

Development of a Polarized ^3He Beam Source for RHIC with EBIS

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Why a Polarized Helium 3 Source?

- Polarized DIS crucial for study of nucleon spin structure
 - Measurements of PPDFs; tests of QCD, Bjorken sum rule; exploration at higher energies
- Targets have proton and neutron surrogates (H, D, ^3He)
- Polarized neutron beam for polarized DIS needed as an Electron Ion Collider becomes new focus
 - Deuterium has small magnetic moment: tough
 - ^3He has a magnetic moment close to the free neutron, will work with RHIC spin manipulation
- Polarized ^3He ions offer a polarized neutron beam for RHIC and a future eRHIC
- Workshop on Opportunities for Polarized He-3 in RHIC and EIC (2011)

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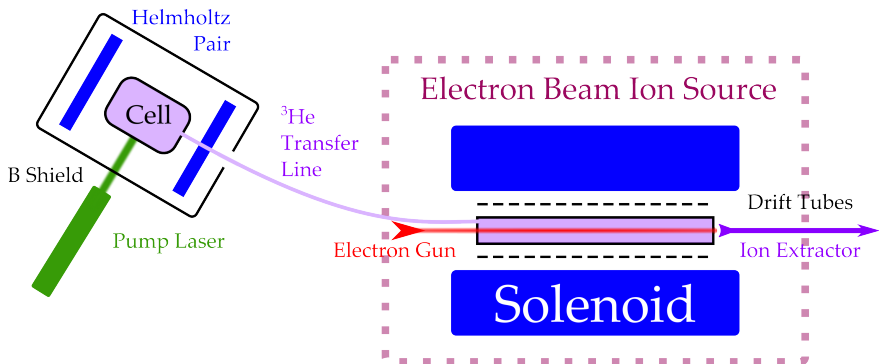
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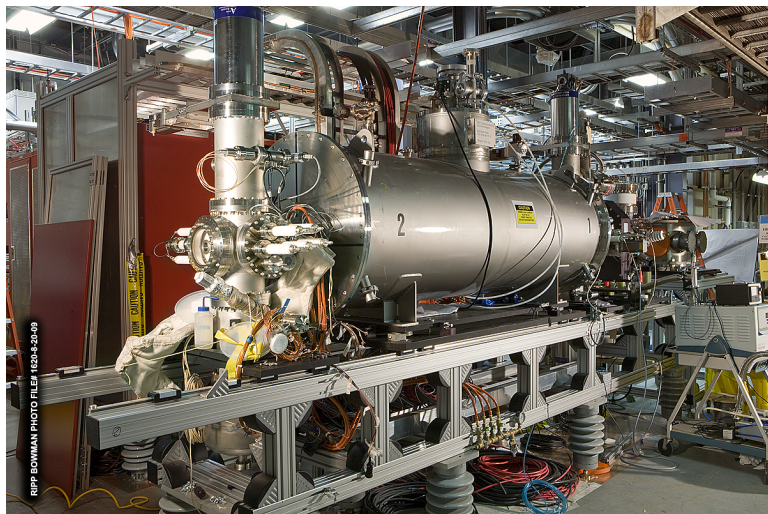
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Source Design Goals

- Polarize to $\sim 70\%$ at 30 G & 1 torr with 10 W laser
- Transfer $\sim 10^{-14}$ $^3\text{He}/\text{s}$ to EBIS at 5 T & 10^{-7} torr
- Deliver 1.5×10^{11} $^3\text{He}^{++}$ ions per 20 μsec pulse

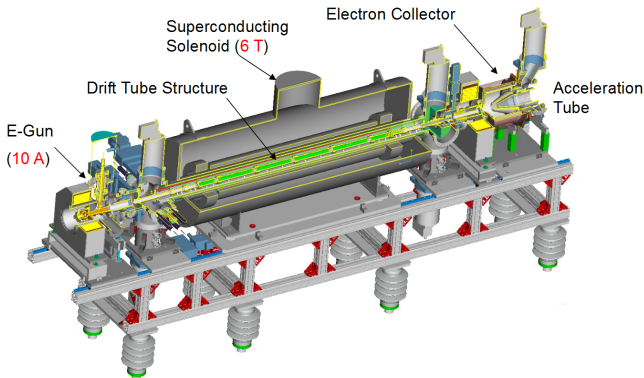


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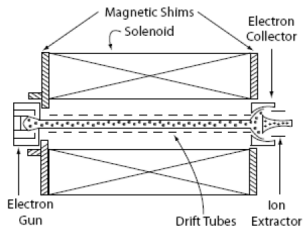
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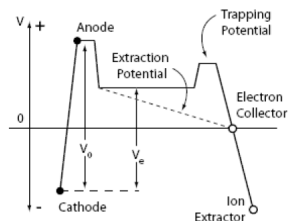


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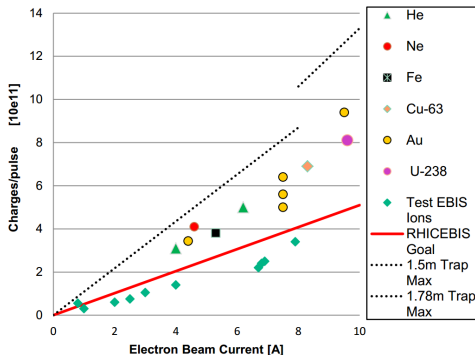


(B)

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

RHIC's EBIS Performance

- EBIS has provided He^{2+} , Ne^{5+} , Ar^{10+} , Fe^{20+} , and Ti^{18+} for NASA's SRL
- For RHIC run supplied U^{39+} , and both Au^{32+} and Cu^{11+} with rapid switching²
- Capable of $^3\text{He} \Rightarrow ^3\text{He}^{++}$ at nearly 100%



²Alessi, Beebe, Pikin: BNL-94248-2011-CP and BNL-98867-2013-CP

^3He Polarization

- EBIS has done much of the work for us!
- Need polarized ^3He ; pure sample for injection
- Revisit MEOP technique³ with modern lasers

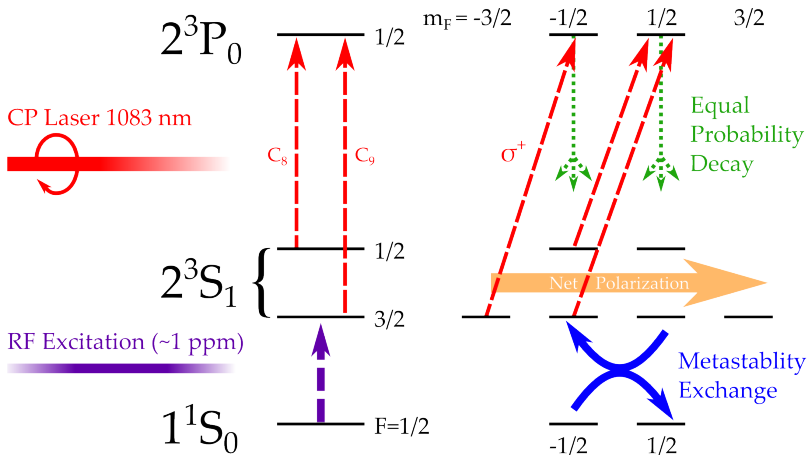
Metastability Exchange Optical Pumping

- Mature technique: polarized targets, medical imaging⁴
- Laser technological advances give 10 W @ 1083 nm easily
- Polarize at ≈ 1 torr, ≈ 30 G (Higher possible)
- Pure ^3He sample, faster than SEOP

³Colegrove *et al*, Phys. Rev. 132 (1963).

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MEOP Mechanism



Depolarization Contributions

- Wall Bounces
 - 3 mm long, 0.1mm diameter leak: 1 torr to 10^{-7} torr
 - 1m long, 2mm diameter tube: $\approx 10^6$ bounces, ≈ 1 msec
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Depolarization from Field Gradients

From Schearer⁵, we have:

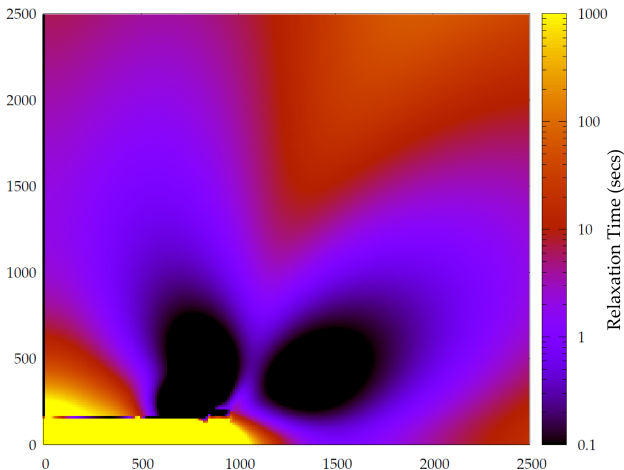
$$\frac{1}{\tau} = \frac{2}{3} \frac{|\Delta B_t|^2}{|B_l|^2} \langle v^2 \rangle \frac{\tau_c}{\omega_0^2 \tau_c^2 + 1}$$

- Transverse gradient ΔB_t
- Holding field B_l
- Velocity v
- Average time between collisions τ_c
- Resonant frequency ω_0

We can map regions of stray field which should be problematic, but a full-scale test of the source with test solenoid is planned.

⁵Schearer, Walters, Phys. Rev. 139(5A) (1965).

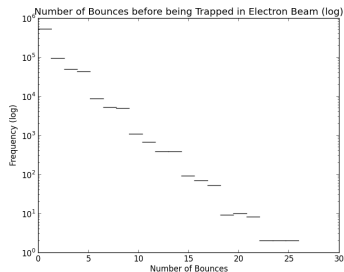
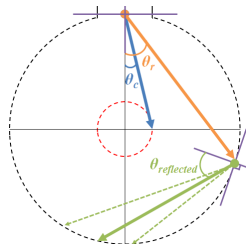
Relaxation Time in EBIS B field



- Avoiding dark spots will minimize spin relaxation

Depolarization After Entering EBIS

- Simulation by E. Mace
- Number of Bounces before:
 - Trapped
 - Absorbed in wall
 - Exit cylinder
- No particles bounces more than 35 times
- Expect 10^3 bounces before depolarization



Polarimetry

- Gas Polarization Measurements
 - RF discharge polarimeter⁶: Low P, Low B
 - Probe laser absorption polarimeter⁷: Wide range of P, B
 - NMR: calibration with water cell
- After Extraction (10-20 keV)
 - Lamb-shift polarimeter⁸
- After RFQ and Linac (~ 6 MeV)
 - ^3He -C Foil⁹, calibration using:
 - ^3He - ^4He polarized elastic scattering¹⁰

⁶Pavlovic, Laloe, J. Phys, (Paris), 1970.

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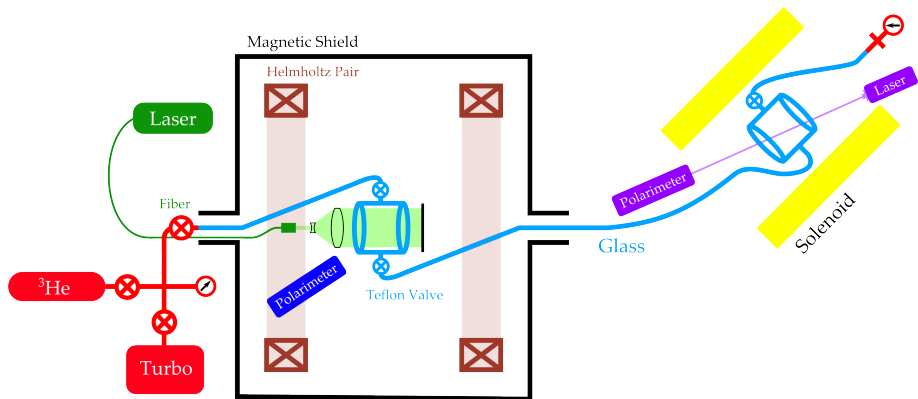
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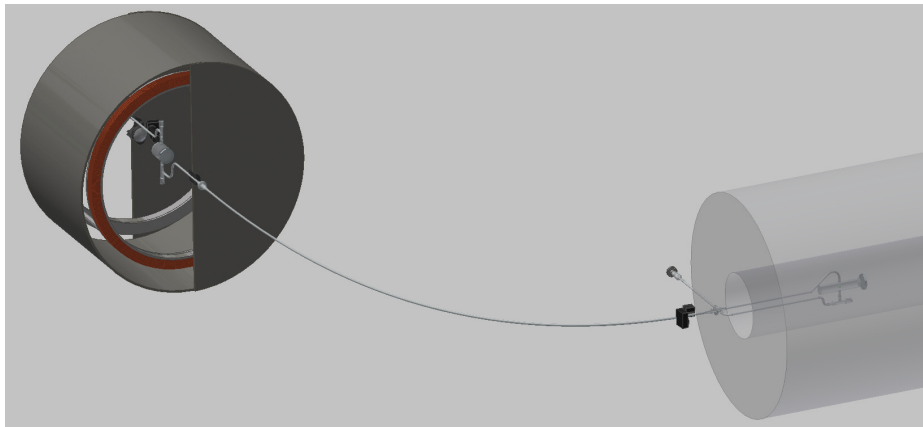
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^3He Depolarization Transfer Test Setup

- Allows simple test of quantities we need to study
 - Polarization performance in shielded pumping cell
 - Relaxation in transfer into and inside solenoid
- Works if diffusion time is shorter than relaxation time

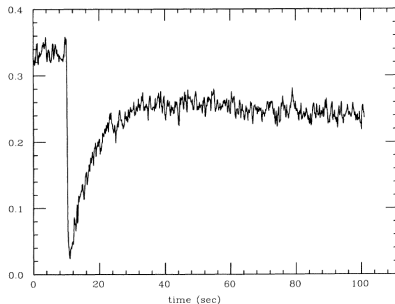
Relaxation rate measurements

from pumping cell:

- Discharge off, pumping off
- Discharge on, pumping off
- Polarization destroyed with transverse field \rightarrow

Direct measurements:

- Discharge on in test cell, optical probe laser

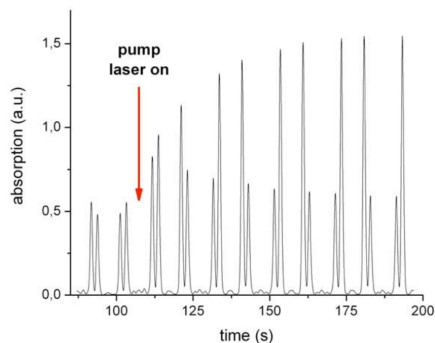


C.E. Jones et al. $^3\text{He}(e,e')$ Quasielastic Asymmetry, Phys. Rev. C, 47 (1993).

Optical Probe Polarimetry

Possible secondary polarization measurement for solenoid cell.

- Optical absorption technique^{11,12} good at high field
- Sweep probe laser through two $2^3\text{S}-2^3\text{P}$ transitions
- For common spin temperature $1/\beta$ between metastable and ground state atoms: $P = \frac{e^\beta - 1}{e^\beta + 1}$
- β can be deduced from ratio of absorption signals



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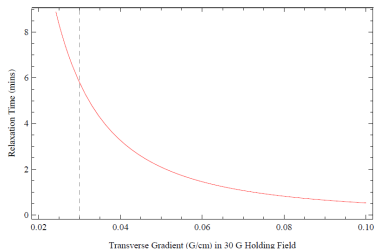
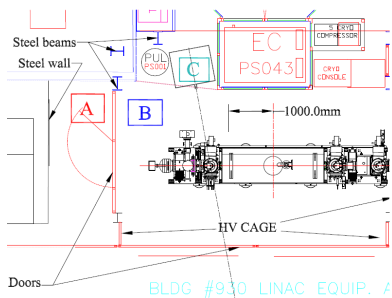
- No calibration required
- Can be performed at high, static B field
- High accuracy, signal-to-noise

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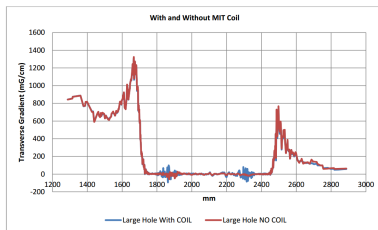
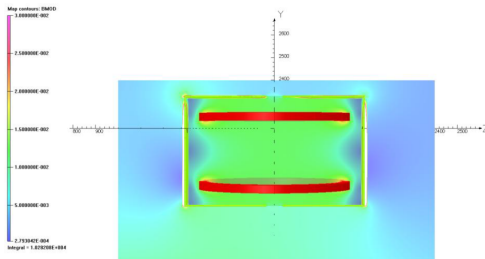
Polarizing in Stray Field

- Potential sites for our polarizer reside within the solenoid's 10 G line
- Stray field gradients unsuitable for longer time scales needed to polarize
- In region of polarizing cell, correction necessary: correcting coil, or shield and additional magnet
- Aim for better than 0.03 G/cm in our 30 G holding field

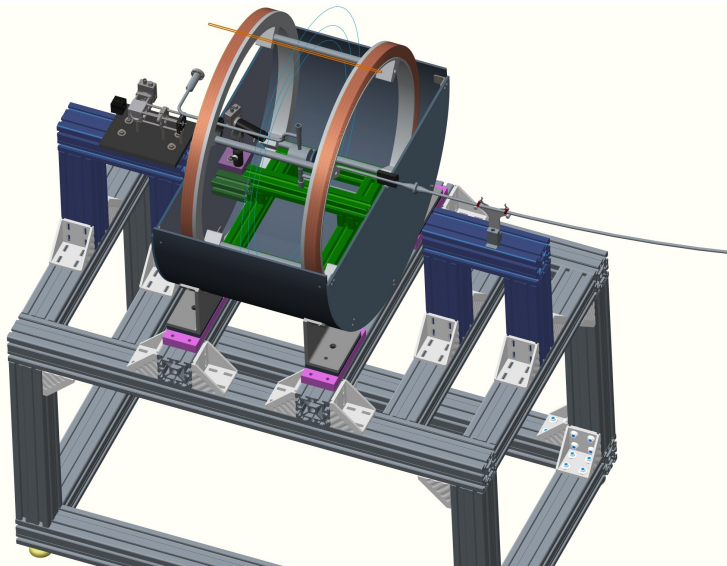


Magnetic Shielding for Pumping Cell

- Soft steel magnetic shield designed by Brookhaven collaborators (Gu, Pikin)
- Simulated in Opera
- Settled on 1/4 inch thick soft steel cylindrical shell
- 3 cm clearance around Helmholtz coils
- Better than 10^{-4} field uniformity in cell region
- Tested several extensions to reduce gradients as transfer line exits shielding

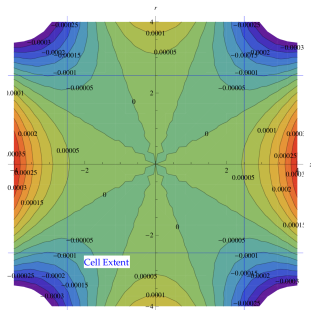
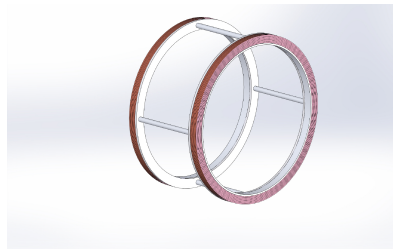


Magnetic Shield and Test Stand Design (Farrell)



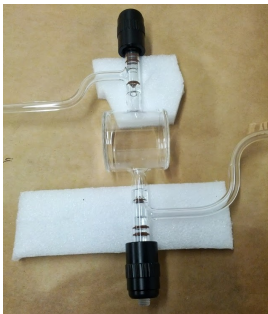
Helmholtz Pair Magnet

- Weak magnetic field needed
- Uniformity better than 10^{-4} to ensure long relaxation time in pumping cell
- Open access for discharge polarimeter, flexibility
- 30 G, 30 cm Helmholtz pair chosen



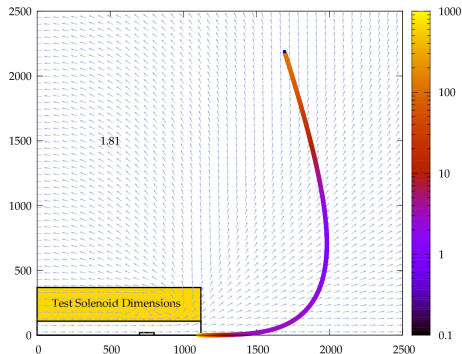
Glass Design

- Pumping cell inside shielding
- Test cell inside 5 T solenoid, longer path for absorption probe polarimeter
- $100\text{ cm}^3 \gg$ transfer line 4 mm ID



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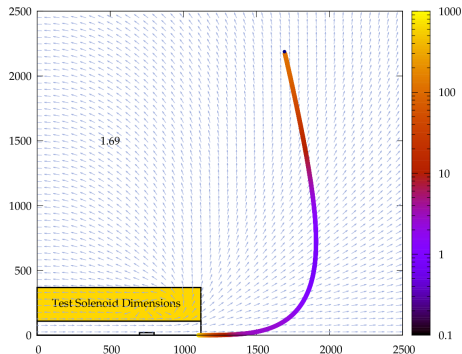
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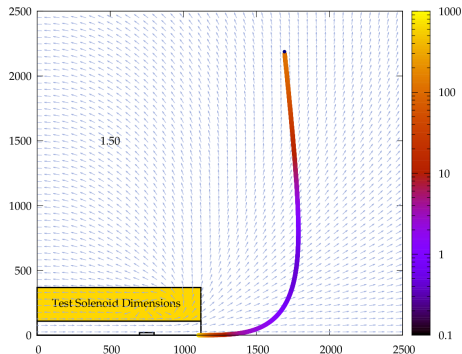
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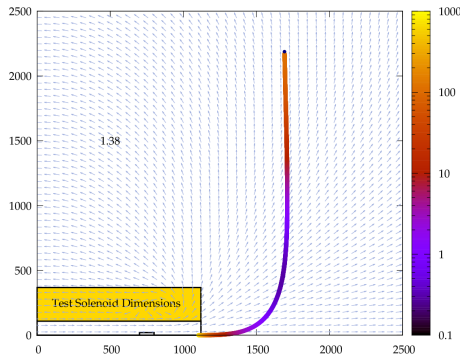
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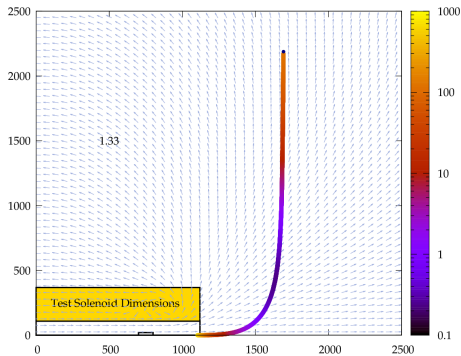
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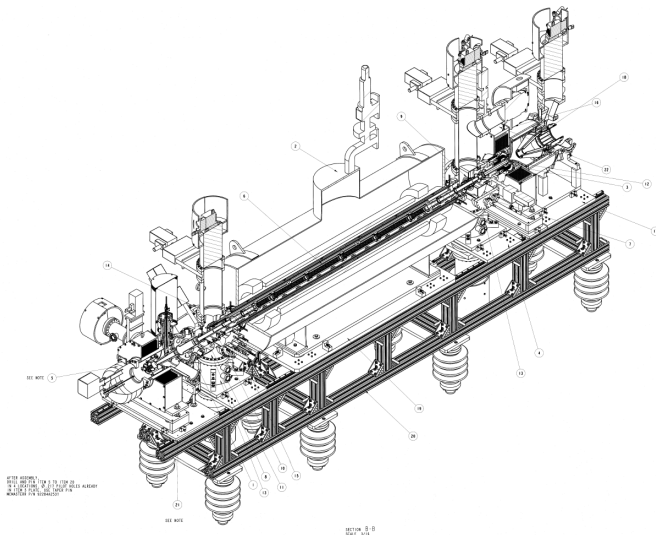
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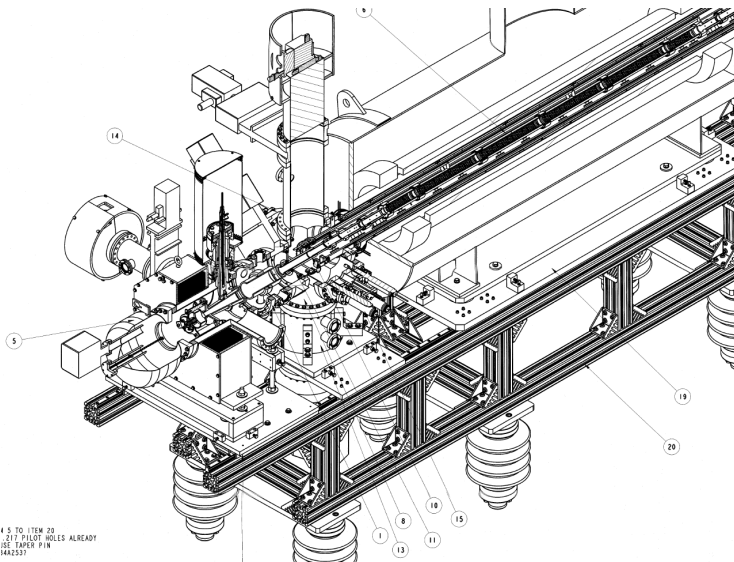


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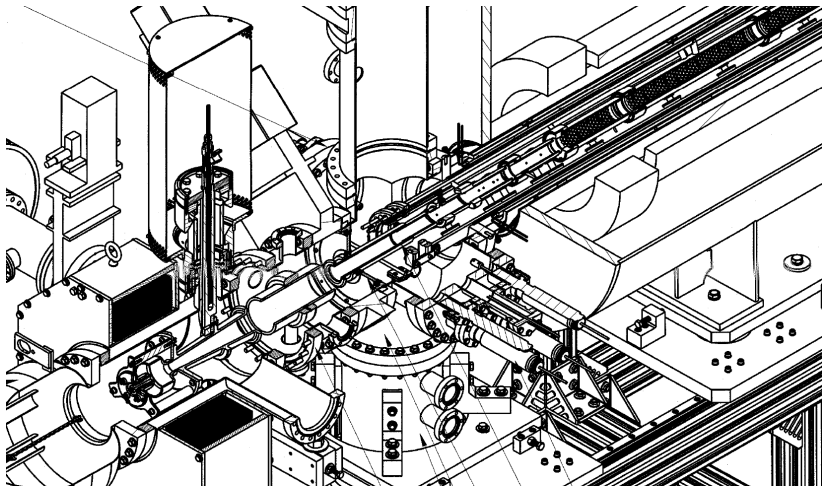
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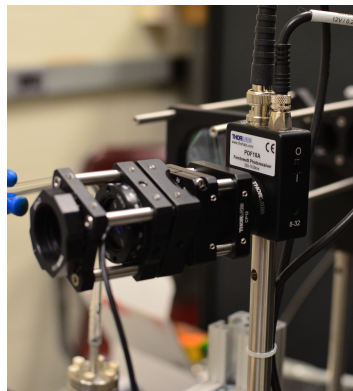
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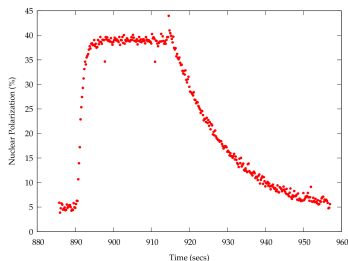
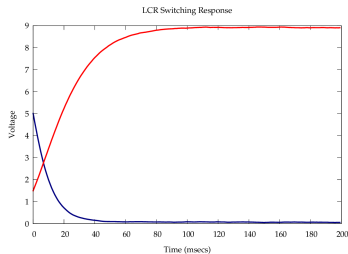
Polarimeter Design from Off-the-shelf Parts

- LCR with voltage controller (2 kHz)
- Linear polarizer
- Bandpass filters (10 W of laser light to avoid)
- Rotation mounts for alignment
- Photodiode
 - Extreme sensitivity for discharge light after loss to filters
 - Femtowatt photoreceiver eventually selected
 - Si based photodiode with very high gain and low noise, sacrificing bandwidth (20 Hz)



Polarimeter Performance

- Must subtract small offsets due to ambient light, laser light (sub 1%)
- Time resolution of measurement dependent on LCR switching time
 - Typically 110 msec to switch down to 1/4 wave
 - 60 msec to switch to up to 3/4 wave
- Measures several times a second
- “Warm-up” time, after which voltage calibration should be redone
- Working to tighten error, which is mostly from electronic noise



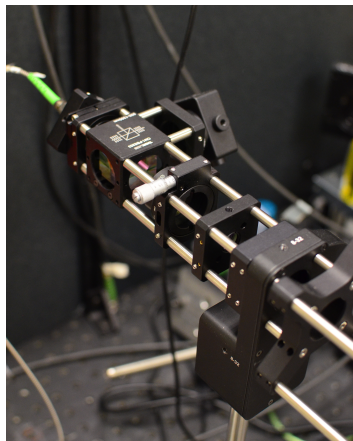
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- 30 cm Helmholtz coil magnet
 - 30 G at 16.5 A
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- Agilent 250 l/s compact turbopump
 - Instrutech ion and convection gauges
 - Inficon RGA
- NI USB-6259 BNC
- Discharge polarmeter (Thorlabs)
- Custom glassware (Finkenbeiner)
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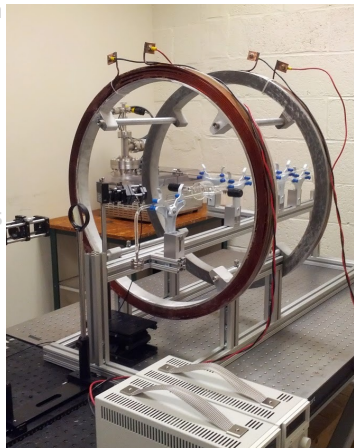
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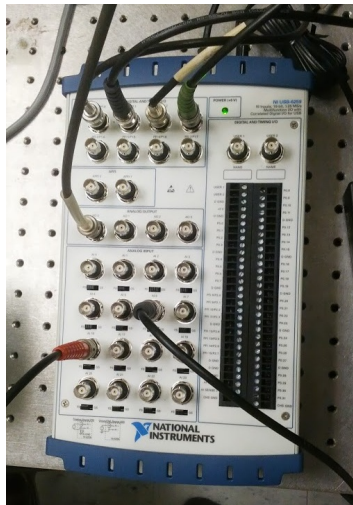
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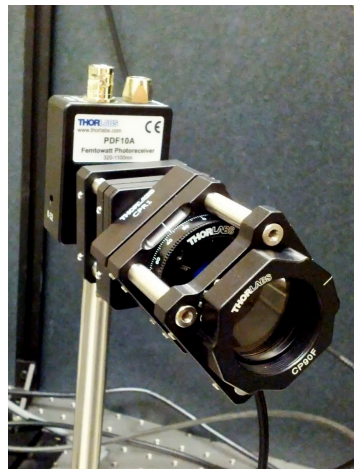
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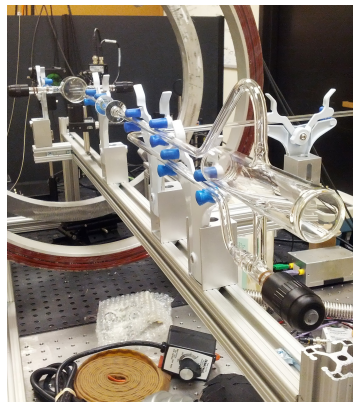
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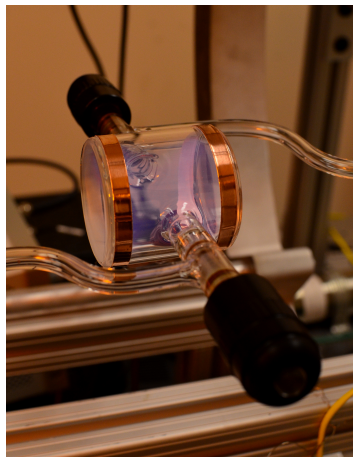
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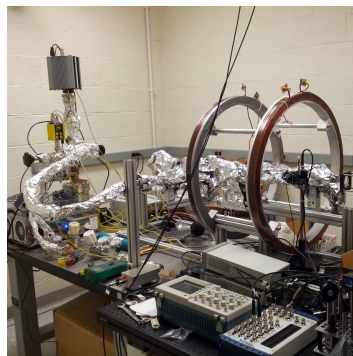
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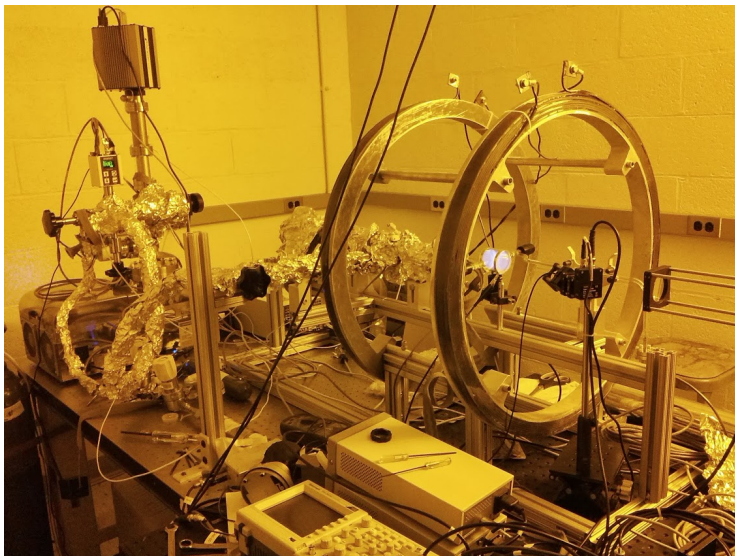


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DAQ Software

Sample Rate (Hz) 1000
Number of Samples 200
High Signal Start 150
Low Signal Start 60
High Signal Extend 90
Mean Low 0.0753
Std Dev 0.00766
Mean High 8.9255
Std Dev 0.01446
CP In

Diode Voltage Out
Samples

C9 Line Laser Peak Find
Status Done!
Laser Peak Voltage Set 6.61841

Discharge Length 5
Discharge Interval 30
Run Decay Routine Status
Start Time 00:00:00.000 PM MM/DD/YYYY
Duration 0

Set Laser State Signal Offset: Laser On 0.20633E Corrected High 8.89644
Signal Offset: Laser Off 0.02907E Corrected Low 0.0461953
Laser Is Off Get Signal Offset Messages Laser off signal offset set to 0.0133

Nuclear Polarization Optical Polarization
791.7% 99%

Discharge On Discharge Status
Shutter Open Shutter Status
Shutter Closed Plasma Ball Status
7 sec

Run LCR Calibration 2.35 1.3
Insert Comment

Amplitude
Time
12:18:24.183 PM 12:18:45.000 PM 12:19:10.000 PM 12:19:35.000 PM 12:20:00.000 PM 12:20:25.000 PM 12:20:50.000 PM 12:21:29.184 PM
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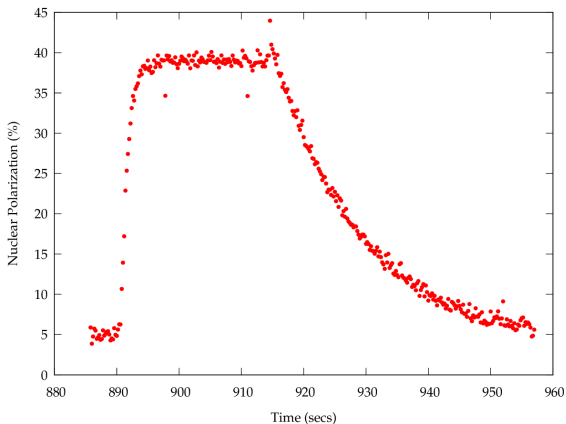
Polarimeter Angle 20 Laser Global Run Polarimeter? Yes
Heartbeat 9/3/2013 12:21:29 PM STOP

DAQ Software

The DAQ software interface is divided into several functional areas:

- Top Left: Acquisition Parameters**
 - Sample Rate (Hz): 1000
 - Number of Samples: 200
 - High Signal Start: 150
 - Low Signal Start: 60
 - High Signal Extend: 90
 - Mean Low: 8.7624
 - Std Dev: 0.01492
 - Mean High: 8.7377
 - Std Dev: 0.00657
 - Buttons: Circular Polarizer In?
- Top Middle: Diode Voltage Out Graph**
 - Y-axis: Diode Voltage Out (8.72 to 8.8)
 - X-axis: Samples (0 to 140)
 - Shows two fluctuating traces (green and red).
- Top Right: Laser Peak Find**
 - Graph showing two distinct peaks.
 - Buttons: C9 Line, Laser Peak Find
 - Status: Done!
 - Laser Peak Voltage Set: 6.61841
- Right Panel: Discharge and Run Controls**
 - Discharge Length: 5
 - Discharge Interval: 30
 - Run Decay Routine: Status
 - Start Time: 00:00:00.000 PM MM/DD/YYYY
 - Duration: 0
 - Discharge Status:
 - Shutter Status:
 - Plasma Ball Status:
 - Shutter Closed: 7 sec
 - Buttons: Discharge On, Shutter Open
- Center: Nuclear Polarization / Optical Polarization**
 - Buttons: Set Laser State, Laser Is On, Get Signal Offset
 - Signal Offset: Laser On: 0.20633, Corrected High: 8.53135
 - Signal Offset: Laser Off: 0.03376, Corrected Low: 8.53604
 - Messages: Laser on signal offset set to 0.2025
 - Nuclear Polarization: 1.2%
 - Optical Polarization: 0.2%
- Bottom Left: Amplitude vs Time Graph**
 - Y-axis: Amplitude (0 to 50)
 - X-axis: Time (12:14:40.902 PM to 12:15:19.903 PM)
 - Shows a flat baseline near zero.
- Bottom Right: Run LCR Calibration**
 - Graph showing a single peak.
 - Buttons: Run LCR Calibration
 - Values: 2.4, 1.3
 - Button: Insert Comment
- Bottom: System Status**
 - Polarimeter Angle: 20
 - Laser Global:
 - Run Polarimeter?: Yes
 - Heartbeat: 9/3/2013 12:15:19 PM
 - Buttons: stop, STOP

First Polarization Results



- New sealed cell, no getters, moderate bake-out
- 2s build-up, 20s relaxation time (discharge on)

Looking forward

- Polarizing in the lab: plenty of power, we now need purity.
- Plan to move polarizer to Brookhaven in the next couple months to start depolarization tests.
- Spare EBIS solenoid undergoing minor refurbishment, will become available in this timeframe.
- Hope to finish initial depolarization in transfer tests by end of year.
- Next: Transfer into and ionization in EBIS.
 - Polarization measurement after extraction: Lamb-shift?
He3–He4 elastic scattering?

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