Polarized Protons and Siberian Snakes

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Outline

- **Introduction: why polarized protons**
  - spin “crisis”

- **Accelerating polarized protons to high energy**
  - beam dynamics in a synchrotron
  - spin dynamics
  - challenges and solutions

- **Siberian Snake**
  - RHIC: the first polarized proton collider

- **Summary**
Discovery of Spin: 1925

“This is a good idea. Your idea may be wrong, but since both of you are so young without any reputation, you would not lose anything by making a stupid mistake.” --- Prof. Ehrenfest

G.E. Uhlenbeck and S. Goudsmit, Naturwissenschaften 47 (1925) 953. A subsequent publication by the same authors, Nature 117 (1926) 264,
Spin Crisis: what makes up the proton spin?

Sum of spins of all quarks

\[ S = \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \Delta \Sigma \]

CERN EMC, SMC:
\[ \Delta \Sigma \sim 20\% \]
Spin contribution from all the gluons?

\[ S = \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \Delta \Sigma + \Delta g + L_q + L_g \]

Orbital angular momentum of quarks and gluons?
**Quest to unveil the proton spin structure:**

High energy proton proton collisions: 
- gluon gluon collision and gluon quark collision

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The acceleration comes from the electric field with an oscillating frequency synchronized with the particle’s revolution frequency.

- **Alternating gradient**
  - A proper combination of focusing and defocusing quadrupoles yields a net focusing force in both horizontal and vertical planes.

- **FODO cell**: most popular building block for synchrotrons

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  x \\
  x'
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= \begin{pmatrix}
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Beam motion in a circular accelerator

- **Closed orbit**
  - A particle trajectory remains constant from one orbital revolution to the next
  - Closed orbit distortion: deviation from the center of the beam pipe

- **Betatron oscillation**
  - An oscillatory motion around the closed orbit from turn to turn

\[
\frac{d^2 x}{ds^2} + K_x(s)x = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x(s) = \sqrt{2\beta_x J} \cos(2\pi Q_x \theta(s) + \chi_x)
\]
Particle motion in a synchrotron

- Betatron oscillation:

\[ x(s) = \sqrt{2\beta_x J} \cos(2\pi Q_x \theta(s) + \chi_x) \]

  - Beta function: the envelope of the particle’s trajectory along the machine
  - Betatron tune: number of betatron oscillations in one orbital revolution
RF cavity

- Provide an oscillating electrical field to
  - accelerate the charged particles
  - keep the particles longitudinally bunched, i.e. focused

- A metallic cavity
  - resonating at a frequency integer multiples of the particle’s revolution frequency

\[
E_z(r,t) = E(r)e^{i2\pi f_{\text{rf}} t} \\
B_\theta(r,t) = B(r)e^{i2\pi f_{\text{rf}} t}
\]
Spin motion: Thomas BMT Equation

\[
\frac{d\vec{S}}{dt} = \vec{\Omega} \times \vec{S} = -\frac{e}{\gamma m} [(1 + G\gamma)\vec{B}_\perp + (1 + G)\vec{B}_\parallel] \times \vec{S}
\]

- Spin vector in particle’s rest frame
- Magnetic field along the direction of the particle’s velocity
- Magnetic field perpendicular to the particle’s velocity
- G is the anomalous g-factor, for proton, G=1.7928474
- \(\gamma\): Lorenz factor

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Spin motion in a circular accelerator

- In a perfect accelerator, spin vector precesses around its guiding field along the vertical direction.

- Spin tune $Q_s$: number of precessions in one orbital revolution. In general,

$$Q_s = G \gamma$$
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

![Diagram showing depolarization and spin depolarizing resonance](image-url)
imperfection spin resonance

- Source
  - dipole errors, quadrupole mis-alignments
- Resonance location:
  
  \[ G\gamma = k, \ k \text{ is an integer} \]
- Resonance strength:
  - Proportional to the size of the vertical closed orbit distortion
Intrinsic spin resonance

- Intrinsic resonance
  - Source: focusing field due to the intrinsic betatron oscillation
  - Resonance location:
    \[ G_\gamma = kP \pm Q_y \]
    
    \( P \) is the super periodicity of the accelerator, \( Q_y \) is the vertical betatron tune
  - Resonance strength:
    - Proportional to the size of the betatron oscillation
    - When crossing an isolated intrinsic resonance, the larger the beam is, the more the polarization loss is
Intrinsic spin resonance $Q_x = 28.73$, $Q_y = 29.72$, emit = 10

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

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Single resonance crossing

- Frossart-Stora formula

\[
P_f = P_i \left( 2e^{\frac{\pi |\epsilon|^2}{\alpha}} - 1 \right)
\]

\(\epsilon\) is the strength of the resonance.
\(\alpha\) is the speed of resonance crossing.
overcoming spin depolarizing resonances techniques

- **Harmonic orbit correction**
  - to minimize the closed orbit distortion at all imperfection resonances
  - Operationally difficult for high energy accelerators

- **Tune jump**
  - Operationally difficult because of the number of resonances
  - Also induces emittance blowup because of the non-adiabatic beam manipulation

\[ \gamma = Q_y \]

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overcoming spin depolarizing resonances techniques

- **AC dipole**
  - Induce full spin flip by using an AC dipole to adiabatically excite a coherent betatron oscillation with large amplitude

Quadrupole: horizontal
Magnetic field linearly proportional to the offset from magnet center

- Can only correct strong intrinsic spin resonances
Innovative polarized proton acceleration techniques: Siberian snake


- A group of dipole magnets with alternating horizontal and vertical dipole field rotates spin vector by 180°
Particle trajectory in a snake:
How to preserve polarization using Siberian snake(s)

- Use one or a group of snakes to make the spin tune to be at $\frac{1}{2}$

- Break the coherent build-up of the perturbations on the spin vector

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Accelerate polarized protons in RHIC
Polarized proton setup in the Booster

- **Booster**
  - Kinetic Energy: 200MeV ~ 1.42 GeV
  - Intrinsic spin resonances are avoided by setting the vertical betatron tune above the spin precession tune at extraction
  - A total of 2 imperfection resonances and they are corrected by the harmonic correction of the vertical closed orbit closed orbit
Polarized proton setup in the AGS

- **AGS** (Alternating Gradient Synchrotron)
  - Energy: 2.3 GeV ~ 23.8 GeV
  - A total of 41 imperfection resonances and 7 intrinsic resonances from injection to extraction
    - One 5.9% partial snake plus one 10~15% partial snake

\[
\cos \pi Q_s = \cos G \gamma \pi \cos \frac{\psi_1}{2} \cos \frac{\psi_2}{2} - \cos G \gamma \frac{\pi}{3} \sin \frac{\psi_1}{2} \sin \frac{\psi_2}{2}
\]
Spin tune with two partial snakes

Vertical betatron tune

36+Q_y intrinsic resonance

\[
\cos \pi Q_s = \cos G \gamma \pi \cos \frac{\Psi_w}{2} \cos \frac{\Psi_c}{2} - \cos G \gamma \frac{\pi}{3} \sin \frac{\Psi_w}{2} \sin \frac{\Psi_c}{2}
\]
# AGS polarized proton development

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<th>Int ($10^{11}$)</th>
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Polarized 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

\[ Q_s = \frac{1}{\pi} \left| \phi_1 - \phi_2 \right| \]

\[ Q_s = \frac{1}{2} \]
snake depolarization resonance

- **Condition**
  \[ mQ_y = Q_s + k \]

- **even order resonance**
  - Disappears in the two snake case like RHIC if the closed orbit is perfect

- **odd order resonance**
  - Driven by the intrinsic spin resonances
$6Q_y = Q_s + k$
Snake resonance observed in RHIC

Polarization Tune Scan @ γ=63

7/10 snake resonance

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How to avoid a snake resonance

- Keep the spin tune as close to $\frac{1}{2}$ as possible
  - **snake current setting**
    - set the vertical tune to 0.745
    - measure the beam polarization with different snake current
    - expect no depolarization if the corresponding spin tune is very close to 0.5
How to avoid a snake resonance

- Keep the spin tune as close to $\frac{1}{2}$ as possible
  - snake current setting
  - Keep the horizontal orbit at the two snakes parallel

- Keep the vertical closed orbit as flat as possible
  - orbit control

- Keep the betatron tunes away from snake resonance locations
  - Precise tune control
Betatron tune along the ramp

¾ snake resonance

7/10 snake resonance

flattop

10 seconds after flattop

\( \beta^* = 2m \)

beta1
RHIC Polarization vs. Beam Energy

- 100 GeV and above measurements use analyzing power calibrated at 100 GeV using H Jet polarimeter
- Estimated systematic error of analyzing power is ~10%

Statistically, same polarization
Not able to accelerate below 0.68 for production store due to the glitch in the RHIC power supply for main quadrupoles at the change of acceleration rate.

Measured Snake Resonance Spectrum

Ratio of CNI measurement at store vs. injection

- 7/10 resonance
- 11/16 resonance
- 3/4 resonance

Working pt for 250 GeV run in 2009

Ratio values:
- 0.9
- 0.72
- 0.54
- 0.36
- 0.18

vertical tune
Reach polarization of 70% or higher

- **RHIC:**
  - accelerate close to 0.675 between 100 GeV and 250 GeV
  - Tighter control of local orbit at rotators during store
  - CNI polarimeter improvement

- **AGS:**
  - Horizontal tune jump quad to avoid polarization losses at horizontal resonances

- **Source:**
  - Upgrade to achieve ~90% polarization
High energy polarized protons are desirable for unveiling the secret of the proton spin structure.

Accelerating polarized protons in a circular accelerator is challenged by the depolarizing mechanisms during the acceleration.

The great invention of Siberian snake made it possible for preserving polarization when accelerating protons to high energy.

RHIC as the world’s first high energy polarized proton collider has been successfully accelerating polarized protons up to 100 GeV with no polarization loss.

With the new tune to avoid snake resonance, it is promising to preserve 90% or higher polarization up to 250 GeV in the coming RHIC pp run.
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