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#### **Progress on the Search for EDM** in Ra-225







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# Radium-225 has enhancement of observable effect of symmetry-violation over stable nuclei

- Large intrinsic Schiff moment due to octupole deformation
- Closely spaced parity doublet
- Relativistic atomic structure



Haxton & Henley (1983) Auerbach, Flambaum & Spevak (1996) Engel, Friar & Hayes (2000)

Skyrme Model	Isoscalar	Isovector	Isotensor
SkM*	1500	900	1500
SkO'	450	240	600

Enhancement Factor: EDM (<sup>225</sup>Ra) / EDM (<sup>199</sup>Hg)

Schiff moment of <sup>199</sup>Hg, de Jesus & Engel, PRC72 (2005) Schiff moment of <sup>225</sup>Ra, Dobaczewski & Engel, PRL94 (2005)



## <sup>226</sup>Ra Source



I = 1/2

• 2 mCi <sup>225</sup>Ra sources available from ORNL

competing with experimental cancer therapies using <sup>213</sup>Bi, <sup>225</sup>Ac

• Test source: 300 nCi <sup>226</sup>Ra - invaluable for testing





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Technical targets:

Efficient transfer from Magneto-Optical Trap to Optical Dipole Trap (summer 2009)

Target vacuum:  $10^{-10}$  Torr so that atoms remain in optical trap for > 100 seconds

Target number: > 10,000 atoms in optical dipole trap for NMR measurement

### **Experimental setup**





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### 300 ng radium sources are treated with great care here.

Radium oven

Zeeman slower

Stern man

Geiger counter



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## **Magnetic Field Shielding and Generation**

# 3-layer mu metal shield $3 \times 10^4$ shielding factor





Cosine theta Coil to generate bias B field B = 10mG B gradient < 10µG/cm



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Initial measurement: two vapor cell magnetometers Improved measurement: Yb co-magnetometer



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## **Ancillary measurement of magnetic fields with Rb**





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## **Target magnetic measurement sensitivities**

Species		$\Delta B/B$	ΔB
Ra	100 sec. statistical. N = $30,000$	10-5	10-7 G
Rb cell	100 sec.	5 × 10-7	10 <sup>-10</sup> G
Ra	2-week half-life (5000 shots) statistical	10-7	10 <sup>-9</sup> G
Rb cell	Systematic target	5 × 10 <sup>-9</sup>	10-11 G



#### 100 kV / cm -- done.

#### 20 kV over 2mm vacuum gap 50 pA leakage currents observed





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# Transverse optical pumping of trapped radium optical readout of NMR



#### Measurements from the radium MOT so far



Lifetime of <sup>3</sup>P<sub>1</sub> cooling level Scielzo et al. (PRA, 73, 010501(R) (2006) )

Blackbody repumping assisted magneto - optical trapping

Hyperfine Constants and Isotope Shift on  ${}^{3}D_{1} - {}^{1}P_{1}$  transition for  ${}^{225}Ra$ and  ${}^{226}Ra$ Guest et al. (PRL 98, 093001 (2007))







#### The road ahead

MOT size is now 15,000 <sup>226</sup>Ra; need 10,000 <sup>225</sup>Ra for first EDM Increase MOT storage time. Blue slowing -- up to 100x higher loading with the same source strength.

After first measurement, stronger sources. 2-week half-life means online operation not necessary.





#### Atom Trap Trace Analysis (ATTA) at Argonne



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