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Sakharov criteria for Baryogenesis:

- 1. B non-conservation
- 2. C and CP violation
- 3. Far from thermal equilibrium
- Strong CP problem:
 - $|d_n| < 10^{-26} e \cdot cm$ (measured)
 - implies $|\theta_{QCD}| < 10^{-10}$ (too small) •

$$\begin{aligned} \mathscr{L}_{\text{fermion}} &= -\frac{\mu}{2} \bar{\psi} \sigma^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} \psi - i \frac{d}{2} \bar{\psi} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \gamma^5 F_{\mu\nu} \psi \\ \downarrow \qquad \downarrow \qquad \downarrow \\ \text{MDM} \qquad \text{EDM} \end{aligned}$$

$$H_{spin} = -oldsymbol{\mu} \cdot \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{d} \cdot \mathbf{E}$$

neutron (enlarged)



< 1 µm

A Taxonomy of Form Factors

*not just for composite particles!

A Taxonomy of Form Factors



2020 European Strategy Update



Other essential scientific activities for particle physics

A. The quest for dark matter and the exploration of flavour and fundamental symmetries are crucial components of the search for new physics. This search can be done in many ways, for example through precision measurements of flavour physics and electric or magnetic dipole moments and searches for axions, dark sector candidates and feebly interacting particles. There are many options to address such physics topics including energy-frontier colliders, accelerator and non-accelerator experiments. A diverse programme that is complementary to the energy frontier is an essential part of the European particle physics Strategy. *Experiments in such diverse areas that offer potential high-impact particle physics programmes at laboratories in Europe should be supported, as well as participation in such experiments in other regions of the world.*

2020 European Strategy Update





Reality: many parameters, many experiments

System i	Measured $d_i [e \text{ cm}]$	Upper limit on $ d_i [e \text{ cm}]$	Reference
n	$(0.0 \pm 1.1_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.2_{\text{syst}}) \cdot 10^{-26}$	$2.2\cdot 10^{-26}$	[47]
²⁰⁵ Tl	$(-4.0 \pm 4.3) \cdot 10^{-25}$	$1.1 \cdot 10^{-24}$	[48]
¹³³ Cs	$(-1.8 \pm 6.7_{\text{stat}} \pm 1.8_{\text{syst}}) \cdot 10^{-24}$	$1.4 \cdot 10^{-23}$	[49]
HfF ⁺	$(-1.3 \pm 2.0_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.6_{\text{syst}}) \cdot 10^{-30}$	$4.8 \cdot 10^{-30}$	[50]
ThO	$(4.3 \pm 3.1_{\text{stat}} \pm 2.6_{\text{syst}}) \cdot 10^{-30}$	$1.1\cdot10^{-29}$	[51]
YbF	$(-2.4 \pm 5.7_{\text{stat}} \pm 1.5_{\text{syst}}) \cdot 10^{-28}$	$1.2\cdot10^{-27}$	[52]
¹⁹⁹ Hg	$(2.20 \pm 2.75_{\text{stat}} \pm 1.48_{\text{syst}}) \cdot 10^{-30}$	$7.4 \cdot 10^{-30}$	[53,54]
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TlF	$(-1.7 \pm 2.9) \cdot 10^{-23}$	$6.5\cdot10^{-23}$	[59]
	Measured ω_i [mrad/s]	Rescaling factor x_i for d_i	Reference
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YbF	$(5.30 \pm 12.60_{\text{stat}} \pm 3.30_{\text{syst}})$	1.12	[52]

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Joint analysis: 11 experiments / 7 parameters

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Hadronic scale global analysis: arXiv:2403.02052



"A Global View of the EDM Landscape"

<u>SMD</u>, Nina Elmer, Tanmoy Modak, Margarete Mühlleitner, Tilman Plehn

Impact of theory uncertainties



Neutron EDM within the Standard Model (CKM):



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

In more detail (work in progress / broad effort):

$$\begin{split} d_n &= g_T^{(n,u)} d_u + g_T^{(n,d)} d_d + g_T^{(n,s)} d_s \\ &- (0.55 \pm 0.28) e \tilde{d}_u - (1.1 \pm 0.55) e \tilde{d}_d \\ &+ \text{Weinberg} + 4\text{-fermion} \end{split}$$

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PRL 124, 081803 (2020)

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→ Insufficient for baryogenesis

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The Role of Ultracold Neutrons



"Never measure anything but frequency"

$$\delta \omega \sim \frac{1}{\delta t} \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \sigma(d_n) \gtrsim \frac{\hbar}{2\alpha |\mathbf{E}| T \sqrt{N}}$$

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

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)

The (many) Roles of Ultracold Neutrons



Neutron EDM:



EPJ Conf: **219**, 02006 (2019) Eur. Phys. J. C **81**:512 (2021)

Phys. Lett. B 791, 6-10 (2019)

 β decay correlations: Gravitational quantum states: DLC-coated Hall Probe 4.0 Calibration Source Copper Decay Array Energy [peV] 3.35 5.46 MWP Spin-flipper Scintillator Polarimetry Polarizer-AFF Shutter Thin Foil 1.41 **A**agnet UCN Detector Iron Foil UCN Superconducting Detector UCN flow Spectrometer (SCS) during 1 T Central Field depolarization UCN flow during 20 30 0 10 40 measurement beta-decay

measurement

Switcher UCN Detecto

Height [µm]

Phys. Rev. C 97, 035505 (2018) EPJ Conf. 219, 05003 (2019)

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"Testing the Standard Model" vs. "New Physics"



Statistical sensitivity of the PSI experiment:



Tour-de-force in systematics studies... But statistics not much improved for 20 years!

The Real Problem



Working to get more neutrons



Working to get more neutrons





New Source at the Institut Laue-Langevin







SuperSUN: High density UCN source



Phase I characterization Measurement agrees with expectation (48 MW) cf. EPJ Conf. 219, 02006 (2019)

Total UCN output: 3.8×10^{6} (integral of blue peak) Source density: 270 UCN/cm³ Long storage times: 126000 UCN remaining after 20min Expected density in PanEDM: 3.9 UCN/cm³ (58 MW) Source characterization, PanEDM commissioning ongoing

Phase II expectation

Peak field:	2.1 T
Source density:	1670 UCN/cm ³ (x5 gain)
Density in PanEDM:	40 UCN/cm ³ (x10 gain)

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Ecliptique – Laurent Thion.

Comparison to the prototype source SUN2





SuperSUN: High density UCN source



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EPJ Web of Conferences **219**, 02006 (2019) *PPNS 2018*

The PanEDM neutron electric dipole moment experiment at the ILL

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Ongoing work: spectrum, transfer efficiency and storage in external volumes, etc...

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Ecliptique – Laurent Thion.

by material walls only, and a similar spectrum is expected. The converter volume is 12 liters (three times larger than in SUN2); scaling for this and the brighter cold beam implies a production rate on the order of 10^5 s^{-1} . At saturation, a total of 4×10^6 stored UCN is predicted (330 cm⁻³).

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https://doi.org/10.1051/epjconf/201921902006

3.8×10⁶ UCN measured (fill-and-empty)

NEUTRONS

FOR SCIENCE

Comparison to the prototype source SUN2

SuperSUN

SUN2



SuperSUN phase II: polarized UCN and magnetic storage





SUPER SUPER



Benefits in phase II

- Increase storage potential for one spin state
- Decrease loss rate for stored UCN
- ightarrow UCN already polarized within the source

Phase II expectations (gain over phase I)

Peak field:2.1 TSource density:1670 UCN/cm³ (x5 gain)Density in PanEDM:40 UCN/cm³ (x10 gain)

Status

Quench protection validated Octupole trained up to 1 T Preparing impregnation of the octupole, to reach nominal field

The Current Best Limit: PSI 2020



RAL/Sussex apparatus from ILL (from 2006 limit, and 2015 revised analysis) ...almost completely rebuilt and upgraded

Previous result (ILL): Phys. Rev. D. **92** 092003 (2015) $d_n = (-0.2 \pm 1.5_{\text{stat}} \pm 1.0_{\text{syst}}) \times 10^{-26} \text{ ecm}$

Most recent result (PSI): PRL 124 081803 (2020)

 $d_n = (0.0 \pm 1.1_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.2_{\text{syst}}) \times 10^{-26} e \text{cm}$

e.cm

Effect	Shift	Error	
Error on $\langle z \rangle$		7	
Higher-order gradients \hat{G}	69	10	
Transverse field correction $\langle B_T^2 \rangle$	0	5	
Hg EDM [8]	-0.1	0.1	
Local dipole fields		4	
$v \times E$ UCN net motion		2	
Quadratic $v \times E$		0.1	
Uncompensated G drift		7.5	
Mercury light shift		0.4	
Inc. scattering ¹⁹⁹ Hg		7	
TOTAL	69	18	 10

The Current Best Limit: PSI 2020



n2EDM commissioning

First Ramsey curves in 2023!



n2EDM commissioning progress

Thanks – G. Pignol, D. Ries



The PanEDM Experiment



- Double chamber Ramsey interferometer at room temperature (while $E_{UCN}/k_{\rm B} \sim 5 {\rm mK}$)
- 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 interface parts, commissioning with UCN ongoing in 2024

The SuperSUN-PanEDM Installation





Cold neutron delivery via tapered octagonal guide:

J. Neutron Research **20**(4), 117-122 (2018) UCN density given by product of 0.89nm flux, and source storage time. High *in-situ* density, but extracting to external volumes is very penalizing. Cold neutrons guided under He-II by unique circular "replica" supermirror.

UCN optics

MSR

Lead shield

SP

Vac. pumps

Cold beam

1m

PanEDM commissioning progress



The farther future

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

 $|E| \approx 2 \text{ MV/m}$ $T \approx 250 \text{ s}$ $\alpha \approx 0.85$

Transfer loss including dilution: 97-99% for filling phase only

...this is a generic challenge when neutrons are extracted/transferred to experiments Broad interest in the community to explore feasibility for *in-situ* **experiments,** performed within superthermal UCN sources based on superfluid ⁴He, as a platform for future nEDM measurements.

...extraction and transfer losses can be eliminated.

EPJ Conf. 219, 02006 (2019)

One possible approach to investigate for high statistics:



JNR (2022) **24**(2), 123-143



Intermediate sensitivity, with extensively studied *insitu* concept: nEDM@SNS

...possible US-Europe collaboration

JINST 14 P11017 (2019)



Thanks! Questions?



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SuperSUN-PanEDM collaboration Institut Laue-Langevin, NPP & SANE

PSI nEDM and n2EDM collaborations LPSC and UGA groups (Grenoble)

what-if.xkcd.com

Un-natural Units (orders of magnitude)

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

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

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

Terminology for Slow Neutron Spectra

Velocity	"Temperature"	Energy
$10^{0} - 10^{1} \text{ m/s}$	Ultracold	5 neV – 500 neV
10 ¹ – 10 ² m/s	Very cold	0.5 μeV – 50 μeV
$10^2 - 10^3 \text{ m/s}$	Cold	50 μeV – 5 meV
2.2 × 10 ³ m/s	Thermal	25 meV
$2 \times 10^3 - 2 \times 10^4$ m/s	Hot	20 meV – 2 eV

Seven decades of progress



*we can come back to *frequency* vs. *phase*



UCN and Production in He-II



EDMs in the SM do not vanish

• CP violation from three sources (ignoring neutrinos):

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{CPV}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{CKM}} + \mathcal{L}_{\bar{\theta}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{BSM}}$$

• 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: arXiv:2403.02052 Rev. Mod. Phys. **91**, 015001 (2019) Phys. Rev. C **91**, 035502 (2015) Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. **71**, 21 (2013)

Effective Field Theory for EDMs

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:

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

Global Analysis: arXiv:2403.02052 arXiv:2312.08858 Rev. Mod. Phys. **91**, 015001 (2019) Phys. Rev. C **91**, 035502 (2015)

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