# CEBAF Polarized Electron Source



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# mass ~ $1/\lambda$ ~ energy





# What to do? Build a 5 mile long electron microscope!



Make electrons energetic enough ( $E_{beam}$ ) to peek inside proton or neutron ( $M_{nucleon}$ ).





#### How to make the electrons "powerful" ?

#### Use radio(frequency) waves !!!



## The "C" in CEBAF



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## Continuous Electron Beam Accelerator Facility



#### Photo Finish, but at 2 billionths of a second !!!

#### 3 lasers pulsing



#### DC beam, not so useful





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## What about the probing with spin ?



## Electron Bunch Spin & Polarization



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## **Parity Violation Experiments at CEBAF**

Experiment	Energy (GeV)	Ι (μΑ)	Target	A <sub>pv</sub> (ppb)	Maximum Charge Asym (ppb)	Maximum Position Diff (nm)	Maximum Angle Diff (nrad)	Maximum Size Diff (δσ/σ)
HAPPEx-II (Achieved)	3.0	55	<sup>1</sup> H (20 cm)	1400	400	1	0.2	Was not specified
HAPPEx-III (Achieved)	3.484	100	<sup>1</sup> H (25 cm)	16900	200±100	3±3	0.5±0.1	10 <sup>-3</sup>
PREx	1.063	70	<sup>208</sup> Pb (0.5 mm)	500	100±10	2±1	0.3±0.1	10-4
QWeak	1.162	180	<sup>1</sup> H (35 cm)	234	100±10	2±1	30±3	10-4
Møller	11.0	75	<sup>1</sup> H (150 cm)	35.6	10±10	0.5±0.5	0.05±0.05	10-4

PV experiments motivate polarized e-source R&D

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#### What does "234 ppb" even mean?





#### Polarized Electron Source "Musts"

#### Good Photocathode

Many electrons/photon
High Polarization
Fast response time



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#### Good Laser

Lots of PhotonsCW PulsesHigh Polarization



#### Good Electron Gun

Accelerate Electrons
Happy Photocathode
Integrate Laser





### **Photoemission from GaAs**



### **Bulk GaAs**

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- ► Laser excitation from  $P_{3/2}$  to  $S_{1/2}$  :  $E_{gap} < E_{\gamma} < E_{gap} + \Delta$
- Electron Polarization:  $P_e < \frac{3-1}{3+1} = 50\%$



- $\sigma$ +: Right-handed circularly polarized light  $\sigma$  : Left-handed circularly polarized light
- Reverse electron polarization by reversing light polarization

### The First GaAs Photoemission Source

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#### Photoemission of spin-polarized electrons from GaAs

Daniel T. Pierce\* and Felix Meier

Laboratorium für Festkörperphysik, Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule, CH 8049, Zürich, Switzerland (Received 10 February 1976)



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## First High Voltage GaAs Photogun

Polarized e- Gun for SLAC Parity Violation Experiment



Collaboration announces parity violation June, 1978

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## **Higher P: Breaking GaAs Degeneracy**

- Split degeneracy of  $P_{3/2}$ : Introduce strain on GaAs crystal by growing it on substrate (GaAsP) with different lattice constant
- ➤ High polarization by laser excitation from P<sub>3/2</sub> to S<sub>1/2</sub>:  $E_{gap} < E_{\gamma} < E_{gap} + \delta$



Higher QE: Alternating layers of GaAs and GaAsP – Superlattice GaAs

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## Strained layer GaAs

Bandwidth Semiconductor (formerly SPIRE)

• MOCVD-grown epitaxial spin-polarizer wafer • Lattice mismatch  $\Rightarrow$  split degeneracy of P<sub>3/2</sub> 0.1 µm 250 µm 250 µm 250 µm 250 µm 250 µm 600 µm 9-type GaAs substrate

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#### Strained Layer - Superlattice GaAs



#### And, it really works!



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## **Polarized Electron Injector**



#### Bird's Eye View



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#### Laser Room for Dust & Climate Control





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## **Fiber-based Drive Laser**



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#### Synchronous photoinjection using a frequency-doubled gain-switched fiber-coupled seed laser and ErYb-doped fiber amplifier

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Light at 1560 nm from a gain-switched fiber-coupled diode laser and ErYb-doped fiber amplifier was frequency doubled to obtain over 2 W average power at 780 nm with  $\sim$ 40 ps pulses and pulse repetition rate of 499 MHz. This light was used to drive the 100 kV DC high voltage GaAs photoemission gun at the



## Load-lock Photogun

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- Best vacuum inside HV Chamber, which is never vented except to change electrodes
- Photocathode Heat and Activation takes place inside Preparation Chamber
- Use "Suitcase" to replace photocathodes through a Loading Chamber





### **Electron Gun Cut-Away**

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Laser shines on GaAs & frees the electrons...

...the -130kV "battery" accelerates and forms the electron beam.

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#### Load-locked dc high voltage GaAs photogun with an inverted-geometry ceramic insulator

P. A. Adderley, J. Clark, J. Grames, J. Hansknecht, K. Surles-Law, D. Machie, M. Poelker,\* M. L. Stutzman, and R. Suleiman *Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility, Newport News, Virginia 23606, USA* (Received 24 November 2009; published 26 January 2010)

A new dc high voltage spin-polarized photoelectron gun has been constructed that employs a compact inverted-geometry ceramic insulator. Photogun performance at 100 kV bias voltage is summarized.







### Who wants polarized electrons?



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#### Better Vacuum = Longer Lifetime



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#### Bad, bad ions...

Imperfect vacuum => QE degrades via ion backbombardment





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# Vacuum regimes

#### Air ~ $10^{16}$ / Torr-cm<sup>3</sup>

- Low, Medium Vacuum (>10<sup>-3</sup> Torr)
  - Viscous flow
    - interactions between particles are significant
  - Mean free path less than 1 mm
- High, Very High Vacuum (10<sup>-3</sup> to 10<sup>-9</sup> Torr)
   Transition region
- Ultra High Vacuum (10<sup>-9</sup> 10<sup>-12</sup> Torr)
  - Molecular flow
    - interactions between particles are negligible
    - interactions primarily with chamber walls
  - Mean free path 100-10,000 km
- Extreme High (<10<sup>-12</sup> Torr)
  - Molecular flow

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– Mean free path 100,000 km or greater

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## Vacuum Conditions at CEBAF

Application	Pressure Range	Location	Vacuum Regime	
Beamline to dumps	10 <sup>-5</sup> Torr	Target to dump line	Medium	
Insulating vacuum for cryogens	10 <sup>-4</sup> Torr to 10 <sup>-7</sup> Torr	Cryomodules, transfer lines	Medium to high	
Targets, Scattering Chambers	10 <sup>-6</sup> to 10 <sup>-7</sup> Torr	Experimental Halls	High to very high	
RF waveguide warm to cold windows	10 <sup>-7</sup> to 10 <sup>-9</sup> Torr	Between warm and cold RF windows	High to very high	
Warm beamline vacuum	10 <sup>-7</sup> to 10 <sup>-8</sup> Torr or better	Arcs, Hall beamline, BSY, some injector	High to very high	
Warm region girders	10 <sup>-9</sup> Torr or better	Girders adjacent to cryomodules	Very high to ultrahigh	
Differential pumps	Below 10 <sup>-10</sup> Torr	Ends of linacs, injector cryomodules and guns	Ultrahigh vacuum	
Baked beamline	10 <sup>-10</sup> to 10 <sup>-11</sup> Torr	Y chamber, Wien filter, Pcup	Ultra high vacuum	
Polarized guns	10 <sup>-11</sup> to 10 <sup>-12</sup> Torr	Inside Polarized guns	Ultra/Extreme high vacuum	
SRF cavity vacuum	< 10 <sup>-12</sup> Torr	Inside SRF cavities with walls at 2K	Extreme high vacuum	

## We understand Alice's worry...



The woods were dark and foreboding, and Alice sensed hat sinister eyes were watching her every step. Worst of all, she knew that Nature abhorred a vacuum. "The woods were dark and foreboding, and Alice sensed that sinister eyes were watching her every step. Worst of all, she knew that Nature abhorred a vacuum" – Gary Larson



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# Where does the gas come from?

#### Outgassing from the system

- Metal and non-metal (viton o-rings, ceramics) all outgas
- Primarily water in unbaked systems
- Primarily hydrogen from steel in baked systems
- Leaks

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- Real
  - Gaskets not sealed
  - Cracks in welds, bellows, ceramics, window joints
  - Superleaks that only open at very low temperatures
- Virtual
  - Small volumes of gas trapped inside system (screw threads, etc.) that pump out slowly over time

#### Gas load caused by the beam

- Desorption of gases by elevated temperatures, electrons or photons striking surfaces, etc.
- Engineered Loads (targets, etc.) where gas is added
- Permeation of gasses through materials
  - Viton gaskets worse than metal seals
  - Hydrogen can permeate through stainless steel!

# Ultra High Vacuum Pumps

#### Getter Pumps

- Chemically active surface
  - Titanium sublimed from hot filament
  - Non-Evaporative Getters
- Molecules stick when they hit
  - Does not work well for inert gasses such as Argon, Helium or for methane

#### Ion Pumps

- Electric field to ionize gasses
- Magnetic field to direct gasses into cathodes where they are trapped
  - Has some pumping capability for noble gasses

#### • Baking used to get pressures below 10<sup>-10</sup> Torr

- 250 C for 30 hours removes water vapor bonded to surface that otherwise limits pressure
- Avoid contamination by oils due to roughing pumps, fingerprints, machining residue.



**NEG** pump array



#### Ion Pump

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#### High Polarization from GaAs: Trending toward higher current...



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