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Why Corned Beef Sandwiches — And The Rest Of The Universe — Exist



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WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH THE UNIVERSE?

WHERE'S THE ANTIMATTER?

WHAT WE EXPECT

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Anti-matter

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Regular matter

WHAT WE EXPECT



WHAT WE OBSERVE

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Regular matter

Anti-matter

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WHAT WE OBSERVE

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Not enough CP violation has been observed!

Symmetry Violation and EDMs

Electric Dipole Moment (EDM):

$$\vec{d} = \int \vec{r} \rho(r) d\vec{r} = \int \vec{r} |\psi(r)|^2 d\vec{r}$$

If parity is conserved:

$$\hat{P}\psi(r) = \psi(-r) = \pm\psi(r)$$

And EDM is zero



For a composite system, EDM is the first moment of the charge distribution. The parity symmetry, i.e., the particle wavefunction is symmetric about its mass center, requires that the EDM should be zero.



Parity Violation Exists



- Lee and Yang suggest it in 1956
- Chien-Shiung "Madame" Wu and collaborators observe it in 1957
- Cobalt nuclei were cooled so that putting them in magnetic field "polarized" them.
- For parity conservation, electron emission probability should be 50/50 with/against direction of nuclear spin
- Observation \rightarrow preferred direction opposite nuclear spin
- Eventually showed that neutrinos are left-handed: intrinsic spin is opposite of velocity direction



With Parity Violation comes non-zero nEDM

- For a fundamental particle with spin, the EDM, if exists, has to align with the direction of its spin, since the spin is the only vector in the system.
- Vectors pointing along other directions would average out to zero as the particle "spins"





Electric Dipole Moments

- Permanent asymmetry in the internal charge density distribution.
- The Wigner-Eckart theorem:- For spin-1/2 particle, under isotropic space, all tensors of the same rank (e.g. $\mu_m, d_e \& \vec{\sigma}$) are proportional each other.
- Under the application of static B and E field, the interaction Hamiltonian becomes: $\vec{I} = \vec{I} = \vec{I}$

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

• Under Parity and Time Reversal:

$$PH = -(\vec{\mu_n} \cdot \vec{B} - \vec{d_n} \cdot (\vec{-E})) \neq H$$
$$TH = -((\vec{-\mu_n}) \cdot (\vec{-B}) - (\vec{-d_n}) \cdot \vec{E}) \neq H$$



• We have P, T and CP (from CPT theorem) symmetry violations



Same story but with pictures

Fundamental particles don't have degenerate ground state, so $\vec{d} = d\hat{J}$.

We start with the ground state of:



The ground state is not a T eigenstate!

The Hamiltonian violates T symmetry.

The physics must violate the time-reversal symmetry, in order for the EDM and the spin to co-exist.



Looking for CP violation in nEDMs

• Electroweak sector:

- CP violation arises from complex phases in the CKM matrix
- SM estimates $|d_n| \approx 10^{-32} e \cdot cm$

• Strong sector:

• Allowed term in QCD Lagrangian that does not vanish

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

- At LE, it can be reduced to a CP-odd quark current.
- The resulting EDM is about a thousandth of the size of the nucleon, with a theta phase on the order one.
- The results of null EDM requires that the theta-term to be some arbitrary small value, and thus the Strong CP problem
 - Could be solved by a new gauge field that couples to gluons similarly → Axion







Experimental Limit on d (e cm)

We love EDMs because: Theorists

I. Essentially free of SM "background" (CKM)*

2. Probe very high-scales ($\Lambda \sim 10-100 \text{ TeV}$)

$$d_n \propto \frac{m_q}{\Lambda^2} e \phi_{CP}$$

3. Probe key ingredient for baryogenesis (CPV in SM is insufficient)

* Observation would signal new physics or a tiny QCD θ -term (< 10⁻¹⁰). Multiple measurements can disentangle the two effects





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Proof of Neutron's Radioactivity **Obtained By Physicists At ORNL**

nell and Miss Frances Pleasonton in the Physics Division has demonstrated beyond doubt that the neutron-one of the fundamental building blocks of which atoms are made-is actually unstable and cannot exist outside the nucleus of an atom for onger than a few minutes. This surprising fact had been predicted theoretically and has now been demonstrated conclusively at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in an experiment which has attracted widespread scientific interest.

New Here is the story of the experiment as told by Dr. Snell: The neutron and the proton have long been considered fundamental building blocks of atomic nuclei, and therefore of all matter. They differ most importantly in one respect: the proton possesses a Ver unit of positive electric charge, but the neutron is neutral. In 1933 two Englishmen (Chadwick and Goldhaber) obtained the first accurate value for the mass of the neutron, and they were surprised to find that the neutron was slightly heavier than the proton. This

meant that it would be theoretically possible for neutrons to turn Health Division as a staff physiinto protons spontaneously through the process of radioactive beta cian, has found Oak Ridge to be decay. Hundreds of cases of this kind are known; for example, an extremely interesting place and

First Neutron Lifetime Experiment **ORNL** Graphite Reactor 1948-1951

Friday, September 7, 1951

The measurement was motivated by a conversation between Ramsey and Rabi to test the parity conservation. Their measurement at Oak

Ridge got a null result, supporting parity conservation, so they did not bother to publish the result.



graduate student at Harvard. Dur- rently announced by members of rector from the latter date until

Archival documents courtesy V. Cianciolo & T. Gawn Smith, Purcel

A particular arrangement that is more advantageous in many cases is one in which the oscillating field is confined to a small region at the beginning of the space in which the energy levels are being studied and to another small region at the end, there being no oscillating field in between.

-- N. Ramsey (1950)





Ramsey's method of separated oscillatory fields with UCN ushers in modern nEDM measurements



Nobel Prize in Physics in 1989 "for the invention of the separated oscillatory fields method and its use in the hydrogen maser and other atomic clocks"







"Co-magnetometer" for B-field fluctuations

$$H = -\left(\mu \vec{B} + d_n \vec{E}\right) \cdot \frac{\vec{S}}{|S|}$$

A B field of 2 fT would cause a 0.1 μ Hz shift in frequency, equivalent to a EDM signal of 10⁻²⁶ e·cm in a 10kV/cm field. A "co-magnetometer"

Uniformly samples the B Field, faster than its relaxation time.





How to Measure an EDM

- Particles of interest are placed in a uniform magnetic field perpendicular to their spin.
 - Spins precess at their Larmor frequency: $f = -\frac{2}{h} (\overrightarrow{\mu_B} \cdot \overrightarrow{B})$
- Apply a strong electric field parallel to \vec{B} ...
- Flip the relative direction of \vec{B} and \vec{E} ...
- Look for a frequency shift proportional to $E: \Delta f = 4\mu_E E/h$

- For
$$\mu_E = 10^{-28}$$
e·cm and $E = 75$ kV/cm,
 $\Delta f \sim 7.5$ nHz.

$$\delta d_n = \frac{\hbar}{2\sqrt{2}\alpha E T_{free}\sqrt{N}}$$



EDMs Worldwide



K. Kirch, Proceedings CIPANP 2012 http://nedm.web.psi.ch/EDM-world-wide/



2019 EDM Limits: Comparing Physics Sensitivity

T.E. Chupp, P. Fierlinger, M. Ramsey-Musolf, JTS, RMP 91:015001 & Nature 562:355 (2018) & PRA 100:022505 (2019)

System	Best Limit (2σ) 1E-28 <i>e</i> cm	SM estimate 1E-28 <i>e</i> cm	Method (Location)
Electron	0.11	~10 ⁻¹⁰	cold ThO beam (Harvard/Yale)
Muon	1.8×10^9	~10 ⁻⁸	g-2 (BNL)
Neutron	360	~10 ⁻⁴	UCN in bottle (ILL)
Nucleus	0.074	~10 ⁻⁷	Hg atoms in cell (UW-Seattle)

Nuclear	Best Limit (2σ) 1E-28 <i>e</i> cm	Long Term Goal	Goal on "Hg scale"	Method (Location)
Hg-199	0.074	0.010	0.010	Hg atoms in cell (UW)
Xe-129	15	0.001	0.010	Xe/He in cell (Mainz)
Ra-225	140000	1.000	0.001	Ra atoms in a laser trap (ANL/MSU/USTC)

Jaideep Singh, FRIB Theory Alliance Hadronic EDM workshop, August 2019

nEDM@SNS Experiment







To put this into perspective...

Sensitivity : $|d_n| \approx 10^{-28} e \cdot cm$

If a neutron were the size of the earth...



The separation in charge is only

 $1 \ \mu m$

An extremely precise measurement!



SNS@nEDM experiment

- •Plans to measure $|d_n| \approx 10^{-28} e \cdot cm$
 - Current limit is $|d_n| < 1.8 \times 10^{-26} e \cdot cm$
- •Measure d_n by neutron capture rate with polarized ³He
- •Uses ⁴He to produce a high density of Ultra Cold Neutrons (UCNs)
 - Energies < 165 neV or velocity of 5 m/s
- •UCNs can be contained for long periods of time
- •An array of SQUID sensors for precision measurement/control over magnetic fields.









nEDM@SNS measurement cycle

Let the polarized UCN and polarized ³He precess and collect scintillation signal from the n-³He capture reaction at the beat frequency.







Free Precession Method

From scintillation rate, we can extract the n-³He precession frequency, ω_{n3} , for both cells.





Magnetic Shield Enclosure and Cryogenic Magnet





nĚDM



 B₀ Coil: (Superconducting Cu-clad NbTi wire)
 30 mG and uniformity of 3 ppm/cm uniformity is crucial for the transverse coherence time T₂ of UCN and helium-3
 Dressing Coil: (Superconducting Ti/Pb Solder Wire)
 AC field < 0.5 G and uniformity of 45 ppm/cm also used as π/2 spin flip

Superconducting Pb Shield:

Further shield the ambient environmental magnetic fields and stabilize the magnetic drifts over the measurement time

B₀ Flux Return:

Metglas 2826M, location accuracy < 1 mm improve field uniformity, mitigating the effect of errors in wire placement and reducing field distortions due to the cylindrical superconducting shield just outside of this shield

AC Field Shield:

A copper film shields the Metlas from heating of the dressing field













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Stated plainly, despite overcoming a number of impressive technical challenges over the years, and in some cases developing entirely new technical solutions which have value on their own, DOE NP and NSF conclude there remains sufficiently large uncertainty in the cost, schedule, and technical risk to a successful completion of this activity that continued expenditure of cost and effort that would require sacrificing support in other areas is not justified. This decision was reached with due consideration for the impact it may have on the fundamental symmetries research community and the goal of making the world's best measurement of the neutron's electric dipole moment. I ask that you please work diligently with the respective program managers so that together we can implement an orderly ramp down of ongoing nEDM@SNS activities, allowing for any exposed staff to make a smooth transition. I also ask that those collaborators receiving a copy of this letter communicate this decision to all personnel involved in the experiment.

Sincerely,

Timothy J. Hallman

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Ultracold neutron sources in the world







Los Alamos Neutron Science Center

















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LANL nEDM experiment

- Goal sensitivity:
 - $\delta d_n = 2 \times 10^{-27} e \cdot \text{cm}$
- Key features
 - Ramsey's separated oscillatory field method
 - Demonstrated UCN density*
 - Simultaneous spin analysis
 - Large MSR
 - 4 layers of mu-metal + 1 layer of RF shield
 - Outer dimension: 3.5 m x 3.5 m x 3.5 m
 - Inner dimension: 2.4 m x 2.4 m x 2.4 m
 - Double precession chamber
 - Magnetometry
 - 199Hg comagnetometer
 - 199Hg external magnetometer
 - OPMs





*Ito et al. PRC 97, 012501(R) (2018); Wong et al. NIMA 1050, 168105 (2023)

Estimated statistical sensitivity of an nEDM experiment

Parameters	Values
E(kV/cm)	12.0
N(per cell)	39,100
T _{free} (s)	180
T _{duty} (s)	300
α	0.8
σ/day/cell (10 ⁻²⁶ e-cm)	5.7
σ/day (10 ⁻²⁶ e-cm) (for double cell)	4.0
σ/year (10 ⁻²⁷ e-cm) (for double cell)	2.1
90% C.L./year (10 ⁻²⁷ e-cm) (for double cell)	3.4

$$\delta d_n = \frac{\hbar}{2\alpha T E \sqrt{N}}$$

This estimate is based on the following:

- 50 cm diameter cell
- The estimate for E, T_{free} , T_{duty} , and α is based on what has been achieved by other experiments.
- The estimate for N is based on the actual detected number of UCN from our fill and dump measurement at a holding time of 180 s [1]. Further improvements have been achieved (new switcher and new detector) [2].

* "year" = 365 live days. In practice, it will take 5 calendar years to achieve this with 50% data taking efficiency and nominal LANSCE accelerator operation schedule

[1] T. M. Ito, et al., Phys. Rev C 97, 012501 (R) (2018) VERSITY OF [2] D. K.-T. Wong, et al., NIMA 1050, 168105 (2023) NESSEE

Precession chambers









Magnetically shielded room (MSR)

- 4 cubic layers of MuMetal and 1 layer of copper for RF shield
- Shielding factor of 10⁴ at 0.01 Hz
- Residual field < 500 pT
- MSR performance aligns with the requirements



¹⁹⁹Hg (co)magnetometer

Successful platform installation





LANL nEDM Schedule

Now – June 2025: Maintenance Period Continued Magnetic Field Characterization (MSR, Bo, STC, etc.) Scanning parts for magnetic impurity Assemble the Apparatus: UCN Storage Cells, HV, OPM, etc. Infrastructure Improvements

June – December 2025: Engineering Run Spin Transport Through MSR, Simultaneous Spin Analyzers, etc. Commission the Apparatus: UCN Storage Cells, HV, OPM, etc.

January – June 2026: Maintenance Period Install ¹⁹⁹Hg Co-Magnetometer

June – December 2026 Commission ¹⁹⁹Hg Co-Magnetometer Initial Physics Run



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Simply the best.....so far







- 1. Did this experiment use Ramsey's Method?
- 2. Were polarized or unpolarized neutrons used?
- 3. How good was the UCN density in the precession chamber?
- 4. How did this experiment control for B-field drifts?
- 5. Which systematic effect is described in most detail
- 6. What special measure(s) were taken to convince the community everything is accounted for?
- 7. How do you interpret eq.7 and the sentence below it?
- 8. What is the physics impact of the result?



A different way to look for T symmetry violation (but also with neutrons)



Three scientific goals of NOPTREX: Why Do It?

(1) Search for P-odd/T-odd NN interaction-Discover new source of P-odd/T-odd interaction

(2) Search for P-even/T-odd NN interaction -Discover new source of P-even/T-odd interaction -Aid scientific interpretation of P-odd/T-odd electric dipole moment (EDM) searches

(3) Understand P violation in heavy nuclei
-Quantify weak matrix element in heavy nuclei
-Compare with statistical theory of P-odd N-A
-Success bolsters confidence in (1) and (2)



dense set of resonances just above neutron separation energy

mainly L=0 resonances, but lots of L=1 resonances

P-odd or P-odd/T-odd can mix L=0 and L=1 states P-even/T-odd can mix different L=1 states



High level density





Forward Scattering Ampliltude



The enhancement of P-odd/T-odd amplitude on p-wave resonance (σ .[K X I]) is (almost) the same as for P-odd amplitude (σ .K). Factor is now measured!

Experimental observable: ratio of P-odd/T-odd to P-odd amplitudes

 $\lambda_{PT} = \frac{\delta \sigma_{PT}}{\delta \sigma_P}$

 λ can be measured with a statistical uncertainty of ~1 10⁻⁶ in 10⁷ sec at MW-class spallation neutron sources. Ratio (T-odd amplitude in nucleon/strong amplitude)~10⁻¹³. Statistical sensitivity up to 100X better than present neutron EDM limit.

Forward scattering neutron optics limit is null test for T (no "final state effects")

Parity Violation in n+ ¹³⁹La at 0.734 eV $\Delta\sigma/\sigma=10\%$ Standard Model P Violation Amplified by ~10⁶ !



Phase 1 of NOPTREX approved at JPARC! Polarized ¹³⁹La target in progress



Outlook

- A EDM violates both the Parity (P) and the Time-reversal (T) symmetries.
- A null EDM will rule out electroweak baryogenesis in minimal supersymmetric models, and tightly constrain model-independent analyses of P and T violation. If no EDM is discovered, the null EDM results will push the limits on the mass scale for new T violation physics above 100 TeV, and it will provide the best probe of CP violation in the Higgs sector, exceeding the energy reach of the Large Hadron Collider.
- On the other hand, discovery of a nonzero nEDM at this level would reveal a completely new source of T violation (and thus CP violation), contributing to the development of a unified theory of the fundamental forces of nature. In many scenarios, successful baryogenesis leads to strict lower bounds on the nEDM within the reach of the ongoing EDM experiments.

