

NOPTREX Topics

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Unique features of NOPTREX collaboration

TRIPLE collaboration history

Search for P violation in Unmeasured Nuclei

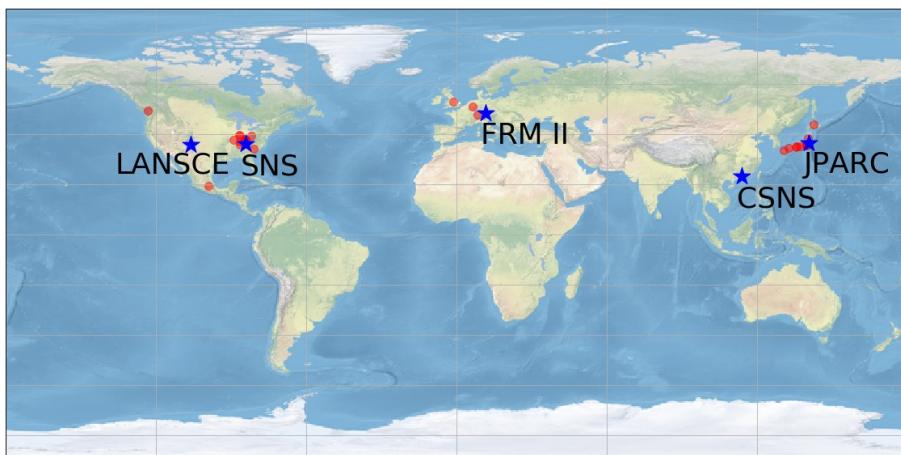
P-even/T-odd NOPTREX search



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One experiment:
Five neutron sources

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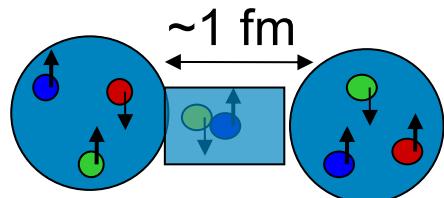
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N- N Weak Interaction: Size and Mechanism

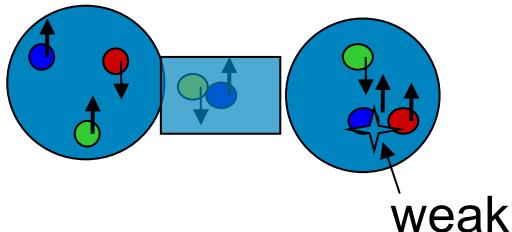


NN repulsive core \rightarrow 1 fm range for NN strong force

$$|N\rangle = |qqq\rangle + |qqqq\bar{q}\rangle + \dots = \text{valence} + \text{sea quarks} + \text{gluons} + \dots$$

interacts through NN strong force, mediated by mesons $|m\rangle = |q\bar{q}\rangle + |q\bar{q}q\bar{q}\rangle + \dots$

QCD possesses only vector quark-gluon couplings \rightarrow conserves parity



Both W and Z exchange possess
much smaller range [$\sim 1/100$ fm]

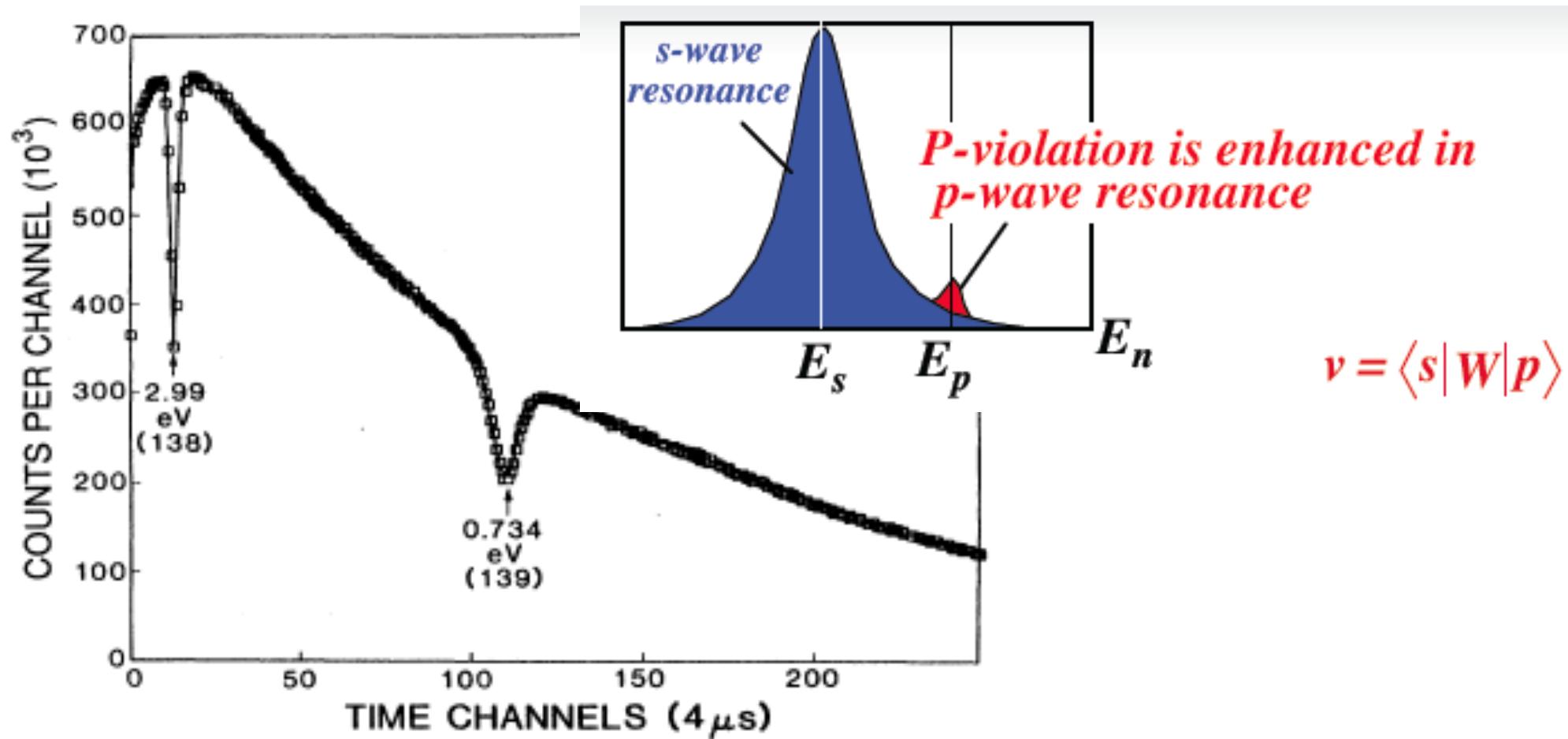
Relative strength of weak / strong amplitudes:

$$\left(\frac{e^2}{m_W^2} \right) / \left(\frac{g^2}{m_\pi^2} \right) \approx 10^{-6}$$

Use parity violation to isolate the weak contribution to the NN interaction.

NN strong interaction at low energy largely dictated by QCD chiral symmetry.
Can be parametrized by effective field theory methods.

Parity Violation in ^{139}La .734 eV $\Delta\sigma/\sigma = 0.097 \pm 0.05$. 10^6 amplification!



Discovered in Dubna 1980. Theory BEFORE experiment!

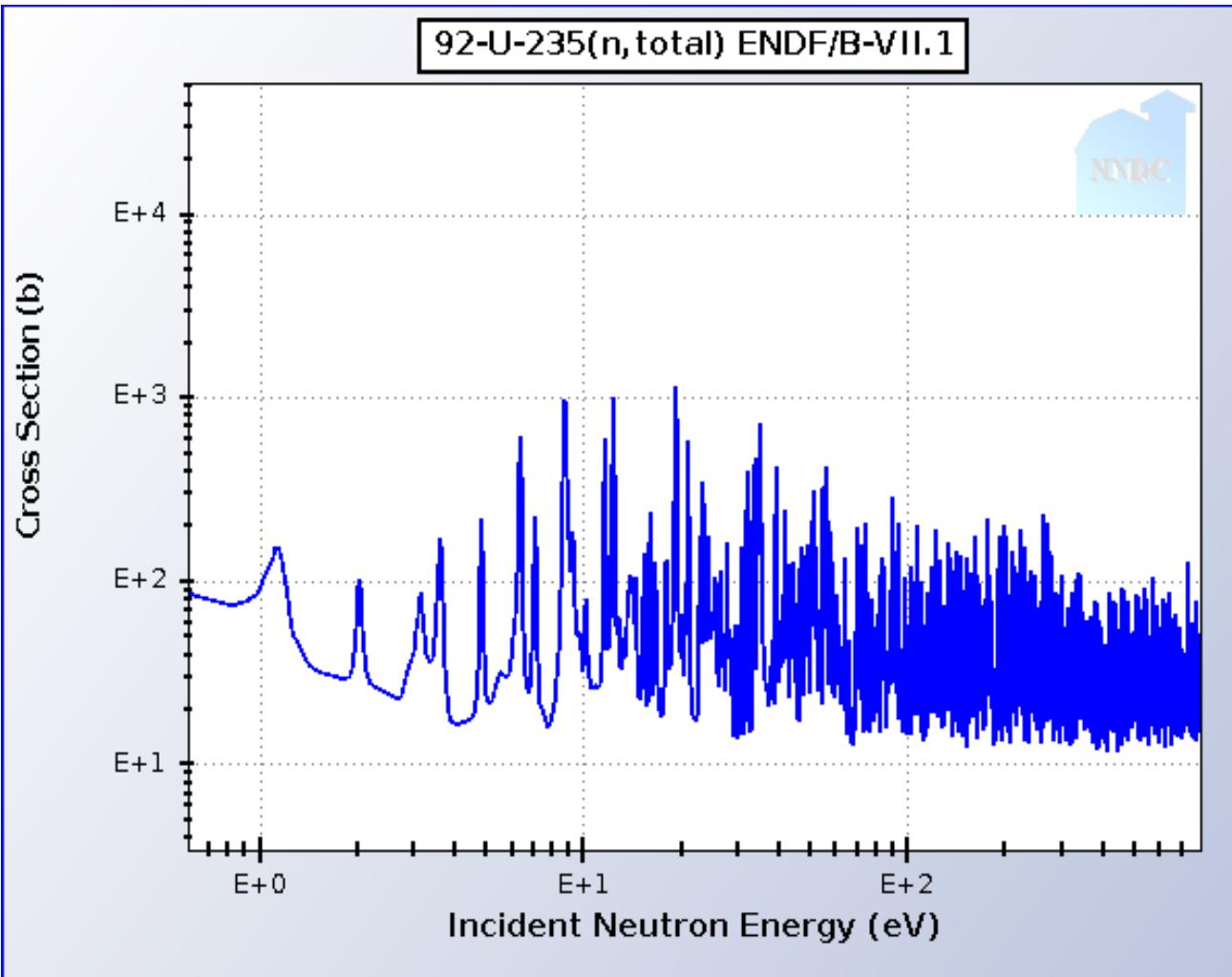
Neutron-Nucleus Resonances



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NNDC Databases: NuDat | NSR | XUNDL | ENSDF | MIRD | ENDF | CSIS

92-U-235(n,total) ENDF/B-VII.1

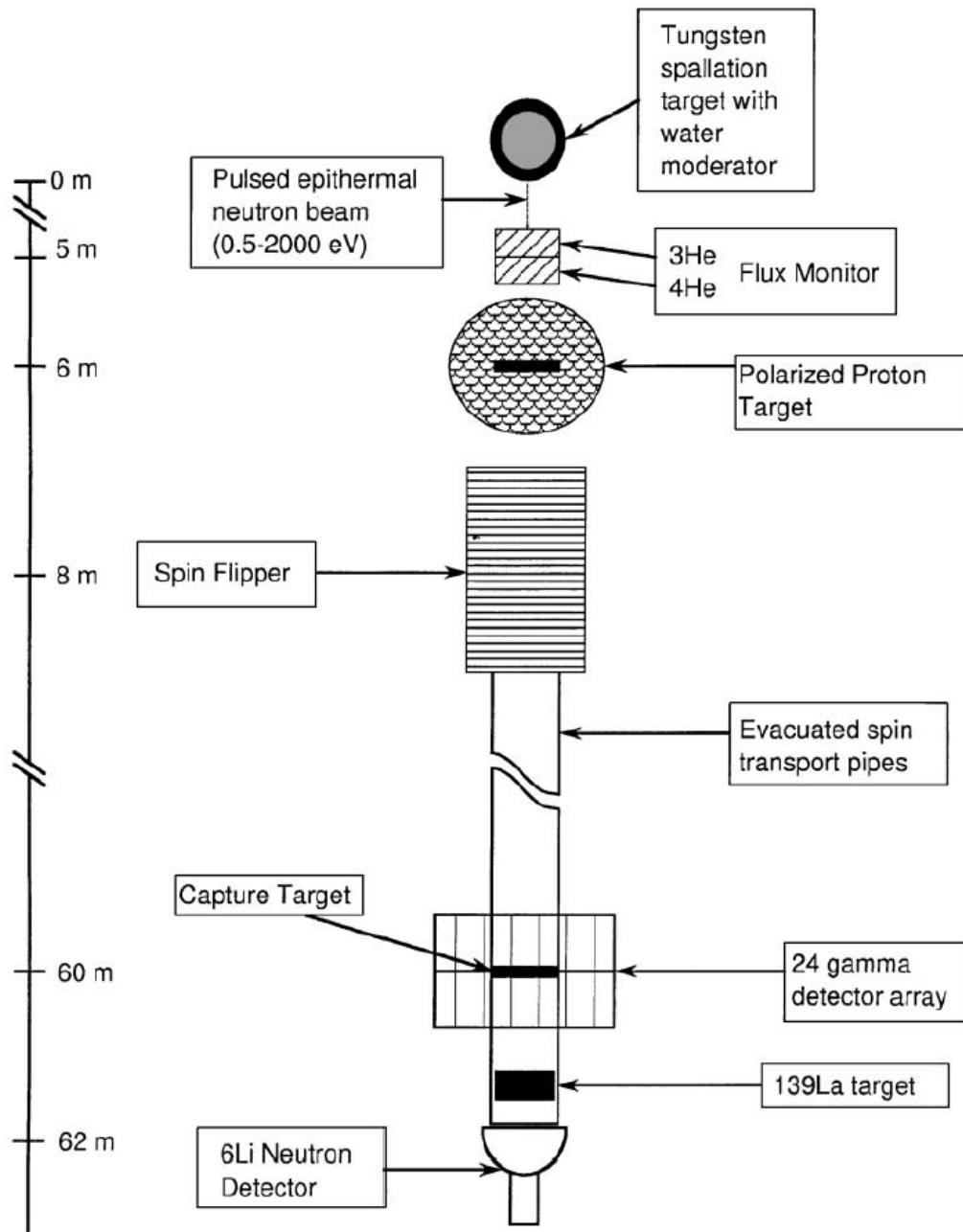


Heavy nuclei possess a very dense set of resonances just above the neutron separation energy

No Coulomb barrier
-> neutrons can easily excite them

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

P-even/T-odd interactions can mix pairs of different L=1 resonances

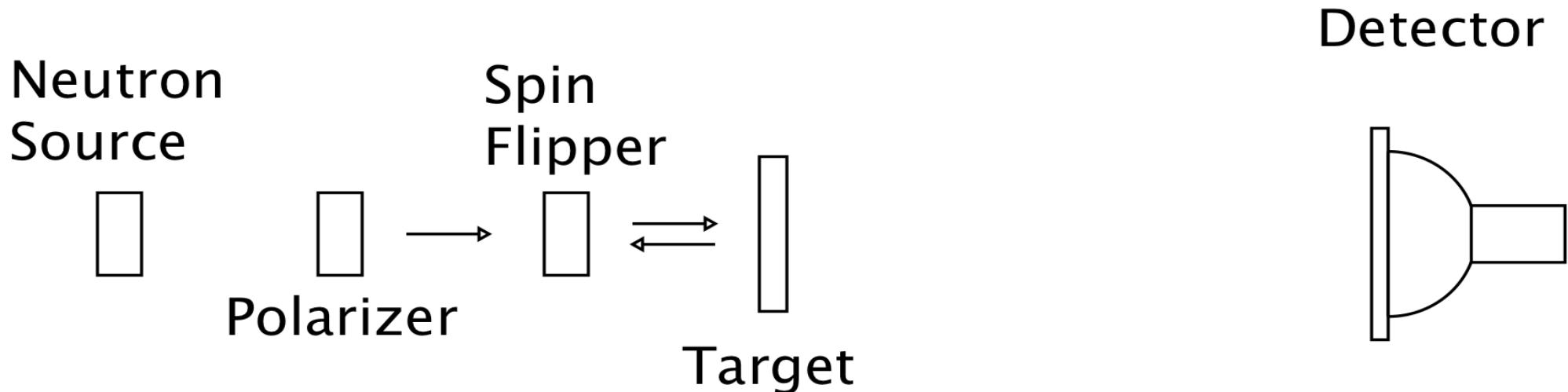


Apparatus for PV at a spallation neutron source

Polarized proton target to make polarized neutrons

Look for $\sigma.k$ dependence of total cross section

TRIPLE $\sigma \cdot k$ P violation work in heavy nuclei



Measure P-odd neutron helicity dependence of total cross section $\Delta\sigma/\sigma$

20 meter flight path

TRIPLE collaboration measured ~ 75 parity-odd asymmetries in p-wave resonances in heavy nuclei in eV-keV energies G. M. Mitchell, J. D. Bowman, S. I. Penttila, and E. I. Sharapov, Phys. Rep. 354, 157 (2001).

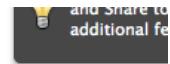
Quantitative analysis of distribution of parity-odd asymmetries conducted using nuclear statistical spectroscopy S. Tomsovic, M. B. Johnson, A. Hayes, and J. D. Bowman, Phys. Rev. C 62, 054607 (2000).

D. Bowman

Study of Parity Violation in the Compound Nucleus

A Paradigm for Time Reversal

Parity violations observed by TRIPLE



Target	Reference	All	p+	p-
^{81}Br	[67]	1	1	0
^{93}Nb	[125]	0	0	0
^{103}Rh	[132]	4	3	1
^{107}Ag	[97]	8	5	3
^{109}Ag	[97]	4	2	2
^{104}Pd	[134]	1	0	1
^{105}Pd	[134]	3	3	0
^{106}Pd	[43,134]	2	0	2
^{108}Pd	[43,134]	0	0	0
^{113}Cd	[121]	2	2	0
^{115}In	[136]	9	5	4
^{117}Sn	[133]	4	2	2
^{121}Sb	[101]	5	3	2
^{123}Sb	[101]	1	0	1
^{127}I	[101]	7	5	2
^{131}Xe	[140]	1	0	1
^{133}Cs	[126]	1	1	0
^{139}La	[152]	1	1	0
^{232}Th below 250 eV	[135]	10	10	0
^{232}Th above 250 eV	[127]	6	2	4
^{238}U	[41]	5	3	2
Total		75	48	27
Total excluding Th		59	36	23

Statistical theory of parity nonconservation in compound nuclei

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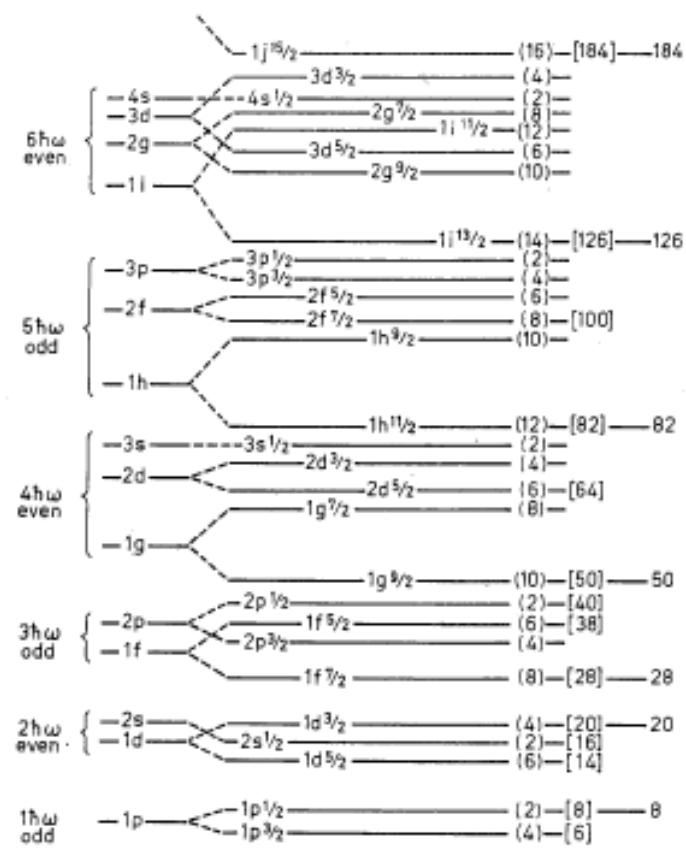
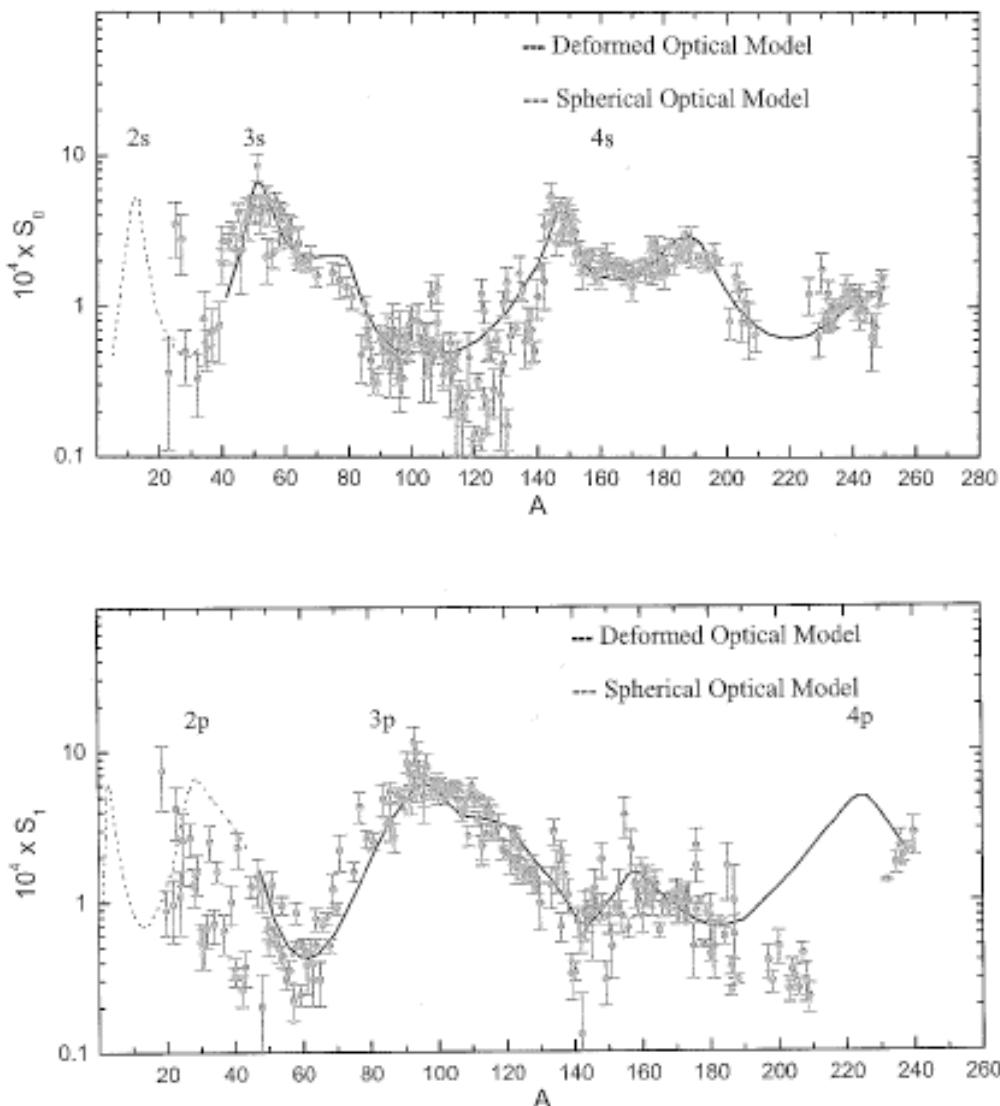
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Comparison of experimental CN matrix elements with Tomsovic theory using DDH “best” meson-nucleon couplings: agreement within a factor of 2

TABLE IV. Theoretical values of M for the effective parity-violating interaction. Contributions are shown separately for the standard (Std) and doorway (Dwy) pieces of the two-body interaction. A comparison of the experimental value of M given in Table III is also shown.

Nucleus	M_{Std} (meV)	M_{Dwy} (meV)	$M_{Std+Dwy}$ (meV)	M_{expt} (meV)
^{239}U	0.116	0.177	0.218	$0.67^{+0.24}_{-0.16}$
^{105}Pd	0.70	0.79	1.03	$2.2^{+2.4}_{-0.9}$
^{106}Pd	0.304	0.357	0.44	$0.20^{+0.10}_{-0.07}$
^{107}Pd	0.698	0.728	0.968	$0.79^{+0.88}_{-0.36}$
^{109}Pd	0.73	0.72	0.97	$1.6^{+2.0}_{-0.7}$

Systematics of S and P resonances

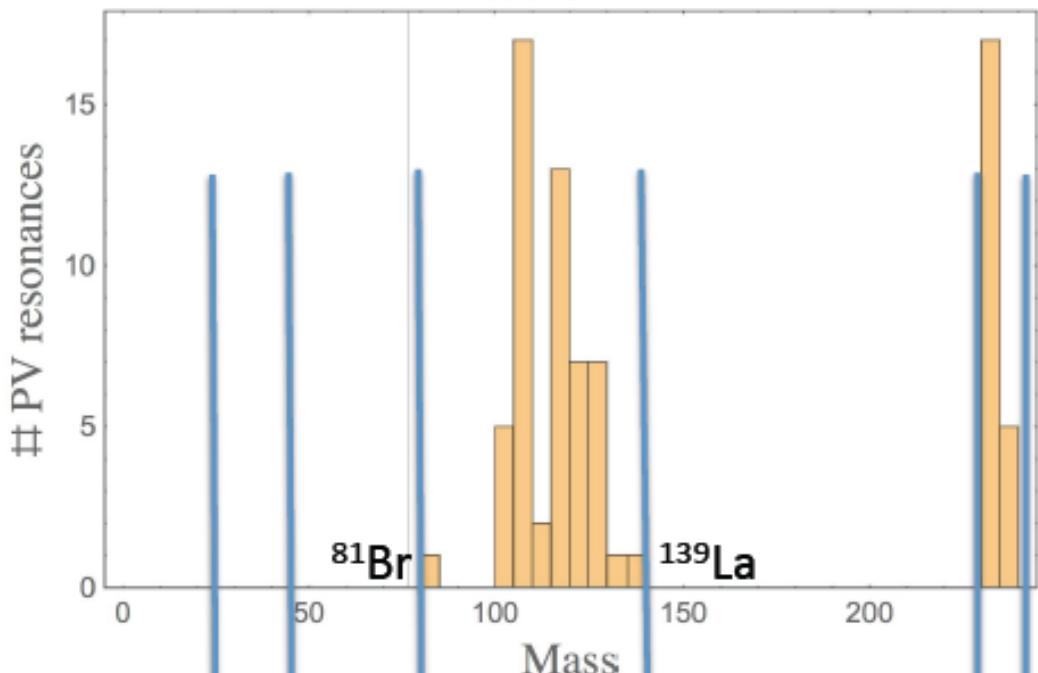


-23 Sequence of one-particle orbits. The figure is taken from M.-G. Mayer, *Elementary Theory of Nuclear Shell Structure*, p. 58, Wiley, New York

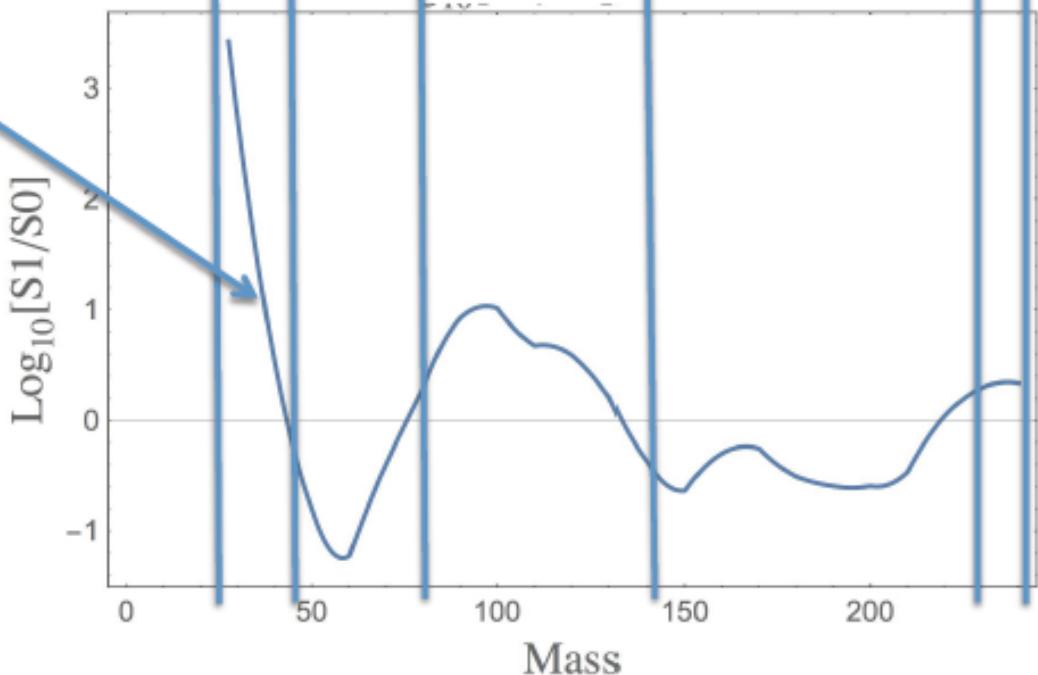
Shell model explains systematics of S and P strength functions.

PV resonances found by TRIPLE

PV resonances vs Mass



Look at
30 < A < 50



PV resonances occur
If $S1/S0$ is between
1/3 and 10. The best
TRIPLE resonances
Have $S1/S0 \sim 1$

What about $140 < A < 180$?
No data!

$S1/S0$ not so different from
 ^{139}La , ^{81}Br , ^{131}Xe

It only takes one discovery
to be useful for NOPTREX

many $I>0$ nuclei in this range

Stable $140 < A < 180$ Nuclei, $I > 0$ (abundance)

^{141}Pr , $I=5/2$ (100%)
 ^{143}Nd , $I=7/2$ (12.2%)
 ^{145}Nd , $I=7/2$ (8.5%)
 ^{147}Sm , $I=7/2$ (15%) ^{149}Sm , ^{151}Eu , ^{167}Er , ^{165}Ho , polarizable using internal hyperfine fields
 ^{149}Sm , $I=7/2$ (13.8%)
 ^{151}Eu , $I=5/2$ (47.8%)
 ^{153}Eu , $I=5/2$ (52.2%)
 ^{155}Gd , $I=3/2$ (14.8%)
 ^{157}Gd , $I=5/2$ (15.7%)
 ^{159}Tb , $I=3/2$ (100%)
 ^{161}Dy , $I=5/2$ (18.9%)
 ^{163}Dy , $I=5/2$ (24.9%)
 ^{165}Ho , $I=7/2$ (100%)
 ^{167}Er , $I=7/2$ (22.9%)
 ^{169}Tm , $I=1/2$ (100%)
 ^{171}Yb , $I=1/2$ (14.1%)

 ^{173}Yb , $I=5/2$ (16.3%)
 ^{175}Lu , $I=7/2$ (97.4%)
 ^{179}Hf , $I=9/2$ (13.8%).

Especially interesting for NOPTREX:

^{169}Tm , $I=1/2$ (100%), DNP possible in a diamagnetic salt
 ^{171}Yb , $I=1/2$ (14.1%), has been hyperpolarized

Where to Measure: JPARC, LANSCE, CSNS

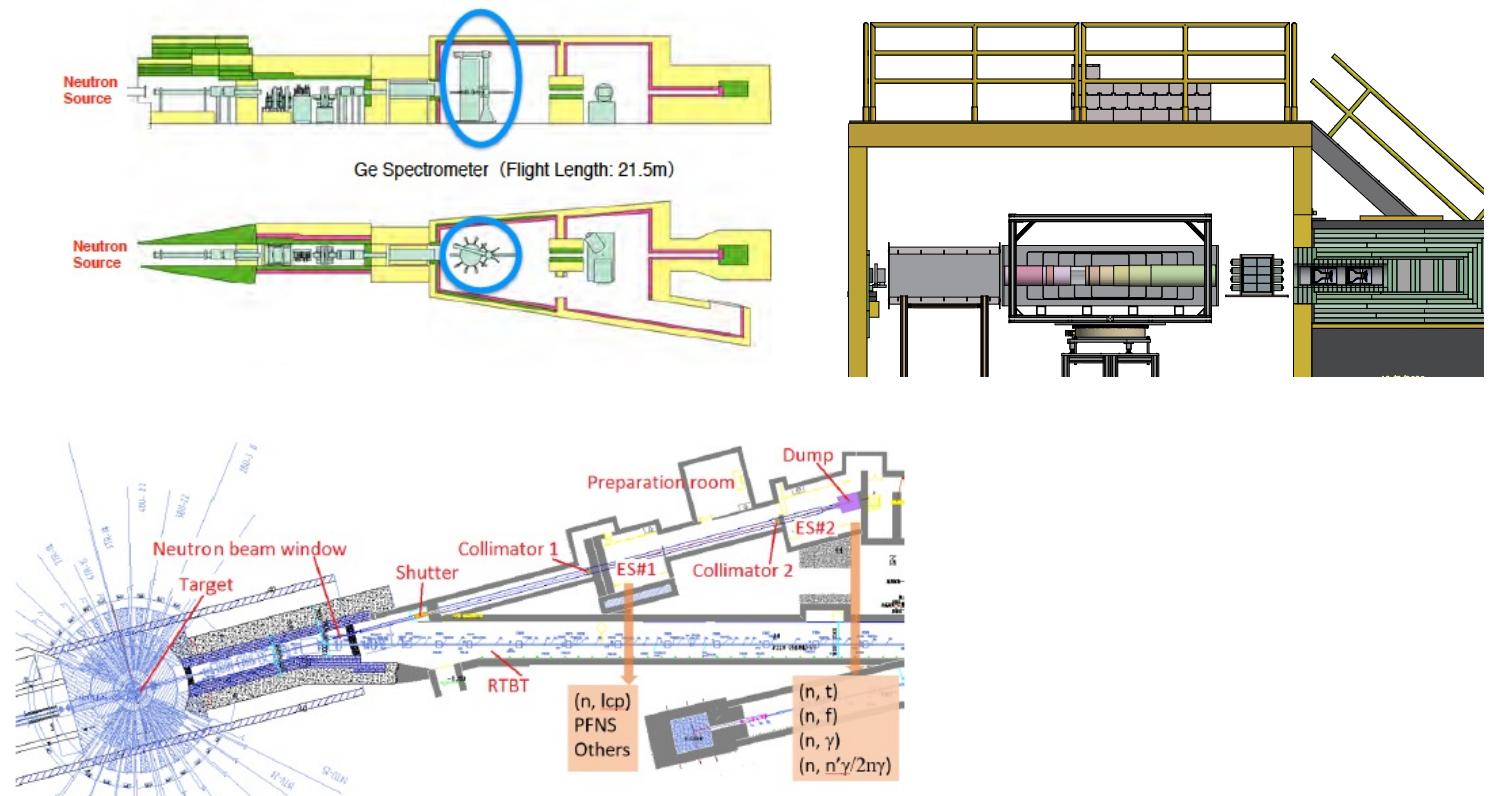


Figure 1. Back-n white neutron beam line and spectrometers.

Toward A Search for P-even/T-odd NN interactions in n-A resonances

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2 ways to violate T (+conserve CPT): **P-odd**/T-odd , **P-even**/T-odd

MANY search for **P-odd**/T-odd (EDMs,...), VERY few for **P-even**/T-odd

P-odd/T-odd effect can come from:

BSM **P-odd**/T-odd or [BSM **P-even**/T-odd][SM P-odd]



Experimental limits on **P-even**/T-odd NN interactions are quite poor

Neutron optics on n-A resonances could improve limits by $\sim 10^2\text{-}10^3$

Neutron Spin Filter using polarized protons can work up to ~100 keV

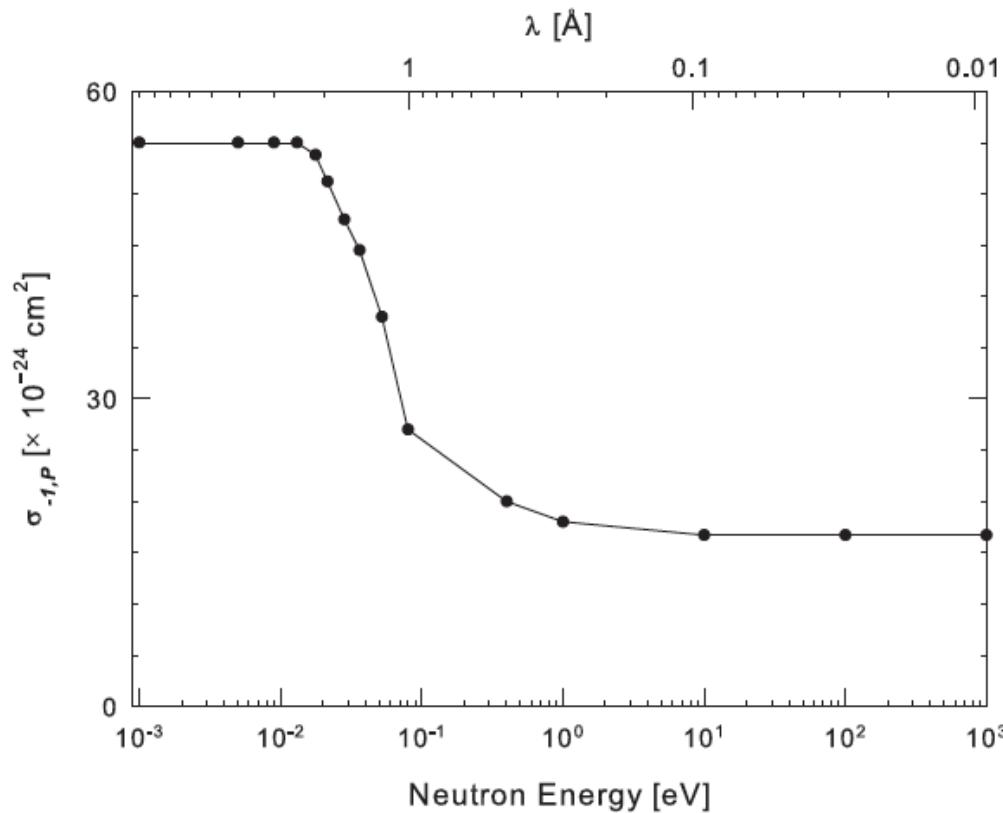


Figure 6.3: Plot of the general trend for the normalized polarization cross section σ_P as a function of the neutron wavelength and energy. The data points are a compilation of literature values [4, 59, 60, 62].

Desirable for P-even/T-odd search (with N p-waves, search $\sim N^2$ pairs!)

How to make a polarized proton spin filter?

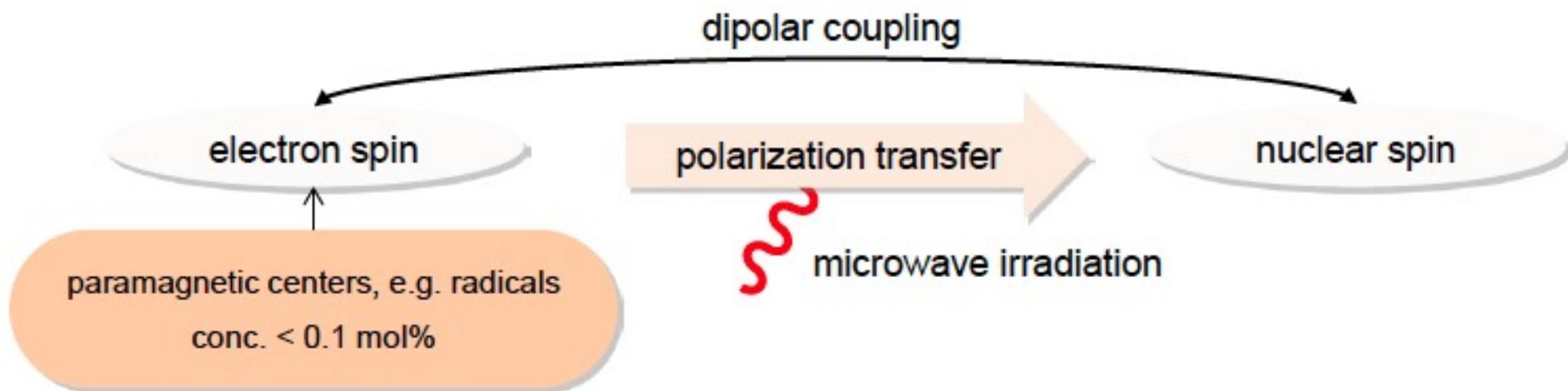
Dynamic Nuclear Polarization (DNP)

spin polarization for spin 1/2 – particles:

$$P = \frac{N^+ - N^-}{N^+ + N^-} = \tanh\left(\frac{\mu B}{2kT}\right)$$

static polarization @ 1K and 5 T : P (proton) $\approx 0.5\%$
 P (electron) $\approx 99\%$

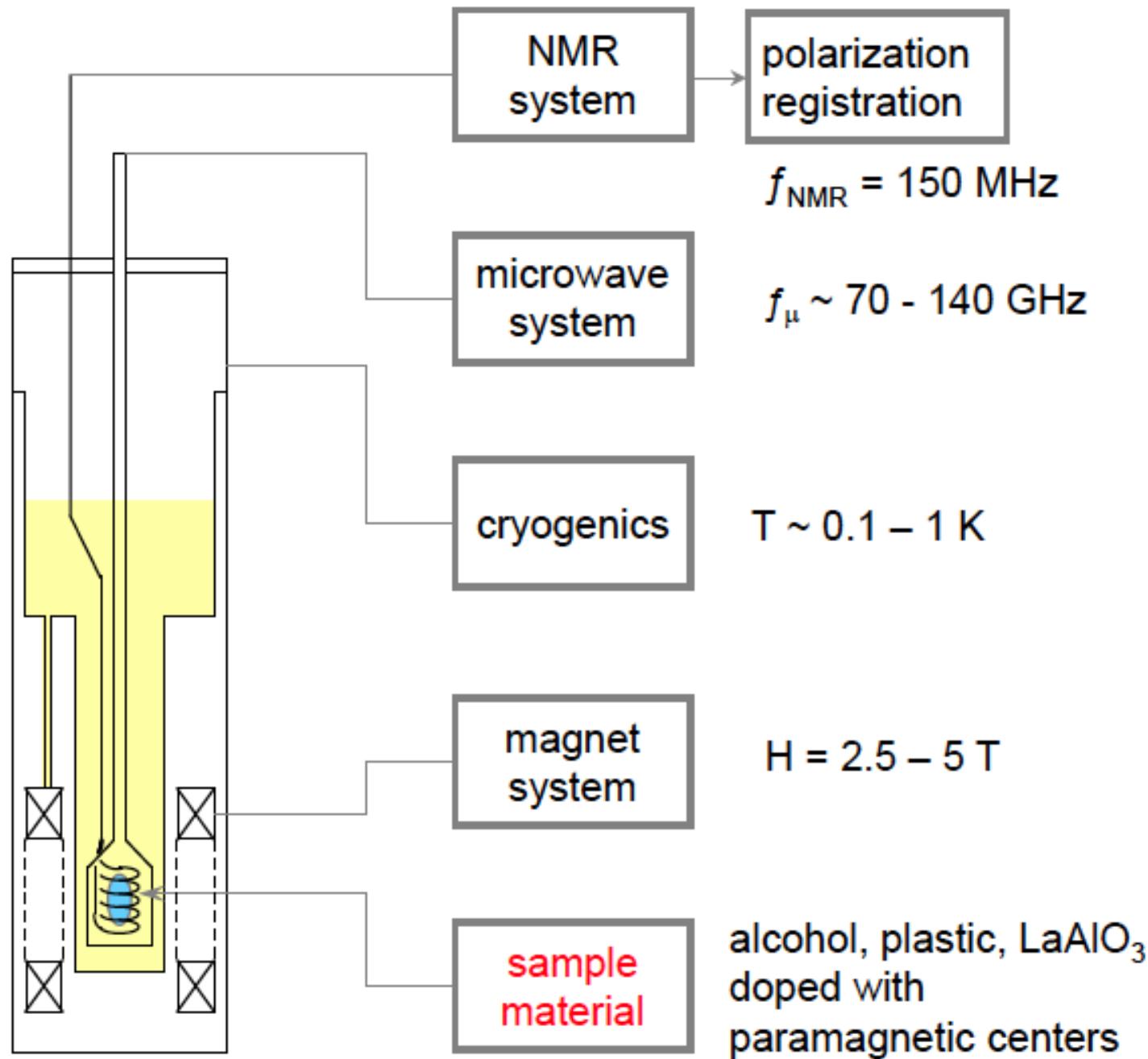
polarization transfer from electron spins to surrounding nuclei



“classical” DNP: create electron polarization thermally

- **low temperature** (typically 1 K and below)
- **high magnetic fields** (typically 5 Tesla)

Components of a classical DNP system

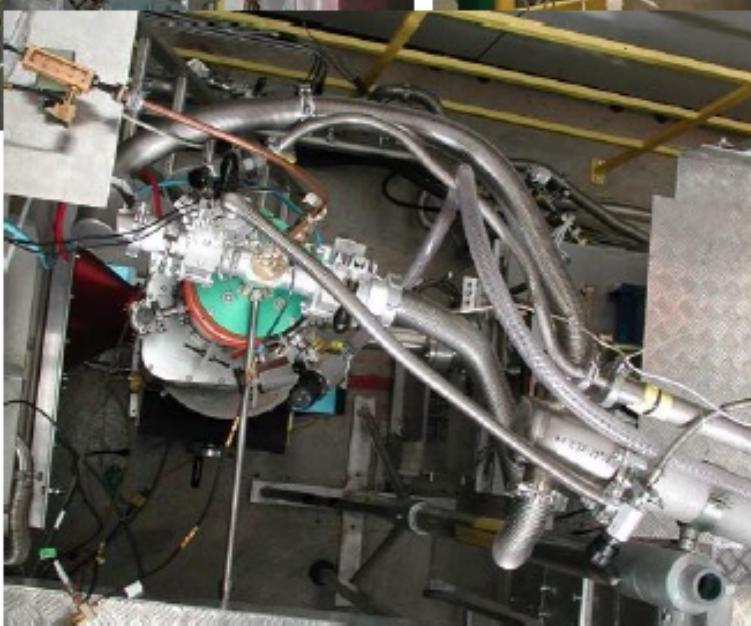
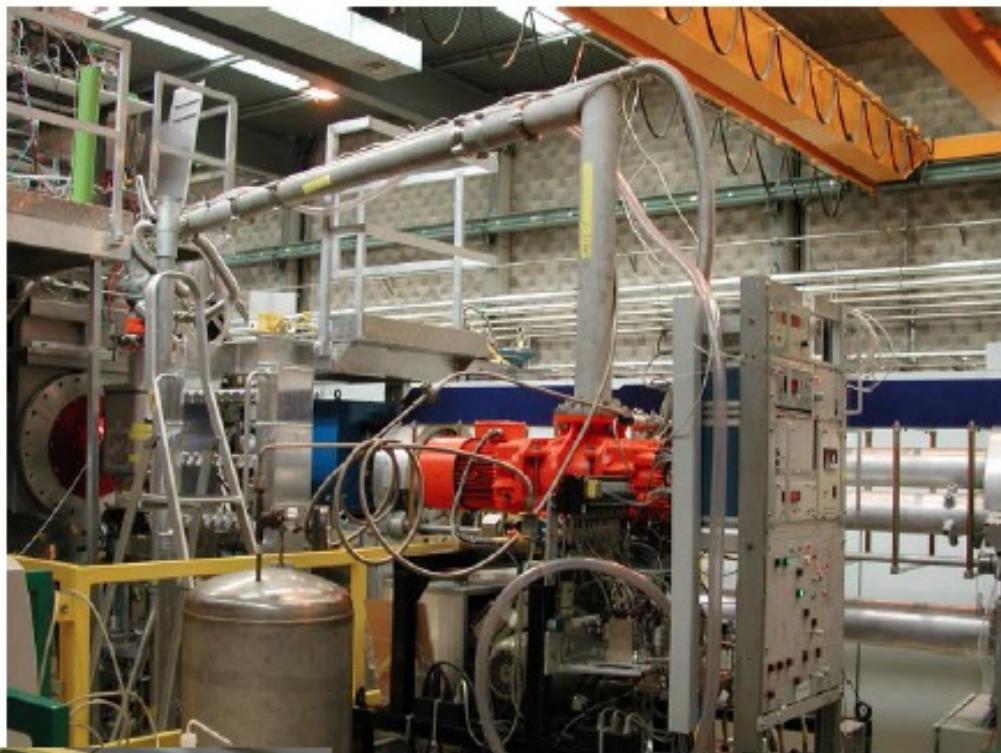


Classical DNP systems



This is a compact system !!

Target volume ~ 5 ccm



1 K ^4He cryostat
(~ 50 l LHe per day)

1000 m³/ h + 250 m³/ h
roots blower pumping system

2.5 / 3.5 T magnet system

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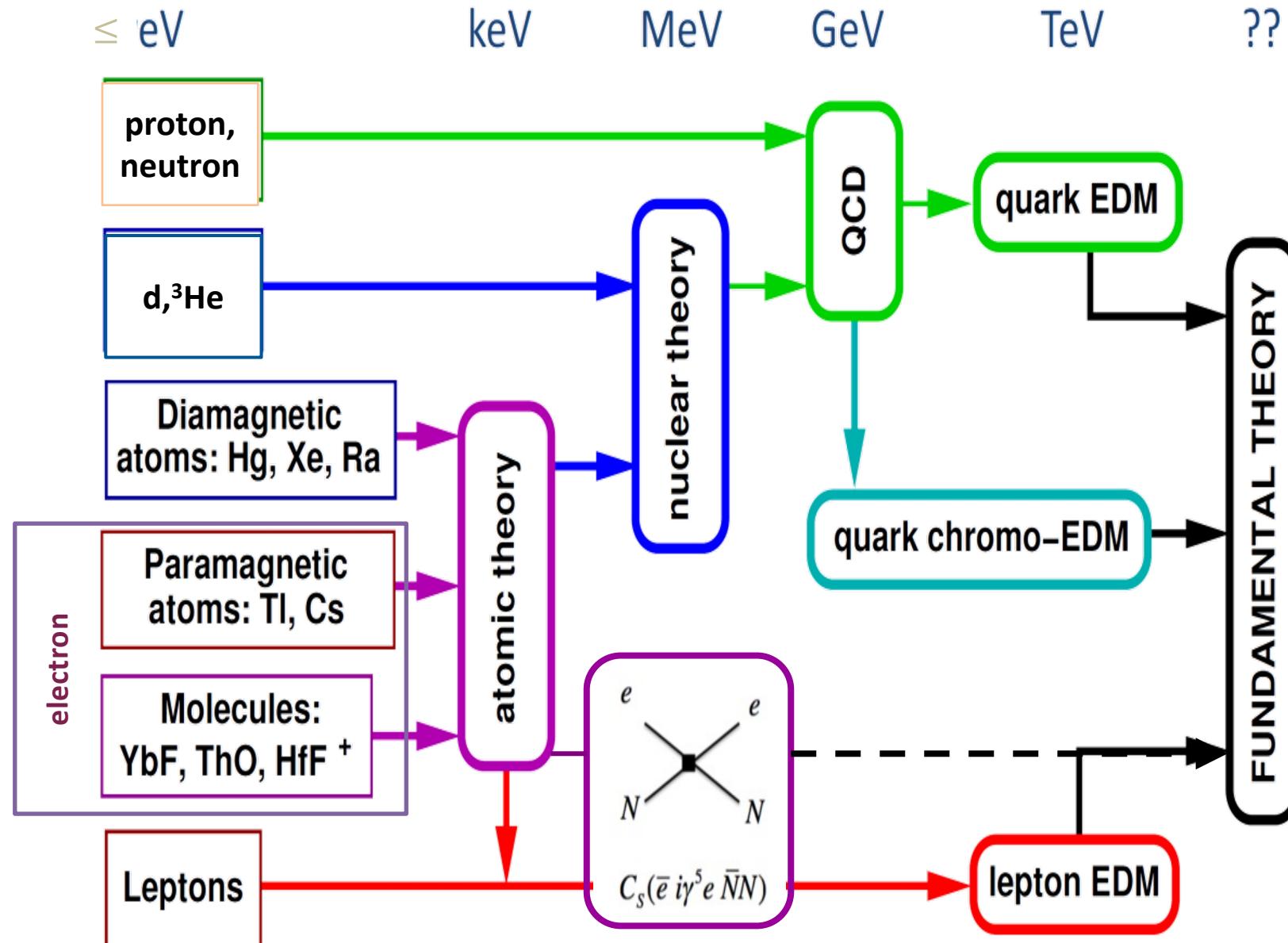
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EDM searches in atomic/nuclear systems



QCD, nuclear, and atomic theory input also needed!

P. Schmidt-Wellenburg

What About P-even/T-odd NN?

No P-even/T-odd effects in Standard Model: CKM, θ both P-odd/T-odd

Lowest mass meson exchange from $\rho^{+/-}$ [C-odd, $J \geq 1$]

[Herczeg Nucl. Phys. 75, 655 (1966), Simonius PLB 58, 147 (1975)]

VERY few experiments:

Detailed balance: [E. Blanke et al PRL 51, 355 (1983); J. P. French et al PRL 54, 2313 (1985)]: $g_\rho < 2 \times 10^{-1}$

Charge symm. breaking [Simonius PRL 78, 4161(1997)]: $g_\rho < 7 \times 10^{-3}$

N transmission aligned Holmium (P. R. Huffman et al, PRC 55, 2684 (1997)): $g_\rho < 6 \times 10^{-2}$

Comparing with EDM P-odd/T-odd:

$$g_\pi < 10^{-11}$$

Direct constraints on P-even/T-odd NN interactions are poor

Y. Uzikov

(Some) P-even/T-odd Theory Work (flavor conserving)

$$\frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{q_1}{2m_p} \bar{\psi}_1 i\gamma_5 \sigma^{\mu\nu} (p'_1 - p_1)_\nu \psi_1 \bar{\psi}_2 \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 \psi_2 ,$$

$$C_7 \left(\frac{1}{\Lambda^3} \right) \bar{q}_1 \gamma_5 D^\mu q_2 \bar{q}_3 \gamma_5 \gamma_\mu q_4 + H.c.,$$

$$C'_7 \left(\frac{1}{\Lambda^3} \right) \bar{q} \sigma_{\mu\nu} \lambda^A q G^{A\mu\rho} F_\rho^\nu ,$$

$$C_7^{\gamma Z'} \bar{\psi} \sigma_{\mu\nu} \psi F^{\mu\alpha} Z_\alpha^\nu .$$

Some operators considered
in previous work

Concentrated on using EDM limits
to constrain P-even/T-odd
interactions

Considered particular terms: not a
general analysis

Later work (Kurylov et al PRD
2001, El Menoufi et al PLB 2017):
loopholes in previous constraints

I. B. Khriplovich. What do we know about T odd but P even interaction? *Nucl. Phys.*, B352:385–401, 1991.

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P-even/T-odd in SMEFT (flavor conserving)

Table 7.3: Lowest mass-dimensional C-odd and CP-odd operators contributing to flavor-conserving interactions

1_a	$\frac{v^2}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \partial_\alpha (\bar{u}_p \gamma_\beta \gamma_5 u_p) F_{\mu\nu}$	$-\frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} [2c_w s_w (C_{W^2\varphi^2} - C_{B^2\varphi^2}) - C_{WB\varphi^2} (c_w^2 - s_w^2)]$
1_b	$\frac{v^2}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \partial_\alpha (\bar{d}_p \gamma_\beta \gamma_5 d_p) F_{\mu\nu}$	$\frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} [2c_w s_w (C_{W^2\varphi^2} - C_{B^2\varphi^2}) - C_{WB\varphi^2} (c_w^2 - s_w^2)]$
2_a	$\frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} (\bar{u}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} \gamma_5 u_p) \partial_\mu (\bar{u}_r \gamma_\nu \gamma_5 u_r)$	$-G_F i C_{quZ\varphi}^{pr}$
2_b	$\frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} (\bar{u}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} \gamma_5 u_p) \partial_\mu (\bar{d}_r \gamma_\nu \gamma_5 d_r)$	$G_F i C_{qdZ\varphi}^{pr}$
2_c	$\frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} (d_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} \gamma_5 d_p) \partial_\mu (\bar{u}_r \gamma_\nu \gamma_5 u_r)$	$-G_F i C_{quZ\varphi}^{pr}$
2_d	$\frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} (d_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} \gamma_5 d_p) \partial_\mu (\bar{d}_r \gamma_\nu \gamma_5 d_r)$	$G_F i C_{qdZ\varphi}^{pr}$
3_a	$\frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} [V_{u_r d_p} (\bar{d}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_r) \partial_\mu (\bar{u}_r \gamma_\nu d_p) - V_{u_r d_p}^* (\bar{u}_r \sigma^{\mu\nu} d_p) \partial_\mu (\bar{d}_p \gamma_\nu u_r)]$	$2G_F i [\text{Im}(C_{quW\varphi}^{pr}) - \text{Im}(C_{qdW\varphi}^{rp})]$
3_b	$\frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} [V_{u_r d_p} (d_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} \gamma_5 u_r) \partial_\mu (\bar{u}_r \gamma_\nu \gamma_5 d_p) + V_{u_r d_p}^* (\bar{u}_r \sigma^{\mu\nu} \gamma_5 d_p) \partial_\mu (\bar{d}_p \gamma_\nu \gamma_5 u_r)]$	$-2G_F i [\text{Im}(C_{quW\varphi}^{pr}) + \text{Im}(C_{qdW\varphi}^{rp})]$
4_a	$\frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} [V_{u_r d_p} (d_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_r) (\bar{u}_r \gamma_\mu d_p) A_\nu + V_{u_r d_p}^* (\bar{u}_r \sigma^{\mu\nu} d_p) (\bar{d}_p \gamma_\mu u_r) A_\nu]$	$2G_F g s_w [\text{Im}(C_{quW\varphi}^{pr}) - \text{Im}(C_{qdW\varphi}^{rp})]$
4_b	$\frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} [V_{u_r d_p} (\bar{d}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} \gamma_5 u_r) (\bar{u}_r \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 d_p) A_\nu - V_{u_r d_p}^* (\bar{u}_r \sigma^{\mu\nu} \gamma_5 d_p) (\bar{d}_p \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 u_r) A_\nu]$	$-2G_F g s_w [\text{Im}(C_{quW\varphi}^{pr}) + \text{Im}(C_{qdW\varphi}^{rp})]$

New terms exist which have not been considered in the past J. Shi. PhD thesis, U Kentucky (2020)
J. Shi and S. Gardner, in preparation

What About P-even/T-odd NN?

$$\begin{aligned} f = & A' + B'(\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{I}) + C'(\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{k}) + D'(\vec{\sigma} \cdot [\vec{k} \times \vec{I}]) + H'(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{I}) + K'(\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{k})(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{I}) \\ & + E' \left((\vec{k} \cdot \vec{I})(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{I}) - \frac{1}{3}(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{k})(\vec{I} \cdot \vec{I}) \right) + F' \left((\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{I})(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{I}) - \frac{1}{3}(\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{k})(\vec{I} \cdot \vec{I}) \right) \\ & + G'(\vec{\sigma} \cdot [\vec{k} \times \vec{I}])(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{I}) + B'_3(\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{I}) \left((\vec{k} \cdot \vec{I})(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{I}) - \frac{1}{3}(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{k})(\vec{I} \cdot \vec{I}) \right) + \dots, \end{aligned}$$

V. Gudkov and H. M. Shimizu,
Phys. Rev. C 102, 015503 (2020).

P-even/T-odd term G can be present in forward amplitude
resonance amplification of ~ 1000

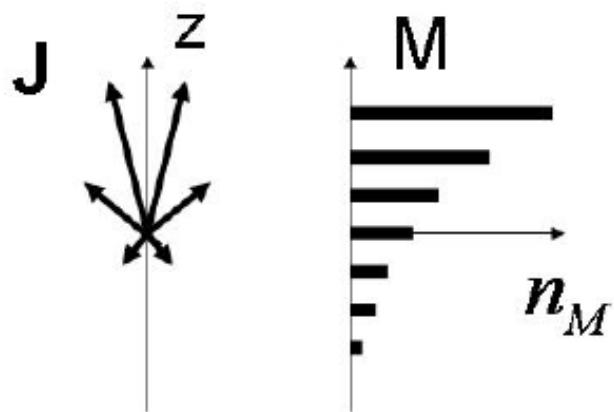
- (1) Admixture of (large) s-wave amplitude into (small) p-wave $\sim 1/kR \sim 1000$
- (2) Weak amplitude dispersion for 10^6 Fock space components $\sim \sqrt{10^6} = 1000$

Direct constraints on P-even/T-odd NN interactions are poor

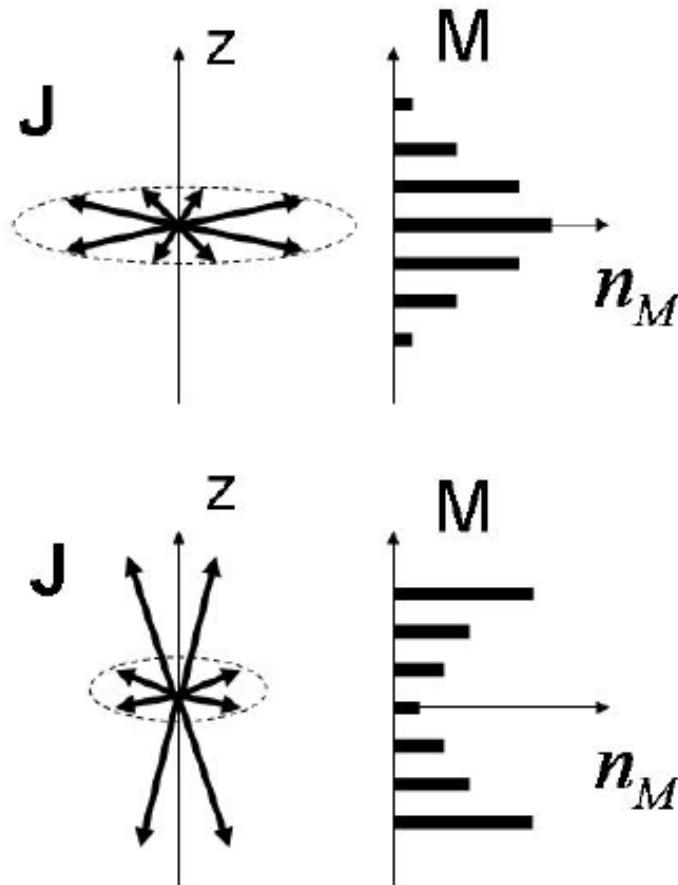
Polarization and Alignment

Alignment: $p_2(J) = \frac{3\langle M^2 \rangle - J(J+1)}{J(2J-1)}$

Polarization:



$$p_1(J) = \frac{\langle M \rangle}{J}$$



Test of parity-conserving time-reversal invariance using polarized neutrons and nuclear spin aligned holmium

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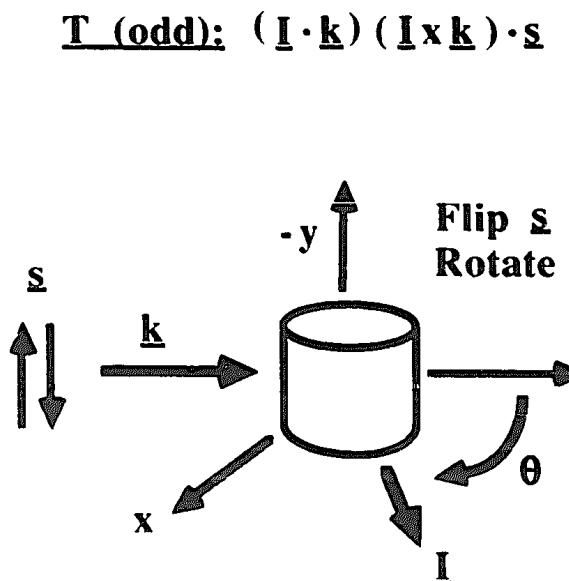


Fig. 1. Geometry for measurement of the $\mathbf{s} \cdot (\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{I}) \cdot (\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{I})$ term in neutron transmission through a cylindrical target.

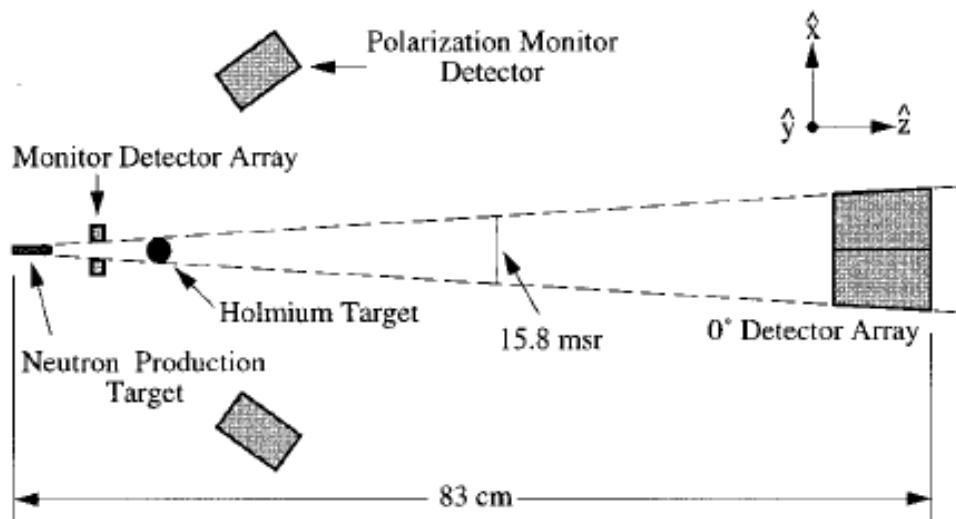


FIG. 1. The experimental setup for the fivefold correlation measurement. Vertically ($\pm \hat{y}$) polarized neutrons with momentum $\hat{\mathbf{k}}$, directed along \hat{z} , are transmitted through a nuclear-spin aligned holmium target and detected at 0° . The dashed lines depict the solid angle subtended by the neutron detectors. All components and distances are drawn to scale.

THEORY OF T-VIOLATING P-CONSERVING EFFECTS IN NEUTRON-INDUCED REACTIONS

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Forward transmission \Rightarrow null test for T violation
Enhancement of asymmetry from high level density $\sim 10^3$

P even-T-odd NN interactions can mix different p-wave resonances

$$\Delta\sigma_T = \frac{4\pi}{k} \operatorname{Im} \{\Delta f_T\}$$

$$\Delta\sigma_T \simeq \frac{4\pi}{k^2} \frac{\langle \tilde{\Gamma}_p^n \rangle v_T}{[p_1][p_2]} \{(E - E_{p1})\Gamma_{p2} + (E - E_{p2})\Gamma_{p1}\}$$

where $i v_T = \langle \varphi_{p2} | \hat{V}_T | \varphi_{p1} \rangle$;

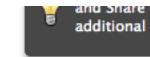
$$\langle \tilde{\Gamma}_p^n \rangle = (\Gamma_{p1}^n(-)\Gamma_{p2}^n(+))^{1/2} - (\Gamma_{p1}^n(+)\Gamma_{p2}^n(-))^{1/2}$$

$\Gamma_p (+)$ and $\Gamma_p (-) = \Gamma_p (J=| \pm 1/2 |)$

P-odd Asymmetries on p-wave Neutron Resonances

G. E. Mitchell, J. D. Bowman, S. I Penttila, E. I. Sharapov, Phys. Rep. 354, 1 (2001).

Parity violations observed by TRIPLE



Target	Reference	All	p+	p-
^{81}Br	[67]	1	1	0
^{93}Nb	[125]	0	0	0
^{103}Rh	[132]	4	3	1
^{107}Ag	[97]	8	5	3
^{109}Ag	[97]	4	2	2
^{104}Pd	[134]	1	0	1
^{105}Pd	[134]	3	3	0
^{106}Pd	[43,134]	2	0	2
^{108}Pd	[43,134]	0	0	0
^{113}Cd	[121]	2	2	0
^{115}In	[136]	9	5	4
^{117}Sn	[133]	4	2	2
^{121}Sb	[101]	5	3	2
^{123}Sb	[101]	1	0	1
^{127}I	[101]	7	5	2
^{131}Xe	[140]	1	0	1
^{133}Cs	[126]	1	1	0
^{139}La	[152]	1	1	0
^{232}Th below 250 eV	[135]	10	10	0
^{232}Th above 250 eV	[127]	6	2	4
^{238}U	[41]	5	3	2
Total		75	48	27
Total excluding Th		59	36	23

Current Status of Research on T Invariance in Neutron–Nuclear Reactions

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$$f = A + pp_1B(\vec{s} \cdot \vec{I}) + pC(\vec{s} \cdot \vec{k}) + pp_1D(\vec{s} \cdot [\vec{k} \times \vec{I}]) \\ + p_1E(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{I}) + pp_2F(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{I})(\vec{s} \cdot [\vec{k} \times \vec{I}]) \quad (6)$$

F term is
P-even/T-odd

$$p = \frac{\langle m_s \rangle}{s} \quad p_2 = \frac{3 \langle m_I \rangle^2 - I(I+1)}{I(2I-1)}$$

Need polarized neutrons (p)
and aligned nuclear target (p_2)

^{121}Sb , ^{123}Sb , ^{127}I have large electric quadrupole moments

Can be aligned by electric field gradients in crystals at low T

Need Γ_p ($J=I\pm\frac{1}{2}$) resonance parameters in ^{121}Sb , ^{123}Sb , ^{127}I , but not measured!

Electric Quadrupole Moment and Alignment

$$p_2(I) = \frac{3\langle m^2 \rangle - I(I+1)}{I(2I-1)}$$

“alignment” parameter

Let Q=coupling strength of electric quadrupole moment of nucleus with a local E field gradient.

Then energy levels of m spin sublevels of nucleus are:

$$E_Q(m) = eQq \frac{3m^2 - I(I+1)}{4I(2I-1)}$$

Notice m^2 dependence! This interaction gives ZERO polarization!

Levels of Electric Quadrupole in E gradient

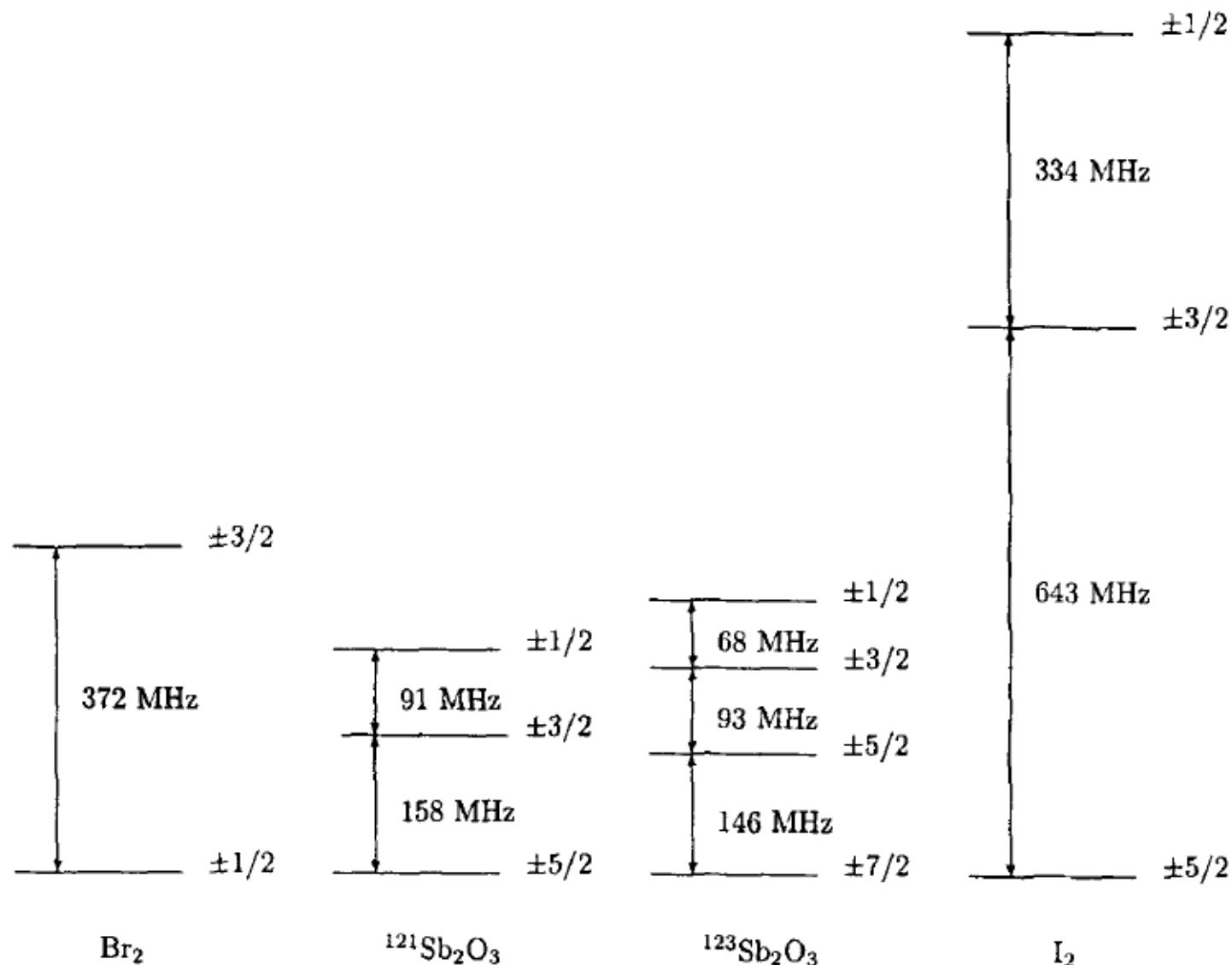
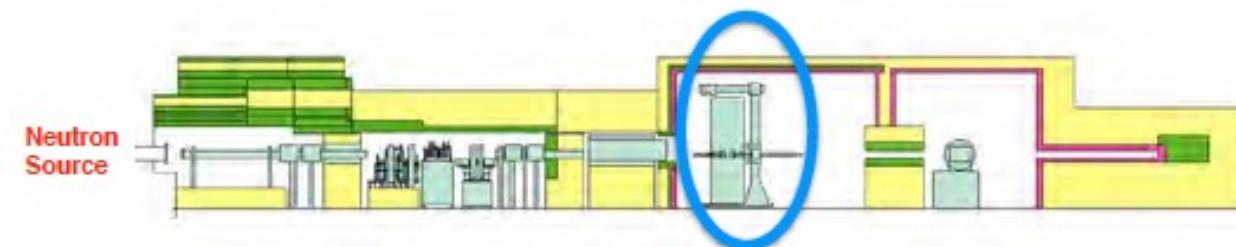


Fig. 1. Splitting of sublevels of the nuclei ^{81}Br , ^{121}Sb , ^{123}Sb and ^{127}I in the compounds Br_2 , Sb_2O_3 and I_2 due to quadrupole interaction.

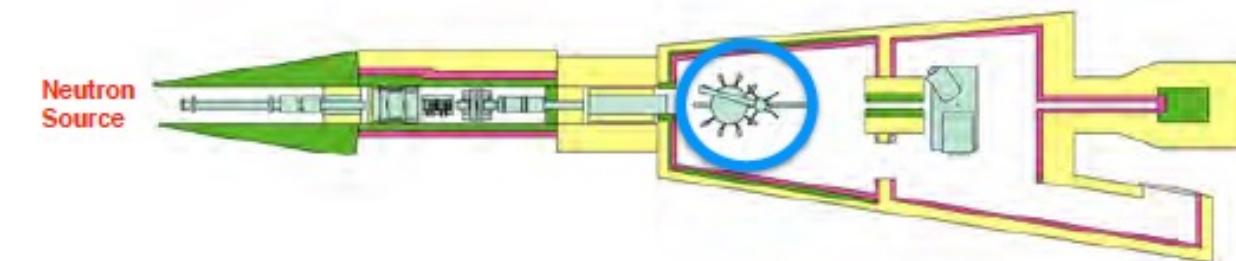
Resonance spectroscopy measurements at JPARC

14 Ge (+BGO) Detectors

$\theta = 70, 90, 110$ deg.



Ge Spectrometer (Flight Length: 21.5m)



Sample Materials : ^{nat}La , $\text{La}^{nat}\text{Br}_3$, ^{nat}Xe

Intensity : $\sim 3 \times 10^5 \text{ n/cm}^2/\text{s}$: $0.9 \text{ eV} < E_n < 1.1 \text{ eV}$ @300kW



Cluster-Detector system

$\sigma(E_\gamma, E_n, \theta)$ of (n, γ) reaction.

Γ_p ($J=I \pm \frac{1}{2}$) from angular distribution in (n, γ) capture on neutron resonances
see Okudaira et al, Phys. Rev. C 97, 034622 (2018).

Conclusions

2 ways to violate T (+conserve CPT): P-odd/T-odd , P-even/T-odd

P-odd/T-odd effect can come from:

BSM P-odd/T-odd or [BSM P-even/T-odd][SM P-odd]

Experimental limits on P-even/T-odd NN interactions are quite poor (~10⁹ worse than P-odd/T-odd in NN system!)

Polarized neutron transmission through tensor-aligned nuclear target on n-A resonances could improve P-even/T-odd NN limits by ~10³

Known candidate nuclei exist (^{121}Sb , ^{123}Sb , ^{127}I), but present lack of spectroscopy info. Doable at JPARC, CSNS, LANSCE,...

Need cryo-aligned ^{127}I target, preferably eV-keV polarized neutrons. At IU we have one working “dry” DR and a spin refrigerator cryostat