

# Parity Violation in Hadronic systems: the N-N Weak Interaction

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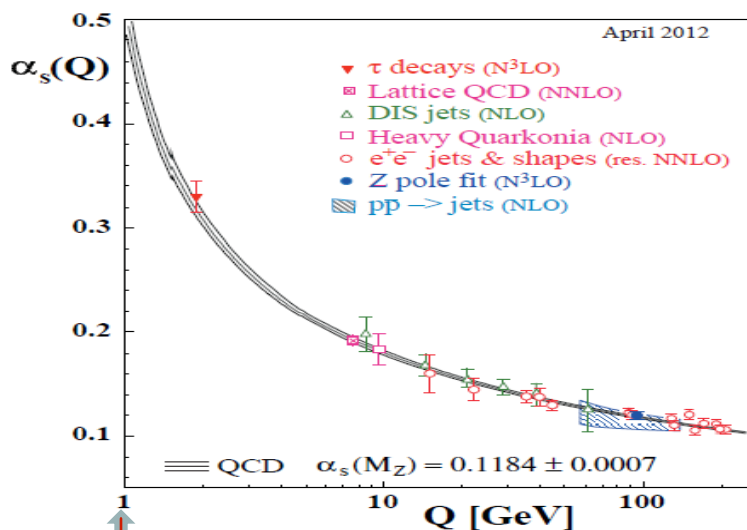
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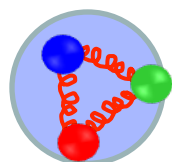
1. Theoretical background/present experimental status
2. Neutron experiment under analysis:  $n+p$  [NPDGamma]
3. Proposed neutron experiments:(a)  $n+3\text{He}$ , (b)  $n+4\text{He}$
4. Experimental bounds on “long-range” neutron parity violation
5. Deuteron photodisintegration: future possibility
6. Recent Developments/Conclusions

# What kind of a probe do we need to learn about strong QCD?

## QCD coupling $\alpha_s$

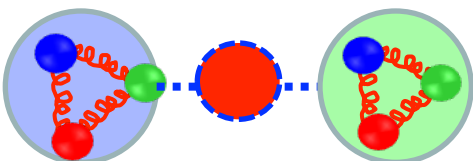


$$\Lambda_{QCD} \approx 1 GeV$$



- \* asymptotic freedom
- \* confinement
- \* chiral symmetry breaking

$$E_B \approx MeV$$

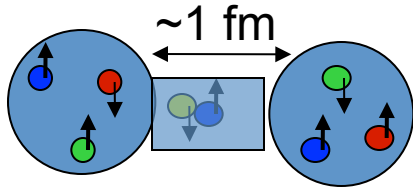


NN interaction  
(meson exchange)

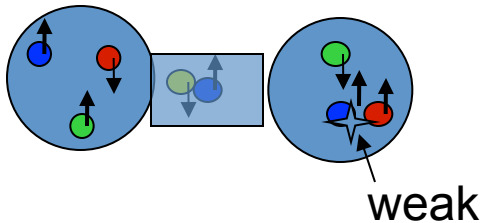
1. We want a “weak” probe which does not disturb the strong dynamics and leaves the system in its ground state
2. We want an “inside-out” probe which is understood at short distance scales
3. We want a “quark-quark” probe so that we are highly sensitive to QCD dynamics
4. We want a “symmetry-violating” probe that we can see in the presence of strong dynamics

Can we understand **quantitatively** the evolution of strong dynamics from the q-q to the N-N level, through two nonperturbative scales?

# The N-N Weak Interaction is what we want to study!



*QCD (and strong NN):  
conserves parity*



*q-q weak interaction:  
violates parity*

1. Is it “weak” enough not to disturb QCD effects? YES!

2. Is it an “inside-out” probe which is understood at short distance scales? YES! W and Z range [ $\sim 1/100$  fm] much smaller than nucleon

3. Is it a “quark-quark” probe? YES!

4. Is it a “symmetry-violating” probe? YES! (QCD conserves parity, weak interaction violates parity)

So what's the problem?

Relative strength of weak / strong amplitudes  
in N-N system:

$$\frac{e^2}{M_W^2} / \frac{g^2}{m_\pi^2} \approx 10^{-7}$$

Too damn weak: experiments are very hard. But there is hope....

# q-q Weak/NN Weak: Two Simple Facts

(1) At energies below the  $W^\pm$  and  $Z^0$  mass, the q-q weak interaction can be written in a current-current form, with contributions from charged currents and neutral currents.


$$M_{CC} = \frac{g^2}{2M_W^2} J_{\mu,CC}^\dagger J_{CC}^\mu; M_{NC} = \frac{g^2}{\cos^2 \theta_W M_Z^2} J_{\mu,NC}^\dagger J_{NC}^\mu$$

$$J_{CC}^\mu = \bar{u} \frac{1}{2} \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma^5) \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} d \\ s \end{pmatrix}; J_{NC}^\mu = \sum_{q=u,d} \bar{q} \frac{1}{2} \gamma^\mu (c_V^q - c_A^q \gamma^5) q$$

(2) If we use energies low enough that **only S-waves are important for strong interaction**, parity violation is dominated by **S-P interference**, we have 5 independent NN parity-violating transition amplitudes:

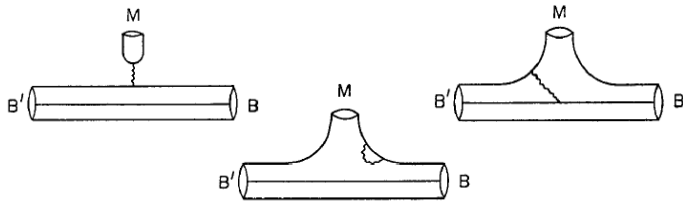
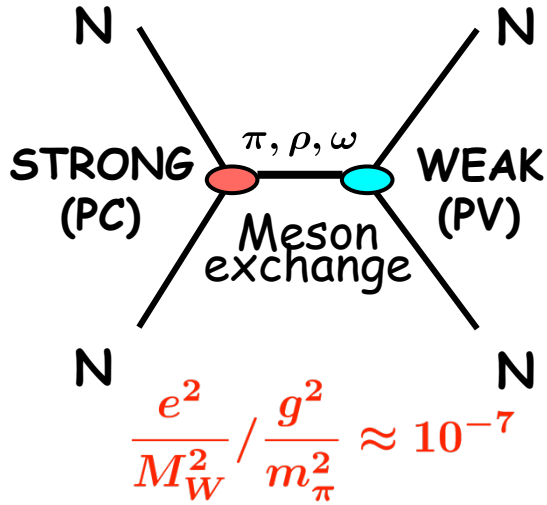
$${}^3S_1 \Leftrightarrow {}^1P_1 (\Delta I=0, np); {}^3S_1 \Leftrightarrow {}^3P_1 (\Delta I=1, np); {}^1S_0 \Leftrightarrow {}^3P_0 (\Delta I=0, 1, 2; nn, pp, np)$$

possible isospin changes from q-q weak interactions	
	$\Delta I$
charged current	0, 2 : ( $\sim V_{ud}^2$ ) 1 : ( $\sim V_{us}^2$ )
neutral current	0, 1, 2

 Neutral currents dominate  $\Delta I=1$ ,  $\Delta I=2$  only comes from one 4-quark operator

# DDH Potential

## PV meson exchange



Desplanques, Donoghue, Holstein, Annals of Physics 124, 449 (1980)

- DDH model** – uses valence quarks to calculate effective PV meson-nucleon coupling directly from SM via 6 weak meson coupling constants

$$f_\pi^1, h_\rho^0, h_\rho^1, h_\rho^2, h_\omega^0, h_\omega^1$$

P-odd observables can be written as linear combinations of these couplings

$$A = a_\pi^1 f_\pi^1 + a_\rho^0 h_\rho^0 + a_\rho^1 h_\rho^1 + a_\rho^2 h_\rho^2 + a_\omega^0 h_\omega^0 + a_\omega^1 h_\omega^1$$

	np $A_\gamma$	nD $A_\gamma$	n <sup>3</sup> He $A_p$	np $\phi$	n $\alpha$ $\phi$	pp $A_z$	p $\alpha$ $A_z$
$f_\pi$	-0.11	0.92	-0.18	-3.12	-0.97		-0.34
$h_\rho^0$		-0.50	-0.14	-0.23	-0.32	0.08	0.14
$h_\rho^1$	-0.001	0.10	0.027		0.11	0.08	0.05
$h_\rho^2$		0.05	0.0012	-0.25		0.03	
$h_\omega^0$		-0.16	-0.13	-0.23	-0.22	-0.07	0.06
$h_\omega^1$	-0.003	-0.002	0.05		0.22	0.07	0.06

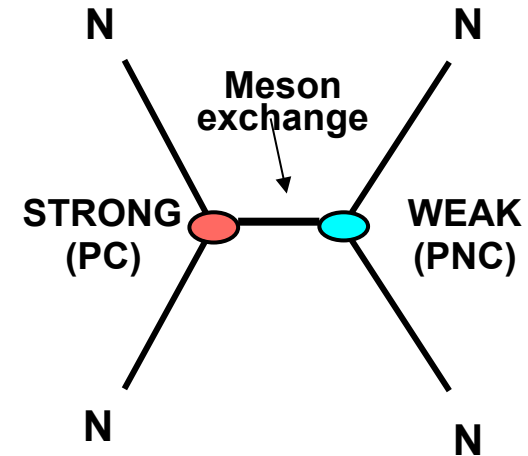
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# Meson Exchange/NN Weak Effective Field Theories

Meson exchange model: exchange of light mesons ( $\pi$ ,  $\rho$ ,  $\omega$ ) with **one strong interaction vertex** and **one weak interaction vertex** (Desplanques, Donoghue, Holstein 1980)

Effective Field Theory approach: most general formulation for NN weak interaction consistent with QCD symmetries (Zhu et al 2005)

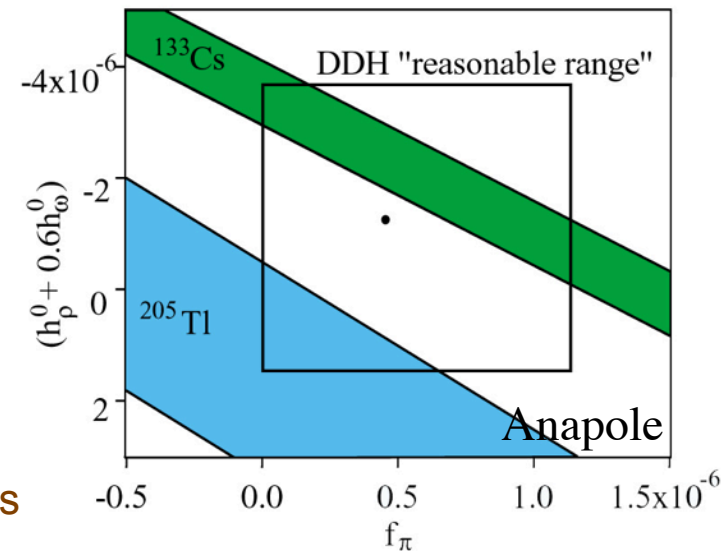
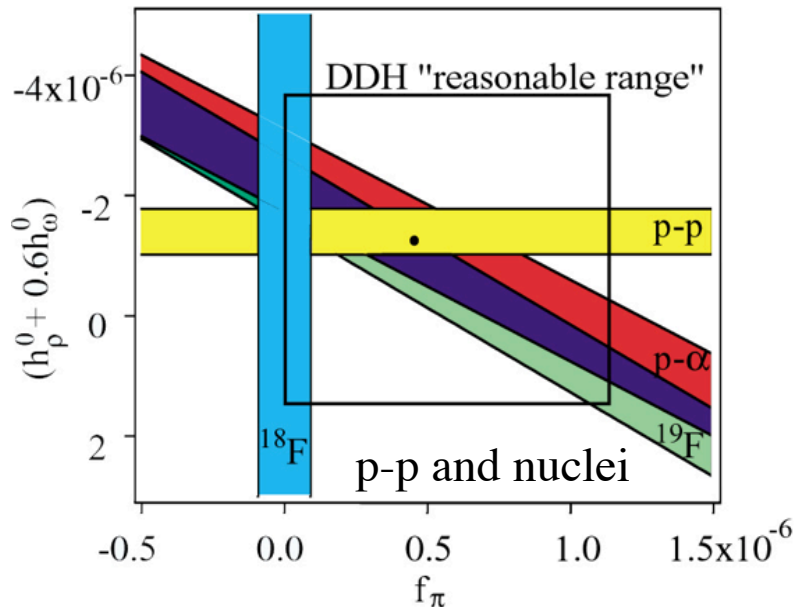
Pionless EFT (equivalent to 5 S-P transition amplitudes). Calculations in progress (Phillips, Schindler, Springer 2009, Springer, Schindler 2013)



Partial wave transition	$l \leftrightarrow l'$	$\Delta l$	n-n	n-p	p-p	Hybrid EFT coupling	Pionless EFT coupling	Exchanged Meson
${}^3S_1 \leftrightarrow {}^3P_1$	$0 \leftrightarrow 1$	1		✓		$m\rho_t, C^\pi [\sim f_\pi]$	$C({}^3S_1 - {}^3P_1)$	$\pi^\pm, \rho, \omega^0$
${}^3S_1 \leftrightarrow {}^1P_1$	$0 \leftrightarrow 0$	0		✓		$m\lambda_t$	$C({}^3S_1 - {}^1P_1)$	$\rho, \omega^0$
${}^1S_0 \leftrightarrow {}^3P_0$	$1 \leftrightarrow 1$	0	✓	✓	✓	$m\lambda_s^{nn}$	$C({}^1S_0 - {}^3P_0, \Delta l=0)$	$\rho, \omega^0$
${}^1S_0 \leftrightarrow {}^3P_0$	$1 \leftrightarrow 1$	1	✓		✓	$m\lambda_s^{np}$	$C({}^1S_0 - {}^3P_0, \Delta l=1)$	$\rho, \omega^0$
${}^1S_0 \leftrightarrow {}^3P_0$	$1 \leftrightarrow 1$	2	✓	✓	✓	$m\lambda_s^{pp}$	$C({}^1S_0 - {}^3P_0, \Delta l=2)$	$\rho$

# Existing NN weak interaction data

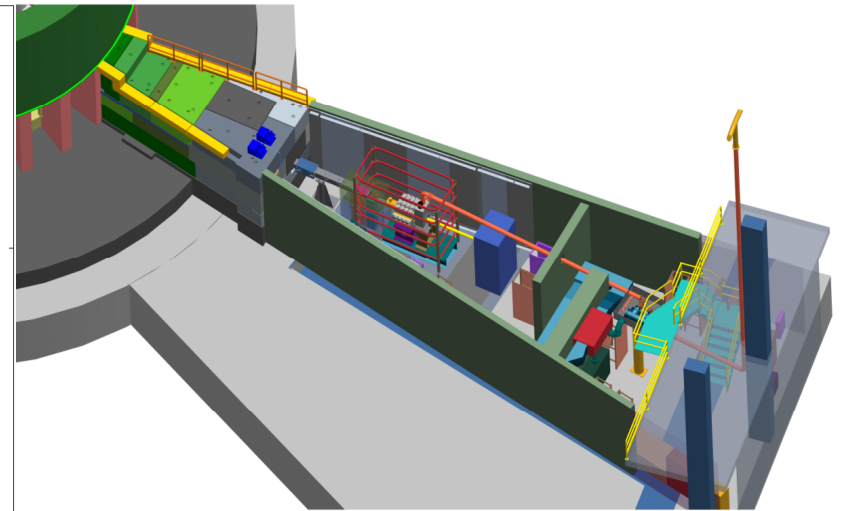
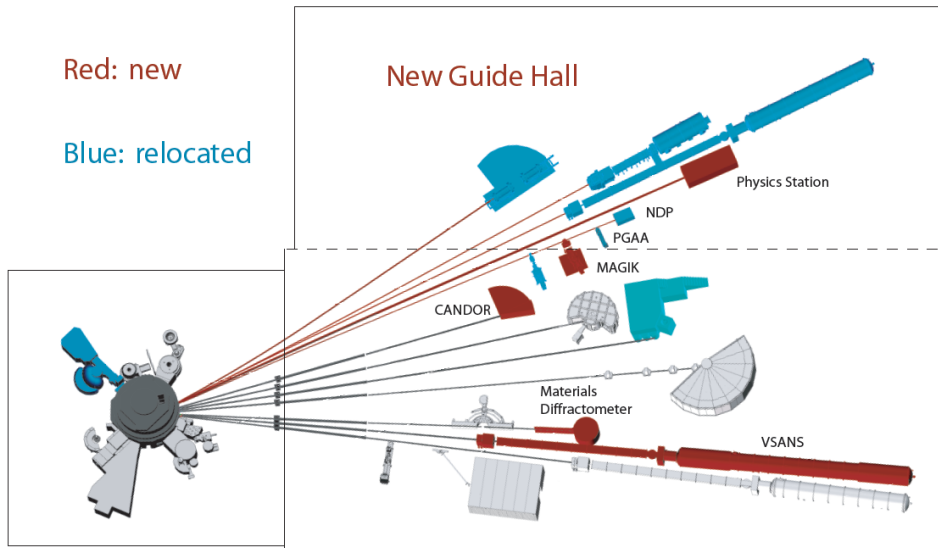
- p-p scat. 15, 45 MeV  $A_Z^{pp}$
- p- $\alpha$  scat. 46 MeV  $A_Z^{pp}$
- p-p scat. 220 MeV  $A_Z^{pp}$
- n+p  $\rightarrow$  d+ $\gamma$  circ. pol.  $P_\gamma^d$
- n+p  $\rightarrow$  d+ $\gamma$  asym.  $A_\gamma^d$
- n- $\alpha$  spin rot.  $d\phi^{n\alpha}/dz$
- $^{18}\text{F}$  asym.  $\Delta I = 1$
- $^{19}\text{F}$ ,  $^{41}\text{K}$ ,  $^{175}\text{Lu}$ ,  $^{181}\text{Ta}$  asym.
- $^{21}\text{Ne}$  (even-odd)
- $^{133}\text{Cs}$ ,  $^{205}\text{Tl}$  anapole moment



GOAL: determine all low energy NN weak amplitudes using NN and few nucleon data

STATUS: no hint of  $\Delta I=1$  weak pion exchange,  $\Delta I=0$  NN weak exists, no info on  $\Delta I=2$  NN weak

# Nuclear/Particle/Astrophysics with Slow Neutrons: New Beams in US

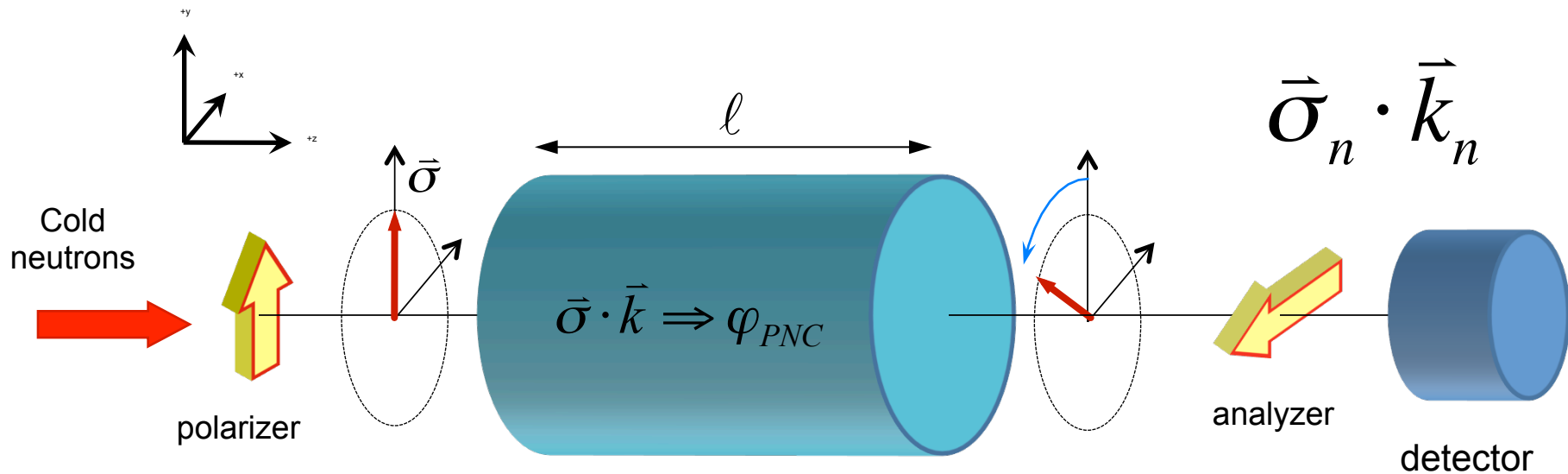
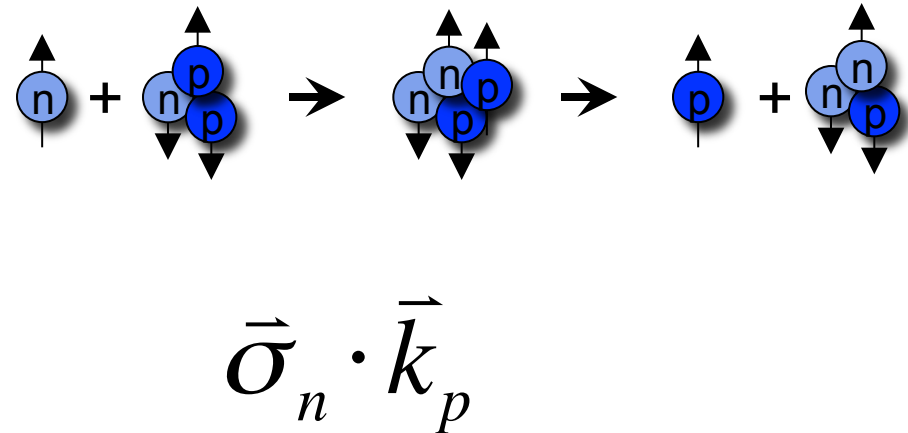
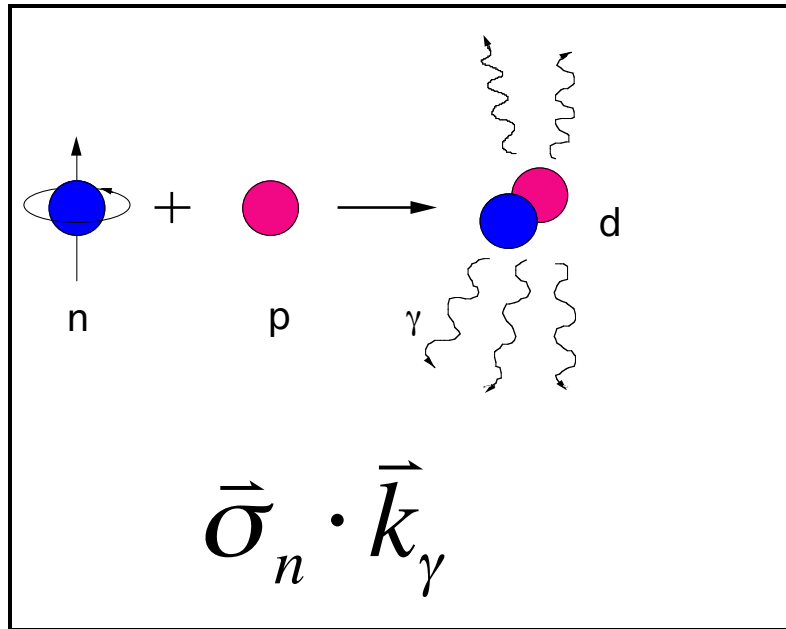


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Most intense reactor-based US  
slow neutron source, new beam  
#2 intensity in the world in 2014

Spallation Neutron Source  
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Most intense pulsed spallation  
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Now in operation



# Neutron P-odd Observables: n-p, n-3He, and n-4He



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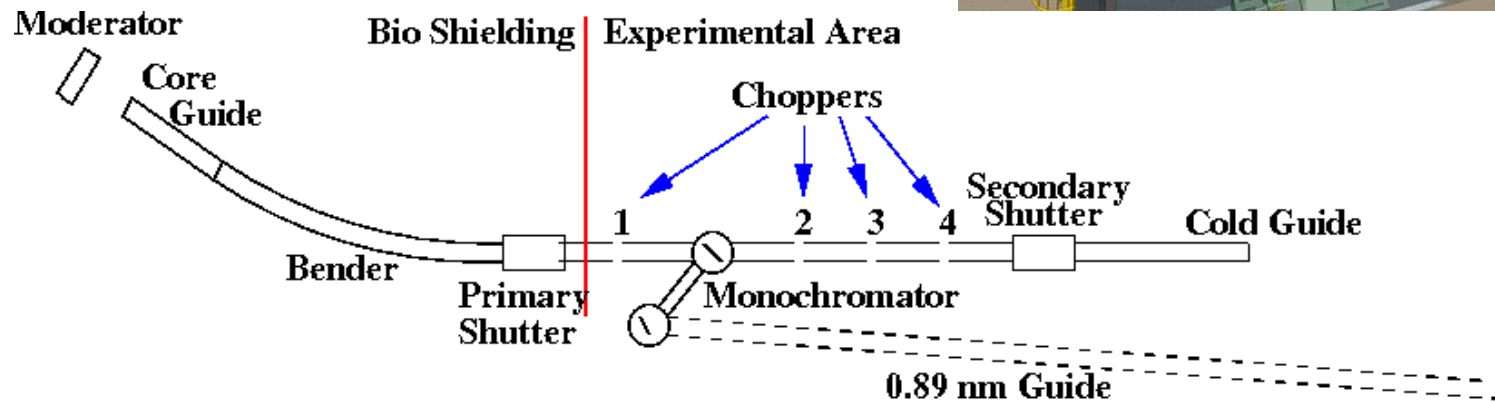
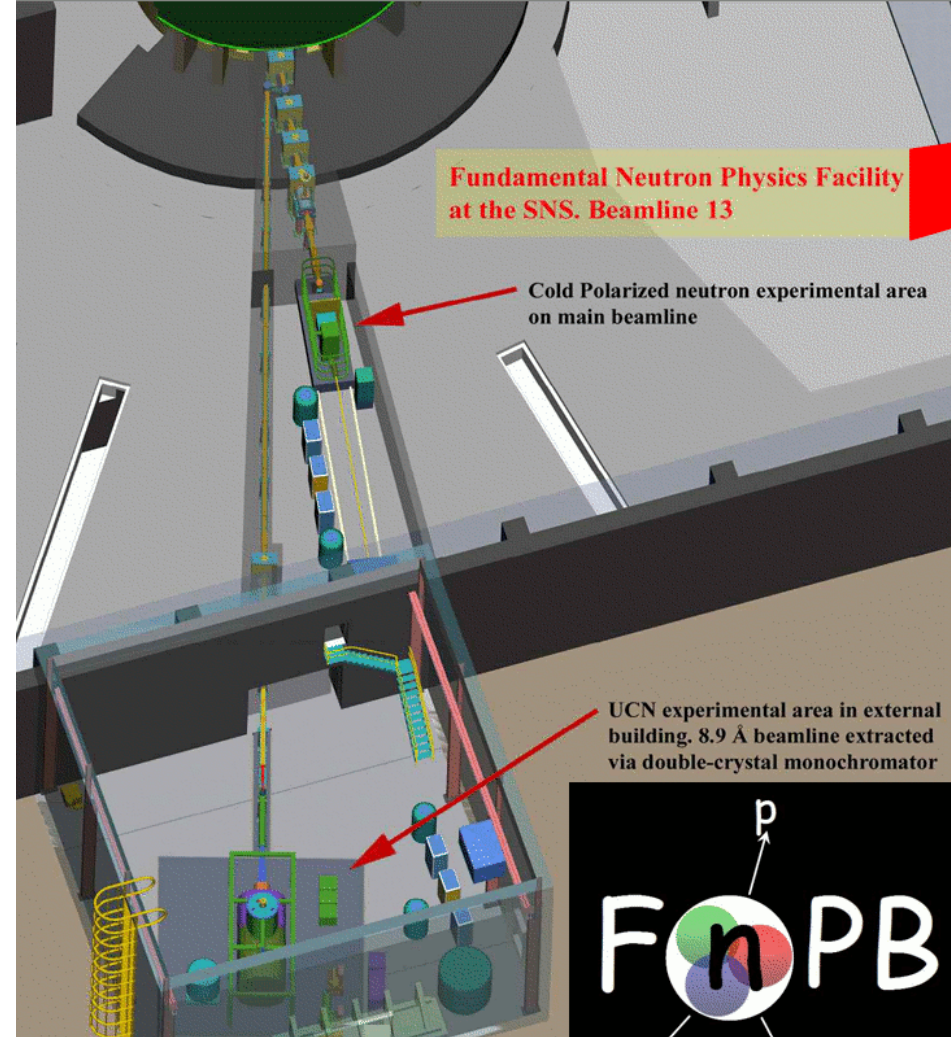
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# *Spallation Neutron Source (SNS)*



# The Fundamental Neutron Physics Beam (FnPB) at SNS

- LH2 moderator
- 15 m long guide ~ 18 m to experiment
- one polyenergetic cold beam line
- one monoenergetic (0.89 nm) beam line
- 4 frame overlap choppers
- 60 Hz pulse repetition



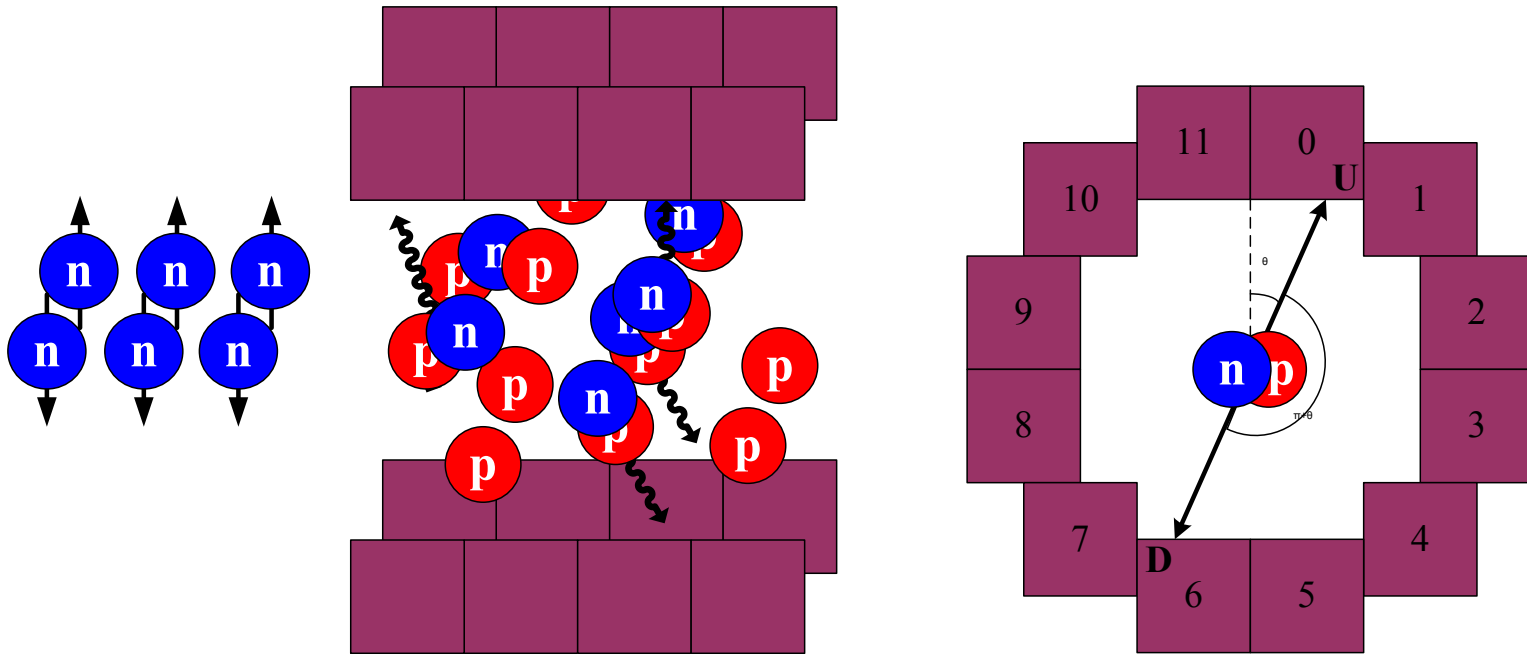
# NPD $\gamma$ : A Gamma-ray Asymmetry Measurement

$$A_\gamma(t) P_n \cos\theta = \frac{U_\uparrow - D_\uparrow - (U_\downarrow - D_\downarrow)}{U_\uparrow + D_\uparrow + U_\downarrow + D_\downarrow}$$

$$A_\gamma = -0.107 f_\pi^1 - 0.001 h_\rho^1 - 0.004 h_\omega^1$$

$$A_\gamma^{\bar{n}p} \approx \tilde{C}^{3S1 \rightarrow 3P1} \quad \text{Pionless EFT}$$

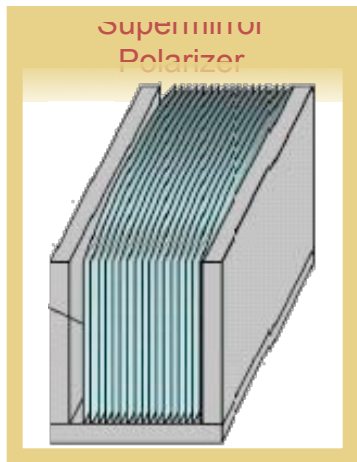
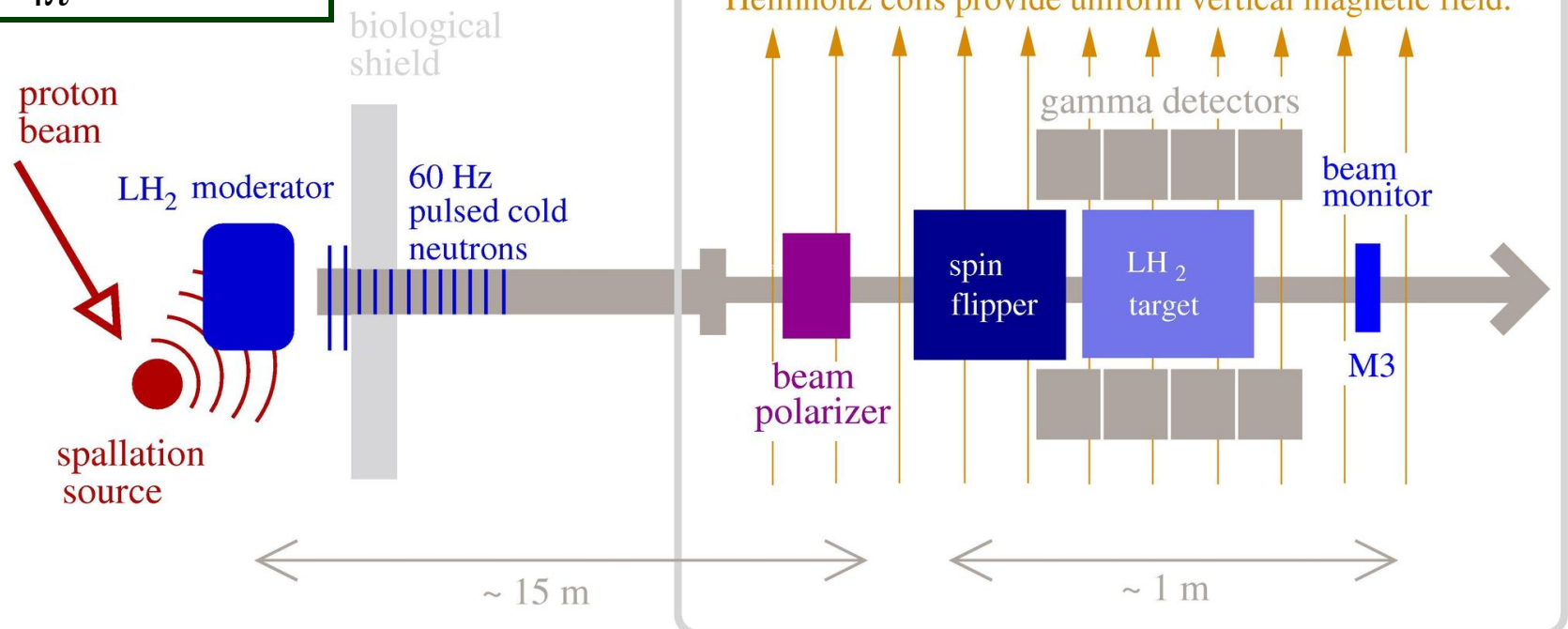
$$A_\gamma^{\bar{n}p} \approx -0.27 \tilde{C}_6^\pi - 0.09 m_N \rho_t \quad \text{Hybrid EFT}$$



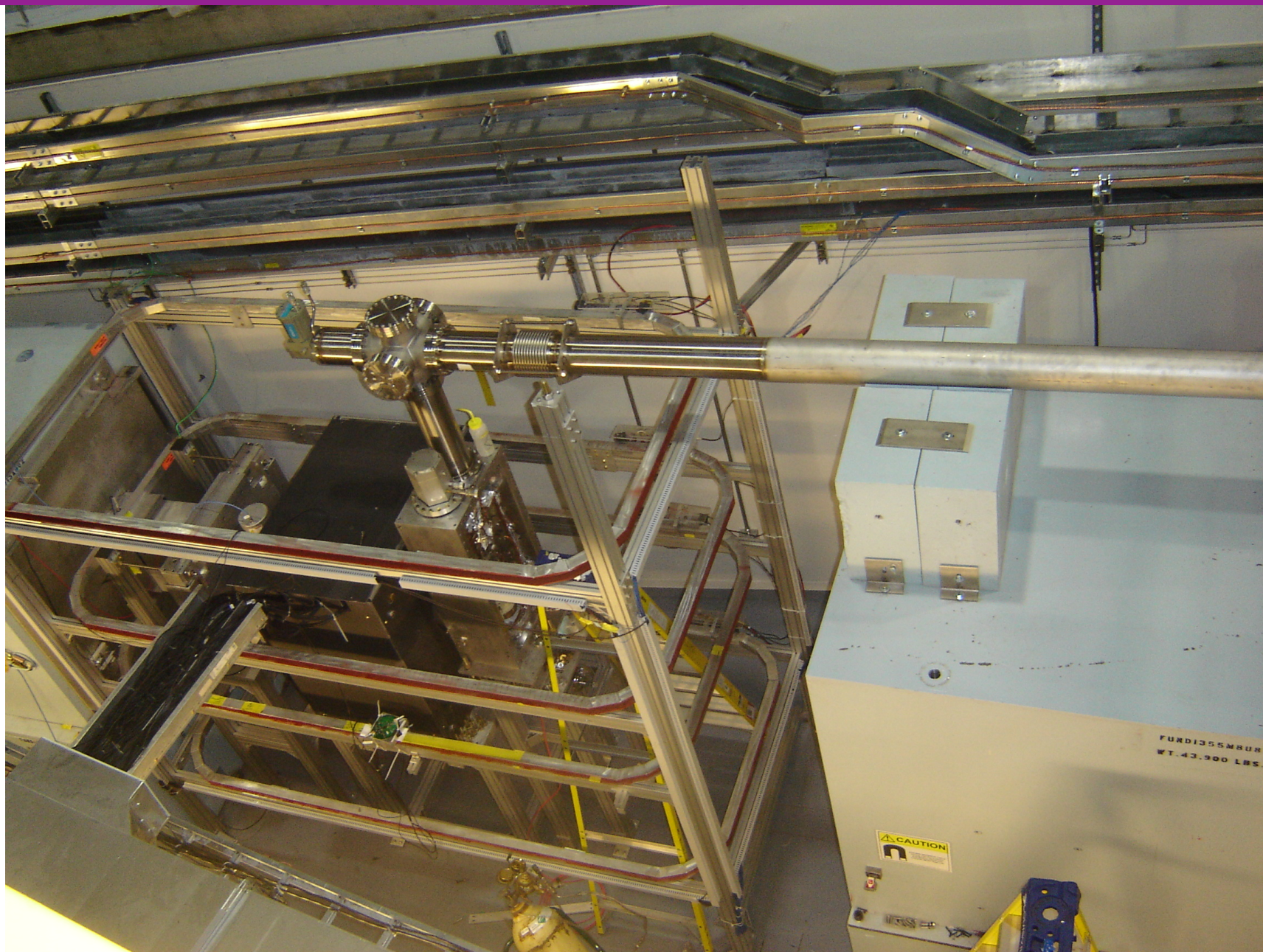
- Reverse the polarization pulse-by-pulse according to the sequence  $\uparrow\downarrow\uparrow\downarrow\uparrow\uparrow\downarrow$  to cancel linear and quadratic time-dependent gain drifts
- Analyze opposite detector pairs to extract asymmetry as a function of  $\theta$
- Goals for gamma asymmetry:  $\sim 1 \times 10^{-8}$  statistical error,  $\sim 10^{-9}$  systematic error.

# PV Gamma Asymmetry Apparatus Concept

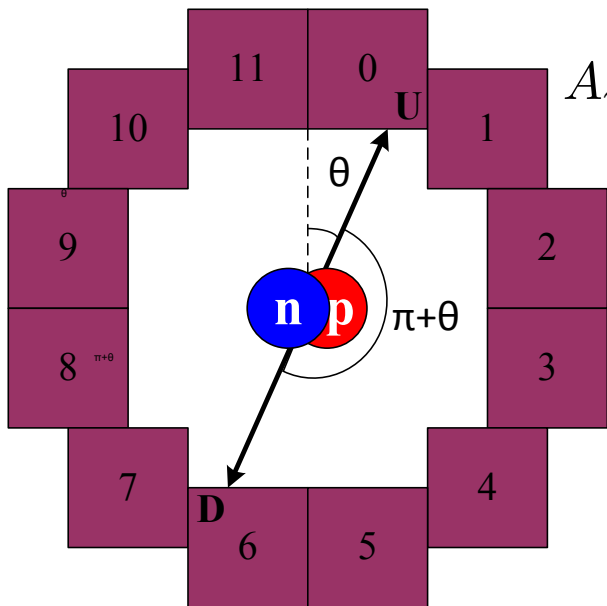
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \propto \frac{1}{4\pi} (1 + A_\gamma \cos \theta)$$



# NPDGamma Apparatus at SNS

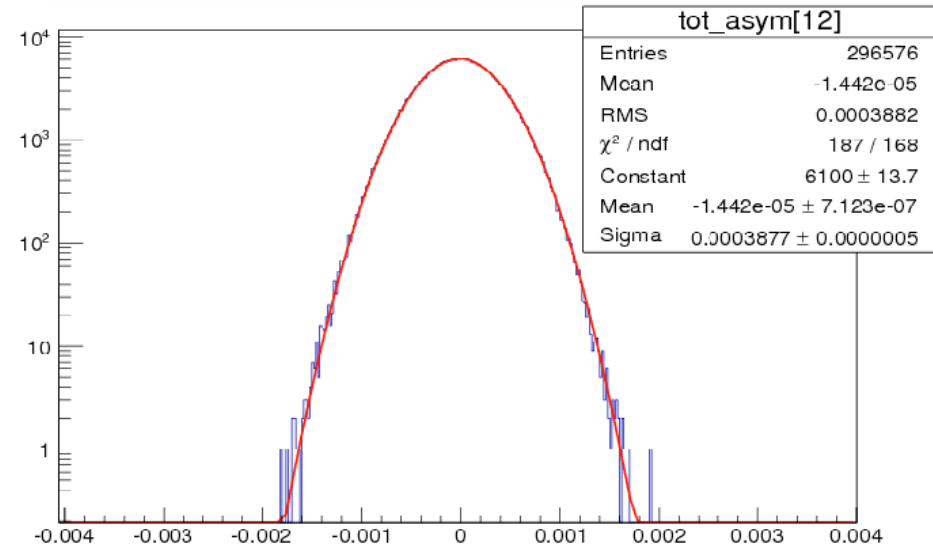
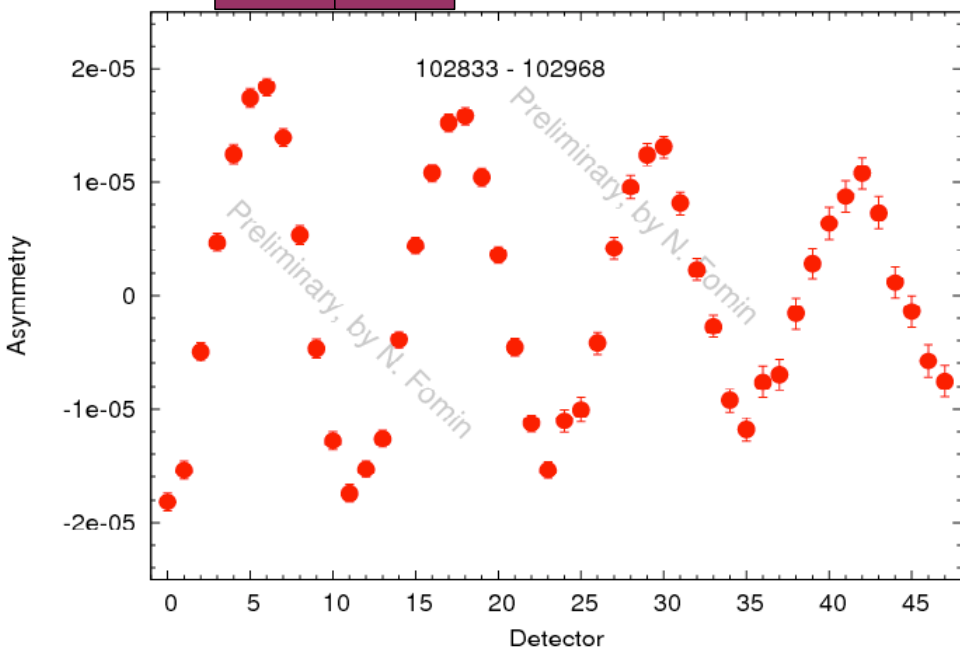


# PV asymmetry in $^{35}\text{Cl}$



$$A_\gamma P_N \cos(\theta) = \frac{[N(\theta) - N(\theta + \pi)]_\uparrow - [N(\theta) - N(\theta + \pi)]_\downarrow}{[N(\theta) - N(\theta + \pi)]_\uparrow + [N(\theta) - N(\theta + \pi)]_\downarrow}$$

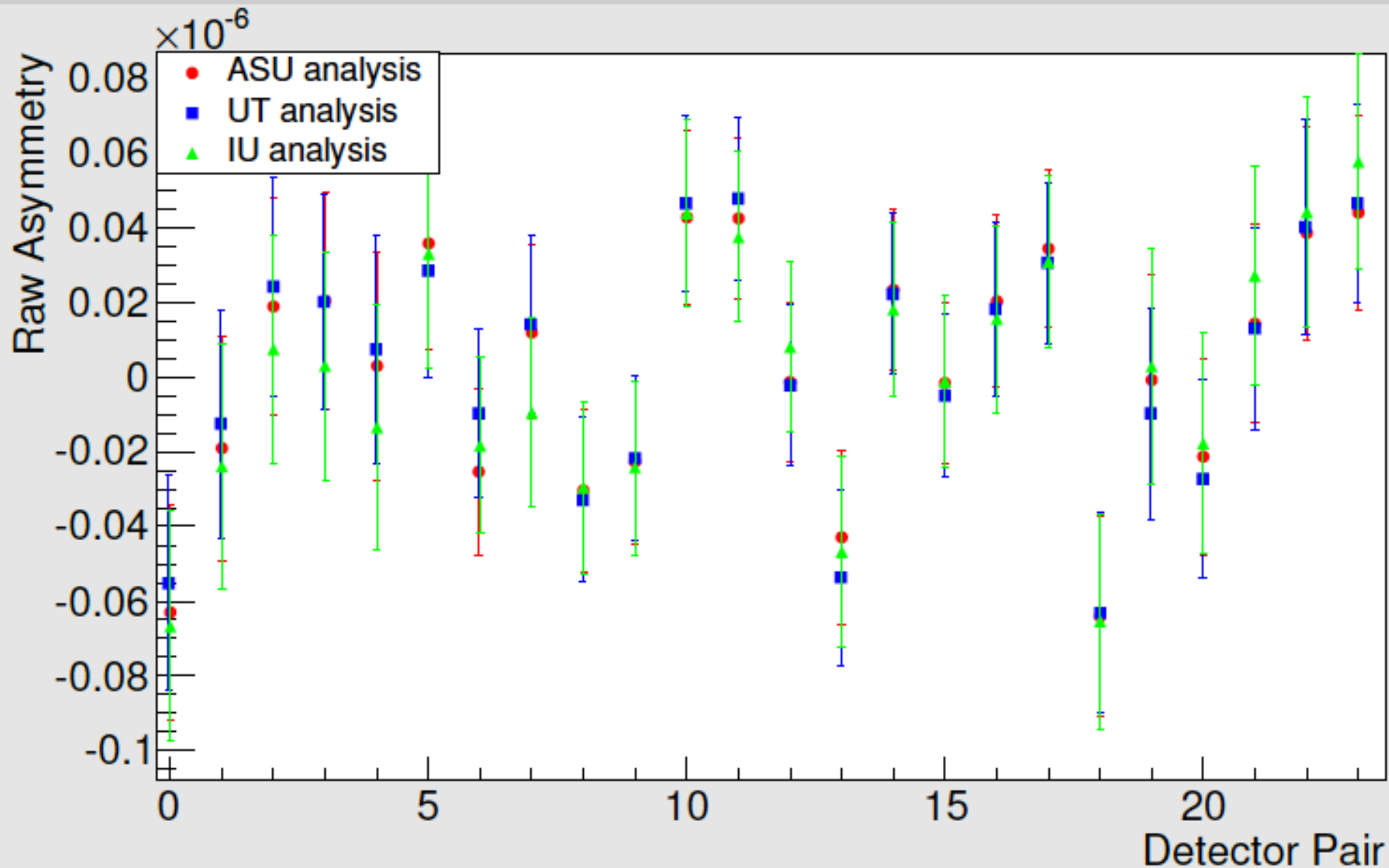
Measurement	Asymmetry ( $\times 10^{-6}$ )
LANL	$-29.1 \pm 6.7$
Leningrad	$-27.8 \pm 4.9$
ILL	$-21.2 \pm 1.72$
SNS (Current result)	$-25.9 \pm 0.6$





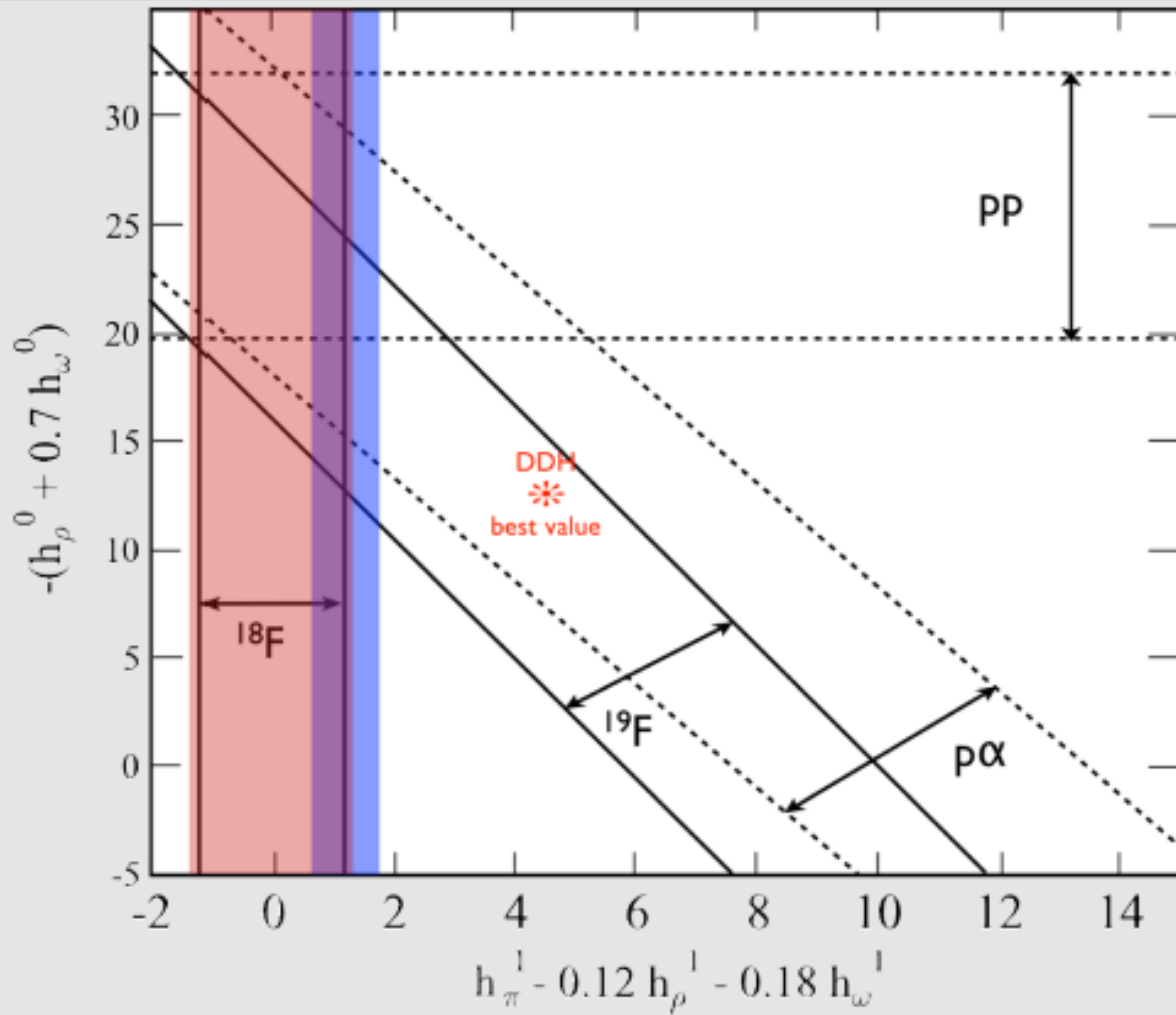
# Hydrogen: Analyses of Different Runs

LH2 Raw Asymmetries



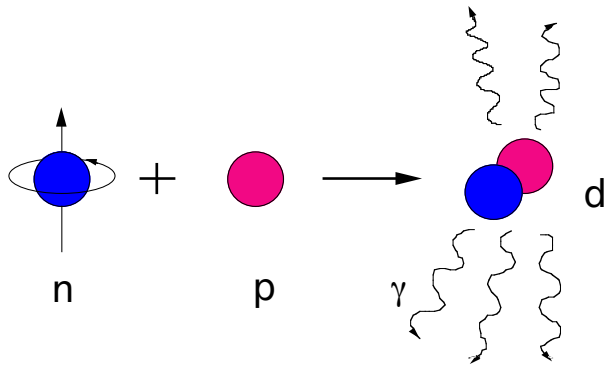
# Constraint on Weak Pion Coupling

Preliminary statistical uncertainty (not a result)

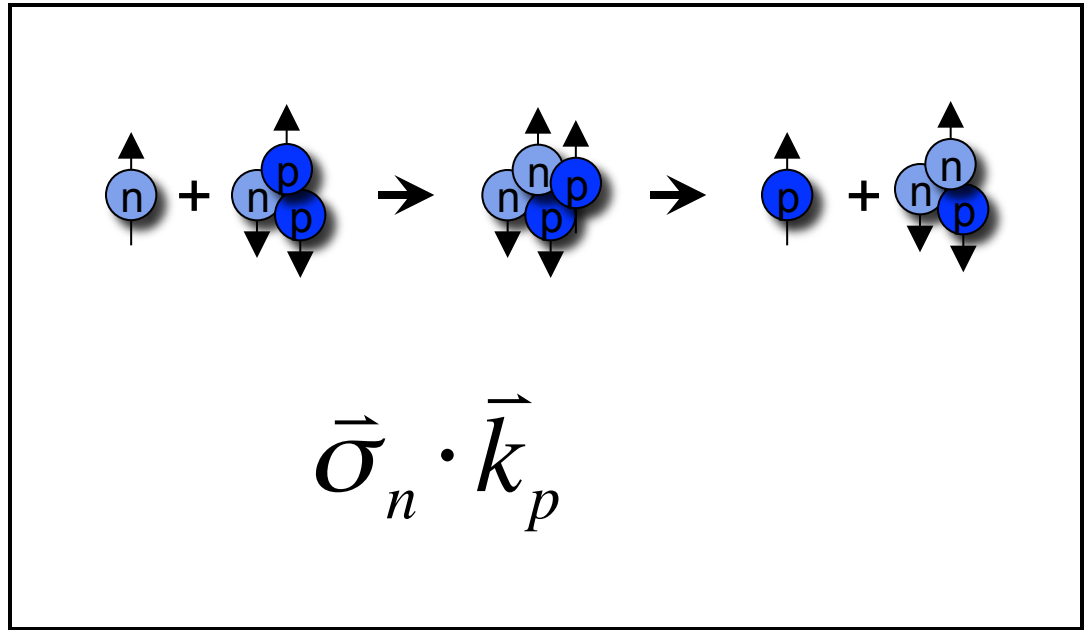


Official collaboration statement: “asymmetry is small, the stat. error is  $\sim 13$  ppb, negligible sys error

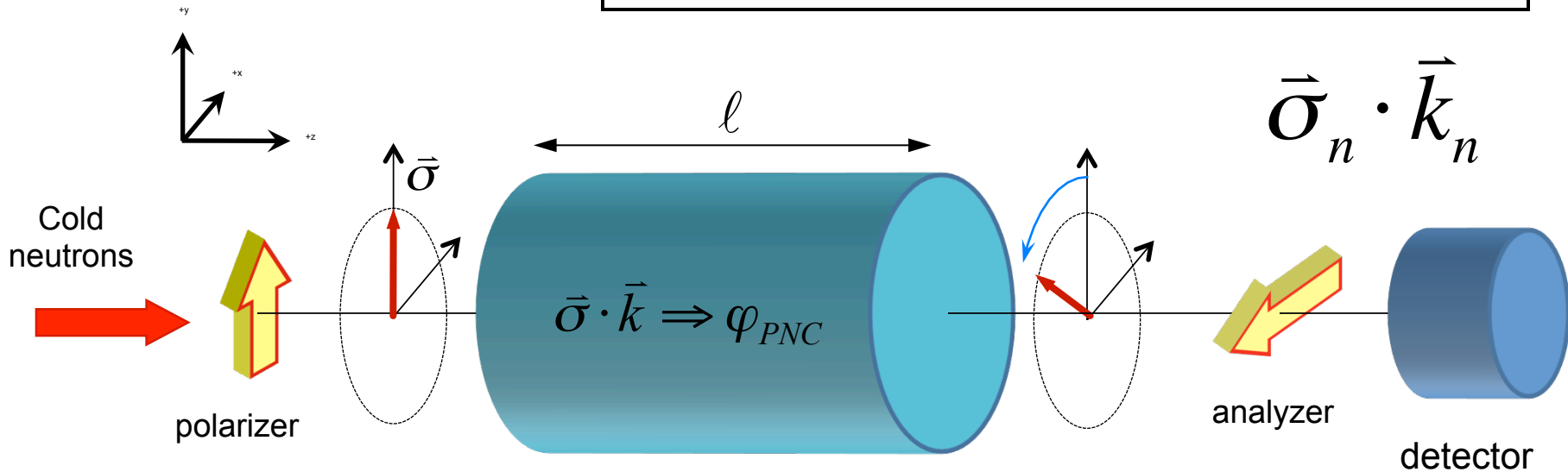
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$$\vec{\sigma}_n \cdot \vec{k}_\gamma$$

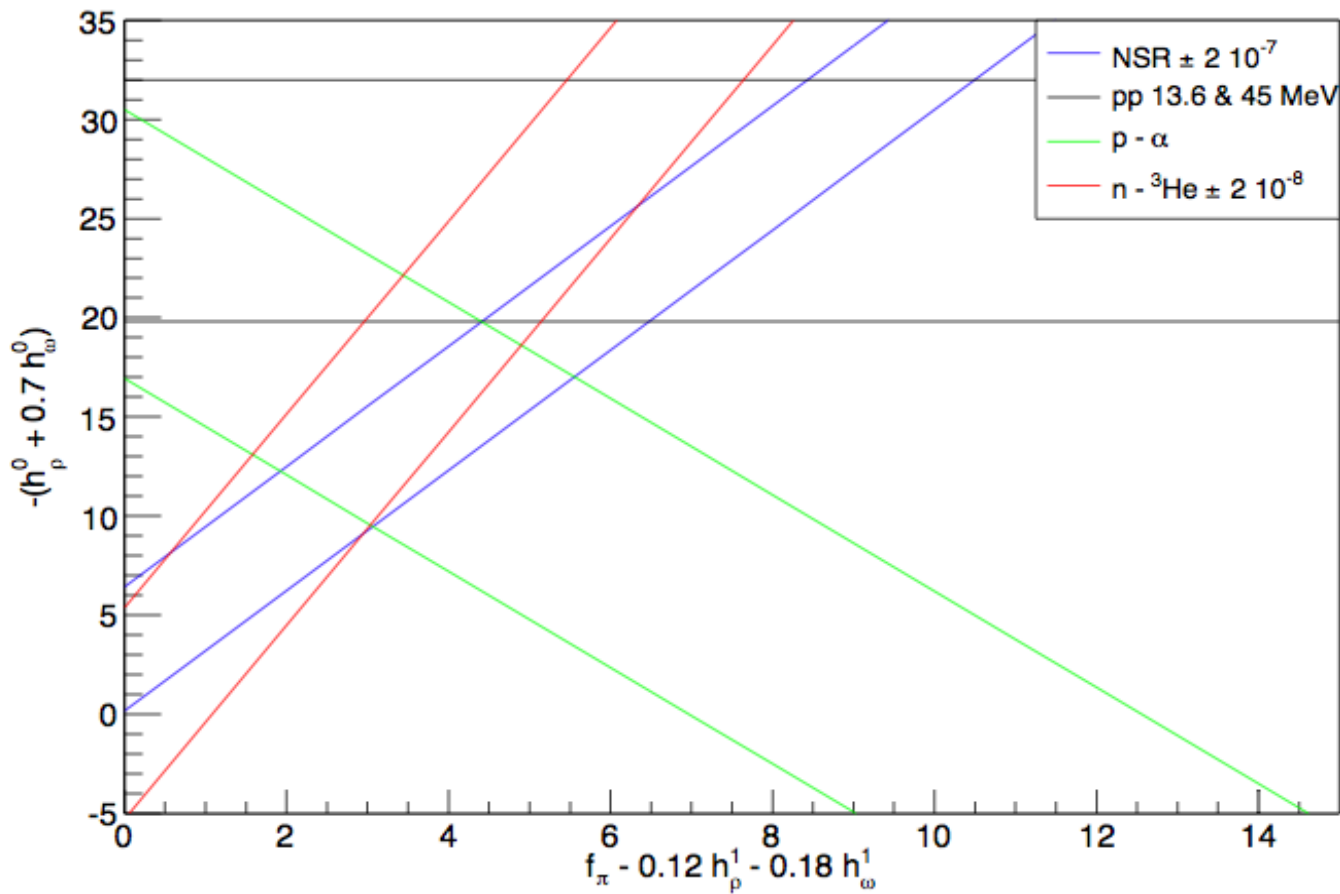


$$\vec{\sigma}_n \cdot \vec{k}_p$$



# Constraints from n-<sup>3</sup>He and n-<sup>4</sup>He experiments

Weak NN iso-scalar, iso-vector coupling subspace



Will be orthogonal to existing constraints from proton experiments (p-alpha)

Can be used to determine other NN weak couplings

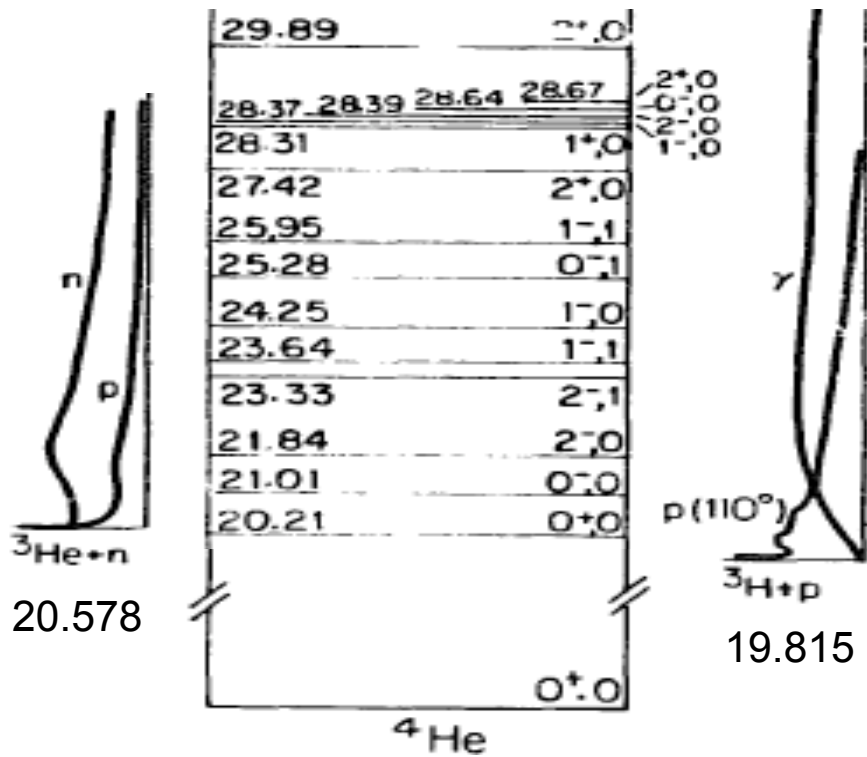
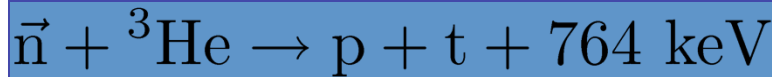
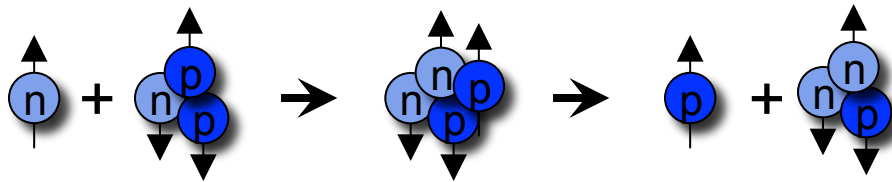
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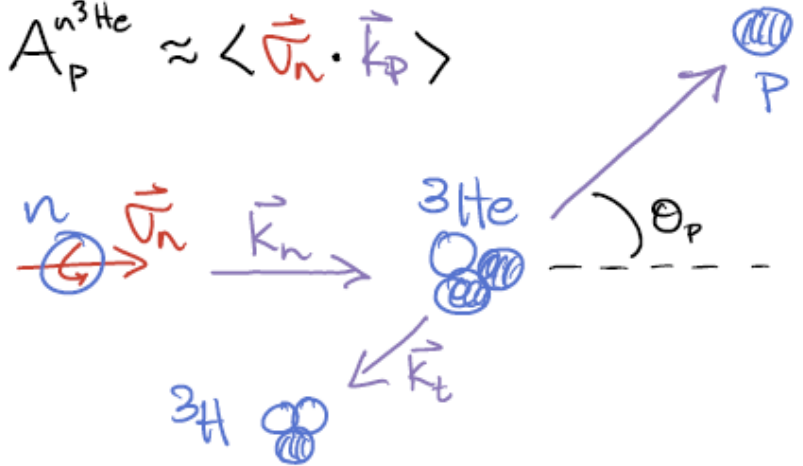
# n-<sup>3</sup>He PV asymmetry at SNS



Tilley, Weller, Hale, Nucl. Phys. A541, 1 (1992)

PV observables:

$$A_p^{n^3\text{He}} \approx \langle \vec{\sigma}_n \cdot \vec{k}_p \rangle$$

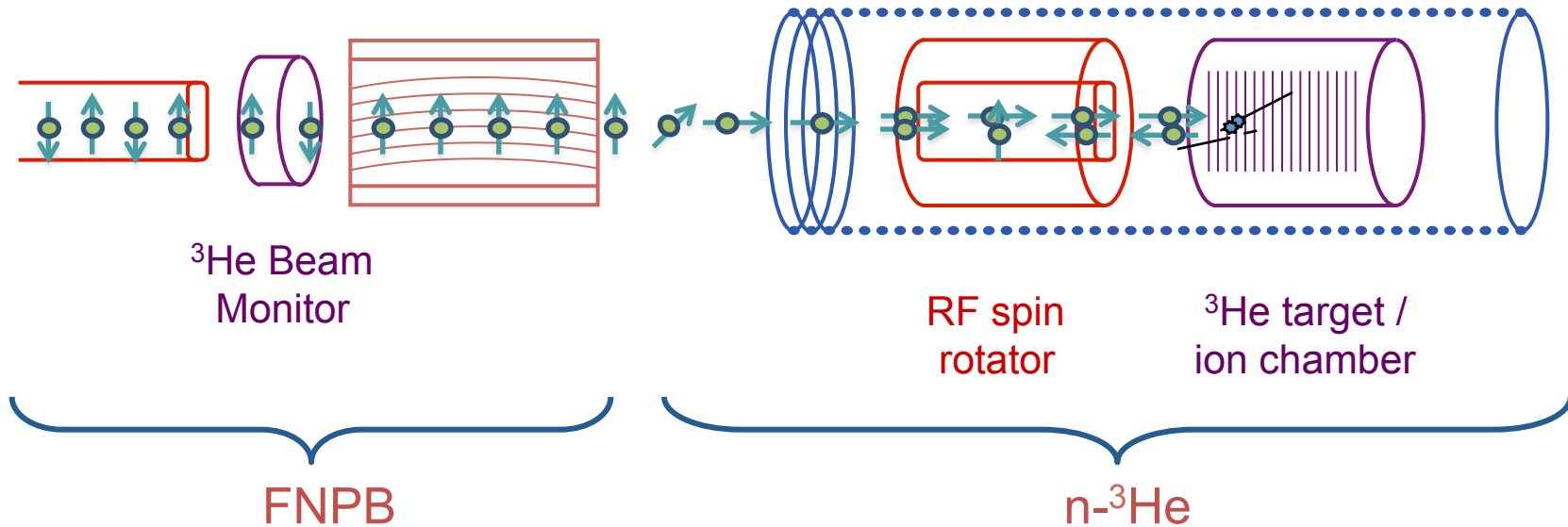
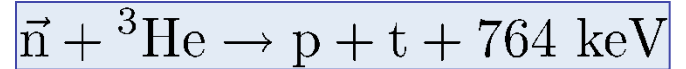


- Sensitive to isoscalar couplings ( $\Delta I=0$ ) of the hadronic weak interaction
- Complementary to NPDGamma ( $\Delta I=1$ )
- “large” asymmetry predicted from DDH best values:  $A = 1.15 \times 10^{-7}$  (Viviani, et al., PRC 82, 044001 (2010),)
- GOAL: measure asymmetry to  $\sim 2 \times 10^{-8}$

# Experimental Setup

FNPB cold  
neutron guide

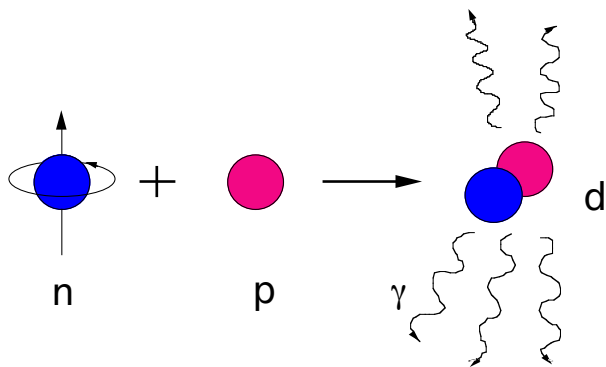
10 Gauss  
solenoid



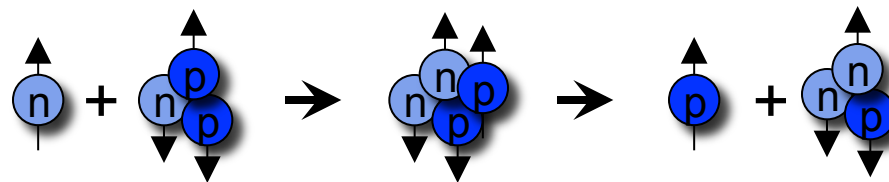
- Measure PV spin asymmetry to  $2 \times 10^{-8}$
- Longitudinal holding field - suppressing PC nuclear asymmetry:  
 $(1.7 \times 10^{-6} \propto s_n \cdot k_n \times k_p)$  (Hale) suppressed by two small angles
- RF spin flipper - negligible spin-dependence of neutron velocity
- <sup>3</sup>He ion chamber - both target and detector

STATUS: on the beamline at NIST

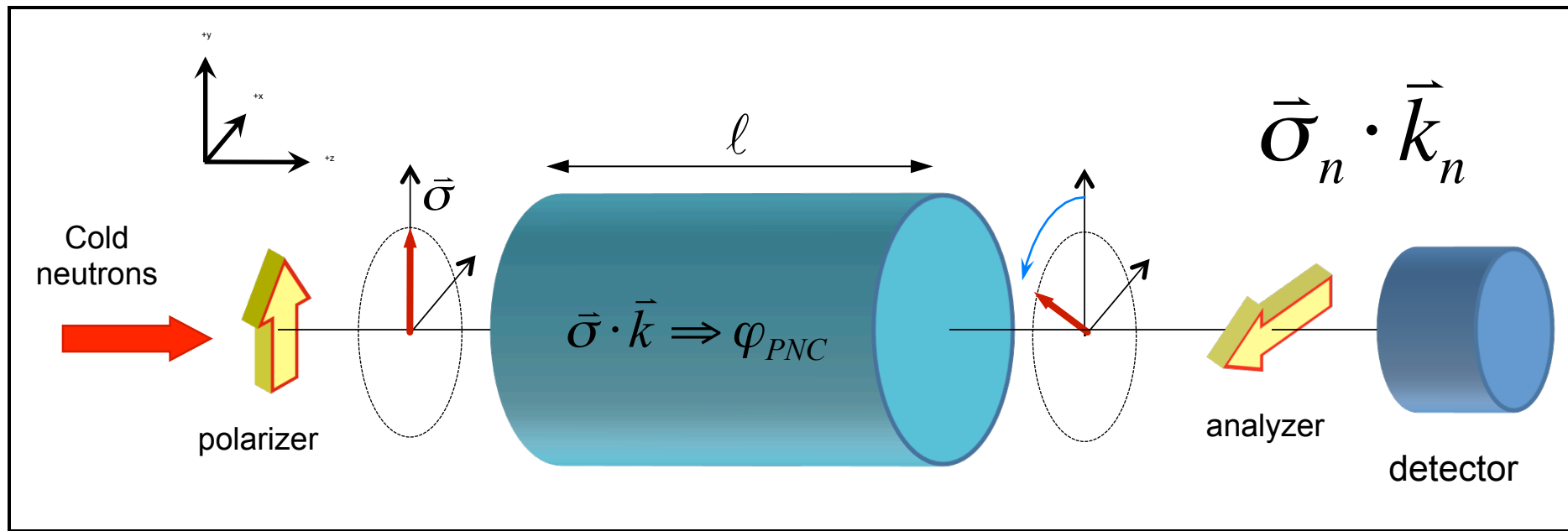
# P-odd Observables: n-p, n-3He, and n-4He



$$\vec{\sigma}_n \cdot \vec{k}_\gamma$$



$$\vec{\sigma}_n \cdot \vec{k}_p$$





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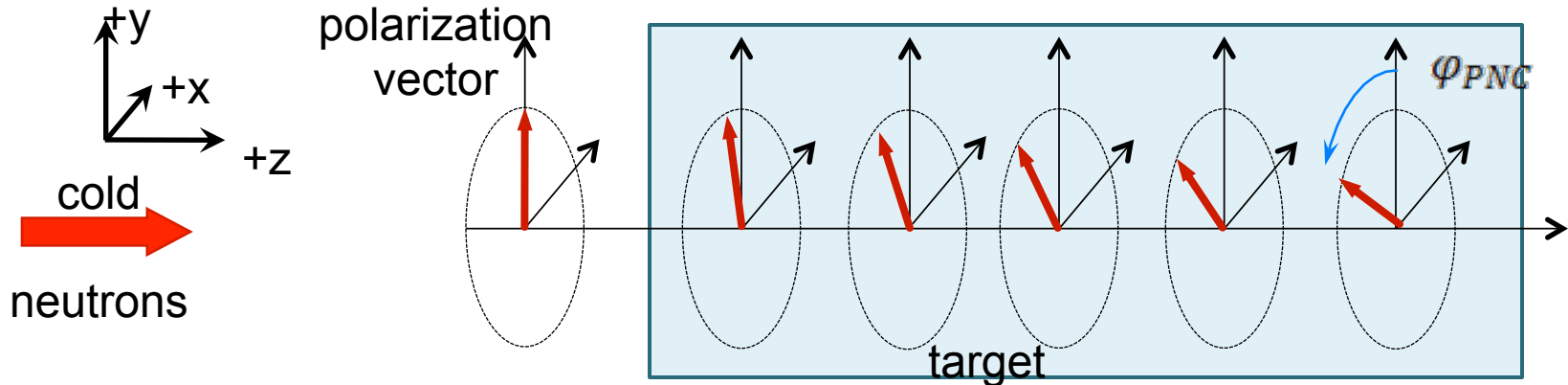
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# A Parity-Violating Observable: Neutron Spin Rotation



$$f(0) = f_{PC} + f_{PNC}(\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{k})$$

neutron index of refraction in target  
dependent on incident neutron helicity

transversely-polarized neutrons corkscrew due to the NN weak interaction

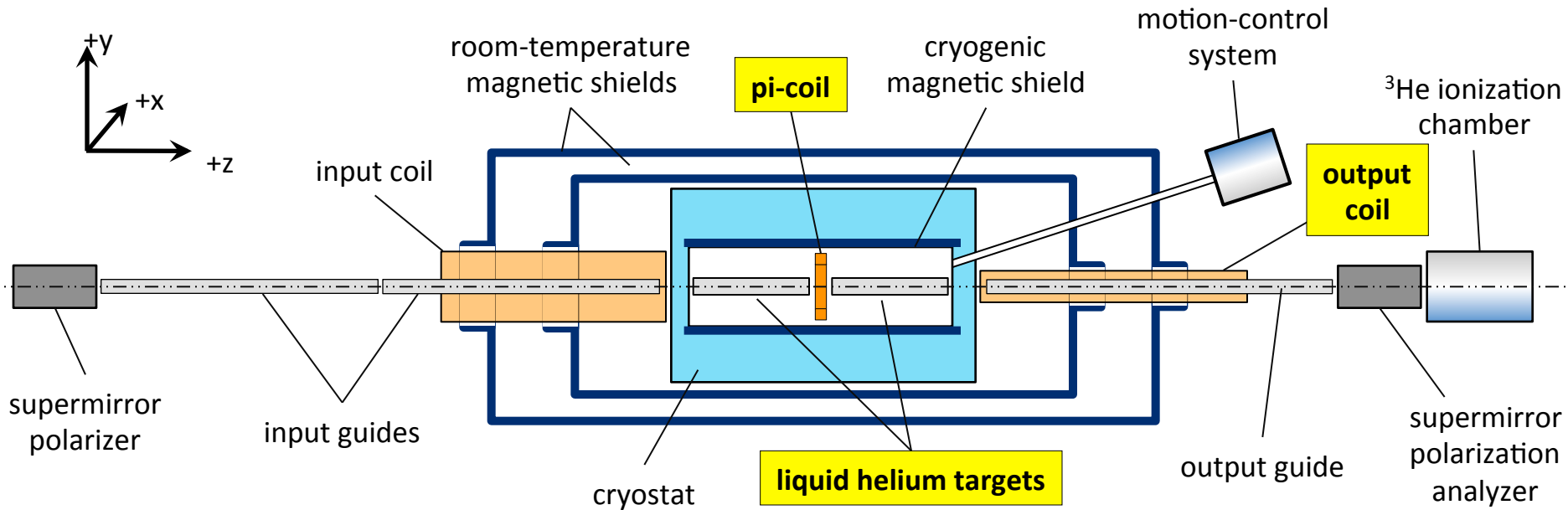
$$|+y\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|+z\rangle + |-z\rangle) \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(e^{-i(\phi_{PC} + \phi_{PNC})}|+z\rangle + e^{-i(\phi_{PC} - \phi_{PNC})}|-z\rangle)$$

PNC spin rotation angle is independent of incident neutron energy

$$\varphi_{PNC} = \phi_+ - \phi_- = 2\phi_{PNC} = 4\pi l \rho f_{PNC}$$

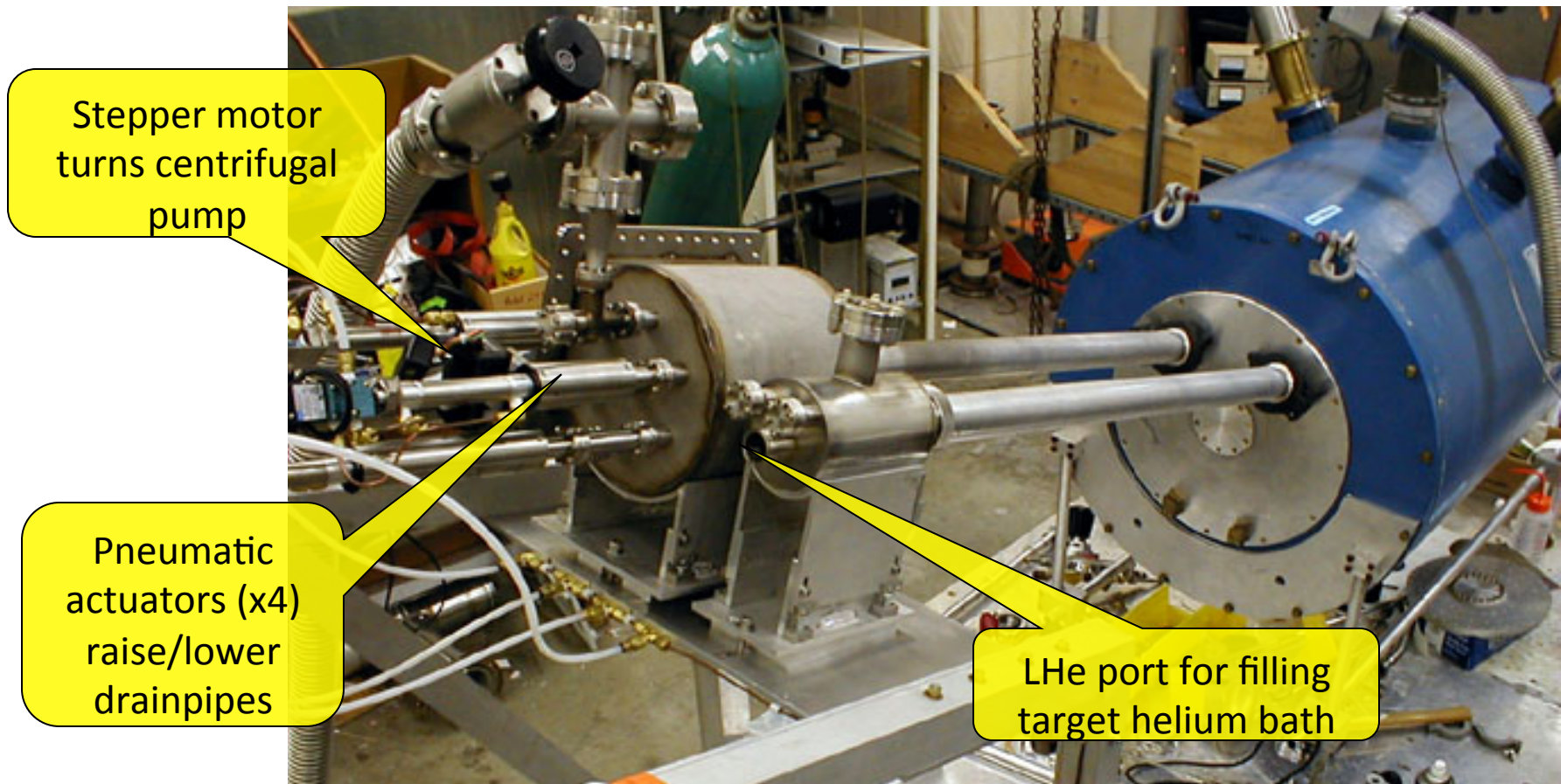
# Parity Violation in Neutron Spin Rotation

Apparatus measures the horizontal component of neutron spin generated in the liquid target starting from a vertically-polarized beam



$$|\uparrow\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|+\rangle + |-\rangle) \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(e^{i\phi_+} |+\rangle + e^{i\phi_-} |-\rangle)$$

# Liquid Helium Cryostat and Motion Control



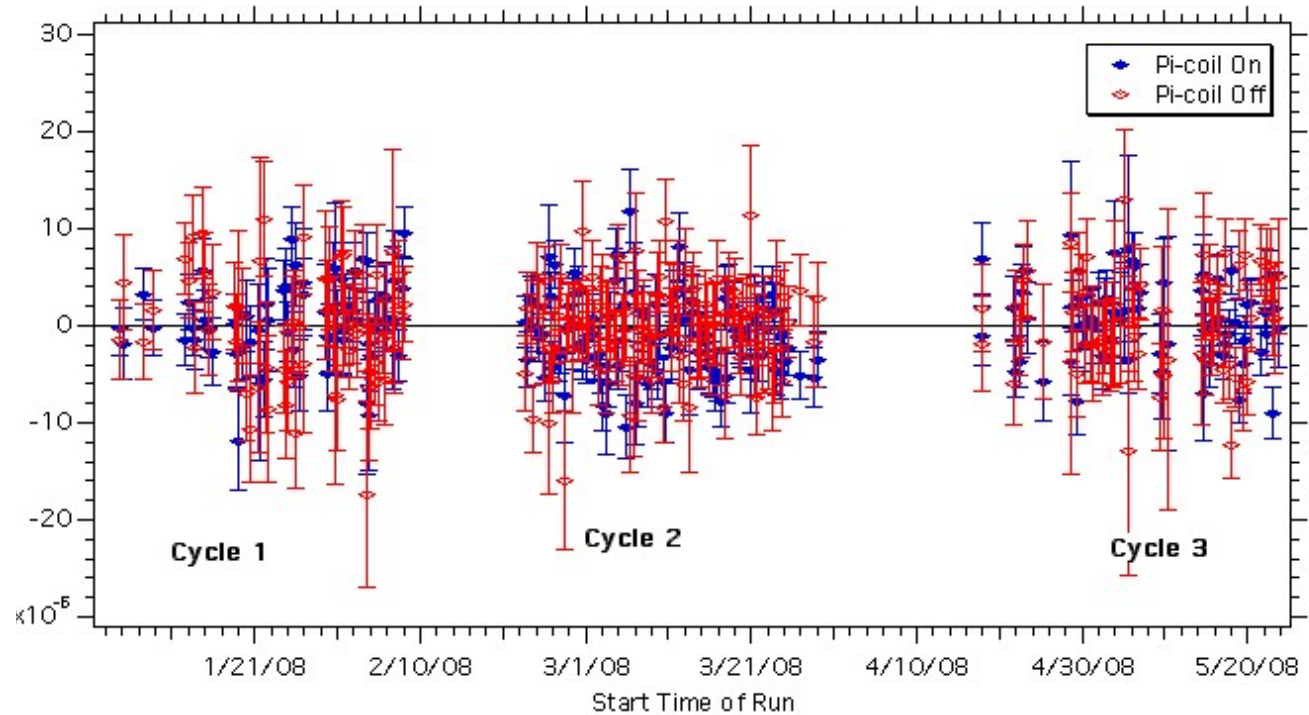
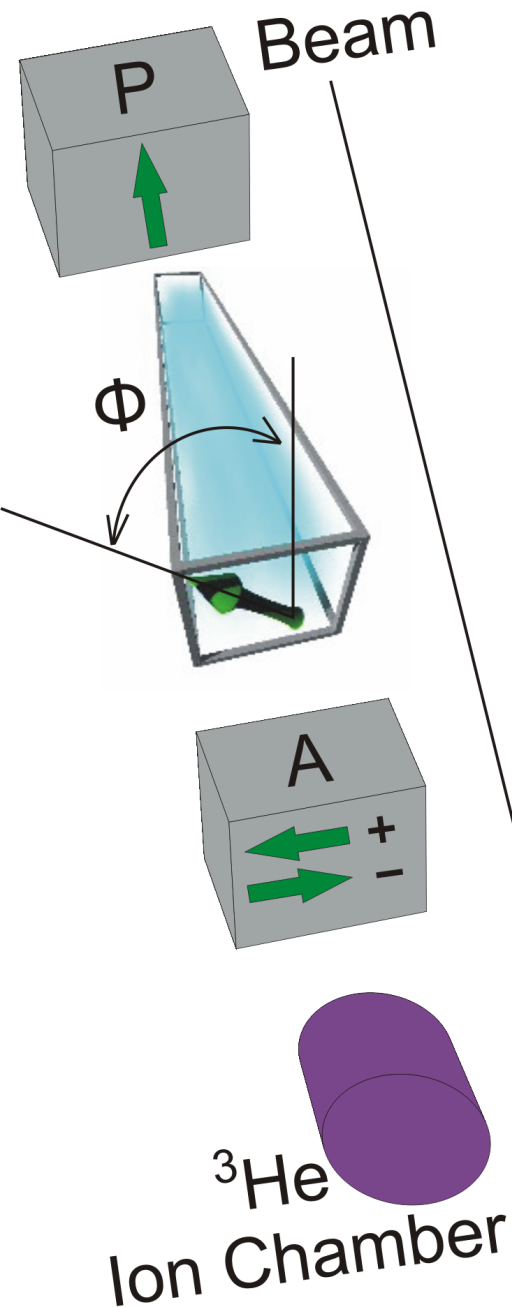
Stepper motor  
turns centrifugal  
pump

Pneumatic  
actuators (x4)  
raise/lower  
drainpipes

LHe port for filling  
target helium bath

- Nonmagnetic movement of liquid helium.
- Cryogenic target of 4K helium, volume~10 liters

# Neutron Spin Rotation in n+4He



Transversely polarized neutrons corkscrew due to weak interaction

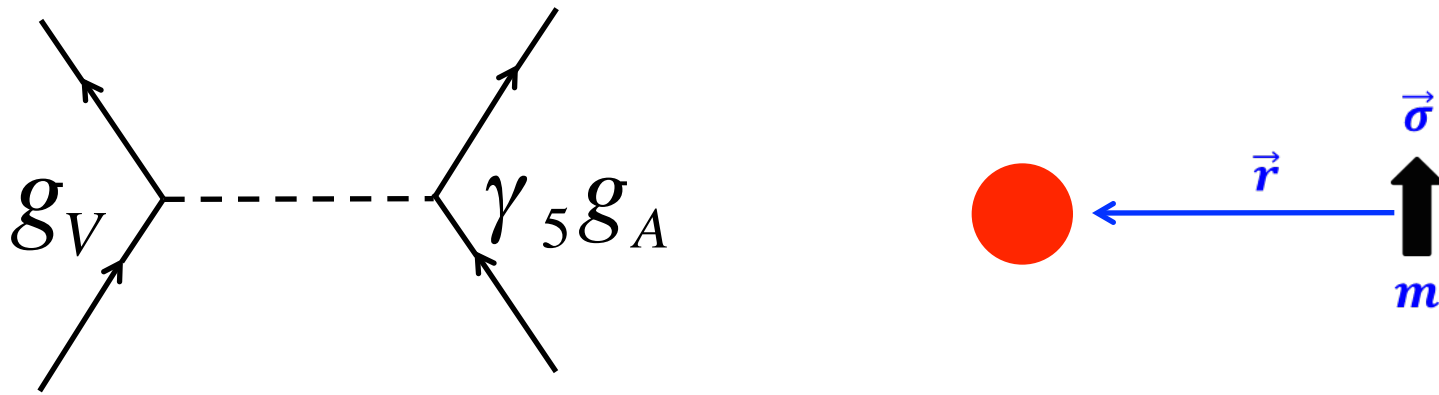
$$\phi_{\text{PNC}} = [+1.7 \pm 9.1 \text{ (stat)} \pm 1.4 \text{ (sys)}] \times 10^{-7} \text{ rad/m}$$

W. M. Snow et al., Phys. Rev. C83, 022501(R) (2011).

PLAN: experiment to be repeated at NIST,  
 $\sim 1 \times 10^{-7}$  rad/m goal

# Exotic Physics: Example of a nonstandard P-odd interaction from spin 1 boson exchange:

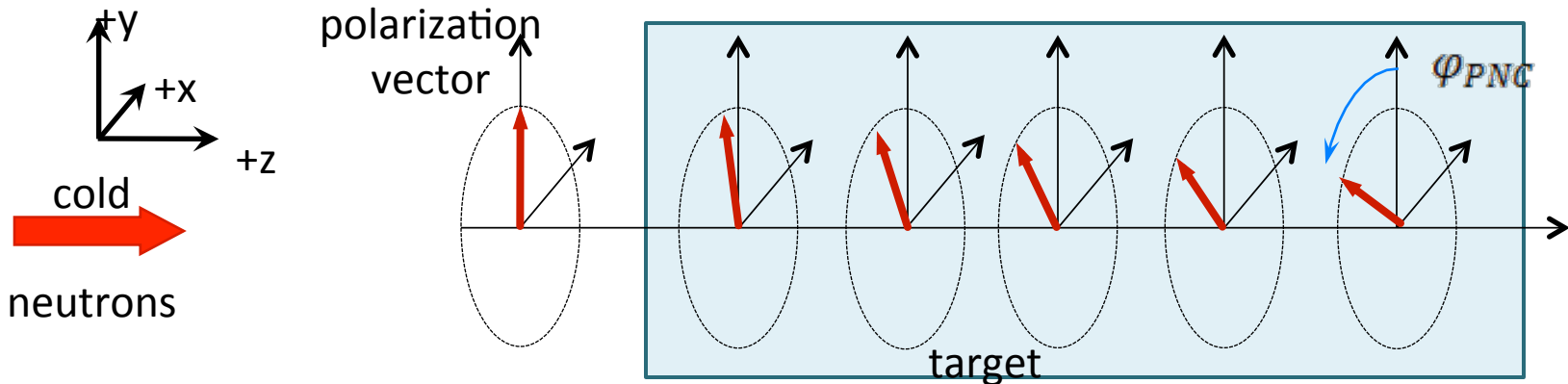
[Dobrescu/Mocioiu 06, general construction of interaction between nonrelativistic fermions ]



$$V(\vec{\sigma}, \vec{r}, \vec{v}) = \frac{\hbar}{8\pi m c^2} g_A g_V \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{v} \frac{1}{r} e^{-\frac{r}{\lambda}}$$

- Induces an interaction between polarized and unpolarized matter
- Violates P symmetry
- Not very well constrained over “mesoscopic” ranges (millimeters to microns)
- Best investigated using a beam of polarized particles

# Neutron Spin Rotation: A Parity-Odd Observable in Neutron Optics



$$f(0) = f_{strong} + f_{P-odd}(\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p})$$

$$f_{P-odd} = g_A g_V \lambda^2$$

Forward scattering amplitude of neutron in matter sensitive to all neutron-matter interactions

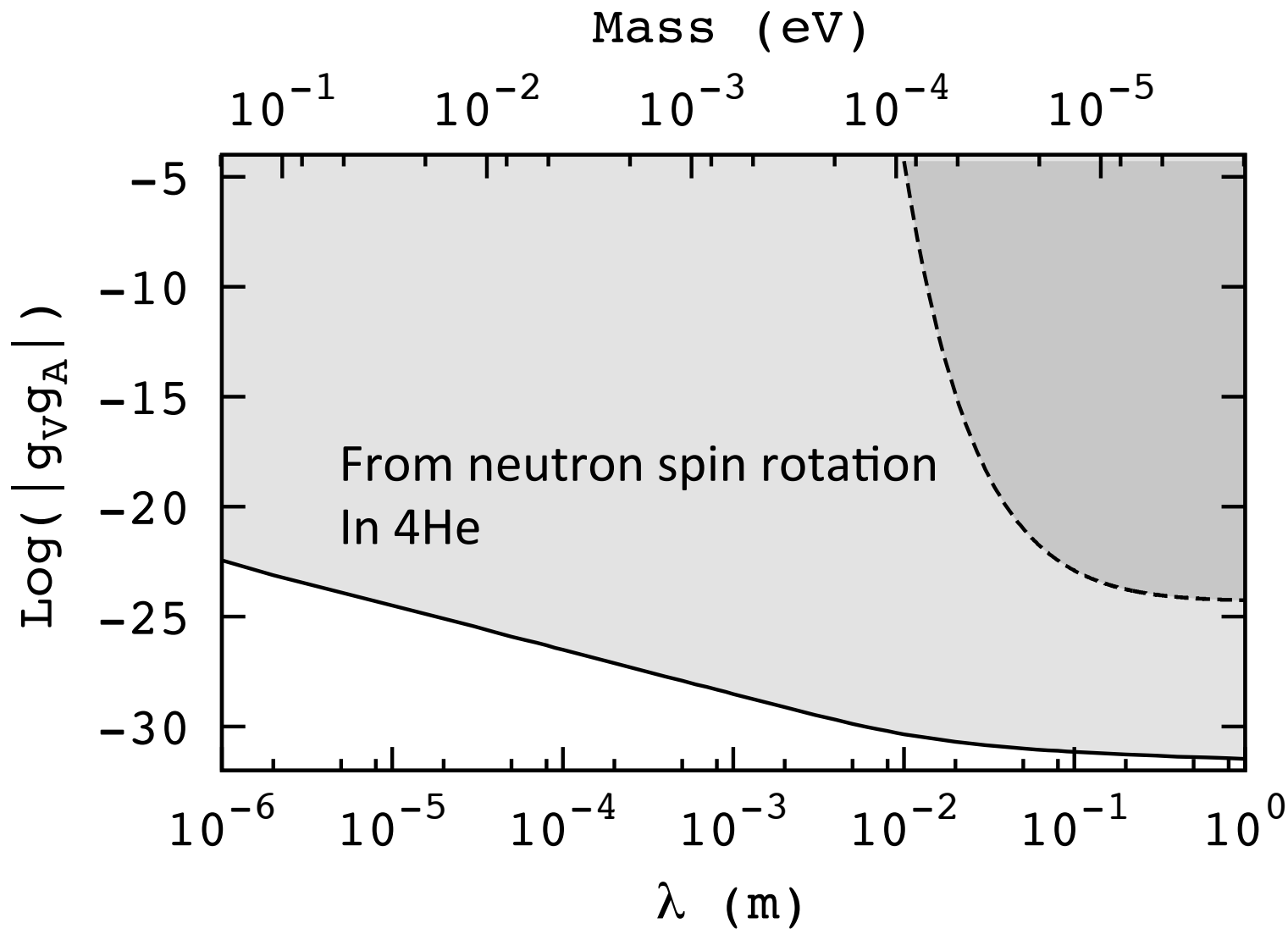
$$\phi_{\pm} = \phi_{strong} \pm \phi_{P-odd}$$

Parity violation gives helicity-dependent phase shift and therefore rotation of plane of polarization vector

$$\frac{d\phi_{P-odd}}{dL} = 4g_A g_V \rho \lambda^2$$

An upper bound on  $f_{P-odd}$  places a constraint on possible new P-odd interactions between nucleons over a broad set of distance scales

# Constraints on exotic V-A interactions



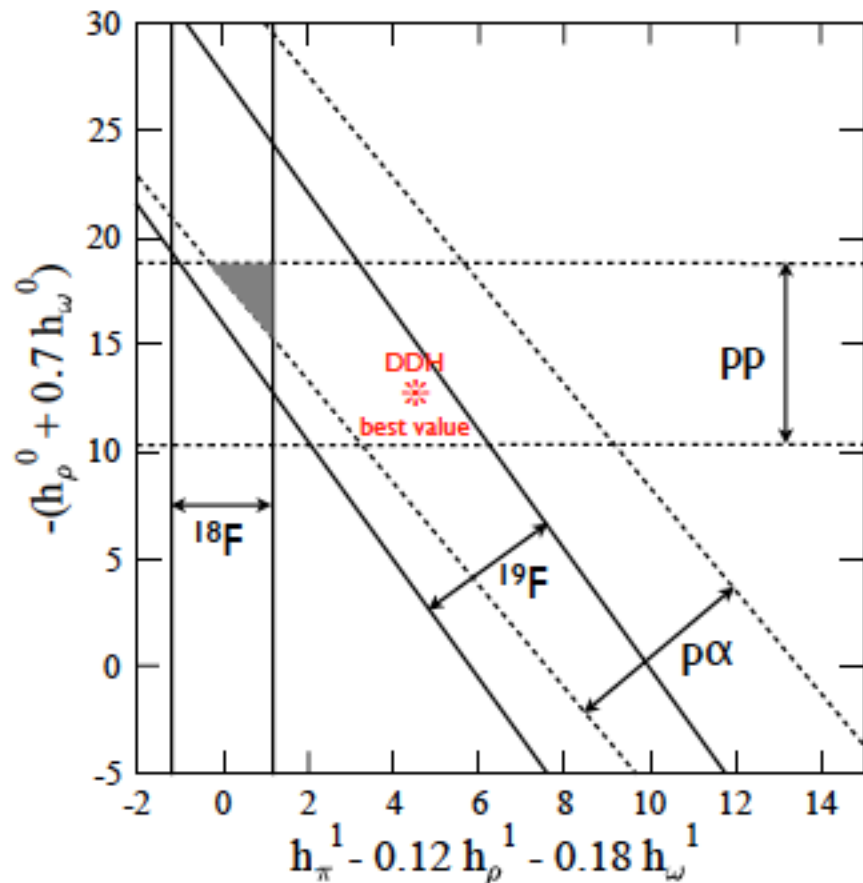
H. Yan, and W. M. Snow, PRL 110, 082003 (2013).

Also: much stronger constraints now above  $\sim 1$  cm from Eot\_Wash+ other data [E. G. Adelberger and T. A. Wagner, PRD 88, 031101 (2013)]

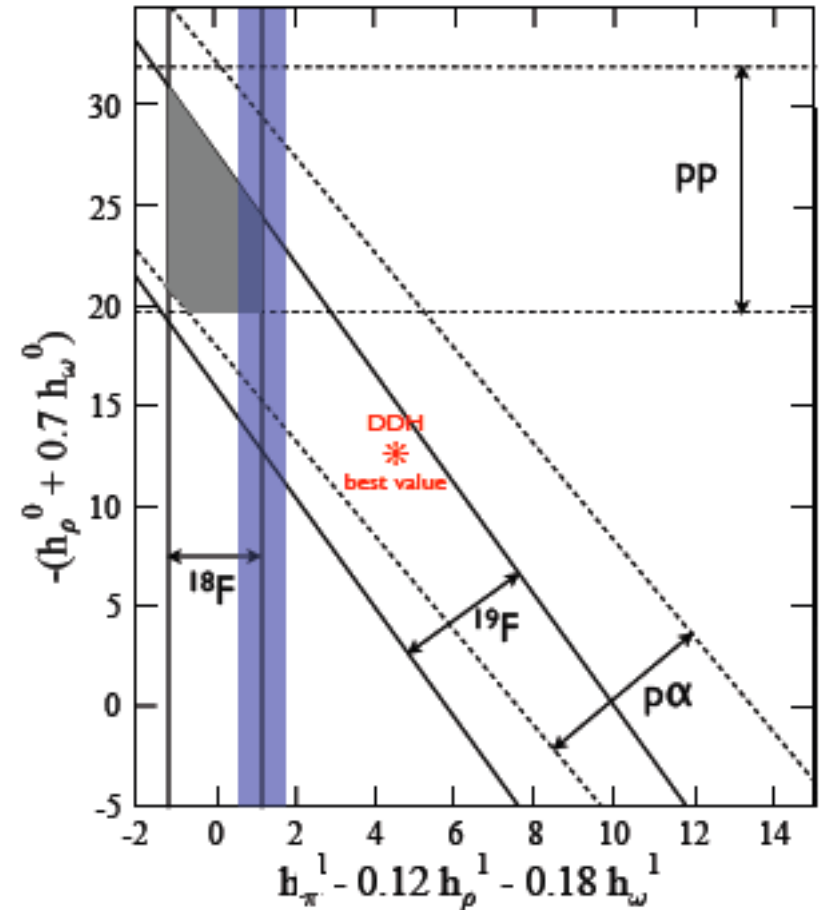


# Haxton and Holstein 2013: reanalysis of pp parity violation

Corrected pp analysis for treatment of strong NN couplings  
Result: isoscalar linear combination goes up by  $\sim 50\%$



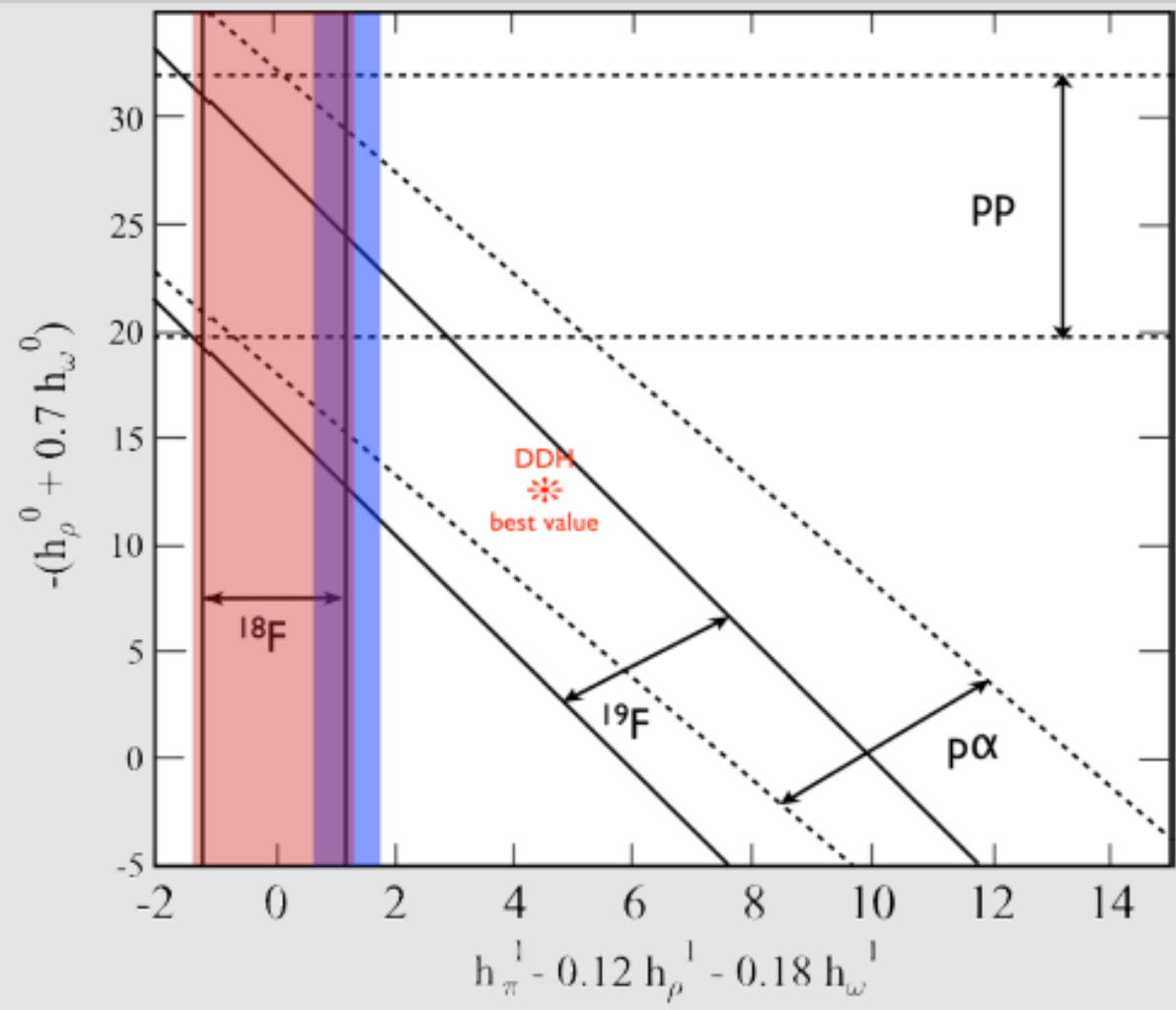
Haxton/Wieman  $\sim 2001$



Haxton/Holstein 2013

# Information on Weak Couplings

Preliminary statistical uncertainty (not a result)



All data says weak pion exchange is ~ factor of 10 smaller than  $\Delta I=0$  NN weak amplitudes.

# NN Weak Amplitudes in $1/N_c$ Expansion of QCD

Large N expansion of QCD: works well for many low E observables (including strong NN couplings): what about weak NN couplings?

$$\begin{aligned} h_\rho^0 &\sim \sqrt{N_c}, \quad h_\rho^2 \sim \sqrt{N_c}, \\ \frac{h_\rho^{1'}}{\sin^2 \theta_W} &\lesssim \sqrt{N_c}, \quad \frac{h_\omega^1}{\sin^2 \theta_W} \sim \sqrt{N_c}, \\ \frac{h_\rho^1}{\sin^2 \theta_W} &\lesssim \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_c}}, \quad \frac{h_\pi^1}{\sin^2 \theta_W} \lesssim \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_c}}, \quad h_\omega^0 \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_c}}, \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

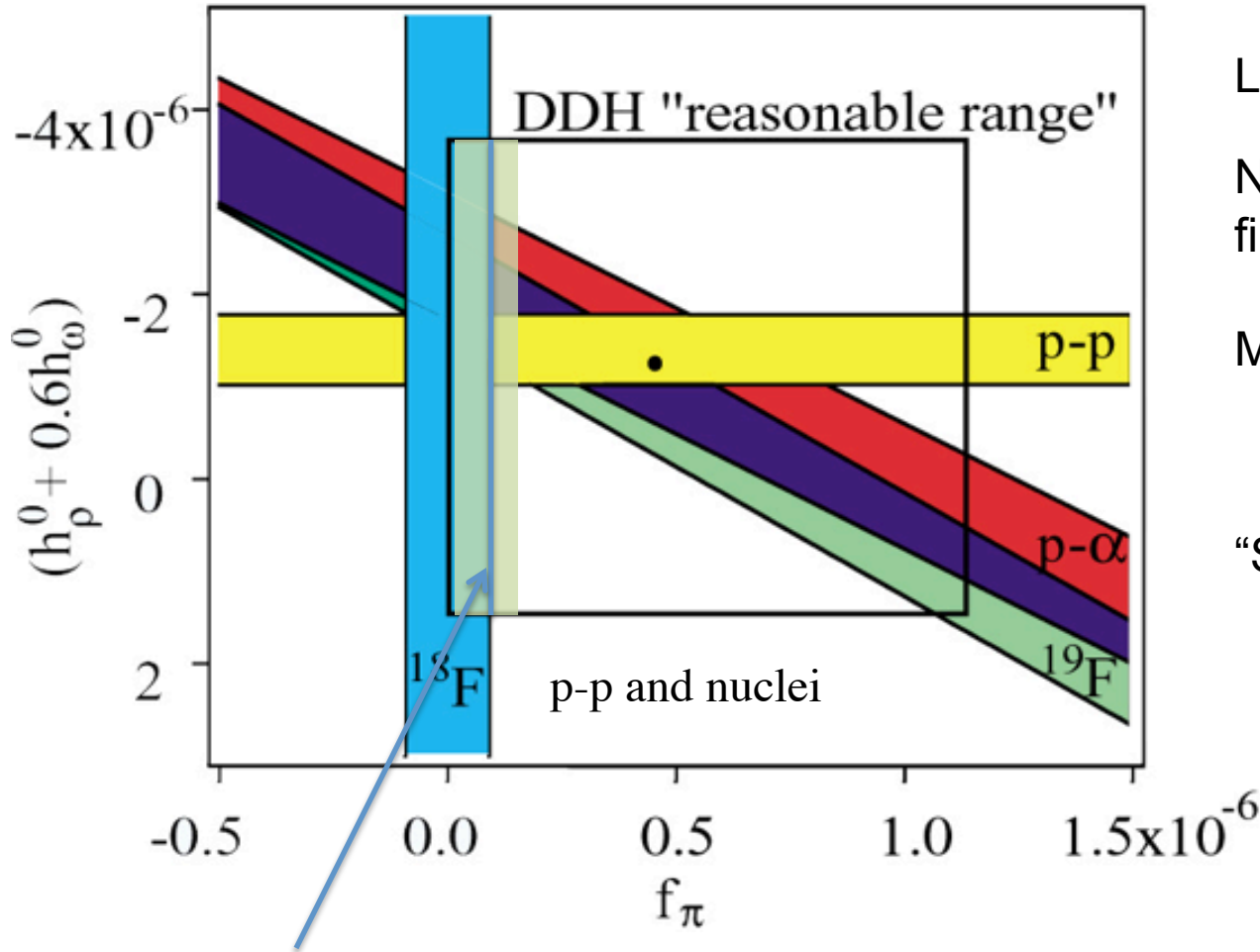
Large N expansion of QCD Implies that weak pion coupling expected to be smaller than isoscalar rho coupling by  $\sim$

$$\sin^2 \theta_W / N_c \sim 1/10$$

Looks like it agrees with experimental data! Explains why weak pion coupling has not yet been seen in experiment. First explanation of this long-suspected result from a model with direct connection to QCD

Phillips, Smart, Schat, arXiv:1410.1157, submitted to PRL (2014)

# NN weak theory: progress from the lattice!



Lattice gauge theory:  
gearing up to calculate  
NN weak amplitudes from  
first principles.

Major benchmark goal for  
high-performance  
computing development

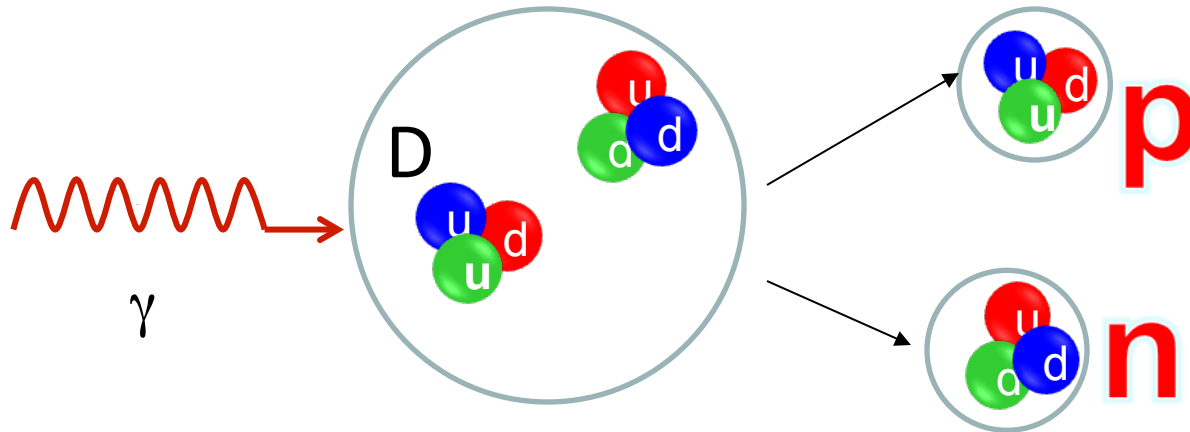
"Spin physics meets  
computational physics"

Wasem, Phys. Rev. C **85** (2012) 022501 *1st Lattice QCD result for NN weak! (heavy pion mass)*

CalLat collaboration goals (using exoscale computing): calculate from the Standard Model using the lattice:

(1)  $\Delta I=1$  weak pion exchange, (2)  $\Delta I=2$  NN weak amplitude

# Parity Violation in deuteron photodisintegration



Parity violation leads to helicity dependence of photodisintegration cross section

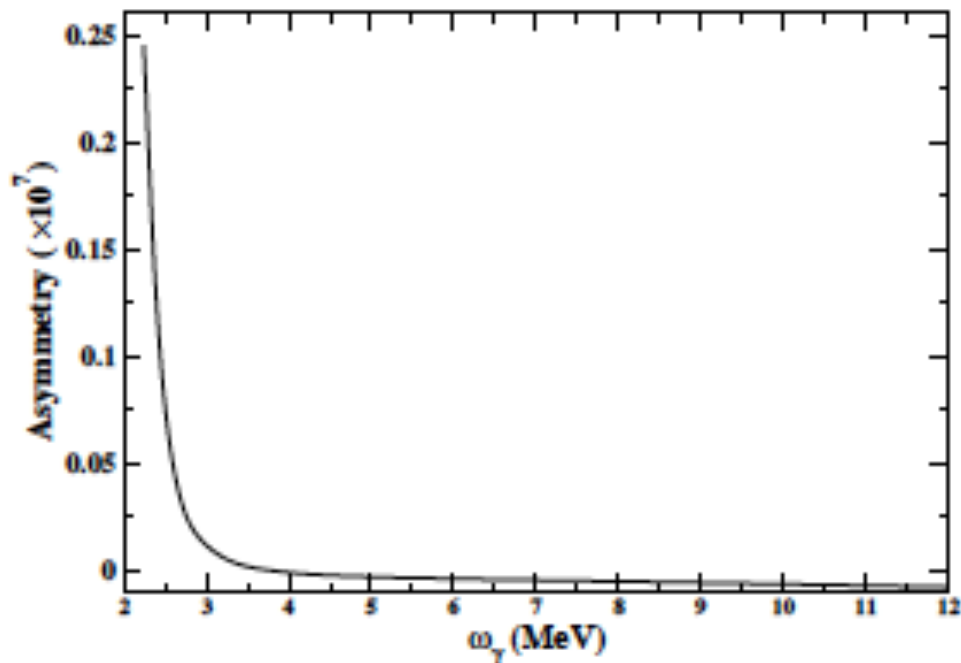
The neutron can escape the target and its intensity can be detected in current mode

Signal is helicity dependence of neutron current from target

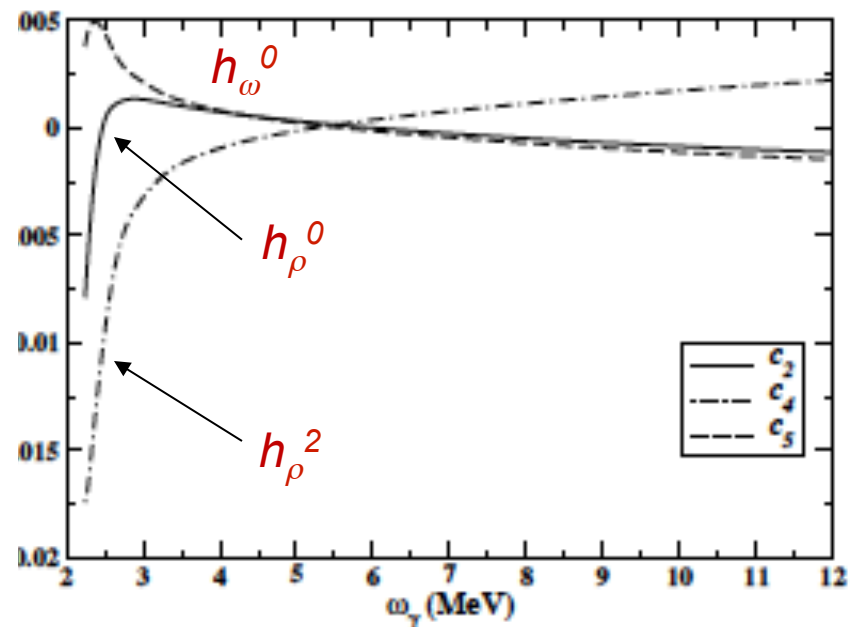
Detect also scattered and transmitted gammas for normalization/systematics effect suppression

**Need to observe  $> \sim 10^{16}$   $\gamma$ s to be sensitive to a 1E-8 asymmetry.**

# PV D Photodisintegration in DDH and EFT



PV asymmetry in DDH model



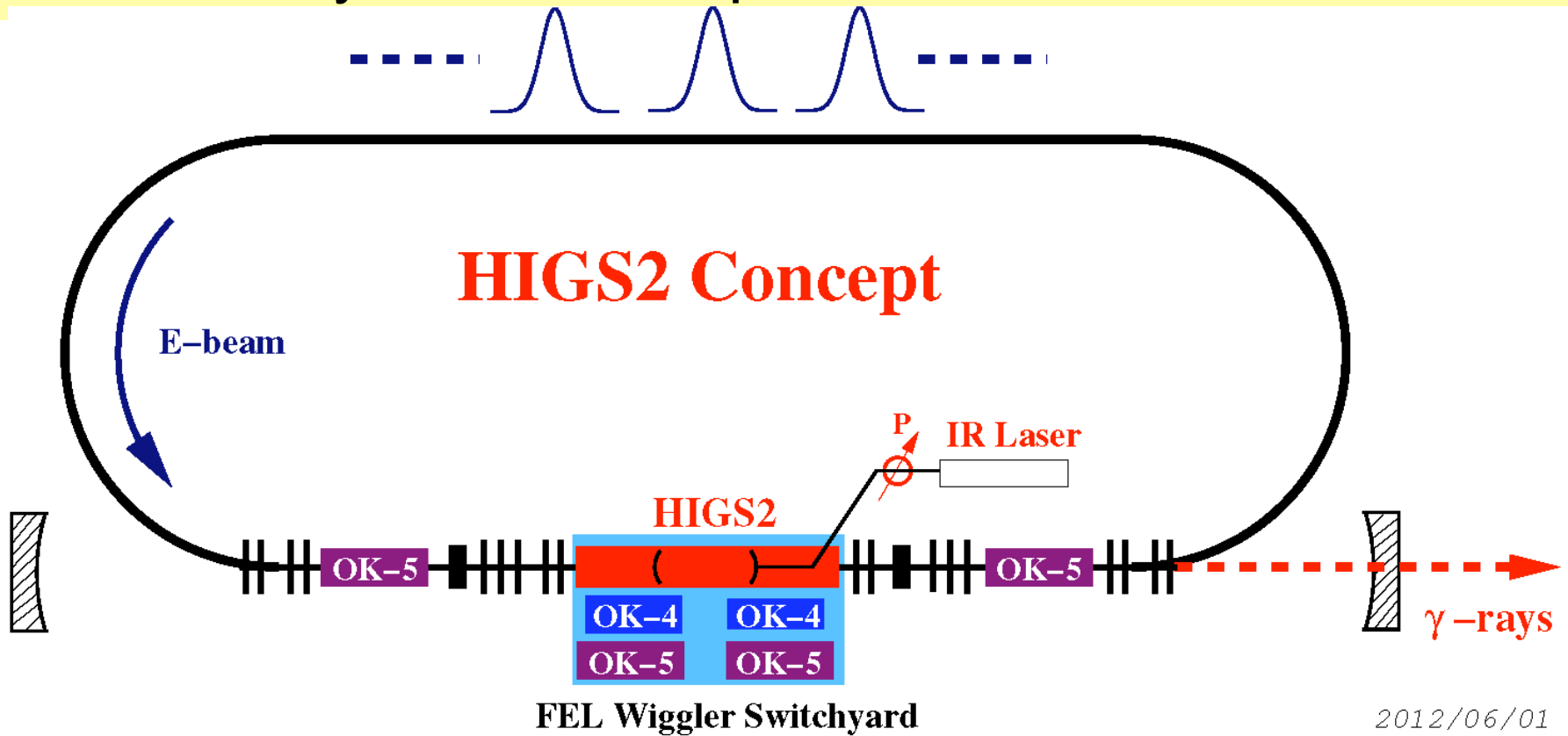
Relative contributions of  $h_\rho^0$ ,  $h_\omega^0$ , and  $h_\rho^2$  with gamma energy

$$A_\gamma (\text{threshold}) = -8.44 h_\rho^0 + 3.63 h_\omega^0 - 17.6 h_\rho^2$$

The only known P-odd NN observable which is sensitive to  $\Delta I=2$  NN parity violation

$\Delta I=2$  NN parity violation calculable in lattice gauge theory (CalLat collaboration)

# Parity Violation Experiments at HiGS2?



$\sim 10^{11}$  to  $10^{12}$  polarized  $\gamma$ /sec (X100 increase in polarized gamma flux relative to HiGS1.)

Circularly polarized gammas ( $> \sim 90\%$ ), fast ( $\sim 100$  Hz) gamma helicity reversal possible

Controlled beam phase space:  $\sim 1\%$  energy resolution on gamma energy (2-12 MeV)

**These are attractive features in principle for parity violation experiments**

# Concept of P-odd Deuteron Photodisintegration Expt.

Circularly-polarized  
 $\gamma$  Beam from HiGS



The neutron can be moderated in the liquid deuterium target, escape with low energy ( $\sim 10$  meV), and be detected efficiently in current mode in a  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  ion chamber

The transmitted and scattered  $\gamma$ s can be measured using current-mode  $\gamma$  detectors located behind the  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  ion chamber

Cylindrical symmetry of detector array to help suppress possible systematic errors



# NN parity violation: theory summary

$\Delta I=1$  weak pion amplitude: FACTOR of 10 SMALLER than  $\Delta I=0$  NN weak from both  $1/N_c$  argument and preliminary pioneering lattice calculation.

$\Delta I=1$  weak pion amplitude and  $\Delta I=2$  NN weak amplitude: can be calculated over the next few years using lattice gauge theory and high performance computing!

Combination of  $1/N_c$  analysis, chiral effective theory, and lattice can PREDICT results for upcoming experiments in

n- $^3\text{He}$  parity violation

n- $^4\text{He}$  parity violation

$\gamma$ -D P-odd photodisintegration

Success would represent a major milestone for our computational ability in nonperturbative strong interaction physics

# NN parity violation: experiment summary

NPDGamma: on track to get  $\sim 13$  ppb error on P-odd asymmetry.  
Asymmetry will be small  $\rightarrow$  small  $\Delta I=1$  weak pion amplitude

n- $^3\text{He}$  P-odd asymmetry and n- $^4\text{He}$  P-odd spin rotation:  
 $\sim$ orthogonal to already-measured p- $^4\text{He}$  in isoscalar/isovector coupling space

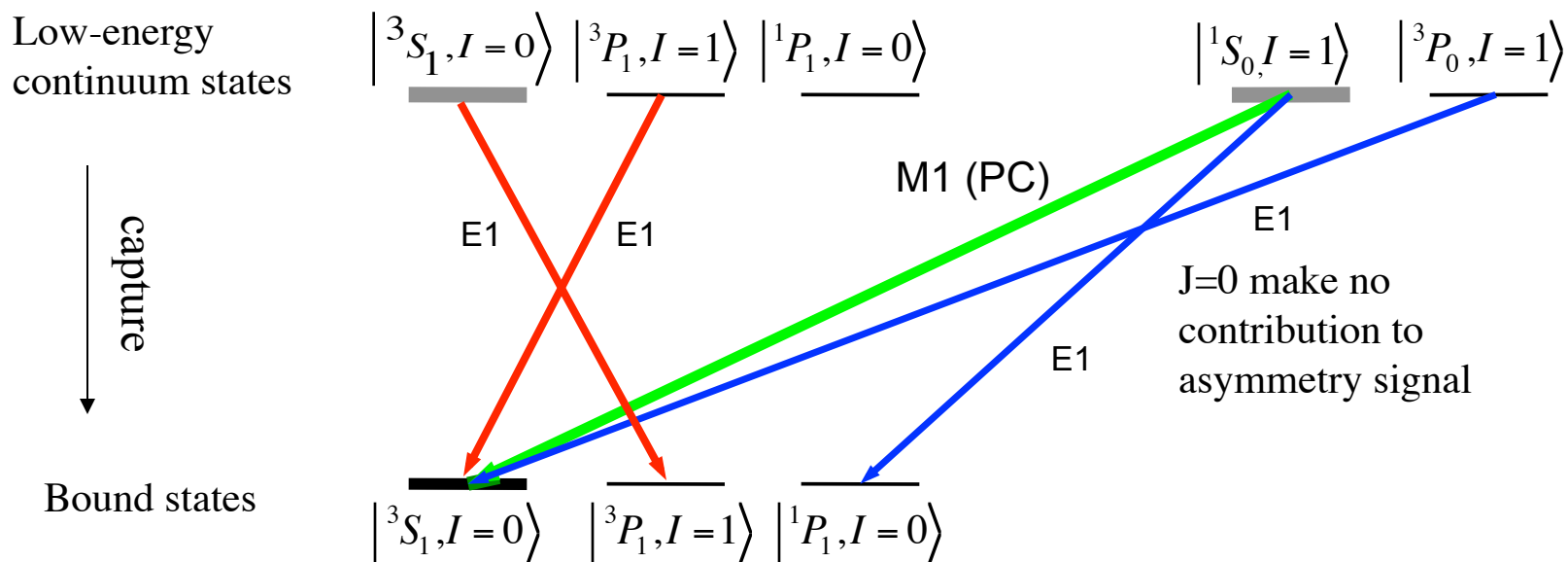
Status:

n- $^3\text{He}$  parity violation experiment at SNS: installation now

n- $^4\text{He}$  parity violation experiment at NIST: planned for NIST NG-C

**$\gamma$ -D P-odd photodisintegration:** sensitive to  $\Delta I=2$  piece of NN weak which is easiest for lattice gauge theory to calculate

# Simple Level Diagram of $n-p$ System



$\dot{n} + p \rightarrow d + \gamma$  is primarily sensitive to the  $\Delta I = 1$  component of the weak interaction

- Weak interaction mixes in  $P$  waves to the singlet and triplet  $S$ -waves in initial and final states.
- Parity conserving transition is  $M1$ .
- Parity violation arises from mixing in  $P$  states and interference of the  $E1$  transitions.
- $A_\gamma$  is coming from  $^3S_1 - ^3P_1$  mixing and interference of  $E1$ - $M1$  transitions in  $\Delta I = 1$  channel.

Mixing amplitudes:

$$\langle ^3S_1 | V_W | ^3P_1 \rangle; \Delta I = 1$$

$$\langle ^3S_1 | V_W | ^1P_1 \rangle; \Delta I = 0$$

$$\langle ^1S_0 | V_W | ^3P_0 \rangle; \Delta I = 2$$