

Title: The new ultracold neutron facility at TRIUMF

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Abstract: <p>A permanent non-zero electric dipole moment of the free neutron (nEDM) violates CP-symmetry. The search for an nEDM contributes to understanding the Baryon asymmetry,

as well as it has a high discovery potential for Beyond Standard Model physics. The tool of choice to investigate the nEDM are ultracold neutrons (UCN), since they have such low energies that they can be stored in traps and allow observation times of hundreds of seconds.

The distinct feature of TRIUMF's UCN facility is the combination of a neutron spallation source with a superfluid helium UCN converter - unique among all existing and planned UCN sources worldwide. The goal of the UCN project at TRIUMF is to provide a density of several hundreds of UCN per cubic cm to experiments at up to two ports, whereas one will be dedicated to determine the nEDM to the 10^{-27} eÅ·cm level of precision.

This presentation shall update the audience on the current status of the new UCN facility at TRIUMF. Additionally, a brief status update on the work of the CREMA collaboration (Charge Radius Experiments with Muonic Atoms) shall be given. Recent experiments performing laser spectroscopy on light muonic atoms shed new light on the Proton Radius Puzzle.</p>



The new ultracold neutron facility at TRIUMF

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plus:
brief update on CREMA's work
towards the Proton Radius Puzzle

TRIUMF CREMA 'Charge Radius Experiment with Muonic Atoms'



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$$r_p^{\text{CODATA}} = 0.88\text{xx fm} \pm 0.8\%$$

↓

$$r_p^{\text{CREMA}} = 0.84\text{xxx fm} \pm 0.04\%$$

- ▶ 4% smaller
- ▶ > 10 fold precision

[P. J. Mohr *et al.*, Rev. Mod. Phys. 80, 633-730 (2008)]
[R. Pohl *et al.* (CREMA-coll.), Nature 466, 213 (2010)]
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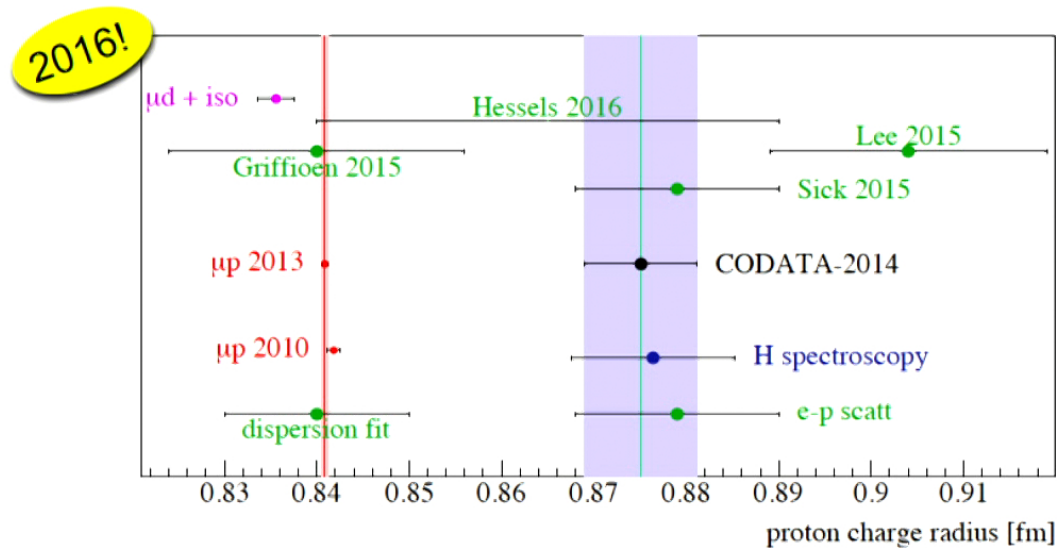


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The Proton Radius Puzzle

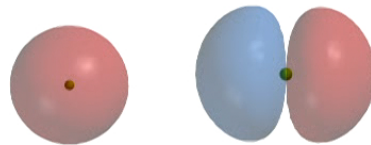


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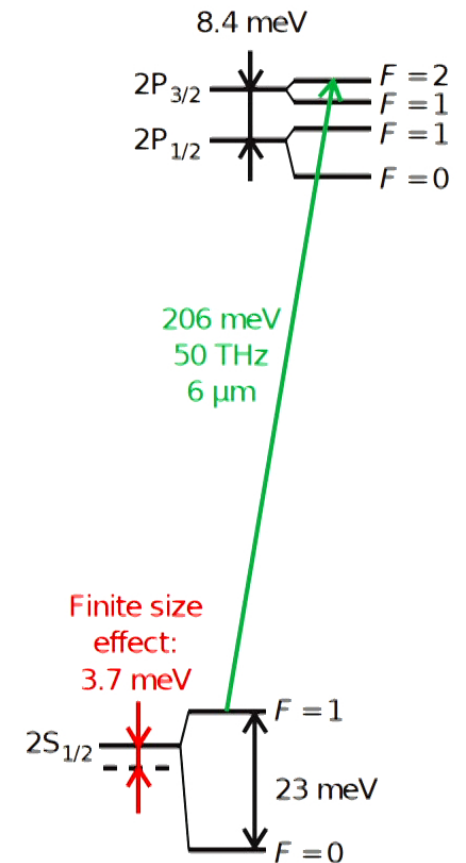
Summarizing all *electronic* measurements of r_p (spectroscopy and scattering) from hydrogen and deuterium data, yields a 5.6σ discrepancy to the CREMA measurement.



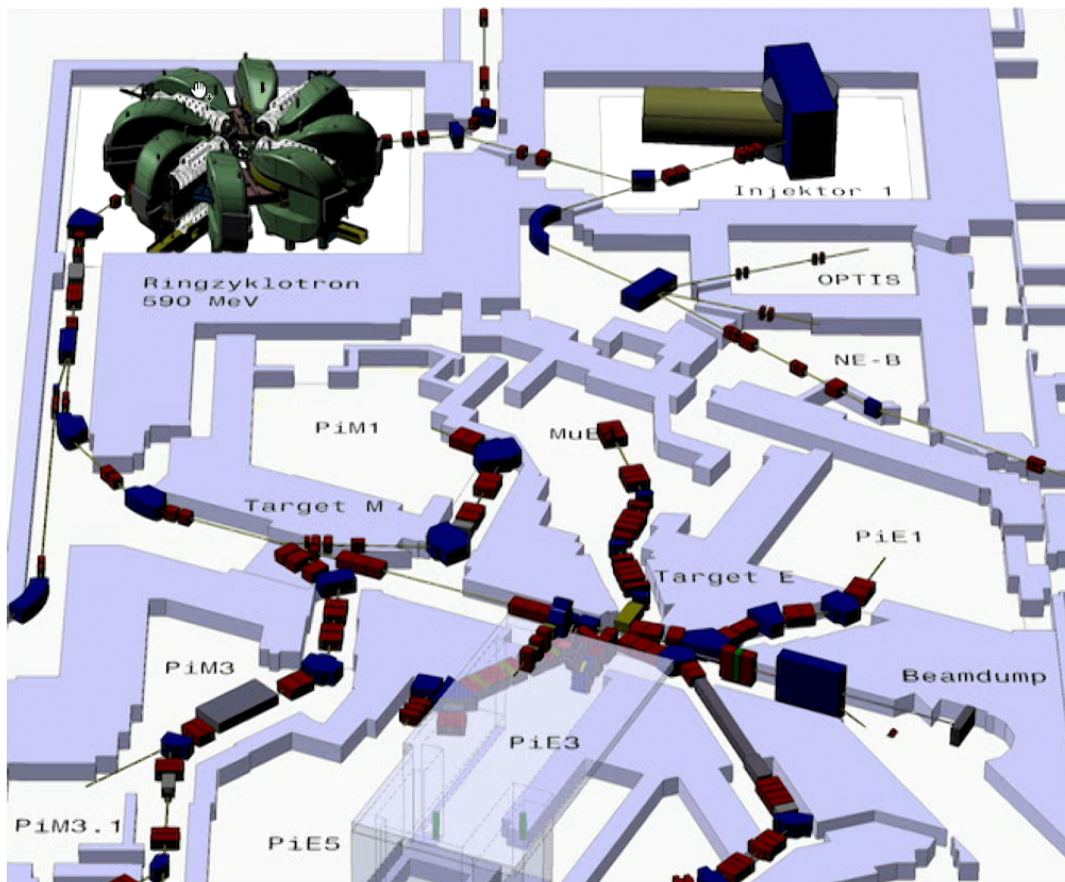
- ▶ Bound system of one μ^- and a proton (or other light nuclei such as the deuteron, helion, and α)
- ▶ Muon lifetime $\tau_\mu = 2.2 \mu\text{s}$
- ▶ $m_\mu \approx 200 \cdot m_e \Rightarrow a_\mu \approx a_e/200$
- ▶ Probability to be *inside* the nucleus $200^3 = 10^7 \times$ higher



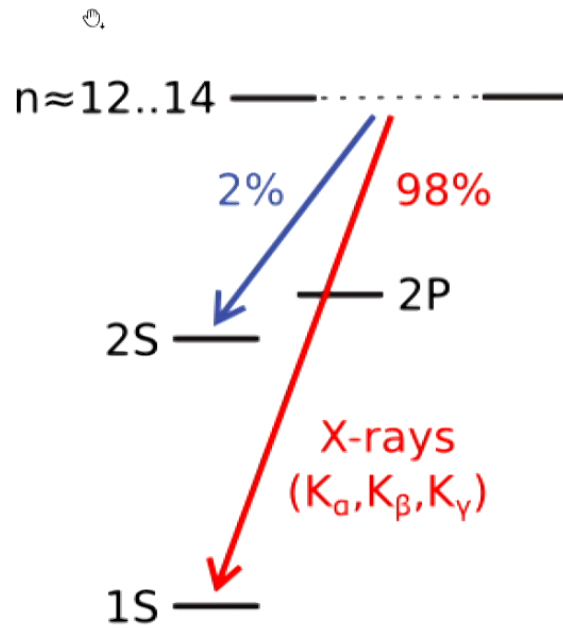
- ▶ S-states great probe for nuclear structure:
 - ▶ Lamb shift ($\Delta E_{2S \rightarrow 2P}$) \Rightarrow charge radius
 - ▶ 2S & 2P hyperfine structure \Rightarrow Zemach radius
 - ▶ Polarizability of the nucleus
- ▶ Measure Lamb shift transitions between energy levels via laser spectroscopy

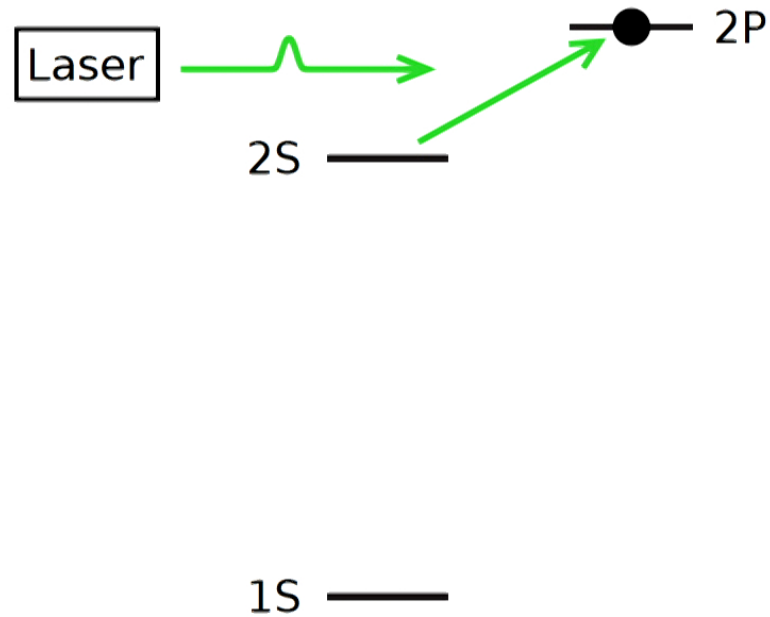
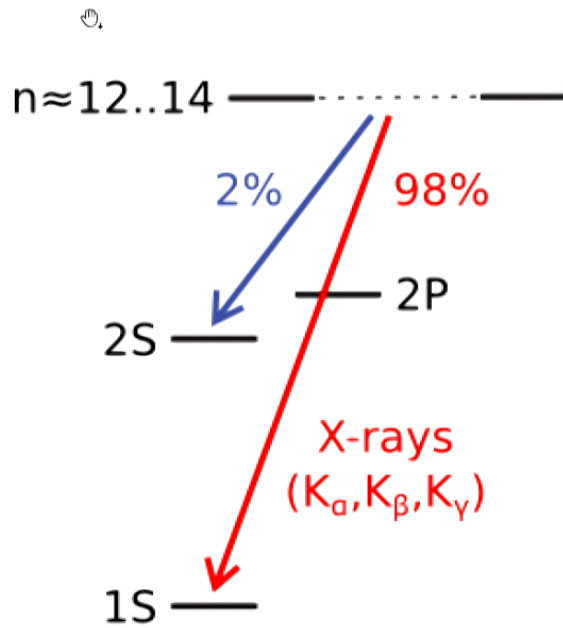


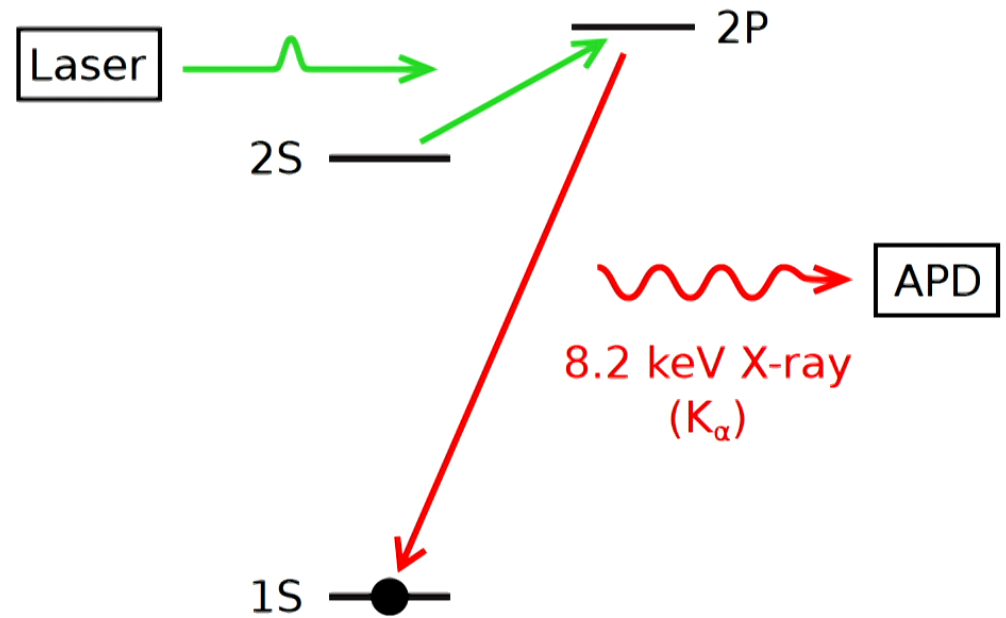
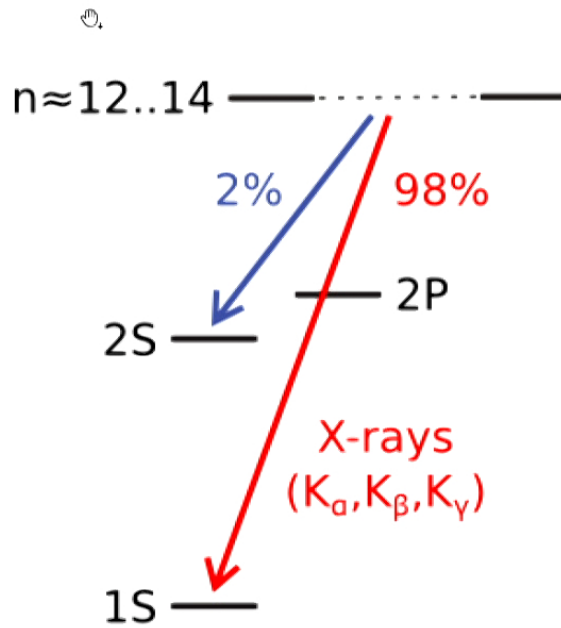




- ▶ High Intensity Proton Accelerator
- ▶ ~ 2 mA of 590 MeV p^+ are shot on a carbon target to create pions (PiE5 area)
- ▶ pions decay to muons
- ▶ muons are cooled/slowed down in a special beamline
- ▶ non-destructive muon detector provides trigger for laser
- ▶ μ^- enter gas target (hydrogen, deuterium, ^3He , or ^4He)
- ▶ bound state is formed between light nucleus and one muon









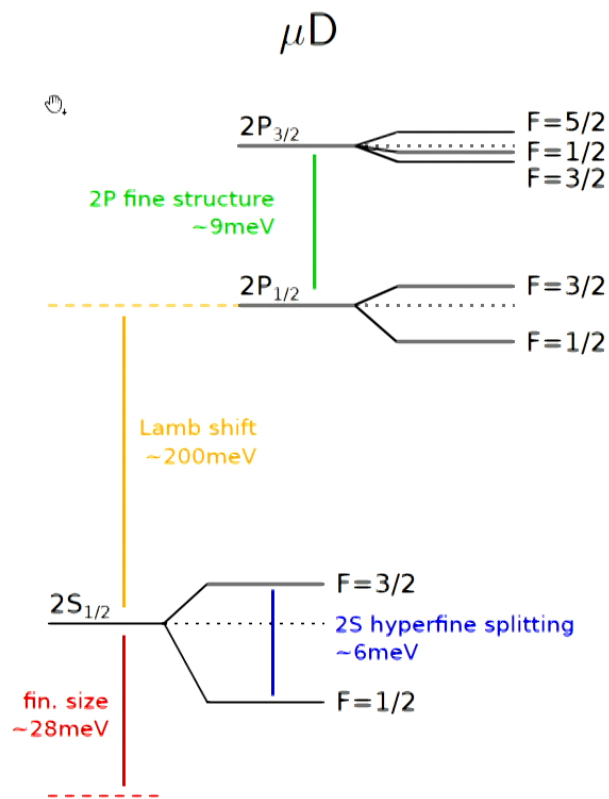
- ▶ Make sure systematics are under control
- ▶ Most systematics are below our measurement sensitivity
- ▶ We needed to check on *Quantum Interference*
- ▶ Use theory to extract charge radius from transition frequency
- ▶ What are the current state of the art theory term calculations?
- ▶ Summarize contributions from several different experts
- ▶ Data from hydrogen and deuterium published, helium-3 and helium-4 are underway

What is Quantum Interference (QI)?
"Coherent excitation of multiple allowed excited states", a polarization & geometry dependent effect (vanishes in 4π)

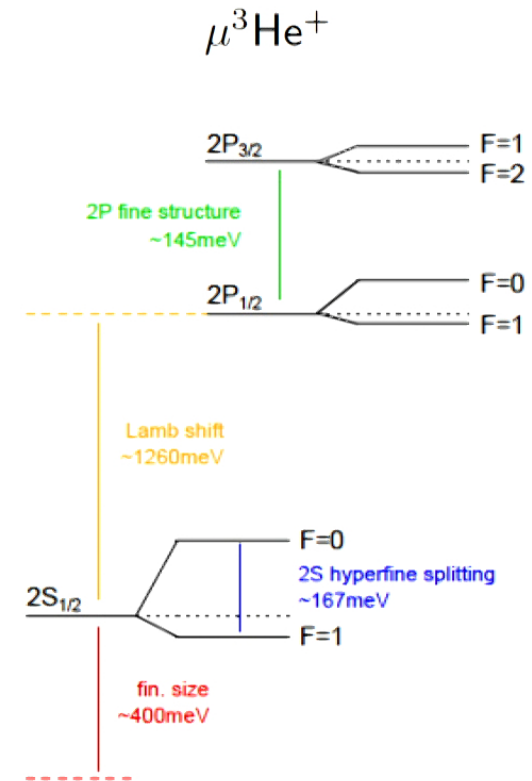
[eg. E. Hessels, M. Horbatsch, PRA 82, 052519 (2010); R. Brown *et al.*, PRA 87, 032504 (2013); and Refs therein]

- ▶ Investigations on QI in CREMA are published
- ▶ Compare point-like detector vs. acceptance angle of CREMA

[Amaro, Franke, *et al.*, PRA 92, 022514 (2015)]



[Krauth et.al., Ann. Phys. **366** p. 168 (2016)]



[Franke, Krauth, et.al., arXiv:1705.00352, submitted to EPJD]



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Table 1: All known nuclear structure-independent contributions to the Lamb shift in $\mu^3\text{He}^+$. Values are in meV. Item numbers “#” in the 1st column follow the nomenclature of Refs. [1, 2], which in turn follow the supplement of Ref. [4]. Items “#” with a dagger † were labeled “New” in Ref. [1], but we introduced numbers in Ref. [2] for definiteness. For Borie [25] we refer to the most recent arXiv version-7 which contains several corrections to the published paper [24] (available online 6 Dec. 2011). For Martynenko *et al.*, numbers #1 to #29 refer to rows in Tab. I of Ref. [26]. Numbers in parentheses refer to equations in the respective paper.

#	Contribution	Borie (B) [25]	Martynenko group (M) Krutov <i>et al.</i> [26]	Jentschura (J) Jentschura, Wundt [31] Jentschura [32]	Karshenboim group (K) Karshenboim <i>et al.</i> [34] Korzinin <i>et al.</i> [33]	Our choice value source Fig.
1	NR one-loop electron VP (eVP)		1641.8862 #1	1641.885 [32]		
2	Rel. corr. (Breit-Pauli)	(0.50934) * Tab. 1	0.5093 #7+#10	0.509344 [31][17], [32]	(0.509340) [34] Tab. IV	
3	Rel. one-loop eVP	1642.412 Tab. p. 4				
19	Rel. RC to eVP, $\alpha(Z\alpha)^4$	-0.0140 Tab. 1+6				
	Sum of the above	1642.3980 3+19	1642.3955 1+2	1642.3943 1+2	1642.3954 [33] Tab. 1	1642.3962 ± 0.0018 avg 2
4	Two-loop eVP (Källén-Sabry)	11.4107 Tab. p. 4	11.4070 #2			11.4089 ± 0.0019 avg 3
5	One-loop eVP in 2-Coulomb lines $\alpha^3(Z\alpha)^3$	1.674 Tab. 6	1.6773 #9	1.677290 [31][13]		1.6757 ± 0.0017 avg 4
	Sum of 4 and 5	13.0847 4+5	13.0843 4+5		13.0843 [33] Tab. 1	(13.0846) [†]
0+7	Third order VP	0.073(3) p. 4	0.0689 #4+#12+#11		0.073(3) [33] Tab. 1	0.0710 ± 0.0030 avg.
29	Second-order eVP contribution $\alpha^3(Z\alpha)^4 m$		0.0018 #8+#13		0.00558 [33] Tab. VIII “eVP2”	0.0037 ± 0.0019 avg
9	Light-by-light “1:3” Wichmann-Kroll	-0.01969 p. 4	-0.0197 #5			
10	Virtual Delbrück, “2:2” LbL		0.0064 #6			
9a [†]	“3:1” LbL					
	Sum: Total light-by-light sc.					-0.0134 ± 0.0006 K
20	μ SE and μ VP					-10.8280 ± 0.0006 avg. 6
11	Muon SE corr. to eVP $\alpha^3(Z\alpha)^3$				0.06269 [33] Tab. VIII (a)	-0.06269 J, K 7
12	eVP loop in self-energy $\alpha^2(Z\alpha)^4 m$				0.00040(4) [33] Tab. VIII (d)	incl. in 21 B 8
30	Hadronic VP loop in self-energy $\alpha^2(Z\alpha)^4 m$				-0.00040(4) [33] Tab. VIII (e)	-0.00040 ± 0.00004 K 9
13	Mixed eVP + μ VP	0.00200 p. 4	0.0022 #3		0.00383 [33] Tab. VIII (b)	0.0029 ± 0.0009 avg 10
31	Mixed eVP + hadronic VP				0.0024(2) [33] Tab. VIII (c)	0.0024 ± 0.0002 K 11
21	Higher-order corr. to μ SE and μ VP	-0.033749 Tab. 2+6				-0.033749 B
	Sum of 12, 30, 13, 31, and 21	-0.031749 13+21	-0.0277 12+13		-0.0241(2) 12+30+13+31	-0.0288 sum
14	Hadronic VP	0.221(11) Tab. 6	0.2170 #29			0.219 ± 0.011 avg.
17	Recoil corr. $(Z\alpha)^4 m^2/M^2$ (Barker-Glover)	0.12654 Tab. 6	0.1265 #21	0.12654 [31][A.3] [32][15]		0.12654 B, J
18	Recoil, finite size	(0.4040(10)) [‡]				
22	Rel. RC $(Z\alpha)^5$	-0.55811 p.9+Tab.6	-0.5581 #22	-0.558107 [31][32]		-0.558107 J
23	Rel. RC $(Z\alpha)^6$		0.0051 #23			0.0051 M
24	Higher order radiative recoil corr.	-0.08102 p.9+Tab.6	-0.0656 #25			-0.0733 ± 0.0077 avg.
28 [†]	Rad. (only eVP) RC $\alpha(Z\alpha)^5$			0.004941		0.004941 J
	Sum	1644.3916 *	1644.3431			1644.3466 ± 0.0146

$$\Delta E_{r\text{-indep.}}^{\text{LS}} = 1644.3466 \pm 0.0146 \text{ meV}$$

^aDoes not contribute to the sum in Borie’s approach.
^bSum of our choice of item #4 and #5, written down for comparison with the Karshenboim group.
^cIn App. C of [25], incomplete. Does not contribute to the sum in Borie’s approach, see text.
^dIs not included, because it is a part of the TPE, see text.
^eIncluding item #18 and #r3[†] yields 1644.9169 meV, which is Borie’s value from Ref. [25] page 15. On that page she attributes an uncertainty of 0.6 meV to that value. This number is far too large to be correct, so we ignore it.

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Lamb shift

radius-dependent (finite size)



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There are calculations from Borie, Martynenko, and Karshenboim. The main finite size contributions are given to order $(Z\alpha)^6$ by

$$\Delta E_{\text{fin. size}} = \frac{2\pi Z\alpha}{3} |\Psi_{n=2}(0)|^2 \left[\langle r^2 \rangle - \frac{Z\alpha m_r}{2} \langle r^3 \rangle_{(2)} + (Z\alpha)^2 (F_{\text{REL}} + m_r^2 F_{\text{NREL}}) \right] \quad (14)$$

[J. L. Friar, Annals of Physics 122, 151196 (1979)]

- The **second term** is the Friar moment contribution.
- The **last term** is partly evaluated with an exp. model.

$$\Delta E_{\text{rad.}-\text{dep.}}^{\text{LS}} = -103.5184(98) r_h^2 \text{ meV/fm}^2 + 0.1177(33) \text{ meV} \quad (15)$$

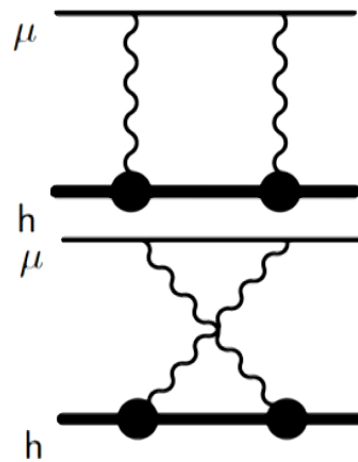
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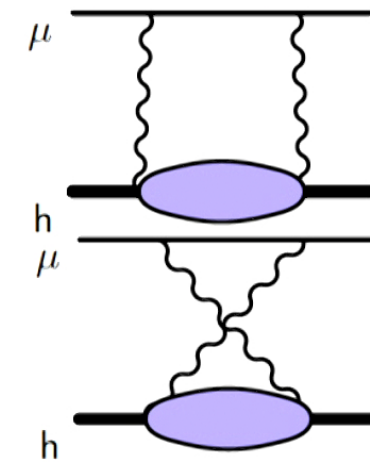
two-photon exchange (TPE)

$$\Delta E_{TPE}^{LS} = \Delta E_{Friar}^{LS} + \Delta E_{inelastic}^{LS} = 15.30(52) \text{ meV} \quad (16)$$

elastic (Friar moment)



inelastic (polarizability)



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→ TPE: main limitation for determination of $r_h!$

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Lamb shift

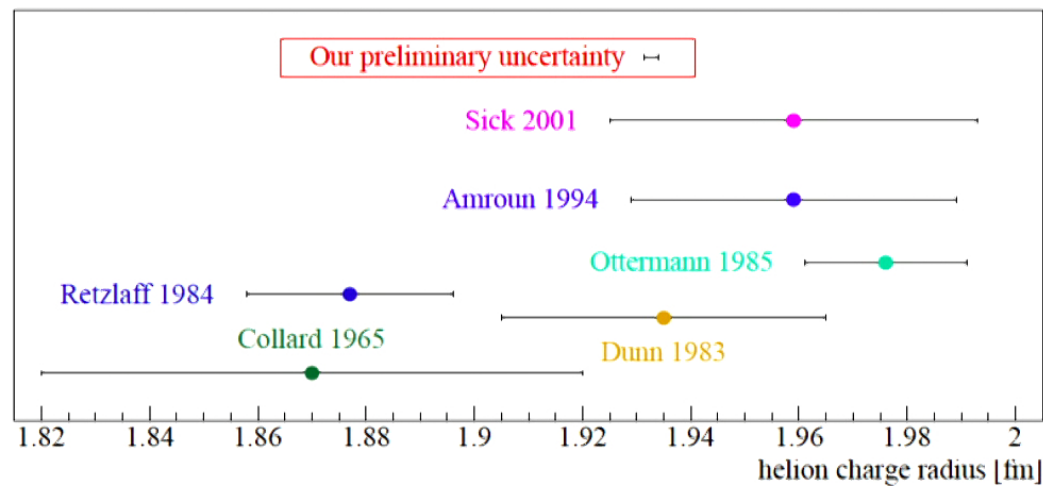
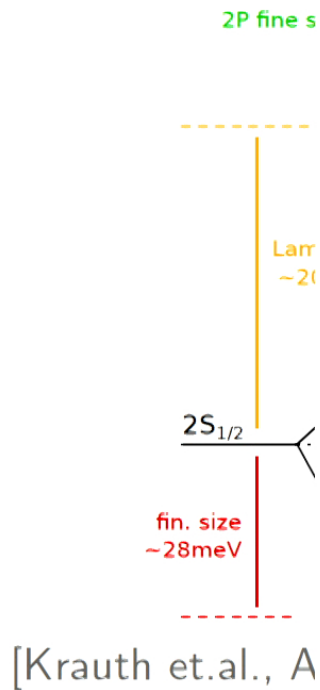
helion rms charge radius

extract charge radius from muonic data and theory:

- 3 measured transitions, 2 fit parameters (LS, 2S HFS)
- $\Delta E_{LS} = \Delta E_{QED} + \Delta E_{fin.size}(C \times r_h^2) + \Delta E_{TPE}^{LS}$

This yields:

$\rightarrow r_h(\mu^3\text{He}^+) = 1.97xxx(12)^{exp(128)^{theo} \text{ fm Preliminary!}}$



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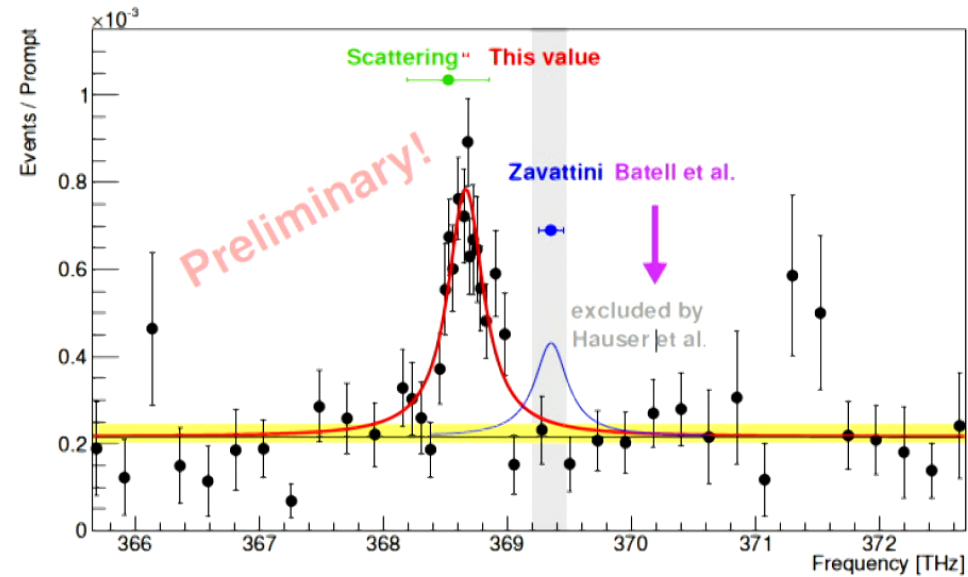
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Muonic helium-4 ($\mu^4\text{He}^+$)



experimental accuracy of 17 GHz
 with theory we get: $r_\alpha(\mu^4\text{He}^+) = 1.68xxx(19)_{\text{exp}}(58)_{\text{theo}}$ fm
 compared to 1.68100(400) fm from e-scatt..

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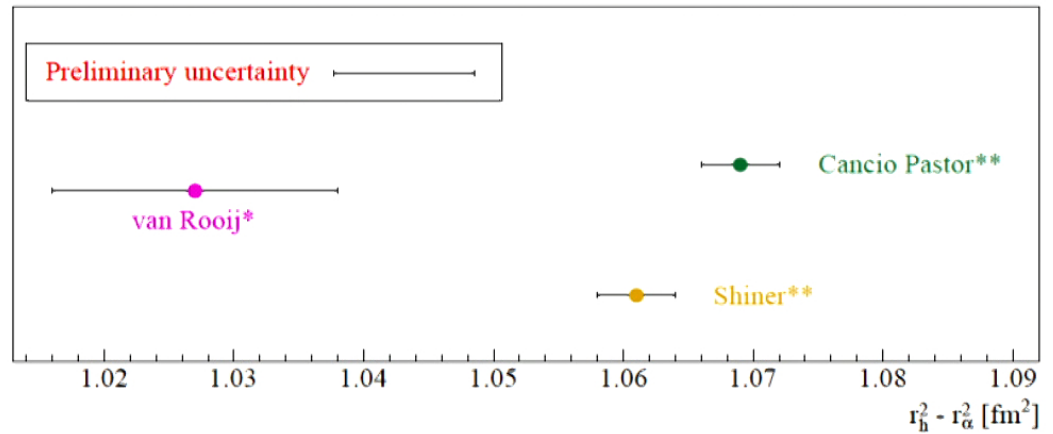
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Charge radius difference in muonic helium



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value from re-evaluated theory in

- * Patkos et al., PRA 95, 012508 (2017)
- ** Patkos et al., PRA 94, 052508 (2016)

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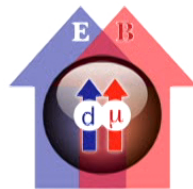


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combination of spallation neutron source and superfluid He converter
- ▶ Search for the neutron electric dipole moment (nEDM) to a precision of 10^{-27} ecm
- ▶ Establish UCN user facility with a second port & and attract international scientific community

Does the spin of the neutron couple to an electric field?

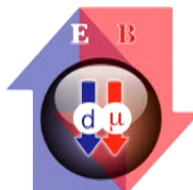
Hamiltonian of a neutron in a magnetic field and an electric field

$$\mathcal{H} = -\mu_n \frac{\vec{\sigma}}{|\vec{\sigma}|} \vec{B} - d_n \frac{\vec{\sigma}}{|\vec{\sigma}|} \vec{E}$$



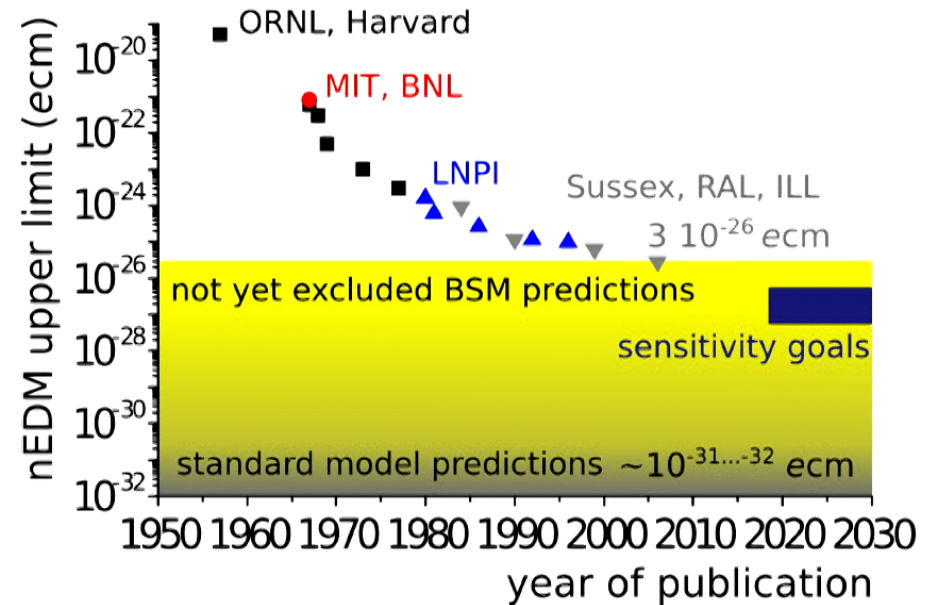
Time reversal symmetry T is not conserved:

$$T\mathcal{H} = -\mu_n \frac{-\vec{\sigma}}{|\vec{\sigma}|} (-\vec{B}) - d_n \frac{-\vec{\sigma}}{|\vec{\sigma}|} \vec{E} \neq \mathcal{H}$$



CPT theorem: T-violation \Leftrightarrow CP-violation.

\Rightarrow CP-violating processes are needed to understand the Baryon Asymmetry of our Universe (BAU)



Beyond Standard Model (BSM) physics shall fix BAU and predict more CP-violation \Leftrightarrow larger nEDM

- ▶ $E_{\text{UCN}} \leq 300 \text{ neV} \hat{=} 3.5 \text{ mK}$ ("ultracold")
- ▶ Strong interaction results in pseudopotential
 $\hat{=} \text{optical potential } V_{\text{Fermi}}$
- ▶ UCN undergo total reflection under *all angles of incidence*
if $E_{\text{UCN}} \leq V_{\text{Fermi, material}}$
 \Rightarrow UCN are storable, like a gas
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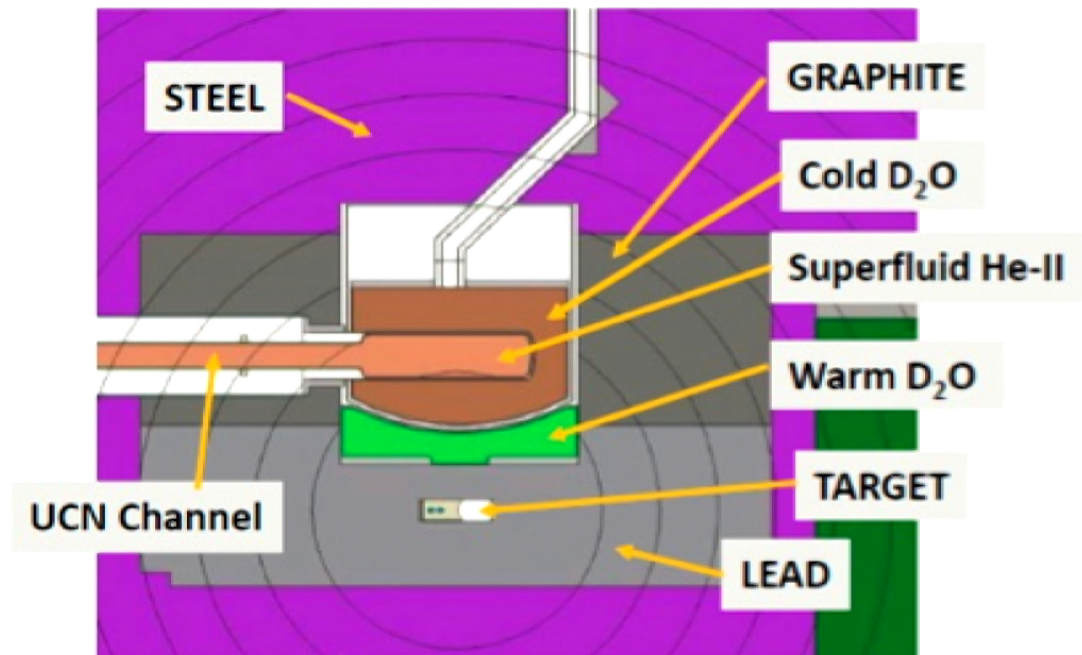
What to do with UCN?

- ▶ Search for the neutron electric dipole moment
- ▶ Measure the neutron lifetime
- ▶ Investigate beta decay correlations
- ▶ Sensitivity to energies of down to peV allows to search for exotic interactions, fifth forces, axions, dark matter, quantized states in gravitational potential, etc.

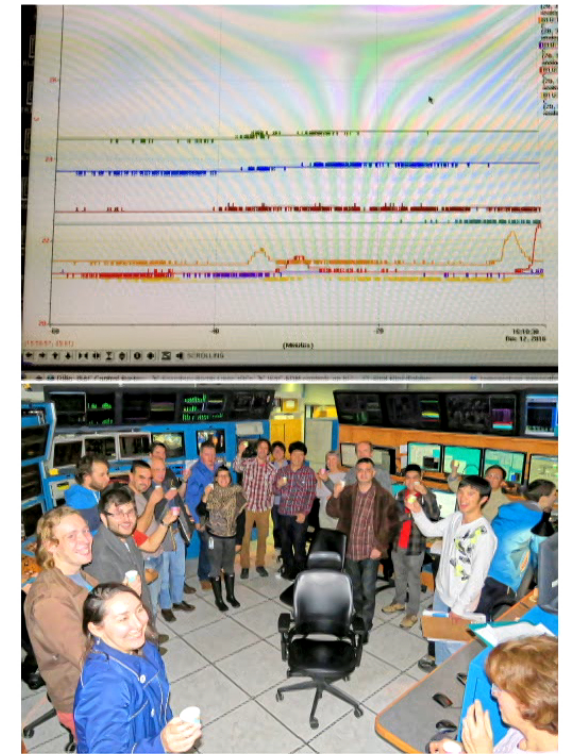
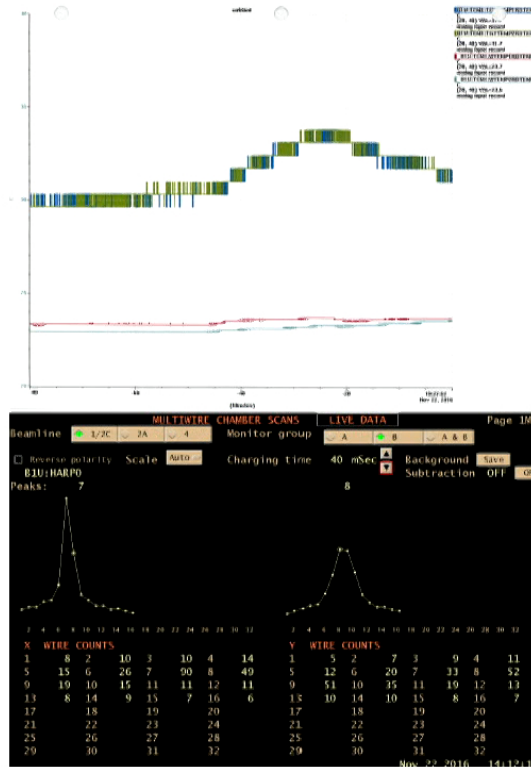
- ▶ Free n via spallation
- ▶ Moderation to thermal and cold neutron energies:
 $E_{\text{kin}} \propto T_{\text{mod}} \geq 10 \text{ K}$

- ▶ 'Superthermal' conversion process in superfluid He:
 $E_{\text{kin}}(\text{cold n}) \rightarrow \text{phonon/roton excitation}$

$$\underbrace{T_{\text{He-II}}}_{=0.8 \text{ K}} \neq \underbrace{T_{\text{UCN}}}_{\leq 3.5 \text{ mK}}$$

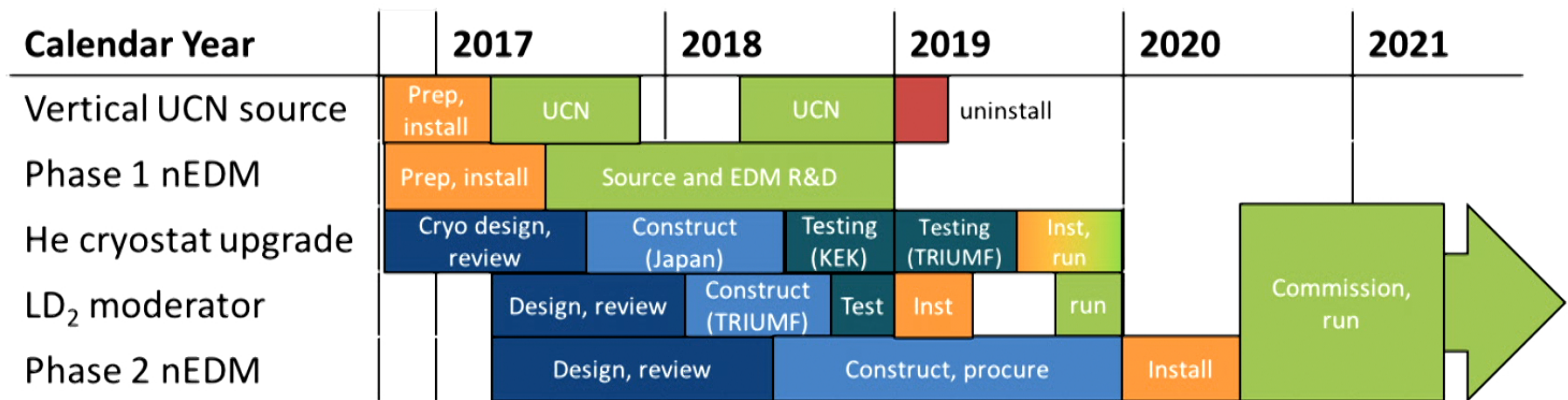


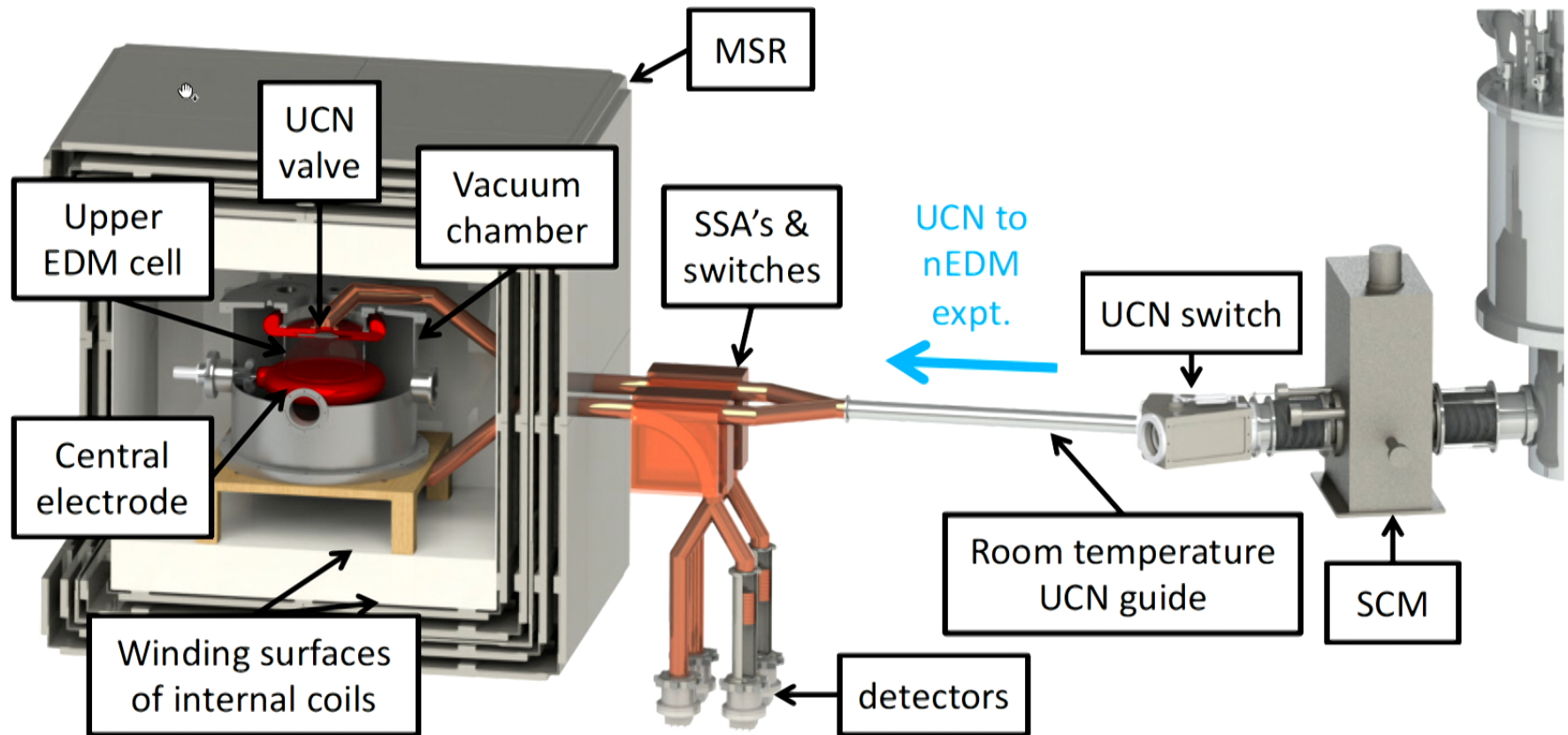
- ▶ First beam in beamline 1U on Nov 22nd 2016
- ▶ **First beam on target and neutron production**, confirmed by radiation protection group and warming of target cooling water
- ▶ Beam tuning and magnet tests, steered beam on collimator
- ▶ **10 sample activations by thermal and cold neutrons**



- ▶ Vertical cryostat (1st generation) UCN source arrived from Japan in October, and modified to fulfill Canadian safety standards as non-pressure vessel
- ▶ Cryostat installed above target, including all services ([show video here!](#))
- ▶ Installation work was completed in four(!) months, HIGH pressure due to shutdown schedule
- ▶ **Cooling test very successful!** The UCN production volume reached 0.9 K, and heater tests showed the cryostat can handle up to few W of heat load.
- ▶ **First UCN production on-site expected THIS SUMMER**

- ▶ Work towards higher current ($1 \mu\text{A} \rightarrow 40 \mu\text{A}$) and higher UCN densities
- ▶ Design and build 3rd generation horizontal source (and liquid deuterium moderator system)
- ▶ Detailing and procurement of Phase 2 nEDM apparatus





A clock comparison of n & ^{199}Hg Larmor precession:
During nEDM measurements the ratio

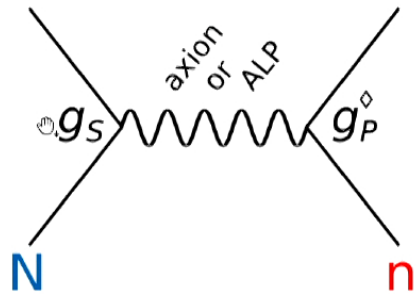
$$R = \frac{f_n}{f_{\text{Hg}}}$$

is used to correct for magnetic field changes.
 R is measured at high precision and can also be used to search for an exotic interaction!

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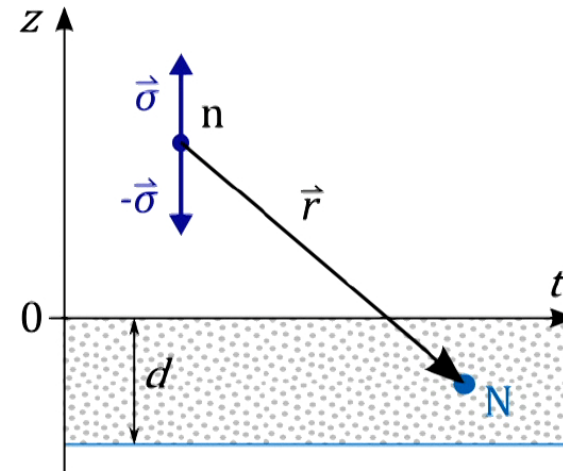
- ▶ Fundamental particle (n), spin polarized
- ▶ Precession frequency measured precisely
- ▶ Close to high density of unpolarized nucleons (wall material)

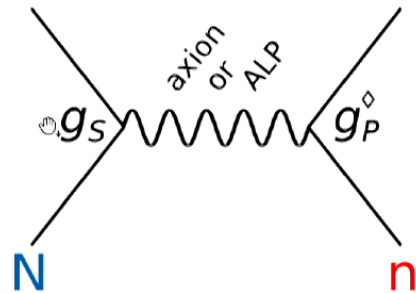
Very well suited to look for a dipole-monopole interaction:
spin-dependent & CP-violating



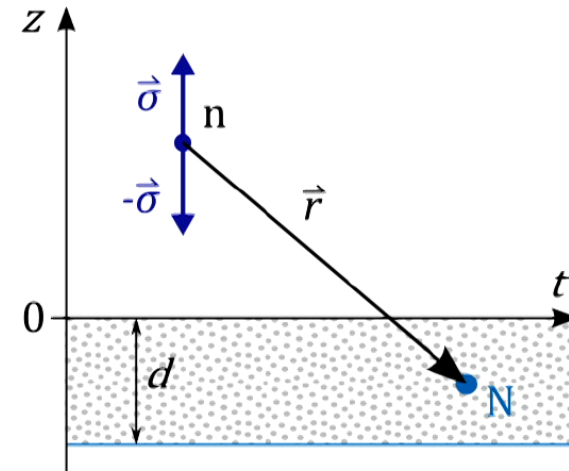
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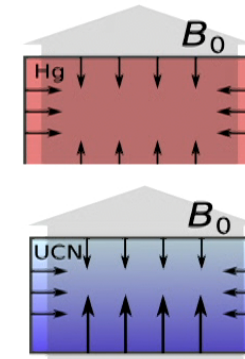


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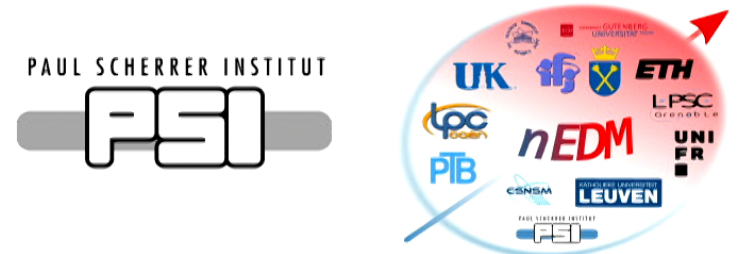
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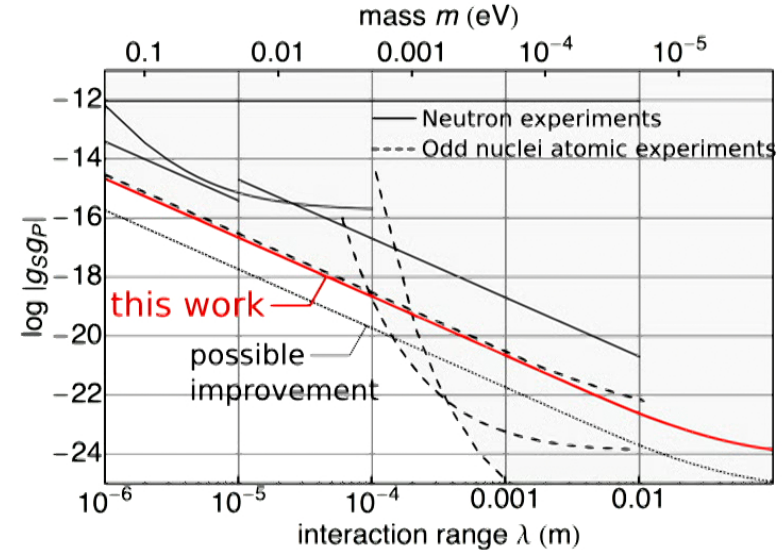
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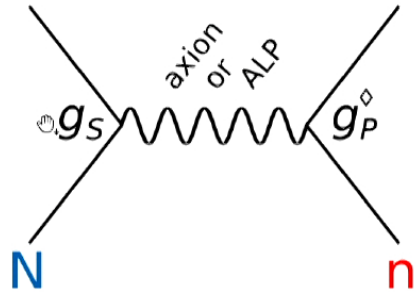
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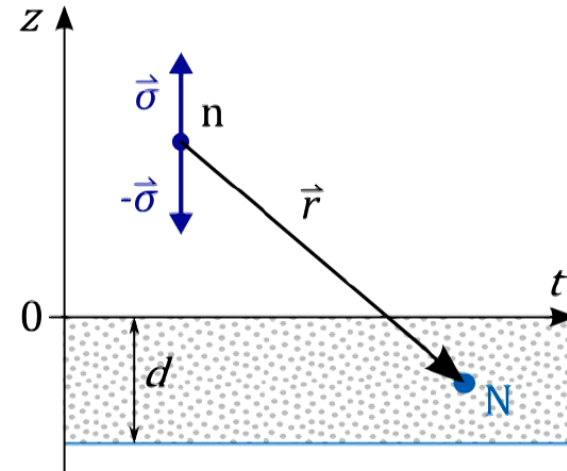
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