

Speech of
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Your Majesty
Ladies and Gentlemen

We feel deeply honoured to be awarded the King Faisal International Prize on Science. We should like to express our most sincere respect to the founders of the Prize, who, in their wisdom and faithful to the traditions of the Arabic World, set a landmark in recognition of Science by establishing the prize in memory of the late King Faisal. We regard this prize as a tribute to the efforts and the achievements made by the scientific community. On whose behalf we are privileged to be accorded this honour.

We are also very grateful to all who contributed that our research received such a recognition, to our two close collaborators Christoph Gerbes and Edmund Weibel for their most valuable support and enthusiasm, to the Swiss National Foundation and the King Faisal International Prize Committee for proposing and selecting our research and last but not least to IBM for providing the necessary stimulating scientific environment.

The prize is given for "outstanding scientific achievements leading to the benefit of mankind". The criteria for scientific excellence are manifold and it is certainly a great feeling to be selected from an abundance of outstanding scientists in the field of Physics. But we feel particularly honoured that our scientific achievement is considered as leading to the benefit of mankind.

We are aware of this responsibility and promise to live up to it with all our abilities.

Thank you.