

# Neutron EDM

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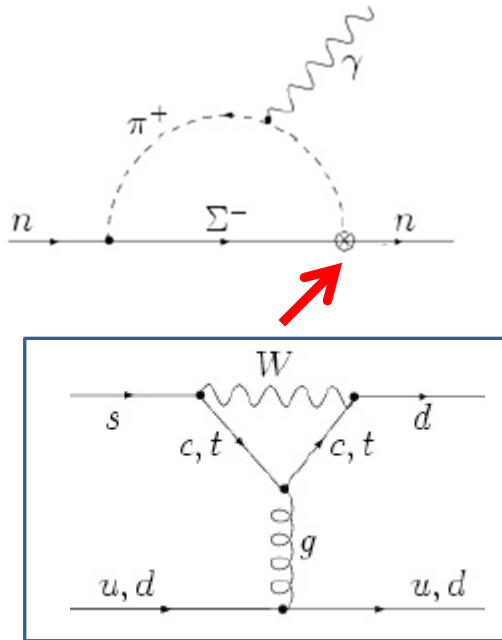
- Neutron EDM - Status
- PanEDM experiment
- Future perspectives & spin-offs



Khriplovich Zhitnitsky (1986),  
McKellar et al., (1987)

M. Pospelov, et al., Sov. J. Nucl. Phys. 53, 638 (1991)

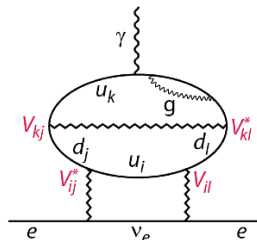
## CP violation from CKM



Neutron EDM  $d_n \approx 10^{-32}$  ecm

More complex calculations may be required:  
T. Mannel, N. Uraltsev, Phys.Rev. D85 (2012) 096002

Side note:  $d_{\text{electron}} < 10^{-38}$  ecm...



## Strong Interaction

CP-odd term in Lagrangian:

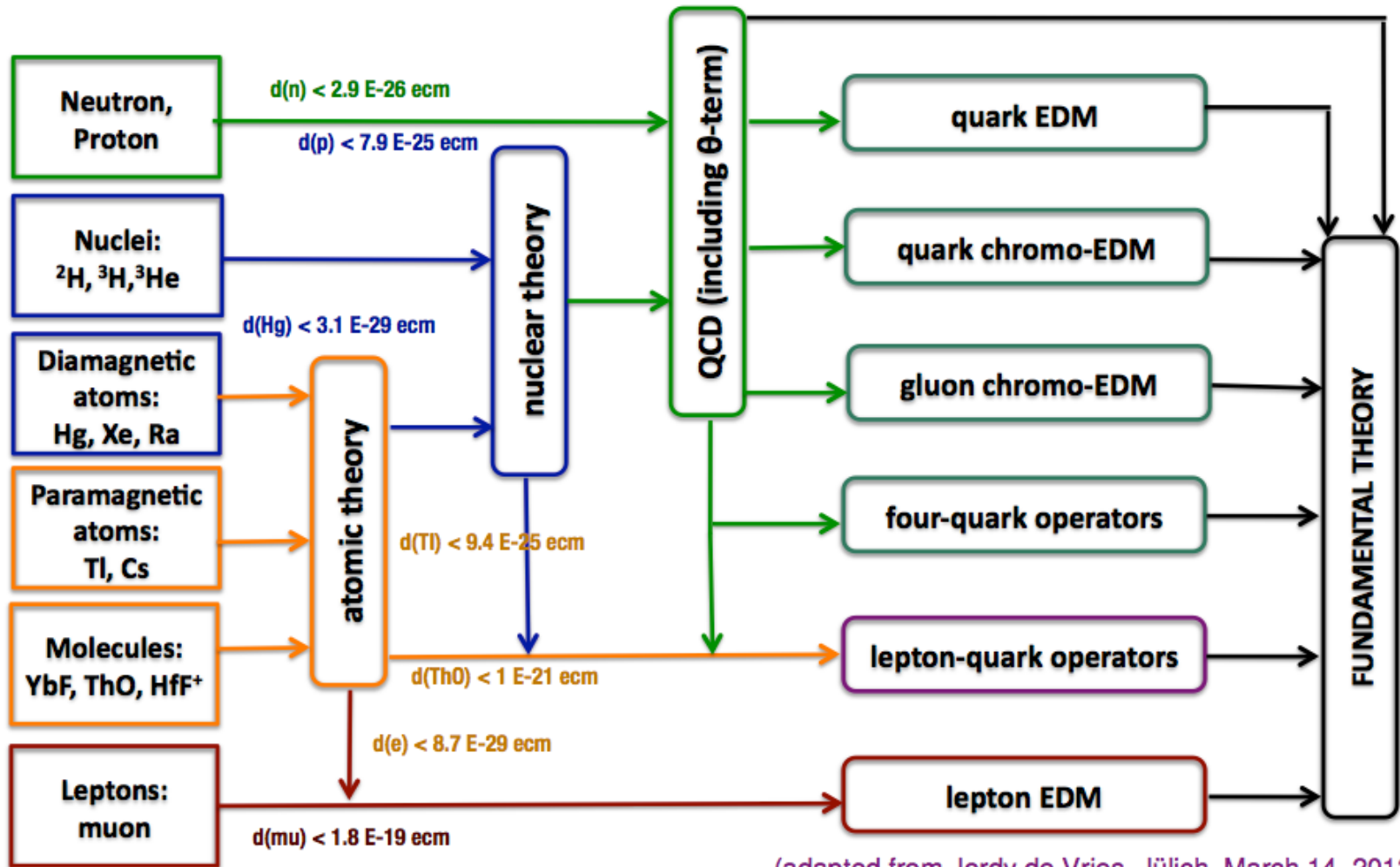
$$L_\theta = \bar{\theta} \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi} G\tilde{G}$$

$$d_n(\bar{\theta}) \sim \bar{\theta} \frac{e}{m_n} \frac{m_*}{\Lambda_{QCD}} \sim 6 \cdot 10^{-17} \bar{\theta} e \cdot \text{cm}$$

$$\bar{\theta} < 10^{-10}$$

Strong CP problem

E.g. Pospelov, Ritz, Ann. Phys. 318(2005)119



(adapted from Jordy de Vries, Jülich, March 14, 2013)

**e and  $\mu$  EDM**

**Nuclear-spin-dependent e-N coupling  $C_T$ ,**

**Nuclear-spin independent couplings  $C_S^0$**

**Intrinsic quark EDMs and chromo EDMs**

**Meson-nucleon couplings  $g_\pi^{0,1,(2)}$**



- Paramagnetic atoms

$$d_{para} = \eta_{d_e} d_e + k_{C_S} \bar{C}_S$$

- Polar molecules

$$\Delta\omega_{para}^{PT} = \frac{-d_e E_{eff}}{\hbar} + k_{C_S}^\omega \bar{C}_S$$

- Diamagnetic atoms

$$d_{dia} = \kappa_S S(\bar{g}_\pi^{0,1}) + k_{C_T} C_T + \dots$$

- Nucleons

$$d_{n,p} = d_{n,p}^{lr}(\bar{g}_\pi^{0,1}) + d_{n,p}^{sr}(\tilde{d}_{u,d}, d_{u,d})$$

- Fundamental fermions

$$d_e, d_\mu, (d_\tau)$$

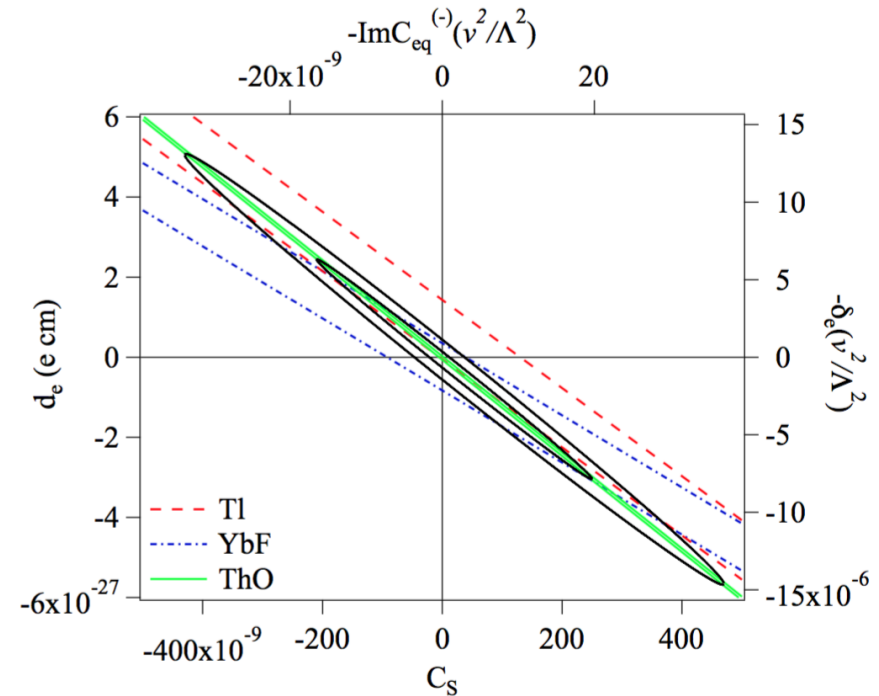
...Higher orders (199-Hg!) :

$$\mathbf{d}_A = (k_T C_T + k_S C_S) + \eta_e d_e + \kappa_S S + \text{h.o. (MQM)}$$

## Measured limits (note: 'sole-source' analysis)

System	Result	95% u.l.
Paramagnetic systems		
Xe <sup>m</sup>	...	
Cs	$d_A = (-1.8 \pm 6.9) \times 10^{-24}$ e-cm $d_e = (-1.5 \pm 5.6) \times 10^{-26}$ e-cm	$1.4 \times 10^{-23}$ $1.2 \times 10^{-25}$
Tl	$d_A = (-4.0 \pm 4.3) \times 10^{-25}$ e-cm $d_e = (-6.9 \pm 7.4) \times 10^{-28}$ e-cm	$1.1 \times 10^{-24}$ $1.9 \times 10^{-27}$
YbF	$d_e = (-2.4 \pm 5.9) \times 10^{-28}$ e-cm	$1.2 \times 10^{-27}$
ThO	$\omega^{NE} = 2.6 \pm 5.8$ mrad/s $d_e = (-2.1 \pm 4.5) \times 10^{-29}$ e-cm $C_S = (-1.3 \pm 3.0) \times 10^{-9}$	$9.7 \times 10^{-29}$ $6.4 \times 10^{-9}$
Diamagnetic systems		
<sup>199</sup> Hg	$d_A = (2.2 \pm 3.1) \times 10^{-30}$ e-cm	$7.4 \times 10^{-30}$
<sup>129</sup> Xe	$d_A = (0.7 \pm 3) \times 10^{-27}$ e-cm	$6.6 \times 10^{-27}$
<sup>225</sup> Ra	$d_A = (-0.5 \pm 2.5) \times 10^{-22}$ e-cm	$5.0 \times 10^{-22}$
TlF	$d = (-1.7 \pm 2.9) \times 10^{-23}$ e-cm	$6.5 \times 10^{-23}$
n	$d_n = (-0.21 \pm 1.82) \times 10^{-26}$ e-cm	$3.6 \times 10^{-26}$
Particle systems		
$\mu$	$d_\mu = (0.0 \pm 0.9) \times 10^{-19}$ e-cm	$1.8 \times 10^{-19}$
$\Lambda$	$d_\Lambda = (-3.0 \pm 7.4) \times 10^{-17}$ e-cm	$7.9 \times 10^{-17}$

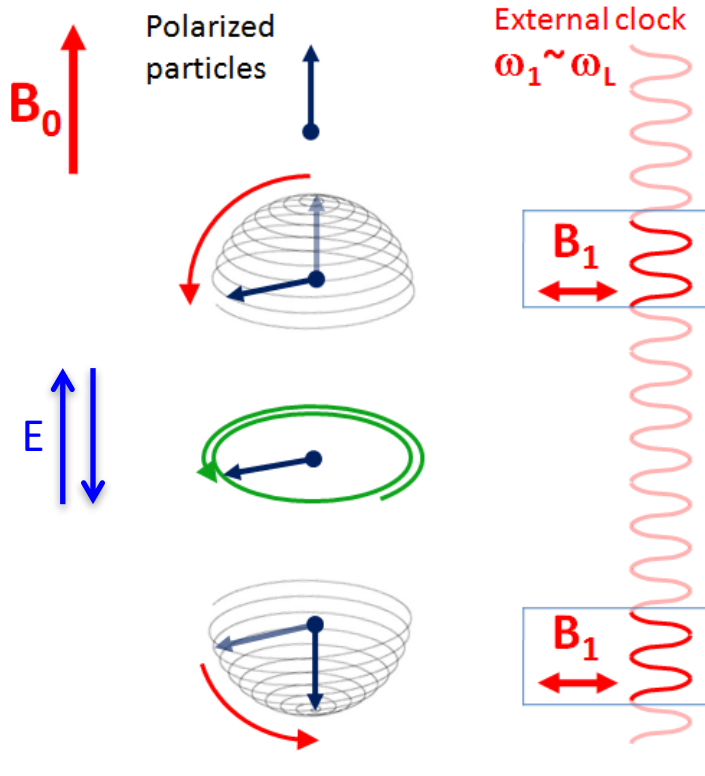
## Parameters are not independent: e.g. $d_e$ as function of $C_S$



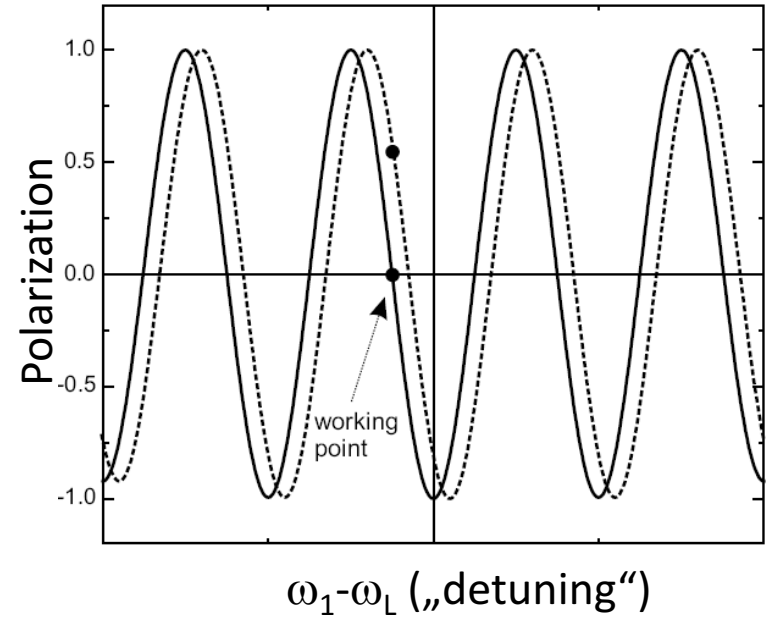
$$d_{\text{para}}^{\text{exp}} = d_e + \frac{\alpha C_S}{\alpha_{d_e}} C_S$$

More measurements needed with different systems...

(Particle beam or trapped particles)



$$\hbar\omega_L \sim \mu B + dE$$

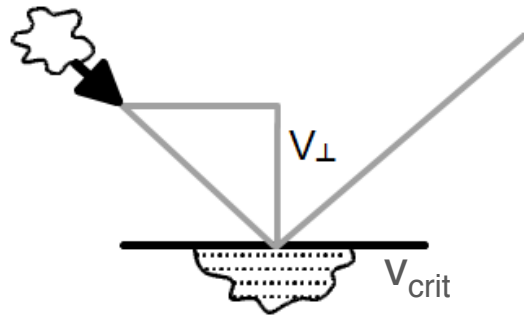


$$\sigma_{d_n} = \frac{h}{2\alpha ET \sqrt{N}}$$

$T \sim \text{mK}$ ,  $E_{\text{kin}} < 200 \text{ NANO-eV}$ ,  $v < 7 \text{ m/s}$ ,  $\lambda > 50 \text{ nm}$

## Strong Interaction: 'Fermi potential'

$$U_F \propto N \cdot b_c \sim 100 \text{ neV}$$



Optical properties:

- Neutron traps (UCN:  $v_{\text{tot}} < v_{\text{crit}}$ )
- Neutron guides (CN:  $v_{\perp} < v_{\text{crit}}$ )

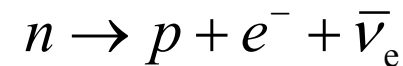
## Electromagnetism

Magnetic moment:

$$|\mu| = 60 \text{ neV/T}$$

... magnetic traps

## Weak Interaction

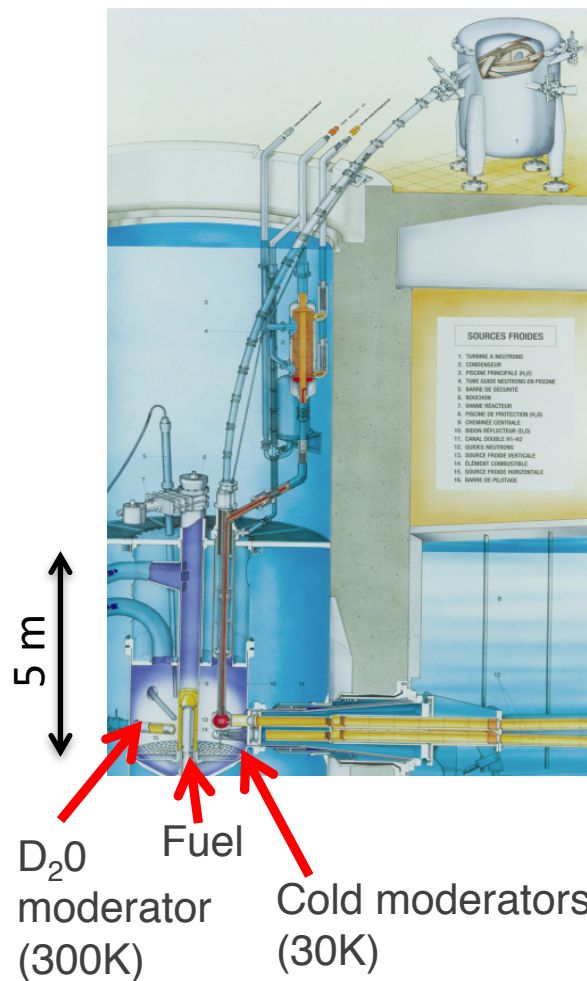


$$\tau_n \sim 881 \text{ s}$$

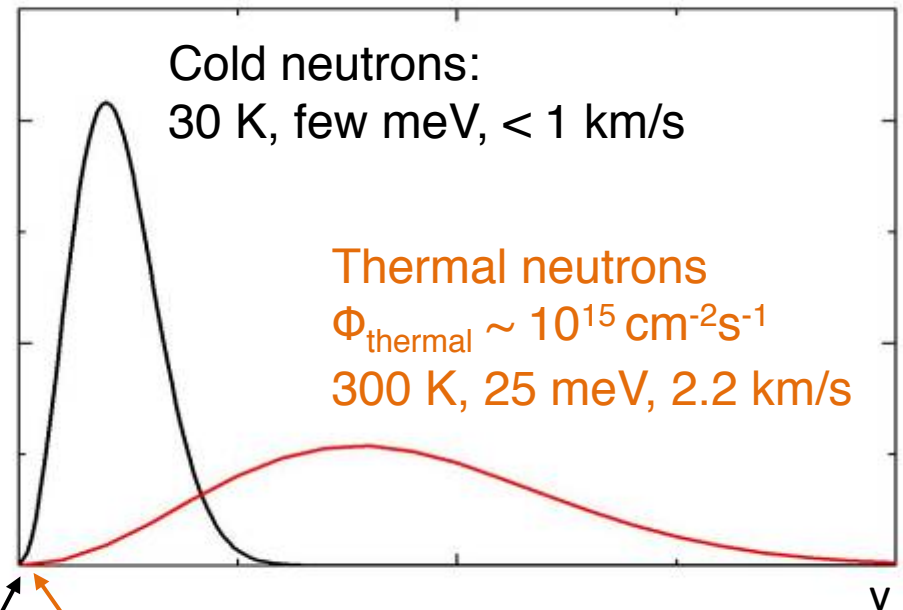
## Gravity

$$V = m_n g h \quad 100 \text{ neV/m}$$

## Neutron source at Institute Laue-Langevin (Grenoble):



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UCN/cm<sup>3</sup>



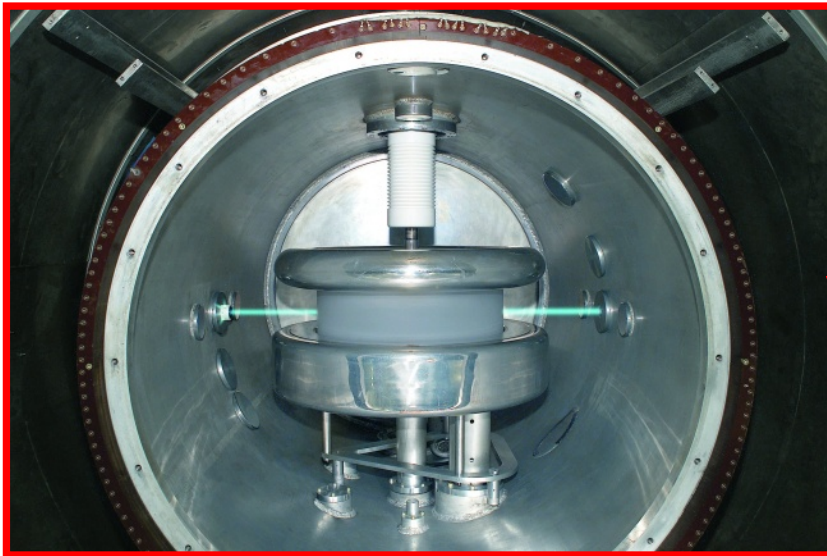
$\rho(\text{ultra-cold}) \sim$   
 $10^{-13} \Phi_{\text{thermal}} [\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}] \text{ cm}^{-3}$

$\rho(\text{ultra-cold}) \sim$   
 $70 \times 10^{-13} \Phi_{\text{cold}} [\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}] \text{ cm}^{-3}$

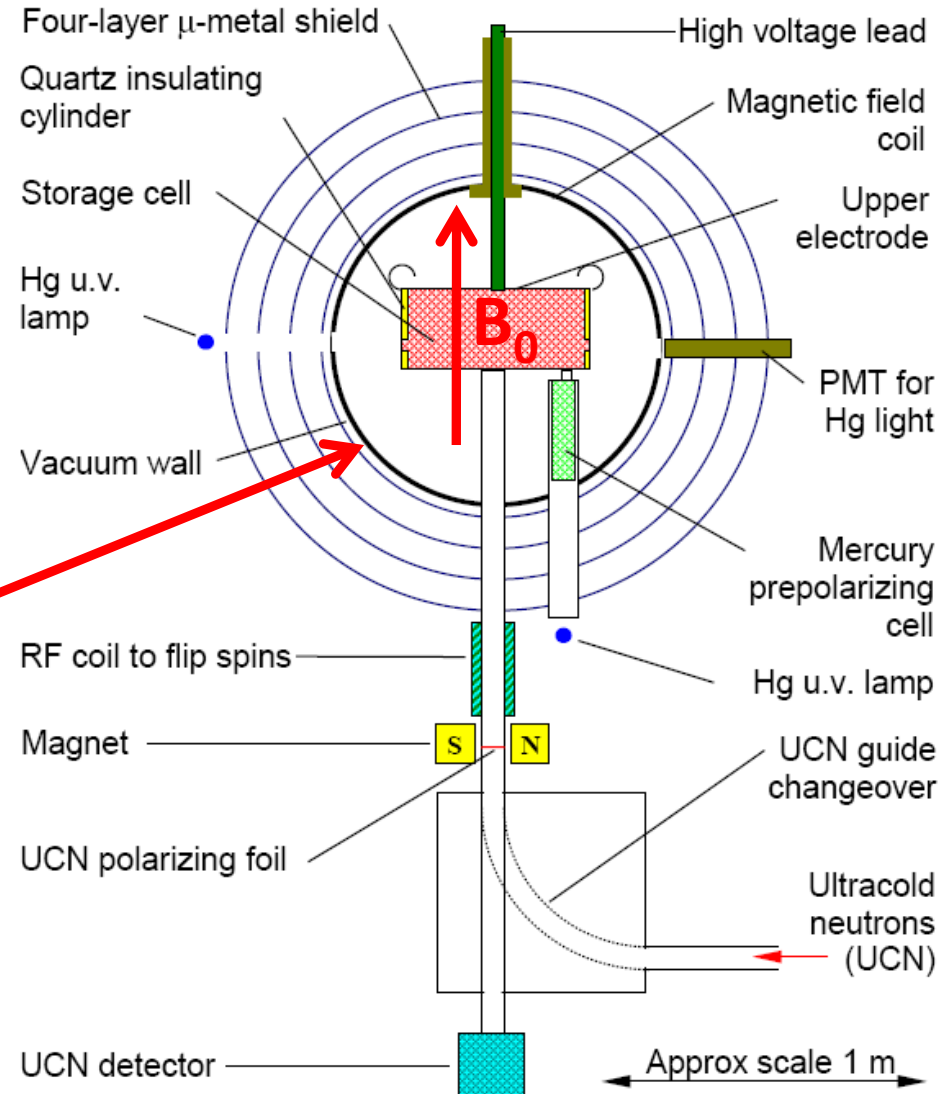


# Neutron EDM: RAL-Sussex-ILL Experiment

(Still) the state of the art:  
~ 1 trapped  
ultra-cold neutron/ cm<sup>3</sup>



~ 0.5 m

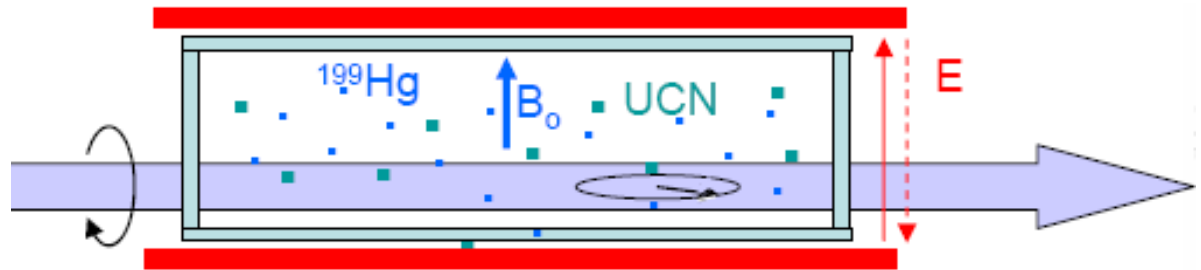




- Neutrons +  $^{199}\text{Hg}$  vapor measured simultaneously
- UCN center of mass is affected by gravity (CMS 2 mm below center of chamber)
- Obvious:  $R = \left| \frac{\gamma_n}{\gamma_{\text{Hg}}} \right| \left( 1 + \frac{(\partial B / \partial z) h}{B} \right)$
- Non-trivial:  $T_2(z)$ ,  $\Delta\omega(z)$ ....



Cohabiting spin magnetometer



**Best limit:  $d_n < 3 \times 10^{-26} \text{ e cm}$  ( $\Delta E \sim 10^{-22} \text{ eV}$ )**

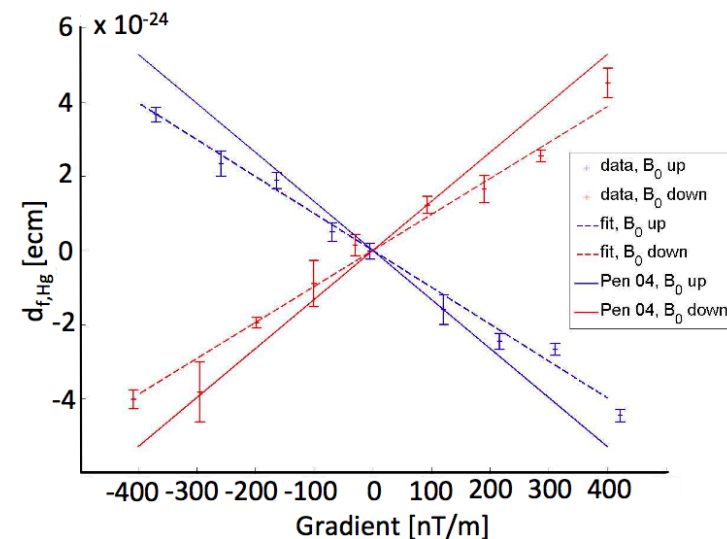
Most critical: Ramsey-Bloch-Siegert shift or ,geometric phase‘ (GP):

$$\Delta\omega = \frac{\omega_{xy}^2}{2(\omega_0 - \omega_r)}$$

$$\omega_{xy}^2 = \left(\frac{\partial B_{0z}}{\partial z} \alpha\right)^2 + \left(\frac{E \times v}{c^2}\right)^2 + 2 \frac{\partial B_{0z}}{\partial z} \alpha \cdot \frac{E \times v}{c^2}$$

**Magnetic field requirements for  $10^{-28}$  ecm – level accuracy:**

- $\sim < 0.3$  nT/m gradient
  - $d_f \sim 4 \cdot 10^{-27}$  ecm ( $^{199}\text{Hg}$  GP)
  - $d_f \sim 1\text{-}2 \cdot 10^{-28}$  ecm (UCN GP)
- Max. 1 dipole with 5 pT in 2 cm distance
- $< 10$  fT drift stability
- Spin-echo for various systematics



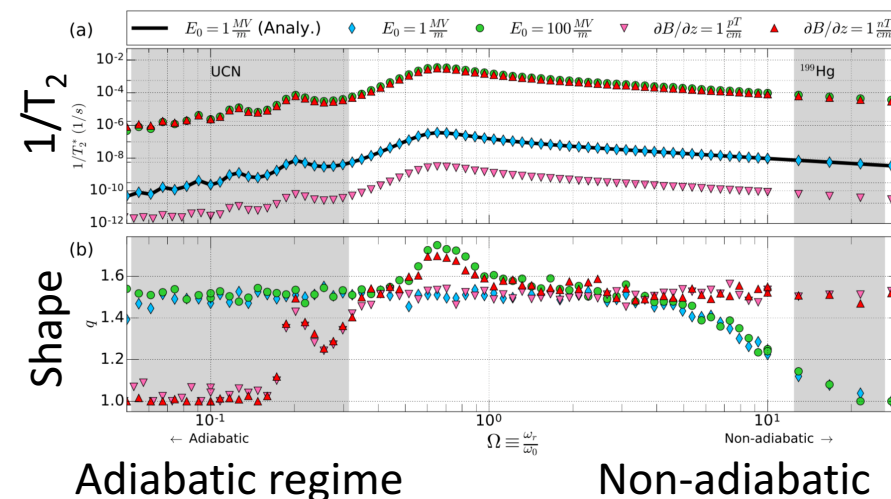
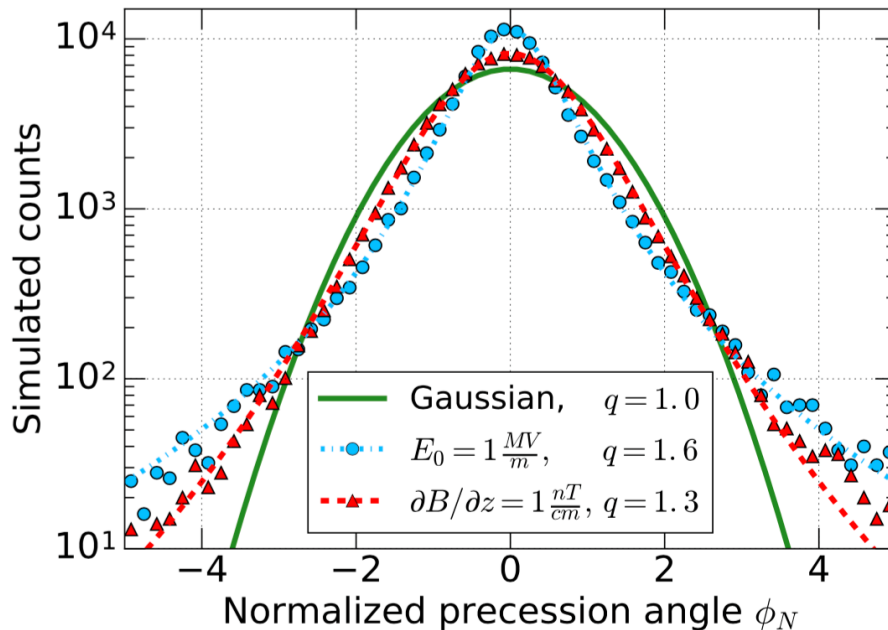
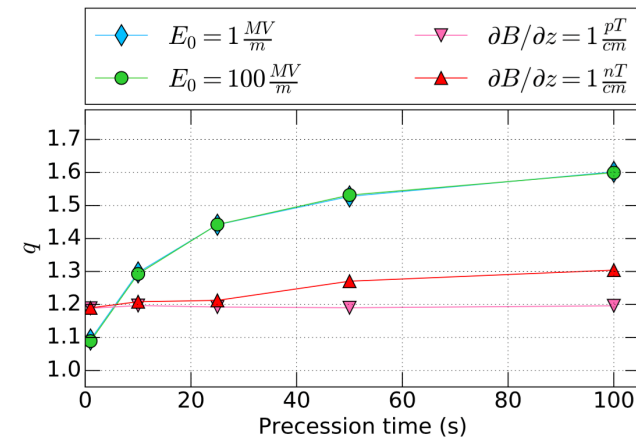
Pendlebury et al., Phys. Rev. A **70**, 032102 (2004)

Further: P. G. Harris et al., Phys. Rev. A **73**, 014101 (2006), also: G. Pignol, arXiv:1201.0699 (2012), A. Steyerl et al. Phys. Rev. A **89**, 052129 (2014) etc...

# Systematics: The next generation...

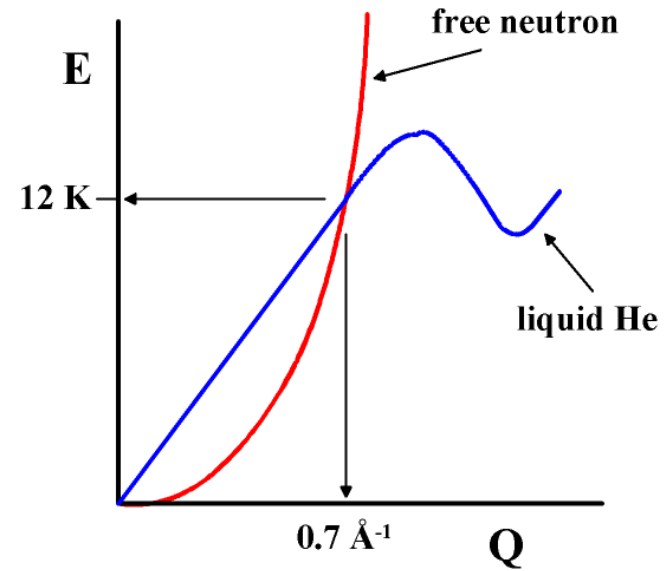
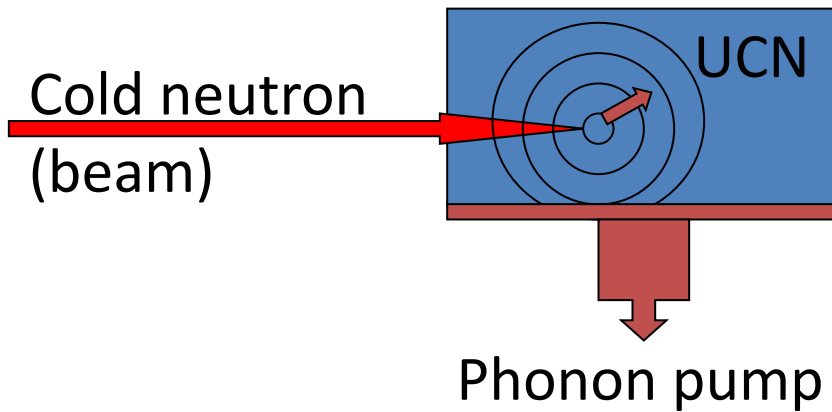
- **Non-Gaussian spin distributions: non-ergodic**
- Affects all previously known systematics: Error bars, skewness
- Largest for non-thermalizing ensembles
- Impact on other measurements ?!

Non-gaussianity build-up with time:



	RAL SUSSEX ILL (Grenoble, FR)	PSI (Villigen, CH)		TUM ILL (Grenoble, Munich)		LANCSE EDM (Los Alamos, US)	SNS EDM (Oakridge, US)	PNPI ILL (Grenoble, FR ⇒ Gatchina, RU)		TRIUMF (Vancouver, CA)	
temperature	RT	RT		RT	0.7 K	RT	0.7 K	RT		RT	
comag	Hg	Hg		none		Hg	<sup>3</sup> He	none		Xe+Hg	
source	reactor, turbine	spall., sD <sub>2</sub>		reactor, cold neutrons, <sup>4</sup> He		D2	spall, internal <sup>4</sup> He	reactor, turbine, <sup>4</sup> He		spall., <sup>4</sup> He	
nr of cells	1	1	2	2		1	2	2	>2	1	2
[UCN/cc]	2	3	5	10	1000	~ 50	125	4	10 <sup>4</sup>	700	
goal [e·cm]	3·10 <sup>-26</sup>	1·10 <sup>-26</sup>	1·10 <sup>-27</sup>	2·10 <sup>-27</sup>	< 10 <sup>-27</sup>	few 10 <sup>-27</sup>	2·10 <sup>-28</sup>	5·10 <sup>-26</sup>	5·10 <sup>-28</sup>		1·10 <sup>-27</sup>
date	2006	2017	2019	2019	2021+	2018	2021	2015	2022	2017	2019
status	done!	RAL exp. <b>NEW LIMIT SOON</b> ~1.10 <sup>-26</sup>	new	<b>SETUP AT ILL STARTED: ,PanEDM'</b>		<b>Successful source upgrade</b>	Critical Component Demonstration			<b>FIRST UCN OBSERVED from Prototype source (2017)</b>	
comment	<b>Best limit so far!</b>	Source delivery behind expectations		Modifications for Munich ⇒ ILL, D <sub>2</sub> ⇒ He		Will be faster than expected	great concept, higher risk				

## ‘Conversion’ instead of moderation



- Increases phase space density
- Main materials: **solid D<sub>2</sub>, superfluid He**

Detailed balance: upscattering =  $\exp(-\Delta E/kT)$  x downscattering

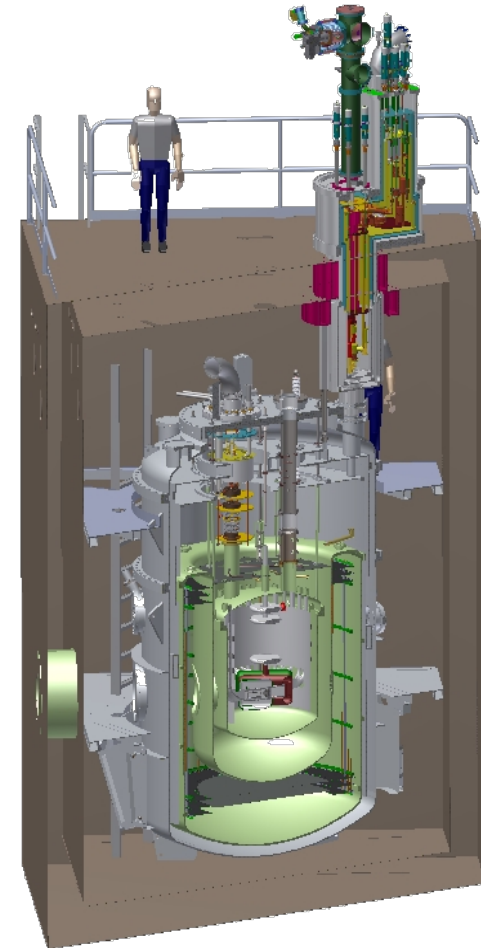
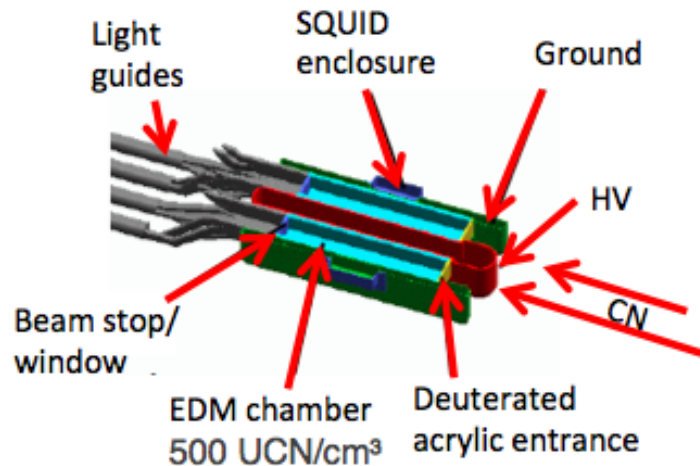
**Planned ~ 1000 UCN / cm<sup>3</sup>**

- Sites: (sD2) LANL, PSI, FRM2, NCSU; (IHe-II) ILL, PNPI, TRIUMF, KEK; SNS

- Cryogenic, 100 UCN/cm<sup>3</sup> site: SNS, placed at cold beam
- UCN source = EDM chamber, double chamber
- E = 75 kV/cm
- Co-magnetometer: spin dependent  
<sup>3</sup>He absorption and scintillation

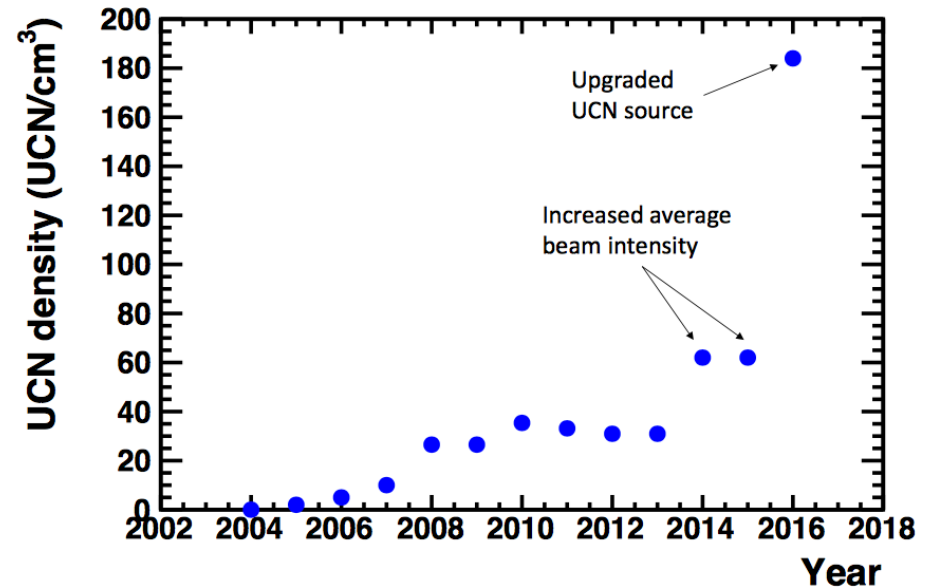
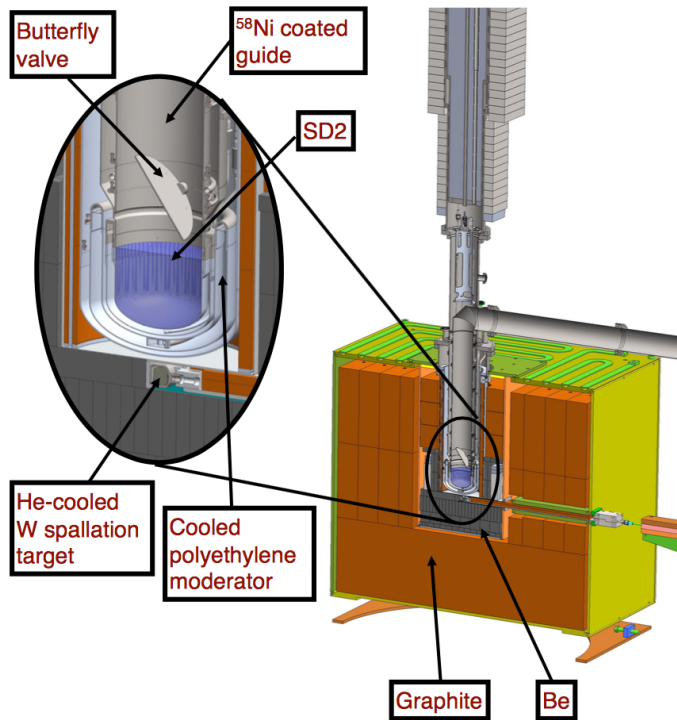
**Unique possibility: spin dressing**

- Modulation of spin-dressing frequency to extract EDM



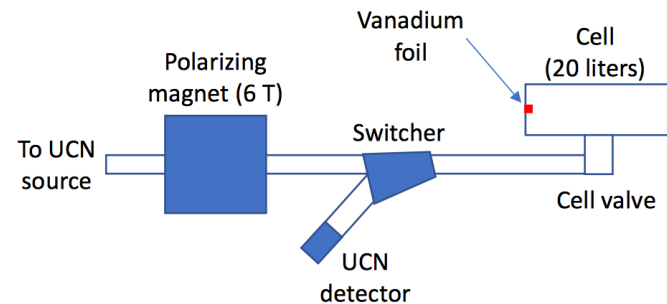
- Year 4/4 of critical component demonstration phase

## Recent progress: UCN source upgrade



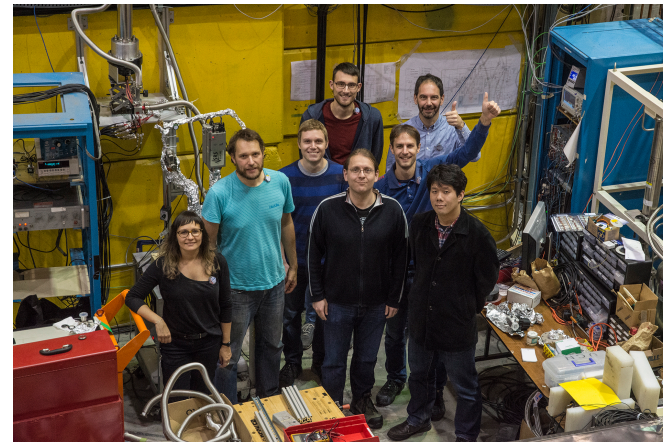
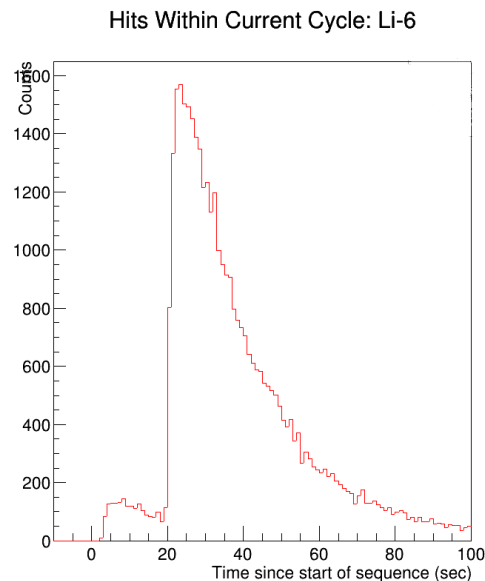
T.M.Ito et al., arXiv:1710.05182

Planned nEDM:  $\sigma_d < 3 \cdot 10^{-27}$  ecm within next few years (room-temp. Ramsey)





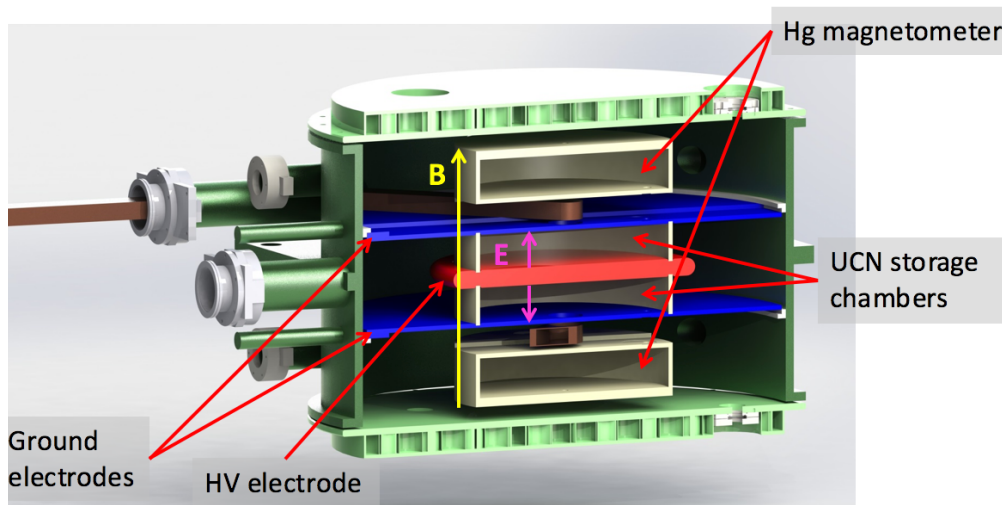
- **Very recent progress: First operation of source, 500000 UCN**
- Behaviour within expectations
- p-Accelerator
- Neutron-production target with a 1 microamp, 480 MeV proton beam for 60 seconds
- Goal:  $\sigma_d \sim 10^{-27}$  ecm, room-temp. Ramsey



TRIUMF, [CFI](#), [BCKDF](#), MRF and [NSERC](#) in Canada, and [KEK](#) and [RCNP](#)



- Contributions from Berkeley, ILL, Jülich, LANL, U.Michigan, MSU, NCSU, PNPI, PTB, RAL, TUM, UIUC, Yale
- Spin-precession with coherent pulsing
- UCN at room temperature, later cryogenic
- Double chamber
- Minimized number of mechanical parts close to chambers
- Initially  $^{199}\text{Hg}$  and Cs, if needed also  $^{129}\text{Xe}$ ,  $^3\text{He}$ , SQUID magnetometers

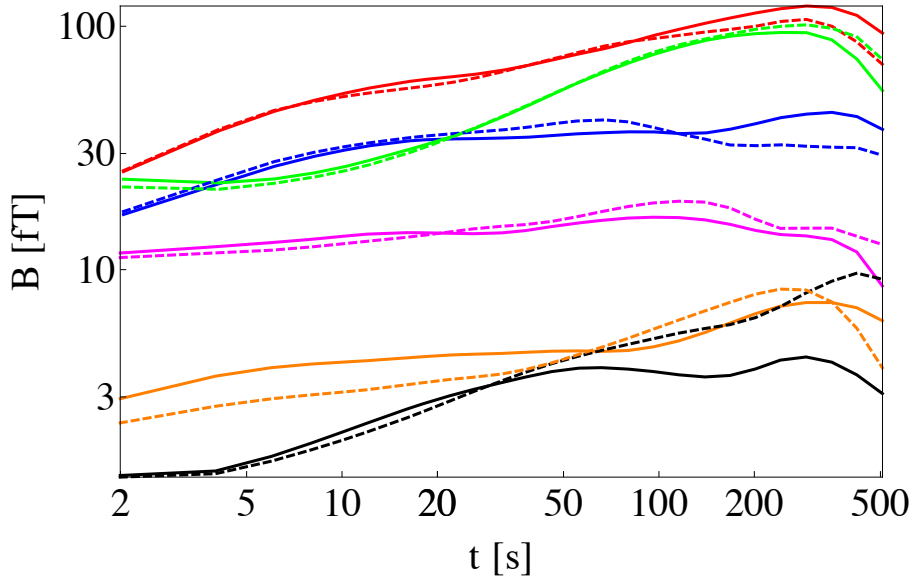


Nonmagnetic vacuum chamber (2013!)

- Highest damping ever obtained:  $\sim 6 \cdot 10^6$  (mHz)
- Highest stability ever obtained: few 5 fT in  $10^2$  s (AIP Highlight 5/2015)
- Static gradient  $\sim 10^{-10}$  T/m over  $1 \text{ m}^3$



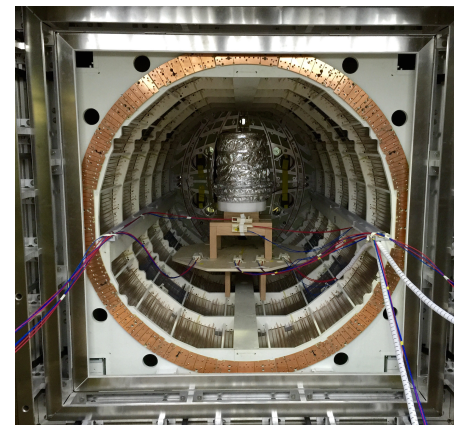
SQUID Allan deviation (compare to typical 1/f noise!)



Field homogeneity maps [pT]:  
0.4 m

Bx in pT		
Xend-18	Xmitte0	Xend+18
8	50	88
11	59	80
29	80	85
18	48	91
19	51	91
12	43	97
-2	30	91
By in pT		
Xend-18	Xmitte0	Xend+18
-23	-22	-26
-35	-39	-32
-28	-26	-22
-18	-28	-22
-28	-31	-23
-56	-26	4
-79	-33	15
Bz in pT		
Xend-18	Xmitte0	Xend+18
-106	-66	-67
-116	-82	-63
-87	-53	-54
-81	-31	-27
-77	-34	-42
-87	-47	-66
-93	-55	-75

$\mu$ T Ramsey field coils



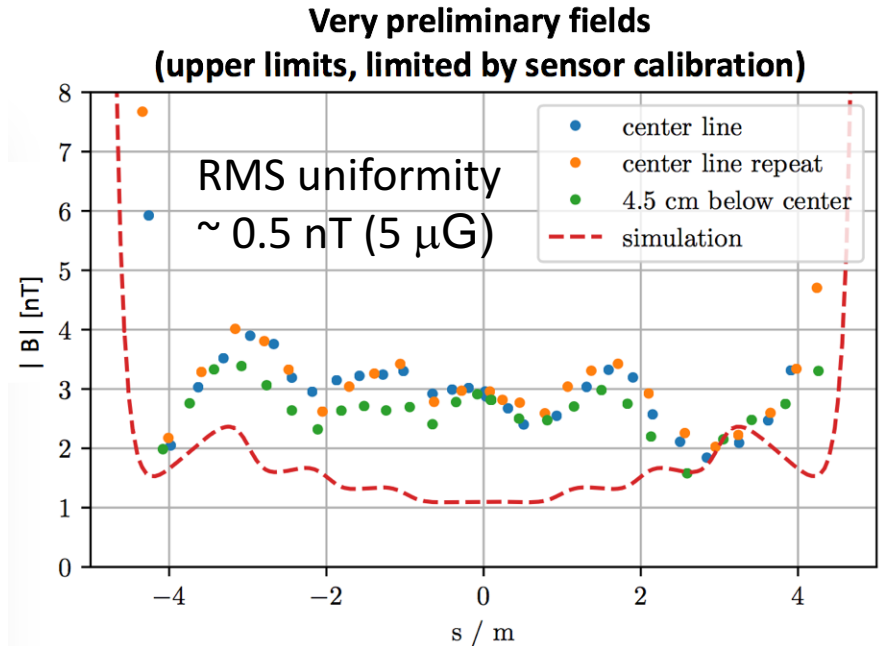
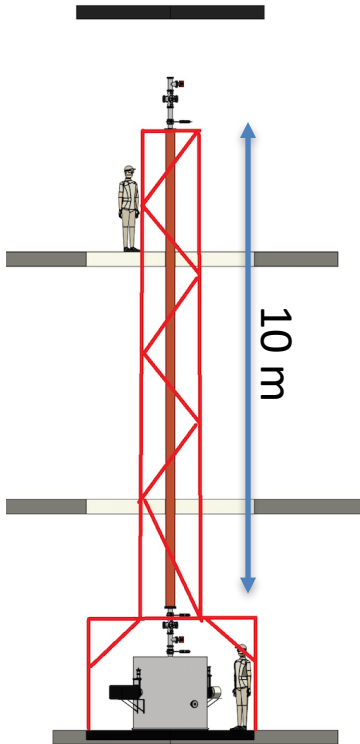
1.5 m

(Measurement dominated by sensor cables!)

I. Altarev et al., arXiv:1501.07408 / Rev. Sci. Instr. (2015)  
 I. Altarev et al., arXiv:1501.07861, J. Appl. Phys. (2015), Appl. Phys. Lett. (2015)

- Time-dependent numerical modeling of hysteresis and magnetic equilibration (TUM, HIT) demonstrated: quantitative agreement of simulation + experiment
- $|B| < 25$  pT over large volume demonstrated
- **New: demonstrated now in 10 m long shield for atomic fountain!**

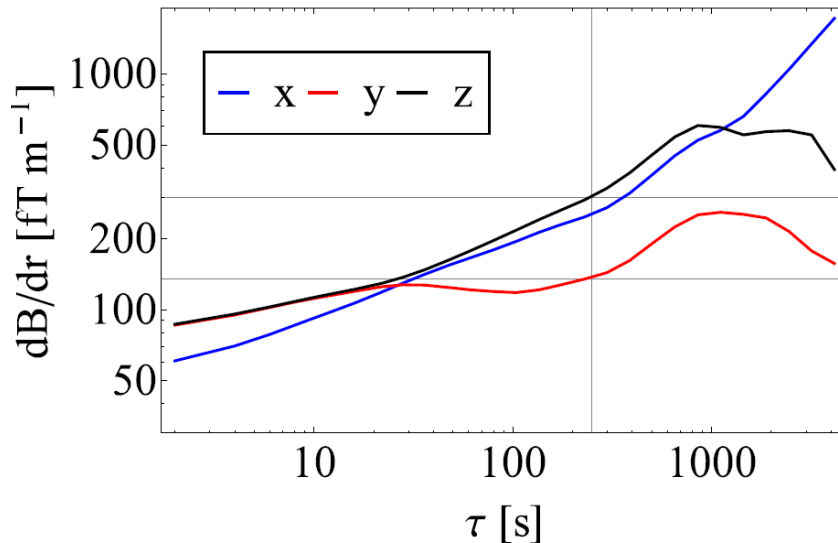
Z. Sun et al., J. Appl. Phys. 119, 193902 (2016)





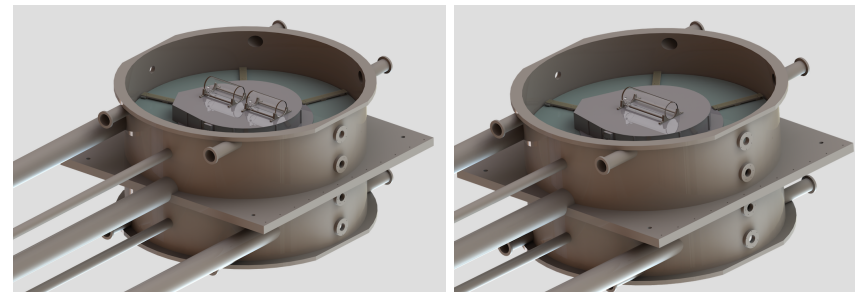
- Double chamber: first order field drifts canceled (limited by  $B_0$  correction coils)
- Background gradient drift is small enough: SF  $\sim 6 \times 10^6$  at 1 mHz ...

Allan std. dev. of gradient drift,  
(inner shield removed for measurement)



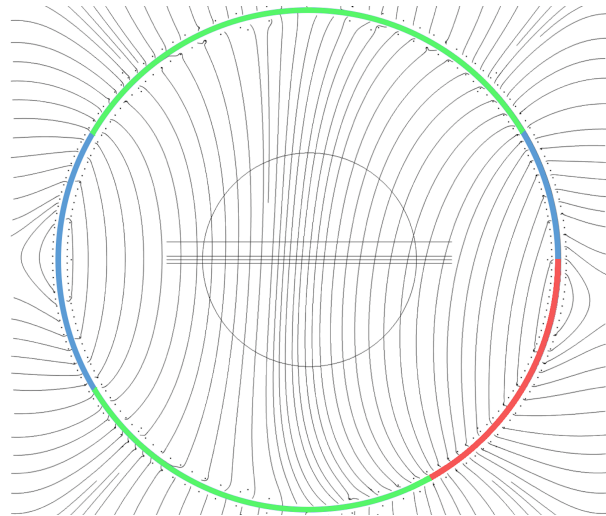
**100 fT/m / 10 (properties of additional shielding);  
0.1 m cell distance... < 1 fT drift between cells**

**... Better use no comagnetometer and only very few components**



**Main issue: shielding properties are never uniform!**

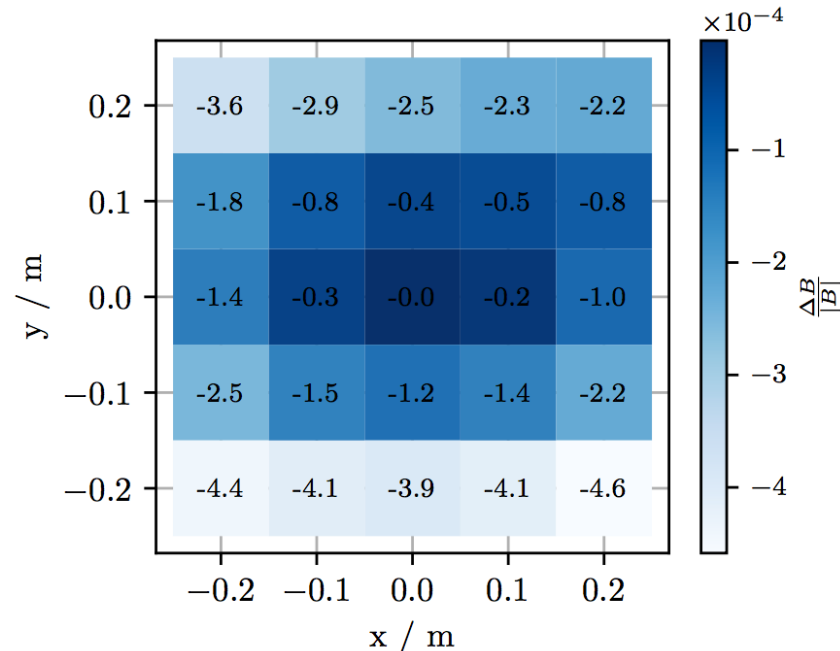
**Simulation:** permeability varied (strongly) along cylinder used for NMR  $B_0$  field coil:



(View into cylinder from front)

Any field inside will talk to the shield, almost impossible to avoid.

**Measured:** rel. field homogeneity in horiz. plane



- Only 4 correction coils
- Limited by sensor alignment

1 cm warm-cold distance for SQUID (by PTB)

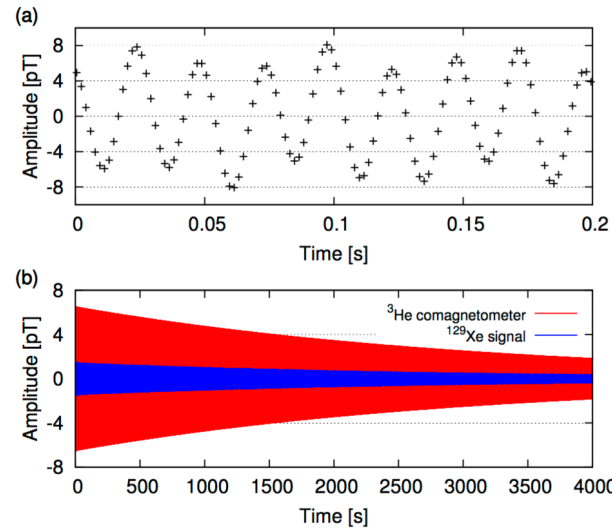
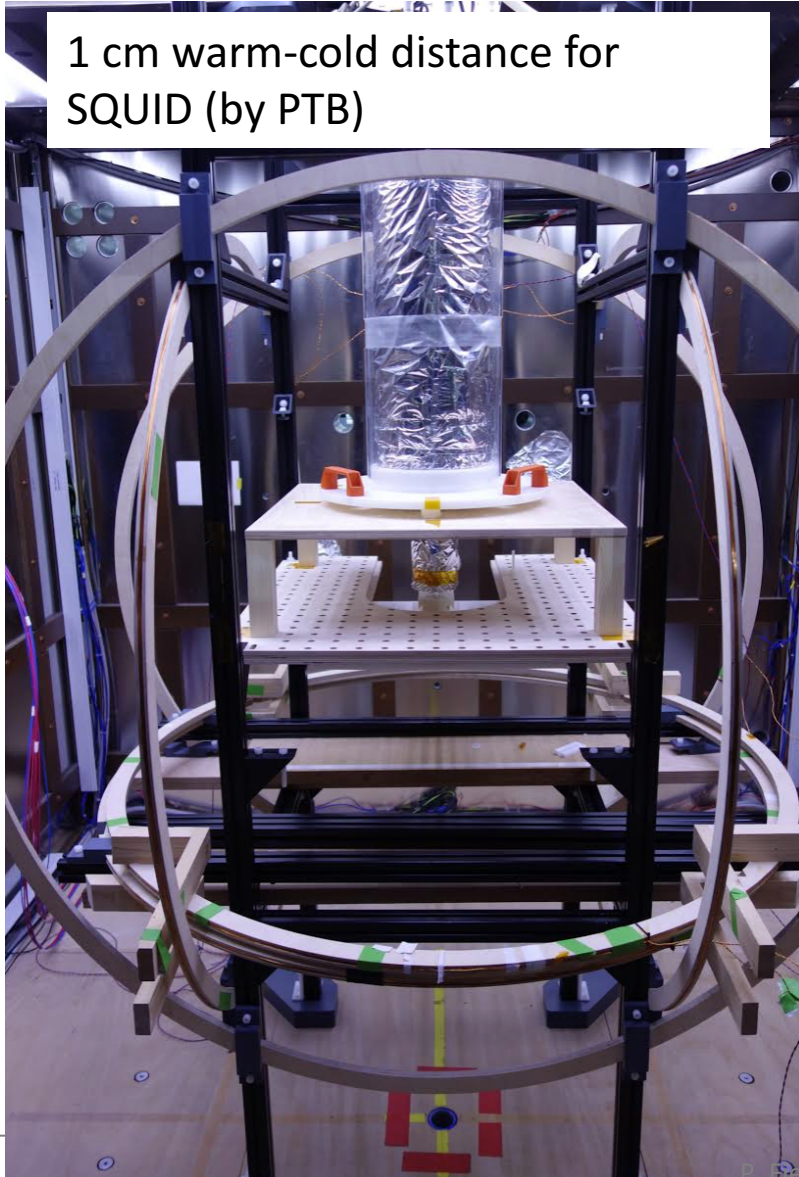
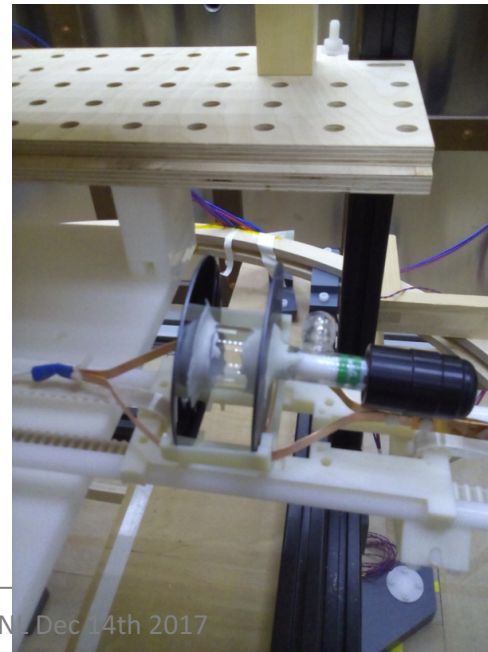


Illustration:  
simultaneous precession of  $^{129}\text{Xe}$  and  $^3\text{He}$  amplitude in cylindrical cell with 5 kV/cm applied



**Issues:**  
Precision  
Accuracy  
Directionality  
Stability  
Bandwidth  
Crosstalk

$$\sigma_{d_n} = \frac{\hbar}{2\alpha ET \sqrt{N} \sqrt{M}}$$

T ... Spin coherence & UCN storage time

E ... Electric field strength

$\alpha$  ... Visibility

N ... Number of UCN at end of measurement

M ... Number of repetitions

## Some new achievements:

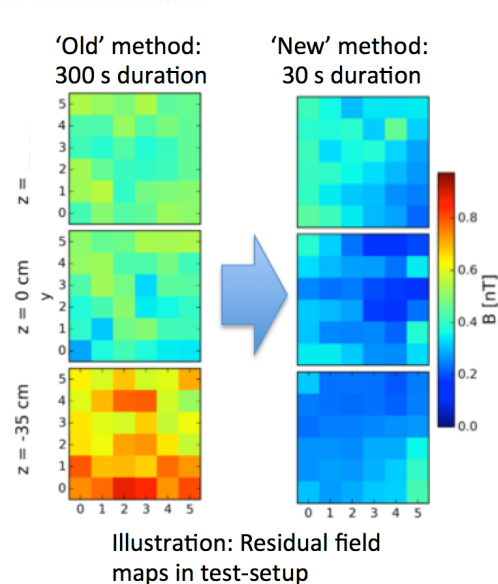
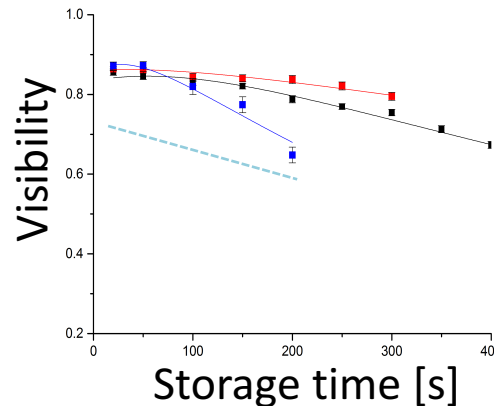
- Fast magnetic equilibration: M x 2 (almost)**

[I. Altarev et al., arXiv:1501.07408](#),  
Appl. Phys. Lett. (2015)

- Deuterated polyethylene, softer spectrum: T x 2, N x 2**

[I. Altarev et al., arXiv:1502.06252](#),  
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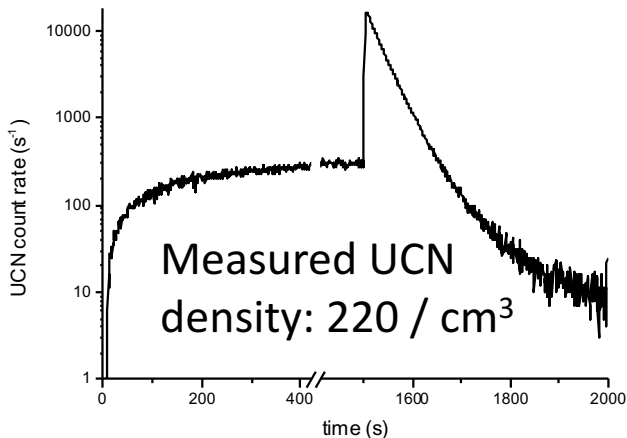
- Visibility:  $\alpha$  x 1.25** T. Zechlau, PD thesis



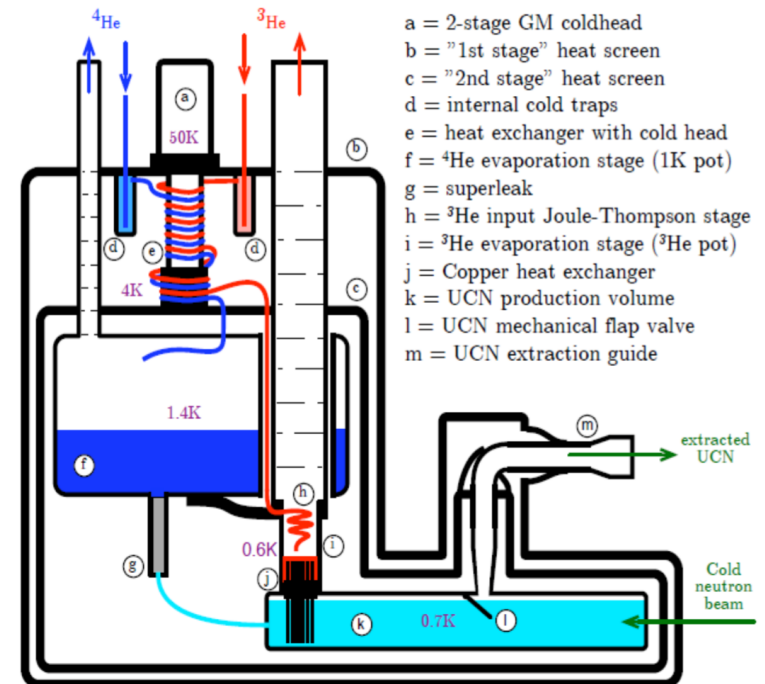
**... in total a factor 5 might be possible without better source!**

- No UCN at the EDM beam position at FRM2 for several more years
- PanEDM won competition for UCN beamline at ILL (“SuperSUN”)

- Superfluid helium source
- Placed at a cold beam
- Very ‘soft’ spectrum:  $< 74$  neV
- $\Rightarrow T = 250$  s demonstrated!
- Very small systematics (no geom. Phase!)

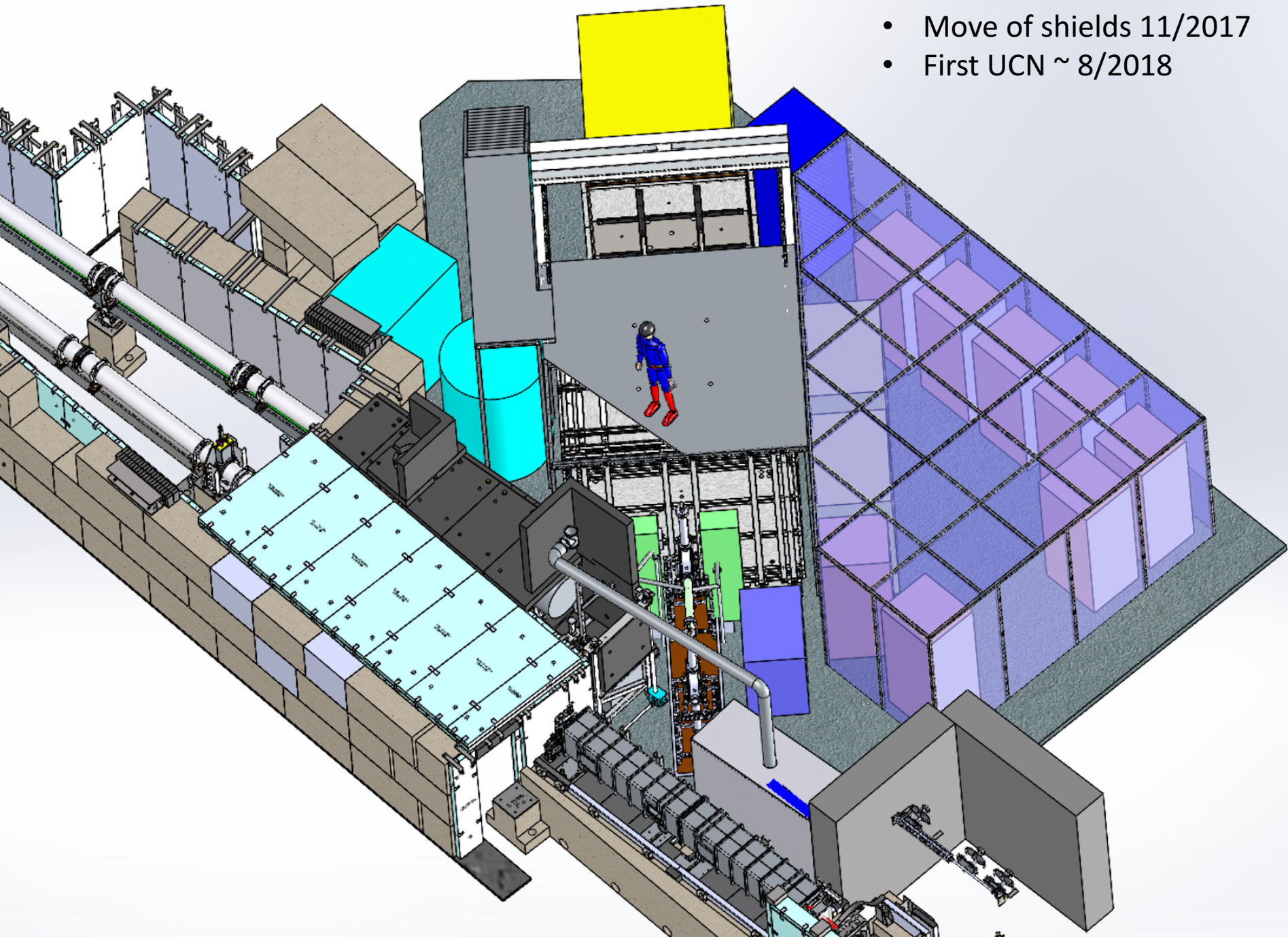


Precursor source: SUN2





- Move of shields 11/2017
- First UCN ~ 8/2018





# Reassembly ongoing at ILL (Dec 2017)



2018-2020      2019-2022

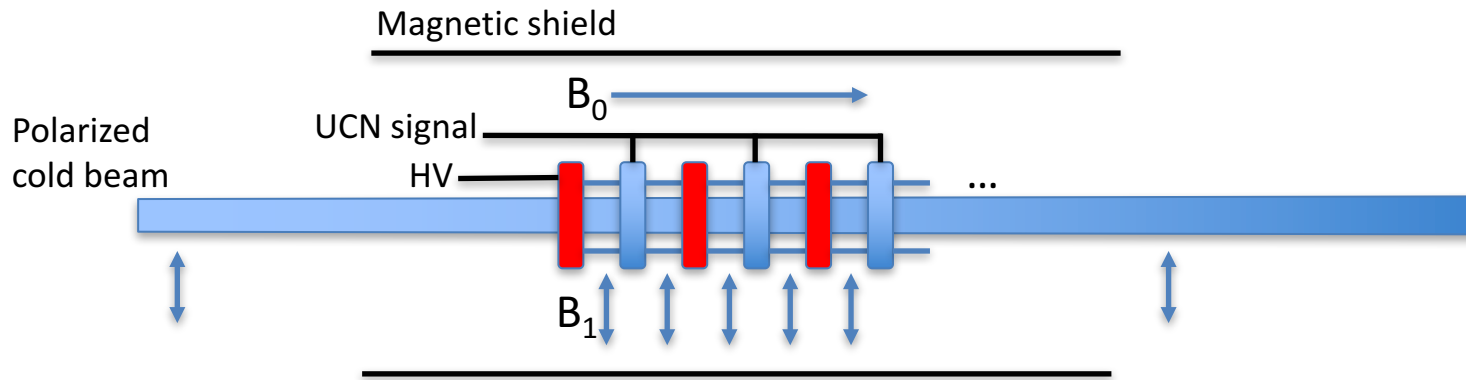
	SuperSun stage I	SuperSun stage II
UCN density	333 1/cm <sup>3</sup>	1670 1/cm <sup>3</sup>
Diluted density	80 1/cm <sup>3</sup>	400,8 1/cm <sup>3</sup>
<b>Transfer loss factor</b>	<b>3 *</b>	1,5
Source saturation loss factor	2	2
Polarization loss factor	2	1
Density in cells	6,7 1/cm <sup>3</sup>	133,6 1/cm <sup>3</sup>
2 EDM chamber volume	33,2 l	33,2 l
Neutrons per chamber	110556	2217760
EDM sensitivity		
E	2,00E+04 V/cm	2,00E+04 V/cm
alpha	0,85	0,85
T	250 s	250 s
N after time T (1/e)	39800	794000
Number of EDM cells	2	2
Sensitivity (1 Sigma, 1 cell)	3,9E-25 ecm	8,7E-26 ecm
Sensitivity (1 Sigma, 2 cells)	2,7E-25 ecm	6,1E-26 ecm
Preparation time	150 s	150 s
Measurements per day	216	216
Sensitivity (1 Sigma, 2 cells) per day	1,9E-26 ecm	4,2E-27 ecm
<b>Sensitivity 100 days</b>	<b>1,9E-27 ecm</b>	<b>4,2E-28 ecm</b>
<b>Limit 90% 100 days</b>	<b>3,00E-27 ecm</b>	<b>7,00E-28 ecm</b>

Recently reduced to "1"



$$\sigma_{d_n} = \frac{h}{2\alpha ET\sqrt{N}}$$

Compared to current limit:  
3.10<sup>-26</sup> ecm



### The currently most promising option (in my opinion...):

- Cold beam produces UCN inside EDM cells in superfluid helium
- Cryogenic = low losses, large HV
- In situ = high density
- Control of systematic: many cells simultaneously
- Magnetic field quality demonstrated
- UCN source design with 3 m length demonstrated

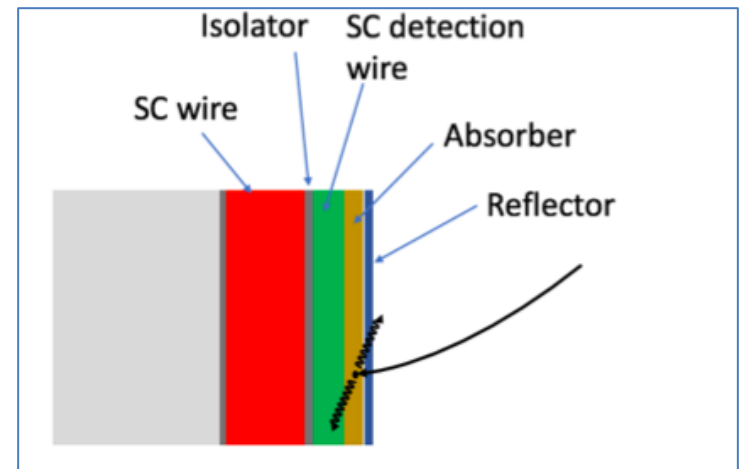
# Towards a fully cryogenic measurement

- Only one component to be developed & multiplied:
  - SQUIDs/TES?
  - NV diamonds?
- $1 \cdot 10^{-29}$  ecm feasible without progress at neutron sources!
- No moving parts, cheap!

Reach:

hbar	6,57E-16	eVs	
HV	500000	V	
Cell "height"	7	cm	
E Field	71428,57143	V/cm	
alpha	0,95		
T	350	s	
Initial UCN density (in situ!)	1000	1/cm <sup>3</sup>	
Volume	2198	cm <sup>3</sup>	
N(t= 0)	2,20E+06		
N after T	8,14E+05		
sigma_d =	1,53E-026	ecm / measurement	
Cells	100		
Factor	10		
sigma_d =	1,53E-027	ecm / measurement	
Repetitions	10000		
Factor	100		
<b>sigma_d =</b>	<b>1,53E-029</b>	<b>ecm / measurement</b>	

Possible detection scheme: SC wire + SQUID for polarized UCN detection



Alternative: NV diamonds?

- Factor 10 - ongoing improvements:
  - ILL/TUM – PanEDM being reassembled & adapted for ILL source, operational in 2018
  - LANL – upgraded source in 2017
  - PSI – new shields in 2018
  - TRIUMF – first UCN in 2017
- Factor 100
  - SNS EDM
- TUM neutron EDM apparatus moved to ILL: ‚PanEDM‘
  - Systematic effects reasonably well under control for  $1 \cdot 10^{-27}$  level
  - Magnetic field work has applications in different fields
- Factor 1000 in principle possible





## Neutrons trapped on a wire with large current

- First trap for high-field seeking spin-states
- Closed trajectories with (sub)-millimeter distance to a mass without wall collisions
- Easy to detect decay products
- Next step: quantized states around wire

