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Worldwide Search for a Neutron Electric Dipole Moment

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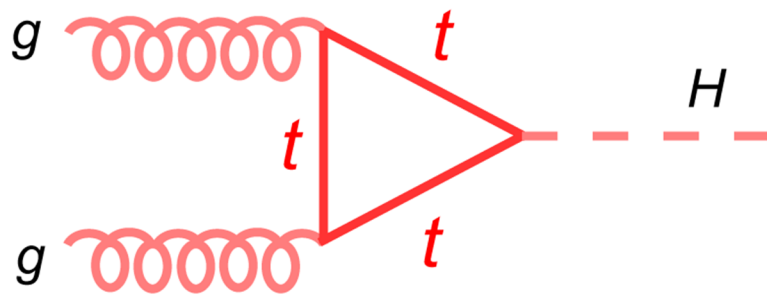




▶ Introduction & Motivation

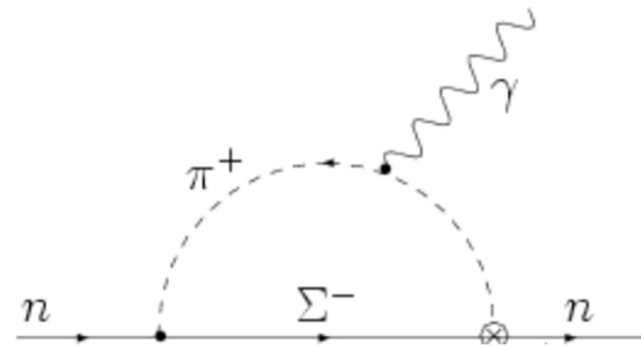
High Energy Frontier

Direct production of new particles



High Intensity/Precision Frontier

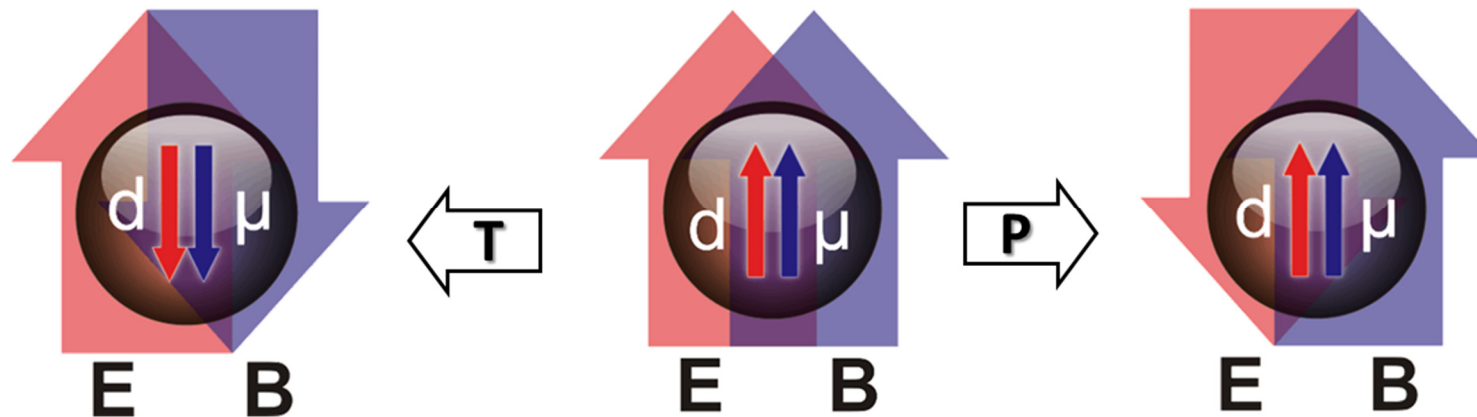
Search for a (neutron) EDM



EDM searches describe a promising route for discovering new physics beyond the SM.

$$\mathcal{H} = -\mu \cdot \frac{\vec{S}}{|\vec{S}|} \cdot \vec{B} - d \cdot \frac{\vec{S}}{|\vec{S}|} \cdot \vec{E}$$

(non-relativistic interaction Hamiltonian)



- ▶ A non-zero EDM of a fundamental particle violates parity (P) and time-reversal symmetry (T).
- ▶ With CPT conservation*, it follows CP violation.

* Lüders, Ann. Phys. 2, 1 (1957)

Electroweak SM
expectation:

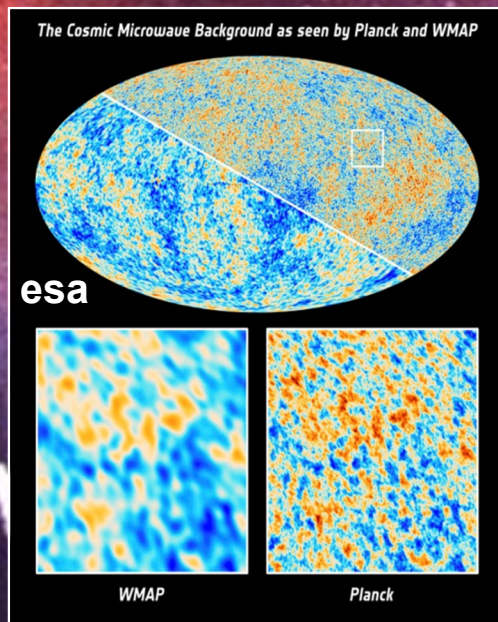
$$\frac{n_B - n_{\bar{B}}}{n_\gamma} \approx 10^{-18}$$

vs.

Observed*:

$$\frac{n_B - n_{\bar{B}}}{n_\gamma} \approx 6 \times 10^{-10}$$

Connection between Cosmology and SM of Particle Physics !



Sakharov criteria for Baryogenesis
in the early universe:

1. *Baryon number violation*
2. *C and CP violation*
3. *Thermal non-equilibrium*

JETP Lett. 5, 24 (1967)



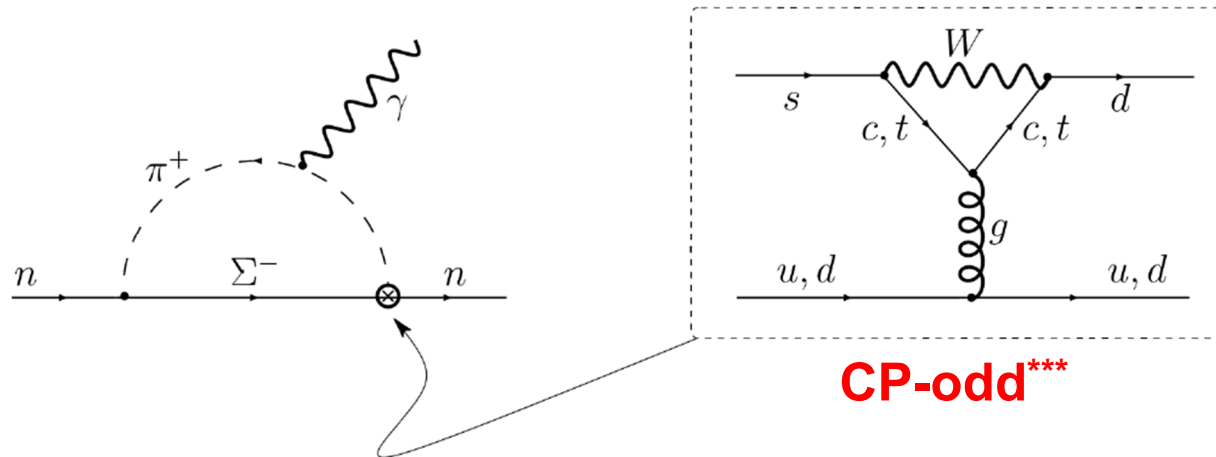
* e.g. WMAP, COBE, Planck

► Electroweak SM:

CP violation is included in the SM via the phase in the CKM matrix.

However, the SM CP violation is very small and accounts for a neutron EDM of only $10^{-31 \pm 1} \text{ e cm}^{*,**,***}$.

$$\text{CKM} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & -s_1 c_3 & -s_1 s_3 \\ s_1 c_2 & c_1 c_2 c_3 - s_2 s_3 e^{i\delta} & c_1 c_2 s_3 + s_2 c_3 e^{i\delta} \\ s_1 s_2 & c_1 s_2 c_3 + c_2 s_3 e^{i\delta} & c_1 s_2 s_3 - c_2 c_3 e^{i\delta} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \end{pmatrix}$$



* Mannel, Uraltsev, Phys. Rev. D 85, 096002 (2012)

** He, McKellar, Pakvasa, Int. J. Mod. Phys. A4, 5011 (1989)

*** Khriplovich, Zhitinitsky, Phys. Lett. B 109, 490 (1982)

► QCD – Strong CP-Problem:

QCD includes a CP violating term. The strength of the CP violation is characterized by the angle θ_{QCD} , which is expected to be of order one.

$$\mathcal{L}_{QCD} = \mathcal{L}_{QCD}^{\theta_{QCD}=0} + \frac{g^2}{32\pi^2} \theta_{QCD} G\tilde{G}$$

CP-odd ‘ θ -term’

Lattice QCD*:

$$d_n^{QCD} = (-2.9 \pm 0.9) \cdot 10^{-16} \theta_{QCD} \text{ e cm}$$

$$d_p^{QCD} = (+1.1 \pm 1.1) \cdot 10^{-16} \theta_{QCD} \text{ e cm}$$



With current nEDM limit**: $\theta_{QCD} \lesssim 10^{-10}$

Axion's as a possible way out*** ?!?!?

Why is θ_{QCD} so small ?

* Guo, Meissner, JHEP 12, 097 (2012)

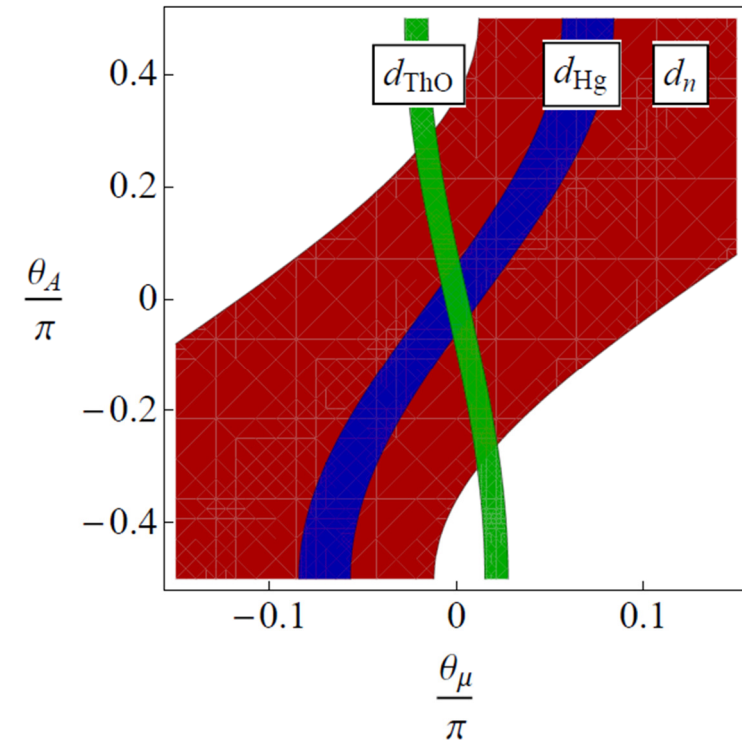
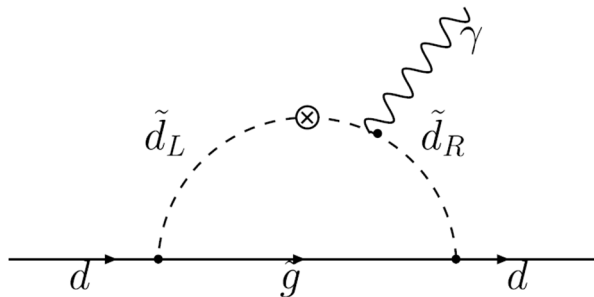
** Baker et al., PRL 97, 131801 (2006)

*** Peccei & Quinn, PRL 38, 1440 (1977)

► SUSY CP-Problem:

$$d_n \approx 10^{-24} \text{ e cm} \left(\frac{1 \text{ TeV}/c^2}{M_{\text{SUSY}}} \right)^2 \sin \phi_{\text{SUSY}}$$

Probing for new physics at **very high energies**, even beyond the reach of large accelerators/colliders !



with: $M_{\text{SUSY}} = 2 \text{ TeV}$, $\tan \beta = 3$

Combination of EDM constrains (e, n & Hg) to a constrain on CP violating SUSY phases

Pospelov, Ritz, Ann. Phys. 318, 119 (2005)
updated: Ritz, Lepton Moments (2014)

**Why is ϕ_{SUSY} so small
or M_{SUSY} so large ?**

System	Upper Limit [e cm]	Ref.	Comment
Neutron	3.0×10^{-26} (90%CL)	[1]	direct limit
Muon	1.9×10^{-19} (95% CL)	[2]	direct limit
^{199}Hg	3.1×10^{-29} (95% CL)	[3]	best dir. limit of any EDM & indir. limit for proton: $d_p < 7.9 \times 10^{-25}$ e cm (also provides indir. limits for n & e)
^{205}Tl	9×10^{-25} (90% CL)	[4]	used to set a limit for the electron: $d_e < 1.6 \times 10^{-27}$ ecm
YbF	1.1×10^{-22} (90% CL)	[5]	$d_e < 1.05 \times 10^{-27}$ ecm
ThO		[6]	$d_e < 8.7 \times 10^{-29}$ ecm
Xe, Ra, Rn, ... p, d, ... Molecules, ...			

[1] Baker et al., PRL 97, 131801 (2006), Pendlebury et al., arXiv:1509.04411

[2] Bennett et al., PRD 80, 052008 (2009)

[3] Griffith et al., PRL 102, 101601 (2009)

[4] Regan et al., PRL 88, 071805 (2002)

[5] Hudson et al., Nature 473, 493 (2011)

[6] ACME Collaboration, Science 343, 269 (2014)

Diamagnetic atom

Paramagnetic atom

Paramagnetic/Polar molecule

Neutron EDM – Situation & Perspective

► First Ramsey measurement

Smith, Purcell & Ramsey,
Phys. Rev. 108, 120 (1957)

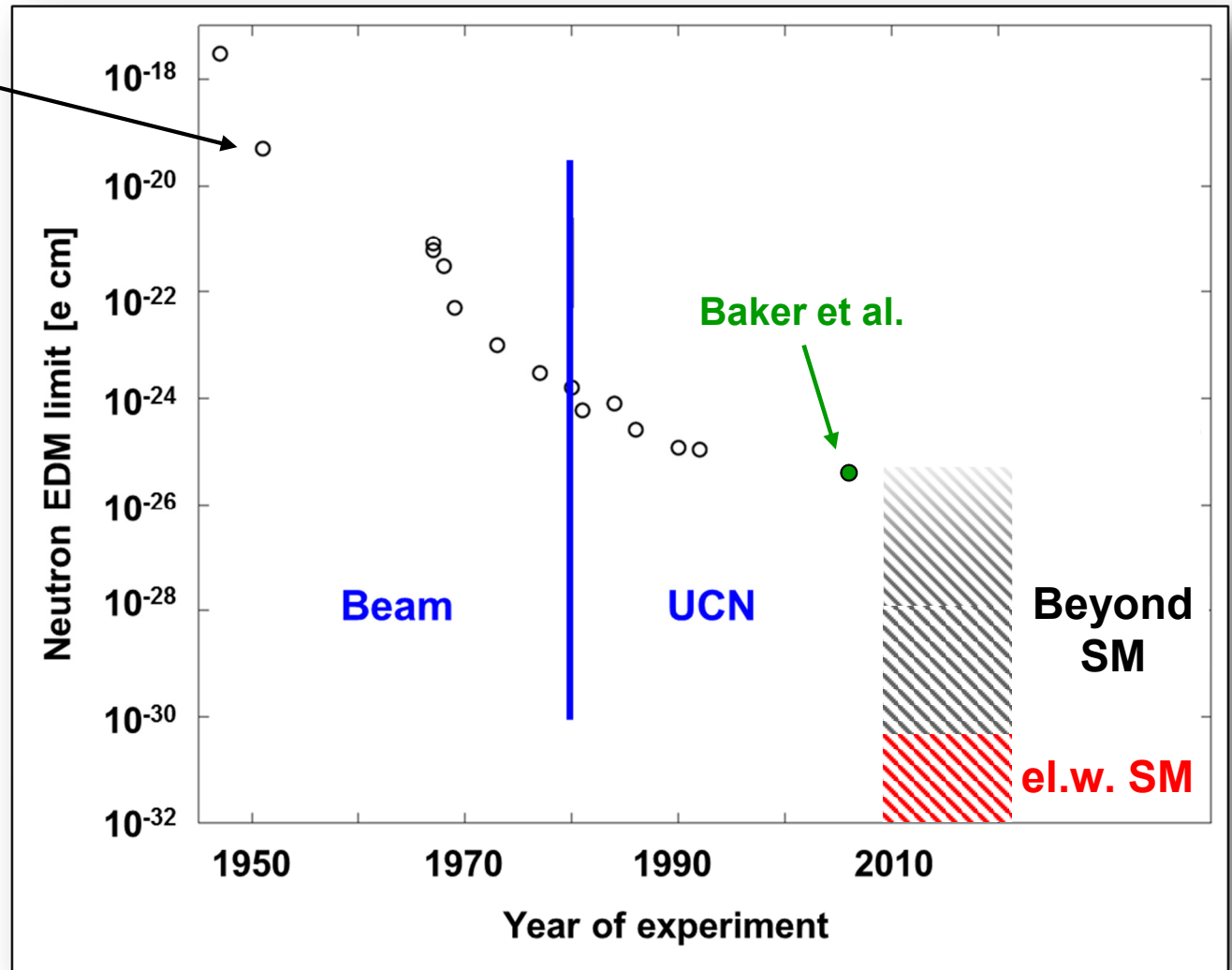
► Current limit:

$$|d_n| < 2.9 \times 10^{-26} \text{ e cm} \quad (90\% \text{ CL})$$

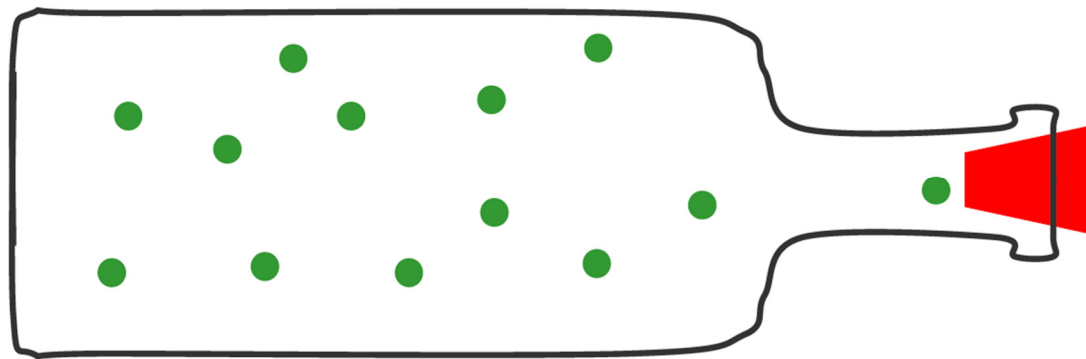
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► Sensitivity:

$$\sigma(d_n) \propto \frac{1}{E T \sqrt{N}}$$

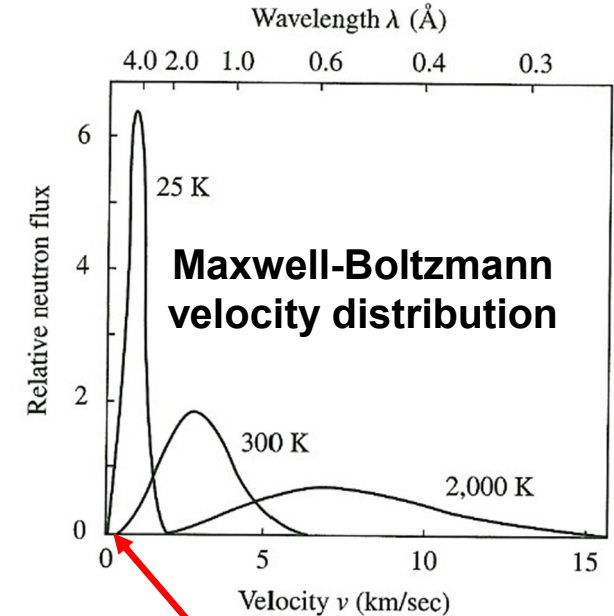
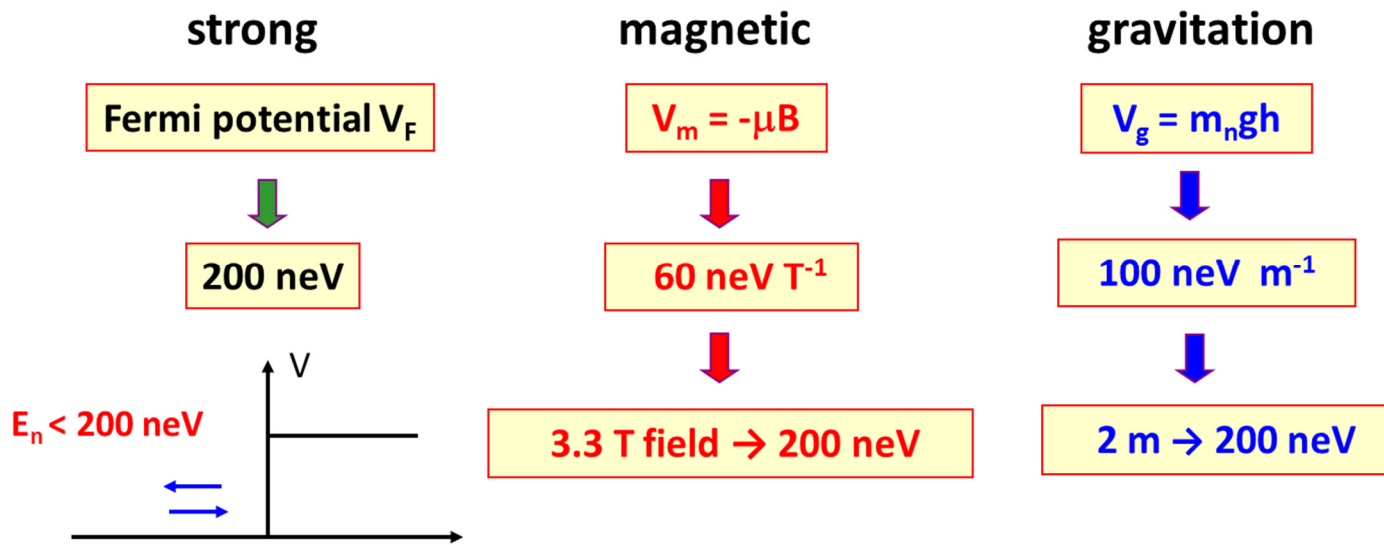
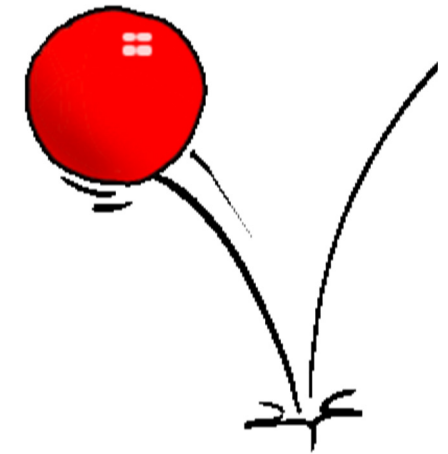


▶ Neutrons in a Bottle (UCN)



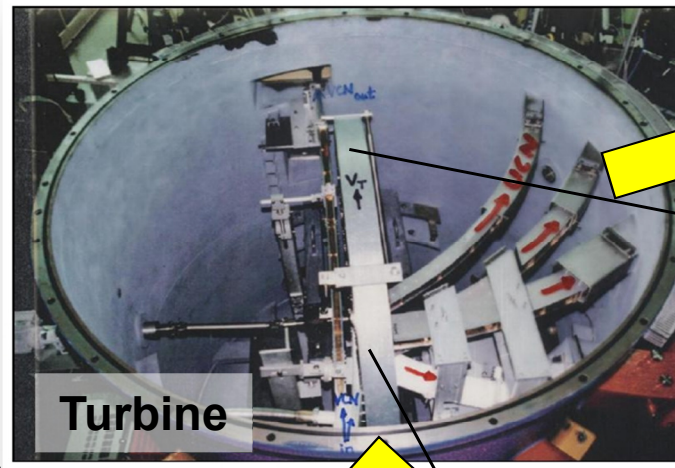
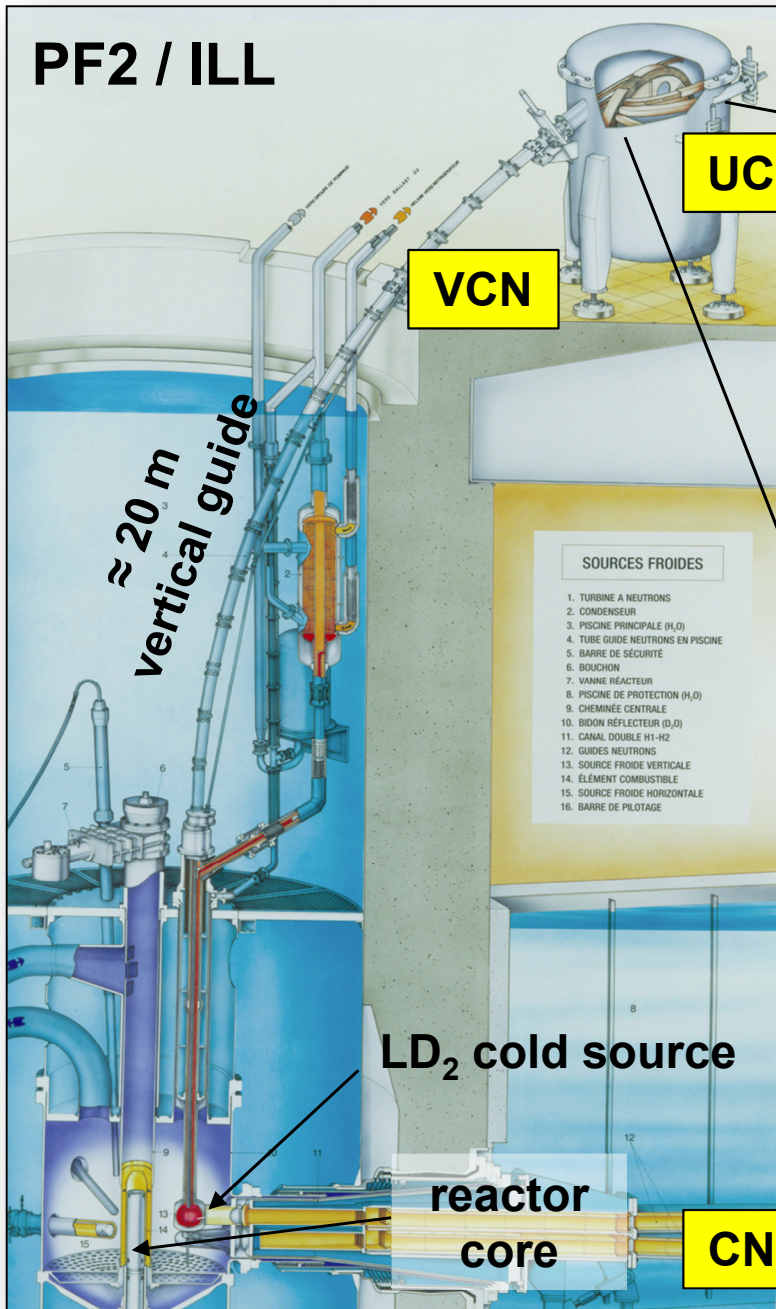
Ultracold Neutrons – Properties

- ▶ Ultracold Neutrons (UCN) behave similar to an ideal gas with temperatures in the mK range
- ▶ Velocities \approx a few m/s
- ▶ Storable in material traps/bottles



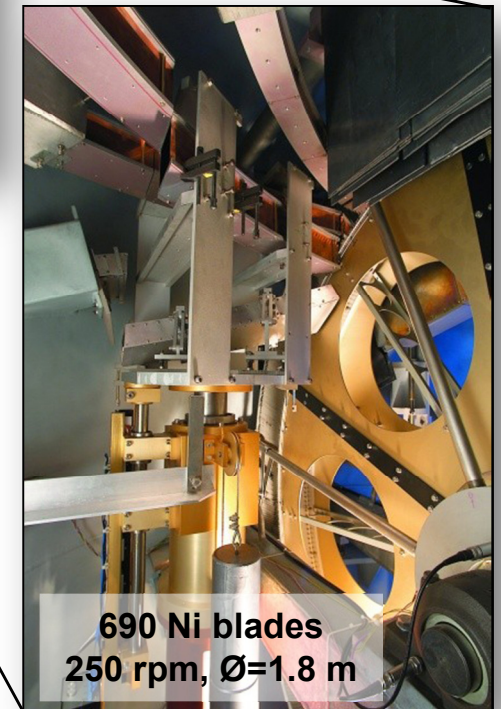
Ultracold Neutrons – Production

About 30 years of
UCN production at PF2



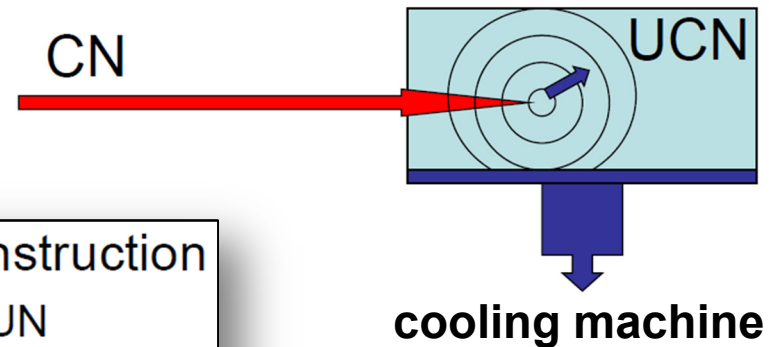
UCN to
experiments
 $10\text{-}50\text{ cm}^{-3}$

VCN from
vertical guide



► Superthermal UCN Production

$$\rho_{UCN} = \phi_{CN} R \tau_{UCN}$$



■ Operating:

- ILL PF-2 (turbine)
- LANL (sD2)
- PSI (sD2)
- TRIGA Mainz (sD2)

- RCNP (SF-He)
- ILL SUN (SF-He)
- [ILL: GRANIT, cryoEDM]
- [NIST: lifetime]

■ R&D and construction

- ILL SuperSUN
- TRIUMF/RCNP
- PNPI WWR-M
- NCSU PULSTAR
- FRM-2
- SNS-EDM

■ Possible projects

- J-PARC
- PIK
- ESS

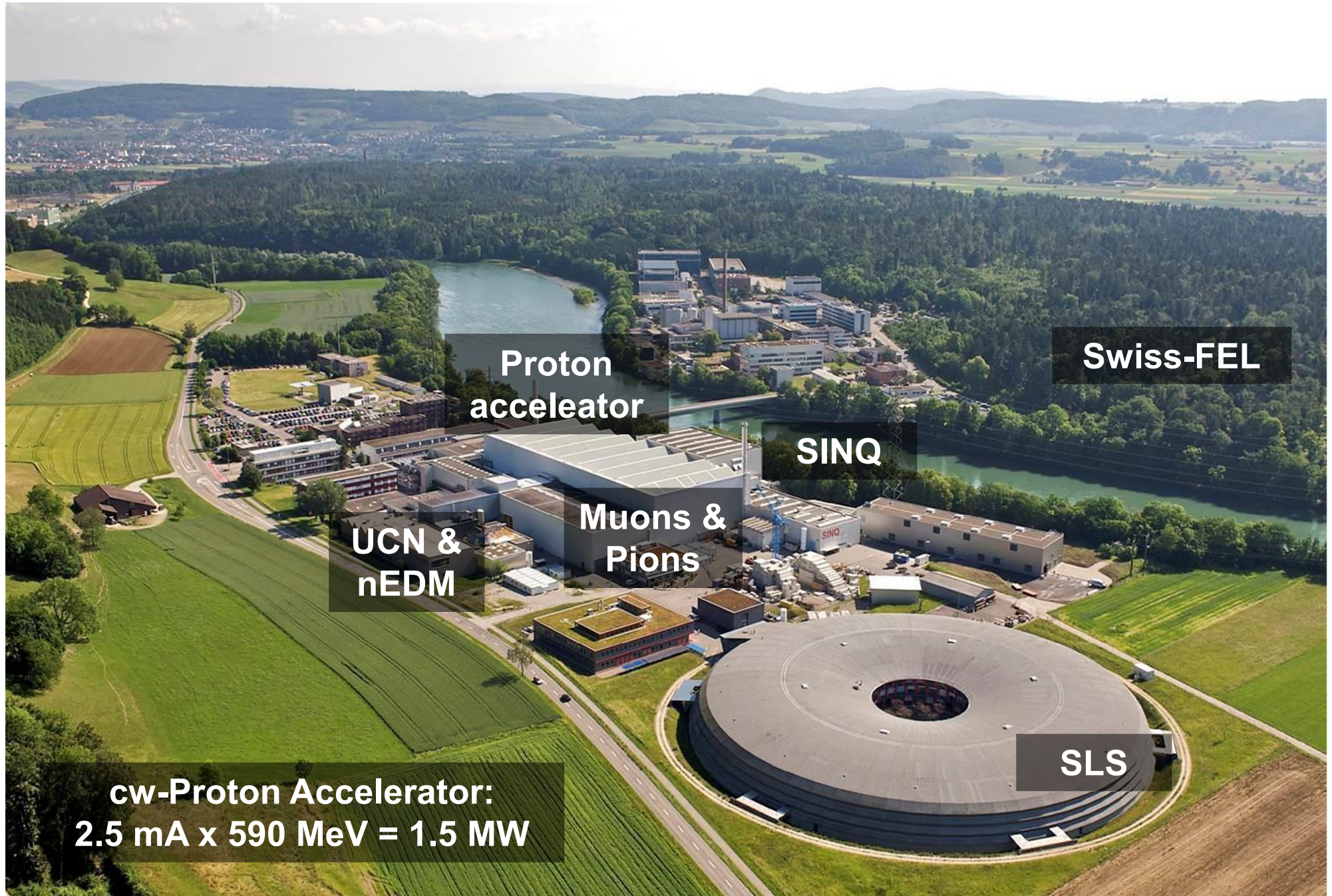


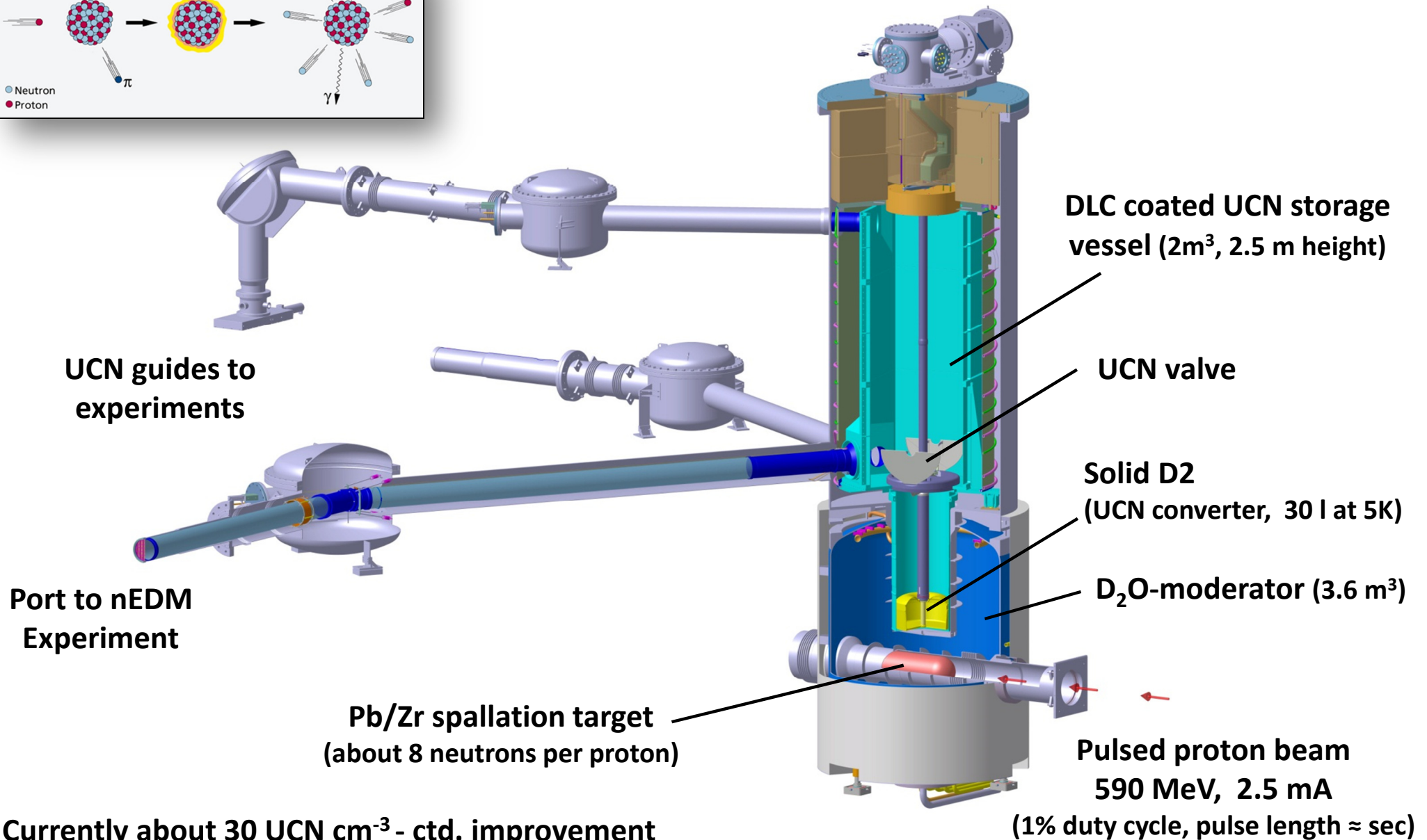
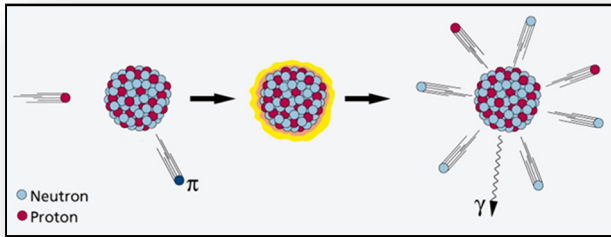
From: Roger Pynn

SF He: Golub & Pendlebury, PL 62A, 337 (1977)

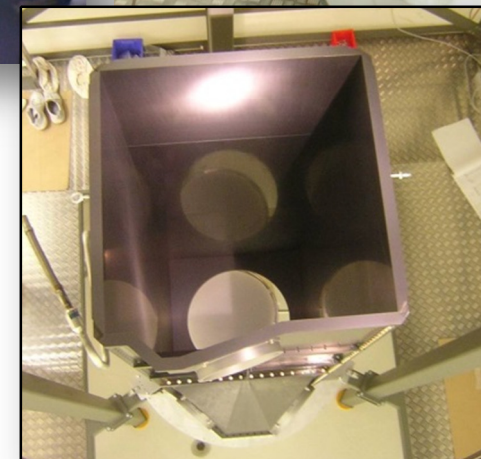
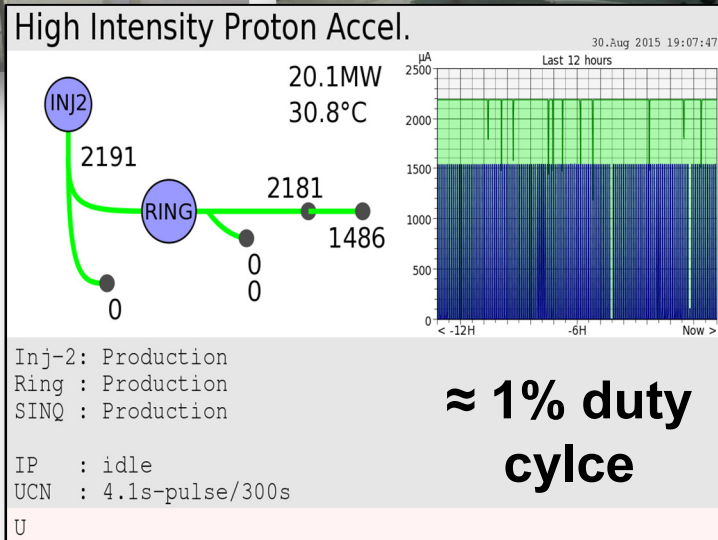
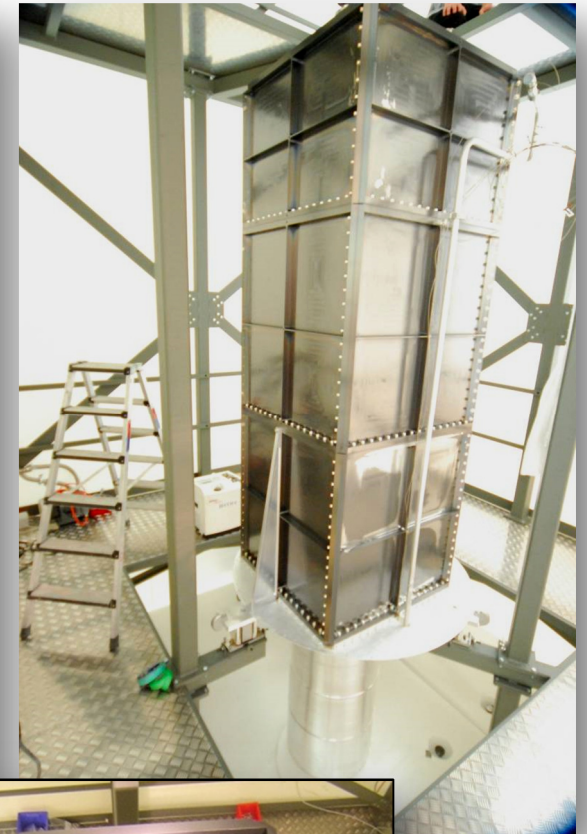
SD₂: Golub & Böning, ZPB 51, 95 (1983)
 Yu, Malik & Golub, ZPB 62, 137 (1986)

SF He: small R , long τ
 SD₂: large R , short τ

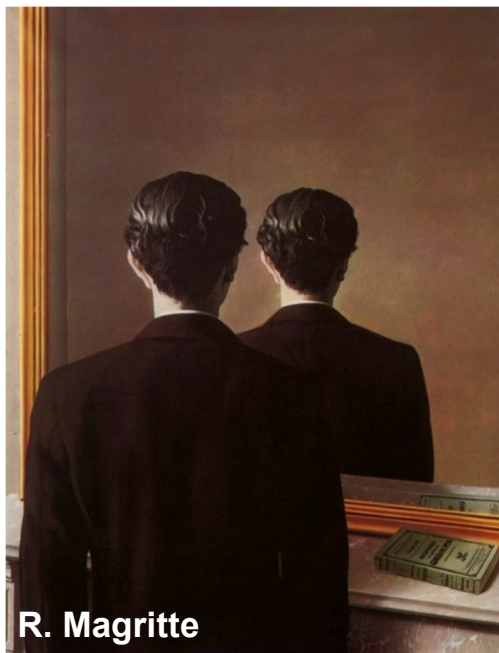




Currently about 30 UCN cm⁻³ - ctd. improvement
UCN to nEDM experiment since 2012

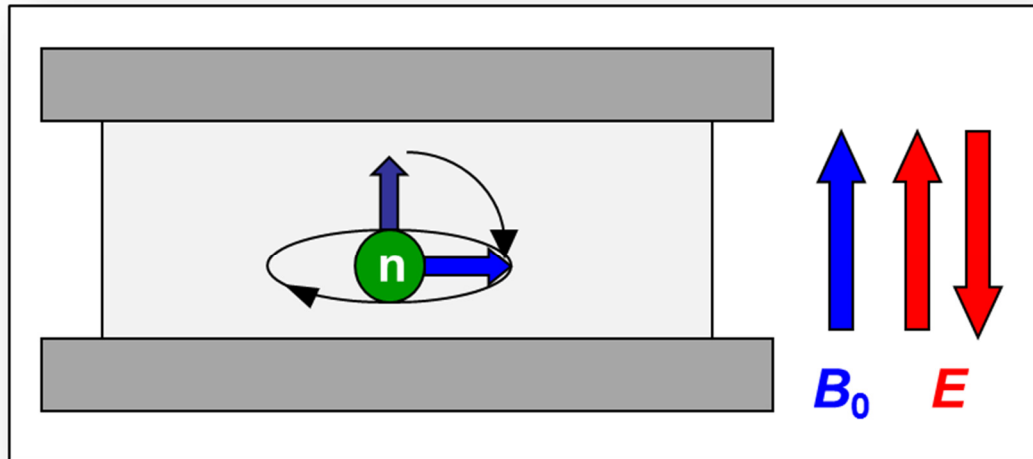


▶ Ramsey's Method & nEDM



R. Magritte

- ▶ Determine Larmor precession frequency of UCN in E//B fields:



$$\left. \begin{aligned} \hbar\omega_{\uparrow\uparrow} &= -2\mu_n B_0 - 2d_n E \\ \hbar\omega_{\uparrow\downarrow} &= -2\mu_n B_0 + 2d_n E \end{aligned} \right\} \longrightarrow \boxed{\hbar\Delta\omega = 4d_n E}$$

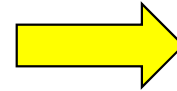
for $B_0 = \text{const.}$

- ▶ Ideal technique:
Ramsey's method of separated oscillating fields



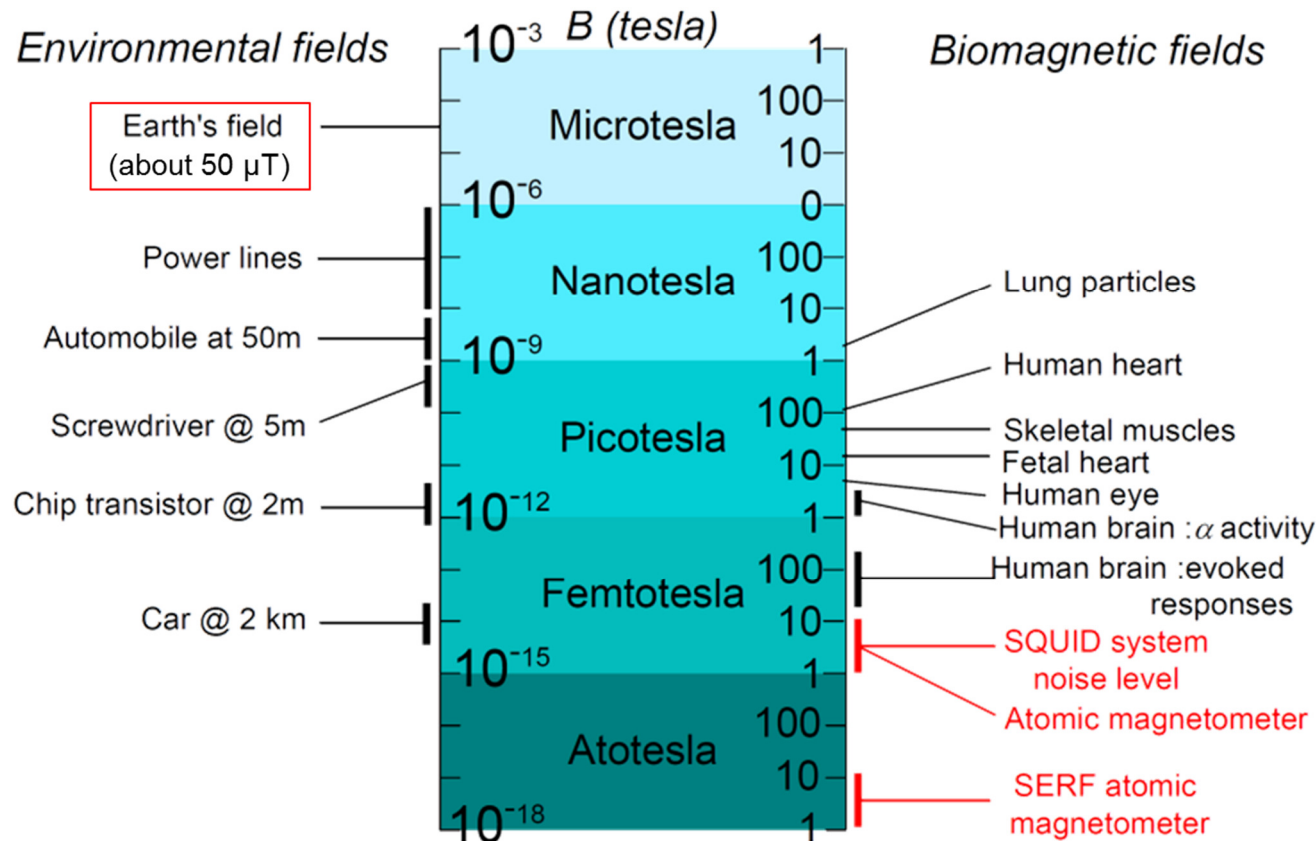
Norman Ramsey

$$d_{n,false} = \frac{\hbar \gamma_n}{4E} \cdot \Delta B$$

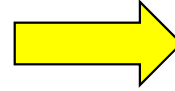


$$d_{n,false} = \underline{3 \times 10^{-27} \text{ e cm}}$$

with: $\Delta B = 1 \text{ fT}$, $E = 10 \text{ kV/cm}$



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► Is it necessary to stabilize the field on the below fT level ?

YES

for effects correlated with ***E*-field direction**,
e.g. leakage currents, magnetisation due to
charging of electrodes (gradients),
geom. phases etc.

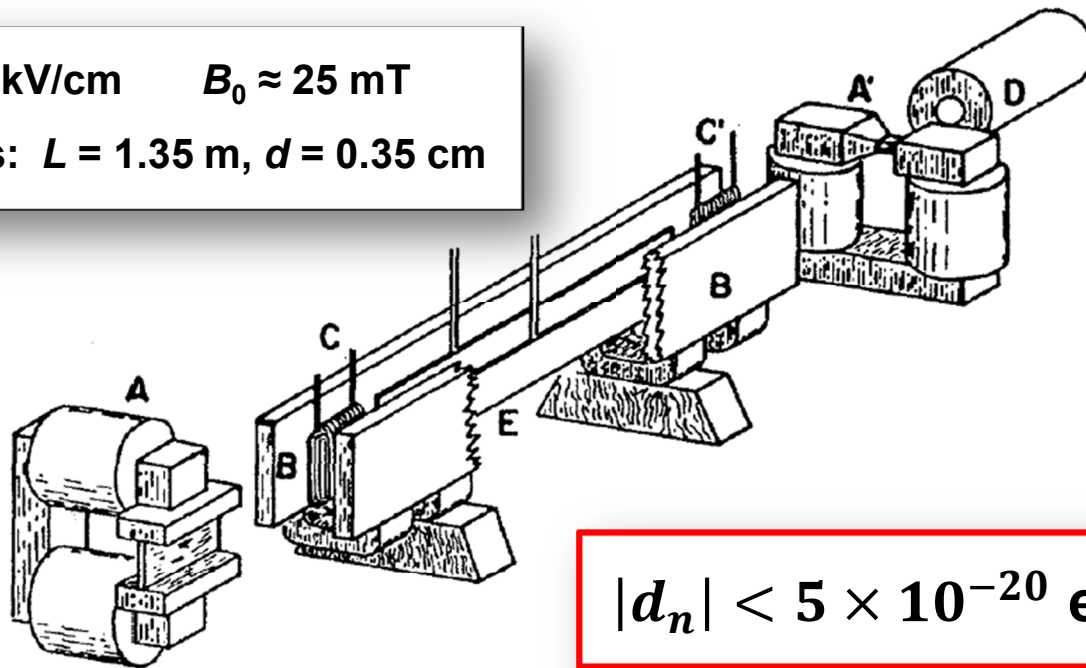
NO

for **random noise effects**, which will
average out over time.

First nEDM Experiment (Oak Ridge)

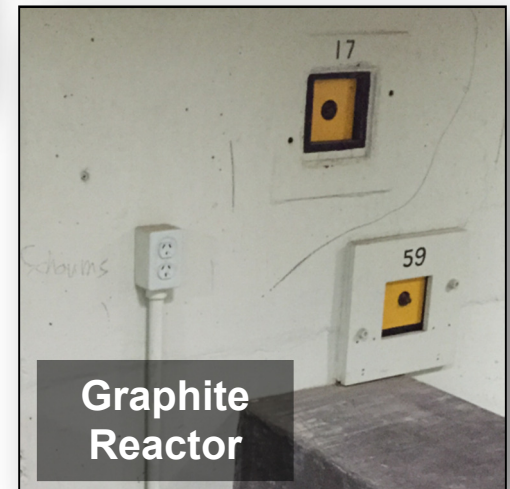
$$E \approx 70 \text{ kV/cm} \quad B_0 \approx 25 \text{ mT}$$

Electrodes: $L = 1.35 \text{ m}$, $d = 0.35 \text{ cm}$



$$|d_n| < 5 \times 10^{-20} \text{ e cm}$$

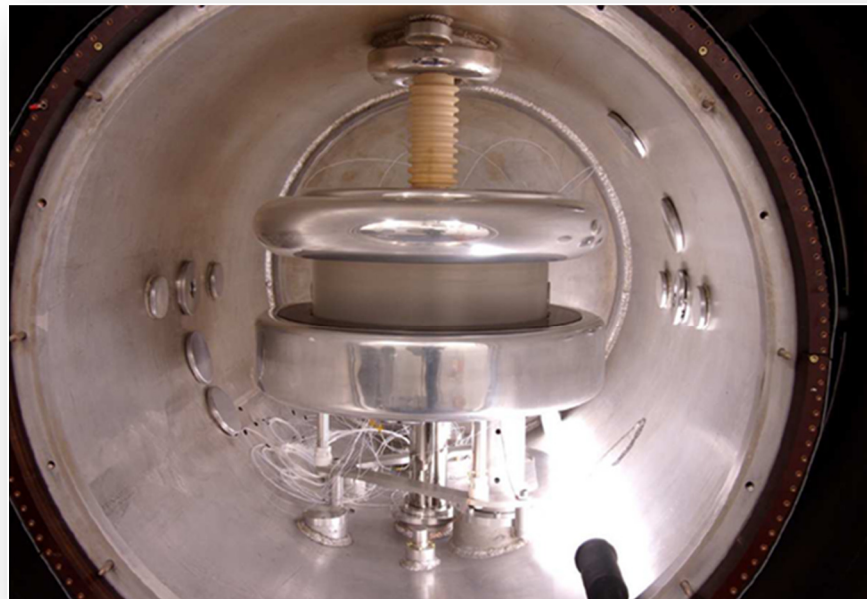
FIG. 1. Schematic diagram of the apparatus. *A*, the magnetized iron mirror polarizer. *A'*, the magnetized iron transmission analyzer. *B*, the pole faces of the homogeneous field magnet. Note the horseshoe-like magnets bolted along the bottom. *C*, *C'*, the coils for the radio-frequency magnetic field. *D*, the BF_3 neutron counter. The magnetic fields in the polarizing magnet and the homogeneous field magnet are at right angles, and two twisted iron strips were used between them to rotate the neutron spins adiabatically.



Smith, Purcell, Ramsey, Phys. Rev. 108, 120 (1957)



▶ nEDM Experiment at PSI





- About 50 members from 8 countries and 14 institutions.
- Experiment is performed at the new UCN source at the Paul Scherrer Institute in Villigen (Switzerland).

 nedm.web.psi.ch



Collaboration Meeting 2014



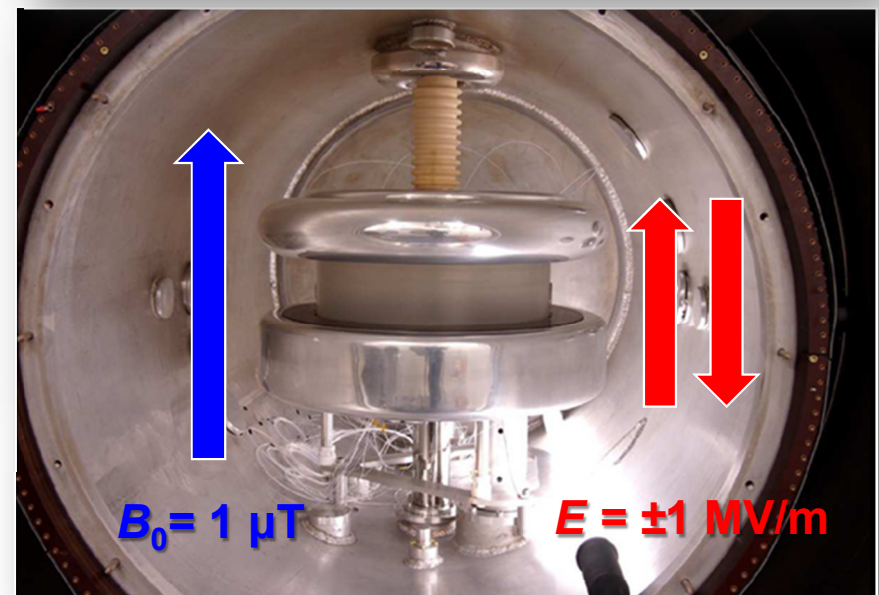
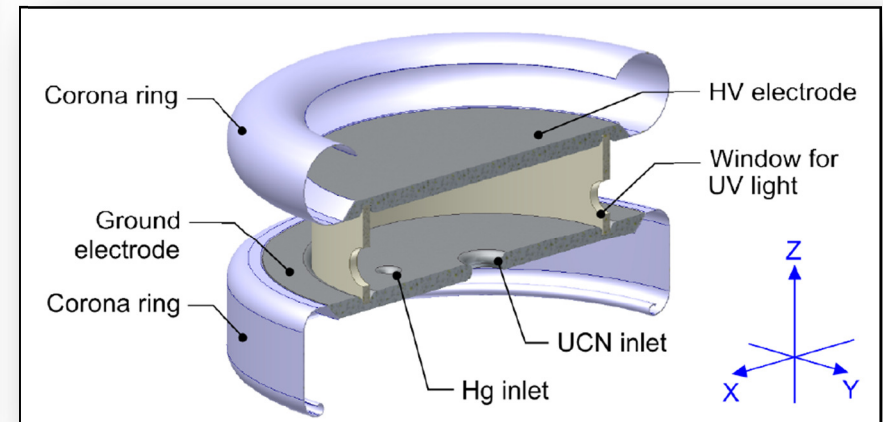
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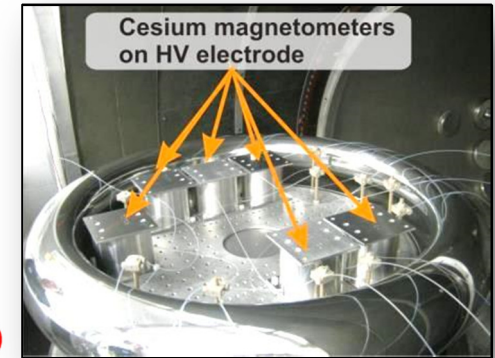
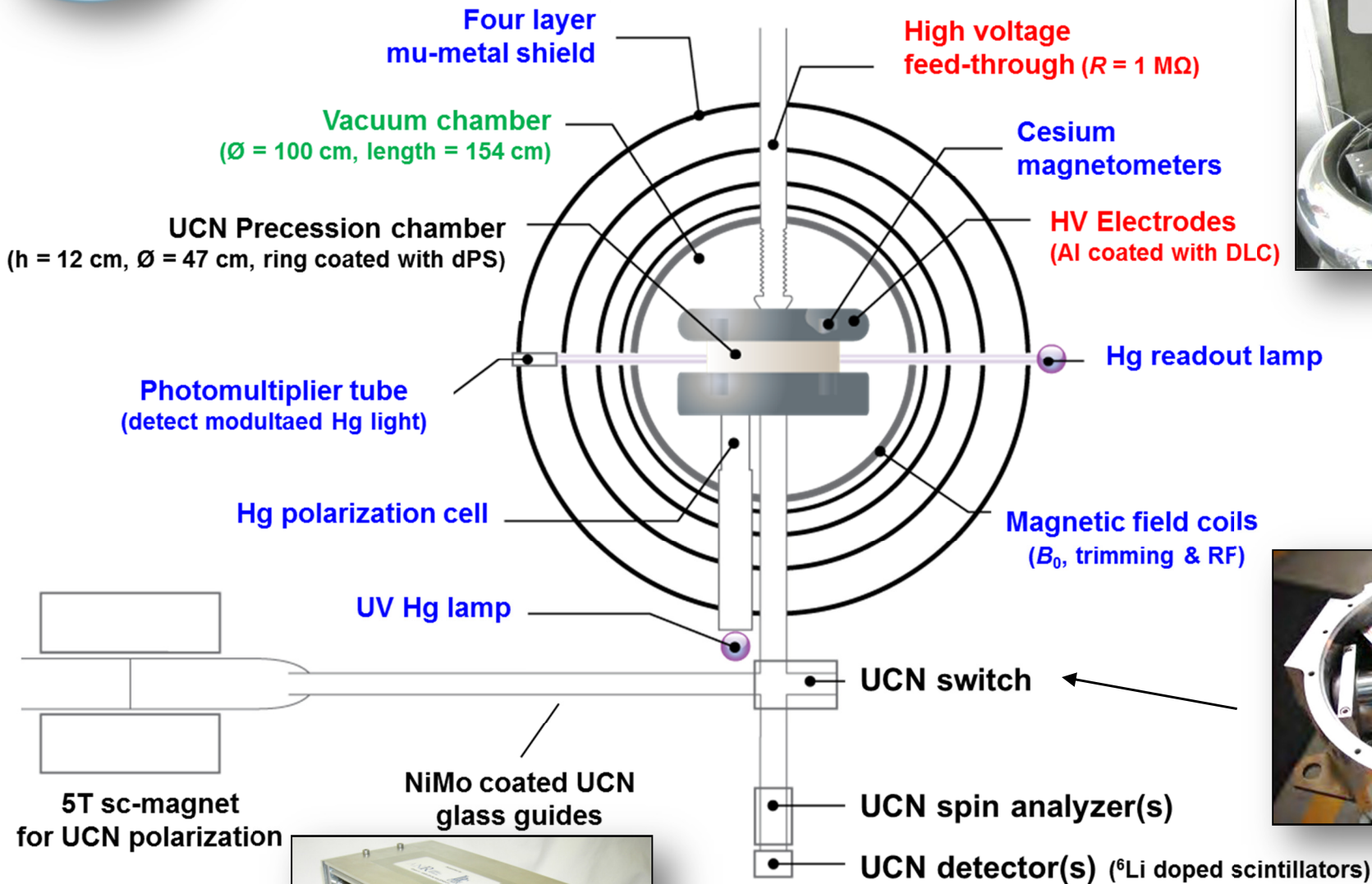
Improved apparatus of the RAL/Sussex/ILL experiment



Thermal Insolation & Stabilization

Active Magnetic Shielding Coils (3D)

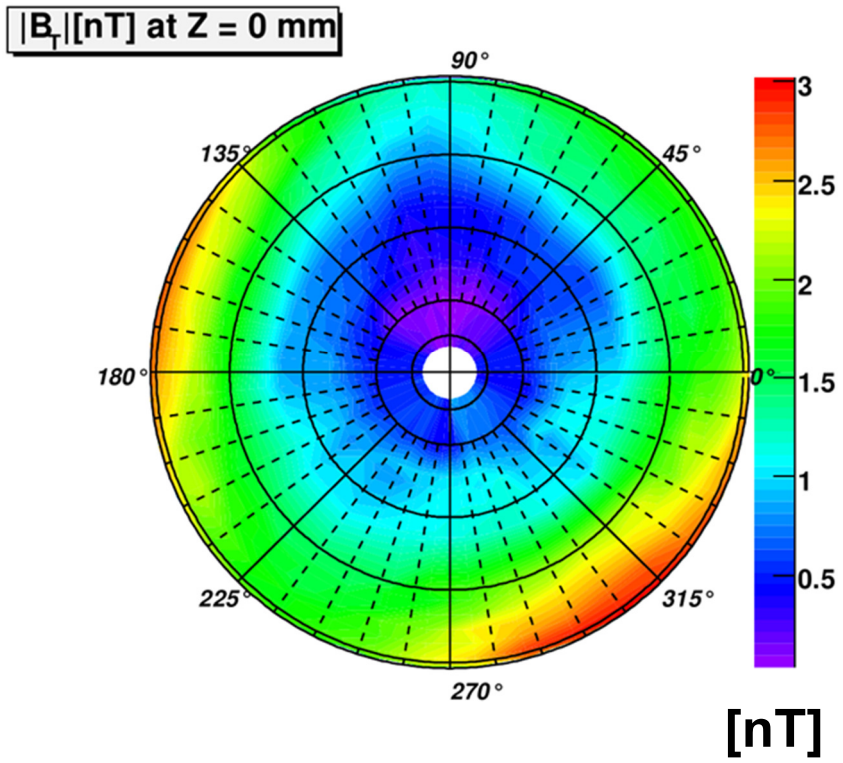
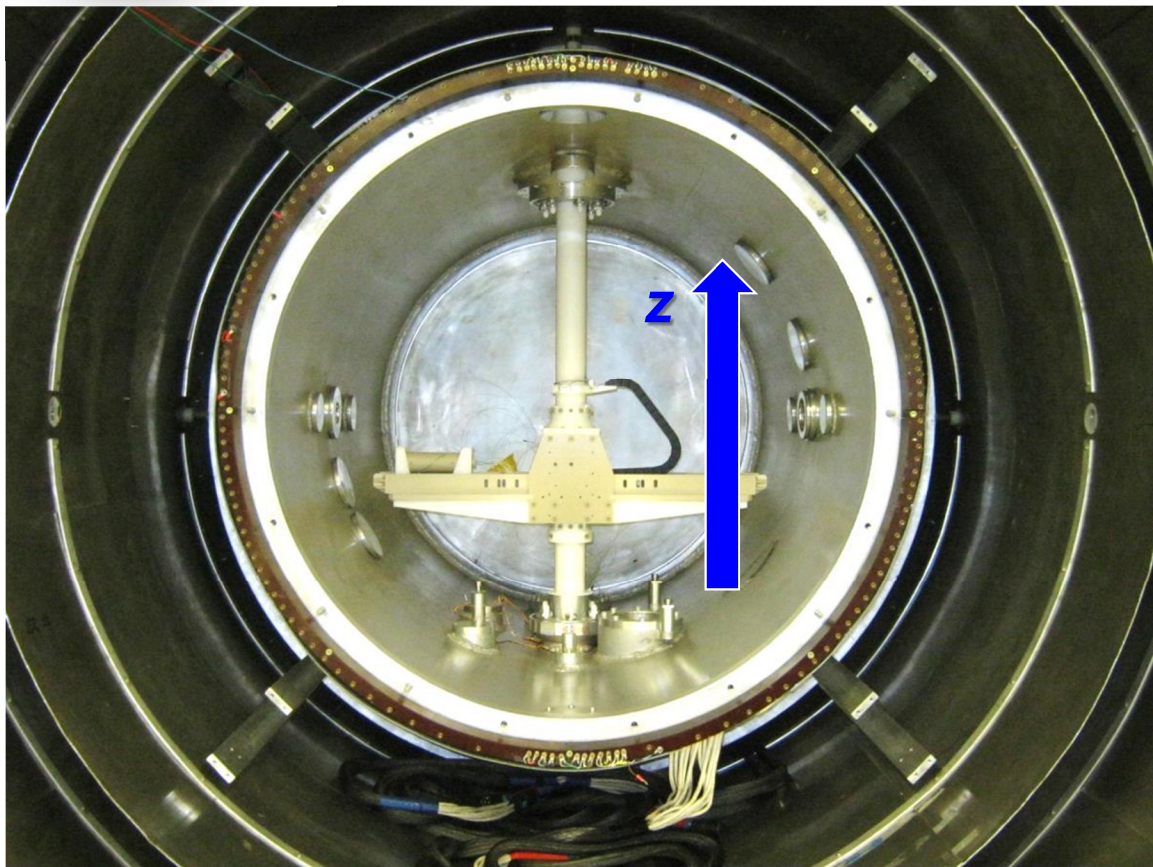




- E-Field
- Neutrons
- B-Field
- Vacuum



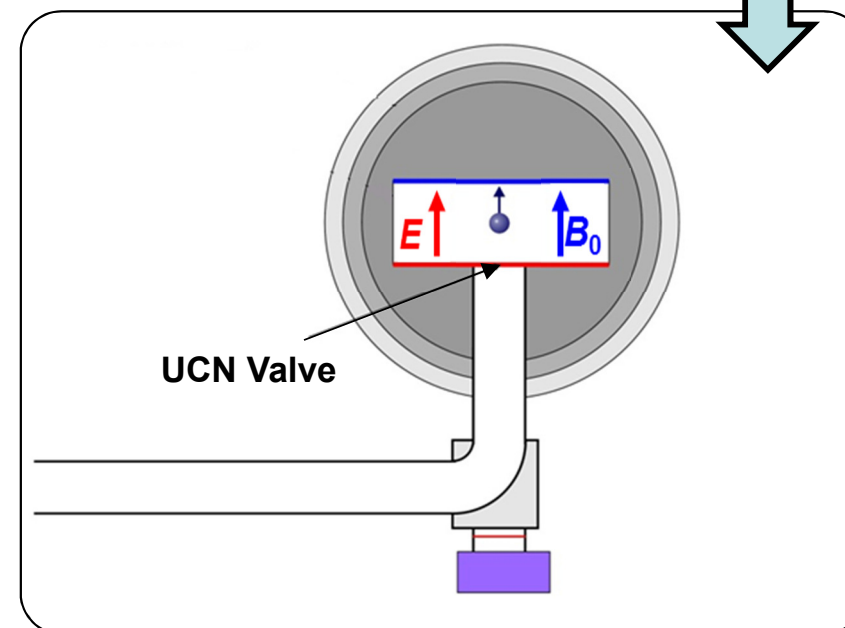
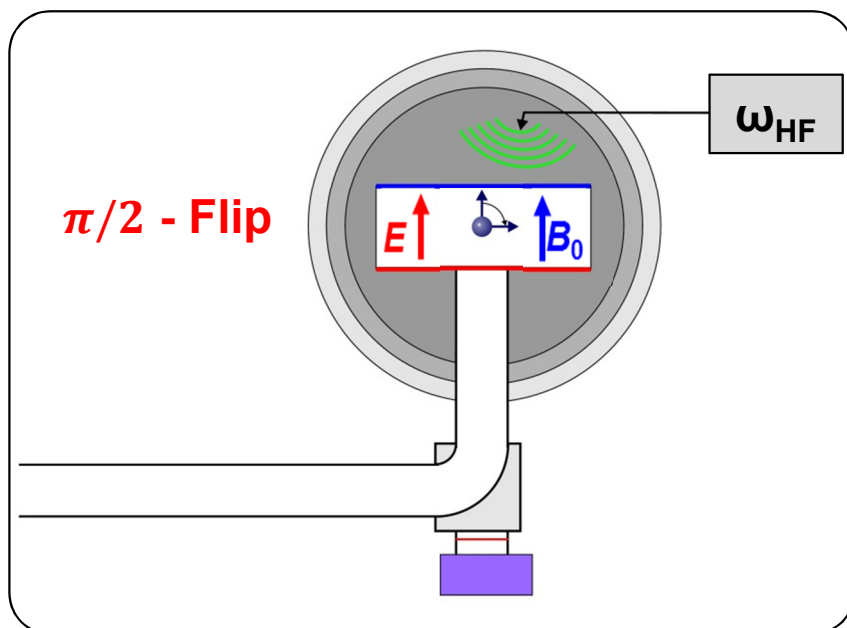
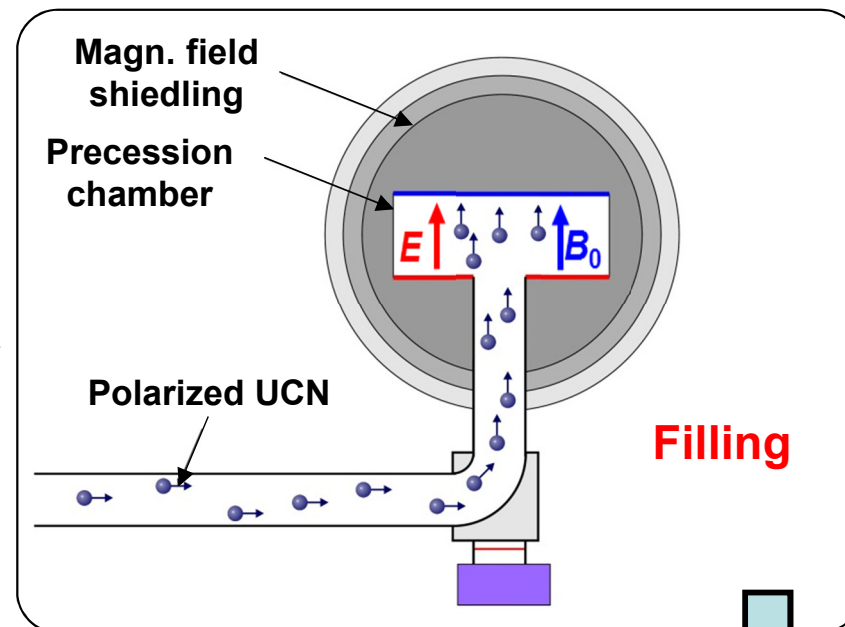
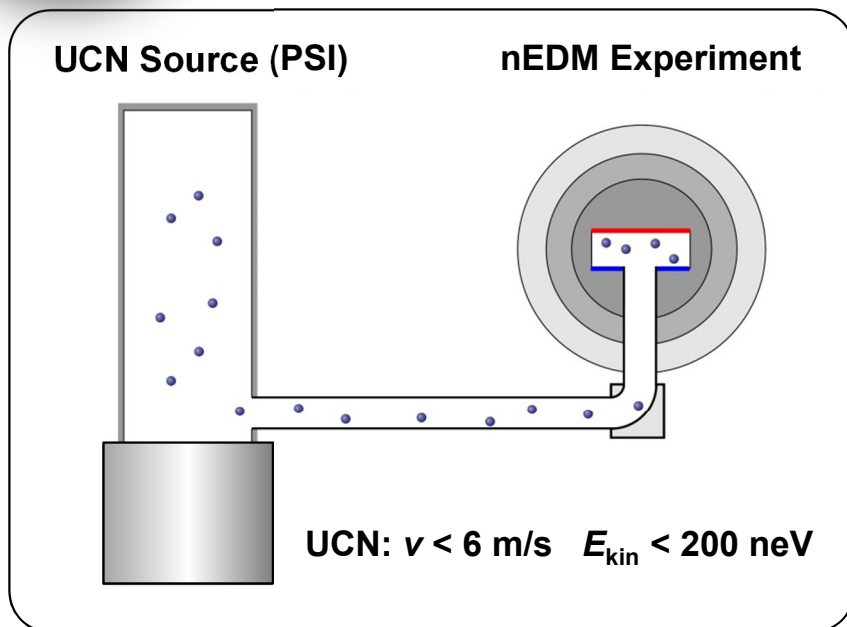
Magnetic Field Mapping / Transverse Fields



- Automated field mapping using a 3-axis precision fluxgate
- Robot-arm made from non-magnetic materials
- Perform regular offset-calibration runs to compensate for drifts

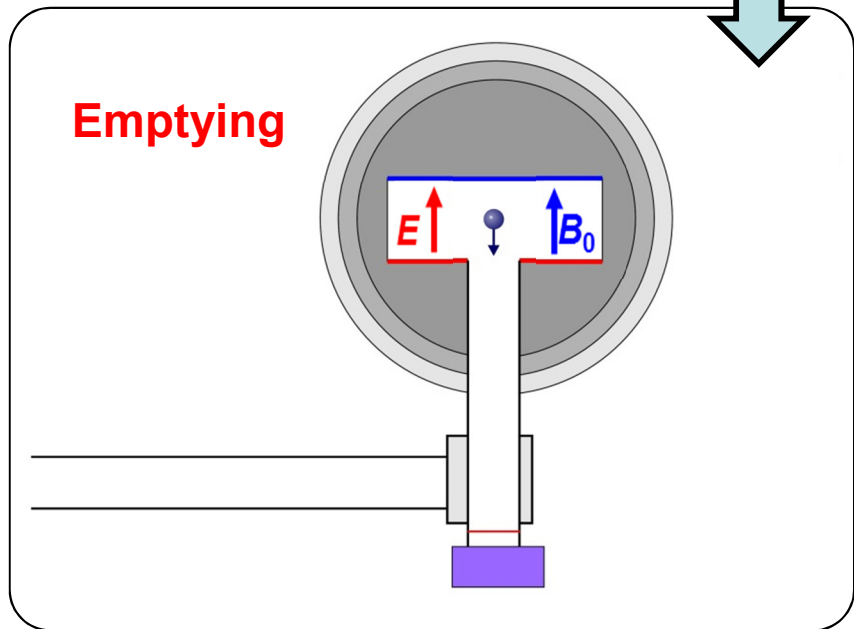
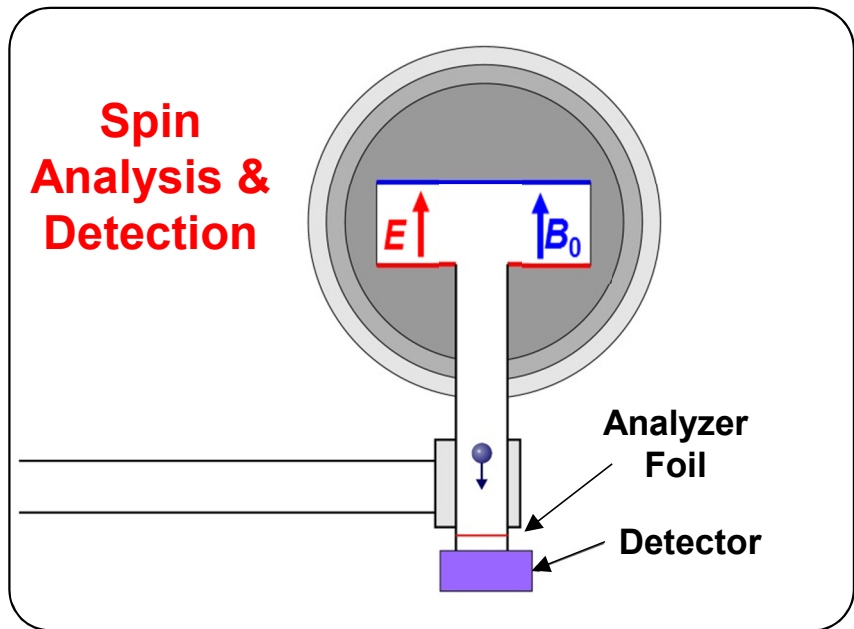
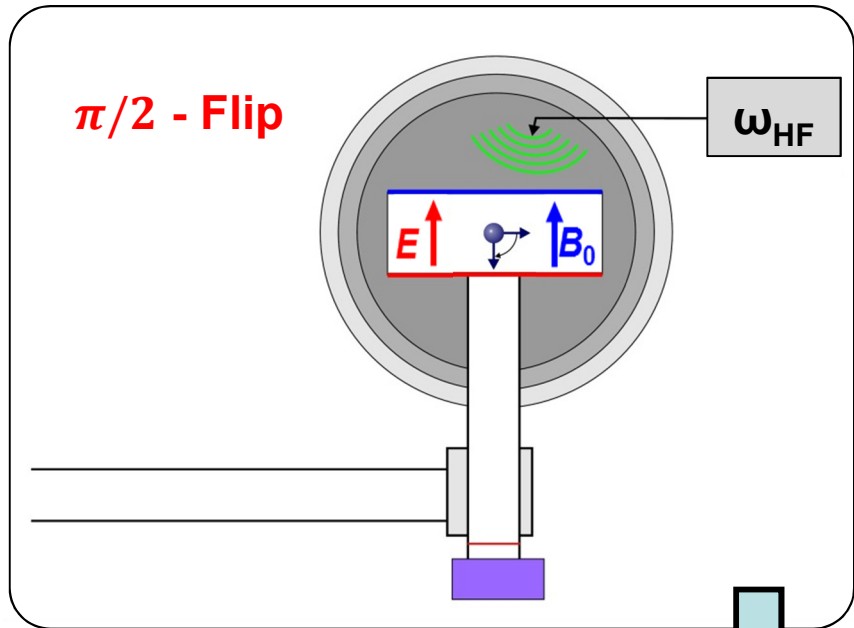
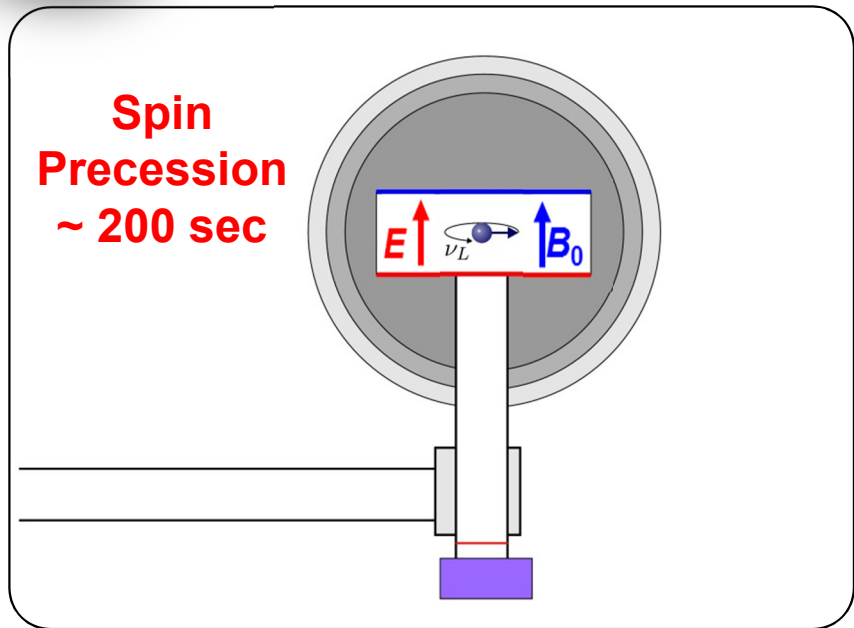


Ramsey Cycle



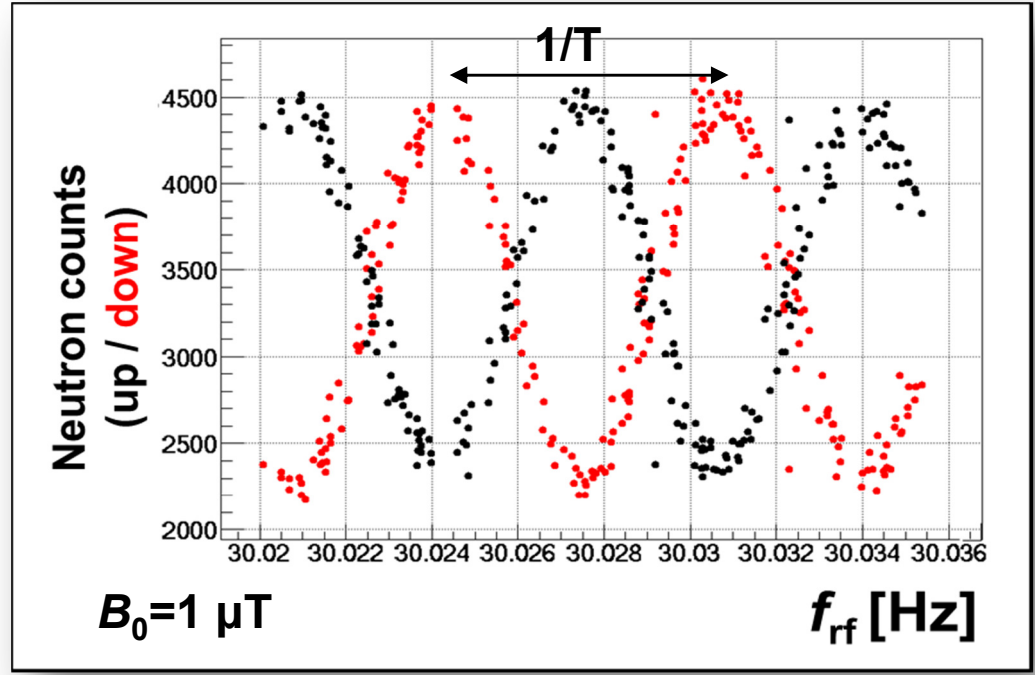
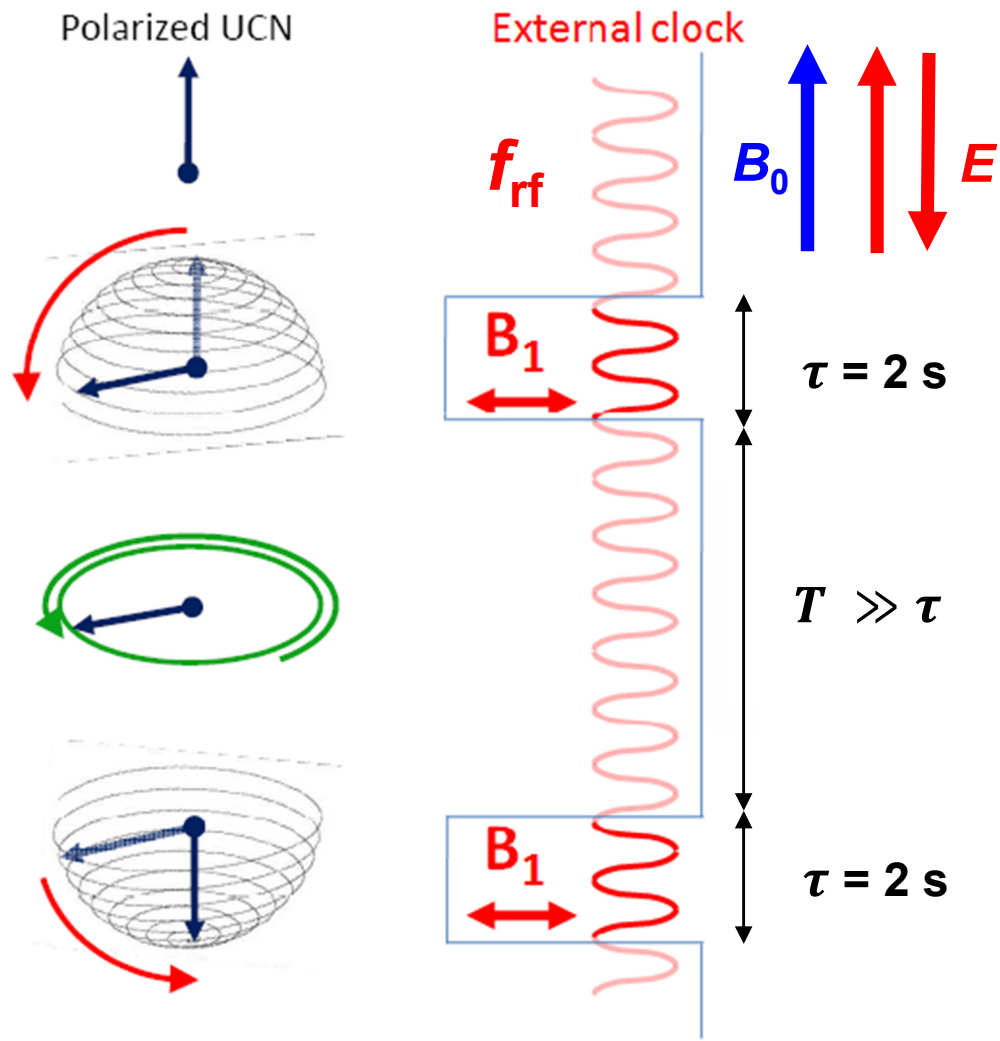


Ramsey Cycle





Ramsey Method with UCN



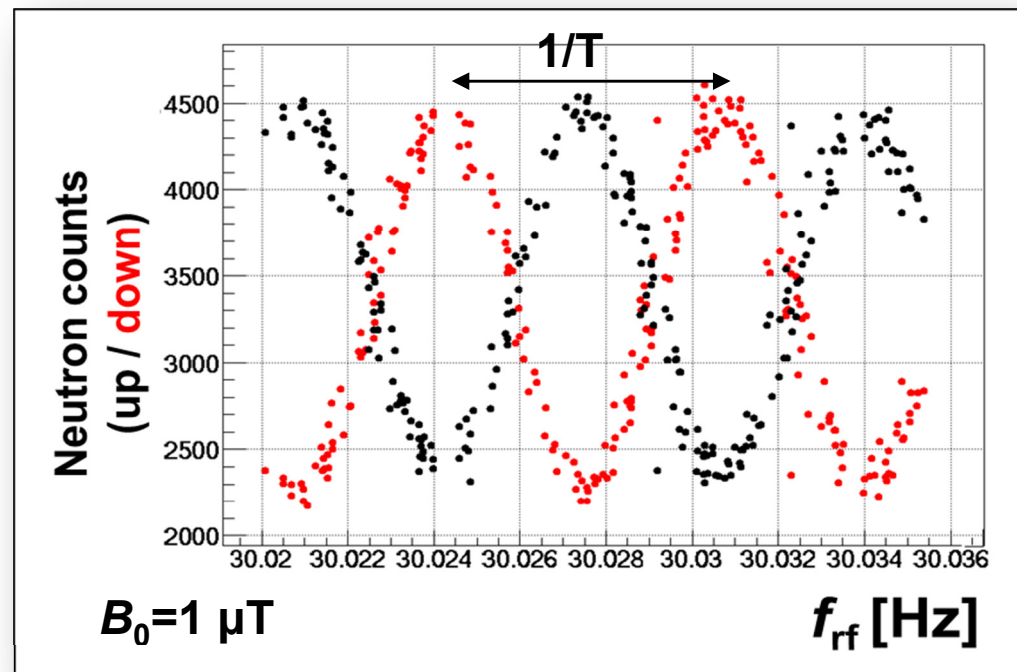
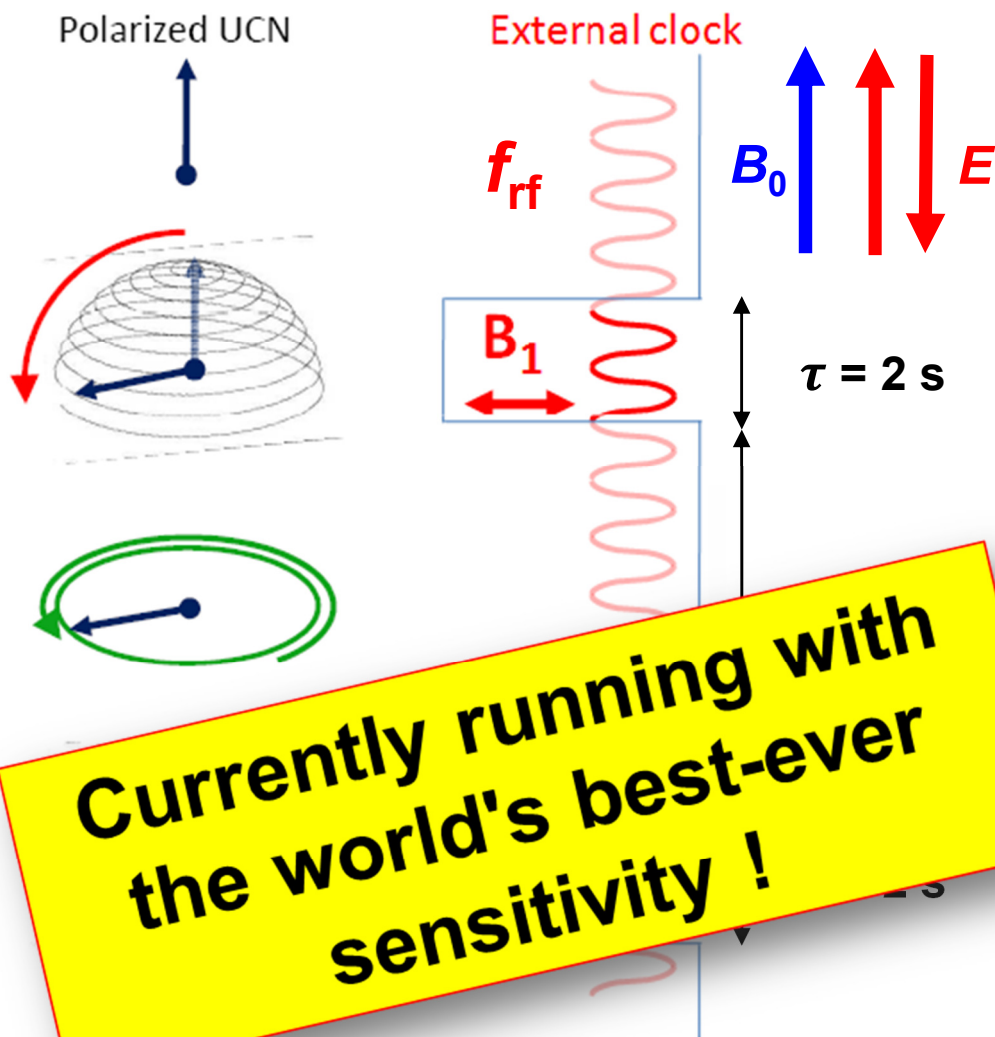
Sensitivity

$$\sigma(d_n) \propto \frac{1}{\alpha T E \sqrt{N}}$$

- α : signal visibility (≈ 0.75)
- T : free precession time (about 200 s)
- E : electric field strength (≈ 10 kV/cm)
- N : number of neutrons (≈ 8000 /cycle)

Currently (2015): $\sigma \approx 2 \times 10^{-25}$ ecm/day

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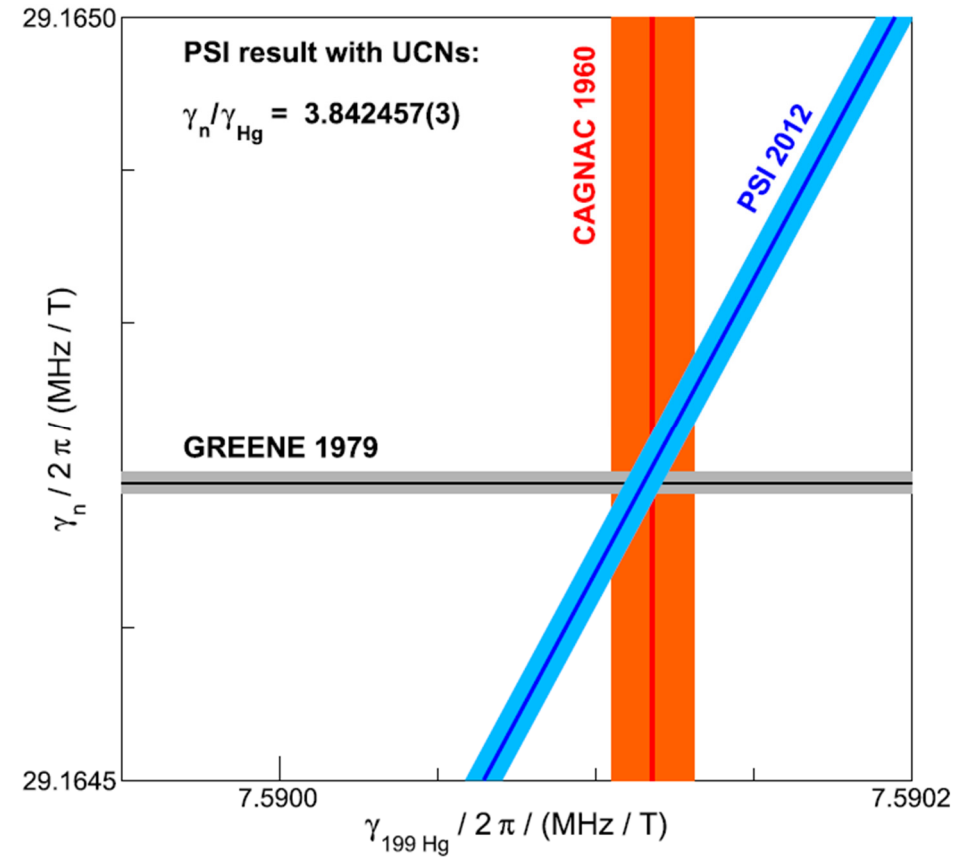
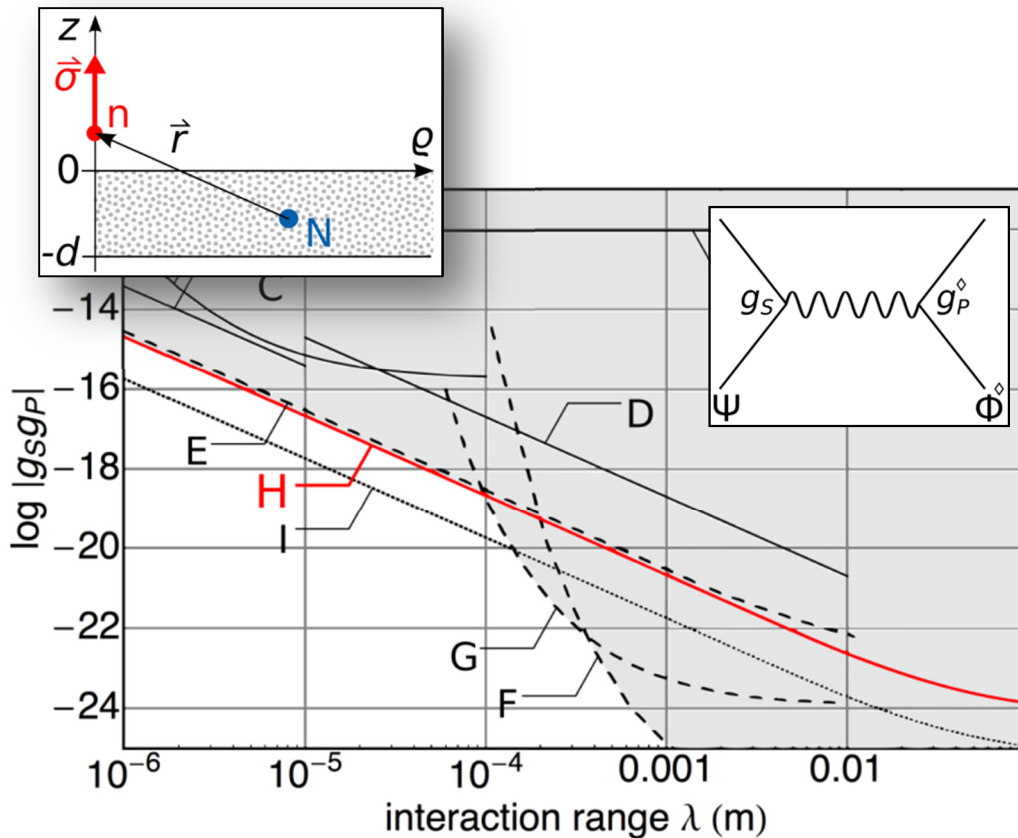
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Two recent Highlights beyond the nEDM

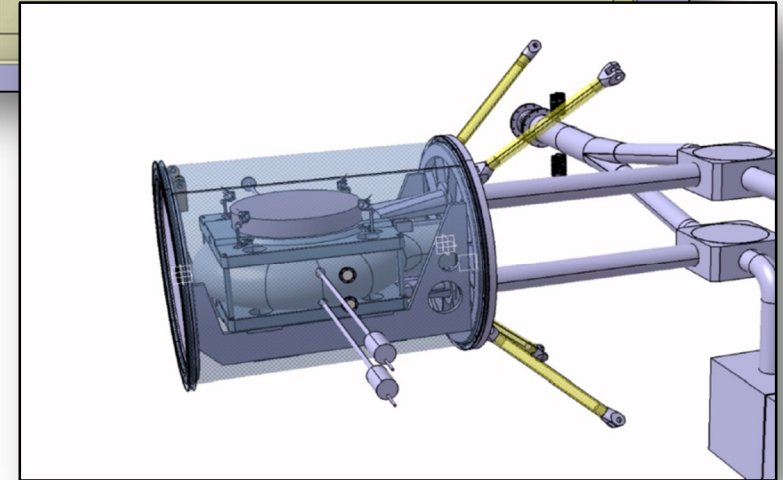
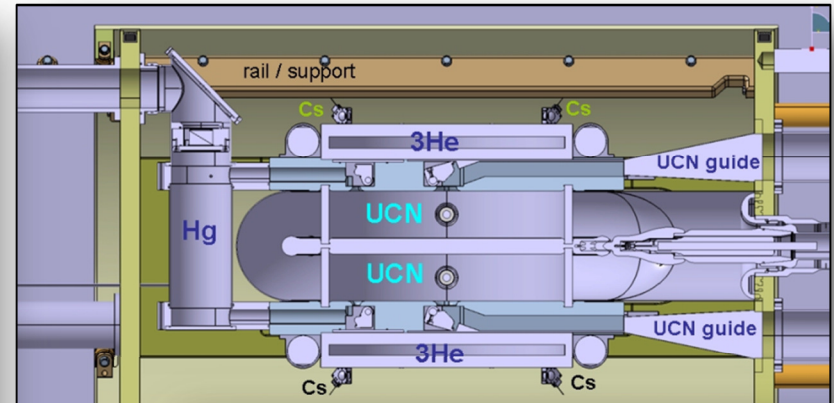
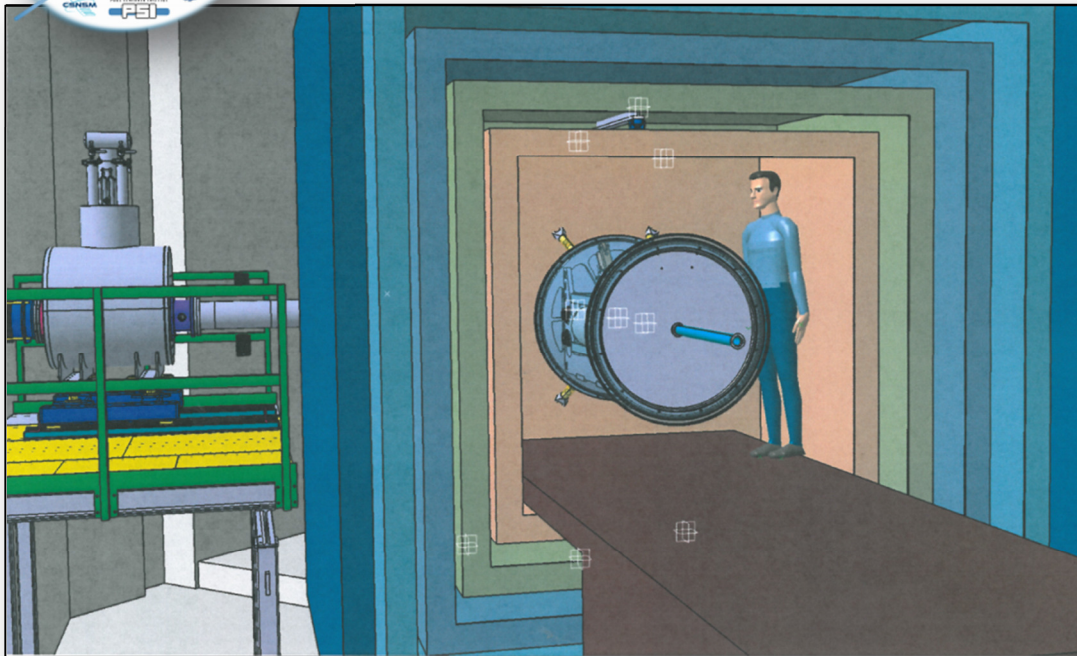
► Physics results obtained with the same Ramsey apparatus:



$n/^{199}\text{Hg}$ - magnetic moment ratio **

* Afach et al., Phys. Lett. B 745, 58 (2015)

** Afach et al., Phys. Lett. B 739, 128 (2014)



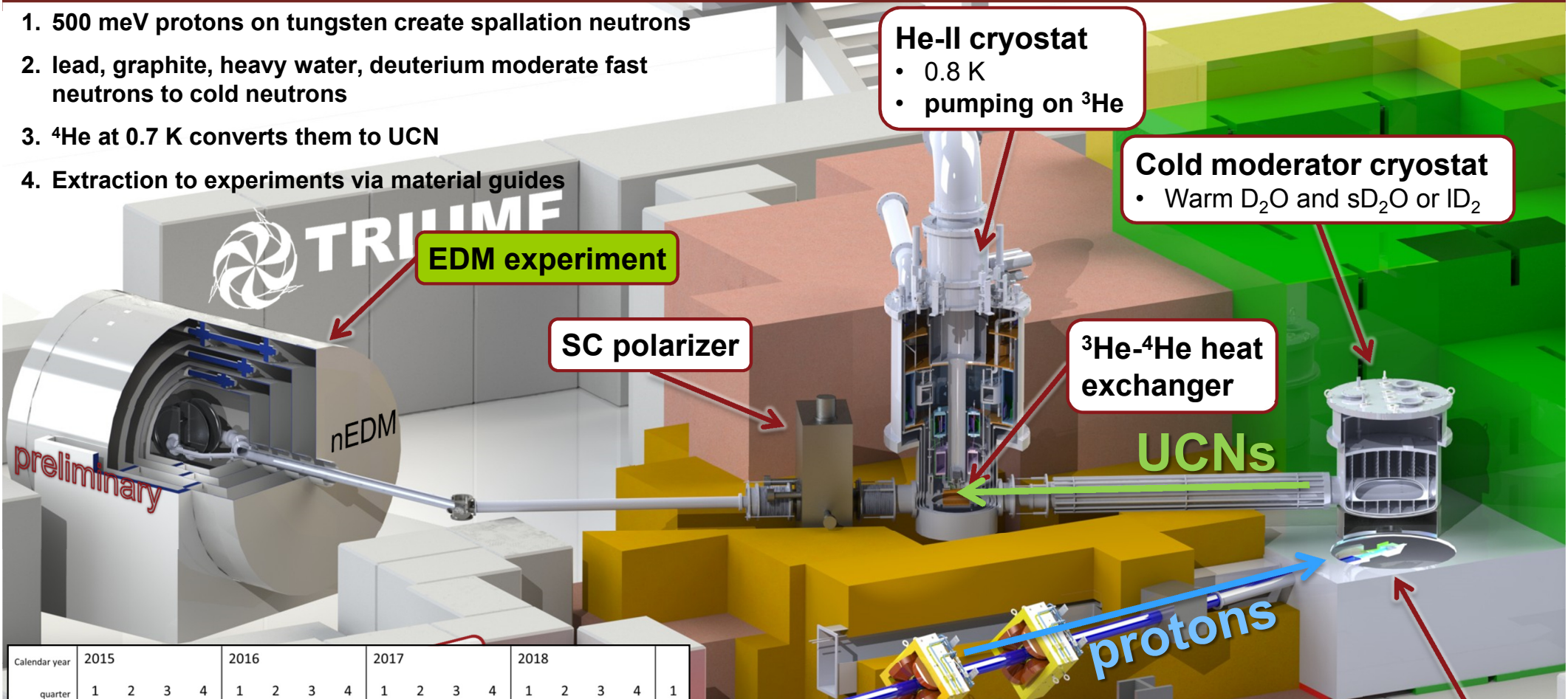
► New features/improvements:

- Two UCN precession chambers with opposite electric field directions (suppress B -field drift susceptibility, E -field correlated gradients remain important)
- Improved magnetic environment due to better shielding & compensation
- Higher neutron statistics due to better adaption to PSI UCN source
- Improved magnetometry (Hg, Vector-Cs, ^3He)

▶ Worldwide Neutron EDM Searches



- 500 meV protons on tungsten create spallation neutrons
- lead, graphite, heavy water, deuterium moderate fast neutrons to cold neutrons
- ^4He at 0.7 K converts them to UCN
- Extraction to experiments via material guides



Calendar year	2015				2016				2017				2018			
quarter	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
UCN																
@RCNP	UCN development				move to TRIUMF											
@TRIUMF	Beamline, target, shielding install				Source install				LD ₂ upgrade, Be bottle				Source commission			
EDM																
@RCNP	EDM development				move to TRIUMF											
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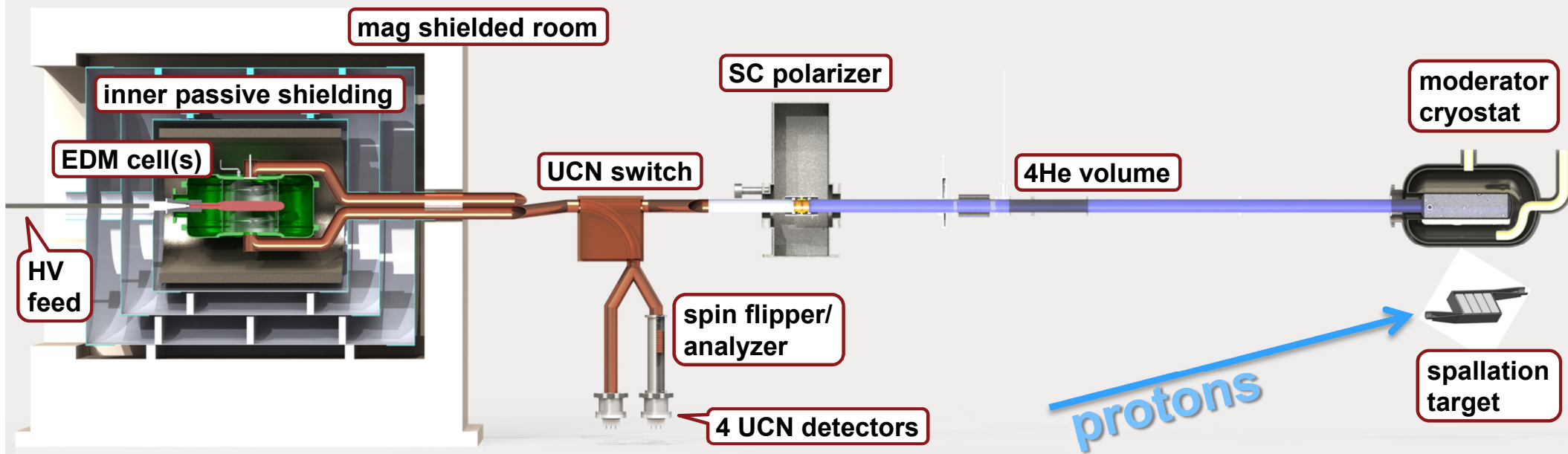
Timeline

Spallation target

- beam power: 20 kW (during 1 min beam on target) and 5 kW (average)
- tungsten (Ta cladded)
- water cooled
- cladded target blocks have been fabricated in Japan

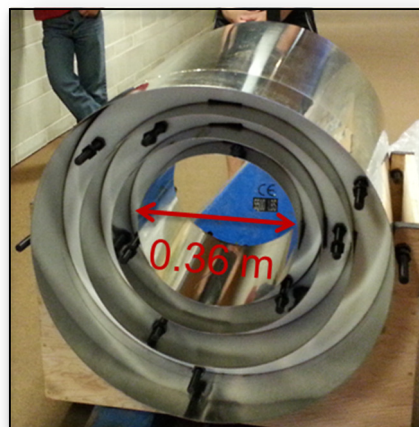
temp profiles

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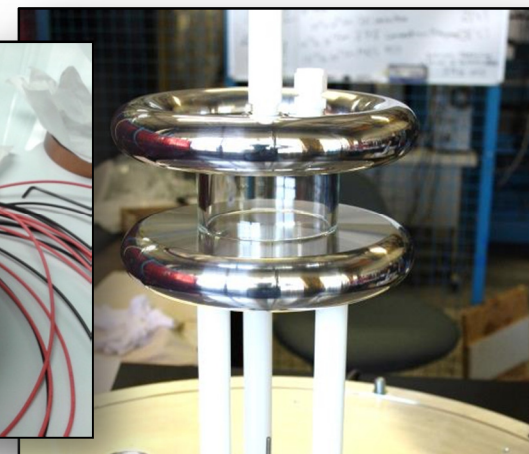
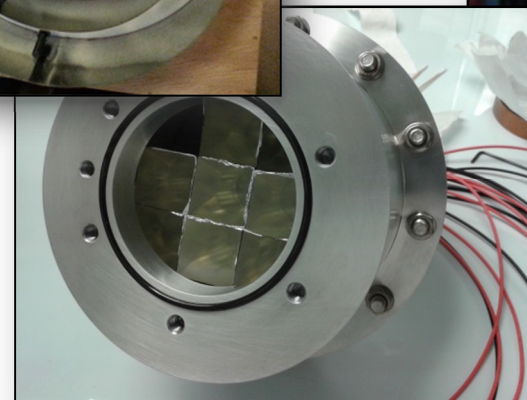


Conceptual design guidelines

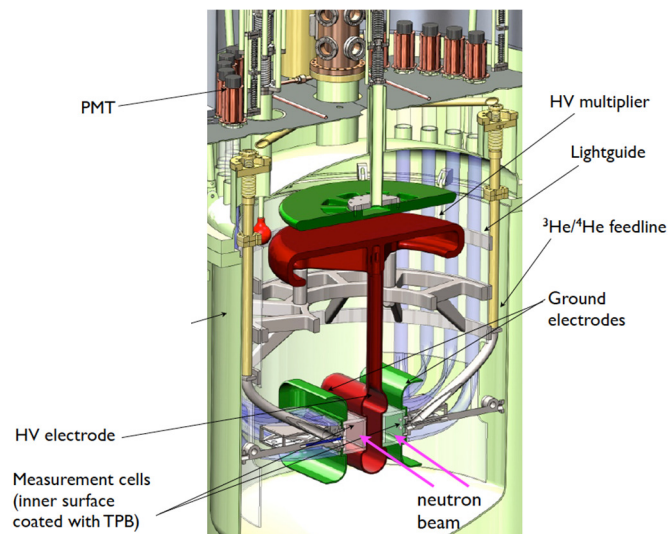
- **high count rate UCN detector**
- **two larger EDM cells, central HV electrode**
 - increase in total UCN number
 - simultaneous measurement of both E field directions
 - additional symmetry
- **higher Fermi potential**
 - DLC, NiMo + dPS, dPE, larger phase space
- **dual co-magnetometer**
 - cross check
 - gradient determination
- **simultaneous counting of both spin states**
 - gain in sensitivity
- **improved magnetic environment**
 - magnetically shielded room for mag development and longer lasting flexibility



**Many R&D items
and simulations ongoing**



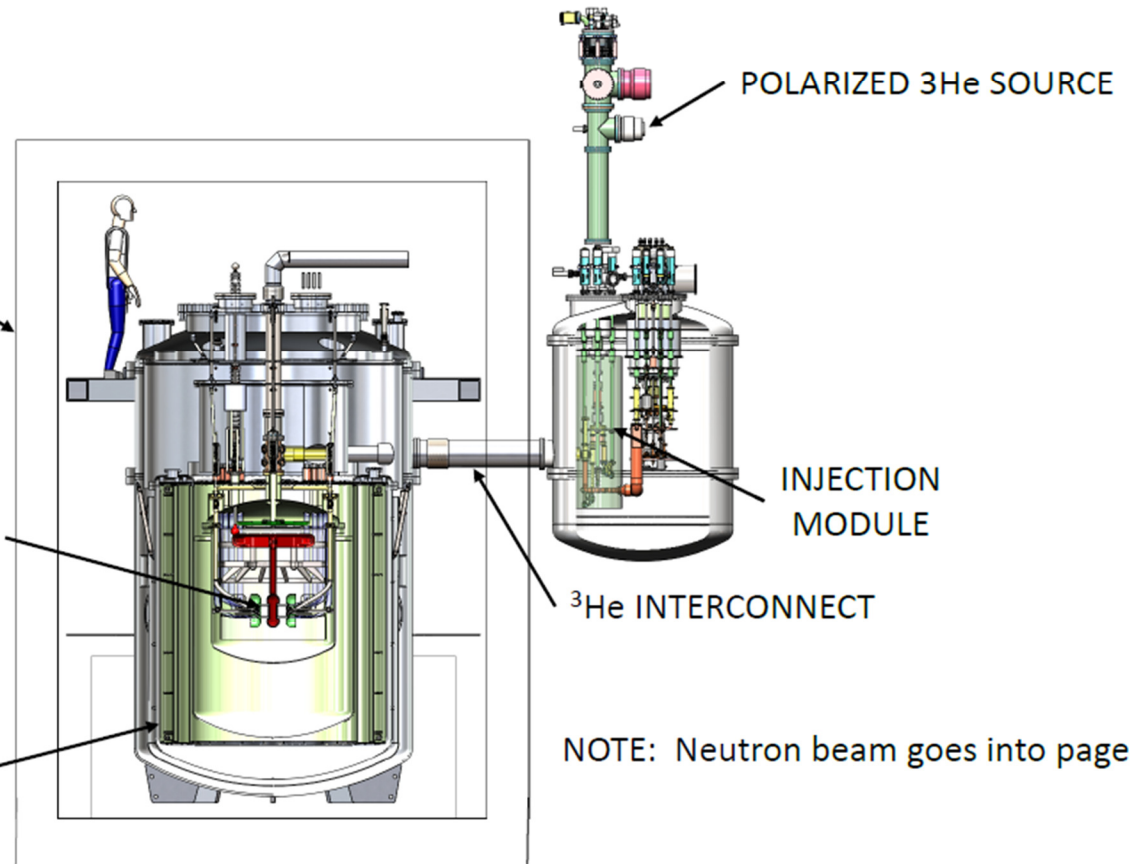
A cryogenic experiment



MAGNETIC SHIELD HOUSE

MEASUREMENT CELLS

MAGNET PACKAGE



2014-2017 Critical Component Demonstration is underway

2018-2020 Large Scale Integration etc.

2021 Begin Commissioning & Data-taking

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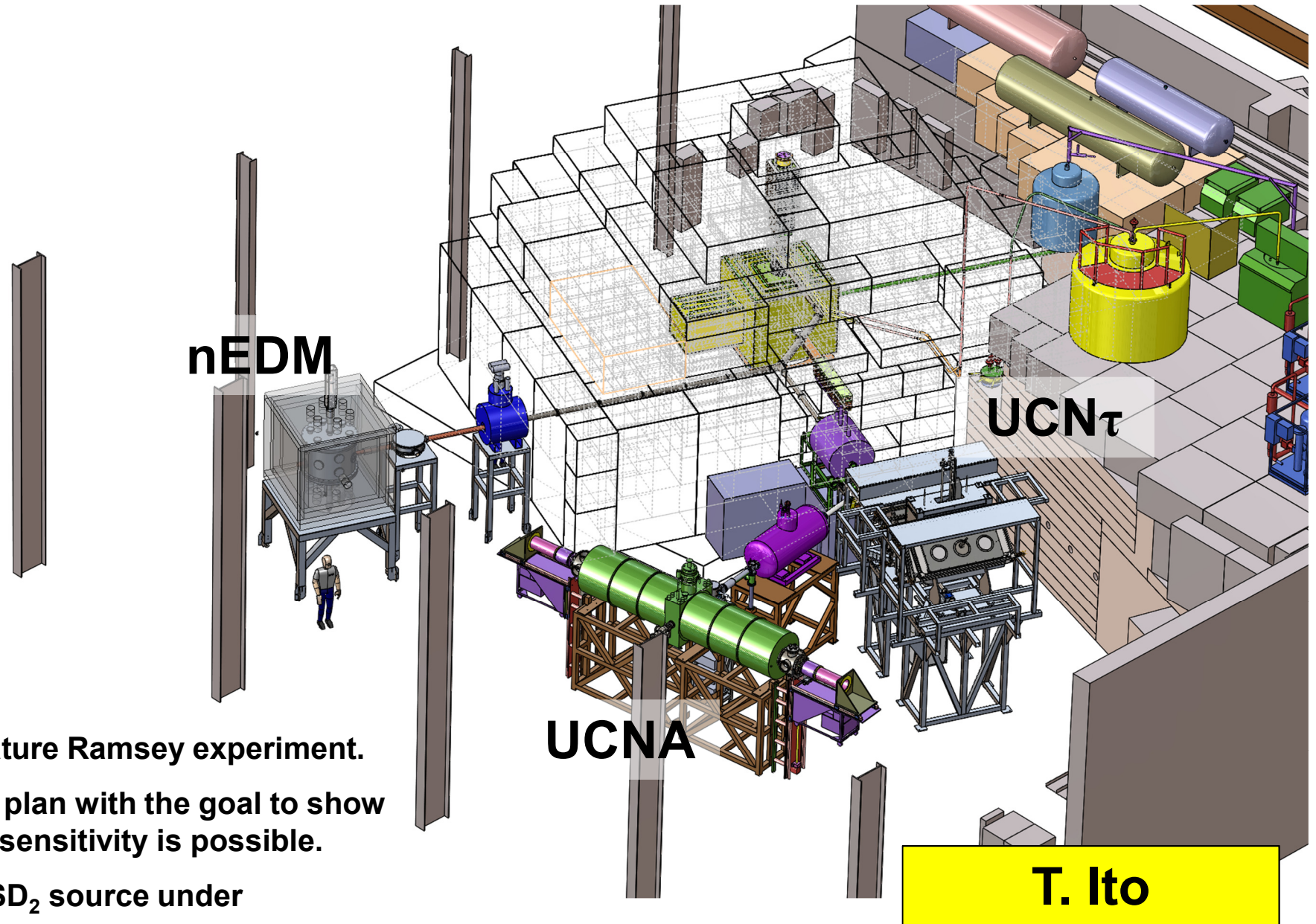
Key Features of nEDM@SNS

- Sensitivity: $\sim 2 \times 10^{-28}$ e-cm, 100 times better than existing limit
- • In-situ Production of UCN in superfluid helium (no UCN transport)
- **Polarized ^3He co-magnetometer**
 - – Also functions as neutron spin precession monitor via spin-dependent n- ^3He capture cross section using wavelength-shifted scintillation light in the LHe
 - Ability to vary influence of external B-fields via “dressed spins”
 - Extra RF field allows synching of n & ^3He relative precession frequency
- Superconducting Magnetic Shield
- • Two cells with opposite E-field
- Control of central-volume temperature
 - Can vary ^3He diffusion (mfp)- big change in geometric phase effect on ^3He

Arguably the most ambitious of all neutron EDM experiments

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Schematic of Area B with the proposed nEDM experiment at LANL



A room temperature Ramsey experiment.

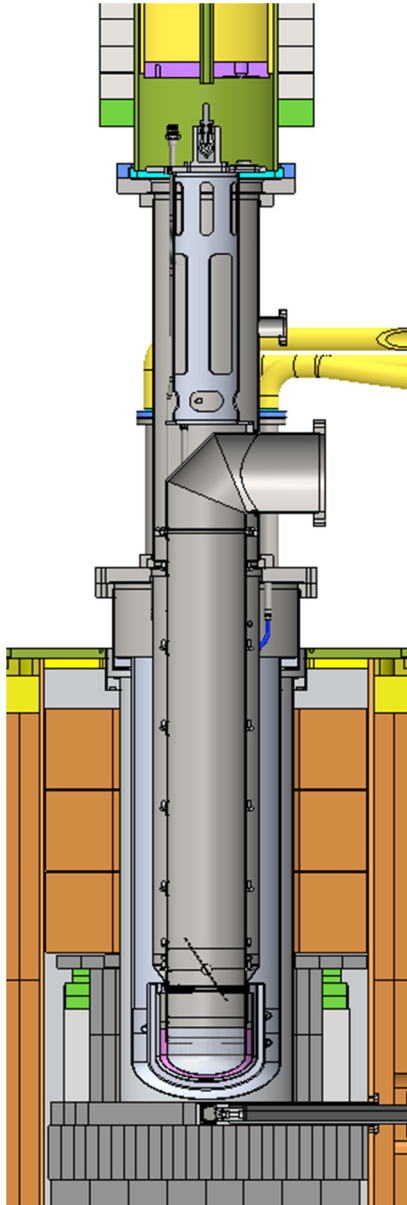
A 3 year project plan with the goal to show that a 10^{-27} ecm sensitivity is possible.

New upgraded SD₂ source under construction.

T. Ito

Engineering design of the new SD_2 source @ LANL

Near term schedule

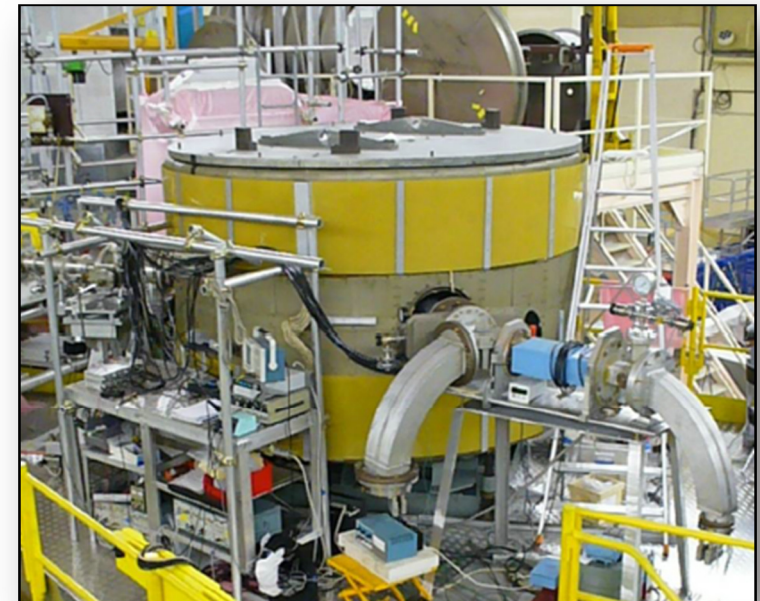
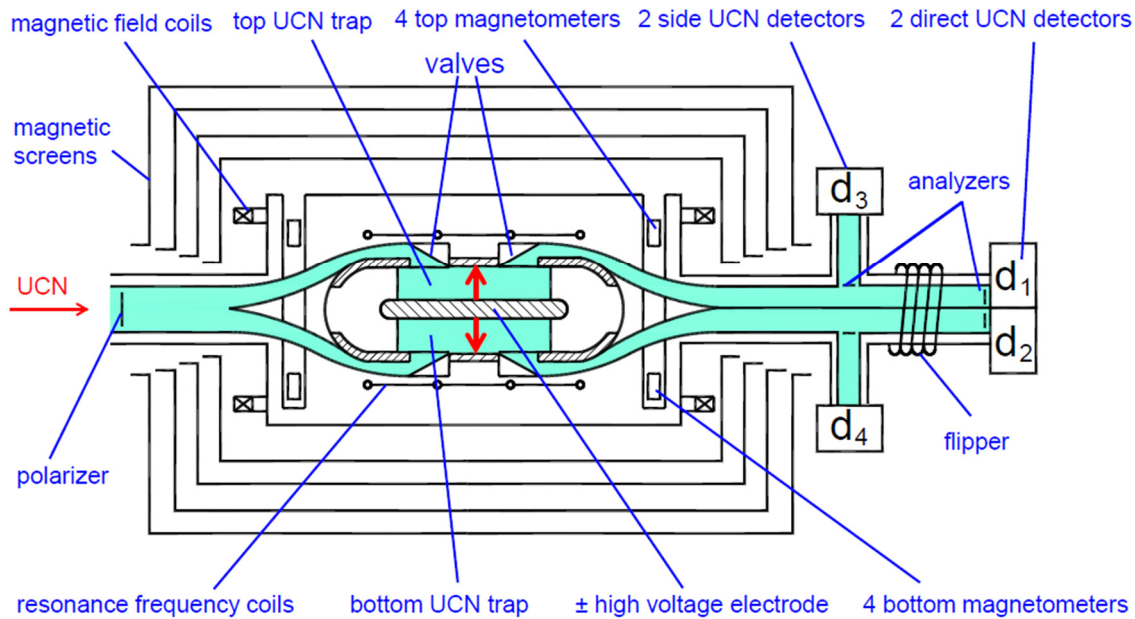


- Present – Dec 2015
 - Fabrication of source and guide components
 - Fabrication of a prototype nEDM cell, cell valve, and UCN switcher
- Oct 2015 – Feb 2016
 - Test source and guide components with UCN
 - Test of the prototype nEDM cell, cell valve, and UCN switcher
- March – August 2016
 - Installation of the new source and guides
- Sep – Dec 2016
 - Test of the new UCN source



T. Ito

Scheme of EDM spectrometer



Recent measurement: 5.5×10^{-26} ecm (90% CL)

Serebrov et al., JETP Lett. 99 (2014) 4

Already using a double chamber setup.

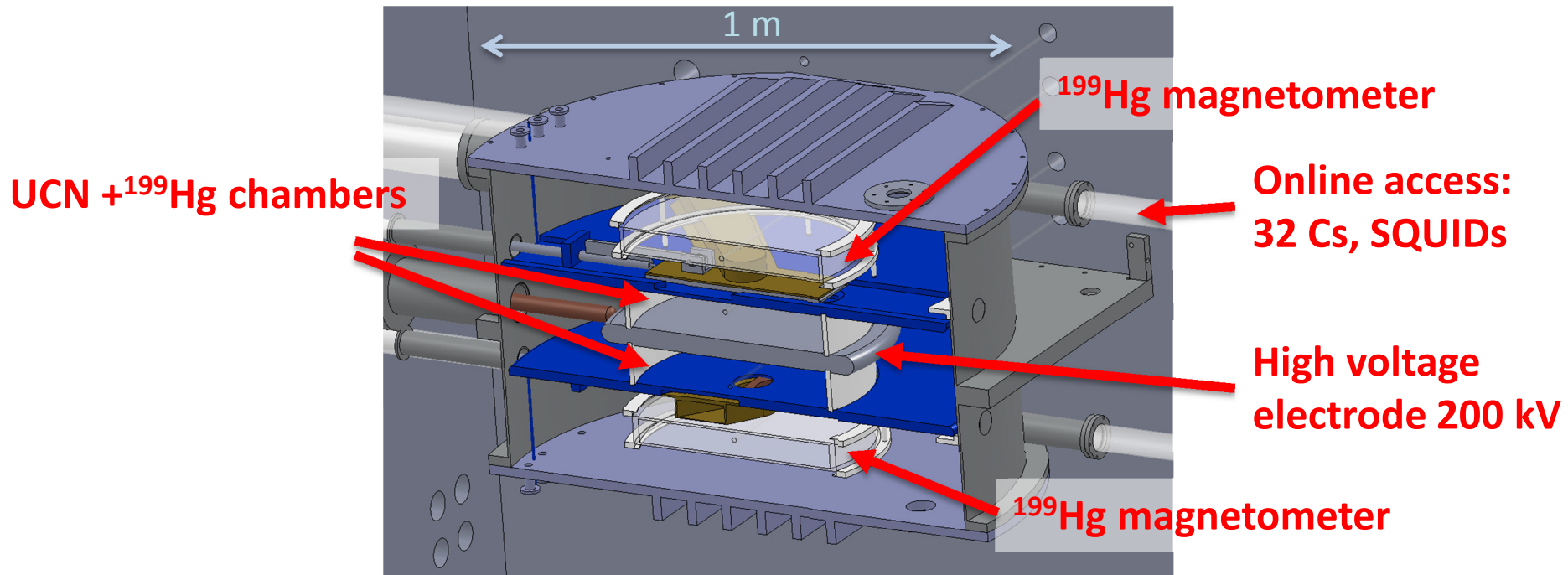
Prospects for an improved experiment at a better source at ILL and later with a new apparatus at the PIK reactor (SF He, in St. Petersburg).



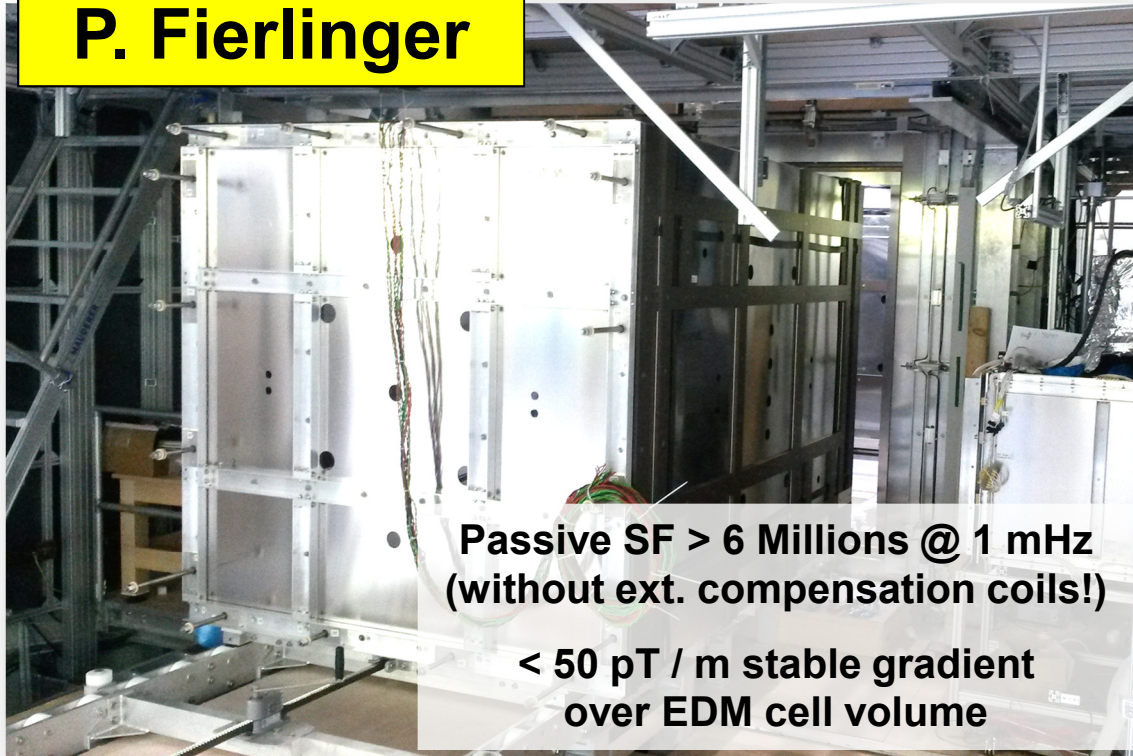
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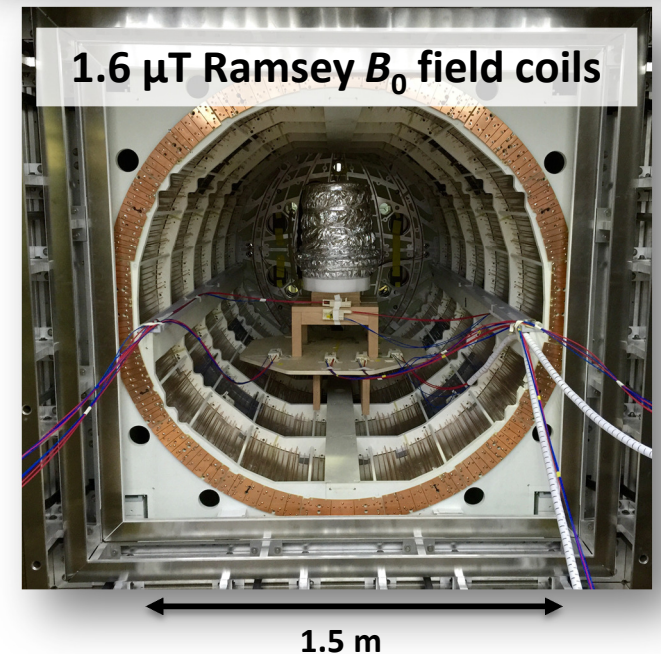
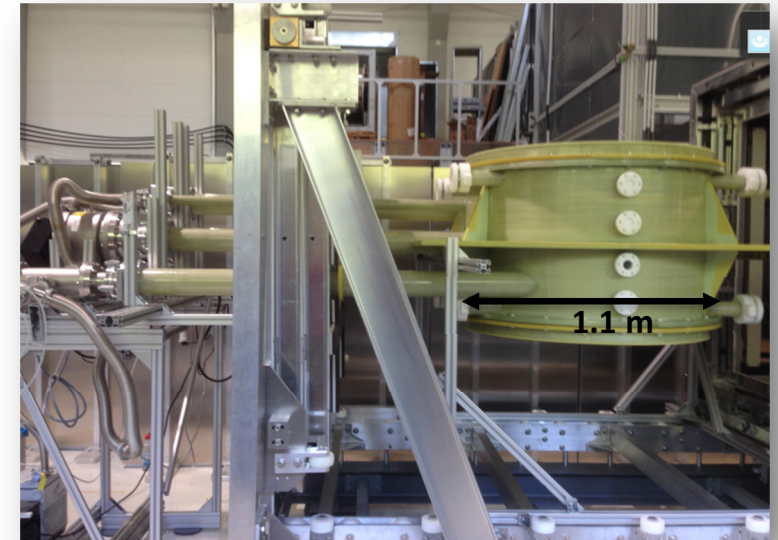
- Initially a ,conventional' Ramsey experiment
- UCN trapped at **room temperature**, ultimately **cryogenic trap**
- **Double chamber** with co-magnetometer option
- ^{199}Hg , Cs, ^{129}Xe , ^3He , **SQUID magnetometers**
- **Portable setup**, including magnetically shielded room
- Extremely modular design



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- **Passive SF > 6 Millions @ 1 mHz**
(without ext. compensation coils!)
- **< 50 pT / m stable gradient**
over EDM cell volume



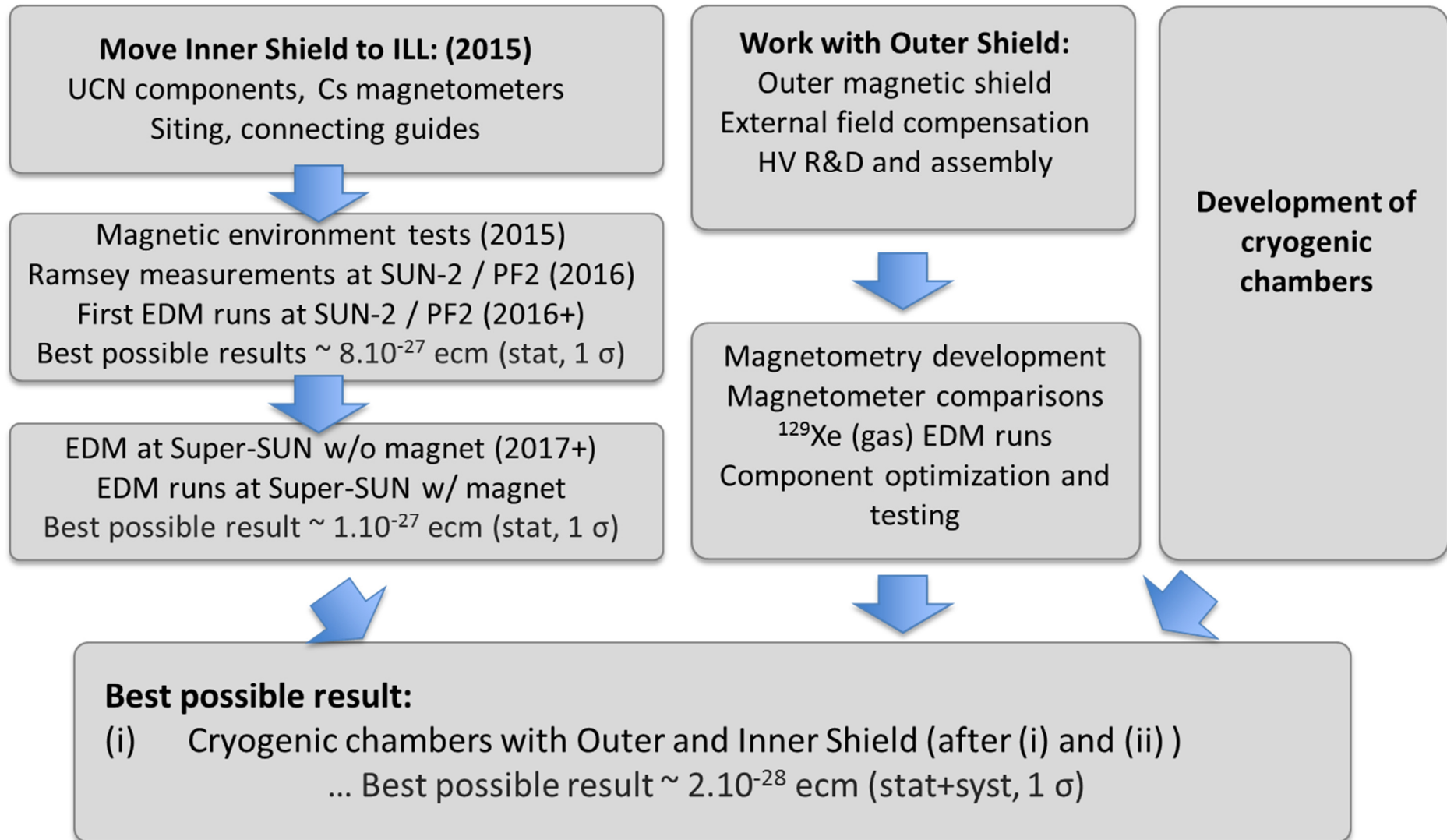
UCN Tests at ILL:

- **Adiabatic spin transport, spin-flipping, simultaneous spin detection tests**
- **Polarizer foils, guides, bends, shutters, plates, dummy electrodes ...**

I. Altarev et al., arXiv:1501.07408

I. Altarev et al., arXiv:1501.07861

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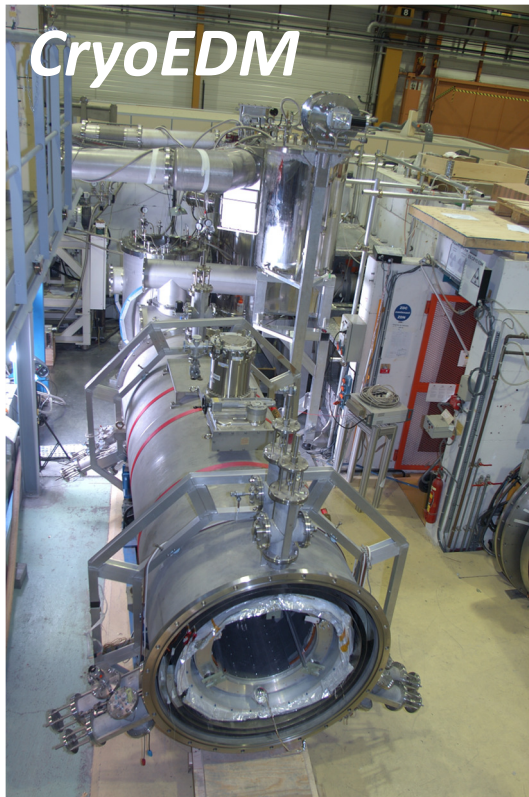
Cryogenic nEDM

M. van der Grinten

$$\sigma(d_n) = \frac{\hbar}{2ETP^2 \sqrt{N}}$$

Super-thermal UCN source

higher electric fields in ^4He



CryoEDM developed a range of technologies for a future cryogenic nEDM measurement

- UCN transport and storage in ^4He
- In-situ UCN detection in a cryogenic environment
- High precision low temperature SQUID magnetometry
- Large scale cryogenic operations
- Electric and magnetic field in a cryogenic environment

Two-stage follow up

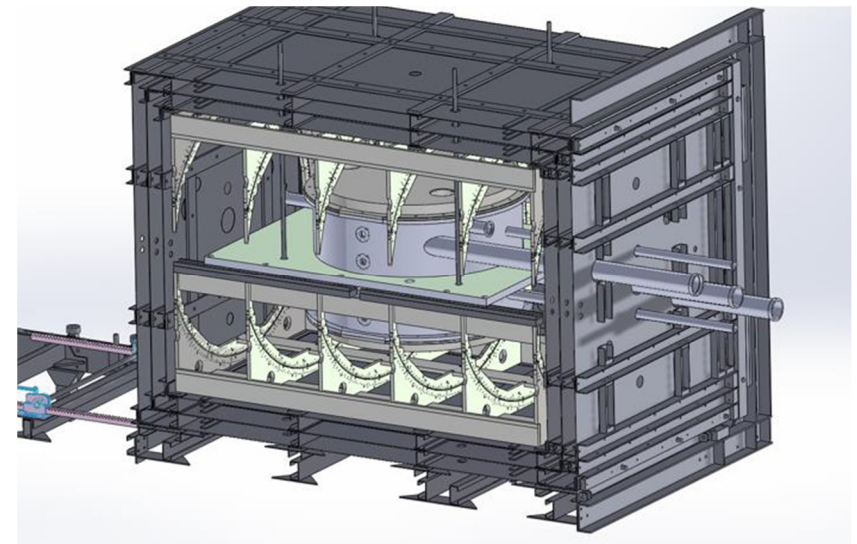
- Super-thermal source (SuperSUN) coupled to room temperature experiment
- Super-thermal UCN (SuperSUN) coupled to a cryogenic experiment

Cryogenic nEDM

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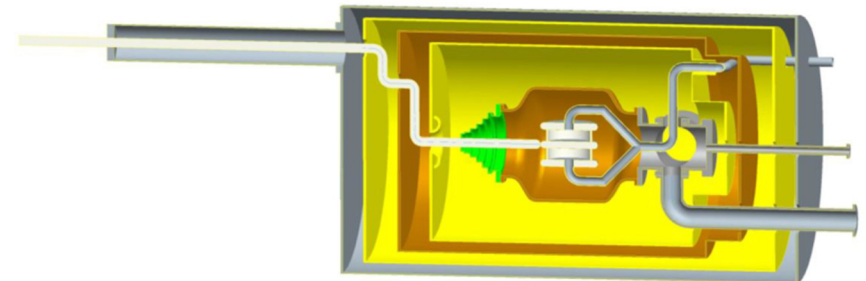
Super-thermal source (SuperSUN) coupled to room temperature experiment at ILL

- Magnetic environment will be established prior to new 9A beam construction
- New source will be constructed in parallel
- Room temperature experiment will be coupled to super-thermal source



Super-thermal UCN (SuperSUN) coupled to a cryogenic experiment

- Cryogenic environment of experiment designed in parallel to room temperature data-taking
- Fully cryogenic experiment running after room temperature data taking completed



Possible move to different beam

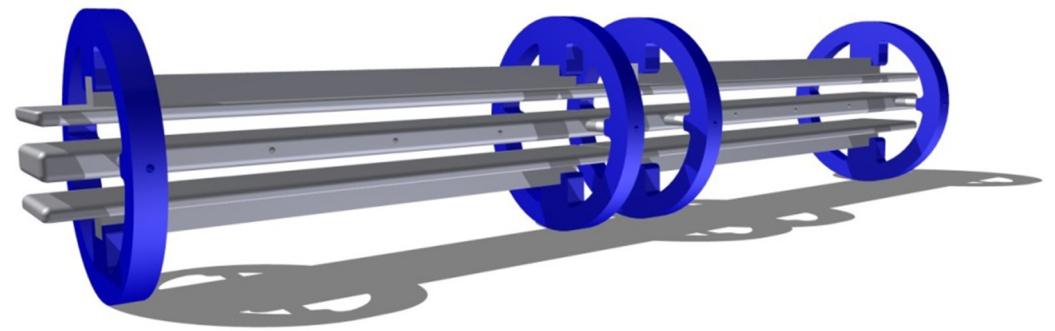
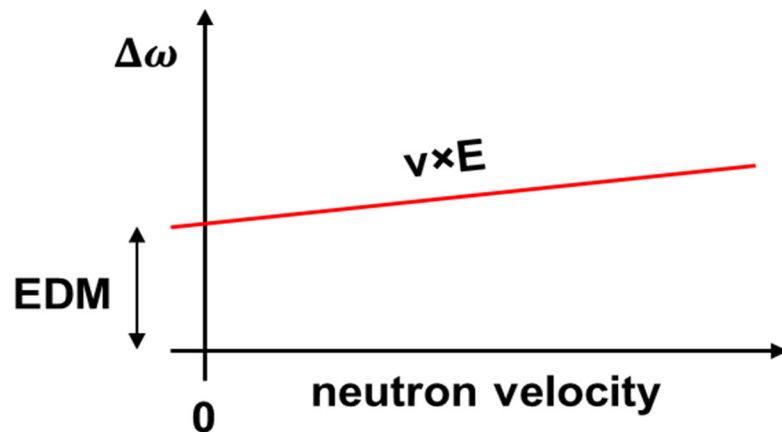
- Letter of Intent for new super-thermal UCN source operating at ESS

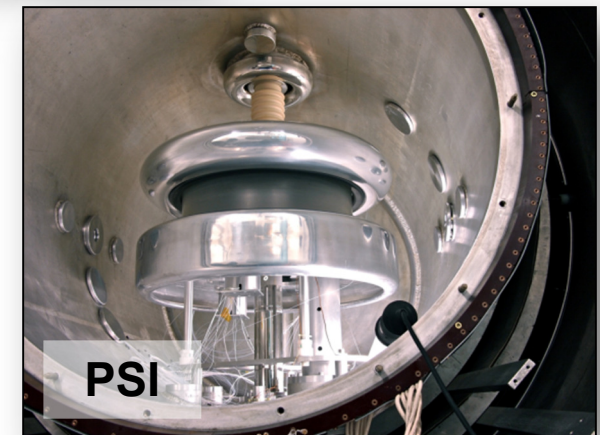
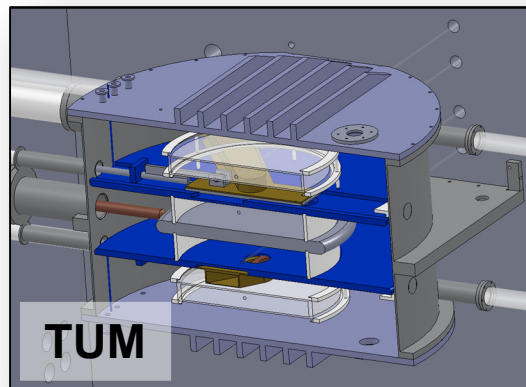
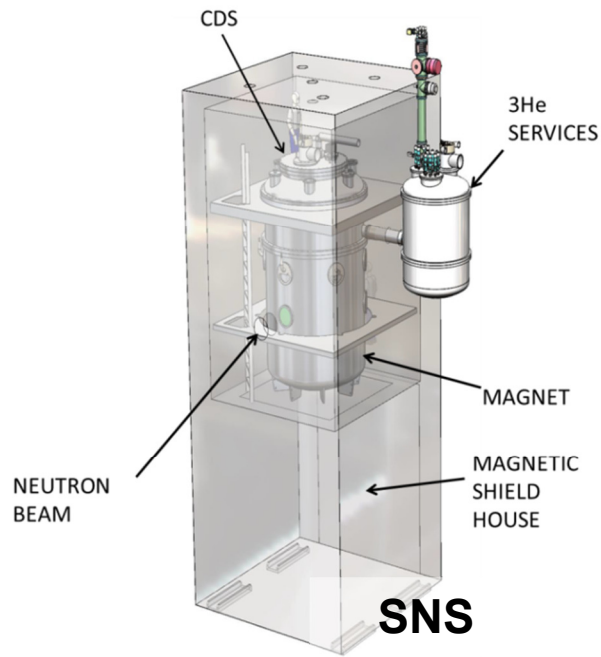
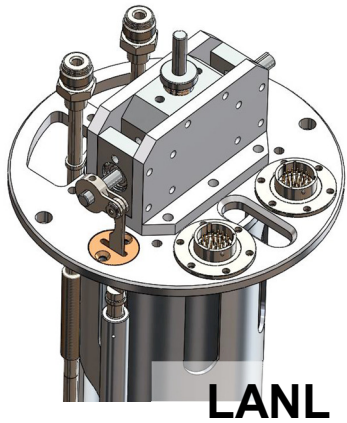
A new nEDM Beam Experiment

- ▶ Main systematic in nEDM beam experiment caused by $\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{E}$ - effect:

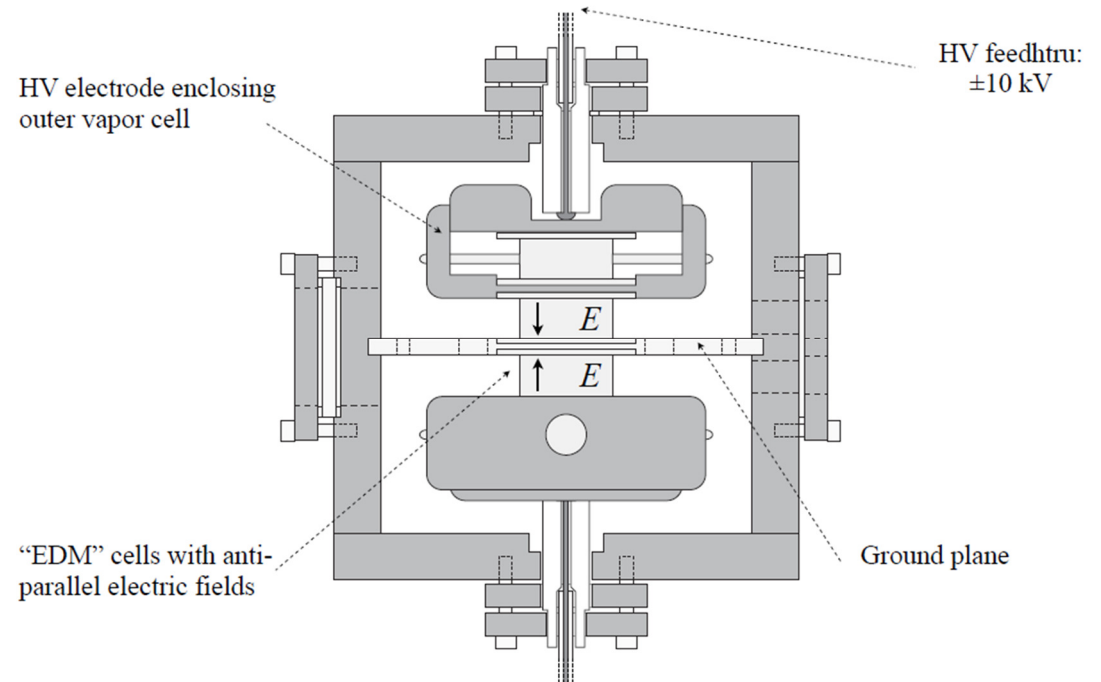
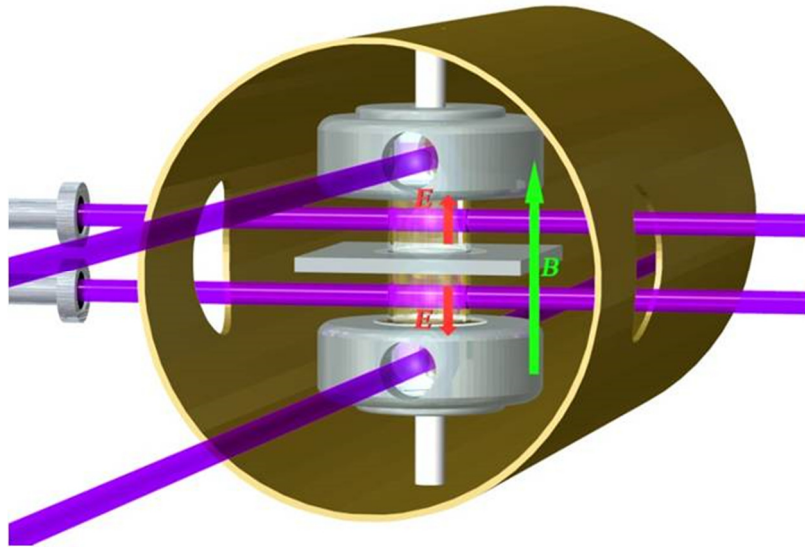
$$\hbar\Delta\omega = 4d_n E + 4\mu_n \frac{vE}{c^2} \sin \alpha$$

- ▶ Idea: Measure change in Larmor frequency as a function of the neutron velocity at a **pulsed spallation source**:





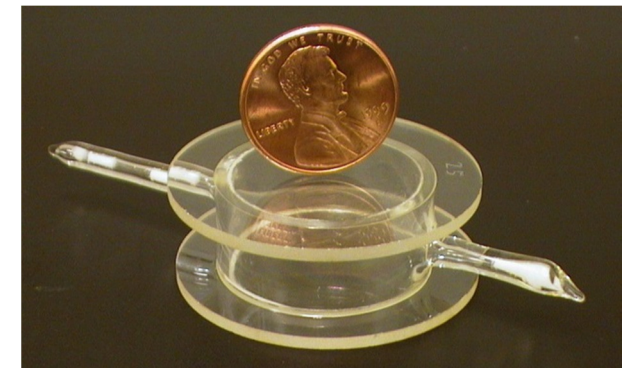
We have exciting times ahead of us !

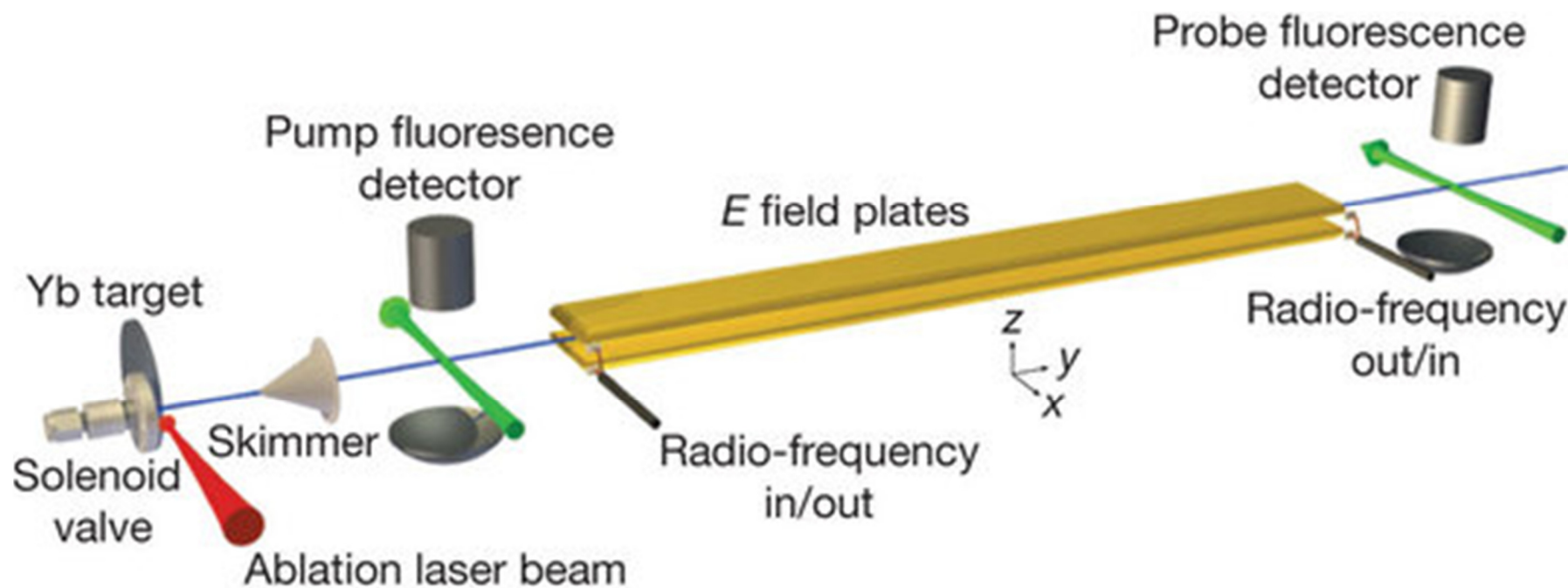


$$d_{\text{Hg}} < 3.1 \times 10^{-29} \text{ ecm} \quad (95\% \text{ CL})$$

$$d_p < 7.9 \times 10^{-25} \text{ ecm} \quad (95\% \text{ CL})$$

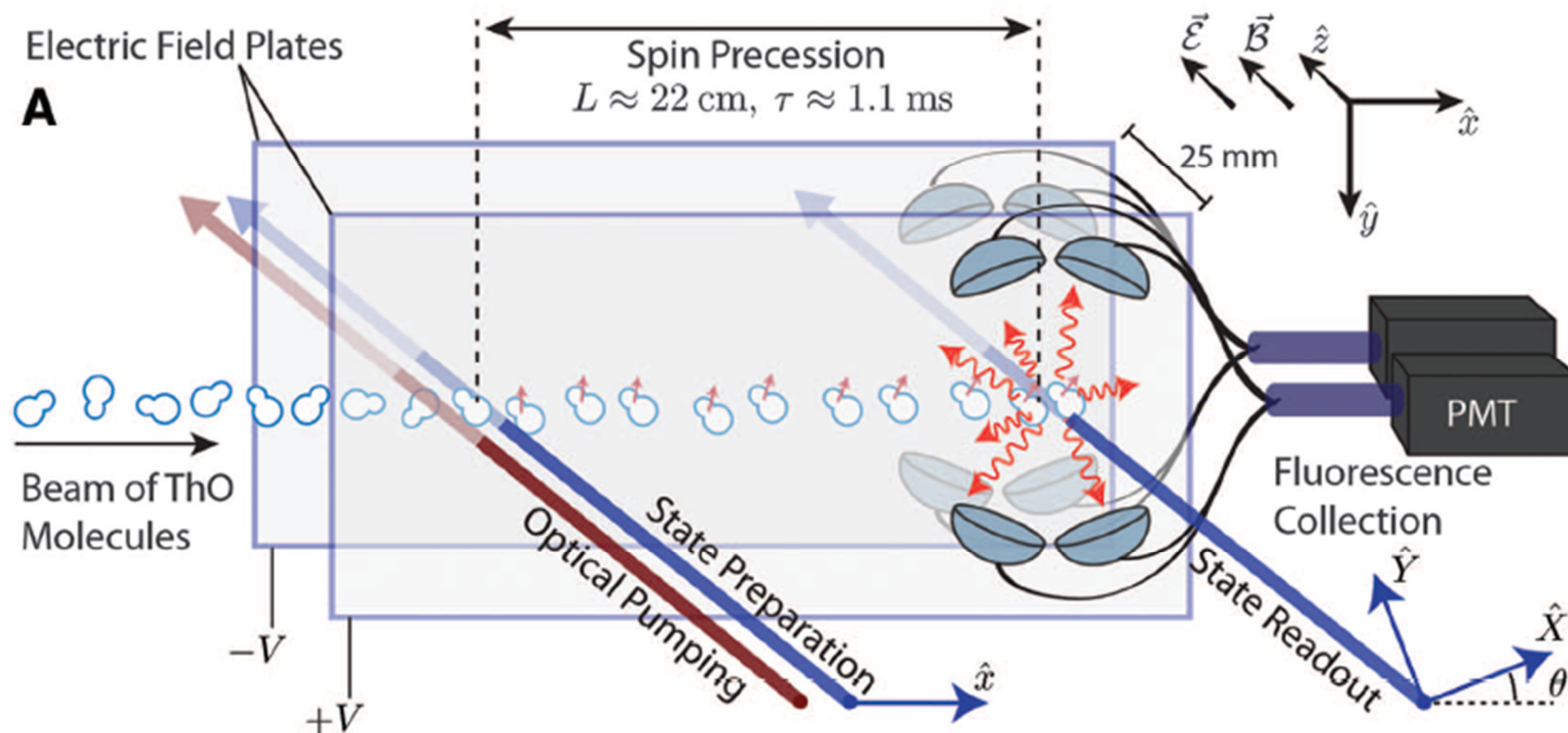
Griffith et al. PRL 102, 101601 (2009)





- no motional magnetic field effect, as in Tl-atom experiment
- Electric field enhancement by a factor 10^6 ($10 \text{ kV/cm} \rightarrow 13 \text{ GV/cm}$)
- $d_e < 1.05 \times 10^{-27} \text{ e cm}$ (90% CL)

Hudson et al., Nature 473, 493 (2011)



- Electric field enhancement by a factor 10^9 ($140 \text{ V/cm} \rightarrow 84 \text{ GV/cm}$)
- Small magnetic moment reduces sensitivity to spurious magn. fields
- $d_e < 8.7 \times 10^{-29} \text{ e cm}$ (90% CL)

ACME Collaboration, Science 343, 269 (2014)