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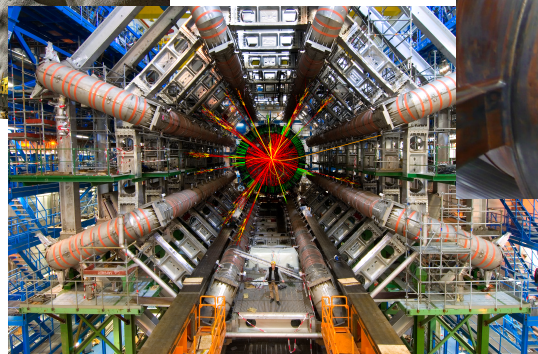
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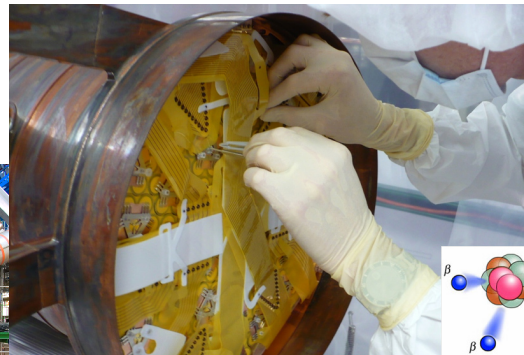
## Welcome to the ACFI !



**LUX/LZ &  
DarkSide**

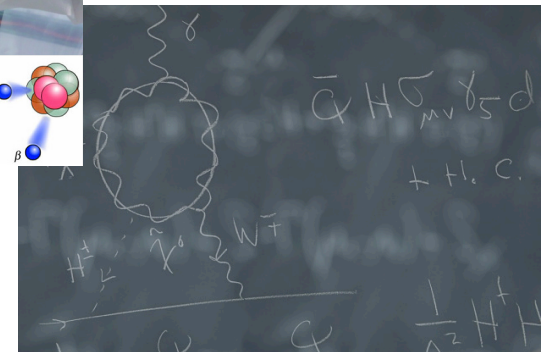


**ATLAS**



**EXO**

**Theory**





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*We seek answers to key open questions about nature's fundamental interactions, such as:*

*Why is there more matter than anti-matter in the Universe?*

*What additional forces were active during the first moments after the Big Bang?*

*How are protons and neutrons put together?*

## ***Our mission:***

*Advancing research in theoretical and experimental physics at the interface of the Energy, Intensity, and Cosmic frontiers.*

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### Activities

- **Core Research (in house):** *ATLAS, EXO, LUX/LZ, DarkSide, J Lab parity & chiral, RHIC Spin, Borexino, Theory*
- **Targeted Workshops:** *Hadronic Probes, Lambda & Quasi Lambda, Higgs Portal,...*
- **Visiting Researchers:** *Ph.D. students (Australia, China), post-docs, faculty & senior researchers*



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### Past Workshops

- *Hadronic Probes of Fundamental Symmetries*
- *Lambda and Quasi-Lambda*
- *Unlocking the Higgs Portal*
- *Measuring the Neutron Lifetime*
- *Fundamental Symmetry Tests w/ Rare Isotopes*
- *Time-Reversal Tests in Nuclear & Hadronic Processes*
- *Hadronic Matrix Elements for Probes of CP-Violation*
- *The CP Nature of the Higgs Boson*
- *Probing the EW Phase Transition at a Next Gen PP Collider*
- *LHC Searches for Long-Live BSM Particles*
- *Neutrino Mass: From the Terrestrial Laboratory to the Cosmos*
- *Recent Developments in Semiclassical Probes of QFT's*
- *Northeast Gravity Workshop*
- *Making the EWPT (Theoretically) Strong*
- *Neutrinos at the High Energy Frontier*
- *The Electroweak Box*
- *Testing CP-Violation for Baryogenesis*



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## *Neutron Lifetime*

*arXiv:1410.5311*

### Determination of the Free Neutron Lifetime

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## *Hadronic Probes*



*J Lab proposal & Physics Reports*



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***EWPT @ 100 TeV***  
***arXiv: 1606.09408***

CERN-TH-2016-11

**Physics at a 100 TeV  $pp$  collider: Higgs and EW symmetry breaking studies**

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***Unlocking the Higgs Portal***  
***arXiv: 1604.05324***

**The Higgs Portal and Cosmology**

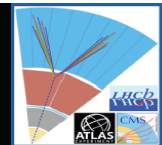
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### ***Long Lived Particles @ LHC***

LHC **LLP** Community White Paper

Collecting the efforts of several workshops

- “LLP Signatures” — UMass — Nov. 2015
- “Experimental Challenges” — KITP — May 2016
- LHC LLP Mini-Workshop — CERN — May 2016 & April 2017





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## **Other Meetings & Events**

- **International Workshop on Baryon & Lepton Number Violation: 2015**
- **School on the Physics of Electric Dipole Moments: 2016**
- **Nuclear Theory Topical Collaboration: Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay & EDMs: 2017**
- **School on the Physics of Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay: 2017**



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## Upcoming Workshops & Schools

- **Theoretical issues and experimental opportunities in searches for time reversal invariance violation using neutrons (fall 2018)**
- **> 5 for 2019: topics TBD**





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### **Support**

- *Seed funding from UMass Amherst*
- *Department of Energy Office of Nuclear Physics (2018+)*
- *National Science Foundation (NLDBD School)*



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### Meeting Logistics

- **Wireless Network: UMASS (usr & pw in packet)**
- **Lunch: on campus**
- **WS Dinner: Thursday @ Monkey Bar Bistro, 6:30 pm**  
**Amherst Center, Schedule: online**
- **People: students, post-docs, staff (Brittany Bonenfant)**
- ~~Espresso!~~





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## **This Workshop: Motivation & Goals**

- *Neutron & nuclear  $\beta$ -decay is entering a new era of precision*
- *Advances in experimental techniques and Standard Model theory are opening new opportunities to search for BSM physics*
- *Additional challenges remain to be addressed in order to fully realize these opportunities*
- *This workshop will lead to a white paper providing a roadmap for the most promising experiments and most pressing theoretical needs*