The Sensitivity of Spin-Precession Axion Experiments+

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 $B_{max} = 10, 20 \text{ T}$ $\bar{\gamma}_{Xe} = 2.436 \times 10^7 \text{ s}^{-1}\text{T}^{-1}$ $\gamma_{He} = 2.037 \times 10^8 \text{ s}^{-1}\text{T}^{-1}$

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Axion field acts as a pseudo-magnetic field DM can be detected by NMR experiments

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Axion-Induced NMR: Basics

[See Hendrik's talk from yesterday/last week]





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> Perturbative expansion in g_N & decouple the equations

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> Inside a coherence time patch, Bloch solution is simple. Only nontrivial aspect is stitching patches together.



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Claim: Both assumptions need to be revisited



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In both regimes, the PSD is sharply peaked and power is primarily in a single bin

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Axion DM Models & Master Equation

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$$T = T_2 \times \max \biggl[1, \frac{\alpha \tau_a}{T_2} \biggr]$$

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Noise

Magnetometer Noise: >

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Spin Projection Noise >

- >There is also thermal noise, but we assume the sample is cooled sufficiently that is it subdominant.
- These are fed into a likelihood framework & 95% limits are derived via the Asimov dataset



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- Effects lead to enhanced sensitivity at higher masses
 - Applicable to any experiment utilizing NMR or related techniques. In particular, also true for CASPEr-electric (will be in paper)
- Note: If SP noise can be mitigated, He contour approaches QCD axion line



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