

# Fundamental Physics with Slow Neutrons

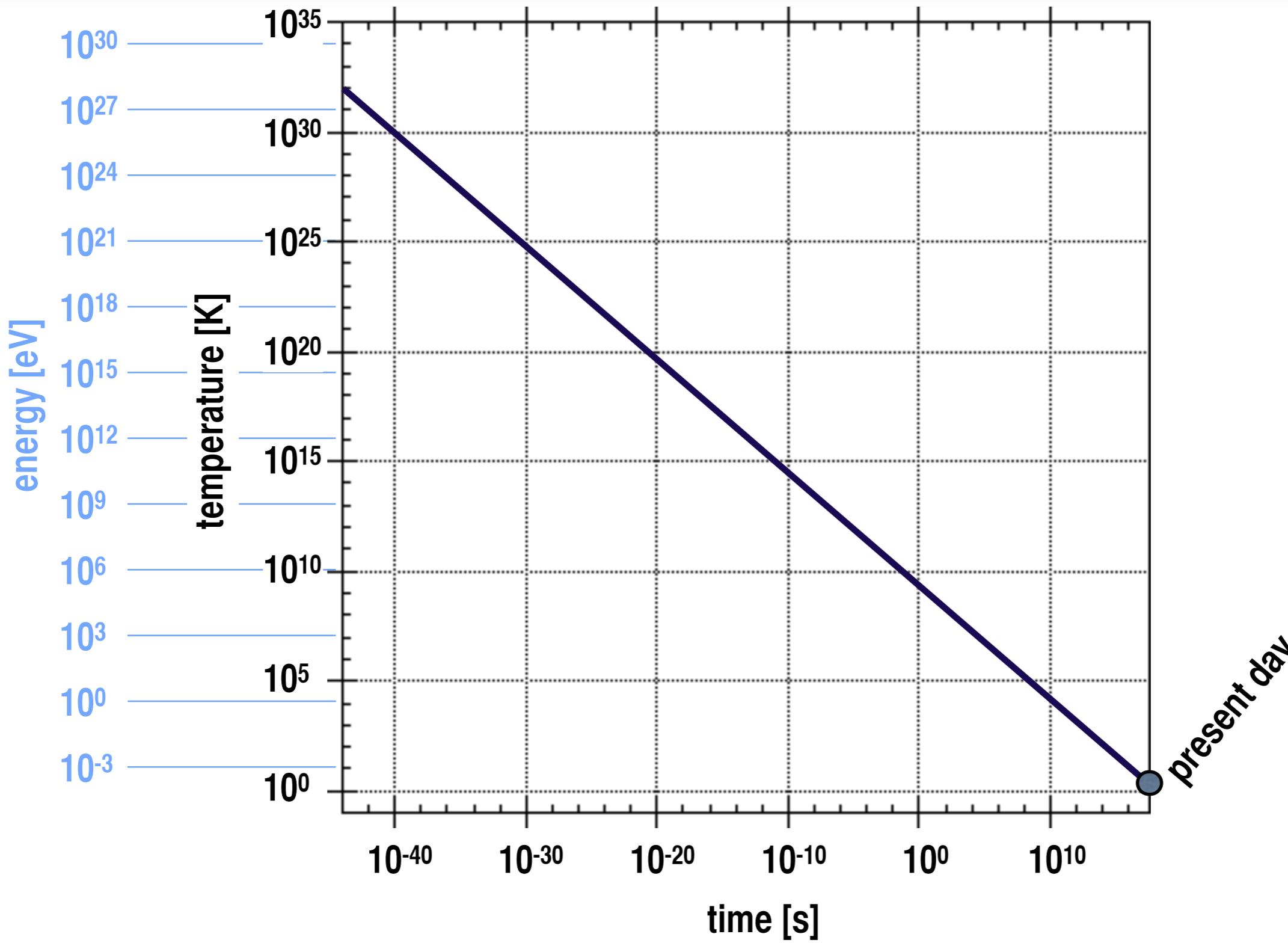
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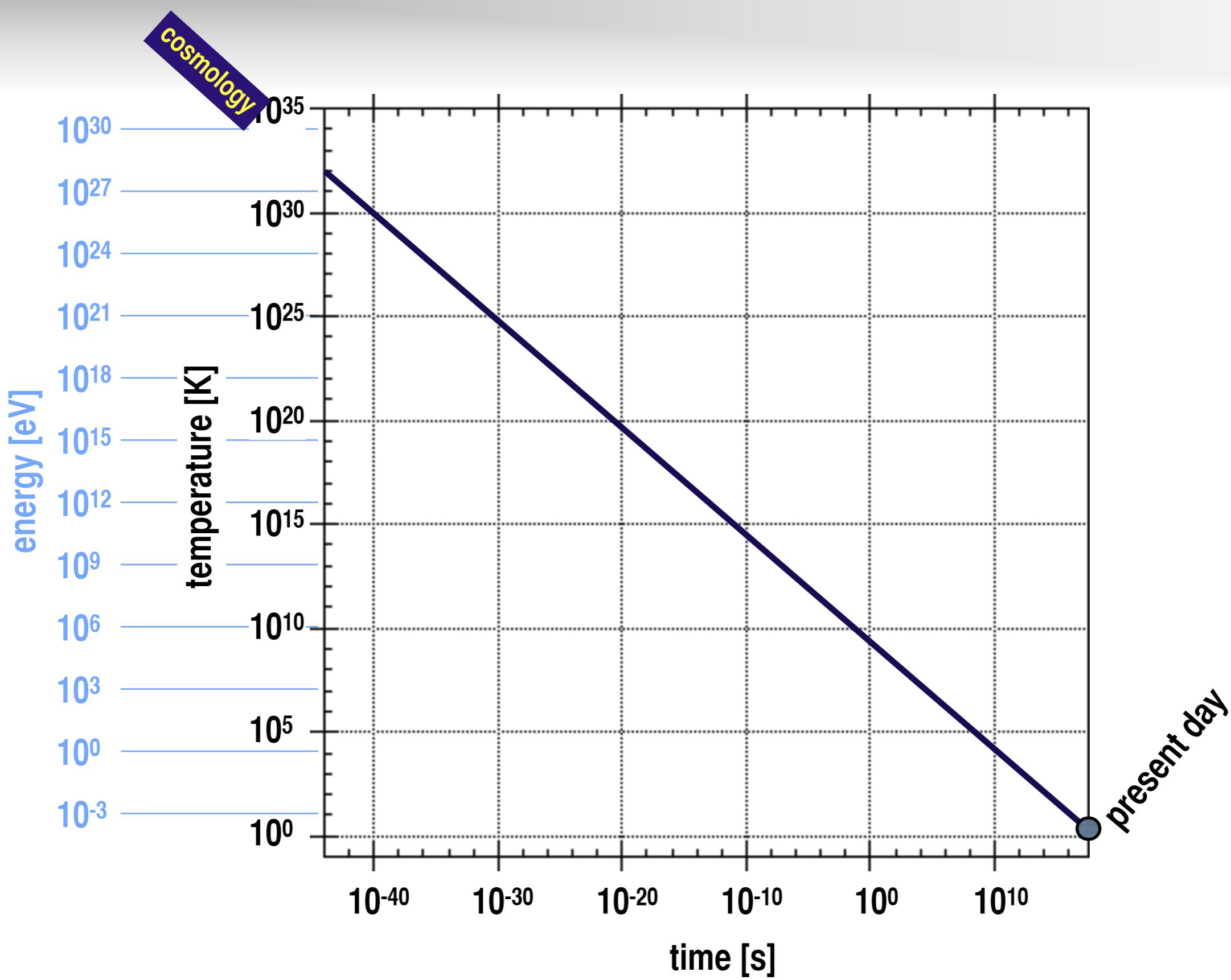
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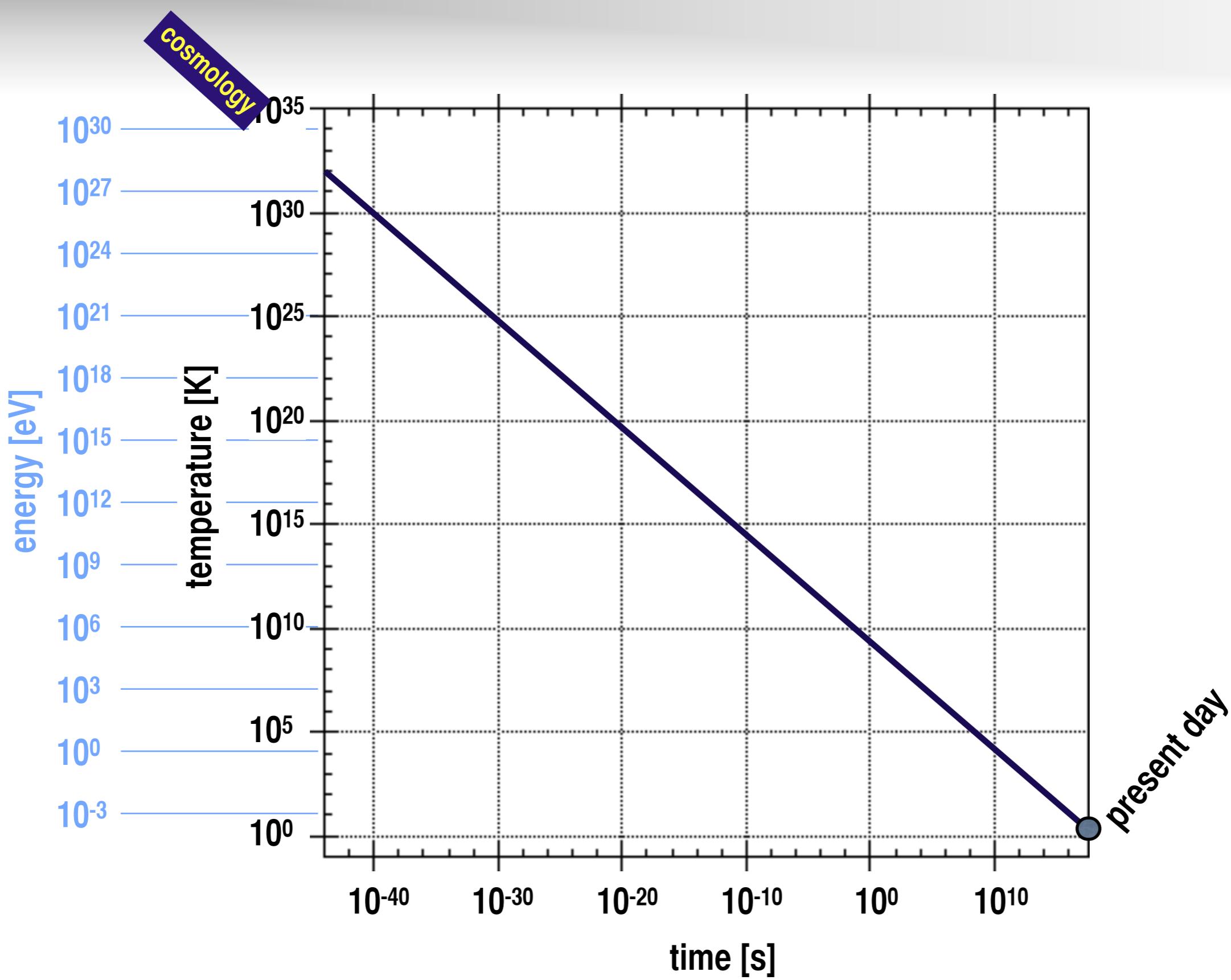
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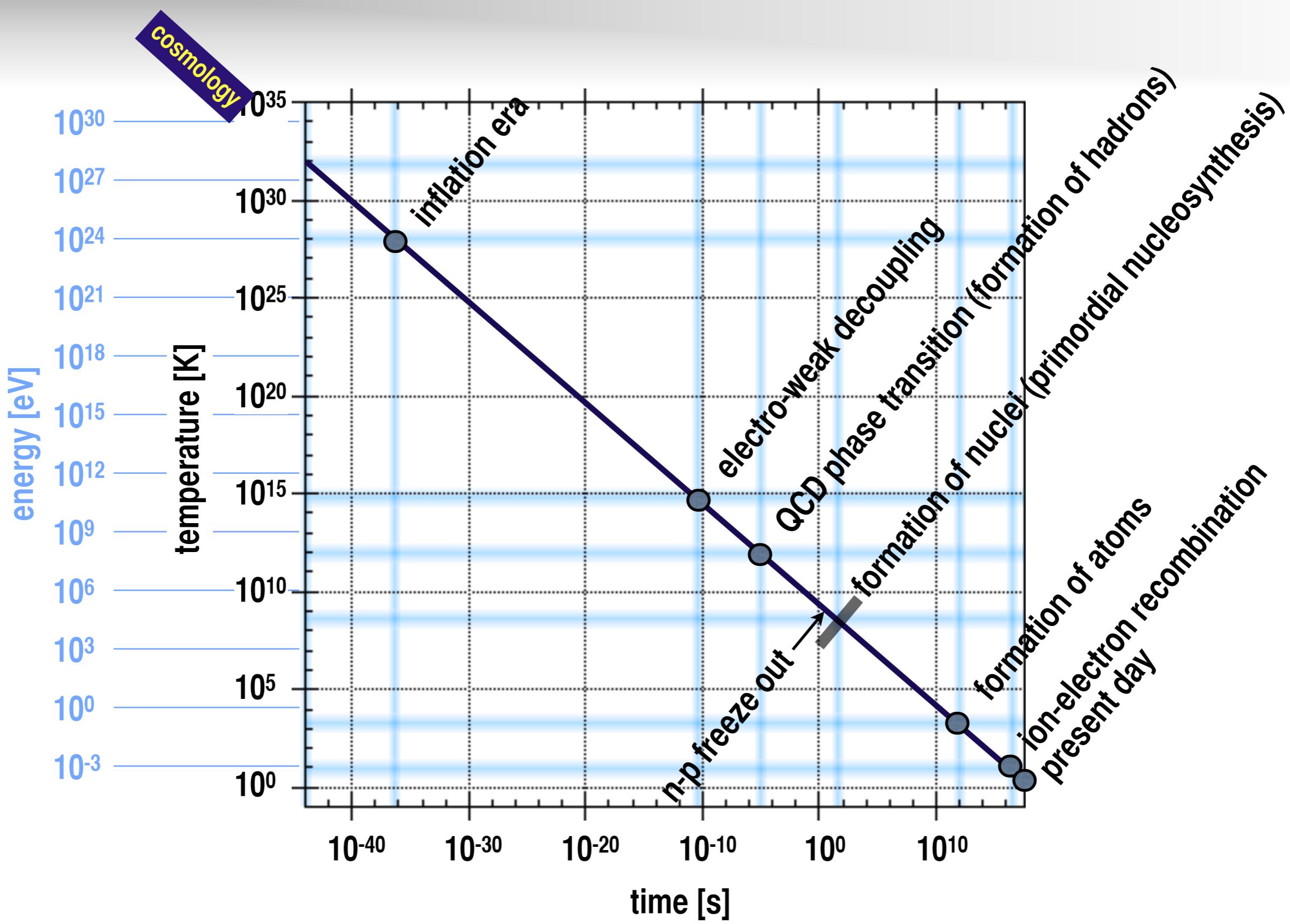


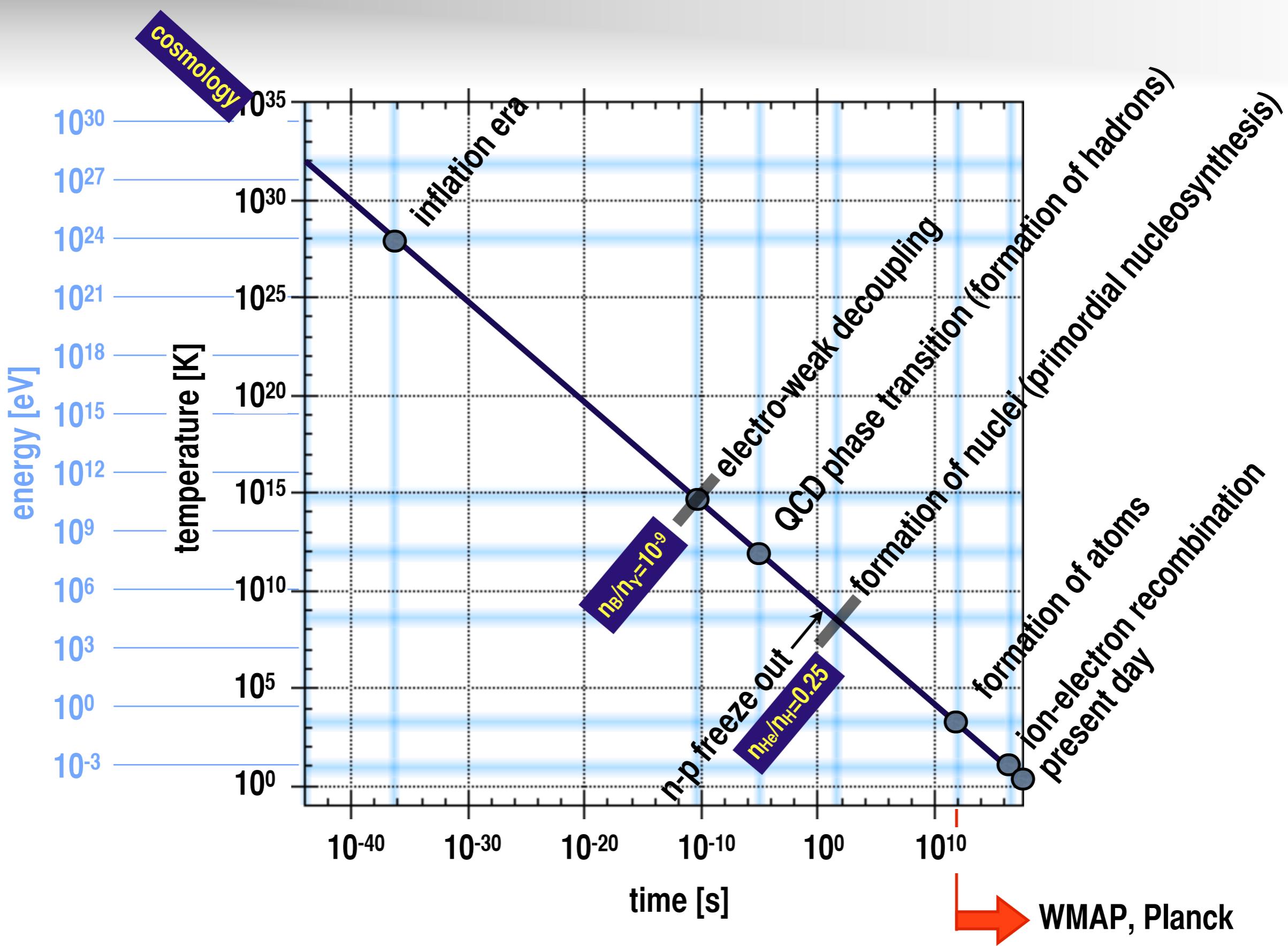
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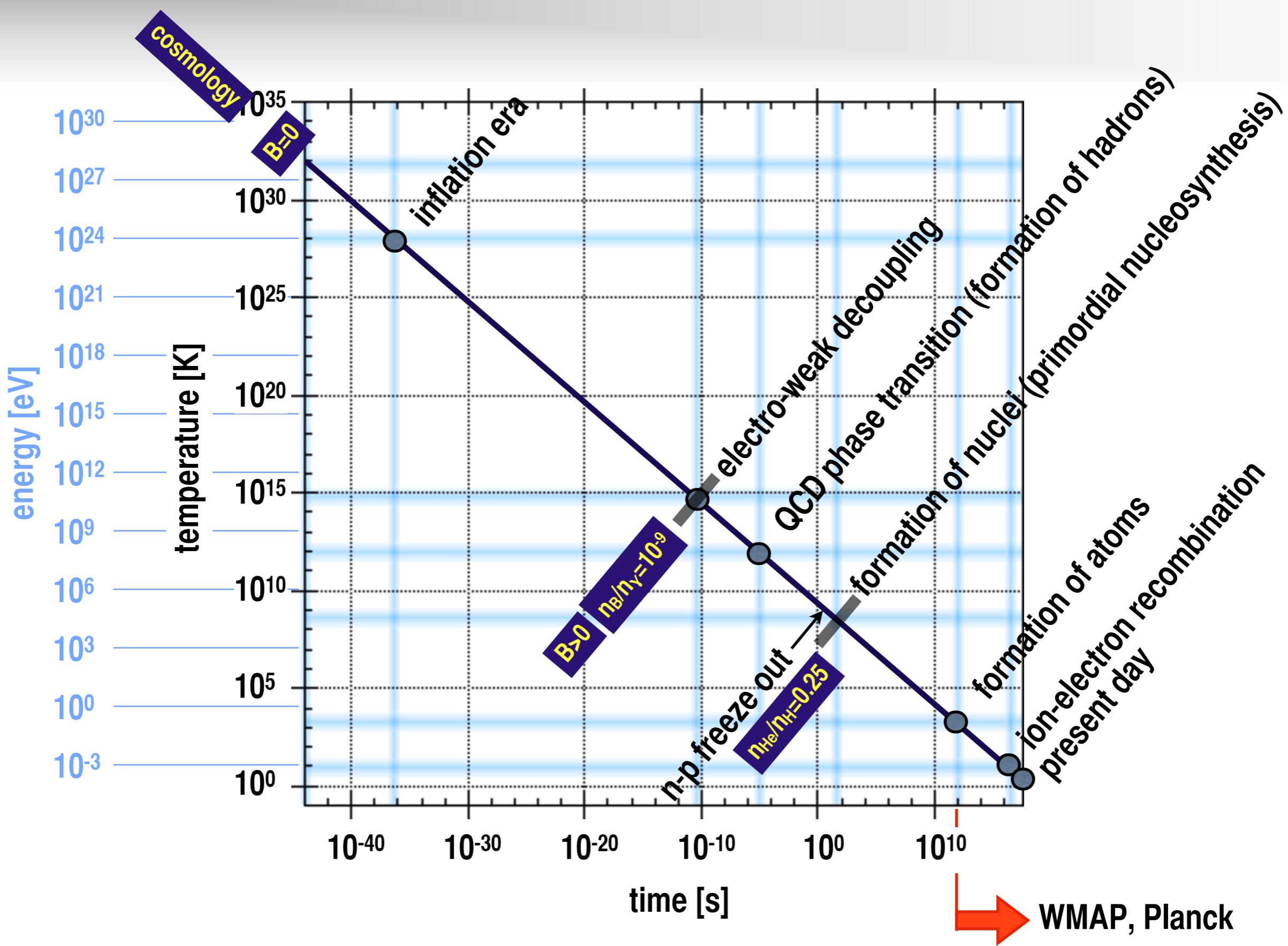


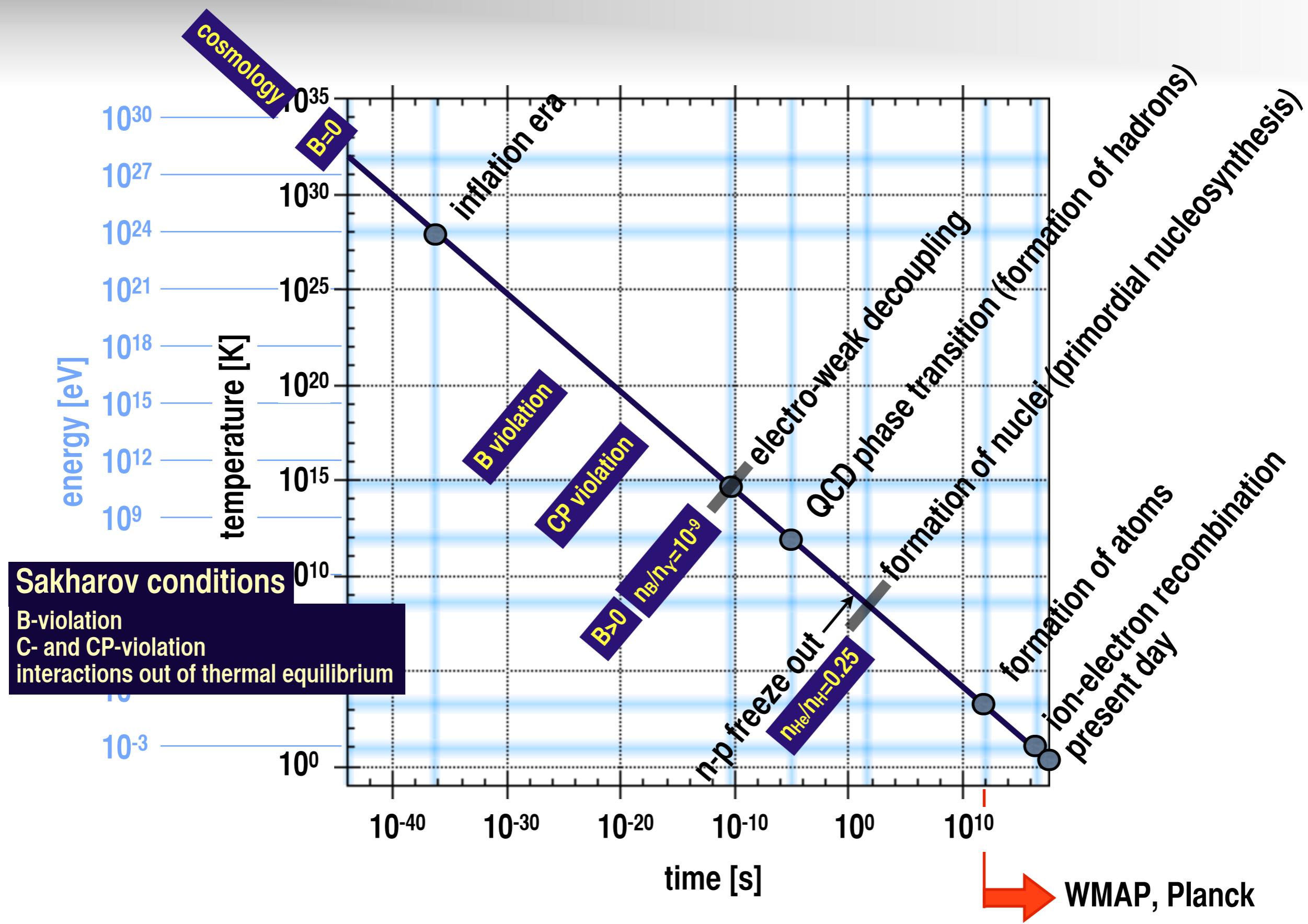


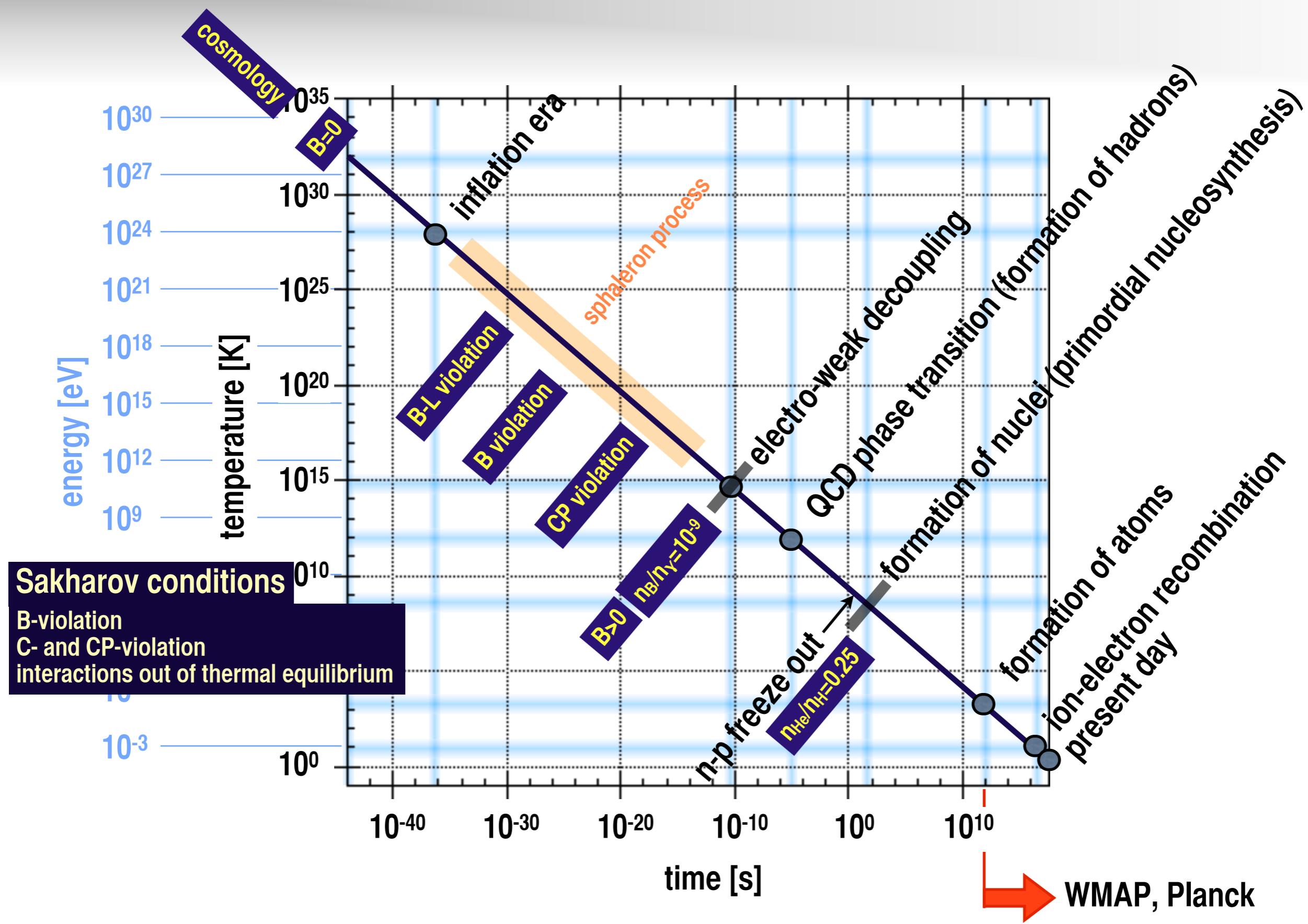


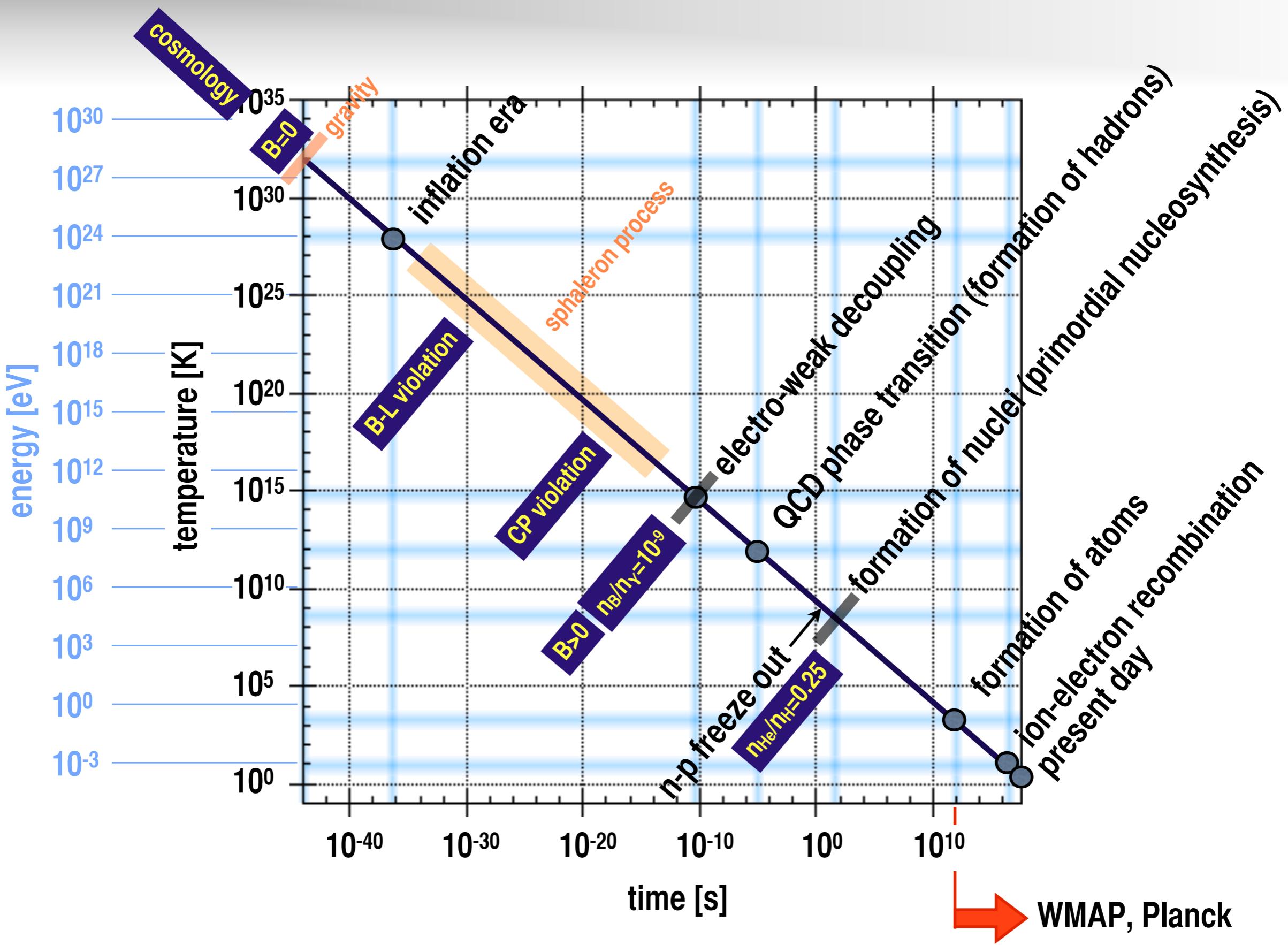


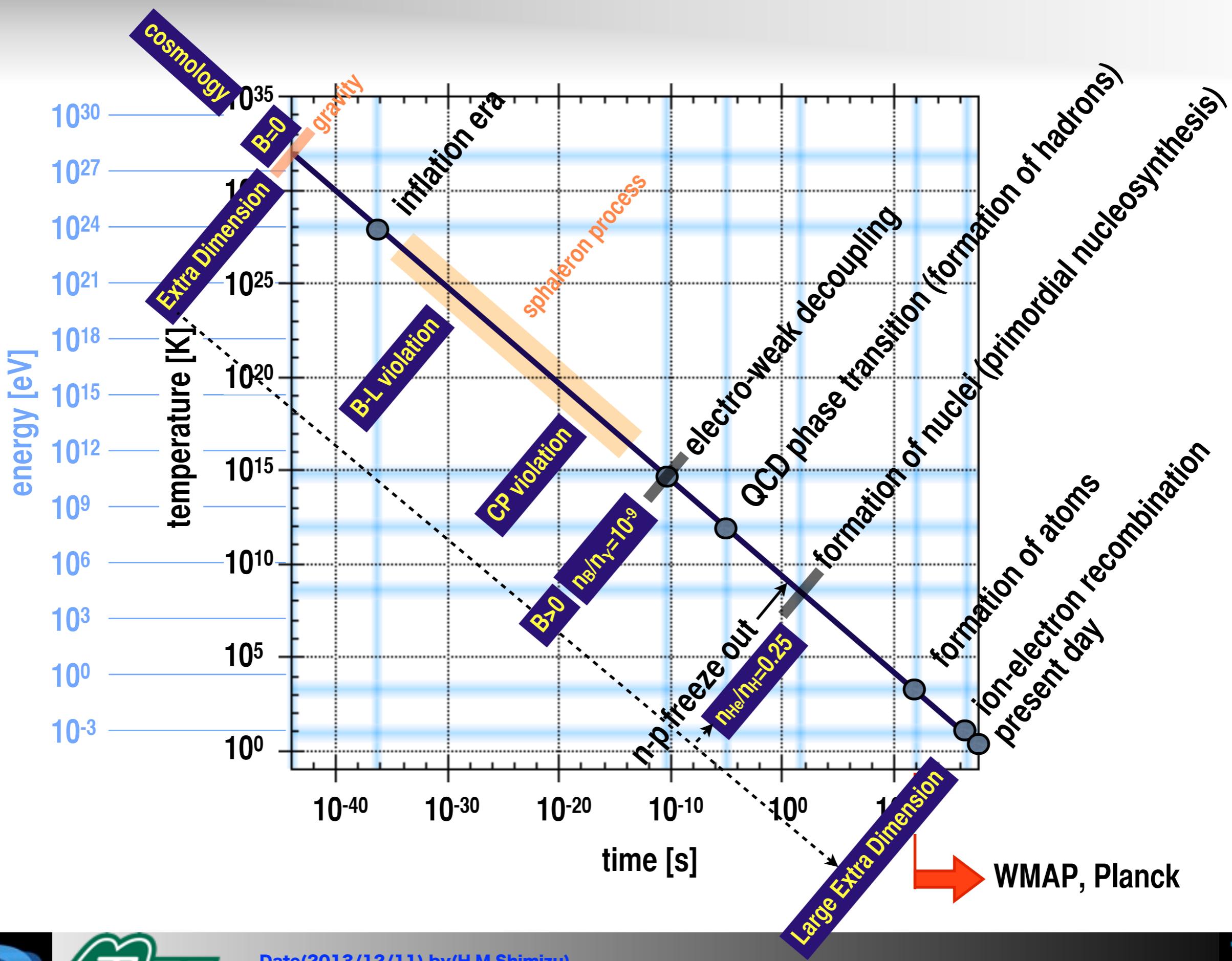


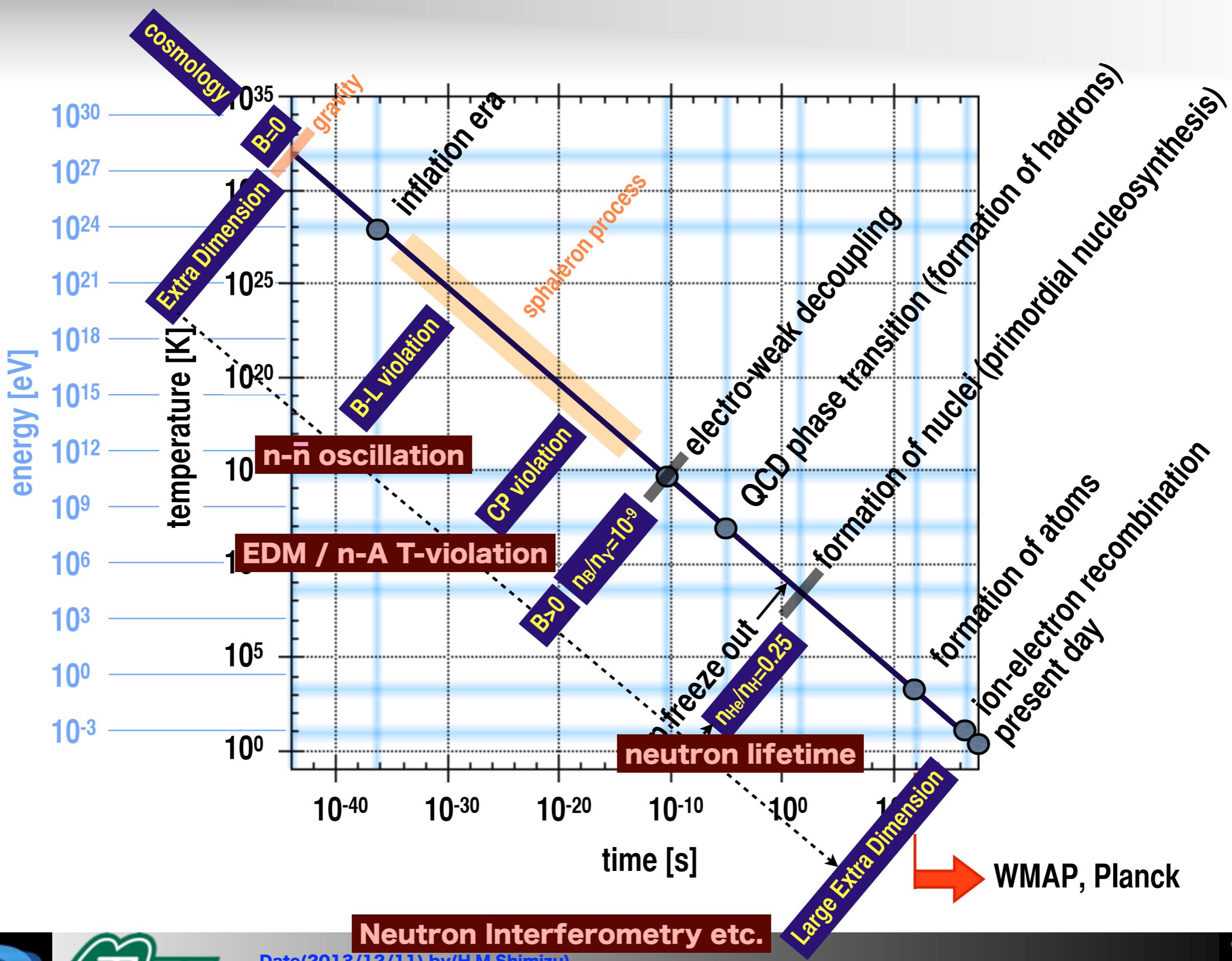












**n- $\bar{n}$  oscillation**

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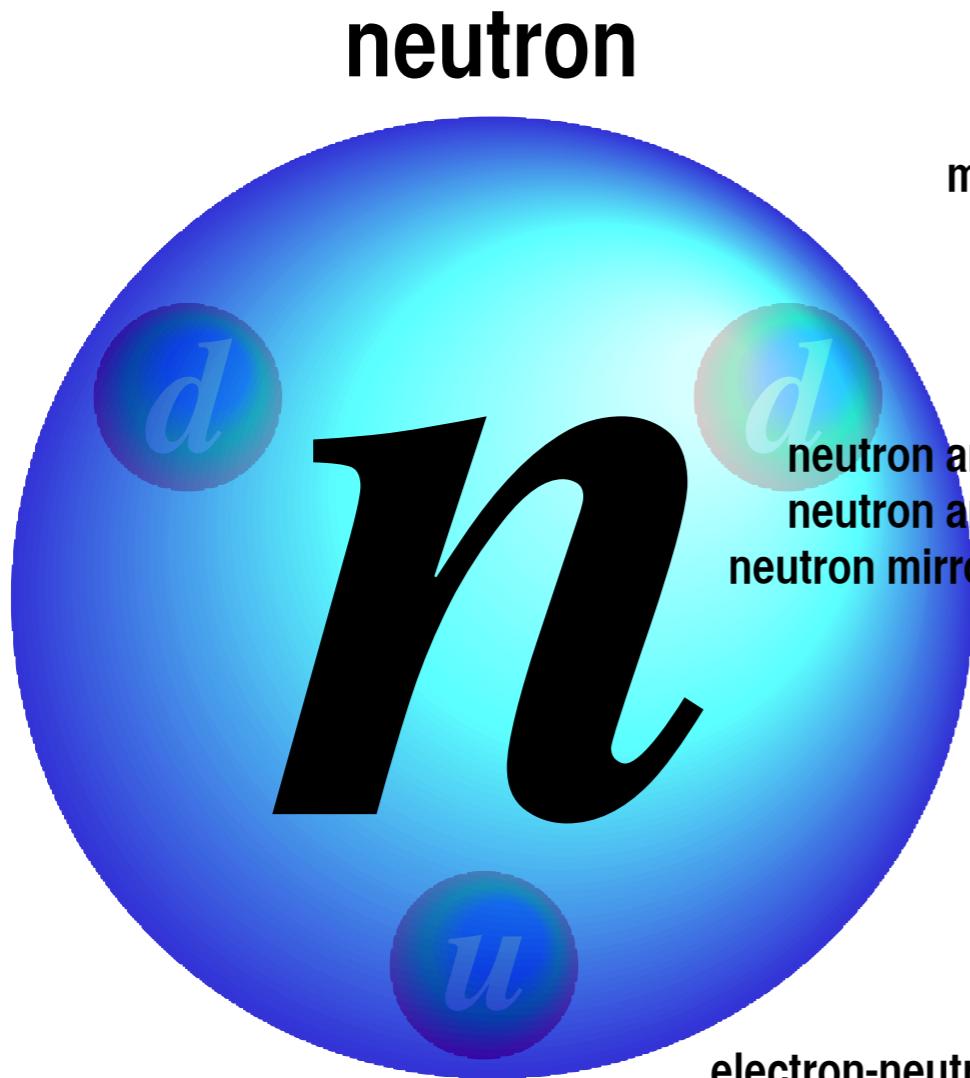
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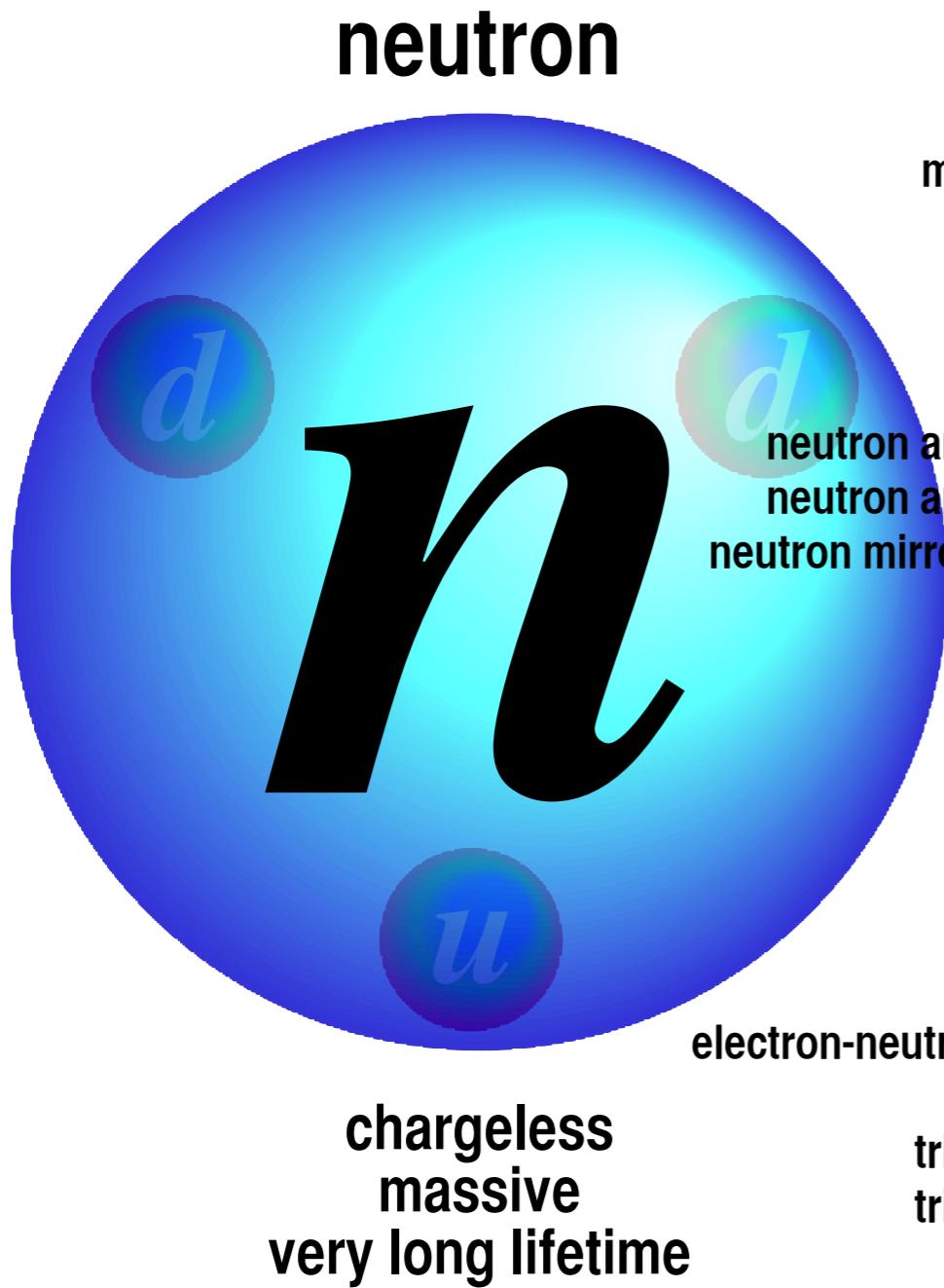
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magnetic dipole moment	$\mu_n$	$(-1.91304272 \pm 0.00000045)\mu_N$
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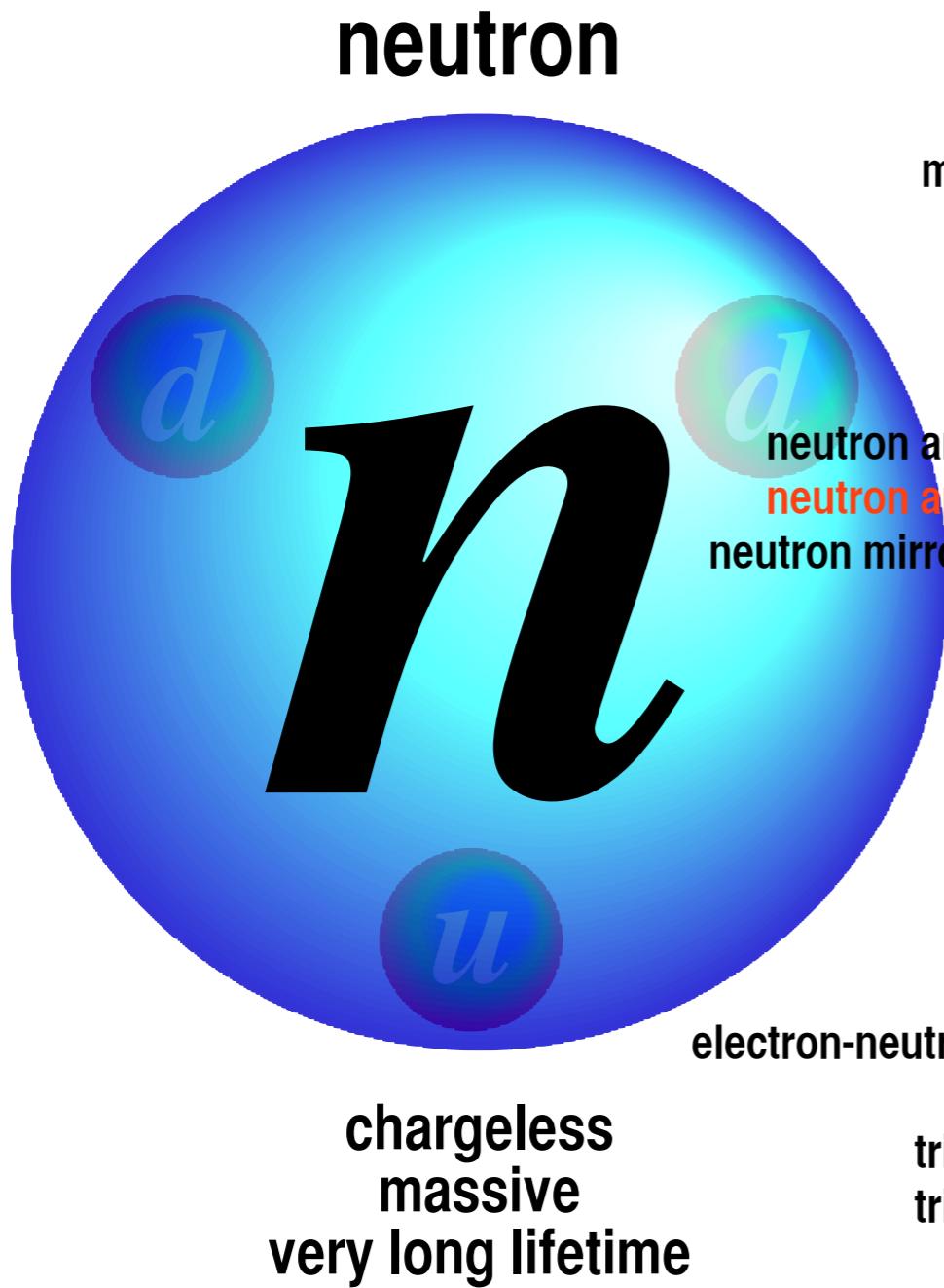
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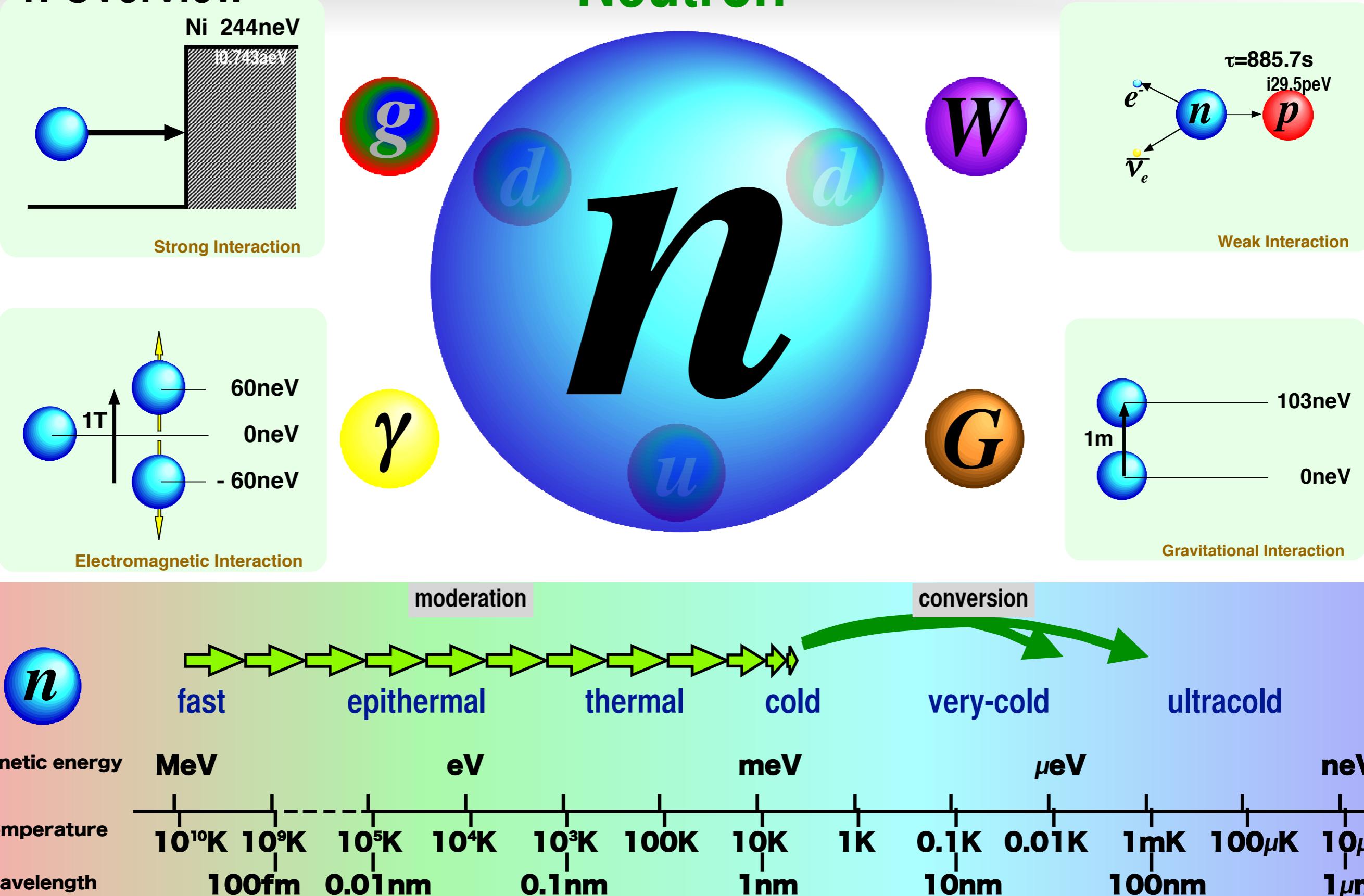


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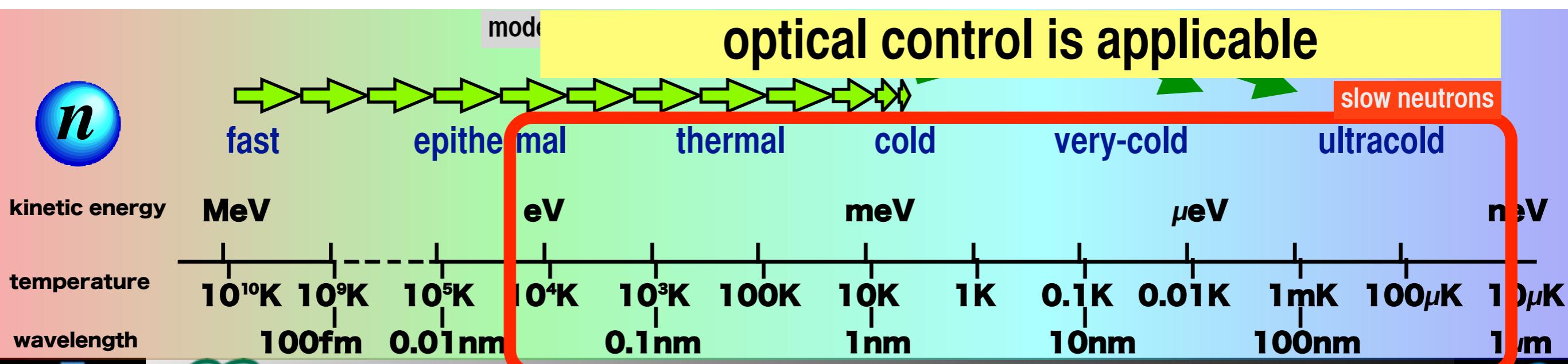
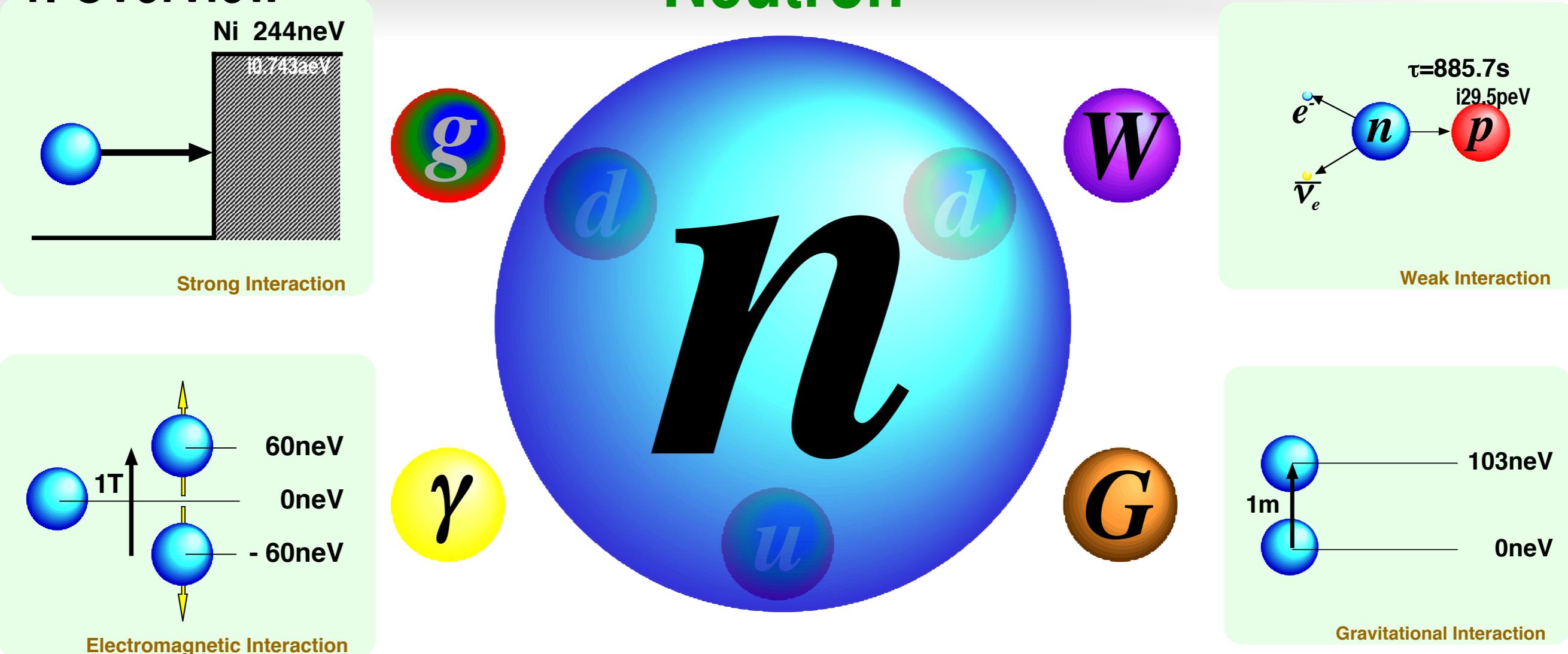
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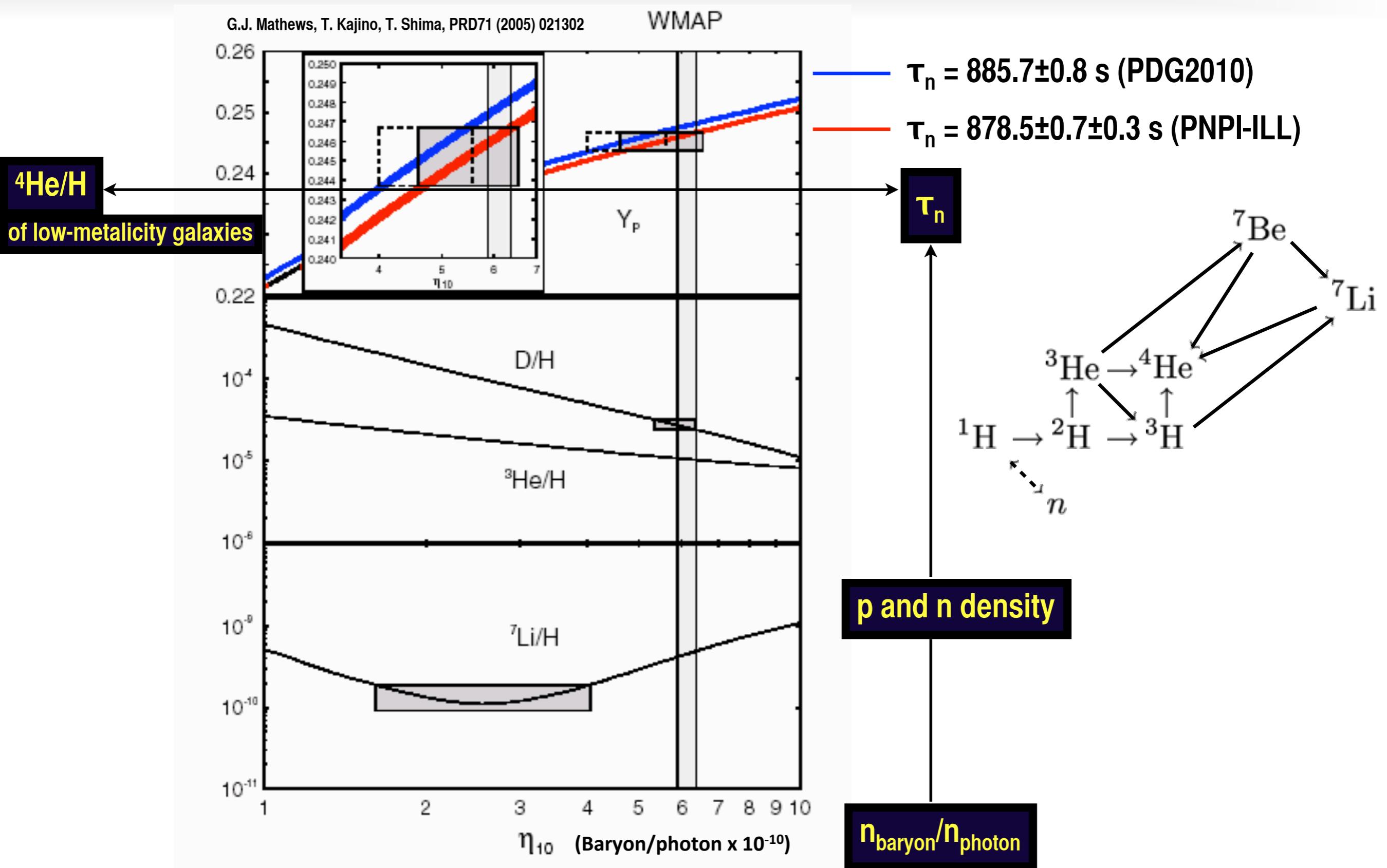


## 2. Neutron Lifetime

coupling constant of weak interaction in quark sector

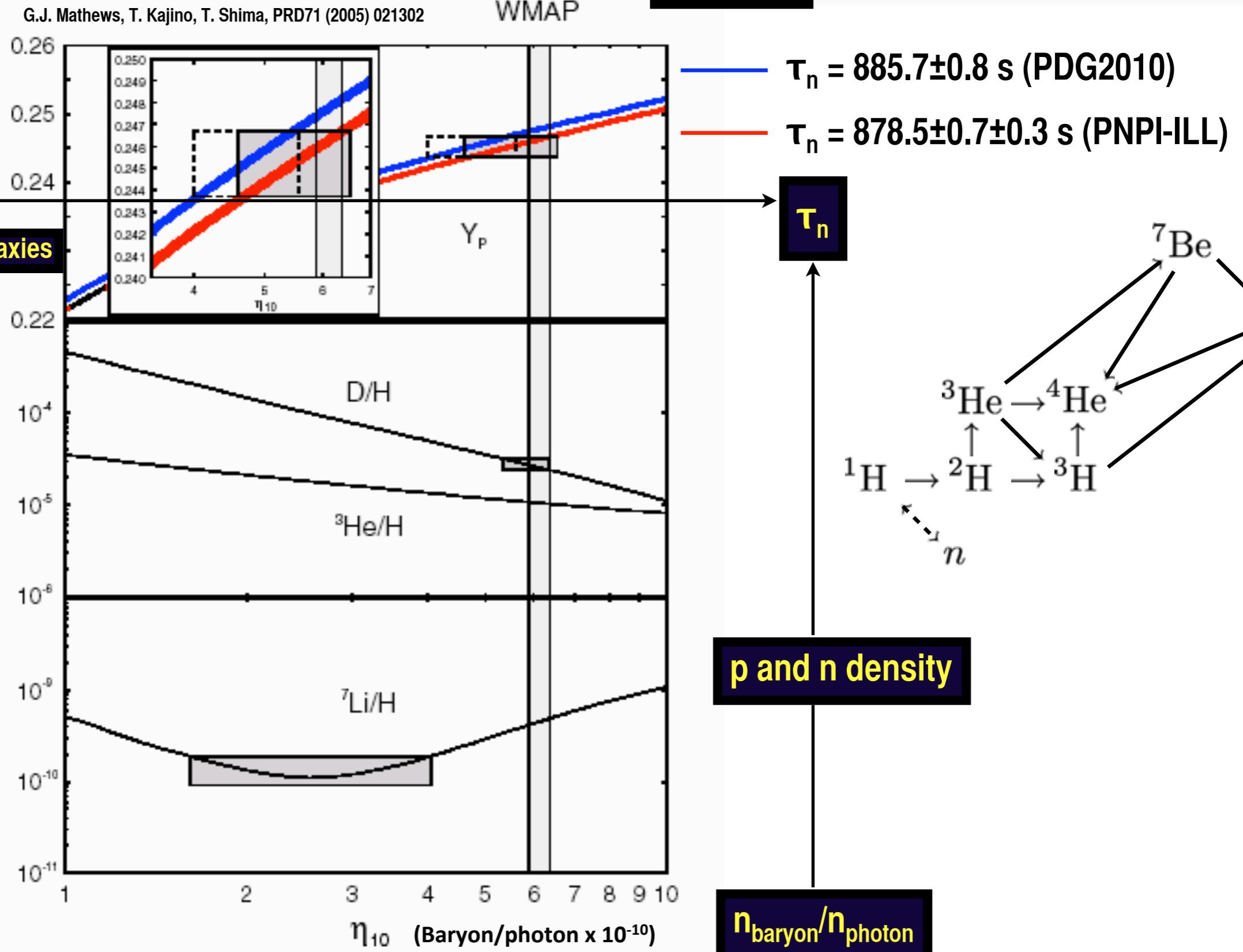
primordial nucleosynthesis

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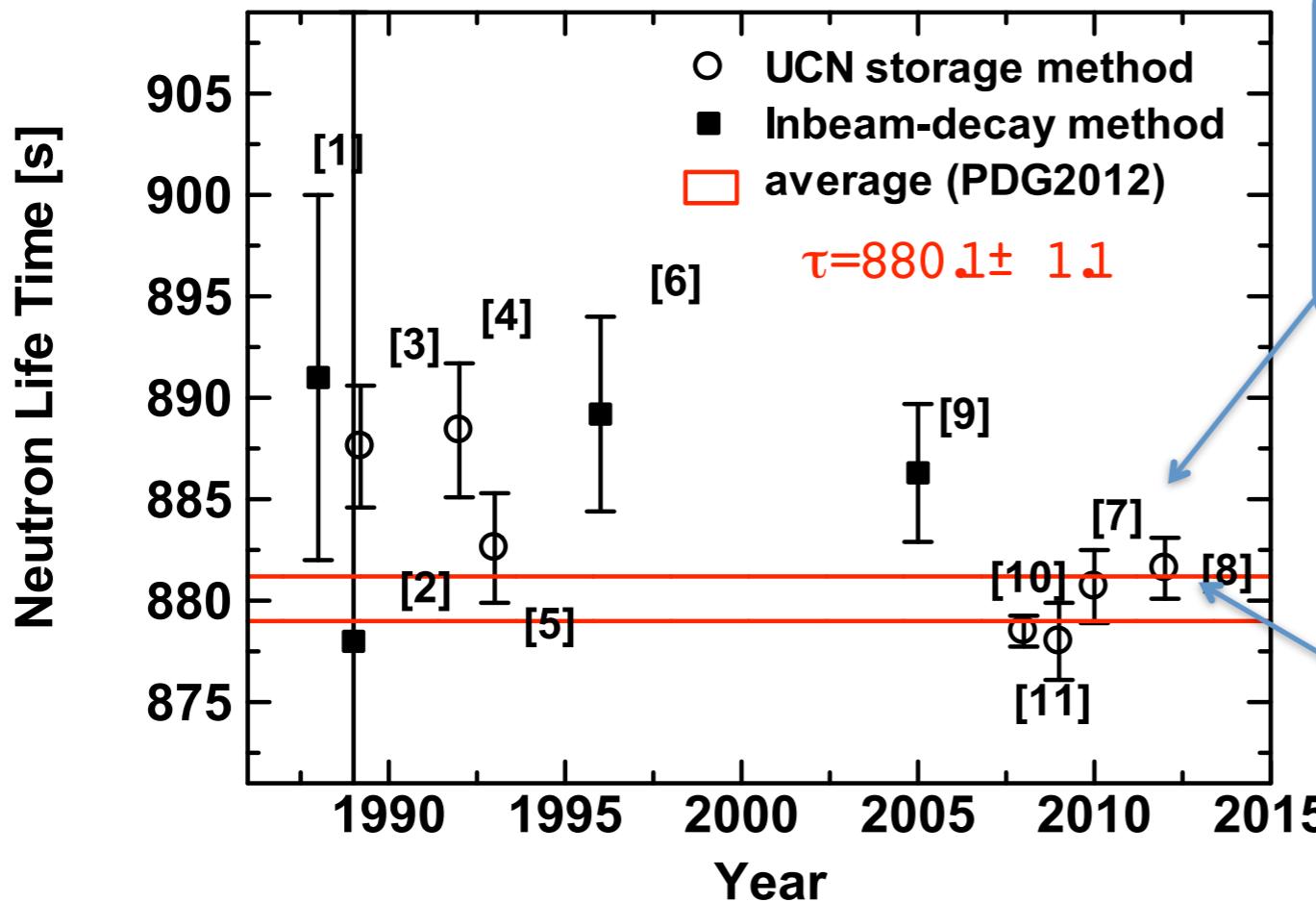
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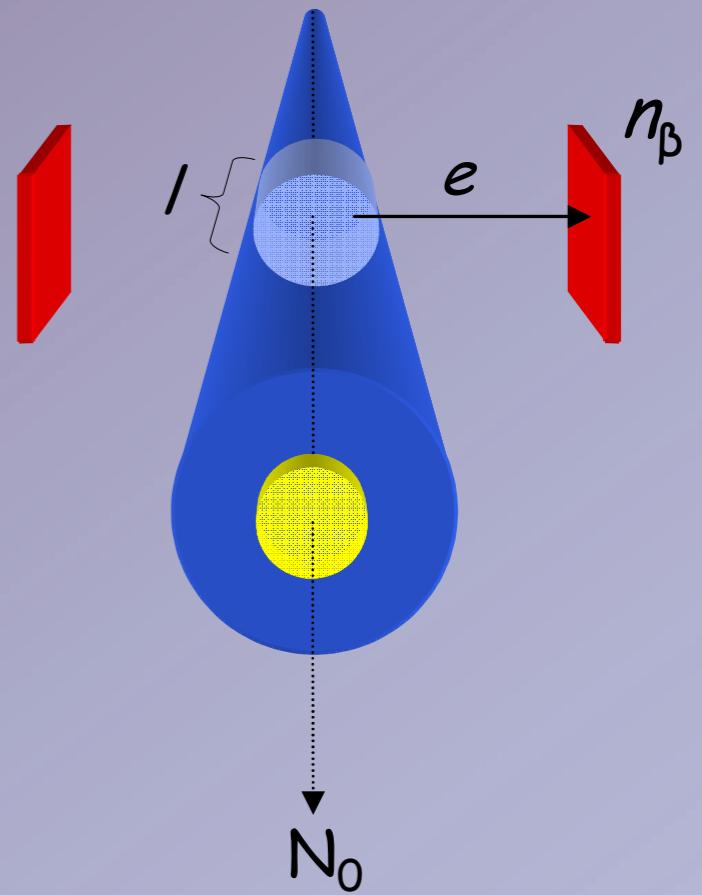
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 (extrapolation)

$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{\phi_m} = \frac{1}{\phi_B}$$

Two relative measurements

### Beam experiments with cold neutrons

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$$n_B = \frac{dN}{dt} = -\frac{N_0}{\phi_h} e^{-\frac{l}{v \cdot \phi_h}}$$

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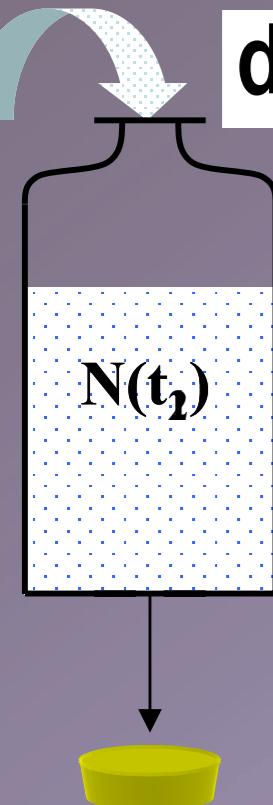
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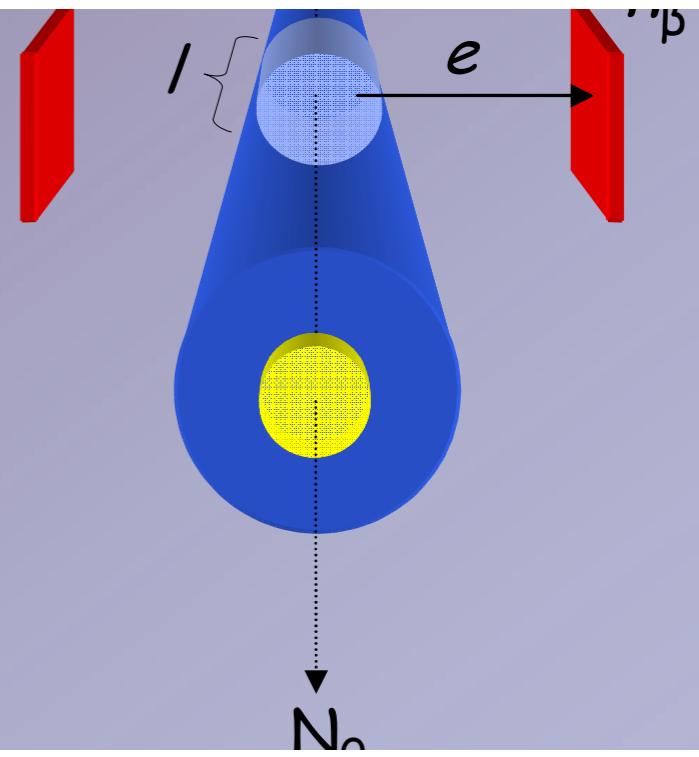
$\Phi_m \quad \Phi_B$

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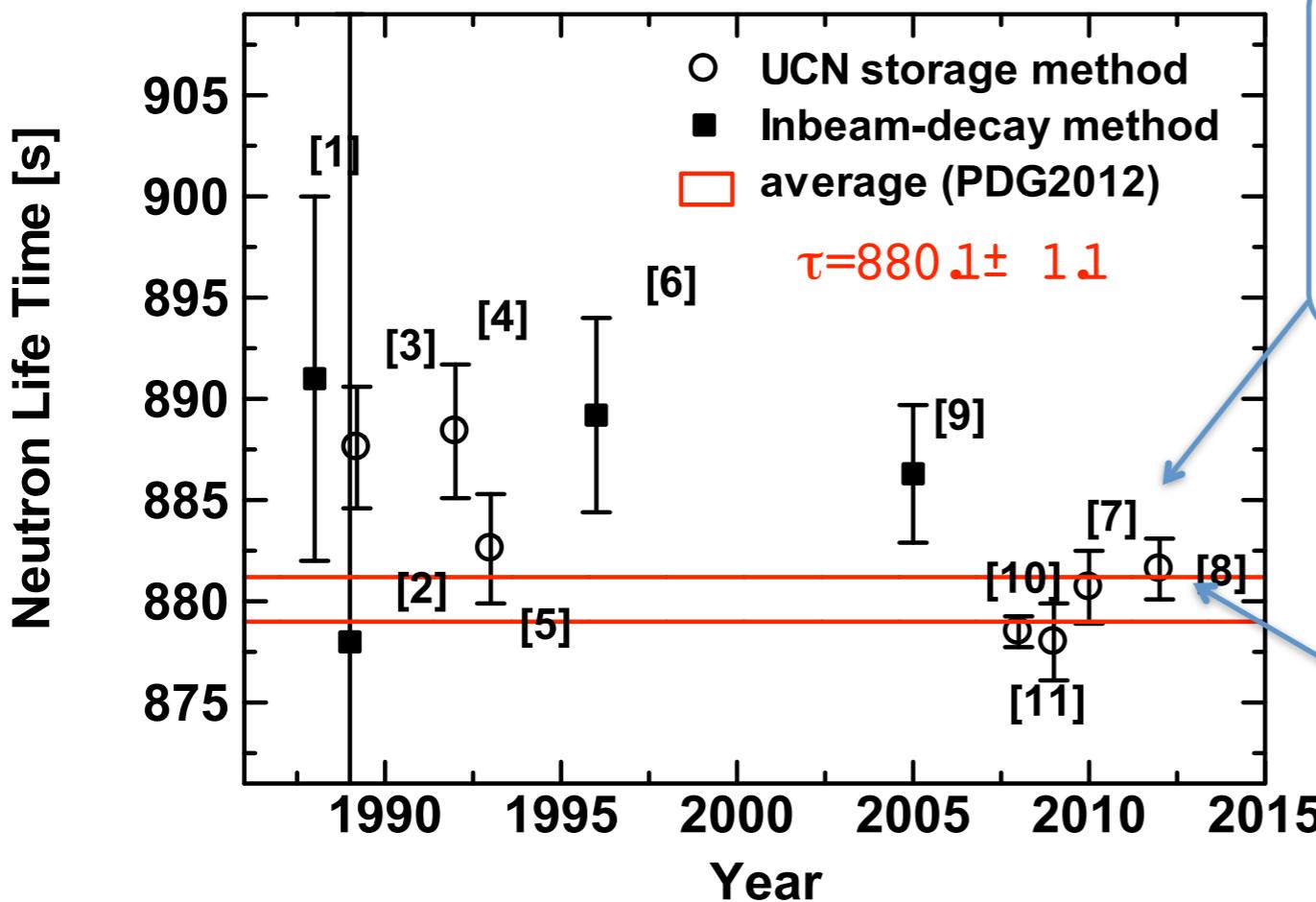
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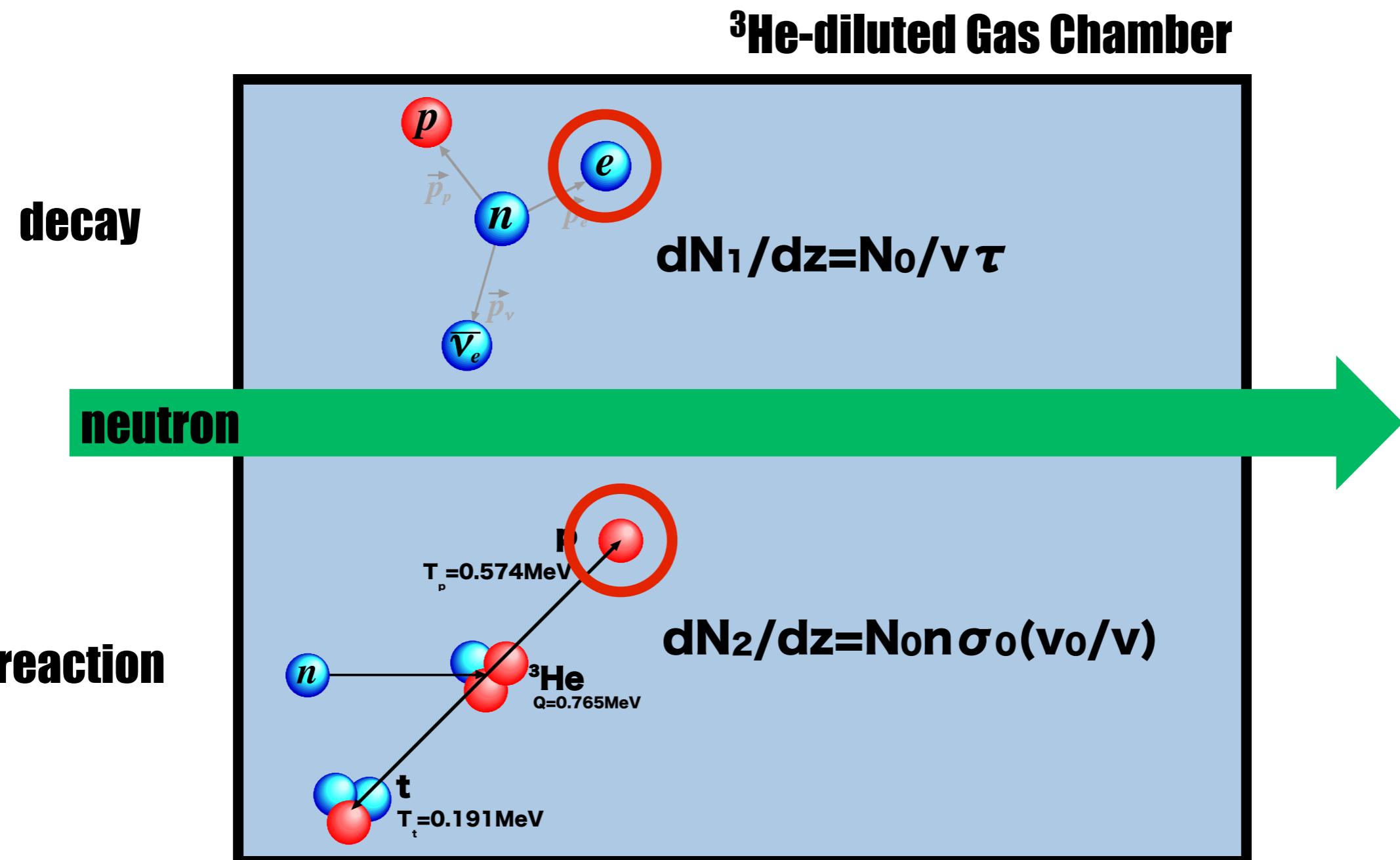
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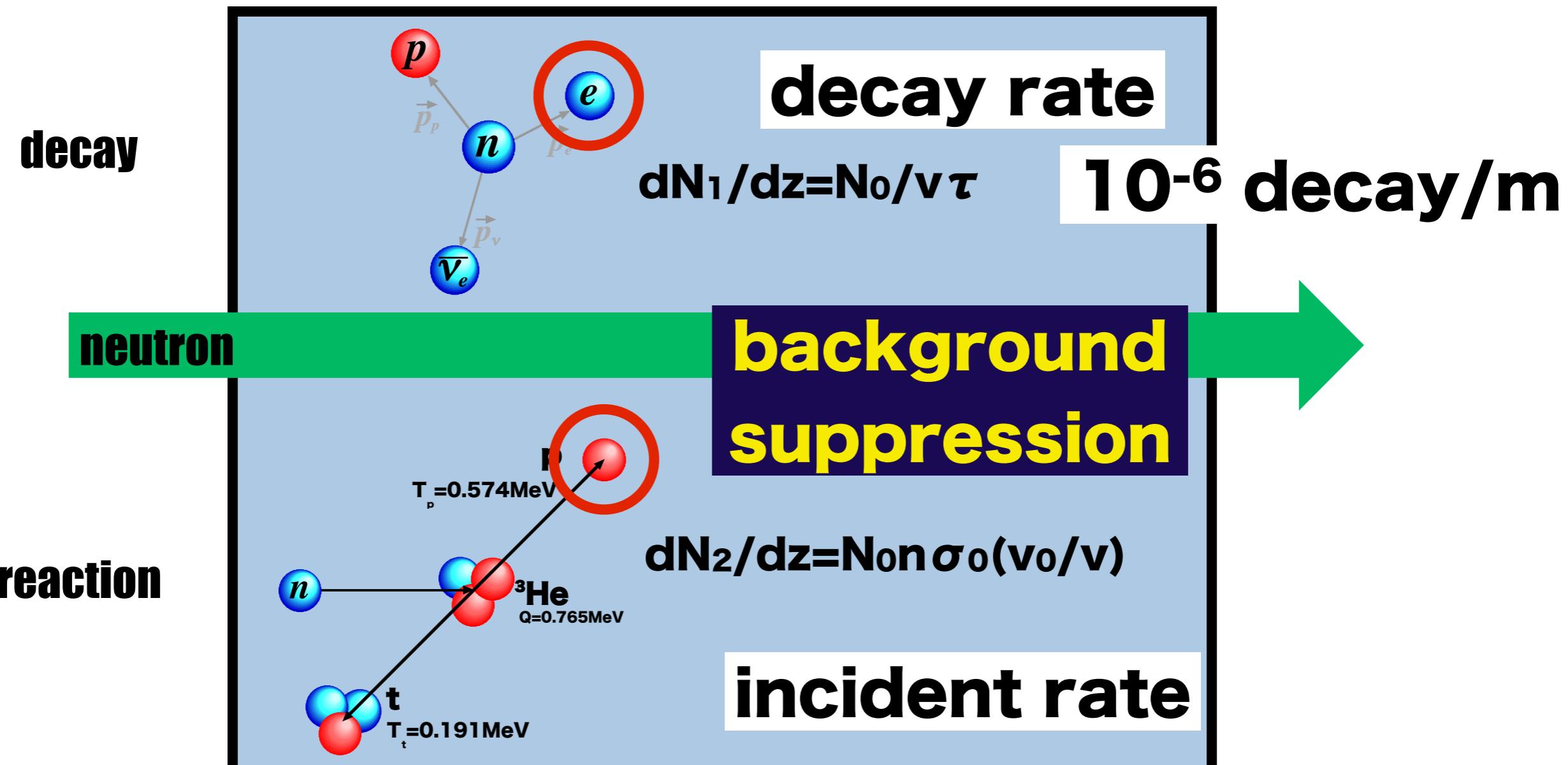
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single detector

$^3\text{He}$ -diluted Gas Chamber

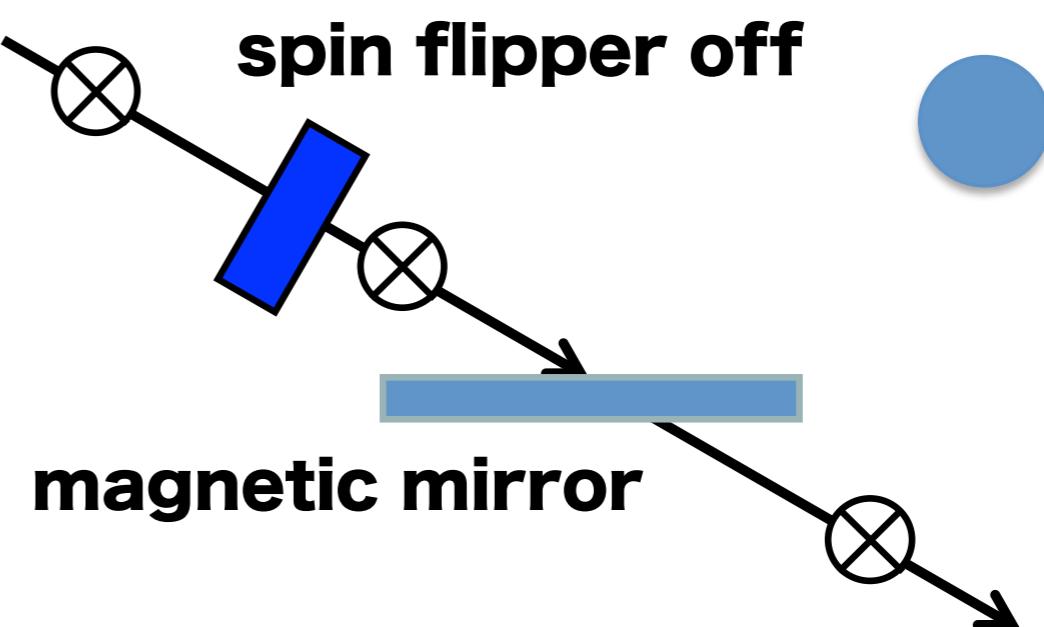
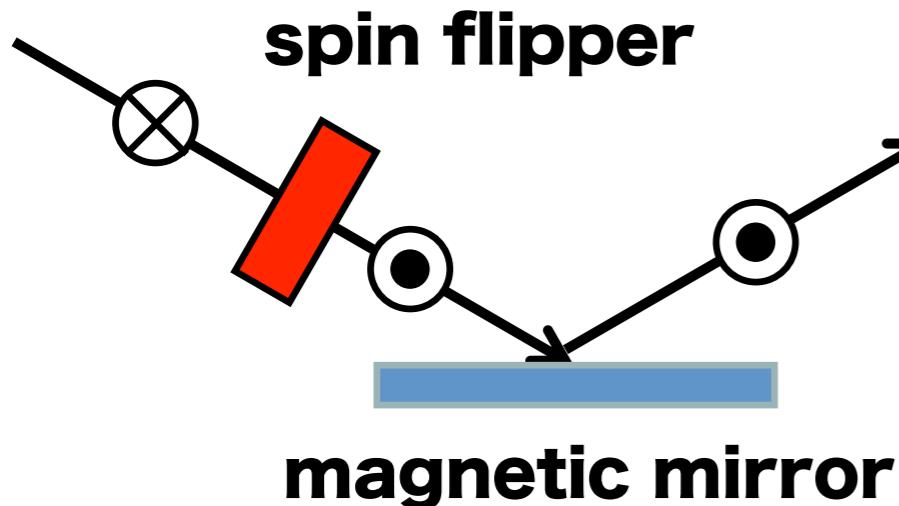


$$N_1/N_2 = 1/(\tau n \sigma_0 v_0)$$

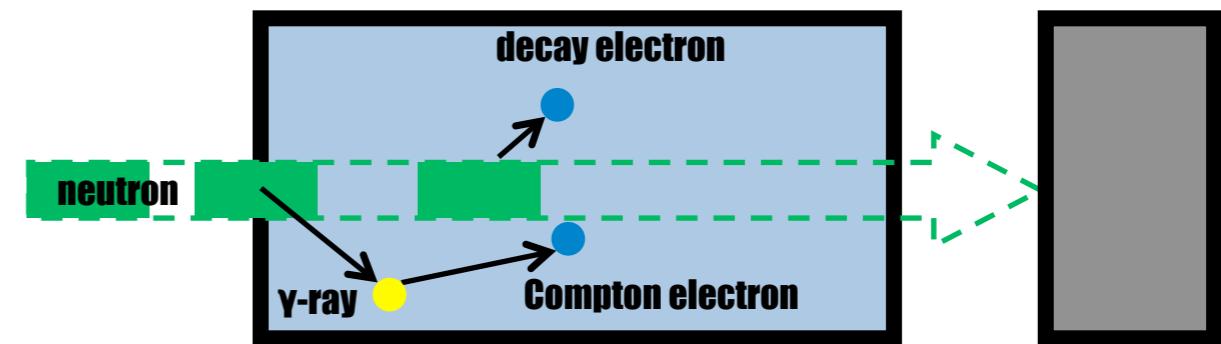
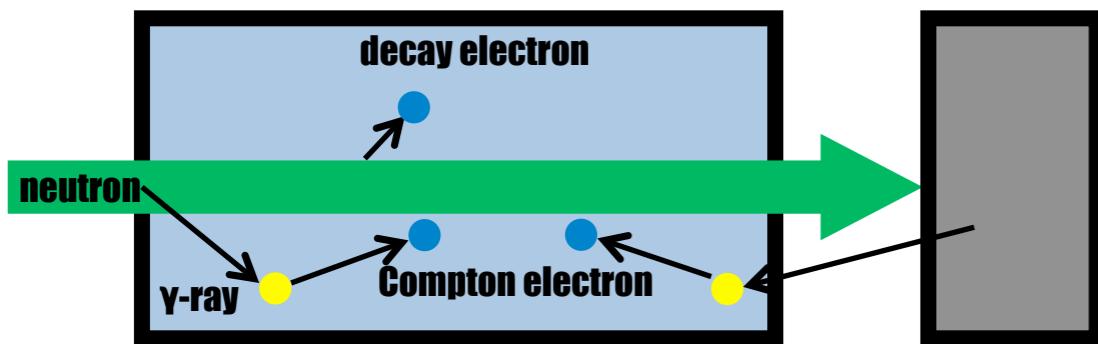
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spin-flip chopper: electromagnetic neutron beam steering device

fast steering of cold neutron beam by controlling the neutron spin with radio-frequency

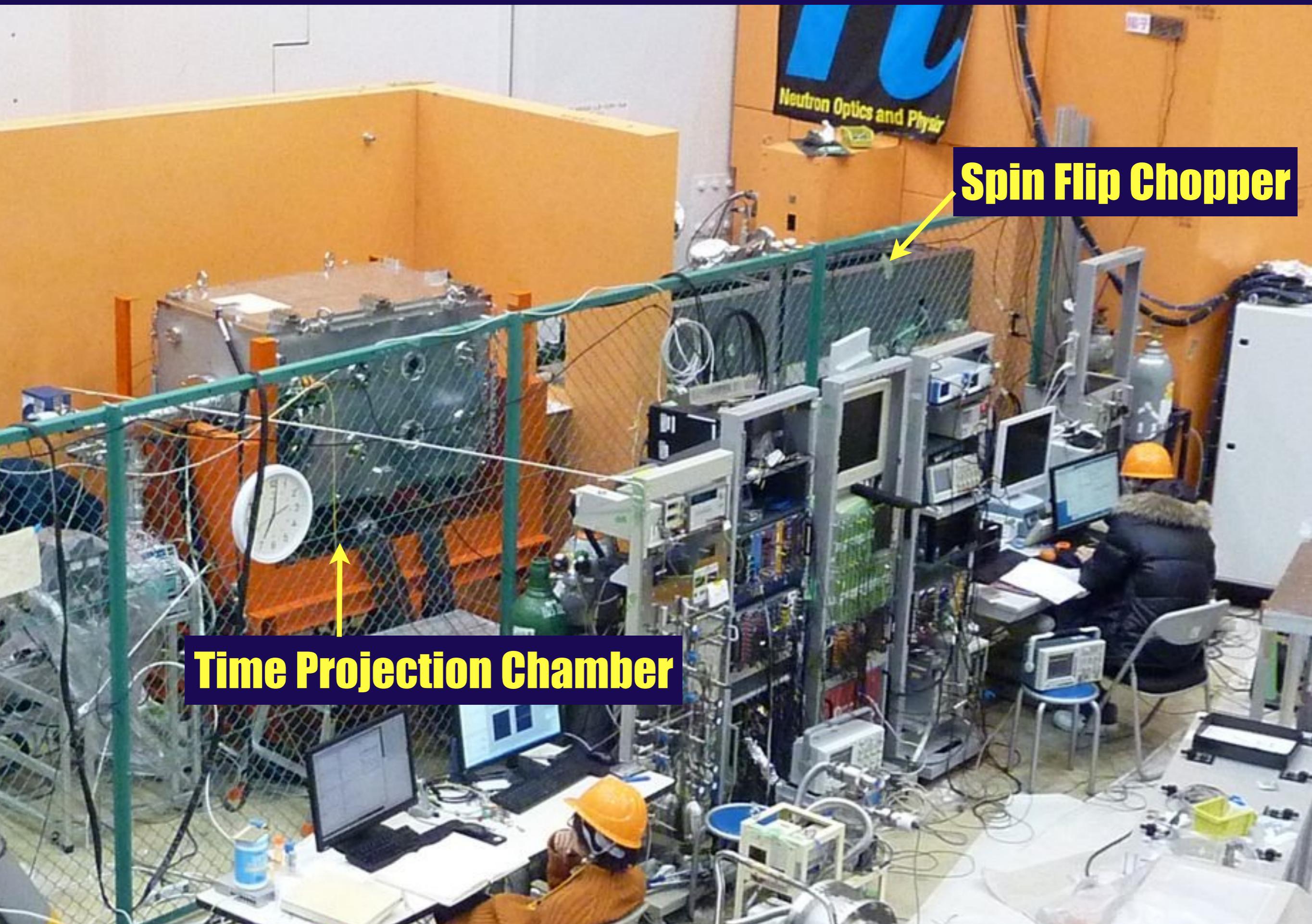


deriving monochromatic neutron beam bunch into the fiducial volume of the detector

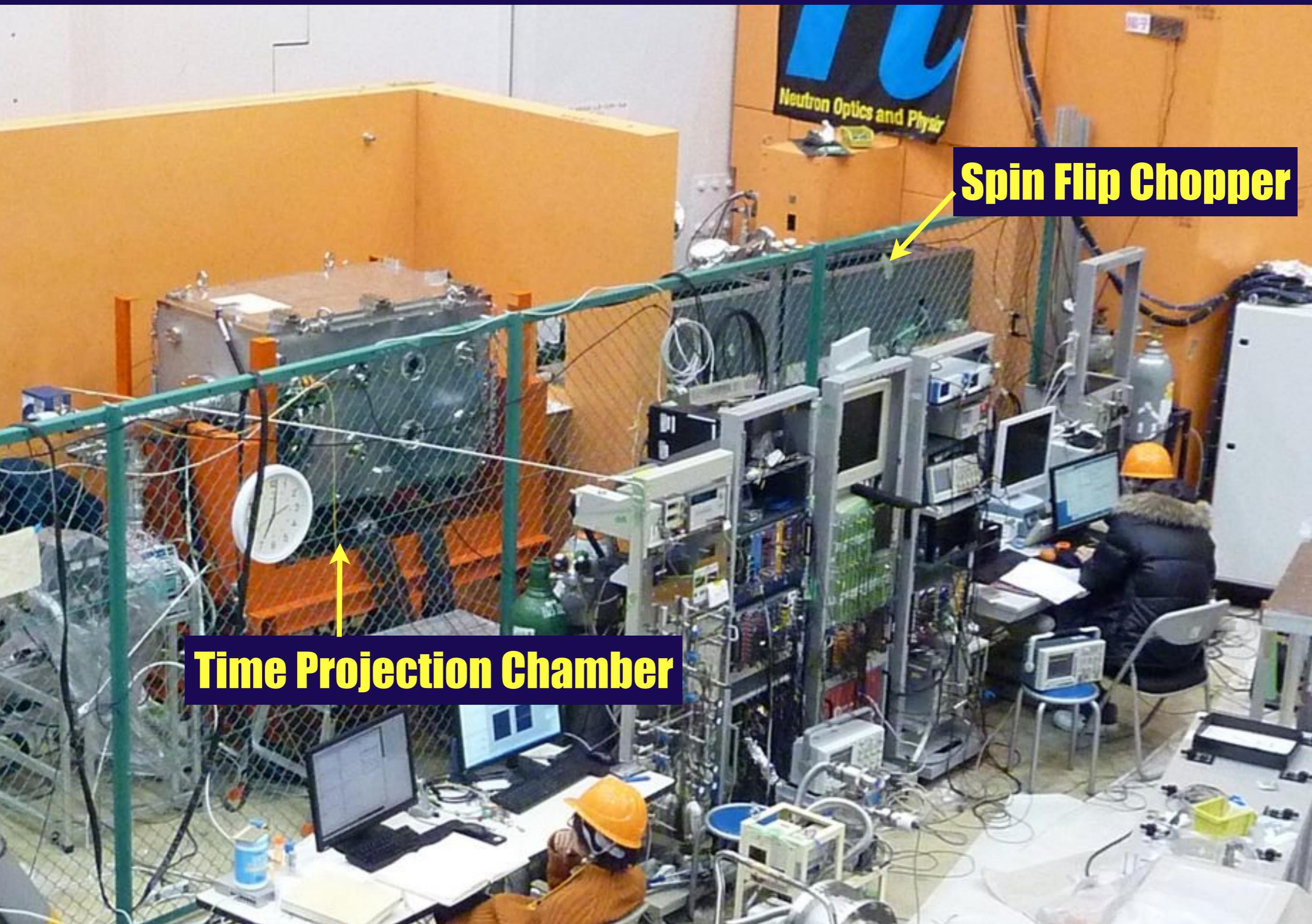


suppression of neutron-induced background

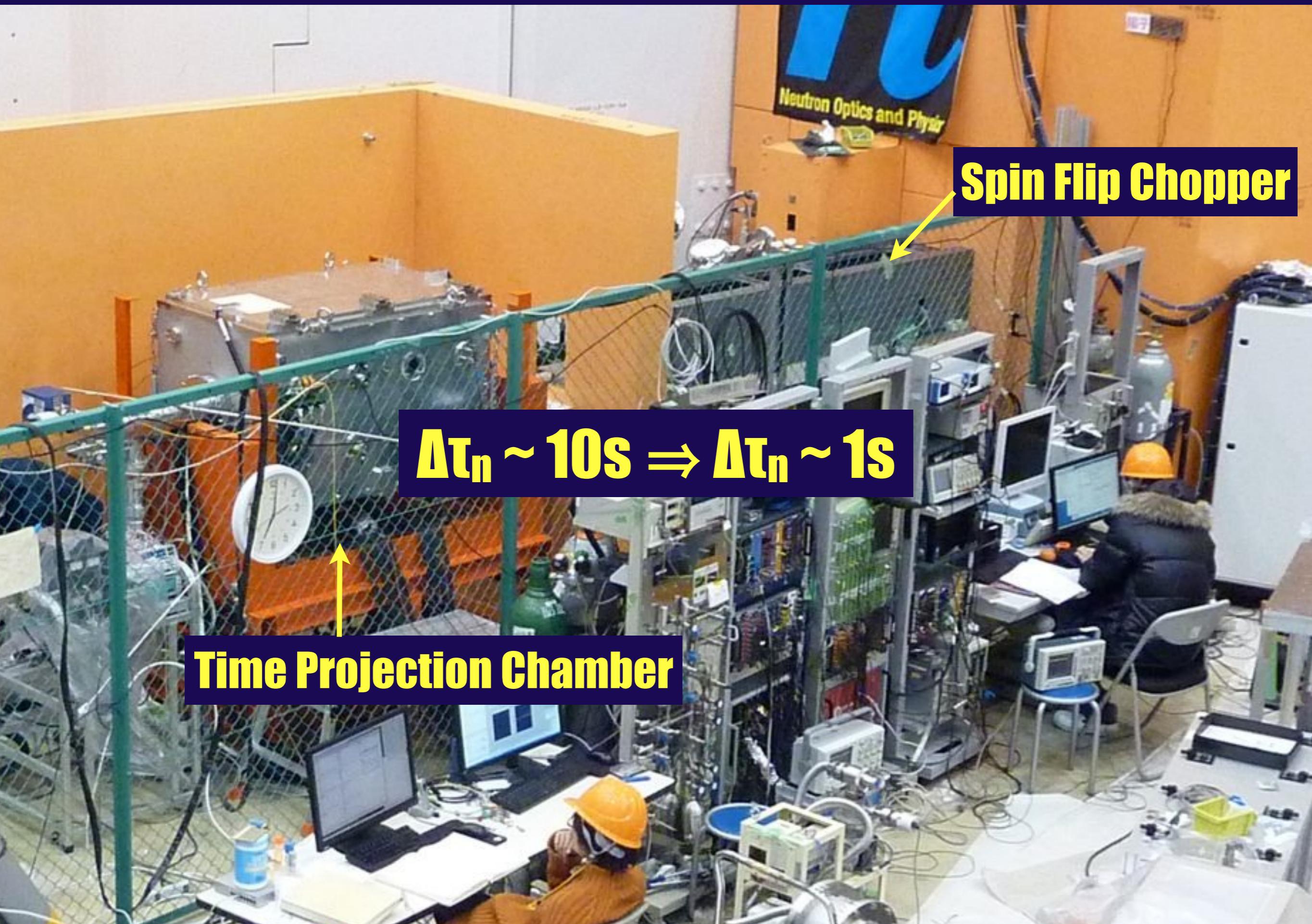
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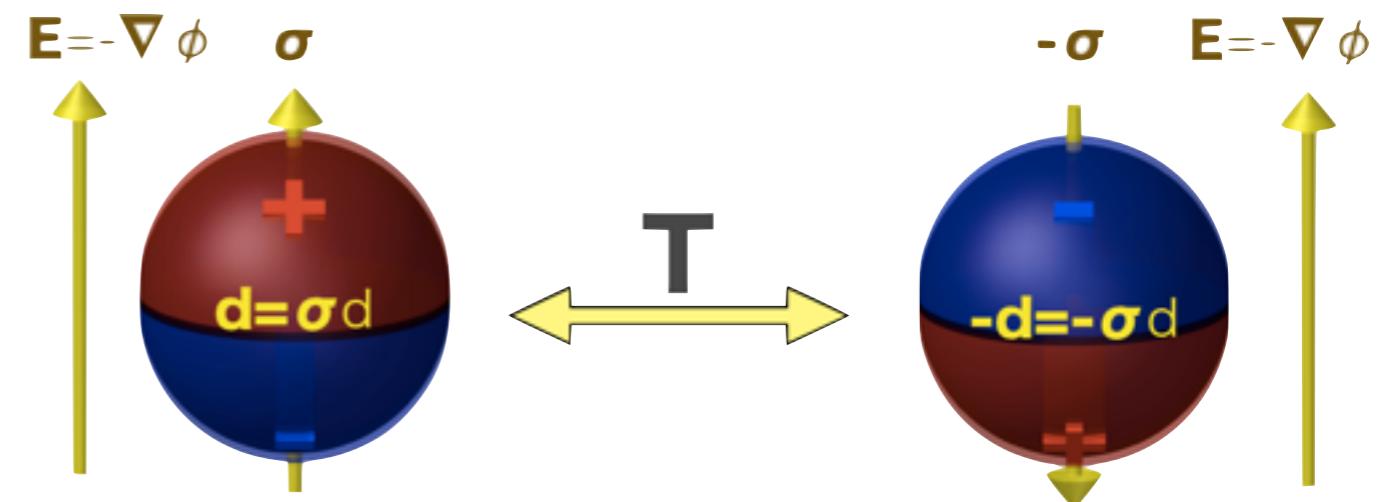
**CPT=1**

**CP $\neq$ 1  $\Leftrightarrow$  T $\neq$ 1**

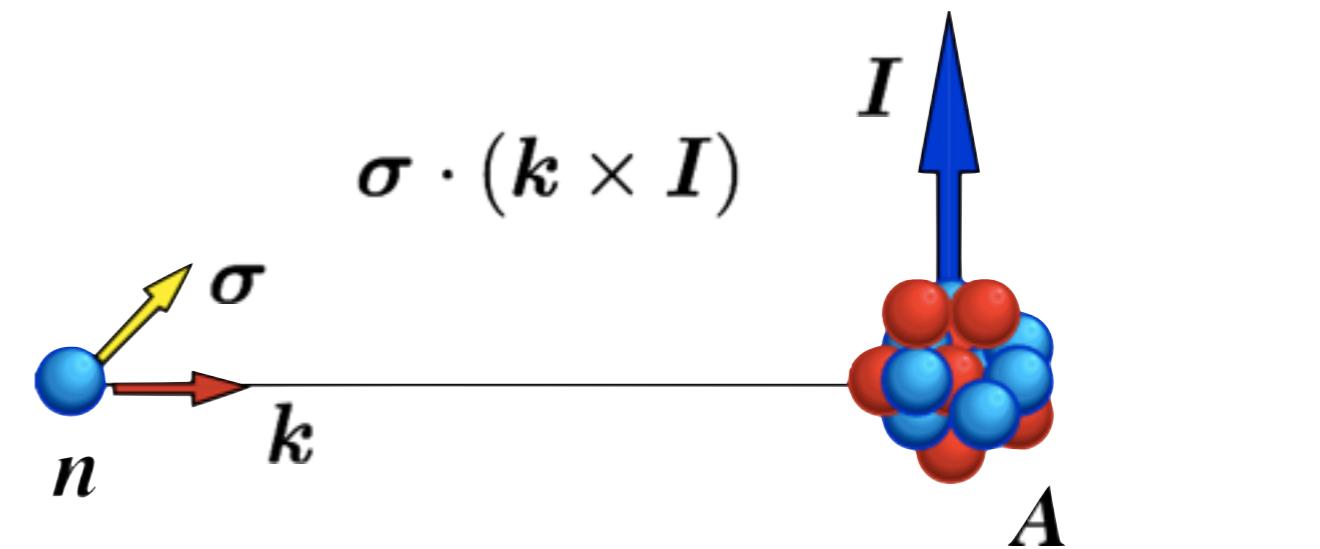
**CP-violation**

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**Electric Dipole Moment**



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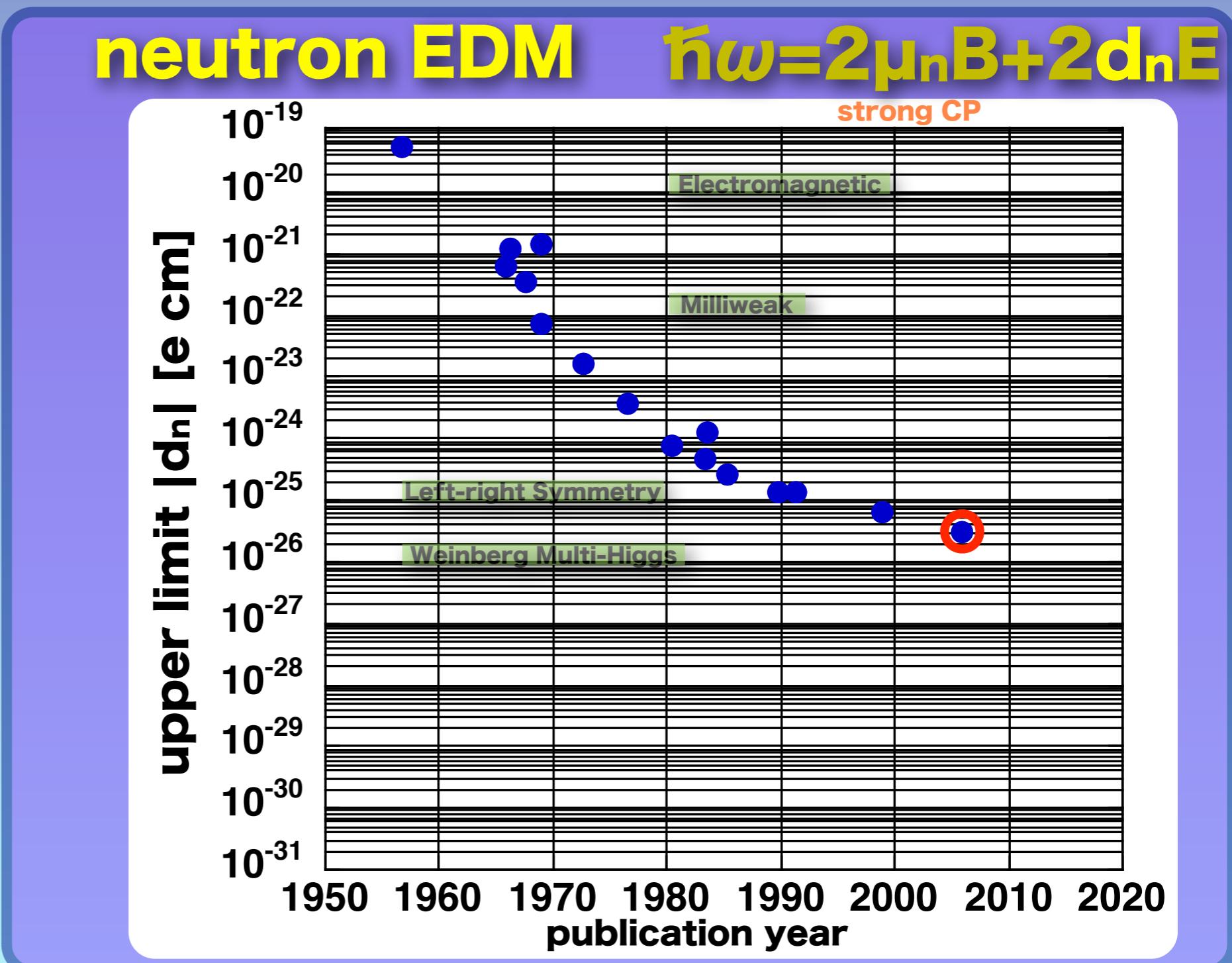


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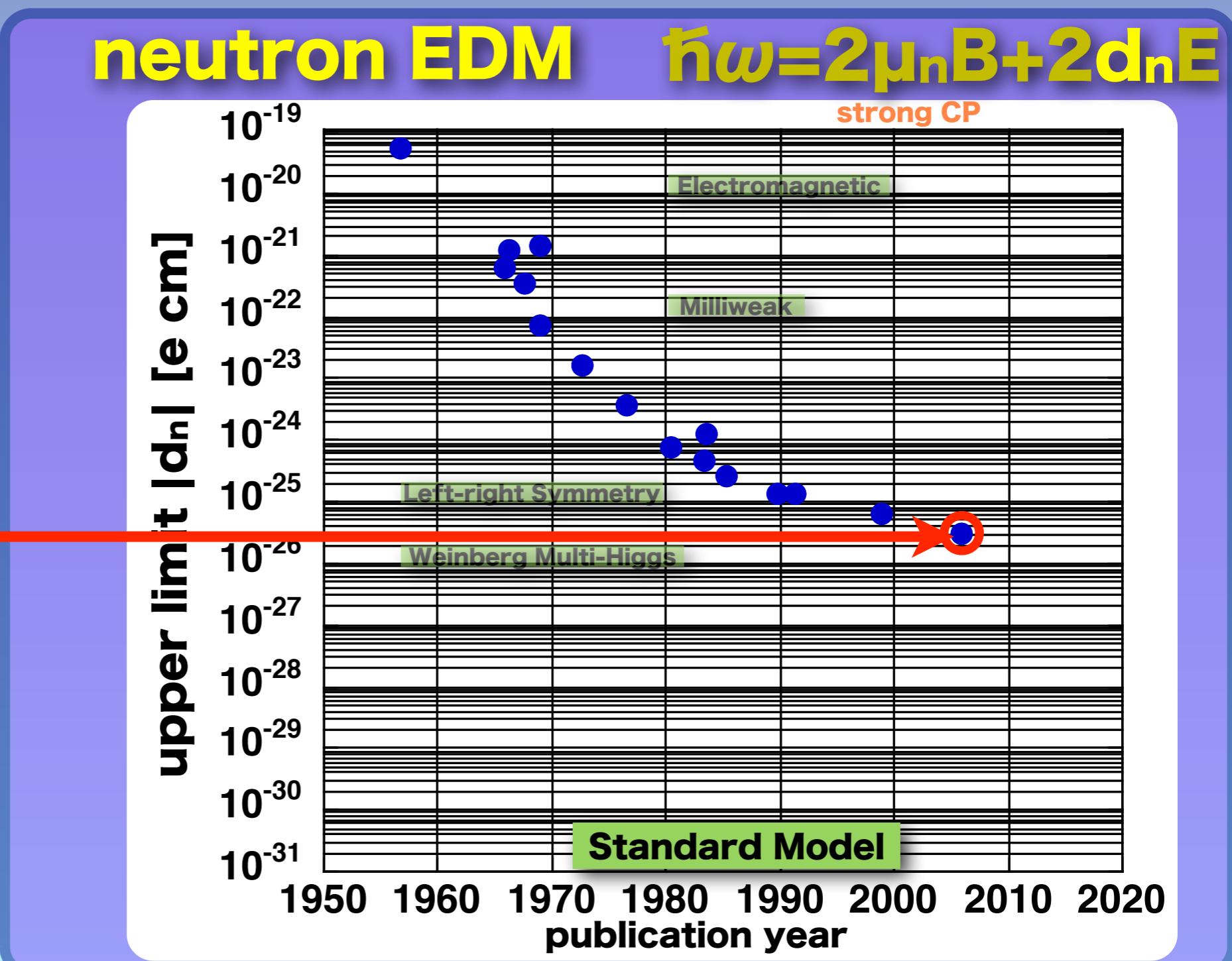
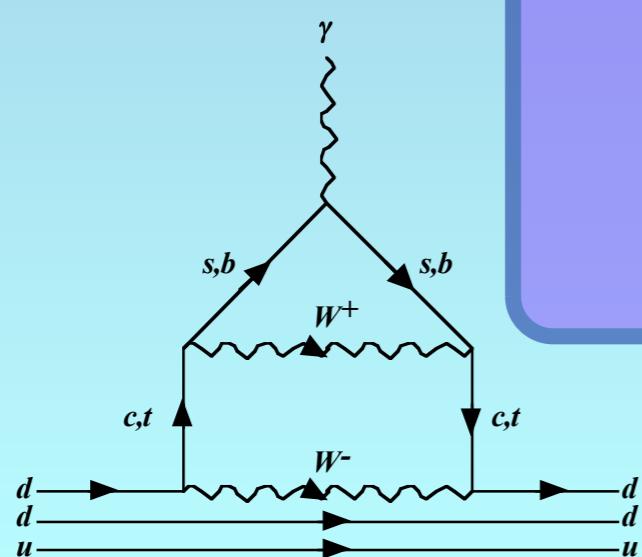


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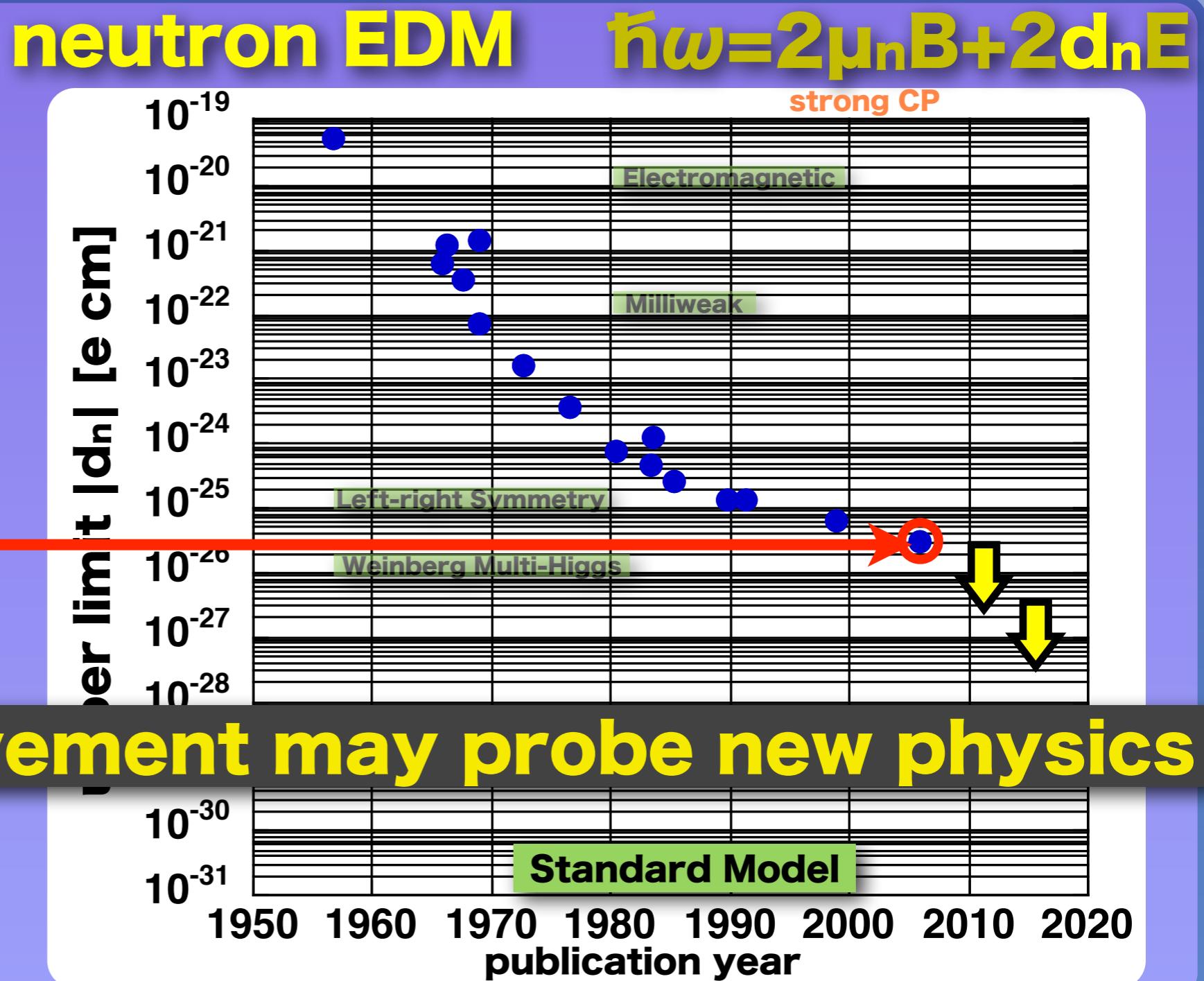


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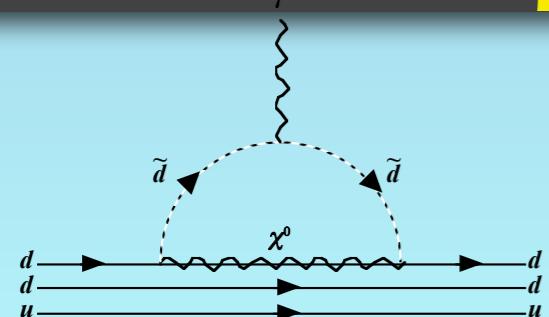


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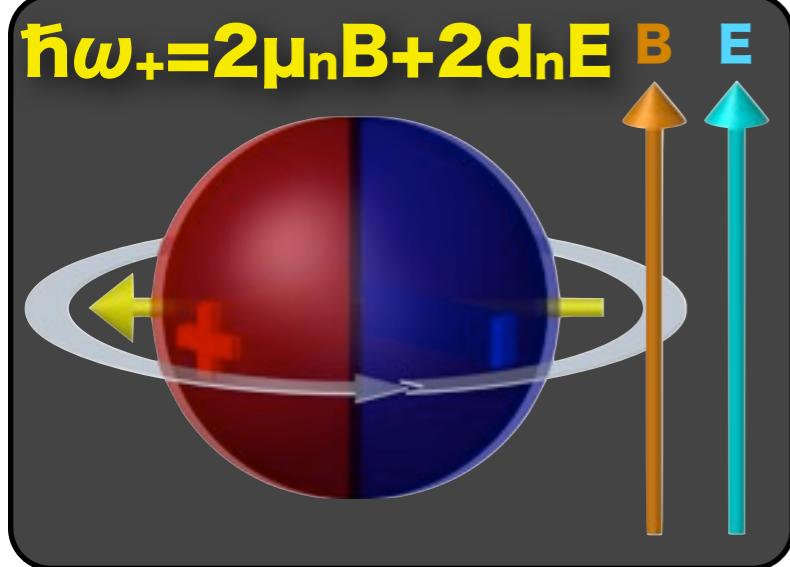
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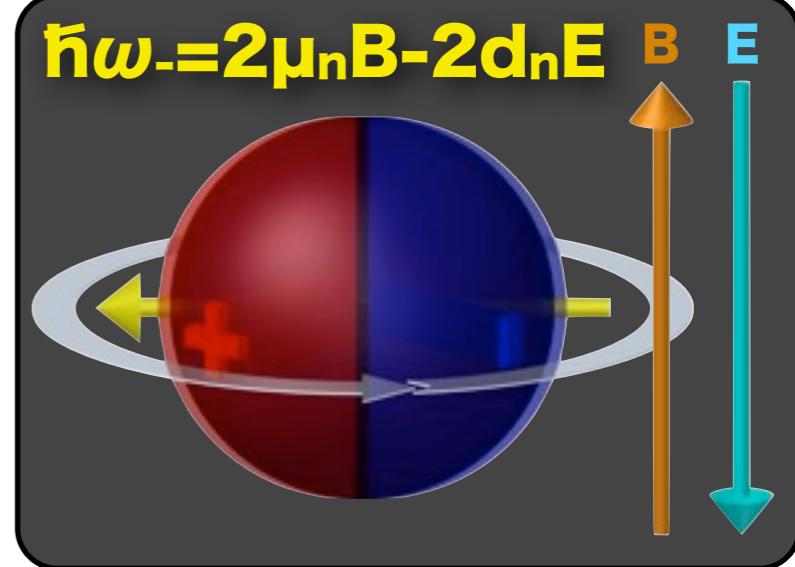
# Measurement of Neutron Electric Dipole Moment

search for the phase change when the electric field is reversed

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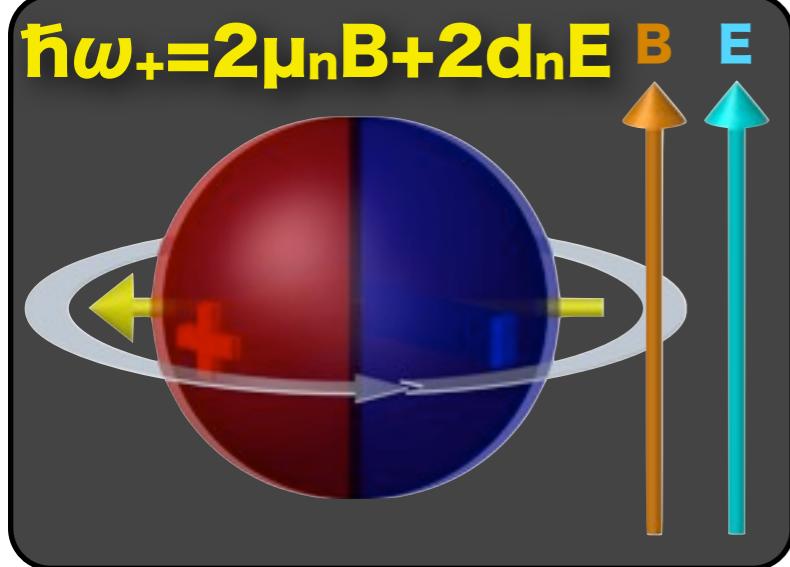
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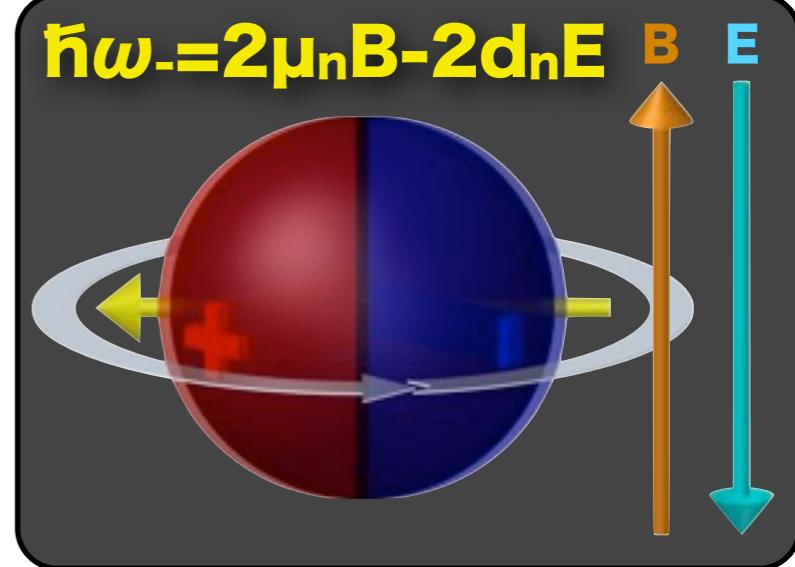
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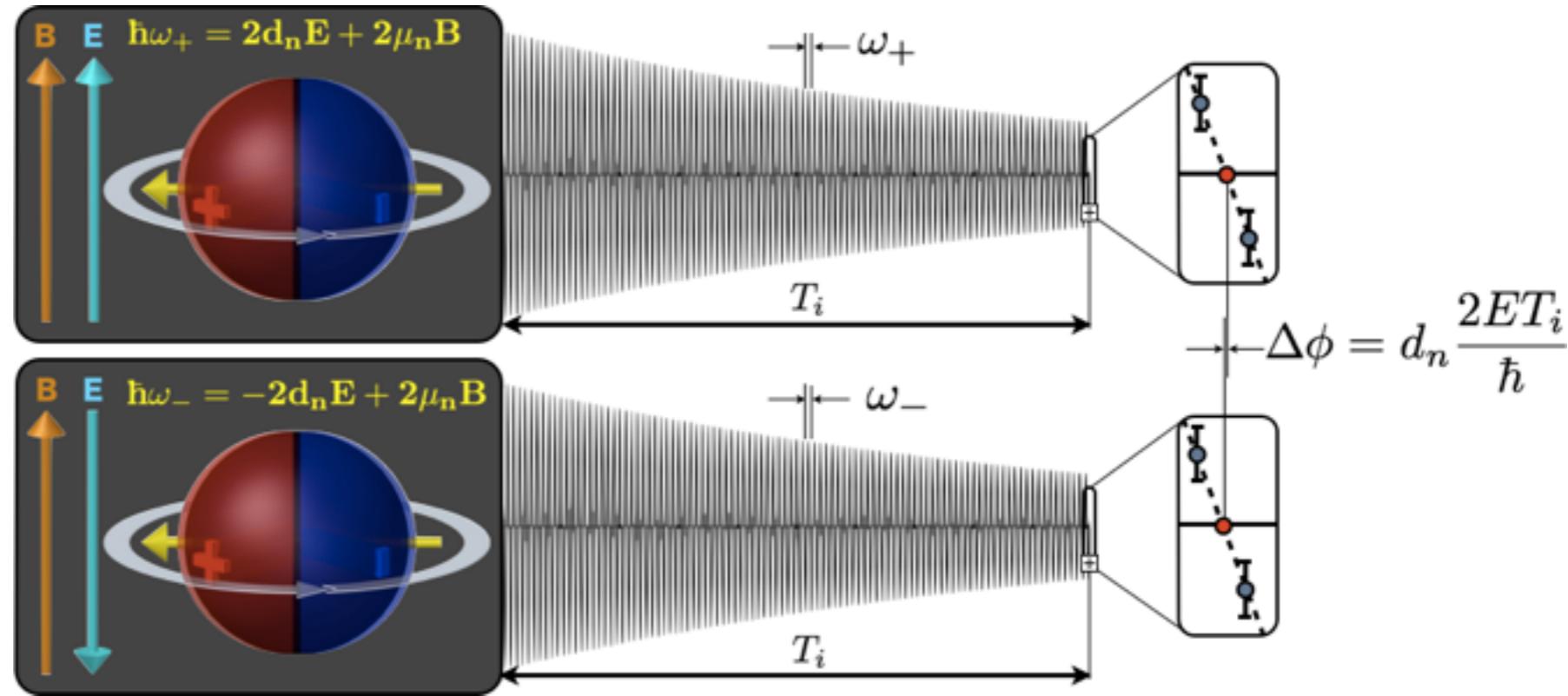
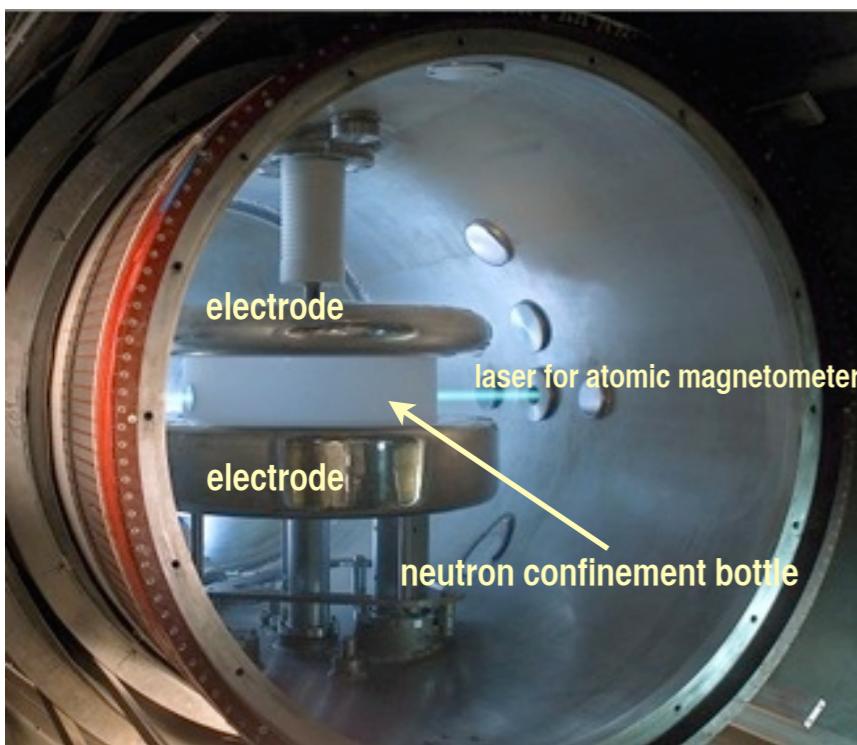
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strong electric field

$$ET = 10^6 [\text{s kV/cm}]$$

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$$f(\mathbf{q}) = f_0 + f_{\text{Schw}}(\mathbf{q}) + f_{\text{EDM}}(\mathbf{q})$$

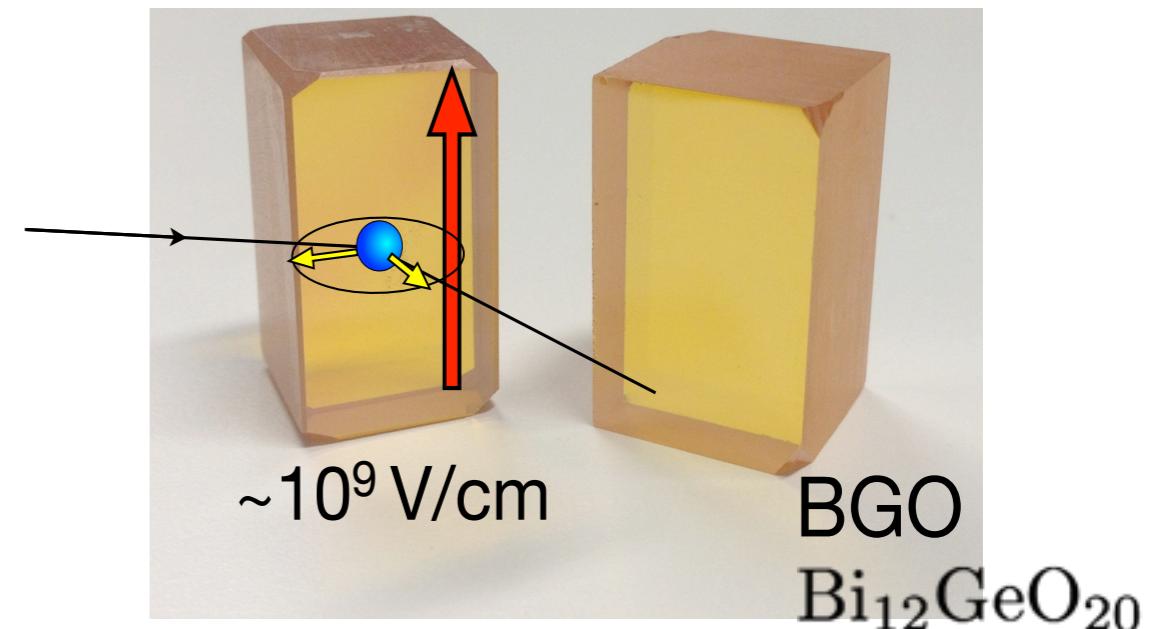
$$a \quad i \frac{2e\mu_n}{\hbar c} (Z - F(q)) \frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot (\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{q})}{q^2}$$

$$i \frac{2med_n}{\hbar^2} (Z - F(q)) \frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{q}}{q}$$

$$F(\mathbf{q}) = \int \rho(\mathbf{q}) e^{i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{r}} d\mathbf{r} \quad \text{atomic form factor}$$

incompleteness of crystal  
size of crystal

$$\Delta d_n \sim 10^{-24} \text{ e cm} \rightarrow \Delta d_n \sim 10^{-26} \text{ e cm}$$



# T-odd Correlation in Compound Nuclei

Parity-violating effect is enhanced in p-wave compound resonances due to the interference between partial waves with different parities (orbital angular momenta).

enhancement factor  $\sim 10^6$

The mechanism enhances T-violating effects in effective nucleon-nucleon interaction if the mixing angle of partial-waves with different T-parity (channel spin momenta).

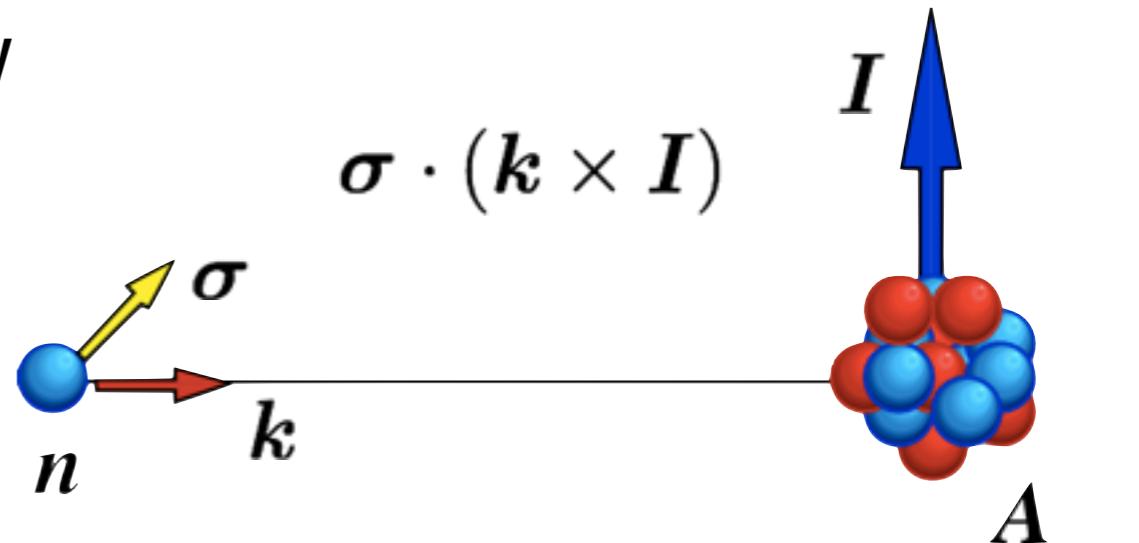
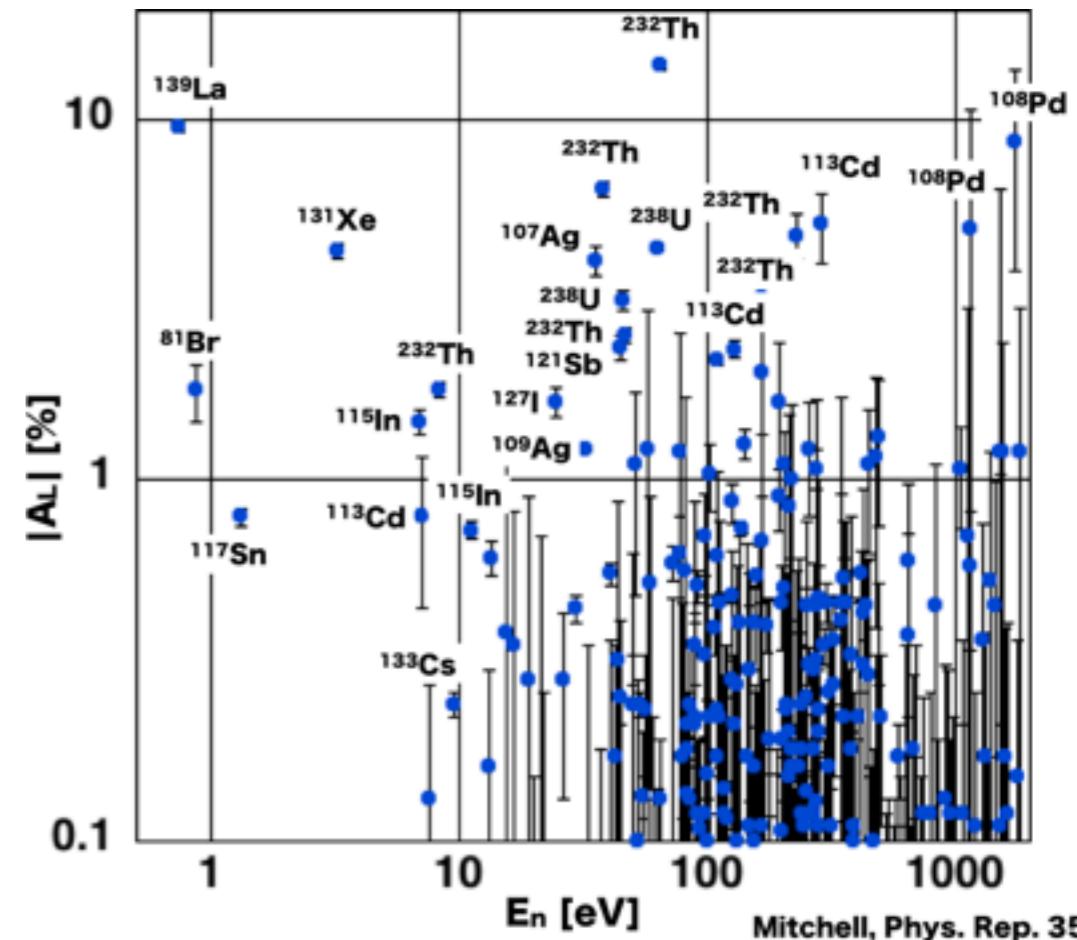
sensitivity estimation

$$|\Delta\sigma_T^{nA}| < 2.5 \times 10^{-4} [\text{b}] \times \kappa(J)$$

↑  
T-odd term  
equivalent to EDM search  
assuming enh.fac. $\sim 10^6$

mixing efficiency

J-PARC can achieve the statistics corresponding  
to  $|d_n| < 10^{-27} \text{ e cm}$  in 1-year in case  $\kappa=1$ .



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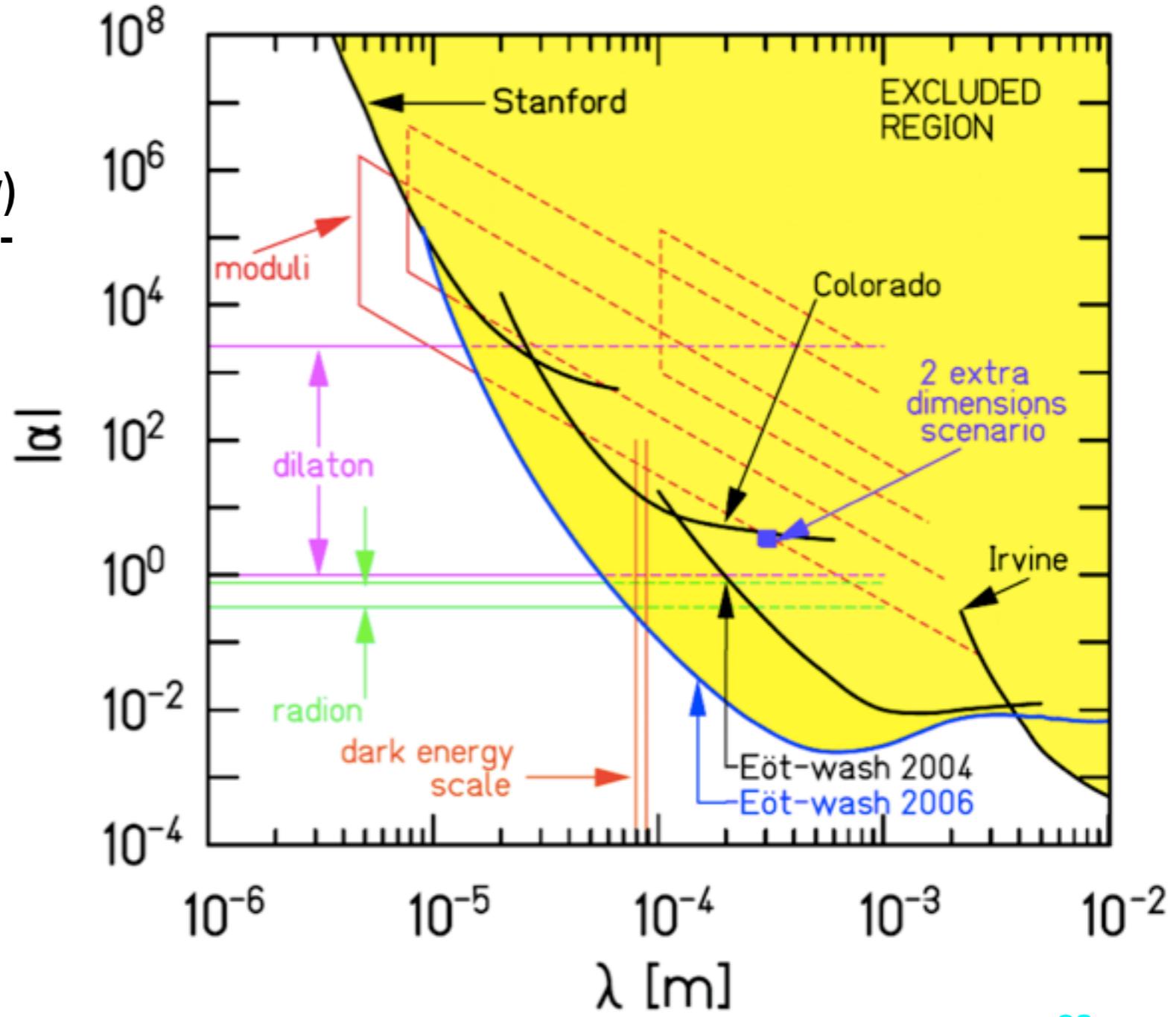
$$U(r) = \frac{GMm}{r^2} \left( 1 + \frac{\alpha e^{-r/\lambda}}{} \right)$$

Newtonian      exotic interaction

van der Waals force  
(proportional to electric polarizability)  
is the dominant background in micro-  
and nanometer-range

$$\alpha_{\text{atom}} \sim 10^{-24} [\text{cm}^3]$$

$$\alpha_n \sim 10^{-42} [\text{cm}^3]$$



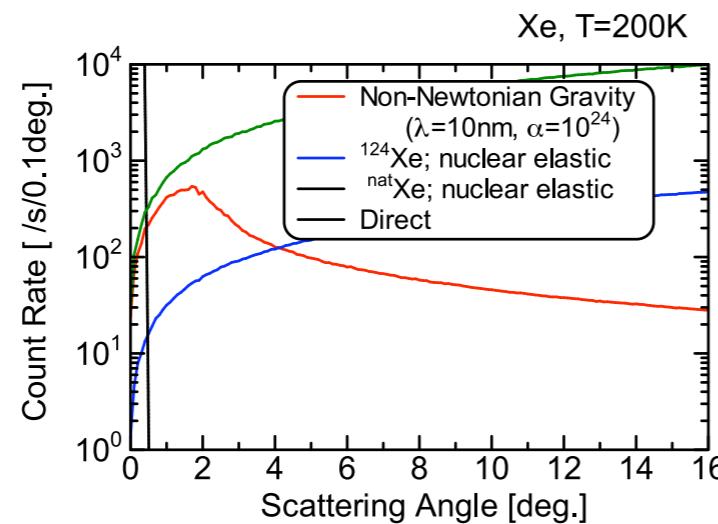
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The exotic interaction can be searched in the angular distribution of neutron scattering by atoms

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} &= |a_N + a_{ne}ZF_e(\theta) + a_GF_G(\theta)|^2 \\ &\simeq a_N^2 + 2a_Na_{ne}ZF_e(\theta) + a_{ne}^2Z^2F_e(\theta)^2 + 2a_Na_GF_G(\theta) \end{aligned}$$

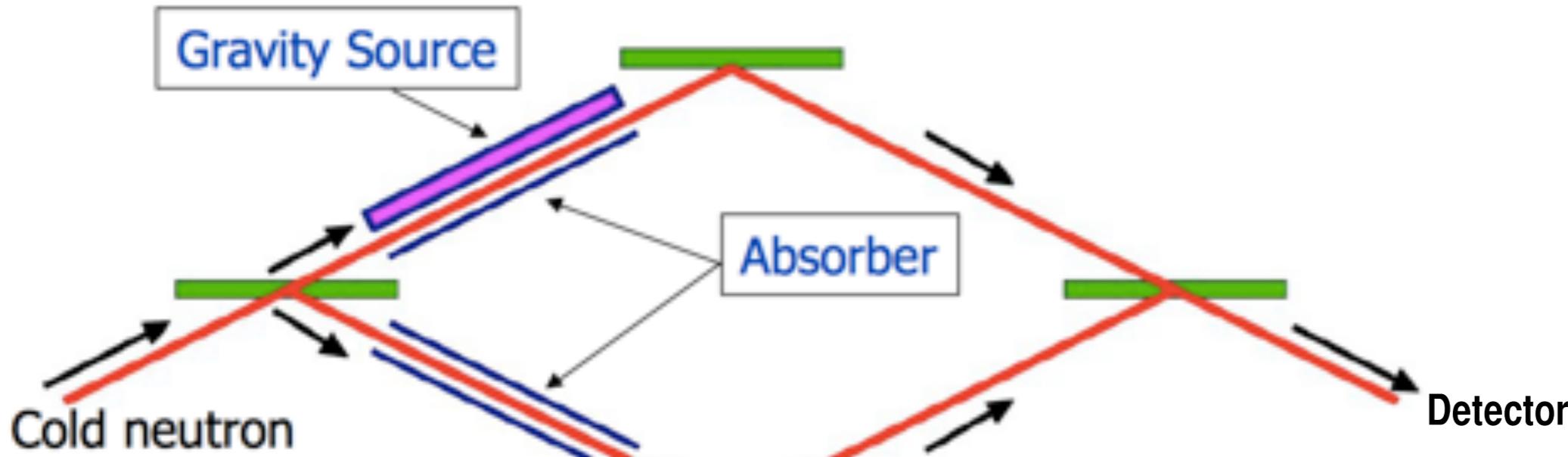


$$\frac{d\sigma_G}{d\Omega} = \alpha^2 \left( \frac{GMm_n}{4} \right)^2 \left( \frac{1}{\frac{1}{m_nc^2} \left( \frac{\hbar c}{\lambda} \right)^2 + 8E_n \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}} \right)^2$$

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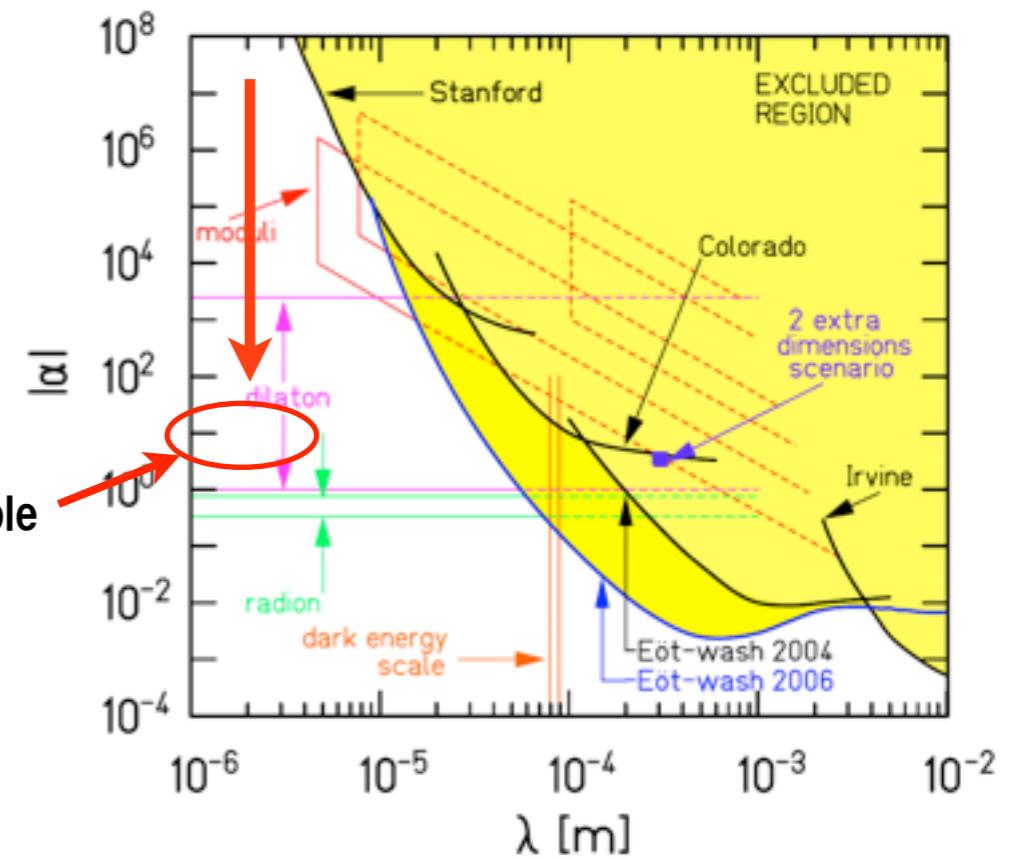
## Neutron Interferometry

detecting exotic potential by measuring the phase shift between two paths



technical challenges :  
phase stability and microbeam delivery

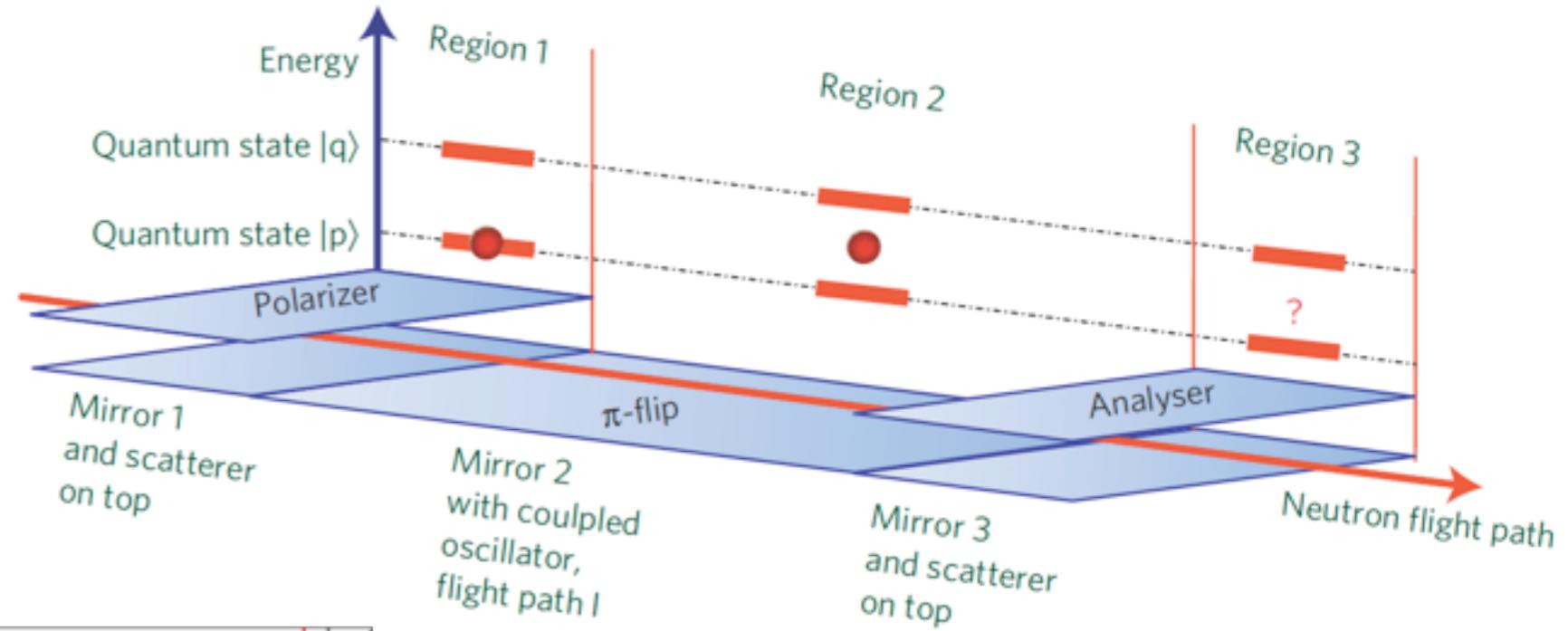
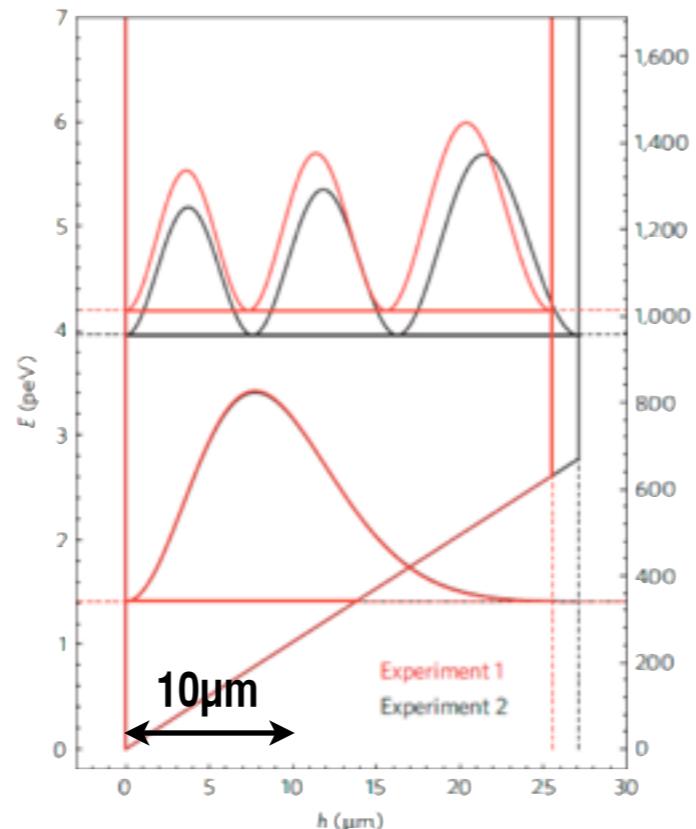
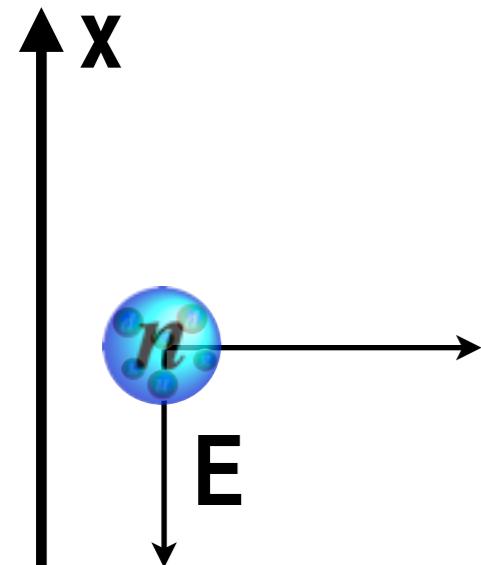
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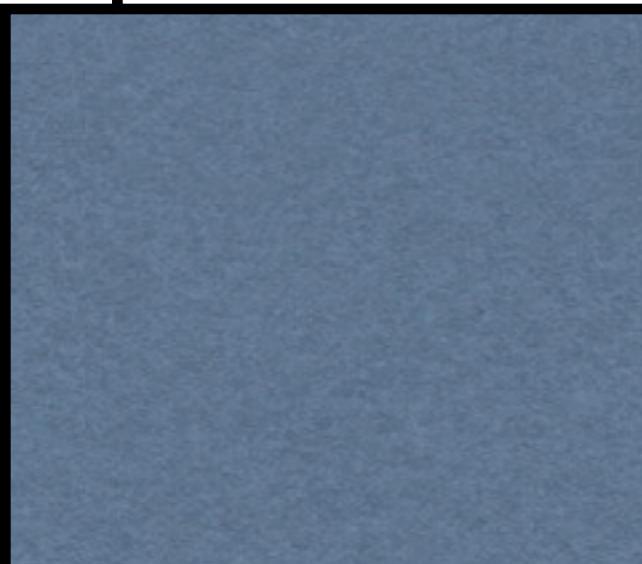
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## Gravitationally Quantized States

$$\left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\frac{d^2}{dx^2} + mgx\right)\psi = E\psi$$



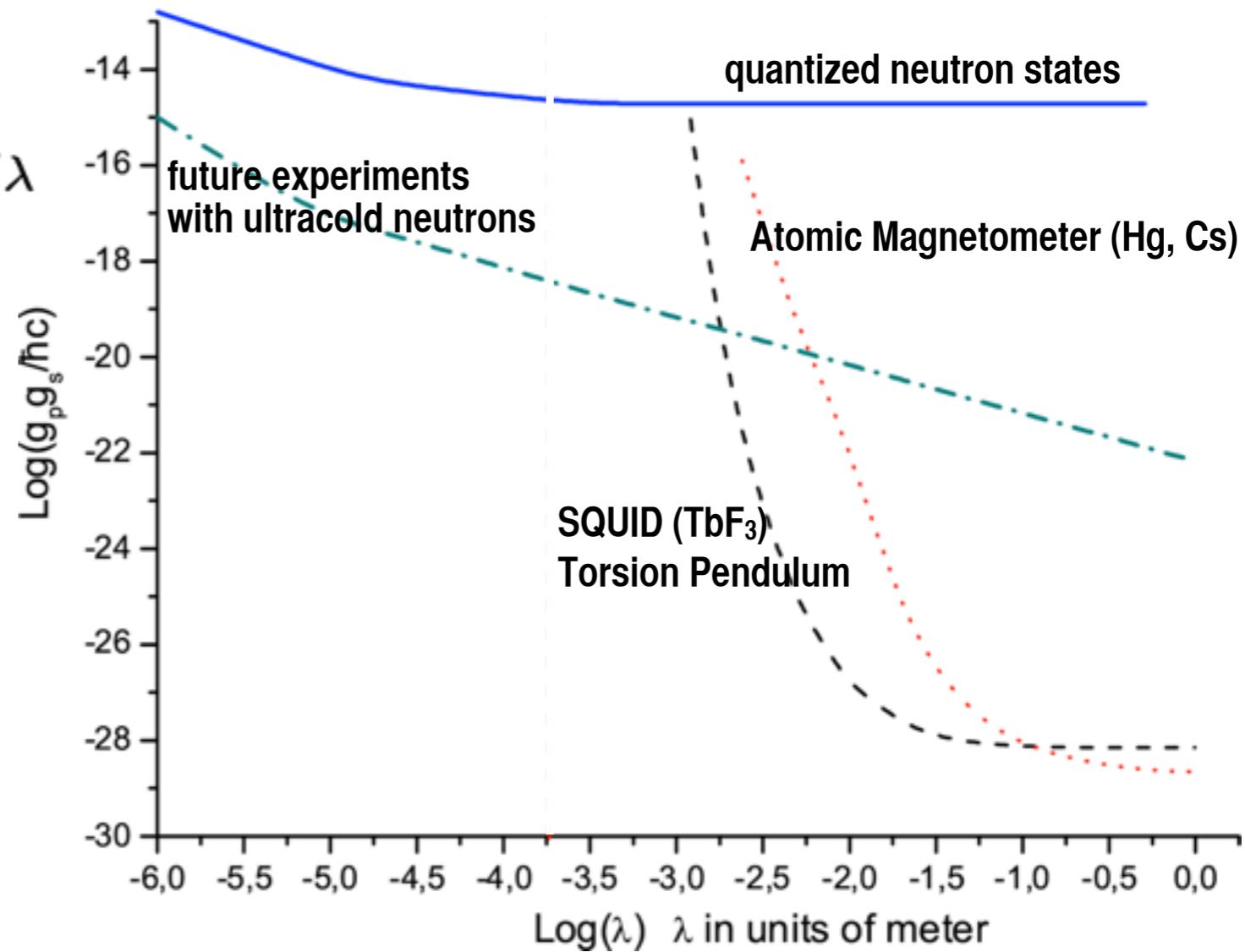
$\mu\text{m}$  resolution efficient detector



# 4. Medium-range Force (not only gravity)

## axion search

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## 5. B, B-L violation

B, L are probably not conserved.

No evidence that either B or L is locally conserved like Q: where is the macroscopic B/L force? (not seen in equivalence principle tests).

Baryon Asymmetry of Universe (BAU) is not zero. If  $B(t=\text{after inflation}) \ll \text{BAU}$  (otherwise inflation is destroyed, Dolgov/Zeldovich), we need B violation.

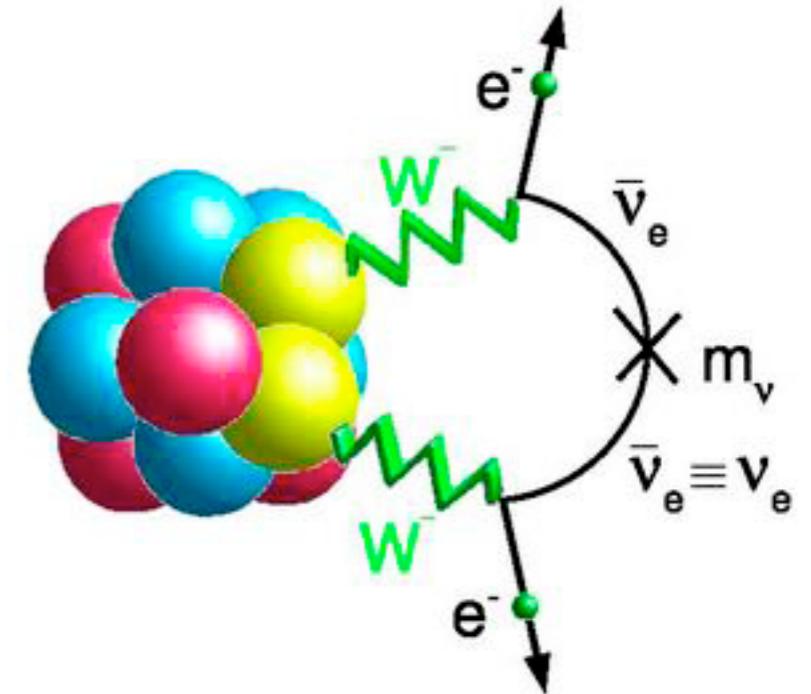
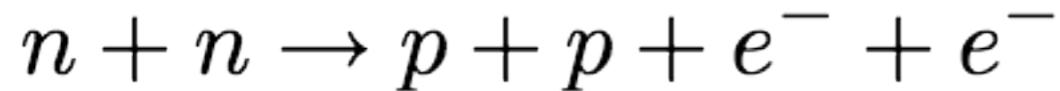
Both B and L conservation are “accidental” global symmetries: given  $SU(3) \otimes SU(2) \otimes U(1)$  gauge theory and matter content, no dimension-4 term in Standard Model Lagrangian violates B or L in perturbation theory.

Nonperturbative EW gauge field fluctuations (sphalerons) present in SM, VIOLATE B, L, B+L, but conserve B-L. Very important process for trying to understand the physics of the baryon asymmetry in the early universe

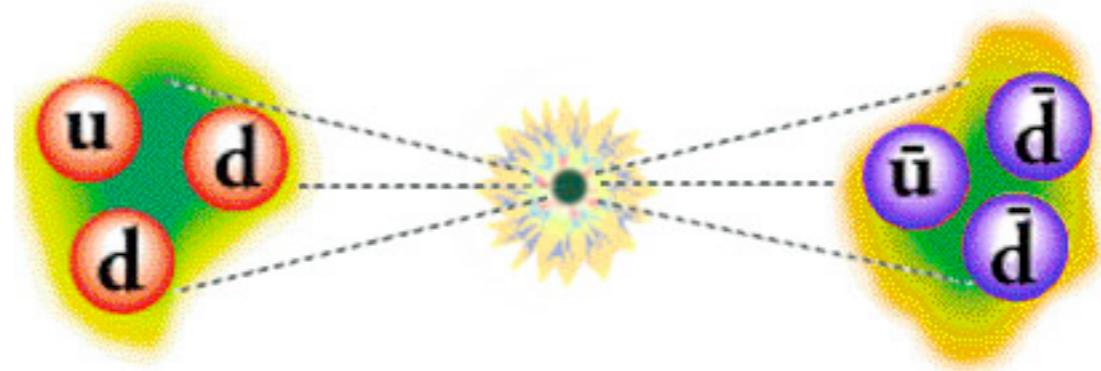
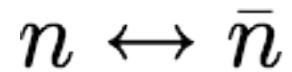
	nucleon decay	nnbar oscillation
B, L	$\Delta B=1, \Delta L=1$ $\Delta(B-L)=0$	$\Delta B=-2, \Delta L=0$ $\Delta(B-L)=-2$
effective operator	$L = \frac{g}{M^2} QQQL$	$L = \frac{g}{M^5} QQQQ\overline{QQQ}$
mass-scale probed	GUT scale	> EW scale ( $\ll$ GUT)

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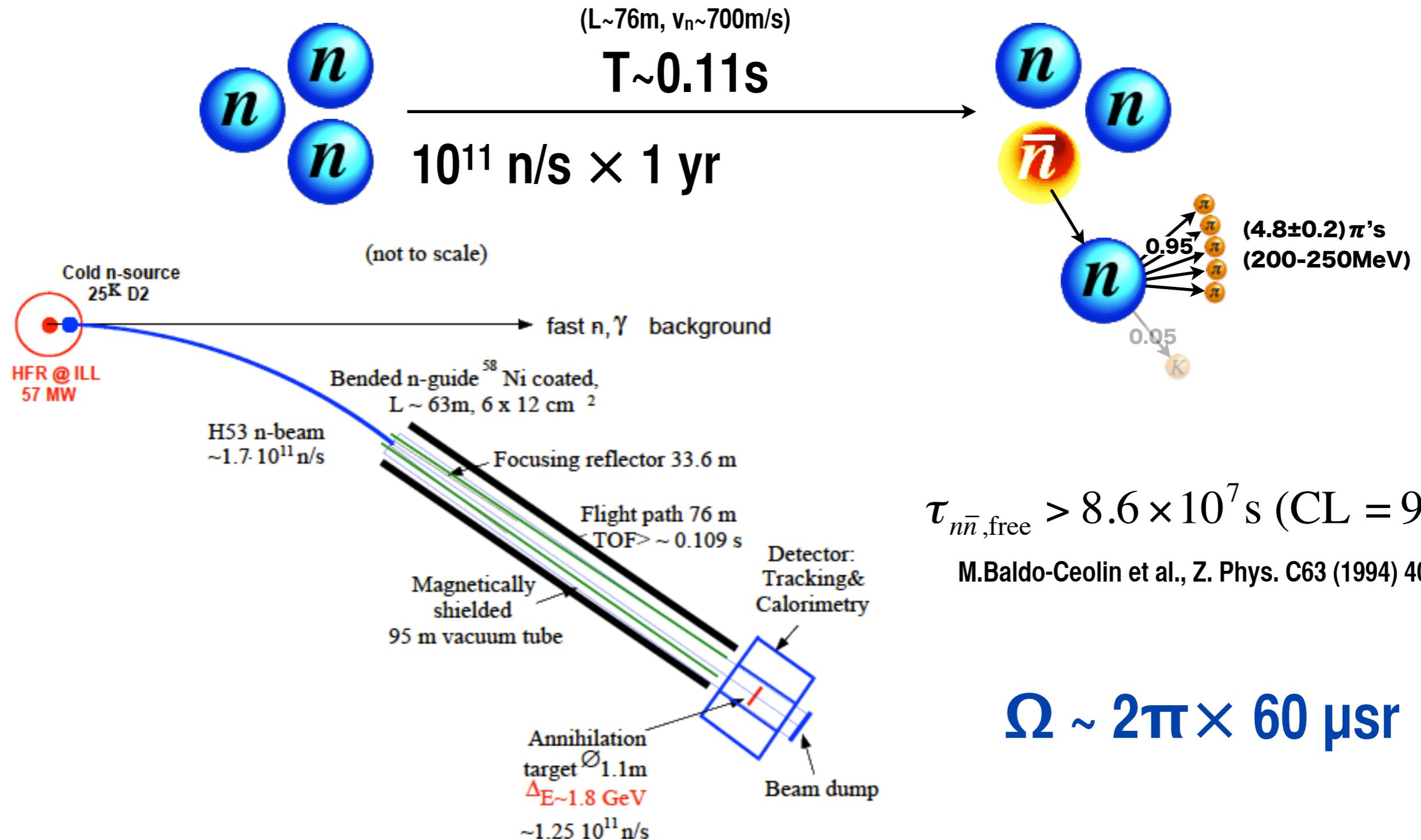


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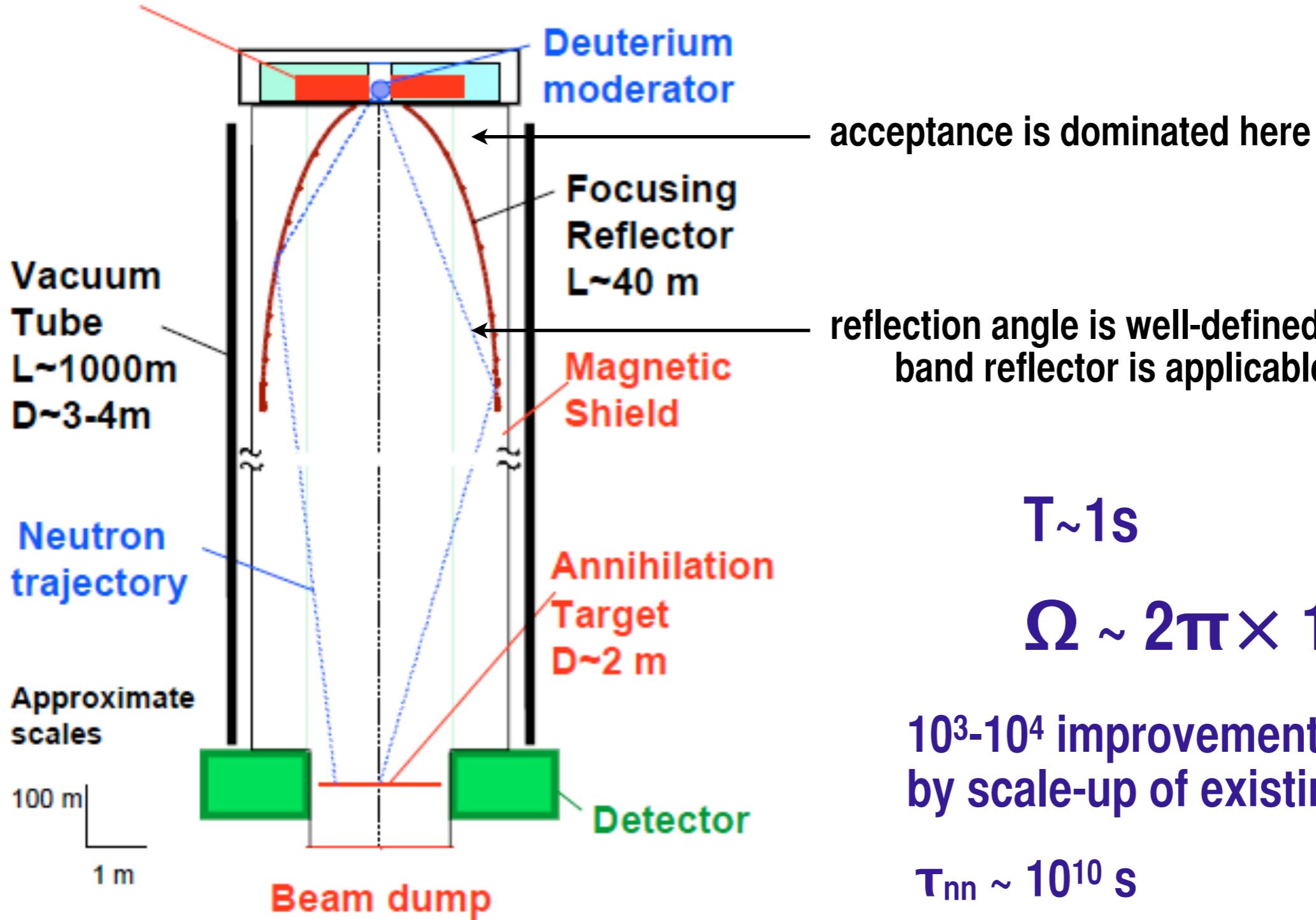


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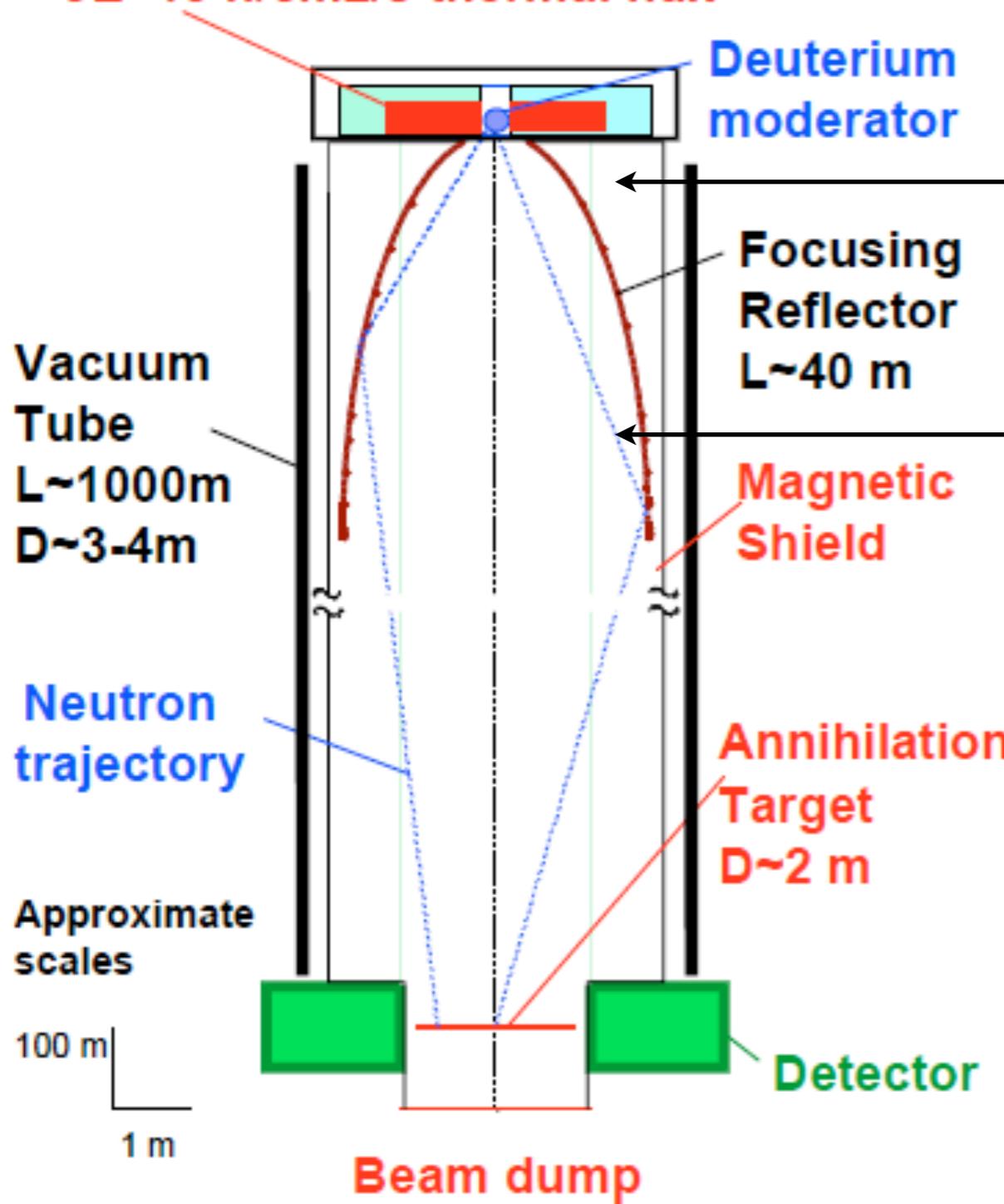


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$$\Omega \sim 2\pi \times 10 \text{ msr}$$

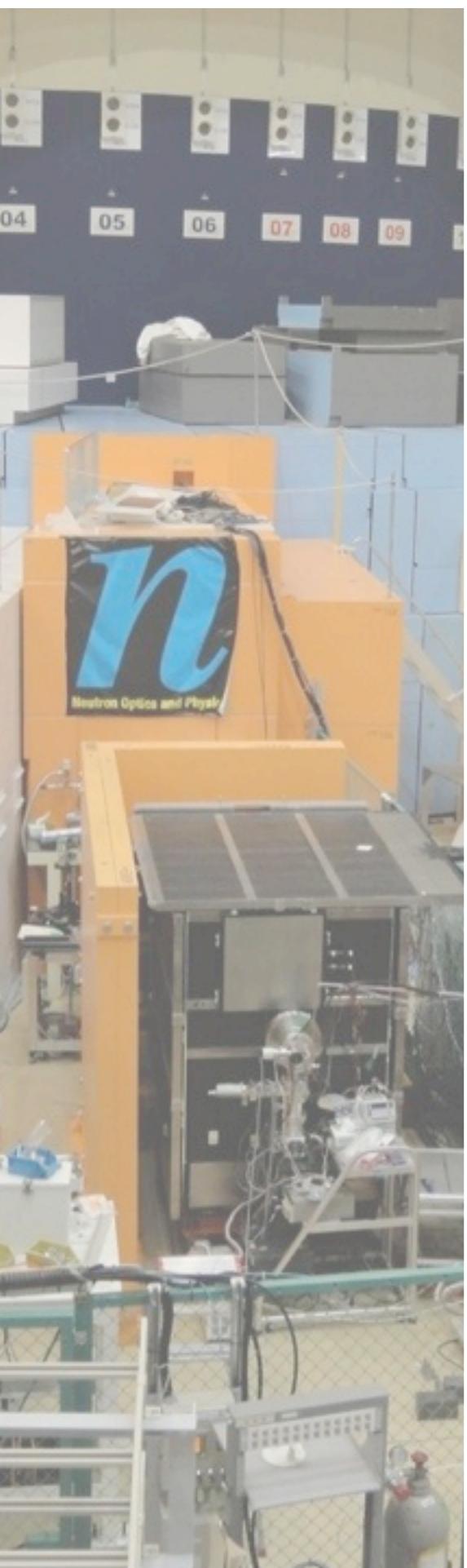
$10^3\text{-}10^4$  improvement is possible  
by scale-up of existing technologies

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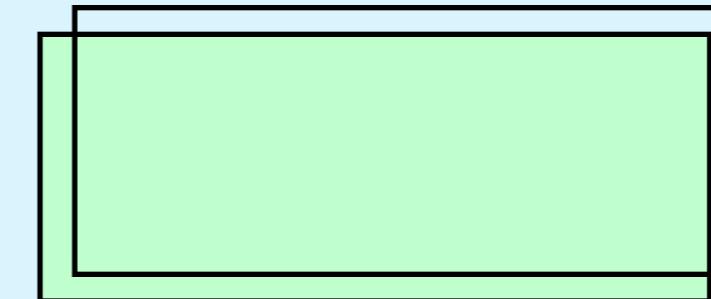
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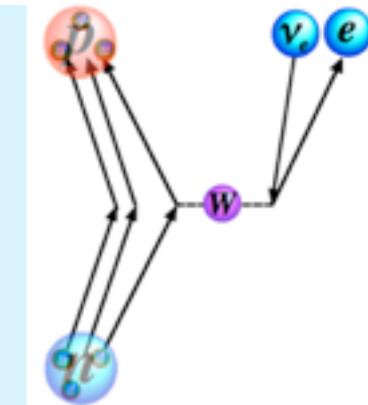
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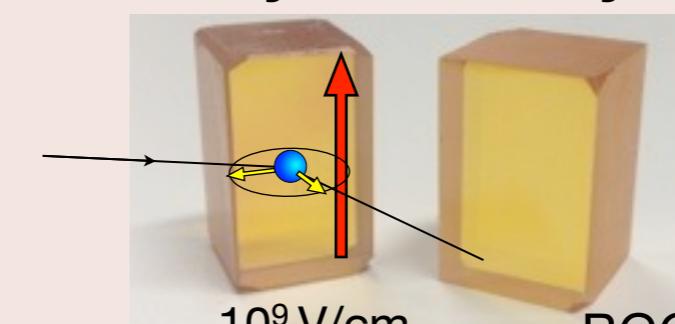
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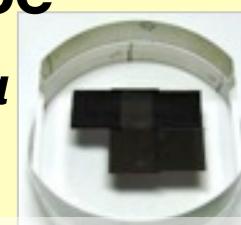
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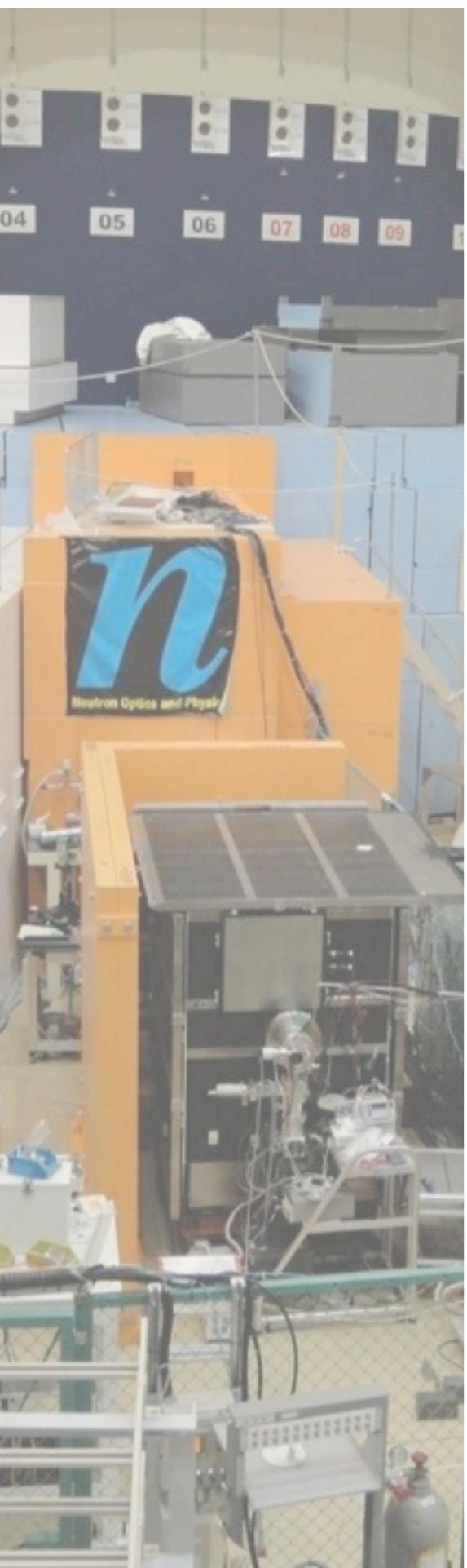
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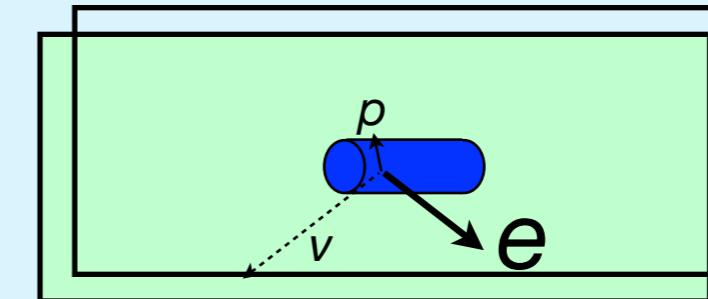
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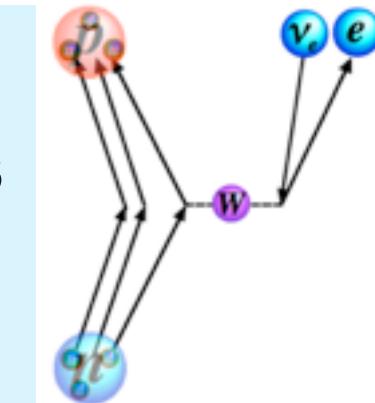
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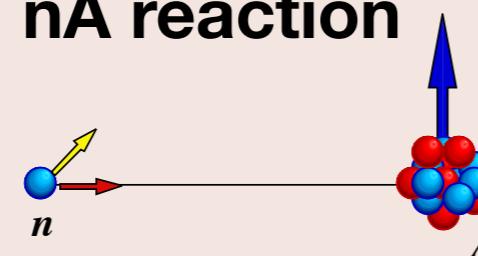
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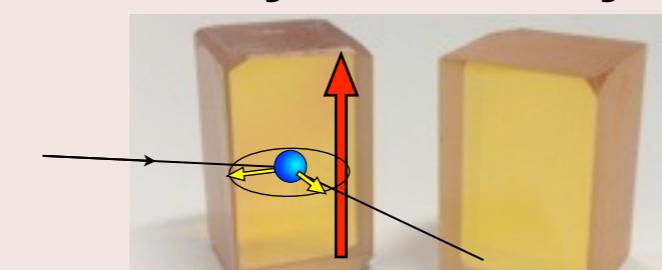
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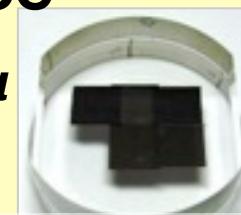
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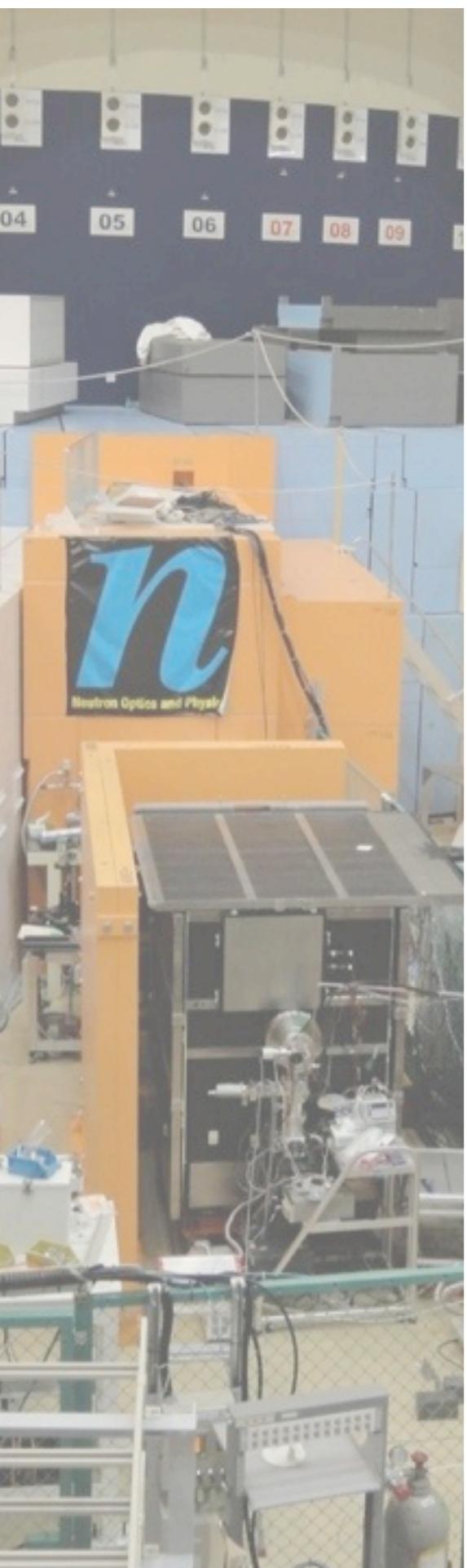
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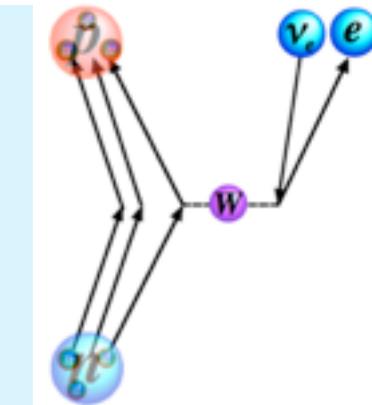
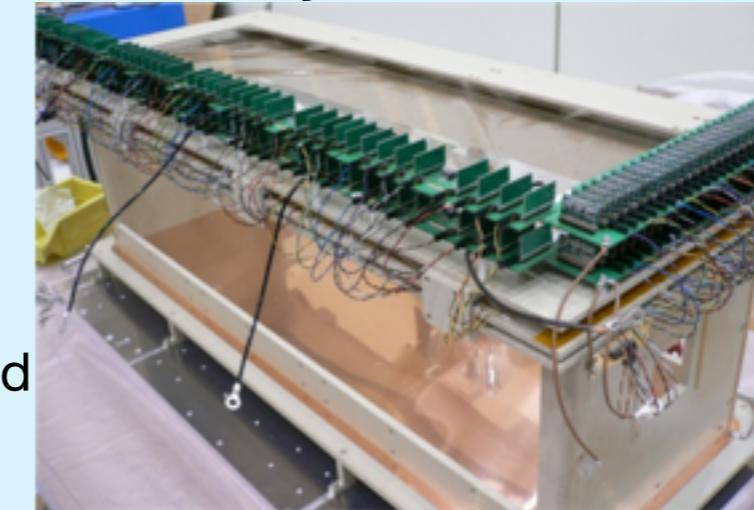
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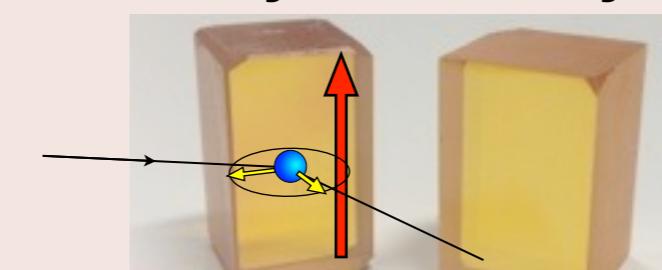
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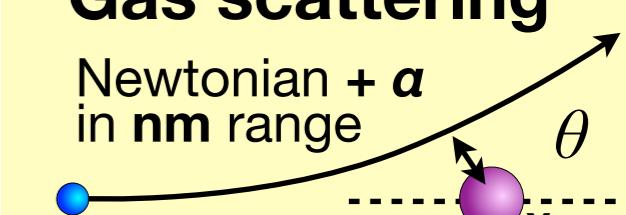
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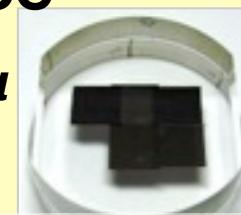
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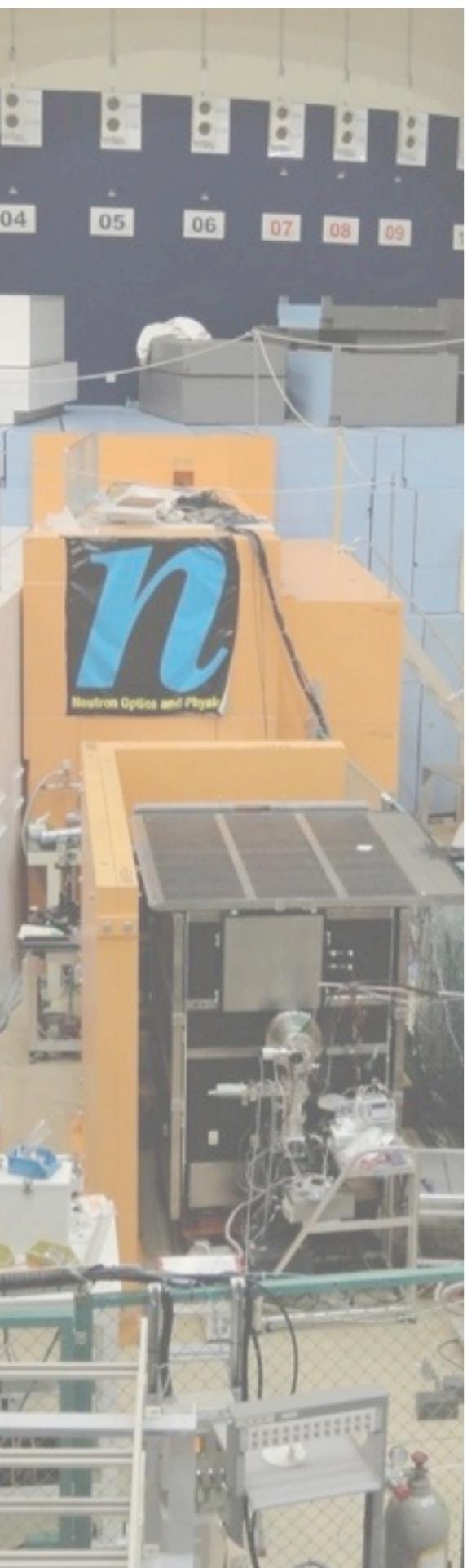
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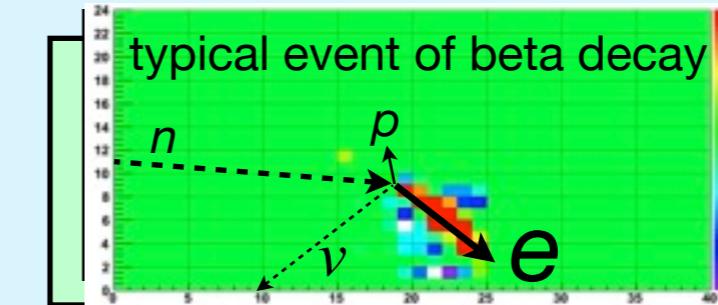
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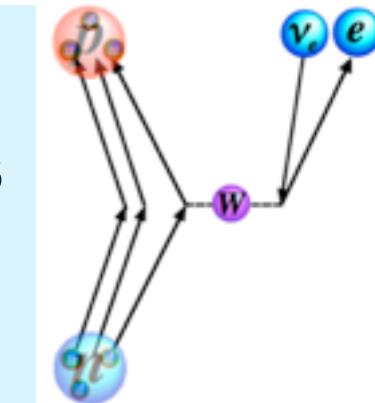
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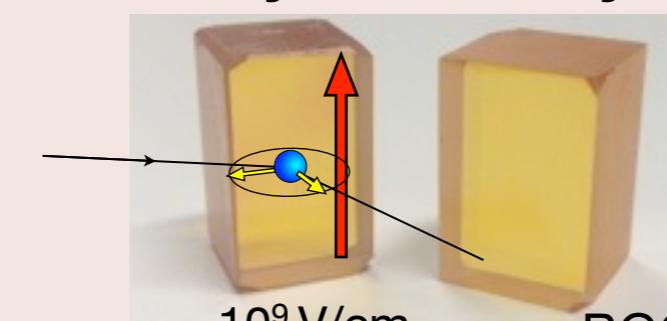
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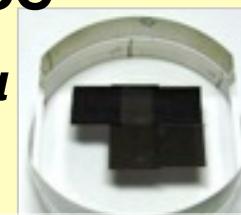
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