



Optical magnetometry for the TUCAN nEDM experiment



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Motivation

• The Hamiltonian of the neutron:

$$H = \hbar\omega = -\mu \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{S} - \mathbf{d}\mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{S}$$

• To measure d, take advantage of the behaviour of **B**, **E**, and **S**: $hum = 2\mu B + 2d E$

$$h\omega_{\mathrm{ll}} = 2\mu_n B + 2d_n E$$
 (Parallel

• and solve for:
$$h\omega_{\parallel} = 2\mu_n B - 2d_n E$$
 Anti-parallel

$$d_n = \frac{\hbar(\omega_{\rm tr} - \omega_{\rm tr})}{4E}$$

 $d_n(standard model) \sim 1 \times 10^{-31} e \cdot cm$ $d_n(upper bound) = 1 \times 10^{-26} e \cdot cm$

Does this exist?

Lets measure it!

The TUCAN experiment

- 2 chambers allows us to measure both values of ω simultaneously
- Working equation relies $B_0 \text{ coils}$ on **identical E&B** in both chambers, **B** = 1µT Electrode
- Gradients in general, and vertical gradients especially will effect our measurement of d_n



Magnetometry: field decomposition

- In order to measure and control magnetic fields we need a sensible way to describe them
- Like Fourier decomposition, we can describe the field in terms of the relative contributions of orthogonal functions

$$\begin{pmatrix} B_{x}(\vec{r}) \\ B_{y}(\vec{r}) \\ B_{z}(\vec{r}) \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{l,m} G_{l,m} \begin{pmatrix} \Pi_{x,l,m}(\vec{r}) \cdot \hat{i} \\ \Pi_{y,l,m}(\vec{r}) \cdot \hat{j} \\ \Pi_{z,l,m}(\vec{r}) \cdot \hat{k} \end{pmatrix}$$
Fully describes the field up to order ℓ

Magnetometry: measuring fields



How to measure B?

- Can't disturb the magnetic field
 - no metal components, no currents
- Can't realistically be cryogenic
 - no SQUIDs
- Co-magnetometer can only measure 1st order gradient
 - need multiple sensors to measure higher orders
- Needs to be very sensitive





Measuring fields at UofW



- Can clearly see drifts in the coil current generating the test field
- Well correlated with FID frequency measurement

Prototype performance



- sub-pT performance after 3-4 s integration
- Is this good enough?

• Which G_{I,m}'s do we care about?

$$\begin{aligned} {}^{false}_{Hg \to n} &= 2.6 \times 10^{-27} G_{10} + 6.5 \times 10^{-26} G_{20} + 9.5 \times 10^{-25} G_{30} \\ &+ 6.7 \times 10^{-24} G_{40} - 9.5 \times 10^{-23} G_{50} \end{aligned}$$

Monte Carlo simulations



How to deploy sensors? Genetic Algorithm



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Advantages of using Ferret

- Can account for changing keep-out zones
- Can find solutions robust against:
 - Any single sensor dying
 - Any single sensor being deliberately 10-26 mis-placed by some relatively large margin (e.g to avoid a new pipe/strue t/ cable/vacuum hose being placed)
 - Sensor tilt angles



10⁻²⁹

Further development

- Setting up fibre optics in our lab at UofW
- Contracted Southwest Sciences to build prototype mag-heads, as well as final design



 Ultimately will have 25-30 sensors made

Questions?