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50 Years of Dilution Refrigeration





Programme

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11:00 - 18:00, 16th September 2015, University of Manchester

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The principle of cooling below 0.3K by dissolving the isotope 3He in liquid 4He was proposed by Heinz London in the early 1950s. It was realised in 1964 in Leiden (0.22K), in 1965 in Manchester (0.065K), in 1966 in Dubna near Moscow (0.025K) and in 1967 in Urbana (0.0045K). Since then dilution refrigerators have become the method of choice for continuous cooling to millikelvin temperatures, and hundreds of refrigerators were built and sold world-wide. Presentations by pioneers of the field will cover topics from the early developments in the 60s to further advances in the technology and its use in studies of condensed matter, particle physics and astrophysics.

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Professor Stephen Watts

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K20 Experiment – Rutherford Appleton Laboratory ~ 1976

Polarization in K⁺ n => K⁰ p scattering at around 1 GeV



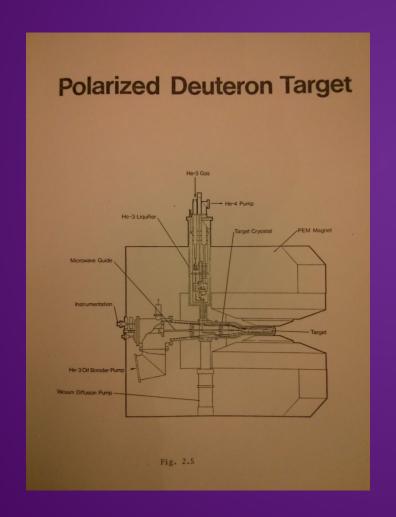


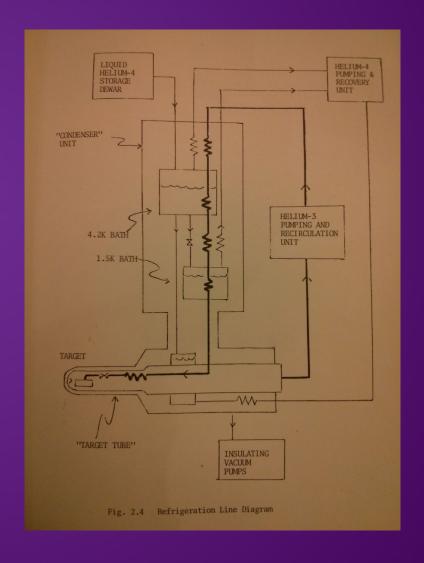
K20 Experiment – RAL ~ 1975
Ten Years after the first dilution fridge
Polarized Deuteron Target
(Thank you - S.F. Cox and A.S.L. Parsons and the Polarized Target Group)





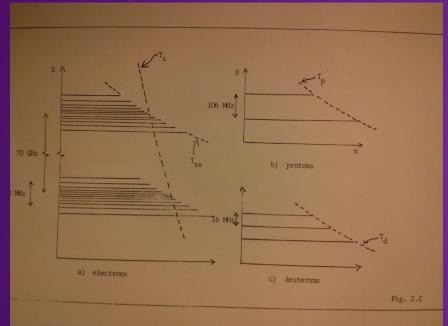
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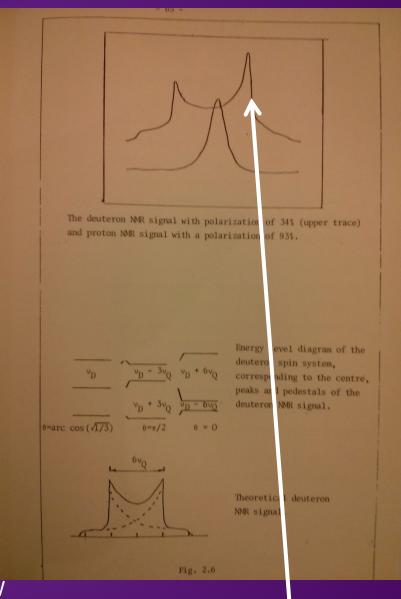


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2.5 Tesla 0.4 KelvinElectron polarization 99.7%Proton polarisation 0.5%

"Dynamic Polarization" 70 GHz microwave 75 mW Protons 93% Deuterons 36% (Neutrons 0.91 x 36 = 33%) Spin temperature 1.5 milliKelvin Leave the explanation to Prof. Niinikoski......



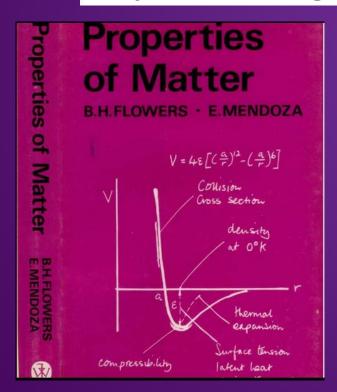
The measurement that made me believe in Quantum Mechanics



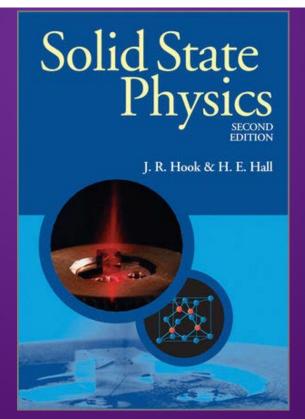


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