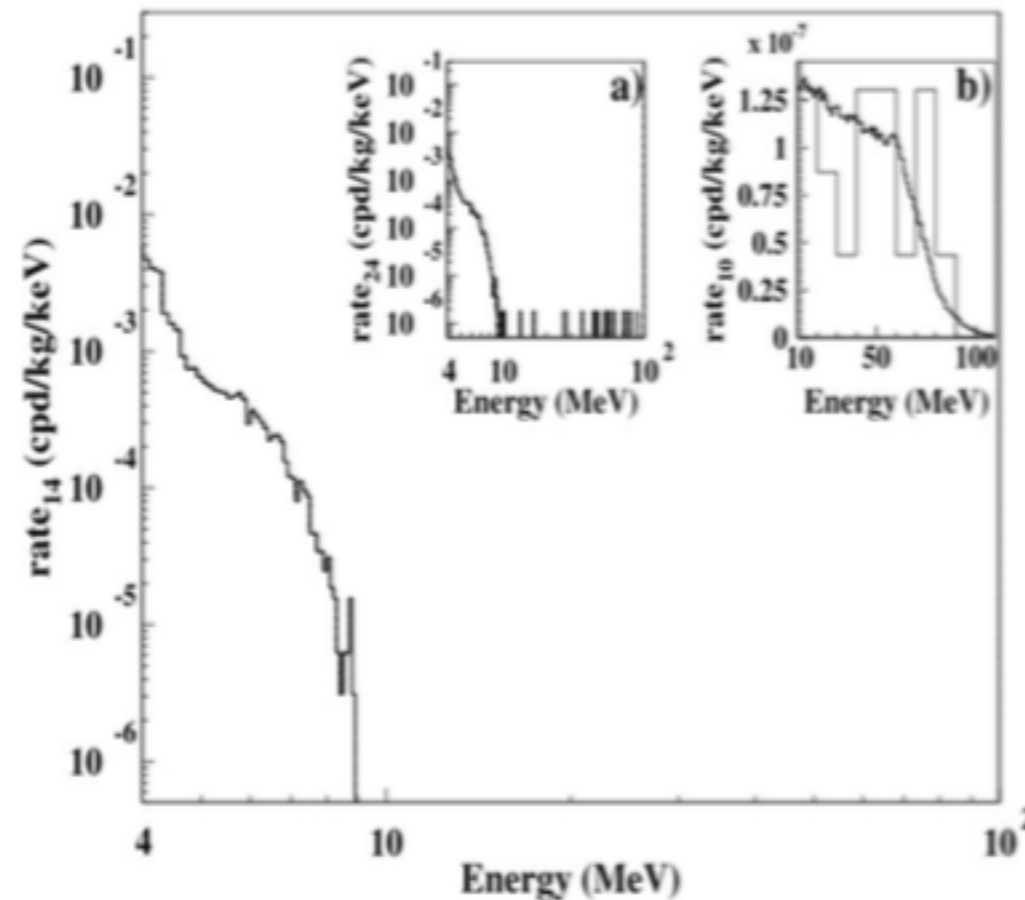


Fig. 1 Counting rate ($rate_{14}$) of the events measured by the 14 highly radiopure NaI(Tl) detectors in operation in the three central rows of the DAMA/LIBRA detectors matrix. The events in the 4–10 MeV energy region are essentially due to α particles from internal contaminants in the detectors (detailed studies are available in [34]). In inset (a) the counting rate measured by all the 24 working detectors ($rate_{24}$) is shown. Events with $E > 10$ MeV are present only in detectors be-

longing to the upper or to the lower rows in the detectors matrix. In inset (b) the same events as in (a)—with different binning—are shown above 10 MeV (histogram) with superimposed a solid line, which corresponds to the background events expected from the vertical muon intensity distribution and the Gran Sasso rock overburden map of [37]. See text

Nuclear models in DAMA

Two main models used in the momentum distribution of nucleons:

i) Fermi momentum distribution with $255 \text{ MeV}/c$

i) realistic functions taking into account correlation effects.

Bernabei, Belli et al (DAMA collaboration) EPJC (2009)

Democratic vs despotic approach

Testing PEP all the ways

The PEP violation induced by (effective) non-commutative models is “democratically” propagating in all the possible PEP forbidden channels.

Constraints can be confronted with all most sensitive experiments: PEP violating atomic or nuclear transitions

Hopf algebras

Hopf algebras I

Consider the infinite dimensional representation of the translation algebra \mathcal{A} on 4D Minkowski spacetime

$$P_\mu \triangleright m(f(x) \otimes g(x)) = m(P_\mu \triangleright f(x) \otimes g(x) + f(x) \otimes P_\mu \triangleright g(x))$$

We then associate the (trivial) “coproduct” $\Delta : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{A}$

$$\Delta(P_\mu) = P_\mu \otimes \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{1} \otimes P_\mu$$

an element of the **co-algebra**, forming together with the algebra a **bi-algebra** when specific axioms are taken into account.

Hopf algebras II

Introduce now:

$$\epsilon : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \quad \text{such that, for } a \in \mathcal{A}, \quad \int d^4x a f(x) = \epsilon(a) \int d^4x f(x)$$

$$m : \mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$$

$$S : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A} \quad \text{recreating, for } a \in \mathcal{A}, \text{ the inverse element of } a$$

For the trivial case under scrutiny:

$$\epsilon(\mathbf{1}) = \mathbf{1}$$

$$S(\mathbf{1}) = \mathbf{1}$$

$$\epsilon(P_\mu) = 0$$

$$S(P_\mu) = -P_\mu$$

We can then extend the structure of a Lie algebra to a [Hopf algebra](#)

Hopf algebras III

Algebra axioms

$$m(m \otimes 1) = m(1 \otimes m) \quad (\text{associativity}),$$

$$m(1 \otimes \eta) = m(\eta \otimes 1) = 1 \quad (\text{unit}),$$

Co-algebra axioms

$$(\Delta \otimes 1)\Delta = (1 \otimes \Delta)\Delta \quad (\text{coassociativity}),$$

$$(1 \otimes \varepsilon)\Delta = (\varepsilon \otimes 1)\Delta = 1 \quad (\text{counit}),$$

Bialgebra

Antipode axioms

$$m(S \otimes 1)\Delta = m(1 \otimes S)\Delta = \eta \circ \varepsilon.$$

Hopf algebra

Quantum Groups

Quantum groups in a nutshell: twist I

Non trivial Hopf algebras encode quantum groups obtained by twisting

Introduce the element of the bi-algebra $\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{A}$ that is called *twist element*

$$\mathcal{F}_\theta = e^{\frac{i}{2} \theta^{\mu\nu} P_\mu \otimes P_\nu}$$

such that

$$\mathcal{F}_\theta(\Delta_0 \otimes \mathbb{1})\mathcal{F}_\theta = \mathcal{F}_\theta(\mathbb{1} \otimes \Delta_0)\mathcal{F}_\theta$$

Taking into account the element of the θ -Poincare' algebra $Y = \{P_\mu, M_{\mu\nu}\}$

$$\Delta_0(Y) \rightarrow \Delta_\theta(Y) = \mathcal{F}_\theta \Delta_0(Y) \mathcal{F}_\theta^{-1}$$

Quantum groups in a nutshell: twist II

The **algebraic sector is undeformed**, yielding the same product rules and the same two Casimir

$$[P_\mu, P_\nu] = 0 \quad [M_{\mu\nu}, P_\alpha] = -i(\eta_{\mu\alpha}P_\nu - \eta_{\nu\alpha}P_\mu)$$

$$[M_{\mu\nu}, M_{\alpha\beta}] = -i(\eta_{\mu\alpha}M_{\nu\beta} - \eta_{\mu\beta}M_{\nu\alpha} - \eta_{\nu\alpha}M_{\mu\beta} + \eta_{\nu\beta}M_{\mu\alpha})$$

In the **co-algebraic sector**, deformation involve the coproduct of the Lorentz generators, the others remaining “primitive”

$$\Delta_\theta(P_\alpha) = \Delta_0(P_\alpha) = P_\alpha \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes P_\alpha$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_\theta(M_{\mu\nu}) &= \text{Ade}^{(i/2)\theta^{\alpha\beta}P_\alpha \otimes P_\beta} \Delta_0(M_{\mu\nu}) \\ &= M_{\mu\nu} \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes M_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}\theta^{\alpha\beta}[(\eta_{\alpha\mu}P_\nu - \eta_{\alpha\nu}P_\mu) \\ &\quad \otimes P_\beta + P_\alpha \otimes (\eta_{\beta\mu}P_\nu - \eta_{\beta\nu}P_\mu)] \end{aligned}$$

θ -Poincare

QFT enjoying θ -Poincare symmetries

We can develop an **auxiliary** representation in the coordinates space, encoding **space-time** points' coordinates intrinsic **non-commutativity**

Star product defined by the twist:

$$f \star g = f(x) e^{\frac{i}{2} \overleftarrow{\partial}_\mu \theta^{\mu\nu} \overrightarrow{\partial}_\nu} g(y)$$
$$\theta_{\mu\nu} = -\theta_{\nu\mu} = \text{const}$$

Noncommutativity ST coordinates:

$$\hat{x}^\mu(x) = x^\mu$$
$$\hat{x}^\mu \star \hat{x}^\nu - \hat{x}^\nu \star \hat{x}^\mu := [\hat{x}^\mu, \hat{x}^\nu]_\star = i\theta^{\mu\nu}$$

Scalar field Fourier expansion:

$$\phi = \int \frac{d^4 p}{2p_0} [a(p) \mathbf{e}_p + a^\dagger(p) \mathbf{e}_{-p}]$$

QFT enjoying θ -Poincare symmetries

Fourier decomposition : $\phi = \int d\mu(p) \tilde{\phi}(p) \mathbf{e}_p, \quad \psi = \int d\mu(q) \tilde{\phi}(q) \mathbf{e}_q$

Fields product: $m_\theta(\phi \otimes \psi) = \int d\mu(p) d\mu(q) \tilde{\phi}(p) \tilde{\psi}(q) \mathbf{e}_p \star \mathbf{e}_q$

Action of symmetries:

$$\rho(\Lambda)\phi = \int \mu(p) \tilde{\phi}(p) \mathbf{e}_{\Lambda p} = \int \mu(p) \tilde{\phi}(\Lambda^{-1}p) \mathbf{e}_p$$
$$\rho(e^{iP \cdot \delta})\phi = \int \mu(p) e^{iP \cdot \delta} \tilde{\phi}(p) \mathbf{e}_p$$

Deformed statistics induced by the twist element

$$a(p)a^\dagger(q) = \tilde{\eta}'(p, q) \mathcal{F}_\theta(-q, p) a^\dagger(q) a(p) + 2p_0 \delta^4(p - q)$$

QFT enjoying θ -Poincare symmetries

Twisted fermionic states \longrightarrow Non-vanishing overlap probability

Twisted single particle wave-packet created by $\langle a^\dagger, \alpha \rangle = \int \frac{d^4 p}{2p_0} \alpha(p) a^\dagger(p)$

$$|\alpha\rangle = \langle a^\dagger, \alpha | 0 \rangle = \langle c^\dagger, \alpha | 0 \rangle$$

$$a(p) = e^{\frac{i}{2} p_\mu \theta^{\mu\nu} P_\nu} c(p) \quad c(p) \quad \text{for} \quad \theta^{\mu\nu} = 0$$

Two-particle state, violating the Pauli principle for $\theta^{\mu\nu} \neq 0$

$$|\alpha, \alpha\rangle = \langle a^\dagger, \alpha \rangle \langle a^\dagger, \alpha | 0 \rangle = \int \frac{d^4 p_{(1)}}{2p_{0(1)}} \frac{d^4 p_{(2)}}{2p_{0(2)}} e^{-\frac{i}{2} p_{\mu(1)} \theta^{\mu\nu} p_{\nu(2)}} \alpha(p_{(1)}) \alpha(p_{(2)}) c^\dagger(p_{(1)}) c^\dagger(p_{(2)}) | 0 \rangle$$

QFT enjoying θ -Poincare symmetries

Non-vanishing normalization of the PEP violating state for $\theta^{\mu\nu} \neq 0$

$$N^2(\alpha, \alpha) := \langle \alpha, \alpha | \alpha, \alpha \rangle = \int \frac{d^4 p_{(1)}}{2p_{0(1)}} \frac{d^4 p_{(2)}}{2p_{0(2)}} (\bar{\alpha}(p_{(1)}) \alpha(p_{(1)})) (\bar{\alpha}(p_{(2)}) \alpha(p_{(2)})) [1 - \cos(p_{\mu(1)} \theta^{\mu\nu} p_{\nu(2)})] \geq 0$$

where the normalization vanishes only on a zero-measure set

Normalized states that are PEP violating: $|\alpha, \alpha\rangle' = \frac{1}{N(\alpha, \alpha)} |\alpha, \alpha\rangle$

Given a two-particle state allowed by PEP $|\beta, \gamma\rangle = \langle a^\dagger, \beta \rangle \langle a^\dagger, \gamma \rangle |0\rangle$, $\beta \neq \gamma$

transitions to PEP violating states can now happen:

$$\langle \beta, \gamma | \alpha, \alpha \rangle = \int \frac{d^4 p_{(1)}}{2p_{0(1)}} \frac{d^4 p_{(2)}}{2p_{0(2)}} (\bar{\beta}(p_{(1)}) \alpha(p_{(1)})) (\bar{\gamma}(p_{(2)}) \alpha(p_{(2)})) [1 - e^{p_{\mu(1)} \theta^{\mu\nu} p_{\nu(2)}}] \frac{1}{N(\alpha, \alpha)} \geq 0$$

k-Poincare

QFT enjoying k-Poincare symmetries

The algebraic sector is deformed:

$$\begin{aligned} [P_0, P_j] &= 0 & [M_j, M_k] &= i\epsilon_{jkl}M_l & [M_j, N_k] &= i\epsilon_{jkl}N_l & [N_j, N_k] &= i\epsilon_{jkl}M_l \\ [P_0, N_l] &= -iP_l & [P_l, N_j] &= -i\delta_{lj} \left(\frac{\kappa}{2} \left(1 - e^{-\frac{2P_0}{\kappa}} \right) + \frac{1}{2\kappa} \vec{P}^2 \right) + \frac{i}{\kappa} P_l P_j \\ [P_0, M_k] &= 0 & [P_j, M_k] &= i\epsilon_{jkl}P_l \end{aligned}$$

In the co-algebraic sector, deformation involve all the coproducts:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(P_0) &= P_0 \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes P_0 & \Delta(P_j) &= P_j \otimes 1 + e^{-P_0/\kappa} \otimes P_j \\ \Delta(M_j) &= M_j \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes M_j \\ \Delta(N_j) &= N_j \otimes 1 + e^{-P_0/\kappa} \otimes N_j + \frac{\epsilon_{jkl}}{\kappa} P_k \otimes N_l. \end{aligned}$$

QFT enjoying k-Poincare symmetries

The antipode is non-trivial:

$$S(M_l) = -M_l$$

$$S(P_0) = -P_0$$

$$S(P_l) = -e^{\frac{P_0}{\kappa}} P_l$$

$$S(N_l) = -e^{\frac{P_0}{\kappa}} N_l + \frac{1}{\kappa} \epsilon_{ljk} e^{\frac{P_0}{\kappa}} P_j M_k$$

The mass Casimir is deformed:

$$C_\kappa = \left(2\kappa \sinh \left(\frac{P_0}{2\kappa} \right) \right)^2 - \vec{P}^2 e^{\frac{P_0}{\kappa}}$$

Energy-momentum dispersion relations **deformed!**

Effects linearly suppressed in the Planck energy: $\kappa \propto M_P$

QFT enjoying k -Poincare symmetries

Ambiguity present in the literature:

i) symplectic geometry approach a la Crnkovic-Witten leads to the deformation of the statistics

M. Arzano & A. Marciano, Phys. Rev. D76 (2007) 125005; M. Arzano & A. Marciano, Phys. Rev. D75 (2007) 081701

ii) 5D differential calculus approach suggests absence of deformation of the statistics

L. Freidel, J. Kowalski-Glikman & S. Nowak, Int.J.Mod.Phys. A23 (2008) 2687-2718

Phenomenological parametrization

Parametrization of statistics deformation

To account for all the possible different deformations we use the parametrization

$$a_i a_j^\dagger + \eta q(E) a_j^\dagger a_i = \delta_{ij}$$

with $q(E)$ deviation function, and

$$q(E) = -1 + \beta^2(E), \quad \delta^2(E) = \frac{1}{2}\beta^2(E)$$

We then expand the deviation function, which is assumed to be analytical, in power-series of the ratio between the energy of the system and the deformation energy scale Λ

$$\delta^2(E) = c_k \frac{E^k}{\Lambda^k} + O(E^{k+1})$$

Forbidden transition in DAMA and VIP

Two types of experiments to look for PEP violation: i) [search for atoms or nuclei](#) in a non-Paulian state; ii) [search for the prompt radiation](#) accompanying non-Paulian transitions of electrons or nucleons.

Type i): Novikov et al. '89 and Nolte et al. '91 looked for non-Paulian exotic atoms of ^{20}Ne and ^{36}Ar with 3 electrons on K-shell using [mass spectroscopy](#) on fluorine and chlorine samples.




Type ii): Goldhaber '74 pointed out that the same experimental data which were used to set a limit on the lifetime of the electron can be used to test the validity of the PEP for atomic electrons.

Ramberg and Snow '90 looked for anomalous X-rays emitted by Cu atoms in a conductor. The upper limit on the probability for the 'new' electron passing in the conductor to form a non-Paulian atom with 3 electrons in the K-shell is $1.7 \cdot 10^{-26}$. Improvement of the sensitivity of the method have been achieved by [VIP](#).

Laser atomic and molecular spectroscopy to search for anomalous PEP-forbidden spectral lines of ^4He atoms (Deilamian et al.) and molecules of O_2 (Hilborn et al., Angelis et al.) and CO_2 (Modugno et al.).

The violation of PEP in the nucleon system searching for non-Paulian transitions with γ - emission (Kamiokande '93, NEMO-II '99), p-emission (Elegant-V '93, [DAMA/LIBRA '97](#)) and n-emission (Koshimoto et al. '92), non-Paulian β^+ - and β^- -decays (LSD, Kekez et al. '90, NEMO-II '99).

DAMA set-ups
an observatory for rare processes @ LNGS



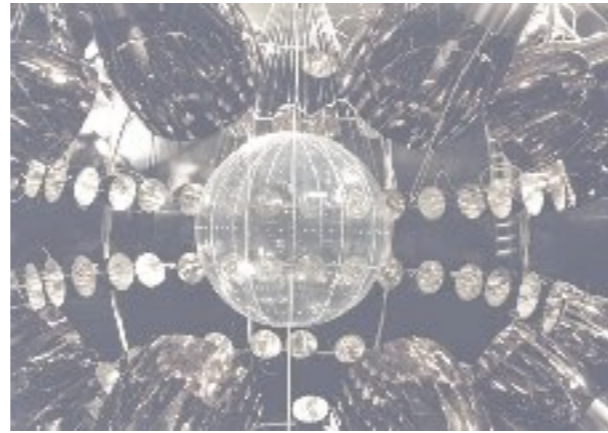
- DAMA/LIBRA (DAMA/NaI)
- DAMA/LXe
- DAMA/R&D
- DAMA/Crye
- DAMA/Ga

sodium iodide doped with Tellurium

Collaboration:
Roma Tor Vergata, Roma La Sapienza, LNGS, INFN Bologna
+ by products and small scale expts.: INFN Pisa + other institutions
+ neutron mass: INFN-Frascati, INFN-Casaccia
+ in some studies on β decays: JUS-UMC and Inter-Universities project
ITK Bologna, INFN-Rapra, INFN

web site: <http://people.sns2.infn.it/dama>

BOREXINO collaboration I



γ , β^\pm , n, p from nucleons PEP violating transitions $1P_{3/2} \rightarrow 1S_{1/2}$

$$\tau(^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow ^{12}\tilde{\text{C}} + \gamma) \geq 5.0 \times 10^{31} \text{ yr}$$



$$\delta_\gamma^2 \leq 2.2 \times 10^{-57}$$

$$\tau(^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow ^{12}\tilde{\text{N}} + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e) \geq 3.1 \times 10^{30} \text{ yr}$$



$$\delta_\beta^2 \leq 2.1 \times 10^{-35}$$

$$\tau(^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow ^{12}\tilde{\text{B}} + e^+ + \nu_e) \geq 2.1 \times 10^{30} \text{ yr}$$



$$\delta_N^2 \leq 4.1 \times 10^{-60}$$

$$\tau(^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow ^{11}\tilde{\text{B}} + p) \geq 8.9 \times 10^{29} \text{ yr}$$

$$\tau(^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow ^{11}\tilde{\text{C}} + n) \geq 3.4 \times 10^{30} \text{ yr}$$

BOREXINO collaboration II

Extremely low background level

(200 times lower than in CTF at 2 MeV)

$$\tau \geq \varepsilon(\Delta E) \frac{N_N N_n T}{S_{lim}}$$

Candidate events: (1) have a unique cluster of PMT hits; (2) should not be flagged as muons by the outer Cherenkov detector; (3) should not follow a muon within a time window of 2 ms; (4) should not be followed by another event within a time window of 2 ms except in case of neutron emission; (5) must be reconstructed within the detector volume.

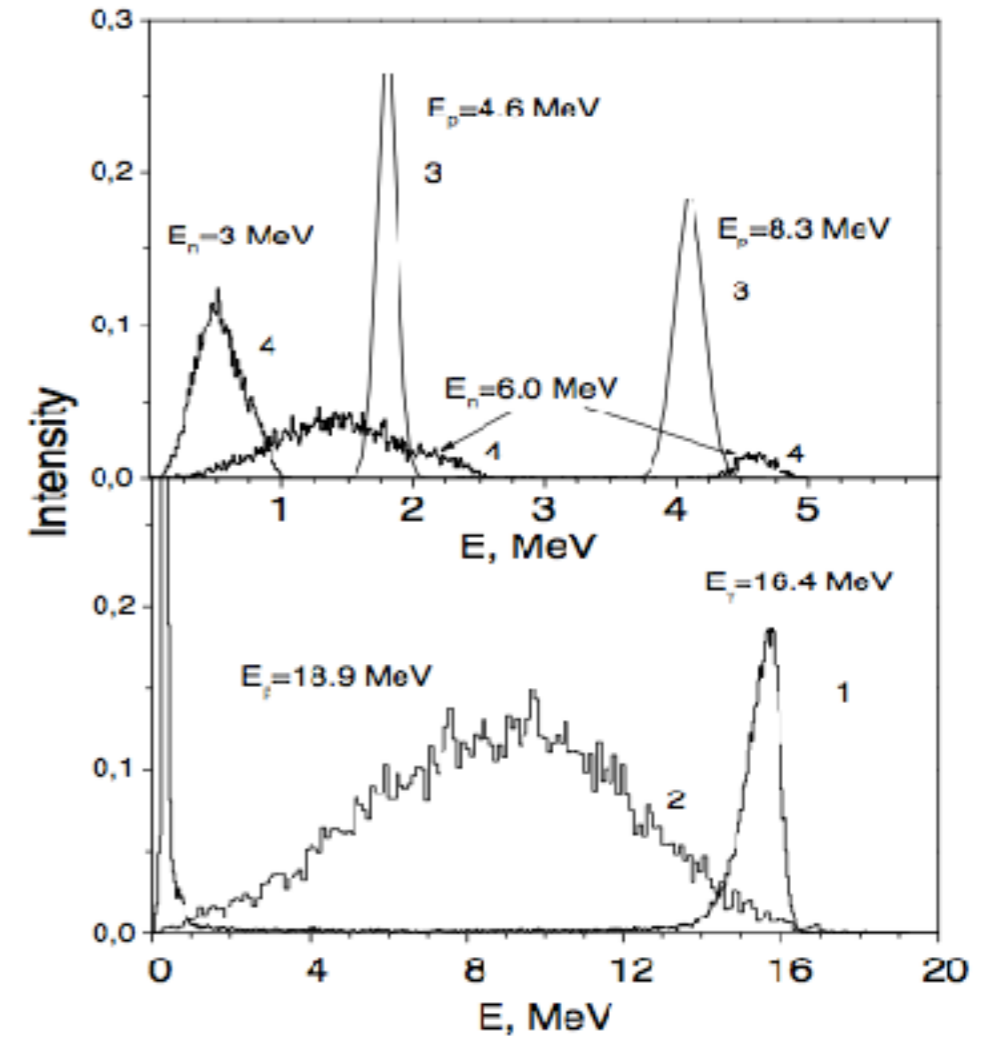
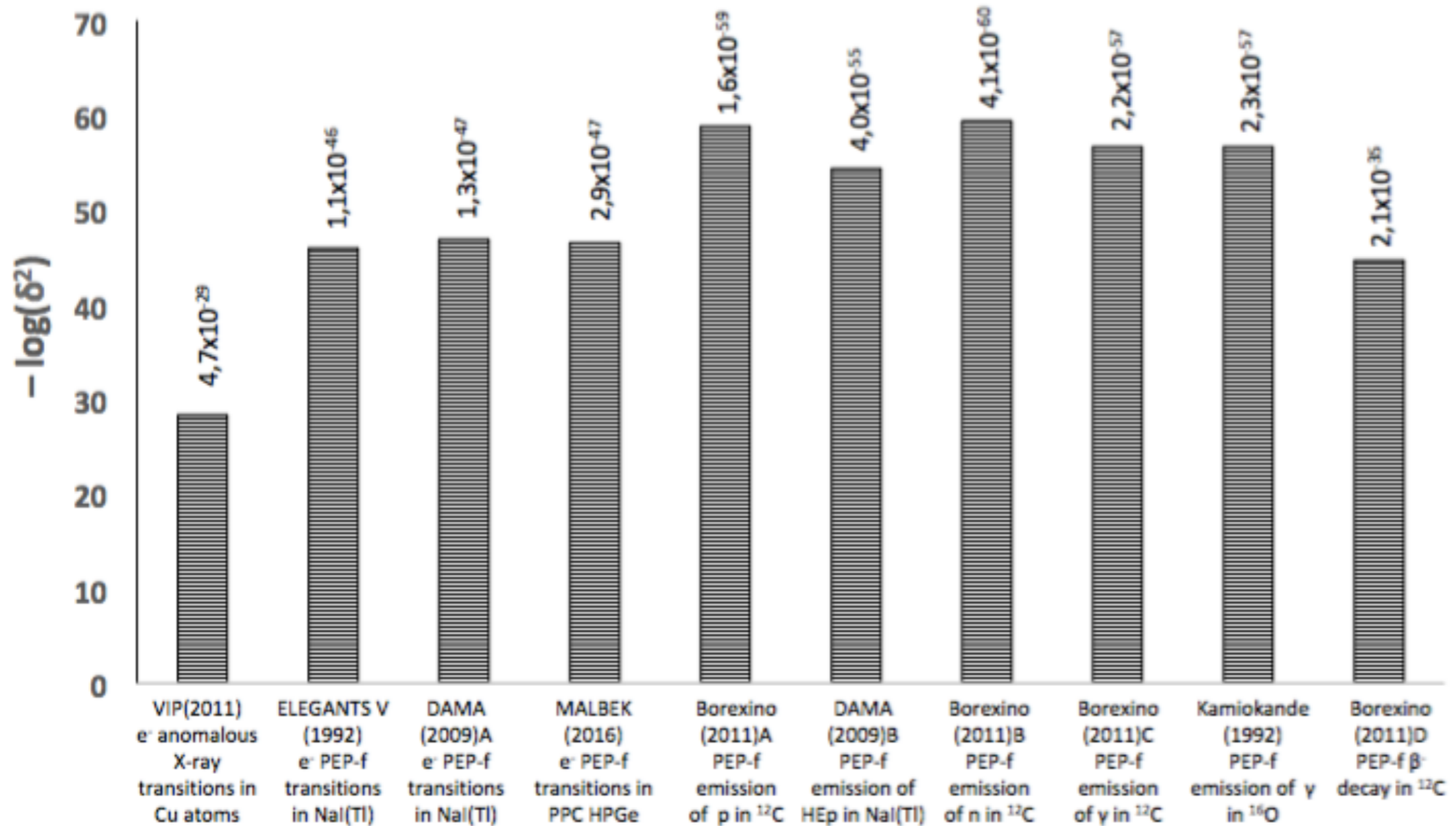
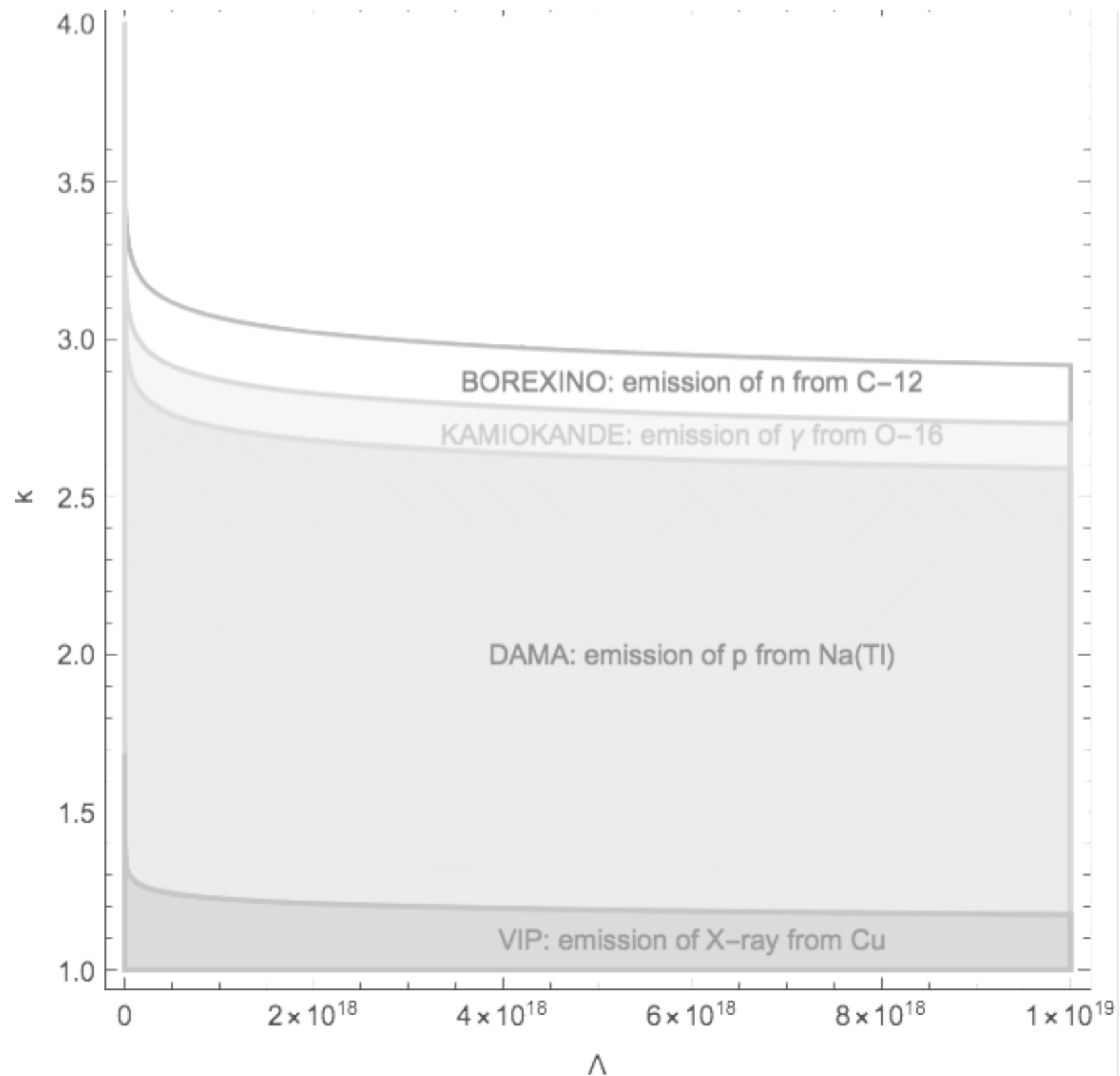


Fig. 6. The response functions of Borexino: 1) $^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow ^{12}\tilde{\text{C}} + \gamma$ (16.4 MeV) decays in IV and 1 m thick layer of buffer; 2) $^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow ^{12}\tilde{\text{N}} + e^- + \bar{\nu}$ (18.9 MeV); 3) $^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow ^{11}\tilde{\text{B}} + p$ (4.6 and 8.3 MeV); 4) $^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow ^{11}\tilde{\text{C}} + n$ (3.0 and 6.0 MeV);

Underground experiments combined



Constraints on non-com spacetimes



VIP-2 results

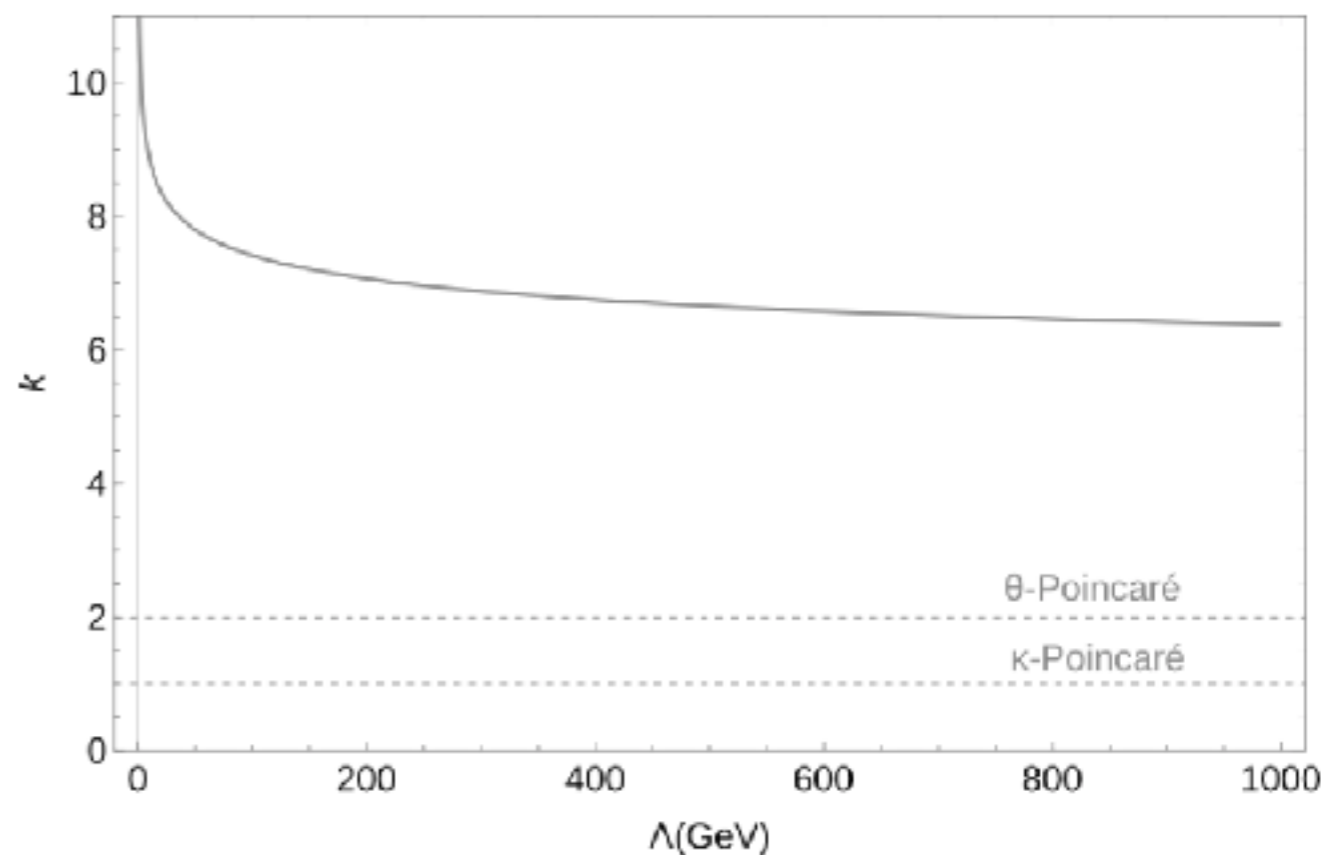
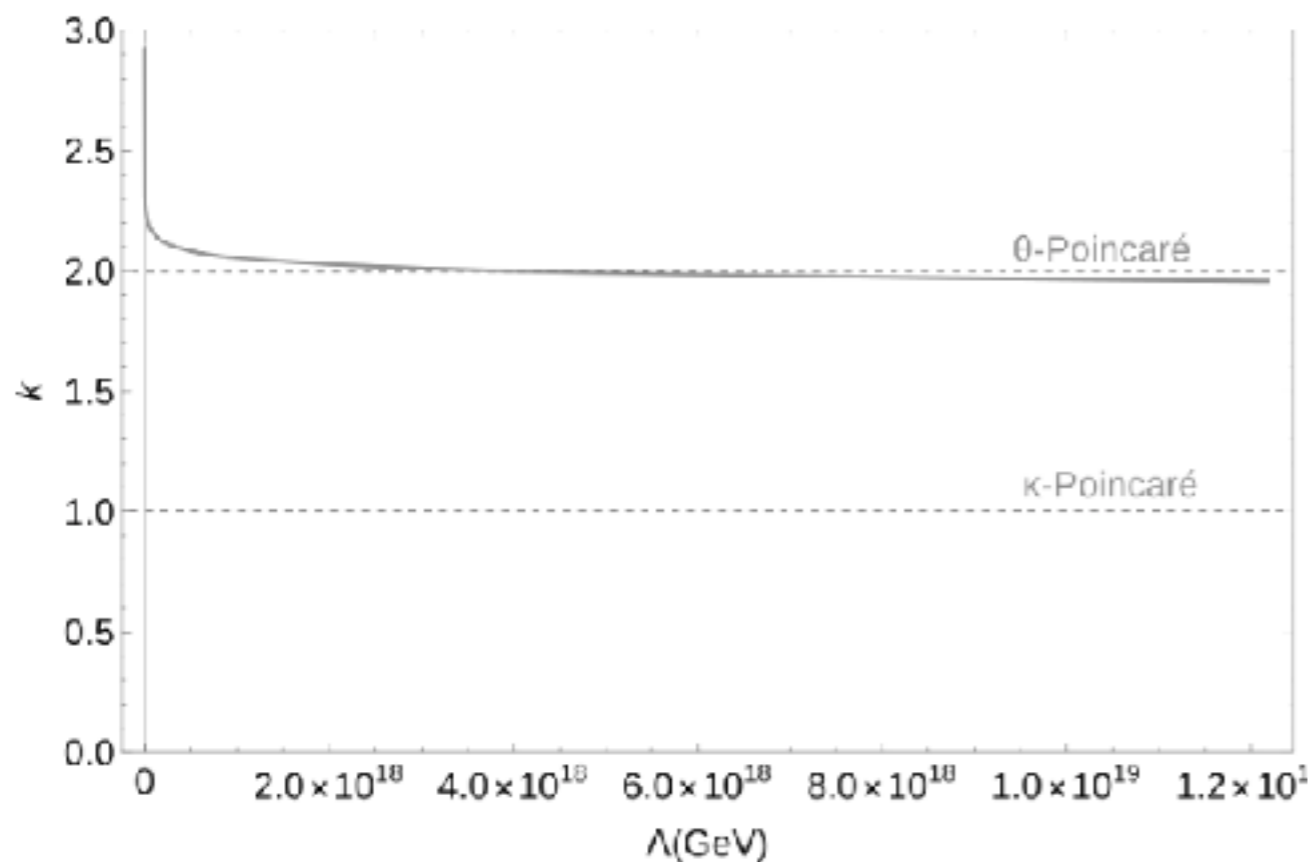
Results from VIP-2

$\tau_E(\text{s})$	$n_e(\text{m}^{-3})$	$V(\text{cm}^3)$
$2.5 \cdot 10^{-17}$	$1.33 \cdot 10^{29}$	$2.17 \cdot 10^3$
N_{free}	$\tau_0(\text{s})$	$M(\text{g})$
$2.89 \cdot 10^{26}$	$4.7 \cdot 10^{-17}$	22300

$$N_{\text{free}} = n_e \cdot V$$

$$\delta^2 < \frac{\bar{S}}{N_{\text{free}} \cdot \frac{\Delta t}{\tau_E} \cdot \epsilon_{\text{tot}} + N_{\text{e,atom}} \frac{\Delta t}{\tau_0} \epsilon_{\text{tot}}} = 3.2 \cdot 10^{-46}$$

$$\begin{aligned} N_{\text{e,atom}} &= N_{\text{Pb,atoms}} \cdot g - N_{\text{free}} = \\ &= \left[N_{\text{Av}} \cdot \frac{M}{A} \cdot (Z - 4) \right] - N_{\text{free}} \end{aligned}$$



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Strongest Atomic Physics Bounds on Noncommutative Quantum Gravity Models

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Investigations of possible violations of the Pauli exclusion principle represent critical tests of the microscopic space-time structure and properties. Space-time noncommutativity provides a class of universality for several quantum gravity models. In this context the VIP-2 lead experiment sets the strongest bounds, searching for the Pauli exclusion principle violating atomic transitions in lead, excluding the θ -Poincaré noncommutative quantum gravity models far above the Planck scale for nonvanishing $\theta_{\mu\nu}$ electriclike components, and up to 6.9×10^{-2} Planck scales if $\theta_{0i} = 0$.

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Future improvements from
other experiments

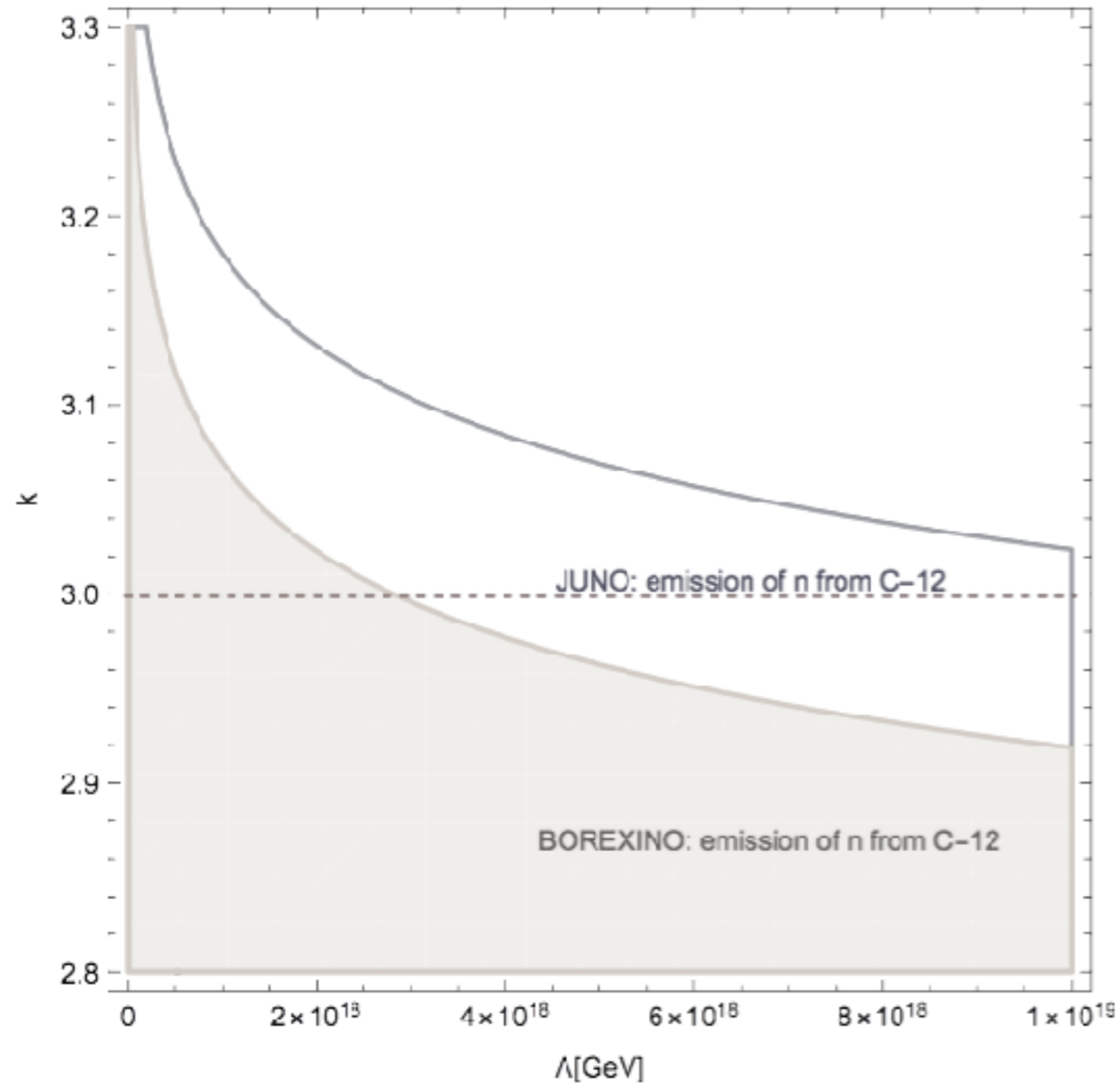
Future improvement: JUNO

(JUNO) Jiangmen Underground Neutrino Experiment, [underground reactor antineutrino experiment](#) under construction near Kaiping, China

Experiment	Day Bay	Borexino	KamLAND	JUNO
Liquid Scintillator mass	20 ton	~ 300 ton	~1 kton	20 kton
Coverage	~ 12%	~ 34%	~ 34%	~ 80%
Energy Resolution	$\frac{7.5\%}{\sqrt{E}}$	$\frac{\sim 5\%}{\sqrt{E}}$	$\frac{\sim 6\%}{\sqrt{E}}$	$\frac{\sim 3\%}{\sqrt{E}}$
Light Yield	$\sim 160 \frac{\text{p.e.}}{\text{MeV}}$	$\sim 500 \frac{\text{p.e.}}{\text{MeV}}$	$\sim 250 \frac{\text{p.e.}}{\text{MeV}}$	$\sim 1200 \frac{\text{p.e.}}{\text{MeV}}$

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