

Physikalisches Kolloquium Einladung

Physics Colloquium Invitation

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BE AWARE - ROOM CHANGE - Lecture Hall O25/H2, at 16:15 Coffee and cookies will be served in front of the lecture hall from 16:00

Quantum sources of gravity: the next frontier of macroscopic quantum physics

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No experiment today provides evidence that gravity requires a quantum description. The growing ability to achieve quantum optical control over massive solid-state objects may change that situation -- by enabling experiments that directly probe the phenomenology of quantum states of gravitational source masses. This can lead to experimental outcomes that are inconsistent with the predictions of a purely classical field theory of gravity. Such 'Quantum Cavendish' experiments will rely on delocalized motional quantum states of sufficiently massive objects and gravity experiments on the micrometer scale. I review the current status in the lab and the challenges to be overcome for future experiments.

