

# Electric Dipole Moments

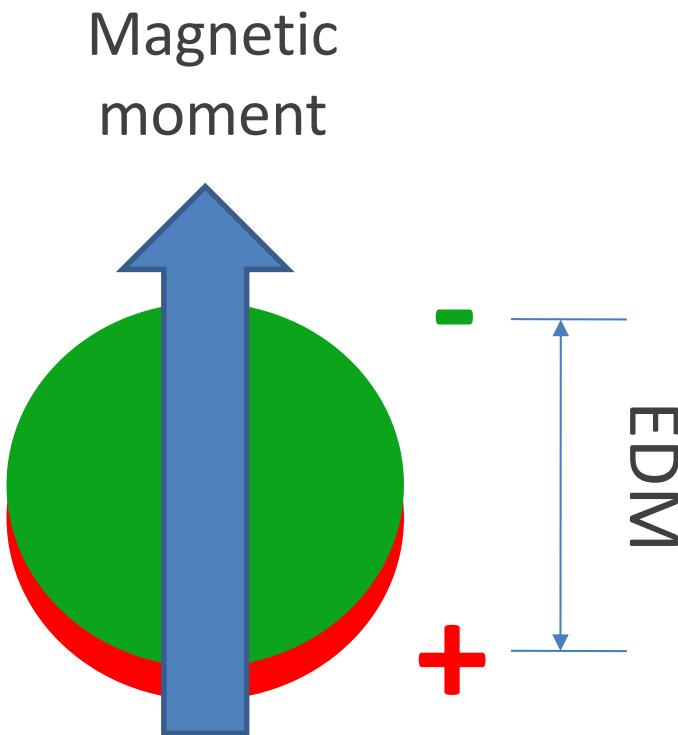
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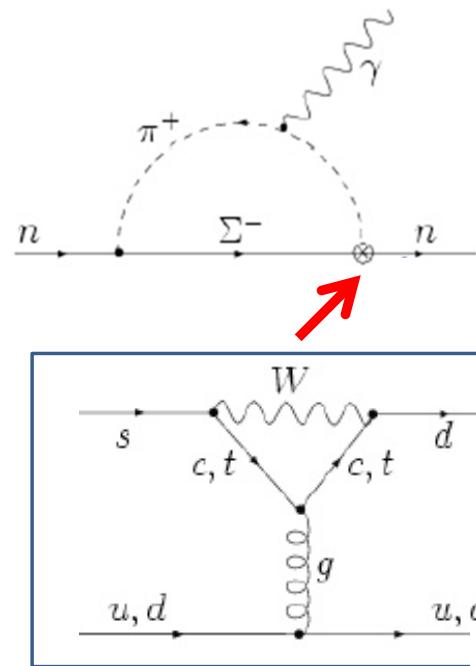


$$H = -\mu \mathbf{B} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{S}}{S} - d \mathbf{E} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{S}}{S}$$

- A „fundamental“ electric dipole moment (EDM) violates P and T symmetry *Purcell and Ramsey, PR78(1950)807*
- No classical EDM, rather a formfactor
- Also point-like particles have an EDM
- Upper limits are among the most precisely measured quantities:  
 $d_n < 1.8 \cdot 10^{-26}$  ecm
- Current limits far away from Standard Model predictions
- A ‘model killer’

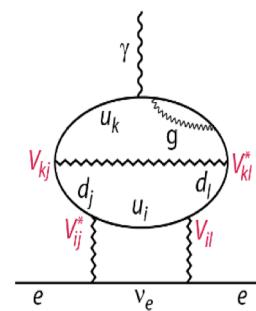
# EDMs & Standard Model

## CP violation from CKM



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

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



## Strong Interaction

CP-odd term in Lagrangian:

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

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



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

Strong CP problem, Axions

details:

*Rev. Mod. Phys.* **91**, 015001 (2019)

*Phys. Rev. C* **91**, 035502 (2015)

*Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys.* **71**, 21 (2013)

# Atomic and Molecular EDMs

## Schiff moment:

Non-perfect cancellation of  $E_{\text{ext}}$  in atomic shell

- Paramagnetic atoms: relativistic effects in electronic shell

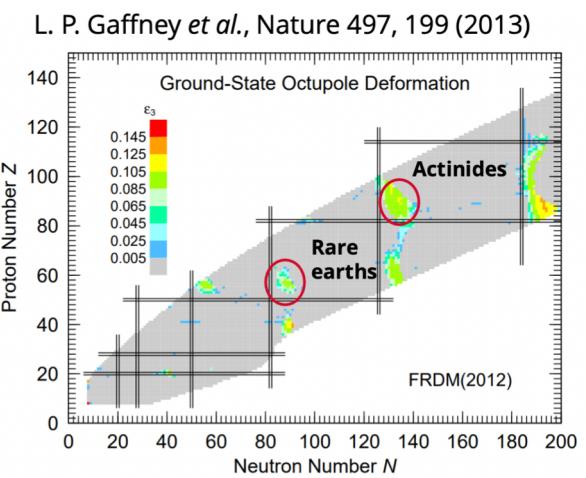
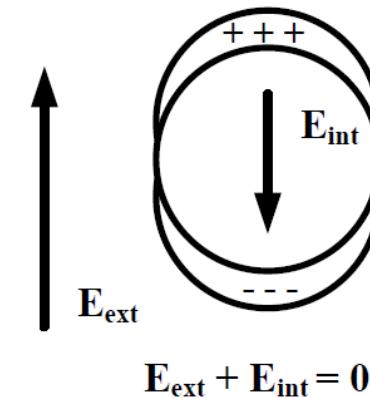
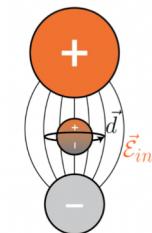
$$d_a \propto d_e Z^3 \quad \text{Sandars, 1968}$$

- Diamagnetic atoms: finite size of nucleus counteracts field cancellation

$$d_a \propto d_{\text{nuc}} Z^2 \quad \text{Schiff 1963; Sandars, 1968; Feinberg 1977; ... - 2010}$$

## Many possibilities for further EDM enhancements:

- Deformed nuclei (Ra, Rn, also Fr, Ac, Pa)
- Large electric fields of polar molecules ( $\text{YbF}$ ,  $\text{ThO}$ ,  $\text{BaF}$ ,  $\text{TiF}$ ,  $\text{SrF}$ ...) and molecular ions ( $\text{HfF}^+$ ...), multi-atom polar molecules



# EDMs and new Physics

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \frac{C^{(5)}}{\Lambda} O^{(5)} + \sum_i \frac{C_i^{(6)}}{\Lambda^2} O_i^{(6)} + \dots$$

Dim. 6:

$$d_n \propto \frac{m_q}{\Lambda^2} \cdot e \cdot \phi_{\text{CPV}}$$

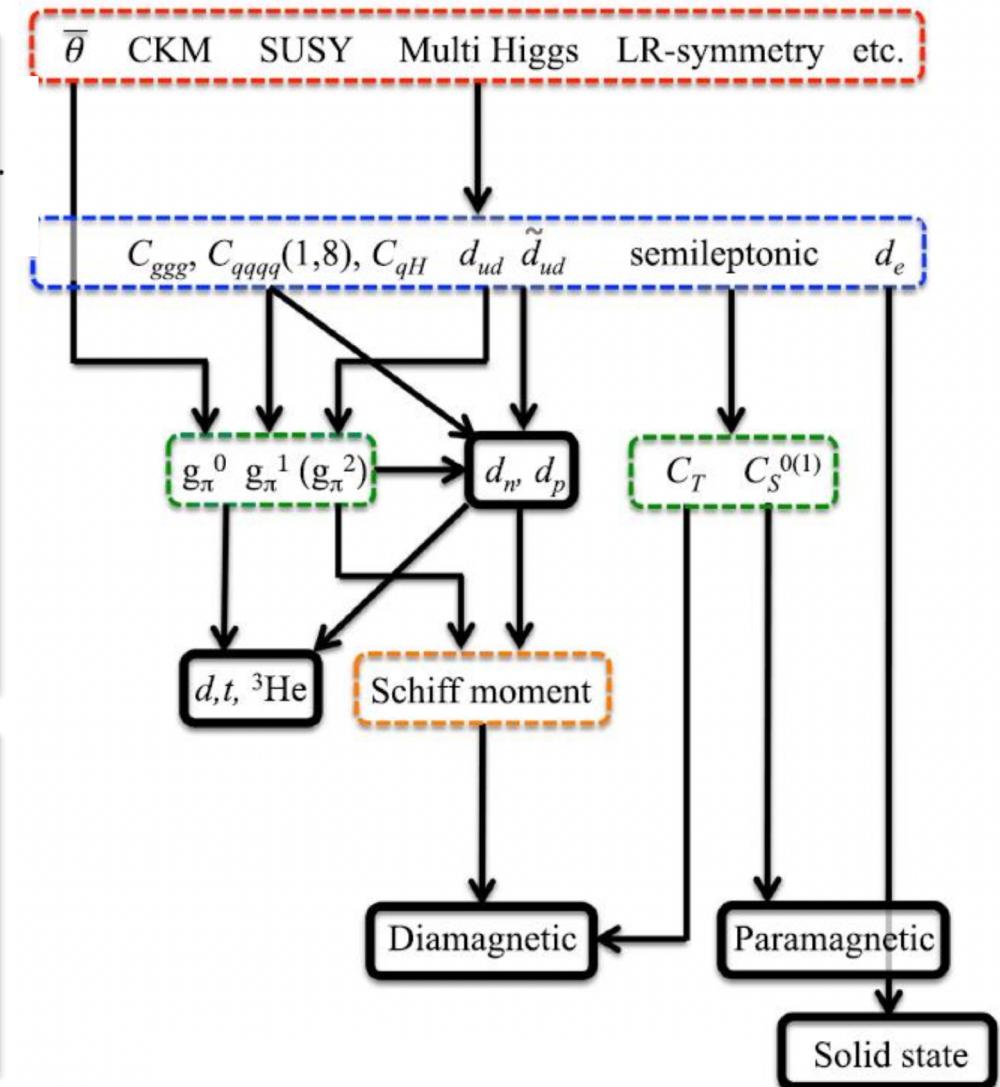
For nEDM  $\sim d_n < 10^{-26}$  ecm:

$$\Lambda \sim 10 - 100 \text{ TeV}$$

**Side Note: EFTs and EDMs cause interesting effects:**

E.g. Scalar Leptoquarks would cause  $d_\tau$  &  $d_n$  & flavor physics signals.

Dekens, DeVries, Jung, Vos, JHEP 01 (2019) 069



T. Chupp, PF, M.J. Ramsey-Musolf, J Singh, Rev. Mod. Phys. 91, 015001 (2019)

# Coefficients and Experiments

**e and  $\mu$  EDM**

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

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

**Intrinsic quark EDMs  
and chromo EDMs**

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

... Linear equation system -> matrix...



- Paramagnetic atoms

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

- Polar molecules

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

- Diamagnetic atoms

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

- Nucleons

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

- Fundamental fermions

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

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

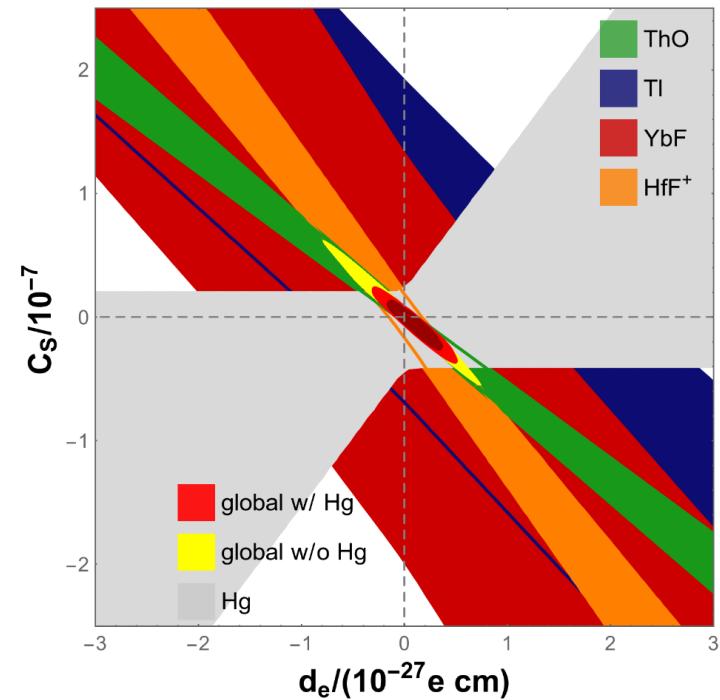
$$d_A = (k_T C_T + k_S C_S) + \eta_e d_e + \kappa_S S + \text{h.o. (MQM)}$$

# Analysis of EDM Results

Measured limits  
(note: ‘sole-source’ analysis)

System	Sensitivity	95% upper limit
Cs	$d_A = (-1.8 \pm 6.9) \times 10^{-24}$	$1.4 \times 10^{-23}$
	$d_e = (-1.5 \pm 5.6) \times 10^{-26}$	$1.2 \times 10^{-25}$
Tl	$d_A = (-4.0 \pm 4.3) \times 10^{-25}$	$1.1 \times 10^{-24}$
	$d_e = (6.9 \pm 7.4) \times 10^{-28}$	$1.9 \times 10^{-27}$
YbF	$d_e = (-2.4 \pm 5.9) \times 10^{-28}$	$1.2 \times 10^{-27}$
ThO	$d_e = (-4.3 \pm 5.7) \times 10^{-30}$	$1.1 \times 10^{-29}$
HfF <sup>+</sup>	$d_e = (-1.3 \pm 2.6) \times 10^{-30}$	$4.1 \times 10^{-30}$ (90%)
<sup>199</sup> Hg	$d_A = (2.2 \pm 3.1) \times 10^{-30}$	$7.4 \times 10^{-30}$
<sup>129</sup> Xe	$d_A = (1.4 \pm 8.6) \times 10^{-28}$	$1.4 \times 10^{-27}$
<sup>225</sup> Ra	$d_A = (-0.5 \pm 2.5) \times 10^{-22}$	$5.0 \times 10^{-22}$
n	$d_n = (0.0 \pm 1.3) \times 10^{-26}$	$1.8 \times 10^{-26}$
$\mu$	$d_\mu = (0.0 \pm 0.9) \times 10^{-19}$	$1.8 \times 10^{-19}$
$\Lambda$	$d_\Lambda = (-3.0 \pm 7.4) \times 10^{-17}$	$7.9 \times 10^{-17}$

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



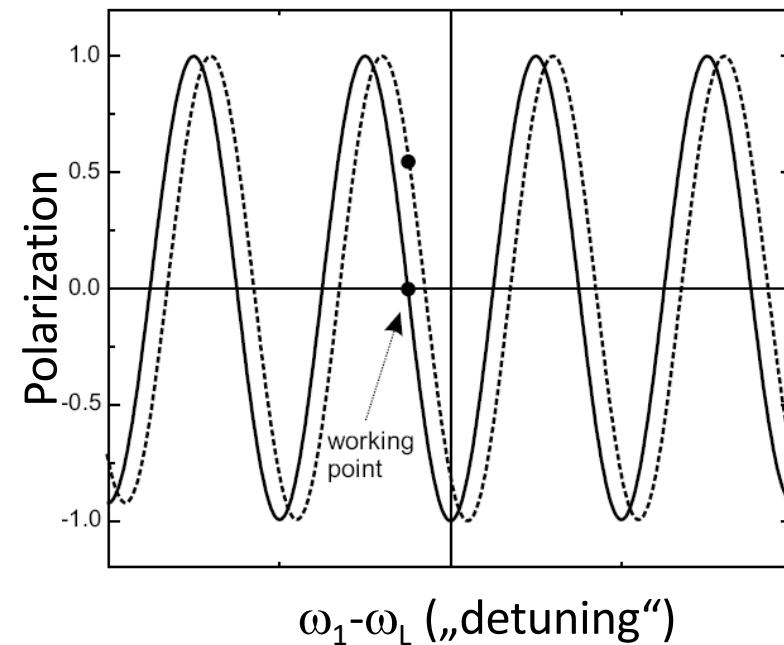
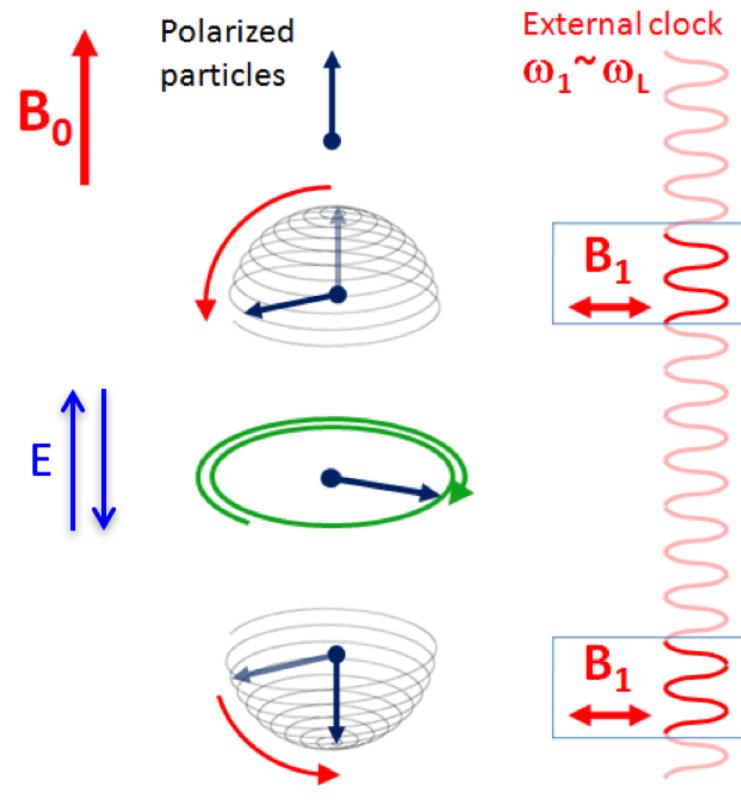
$$d_{\text{para}}^{\text{exp}} = d_e + \frac{\alpha C_S}{\alpha_{d_e}} C_S$$

- Many measurements needed with different systems
- Updated/new joint analysis needed...

T. Fleig, M. Jung, JHEP 2018: 12

# Measuring an EDM

Ramsey's Method:



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

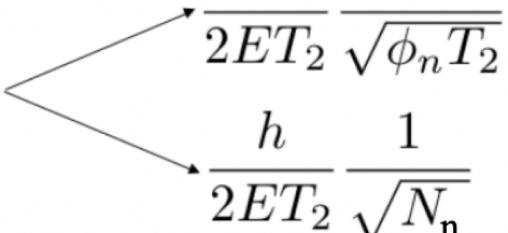
# Measuring an EDM

Orders of magnitude:

$$\mu_N \times \frac{1\mu T}{2\pi\hbar} = 8 \text{ Hz}$$

$$10^{-26} e \text{ cm} \times \frac{1 \text{ MV}}{m} \times \frac{1}{2\pi\hbar} = 24 \text{ nHz}$$

Measuring an EDM  $d$ :

$$\delta d \sim \frac{h}{ET_2} \frac{1}{S/N}$$

$$\frac{h}{2ET_2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\phi_n T_2}}$$
$$\frac{h}{2ET_2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_n}}$$

... “continuous” investigation of spin precession, limited by phase noise

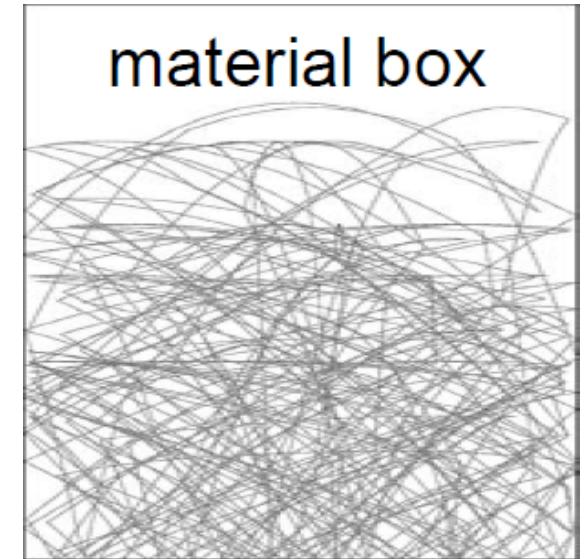
... particle counting experiment, limited by the number of detected particles

# Neutron EDM

Typical for "next-gen": factor 10 improvement envisaged ( $10^{-27}$  ecm)

Experiments: LANL, ILL/TUM, PSI, TRIUMF

- Trapped ultra-cold neutrons:
  - $N \sim 10^{5-6}$  counted at end of Ramsey experiment
  - $10^4$  repetitions  $\sim 100$  days
- Magnetic fields:
  - Undetected field drifts:  $\sim 1$  fT over 250 s
$$d_{false:\Delta B} = \frac{2\mu\Delta B}{4E}$$
  - $T_2$  in gradient is volume dependent
  - Magnetometers:  $^{199}\text{Hg}$ ,  $\text{Cs}$ ,  $^{129}\text{Xe}$ ,  $^3\text{He}$ , SQUIDs (in-situ or surrounding)
- A very delicate indirect systematic effect: Bloch-Siegert-shift



# Ramsey-Bloch-Siegert Shift

Most critical issue for next-generation measurements:

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

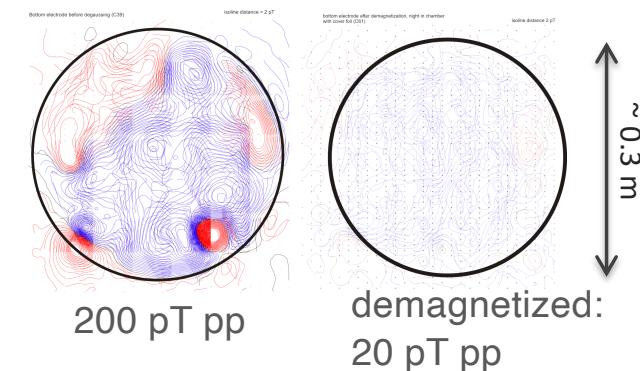
$$\omega_{xy}^2 = \left( \frac{\partial B_{0z}}{\partial z} \alpha \right)^2 + \left( \frac{E \times v}{c^2} \right)^2 + \boxed{2 \frac{\partial B_{0z}}{\partial z} \alpha \cdot \frac{E \times v}{c^2}}$$

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

- $\text{dB/dz} < 0.3 \text{ nT/m}$  for  $10^{-27} \text{ ecm}$  statistical precision
- Consequence: “everything” in an experiment is magnetic!
- New issues? (e.g. Tsallis distributions)  
Eur. Phys. Lett. **116**, 43002 (2016).

Example:  
Dipole fields in EDM chambers

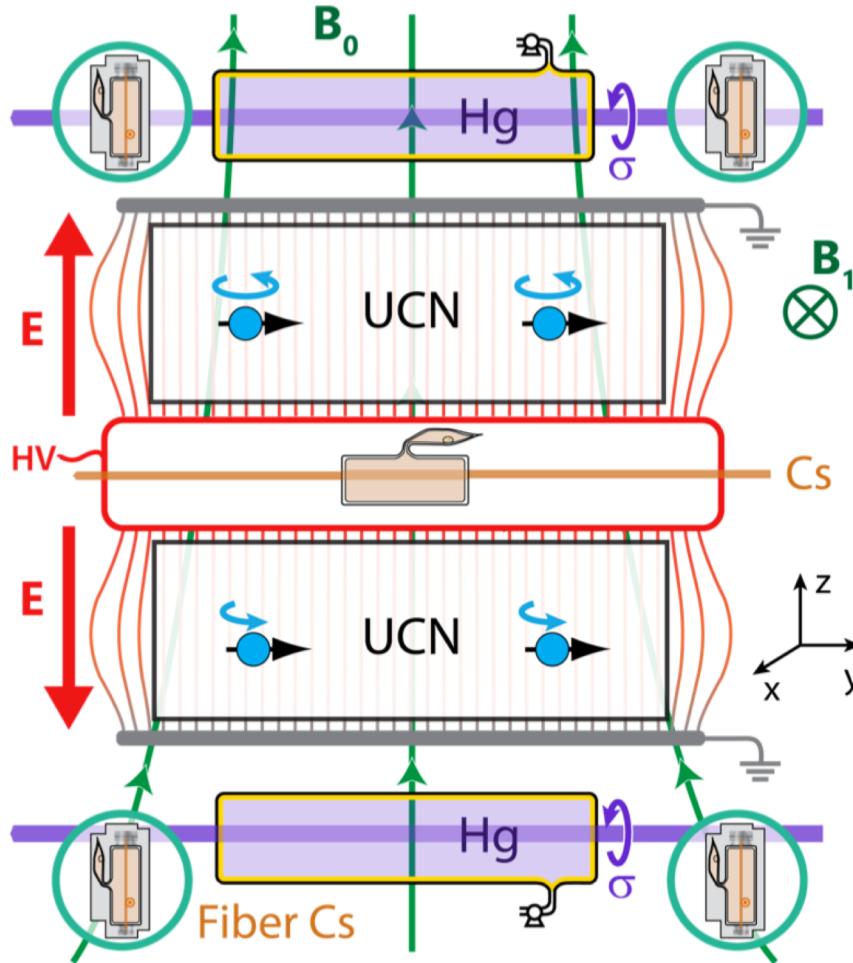
SQUID measurements of Sussex  
EDM electrodes @ PTB Berlin



20 pT in 3 cm  $\sim 5 \times$  error budget!

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

# The PanEDM Experiment



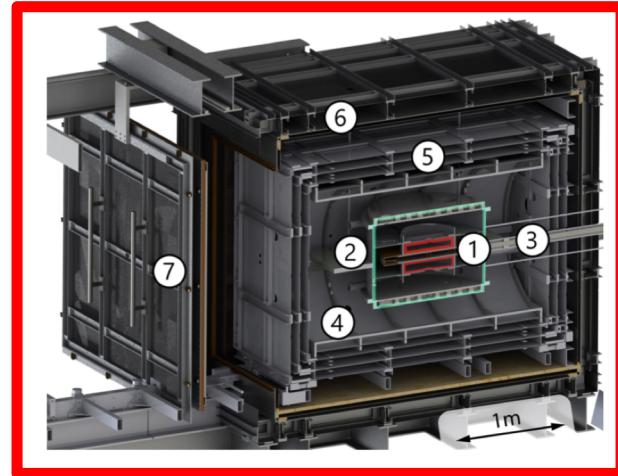
- Double chamber
- Gradient drift:  $< 5 \text{ fT/m}$  in 250 s
- Magnetic shielding factor:  
 $6 \cdot 10^6$  at 1 mHz
- $< 100 \text{ pT}$  residual field
- $10^{-4}$  relative homogeneity of  
 $2 \mu\text{T}$  field
- Current status: testing of  
component groups with UCN

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 [1<math>\sigma</math>, e cm]</b>	
Per run	$5.5 \times 10^{-25}$
Per day	$3.8 \times 10^{-26}$
Per 100 days	$3.8 \times 10^{-27}$

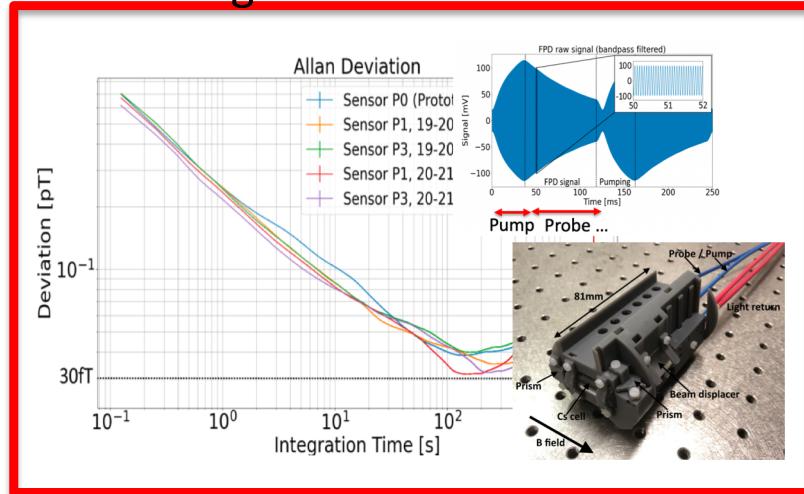
D. Wurm et al., EPJ Web of Conferences 219, 02006 (2019)

# The PanEDM Experiment

E.g.: Extreme magnetic shielding

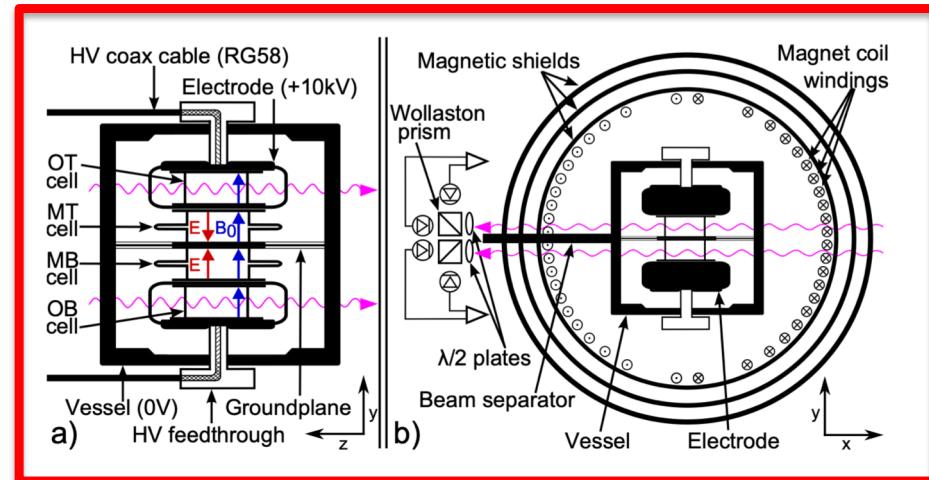


Atomic magnetometers

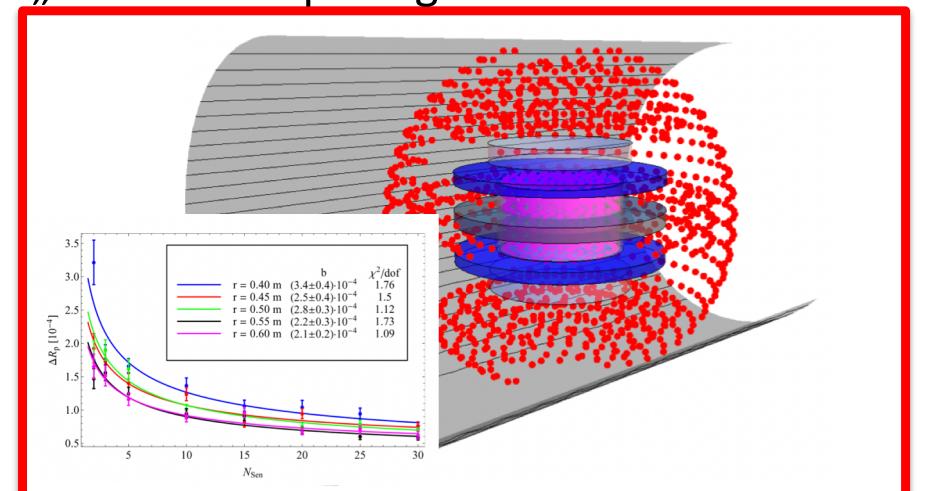


Spin off: medical imaging!

Multiple measurement cells - ideas borrowed from  $^{199}\text{Hg}$  EDM:



„Almost“ a 4-pi magnetometer



# UCN for PanEDM: SuperSUN

The SuperSUN ultra-cold neutron source at ILL Grenoble: an incredibly strong ultra-cold neutron source (NEWS! Press release soon + paper to come...)

- UCN production in superfluid helium (apparently the best approach)
- UCN accumulation in superfluid helium
- Transfer of UCN to experiment into vacuum

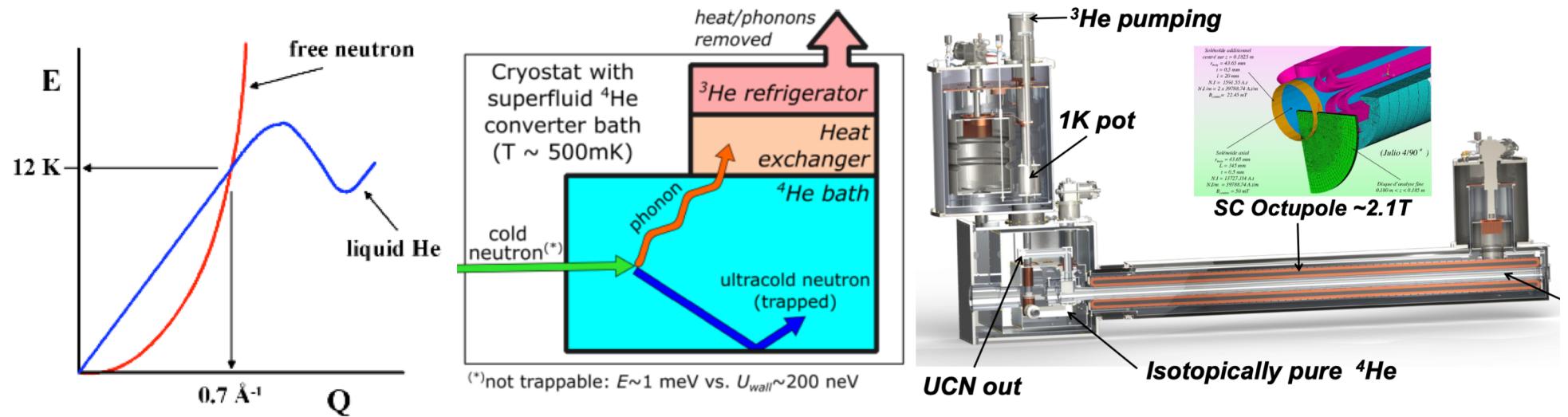


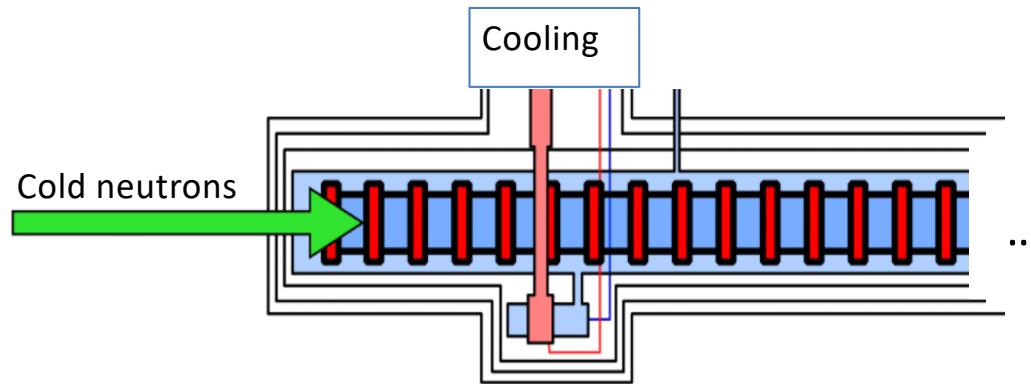
Figure credit: S. Degenkolb

# Future Neutron EDM

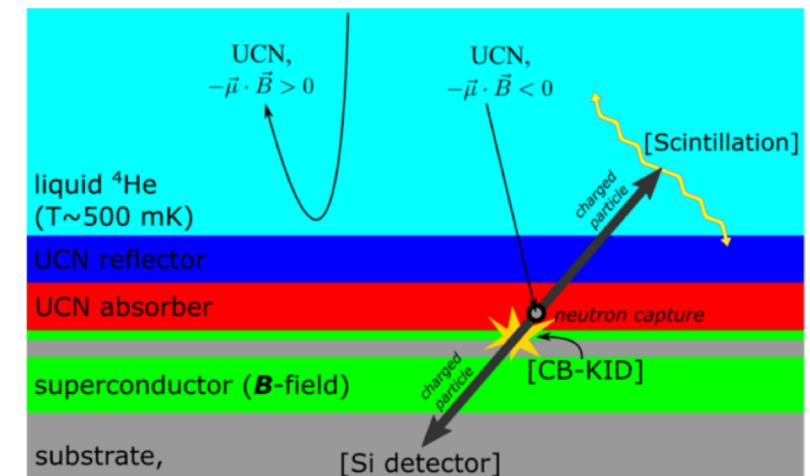
**Factor 1000 improvement in statistics now seems *again* feasible**

- High densities in superfluid helium and in comparable geometry demonstrated
- 100 EDM experiments in parallel
- No transport losses:
  - UCN produced directly in EDM cell
  - UCN detected directly in EDM cell
- “Perfect” mechanics of cells = enhanced storage
- Uses existing cold neutron beams

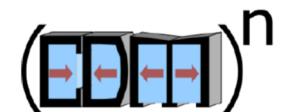
Multi-EDM chamber stack in superfluid He:



In-situ polarized UCN detection:

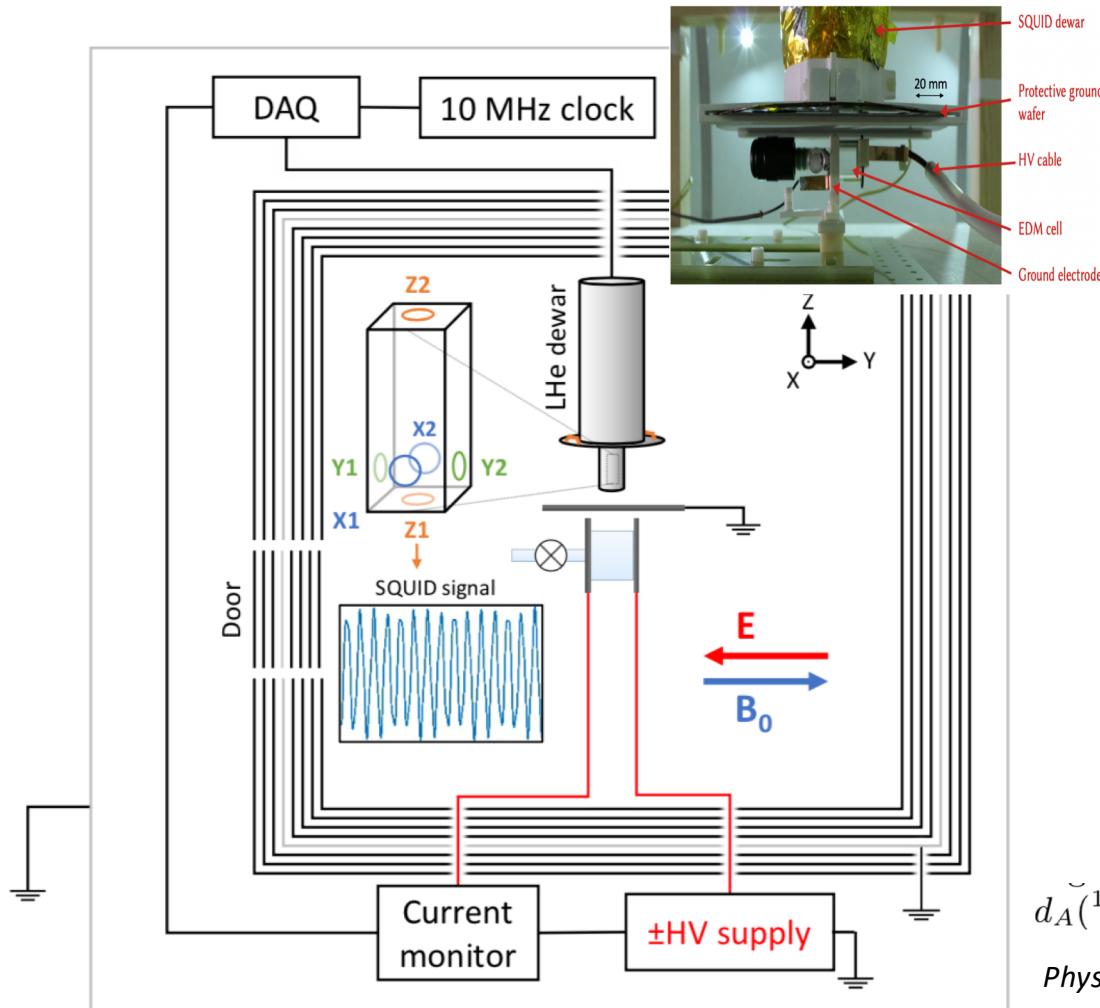


Experiment concept: S. Degenkolb, PF, O. Zimmer, EPJ Web of Conferences (2019)

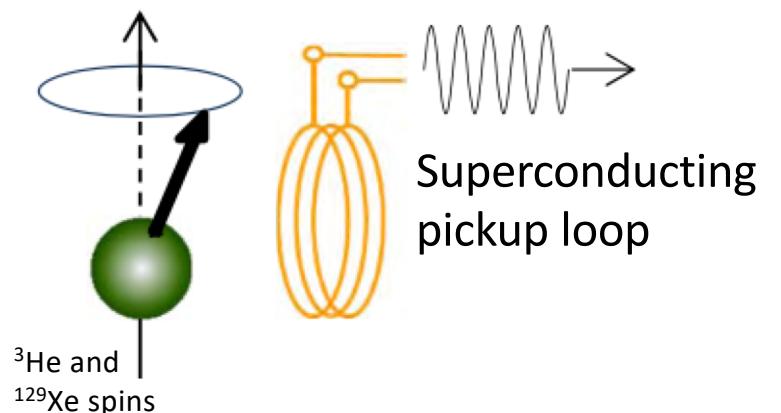


# Atom EDM: $^{129}\text{Xe}$

## SEOP-hyperpolarized $^3\text{He}$ / $^{129}\text{Xe}$ co-magnetometer



$$\sigma = \frac{\hbar}{2E} \delta\omega = \frac{\hbar}{2E} \frac{\epsilon}{\tau^{3/2} S \sqrt{N}}$$

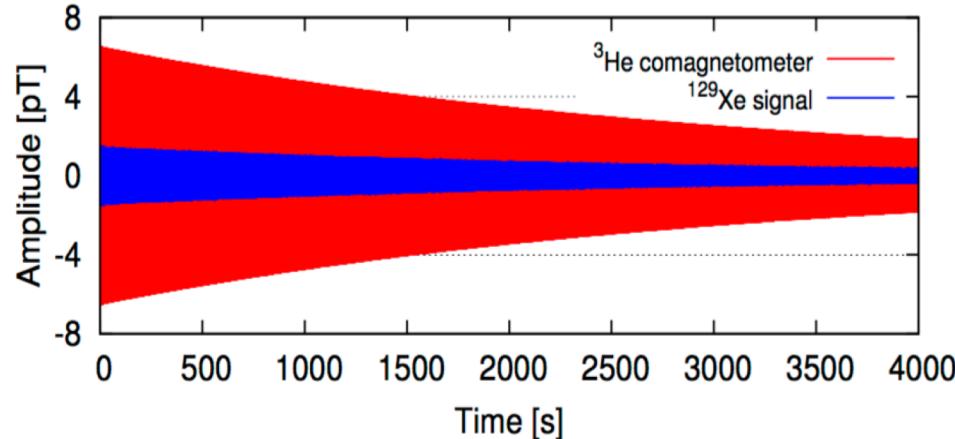


$$d_A(^{129}\text{Xe}) = (0.26 \pm 2.33_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.72_{\text{syst}}) \times 10^{-27} \text{ e cm}$$

*Phys. Rev. Lett. 123, 143003 (2019)*

# Atom EDM: $^{129}\text{Xe}$

## Raw data:



## Systematic effects:

Source	Sys. Error ( $e\text{ cm}$ )
Leakage current	$1.2 \times 10^{-28}$
Charging currents	$1.7 \times 10^{-29}$
$\vec{E}$ -correlated cell motion (rotation)	$4.2 \times 10^{-29}$
$\vec{E}$ -correlated cell motion (translation)	$2.6 \times 10^{-28}$
Comagnetometer drift	$6.6 \times 10^{-28}$
$ \vec{E} ^2$ effects	$1.2 \times 10^{-29}$
$ \vec{E} $ uncertainty	$2.6 \times 10^{-29}$
Geometric phase	$\leq 2 \times 10^{-31}$
Total	$7.2 \times 10^{-28}$

**Next version currently being set up, test runs 2024**

Required:

- Extremely stable and low gradient environment: new specialized lab being built
- Highly sensitive sensing: e.g. 4-pi detection and AI, for 3D reconstruction of precessing dipoles and distortions

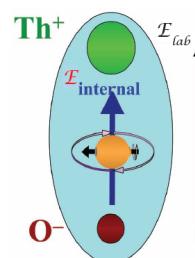
Community:

- HeXe experiment
- MiXed experiment

# Molecule EDM Searches

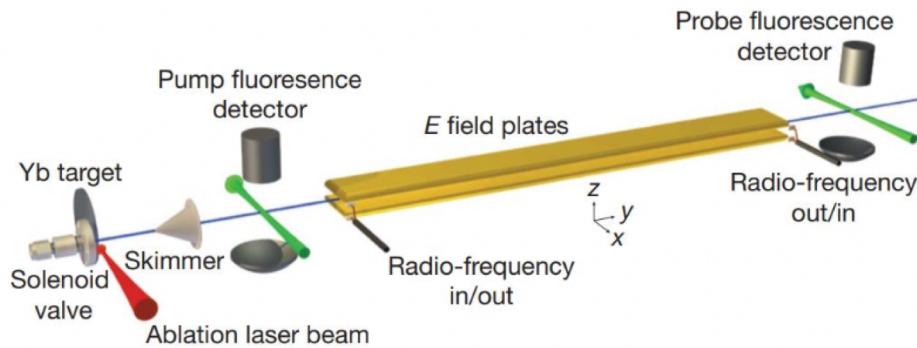
## Polar molecules:

- ~ 100 GV/cm internal electric field,
- polarizable with small ext. E-field
- Small magnetic moment = low effect of B-field quality
- High Z: enhancement
- Lasers to select states



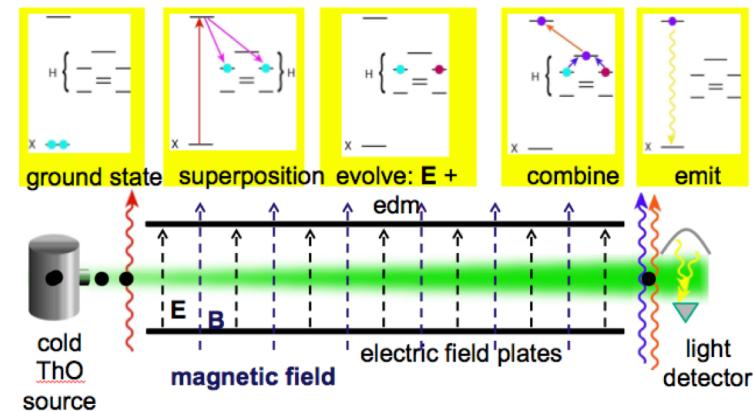
## $\text{YbF}_3$ :

- Spin precession in pulsed supersonic beam
- First to beat atomic experiments



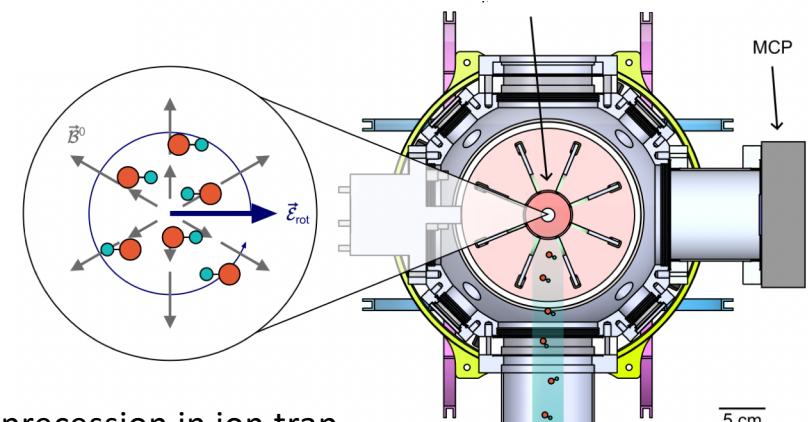
## E.g. $\text{ThO}$ (ACME Experiment)

- Spin precession in cryogenic beam



Nature 562, 355–360 (2018)

## $\text{HfF}_+$ :



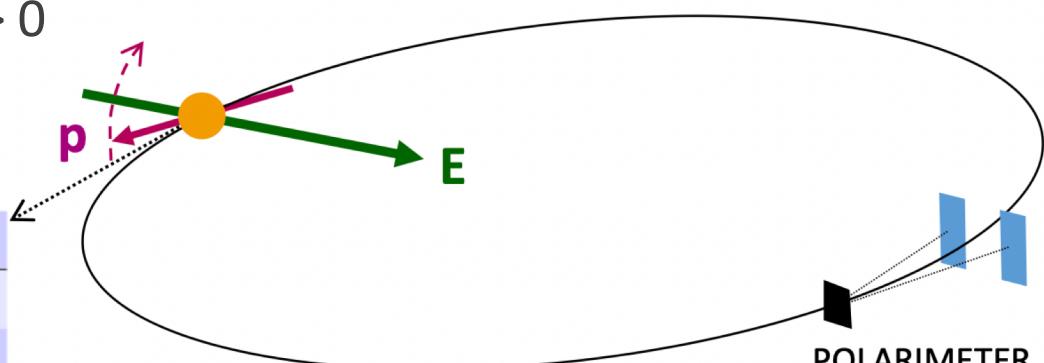
- Spin precession in ion trap
- Long coherence time from trapping

# Electrostatic Storage Ring Searches

Relativistic motion causes B field in frame of moving particle

- Frozen horizontal spin precession:  $\mathbf{p} \parallel \mathbf{s}$  at magic momentum
- EDM turns  $\mathbf{s}$  out of plane
- Purely electric ring only for  $G > 0$
- E and B ring for other isotopes

	$G = \frac{g-2}{2}$	$p/\text{GeV}/c$	$E_R/\text{MV}/\text{m}$	$B_V/\text{T}$
proton	1.79	0.701	10	0
deuteron	-0.14	1.0	-4	0.16
$^3\text{He}$	-4.18	1.285	17	-0.05



$$\frac{d\vec{s}}{dt} = \vec{\Omega} \times \vec{s}$$

$$\vec{\Omega} = \frac{e\hbar}{mc} [\mathbf{G}\vec{B} + \left(\mathbf{G} - \frac{1}{\gamma^2-1}\right) \vec{v} \times \vec{E} + \frac{1}{2}\eta(\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B})]$$

$$\vec{d} = \frac{e\hbar}{2mc} \vec{S}, \quad \vec{\mu} = 2(\mathbf{G} + 1) \frac{e\hbar}{2m} \vec{S}, \quad \mathbf{G} = \frac{g-2}{2}$$

# Advances in AMO: new EDM Searches

## Laser cooling:

- Longer observation time (linear)
- Higher particle density (sqrt)
- Much longer coherence time (linear)

## Laser trapping:

- Profits from other fields: rapid advances in technology
- Allows assembly of molecules

## Polyatomic molecules:

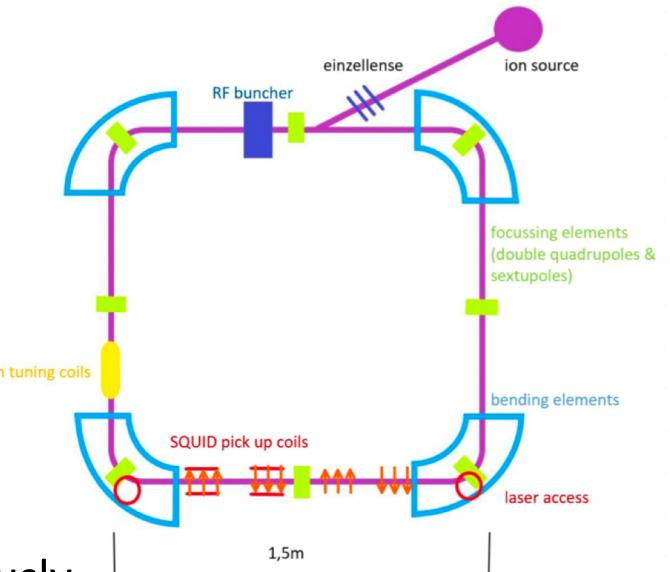
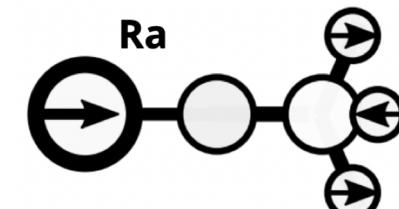
- Cooling techniques also work for complicated molecules
- Large internal fields also present
- Allows combination of deformed nuclei and trapping

*Q. Sci. & Tech.* 5, 044011 (2020)

## Electrostatic storage ring as particle trap:

- Non-relativistic, fully electrostatic particle trapping
- Laser and SQUID access to atomic state manipulation
- Hours of storage times, different configurations simultaneously

RaOCH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> molecule ion



# Side Note: Exotic Physics Searches

**Axionlike particle coupling to (electron) spins:**  $\mathcal{L} = g_{a\psi\psi} \partial_\mu a \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \psi$

The gradient of an (ultralight) Axion field acts on spins:

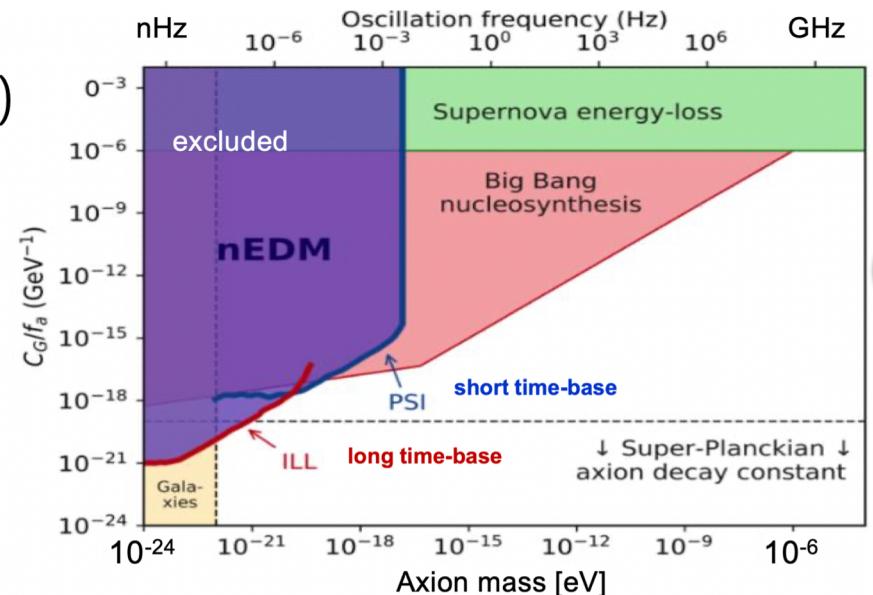
$$H = -g_{aee} \nabla a \cdot \sigma \quad \leftrightarrow \quad H = -\mu B \cdot \sigma$$

Observable as oscillating magnetic field:

$$\mu B_{\text{eff}} = g_{aee} a_o m_a \vec{v} \cos(m_a t) = g_{aee} \sqrt{\rho_{DM}} \vec{v} \cos(m_a t)$$

Natural scale  $\sim 10^{-20}$  T

Similar physics: nuclear coupling  
-> oscillating EDMs...



# Summary

- EDMs should be measured with several systems: together with EFT parameters, this is a powerful tool to search for new physics
- Neutron EDM searches have significant potential *again*
- The experimental field is recently progressing fast and with lots of innovations: cool ideas with
  - polyatomic molecules
  - very heavy isotopes like 225-Ra
  - particle trapping
  - electrostatic storage rings
- EDM searches are extremely advanced *Quantum Sensing* experiments, with spin-offs for ALP searches and applied technology like medicine