Polarized ³He for Spin Structure Measurements

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³He Polarization **Optical Pumping Techniques**



Why Polarized Helium 3?

- · Polarized scattering experiments crucial for study of neutron spin structure
 - · How do we make polarized neutron targets and beam sources?



- S-state ³He: nuclear spin carried by the neutron nearly 90% of the time
- Polarized spin asymmetries: ${}^{3}\overrightarrow{\text{He}}$ good surrogate for \vec{n}
- ³He's magnetic moment close to n, easier spin manipulation in accelerator

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Metastability Exchange and Spin Exchange Optical Pumping

MEOP

- Pure ³He with RF discharge
- High pumping rate
- · Less sensitive to wall interactions
- Temperature above 100 K
- 4 W laser typical
- Limited pressure (~1 mbar)

SEOP

- Mixture of Alkali metals with ³He
- Low pumping rate
- · Walls carefully selected
- Needs oven (200°C)
- 100 W laser typical
- Large pressure range (1 to 13 bar)
- Pressure attainable without pumps has made SEOP the most attractive tool for high luminosity scattering applications

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Figure 4. (A) A schematic of the EBIS course. (B) The electric potential along the axis of the source.

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- MEOP inside magnetic shield (30 G), polarize to \sim 70% at 1 torr with 10 W laser
- Transfer $\sim 10^{14}$ ³He/s through stray field into EBIS at 5 T & 10^{-7} torr
- Deliver 1.5×10^{11} ³He⁺⁺ ions per 20 μ sec pulse



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CLAS12 Target Constraints

- Getting a conventional polarized ³He target in CLAS12 is tricky:
 - Remove solenoid, OR
 - Put target upstream of solenoid, OR
 - Transfer polarized gas into solenoid
- To operate in the standard configuration:
 - Fit inside solenoid (10 cm diameter space to work with)
 - Operate at 5 T



A High-Field Polarized $^{3}\mathrm{He}$ Target

The Idea

Double-Cell Cryo Target

- Polarize at 300 K
- Transfer to 5 K target cell
- Density increase $60 \times$

High Field MEOP

- High Polarization (60%)
- High magnetic fields (5 T)
- Pressure increase $100 \times$

- MEOP at 1 mbar offers 10,000 \times less density than SEOP at 10 bar
- This scheme increases MEOP density by 6,000 \times
- Reaches CLAS12 max luminosity with $4.5\times10^{34}~^3{\rm He/cm^2/s}$ at 2.5 μA

Proposed Target



- Cell volumes: 100 cm³, Cell pressure: 100 mbar, Polarization: 60%
- Beam Current: 2.5 μ A, Luminosity: 4.5×10^{34} ³He/cm²/s at 2.5 μ A
- Must fit in tight space constraint of CLAS12 (~10 cm)

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Transverse Polarized ³He in CLAS12?

- Transverse target offers tantalizing physics opportunities
- Very tricky in a longitudinal 5T solenoid
- HD-Ice has a plan involving bulk superconductor to cancel 5 T and create a transverse holding field
- Scheme could involve bulk superconductor to block field and create 30 G holding field
- Rotate spin adiabatically in transit to target cell
- Warrants exploration with tempered expectations

- Conceptual design report on arXiv:1911.06650
- Idea shown at CLAS collaboration meeting in November
- First meeting of study group on Dec 17th, 13 attended
- Volunteers to begin simulations on SIDIS, DVCS, Inclusive DIS
- Workshop for physics case at CLAS meeting in March

Conceptual Design of a Polarized ³He Target for the CLAS12 Spectrometer

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Abstract

We present a conceptual design for a polarized ³He target for Jefferson Lab's CLAS12 spectrometer in its standard configuration. This two-cell target will take advantage of advancements in optical pumping techniques at high magnetic field to create 60% longitudinally polarized ³He gas in a pumping cell inside the CLAS12 5T solenoid. By transferring this gas to a 20 cm long, 5K target cell, a target thickness of 3×10^{21} ³He/cm² will be produced, reaching the detector's specified maximum luminosity with a beam current of 2.5 μA .

Physics from Polarized ³He in Hall B

- Inclusive DIS: $g_1^n(x, Q^2)$, Bjorken sum rule
- Tagged Inclusive DIS: spin-dependent EMC effect
- + SIDIS: flavor decomposition, Δu , Δd , Δs
- TMDs, exploration in P_T , k_T
- DVCS: Neutron GPDs
- Quasielastic nucleon knockout: ground state spin-isospin structure, high-momentum correlated pairs
- $(e, e'\pi^{\pm})$: Search for pre-existing Δ s
- Suggestions and collaborators are welcome!

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Double Helicity-Flip Structure Function $\Delta(x, Q^2)$

- $\Delta(x, Q^2) \Rightarrow$ helicity amplitude $A_{+-,-+}$
 - Photon helicity flip of two
 - Unavailable to bound nucleons or pions
 - Purely gluonic observable
- Hadrons: Gluonic Transversity
- Nuclei: Exotic Glue
 - · Gluons not associated with a nucleon
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Target cell length (cm)	16	20
Number of atoms in pumping cell	$1.2 imes 10^{19}$	3×10^{20}
Number of atoms in target cell	6×10^{19}	$1.5 imes 10^{22}$
Holding field (T)	0.003	5
Polarization	40%	60%
Incident electron beam energy (GeV)	0.574	10
Cell temperature (K)	17	5
Target thickness $(^{3}\text{He}/\text{cm}^{2})$	$1.2 imes 10^{19}$	3×10^{21}
Beam current (μA)	10	2.5
Luminosity $(^{3}\text{He/cm}^{2}/\text{s})$	$7.2 imes 10^{32}$	$4.5 imes 10^{34}$

High Field MEOP at 1 mbar



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