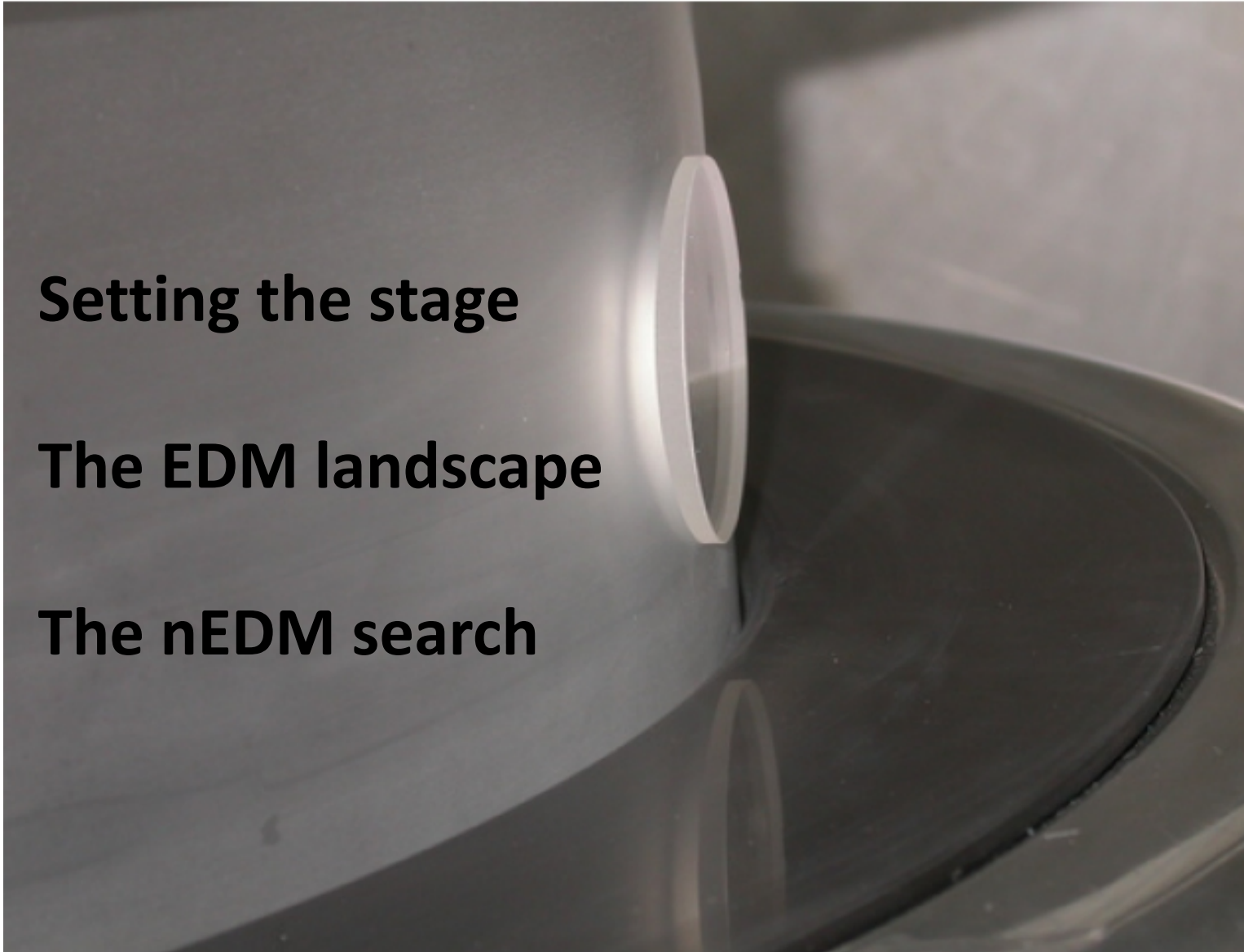




# Electric dipole moment experiments

**S. Roccia**



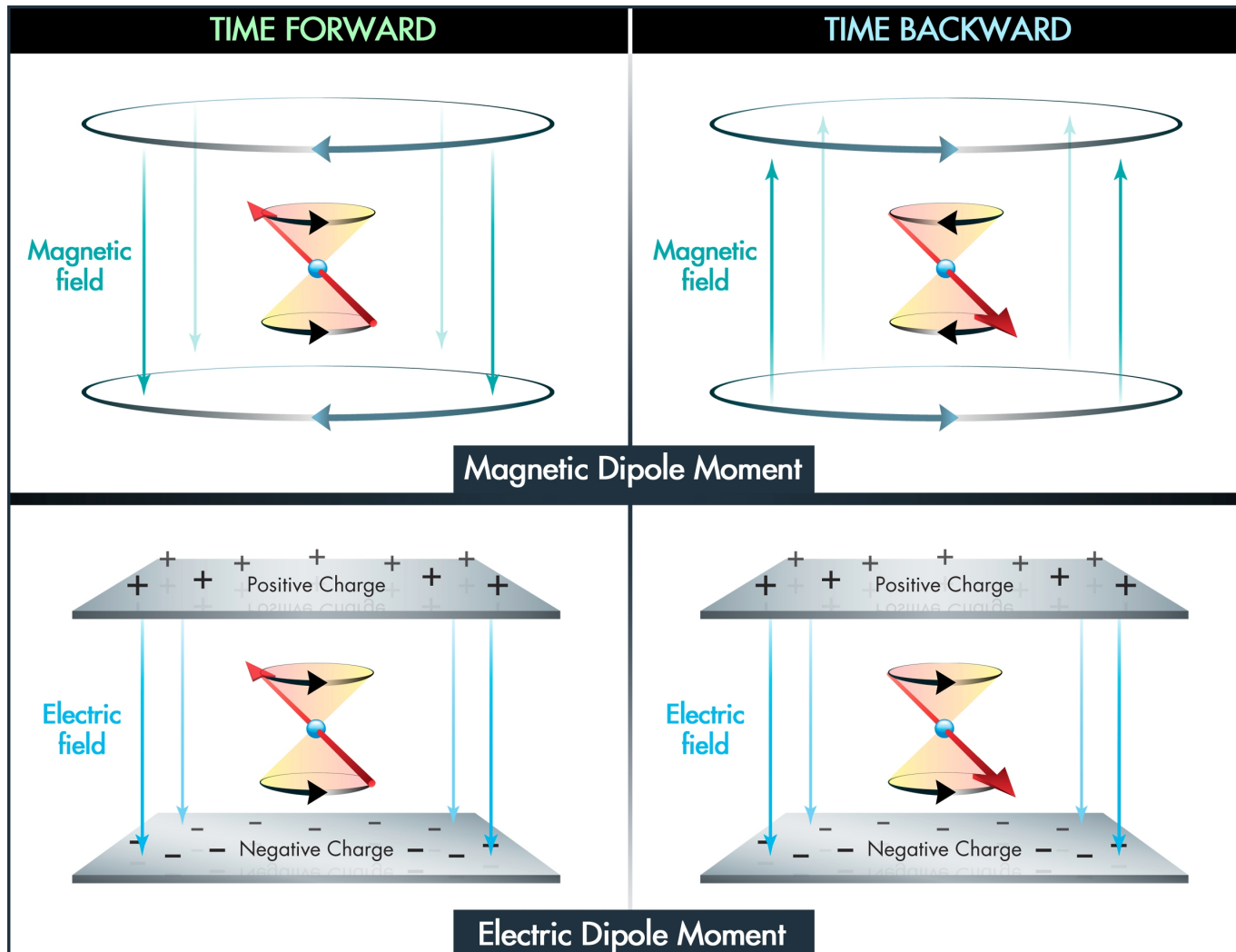


**Setting the stage**

**The EDM landscape**

**The nEDM search**

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

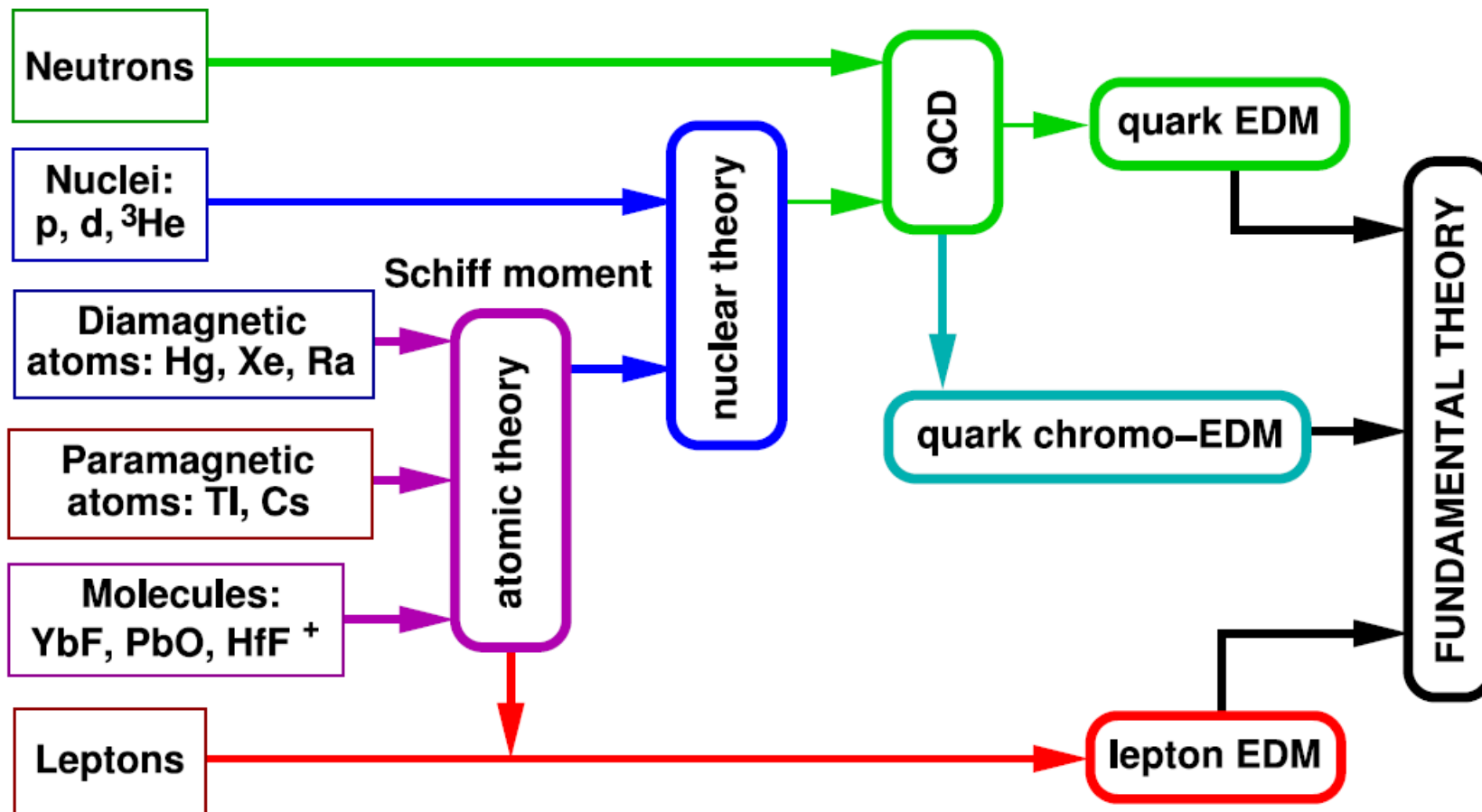


A nonzero particle EDM violates **T**, **P** and, assuming **CPT** conservation, also **CP**.

- Despite the phenomenal success of SM, it is not the theory of everything
- SM → “only” an effective theory valid up to some scale
- Most pressing problems of SM:
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  - dark matter
  - strong CP problem
  - hierarchy problem
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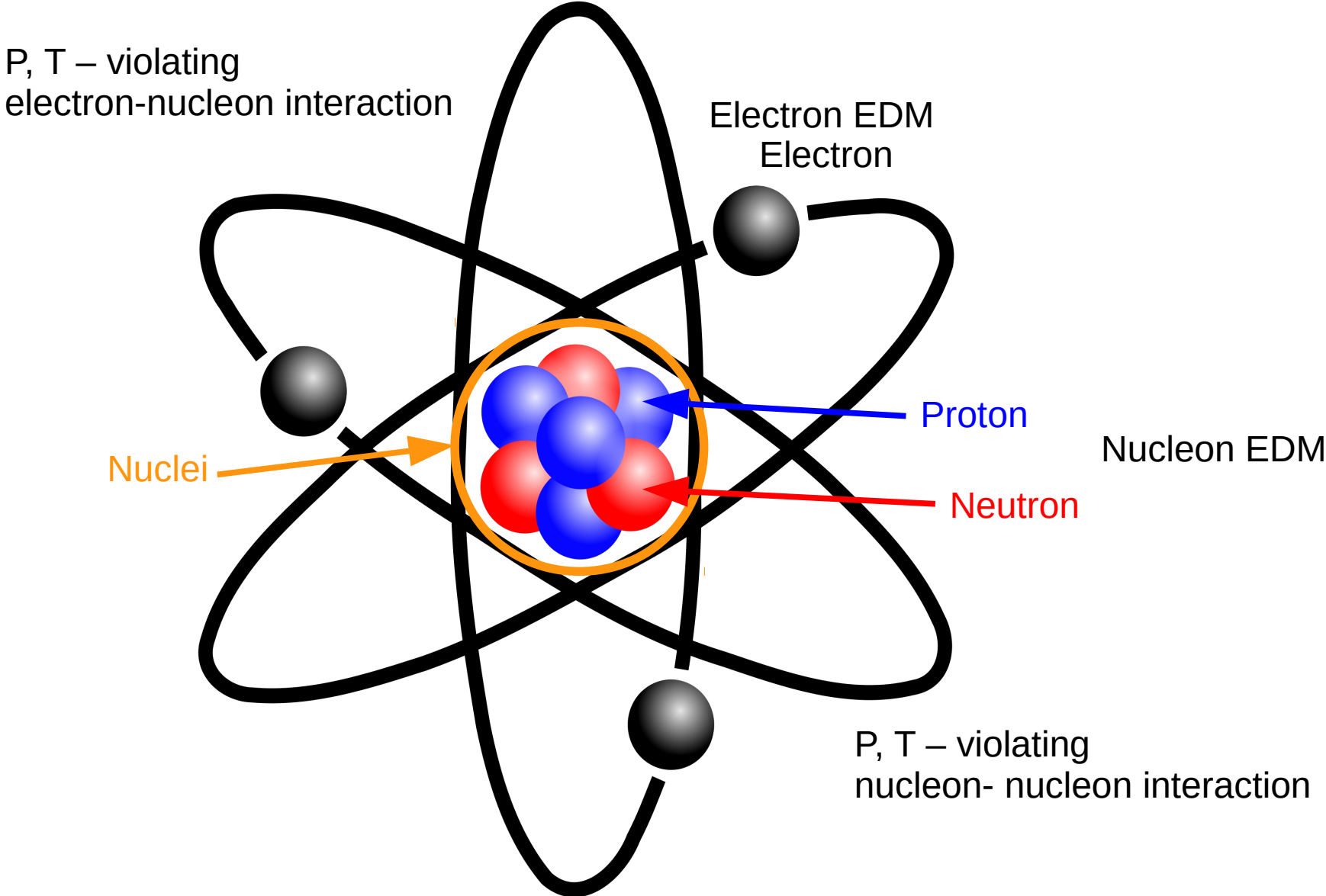


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  - need CP violation
  - CP violation within the SM:
    - weak CP violation  $\delta_{\text{CKM}}$
    - strong CP violation  $\theta_{\text{QCD}} < 10^{-10}$
  - CP violation outside SM



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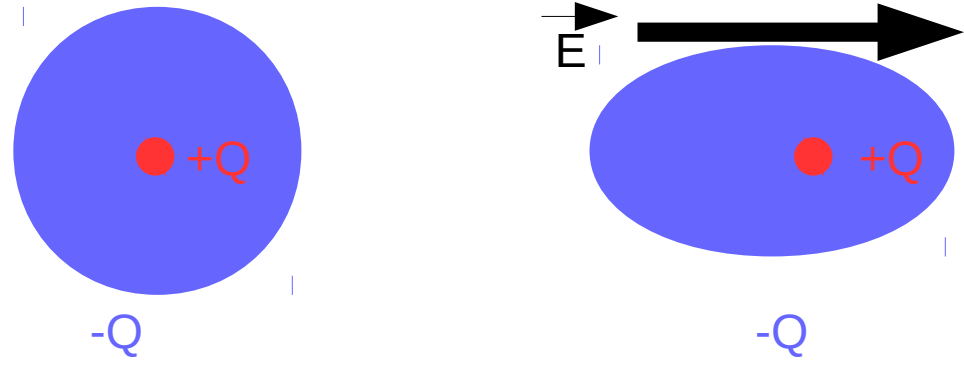
EDM of charged particles by Themis Bowcock  
 Today at 11:40





## Schiff Theorem

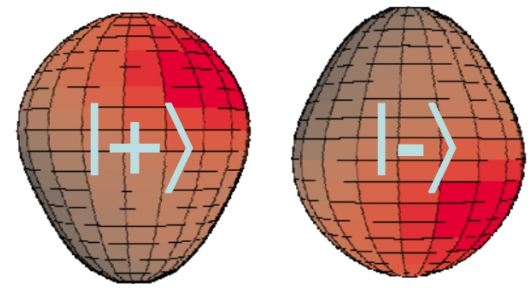
- Neutral atomic system of point particles in Electric field readjusts itself to give zero E field at all charges



**BUT** relativistic effects and finite size of nucleus can break the symmetry

## Deformed nuclei

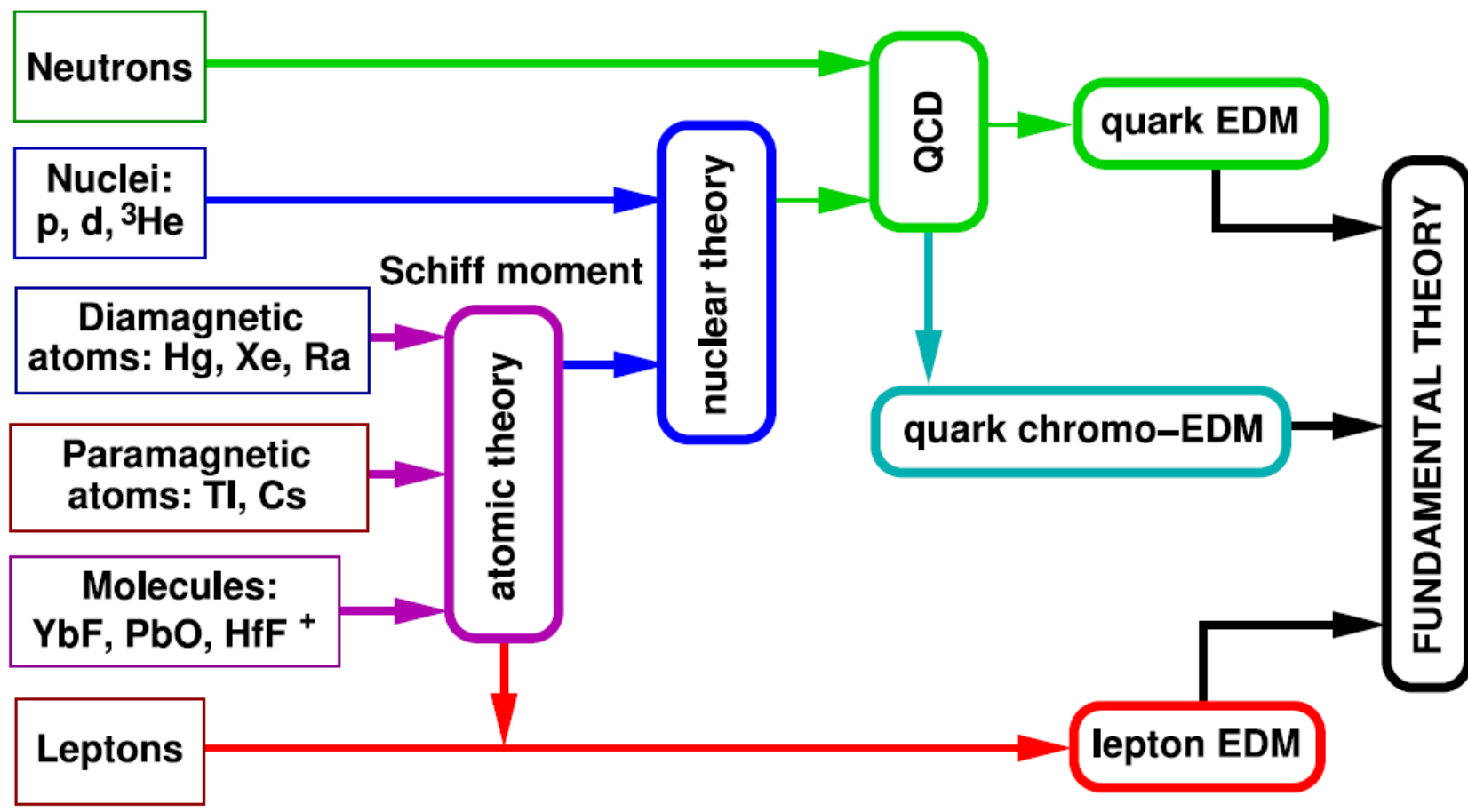
-Enhanced signal



$$\Psi^- = (|+\rangle - |-\rangle) / \sqrt{2}$$

$$\Psi^+ = (|+\rangle + |-\rangle) / \sqrt{2}$$

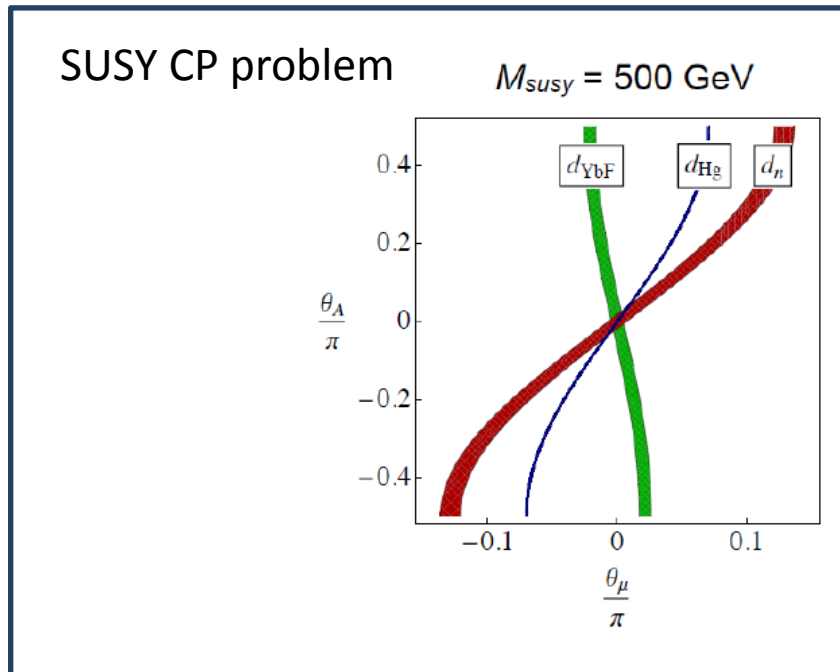
$\Delta E$



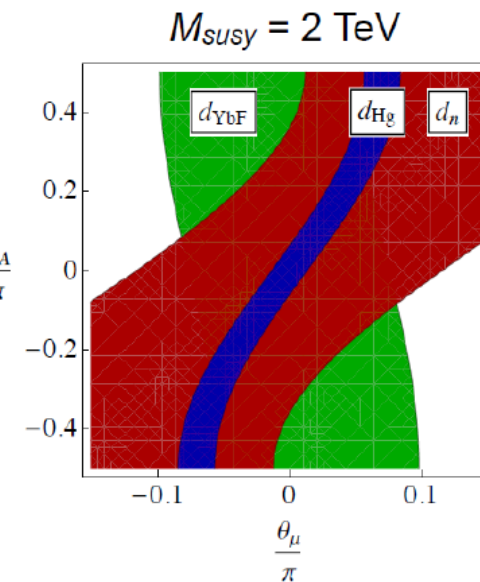
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Probing a theory

## SUSY, EDMs and the LHC



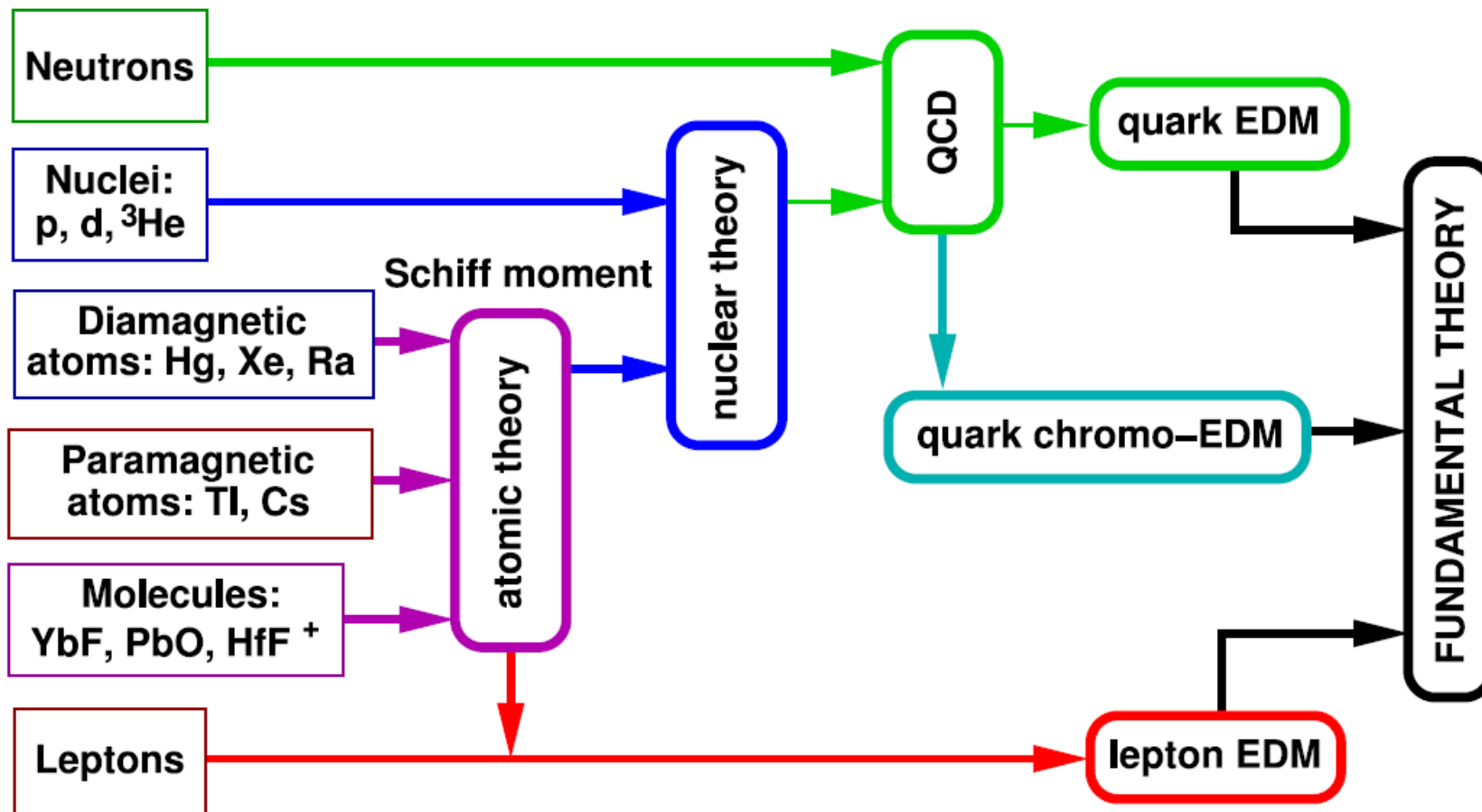
1st gen squarks excluded by direct searches at  $\sim 1 \text{ TeV}$



A. Ritz, talk at the PSI 2013 workshop.

The recent LHC results have shown that no superpartner exists below 1 TeV pushing the SUSY scale to higher energy. This relaxed the constraints brought by the EDM bounds on SUSY CP violating phases





## EDMs from a model-independent perspective

- With “single-source” restriction

$$|d_{Hg}| < 7.4 \times 10^{-30} e \cdot \text{cm} \quad (95\% \text{ C.L.})$$

Quantity	Expression	Limit	Ref.
$\mathbf{d}_n$	$\mathbf{S}_{Hg}/(1.9 \text{ fm}^2)$	$1.6 \times 10^{-26} e \cdot \text{cm}$	[20]
$\mathbf{d}_p$	$1.3 \times \mathbf{S}_{Hg}/(0.2 \text{ fm}^2)$	$2.0 \times 10^{-25} e \cdot \text{cm}$	[20]
$\bar{g}_0$	$\mathbf{S}_{Hg}/(0.135 e \cdot \text{fm}^3)$	$2.3 \times 10^{-12}$	[4]
$\bar{g}_1$	$\mathbf{S}_{Hg}/(0.27 e \cdot \text{fm}^3)$	$1.1 \times 10^{-12}$	[4]
$\bar{g}_2$	$\mathbf{S}_{Hg}/(0.27 e \cdot \text{fm}^3)$	$1.1 \times 10^{-12}$	[4]
$\theta_{QCD}$	$\bar{g}_0/0.027$	$8.5 \times 10^{-11}$	[21]
$(\tilde{d}_u - \tilde{d}_d)$	$\bar{g}_1/(2 \times 10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-1})$	$5.7 \times 10^{-27} \text{ cm}$	[22]
$C_S$	$\mathbf{d}_{Hg}/(5.9 \times 10^{-22} e \cdot \text{cm})$	$1.3 \times 10^{-8}$	[19]
$C_P$	$\mathbf{d}_{Hg}/(6.0 \times 10^{-23} e \cdot \text{cm})$	$1.2 \times 10^{-7}$	[19]
$C_T$	$\mathbf{d}_{Hg}/(4.89 \times 10^{-20} e \cdot \text{cm})$	$1.5 \times 10^{-10}$	see text

*Reduced Limit on the Permanent Electric Dipole Moment of  $^{199}\text{Hg}$*

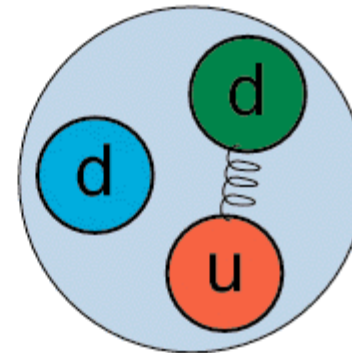
*B. Graner, Y. Chen, E. G. Lindahl, and B. R. Heckel*  
**Arxiv**

TABLE IV. Limits on  $CP$ -violating observables from the  $^{199}\text{Hg}$  EDM limit. Each limit is based on the assumption that it is the sole contribution to the atomic EDM.

- Without “single-source” restriction

*Electric Dipole Moments: A Global Analysis*

*By Timothy Chupp and Michael Ramsey-Musolf*



**Adrian SIGNER**

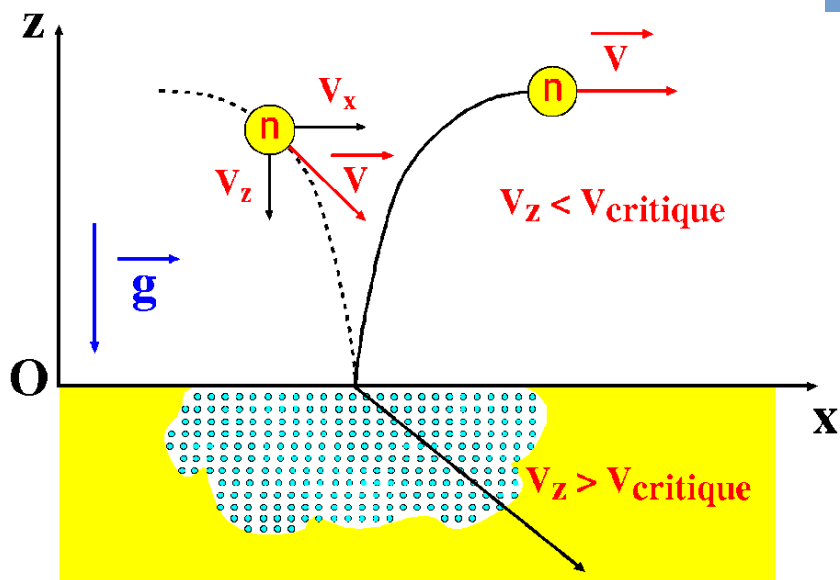
I will discuss why we theorists always knew that you wouldn't find a non-vanishing nEDM. Just in case you will measure one, it will also be discussed, why we theorists always knew that you would eventually find a non-vanishing nEDM.



Neutrons reflected for all incidence angles: UCNs

## Interactions

Kinetic energy	Energy 1 T	Energy 1 m	Fermi potential	$\beta$ decay
100 neV	100 neV	100 neV	100 neV	886 s



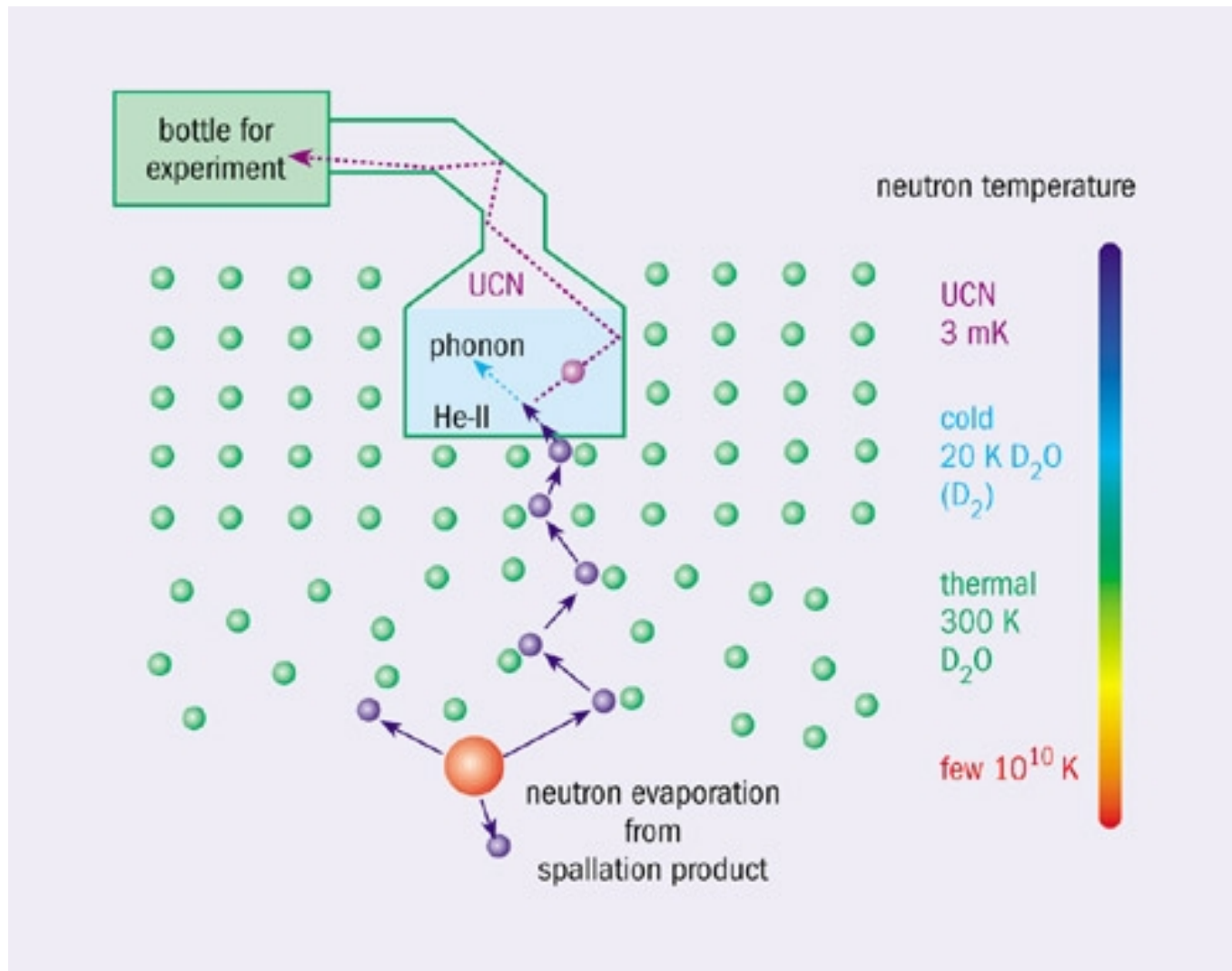
$\lambda_n \approx 800 \text{ \AA};$   
 $v_n \approx 5 \text{ m/s};$   
 $T_n \approx 2 \text{ mK};$   
 $E_n \approx 130 \text{ neV}$

$\lambda_n \gg 2 \text{ \AA} :$

Neutrons see the Fermi potential

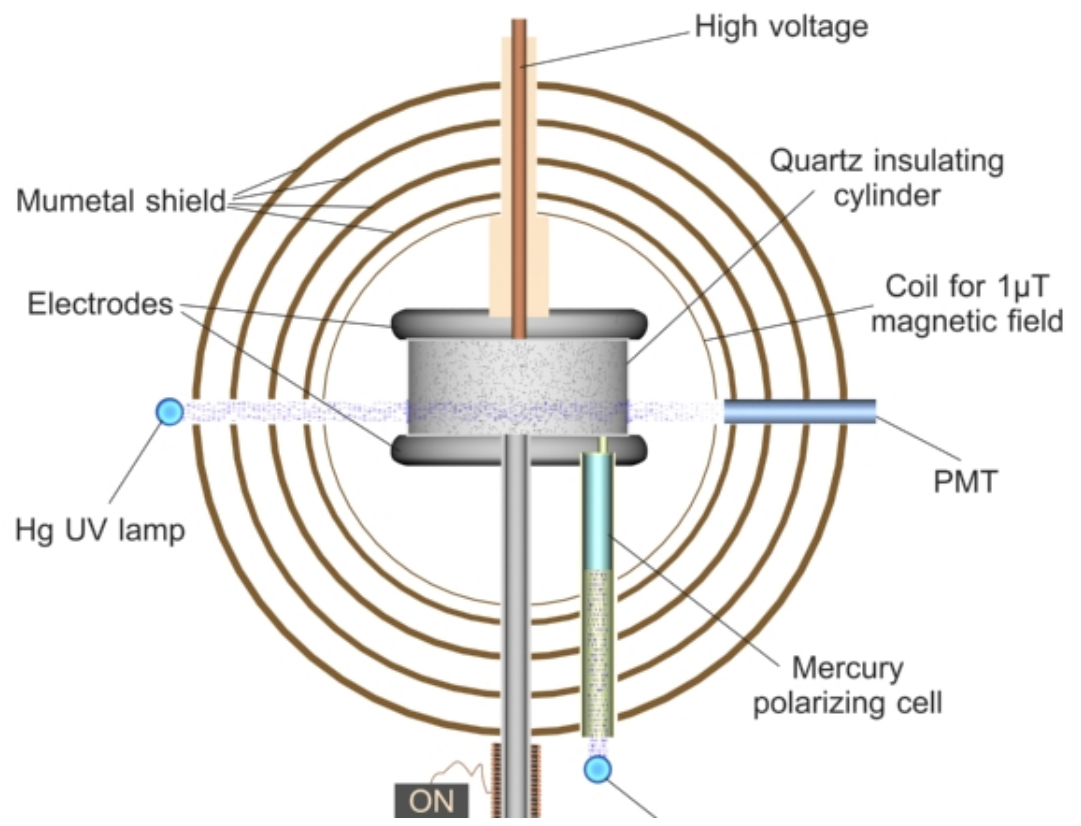
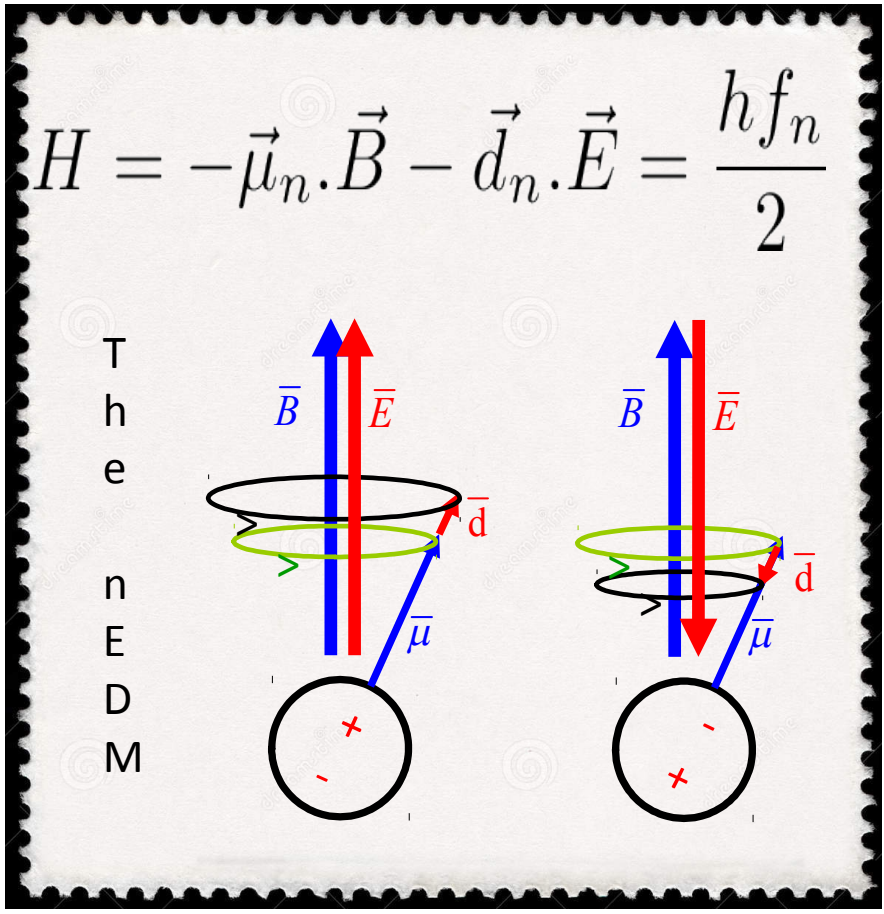
Can be stored !





In vacuum ?  
In He ?

# A nEDM apparatus

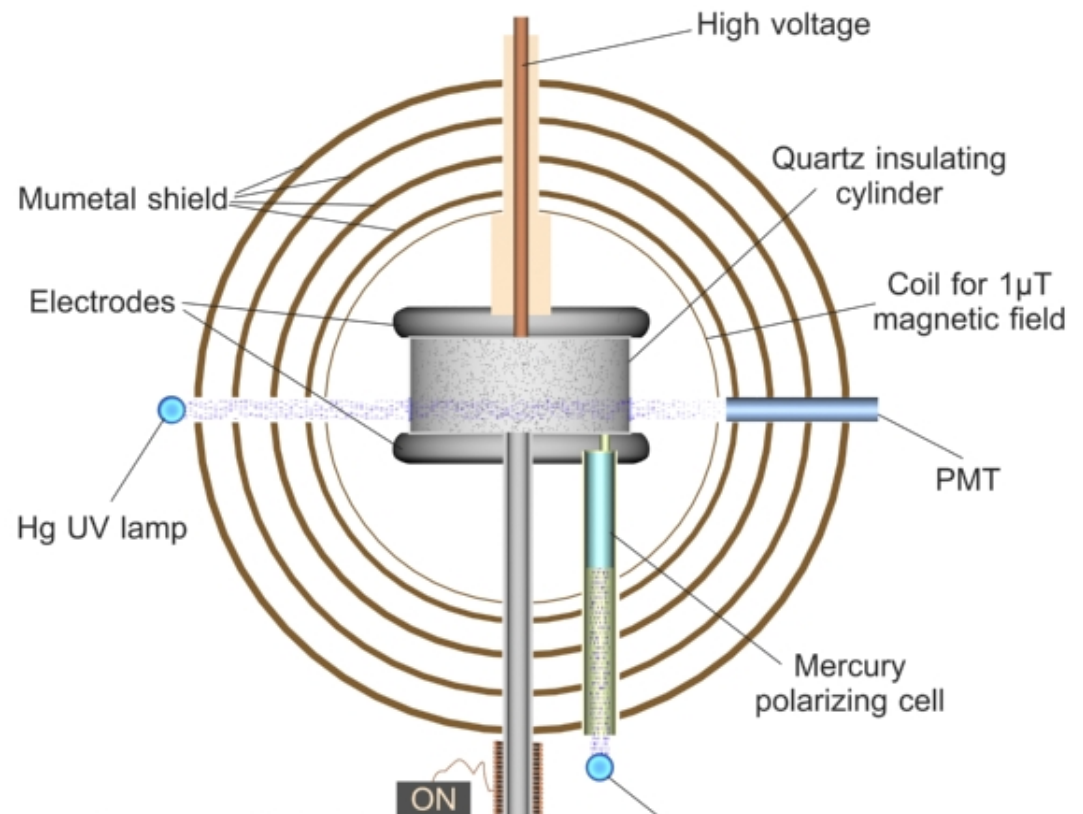


## First limitation ..... Magnetic field fluctuations

$$\begin{aligned}
 h f_n (\uparrow\uparrow) &= 2 \vec{\mu}_n \cdot \vec{B}(\uparrow\uparrow) + 2 \vec{d}_n \cdot \vec{E}(\uparrow\uparrow) \\
 h f_n (\uparrow\downarrow) &= 2 \vec{\mu}_n \cdot \vec{B}(\uparrow\downarrow) - 2 \vec{d}_n \cdot \vec{E}(\uparrow\downarrow) \\
 \hline
 h(f_n (\uparrow\uparrow) - f_n (\uparrow\downarrow)) &= 2\vec{\mu}_n \cdot (\vec{B}(\uparrow\uparrow) - \vec{B}(\uparrow\downarrow)) - 2\vec{d}_n \cdot (\vec{E}(\uparrow\uparrow) + \vec{E}(\uparrow\downarrow))
 \end{aligned}$$

Mercury co-magnetometer (1998)

$$R = \frac{f_n}{f_{Hg}} = \frac{\gamma_n B_n}{\gamma_{Hg} B_{Hg}} = \frac{\gamma_n}{\gamma_{Hg}}$$



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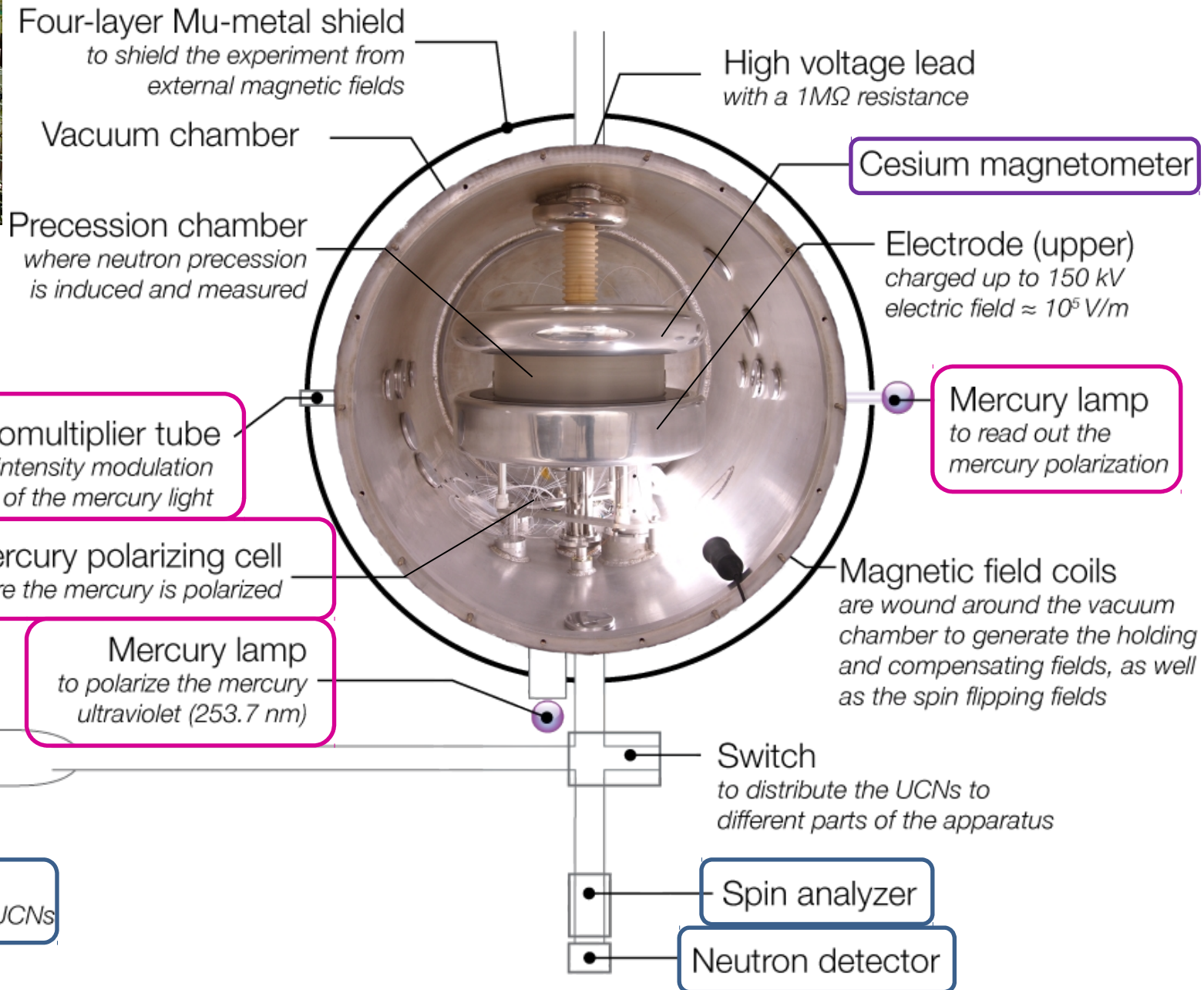
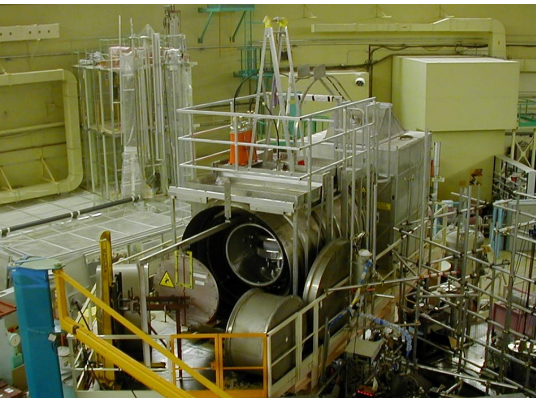
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A completely new experiment or an old one?



# A nEDM apparatus

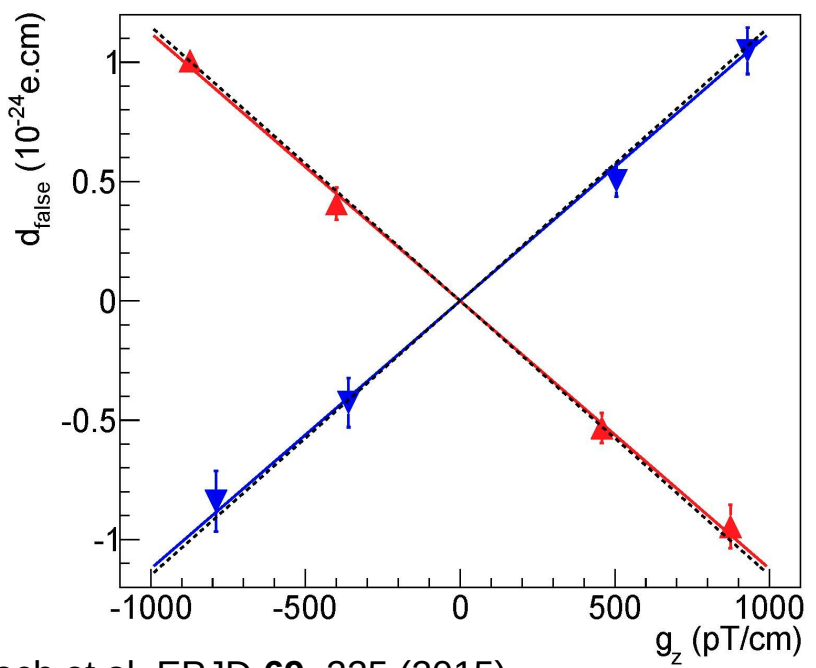
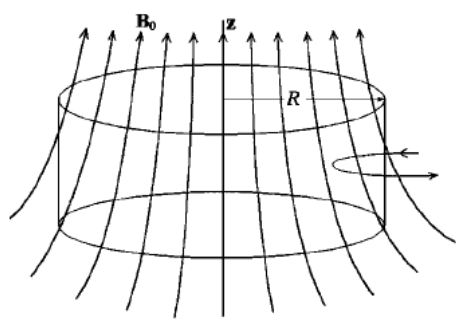
Geometrical phase shift

Motional (transverse) field

$$B_v = \frac{1}{c^2} E \times v \quad +$$

→ Frequency shift correlated with electric field  
False EDM for Mercury (fast regime of GPE)

Magnetic transverse field



$$d_{\text{Hg}}^{\text{False}} = \frac{\hbar \gamma_{\text{Hg}}^2}{32c^2} D^2 \frac{\partial B}{\partial z}$$

$$\rightarrow d_n^{\text{False}} = \frac{\gamma_n}{\gamma_{\text{Hg}}} d_{\text{Hg}}^{\text{False}}$$

Pendlebury et al, PRA **70** 032102 (2004)

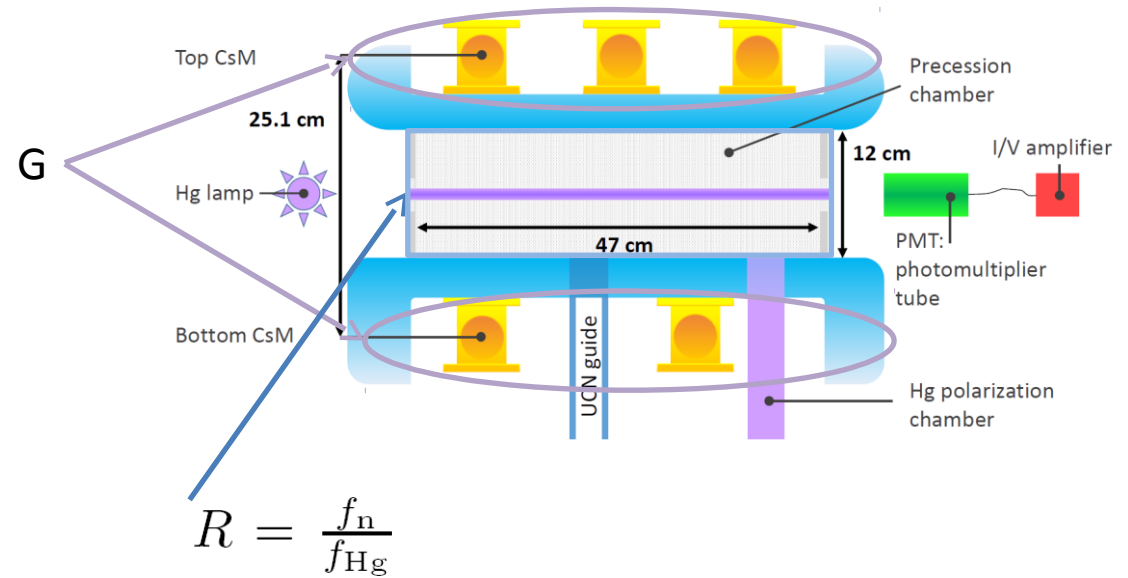
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Measurement of a false electric dipole moment signal from  $^{199}\text{Hg}$  atoms exposed to an inhomogeneous magnetic field

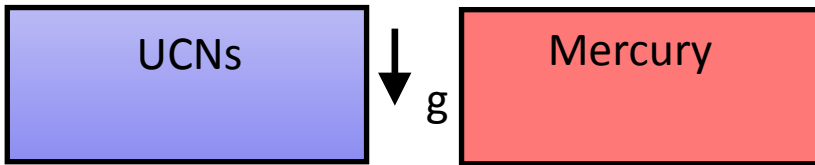
# A nEDM apparatus

## A non perfect Co-magnetometer

- Gravitational shift

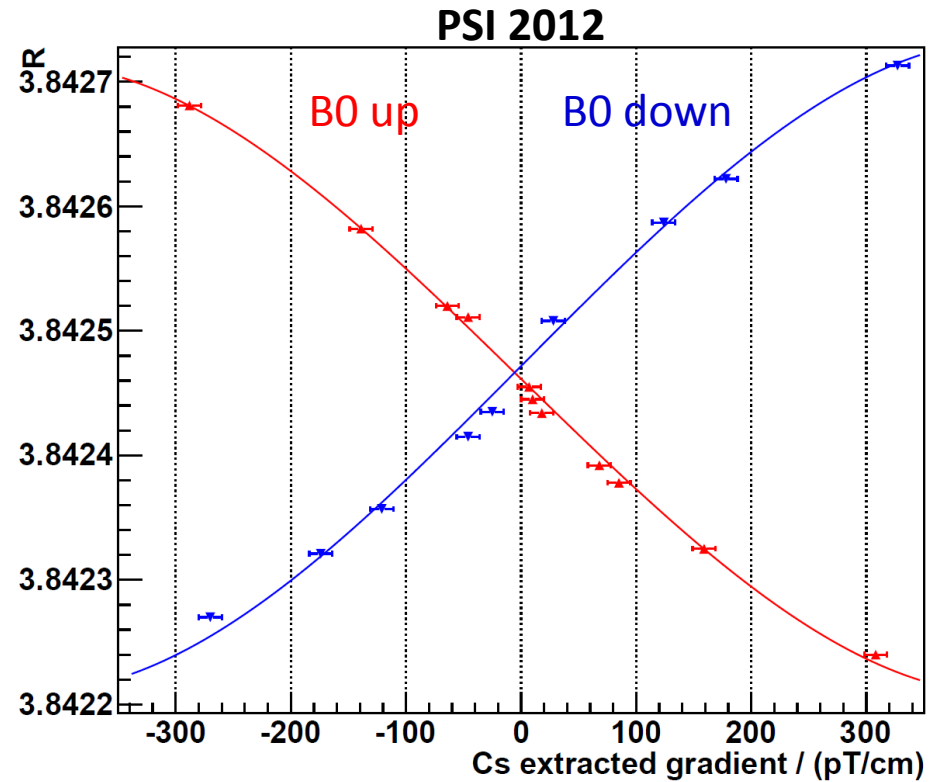


In the precession chamber



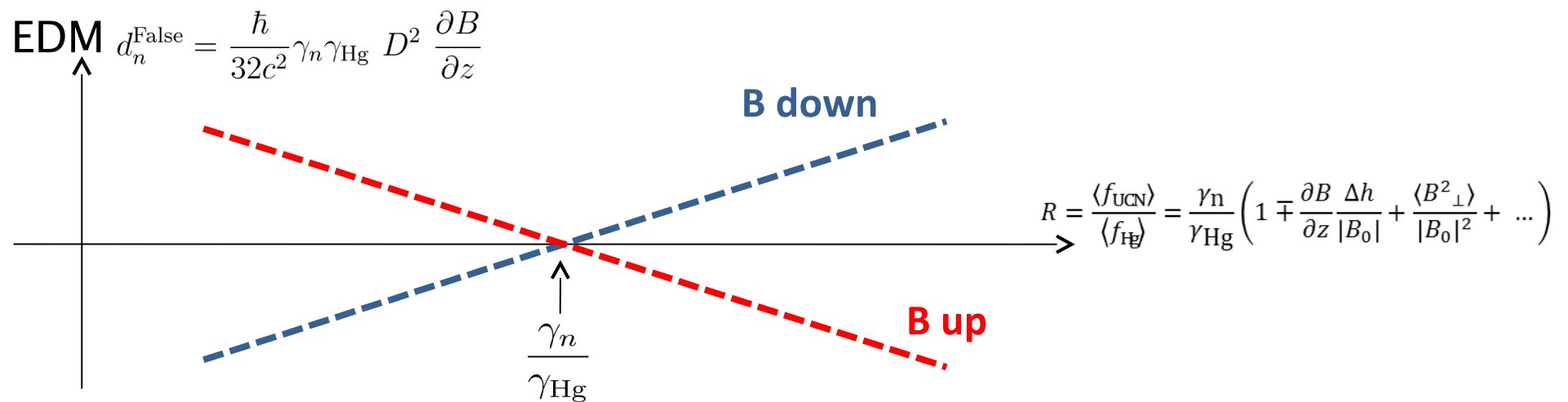
$$R = \frac{f_{UCN}}{f_{Hg}} = \frac{\gamma_n}{\gamma_{Hg}} \left( 1 \mp \frac{\partial B}{\partial z} \frac{\Delta h}{|B_0|} + \frac{\langle B_T^2 \rangle}{2|B_0|^2} + \dots \right)$$

$$\Delta h = 2.7 \text{ mm}$$

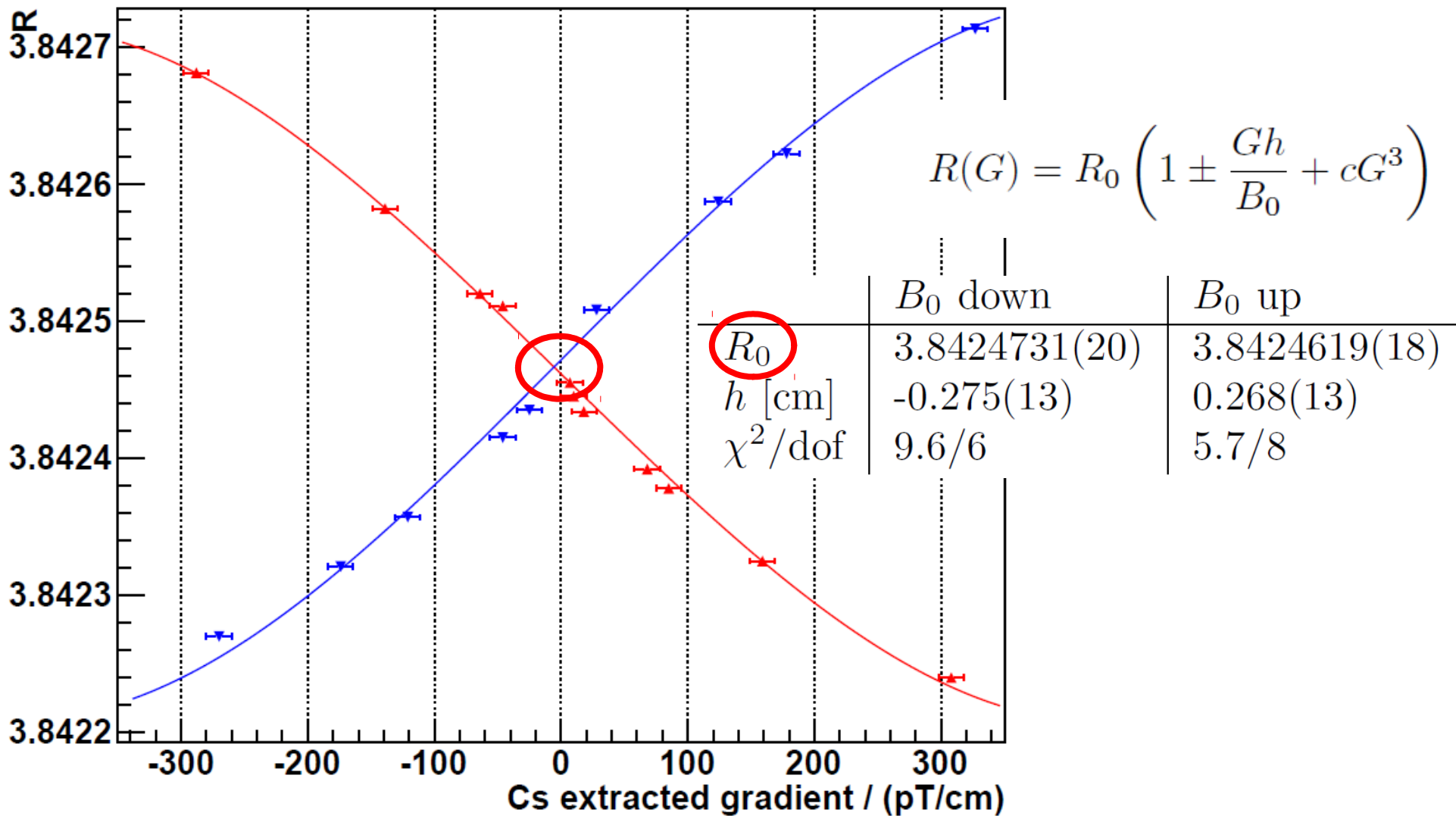


The analysis strategy (RAL/Sussex/ILL like) and associated systematic errors

Geometrical phase shift: frequency shift for particles in traps (large for the Hg atoms)

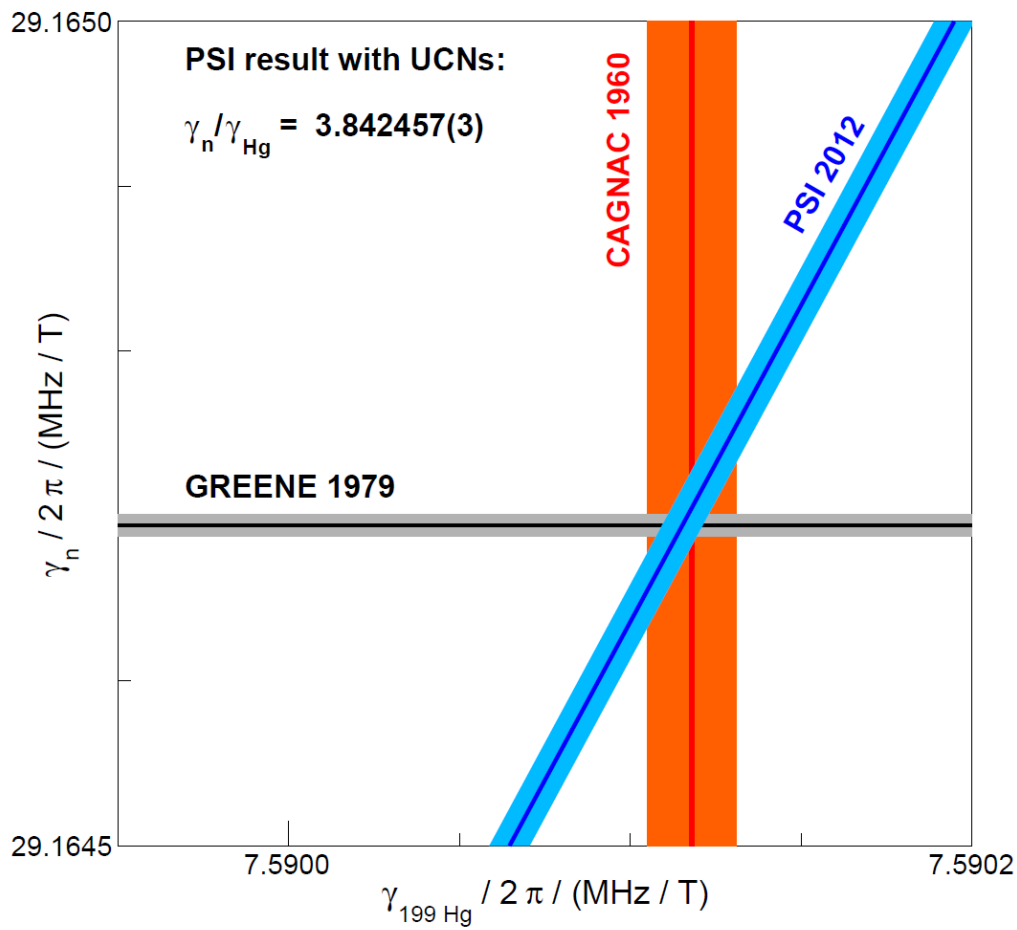


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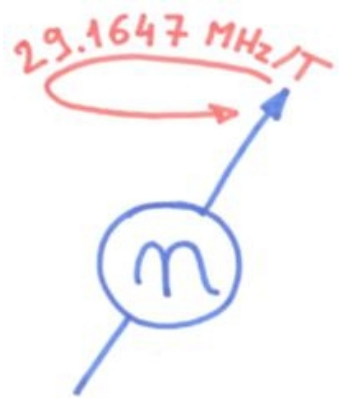


$$B(x, y, z) = B_0 + g_x x + g_y y + g_z z - g_{xx}(x^2 - z^2) + g_{yy}(y^2 - z^2) + g_{xy}xy + g_{xz}xz + g_{yz}yz$$

A measurement of the neutron to  $^{199}\text{Hg}$  magnetic moment ratio

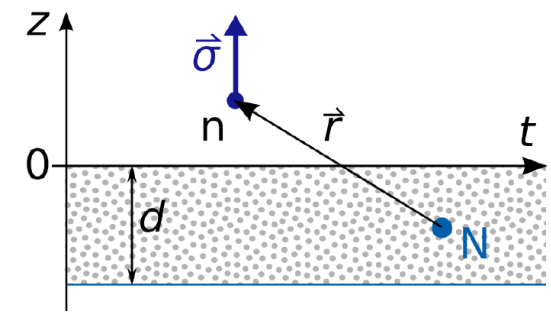
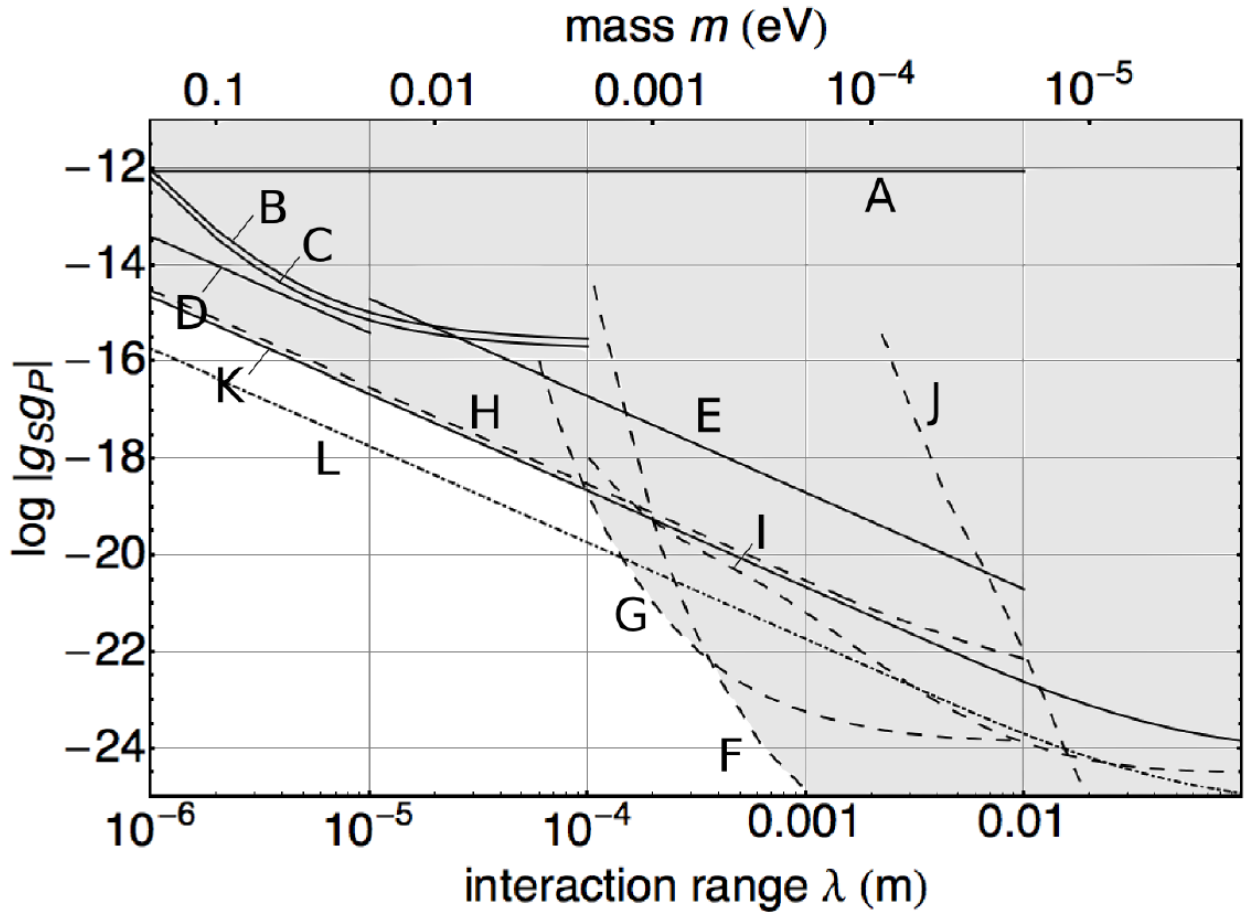


Effect	$B_0 \uparrow$	$B_0 \downarrow$
Counting statistics	$\pm 0.5 \times 10^{-6}$	$\pm 0.5 \times 10^{-6}$
Gravitational shift ( $3.84 \times \delta_{\text{Grav}}$ )	$(-8.9 \pm 2.3) \times 10^{-6}$	$(-1.8 \pm 2.7) \times 10^{-6}$
Intermediate $R_0$	3.8424580(23)	3.8424653(27)
Transverse shift ( $3.84 \times \delta_T$ )	$(3.7 \pm 0.8) \times 10^{-6}$	$(3.0 \pm 1.2) \times 10^{-6}$
Light shift ( $3.84 \times \delta_{\text{Light}}$ )	$(1.3 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-6}$	$(0.8 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{-6}$
Earth rotation ( $3.84 \times \delta_{\text{Earth}}$ )	$-5.3 \times 10^{-6}$	$+5.3 \times 10^{-6}$
Corrected value	3.8424583(26)	3.8424562(30)
Combined final $\gamma_n/\gamma_{\text{Hg}}$	3.8424574(30)	





Searching for axion-like particles with ultracold neutrons



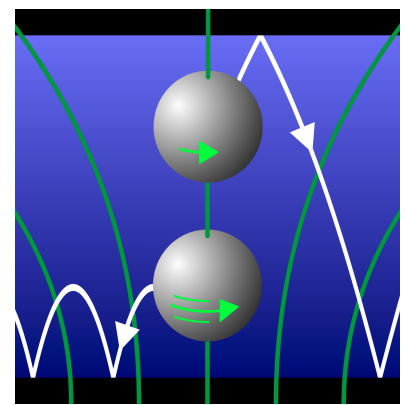
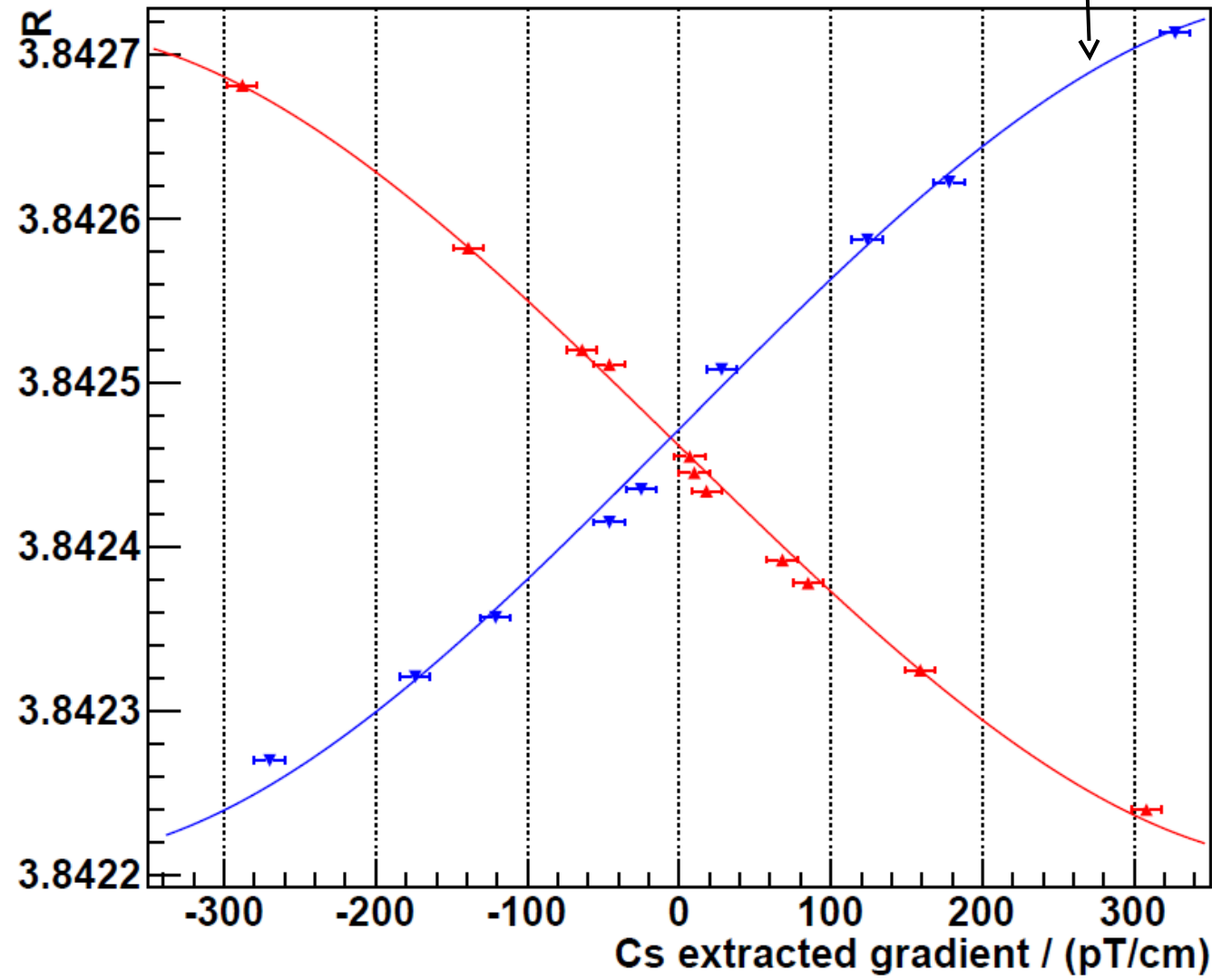
$$R^{\uparrow\downarrow} = \frac{\gamma_n}{\gamma_{\text{Hg}}} \left( 1 \pm \frac{b}{B_0} \right)$$

$$b_{\text{UCN}} \approx \int_{-\frac{H}{2}}^{\frac{H}{2}} \left( \rho_{\text{bottom}} b_{\text{bottom}} e^{-\frac{z+H/2}{\lambda}} - \rho_{\text{top}} b_{\text{top}} e^{-\frac{-z+H/2}{\lambda}} \right) dz$$

$$R = \frac{f_n}{f_{\text{Hg}}}$$

Gravitational enhanced depolarization and associated frequency shift

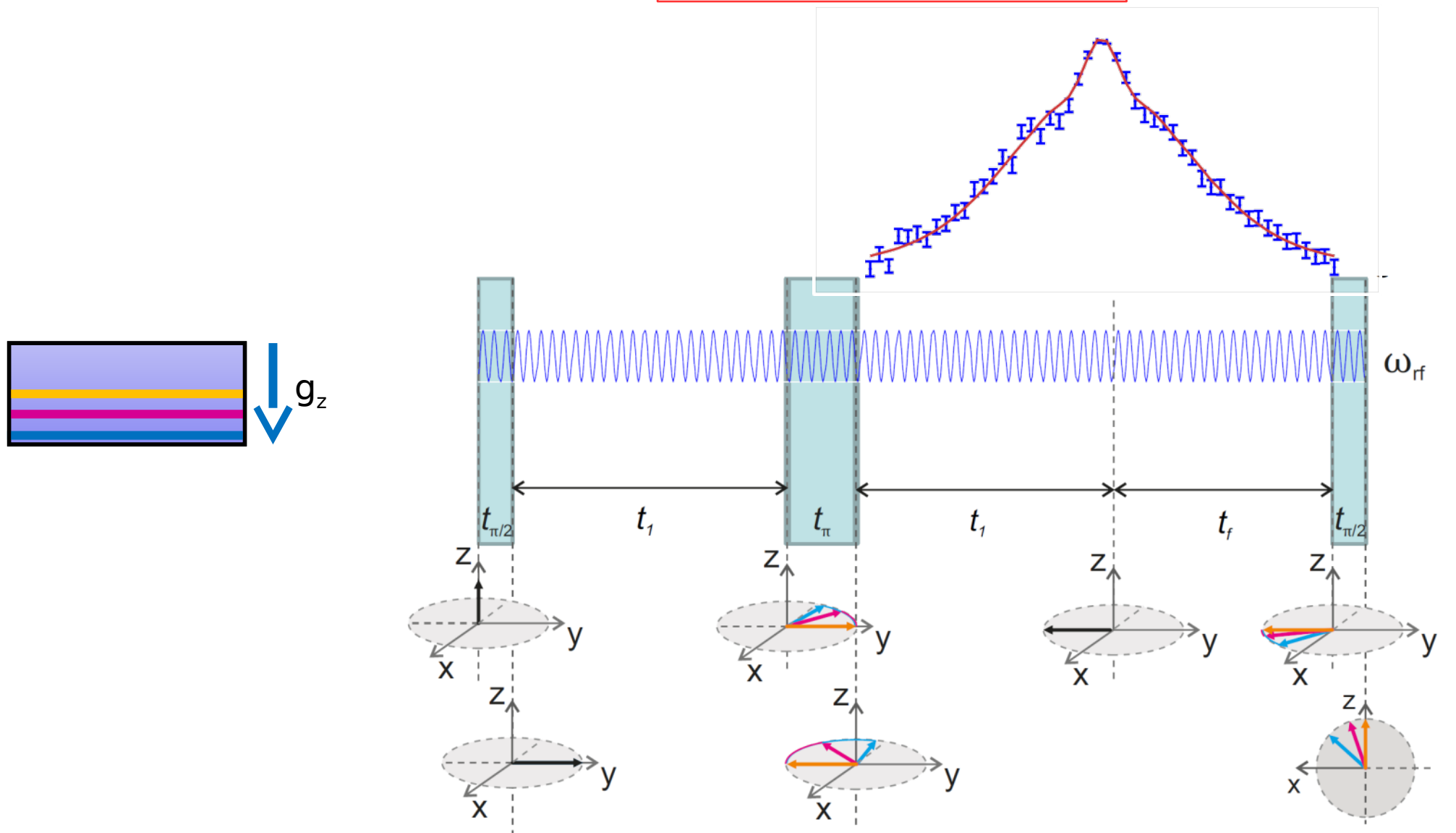
*P. G. Harris et al., Phys. Rev. D 89, 016011, (2014)*



Also slower UCNs depolarize faster and contribute less to the measured frequency

$$B(x, y, z) = B_0 + g_x x + g_y y + g_z z + g_{xx}(x^2 - z^2) + g_{yy}(y^2 - z^2) + g_{xy}xy + g_{xz}xz + g_{yz}yz$$

# Observation of Gravitationally Induced Vertical Striation of Polarized Ultracold Neutrons by Spin-Echo Spectroscopy

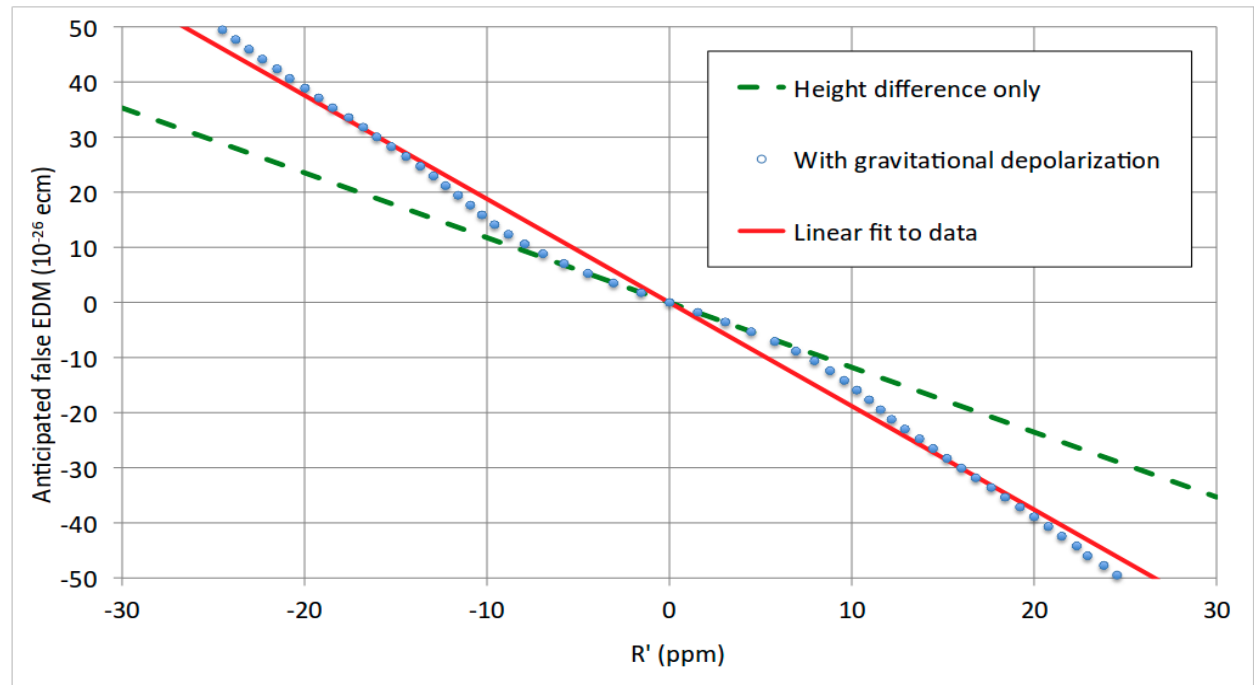


## A Revised Experimental Upper Limit on the Electric Dipole Moment of the Neutron

$$|d_n| < 3.0 \times 10^{-26} \text{ e cm (90\% CL)}$$

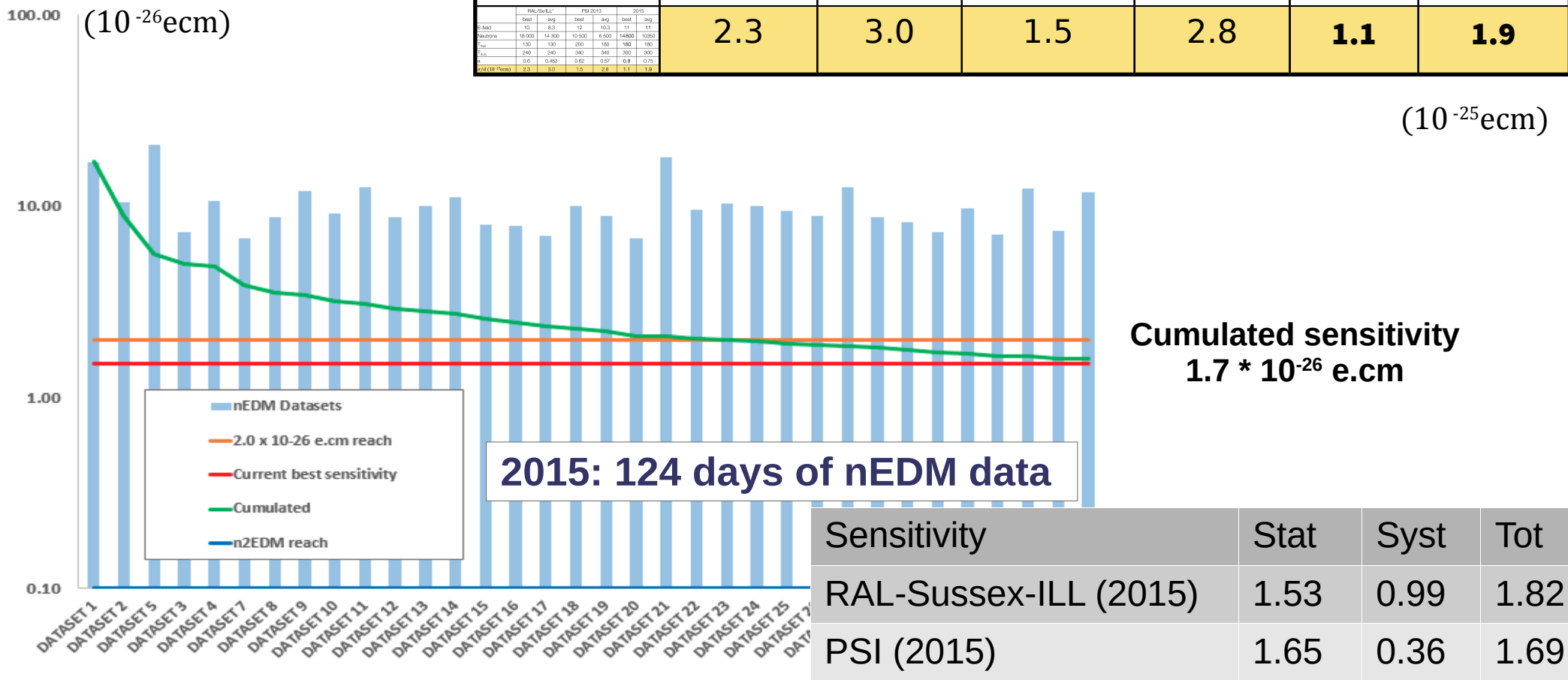
Analysis stage	EDM	$\sigma$
Crossing point $d_x$	-0.59	1.53
Gradient-corrected $d_0$	-0.92	1.68
Dipole-corrected $d_{\text{fec}}$	-0.21	1.79
<b>Final result <math>d_n</math></b>	<b>-0.21</b>	<b>1.82</b>

The strategy is validated

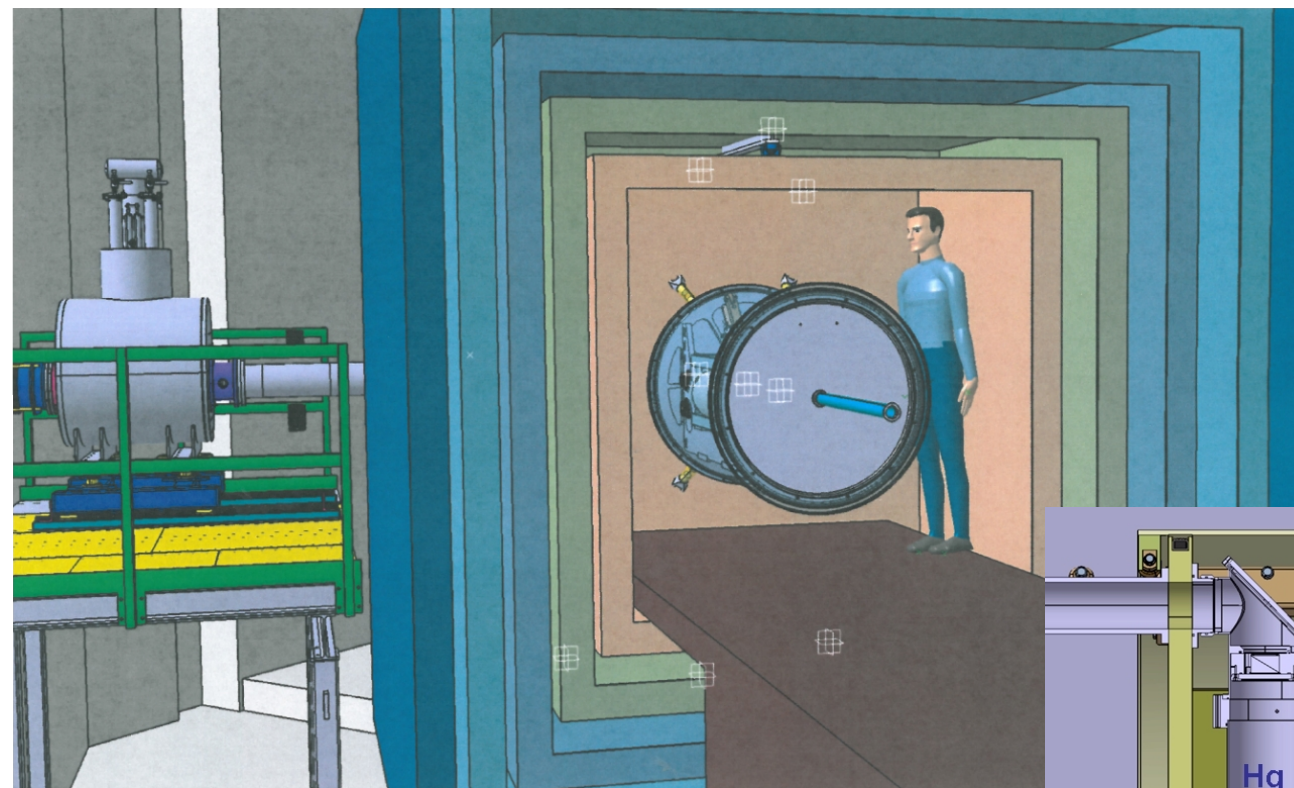


$$\sigma(d_n) = \frac{\hbar}{2\alpha ET\sqrt{N}}$$

	RAL/Sx/ILL*		PSI 2013		2015	
	best	avg	best	avg	best	avg
E-field	10	8.3	<b>12</b>	10.3	11	11
Neutrons	18 000	14 300	10 500	6 500	<b>14 800</b>	10350
T <sub>free</sub>	130	130	<b>200</b>	180	180	180
T <sub>duty</sub>	240	240	340	340	<b>300</b>	300
α	0.6	0.453	0.62	0.57	<b>0.8</b>	0.75
	<b>2.3</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.9</b>

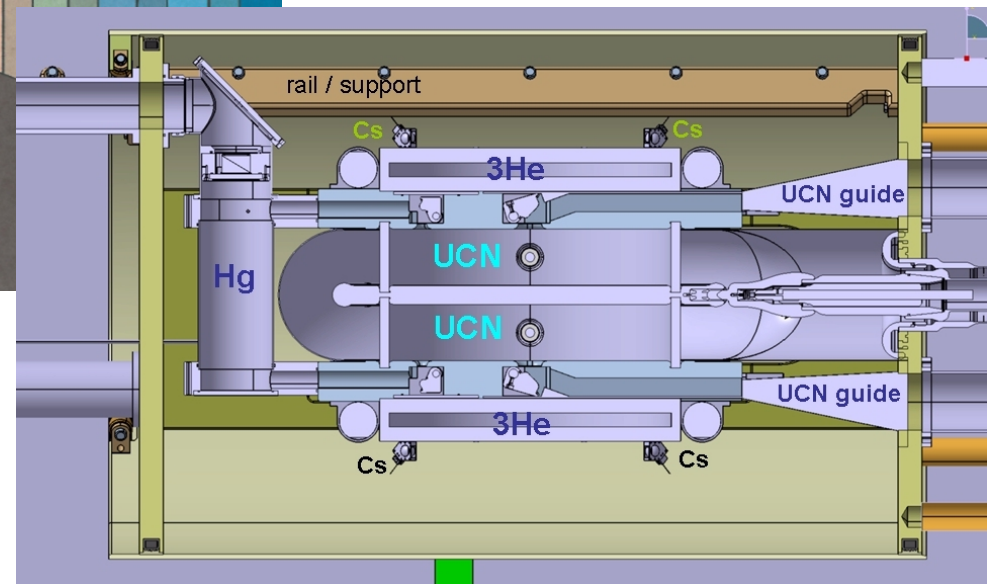






Anticipated sensitivity  
 $4 \cdot 10^{-26}$  e.cm / day

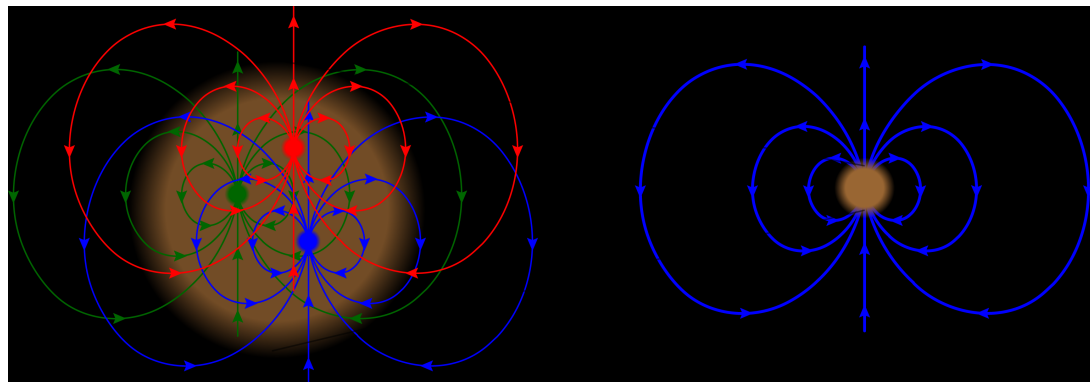
$2 \cdot 10^{-27}$  e.cm / 4 years



- Two UCN precession chambers with opposite electric field directions
- Improved magnetometry
  - Hg – laser read out of Hg-FID to avoid light shift
  - Cs – vectorial
  - 3He – free from geometrical phase shift

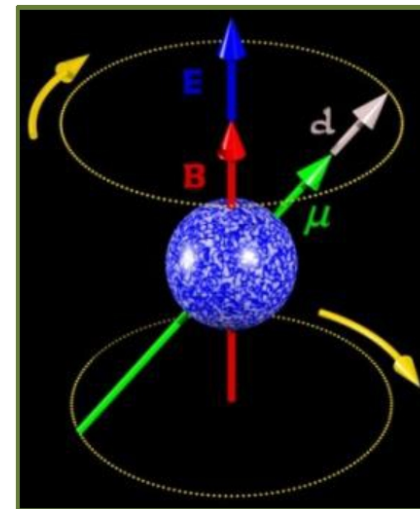
## ☆ EDM landscape

- EDMs are P, T, CP violating probes
- Complementary to accelerator-based results

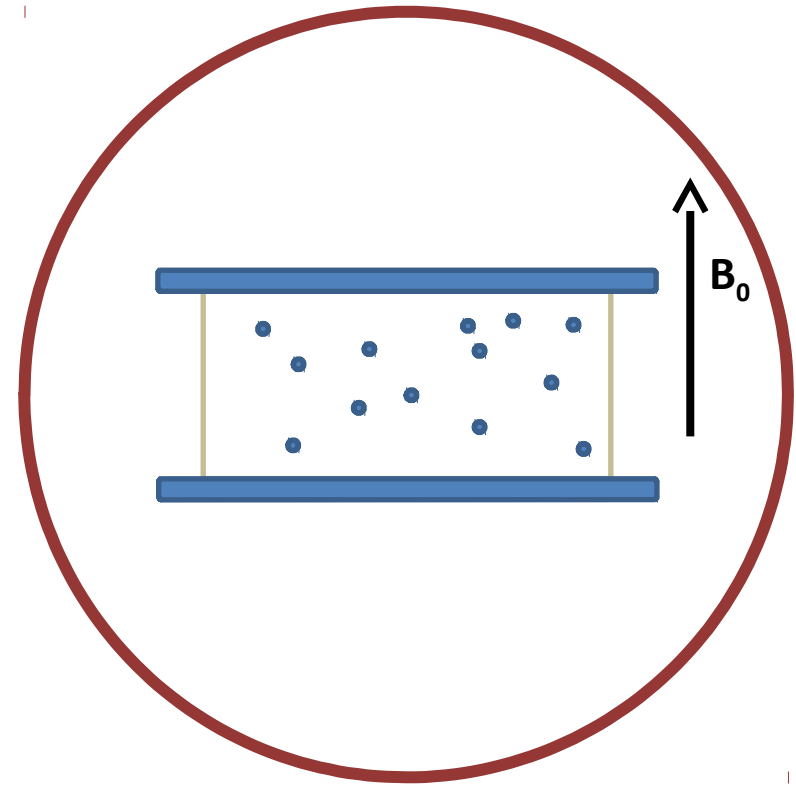
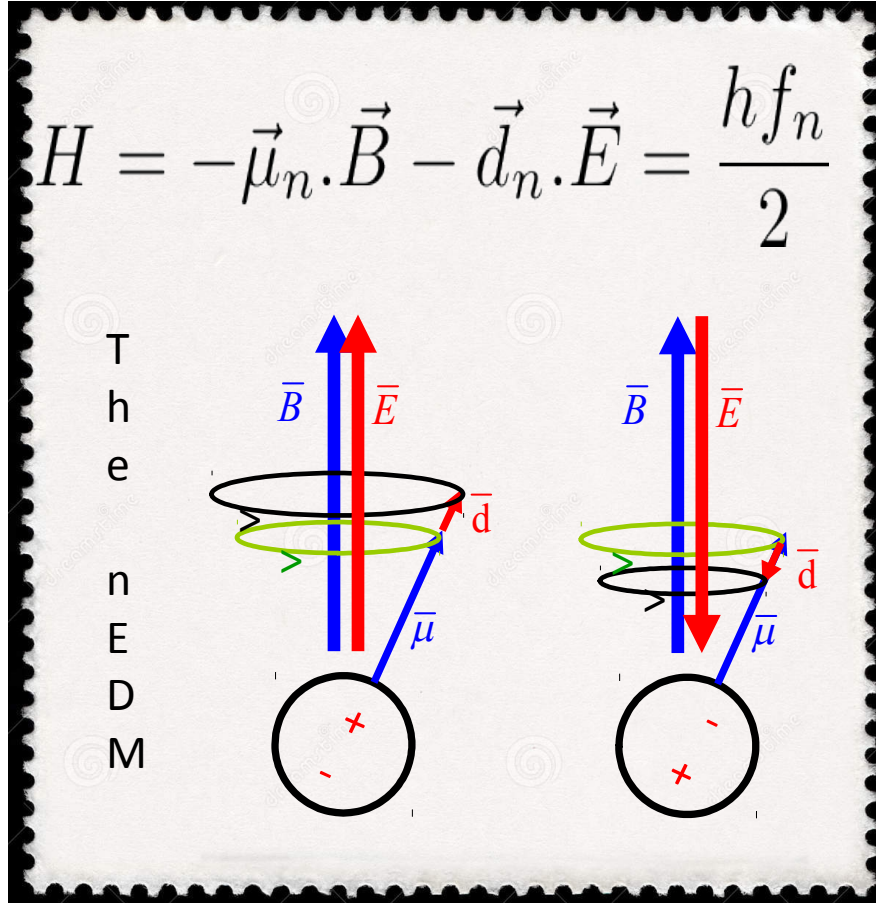


## ☆ nEDM

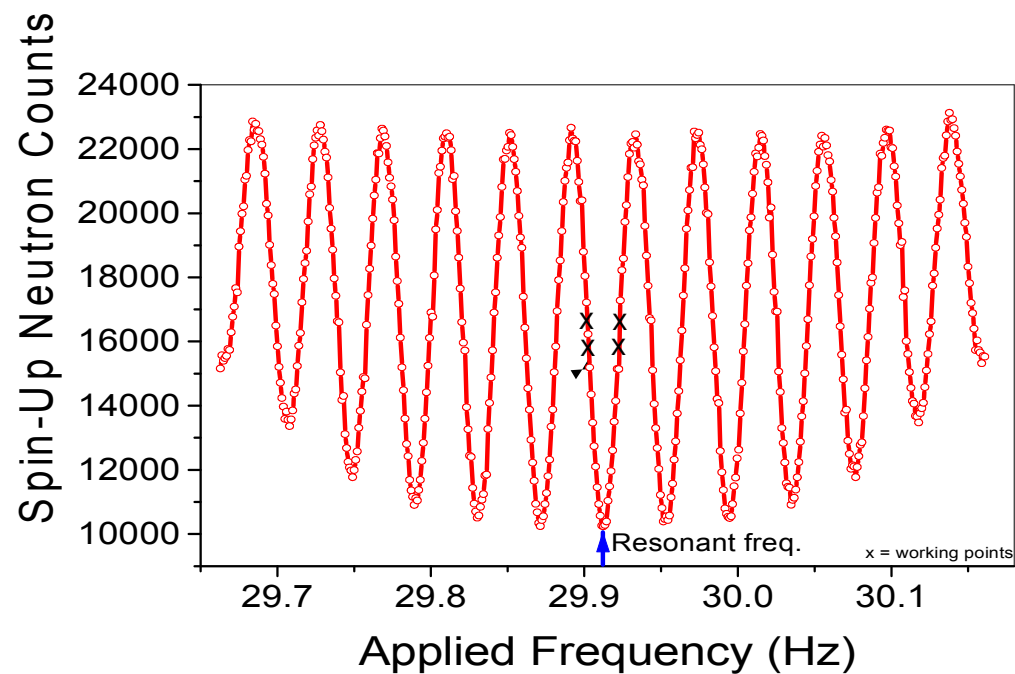
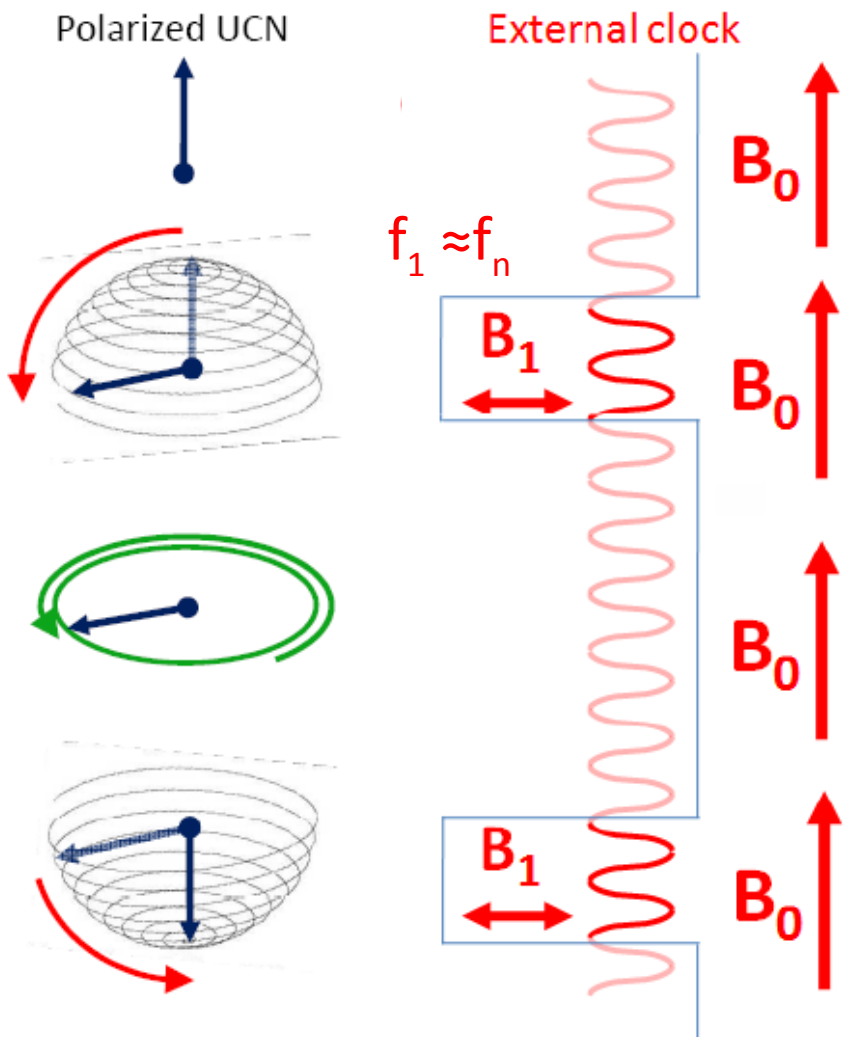
- We are taking data with the highest sensitivity ever
- We expect with 300 data-days until 2016 :  
**statistical sensitivity of  $\sigma \sim 10^{-26} \text{ e.cm}$**
- n2EDM in active phase too but strong competition
- Cryogenic technique



Thanks  
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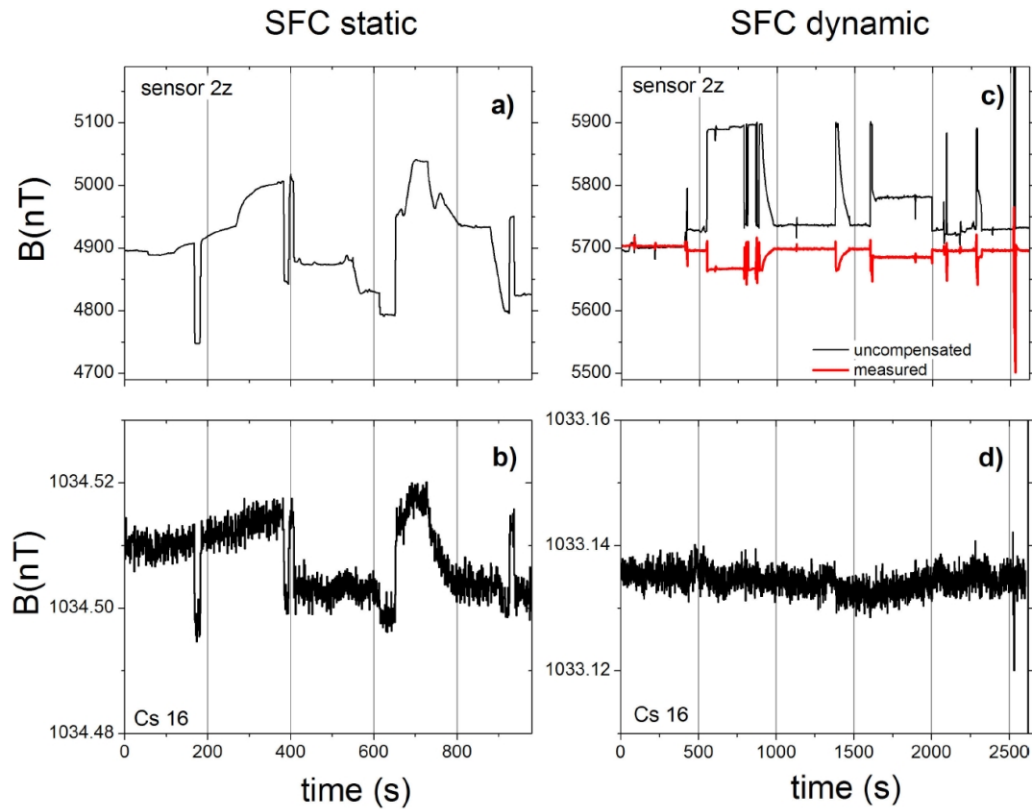


### The Ramsey's method of separated oscillating fields

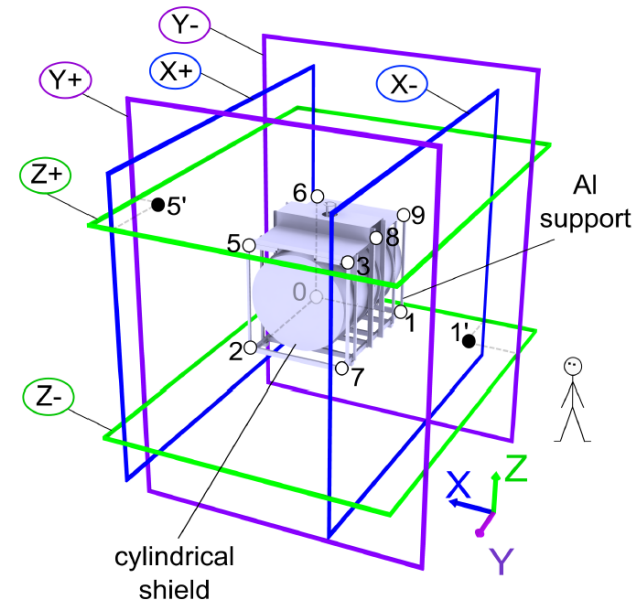


$$\sigma(f_n) = \frac{\Delta\nu}{\alpha\sqrt{N}\pi}$$

## Magnetic stability



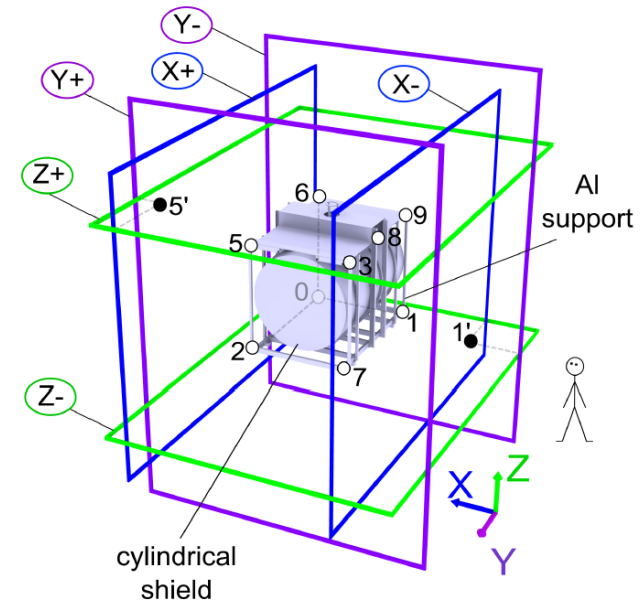
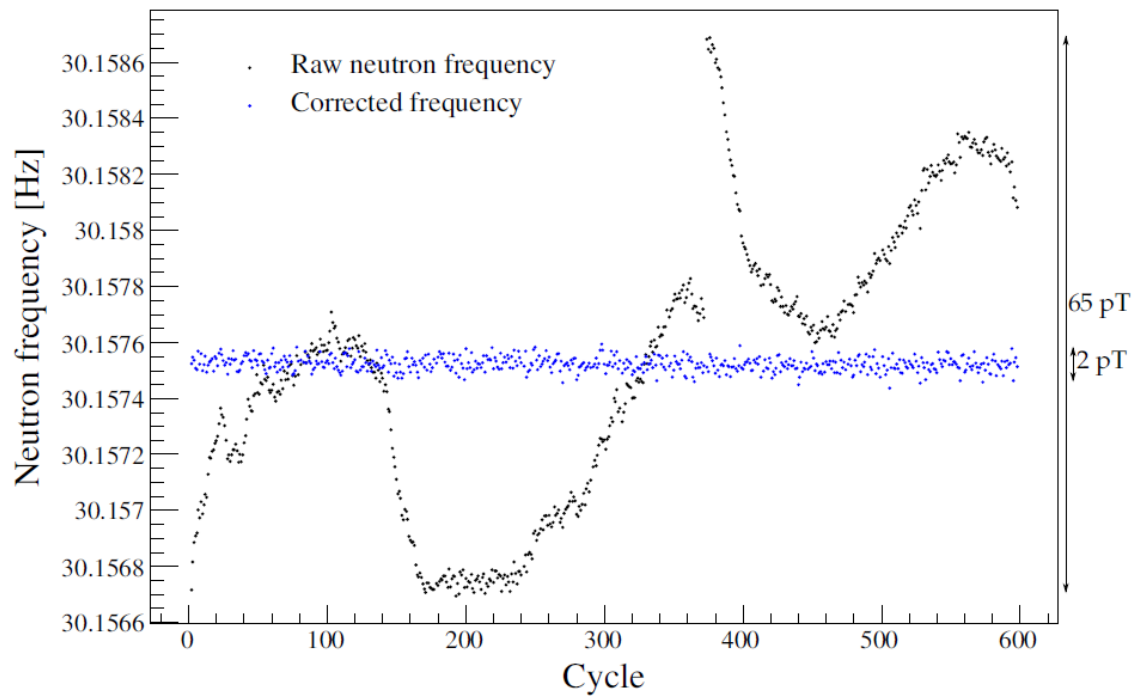
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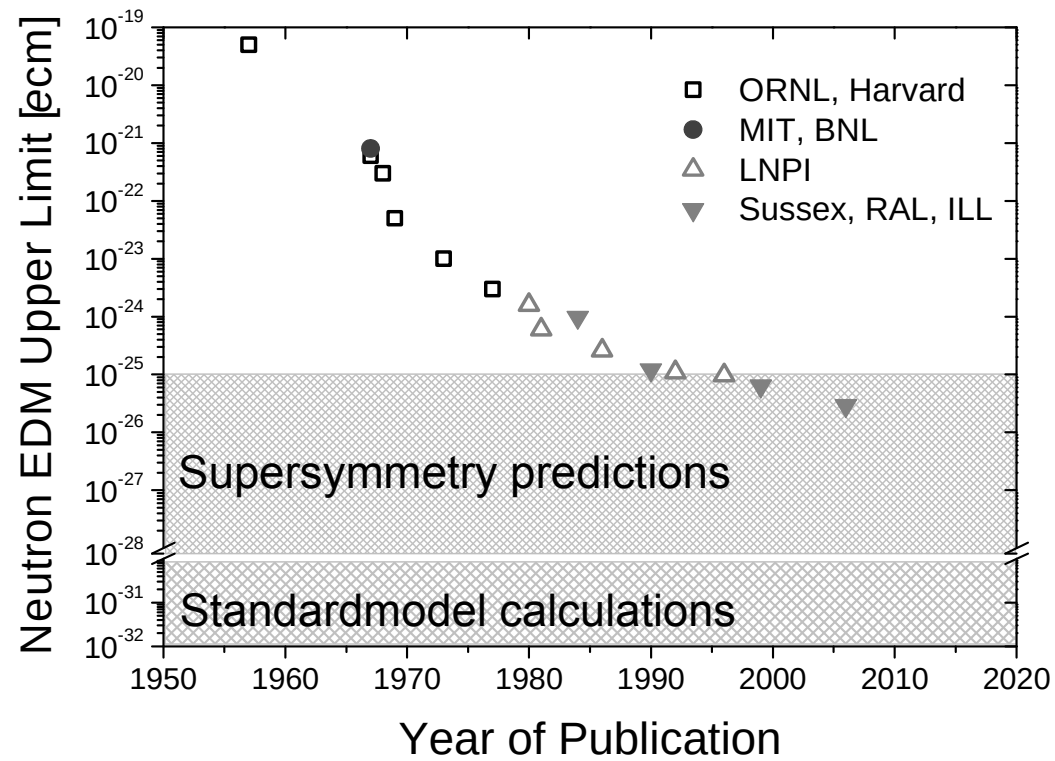
- Active compensation
- Improved degaussing procedure
- Temperature stabilization
- New current source
- ...

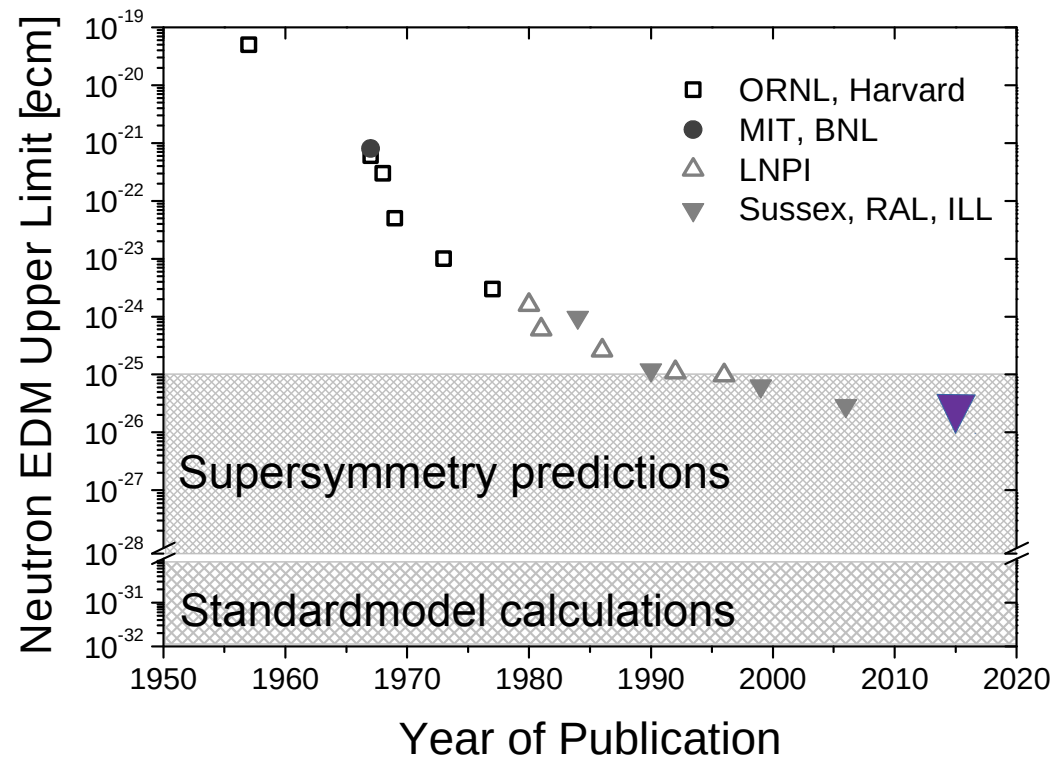


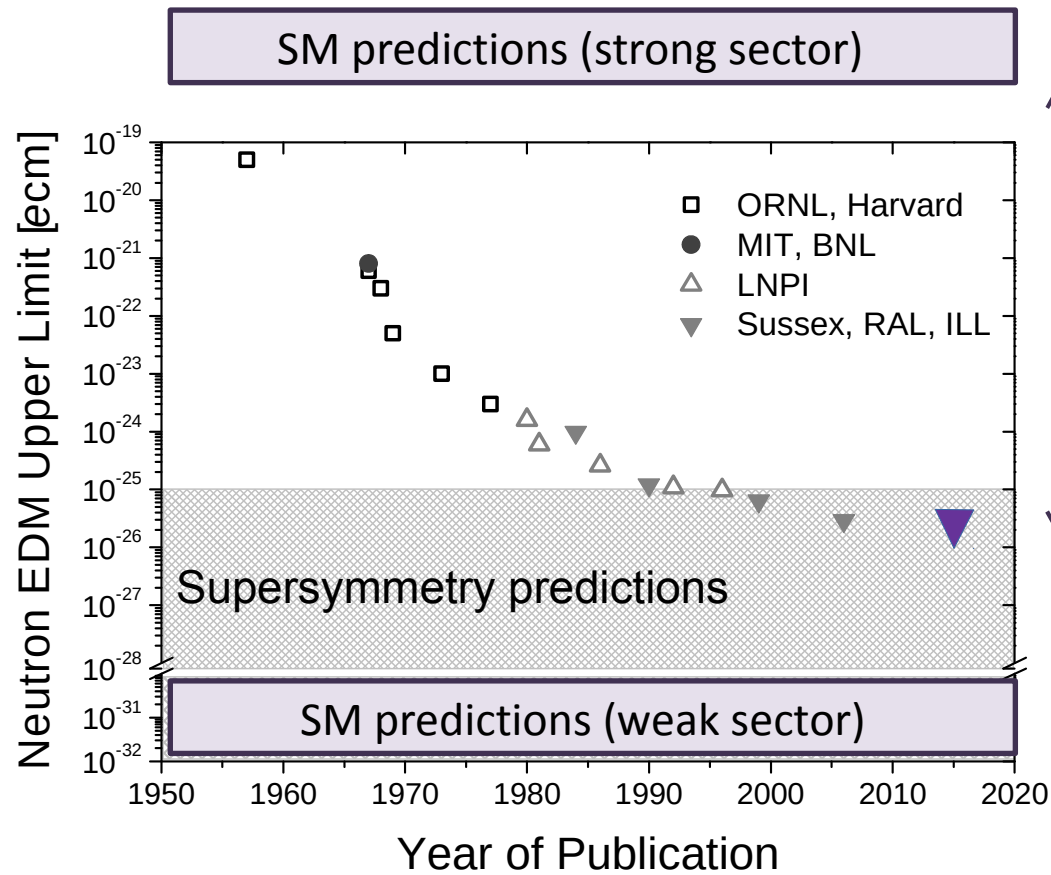
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Strong CP problem

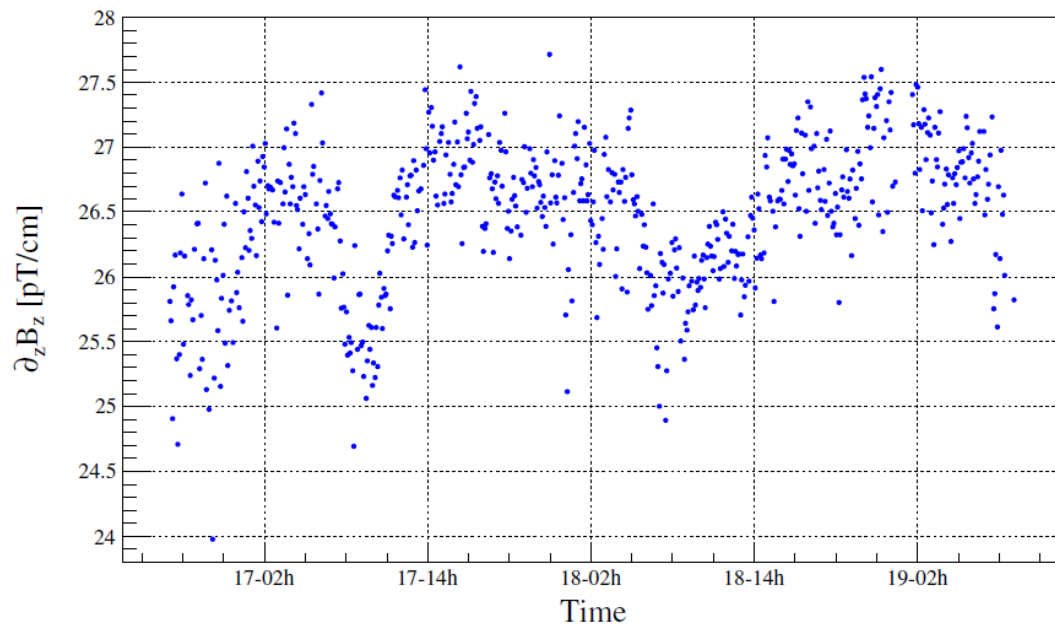
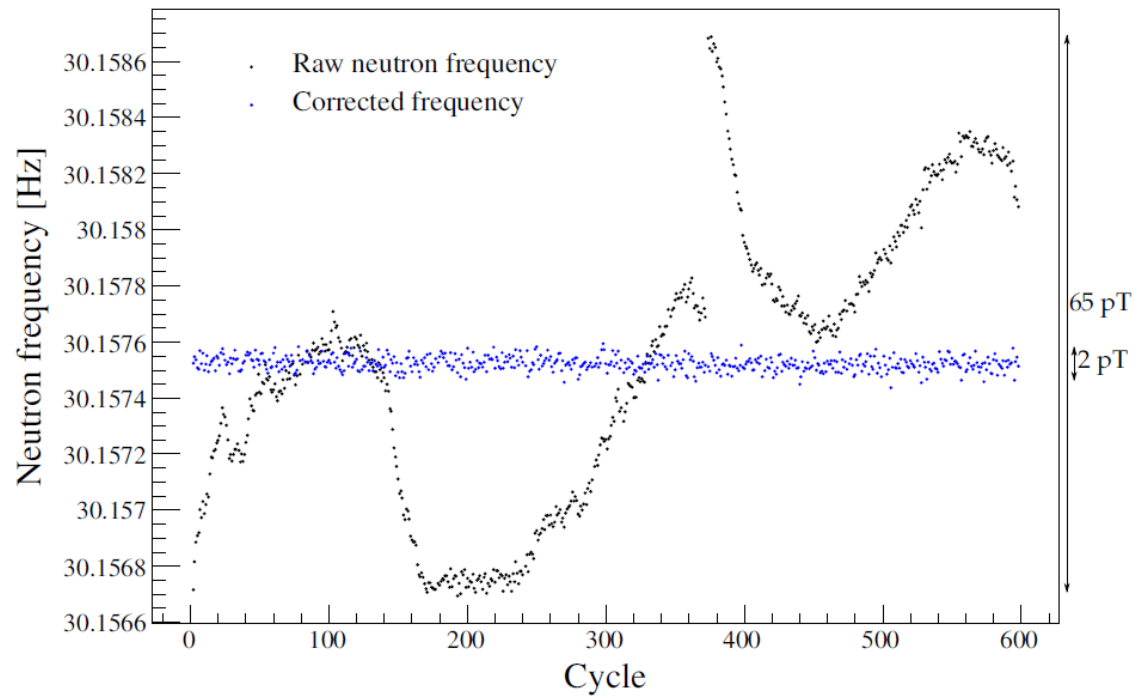
$$\theta_{\text{QCD}} < 10^{-10}$$

10 orders of magnitude

Phase in the CKM matrix

$$\delta_{CKM}$$

## Magnetic stability



Vertical gradient  
 $\sim 2$  pT/cm daily variation



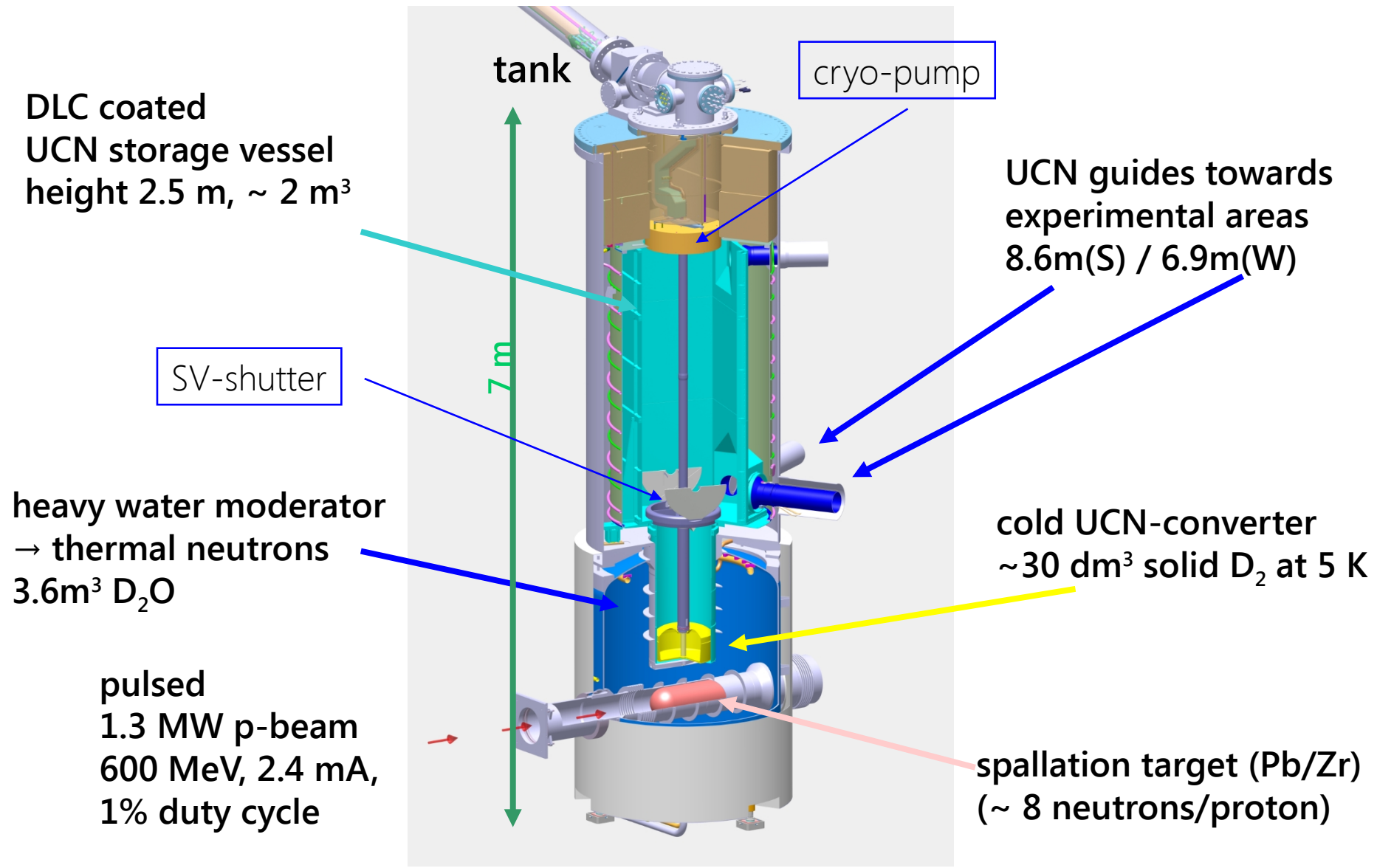
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I will discuss why we theorists always knew that you wouldn't find a non-vanishing nEDM. Just in case you will measure one, it will also be discussed, why we theorists always knew that you would eventually find a non-vanishing nEDM.

SM → “only” an effective theory valid up to some scale  $\Lambda_{UV}$

- in case you won't find one:  
of course not,  $\Lambda_{UV} \gg 1 \text{ TeV}$  (complete absence of 'new' physics) and  $\bar{\theta} = 0$
- in case you will find one:  
of course, CP violation in BSM is unavoidable, and it has to show up in nEDM





Electric Dipole Moments: A Global Analysis  
 By Timothy Chupp and Michael Ramsey-Musolf

EDMs from a model-independent perspective that does not impose the “single-source” restriction

Parameter (units)	95% limit
$d_e$ (e-cm)	$5.4 \times 10^{-27}$
$C_S$	$4.5 \times 10^{-7}$
$C_T$	$2 \times 10^{-6}$
$\bar{d}_n$ (e-cm)	$12 \times 10^{-23}$
$\bar{g}_\pi^{(0)}$	$8 \times 10^{-9}$
$\bar{g}_\pi^{(1)}$	$1 \times 10^{-9}$

95 % confidence level bounds on the six parameters characterizing the EDMs of the neutron, neutral atoms, and molecules

(i) The EDMs of paramagnetic systems are primarily determined by the  $d_e$  and  $C_S$ . 2

(0,1)

(ii) Diamagnetic atom EDMs carry the strongest sensitivity to  $\bar{g}_\pi^{(0)}$  and the  $\bar{g}_\pi^{(1)}$ , whereas the neutron EDM depends

(0)

most strongly on  $\bar{d}_n$  and  $\bar{g}_\pi^{(1)}$  providing four effective parameters that are constrained by results from few experimental systems.

(iii) Inclusion of both  $d_e$  and  $C_S$  in the global fit yields a bound on each parameter that is an order of magnitude less stringent than would be obtained under the “single-source” assumption.

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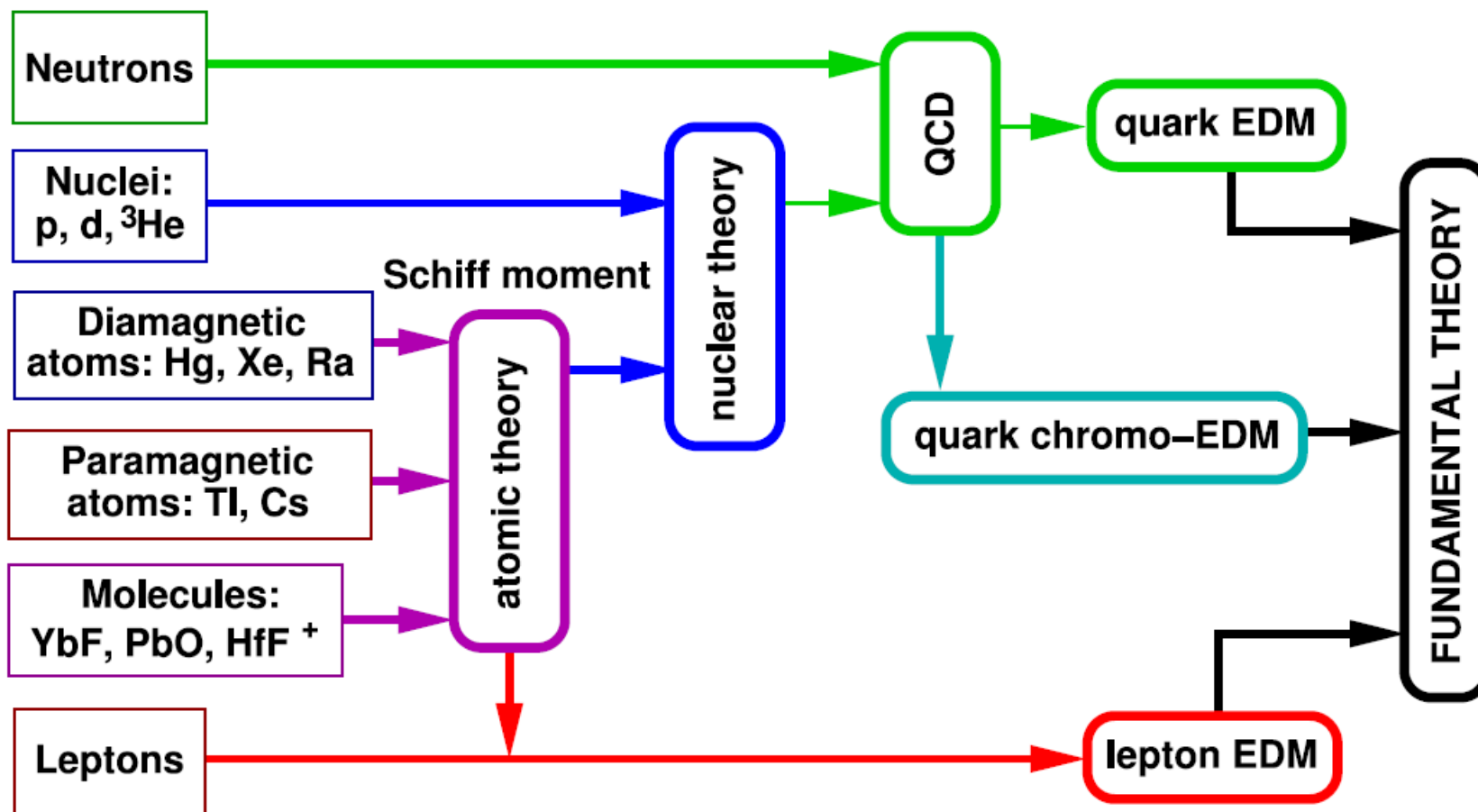
(iv) Uncertainties in the nuclear theory preclude a significant limit on  $\bar{g}_\pi^{(1)}$  from  $d_A$  ( $^{199}\text{Hg}$ ), where

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the situation regarding  $\bar{g}_\pi^{(1)}$  is under better theoretical control. Including the TIF and  $^{129}\text{Xe}$  in the global fit

(0)

(i)



C. R. Physique 13 168 (2012)

in  $\bar{\theta} = 0$  SM:  $d_n \sim 10^{-32}$  e cm with considerable uncertainties

playing devils advocate  $d_n \lesssim 10^{-30}$  e cm

if  $d_n > 10^{-30}$  e cm is found it is not clear whether this is BSM or strong CPV ( $\bar{\theta} \neq 0$ )

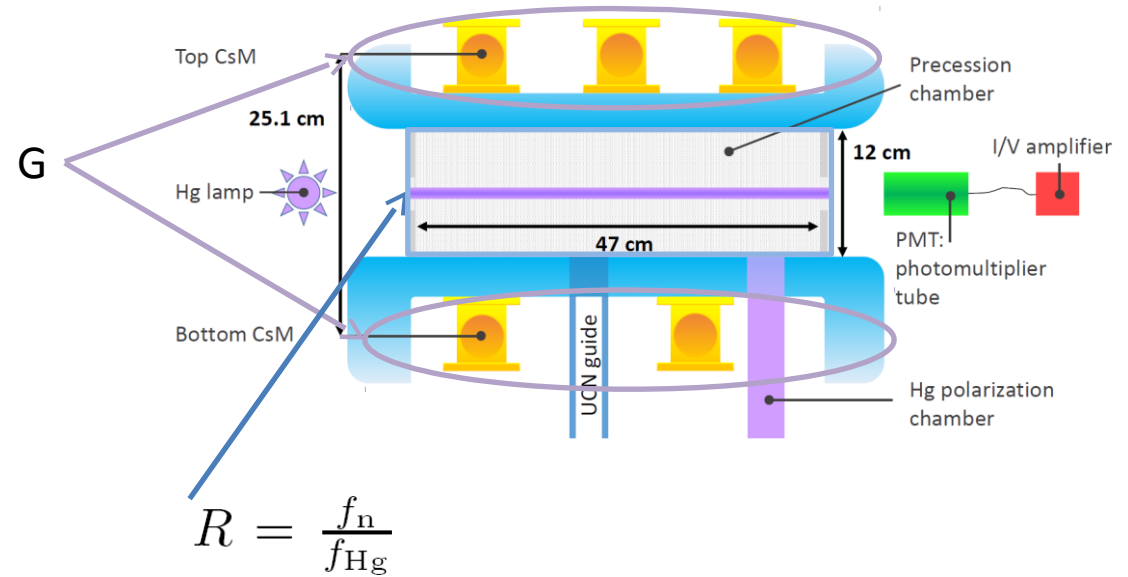
but it would be the beginning of a new era

$\implies$  need further EDM's to disentangle origin of  $d_n$

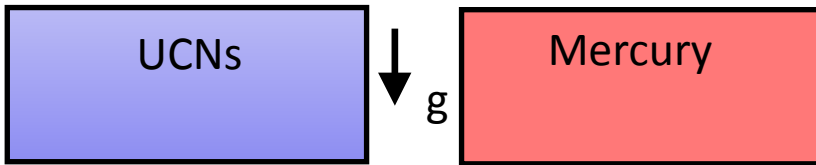
# A nEDM apparatus

## A non perfect Co-magnetometer

- Gravitational shift



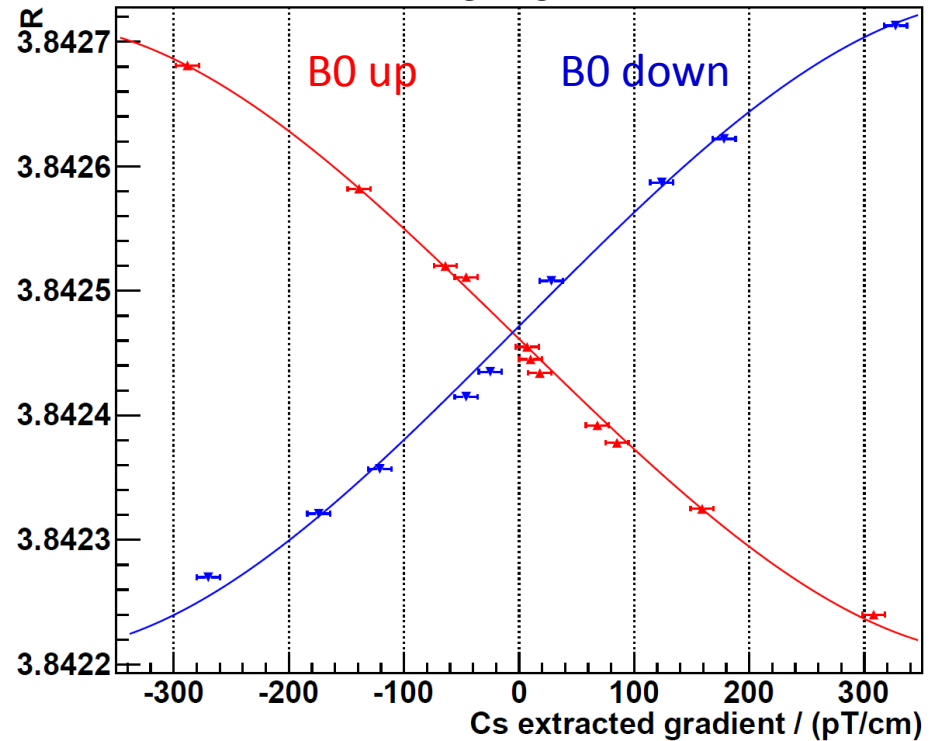
In the precession chamber



$$R = \frac{\langle f_{\text{UCN}} \rangle}{\langle f_{\text{Hg}} \rangle} = \frac{\gamma_n}{\gamma_{\text{Hg}}} \left( 1 \mp \frac{\partial B}{\partial z} \frac{\Delta h}{|B_0|} + \dots \right)$$

$$\Delta z = 2.7 \text{ mm}$$

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## A non perfect Co-magnetometer

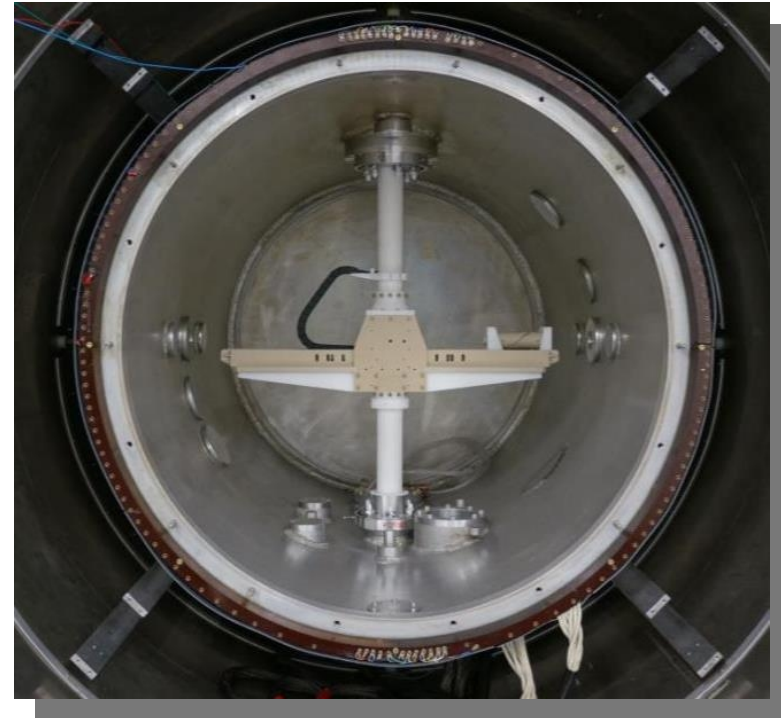
- Gravitational shift
- Adiabatic vs Non-adiabatic field sampling

**UCNs: Adiabatic regime**

$$f_n \propto \langle |\vec{B}| \rangle = B_0 + \frac{\langle B_T^2 \rangle}{2B_0}$$

**<sup>199</sup>Hg: Non-adiabatic regime**

$$f_{\text{Hg}} \propto |\langle \vec{B} \rangle| = B_0$$



Field map using fluxgate

$$R = \frac{\langle f_{\text{UCN}} \rangle}{\langle f_{\text{Hg}} \rangle} = \frac{\gamma_n}{\gamma_{\text{Hg}}} \left( 1 \mp \frac{\partial B}{\partial z} \frac{\Delta h}{|B_0|} + \frac{\langle B_{\perp}^2 \rangle}{|B_0|^2} + \dots \right)$$

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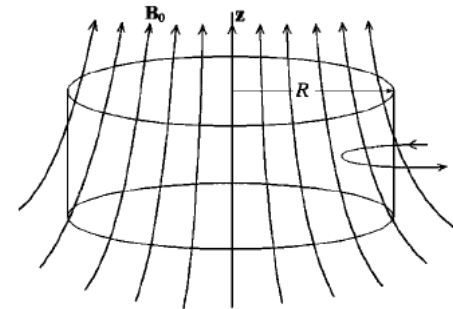
## A non perfect Co-magnetometer

- Gravitational shift
- Adiabatic vs Non-adiabatic field sampling
- Geometrical phase shift

Motional (transverse) field

$$B_v = \frac{1}{c^2} E \times v \quad +$$

Magnetic transverse field



→ Frequency shift correlated with electric field  
False EDM for Mercury (fast regime of GPE)

$$d_{\text{Hg}}^{\text{False}} = \frac{\hbar \gamma_{\text{Hg}}^2}{32c^2} D^2 \frac{\partial B}{\partial z} \quad \longrightarrow \quad d_n^{\text{False}} = \frac{\gamma_n}{\gamma_{\text{Hg}}} d_{\text{Hg}}^{\text{False}}$$

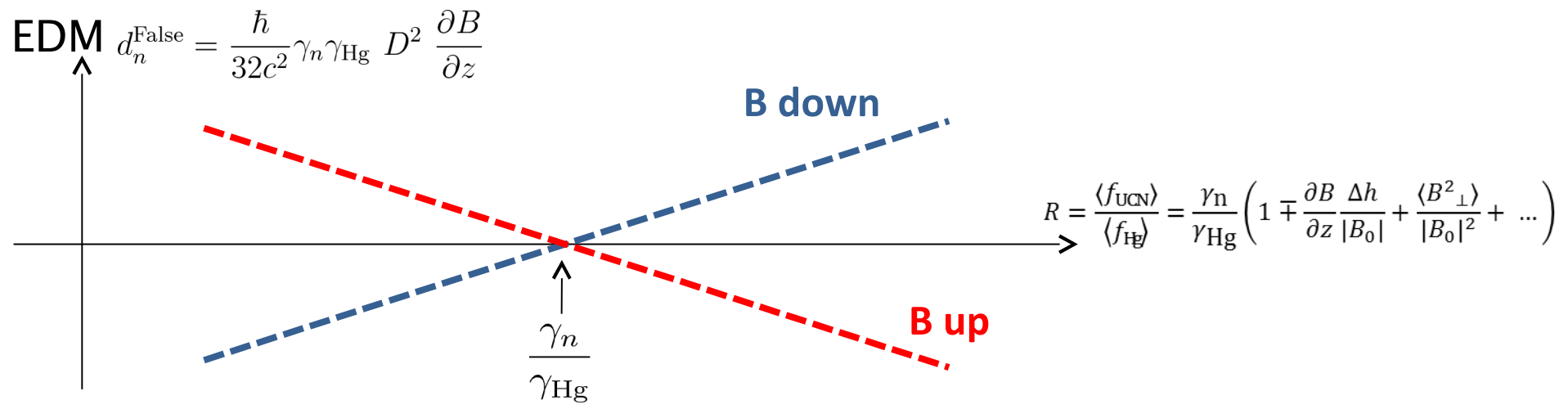
*Pendlebury et al, PRA 70 032102 (2004)*



# A nEDM apparatus

## The analysis strategy (RAL/Sussex/ILL like) and associated systematic errors

Geometrical phase shift: frequency shift for particles in traps (large for the Hg atoms)



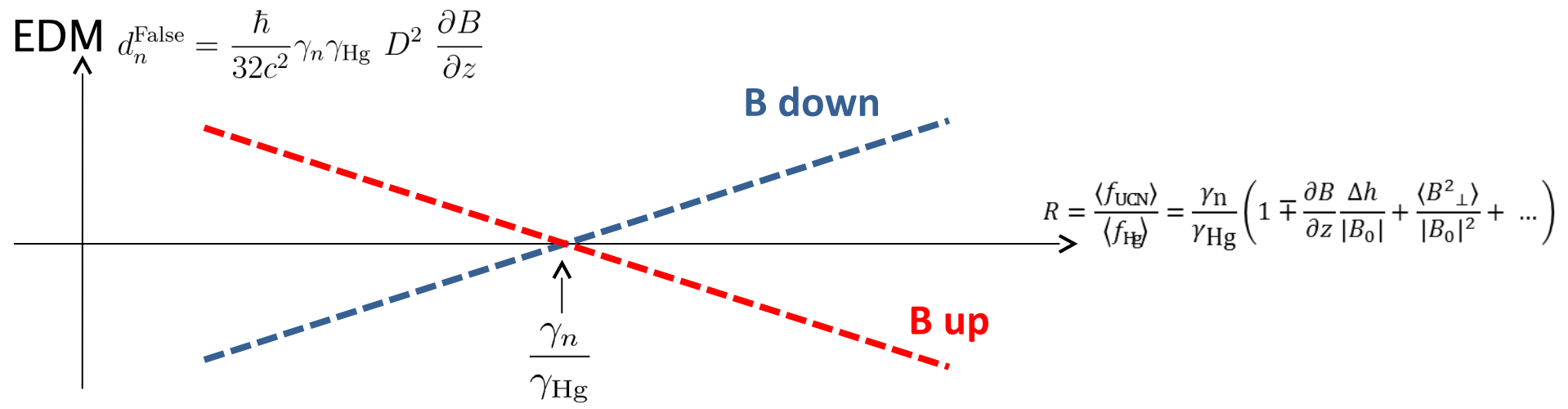
And any shift of the neutron and/or Hg precession frequency linear with the E-field

→ **Direct systematic effect**

# A nEDM apparatus

## The analysis strategy (RAL/Sussex/ILL like) and associated systematic errors

Geometrical phase shift: frequency shift for particles in traps (large for the Hg atoms)



In the case of an inhomogeneous B-field

$$d_n^{\text{False}} = -\frac{\hbar}{2c^2} \gamma_n \gamma_{\text{Hg}} \langle x B_x + y B_y \rangle$$

$$d_n^{\text{False}} = \frac{\hbar}{32c^2} \gamma_n \gamma_{\text{Hg}} D^2 \frac{\partial B}{\partial z} \quad \text{At 1st order in gradients}$$

} Indirect systematic effect due to local dipoles

*Pignol et al, PRA 85 042105 (2012)*

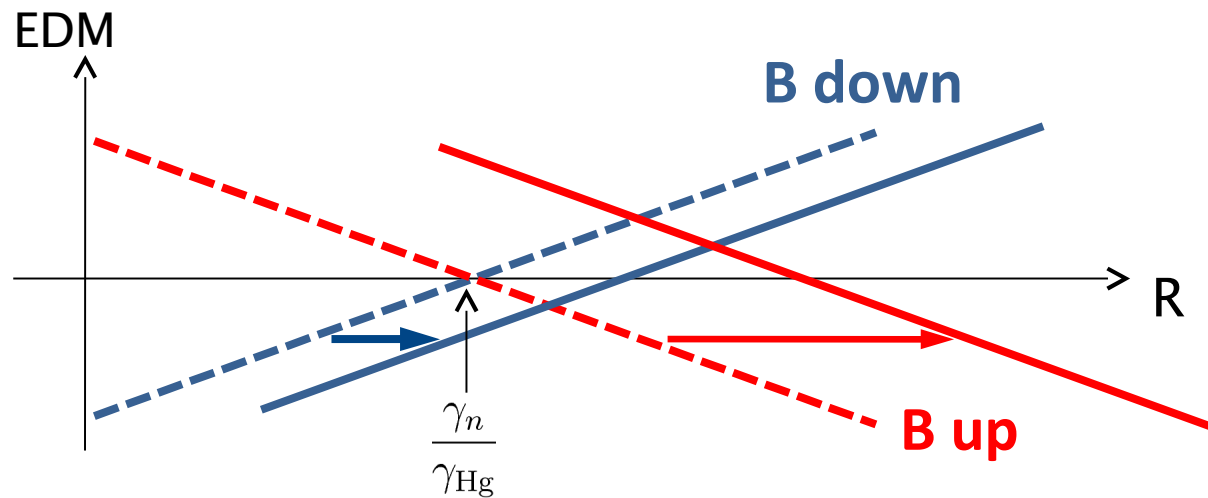
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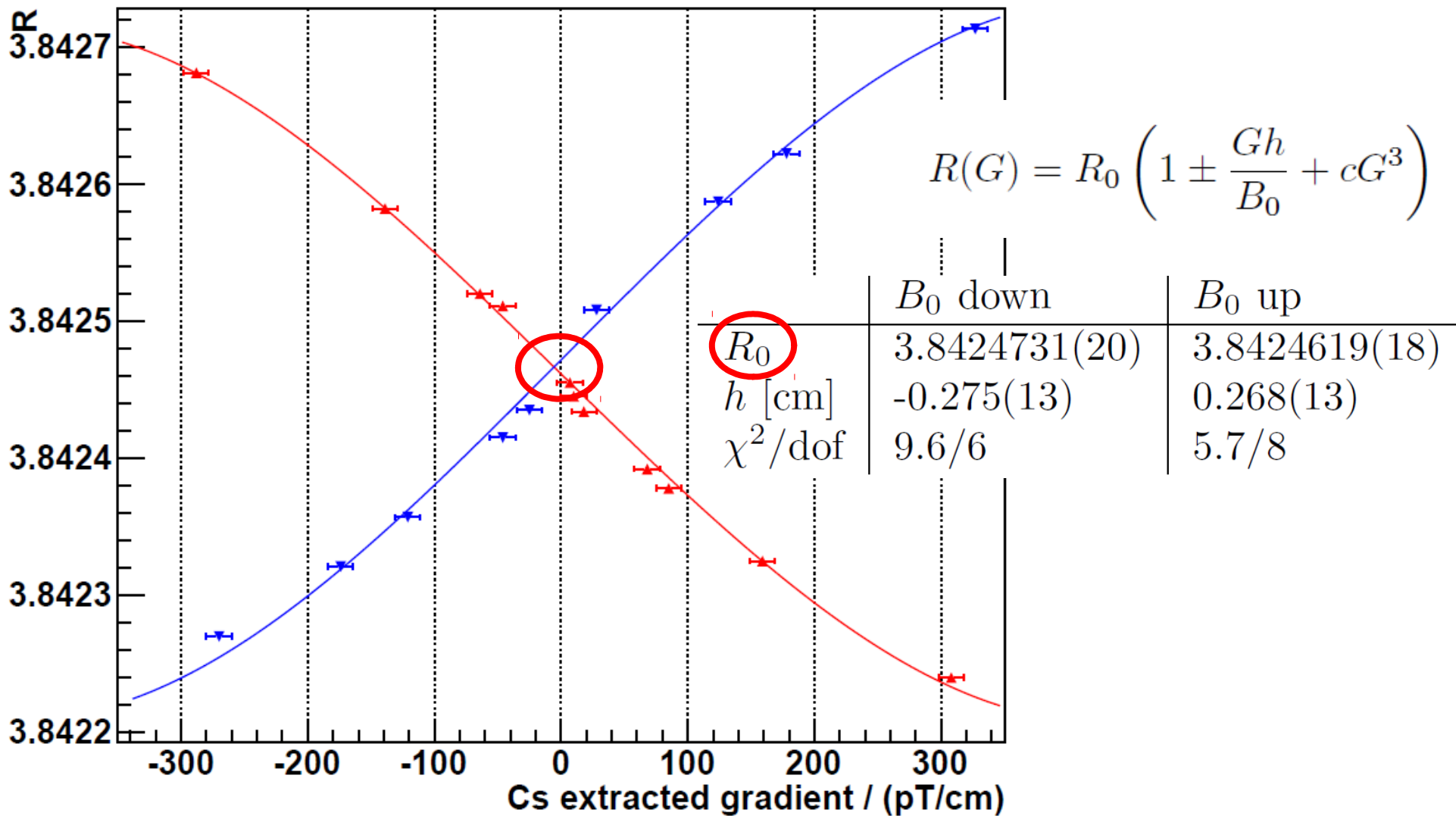
$$R = \frac{\langle f_{\text{UCN}} \rangle}{\langle f_{\text{Hg}} \rangle} = \frac{\gamma_n}{\gamma_{\text{Hg}}} \left( 1 \mp \frac{\partial B}{\partial z} \frac{\Delta h}{|B_0|} + \frac{\langle B^2_{\perp} \rangle}{|B_0|^2} + \dots \right)$$

Residual systematic effect

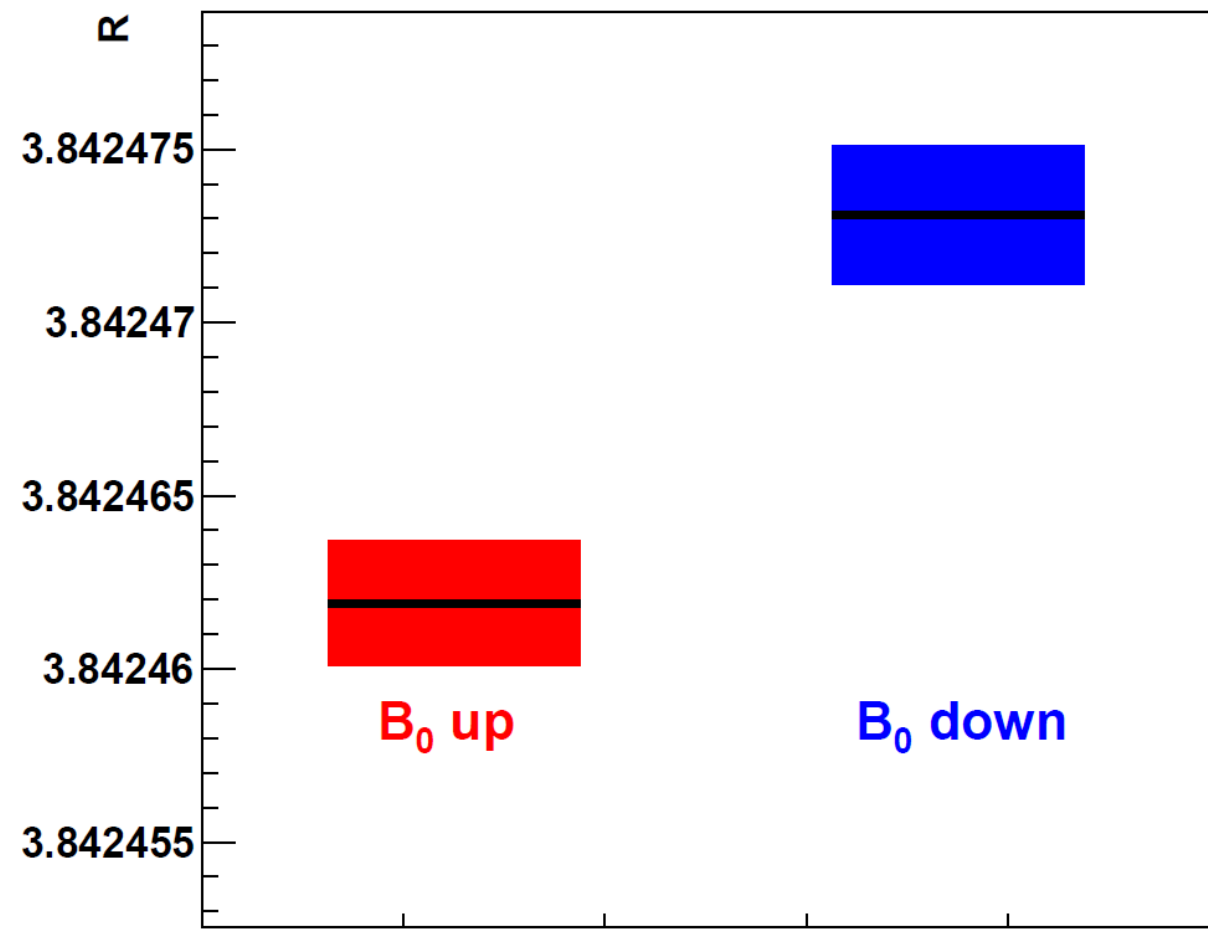
if different for B up and down → **Indirect systematic effect**



$$R = \frac{\langle f_{\text{UCN}} \rangle}{\langle f_{\text{Hg}} \rangle} = \frac{\gamma_{\text{n}}}{\gamma_{\text{Hg}}} \left( 1 \mp \frac{\partial B}{\partial z} \frac{\Delta h}{|B_0|} + \frac{\langle B^2_{\perp} \rangle}{|B_0|^2} + \dots \right)$$

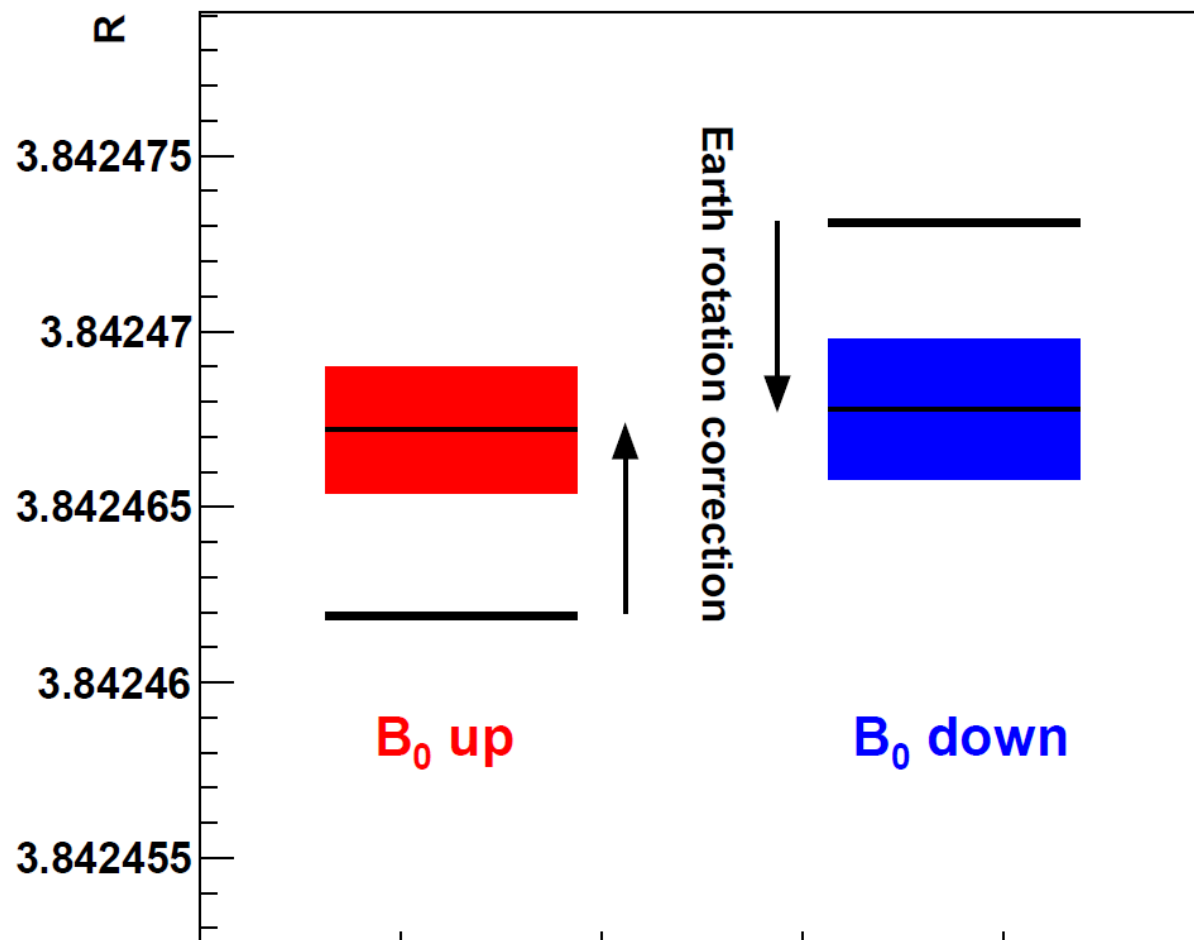


$$B(x, y, z) = B_0 + g_x x + g_y y + g_z z - g_{xx}(x^2 - z^2) + g_{yy}(y^2 - z^2) + g_{xy}xy + g_{xz}xz + g_{yz}yz$$



$$f_n = \left| -\frac{\gamma_n}{2\pi} B_0 \pm f_{\text{Earth}} \sin(\lambda) \right|$$

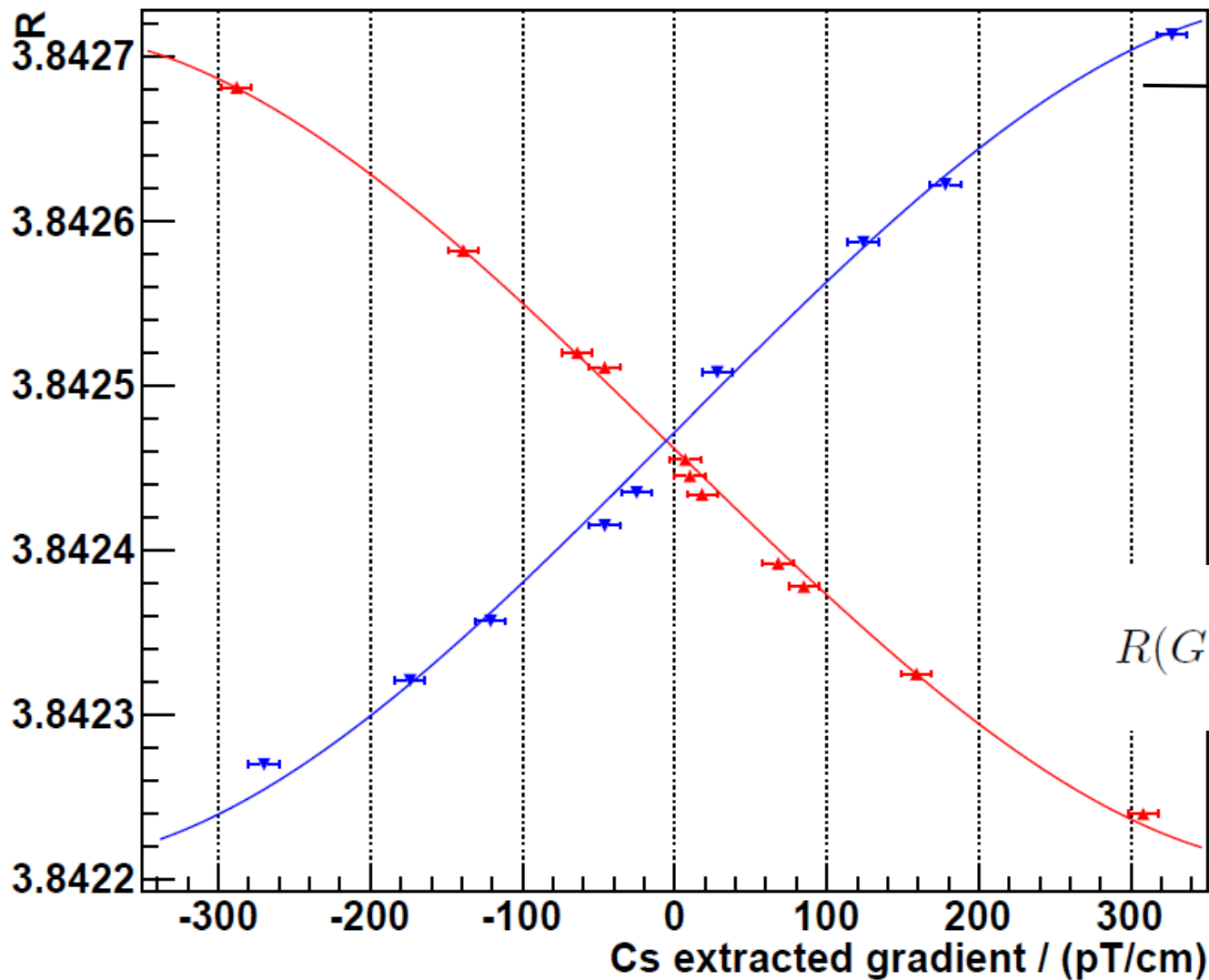
$$f_{\text{Hg}} = \left| \frac{\gamma_{\text{Hg}}}{2\pi} B_0 \pm f_{\text{Earth}} \sin(\lambda) \right|$$



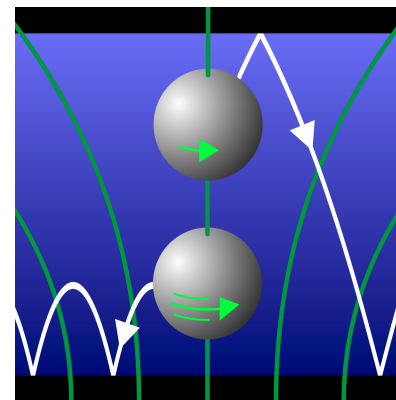
$$\begin{aligned} \delta R_{\text{Earth}} &= \mp \frac{\gamma_n}{\gamma_{\text{Hg}}} \left( \frac{f_{\text{Earth}}}{f_n} + \frac{f_{\text{Earth}}}{f_{\text{Hg}}} \right) \sin(\lambda) \\ &= \mp 5.3 \times 10^{-6} \end{aligned}$$



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Transverse component ?  
Gravitational ?



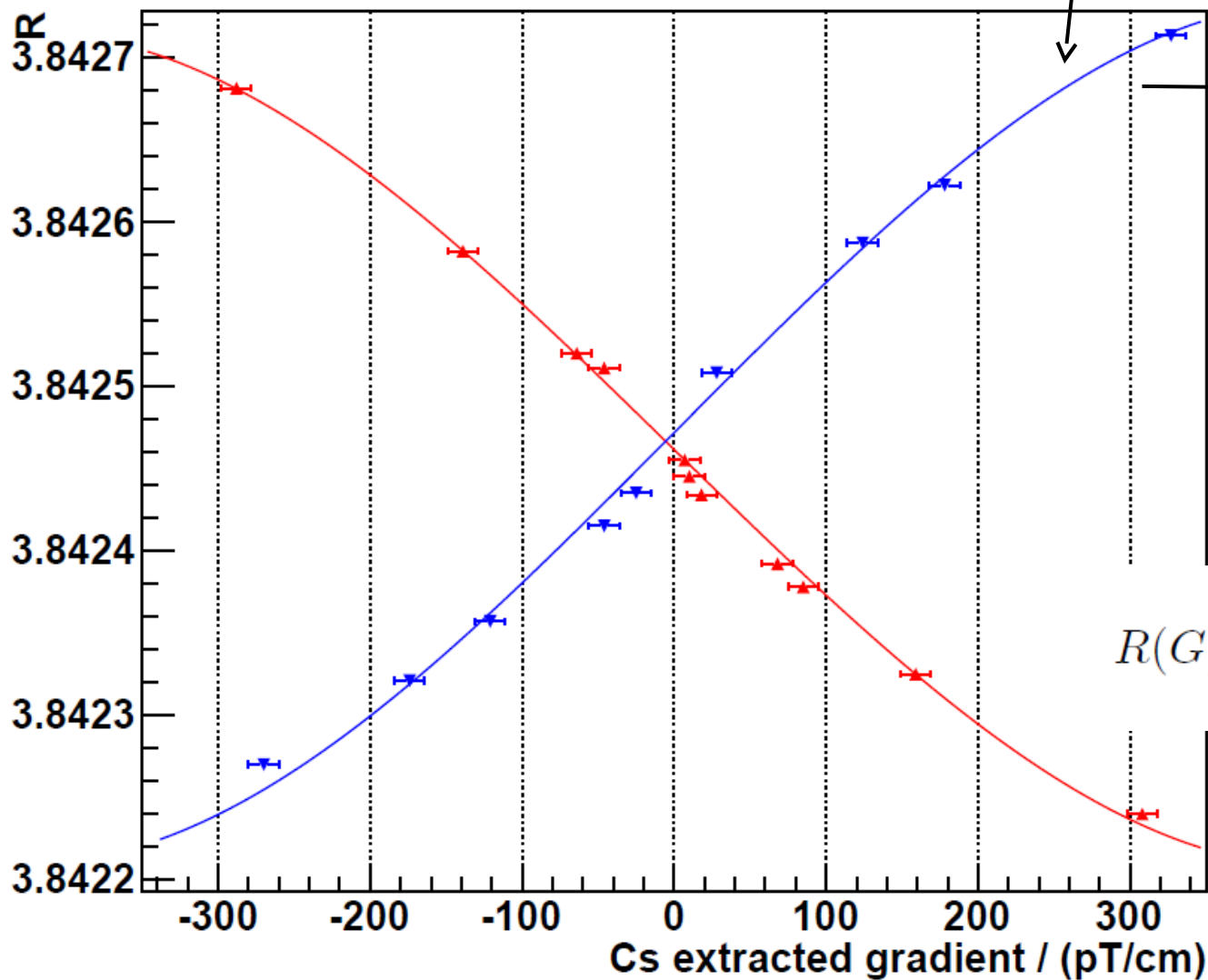
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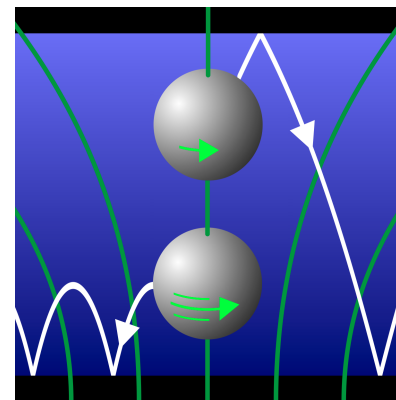
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Gravitational enhanced depolarization and associated frequency shift

*P. G. Harris et al., Phys. Rev. D 89, 016011, (2014)*



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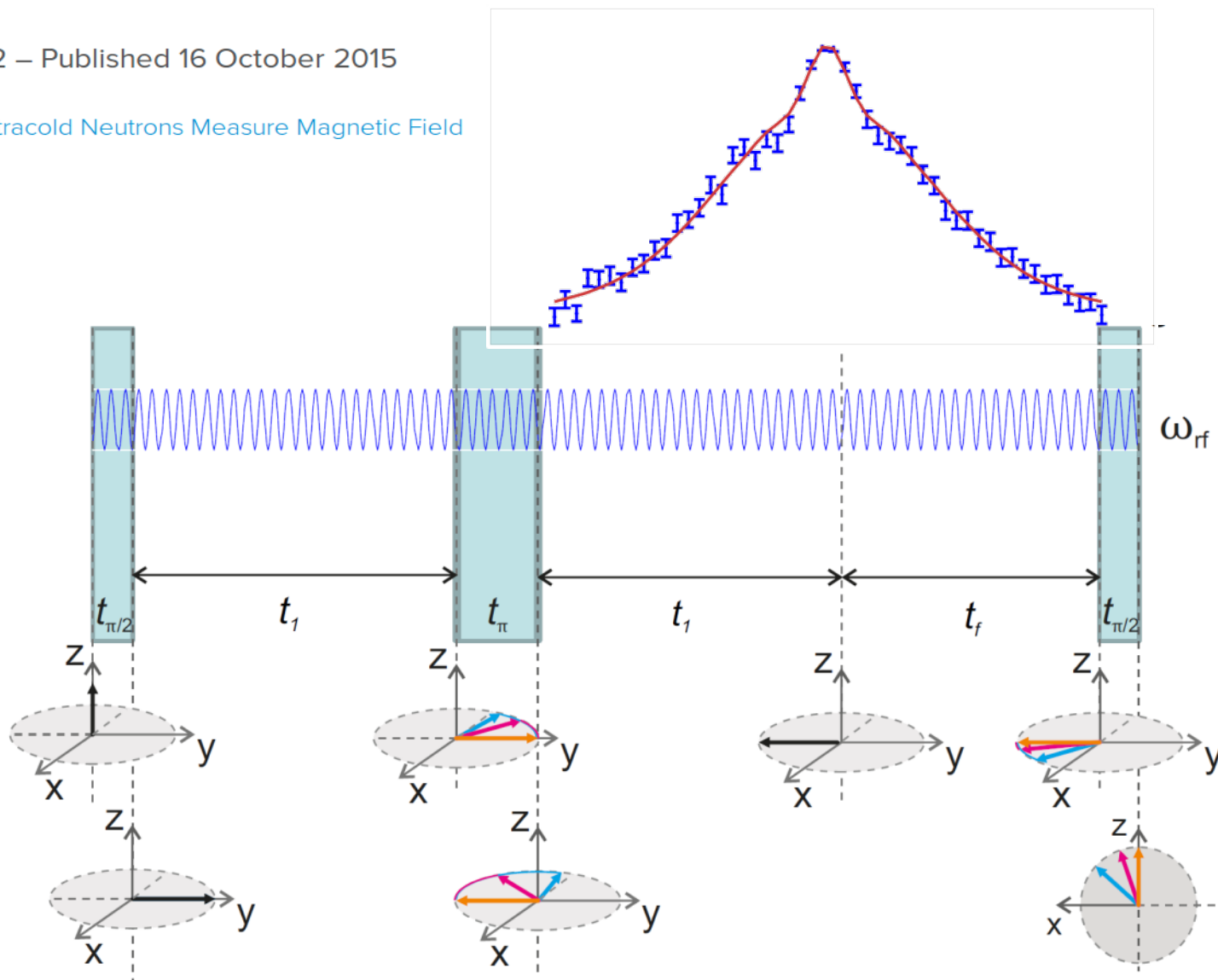
Editors' Suggestion

# Observation of Gravitationally Induced Vertical Striation of Polarized Ultracold Neutrons by Spin-Echo Spectroscopy

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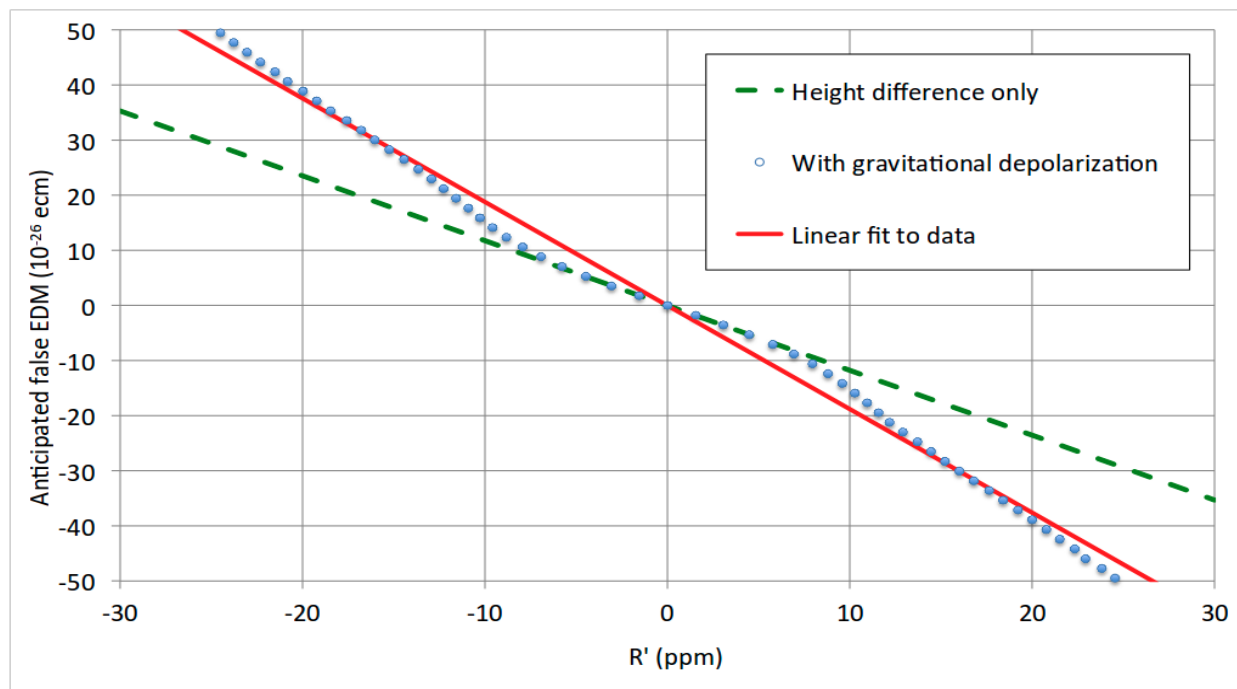
- Impact for the nEDM limit
- Impact for the neutron lifetime

## A Revised Experimental Upper Limit on the Electric Dipole Moment of the Neutron

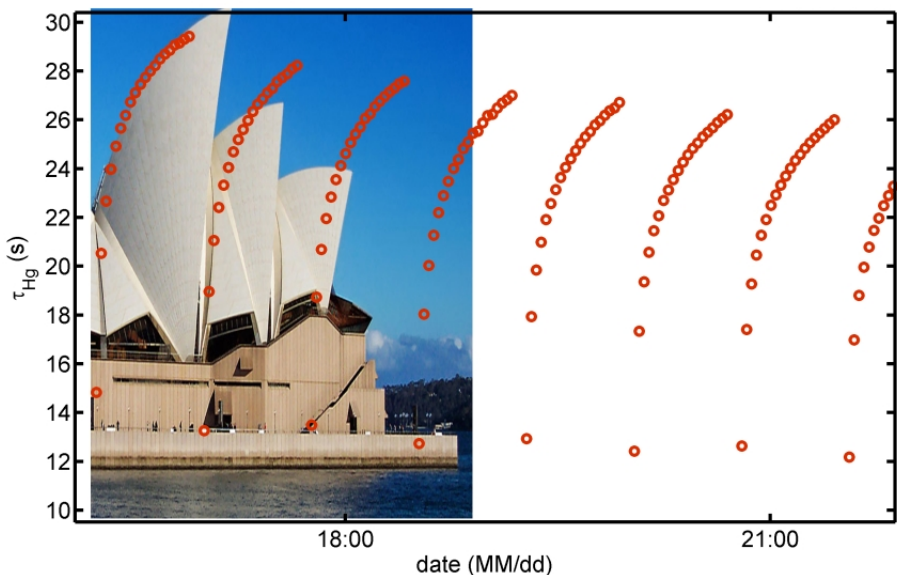
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$$|d_n| < 3.0 \times 10^{-26} \text{ e cm (90\% CL)}$$

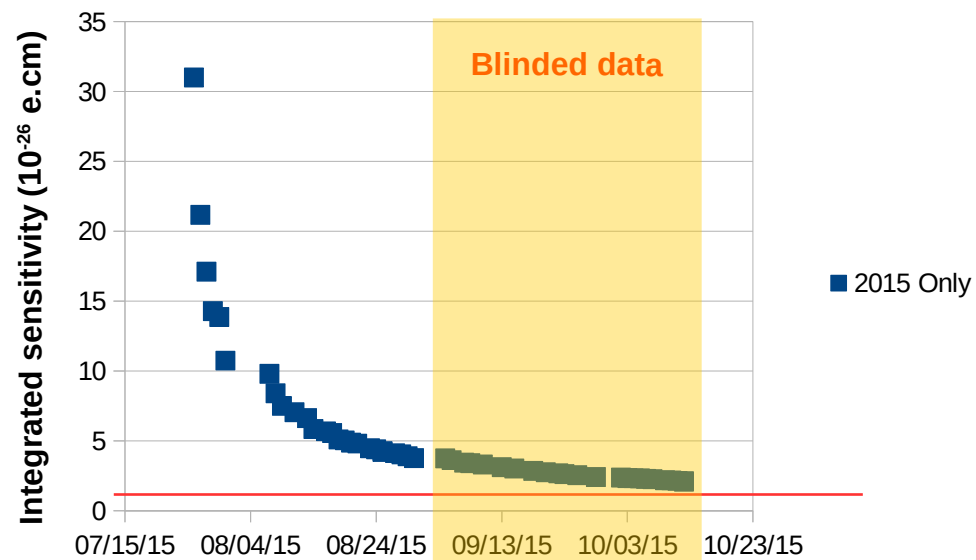
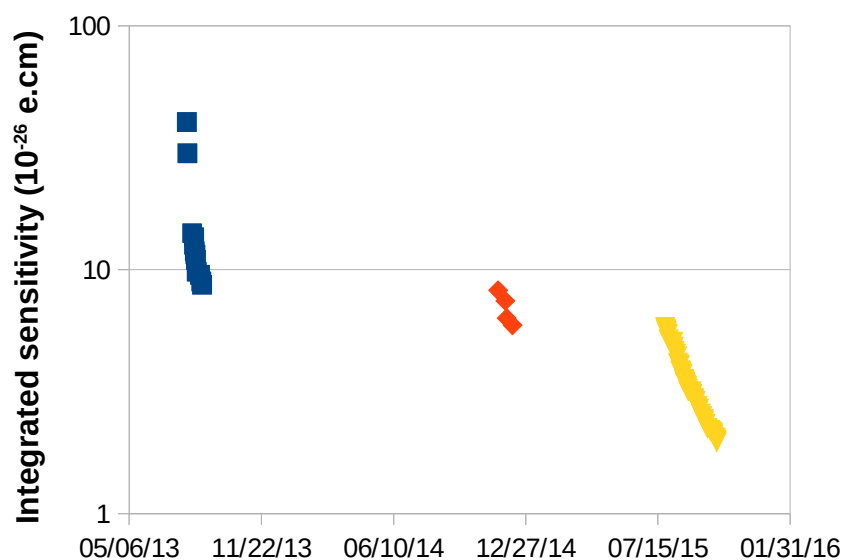
Analysis stage	EDM	$\sigma$
Crossing point $d_\times$	-0.59	1.53
Gradient-corrected $d_0$	-0.92	1.68
Dipole-corrected $d_{fec}$	-0.21	1.79
<b>Final result <math>d_n</math></b>	<b>-0.21</b>	<b>1.82</b>



$$\sigma(d_n) = \frac{h}{2\alpha ET\sqrt{N}}$$

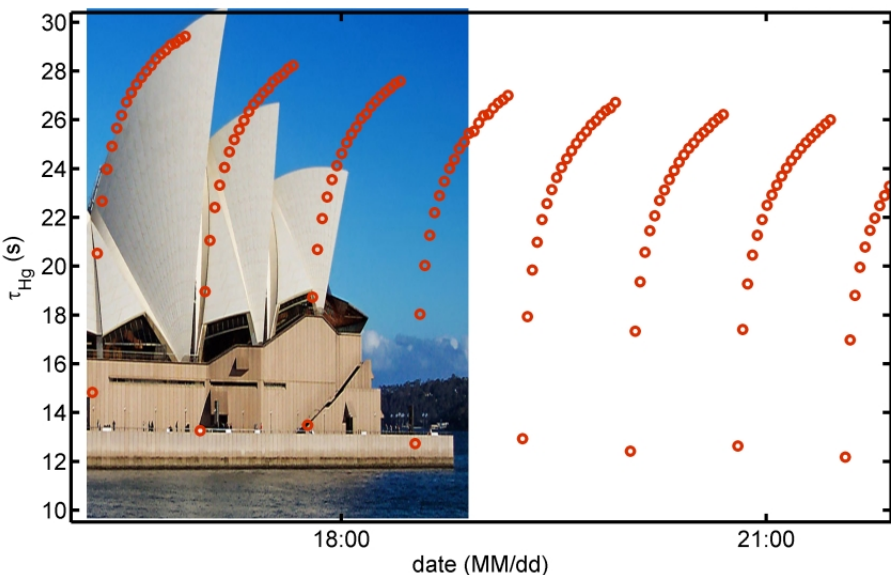


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E-field (kV/cm)	10.3	10	10	11
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T <sub>free</sub>	180	220	220	180
T <sub>duty</sub>	340	340	340	340
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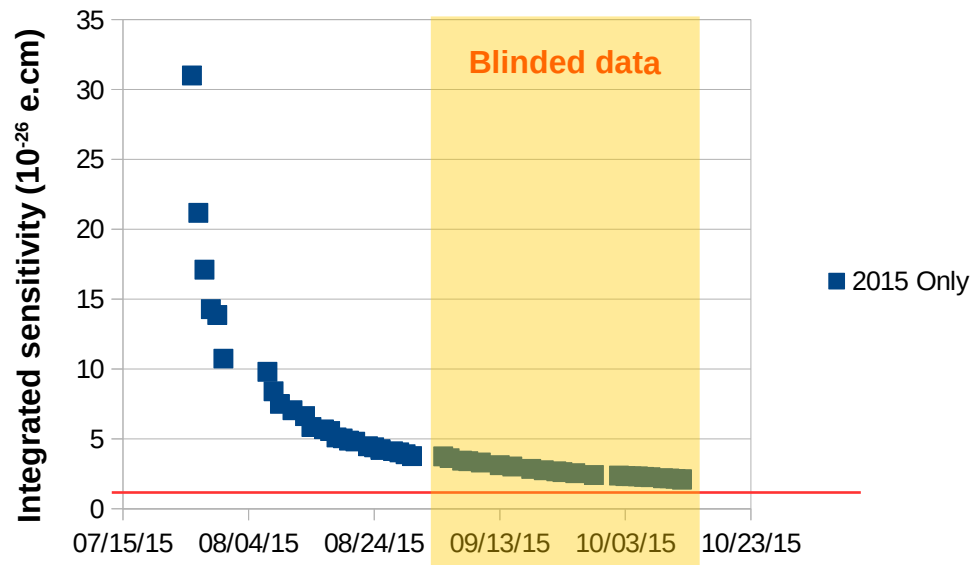
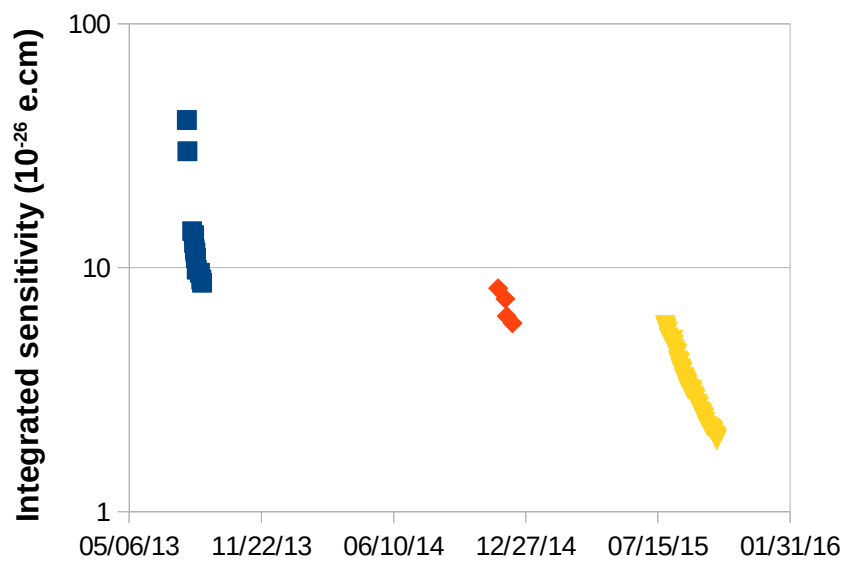


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New limit in 2016 ?



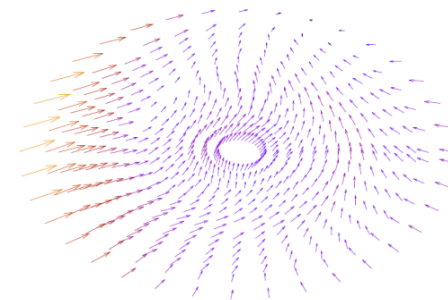
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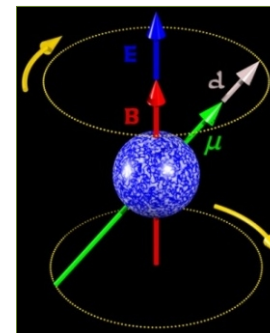
## ★ Magnetic field

- Cs and Hg magnetometers are complementary
- Coherent picture for the magnetic field
- Improved control on systematics effects
- By-product: measurement of Hg and neutron gyromagnetic ratios



## ★ nEDM

- We are taking data with a high sensitivity
- We expect with 300 data-days until 2016 :  
**statistical sensitivity of  $\sigma \lesssim 10^{-26} \text{ e}\cdot\text{cm}$**
- n2EDM in R&D phase towards  $2 \cdot 10^{-27} \text{ e}\cdot\text{cm}$



Thanks  
Merci



$$\sigma(d_n) = \frac{\hbar}{2\alpha ET\sqrt{N}}$$

→ work on improving ( $\alpha, E, T, N$ ) parameters

Parameter	Improvement factor	Comment
Neutrons number N	5	Better adaptation to the source (x 3) Two precession chambers (x 1.5)
Electric field E	1.3	New electrodes geometry
Visibility $\alpha$	1.25	Larger T2 (field homogeneity)
Precession time T	?	Coating investigation (Diamond)
<b>Statistical sensitivity</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Based on the current source performances</b>

Anticipated sensitivity  
 $4 \cdot 10^{-26}$  e.cm / day



**$2 \cdot 10^{-27}$  e.cm / 4 years**



2007



2014

A growing team ... getting oversea

