

Astrophysical evidences for space-time variation of fundamental constants and proposals of laboratory tests

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Dimensionless Constants

Since variation of dimensional constants cannot be distinguished from variation of units, it only makes sense to consider variation of dimensionless constants.

- **Fine structure constant** $\alpha = e^2 / 2\epsilon_0 hc = 1/137.036$
- Electron or quark mass/QCD strong interaction

scale, $m_{e,q} / \Lambda_{QCD}$

$\alpha_{strong}(r) = \text{const} / \ln(r \Lambda_{QCD} / ch)$

Electron-to-proton mass ratio = const m_e / Λ_{QCD}

Evidence for spatial variation of the fine structure constant α

Quasar spectra

Webb, King, Murphy, Flambaum, Carswell,
Bainbridge, PRL2011, MNRAS2012

$$\alpha(x) = \alpha(0) + \alpha'(0)x + \dots$$

$x = r \cos(\phi)$, $r = ct$ – distance (t - light travel
time, c - speed of light)

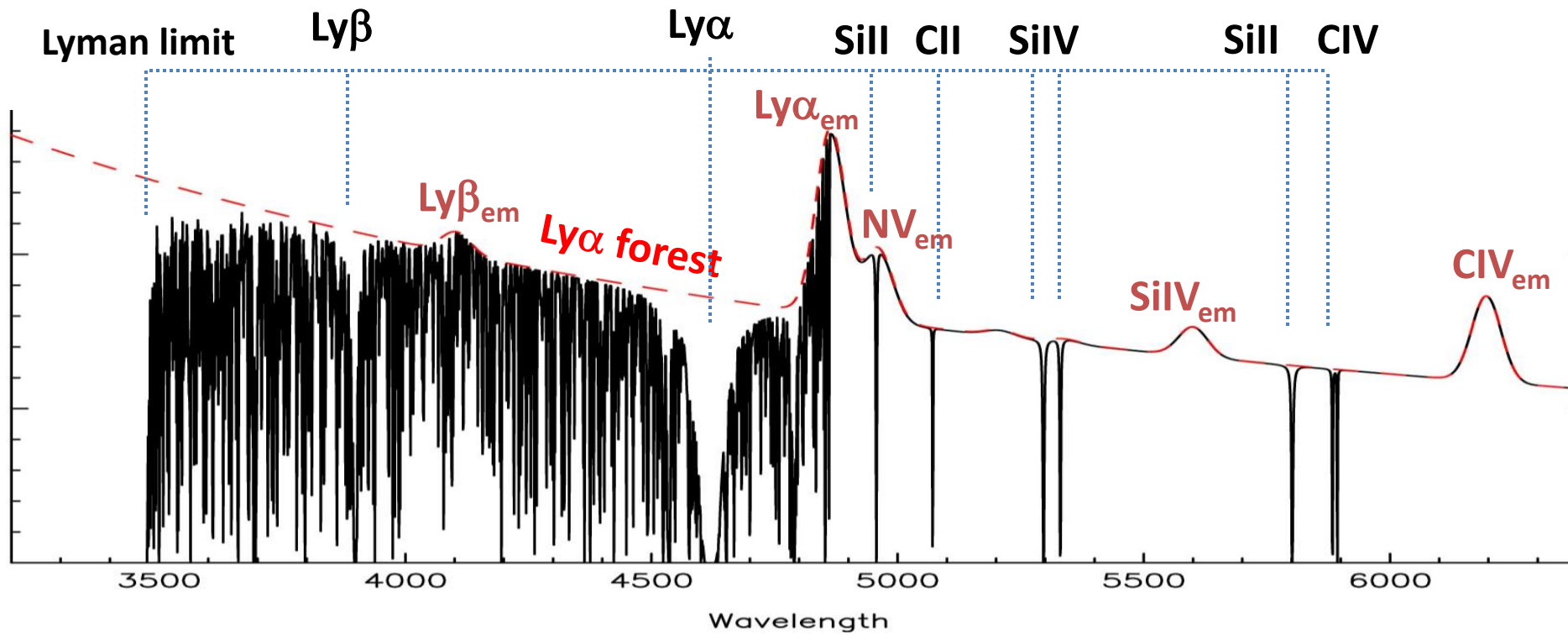
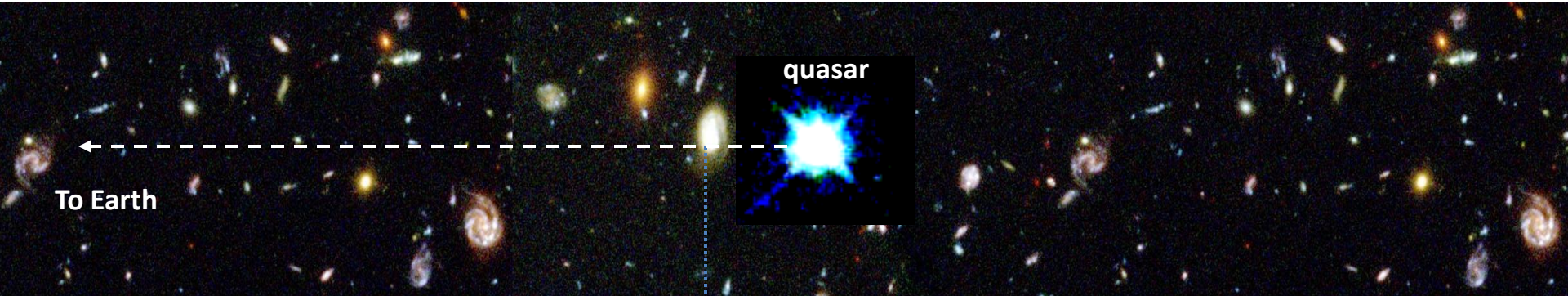
Reconciles all measurements of the variation

“Fine tuning” of fundamental constants is needed for life to exist. If fundamental constants would be even slightly different, life could not appear!

Variation of coupling constants in space provide natural explanation of the “fine tuning”: we appeared in area of the Universe where values of fundamental constants are suitable for our existence.

There are theories which suggest variation of the fundamental constants in expanding Universe.

Quasars: physics laboratories in the early universe



Use atomic calculations to find $\omega(\alpha)$.

For α close to α_0 $\omega = \omega_0 + q(\alpha^2/\alpha_0^2 - 1)$

q is found by varying α in computer codes:

$$q = d\omega/dx = [\omega(0.1) - \omega(-0.1)]/0.2, \quad x = \alpha^2/\alpha_0^2 - 1$$

$\alpha = e^2/2 \varepsilon_0 hc = 0$ corresponds to non-relativistic limit (infinite c). Dependence on α is due to relativistic corrections.

Results of calculations (in cm^{-1})

Anchor lines

Atom	ω_0	q
Mg I	35051.217	86
Mg II	35760.848	211
Mg II	35669.298	120
Si II	55309.3365	520
Si II	65500.4492	50
Al II	59851.924	270
Al III	53916.540	464
Al III	53682.880	216
Ni II	58493.071	-20

Also, many transitions in Mn II, Ti II, Si IV, C II, C IV, N V, O I, Ca I, Ca II, Ge II, O II, Pb II, Co II, ...

Different signs and magnitudes of q provides opportunity to study systematic errors!

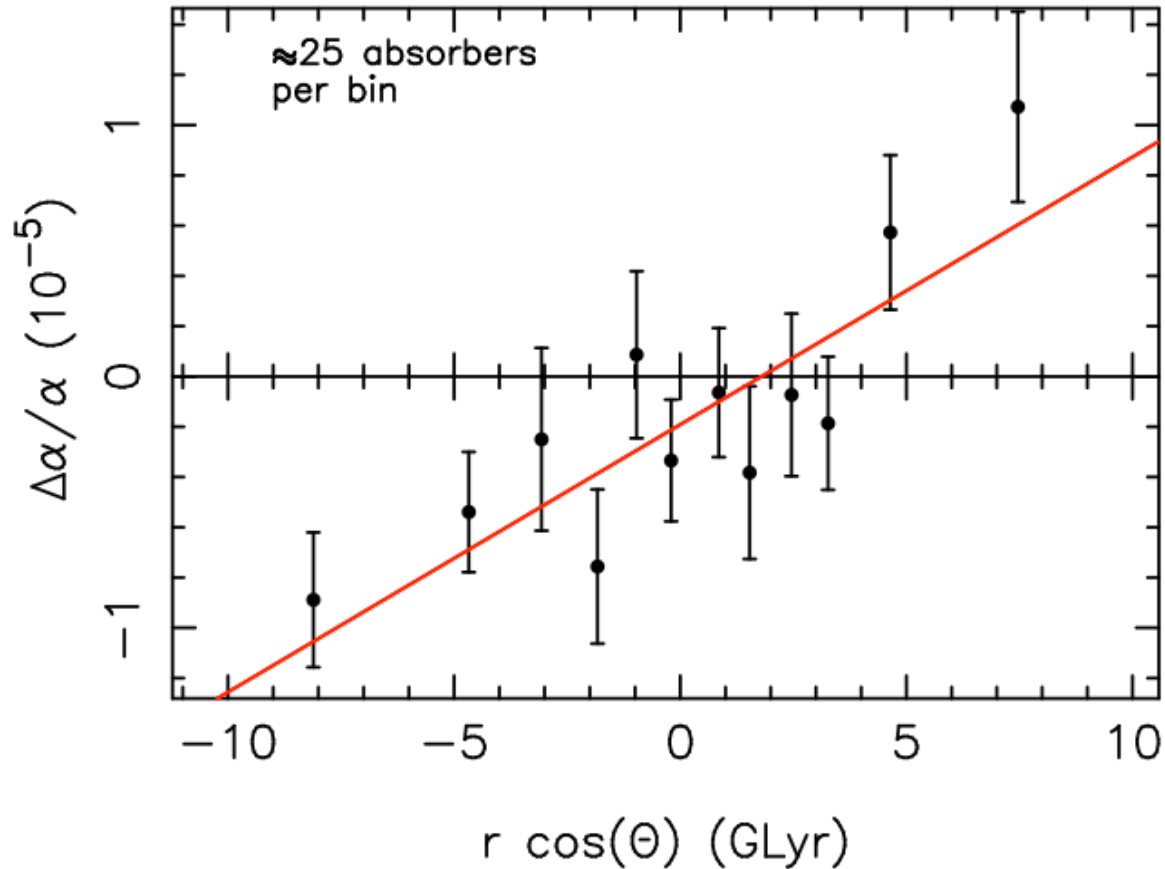
Negative shifters

Atom	ω_0	q
Ni II	57420.013	-1400
Ni II	57080.373	-700
Cr II	48632.055	-1110
Cr II	48491.053	-1280
Cr II	48398.862	-1360
Fe II	62171.625	-1300

Positive shifters

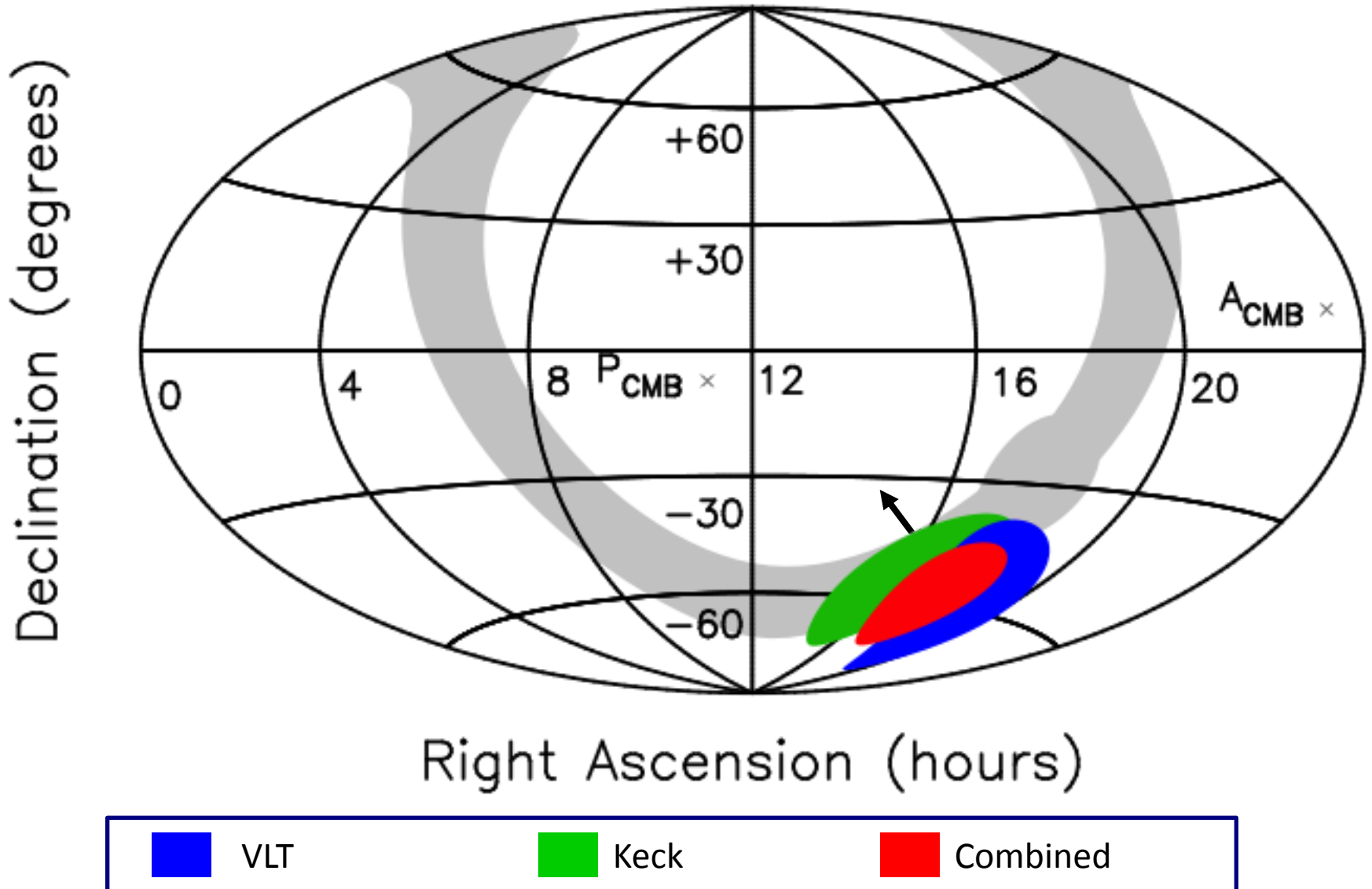
Atom	ω_0	q
Fe II	62065.528	1100
Fe II	42658.2404	1210
Fe II	42114.8329	1590
Fe II	41968.0642	1460
Fe II	38660.0494	1490
Fe II	38458.9871	1330
Zn II	49355.002	2490
Zn II	48841.077	1584

Distance dependence

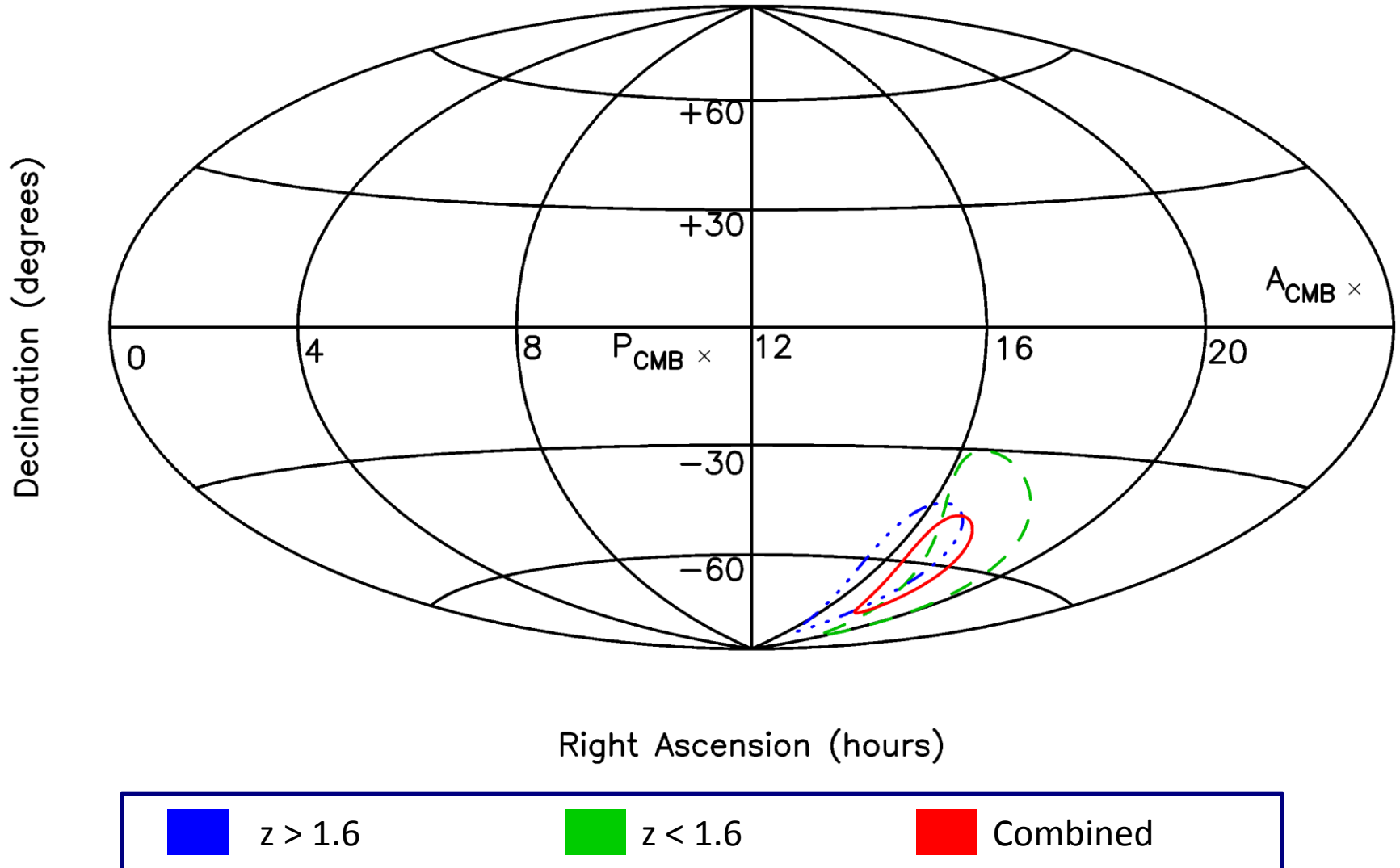


$\Delta\alpha/\alpha$ vs $B r \cos\theta$ for the model $\Delta\alpha/\alpha = B r \cos\theta + m$ showing the gradient in α along the best-fit dipole. The best-fit direction is at right ascension 17.4 ± 0.6 hours, declination -62 ± 6 degrees, for which $B = (1.1 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-6}$ GLyr^{-1} and $m = (-1.9 \pm 0.8) \times 10^{-6}$. This dipole+monopole model is statistically preferred over a monopole-only model also at the 4.1σ level. A cosmology with parameters $(H_0, \Omega_M, \Omega_\Lambda) = (70.5, 0.2736, 0.726)$.

Keck & VLT dipoles independently agree, $p=4\%$



Low and high redshift cuts are consistent in direction.
Effect is larger at high redshift.



Hints that this result might be real

Two internal consistencies:

1 Keck and VLT dipoles agree. Independent samples, different data reduction procedures, different instruments and telescopes.

2 High and low redshift dipoles also agree - different species used at low and high redshift – and different transitions respond differently to the same change in α .

300 absorption systems, 30 atomic lines

m_e / M_p limit from NH_3

Inversion spectrum: exponentially small “quantum tunneling” frequency

$$\omega_{\text{inv}} = W \exp(-S(m_e / M_p))$$

ω_{inv} is exponentially sensitive to m_e / M_p

Laboratory measurements proposed (Veldhoven et al)

Astrophysics - -2 systems containing NH_3

Flambaum, Kozlov PRL 2007

First enhanced effect in quasar spectra

$$\Delta(m_e / M_p) / (m_e / M_p) = -0.6(1.9)10^{-6} \quad \text{No variation}$$

$z=0.68$, 6.5 billion years ago, $-1(3)10^{-16}$ /year

More accurate measurements

Murphy, Flambaum, Henkel, Muller. Science 2008 $-0.74(0.47)(0.76)10^{-6}$

Henkel et al AA 2009 $z=0.87$ $<1.4 \cdot 10^{-6}$ 3σ

Levshakov, Molaro, Kozlov 2008 our Galaxy $0.5(0.14)10^{-7}$

Hydrogen molecule - 4 systems

$$\Delta(m_e / M_p) / (m_e / M_p) =$$

$$3.3(1.5) 10^{-6} r \cos(\phi)$$

gradient direction $16.7(1.5) \text{ h}, -62(5)^\circ$

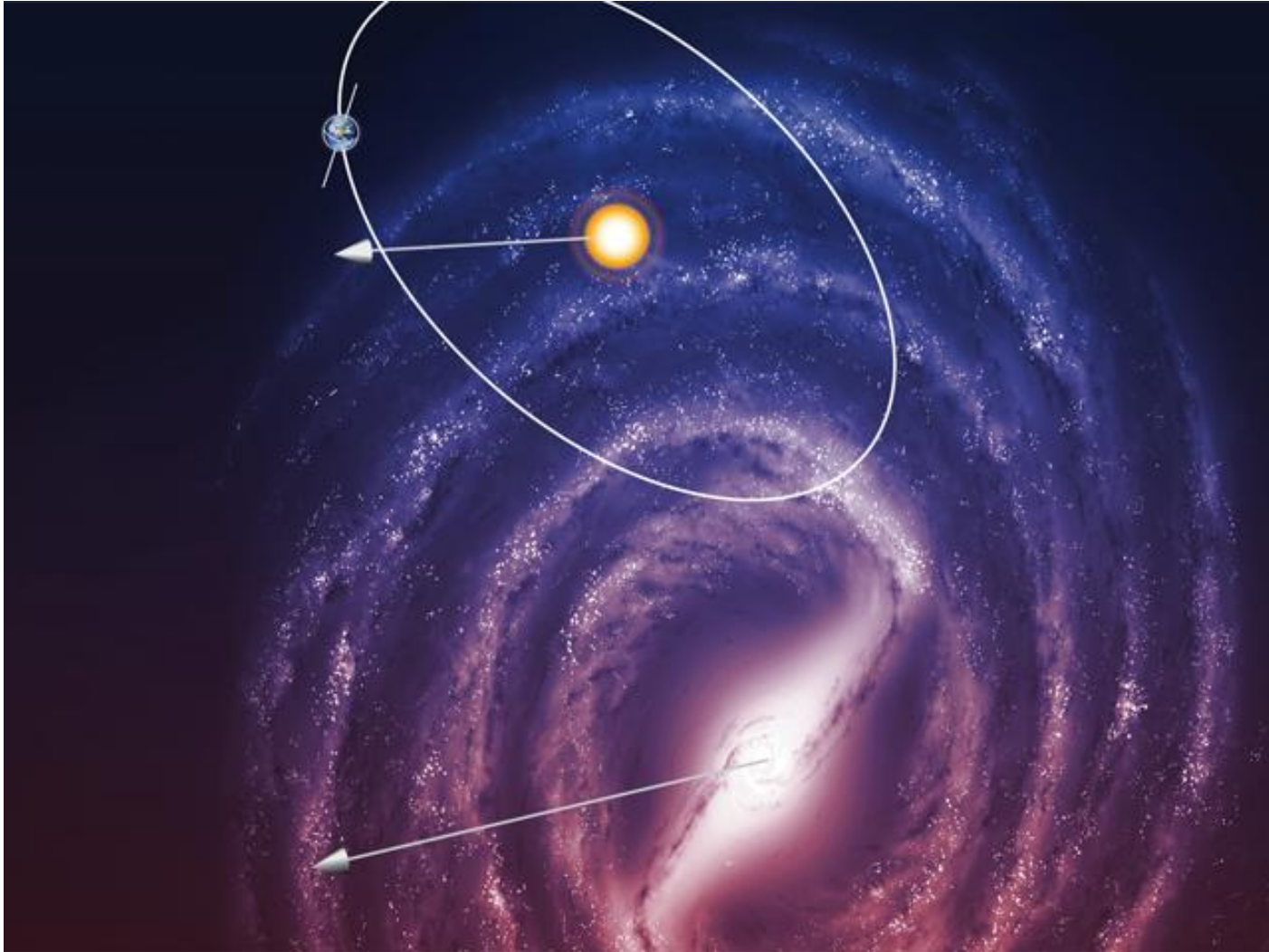
consistent with α gradient direction

$$17.6(0.6) \text{ h}, -58(6)^\circ$$

If we assume the same direction

$$2.6(1.3) 10^{-6} r \cos(\phi) \quad 4\% \text{ by chance}$$

Gradient α points down



Consequences for atomic clocks

- Sun moves 369 km/s relative to CMB
 $\cos(\phi)=0.1$

This gives average laboratory variation

$$\Delta\alpha/\alpha = 1.5 \cdot 10^{-18} \cos(\phi) \text{ per year}$$

- Earth moves 30 km/s relative to Sun-
 $1.6 \cdot 10^{-20} \cos(\omega t)$ annual modulation

Atomic clocks:

Comparing rates of different clocks over long period of time can be used to study time variation of fundamental constants

Optical transitions: α

Microwave transitions: $\alpha, (m_e, m_q)/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$

Calculations to link change of frequency to change of fundamental constants:

Optical transitions: atomic calculations (as for quasar absorption spectra) for many narrow lines in Al II, Ca I, Sr I, Sr II, In II, Ba II, Dy I, Yb I, Yb II, Yb III, Hg I, Hg II, Tl II, Ra II, ThIV

$$\omega = \omega_0 + q(\alpha^2/\alpha_0^2 - 1)$$

Microwave transitions: hyperfine frequency is sensitive to nuclear magnetic moments and nuclear radii

We performed atomic, nuclear and QCD calculations of powers κ, β for H, D, Rb, Cd⁺, Cs, Yb⁺, Hg⁺

$$V = C(Ry)(m_e/M_p)\alpha^{2+\kappa} (m_q/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})^\beta, \quad \Delta\omega/\omega = \Delta V/V$$

Cs: $\beta=0$, m_e/M_p measurement! Not magnetic moment.

Rydberg constant in SI units = Cs hyperfine = $(m_e/M_p)\alpha^{2.83}$

Results for variation of fundamental constants

Source	Clock ₁ /Clock ₂	$d\alpha/dt/\alpha(10^{-16} \text{ yr}^{-1})$
Blatt <i>et al</i> , 2007	Sr(opt)/Cs(hfs)	-3.1(3.0)
Fortier <i>et al</i> 2007	Hg+(opt)/Cs(hfs)	-0.6(0.7) ^a
Rosenband <i>et al</i> 08	Hg+(opt)/Al+(opt)	-0.16(0.23)
Peik <i>et al</i> , 2006	Yb+(opt)/Cs(hfs)	4(7)
Guena <i>et al</i> , 2012	Rb(hfs)/Cs(hfs)	3(2) ^a

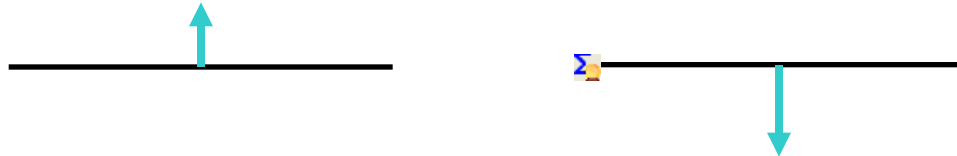
^aassuming $m_{q,e}/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} = \text{Const}$

Combined results: $d/dt \ln \alpha = -1.6(2.3) \times 10^{-17} \text{ yr}^{-1}$
 $d/dt \ln(m_q/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}) = 7(4) \times 10^{-15} \text{ yr}^{-1}$
 m_e/M_p or $m_e/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} = -1.5(3.0) \times 10^{-16} \text{ yr}^{-1}$

Enhancement of relative effect

Our proposal and calculations:

Dy: $4f^{10}5d6s$ $E=19797.96... \text{ cm}^{-1}$, $q= 6000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$
 $4f^95d^26s$ $E=19797.96... \text{ cm}^{-1}$, $q= -23000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$



$\omega_0 = 10^{-4} \text{ cm}^{-1}$. Relative enhancement $\Delta\omega/\omega_0 = 10^8 \Delta\alpha/\alpha$

Measurement Berkeley $d\ln\alpha/dt = -2(3) \times 10^{-16} \text{ yr}^{-1}$

Different signs of ω_0 in different isotopes: cancellation of errors!

Close narrow levels in molecules

Enhancement in molecular clocks

DeMille et al 2008 – enhancement in Cs_2 ,
**cancellation between electron excitation and
vibration energies**

Flambaum 2006 Cancellations between rotational and
hyperfine intervals

$$\Delta\omega/\omega_0 = \mathbf{K} \Delta\alpha/\alpha \quad \text{Enhancement } \mathbf{K} = 10^2 - 10^3$$

Flambaum, Kozlov 2007 Cancellations between fine
structure and vibrations

$$\Delta\omega/\omega_0 = \mathbf{K} (\Delta\alpha/\alpha - 1/4 \Delta\mu/\mu)$$

$$\text{Enhancement } \mathbf{K} = 10^4 - 10^5$$

Conclusions

- **Spatial gradient of alpha from quasar data**, 4.2 sigma, Keck and VLT data agree, low and high red shift data agree, no contradictions with other groups.
- **It provides alpha variation for atomic clocks due to Earth motion at the level 10^{-19} . Two orders of magnitude improvement in the measurement accuracy is needed.**
- Very weak indications for the spatial variation in H₂ quasar spectra. The same direction of the gradient!
- Many systems with relative enhancement due to transition between close levels: Dy atom and molecules with narrow close levels.

New systems with higher absolute sensitivity include highly charged ions and ²²⁹Th nucleus.

- Search for anisotropy in primordial deuterium distribution, CMB, expansion of the Universe, structure formation.

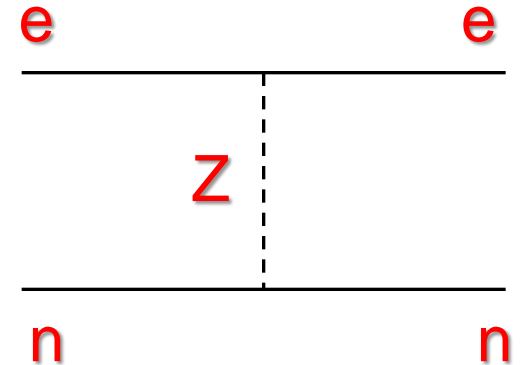
Parity and time reversal violation in atoms, molecules and nuclei and search for physics beyond the Standard Model

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Atomic parity violation

- Dominated by Z-boson exchange between electrons and nucleons



$$H = \frac{G}{\sqrt{2}} \left[C_{1p} \bar{e} \gamma_{\mu} \gamma_5 e \bar{p} \gamma^{\mu} p + C_{1n} \bar{e} \gamma_{\mu} \gamma_5 e \bar{n} \gamma^{\mu} n \right]$$

Standard model

$$C_{1p} = \frac{1}{2} (1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta_W) ; \quad C_{1n} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

- In atom with Z electrons and N neutrons obtain effective Hamiltonian parameterized by “nuclear weak charge” Q_W

$$h_{PV} = \frac{G}{2\sqrt{2}} Q_W \rho(r) \gamma_5$$

$$Q_W = 2(NC_{1n} + ZC_{1p}) \approx -N + Z(1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta_W) \approx -N$$

- PV amplitude $E_{PV} \propto Z^3$ [Bouchiat, Bouchiat]

Discovered in 1978 Bi; Tl, Pb, Cs –accuracy 0.4-1%
 Our calculations in 1975-1989 Bi 11%, Pb 8%, Tl 3%, Cs 1%

Cs: accuracy of experiment and theory
0.4%, agreement with the standard
model, limits on new physics.

Calculations and experiments in Cs analogues

Our calculations and calculations of other
groups

Ba+

Fr, Ra+ PNC effects 15 times larger

Experiments in Seattle (Ba+),

TRIUMF (Fr), Groningen (Ra+)

PV : Chain of isotopes

Dzuba, Flambaum, Khriplovich

Rare-earth atoms:

- close opposite parity levels-enhancement
- Many stable isotopes

Ratio of PV effects gives ratio of weak charges. Uncertainty in atomic calculations cancels out. Experiments:

Berkeley: Dy and Yb; PV amplitude 100 x Cs!

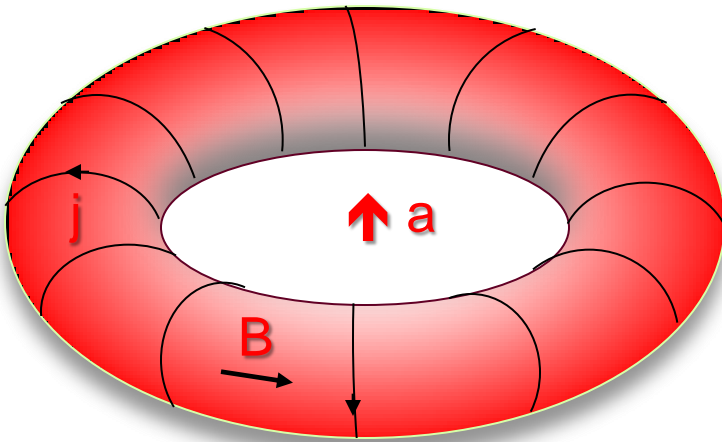
Ra⁺ - Groningen, Fr- TRIUMF

Test of Standard model or neutron distribution?

Brown, Derevianko, Flambaum 2009. Uncertainties in neutron distributions cancel in differences of PV effects in isotopes of the same element. Measurements of ratios of PV effects in isotopic chain can compete with other tests of Standard model!

Nuclear anapole moment

- Source of nuclear spin-dependent PV effects in atoms
- Nuclear magnetic multipole violating parity
- Arises due to parity violation inside the nucleus



- **Interacts with atomic electrons via usual magnetic interaction (PV hyperfine interaction):**

$$h_a = e\vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{A} \propto \kappa_a \vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{I} \rho(r), \quad \kappa_a \propto A^{2/3}$$

[Flambaum, Khriplovich, Sushkov]

$E_{PV} \propto Z^2 A^{2/3}$ measured as difference of PV effects for transitions between hyperfine components

Cs: $|6s, F=3\rangle - |7s, F'=4\rangle$ and $|6s, F'=4\rangle - |7s, F=3\rangle$

Probe of weak nuclear forces via atomic experiments!

Nuclear anapole moment is produced by PV nuclear forces.
Measurements + our calculations give the strength constant
g.

- Boulder Cs: $g=6(1)$ in units of Fermi constant
Seattle Tl: $g=-2(3)$

New accurate calculations Flambaum, Hanhart;
Haxton, Liu, Ramsey-Musolf; Auerbach, Brown;
Dmitriev, Khriplovich, Telitsin:
problem remains.

Experiments and proposals: Fr (TRIUMF),
 10^3 enhancement in Ra atom due to close opposite
parity state; Dy, Yb, ... (Berkeley)

Enhancement of nuclear anapole effects in molecules

10^5 enhancement of the anapole contribution in diatomic molecules due to mixing of close rotational levels of opposite parity. Theorem: only nuclear-spin-dependent (anapole) contribution to PV is enhanced (Labzovsky; Sushkov, Flambaum 1978). Weak charge can not mix opposite parity rotational levels and Λ -doublet.

$\Omega=1/2$ terms: $\Sigma_{1/2}$, $\Pi_{1/2}$. Heavy molecules, effect $Z^2 A^{2/3} R(Z\alpha)$
YbF, BaF, PbF, LuS, LuO, LaS, LaO, HgF, ... Cl, Br, I, ... BiO, BiS, ...

Cancellation between hyperfine and rotational intervals-enhancement.
Interval between the opposite parity levels may be reduced to zero by magnetic field – further enhancement.

Molecular experiments : Yale, Groningen.

New calculations for many molecules and molecular ions:
Borschevsky, Ilias, Beloy, Dzuba, Flambaum, Schwerdtfeger 2012

Accurate molecular calculations and proposals by other groups

- RaF: T.A.Isaev, S. Hoekstra, R.Berger.
- BaF: M.G.Kozlov, A.V.Titov, N.S. Mosyagin, P.V. Souchko. M.N.Nayak, B.Das, ...

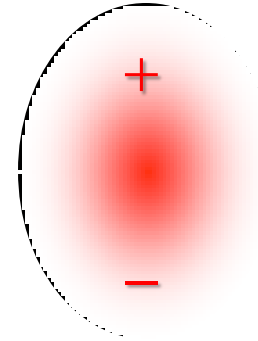
Experimental proposals:

- DeMille et al
- T.A.Isaev, S. Hoekstra, R.Berger.

Atomic electric dipole moments

- Electric dipole moments violate parity (P) and time-reversal (T)

$$\vec{d} \equiv \vec{r} \propto \vec{J}$$



- T-violation \equiv CP-violation by CPT theorem

CP violation

- Observed in K^0 , B^0
- Accommodated in SM as a single phase in the quark-mixing matrix (Kobayashi-Maskawa mechanism)

However, not enough CP-violation in SM to generate enough matter-antimatter asymmetry of Universe!

→ Must be some non-SM CP-violation

- Excellent way to search for new sources of CP-violation is by measuring EDMs
 - SM EDMs are hugely suppressed
 - Theories that go beyond the SM predict EDMs that are many orders of magnitude larger!

e.g. electron EDM

Theory	d_e (e cm)
Std. Mdl.	$< 10^{-38}$
SUSY	$10^{-28} - 10^{-26}$
Multi-Higgs	$10^{-28} - 10^{-26}$
Left-right	$10^{-28} - 10^{-26}$

Best limit (90% c.l.): $|d_e| < 1.6 \times 10^{-27}$ e cm Berkeley (2002)

- Atomic EDMs $d_{atom} \propto Z^3$ [Sandars]

Sensitive probe of physics beyond the Standard Model!

Atomic EDMs

Best limits

$$|d(^{199}\text{Hg})| < 3 \times 10^{-29} \text{ e cm}$$

(95% c.l., Seattle, 2009)

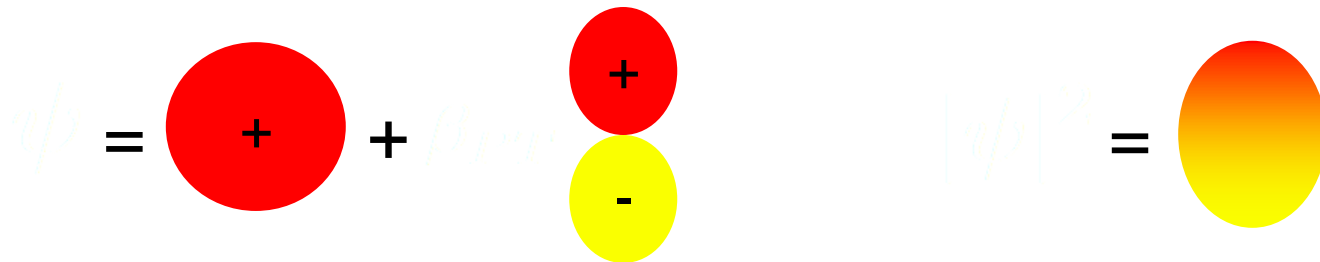
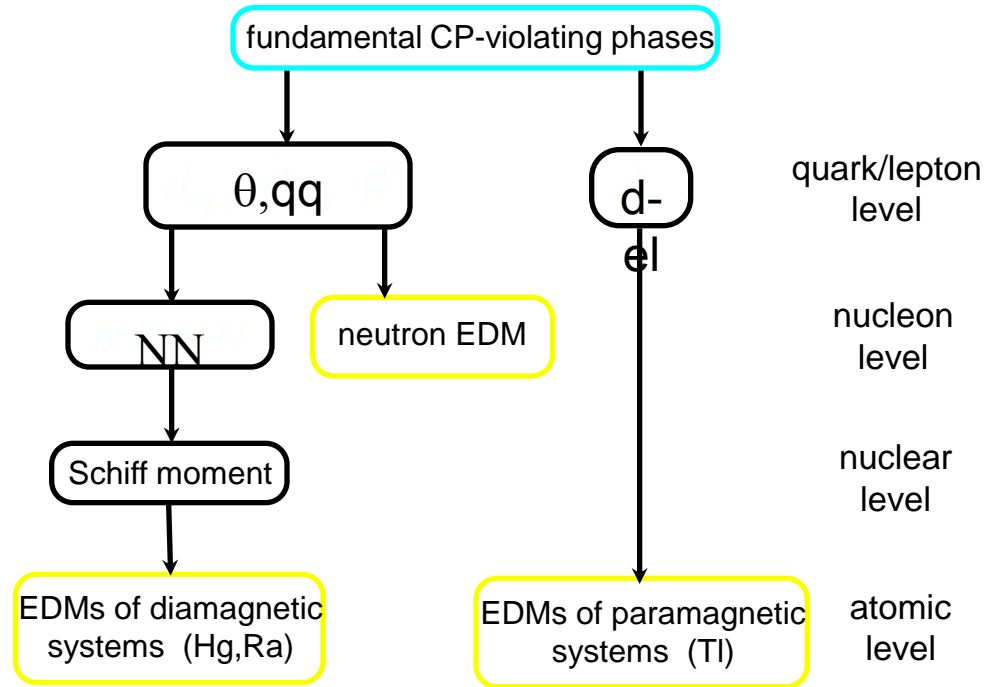
$$|d(^{205}\text{Tl})| < 9.6 \times 10^{-25} \text{ e cm}$$

(90% c.l., Berkeley, 2002)
YbF, London 2012

$$|d(n)| < 2.9 \times 10^{-26} \text{ e cm}$$

(90% c.l., Grenoble, 2006)

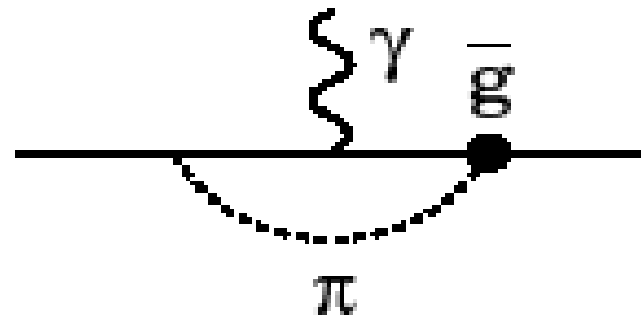
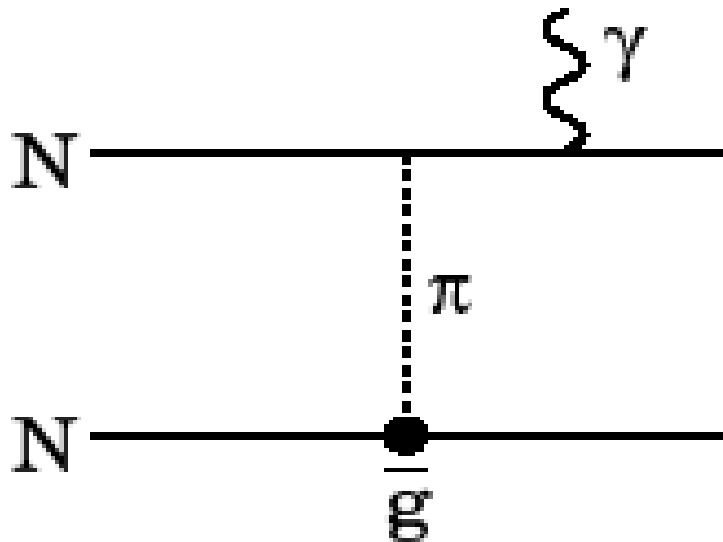
Leading mechanisms for EDM generation



Nuclear EDM:

T,P-odd NN interaction gives 40
times larger contribution than
nucleon EDM

Sushkov, Flambaum, Khriplovich
1984



T,P-odd NN interaction

Khriplovich, Sushkov, Flambaum 1984,1986

- Calculations of nuclear EDM and Schiff moments
- Calculations of atomic EDM
- Calculation of T,P-odd π NN and nucleon-nucleon interaction in the Standard model. NN interaction strength $0.3 \cdot 10^{-8}$ G. Current limit from atomic EDM 10^{-4} G.
- We need physics beyond Standard model
- Or new enhanced effects.

Nuclear EDM-screening: $d_N E_N$

- Schiff theorem: $E_N=0$, neutral systems
- Extension for ions and molecules:
Flambaum, Kozlov

Ion acceleration $a = Z_i eE/M$

Nucleus acceleration $a = Z eE_N/M$

$$E_N = E Z_i/Z$$

In molecules screening is stronger:

$$a = Z_i eE/(M+m), E_N = E (Z_i/Z)(M/(M+m))$$

Schiff moment dominates in molecules!

Diamagnetic atoms and molecules

Source-nuclear Schiff moment

SM appears when screening of external electric field by atomic electrons is taken into account.

Nuclear T,P-odd moments:

- **EDM** – non-observable due to total screening (Schiff theorem)

Nuclear electrostatic potential with screening (our 1984 calculation following ideas of Schiff and Sandars):

$$\varphi(\mathbf{R}) = \int \frac{e\rho(\mathbf{r})}{|\mathbf{R}-\mathbf{r}|} d^3r + \frac{1}{Z} (\mathbf{d} \cdot \nabla) \int \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r})}{|\mathbf{R}-\mathbf{r}|} d^3r$$

\mathbf{d} is nuclear EDM, the term with \mathbf{d} is the electron screening term

$\varphi(\mathbf{R})$ in multipole expansion is reduced to $\varphi(\mathbf{R}) = 4\pi\mathbf{S} \cdot \nabla \delta(\mathbf{R})$

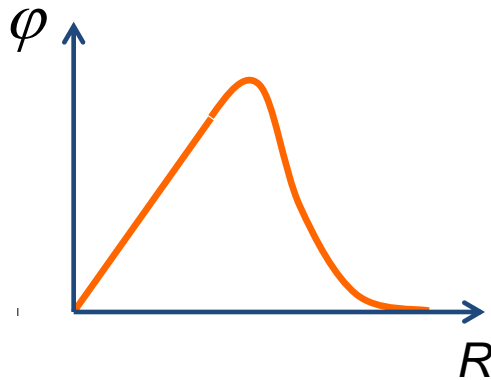
where $\mathbf{S} = \frac{e}{10} \left[\langle r^2 \mathbf{r} \rangle - \frac{5}{3Z} \langle r^2 \rangle \langle \mathbf{r} \rangle \right]$ is [Schiff moment](#).

This expression is not suitable for relativistic calculations.

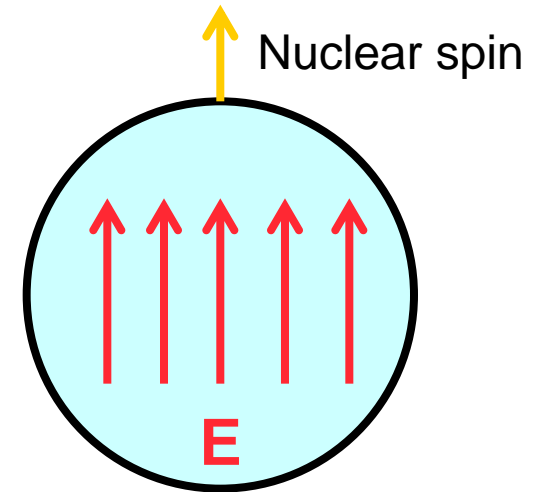
Flambaum, Ginges:
 $L = S(1 - c Z^2 \alpha^2)$

$$\phi(\mathbf{R}) = -\frac{3\mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{R}}{B} \rho(R)$$

where $B = \int \rho(R) R^4 dR$



Electric field induced
 by T,P-odd nuclear
 forces which influence
 proton charge density



This potential has no singularities and may be used in relativistic calculations.
 SM electric field polarizes atom and produces EDM.
 Calculations of nuclear SM: Sushkov, Flambaum, Khriplovich ; Brown et al, Flambaum et al
 Dmitriev et al, Auerbach et al, Engel et al, Liu et al, Sen'kov et al, Ban et al.
 Atomic EDM: Sushkov, Flambaum, Khriplovich; Dzuba, Flambaum, Ginges, Kozlov.
 Best limits from Hg EDM measurement in Seattle –
 Crucial test of modern theories of CP violation (supersymmetry, etc.)

Atomic EDM induced by Schiff moment rapidly increases with nuclear charge, $Z^2 R(Z \alpha)$

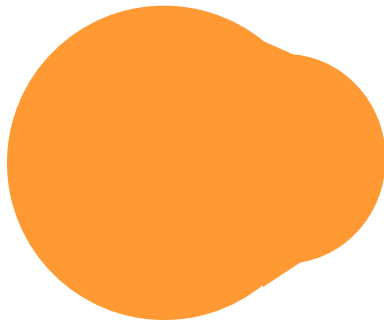
- We performed accurate many-body calculations for heavy atoms: Xe, Yb, Hg, Rn, Ra; Measurements for Xe (Seattle, Ann Arbor) and Hg (Seattle).
- In molecules there is an additional enhancement suggested by Sandars: internal electric field of polarised molecule is orders of magnitude larger than applied external field

Calculations and measurements in TIF (Hinds)

Nuclear enhancement

Auerbach, Flambaum, Spevak 1996

The strongest enhancement is due to octupole deformation
(Rn,Ra,Fr,...)



Intrinsic Schiff moment:

$$S_{\text{intr}} \approx eZR_N^3 \frac{9\beta_2\beta_3}{20\pi\sqrt{35}}$$

$$\beta_2 \approx 0.2$$

- quadrupole deformation



$$\beta_3 \approx 0.1$$

- octupole deformation



No T,P-odd forces are needed for the Schiff moment and EDM in intrinsic reference frame

However, in laboratory frame $S=d=0$ due to rotation

Simple estimate (Auerbach, Flambaum, Spevak):

$$S_{lab} \propto \frac{\langle + | H_{TP} | - \rangle}{E_+ - E_-} S_{body}$$

Two factors of enhancement:

1. Large collective moment in the body frame
2. Small energy interval ($E_+ - E_-$), 0.05 instead of 8 MeV

$$S \approx 0.05 e \beta_2 \beta_3^2 Z A^{2/3} \eta r_0^3 \frac{\text{eV}}{E_+ - E_-} \approx 700 \times 10^{-8} \eta \text{efm}^3 \approx 500 S(\text{Hg})$$

$^{225}\text{Ra}, ^{223}\text{Rn}, \text{Fr}, \dots$ -100-1000 times enhancement

Engel, Friar, Hayes (2000); Flambaum, Zelevinsky (2003):
Static octupole deformation is not essential, nuclei with soft octupole vibrations also have the enhancement.

EDMs of atoms of experimental interest

Z	Atom	$[S/(e \text{ fm}^3)] e \text{ cm}$	$[10^{-25} \eta] e \text{ cm}$	Expt.
2	^3He	0.00008	0.0005	
54	^{129}Xe	0.38	0.7	Seattle, Ann Arbor, Princeton
70	^{171}Yb	-1.9	3	Bangalore, Kyoto
80	^{199}Hg	-2.8	4	Seattle
86	^{223}Rn	3.3	3300	TRIUMF
88	^{225}Ra	-8.2	2500	Argonne, KVI
88	^{223}Ra	-8.2	3400	

Standard Model $\eta = 0.3 \cdot 10^{-8}$

$d_n = 5 \times 10^{-24} e \text{ cm } \eta$, $d(^{199}\text{Hg})/d_n = 10^{-1}$

RaO molecule

Enhancement factors

- Biggest Schiff moment
- Highest nuclear charge
- Close rotational levels of opposite parity
(strong internal electric field)

Largest T,P-odd nuclear spin-axis interaction $\kappa(I n)$,
RaO= 200 TIF

Flambaum 2008; Kudashov, Petrov,
Skripnikov, Mosyagin, Titov, Flambaum 2013

Enhancement of electron EDM

- Atoms: TI enhancement $d(\text{TI}) = -585 d_e$
Experiment – Berkeley
- Molecules – close rotational levels,
 Ω – doubling – huge enhancement of electron EDM
(Sushkov, Flambaum 1978)

$\Omega = 1/2$	10^7	YbF	London
$\Omega = 1$	10^{10}	PbO	Yale
		HfF ⁺	Boulder

Weak electric field is enough to polarise the molecule. Molecular electric field is several orders of magnitude larger than external field (Sandars)

Summary

- Atomic and molecular experiments are used to test unification theories of elementary particles

Parity violation

- Weak charge: test of the standard model and search of new physics
- Chain of isotopes method can compete with other methods to search for physics beyond the Standard model and measure difference of neutron skins
- Nuclear anapole, probe of weak PV nuclear forces

Time reversal

- EDM, test of physics beyond the standard model.
1-3 orders improvement may be enough to reject or confirm all popular models of CP violation, e.g. supersymmetric models
- A new generation of experiments with enhanced effects is underway in atoms, diatomic molecules, and solids