

Multiple Spin Echoes and Instabilities in Hyperpolarized ^3He - ^4He Solutions

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Hyperpolarized He mixtures, obtained by dissolution of laser polarized ^3He gas into liquid ^4He , offer a rich playground to investigate non-linear spin dynamics induced by long-range magnetic interactions. Such residual interactions, not averaged out by Brownian motion, are met in other systems (B-E condensates, sf ^3He , 2-D ^1H gas, and quantum entangled spin systems) but play a leading role in highly magnetized liquids where the so-called distant dipolar field, DDF, leads to spectacular effects: spectral clustering, precession instabilities, spin turbulence, etc. Our investigations combine low-field NMR (2.5 mT) on bulk polarized solutions (1 cm³, 1 – 5% ^3He , 0 – 30% polarizations) at 1–4 K and numerical 3D simulations on spin lattices. Instabilities triggered by single 90° pulses are now studied at DDFs up to a few mG with negligible radiation damping.¹ Transverse magnetization is stabilized by frequent rf-driven ‘time reversal’ to measure its residual damping rate and ultimately characterize the DDF-induced spatially inhomogeneous patterns. Following a 90° – 90° excitation DDF-induced multiple spin echoes (MSE) exhibit major differences with those observed in solid ^3He (mostly due to nearest neighbors).² Attenuation rates are compared to numerical predictions and to MSE data obtained in hyperpolarized ^{129}Xe at 300 K.

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²G. Deville et al, Phys. Rev. B. **19**, 5666 (1979)