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What's so Cool about Ultra-Cold Neutrons



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Abstract: Ultra-Cold Neutrons (UCN) are neutrons with small enough kinetic energy that they can be trapped in material bottles or by modest magnetic fields. With kinetic energies below 300 nano eV, UCN are ideal for studying the fundamental properties of the neutron. Precision studies of neutron decay can explore physics beyond the Standard Electroweak Model. In addition, highly sensitive searches for an Electric Dipole Moment of the neutron probe possible new sources of CP violation (Charge-conjugation and Parity) which could be

responsible for the dominance of matter over antimatter observed in the Universe.

