

# New Measurement of the Electron Magnetic Moment and the Fine Structure Constant

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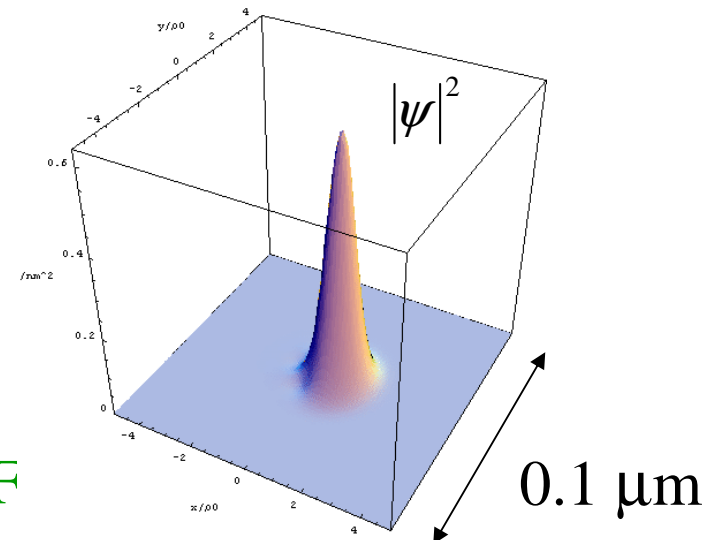
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Earlier contributions: Brian Odom,

Brian D'Urso,  
Steve Peil,  
Dafna Enzer,  
Kamal Abdullah  
Ching-hua Tseng  
Joseph Tan

20 years  
6.5 theses

2006 DAMOP Thesis  
Prize Winner

N\$F



## Why Does it take Twenty Years and 6.5 Theses?

Explanation 1: Van Dyck, Schwinberg, Dehemelt did a good job in 1987!  
[Phys. Rev. Lett. \*\*59\*\*, 26 \(1987\)](#)

Explanation 2a: We do experiments much too slowly

Explanation 2b: Takes time to develop new ideas and methods  
needed to measure with 7.6 parts in  $10^{13}$  uncertainty

first measurement with  
these new methods

- One-electron quantum cyclotron
- Resolve lowest cyclotron states as well as spin
- Quantum jump spectroscopy of spin and cyclotron motions
- Cavity-controlled spontaneous emission
- Radiation field controlled by cylindrical trap cavity
- Cooling away of blackbody photons
- Synchronized electrons identify cavity radiation modes
- Trap without nuclear paramagnetism
- One-particle self-excited oscillator

# The New Measurement of Electron $g$

U. Michigan	U. Washington	Harvard	
beam of electrons	one electron	one electron	
spins precess with respect to cyclotron motion	observe spin flip	quantum cyclotron motion	100 mK
	thermal cyclotron motion	resolve lowest quantum levels	self-excited oscillator
		cavity-controlled radiation field (cylindrical trap)	inhibit spontan. emission
Crane, Rich, ...	Dehmelt, Van Dyck		cavity shifts

# **Magnetic Moments, Motivation and Results**

# Magnetic Moments

magnetic  
moment

$$\vec{\mu} = g \mu_B \frac{\vec{L}}{\hbar}$$

← angular momentum

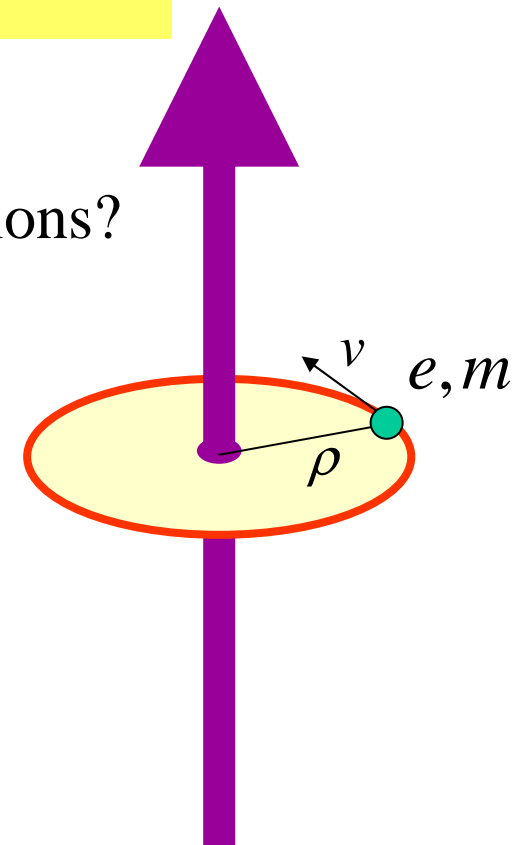
Bohr magneton  $\frac{e\hbar}{2m}$

e.g. What is  $g$  for identical charge and mass distributions?

$$\mu = IA = \frac{e}{\left(\frac{2\pi\rho}{v}\right)} (\pi\rho^2) = \frac{ev\rho}{2} \frac{L}{mv\rho} = \frac{e}{2m} L = \frac{e\hbar}{2m} \frac{L}{\hbar}$$

$\rightarrow g = 1$

$\uparrow$   
 $\mu_B$



# Magnetic Moments

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← angular momentum

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$g = 1$  identical charge and mass distribution

$g = 2$  spin for Dirac point particle

$g = 2.002\ 319\ 304 \dots$  simplest Dirac spin, plus QED

(if electron  $g$  is different  $\rightarrow$  electron has substructure)

## Why Measure the Electron Magnetic Moment?

1. **Electron  $g$  - basic property of simplest of elementary particles**
2. **Determine fine structure constant – from measured  $g$  and QED (May be even more important when we change mass standards)**
3. **Test QED – requires independent  $\alpha$**
4. **Test CPT – compare  $g$  for electron and positron → best lepton test**
5. **Look for new physics beyond the standard model**
  - **Is  $g$  given by Dirac + QED? If not → electron substructure (new physics)**
  - **Muon  $g$  search needs electron  $g$  measurement**

# New Measurement of Electron Magnetic Moment

magnetic moment

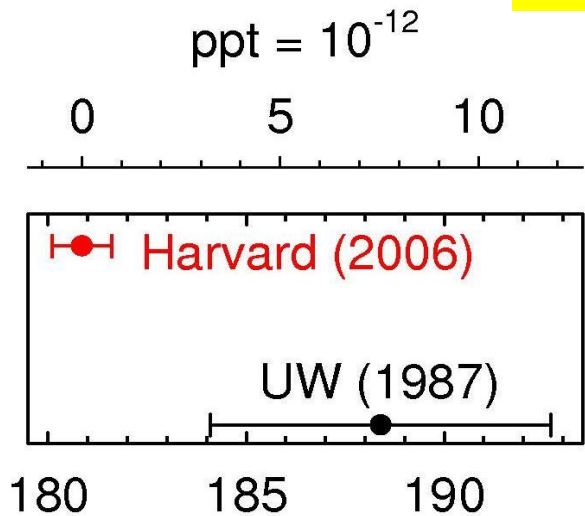
$$\vec{\mu} = g \mu_B \frac{\vec{S}}{\hbar}$$

Bohr magneton  $\frac{e\hbar}{2m}$

← spin

$$g / 2 = 1.001\,159\,652\,180\,85$$

$$\pm 0.000\,000\,000\,000\,76 \quad 7.6 \times 10^{-13}$$



- First improved measurement since 1987
- Nearly six times smaller uncertainty
- 1.7 standard deviation shift
- Likely more accuracy coming
- 1000 times smaller uncertainty than muon g

$(g / 2 - 1.001\,159\,652\,000) / 10^{-12}$

B. Odom, D. Hanneke, B. D'Urso and G. Gabrielse, Phys. Rev. Lett. **97**, 030801 (2006).



# Dirac + QED Relates Measured $g$ and Measured $\alpha$

$$\frac{g}{2} = 1 + C_1 \left( \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \right) + C_2 \left( \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \right)^2 + C_3 \left( \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \right)^3 + C_4 \left( \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \right)^4 + \dots \delta a$$

Measure  $\rightarrow$   $\frac{g}{2}$   
 Dirac point particle  $\rightarrow$  1  
 QED Calculation  $\rightarrow$   $C_1 \left( \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \right) + C_2 \left( \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \right)^2 + C_3 \left( \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \right)^3 + C_4 \left( \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \right)^4$   
 Sensitivity to other physics (weak, strong, new) is low  $\rightarrow$   $\delta a$   
 weak/strong  $\rightarrow$   $\delta a$

Kinoshita, Nio,  
Remiddi, Laporta, etc.

1. Use measured  $g$  and QED to extract fine structure constant
2. Wait for another accurate measurement of  $\alpha \rightarrow$  Test QED

# Basking in the Reflected Glow of Theorists<sup>Gabrielse</sup>

$$\frac{g}{2} = 1 + C_1 \left( \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \right)$$

$$+ C_2 \left( \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \right)^2$$

$$+ C_3 \left( \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \right)^3$$

$$+ C_4 \left( \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \right)^4$$

$$+ C_5 \left( \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \right)^4$$

$$+ \dots \delta a$$



Remiddi

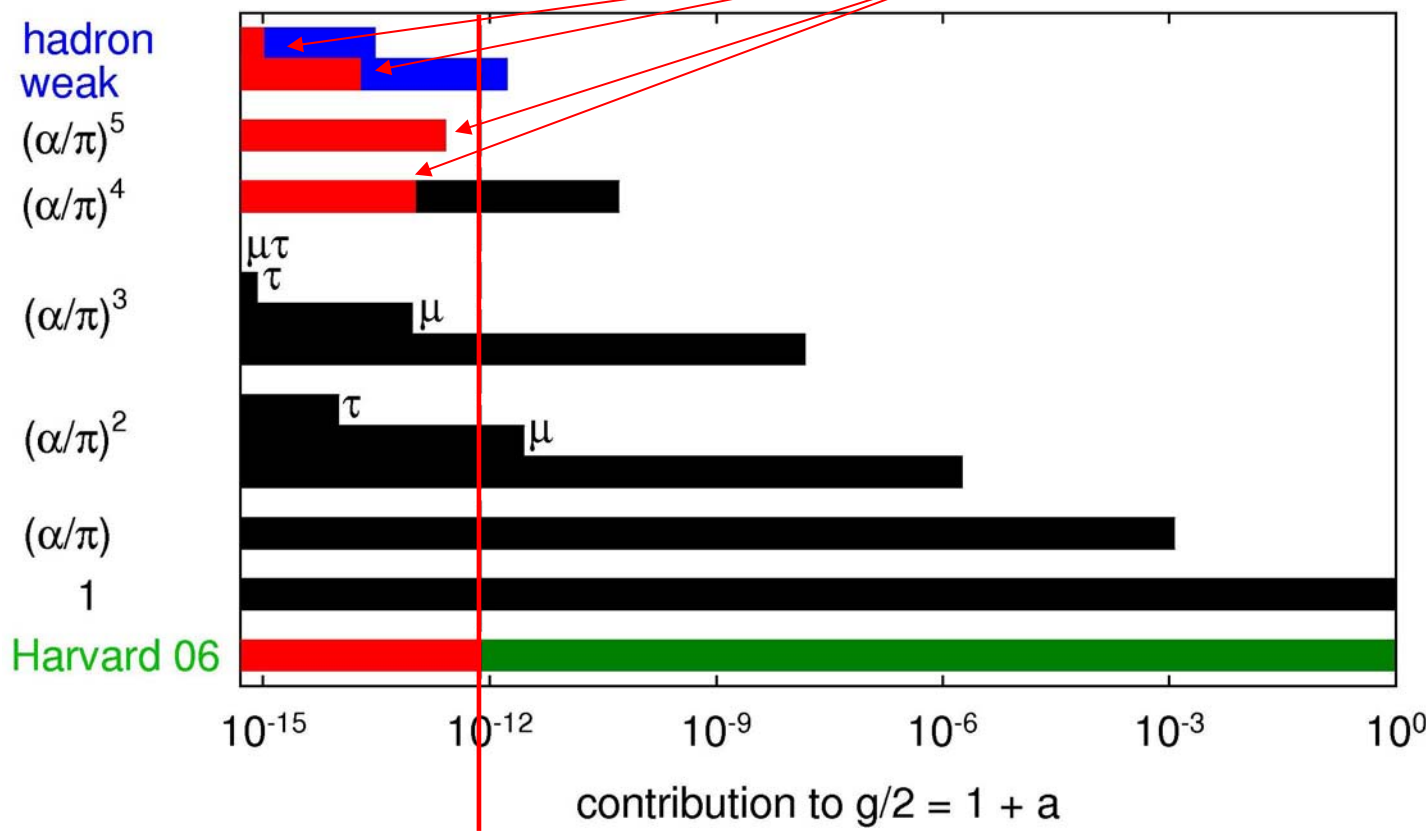
Kinoshita

G.G

2004

$$\frac{g}{2} = 1 + C_1 \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right) + C_2 \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^2 + C_3 \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^3 + C_4 \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^4 + \dots \delta a$$

theoretical uncertainties



experimental uncertainty

# New Determination of the Fine Structure Constant

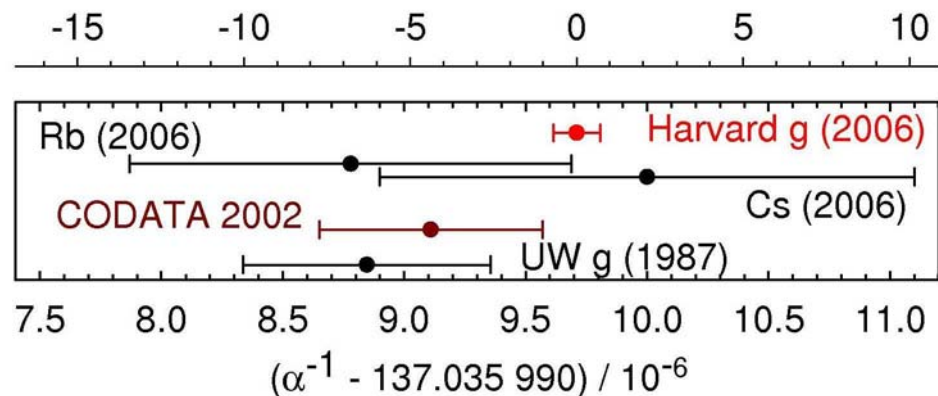
$$\alpha = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{\hbar c}$$

- Strength of the electromagnetic interaction
- Important component of our system of fundamental constants
- Increased importance for new mass standard

$$\alpha^{-1} = 137.035\,999\,710$$

$$\pm 0.000\,000\,096 \quad 7.0 \times 10^{-10}$$

ppb =  $10^{-9}$



- **First lower uncertainty since 1987**
- **Ten times more accurate than atom-recoil methods**

G. Gabrielse, D. Hanneke, T. Kinoshita, M. Nio, B. Odom,  
 Phys. Rev. Lett. 97}, 030802 (2006).

# Next Most Accurate Way to Determine $\alpha$ (use Cs example)

Combination of measured Rydberg, mass ratios, and atom recoil

$$\alpha \equiv \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{hc}$$

←

$$R_\infty \equiv \frac{1}{(4\pi\epsilon_0)^2} \frac{e^4 m_e c}{2h^3 c^2}$$

Haensch, ...

$$\alpha^2 = \frac{2R_\infty}{c} \frac{h}{m_e}$$

Pritchard, ...

Chu, ...

$$= \frac{2R_\infty}{c} \frac{h}{M_{Cs}} \frac{M_{Cs}}{M_p} \frac{M_p}{m_e}$$

←

$$\frac{h}{M_{Cs}} = 2c^2 \frac{f_{recoil}}{(f_{D1})^2}$$

Haensch, ...

Tanner, ...

$$\alpha^2 = 4R_\infty c \frac{f_{recoil}}{(f_{D1})^2} \frac{M_{Cs}}{M_{12C}} \frac{M_{12C}}{m_e}$$

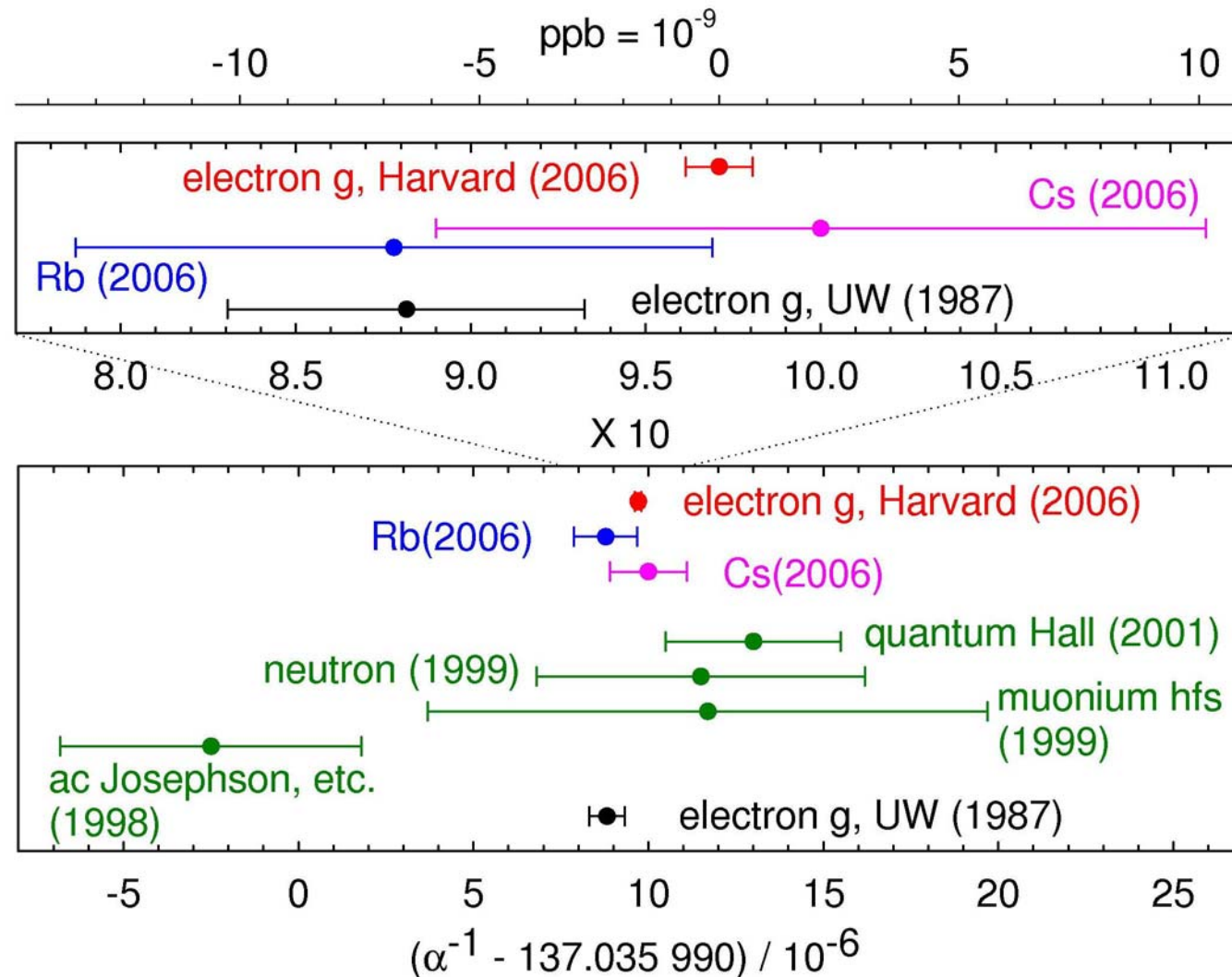
Werthe, Quint, ... (also Van Dyck)

Biraben, ...

- Now this method is 10 times less accurate
- We hope that will improve in the future → test QED

(Rb measurement is similar except get  $h/M[\text{Rb}]$  a bit differently)

# Earlier Measurements Require Larger Uncertainty Scale



ten times  
larger scale  
to see larger  
uncertainties

## Test of QED

**Most stringent test of QED:** Comparing the measured electron  $g$  to the  $g$  calculated from QED using an independent  $\alpha$

$$\delta g < 15 \times 10^{-12}$$

- The uncertainty does not come from  $g$  and QED
- All uncertainty comes from  $\alpha[\text{Rb}]$  and  $\alpha[\text{Cs}]$
- With a better independent  $\alpha$  could do a ten times better test

# From Freeman Dyson – One Inventor of QED

Dear Jerry,

... I love your way of doing experiments, and I am happy to congratulate you for this latest triumph. Thank you for sending the two papers.

Your statement, that QED is tested far more stringently than its inventors could ever have envisioned, is correct. As one of the inventors, I remember that we thought of QED in 1949 as a temporary and jerry-built structure, with mathematical inconsistencies and renormalized infinities swept under the rug. We did not expect it to last more than ten years before some more solidly built theory would replace it. We expected and hoped that some new experiments would reveal discrepancies that would point the way to a better theory. And now, 57 years have gone by and that ramshackle structure still stands. The theorists ... have kept pace with your experiments, pushing their calculations to higher accuracy than we ever imagined. And you still did not find the discrepancy that we hoped for. To me it remains perpetually amazing that Nature dances to the tune that we scribbled so carelessly 57 years ago. And it is amazing that you can measure her dance to one part per trillion and find her still following our beat.

With congratulations and good wishes for more such beautiful experiments, yours ever, Freeman.



# Direct Test for Physics Beyond the Standard Model

$$g = 2 + 2a_{QED}(\alpha) + \delta g_{SM:Hadronic+Weak} + \delta g_{New\ Physics}$$

Is  $g$  given by Dirac + QED? If not  $\rightarrow$  electron substructure

Does the electron have internal structure? Brodsky, Drell, 1980

$$m^* > \frac{m}{\sqrt{\delta g / 2}} = 130 \text{ GeV} / c^2$$

limited by the uncertainty in independent  $\alpha$  values

$$m^* > \frac{m}{\sqrt{\delta g / 2}} = 600 \text{ GeV} / c^2$$

if our  $g$  uncertainty was the only limit

Not bad for an experiment done at 100 mK, but LEP does better

$$m^* > 10.3 \text{ TeV}$$

LEP contact interaction limit

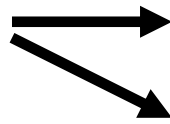
# Muon Test for Physics Beyond the Standard Model Needs Measured Electron $g$

less accurately measured  
than we measure electron  $g$   
by a factor of 1000

expected to be bigger  
than for electron  
by  $\sim 40,000$

$$g = 2 + 2a_{QED}(\alpha) + \delta g_{SM:Hadronic+Weak} + \delta g_{New\ Physics}$$

big contribution  
must be subtracted out



need  $\alpha$

need test the QED calculation  
of this large contribution

→ Muon search for new physics  
needs the measurement of the electron  $g$  and  $\alpha$

# Can We Check the $3\sigma$ Muon Disagreement between Measurement and “Calculation”?

$$g = 2 + 2a_{QED}(\alpha) + \delta g_{SM:Hadronic+Weak} + \delta g_{New\ Physics}$$

$m_\mu/m_e)^2 \sim 40,000$     ← muon more sensitive to “new physics”  
 $\div 1,000$     ← how much more accurately we measure  
 $\div 3$     ←  $3\sigma$  effect is now seen

→ If we can improve the electron  $g$  uncertainty by an additional factor of 13 should be able to see the  $3\sigma$  effect (or not)

(also need improved calculations, of course)

Not impossible to imagine, but may be impossible in practice

**How Does One Measure the Electron  $g$   
to 7.6 parts in  $10^{13}$ ?**

## How to Get an Uncertainty of 7.6 parts in $10^{13}$

first measurement with  
these new methods

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Make a “Fully Quantum Atom” for the electron

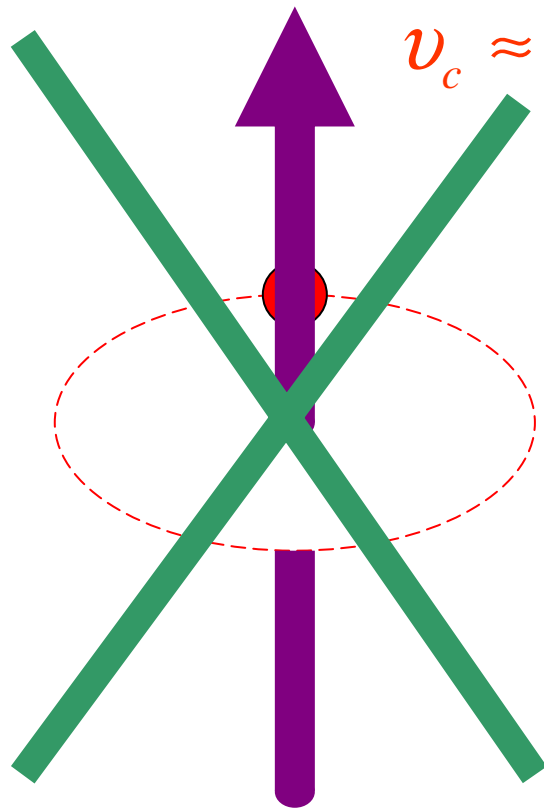
Challenge: An elementary particle has no internal states to probe or laser-cool

→ Give introduction to some of the new and novel methods

# Basic Idea of the Measurement

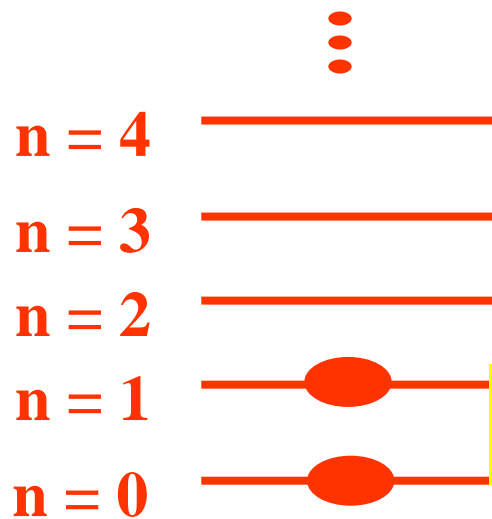
Quantum jump spectroscopy  
of lowest cyclotron and spin levels  
of an electron in a magnetic field

# One Electron in a Magnetic Field



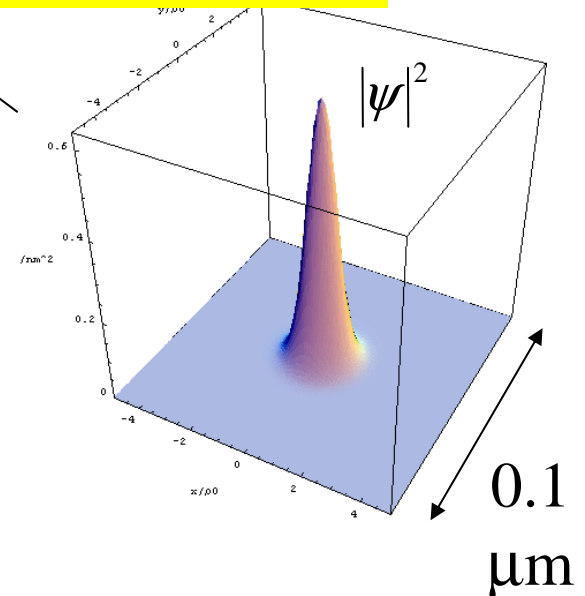
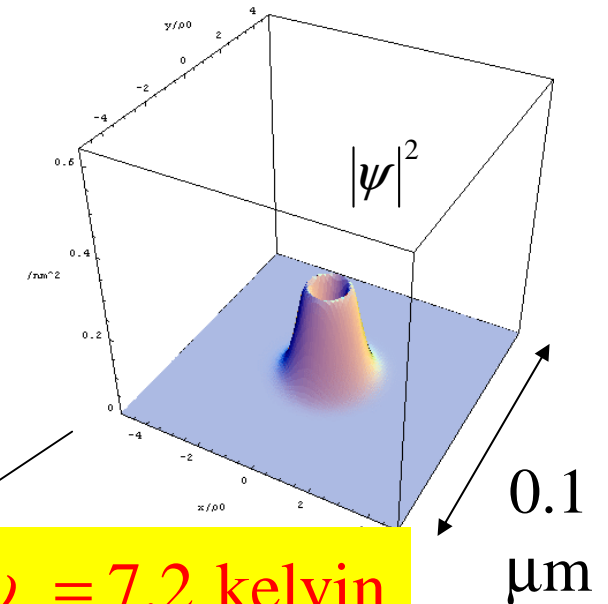
$\nu_c \approx 150 \text{ GHz}$

$B \approx 6 \text{ Tesla}$



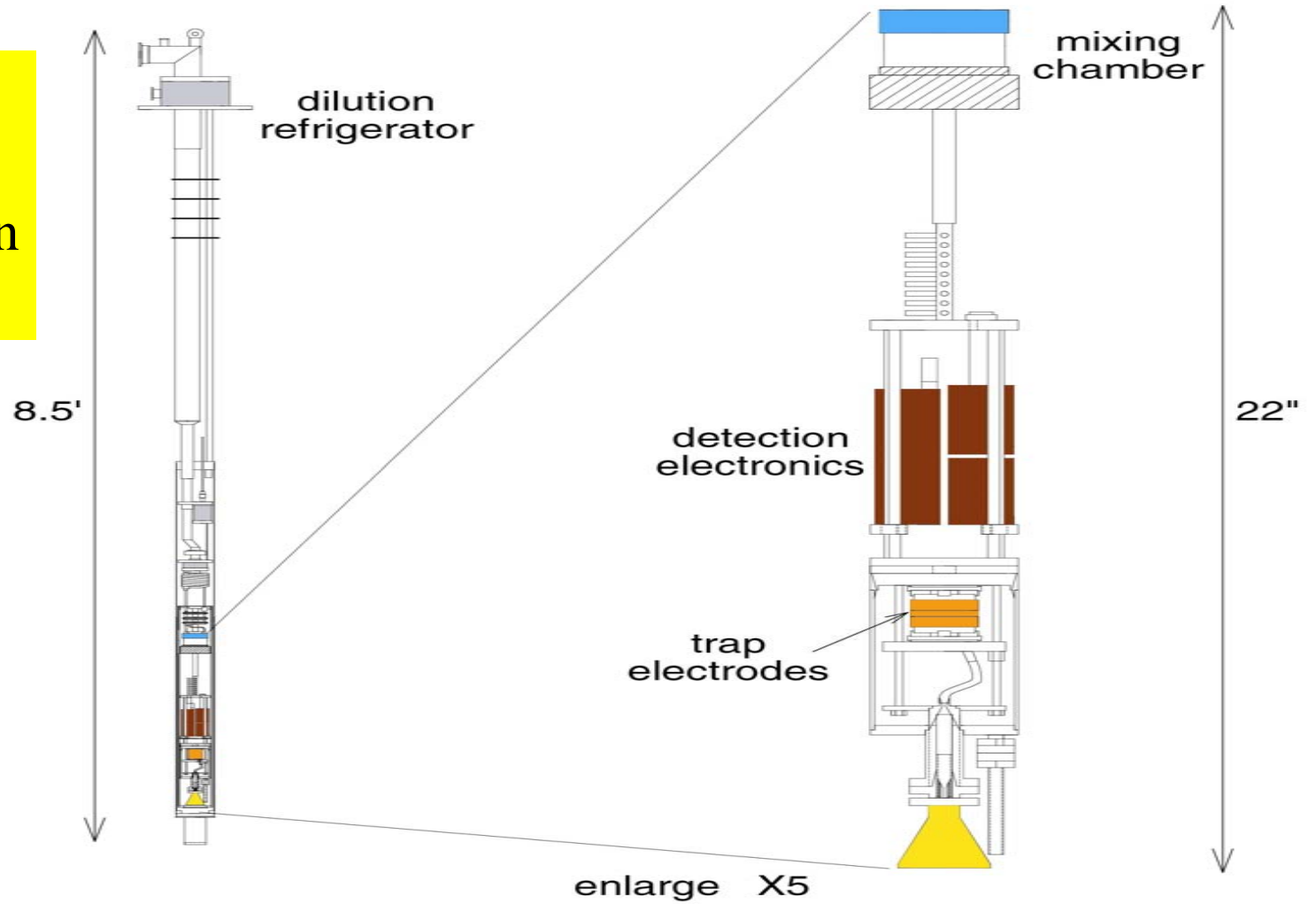
$h\nu_c = 7.2 \text{ kelvin}$

Need low temperature cyclotron motion  $T \ll 7.2 \text{ K}$



# First Penning Trap Below 4 K $\rightarrow$ 70 mK <sup>Gabrielse</sup>

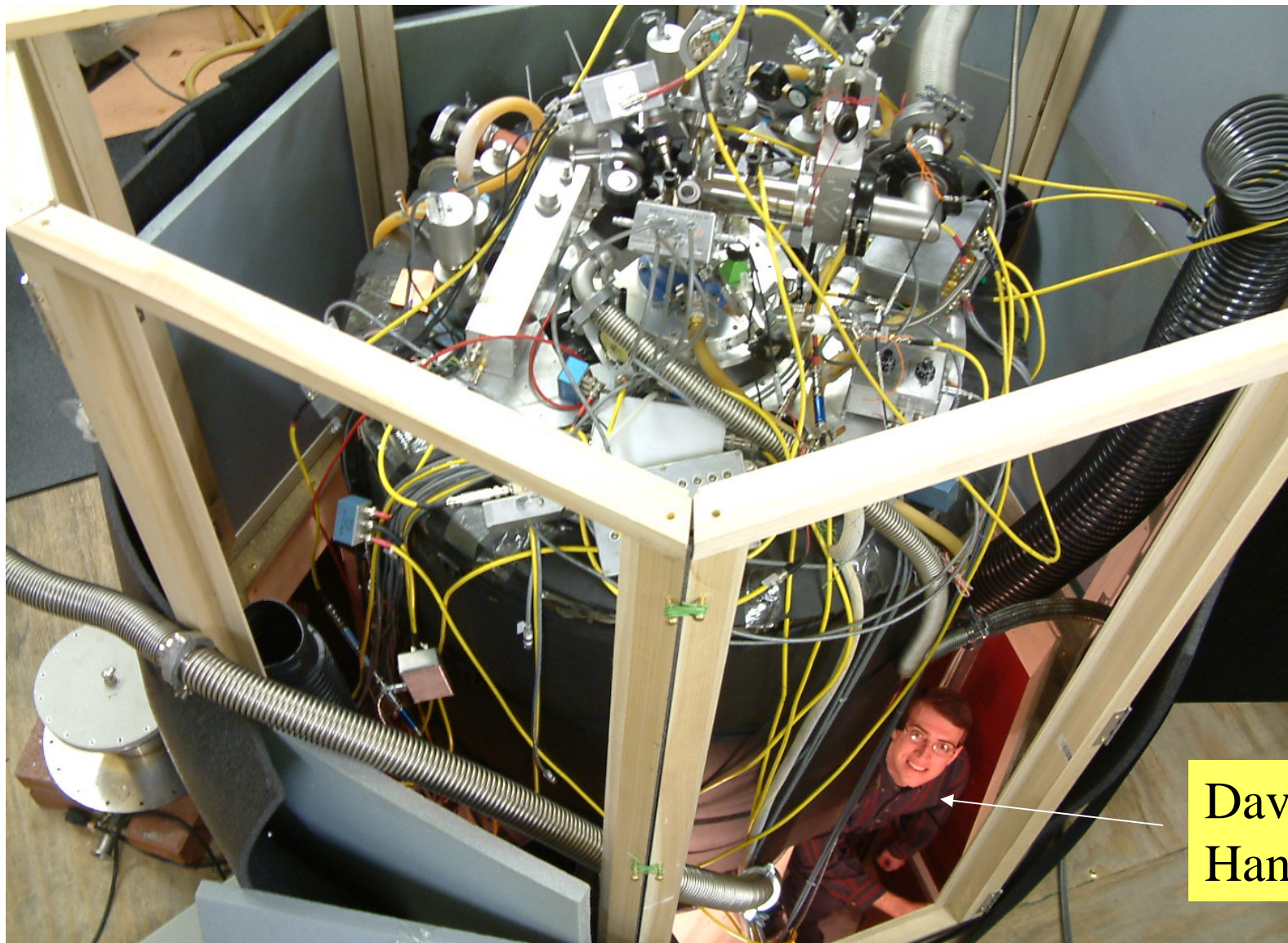
Need low  
temperature  
cyclotron motion  
 $T \ll 7.2$  K





# A Tabletop Experiment ...

if you have a high ceiling



David  
Hanneke

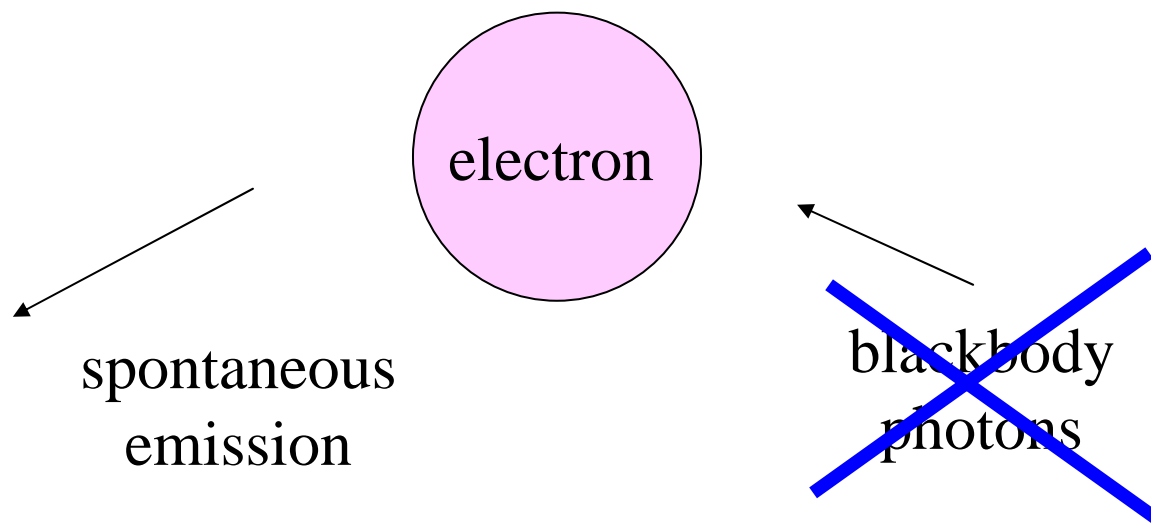


David Hanneke G.G.

# Electron Cyclotron Motion Comes Into Thermal Equilibrium

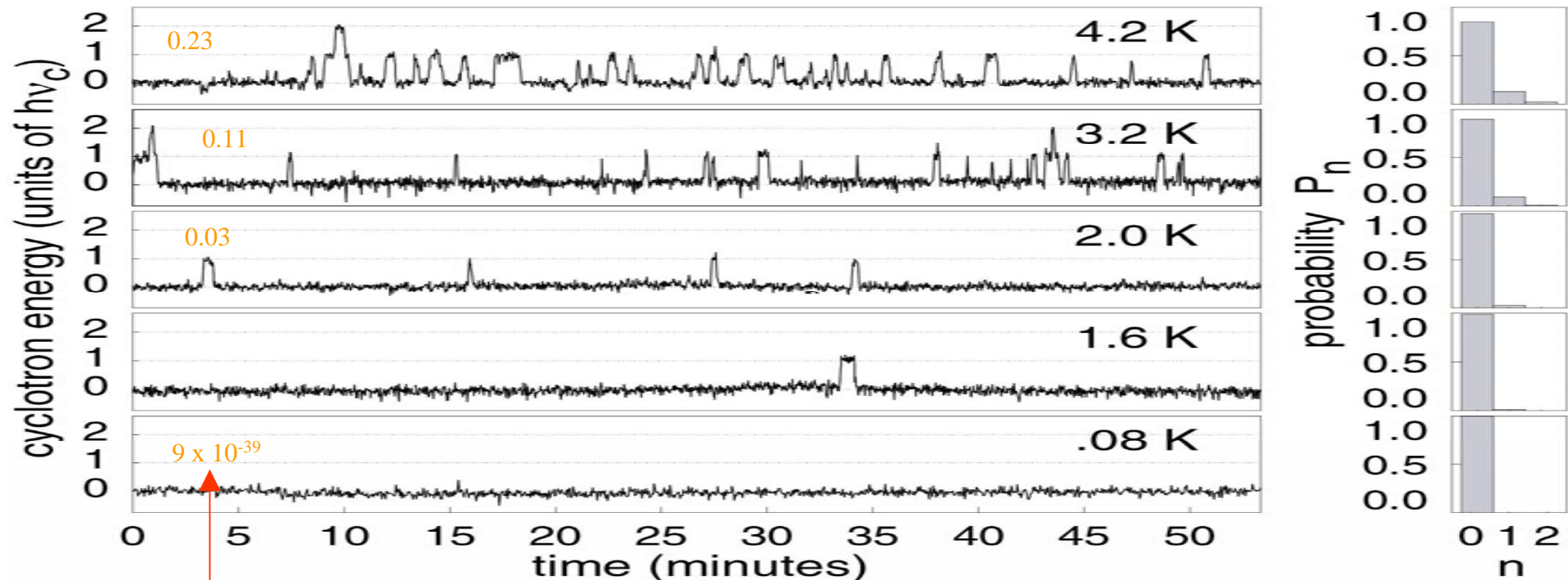
$T = 100 \text{ mK} \ll 7.2 \text{ K} \rightarrow$  ground state always  
Prob = 0.99999...

~~hot~~  
cold  
cavity



# Electron in Cyclotron Ground State

## QND Measurement of Cyclotron Energy vs. Time



average number  
of blackbody  
photons in the  
cavity

**On a short time scale**

→ in one Fock state or another

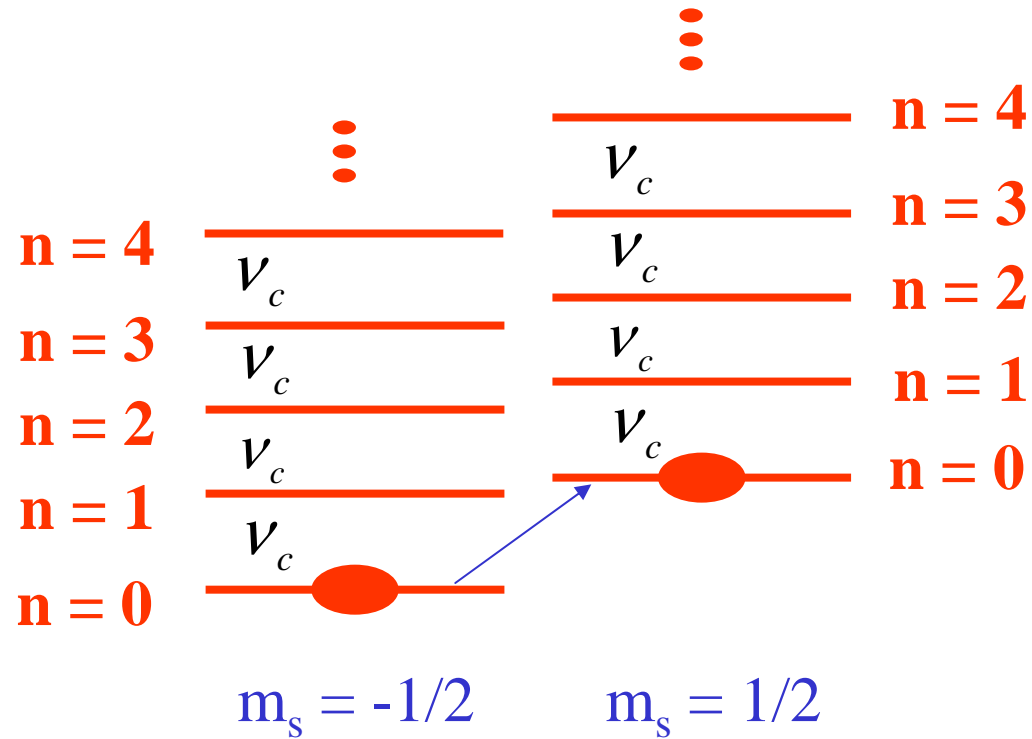
**Averaged over hours**

→ in a thermal state

# Spin → Two Cyclotron Ladders of Energy Levels

Cyclotron frequency:

$$\nu_c = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{eB}{m}$$



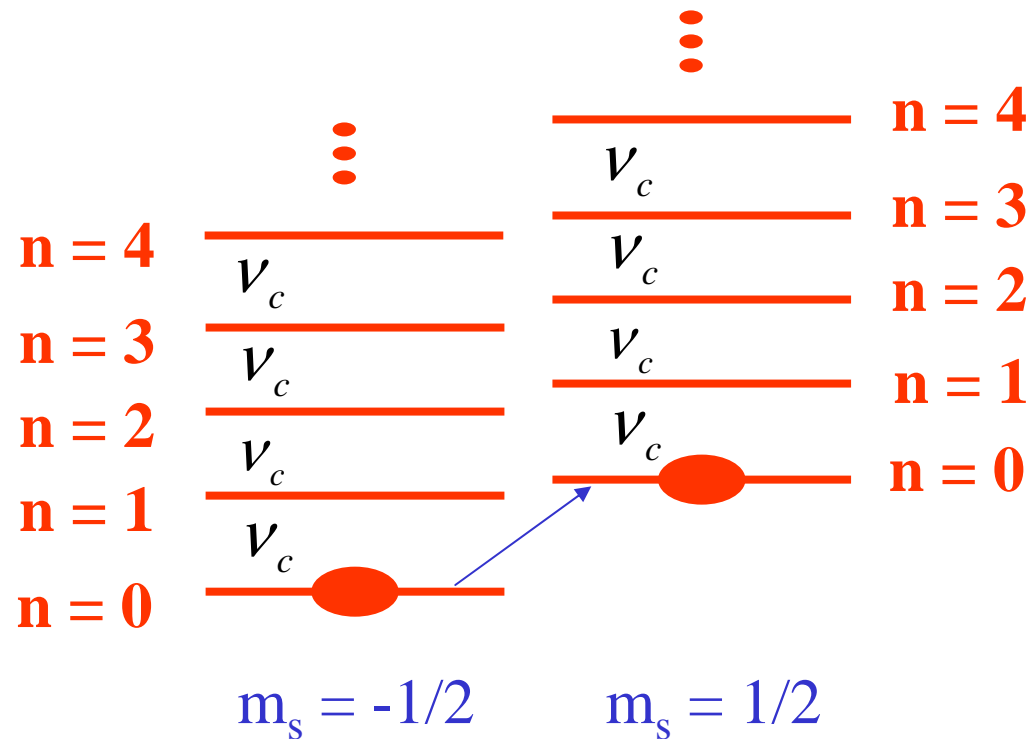
Spin frequency:

$$\nu_s = \frac{g}{2} \nu_c$$

# Basic Idea of the Fully-Quantum Measurement

Cyclotron frequency:

$$\nu_c = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{eB}{m}$$



Spin frequency:

$$\nu_s = \frac{g}{2} \nu_c$$

Measure a ratio of frequencies:

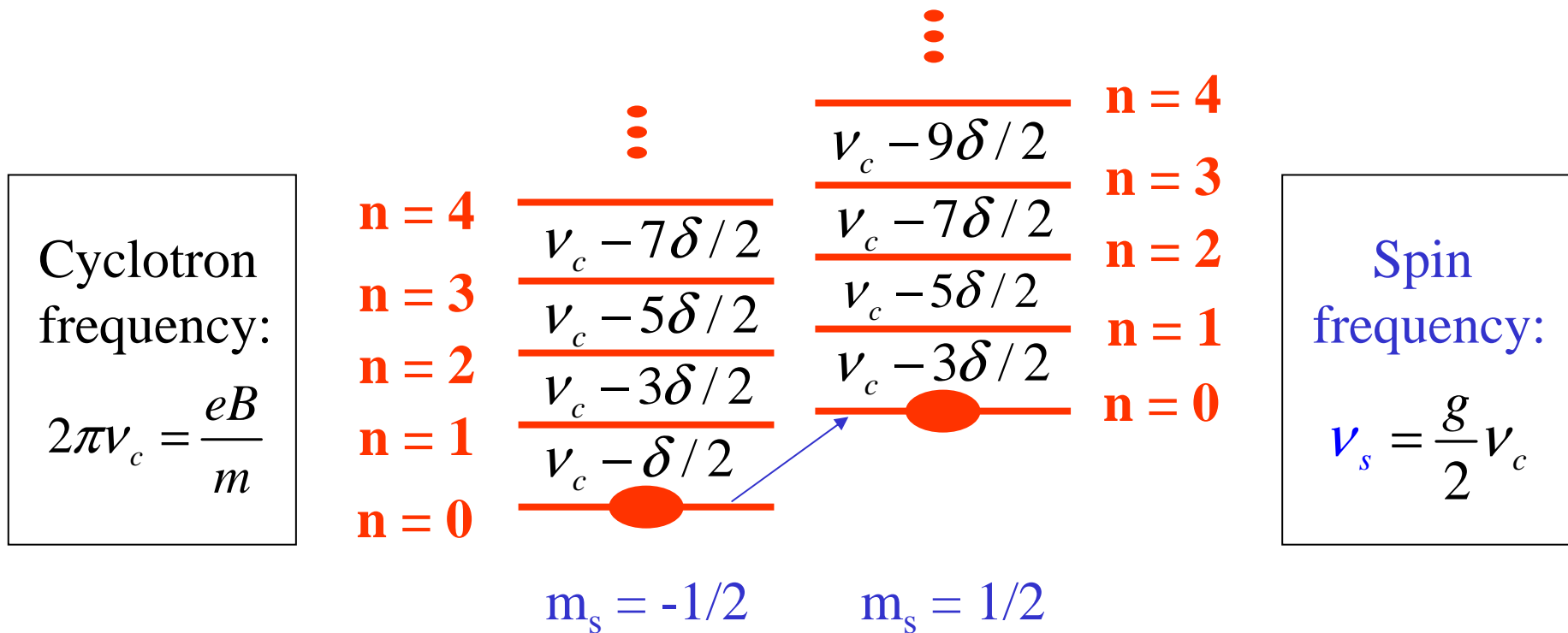
$$\frac{g}{2} = \frac{\nu_s}{\nu_c} = 1 + \frac{\nu_s - \nu_c}{\nu_c}$$

B in free space

$\square 10^{-3}$

- almost nothing can be measured better than a frequency
- the magnetic field cancels out (self-magnetometer)

# Special Relativity Shift the Energy Levels $\delta$



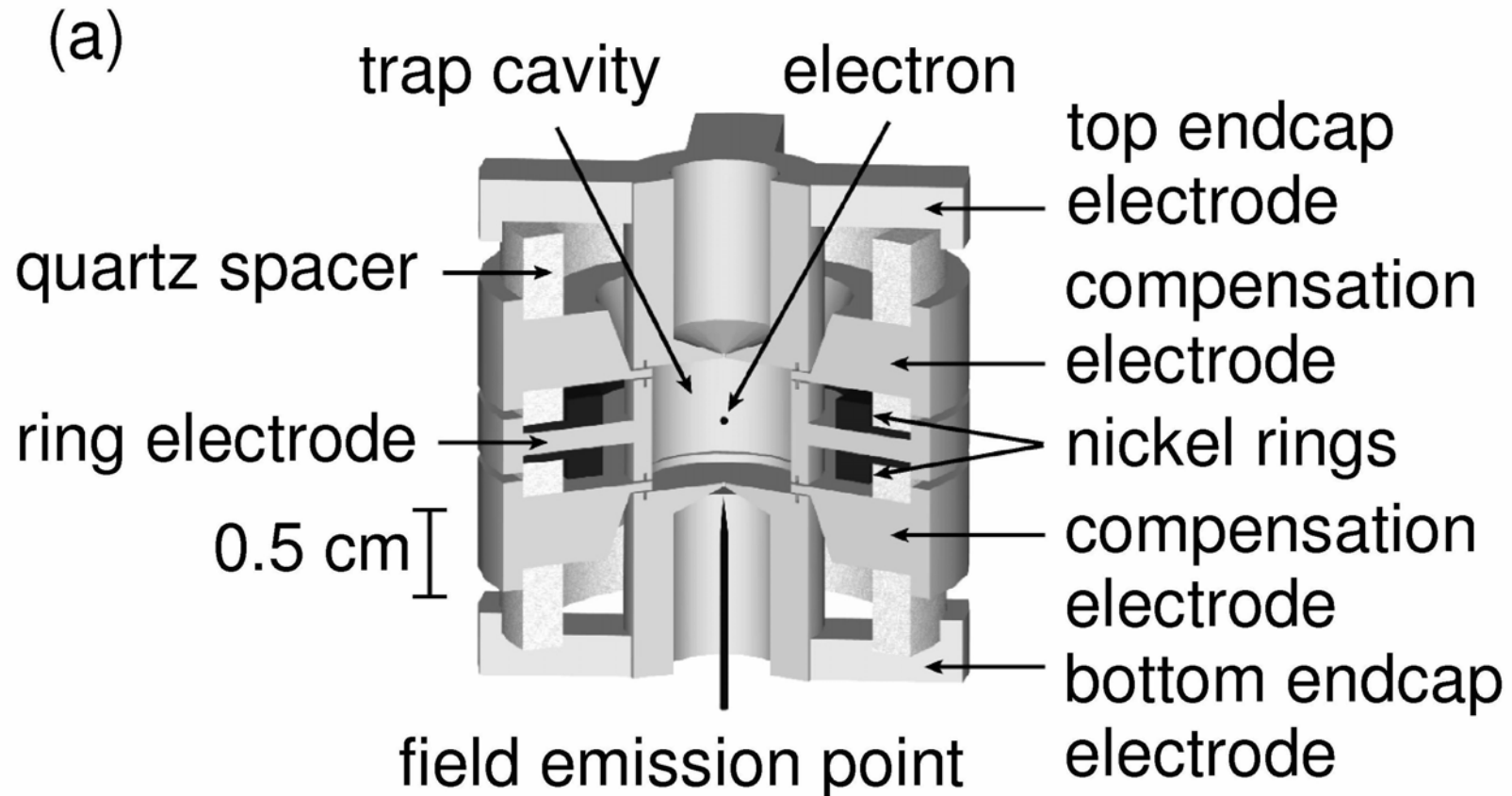
Not a huge relativistic shift, but important at our accuracy  $\frac{\delta}{\nu_c} = \frac{h\nu_c}{mc^2} \approx 10^{-9}$

**Solution: Simply correct for  $\delta$  if we fully resolve the levels**

(superposition of cyclotron levels would be a big problem)

# Cylindrical Penning Trap

$$V \propto 2z^2 - x^2 - y^2$$



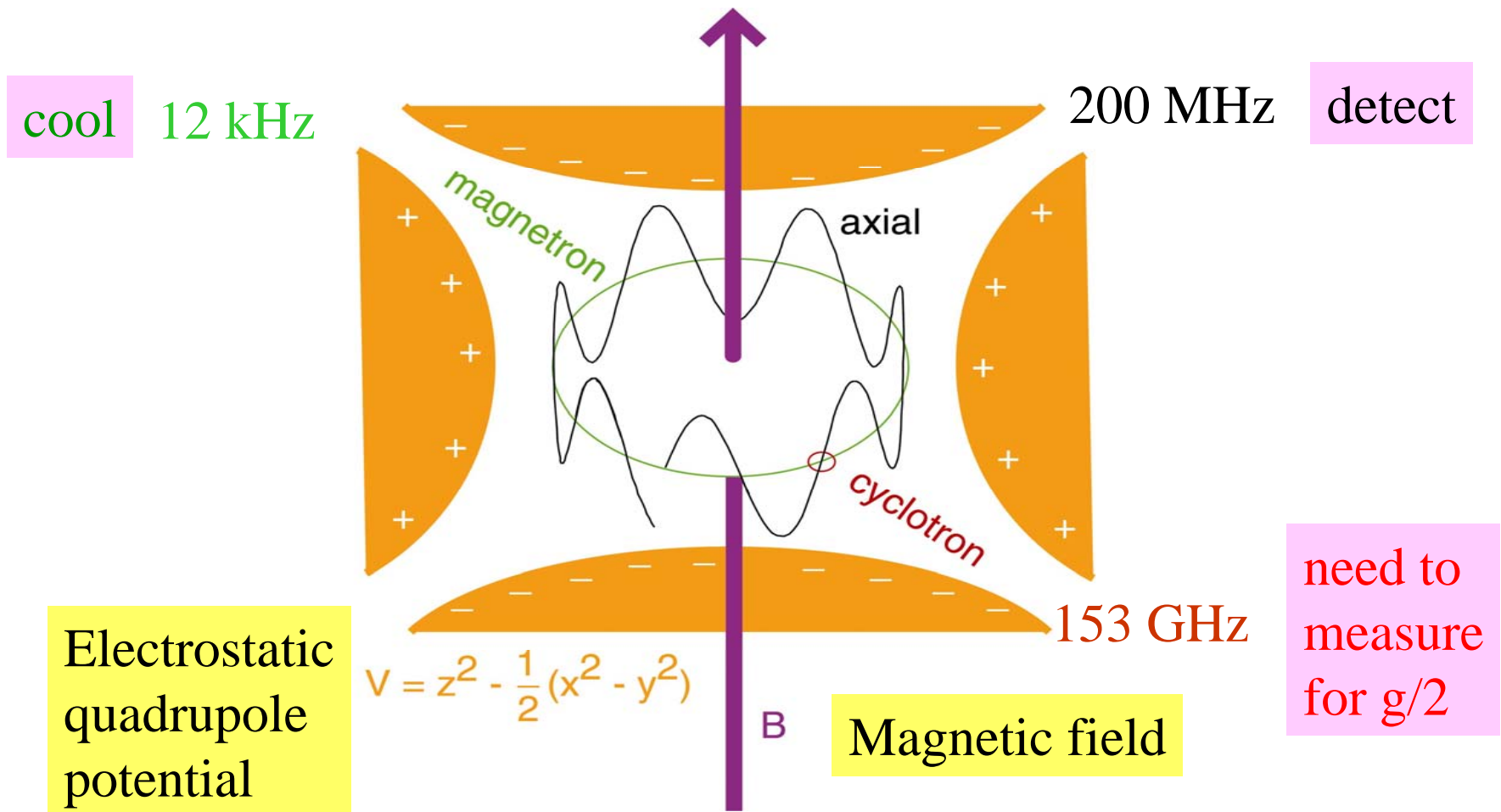
- Electrostatic quadrupole potential  $\rightarrow$  good near trap center
- Control the radiation field  $\rightarrow$  inhibit spontaneous emission by 200x

(Invented for this purpose: G.G. and F. C. MacKintosh; Int. J. Mass Spec. Ion Proc. 57, 1 (1984))



# One Electron in a Penning Trap

- very small accelerator
- designer atom



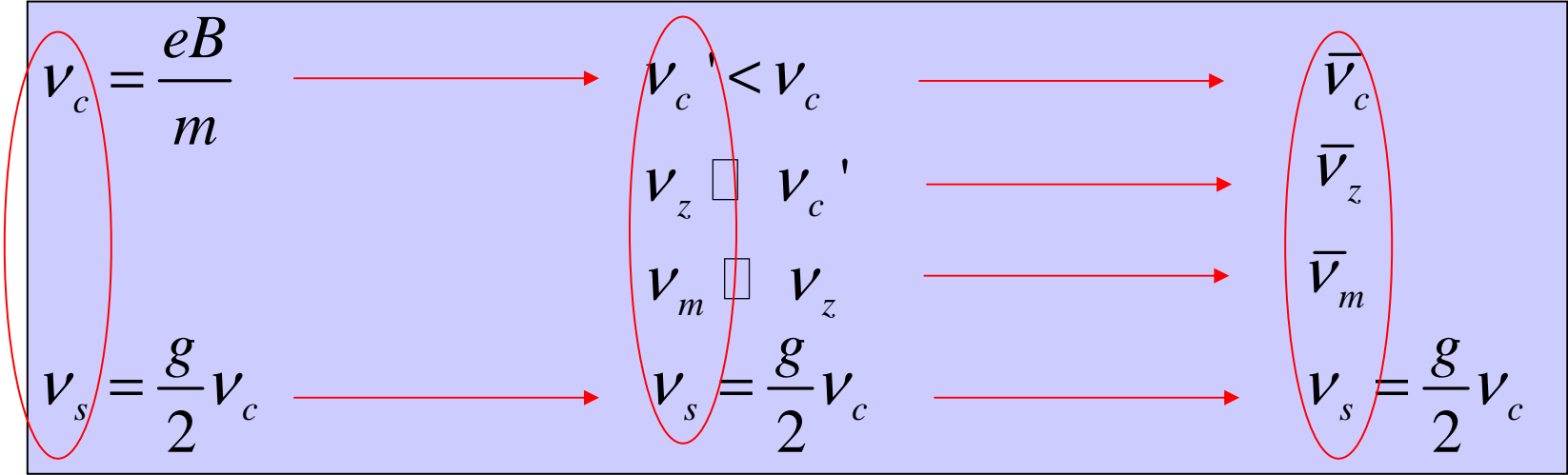
# Frequencies Shift

**B in Free Space**

**Perfect Electrostatic  
Quadrupole Trap**

**Imperfect Trap**

- tilted B
- harmonic distortions to V



Problem:  $\frac{g}{2} = \frac{\nu_s}{\nu_c}$  ← not a measurable eigenfrequency in an imperfect Penning trap

**Solution: Brown-Gabrielse invariance theorem**

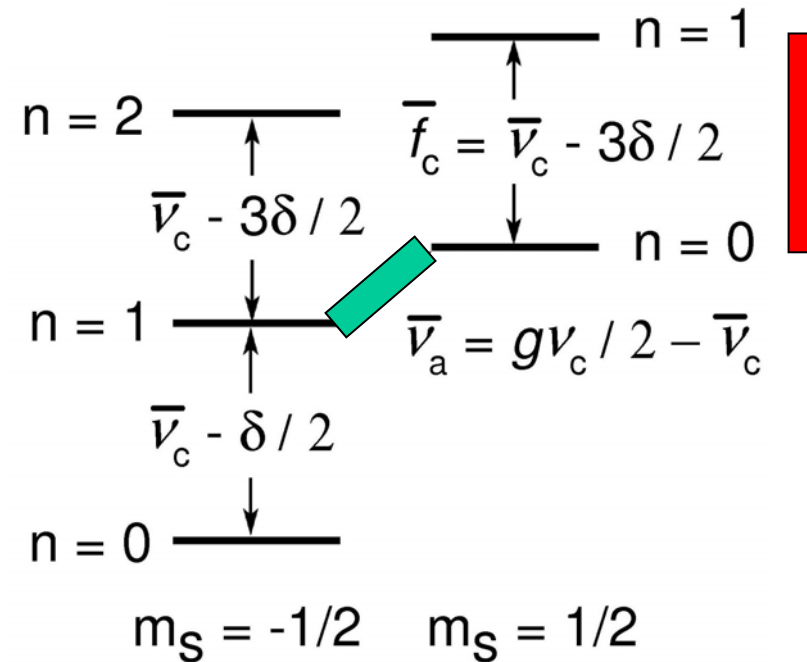
$$\nu_c = \sqrt{(\bar{\nu}_c)^2 + (\bar{\nu}_z)^2 + (\bar{\nu}_m)^2}$$

# Spectroscopy in an Imperfect Trap

- one electron in a Penning trap
- lowest cyclotron and spin states

$$\frac{g}{2} = \frac{\nu_s}{\nu_c} = \frac{\bar{\nu}_c + (\nu_s - \bar{\nu}_c)}{\nu_c} = \frac{\bar{\nu}_c + \bar{\nu}_a}{\nu_c}$$

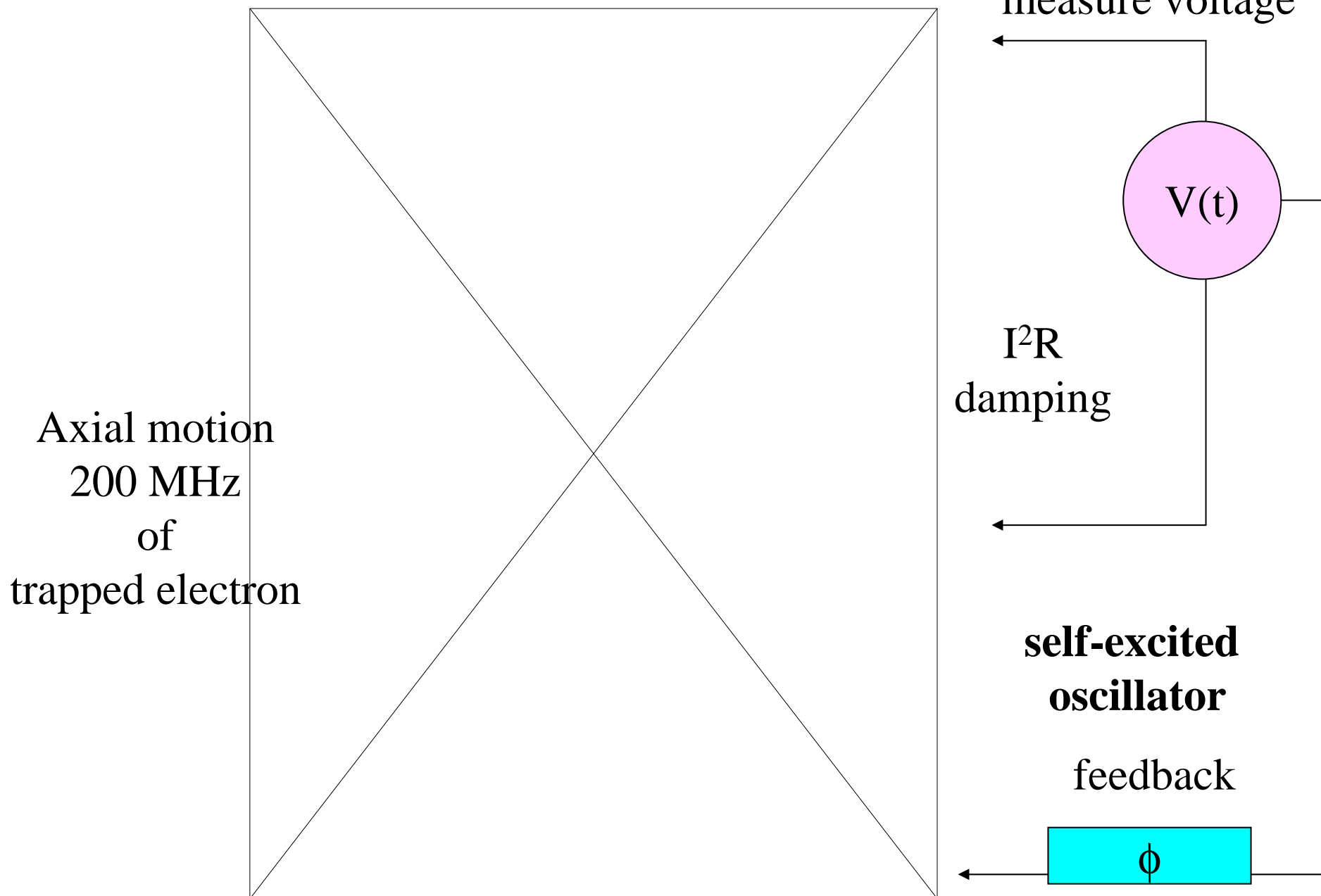
$$\frac{g}{2} \approx 1 + \frac{\bar{\nu}_a - \frac{(\bar{\nu}_z)^2}{2\bar{\nu}_c}}{\bar{f}_c + \frac{3\delta}{2} + \frac{(\bar{\nu}_z)^2}{2\bar{\nu}_c}}$$



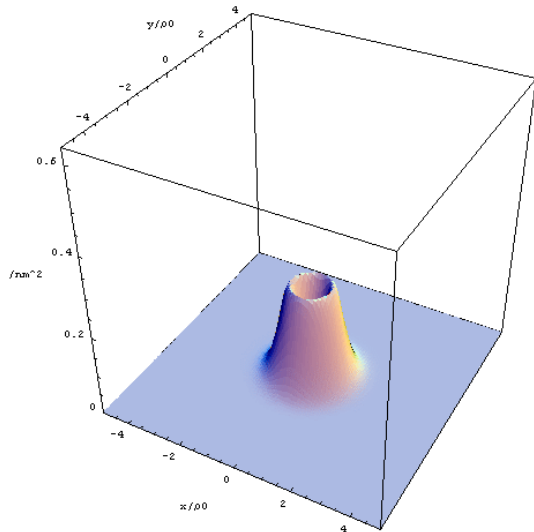
expansion for  $\bar{\nu}_c \gg \bar{\nu}_z \gg \bar{\nu}_m \gg \delta$

To deduce  $g \rightarrow$  measure only three eigenfrequencies of the imperfect trap

# Detecting and Damping Axial Motion



one-electron self-excited oscillator



# QND Detection of One-Quantum Transitions

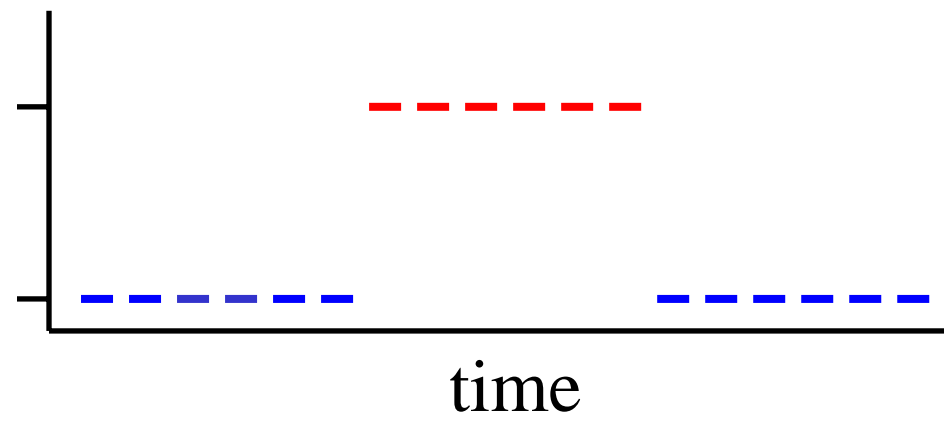
$$\Delta \vec{B} \propto B_z z^2 \rightarrow H = \frac{1}{2} m \omega_z^2 z^2 - \mu B_z z^2$$



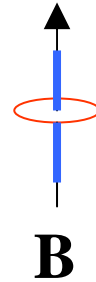
n=1

$freq \propto E_{cyclotron} = hf_c (n + \frac{1}{2})$

n=0



# Quantum Non-demolition Measurement



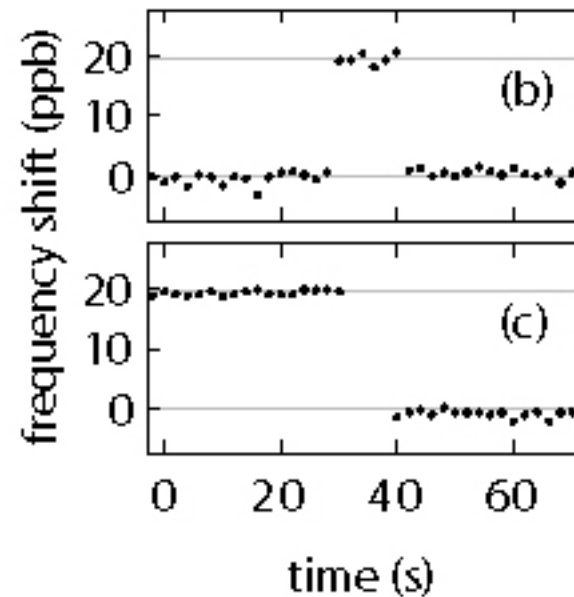
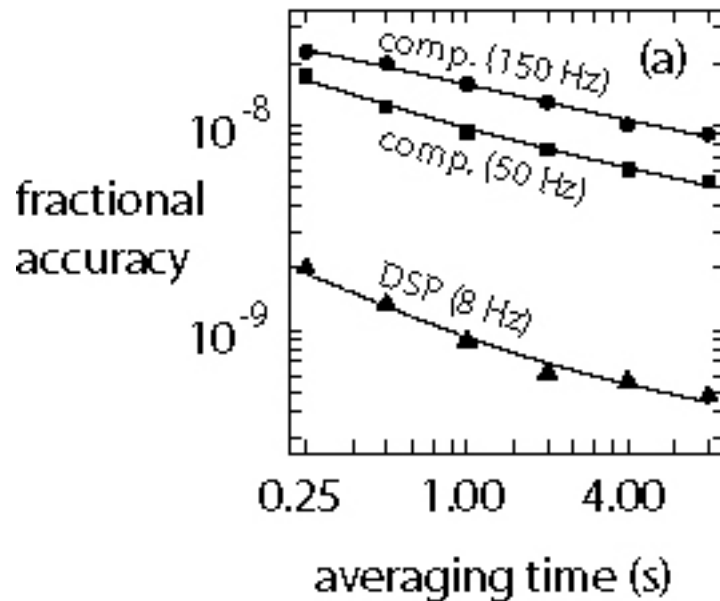
$$H = H_{\text{cyclotron}} + H_{\text{axial}} + H_{\text{coupling}}$$

$$[ H_{\text{cyclotron}}, H_{\text{coupling}} ] = 0$$

QND  
condition

**QND:** Subsequent time evolution  
of **cyclotron motion** is not  
altered by additional  
**QND** measurements

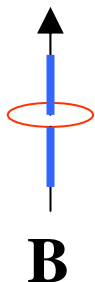
# Observe Tiny Shifts of the Frequency of a One-Electron Self-Excited Oscillator



one quantum  
cyclotron  
excitation

spin flip

Unmistakable changes in the axial frequency signal one quantum changes in cyclotron excitation and spin



"Single-Particle Self-excited Oscillator"

B. D'Urso, R. Van Handel, B. Odom and G. Gabrielse

Phys. Rev. Lett. **94**, 113002 (2005).

## Emboldened by the Great Signal-to-Noise

Make a one proton (antiproton) self-excited oscillator

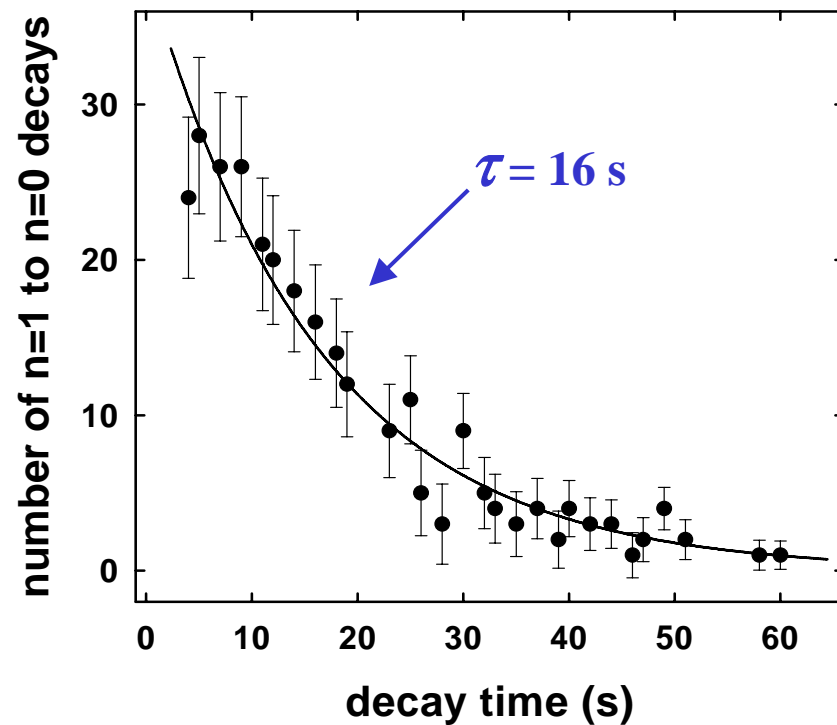
→ try to detect a proton (and antiproton) spin flip

- **Hard: nuclear magneton is 500 times smaller**
- **Experiment underway** → Harvard
  - also Mainz and GSI (without SEO)  
(build upon bound electron g values)
- measure proton spin frequency
- we already accurately measure antiproton cyclotron frequencies
- get antiproton g value **(Improve by factor of a million or more)**

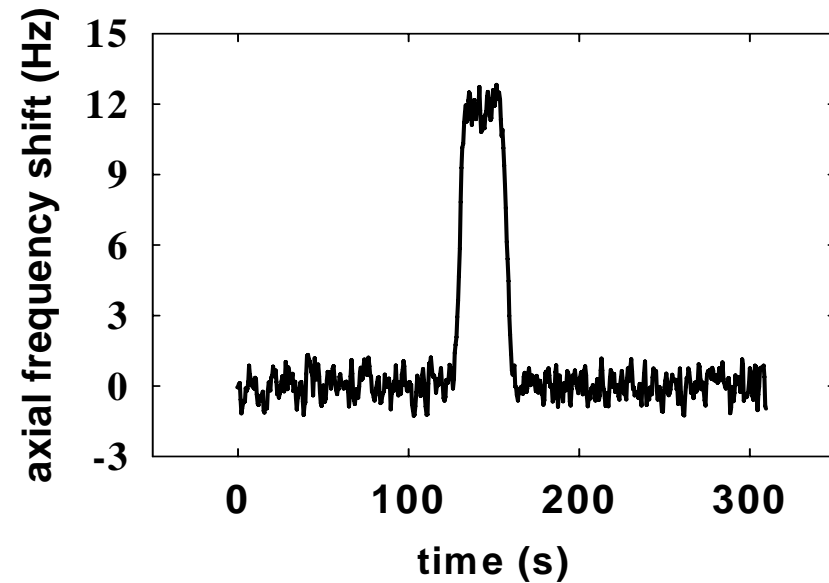


# Need Averaging Time to Observe a One-quantum Transition → Cavity-Inhibited Spontaneous Emission

Application of Cavity QED

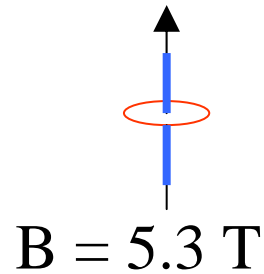


excite,  
measure time in excited state



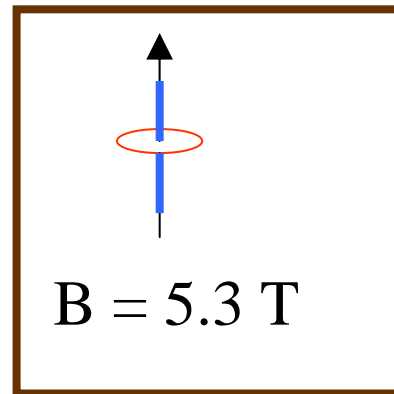
# Cavity-Inhibited Spontaneous Emission

Free Space



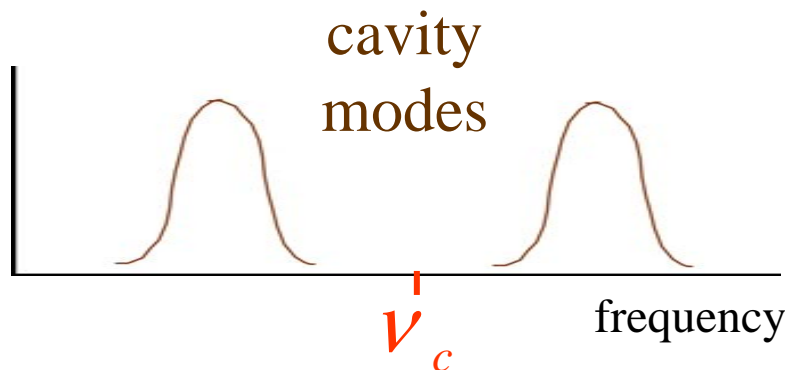
$$\gamma = \frac{1}{75 \text{ ms}}$$

Within  
Trap Cavity



$$\gamma = \frac{1}{16 \text{ sec}}$$

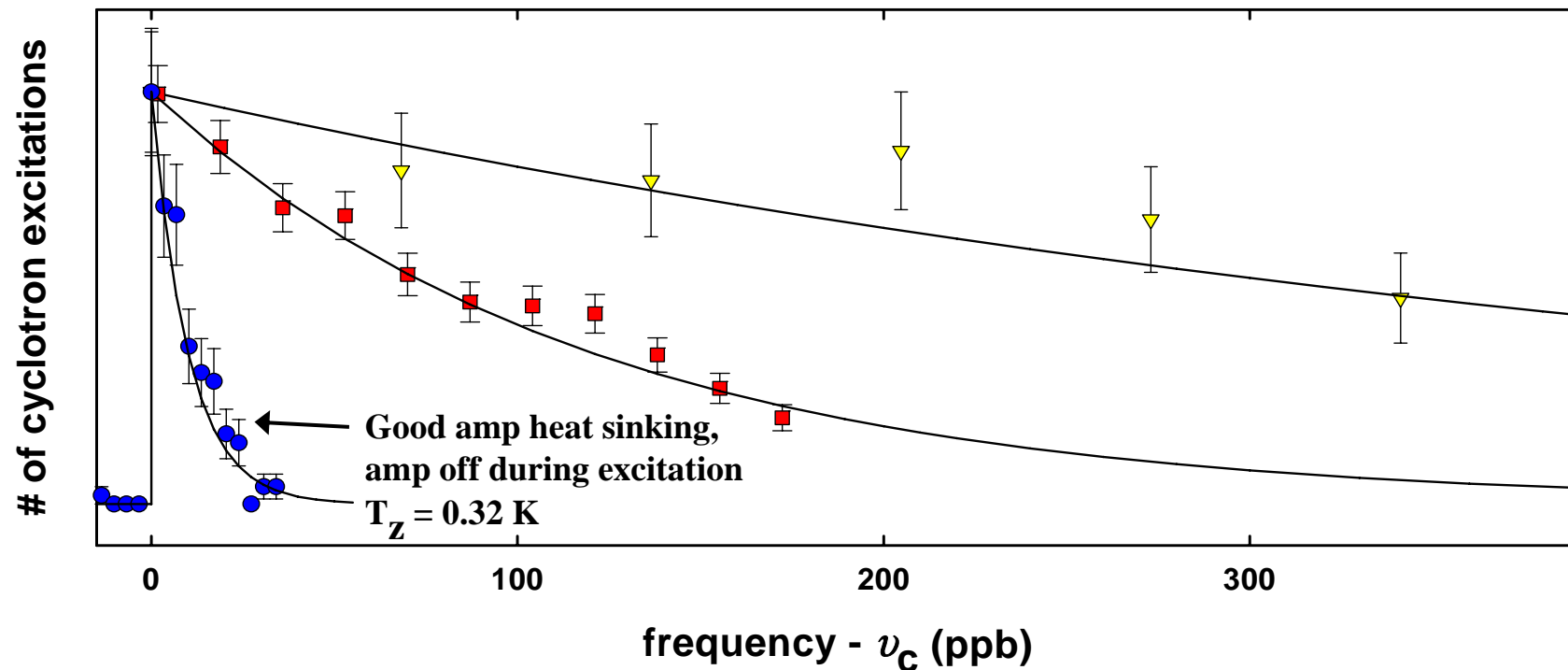
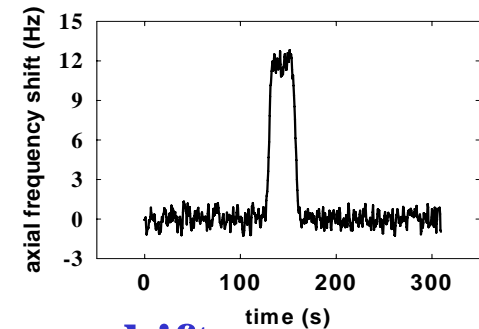
**Inhibited  
By 210!**



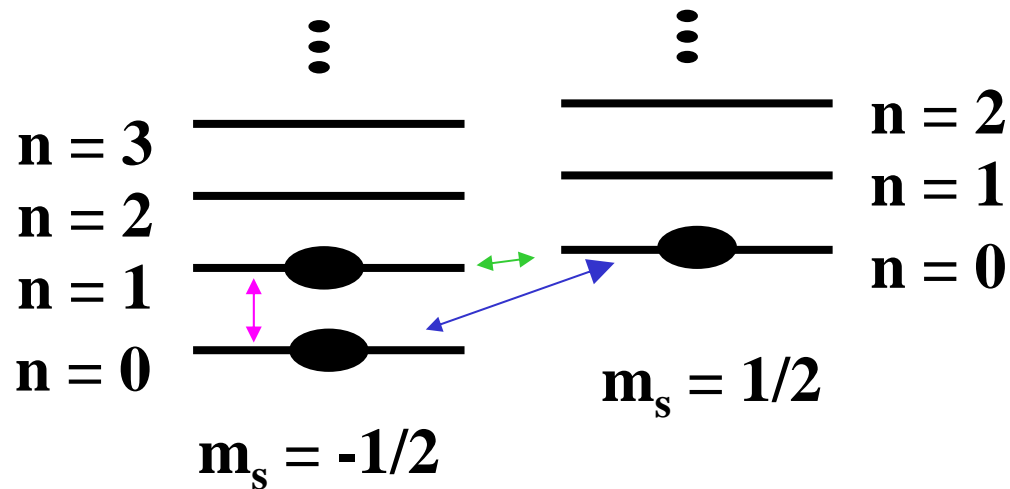
Purcell  
Kleppner  
Gabrielse and Dehmelt

# “In the Dark” Excitation → Narrower Lines

1. Turn FET amplifier off
2. Apply a microwave drive pulse of  $\sim 150$  GHz  
(i.e. measure “in the dark”)
3. Turn FET amplifier on and check for axial frequency shift
4. Plot a histograms of excitations vs. frequency



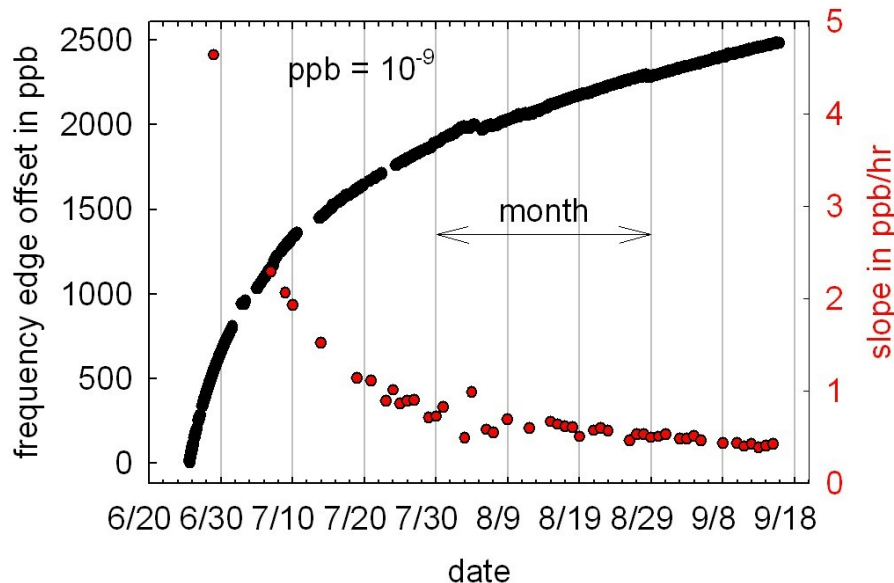
# Big Challenge: Magnetic Field Stability



Magnetic field cancels out

$$\frac{g}{2} = \frac{\omega_s}{\omega_c} = 1 + \frac{\omega_a}{\omega_c}$$

But: problem when B drifts during the measurement



Magnetic field take  
~ month to stabilize

# Self-Shielding Solenoid Helps a Lot

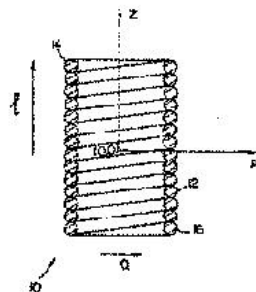
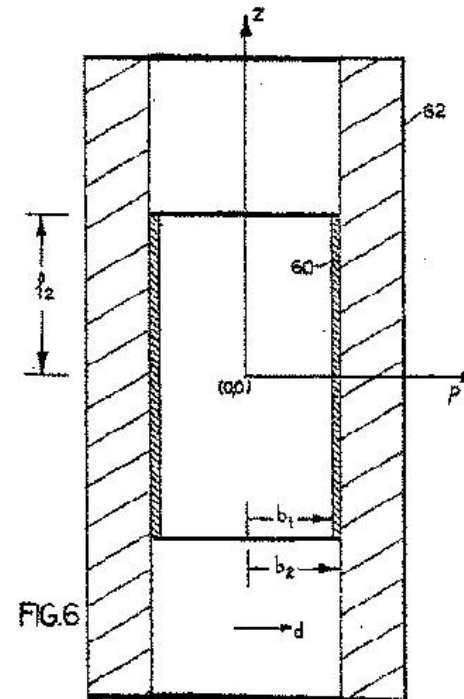
Flux conservation → Field conservation  
 Reduces field fluctuations by about a factor > 150

**United States Patent** [59] Patent Number: **4,974,113**  
 Gabrielse et al. [65] Date of Patent: **Nov. 27, 1990**

[54] **SHIELDING SUPERCONDUCTING SOLENOIDS**  
 [57] **Abstract**  
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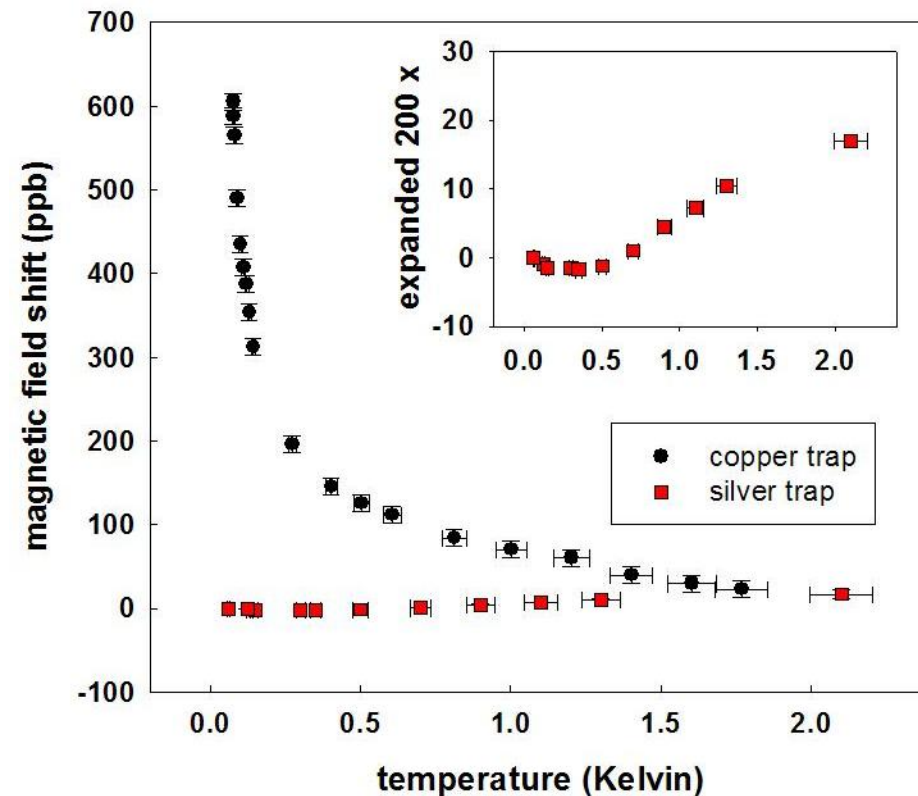
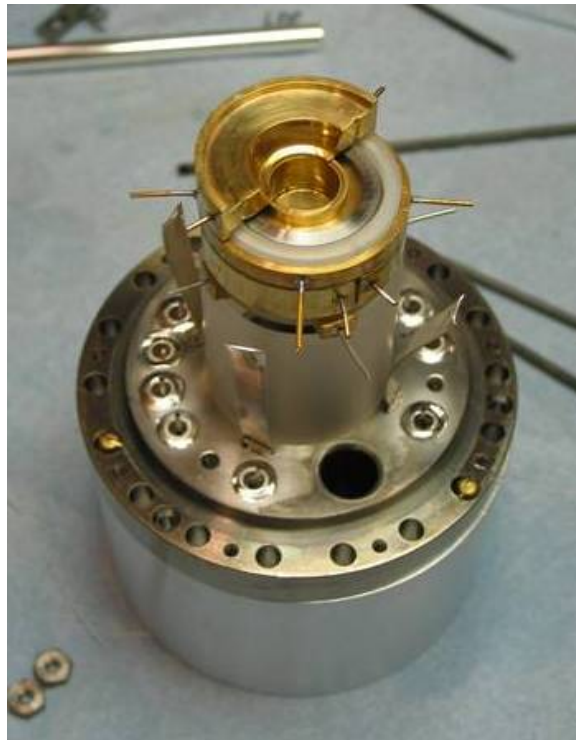
“Self-shielding Superconducting Solenoid Systems”,  
 G. Gabrielse and J. Tan, J. Appl. Phys. **63**, 5143 (1988)

# Eliminate Nuclear Paramagnetism

Deadly nuclear magnetism of copper and other “friendly” materials

- Had to build new trap out of silver
- New vacuum enclosure out of titanium

**~ 1 year  
setback**



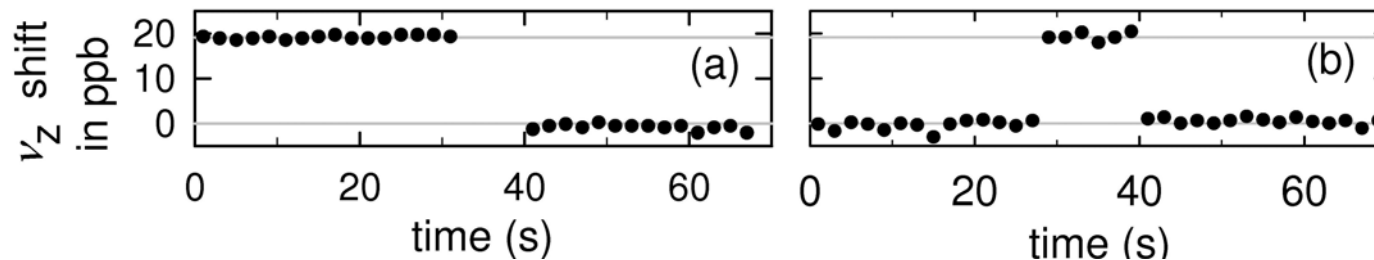
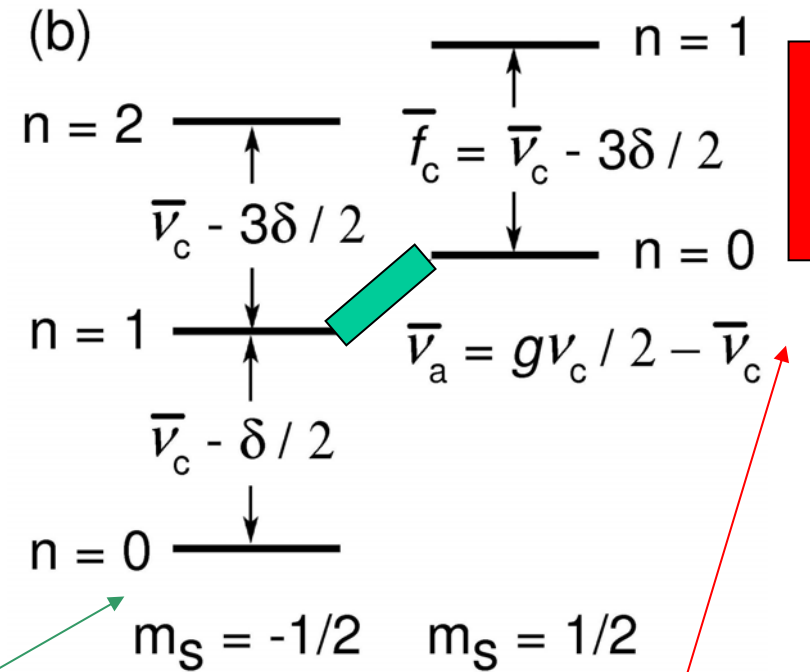






# Quantum Jump Spectroscopy

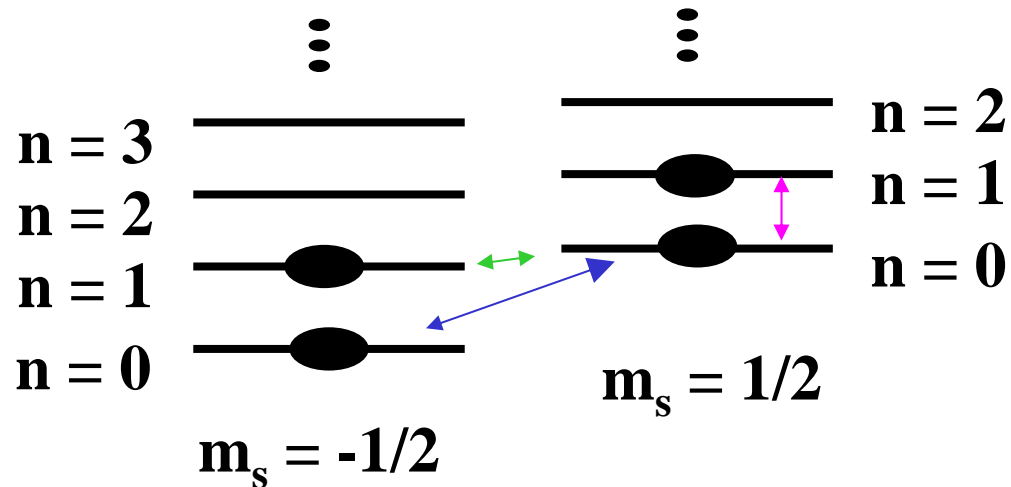
- one electron in a Penning trap
- lowest cyclotron and spin states



# Measurement Cycle

$$\frac{g}{2} = \frac{\omega_s}{\omega_c} = 1 + \frac{\omega_a}{\omega_c}$$

simplified



3 hours

1. Prepare  $n=0, m=1/2 \rightarrow$  measure anomaly transition
2. Prepare  $n=0, m=1/2 \rightarrow$  measure cyclotron transition

0.75 hour

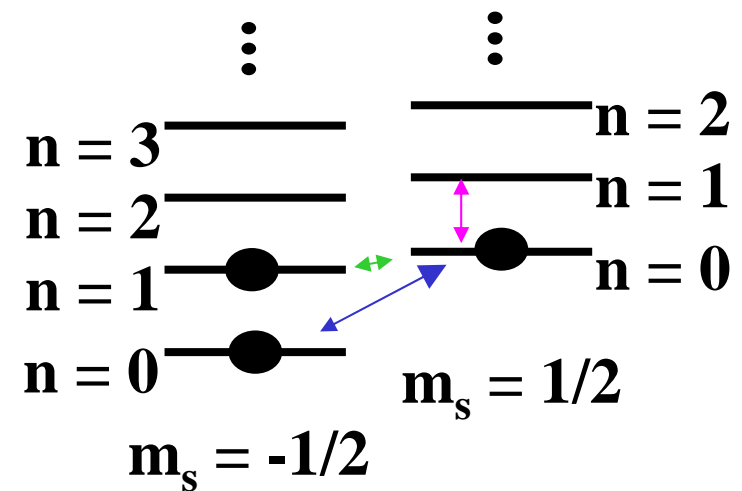
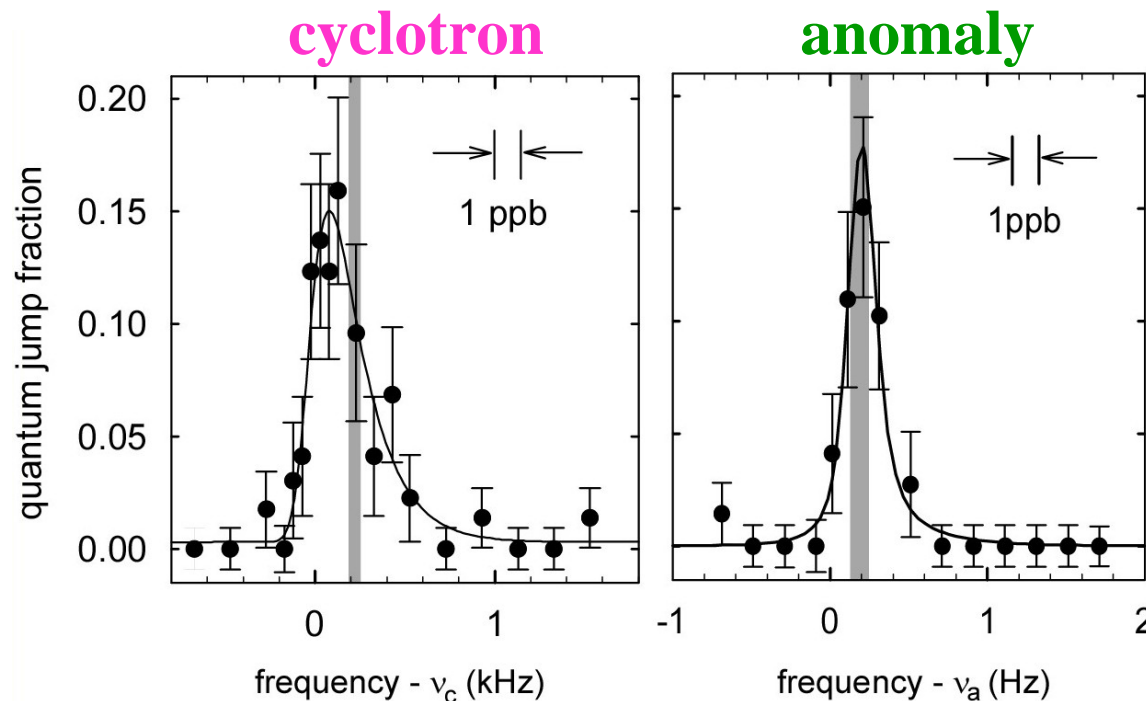
3. Measure relative magnetic field

Repeat during magnetically quiet times

# Measured Line Shapes for g-value Measurement

## It all comes together:

- Low temperature, and high frequency make narrow line shapes
- A highly stable field allows us to map these lines

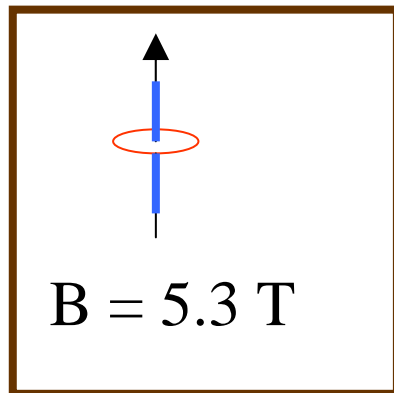
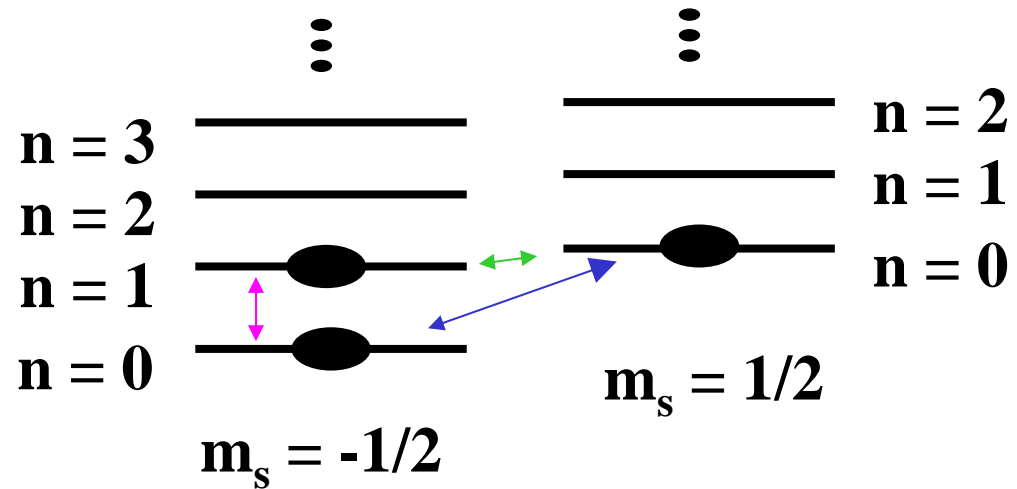


## Precision:

Sub-ppb line splitting (i.e. sub-ppb precision of a  $g-2$  measurement) is now “easy” after years of work

# Cavity Shifts of the Cyclotron Frequency

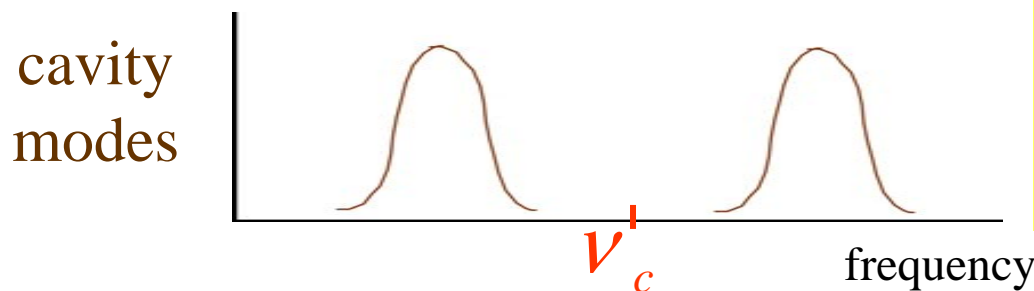
$$\frac{g}{2} = \frac{\omega_s}{\omega_c} = 1 - \frac{\omega_a}{\omega_c}$$



$$\gamma = \frac{1}{16 \text{ sec}}$$

spontaneous emission inhibited by 210

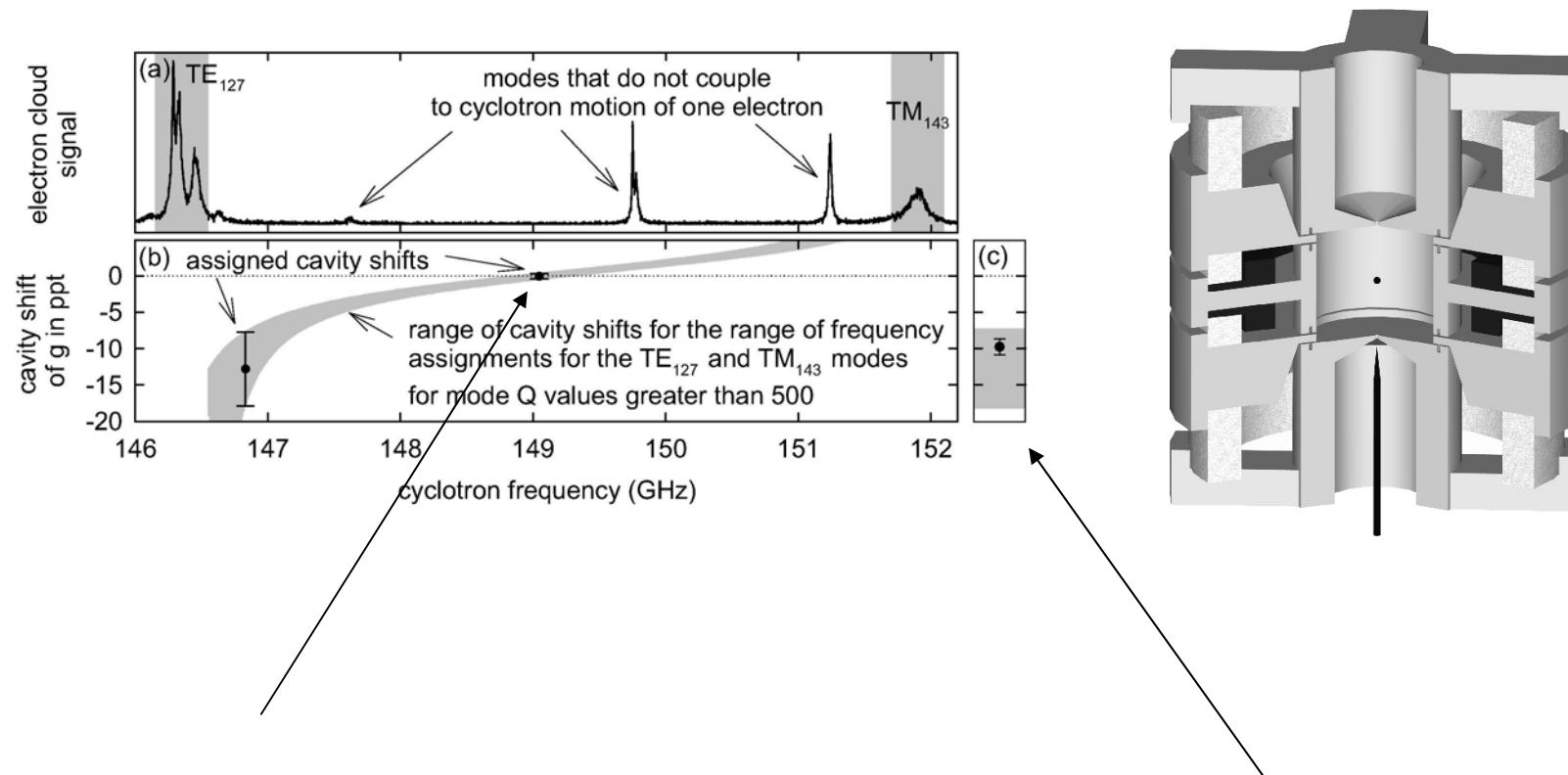
Within a Trap Cavity



cyclotron frequency is shifted by interaction with cavity modes

# Cavity modes and Magnetic Moment Error

use synchronization of electrons to get cavity modes



Operating between modes of cylindrical trap where shift from two cavity modes cancels approximately

first measured cavity shift of g

# Summary of Uncertainties for $g$ (in ppt = $10^{-12}$ )

Test of  
cavity  
shift  
understanding

Measurement  
of  $g$ -value

Source	$\bar{\nu}_c =$	146.8 GHz	149.0 GHz
$\bar{\nu}_z$ shift		0.2(0.3)	0.00(0.02)
Anomaly power		0.0(0.4)	0.00(0.14)
Cyclotron power		0.0(0.3)	0.00(0.12)
Cavity shift		12.8(5.1)	0.06(0.39)
Lineshape model		0.0 (0.6)	0.00 (0.60)
Statistics		0.0 (0.2)	0.00 (0.17)
<b>Total (in ppt)</b>		<b>13.0(5.2)</b>	<b>0.06(0.76)</b>



## **Attempt Started to Measure $g$ for Proton and Antiproton**

- Improve proton  $g$  by more than 10
- Improve antiproton  $g$  by more than  $10^6$
- Compare  $g$  for antiproton and proton – test CPT



# Current Proton g Last Measured in 1972

CODATA 2002:  $g_p = 5.585\,694\,701(56)$  (10 ppb)

$$g_p = g_e \frac{\mu_p(H)}{\mu_e(H)} \frac{g_e(H)}{g_e} \frac{g_p}{g_p(H)} \frac{m_p}{m_e}$$

electron g-factor,  
measured to  
< 0.001 ppb  
(Harvard)

bound magnetic moment ratio,  
measured to 10 ppb  
(MIT: P.F. Winkler, D. Kleppner,  
T. Myint, F.G. Walther,  
Phys. Rev. A 5, 83-114 (1972) )

bound / free corrections,  
calculated to < 1 ppb  
(Breit, Lamb, Lieb, Grotch, Faustov,  
Close, Osborn, Hegstrom, Persson,  
others)

proton-electron mass ratio,  
measured to < 1 ppb  
(Mainz)

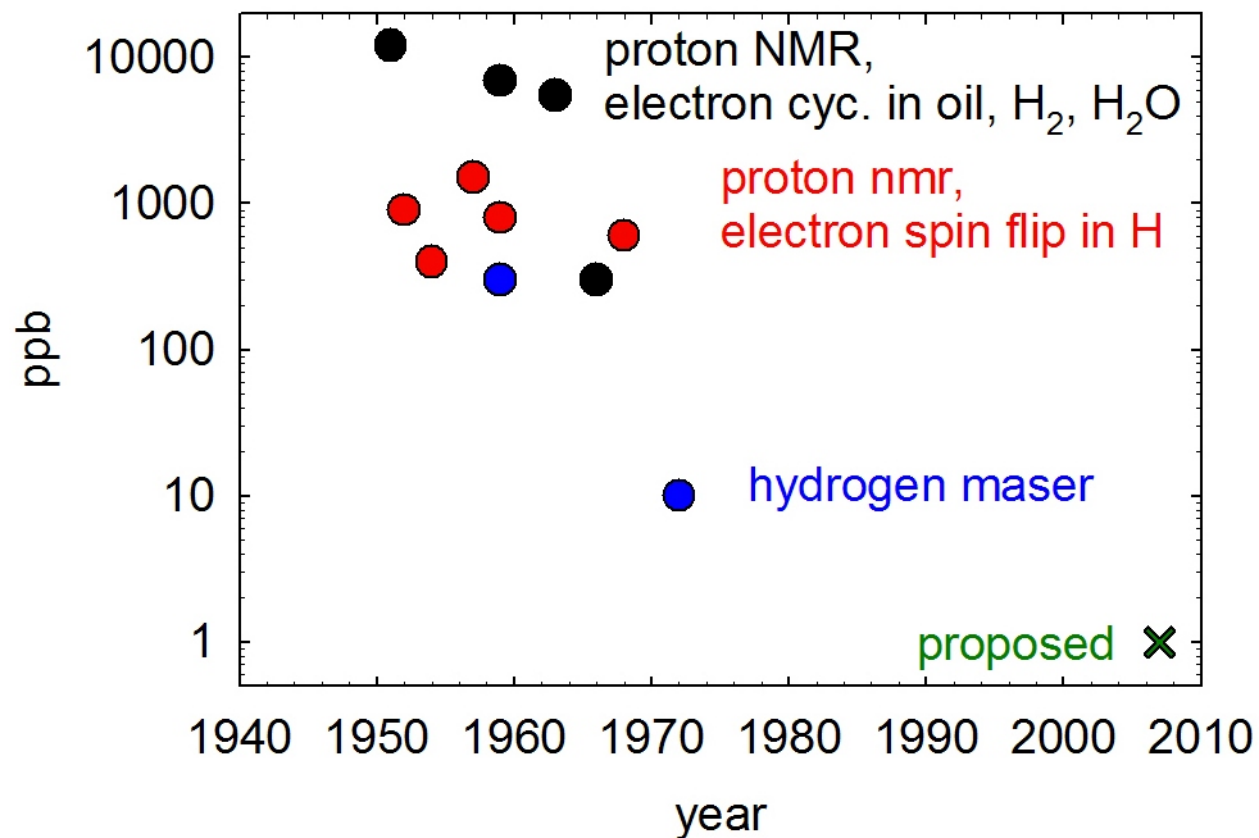
$$\frac{g_e(H)}{g_e} = 1 - \frac{1}{3}(Z\alpha)^2 - \frac{1}{12}(Z\alpha)^4 + \frac{1}{4}(Z\alpha)^2 \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right) + \frac{1}{2}(Z\alpha)^2 \left(\frac{m_e}{m_p}\right) + \dots$$

$$= 1 - 17.7053 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$\frac{g_p(H)}{g_p} = 1 - \frac{1}{3}Z\alpha^2 + \frac{1}{6}Z\alpha^2 \left(\frac{m_e}{m_p}\right) \left(\frac{3+4a_p}{1+a_p}\right) + \dots$$

$$= 1 - 17.7328 \times 10^{-6}$$

# History of Measurements of Proton $g$



(from bound measurements of  $\mu_p/\mu_e$ ,  
with current values of  $g_e$ ,  $m_e/m_p$  and theory)

# Antiproton g-factor

Antiproton g-factor is known to less than a part per *thousand*

$$g_p^- = 5.601(18)$$

We hope to do roughly one million times better.

# Apparatus Built, Not Yet Tried



Nick Guise



iron

detect spin  
flip

make spin  
flip

6 mm inner  
diameter

# Summary and Conclusion

## Summary

# How Does One Measure g to 7.6 Parts in $10^{13}$ ?

## → Use New Methods

first measurement with  
these new methods

- One-electron quantum cyclotron
- Resolve lowest cyclotron as well as spin states
- Quantum jump spectroscopy of lowest quantum states
- Cavity-controlled spontaneous emission
- Radiation field controlled by cylindrical trap cavity
- Cooling away of blackbody photons
- Synchronized electrons probe cavity radiation modes
- Trap without nuclear paramagnetism
- One-particle self-excited oscillator

# New Measurement of Electron Magnetic Moment

magnetic moment

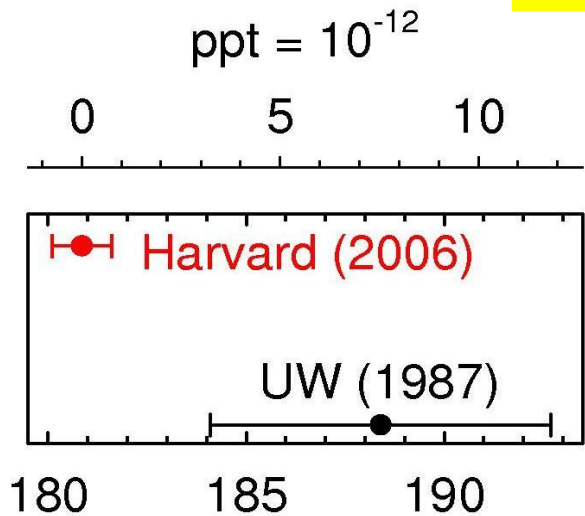
$$\vec{\mu} = g \mu_B \frac{\vec{S}}{\hbar}$$

Bohr magneton  $\frac{e\hbar}{2m}$

← spin

$$g / 2 = 1.001\,159\,652\,180\,85$$

$$\pm 0.000\,000\,000\,000\,76 \quad 7.6 \times 10^{-13}$$



- First improved measurement since 1987
- Nearly six times smaller uncertainty
- 1.7 standard deviation shift
- Likely more accuracy coming
- 1000 times smaller uncertainty than muon g

$(g / 2 - 1.001\,159\,652\,000) / 10^{-12}$

B. Odom, D. Hanneke, B. D'Urso and G. Gabrielse, Phys. Rev. Lett. **97**, 030801 (2006).

# New Determination of the Fine Structure Constant

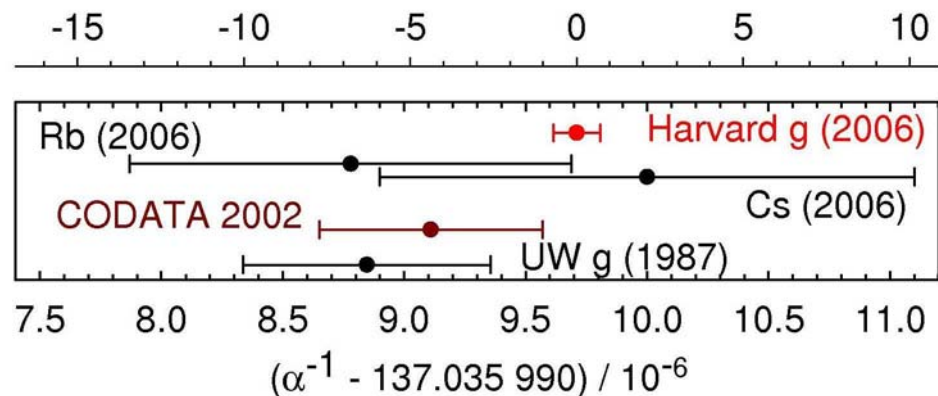
$$\alpha = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{\hbar c}$$

- Strength of the electromagnetic interaction
- Important component of our system of fundamental constants
- Increased importance for new mass standard

$$\alpha^{-1} = 137.035\,999\,710$$

$$\pm 0.000\,000\,096 \quad 7.0 \times 10^{-10}$$

ppb =  $10^{-9}$



- **First lower uncertainty since 1987**
- **Ten times more accurate than atom-recoil methods**

G. Gabrielse, D. Hanneke, T. Kinoshita, M. Nio, B. Odom,  
 Phys. Rev. Lett. 97}, 030802 (2006).



## We Intend to do Better

**Stay Tuned – The new methods have just been made to work all together**

- With time we can utilize them better
- Some new ideas are being tried (e.g. cavity-sideband cooling)
- Lowering uncertainty by factor of 13 → check muon result (hard)

### Spin-off Experiments

- Use self-excited antiproton oscillator to measure the antiproton magnetic moment → million-fold improvement?
- Compare positron and electron g-values to make best test of CPT for leptons
- Measure the proton-to-electron mass ratio directly

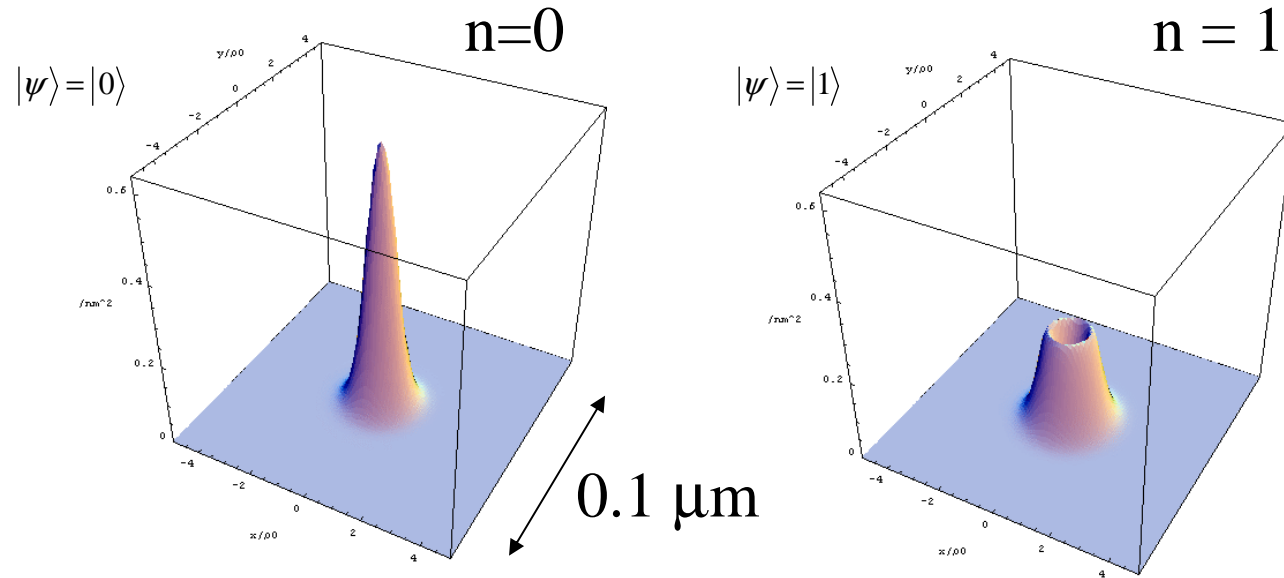




# For Fun: Coherent State

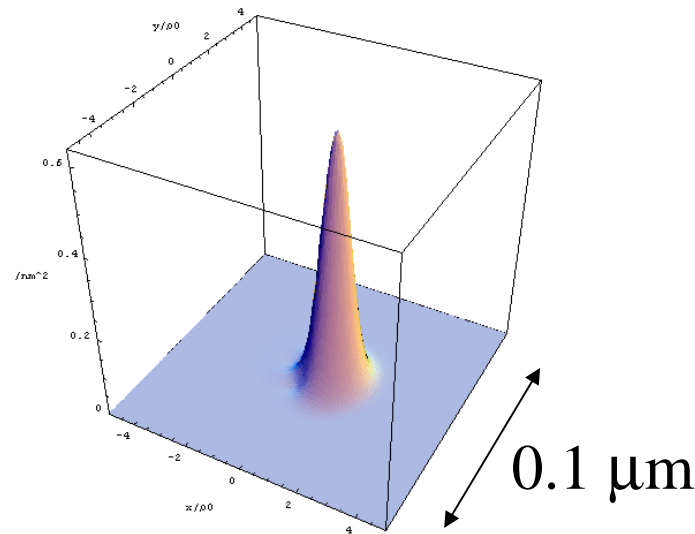
Eigenfunction of the lowering operator:  
 $a|\alpha\rangle = \alpha|\alpha\rangle$

Fock states  
do not  
oscillate



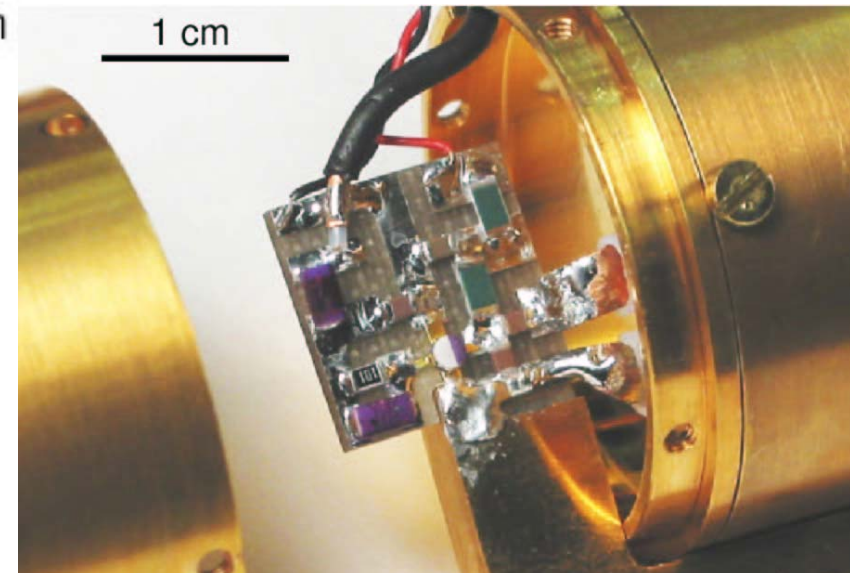
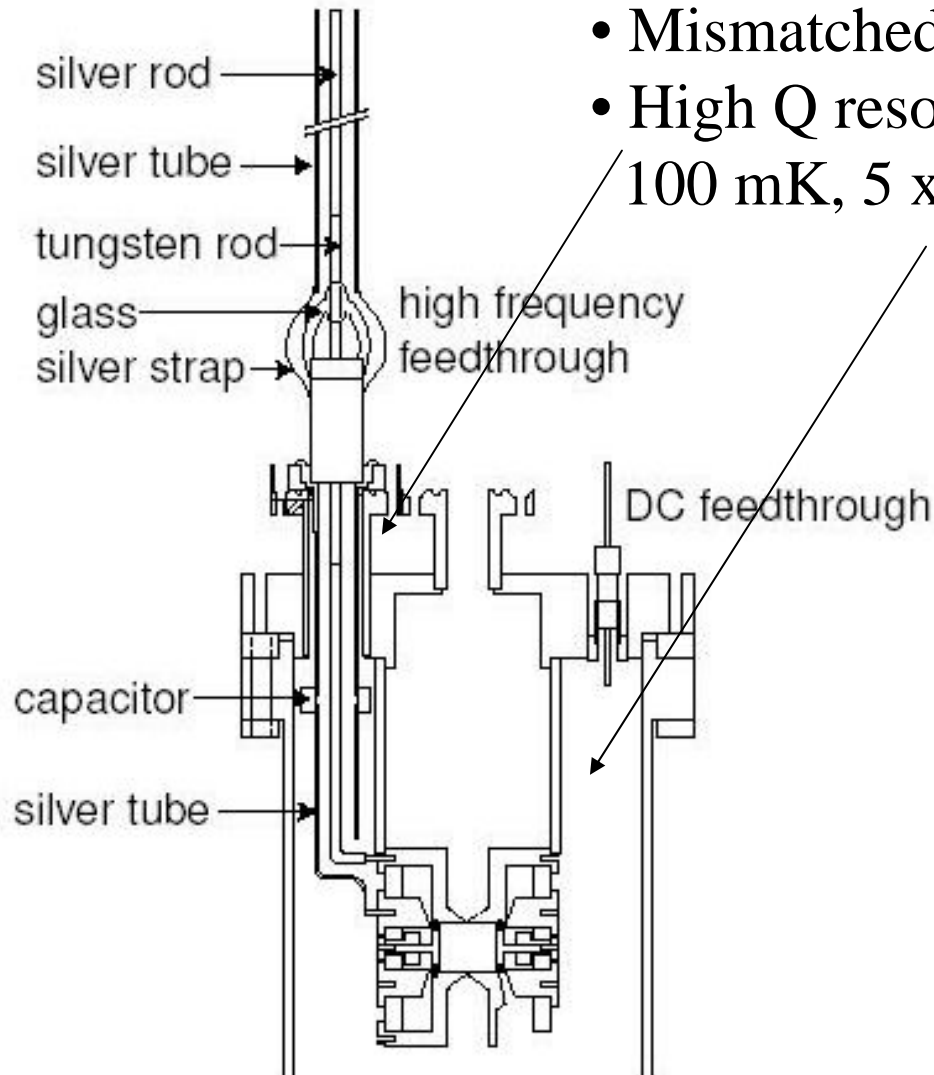
Coherent state with  $\bar{n} = 1$

$$|\psi\rangle = e^{-\bar{n}/2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{\bar{n}} e^{i\beta}}{\sqrt{n!}} e^{-in\omega_c t} |n\rangle,$$



# 200 MHz Detection of Axial Oscillation

- Turn off during sensitive times in experiment
- Mismatched, current-starved HEMPT
- High Q resonant feedthrough into 100 mK,  $5 \times 10^{-17}$  Torr vacuum enclosure



# First One-Particle Self-Excited Oscillator

Feedback eliminates damping

Oscillation amplitude must be kept fixed

Method 1: comparator

Method 2: DSP (digital signal processor)

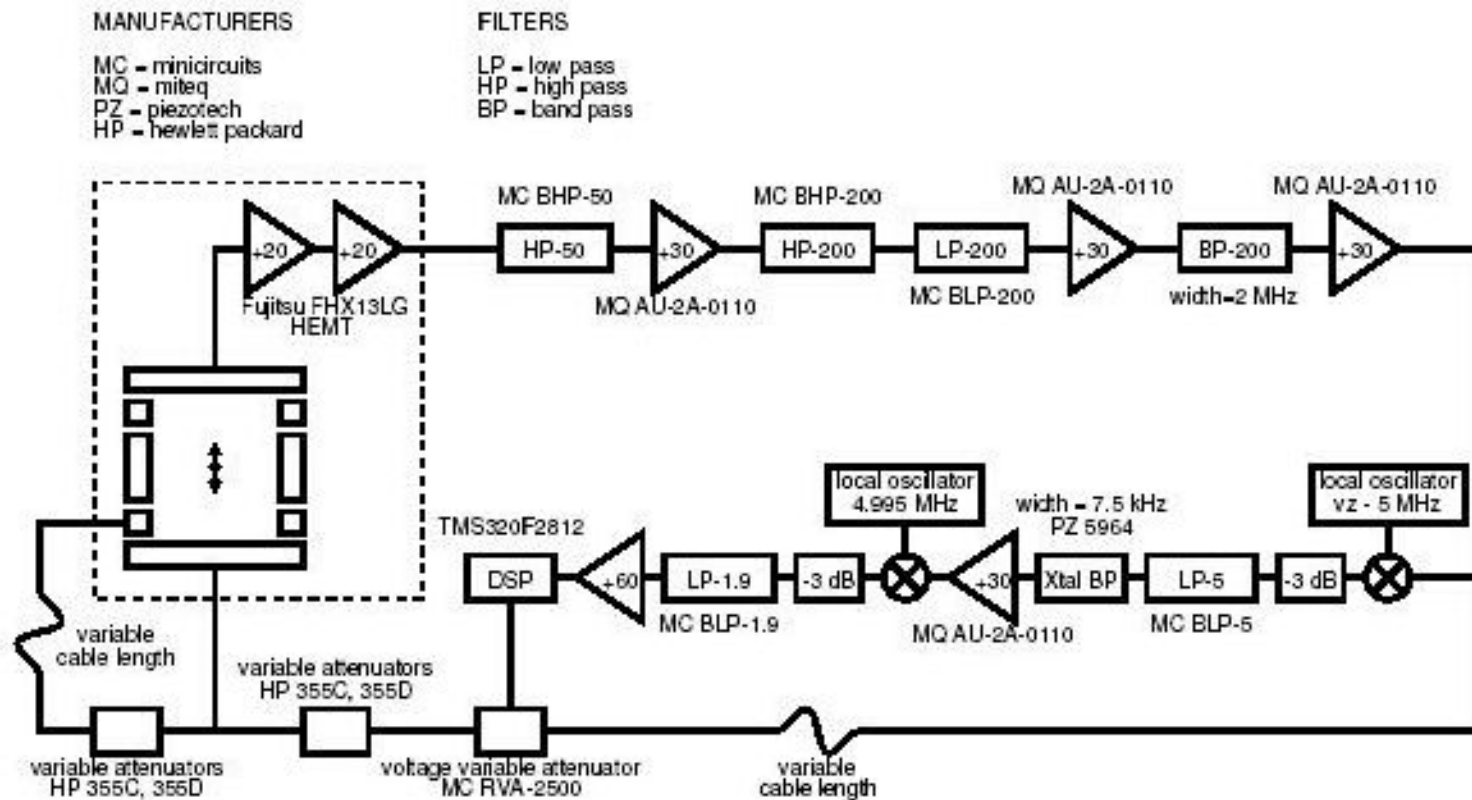
"Single-Particle Self-excited Oscillator"

B. D'Urso, R. Van Handel, B. Odom and G. Gabrielse

Phys. Rev. Lett. **94**, 113002 (2005).

# Use Digital Signal Processor → DSP

- Real time fourier transforms
- Use to adjust gain so oscillation stays the same



# Detecting the Cyclotron State

cyclotron  
frequency

$$\nu_C = 150 \text{ GHz}$$

too high to  
detect directly

axial  
frequency

$$\nu_Z = 200 \text{ MHz}$$

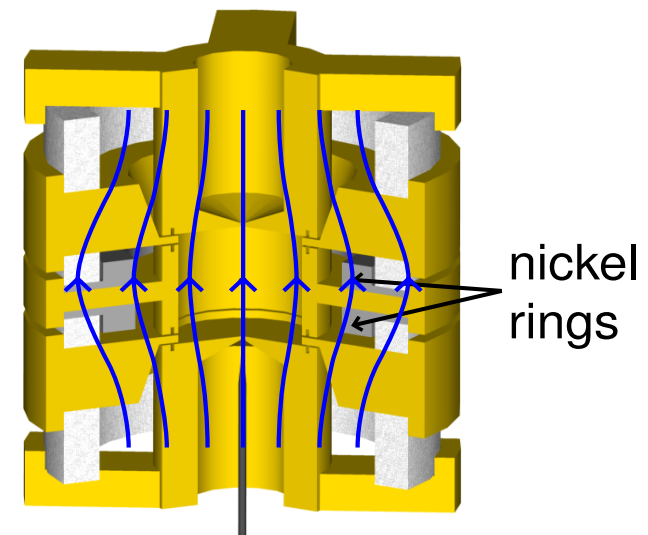
relatively  
easy to detect

Couple the axial frequency  $\nu_Z$  to the cyclotron energy.



**B**

Small measurable shift in  $\nu_Z$  indicates a change in cyclotron energy.



$$B_z = B_0 + B_2 z^2$$

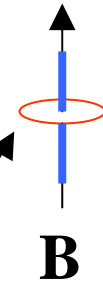


# Couple Axial Motion and Cyclotron Motion

Add a “magnetic bottle” to uniform B

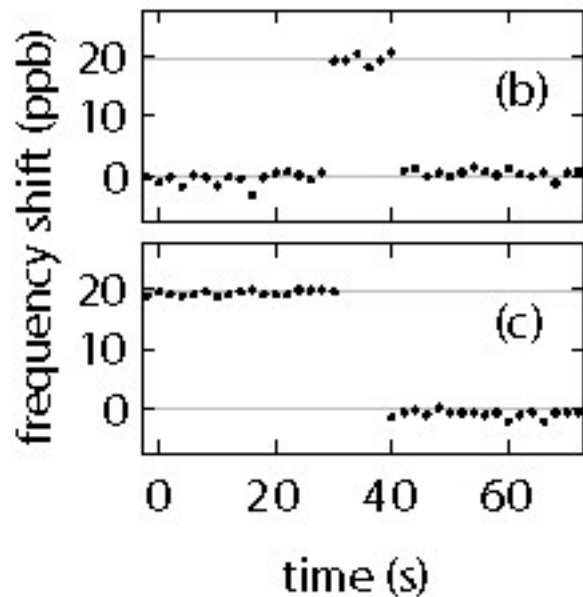
$$\Delta\vec{B} = B_2[(z^2 - \rho^2 / 2)\hat{z} - z\vec{\rho}]$$

$$H = \frac{1}{2}m\omega_z^2 z^2 - \mu B_2 z^2$$



change in  $\mu$   
changes effective  $\omega_z$

- n=3
- n=2
- n=1
- n=0



spin flip  
is also a change in  $\mu$

# CODATA recommended values of the fundamental physical constants: 1998<sup>\*,†</sup>

Peter J. Mohr<sup>‡</sup> and Barry N. Taylor<sup>§</sup>

*National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-8401*

This paper gives the 1998 self-consistent set of values of the basic constants and conversion factors of physics and chemistry recommended by the Committee on Data for Science and Technology

tion (67) is consistent with Eq. (66). However, in view of the nature of the distribution of the results of the 14 runs, Van Dyck *et al.* (1991) do not consider this result as replacing the earlier work, but rather as a confirmation of their  $4 \times 10^{-12}$  uncertainty assigned to account for possible cavity effects (Dehmelt and Van Dyck, 1996).

## What About Measurements After 1987?

There was one – Dehmelt and Van Dyck used a lossy trap  
to see if cavity-shifts were problem for 1987 result

Not used by CODATA because

- there was a non-statistical distribution of measurements  
that was not understood
- the authors said that this result should be regarded  
as a confirmation of the assigned cavity shift uncertainty

Before we released our measurement, Van Dyck expressed the  
same point of view to me