Detecting Nanometer-Scale New Forces with Coherent Neutron Scattering

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I will present a new approach to searching for 0.1-100 nm range new forces using neutron scattering from targets with nanoscopic structures. This proposal acts as a cross of experiments searching for shorter-range forces using neutron scattering from individual atomic nuclei with experiments that look for longer-range interactions by measuring forces between macroscopic test masses. I will discuss the backgrounds due to Standard Model interactions and suggest a variety of potential target structures that could be used, estimating the resulting sensitivities. Using only one day of beam time at a modern neutron scattering facility, this technique has the potential to detect new forces as much as four orders of magnitude weaker than current laboratory constraints at the appropriate length scales.

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