



Gravity Resonance Spectroscopy Constrains Dark Energy and Dark Matter Scenarios

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We report on precision resonance spectroscopy measurements of quantum states of ultracold neutrons confined above the surface of a horizontal mirror by the gravity potential of Earth. Resonant transitions between several of the lowest quantum states are observed for the first time. These measurements demonstrate that Newton’s inverse square law of gravity is understood at micron distances on an energy scale of 10^{-14} eV. At this level of precision, we are able to provide constraints on any possible gravitylike interaction. In particular, a dark energy chameleon field is excluded for values of the coupling constant $\beta > 5.8 \times 10^8$ at 95% confidence level (C.L.), and an attractive (repulsive) dark matter axionlike spin-mass coupling is excluded for the coupling strength $g_s g_p > 3.7 \times 10^{-16}$ (5.3×10^{-16}) at a Yukawa length of $\lambda = 20 \mu\text{m}$ (95% C.L.).

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Experiments that rely on frequency measurements can be performed with incredibly high precision. One example is Rabi spectroscopy, a resonance spectroscopy technique to measure the energy eigenstates of quantum systems. It was originally developed by Rabi to measure the magnetic moment of molecules [1]. Today, resonance spectroscopy techniques are applied in various fields of science and medicine including nuclear magnetic resonance, masers, and atomic clocks. These methods have opened up the field of low-energy particle physics with studies of particle properties and their fundamental interactions and symmetries. In an attempt to investigate gravity at short distances, we applied the concept of resonance spectroscopy to quantum states of very slow neutrons in Earth’s gravity potential [2]. Here, we present the first precision measurements of gravitational quantum states with this method that we refer to as gravity resonance spectroscopy (GRS). The strength of GRS is that it does not rely on electromagnetic interactions. The use of neutrons as test particles bypasses the electromagnetic background induced by van der Waals and Casimir forces and other polarizability effects.

Within this work, we link these new measurements to dark matter and dark energy searches. Observational cosmology has determined the dark matter and dark energy density parameters to an accuracy of 2 significant figures [3]. While dark energy explains the accelerated expansion of the universe, dark matter is needed in order to describe the rotation curves of galaxies and the large-scale structure of the universe. The true nature of dark energy and the

content of dark matter remain a mystery, however. The two most obvious candidates for dark energy are either Einstein’s cosmological constant [4] or quintessence theories [5,6], where the dynamic vacuum energy changes over time. The resonant frequencies of our quantum states are intimately related to these models. If some as yet undiscovered dark matter or dark energy particles interact with neutrons, this should result in a measurable energy shift of the observed quantum states. One prominent dark matter candidate is the axion [7], introducing a scalar-pseudoscalar coupling $g_s g_p$. Axion interactions in the so-called “axion window,” given by the Yukawa length $0.2 \mu\text{m} < \lambda < 2 \text{cm}$ (corresponding to axion masses $10^{-5} \text{eV} \leq m_a \leq 1 \text{eV}$), are still allowed by otherwise stringent constraints [8]. Recent reviews [9] and [10] cover this topic. The most restrictive limit on this product $g_s g_p$ has been derived by combining the existing laboratory limit on the scalar coupling g_s with stellar energy-loss limits on the pseudoscalar coupling g_p [11].

In this work, we determine experimental limits for a prominent quintessence theory, namely, chameleon fields, and for the existence of axions at short distances. Other experiments have searched for spin-mass coupling at larger λ and had to extrapolate over several orders of magnitude. In our experiment, we use very slow, so-called ultracold neutrons (UCN) confined in height direction z by two horizontal plates with separation l . The linear gravity potential leads to discrete, nonequidistant energy eigenstates as shown in Fig. 1, left, first measured in Refs. [12–14]. The eigenenergies E_k depend on the slit width l , the neutron

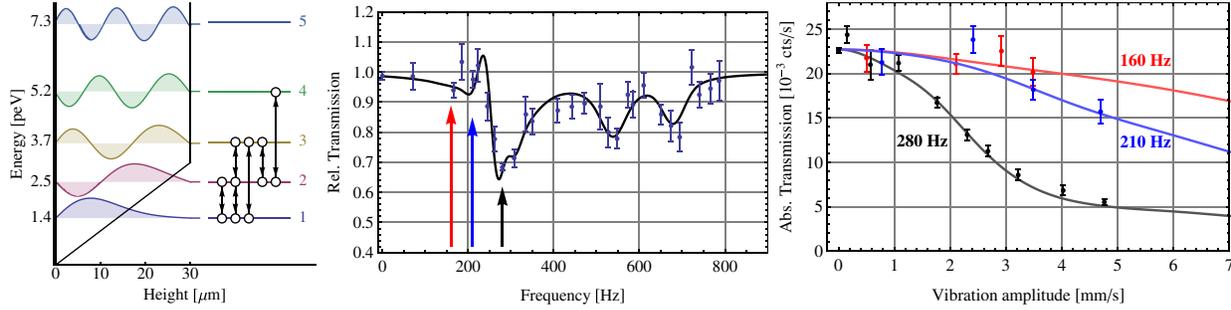


FIG. 1 (color online). Setup and results for the employed gravity resonance spectroscopy. Left: The lowest eigenstates and eigenenergies with confining mirrors at bottom and top separated by $30.1 \mu\text{m}$. The observed transitions are marked by arrows. Center: The transmission curve determined from the neutron count rate behind the mirrors as a function of oscillation frequency showing dips corresponding to the transitions shown on the left. Right: Upon resonance at 280 Hz, the transmission decreases with the oscillation amplitude in contrast to the detuned 160 Hz. Because of the damping, no revival occurs. All plotted errors correspond to a standard deviation around the statistical mean.

mass m_n , the reduced Planck constant \hbar , and the acceleration of Earth g . The eigenfunctions, given by superpositions of Airy functions, additionally interact with a well-defined roughness of the upper horizontal plate. This leads to an effective loss mechanism [14] that results in state-dependent lifetimes τ_k , which decrease with increasing quantum number k and, thus, provides a tool for state selection. As each transition can be addressed by its unique energy gap, a combination of two states can be treated as a two-level system and resonance spectroscopy techniques can be applied. In our case, we couple the two horizontal plates to a mechanical oscillator. Alternatively, it has been proposed to drive transitions with alternating magnetic gradient fields [15]. We apply sinusoidal mechanical oscillations with tunable frequency ν and amplitude and measure the corresponding neutron count rate. This count rate drops close to the resonance condition $E_k - E_j = 2\pi\hbar\nu_{kj}$. The Schrödinger equation that describes the UCN in the linear gravity potential between the two oscillating mirrors has the following Hamiltonian,

$$H = \frac{p^2}{2m_n} + m_n g z + V_F \Theta[-z + f(t)] + V_F \Theta[z - l - f(t)]. \quad (1)$$

Here, V_F corresponds to the Fermi pseudopotential of approximately 100 neV, which describes the interaction of UCN with the material of the walls [16]. The Heaviside step function Θ describes the boundary conditions, which oscillate with a frequency ν and an amplitude A : $f(t) = A \sin(2\pi\nu t)$. The substitution $z \rightarrow z + f(t)$ transforms the time-dependent part of the Hamiltonian to $W(z, t) = A \sin(2\pi\nu t) + i2\pi\nu A \cos(2\pi\nu t) \partial/\partial z$ [17]. We use the ansatz

$$\psi(z, t) = \sum_k b_k(t) e^{-i(E_k t/\hbar)} e^{-i\phi_k} |k\rangle \quad (2)$$

with time-dependent coefficients $b_k(t)$ and phases ϕ_k . Here, $|k\rangle$ are the eigenstates of the undisturbed system with eigenenergies E_k ; see Fig. 1, left. This leads to a system of coupled differential equations. To account for the state-dependent loss mechanism, we add damping terms $-(1/2\tau_k)b_k(t)$. The restriction to a two-state system and a substitution into the rotating frame (where counterrotating terms are neglected) leads to Rabi's differential equation with damping. Since the transition frequencies ν_{12} and ν_{23} are not fully separated due to transit time broadening given by the inverse time of flight of the neutrons, these transitions have to be taken into account as a three-level cascade system $|1\rangle \leftrightarrow |2\rangle \leftrightarrow |3\rangle$, for which an analytical solution exists. For a detailed derivation, see Ref. [18].

In our experiment, we transmit UCN between the two oscillating mirrors and measure the neutron flux behind the system as a function of the modulation frequency ν and amplitude A . On resonance ($\nu = \nu_{kj}$), a so-called π pulse induces transitions $|k\rangle \leftrightarrow |j\rangle$. Together with the asymmetric damping from the state-dependent loss mechanism, this leads to a change of the observed transmission.

We performed 135 transmission measurements for various modulation frequencies and amplitudes. This includes 17 measurements without oscillations and 19 measurements with polarized neutrons. The background rate of the detector [19] is measured continuously between individual measurements and is found to be $(2.18 \pm 0.08) \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$. The results for the neutron count rate behind the mirror system as a function of frequency are shown in Fig. 1, center. We identify the transition $|1\rangle \leftrightarrow |3\rangle$ at $(539.1^{+5.3\%}_{-4.7\%})$ Hz and the so-far unobserved $|2\rangle \leftrightarrow |4\rangle$ transition at $(679.5^{+2.0\%}_{-2.4\%})$ Hz. Furthermore, a deep drop of intensity is observed around $\nu = 280$ Hz, which is the result of the three-level cascade system $|1\rangle \leftrightarrow |2\rangle \leftrightarrow |3\rangle$ with transition frequencies $\nu_{12} = (258.2^{+7.3\%}_{-8.6\%})$ Hz and $\nu_{23} = (280.4^{+1.2\%}_{-8.5\%})$ Hz, respectively. These two transitions overlap due to their finite width of 53 Hz, given by the inverse of the interaction time with the

oscillating potential. In order to display measurements obtained at the same oscillation frequency but slightly different oscillation amplitudes in the same figure, we normalize the measured count rate to the average rate without external oscillations. We then multiply the result by the quotient of the best fit value for the average oscillation amplitude of 2.03 mm/s and its actual value from the measurement. Additionally, an equidistant binning of size 20 Hz is used.

To explore the dependence on the oscillation amplitude, we scan this parameter for three fixed frequencies 160, 210, and 280 Hz, corresponding to the arrows in Fig. 1, center. We find Rabi-oscillation curves, which are damped due to losses, as predicted theoretically (see Fig. 1, right). The theory curves shown are obtained from a fit to all 116 background-subtracted raw measurements with unpolarized neutrons. This fit has 10 free fit parameters. The three parameters ν_{12} , ν_{23} , and ν_{24} determine the transition frequencies. Energy conservation requires $\nu_{12} + \nu_{23} = \nu_{13}$. The three lifetimes τ_2 , τ_3 , and τ_4 account for the state-dependent loss mechanism, determined relative to the ground state. The state populations c_2 , c_3 , and c_4 relative to state $|1\rangle$ define the initial conditions. Finally, an overall normalization parameter is used. The $\chi^2_{\min} = 114.7$ value found corresponds to a p value [8] of 26.6%. The transition frequencies are determined by the acceleration of Earth and the slit height l between the two mirrors. Setting $g = 9.805$ m/s² to its local value, the χ^2 still corresponds to a sufficiently good p value of 16.7%.

Our experiment was performed at the UCN installation PF2 at the Institut Laue-Langevin (ILL). For a schematic diagram of the setup, see the Supplemental Material [20]. The entire setup is mounted on a polished plane granite table, leveled to an absolute accuracy of better than 10 μ rad and stabilized to a precision better than 1 μ rad. A μ -metal shield suppresses the coupling of residual magnetic field gradients to the neutron's magnetic moment. The whole experiment takes place in vacuum of approximately 10⁻⁴ mbar. At the entrance, a collimating system selects neutrons with a horizontal velocity of 5.7 m/s < v_x < 9.5 m/s. The vertical boundary conditions are realized using a polished glass mirror at the bottom and a rough glass mirror at the top. The lower mirror has a roughness of less than 2 nm and a waviness of less than ± 10 nm; the upper one possesses a roughness of 3 μ m. Mechanical spacers separate these mirrors by a distance of $l = 27$ μ m. The neutron mirror setup is mounted on a piezo-based nanopositioning table with three degrees of freedom, the height z , the tip, and the tilt angle. The table allows for vertical sinusoidal oscillations by applying a small sinusoidal voltage to the corresponding input. For the spectroscopic measurements described in this Letter, a background-optimized counting detector with an efficiency of about 77% is used [19]. The mirrors have a length of 150 mm; the time of flight in

this interaction zone determines the Rabi linewidth. For spin-dependent searches, the modified detector has an entrance foil coated with soft iron. The alignment of the polarization of the foil selects the spin direction of the neutrons. The foil polarization has been measured separately to be 93%.

To characterize our neutron mirror setup, we measure the probability density $|\psi|^2$ behind the system using track detectors with a spatial resolution of about 1.6 ± 0.2 μ m [19]. A fit to the data (see Fig. 2) gives a ground-state population of 70%. No state population higher than $|2\rangle$ is observed, which validates the state selection process.

The sensitivities obtained for the energy measurements of all but the $|2\rangle \leftrightarrow |4\rangle$ transition are at the 10⁻¹⁴ eV level. The experimental error is dominated by the statistical uncertainty of the measurements. All known systematic effects lead to shifts well below this energy scale: the largest systematic influence arises from the surface disorder of the upper neutron mirror. Because of the roughness, the slit width l cannot be measured accurately enough and is, therefore, treated as free parameter when expressing the resonance frequencies in terms of slit width and local value of g . Extensive numerical calculations based on an explicit solution of the corresponding scattering problem were carried out to validate this method at the present sensitivity level. Systematic effects due to the limited control of the harmonic driving potential because of the eigenresonance at 122 Hz, the relative long-term frequency stability below 10⁻⁵, and the inhomogeneity of the sinusoidal oscillation amplitude on the 10% level lead to uncertainties that are at least 1 order of magnitude smaller than our current statistical uncertainty. Inclination changes of the setup were controlled on the μ rad level. The quality of the neutron mirrors regarding roughness and waviness leads to systematic effects below 10⁻¹⁹ eV. We can safely ignore changes in the local acceleration of the Earth; tidal effects come in at the 10⁻¹⁹ eV level, and effects due to the

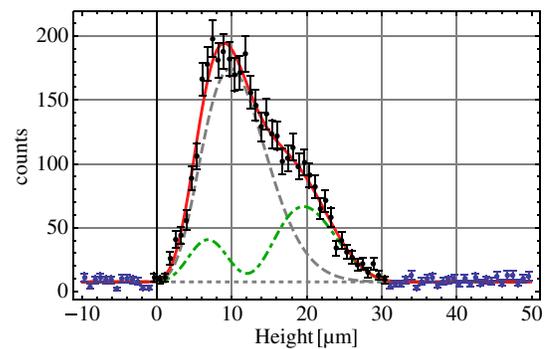


FIG. 2 (color online). Spatial probability density of UCN in Earth's gravitational field times the number of counted neutrons measured with a track detector [19] behind the mirrors. A fit to the data (solid red line) gives the relative abundances of state $|1\rangle$ (dashed gray line) and $|2\rangle$ (dot-dashed green line). No higher states are found.

Coriolis force are well below 10^{-17} eV. In contrast to other neutral test particles such as atoms, neutrons possess an extremely small polarizability. Systematic effects due to van der Waals and Casimir forces are strongly suppressed to below the 10^{-28} eV level.

With this remarkable level of control, the present experimental results allow us to search for any new kind of hypothetical gravitylike interaction at micron distances. At this natural length scale of the quantum states, the experiment is most sensitive (see Fig. 1, left).

First, we address dark energy as a realization of quintessence theories with direct coupling to matter. A particularly appealing realization is the so-called chameleon scenario [21–24], where a combination of the potential $V(\Phi, n)$ of a scalar field Φ and a coupling β to matter together with model parameter n leads to the existence of an effective potential V_{eff} for the scalar field quanta, which depends on the local mass density ρ of the environment

$$V_{\text{eff}} = V(\Phi, n) + e^{\beta\Phi/M_{\text{Pl}}}\rho. \quad (3)$$

Here, M_{Pl} corresponds to the reduced Planck mass. Our method directly tests the chameleon-matter interaction and does not rely on the existence of a chameleon-photon-interaction as other experiments do [25].

The chameleon field potential for our setup is derived in Ref. [26]. This result was obtained for the case of an ideal vacuum ($\rho = 0$) but remains valid at room temperature and vacuum pressure of 10^{-4} mbar. We calculate bounds on the coupling constant β by comparing the transition frequencies with their theoretical values, which are proportional to the matrix elements $\nu_{kj} - \nu_{kj}^{\text{theo}} \sim \beta(\langle k|\Phi|k\rangle - \langle j|\Phi|j\rangle)$. In the corresponding data analysis, the fit parameter for Earth's acceleration was fixed at the local value $g = 9.805$ m/s², while all other parameters were varied. The extracted confidence intervals for limits on the parameters β and n are given in Fig. 3. The experiment is most sensitive at $2 \leq n \leq 4$ (visible only on a linear scale

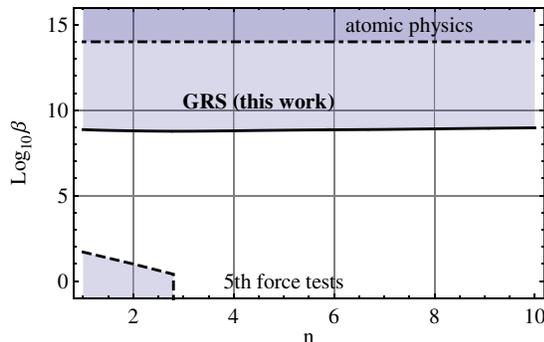


FIG. 3 (color online). Exclusion plot for chameleon fields (95% confidence level). Our newly derived limits (solid line) are 5 orders of magnitude lower than the upper bound from precision tests of atomic spectra (dot-dashed line) [27]. Pendulum experiments [28] provide a lower bound (dashed line).

of Fig. 3), where a chameleon interaction is excluded for $\beta > 5.8 \times 10^8$ (95% C.L.).

The present limit is 5 orders of magnitude lower than the upper bound from precision tests of atomic spectra [27]. The parameter space is restricted from both sides, as other experiments provide a lower bound of $\beta < 10$ at $n < 2$ [27,28]. In the future, an improvement of 7 orders of magnitude would, thus, be necessary to exclude the full parameter space for chameleon fields for small n .

Second, we perform a direct search for dark matter. It relies on the notion that very light bosons could be detected through the macroscopic forces they mediate. The latter would manifest themselves through a deviation from Newton's law at short distances, exactly in the range of the experiment. Here, we search for particles that mediate a spin-dependent force, in particular, axions. An axion would mediate a CP -violating interaction between the neutron spin $(\hbar/2)\vec{\sigma}$ and a nucleon with mass m_M at distance $r = |\vec{r}|$ [7]

$$V(\vec{r}) = \hbar^2 g_s g_p \frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{r}}{8\pi m_M r} \left(\frac{1}{\lambda r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \right) e^{-r/\lambda}. \quad (4)$$

We measure the dependence of the resonance frequencies on the neutron spin. The experiment is, therefore, slightly modified: a homogeneous magnetic guide field of 100 μ T preserves the neutron spin throughout the experiment. The neutron spin polarization is analyzed by our modified detector described above. A hypothetical spin-dependent force would change the transition frequencies. This shift is obtained by reversing the direction of both the applied guide field as well as the detector field and by measuring the difference in the count rates at the two steep slopes of the three-level resonance $|1\rangle \leftrightarrow |2\rangle \leftrightarrow |3\rangle$. We do not observe any significant frequency shift. A fit of the strength $g_s g_p$ and range λ together with all other parameters leads (at 95% C.L.) to an upper limit on the axion interaction strength as shown in Fig. 4. For example, at $\lambda = 20$ μ m, an

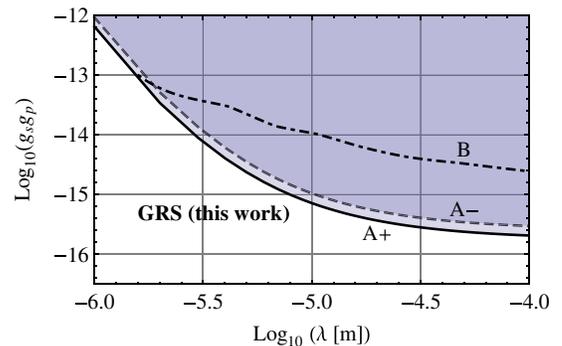


FIG. 4 (color online). Limits on the pseudoscalar coupling of axions (95% confidence level). Our limit for a repulsive (attractive) coupling is shown in a solid (dashed) line marked with A+ (A-). The limits are a factor of 30 more precise than the previous ones derived from a direct measurement at the micron length scale [29] derived from our previous experiment with UCN marked B [13,14].

attractive coupling strength $g_s g_p > 3 \times 10^{-16}$ is excluded. This corresponds to the most stringent upper limit from a *direct* search for attractive and repulsive $g_s g_p$ coupling. This limit is a factor of 30 more precise than the one derived [29] from our previous experiment with UCN [13,14].

In summary, our experiment paves the way for the use of GRS to probe new particle physics and to search for non-Newtonian gravity with high precision. Moreover, GRS may turn out to be an ideal tool [17] for testing hypotheses on large extra dimensions at the submillimeter scale of space-time [30].

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