

# Neutron EDM

## Experimental overview

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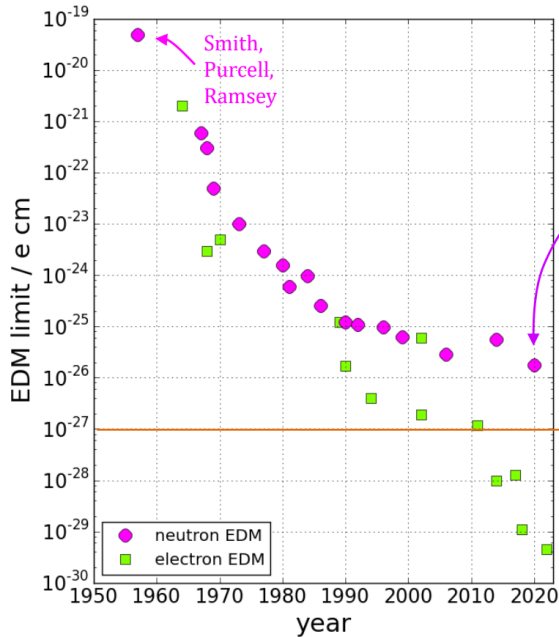


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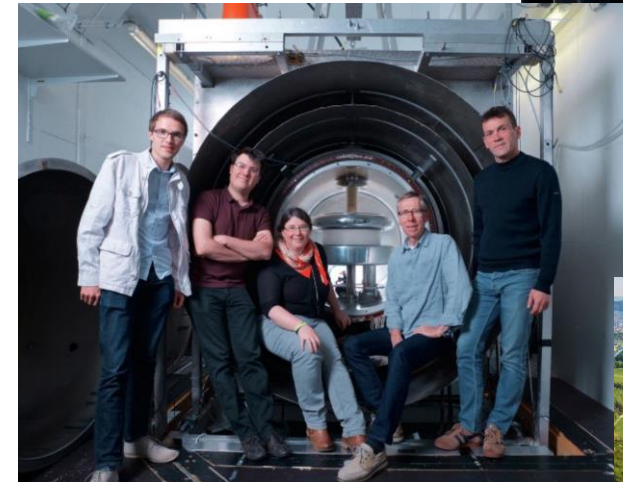
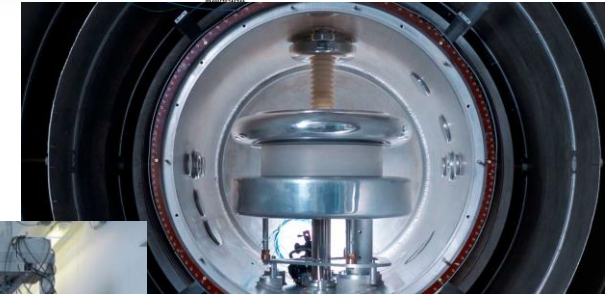
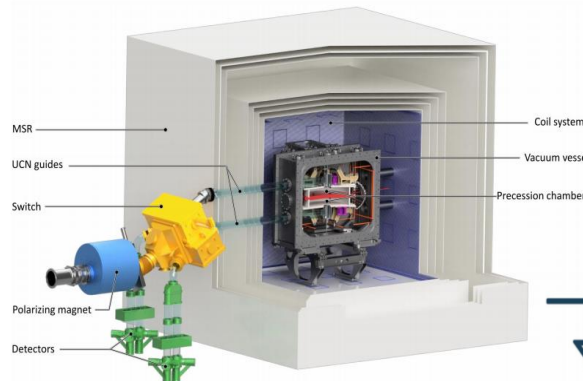
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**PanEDM**  
**LANL**  
**TUCAN**

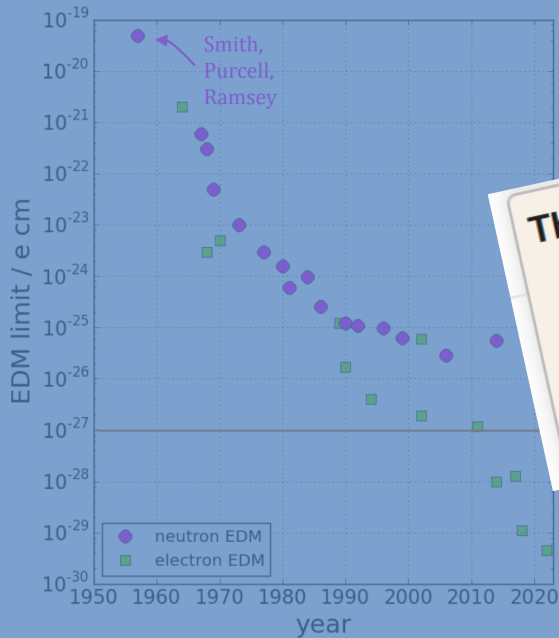


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**The n2EDM experiment at PSI**  
on Friday  
March 8  
09:45 - 10:30

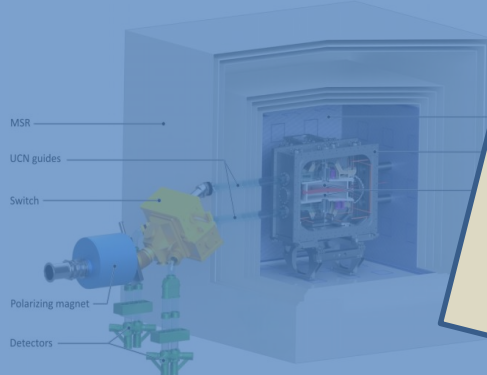
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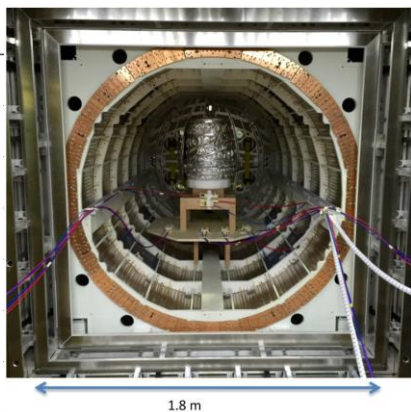
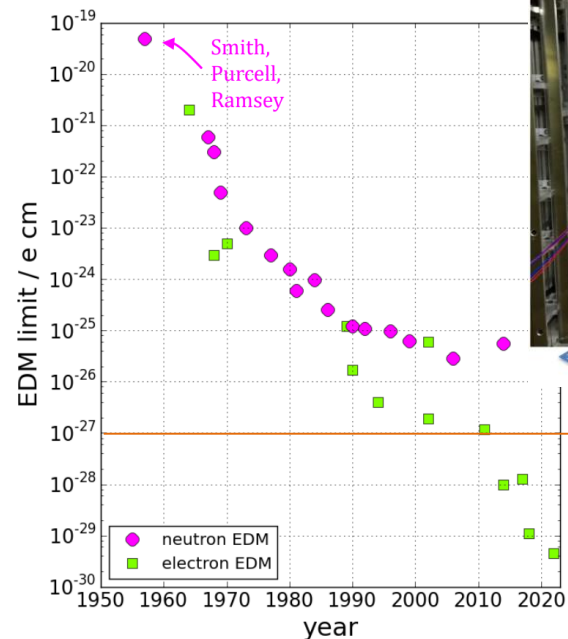


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## The PanEDM collaboration @ILL, Grenoble



Many people contributed,  
Over 40 student theses!

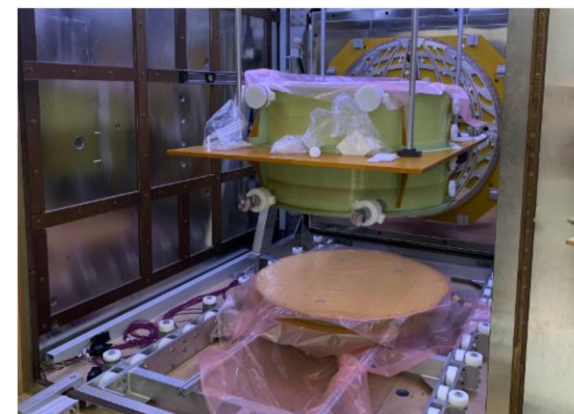
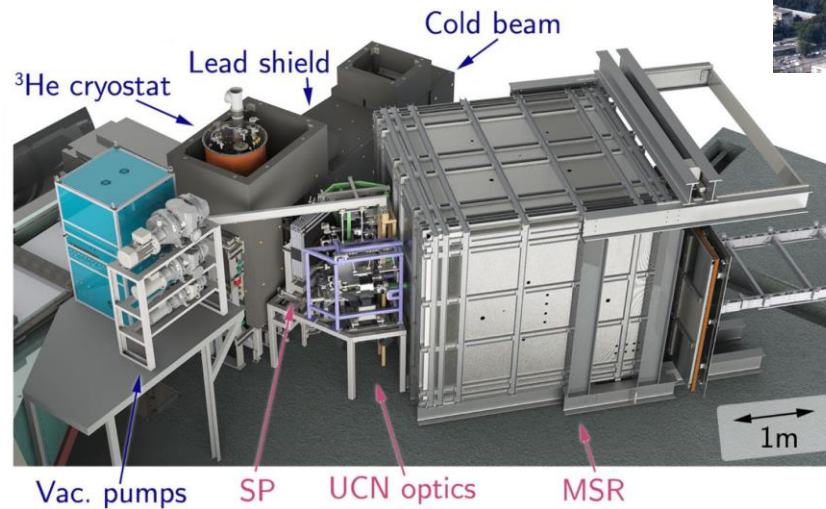


## PanEDM experiment at SuperSun UCN source at ILL



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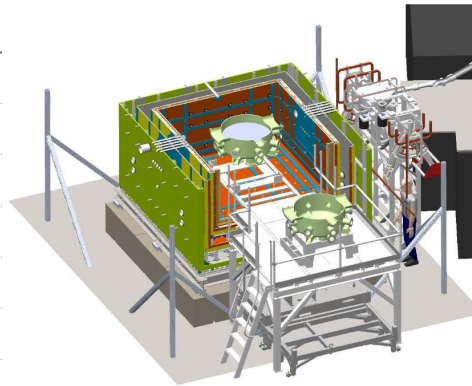
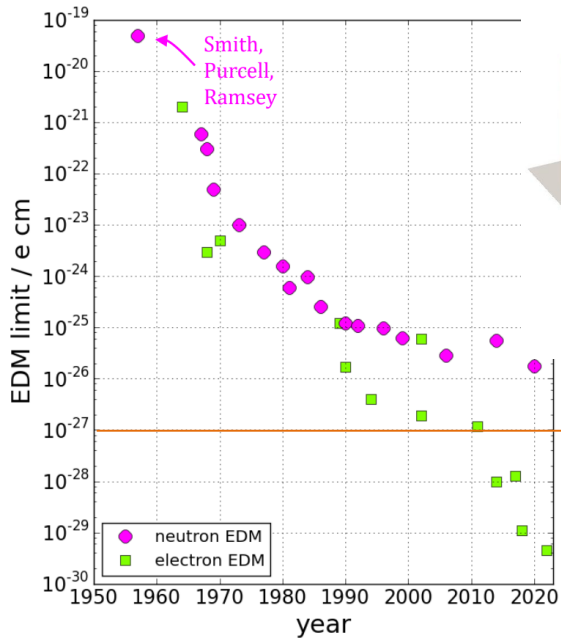
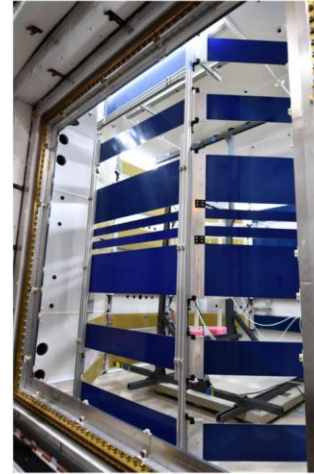
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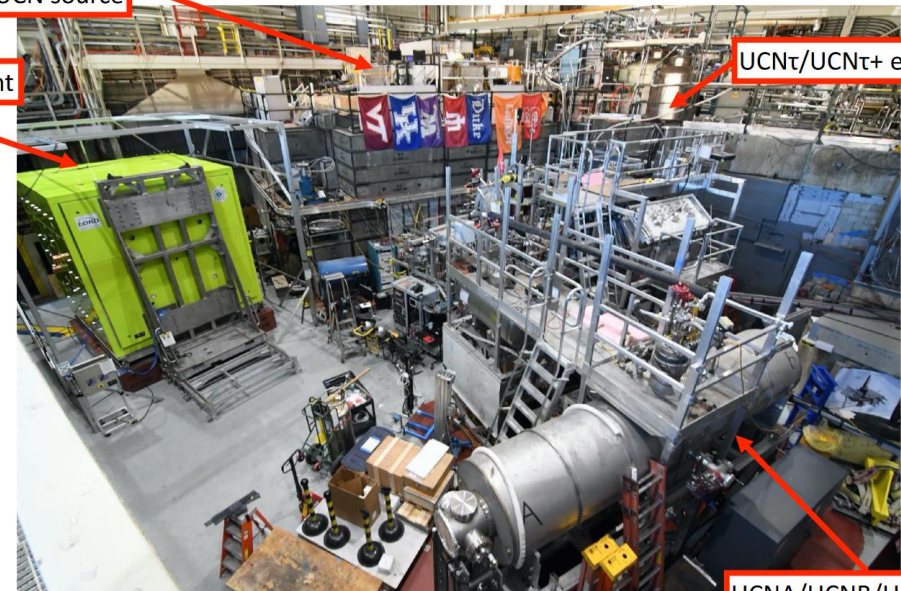


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New nEDM experiment

UCN source

UCN $\tau$ /UCN $\tau^+$  experiment

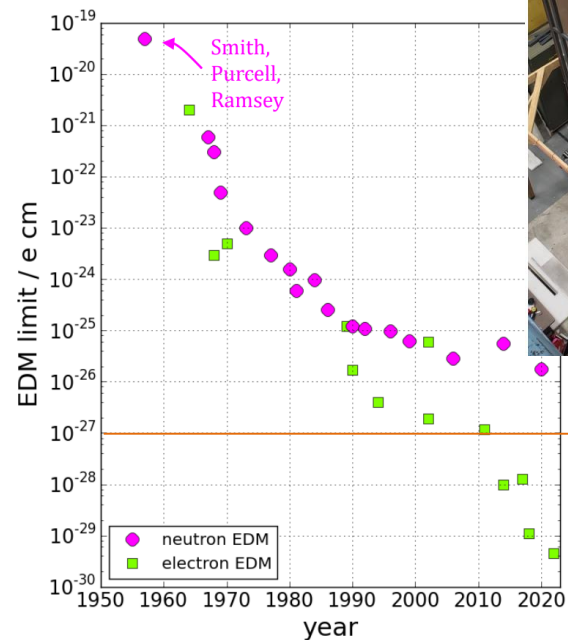


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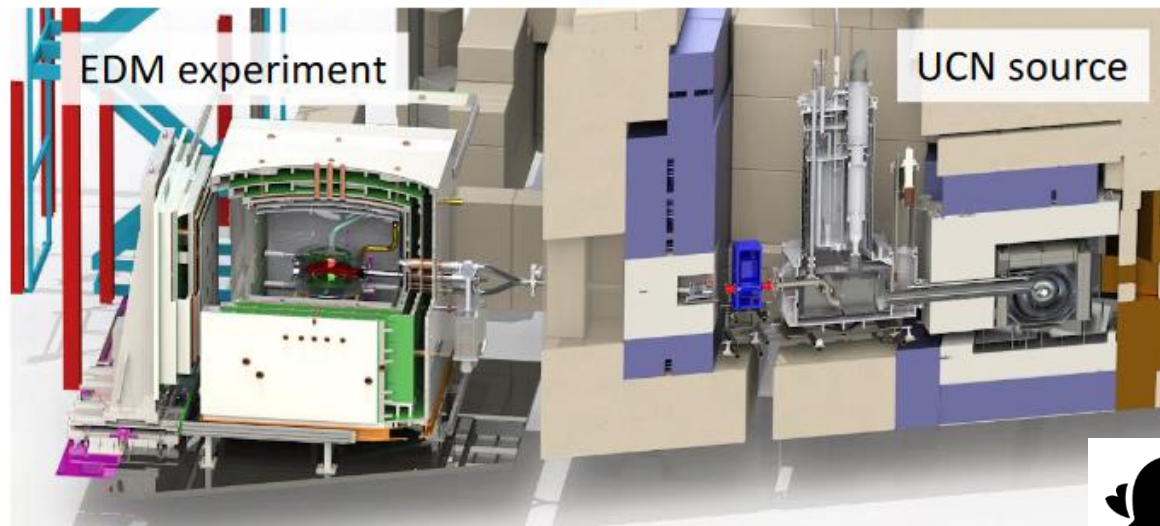


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## TRIUMF Ultra-Cold Advanced Neutron (TUCAN) Collaboration, @TRIUMF, Canada



View of future facility at TRIUMF



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## How to measure nEDM?

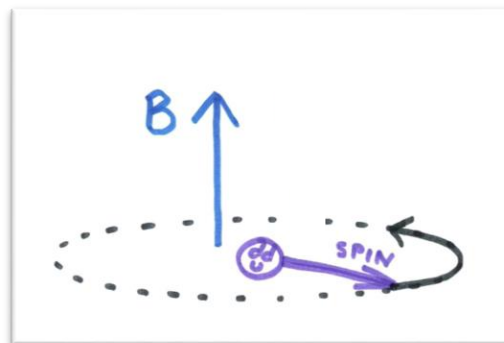
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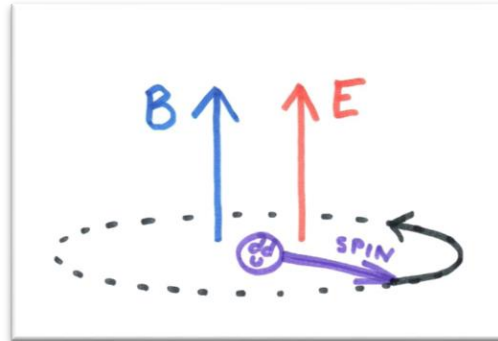
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$$d = (0 \pm 1) \times 10^{-26} \text{ e cm}$$
$$= (0 \pm 1) \times 10^{-12} \times \mu_N/c$$

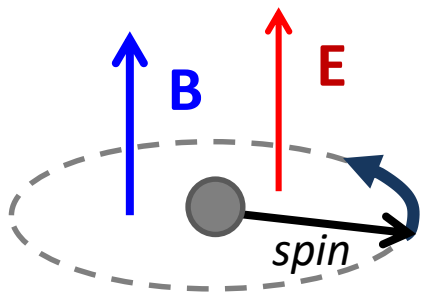
$$\frac{\mu_N}{c} \approx 0.1 \text{ e fm}$$

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# How to measure nEDM?

## nEDM measurement. The idea:



Larmor frequency  
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$$2\pi f = \frac{2\mu}{\hbar} B \pm \frac{2d}{\hbar} |E|$$

If  $d = 10^{-26} \text{ e cm}$  and  $E = 11 \text{ kV/cm}$   
one full turn in a time

$$\frac{\pi\hbar}{dE} = 200 \text{ days}$$

To detect such a minuscule coupling

- Long interaction time
- High intensity/statistics
- Control the magnetic field

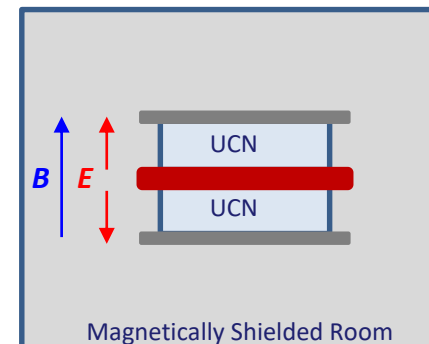
The actual upper limit (2020)

$$|d_n| < 1.8 \times 10^{-26} \text{ e cm} \quad (90\% \text{ C.L.})$$

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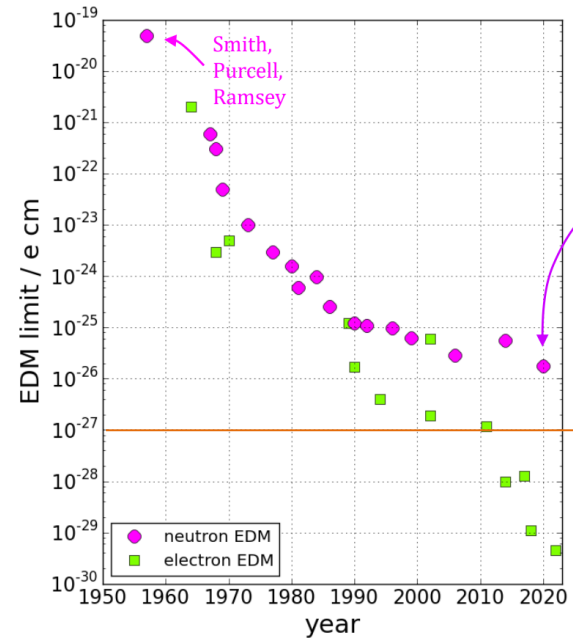
$$f(\uparrow\uparrow) - f(\uparrow\downarrow) = -\frac{2}{\pi\hbar} d E$$

$$d = \frac{\pi\hbar}{2|E|} (f(\uparrow\downarrow) - f(\uparrow\uparrow))$$





# Historical overview: the main milestones



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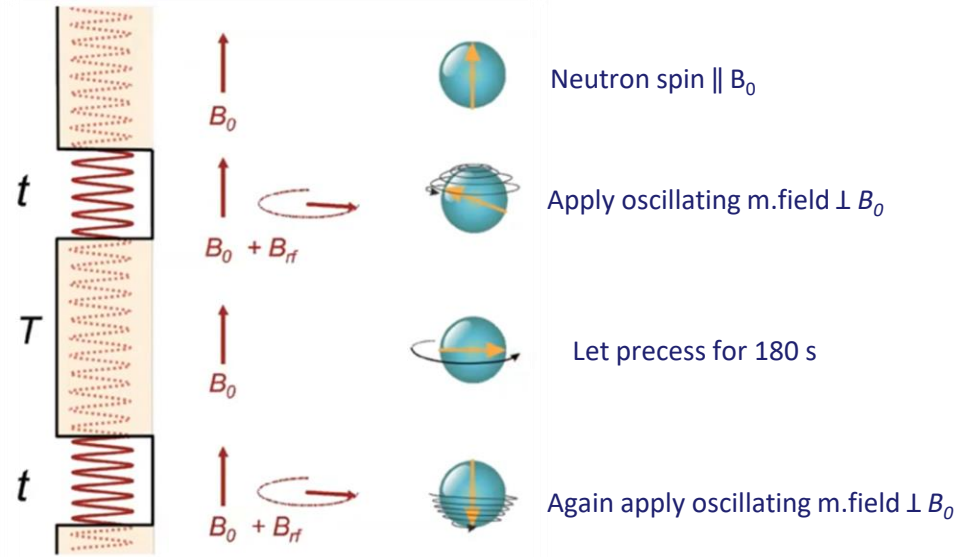
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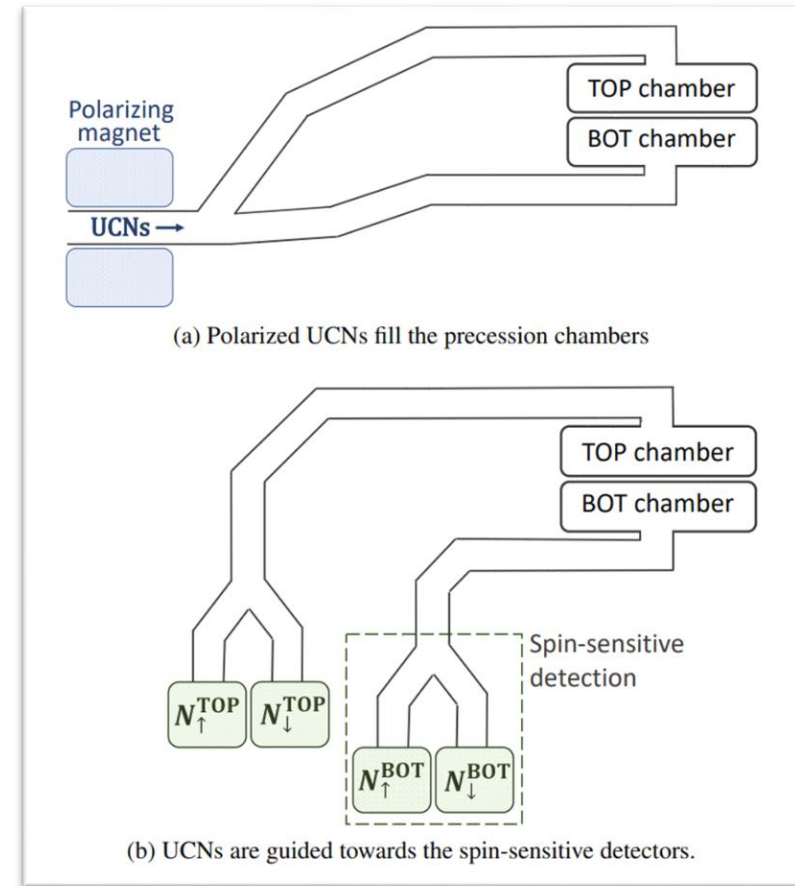
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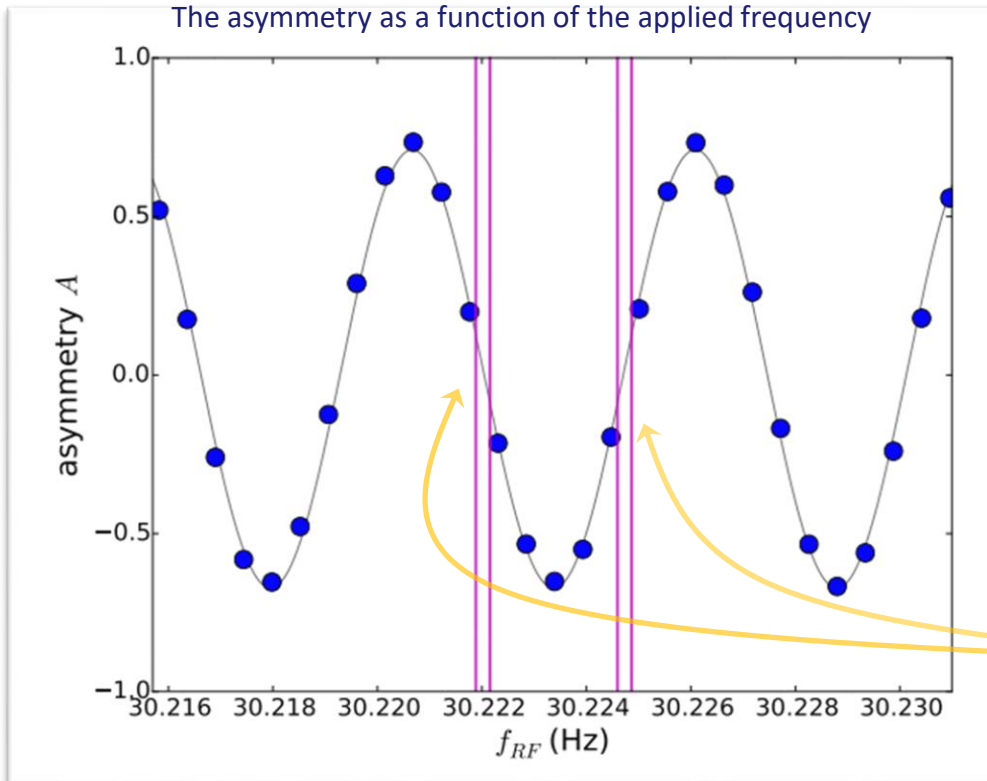


➔ Obtain neutrons with spin either UP or DOWN, **Count the number** of each, which depends on  $f_n$

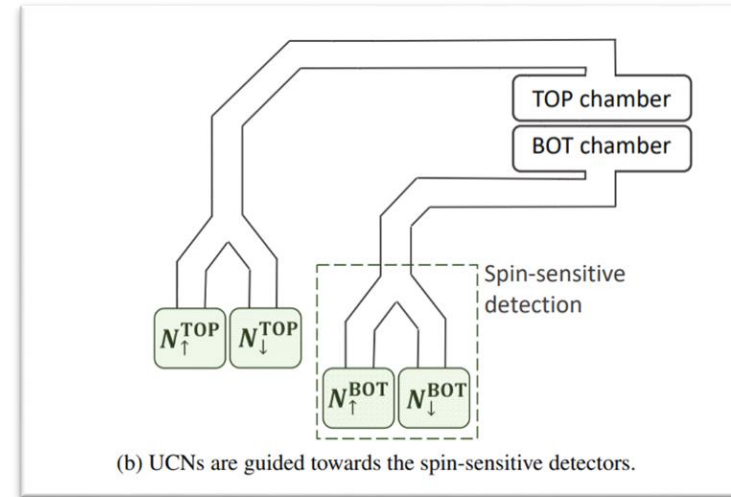


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Asymmetry: 
$$A = \frac{N_{\uparrow} - N_{\downarrow}}{N_{\uparrow} + N_{\downarrow}}$$



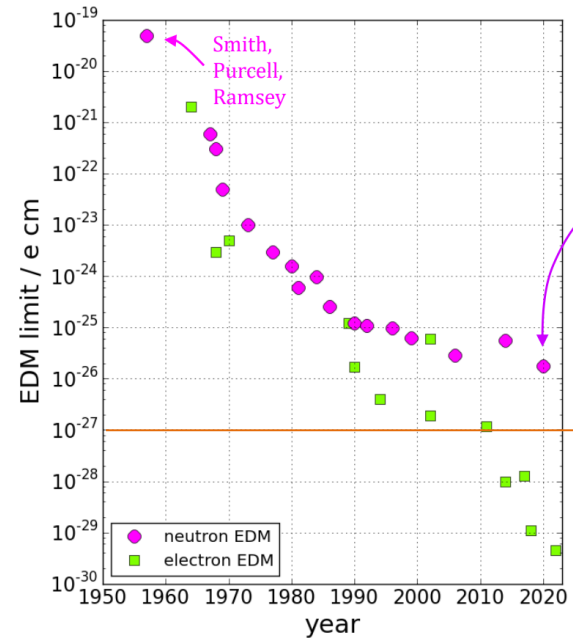
Example, nEDM experimental data (2017):  
each point is a measurement cycle with a precession time of  $T = 180$ s performed with the nEDM apparatus (single-chamber),  
the magnetic field:  $B_0 = 1036.3$  nT  
which corresponds to a  
Larmor precession frequency of 30.2235 Hz.



The maximal sensitivity is obtained for cycles measured at  $A = 0$  where the slope of the resonance curve is highest.



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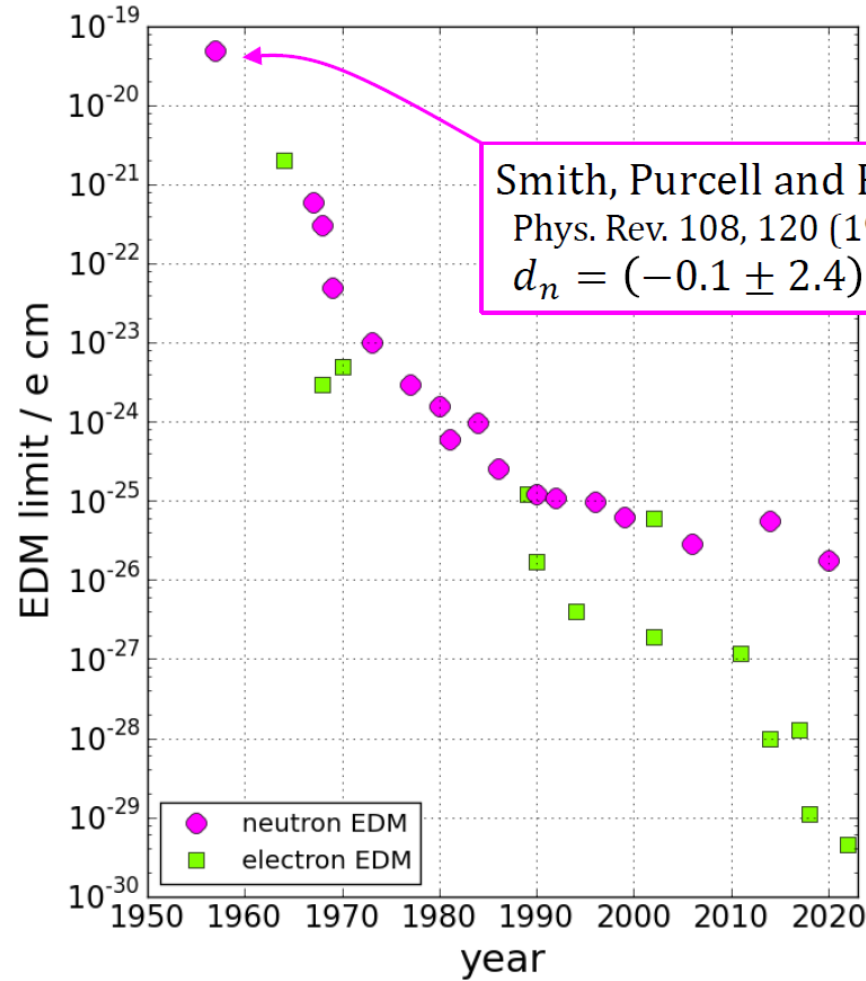
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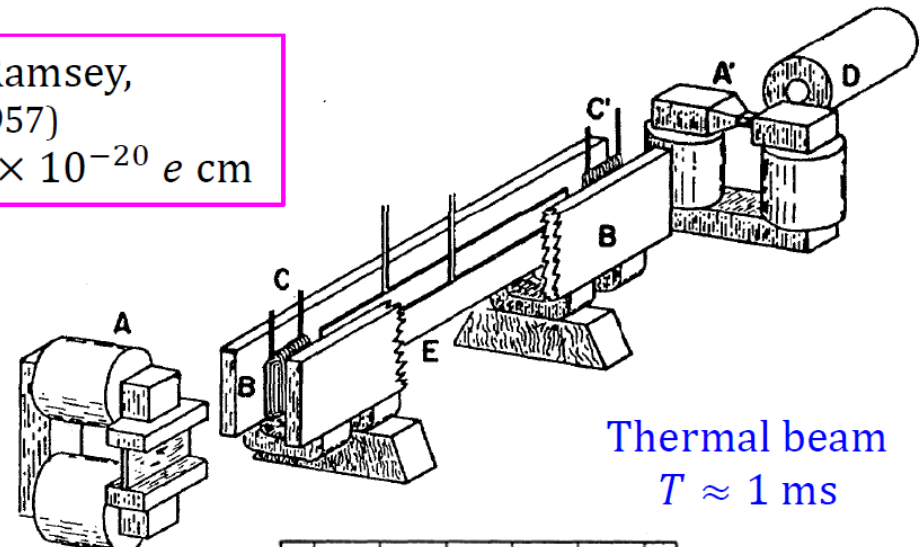
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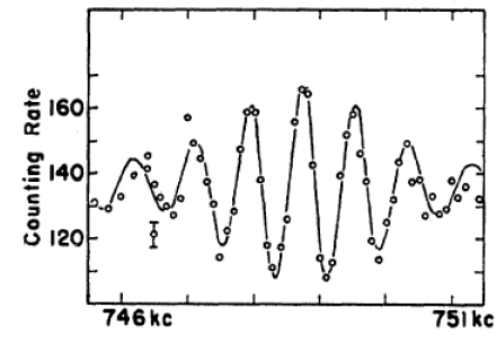


Smith, Purcell and Ramsey,  
Phys. Rev. 108, 120 (1957)  
 $d_n = (-0.1 \pm 2.4) \times 10^{-20} e \text{ cm}$

## First neutron EDM experiment



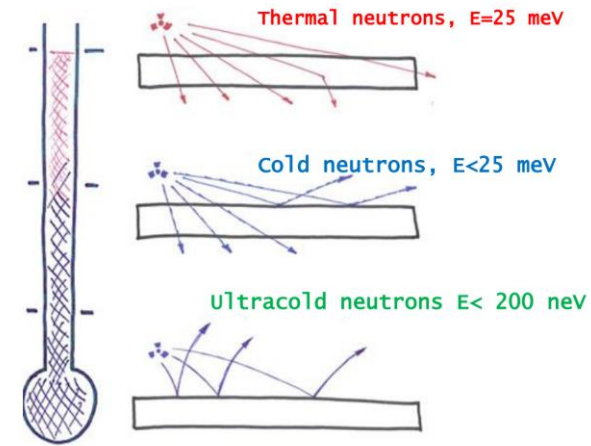
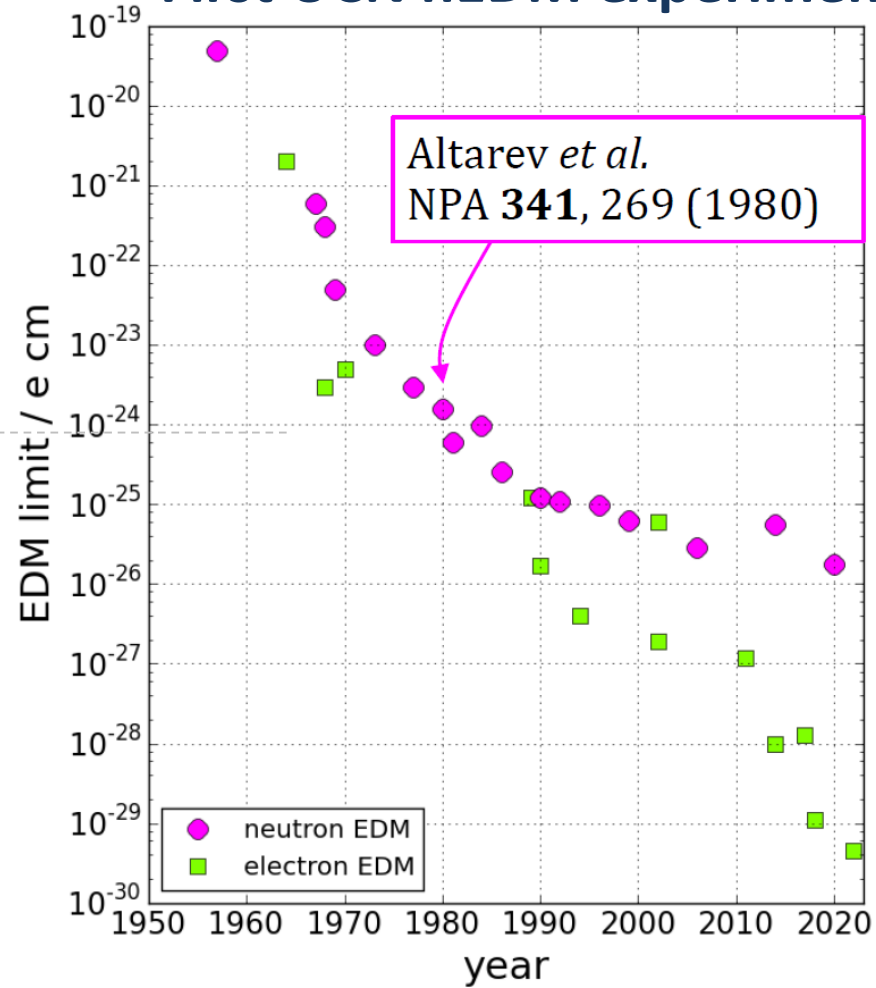
Thermal beam  
 $T \approx 1 \text{ ms}$





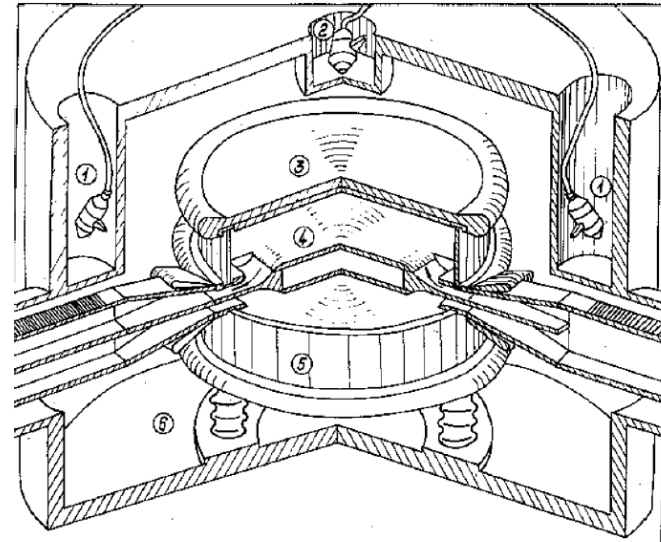
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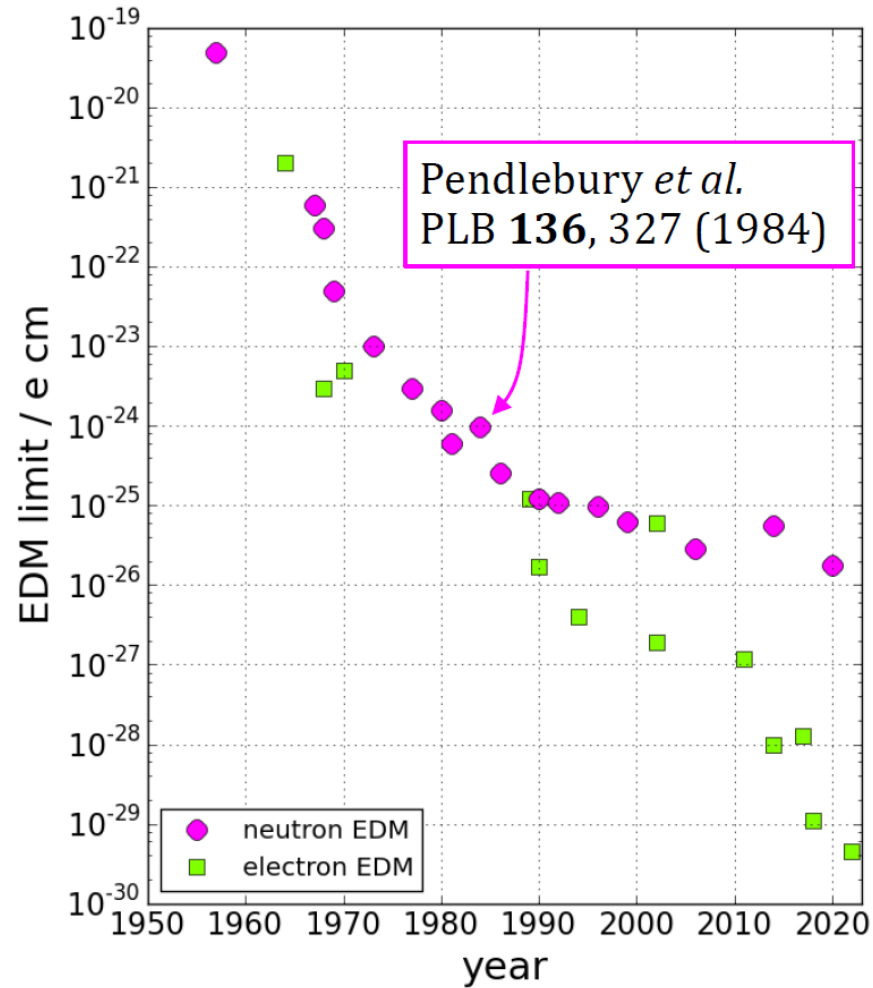


Neutrons with energy  $< 200$  neV, are totally reflected by material walls. They can be stored in material bottles for long times, up to 15 minutes. They are significantly affected by gravity.

UCN flow through, double chamber,  $T \approx 5$  s

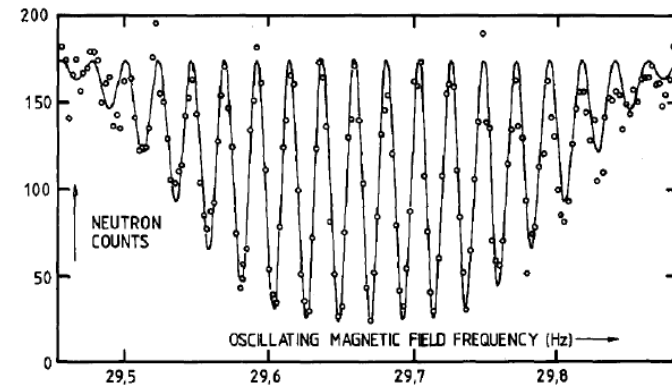
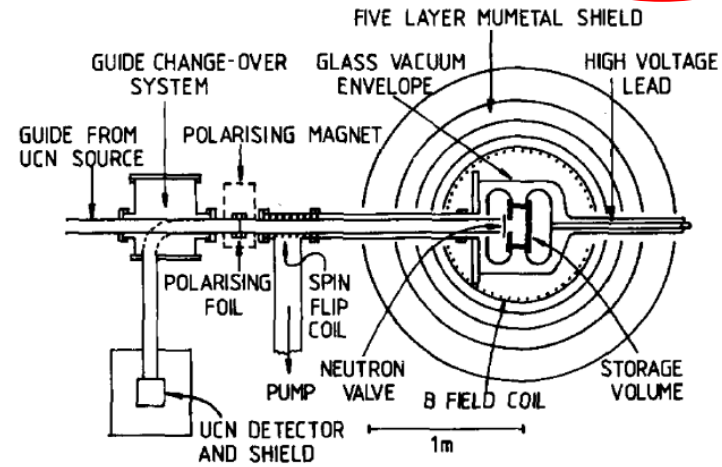


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## Stored UCN

$T = 60$  s





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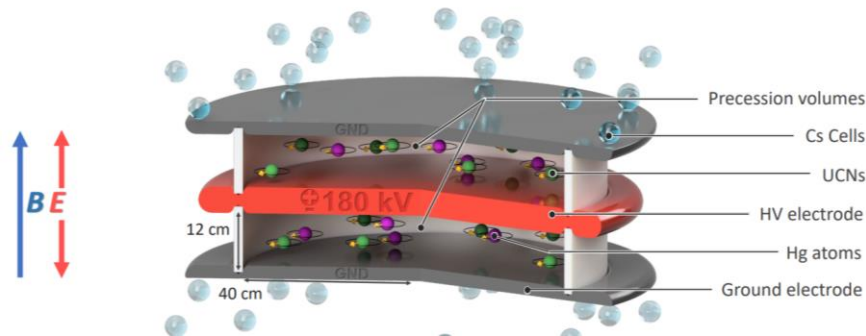
## Drift of the magnetic field!

$f_n$  is affected by drifts of the magnetic field!

Solution:

### Mercury co-magnetometer

Polarized  $^{199}\text{Hg}$  atoms precess in the same chambers

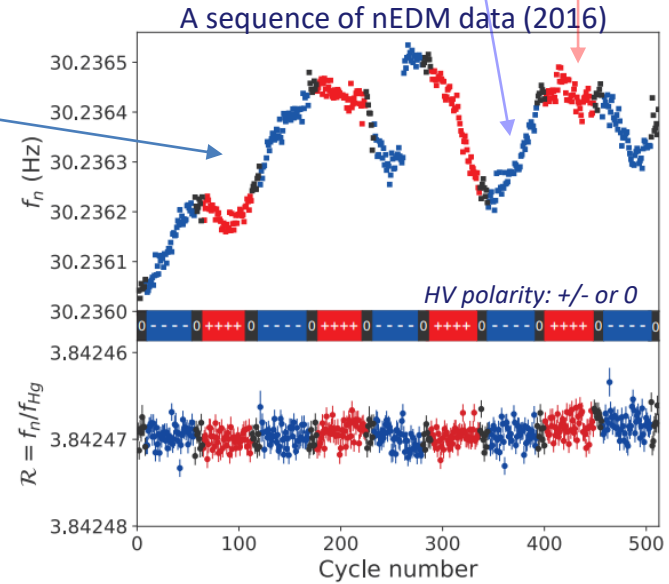


### $f_{\text{Hg}}$ measurement principle:

a UV probe beam transverses the chambers

- record the absorption of the light (an oscillating signal),
- extract  $f_{\text{Hg}}$

$$d = \frac{\pi\hbar}{2|E|} (f(\uparrow\downarrow) - f(\uparrow\uparrow))$$

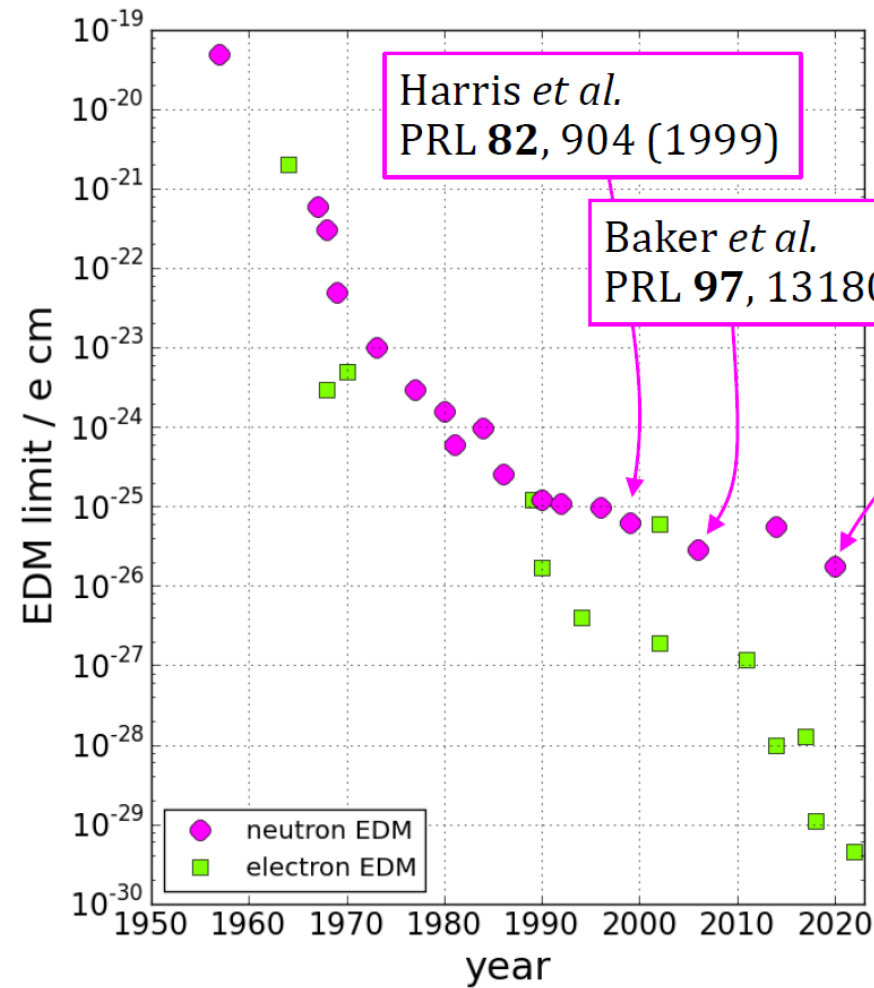


Simultaneous measurement of  $f_n$  and  $f_{\text{Hg}}$

$$\mathcal{R} \equiv \frac{f_n}{f_{\text{Hg}}} = \left| \frac{\gamma_n}{\gamma_{\text{Hg}}} \right| \mp \frac{|E|}{\pi\hbar f_{\text{Hg}}} d_n$$

$$d_n = \frac{\pi\hbar f_{\text{Hg}}}{4|E|} (\mathcal{R}_{\uparrow\downarrow}^{\text{TOP}} - \mathcal{R}_{\uparrow\uparrow}^{\text{TOP}} + \mathcal{R}_{\uparrow\downarrow}^{\text{BOT}} - \mathcal{R}_{\uparrow\uparrow}^{\text{BOT}}).$$

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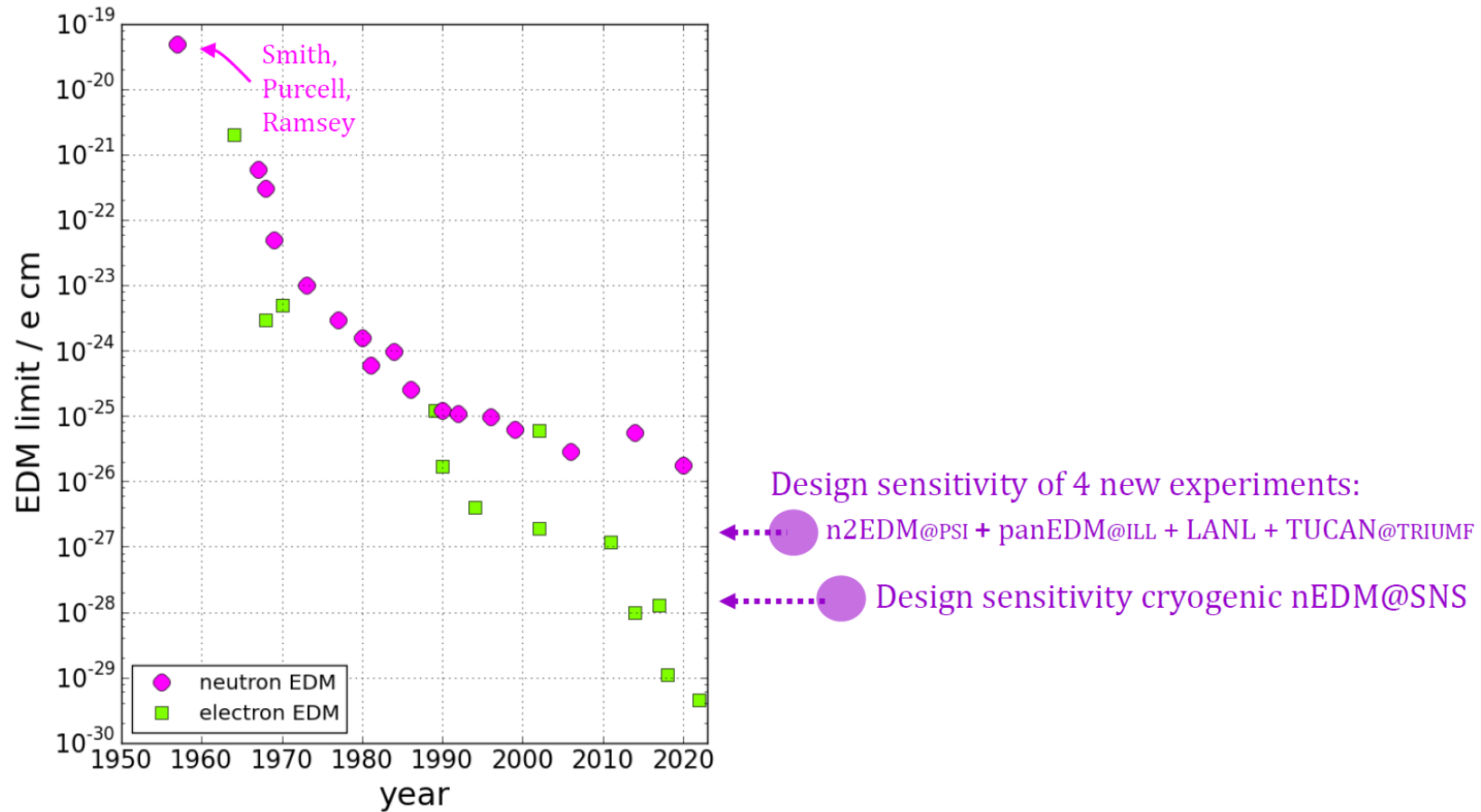
## Hg co-magnetometry

Basic principle of co-magnetometry:  
2 species in the same volume  
to measure simultaneously

$$f_n = \frac{\gamma_n}{2\pi} B \mp \frac{d_n}{\pi\hbar} E$$

$$f_{\text{Hg}} = \frac{\gamma_{\text{Hg}}}{2\pi} B$$

# Towards greater sensitivity





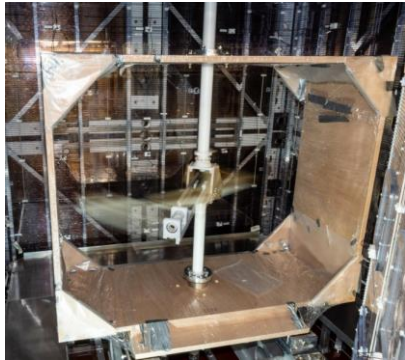
## Experimental challenges (stat and syst)

### Requirements for the magnetic field for n2EDM as an example

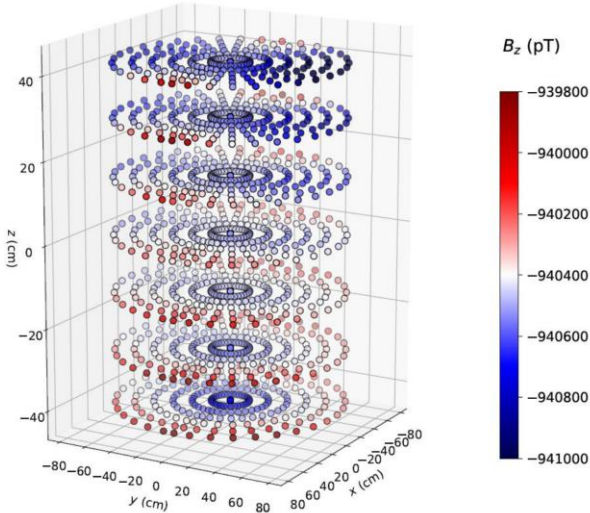
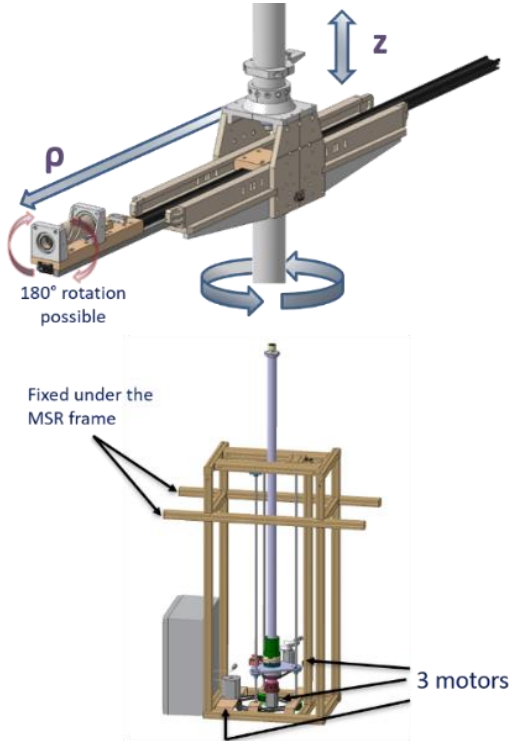
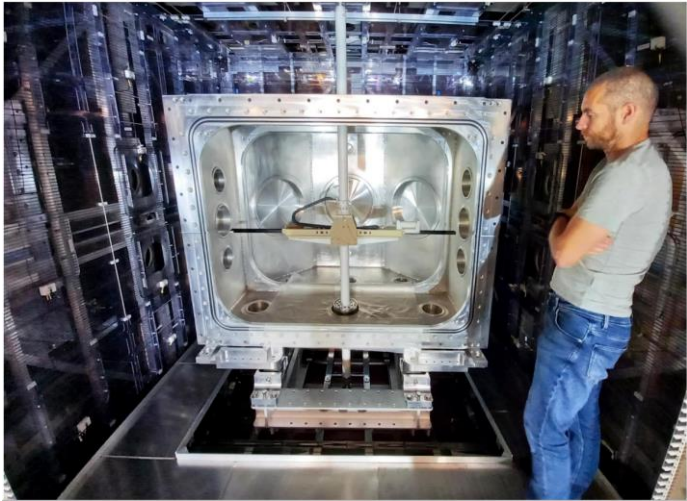
Related to statistical errors	
(B-gen) Top-Bottom resonance matching condition	$-0.6 \text{ pT/cm} < G_{1,0} < 0.6 \text{ pT/cm}$
(B-gen) Field uniformity in the chambers	$\sigma(B_z) < 170 \text{ pT}$
(B-gen) Field stability on minutes timescale	$< 30 \text{ fT}$
(B-meas) Precision Hg co-magnetometer, per cycle, per chamber	$< 30 \text{ fT}$
Related to systematical errors	
(B-gen) Gradient stability on the timescale of minutes	$\sigma(G)[5\text{min}] < 50 \text{ fT/cm}$
(B-meas) Accuracy mercury co-magnetometer per chamber	$< 100 \text{ fT}$
(B-meas) Accuracy on cubic mode (Cs magnetometers)	$\delta \dot{G}_3 < 20 \text{ fT/cm}$
(B-gen) Reproducibility of the order 5 mode	$\sigma(\dot{G}_5) < 20 \text{ fT/cm}$
(B-meas) Accuracy of the order 5 mode (field mapper)	$\delta \dot{G}_5 < 20 \text{ fT/cm}$
(B-gen) Dipoles close to the electrode	$< 20 \text{ pT at } 5 \text{ cm}$
(E-gen) Relative accuracy on E field magnitude	$< 10^{-3}$

Table 4: Summary of the requirements for the magnetic-field measurement (B-meas), magnetic-field generation (B-gen) and electric-field generation (E-gen) for the n2EDM design.

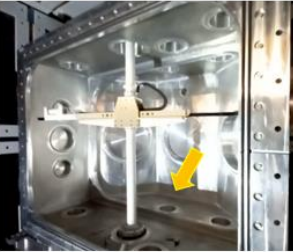
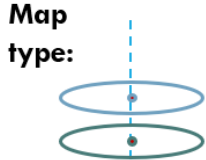
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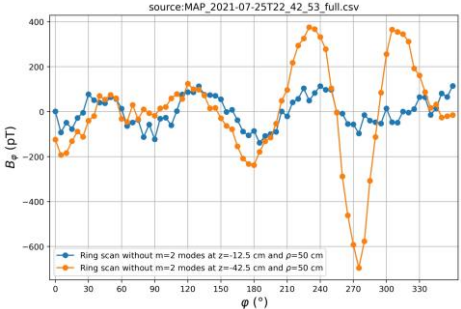
The magnetic field mapper at n2EDM



## Example illustration (for kids):



**Detected a magnetic piece! (July 2021)**  
 A very clear evidence of a presence of a magnetic element inside the flange located on the bottom surface of the vacuum vessel. The middle and the lowest  $z$ -position ring scans.



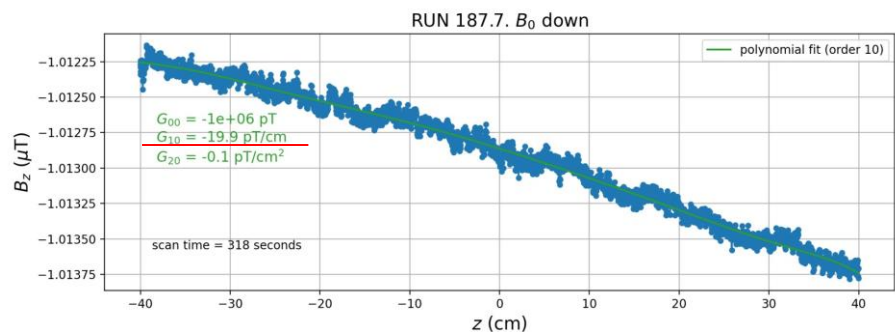
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## Coil system installation at n2EDM: moving by mm's – tuning pT's !

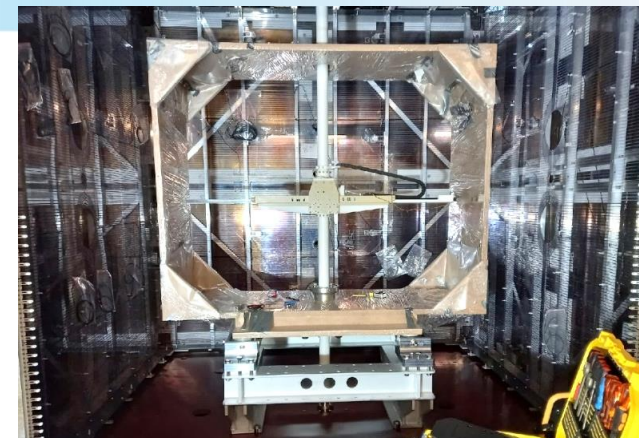
The first vertical map after the installation of the  $B_0$  coil showed a deviation in the 1<sup>st</sup>-order gradient  $G_{1,0}$ .



$G_{1,0} = -19.9 \text{ pT/cm}$  – compatible with a **vertical shift** of the entire coil system with respect to the MSR by  $\Delta z = 3\text{mm}$



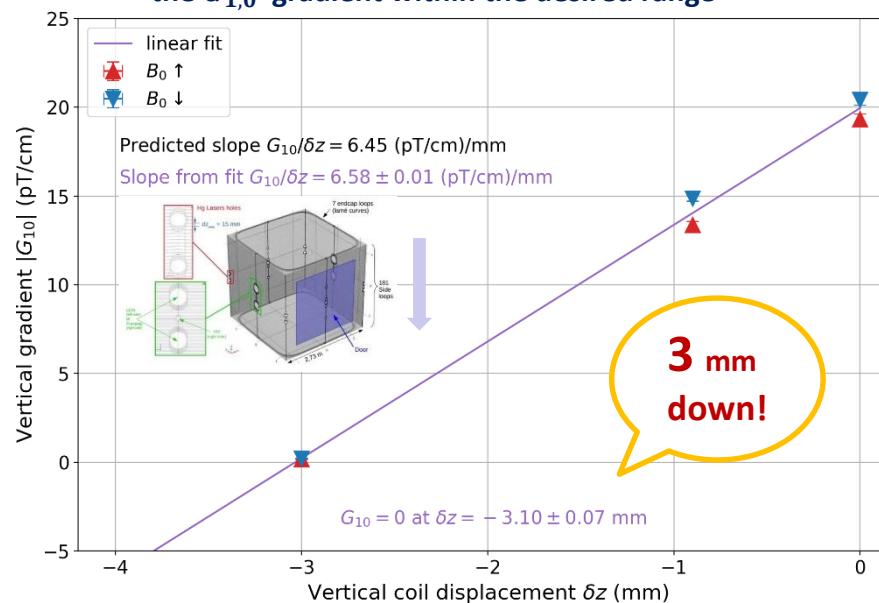
An example of a vertical scan of the  $B_z$  field component in **initial**  $B_0$  coil position.



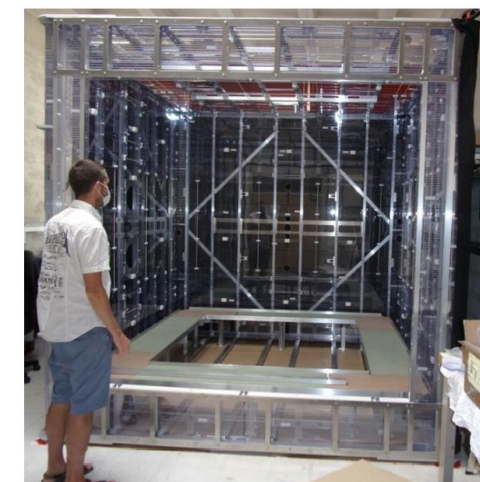
Map type:



Evaluation of the vertical shift value in order to get the  $G_{1,0}$  gradient within the desired range



The values of  $G_{1,0}$  shown for each polarity of the  $B_0$  coil are the averages of the values of  $G_{1,0}$  after degaussing in L6 and L6-crossed configurations.



### Requirement

on field production ( $B_0$  coil):

$$-0.6 \text{ pT/cm} < G_{1,0} < 0,6 \text{ pT/cm}$$

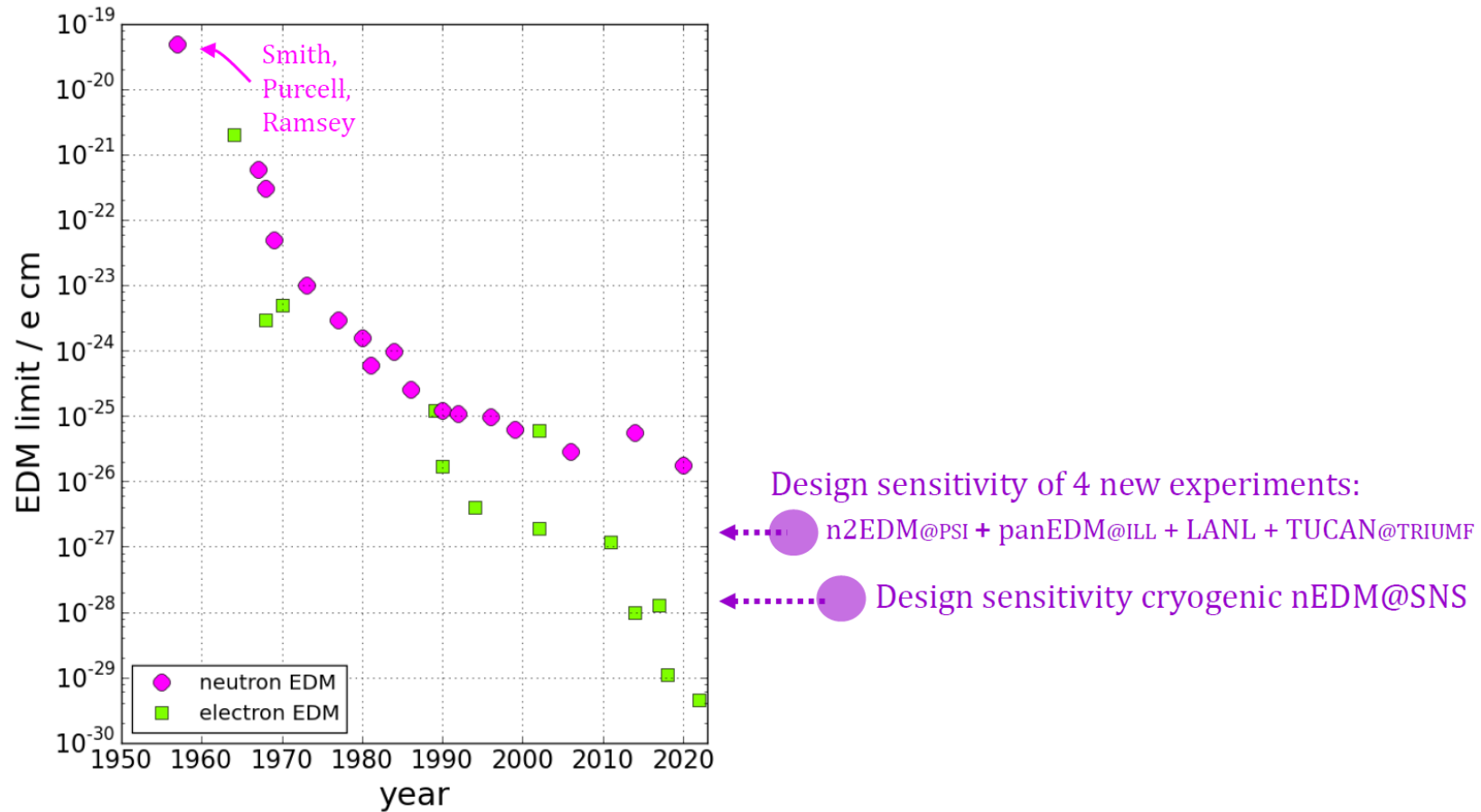
“Top-Bottom resonance matching condition”

(maximum permitted vertical gradient of the magnetic field)





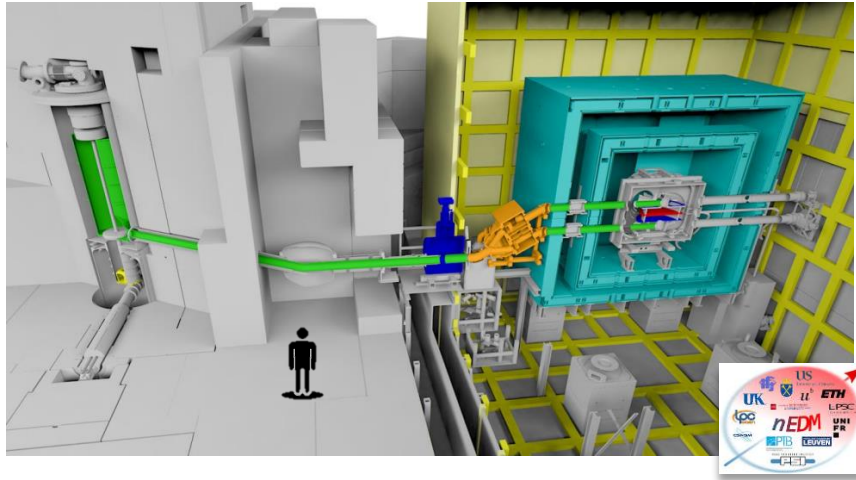
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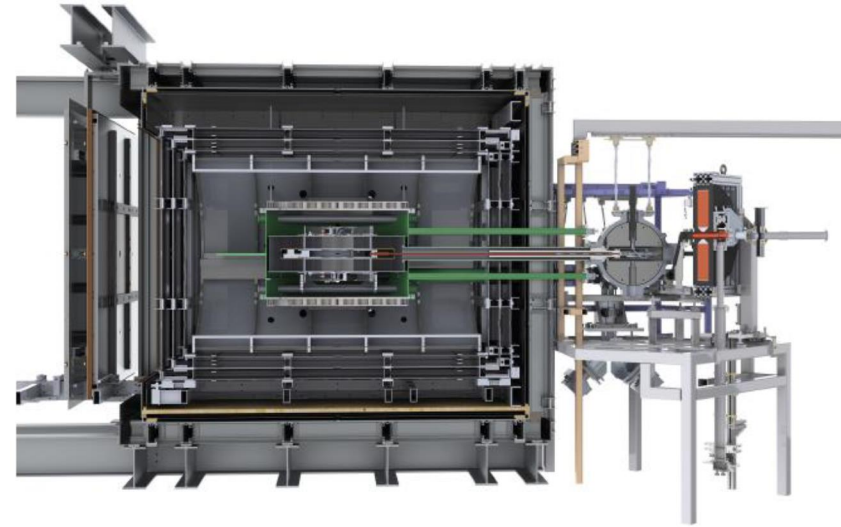
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$\sim 10^{-27} \text{ ecm}$

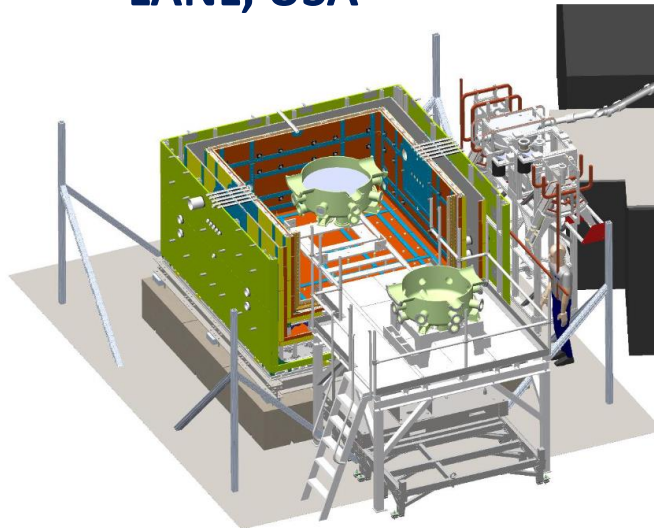
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## PanEDM@ILL, France

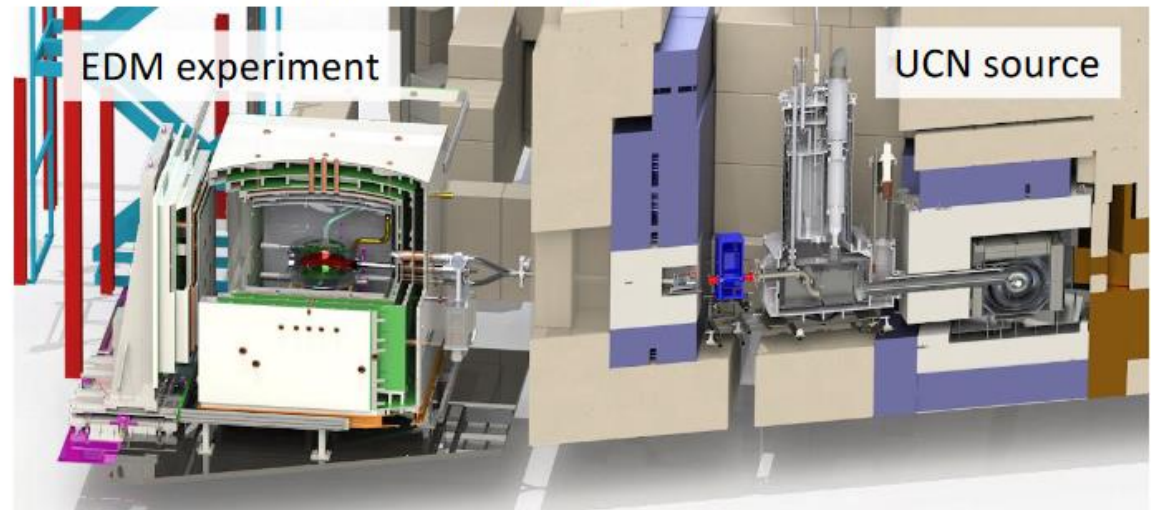


## LANL, USA



## View of future facility at TRIUMF

## TUCAN @TRIUMF, Canada

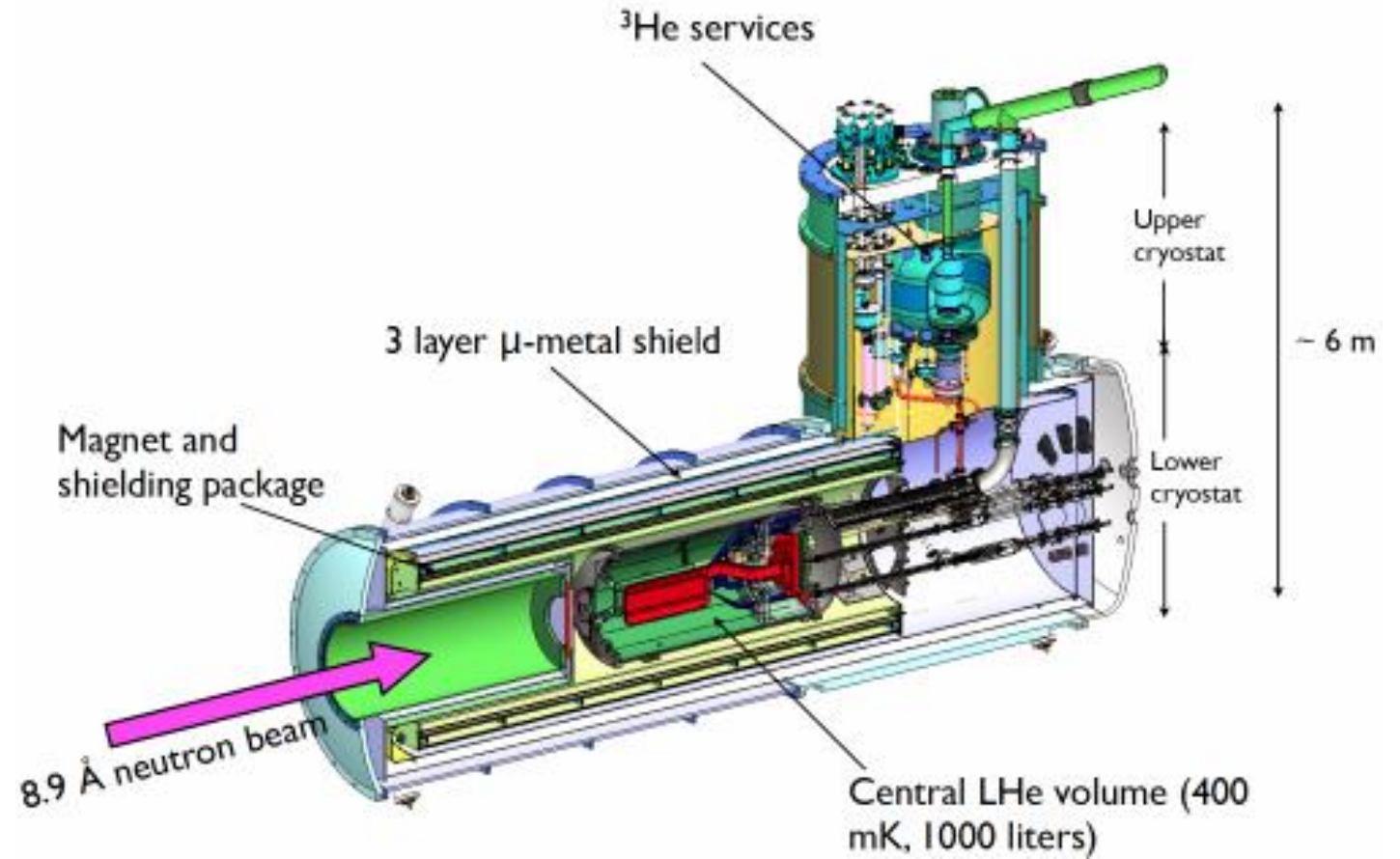


### nEDM@SNS, USA

(Spallation Neutron Source  
at Oak Ridge National Laboratory)

Concept:

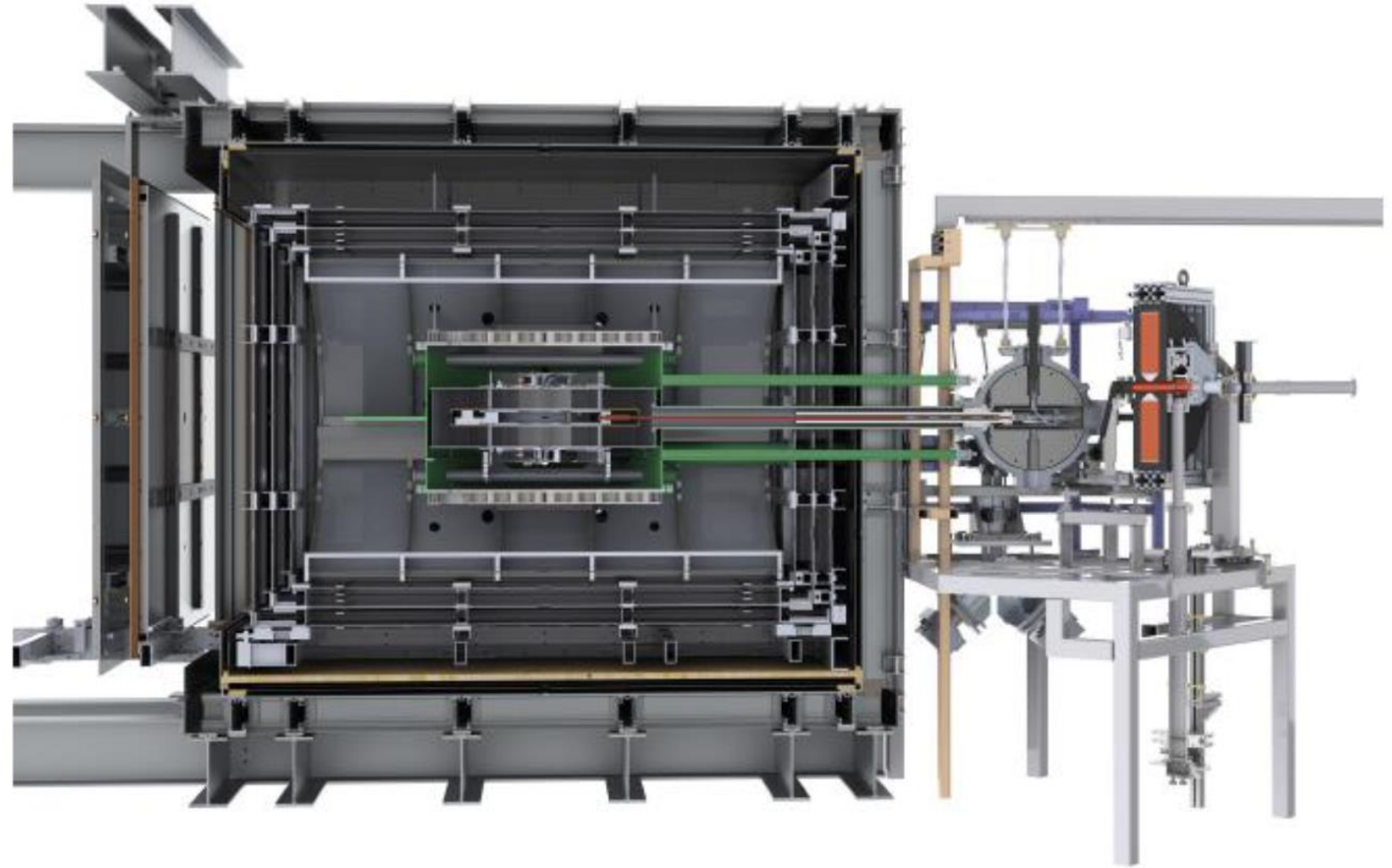
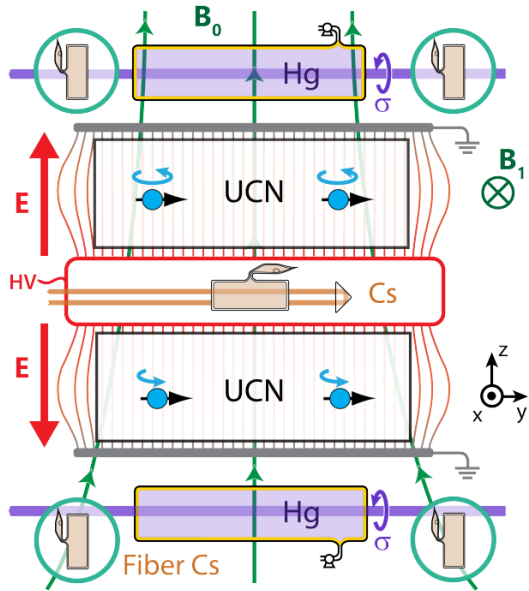
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# PanEDM@ILL status and outlook

## Central part of the PanEDM experiment

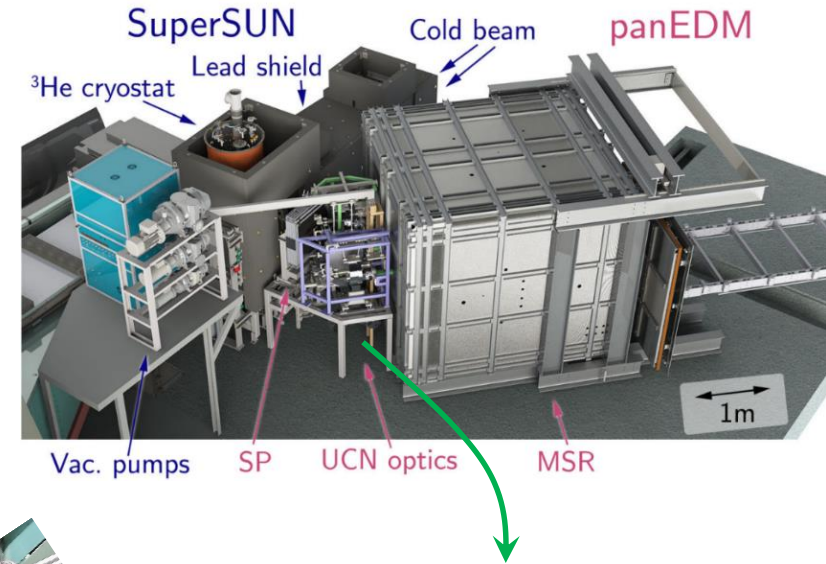


- ✓ Double chamber Ramsey interferometer at room temperature
- ✓ Simultaneous measurement for the “↑↑” and “↑↓” configurations
- ✓ Magnetic shielding:  $6 \times 10^6$  @1mHz
- ✓  $^{199}\text{Hg}$  and Cs magnetometers
- ✓ UCNs: 80neV allowing for high statistics

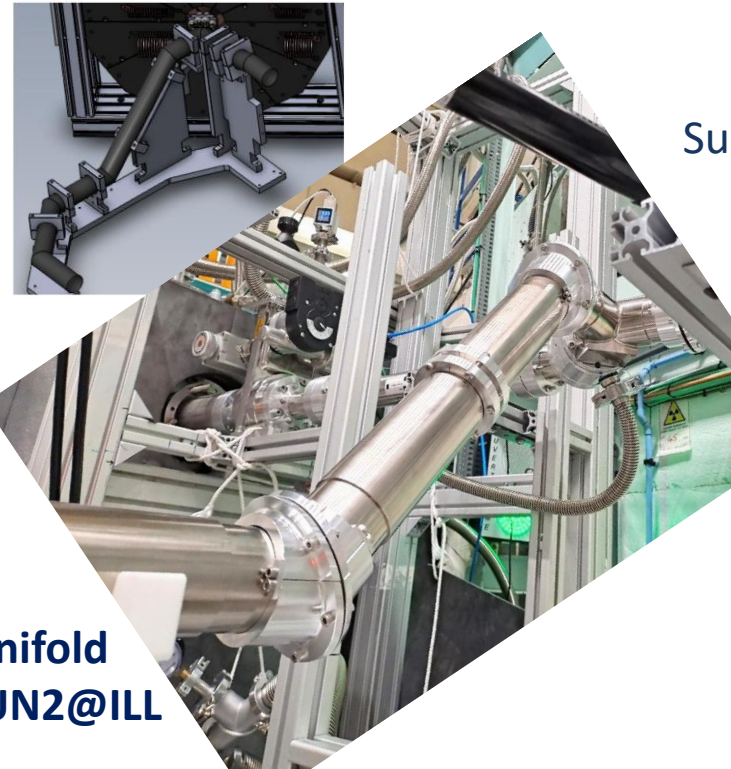
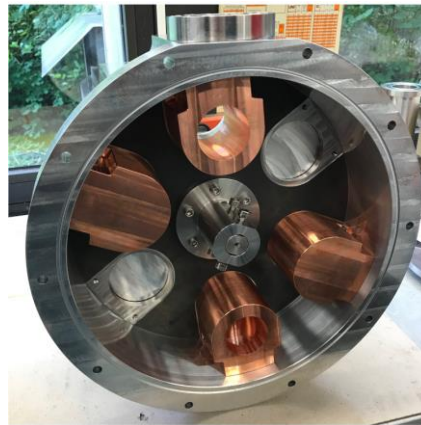
# PanEDM@ILL status and outlook

Ongoing installation of parts,  
commissioning with UCN in progress since 2023

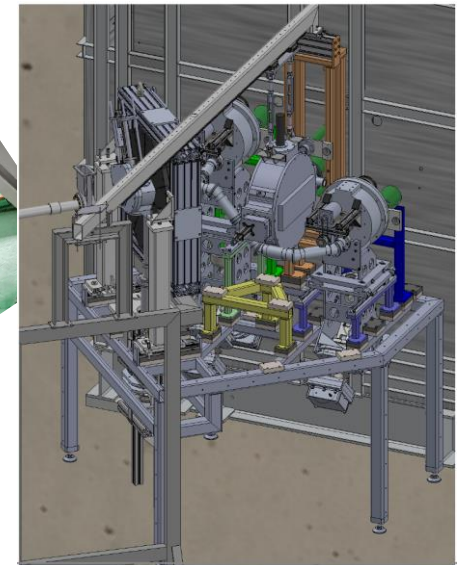
- Characterization of the UCN spectrum: ongoing.
- Neutron guiding system produced and being tested.
- Three-way switch upgrade in progress.
- Magnetic field mapping will be resumed during the reactor shutdown.
- Infrastructure (IT, electrics...) revision.
- New effort on simulations of the UCN transport (Geant4).



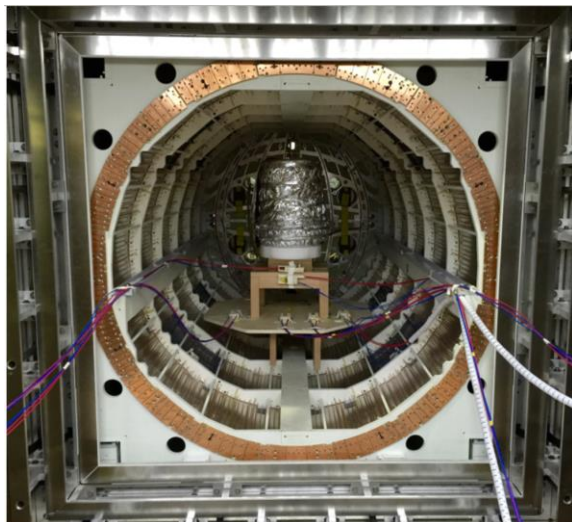
### Three-way switch



### SuperSUN-PanEDM Interface



### Coil system



Guide Manifold  
tests at SUN2@ILL



A person wearing a brown hat and a light-colored jacket is seen from the side, looking towards a vast, rugged mountain range. The mountains are covered in snow and have a blueish tint, suggesting a high-altitude or winter environment. The sky is clear and blue.

*"Almost there..."*

**Thank you!**

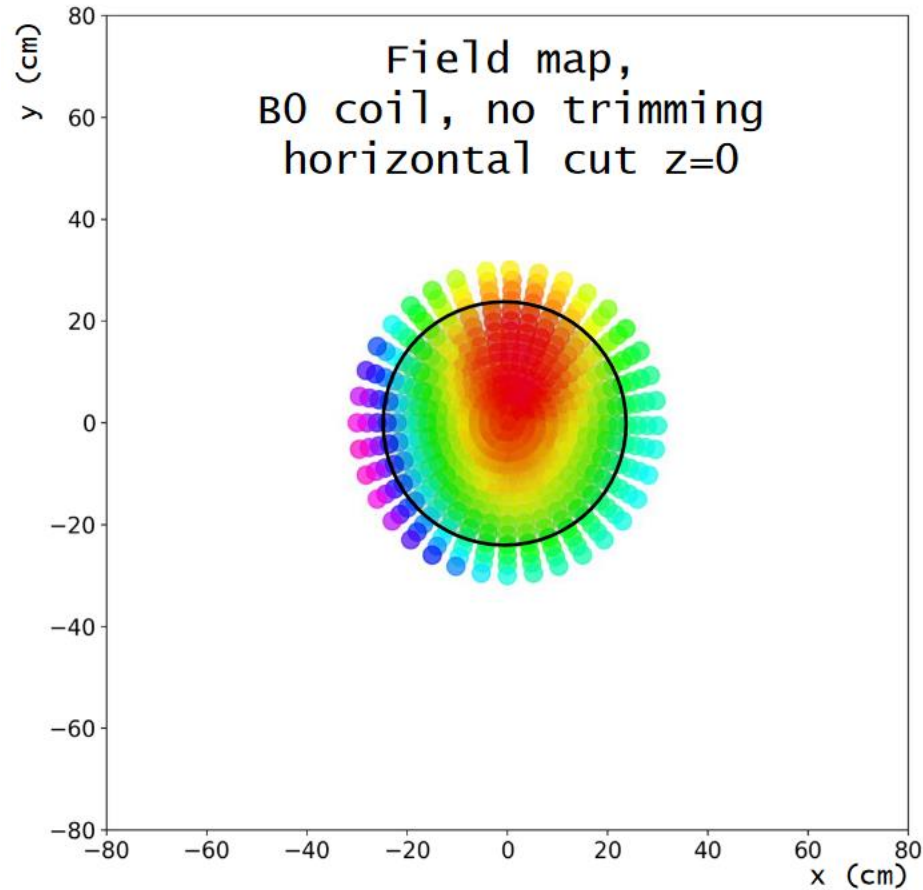
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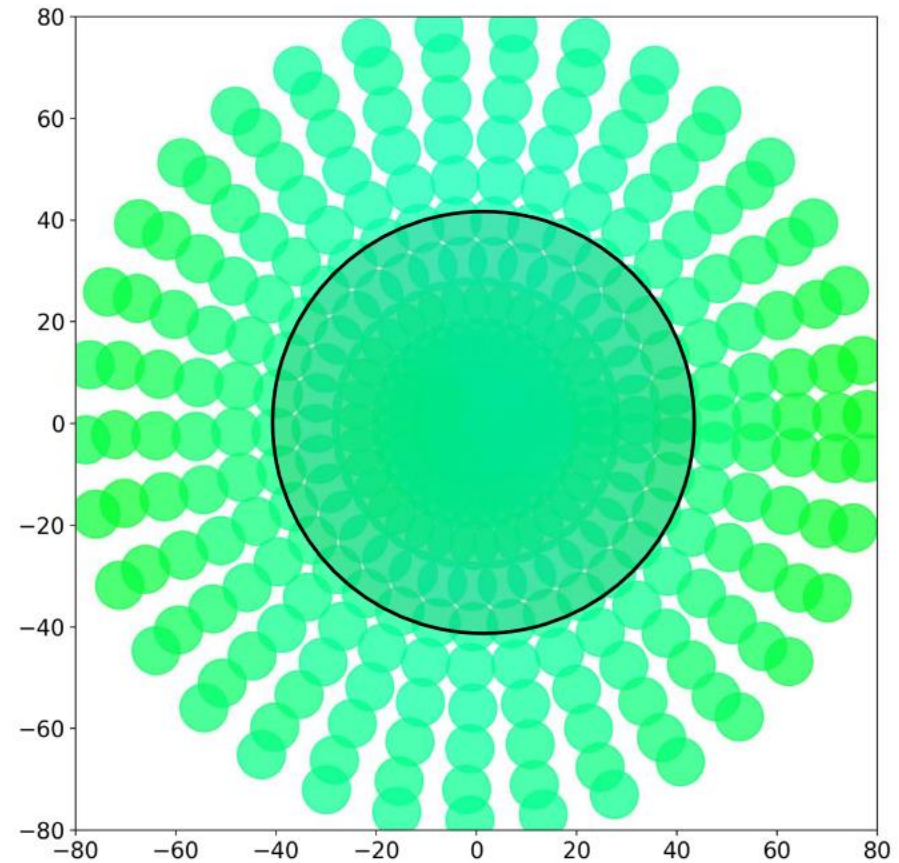
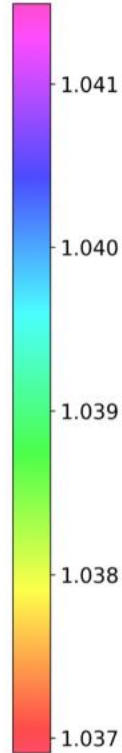


# Uniformity of the vertical B-field

n2EDM



$B_z$  ( $\mu\text{T}$ )



nEDM 2017  $\sigma(B_z) = 860$  pT  
In the precession chamber  $\varnothing$  47 cm

n2EDM 2022  $\sigma(B_z) = 60$  pT

In one chamber  $\varnothing$  80 cm

Thanks – Guillaume Pignol

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# SuperSUN: High density UCN source



## Phase I characterization

**Measurement agrees with expectation (48 MW)**

cf. [EPJ Conf. 219, 02006 \(2019\)](#)

Total UCN output:  $3.8 \times 10^6$  (integral of blue peak)

Source density: 270 UCN/cm<sup>3</sup>

Long storage times: 126000 UCN remaining after 20min

Expected density in PanEDM: 3.9 UCN/cm<sup>3</sup> (58 MW)

Source characterization, PanEDM commissioning ongoing

## Phase II expectation

Peak field: 2.1 T

Source density: 1670 UCN/cm<sup>3</sup> (x5 gain)

Density in PanEDM: 40 UCN/cm<sup>3</sup> (x10 gain)

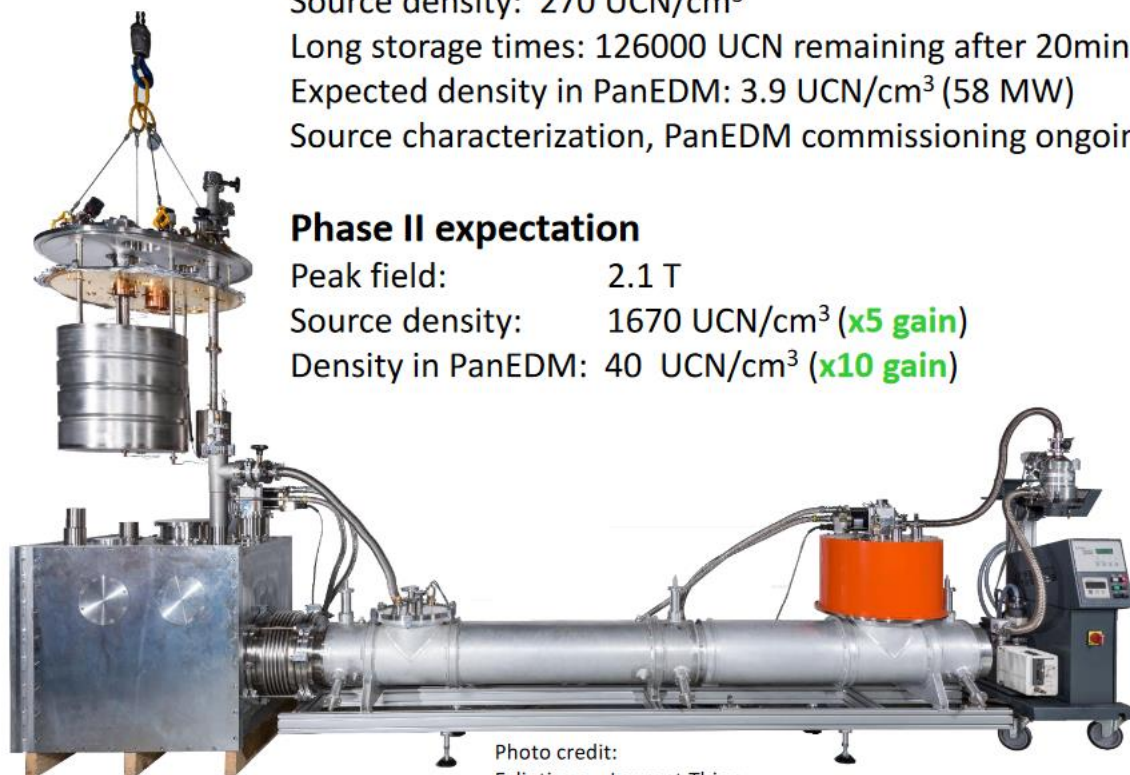
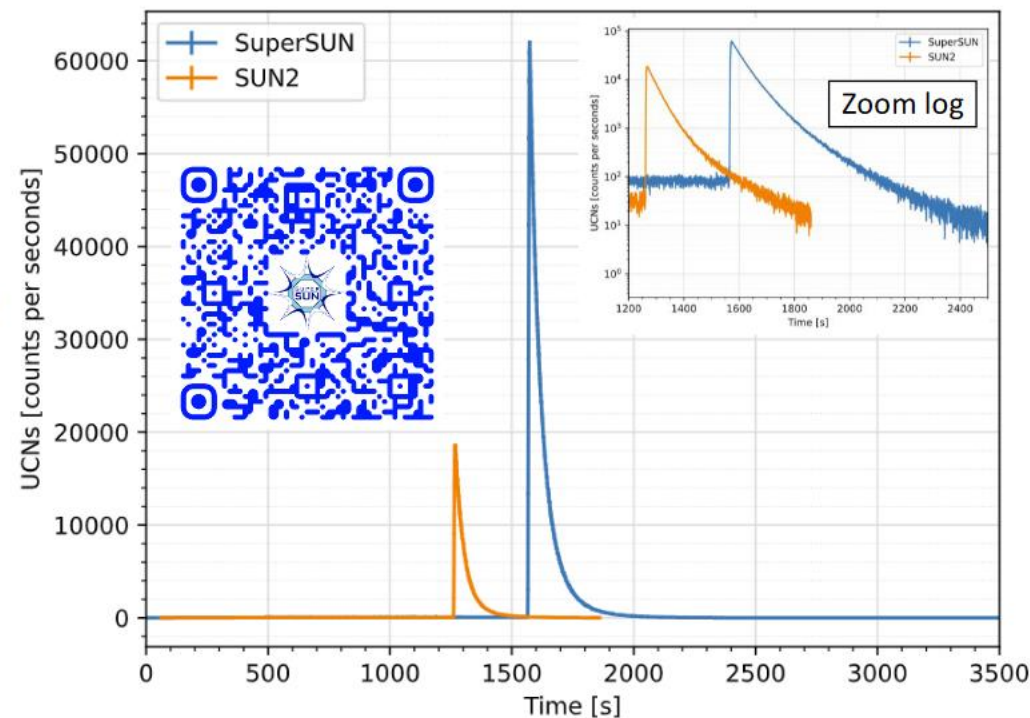


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## Comparison to the prototype source SUN2



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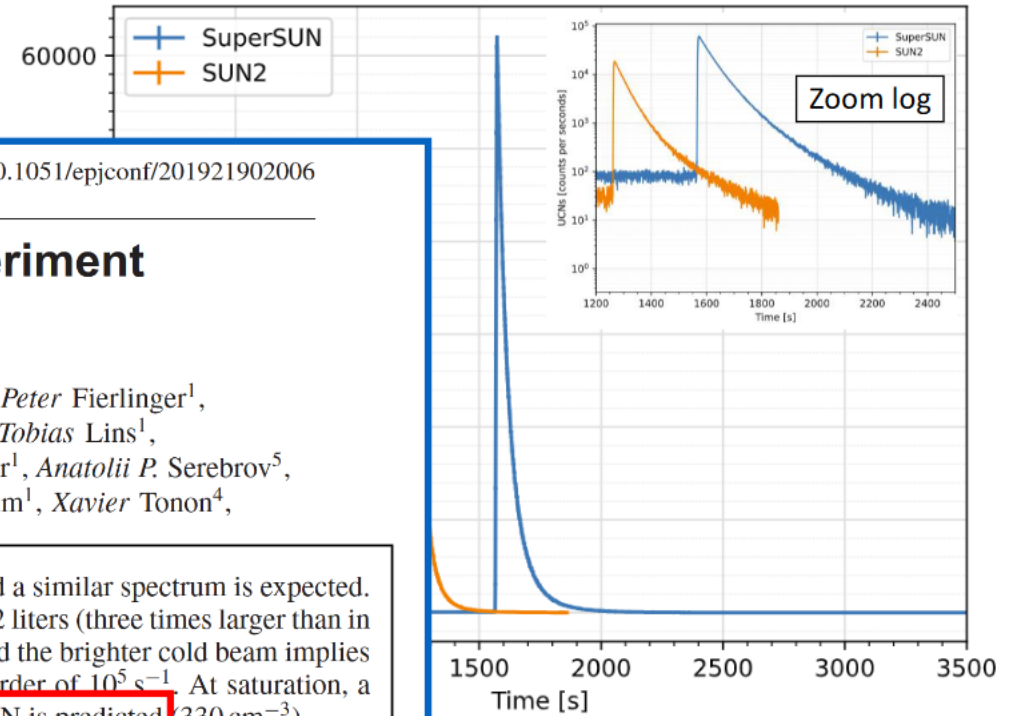
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## The PanEDM neutron electric dipole moment experiment at the ILL

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Ongoing work: spectrum, transfer efficiency and storage in external volumes, etc...

by material walls only, and a similar spectrum is expected. The converter volume is 12 liters (three times larger than in SUN2); scaling for this and the brighter cold beam implies a production rate on the order of  $10^5 \text{ s}^{-1}$ . At saturation, a total of  $4 \times 10^6$  stored UCN is predicted ( $330 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ).

**$3.8 \times 10^6$  UCN measured (fill-and-empty)**

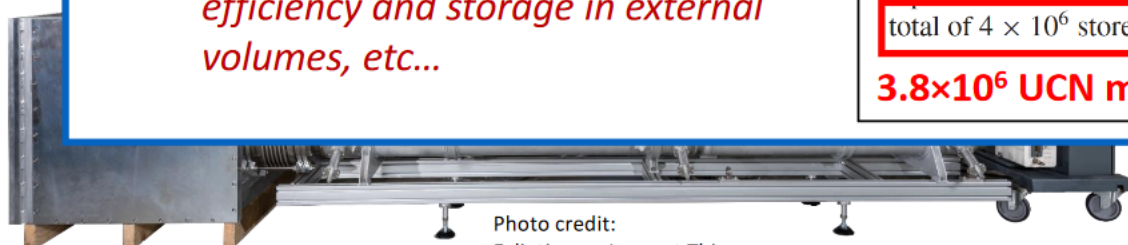
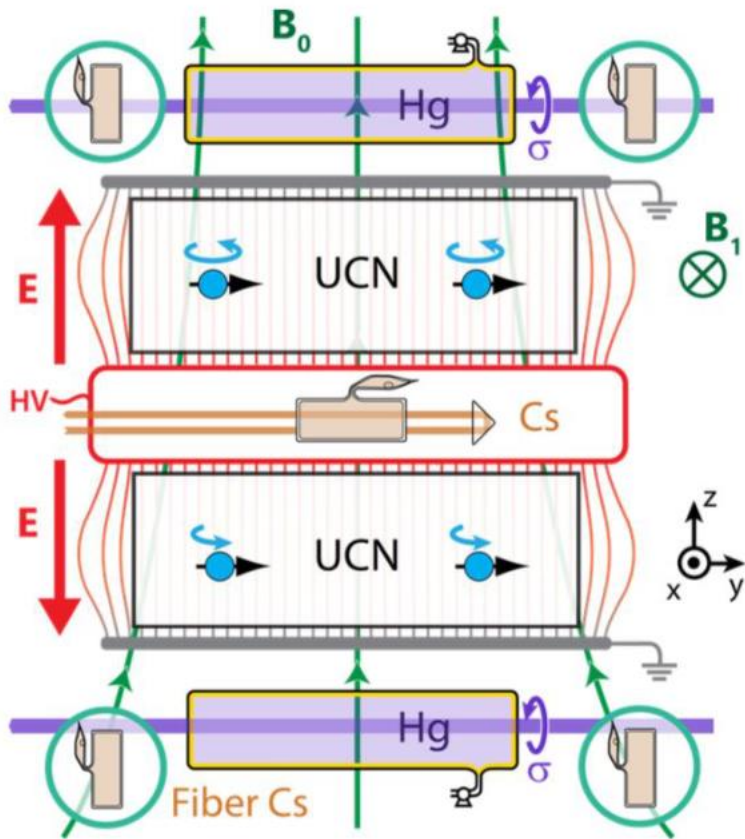


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# The PanEDM Experiment



Statistical sensitivity:

$$\sigma(d_n) \gtrsim \frac{\hbar}{2\alpha|E|T\sqrt{N}}$$

Frequency measurement:

$$|\delta\omega| = \frac{|dE|}{\hbar F}$$

SuperSUN	Phase I
Saturated source density [ $\text{cm}^{-3}$ ]	330
Diluted density [ $\text{cm}^{-3}$ ]	63
Density in cells [ $\text{cm}^{-3}$ ]	3.9
<b>PanEDM Sensitivity [<math>1\sigma, e\text{ cm}</math>]</b>	
Per run	$5.5 \times 10^{-25}$
Per day	$3.8 \times 10^{-26}$
Per 100 days	$3.8 \times 10^{-27}$

$$\Delta E \Delta t \geq \hbar/2$$