

### Welcome to the ACFI!



# AMHERST CENTER FOR FUNDAMENTAL INTERACTIONS

Physics at the interface: Energy, Intensity, and Cosmic frontiers
University of Massachusetts Amherst

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.

http://www.physics.umass.edu/acfi/



### **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



### **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
- LHC Searches for Long-Live BSM Particles

- Probing the EW Phase Transition at a Next Gen PP Collider
- 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
- Beta Decay as a Probe of New Physics



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#### Neutron Lifetime

arXiv:1410.5311

#### Determination of the Free Neutron Lifetime

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EWPT @ 100 TeV arXiv: 1606.09408

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Unlocking the Higgs Portal arXiv: 1604.05324

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

The Higgs Portal and Cosmology

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#### Long Lived Particles @ LHC

LHC LLP Community White Paper

Collecting the efforts of several workshops



- "Experimental Challenges" KITP May 2016
- LHC LLP Mini-Workshop CERN May 2016 & April 2017





## **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



# **Upcoming Workshops & Schools**

- Theoretical issues and experimental opportunities in searches for time reversal invariance violation using neutrons (starts today!)
- > 5 for 2019: topics TBD



## **Support**

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



## **Meeting Logistics**

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



# This Workshop: Motivation & Goals

- Tests of time reversal invariance with neutrons and nuclei continue to push the forefront of BSM sensitivity
- This workshop will explore the complementarity between different neutron probes and between neutron observables and those involving other systems
- Experimental strategies for advancing sensitivity and open theoretical challenges will be discussed