



# THE RELATIVISTIC HEAVY ION COLLIDER THE ONLY COLLIDER IN THE US





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### PARTICLE ACCELERATORS

Large scientific instruments that produce and accelerate subatomic particles and 'smashes them'



Particles: electrons, positrons, protons, anti-protons, ions..... (atoms stripped of electrons: nuclei)

Nuclei → protons + neutrons → quarks + gluons







### THE RHIC COMPLEX







## SYNCHROTRONS AND STORAGE RINGS

#### Synchrotrons (Booster, AGS):

- Circular machines used to rapidly accelerate particles to higher energies
- The acceleration comes from the electric field with an oscillating frequency synchronized with the particle's revolution frequency
  RF cavity
- □ Typical cycle time: 1 sec

#### Storage rings (RHIC):

- □ Circular machines used to store beams over many hours
- □ May be used to slowly accelerate beams from injection to top energy in minutes







Charged particles are guided by magnetic fields, using the Lorentz force:

$$\vec{F} = q \bullet \left( \vec{v} \bullet \vec{B} \right)$$

F : force

q : electric charge of the particle

v : particle velocity

B: magnetic field

Vector equation: F is perpendicular to v and B

#### Important consequence:

Magnetic fields can only deflect particles, but cannot change their velocity (or energy)





## BASICS OF CIRCULAR ACCELERATOR

### bending dipole

- Constant magnetic field
- Keeps particles circulating around the ring

### quadrupole

- Magnetic field proportional to the distance from the center of the magnet.
- Keeps particles focused

### radio frequency cavities

Electric field for acceleration and keeping beam bunched longitudinally







Geometric focusing in the horizontal plane

□ In a homogeneous dipole field, all particles travel on circles with slightly different centers depending on initial particle direction:



#### The vertical plane

Without vertical focusing, particles inevitably spiral out of the horizontal plane Solution: Provide a restoring force  $F_z/z$ 



Modified pole faces provide horizontal field component  $B_x(z) = z \cdot dB/dz = z \cdot const.$  $\rightarrow$  Restoring force  $F_z = q \cdot v \cdot z \cdot dB/dz$  (harmonic oscillator)





## SUMMARY OF WEAK FOCUSING

- Simultaneous bending and focusing by combined-function magnets (dipoles with modified pole face shape)
- Typical beam size: 1m
- Requires large vacuum chambers (beam pipes) that become more and more impractical in larger machines

**Remedy:** Separate bending and focusing functions (= "strong focusing")

### Strong focusing

Quadrupole magnets focus the beam in one plane, and de-focus in the other





- Alternate focusing and defocusing quadrupoles
- □ Typical beam size: 1mm to 1 cm
- Beam optics described by matrix multiplication





### LONGITUDINAL DYNAMICS

- How does an accelerator accelerate the beam?
- Magnetic fields only deflect the beam, but electric fields can change the beam energy



While the particle is inside the field-free drift tube, the polarity changes

- A highly relativistic particle (v~c) with an energy E+δE is heavier (E+δE=(+δm)c<sup>2</sup>) then the nominal particle at energy E, and therefore travels at a larger radius R+δR.
- Since the pathlength (circumference) 2π(R+δR) at this larger radius is larger while the velocity v is practically unchanged, the particle arrives late at the accelerating section (cavity).





At fixed energy (no acceleration):

- the nominal particle receives no longitudinal kick, so its energy E remains unchanged
- □ a particle with higher energy E + δE arrives at a later time, receives a negative kick, and gets decelerated
- □ a particle with lower energy E δE arrives early, receives a positive kick, and gets accelerated

To accelerate the entire beam, gently increase the dipole field to reduce the path length, so all particles arrive early and get accelerated





### Polarized proton beams Or How to do magic with an accelerator



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## WHAT IS SPIN? FROM GOOGLE ...

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- revolve quickly and repeatedly around one's own axis, "The dervishes whirl around and around without getting dizzy"
- twist and turn so as to give an intended interpretation, "The President's spokesmen had to spin the story to make it less embarrassing"
- a distinctive interpretation (especially as used by politicians to sway public opinion), "the campaign put a favorable spin on the story"







#### **Classical definition**

the body rotation around its own axis 

#### Particle spin:

- an intrinsic property, like mass and charge
  - a quantum degree freedom associated with the intrinsic magnetic moment  $\mu_s$ .



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WHAT IS SF





- Spin vector S: a collection of particles the average of each particles spin expectation value along a given direction
- Spin orbit interaction





## SPIN DEPOLARIZING RESONANCE

- In a perfect accelerator, spin vector precesses around the bending dipole field direction: vertical
- □ Spin tune Q<sub>s</sub>: number of precessions in one orbital revolution. In general,

 $Q_{s} = G\gamma$  G: anomalous magnetic moment  $\gamma$ : relativistic Lorentz factor



### Imperfection resonance

- Source: dipole errors, quadrupole misalignments
- > Resonance location:

 $G\gamma = k$ 

#### k is an integer

#### Intrinsic resonance

- Source: horizontal focusing field from betatron oscillation
- Resonance location:
  - $G_{\gamma} = kP \pm Qy$

P is the periodicity of the accelerator,

Qy is the vertical betatron tune

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### - POLARIZED PROTON ACCELERATION CHALLENGES: PRESERVE BEAM POLARIZATION

#### >Depolarization (polarization loss) mechanism

> Come from the horizontal magnetic field which kicks the spin vector away from its vertical direction

#### > Spin depolarizing resonance :

coherent build-up of perturbations on the spin vector when the spin vector gets kicked at the same frequency as its precession frequency



## - SPIN DEPOLARIZATION RESONANCE IN RHIC

For protons, imperfection spin resonances are spaced by 523 MeV the higher energy, the stronger the depolarizing resonance



### INNOVATIVE POLARIZED PROTON ACCELERATION TECHNIQUES: SIBERIAN SNAKE

- First invented by Derbenev and Kondratenko from Novosibirsk in 1970s
- A group of dipole magnets with alternating horizontal and vertical dipole fields
- rotates spin vector by 180° about a horizontal axis, the stable spin direction remains unperturbed at all times as long as the spin rotation from the Siberian Snake is much larger than the spin rotation due to the resonance driving fields. Therefore the beam polarization is preserved during acceleration. An alternative way to describe the effect of the Siberian Snake comes from the observation that the spin tune with the Snake is a half-integer and energy independent.











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## THE RHIC PROJECT CHRONOLOGY

- □ 1989 RHIC design
- 1991 construction starts
- 1996 commissioning AtR injection lines
- □ 1997 sextant test (1/6 of the ring)
- □ 1999 RHIC engineering/test run
- □ 2000 first collisions
- □ 2001-02 Au-Au run, polarized p run
- □ 2003 deuteron-Au run, pp
- 2004 Au-Au physics run and 5 weeks pp development

RHIC is also a giant engineering challenge: magnets (3000+ industry and lab built superconducting magnets) cryogenics (2 weeks to cool down to 4.2K), instrumentation, etc.



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### RHIC OPERATIONS

The operation of RHIC and its injectors is a rather challenging endeavor....

RHIC operates for ~5-6 months/year - 24h/day 7 days/week

RHIC Shutdown 6-7 months, for machine improvements (other programs are run by the injectors, Tandem delivering ions for industrial R&D, Booster delivering ions for NASA experiments, etc.)

CONTROL ROOM : remote access to instrumentations and controls

- Accelerator physicists, shift leaders (machine initial set-up, new developments, beam experiments)
- Operations group: operation coordinator, operators ("routine" operations, shifts 1 OC + 2 operators)
- Technical support (engineers and technicians on call and/or site for system diagnosis and trouble-shooting)





### INJECT, ACCELERATE, COLLIDE.....!







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Heavy ion runs - time evolution of Au+Au



## - FIGURE OF MERIT OF POLARIZED PROTON COLLIDER

### □ Luminosity:

> number of particles per unit area per unit time. The higher the luminosity, the higher the collision rates

 $L(t) = \frac{1}{4} f_0 N \xrightarrow{n^2(t)} \# \text{ of particles in one bunch}$ # of bunches Transverse beam size

### beam polarization

> Statistical average of all the spin vectors.

> zero polarization: spin vectors point to all directions.

> 100% polarization: beam is fully polarized if all spin vectors point to the same directions.



# How do we know the protons are polarized



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## WHAT IS BEAM POLARIZATION?

Simple example: spin-1/2 particles (proton, electron) Can have only two spin states relative to certain axis Z:  $S_z$ =+1/2 and  $S_z$ =-1/2

$$P = \frac{N_{S_z = +1/2} \quad N_{S_z = -1/2}}{N_{S_z = +1/2} + N_{S_z = -1/2}} \quad |P| < 1$$



$$P = \frac{4 \ 0}{4 + 0} = 1$$

$$P = \frac{3}{3+1} = 0.5$$

$$P = \frac{2}{2+2} = 0$$







## RHIC POLARIMETRY

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#### Polarized hydrogen Jet Polarimeter (HJet)

Source of absolute polarization (normalization of other polarimeters) Slow (low rates  $\Rightarrow$  needs looong time to get precise measurements)

#### Proton-Carbon Polarimeter (pC) @ RHIC and AGS

Very fast ⇒ main polarization monitoring tool Measures polarization lifetime and profile (polarization is higher in beam center)

Needs to be normalized to HJet

#### Local Polarimeters (in PHENIX and STAR experiments)

Defines spin direction in experimental area Needs to be normalized to HJet

> All of these systems are necessary for the proton beam polarization measurements and monitoring

RHIC S&T Review 2014

### HOW TO MEASURE PROTON BEAM POLARIZATION

There are several established physics processes sensitive to the spin direction of the transversely polarized protons



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H-JET SYSTEM

✓ Height: 3.5 m

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- ✓ Weight: 3000 kg
- Entire system moves along x-axis –10 ~ +10 mm to adjust collision point with RHIC beam.

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0.04

0.03

0.02

E\_=24 GeV

Left-right asymmetry in elastic scattering due to spin-orbit interaction:

interaction between (electric or strong) field of one proton and magnetic moment associated with the spin of the other proton

#### Beam and target are both protons







H-JET: PTARGET

#### Source of normalization for polarization measurements at RHIC



#### Polarization cycle: (+/ 0/ - ) = (500/50/500) s

#### Breit-Rabi Polarimeter:

Separation of particles with different spin states in the inhomogeneous magnetic field (ala Stern-Gerlach experiment)

Nuclear polarization of the atoms:  $95.8\% \pm 0.1\%$ 

After background correction: P<sub>target</sub> = 92.4% ± 1.8%

Very stable for entire run period !









Provides statistical precision  $\delta(P)/P \sim 0.10$  in a store (6-8 hours)





### P-CARBON POLARIMETER:

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Left-right asymmetry in elastic scattering due to spin-orbit interaction: interaction between (electric or strong) field of Carbon and magnetic moment associated with the spin of the proton



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### POLARIZATION PROFILE

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If polarization changes across the beam, the average polarization seen by Polarimeters and Experiments (in beam collision) is different



## BHIC HADBON POLABISATION



## BHIC POLARIMETRY: OPS EXAMPLES FROM BUN-13

<u>H-Jet:</u> Analyzing power A<sub>N</sub>=ε/P<sub>T</sub>



 $\rightarrow$  developed method determine background fraction and correct for it

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#### <u>p-Carbon:</u>

gain variations up to 25% correlated with bias current variations  $\rightarrow$  monitored through  $\alpha$ -calib. runs  $\rightarrow$  connections are applied to all the dat





### **IMPROVEMENTS FOR RUN-15**

#### □ H-Jet:

measure molecular fraction in the H-Jet prior to run-15
 o currently dominant systematics

> new Si-detectors:  $\rightarrow$  bigger acceptance & better resolution

#### pC-polarimeters

- > continue the regular  $\alpha$ -calibrations at every end of the fill
- > redesign the Si-ceramic board to have better gain stability
- ➢ improve target lifetime with new target holders to reduce heating tested in Run-14 with Au/He-3 beams → reduced heating/glowing









## NEED FOR LOCAL POLARIMETERS





### MONITOR SPIN DIRECTION

Measures transverse polarization  $P_T$  , Separately  $P_X$  and  $P_Y$ 

$$P_L = \sqrt{P^2 - P_T^2}$$

Longitudinal component: *P* - from CNI polarimeters



Vertical  $\rightarrow \phi \sim \pm \pi/2$ Radial  $\rightarrow \phi \sim 0$ Longitudinal  $\rightarrow$  no asymmetry

#### Asymmetry vs $\phi$



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## LOCAL POLARIMETER: PHENIX & STAR PHENIX STAR

Utilizes spin dependence of very forward neutron production discovered in RHIC Run-2002 (PLB650, 325) detected in zero degree calorimeter



Quite unexpected asymmetry Theory can not yet explain it But can be used for polarimetry ! Utilizes spin dependence of hadron production at high  $x_F$  measured in beam-beam counters  $3.3 < |\eta| < 5.0$ 



### NOW WE HAVE THE POLARISED PROTON BEAM AND KNOW WHAT THE POLARISATION IS, WHAT IS NEXT

### How do we measure things → Detectors



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## - ROLARIZED PROTON ACCELERATION SETUP IN RHIC

Energy: 23.8 GeV ~ 250 GeV (maximum store energy)

- A total of 146 imperfection resonances and about 10 strong intrinsic resonances from injection to 100 GeV.
  - Two full Siberian snakes





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Elastic scattering: interference between electromagnetic and hadronic amplitudes in the Coulomb-Nuclear Interference (CNI) region

$$A_N = C_1 \stackrel{em}{}^* \stackrel{had}{}_{non flip} + C_2 \stackrel{em}{}^* \stackrel{had}{}_{flip}$$





### PC+HJET: POLARIZATION VS FILL

#### Run-2009 results (E<sub>beam</sub>=100 GeV)





✓ Normalized to HJet

Corrected for polarization profile (by pC)

### δ**Ρ/Ρ < 5%**

#### Dominant sources of syst. uncertainties:

- ~3% HJet background ~3% - pC stability (rate dependencies, gain drift)
- ~2% Pol. profile



# - POL. PROFILE AND AVERAGE POLARIZATION



$$R = \frac{\frac{2}{I}}{\frac{2}{P}}$$

$$\frac{\langle P \rangle_{Exp}}{\langle P \rangle_{HJet}} = \frac{\sqrt{(1+R_x) \cdot (1+R_y)}}{\sqrt{(1+\frac{1}{2}R_x) \cdot (1+\frac{1}{2}R_y)}} \approx 1 + \frac{1}{4} (R_x + R_y)$$

Ideal case: flat pol. profile ( $\sigma_P = \infty \Rightarrow R=0$ )

Run-2009:



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### POLARIZATION MEASUREMENTS

pC elastic scattering

$$P = \frac{1}{A_N} = \frac{1}{A_N} \frac{N_{Left} N_{Right}}{N_{Left} + N_{Right}}$$

 $A_N$  depends on the process and kinematic range of the measurements

Precision of the measurements

$$(P) = \frac{1}{A_N} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} = N_{\text{Left}} + N_{\text{Right}}$$

For  $\delta(P)\text{=}0.01$  and  $A_N\text{-}0.01$   $\Rightarrow$  N~10^8

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### Requirements:

Large A<sub>N</sub> or/and high rate (N) Good control of kinematic range

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SPIN MOTION IN CIRCULAR ACCELERATOR: THOMAS BMT EQUATION

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = \vec{\cdot} \cdot \vec{S} = -\frac{e}{m} [G \vec{B} + (1+G)\vec{B}_{//}] \cdot \vec{S}$$

Spin vector in particle's rest frame

- In a perfect accelerator, spin vector precesses around the bending dipole field direction: vertical
- □ Spin tune Q<sub>s</sub>: number of precessions in one orbital revolution. In general,

$$Q_s = G\gamma$$





## - CLOSED ORBIT IN A CIRCULAR ACCELERATOR

Closed orbit: particle comes back to the same position after one orbital revolution







### STERN-GERLACH EXPERIMENT

#### Separation of spin states in the inhomogeneous magnetic field





## THE RHIC ACCELERATOR SYSTEM





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