

# An EDM measurement using a pulsed cold neutron beam

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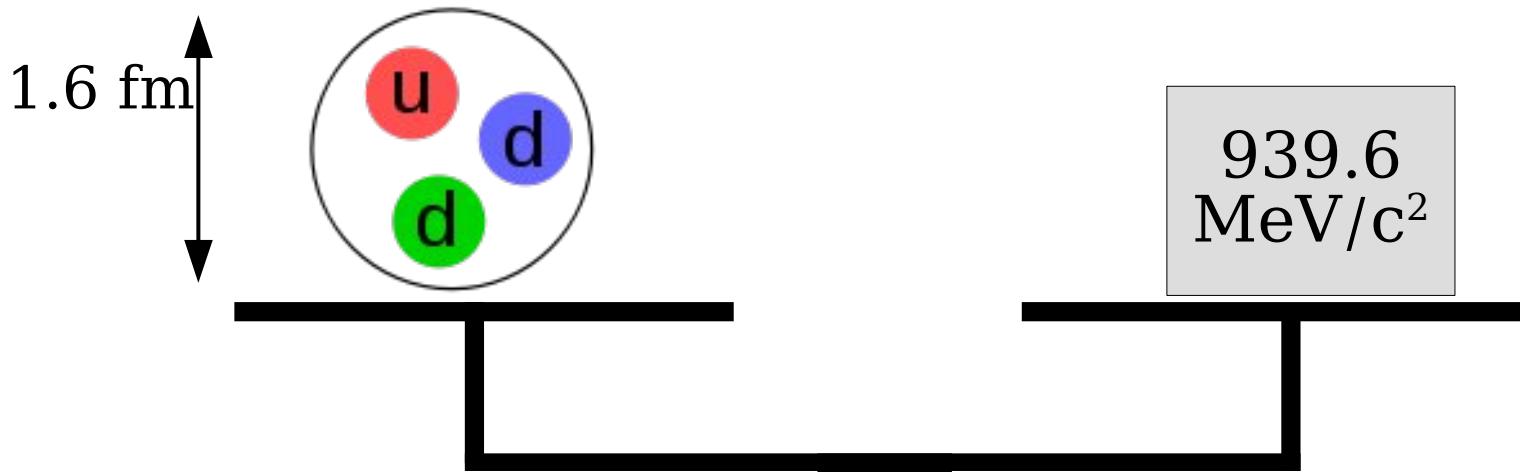
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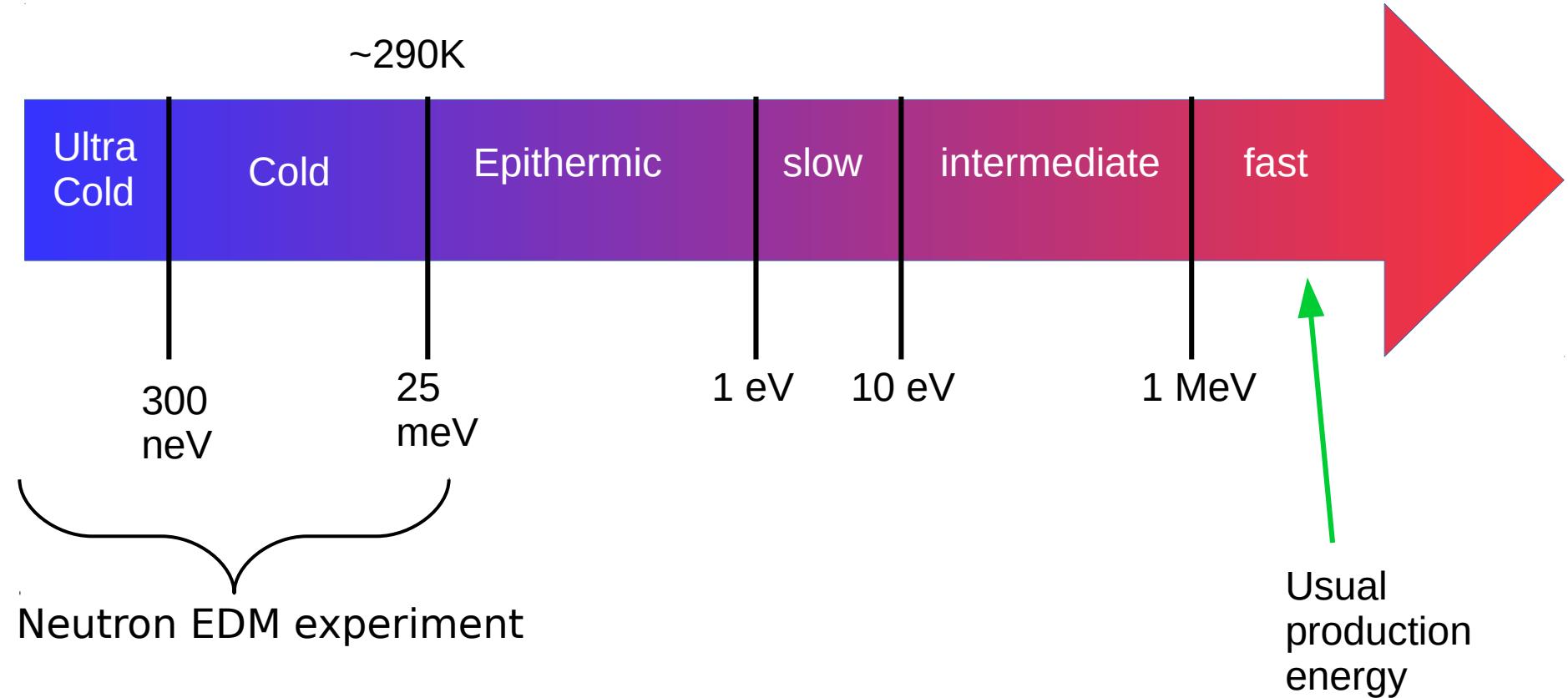
# Neutron properties



939.6  
MeV/c<sup>2</sup>

Spin 1/2	$\gamma_n \approx -2\pi \times 29 \text{ MHz T}^{-1}$	Life time $\approx 880 \text{ s}$
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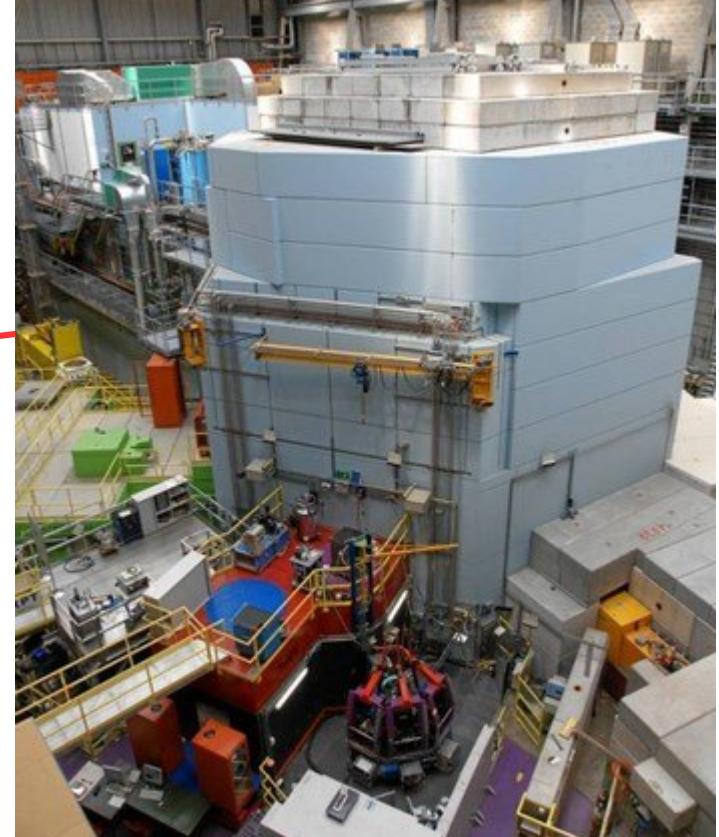
# Neutron kinetic Energy



# Neutron production at PSI

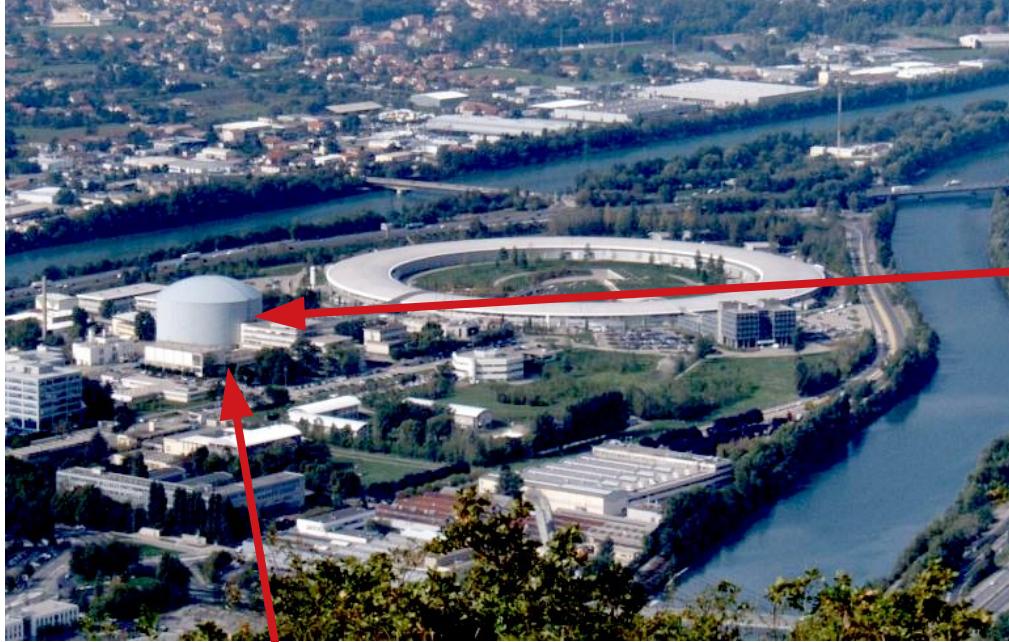


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SINQ Spallation target building

# Neutron production at ILL



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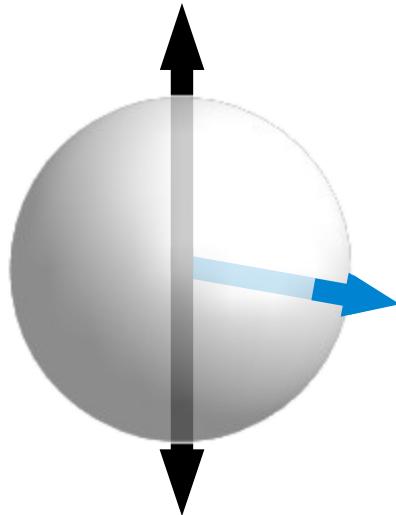
ILL Nuclear Reactor

# Neutron production at ESS



# What is an EDM?

**Electric Dipole Moment** quantifies the interaction between the spin and the electric field



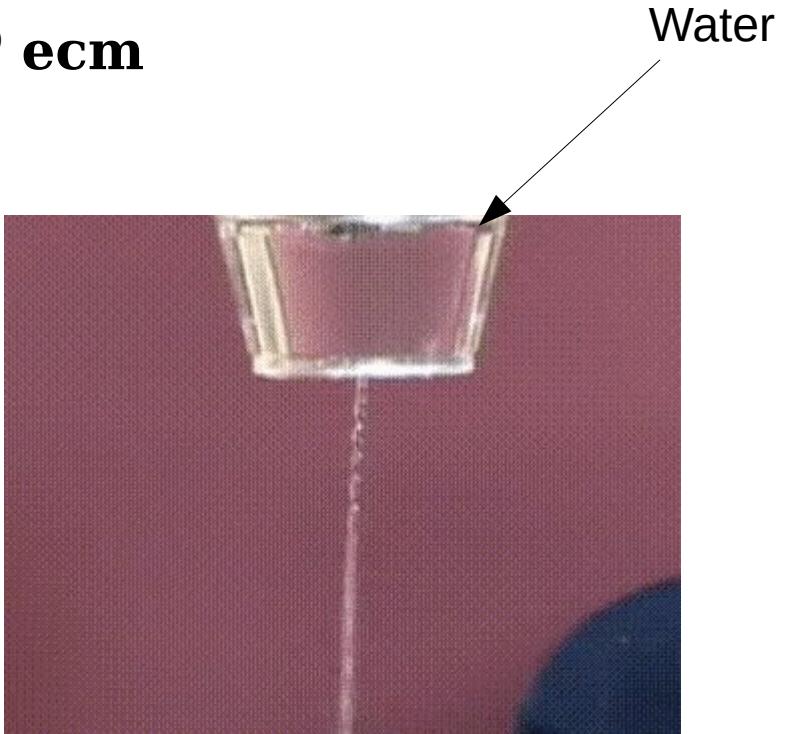
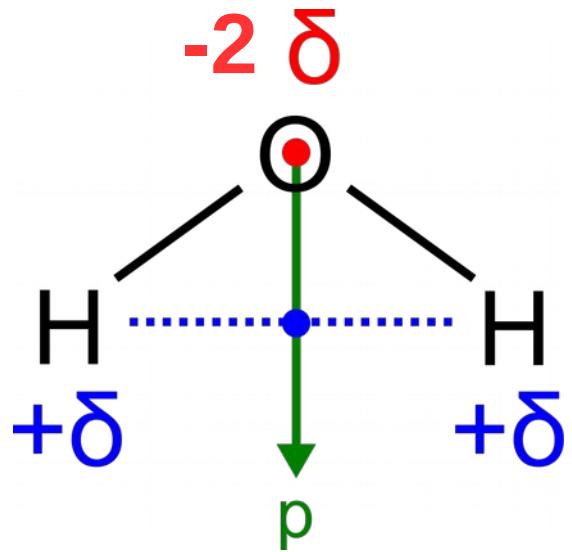
Spin & Bloch sphere

$$H = -\mu_n \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{B} - d_n \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{E}$$

$$\gamma_n = \frac{2\mu_n}{\hbar}$$

# EDM in Water

$$p = 4 \times 10^{-9} \text{ ecm}$$

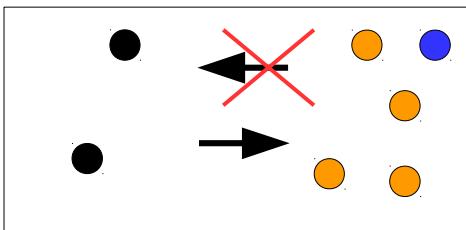
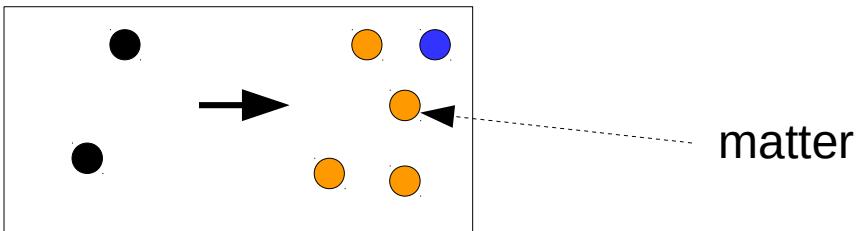
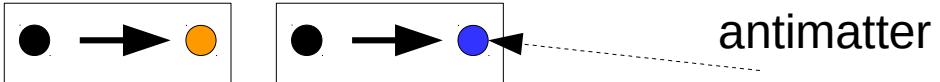


# Baryon asymmetry



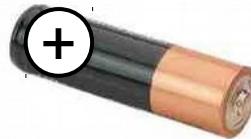
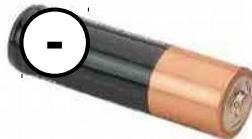
## Sakharov conditions:

1. Bayon number violation
2. C and CP violation
3. non thermal equilibrium



# C,P,T symmetries

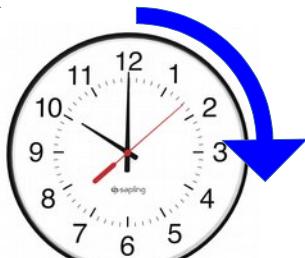
C Charge conjugation  $q \rightarrow \bar{q}$



P Space inversion  $r \rightarrow -r$



T Time reversal  $t \rightarrow -t$



CPT theorem  
CP violation  $\leftrightarrow$  T violation

# EDM and P violation

$$H = -\mu_n \vec{\sigma} \vec{B} - d_n \vec{\sigma} (-\vec{E})$$

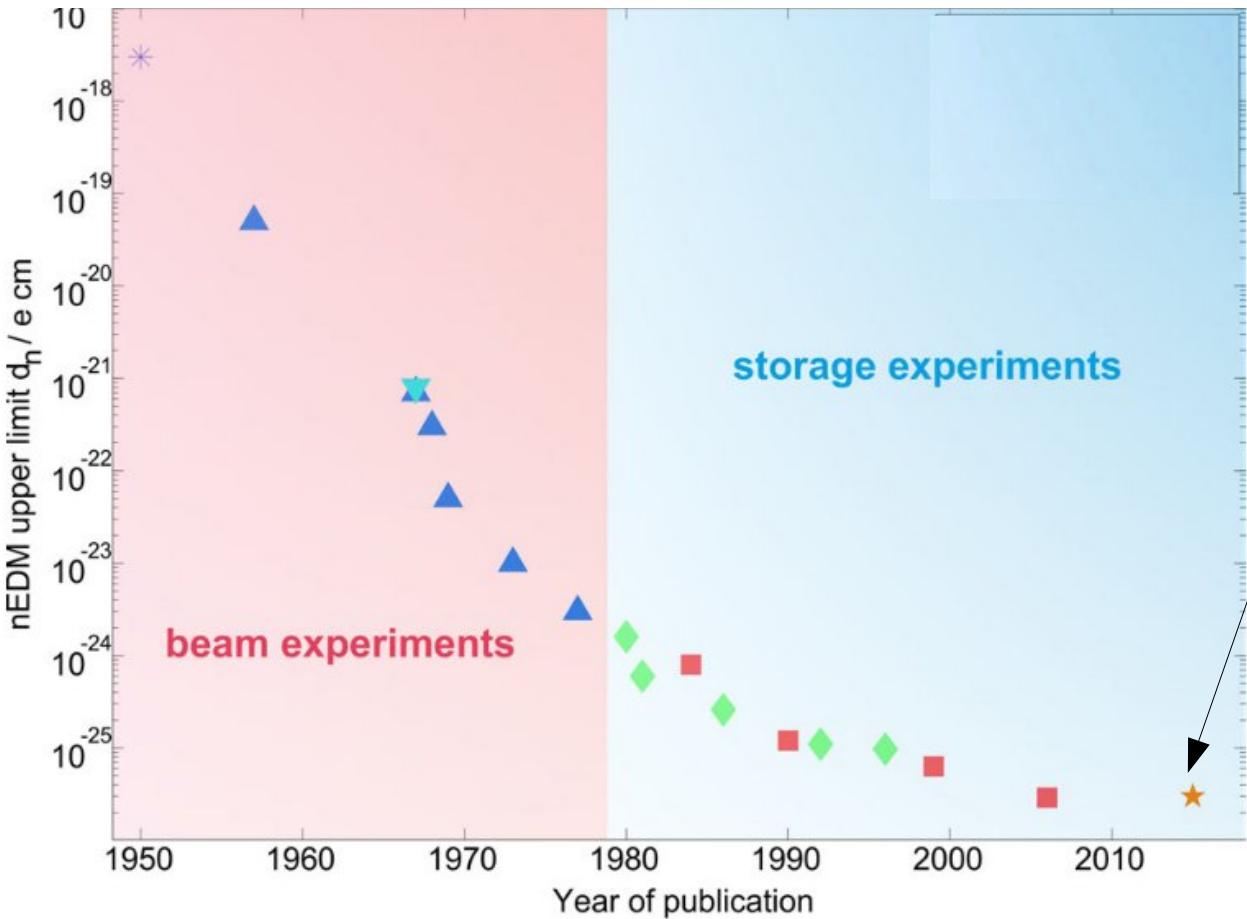
Quantity	Symbol	Parity (P)	Time (T)
Spin	$\vec{\sigma}$	$\vec{\sigma}$	$-\vec{\sigma}$
Time	t	t	-t
Electric field	$\vec{E}$	$-\vec{E}$	$\vec{E}$
Magnetic field	$\vec{B}$	$\vec{B}$	$-\vec{B}$
Position	$\vec{x}$	$-\vec{x}$	$\vec{x}$

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# Limit of the neutron EDM

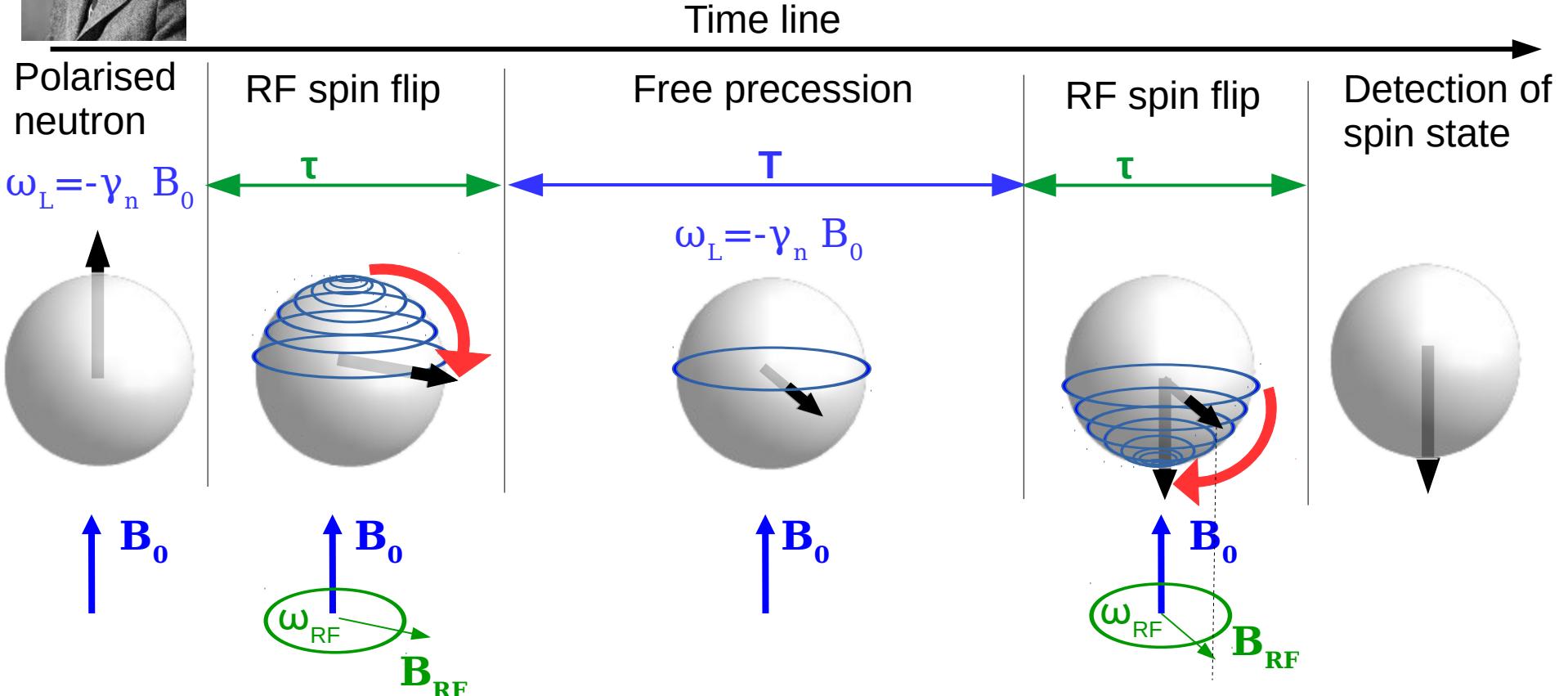


Current limit  
 $d_n = 3.0 \cdot 10^{-26} \text{ ecm}$

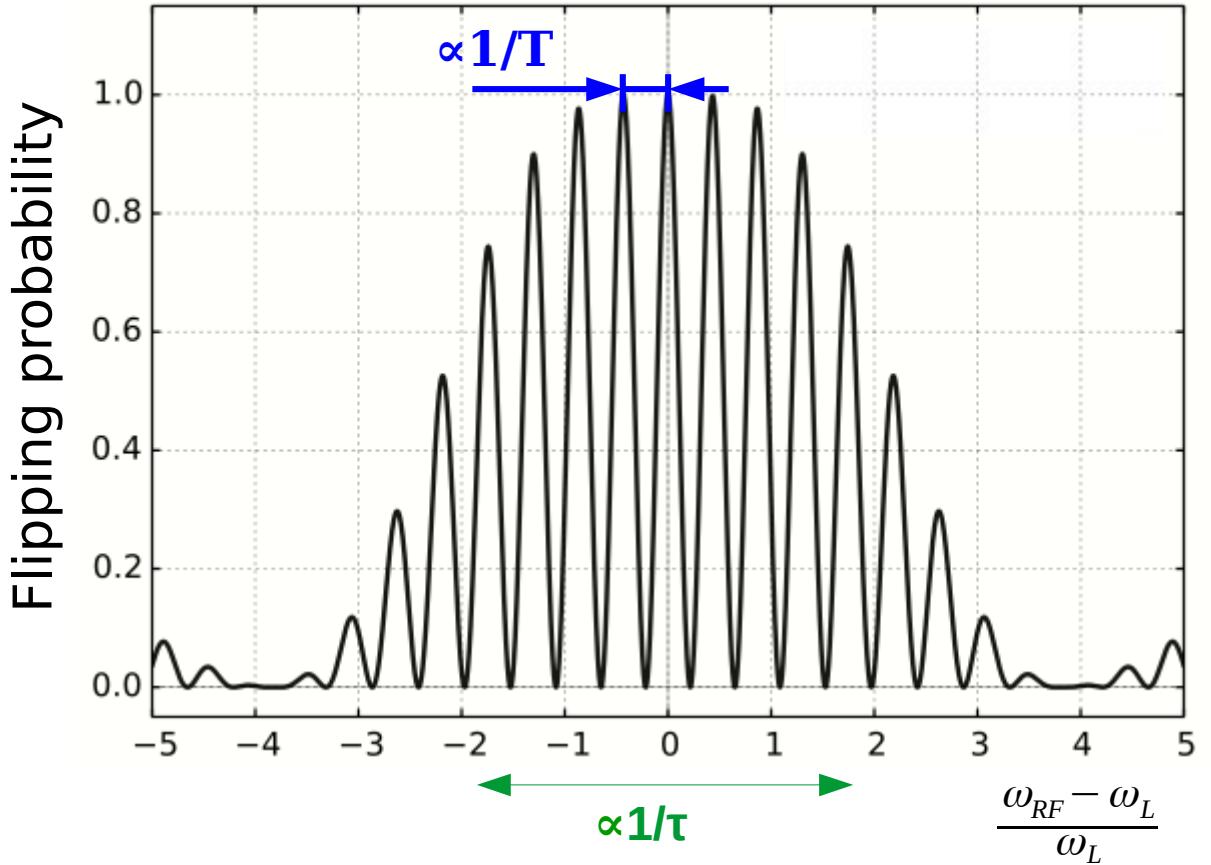
Standard model value  
 $d_n \in [10^{-32}; 10^{-30}] \text{ ecm}$



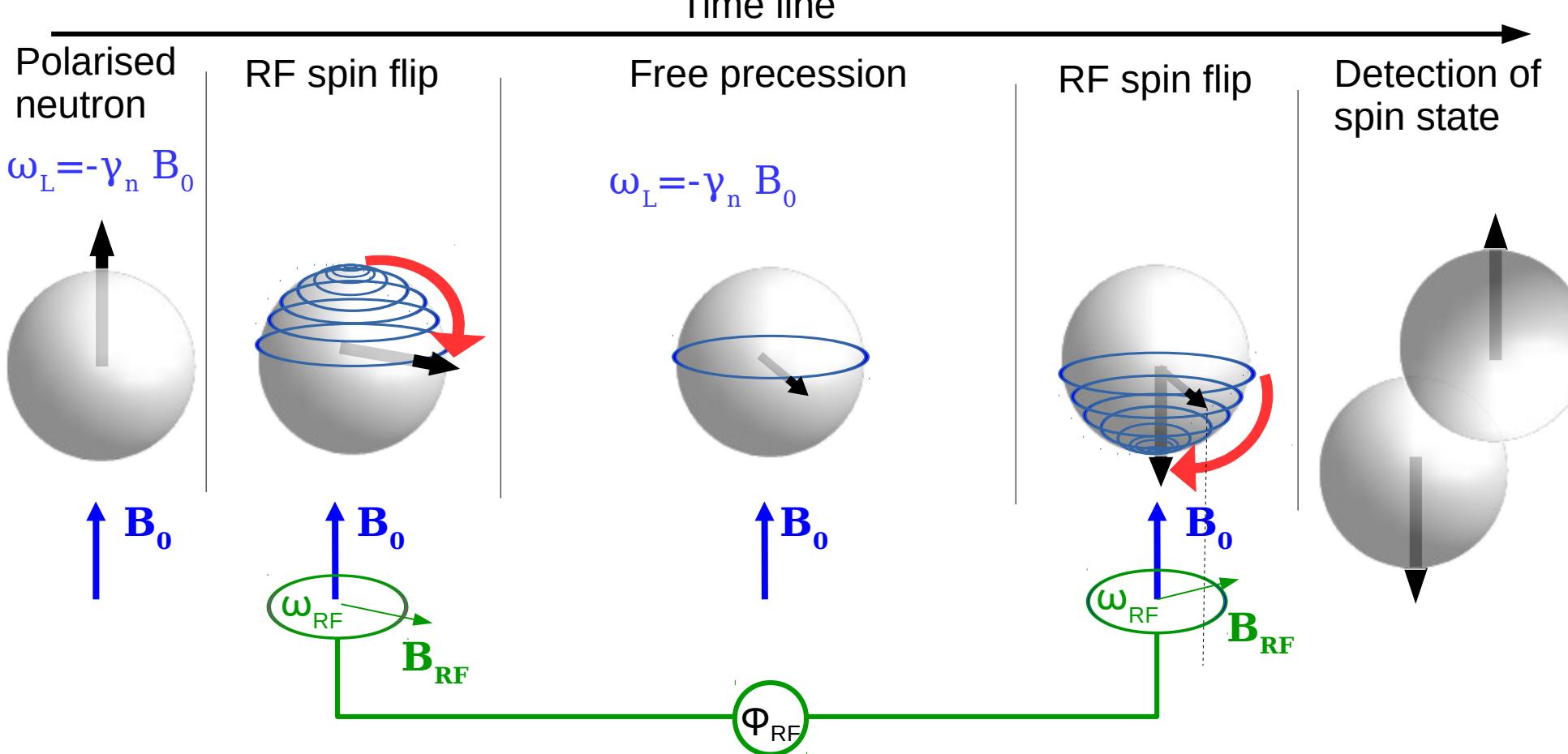
# Ramsey technique



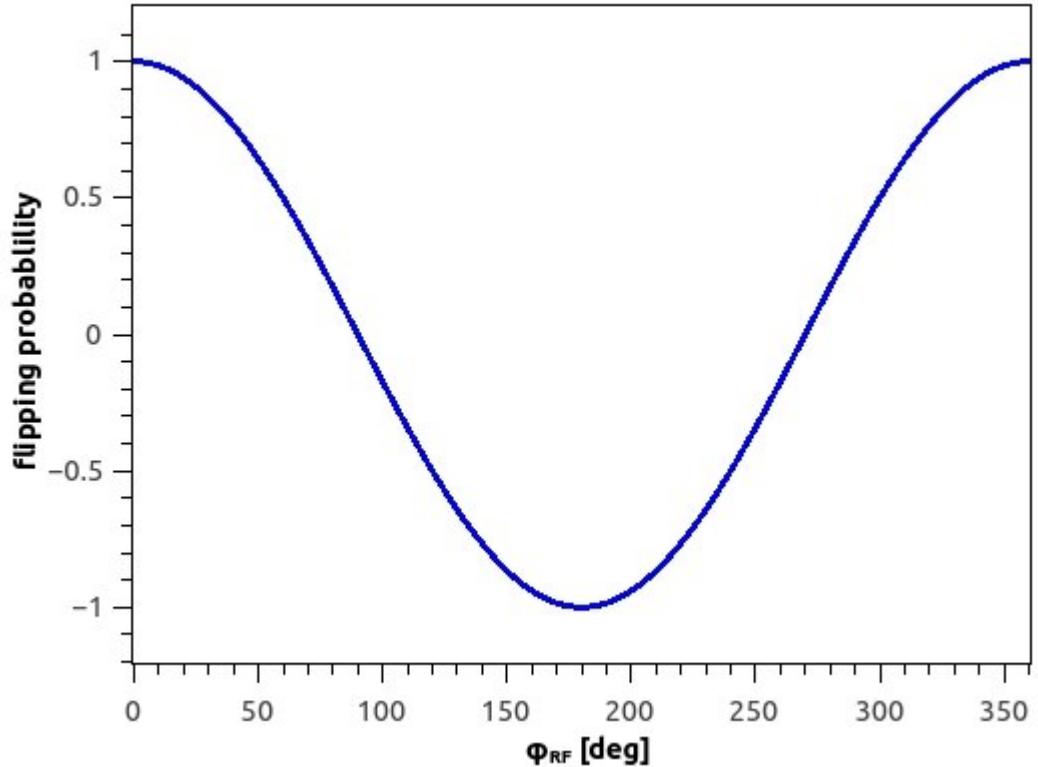
# Ramsey fringes



# Phase scan technique

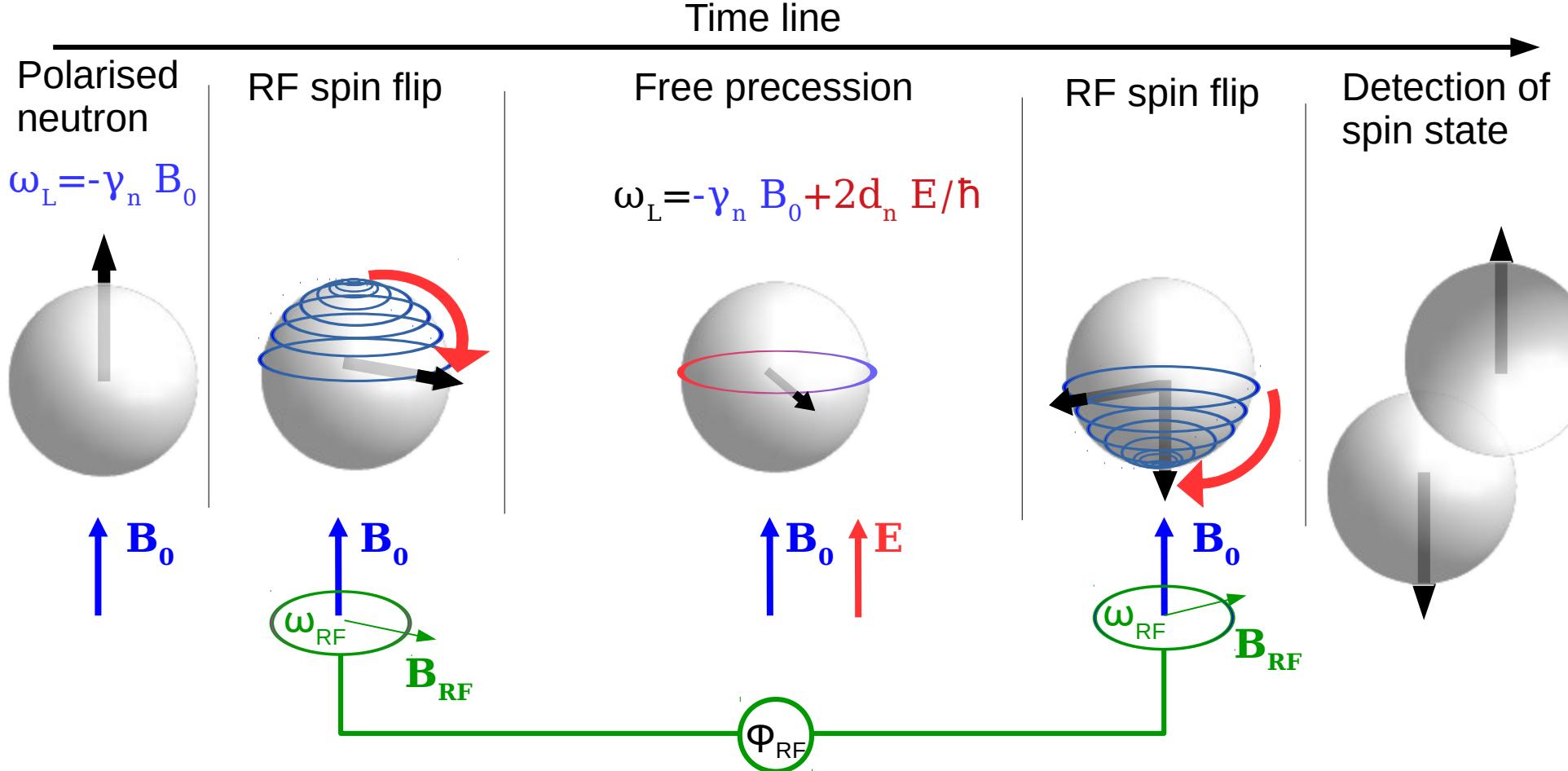


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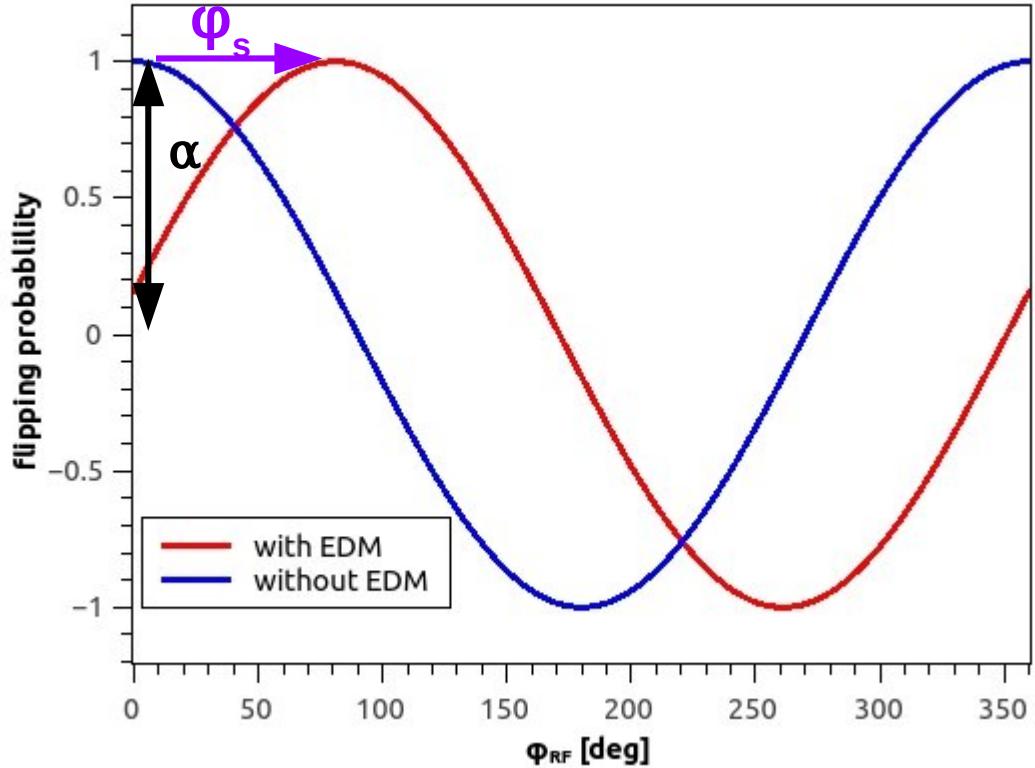


Advantage:  
Always on resonance

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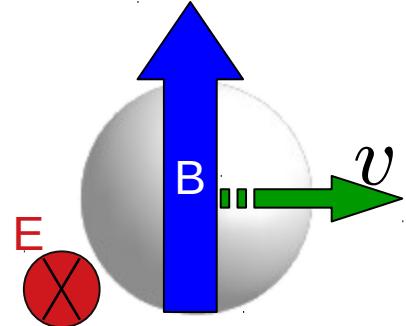
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$$\sigma_{d_n} \propto \frac{1}{\alpha \sqrt{N T |E|}}$$

# Contributions

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 $v \times E$  effect

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EDM

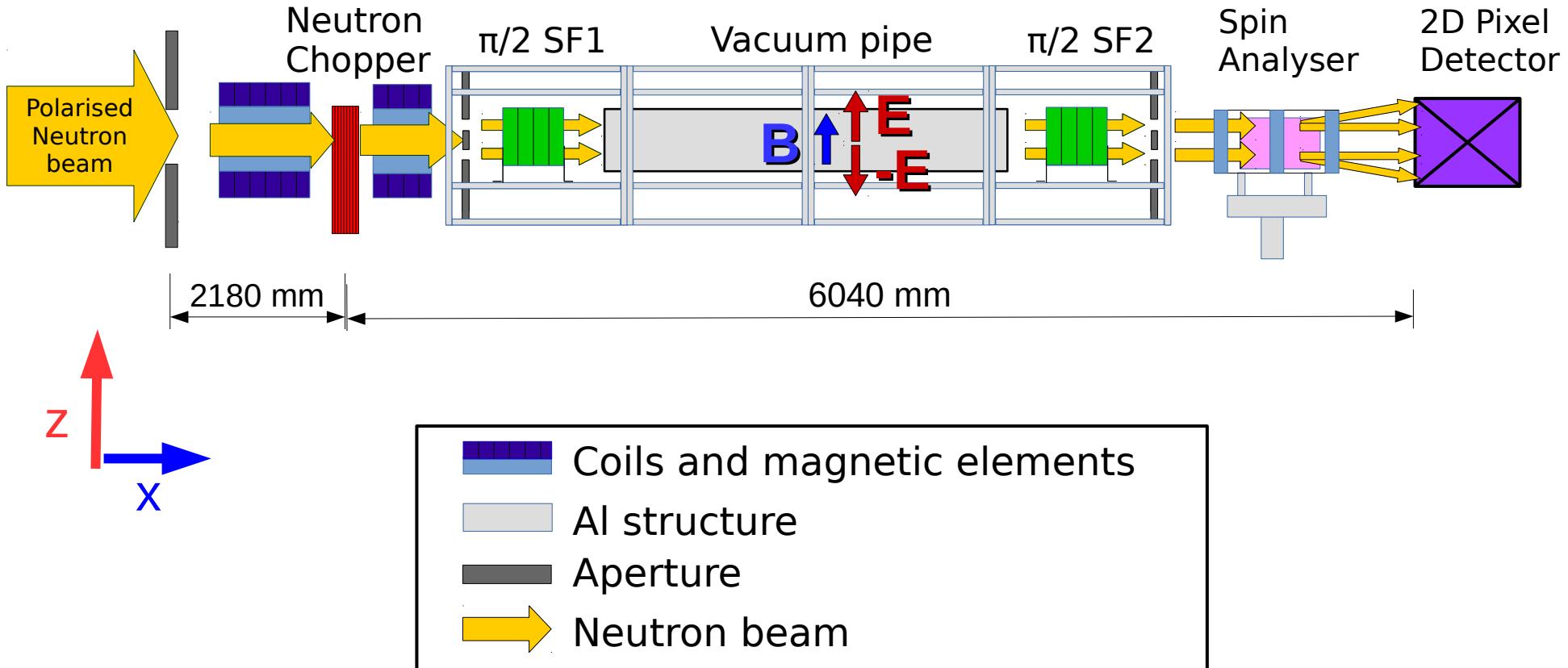
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Off resonance

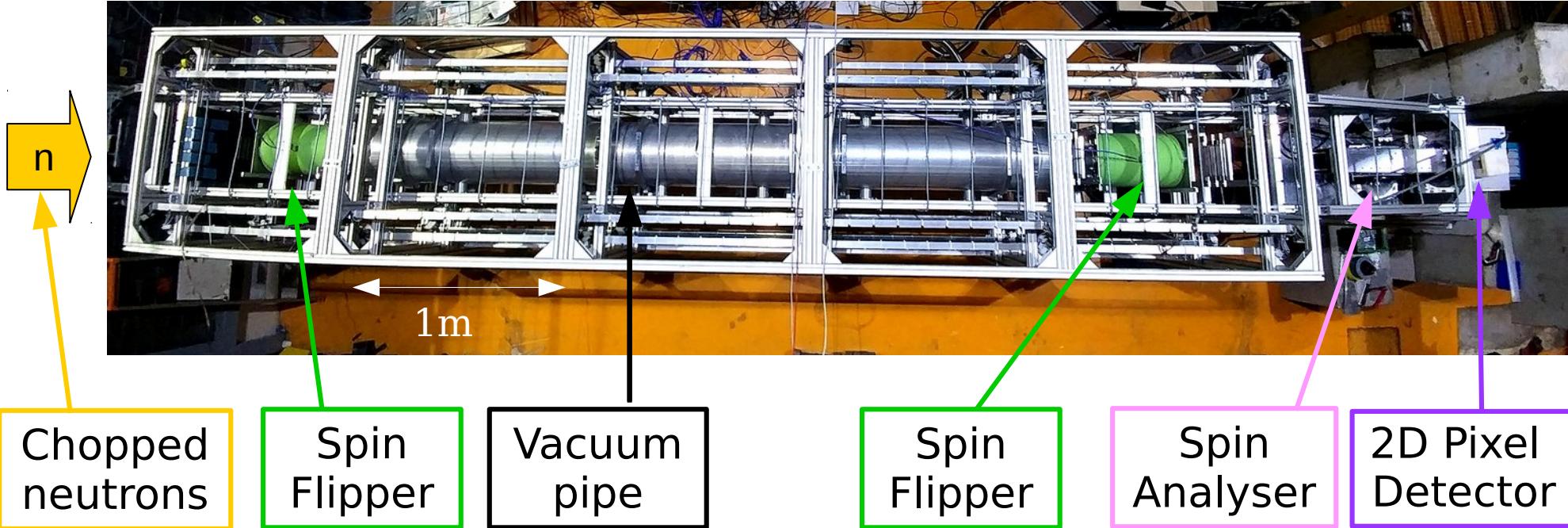
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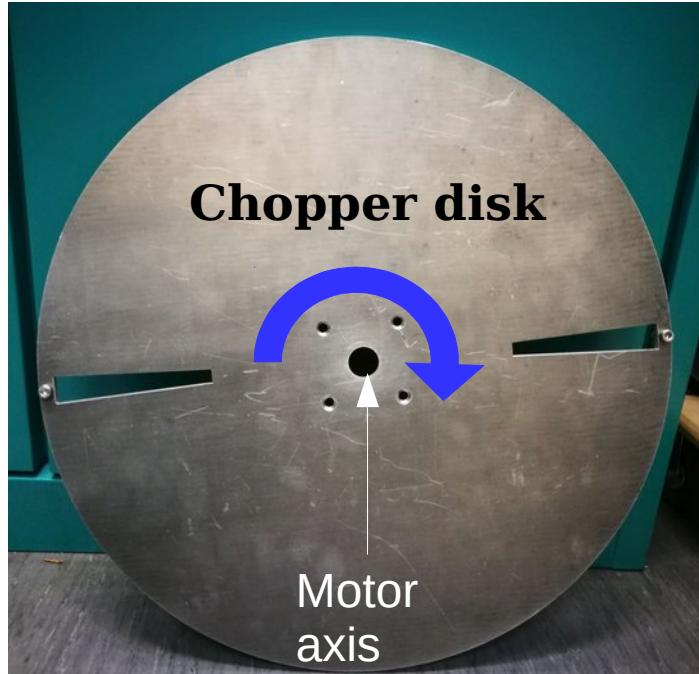
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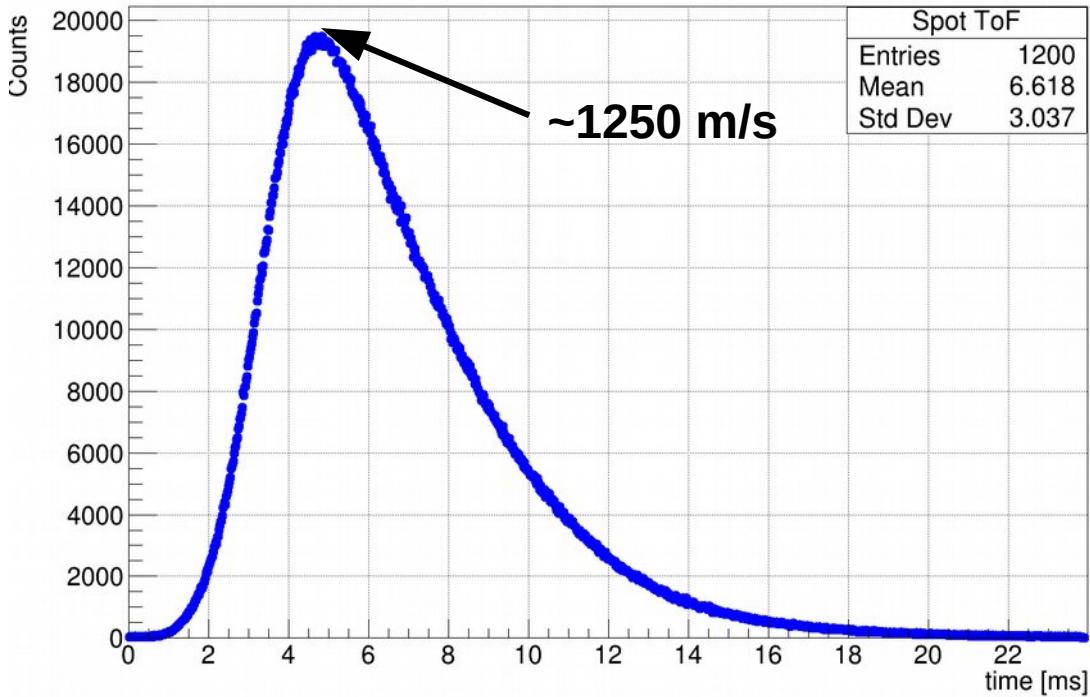
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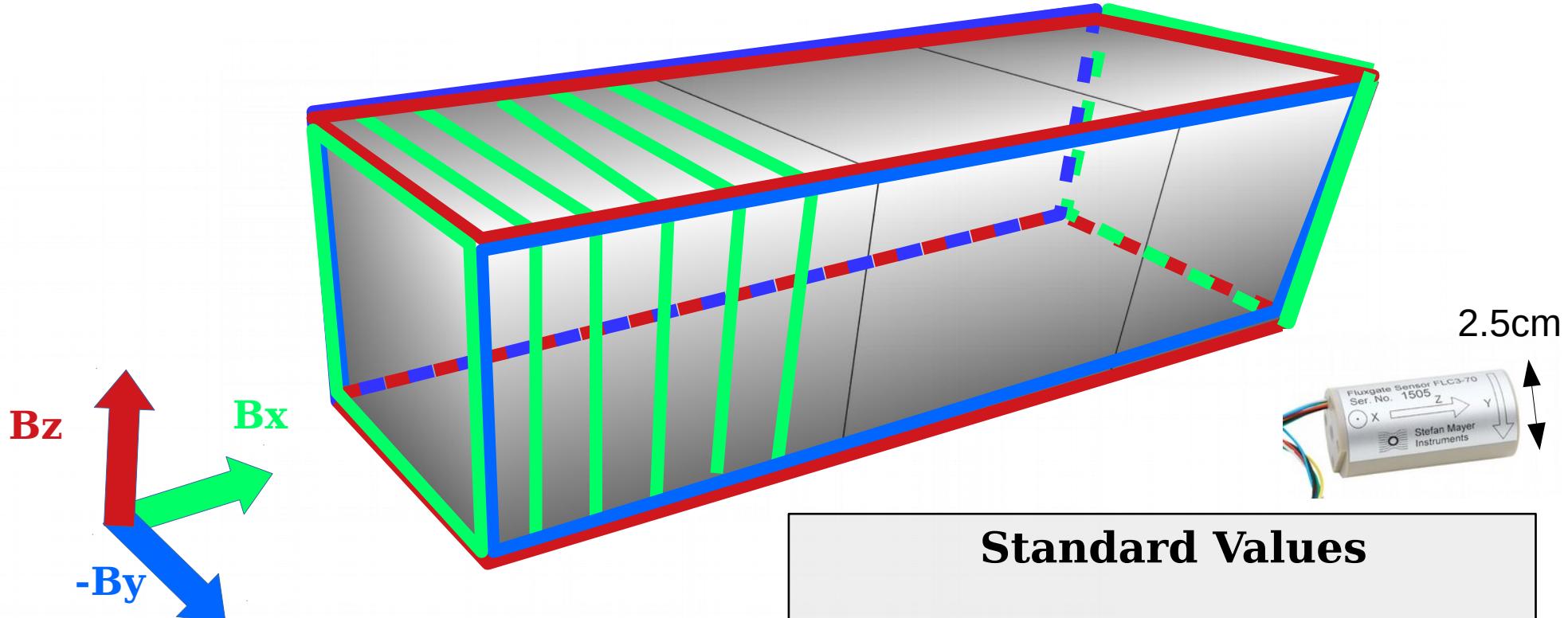
# Neutron Chopper



Pulse frequency ~ 50 Hz



# The Beam EDM setup: magnetic field

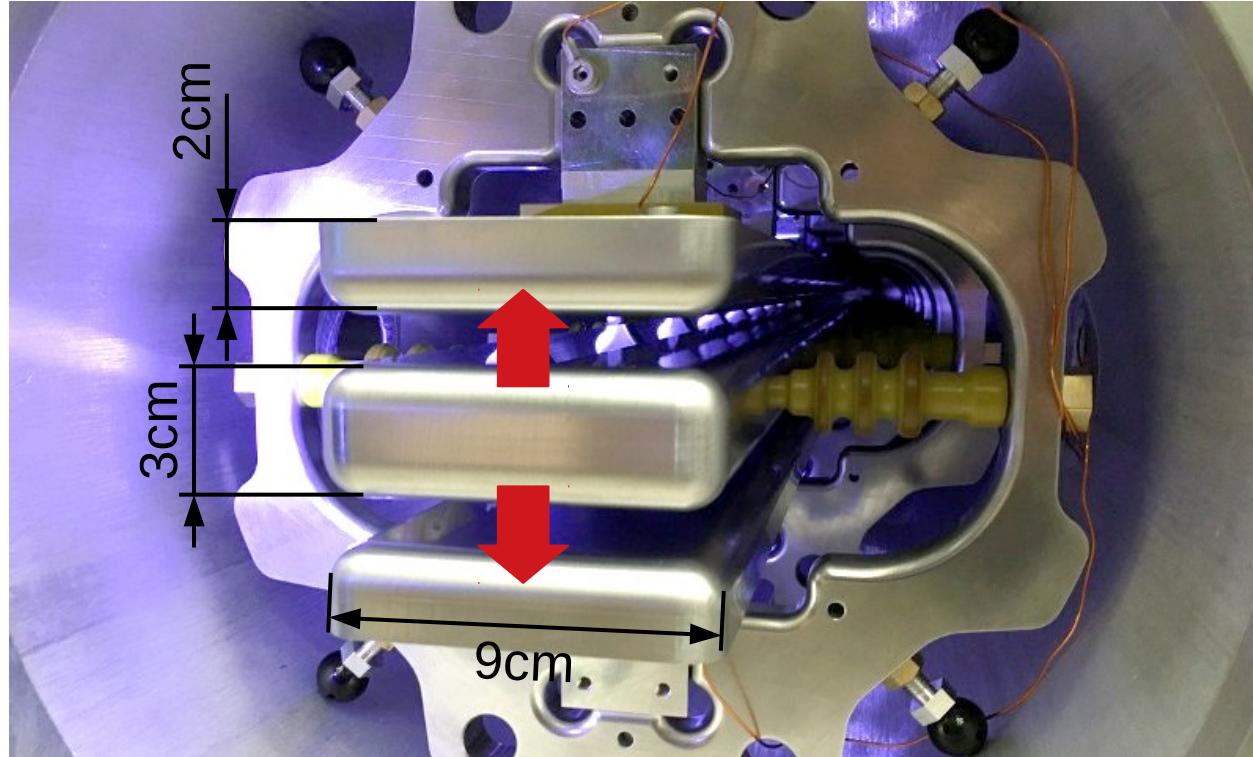


## Standard Values

$$\mathbf{B}_0 = (0, 0, 125 \mu\text{T})$$

$$\mathbf{B}_{\text{grad}} = 0$$

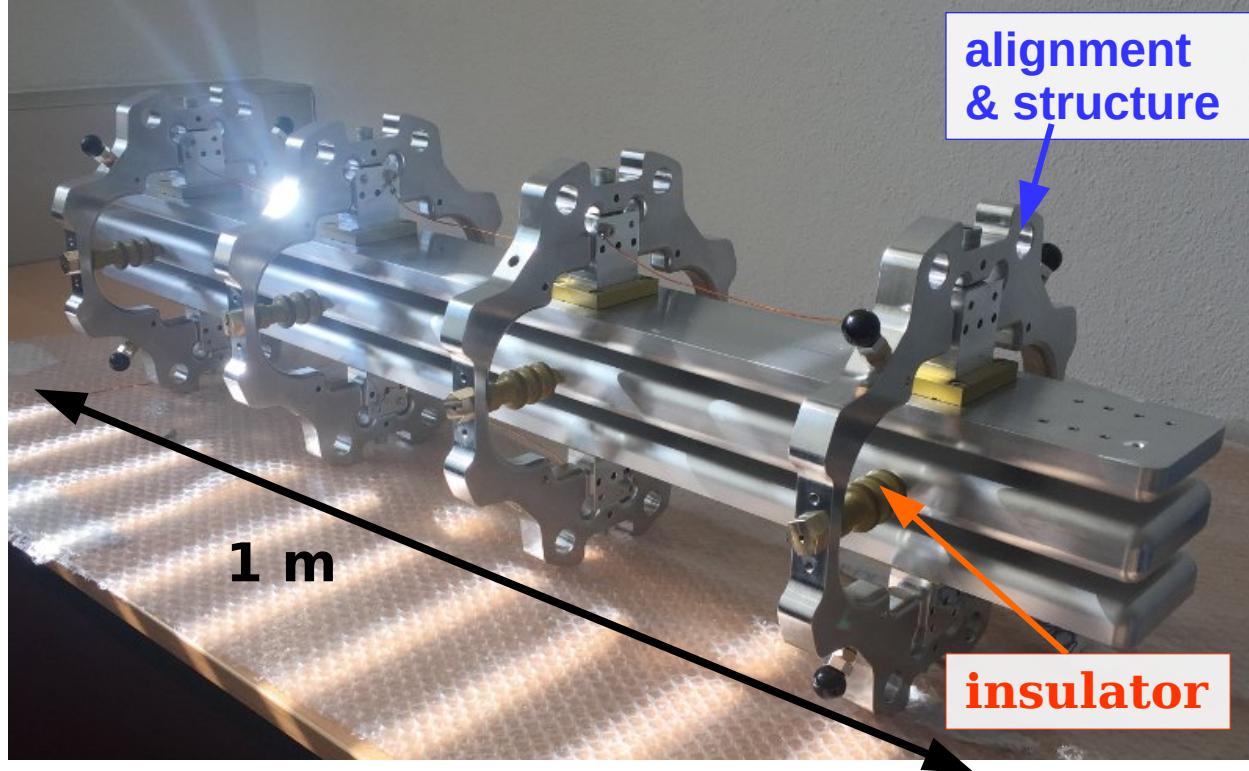
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- Dimension:  
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- Goal field:  
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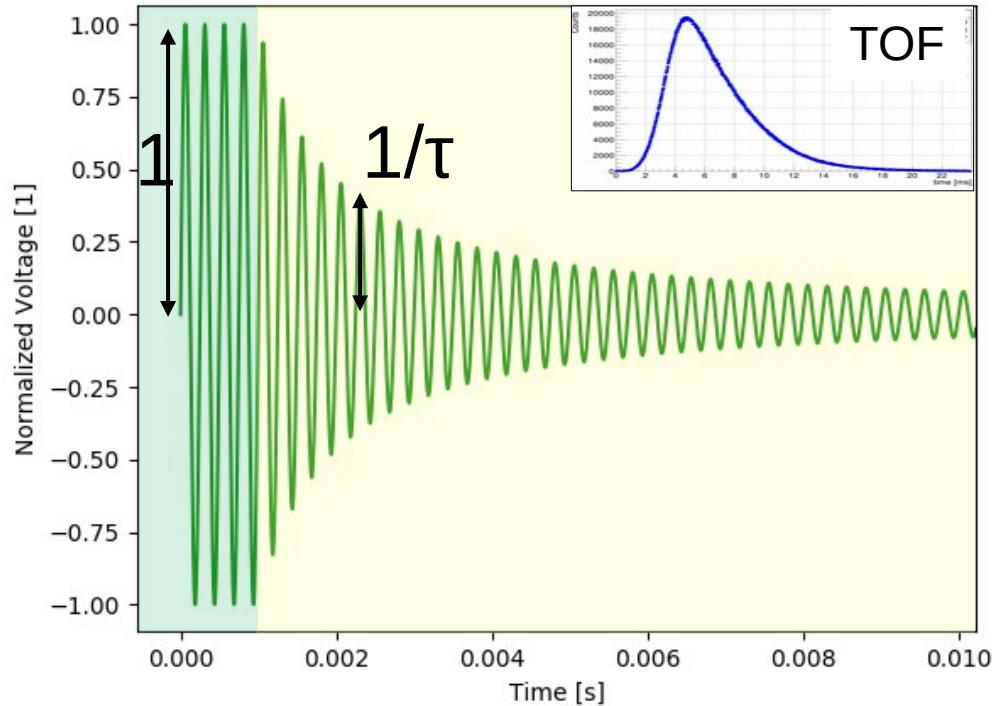
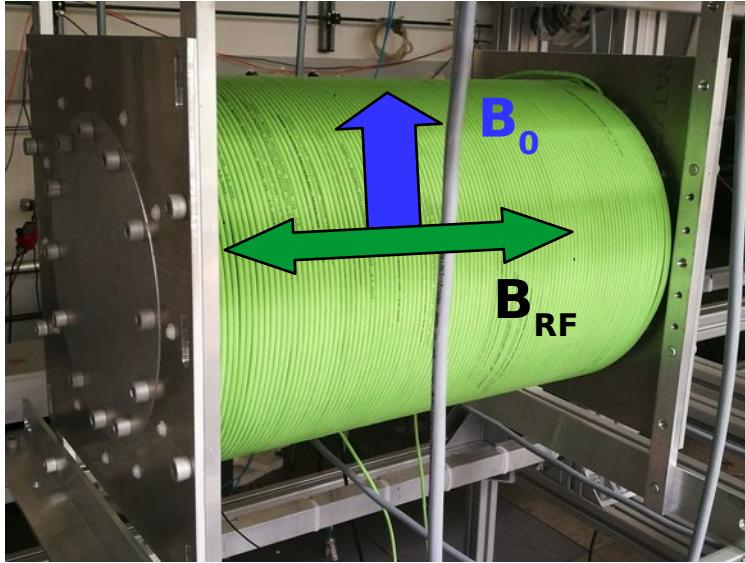
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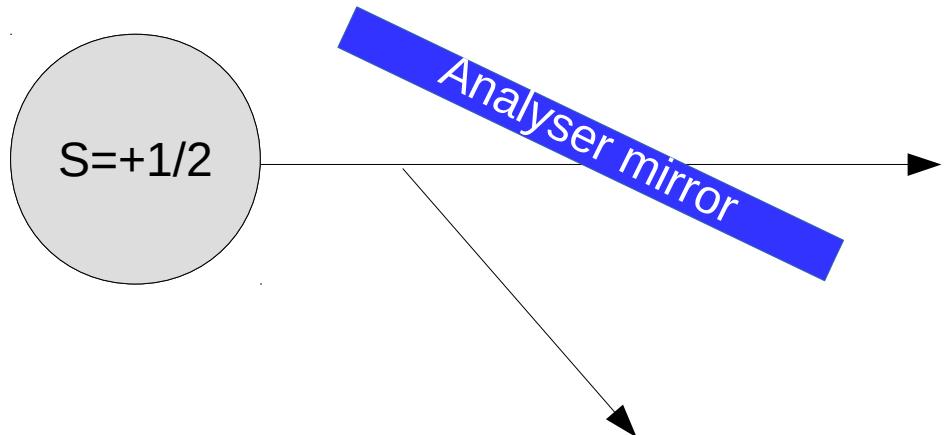
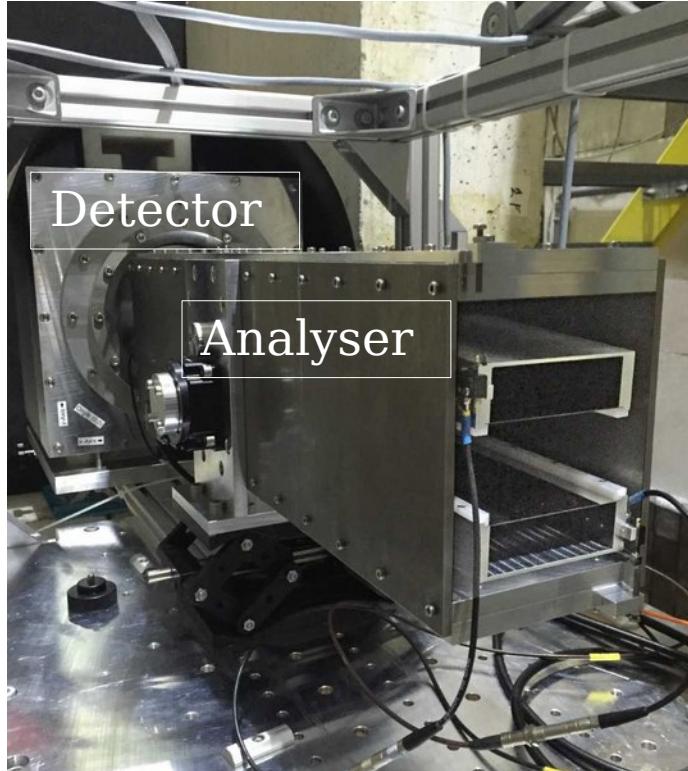
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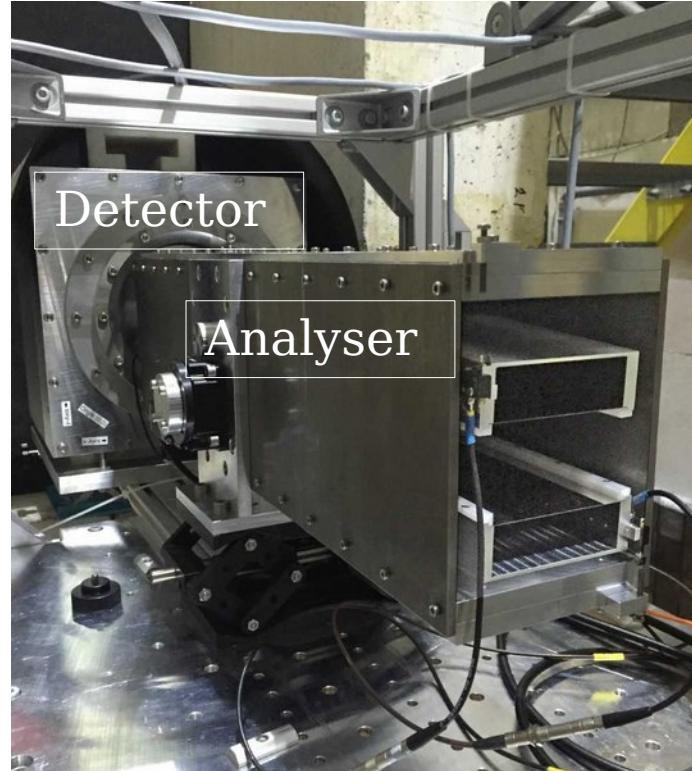
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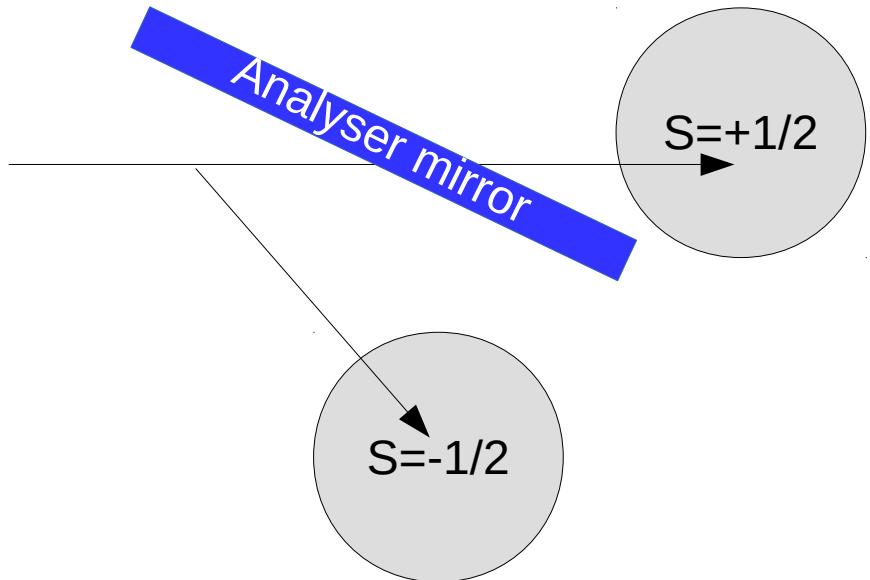


# The Beam EDM setup: Spin Analyser

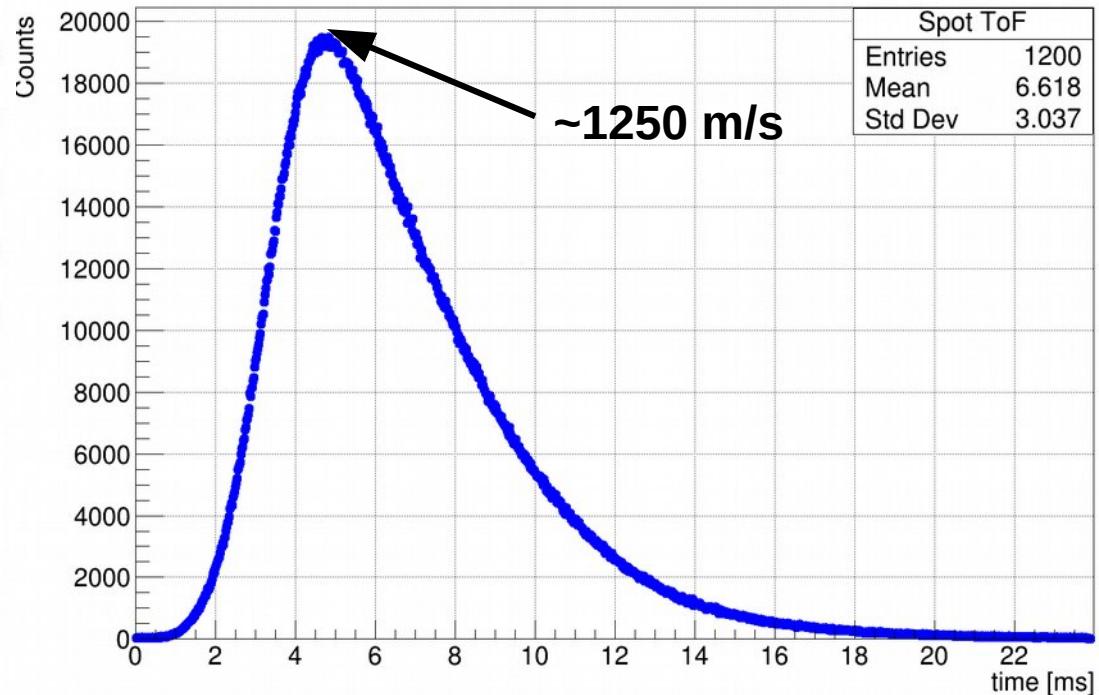
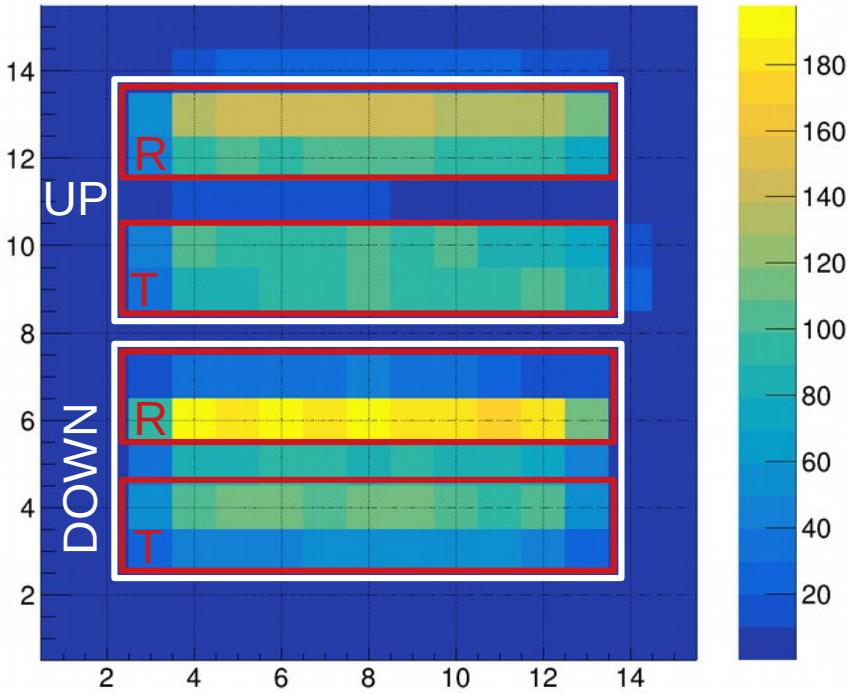




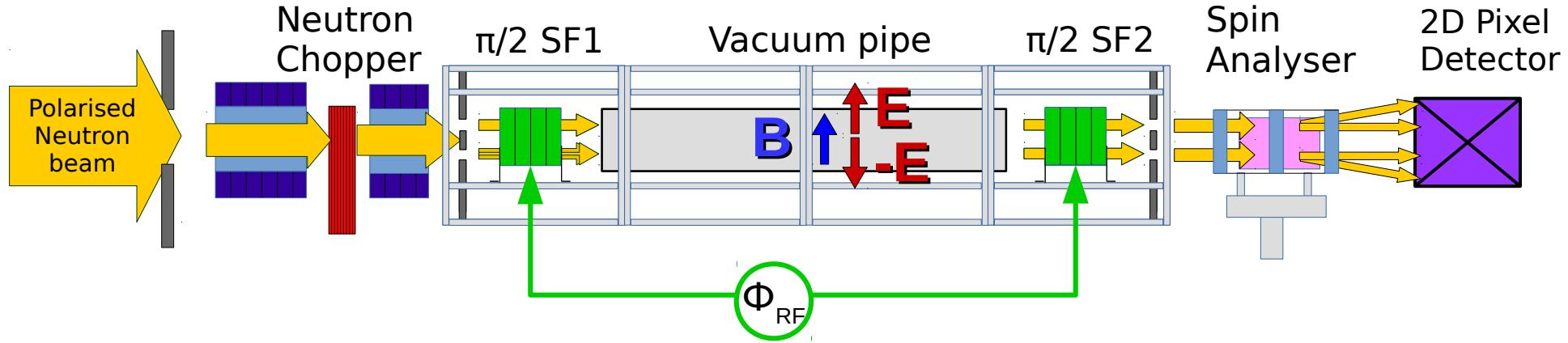
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# The Beam EDM setup: Detector



# Standard measurement



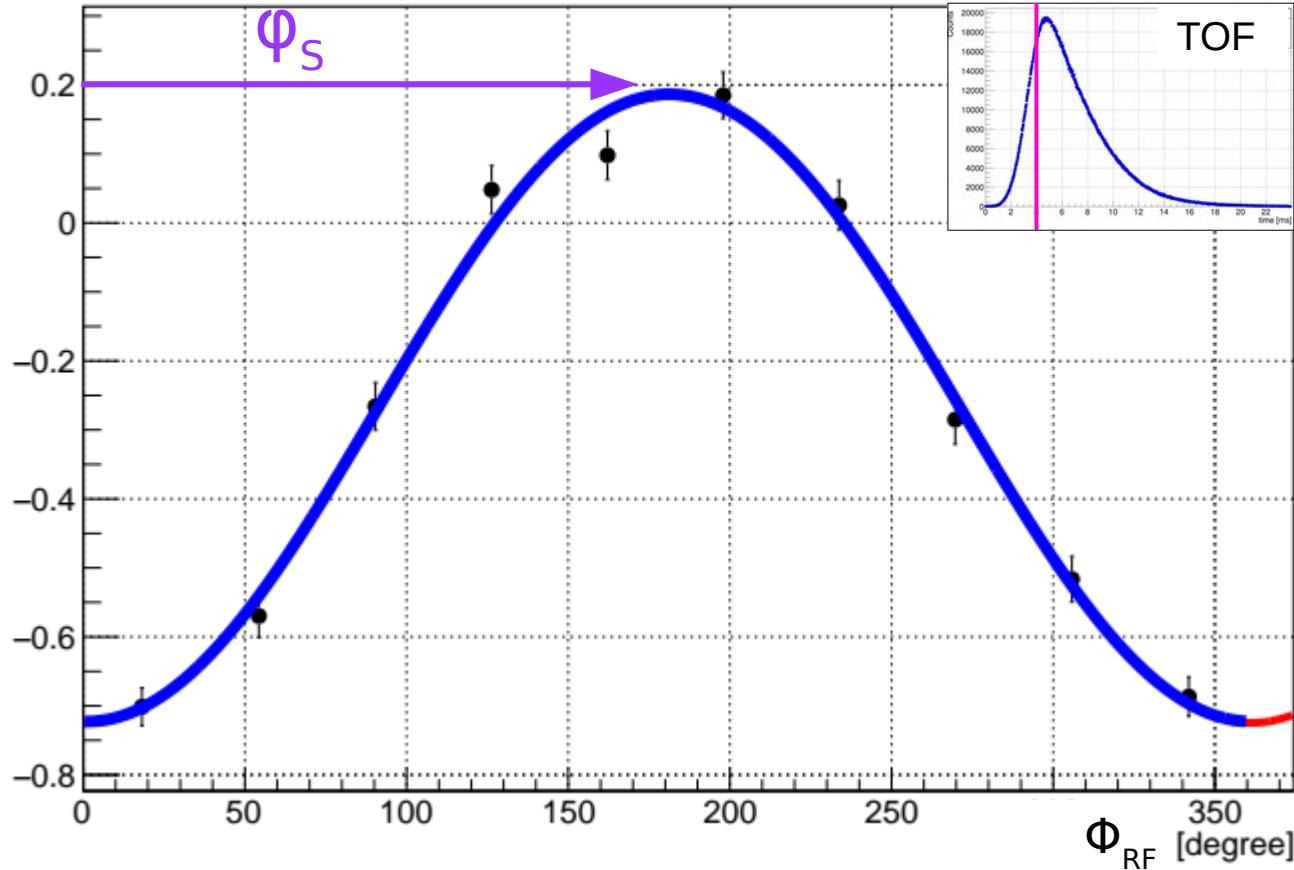
Phase scan:  $\Phi_{RF} \in [0; 2\pi]$

$$B = \{B_0, B_0 + \Delta B, \dots\}$$

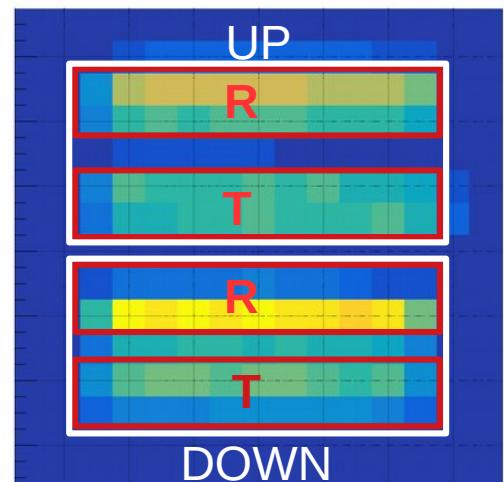
$$E = \{-E_0; 0; E_0\}$$

# Phase scan

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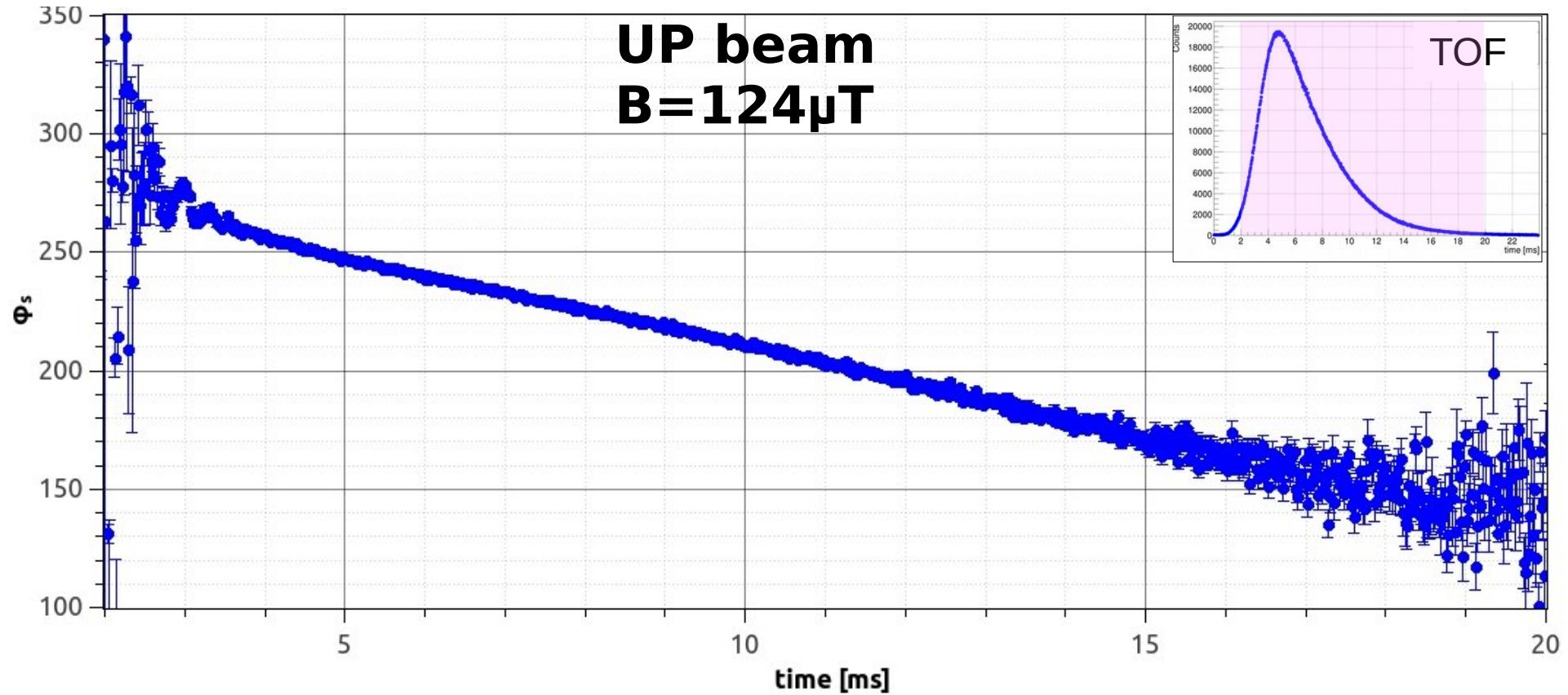


$$A = \frac{T - R}{T + R}$$



DOWN

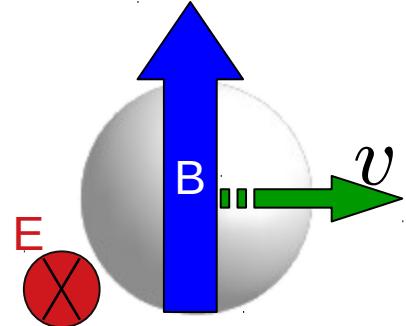
# $\varphi_s$ vs time



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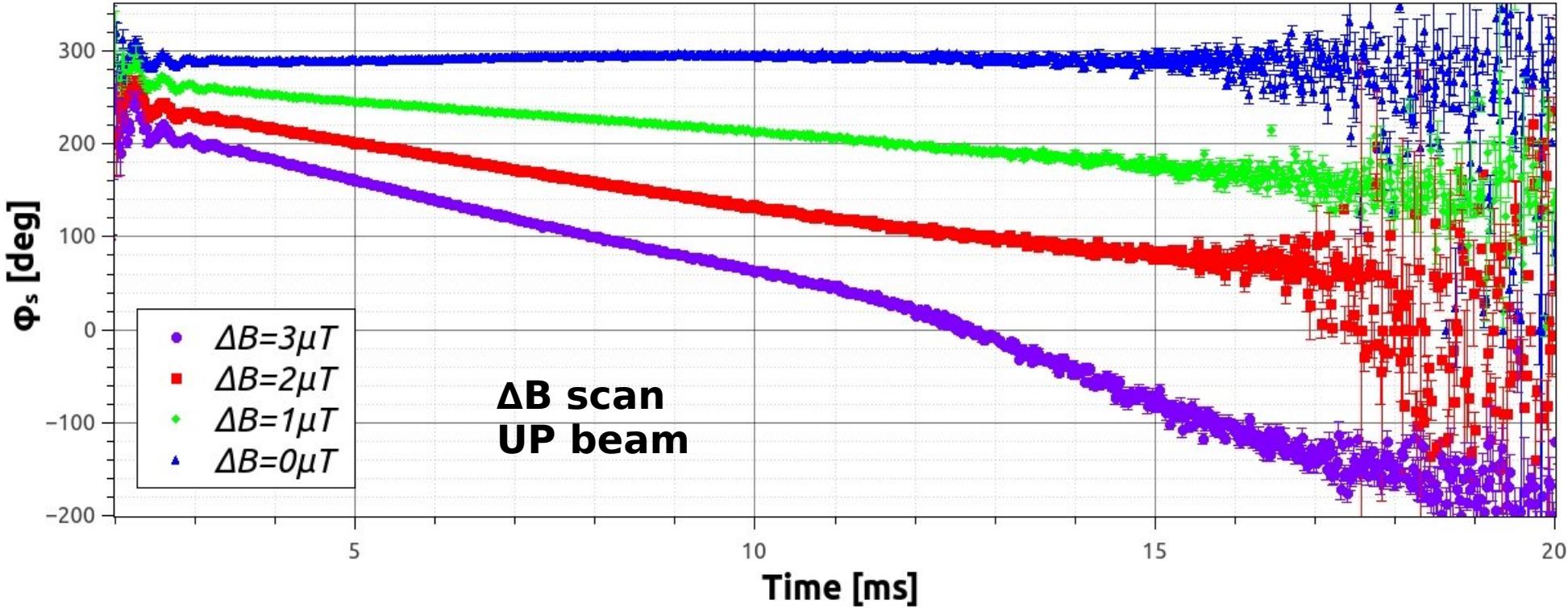
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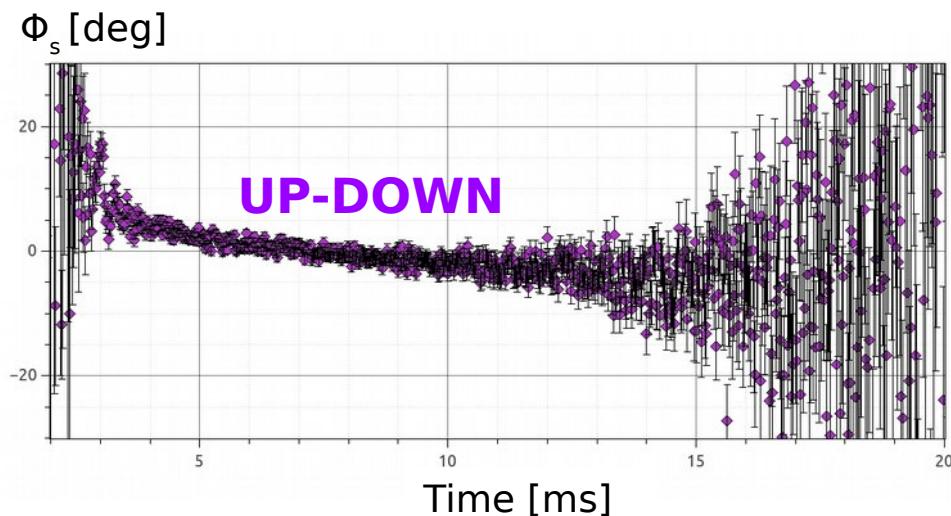
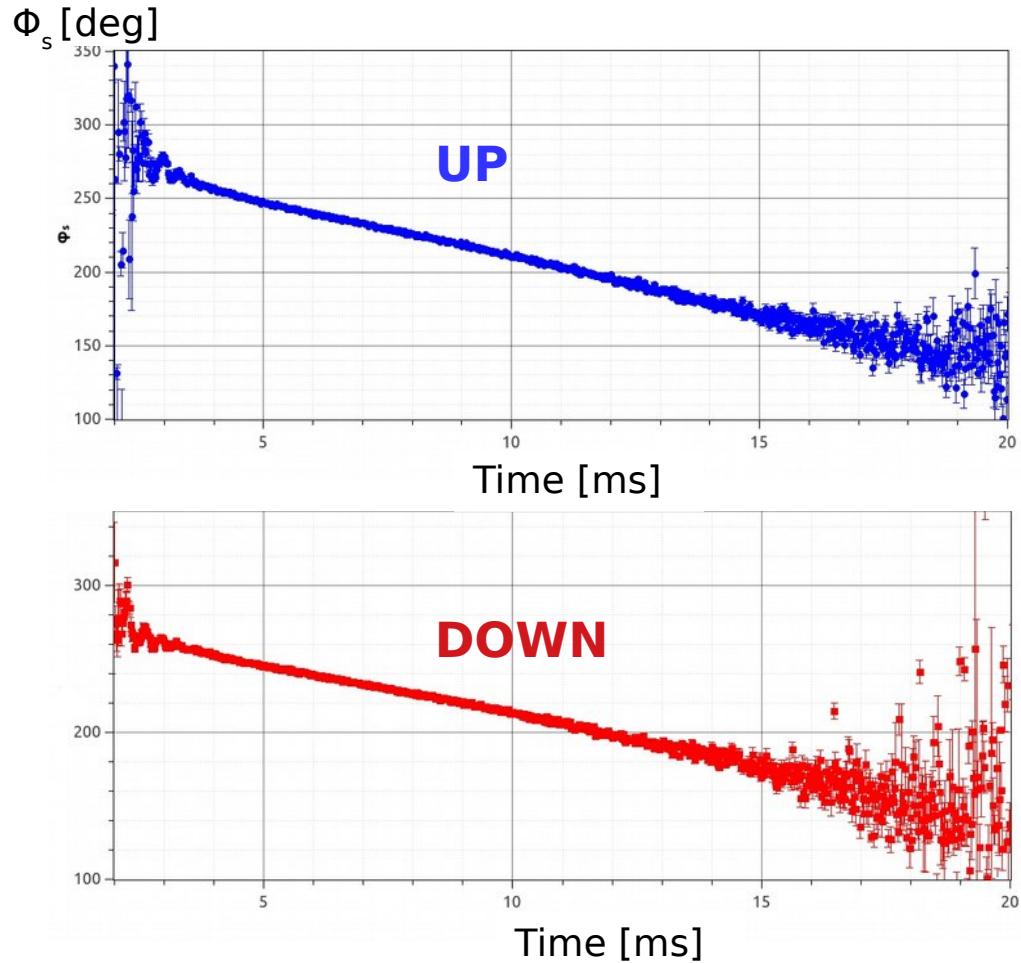
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# Phase VS TOF



Case B=124 $\mu$ T

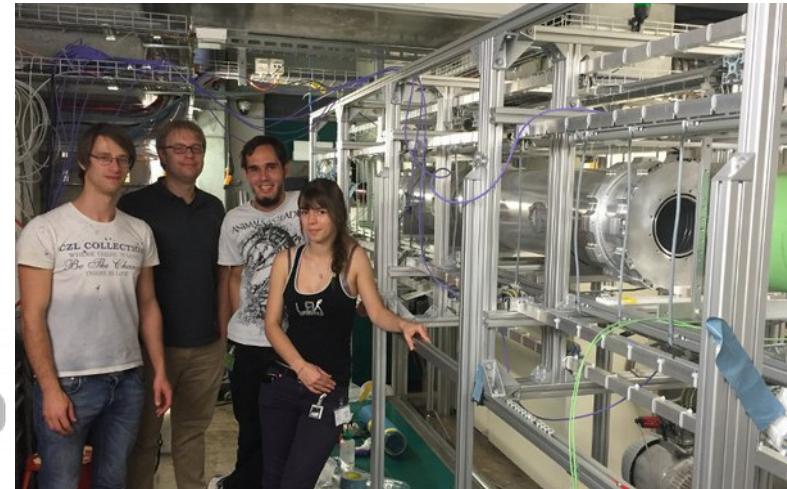
# Conclusion

## Up to now:

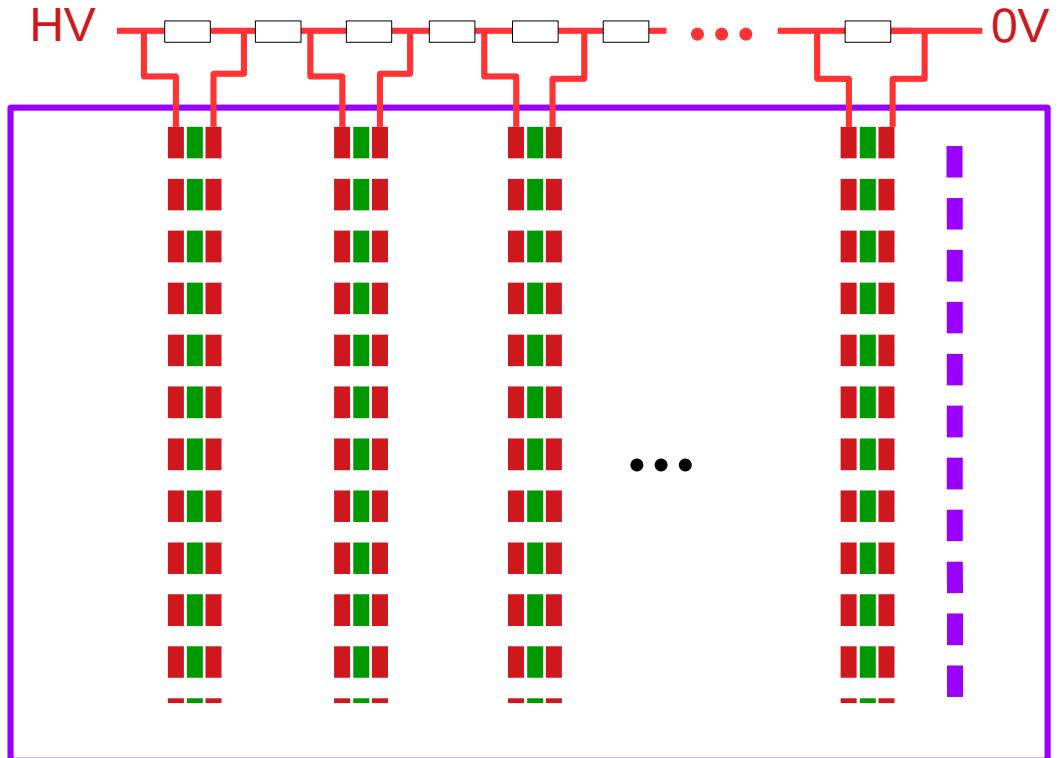
- Novel technique with pulsed beam
- Design, construction and improvement of the apparatus over 2 years
- 3 Beam times performed
  - 1<sup>st</sup> EDM measurement
  - Several other physics results

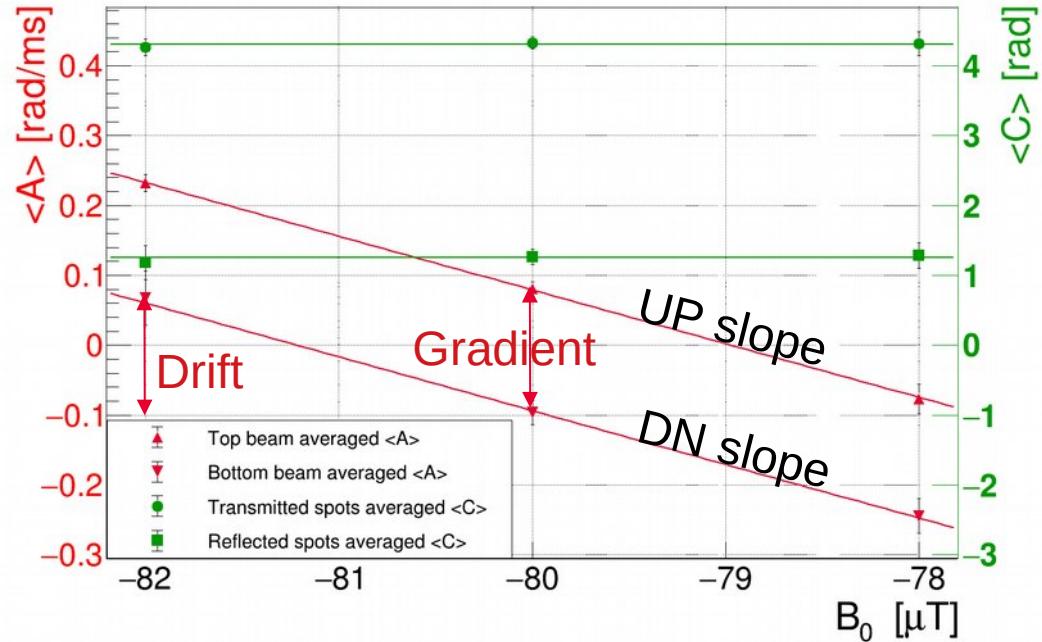
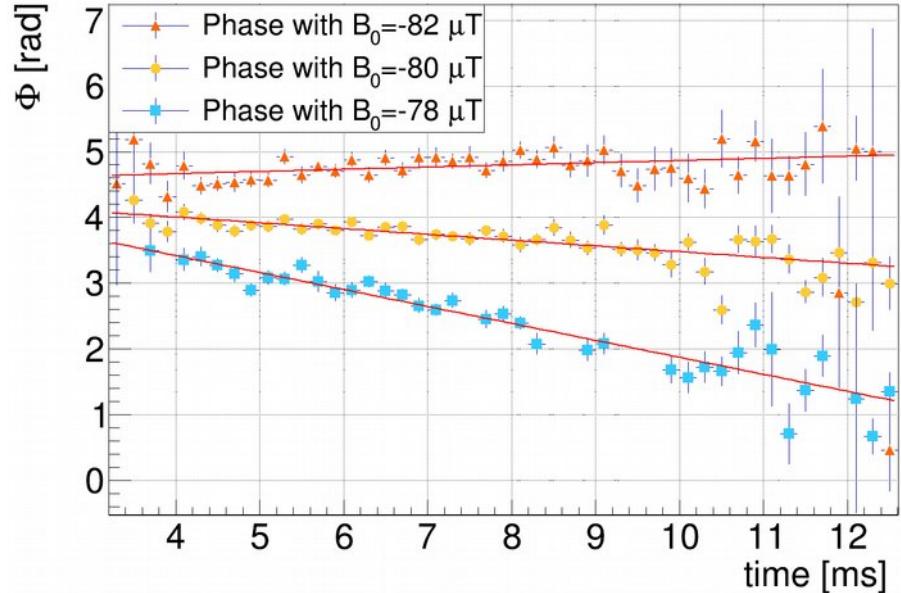
## Yet to come:

- Beam time at ILL 2020
  - Improve B and E
  - Long EDM measurement
- Opportunity for students
  - PhD
  - Master/ bachelor



# CASCADE Detector

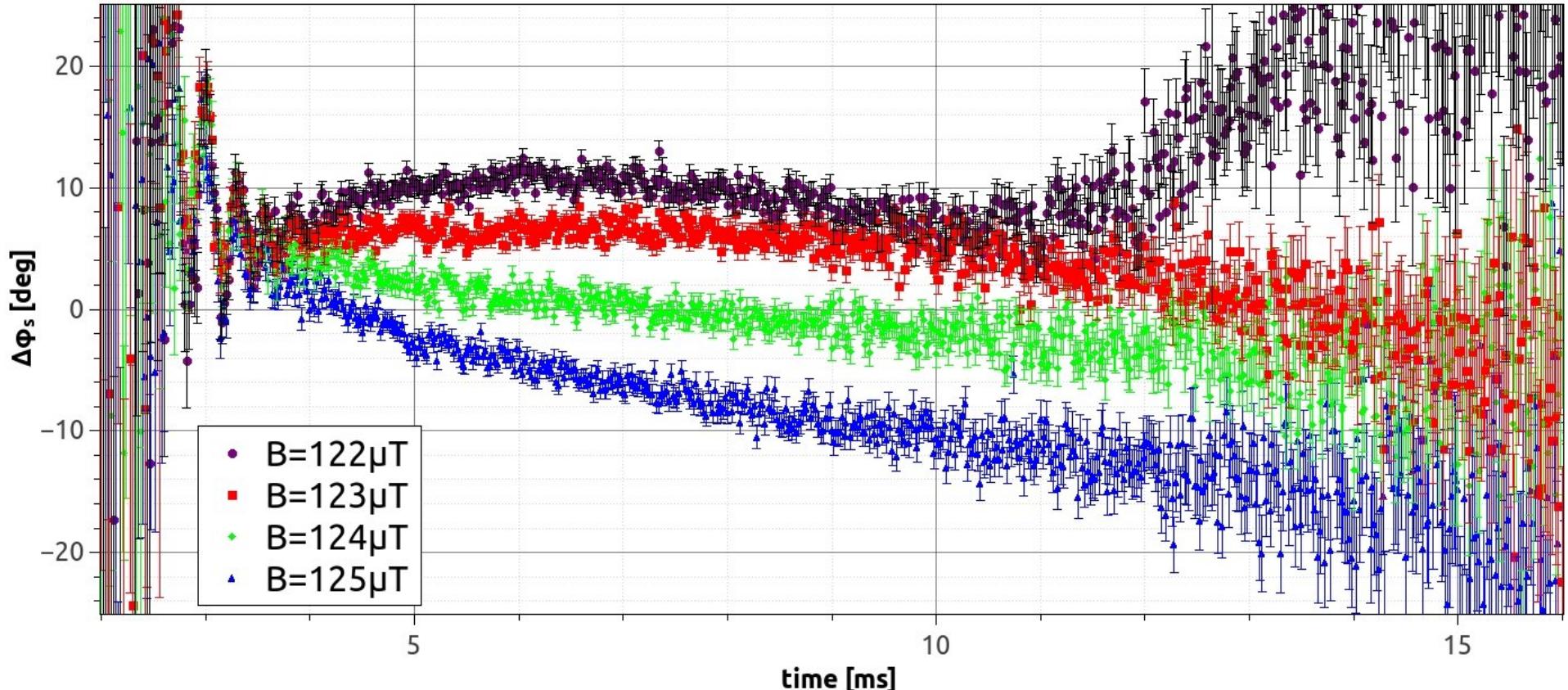


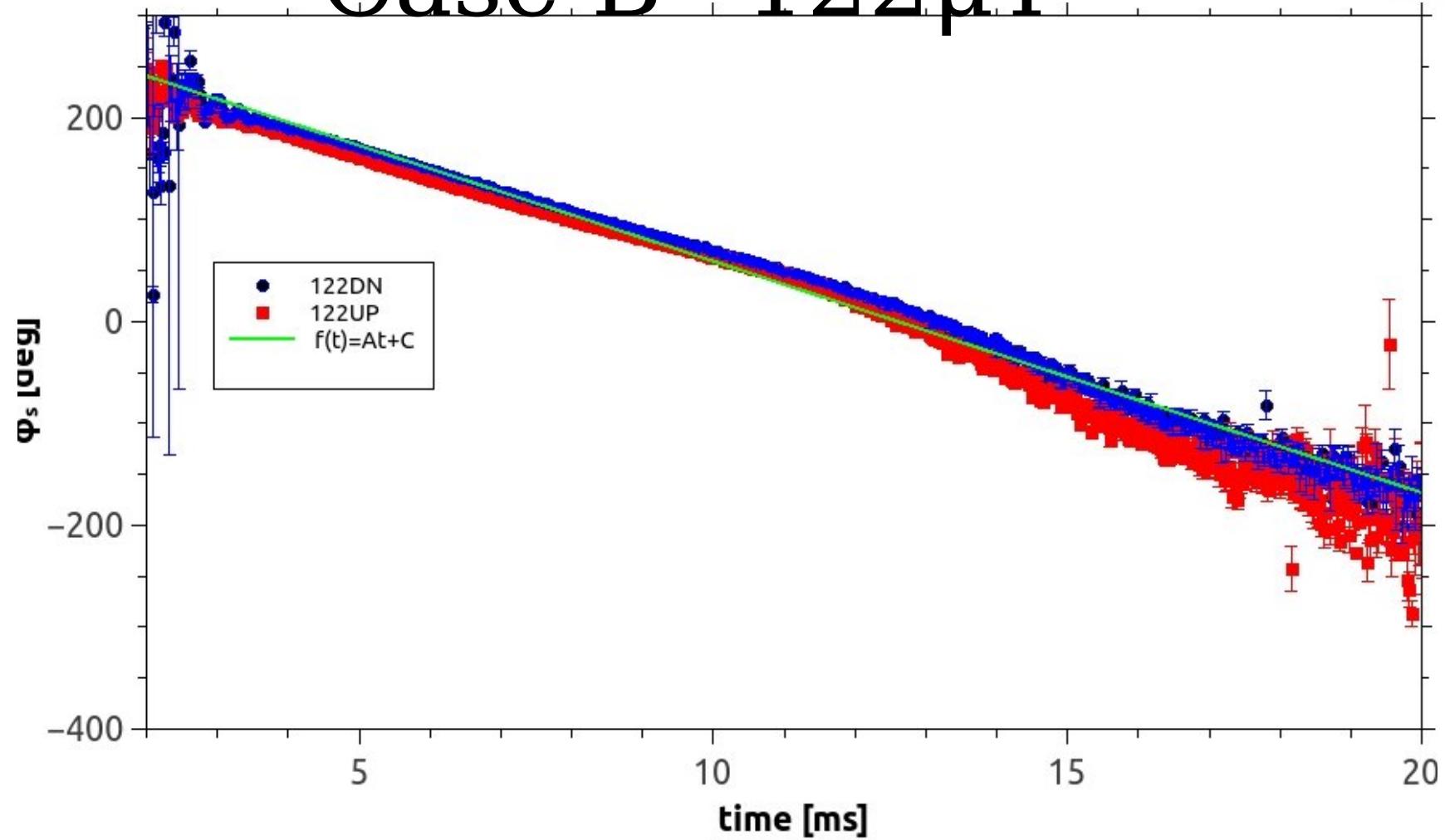


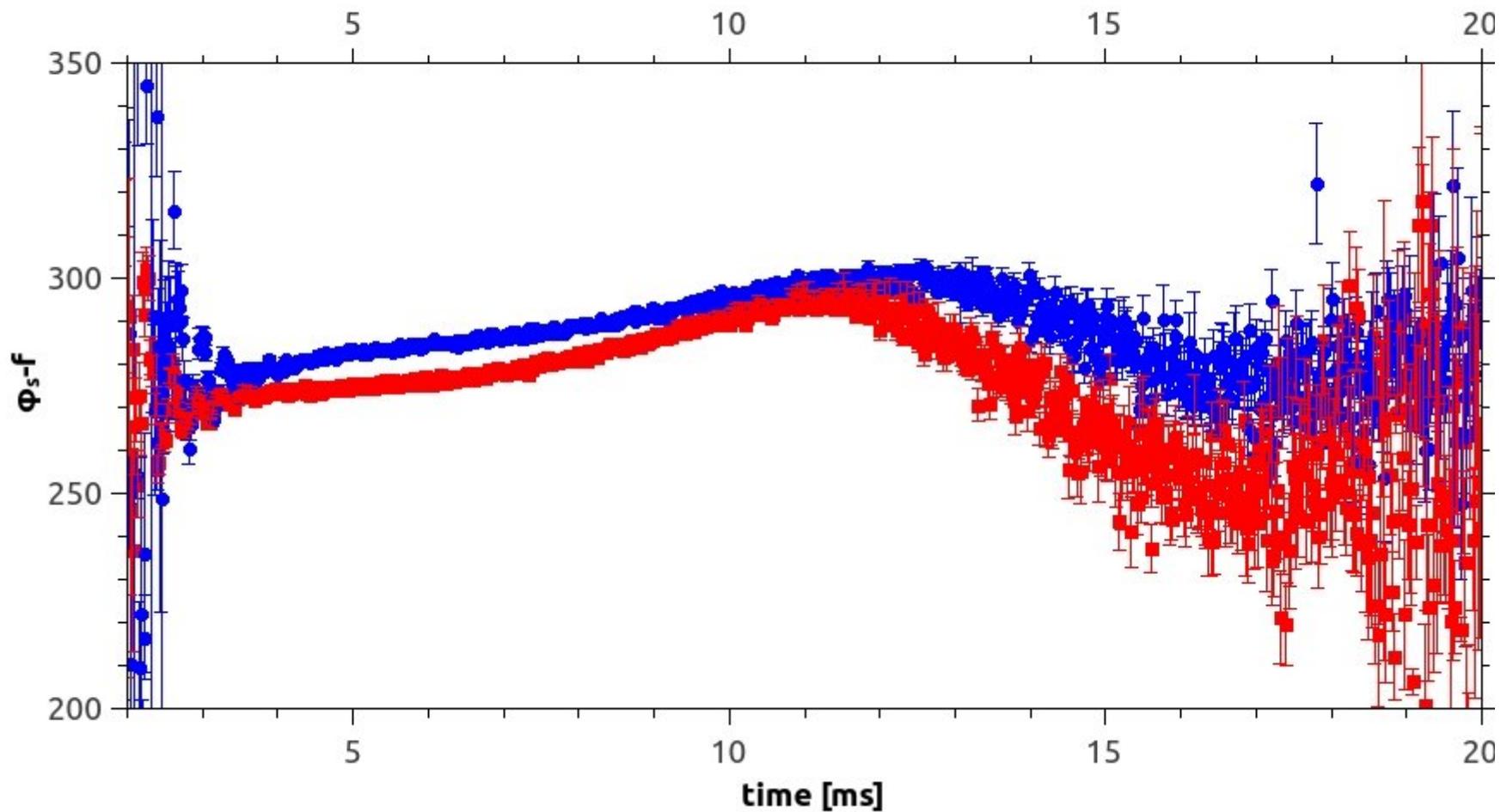
$$\Delta \phi = \gamma_n \sum B_i t_i = \gamma_n \frac{L E_\perp}{c^2} + \gamma_n (B_{Grad} + B_{Drift}) t_{PR} + d_n \frac{E}{\hbar} t_E$$

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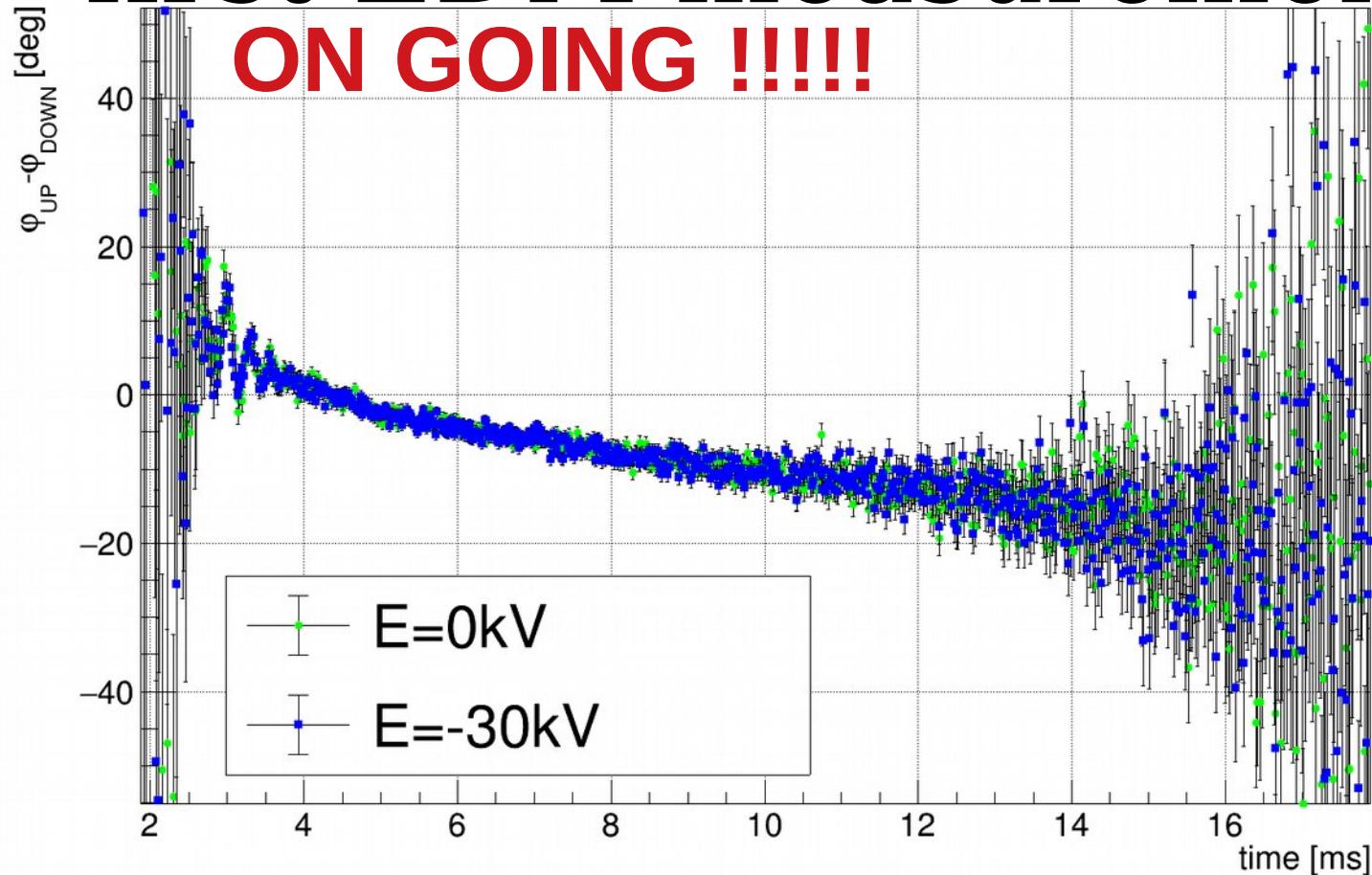
**B scan UP -DOWN**



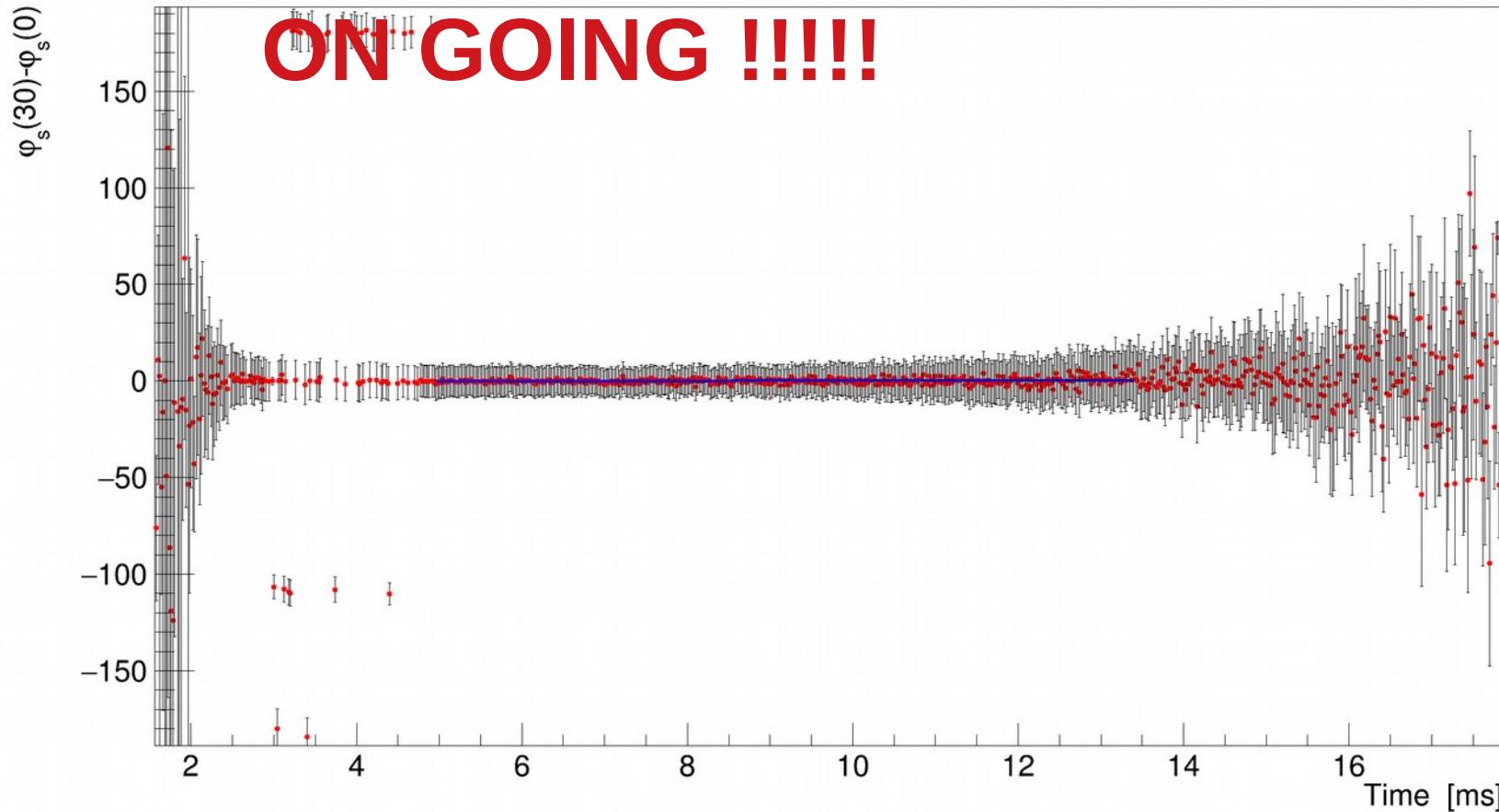
Case B=122 $\mu$ T

Comparison UP and DOWN for  $B=122\mu T$   
without the linear component

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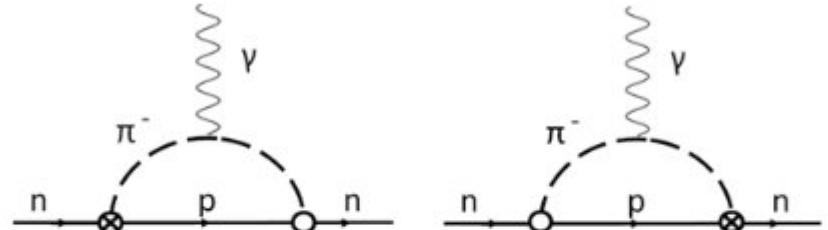


# Beam Time PSI 2018: first EDM measurement



# Feynman diagrams stong and weak

STRONG  
sector  
contribution



WEAK  
sector  
contribution

