



Community-wide meeting **Polarized Ion Sources and Beams**

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Goals of the meeting

- to raise the visibility in the EIC and spin communities of the exciting scientific case for spin measurements;
- to assess, in the context of the considerable scientific motivation, the status of ion source development for EIC;
- to identify critical path R&D essential for a successful polarized EIC program that can be implemented on day-1;
- to motivate the education and training of a new generation of young physicists with expertise in spin polarization technology. This will be essential for realization of the EIC polarized program.

Perspective

- It must be realized that the adaption of a well-understood polarization technique into a reliable ion source operating at maximum performance injecting with high reliability into an accelerator requires a sustained R&D effort by a critical mass of suitably skilled personnel for about a decade.
- If we consider the major polarization experimental efforts in nuclear physics over the last half century, university-based research groups played an essential role in developing the technical capabilities and in attracting and training the generations of physicists who carried out the research.
- The EIC science demands the widest available range of polarized ions and innovative source technologies must be pursued.
- It is recommended that a specific amount of funding be set aside to target R&D associated with the realization of polarized ion beams at EIC. This would support education and training of young physicists with the necessary expertise.
- It is recommended that a focused multiweek program on the science case for polarized ion beams at EIC being organized at the Institute for Nuclear Theory in the next year
- It is recommended that an annual summer school for young physicists on the science and technical realization of polarized ion beams at EIC be organized

Scale of task before us

- OPPIS: multi-decade, 30 physicists, 10 engineers, 5 postdocs/students
- HERMES H/D target: 40 graduate student years, 50 postdoc/senior years
- HERMES He-3 target: 10 graduate student years, 12 postdoc senior years, two years of engineering
- SLAC He-3 target: 35 person years
- SLAC H/D target: 20 person years
- Ongoing He-3 source development at BNL: 12 physicists, 4 postdocs

Polarized Ion Sources

Overall status and availability

- The EIC will use
 - polarized **protons** ($\vec{\frac{1}{2}}$) and **helions** ($\vec{\frac{1}{2}}$),
 - later on possibly **deuterons** ($\vec{1}$), and
 - heavier nuclei like **lithium**, i.e., ${}^6\text{Li}$ ($\vec{1}$) and ${}^7\text{Li}$ ($\vec{\frac{3}{2}}$).
- **Ion sources** for
 - polarized protons (available)
 - polarized ${}^3\text{He}$ (needs work)
 - polarized deuterons
 - will be inherited from Jülich (soon, then needs work)
 - not trivial for HSR as $G_d = -0.143$ small (needs work)
 - polarized lithium (needs a lot of work)

Meeting on Polarized Ion Sources and Beams I






- Sponsored by and carried out at SBU's
- **Organizers:** Deepak Raparia (BNL), Frank Rathmann (BNL), Jaydeep Datta (SBU), Richard Milner (MIT), and Zein-Eddine Meziani (ANL)
- 2-day meeting with ample time for discussions
 - 62 participants: about 35 present, 25 via zoom
 - Talks at <https://indico.cfnssbu.physics.sunysb.edu/event/343/>
- 8 Sessions:

1. Overview EIC & Spin





09:00	Welcome Address CFNS	Prof. Abhay Deshpande	09:00 - 09:05
	Welcome address BNL	Wolfram Fischer	09:05 - 09:10
	Overview of EIC	Sergei Nagaitsev	09:10 - 09:55
10:00	Spin Overview	Yoshitaka Hatta	09:55 - 10:40

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2. Spin physics





12:00	Nuclear Gluonometry	<i>James Maxwell</i> 	11:15 - 11:45
	Spin Structure of the Nucleon	<i>Renee Fatemi</i> 	11:45 - 12:15
	Spin-dependent EMC effect	<i>Ian Cloet</i> 	12:15 - 12:45

3. Polarized fusion, EicC, polarized electrons



14:00	Polarized Fusion	<i>Andy Sandorfi</i> 	14:00 - 14:30
	Polarized Beams and Spin Physics at IMP	<i>Boxing Gou</i> 	14:30 - 15:00
15:00	Polarized electron beams at EIC	<i>Dave Gaskell</i> 	15:00 - 15:30
	Posters	<i>Minxiang Li et al.</i> 	15:30 - 16:00

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4. Polarized ion source for \vec{p} , \vec{d} , ${}^3\vec{\text{He}}$, and ${}^6\vec{\text{Li}}$

	Polarized proton source OPPIS	Grigor Atoian 
		16:30 - 17:00
17:00	Polarized deuteron sources	Ralf Gebel 
		17:00 - 17:30
	Polarized He-3 source	Noah Wuerfel 
		17:30 - 18:00
18:00	Polarized Li-6 source	Chao Peng 
		18:00 - 18:30

5. Beam polarimetry: \vec{p} absolute, pC relative, and ${}^3\vec{\text{He}}$ absolute

09:00	Absolute hadron beam polarimetry at EIC	Frank Rathmann 
		09:00 - 09:30
	pC polarimetry at EIC	Haixin Huang 
		09:30 - 10:00
10:00	Absolute polarized He-3 polarimeter	Prajwal MohanMurthy 
		10:00 - 10:30

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6. Few body scattering, snakes, and lessons from AGS for EIC

11:00	Few-body elastic scattering polarimetry	Nigel Buttimore	🔗
		11:00 - 11:30	
	Snakes in AGS and EIC	Kiel Hock	🔗
		11:30 - 12:00	
12:00	What should be learned for the EIC from accelerating polarized protons in the AGS	Thomas Roser	🔗
		12:00 - 12:30	

7. EIC injector optimization, spin rotation in IRs, existing spin manipulators

14:00	Polarization and intensity optimization in the injector chain for the EIC	Vincent Schoefer	🔗
		14:00 - 14:30	
	Ion spin rotation at both IRs	Vadim Ptitsyn	🔗
		14:30 - 15:00	
15:00	Existing spin manipulators at RHIC	Haixin Huang	🔗
		15:00 - 15:30	

8. New spin tools

16:00	Spin tune determination and feedback	Volker Hejny	🔗
		16:00 - 16:30	
	Lorentz-force free RF spin manipulator	Jamal Slim	🔗
		16:30 - 17:00	

Polarimetry requirements for hadron beams in EIC

- The EIC promises to provide proton beam polarizations of $P \geq 0.7$ with a relative uncertainty of $\Delta P/P \leq 1\%$.
- Absolute proton beam polarization calibration relies on measured nuclear polarization of atomic jet using Breit-Rabi polarimeter.
- Polarization calibration needed for each ion species, as presently applied to for protons:
 - elastic scattering of identical particles \Rightarrow beam polarization inferred from known target polarization.
 - $\vec{p}\vec{p}$ elastic scattering,
 - ${}^3\vec{\text{He}} - {}^3\vec{\text{He}}$ elastic scattering,
 - $\vec{d}\vec{d}$ elastic scattering, and,
 - ${}^6\vec{\text{Li}} - {}^6\vec{\text{Li}}$ elastic scattering.
- Polarization calibration of other species also from nuclear polarization measurement of atomic targets using BR or similar type polarimeter

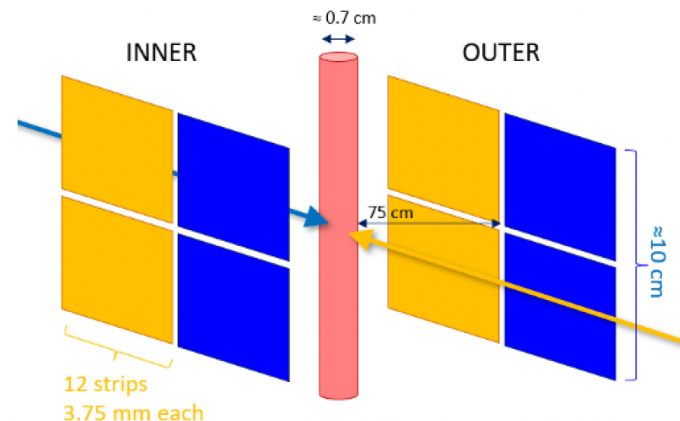
Absolute polarization from polarized hydrogen jet I

Breit-Rabi polarimeter

- Instrument capable to determine absolute polarization Q of atomic beam, i.e., electron and proton polarization of hydrogen atoms, with accuracy $\Delta Q/Q \lesssim 1\%$.
 - No solid estimates available for EIC yet that fully encapsulate the BRP measurement systematics at the HJET on the $\approx 1\%$ level.

Beam polarization calibration

1. Proton beam passes through target of polarized H atoms of known polarization Q



Absolute polarization from polarized hydrogen jet II

Beam polarization calibration

2. Measure number of scattered particles in left (L) and right (R) detectors
3. Sign of Q periodically reversed to compensate for asymmetries caused by differences in detector geometry or efficiency in L and R directions.
4. This determines target asymmetry

$$\epsilon_{\text{target}} = \frac{L - R}{L + R} = A_y \cdot Q \cos \phi. \quad (1)$$

5. Measurement of corresponding asymmetry with beam particles determines ϵ_{beam} . In elastic pp scattering, and more general in the elastic scattering of *identical* particles, A_y same regardless of which proton is polarized.
6. Absolute beam polarization given by

$$P = \frac{\epsilon_{\text{beam}}}{\epsilon_{\text{target}}} \cdot Q \quad (2)$$

The path forward

- We have formed
EPIOS (**EIC Polarized IO Source**) scientific consortium
to continue to advance the realization of polarized ion beams at EIC.
- Plan meetings about every six months: Stony Brook, ANL, MIT,.....
- Immediate tasks:
 - Write and publish the whitepaper based on the meeting
 - Propose INT scientific workshop for 2026
 - Explore initiation of annual summer school, starting in 2026
- DNP Workshop ***Polarized Ion Beams at EIC***, proposed by Z.-E. Meziani and R. Milner approved. DNP meeting in Chicago Oct 17-20, 2025. EPIOS meeting at DNP meeting.