

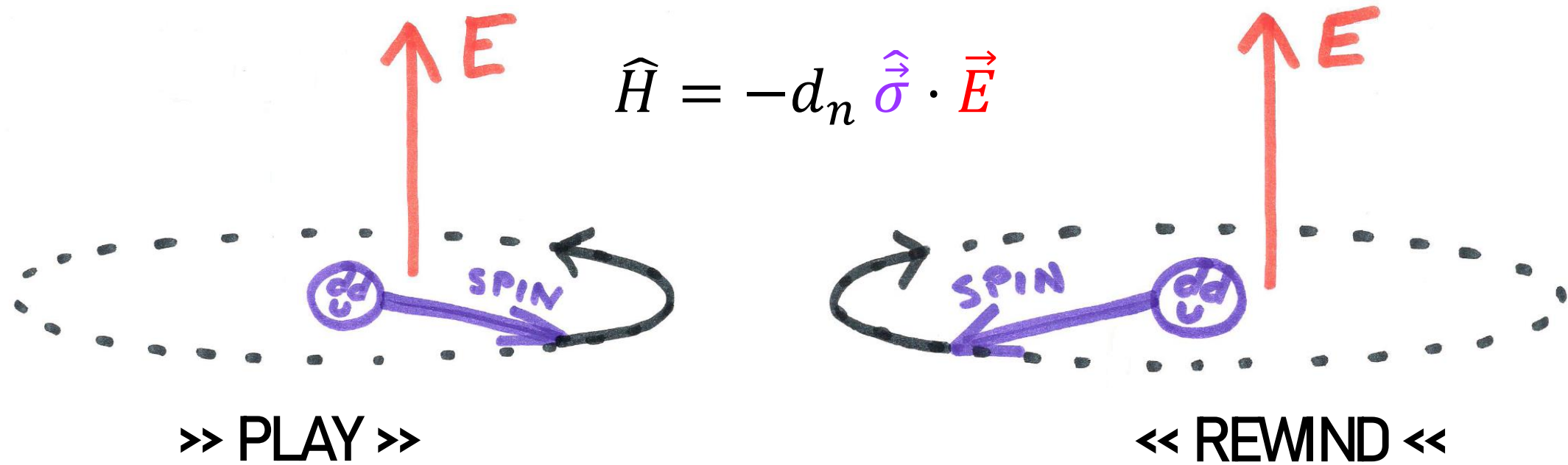
# The n2EDM experiment



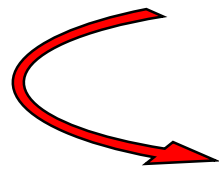
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on behalf of the nEDM collaboration  
57<sup>th</sup> rencontres de Moriond, 21.03.2023



# EDM: coupling between spin and E-field



If  $d_n \neq 0$  the process and its time reversed version are different.

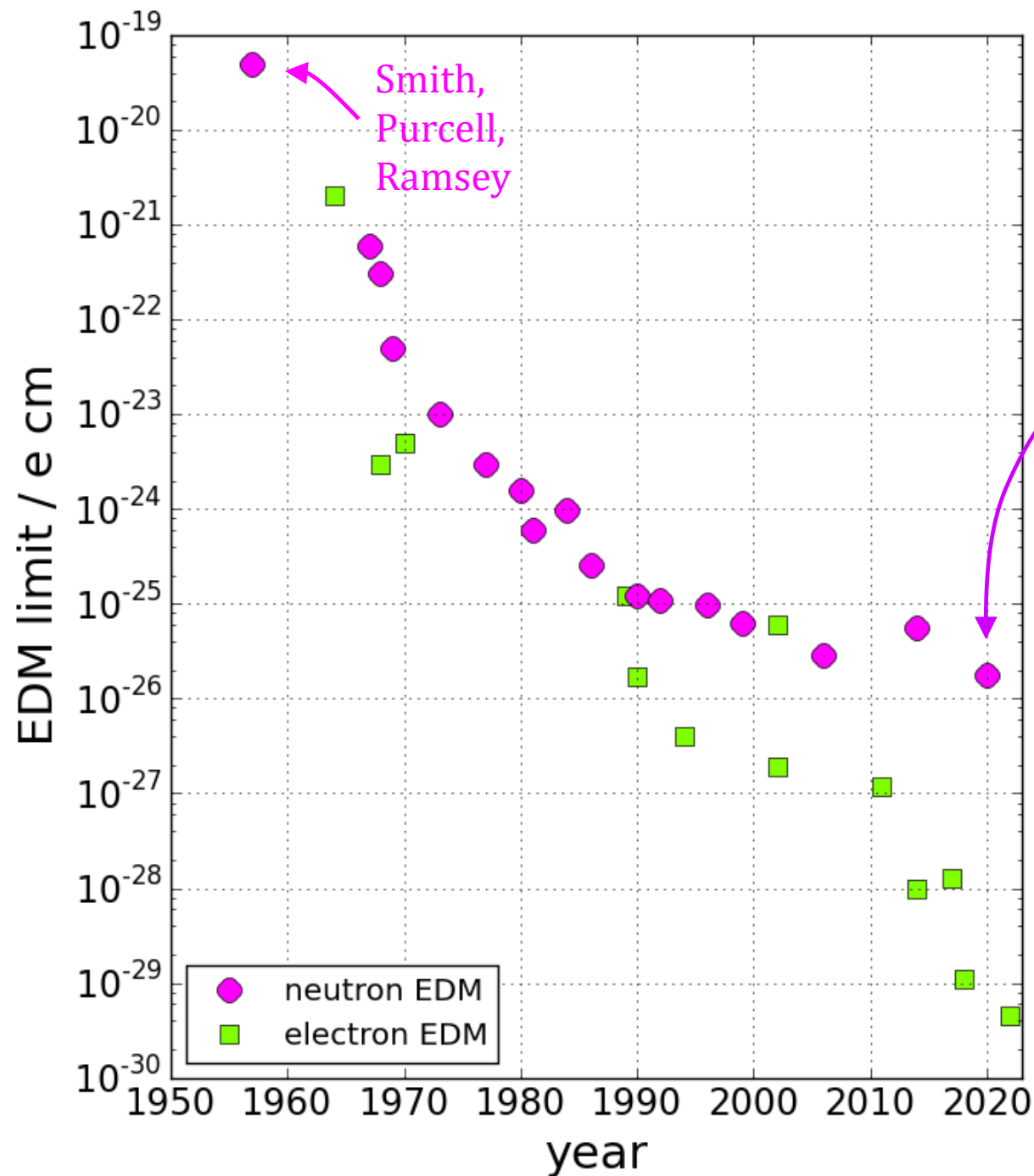


**Violation of T**

**CPT**

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# EDM limits



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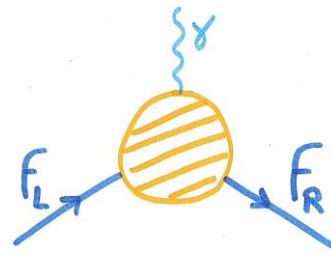
Nuclear magneton

$$\mu_N = \frac{e\hbar}{2m_N}$$

In natural units  $|d_n| < 2 \times 10^{-12} \times \mu_N / c$

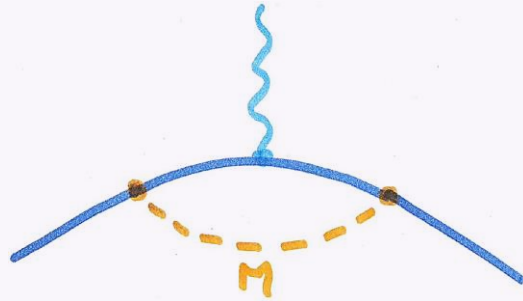
In comparison  $\mu_n = -1.9130427(5) \mu_N$

# Sources of neutron EDM



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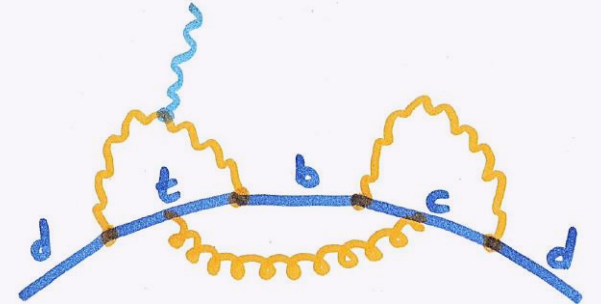


$$d_n \sim e \frac{g^2}{16\pi^2} \sin(\phi_{\text{CPV}}) \frac{m_q}{M^2}$$

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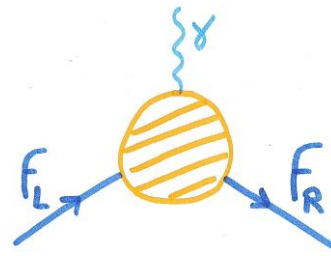
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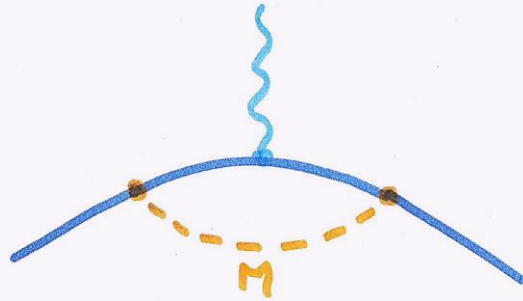
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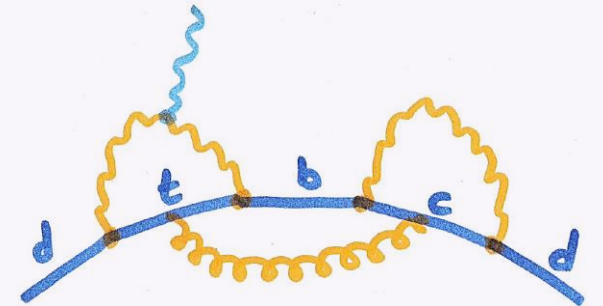


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## The SM QCD theta term

$$\frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi} \bar{\theta} \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu}$$

generates a potentially enormous neutron EDM :  $d_n \sim -0.02 \times \bar{\theta} \mu_N / c$

$\rightarrow |\bar{\theta}| < 10^{-10} \rightarrow \ll \text{Strong CP problem} \gg$

# EDMs beyond the SM: modified Higgs couplings

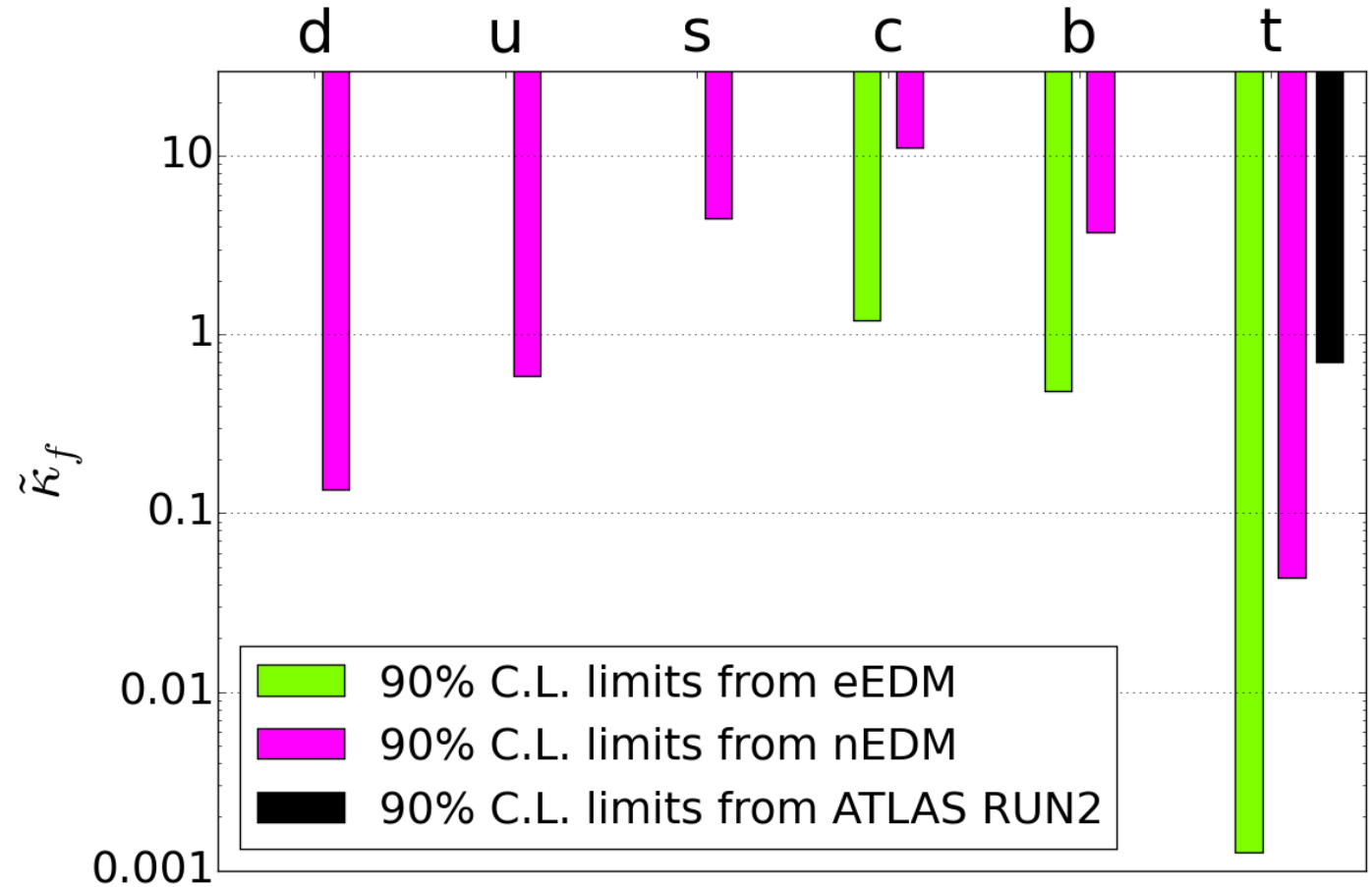
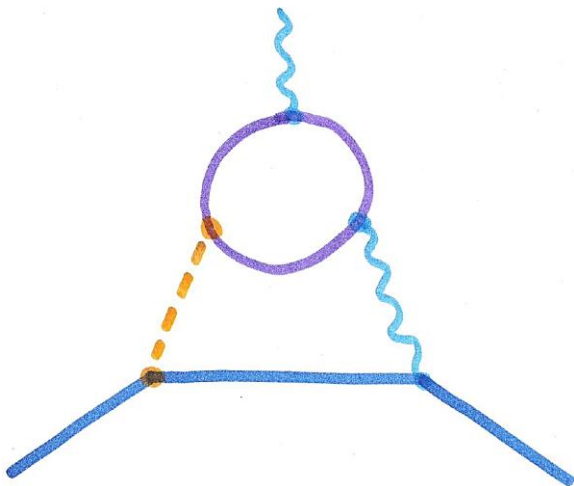
Modified Higgs-fermion Yukawa coupling

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{y_f}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \kappa_f \bar{f} f h + \boxed{i\tilde{\kappa}_f \bar{f} \gamma_5 f h} \right)$$

**CPV**

Generates EDM at 2 loops

[Barr, Zee, PRL 65 \(1990\)](#)



[Brod, Haich, Zupan, 1310.1385](#)  
[Brod, Stamou, 1810.12303](#)  
[Brod, Skodras, 1811.05480](#)  
[ATLAS, PRL 125, 061802 \(2020\)](#)

# Systematic approach: ladder of Effective Field Ths

UV complete BSM theory,

$$\mathcal{L}_{UV} : \text{Scale} = \Lambda \gg m_H \sim 100 \text{ GeV}$$

EFT with SM fields: quarks, leptons, gauge bosons, Higgs

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SMEFT}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{D=5}} + \sum_{a=1}^{3045} \frac{c_a}{\Lambda^2} O_a^{(6)} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{D=7}} + \dots$$

EFT with hadrons, leptons and photons  
Isospin-diagonal, CPV operators

$$-\mathcal{L}_{\text{EDM}} = \frac{1}{2} d_n \bar{n} \sigma_{\mu\nu} i \gamma_5 n F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} C_S^0 \bar{n} n \bar{e} i \gamma_5 e + \dots$$

Observables: EDMs of nucleons, atoms, molecules...  $\hat{H} = -d \hat{\sigma} \cdot \vec{E}$

European Strategy Particle Physics [1910.11775](https://www.hep.eu.org/)

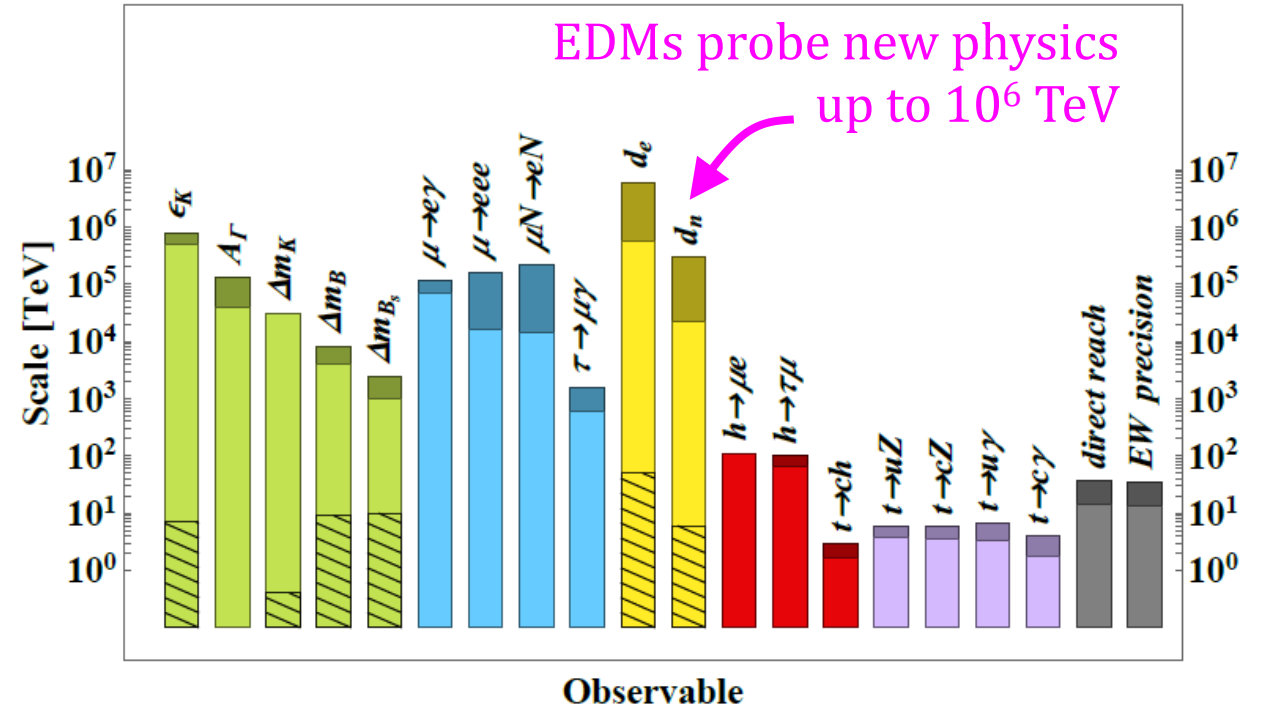
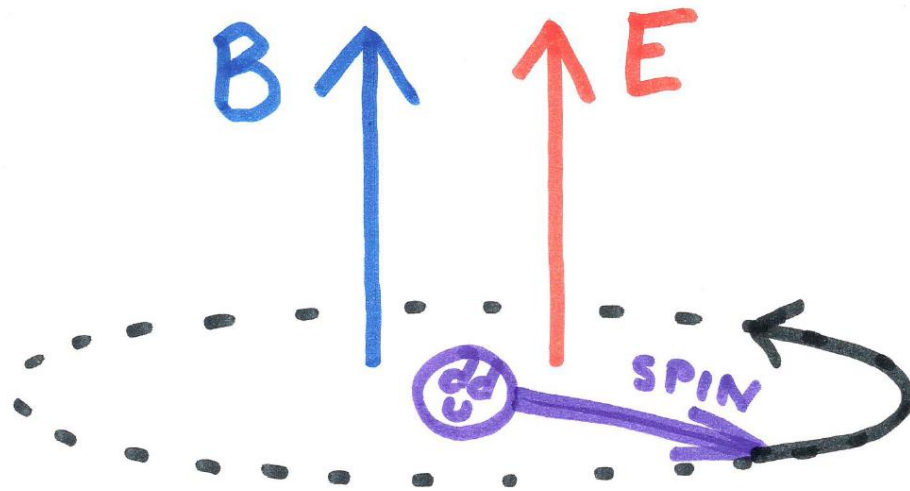


Fig. 5.1: Reach in new physics scale of present and future facilities, from generic dimension six operators. Colour coding of observables is: green for mesons, blue for leptons, yellow for EDMs, red for Higgs flavoured couplings and purple for the top quark. The grey columns illustrate the reach of direct flavour-blind searches and EW precision measurements. The operator coefficients are taken to be either  $\sim 1$  (plain coloured columns) or suppressed by MFV factors (hatch filled surfaces). Light (dark) colours correspond to present data (mid-term prospects,

# Basics of nEDM measurement



$$2\pi f = \frac{2\mu_n}{\hbar} B \pm \frac{2d_n}{\hbar} |E|$$

Larmor frequency  
 $\sim 30 \text{ Hz @ } B = 1 \mu\text{T}$

If  $d_n \sim 10^{-26} e \text{ cm}$  and  $E \sim 10 \text{ kV/cm}$   
**duration of one full turn  $\sim 1 \text{ year}$**

To detect such a minuscule coupling

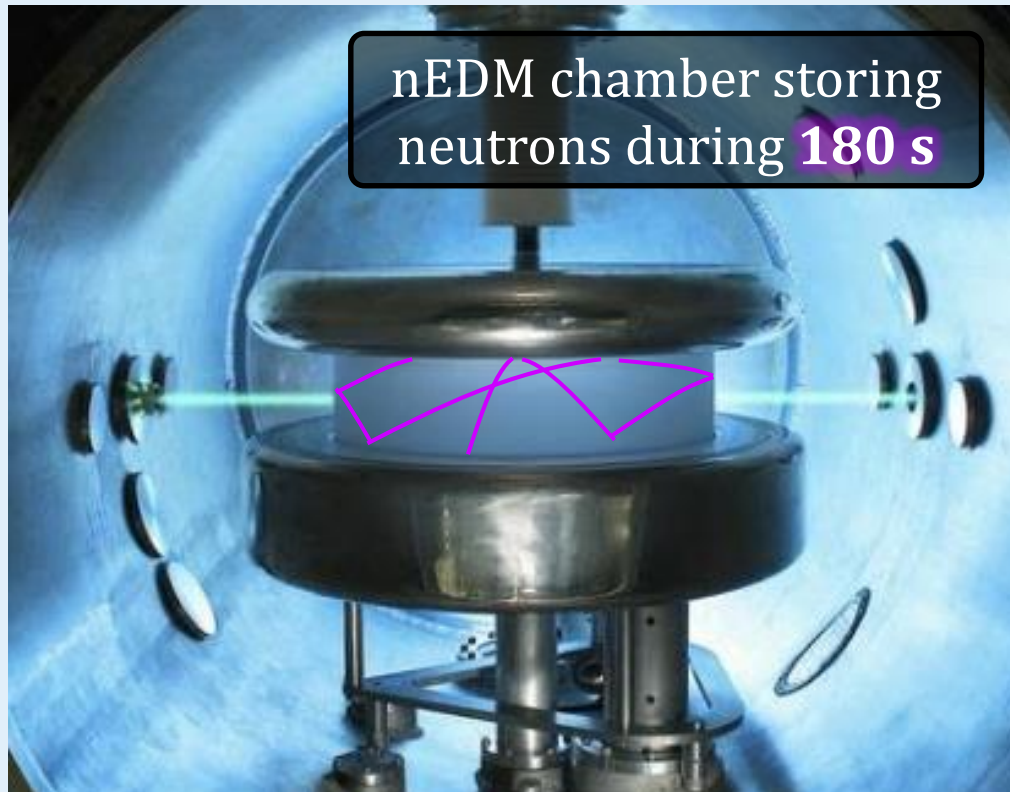
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## Use Ultracold neutrons

Neutrons with velocity  $< 5\text{m/s}$  can undergo total reflection and be stored in material “bottles”



nEDM chamber storing neutrons during **180 s**

## Use big magnetic shielding



+ Use quantum magnetometry  
With mercury and cesium atoms

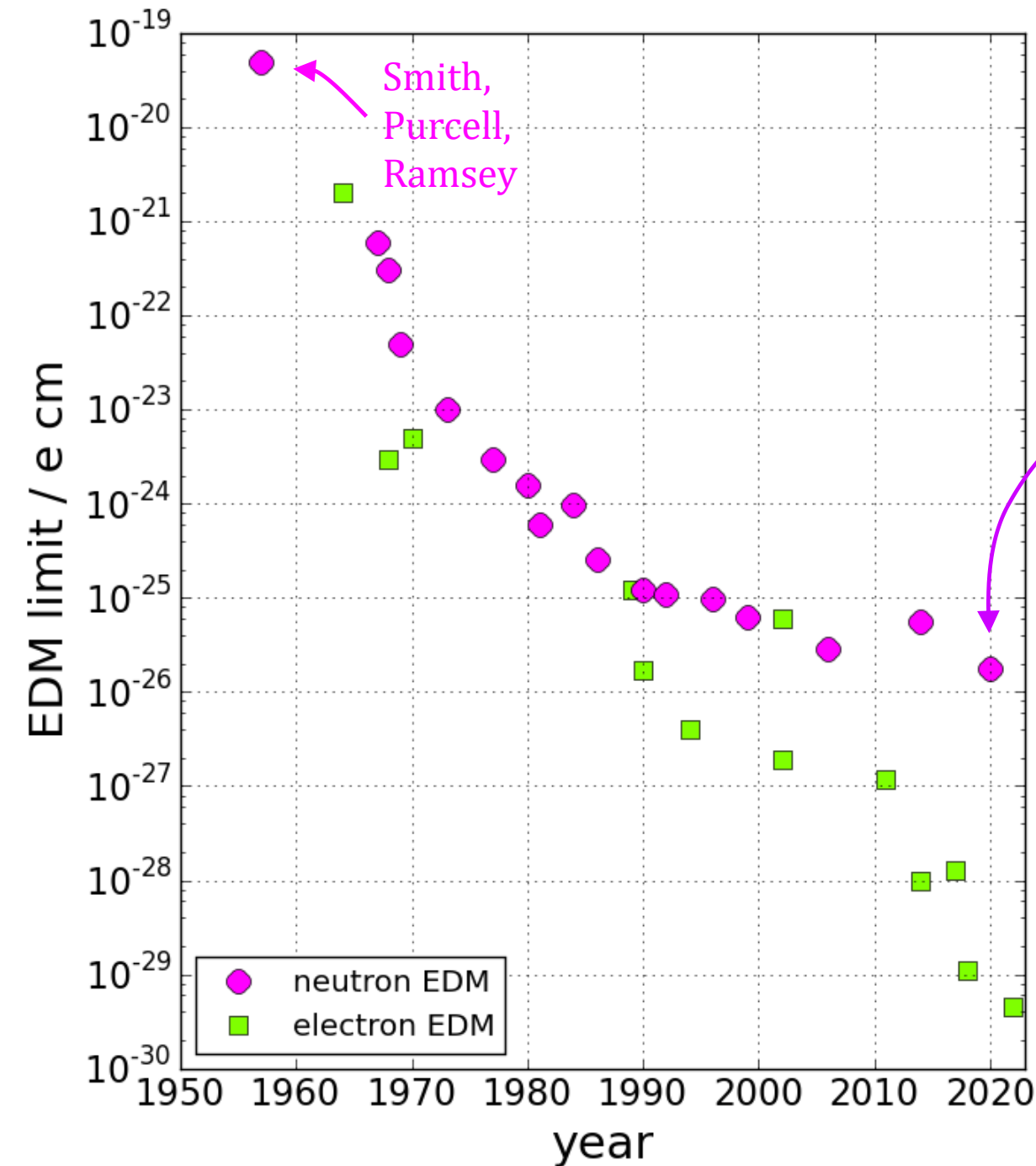
[Abel et al, PRL \(2020\)](#)

$$d_n = (0.0 \pm 1.1_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.2_{\text{syst}}) \times 10^{-26} \text{ ecm}$$

Limited by the  
number of UCNs  
(~500 million counts)

Uniformity of  
the B-field

# Next generation nucleon EDM



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Design sensitivity of 4 new experiments:

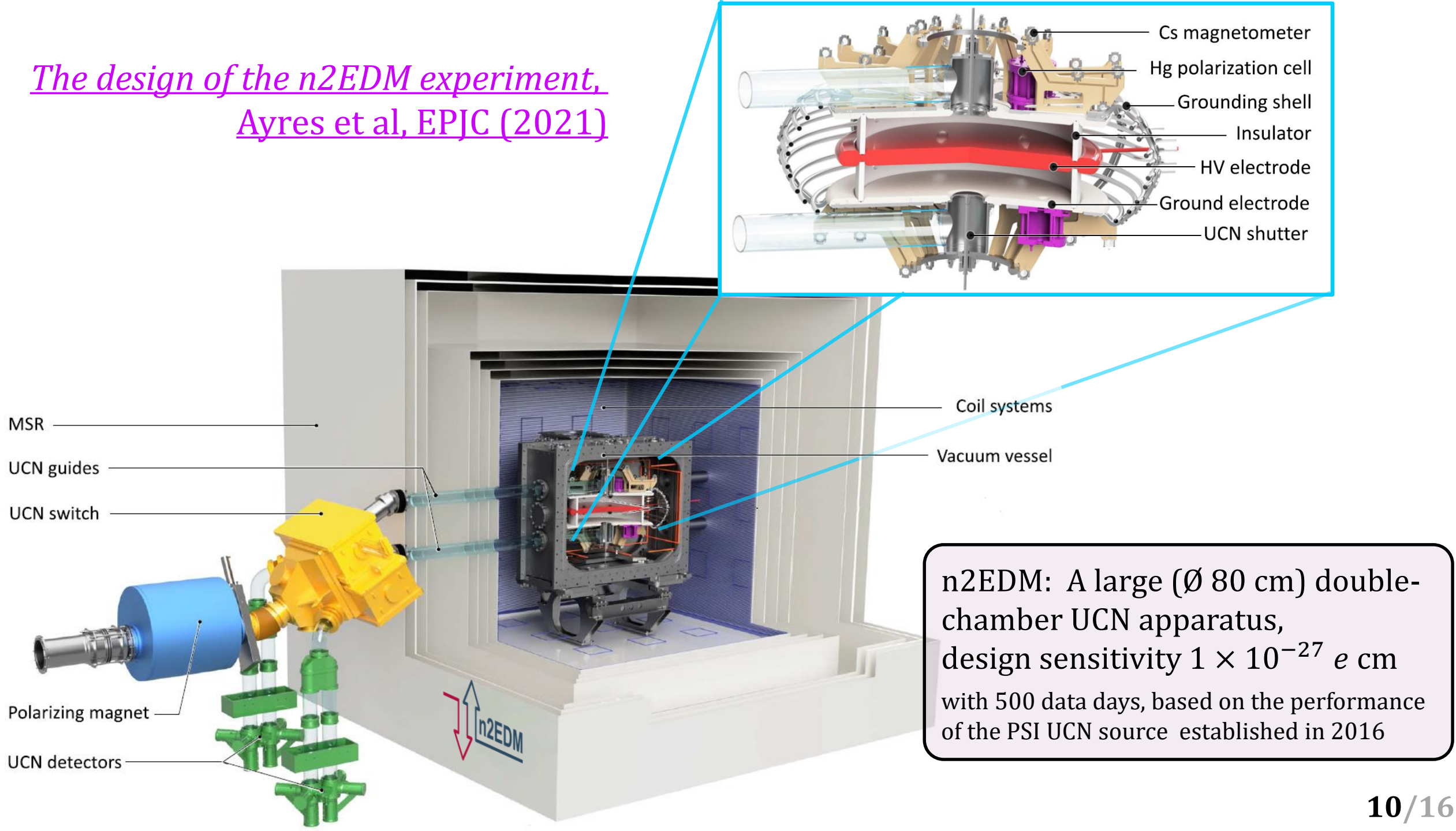
← ● n2EDM@PSI + panEDM@ILL + LANL + TUCAN@TRIUMF

← ● Design sensitivity cryogenic nEDM@SNS

← ● Possible reach proton EDM

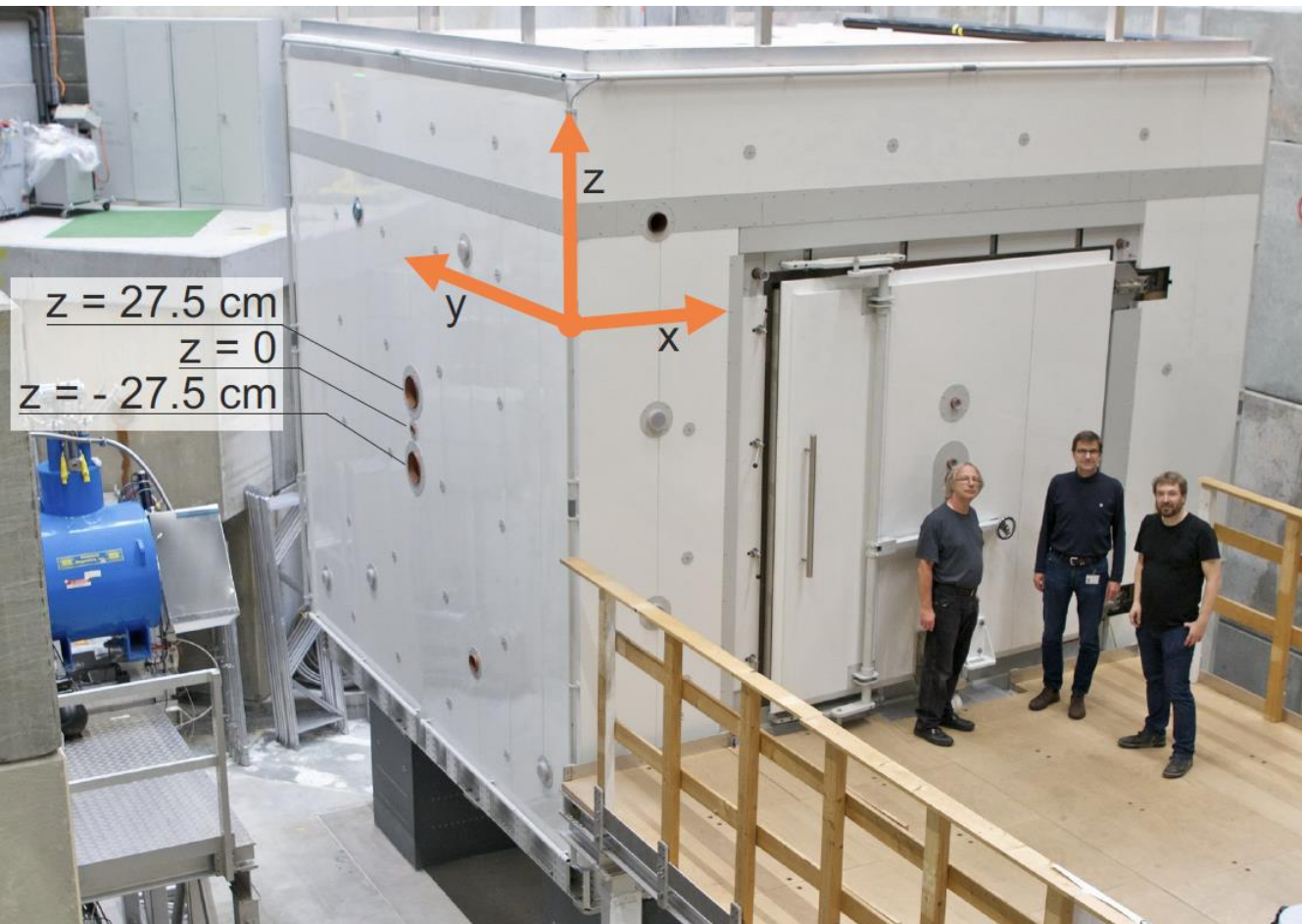
↓ CKM background uncertain, possibly  $10^{-31}$  e cm

The design of the n2EDM experiment,  
Ayres et al, EPJC (2021)

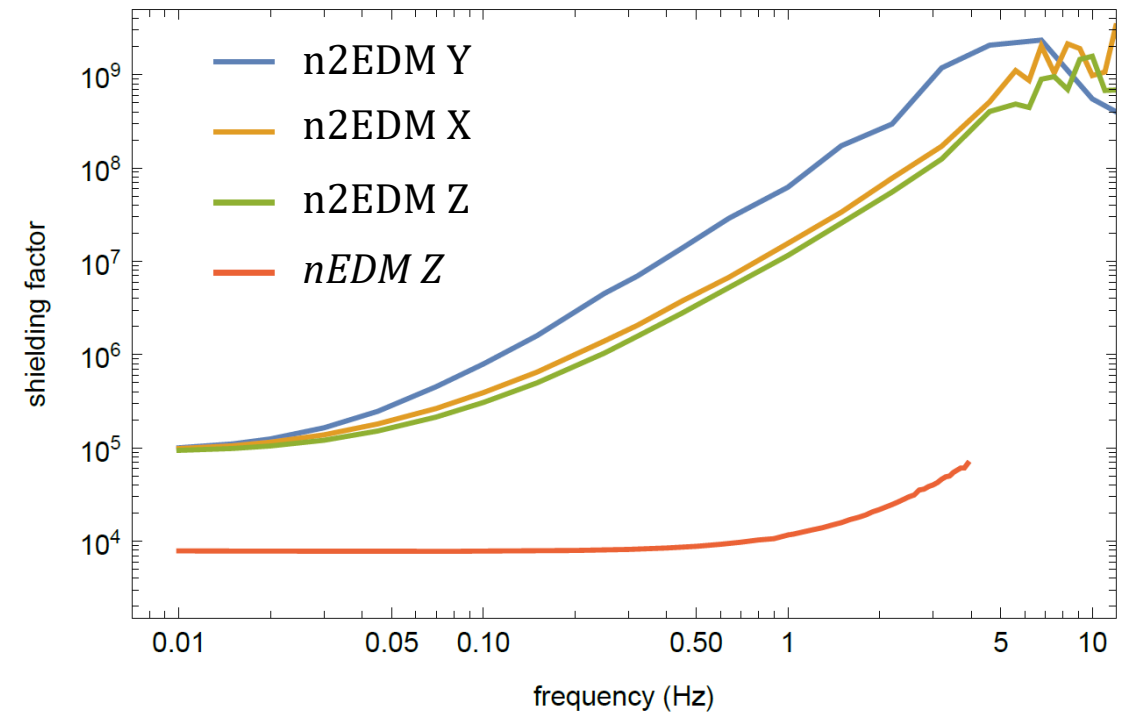


n2EDM: A large ( $\varnothing$  80 cm) double-chamber UCN apparatus, design sensitivity  $1 \times 10^{-27} e$  cm with 500 data days, based on the performance of the PSI UCN source established in 2016

# Commissioning of the n2EDM Magnetically Shielded Room in 2020

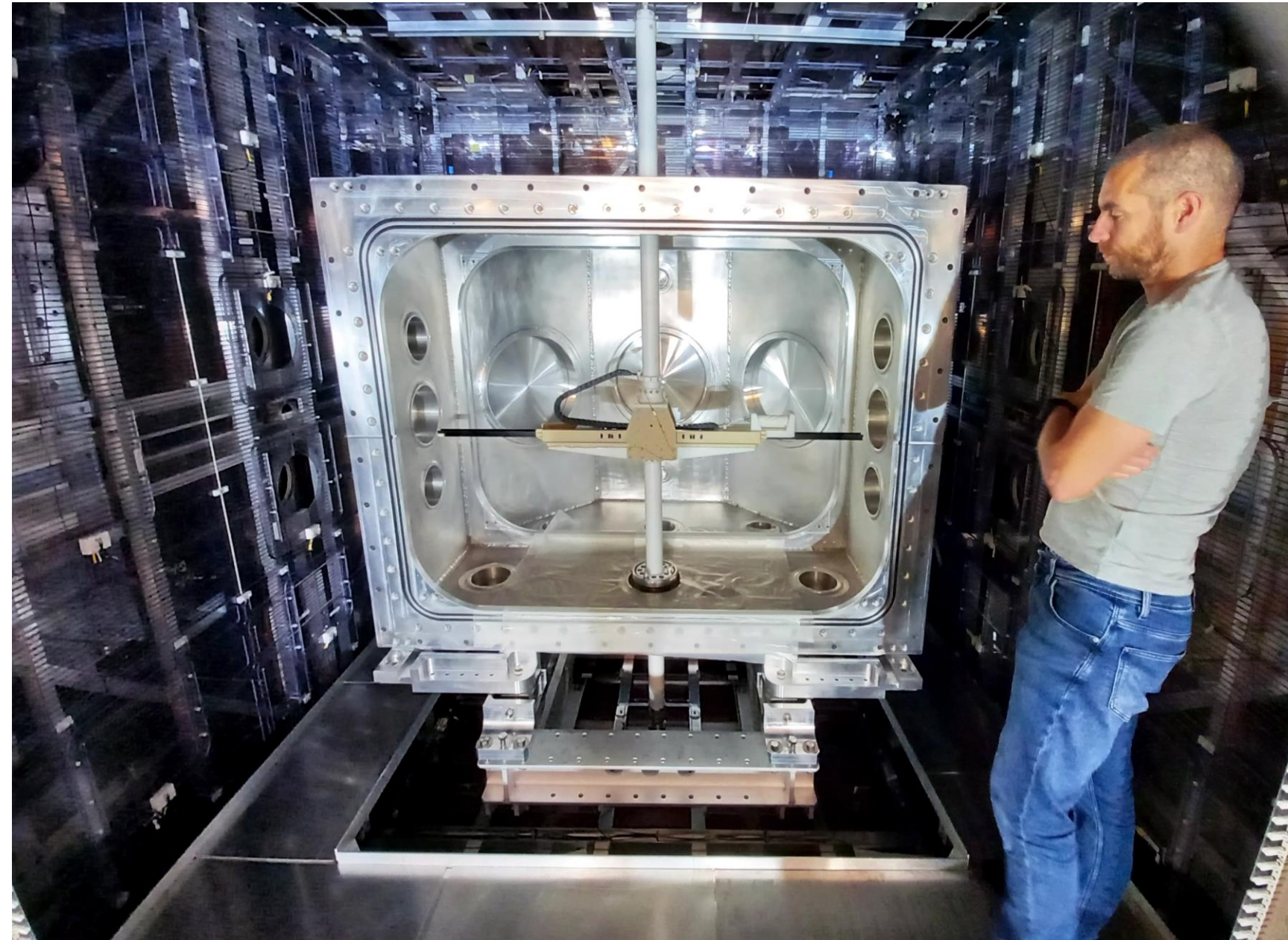


- Setup and optimization of the degaussing
- Characterization of the remanent field
- Measurement of the shielding factors

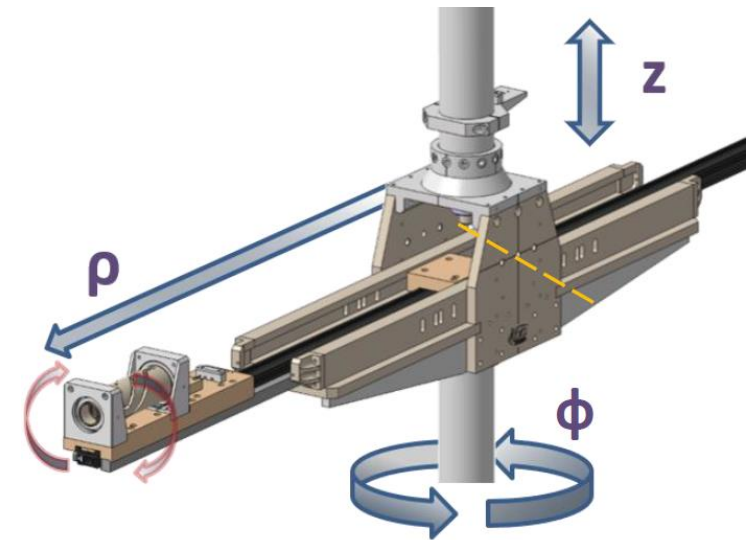


[The very large n2EDM magnetically shielded room with an exceptional performance for fundamental physics measurements, Review of Scientific Instruments 93, 095105 \(2022\)](#)

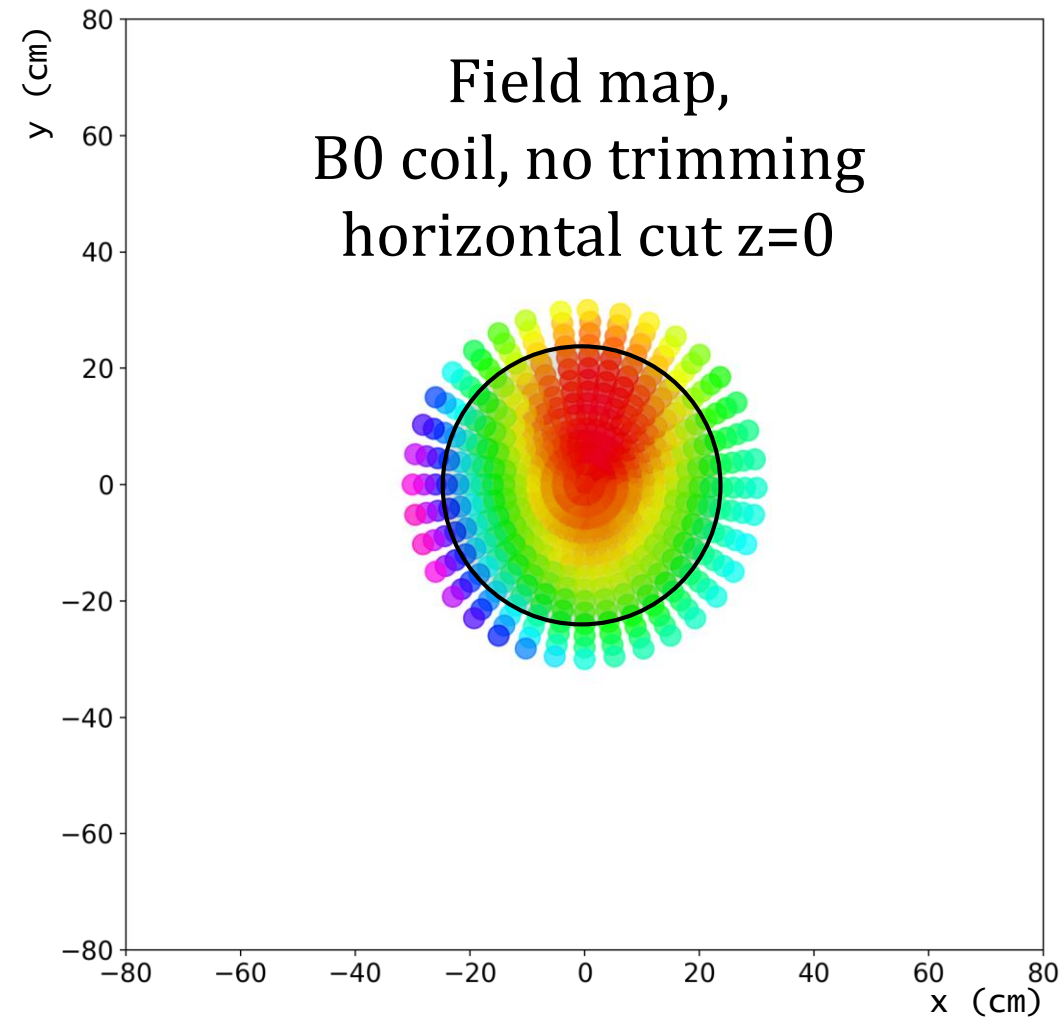
# B-field commissioning 2022



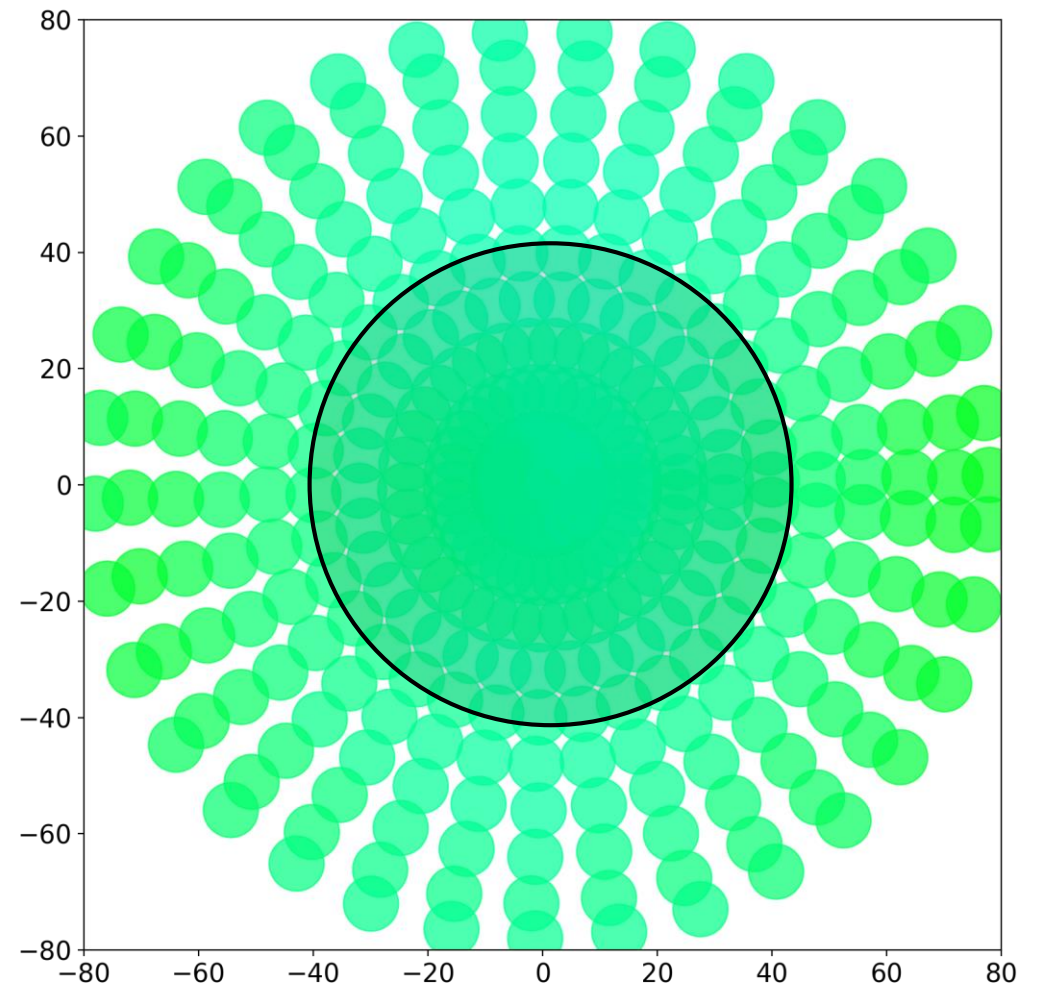
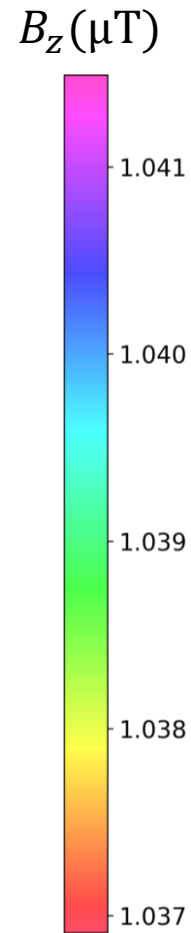
Installation of the B-field mapper in the empty vacuum vessel



# Record uniformity of the vertical B-field

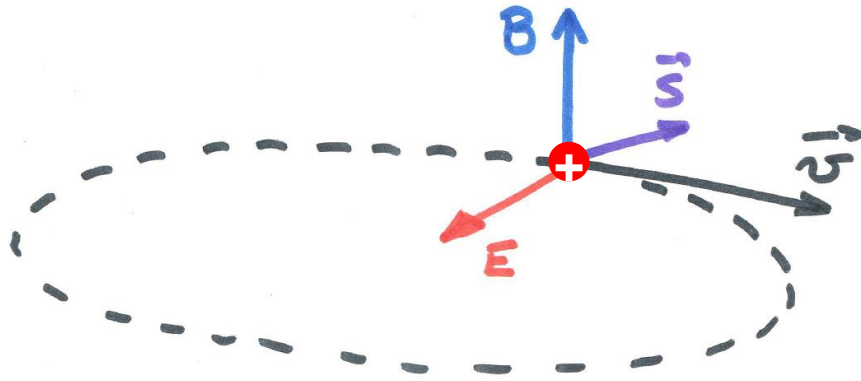


nEDM 2017  $\sigma(B_z) = 900 \text{ pT}$   
In the precession chamber  $\varnothing 47 \text{ cm}$



n2EDM 2022  $\sigma(B_z) = 60 \text{ pT}$   
In one chamber  $\varnothing 80 \text{ cm}$

# EDMs in storage rings - charged particles



Differences with classic EDM schemes:

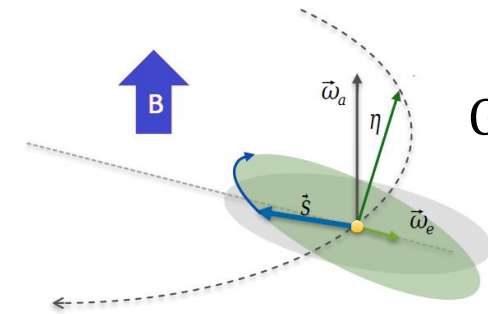
- The beloved configuration  $\vec{E} \parallel \vec{B}$  **does not work** to store charged particles!
- Relativistic motional fields  $\vec{E} \times \vec{v}$  and  $\vec{B} \times \vec{v}$  are not small.

Spin precession in the rotating frame: Thomas-BMT equation

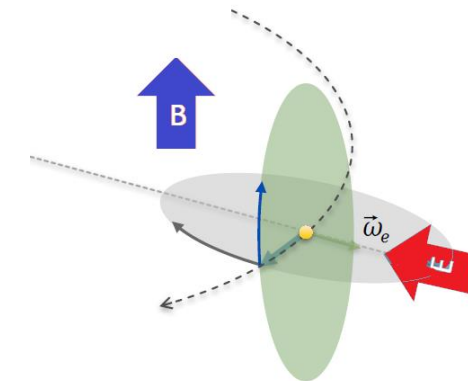
$$\vec{\omega} = \frac{q}{m} \left[ a\vec{B} - \left( a - \frac{1}{\gamma^2 - 1} \right) \vec{v} \times \vec{E} \right] + \frac{2}{\hbar} d [\vec{v} \times \vec{B} + \vec{E}]$$

Term due to magnetic dipole,  
Precession in the horizontal plane,  
can be set to  $\sim 0$  by choosing  $\vec{B}$ ,  $\vec{E}$ ,  $\vec{v}$   
« frozen spin »

Term due to electric dipole.  
Precession out of plane



General situation,  
reduced EDM  
sensitivity



**Frozen spin**  
EDM sensitive

# EDMs in storage rings - prospects

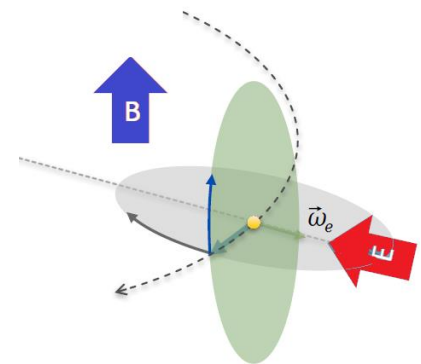
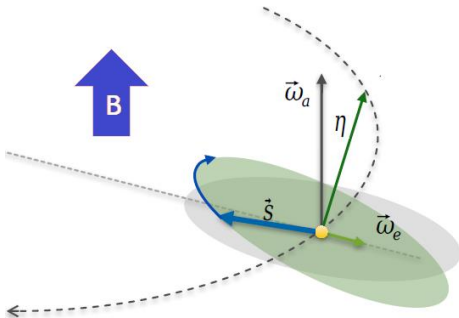
## muon EDM

g-2 experiments at

- FNAL : magic moment  
 $p = 3 \text{ GeV}$ , radius 7m
- JPARC : no E field,  
 $p = 300 \text{ MeV}$ , radius 33 cm

Sensitivity  $\mathcal{O}(10^{-21} e \text{ cm})$

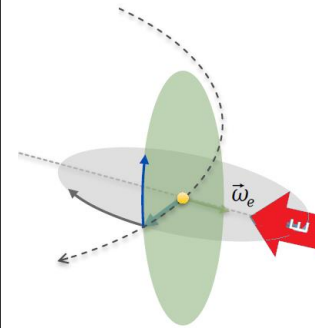
- Dedicated EDM exp. at PSI  
frozen spin  
 $p = 28 \text{ MeV}$ , radius  $\sim 10 \text{ cm}$   
Sensitivity  $\mathcal{O}(10^{-23} e \text{ cm})$



## proton EDM prospect: $\mathcal{O}(10^{-29} e \text{ cm})$

Pure electrostatic ring at the magic moment  $p = 700 \text{ MeV}$

$$\vec{\omega} = \frac{q}{m} \left( a - \frac{1}{\gamma^2 - 1} \right) \vec{v} \times \vec{E} + 2d\vec{E}$$



N.B: radial B field control  $< 10 \text{ aT}$  (!!)

- US based srEDM collaboration  
plans to design a 800 m long ring,  $E = 44 \text{ kV/cm}$   
to be built in the BNL tunnel
- EU based JEDI/CPEDM collaborations  
Start with a prototype E/B ring  
Then precision ring, 500 m long,  $E = 80 \text{ kV/cm}$



# Outlook

**New generation neutron EDM experiments are coming!**  
Proton EDM concept pursued for the distant future

n2EDM status at PSI:

- magnetically operational, with record B-field quality
- first runs with ultracold neutrons scheduled in summer 2023

Thank you!

