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Search for the muon electric dipole moment using the frozen-spin technique

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EDM of the muon





- The only EDM we can probe directly on the bare particle.
- The current experimental limit on the muon EDM is $\sim 10^{-19} e \text{ cm}^*$.









*Farley et al, PRL93 042001 (2004)



The general experimental idea

- If the EDM ≠ 0, then there will be a vertical precession out of the plane of the orbit
 - An asymmetry increasing with time will be observed recording decay positrons

If the EDM = 0, then the spin should always be parallel to the momentum Up asymmetry should be zero











Phase I (small solenoid, 28 MeV/c muons)



- Existing solenoid at PSI, max 5 tesla
- Bore diameter 200 mm
- Field was measured in 2022 (found suitable for injection)

Phase II (dedicated magnet, 125 MeV/c muons)



- Large bore (up to 900 mm diameter)
- High Temporal field stability (10ppb/h)
- Excellent spatial field uniformity (<1 ppb/mm)



Radial magnetic field pulse to kick muons





- PS delay input \rightarrow output < 60 ns
- Pulse FWHM \approx 40 ns
- Peak current per coil $I_{max} \approx 170 \text{ A}$
 - Includes damping effect (factor 2) by Eddy currents
- Suppression of oscillation in tail < 1 A (corresponds to B ≈ 5 μT)



Muon entrance trigger

- Magnetic pulse needs to be triggered within ~100 ns by incident muon
- Only about 1% of muons passing through the collimation channel are within the acceptance phase space
- Scattering in scintillators increase beam divergence

• Combine in (entrance scintillator with an active aperture as veto)





Frozen spin technique in a nutshell

- The angular velocity of the spin precession is given by the Thomas-BMT equation →
- By applying an appropriate radial E-field to the muon we negate the *aB* term.
- EDM is proportional to angular velocity of the spin around the β×B axis (radial).
- To measure the muon EDM we need to measure the spin direction as a function of time.









Angular distribution – muon rest frame



- For high positron energies preferentially emitted in the direction of the muon spin
- Energy spectrum and directional asymmetry as a function of the fractional energy x = E/E_{max}:







Angular distribution – g-2 experiments



- For high momentum muons the angular distribution is Lorentz boosted along the momentum.
- For large boosts practically all decay positrons are emitted in the forward direction no directional asymmetry.
- Dependence of the number of decay positrons at a given enrgy on the spin.





Angular distribution – Phase I @ 28 MeV/c



- Detection of g-2 precession ω_a . Needed for:
 - Measurement of the mean magnetic field
 - Measure ω_a to tune electric field to frozen-spin condition
 (requires momentum resolution)
- Detection of EDM polarization
 - Measurement of the asymmetry as a function of time A(t)
 (requires spatial resolution along the bore axis)





Silicon strip detector for g-2 detection



Silicon strip detector for g-2 detection

- Reconstruction of transverse positron momentum (Δp ≈ 5 MeV/c)
- Timing t \approx 2 ns
- Lateral spatial resolution $\approx 0.1 \text{ mm}$







Scintillating fiber detector for EDM-signal



Scintillating fiber detector for EDM asymmetry measurement and timing

- Horizontal fiber ribbons with 250 μm pitch and 100 μm resolution
- Timing resolution < 2 ns
- Reconstruction of longitudinal







Systematic studies (example)

- Even in the absence EDM one might observe a signal due to systematic effects
- Systematic effects: all effects that lead to a real or apparent precession of the spin around the radial axis that are not related to the EDM
 - Coupling of the magnetic moment with the EM fields of the experimental setup (*real*)
 - Early to late variation of detection efficiency of the EDM detectors (*apparent*)



- Rotations that could mimic the EDM:
 - Radial around ρ
 - $\quad \text{Azimutal around } \theta$

$$\vec{\Omega}_{\text{MDM}} = -\frac{e}{m_0} \left[a\vec{B} - a\frac{\gamma - 1}{\gamma} \frac{\left(\vec{\beta} \cdot \vec{B}\right)\vec{\beta}}{\beta^2} + \left(\frac{1}{\gamma^2 - 1} - a\right)\frac{\vec{\beta} \times \vec{E}}{c} \right]$$





Sources of Ez field: conical central electrode



 Non-constant radius of cylindrical anode (cone)

$$E_z \approx E_{\rm f} \frac{\Delta_R}{L} \approx E_{\rm f} \alpha_{\rm R}$$

anode

- Cylindricity on the order of 50 nm is measurable even on large samples and possible to machine.
- Ground electrode made of thin foil more difficult to keep deviations from cylindricity below 30 μm.









Going from Phase I to Phase II



Phase I

- B-Field 3T
- Momentum 28 MeV/c
- Muon radius 31mm
- Most positrons outside

Phase II

- B-Field 3T
- Momentum 125 MeV/c
- Muon radius 141 mm
- Most positrons inside









- Setup of a demonstration experiment to prove the high sensitivity for a search for muon EDM using the frozen-spin method.
- By exploiting existing muon beams at PSI we will eventually improve the current experimental upper limit by 3 orders of magnitude to better than 6 x 10⁻²³.
- The experiment will take place in two phases:
 - **Phase I:** Demonstration of the frozen-spin method and all required techniques.
 - **Phase II:** Dedicated high uniformity NMR magnet exploiting PSI's beam with highest muon flux at a momentum of 125 MeV/c.



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- Some asymmetry could still be observed due to systematic effects
 - effects that lead to a *real* or *apparent* precession of the spin around the radial axis that are not related to the EDM
- Types of systematic effects:
 - Early to late variation of detection efficiency of the EDM detectors (apparent)
 - Coupling of the anomalous magnetic moment with the EM fields of the experimental setup (*real*)
 - Dynamical phase

$$\vec{\Omega}_{\text{MDM}} = -\frac{e}{m_0} \left[a\vec{B} - a\frac{\gamma - 1}{\gamma} \frac{\left(\vec{\beta} \cdot \vec{B}\right)\vec{\beta}}{\beta^2} + \left(\frac{1}{\gamma^2 - 1} - a\right)\frac{\vec{\beta} \times \vec{E}}{c} \right]$$

Geometric phase

$$\gamma_n[C] = i \oint_C \langle n,t |ig(
abla_R|n,t
angleig) \, dR$$



Early-to-late detection efficiency changes



EDM

 Strong pulsed magnetic field → eddy currents, noise, heat in detectors and associated electronics.

- Time-dependent changes in the detection efficiency of a set of detectors will be seen as a false EDM signal.
- Systematics can be studied by decoupling the pulse time from the stopping time. (stop muons in a target and study the detector response)





Coupling of the MDM to EM fields



- Main EM fields in the experiment:
 - Main solenoid
 - Coaxial electric freeze field
 - Weakly focusing field
 - Magnetic kick (time varying)
- Rotations that could mimic the EDM:
 - Radial around *x*
 - Azimutal around z

$$\vec{\Omega}_{\rm MDM} = -\frac{e}{m_0} \left[a\vec{B} - a\frac{\gamma - 1}{\gamma} \frac{\left(\vec{\beta} \cdot \vec{B}\right)\vec{\beta}}{\beta^2} + \left(\frac{1}{\gamma^2 - 1} - a\right) \frac{\vec{\beta} \times \vec{E}}{c} \right]$$







Average over all orbits



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• If we take the average over all muon orbits the periodic oscillations disappear and we are left with three terms that could lead to a false EDM signal:

$$\langle \Omega_{\hat{z}} \rangle = -\frac{ea}{m_0} \langle B_z \rangle \qquad \langle \Omega_{\hat{x}} \rangle = -\frac{ea}{m_0} \langle B_x \rangle$$

$$\left\langle\Omega_{\hat{z}\times\hat{y}}\right\rangle = -\frac{ea}{m_0c} \left(\frac{1}{a(\gamma^2 - 1)} - 1 + \frac{1}{\beta_z^2}\right) \left\langle\beta_z E_y\right\rangle$$

- Net *B*-field component along the momentum $B_z \rightarrow$ non-zero if there is current flowing through the muon orbit
- Net radial *B*-field component $B_x \rightarrow$ can be non-zero due to residual fields from the magnetic kick
- Radial magnetic field in the reference frame of the muon due to a *B* ×*E* term
 → non-zero if there is E-field prependicular to the muon orbit



Measured false EDM $d^{
m f}_{\mu}~e{\cdot}{
m cm}$

Constraints on the average horizontal E-field

- Limit on the average E_v field as a function of the muon velocity shown as a fraction of the radial component
- Effect cancels if particles are injected alternatively CW and CCW and subtracting counts in the detectors
- CW and CCW orbit directions are done by switching the B-field direction.







 $1.0\cdot 10^{-20}$





Geometric (Berry) phase

- The geometric phase is a phase difference acquired over the course of a cycle in parameter space.
- Parallel transport of a vector around a closed loop.
- The angle by which it twists is proportional to the area inside the loop:
 - In classical parallel transport it's equal.
 - In quantum mechanics it's -½ (fermions).
- If oscillations around two axes are combined we can observe a phase shift (false EDM)
 even if the average of the oscillations is zero.





Calculation of Berry phases



• For two oscillations have the same frequency the Berry phase is:

$$\frac{1}{2}\int \left(\Omega\cos(\Omega t+\beta_0)\sin(\Omega t)-\Omega\cos(\Omega t)\sin(\Omega t+\beta_0)\right)dt=\frac{1}{2}\Omega t\sin(\beta_0).$$

- The motion of the spin in this case is an ellipse with eccentricity defined by the phase difference B_0 between oscillations
 - no phase difference: ellipse looks like a line
 - $\pi/2$ phase difference: ellipse is a circle and maximum area





Example of Berry phases



- Spin precession due to misalignment of the radial E-field:
 - longitudinal oscillations due to stronger and weaker freeze field (cyclotron frequency)
 - radial oscillations due to longitudinal E-field oscillating between upstream and downstream directions (cyclotron frequency)



