



Polarimetry

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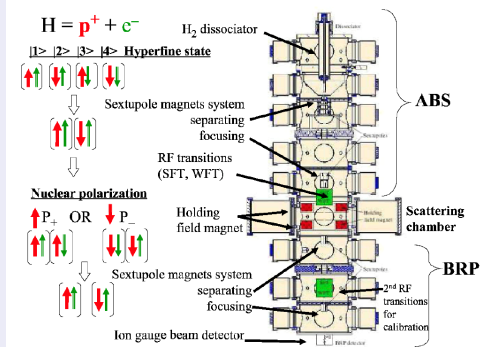
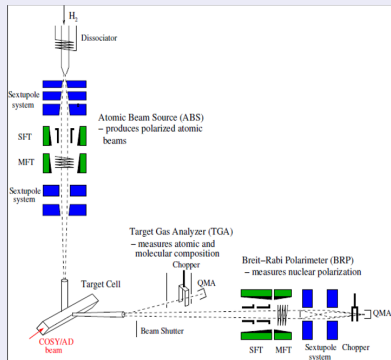
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Atomic beam source with Breit-Rabi polarimeter (BRP)

Storage cell vs free jet



Breit-Rabi polarimeter

- Stern-Gerlach effect + RF-transition to determine HFS occupation number
- Only sensitive to atomic polarization (no information on molecules)
- Viable solution for free-jet target ($\rightarrow$ A. Nass' talk)
 - ▶ Measured polarization at RHIC: $P_{target} = 92.4 \% \pm 1.8 \%$

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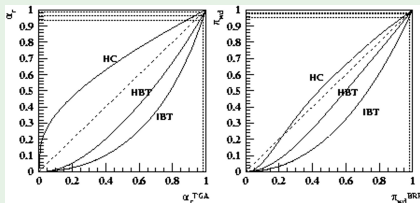
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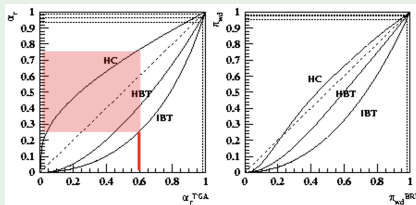
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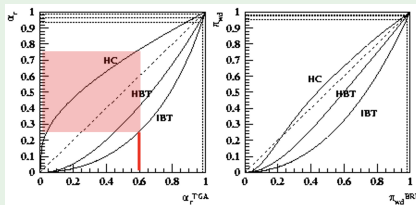
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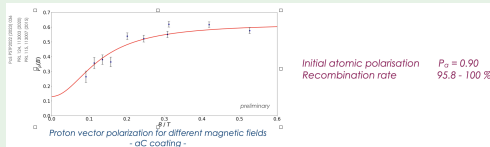


Limits of sampling polarimetry with BRP

- Systematic error increases with recombination and depolarization
- Not able to measure molecular polarization

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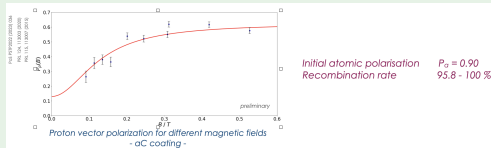
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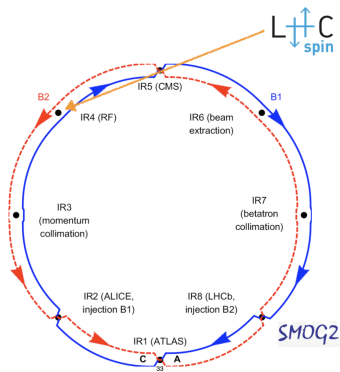


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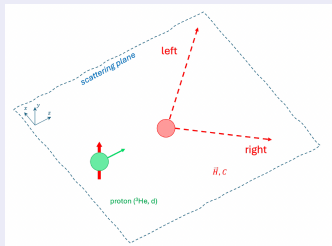
- Measurement not repeatable at FZJ
- Option at Ferrara setup: installation of an amorphous carbon coated cell
 - ▶ Measurement of recombination (TGA)
 - ▶ Measurement of residual atomic polarization (BRP)

Polarized jet target at LHC Interaction Region 4



Polarization Measurement by Scattering Asymmetry

Spin-dependent cross section



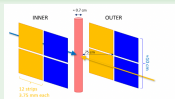
- $\sigma = \sigma_0(1 + A_y P_y \cos\phi)$
 - ▶ σ_0 : unpol. cross section
 - ▶ P_y : target polarization
 - ▶ A_y : analyzing power
 - ▶ ϕ : azimuth of scattered particle

Coulomb Nuclear Interference (CNI)

- A_y : polarization sensitivity of the scattering process
- Interference of EM and strong interaction $\Rightarrow$ sizable A_y for elastic pp scattering

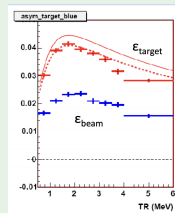
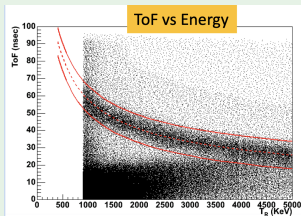
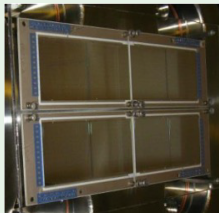
Polarimetry with CNI at RHIC

Recoil spectrometer at RHIC



Eight Si strip detect.

- 12 vertical strips
- 3.75 mm pitch
- 500 μm thickness

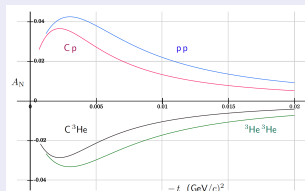


- Si detectors measure T_R & ToF of recoil proton.
- Correlations (T_R & ToF) and (T_R & θ_R) $\rightarrow$ elastic process
- Asymmetry: $\epsilon = \frac{L-R}{L+R} = A_y \cdot P_y \cos\phi \Rightarrow$ derivation of P_y
- Note: sign of P_y periodically reversed to minimize systematic effects

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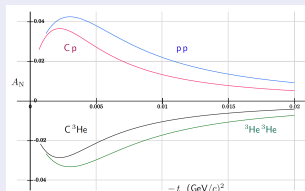


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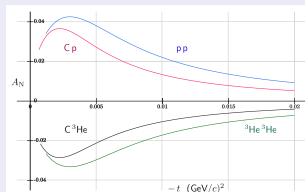
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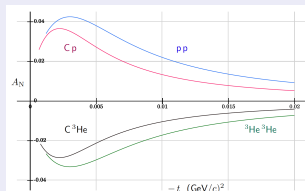
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- Chamber design and wake fields' simulation ($\rightarrow$ Anna's talk)

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