Spin Filtering in Storage Rings

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Outline:

- Tons of top class QCD: FAIR as a unique successor of DIS physics
- H.O. Meyer's problem: Spin filtering & scattering within the ring acceptance angle
- Why does the spin-filtering on polarized electrons cancel out?
- Understanding the FILTEX result
- Spin-exchange vs. spin-flip
- Testing filtering mechanisms by depolarization
- Implications for spin-filtering of antiprotons in PAX FAIR
- Longitudinal vs. transverse filtering
- Deuterium vs. hydrogen polarized internal target?

The transmission and scattering

- Why is the sky blue? It is exclusively the scattered light!
- Why is the setting sun red? It is exclusively the transmitted light!
- Transmission = propagation at exactly zero angle
- Why does the sun change its color? Transmission changes the un-scattered light!
- Optical filtering: with rare exceptions the transmitted light.
- Unique feature of storage rings: a mixing of the transmitted and scattered beam
- Transmission: the polarization dependent refraction index

$$n = 1 + \frac{2\pi}{p^2} N\hat{f}(o)$$

- \blacksquare The forward NN scattering amplitude $\hat{f}(o)$ depends on the beam and target spins
- Polarized target is an optically active medium (Baryshevsky & Podgoretsky, 1964)

Kinematics of p-atom scattering in storage rings

- **PILTEX** ring acceptance $\theta_{acc} = 4.4$ mrad.
- p-Atom ≡ incoherent quasielastic (QE) scattering off atomic protons and electrons at

$$\theta \gtrsim \theta_{min} = 1/pa_{Bohr} = \alpha_{em} m_e / \sqrt{2m_p T_p} \Longrightarrow d\sigma_{QE} = d\sigma_{el}^{pp} + d\sigma_{el}^{ep}$$

- Light electrons do not deflect protons (Horowitz& Meyer): $\theta \le \theta_e = m_e/m_p$ pe scattering goes entirely within the ring acceptance!
- Coulomb dominated pp scattering up to CNI region

$$heta \lesssim heta_{CNI} pprox \sqrt{2\pilpha_{em}/m_pT_p\sigma_{tot,nucl}^{pp}} \sim 100 ext{mrad}$$

Storage rings are uniquely sensitive to deep-under-CNI scattering.

Strong inequality

$$\theta_{min} \ll \theta_{e} \ll \theta_{acc} \ll \theta_{CNI}$$

Beam losses are dominated by Coulomb pp scattering.

Electrons in hydrogen: are they visible?

Beam attenuation:

$$\hat{\sigma}_{tot}(p-atom) \equiv \hat{\sigma}_{QE} = \hat{\sigma}_{tot}^{pp} + +\hat{\sigma}_{tot}^{pe}$$
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Gigantic

$$\hat{\sigma}_{tot}^{pe} = \hat{\sigma}_{el}^{e}(>\theta_{min}) \sim 4\pi\alpha_{em}^2 a_{Bhor}^2 \sim 10^4 Barn$$

is invisible, as $\theta \leq \theta_e \ll$ angular divergence of any beam and pe scattering does not cause any attenuation!

- Skrinsky (2004): shall spin filtering by $e \uparrow$ be observable?
- Milstein & Strakhovenko (2005), kinetic equation for spin population numbers: electrons are invisible also polarization-wise
- Independent & simultaneous observation by NNN & F.Pavlov within a different and more generic formalism: the quantum evolution equation for the spin-density matrix of the stored beam with allowance for scattering within the ring acceptance angle

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Polarization of Transmitted Beam

 \blacksquare Time = distance z traversed in the medium.

The Fermi Hamiltonian
$$=\hat{H} = \frac{1}{2}N\hat{F}(0) = \frac{1}{2}N[\hat{R}(0) + i\hat{\sigma}_{tot}]$$

N = density of atoms in the target.

Proof. The density matrix of the stored beam ($\sigma_b = \text{beam spin operator}$)

$$\hat{\rho}(\boldsymbol{p}) = \frac{1}{2} [I_0(\boldsymbol{p}) + \sigma_b \boldsymbol{s}(\boldsymbol{p})]$$

Proof Textbook quantum-mechanical evolution for pure transmission ($\theta_{acc} \rightarrow 0$)

$$\frac{d}{dz}\hat{\rho}(\mathbf{p}) = i\Big(\hat{H}\hat{\rho}(\mathbf{p}) - \hat{\rho}(\mathbf{p})\hat{H}^{\dagger}\Big) = \underbrace{i\frac{1}{2}N\Big(\hat{R}(0)\hat{\rho}(\mathbf{p}) - \hat{\rho}(\mathbf{p})\hat{R}(0)\Big)}_{\text{Real potential=Pure refraction}} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}N\Big(\hat{\sigma}_{tot}\hat{\rho}(\mathbf{p}) + \hat{\rho}(\mathbf{p})\hat{\sigma}_{tot}\Big)}_{\text{(Imaginary potential=Pure attenuation)}}$$

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Polarization of Transmitted Beam Cont'd

$$\hat{\sigma}_{tot} = \sigma_0 + \underbrace{\sigma_1(\sigma_b \cdot Q) + \sigma_2(\sigma_b \cdot k)(Q \cdot k)}_{spin-sensitive\ loss},$$

$$\hat{R}(0) = R_0 + \underbrace{R_1(\sigma_b \cdot Q) + R_2(\sigma_b \cdot k)(Q \cdot k)}_{\sigma_b \cdot \text{Pseudomagnetic field}},$$

k = beam axis, Q = target polarization.

P Evolution of the beam polarization $P = s/I_0$

$$dP/dz = \underbrace{-N\sigma_1(Q - (P \cdot Q)P) - N\sigma_2(Q \cdot k)(k - (P \cdot k)P)}_{\text{Polarization buildup by spin-sensitive transmission loss}$$

$$+ \underbrace{NR_1(P \times Q) + NR_2(Pk)(Q \times k)}_{\text{Spin precession in pseudomagnetic field}$$

- Precession: prime observable in neutron optics
- After the precession is averaged out, a full equivalence to the Milstein-Strakhovenko kinetic equation.

Transmission: Transverse Polarization Buildup

Coupled evolution for pure transmission

$$\frac{d}{dz} \begin{pmatrix} I_0 \\ s \end{pmatrix} = -N \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_0(>\theta_{\min}) & Q\sigma_{1,T}(>\theta_{\min}) \\ Q\sigma_{1,T}(>\theta_{\min}) & \sigma_0(>\theta_{acc}) \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} I_0 \\ s \end{pmatrix},$$

Solutions

$$\propto \exp(-\lambda_{1,2}Nz)$$

with eigenvalues

$$\lambda_{1,2} = \sigma_0 \pm Q\sigma_{1,T}$$

Reduction to Meyer's equation for pure transverse polarizations:

$$\frac{dP}{dz} = -N\sigma_{1,T}Q(1-P^2)$$

$$P(z) = -\tanh(Q\sigma_{1,T}Nz)$$

Any spin-dependent loss filters spin of the stored beam.

Add Scattering within the Ring Acceptance

• Quasielastic (QE) $p + atom \equiv$ scattering off quasifree protons & electrons:

$$\frac{d\hat{\sigma}_{QE}}{d^2\boldsymbol{q}} = \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \hat{\mathcal{F}}_{\boldsymbol{e}}(\boldsymbol{q}) \hat{\rho} \hat{\mathcal{F}}_{\boldsymbol{e}}^{\dagger}(\boldsymbol{q}) + \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \hat{\mathcal{F}}_{\boldsymbol{p}}(\boldsymbol{q}) \hat{\rho} \hat{\mathcal{F}}_{\boldsymbol{p}}^{\dagger}(\boldsymbol{q})$$

- What is lost in transmission is partly recovered by scattering within the ring acceptance $\theta \le \theta_{acc}$
- Loss-recovery balance: rigorous derivation from multiple-scattering theory

$$\frac{d}{dz}\hat{\rho} = \underbrace{i\frac{1}{2}N(\hat{R}\hat{\rho}(\mathbf{p}) - \hat{\rho}(\mathbf{p})\hat{R})}_{Ignore\ this\ precession} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}N(\hat{\sigma}_{tot}\hat{\rho}(\mathbf{p}) + \hat{\rho}(\mathbf{p})\hat{\sigma}_{tot})}_{Evolution\ by\ transmission\ loss} + \underbrace{N\int^{\Omega_{acc}}\frac{d^2\mathbf{q}}{(4\pi)^2}\hat{\mathcal{F}}(\mathbf{q})\hat{\rho}(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q})\hat{\mathcal{F}}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{q})}_{Ignore\ this\ precession}$$

Lost and recovered by scattering within the ring acceptance

Elastic NN scattering

- Three -spin problem: Q, P, S the target, beam and scattered particle polarizations.
- Menagerie of spin observables (Bystricky et al):

$$d\sigma = \frac{1}{2} d\sigma_0 \left\{ 1 + \underbrace{A_{00i0}P_i + A_{000j}Q_j}_{beam\⌖\ analyzing\ powers} \right.$$

$$+ \underbrace{S_I P_{I000}}_{normal\ polarization\ of\ scattered\ p's}$$

$$+ \underbrace{A_{00ij}P_iQ_j}_{beam-target\ double\ spin\ asymmetry} + \underbrace{S_I P_iQ_jM_{I0ij}}_{triple-spin\ correlation}$$

$$+ \underbrace{S_I P_iD_{I0i0}}_{beam-to-scattered\ spin\ transfer}$$

$$+ \underbrace{S_IQ_jK_{I00j}}_{target-to-scattered\ spin\ transfer}$$

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Stationary polarizations in the storage ring

- Standard basis vectors rotate with the azimuthal scattering angle
- Fixed basis:

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normal to the ring (transverse): Q = QN
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tangential to the ring (longitudinal) with the Siberian Snake: Q = Qk.

- Cooling and beam optics etc. mix azimuthal angles of oscillations around the equilibrium orbit after each pass through PIT
- Average $d\sigma$ over the azimuthal angle
- Precession in the transmission averages out for left-right and up-down symmetric scattering in the PIT.

Transverse Spin: Azimuthal Averaging

Azimuthal averaging:

$$A_{OOOj}Q_j = Q(A_{OOOn}\cos\phi + A_{OOOs}\sin\phi) \Longrightarrow 0$$

Double spin asymmetry:

$$A_{OOij}P_iQ_j \Rightarrow = \frac{1}{2}PQ(A_{OOnn} + A_{OOss}).$$

Depolarization (beam-to-scattered spin transfer)

$$S_I P_i D_{I0i0} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} SP \Big(D_{s'0s0} \cos \theta + D_{k'0s0} \sin \theta + D_{n0n0} \Big),$$

Target-to-beam spin transfer (spin exchange):

$$S_I Q_j K_{I00j} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} SQ \left(K_{s'00s} \cos \theta + K_{k'00s} \sin \theta + D_{n00n}\right),$$

Transverse Spin: Spin-Transfer vs. Spin-Flip

$$d\sigma = d\sigma_0 \frac{1}{2} \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{PQ \left(A_{OOnn} + A_{OOss} \right)}_{beam-target \ spin \ asymmetry} \right.$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{SP \left(D_{s'0s0} \cos \theta + D_{k'0s0} \sin \theta + D_{n0n0} \right)}_{beam-to-scattered \ spin \ transfer}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{SQ \left(K_{s'00s} \cos \theta + K_{k'00s} \sin \theta + K_{n00n} \right)}_{target-to-scattered \ spin \ transfer}$$

$$\equiv \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\left(1 + SP \right) d\Sigma_{0,T} + \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - SP \right) 2d\Delta\Sigma_{0,T}}_{unpolarized \ non-flip}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{Q \left(P + S \right) d\Sigma_{1,T} + \frac{1}{2} dQ \left(P - S \right) \Delta\Sigma_{1,T}}_{polarized \ non-flip}.$$

Don't confuse the Target-to-Scattered-Spin-Transfer with the Beam-Spin-Flip which vanishes for $S = P = \pm 1!$ (Walcher et al.)

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Spin-Flip: Transverse Polarization

Beam-Target Spin Asymmetry:

$$d\sigma_{1,T} = \frac{1}{2} d\sigma_0 PQ \left(A_{OOnn} + A_{OOss} \right)$$

Non-Flip X-sections

$$d\Sigma_{0,T} = d\sigma_0 \frac{1}{2} \left[1 + \frac{1}{2} \left(D_{s'0s0} \cos \theta + D_{k'0s0} \sin \theta + D_{n0n0} \right) \right]$$

$$d\Sigma_{1,T} = \frac{1}{2} d\sigma_0 \left[\left(A_{OOnn} + A_{OOss} \right) + \left(K_{s'00s} \cos \theta + K_{k'00s} \sin \theta + K_{n00n} \right) \right]$$

Spin-Flip off unpolarized target

$$2d\Delta \Sigma_{0,T} = \frac{1}{2} \left[1 - \frac{1}{2} \left(D_{s'0s0} \cos \theta + D_{k'0s0} \sin \theta + D_{n0n0} \right) \right]$$

Spin-Flip off polarized target

$$d\Delta\Sigma_{1,T} = \frac{1}{2}d\sigma_0 \left[\left(A_{OOnn} + A_{OOss} \right) - \left(K_{s'00s} \cos\theta + K_{k'00s} \sin\theta + K_{n00n} \right) \right].$$

Longitudinal Spin: Spin-Transfer vs. Spin-Flip

Elastic scattering

$$d\sigma = \frac{1}{2} d\sigma_0 \left\{ 1 + PQA_{OOkk}, \right.$$

$$+ SP\left(-D_{s'0k0} \sin\theta + D_{k'0k0} \cos\theta \right) + SQ\left(-K_{s'0k0} \sin\theta + K_{k'0k0} \cos\theta \right) \right\}$$

$$\equiv \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\left(1 + SP \right) d\Sigma_{0,L} + \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\left(1 - SP \right) d\Delta\Sigma_{0,L} \right\}}_{spin-flip}$$

$$+ \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} Q(P+S) d\Sigma_{2,L} + \frac{1}{2} Q(P-S) d\Delta\Sigma_{2,L}}_{polarized non-flip}$$

- Spin-flip, unpolarized target $d\Delta\Sigma_{0,L}=\frac{1}{2}\Big[1+D_{s'0k0}\sin\theta-D_{k'0k0}\cos\theta\Big]$
- Spin-flip, polarized target $d\Delta\Sigma_{2,L} = \frac{1}{2} \left[A_{OOkk} + K_{s'0k0} \sin \theta K_{k'0k0} \cos \theta \right]$

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Transmission vs. Scattering within the Ring Accept

Decompose total transmission losses

$$\frac{d}{dz}\hat{\rho} = -\underbrace{\frac{1}{2}N\Big(\hat{\sigma}_{tot}(>\theta_{acc})\hat{\rho}(\boldsymbol{p}) + \hat{\rho}(\boldsymbol{p})\hat{\sigma}_{tot}(>\theta_{acc})\Big)}_{Unrecoverable\ transmission\ loss}$$

$$-\frac{1}{2}NI_{0}(\mathbf{p})\left[\underbrace{\sigma_{0}^{el}(<\theta_{\mathrm{acc}})+\sigma_{1}^{el}(<\theta_{\mathrm{acc}})PQ}_{Potentially\ recoverable\ beam\ loss}+\sigma_{b}\underbrace{\left(\sigma_{0}^{el}(<\theta_{\mathrm{acc}})P+\sigma_{1}^{el}(<\theta_{\mathrm{acc}})Q\right)}_{Potentially\ recoverable\ spin\ loss}\right]$$

Recovery from SWRA (angular divergence of the beam at target $\ll \theta_{acc}$):

$$\int d^2 \boldsymbol{p} \int^{\Omega_{\rm acc}} \frac{d^2 \boldsymbol{q}}{(4\pi)^2} \hat{\mathcal{F}}(\boldsymbol{q}) \hat{\rho}(\boldsymbol{p} - \boldsymbol{q}) \hat{\mathcal{F}}^{\dagger}(\boldsymbol{q}) = \hat{\sigma}^E(\leq \theta_{\rm acc}) \cdot \int d^2 \boldsymbol{p} I_0(\boldsymbol{p})$$

The mismatch of the loss and recovery

$$\Delta \hat{\sigma} = \frac{1}{4} \left(\hat{\sigma}_{el} (< \theta_{\text{acc}}) (1 + \sigma_b P) + (1 + \sigma_b P) \hat{\sigma}_{el} (< \theta_{\text{acc}}) \right) - \hat{\sigma}_{QE} (\leq \theta_{\text{acc}})$$

is a pure spin-flip effect for both transverse and longitudinal polarizations!

Needle-Sharp Scattering off Electrons: $\theta_e \ll \theta_{acc}$

Breit pe interaction (1929): Coulomb + hyperfine + tensor + negligible proton spin-orbit

$$\hat{\sigma}_{tot}^{ep} = \underbrace{\sigma_0^{ep}}_{Coulomb} + \underbrace{\sigma_1^{ep}(\sigma_p \cdot Q_e) + \sigma_2^{ep}(\sigma_p \cdot \mathbf{k})(Q_e \cdot \mathbf{k})}_{Coulomb \times (Hyperfine+Tensor)} + spin - flip$$

Spin-flip from the proton spin-orbit is negligible compared to spin-exchange:

$$\Delta\Sigma_{0,T}\sim rac{m_e}{m_p}\cdotrac{T_{kin}}{m_p}\sigma_1^{ep}$$

Polarization of scattered protons S (transverse case):

$$S = P + Q_e \sigma_1^{ep} / \sigma_0^{ep}$$

- clearcut electron-to-proton spin transfer (Akhiezer (57),...,Horowitz-Meyer)
- Polarization by transmission losses is exactly canceled by recovery from SWRA: Skrinsky was right in his suspicions.

Polarization Buildup

Coupled evolution equations after into-the-beam scattering

$$\frac{d}{dz} \begin{pmatrix} I_0 \\ s \end{pmatrix} = -N \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_0(>\theta_{acc}) & Q\sigma_{1,T}(>\theta_{acc}) \\ Q(\sigma_{1,T}(>\theta_{acc}) + \Delta\Sigma_{1,T}) & \sigma_0(>\theta_{acc}) + 2\Delta\Sigma_{0,T} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} I_0 \\ s \end{pmatrix},$$

Solutions $\propto \exp(-\lambda_{1,2}Nz)$ with eigenvalues $\lambda_{1,2} = \sigma_0(>\theta_{acc}) + \Delta\sigma_0 \pm Q\sigma_3$

$$Q\sigma_3 = \sqrt{Q^2\sigma_{1,T}(>\theta_{acc})(\sigma_{1,T}(>\theta_{acc}) + \Delta\Sigma_{1,T}) + \Delta\Sigma_{0,T}^2}$$

The polarization buildup

$$P(z) = -\frac{Q(\sigma_{1,T}(>\theta_{acc}) + \Delta \Sigma_{1,T}) \tanh(Q\sigma_3 Nz)}{Q\sigma_3 + \Delta \Sigma_{0,T} \tanh(Q\sigma_3 Nz)}$$

 $\Delta \Sigma_{0,T} \ll \sigma_{1,T} (> \theta_{acc})$: the effective small-time polarization cross section

$$\sigma_{P,T} \approx -Q(\sigma_{1,T}(>\theta_{acc}) + \Delta \Sigma_{1,T})$$

Pure electron target with spin-flip

Scattering is entirely within the ring acceptance:

$$\sigma_0(>\theta_{\rm acc})=0$$
, $\sigma_{1,T}(>\theta_{\rm acc})=0$, $Q\sigma_3=\Delta\Sigma_{0,T}$.

Evolution of the spin-density matrix:

$$\frac{d}{dz} \begin{pmatrix} I_0 \\ s \end{pmatrix} = -N \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ Q\Delta\Sigma_{1,T} & 2\Delta\Sigma_{0,T} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} I_0 \\ s \end{pmatrix},$$

- M & S & Walcher: filtering without absorption: $I_0(z) = I_0(0)$
- Measure spin-flip $\Delta \Sigma_{0,T}$: filtering by spin-flip is the same as depolarization of stored polarized protons,

$$P(z) = P(0) \exp(-2N\Delta\Sigma_{0,T}z) + Q\frac{\Delta\Sigma_{1,T}}{2\Delta\Sigma_{0,T}} \left\{ 1 - \exp(-2N\Delta\Sigma_{0,T}z) \right\}$$

- **Depolarization proof that** $\Delta \Sigma_{0,T} \ll \sigma_1(Meyer Horowitz Walcher)$
- **P**ure hadronic spin-flip is negligible: $\Delta\Sigma_{0,T} \leq \sigma_{tot}\theta_{acc}^2 \leq 10^{-4}\sigma_{tot}$.

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FILTEX according to Meyer-Horowitz:

- The FILTEX as published in 1993: $\sigma_{P,T} = 63 \pm 3(stat.)$ mb, a 20σ measurement!
- Better understanding of target density & polarization (F.Rathmann, PhD): $\sigma_{PT} = 72.5 \pm 5.8(stat. + sys.)$ (stat.)
- **Expected filtering by pure nuclear scattering:** $\sigma_{P,T}$ expected = 122 mb.
- H.O. Meyer: correct σ_P for scattering within the beam. Strong suppression by CNI, Meyer's reevaluation $\sigma_{1,T}(>\theta_{acc})=83$ mb (SAID of 94) instead of 122 mb
- Add scattering within the beam off polarized electrons: $\delta \sigma_{1,T}^{ep} = -70 \text{ mb}$
- Add scattering within the beam off polarized protons: $\delta \sigma_{1.T}^{ep} = +52$ mb
- Net result: $\sigma_{P,T} = 65$ mb. Good but accidental agreement with FILTEX!
- What went wrong: : Double counting, Meyer should have started with loss from $\theta > \theta_{min}$, and then add scattering within the beam.
- Still, Meyer asked right questions and was infinitesimally close to the correct answer!

FILTEX with scattering within the ring acceptance

NNN-Pavlov: SAID-SP05 for filtering by transmission loss:

$$\sigma_{1.T}(>\theta_{\rm acc}) = -85.6 \text{ mb}$$

(only marginal changes from SAID to Nijmegen databases).

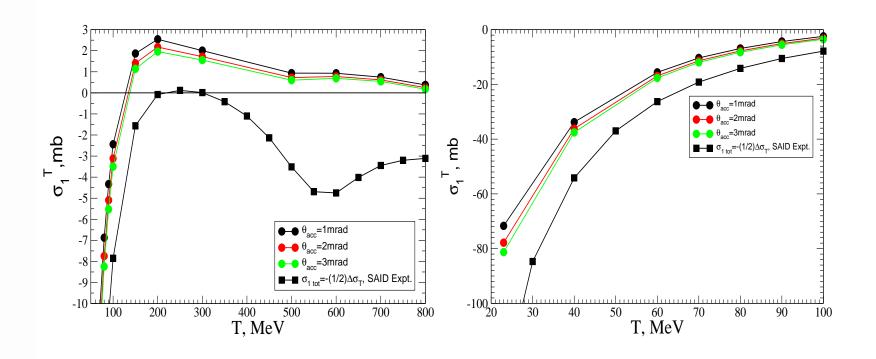
- Careful extrapolations under the CNI region
- Very small spin-flip (loss-recovery mismatch) X-section is found

$$\Delta\Sigma_{1,T} \approx -6 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ mb}$$

Nonrelativistic heavy particles love retaining their spin
Vanishing interference of the dominant non-flip Coulomb with spin-orbit in
the azimuthal integrated cross section

- Full agreement with Milstein-Strakhovenko evaluations
- The practical concluions: filtering magenta is dominated by losses for scattering beyond the ring acceptance angle.
- Add spin-dependent annihilation for antiprotons

COSY: energy dependence of transverse filtering

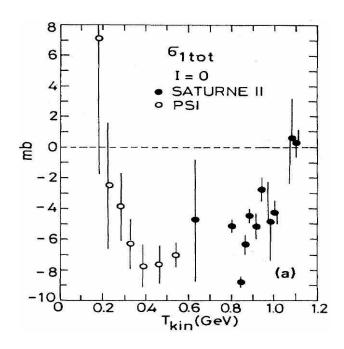


- SAID \equiv exp. data on transverse two-spin asymmetry $\Delta \sigma_T$
- Power of the strong CNI:

 strong suppression at low energy,

 changing the sign, of the filtering X-section vs. pure nuclear $\Delta \sigma_T$.
- Sizable dependence on the acceptance angle is a pure CNI effect

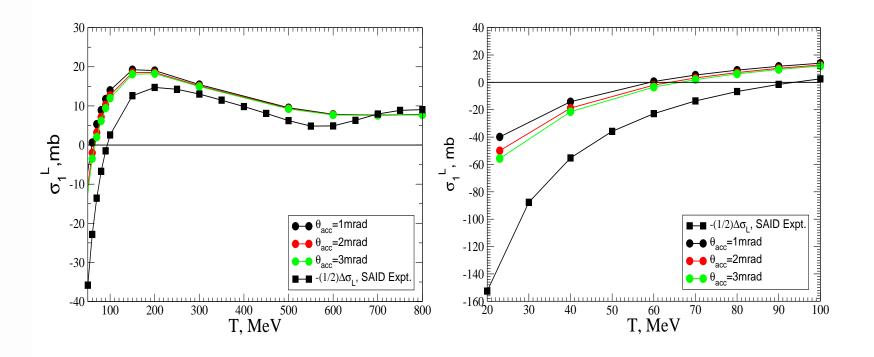
COSY: transverse filtering with deuterons



 $\sigma_1(I=0) = -\frac{1}{2}\Delta\sigma_T(I=0)$ vs. energy in the isoscalar NN channel (deuteron).

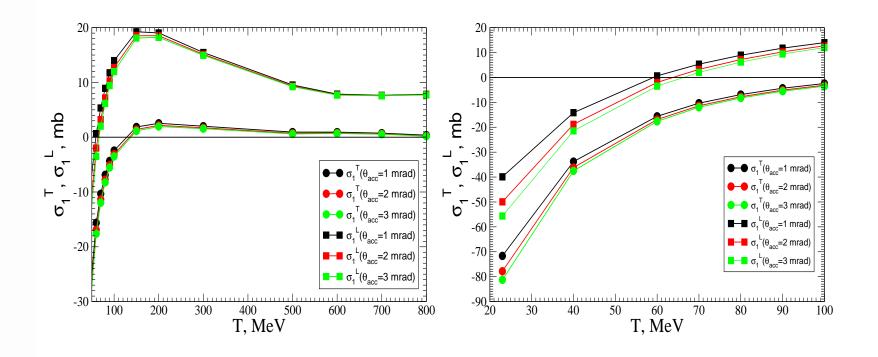
- The same electron effect but $\sigma_1(I=0)$ is much larger than $\sigma_1(pp)$.
- Disentangling the electron effect by hydrogen-deuterium comparison
- Relatively weaker CNI effect in deuterium is expected
- More detailed theoretical analysis is needed

COSY: longitudinal spin filtering



- Strong CNI suppression of filtering below $T_p \lesssim 60$ MeV
- Favorable CNI effects enhance filtering above $T_p \gtrsim 100 \text{ MeV}$
- **▶** Deuterium target $T_p \leq 60$ MeV: theoretical scrutiny is needed.

Longitudinal vs. transverse filtering



- Filtering at $T_p \gtrsim 100$ MeV: Longitudinal \gg Transverse.
- 100-150 MeV SNAKE at COSY would do a fantastic job
- **●** COSY filtering at 40-50 MeV: nuclear inequality $\sigma_{1,T} > \sigma_{2,L}$ is opposite to the EM one.

Conclusions: what is the future for PAX?

- FILTEX: an important proof of the principle of spin filtering.
- A Budker-Juelich consensus on storage rings: Polarized atomic & free electrons wouldn't polarize antiprotons. Expect Spin-flip ≪ blue Electron-to-Proton spin transfer
- Walcher: loss-free filtering in a polarized electron "cooler".
 Strong enhancement of ep spin-exchange at special relative velocities.
 Sizable filtering if spin-flip is equated to spin-exchange.
- Depolarization test of spin-flip is possible at COSY.
- Still slight disagreement between experiment $\sigma_P = 72.5 \pm 5.8 (stat. + sys.)$ (FILTEX) and theory, $\sigma_P = 85.6 mb$ (Meyer & Budker Institute & IKP FZJ).
- Solution for PAX: optimize filtering by pure nuclear antiproton-proton interaction with existing antiprotons. $N\bar{N}$ models are encouraging though not quite reliable.
- Disentangle Meyer-Horowitz vs. Budker-Jülich by energy dependence for L&T with both hydrogen and deuterium.