

# Measuring the Neutron Electric Dipole Moment - A Tiny Number with Big Implications

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The Universe passed through a period of the very high energy density early in the Big Bang

Matter was produced via reactions like  $\gamma + \gamma \rightarrow p + \bar{p}$

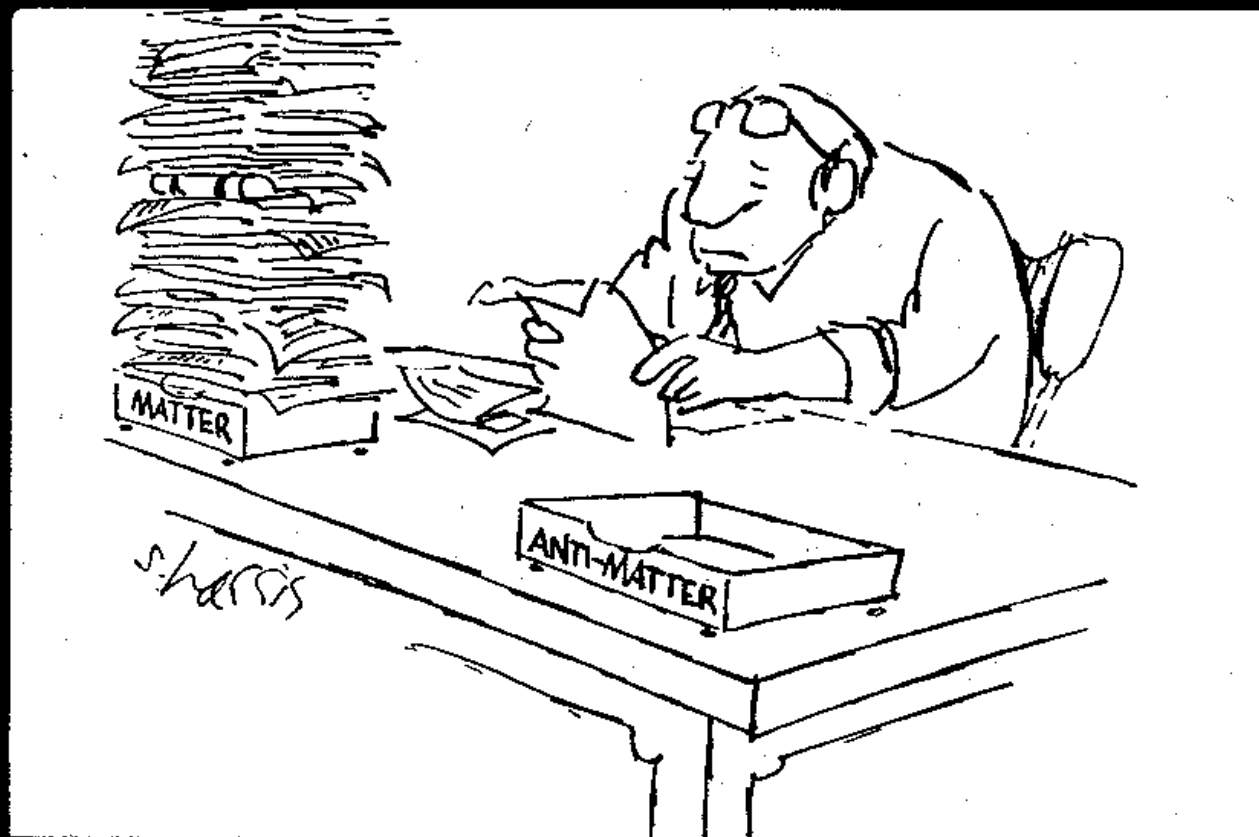
This should have produced equal quantities of matter and anti-matter.

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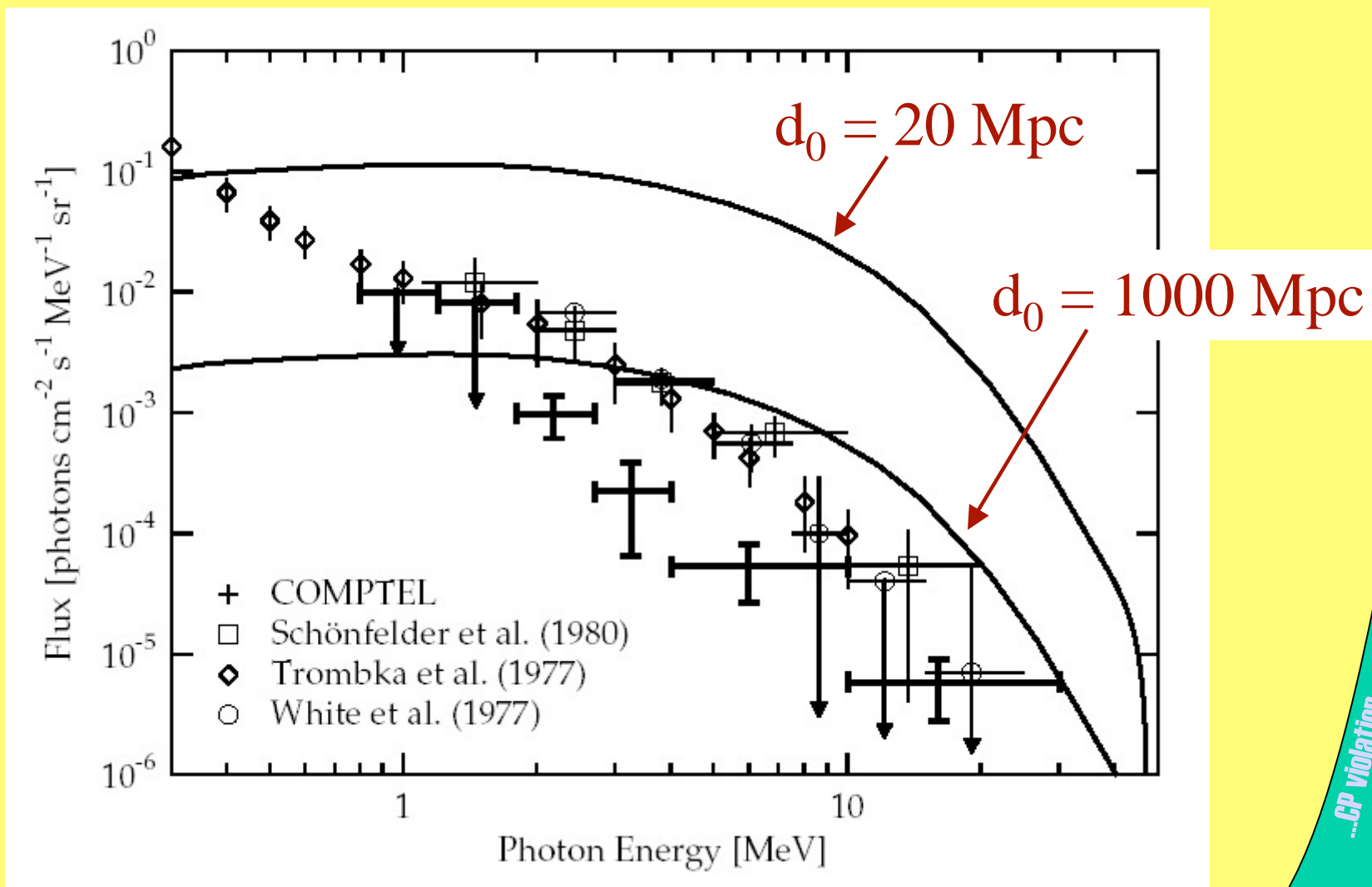
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Diffuse  $\gamma$ -ray flux expected from annihilation

See Cohen, De Rújula, Glashow; [astro-ph/9707087](#)

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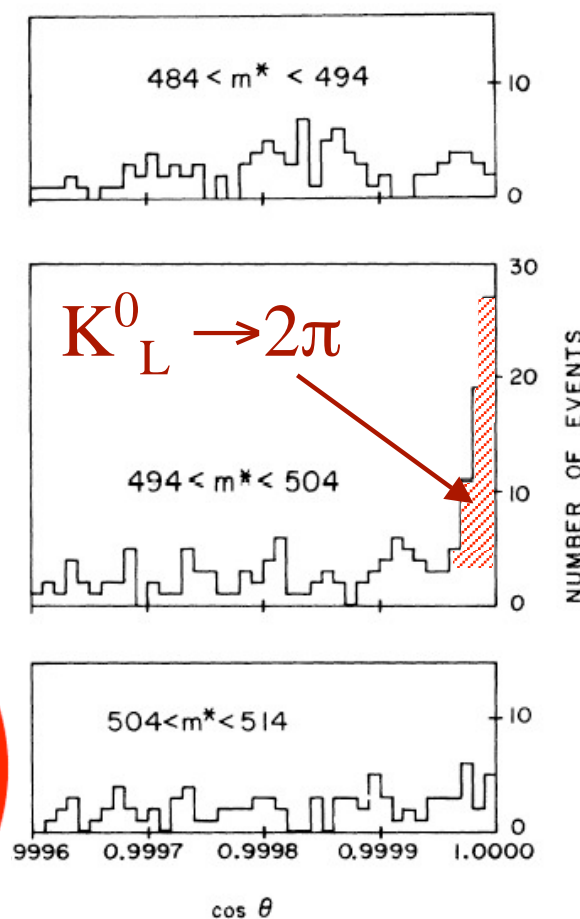
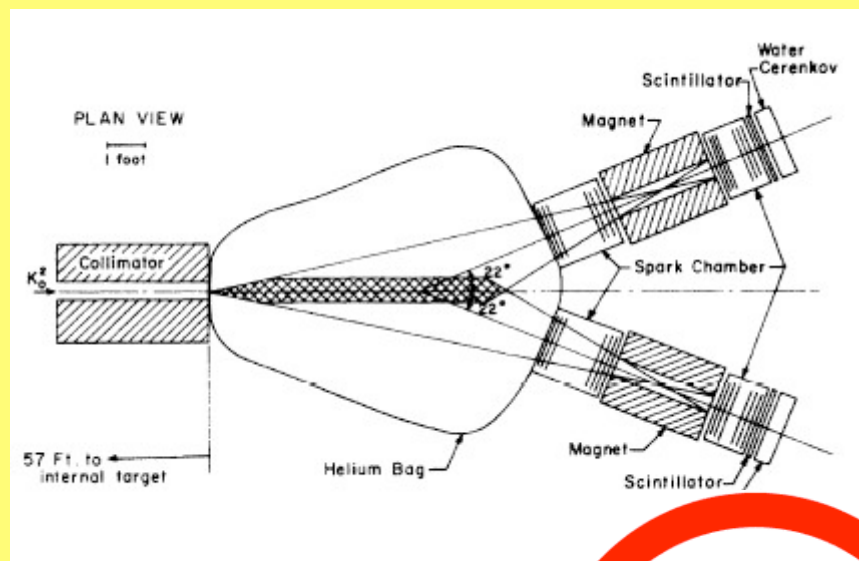
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EVIDENCE FOR THE  $2\pi$  DECAY OF THE  $K_2^0$  MESON\*†

J. H. Christenson, J. W. Cronin,‡ V. L. Fitch,‡ and R. Turley§

Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey

(Received 10 July 1964)



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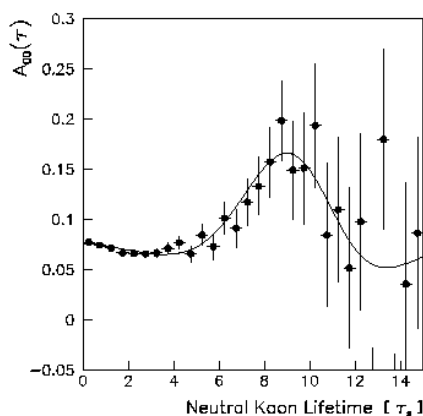
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# CP violation in weak decays

## CP violation in $\pi^0\pi^0$

$$A_{00}(\tau) = \frac{R_{\bar{K}^0 \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0}(\tau) - R_{K^0 \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0}(\tau)}{R_{\bar{K}^0 \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0}(\tau) + R_{K^0 \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0}(\tau)}$$

$$= C - \frac{2|\eta_{00}|e^{\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{\tau_S} - \frac{1}{\tau_L})\tau} \cos(\Delta m\tau - \varphi_{00})}{1 + |\eta_{00}|^2 e^{(\frac{1}{\tau_S} - \frac{1}{\tau_L})\tau}}$$

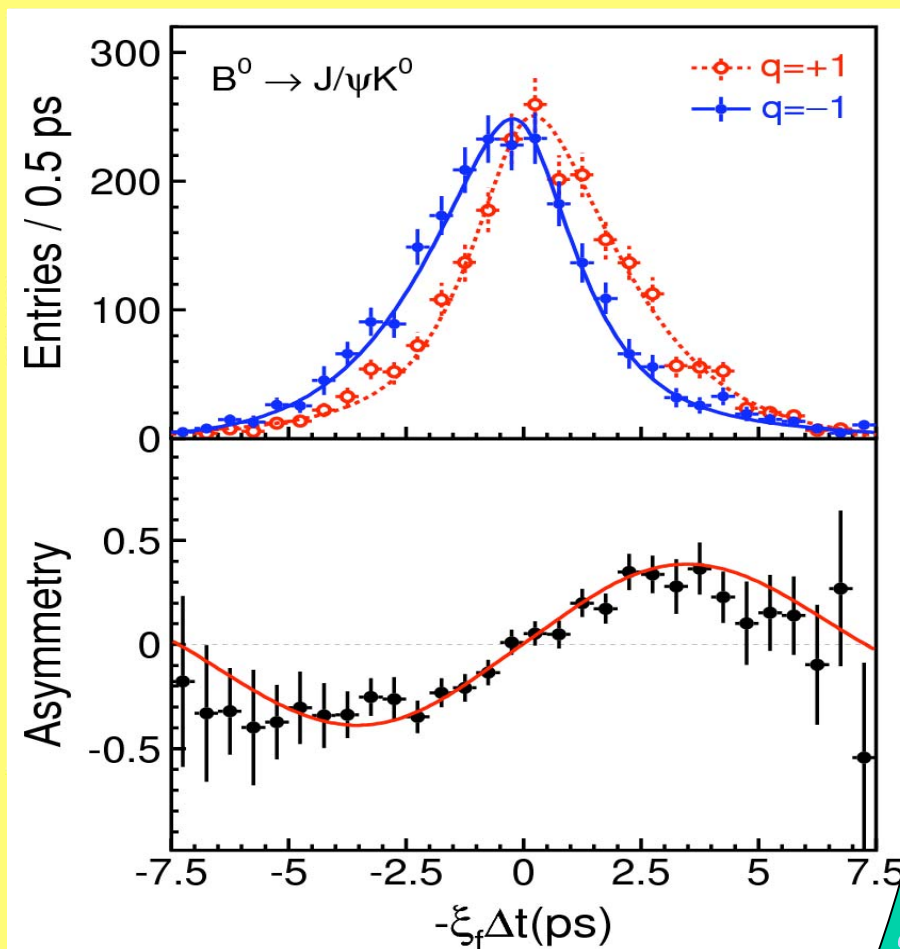


$2 \times 10^6$  reconstructed events

$$|\eta_{00}| = (2.47 \pm 0.31_{\text{stat.}} \pm 0.24_{\text{sys.}}) \times 10^{-3}$$

$$\varphi_{00} = 42.0^\circ \pm 5.6^\circ_{\text{stat.}} \pm 1.9^\circ_{\text{sys.}}$$

Published in Phys.Lett. B420 (1998) 191.



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CPLear (amongst others)

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    - ☒ Phase transitions
    - ☒ Expansion of the Universe

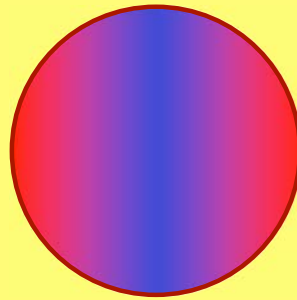
# So are we done now?

- No (you don't get out of this talk that easy)
- The CP violation in the Standard Model is too small by many orders of magnitude to explain the observed matter-anti-matter asymmetry (also called the baryon asymmetry) of the Universe (hep-ph/0303065)
- There must be CPV in laws of physics we don't know yet!
- We have to keep looking...

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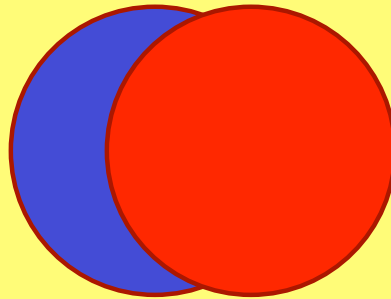
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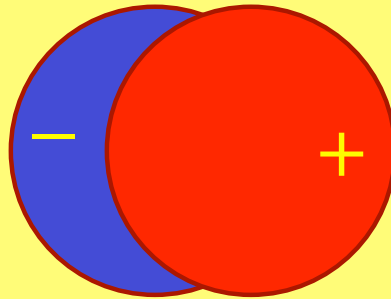
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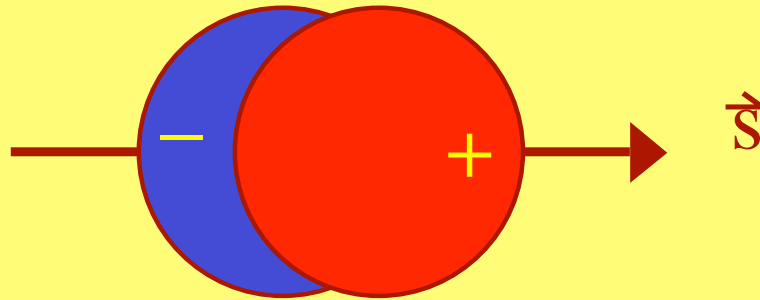
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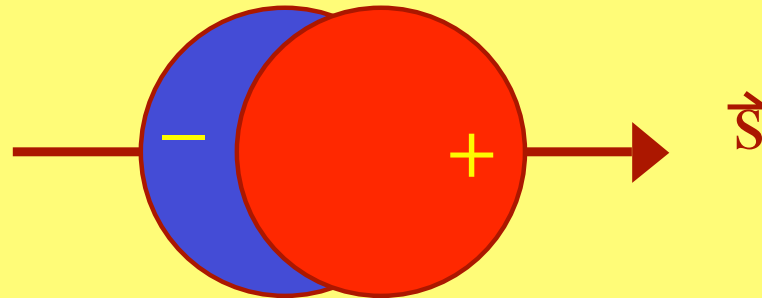
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Would lead to a non-zero value for  $\vec{d}_n$ ,  
either parallel or anti-parallel to  $\vec{s}$

$\vec{d}_n$  would be:

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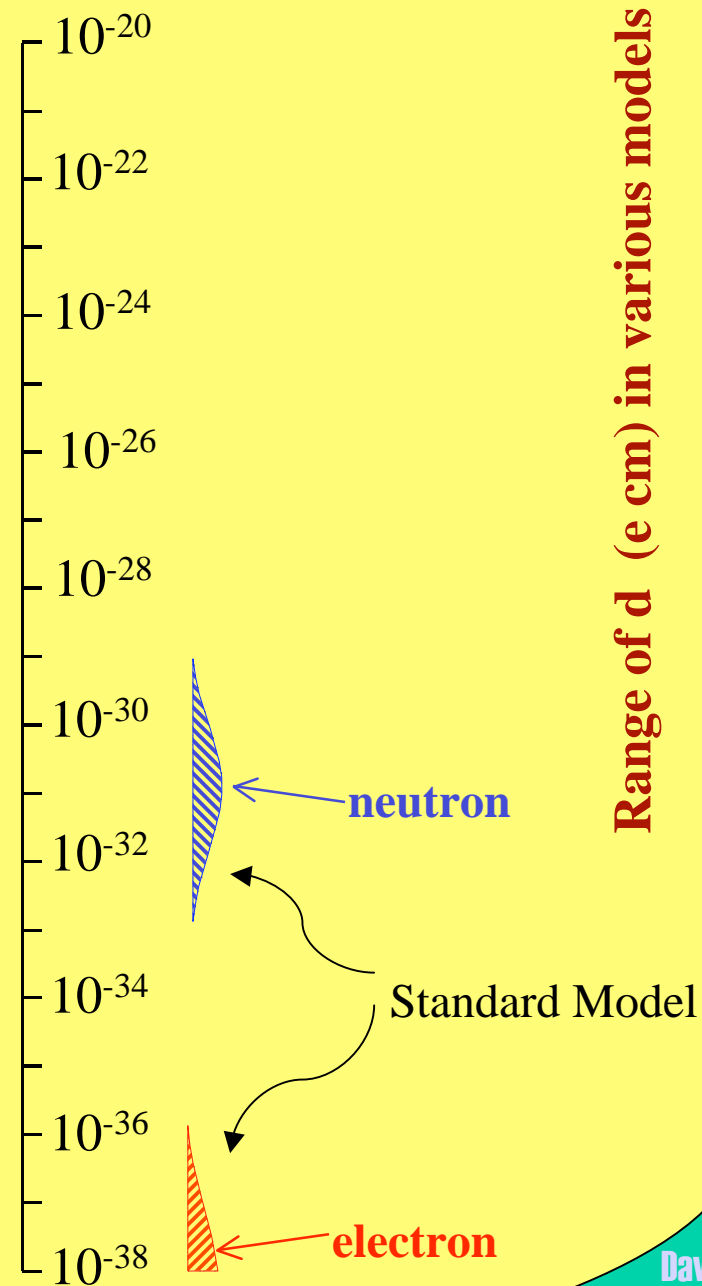
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CP odd!

- Particle EDMs are a particularly promising laboratory for CP violation
  - The Standard Model contribution is very small
  - Contributions from new physics tend not to be

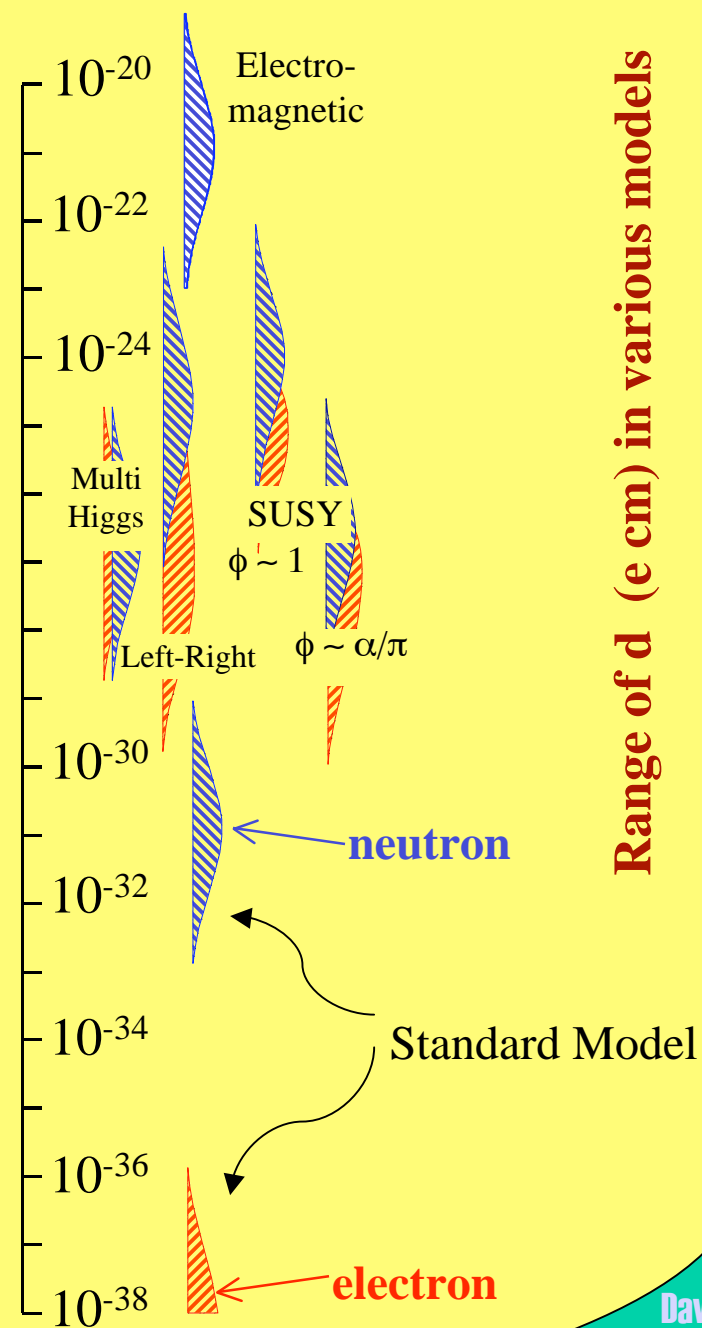
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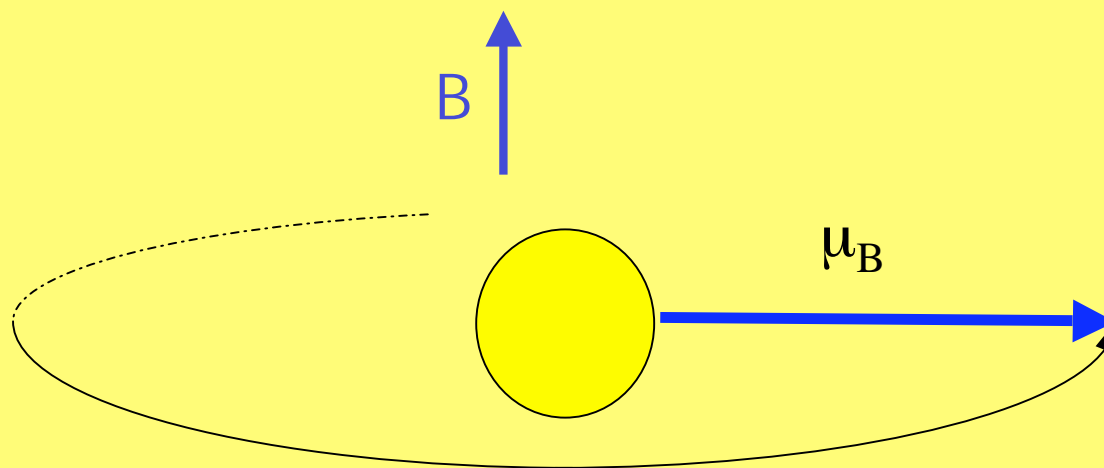


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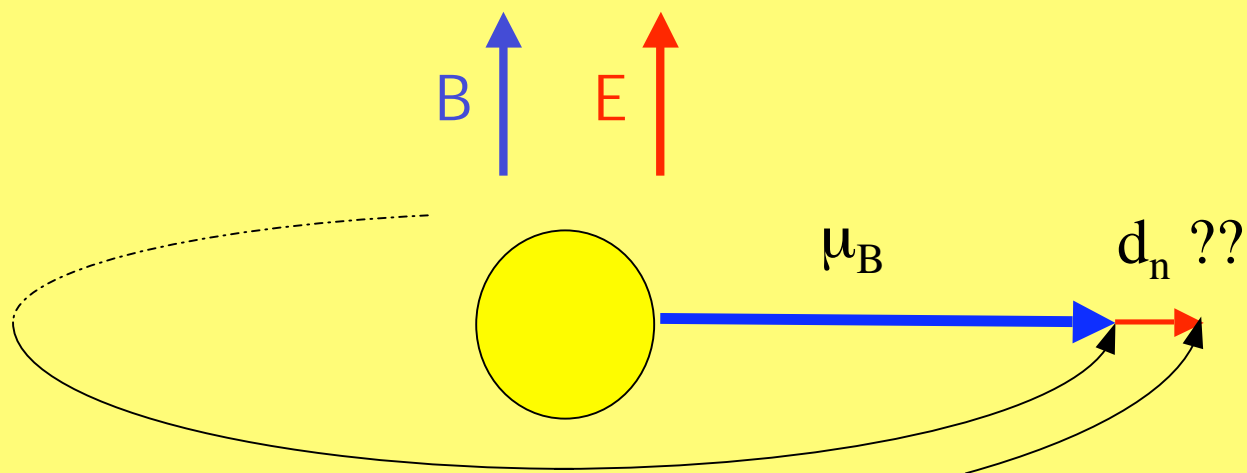
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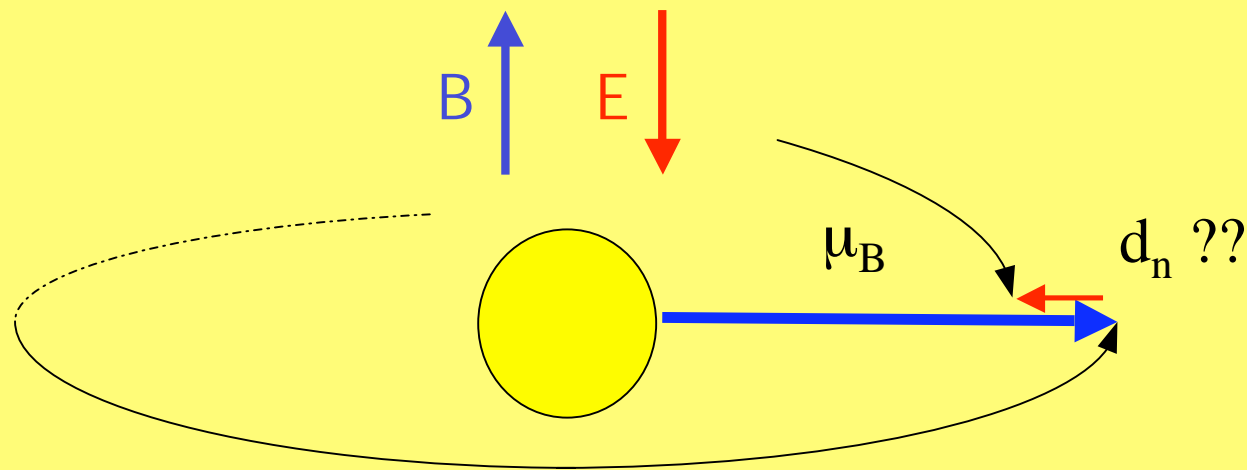
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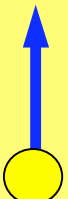
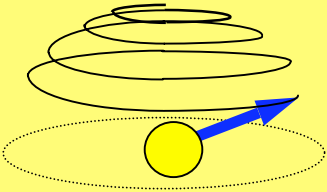
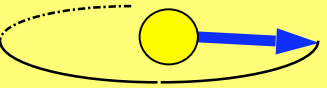
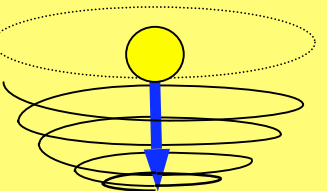
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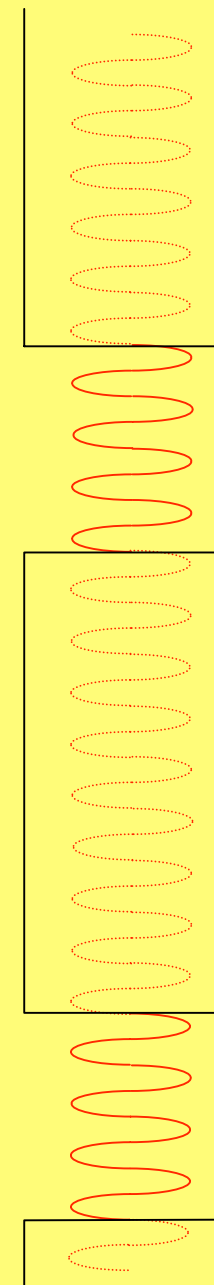


Look for a shift in the Larmor  
frequency of  $2 \cdot E \cdot d_n$  as  $E$  is flipped  
relative to  $B$

# The Ramsey Separated Oscillator Method

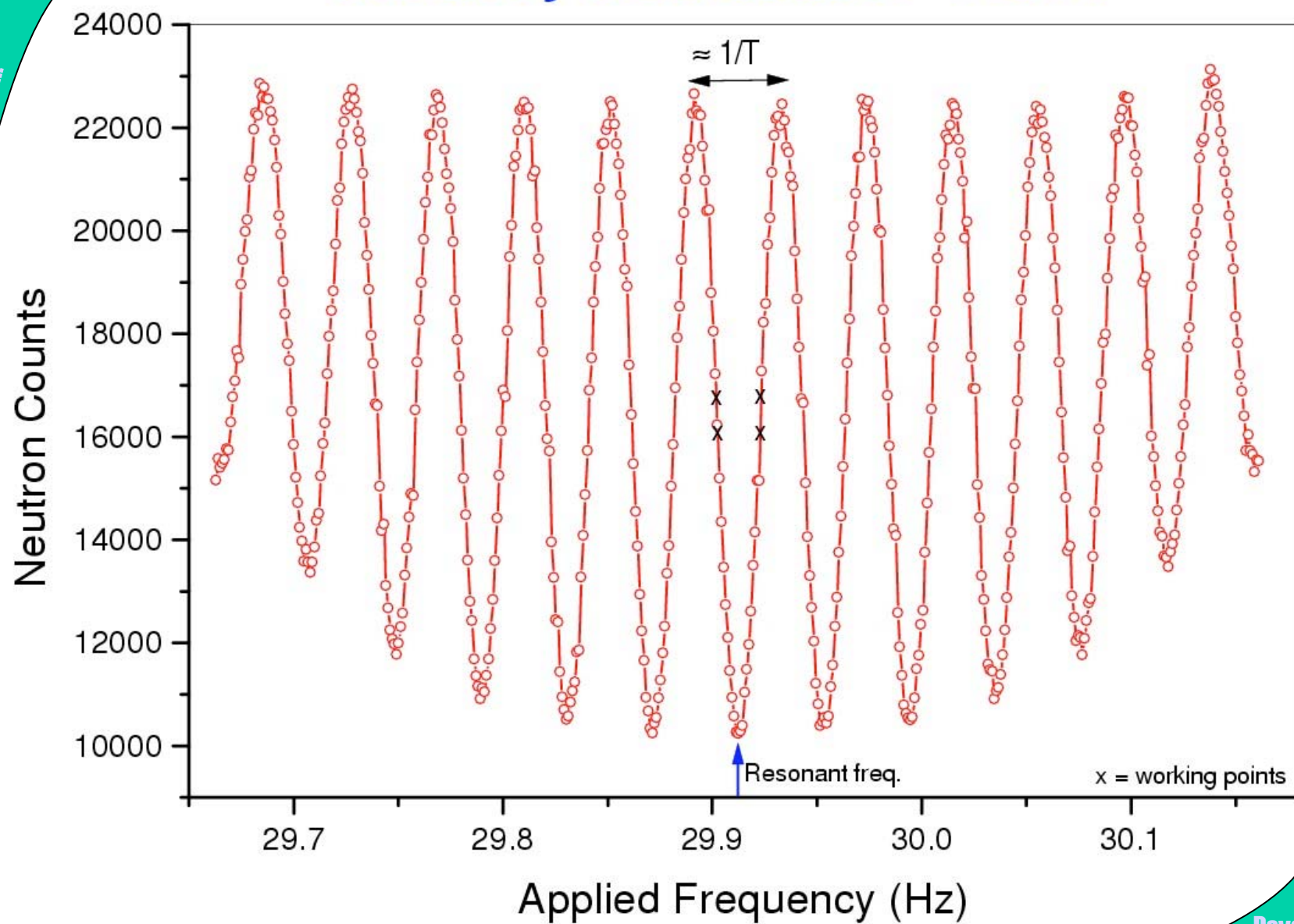
N.F. Ramsey,  
Phys.Rev.**76**  
996 (1949)

1.  *"Spin up" neutron...*
2.  *Apply  $\pi/2$  spin flip pulse...*
3.  *Free precession ...*
4.  *Second  $\pi/2$  spin flip pulse.*



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## Ramsey Resonance Curve

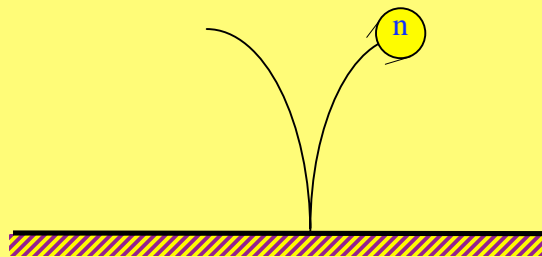


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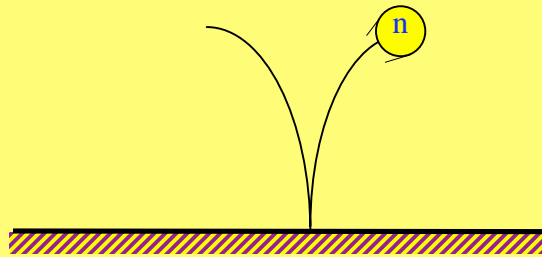


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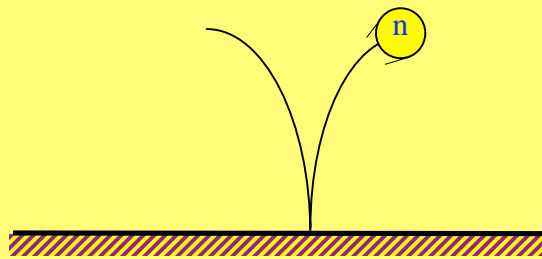
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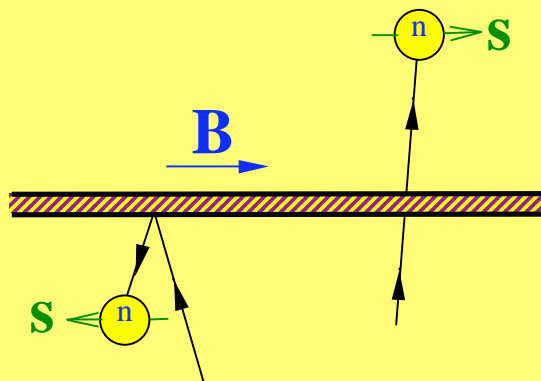
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Prepare neutrons in polarisation state 1, execute Ramsey cycle and measure the number left in states 1 and 2, repeat with B and E fields parallel ( $\uparrow\uparrow$ ) and anti-parallel ( $\uparrow\downarrow$ ), then:

$$d_n = \frac{(N_{1\uparrow\uparrow} - N_{2\uparrow\uparrow} - N_{1\uparrow\downarrow} + N_{2\uparrow\downarrow})\hbar}{2\alpha ETN}$$

Where  $\alpha$  = the product of the neutron polarisation and the analyzing power, E is the applied field strength, T is the storage time, and N is the number of neutrons detected

The resulting “statistical” sensitivity is:

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

Must add any systematics to this to determine the sensitivity of the experiment.

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## Neutron Turbine

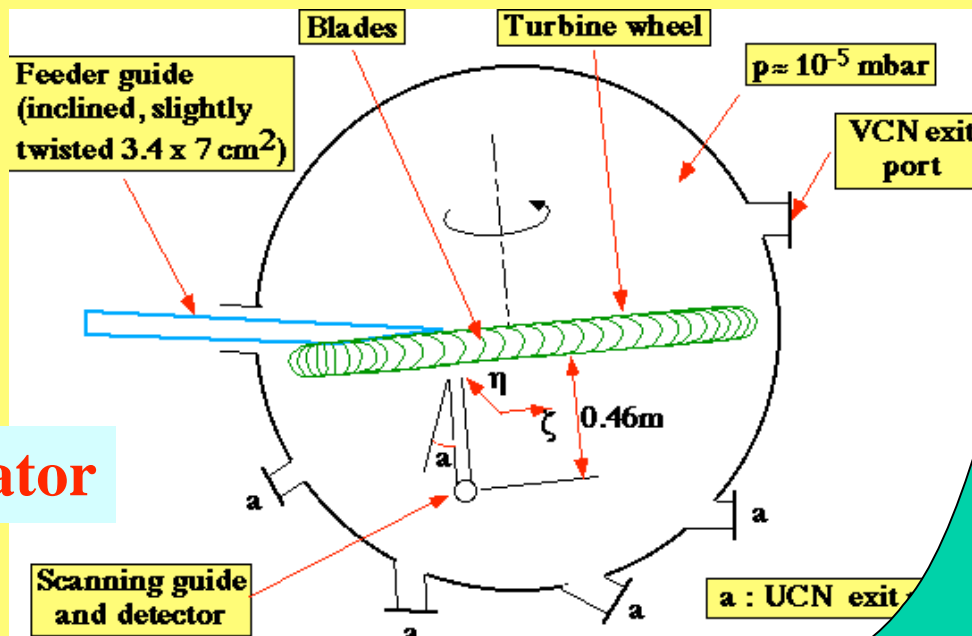
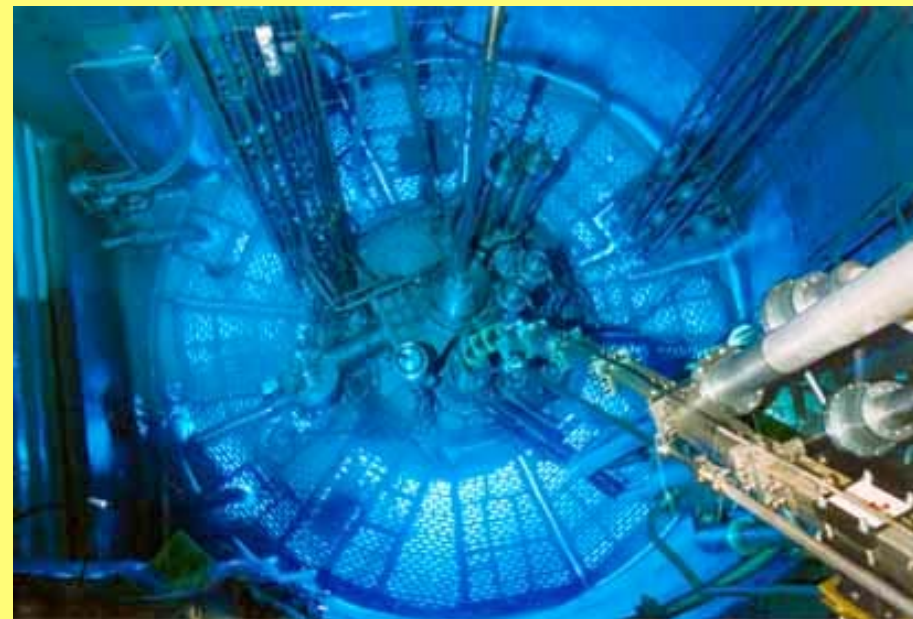
## Vertical guide

## Reactor Core

## Liquid D<sub>2</sub> moderator

### SOURCES FROIDES

1. TURBINE A NEUTRONS
2. CONDENSEUR
3. PISCINE PRINCIPALE (H<sub>2</sub>O)
4. TUBE GUIDE NEUTRONS EN PISCINE
5. BARRE DE SÉCURITÉ
6. BOUCHON
7. VANNE RÉACTEUR
8. PISCINE DE PROTECTION (H<sub>2</sub>O)
9. CHEMINÉE CENTRALE
10. BIDON RÉFLECTEUR (D<sub>2</sub>O)
11. CANAL DOUBLE H1-H2
12. GUIDES NEUTRONS
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15. SOURCE FROIDE HORIZONTALE
16. BARRE DE PILOTAGE



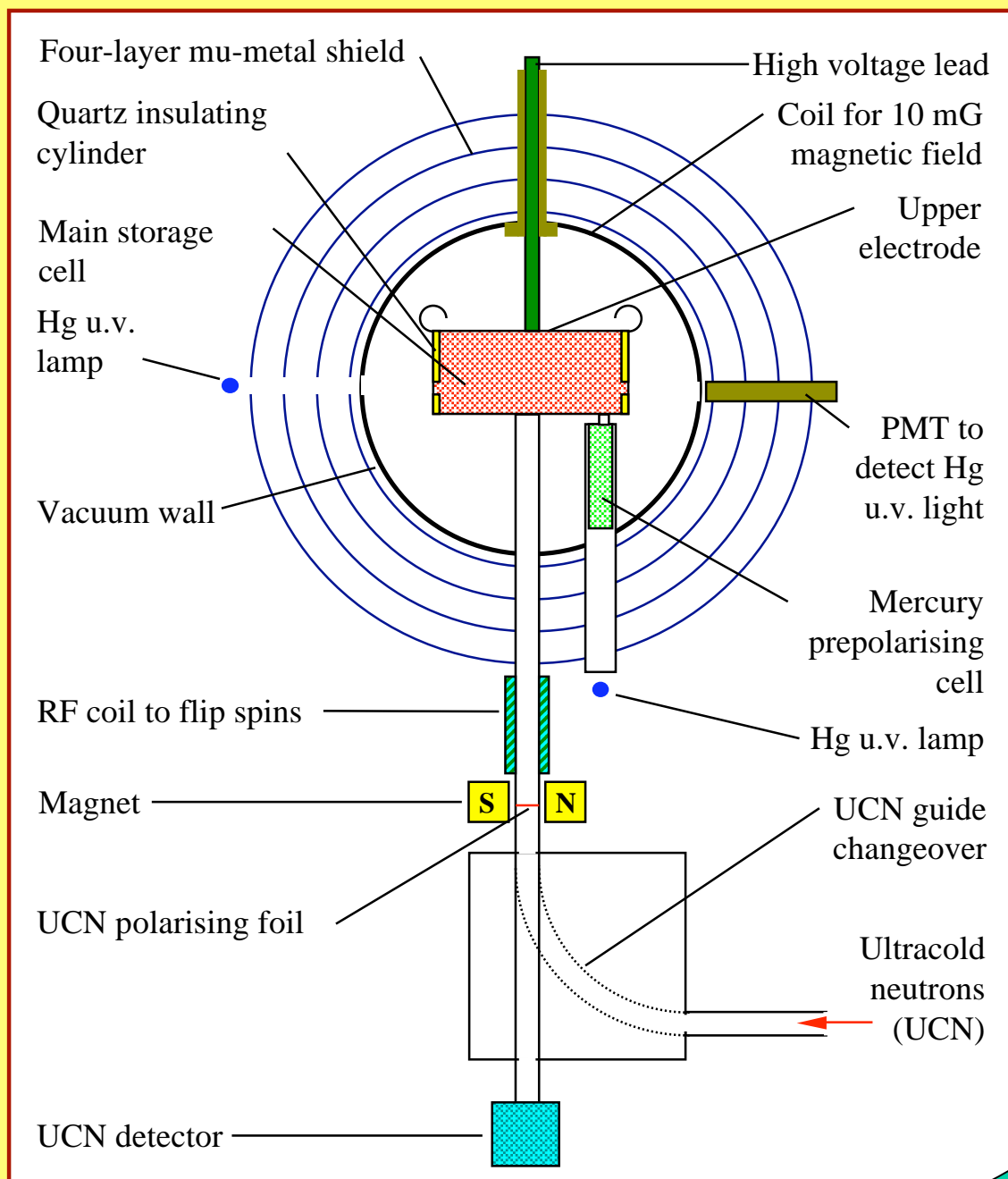
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# Neutron Energy Annoyances

- “Cold” neutrons have:
  - $E \approx 0.1 - 1 \text{ meV}$
  - $v \approx 100 \text{ m/s}$
  - $\lambda \approx 1\text{-}10 \text{ \AA}$
  - $T \approx 10 \text{ K}$
- “Ultra-cold” neutrons have:
  - $E \approx 1 - 10 \text{ neV}$
  - $v \approx 0\text{-}15 \text{ m/s}$
  - $\lambda \approx 1000 \text{ \AA}$
  - $T \approx \text{real small (normally not thermal)}$

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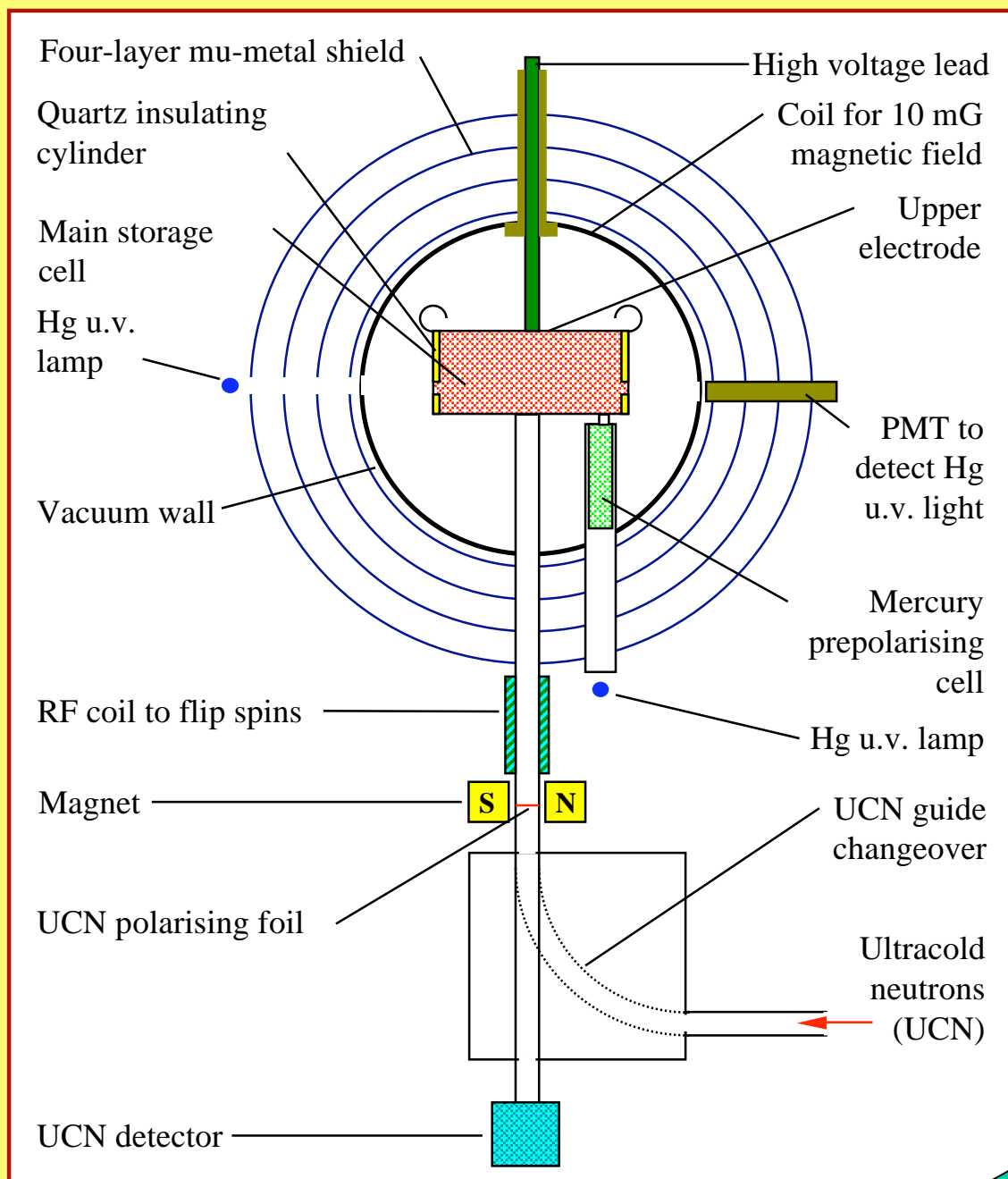
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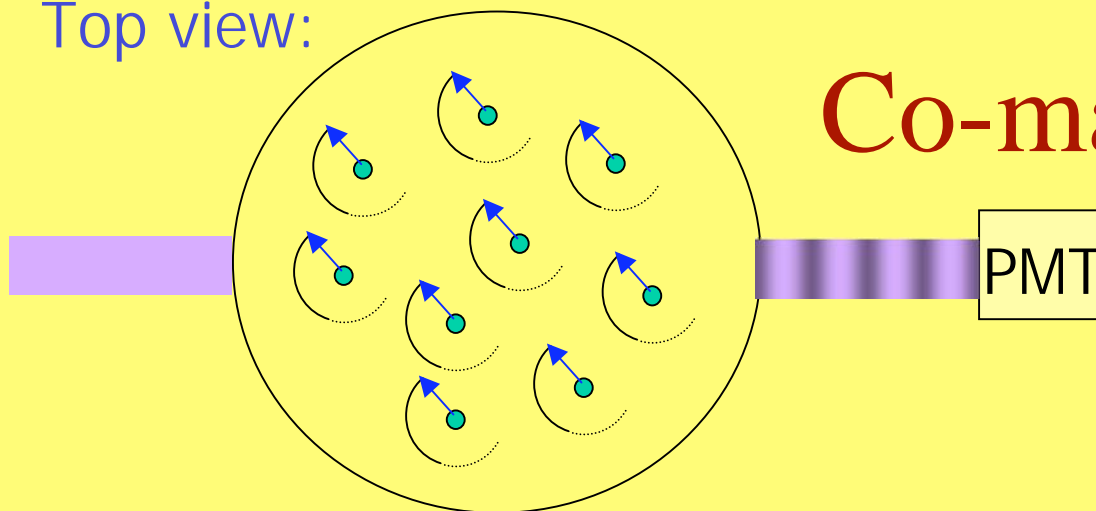
  
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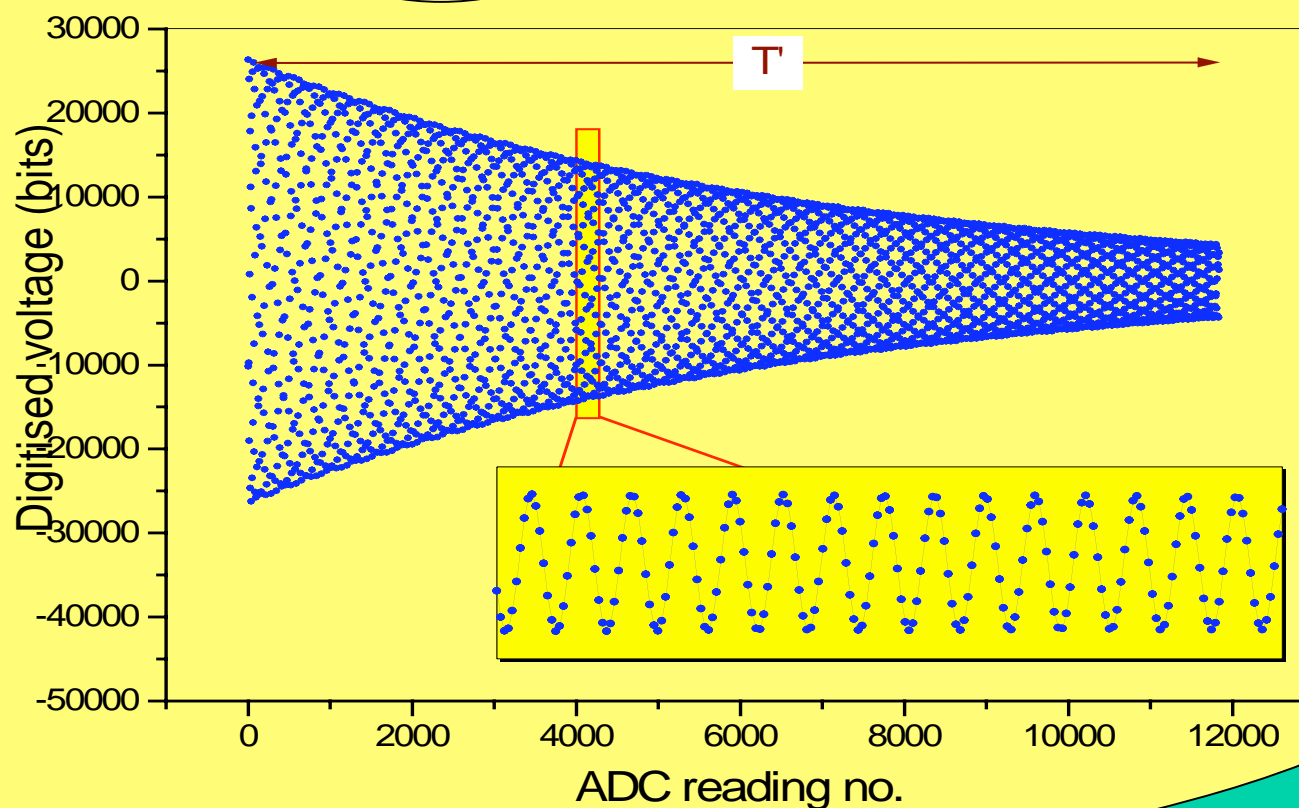
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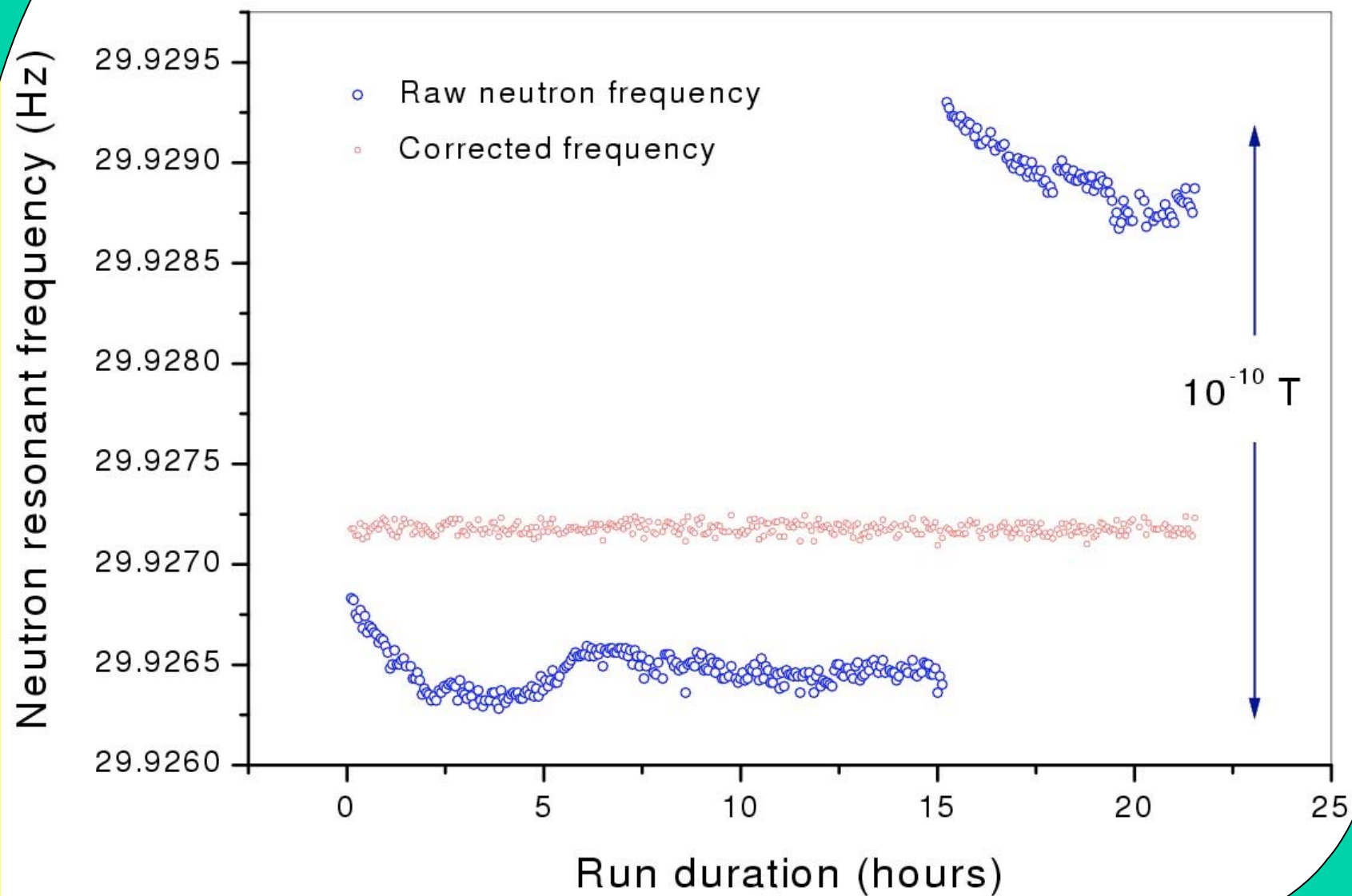


# Hg Co-magnetometer



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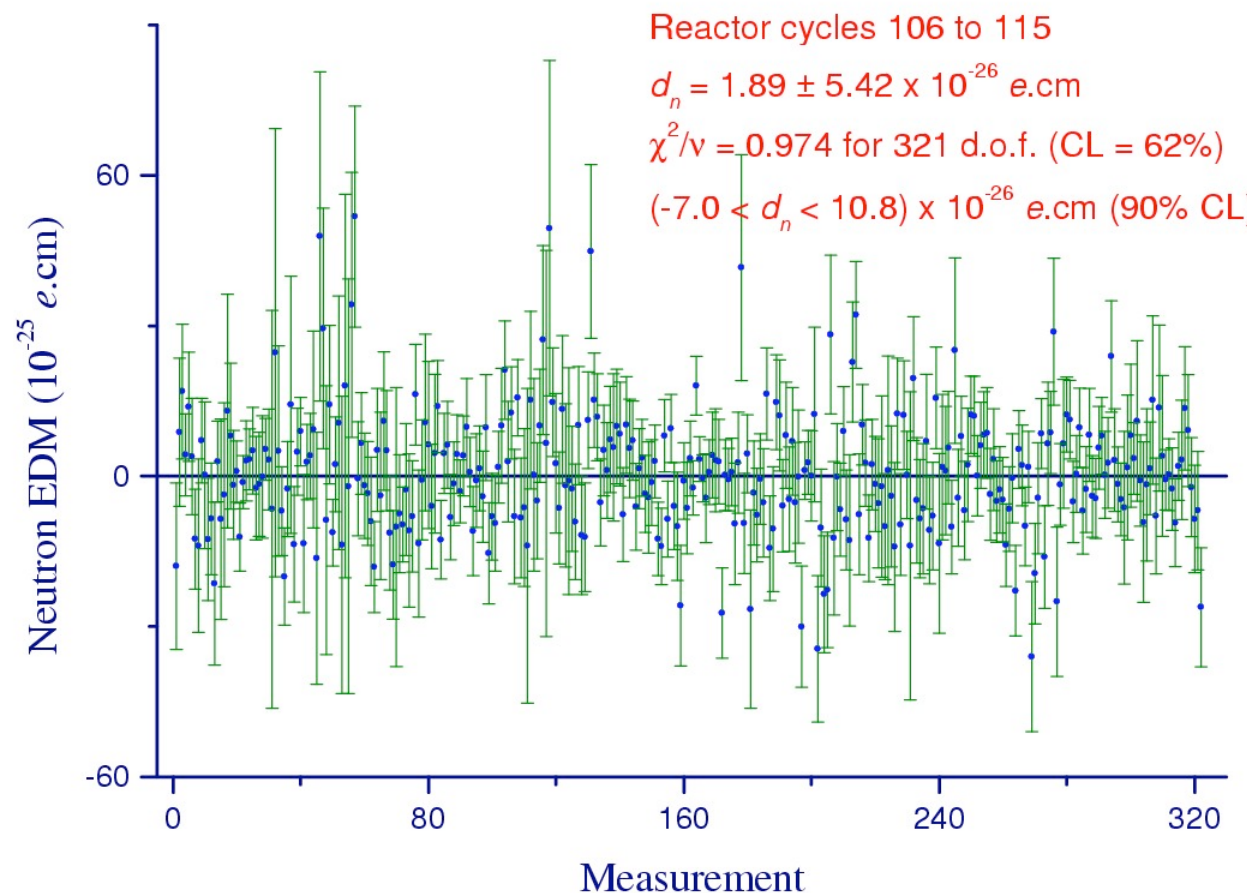
## Magnetic Field Drift Correction



# 1999 Results

(PG Harris *et al*, PRL 82, 904 (1999))

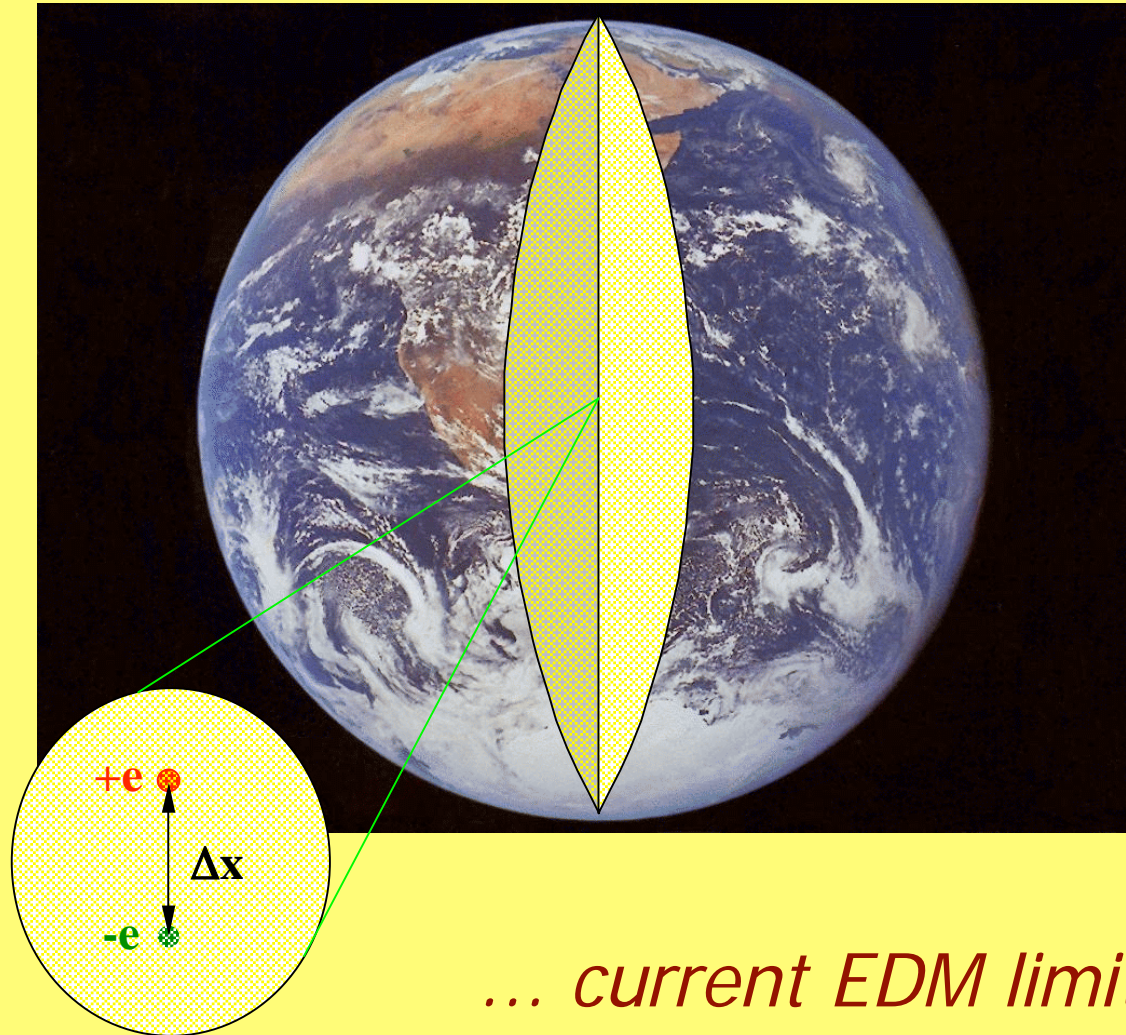
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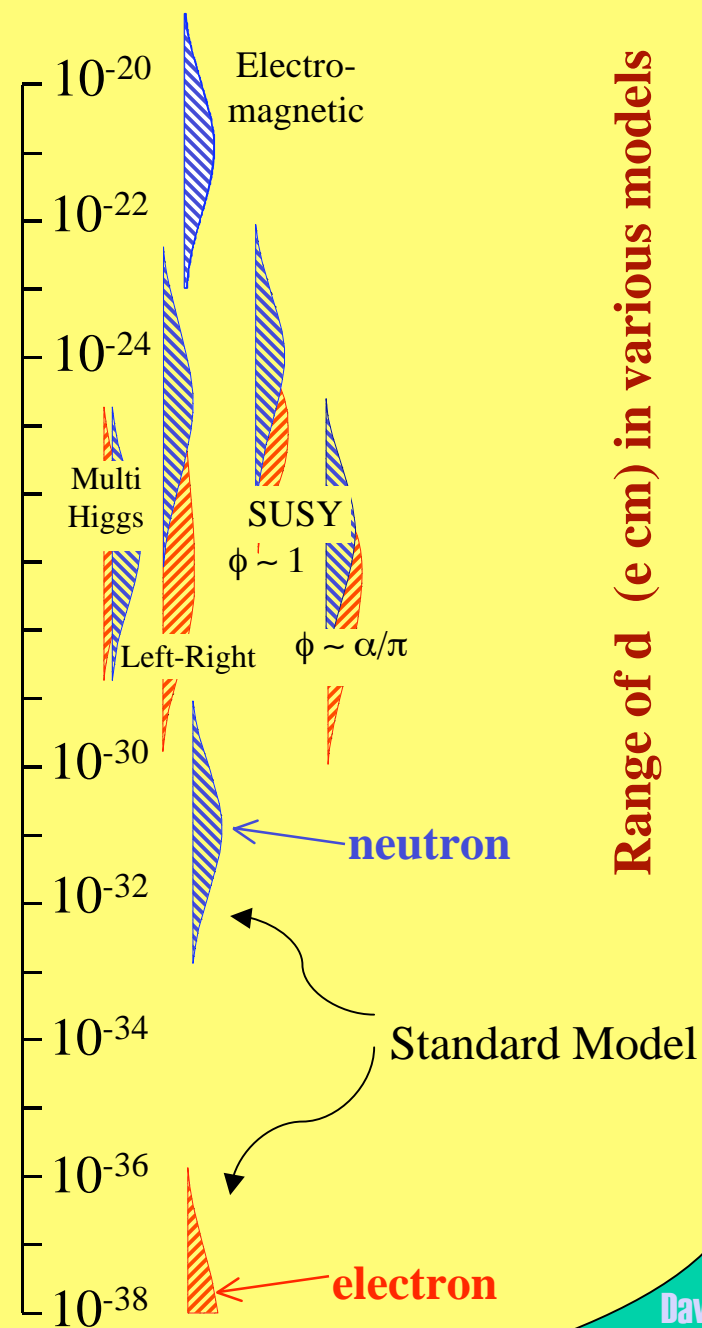
*If neutron were the size of the earth...*



*... current EDM limit  
would correspond to charge  
separation of  $\Delta x \approx 10 \mu$ .*

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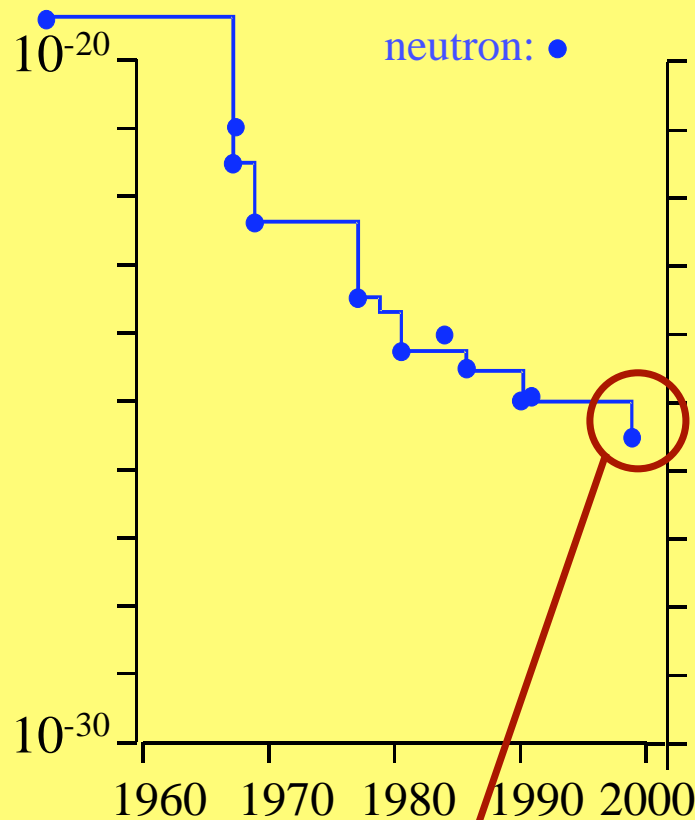
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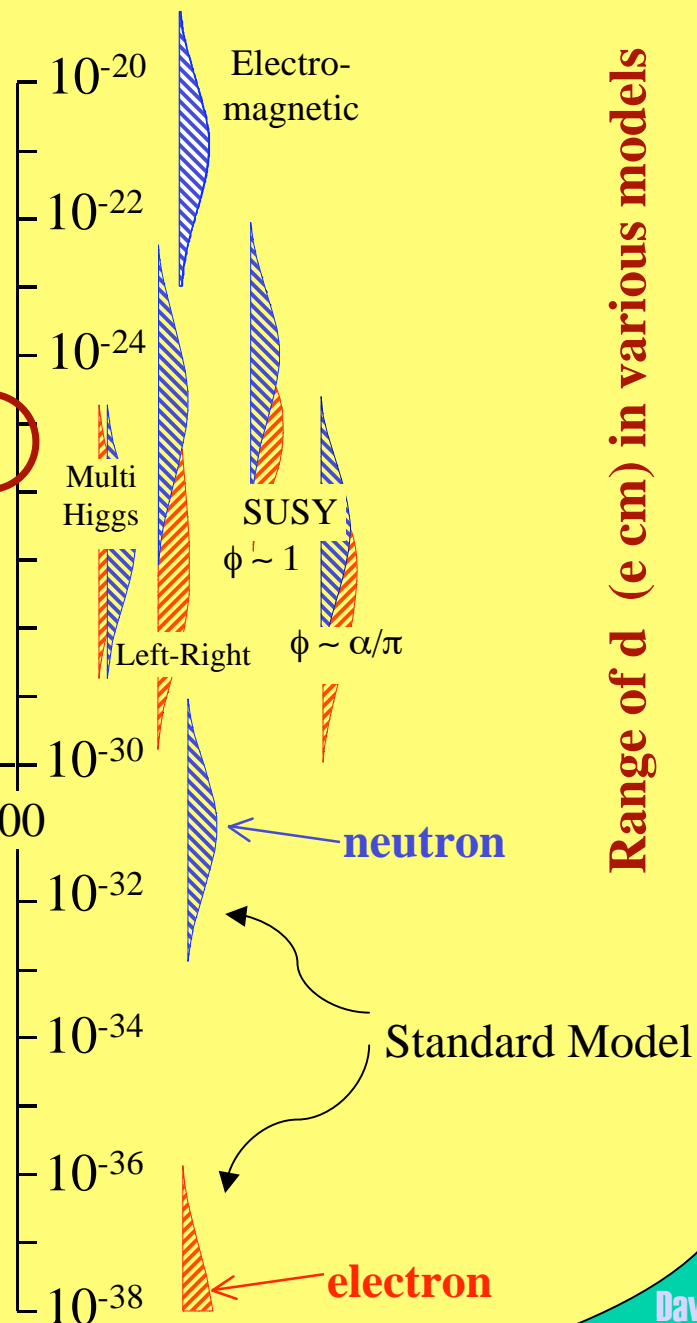
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Experimental Limit on  $d$  (e cm)



Cited ~250 times already



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New polarisers  
on Si wafers

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Shorter, wider bottle  
<sup>4</sup>He buffer gas  
Better cleaning methods)

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Better neutron guides  
Loss of 50% from source

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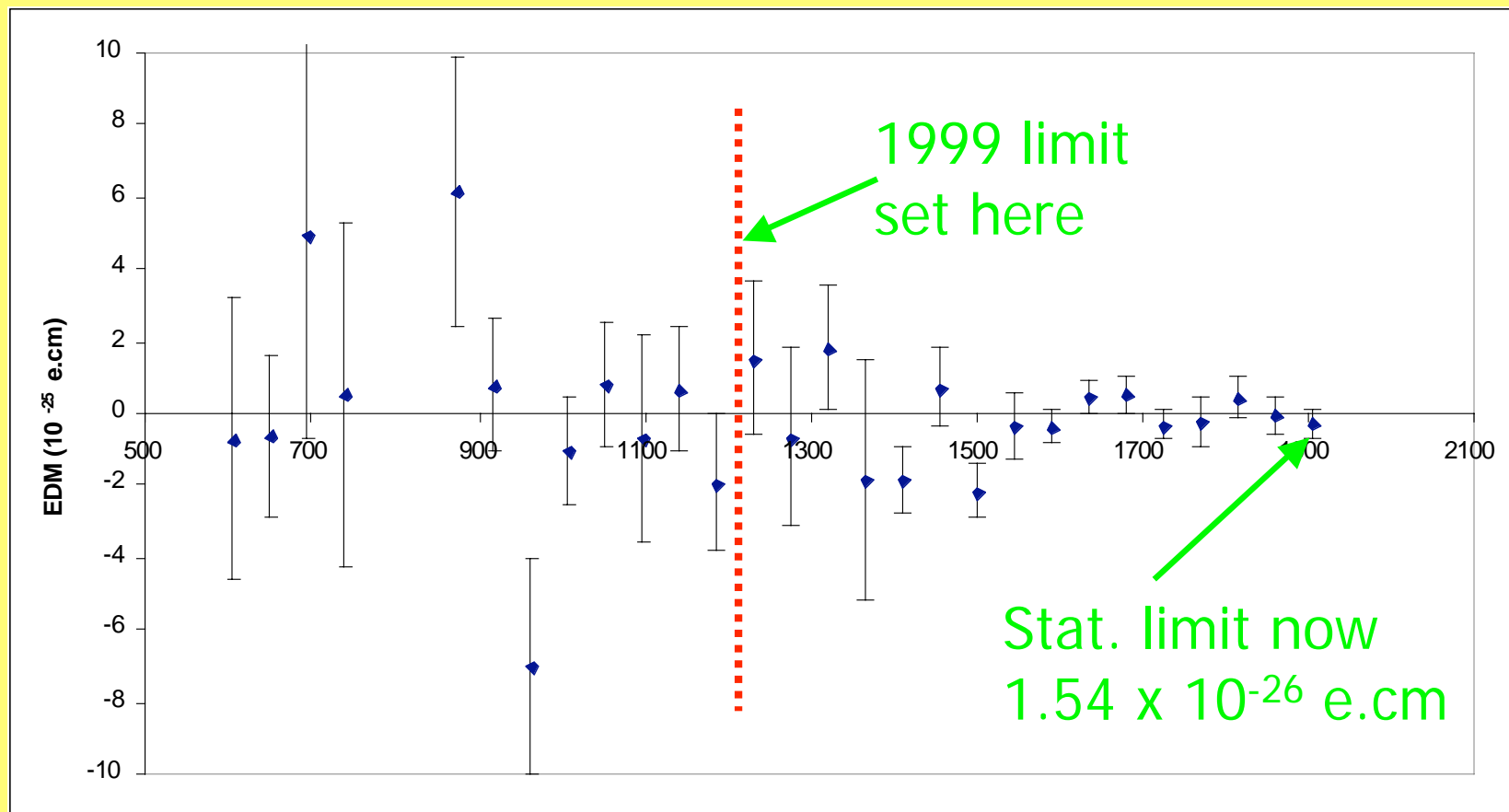
Overall factor of ~3 improvement



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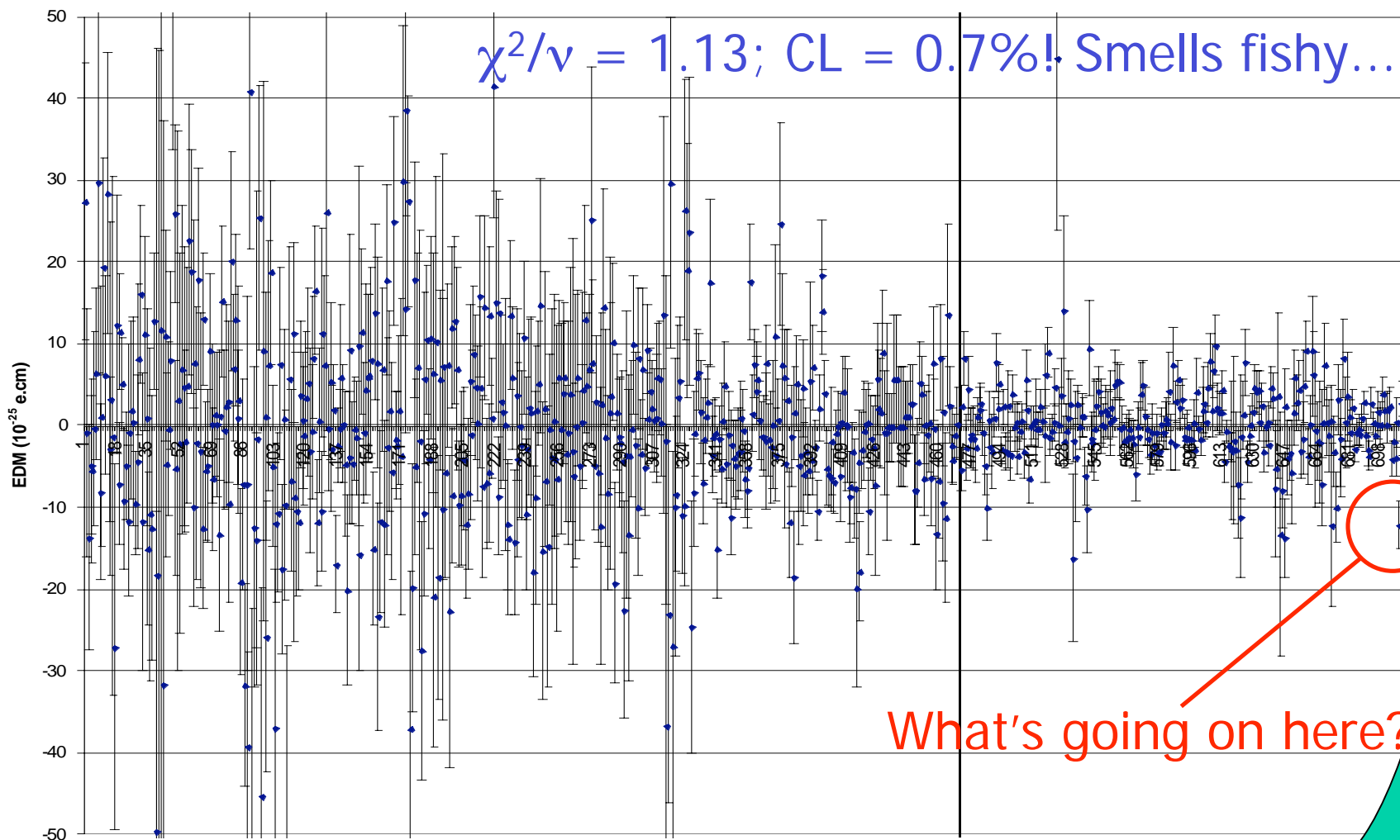
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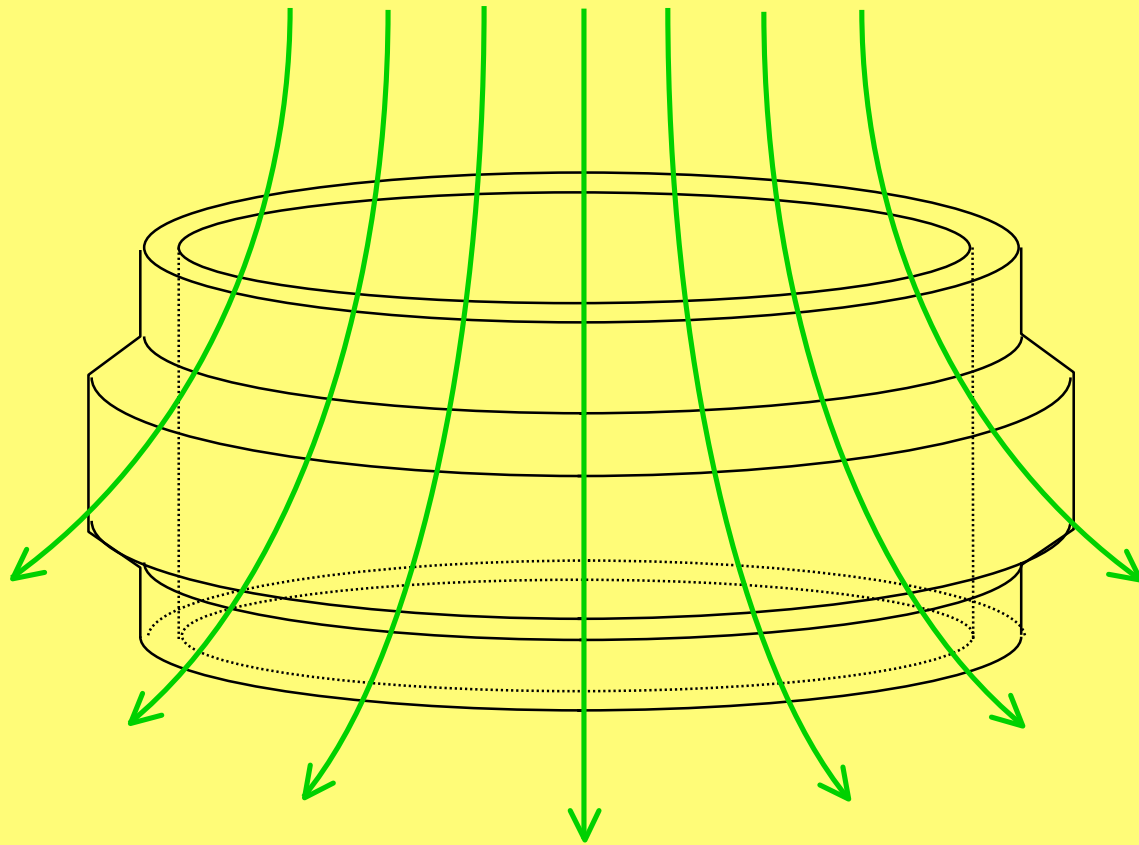


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# Conspiracy Theory

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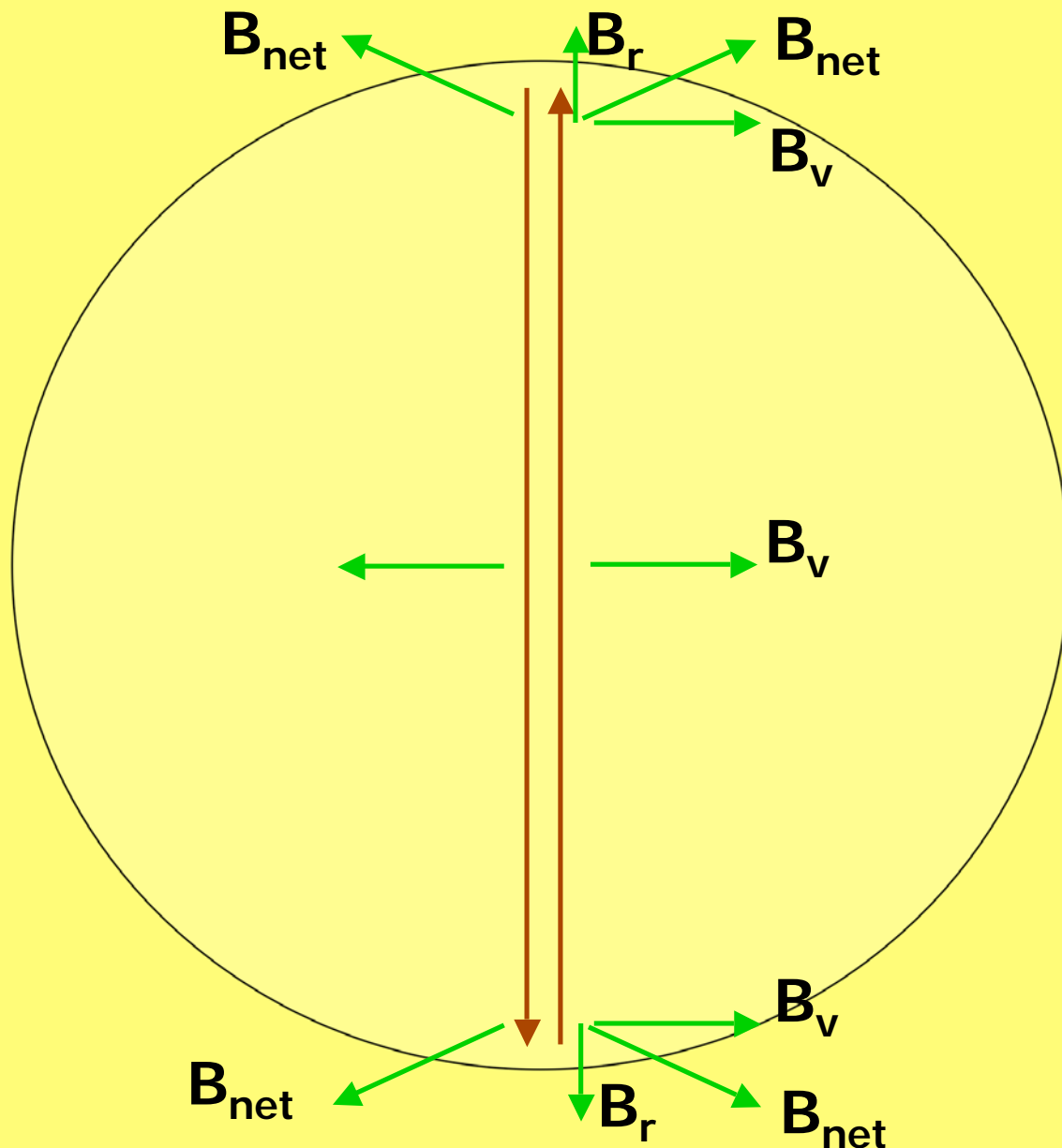
$$\frac{\partial B}{\partial z} \Rightarrow B_r \propto r$$



and, from Special Relativity, extra motion-induced field

$$B' = \frac{1}{\gamma} \frac{\vec{v} \times \vec{E}}{c^2}$$

# Geometric Phase



... so particle  
sees additional  
rotating field

Frequency shift  
 $\propto E$

**Looks like  
an EDM**

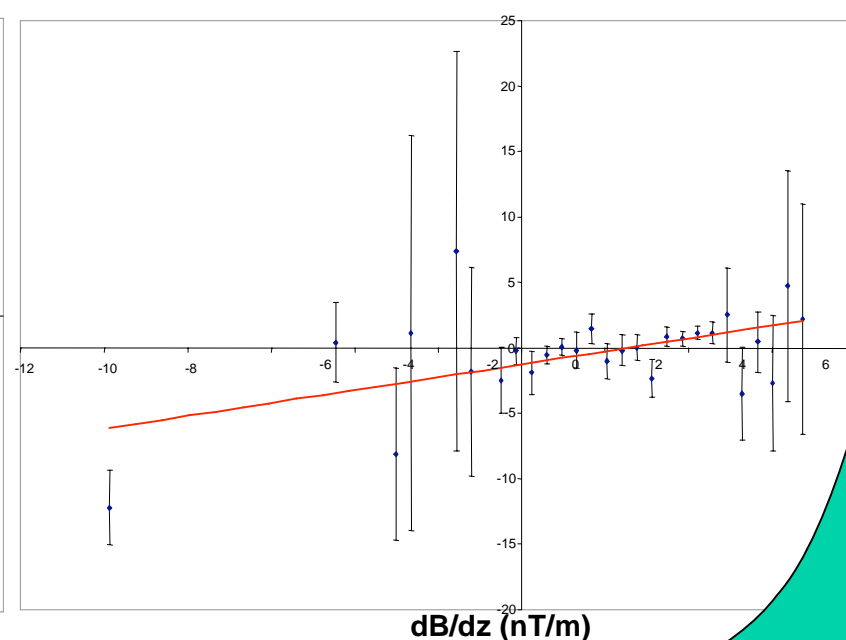
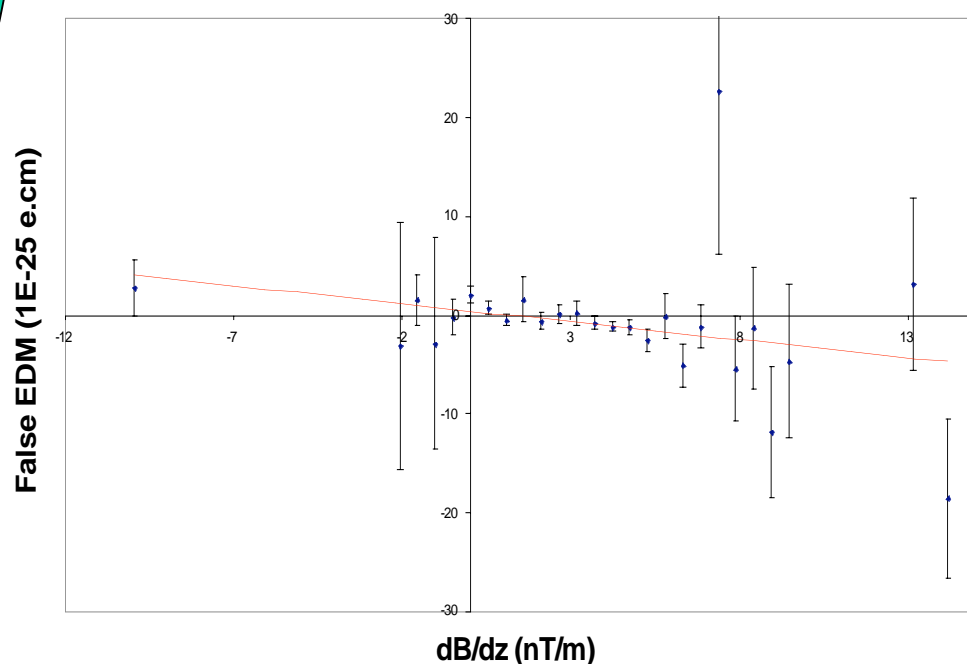
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# Field Gradient Effect

- Verified in data: Measured EDM depends upon applied magnetic field gradient, with exactly predicted dependence
- Mercury magnetometer now provides our largest systematic!
- More precise field measurements will allow us to compensate this effect to  $\sim 4 \times 10^{-27}$  e.cm

Magnetic Field Down

Magnetic Field Up



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## Error Budget for Total Data Set

Statistical	1.54E-26 e.cm
Dipole & quadrupole shifts	6E-27 e.cm
Enhanced GP dipole shifts	4E-27 e.cm
$(\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{v})/c^2$ from translation	1E-27 e.cm
$(\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{v})/c^2$ from rotation	1E-27 e.cm
Light shift: direct	8E-28 e.cm
B fluctuations	7E-28 e.cm
E forces – distortion of bottle	4E-28 e.cm
Tangential leakage currents	1E-28 e.cm
AC B fields from HV ripple	<1E-28 e.cm
Light shift: GP effects	included

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My colleagues announced new results  
at SUSY05 (preliminary)

$$d_n = (-0.31 \pm 1.54 \pm 1.00) \times 10^{-26} \text{ e.cm}$$

New (preliminary) limit:

$$|d_n| < 3.1 \times 10^{-26} \text{ e.cm (90\% CL)}$$

Preprint expected soon

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# How will we do better?

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# Do we want to do better?

- Existing limits are already a challenge for theorists – for instance, the strong interaction CP phase  $\theta_s$  must be  $\leq 10^{-10}$
- Many other models are also challenged, for instance the “natural” scale for nEDM caused by CP violation in SUSY models is  $10^{-23}$  to  $10^{-24}$  e cm.
- We have therefore already learned something significant about SUSY – if SUSY exists, there is some structure to the theory to suppress CP violation.

# Do we want to do better?

- If we can push our sensitivity to  $\sim 10^{-28}$  e cm, then either:
  - We will observe an nEDM
  - SUSY is not a property of nature (see below)
  - CP violation is an approximate symmetry of nature
  - CP violation has an off-diagonal structure, or there are large cancellations, or some as-of-yet unknown other mechanism strongly suppresses EDMs
- If SUSY does not exist, we still must explain the baryon asymmetry so investigations sensitive to new sources of CP violation are critical.

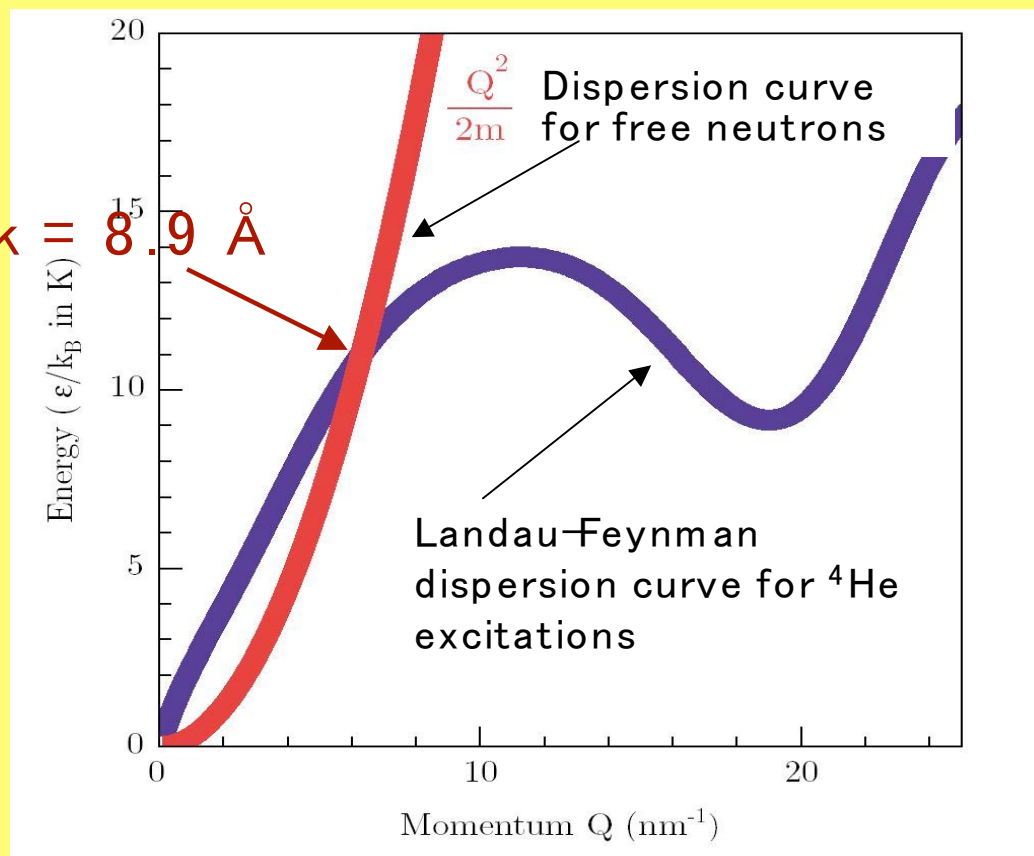
# Cryogenic nEDM Collaboration

- University of Sussex - K. Green, M.G.D. van der Grinten, P.G.Harris, J.M.Pendlebury, D.B.Shiers, K.Zuber
- RAL - S.N.Balashov, M.A.H.Tucker, D.L.Wark
- University of Oxford - H.Kraus, S. Henry
- Kure University – H. Yoshiki
- Visiting Scientists – P. Iaydjiev and S. Ivanov.

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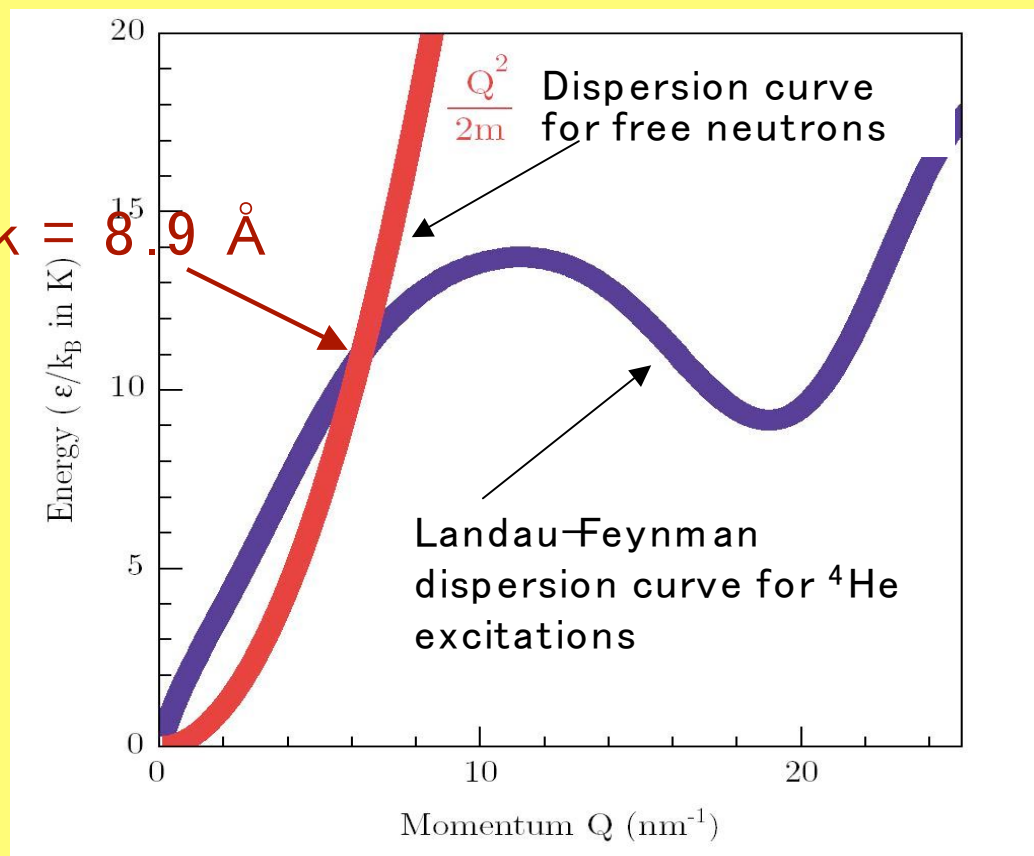
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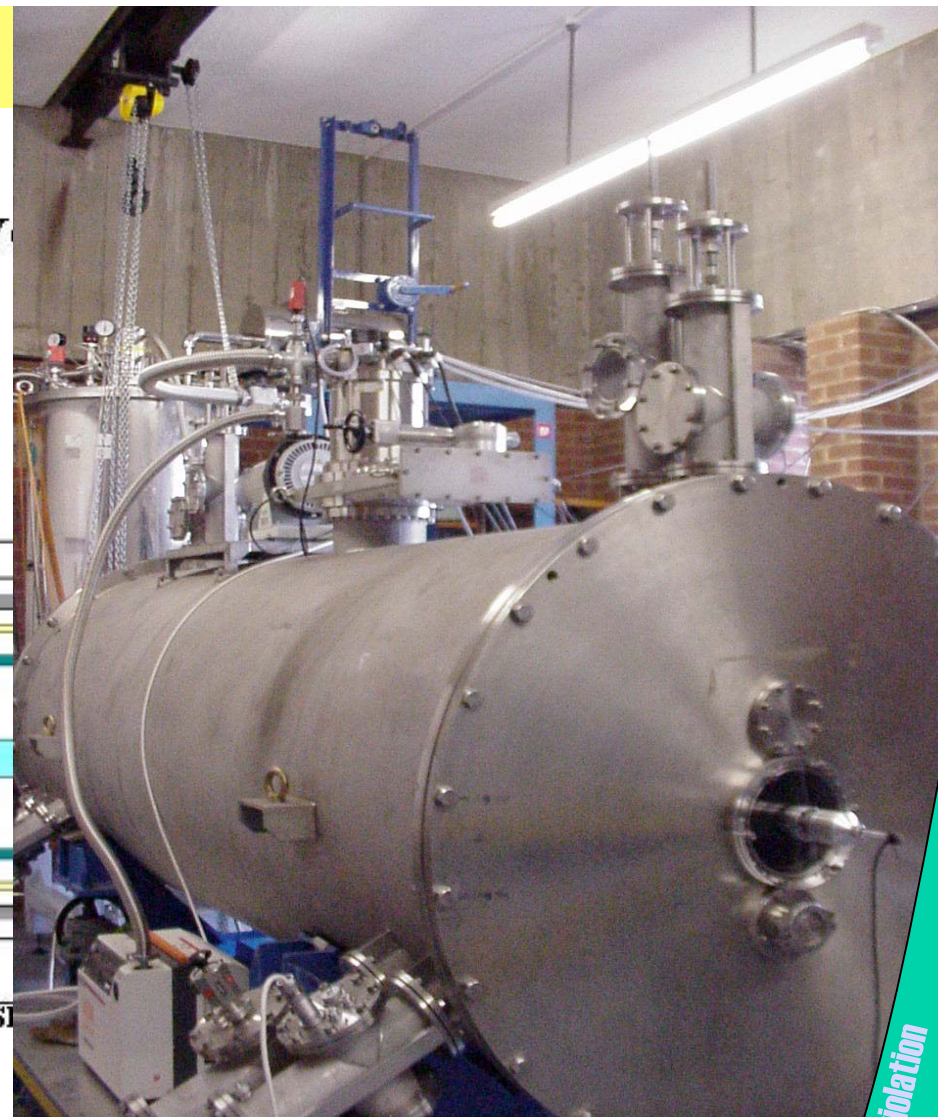
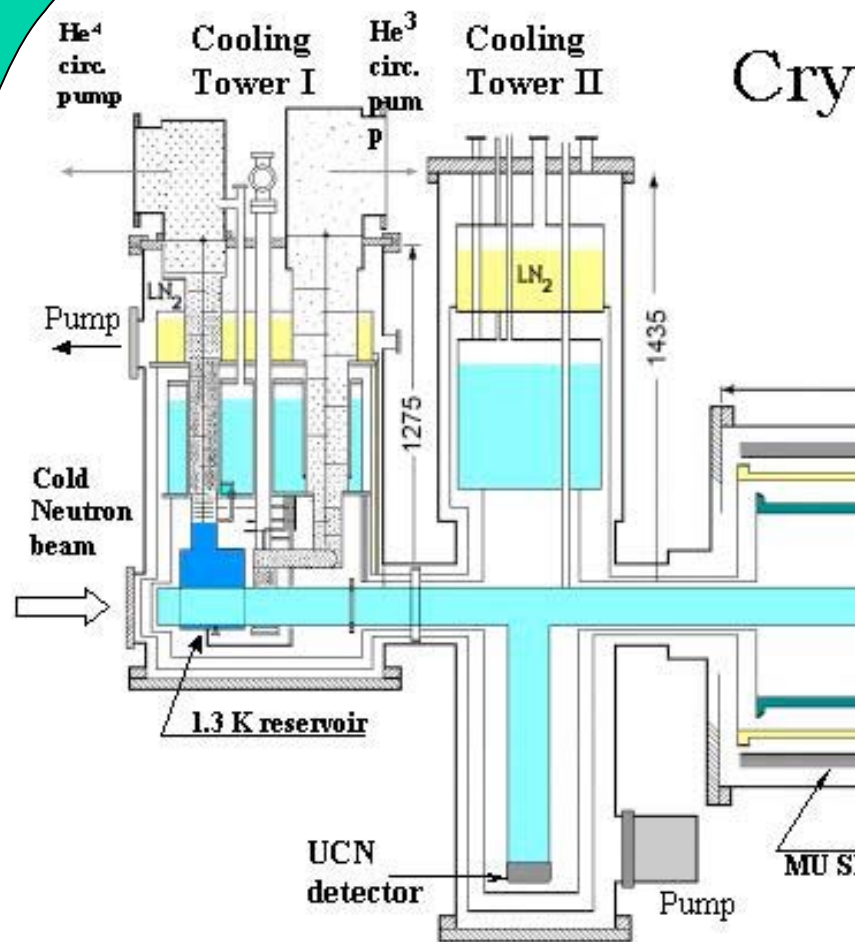
- To use this we need....

Golub and Pendlebury, Phys. Lett. A53 133(1975)

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Entire Cryostat and pumps provided  
by Hajime Yoshiki from Kure

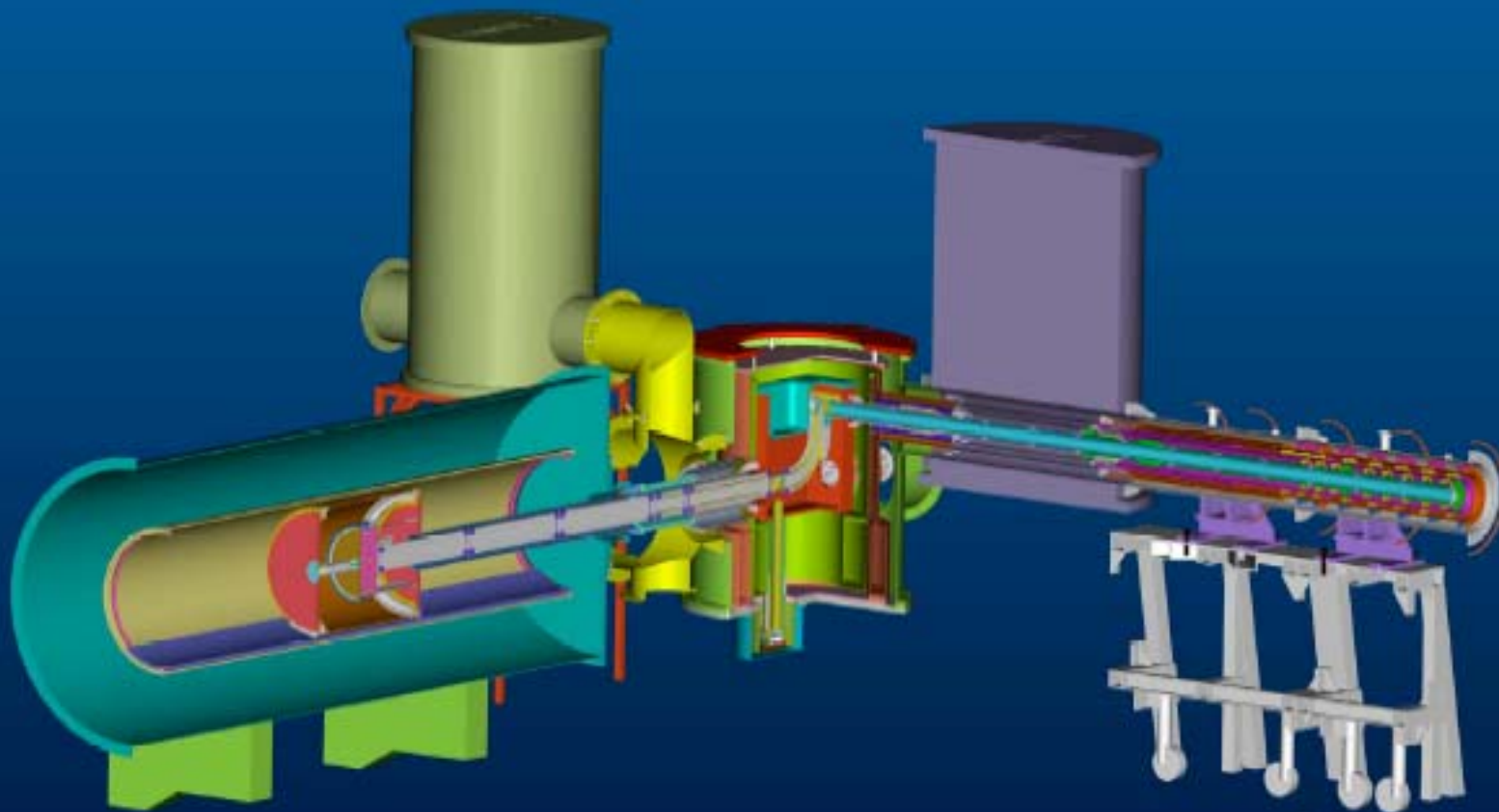
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# Next Generation Experiment



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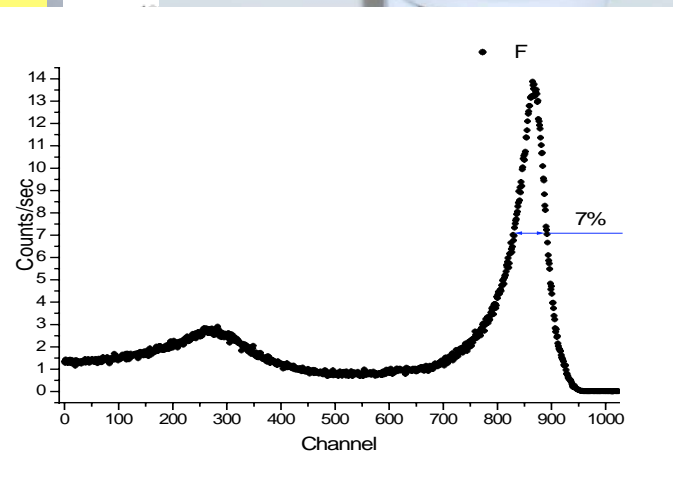
# Detectors that will work in 0.5K LHe....

Development funded by PPARC  
Blue Skies Detector Fund

ORTEC ULTRA silicon detectors  
Coated with a thin layer of  $^6\text{LiF}$

Observe  $n + ^6\text{Li} \rightarrow \alpha + t$

They work, although the efficiency  
could be further improved by lo



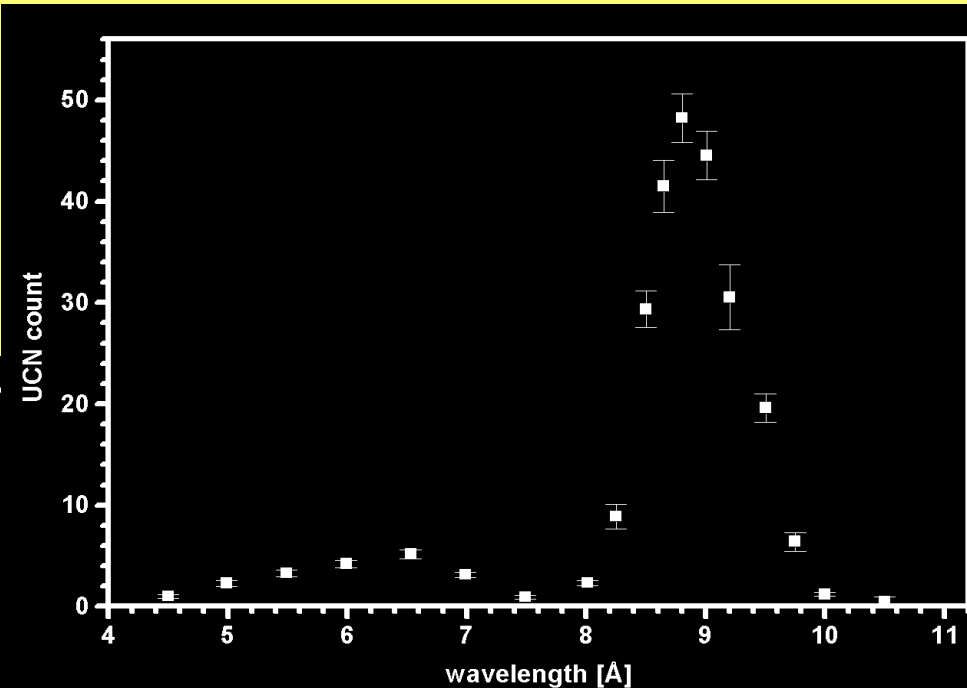
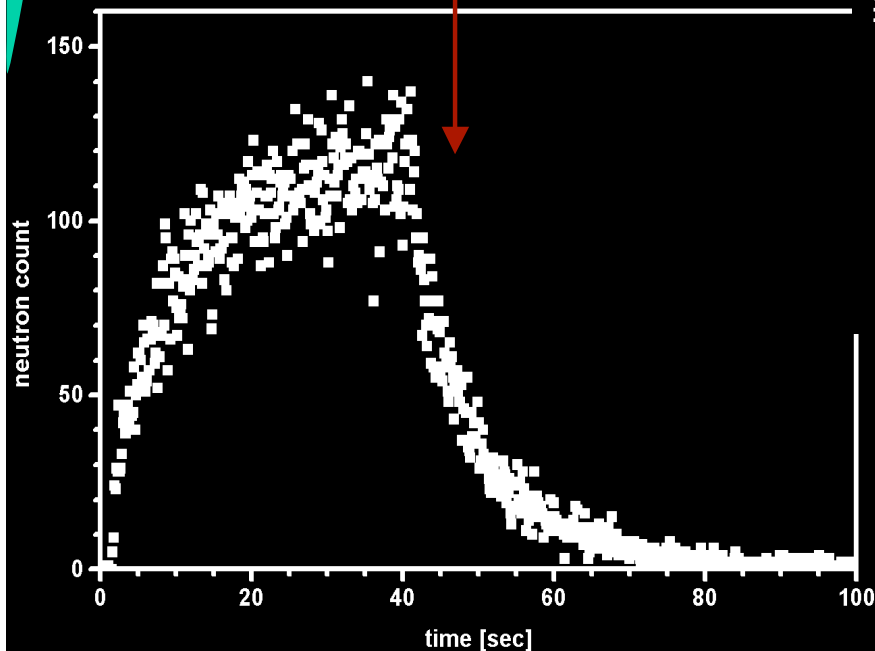
See C.A.Baker *et al.*, NIM **A487** 511-520 (2002)

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Must demonstrate that the production mechanism really works...

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A velocity-selected beam of cold neutrons passes through LHe, the UCN are bottled and detected



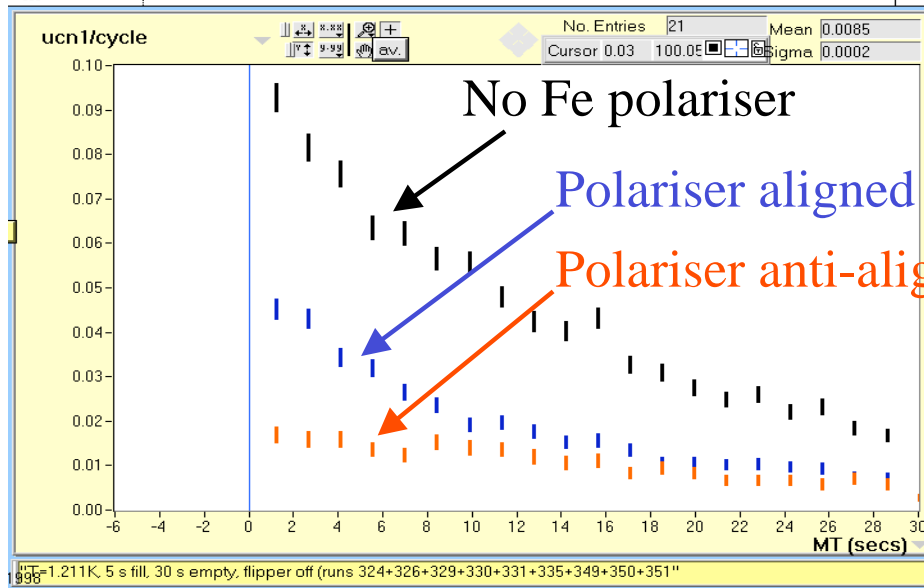
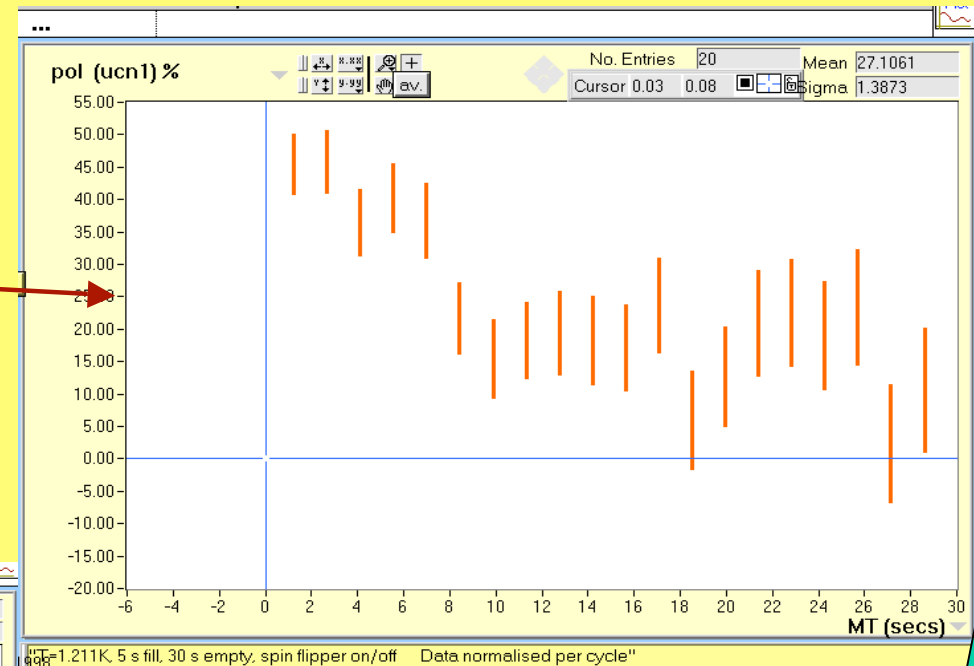
$1.19 \pm 0.18$  UCN  $\text{cm}^{-3} \text{s}^{-1}$   
expected,  $0.91 \pm 0.13$  observed

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# Show that polarisation is retained during downscattering...

Inferred polarisation

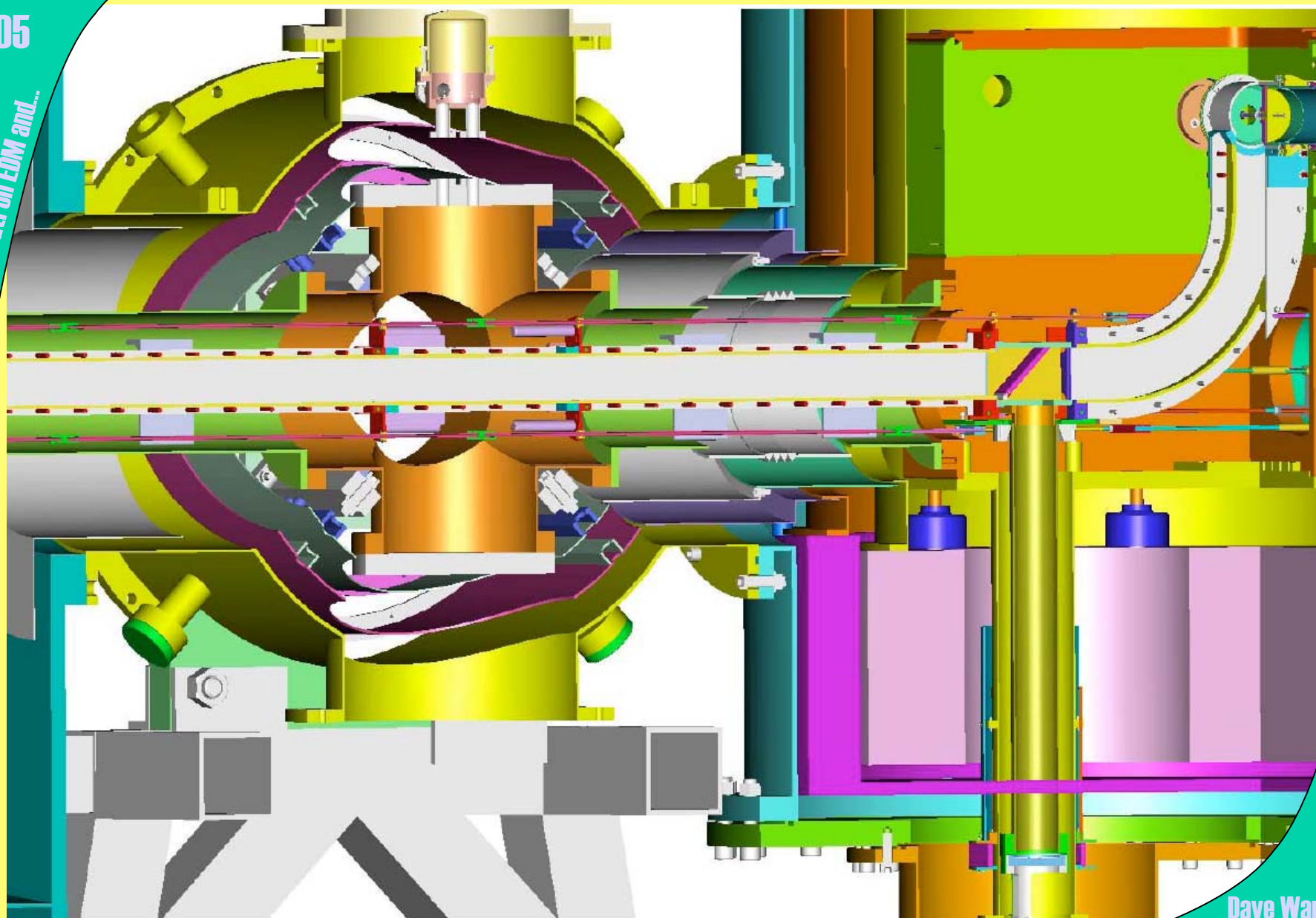


UCN polarisation is  $(0.93 \pm 0.10)$  of the polarisation of the incoming beam

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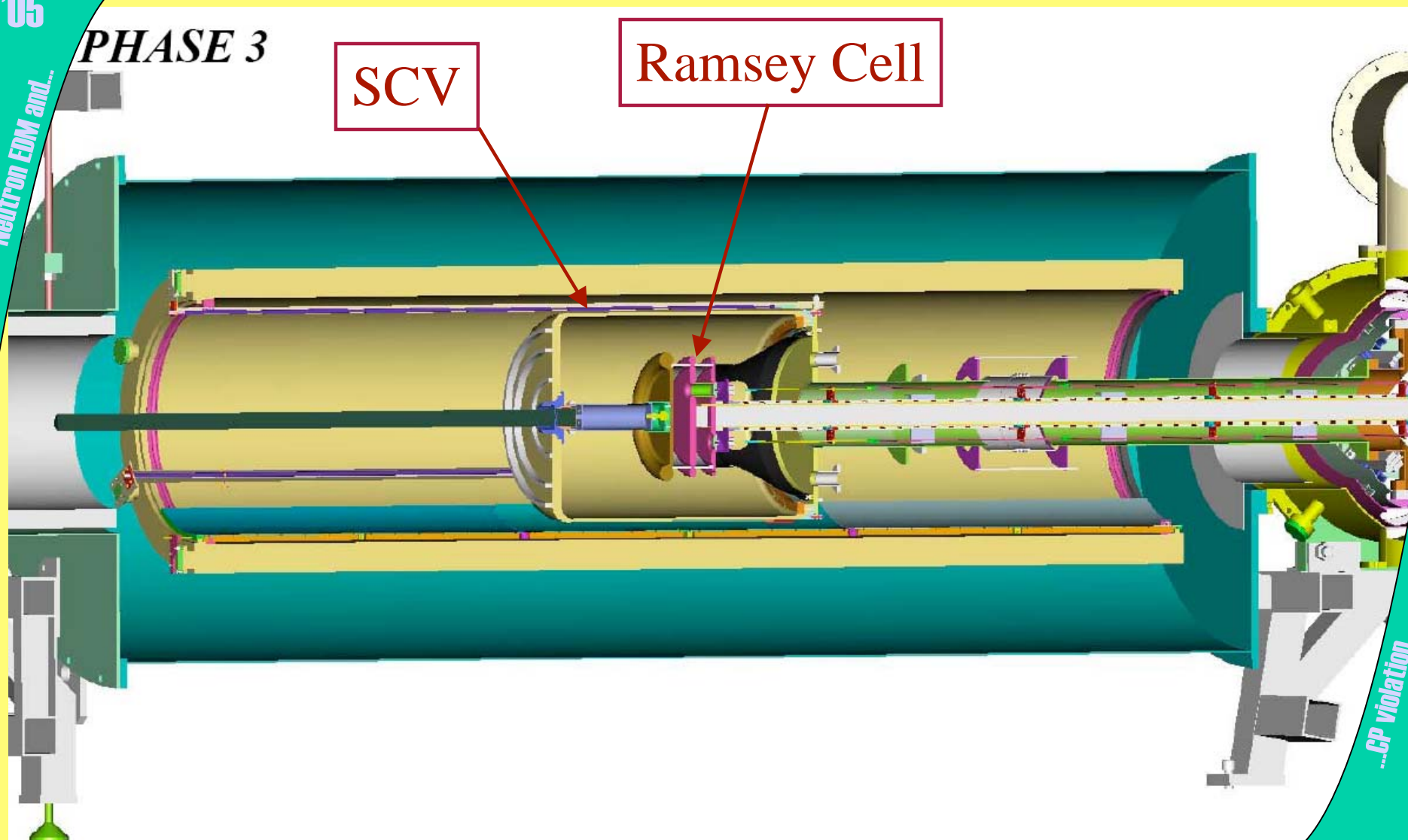
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Ramsey Cell

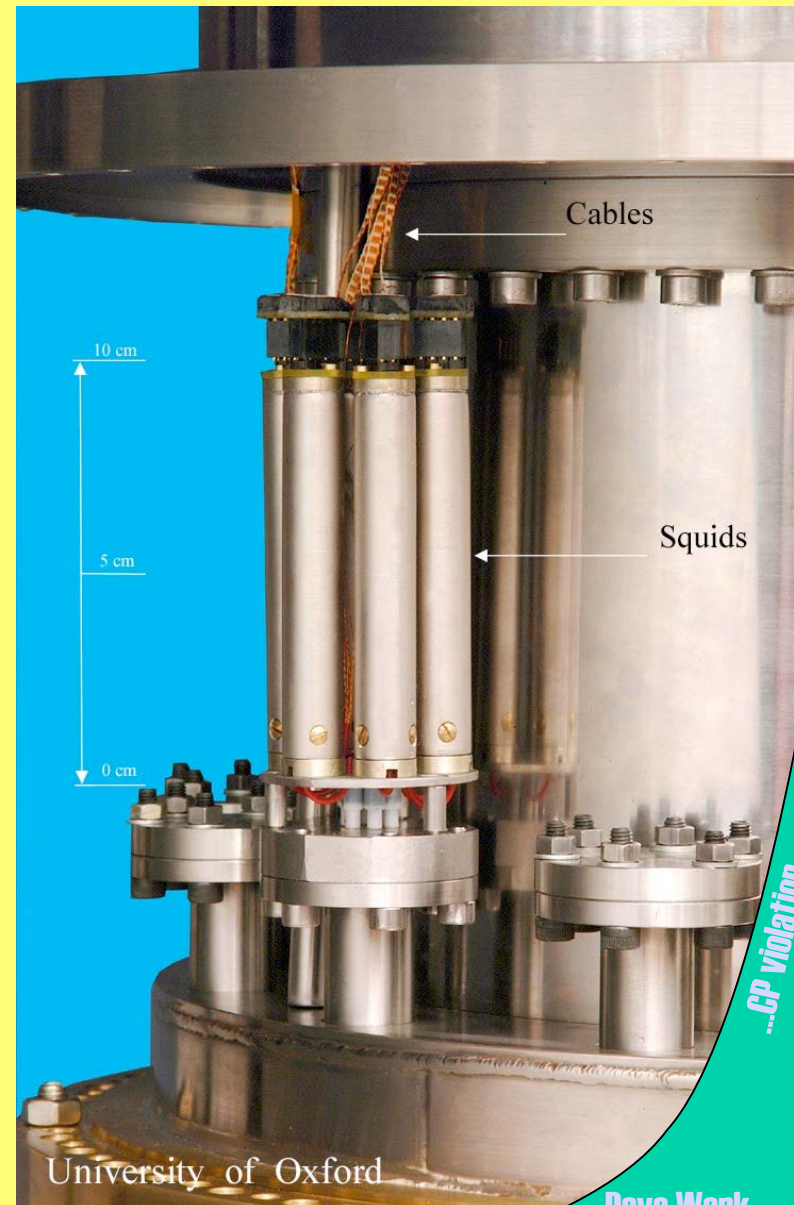
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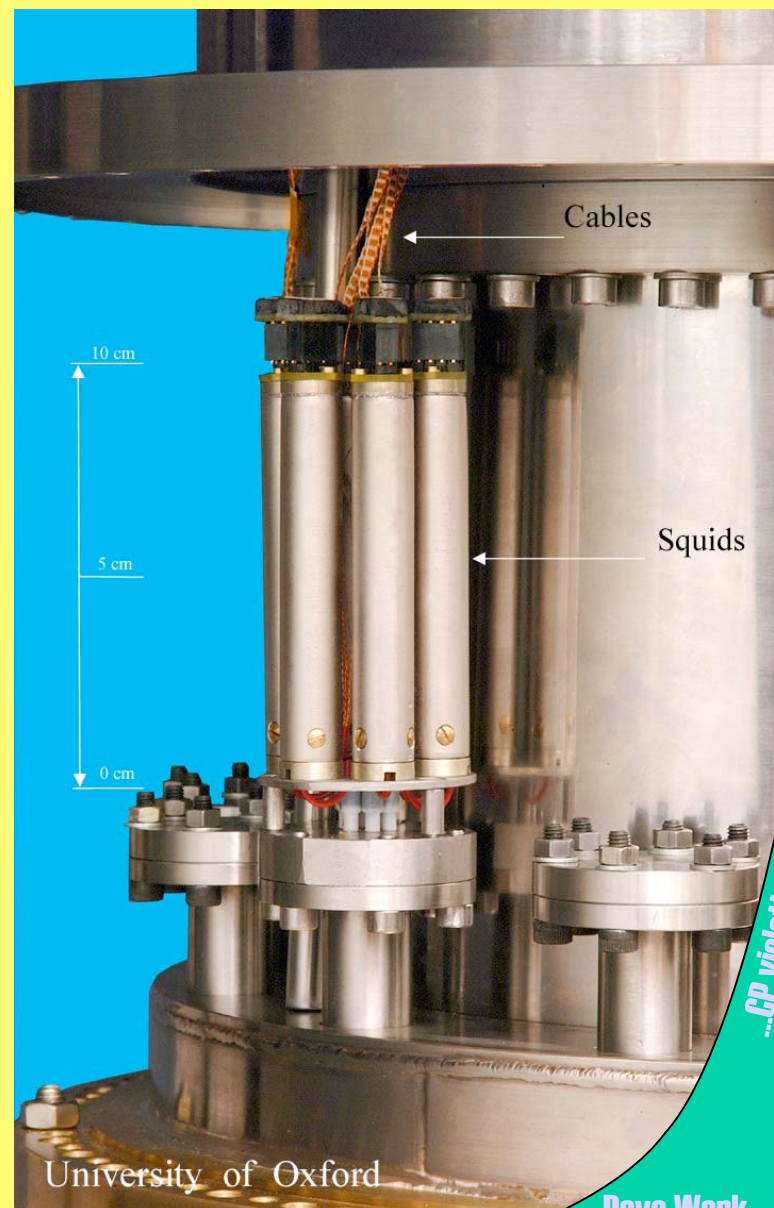
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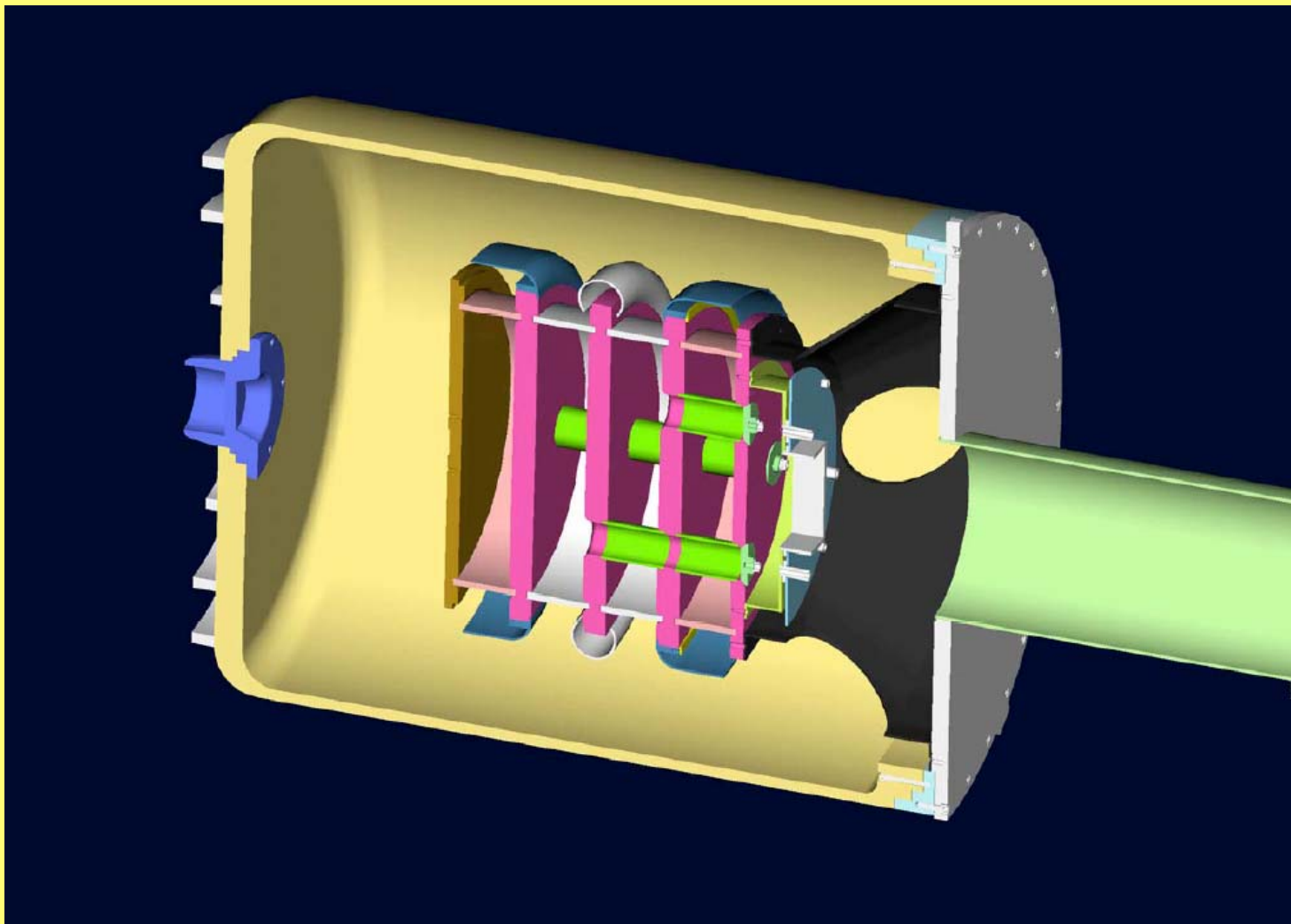
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## Ramsey Cell and SF Vessel

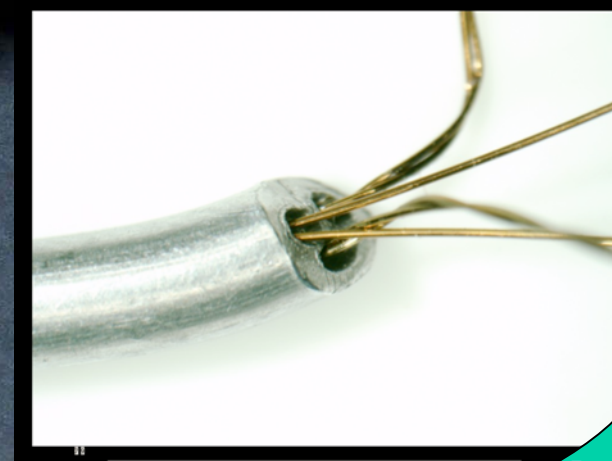
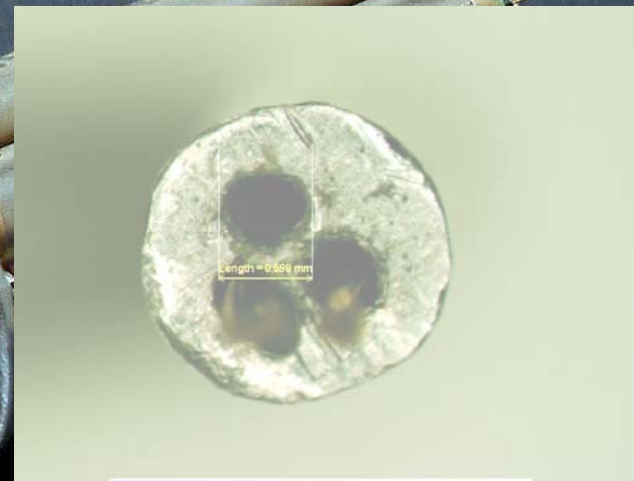
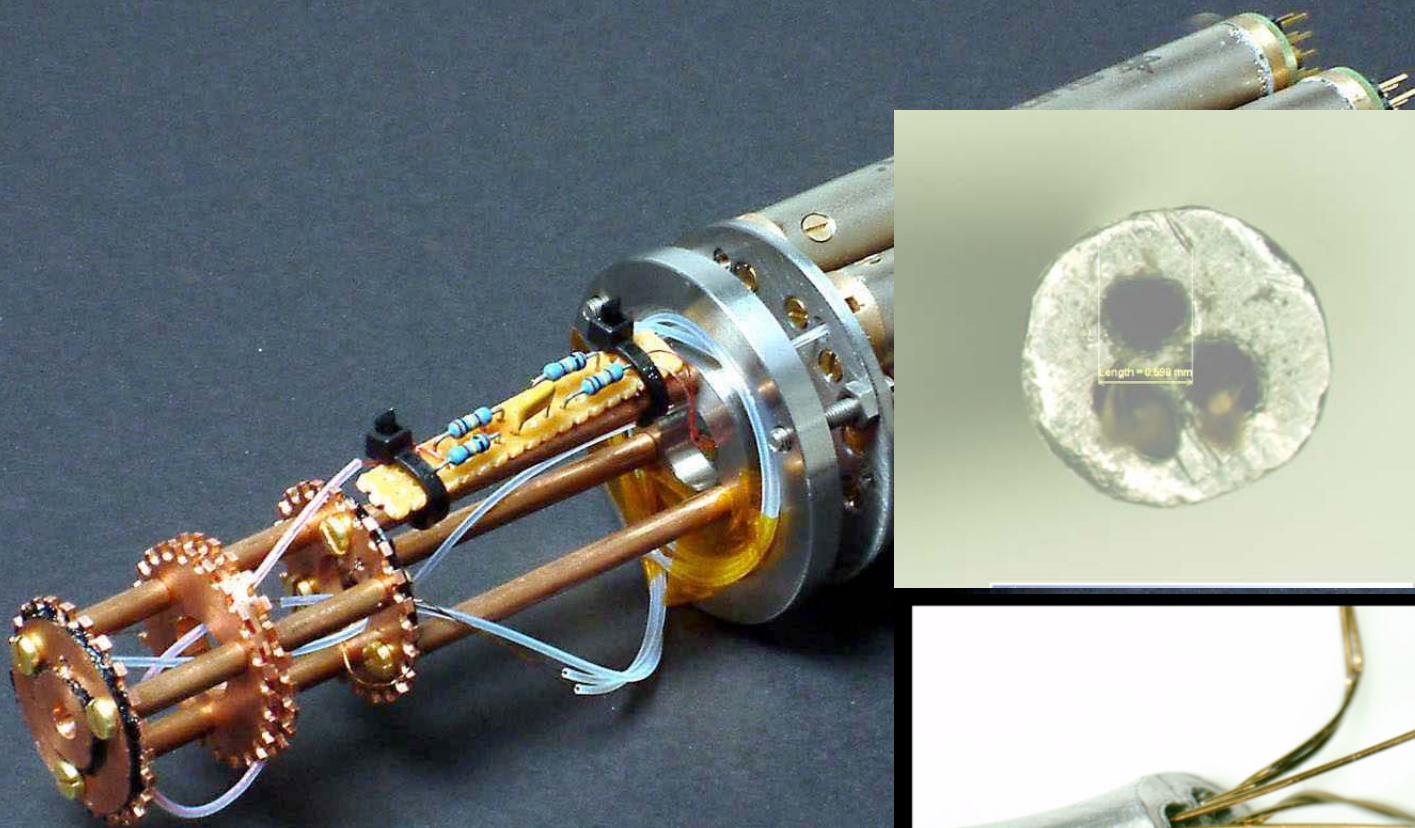


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Recall: 
$$\sigma(d_n) = \frac{\hbar}{2\alpha ET\sqrt{N}}$$

	Published Data	Current Room-Temp	Cryogenic Experiment
$\alpha$	0.5	0.7	0.9
E	4.5 kV/cm	12 kV/cm	40 kV/cm
T	130 s	130 s	300 s
N	13000	14000	700000

	Current value	Reasonably expect		Gain in Sensitivity	edm/day $\times 10^{-26}$ e.cm	Reactor days to reach $1 \times 10^{-27}$ e.cm	Calendar years to reach $1 \times 10^{-28}$ e.cm
<b>EDM cell</b>							
Electric field (E)	20 kV.cm <sup>-1</sup>	40 kV.cm <sup>-1</sup>	<u>a</u>	2.0x	10.5x10 <sup>-26</sup>	11,025	7,350
Polarization product ( $\alpha$ )	0.6	0.9	<u>b</u>	1.5x	7.0	4,900	3,267
Storage time (T)	130 s	300 s	<u>a</u>	1.8x	3.9	1,521	1,014
<b>Neutron factors</b>							
UCN detection efficiency	41%	90%	<u>c</u>	1.5x	2.6	676	451
H53 beam flux at 9A	$\Phi = 2.6 \times 10^7$ n.cm <sup>-2</sup> .s <sup>-1</sup> .A <sup>-1</sup>	$\Phi = 1.0 \times 10^8$ n.cm <sup>-2</sup> .s <sup>-1</sup> .A <sup>-1</sup>	<u>d</u>	2.0x	1.3	169	113
transmission polariser	20%	50%	<u>e</u>	1.5x	0.9	81	54
Beam/He <sup>4</sup> areas	24%	100%	<u>f</u>	2.0x	0.45	20	13
UCN density dilution source to edm cell	20%	50%	<u>g</u>	1.5x	0.3	9	6
narrow/broad band beam	75%	100%	<u>h</u>	1.1x	0.26	7	4.7
<b>New Beamline</b>							
H53/H112 neutron beam	15%	100%	<u>i</u>	2.6x	0.10	1	0.7

N.B. 150 reactor days = 1 calendar year

**Enabling factors :**

- Inherent in the properties of liquid He<sup>4</sup>
- Rebuild spin analyzer with higher B field + R&D on spin retaining materials
- Lower noise to detect both  $\alpha$  and tritons from  $n + \text{Li}^6 \Rightarrow \alpha + t$
- Put neutron guide between H53 exit and experiment
- Build new polariser using sapphire substrate optimized for 9A neutrons
- Match beam area to area of UCN containment source
- Either increase UCN source volume or R&D on low volume (small tubes) UCN transfer system
- Remove velocity selector but this will increase the activation of the apparatus
- New guide at ILL can be built.

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Mechanism	False EDM Uncertainty	Assumptions
Non-zero ( $B_0 \uparrow \uparrow - B_0 \uparrow \downarrow$ ) from <u>mu-metal hysteresis</u>	$10^{-2} \times 10^{-28} \text{ e cm}$	$(B_0 \uparrow \uparrow - B_0 \uparrow \downarrow)$ outside the super-conducting shield is that previously experienced in our <u>nEDM</u> experiments
Electric forces - <u>cell displacement</u> - $dB_0/dr$	$1.0 \times 10^{-28} \text{ e cm}$	$dB_0/dr = 3 \times 10^{-8} \text{ G/mm}$ Rigidity of radial displacement of cells = 100 kg/mm
Electrical leakage <u>currents</u> caused by E	$1.0 \times 10^{-28} \text{ e cm}$	Current of 1 nA at 40 kV/cm An asymmetric tangential flow of 50 mm
DC B- and E-fields <u>directly</u> from the high voltage supply	$10^{-5} \times 10^{-28} \text{ e cm}$	DC current 1 mA in 40 cm diameter circuit 1.6 m from the shield end - current reverses with sign of HV
AC B-fields from the <u>high voltage</u> and $dE/dt$	$0.05 \times 10^{-28} \text{ e cm}$	Ripple on the high voltage 0.04 % - manufacturers figure. 10 kHz and 50 Hz considered
$(\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{v})/c^2$ 1st order UCN ensemble <u>translation</u> of CM	$0.2 \times 10^{-28} \text{ e cm}$	Upwards displacement of the UCN due to warming in storage = 1 mm. Volume <u>ave</u> angle $\mathbf{E}$ to $\mathbf{B}_0 = 0.1$ radian
$(\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{v})/c^2$ 1st order UCN ensemble net <u>circulation</u> about CM	$0.3 \times 10^{-28} \text{ e cm}$	Circulation decay $\tau = 1\text{s}$ $\Delta E_r = E/10$ in outer 30 mm UCN enter at $R/4$ 2s wait before 1 <sup>st</sup> $\pi/2$ flip
$((\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{v})/c^2)^2$ 2nd order <u>affects all individual trajectories</u>	$0.3 \times 10^{-28} \text{ e cm}$	Gives $E^2$ shift $(E \uparrow - E \downarrow)/\langle E \rangle = 0.05$ $\langle E \rangle = 60 \text{ kV/cm}$ used Two cells cancel effect to 10%
$(\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{v})/c^2$ & $dB_0/dz$ <u>geometric phase</u> affects <u>all individl. trajectories</u>	$0.8 \times 10^{-28} \text{ e cm}$	$dB_0/dz = 1 \mu\text{G/m}$ after trimming. $B_0 = 25 \text{ mG}$ $R_{\text{rms}} v(\text{UCN}) = 5 \text{ m/s}$
<b>Overall systematic error</b>	$1.7 \times 10^{-28} \text{ e cm}$	All the above errors are uncorrelated

# The Competition...

- A group at KEK/Osaka is building an experiment to be used at JPARC
- A group at PSI are proceeding with an experiment.
- The old PNPI group is pursuing an experiment at the ILL.
- A very large American collaboration is proposing an experiment at the SNS – their proposal lists 36 names, requests \$11M, with a target date for first data of 2007.
- There is a German group at the new reactor in Munich.
- There are also experiments to measure the eEDM, atomic EDMs, and even the muon EDM.
- Competition is good, but uncomfortable when you are the target of it!
- However any observation would need to be confirmed and extended, so many experiments are needed.

# Conclusions...

- Strong evidence exists from astrophysical measurements that CP violation exists in some as-of-yet undiscovered properties of fundamental interactions.
- Particle EDMs offer a sensitive probe of such new physics (at very modest cost) – the final nEDM limit from the existing experiment extends the sensitivity by another factor of 2.
- We have not yet reached any fundamental limits to increased sensitivity.
- The Japanese have made a very significant contribution to our new cryogenic experiment, and are welcome to help exploit it.
- Other EDM experiments are just as important.

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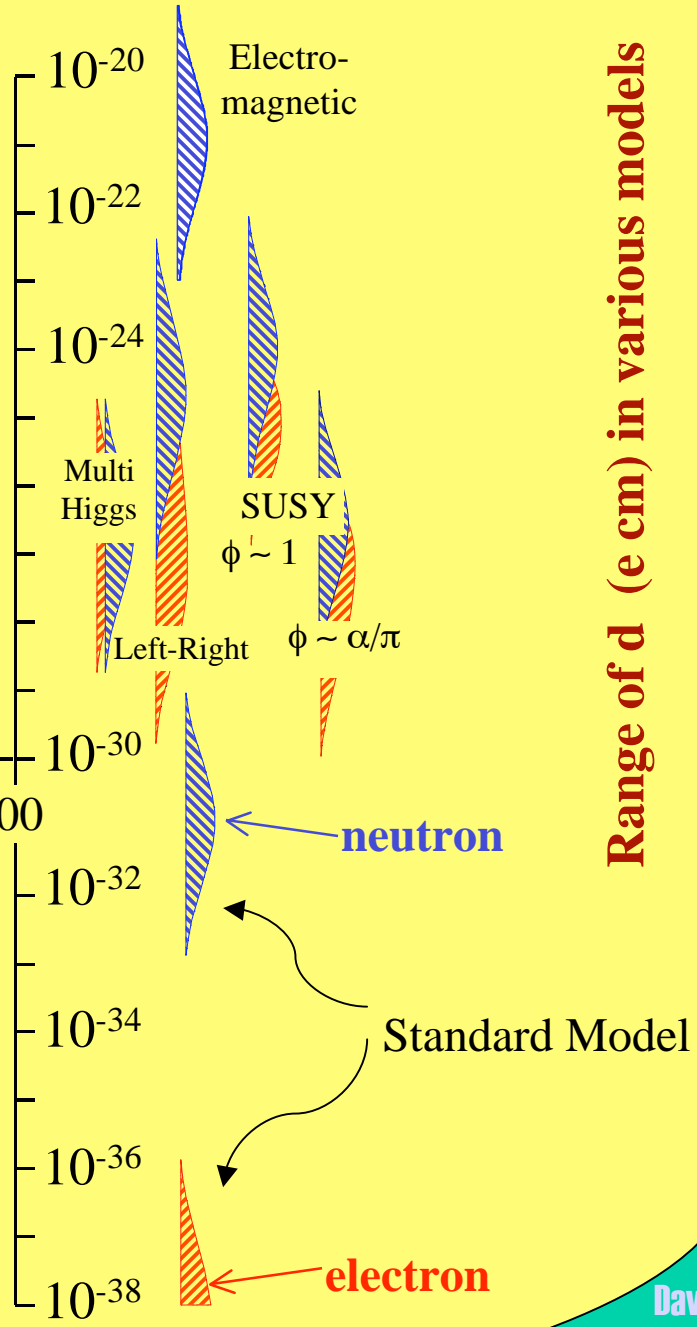
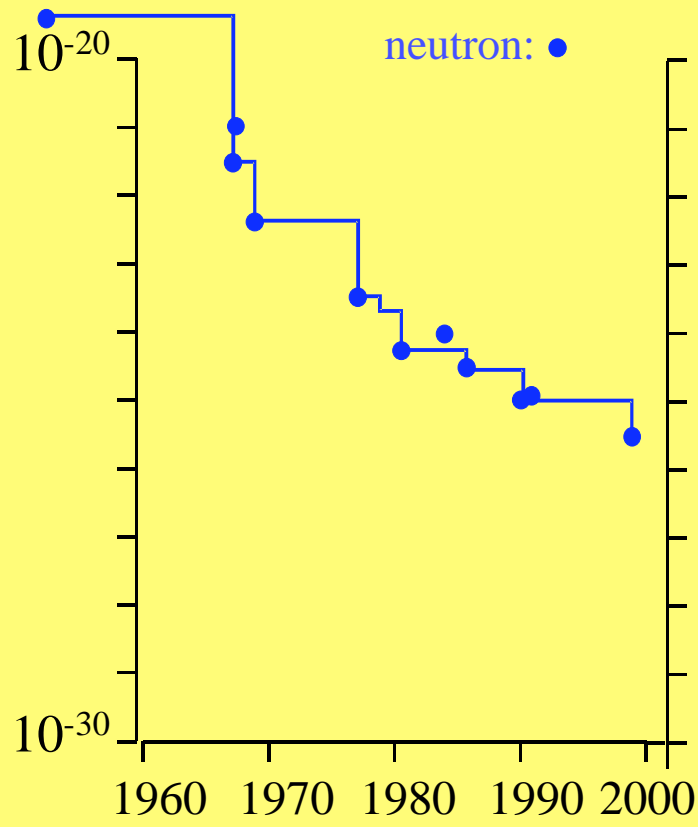


*"This could be the discovery of the century. Depending, of course, on how far down it goes."*

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Experimental Limit on  $d$  (e cm)



Range of  $d$  (e cm) in various models

B. C. Regan,\* Eugene D. Commins,<sup>†</sup> Christian J. Schmidt,<sup>‡</sup> and David DeMille<sup>§</sup>

We present the result of our most recent search for  $T$  violation in  $^{205}\text{Tl}$ , which is interpreted in terms of an electric dipole moment of the electron  $d_e$ . We find  $d_e = (6.9 \pm 7.4) \times 10^{-28} e \text{ cm}$ , which yields an upper limit  $|d_e| \leq 1.6 \times 10^{-27} e \text{ cm}$  with 90% confidence. The present apparatus is a major upgrade of the atomic beam magnetic-resonance device used to set the previous limit on  $d_e$ .

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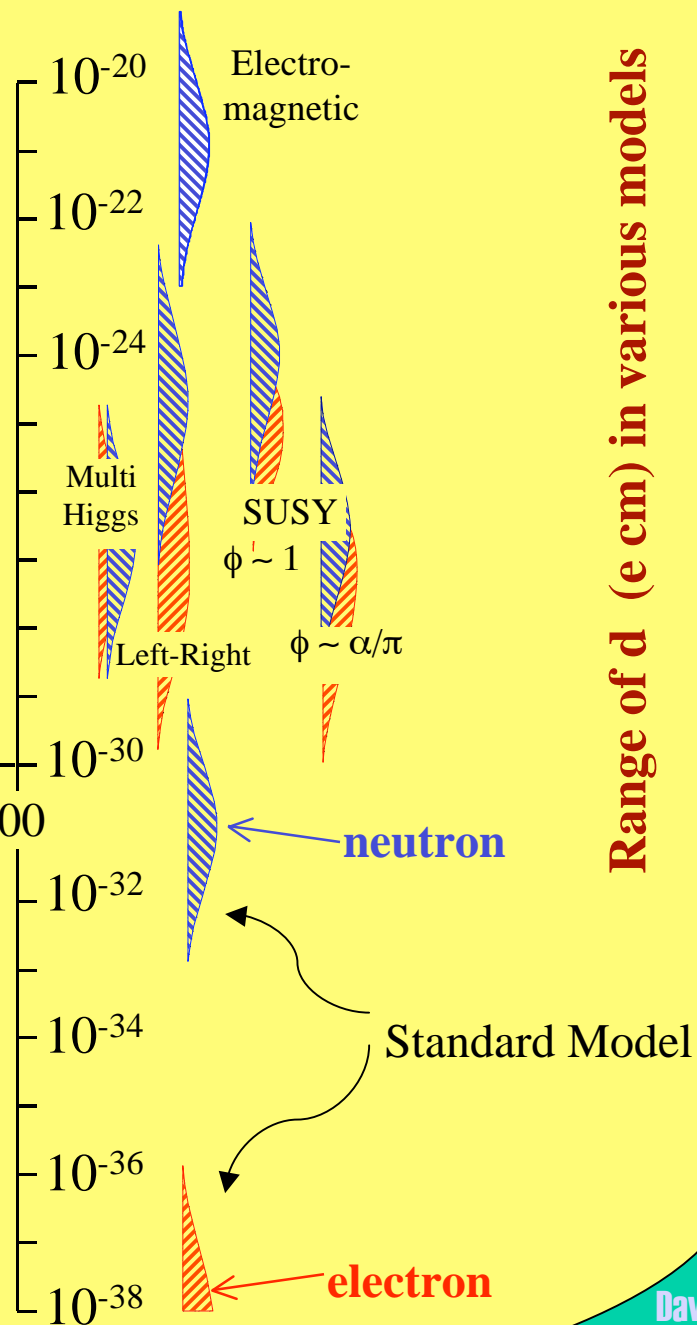
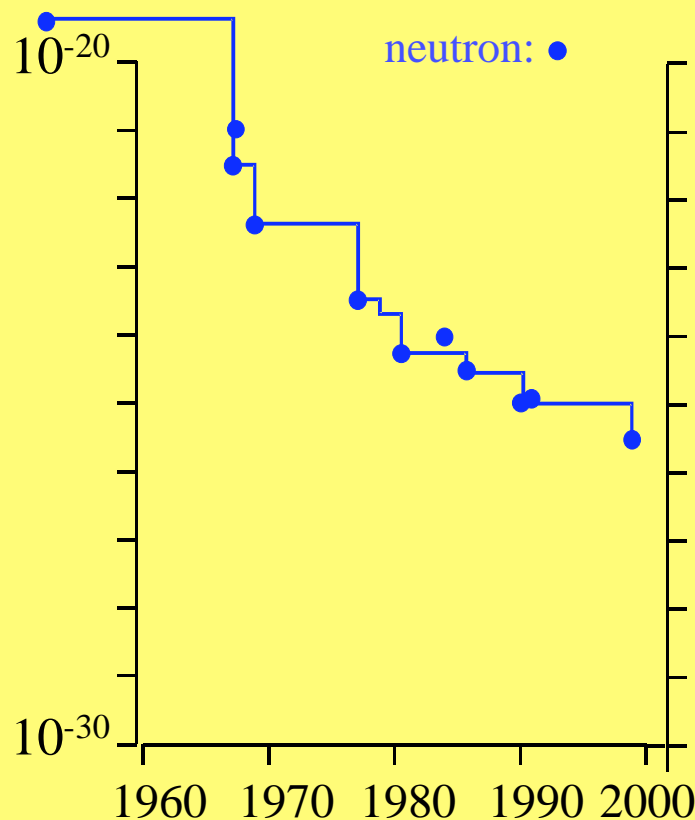
or the  $F = 1$  Na ground state. The first rf region contains an oscillating magnetic field  $\mathbf{B}_{\text{rf}} = (B_{\text{Tl}} \cos \omega_{\text{Tl}} t + B_{\text{Na}} \cos \omega_{\text{Na}} t) \hat{\mathbf{x}}$ , where  $2B_{\text{Tl}} = B_{\text{Na}}$  and  $1.506\omega_{\text{Tl}} \approx \omega_{\text{Na}}$ . These resonant fields apply “ $\pi/2$ ” pulses, creating coherent superpositions of the  $m_F \neq 0$  states of each species.

The diagram illustrates the experimental setup for the study of the NaK molecular ion. The setup is divided into three main temperature regions:  $T=970\text{K}$  (thallium),  $T=1000\text{K}$  (mixer/down beam oven), and  $T=620\text{K}$  (sodium). The central region is at  $T=1010\text{K}$ . The setup includes an upper beam flag, a reflector, a photodiode, an RF loop, a light pipe, a collimator, and a lower beam flag. The central region is a cylindrical chamber with a diameter of 2 mm and a length of 99 cm, containing a gas at a pressure of  $\sim 5 \times 10^{-7}$  torr. The chamber is surrounded by a magnetic field  $B$  and an electric field  $E$ . The chamber is divided into three sections: pre-collimators (2.54 cm), quadrupoles, and a collimator. The central region is flanked by up west and up east atomic beams. The setup is surrounded by thallium, mixer, and sodium components.

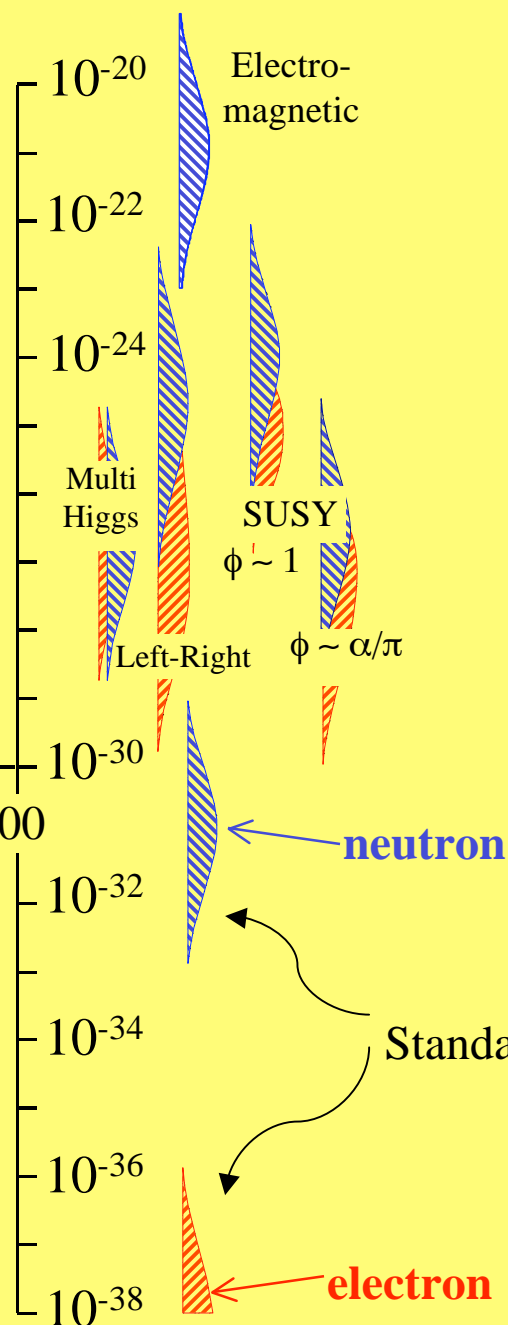
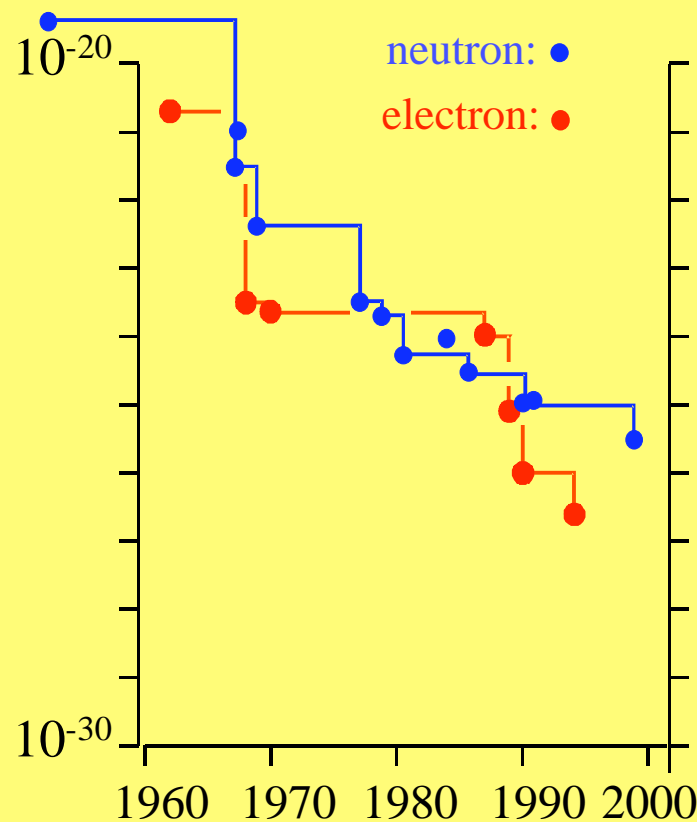
FIG. 1. Schematic diagram of the experiment; not to scale.

Figure 1 shows the apparatus with the up beams active. Atoms leave the trichamber oven thermally distributed among the ground state hyperfine levels. After some collimation they enter the quantizing magnetic field  $\mathbf{B}$ , nominally in the  $\hat{z}$  direction and typically 0.38 G. Laser beams then depopulate the states with nonzero magnetic quantum numbers  $m_F$ . Thus, in the first optical region 378 nm  $\hat{z}$  polarized light selects the  $m_F = 0$  Zeeman sublevel of the  $Tl\ F = 1$  ground state. In the second optical region 590 nm  $\hat{z}$  light selects the  $m_F = 0$  sublevel of either the  $F = 2$

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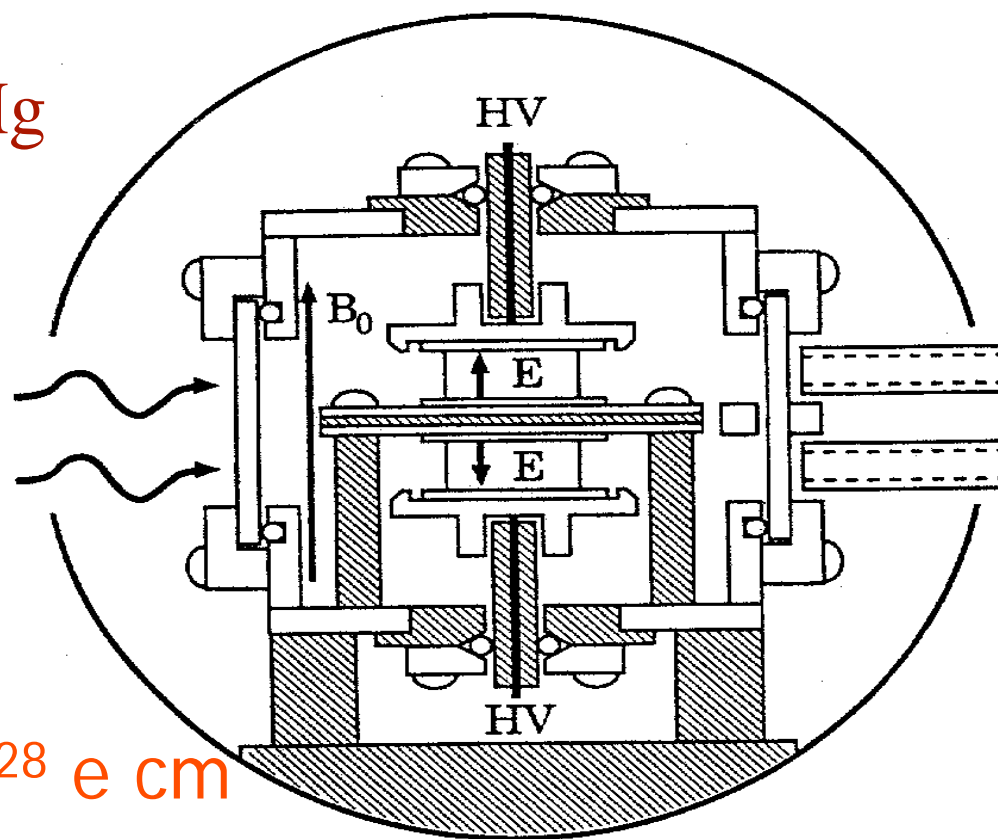
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# $^{199}\text{Hg}$ Electric Dipole Moment

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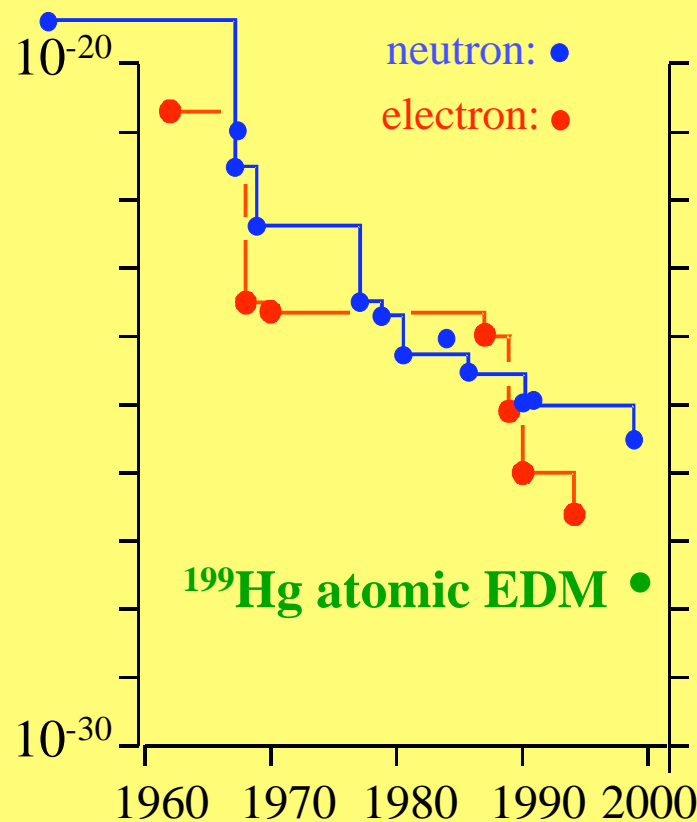
Optically pumped  $^{199}\text{Hg}$  atoms precess in B, E fields, modulating absorption signal

- Dual cells remove effect of drifts in B
- Result:  
 $d(^{199}\text{Hg}) < 2.1 \times 10^{-28} \text{ e cm}$

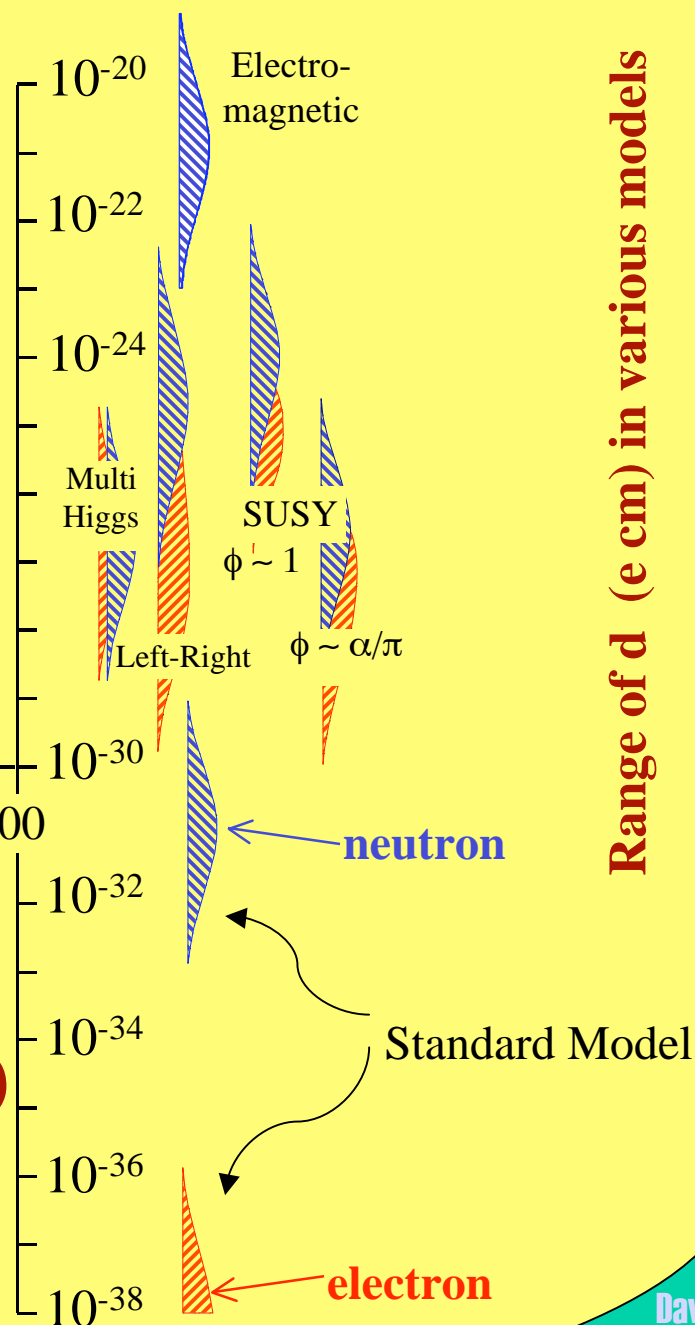


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- Provides good limit on CPv effects in nuclear forces, inc.  $\theta_{\text{QCD}}$
- If from valence neutron, corresponds to  $d_n < 2 \times 10^{-25} \text{ e cm}$ , because of electrostatic shielding.

Experimental Limit on  $d$  (e cm) $^{199}\text{Hg}$  atomic EDM •

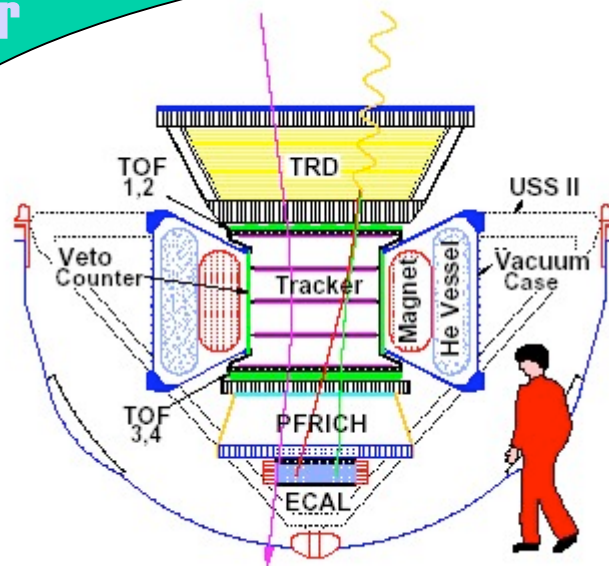
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EDM is model-  
dependent, must pursue all

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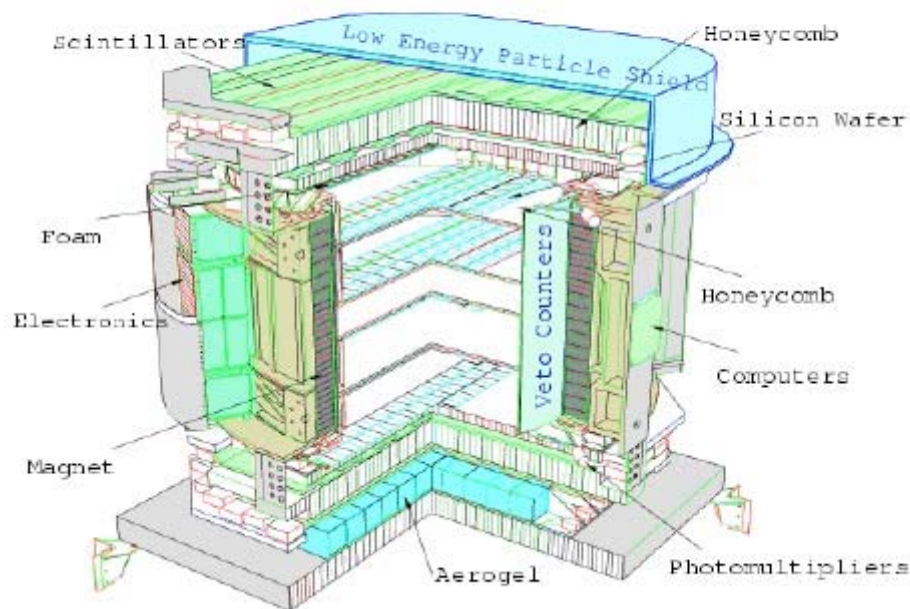
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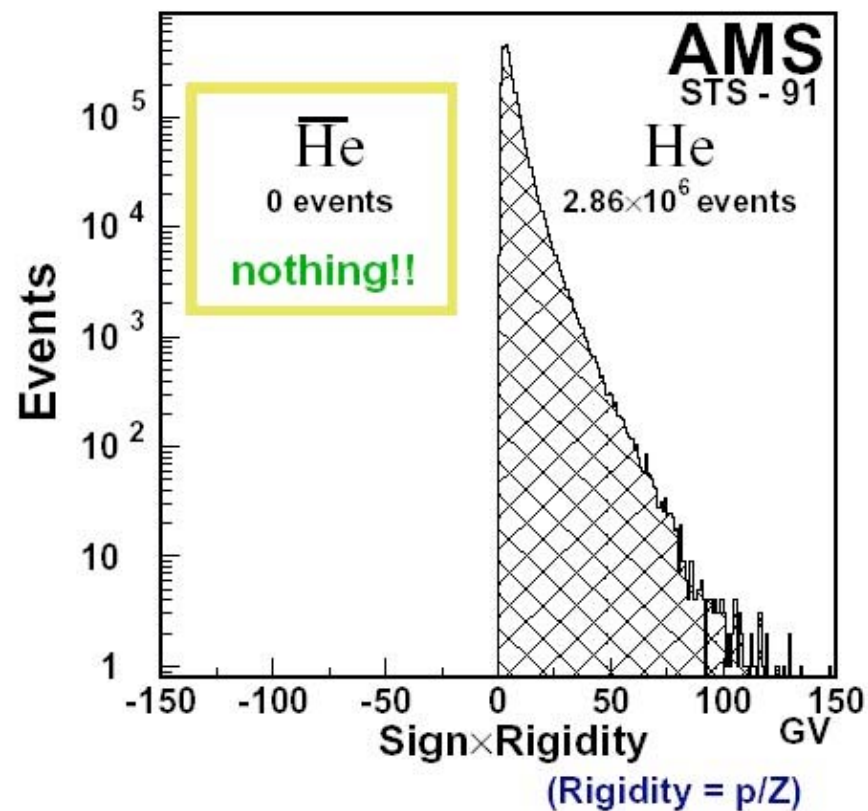
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## The AMS-01 Detector



## Results of AMS-01 $\bar{\text{He}}$ search $|Z|=2$



Also, no antinuclei found with  $|Z| > 2$

"Search for antihelium in cosmic rays"

Phys. Lett. B461 (1999) 387.

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