

# Electric Dipole Moments

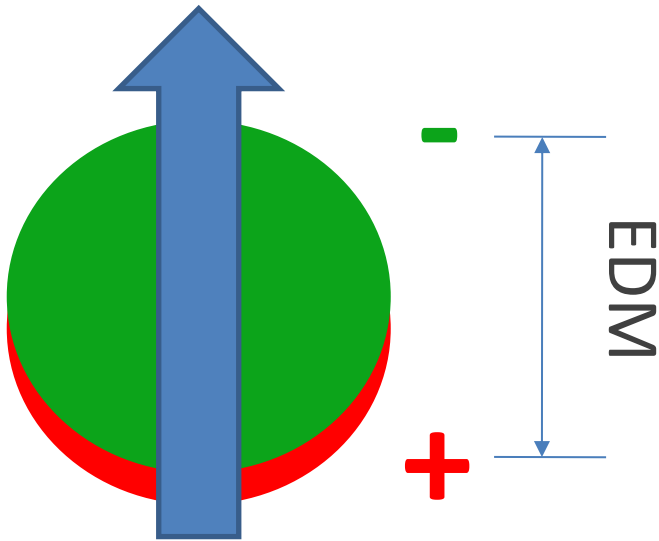
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# Electric Dipole Moments

Magnetic  
moment

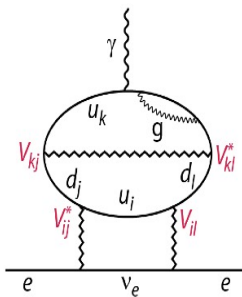
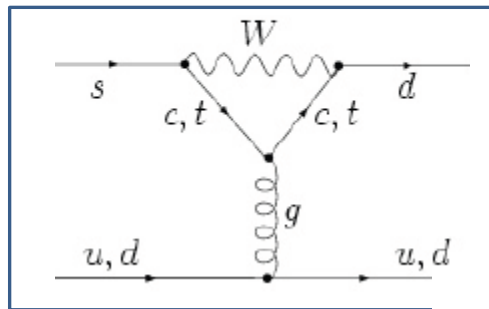
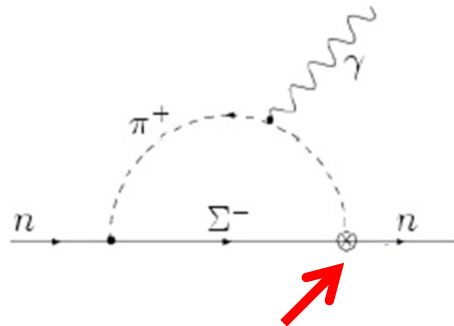


$$H = -\mu \mathbf{B} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{S}}{S} - d \mathbf{E} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{S}}{S}$$

- A „fundamental“ electric dipole moment (EDM) violates P and T symmetry Purcell and Ramsey, PR78(1950)807
- Needed to explain baryon asymmetry in the Universe
- Also point-like particles could 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 SM predictions
- A ‘model killer’ – sensitivity well beyond LHC

# EDMs & Standard Model

## CP violation from CKM



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

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

## 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)

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# Atomic and molecular EDMs

## Schiff moment:

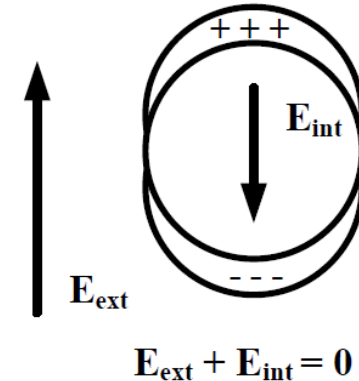
Non-perfect cancellation of  $E_{\text{ext}}$  in atomic shell

- Paramagnetic atoms: relativistic effects in electronic shell

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

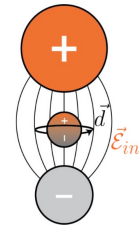
- Diamagnetic atoms: finite size of nucleus counteracts field cancellation

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

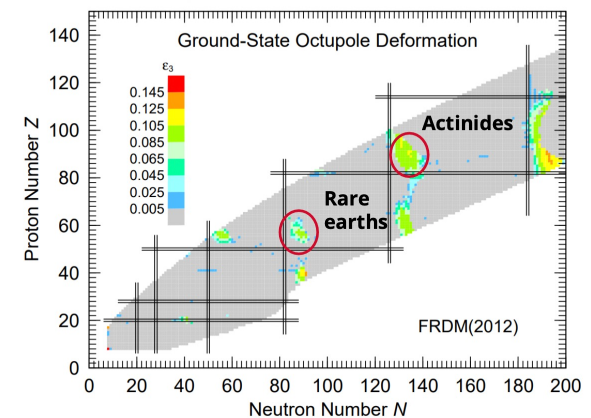


## Many possibilities for further EDM enhancements:

- Deformed nuclei (Ra, Rn, also Fr, Ac, Pa)
- Large electric fields of polar molecules (YbF, ThO, BaF, TlF, SrF...) and molecular ions (HfF+,...), multi-atom polar molecules



L. P. Gaffney *et al.*, Nature 497, 199 (2013)



# 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:

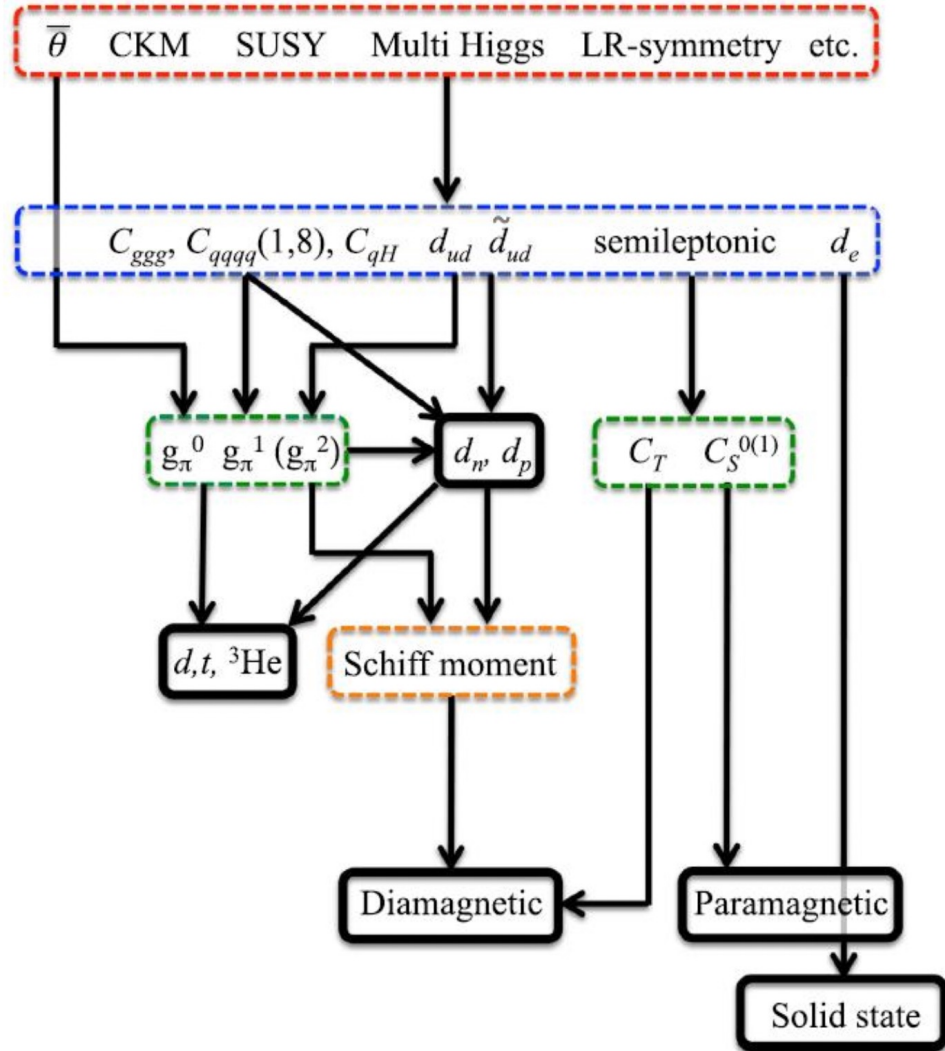
$$\Lambda \sim 10 - 100 \text{ TeV}$$

**Side note:**

**EFTs also connect EDMs and flavor physics**

E.g. scalar leptoquarks would cause  $d_\tau$  &  $d_n$  & flavor physics signals.

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



# 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  
 $g_\pi^{0,1,(2)}$**



- 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!) :

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

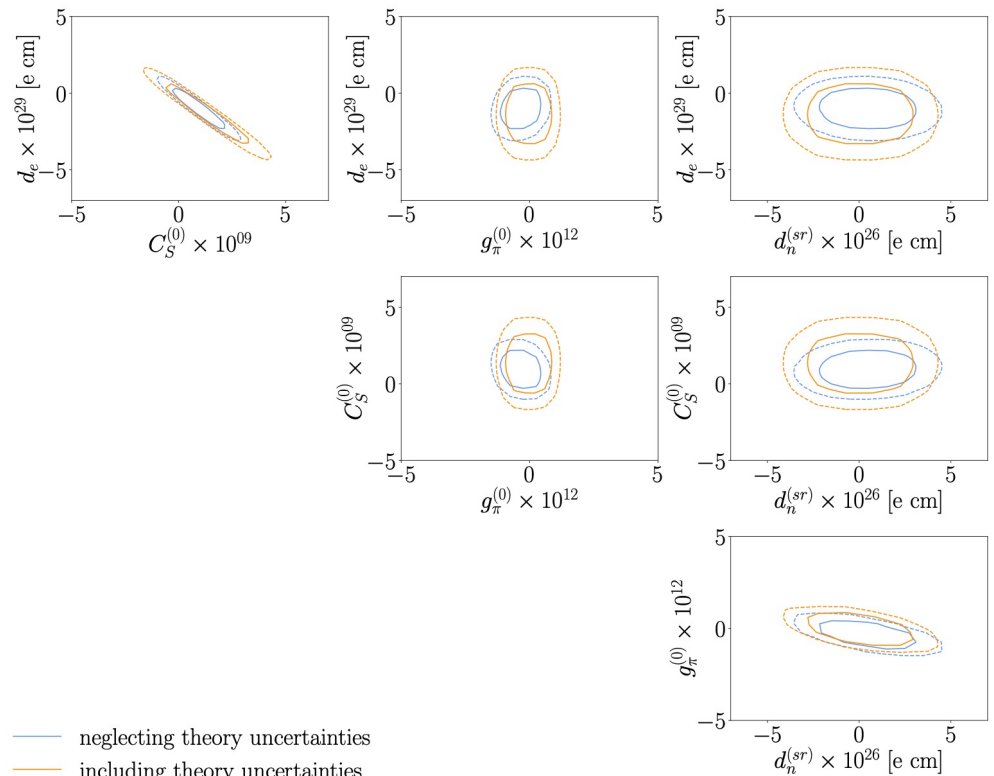
... Linear equation system -> matrix...

# Analysis of EDM results

## „Sole-source“ analysis:

System $i$	Measured $d_i$ [e cm]	Upper limit on $ d_i $ [e cm]
$n$	$(0.0 \pm 1.1_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.2_{\text{syst}}) \cdot 10^{-26}$	$2.2 \cdot 10^{-26}$
$^{205}\text{Tl}$	$(-4.0 \pm 4.3) \cdot 10^{-25}$	$1.1 \cdot 10^{-24}$
$^{133}\text{Cs}$	$(-1.8 \pm 6.7_{\text{stat}} \pm 1.8_{\text{syst}}) \cdot 10^{-24}$	$1.4 \cdot 10^{-23}$
$\text{HfF}^+$	$(-1.3 \pm 2.0_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.6_{\text{syst}}) \cdot 10^{-30}$	$4.8 \cdot 10^{-30}$
$\text{ThO}$	$(4.3 \pm 3.1_{\text{stat}} \pm 2.6_{\text{syst}}) \cdot 10^{-30}$	$1.1 \cdot 10^{-29}$
$\text{YbF}$	$(-2.4 \pm 5.7_{\text{stat}} \pm 1.5_{\text{syst}}) \cdot 10^{-28}$	$1.2 \cdot 10^{-27}$
$^{199}\text{Hg}$	$(2.20 \pm 2.75_{\text{stat}} \pm 1.48_{\text{syst}}) \cdot 10^{-30}$	$7.4 \cdot 10^{-30}$
$^{129}\text{Xe}$	$(-1.76 \pm 1.82) \cdot 10^{-28}$	$4.8 \cdot 10^{-28}$
$^{171}\text{Yb}$	$(-6.8 \pm 5.1_{\text{stat}} \pm 1.2_{\text{syst}}) \cdot 10^{-27}$	$1.5 \cdot 10^{-26}$
$^{225}\text{Ra}$	$(4 \pm 6_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.2_{\text{syst}}) \cdot 10^{-24}$	$1.4 \cdot 10^{-23}$
$\text{TlF}$	$(-1.7 \pm 2.9) \cdot 10^{-23}$	$6.5 \cdot 10^{-23}$
	Measured $\omega_i$ [mrad/s]	Rescaling factor $x_i$ for $d_i$
$\text{HfF}^+$	$(-0.0459 \pm 0.0716_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.0217_{\text{syst}})^\dagger$	0.999
$\text{ThO}$	$(-0.510 \pm 0.373_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.310_{\text{syst}})$	0.982
$\text{YbF}$	$(5.30 \pm 12.60_{\text{stat}} \pm 3.30_{\text{syst}})$	1.12

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/2403.02052>

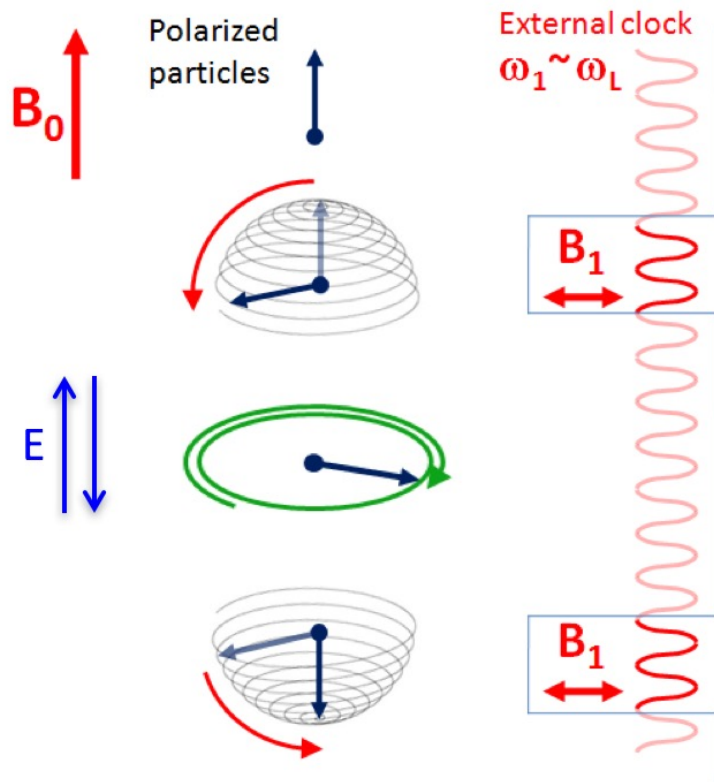


## Joint analysis:

- eEDM searches only sensitive to small part of parameter space
- Best hadronic measurements:  $n$ ,  $\text{Hg}$  ... show strong correlations in (5D-)parameter space
- „Weak“ limits dominate sensitivity to EFT parameters: e.g.  $^{129}\text{Xe}$  very important!

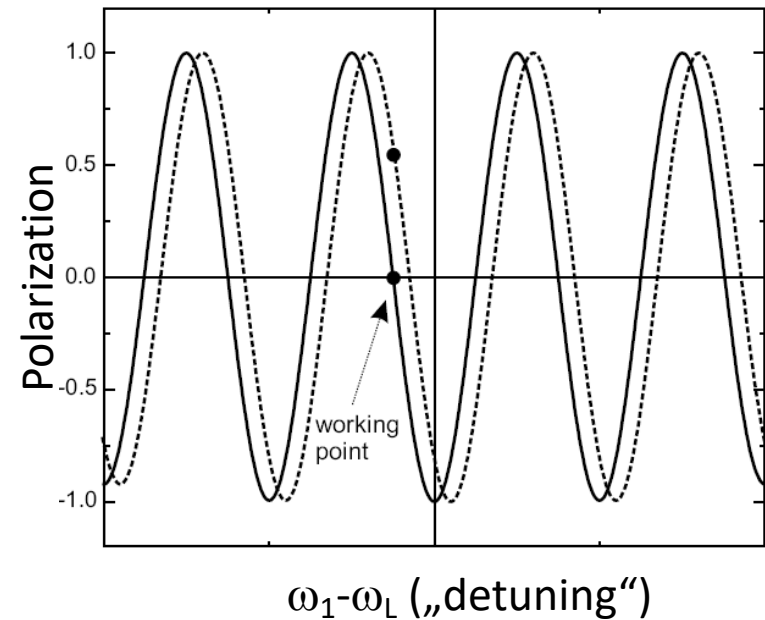


# Ramsey's method



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

- Every point is a measurement
- An EDM shifts the curve sideways
- “Working point”



# ... A precision measurement

Orders of magnitude:

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

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

Measuring an EDM  $d$ :

$$\delta d \sim \frac{h}{ET_2} \frac{1}{S/N} \begin{cases} \frac{h}{2ET_2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\phi_n T_2}} \\ \frac{h}{2ET_2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_n}} \end{cases}$$

... “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 "PanEDM", PSI, TRIUMF

- Trapped ultra-cold neutrons in box at room temperature:
  - $N \sim 10^5$ , 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:  $^{199}\text{Hg}$ , 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:

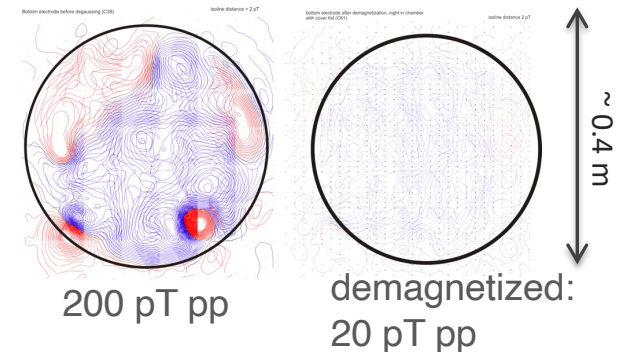
$$\Delta\omega = \frac{\omega_{xy}^2}{2(\omega_0 - \omega_r)}$$

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

- dB/dz < 0.3 nT/m to match 10<sup>-27</sup> ecm statistical precision
- Consequence: “everything” in an experiment is magnetic!

Example:  
Dipole fields in EDM chambers

SQUID measurements of alu electrodes @ PTB Berlin



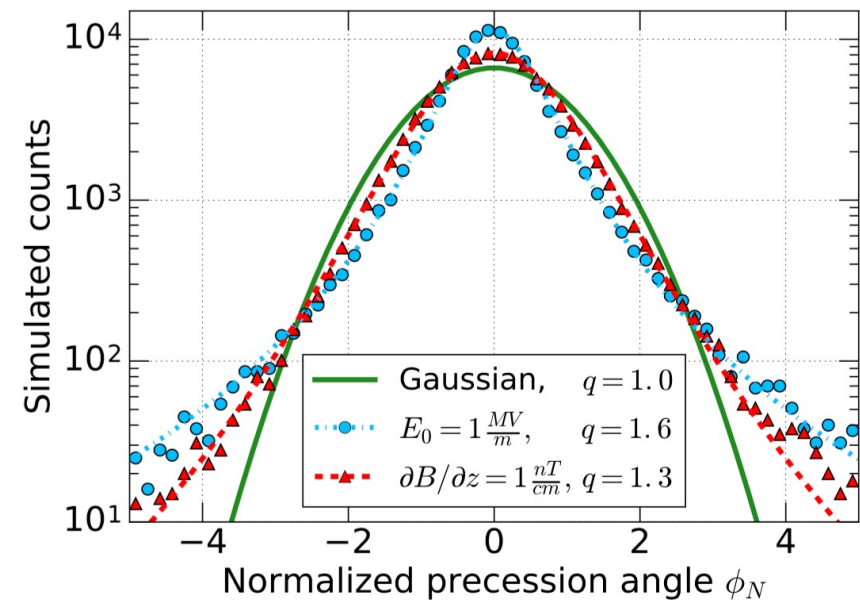
20 pT in 3 cm ~ 5 x error budget!

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

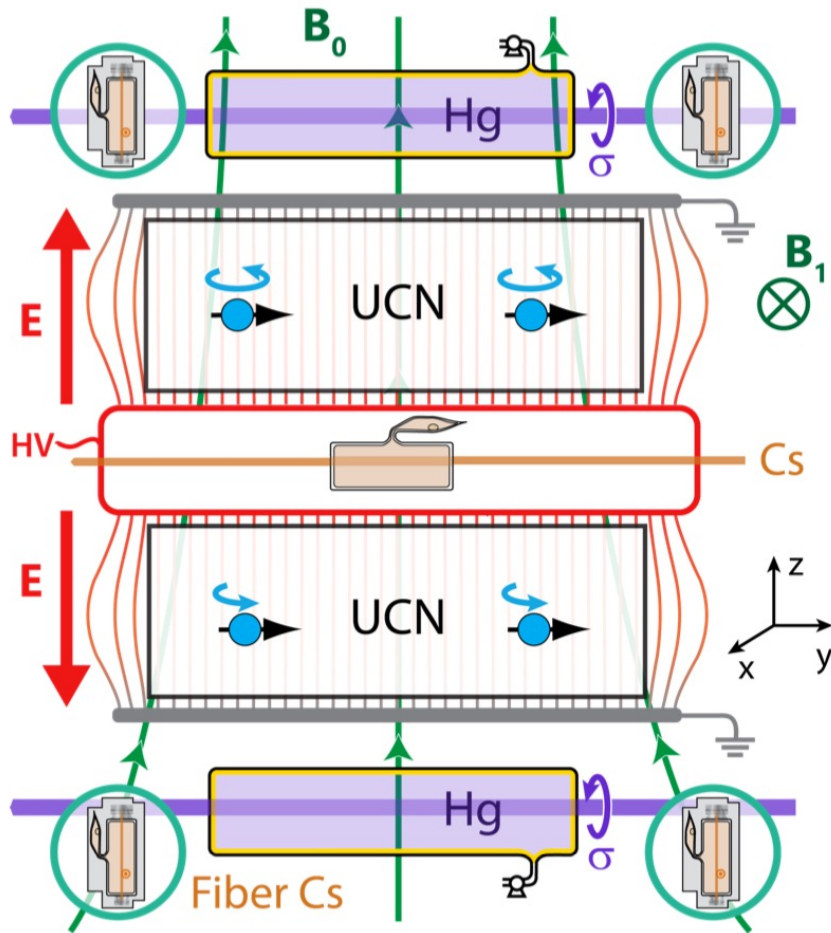
# New systematics?

The only conceptually new feature found in the last years:  
„Tsallis distributions“

- Spin distribution in rotating frame deviates from Gauss-shape
- Distributions can also have higher moments: possible identification of origin of false effects
- Skewness -> would lead to wrong estimation of a frequency shift?
- Could also show up elsewhere?



# The PanEDM experiment



- Current generation:
  - old idea, very careful implementations
- Two problems:
  - Statistics: many trapped UCN needed
  - Systematics: magnetic fields control at fT level
- Status:
  - UCN measurements since summer 2023!

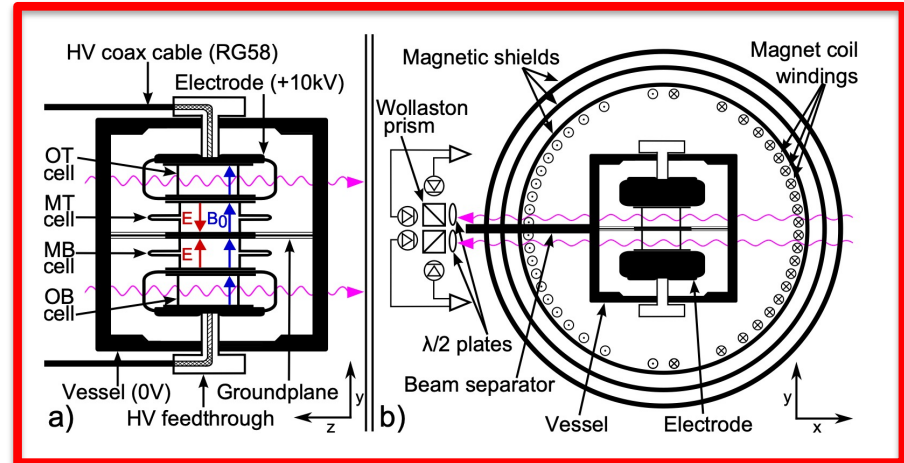
SuperSUN	Phase I
Saturated source density [ $\text{cm}^{-3}$ ]	330
Diluted density [ $\text{cm}^{-3}$ ]	63
Density in cells [ $\text{cm}^{-3}$ ]	3.9
<b>PanEDM Sensitivity</b> [ $1\sigma, e \text{ cm}$ ]	
Per run	$5.5 \times 10^{-25}$
Per day	$3.8 \times 10^{-26}$
Per 100 days	$3.8 \times 10^{-27}$

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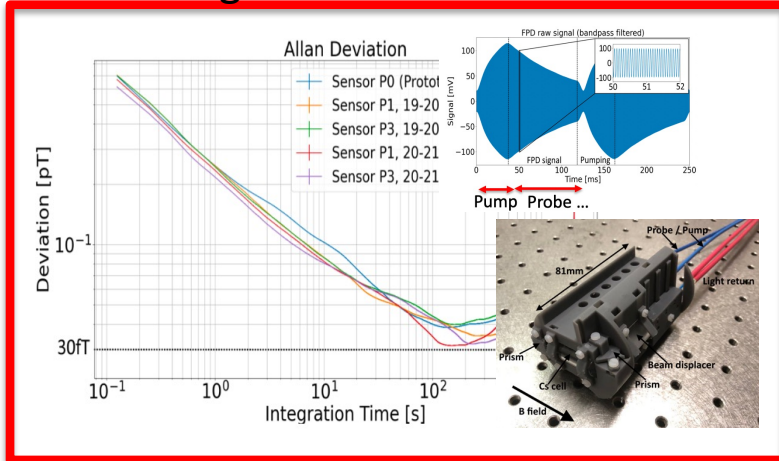
E.g.: Extreme magnetic shielding



Multiple measurement cells - ideas borrowed from 199Hg EDM:

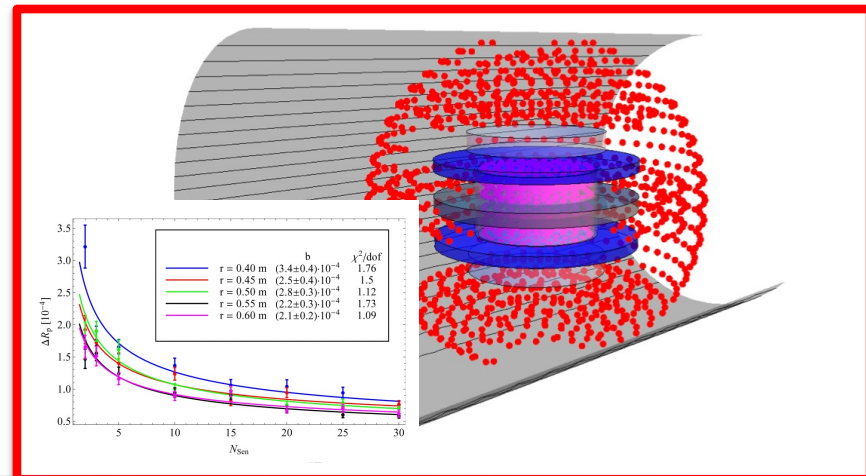


Atomic magnetometers



M. Rosner, PF et al., Appl. Phys. Lett. 120, 161102 (2022)

„Almost“ a 4-pi magnetometer



# UCN for PanEDM: SuperSUN

The SuperSUN ultra-cold neutron source at ILL Grenoble

- UCN production & accumulation in superfluid helium
- Transfer of UCN to experiment into vacuum

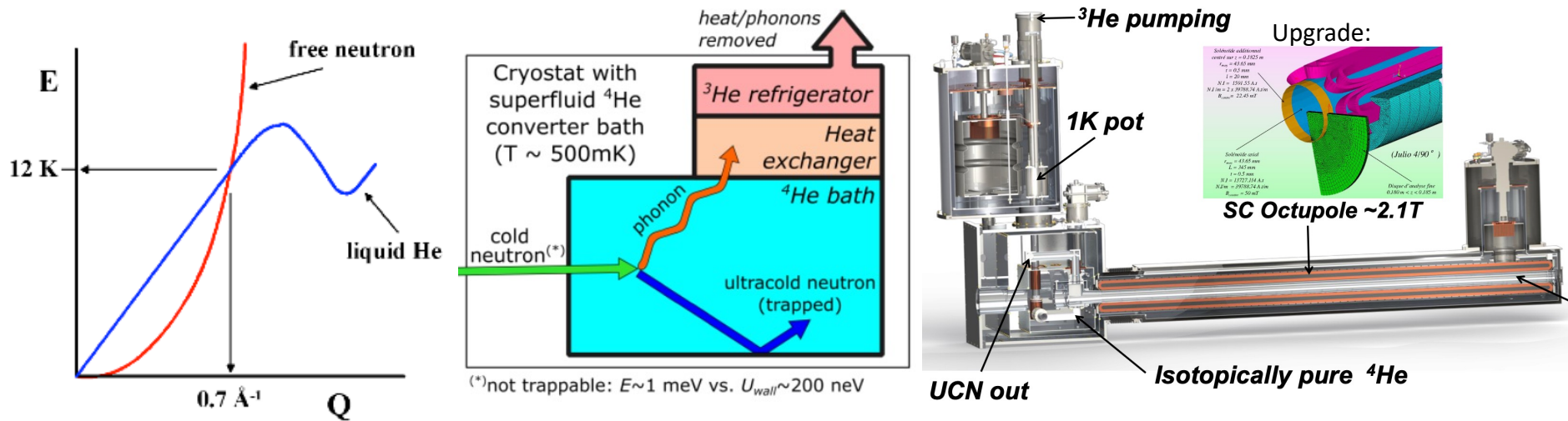
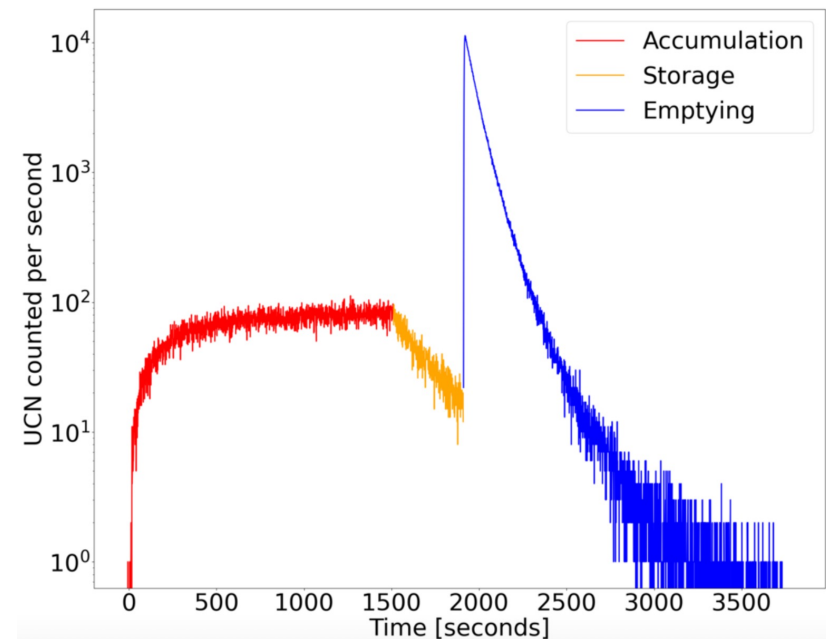
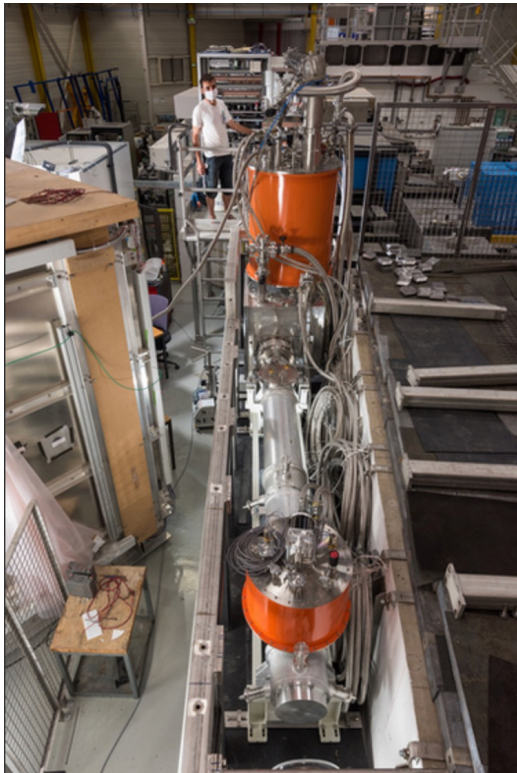


Figure credit: S. Degenkolb



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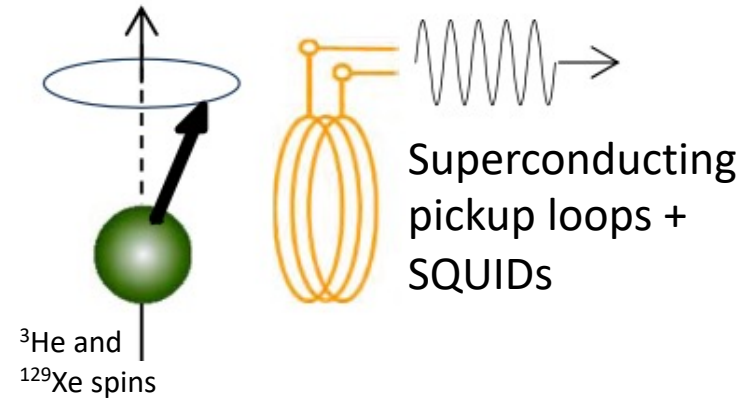
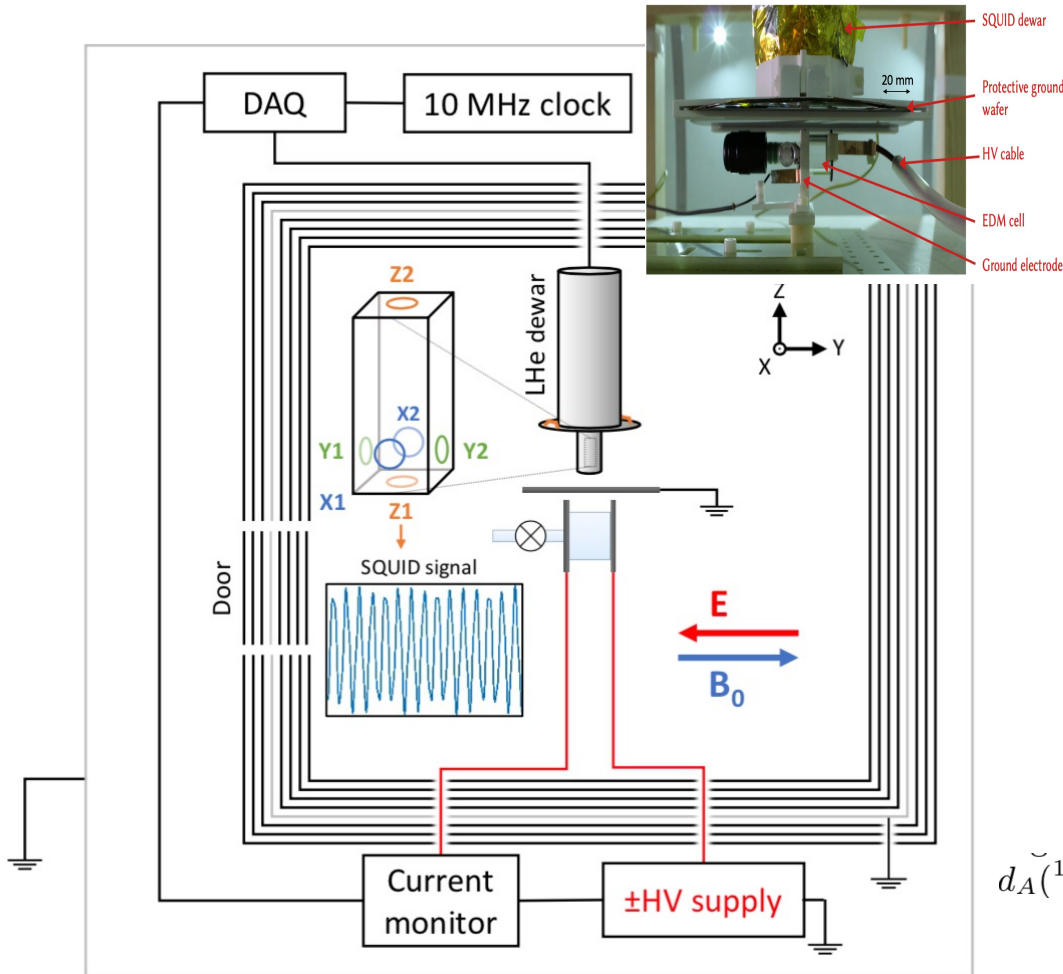
The (only) UCN source that delivers as theoretically predicted:  
enables factor 10 improvement.



<https://www.ill.eu/news-and-events/news/scientific-news/supersun-instrument-ready-for-use>

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

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



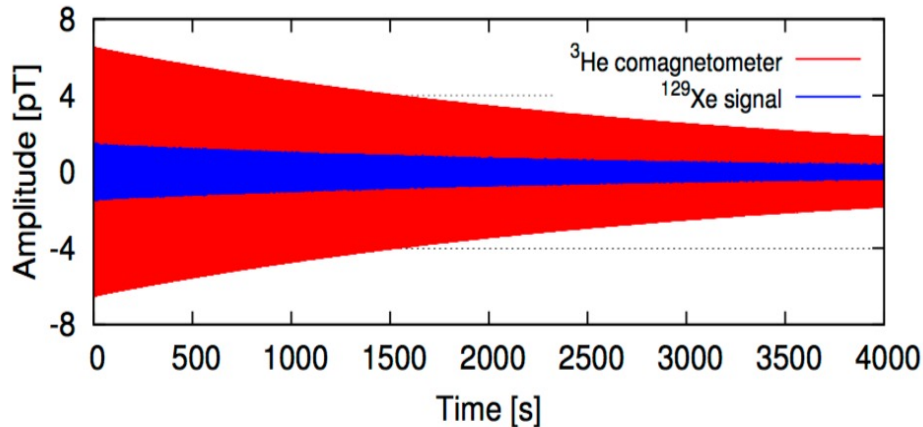
$$\sigma = \frac{\hbar}{2E} \delta\omega = \frac{\hbar}{2E} \frac{\epsilon}{\tau^{3/2} S \sqrt{N}}$$

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

N. Sachdeva, .. PF ... et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. 123, 143003 (2019)

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

## Data:



## Systematic effects:

Source	Sys. Error ( $e$ 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	$7.2 \times 10^{-28}$

## Upgrade currently being developed:

- $^{129}\text{Xe}$  has no „free“ enhancement factor: measurement must be done really well!
- New effort started: collaboration by former competitors, using new specialized lab at TUM, 4-pi magnetometry/3D-reconstruction, AI methods (all needed for nEDM, pEDM)

# Future directions in the field

## **Nucleon EDM:**

Neutron: (beyond factor-10-approaches)

Joint US & Europe initiative planned

Strong pulsed beam at ESS

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charged particles, storage ring

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New ideas may actually have significant physics reach!

- Cryogenic, novel detection methods, semiconductor based technology
- Multiple cells allow for massively advanced control of systematics
- ERC Syn.-grant in third stage of review, for Ramsey-beamline at ESS (Sweden) as starting point
- First version will be an ultra-light ALP (axion) search!

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No problem with statistics!

- Storage ring concept with relativistic protons
- Strong local experience: demonstrator setup at TUM
- ALP search as first physics case of demo experiment

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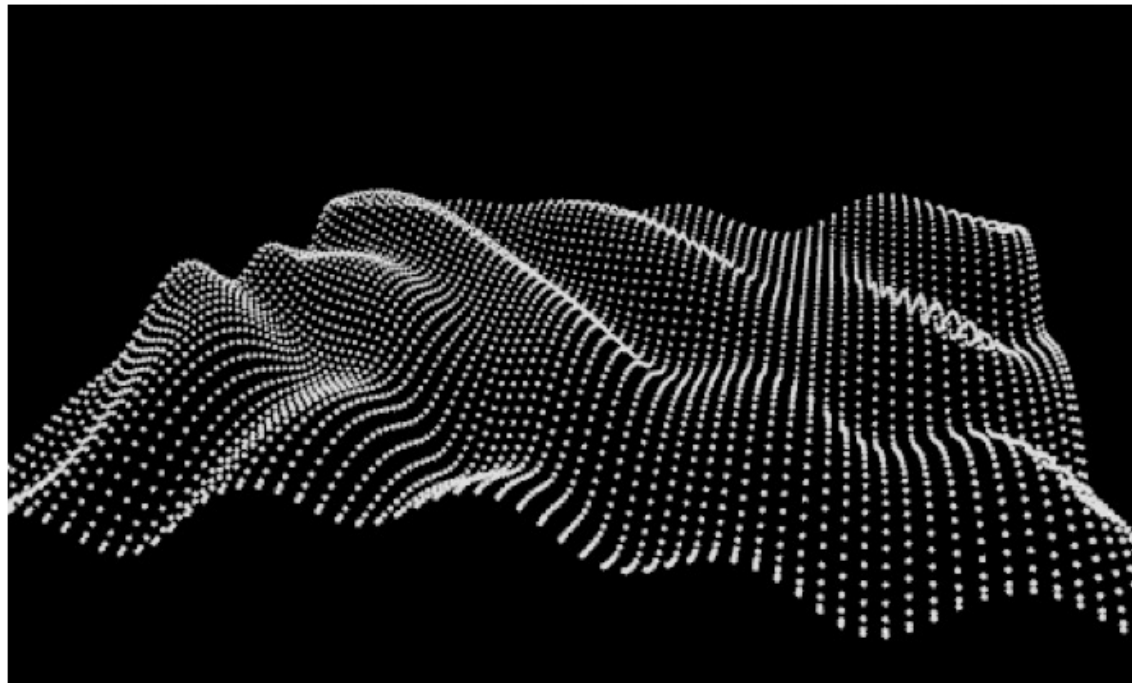
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- Atom EDMs = necessary magnetometer development for n & p EDMs
- Most methods are quantum sensing
- The world's most accurate atomic magnetometers are built at TUM
- $^{129}\text{Xe}$  (TUM-based collaboration) achieved the leading limit in 2019 ( $10^{-43}$  J energy resolution!)
- New  $^{129}\text{Xe}$  &  $^{199}\text{Hg}$  measurements done as collaboration of former competitors! (TUM, UHD, LANL, Bonn)

# Axion-like Particles (ALPs)

- ALPs are not the QCD axions!
- Many possibilities, e.g.  $10^{-14} - 10^{-22}$  eV



Extremely long wavelength DM field as superposition of many “particles”

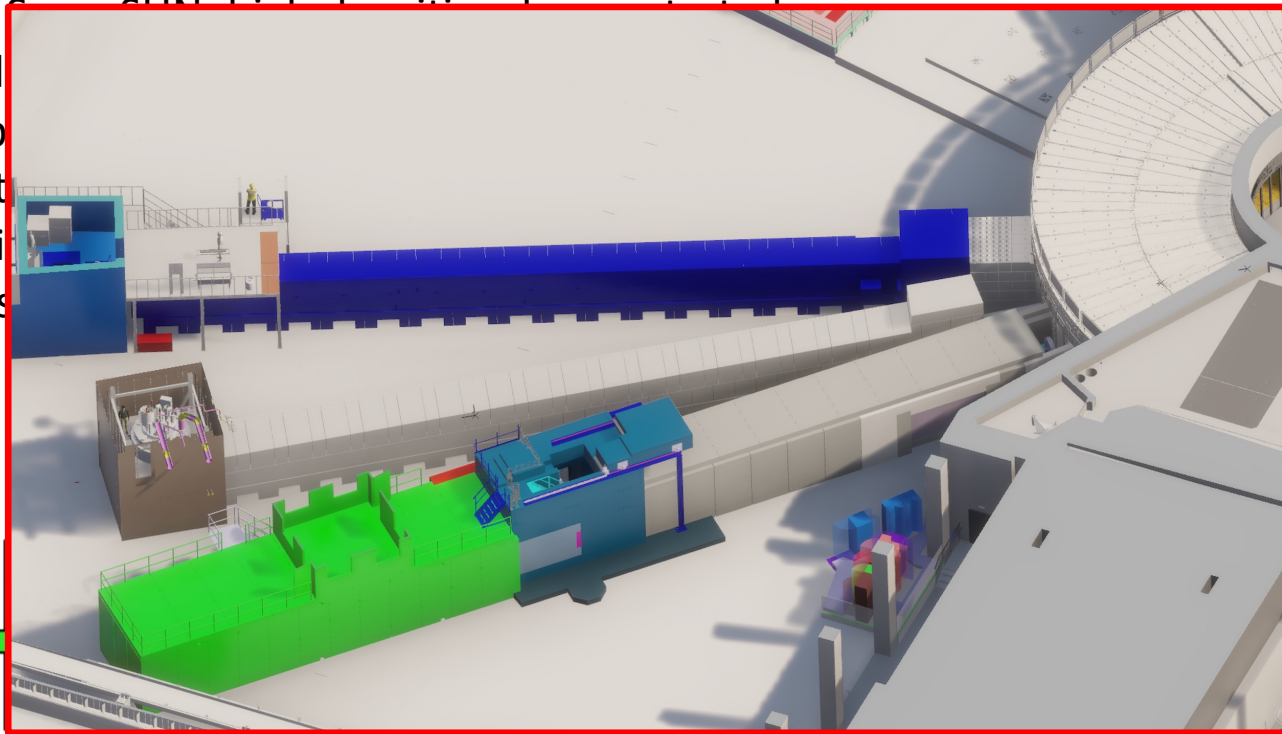




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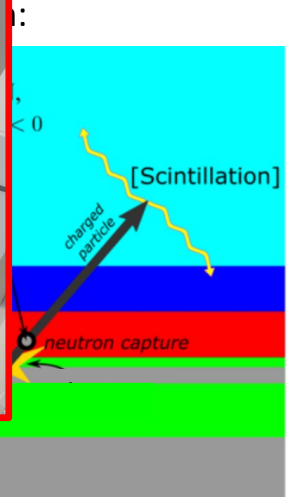
## Factor 1000 improvement in statistics feasible

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EDM cell

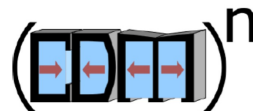
Cold neutrons



$^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  heat-exchanger, and filling inlet to UCN converter

substrate, [Si detector]

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

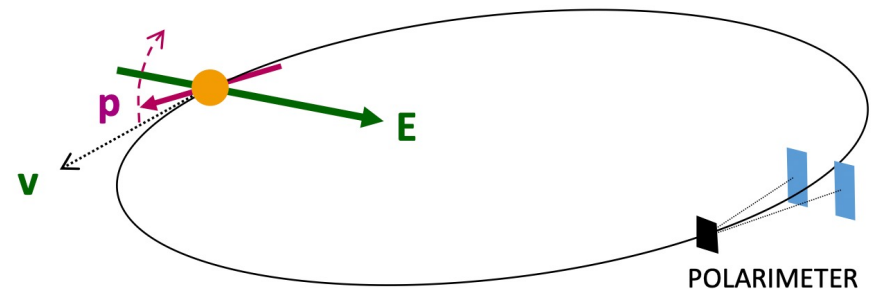


# Future: Proton EDM

## Electrostatic storage ring with $d_p < 10^{-29}$ ecm reach

- Relativistic motion causes B field in frame of moving particle
- Frozen horizontal spin precession:  $p \parallel s$  at magic momentum
- EDM turns  $s$  out of plane
- Purely electric ring only for  $G > 0$
- “hybrid” ring with B- and E-field 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



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

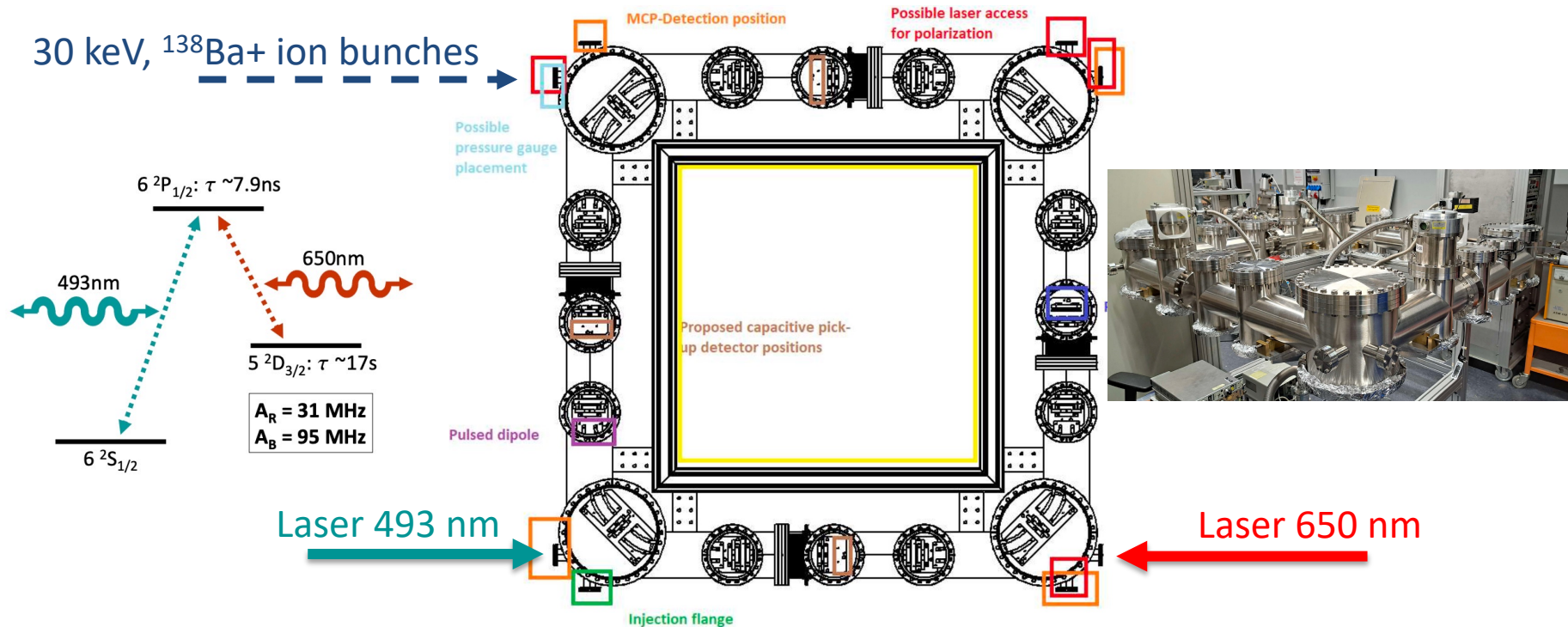
$$\vec{\Omega} = \frac{e\hbar}{mc} \left[ G\vec{B} + \left( G - \frac{1}{\gamma^2 - 1} \right) \vec{v} \times \vec{E} + \frac{1}{2}\eta(\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B}) \right]$$

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

E.g. V. Anastassopoulos, ...PF... et al., Rev Sci Instr. 87, 115116 (2016), <https://arxiv.org/pdf/2205.00830.pdf>

# Technology demonstrator: table-top storage ring at TUM

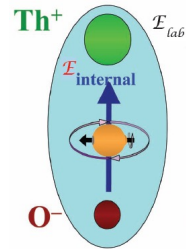
- Non-relativistic electrostatic storage with polarized  $^{138}\text{Ba}^+$  (spin-locking etc.)
- Tests systematics of pEDM
- Side product in future: ultra-light ALP & (electron)EDM search



# Side Note: electron EDM searches

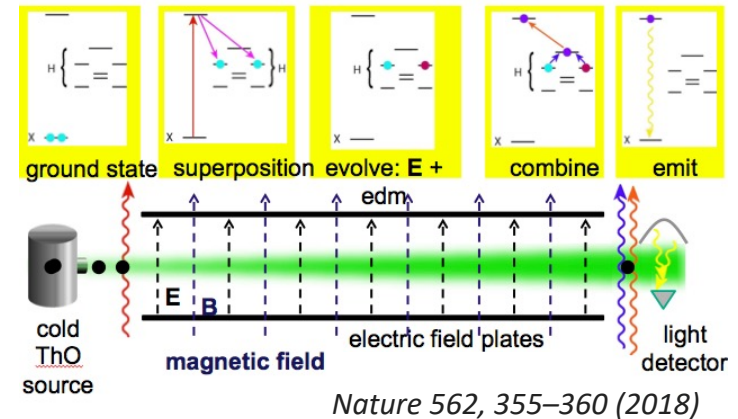
## (Polyatomic) polar molecules/ions:

- ~ 100 GV/cm internal electric field, massive enhancement factors
- polarizable with small ext. E-field
- Small magnetic moment = low effect of B-field quality
- Lasers to select states
- Sensitivity to  $d_e$ , not to other parameters
- Lots of potential: long list of technological advancements



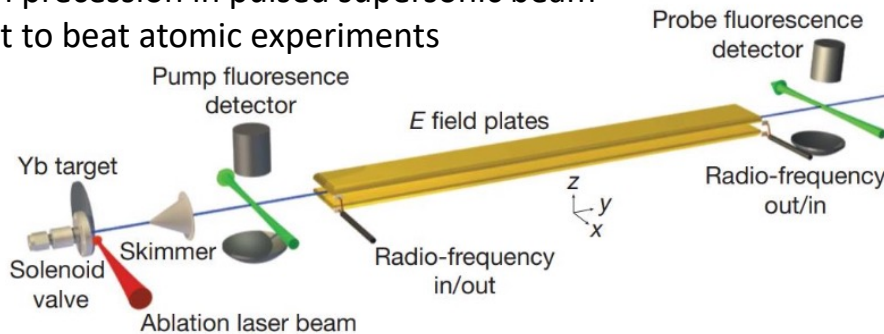
## ThO:

- Spin precession in cryogenic beam

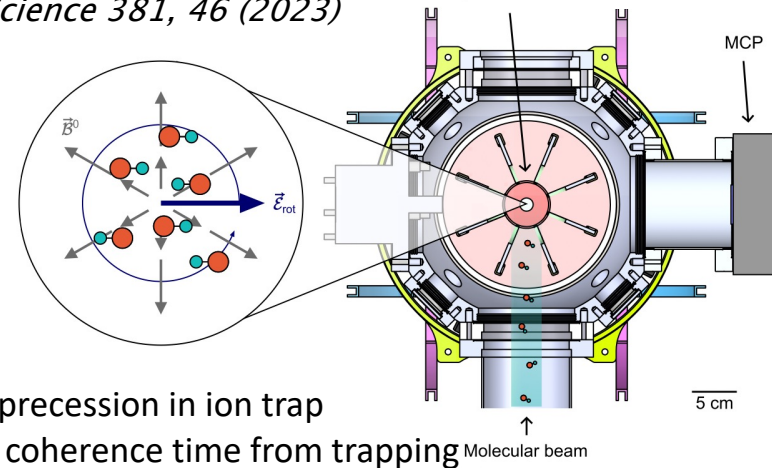


## YbF:

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



## HfF+: *Science* 381, 46 (2023)



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

# ...eEDM improvements

## 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

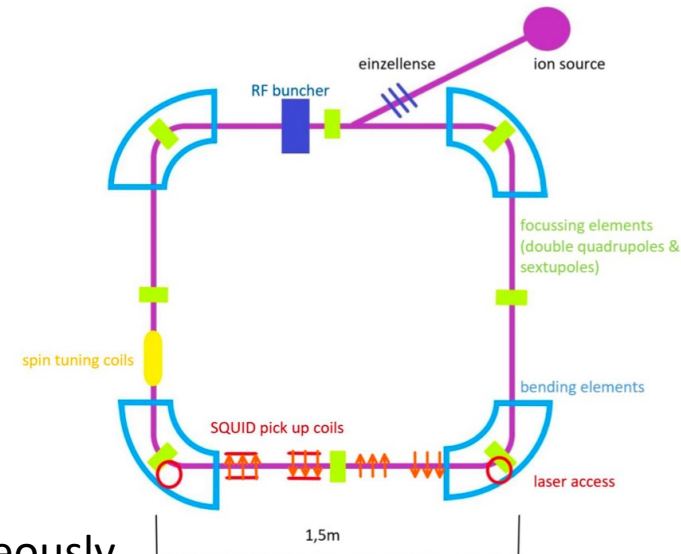
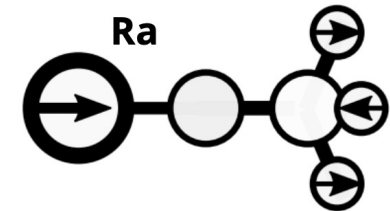
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## Electrostatic storage ring as particle trap:

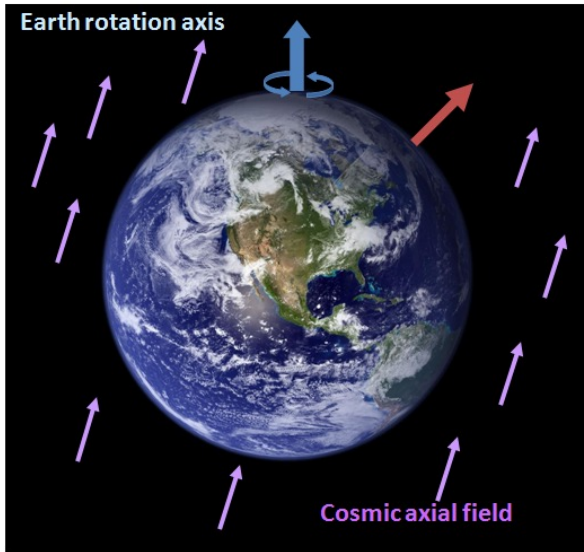
- Non-relativistic, fully electrostatic particle trapping
- Laser and SQUID access to atomic state manipulation
- Hours of storage times, different configurations simultaneously

*C. Brandenstein, ... PF... et al., EPJ Web of Conferences 282, 01017 (2023)*

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



# Exotic effects and EDMs



Sidereal or daily modulations of spin precession?

$$V = \frac{\hbar}{2} \gamma_n \sigma \cdot \mathbf{B} + \sigma \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{b}}$$

Best limit for free neutron:  $b < 2 \cdot 10^{-20}$  eV

More general approach... an EDM tensor?

$$V = b_i \sigma_i - \mu_{ij} \sigma_i B_j - d_{ij} \sigma_i E_j$$

(simplified...)  $d_{ij} \approx \frac{e\hbar c}{\mathcal{E}_{LV}}$

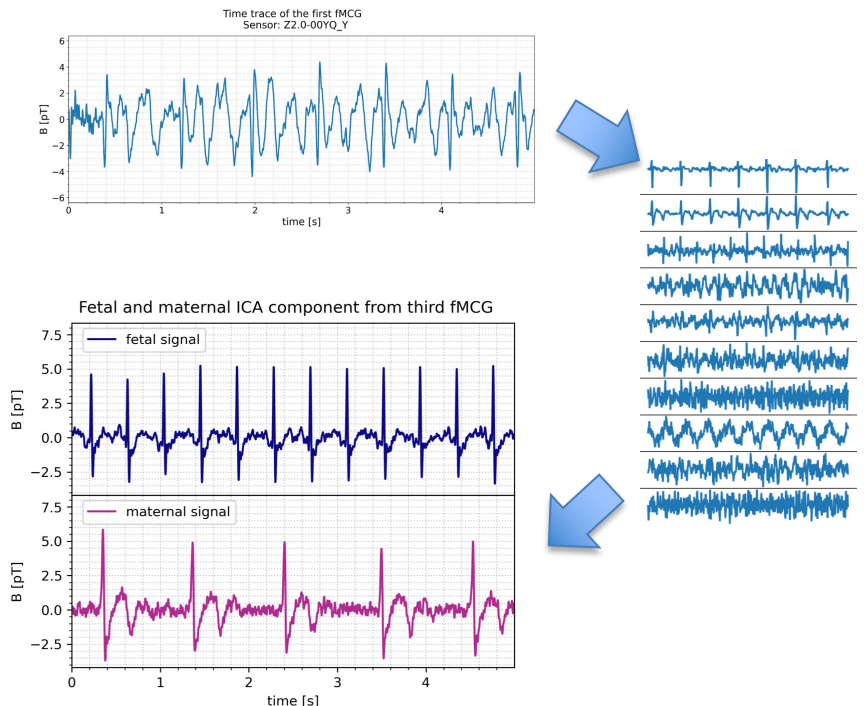
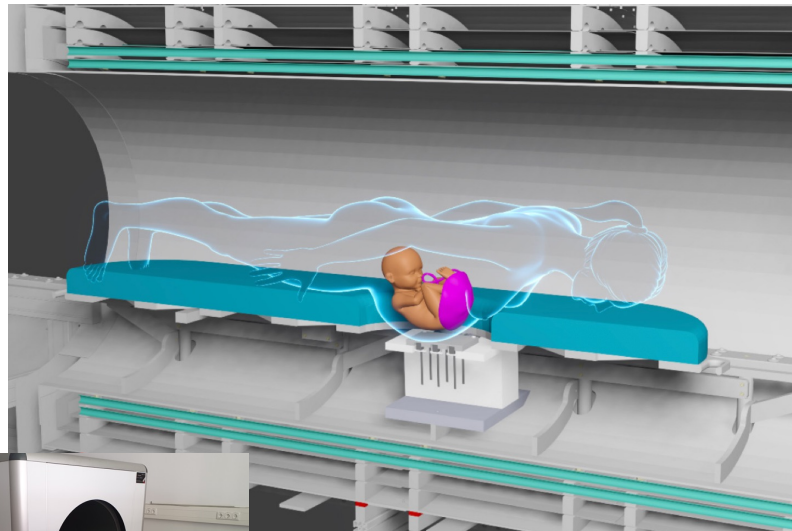
Energy scale

$\mathcal{E}_{LV} > 10^{10}$  GeV

Later: Romalis et al., ...  $> 10^{13}$  GeV

# „4-pi magnetometry“ for EDM – spin-off: biomagnetic sensing

- Muscles and nerves produce magnetic fields, signals  $\sim$  pT level
- EDM measurements are sensitive to  $<$  aT at mHz,  $\sim$  10 fT at 10 Hz
- Collaboration of TUM Ph/EI, German Heart Center: development of a new generation of fetal magnetocardiography (fMCG)



*D. Wurm, PF et al., Journal of Clinical Medicine 12, 3380 (2023)*



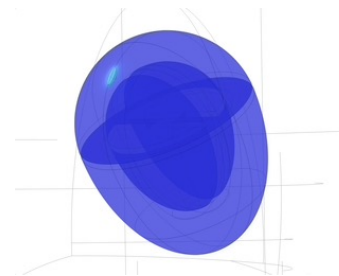
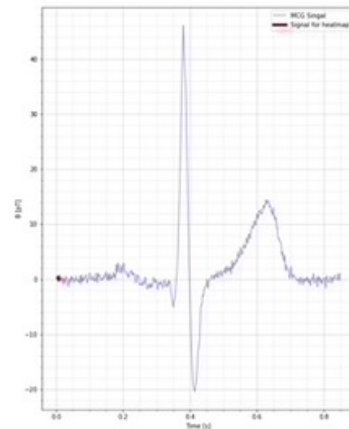
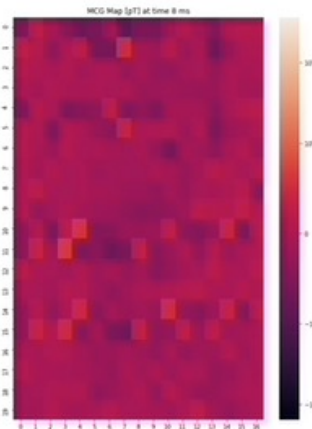
# The TUM low field lab

- Just in commissioning phase (sign-off **this week!**)
- Based on leading TUM expertise in low-field research
- Already now: most silent magnetic noise spectra every measured at low frequency!
- Hub for (4- $\pi$ ) magnetometer developments (like  $^{129}\text{Xe}$  EDM)
- New features in human heart beat
- Spatial reconstruction of heart muscle function from non-invasive magnetic detection possible

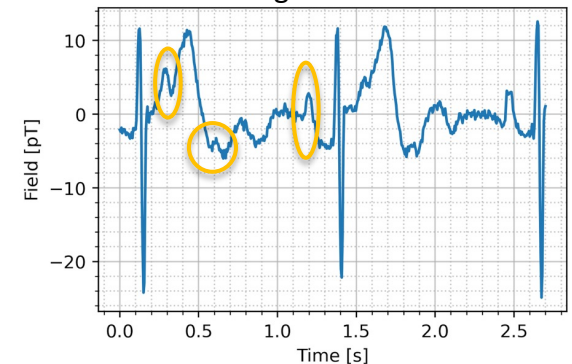
World-leading low field environment:



First spatially resolved magnetic heart maps



Magnetic measurements are not ECG signals:



# Summary

- EDM searches: *quantum sensing* in particle physics
- Every aspect in an EDM experiment needs to be a world-record
- EDMs and DM/ALP physics related also experimentally, with synergies
- Most promising current-gen nEDM search: PanEDM (best existing UCN source)
- New approaches are comparably large-scale collaborations and have significant discovery potential:
  - Future nEDM, pEDM and  $^{129}\text{Xe}$  EDM (magnetometry)
  - Massive (but unconventional) use of semiconductor technology and TES sensors
- EDM magnetometry offers extremely sensitive tools: breakthroughs with big impact may happen beyond the EDM searches (e.g. new insights in the human heart and brain!)