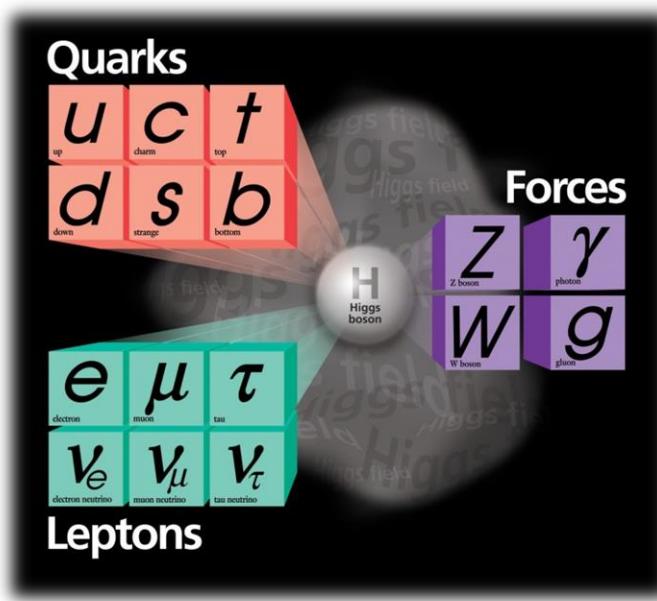
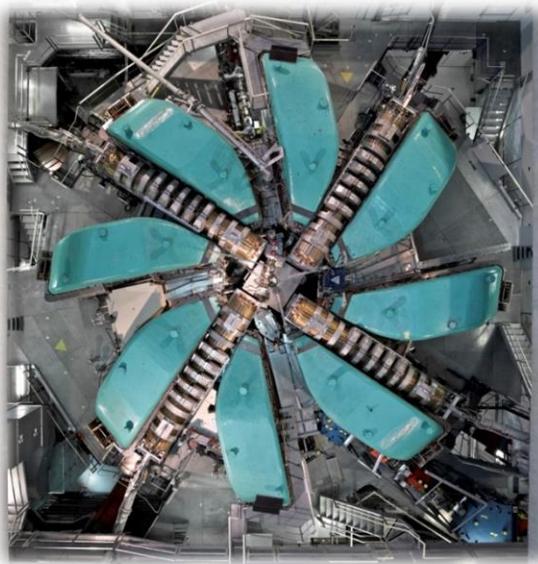


# Fundamental Physics with neutrons and muons

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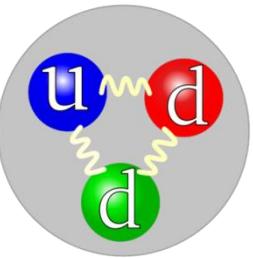
# Fundamental Physics

## ■ The Standard Model of Particle Physics SM: a (the?) most successful theory to date

- ~consistent with all laboratory results, some tensions\*\*, theory & application to cosmology and astrophysics suggest beyond SM (\*\*arguably all pointing to effects in flavor physics)

## ■ Laboratory experiments

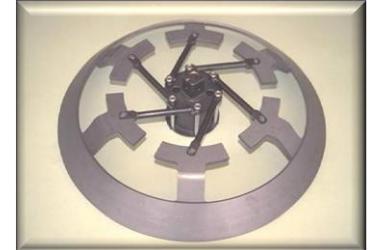
- Precision measurements of SM input parameters
  - 19 param., masses, couplings, mixings, CP phases,  $\Theta_{\text{QCD}}$ , Higgs vev
- Searches for deviations & inconsistencies
  - Dark Matter, BAU, CPV, cLFV, B, L, Lorentz, Gravity, Dark Energy...



# Neutrons and Muons

## ■ Produce them as free particles

- A proton beam traversing carbon targets produces pions which subsequently decay to muons
- Protons impacting on a lead target/beam dump produce spallation neutrons



## ■ Want them ‘slow’ to allow stopping in low mass material or storage in traps

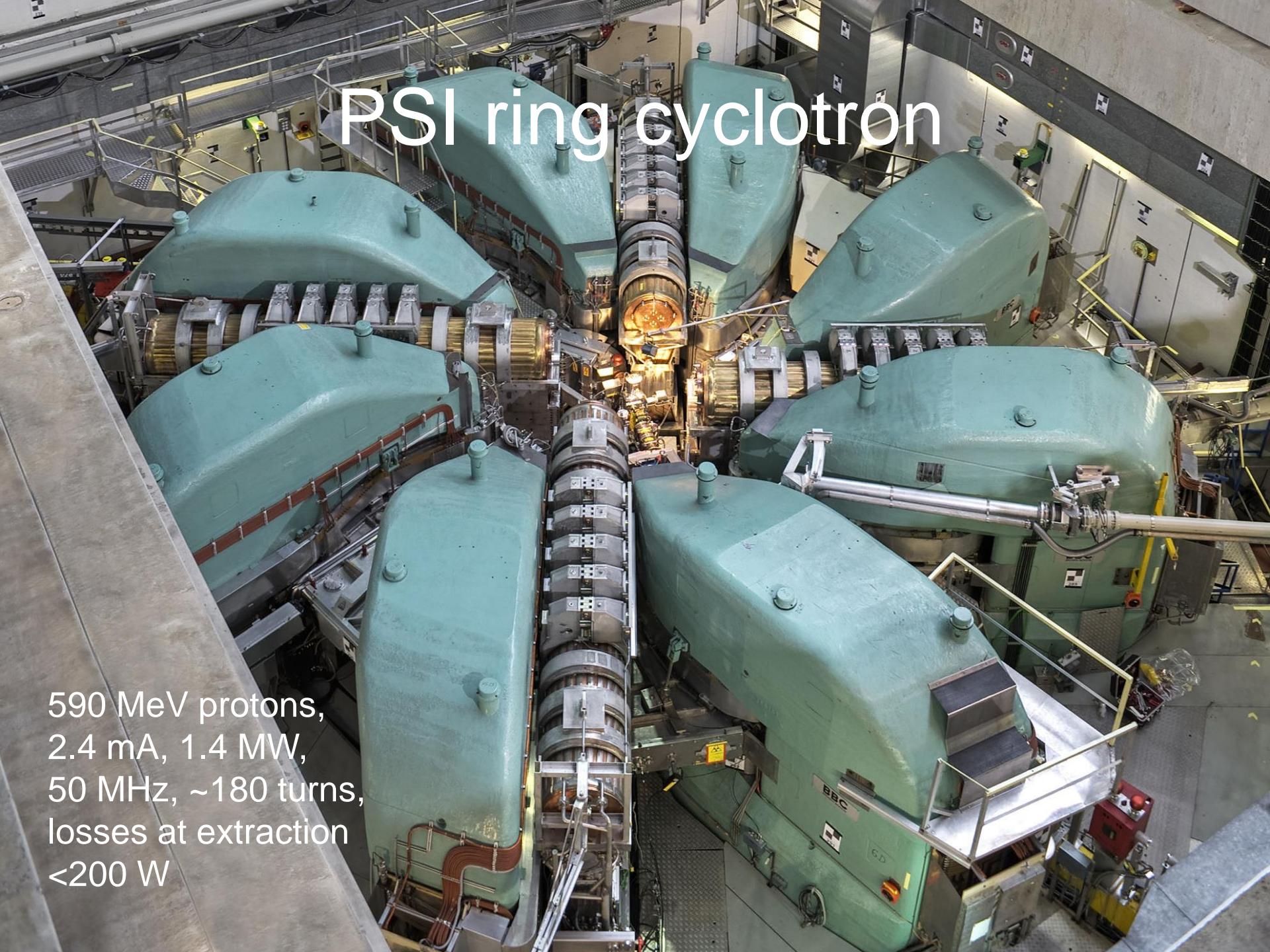
- Low momentum and slow muon beams: kinetic energies from 4 MeV to few keV, sometimes  $\mu^+, M$  even sub-eV
- Ultracold neutrons with kinetic energies below ~250 neV





# PSI ring cyclotron

590 MeV protons,  
2.4 mA, 1.4 MW,  
50 MHz, ~180 turns,  
losses at extraction  
<200 W



# The intensity frontier at PSI: $\pi$ , $\mu$ , UCN

Precision experiments with the lightest unstable particles of their kind

The most powerful proton beam to targets:  
 $590 \text{ MeV} \times 2.4 \text{ mA} = 1.4 \text{ MW}$

nTRV

PEN

Feasibility study for  
HI muon beam with  
 $10^{10} \mu^+/\text{s}$  below  $30 \text{ MeV}/c$

MuSun muCool

MuLan/MuCap

AlCap MuX

$\pi$ He

MUSE

CREMA:  $\mu p / \mu d / \mu He$  laser spectroscopy  
MEG II Mu3e

The high intensity UCN  
ultracold neutron source

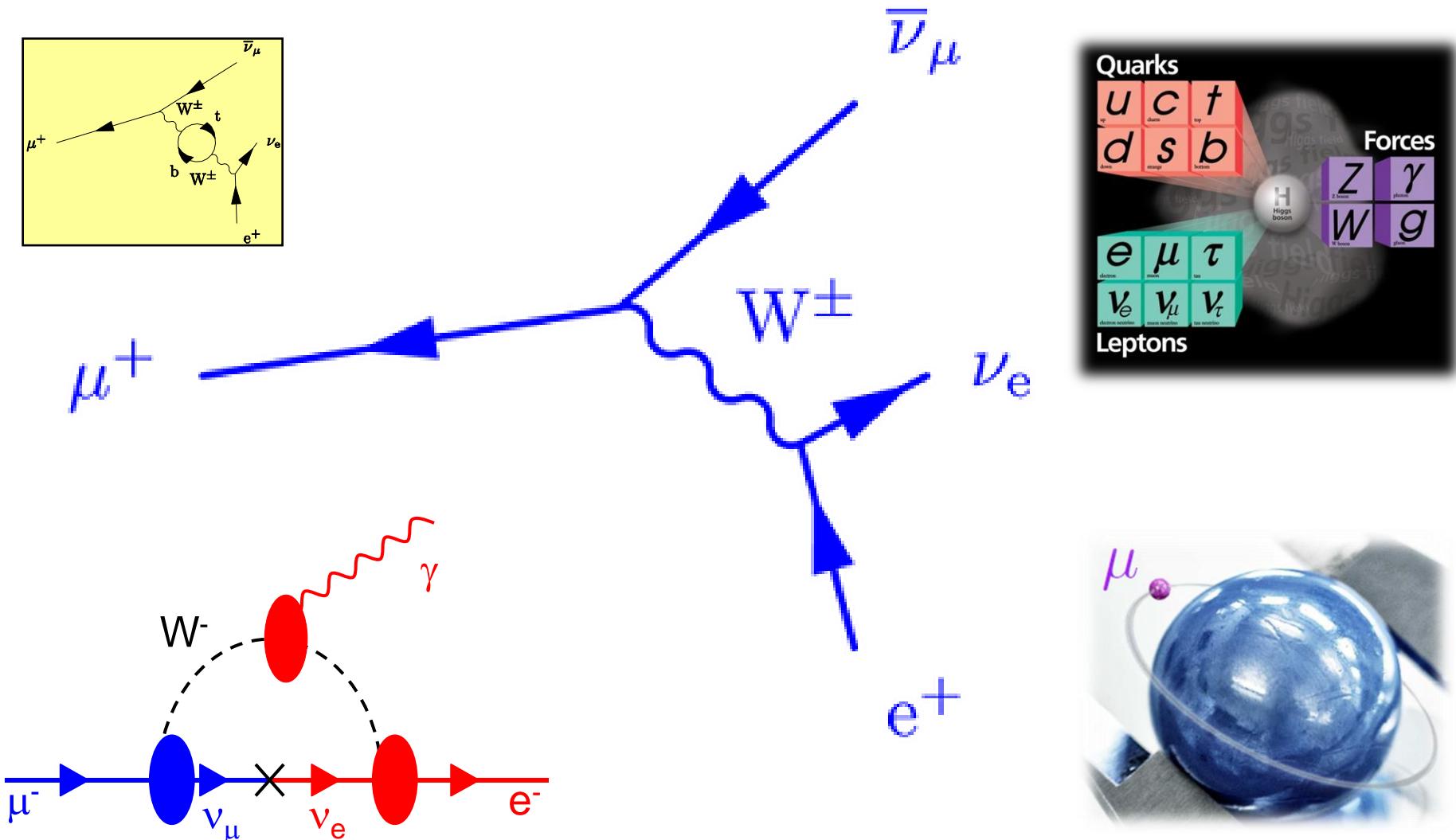
The highest intensity  
pion and muon beams, e.g.,  
up to a few  $10^8 \mu^+/\text{s}$  at  $28 \text{ MeV}/c$

n2EDM

PIF

Swiss national laboratory with strong international collaborations

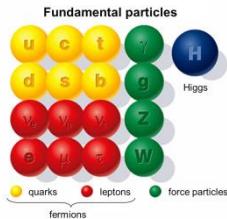
# What muons do and don't



# The weak coupling constant $G_F$

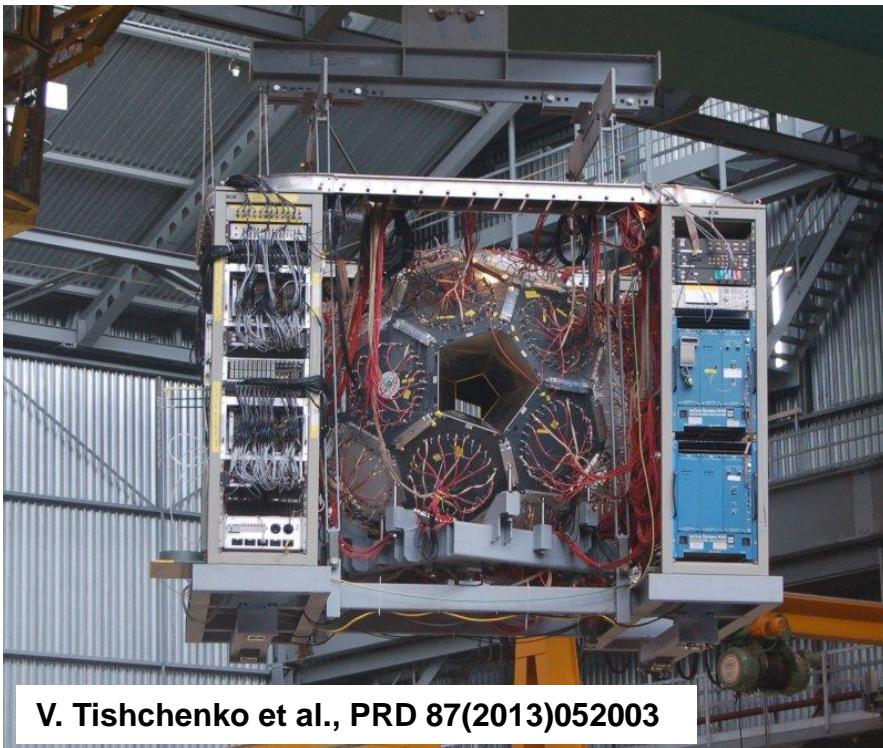
## Fundamental electro-weak parameters of the Standard Model

$\alpha$	$G_F$	$m_Z$
0.00037 ppm	$4.1 \rightarrow 0.5$ ppm	23 ppm

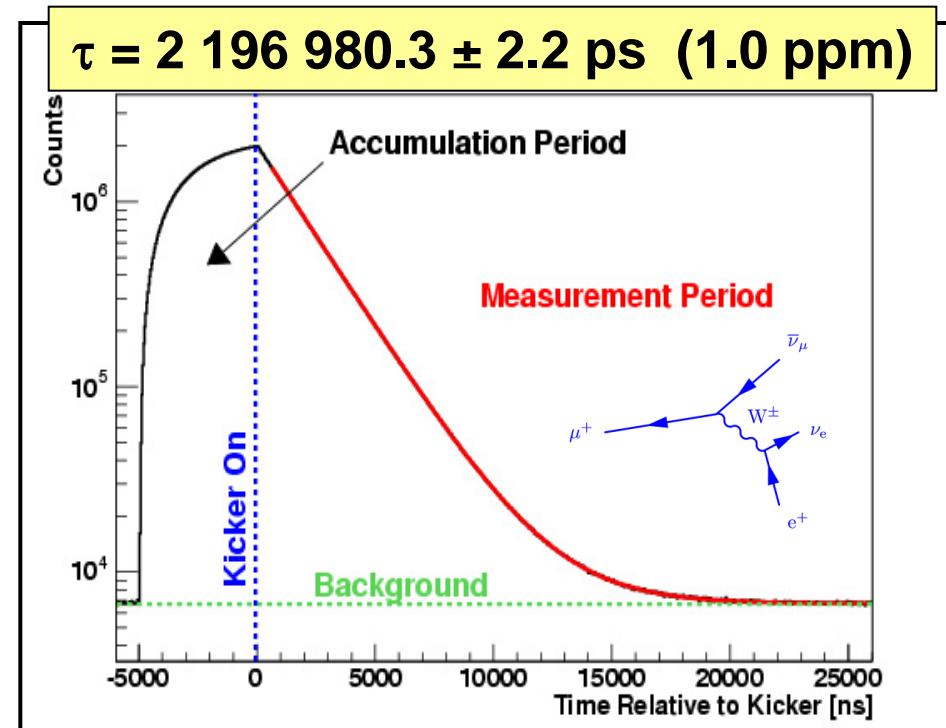


**MuLan:** The most precise measurement of any lifetime:

$$G_F(\text{MuLan}) = 1.1663787(6) \times 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}^{-2} \text{ (0.5 ppm)}$$



V. Tishchenko et al., PRD 87(2013)052003



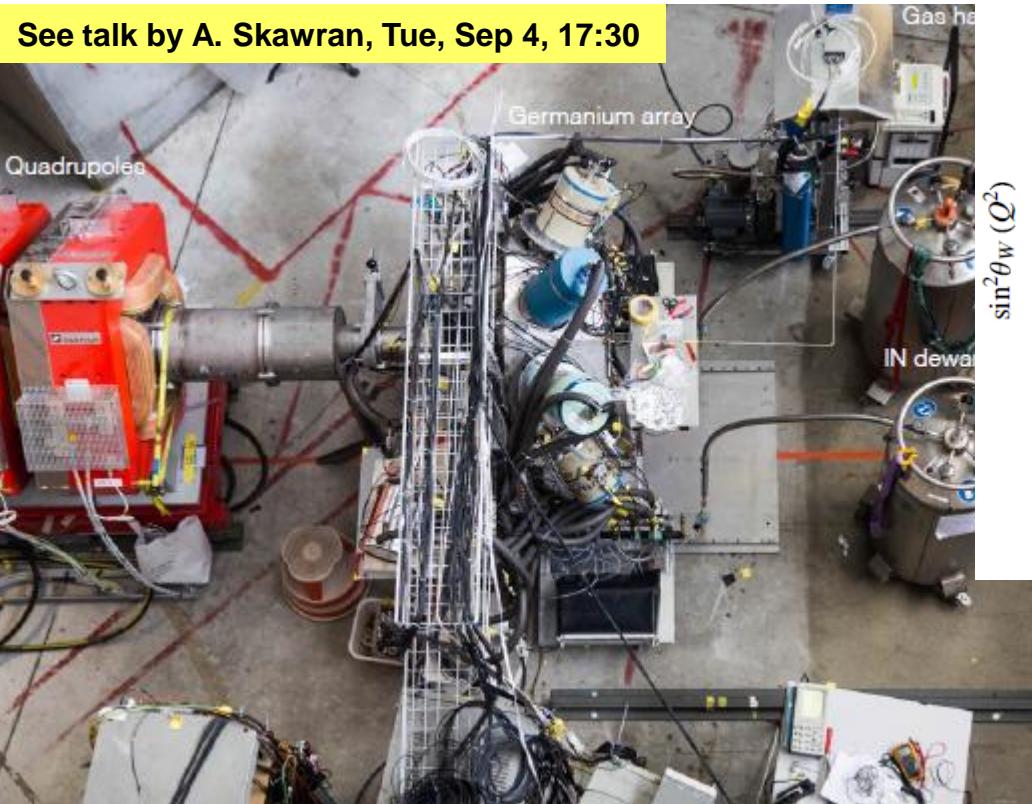
$$\tau_\mu^{-1} = \frac{G_F^2 m_\mu^5}{192\pi^3} F(\rho) \left( 1 + \frac{3}{5} \frac{m_\mu^2}{M_W^2} \right)$$

# MuX: charge radius of $^{226}\text{Ra}$

PSI R-16-01, see A.Knecht <http://indico.psi.ch/getFile.py/access?contribId=10&sessionId=2&resId=0&materialId=slides&confId=5459>

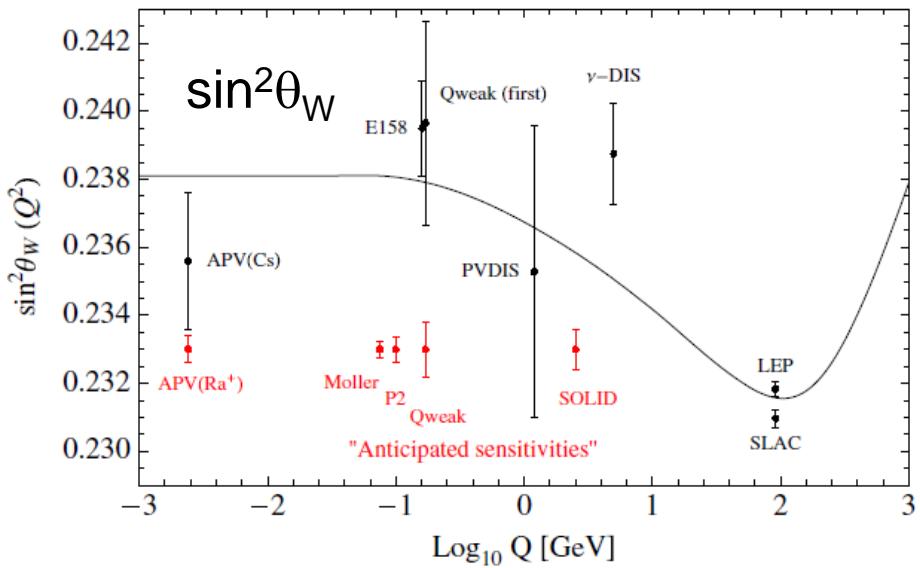
Davoudiasl, Lee, Marciano, Phys. Rev. D 92, 055005 (2015)

See talk by A. Skawran, Tue, Sep 4, 17:30

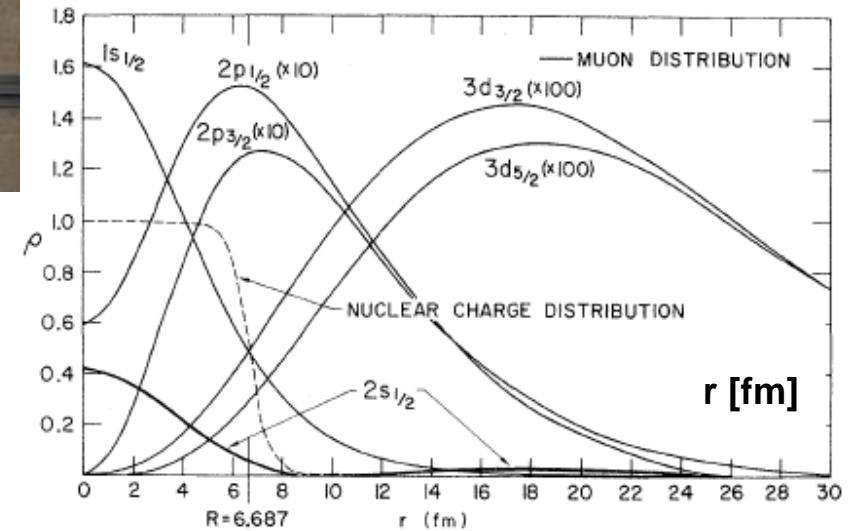


A measurement of the rms charge radius of  $^{226}\text{Ra}$  to  $<0.2\%$  using  $5\mu\text{g}$  target mass.

$\mu^-$  stop in 100bar H<sub>2</sub>, transfer to D admixture and finally to the heavy nucleus, then cascade and emit Xrays up to 6 MeV.

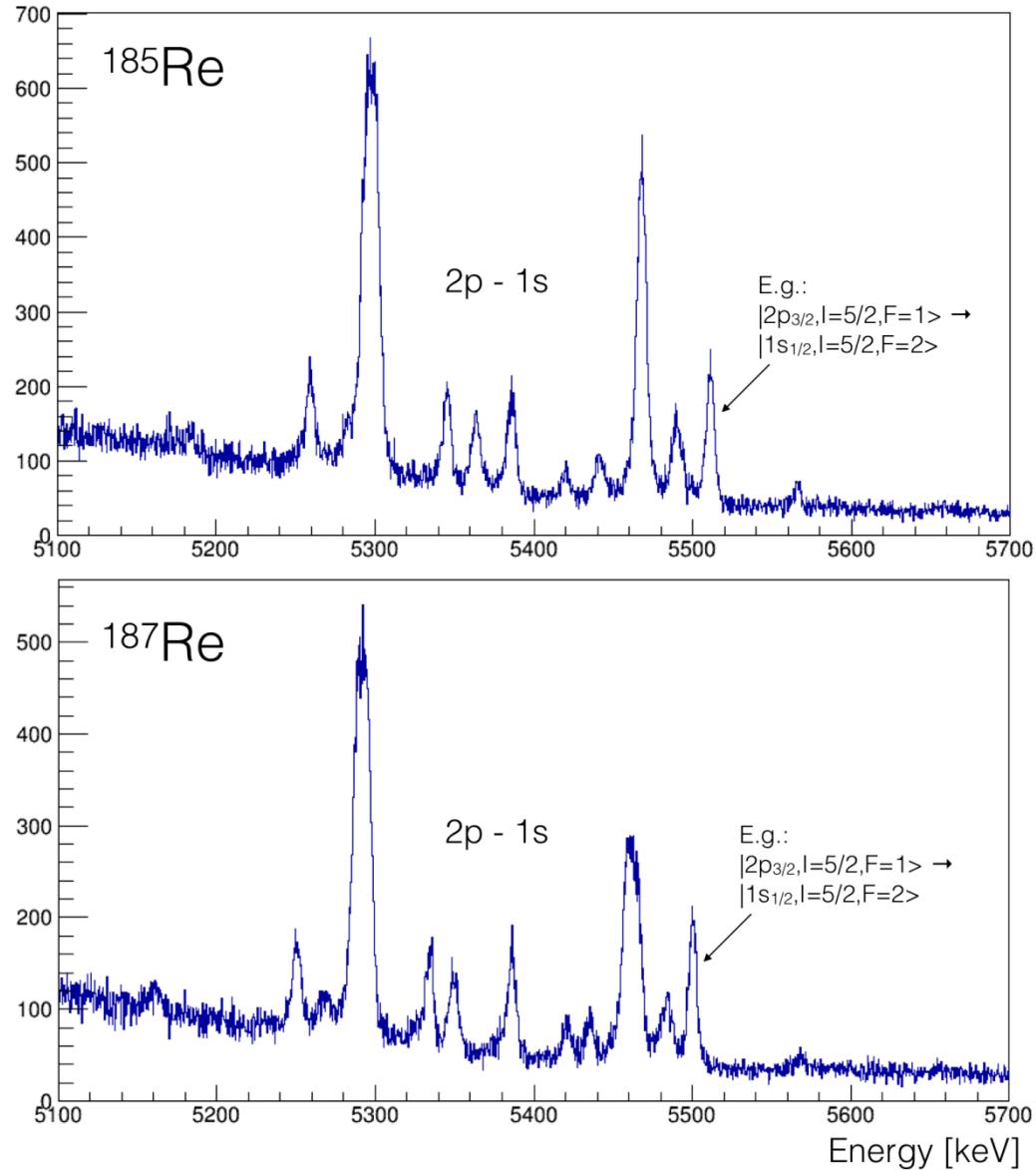


Kessler et al., PRC 11, 1719 (1975)



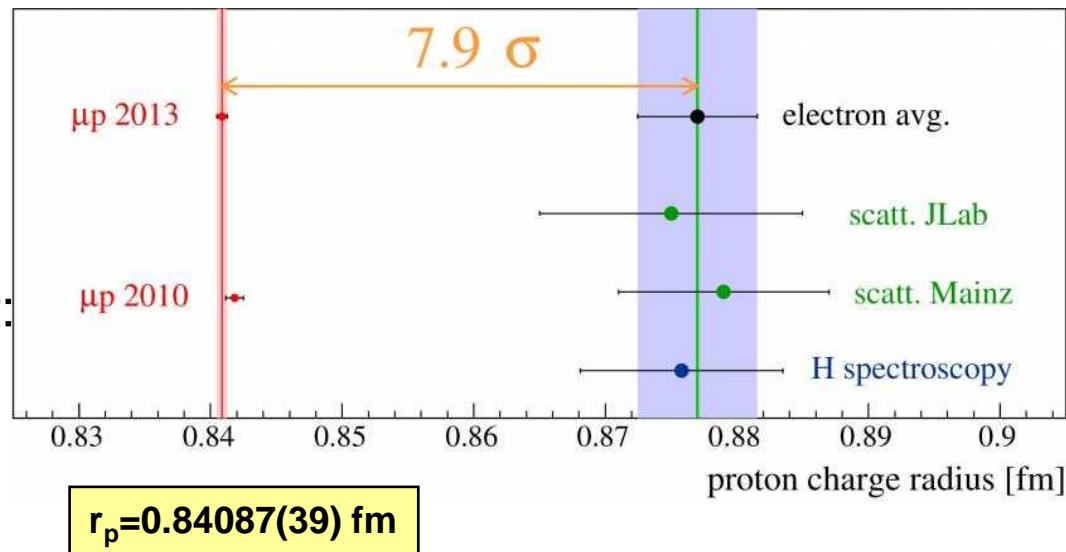
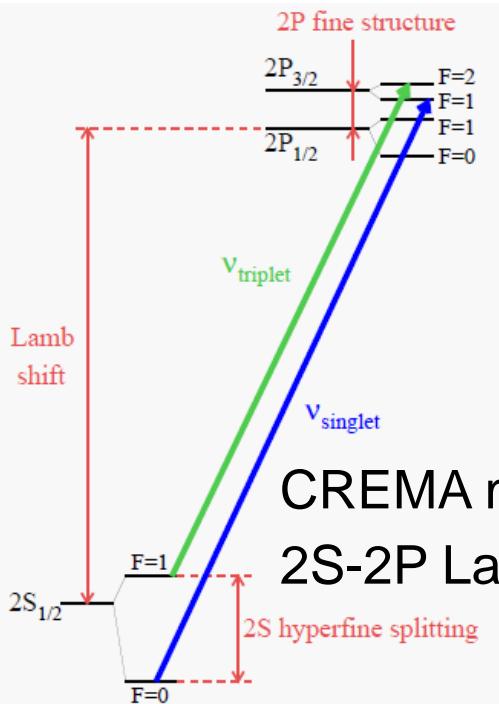
# A campaign with Miniball at PSI?

- Unprecedented efficiency in medium and heavy muonic atom spectroscopy
- Coincidence spectroscopy in the muonic cascade
- Access to charge radii, hyperfine structure, quadrupole moments, ...
- Access to nuclear matrix elements through muon capture
- Can use isotopes down to  $\mu\text{g}$  quantities



Interested? Contact us.

# Proton charge radius puzzle

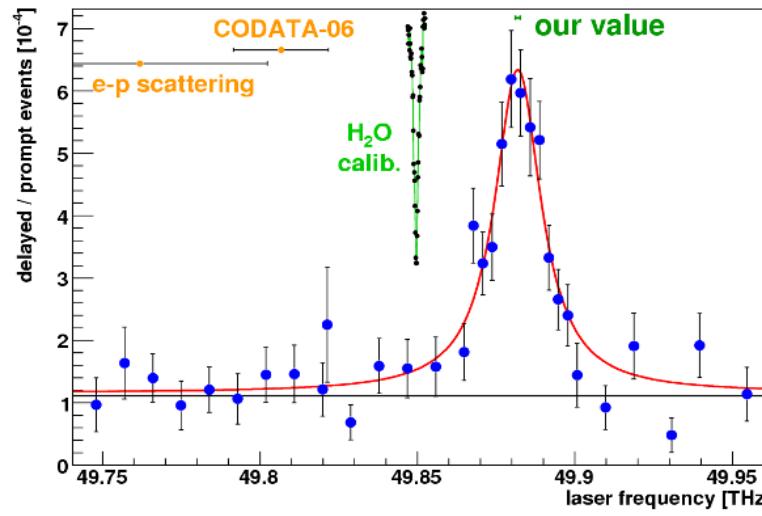


<https://www.psi.ch/muonic-atoms/>

R. Pohl et al., Nature 466 (2010) 213

A. Antognini et al., Science 339 (2013) 417

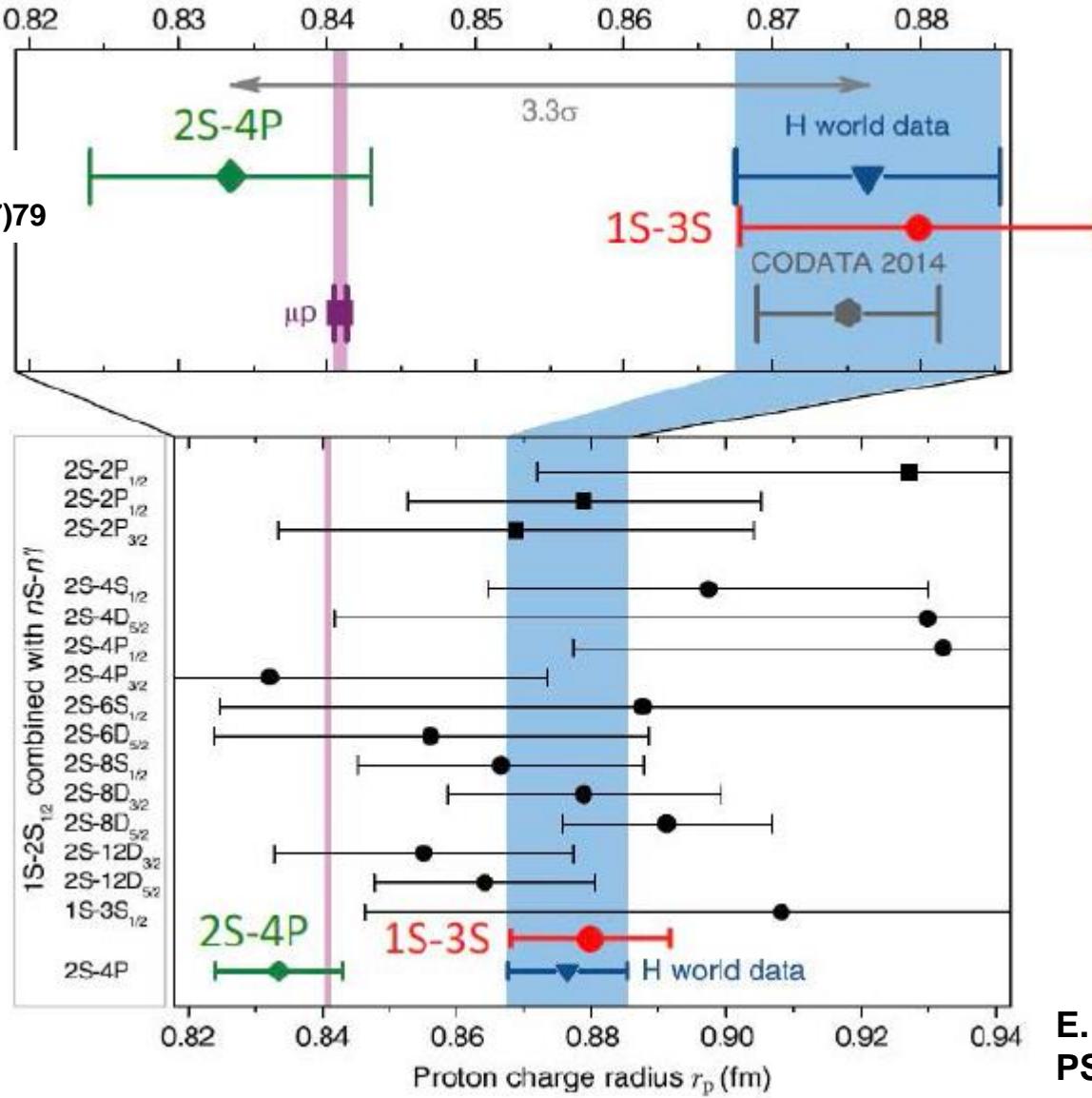
R. Pohl et al., Science 353 (2016) 669



# Proton charge radius – still puzzling

A.Beyer et al.,  
Science 358(2017)79

H.Fleurbaey et al.,  
PRL120(2018)183001

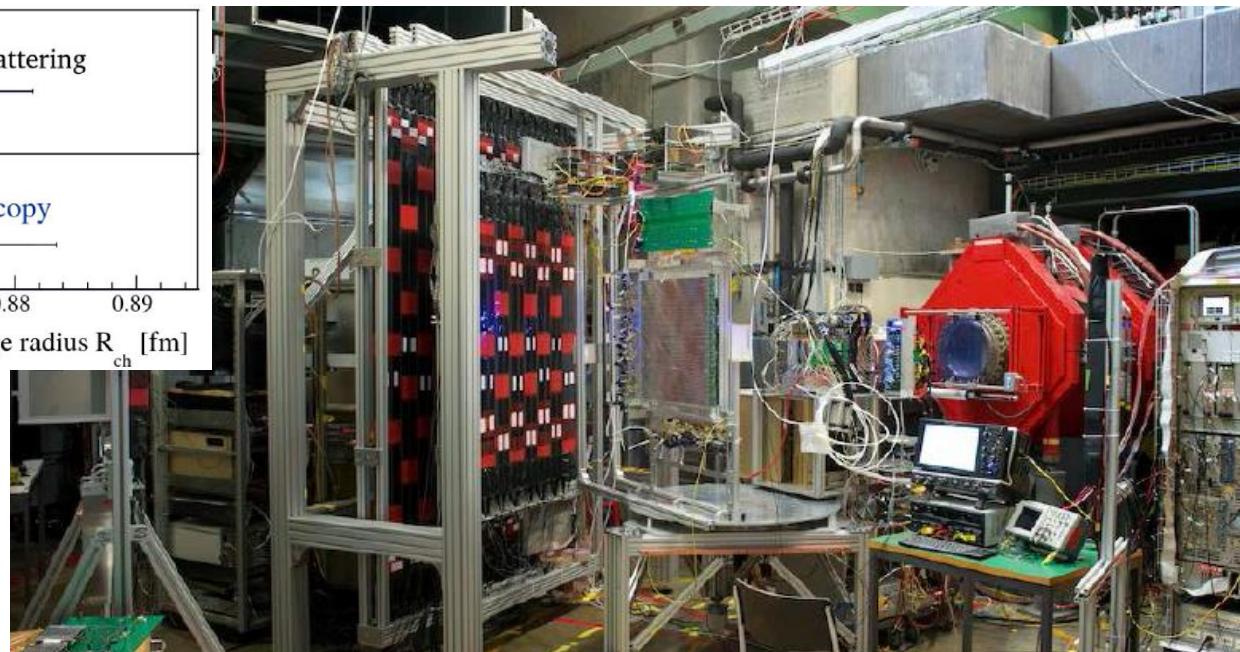
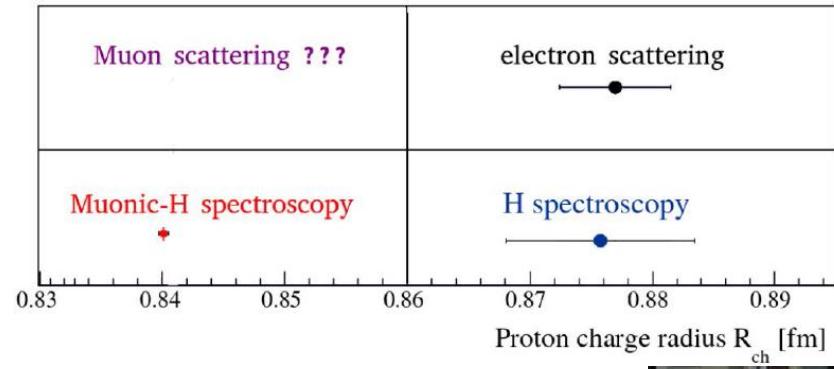


E. Downie, MUSE,  
PSI, 02/2018

# MUSE

PSI R-12-01, see E.Downie <http://indico.psi.ch/getFile.py/access?contribId=6&sessionId=2&resId=0&materialId=slides&confId=5459>

- Scattering of  $\mu^+$ ,  $e^+$ ,  $\mu^-$ ,  $e^-$  at low  $Q^2$  on hydrogen to compare cross sections and charge radii, determine two-photon contributions and test  $\mu$ - $e$  universality
  - 115, 153, 210 MeV/c beam momenta, 20°-100° scattering angles, tracking incoming and outgoing particles
  - Production data taking planned for 2019/20



R. Gilman et al., arXiv:1709.09753

# CREMA - HyperMu

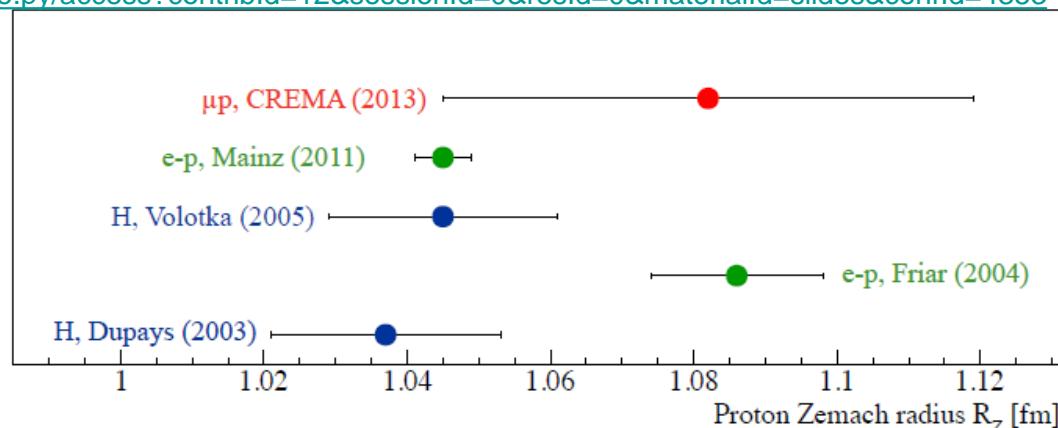
PSI R-16-02, see A.Antognini <http://indico.psi.ch/getFile.py/access?contribId=12&sessionId=0&resId=0&materialId=slides&confId=4353>

$\mu p$  1S HFS to ppm

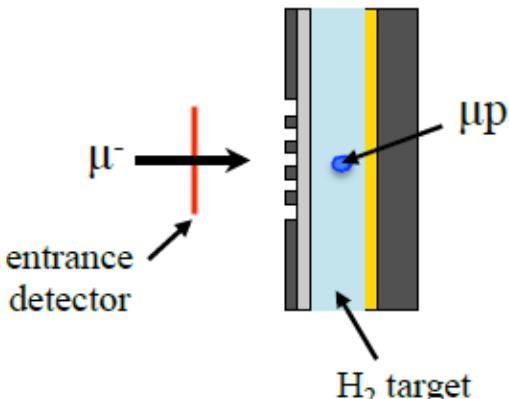
→ Zemach radius to 0.25% ...

$$r_Z = \int |r| d^3 r \int \rho_E(r - r') \rho_M(r') d^3 r'.$$

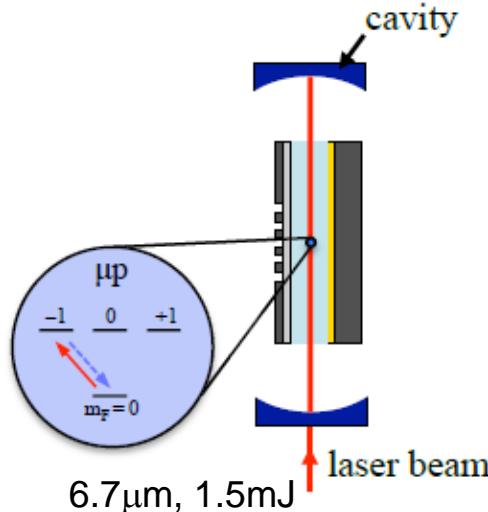
→ 'magnetic radius' of the proton



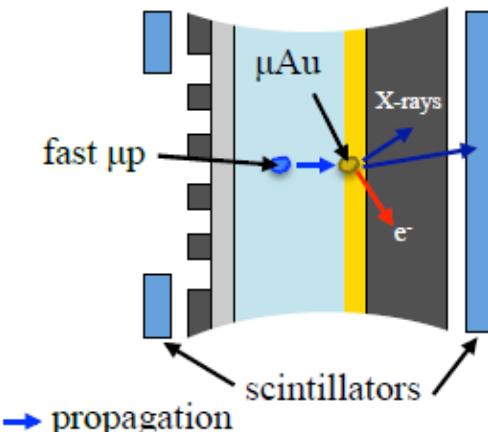
i) formation of muonic hydrogen



ii) laser excitation



iii) detection of X-rays



■ window

■ hydrogen target

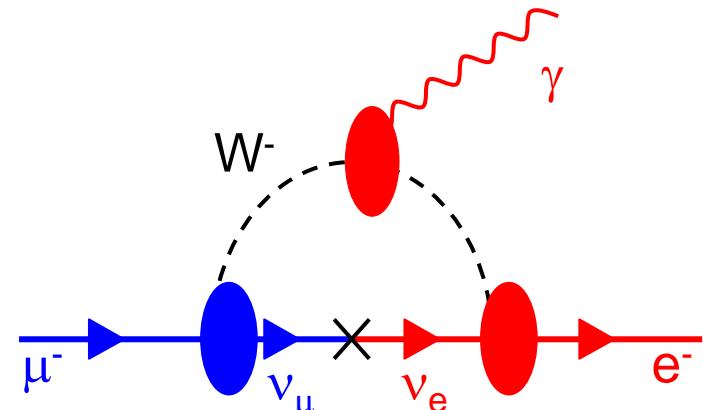
■ gold foil

A.Antognini et al., Proposal to PSI, 2016  
S.Schmidt et al., arXiv:1808.07240

Competing efforts at  
J-PARC and RIKEN-RAL

# Charged Lepton Flavor Violation: tiny in the Standard Model

- cLFV suppressed by  $(\delta m_\nu / m_W)^4$ 
  - SM not observable
  - accidentally small !?
- Plenty of room for new physics
  - Sensitive to multi-TeV mass scales
  - ... and to light particles
- New experimental efforts underway
  - MEG II, Mu3e
  - Mu2e, COMET, DeeMe



Expect from SM:

$$\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) < 10^{-50}$$

Experimentally so far:

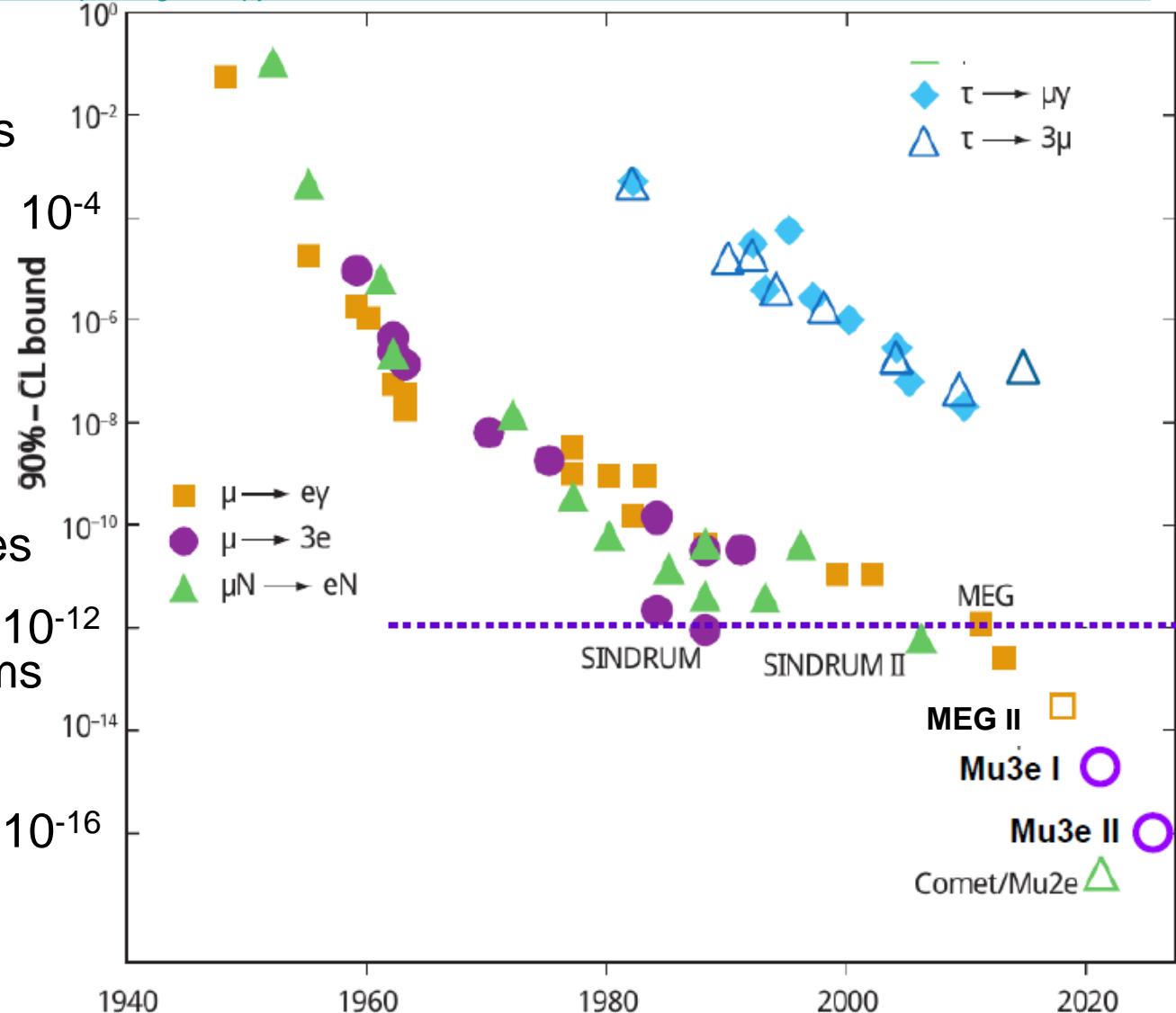
$$< 4.2 \times 10^{-13}$$

A.M. Baldini et al., EPJC76(2016)434

# Search for cLFV

Mu3e R-12-03, see A.Schöning <http://indico.psi.ch/getFile.py/access?contribId=5&sessionId=2&resId=0&materialId=slides&confId=5459>  
MEG II, R-99-05, see T.Mori <http://indico.psi.ch/getFile.py/access?contribId=7&sessionId=2&resId=0&materialId=slides&confId=5459>

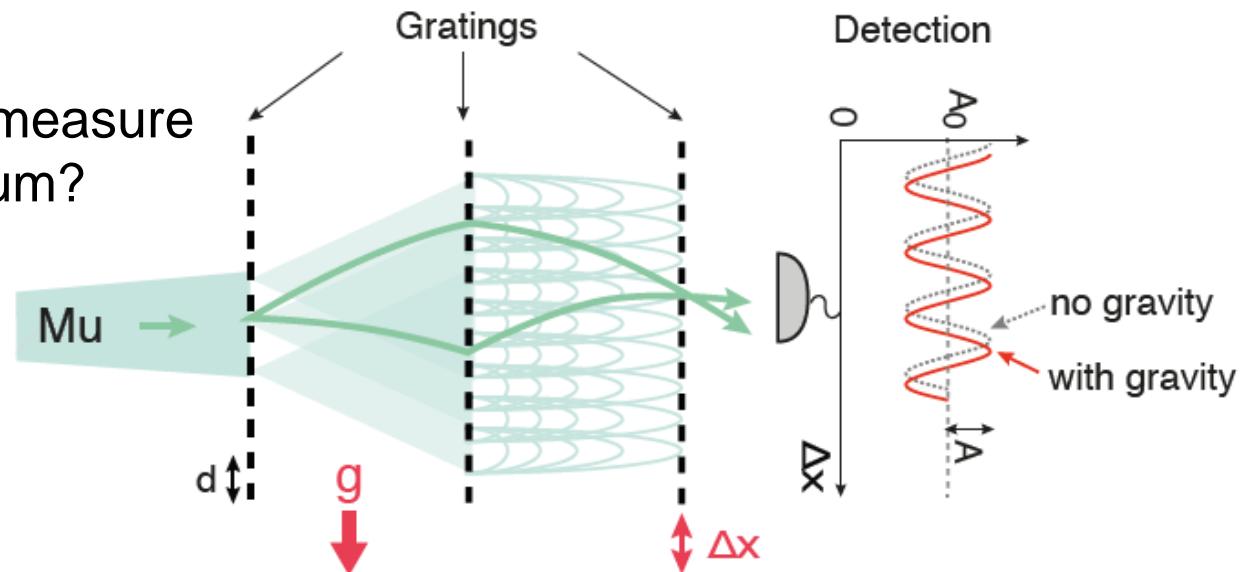
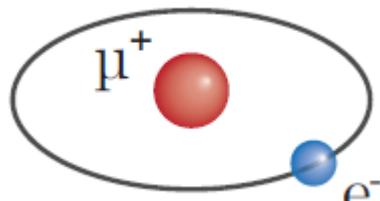
- Present best bounds from experiments at PSI
- New efforts at PSI, FNAL, JPARC aiming at 10-10'000 x improved sensitivities
- Need highest intensity muon beams and unprecedented detector technology



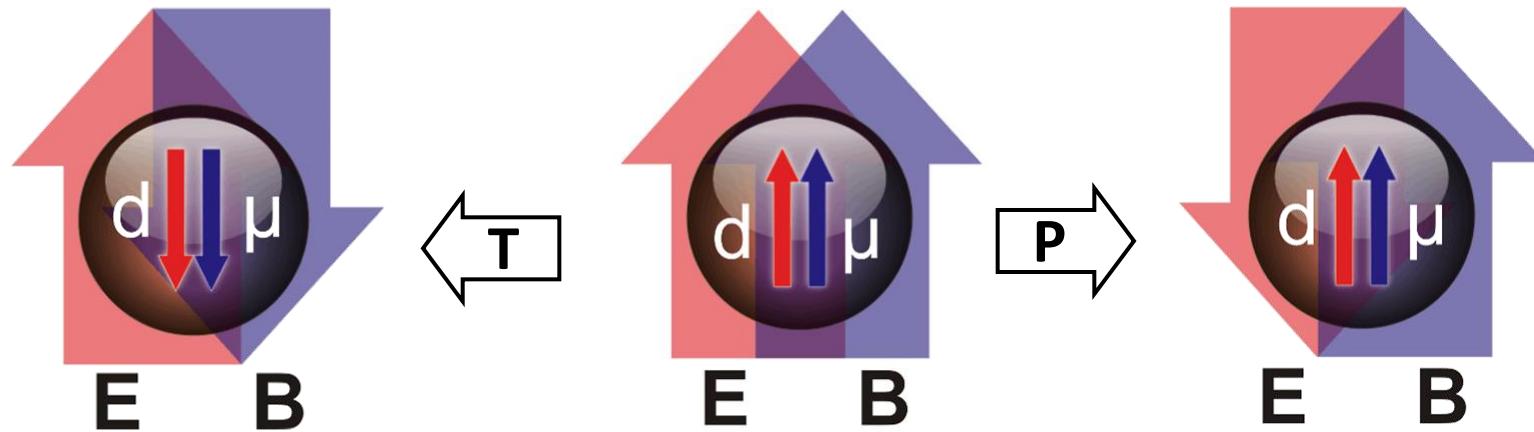
# More muon things ongoing

- HiMB: the high intensity muon beam line project at PSI, see A.Knecht  
<https://indico.uu.se/event/324/session/23/contribution/126/material/slides/0.pdf>
- muCool: High brilliance slow positive muon beam, see A.Eggenberger  
R-14-01 <http://indico.psi.ch/getFile.py/access?contribId=13&sessionId=3&resId=0&materialId=slides&confId=4353>
- Cold muonium production, see A.Soter  
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Will it be possible to measure the free fall of muonium?



# EDM and symmetries

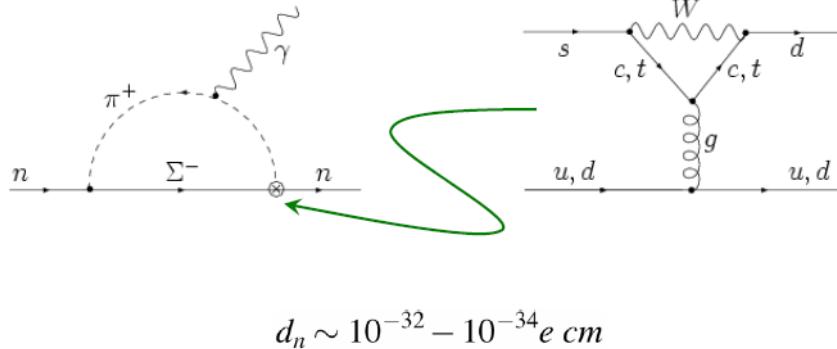


A nonzero particle EDM violates P, T and, assuming CPT conservation, also CP

Purcell and Ramsey, PR78(1950)807; Lee and Yang; Landau

# Electric Dipole Moments tiny in SM

## ■ Neutron, Proton, ..



[Khriplovich & Zhitnitsky '86]

## ■ Leptons: 4<sup>th</sup> order EW

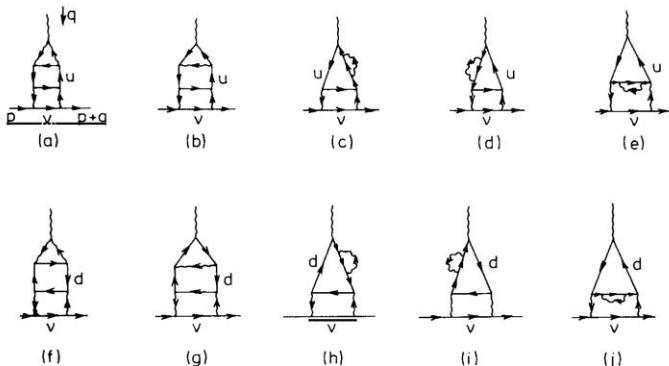
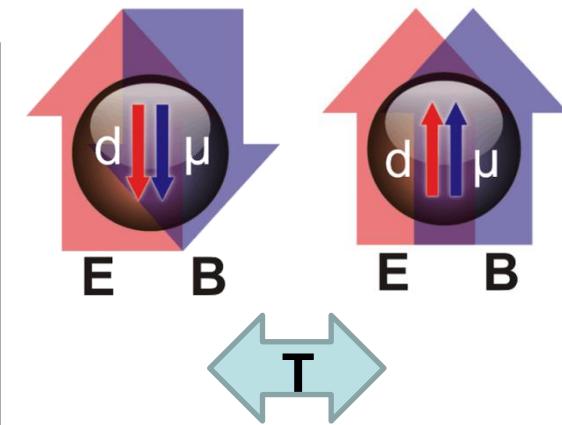


Fig. 4. The ten diagrams which contribute to the edm of the electron. The internal wavy lines are W-propagators.

[Hoogeveen '90, Pospelov, Ritz 2014]

Expect from SM:  
 $d_n < 10^{-30} \text{ e}\cdot\text{cm}$   
Experimentally:  
 $< 3.0 \times 10^{-26} \text{ e}\cdot\text{cm}$   
Pendlebury et al., PRD92(2015)092003



Most sensitive probe  
of BSM CP violation

Expect from SM:  
 $d_e \leq 10^{-44} \text{ e}\cdot\text{cm}$   
 $d_\mu \leq 10^{-42} \text{ e}\cdot\text{cm}$   
 $d_\tau \leq 10^{-41} \text{ e}\cdot\text{cm}$   
Experimentally:  
 $d_e < 9 \times 10^{-29} \text{ e}\cdot\text{cm}$   
 $d_\mu < 2 \times 10^{-19} \text{ e}\cdot\text{cm}$   
 $d_\tau < 3 \times 10^{-17} \text{ e}\cdot\text{cm}$

ThO molecule  
Baron et al., Science 343(2014)269

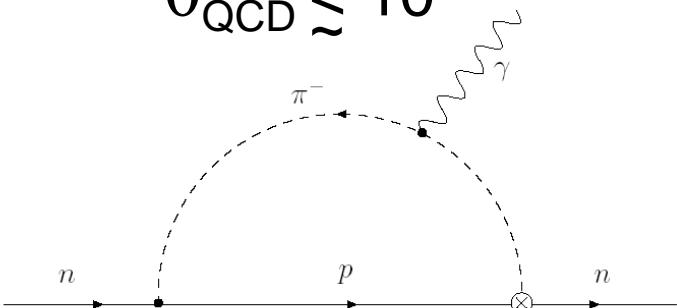
muon g-2  
storage ring  
Bennett et al., PRD80(2009)052008

# The strong CP problem

$$L_{QCD} \approx L_{QCD}^{\theta_{QCD}=0} + g^2/(32\pi^2) \theta_{QCD} G \tilde{G}$$

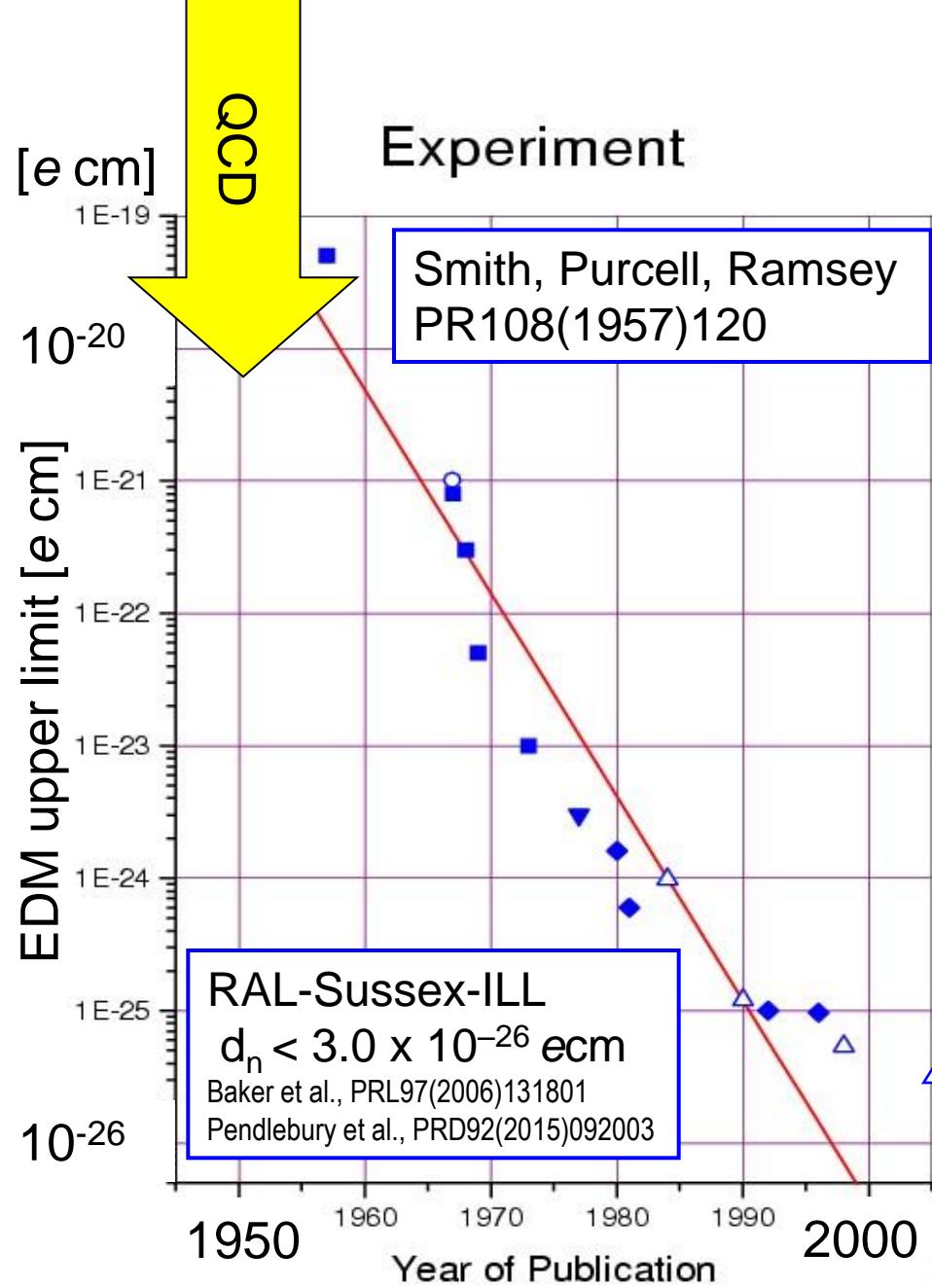
$$d_n \approx 10^{-16} \text{ e cm} \cdot \theta_{QCD}$$

$$\theta_{QCD} \lesssim 10^{-10}$$



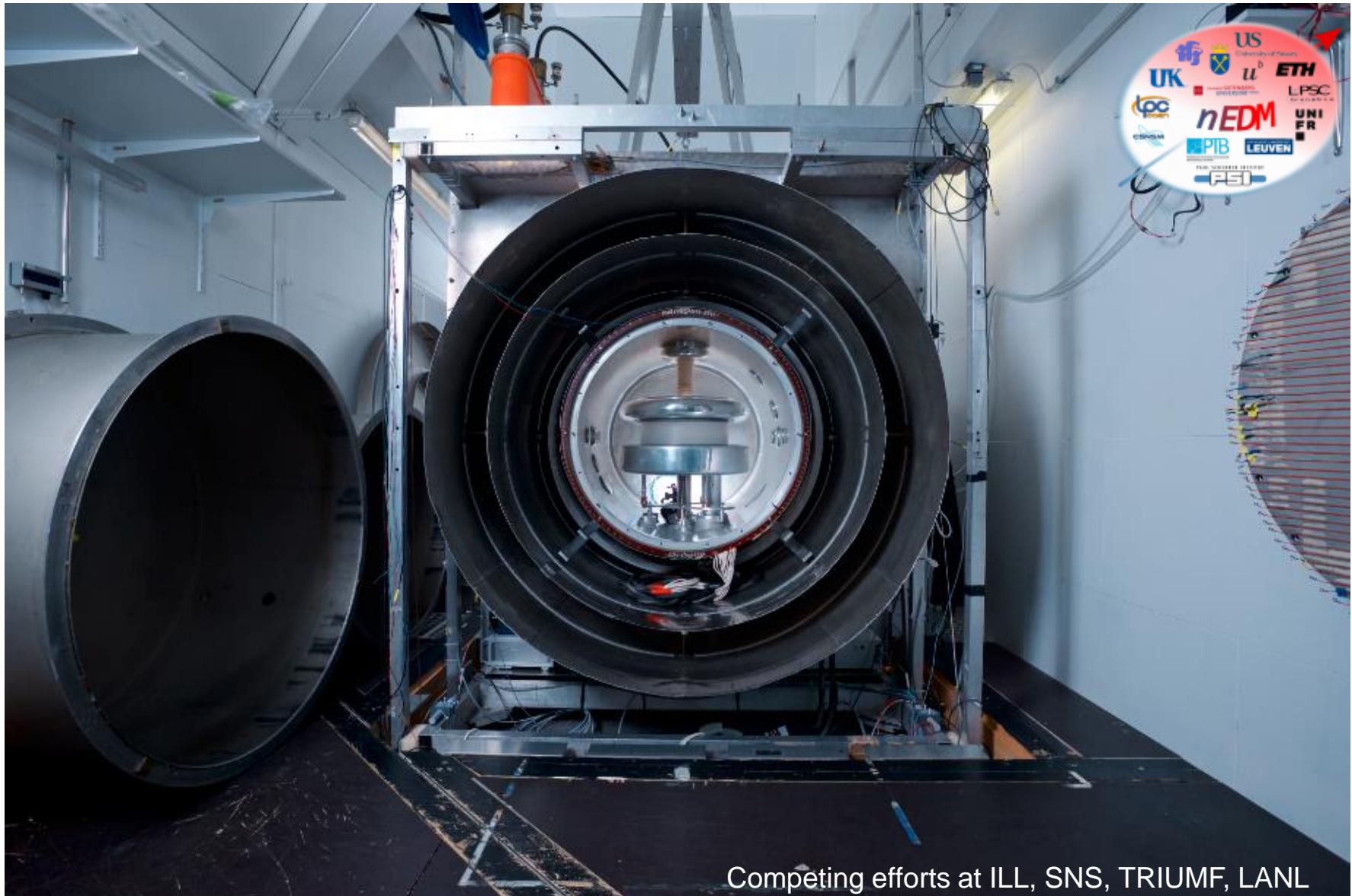
Why is  $\theta_{QCD}$  so small ?

→ accidentally small !?

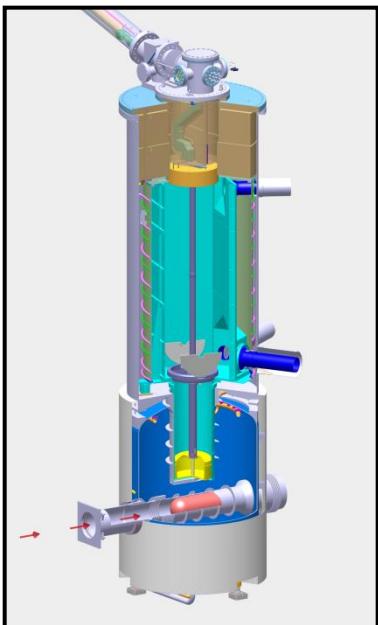
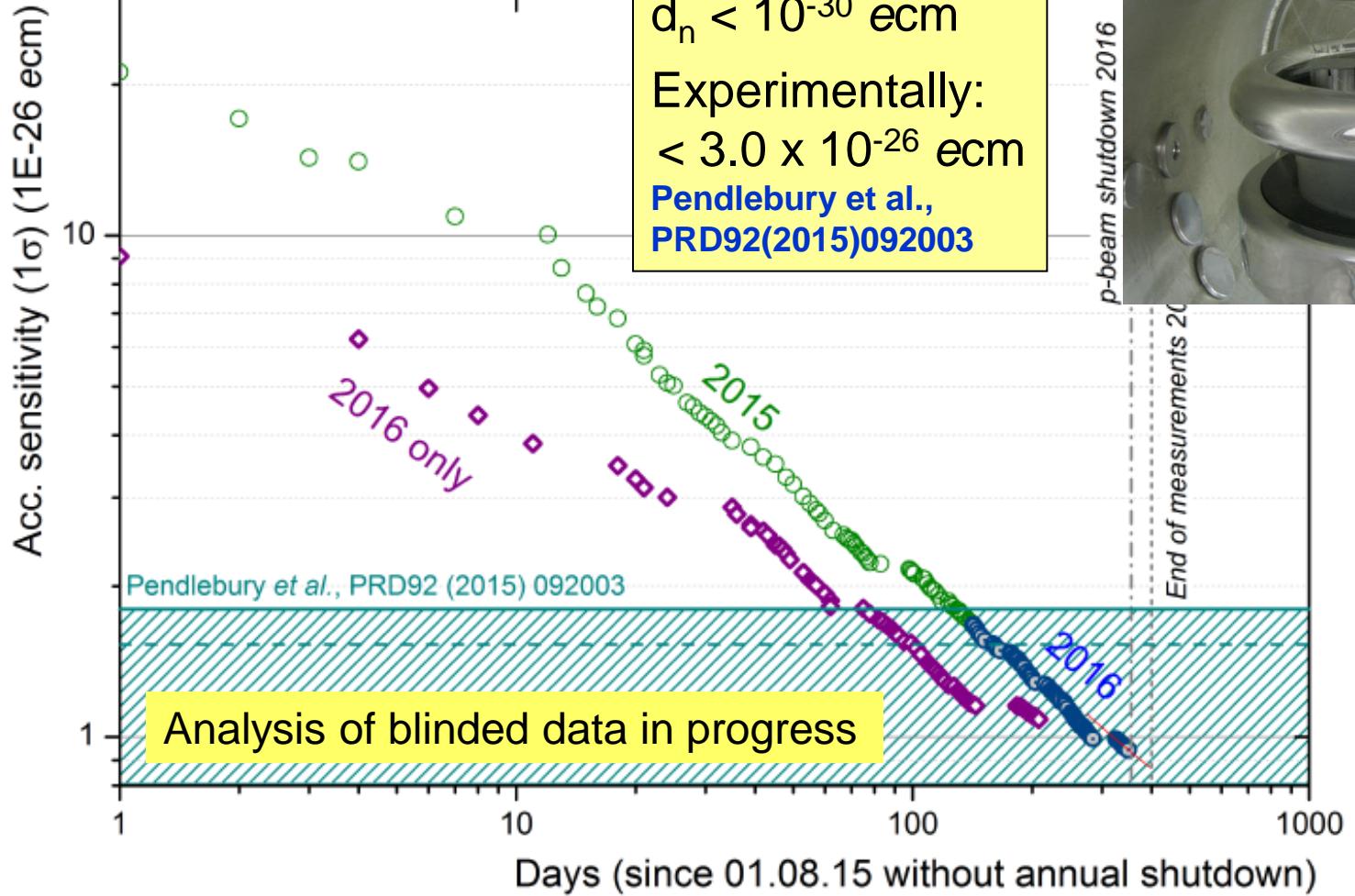


# nEDM at PSI

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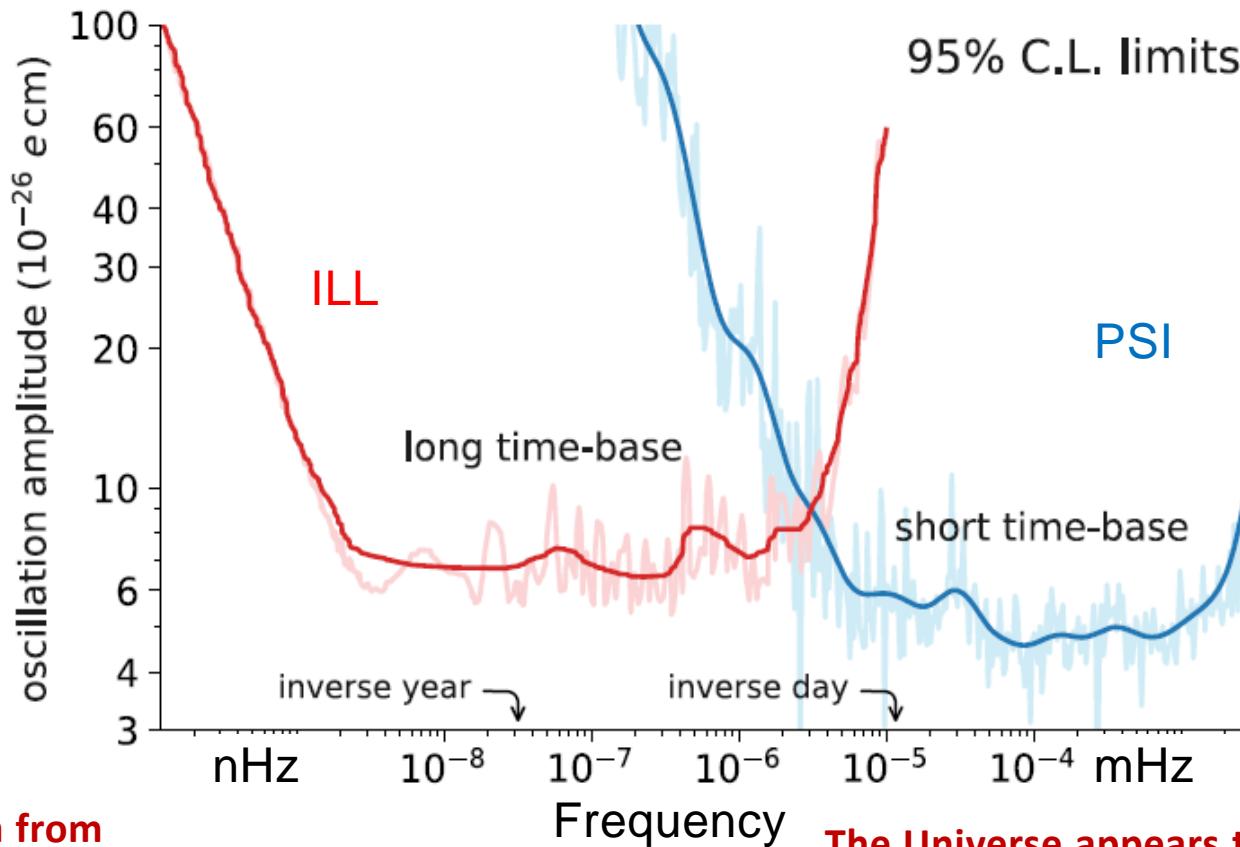
# Searching for the neutron EDM





# Search for nEDM oscillations with time

PHYS. REV. X 7, 041034 (2017)



## nEDM data from

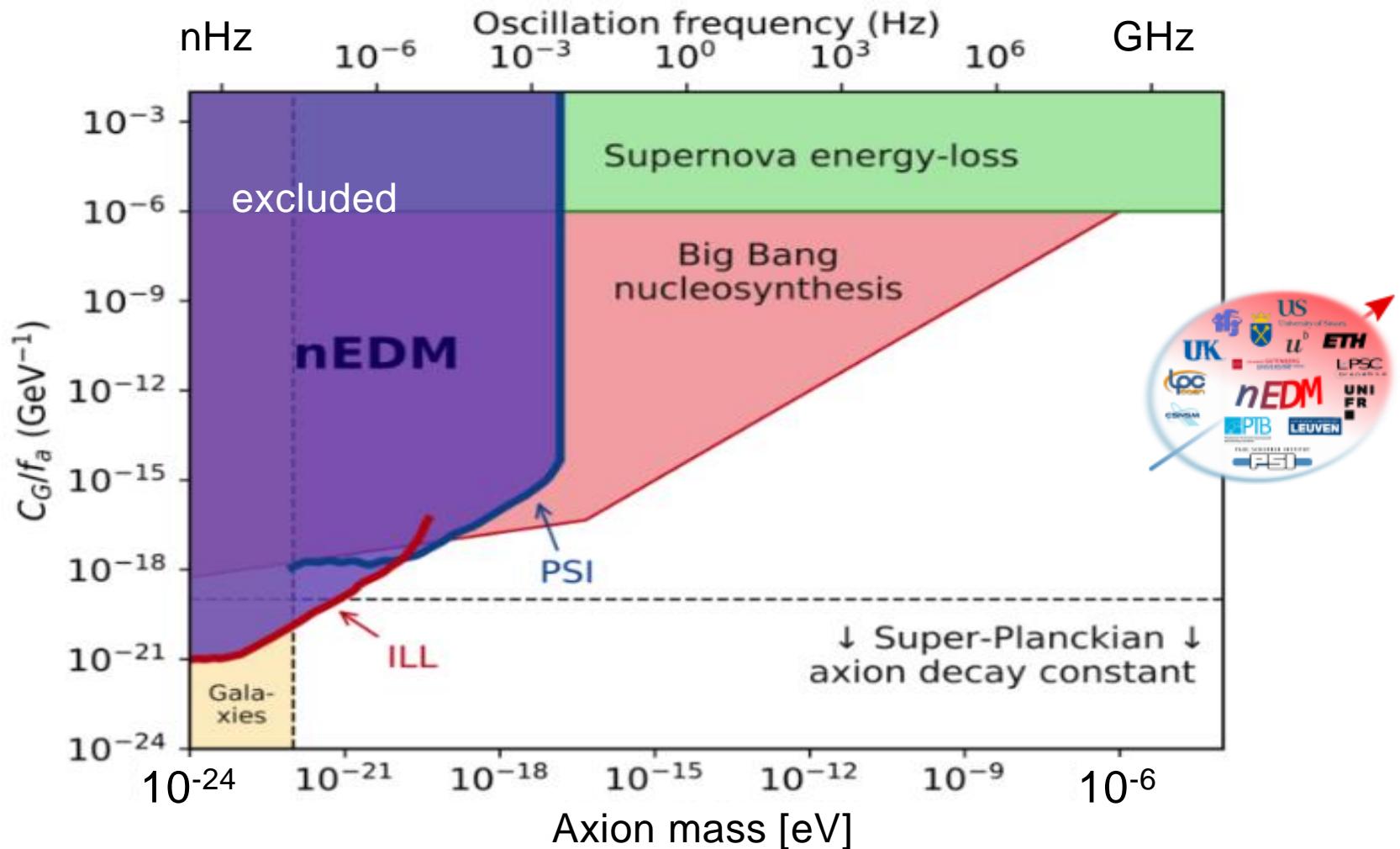
ILL (1998-2002) and PSI (2015-16) has been analyzed for time variations of the nEDM. None have been found, setting the most stringent oscillating EDM limits so far.

The Universe appears to roughly contain 5% ordinary matter (H, He, stars, us, ...), 27% **Dark Matter** and 68% Dark Energy. The nature of the Dark components is yet unknown.



PhD theses  
N. Ayres, Sussex  
M. Rawlik, ETHZ

# nEDM search for ultra-light axion dark matter



Oscillating nEDM data could come from the interaction of ultralight axions which could be the **Dark Matter in the Universe**.

nEDM places the first laboratory limits. on **axion – gluon** couplings

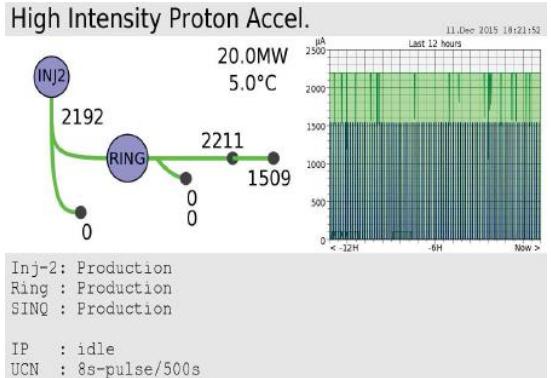
Abel et al., PRX7(2017)041034

# The end: Take home

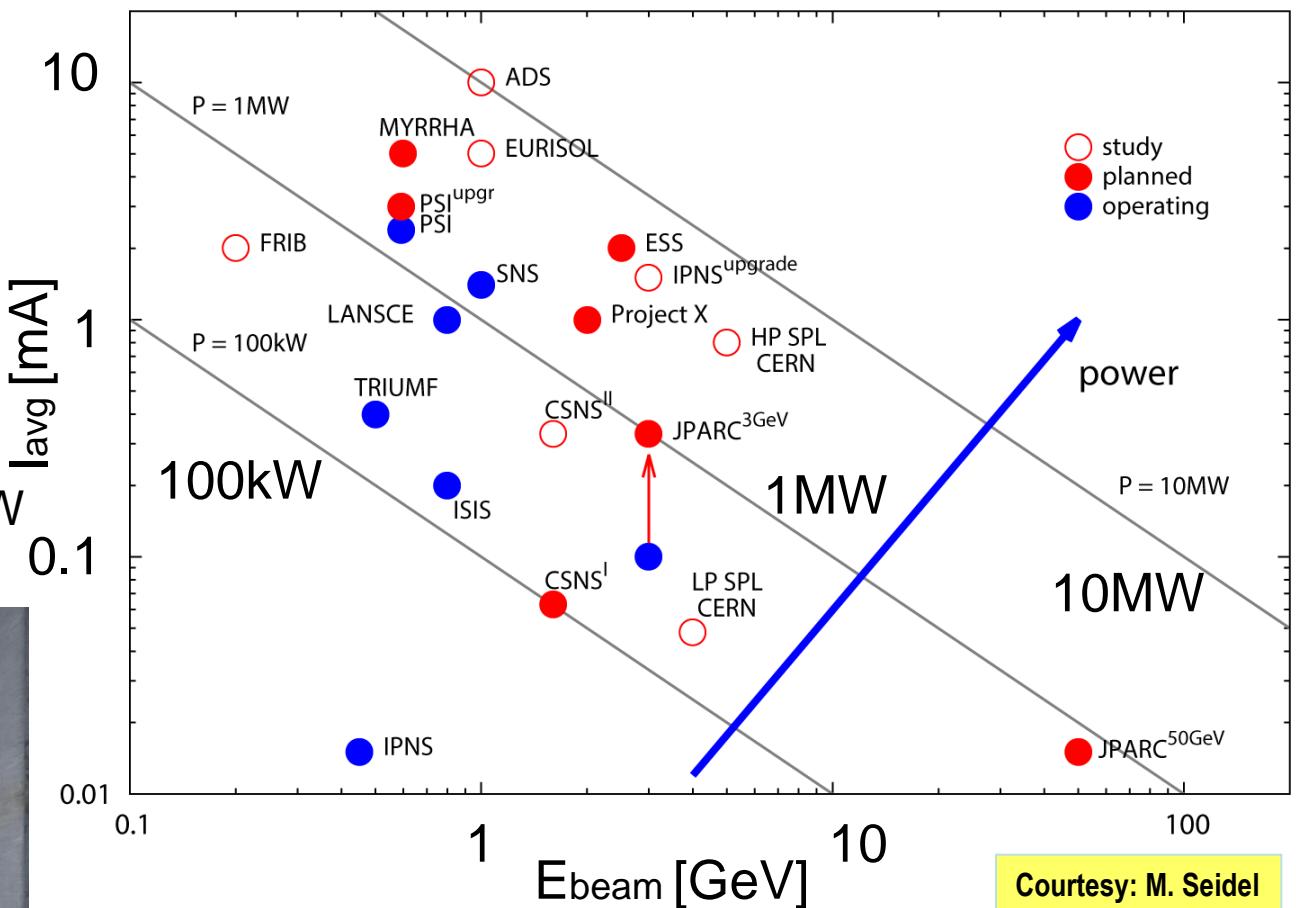
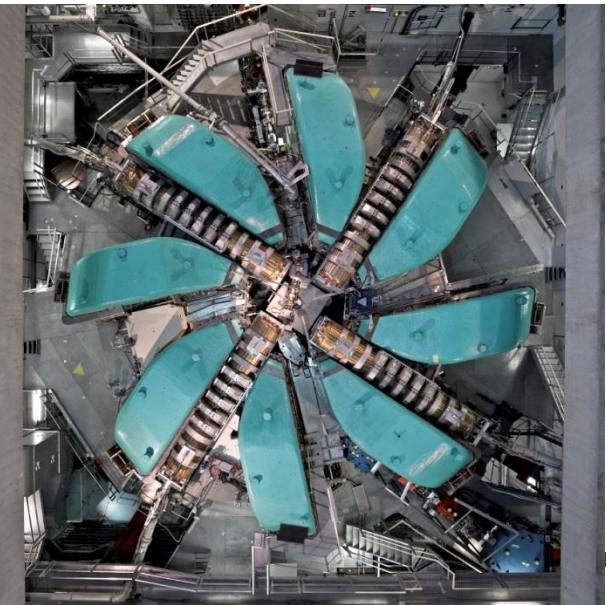
- High intensity, precision physics can test our understanding of fundamental physics at all mass scales
- Slow muons and UCN are excellent probes
  - to best measure some SM parameters
  - to search for cracks in the standard picture
- Next generation experiments again need higher intensities: R&D for more intense and much colder beams under way
- don't forget to contact me with ideas for muonic atom spectroscopy

# Backup

# PSI ring cyclotron



The most powerful proton beam to targets:  
 $590 \text{ MeV} \times 2.4 \text{ mA} = 1.4 \text{ MW}$



HIPA at PSI is a leading machine at the intensity frontier. It produces the highest intensities of muons and pions at low momenta and of ultracold neutrons.

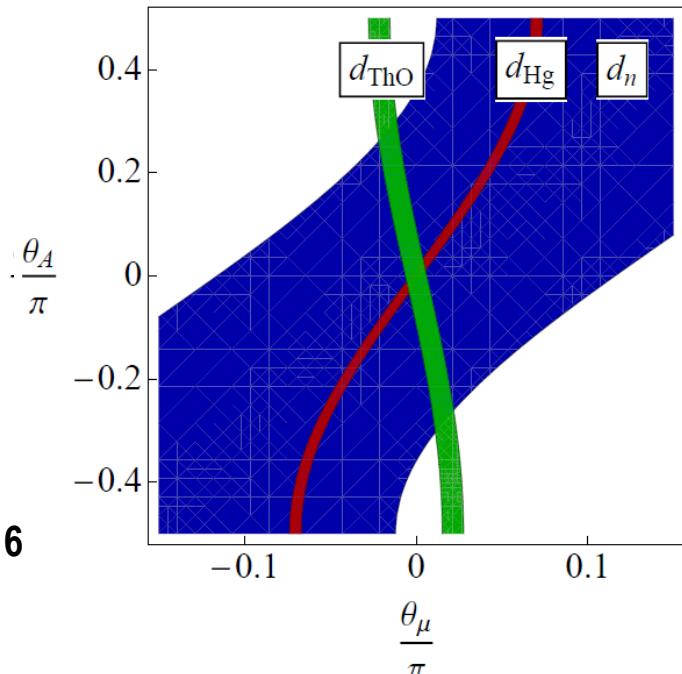
# The SUSY CP problem

(for neutron and electron!)

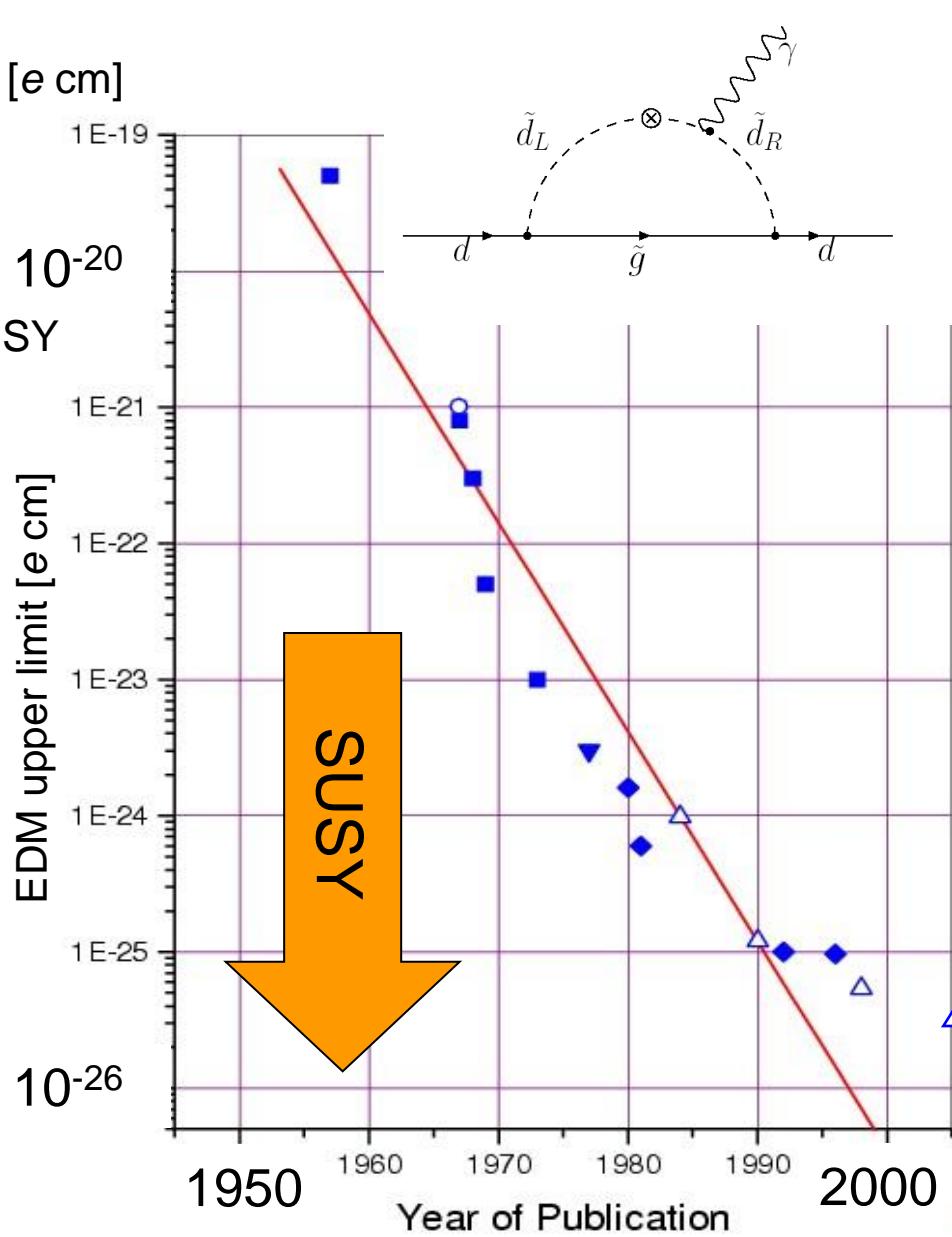
$$d_n \approx 10^{-23} \text{ e cm} \left( \frac{300 \text{ GeV}/c^2}{M_{\text{SUSY}}} \right)^2 \sin \phi_{\text{SUSY}}$$

Why is  $\phi_{\text{SUSY}}$  so small ?

(this is testing M already to 10TeV and you may also ask: why are the masses so huge?)



A. Ritz,  
update 2016



# Caution: $\beta$ decay and $G_F$

$$V_{ud} = 0.974\ 17 \pm 0.000\ 21 \quad (2 \times 10^{-4})$$

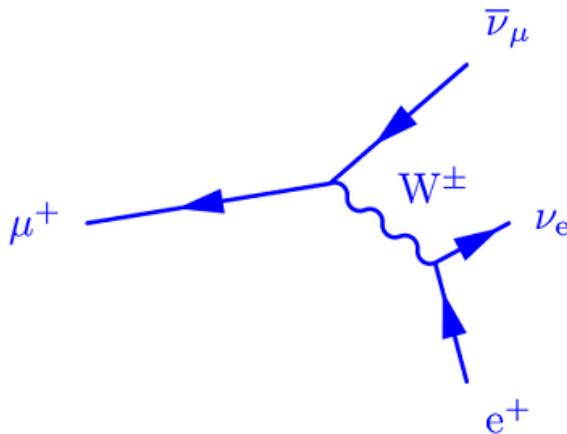
from superallowed  $0^+ \rightarrow 0^+$  via

$$|V_{ud}|^2 = \frac{K}{2G_F^2(1 + \Delta_R^V)\mathcal{F}t}$$

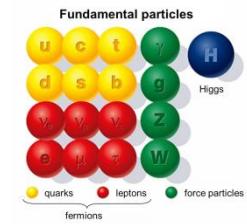
$\Delta_R^V$  : Nucleus independent  
: radiative corrections  
dominating uncertainty

using

$$G_F(\text{MuLan}) = 1.1663787(6) \times 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}^{-2} \quad (5 \times 10^{-7})$$



$G_F$  determined assuming validity of the SM.  
In a model independent analysis  $G_\mu$  it is not yet better constrained than  $3-4 \times 10^{-4}$



# Hyperfine splitting vs. 2S-2P spectroscopy

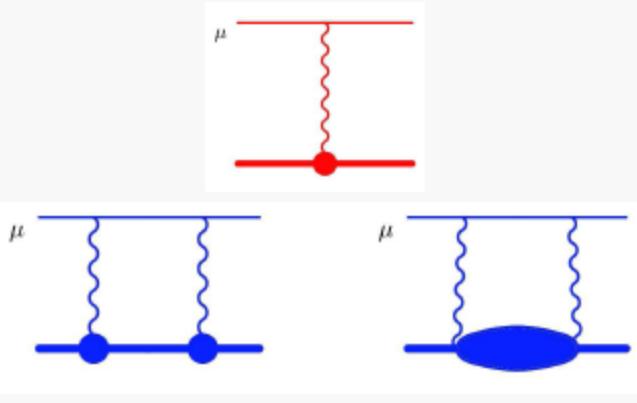
- The 2S-2P energy splitting (Lamb shift)

$$E_L^{\text{th}} = 206.0336(15) - 5.2275(10) R_E^2 + 0.0332(20) \text{ meV}$$

$$\Delta E_{\text{finite size}} = \frac{2\pi Z\alpha}{3} |\phi(0)|^2 R_E^2$$

$$R_E = -\frac{6}{G_E(0)} \frac{dG_E}{dQ^2} \Big|_{Q^2=0}$$

$$R_E^2 \approx \int d\vec{r} \rho_E(\vec{r}) r^2$$



TPE: Two photon exchange

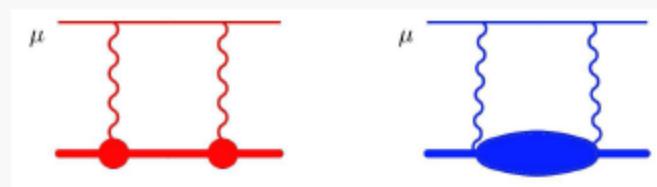
- The hyperfine splitting  $\Delta E_{\text{HFS}}^0 \sim (Z\alpha) \langle \vec{\mu}_\mu \cdot \vec{\mu}_N \rangle |\phi(0)|^2$

$$\Delta E_{\text{HFS}}^{\text{th}} = 182.819(1) - 1.301 R_Z + 0.064(21) \text{ meV}$$

$$\Delta E_{\text{finite size}} = -2(Z\alpha) m_r \Delta E_{\text{HFS}}^0 R_Z$$

$$R_Z = -\frac{4}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{dQ}{Q^2} \left( G_E(Q^2) \frac{G_M(Q^2)}{1+\kappa_p} - 1 \right)$$

$$R_Z = \int d^3\vec{r} |\vec{r}| \int d^3\vec{r}' \rho_E(\vec{r} - \vec{r}') \rho_M(\vec{r}')$$



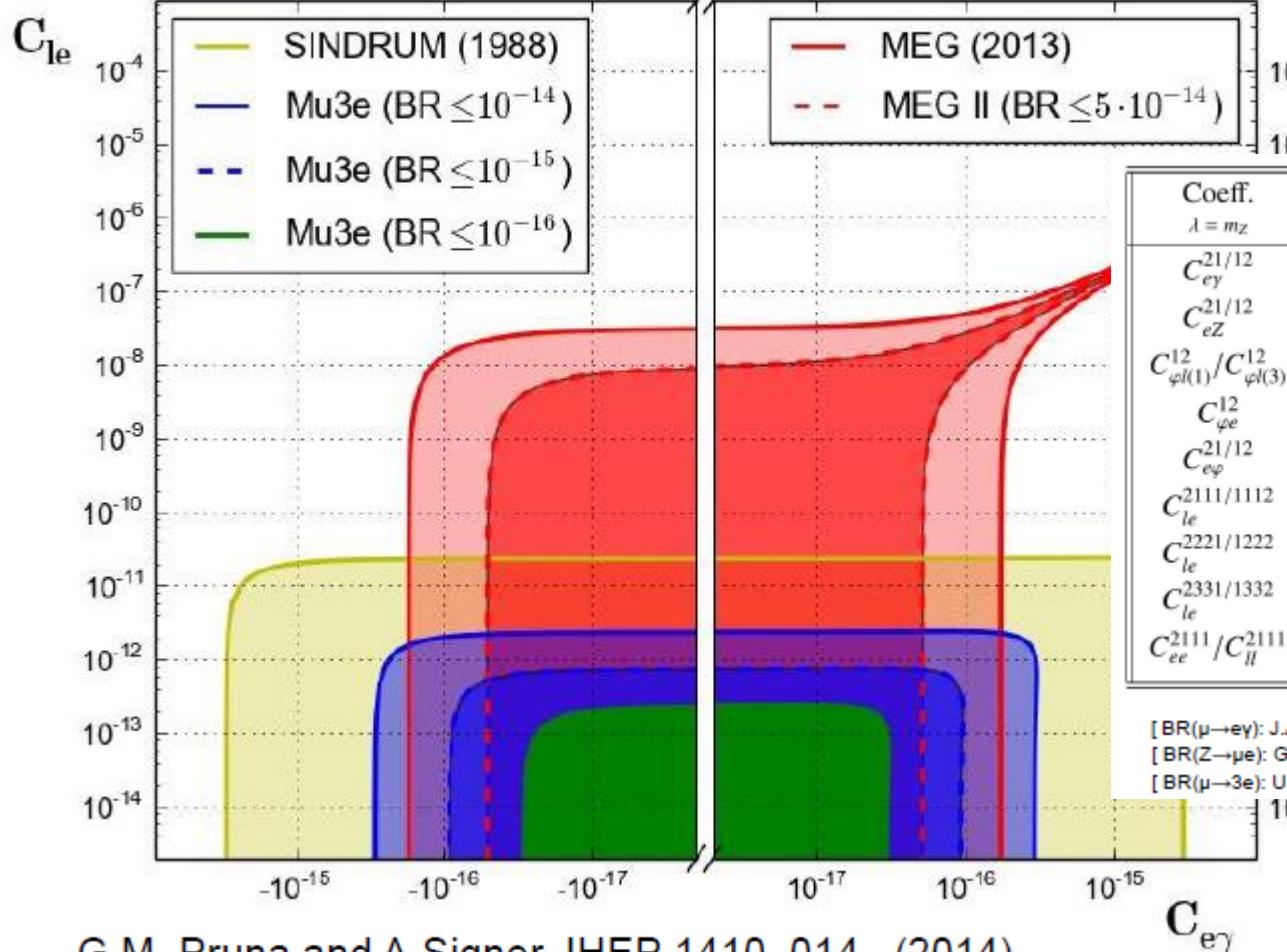
TPE: Two-photon-Exchange

# MEG and Mu3e complementarity

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \frac{1}{\Lambda} \sum_k C_k^{(5)} Q_k^{(5)} + \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \sum_k C_k^{(6)} Q_k^{(6)} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\Lambda^3}\right)$$

$[C] = \text{GeV}^{-2}$

New Physics at scale  $\Lambda \gg M_Z$



Coeff. $\lambda = m_Z$	$\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+\gamma$ $\text{BR} \leq 5.7 \cdot 10^{-13}$	$Z \rightarrow e^\pm \mu^\mp$ $\text{BR} \leq 7.5 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ e^- e^+$ $\text{BR} \leq 1.0 \cdot 10^{-12}$
$C_{ey}^{21/12}$	$2.5 \cdot 10^{-16}$		$3.8 \cdot 10^{-15}$
$C_{ez}^{21/12}$	$1.4 \cdot 10^{-13}$	$3.9 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$4.0 \cdot 10^{-8}$
$C_{\varphi l(1)}/C_{\varphi l(3)}^{12}$	$2.5 \cdot 10^{-10}$	$3.9 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$3.5 \cdot 10^{-11}$
$C_{\varphi e}^{12}$	$2.5 \cdot 10^{-10}$	$3.9 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$3.7 \cdot 10^{-11}$
$C_{e\varphi}^{21/12}$	$2.8 \cdot 10^{-8}$		$8.7 \cdot 10^{-6}$
$C_{le}^{2111/1112}$	$4.4 \cdot 10^{-8}$		$3.1 \cdot 10^{-11}$
$C_{le}^{2221/1222}$	$2.1 \cdot 10^{-10}$		
$C_{le}^{2331/1332}$	$1.2 \cdot 10^{-11}$		
$C_{ee}^{2111}/C_{ll}^{2111}$			$1.1 \cdot 10^{-11}$

[ $\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma)$ : J.Adam et al. (MEG), Phys. Rev. Lett. 110, 201801, (2013)]

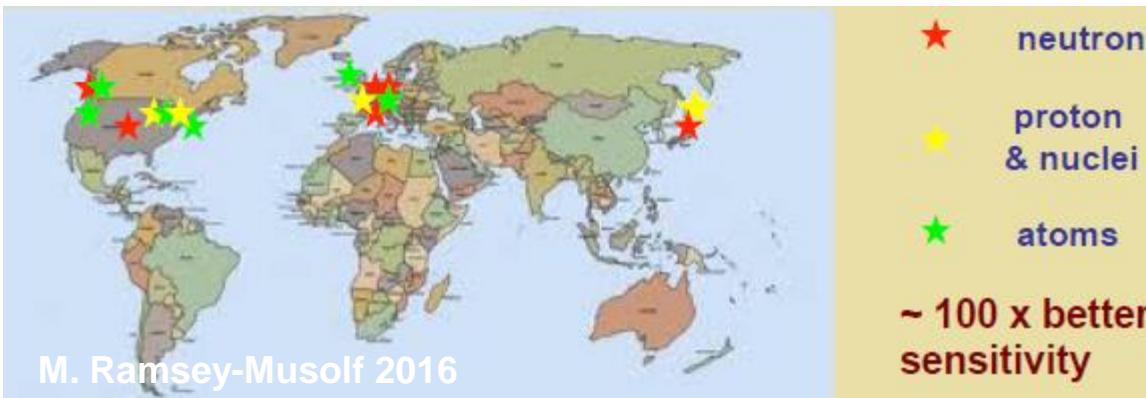
[ $\text{BR}(Z \rightarrow \mu e)$ : G.Aad et al. (ATLAS), Phys. Rev. D90, 072010, (2014)]

[ $\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow 3e)$ : U.Bellgardt et al. (SINDRUM), Nucl.Phys. B299, 1, (1988)]

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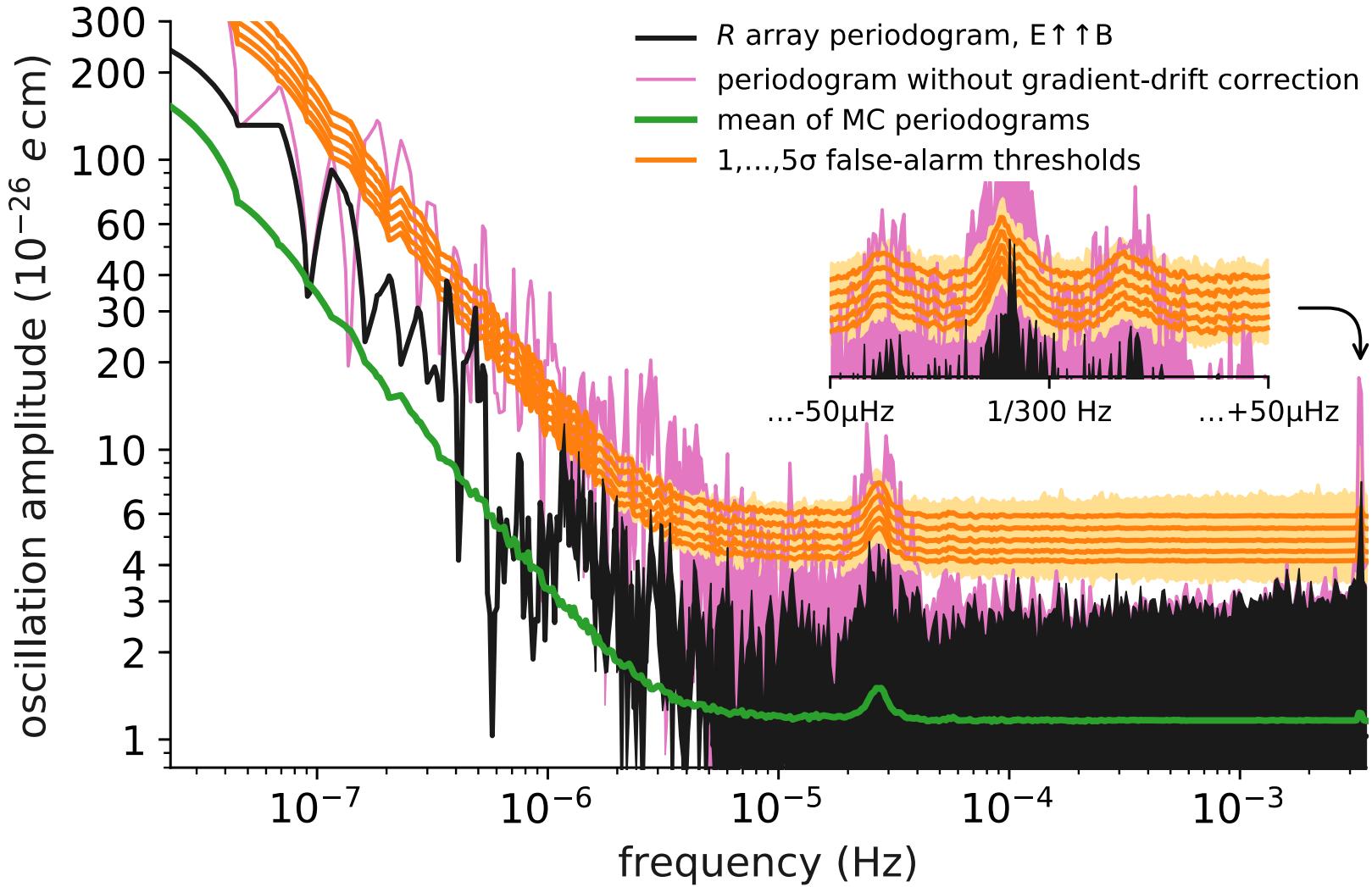
# Progress with EDM searches

- **Electron EDM:** Next improvements from polar molecules (e.g. YbF, ThO) expected; some searches with paramagnetic atoms (Cs, Fr)
- **Nuclear EDM:** Hg-199  $d_{Hg} \leq 7.4 \times 10^{-30}$  e·cm (Graner et. al, PRL116(2016)161601), other efforts use different diamagnetic atoms (Xe-129, Ra-225)
- **Neutron EDM:** Various international collaborations
- **Muon EDM:** new g-2 experiments
- **Other charged particle EDM:** **Proton, Deuteron, ...**  
R&D by storage ring collaboration, JEDI with precursor at COSY, CPEDM in CERN's PBC study

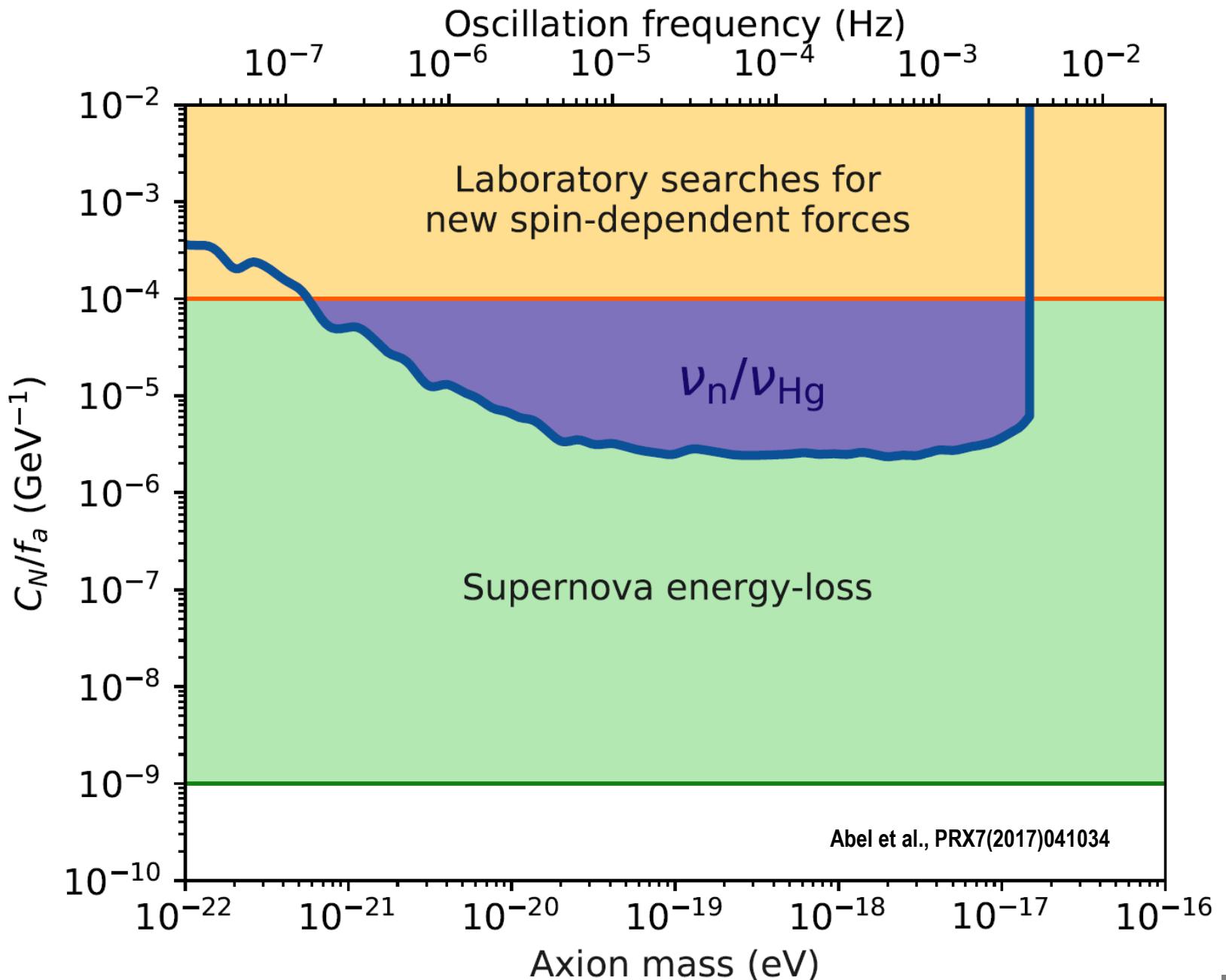


Need multiple systems,  
to discover finite EDM and  
to eventually disentangle  
BSM physics

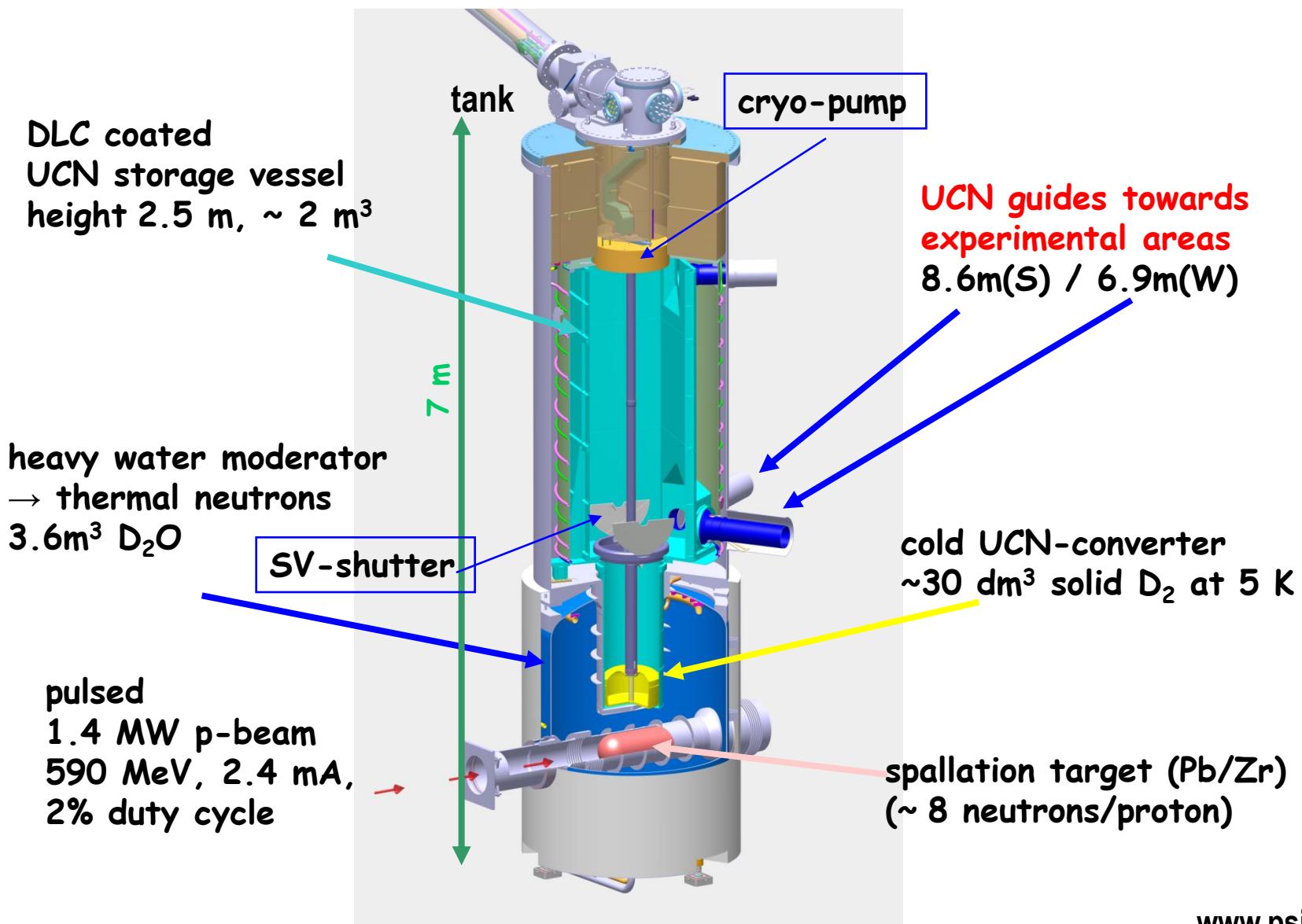
Some unique opportunities  
in Europe



$$d_n(t) = 5.9 \times 10^{-22} C_G \left( \frac{10^{-22} \text{ eV}}{m_a} \right) \left( \frac{10^{16} \text{ GeV}}{f_a} \right) \cos(m_a t) \text{ e} \cdot \text{cm}$$



# The PSI UCN source



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# Ultracold neutrons

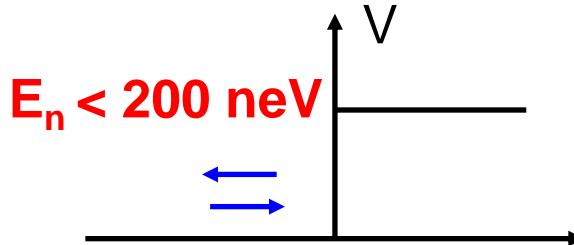
ideal gas with **temperature** of milli-Kelvin  
move with **velocities** of few m/s

strong

$$\text{Fermi potential } V_F$$



$$200 \text{ neV}$$



magnetic

$$V_m = -\mu B$$



$$60 \text{ neV T}^{-1}$$

$$3.3 \text{ T field} \rightarrow 200 \text{ neV}$$

gravitation

$$V_g = m_n g h$$



$$100 \text{ neV m}^{-1}$$



$$2 \text{ m} \rightarrow 200 \text{ neV}$$

Nature has probably **violated CP** when generating the Baryon asymmetry !?

**Observed\*:**

$$(n_B - n_{\bar{B}}) / n_\gamma = 6 \times 10^{-10}$$

**SM expectation:**

$$(n_B - n_{\bar{B}}) / n_\gamma \sim 10^{-18}$$

Sakharov 1967:

B-violation

C & **CP-violation**

non-equilibrium

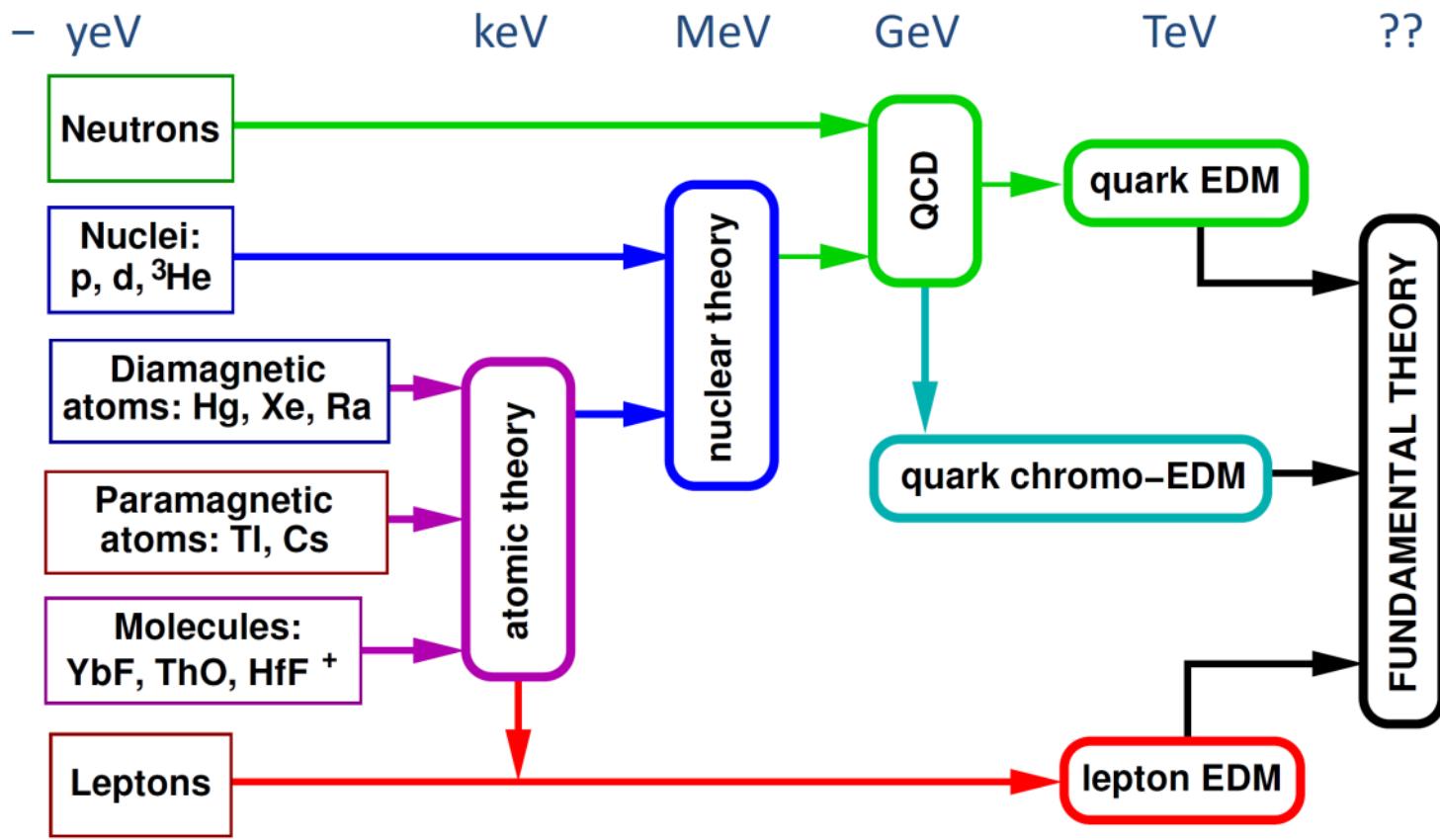
[JETP Lett. 5 (1967) 24]

\* WMAP + COBE, 2003

$$n_B / n_\gamma = (6.1 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-10}$$

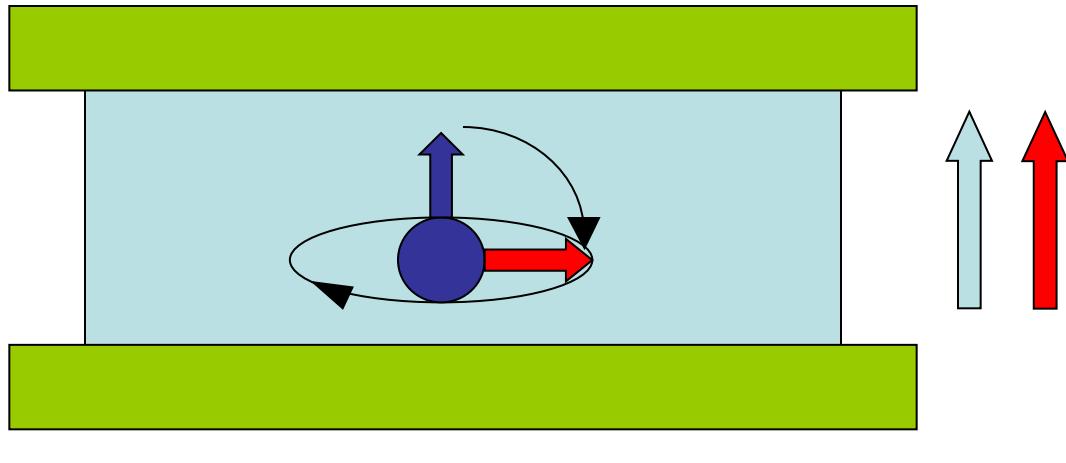
# Connecting experiments and theory

Scheme: courtesy Rob G. E. Timmermans



See also: Pospelov, Ritz,  
Ann. Phys. 318(2005)119

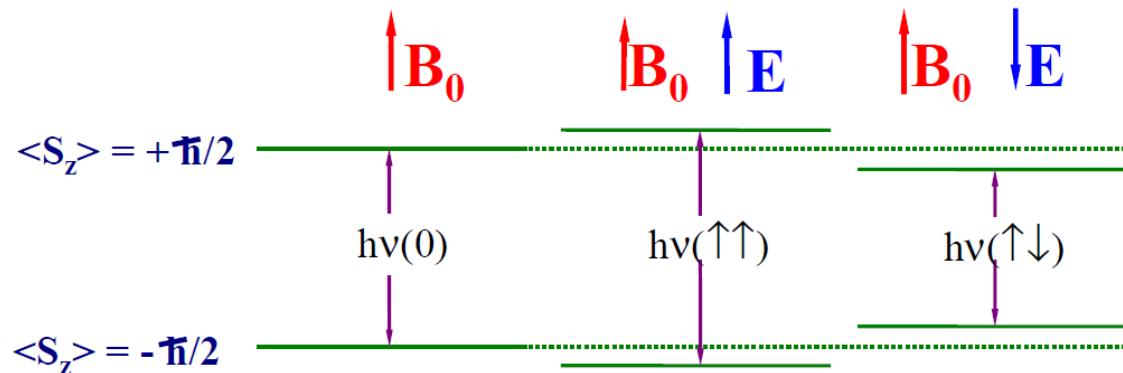
# How to measure the neutron (or other) electric dipole moment ?



$$\begin{aligned} h\nu_{\uparrow\uparrow} &= 2(\mu B + d_n E) \\ h\nu_{\uparrow\downarrow} &= 2(\mu B - d_n E) \end{aligned}$$

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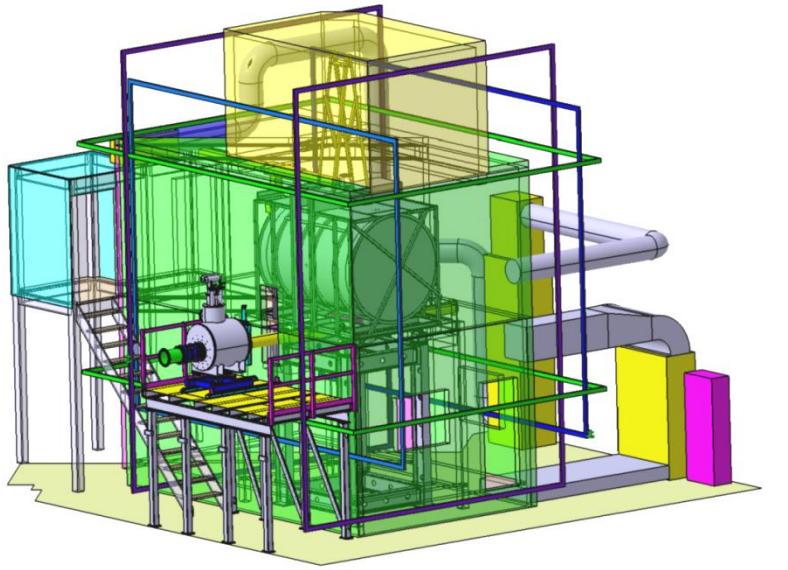
$$h\Delta\nu = 4 d_n E$$



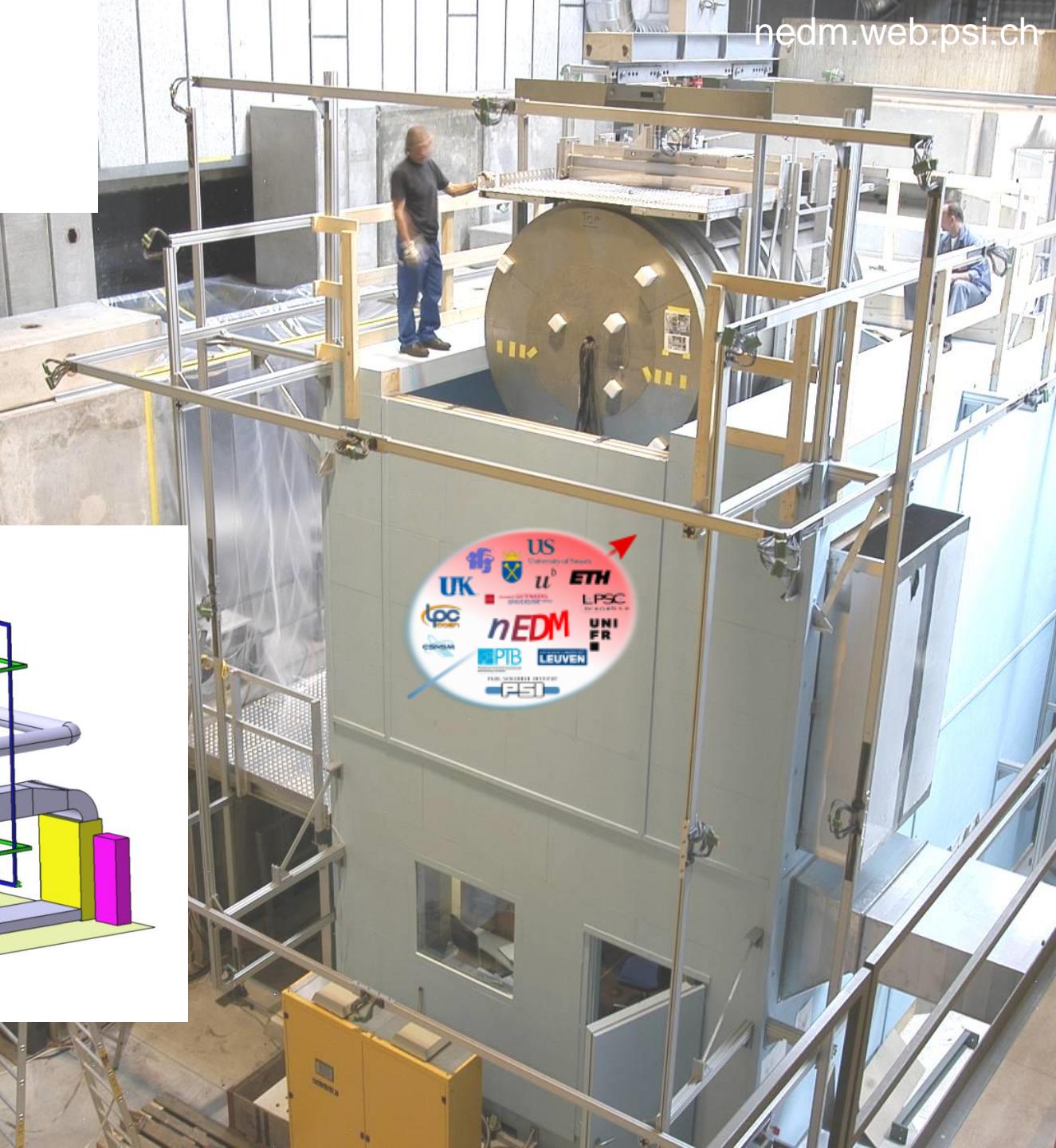
$$\sigma(d_n) = \frac{\hbar}{2\alpha ET\sqrt{N}}$$

# nEDM at PSI 2009 – 17

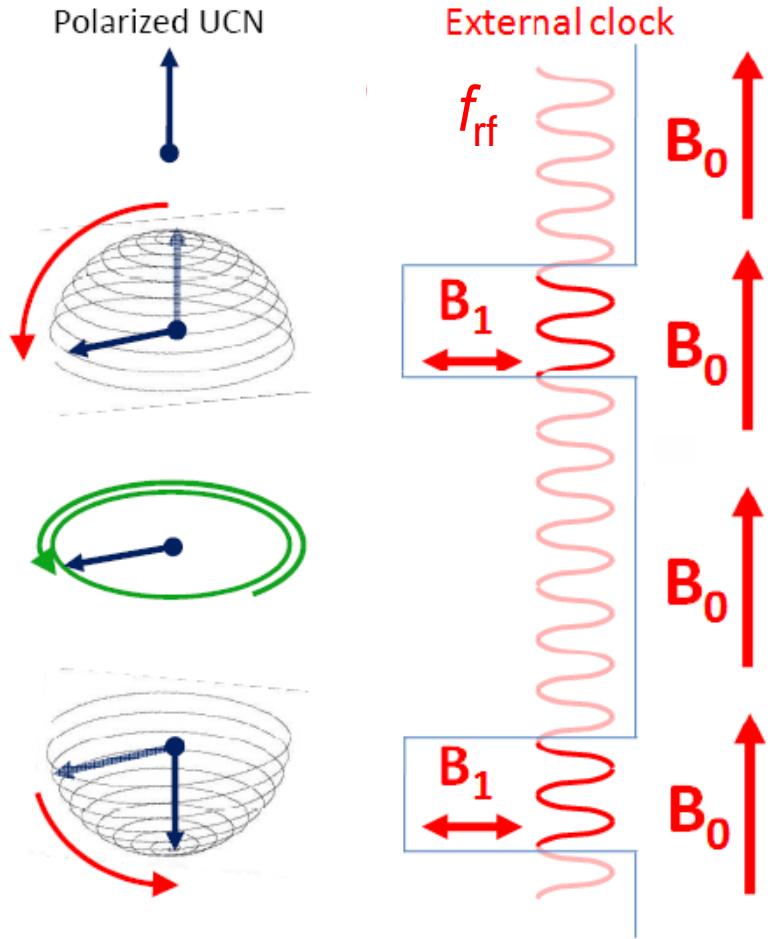
Coming from ILL:  
Sussex-RAL-ILL collaboration  
PRL 97 (2006) 131801  
Upgraded by nEDM@PSI



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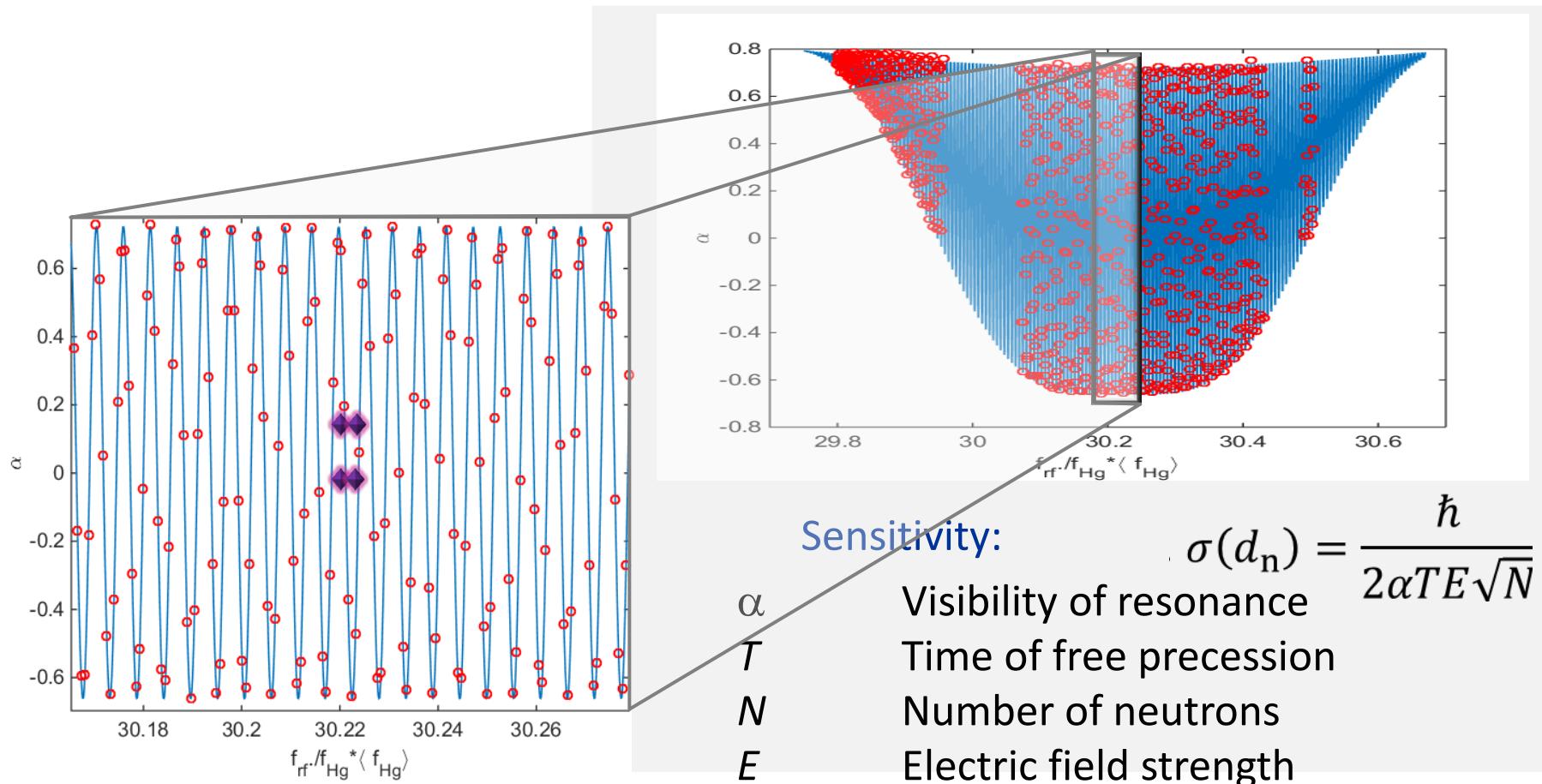


# Ramsey's method with UCN

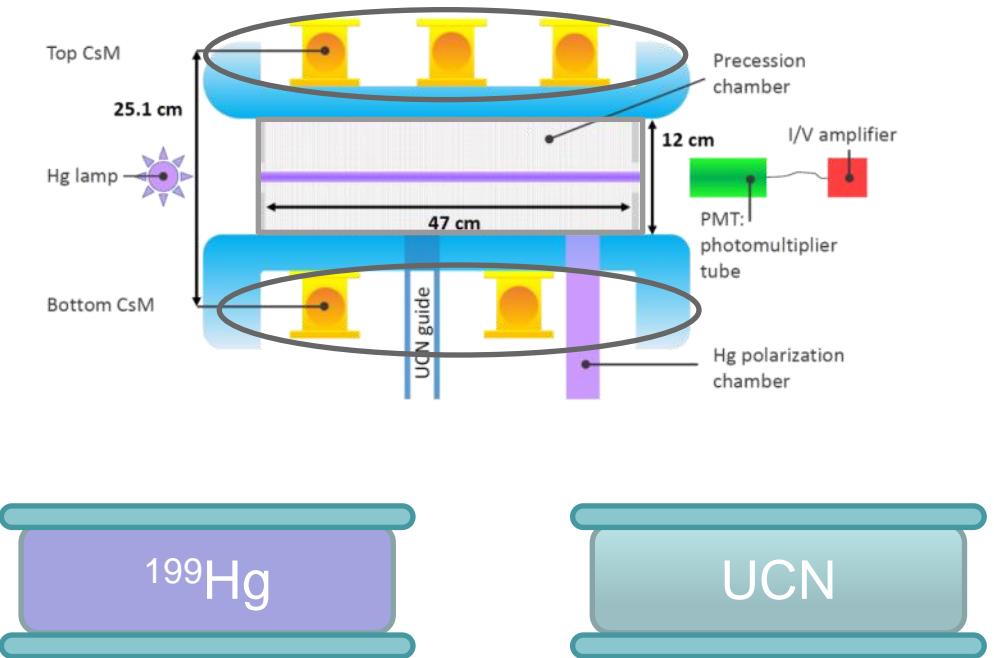
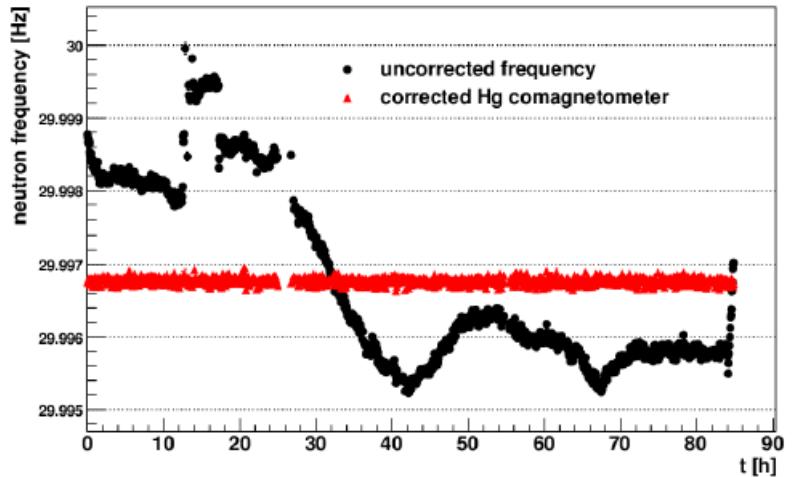


$$\sigma(f_n) = \frac{\Delta\nu}{\alpha\sqrt{N}\pi}$$

# Ramsey's method with UCN

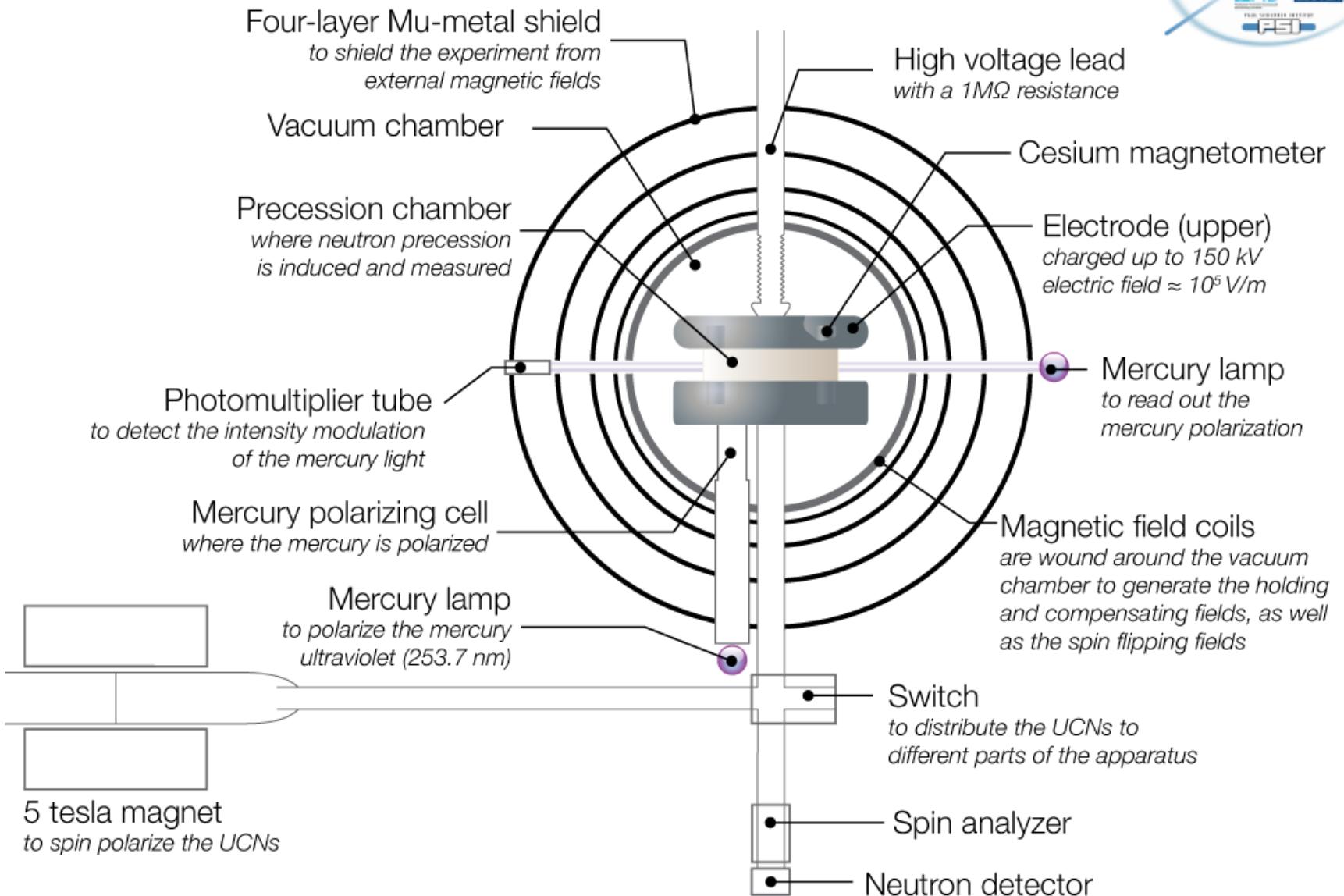
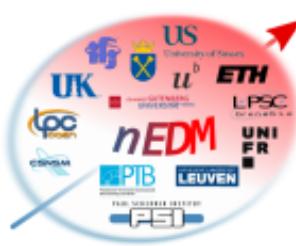


# Frequency ratio R



$$R = \frac{\langle f_{UCN} \rangle}{\langle f_{Hg} \rangle} = \frac{\gamma_n}{\gamma_{Hg}} \left( 1 \mp \frac{\partial B}{\partial z} \frac{\Delta h}{|B_0|} + \frac{\langle B^2 \perp \rangle}{|B_0|^2} \mp \delta_{\text{Earth}} + \delta_{\text{Hg-lights}} \dots \right)$$

# The nEDM spectrometer



# Magnetic moments



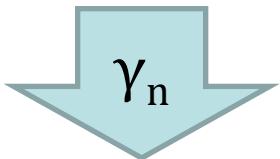
$$\frac{\gamma_n}{2\pi} = 29.164705(55) \text{ MHz/T}$$

[1.89 ppm]



$$\gamma_n / \gamma_{Hg} = 3.8424574(30)$$

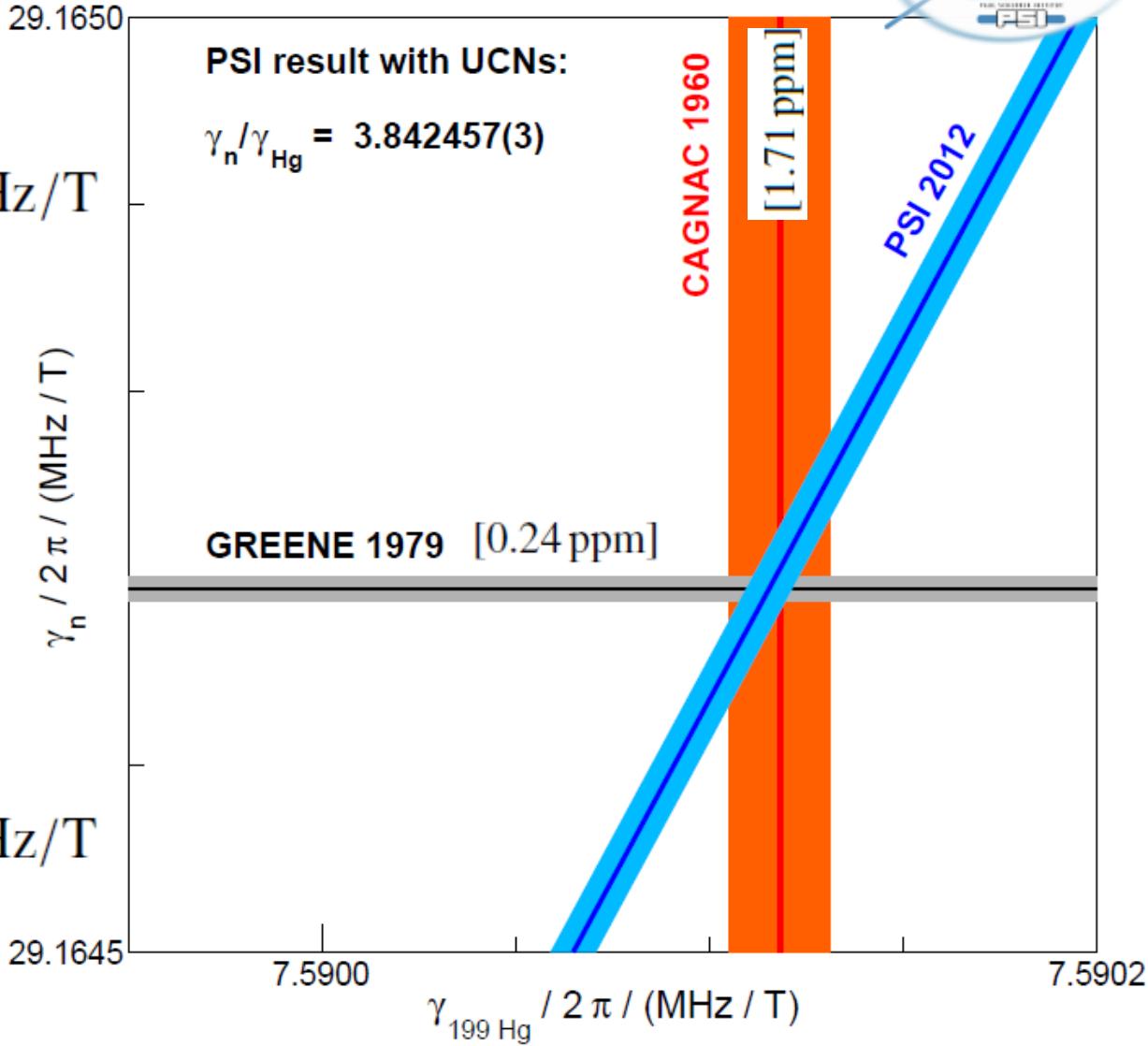
[0.78 ppm]



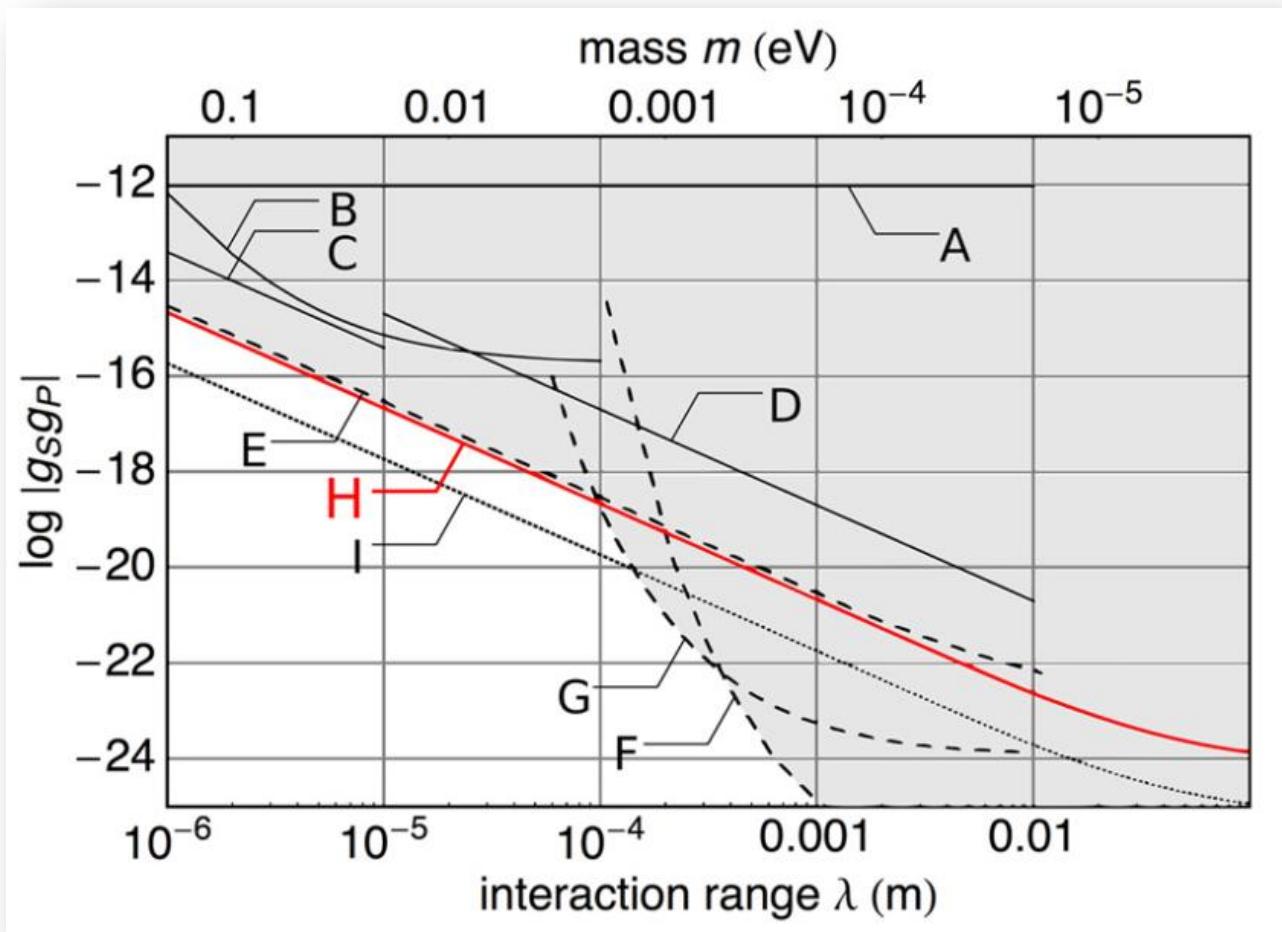
$$\frac{\gamma_{Hg}}{2\pi} = 7.5901152(62) \text{ MHz/T}$$

[0.82 ppm]

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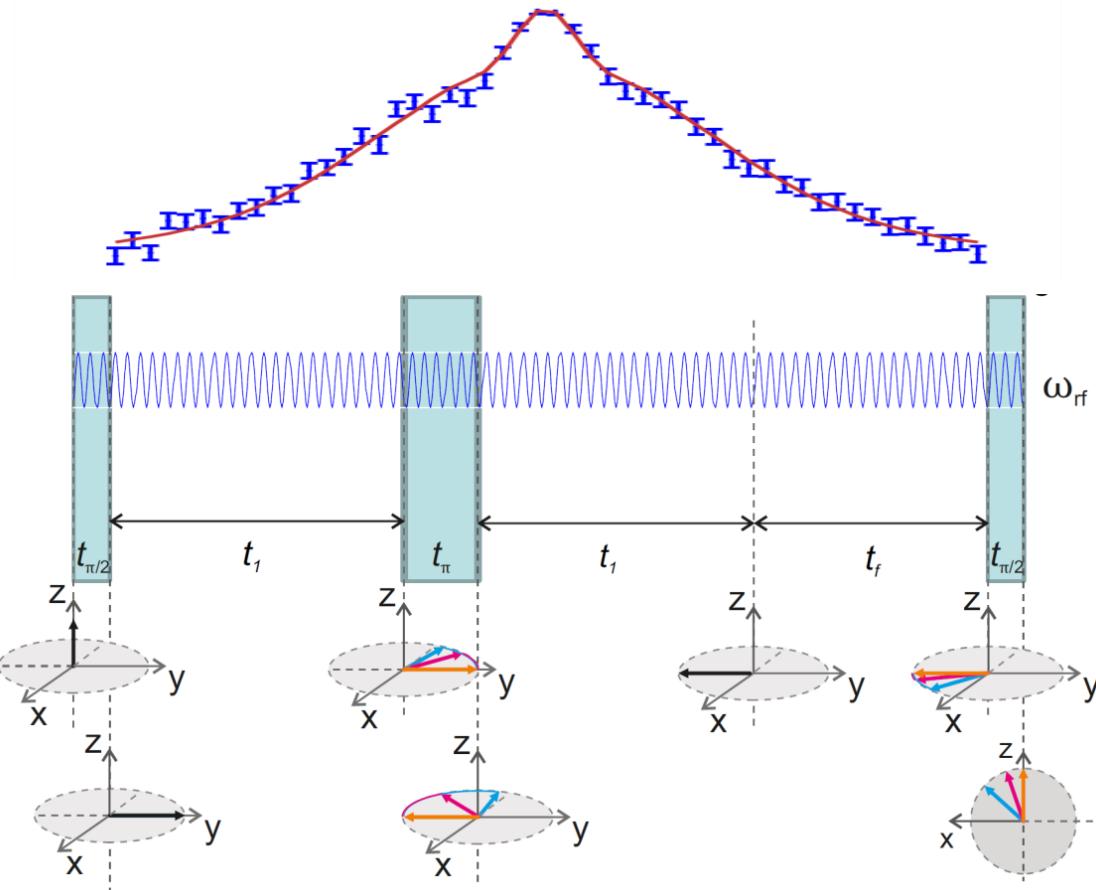
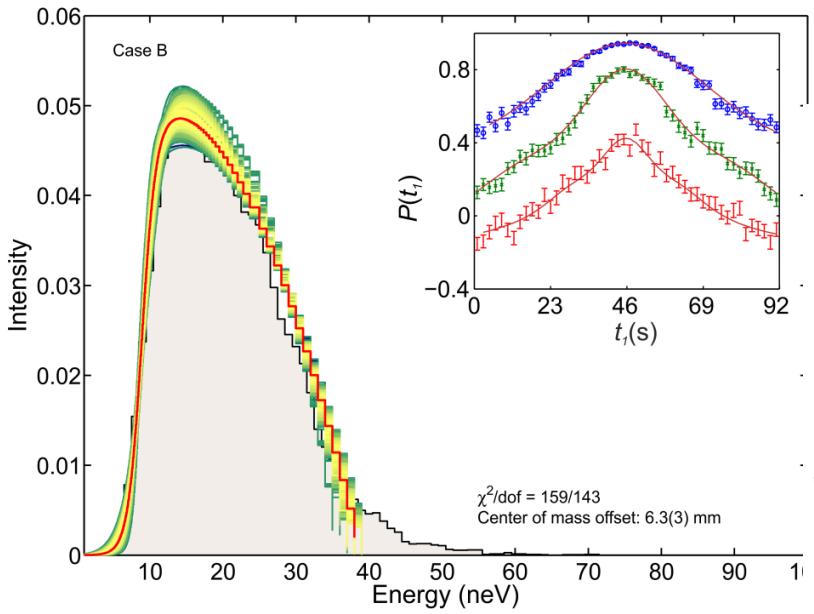
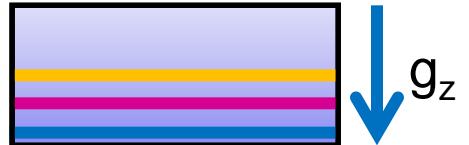
# Spin-dependent exotic interactions



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# Spin-echo spectroscopy

A spin-echo recovers energy dependent dephasing for  $T = 2t_1$  in a magnetic field with vertical gradient.



S. Afach et al., PRL114(2015)162502