



Progress towards the TRIUMF UCN facility and nEDM experiment

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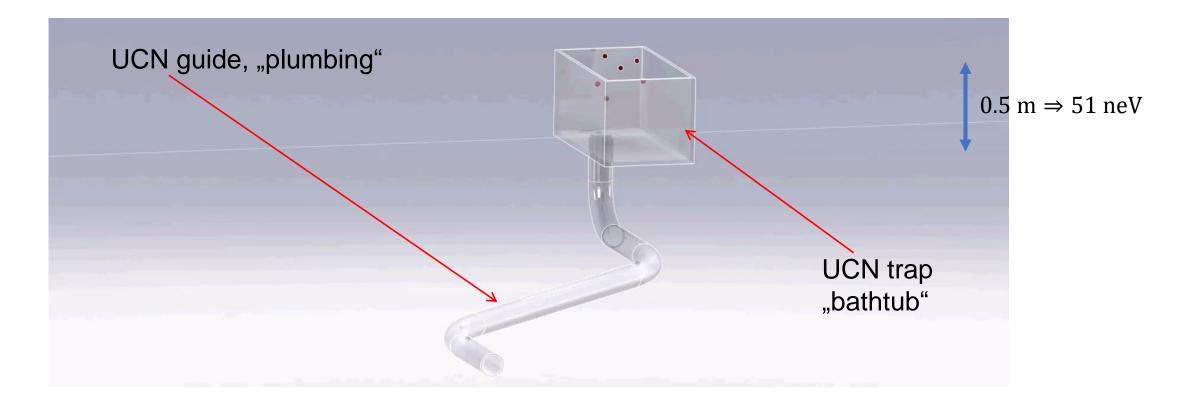


UltraCold Neutrons are conceptually very simple



- non-relativistic
- very classical trajectories

- gravitation has significant influence
- easy to transport and store

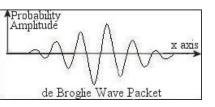




How do UCN bounce?



Ultra Cold Neutrons are so slow, their wavelength is longer than solid matter lattice constants

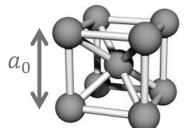


$$\lambda = \frac{h}{p} = \frac{h}{m_n v}$$

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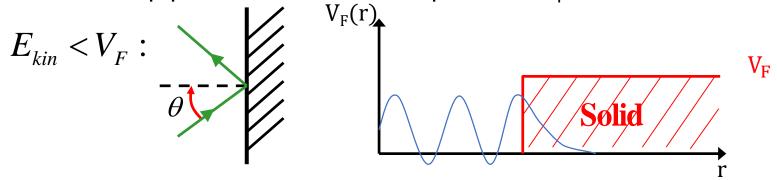
iron lattice **BCC**

UCN wave averages over many nuclear potentials

$$V(\vec{r}) = \frac{4\pi\hbar^2}{2m} \sum_{i} a_i \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_i')$$



effective step potential called Fermi potential $V_{\rm F}$



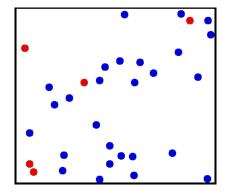
typical values of V_F

Material	V _F (neV)	v (m/s)
Al	54	3.2
⁵⁸ Ni	350	8.2
Ti	- 48	3
Stainless Steel	188	6





Neutrons in a box



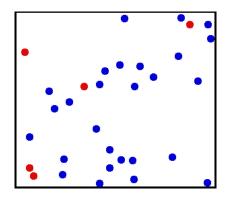
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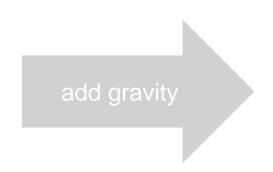


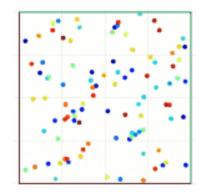


Neutrons in a box

Neutrons in a box with gravity







 Reflection is mostly specular on smooth surfaces

- Gravitational potential: 102 neV/m
 - 102 neV corresponds to 4.4 m/s

What is wrong here?

UCN's (basically) don't interact since densities are too low. Collission (basically) do not happen...



Why does it help to put neutrons in a box?



Precision measurements

- Heisenberg: $\Delta E \Delta t \geq \frac{\hbar}{2}$
- ⇒ longer observation time
- ⇒ more precise measurement
- long neutron β-decay lifetime (880 s)

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storage in "simple" containers

- ⇒ UCN observation times > 100 s
- ⇒ Very good for an EDM search

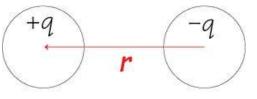




EDM, what the heck?



electric dipole moment (EDM) charge separation



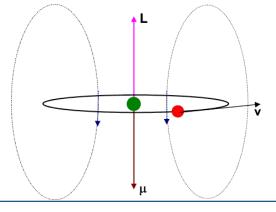
$$\mu = q\mathbf{r} [\mathbf{e} \cdot \mathbf{cm}]$$

Experimental limit today:

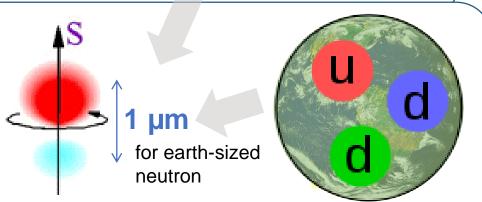
$$d_{\rm n} < 1.8 \cdot 10^{-26} \, {\rm e} \cdot {\rm cm}$$
 (PDG 90% conf.).

C. Abel et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 124, 081803 (2020)

neutron case



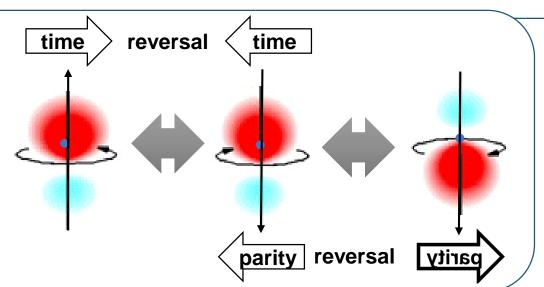
slight separation of the positive and negative charge cloud along the axis of the magnetic moment (spin)

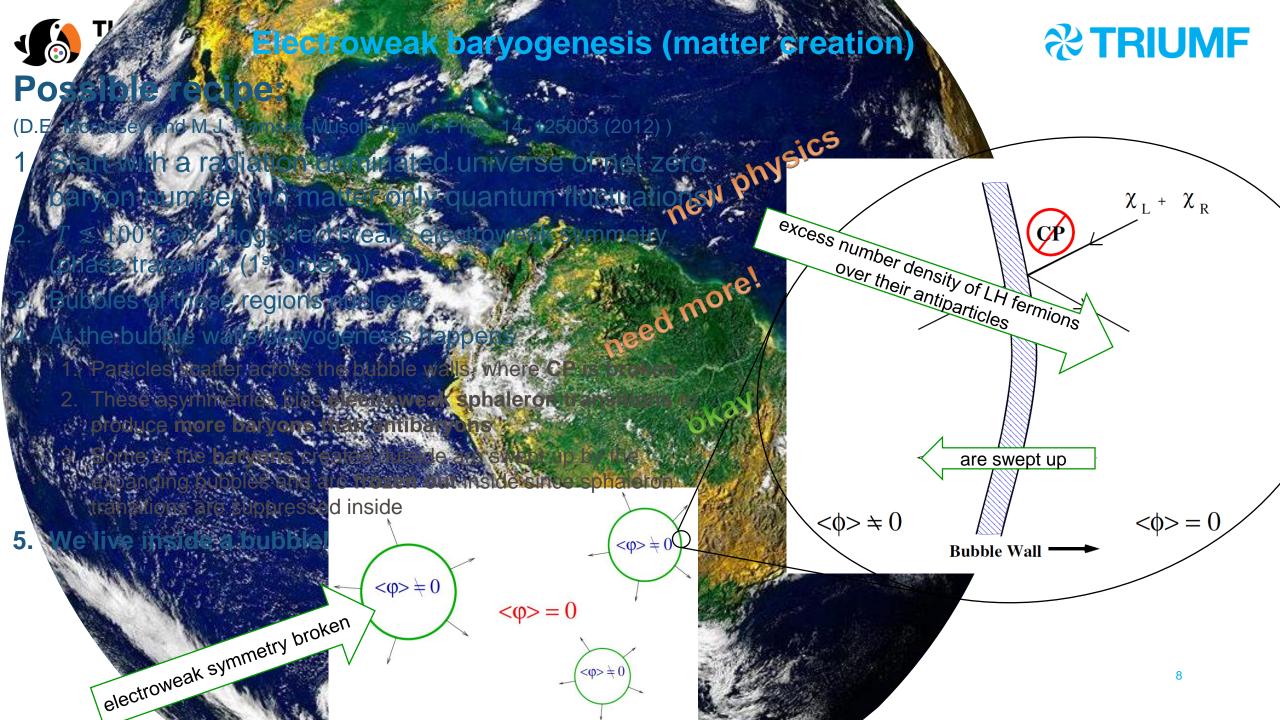


Why is it special?

Time and parity reversal violation

- ⇒ **CP violation** (if CPT holds)
- ⇒ More CP violation needed to explain matter-antimatter asymmetry in the universe



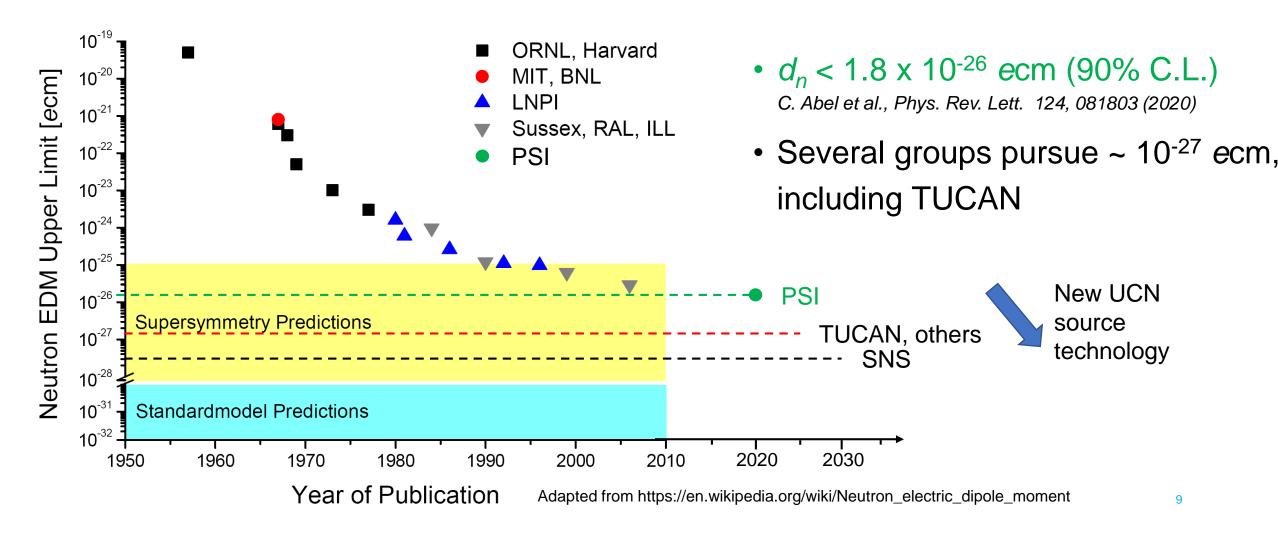




EDM motivation and history



- EDM experiments essentially search for sources of CP violation beyond the standard model.
- Lowering EDM limits seriously restricts BSM theories.





Sensitivity of an EDM measurement



Sensitivity of nEDM experiment $\sigma(d_n) \propto \frac{1}{E\tau\sqrt{N}}$

E: strength of applied electric field τ : interaction time

N: neutron counts



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	Free flight method	Crystal diffraction method	UCN method	
interaction tome τ [s]	~ 10 ⁻¹	∼ 10 ⁻³	$\sim 10^{2}$	
electric field E [V/cm]	$\sim 10^{4}$	∼ 10 ⁸	$\sim 10^{4}$	TUCAN
neutron counts n [n/s]	$\sim 10^{8}$	$\sim 10^{4}$	$\sim 10^2$ =	> 10 ³
sensitivity σ(d _n)	$\sim 10^{-25} / \sqrt{\text{Day}}$	$\sim 10^{-25} / \sqrt{\text{Day}}$	$\sim 10^{-25} / \sqrt{\text{Day}} =$	\Rightarrow 2x10 ⁻²⁶ / \sqrt{Day}

Each value is regulated to be same sensitivity for the purpose of making characterists of each method clear

All methods have the possibility to get the sensitivity at the same level.

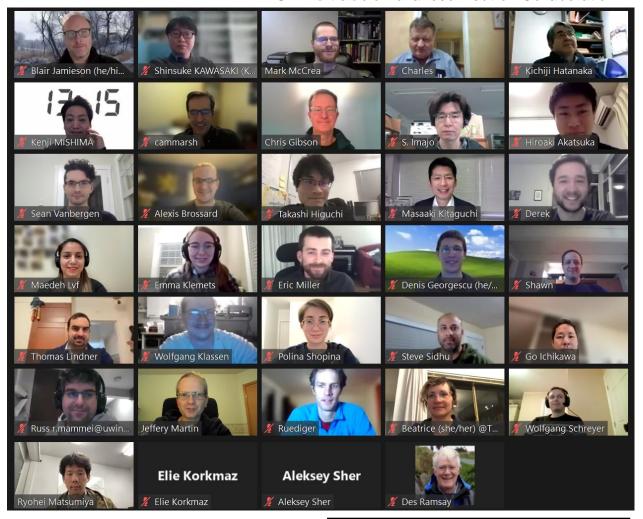
Slide by Shigeyasu Itoh



TUCAN collaboration and goals



TRIUMF UltraCold Advanced Neutron Collaboration



Jan. 2022 virtual collaboration meeting

TUCAN collaboration goals:

- 1. Create the world's **strongest ultracold neutron source using the TRIUMF cyclotron**.
- 2. Search for a neutron electric dipole moment with a sensitivity of 10-27 e cm (1-σ) in 400 beam days.
- Create an international user facility for fundamental research using ultracold neutrons.

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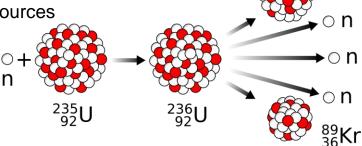


Several ways of freeing n and making UCN

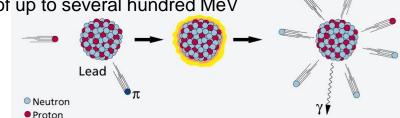


Neutron sources

- Fission reactor neutron sources
 - ILL, NIST, PNPI, FRM2, Mainz, NCState
 - Usually compact fuel element, high enrichment
 - Constant neutron flux
 - Thermal moderators (25 meV neutrons)
 - Often have LD2 cold sources



- Spallation neutron sources
 - J-PARC, LANSCE, PSI, ESS, SNS, RCNP, TRIUMF
 - 500 800 MeV protons hitting spallation targets (W,Pb)
 - Some time structure
 - Neutron energies of up to several hundred MeV



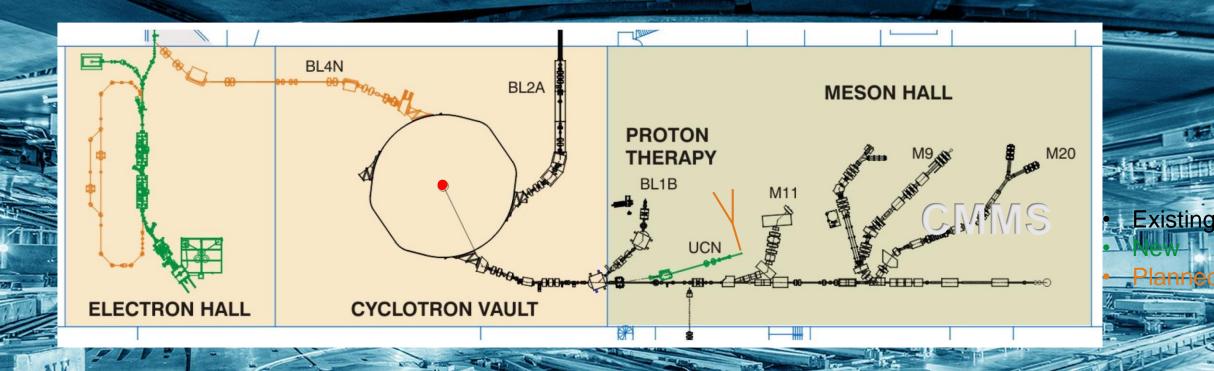
UCN source

- Phase space shifters
 - ILL turbine, J-PARC doppler shifter
 - UCN bounce off retracting neutron reflectors
 - Respect Liouville's theorem of constant phase space density
- Solid deuterium sources
 - LANSCE, PSI, FRM2
 - cold neutrons create phonons in solid deuterium and become UCN
 - Reverse process suppressed at 5 K
 - · UCN lifetime: micro seconds
 - UCN production: thousands/s/cm³
- Superfluid liquid helium sources
 - RCNP, ILL, TRIUMF
 - Cold neutrons create phonons and rotons in superfluid isopure ⁴He
 - Upscattering largely suppressed around 1 K
 - UCN lifetime: tens to hundreds of seconds₁₃
 - UCN production: few to hundreds/s/cm³



The TRIUMF beam delivery system





- H⁻ ions are accelerated by TRIUMF's main cyclotron (up to 520 MeV).
- Foils strip electrons and p⁺ can be extracted at selectable radii (and energies).
- Three beamlines can be fed with up to 120 μ A simultaneously.

- Simultaneous operation of different facilities
 - Nuclear Physics, Particle Physics, Life Sciences, Material and Molecular Science, Material Irradiation with Protons and Neutrons
- UCN shares the beam with CMMS via (Center for Material and Molecular Science) via kicker magnet

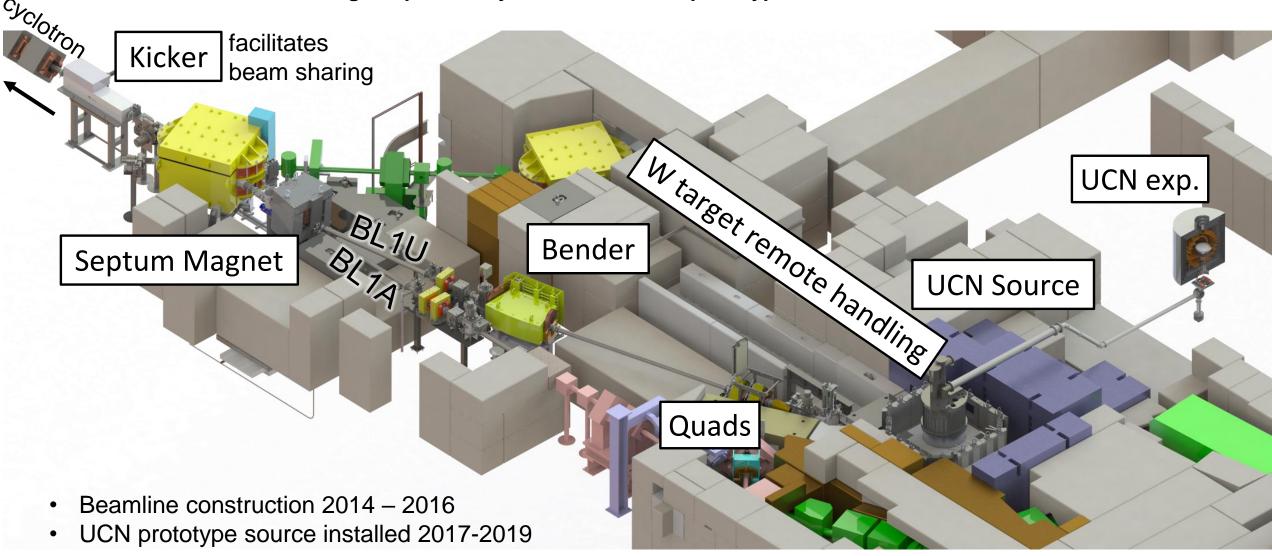
Inside the TRIUMF cyclotron

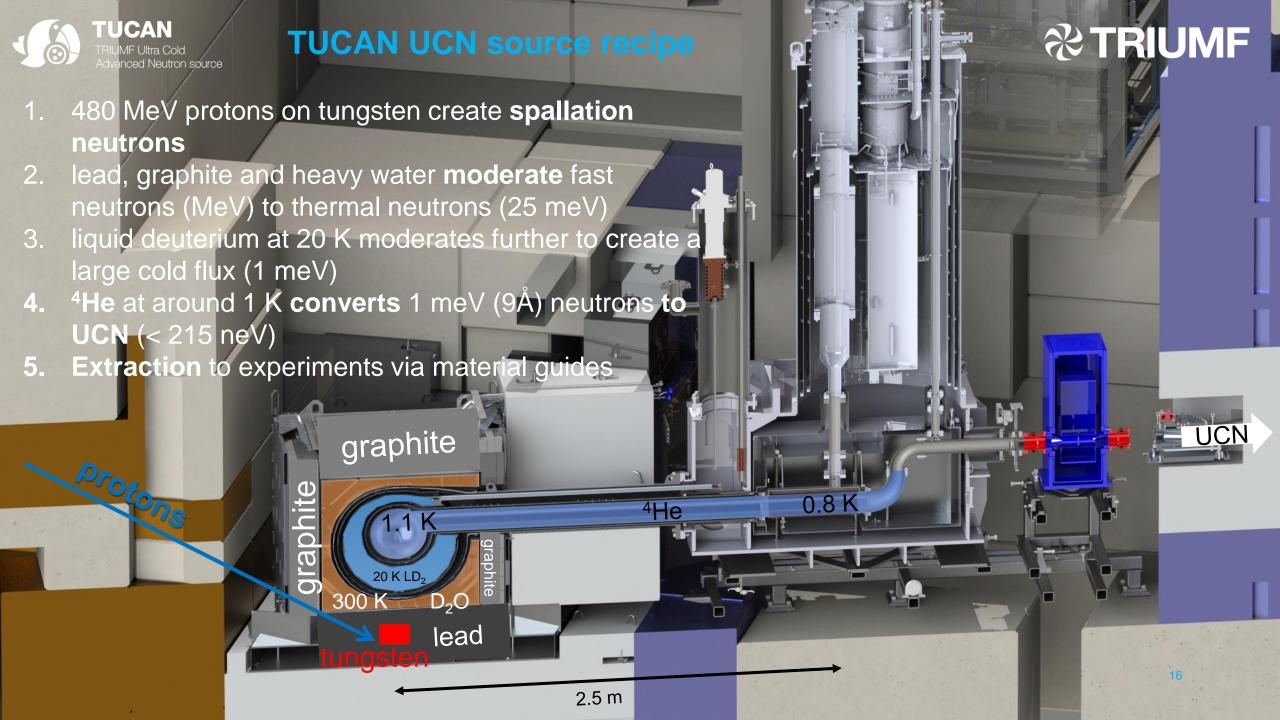


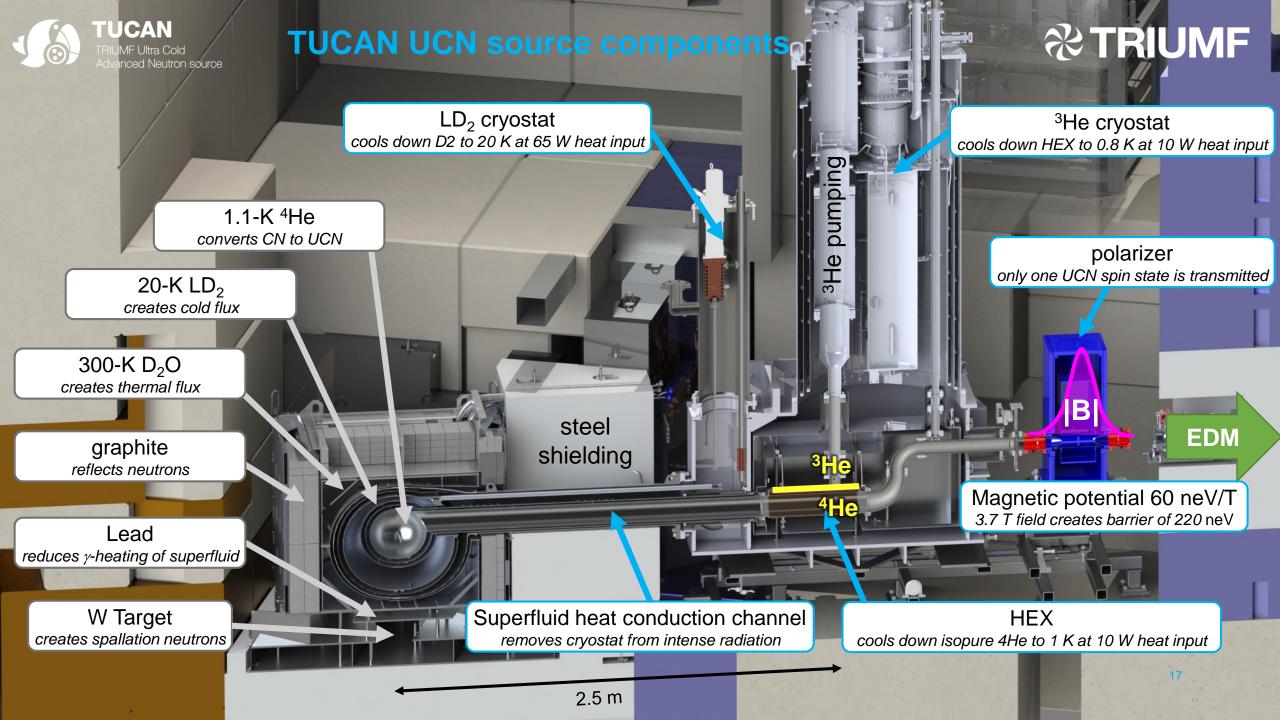
New beamline at TRIUMF for the UCN source



showing the previously installed vertical prototype source





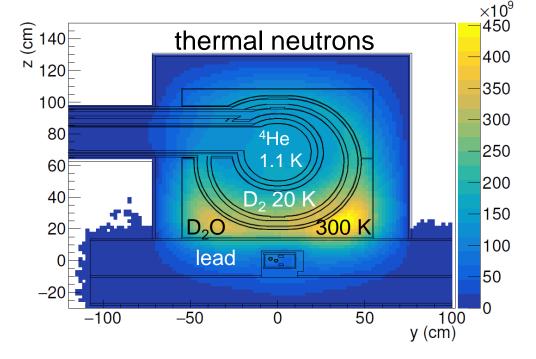


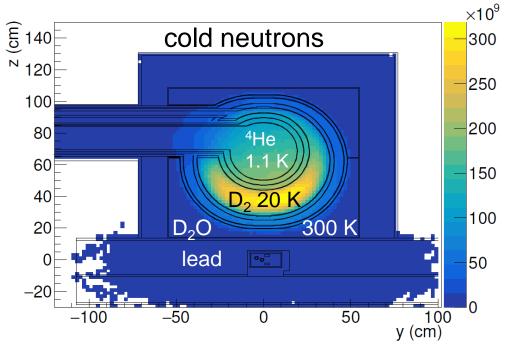


TUCAN source numbers

- 40 μA of 483 MeV protons on W target
- Production 1.4 x 10⁷ UCN/s
- Source helium temp 1.03 K to 1.13 K
- Cooling power 10 W (3He fridge)
- Source storage lifetime 28 s
- Figure of merit $P\tau = 4.5 \times 10^8$
- Density in the source 3 x 10³ UCN/cc
- Total number in the source 3 x 108 UCN
- Initial density in 70 I EDM experiment 200 UCN/cc
- Counted at the end of EDM cycle 1.6 x 10⁶

Once we have lots of UCN how do we measure the EDM?



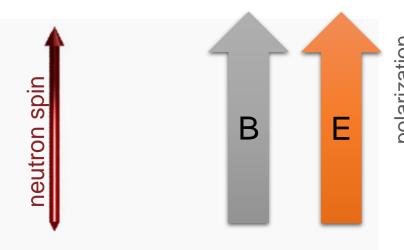




Ramsey method



N. F. Ramsey, Phys.Rev.**76** 996 (1949) ⇒ **Nobel Prize 1989**



Ramsey method facilitates frequency determination through polarization measurement.

- prepare a sample of polarized neutrons
- 2. make a 90°spin flip("start clock")
- 3. allow **free spin precession** in static, parallel **B** and **E** fields
- 4. make another 90°spin flip ("stop clock")
- Projection of neutron spin on B field vector ⇒ polarization

$$P = \frac{N_{\downarrow} - N_{\uparrow}}{N_{\downarrow} + N_{\uparrow}}$$

6. Flip E field and repeat

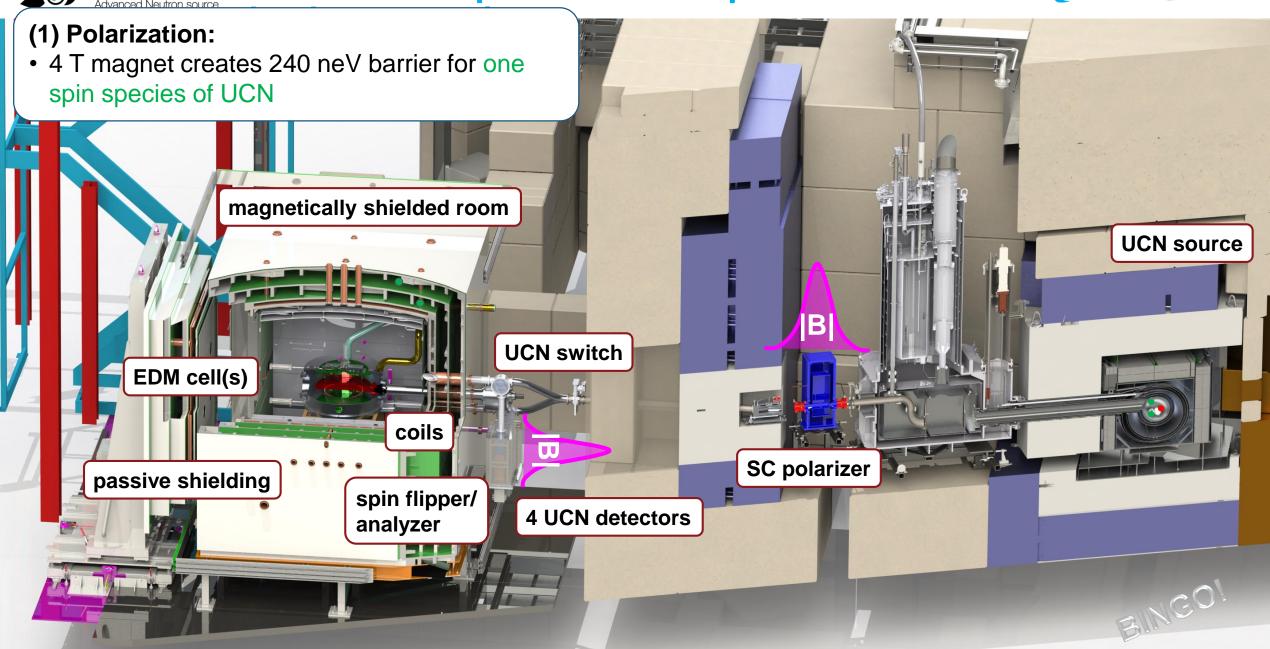
$$\Delta \varepsilon = h |\Delta v| = 4Ed_n$$





UCN room temperature EDM experiment







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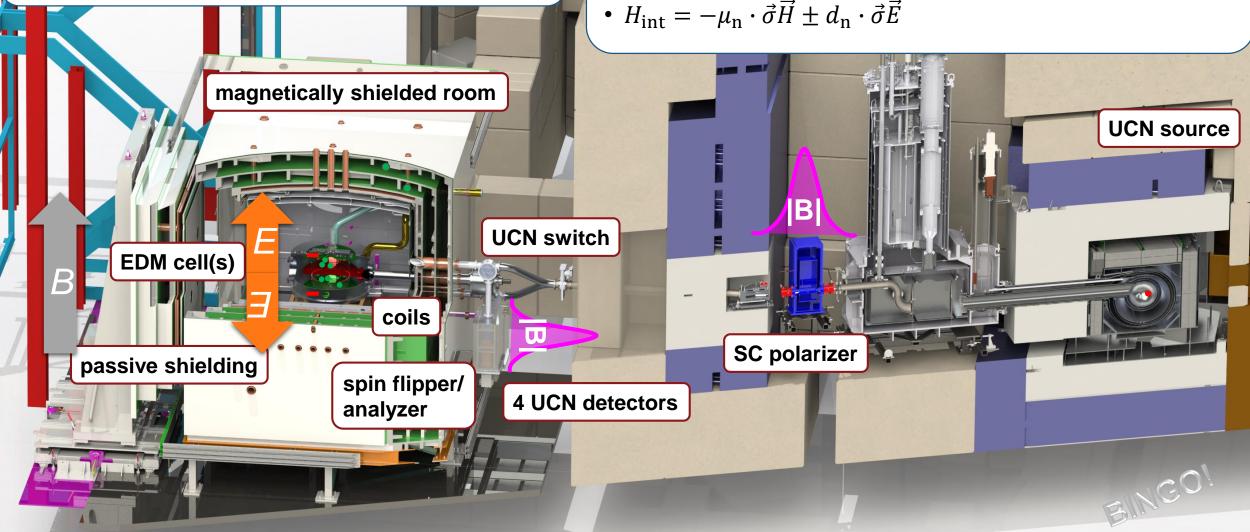


(1) Polarization:

 4 T magnet creates 240 neV barrier for one spin species of UCN

(2) Ramsey cycle:

- two $\pi/2$ spin flips turn a Larmor precession change into a polarization change
- $H_{\text{int}} = -\mu_{\text{n}} \cdot \vec{\sigma} \vec{H} \pm d_{\text{n}} \cdot \vec{\sigma} \vec{E}$



UCN room temperature EDM experiment



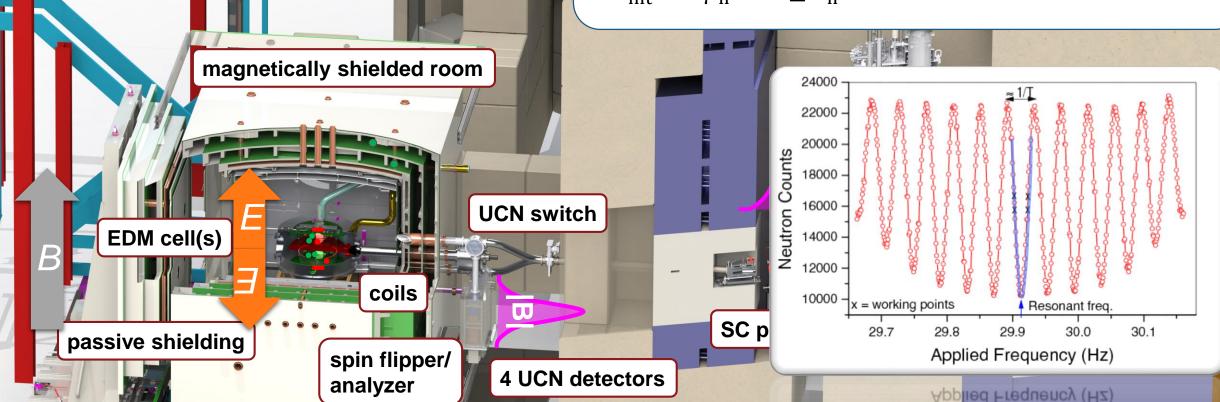
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(3) Analysis:

- spin sensitive neutron counting
- ⇒polarization measurement

- fit the Ramsay curve to determine Larmor frequency
- change in frequency under field reversal?

$$\Delta \epsilon = \hbar |\Delta \nu| = 4Ed_{\rm n}$$





Why could we be very competitive?



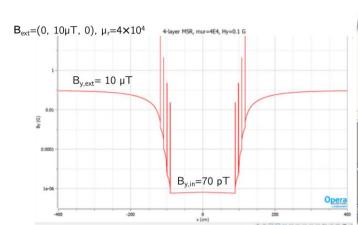
UCN Density!

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EDM Experiment	ILL	PSI nEDM	PSI n2EDM*	LANL EDM**	TUCAN***
UCN detected per cycle	14 000	15 000	121 000	78 000	1 600 000
Size	20	20	116 I	40 I	63 I
Density detected	0.7	0.75	1	2	26

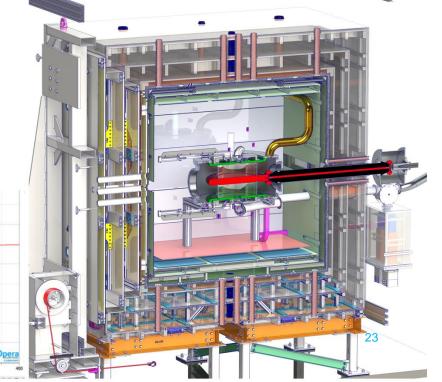
^{*} expected, based on PSI nEDM.

Magnetic field control!

State-of-the-art, 4-layer, magnetically shielded room combined with a self shielded main holding **B**₀ field coil.



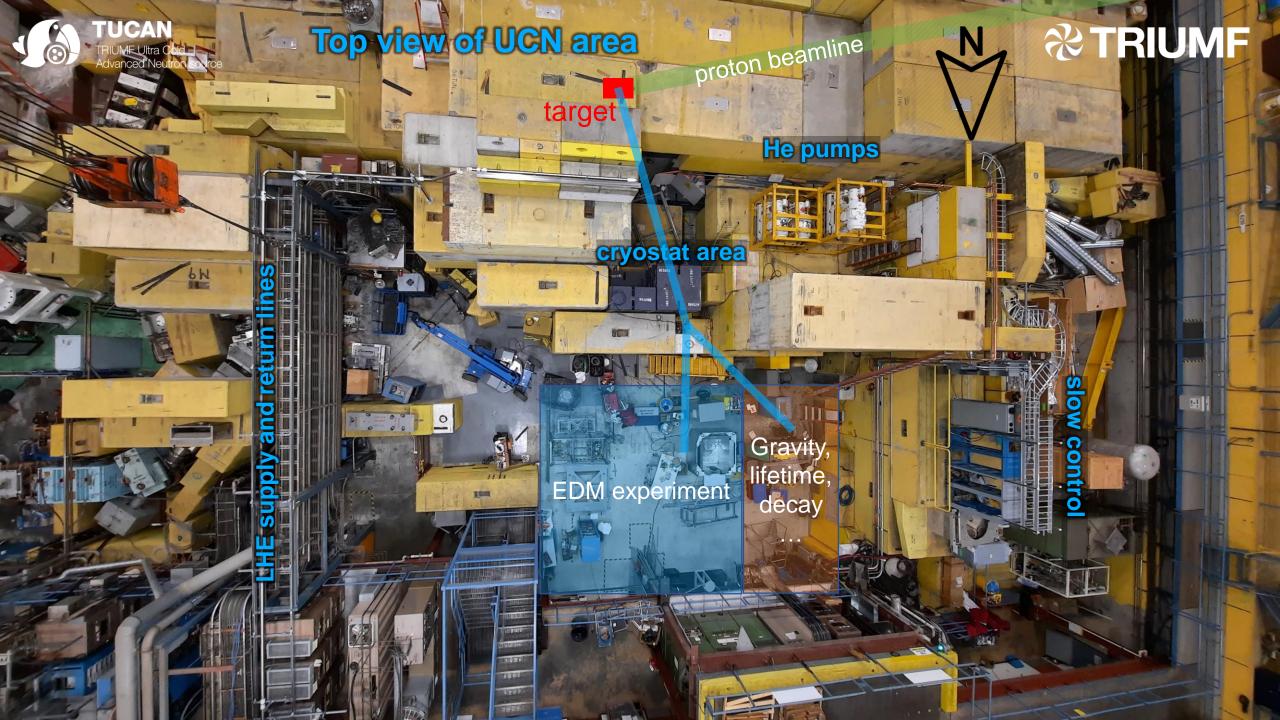
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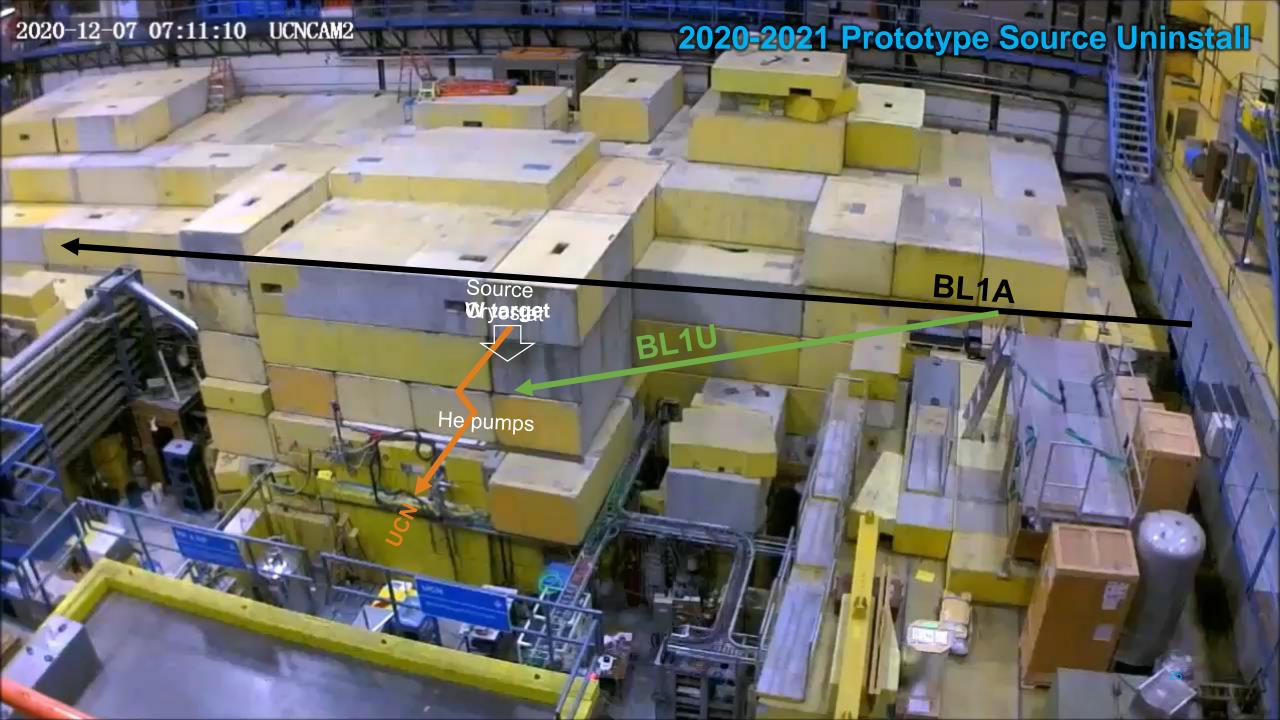


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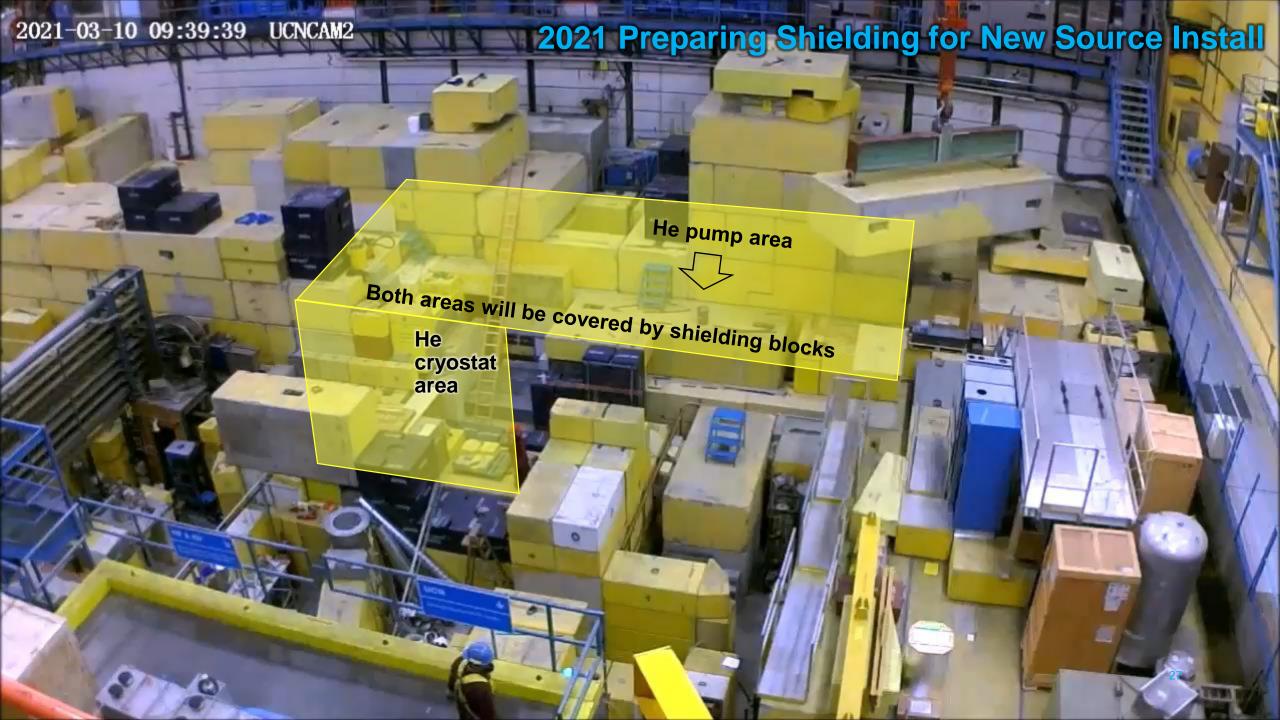
^{**} expected, based on storage expts.

^{***} expected, extensive MC.





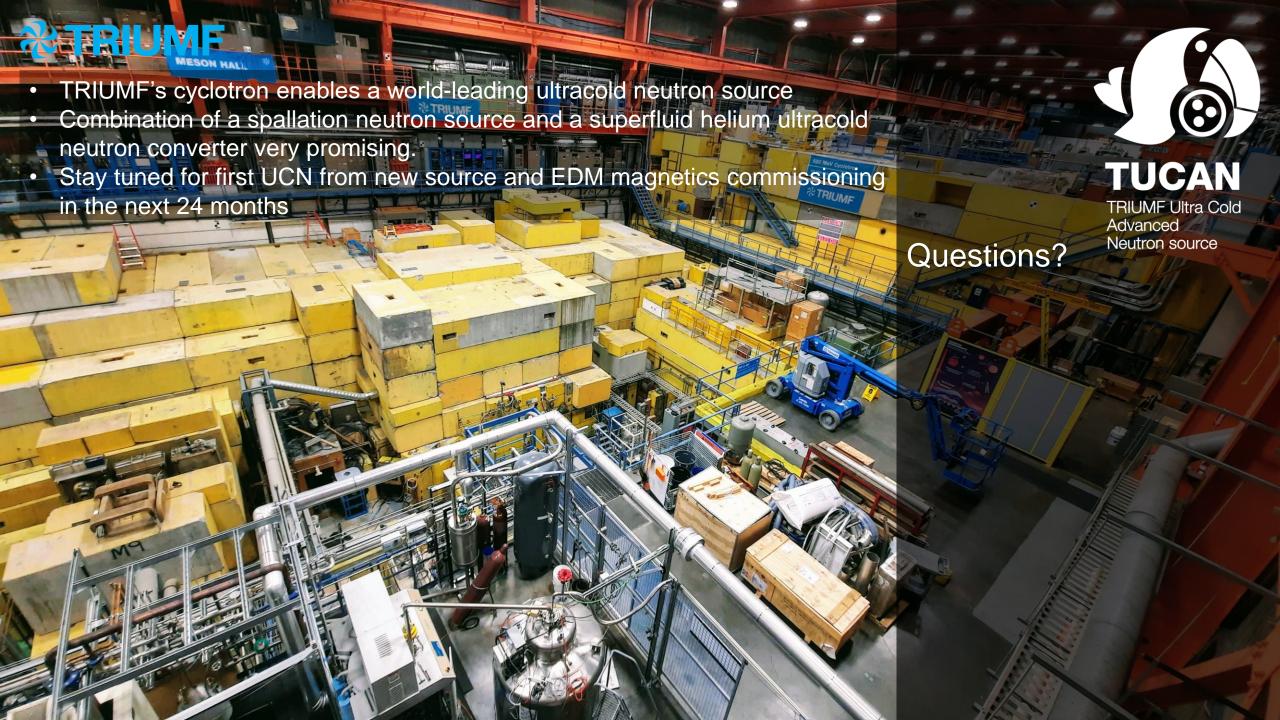














Backup slides



UCN in magnetic fields



(3) magnetic interaction

Stern-Gerlach force

potential for one spin state

in 2 T field

(3) magnetic interaction neutron magnetic moment
$$\mu_{\rm n} = -60.3 \frac{\rm neV}{\rm T}$$

$$\vec{F} = \nabla(\vec{\mu}_{\rm n}\vec{B})$$

$$U = -\mu_{\rm n} \cdot B \approx 120 {\rm neV}$$

OLARISATION

polarising magnet

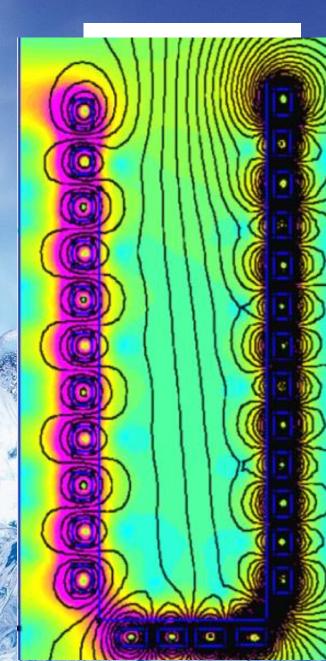
STORAGE

UCN source





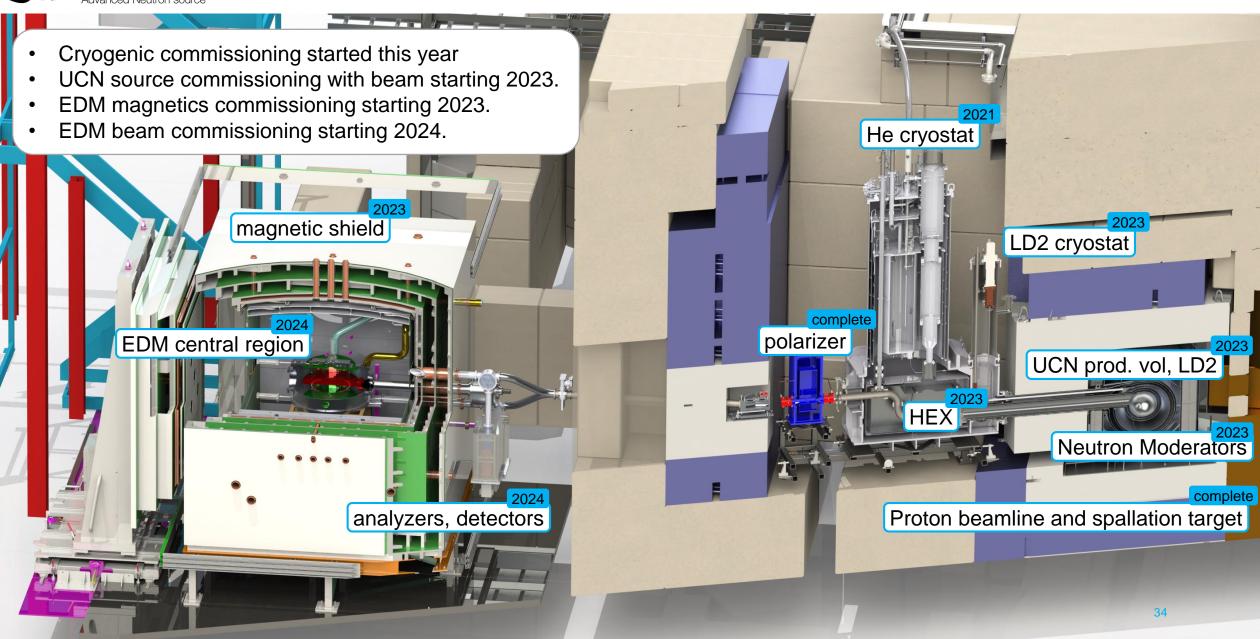
Neutron lifetime experiment PENeLOPE





Main ingredients and status







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- 1 33-m-long **liquid helium transfer line** successfully tested (W. Schreyer)
 - from room temp. to LHe transfer in around 6 hours
 - transfer efficiency around 90% ☺
 - · low losses as advertised
- EDM storage cell tests at J-Parc completed (S. Vanbergen)
 - good deuterated polystyrene-coated insulator and EDM-cell-valve performance ⇒ ready for EDM implementation
 - NiP coating of electrodes showed higher losses than expected ⇒ investigating but EDM baseline foresees DLC coating anyways

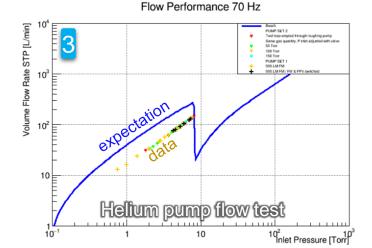
- 3 Large **helium pump** tests (A. Brossard)
 - VFDs and pump operation via PLC work well
 - Cause for lower than expected performance was found to be in test setup ⇒ after small change, test will be repeated

4 Construction progress

- · all tail section domes are machined
- 3 months delay in delivery of cryo connection box

5 EAC review of project

- · scientific importance of EDM experiment was confirmed
- our strategy moving forward was endorsed
- · working on scope adjustments as planned





Machined tail section domes

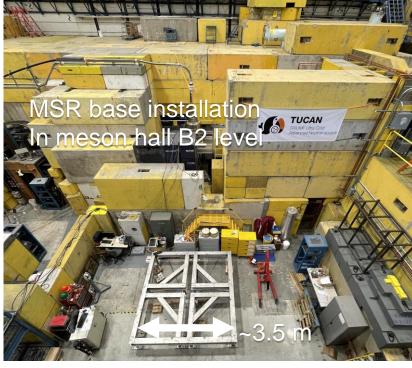
Cryo connection box, top flange

A happy Colin after successfully inserting the stinger



TUCAN update Summer 2022 – nEDM PRJ_555









To be commissioned After routing of FSAR

- Preparation ongoing for visit of UK company Magnetic Shields Limited (MSL): arrival onsite October 3rd for 10-12 months, assembly & installtion of TUCAN nEDM magnetically shielded room (MSR) in meson hall B2 level; Progress with visa, training plan, safety regulations for contractor work, etc
- Assembly and tests with perturbation coil which will be used to confirm shielding factor of TUCAN MSR
- TUCAN magnetics lab (MOB149): installation of laser setup for Cs magnetometry, including FSAR which is about to be routed in Docushare



TRIUMF moderator design

Volume (L)			
UCN converter (w/o guide)	34.2		
Liquid deuterium	125		
Heavy water	804		
$UCN production (s^{-1})$	$21.5\cdot 10^6$		
Max. heat load (W)			
UCN converter	4.4		
Converter vessel	5.2		
Converter total	9.6		
Liquid deuterium	21		
Deuterium vessel	17		
Deuterium total	38		
Heavy water	320		
Heavy-water vessel	36		
Vacuum separator	7.8		
Thermal shield	13		
Vacuum vessel	14		
Heat exchanger	0.072		
$^{3}\mathrm{He}$	0.024		
Tritium production (MBq/d)			
Liquid deuterium	330		
Heavy water	828		
$^3\mathrm{He}$	29		

Min. 200 Min. 200 100

Unit: mm

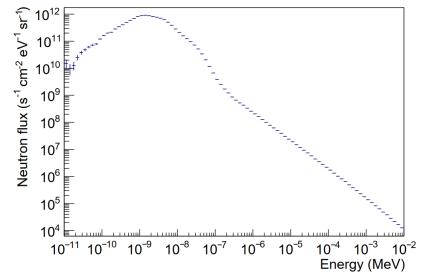


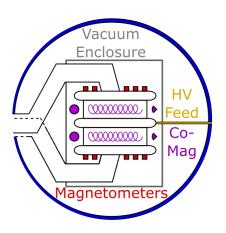
Figure 9: Neutron flux exiting the liquid-deuterium vessel.



TUCAN EDM general idea



- Double cell EDM spectrometer at room temperature
- Central HV electrode
- Hg comagnetometer (Xe to follow later)
- Alkali magnetometers surrounding EDM cells





TUCAN EDM experiment layout



- Double cell EDM spectrometer at room temperature
- Central HV electrode
- Hg comagnetometer (Xe to follow later)
- Alkali magnetometers surrounding EDM cells
- Self shielded B₀ coils

- Magnetically shielded room
- Thermal enclosure and mag field compensation
- Expect several hundred UCN/cc in cells
- Target to reach 10⁻²⁷ ecm in 400 beam days or less

Superconducting

Magnet

Second Port

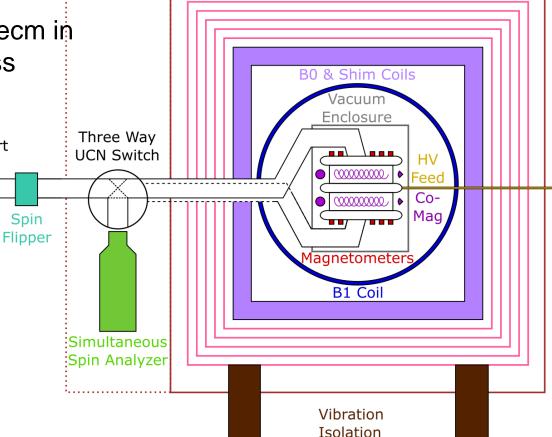
Y-Valve

Gate

Valve

Heat Exchanger

UCN Bottle



Thermal Enclosure

& External B Compensation

Magnetically Shielded Room

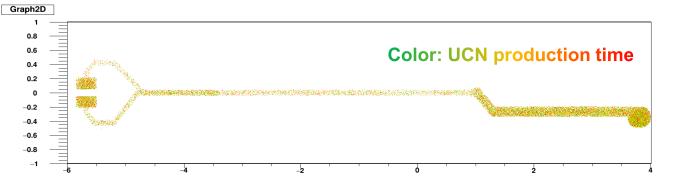


Two highlights of EDM developments



nEDM statistical analysis

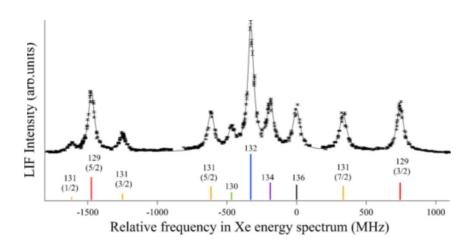
 UCN transport Monte Carlo used to evaluate statistical reach at TRIUMF



- Includes
 - Detailed source model
 - Superconducting polarizer
 - · Switches, detector etc
- Used to optimize source and EDM guide layout

Xe comagnetometer

 High-resolution two-photon spectroscopy of a 5p⁵6p ← 5p⁶ transition of xenon



This transition will be used for the comagnetometer

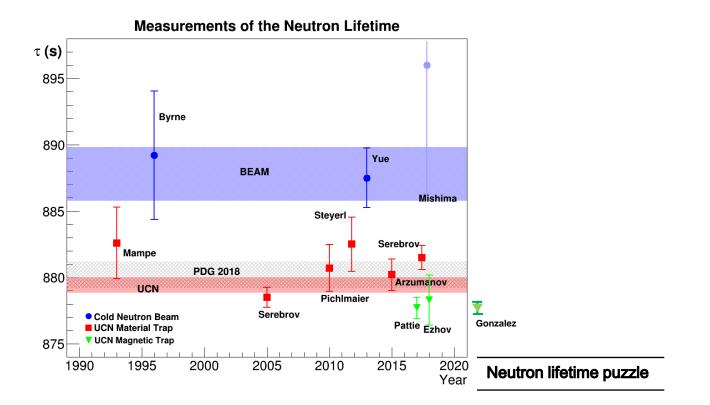
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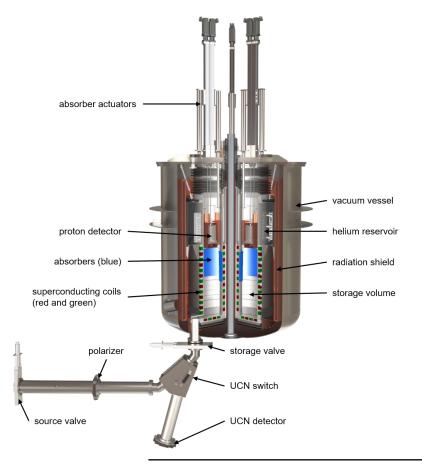


UCN experiments for 2nd port



- At first: 2nd port will be used for source characterization and component testing for EDM
- neutron lifetime experiment
 - large discrepancy between beam and bottle measurements
 - discussion about possible addition dark decay channel largely resolved => systematic effect?
 - collaboration with PENeLOPE exists, could move to TRIUMF





PENeLOPE neutron lifetime experiment

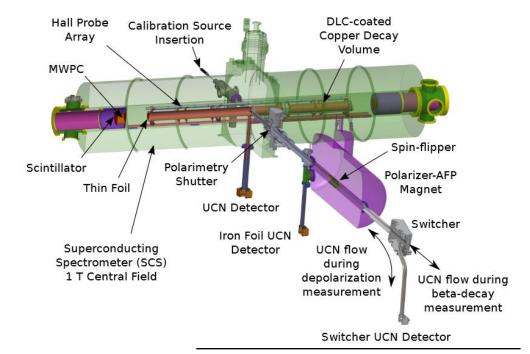


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- · neutron decay expts.
 - e.g. A, the correlation between the electron momentum and the initial spin of the netron in neutron β -decay $A_0 = \frac{-2(\lambda^2 |\lambda|)}{1 + 3\lambda^2}. \quad \lambda \equiv \frac{g_A}{g_V}$
 - together with neutron lifetime can obtain V_{ud}, the first CKM matrix element

$$|V_{\rm nd}|^2 \tau_n (1 + 3g_A^2) = 4908.6(1.9) \text{ s},$$



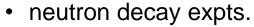
UCNA experiment to measure A with UCN



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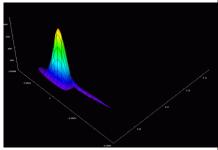
• e.g. A, the correlation between the electron momentum and the initial spin of the neutron in neutron β -decay

 $A_0 = rac{-2(\lambda^2 - |\lambda|)}{1 + 3\lambda^2}. \quad \lambda \equiv rac{g_A}{g_V}$

• together with neutron lifetime can obtain V_{ud}, the first CKM matrix element

$$|V_{\rm ud}|^2 \tau_n (1 + 3g_A^2) = 4908.6(1.9) \text{ s},$$

- gravitational experiments with UCN
 - · can determine the wavefunction of the neutron in the gravitational potential very precisely
 - allow putting constraints on non-Newtonian gravity distances of µm, and thus Axions or Chameleons
- These are mostly statistics limited, so higher UCN densities will boost the sensitivity reaches but also allow to explore new experimental ideas.





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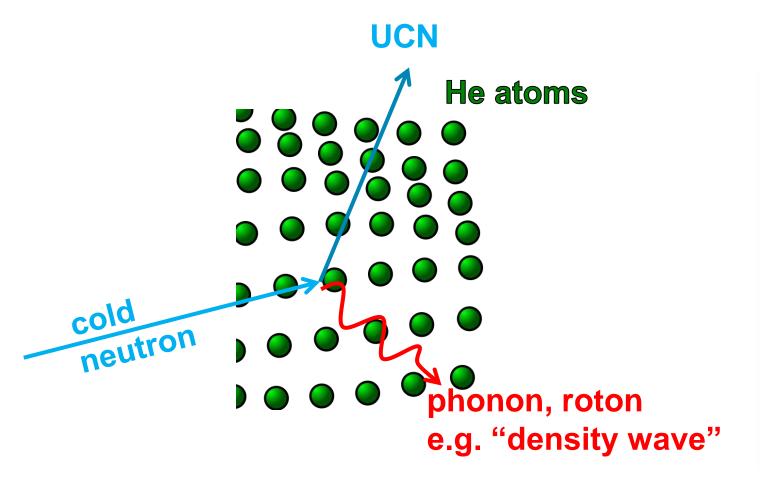


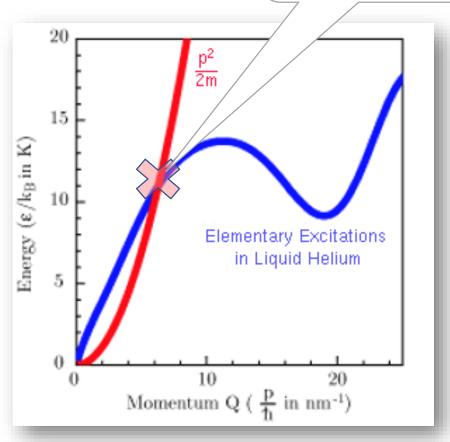
How to loose all your energy!

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5. ⁴He at 1 K converts 1 meV (9Å) neutrons to UCN (100 neV)

A neutron with this momentum can create a phonon and loose basically all its energy.



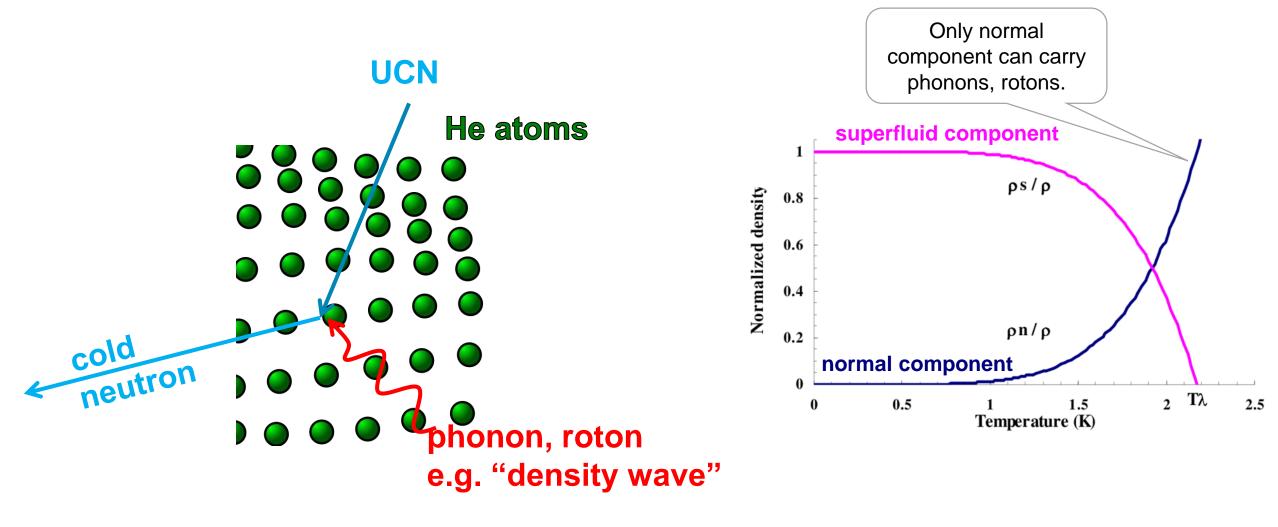




How to avoid the yoyo effect?



Reverse process is bad, since UCN gains enough energy to leave the system.



Cooling reduces phonon, roton density, increases UCN lifetime.

Timescale: up to 100 s

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temperature	RT	RT		RT RT (cryo)		RT	0.7 K	RT		RT
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nr of cells	1	1	2	2			2	2	>2	2
Cell size [l]	20	20	2 x 75	2 x 17		2 x 20	2 x 3.2	2 x 20?		2 x 31
[UCN/cc] at T=0	2	3	5	4	40	40	125	4	10 ⁴	233
UCN detected	14000	15000	121000			78000				1 600 000
goal [e⋅cm]	3·10 ⁻²⁶	1.8·10 ⁻²⁶	1.10-27	4·10 ⁻²⁷	8.10-28	2.1.10-27	2-5·10 ⁻²⁸	5·10 ⁻²⁶	5·10 ⁻²⁸	1.7·10 ⁻²⁷
date	2006	2020	2020	2019	?	2023	2023	2015	202?	2024
status	done!	done!	Big infrastru cture installed.	$\begin{array}{l} Munich \Rightarrow ILL, \\ D_2 \Rightarrow He \end{array}$		Magnetic shield installed, UCN storage tested.	Critical Component Demonstration passed	PNPI source components ready, reactor offline.		Component development phase
comment	Best limit so far!	More UCI expected source, compensacell size.	from	regulatory issues for UCN source in Munich ⇒ ILL for now			great new concept, high risk, high gain	Very promising UCN source design.		Best nEDM experiment in Canada!