Searching for BSM physics with low-energy bound states: spin-polarized atoms and neutrons



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Case 1: trapped neutron interferometry





Low-Energy Precision Physics

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Case 2: nuclear spin gyroscopes



Our motivation, and a sense of scale







(2) Challenge the second: observation time

"Never measure anything but frequency"

–Arthur Schawlow (1981 Physics Nobel Prize)





But... how to store or cool ensembles?

Wave optics, with massive particles!

"Cold" beams: O(500 m/s)

particles fly through most experiments in milliseconds





"Ultracold" traps: O(5 m/s)

particles stored for minutes (>10⁵ ms)



Well, suppose the scale of new physics is far above the SM...

...or imagine we couldn't access the heavy gauge bosons we already know



If the scale of new physics is >> TeV, it looks the same whether we probe it at TeV or neV!



"Permanent Electric Dipole Moment" = ?

Quantum eigenfrequencies:

$$\hbar\omega_E \propto -dm{S}\cdotm{E}$$

Classical moments:

$$\mathbf{d} = \int \mathbf{r} \rho(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r}$$
$$\boldsymbol{\mu} = \frac{1}{2} \int \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r}$$

$$\hbar\omega_B \propto -\mu oldsymbol{S} \cdot oldsymbol{B}$$









...or, "a warm-up for non-relativistic quantum methods"











$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left(\left|1\right\rangle\pm\left|2\right\rangle\right)$$





 $E_{\pm} = E_0 + \sqrt{A^2 + d^2 E^2}$

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New Physics, in Familiar Terms

- Non-conservation of *P* and *T* already apparent in EDM term
- Consistency with zero vs. consistency with SM





A Taxonomy of Form Factors*

*which are not just for composite particles!



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Summary of Motivation

Problem: 1 extra baryon in every 10^9

- Asymmetry: $\eta = \frac{n_B n_{\bar{B}}}{n_{\gamma}}$
- n_{γ} comes from CMB decoupling
- Actually normalize to entropy density *s*, since universe expands

Requirements: Sakharov's criteria

- Baryon-number (B) violation
- C and CP-violation
- Departure from thermal equilibrium

Solution: ???

- No complex antimatter nuclei
- No annihilation fronts
- No adequate symmetry-breaking

Prediction:

- New *CP*-violating physics
- Coupling to Standard Model baryons
- Polarization of bound states



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Standard Model QCD: ??? $\longrightarrow d_n \approx (10^{-16} e \text{ cm})\bar{\theta}$



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Neutron EDM from CP-violating pion couplings:



Pospelov & Ritz, Annals of Physics 318 (2005): 119-169





Many Parameters / Many Experiments

Sensitivity: System:	Paramagnetic	Diamagnetic	"Particle"
Trap	Tl, Cs, PbO, HfF⁺, Fr, BaF,	¹⁹⁹ Hg, ¹²⁹ Xe, ²²⁵ Ra, Rn, Pa, RaO,	n (ultra-cold)
Beam	YbF, ThO, WC	TIF	n (cold)
Storage ring	TaO⁺	?	p, d, ³ He ⁺⁺ , μ,

Other: solid state (Gd₃Ga₅O₁₂, Eu_{0.5}Ba_{0.5}TiO₃), colliders (τ , Λ , ν , ...), crystal (n scattering on quartz), ...



Un-natural Units; Orders of Magnitude

$$10^{-26}e \text{ cm} \times \frac{1 \text{ MV}}{m} \times \frac{1}{2\pi\hbar} = 24 \text{ nHz}$$
$$\frac{1}{24 \text{ hours}} = 11.6 \ \mu\text{Hz}$$
$$\frac{1}{15 \text{ min}} = 1 \text{ mHz}$$
$$\mu_{\text{N}} \times \frac{1\mu\text{T}}{2\pi\hbar} = 8 \text{ Hz}$$
$$\mu_{\text{B}} \times \frac{1\mu\text{T}}{2\pi\hbar} = 14 \text{ kHz}$$

$$1 \ e \ cm = 10^{13} e \ fm$$

$$1 \text{ neV} = 1 \frac{\text{GeV}}{c^2} \times 1 \text{ cm} \times g$$

Some recent experimental EDM limits:

 $\begin{array}{l} n: \ |d| < 1.8 \times 10^{-26} \ e \ {\rm cm} \ (90\% \ {\rm C.L.}) \\ \\ ^{129}{\rm Xe:} \ |d| < 1.4 \times 10^{-27} \ e \ {\rm cm} \ (95\% \ {\rm C.L.}) \\ \\ {\rm ThO:} \ |d| < 1.1 \times 10^{-29} \ e \ {\rm cm} \ (90\% \ {\rm C.L.}) \end{array}$



How could you measure an EDM?



$$\hbar(\omega_+ - \omega_-) = 4dE$$

... up to drift, gradients, etc.



Remember it is "locked" to the spin

Spin-precession based magnetometry:

- $E = -\boldsymbol{\mu} \cdot \boldsymbol{B}$
- $au = \mu imes B$
- $\mu = \gamma L \rightarrow \omega_L = -\gamma B$

Time evolution from Bloch equations:

 $\frac{d \boldsymbol{\mu}}{dt} = \gamma \boldsymbol{\mu} \times \boldsymbol{B} - (\text{relaxation terms})$

Sensitivity from: $\Delta E \Delta t \geq \hbar/2$

- relaxation limits measurement time
- many particles \rightarrow many measurements

EDM fundamental sensitivity:

$$\left|\delta\omega\right| = \frac{\left|dE\right|}{\hbar F} \qquad (\Delta m_F = 1)$$



Cornell and Wieman... Nobel 2001, Rev. Mod. Phys. 74, 875 (2002)

vious initial step toward understanding dynamical behavior. Second, in experimental physics a precision measurement is almost always a frequency measurement, and the easiest way to study an effect with precision is to find an observable frequency that is sensitive to that effect. In the case of dilute-gas BEC, the observed fre-



Time-Domain Interferometry

Ramsey's method to measure frequencies*:



*we'll come back to *frequency* vs. *phase*



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What if we could measure continuously?





So which system should you measure?



The one where you can discover an EDM, of course!

- M. Ramsey-Musolf



The HeXe Experiment



Use the best magnetic shields available (at least to start with...)





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A rapidly-moving field!



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Phys. Rev. Lett. 123, 143003 (2019)



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Phys. Rev. A 100, 022505 (2019)



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150 d_{Xe} (10⁻²⁸ ecm) 100 50 50 - 100 - 150 - 200 2 3 8 9 5 6 7 run#

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A United Future: collective experience





A contrast: neutrons disappear faster!





Magnetic fields would be good for loss... bad for systematics







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- Double chamber Ramsey interferometer at room temperature (but $T_{UCN} \sim 5$ mK)
- ¹⁹⁹Hg magnetometers with few-fT resolution
- Cs magnetometers (also at high voltage)
- Magnetic shielding factor: 6×10⁶ at 1 mHz
- Simultaneous spin detection for up/down
- SuperSUN UCN source at ILL in 2 phases: Phase I: unpolarized UCN with 80 neV peak Phase II: polarized UCN, magnetic storage
- Ongoing installation of parts, commissioning with UCN production in 2023-2024

EPJ Web of Conferences 219, 02006 (2019)



Much lower statistics!





Statistical sensitivity:	Frequency measurement:
$\sigma(d_n) \gtrsim \frac{\hbar}{2\alpha \mathbf{E} T \sqrt{N}}$	$ \delta\omega = \frac{ dE }{\hbar F}$

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





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EPJ Web of Conferences 219, 02006 (2019)

- 1: EDM cells23: HV feed45: Inner shield67: Outer shield door
- 2: Vac. Chamber
 4: B₀ & B₁ coil
 6: Outer shield



PanEDM @ ILL, 2021









Rev. Sci. Inst. 85(7), 075106 (2014) J. Appl. Phys. 117(18), 183903 (2015)

EPJ Web of Conferences 219, 02006 (2019)





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Reality always looks messier!







SuperSUN-PanEDM Interface





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- Figure of merit for production: $\tau \cdot \int d^3 \mathbf{k} \left(1 e^{-n\sigma l(\mathbf{k})}\right) \frac{d\Phi}{d\lambda}\Big|_{8.9\text{\AA}}$
- Note: partial mean free path $\lambda_{\rm "UCN"} \sim 10$ km, while $\lambda_{\rm tot} \sim 10$ m
- Loss for a 3m converter: factor 10 (unused CN beam)
- Loss for *ex-situ* storage: factor 100 (UCN extraction/transport/detection)



SuperSUN Neutron Source: Cutaway





UCN out



The next generation... scaling up!







Ultracold neutron (UCN) detection with polarizationsensitivity, via applied magnetic fields partially cancelling the neutron-optical potential for one spin state. Various readout mechanisms to be explored.

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Thematic Recap





Questions?



what-if.xkcd.com

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PanEDM collaboration HeXe collaboration





xkcd.com



Minimizing UCN Storage losses

PHYSICAL REVIEW C 92, 015501 (2015)





Neutron Delivery to SuperSUN





"Quantum Sensing": Spin and Energy (EPFF)





A digression on childrens' toys...

The SuperSUN Tapered Transition Guide with Irregular Octagonal Cross-Section,





"Peg"

... or the ILL22 cold neutron guides



(K. Andersen)





"Hole"

... or admittance matching



UCN out





We are still missing a tool...





"Hammer"

... or brute force solution





The complete toolset





Optimize the remaining parameters...





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...and implement the solution





• CP violation from three sources (ignoring neutrinos):

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{CPV}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{CKM}} + \mathcal{L}_{ar{ heta}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{BSM}}$$

• CKM CP-violation (Standard Model):

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{CKM}} = -\frac{ig_2}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{p,q} V^{pq} \bar{U}_L^p \mathcal{W}^+ D_L^q + \text{H.c.}$$

• Strong CP-violation (Standard Model):

$$\mathcal{L}_{\bar{\theta}} = -\frac{\alpha_S}{16\pi^2} \bar{\theta} \mathrm{Tr}(G^{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu})$$

details:

Rev. Mod. Phys. **91**, 015001 (2019) Phys. Rev. C **91**, 035502 (2015) Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. **71**, 21 (2013)



Effective Field Theory

General Effective Lagrangian:

$$\mathscr{L}_{\text{eff}} = \mathscr{L}_{\text{SM}} + \frac{C^{(5)}}{\Lambda} O^{(5)} + \sum_{i} \frac{C_{i}^{(6)}}{\Lambda^{2}} O_{i}^{(6)} + \dots$$

Dimension-Six terms for the neutron:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathscr{L}_{\text{eff}}^{(6)} &= -\frac{i}{2} \sum_{l,q} d_q \bar{q} \sigma_{\mu\nu} \gamma^5 F^{\mu\nu} q \\ &- \frac{i}{2} \sum_q \tilde{d}_q g_s \bar{q} \sigma_{\mu\nu} \gamma^5 G^{\mu\nu} q \\ &+ d_W \frac{g_s}{6} G \tilde{G} G + \sum_i C_i^{(4f)} O_i^{(4f)} \end{aligned}$$

Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 71, 21 (2013)

Wilson coefficient	Operator (dimension)	Number
$\bar{ heta}$	Theta term (4)	1
δ _e	Electron EDM (6)	1
Im $C^{(1,3)}_{\ell equ}$, Im $C_{\ell eqd}$	Semi-leptonic (6)	3
δ_q	Quark EDM (6)	2
$\tilde{\delta}_q$	Quark chromo EDM (6)	2
C _Ĝ	Three-gluon (6)	1
$\operatorname{Im} C_{auad}^{(1,8)}$	Four-quark (6)	2
$\operatorname{Im} C_{\varphi ud}$	Induced four-quark (6)	1
Total		13


"Global analysis"

Define a matrix α according to $d_i = \mathring{a}_i \partial_{ij} C_j$,

$$\begin{aligned} & d_{\mathrm{Hg}} \qquad d_{\mathrm{Xe}} \qquad d_{\mathrm{TIF}} \qquad d_{\mathrm{n}} \\ & \\ & \beta_{ij} = \stackrel{\acute{\theta}}{\underset{\acute{\theta}}{\overset{\circ}{}}} -2.0 \stackrel{'}{}10^{-20} \qquad -3.8 \stackrel{'}{}10^{-18} \qquad 0 \qquad 0 \stackrel{\acute{\mathsf{U}}}{\underset{\acute{\theta}}{\overset{\circ}{}}} \qquad & \\ & 0 \stackrel{'}{}0 \stackrel{'}{_{11}} -2.9 \stackrel{'}{}10^{-19} \qquad -2.2 \stackrel{'}{}10^{-19} \qquad 0 \stackrel{\acute{\mathsf{U}}}{\underset{\acute{\mathsf{U}}}} \qquad & \\ & & \\$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} C_T \\ \tilde{g}_{\pi}^0 \\ \tilde{g}_{\pi}^1 \\ d_n^{sr} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1.48 \times 10^{19} & 1.83 \times 10^{20} & -2.52 \times 10^{14} & 0 \\ -1.85 \times 10^{17} & -9.64 \times 10^{17} & 1.32 \times 10^{12} & 0 \\ -2.41 \times 10^{16} & 5.36 \times 10^{16} & -6.32 \times 10^{12} & 0 \\ 2.78 \times 10^3 & 1.44 \times 10^4 & -1.90 \times 10^{-2} & 1 \end{vmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} d_{Hg} \\ d_{Xe} \\ d_{TlF} \\ d_n \end{bmatrix}$$

...and invert it:



So what is the situation today?





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What does it mean, if we see it?





It's not so simple after all...

 Schiff's theorem: the field due to an EDM induces a displacement of the bound charges, which exactly cancels it*

$$H_0 = \sum \frac{p^2}{2m} + U(\mathbf{r})$$

Hamiltonian of the charge-system (no EDM)

*Schiff: Phys. Rev. **132**, 2194 (1963) J. Engel: elegant formulation used here



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$$= H_0 + \sum \frac{i}{q} [\mathbf{d} \cdot \mathbf{p}, H_0]$$

Now see what effect this has...



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Eigenstates receive an energy shift due to the perturbation:

$$|0\rangle \rightarrow |\tilde{0}\rangle = |0\rangle + \sum_{n} \frac{|n\rangle \langle n| \sum \frac{i}{q} [\mathbf{d} \cdot \mathbf{p}, H_{0}] |0\rangle}{E_{0} - E_{n}}$$
$$= \left(1 + \sum \frac{i}{q} \mathbf{d} \cdot \mathbf{p}\right) |0\rangle$$



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• What is the total, observable, dipole moment after this shift?

$$\begin{split} \tilde{\mathbf{d}} &= \sum \mathbf{d} + \langle \tilde{0} | \sum q \mathbf{r} | \tilde{0} \rangle \\ &= \sum \mathbf{d} + \langle \tilde{0} | \left(1 - \sum \frac{i}{q} \mathbf{d} \cdot \mathbf{p} \right) \sum q \mathbf{r} \left(1 + \sum \frac{i}{q} \mathbf{d} \cdot \mathbf{p} \right) | \tilde{0} \rangle \\ &= \sum \mathbf{d} + i \langle 0 | \left[\sum q \mathbf{r}, \sum \frac{1}{q} \mathbf{d} \cdot \mathbf{p} \right] | 0 \rangle \\ &= \sum \mathbf{d} - \sum \mathbf{d} \\ &= 0 \end{split}$$



But some details can save us!

- Schiff's theorem assumes:
 - pointlike particles \rightarrow *incorrect for nuclei*

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...see Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. **71**, 21 (2013)

• non-relativistic treatment → *incorrect for atomic electrons*

$$U_{\text{lab}} = -\boldsymbol{d}_{\text{lab}} \cdot \boldsymbol{E} = -\boldsymbol{d}_{\text{rest}} \cdot \boldsymbol{E} + \frac{\gamma}{1+\gamma} (\boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \boldsymbol{d}) (\boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \boldsymbol{E})$$

...see American Journal of Physics 75, 532 (2007)







Analysis methods





HeXe EDM @TUM/PTB... ...laid groundwork for SuperSUN/PanEDM @ILL

• Gave a reference point for what it takes to go from concept to result in a new type of EDM experiment... obviously less complex than nEDM, but still with significant equipment and technique overlap



TABLE I.	Summary	of	EDM	results	and	systematic	effects
discussed in	the text.						

	2017 (e cm)	2018 (<i>e</i> cm)
EDM	7.2×10^{-28}	0.9×10^{-28}
Statistical error	23.5×10^{-28}	6.8×10^{-28}
Systematic Source		
Leakage current	1.2×10^{-28}	4.5×10^{-31}
Charging currents	1.7×10^{-29}	1.2×10^{-29}
Cell motion (rotation)	4.2×10^{-29}	4.0×10^{-29}
Cell motion (translation)	$2.6 imes 10^{-28}$	1.9×10^{-28}
Comagnetometer drift	2.6×10^{-28}	4.0×10^{-29}
$ \vec{E} ^2$ effects	1.2×10^{-29}	2.2×10^{-30}
$ \vec{E} $ uncertainty	$2.6 imes 10^{-29}$	9.4×10^{-30}
Geometric phase	$\leq 2 \times 10^{-31}$	$\leq 2 \times 10^{-31}$
Total Systematic Error	$3.9 imes 10^{-28}$	2.0×10^{-28}



Measuring the ¹²⁹Xe EDM at Heidelberg PI

