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# Neutron Electric Dipole Moment Search at Room Temperature

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# Standard Textbooks



- ▶ **Byrne – Neutrons, Nuclei & Matter**
- ▶ **Golub, Richardson & Lamoreaux – Ultra-Cold Neutrons**
- ▶ **Rauch & Werner – Neutron Interferometry**
- ▶ **Willis & Carlile – Experimental Neutron Scattering**
- ▶ **Williams – Polarized Neutrons**
- ▶ **Dubbers & Stöckmann – Quantum Physics**

and others ...

- ▶ **Introduction & Motivation**
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- ▶ **How to Measure a Neutron EDM**
- ▶ **The nEDM Experiment at PSI**
- ▶ **Future & Ramsey beyond the EDM**

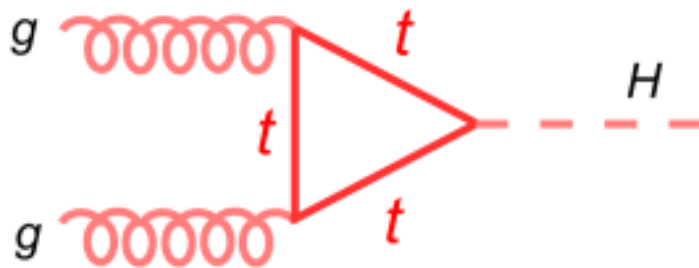




# ▶ Introduction & Motivation

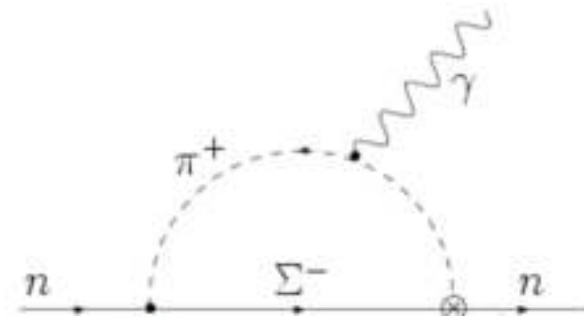
## High Energy Frontier

Direct production of new particles



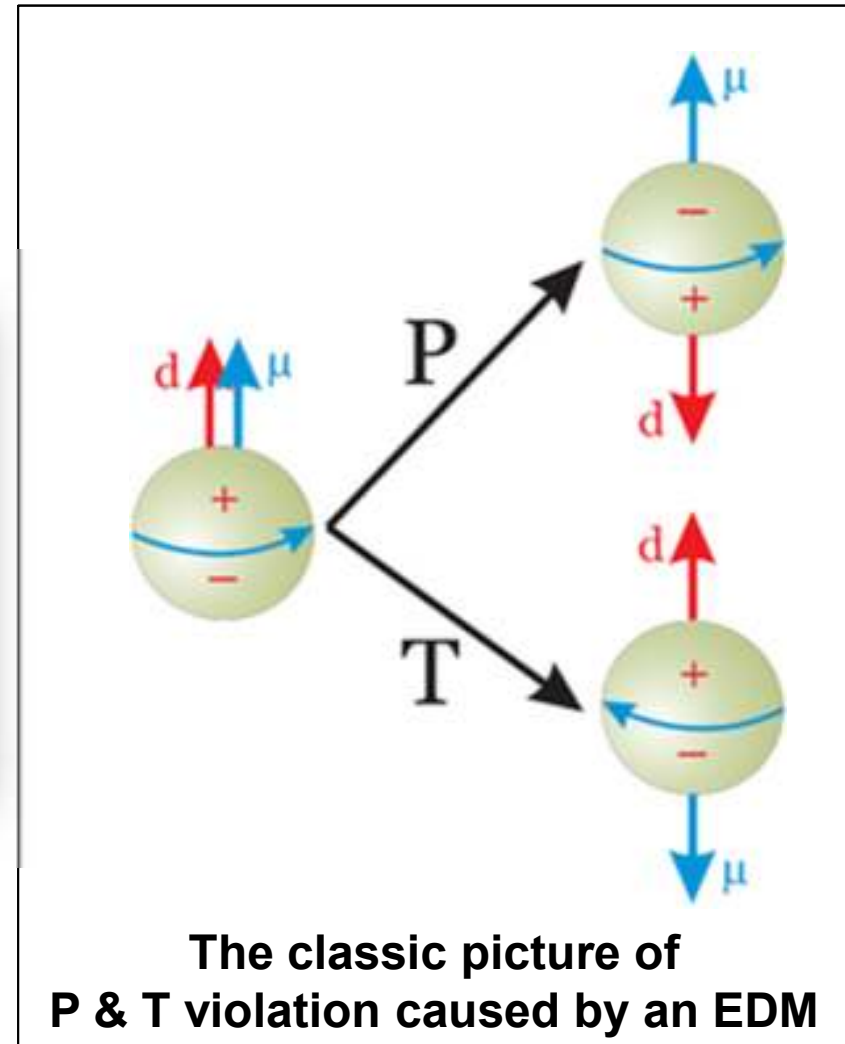
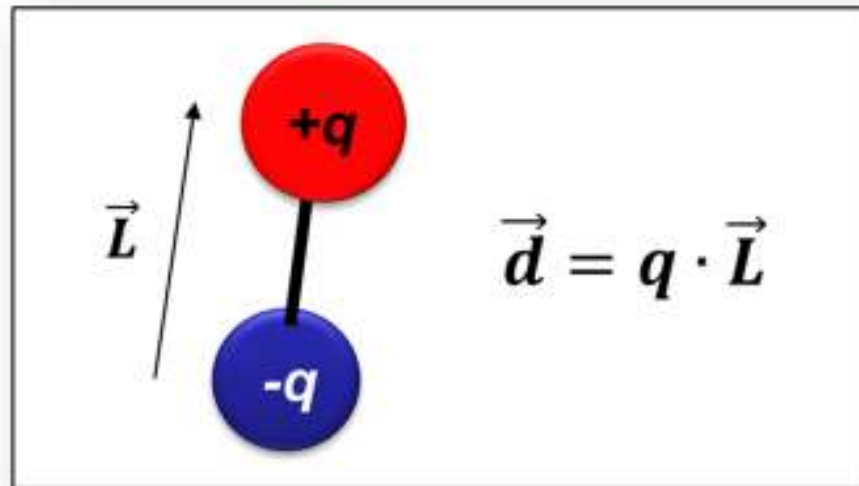
## High Intensity/Precision Frontier

Search for a neutron EDM



EDM search describes promising route for discovering new physics beyond the SM.

# Electric Dipole Moment (EDM)



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

(non-relativistic interaction Hamiltonian)

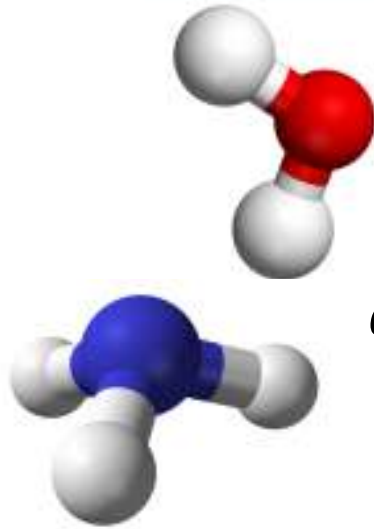


- ▶ A non-zero electric dipole moment (EDM) of a fundamental particle, e.g. of the neutron, violates parity (P) & time-reversal symmetry (T) \*.
- ▶ With CPT conservation\*\*, from T violation follows CP violation.

\* Purcell & Ramsey, Phys. Rev. 78, 807 (1950)

\*\* Lüders, Ann. Phys. 2, 1 (1957)

# EDM of Polar Molecules



$$d_{H_2O} \approx d_{NH_3} \approx 10^{-8} \dots 10^{-9} \text{ e cm}$$



**Polar molecules do NOT violate T or CP since they have degenerated states:**

$$\vec{d} = \pm d \frac{\vec{S}}{|\vec{S}|}$$

**This degeneracy allows them to have EDM's.**



# Baryon Asymmetry in our Universe

Electroweak SM  
expectation:

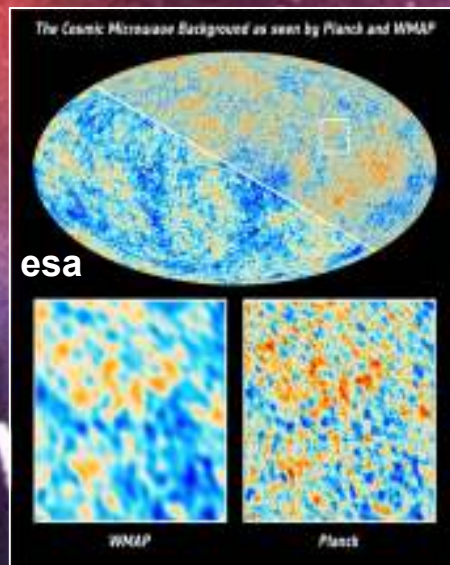
$$\frac{n_B - n_{\bar{B}}}{n_\gamma} \approx 10^{-18}$$

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)



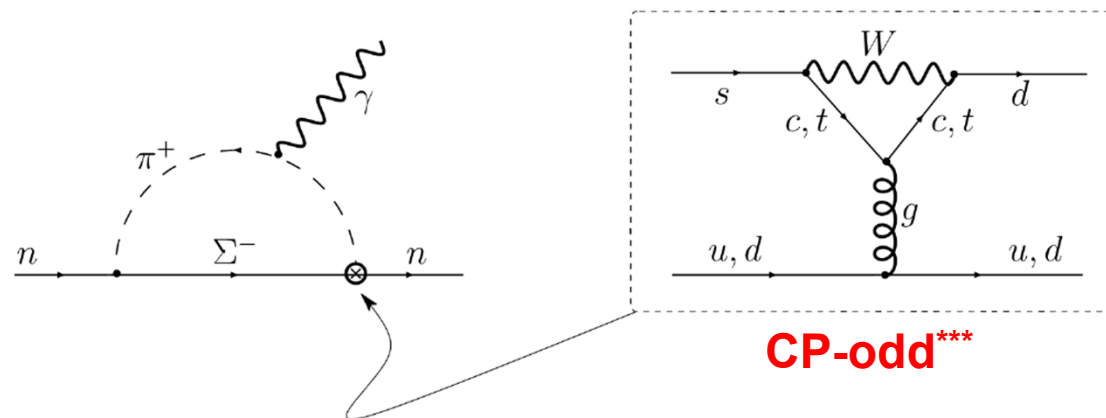
\* e.g. WMAP, COBE, Planck

## ► Electroweak SM:

CP violation has been observed in weak interaction ( $K^0/B^0$  systems) and is included in the SM via the phase  $\delta$  in the quark mixing matrix (CKM).

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

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



\* 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  $\theta_{QCD}$ , 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 ‘ $\theta$ -term’

Gluon field

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  $\theta_{QCD}$  so small ?

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

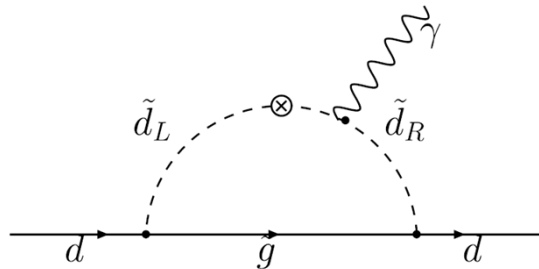
\*\* Baker et al., PRL 97, 131801 (2006)

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

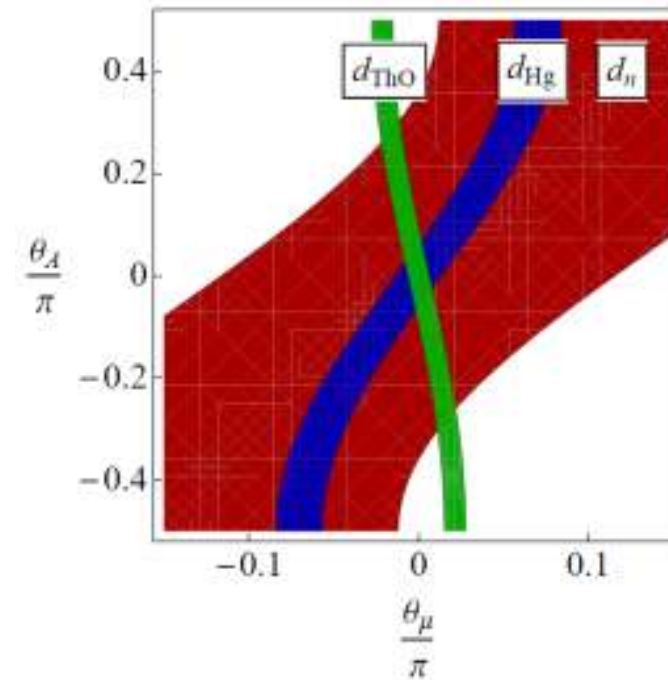
## ► SUSY CP-Problem:

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

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



**Why is  $\phi_{\text{SUSY}}$  so small  
or  $M_{\text{SUSY}}$  so large ?**

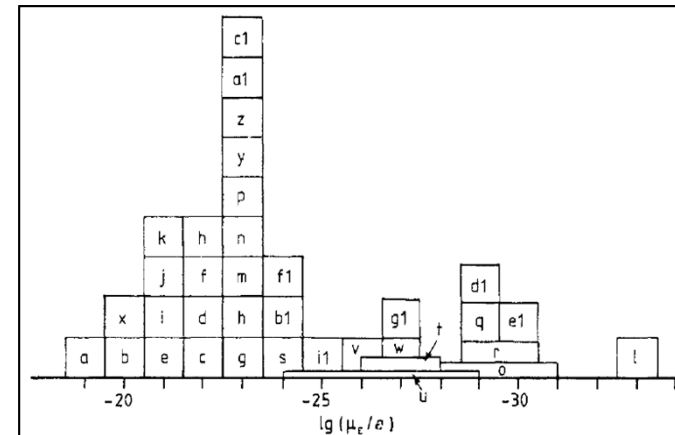


with:  $M_{\text{SUSY}} = 2 \text{ TeV}$ ,  $\tan \beta = 3$

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

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

- ▶ Search for (neutron) EDM's has ruled out many models of CP violation – viable model must comply with EDM limits.

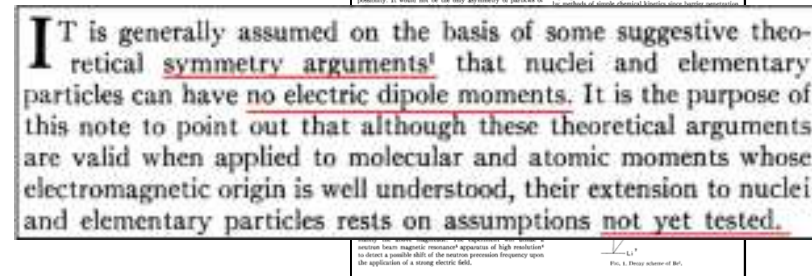


Ramsey, Rep. Prog. Phys. 45, 95 (1982)

- ▶ EDM searches represent most promising probes for beyond SM physics. Small 'SM background' (complementary to LHC).



- ▶ Investigate different EDM's to learn about the origin of the CP violation (e, μ, n, p, d, Hg, Xe).



Ramsey, Phys. Rev. 87, 807 (1950)

# Neutron EDM – Situation & Perspective

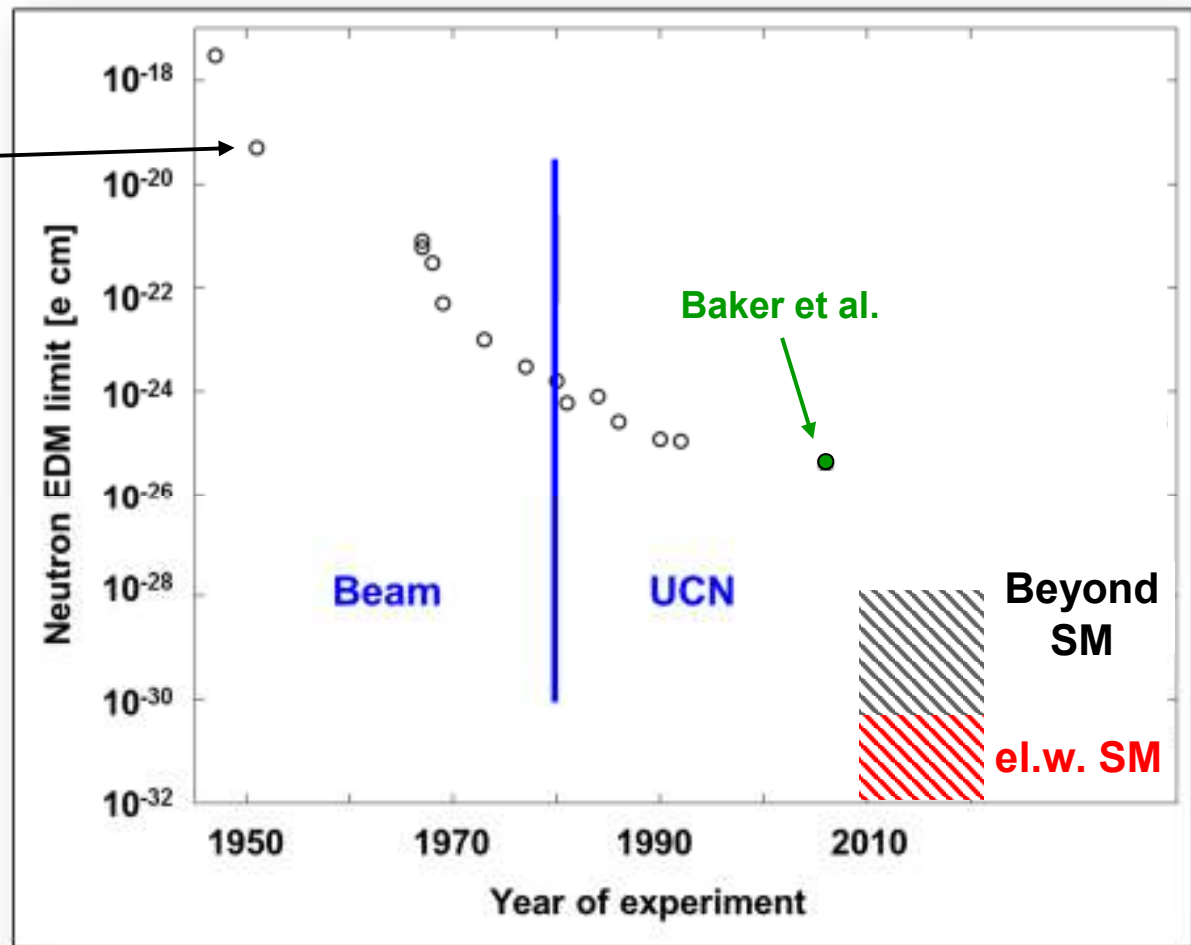
## ► First Ramsey measurement

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

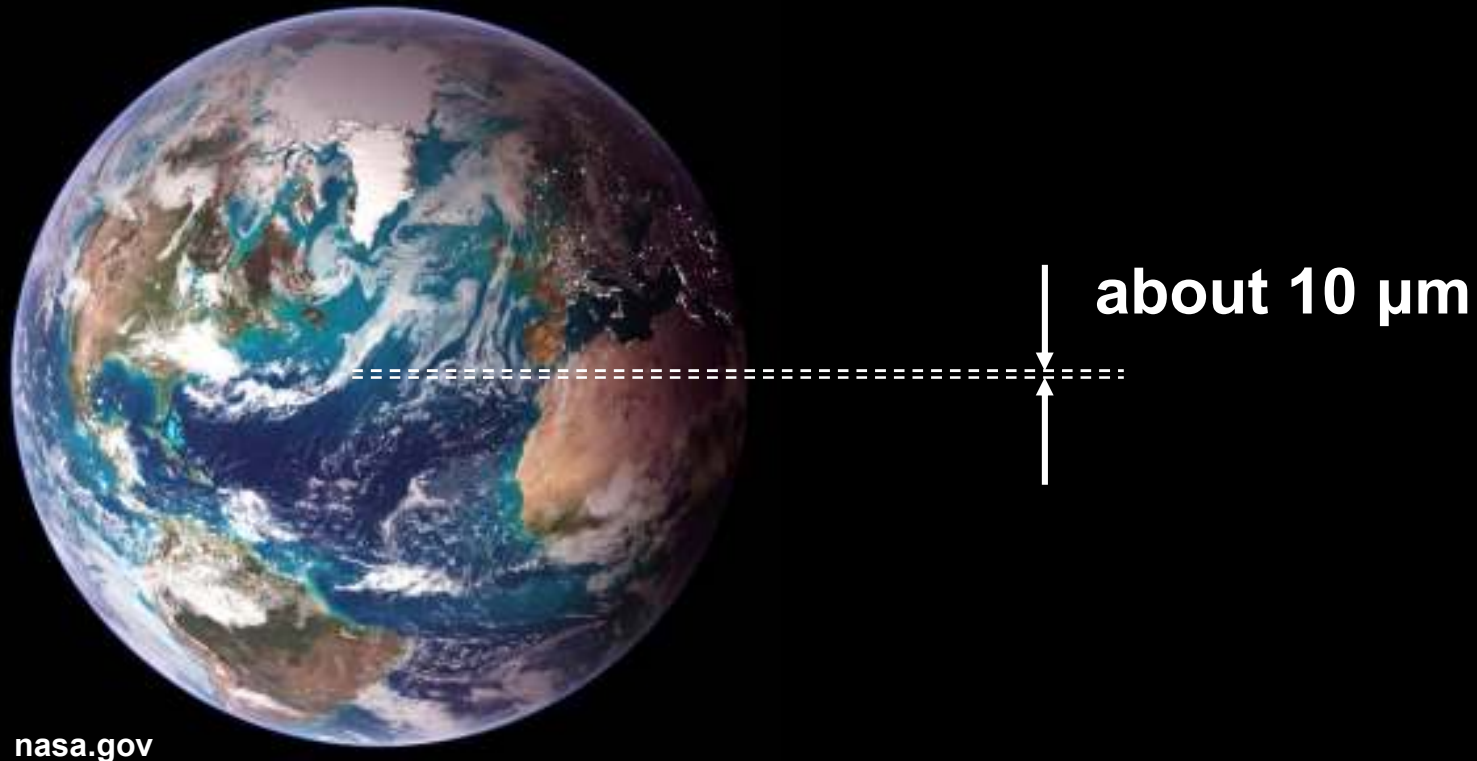
## ► Current limit:

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

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



- Several experiments world-wide, e.g. at **PSI, SNS, FRM-2, LANL, TRIUMF** and others, are aiming for improved sensitivities of about **two orders of magnitude**. All these efforts employ so-called ultracold neutrons.



**If a neutron were blown up to the size of the Earth, the current limit ( $3 \times 10^{-26}$  ecm) on its EDM would correspond to a displacement of the positive and negative charge by about 10 μm.**



▶ **Rabi's & Ramsey's Method**

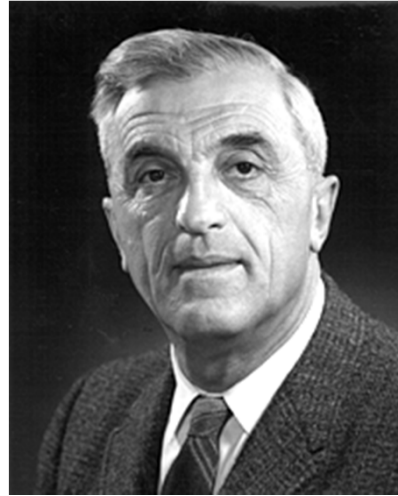




**Isidor Rabi**

**Nobel Prize 1944**

**Molecular beam  
resonance method**



**Felix Bloch**

**Nobel Prize 1952**

**Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR)**



**Edward Purcell**



**Norman Ramsey**

**Nobel Prize 1989**

**Ramsey method**

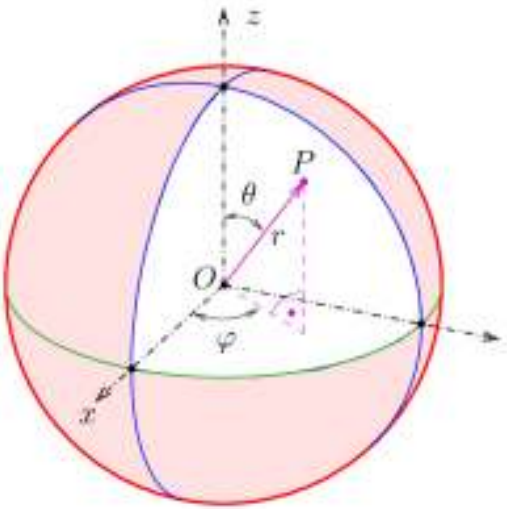
# How to Manipulate Spins ?

- ▶ **Bloch Equation:** Describes the interaction of a spin, i.e. a magnetic moment, with a magnetic field (here no relaxation):

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \langle \vec{\mu} \rangle = \gamma \langle \vec{\mu} \rangle \times \vec{B}$$

$$\vec{\mu} = \gamma \frac{\hbar}{2} \vec{\sigma} = \gamma \vec{S}$$

↑ Gyromagnetic Ratio
 ← Vector of the Pauli matrices



$$\psi = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-i\varphi/2} \cos\left(\frac{1}{2}\theta\right) \\ e^{+i\varphi/2} \sin\left(\frac{1}{2}\theta\right) \end{pmatrix}$$

**Most general representation of a Pauli Spinor**

$$\langle \psi | \vec{\sigma} | \psi \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \sin(\theta) \cos(\varphi) \\ \sin(\theta) \sin(\varphi) \\ \cos(\theta) \end{pmatrix}$$

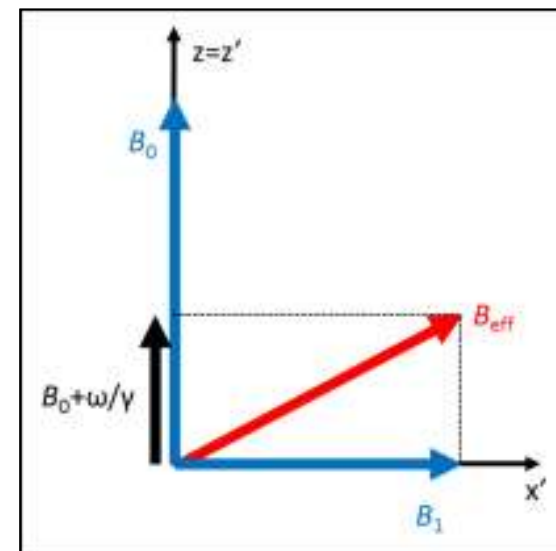
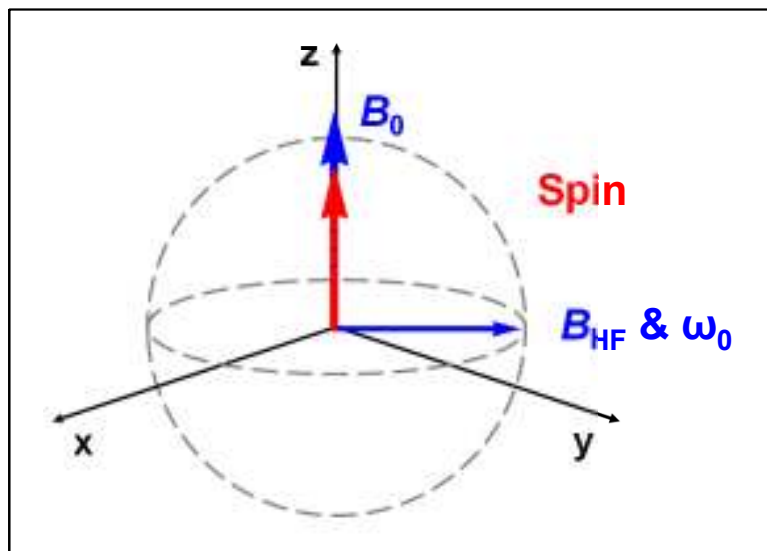
**Expectation value of the Pauli Spinor**

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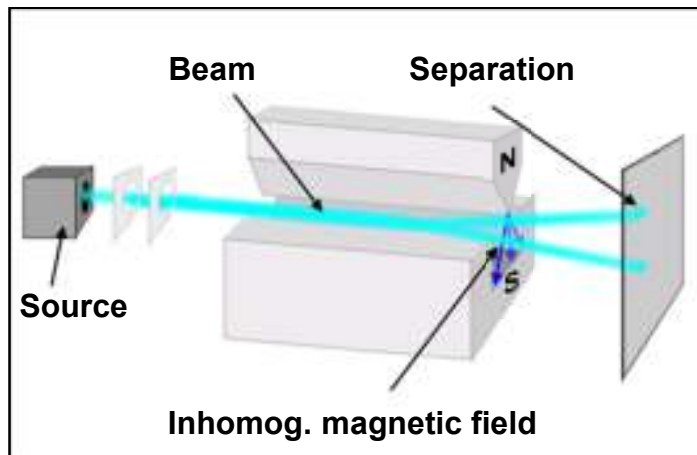
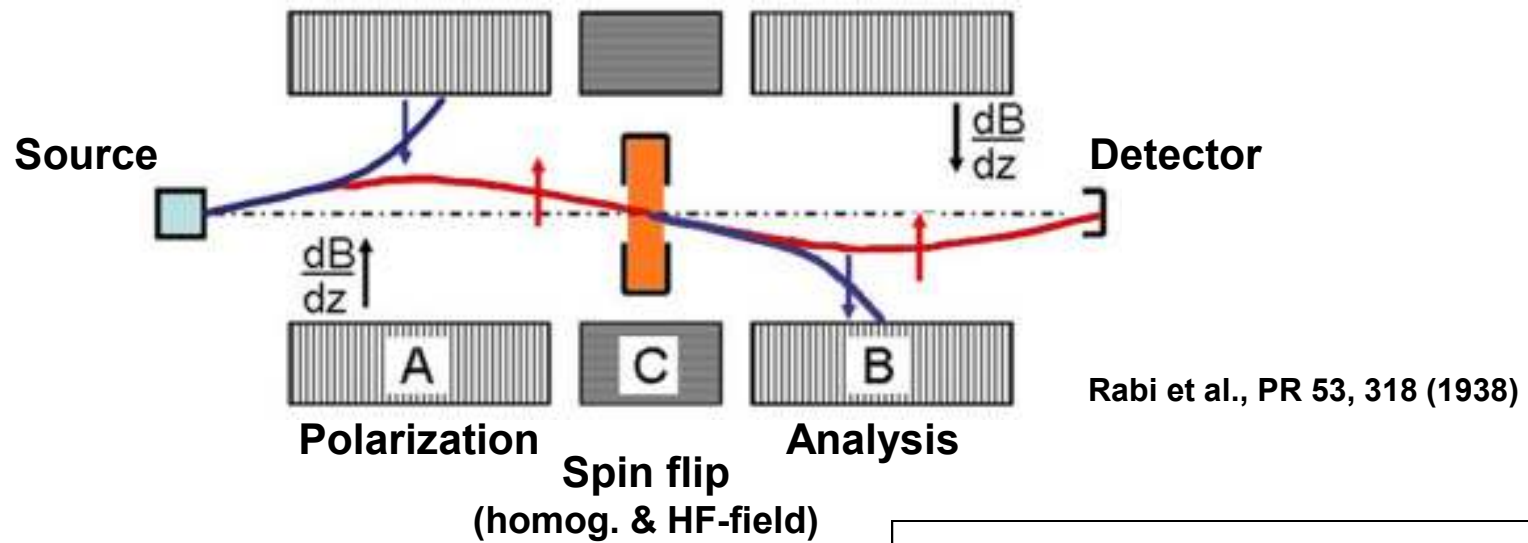
- ▶ **Rotating Frame:** When applying a circular oscillating field it is often easier to transform the problem into the so-called 'Rotating frame' system. The Bloch equ. becomes:

$$\frac{\delta}{\delta t} \langle \vec{\mu} \rangle = \gamma \langle \vec{\mu} \rangle \times \left( \vec{B} + \frac{\vec{\Omega}}{\gamma} \right) = \gamma \langle \vec{\mu} \rangle \times \vec{B}_{eff}$$

Transformed Bloch Equation

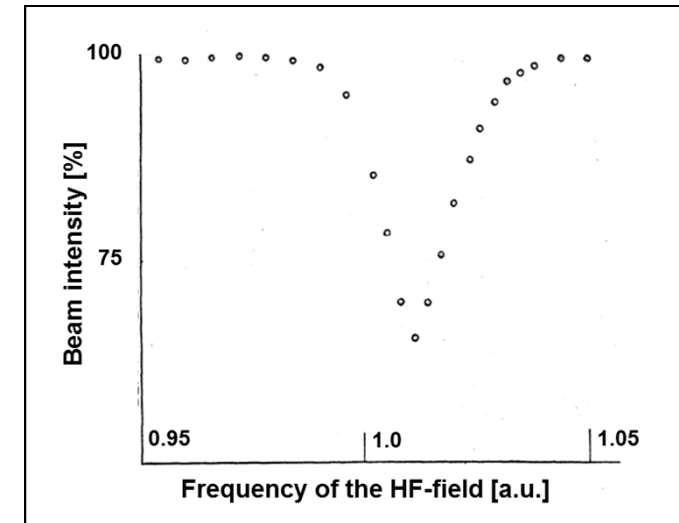


# Rabi Method & Nuclear Magnetic Resonance



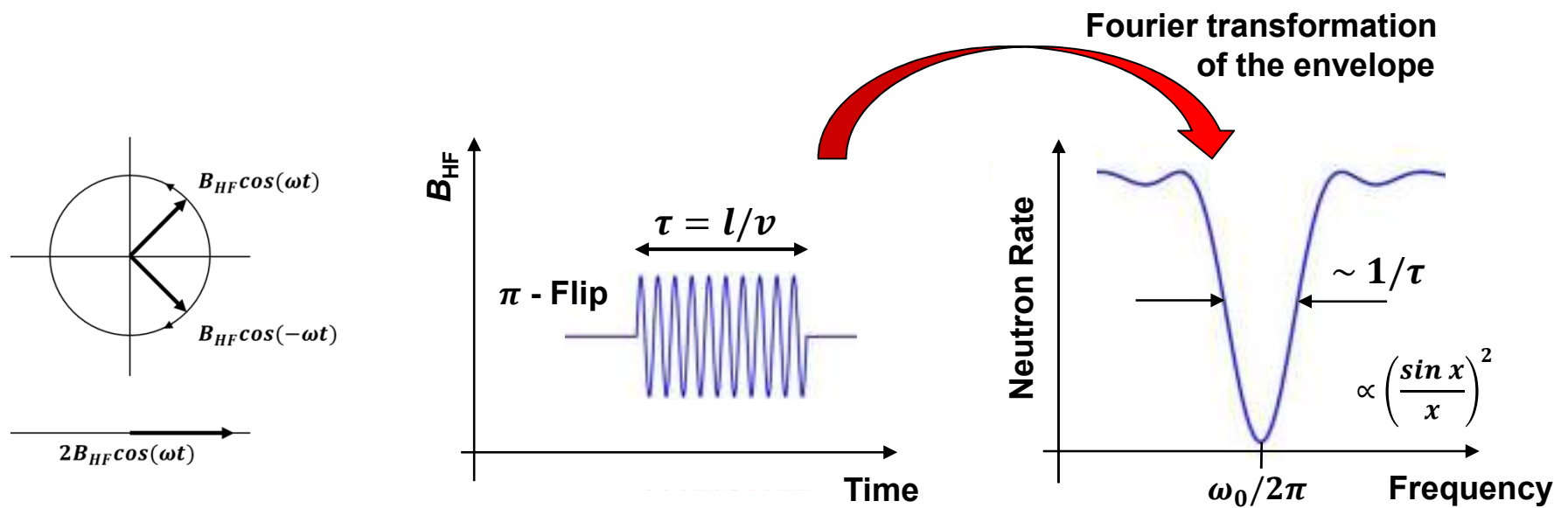
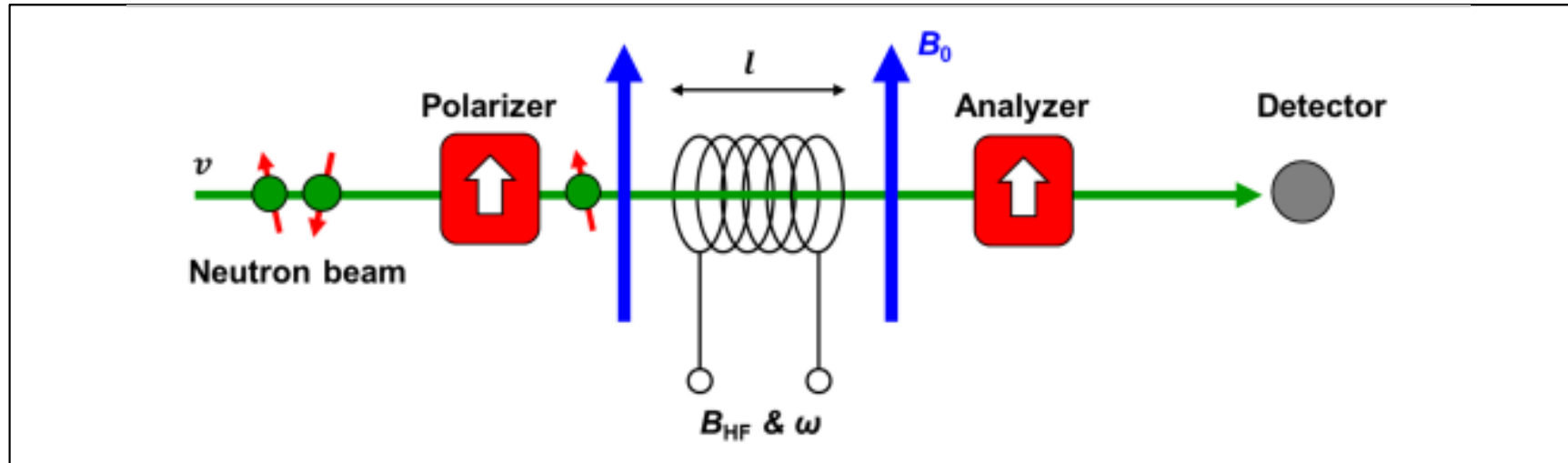
Stern-Gerlach setup as Polarizer

$$\vec{F} = \pm |\vec{\mu}| |\nabla| \vec{B}|$$



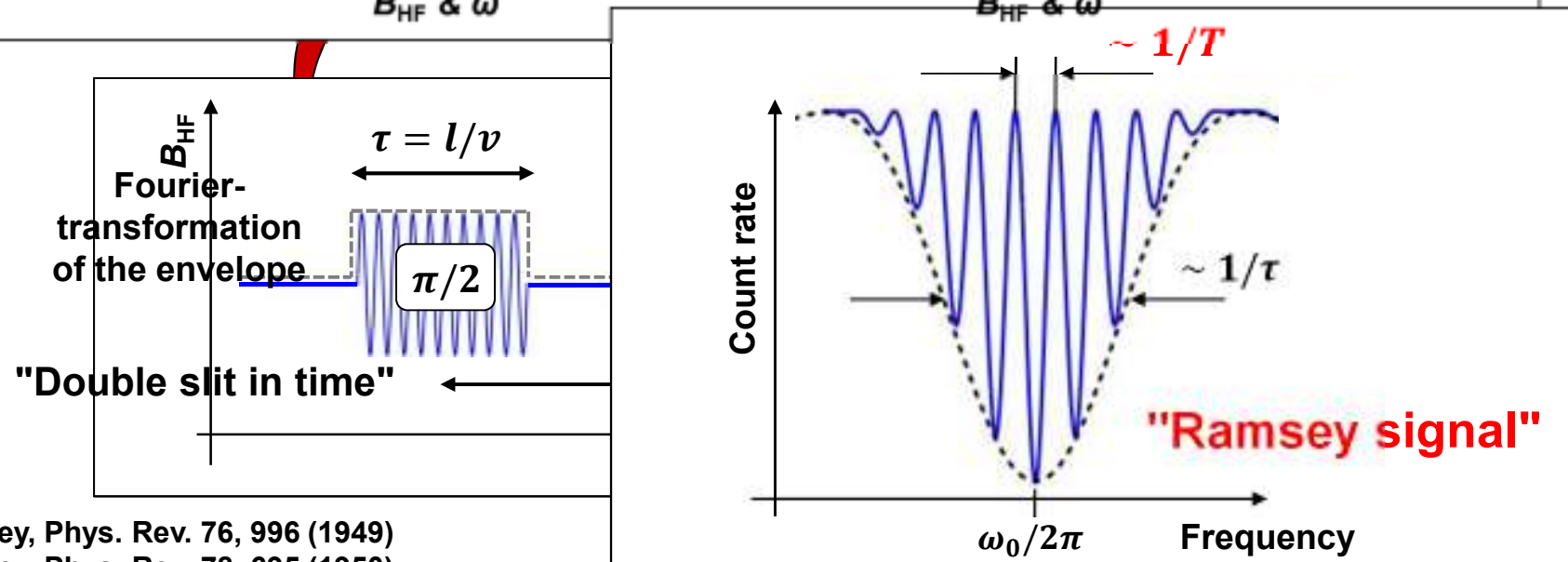
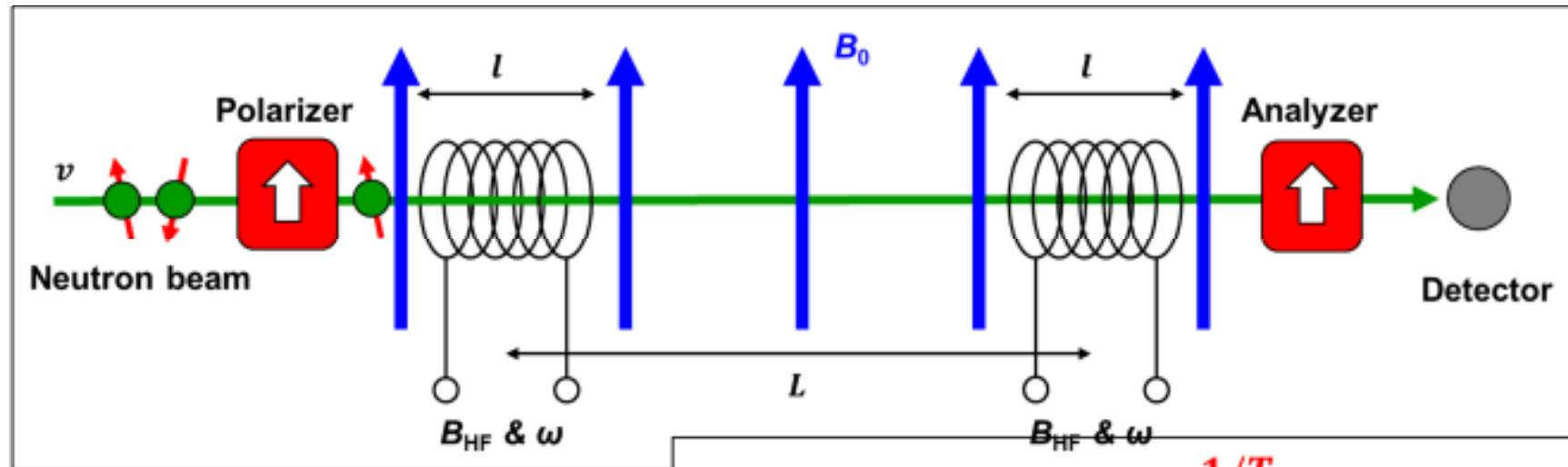
Resonance of  $^7\text{Li}$  in LiCl

# Rabi Experiment with Neutrons



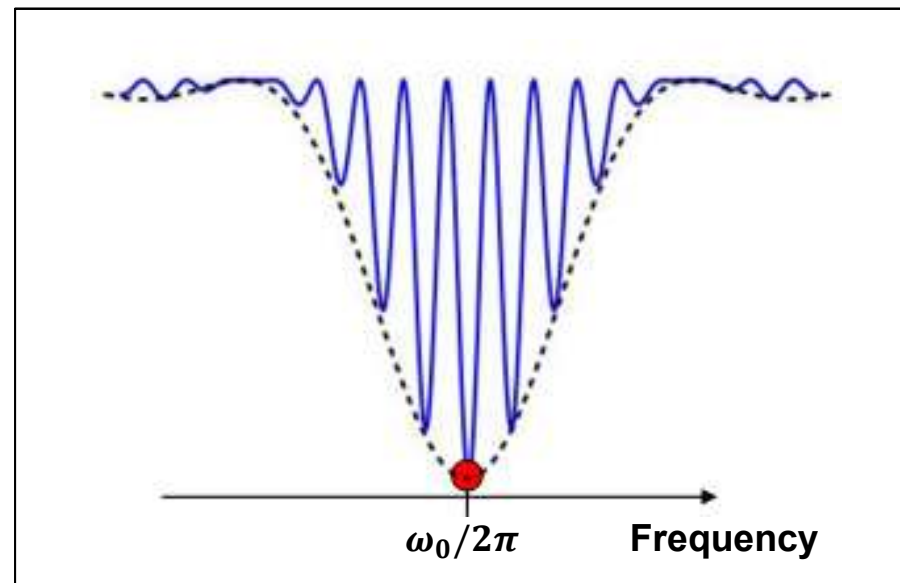
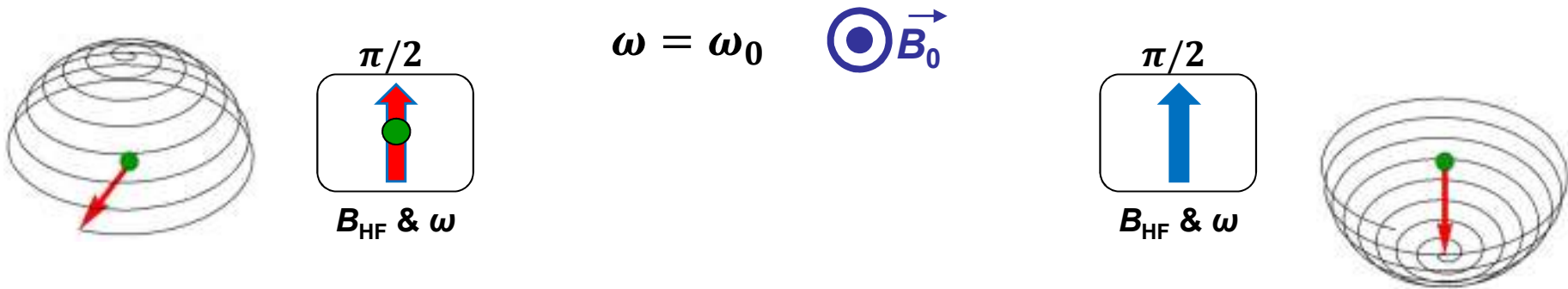
# Ramsey Method

Divide the  $\pi$ -pulse into two **separate, phase-locked**  $\pi/2$ -pulses:



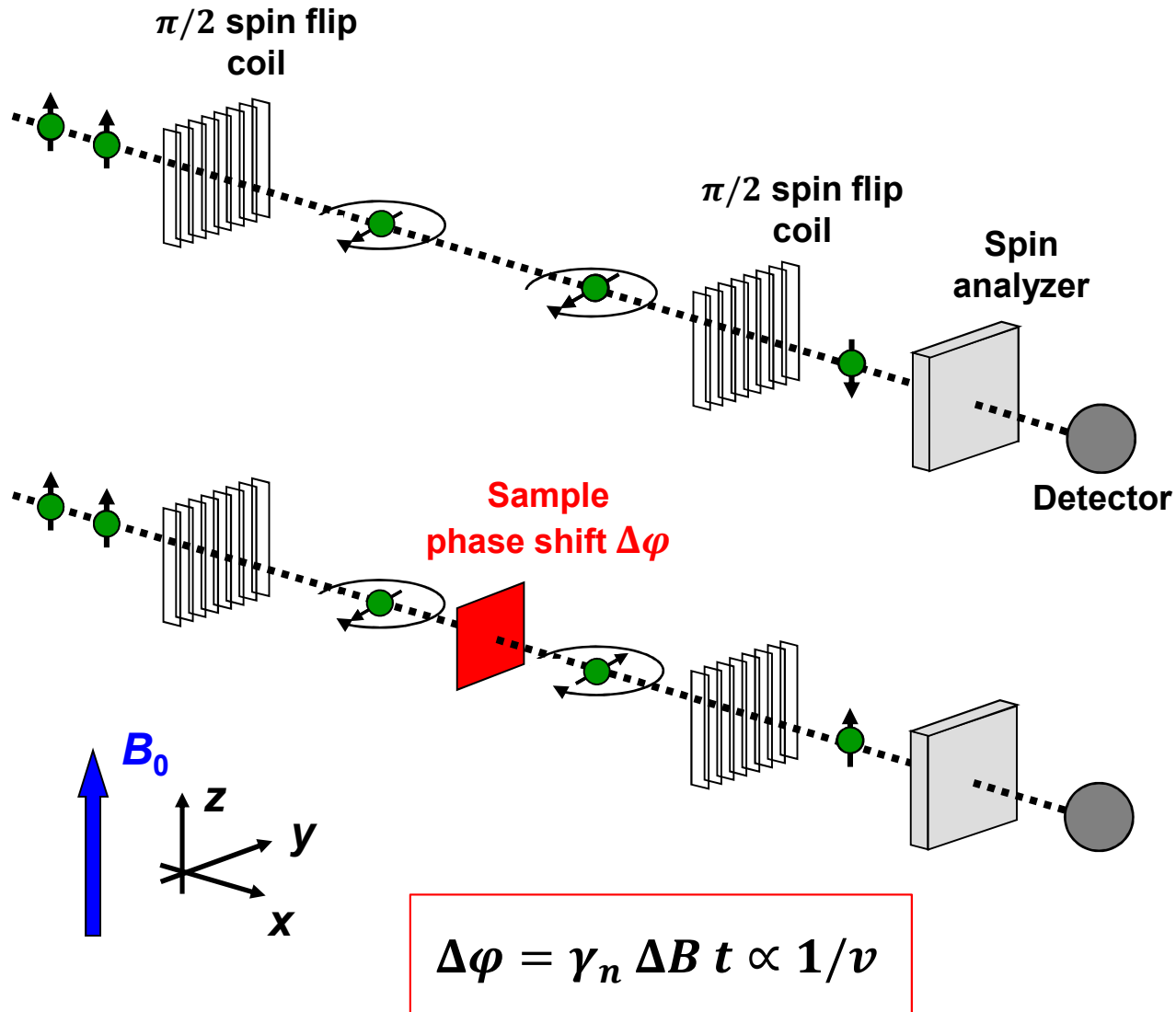
Ramsey, Phys. Rev. 76, 996 (1949)  
 Ramsey, Phys. Rev. 78, 695 (1950)

Why does the Ramsey signal shows this pattern ?

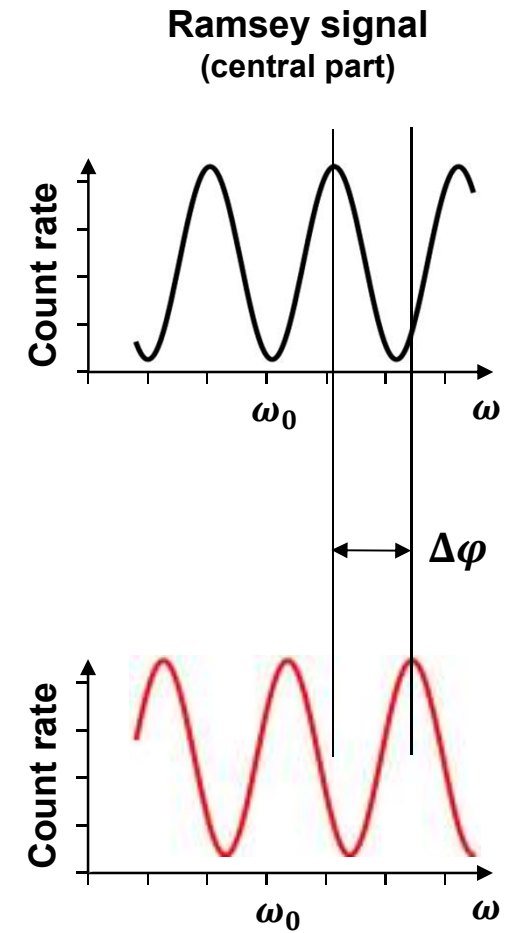


**Clock comparison  
between neutron  
spin and HF signal.**

# Phase Shift due to a Sample

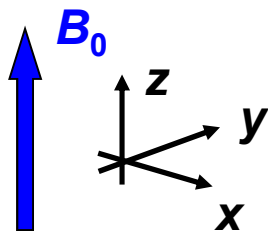
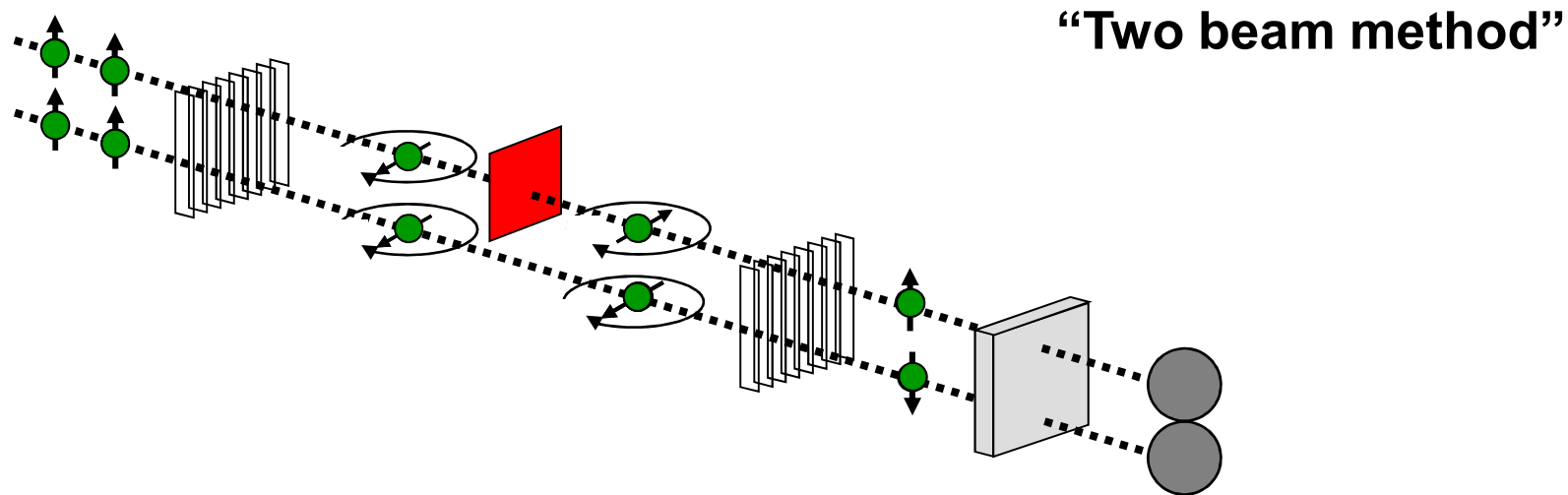


$\Delta B$ : change of the field in the sample





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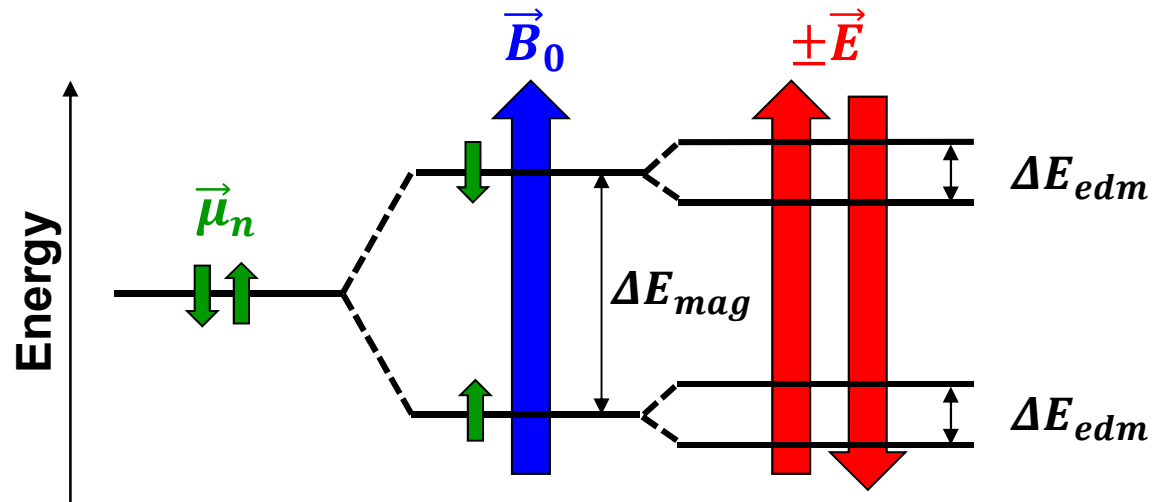
Suppression of common noise / global drifts  
(global magnetic field, HF-phase, temperature etc.)

But, susceptible to drifting magn. field gradients !

## ▶ How to Measure a Neutron EDM



# Larmor Frequency



$$\mathcal{H} = -\vec{\mu} \cdot \vec{B}_0 - \vec{d} \cdot \vec{E}$$

$$\Delta E_{mag} = \hbar \omega_{mag} = 2\mu_n B_0 \quad \text{with: } \mu_n = \frac{1}{2} \hbar \gamma_n$$

$$\Delta E_{edm} = \hbar \omega_{edm} = 2d_n E$$

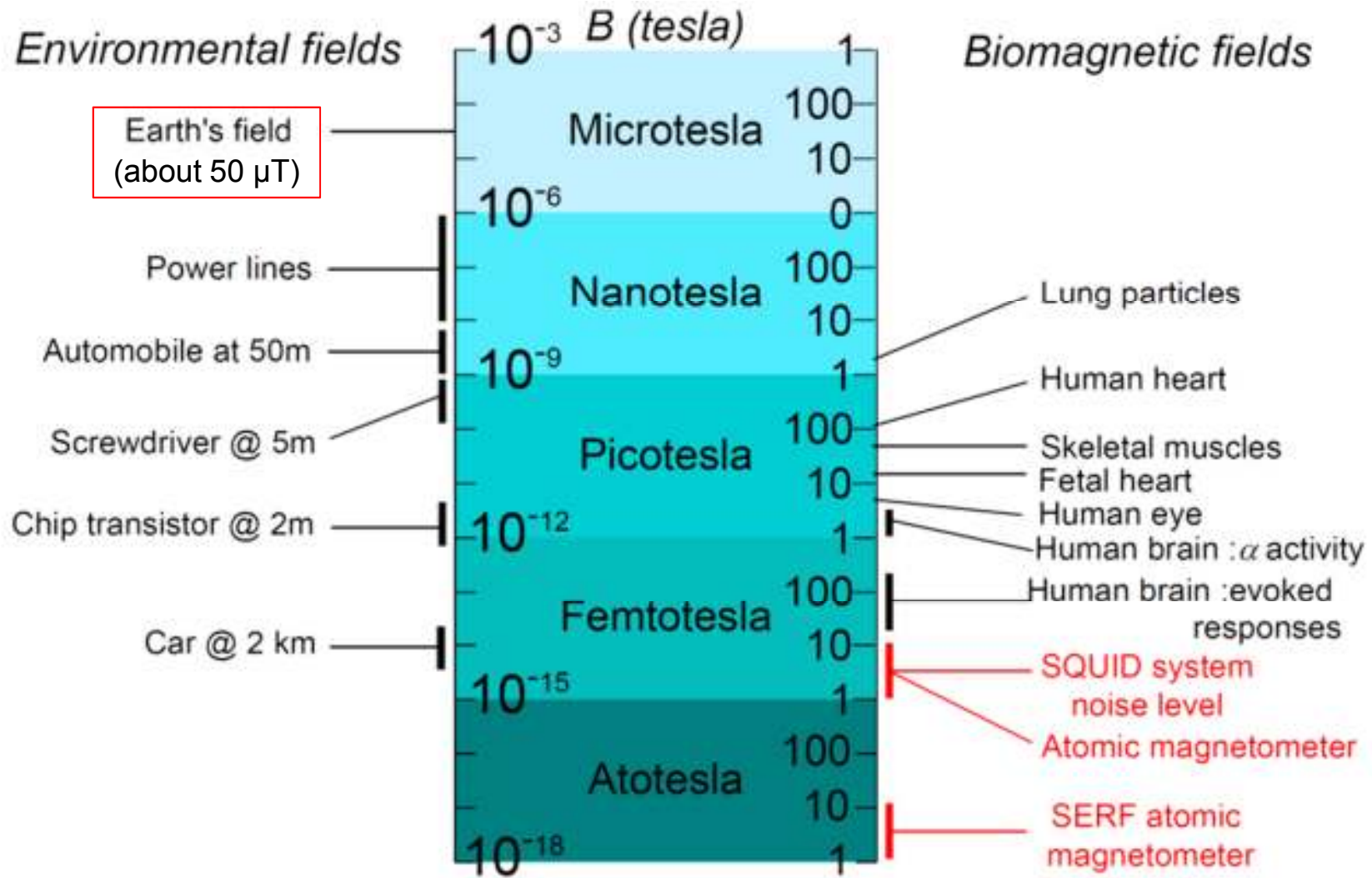
$$B_0 \uparrow \uparrow E \quad \longrightarrow \quad \hbar \omega_{\uparrow\uparrow} = \hbar(\omega_{mag} + \omega_{edm}) = 2 \cdot (\mu_n B_0 + d_n E)$$

$$B_0 \uparrow \downarrow E \quad \longrightarrow \quad \hbar \omega_{\uparrow\downarrow} = \hbar(\omega_{mag} - \omega_{edm}) = 2 \cdot (\mu_n B_0 - d_n E)$$

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$$\hbar(\omega_{\uparrow\uparrow} - \omega_{\uparrow\downarrow}) = 4 d_n E \quad \longleftarrow \quad \text{for } B_0 = \text{const.}$$

# How stable the Magnetic Field has to be ?



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▶  $\hbar\Delta\omega = 4 d_n E + 2\mu_n \Delta B$

Magnetic field change during electric field polarity change

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

$E = 1 \text{ MV/m}$

$d_{n,false} = \underline{3 \times 10^{-27} \text{ e cm}}$  with:  $\Delta B = 1 \text{ fT}$

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

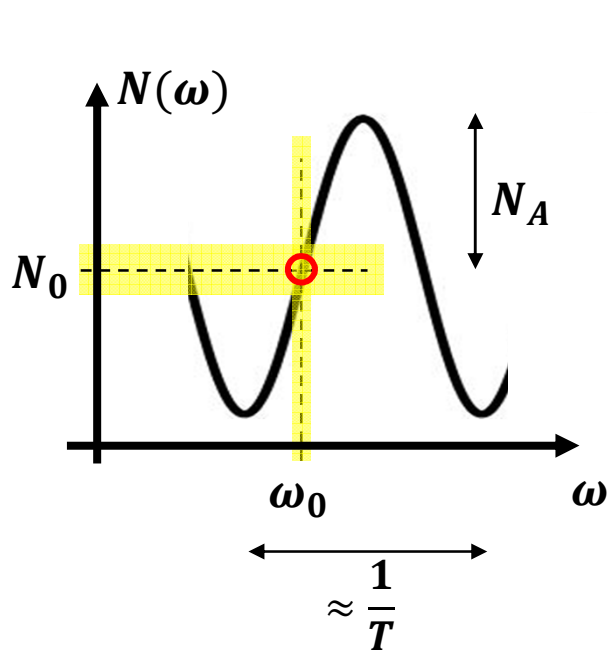
**YES**

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. However, ...

# Statistical Sensitivity

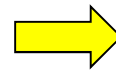


$$N(\omega) = N_0 [1 + \overset{\text{"visibility"}}{\eta} \sin((\omega - \omega_0)T)]$$

with:  $\eta = \frac{N_A}{N_0} \leq 1$

$$\left. \frac{\partial N(\omega)}{\partial \omega} \right|_{\omega=\omega_0} = N_0 \eta T = \frac{\sigma_N}{\sigma_{\omega_0}} = \frac{\sqrt{N_0}}{\sigma_{\omega_0}}$$

slope at  $\omega = \omega_0$

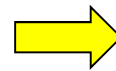


$$\sigma_{\omega_0} = \frac{1}{\eta T \sqrt{N_0}}$$

- We want to measure a frequency/phase shift, i.e. make **two measurements** each with for instance  $N_0/2$  detected neutrons:

$$\sigma_{\Delta\omega} = \frac{\sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{2}}{\eta T \sqrt{N_0}}$$

$$\Delta\omega = \frac{4d_n E}{\hbar}$$



$$\sigma(d_n) = \frac{\hbar}{2\eta T E \sqrt{N_0}}$$

# The First Experiment (Oak Ridge)

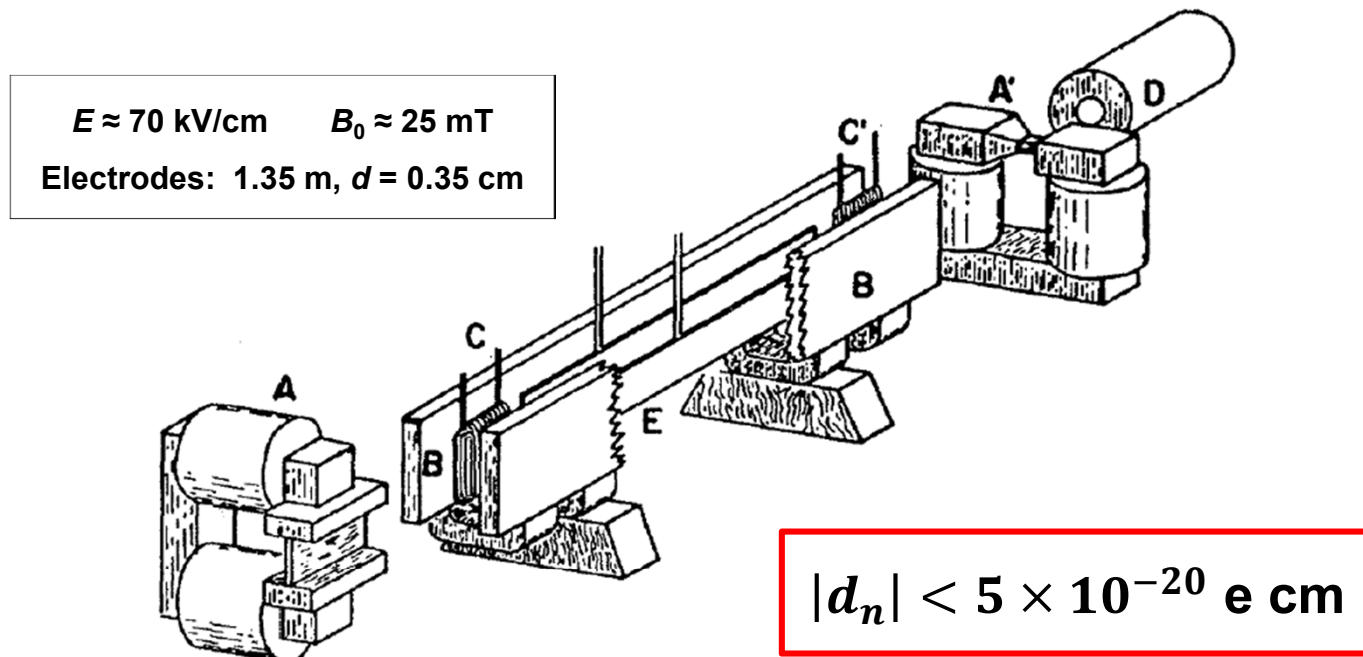
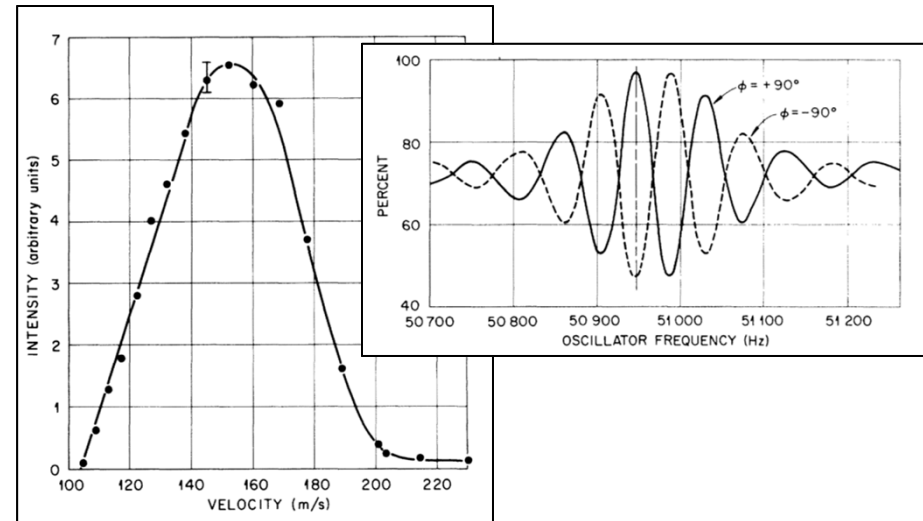
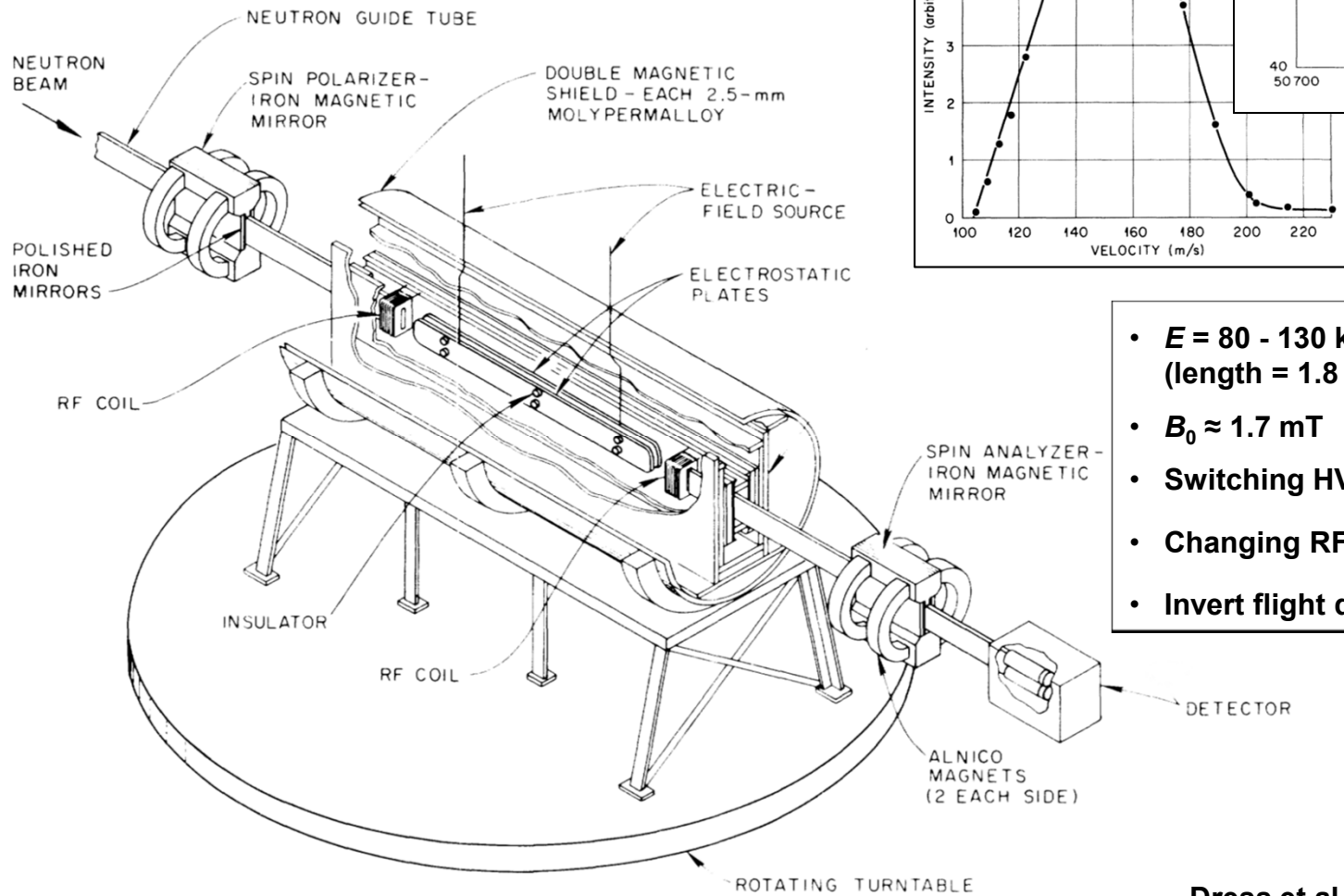


FIG. 1. Schematic diagram of the apparatus. *A*, the magnetized iron mirror polarizer. *A'*, the magnetized iron transmission analyzer. *B*, the pole faces of the homogeneous field magnet. Note the horseshoe-like magnets bolted along the bottom. *C*, *C'*, the coils for the radio-frequency magnetic field. *D*, the  $\text{BF}_3$  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)

# Last nEDM Beam Experiment (ILL)

$$|d_n| < 3 \times 10^{-24} \text{ e cm (90\% CL)}$$



- $E = 80 - 130 \text{ kV/cm}$   
(length = 1.8 m, gap = 1 cm)
- $B_0 \approx 1.7 \text{ mT}$  (permanent magnets)
- Switching HV polarity every 200 s
- Changing RF-phase every 2 s ( $+\frac{\pi}{2} \rightarrow -\frac{\pi}{2}$ )
- Invert flight direction every other day

Dress et al., Phys. Rev. D 15, 9 (1977)



► In general:

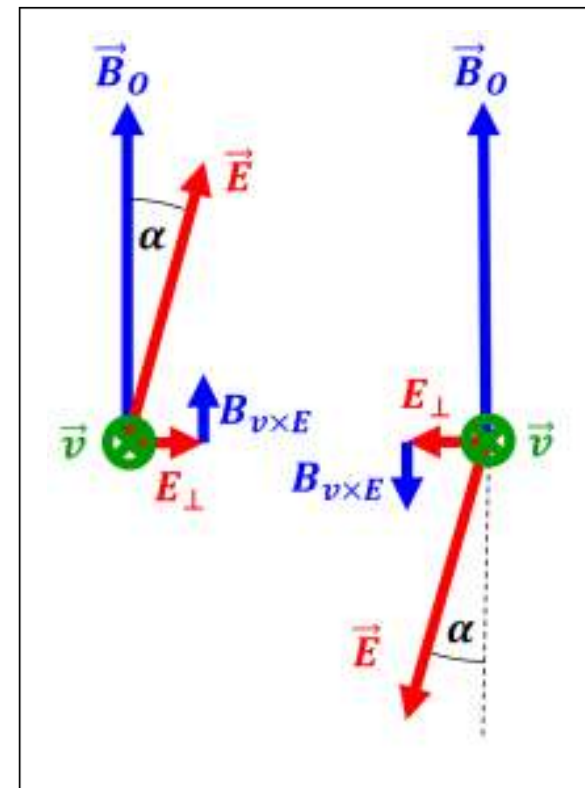
$$\vec{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ B_0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \delta B_x \\ \delta B_y \\ \delta B_z \end{pmatrix} \quad |\vec{B}| \approx B_0 + \delta B_z + \underbrace{\frac{\delta B_x^2 + \delta B_y^2}{2 B_0}}_{\text{transversal fields}} - \frac{\delta B_z \cdot (\delta B_x^2 + \delta B_y^2)}{2 B_0^2} + \dots$$

► Relativistic  $\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{E}$  - effect (seen by moving neutron):

$$\vec{B}_{v \times E} = -\frac{\vec{v} \times \vec{E}}{c^2}$$

$$|\vec{B}| \approx B_0 + \frac{vE}{c^2} \sin \alpha + \frac{1}{2B_0} \left( \frac{vE}{c^2} \right)^2 + \dots$$

- $\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{E}$  effect is velocity dependent !
- $d_{n,\text{false}} \approx 10^{-20} \text{ e cm} \cdot \sin \alpha$  for:  $v = 100 \text{ m/s}$
- 2<sup>nd</sup> order term non-zero, even if  $\alpha = 0$ .
- Elsewhere effect responsible for spin-orbit coupling in atoms



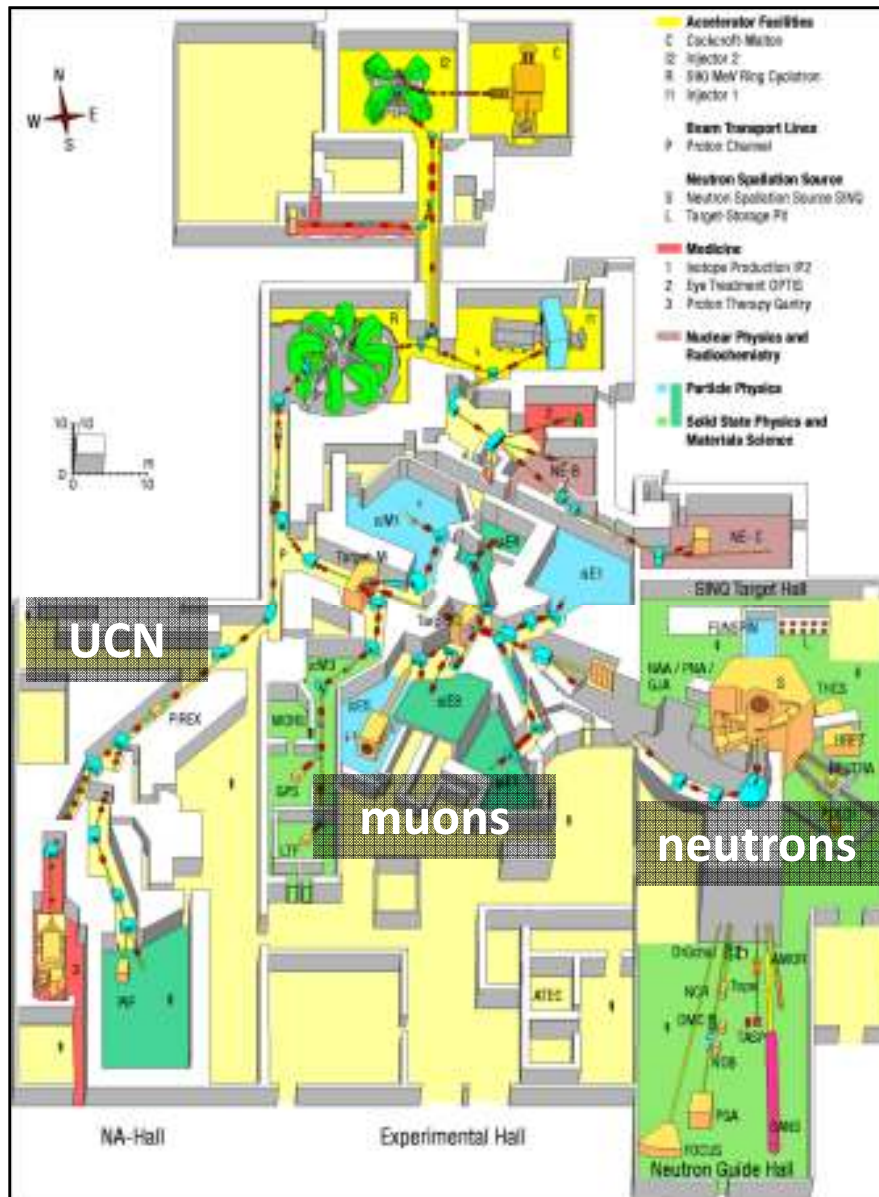
	Beam	UCN
Pro's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Usually much larger <math>E</math>-fields</li> <li>▶ More neutrons / Statistics</li> <li>▶ Well-established neutron optics technology</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Lower velocity – <math>v \times E</math>-effect smaller</li> <li>▶ Much larger interaction times <math>T</math> (about 100 sec instead of 100 ms)</li> <li>▶ Limited dimension – easier to control the magnetic field</li> </ul>
Con's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <math>v \times E</math>-effect, however ...</li> <li>▶ Beam specific systematic effects</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ UCN density still low</li> <li>▶ UCN specific systematic effects due to gravity, wall collisions, and confinement (e.g. geometric phase)</li> <li>▶ E-field is limited due to leakage currents &amp; discharges</li> </ul>

$$\sigma(d_n) = \frac{\hbar}{2\eta T E \sqrt{N}}$$

## ▶ Neutron EDM Experiment at PSI



# PSI Proton Accelerator



$$590 \text{ MeV} \times 2.2 \text{ mA} = 1.3 \text{ MW}$$

proton current  $10^{16} \text{ p+}/\text{s}$



# PSI Accelerator Units



Cockcroft-Walton acc.



Large Ring/Sector Cyclotron (1.5 – 2 T,  $\varnothing \approx 15$  m)

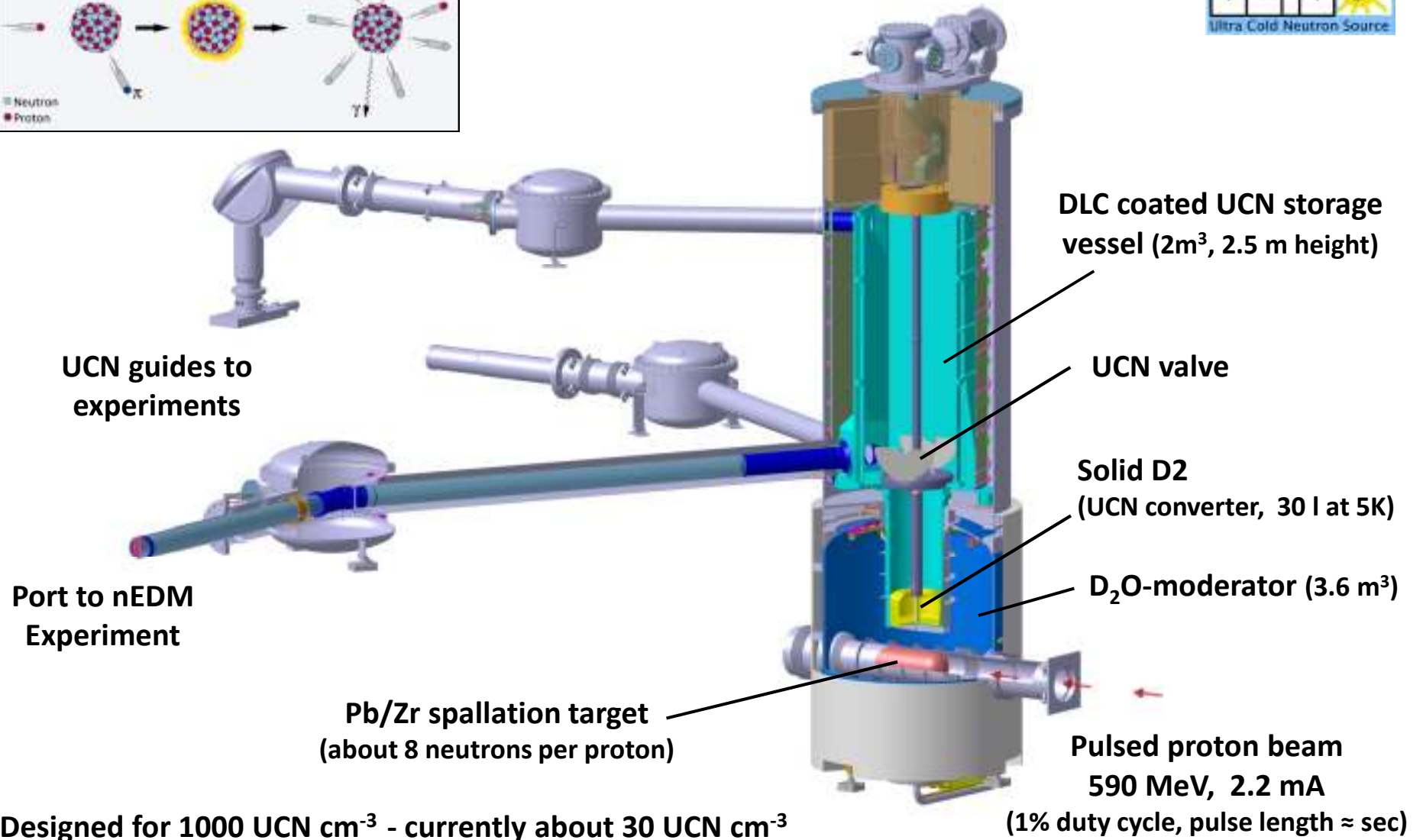
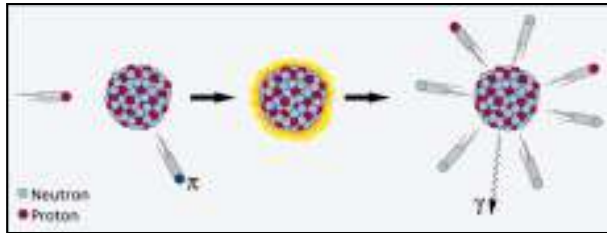


Sector magnet

RF cavity

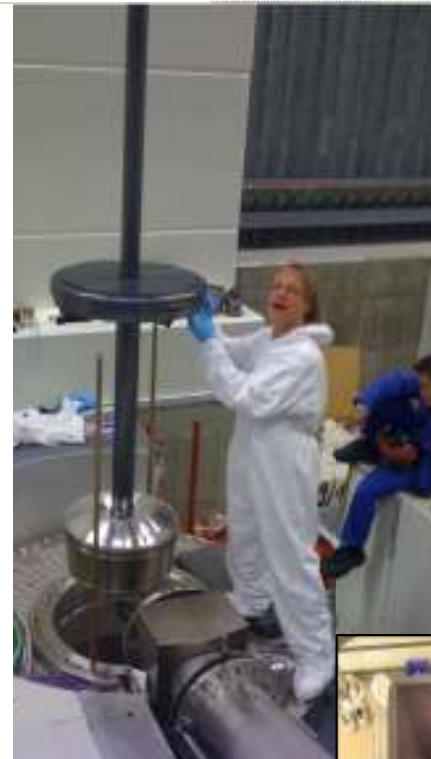
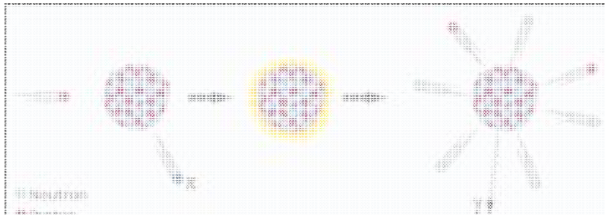
1. Stage: Cockcroft-Walton accelerator (800 keV)
2. Stage: "Injektor-2" – small ring cyclotron (72 MeV, 37% c)
3. Stage: Large Ring Cyclotron (590 MeV, 80% c)

# Solid Deuterium UCN source at PSI



Designed for 1000 UCN cm<sup>-3</sup> - currently about 30 UCN cm<sup>-3</sup>  
Running since 2012

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Pb/Zr spallation target  
(about 8 neutrons per proton)

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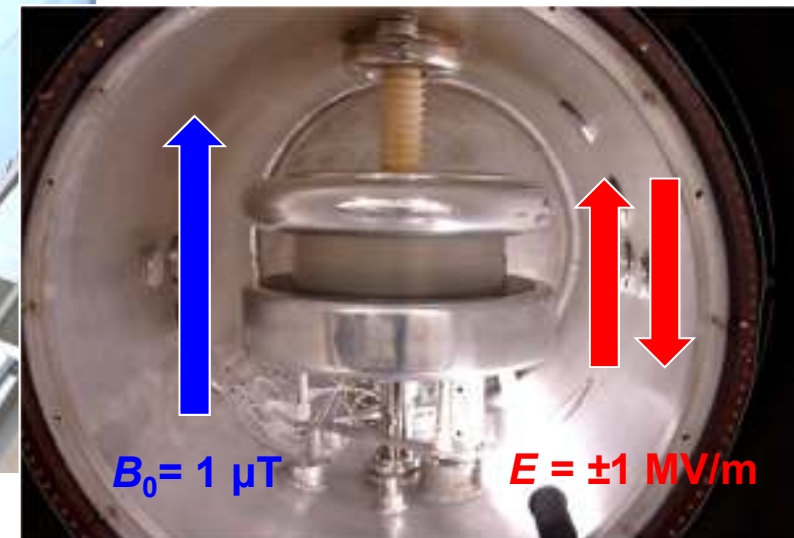
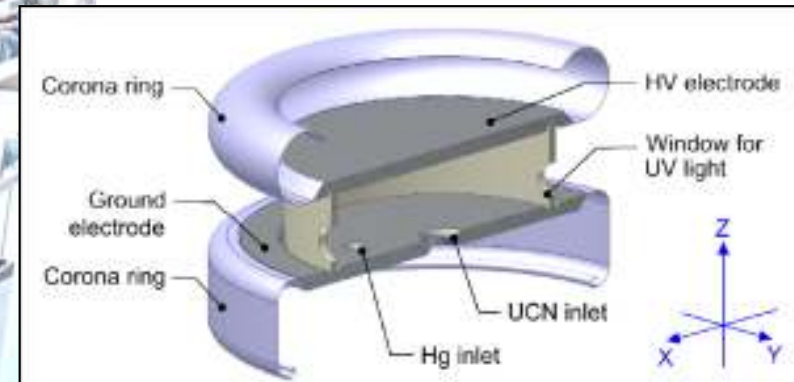


proton beam  
V, 2.2 mA  
pulse length = sec)

# nEDM Experiment at PSI

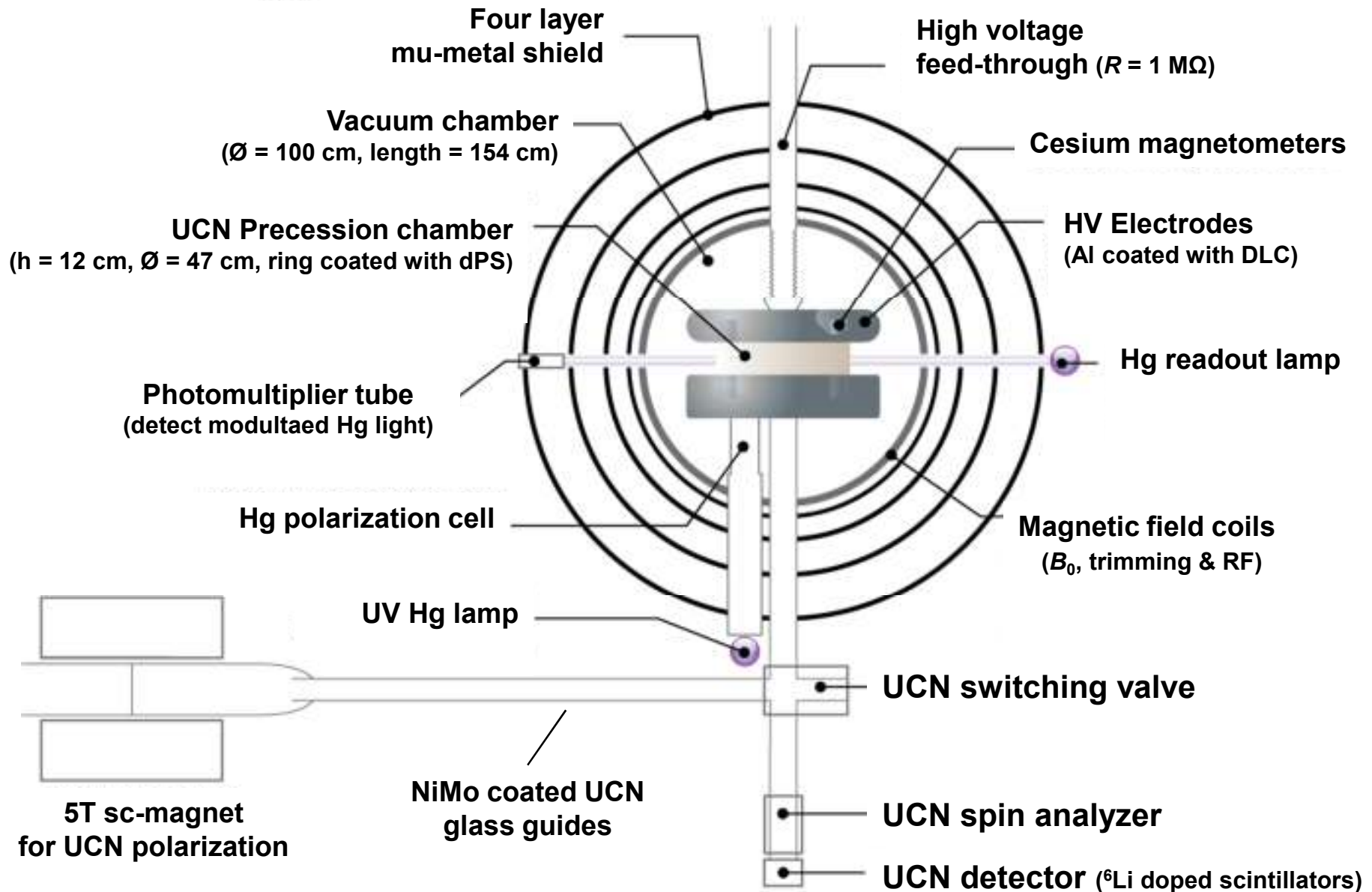


Improved setup of  
the old RAL/Sussex/ILL  
Experiment ('oILL')

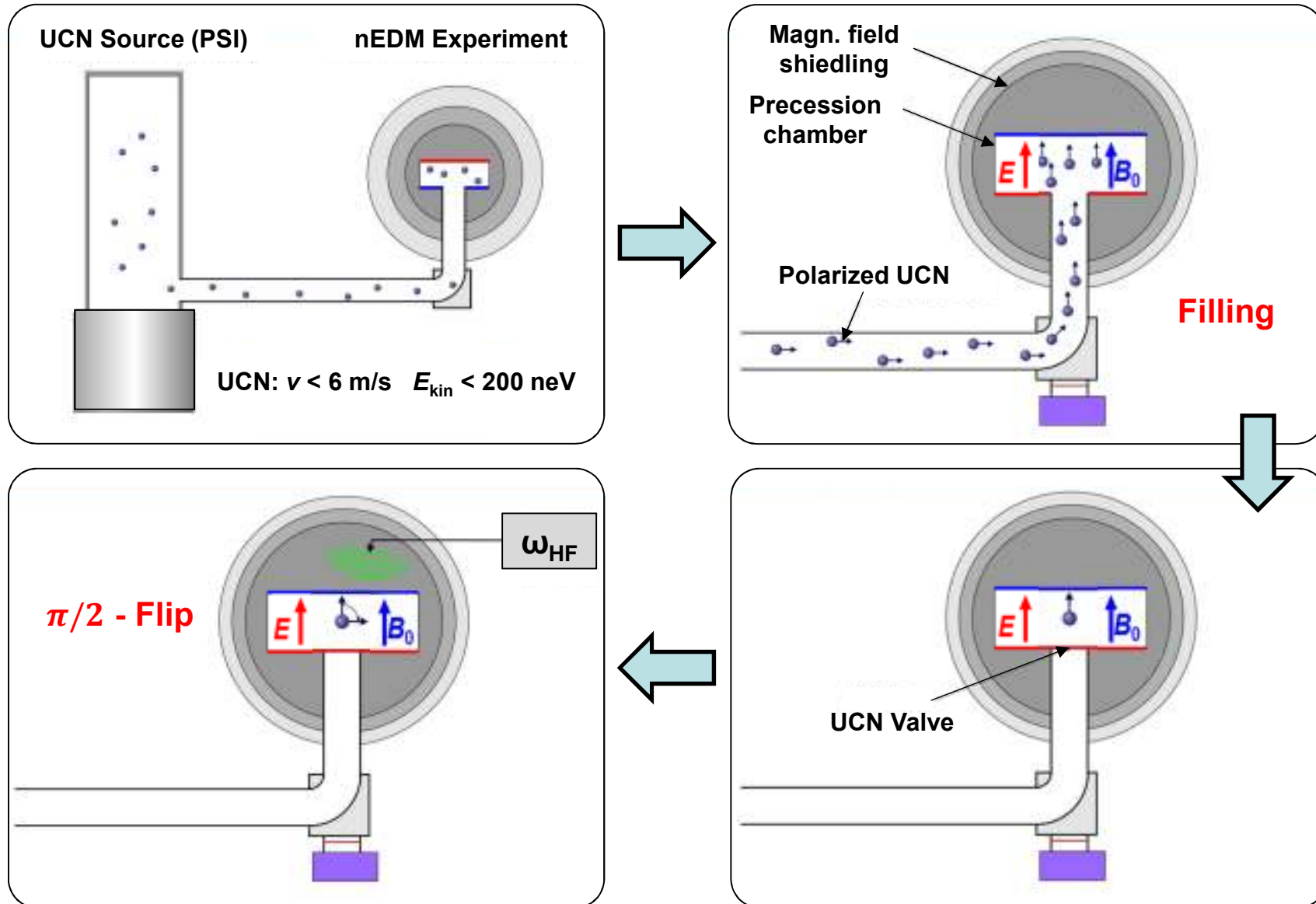




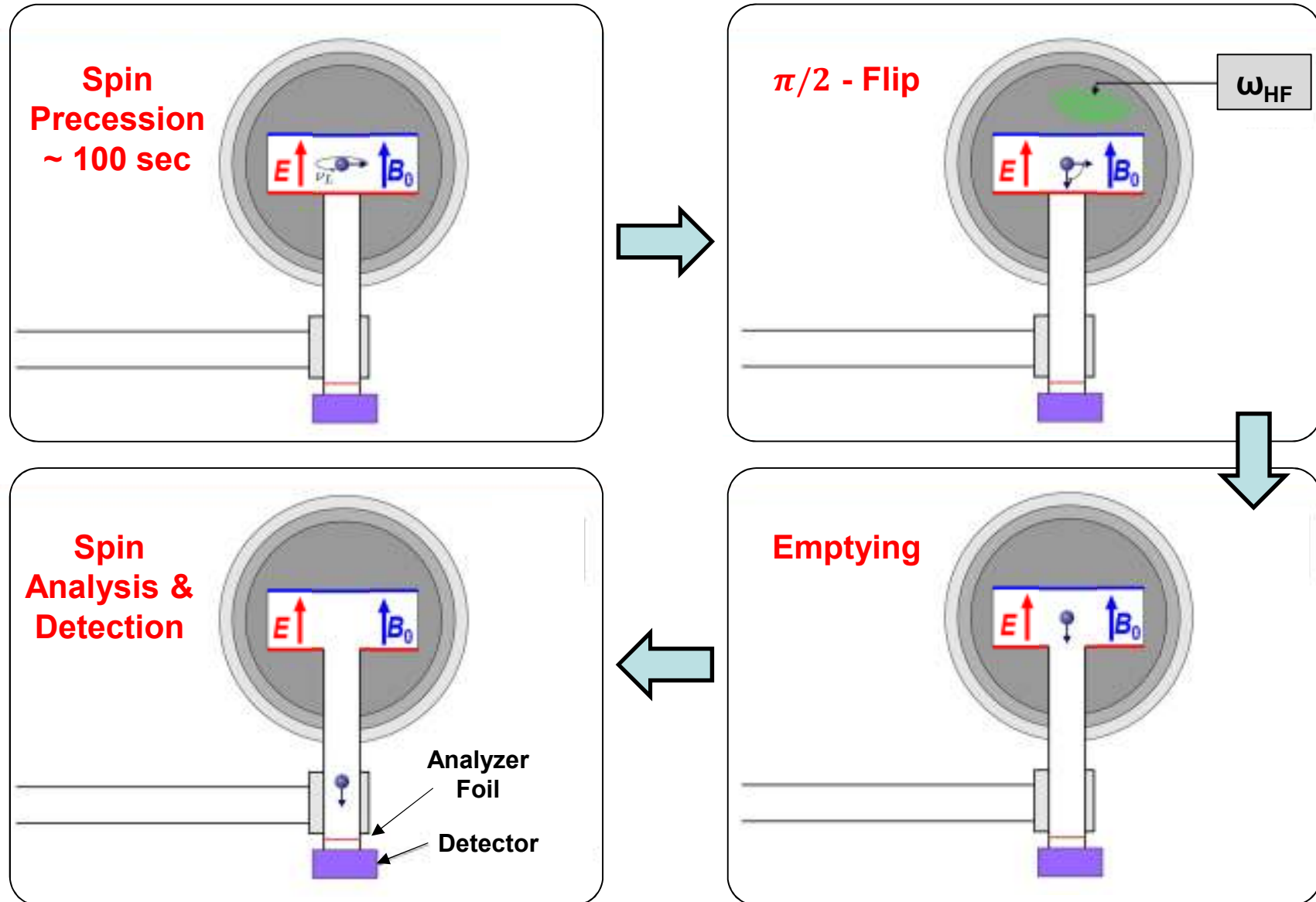
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# Ramsey Cycle



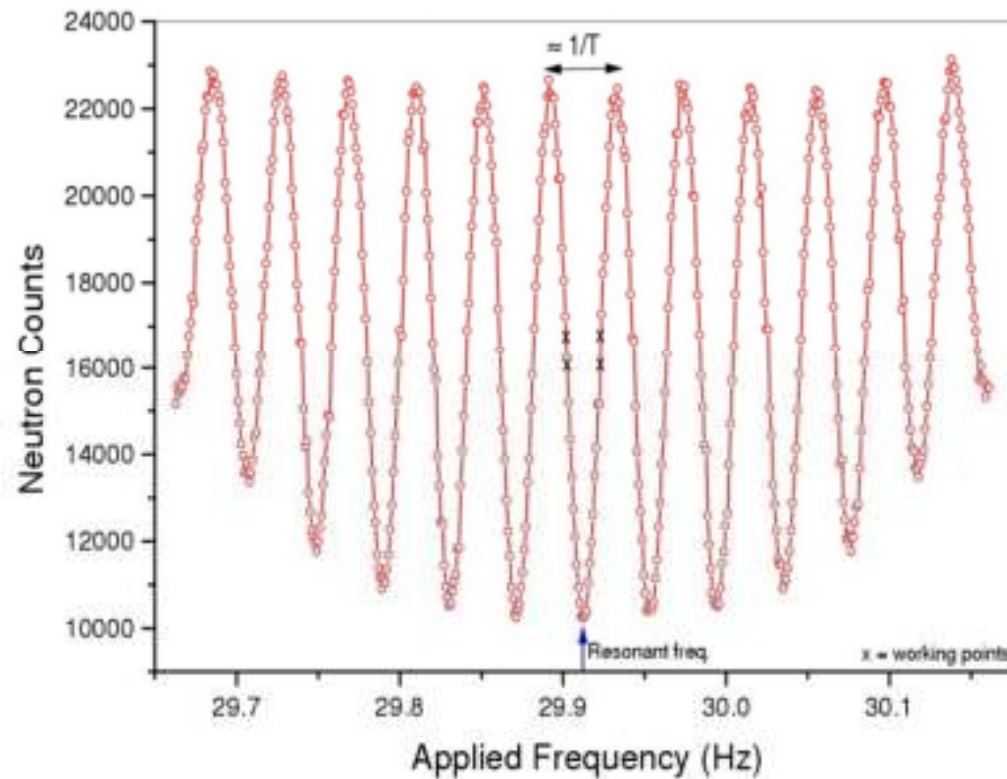
# Ramsey Cycle



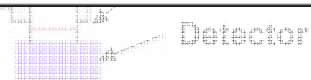
# Ramsey Cycle

Spin  
Precession  
~ 100 sec

$\pi/2$  - Flip

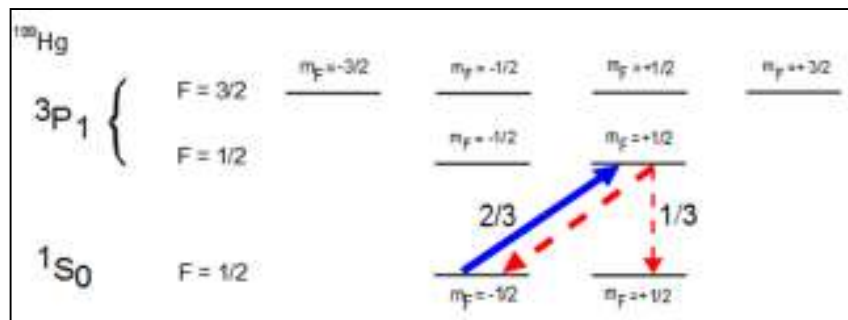
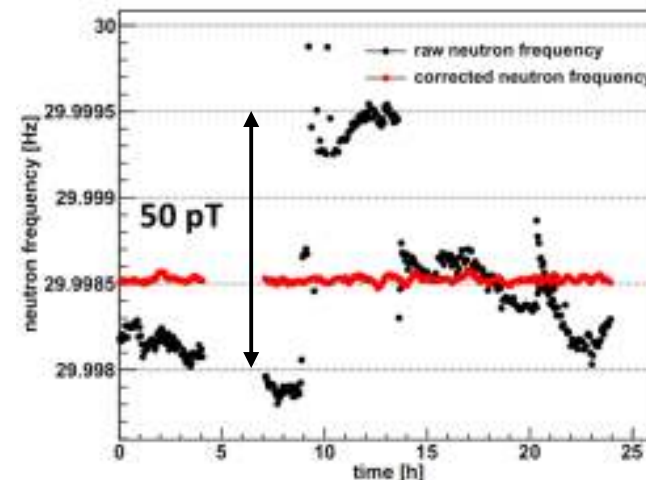
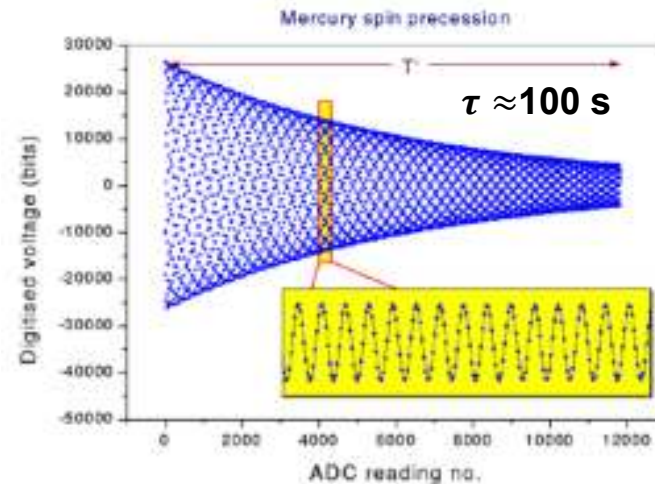
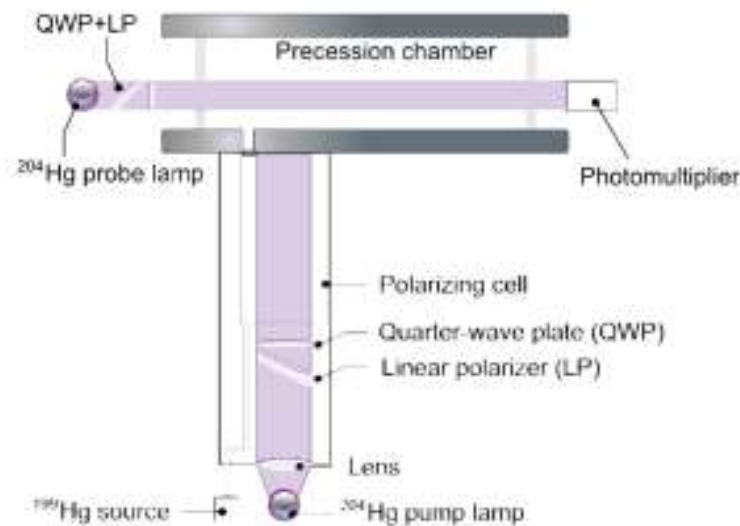


Spin  
Analysis &  
Detection

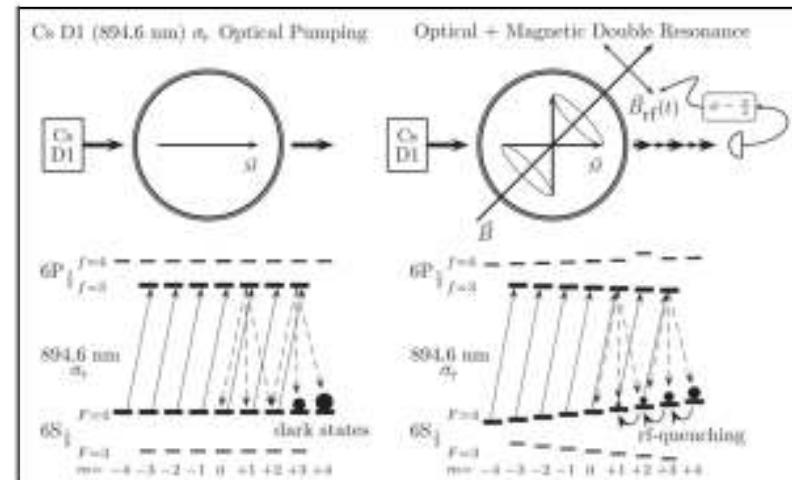
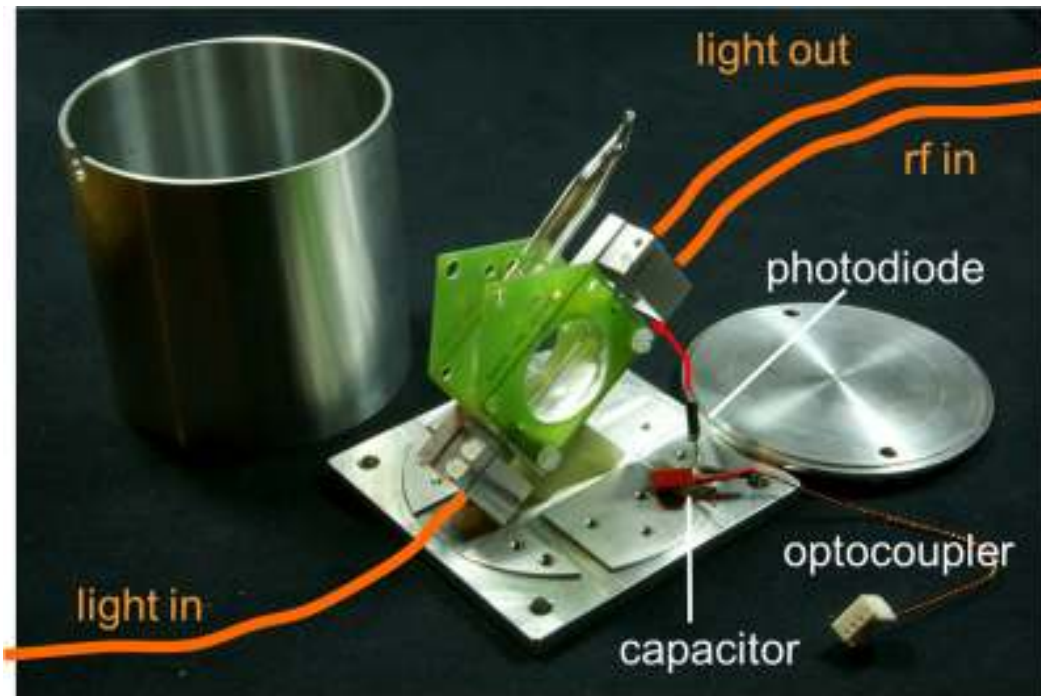


# $^{199}\text{Hg}$ co-Magnetometer

$^{199}\text{Hg}$ -atoms are polarized using **circular polarized UV light** (254 nm). They are then filled in the same precession volume as the UCN ('co-magnetometer'). The average (time & volume) magnetic field is measured by a **free induction decay of the Hg nuclear spins** (8 Hz @ 1  $\mu\text{T}$ ) using a UV reading light – **absorption of the light depends on the orientation of the spin** and causes a modulation of the light intensity detected with a photo-multiplier tube (**sensitivity  $\approx 100$  fT** for approx. 100 s measurements).



# $^{139}\text{Cs}$ Magnetometer (HV-compatible)



- A pump laser (about 895 nm) generates a macroscopic magnetization in the Cs-vapour, which precesses at its Larmor frequency in an external magnetic field (Nuclear Spin =  $7/2$ , Electron Spin =  $1/2$  -  $F = 3$  or  $4$ ).
- A small oscillating rf-field applied perpendicular destroys the magnetization (the Cs-vapour gets opaque). This effect is maximized, if the osc. frequency equals the Larmor frequency ( $\omega_{RF} = \omega_L$ , about  $3.5 \text{ kHz}/\mu\text{T}$ ).
- Glass bulb with Cs-vapour has a diameter of about 2 cm.

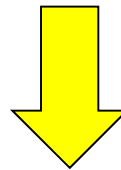
Knowles et al., NIM A 611, 306 (2009)

# Systematic Effects

- ▶ Biggest challenge remains the **stability of the magnetic field** and the accuracy/precision of the **magnetic field measurement/correction**.
- ▶ Systematic effects can be separated in **direct** and **indirect** effects:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \hbar\omega_n &= -\hbar\gamma_n B_0 - 2d_n E \\ \hbar\omega_{Hg} &= -\hbar\gamma_{Hg} B_0 - 2d_{Hg} E \end{aligned} \right\} R' \equiv \frac{\gamma_n}{\gamma_{Hg}} - \frac{2E}{\hbar\omega_{Hg}} \left[ d_n - d_{Hg} \frac{\gamma_n}{\gamma_{Hg}} \right]$$

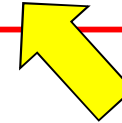
=  $d_{n,meas}$



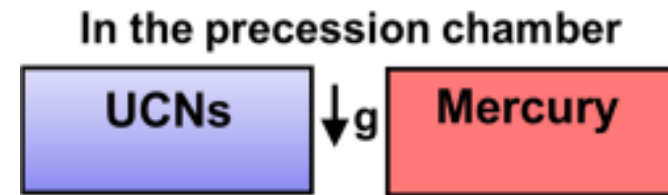
$$d_{n,meas} = d_n + d'_{n,false} + \underbrace{\left| \frac{\gamma_n}{\gamma_{Hg}} \right|}_{\approx 3.84} \cdot d_{Hg,false}$$

# Systematic Effects – Direct

$$d_{n,meas} = d_n + d'_{n,false}$$



- ▶ ‘Uncompensated  $B$  drift’ – due to field gradients and gravitational effect on UCN



Center-of-mass shift  $\approx$  mm

(measurable at  $E=0$ )

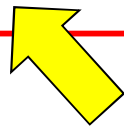
- ▶ UCN  $v \times E$  effect (rotat. motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> order)

- ▶ UCN and Hg experience different fields ( $v_{UCN} \ll v_{Hg}$ )
 

{	$f_n \propto \langle  \vec{B}  \rangle = B_0 + \frac{\langle B_T^2 \rangle}{2B_0}$	<b>adiabatic</b>
	$f_{Hg} \propto  \langle \vec{B} \rangle  = B_0$	<b>non-adiabatic</b>

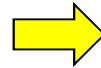


# Systematic Effects – Indirect

$$d_{n,false} = \underbrace{\left| \frac{\gamma_n}{\gamma_{Hg}} \right|}_{\approx 3.84} \cdot d_{Hg,false}$$


- ▶ Hg-EDM\*:  $|d_{Hg}| < 3.1 \times 10^{-29}$  e cm (95% CL)
- ▶ Geometric phase effect due to transversal fields\*\*

$$\mathbf{B}_\perp = \frac{\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{v}}{c^2} + \left( \frac{\partial B_{0,z}}{\partial z} \right) \frac{\mathbf{r}}{2}$$



$$d_{Hg,false} = \frac{\hbar \gamma_{Hg}^2}{32 c^2} D^2 \frac{\partial B_{0,z}}{\partial z}$$

**Correct for effect by measuring nEDM as a function of the vertical magnetic field gradient which is determined with Cs magnetometers !**

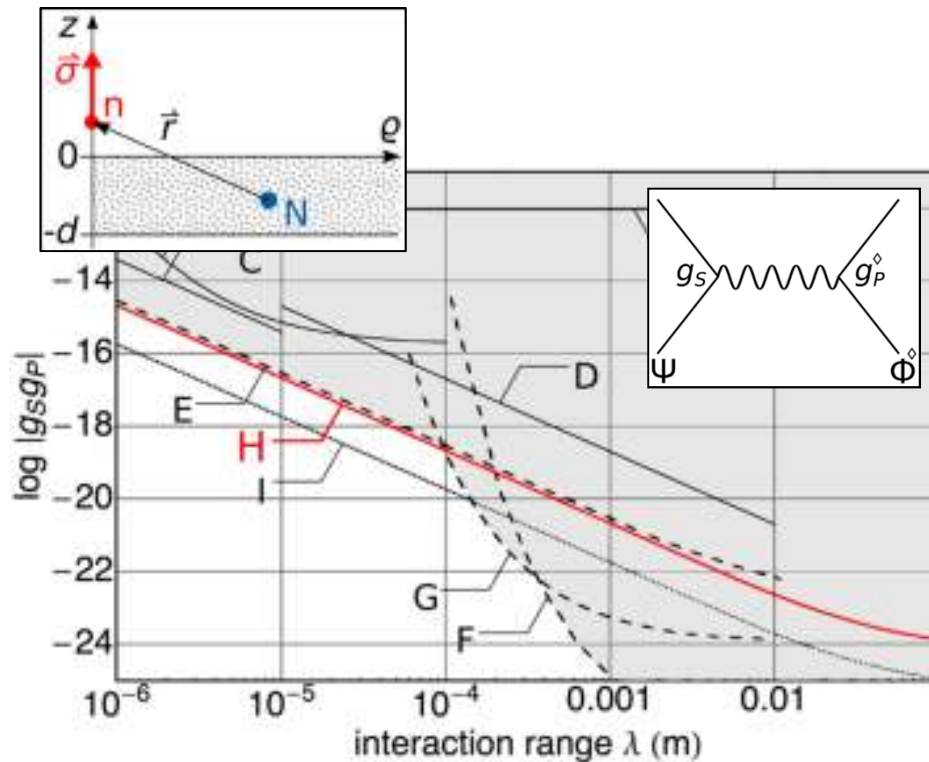
\* Griffith et al., PRL 102, 101601 (2009)

\*\* Afach et al., arxiv 1503.08651

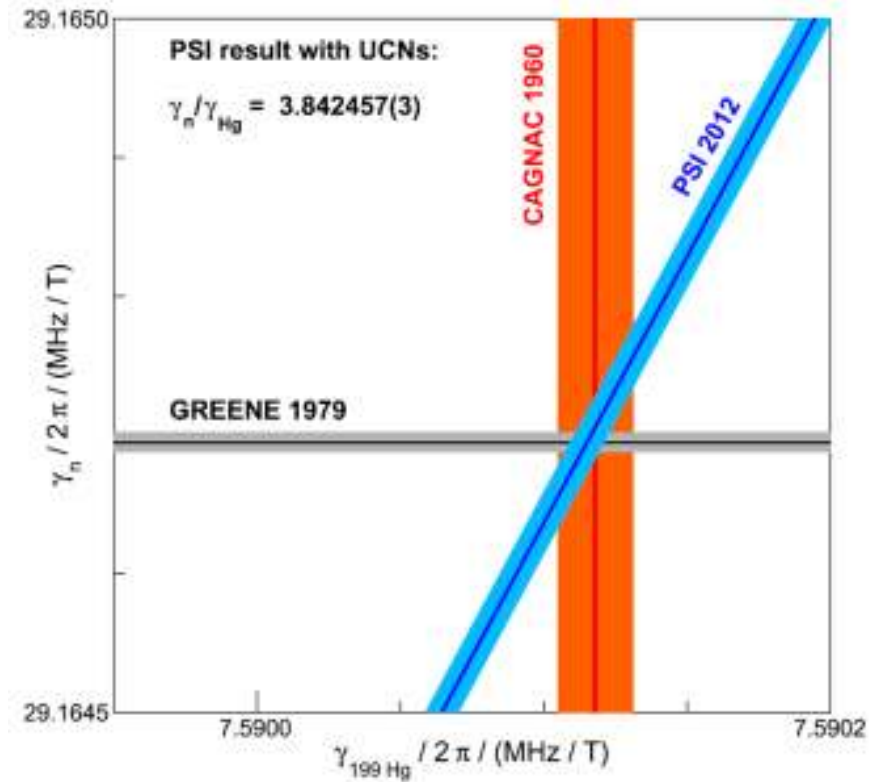
## ▶ Future & Ramsey beyond the EDM



► Physics Results obtained with the same nEDM Apparatus:



Search for new exotic interactions  
(Axion-Like-Particles) \*

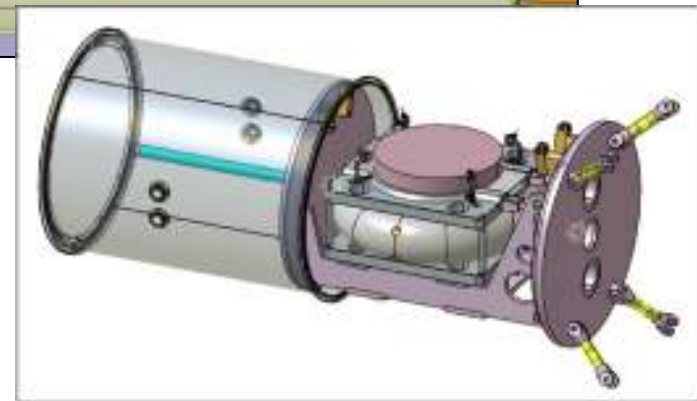
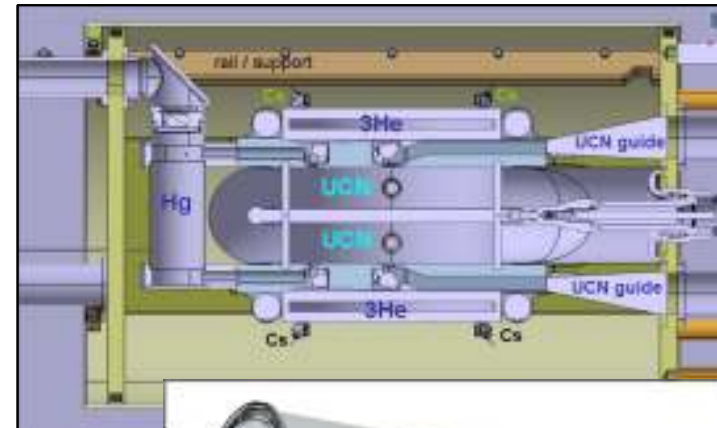


$n/^{199}\text{Hg}$  - magnetic moment ratio \*\*

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

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

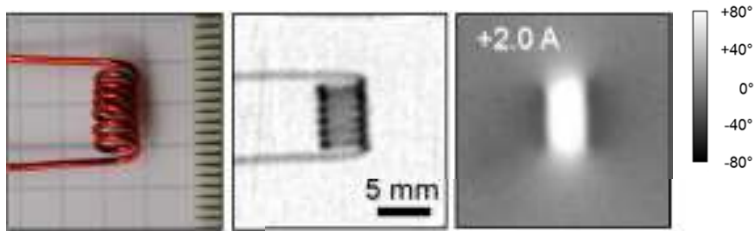
# Planned n2EDM Experiment at PSI



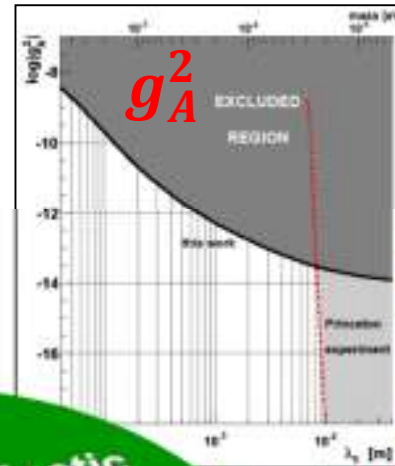
## ► New features/improvements:

- Two UCN precession chambers with opposite electric field directions
- Improved magnetic environment due to better shielding & compensation
- Higher neutron statistics due to better adaption to PSI UCN source
- Improved magnetometry (Hg, Vector-Cs,  $^3\text{He}$ )

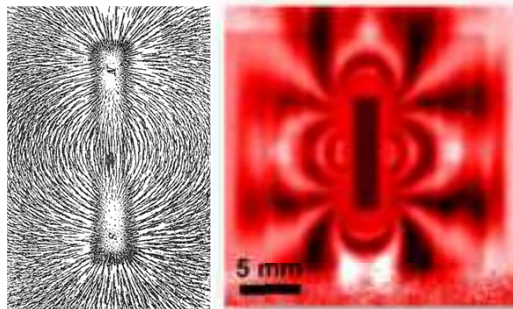
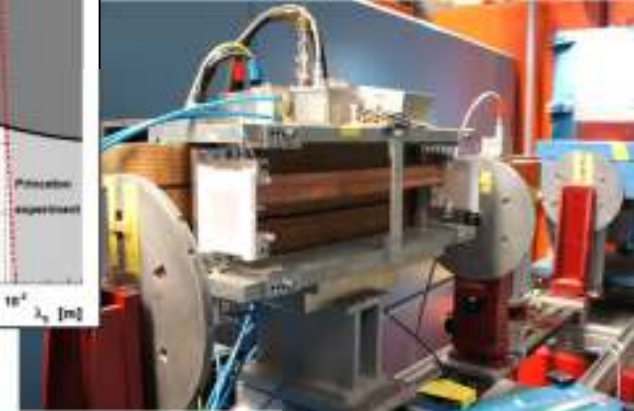
# Other Ramsey Neutron Beam Experiments



Piegsa et al., *NIM A* 605, 5 (2009)



Piegsa & Pignol, *PRL* 108, 181801 (2012)



Piegsa et al., *PRL* 102, 145501 (2009)



Ramsey's technique using neutron beams is very powerful – maybe one should reconsider a beam nEDM measurement !?

van den Brandt et al., *NIM A* 611, 231 (2009)

# A new nEDM Beam Experiment (at ESS) ?!

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

UCN

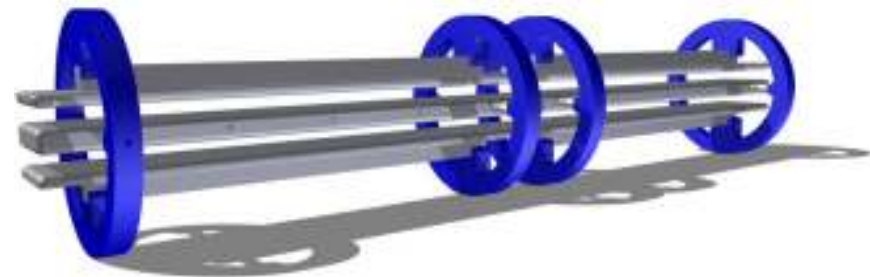
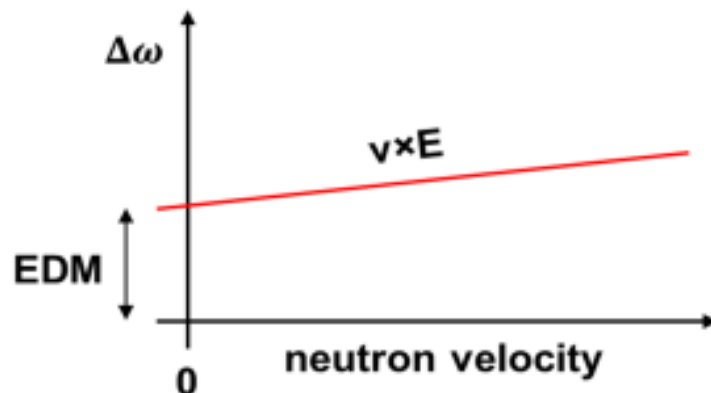
$$\hbar\Delta\omega = 4d_n E$$

Beam

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

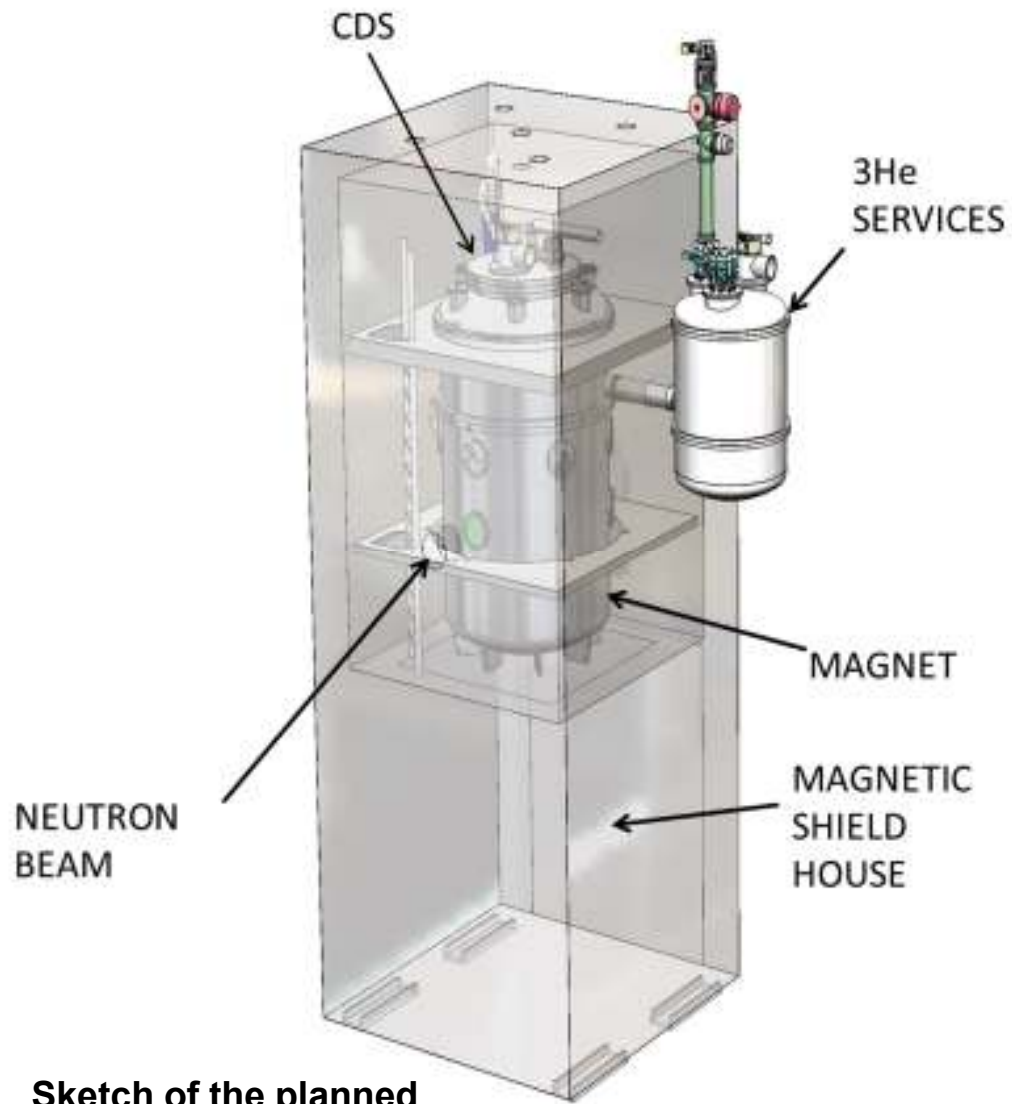
angle between  
 $E$ - and  $B_0$ -field

- ▶ Idea: Separate the two effects by directly measuring the frequency shift as a function of the velocity at a pulsed neutron source:



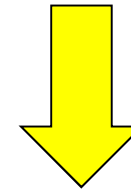
Piegasa, PRC 88, 045502 (2013)

# Cryogenic nEDM Experiment at SNS



Sketch of the planned SNS setup by R. Golub

Intriguing alternative approach and measurement scheme



Talk by T. Ito



**Thank you for your attention.**