

Colloque G2

# Gravimetry for the LNE Watt balance

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*actual situation and evolution*

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# The kilogram

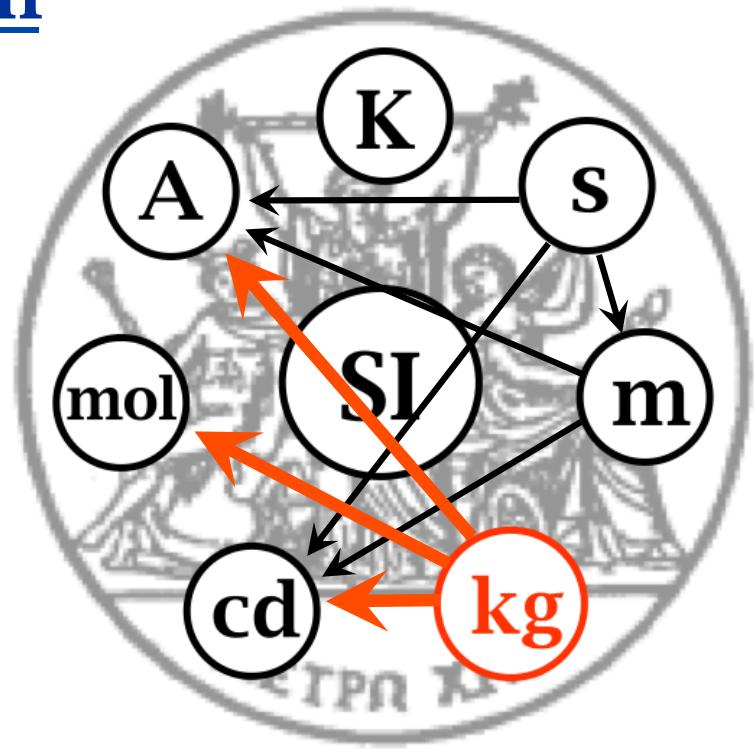
*Le kilogramme est l'unité de masse ;  
il est égal à la masse  
du prototype international du  
kilogramme*

1ère CGPM - 1889 / 3ème CGPM - 1901



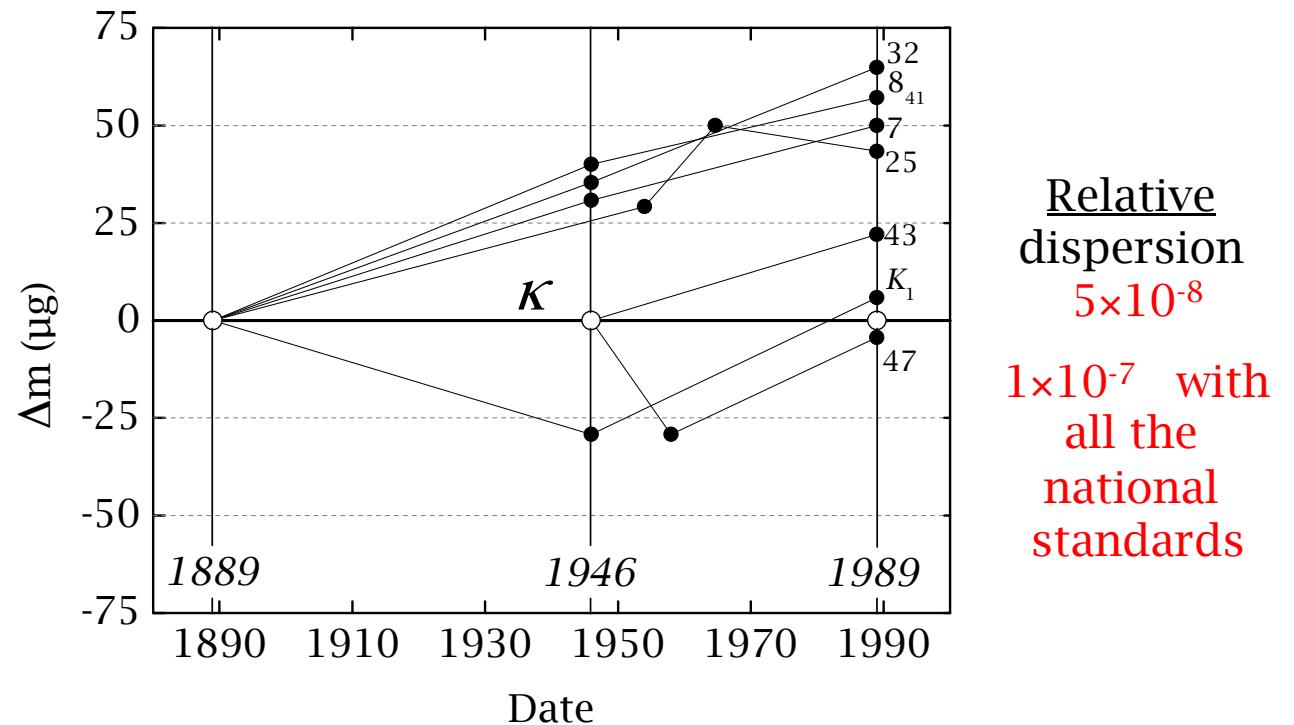
International prototype  
of kilogram ( $\kappa$ )

- 1 kg exactly
- Cylindre PtIr
- diameter = height

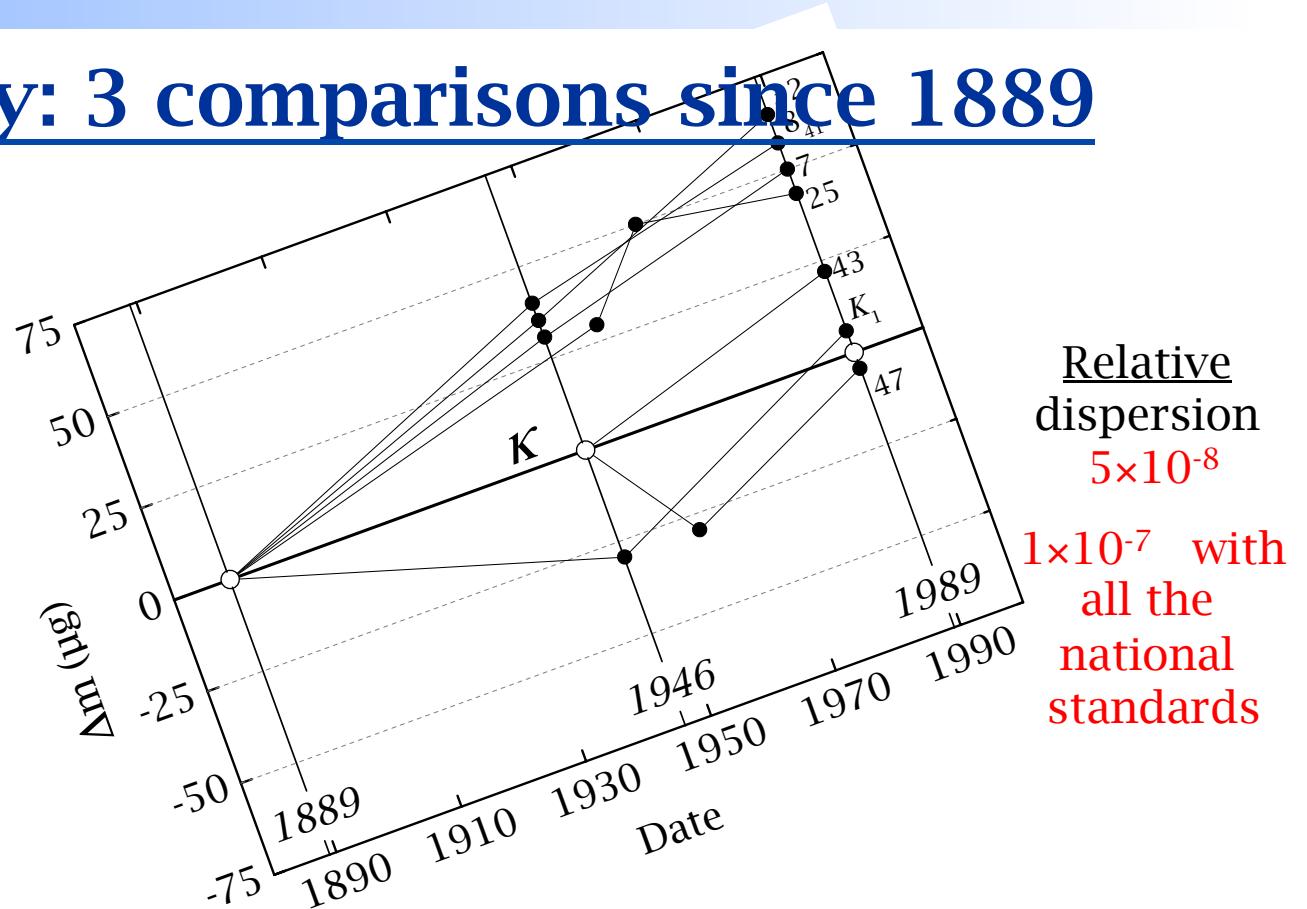


Other units  
depends of kg

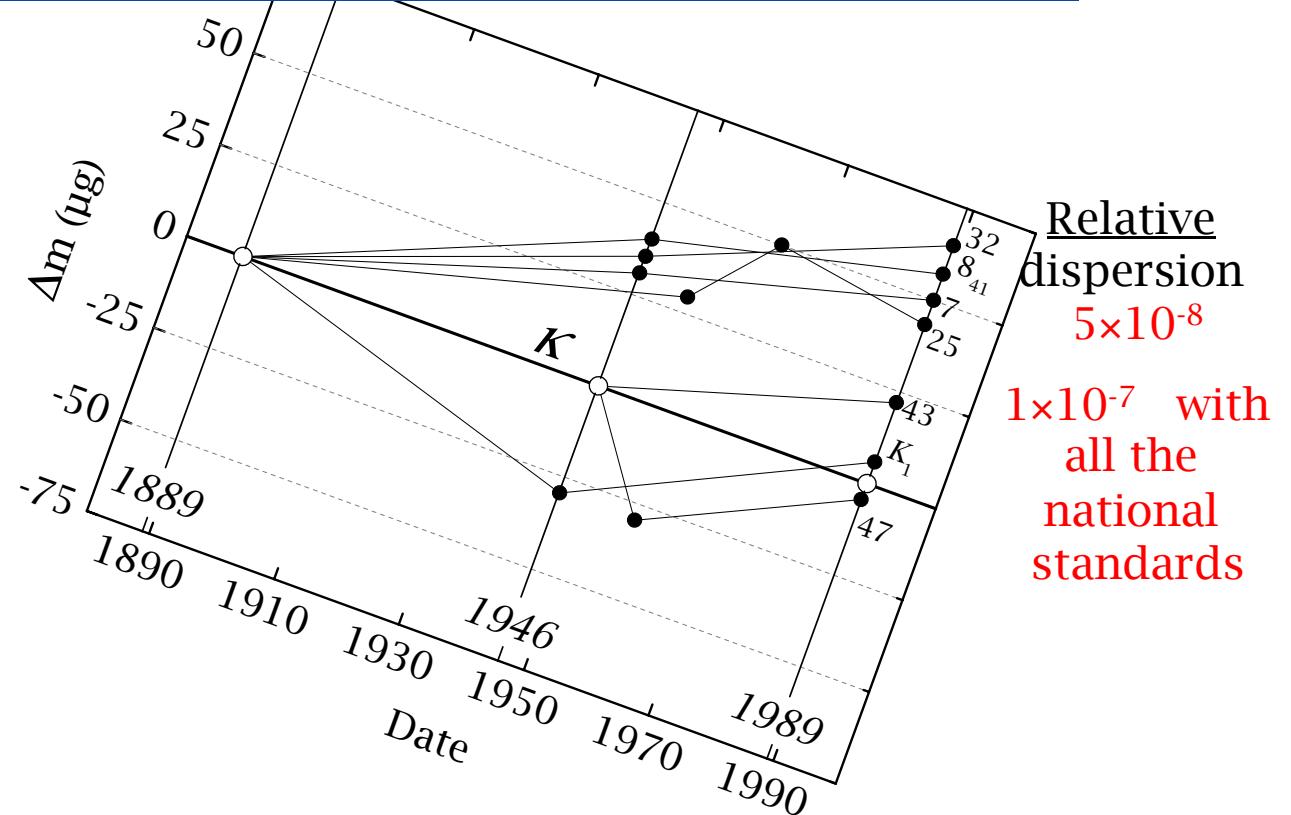
# $K$ stability: 3 comparisons since 1889



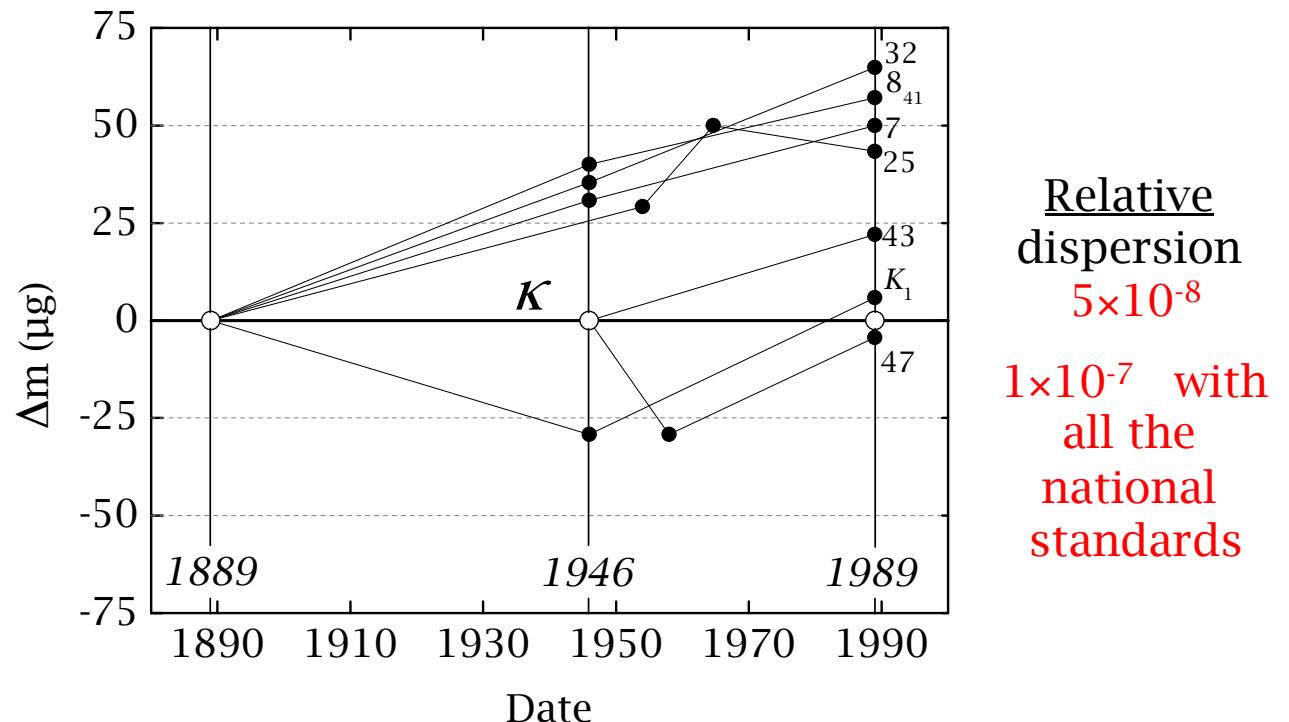
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→ Requirement: SI have to evaluate, to be improved, especially the kilogram

Many CGPM resolutions encouraging NMI to investigate, study new possibilities

Résolution 5, 20<sup>ème</sup> CGPM, 1995

Résolution 7, 21<sup>ème</sup> CGPM, 1999

Résolution 12, 23<sup>ème</sup> CGPM, 2007

Résolution 1, 24<sup>ème</sup> CGPM, 2011

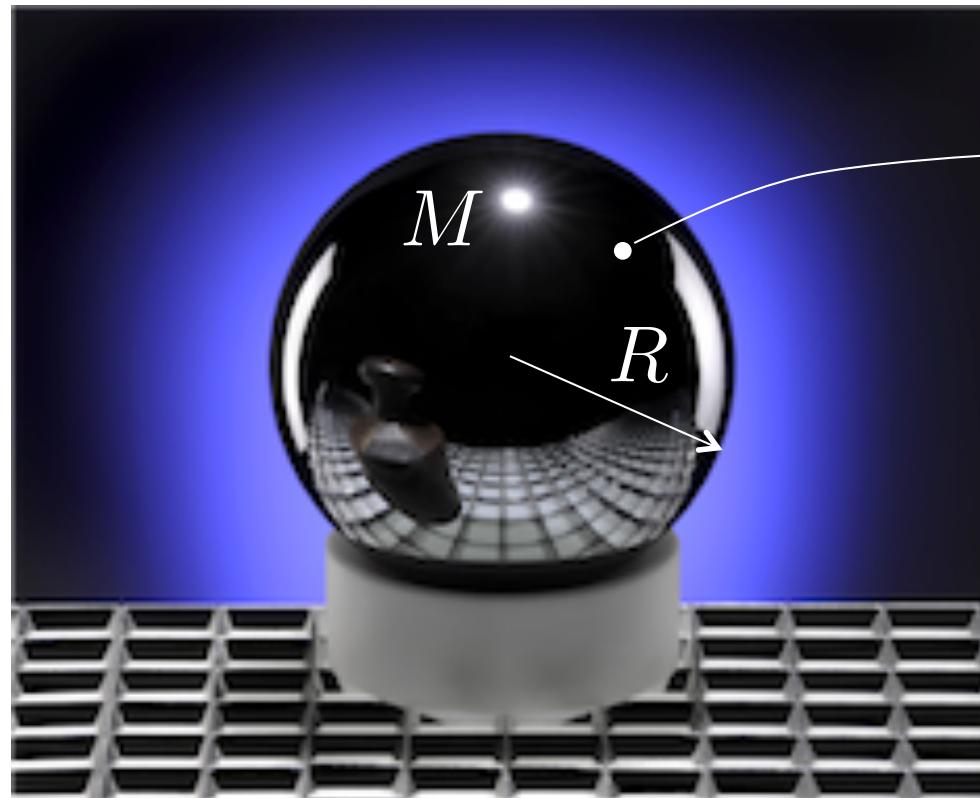
# Avogadro project, $N_A$

Mesure the mass of a microscopic, macroscopic particule ?

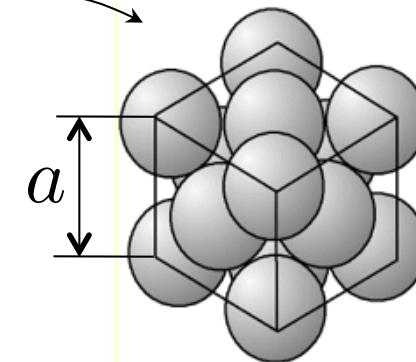
→ *Link to the macroscopic domain ?*

**Realisation of a massive object of know atoms**

$N_A$  realisation which define the mole



Determine the number of atoms  
in a 1 kg silicium

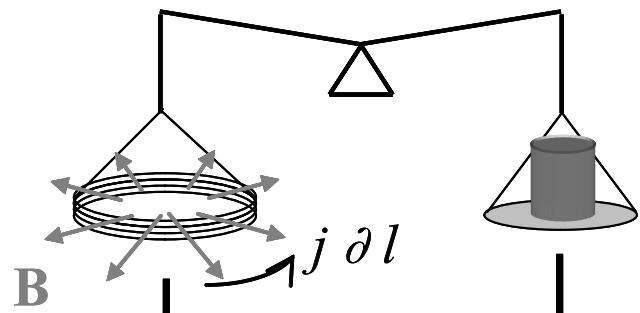


$$\rho = \frac{M}{V} = \frac{n m_{\text{Si}}}{a^3 N_A}$$

# Watt balance

Principle proposed by Brian Kibble in 1975

Static phase

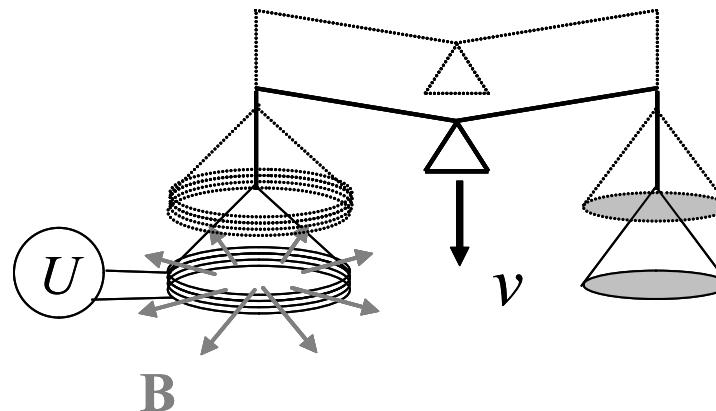


$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{Laplace}} = B \cdot l \cdot I \quad \mathbf{F}_g = m \cdot \mathbf{g}$$

$$F_z = mg = Bli$$

$$mgv = \epsilon i = \epsilon V/R$$

Dynamic phase



$$\epsilon = -Blv$$

Electrical measurements: Josephson E ( $K_J = 2e/h$ ) and Q Hall E ( $R_K = h/e^2$ )

$$R = kR_K/i$$

$$V = n_1 f_1 / K_J$$

$$\epsilon = n_2 f_2 / K_J$$

$$A = \frac{n_1 f_1 n_2 f_2 i}{k} \quad mgv = \frac{A}{K_J^2 R_K}$$

$$\frac{m}{h} = \frac{A}{4gv}$$

Absolute value of  
g needed

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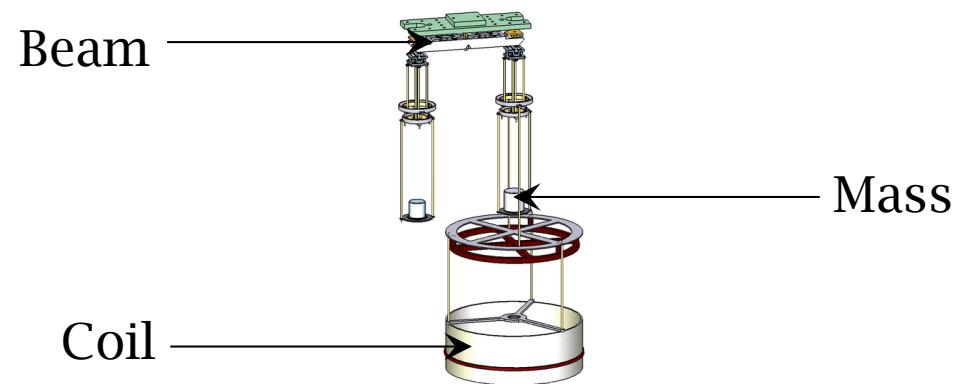
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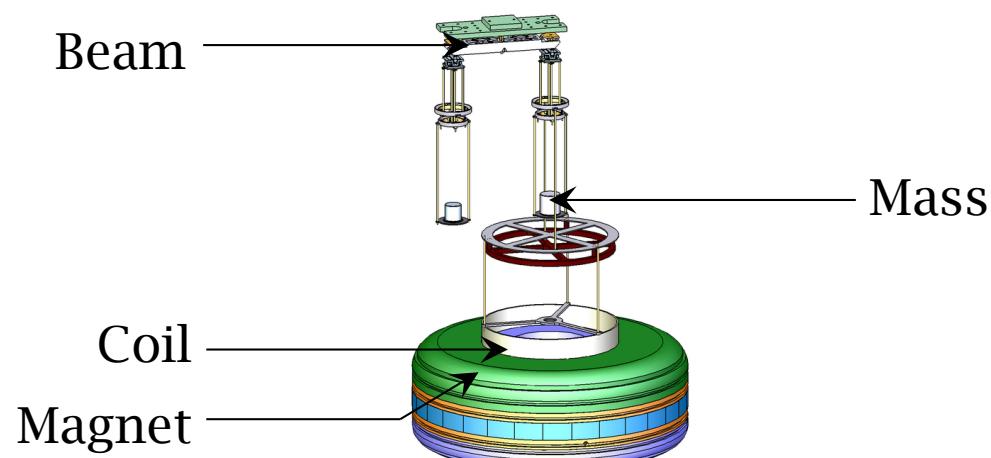
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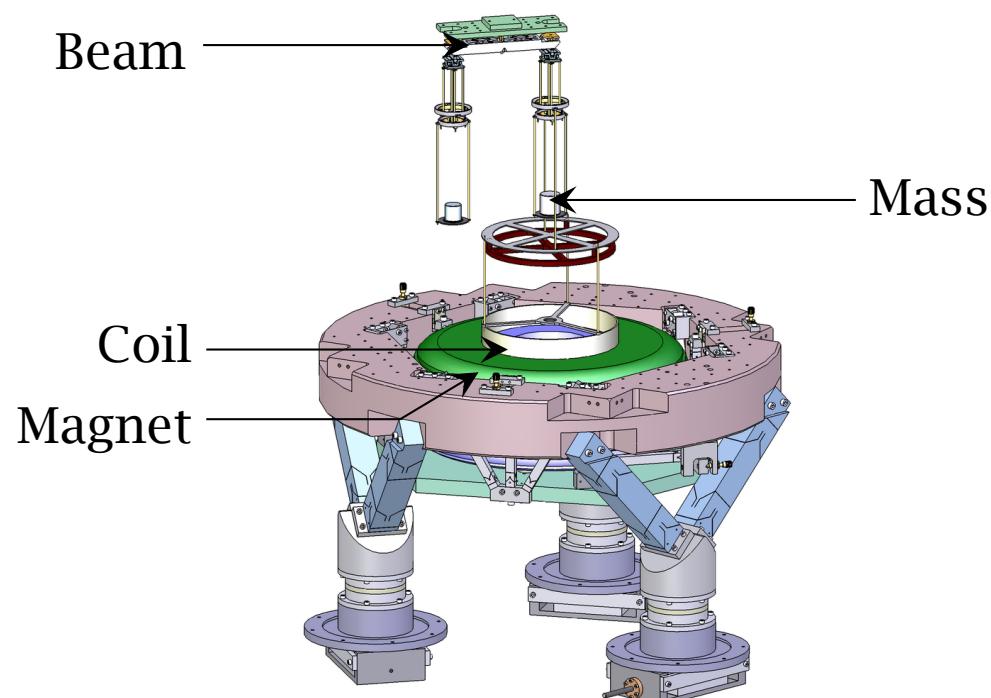
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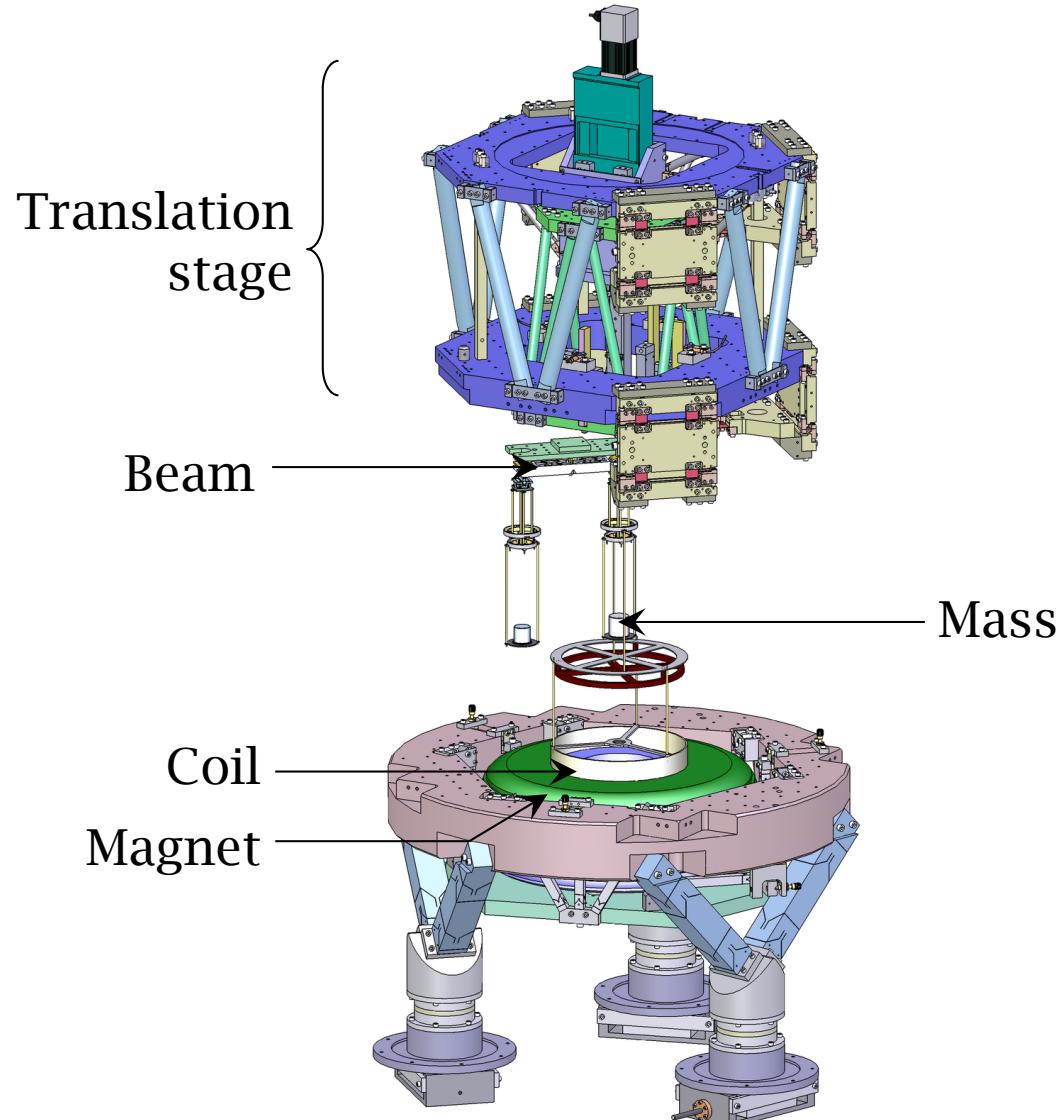
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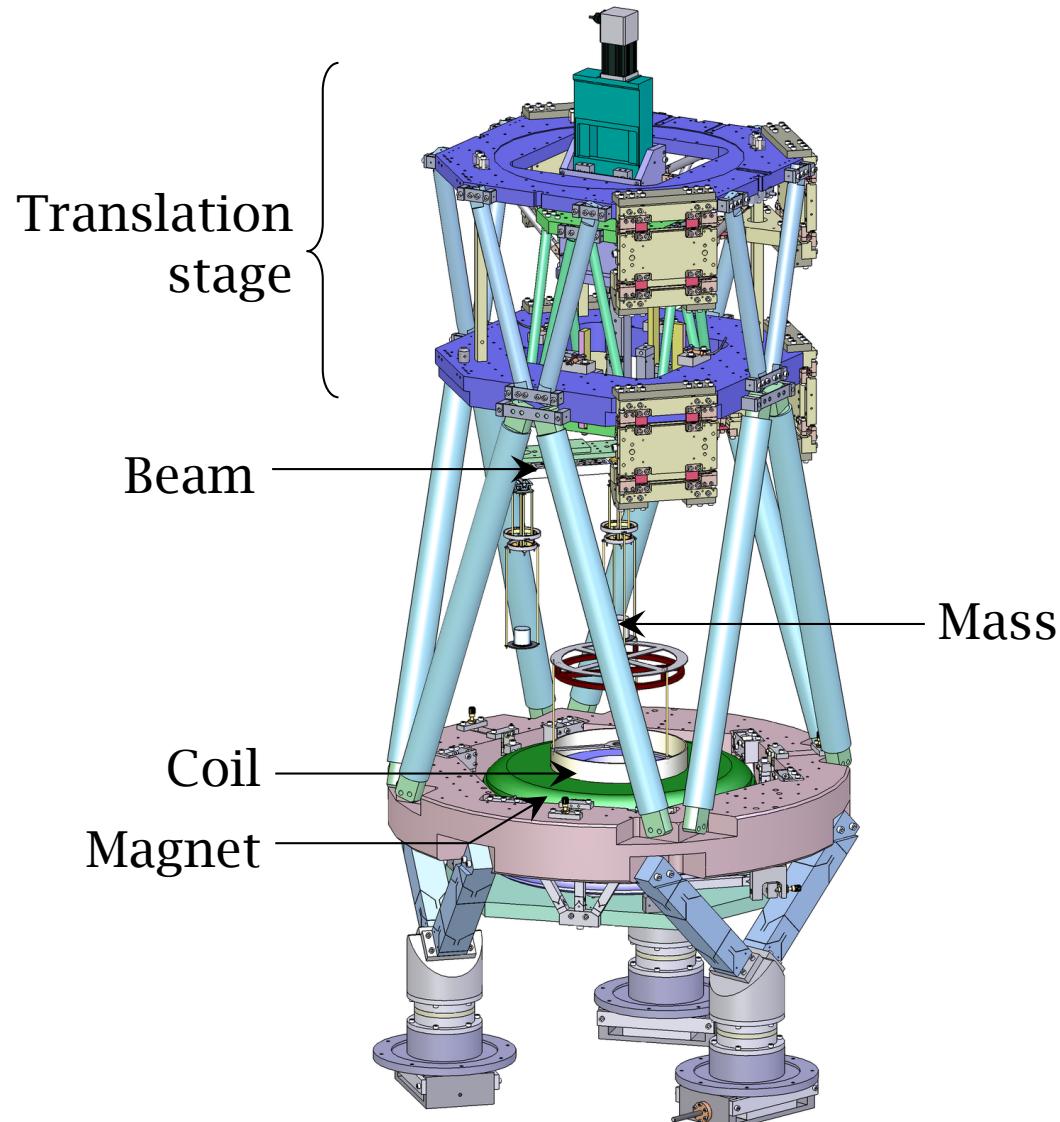
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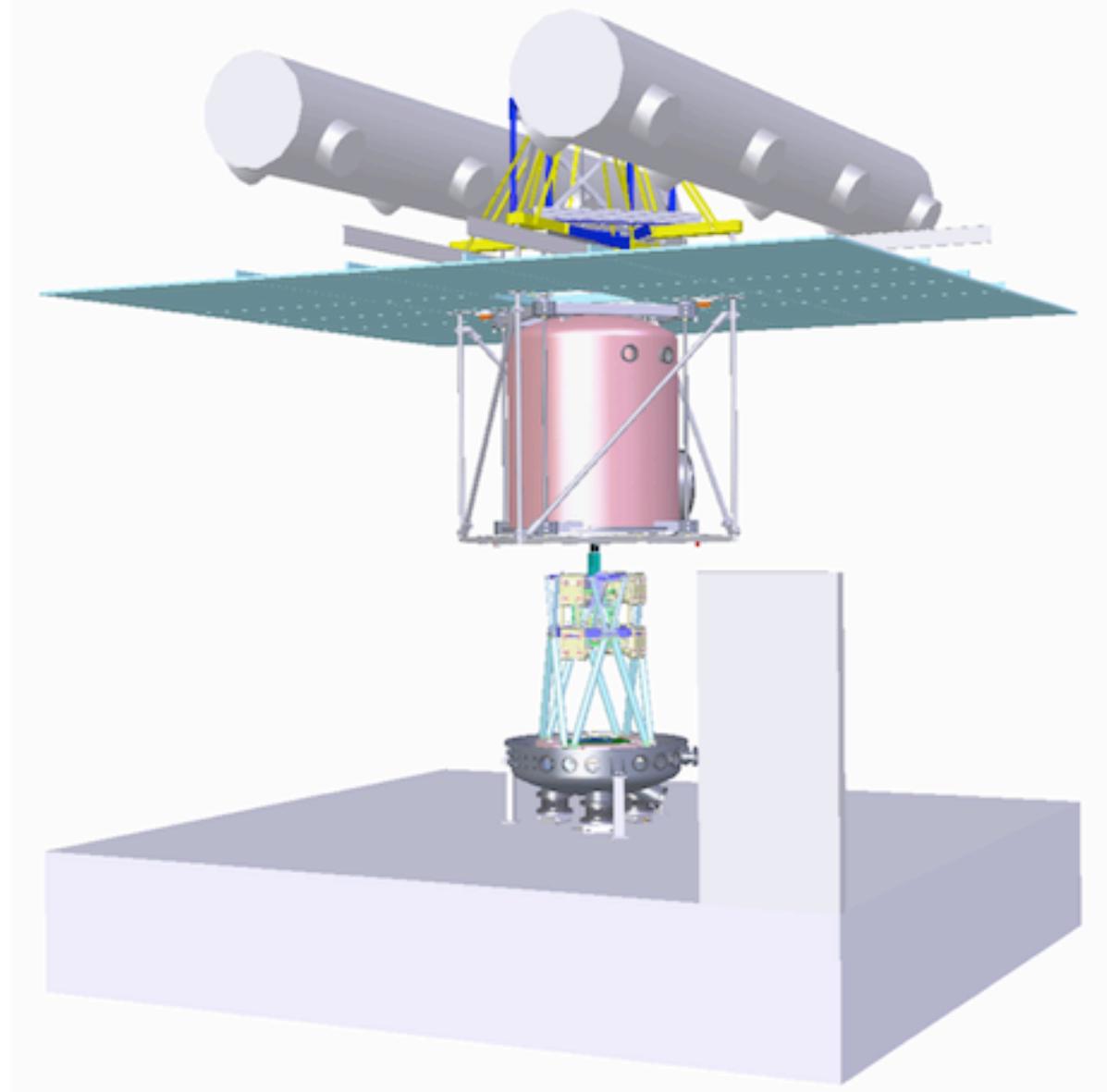
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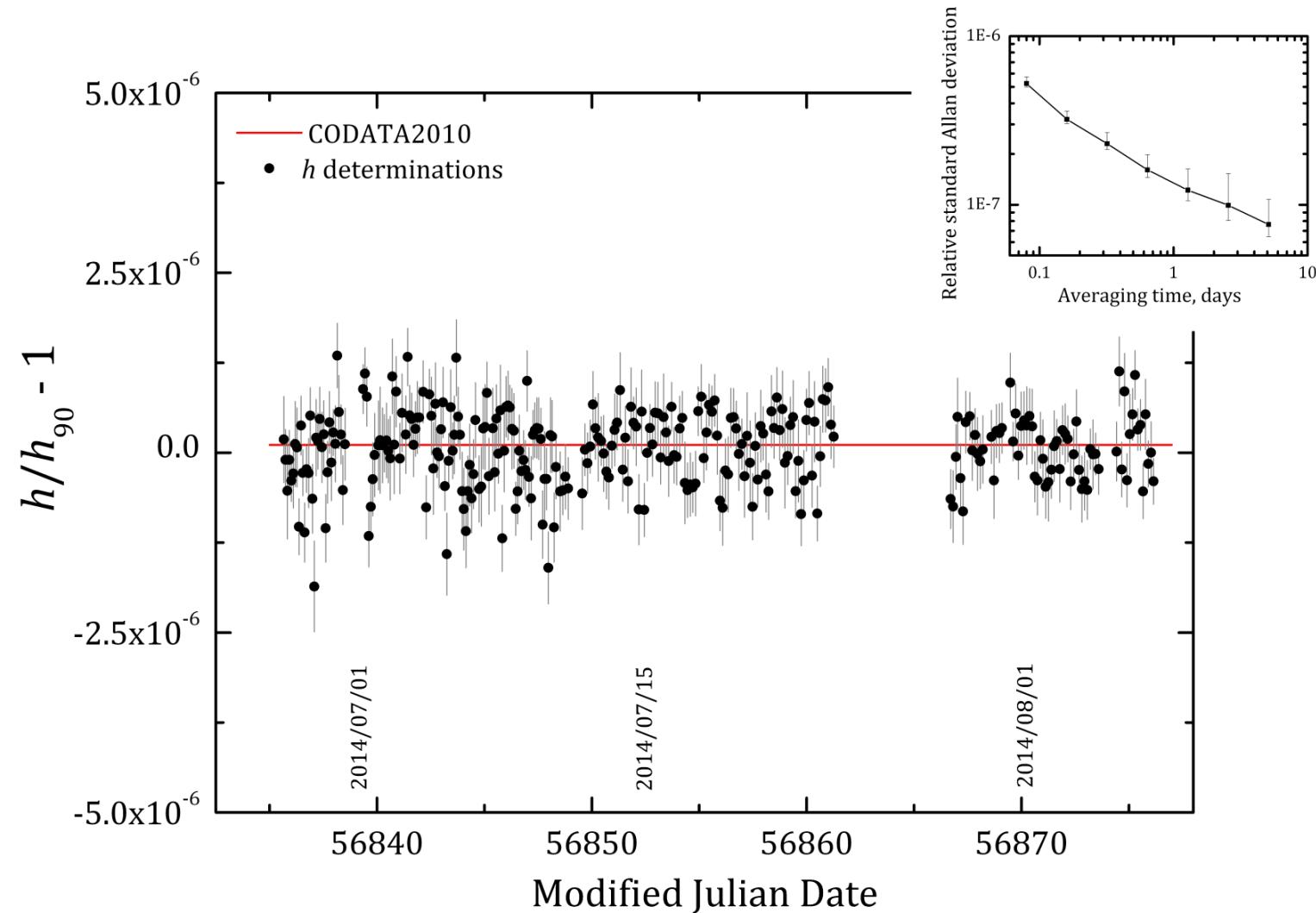
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# LNE Watt balance in its laboratory

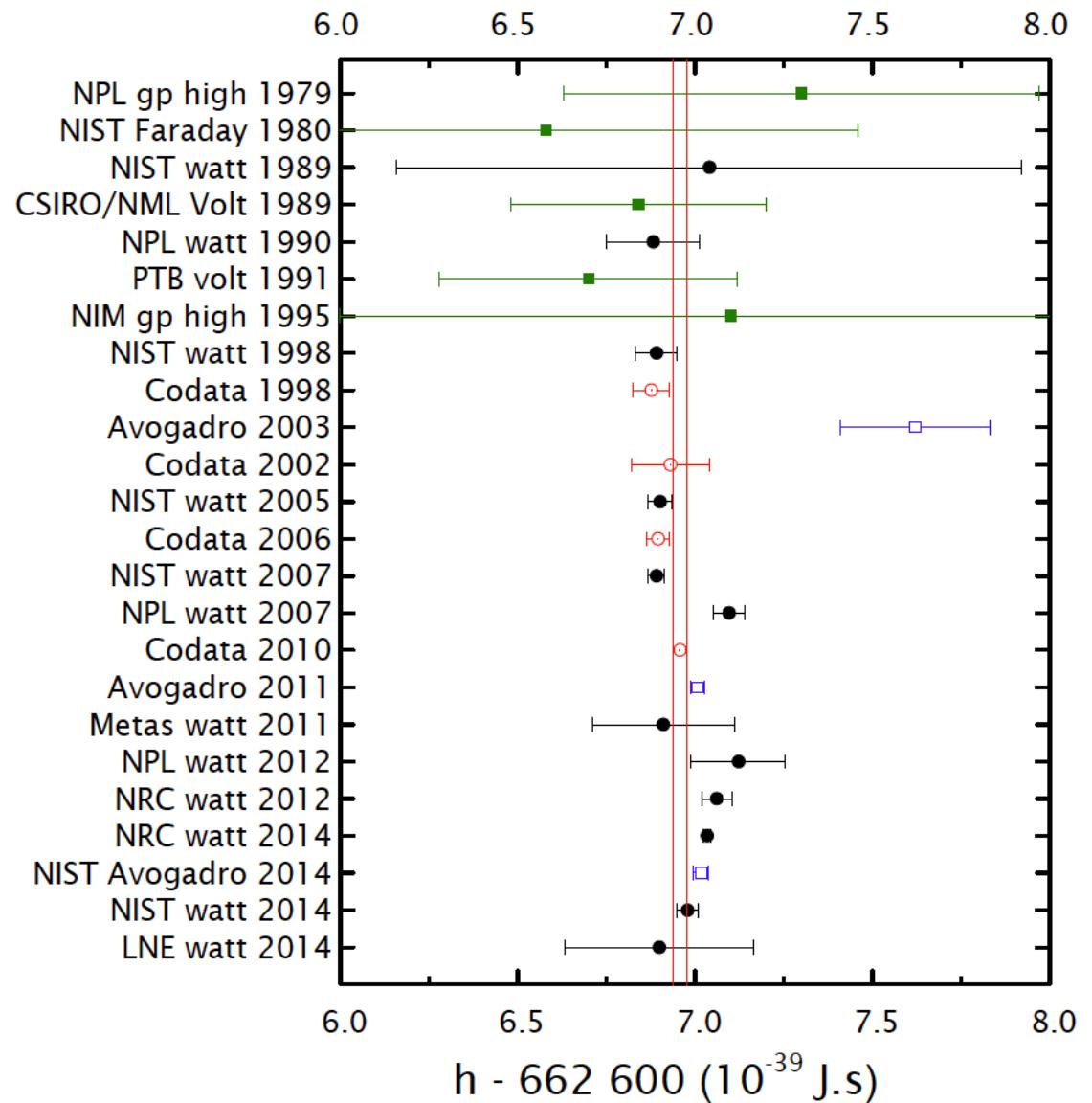


# Results summer 2014



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$h_{\text{NIST} \text{ 2007}}: 3.6 \times 10^{-8}$  ( $1.2 \times 10^{-8}$  for  $g$ )

$h_{\text{NPL} \text{ 2007}}: 6.6 \times 10^{-8}$  ( $1.5 \times 10^{-8}$  for  $g$ )  
( $0.7 \times 10^{-8}$  for  $g$ )

$h_{\text{METAS} \text{ 2011}}: 25 \times 10^{-8}$  ( $0.25 \times 10^{-8}$  for  $g$ )

$h_{\text{NRC} \text{ 2012}}: 4.3 \times 10^{-8}$  (? for  $g$ )

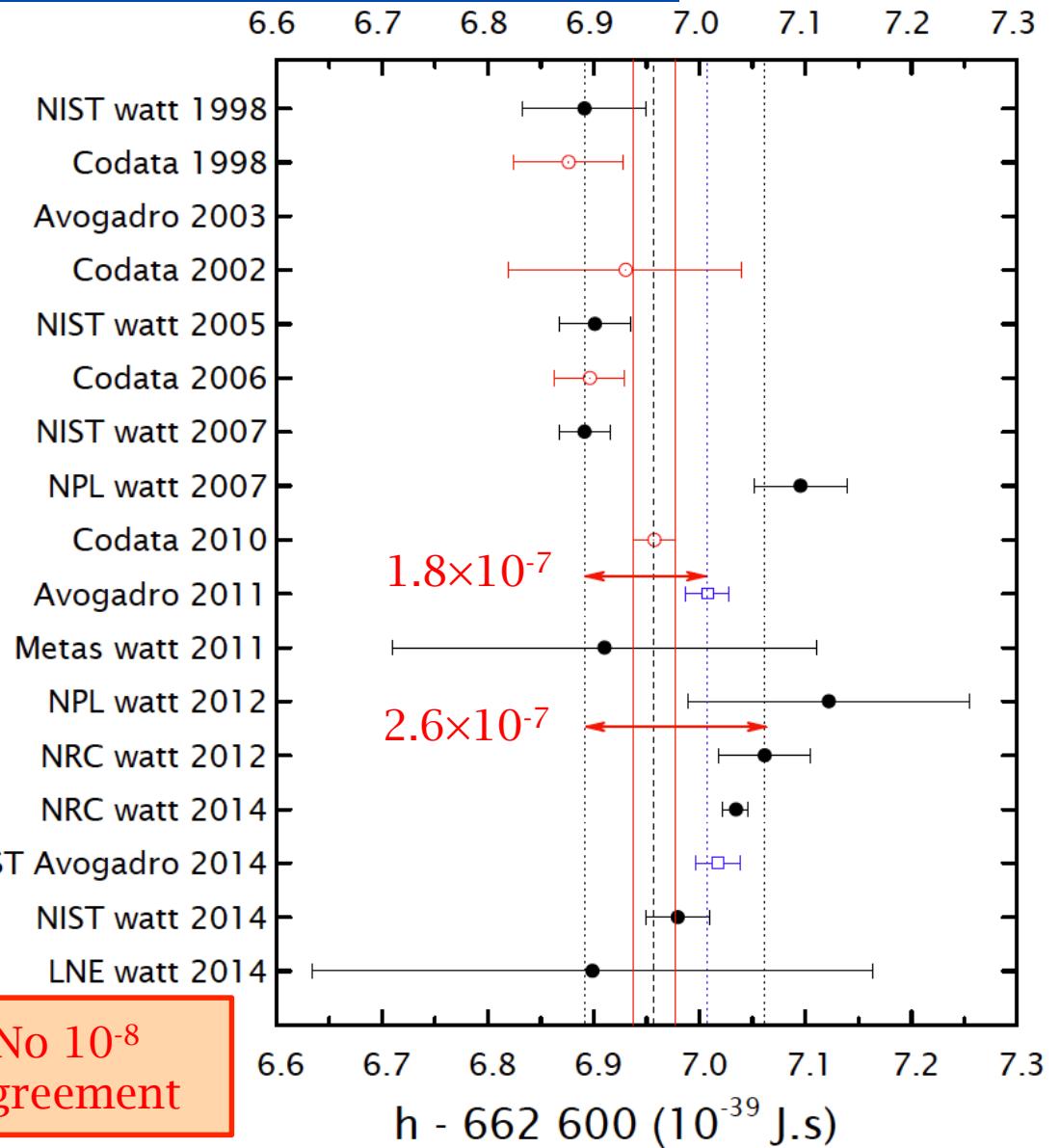
$h_{\text{NRC} \text{ 2014}}: 1.8 \times 10^{-8}$  ( $0.57 \times 10^{-8}$  for  $g$ )

$h_{\text{NIST} \text{ 2014}}: 4.5 \times 10^{-8}$  ( $0.7 \times 10^{-8}$  for  $g$ )

$h_{\text{LNE} \text{ 2014}}: 40 \times 10^{-8}$  ( $0.5 \times 10^{-8}$  for  $g$ )

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Last part of  
the talk

No  $10^{-8}$   
agreement



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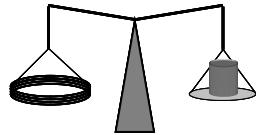
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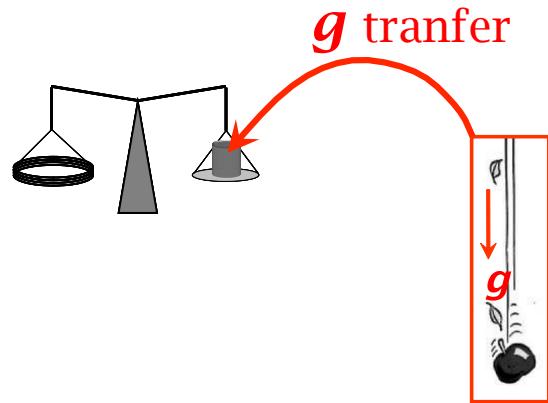


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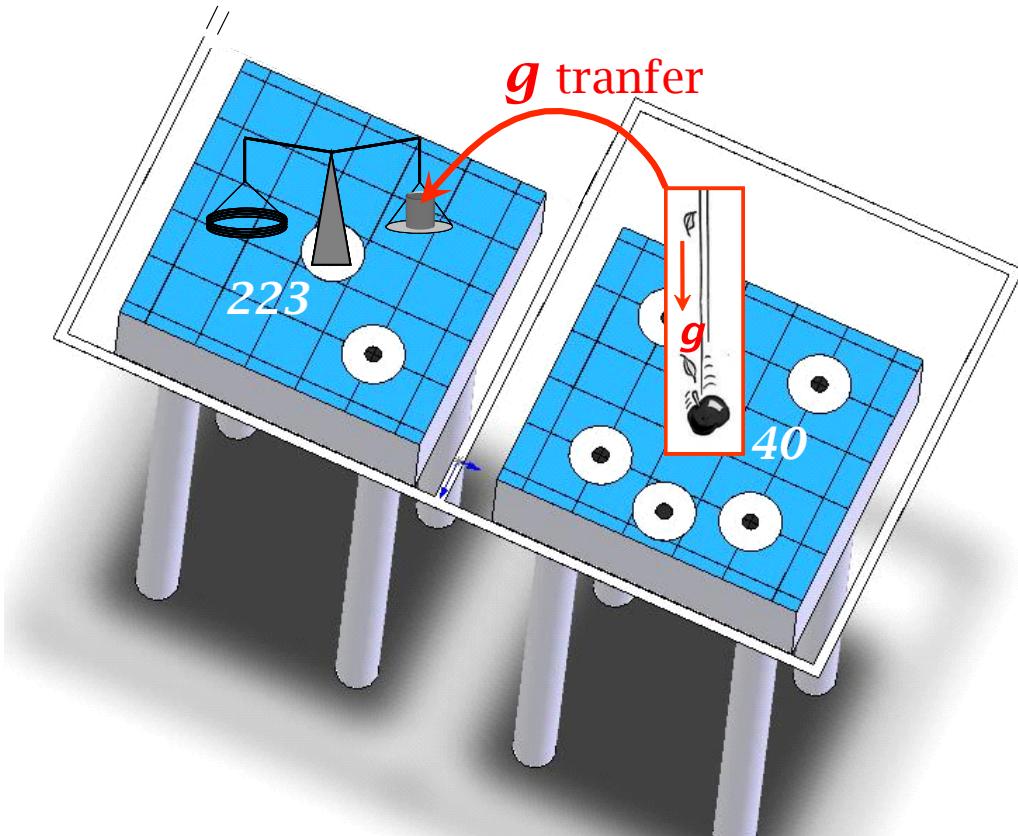
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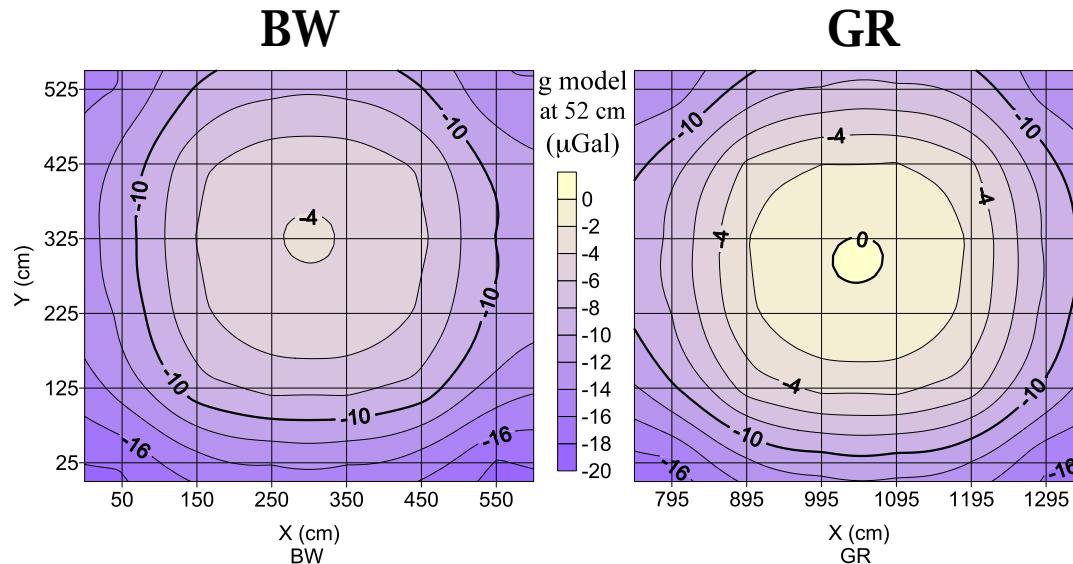
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Two tasks:

- determine  $g \Rightarrow$  absolute gravimeter
- insure the  $g$  transfer at the gravity center of the involved Watt balance mass  $\Rightarrow$  laboratory gravity mapping

# Model, $g$ transfer

- *Laboratories*

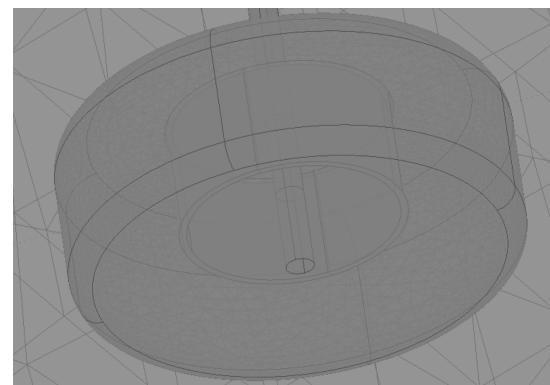


- *Balance (self gravity effect)*

Calculation based on the one developed to determine the CAG SGE :

FEM

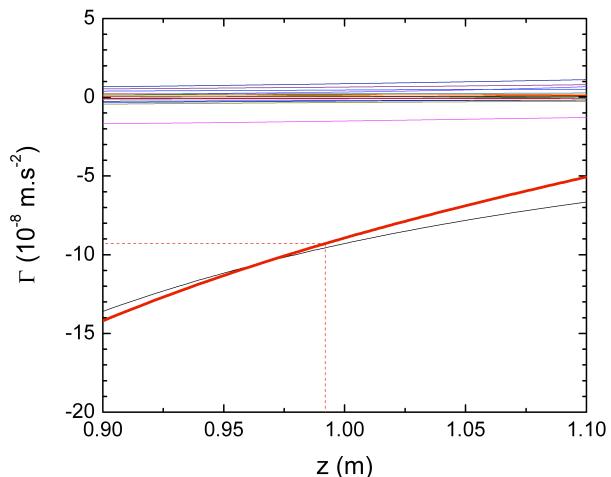
G. D'Agostino et al *Metrologia* 48 (2011)



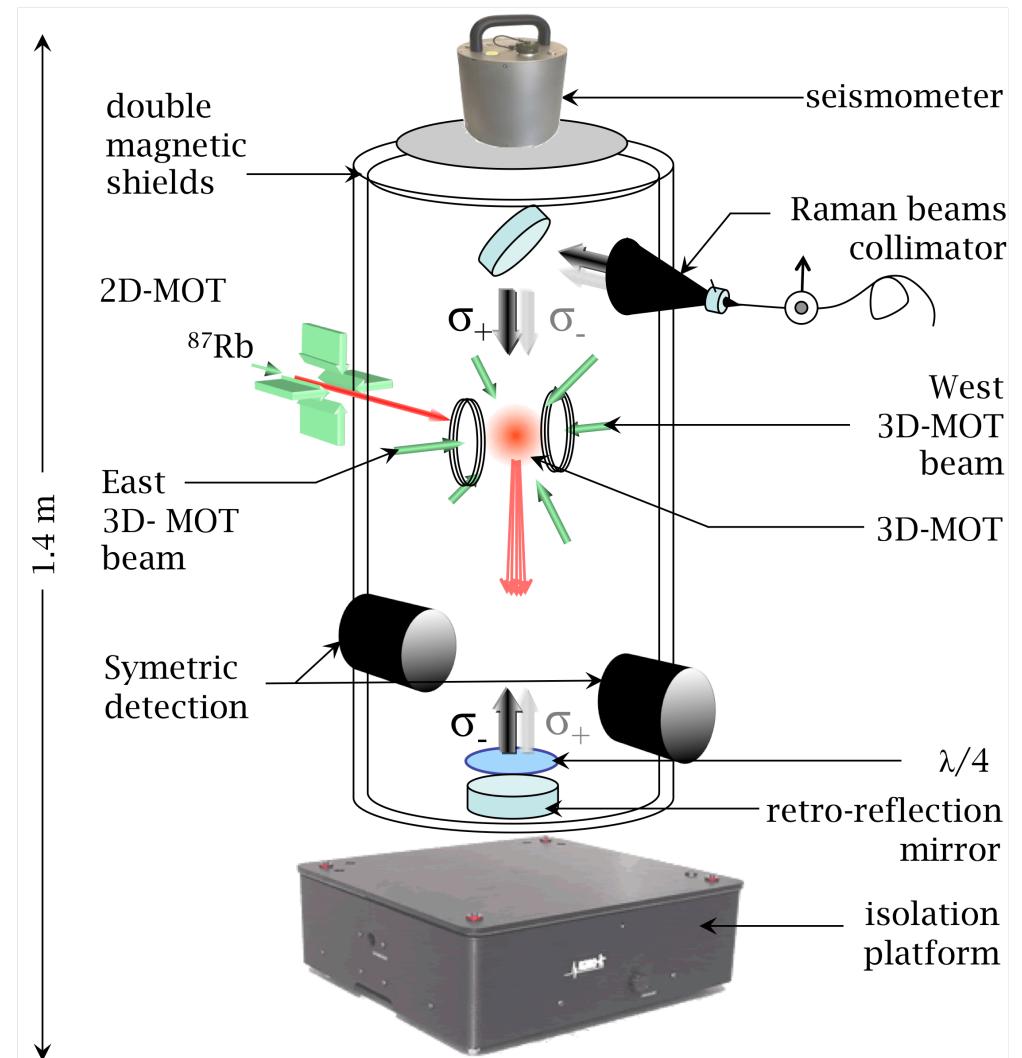
$U_{\text{model}} < 3 \mu\text{Gal}$  in a  $50 \text{ m}^3$  volume

$U_{\text{centres}} = 1.0 \mu\text{Gal} \Rightarrow g$  transfer in the Watt balance uncertainty budget :  $10^{-9}$

S. Merlet et al. *Metrologia* 45 (2008) 265-274



# Absolute gravimeter



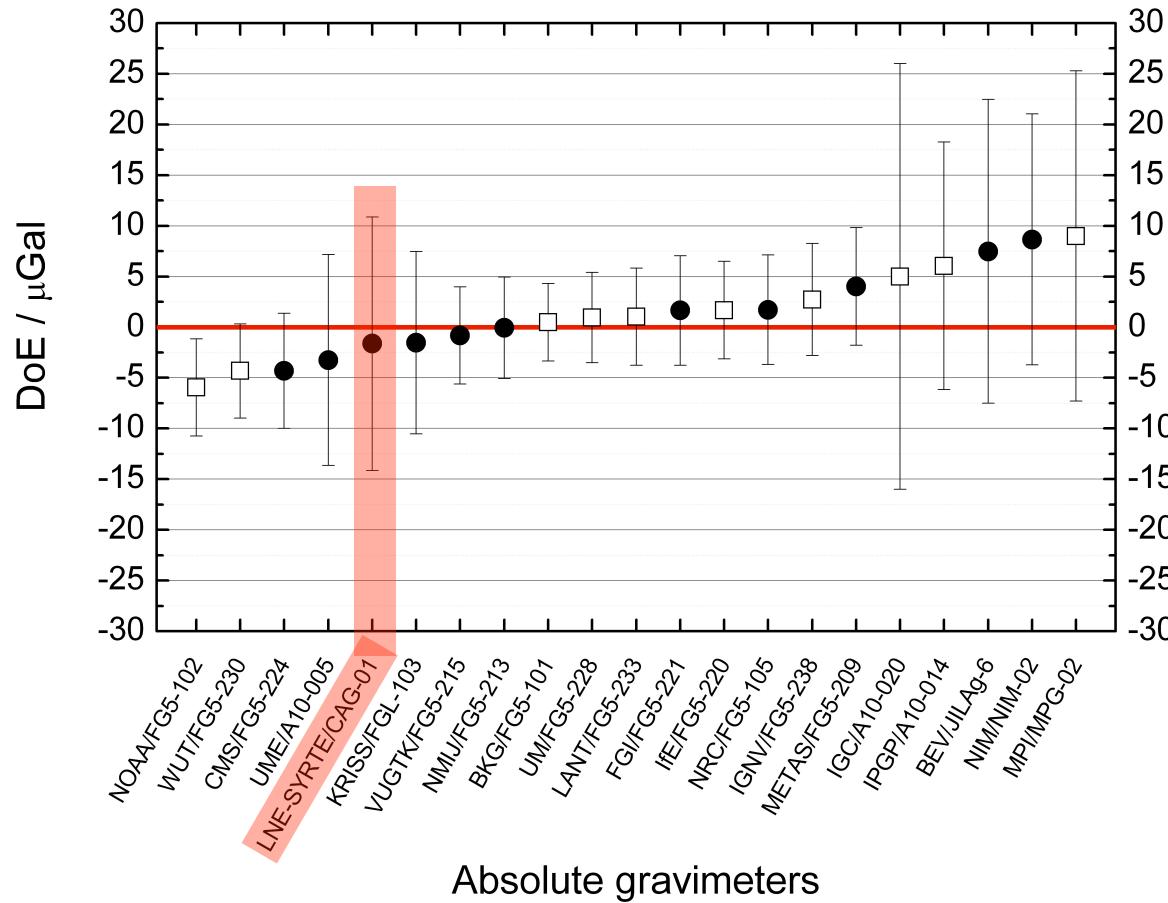
## Movable set up



- Participation to international key comparisons: ICAG'09 (BIPM), ECAG'11(Lux), ICAG'13(Lux)

# 8 comparisons: 4 @ LNE; 7 with CAG

## ICAG'09 (BIPM)



- Z. Jiang et al *Metrologia* **49** (2012)
- S. Merlet et al *Metrologia* **47** (2010)
- A. Chauvet-Louchet et al *IEEE Trans. Instrum. Meas.* **60** (2011)
- O. Francis et al *Metrologia* **50** (2013)
- P. Gillot et al *Metrologia* **51** (2014)

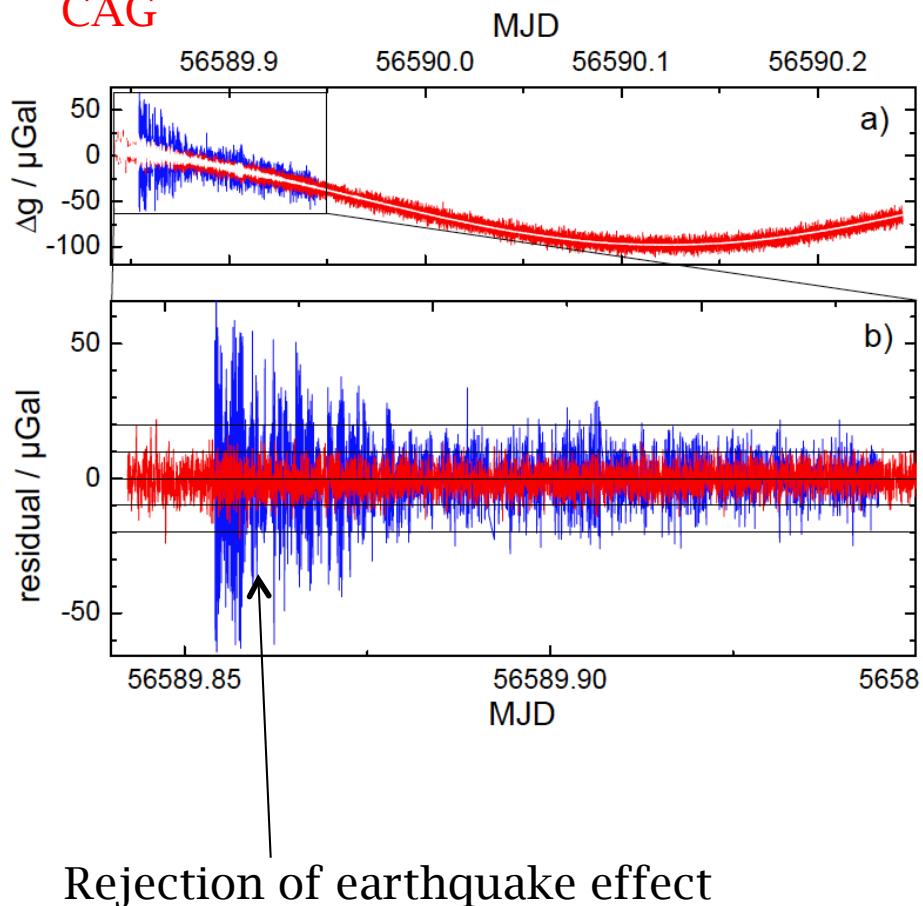
## ECAG'11 (Walferdange Lux)

Effect	Bias $\mu\text{Gal}$	$u$ $\mu\text{Gal}$
Alignments	2.4	0.5
Frequency reference	-4.6	<0.1
RF phase shift	0.0	<0.1
$v_{gg}$	-10.3	<0.1
Self gravity effect	-1.3	0.1
Coriolis	1.3	0.8
Wavefront aberrations	0.0	4.0
LS1	0.0	<0.1
Zeeman	0.0	<0.1
LS2	-7.7	0.5
Detection offset	0.0	0.5
Optical power	0.0	1.0
Cloud indice	0.4	<0.1
Cold collisions	<0.1	<0.1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-19.8</b>	<b>4.3</b>

# CAG sensitivity

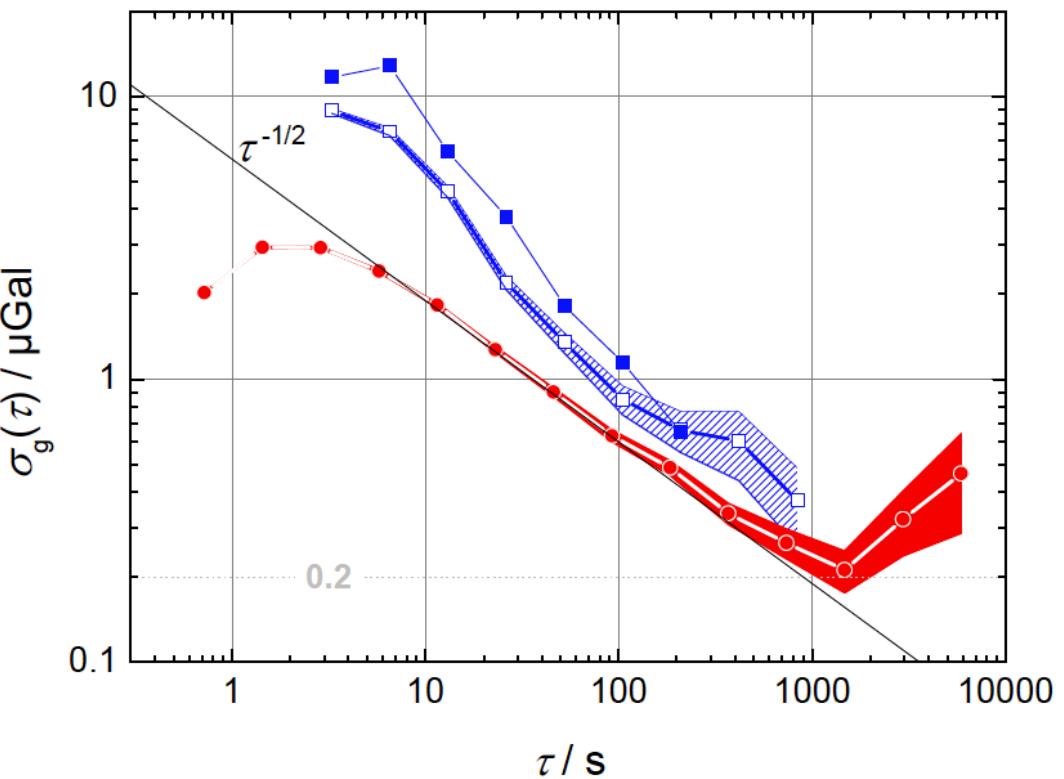
FG5X#216

CAG



Rejection of earthquake effect

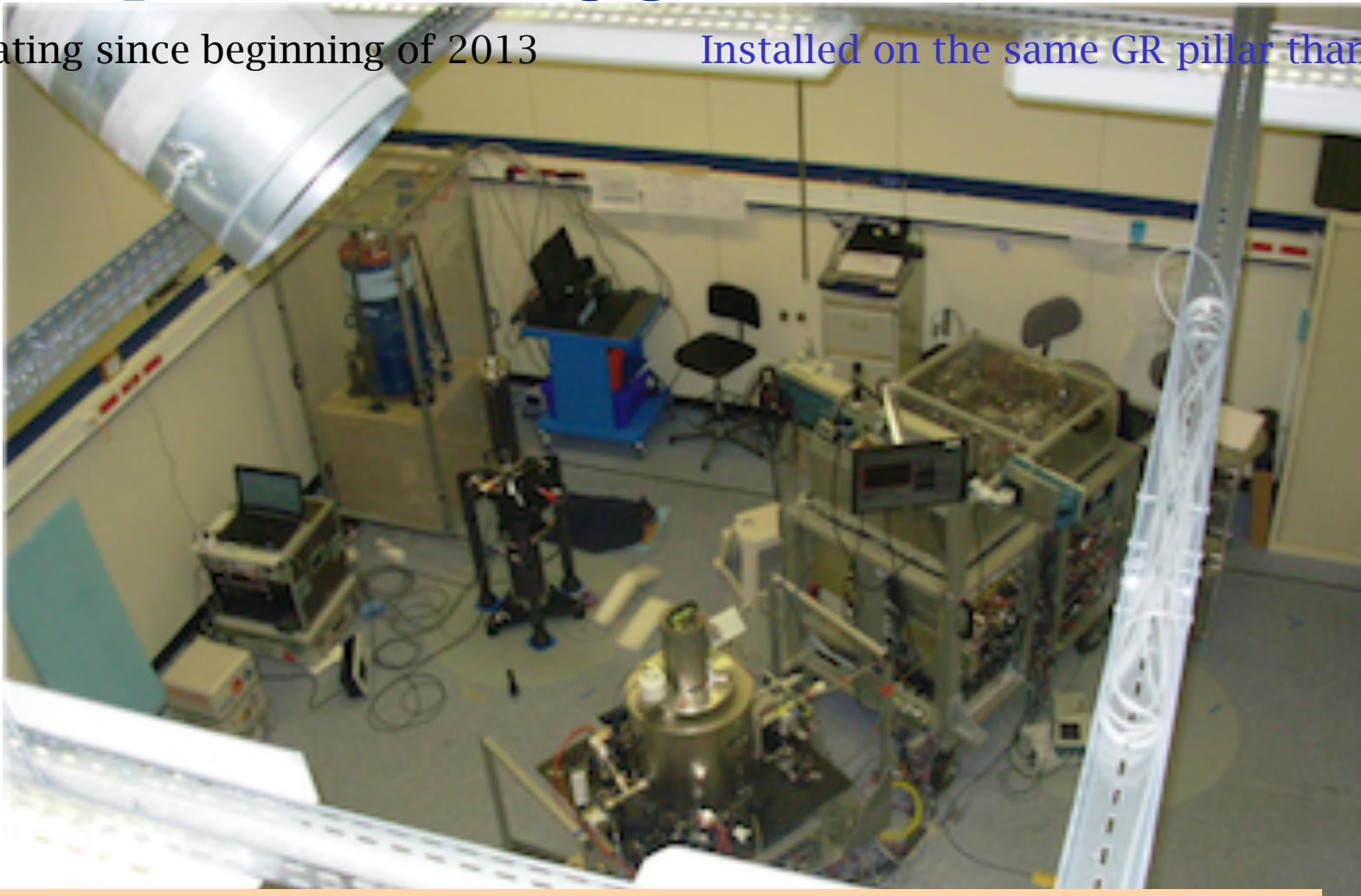
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# Superconducting gravimeter iGrav-005

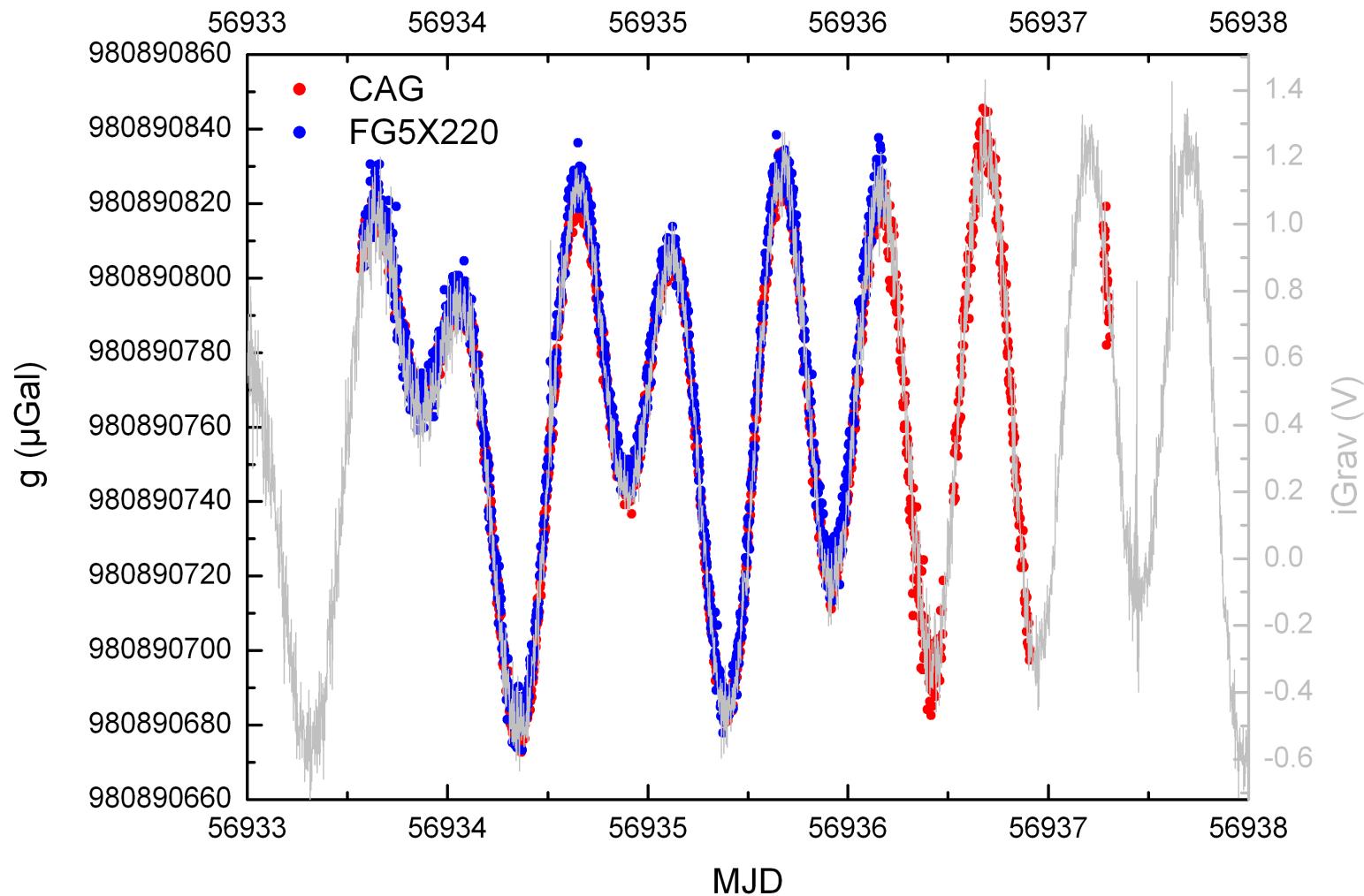
Operating since beginning of 2013

Installed on the same GR pillar than CAG

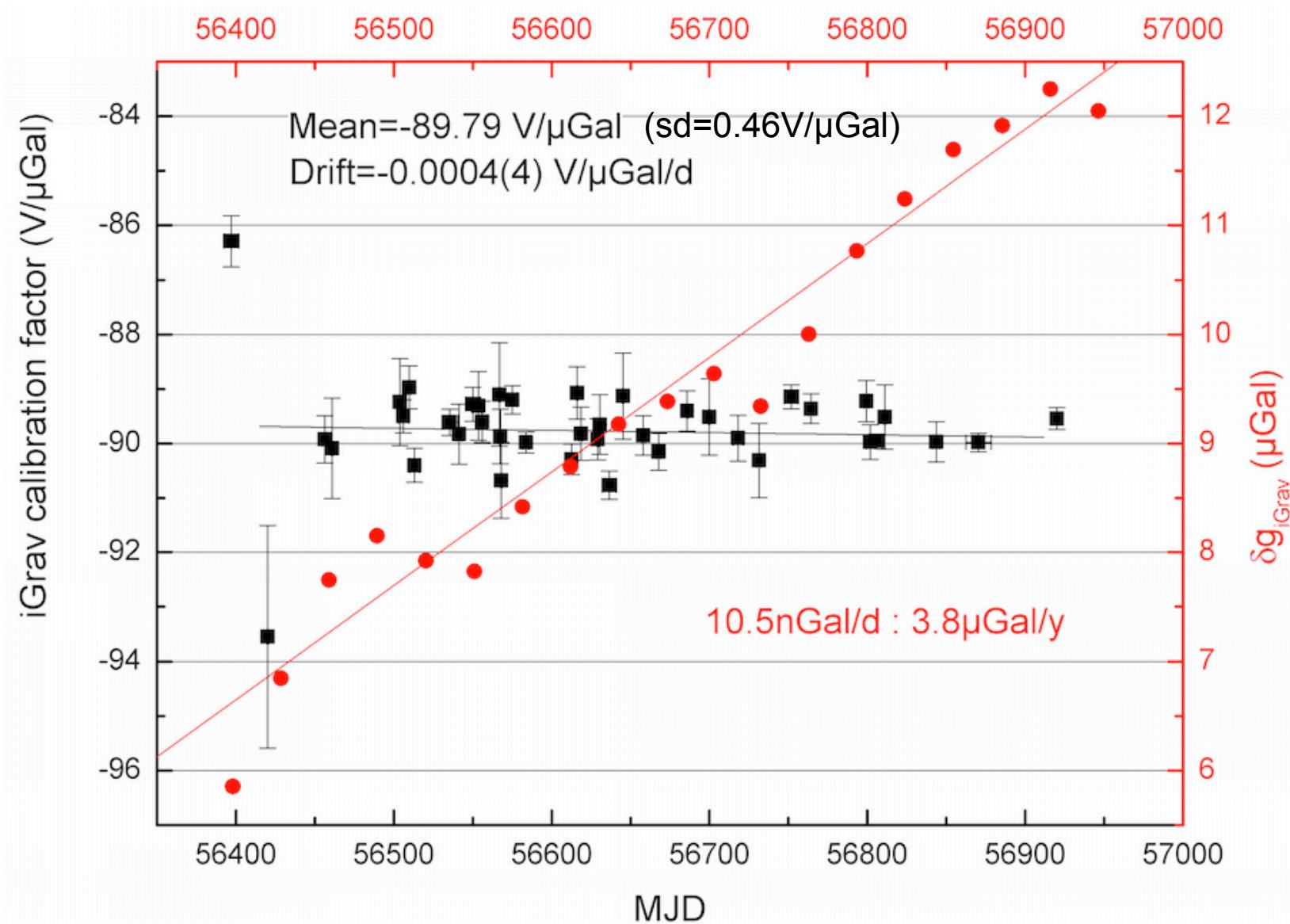


- *Study of long term stability of CAG*
- *Continuous  $g$  recording, back up for CAG*
- *No  $g$  variation model needed for WB (tides, pressure, ground water...)*

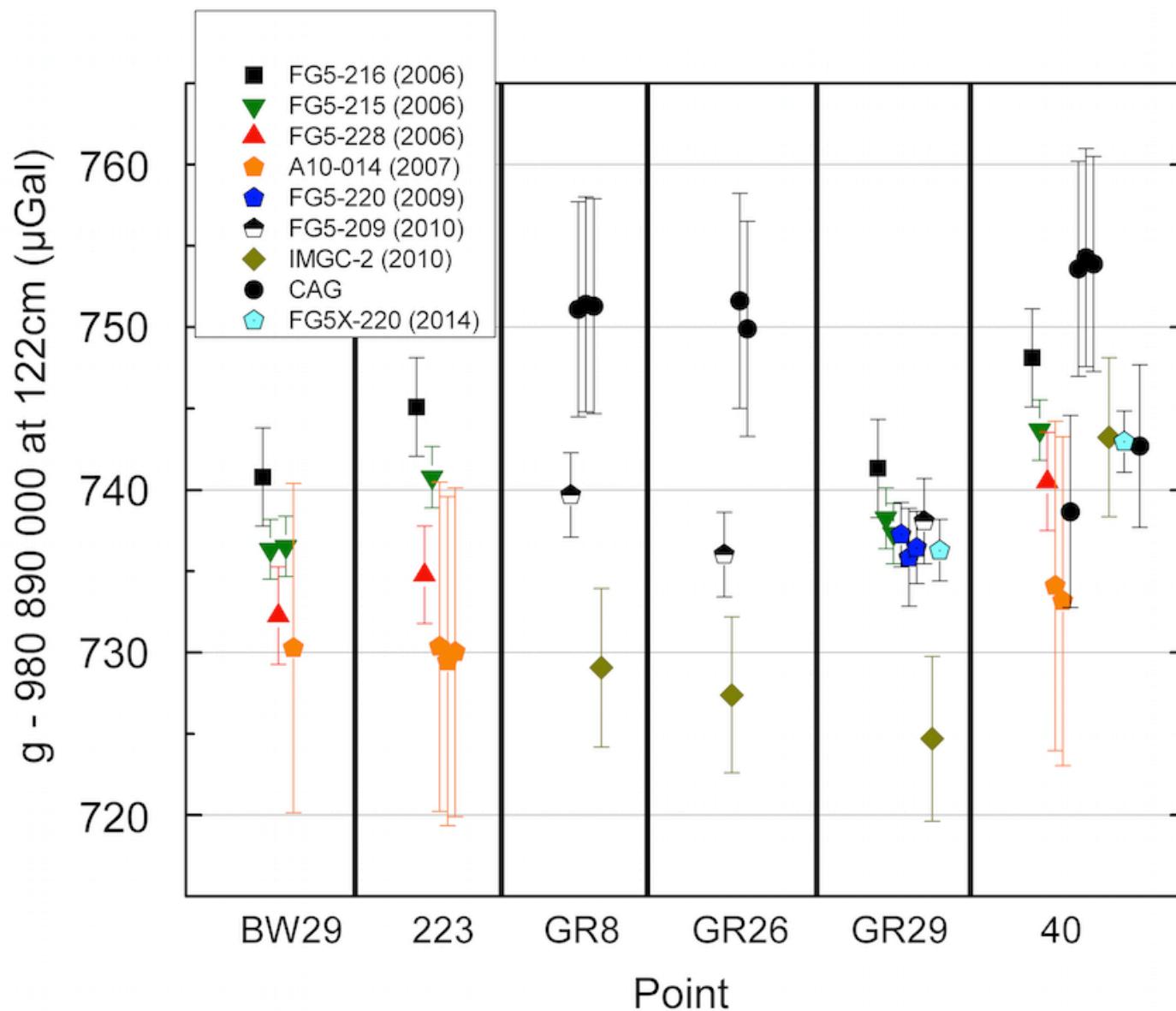
# Comparison FG5X#220 and CAG Vs iGrav005



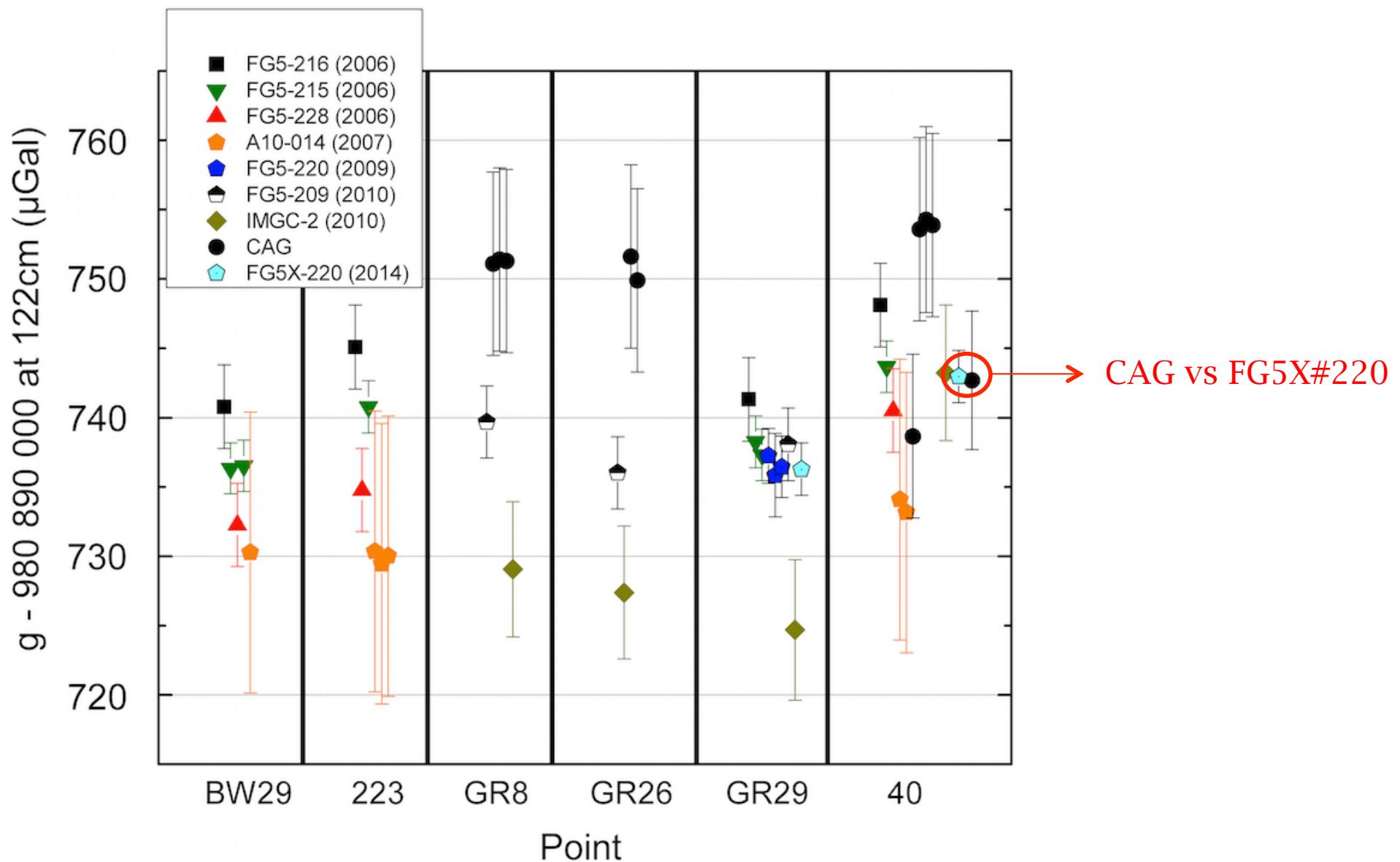
# iGrav005 calibration factor and drift



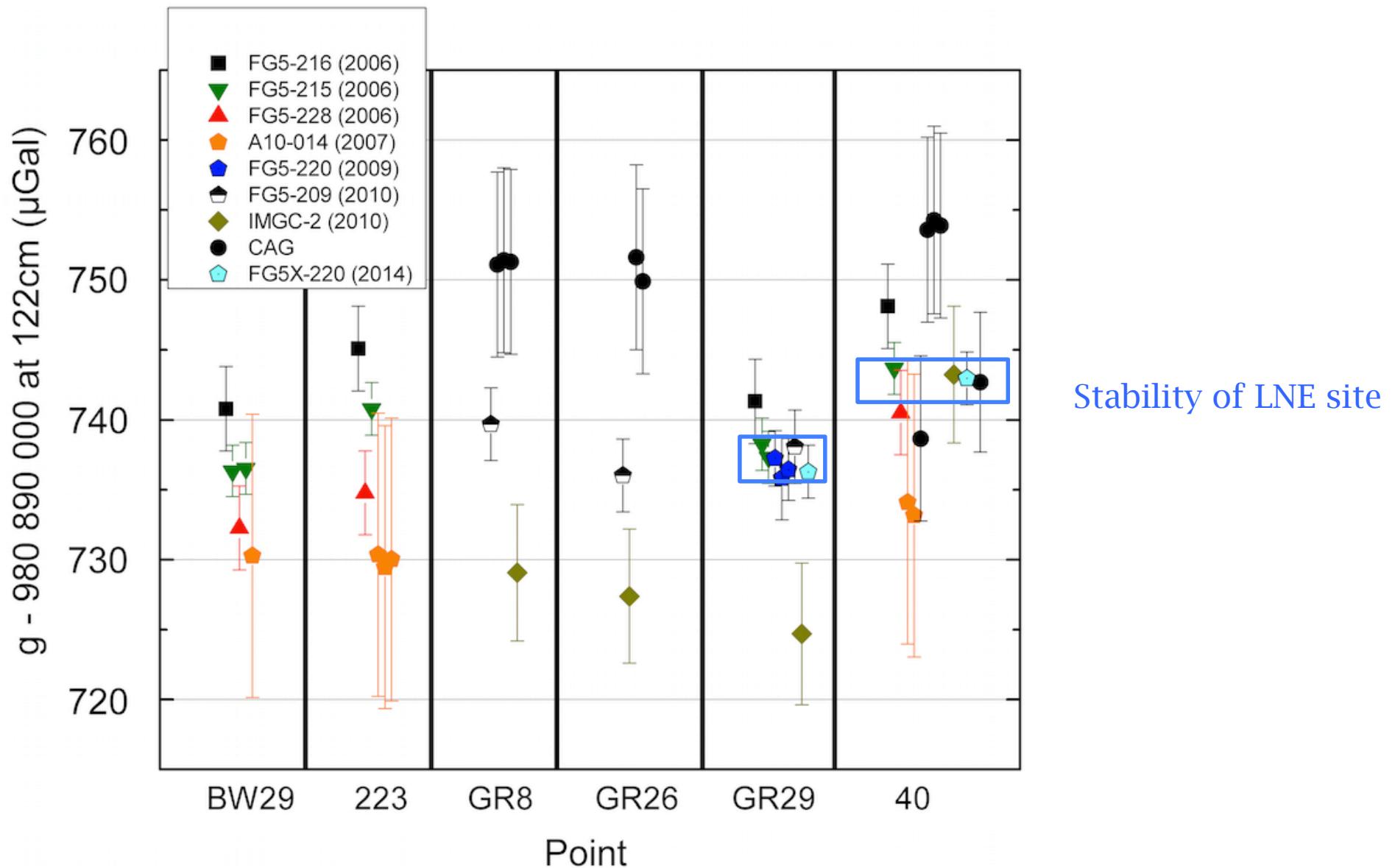
# Absolute measurements @ LNE



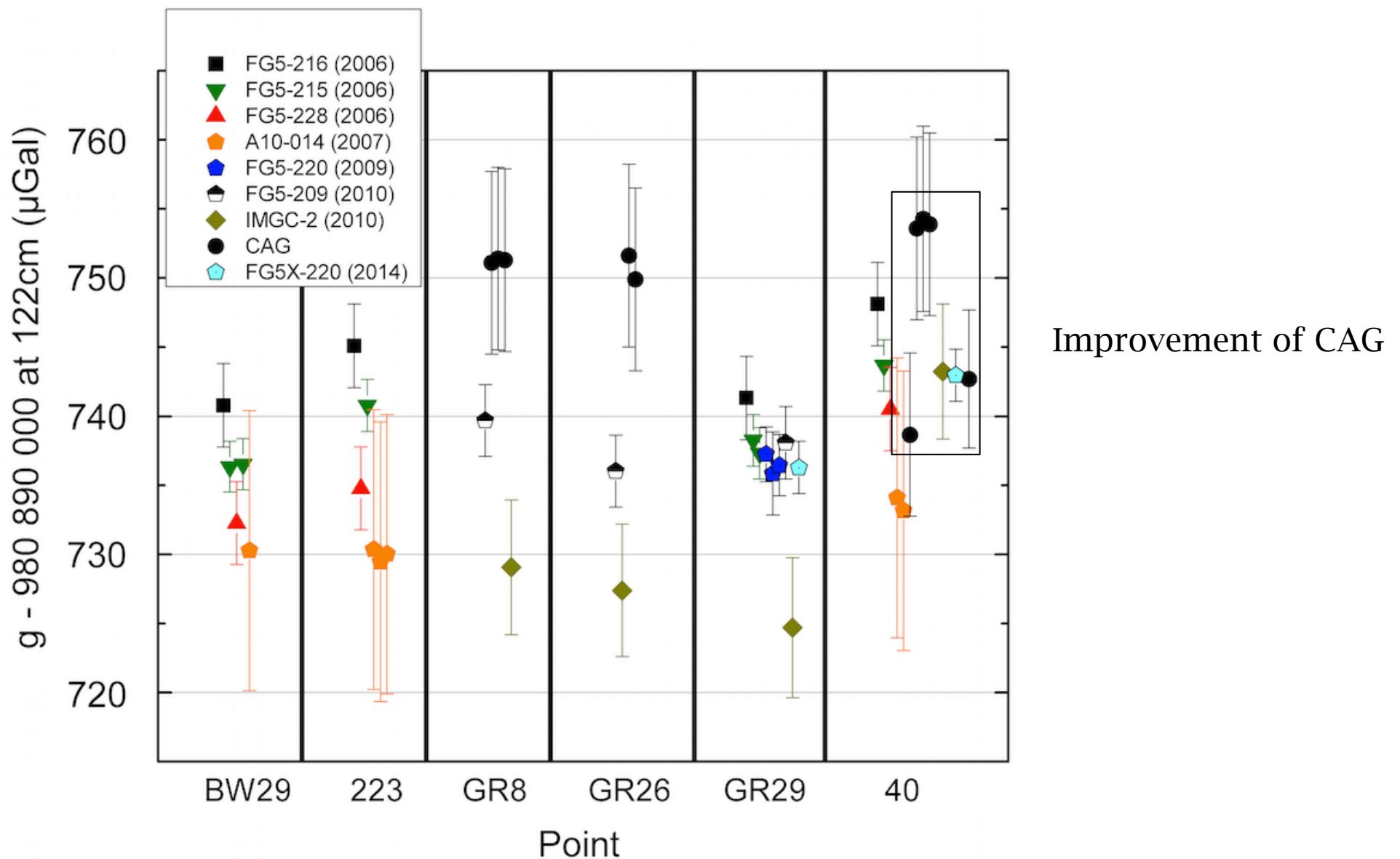
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# Prospects

Kilogram: a definition to change, when ? CGPM 2018 ?

$h$  with BW ? with  $N_A$  ? With both ? → *solve the discrepancies*

LNE Watt balance → *international comparison with IPK in 2015*

→ *in air :  $1 \times 10^{-7}$  in 2015*

→ *in vacuum : <  $1 \times 10^{-7}$  in 2016-2017*

→ *participation to the kilogram redefinition ?*

CAG improvement: → *decrease uncertainty to  $1 \times 10^{-9}g$*

→ *improve the sensitivity with the iGrav*

Provide a continuous absolute  $g$  value for the LNE Planck constant determinations

Continue to compare the CAG with other AG (CC and AI)

**Continuous  $g$  measurements for years**



Thank you for your attention



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