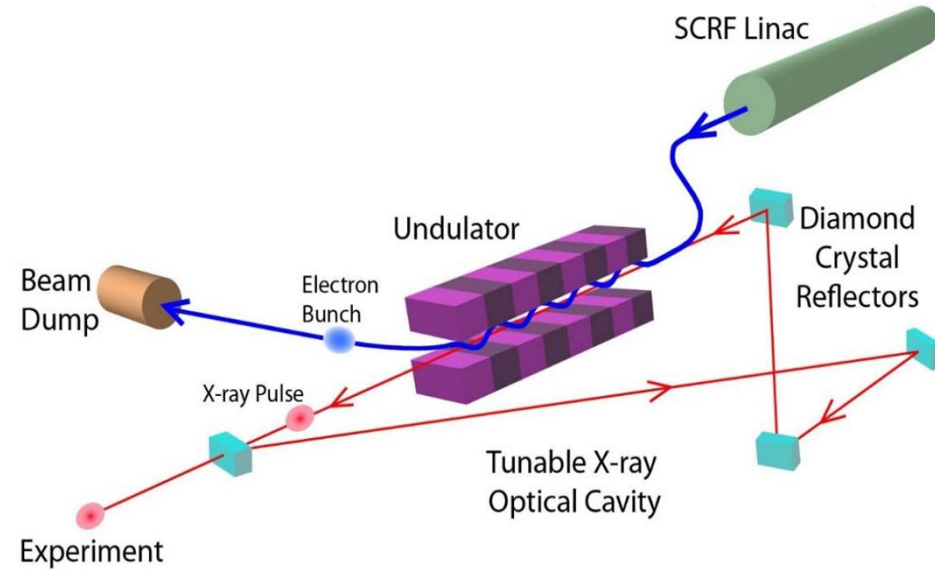
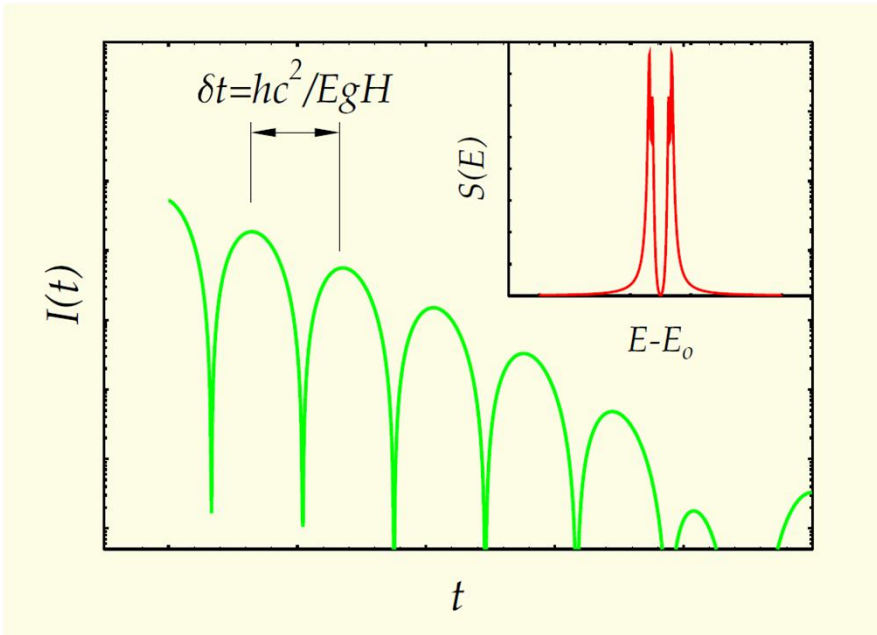


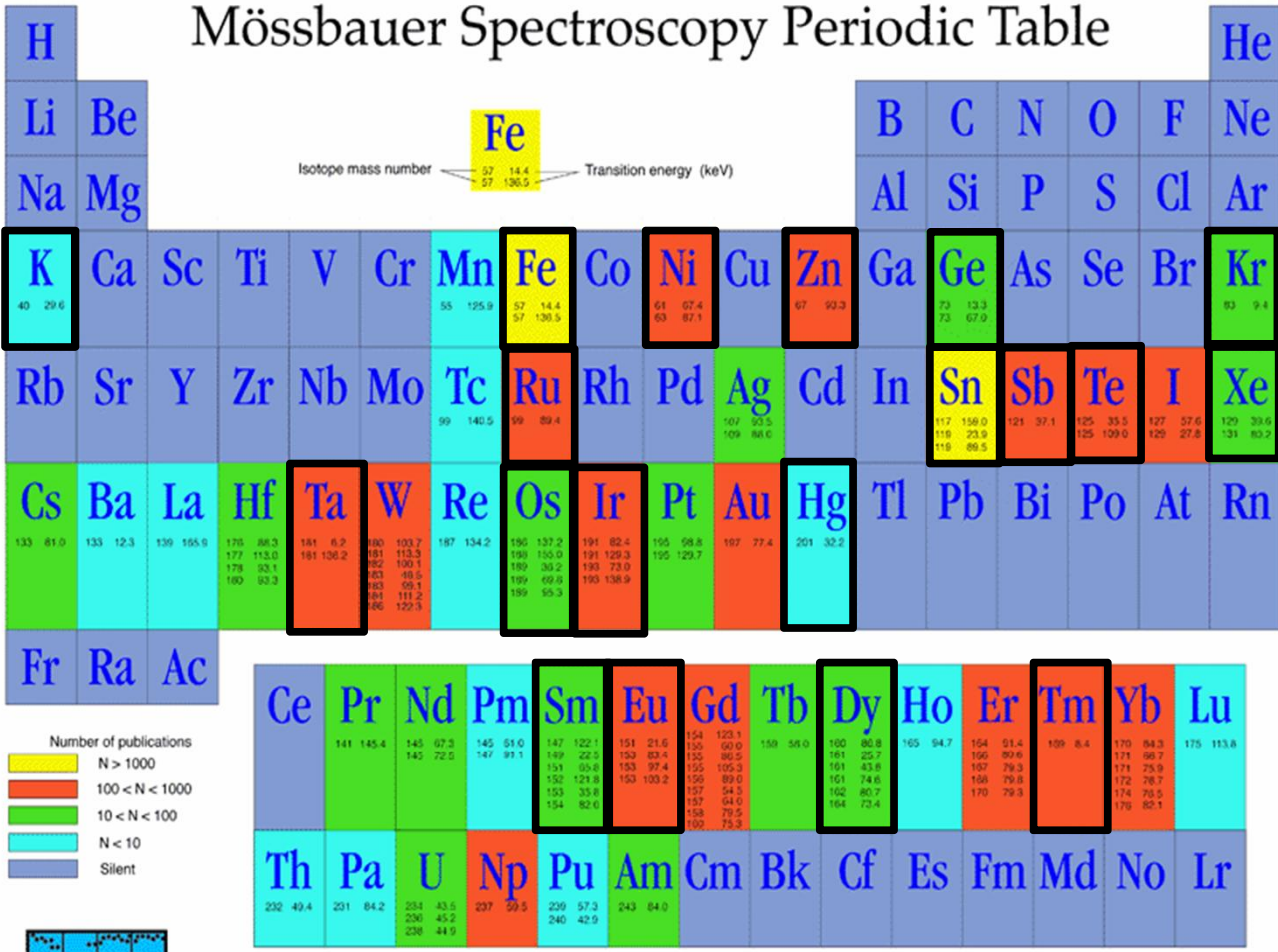
# Exploring extremely narrow nuclear resonances using XFEL radiation.

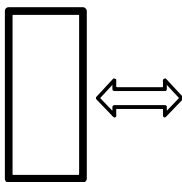


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XFELo workshop

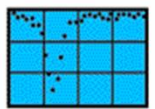
# Nuclear resonance scattering - Elements




  
 NRS spectroscopy measurements done

18 isotopes  
 $6 \text{ keV} < E < 93 \text{ keV}$

Number of publications  
 Yellow:  $N > 1000$   
 Orange:  $100 < N < 1000$   
 Green:  $10 < N < 100$   
 Cyan:  $N < 10$   
 Grey: Silent



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# What means extremely narrow nuclear transitions?

Isotope	$E_0$ [keV]	$\Gamma_0$ [eV]	$\Delta E/E$	$\tau$ [s]	a [%]	f [%] 300K / 0K		$\alpha$ $\sigma_0 \sim \alpha^{-1}$
$^{57}\text{Fe}$	14.4	$4.7 \cdot 10^{-9}$	$3.2 \cdot 10^{-13}$	$1.4 \cdot 10^{-7}$	2.1	75	88	8.2

# Transitions narrower than $^{57}\text{Fe}$

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$^{67}\text{Zn}$	93.3	$4.9 \cdot 10^{-11}$	$5.1 \cdot 10^{-16}$	$1.3 \cdot 10^{-5}$	4.1			
$^{45}\text{Sc}$	12.4	$1.4 \cdot 10^{-15}$	$1.1 \cdot 10^{-19}$	0.45	100	77	93	427
$^{107}\text{Ag}$	93.1	$1.0 \cdot 10^{-17}$	$1.1 \cdot 10^{-22}$	63.9	51.4	$10^{-5}$	4	20
$^{103}\text{Rh}$	39.8	$1.4 \cdot 10^{-19}$	$3.4 \cdot 10^{-24}$	4856	100	45	74	1350
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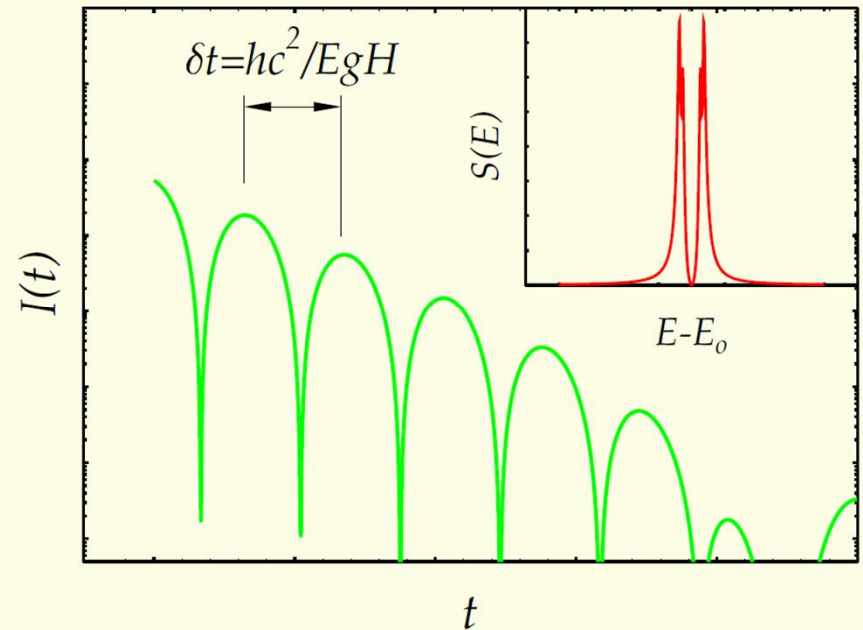
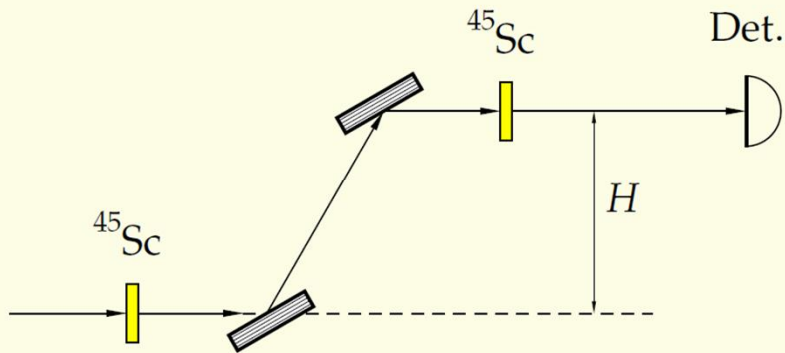
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# Transitions fitting to the XFEL energy range

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# Extreme metrology using the $^{45}\text{Sc}$ transition

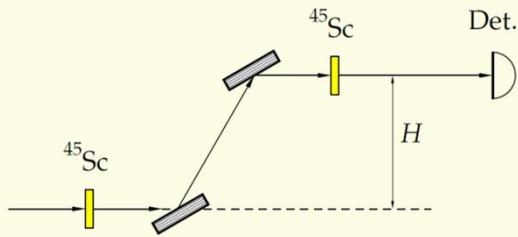


$$\Delta E/E = 1.1 \cdot 10^{-19}$$

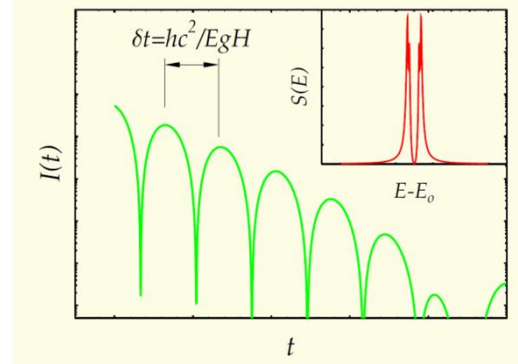
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Red shift of a photon travelling 1mm up in the earth gravitational field corresponds to a linewidth

# Extreme metrology using the $^{45}\text{Sc}$ transition



XFEL will provide  $10^{14}$   
photons/sec/meV  
 $\approx 100$  photons/sec/ $\Gamma_0$



## Applications

Gravitational constant, Cosmology, Quantization of gravity

Table top red shift and nuclear quantum optics experiments

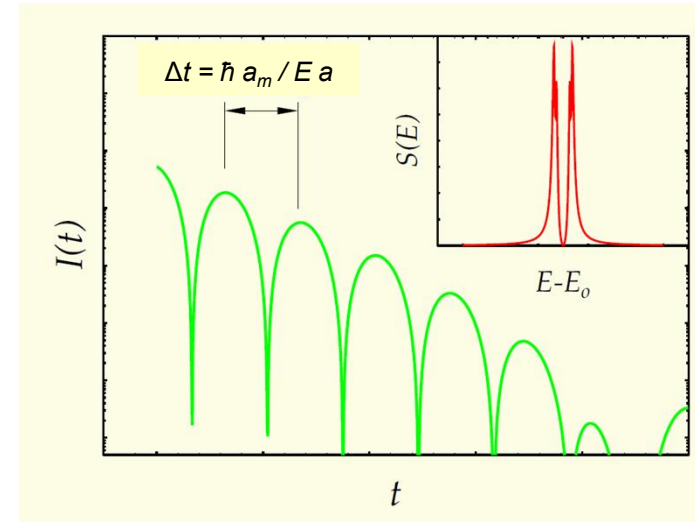
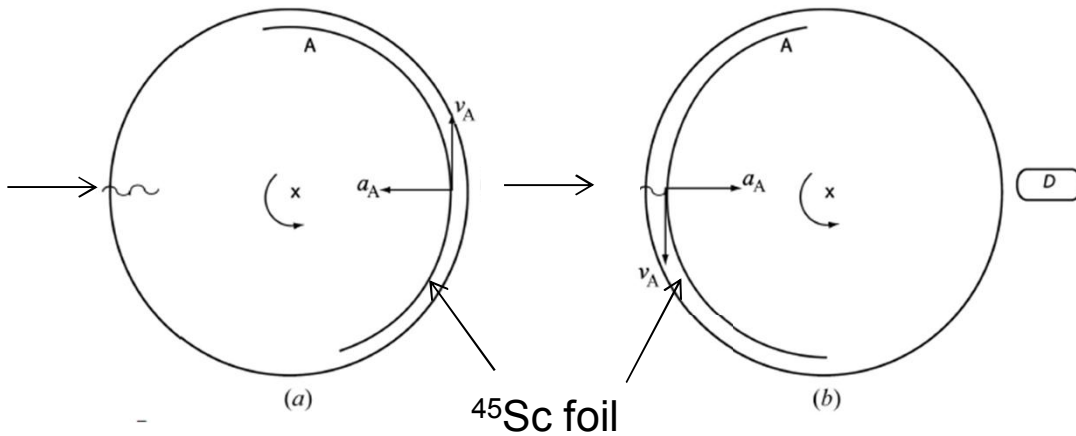
Validity of Einstein's Clock Hypothesis – Is there a maximal acceleration ?

The rate of an accelerated clock is the same as the rate of an unaccelerated co-moving clock.

Einstein, A. (1911). *Ann. Phys.* **35**, 898–908.



# Testing the clock hypothesis using the $^{45}\text{Sc}$ transition



$$E_Y = E_0 \left(1 + \frac{v}{c}\right) \rightarrow E_Y = E_0 \left(1 + \frac{a}{a_m}\right)$$

If clock hypothesis is wrong and  $a_m$  exists

Friedman, Y. (2011). *Ann. Phys. (Berlin)*, **523**, 408–416.

Current limit  $a_m \geq 1.5 \cdot 10^{21} \text{ m/s}^2$  W. Potzel ( $^{67}\text{Zn}$ )

## Synchrotron radiation Mössbauer spectra of a rotating absorber with implications for testing velocity and acceleration time dilation

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$$s_a = r\omega_r^2 / a_m$$

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## Impact of non-random vibrations in Mössbauer rotor experiments testing time dilation

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# $^{45}\text{Sc}$ applications – relativity – clock hypothesis

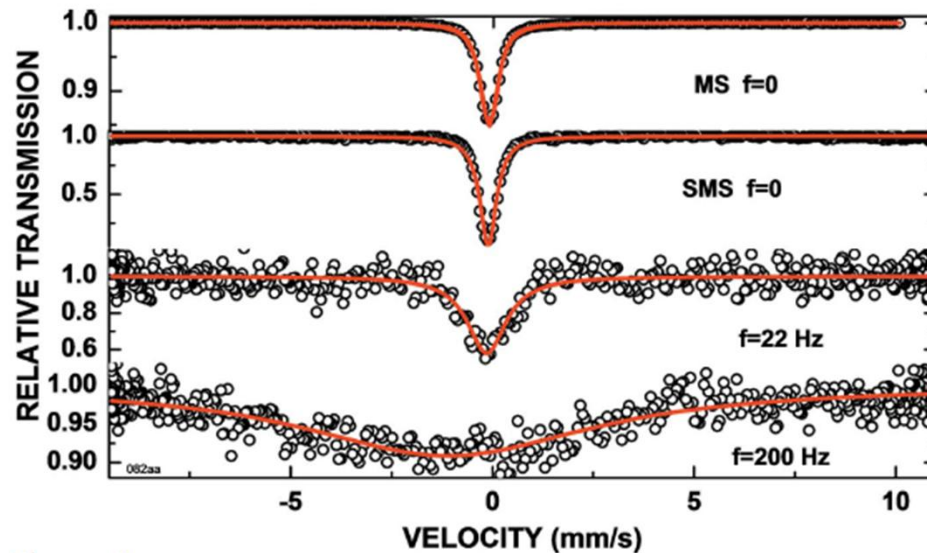


Figure 3

Mössbauer transmission spectra measured in relative transmission by conventional MS at rest and by SMS at rest and at 22 Hz and 200 Hz.

Broadening and shifts both increase with  $\omega$   
-> keep  $\omega$  small using the  $^{45}\text{Sc}$  transition

# $^{229}\text{Th}$ applications – fine structure ‘constant’

PRL 97, 092502 (2006)

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## Enhanced Effect of Temporal Variation of the Fine Structure Constant and the Strong Interaction in $^{229}\text{Th}$

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The relative effects of the variation of the fine structure constant  $\alpha = e^2/\hbar c$  and the dimensionless strong interaction parameter  $m_q/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$  are enhanced by 5–6 orders of magnitude in a very narrow ultraviolet transition between the ground and the first excited states in the  $^{229}\text{Th}$  nucleus. It may be possible to investigate this transition with laser spectroscopy. Such an experiment would have the potential of improving the sensitivity to temporal variation of the fundamental constants by many orders of magnitude.

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## Proposed Experimental Method to Determine $\alpha$ Sensitivity of Splitting between Ground and 7.6 eV Isomeric States in $^{229}\text{Th}$

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The 7.6 eV electromagnetic transition between the nearly degenerate ground state and first excited state in the  $^{229}\text{Th}$  nucleus may be very sensitive to potential changes in the fine-structure constant,  $\alpha = e^2/\hbar c$ . However, the sensitivity is not known, and nuclear calculations are currently unable to determine it. We propose measurements of the differences of atomic transition frequencies between thorium atoms (or ions) with the nucleus in the ground state and in the first excited (isomeric) state. This will enable extraction of the change in nuclear charge radius and electric-quadrupole moment between the isomers, and hence the  $\alpha$  dependence of the isomeric transition frequency with reasonable accuracy.

## Coherence-Enhanced Optical Determination of the $^{229}\text{Th}$ Isomeric Transition

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The impact of coherent light propagation on the excitation and fluorescence of thorium nuclei in a crystal lattice environment is investigated theoretically. We find that in the forward direction, the fluorescence signal exhibits characteristic intensity modulations dominated by a sped-up initial decay signal that is orders of magnitude faster. This feature can be exploited for the optical determination of the isomeric transition energy. In order to obtain a unmistakable signature of the isomeric nuclear fluorescence, we put forward a novel scheme for the direct measurement of the transition energy via electromagnetically modified nuclear forward scattering involving two fields that couple to three nuclear states.

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## Gravitational and relativistic deflection of X-ray superradiance

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Einstein predicted that clocks at different altitudes tick at various rates under the influence of gravity. This effect has been observed using  $^{57}\text{Fe}$  Mössbauer spectroscopy over an elevation of 22.5 m (ref. 1) or by comparing accurate optical clocks at different heights on a submetre scale<sup>2</sup>. However, challenges remain in finding novel methods for the detection of gravitational and relativistic effects on more compact scales. Here, we investigate a scheme that potentially allows for millimetre- to submillimetre-scale studies of the gravitational redshift by probing a nuclear crystal with X-rays. Also, a rotating crystal can force interacting X-rays to experience inhomogeneous clock tick rates within it. We find that an association of gravitational redshift and special-relativistic time dilation with quantum interference is manifested by a time-dependent deflection of X-rays. The scheme suggests a table-top solution for probing gravitational and special-relativistic effects, which should be within the reach of current experimental technology<sup>3-5</sup>.

one could shine an X-ray on a thin nuclear crystal to create a collective excitation that is simultaneously perturbed by relativistic time dilatation. Because the excitation is delocalized over the whole ensemble of nuclei<sup>4,12,23</sup>, it evolves with an inhomogeneous rate caused by Earth's gravity. We find that the inhomogeneous evolution of a delocalized excitation causes a deflection of the re-emitted single photon. This time-dependent deflection suggests that the photon trajectory can be influenced by Earth's gravity, even though it is stored as a stationary quantum excitation in a crystal. An analogue in the optical domain with slow light propagation in media ( $\sim 100 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ ) proposes a light deflection of  $\sim 10^{-9}$  (ref. 24), but might raise challenges for experimental detection.

A quantum collective excitation occurs when a single photon is absorbed by a collection of  $N$  particles. This single photon is then shared by  $N$  particles, which leads to a delocalized collective excitation state as depicted in Fig. 1a. The collective excitation state can be written as<sup>4,12,23</sup>

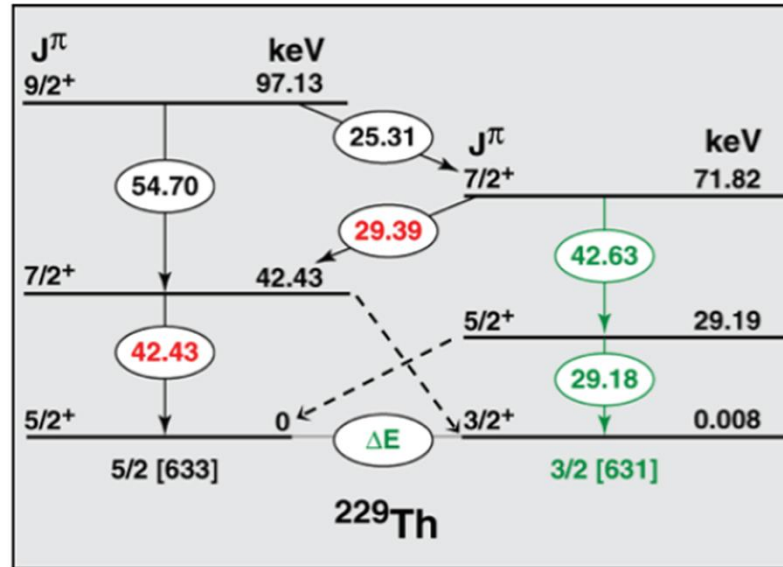
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# Direct detection of the $^{229}\text{Th}$ nuclear clock transition

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Today's most precise time and frequency measurements are performed with optical atomic clocks. However, it has been proposed that they could potentially be outperformed by a nuclear clock, which employs a nuclear transition instead of an atomic shell transition. There is only one known nuclear state that could serve as a nuclear clock using currently available technology, namely, the isomeric first excited state of  $^{229}\text{Th}$  (denoted  $^{229\text{m}}\text{Th}$ ). Here we report the direct detection of this nuclear state, which is further confirmation of the existence of the isomer and lays the foundation for precise studies of its decay parameters. On the basis of this direct detection, the isomeric energy is constrained to between 6.3 and 18.3 electronvolts, and the half-life is found to be longer than 60 seconds for  $^{229\text{m}}\text{Th}^{2+}$ . More precise determinations appear to be within reach, and would pave the way to the development of a nuclear frequency standard.



## Improved Value for the Energy Splitting of the Ground-State Doublet in the Nucleus $^{229\text{m}}\text{Th}$

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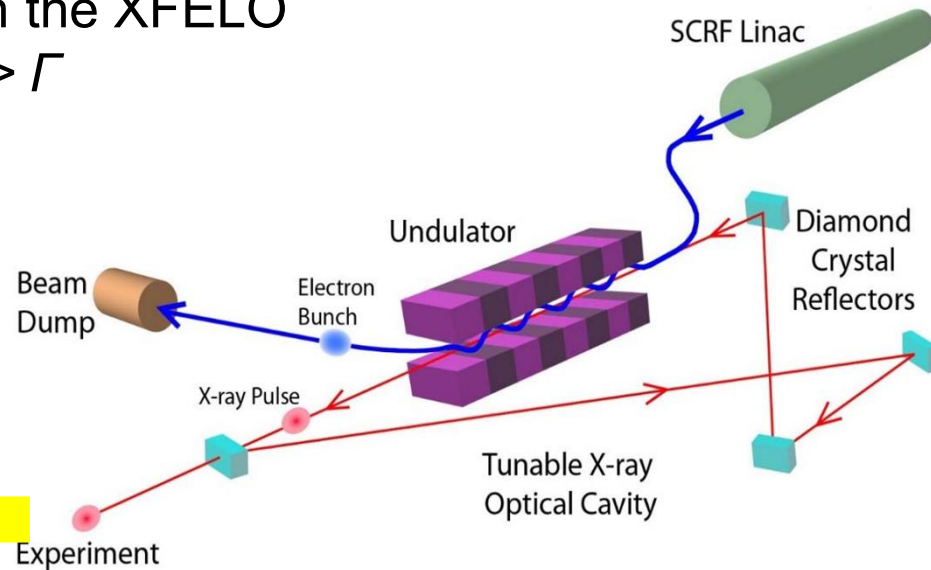
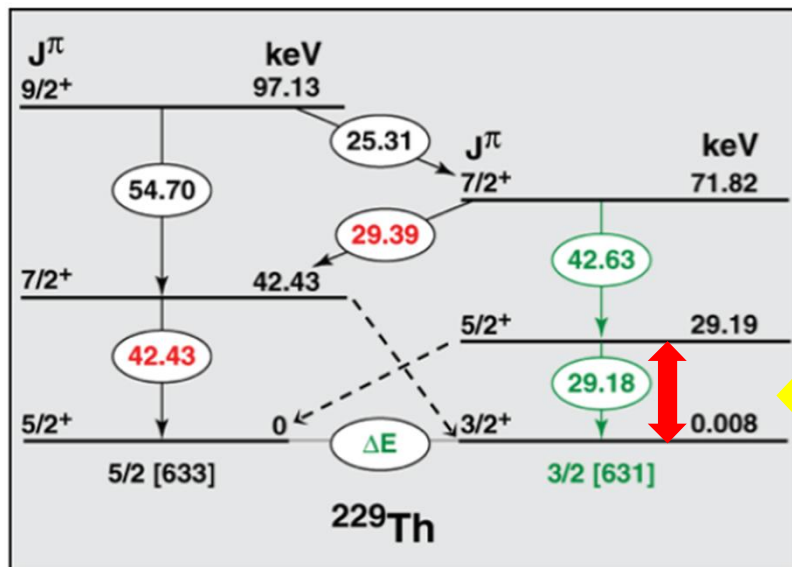
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# $^{229}\text{Th}$ applications

Pump the 29.18 level with the XFEL

Measure  $E, \tau \rightarrow \Gamma$

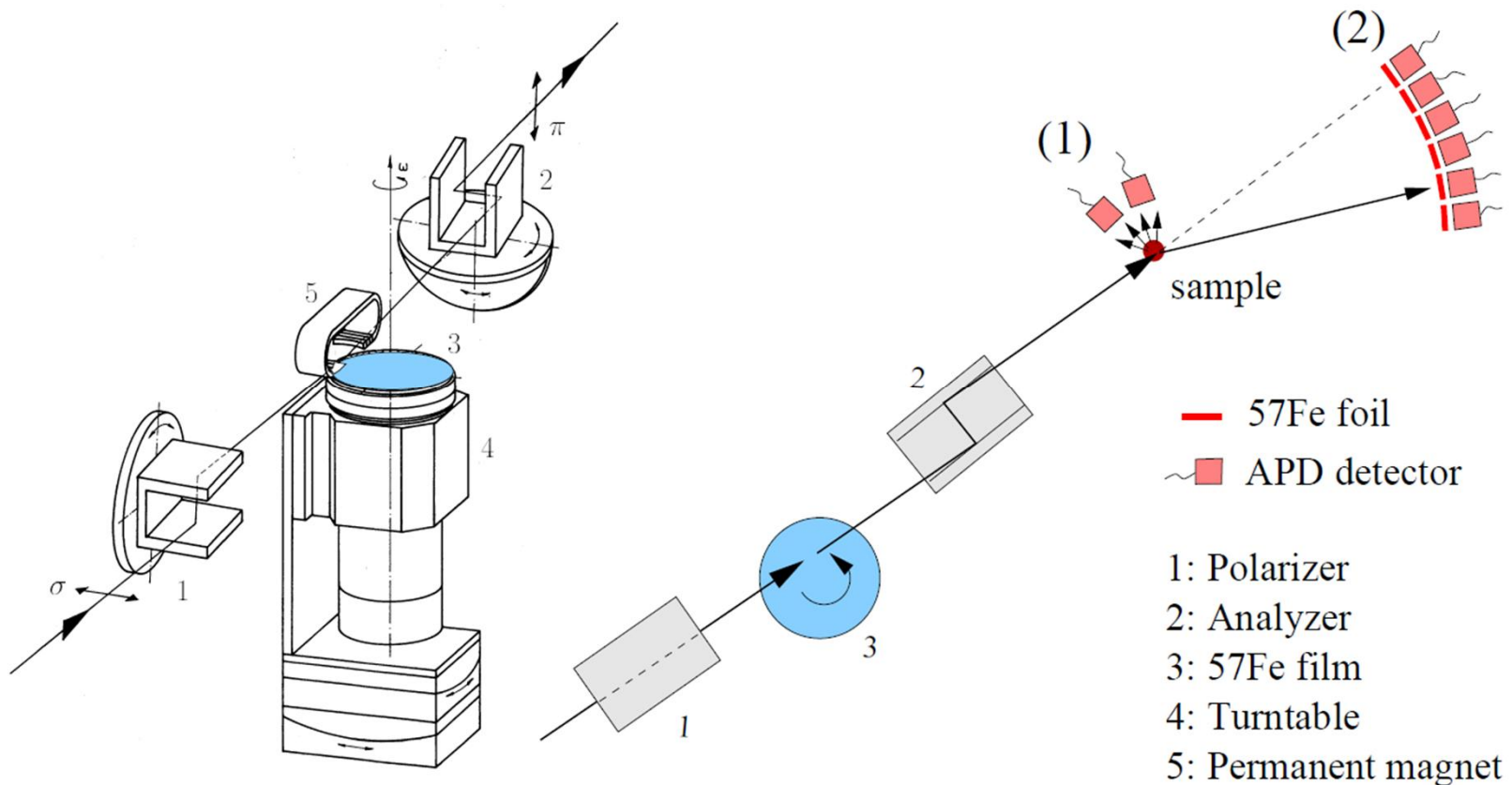


XFEL0 will allow for spectroscopy with yet  
unreachable energy resolution

$$\Delta E / E \leq 10^{-19}$$

!! THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION !!

# Outlook – The dynamics of friction on the nano-metre level



## $\mu\text{eV}$ – IXS spectrometer

# Outlook – Extreme metrology using the $^{45}\text{Sc}$ transition

Isotope	$E_\gamma(\text{keV})$	$\Gamma_0(\text{eV})$	$t_{1/2}(\text{s})$	a(%)	Estimated f(%) recoilless factor			$\alpha$
					300K	77K	0K	
$^{45}\text{Sc}$	12.4	$1.43 \times 10^{-15}$	0.318	100	77	90	93	400
$^{107}\text{Ag}$	93.1	$1.03 \times 10^{-17}$	44.3	51.4	$1 \times 10^{-5}$	0.1	4	20
$^{109}\text{Ag}$	88.0	$1.15 \times 10^{-17}$	39.6	48.6	$8 \times 10^{-5}$	0.4	6	20
$^{103}\text{Rh}$	39.8	$1.35 \times 10^{-19}$	3366	100	45	70	74	1350

$E_\gamma$ : Mössbauer transition energy,  $\Gamma_0$ : energy linewidth of the Mössbauer level,  $t_{1/2}$ : half life of the Mössbauer level, a: nature abundance, f: the Lamb-Mössbauer factor,  $\alpha$ : internal conversion coefficient.

$$\Delta E/E = 1.1 \cdot 10^{-19}$$

$$g = 9.81 \text{ m s}^{-2} = 1.1 \cdot 10^{-16} \text{ c}^2 \text{ m}^{-1}$$

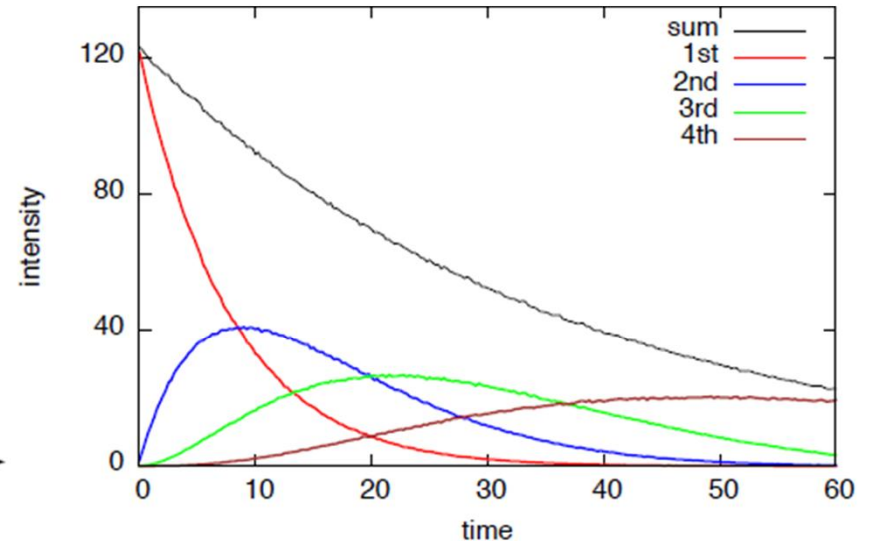
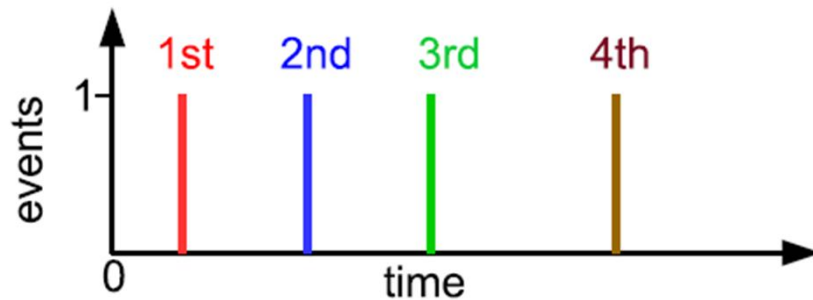
**Red shift of a photon travelling 1mm up in the earth gravitational field corresponds to a linewidth**

# Clock hypothesis

Based on the generalized principle of relativity and the ensuing symmetry, it was shown by Friedman & Gofman (2010) that there are only two possible types of transformations between uniformly accelerated systems. The validity of the clock hypothesis is crucial for determining which one of the two types of transformations is valid. This hypothesis, as stated by Einstein (1911), claims that the rate of an accelerated clock is equal to that of a co-moving unaccelerated clock. If the clock hypothesis is not true, then a universal maximal acceleration  $a_m$  exists and, as predicted (Friedman, 2011), a Doppler type shift due to acceleration will be observed. This Doppler type shift is similar to the Doppler shift due to the velocity of the source, and has the same formula, but  $v/c$  is replaced by  $a/a_m$ .

# Outlook – multi photon events

decay of the n-photon state  
importance of detecting all photons  
example  $n=4$



(by courtesy of Cornelius Strohm)

# It works ...but good sapphire is hard to find...

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### Milli-electronvolt monochromatization of hard X-rays with a sapphire backscattering monochromator

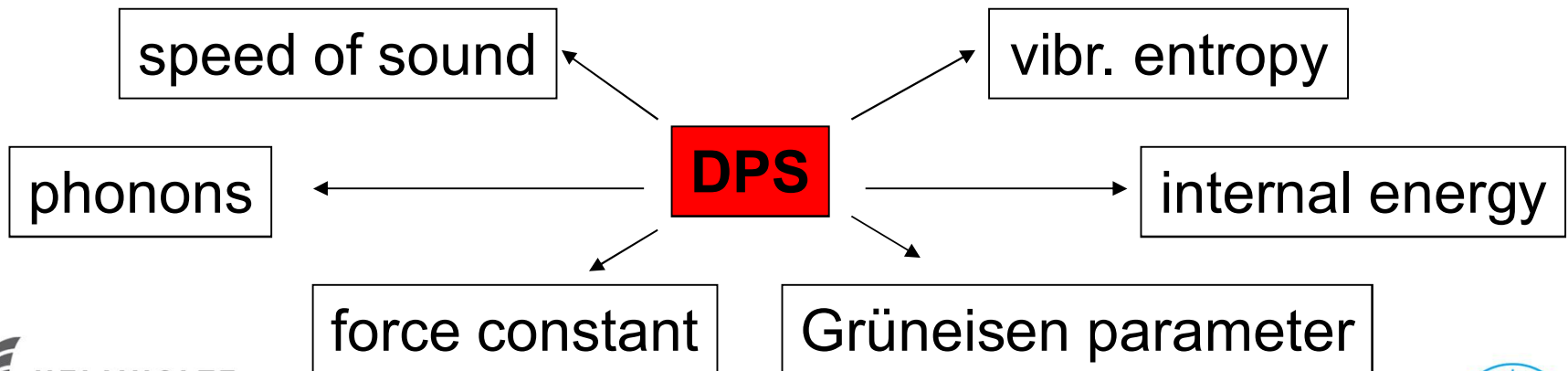
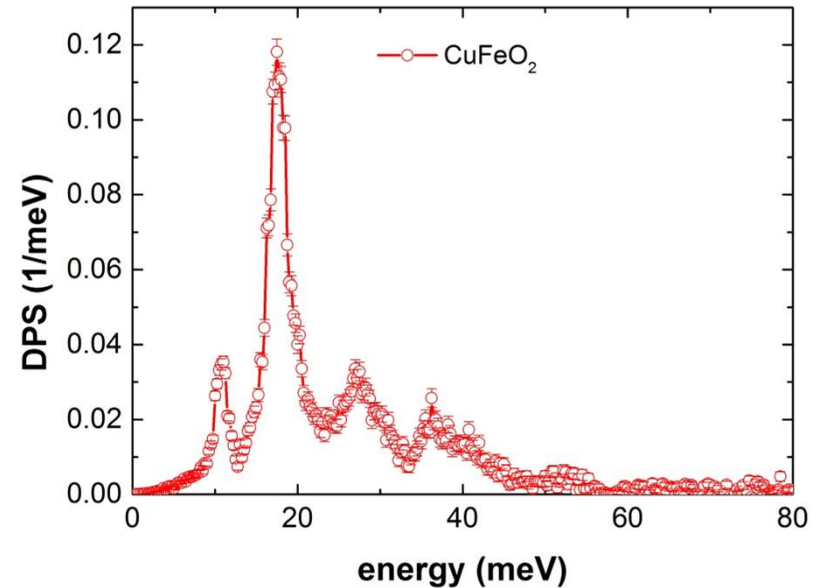
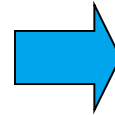
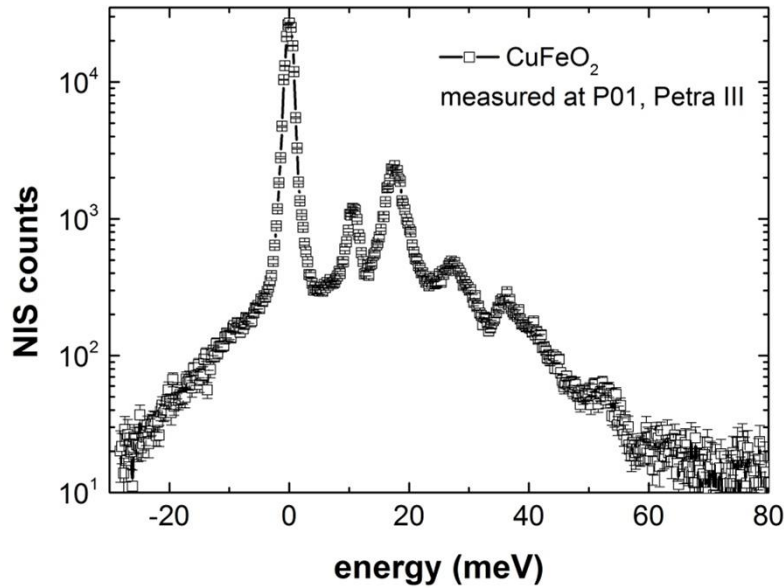
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	Isotope				
	<sup>121</sup> Sb	<sup>125</sup> Te	<sup>119</sup> Sn	<sup>149</sup> Sm	<sup>151</sup> Eu
Reflection	(8 16 $\bar{24}$ 40)	(9 1 $\bar{10}$ 68)	(4 4 $\bar{8}$ 45)	(5 10 $\bar{15}$ 22)	(3 2 $\bar{5}$ 43)
<i>T</i> (K)	236.8 (1)	219.5 (1)	192.8 (1)	251.5 (1)	289.1 (1)
<i>E</i> (keV)	37.1292 (5)	35.4920 (5)	23.8793 (5)	22.5015 (5)	21.5412 (5)
<i>z</i> (mm)	0.85	0.48	0.28	0.46	0.37
$\Delta E/\Delta T$ (meV mK <sup>-1</sup> )	-0.156	-0.149	-0.084	-0.100	-0.122
<i>d</i> (mm)	1.9 (1)	1.1 (1)	1.1 (1)	2.1 (1)	1.1 (1)
$\Delta E_{th}$ (meV)	0.39	0.70	0.95	0.52	0.77
$\Delta E_{exp}$ (meV)	1.2 (1)	1.1 (1)	1.1 (1)	1.0 (1)	1.1 (1)
<i>R</i> <sub>th</sub> (%)	59	60	75	59	55
<i>R</i> <sub>exp</sub> (%)	10	16	65	20	43
<i>N</i> <sub>inc</sub>	$0.8 \times 10^{12}$	$1.5 \times 10^{12}$	$2.2 \times 10^{12}$	$2.7 \times 10^{12}$	$3.4 \times 10^{12}$
<i>N</i> <sub>ref</sub>	$3.9 \times 10^7$	$7.7 \times 10^7$	$7.7 \times 10^8$	$4.4 \times 10^8$	$7.4 \times 10^8$

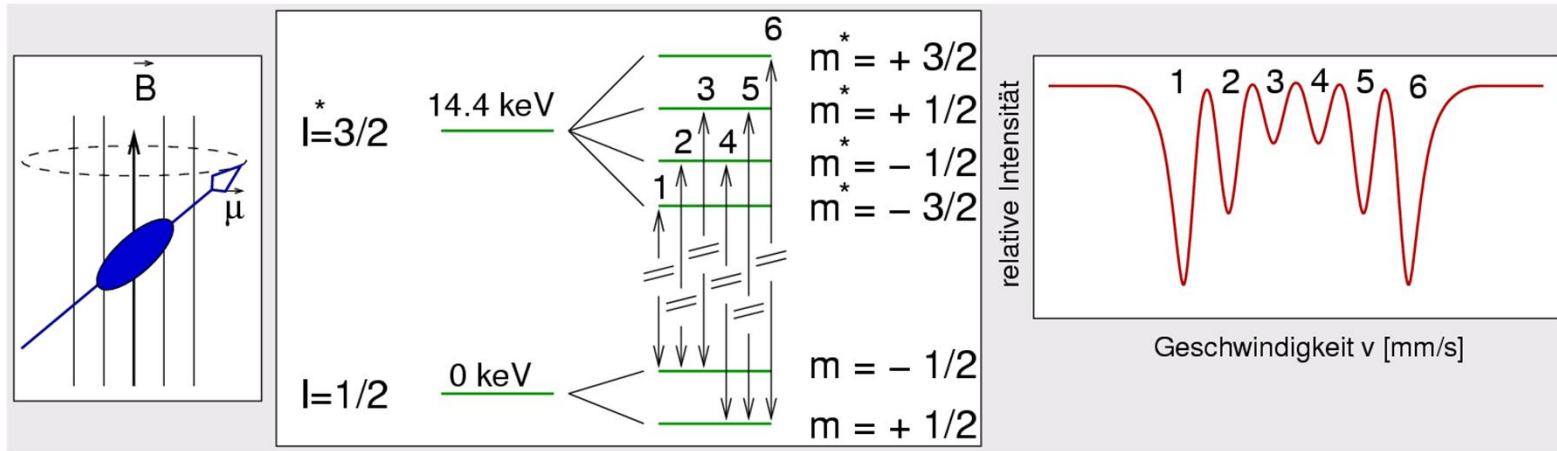
# Applications of the $\Delta E/E=10^{-8}$ monochromatization

## Ultimate Goal of NIS $\rightarrow$ Density of Phonon States





# Mössbauer Spectroscopy – Magnetic hyperfine splitting



$$E_m = \mathbf{B} \cdot \boldsymbol{\mu} = -g_N \mu_N m B, \quad \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{B}_{hf} + \mathbf{B}_{ext}, \quad \mu_N = e\hbar/(2m_p)$$

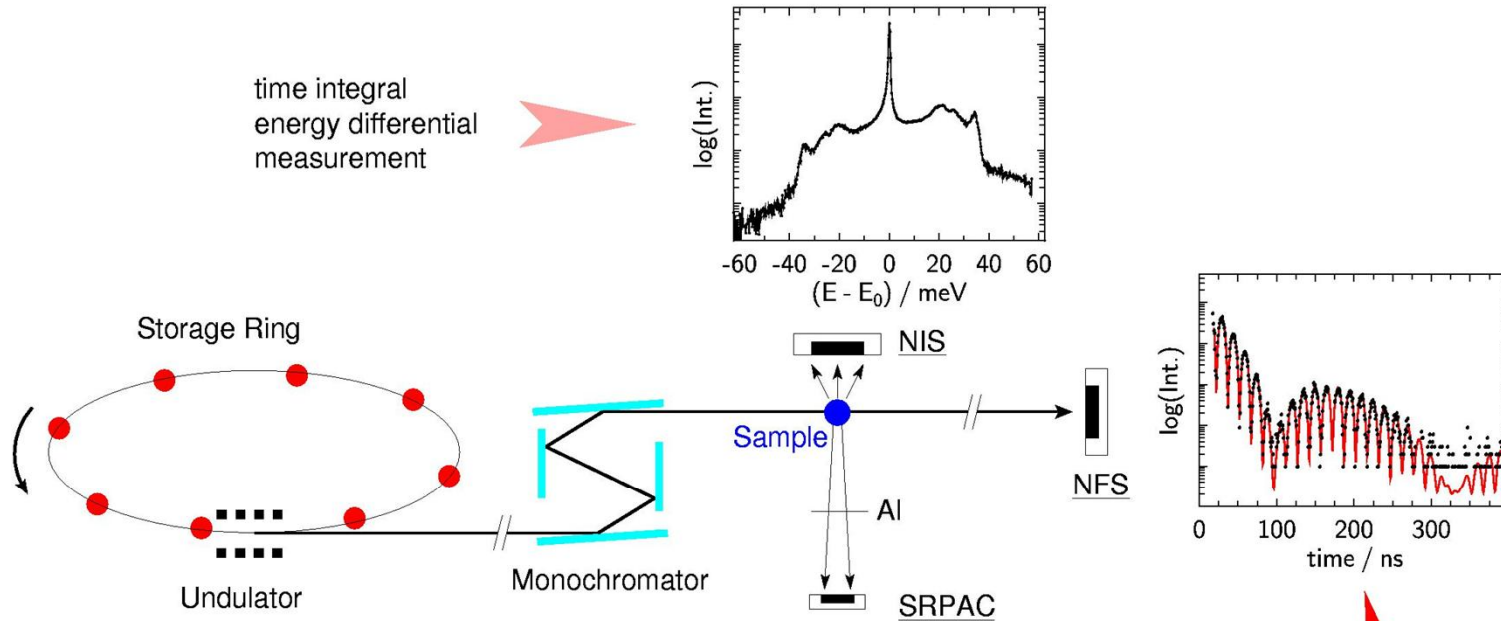
$\Delta m = 0, \pm 1, \pm L$ , degeneration of  $2I+1$  states lost

Six lines (multi polarity  $L=2$  quasi not observed in Fe, dipole  $M1$  only)

$$|I_e - I_g| \leq L \leq I_e + I_g$$

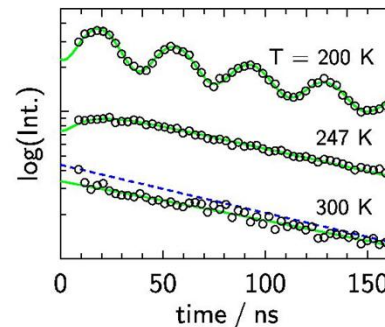
With a known direction of  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ ,  $\mathbf{B}$  can be measured very precisely and vice versa

# Nuclear Resonant Scattering Techniques



Only nuclear resonant photons are counted. These are delayed in time with respect to the prompt electronic scattering due to the lifetime of the nuclear level

-> fast detectors / electronics, timing mode



energy integral time differential measurements

$$\Gamma = \hbar / \tau$$