



J.D. Bjorken (1987, with reference to spin crisis): "Polarization data has often been the graveyard of fashionable theories. If theorists had their way, they might well ban such measurements altogether out of self-protection".

Fundamental Symmetries at NICA

(EDM, Axions, Parity and Time-Reversal Violation as Windows to Baryogenesis and Dark Matter)

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After RHIC → SPD@NICA assumes leadership in hadronic collider spin physics for decades to come → it is absolutely imperative to make NICA a versatile spin physics workhorse

- Principal physics goal: gluon helicity in nucleons as a window at the spin crisis in QCD
A. Arbuzov et al., Prog.Part.Nucl.Phys. 119 (2021), 103858
- Strong need for extension to fundamental symmetries; EDM, axions, parity and T-violation
Review: S. Vergeles et al., Usp.Fiz.Nauk 193 (2023) 2, 113-154;
I.Koop et al Phys.Part.Nucl. 52 (2021) 4, 549-554
- New ideas on update of existing infrastructure of NICA complex
Yu.N. Senichev et al., J.Phys.Conf.Ser. 2420 (2023) 1, 012052; JACoW IPAC2022 (2022), MOPOTK02
Yu.N. Senichev, [talk at this conference](#)

Focus of this talk: spin of particles in storage rings as an axion antenna

Basic approach: NMR-like signal in the pseudomagnetic field of axion halo in our galaxy

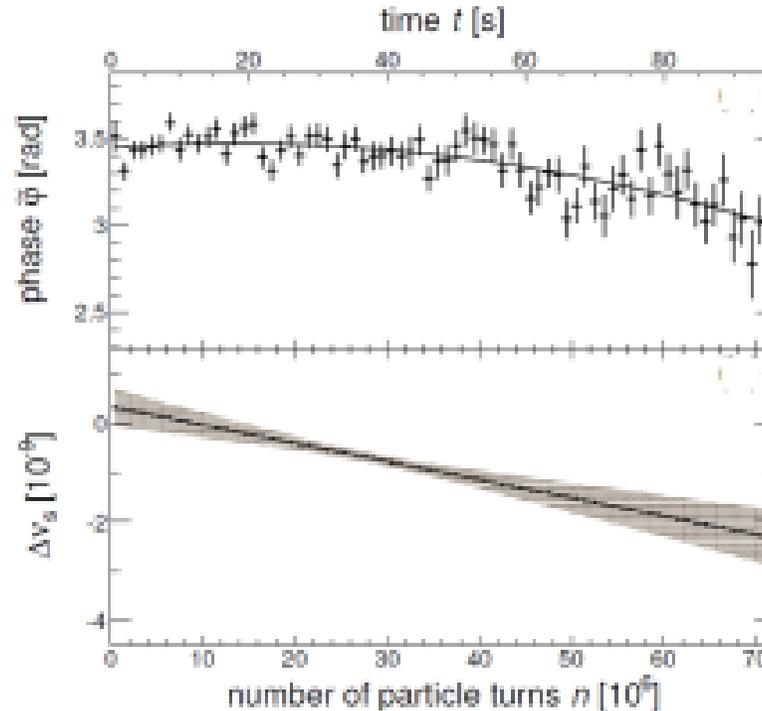
A state of the art in precision spin
dynamics in storage rings

(more than a decade of JEDI @ COSY)

Precise time-stamping of events,

- allows us to monitor phase of measured asymmetry with (assumed) fixed spin tune ν_s in a 100 s cycle:

$$\begin{aligned}\nu_s(n) &= \nu_s^{\text{fix}} + \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{d\bar{\phi}}{dn} \\ &= \nu_s^{\text{fix}} + \Delta\nu_s(n)\end{aligned}\quad (9)$$



Experimental technique allows for:

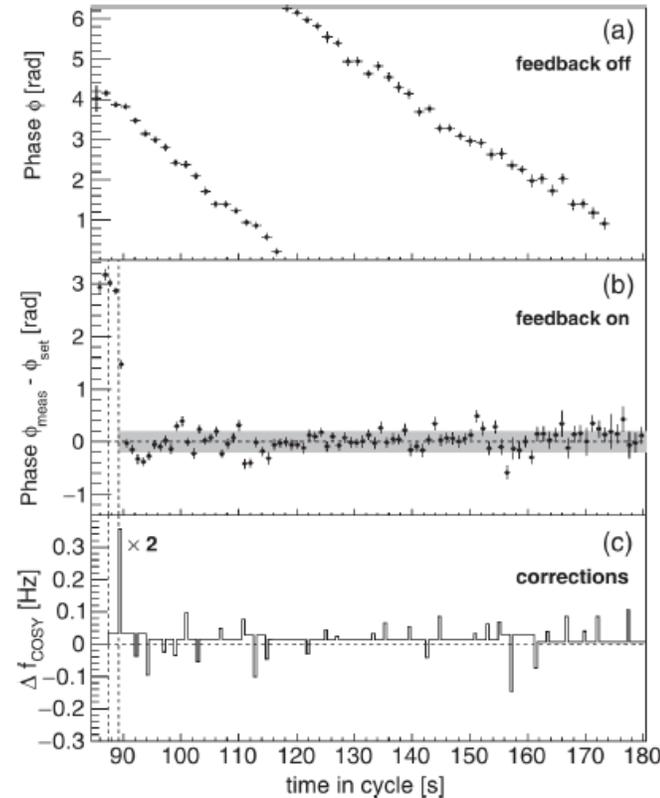
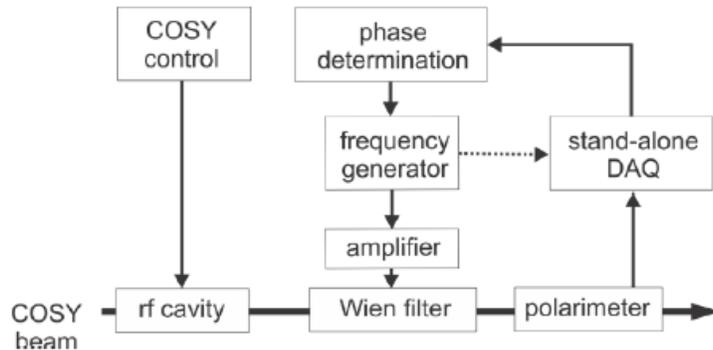
- Spin tune ν_s determined to $\approx 10^{-8}$ in 2 s time interval.
- In a 100 s cycle at $t \approx 38$ s, interpolated spin tune amounts to $|\nu_s| = (16097540628.3 \pm 9.7) \times 10^{-11}$, i.e., $\Delta\nu_s/\nu_s \approx 10^{-10}$.
- \Rightarrow new precision tool to study systematic effects in a storage ring.

Excellent example of Ramsay's theorem in action

Phase locking spin precession in machine to device RF

Feedback system maintains

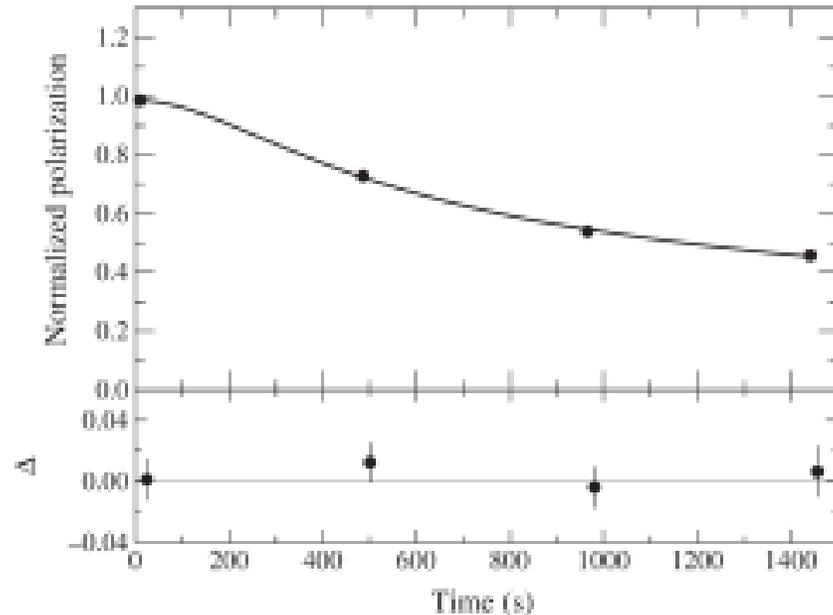
1. resonance frequency, and
2. phase between spin precession and device RF (solenoid or Wien filter)



Major achievement : Error of phase-lock $\sigma_{\phi} = 0.21$ rad [18].

Optimization of spin-coherence time [12]

Precise adjustments of three sextupole families in the ring



JEDI progress on τ_{SCT} :

$$\tau_{\text{SCT}} = (782 \pm 117) \text{ s}$$

- Previous record:
 $\tau_{\text{SCT}}(\text{VEPP}) \approx 0.5 \text{ s}$ [18]
($\approx 10^7$ spin revolutions).

Stretching SCT by
Koop-Shatunov technique of
chromaticity minimization

JEDI: routine operation with
coherence time of $\sim 1500 \text{ s}$

Spring 2015: Way beyond anybody's expectation:

- With about 10^9 stored deuterons.
- Long spin coherence time was one of main obstacles of srEDM experiments.
- Large value of τ_{SCT} of crucial importance (11), since $\sigma_{\text{stat}} \propto \tau_{\text{SCT}}^{-1}$.

CP Puzzle in QCD: P & T violating

$$L_{\bar{\theta}} = -\frac{1}{32\pi^2} \bar{\theta} g_S^2 G^{a\mu\nu} \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}^a \quad \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}^a = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} G^{a\rho\sigma} \quad \text{preserves renormalizability}$$

$$G^{a\mu\nu} \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}^a = \partial_\mu K^\mu, \quad K^\mu = \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \left(A_\nu^a G_{\rho\sigma} - \frac{1}{3} g_s f^{abc} A_\nu^a A_\rho^b A_\sigma^c \right)$$

Unobservable in perturbation theory, but Adler-Bell-Jackiw anomaly and instanton vacuum give observable CP violation

$$L_{CPV} = 3m^* \bar{\theta} (\bar{\Psi} i\gamma_5 \Psi). \quad m^* = \frac{m_u m_d m_s}{m_u m_d + m_u m_s + m_d m_s} \approx \frac{m_u m_d}{m_u + m_d}$$

Exact Peccei-Quinn chiral symmetry $U(1)_{PQ}$ if there is a massless quark

EDM of nucleons $d_N \sim \bar{\theta} \frac{m^*}{\Lambda_{QCD}} \mu_N \approx \bar{\theta} \times 10^{-16} \text{ e} \cdot \text{cm}$

PSI (2020): $d_n < 1.8 \times 10^{-26} \text{ e} \cdot \text{cm}$ $\rightarrow \bar{\theta} \sim 10^{-10}$.

Swap the QCD angle for the dynamic pseudoscalar field: $\bar{\theta} \rightarrow \frac{1}{f_{(a)}} a(x)$

Spontaneous breaking of $U(1)_{PQ} \rightarrow$ light pseudoscalar axion as a likely source of dark matter

Weinberg (1978) from πNN to $a NN \rightarrow -\frac{\hbar}{2f_{(a)}} g_f \partial_\mu a(x) \bar{\Psi} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \Psi \quad m_{(a)} \approx m_\pi \frac{f_\pi}{f_{(a)}} \frac{\sqrt{m_u m_d}}{m_u + m_d}$,

Relic axion dark matter

Coherent axion galactic halo

$$\omega_{(a)} = \frac{m_{(a)} c^2}{\hbar}$$

$$a(x) = a_0 \cos(\omega_{(a)} t - \mathbf{k}_{(a)} \cdot \mathbf{x})$$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{m_{(a)}} \sqrt{\frac{2\rho_{\text{DM}}\hbar}{c^3}}$$

Preskill, Wise, Wilczek (1983)

Abbott, Sikivie (1983)

Dine, Fischler (1983)

Review: Sikivie (2021)

Oscillating EDM

$$d_{\text{N}}^{(a)}(x) = \frac{a(x)}{f_{(a)}} \kappa_{(a)} \frac{\mu_{\text{N}}}{c}$$

Axion halo acts on spin as a pseudomagnetic field (P. Vorobiev, I. Kolokolov, I. Fogel (1989), R. Barbieri (1989))

Spins in storage rings move **~1000** times faster than Earth w.r.t. galactic halo axions → **enhanced pseudomagnetic field**, Foldy-Wouthuysen treatment is mandatory [Silenko \(2022\)](#)

Instantaneous spin rotation

$$\mathbf{\Omega}^{(a)} = \frac{a_0}{f_{(a)}} \left[g_{\text{f}} \omega_{(a)} \sin(\omega_{(a)} t) \frac{\mathbf{v}}{c} - \kappa_{(a)} \gamma \cos(\omega_{(a)} t) \frac{\mathbf{v}}{c} \times \mathbf{\Omega}_{\text{c}} \right]$$

pseudomagnetic field (= rf solenoid)

oscillating EDM (= Wien filter)

$\pi/2$ phase shift of two spin rotators with orthogonal spin rotation axes --- spin rotations are in sync

Axion induced **resonance** spin-flip angular velocity

[Silenko \(2022\)](#), [NNN \(2022\)](#)

$$\Omega_{\text{res}} = \frac{a_0}{2f_{(a)}} \frac{v}{c} \gamma |g_{\text{f}} G - \kappa_{(a)}| \Omega_{\text{c}}$$

is independent of the spin-axion phase difference

Dynamics of the Froissart-Stora scan: axion phase ambiguity

Duration of the spin-jump must be shorter than the axion coherence time

JEDI sensitive to $m_a = 0.5$ neV, lab velocity wrt axions halo $v \sim 10^{-3} \rightarrow$

$\tau \sim 10$ s, tune ramp rate properly

At least 1 s for single determination of the spin phase

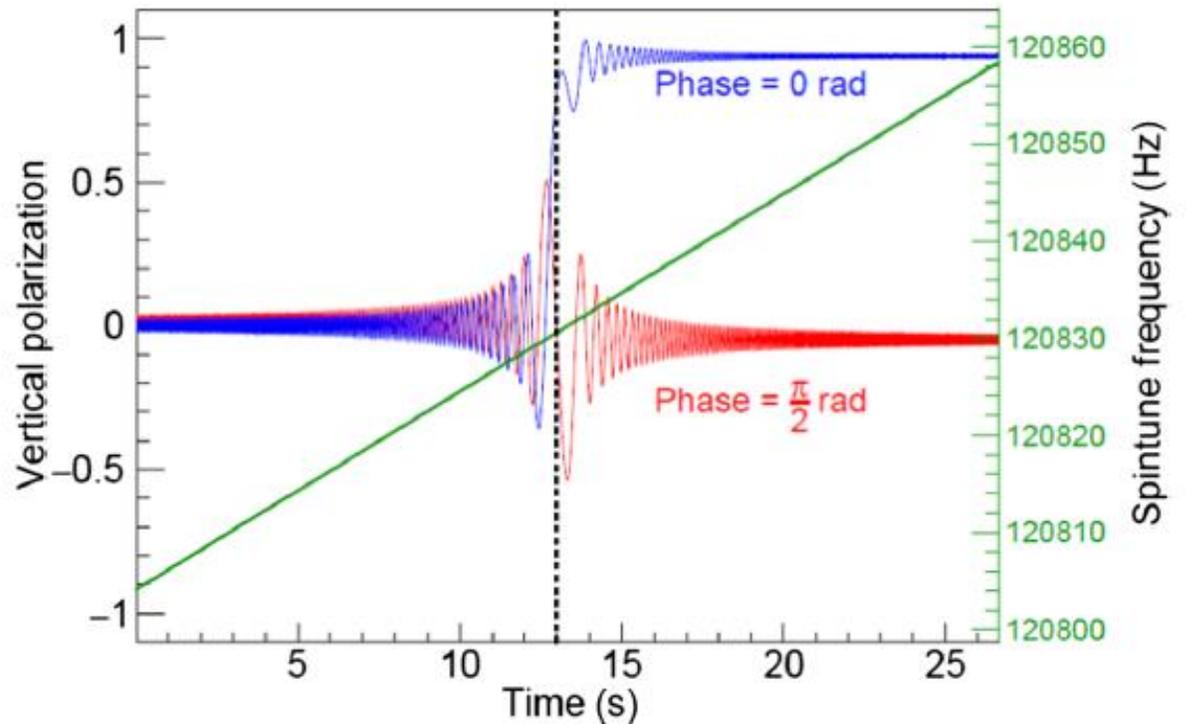
Spin-flip frequency is **independent** of the **entirely unknown** relative spin-axion phase Δ

But the resonant spin jump is $\sim \cos \Delta$

Multiple bunch solution for the phase problem

N.B. Rotation of spin from the **initial vertical to the horizontal one** is entirely free of the phase ambiguity \rightarrow axion signal is an emergence of precessing in-plane velocity

$$\tau_a = \frac{h}{m_a v^2},$$



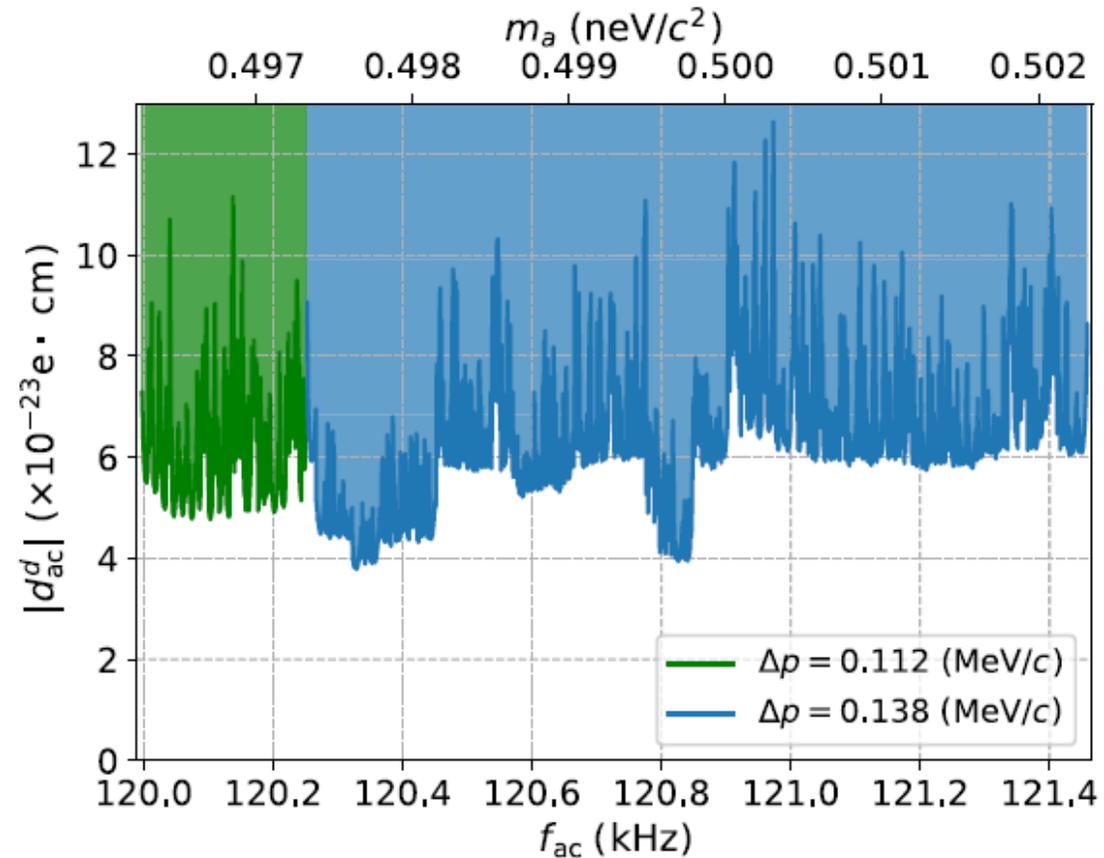
JEDI @ COSY

Tune antenna ramping beam energy

Altogether 103 ramps

Frequency range 120-121.4 kHz

Axion mass range 4.95-5.02 neV/c^2



90% confidence level sensitivity for excluding the axion (ALP) induced oscillating EDM of the deuteron (assuming the EDM dominance)

Basically **no direct** experimental upper bounds in the PDG tables on the **static** EDM of bare protons and deuterons to compare with

PTR (CPEDM): prototype hybrid E+B confinement of 45 MeV frozen spin **protons** on orbit

Prime motivation: **test of the frozen spin approach to a search for the EDM of protons**

Cyclotron frequency
$$\Omega_c = \frac{q}{m\gamma} \left(-B + \frac{\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{E}}{v^2} \right)$$

Frozen spin
$$\Omega_s^{\text{mdm}} = \frac{q}{m} \left\{ -G\mathbf{B} + \left(G - \frac{1}{\gamma^2 - 1} \right) \frac{\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{E}}{c^2} \right\} = 0 \rightarrow \text{zero mass axion antenna}$$

$$\Omega_s^{\text{edm}} = -d\{\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}\}.$$

Lift the frozen spin condition, but retain the beam momentum and cyclotron frequency (WF regime)

$$\Delta\mathbf{B} = \frac{1}{v^2}[\mathbf{v} \times \Delta\mathbf{E}]$$

The axion resonance at $\omega_a = -G_p\gamma\Omega_c \frac{\Delta E}{E_0}$, broadband axion antenna: $\sim 0\text{-}0.5$ MHz

Change of paradigm for protons: look for axion induced rotation of the vertical spin into ring plane, buildup of precessing in-plane polarization

WF regime can well be realized at

- NICA with bypasses
- Modified Nuclotron with extended straight sections (Yu.N. Senichev's talk)
- Straight section of the 8-ring as polarization preserving injector to NICA

NICA as a hybrid axion antenna with E+B bypasses

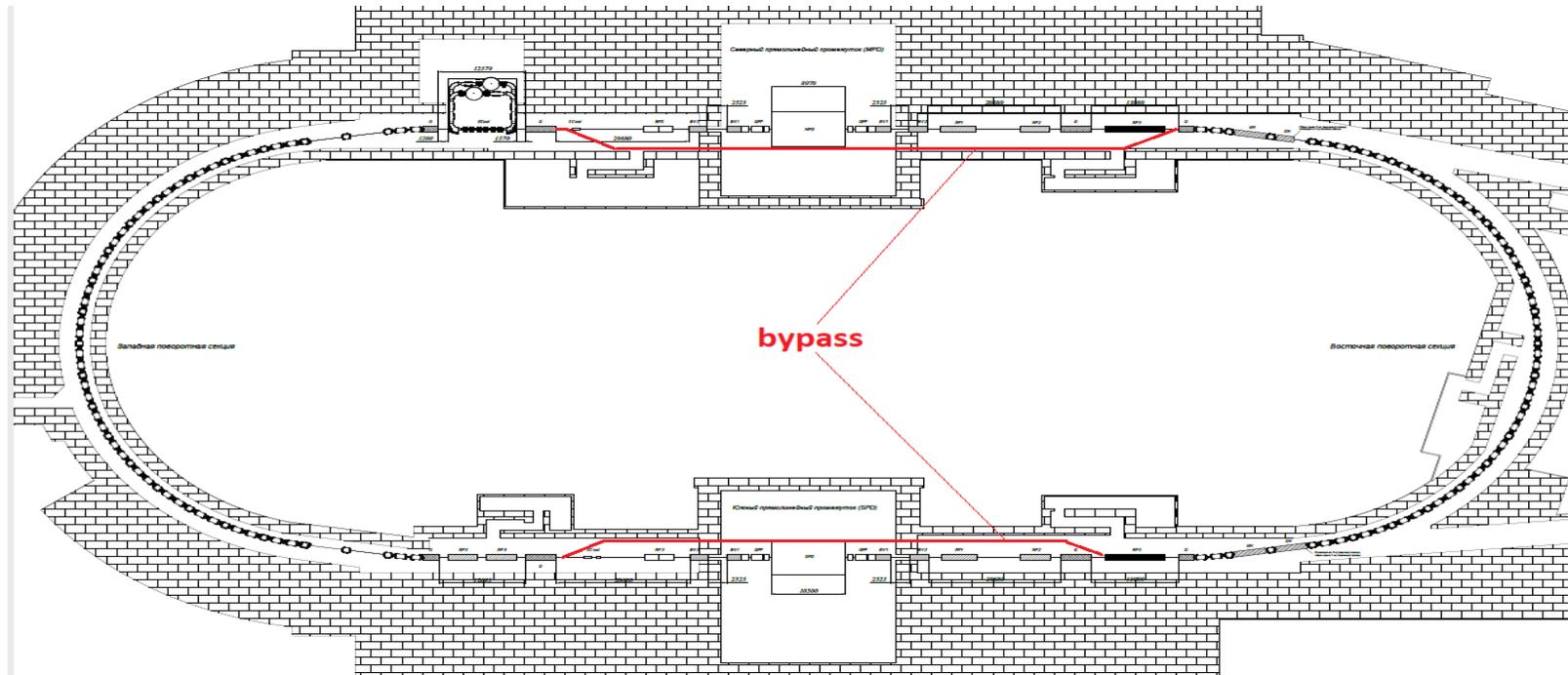
Prime motivation: quasi-frozen deuteron spin at NICA to search for the deuteron EDM

Two approx. 100 m bypasses will endow NICA with partial features of PTR

Bypasses with magnetic dipoles and electric deflectors act on spin as **static** WFs

Y. Senichev et al. (2022)
More in Senichev's talk

**Bypass guarantees
no interference with
SPD and MPD operation !**



Still better: long straight sections in the new Nuclotron (under discussion)

Bypass/Straight sections

- Scan maintaining the integral Wien filter features
- Effective length of the Wien filter per straight section ~ 10 m
- Band width at a fixed energy and orbit

$$\Delta f_s = \frac{(1+G) q E L}{2\pi m c^2 \gamma^2 \beta^2} f_{rev} \rightarrow 2 \times 15 / \gamma^2 \beta \text{ kHz}$$

- Polarimetry preferred proton energy ~ 270 MeV
- Protons: axion resonance buildup of the horizontal polarization
- Need time-stamped polarimetry for detection of the precessing horizontal polarization
- Fourier analysis of oscillating horizontal polarization is basically free of systematics
- Proton antenna more sensitive than the deuteron one: larger magnetic moment, lower mass

- Selected references

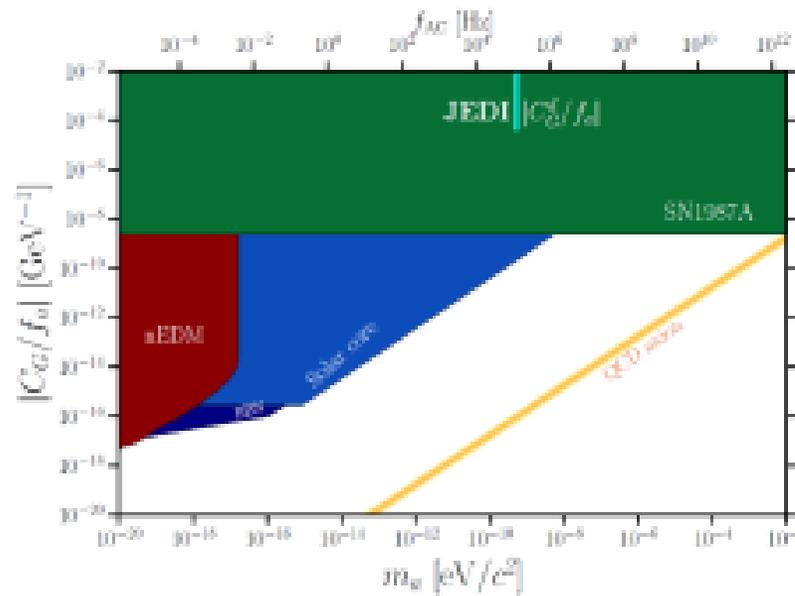
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Summary and outlook

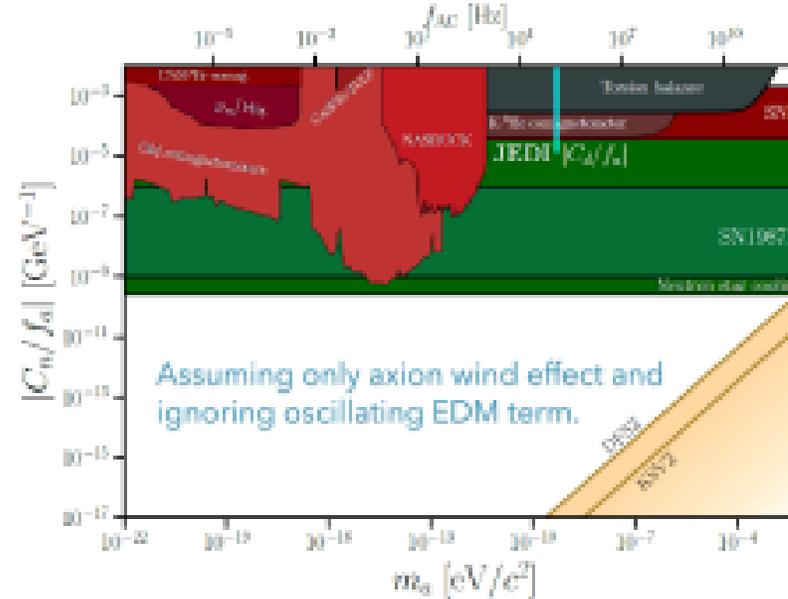
- Any new facility has to have a versatile physics program with multipurpose detectors
- It is imperative to extend the physics program of SPD to novel tests of fundamental symmetries
- Don't overlook a potential of the external target experiments.

Спасибо за терпение и внимание!

ALP-gluon and ALP-nucleon coupling³



ALP-gluon coupling, assuming 100% oscillating EDM.



ALP-nucleon coupling, only axion wind effect, ignoring oscillating EDM term.

³Figures courtesy of C. O'Hare, "cajohare/axionlimits: Axionlimits," (2020), <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3932430>

Bunch-selective spin manipulation → co-magnetometry II

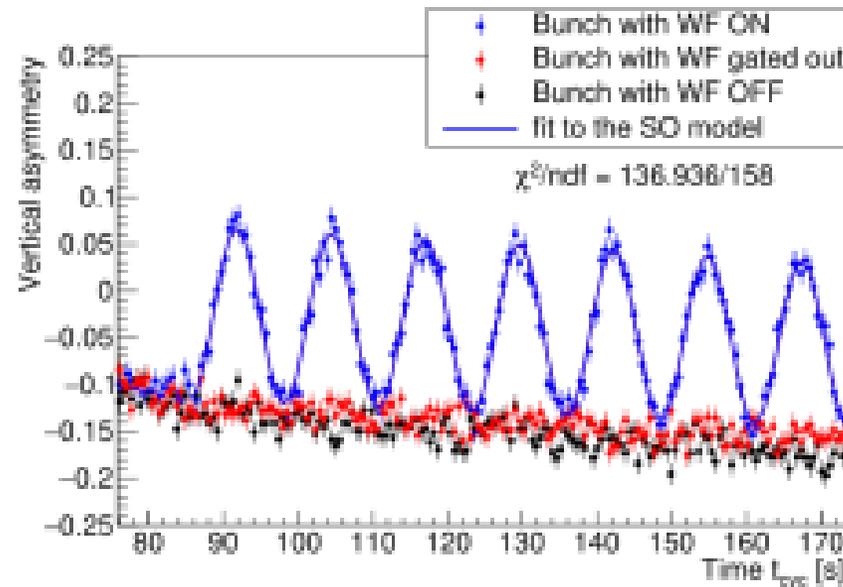
World-first (September 2020 JEDI, with d at 970 MeV/c)

See recent JEDI preprints for more details:

- Pilot bunch and co-magnetometry of polarized particles stored in a ring [15]
- Spin decoherence and off-resonance behavior of radiofrequency-driven spin rotations in storage rings [16]

Synchrotron-oscillations model [16]:

$$A_{sy}(t) = a(t - t_0) + b + \frac{c}{\sqrt{1 + [2\pi Q_{sy} f_{SF}(t - t_0)]^2}} \times \cos [2\pi f_{SF}(t - t_0) - \arctan(2\pi Q_{sy} f_{SF}(t - t_0))]$$



Works close to perfection

- allows spin manipulations on *individual* stored bunches **on flattop**
- application of principle on the horizon for EIC and NICA

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[2309.06561](#) [physics.ins-det]

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Testing SM by Parity Violation (PV)

- The observable: PV beam helicity dependence of the total X-section and elastic scattering
- New approach: single turn extraction of horizontal polarized beam onto external target--- time-tag control of the extracted horizontal beam helicity
- A challenge to experimentalists: the expected asymmetries are few 10^{-8} to 10^{-7} --- counting events is entirely hopeless, measure beam current upstream and downstream thick nuclear target instead
- I.A. Koop, A.I. Milstein, N.N. Nikolaev, A.S. Popov, S.G. Salnikov, P.Yu. Shatunov, Yu.M. Shatunov, *Tests of Fundamental Discrete Symmetries at the NICA Facility: Addendum to the Spin Physics Programme*, *Physics of Particles and Nuclei*, 52(4), 549-554 (2021); *Physics of Particles and Nuclei*, 52(6), 1044-1119 (2021)
- Polarimetry requirements: < 1 GeV/c deuterons are favored
- High energy: B.G. Zakharov, *Sov. J. Nucl. Phys.* *Sov. J. Nucl. Phys.*, 42 (3), 479-482 (1985)]

PV expt with deuterons extracted from Nuclotron - 2

Counting single events is unrealistic (?): measure the total charges of bunches in front of and behind the external target.

Non-invasive measurement of the beam charge by Rogowski coils

Bunched beam: signal from the Rogowski coil = **the derivative** of the beam current

Two integrations:

1-st integration → **current of the bunch**

2-nd integration → **total charge in the bunch**

Upstream and downstream families of 3-5 Rogowski coils for crosscheck and boosting the precision

The complementary polarimetry behind the target to monitor the polarization of the beam

PV asymmetries $< 10^{-7}$ are within the reach in 1 month at NICA

PV expt with single-turn extraction of deuterons from Nuclotron

I.A. Koop, A.I. Mil'shtein, N.N. Nikolaev, A.S. Popov, C.G. Sal'nikov, P.Yu. Shatunov, Yu.M. Shatunov, [Physics of Particles and Nuclei, 52\(4\), 549-554 \(2021\)](#)

Store vertically polarized beam (upgraded Nuclotron to boost intensity)

Fast (< 1 s) rotation of spin from vertical to the in-plane by RF spin flipper (solenoid)

JEDI: the precessing spin phase is measured by time-stamp of oscillating radial polarization : $P_x = +/-1$ at internal polarimeter within 1-2 s

Time stamp allows single-turn extraction of the bunch of any desired helicity: $P_z = +/-1$ for PV studies

Fourier analysis of the PV would reduce systematics

Beam prep & spin-flip & polarimetry & extraction cycle shorter than 5 s $\rightarrow > 5 \times 10^5$ cycles per month

No stringent demands for the deuteron beam cooling from the spin coherence time consideration (5 s \ll 1400 s of JEDI)

Protons might be problematic because of short spin coherence time?

A possibility to run PV expt in Nuclotron parasitically while NICA is busy in the collider mode ?

Modest additions to Nuclotron: RF spin flipper and polarimeter --- they are imperative anyway

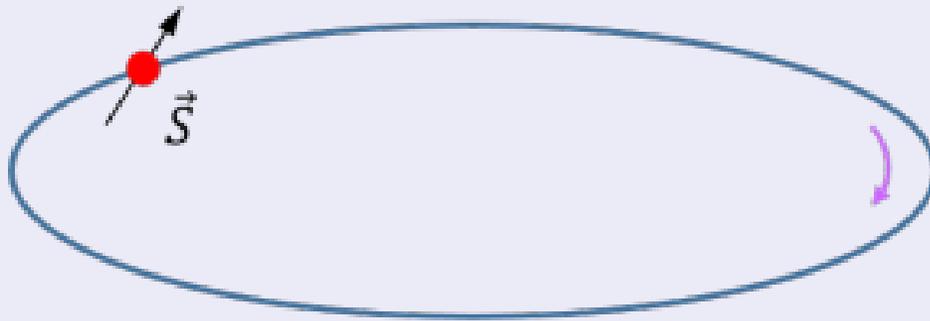
Spin precession of particles with MDM and EDM

In rest frame of particle

- Equation of motion for spin vector \vec{S} :

$$\frac{d\vec{S}}{dt} = \vec{\Omega} \times \vec{S} = \vec{\mu} \times \vec{B} + \vec{d} \times \vec{E}. \quad (2)$$

With protons in a ring



→ Spin-precession with MDMs and EDMs described by Thomas-BMT Eq. [9].

N. Ramsey's theorem: **frequency** is a unique observable measurable to a very high precision

Ultracold neutrons: F.L. Shapiro (1967, JINR)

Breakthrough UCN experiment: I.S. Altarev et al. (1980, 1981, **ЛИАФ**)

Neutron EDM: collinear E and B . Signal of EDM = **shift of the spin precession frequency** after flip of the electric field

What is the state of art in PV?

SIN (PSI): pp elastic scattering at 45 MeV (SIN), several years of running, S. Kystrin et al. PRL 58 (1987) 1616

$$A_{pV} = (1.5 \pm 0.22) 10^{-7}$$

Consistent with expectations from low-energy meson exchange model

ANL ZGS: p(H₂O), 5.1 GeV, Nigel Lockyer et al. Phys.Rev. D30 (1084) 860

$$A_{pV} = (26.5 \pm 6.0 \pm 3.6) 10^{-7}$$

None of theorists has ever been able to explain this gigantic effect

Spin coherence time: crucial issue for protons

C. Weidemann et al., Phys. Rev. ST Accelerators and Beams, 18, 020101 (2015)

- 49.3 MeV protons in COSY
- **Without spin-flips** the vertical polarization lifetime $(2.7 \pm 0.5) 10^3$ s
- 99 spin flips during 300 s
- Flipping polarization lifetime 240 s.
- Strong evidence for the polarization loss by **spin decoherence in the horizontal plane**
- Arguably the spin coherence time $\sim 1/(G\beta^2\gamma)^2$ A. Lechner et al. e-Print: [1201.5773](#) [hep-ex]
- Low energy protons are preferred
- More experimental scrutiny on stretching spin coherence time of protons is in order (sextupoles ?)