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The measurement of the neutron electric dipole moment The n2EDM project

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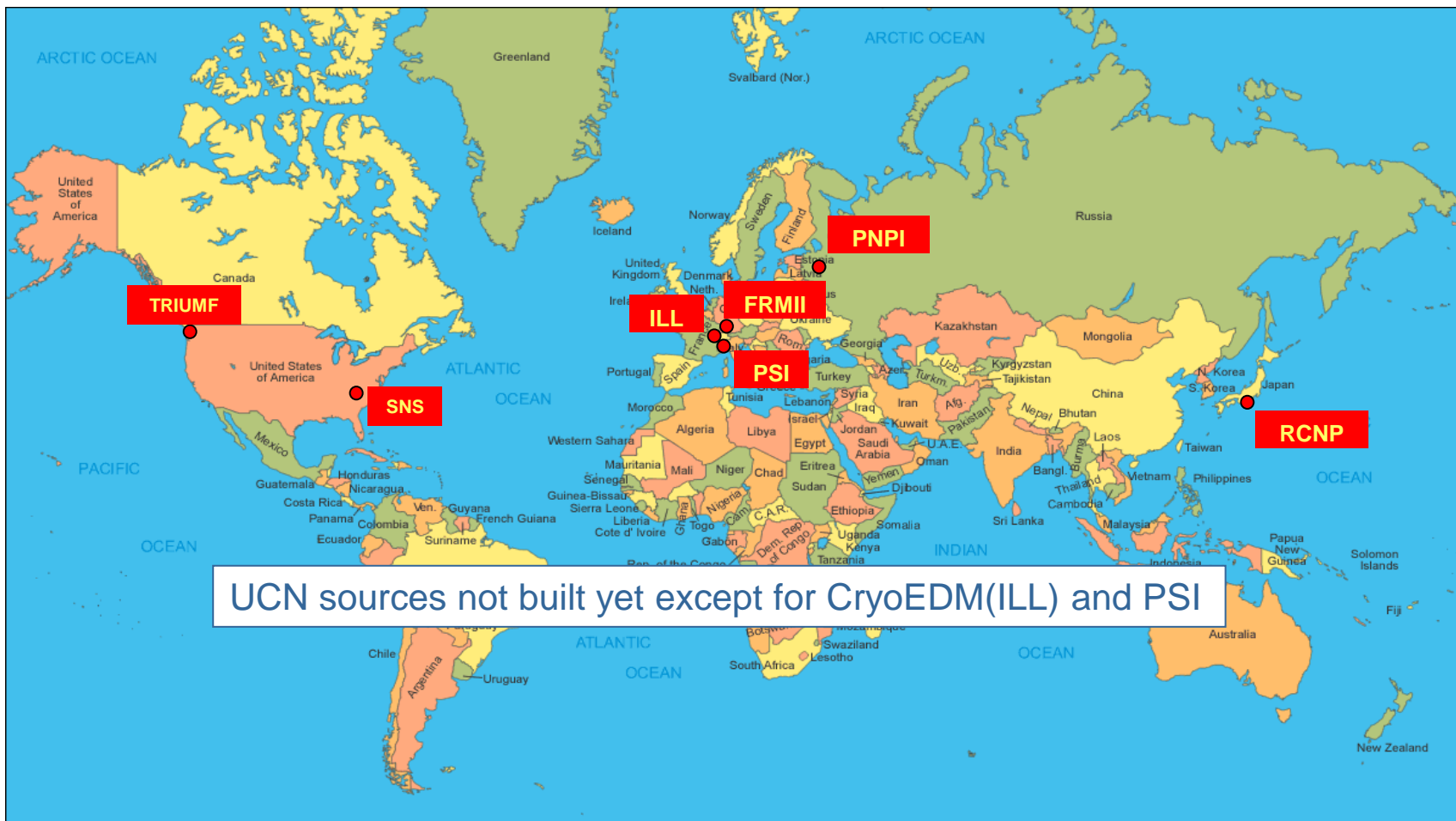
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- International context
- General concept
- n²EDM spectrometer
- Systematic effect
- Statistical sensitivity
- French laboratories involvement
- Planning, Man power, Budget

Six nEDM projects worldwide:

- Three running experiments: PSI, ILL (2)
- Three planned experiments: FRMII, SNS, RCNP/TRIUMPF

Goal : $\leq 10^{-27}$ e.cm

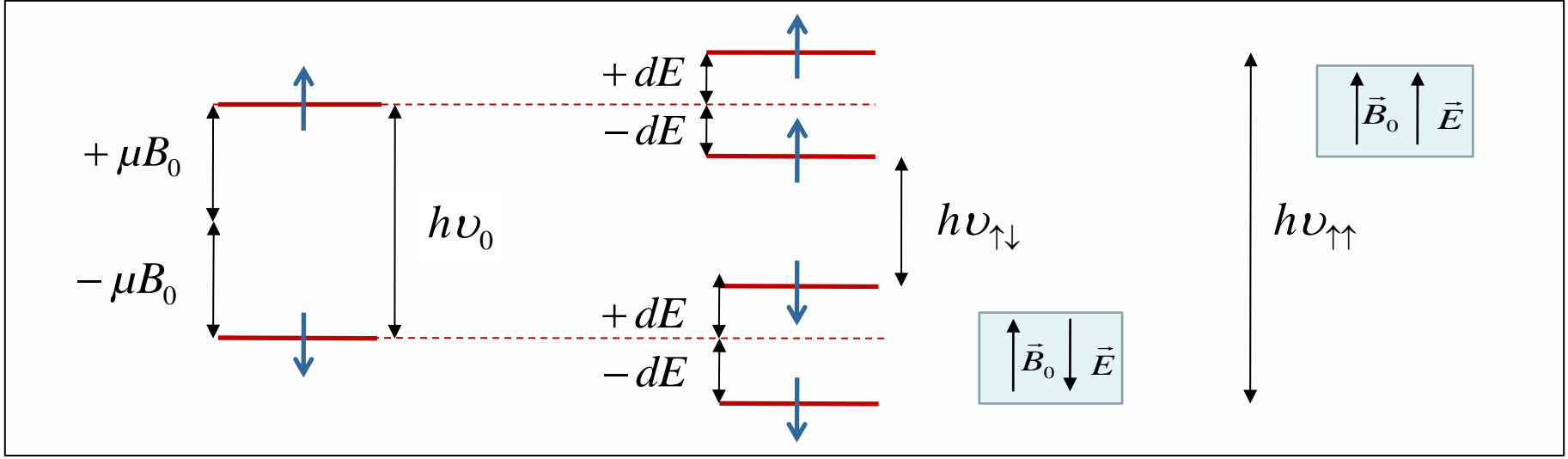


UCN sources not built yet except for CryoEDM(ILL) and PSI

The measurement principle

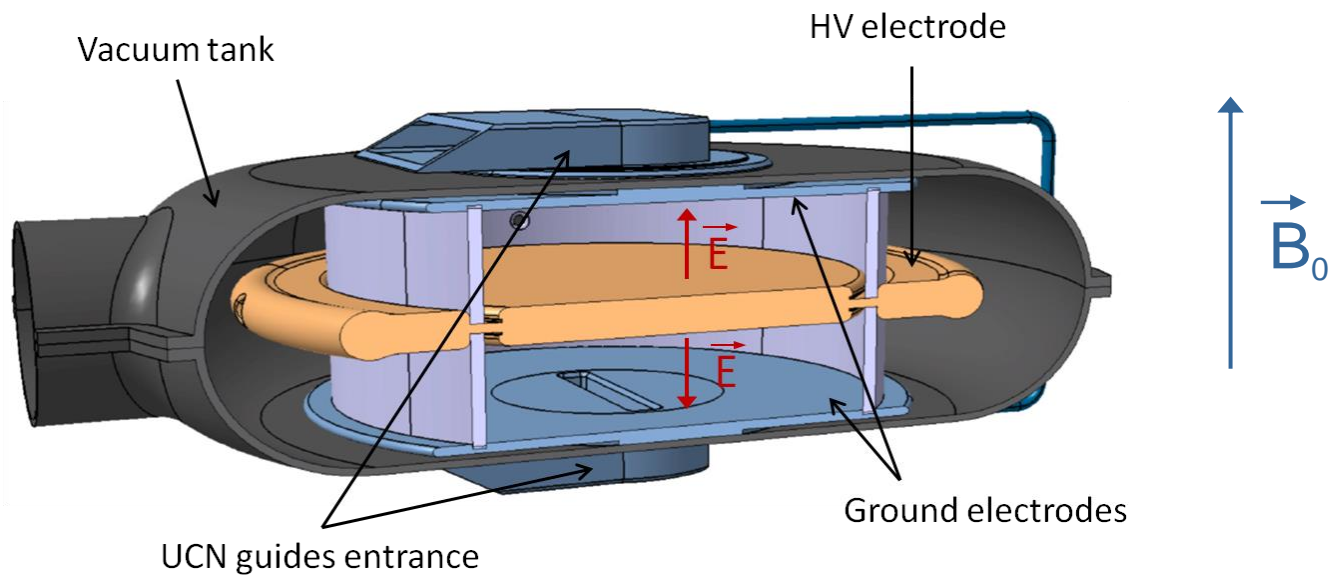
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n2EDM: general concept

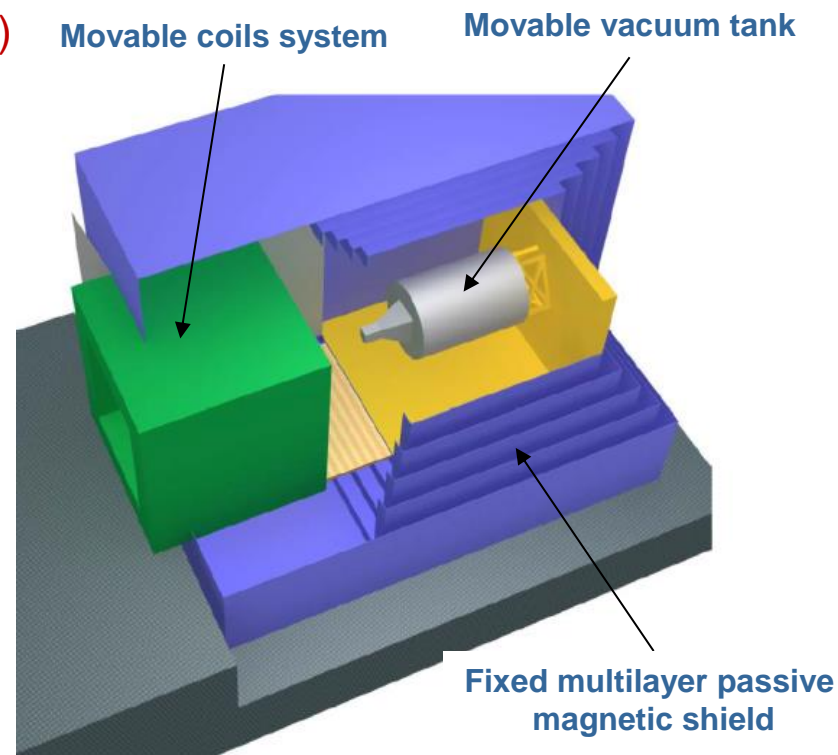
Simultaneous measurement of the neutron frequency for both field configurations
 → means: two chambers with opposite electric field direction



→ independent of B field drift for parallel and anti-parallel (E,B)

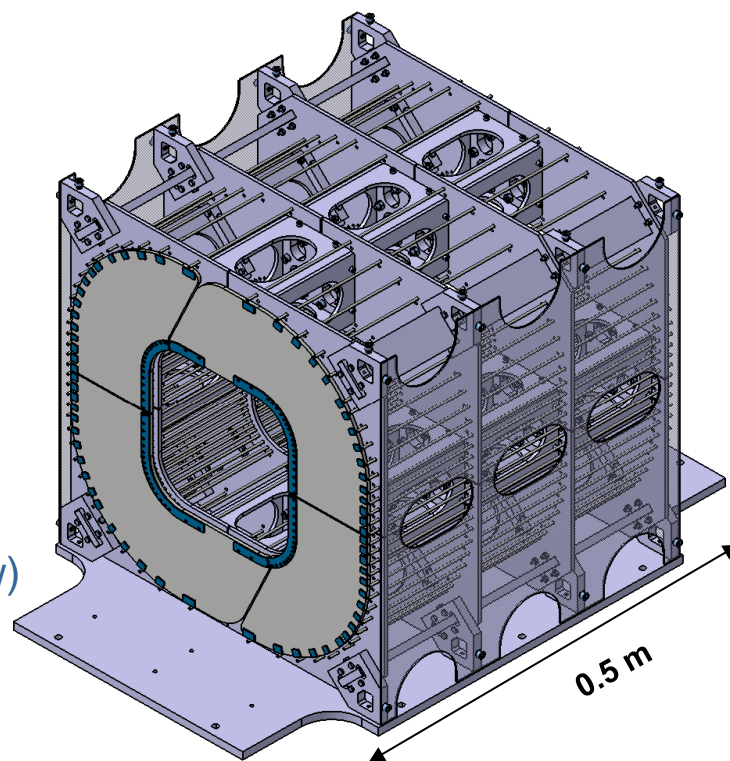
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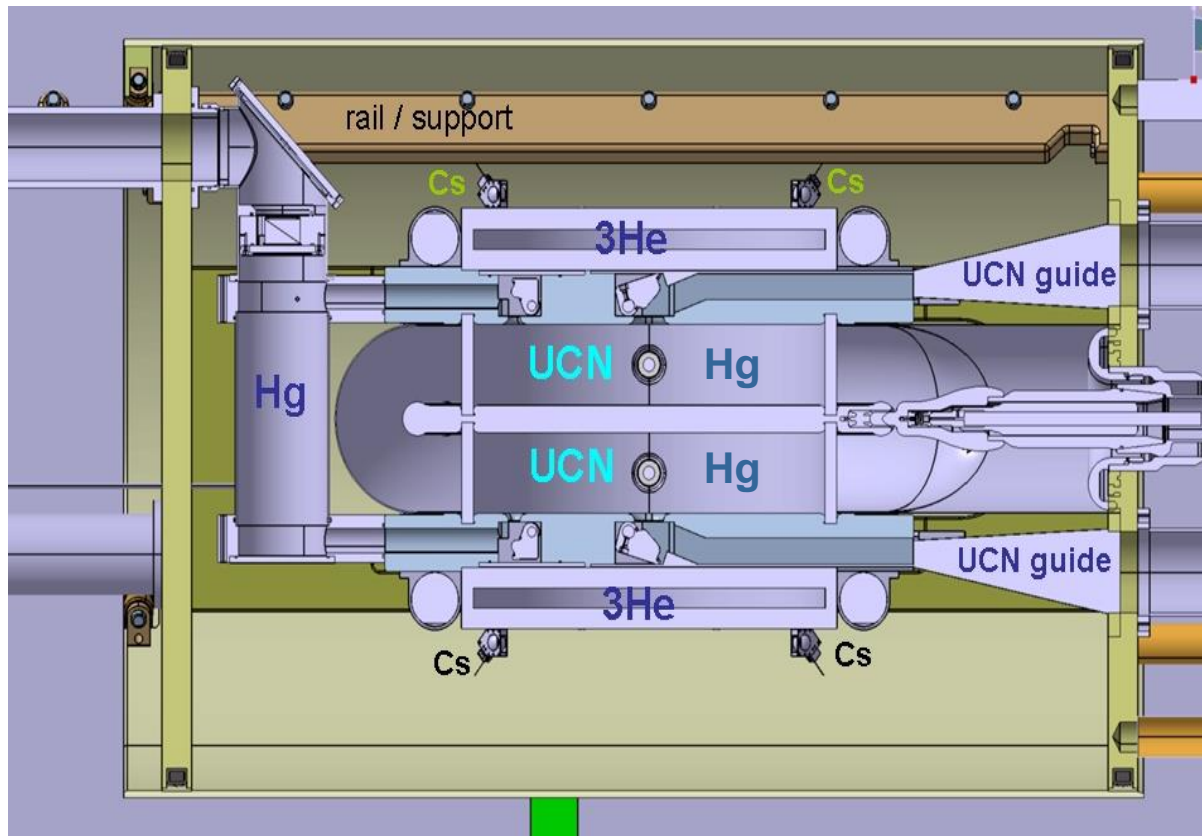
Gradient < 1 pT/cm

Stability during precession $< 10^{-7}$ (100 fT)

Magnetic field monitoring

Three magnetometers are going to be used:

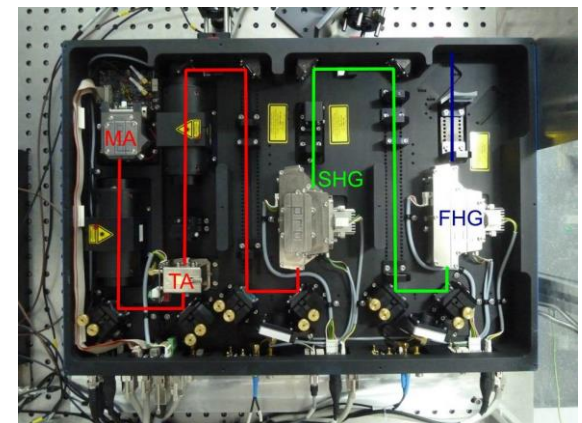
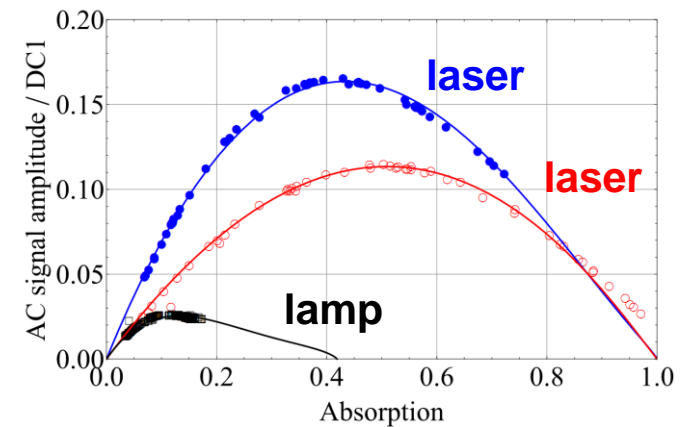
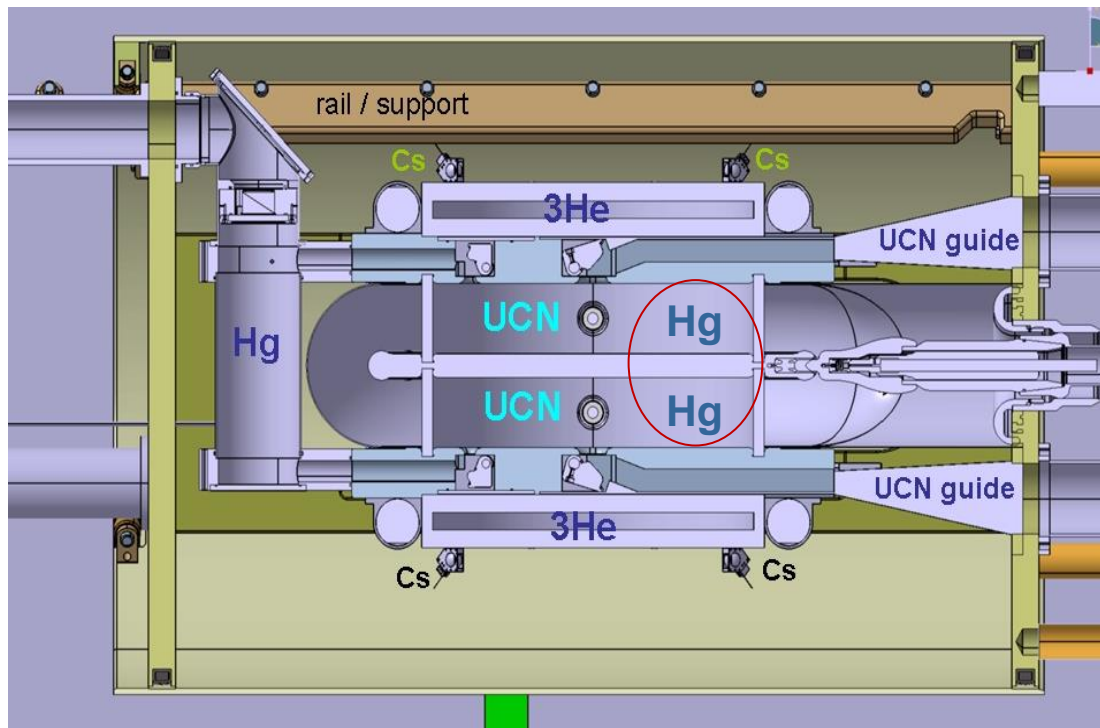
- scalar Hg comagnetometer: field within the precession chambers
- scalar ^3He magnetometer: field gradient
- vector Cs magnetometers: field components (transverse)



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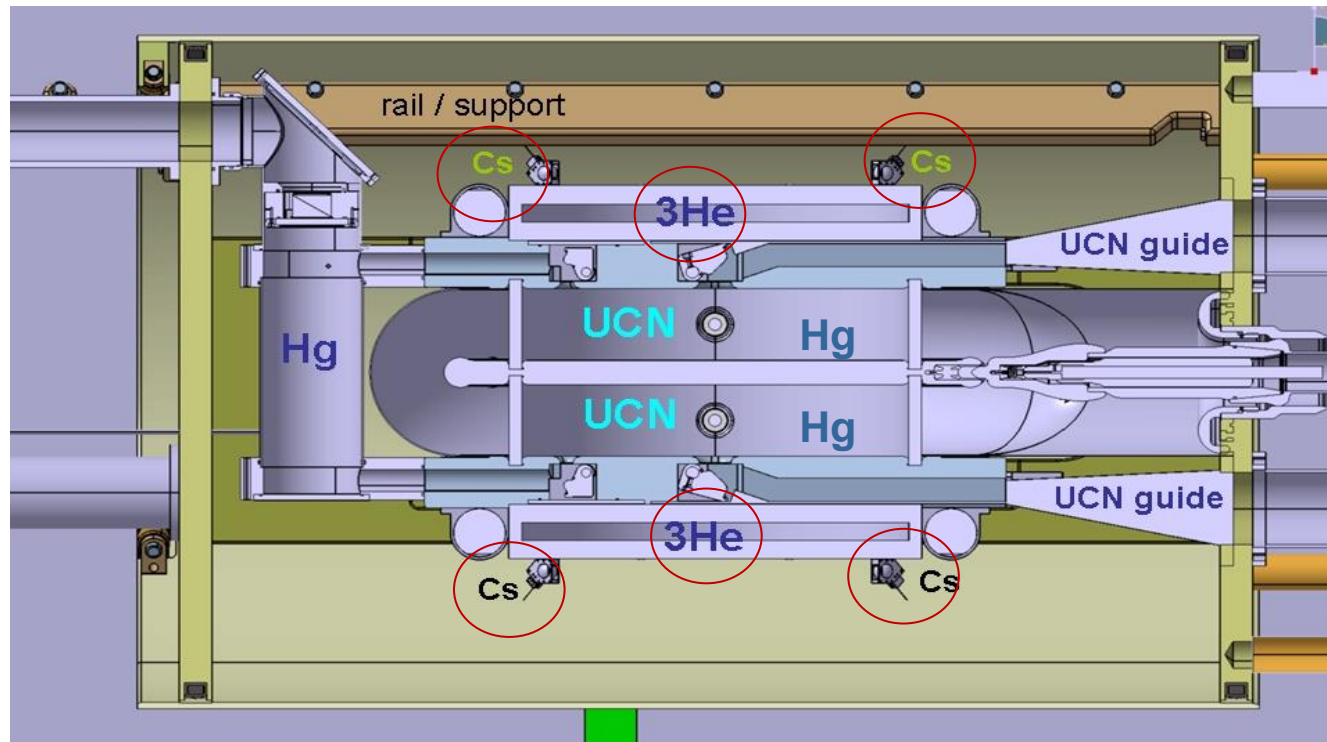
Hg comagnetometer with laser readout (instead of lamp readout)

- field measurement at UCN location (foreseen sensitivity < 50 fT)
- gradient measurement (foreseen sensitivity < fT/cm)
- but sensitive to Geometrical Phase Effect (GPE)



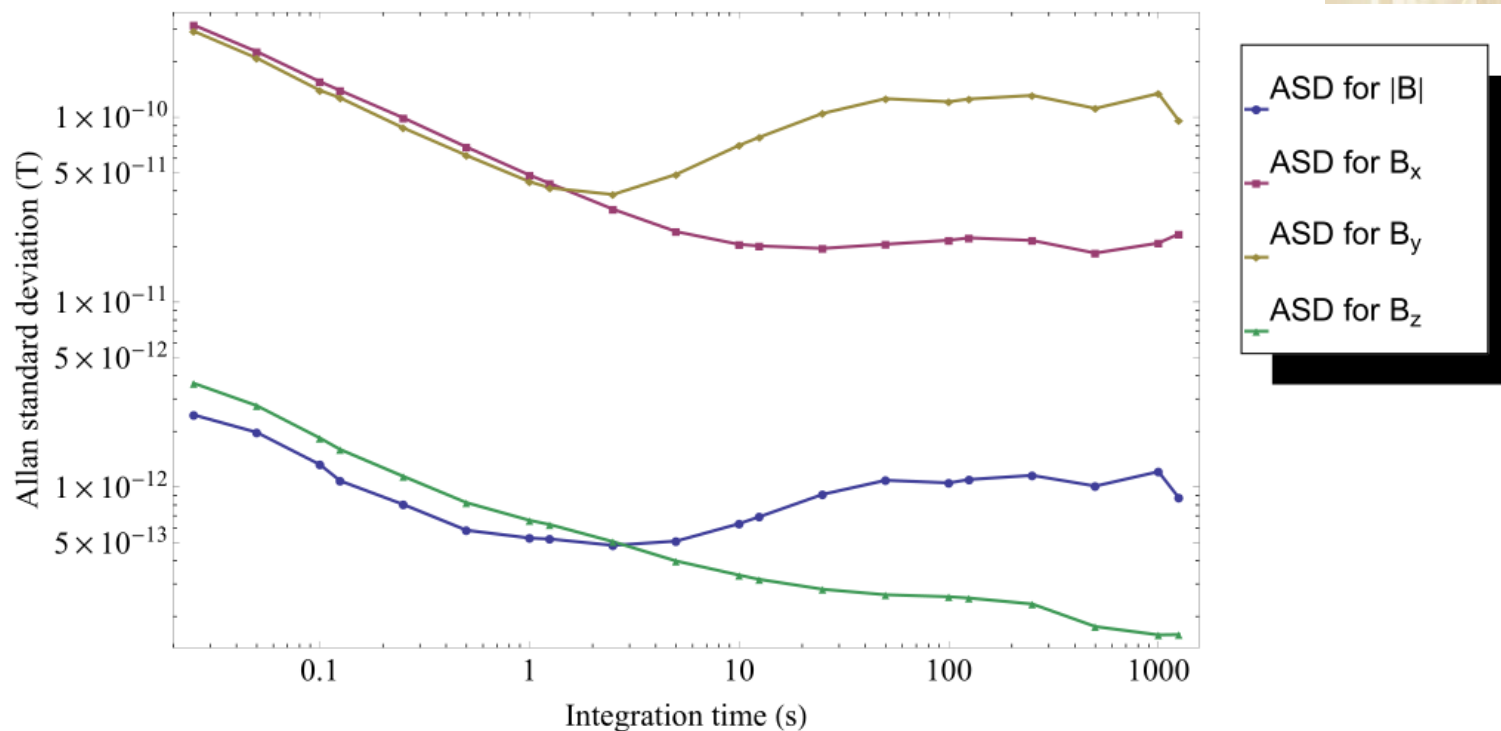
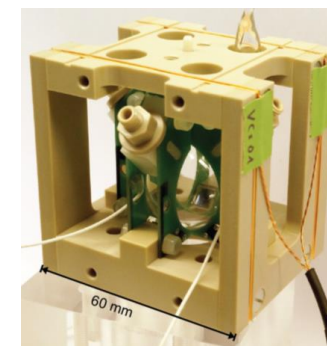
External magnetometers: Cs + ^3He (free from GPE but further away from UCN location)

- ^3He magnetometers (Cs readout): gradient measurement (foreseen sensitivity : < 10 fT/cm)
- vector Cs magnetometers: field components (transverse !)



External magnetometers: Cs

- Vertical component and field modulus @ 100 s: few 100 fT
- Transverse component @ 100 s: few 10 pT



Mechanical stability has to be improved: 400 pT for transverse components

Systematic effects control

Effects	Status
Direct Effects	
Uncompensated B-Drifts	0.5 ± 1.2
Leakage Current	0.00 ± 0.05
$V \times E$ UCN	0 ± 0.1
Electric Forces	0 ± 0.4
Hg EDM	0.02 ± 0.06
Hg Direct Light Shift	0 ± 0.008
Indirect Effects	
Hg Light Shift	0 ± 0.05
Quadrupole Difference	1.3 ± 2.4
Dipoles	
At the surface	0 ± 0.4
Other Dipoles	0 ± 3
Total	1.8 ± 4.1

Homogeneity and stability

Field homogeneity: $< 10^{-5}$

Field stability : 10^{-7}

Online field monitoring

Comagnetometer (Hg)

External magnetometers (Cs + ^3He)



Vertical gradient

Field components (transverse)

+ offline 3D field maps

Global systematic error $< 10^{-27}$ e.cm

Expected statistical sensitivity

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

→ work on improving (α , E,T,N) parameters

Parameter	Improvement factor	Comment
Neutrons number \sqrt{N}	5	Spectrometer – source height (x 3) Double precession chambers (x 1.5)
Electric field E	1.3	New electrodes geometry
Visibility α	1.25	Larger T2 (field homogeneity)
Precession time T	?	Coating investigation (Diamond)
Statistical sensitivity	8	Based on the current source performances

Foreseen sensitivity

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



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

ITEM	TASK RESPONSIBLE
UCN Source	PSI
New thermohouse (completed)	PSI
Passive magnetic shield	ETH/ PSI
B0, correcting, RF coils system	Caen (Design, prototype) / Kentucky/ ETH/ PSI/ Grenoble (Source)
UCN precession chamber + guides	Mainz/ PSI
Surrounding field compensation	ETH/ Cracow
Degaussing	PTB/ PSI
Vacuum tank + vacuum system	Leuven+ Caen (Design, construction)
High voltage	PSI
Magnetometry (Hg, Cs, ^3He)	Fribourg/ Mainz/ Jena/ Grenoble (Hg)/ PTB/ PSI
Setup / experiment support	PSI+ Caen (Design, construction)
Detector+ Spin Analysis	Caen
DAQ	Cracov/ Caen (Front End-Faster)

+ **French group:** data analysis + systematic effects studies
+ n2EDM design (simulation, modeling)

French laboratories involvement

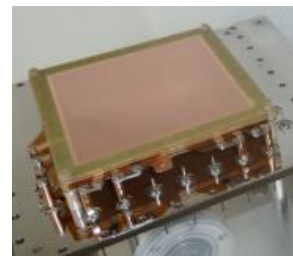


Detection: development of a new fast ${}^3\text{He}$ gas detector

- lower gamma sensitivity, larger detection efficiency
- ability to handle large rate: up to few 10^5 UCN/s

Two sealed versions are considered : HeGEM vs HeScint

Combined with **FASTER** acquisition system



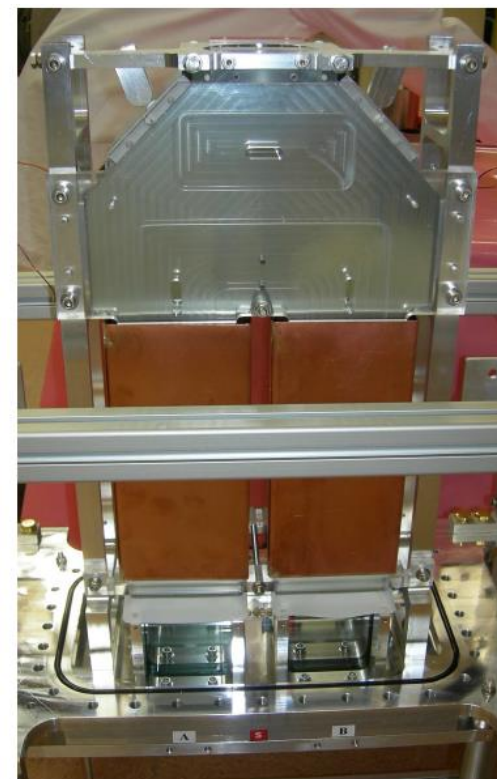
Spin analysis and guiding fields:

- holding fields along UCN path (E. Pierre thesis, 2012)
- simultaneous measurement of UCN polarization (V. Hélaïne,)

Prospective: diamond coating for the apparatus inner walls
major improvement if successful (test in 2014)

n2EDM requirements:

- 2 simultaneous spin analysers + 4 detectors



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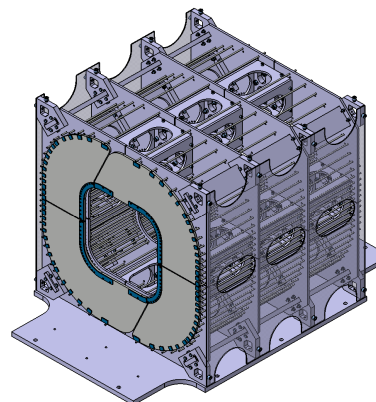
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Magnetic field mapping:
 → 3D field map within vacuum chamber

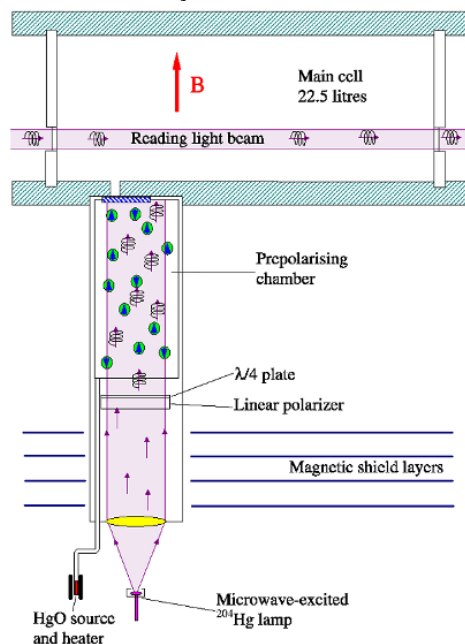
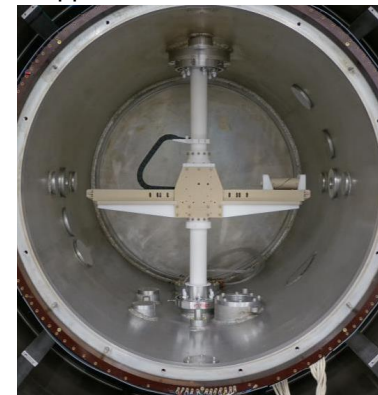
Stable B_0 current source (Y. Kermaïdic thesis):
 → stability during precession $< 10^{-7}$ (100 fT)

Hg comagnetometer (Y. Kermaïdic thesis):
 → Hg depolarisation vs electric field reversal
 → Buffer gas: GPE suppression

DISCO prototype



Mapper – winter 2013



B_0 current source

Global planning

2014-2017 : construction

2018 : commissioning

2018-2022 : data taking

2013: thermohouse built + shield WTO call

2015: magnetic shield delivered to PSI

2014-15:

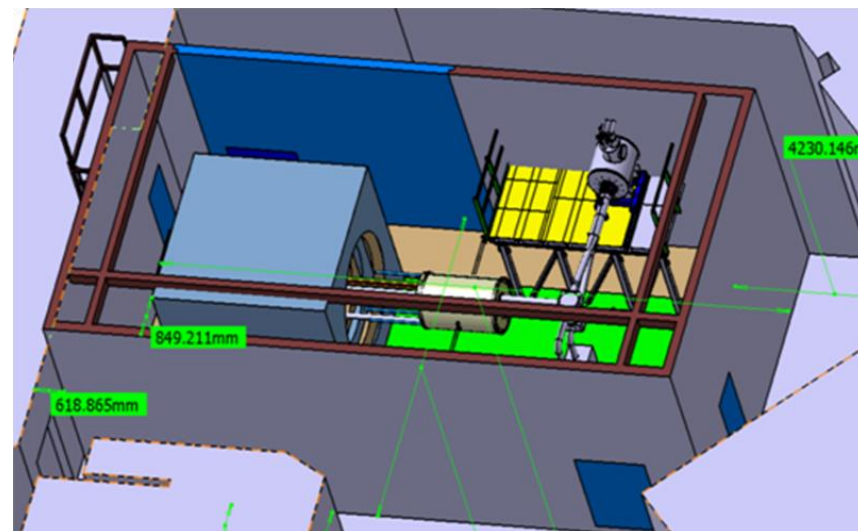
- overall mechanical design
- detectors prototype, diamond coating
- Hg test bench

2015-17:

- mechanical support, vacuum chamber, coils
- UCN guides and switch, HV feed-through
- storage chamber, corona ring

2017-2018 :

- test, optimization, assembling



LPC, Caen

Gilles Ban (Prof. ENSI - 50%)
 Victor Hélaïne (PhD, 2011-14)
 Thomas Lefort (MdC UCBN - 100%)
 Yves Lemièrre (MdC UCBN - 50%)
 Gilles Quéméner (CR - 35%)

CSNSM, Paris

Stéphanie Roccia (MdC - 50%)

LPSC, Grenoble

Benoit Clément (MdC – 50%)
 Y. Kermaïdic (PhD, 2013 -16)
 Guillaume Pignol (MdC - 40%)
 Dominique Rebreyend (DR - 75 %)

LPSC + CSNSM + LPC
 Physicist: 2.8 ETP

Department	Man year
Mechanical design and manufacturing	6
Front end electronics and data acquisition	2.5
Instrumentation and detectors	4

for 2014 - 2018

PhD students: keep on co-advised PhD students with share funding (3 with nEDM)
 Current request : post docs @ LPC

ITEM	COST (k€)	TASK RESPONSIBLE	FUNDED
UCN Source	A lot...	PSI	X
New thermohouse (completed)	260	PSI	X
Passive magnetic shield	2'000	ETH/ PSI	X
B0, correcting, RF coils system	400	Caen (Design, prototype) / Kentucky/ ETH/ PSI/Grenoble (Source)	
UCN precession chamber + guides	600	Mainz/ PSI	
Surrounding field compensation	200	ETH/ Cracow	
De-Gaussing	100	PTB/ PSI	
Vacuum tank + vacuum system	250	Leuven+ Caen (Design, construction)	
High voltage	100	PSI	
Magnetometry (Hg, Cs, ³ He)	700	Fribourg/ Mainz/ Jena/Grenoble (Hg)/ PTB/ PSI	
Setup / experiment support	150	PSI+ Caen (Design, construction)	
Detector+ Spin Analysis	200	Caen	
DAQ	200	Cracov/ Caen (Front End-Faster)	
Total	5'160		

← ANR application (535 k€) →

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Equipment	135	110	220	70	20	20
Travels + meeting + conf	35	35	35	35	35	35
nEDM maintenance	15	15	15	15	15	15

ANR grant application :

- pre-proposal submitted → 2014-2018
- budget: 535 k€ → exp. development
- in2p3 involvement:
travels + minimal technical developments
- in2p3 support

Task	Item	Cost (k€)
Detection	Scintillating ^3He detectors	55
	GEM ^3He detectors	125
Spin analysis and guiding coils	Diamond coating	40
	Simultaneous spin system	40
Hg magnetometer	Test bench	70
	n2EDM Hg co-magnetometer design and construction	50
Current source	Design and construction	30
B field mapping and reconstruction	Computer and software	15
Coil design and construction	Self compensated coil	100
General design	Vacuum tank (if granted to the French groups by the collaboration)	100

International context:

- CryoEDM @ILL → 10^{-27} e.cm level: but not running yet
- other experiments are waiting for their UCN source

PSI n2EDM project:

UCN source already started, improvements are actively pursued, strong PSI support

Any new technique or device can be tested within OILL spectrometer

→ allow producing real improvements for n2EDM spectrometer

Foreseen sensitivity: $2 \cdot 10^{-27}$ e.cm in 2022

(with current source performances)



Test of the generic
electroweak baryogenesis

Potentially achievable: 10^{-28} ecm range
with UCN source improvement (factor 10 not understood yet)

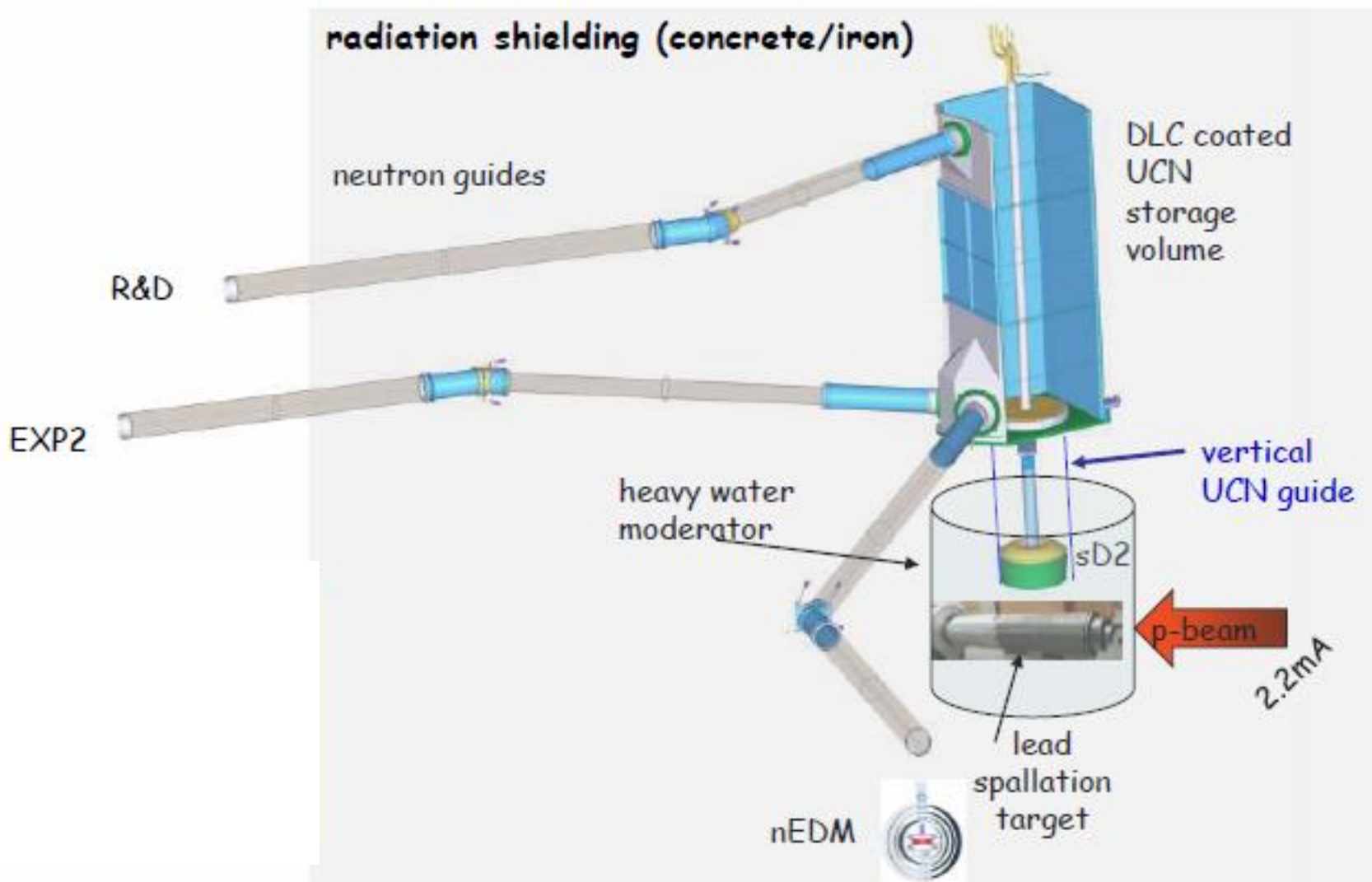


Further constraints on SM
extensions

Magnetic field control

	nEDM	n2EDM
Passive magnetic Shield: shielding factor	1500 – 10000 (< 1 Hz)	10^5 (< 1 Hz)
Active surrounding field compensation (SFC): attenuating factor	DC field: 20 AC field: 5 – 50 @ 10^{-4} – 1 Hz	Uniform field (> 12 coils)
Correcting coils: internal field homogeneity	$\sim 10^{-4}$	$< 10^{-5}$ (<10 pT)
Correcting coils: external field	Shield is magnetized	No ext. field
Active 3D field stabilization	-	Vector Cs
Current source: B0 drift during precession	~ 200 fT	100 fT
Field gradient	~ 10 pT/cm	< 1 pT/cm
Residual field after degaussing (<i>in situ</i>)	< 2 nT	< 100 pT
Hg cohabiting magnetometer: sensitivity	200 fT (lamp)	< 50 fT (laser)
External ^3He magnetometer with Cs readout: sensitivity	-	Calcul: ~ 1 fT Exp: ~ 50 fT over 100 s
External vector Cs mag.: sensitivity	Scalar Cs: 50 pT	1 pT

Thermo house ($\Delta T=0.2$ K) knowing that $\Delta B = 2$ pT/K due to shield dilatation
 Electrodes degaussing @ PTB: < 50 pT @ 3 cm



Running experiments:

nEDM @ ILL (RAL Sussex): 10^{-27} ecm in ...

- commissioning phase: first nEDM data in 2016 ?
- UCN production within superfluid He → cryogenic issue slow down progresses

nEDM @ ILL (PNPI): $< 10^{-27}$ ecm level in ...

- old PNPI spectrometer at PF2: 10^{-26} ecm level in 2016 with EDM beam line
- new storage chamber + new UCN source (reactor + SD_2) @ PNPI, not built yet

Planned experiments:

nEDM @ Munich: $< 10^{-27}$ ecm in ...

- UCN source @ FRMII reactor, building ongoing (SD_2), experiment in 2016 ?

nEDM @ Oak Ridge (SNS):

- spallation + superfluid He, building ongoing, exp. not before 2020

nEDM experiment at RCNP/TRIUMF:

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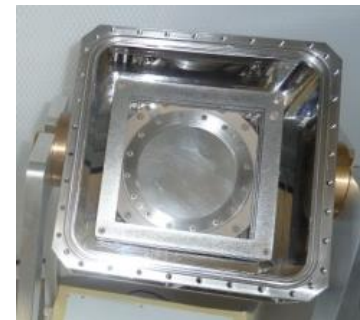
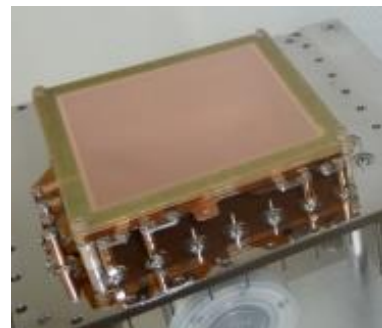
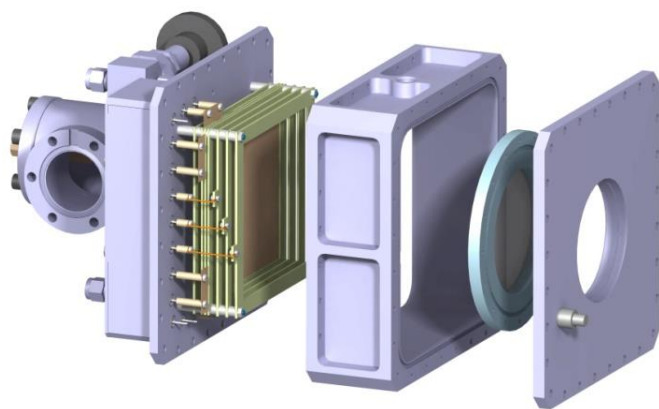
French laboratories involvement (LPC)

Detection: development of a new fast ^3He gas detector

- lower gamma sensitivity and larger detection efficiency (~20 %)
- ability to handle large rate: up to few 10^5 UCN/s

Two sealed versions are considered :

- HeGEM: induced current, readout performed with GEM
- HeScint: scintillation in CF_4 , readout performed with PMT no gas contaminant, more stable



Combined with **FASTER** acquisition system



Status: HeGEM successfully tested with alpha source @ 1 MeV, 100 ns
 HeScint OK with alpha @ 5 MeV, 20 ns

n2EDM: 4 detectors are required

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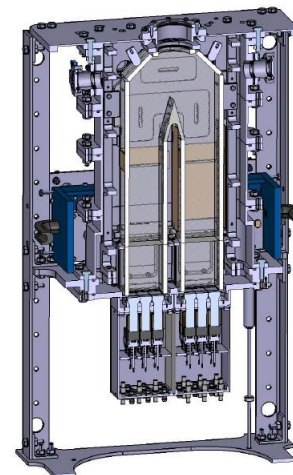
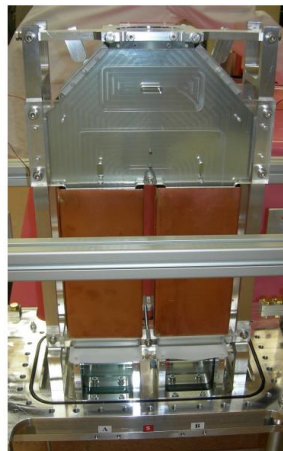
Spin analysis and guiding fields:

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Status: prototype (USSA) has been built
 → final tests this week

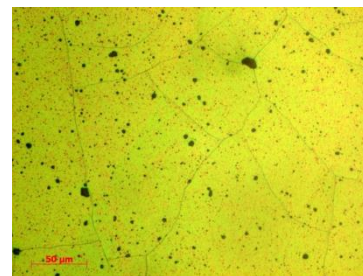
Former tests have already shown that:

- spin analysis is under control
- UCN transmission can be improved



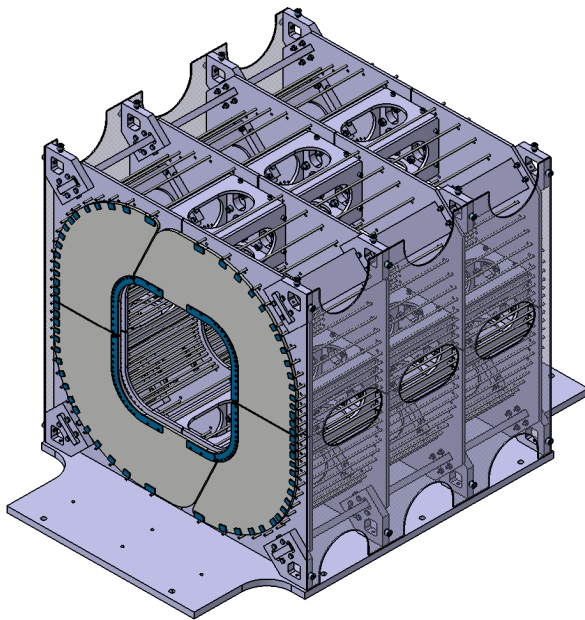
Prospectives: diamond coating for the inner walls of the apparatus major improvement if successful !

Status:
 Fermi potential ~ 300 neV \rightarrow 25 % higher than current coating
 Further tests in 2014 (LPC/PSI): storage chamber



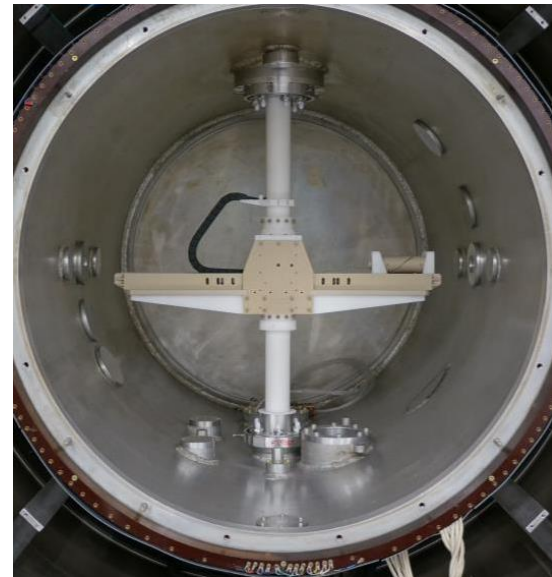
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Coil design: new technique + double layers
 → field uniformity $< 10^{-5}$



Status: prototype is studied (LPC/Kentucky)
 if funded, construction at LPC in 2014

Magnetic field mapping:
 → 3D field map within vacuum chamber



Status: keep on doing such activities

Vector Cs magnetometer (Georg)

Field modulus: the frequency of the recorded FID signals

Field direction : amplitudes and relative phases of the three FID signals

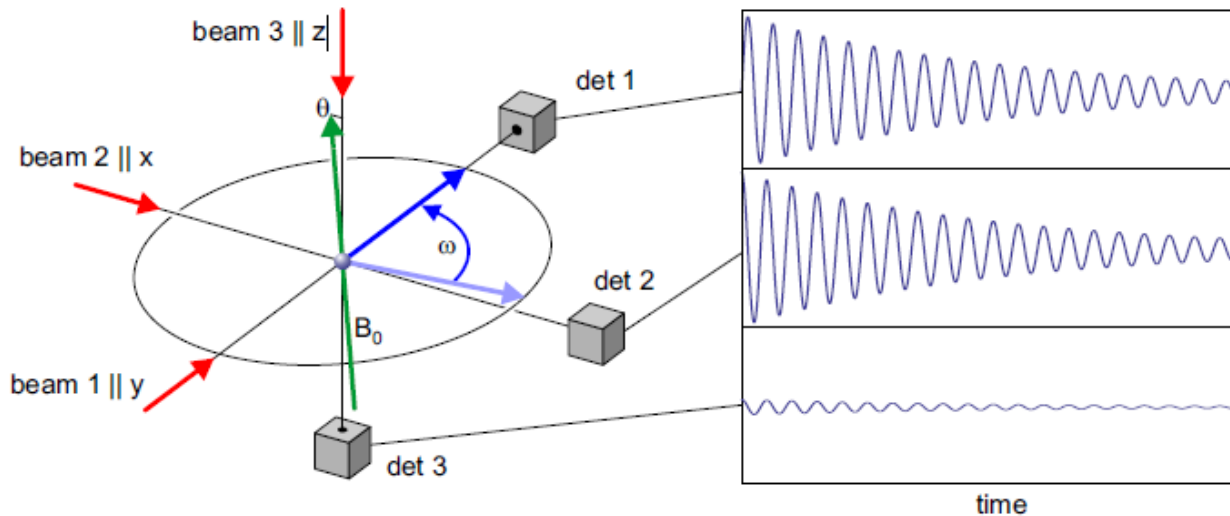
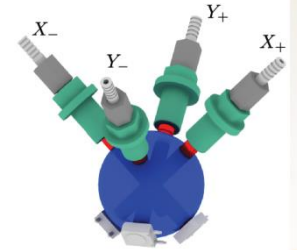
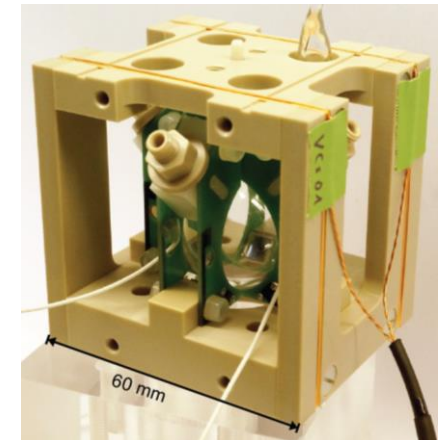


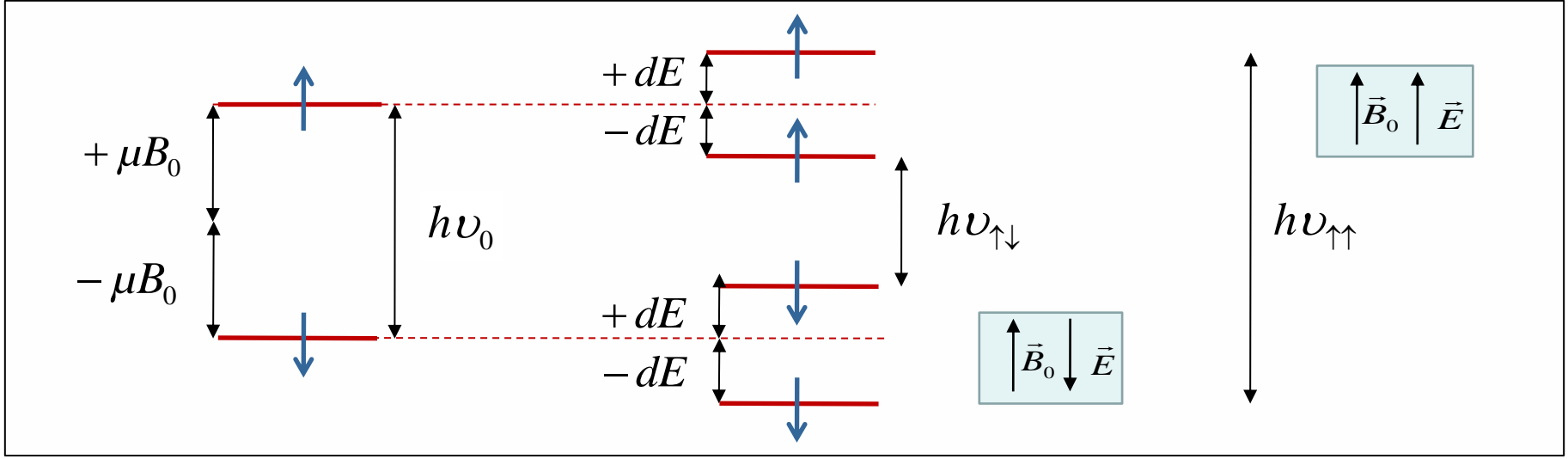
Figure 73: Schematic setup of a multi-beam vector magnetometer. The atomic spins (blue arrows) precess in a plane perpendicular to the static magnetic field B_0 . Three laser-beams along the coordinate axes are used to detect the spin precession. Three detectors (det 1,2,3) detect the intensity changes in the laser beams caused by —spin-direction dependant— absorption. The FID signals show a smaller amplitude in the z-direction since the polar angle θ of the magnetic field is small in this example.



The measurement principle

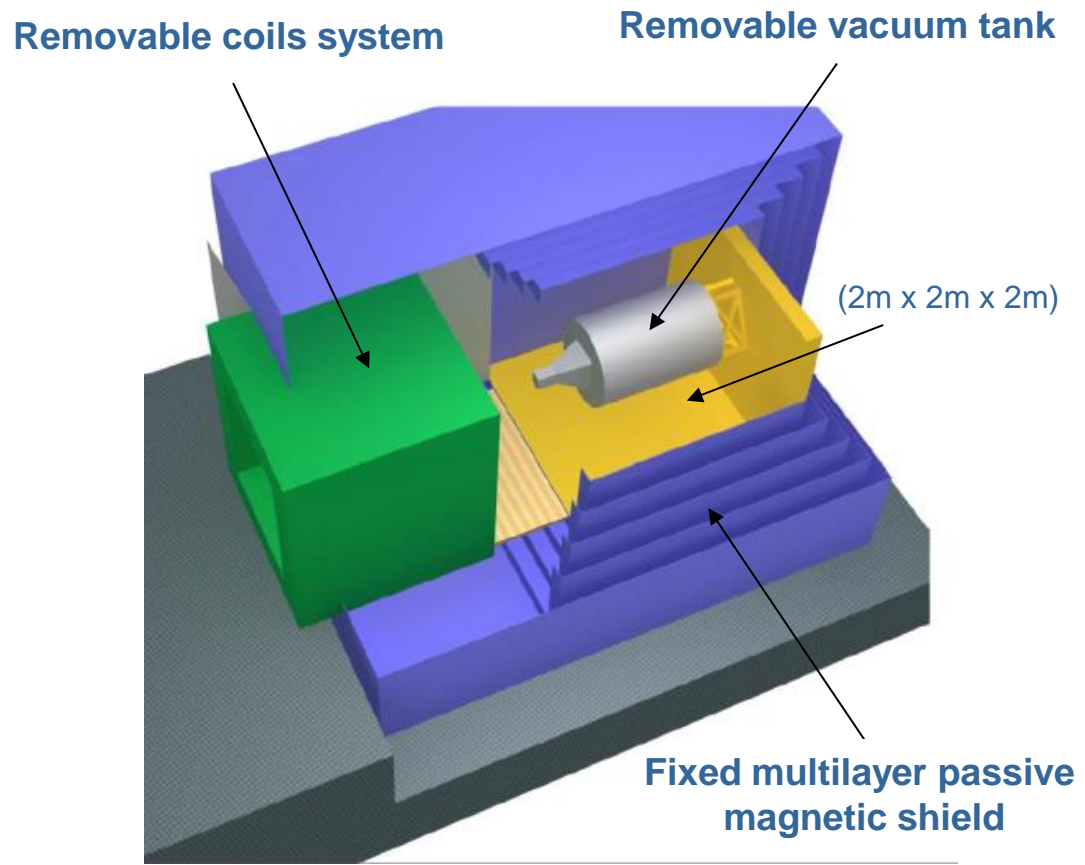
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$$h\nu_{\uparrow\uparrow} - h\nu_{\uparrow\downarrow} = 2\mu(B_{\uparrow\uparrow} - B_{\uparrow\downarrow}) + 4d_n E$$



n2EDM: general concept

Passive multilayer magnetic shield + correcting coils system + magnetometers + ...



General concept

