Experiments to measure the electric dipole moment of the neutron

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In SPIN2018 ...

several talks on EDMs in storage rings (Rathmann, Nikolaev, Nass, Martin, Shergelashvili, Müller), atomic EDM (Dietrich, Heil, Zimmer), heavy baryons (Ruiz Vidal), related theory (Stadnik, Paradisi, Yamanaka, Gupta, Laszlo), ...

For neutron EDM, besides this talk, see

- Franke Mo 18:00
- Fierlinger Wed 15:10
- Pignol Thu 15:45
- Around the world several nEDM projects at: PSI, ILL, LANL, PNPI, TRIUMF, SNS, and future plans for JPARC, ESS, PIK



EDM and symmetries



A nonzero particle EDM violates P, T and, assuming CPT conservation, also CP

Purcell and Ramsey, PR78(1950)807; Lee and Yang; Landau



Connecting experiments and theory



See also: Pospelov, Ritz, Ann. Phys. 318(2005)119 See for a 'global analysis': Chupp, Ramsey-Musolf PRC91(2015)035502

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* Often a single source of CPV is assumed, e.g. eEDM for molecular EDM or θ_{QCD} for n, 199Hg; ** see Ghosh&Sato, PLB777(2018)335 for leptons *** see Pospelov&Ritz, PRD89(2014)056006; eEDM 1E-38 \rightarrow 1E-44 ecm

Displays by Prajwal Mohan Murthy PhD thesis in preparation, ETHZ 2018



Present status ... no signal yet



Disclaimer: CKM and strong CP contributions are sometimes rough guesses \rightarrow needs more theory consultation





Electric Dipole Moments tiny in SM









Possibility for a large Muon EDM?

- In a model independent approach, d_μ uniquely constrains some couplings (M. Pruna arXiv:1710.08311), d_μ is not limited by small d_e but only by the direct experimental limit d_μ<1.8x10⁻¹⁹ecm (Bennett et al., PRD80(2009)052008)
- If NP in a_µ → d_µ could naturally be of same order, ~10⁻²²ecm (Feng, Matchev, Shadmi, NPB613(2001)366)
- If NP in a_µ and a_e (with the sign of the slight tension in a_e)
 → muon and electron sectors would be decoupled
 → large d_µ possible (Crivellin, Hoferichter, Schmidt-Wellenburg, arXiv:1807.11484)
- Present g-2 experiment will improve sensitivity to $d_{\mu} \sim 10^{-20..21} ecm$
- Dedicated small storage ring could reach d_μ~10^{-22..23}ecm at PSI (Adelmann et al., JPG37(2010)085001)











How to measure the neutron (or other) electric dipole moment ?



nEDM@PSI

Our collaboration (50 people, 15 institutions, 7 countries) just finished nEDM and starts assembling the n2EDM experiment aiming at an improvement in sensitivity by an order of magnitude.



nEDM at PSI







nEDM at PSI 2009 – 17

Coming from ILL: Sussex-RAL-ILL collaboration PRL 97 (2006) 131801 Upgraded by nEDM@PSI



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The nEDM spectrometer





Ramsey's method with UCN







Ramsey's method with UCN





Frequency ratio R



$$R = \frac{\langle f_{\rm UCN} \rangle}{\langle f_{\rm Hg} \rangle} = \frac{\gamma_{\rm n}}{\gamma_{\rm Hg}} \left(1 \mp \frac{\partial B}{\partial z} \frac{\Delta h}{|B_0|} + \frac{\langle B^2_{\perp} \rangle}{|B_0|^2} \mp \delta_{\rm Earth} + \delta_{\rm Hg-lights} \dots \right)$$



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Spin-dependent exotic interactions





PhD thesis B. Franke, 2014

S. Afach et al., PLB 745 (2015) 58

To be updated soon





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Earlier results using nEDM

Searches for nn' oscillations

- G. Ban et al., PRL99 (2007) 161603
- I. Altarev et al., PRD80 (2009) 03200;
- to be updated soon ...



- I. Altarev et al., PRL 103 (2009) 081602
- I. Altarev et al., EPL 92 (2010) 51001
- to be updated soon ...



Berezhiani et al., arXiv:1712.05761







The neutron EDM itself ...





What is the nature of Dark Matter?



Search for nEDM oscillations with time





Search for nEDM oscillations with time PHYS. REV. X 7, 041034 (2017)



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nEDM search for ultra-light axion dark matter



Abel et al., PRX7(2017)041034



n2EDM baseline: $\sigma(d_n) \sim 1E-27ecm$ in 500 days Commissioning 2020

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Ultracold Neutron Source & Facility



The PSI UCN source







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nEDM being taken apart







nEDM being taken apart

















PSI ring cyclotron

• at time of construction a new concept: separated sector ring cyclotron [H.Willax et al.]

8 magnets (280t, 1.6-2.1T),
4 accelerating resonators (50MHz), 1 Flattop (150MHz), Ø
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• losses at extraction $\leq 200W$

 reducing losses by increasing RF voltage was main upgrade path

[losses ∞ (turn number)³, W.Joho]

- 590MeV protons at 80%c
- 2.4mA x 590MeV=1.4MW







PSI ring cyclotron



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The intensity frontier at PSI: π , μ , UCN

Precision experiments with the lightest unstable particles of their kind



Swiss national laboratory with strong international collaborations



Atoms and molecules



Extract the best limits for eEDM, CPV eN interactions and nuclear moments. Need to disentangle various sources. Need atomic and nuclear theory. Uncertainties in the theoretical calculations can be unknown and large.



The strongest experimental limit: ¹⁹⁹Hg



TABLE III. Limits on *CP*-violating observables from the ¹⁹⁹Hg EDM limit. Each limit is based on the assumption that it is the sole*contribution to the atomic EDM. In principle, the result for \mathbf{d}_n supercedes [11] as the best neutron EDM limit.

Quantity	Expression	Limit	Ref.
\mathbf{d}_n	${f S}_{Hg}/(1.9~{ m fm}^2)$	$1.6 \times 10^{-26} \ e \ {\rm cm}$	[21]
\mathbf{d}_p	$1.3 \times \mathbf{S}_{\mathrm{Hg}} / (0.2 \ \mathrm{fm}^2)$	$2.0 \times 10^{-25} e \mathrm{cm}$	[21]
\bar{g}_0	$S_{Hg}/(0.135 \ e \ fm^3)$	2.3×10^{-12}	[5]
\bar{g}_1	$S_{Hg}/(0.27 \ e \ fm^3)$	1.1×10^{-12}	[5]
\bar{g}_2	$S_{Hg}/(0.27 \ e \ fm^3)$	1.1×10^{-12}	[5]
$\bar{ heta}_{QCD}$	$\bar{g}_0/0.0155$	1.5×10^{-10}	[22,23]
$(\tilde{d}_u - \tilde{d}_d)$	$\bar{g}_1/(2 \times 10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-1})$	5.7×10^{-27} cm	[25]
C_S	$\mathbf{d}_{\rm Hg}/(5.9 \times 10^{-22} \ e {\rm cm})$	1.3×10^{-8}	[15]
C_P	$\mathbf{d}_{\rm Hg}/(6.0 \times 10^{-23} \ e {\rm cm})$	1.2×10^{-7}	[15]
C_T	$\mathbf{d}_{\text{Hg}}/(4.89 \times 10^{-20} \ e \text{ cm})$	1.5×10^{-10}	see text

 $|d_{\rm Hg}| < 7.4 \times 10^{-30} e \,{\rm cm} \,(95\% \,{\rm C.L.})$

Graner et al., PRL116(2016)161601

* e.g. otherwise $\theta_{QCD} \sim < 1E-6$ Chupp, Ramsey-Musolf, PRC91(2015)035502



Particles



A mix of indirect and direct bounds











Remarkably: ¹⁹⁹Hg and 'sole source' \rightarrow eEDM < 104E-29 ecm



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Muon:

The best direct EDM limit on a fundamental fermion

Side analysis of muon g-2 experiment $|d_{\mu}| \le 1.8 \times 10^{-19} e \text{ cm} (95\% \text{ C.L.}),$

Bennett et al., PRD80(2009)052008

- Improvement to ~1E-21 ecm possible as byproduct of new g-2
- Improvement to few E-23 ecm with dedicated (small) storage ring
 - demonstrator for frozen spin ring EDMBSM theory motivation!?



Muon







Neutron and Proton



- Present best proton (and neutron) EDM limit derived from ¹⁹⁹Hg under the 'sole source assumption'.
- Present best direct nEDM limit 3.0E-26 ecm (Pendlebury et al., PRD92(2015)092003)
- neutron EDM constrains θ_{QCD} < 1E-10 under single source assumption (as does ¹⁹⁹Hg)
- finite neutron and proton EDM could eventually support or rule out θ_{QCD} as source of EDM signals together with advanced lattice QCD





Neutron

- Several nEDM efforts world-wide: presently leading effort at PSI (more at SNS, ILL, LANL, TRIUMF, PNPI, ESS)
- nEDM: the prototype of experimental EDM search for symmetry violations, since 1950
- nEDM poses the strong CP problem
- together with EDM limits of the e⁻ and ¹⁹⁹Hg giving some of the tightest BSM constraints
- Discovery potential at the current limit; could be SM



Next future 2020s perspectives



Based on reasonable extrapolation and author claims





Next future 2020s perspectives



